

# CLASS

## the Cosmological Linear Anisotropy Solving System<sup>1</sup>



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- 1 The 10 modules and their generic organization
- 2 Review of modules with emphasis on background, thermodynamics, perturbations, (transfer)

# The 10 `class` modules

Executing `class` means going once through the sequence of modules:

```
1. input.c           # parse/make sense of input parameters
                    # (advanced logic)
2. background.c     # homogeneous background
3. thermodynamics.c # ionisation history, scattering rate
4. perturbations.c # evolution of linear perturbations
                    # in Fourier space
5. primordial.c     # primordial spectrum, inflation
6. fourier.c        # 2-point statistics in Fourier space:
                    # P(k), P_NL(k), sigma8...
7. transfer.c       # conversion from Fourier to harmonic
                    # space (line-of-sight integral)
8. harmonic.c       # 2-point stat. in harmonic space: C_l
9. lensing.c        # CMB lensing
10. distortions.c   # CMB spectral distortions
(+ 11. output.c)    # (print output in files)
```

# Overall structure of `class`

In CLASS, what is a `module`?

- a file `include/xxx.h` containing some declarations
- a file `source/xxx.c` containing some functions
- each module is associated with a structure `xx`, containing all what *other* modules need to know, and nothing else
- some fields in this structure are filled in the `input.c` module (input parameters relevant for this module)
- all other fields are filled by a function `xxx_init(...)`
- “executing a module”  $\equiv$  calling `xxx_init(...)`



In `include/background.h`: localise `struct background`

In `source/background.c`: localise `background_init()`

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**Remark:** a module in the `CLASS` code is very similar to a “class” in `C++`. We enjoy the structure of `C++` with the speed and readability of `C`.

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The `main()` function of `CLASS` located in `main/class.c` could only contain:

```
int main() {
    input_init_...(..., ppr, pba, pth, ppt, ptr, ppm, phr, pfo, ple, psd,
        pop);
    background_init(ppr, pba);
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    perturbations_init(ppr, pba, pth, ppt);
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    output_init(pba, pth, ppt, ppm, ptr, phr, pfo, ple, psd, pop)
    /* all calculations done, free the structures */
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    fourier_free(pfo);
    primordial_free(ppm);
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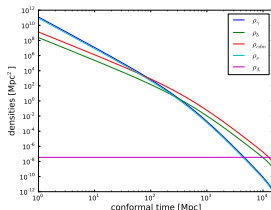
- Get all background quantities as function of a time variable (class v>3.0 → integration w.r.t.  $\ln(a)$ , but afterwards everything available as function of  $a$ ,  $z$ , conformal time  $\tau$ , proper time  $t$ )

- integration of Friedmann:  $\frac{d\tau}{d\ln a} = \frac{1}{aH}$

- Gives mapping between  $\tau \leftrightarrow a \leftrightarrow z \leftrightarrow t$

- Gives time evolution of all densities, pressures,  $\Omega_m$ ,  $\Omega_r$

- Gives time evolution of relevant cosmological distances and horizons, approximate (scale-independent) growth factors, varying fundamental constants...



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## New in class v>3.0: $a_0$ absorbed everywhere

All quantities that should normally scale with some power of  $a_0^n$  are renormalised by  $a_0^{-n}$ , in order to be independent of  $a_0$ .

Examples: •  $a$  in the code stands for  $a/a_0$  in reality

- $\tau$  in the code stands for  $a_0 \tau c$  in Mpc
- any prime in the code stands for  $\frac{1}{a_0 c} \frac{d}{d\tau}$  in  $\text{Mpc}^{-1}$
- $r_x$  stands for any comoving radius times  $a_0$

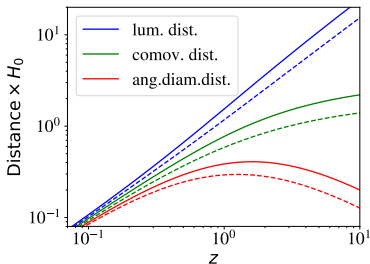
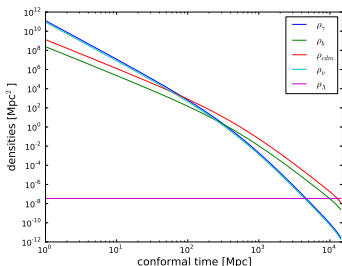
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Retrieving background information when running C code from command line:

`./class myinput.ini`

- 1 with `background_verbose=1` or more, gives age, conformal age,  $N_{\text{eff}}$ ,  $z_{\text{eq}}$ ...
- 2 with `write_background=yes`, gives a table output/myinput\_background.dat with many columns, at least:

1:z	2:proper time [Gyr]	3:conf. time [Mpc]
4:H [1/Mpc]	5:comov. dist.	6:ang.diam.dist.
7:lum. dist.	8:comov.snd.hrz.	9:(.)rho_g
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13:(.)rho_ur	14:(.)rho_crit	15:(.)rho_tot
16:(.)p_tot	17:(.)p_tot_prime	
18:gr.fac. D	19:gr.fac. f	





Retrieving background information through the python wrapper in a script/notebook:

- 1 with function `background=xxx.get_background()`: get a dictionary identical to previous table:  
`dict_keys(['(.)rho_crit', 'lum. dist.', '(.)rho_b', 'H [1/Mpc]', 'conf. time [Mpc]', 'comov.snd.hrz.', '(.)rho_g', '(.)rho_lambda', 'comov. dist.', '(.)rho_cdm', 'ang.diam.dist.', 'proper time [Gyr]', 'gr.fac. D', 'gr.fac. f', 'z', '(.)rho_ur'])`  
(see example in [notebooks/distances.ipynb](#) or [scripts/distances.py](#))
- 2 with parameters=`xxx.get_current_derived_parameters([.,.,.,.])`: get list of requested arguments, including:  
`'h', 'H0', 'Omega_Lambda', 'Omega0 fld', 'age', 'conformal_age', 'm_ncdm_in_eV', 'm_ncdm_tot', 'Neff', 'Omega_m', 'omega_m', ...`  
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- 3 additional specific functions to retrieve background quantities:  
`.Hubble(z), .angular_distance(z), .luminosity_distance(z),  
.scale_independent_growth_factor(z),  
.scale_independent_growth_factor_f(z),`  
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Exemple of DE/DM/DR fluid:

- $\{A\} = \{\rho_i(a), p_i(a), H(a), \dots, w_{\text{fld}}(a), \rho_{\text{fld}}(\rho_{\text{fld}})\}$
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- $\{B\} = \{\phi, \phi'\}$  with  $\frac{d\phi}{d \ln a} = \frac{\phi'}{aH}$ ,  $\frac{d\phi'}{d \ln a} = -2\phi' - \frac{a}{H}V(\phi)$

# Background module

Classification of variables in background module:

In general, three types of parameters:

- $\{A\}$  which can be expressed directly at any given time, as a function of  $a$  or additional variables  $\{B\}$ .
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Also Cold Dark Matter decaying into Dark Radiation...

- $\{A\} = \{\rho_i, p_i, H, \dots, \rho_{\text{dcdm}}, \rho_{\text{dr}}\}$
- $\{B\} = \{\rho_{\text{dcdm}}, \rho_{\text{dr}}\}$  with  $\frac{d\rho_{\text{dcdm}}}{d\ln a} = -3\rho_{\text{dcdm}} - \frac{a}{H}\Gamma(a)\rho_{\text{dcdm}}$

External functions in background module:

```
background_at_z(...) # interpolates all background
                    # quantities {A,B,C} at given z
background_at_tau(...) # interpolates all background
                      # quantities {A,B,C} at given tau
background_tau_of_z(...) # conversion tau(z)
background_z_of_tau(...) # conversion z(tau)
background_functions(...) # direct analytic expression
                          # of {A} given a,{B}
background_w_fld(...) # direct analytic expression
                     # of w(a) for fluid
background_varconst_of_z(...) # direct analytic expression
                              # of alpha(a), ...
```

# Background module

Internal functions in background module with technical role:

```
# common to all modules
background_init(...)
background_free(...)
background_free_noinput(...)
background_free_input(...)
background_indices(...)

# solves ODE d{B,C}/dlna=...
background_solve(...) # calls generic_evolver(...)
background_sources(...) # technical for generic_evolver(...)
background_timescale(...) # technical for      ''

# extract data from pba->background_table
# for output in file (with write_background)
# or through wrapper (with .get_background())
background_output_titles(...) # write header
background_output_data(...) # extract one row of values
```

# Background module

Internal functions in background module with the physics (in addition to background\_functions(...), \_w\_fld(...), \_varconst\_of\_z(...)):

```
# for ncdm species with psd (massive nu's, WDM, ...)
background_ncdm_distribution(...) # defines actual psd f(q)
background_ncdm_test_function(...)
background_ncdm_init(...)
background_ncdm_momenta(...)
background_ncdm_M_from_Omega(...)

background_checks(...) # input consistency checks

# for ODE: d{B,C}/dlna=...
background_initial_conditions(...) # ICs
background_derivs(...) # actual differential equations
                        # (calls background_function(), ...)

background_find_equality(...) # get tau_eq, z_eq

# detailed summary of cosmo. params if input_verbose>1
background_output_budget(...)

# for scalar field (quintessence): potential, ...
V_scf(...), dV_scf(...), ddV_scf(...), Q_scf(...)
```

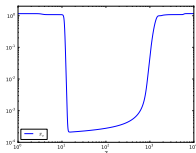


## B. Thermodynamics

Get all thermodynamics quantities as a function of a time variable (**class** → redshift  $z$ ) after integrating differential equations like recombination equations:

$$\frac{dx_e}{dz} = \text{excitation, ionization}$$

$$\frac{dT_b}{dz} = \text{expansion, heating}$$



Then  $x_e(z) \rightarrow \kappa'(z)$  (Thomson scattering rate) and its higher derivatives  
→  $\kappa(z)$  (Optical depth) and its exponential  
→  $g(z)$  (visibility function for Sachs-Wolfe effect) and its derivative  
→  $\tau_d(z)$  (baryon drag optical depth)  
→  $r_d(z)$  (approximate photon comoving damping scale)  
while  $T_b(z) \rightarrow w_b(z)$  (baryon e.o.s parameter)  
→  $c_b^2(z)$  (baryon sound speed) and its derivatives

Plus possibly: exotic scattering rates, optical depth, visibility, temperature, sound speed in Dark Sector

# Thermodynamics module

Essential steps:

- 1 solve ODE for  $\frac{dx_H}{dz} = \dots$ ,  $\frac{dx_{He}}{dz} = \dots$ ,  $\frac{dT_b}{dz} = \dots$  (plus possibly Dark Sector quantities)
  - $\frac{dT_b}{dz}$  always computed inside the module and integrated over time. ODE system contains at least  $T_b(z)$ .
  - in general  $\frac{dx_H}{dz}$  and  $\frac{dx_{He}}{dz}$  computed at each  $z$  by an external code: either HyRec2020 in `external/HyRec2020` (Ali-Haimoud & Lee, default), or RecFastCLASS in `external/RecfastCLASS` (Recfast v1.5 authors + Meinert, Schoeneberg). They are part of the ODE system, and integrated internally by CLASS.
  - at very high redshift, their value is imposed by some approximations. They are removed from the ODE system.
  - at each step, compute possible contribution of exotic energy injection (DM annihilation/decay, PBH accretion/evaporation) described in 1910.04619 and coded in `external/heating/injection.c`; add it internally e.g. to  $\frac{dT_b}{dz}$  or pass it to HyRec2020/RecFastCLASS.
  - at very low redshift, contribution of reionization added to the solution of the ODE.
- 2 infer  $x_e = x_H + \frac{n_{He}}{n_H} x_{He}$
- 3 infer all other variables  $\kappa'(z)$ ,  $g(z)$ , etc.

Primordial helium fraction  $Y_{\text{He}}$  can be:

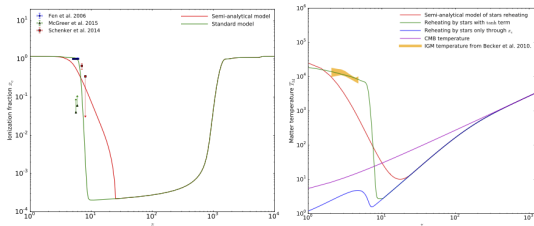
- passed in input by user
- (default:) inferred from  $(\omega_b, N_{\text{eff}})$  using standard BBN interpolation table produced by PARthENoPE v1.2 and stored in `external/bbn/sBBN_2017.dat`

Retrieving thermodynamics information when running C code from command line:

`./class myinput.ini`

- 1 with `thermodynamics_verbose=1` or more, gives  $Y_{\text{He}}$ , plus characteristic redshifts  $z_{\text{rec}}$  (recombination from max. visibility function),  $z_*$  (recombination  $\kappa = 1$ ),  $z_d$  (baryon drag),  $z_{\text{reio}}$  (reionization) and the value of several quantities at this time...
- 2 with `write_thermodynamics=yes`, gives a table  
`output/myinput_thermodynamics.dat` with many columns, at least:

1:z	2:conf. time [Mpc]	3:x_e
4:kappa' [Mpc <sup>-1</sup> ]	5:exp(-kappa)	6:g [Mpc <sup>-1</sup> ]
7:Tb [K]	8:dTb [K]	9:w_b
10:c_b <sup>2</sup>	11:tau_d	



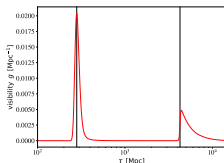
# Thermodynamics module

Retrieving thermodynamics information through the python wrapper in a script/notebook:

- 1 with function `thermodynamics=xxx.get_thermodynamics()`: get a dictionary identical to previous table:

```
dict_keys(['x_e', 'g [Mpc^-1]', 'conf. time [Mpc]', "kappa' [Mpc^-1]", 'tau_d', 'Tb [K]', 'c_b^2', 'exp(-kappa)', 'z'])
```

(see example in notebooks/thermo.ipynb or scripts/thermo.py)



- 2 with `parameters=xxx.get_current_derived_parameters([.,.,.,.])`: get list of requested arguments, including: 'YHe', 'tau\_reio', 'z\_reio', 'z\_rec', 'tau\_rec', 'rs\_rec', 'rs\_rec\_h', 'ds\_rec', 'ds\_rec\_h', 'ra\_rec', 'ra\_rec\_h', 'da\_rec', 'da\_rec\_h', '100\*theta\_s', 'z\_star', 'tau\_star', 'rs\_star', 'rs\_star\_h', 'ds\_star', 'ds\_star\_h', 'ra\_star', 'ra\_star\_h', 'da\_star', 'da\_star\_h', '100\*theta\_star', 'z\_d', 'tau\_d', 'ds\_d', 'ds\_d\_h', 'rs\_d', 'rs\_d\_h',  
(see example in notebooks/thermo.ipynb or scripts/thermo.py)
- 3 additional specific functions to retrieve background quantities:  
.ionisation\_fraction(z), .baryon\_temperature(z)

# Thermodynamics module

Important functions in thermodynamics:

```
# external
thermodynamics_at_z(...) # all quantities at z

# common to all modules
thermodynamics_init(...)
thermodynamics_free(...)

# solves ODE  $dT_b/d\ln a = \dots$ , etc.
thermodynamics_solve(...) # calls generic_evolver(...)
thermodynamics_derivs(...) # ODEs for  $T_b$  and maybe others.
                             # calls HyRec2020/RecFastCLASS
thermodynamics_ionization_fractions(...) # approximations
# for recombination, may supersede HyRec2020/RecFastCLASS
thermodynamics_reionization_function(...) # reionization

# extract data from pth->thermodynamics_table
# for output in file (with write_thermodynamics)
# or through wrapper (with .get_thermodynamics())
thermodynamics_output_titles(...) # write header
thermodynamics_output_data(...) # extract one row
```

## C. Perturbations

- Find all perturbations ( $\delta_X(\tau, k)$ ,  $\phi(\tau, k)$ , ...) by integrating ODEs for each independent wavenumber  $k$ , each mode (scalar/vector<sup>1</sup>/tensor), each initial condition (adiabatic/isocurvature):
  - Boltzmann (non-perfect fluids: photon temperature/polarization, massless/massive neutrino temperature)
  - Continuity + Euler (perfect fluid: baryons, hypothetical (DE/DM/DR) fluid) or approximatively pressureless species: (CDM)
  - linearized Einstein equations (one = differential equation, others = constraint equations)

Perturbations normalized to conventional initial condition (`class`  $\rightarrow$  curvature  $\mathcal{R}(\vec{k}) = 1$  for scalars with adiabatic I.C.), in reality: **transfer functions**.

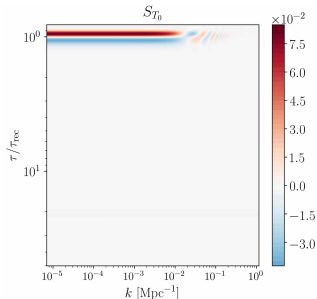
**Equations** follow literally notations of Ma & Bertschinger 1996, astro-ph/9506072

**Multi-gauge** code: everything coded in newtonian gauge or synchronous gauge.  
Option: output everything in N-body gauge. Structure ready for more gauges.

<sup>1</sup>in `class`  $\rightarrow$  vector perturbation equations present just in case, but never used: no implemented scenario where vectors are relevant, no vector I.C. and observables.

- Keep memory not of everything, but anything useful for final calculation of observables:
  - raw transfer functions ( $\delta_x(\tau, k)$ ,  $\theta_x(\tau, k)$ , metric)
  - linear combinations like  $\delta_m(\tau, k) \rightarrow P_m(k, z)$
  - additional non-trivial combinations (photon, baryon, metric, thermodynamical functions)  $\rightarrow$  CMB source functions  $S_{T_i}(k, \tau)$ ,  $S_P(k, \tau)$

All these are called *source functions* in **class**





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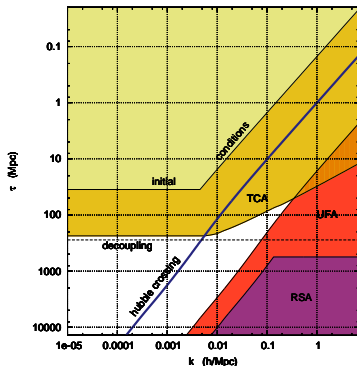
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**CLASS**: always first case, thanks to new analytic results in curved space

(T. Tram & JL, JCAP 2013 [arXiv:1305.3261]; Pitrou, Pereira & JL, Phys.Rev.D 2020 [arXiv:2005.12119])

# Perturbation module

The approximation scheme (CLASS II & CLASS IV 2011)



- Tight Coupling Approximation for baryons and  $\gamma$  at 2nd order
- Ultrarelativistic Fluid Approximation (for massless  $\nu$ , also one for massive ones): truncated Boltzmann, 3 equations
- Radiation Streaming Approximation (for photons and massless  $\nu$ ): test particles, 0 equations

Like in background and thermodynamics, use of `generic_evolver(...)` which may point at:

- `rkck`: 4th-order adaptive-step Runge-Kutta
- `ndf15` (default): an ODE solver customized for Einstein-Boltzmann solvers:
  - Stiff system require implicit method like backward Euler or more advanced:  
→ find  $y_{n+1}$  as a solution of  $y_{n+1} = y_n + y'(y_{n+1})\delta t$
  - Should still be fast: Newton method with Jacobian recycling
  - Robustness requires  $\delta t$  to be determined automatically (adaptive time step)
  - Source function required at predefined  $t_i$ : integrator must interpolate on-the-fly at these values
  - System is sparse: some algebra gives big speed up (sparse LU decomposition)

Everything gathered in `ndf15` by T. Tram (CLASS II 2011).  
TCA could even be removed!

Retrieving information on transfer/source functions when running C code from command line: `./class myinput.ini`

- 1 with `output=...,dTk,...`: gives density transfer functions at selected times for each species in output file `output/myinput_tk(_z0).dat`. Many columns, at least:  
1:k (h/Mpc) 2:d\_g 3:d\_b 4:d\_cdm 5:d\_ur 6:d\_tot 7:phi 8:psi
- 2 with `output=...,vTk,...`: adds velocity transfer functions at selected times to output file `output/myinput_tk.dat`:  
9:t\_g 10:t\_b 11:t\_cdm 12:t\_tot
- 3 with `k_output_values = 0.01, 0.1, ...`: gives time evolution of selected modes in output file `output/myinput_perturbations_k0_s.dat`, etc. Many columns:  
1:tau [Mpc] 2:a 3:delta\_g 4:theta\_g 5:shear\_g etc.

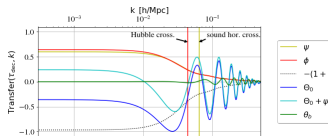
# Perturbation module

Retrieving background information through the python wrapper in a script/notebook:

- 1 with function `transfers=xxx.get_transfers()`: get a dictionary of transfer functions at selected times:

```
dict_keys(['phi', 'psi', 't_cdm', 't_b', 'd_tot', 't_g', 'd_ur', 'd_cdm', 'd_b', 't_tot', 't_ur', 'd_g', 'k (h/Mpc)'])
```

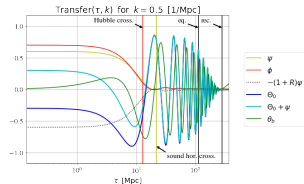
(see example in notebooks/one\_time.ipynb or scripts/one\_time.py)



- 2 with parameters=`xxx.get_perturbations()`: get a dictionary of transfer functions for the wavenumbers selected with the input parameter `'k_output_values': '0.001, 0.01, 0.1'`:

```
dict_keys(['a', 'theta_g', 'phi', 'pol0_g', 'theta_b', 'theta_ur', 'shear_ur', 'shear_g', 'tau [Mpc]', 'theta_cdm', 'delta_ur', 'psi', 'pol2_g', 'delta_g', 'delta_cdm', 'pol1_g', 'delta_b'])
```

(see example in notebooks/one\_k.ipynb or scripts/one\_k.py)





# Perturbation module

Important functions in perturbations:

```
# external
perturbations_sources_at_tau(...) # all sources at tau

# common to all modules
perturbations_init(...)
perturbations_free(...)

# solves ODE
perturbations_solve(...) # calls generic_evolver(...)
perturbations_derivs(...) # ODEs for all perturbations
perturbations_einstein(...) # linearised Einstein equations
perturbations_total_stress_energy(...) #  $\delta T^{\mu\nu}$ 
perturbations_sources(...) # assembles output sources

# used only for k_output_value or get_perturbations()
perturbations_print_variables(...)

# extract data from ppt->sources
# for output in file (with dTk, vTk)
# or through wrapper (with .get_transfers())
perturbations_output_titles(...) # write header
perturbations_output_data(...) # extract one row
```

## D. Primordial spectra

Initial conditions for scalars (adiabatic, isocurvature) and tensors. Linear theory  $\Leftrightarrow$  Gaussian independent Fourier modes  $\Leftrightarrow$  only need primordial power spectra

- analytic mode: primordial power spectra as parametric functions (e.g. power-law)
- inflation mode: solve background+perturbation equation for single-field inflation and compute primordial scalar/tensor spectrum numerically

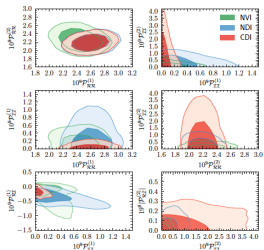


Fig. 22. Two dimensional distributions for power in isocurvature modes, using *Planck*+WP data.

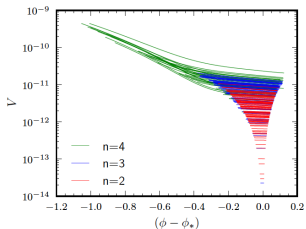
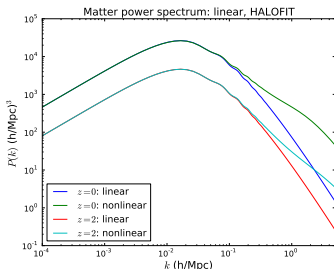


Fig. 14. Observable range of the best-fitting inflaton potentials, when  $V(\phi)$  is Taylor expanded at the  $n$ th order around the pivot value  $\phi_*$ , in natural units (where  $\sqrt{8\pi}M_{\text{pl}} = 1$ ), assuming a flat prior on  $\epsilon_V$ ,  $\eta_V$ ,  $\xi_V^2$ , and  $\omega_V^3$ , and using *Planck*+WP data.

## E. Power spectra in Fourier space

- Linear matter power spectrum  $P_m(k, z) \rightarrow$  integrated quantities  $\sigma(R, z)$ ,  $\sigma_8(z)$
- Linear baryon+CDM power spectrum  $P_{cb}(k, z) \rightarrow$  integrated quantities  $\sigma_{cb,8}(z)$
- Approximation for non-linear spectrum  $P_m^{NL}(k, z)$  based on prescriptions like HALOFIT, HMCODE...
- Keep in memory non-linear correction factors like  $R^{NL}(k, z) = (P_m^{NL}(k, z)/P_m(k, z))^{1/2}$  for e.g. CMB lensing, cosmic shear, number count  $C_\ell$ 's



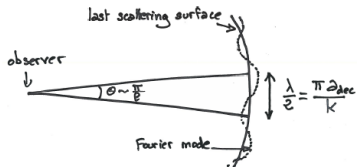
## F. Transfer functions in harmonic space

CMB spectrum depends on  $\Delta_\ell^X(k)$  =  $\ell$ -th multipole of anisotropy of photon temperature and polarisation ( $X \in \{T, E, B\}$ ) for each mode (scalar/tensor) and initial condition (adiabatic/isocurvature) today ( $\tau = \tau_0$ ).

- In **COSMICS**: integrate equations for each  $k, \ell, X$ , mode, I.C. until today.
- Since **CMBFAST** (Seljak & Zaldarriaga 1996): use “line-of-sight integral”, more precisely and exact implicit solution of Boltzmann equation (here in flat space):

$$\Delta_\ell^X(k) = \int_\epsilon^{\tau_0} d\tau S^X(\tau, k) j_\ell(k(\tau_0 - \tau))$$

$S(\tau, k)$  only depends on thermodynamical functions, first few multipoles, baryons flux divergence and metric perturbations. Role of Bessel: projection from Fourier to harmonic space ( $\theta_{da}(z_{\text{rec}}) = \frac{\lambda}{2}$  gives precisely  $l = k(\tau_0 - \tau_{\text{rec}})$ ):



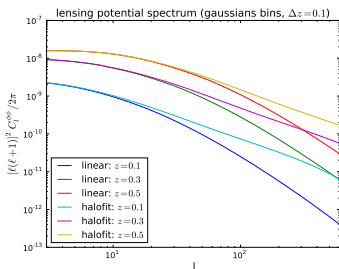
Curved space: spherical bessel functions  $\rightarrow$  modified Bessel functions (hypergeometric)

## F. Transfer functions in harmonic space

$$\Delta_\ell^X(k) = \int_\epsilon^{\tau_0} d\tau S^X(\tau, k) j_l(k(\tau_0 - \tau))$$

Applies not just to CMB  $X \in \{T, E, B\}$  but also all LSS  $C_\ell$ 's (one  $X$  per type of observable and redshift bin).

- CMB lensing + cosmic shear: similar formulation,  $S(\tau, k)$  depends on metric fluctuation and window function (intrinsic to lensing + source selection function)
- number count (galaxy clustering):  $S(\tau, k)$  depends on baryon+CDM density fluctuation and selection function in each bin plus corrections from matter flux divergence and metric perturbations (RSD, Doppler, lensing, other GR effects)
- may include non-linear correction factors  $R^{NL}(k, z)$



## F. Transfer functions in harmonic space: compact source functions

Well known

$$\Delta_\ell(k) = \int_\epsilon^{\tau_0} d\tau S_T(\tau, k) j_\ell(k(\tau_0 - \tau))$$

$$\text{with } S_T(\tau, k) \equiv \underbrace{g(\Theta_0 + \psi)}_{\text{SW}} + \underbrace{(g k^{-2} \theta_b)'}_{\text{Doppler}} + \underbrace{e^{-\kappa}(\phi' + \psi')}_{\text{ISW}} + \text{polarisation}$$

comes from integration by part of:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_l(k) = \int_{\tau_{\text{ini}}}^{\tau_0} d\tau \{ & S_T^0(\tau, k) j_l(k(\tau_0 - \tau)) \\ & + S_T^1(\tau, k) \frac{dj_l}{dx}(k(\tau_0 - \tau)) \\ & + S_T^2(\tau, k) \frac{1}{2} \left[ 3 \frac{d^2 j_l}{dx^2}(k(\tau_0 - \tau)) + j_l(k(\tau_0 - \tau)) \right] \} \end{aligned}$$

But  $(S_T^1)'$ ,  $(S_T^2)'$ ,  $(S_T^2)''$  problematic! (Derivative of Einstein equation, massive neutrinos  $\rightarrow$  finite differences...)

# Transfer module

## F. Transfer functions in harmonic space: compact source functions

Example of temperature source function in CAMB:

```
!Maple fortran output - see scal_eqs.map
  ISW = (4.D0/3.D0*k*EV%Kf(1)*sigma+(-2.D0/3.D0*sigma
    -2.D0/3.D0*etak/adotoa)*k &
    -diff_rhopi/k**2-1.D0/adotoa*dgrho/3.D0+(3.D0*
      gpres+5.D0*grho)*sigma/k/3.D0 &
    -2.D0/k*adotoa/EV%Kf(1)*etak)*expmmu(j)
!The rest, note y(9)->octg, yprime(9)->octgprime (octopoles)
sources(1)= ISW + ((-9.D0/160.D0*pig-27.D0/80.D0*ypol
  (2))/k**2*opac(j)+(11.D0/10.D0*sigma- &
  3.D0/8.D0*EV%Kf(2)*ypol(3)+vb-9.D0/80.D0*EV%Kf(2)*octg
  +3.D0/40.D0*qg)/k-(- &
  180.D0*ypolprime(2)-30.D0*pigdot)/k**2/160.D0)*dvis(j)
  +((-9.D0*pigdot+ &
  54.D0*ypolprime(2))/k**2*opac(j)/160.D0+pig/16.D0+clxg
  /4.D0+3.D0/8.D0*ypol(2)+(- &
  21.D0/5.D0*adotoa*sigma-3.D0/8.D0*EV%Kf(2)*ypolprime(3)+
  vbdot+3.D0/40.D0*qgdot- &
  9.D0/80.D0*EV%Kf(2)*octgprime)/k+(-9.D0/160.D0*dopac(j)*
  pig-21.D0/10.D0*dgpi-27.D0/ &
  80.D0*dopac(j)*ypol(2))/k**2)*vis(j)+(3.D0/16.D0*ddvis(j)
  )*pig+9.D0/ &
  8.D0*ddvis(j)*ypol(2))/k**2+21.D0/10.D0/k/EV%Kf(1)*vis(j)
```



## F. Transfer functions in harmonic space: compact source functions

So we should rather stick to

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_l(k) = \int_{\tau_{\text{ini}}}^{\tau_0} d\tau \left\{ S_T^0(\tau, k) j_l(k(\tau_0 - \tau)) \right. \\ \left. + S_T^1(\tau, k) \frac{dj_l}{dx}(k(\tau_0 - \tau)) \right. \\ \left. + S_T^2(\tau, k) \frac{1}{2} \left[ 3 \frac{d^2 j_l}{dx^2}(k(\tau_0 - \tau)) + j_l(k(\tau_0 - \tau)) \right] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

CLASS v2.0 stores separately  $S_T^0(\tau, k)$ ,  $S_T^1(\tau, k)$ ,  $S_T^2(\tau, k)$ , and the transfer module will convolve them individually with respective bessel functions.

$$S_T^0 = g \left( \frac{\delta g}{4} + \psi \right) + e^{-\kappa}(\phi' + \psi') \quad S_T^1 = g \frac{\theta_b}{k} \quad S_T^2 = \frac{g}{8} (G_0 + G_2 + F_2)$$

or

$$S_T^0 = g \left( \frac{\delta g}{4} + \phi \right) + e^{-\kappa} 2\phi' + g'\theta_b + g\theta'_b \quad S_T^1 = e^{-\kappa} k(\psi - \phi) \quad S_T^2 = \frac{g}{8} (G_0 + G_2 + F_2)$$

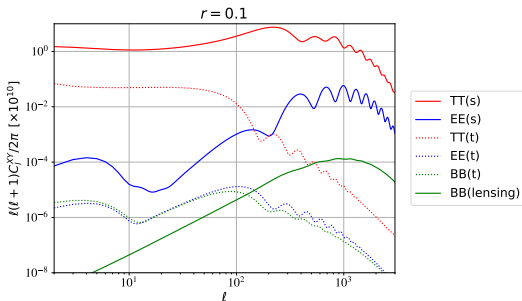


## G. Harmonic power spectra ( $C_\ell$ 's)

Trivial:

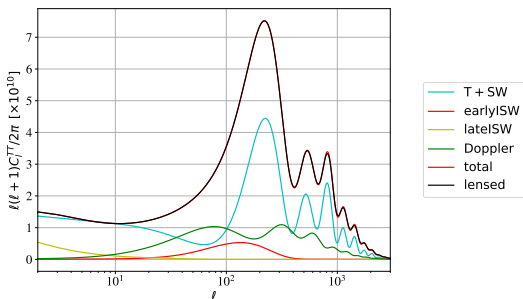
$$C_\ell^{XY} = \int \frac{dk}{k} \sum_{ij} \Delta_{\ell i}^X(k) \Delta_{\ell j}^Y(k) \mathcal{P}_{ij}(k)$$

with sum running over modes (scalar/tensor) and I.C. (adiabatic/isocurvature).



## H. Lensed CMB $C_\ell$ 's

- metric fluctuations  $(\phi, \psi) \rightarrow$  lensing potential source function  $\rightarrow$  CMB lensing potential spectrum  $C_\ell^{PP}$
- several fluctuations  $\rightarrow$  CMB source functions  $\rightarrow$  unlensed CMB spectra  $C_\ell^{TT,TE,EE,BB}$
- several quadratic sums over  $C_{\ell_1}^{XY} C_{\ell_2}^{PP} \rightarrow$  lensed CMB spectra  $C_\ell^{TT,TE,EE,BB}$ . Full-sky approach of Challinor & Lewis 2005.

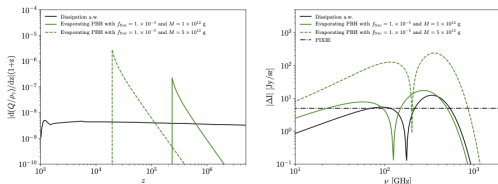


## I. Spectral distortions of CMB blackbody

Explained in *The synergy between CMB spectral distortions and anisotropies*, Lucca, Schöneberg, Hooper, Lesgourgues & Chluba, JCAP 2020 [arxiv:1910.04619].

Heating rates from `external/heating/injection.c` and `external/heating/noninjection.c` get processed with Jens Chluba's Green functions from `external/Greens_data.dat`, to get different components of spectral distortions ( $\mu$ ,  $y$ , PCA of residuals).

Additional machinery to express results in the form potentially observable by FIRAS or PIXIE.



**Figure 5.** Heating rate (left panel) and SDs (right panel) caused by PBH evaporation (green line). The heating rate caused by the dissipation of acoustic waves (black line) is given as a reference. Once more, the dot-dashed line in the right panel represents the predicted PIXIE sensitivity.