

Cosmological Parameters from the Atacama Cosmology Telescope DR4 CMB Power Spectra

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Distance ladder: Measuring distance and redshift to nearby galaxies.

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Atacama Cosmology Telescope



ACT Site

ACT, Polarbear, CLASS, Simons Observatory (~5200 m)

> CCAT-prime (~5600 m)



ACT Instrument

6 m off-axis Gregorian telescope (1.4 arcmin beam at 150 GHz)



3 instrument modules (optics tubes) TES arrays (98 and 150 GHz) at 100 mK



ACT DR4 Papers

- Aiola et al. 2020 Maps, data products, and baseline parameters
- Choi et al. 2020 Power spectra, consistency tests, and parameters
- Naess et al. 2020 17,000deg² high-resolution maps with ACT+Planck
- Darwish et al. 2020 Lensing maps over 2,000 deg² and cross-correlation with BOSS
- Namikawa et al. 2020 Birefringence constraints
- Madhavacheril et al. 2019 Component-separated maps: CMB and tSZ

Fornax A



ACT+Planck f090 - f150 Radio+Optical

Naess et al. 2020

• ... and a lot more!



ACT DR4 Papers

Material in these slides is presented in two connected papers

• Aiola, Calabrese, Maurin, Naess, Schmitt + ACT (arXiv: 2007.07288)



• Choi, Hasselfield, Ho, Koopman, Lungu + ACT (arXiv: 2007.07289)



CMB Experiments



ACT DR4 Measurement

Wiener filtered 150 GHz maps



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- 98 + 150 GHz: ~600 deg² with noise < 10 μ K-arcmin ~2500 deg² when adding AdvACT data (Naess et al. 2020)

Temperature (T)

Providing high-resolution measurements over ~40% of the sky

Polarization (Q)

Polarization (U)

Polarization (E)

Providing a signal-dominated E map over ~4,000 deg²

Regions for power spectra

5,400 sq deg (effective area) used for PS; ~17,000 sq deg observed

Regions observed in 4 seasons (2013–2016) with different arrays

Noise power spectra

Noise power spectra in D56 region for different arrays. Measured noise in solid, white noise fit in dashed. TT low l noise due to atmosphere, EE low l noise is not. Many modes signal dominated: more sky area to add information.

Data consistency test

52 ℓ bins for 350 < ℓ < 7525.

Null tests among multiple arrays and seasons of observation in each region.

Two null power spectra checked for every pair of maps (power spectra of map difference, and power spectra difference). For maps A and B:

1.
$$PS(A-B) = C_{\ell}^{AA} + C_{\ell}^{BB} - 2C_{\ell}^{AB}$$

2. $PS(A) - PS(B) = C_{\ell}^{AA} - C_{\ell}^{BB}$

438 total pairs, 500 simulations each.

Normalized χ^2 distribution

Power spectra at 98 & 150 GHz

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Power spectrum error bar comparison

ACT DR4 H₀ Estimate

ACT DR4 + WMAP: $H_0 = 67.6 \pm 1.1 \text{ km/s/Mpc}$

- agrees with Planck within 1σ
- agrees with SNIa-TRGB within 1σ
- ~4 σ tension with SNIa-Cepheids

ACT Likelihoods and modeling

Multi-frequency spectra modeled to include CMB emission plus additional Galactic and extragalactic source of emission, frequency-dependent polarization efficiency and beam leakage \rightarrow actpolfull_dr4 likelihood

- Used for a wide range of cosmological parameters robustness tests
- Used, in combination with previous ACT DR2 data, to extract the CMB-only power in DR4
 - → actpollite_dr4 likelihood

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- Lensing smoothing in ACT power spectra is consistent with ΛCDM expectations

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 For cosmology independently-measured of Planck we run ACT+WMAP

• Excellent agreement with Planck results

ACT DR4 Cosmology beyond ΛCDM

• We tested a number of single-parameter extensions to ΛCDM

- \circ Constraints on primordial parameters (like N_{eff}, helium abundance and running of the spectral index)
- Constraints on lensing parameters (neutrino mass and curvature)
- Results are within Λ CDM expectations at the 1.5-2.2 σ level with ACT+WMAP
 - $\circ\,$ We note no deviation from flatness

ACT is due to observe until 2021

- Over four times more data than DR4 already in hand and under analysis.
 - Hitting regime where polarization is more constraining than temperature.
- During 2020 observing with a low frequency array.
- Lots more to come in the coming months (e.g., lensing, cluster, kSZ analyses)
- Access data via lambda -- lambda.gsfc.nasa.gov
 - Tutorials/iPython notebooks to learn how to use our data and codes
- □ More webinars over the summer on other scientific results

We thank NSF for continuous support of ACT and CONICYT for hosting the telescope in Chile

