



A consistent, physical, and analytic model for CMB observables of reionisation

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Doppler shift
 → T anisotropies *¬*

Thomson scattering



- Photon scattered away from the line of sight
 - \rightarrow T anisotropies $\, \image$
- Scattered light is polarised
 → E, B anistropies *¬*

CMB SCATTERING: HOMOGENEOUS REIONISATION





 $\tau = 0.054 \pm 0.007$ (Planck+2018)

See, e.g., Gorce+2022, Qin+2020, Stéphane's talk

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20.0

12.5

15.0

17.5

10.0

Redshift z

0.4

0.2

0.0*+* 0.0

2.5

5.0

7.5

CMB SCATTERING: PATCHY REIONISATION



Reionisation is a *patchy* process which imprints the CMB.



POLARISATION





+ y-distortions... (Iliev+2024)

see, e.g., Aghanim+1996, Dvorkin & Smith 2009, Roy+2018, 2020, Gorce+2020

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kSZ effect









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MODELLING REIONISATION HISTORY



Need a model to describe the cosmological time-evolution of sky-averaged ionised fraction

$$x_{e}(z) = \begin{cases} f_{e} & \text{for } z < z_{end} \\ f_{e} \left(\frac{z_{endy} - z}{z_{endy} - z_{end}} \right)^{\alpha} & \text{for } z > z_{end} \end{cases}$$



see, e.g., Douspis+2015, Planck XLVII 2016



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Power spectrum of electron density fluctuations throughout EoR



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Early times: power-law
$$P_{ee}(k, z) = \frac{\epsilon_0 X_e(z)^{-1/5}}{1 + [k/\kappa]^3 X_e(z)}$$



 $z = 10.1, x_{HII} = 0.0117$

- α_0 : constant amplitude on large scales \leftrightarrow variance of the field
 - κ : drop-off frequency \leftrightarrow minimal size of ionised regions





Need a model to describe the cosmological time- and scale-evolution of electron density

Depends on cosmology and four reionisation parameters (z_{re} , z_{end} , α_0 , κ)



ONGOING

But... model parameters have no clear link with astrophysics

- Recalibrate parameterisation on LoReLi simulations: 10 000 simulations of reionisation varying astrophysics, e.g., minimum halo mass to form stars, X-ray luminosity, ionising escape fraction... (Meriot+2023, 2024)
- Include a dependence on source properties

See next talk



The power spectrum of free electrons can be used to derive the reionisation observables



- Can also be used to derive the 21cm power spectrum (Georgiev, Gorce, & Mellema 2024)
 - Allows joint and cross-analyses between datasets... (Béguin, Liu, & Gorce 2022)

REIONISATION INFORMATION



There is information about reionisation in these imprints...

1. About global reionisation history



Gorce+2020, see, e.g., McQuinn+2005; Iliev+2007; Battaglia+2013; Park+2013...

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What is the constraining power of each observable?

Assume 10% errors on each observable and compute Cramer-Rao errors...



REIONISATION INFORMATION: FORECAST



There is information about reionisation in these imprints...

Assume SNR=10 for each observable and compute minimal errors...



Assume cosmic variance limited and 1' resolution telescope and compute minimal errors...



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REIONISATION INFORMATION: FORECAST



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For these models, kSZ only detectable observable in the near future....

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- Illustrates the potential of CMB to constrain history and morphology of reionisation.
- Signal might be too weak

 \rightarrow Can also derive the 21cm x CMB spectra from the model! (ongoing...)



Thank you!

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BACKUP SLIDES

The power spectrum of free electrons P_{ee}

Toy model: n ionised bubbles of radius R filling f % of a box







Late times: biased matter power spectrum $P_{ee}(k, z) = b_{\delta e}(k, z)^2 P_{\delta \delta}(k, z)$ for $b_{\delta e}(k, z)^2 = \frac{1}{2} e^{-k/k_f} + \frac{1}{1 + (gk/k_f)^{7/2}}$ $z = 7.2, x_{HII} = 0.4707$







Normalised derivatives:

