BOOMERANG and CMB polarization

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BOOMERanG



- Is a microwave telescope (90-410 GHz)
- with sensitive bolometric receivers (10' resolution)
- scanning the sky from the Antarctic stratosphere.

BOOMERanG

 Measures the temperature of the primordial (380 000 years) universe

First flight (B98):
BOOMERanG mapped the temperature fluctuations of the CMB at 150 GHz at subhorizon scales (<1°).



- The rms signal has the CMB derivative spectrum and does not fit any spectrum of foreground emission.
- Foreground Contamination is less than 1% of the CMB PS at 145 GHz.



Statistical information: angular power spectrum



Compare with same weak prior on 0.5<h<0.9

BOOMERanG 98

Ruhl et al. astro-ph/0212229

Bennett et al. astro-ph/0302208

- $\Omega = 1.03 \pm 0.05$
- $n_s = 1.02 \pm 0.07$
- $\Omega_{\rm b}h^2 = 0.023 \pm 0.003$
- $\Omega_{\rm m}h^2 = 0.14 \pm 0.04$
- $T=14.5\pm1.5$ Gyr
- $\tau_{rec} = ?$

• $\Omega = 1.02 \pm 0.02$

WMAP 1

- $n_s = 0.99 \pm 0.04 *$
- $\Omega_{\rm b} h^2 = 0.022 \pm 0.001$
- $\Omega_{\rm m}h^2 = 0.14 \pm 0.02$
- $T = 13.7 \pm 0.2 \text{ Gyr}$
- $\tau_{\rm rec} = 0.166 \pm 0.076$

Remarkable consistency among completely independent experiments. The parameters fit the inflationary model.

CMB polarization

- We do expect CMB polarization since CMB photons are Thomson scattered at recombination.
- If the local distribution of incoming radiation in the rest frame of the electron has a *quadrupole moment*, the scattered radiation acquires some degree of linear polarization
- Polarization is described by the Stokes Parameters (I,Q,U,V)
- Linear polarization is described by rods in the sky (I,Q,U)







- Velocity and density fields can only generate polarization patterns symmetric under coordinate inversion (positive parity): E-modes
- From the cosmological parameters is possible to predict the angular power spectrum of the E-modes





Interest of detecting E-modes:

- In all the cosmological parameters analysis an *adiabatic* type of fluctuations is assumed (because simple and predicted by the simplest inflation models)
- If other types of fluctuations are considered (for example iso-curvature ones) the determination of cosmological parameters becomes much less precise.
- Precision can be recovered by studying independent observables, like the **polarization** of the CMB.

Interest of detecting E-modes:

- The universe gets reionized when the first stars form.
- The **polarization** of the CMB at **large angular scales** is heavily affected by reionization.
- It is a way to measure the redshift of reionization, between z=5 and 20, complementary to work based on the Gunn-Peterson effect (see e.g. Becker et al. (2001) and Djorgovski et al. (2001).)

B-modes polarization

- If inflation really happened:
 - ✓ It stretched geometry of space to nearly Euclidean
 - ✓ It produced a nearly scale invariant spectrum of Gaussian density fluctuations
 - It produced a stochastic background of gravitational waves: Primordial G.W. The background is so faint that even LISA will not be able to measure it.
- G-W also produce quadrupole anisotropy in the plasma. They generate E-modes and negative parity components (B-modes) in the CMB polarization field.

Only gravitational waves can generate B-modes CMB pol. becomes a detector of primordial gravitational waves

CMB pol. becomes a detector of inflationary energy





Polarization data at June 2005





The Polarization-sensitive BOOMERanG: B03

• We have modified the focal plane of BOOMERanG after the anisotropy flight of 1998, to accomodate Bolometers sensitive to the Polarization.

Freq	Bandwidth	#detectors	Beam FWHM	NET_{CMB}
$145~\mathrm{GHz}$	$45~\mathrm{GHz}$	8	9.95'	170 $\mu K \sqrt{s}$
$245~\mathrm{GHz}$	$80 \mathrm{GHz}$	4	6.22'	$320 \ \mu K \sqrt{s}$
$345~\mathrm{GHz}$	100 GHz	4	6.90'	450 $\mu K \sqrt{s}$



- 16 detectors
- 8 pixels in the focal plane, separated by 30'.
- 145, 245, 345 GHz bands

the BOOMERANG balloon-borne telescope



B03 Sensitive at 145, 245, 345 GHz





GPS Altitude - BOOMERANG (516N) Jan 5, 2003 - Jan 20, 2003





Survey Strategy



Region	Size (sq deg)	Goal	Time per 7' pixel (for each detector)
Deep CMB	115	<ee></ee>	60 sec
Shallow CMB	1130	<te> and <tt></tt></te>	3.3 sec
Galactic Plane	390	Polarized Foregrounds	4.7 sec







Remarkable agreement of 3 independent experiments.

In the deep survey, B03 has improved the pixel sensitivity by a factor about 10, wrt WMAP at the same pixellization

Is this enough to see CMB polarization ? No

Is this enough to measure CMB polarization ? Yes



Optimal maps obtained with IGLS, the Rome pipeline (Natoli et al. 2001)



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B03 T Power Spectrum vs other current exp.s



E-modes polarization angular Power Spectrum

- Signal extremely small, but detection evident for EE (non zero at 4.8σ).
- No detection for BB nor for EB
- Time and detectors jacknife OK, i.e. systematics negligible
- Data consistent with TT best fit model
- Error bars dominated by detector noise.



B03 Collaboration



T-E correlation angular Power Spectrum

- Detection evident
 (3.5σ)
- Time and detectors jacknife OK, i.e. systematics negligible
- Data consistent with TT best fit model



B03 Collaboration


Summary of TT, TE, EE, BB Spectra from B03



We have detected VERY SMALL polarization signals, 2-3 orders of magnitude lower than anisotropy

- We are safe from the point of view of systematics and foregrounds
- We are VERY FAR from detecting inflationary B-modes

Constraining Cosmological Parameters

- We have now several high quality data sets to probe cosmological parameters:
 - CMB spectrum
 - CMB temperature anisotropy and polarization angular power spectra
 - 3-D distribution of galaxies (2dFGRS, SDSS)
 - SN1a
 - Lensing
 - Ly- α forest
- CMB spectra have well known degeneracies: cannot be used alone to constrain all cosmological parameters
- Non-CMB data sets have lower accuracy than CMB anisotropy ones.
- A very simple minimalist model with 5 parameters works extremely well and is consistent with all the observations above.
- It is a flat universe with baryons, dark matter, dark energy in the form of a cosmological constant, and with Gaussian, adiabatic, scale invariant primordial density fluctuations.
- Is described by the parameters $\omega_{b}(=\Omega_{b}h^{2})$, $\omega_{dm}(=\Omega_{dm}h^{2})$, Ω_{Λ} , τ , A_{s} . Here $n_{s}=1$, $\Omega_{k}=0$, $w_{de}=-1$, r=0.

Combining B03 anis. and pol. measurements :

- Pol only constraints consistent with concordance model
- Parameter constraints dominated by small errors on the TT spectrum
- `CMBall' == ACBAR, CBI, DASI, MAXIMA, VSA, WMAP (TT + TE)
- Corrected likelihoods at low ℓ (Slosar & Seljak 2004)
- 2dF and SDSS LSS data included with marginalization over linear bias parameter $b_g = 1.0 + /- 0.1$
- SN1a 'gold' compilation from Reiss et al.
- Weak uniform priors:

Parameter	Limits	Parameter	Limits
$\Omega_b h^2$	0.005 - 0.1	n _s	0.5 - 1.5
$\Omega_c h^2$	0.01 - 0.99	$\ln[10^{10}A_{s}]$	2.7 - 4.0
θ	0.5 - 10.0	Age(Gyr)	10 - 20
au	0.01 - 0.8	H_0	45 - 90



Extensions of Minimalist Model

Curvature

02

0.4

 A_{t}/A_{s}

- Running of the spectral index
- Tensor modes
- Massive neutrinos



 $m_{\nu}(eV)$

The presence of massive neutrinos slows the growth of small scale structures To match the growth of structures with CMB data, mass of neutrinos have to be lower than a certain level

Where do we go from here

- Polarization measurements do not constrain parameters better than anisotropy measurements, yet.
- Most of the weight in the results above is in Temperature power spectra.
- If we want to detect B-modes, we need to improve in three ways::
 - 1. Sensitivity
 - 2. Control of systematics
 - 3. Knowledge of foregrounds

<u>Sensitivity</u>

- B03 has shown that Polarization Sensitive Bolometers work well for CMB polarization measurements.
- Their sensitivity is close to be photon-noise-limited. In Planck-HFI the same bolometers will be cooled a factor 3 more and will be limited only by quantum fluctuations of the CMB itself. It is useless to improve the detector noise below the photon noise limit.

Control of Systematic Effects

- B03 has shown that systematic effects can be controlled by a combination of
 - Multifrequency capabilities
 - Scan variation
 - Polariziation angle redundancy
 - Variations of observing conditions
 - Accurate pre-flight and in-flight calibration
- This was OK at the level of sensitivity of B03 (i.e. 3σ detection of E-modes, 4 μ K rms).
- Nobody knows how to control systematics for a B-modes experiment (<0.1 μ K rms).
- Experiments are necessary to test the technique/methodology before to start the design of a Bmodes space mission.

<u>Control of Foregrounds</u>

- Diffuse Dust emission is polarized at 10% in the plane of the Galaxy. See astro-ph/0306222 "First Detection of Polarization of the Submillimetre Diffuse Galactic Dust Emission by Archeops".
- Its polarization will have both E-modes and B-modes.
- We know that at 150 GHz at high latitudes the PS of dust emission is about 1% of the PS of CMB anisotropy (Masi et al. Ap.J. 553, L93-L96, 2001)
- So we naively expect B-modes from dust polarization PS at a level of 10⁻⁴ of the anisotropy.
- This is an important foreground for B-modes of CMB, whose level is also about 10⁻⁴ of anisotropy !
- These are only rough estimates. We know very little about the configuration and distribution of the magnetic fields aligning the dust grains.



B2K5

- We plan to re-fly B2K with an upgraded focal plane, to go after foreground cirrus dust polarization.
- This information is **essential** for all the planned Bmodes experiments (e.g. BICEP, Dome-C etc.) and is very difficult to measure from ground.
- The BOOMERanG optics can host an array of >100 PSB at >350 GHz.





340 GHz PSB



140 GHz PSB

A post-Planck mission

- A post-Planck dedicated mission, with a large array of sensitive polarized detectors, is needed to detect Bmodes **and** constrain inflationary parameters (energy scale, r, n_T , V(ϕ) ...)
 - NASA Origins : Inflation Probe
 - ESA Cosmic Vision : Full Sky Polarization Mapper
 - ASI COFIS : B-POL
 - ... ? ...
- Meanwhile, laboratory, balloon-borne and groundbased experiments will develop the needed technology
- 10 years timescale ????