CMB Spectroscopy: What Spectral Distortions Could Add



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Cosmic Microwave Background Anisotropies



Planck all-sky temperature map • CMB has a blackbody spectrum in every direction

• tiny variations of the CMB temperature $\Delta T/T \sim 10^{-5}$

CMB provides another independent piece of information!

COBE/FIRAS

$T_0 = (2.726 \pm 0.001) \,\mathrm{K}$ Absolute measurement required! (One has to go to space...)

Mather et al., 1994, ApJ, 420, 439 Fixsen et al., 1996, ApJ, 473, 576 Fixsen, 2003, ApJ, 594, 67 Fixsen, 2009, ApJ, 707, 916

 CMB monopole is 10000 - 100000 times larger than the fluctuations

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Only very small distortions of CMB spectrum are still allowed!

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(Refregier et al., 2003; Zhang et al. 2004; Trac et al. 2008)

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Dramatic improvements in angular resolution and sensitivity over the past decades!



PIXIE: Primordial Inflation Explorer





- 400 spectral channel in the frequency range 30 GHz and 6THz (Δv ~ 15GHz)
- about 1000 (!!!) times more sensitive than COBE/FIRAS
- B-mode polarization from inflation $(r \approx 10^{-3})$
- , improved limits on μ and y
 - was proposed 2011 & 2016 as NASA EX mission (i.e. cost ~ 200-250 M\$)



Kogut et al, JCAP, 2011, arXiv:1105.2044

Enduring Quests Daring Visions

NASA Astrophysics in the Next Three Decades

"Measure the spectrum of the CMB with precision several orders of magnitude higher than COBE FIRAS, from a moderate-scale mission or an instrument on CMB Polarization Surveyor."

NASA 30-yr Roadmap Study

(published Dec 2013)

How does the Universe work?

New mission concepts: PRISTINE (France) CMB-Bharat (India)

Decadal Survey White papers for Jan 2019



Array of Precision Spectrometers for detecting spectral ripples from the Epoch of RecombinAtion

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About APSERa

The Array of Precision Spectrometers for the Epoch of RecombinAtion -APSERa - is a venture to detect recombination lines from the Epoch of Cosmological Recombination. These are predicted to manifest as 'ripples' in wideband spectra of the cosmic radio background (CRB) since recombination of the primeval plasma in the early Universe adds broad spectral lines to the relic Cosmic Radiation. The lines are extremely wide because recombination is stalled and extended over redshift space. The spectral features are expected to be isotropic over the whole sky.

The project will comprise of an array of 128 small telescopes that are purpose built to detect a set of adjacent lines from cosmological recombination in the spectrum of the radio sky in the 2-6 GHz range. The radio receivers are being designed and built at the <u>Raman Research</u> <u>Institute</u>, tested in nearby radio-quiet locations and relocated to a remote site for long duration exposures to detect the subtle features in the cosmic radio background arising from recombination. The observing site would be appropriately chosen to minimize RFI from geostationary satellites and to be able to observe towards sky regions relatively low in foreground brightness.

Details in Rao et al., ArXiv:1501.07191

COSMO at Dome C COSmological Monopole Observer









Taken from a talk by Elia Battistelli







Probing fundamental physics with CMB spectral distortions

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Trump wants to send U.S. astronauts back to moon,

Someday Mars WASHINGTON (Reuters - At a time when China is working on an ambinous lunar program, President Donald Trump vowed on Monday that the United States will remain the leader in space exploration as he began a process to return Americans to the moon.

⇒ CMB Spectral Distortion

Science Book, First Edition

Main initiators: Al Kogut, Subodh Patil, Emanuela Dimastrogiovanni & JC

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Distortion due to mixing of blackbodies



JC, Hamann & Patil, 2015

Mixing is mediated by Thomson scattering \Rightarrow *Silk damping*

Early power spectrum constraints from FIRAS



FIG. 1.—Spectral distortion μ , predicted from the full eq. (11), as a function of the power index *n* for a normalization at the mean of the *COBE* DMR detection $(\Delta T/T)_{10^\circ} = 1.12 \times 10^{-5}$. With the uncertainties on *both* the DMR and FIRAS measurements, the conservative 95% upper limit is effectively $\mu < 1.76 \times 10^{-4}$ (see text). The corresponding constraint on *n* is relatively weakly dependent on cosmological parameters: n < 1.60 (h = 0.5) and n < 1.63 (h = 1.0) for $\Omega_0 = 1$ and quite similar for $0.2 < \Omega_0 = 1 - \Omega_A < 1$ universes. These limits are nearly independent of Ω_B . We have also plotted the optimistic 95% upper limit on $\mu < 0.63 \times 10^{-4}$ for comparison as discussed in the text.

- based on classical estimate for heating rate
- Tightest / cleanest constraint at that point!
- simple power-law spectrum assumed
- μ~10⁻⁸ for scale-invariant power spectrum
- *n*s ≲ 1.6

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- Amplitude of power spectrum rather uncertain at k > 3 Mpc⁻¹
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- CMB spectral distortions would extend our lever arm to k ~ 10⁴ Mpc⁻¹
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Enhanced small-scale power in hybrid inflation



- Hybrid Inflation models cause enhanced small-scale power
- Motivated to explain seeds of supermassive blackholes seen in basically all galaxies
- µ and y distortions sensitive to enhancement at scales
 1 Mpc⁻¹ ≤ k ≤ 2x10⁴ Mpc⁻¹
- Can constrain cases that are unconstrained by CMB measurements at large scales
- Possible link to BH mergers seen by LIGO??
- Figure: case with red line already ruled out by FIRAS (!) and today's CMB; distortions sensitive to orange and blue case; other cases PIXIE-lite is not sensitive to

Old forecast without foreground penalty

Figures adapted from Clesse & Garcia-Bellido, 2015

Shedding Light on the 'Small-Scale Crisis'



- 'missing satellite' problem
- 'too-big-to-fail'
- Cusp-vs-core problem

⇒ Are these caused by a *primordial* or *late-time* suppression?

- A primordial suppression would result in a very small µ-distortions
- Spectral distortion measurements might be able to test this question

Dissipation of tensor perturbations



- heating rate can be computed similar to adiabatic modes
- heating rate much smaller than for scalar perturbations
- roughly constant per dlnz for $n_T \sim 0.5$

- distortion signal very small compared to adiabatic modes
- no severe contamination in simplest cases
- models with 'large' distortion already constrained by BBN/CMB



Spatially varying heating and dissipation of acoustic modes for non-Gaussian perturbations



- Uniform heating (e.g., dissipation in Gaussian case or quasi-uniform energy release)
 → distortion practically the same in different directions
- Spatially varying heating rate (e.g., due to squeezed limit non-Gaussianity)
 - \rightarrow distortion varies in different directions
 - \rightarrow probe of *scale-dependent* non-Gaussianity at k~10 Mpc⁻¹ and ~750 Mpc⁻¹

Pajer & Zaldarriaga, 2012; Ganc & Komatsu, 2012; Biagetti et al., 2013; JC et al., 2016

Simulated μ -map for f_{NL} =4500



$$C_{\ell}^{\mu \times T} = 12 \ C_{\ell}^{TT, \, \text{SW}} \rho(\ell) \, f_{\text{NL}} \left< \mu \right>$$

Remazeilles & JC, 2018, MNRAS (ArXiv:1802.10101)

- Signals could be detectable by future CMB anisotropy experiments (e.g., Litebird, CORE, PICO, CMB-Bharat)
- Additional information from yT, µE, yE (Ravenni et al., 2017)

Average CMB spectral distortions





Rubino-Martin et al. 2006, 2008; Sunyaev & JC, 2009

Cosmological Time in Years



Average CMB spectral distortions



Some non-standard distortion signals

Distortions could shed light on decaying (DM) particles



JC & Jeong, 2013

EDGES detection of cosmological 21cm absorption?





- Stimulated lots of discussion
- Signal much larger than expected in standard scenario
- Possible connection to DM physics / interactions?



Bowman et al., Nature, 2018

Distortion constraints on DM interactions through adiabatic cooling effect





What can CMB spectral distortions teach us?

- Add a new dimension to CMB science
 - probe the thermal history at different stages of the Universe
- Complementary and independent information!
 - cosmological parameters from the recombination radiation
 - new/additional test of large-scale CMB anomalies
- Several guaranteed signals are expected
 - y-distortion from low redshifts
 - damping signal & recombination radiation
- Test various inflation models
 - damping of the small-scale power spectrum
- Discovery potential



- decaying particles and other exotic sources of distortions

We should really make use of this information!

What are the opportunities for Europe?

Steps forward on CMB spectral distortions

- Pioneering work from the ground
 - Improved constraints on µ and y
 - Possible detection of average late-time *y*-distortion
 - Discovery potential (e.g., ARCADE excess, EDGES)

➡ COSMO at Dome-C and APSERa

- Low-frequency foregrounds
 - One of the main problems for distortions (Abitbol, JC, Hill and Johnson, 2017)
 - Capitalize on existing experience (e.g., C-Bass, Quijote)
 - One of the *important inputs* for B-mode searches
- Advancing the frontier from space
 - Probe of *inflation* and early-Universe physics
 - Complementary science to B-modes & guaranteed signals
 - Absolutely calibrated multi-frequency maps incredibly valuable (e.g., calibration issues, foreground separation)

➡ PRISTINE, PIXIE-prime, CMB-Bharat

What is PRISTINE?

Aims, boundary conditions and collaboration

- Measure both CMB polarisation and distortions
- From design of COBE/FIRAS and PIXIE optimise and adapt the science case and instrument deign for a small mission
 - y-type distortions
 - Do from space what can only be done from space
 - Complementarity with other missions and ground based projects
 - Do not have the ambition of a definitive CMB mission

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Courtesy: Bruno Maffei

Instrument Philosophy

Optimised imaging polarised FT Spectro. based on PIXIE concept

- Two telescopes of 36 cm each
- Frequency range 90 to 2000 GHz
 - 2 THz decreases largely the noise contribution from dust and mitigates degeneracy with CIB, and correlation with synchrotron
 - 90 GHz improves spatial resolution and constraints size of optical elements
- Spectral resolution of 5 GHz
 - Mitigates contamination from lines and optimises legacy ISM & galaxies
- Spatial resolution 0.75 deg equivalent Gaussian
- Array of 7 dual polarised pixels (x 2, one for each output port)
- Sensitivity similar to PIXIE
- Internal absolute photometric calibrator
- Try to reduce risks and have high TRL
- Slow spinning

Proposal to be submitted to ESA (F-class)

Forecasts by Max Abitbol:

- Significant detection of y
- Close to detecting

average rel. thSZ

Courtesy: Bruno Maffei

Uniqueness of CMB Spectral Distortion Science



Guaranteed distortion signals in ACDM

New tests of inflation and particle/dark matter physics

Signals from the reionization and recombination eras

Huge discovery potential

Complementarity and synergy with CMB anisotropy studies

Chluba & Sunyaev, MNRAS, 419, 2012 Chluba et al., MNRAS, 425, 2012 Silk & Chluba, Science, 2014 Chluba, MNRAS, 2016





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