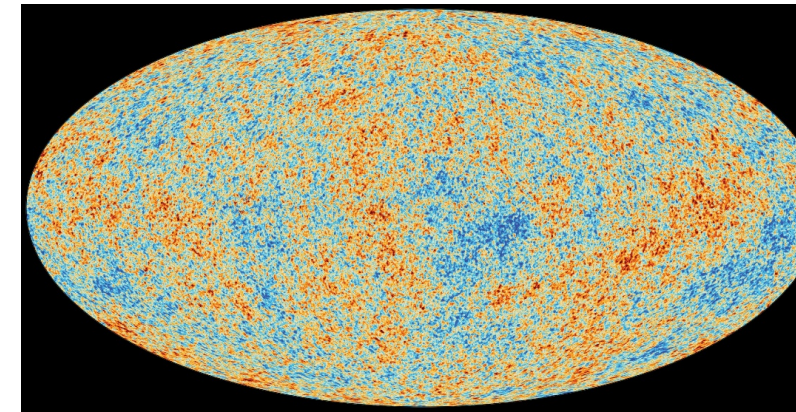
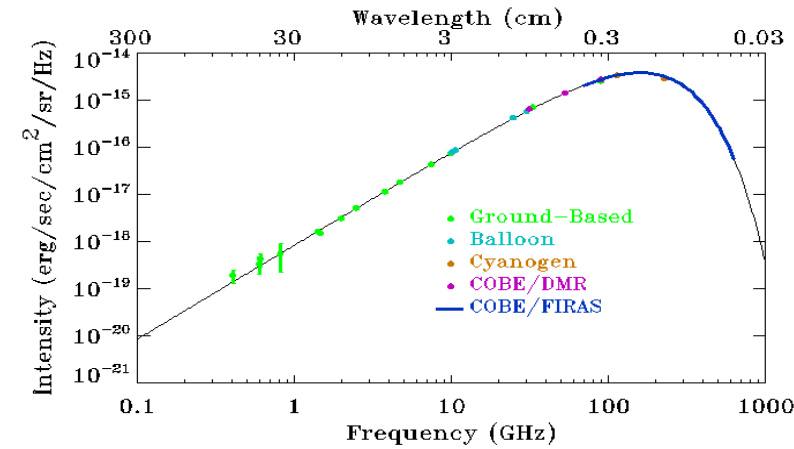
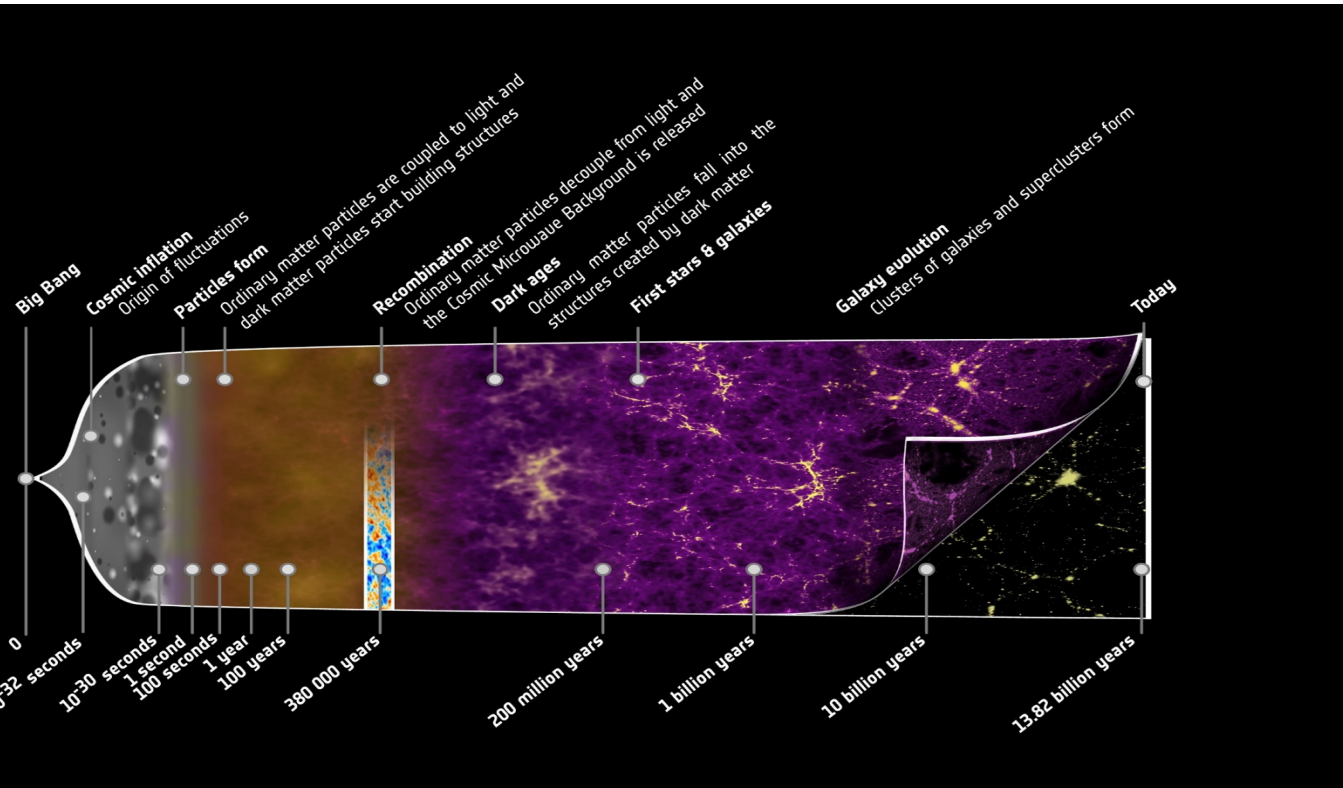
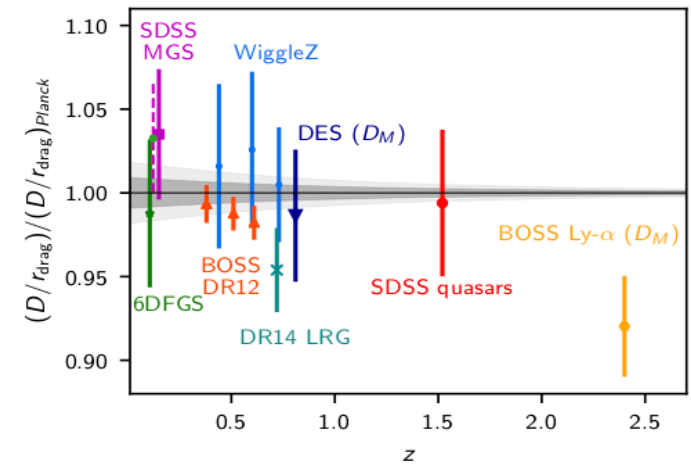
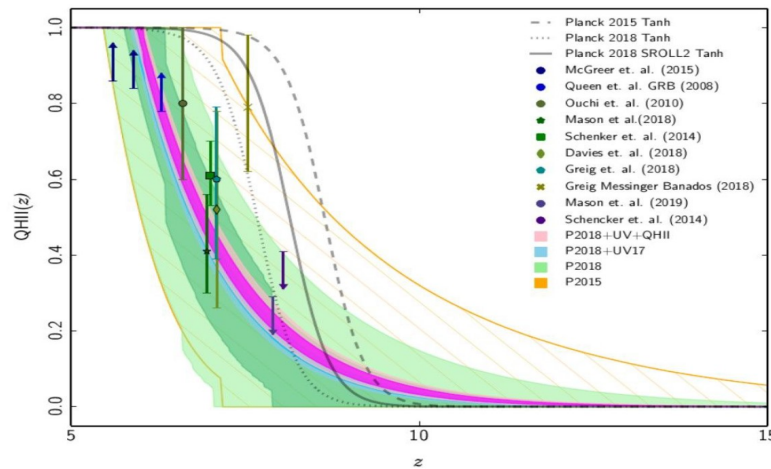
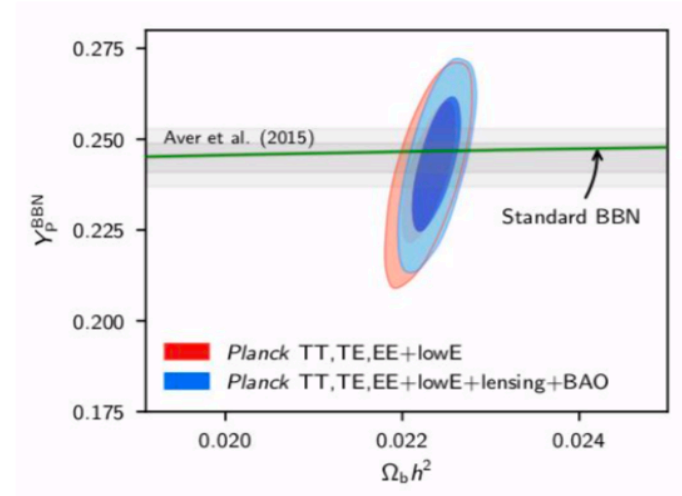
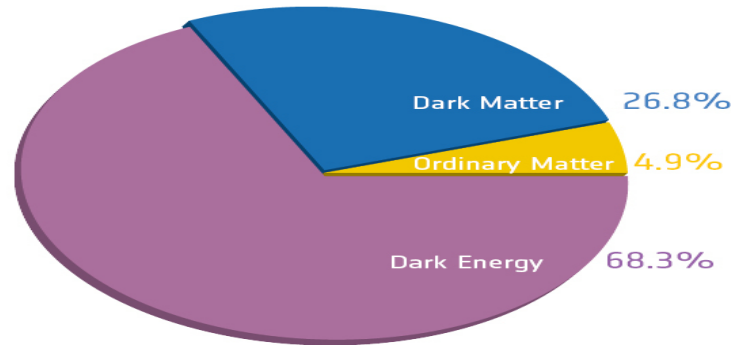
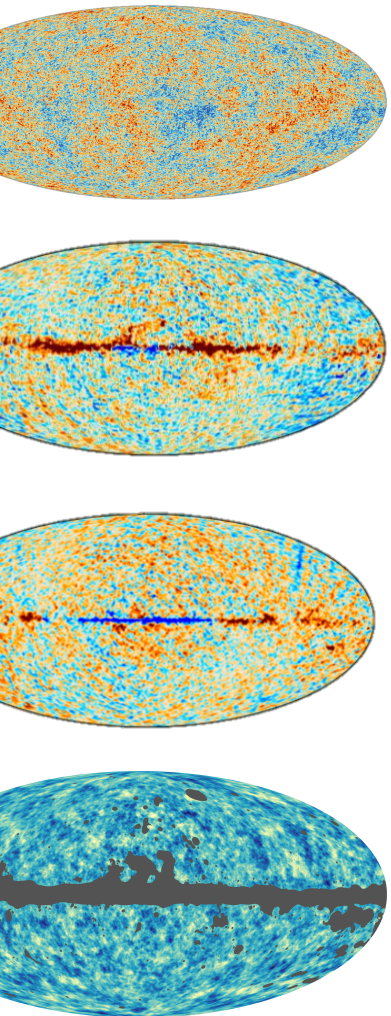


Cosmology with the Cosmic Microwave Background



The universe became transparent to light during the cosmological recombination of hydrogen. These relic photons, called cosmic microwave background (CMB), propagated through dark ages and the era of the first galaxies carrying the most ancient images of our Universe in terms of the blackbody spectrum and the anisotropy pattern.

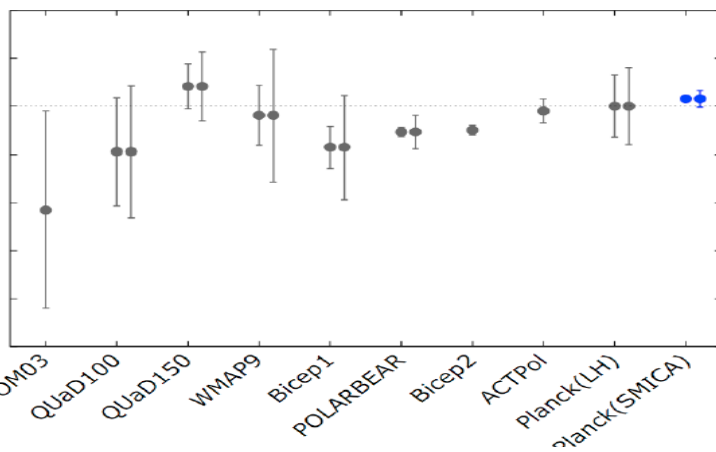
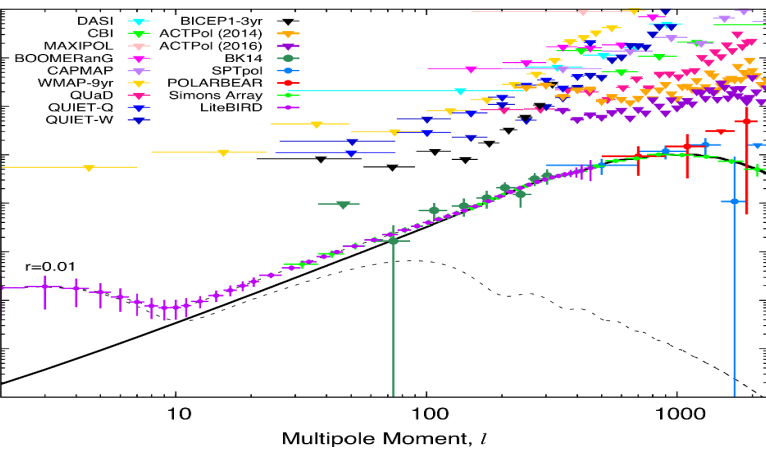
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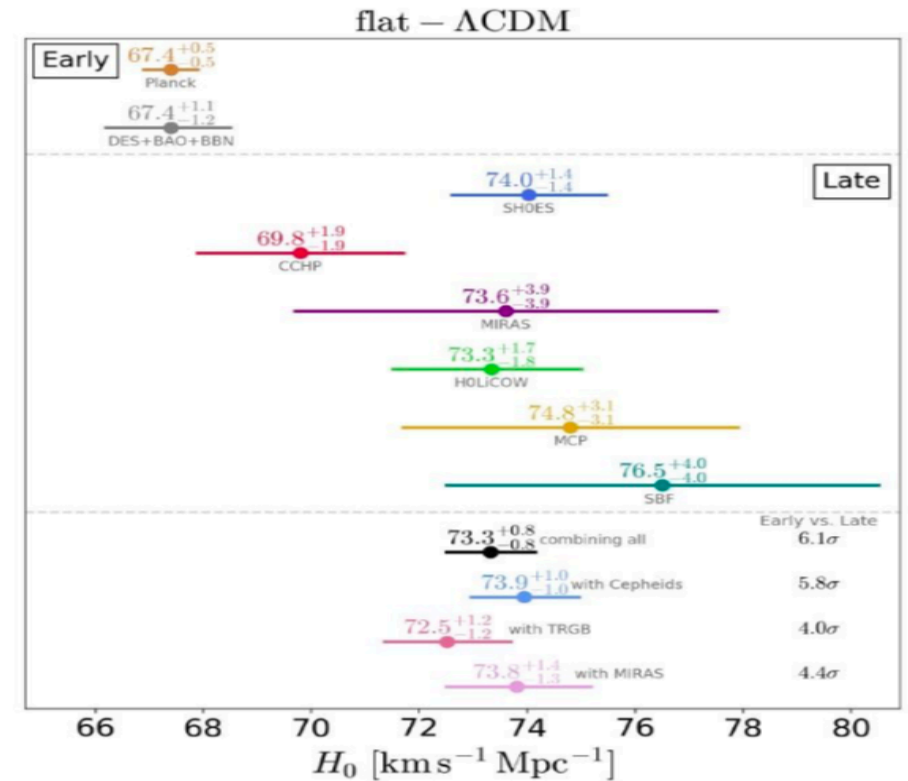
Planck 2018 T, Q, U, Lensing
maps are a treasure for
cosmology.

The flat Λ CDM model has emerged as a concordance model in agreement with a host of observations such as BBN, astrophysical probes of reionization and baryonic acoustic oscillations from galaxy surveys, reaching a percent precision in the determination of the cosmological parameters.

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Despite the precision in the knowledge of flat Λ CDM cosmological parameters, we still have only upper limits on B-mode polarization induced by primordial gravitational waves, which encode the physical scale at which inflation occurred, or on birefringence, which could be the imprint of parity violation on cosmological scales.

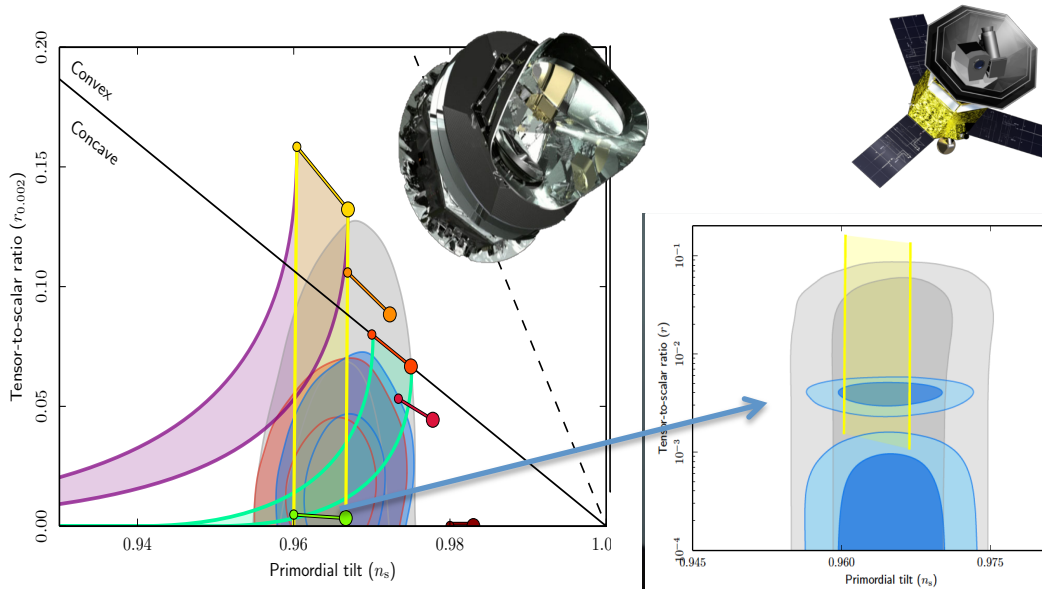


Moreover, the Hubble constant inferred by CMB for Λ CDM is in tension with some low redshift measurements such as from SNIa or strong lensing from quasars.

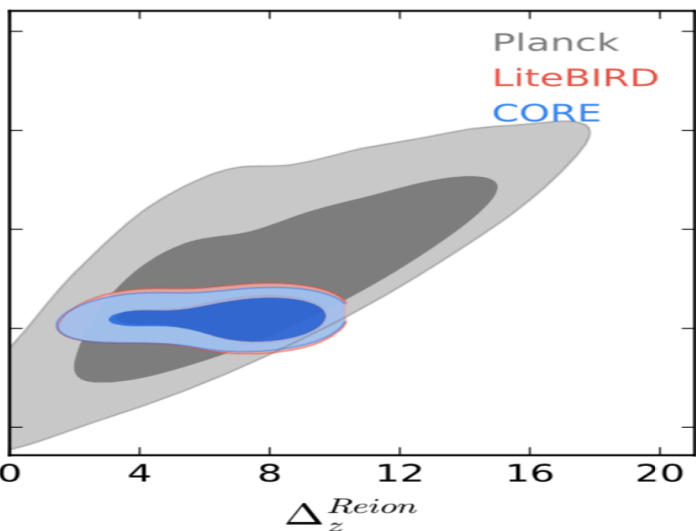
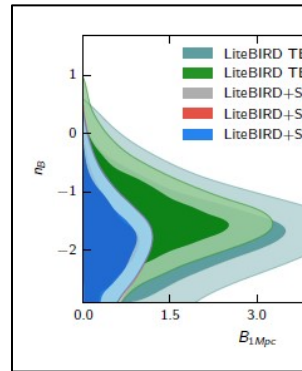
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CMB polarization experiments will be of key importance for these fundamental questions.

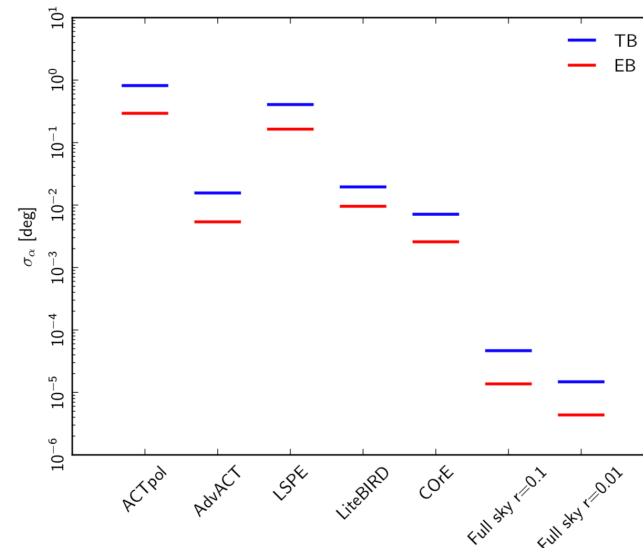
Sensitivity to B-mode polarization will improve by two orders of magnitude with next generation mission as the LiteBIRD, which will allow to detect unambiguously the tensor-to-scalar ratio r which are now only constrained by Planck ...



... and will allow to improve the constraints on primordial magnetic fields.



Next space experiments as LiteBIRD will not allow to perform a cosmic variance measurement of the average optical depth τ , but also to break its degeneracy with the duration of reionization ...



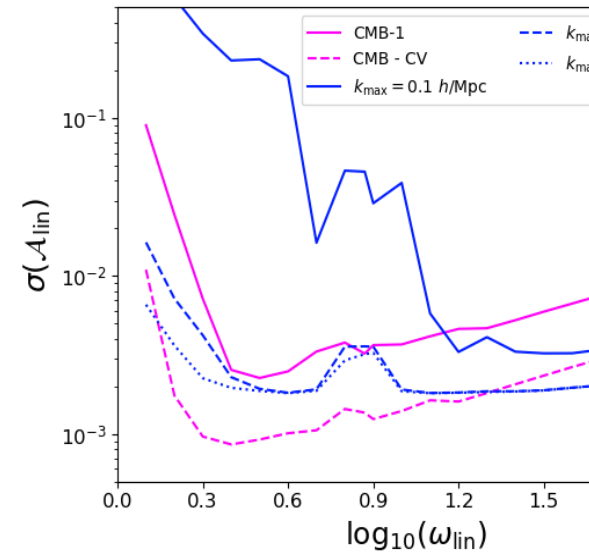
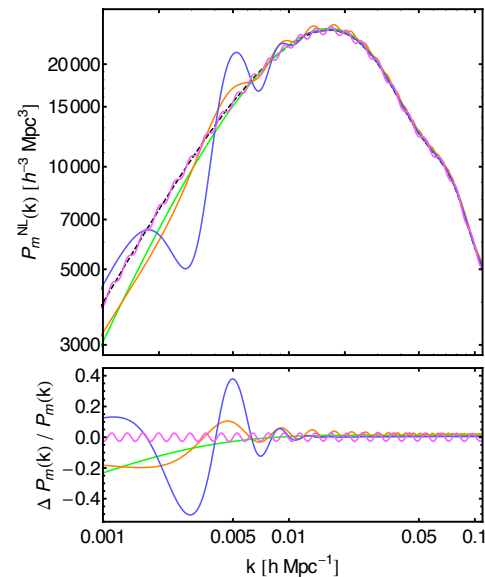
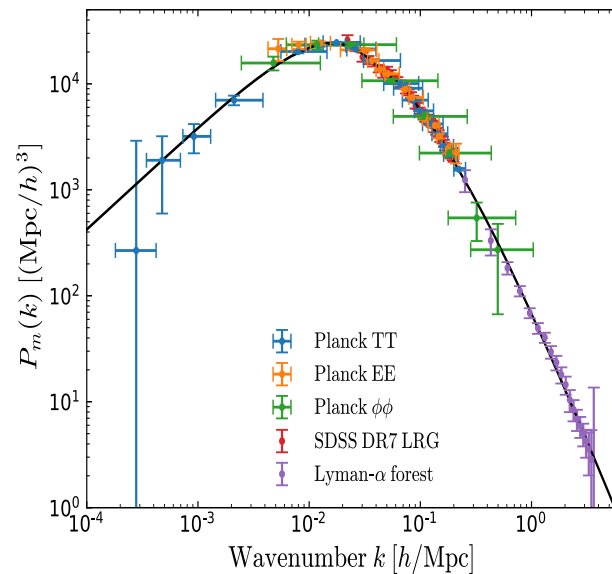
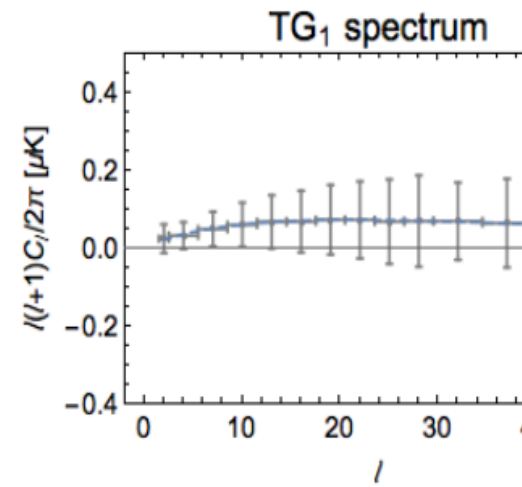
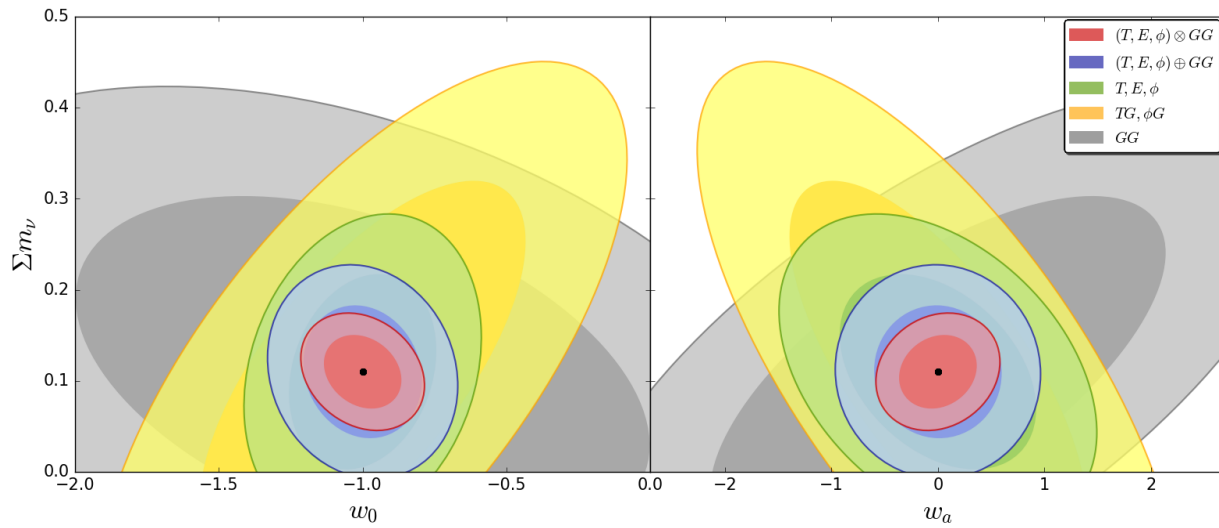
... and to improve the constraints on the tensor-to-scalar ratio r by many orders of magnitude, thus improving the sensitivity to tensor-to-scalar ratio r and birefringence α .

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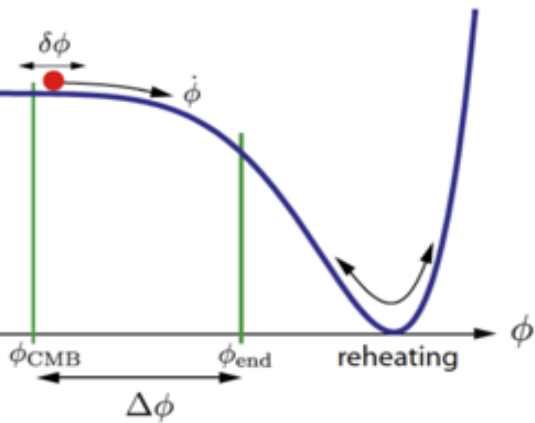
Building on the studies and analysis of CMB anisotropies we are also involved in next galaxy surveys such as Euclid.

Temperature and lensing cross-correlate with LSS: there is something interesting in understanding how much correlation adds to the constraints on cosmological parameters and how to estimate these cross-correlations in an optimal way.

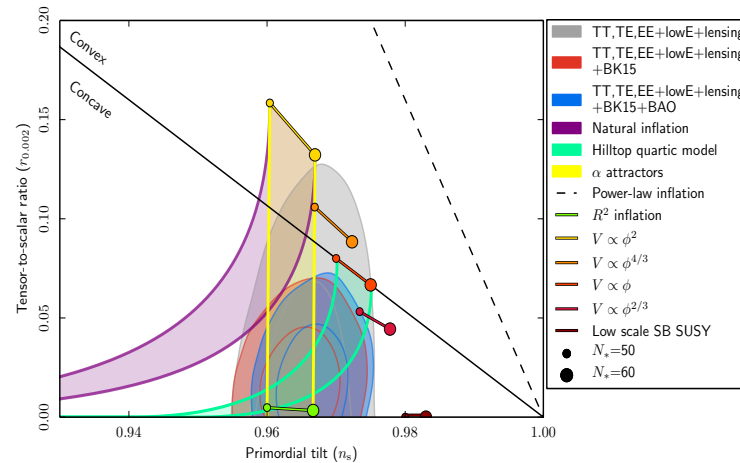
Galaxy and LSS are mostly complementary to different scales and complement each other in constraining cosmological parameters and features in the primordial power spectrum.



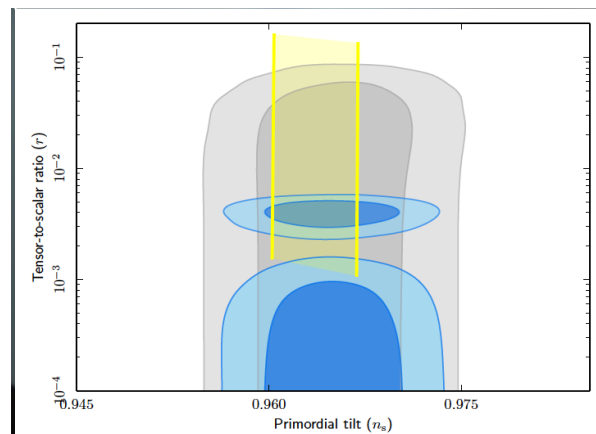
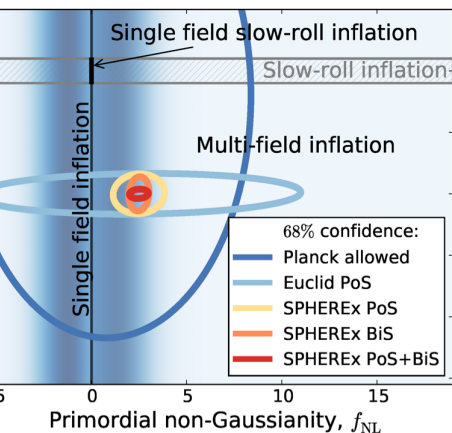
Inflationary models with the next generation of cosmological experiments



Cosmic inflation is the minimal Early Universe framework which solves the puzzles of the Hot Big Bang Cosmology providing a generation mechanism for the generation of density fluctuations and gravitational waves.



Current data as from Planck have started to discriminate among the simplest inflationary models, though the precise determination of the scalar tilt n_s , the constraint on the running, non-Gaussianity, and on the tensor-to-scalar ratio, i.e. the relative abundance of gravitational waves.



The next generation of cosmological experiments will further tighten these constraints. LSST will further measure the scalar tilt, running and non-Gaussianity, whereas CMB next polarization experiments will be sensitive to smaller tensor-to-scalar ratios.

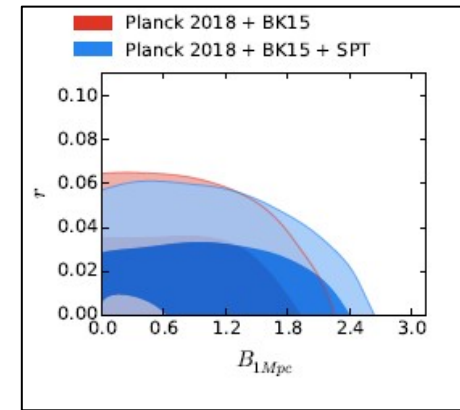
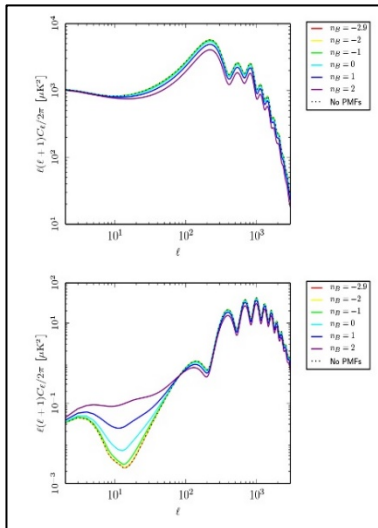
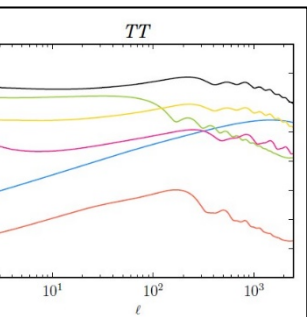
We propose to use the most recent platform Cobaya (<https://cobaya.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>), to update the data analysis pipeline for the Bayesian comparison of inflationary models already used in Planck 2015 XX, Planck 2018 X Constraints on inflation, to the next generation of cosmological experiments (mainly LiteBIRD, Simons Observatory, Euclid)

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Study of primordial magnetism and its properties

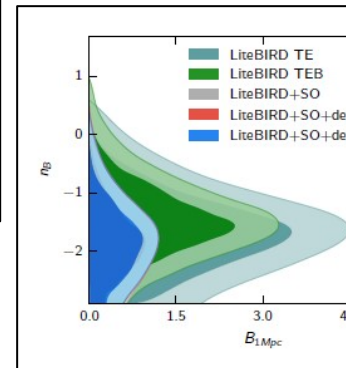
Primordial Magnetic Fields (PMFs) generated in the early Universe may provide the seeds for large scale magnetic fields we observe in galaxies, clusters, filaments and voids. The properties of PMFs – such as their dependence on the wavelength and their helicity – depend on the generation mechanism and represent therefore a new window on the physics of the early Universe. The Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB) is an excellent laboratory for this study: PMFs can leave several imprints on CMB, such as gravitational, thermal and other different statistical properties.

Theoretical Predictions



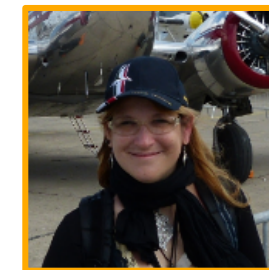
Forecasts

Constraints



These effects strongly depend on the model of the suppression of PMFs by radiation opacity at small scales. The project we propose is to study different models of suppression and their relevance for current publicly available data and for future CMB experiments.

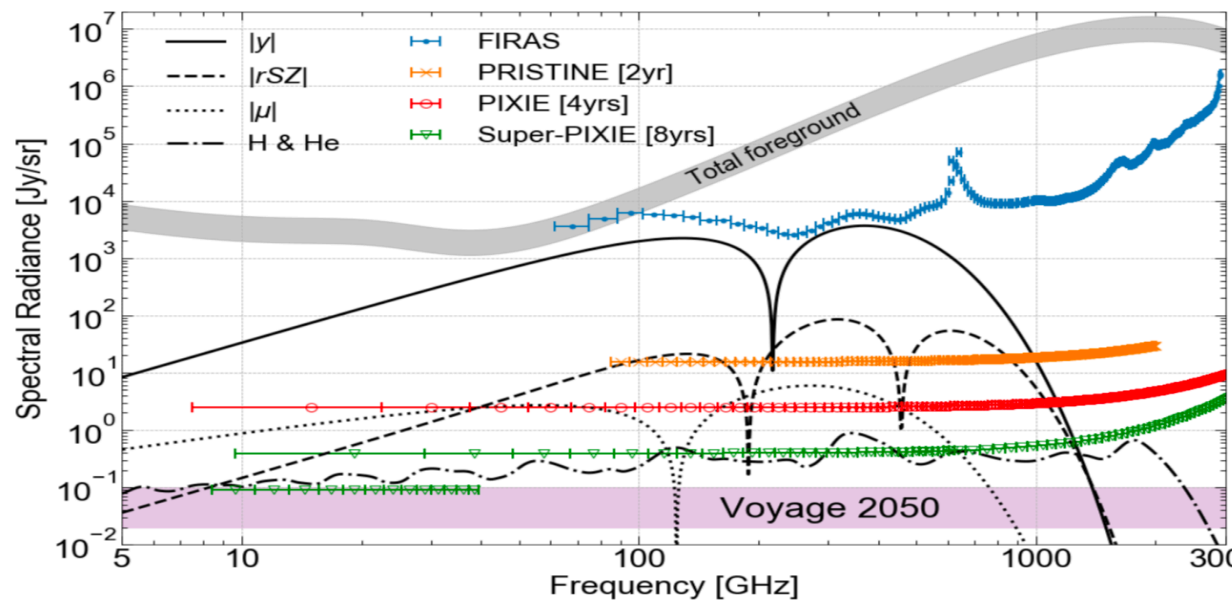
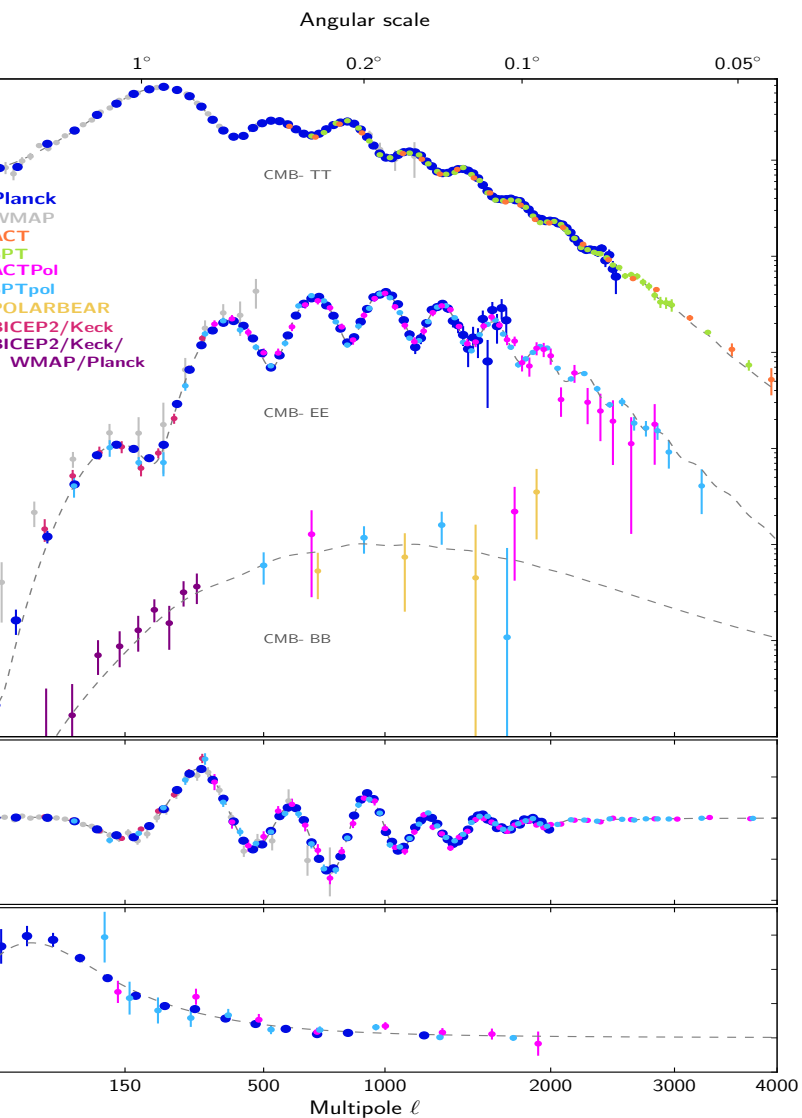
At INFN OAS we have a long experience in modelling PMFs and constraining their properties with CMB data.. Co-supervisor: D. Paoletti, F. Finelli. Supervisor: L. Moscardini.



Synergy between CMB spectral distortions and anisotropies

ve fantastic measurements of CMB anisotropies in temperature, polarization, their cross-correlation and lensing!

We have instead only upper limits to CMB spectral distortions which we know are present as anisotropies are!



We propose to study jointly spectral distortions and CMB anisotropies with the code CLASS (arXiv:1910.04619).

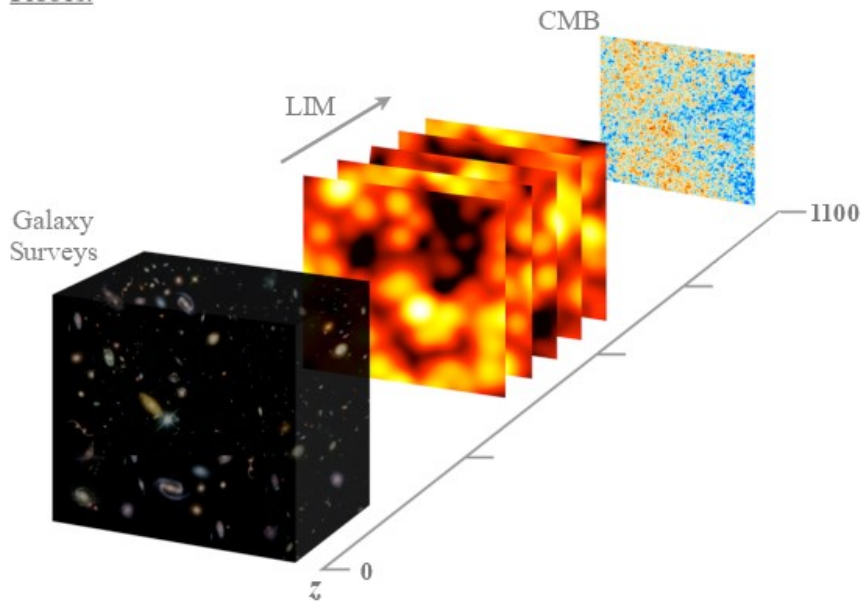
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21 cm intensity mapping as laboratory for cosmology

with Mario Ballardini, Fabio Finelli, Lauro Moscardini (DIFA & INAF/OAS)

Line-intensity mapping (LIM) is an emerging technique to explore galaxy and structure evolution over cosmic times by collecting all incoming photons along the line of sight at a given frequency, without resolving the underlying galaxies position, and measuring the spatial fluctuations in emission.

Probes:



The fluctuation maps provide a tracer of both the underlying density fluctuations and of the physical processes that govern the radiation sources.

The proposed project is to study the future cosmological constraints on the latter, e.g. on the parameters related to the hyperfine structure transition for the 21 cm line.

