

Critical interpretation of Planck results

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Polarization anisotropy



Lensing potential, phi



What are the geometry and contents of the universe? What are the properties of the dark sector? Did inflation happen/what are the initial conditions? Rough description of CMB analysis process:

'Data' = maps of the blackbody sky (temp, pol, lensing)
Statistic = angular power spectrum of maps
Output = cosmological parameters (reliable codes predict their theory power spectra)

CMB temperature



The ΛCDM model

(1) Contents and expansion Baryon density $\Omega_b h^2 = 0.02222 \pm 0.00023$ CDM density $\Omega_c h^2 = 0.1197 \pm 0.0022$ Peak angle $100\theta (\sim r_s/D_A) = 1.04085 \pm 0.00047$

(2) Initial fluctuations Amplitude at k=0.05/Mpc $ln(10^{10}A_s) = 3.089 \pm 0.036$ Spectral index $n_s = 0.9655 \pm 0.0062$

(3) Impact of reionization Reionization optical depth $T = 0.078 \pm 0.019$ (1) Contents and expansion rateBaryon fraction Ω_b CDM fraction $\Omega_c = 0.265 \pm 0.013$ Cosmol constant fraction $\Omega_{\Lambda} = 1 - \Omega_b - \Omega_c$ Expansion rate $H_0 = 67.3 \pm 1.0$

(2) Late-time size of fluctuations Amplitude on 8 Mpc/h scales $\sigma_8 = 0.829 \pm 0.014$

(3) Reionization Redshift of reonization

Z_{re}

Assumptions:

- Geometry/contents: Flat, w=-1, Σm_v =0.06eV, no warm dark matter, N_{eff}=3.04, Y_P=0.25
- Primordial fluctuations: adiabatic, power-law $P(k) = A(k/k_0)^{n-1}$, no tensors, no cosmic strings
- Smooth, quick reionization of universe

Neutrino (or relativistic) species





ACT+WMAP9: $N_{eff} = 2.9 \pm 0.5$ (68%, Calabrese et al 2013) Planck: $N_{eff} = 3.1 \pm 0.3$ (68%, Planck Collab 2015)

Next decade: reduce error to ~0.02



Greatly limits vast zoo of alternatives to LCDM, e.g.

- different contents: *extra relativistic species, early dark energy*
- different initial fluctuations: scale-dependent power, tensor or isocurvature fluctuations
- extra components: *cosmic defects, magnetic fields*
- non-standard BBN or recombination history, extra energy from dark matter annihilation

CMB lensing



Planck Collaboration 2015

How does mass of neutrinos affect CMB?

Neutrinos start relativistic, suppressing growth compared to cold dark matter More suppression, less lensing, if more of the dark matter density is in neutrinos



Neutrino mass sum < 0.7 eV (Planck Collab 2015)

How does mass of neutrinos affect cosmic distances?

- Neutrinos behave like cold dark matter at late times (z<~100).
- Distances and expansion rates measure total matter



Neutrino mass sum < 0.23 eV (Planck Collab 2015 + BAO distances)

Next decade: should detect 0.06 eV at few sigma

Testing inflation: gravitational waves





Primordial fluctuations



Planck Collaboration 2015 r < 0.07 (95%, Planck+Bicep2/Keck, November 2015) BICEP2/Keck Collaborations Nov 2015

B-modes

POLARBEAR: 2 sigma (2014) BICEP2/Keck+Planck: 7-sigma (2015) SPTPol:4 sigma (Keisler et al 2015)



Anomalies?



