Cosmology from ACT and WMAP: the microwave sky from 2<*l*<10000



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Launched 2001. WMAP has now collected 9 years of data as of August 2010, and has ended operations.

7-year papers from Jan 2010:

- Jarosik et al., "Sky Maps, Systematic Errors, and Basic Results" 1001.4744
- Gold et al., "Galactic Foreground Emission" 1001.4555
- Larson et al., "Power Spectra and WMAP-derived parameters" 1001.4635
- Bennett et al., "Are there Cosmic Microwave Background anomalies?" 1001.4758
- Komatsu et al., "Cosmological Interpretation" 1001.4538
- Weiland et al., "Planets and celestial calibration sources" 1001.4731

Atacama Cosmology Telescope

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- \rightarrow ~ 90 collaborators



ACT 2008-data papers

- Hincks et al 2009 'Beam Profiles and First SZ Cluster Maps', 0907.0461
 Fowler et al 2010 'A Measurement of the 600< ell <8000 Cosmic Microwave Background Power Spectrum at 148 GHz', 1001.2934
- Swetz et al 2010 'The Receiver and Instrumentation', 1007.0290
- Marriage et al 2010 'Extragalactic Sources at 148 GHz in the 2008 Survey', 1007.5256
- Menanteau et al 2010 'Physical Properties and Purity of a Galaxy Cluster Sample Selected via the Sunyaev-Zel'dovich Effect', 1006.5126
- Hajian et al 2010 'Calibration with WMAP Using Cross-Correlations', 1009.0777

Das et al 2010

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- 'A Measurement of the CMB Power Spectrum at 148 and 218 GHz from the 2008 Southern Survey', 1009.0847
 - 'Cosmological Parameters from the 2008 Power Spectra', 1009.0866

The Cosmic Microwave Background



- Linear theory (at early times)
- Basic elements are well understood. Initial fluctuations evolve.
- Numerical codes predict power spectrum in a given universe.

$$T(\hat{n}) = \sum_{lm} a_{lm} Y_{lm}(\hat{n})$$
$$c_{l} = \frac{1}{2l+1} \sum_{m=-l}^{l} |a_{lm}|^{2}$$

7-year WMAP spectrum 6000 TT 5000 *l*(*l*+1)C_{*l*}/2π [μK²] 000 000 0007 000 WMAP 5-year Τ(μΚ) +200 1000 0 2 ΤE $(l+1)C_l^{TE/2\pi}$ [μK^2] 1 0 ₫₮ -1 500 1000 10 100 Multipole moment *l* Jarosik et al. 2010

ACT probes new scales



- 5200 meter elevation, one of driest places on planet
- I° field of view, 6-meter primary, 2meter secondary, 1.4' resol
- 3 frequencies: 148, 220, 270 GHz, 3000 TES detectors



ACT 148-218 GHz power spectra

- WMAP extends to I=1000
 ACT: 500<I<10000 for 148 GHz, 1500<I<10000 for 218 GHz
- Higher acoustic peaks and Silk damping tail probed
- CMB dominates out to I~3000 for 148 GHz, and I~2000 for 218 GHz
- High ell dominated by point source and SZ.
- The 500<l<2500 range has previously been probed by e.g. ACBAR/QUAD.



ell<3000 CMB TT power spectrum



ACDM Parameters

• 6-parameter LCDM continues to fit the data well

• Scale invariant $n_s=1$ now disfavored at 3σ from CMB data alone, in support of inflation.

• Simple secondary parameter model captures high ell behavior.



Dunkley et al. 2010

The CMB appears to be lensed



• An unlensed spectrum would have sharper features

•Test for lensing in spectrum by marginalizing over (unphysical) parameter A_L , scaling lensing potential. [Calabrese et al 2008]

• Expect $A_L = 1$, and unlensed has $A_L = 0$. See lensing at almost 3σ level:

$$A_{L}=1.3 \pm 0.5^{+1.2}_{-1.0}$$
 (68, 95% CL)



Inflation: limits from spectrum

- Effective field theory, period of exponential expansion for > 60 efolds.
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- New upper limit on tensors, find ٠



$$(k_{1})^{n_{s}(k_{0})-1+\frac{1}{2}\ln(k/k_{0})dn_{s}/d\ln k}$$

Inflation: Non-Gaussianity limits

Can look for non-Gaussianity by looking for non-zero bispectrum, 3point function

Define ' f_{NL} ' using curvature fluctuations: $\Phi(x)=\Phi gauss(x)+f_{NL}[\Phi gauss(x)]^2$

From WMAP 7-year maps, see no detection of 3-point functions of primordial curvature perturbations (Komatsu et al 2010).

The 95% CL limits are:

 $\begin{array}{ll} -10 & < f_{\rm NL} \; {\rm local} & < 74 \\ -214 & < f_{\rm NL} \; {\rm equilateral} & < 266 \\ -410 & < f_{\rm NI} \; {\rm orthogonal} & < 6 \end{array}$

So, the WMAP data are consistent with the prediction of simple singleinflation models. Looking forward to Planck errors of ~5.

Primordial helium: detected at 6σ



Usually assume $Y_p=0.24$, predicted by BBN: $Y_p = 0.2485+0.0016[(273.9\Omega_bh^2-6) +100 (S-1)]$, Steigman More helium decreases electron density, increasing Silk damping.

We find $Y_p = 0.313 \pm 0.044$ (68% CL,ACT+WMAP)

(Already 3σ detection from WMAP+ACBAR+QUAD, Komatsu et al 2010)

A universe with no helium is now ruled out at 6 sigma from CMB – it would produce too much small scale power. Provides test of BBN epoch.

Relativistic species

'Assume' N=3 neutrino species.

$$\rho_{rel} = \left[\frac{7}{8} \left(\frac{4}{11}\right)^{4/3} N_{eff}\right] \rho_{\gamma}$$

- More species, longer radiation domination. Changing Neff changes equality redshift.
- Also species suppress early acoustic oscillations in primary CMB, and phase shift in primary CMB. Distinct to zeq.
- For ACT+WMAP7 we find $N_{eff} = 5.3 \pm 1.3$ (CMB now constrains it from above)
- Error reduced to \pm 0.75 with BAO and H₀ measures. Mean value higher than 3.04 but N=3 still fits data well!





From shape of spectrum, cosmic strings cannot be dominant source of anisotropy.

May be sub-dominant. Expected spectrum is uncertain.

We take Nambu string sims as in Battye & Moss 2010. At small scales expect ell⁻¹ scaling.

Find upper limits for ACT+WMAP: $G\mu < 1.6 \times 10^{-7} (95\%)$ (pre-ACT was 2.6×10⁻⁷)

Spectral index prefers to be less than unity (0.963±0.013), disfavoring hybrid inflation models predicting n~1



Sunyaev-Zel'dovich clusters in ACT



All been optically followed up (Menanteau et al 2010) and have redshift (out to z~1).
For high significance clusters, concordance cosmological model fits the number of clusters well for a given mass limit (Sehgal et al 2010 in prep).



Sunyaev Zel'dovich power



- Make predicted spectrum for SZ power for $\sigma_8 = 0.8$. Then scale it with some amplitude, A_{tSZ} . • $A_{tSZ} = 1$ is prediction for $\sigma_8 = 0.8$. Then, $A_{tSZ} \sim \sigma_8^{-7}$.
- ACT sees consistent power with SPT, but also with simple gas model templates.

• Kinetic SZ upper limit: <8 μ K² (95% CL) at I =3000.

Summary of results

With WMAP and ACT we measure the microwave power spectrum from 2 < ell < 10000; CMB is subdominant beyond ell~3000.

• Standard ACDM: the model continues to fit, and lensing of the CMB is required at almost 3σ significance.

• Inflation: ACT's longer lever arm gives new constraints on inflationary parameters: r < 0.25 from CMB alone and a running index disfavored.WMAP further constrains non-Gaussianity to $-10 < f_{NL} < 74$.

• Non-standard physics: relativistic species detected at 4σ , primordial helium at 6σ , and cosmic string contribution further limited.

• Sunyaev-Zel'dovich: New SZ clusters have been detected; numbers are consistent with Λ CDM. ACT (and SPT) see a preference for non-zero SZ power in spectrum.

• WMAP has 2 years more data; ACT has >75% data still to analyse.

• Planck results due 2012; ACTPol/SPTPol starting up 2012