

Preparation to the CMB PLANCK data analysis, estimation of the contamination due to the galactic polarized emissions

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This work is point of the preparation to the analysis of the PLANCK satellite data. The PLANCK satellite is an ESA mission which has been launched the 14th of may 2009 and is dedicaced to the measurement of the Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB) in temperature and polarization. The presence of diffuse Galactic polarized emissions disturb the measurement of the CMB anisotropies, in particular in polarization. Therefore a precise knowledge of these emissions is needed to obtain the level of accuracy required for PLANCK. In this context, we have developed and implemented a coherent 3D model of the two mains polarized Galactic emissions : synchrotron and thermal dust. We have compared these models to preexisting data: the 23 GHz band of the WMAP data, the 353 GHz Archeops data and the 408 MHz all-sky continuum survey. We extrapolate these models to the frequencies where the CMB dominates and we are able to estimate the contribution of polarized foreground emissions to the polarized CMB emission measured with PLANCK.

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1. Introduction

The PLANCK satellite, currently in flight, should give the more accurate measurement of the anisotropies of the CMB in temperature and polarization with a sensitivity of $2\mu K$ and an angular resolution of 5 arcmin [3]. In particular its estimation of the BB-modes should set an upper limit on the tensor-scalar ratio (expected at 0.1 [7]). The knowledge of this ratio should confirm the existence of primordial gravitational waves generated during the inflation and would set the energy scale of the inflation [15] and provide constraint on inflationary models [1]. In order to obtain its optimal sensitivity it is required to estimate the foreground emissions and the residual contamination due to these foreground emissions on the CMB signal. Indeed for the full sky these emissions have the same order of magnitude than the CMB in temperature and dominate by a factor of 10 in polarization [3]. The principal polarized Galactic microwave emissions come from 2 effects : thermal dust emission and synchrotron emission. The synchrotron has already been measured by the 408 MHz all-sky continuum survey [11], by Leider between 408 MHz and 1.4 GHz [25], by Parkes at 2.4 GHz [6], by the MGLS *Medium Galactic Latitude Survey* at 1.4 GHz [24] and by the satellite WMAP *Wilkinson Microwave Anisotropies Probe* (see e.g. [12]). The synchrotron emission is due to ultrarelativist electrons spiraling in a large-scale magnetic field and is dominant at low frequencies. The dust thermal emission which have already been well constrained by IRAS [21], COBE-FIRAS [4] and Archeops [16, 2] is due to dust grains which interact with the Galactic magnetic field and emit a polarized submillimetric radiation [4] and dominates at high frequencies. The polarization of these two radiation is orthogonal to the field lines. To obtain a realistic model of these emissions we propose models based on a 3D modelling of the Galactic magnetic field and of the matter density in the Galaxy. The models are optimized using preexisting data and then are used to estimate the bias due to these emissions on the CMB measurement.

2. 3d modelling of the Galaxy

A polarized emission is described by the Stokes parameters I, Q and U [14]. For the polarized foreground emissions integrating along the line of sight we obtain, for synchrotron [20]:

$$I_s = I_{\text{Has}} \left(\frac{v_s}{0,408} \right)^{\beta_s}, \quad (2.1)$$

$$Q_s = I_{\text{Has}} \left(\frac{v_s}{0,408} \right)^{\beta_s} \frac{\int \cos(2\gamma) p_s n_e (B_l^2 + B_t^2)}{\int n_e (B_l^2 + B_t^2)}, \quad (2.2)$$

$$U_s = I_{\text{Has}} \left(\frac{v_s}{353} \right)^{\beta_s} \frac{\int \sin(2\gamma) p_s n_e (B_l^2 + B_t^2)}{\int n_e (B_l^2 + B_t^2)}, \quad (2.3)$$

where B_n , B_l and B_t are the magnetic field components along, longitudinal and transverse to the ligne of sight. p_s is the polarization fraction set to 75% [20]. I_{Has} is a template temperature map obtained from the 408 MHz all-sky continuum survey [11]. The maps are extrapolated to the Planck frequencies using the spectral index β_s which is a free parameter of the model.

For the thermal dust emission :

$$I_d = I_{sfd} \left(\frac{\nu_d}{353} \right)^{\beta_d}, \quad (2.4)$$

$$Q_d = I_{sfd} \left(\frac{\nu_d}{353} \right)^{\beta_d} \int n_d \frac{\cos(2\gamma) \sin^2(\alpha) f_{\text{norm}} p_d}{n_d}, \quad (2.5)$$

$$U_d = I_{sfd} \left(\frac{\nu_d}{353} \right)^{\beta_d} \int n_d \frac{\sin(2\gamma) \sin^2(\alpha) f_{\text{norm}} p_d}{\int n_d}, \quad (2.6)$$

where the polarization fraction p_d is set to 10 % [19], β_d is the spectral index (set at 2.0) and f_{norm} is an empiric factor, fit to the Archeops data. The I_{sfd} map is the model 8 of [8].

The models are based on a exponential distribution of relativistic electrons on the Galactic disk following [5] where the radial scale h_r is a free parameter. The distribution of dust grains n_d is also choose exponential [2]. The Galactic magnetic field is composed of two parts: a regular component and a turbulent component. The regular component is based on the WMAP team model [18] which is close to a logarithmic spiral to reproduce the shape of the spiral arms [9, 22]. The pitch angle p between two arms is a free parameter of the model. The turbulent component is described by a law of Kolmogorov [9, 10] spectrum of relative amplitude A_{turb} .

3. Comparison to data

We computed Galactic profiles in temperature and polarization for various bands of longitude and latitude and various values of the free parameters. In order to optimize these 3D models we compare them to Galactic profiles computed from preexisting data using a χ^2 test. For the synchrotron emission in temperature, we use the 408 MHz all-sky continuum survey [11] as shown on Figure 1. In polarization we compared to the K-band WMAP 5 years data. Thermal dust emission model is optimized using the polarized Archeops data [2] at 353 GHz.

The best fit parameters for the 3D model in polarization are given in the Table 1. The results are consistent for the 3 sets of data, and in particular we obtain compatible results for the synchrotron and thermal dust emission models. A_{turb} is not strongly constrained but its range of best fit value is compatible with previous results [23, 17, 10]. h_r is badly constrained as was already the case in Sun *et al* [23]. The best fit value of the pitch angle p is compatible with results obtained by other study [23, 18]. The best fit value for the spectral index of the synchrotron emission is lower than value found by [23, 18] but it is probably due to the choice of normalisation using the 408 MHz template.

Using the best fit parameters obtained for the Galactic emissions models we computed maps and power spectra in temperature and polarization for synchrotron and dust thermal emission. We compare them to maps and power spectra built respectively using polarized WMAP and ARCHEOPS data. Like represented in the Figure 2 the synchrotron emission model is efficient to reproduce the global feature of the data in polarization. We show on Figure 3 the angular power spectra computed from the Archeops data at 353 GHz and the thermal dust model using the method presented in [19]. Our model efficient to reproduce the features of the spectra at all scales.

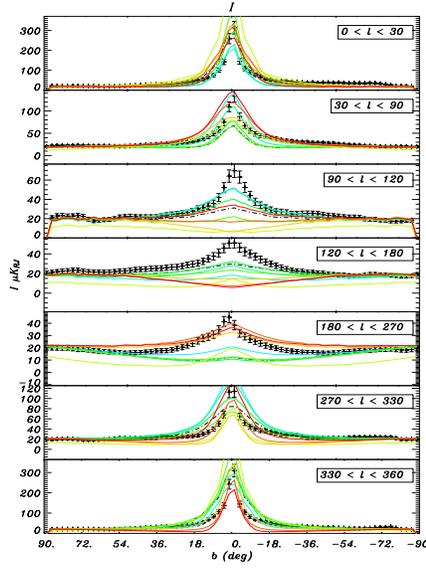


Figure 1: Galactic profiles in temperature at 408 MHz built using Haslam data in black and our synchrotron emission model for various values of the pitch angle p (from green to red).

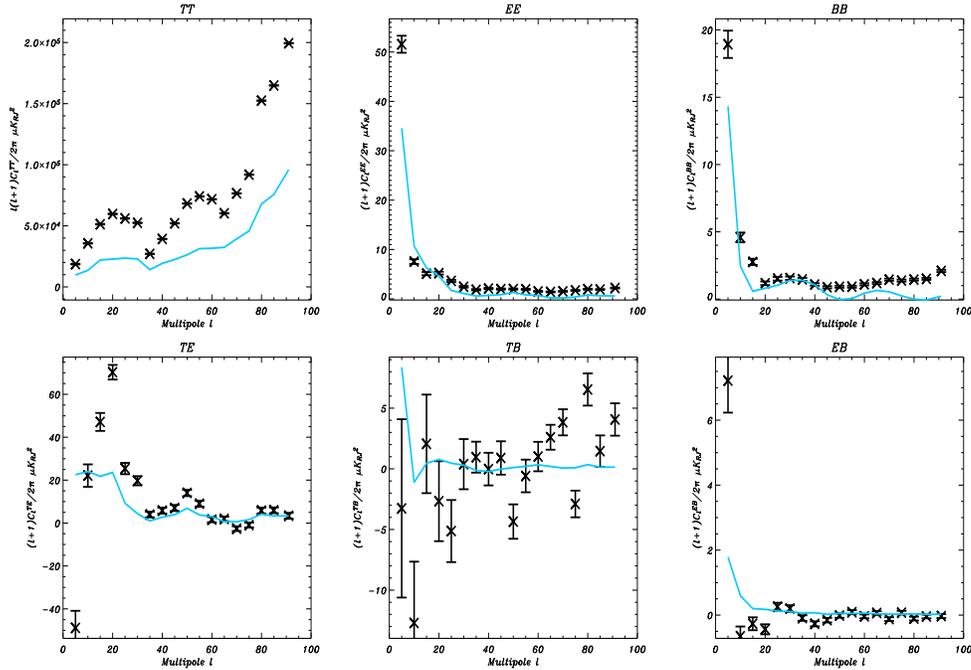


Figure 2: Clockwise from top left : power spectra C_l^{TT} , C_l^{EE} , C_l^{BB} , C_l^{TE} , C_l^{TB} , C_l^{EB} at 23 GHz built with the WMAP 5 years data (black) and the model of synchrotron emission with BSS magnetic field for the best fit model parameters (green to red for a spectral index between -3.2 and -3.4), applying a Galactic cut $|b| < 5^\circ$.

Table 1: Best fit parameters for synchrotron and thermal dust emission models and 3σ confidence levels for the best fitting model.

	$p(deg)$	A_{turb}	h_r	β_s	χ_{min}^2
WMAP	$-30.0^{+40.0}_{-30.0}$	< 1.25 (95.4 % CL)	< 20 (95.4 % CL)	$-3.4^{+0.1}_{-0.8}$	5.72
HASLAM	$-20.0^{+60.0}_{-50.0}$	< 1.0 (95.4 % CL)	$4.0^{+16.0}_{-3.0}$	\emptyset	5.81
ARCHEOPS	-20^{+80}_{-50}	< 2.25 (95.4%CL)	\emptyset	\emptyset	1.98

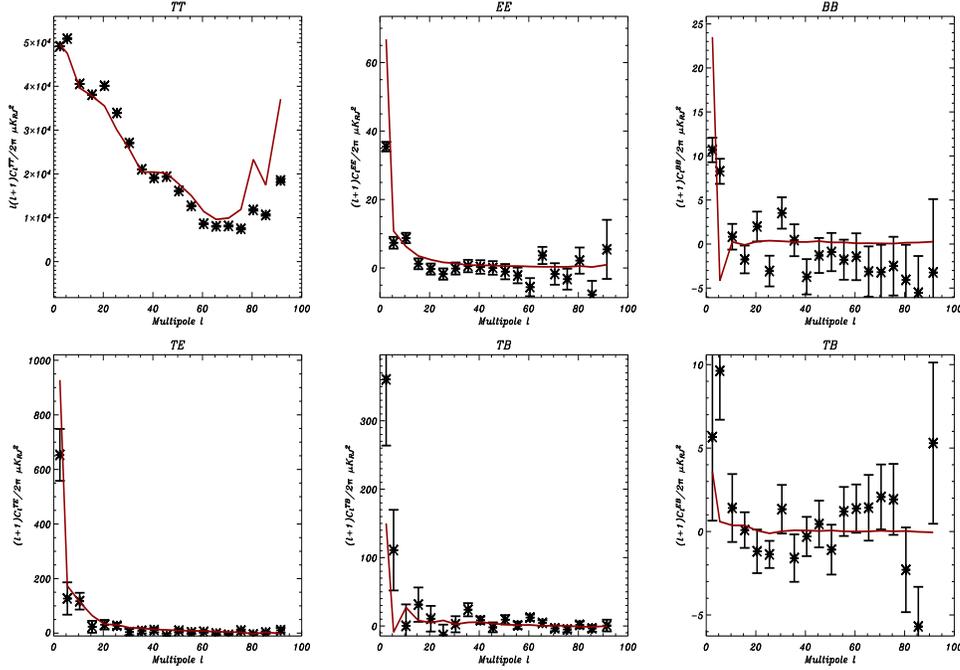


Figure 3: Clockwise from top left : power spectra C_l^{TT} , C_l^{EE} , C_l^{BB} , C_l^{TE} , C_l^{TB} , C_l^{EB} at 353 GHz computed from Archeops data (black) and the model of thermal dust emission with BSS magnetic field for the best fit model parameters (red) without applying Galactic cut.

From the above best fit parameters we estimate the contamination of the CMB PLANCK data by the polarized galactic emissions. Figure 4 shows the temperature and polarization power spectra at 143 GHz for the CMB¹ (red) and the Galactic foreground emissions applying a Galactic cut of $|b| < 15^\circ$. The residual foreground contamination seems to be weak but for the BB-modes for which an accurate foreground subtraction is extremely important for the detection of the primordial gravitational waves.

4. Conclusions

We propose in this study consistent models of the main Galactic polarized emissions based on a 3D modelisation of the Galaxy. By comparison with preexisting data we are able to give

¹We simulate CMB assuming cosmological parameters for a model Λ CDM like proposed in [13] with a ratio tensor-scalar of 0.03.

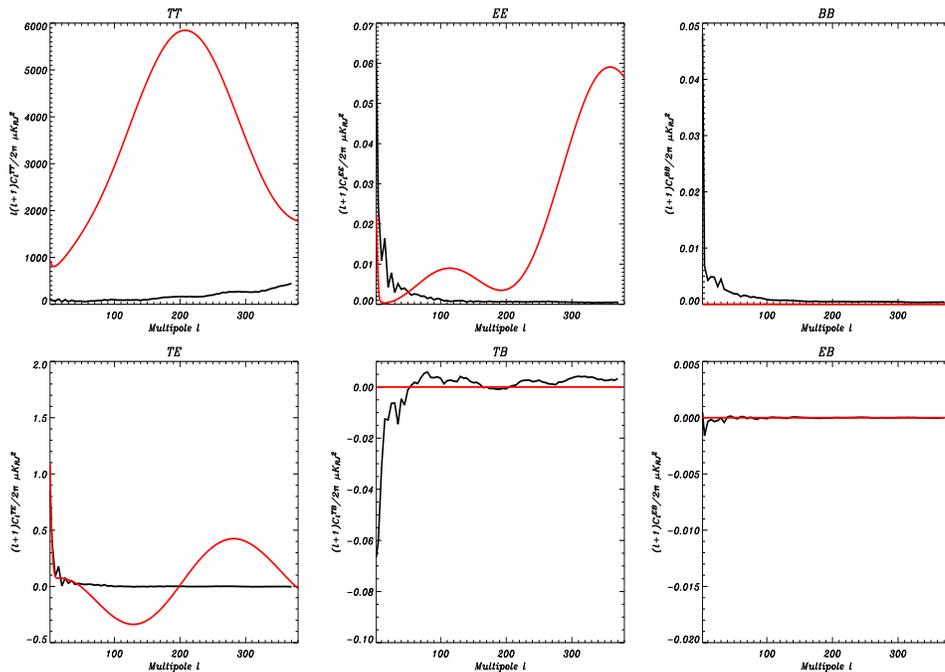


Figure 4: Clockwise from top left : power spectra C_l^{TT} , C_l^{EE} , C_l^{BB} , C_l^{TE} , C_l^{TB} , C_l^{EB} at 143 GHz for $|b| < 15^\circ$ (see text for details).

consistent constraints on the parameters of the synchrotron and dust thermal emissions models compatibles with thus appear in the literature. From this we build map and power spectra enable to reproduce the features of the data at various frequencies. Using a rough mask we then estimate the residual contamination due to these foregrounds on the assumed CMB PLANCK data.

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