

Observation of the Cosmic Microwave Background: The ESA Planck mission and Beyond

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The *Planck* mission



Planck timeline

- ▶ Proposal started in 1992
- ▶ Accepted by ESA in 1996
- ▶ Launch May 2009
- ▶ First release of results for cosmology (T only) March 2013
- ▶ Second release of results for cosmology
(T and P except at low l) \approx February 2015
- ▶ Finals cosmology results (mainly low- l P) (mid-2016)

A Joint Analysis of BICEP2/Keck Array and Planck Data BICEP2/Keck and Planck Collaborations 2015 Submitted

Planck intermediate results. XXX. The angular power spectrum of polarized dust emission at intermediate angular scales

Planck 2015 results. I. Overview of products and results

Planck 2015 results. II. Low Frequency Instrument data processing

Planck 2015 results. III. LFI systematic uncertainties

Planck 2015 results. IV. LFI beams and window functions

Planck 2015 results. V. LFI calibration

Planck 2015 results. VI. LFI maps

Planck 2015 results. VII. High Frequency Instrument data processing: Time-ordered information and beam parameters

Planck 2015 results. VIII. High Frequency Instrument data processing: Calibration and maps

Planck 2015 results. IX. Diffuse component separation: CMB maps

Planck 2015 results. X. Diffuse component separation: Foreground maps

Planck 2015 results. XI. CMB power spectra, likelihood, and consistency of cosmological parameters

Planck 2015 results. XII. Simulations Planck Collaboration

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Planck 2015 results. XXIII. Thermal Sunyaev-Zeldovich effect-cosmic infrared background correlation

Planck 2015 results. XXIV. Cosmology from Sunyaev-Zeldovich cluster counts

Planck 2015 results. XXV. Diffuse, low-frequency Galactic foregrounds

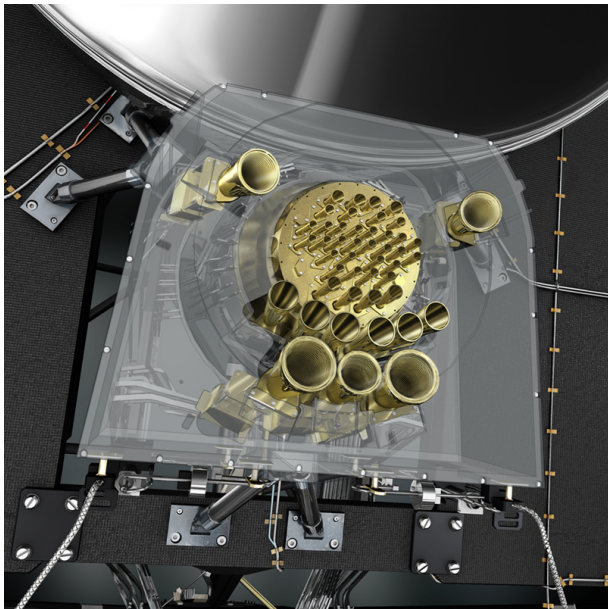
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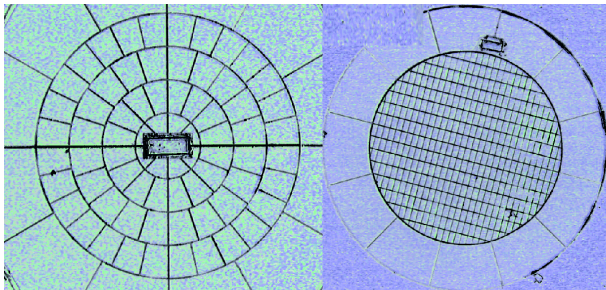
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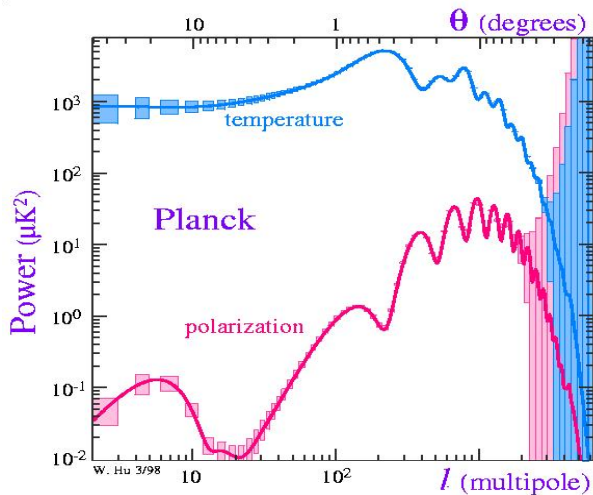


The workhorse of Planck : spiderweb and polarization sensitive bolometers



Made by JPL, Caltech
Cooled to $\approx 100mK$

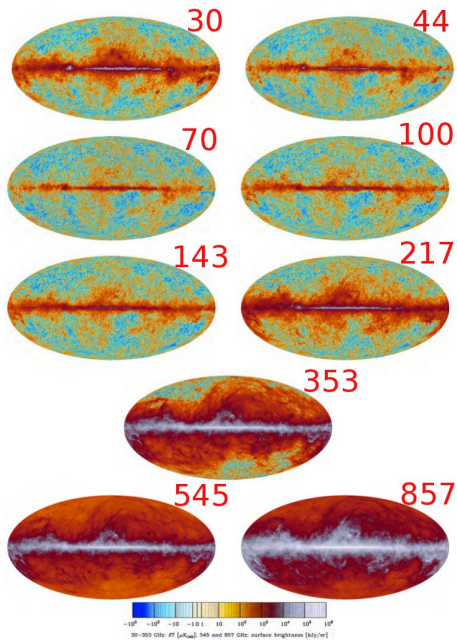
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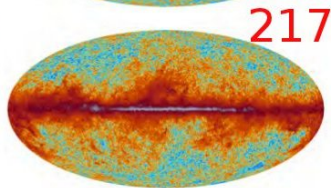
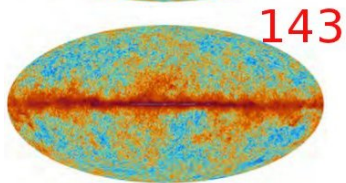
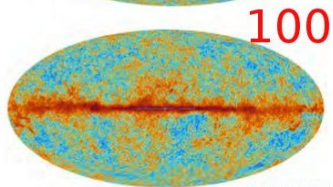
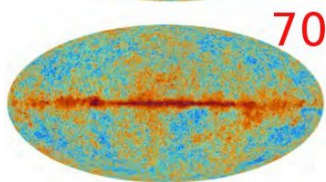
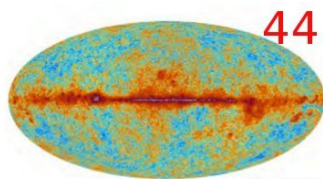
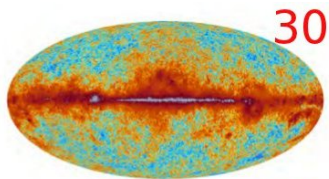


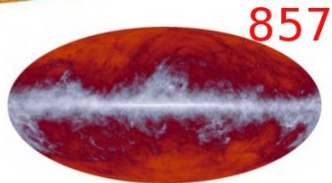
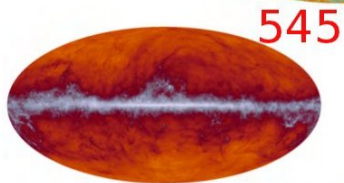
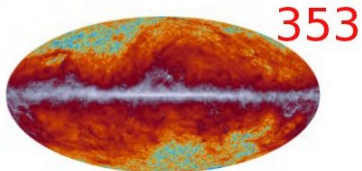
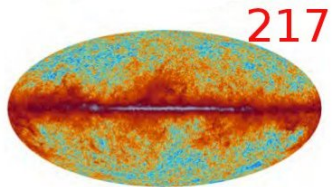
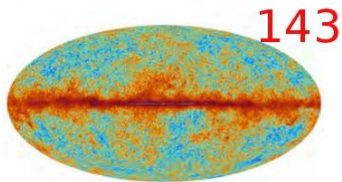
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Table 2. *Planck* performance parameters determined from flight data.

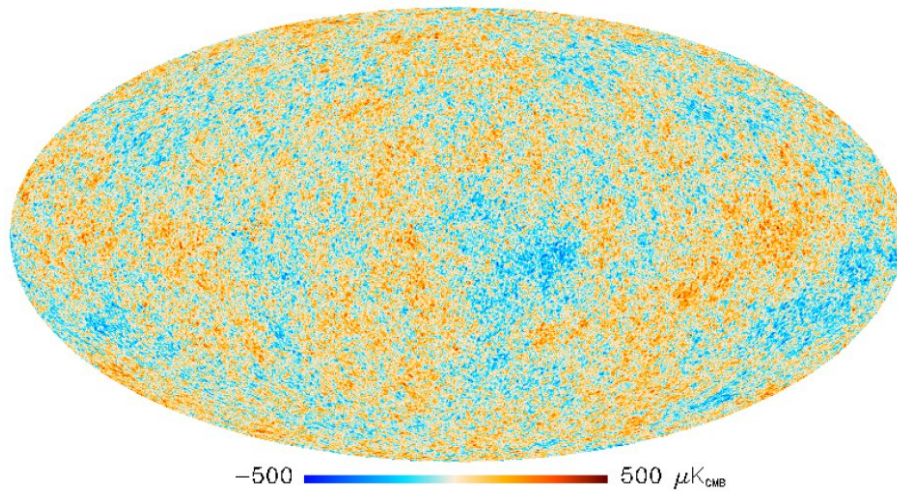
CHANNEL	$N_{\text{detectors}}^{\text{a}}$	$\nu_{\text{center}}^{\text{b}}$ [GHz]	SCANNING BEAM ^c		NOISE ^d SENSITIVITY	
			FWHM [arcmin]	Ellipticity	$[\mu\text{K}_{\text{RJ}} \text{s}^{1/2}]$	$[\mu\text{K}_{\text{CMB}} \text{s}^{1/2}]$
30 GHz	4	28.4	33.16	1.37	145.4	148.5
44 GHz	6	44.1	28.09	1.25	164.8	173.2
70 GHz	12	70.4	13.08	1.27	133.9	151.9
100 GHz	8	100	9.59	1.21	31.52	41.3
143 GHz	11	143	7.18	1.04	10.38	17.4
217 GHz	12	217	4.87	1.22	7.45	23.8
353 GHz	12	353	4.7	1.2	5.52	78.8
545 GHz	3	545	4.73	1.18	2.66	0.0259 ^d
857 GHz	4	857	4.51	1.38	1.33	0.0259 ^d







Planck ILC map



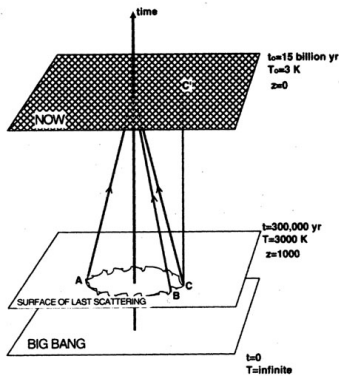
Theory – origin of the CMB anisotropy

Sachs-Wolfe formula

$$\frac{\delta T}{T}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) = \left[\frac{1}{4} \delta_\gamma + \mathbf{v}_\gamma \cdot \mathbf{n} + \Phi \right]_i^f + 2 \int_i^f d\eta \frac{\partial \Phi'}{\partial \eta}(\eta, \hat{\mathbf{n}}(\eta_0 - \eta))$$

$\Phi \equiv$ Newtonian gravitational potential (dimensionless)

δ_γ and \mathbf{v}_γ describe the fractional density contrast and peculiar 3-velocity of the photon component.



This treatment is somewhat naive because it assumes that the surface of last scatter is infinitely thin.

In reality the surface of last scatter has a width that smears the anisotropies on small scales.

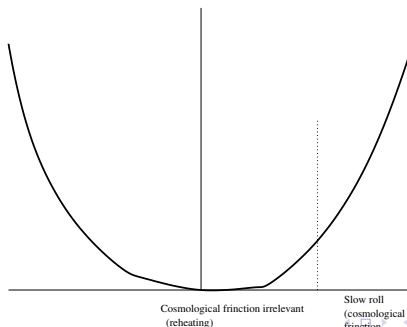
The deadly sins of a non-inflationary universe.

1. Monopole problem
2. Horizon problem
3. Flatness problem
4. Smoothness problem

Single-Field Inflation

In the beginning there was a scalar field that dominated the universe. Everything came from this scalar field and there was nothing without the scalar field. The quantum fluctuations of this field (that is, those of the vacuum) generated small fluctuations that advanced or retarded the instant of re-heating. These were the seeds of the large-scale structure.

$$\ddot{\phi} + 3H\dot{\phi} = -V_{,\phi}$$



Massless scalar field in de Sitter space

$$H_{phys} = (\text{constant}).$$

$$ds^2 = -\frac{1}{\eta^2}(-d\eta^2 + d\mathbf{x}^2), \quad -\infty < \eta < 0.$$

$$S = \int \sqrt{-g} g^{\mu\nu} (\partial_\mu \phi)(\partial_\nu \phi) = \int d^4x \, a^2(\eta) \left[\left(\frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \eta} \right)^2 - (\nabla \phi)^2 \right]$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi}{\partial \eta^2} - \frac{2}{\eta} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial \eta} + k^2 \phi = 0$$

Bessel equation

$$\phi(\eta) = \eta^{3/2} H_{3/2}^{(1)}(-k\eta)$$

$(k\eta) \approx 1$ horizon crossing.

Important points :

- ▶ Both the inflaton/scalar gravity degrees of freedom and the tensor metric perturbations exhibit the same qualitative behavior as the above idealized example.
- ▶ Modes fluctuate on subhorizon scales but become frozen in on superhorizon scales and stay frozen in until after the end of inflation.

Perturbations generated during inflation

$$\boxed{\hbar = c = 1, M_{pl}^{-2}} \quad \delta\phi \approx H \quad \frac{\delta\rho}{\bar{\rho}} \approx H \cdot \delta t, \quad \delta t \approx \frac{\delta\phi}{\dot{\phi}}$$

$$H\dot{\phi} \approx V_{,\phi}, \quad \dot{\phi} \approx V_{,\phi}/H, \quad H^2 \approx \frac{1}{M_{pl}^2} V, \quad \frac{\delta\rho}{\bar{\rho}} \approx \frac{V^{3/2}[\phi(k)]}{M_{pl}^3 V_{,\phi}}$$

Scalar perturbations :

$$\mathcal{P}_S^{1/2}(k) \approx O(1) \cdot \frac{V^{3/2}[\phi(k)]}{M_{pl}^3 V_{,\phi}[\phi(k)]}.$$

Tensor perturbations :

$$\mathcal{P}_T^{1/2}(k) \approx O(1) \cdot \frac{H}{M_{pl}} \approx O(1) \cdot \frac{V^{1/2}}{M_{pl}^2}$$

$\phi(k) \equiv$ value of ϕ at horizon crossing of the mode k

Reconstruction of the inflationary potential : the tensors measure the height of the potential, the scalars the slope.

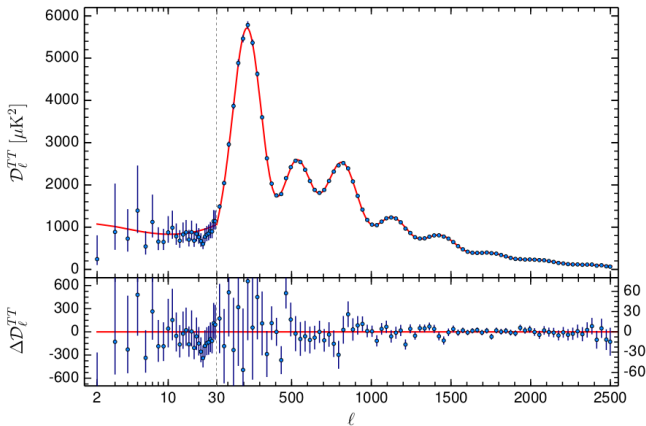
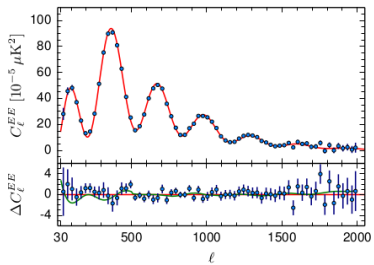
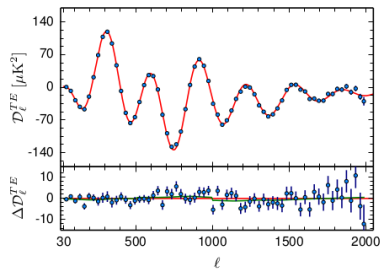


Fig. 1. The *Planck* 2015 temperature power spectrum. At multipoles $\ell \geq 30$ we show the maximum likelihood frequency averaged temperature spectrum computed from the P11k cross-half-mission likelihood with foreground and other nuisance parameters determined from the MCMC analysis of the base Λ CDM cosmology. In the multipole range $2 \leq \ell \leq 29$, we plot the power spectrum estimates from the *Commander* component-separation algorithm computed over 94% of the sky. The best-fit base Λ CDM theoretical spectrum fitted to the *Planck* TT+lowP likelihood is plotted in the upper panel. Residuals with respect to this model are shown in the lower panel. The error bars show $\pm 1\sigma$ uncertainties.

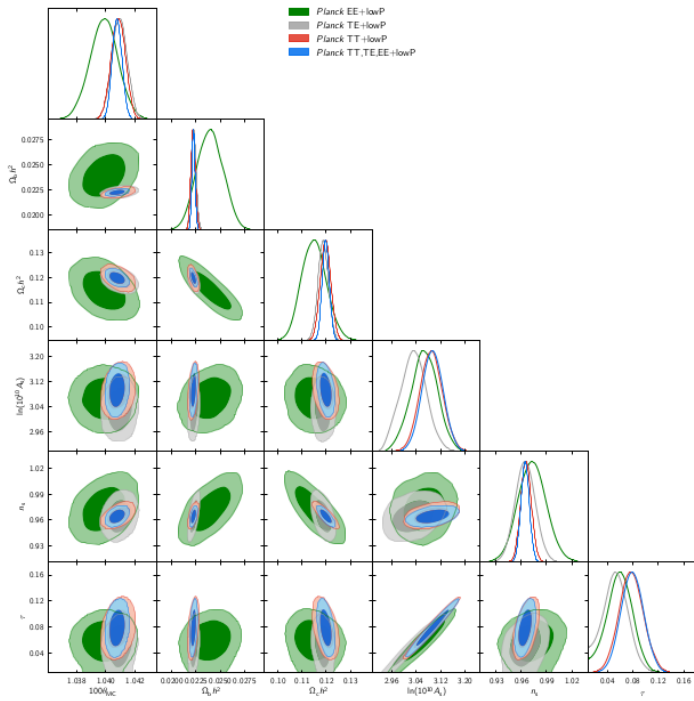


The six-parameter concordance model

[1] Parameter	[2] 2013N(DS)	[3] 2013F(DS)	[4] 2013F(CY)	[5] 2015F(CHM)	[6] 2015F(CHM) (Planck)	([2] - [6])/σ _[6]	([5] - [6])/σ _[5]
100θ _{MC}	1.04131 ± 0.00063	1.04126 ± 0.00047	1.04121 ± 0.00048	1.04094 ± 0.00048	1.04086 ± 0.00048	0.71	0.17
Ω _b h ²	0.02205 ± 0.00028	0.02234 ± 0.00023	0.02230 ± 0.00023	0.02225 ± 0.00023	0.02222 ± 0.00023	-0.61	0.13
Ω _c h ²	0.1199 ± 0.0027	0.1189 ± 0.0022	0.1188 ± 0.0022	0.1194 ± 0.0022	0.1199 ± 0.0022	0.00	-0.23
H ₀	67.3 ± 1.2	67.8 ± 1.0	67.8 ± 1.0	67.48 ± 0.98	67.26 ± 0.98	0.03	0.22
n _s	0.9603 ± 0.0073	0.9665 ± 0.0062	0.9655 ± 0.0062	0.9682 ± 0.0062	0.9652 ± 0.0062	-0.67	0.48
Ω _m	0.315 ± 0.017	0.308 ± 0.013	0.308 ± 0.013	0.313 ± 0.013	0.316 ± 0.014	-0.06	-0.23
σ ₈	0.829 ± 0.012	0.831 ± 0.011	0.828 ± 0.012	0.829 ± 0.015	0.830 ± 0.015	-0.08	-0.07
τ	0.089 ± 0.013	0.096 ± 0.013	0.094 ± 0.013	0.079 ± 0.019	0.078 ± 0.019	0.85	0.05
10 ⁹ A _s e ^{-2τ}	1.836 ± 0.013	1.833 ± 0.011	1.831 ± 0.011	1.875 ± 0.014	1.881 ± 0.014	-3.46	-0.42

Parameterization of primordial power spectrum used here :

$$P(k) = A_S(k/k_p)^{n_S}$$



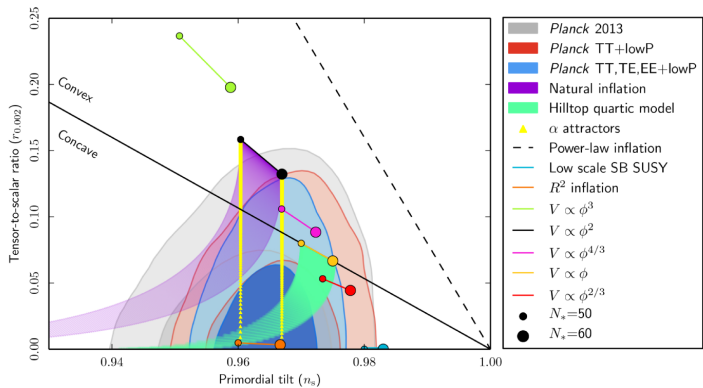


Fig. 12. Marginalized joint 68 % and 95 % CL regions for n_s and $r_{0.002}$ from *Planck* in combination with other data sets, compared to the theoretical predictions of selected inflationary models.

Table 6. Results of the inflationary model comparison. We provide $\Delta\chi^2$ with respect to base Λ CDM and Bayes factors with respect to R^2 inflation.

Inflationary model	$\Delta\chi^2$		$\ln B_{0X}$	
	$w_{\text{int}} = 0$	$w_{\text{int}} \neq 0$	$w_{\text{int}} = 0$	$w_{\text{int}} \neq 0$
$R + R^2/(6M^2)$	+0.8	+0.3	...	+0.7
$n = 2/3$	+6.5	+3.5	-2.4	-2.3
$n = 1$	+6.2	+5.5	-2.1	-1.9
$n = 4/3$	+6.4	+5.5	-2.6	-2.4
$n = 2$	+8.6	+8.1	-4.7	-4.6
$n = 3$	+22.8	+21.7	-11.6	-11.4
$n = 4$	+43.3	+41.7	-23.3	-22.7
Natural	+7.2	+6.5	-2.4	-2.3
Hilltop ($p = 2$)	+4.4	+3.9	-2.6	-2.4
Hilltop ($p = 4$)	+3.7	+3.3	-2.8	-2.6
Double well	+5.5	+5.3	-3.1	-2.3
Brane inflation ($p = 2$)	+3.0	+2.3	-0.7	-0.9
Brane inflation ($p = 4$)	+2.8	+2.3	-0.4	-0.6
Exponential inflation	+0.8	+0.3	-0.7	-0.9
SB SUSY	+0.7	+0.4	-2.2	-1.7
Supersymmetric α -model	+0.7	+0.1	-1.8	-2.0
Superconformal ($m = 1$)	+0.9	+0.8	-2.3	-2.2
Superconformal ($m \neq 1$)	+0.7	+0.5	-2.4	-2.6

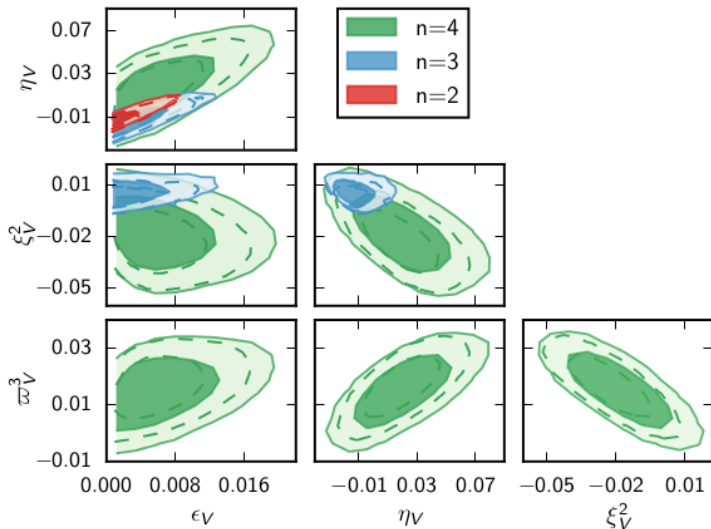


Fig. 13. Posterior distributions for the first four potential slow-roll parameters when the potential is Taylor-expanded to n th order, using *Planck* TT+lowP+BAO (filled contours) or TT,TE,EE+lowP (dashed contours). The primordial spectra are computed *beyond* any slow-roll approximation.

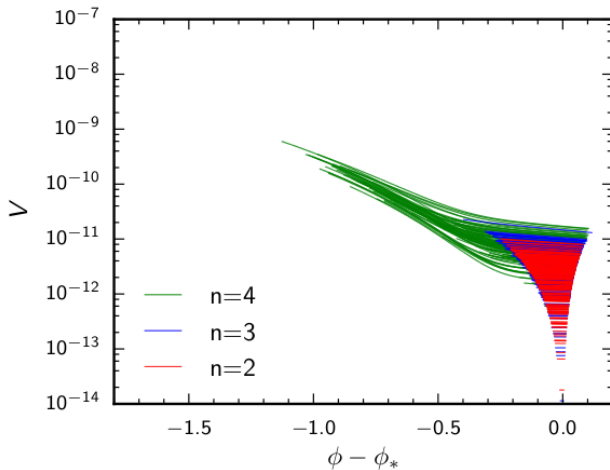


Fig. 15. Observable range of the best-fit inflaton potentials, when $V(\phi)$ is Taylor expanded to the n th order around the pivot value ϕ_* , in natural units (where $\sqrt{8\pi}M_{\text{pl}} = 1$), assuming a flat prior on ϵ_V , η_V , ξ_V^2 , and ϖ_V^3 , and using *Planck* TT+lowP+BAO. Potentials obtained under the transformation $(\phi - \phi_*) \rightarrow (\phi_* - \phi)$ leave the same observable signature and are also allowed. The sparsity of potentials with a small $V_0 = V(\phi_*)$ comes from the flat prior on ϵ_V , rather than on $\ln(V_0)$: in fact, V_0 is unbounded from below in

Underlying question : conventional parameterization

What is the primordial power spectrum ?

- For lack of a fundamental theory, expand in powers of $\ln(k)$

$$\begin{aligned}\ln(\mathcal{P}(\ln k)) &= \mathcal{P}_0 \left(\ln(k/k_{piv}) \right)^0 + \mathcal{P}_1 \left(\ln(k/k_{piv}) \right)^1 + \mathcal{P}_2 \left(\ln(k/k_{piv}) \right)^2 + \dots \\ \mathcal{P}(k) &= A(k/k_{piv})^{(n_s-1)} \\ \text{or} \\ \mathcal{P}(k) &= A(k/k_{piv})^{(n_s-1)+\alpha \ln(k/k_{piv})+\dots}\end{aligned}$$

- *Planck* seems to be telling us that the first two terms suffice, and using just the first term can be ruled out at a respectable statistical significance. $n_s \neq 1$ implies exact scale invariance needs to be downgraded to an approximate symmetry. No statistically significant evidence for running of the spectral index.

$$\mathbf{f}^T \mathbf{R}(\lambda, \alpha) \mathbf{f} \equiv \lambda \int \mathrm{d}\kappa \left(\frac{\partial^2 f(\kappa)}{\partial \kappa^2} \right)^2 \\ + \alpha \int_{-\infty}^{\kappa_{\min}} \mathrm{d}\kappa f^2(\kappa) + \alpha \int_{\kappa_{\max}}^{+\infty} \mathrm{d}\kappa f^2(\kappa).$$

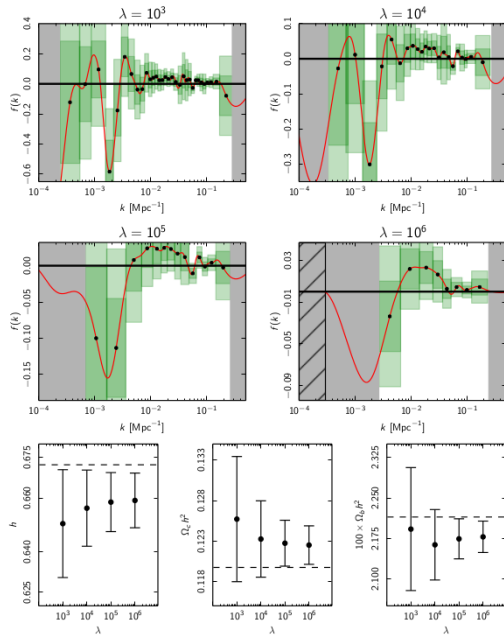


Fig. 21. *Planck* TT likelihood primordial power spectrum (PPS)

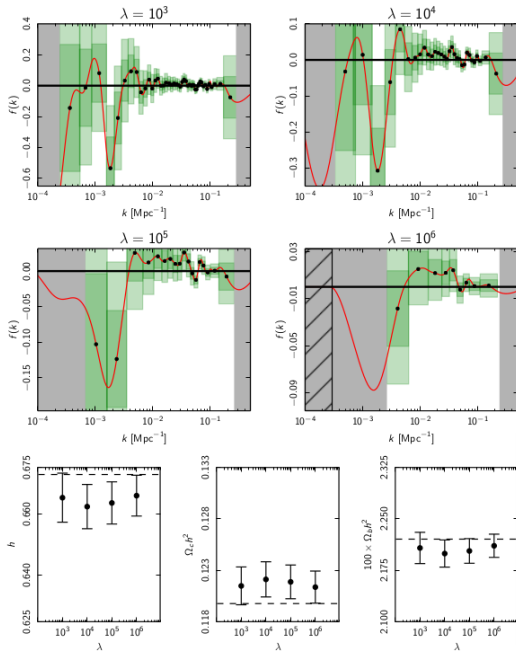


Fig. 22. Planck TT,TE,EE+lowTEB likelihood primordial power spectrum reconstruction results. *Top four panels:*

Planck Gravitational lensing spectrum

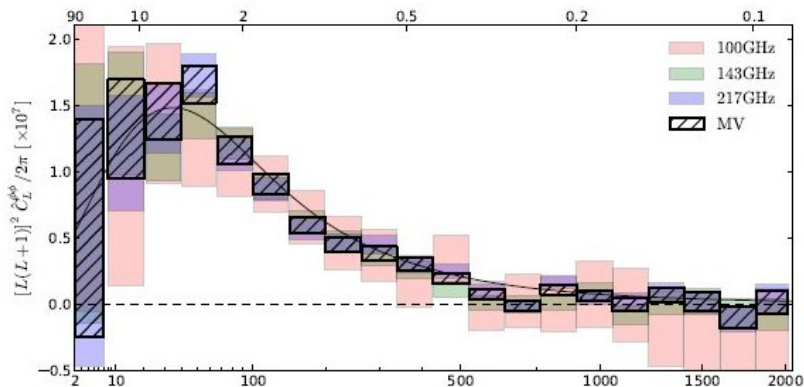


Fig. 18. Fiducial lensing power spectrum estimates based on the 100, 143, and 217 GHz frequency reconstructions, as well as the minimum-variance reconstruction that forms the basis for the *Planck* lensing likelihood.

Planck 2013 Results. XXIV. Constraints on primordial non-Gaussianity

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The Planck nominal mission cosmic microwave background (CMB) maps yield unprecedented constraints on primordial non-Gaussianity (NG). Using three optimal bispectrum estimators, separable template-fitting (KSW), binned, and modal, we obtain consistent values for the primordial local, equilateral, and orthogonal bispectrum amplitudes, **quoting as our final result $f_{NL}^{local} = 2.7 \pm 5.8$, $f_{NL}^{equil} = -42 \pm 75$, and $f_{NL}^{ortho} = -25 \pm 39$ (68% CL statistical)**; and we find the integrated Sachs-Wolfe lensing bispectrum expected in the Λ CDM scenario. The results are based on comprehensive cross-validation of these estimators on Gaussian and non-Gaussian simulations, are stable across component separation techniques, pass an extensive suite of tests, and are confirmed by skew- C_l , wavelet bispectrum and Minkowski functional estimators. Beyond estimates of individual shape amplitudes, we present model-independent, three-dimensional reconstructions of the Planck CMB bispectrum and thus derive constraints on early-Universe scenarios that generate primordial NG, including general single-field models of inflation, excited initial states (non-Bunch-Davies vacua), and directionally-dependent vector models. We provide an initial survey of scale-dependent feature and resonance models. These results bound both general single-field and multi-field model parameter ranges, such as the speed of sound, $c_s \geq 0.02(95\%CL)$, in an effective field theory parametrization, and the curvaton decay fraction $r_D \geq 0.15(95\%CL)$. **The Planck data put severe pressure on ekpyrotic/cyclic scenarios.** The amplitude of the four-point function in the local model $\tau_{NL} < 2800(95\%CL)$. Taken together, these constraints represent the highest precision tests to date of physical mechanisms for the origin of cosmic structure.

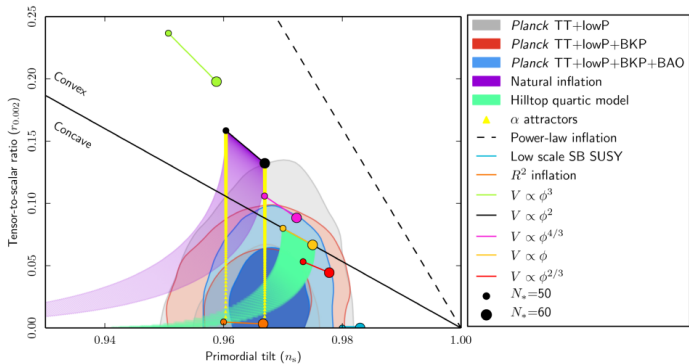


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SEARCHING FOR B MODES

E and B Mode Polarization



E mode

B mode

$$\mathbf{Y}_{\ell m, ab}^{(E)} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{(\ell-1)\ell(\ell+1)(\ell+2)}} \left[\nabla_a \nabla_b - \frac{1}{2} \delta_{ab} \nabla^2 \right] Y_{\ell m}(\hat{\Omega})$$

$$\mathbf{Y}_{\ell m, ab}^{(B)} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{(\ell-1)\ell(\ell+1)(\ell+2)}} \frac{1}{2} \left[\epsilon_{ac} \nabla_c \nabla_b + \nabla_a \epsilon_{bc} \nabla_c \right] Y_{\ell m}(\hat{\Omega})$$

Projection of « scalars, » « vectors » and « tensors » onto the celestial sphere

Under projection onto the celestial sphere :

$$(scalar)_3 \rightarrow (scalar)_2,$$

$$(vector)_3 \rightarrow (scalar)_2 + (vector)_2,$$

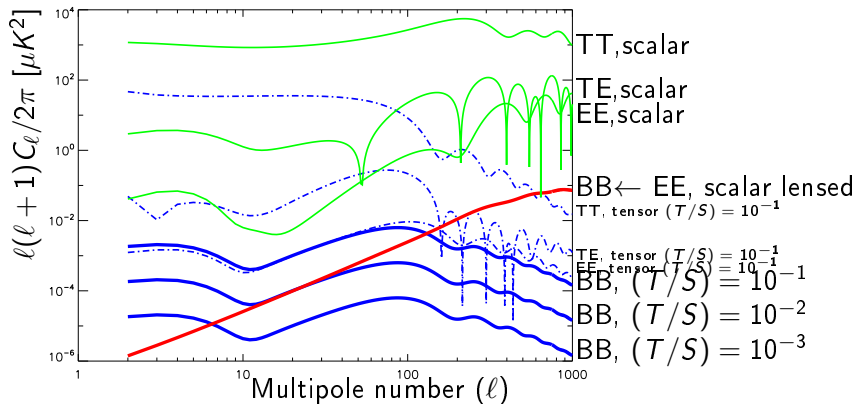
$$(tensor)_3 \rightarrow (scalar)_2 + (vector)_2.$$

There is no $(tensor)_2$ component. The E mode polarization is scalar; the B mode is vector.

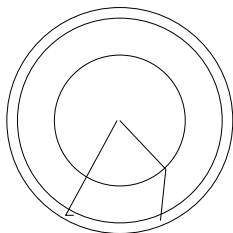
It follows that at linear order the scalar modes cannot generate any B mode polarization.

Note crucial role of linearity assumption.

Inflationary Prediction for Scalar & Tensor Anisotropies



The Reionization Bump



It turns out that

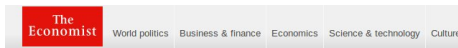
$$P \propto (1 - \tau) d_{\text{lastscatter}}^2 \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2}$$

is small compared to

$$P \propto \tau d_{\text{reion}}^2 \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2}$$

even when τ is small.

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BICEP flexes its muscles

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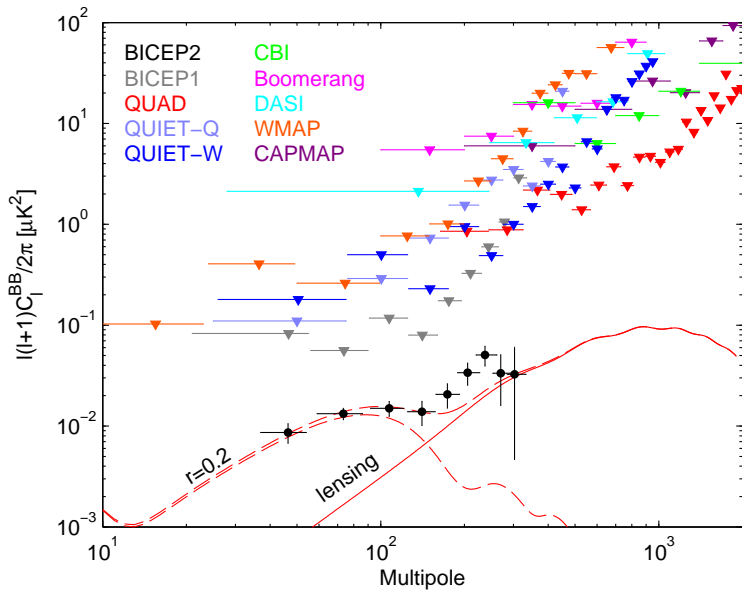


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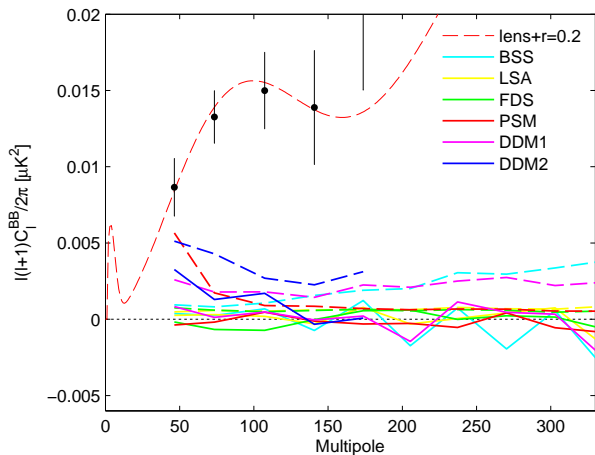
ONE useful feature of a scientific theory is that it makes testable predictions. Such predictions, though, do not have to be testable straight away. Physics is replete with prophecies that could be confirmed or denied only decades later, once the technology to examine them had caught up. The Higgs boson, for example, was 50 years in the confirming.

BICEP2 summary plot :


"Smoking gun" of gravitational waves from inflation ?



Why they said that dust cannot explain observed signal?



Was this celebration premature?



Stanford Professor Andrei Linde celebrates physics breakthrough

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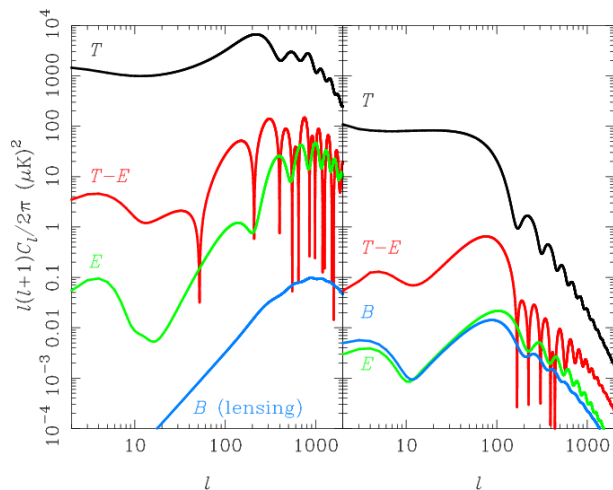
À propos de

Ajoutée le 17 mars 2014

Assistant Professor Chao-Lin Kuo surprises Professor Andrei Linde with evidence that supports cosmic inflation theory. The discovery, made by Kuo and his colleagues at the BICEP2 experiment, represents the first images of gravitational waves, or ripples in space-time. These waves have been described as the "first

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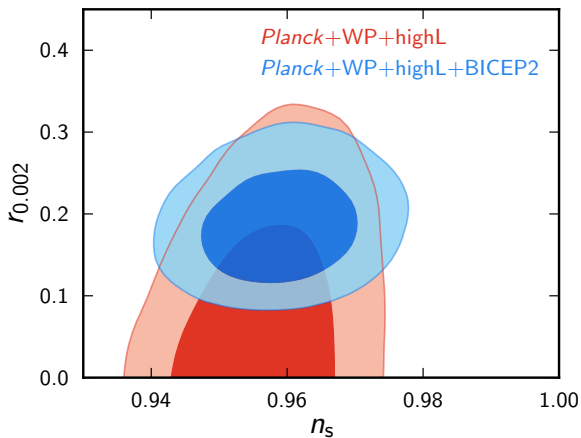
Detecting tensor modes with the CMB



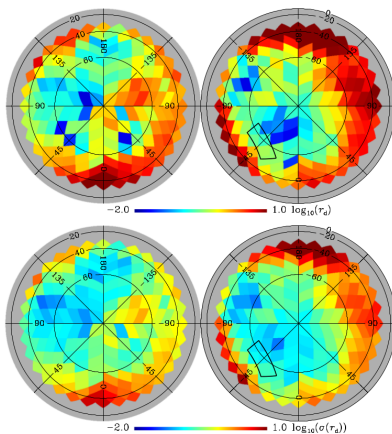
$r=0.24$

Taken from : Challinor, astro-ph/1210.6008

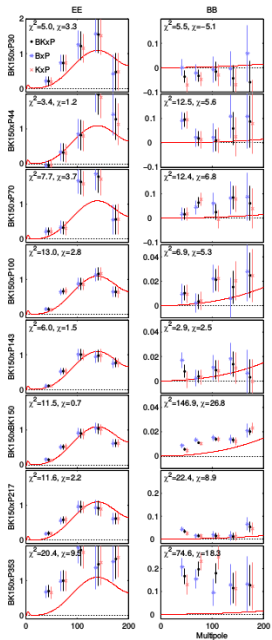
BICEP2 claim on Planck-like plot



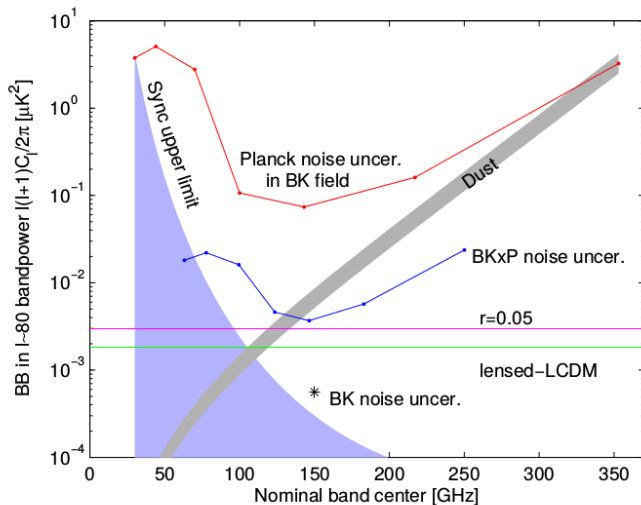
Planck Collaboration: Dust polarization at high latitudes



From Planck Collaboration : Dust polarization at high latitudes
(astro-ph/1409.3738)



$r < 0.12$ at 95 % now from B modes



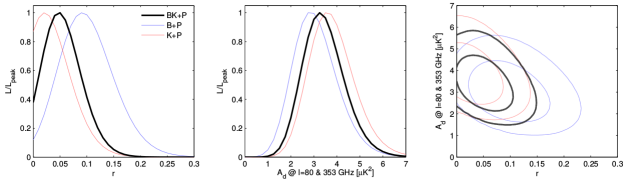
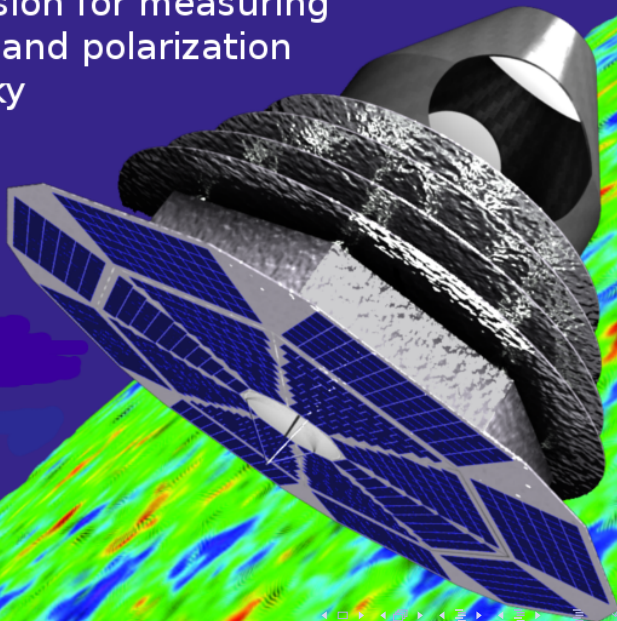


FIG. 6. Likelihood results from a basic lensed- Λ CDM+ r +dust model, fitting BB auto- and cross-spectra taken between maps at 150 GHz, 217, and 353 GHz. The 217 and 353 GHz maps come from *Planck*. The primary results (heavy black) use the 150 GHz combined maps from BICEP2/*Keck*. Alternate curves (light blue and red) show how the results vary when the BICEP2 and *Keck Array* only maps are used. In all cases a Gaussian prior is placed on the dust frequency spectrum parameter $\beta_d = 1.59 \pm 0.11$. In the right panel the two dimensional contours enclose 68% and 95% of the total likelihood.

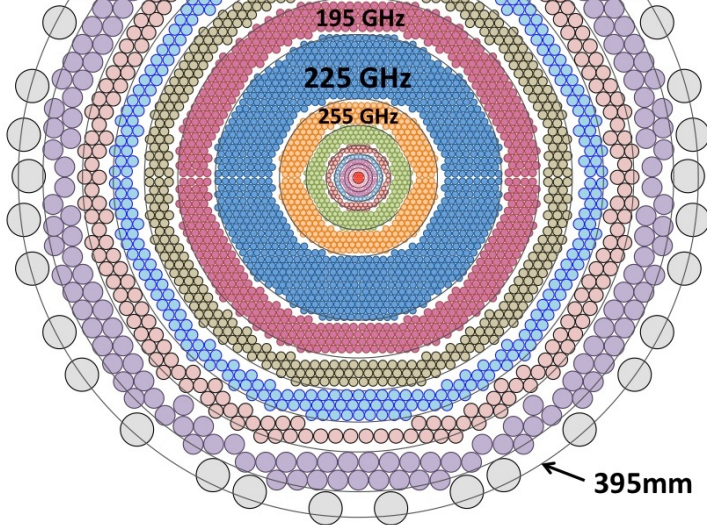
COrE : Cosmic Origins Explorer

A space mission for measuring
microwave band polarization
on the full sky



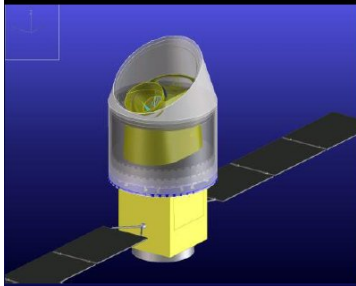
- 45 GHz
- 75 GHz
- 105 GHz
- 135 GHz

COrE Focal Plane (6384 detectors)



ビッグバン以前の宇宙を探るLiteBIRD衛星

Lite (light) Satellite for the studies of **B**-mode polarization and
Inflation from cosmic background **R**adiation **D**etection



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This talk is dedicated to Bruce Winstein.

LiteBird Detectors/Resolution

Band	Beam size [deg]	Pixel size[cm]	Edge Taper [dB]	Aperture efficiency	The # of bolometers	uK arcmin for 2 K mirror/baffle
60	1.7	2.0	4.5	0.65	312	6.35
80	1.3	2.0	7.8	0.84	156	6.53
100	1	2.0	<-10	0.94	156	6.06
Sub total					624	
100	1	1.2	-4.5	0.65	434	4.16
150	0.7	1.2	-10	0.91	434	3.02
220	0.47	1.2	<-10	0.99	434	3.02
Sub total					1302	
Total					1926	1.7

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