COrE : Cosmic Origins Explorer A space mission for measuring microwave band polarization on the full sky

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COrE Planck Sensitivities vs. Expected signal



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Atmospheric optical depth vs. ν (GHz)



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Earth and balloon based experiments need ground shields



Horns define a clean beam with highly suppressed sidelobes



Horns from ACBAR

Far side lobes



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CAD realization of COrE design



COrE schematic



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At L2 all hot objects can be kept far below 'horizon'



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Photon shot noise

For a single mode :

$$\langle N \rangle = \left(\exp(x) - 1 \right)^{-1}, \qquad x = \left(\frac{h\nu}{k_B T_{CMB}} \right) = \left(\frac{\nu}{57 \text{ GHz}} \right)$$
$$\langle N^2 \rangle = 2 \langle N \rangle^2 + \langle N \rangle, \qquad \langle (\delta N)^2 \rangle = \langle N \rangle^2 + \langle N \rangle = N^2 + N$$
$$\left(\frac{\delta N}{N} \right) = \sqrt{1 + N^{-1}}$$

For $x \gg 1$, pure Poissonian noise, almost. For $x \ll 1$, photon bunching (Hanbury Brown and Twiss) photons arrive roughly in bunches of *N*, these correlations augment noise relative to Poisson distribution.

Radio astronomers' formula (quantum corrected)

$$\left(\frac{\delta I}{I}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_{det}}} \left(\frac{T_{sky} + \epsilon_{tel}T_{tel}}{T_{sky}}\right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{(\Delta\nu)t_{obs}}} \sqrt{e^{-1} + n_{occ}^{-1}}$$

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e = (quantum efficiency) = (prob. γ is absorbed $), \qquad T_{sky} \approx T_{CMB}$ $\epsilon_{tel} = ($ telescope emissivity)



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Single-mode bolometric detection



ν	n _{unpol}	n _{pol}	θ_{fwhm}	Temp (I)			Pol (Q,U)		
		, · ·		$\mu K \cdot \operatorname{arcmin}$			$\mu K \cdot arcmin$		
GHz			arcmin	RJ	CM	В	RJ	CMB	
30	4	4	32.7	198.5	203.2		280.7	287.4	
44	6	6	27.9	228.0	239.6		322.4	338.9	
70	12	12	13.0	186.5	211.2		263.7	298.7	
100	8	8	9.9	23.9	31.3		33.9	44.2	
143	11	8	7.2	11.9	20.1		19.7	33.3	
217	12	8	4.9	9.4	28.5		16.3	49.4	
353	12	8	4.7	7.6	107.0		13.2	185.3	
545	3	0	4.7	6.8	1.1 ×	10 ³	_	-	
857	3	0	4.4	2.9	8.3 ×	10 ⁴	_	-	
PLANCK (30 month mission)									
ν	$(\Delta \nu)$	n _{det}	θ _{fwhm}	Temp (I)		P	Pol (Q,U)		
				µK ·arcmin		μK arcmin			
GHz	GHz		arcmin	RJ	CMB	RJ	CMB		
45	15	64	23.3	4.98	5.25	8.61	9.07		
75	15	300	14.0	2.36	2.73	4.09	4.72		
105	15	400	10.0	2.03	2.68	3.50	4.63		
135	15	550	7.8	1.68	2.63	2.90	4.55		
165	15	750	6.4	1.38	2.67	2.38	4.61		
195	15	1150	5.4	1.07	2.63	1.84	4.54		
225	15	1800	4.7	0.82	2.64	1.42	4.57		
255	15	575	4.1	1.40	6.08	2.43	10.5		
285	15	375	3.7	1.70	10.1	2.94	17.4		
315	15	100	3.3	3.25	26.9	5.62	46.6		
375	15	64	2.8	4.05	68.6	7.01	119		
435	15	64	2.4	4.12	149	7.12	258		
555	195	64	1.9	1.23	227	3.39	626		
675	195	64	1.6	1.28	1320	3.52	3640	1	

COrE summary (4 year mission)

TAB.: COrE performance compared to WMAP and PLANCK.

COrE's 15 Spectral Bands



Note that 3 highest bands overlap

In order to carry out foreground subtraction and provide redundancy for cross-checks 15 bands are required, minus a few. [3 synchrotron-amp.+spect-ind+running, 1 CMB, 2 free-free, 6 dust (2 BBs A+temp+emmis. index)+1 th.sz=13+2(safety)]

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Core Optics



Polarization Modulation—Rotating Half-Wave Plate



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Polarization modulation with a rotating half-wave plate

$$\begin{pmatrix} E_x^{(tel)} \\ E_y^{(tel)} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \Omega t & \sin \Omega t \\ -\sin \Omega t & \cos \Omega t \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \Omega t & -\sin \Omega t \\ \sin \Omega t & \cos \Omega t \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E_x^{(sky)} \\ E_y^{(sky)} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\langle (E_x^{tel})^2 \rangle = I + Q\cos 4\Omega + U\sin 4\Omega t$$

$$\langle (E_x^{tel})^2 \rangle = I - Q\cos 4\Omega - U\sin 4\Omega t$$

- For measuring polarization, all harmonics —in particular those at 0Ωt, 2Ωt—are rejected except those at 4Ωt are rejected.
- Stray light that becomes polarized from within telescope is thus rejected. $T_{tel} \rightarrow B \mod e$
- One is not subtracting two measurements with different beamsizes, aliasing T anisotropy into B mode
- Still has to know detector and telescope geometry very accurate; otherwise, E mode masquerades as B mode

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Science with COrE

Constraining inflation with COrE



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 $r = 10^{-3}$ at 3σ at least.

Lensing science with COrE—Measuring the Lensing Deflection Power Spectrum



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Lensing reconstruction noise : PLANCK vs COrE



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Detecting inverted absolute neutrino mass hierarchy



Here we plot $m_{\nu}^{i} = 0$ vs. $m_{1} = m_{2} = 0.05$ eV, $m_{3} = 0$

 $\sigma(\sum m_{\nu}^{i})=0.03 \text{ eV}$ (COrE with all parameters other parameters determined by COrE), 0.012 eV (with other parameters fixed) For comparison, KATRIN projection is $\sigma \approx 0.1 eV$ on electron neutrino mass.

Probing Primordial Bispectral Non-Gaussianity



Three shapes of primordial non-Gaussianity (local, equilateral, cosmic strings). $f_{NL}^{local} < 2.5$ Factor 2.5 improvement relative to PLANCK.

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Galactic science with COrE

- The low-frequency data (especially the 45 GHz map) will be 30 times more sensitive than PLANCK LFI and will provide a full-sky view of the synchrotron polarization virtually free of Faraday rotation, which in conjunction with lower frequency data from the ground (eg QUIJOTE) can be used to map the galactic magnetic field.
- Above 353 GHz PLANCK has no polarization sensitive bolometers and the resolution is not diffraction limited (4.4 arcmin vs 1.3 arcmin) in highest frequency channel. This will allow high-resolution mapping of the polarized dust emission in diffuse regions not accessible and allow mapping the magnetic field in regions of star formation.
- Numerous new point sources (both polarized and unpolarized) will be discovered across the full sky.

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Foregrounds and component separation

- Synchrotron emission (cosmic rays spiralling in galactic magnetic field) $T_{sync,RJ} \propto \nu^{\alpha}$ where $\alpha \approx 3$ but varies spatially. Spectrum smooth in ν . Observed by WMAP to be highly polarized.
- Free-free emission bremsstrahlung of electrons in HI regions, For $I H_{\alpha}$ maps serve as faithful tracer. At most slightly polarized.
- Spinning dust (aka anomalous dust emission) regions of low frequency emission correlated with dust emission at high-frequencies. Attributed to rapidly (supra-thermally) spinning dust grains. Polarization properties uncertain.
- Thermal dust emission. At present best model has two components with separate amplitudes, emissivity indices, and temperatures. Model could become more complicated as data improves.
- Zodiacal light. Hotter dust from our solar system. Thermal emission and scattering. Most visible in 25μ maps, does not lend itself well to traditional component separation methods.
- Sunyaev-Zeldovich (thermal and kinetic).
- Radio and infrared point sources. Each have a different spectrum. Mask brightest and model unresolved.

Linear component separation model.

$$T_f^{sky}(\Omega) = M_{fc}X_c(\Omega)$$

Simulations and forecasts for COrE : Basak, Bonaldi, Delabrouille, Peiris, Ricciardi, Verde



Basak & Delabrouille ; similar results from Bonaldi & Ricciardi

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