Containing Systematics in CMB Polarisation Experiments

Cleaning up the CMB for better estimation of r

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CMB B-modes and r

- A CMB telescope observes the microwave sky and provides us the T, Q and U Stokes parameters.
- By convention and convenience we represent the polarisation signal in terms of the quantities E and B
- Through this we have a unique handle on the physics of the early universe and holds the key to understanding inflation



CMB B-modes and r

- Primordial gravitational waves induce signal in both E and B modes
- Scalar perturbations produce no signal in B
- The tensor to scalar ratio gives us directly the energy scales of Inflation

$$r = \frac{\triangle_h^2}{\triangle_\Re^2}$$
$$= 0.1 \frac{V}{[2 \times 10^{16} \, GeV]^4}$$



Map Making and Power Spectra Estimation

Data Compression

• We can think of the process of Map Making and Power Spectrum estimation essentially as stages of data compression.

Time-ordered instrumental data and signal Several TBs to a few PBs



Power Spectra Few thousand data points

Map Making

• The purpose of map making is to reconstruct the microwave sky from the time-ordered data

We model our data as

$$d_{t} = \frac{1}{2} \{ I_{p(t)} + Q_{p(t)} cos(2\psi_{t}) + U_{p(t)} sin(2\psi_{t}) \} + n_{t}$$

$$d = AS + n$$

In order to estimate S we construct a χ^2 and minimise it to get

$$\chi^2 = (d - AS)^T N^{-1} (d - AS)$$
$$\Delta_S \chi^2 = 0$$

And, this give us

$$\widehat{S} = (A^T N^{-1} A)^{-1} A^T N^{-1} d$$

- Having obtained our T, Q, U maps we wish to construct the CMB power spectra
- Analogous to the Fourier Transform in 1D, we decompose the signal on the spherical sky in a basis of the Legendre polynomials Y_{lm} and ${}_{\pm 2}Y_{lm}$
- On account of being a Gaussian distributed at all scales, all statistical information is contained within the C_l

Having obtained the harmonic coefficients, the power spectrum is obtained as

$$C_l^{XY} = \frac{1}{2l+1} \sum_{m=-l}^{m=l} \langle a_{lm}^{*X} a_{lm}^{Y} \rangle$$

The statistical information of the CMB sky is contained in the four spectra C_l^{TT} , C_l^{EE} , C_l^{BB} , C_l^{TE}

Systematics in CMB Observation

Systematics and signal leakage

- Ideally we would expect all the instruments to be perfect and life would have been easier
- In reality instruments will have certain imperfections

Some of the types of Systematics are

- Asymmetric beam
- Bandpass mismatch
- Pointing error

The consequence of such imperfections is the leakage of signal from Temperature to Polarisation. As the Temperature signal is a few orders of magnitude larger than Polarisation, the leakage will swamp out any primordial B-mode signal.

- To facilitate the study of Systematics and data analysis techniques it was essential to build a scalable and efficient simulation and map-making pipeline
- The simulation code is optimised for a COrE like scan strategy
- Coded in python using optimised libraries.
- MPI parallelised to be scalable and run over several processes.
- Capable of performing an efficient real space beam convolution for beams of any shape.

Real space convolution

- With our pixel space convolution we get a superior simulated signal as compared to scanning from pre-smoothed maps.
- We have better control over pixelisation issues and pointing at different points within the same Healpix pixel.



Asymmetric Beams - Pixelised Beam Maps

8' symmetric beam



8', 10% elliptic beam



Realistic 7.68^{''} beam. Court. Mark Ashdown



Leakage estimation pipeline : Summary



Convolved map

Input map





Deconvolve for circular beam in harmonic space



Estimated leakage map





Deconvolved map



7.68' fwhm beam, 4 bolos





7.68' fwhm beam, 4 bolos





Leakage due to Bandpass mismatch

- The bolometers observing the sky have a frequency response which gives rise to a bandpass over which the sky signal is integrated
- In reality the bolometers will have slightly different band edges, centres and shapes.
- This gives rise to leakage from Temperature to Polarisation and is detrimental to the measurement of r





Modeling the Leakage

An interesting way to model the leakage is to take the difference of signal from orthogonal detectors

$$\begin{aligned} d_t &= \frac{1}{2} \{ d_t^{(a)} - d_t^{(b)} \} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \{ Q_{\rho(t)} \cos(2\psi_t) + U_{\rho(t)} \sin(2\psi_t) \}_{CMB} \\ &+ \frac{1}{4} \left[\{ I_{\rho(t)}^{(a)} - I_{\rho(t)}^{(b)} \} + \{ Q_{\rho(t)}^{(a)} + Q_{\rho(t)}^{(b)} \} \cos(2\psi_t) + \{ U_{\rho(t)}^{(a)} + U_{\rho(t)}^{(b)} \} \sin(2\psi_t) \right]_{GAL} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \{ Q\cos(2\psi_t) + U\sin(2\psi_t) \} + \frac{1}{4} \bigtriangleup \alpha I_{GAL}^{(0)} \\ &= As + Ty \end{aligned}$$

Here, we try to model the leakage as a template times an amplitude where the template is a Thermal Dust T map at a certain frequency. We attempt to find the amplitude of this template so that we can subtract it from the timestream.

Correcting the leakage

We construct the χ^2 and iteratively by first estimating \S , substituting it back and then estimating y. This gives us

$$\chi^{2} = (d - As - Ty)^{T} (d - As - Ty)$$
$$\widehat{S} : \bigtriangleup_{S} \chi^{2} = 0$$
$$\widehat{y} : \bigtriangleup_{y} \chi^{2} = 0$$

and this give us.

$$\widehat{y} = (T^T F_S T)^{-1} T^T F_S d$$
$$F_S = \{1 - A(A^T A)^{-1} A^T\}$$

We can now correct for the leakage by

$$\widehat{S} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T (d - y I_{GAL}^{(0)})$$

Note : Few bugs in the template estimation pipeline, so no plots on correction yet

- We hope to model most of the leakage terms due to systematics.
- Once we have a suitable model we will be able to apply the same technique as for bandpass leakage.
- Instead of one parameter y, we end up with an array of scalars \overline{y} .