Cosmology Large Angular Scale Surveyor







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CLASS targets CMB **B-modes** at **large angles**.

I) Recombination bump packs a lot of signal.

2) Avoids lensing B-modes.

Also E-mode **Reionization** Constraints



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Resolution

1.5°

40'

24'

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in the JHU highbay

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Continuous Operation with 50 μ W at 100 mK

One of the four CLASS receivers (PT+DR Cooler) undergoing tilt test.

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40 GHz Focal Plane Assembly.

The CLASS Way #1: Systematics control with front end modulation

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Atmosphere + Differential Gain*

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*Both the atmosphere and gain time streams have $1/f^2$ power spectra. The atmosphere has an amplitude of 0.05 K at 0.1 Hz and the gain fluctuation has an amplitude of 0.5% at 0.005 Hz.

Preliminary Simulation Results

EE theory, r=0.01

Effects Included:

*Atmosphere

*VPM temperature drift + differential emissivity

*Detector pair differential gain fluctuation

*VPM-Detector misalignment (0.5 deg)

10% BB systematic due to VPM-Detector misalignment likely further reduced by adjusting angle so EB=0

Miller et al. (in prep)

The CLASS Way #2: Sensitivity with high efficiency optics and tweaked-up detectors cooled to 150 mK

CLASS Detectors : Design

Horns and Planar OMT produce simple single-moded beams.

Designed and made by

High-efficiency and design repeatability is

achieved through use of monocrystalline silicon dielectric.

Intrinsic OMT design achieves **broad 50% fractional bandwidth**, which may be divided for multi-frequency operation.

On-chip transmission line filtering, shielding and niobium gap provide well defined bandpass and stringent blue leak control.

40 GHz Detector

CLASS Detectors : Excellent Design; Excellent Tests

TESs with tuned transitions and thermal conductances

Detectors coupled to thermal source show 90% efficiency and no out of band leakage.

Comparison of TES transition with and without Au stripes

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Template-based Likelihood for r, s, and Foregrounds

(Efstathiou et al. 2009; Katayama & Komatsu 2011)

$$\mathcal{L}(r, s, \alpha_i) \propto \frac{\exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\boldsymbol{x}'(\alpha_i)^T \boldsymbol{C}^{-1}(r, s, \alpha_i) \boldsymbol{x}'(\alpha_i)\right]}{\sqrt{|\boldsymbol{C}(r, s, \alpha_i)|}}, \quad (9)$$

where

$$\mathbf{x}' = \frac{[Q, U](v) - \sum_{i} \alpha_i(v)[Q, U](v_i^{\text{template}})}{1 - \sum_{i} \alpha_i(v)}$$
(10)

$$\boldsymbol{C}(\boldsymbol{r},\boldsymbol{s},\boldsymbol{\alpha}_i) = \boldsymbol{r}\boldsymbol{c}^{\text{tensor}} + \boldsymbol{s}\boldsymbol{c}^{\text{scalar}} + \frac{N_1 + N_2}{\left(1 - \sum_i \alpha_i\right)^2}, \quad (11)$$

Full likelihood is computationally feasible because we are probing large angles=fewer data with larger signal per-a_{lm}. Approach infeasible at smaller angles. Built-in handling of E-B mixing etc.

Template cleaned map (Noise=11 µK-arcmin)

Residuals from CMB input map at 5nK level

Watts, Larson et al (in prep)

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Stay tuned! Deploying telescopes 2014-2015.

Mounts

Cryostats

Atacama Site Preparation

Optics

Focal Planes

VPMs

