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Planck-LFI data and performance



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Planck early results: first assessment of LFI in-flight performance

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Planck-LFI: the Instrument

Sensitivity, stability & low systematics



- State-of-the-art InP LNA technology
- Cryo operation 20K Sorption Cooler
- 22-element array



70 GHz MMIC HEMT









Planck-LFI: the Instrument

Sensitivity, stability & low systematics

Stability ($f_K < 50 \text{ mHz}$) & Low systematics (~1 μ K)

- Pseudo-correlation radiometer design



"First light"

Data from 14 Jun 09 (2 months before start of survey, NO tuning)



In-flight tuning

(Jun-Jul 09)

(Cuttaia et al 2009, Gregorio et al 2011)

• Functionality tests ...

→ all 44 LFI detectors OK!

- Optimisation of bias for LNAs, Phase switches Exploit cool-down of HFI 4K stage (LFI loads)
- Tuning of electronics and compression parameters



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Preliminary Dipole Calibration



LFI cooldown





Planck-LFI: Data Processing

(Zacchei, Maino, et al. 2011)

- Beginning of Nominal Survey: 13/08/2009
- Till now, LFI acquired about 500 days of data

11 Jan 2011 release based on OD's 91-389

No significant problems detected, no missed OD's

Percentage of missed data



Science data acquired during re-pointing

- Currently not usable by pipeline
- In principle recoverable with full pointing information
- Gain change count 91 F Cosmic ray hits on DAE 10/08/2009 29/09/2009 18/11/2009 07/01/2010 26/02/2010 17/04/2010 06/06/2010 26/07/2010

Real gaps

The stability of the pipeline contributed to the creation of ERCSC (first public product from Planck) with high quality







• χ2 fit of beam model (bivariate Gaussian) (Burigana et al. 2001)

- Uncertainty on FWHM ~0.1'-1.3'
- Ellipticity ~1.3, as expected

Good match with model predictions...



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LFI24

LFI25

LFI26

LFI27

LFI28

22'.98

30'.46

30/31

32'65

32'66

AVE FWHM: 32'65

30 GHz



0.652'

1.075'

1.131'

AVE*e*: 1.38

1.266'

1.287'



(Sandri, Villa et al. 2010, 2011)

Compare data with predictiond from "Model Design":

- Ideal properties of: Reflectors surface, alignment, feeds beam pattern
- Smearing effect due to satellite rotation (~2% effect)



Excellent agreement down to -20 dB

- \rightarrow Optical performance of LFI optical system (telescope & feeds) is as expected
- \rightarrow No measurable deviations from elliptical fit down to -10dB

Reconstruction of focal plane geometry

• In-flight position of beams measured with *few arcsec* accuracy





Calibration

$$V \cong G(T_{\rm Sky} - rT_{\rm Ref}) + wn$$

Measure G = G(t) [V/K] For each of the 44 LFI detectors

- Main LFI calibrator: CMB Dipole
- For each pointing period (~45min): $\Delta V_k \cong G_k (\Delta T_{Sky} + wn) + b_k$



Main limitation: "contamination" from CMB anisotropy, foregrounds

- → Mask Galactic plane and bright sources (82% of the sky preserved)
- \rightarrow Iterative algorithm

Simulated iterative procedure LFI30GHz (worst case)

- Convergence reached typically after ~50 iterations
- Local deviations <0.6%

Zacchei, Maino et al. (2011) Cappellini et al. (2003)





Calibration Current model (1% accuracy)



Calibration Accuracy

Absolute calibration

per frequency map: ~1% (conservative)

Relative calibration

per radiometer: $\sim 0.3 - 0.4\%$ (typical) per frequency map:

30 GHz: ~0.05% 44 GHz: ~0.07% 70 GHz: ~0.12%







\rightarrow Optimise for polarisation analysis





Noise properties

• Noise spectra well described by 2-component (3-parameter) model (of all 22 LFI radiometers)



Noise properties: wn component

Calibrated WN from flight data, compared to ground tests



- Good agreement with ground tests

- In-flight tuning \rightarrow significant improvement for a few radiometers

- Noise ~25% above req (118 $\mu K~s^{1/2}),$ more than compensated by extended mission

- Good stability through 1st year survey (all parameters)











Noise properties: 1/f component

In-flight measured knee frequency, compared to ground tests



Knee frequency:

- Typically *f*_{knee} < 50 mHz *within requirements*
- Few exceptions (30GHz) effectively removed by destriping
- Accuracy ~15-20%

Slope:

- -Typically $\alpha \sim -1$ (-0.83 to -1.04)
- Accuracy ~10%, stable





Systematic effects

Planck design driver: minimise systematic errors

Objective: reduce systematic errors well below instrument white noise.

- Instruments & S/C design
- Orbit & scanning strategy
- Planck SEWG (J.-M. Lamarre & M.B. 2000)

LFI goal: Overall systematics $\sim 1 \mu K$

(LFI Scientific Requirements, 1999) (Mennella et al 2003) (M.B. et al 2010)

- Receiver differential scheme
- Reference loads cooled to 4K
- Gain modulation factor
- Diode averaging
- Stringent thermal stability requirements

LFI systematic error budget

Source	Random	Spin synch	Periodic
	Fraction of $\delta T_{1-\text{sec}}$	$\mu { m K}$	$\mu\mathrm{K}$
External Straylight	N/A	1	N/A
Internal Straylight	0.045	1	0.9
4K load	0.026	1	0.6
LFI thermal fluctua-	0.031	0.8	1.1
tions			
Front end $1/f$	0.217	N/A	N/A
Back end $1/f$	0.453	N/A	N/A
DC electronics	0.04	N/A	N/A
Quantisation	0.01	N/A	N/A
Total	0.507	1.9	1.5
Noise increase	0.121		

First in-flight assessment

(Mennella et al. 2011)

- Quantify all effects relevant at current stage of analysis:
 - 1-Hz frequency spikes
 - Thermal fluctuations: at 300K, 20K, and 4K (ref. loads)





Systematic effects "1-Hz frequency spikes"

- Identified and extensively tested in ground campaign \rightarrow Due to coupling with 1-second H/K electronics circuit
- Detailed simulations, removal algorithms already in place (Meinhold et al 2009)
- Signature is nearly identical in sky and ref signals

 \rightarrow Differencing greatly suppresses effect



- Effect modeled and projected through scanning strategy
 - \rightarrow 30 & 70 GHz: $\delta T_{\rm rms}$ < 0.4 μ K
 - → 44 GHz more sensitive (low Vout, high DAE gain Reduced to $\delta T_{rms} \sim 0.2 \ \mu K$ after removal







Systematic effects Thermal effects

(Terenzi et al. 2009, Morgante et al. 2009, Tomasi et al 2009)

Temperature changes are "slow" compared to spin rate: $f_{\text{Thermal}} \ll f_{\text{Spin}} \square 16 \text{ mHz}$

 \rightarrow Efficiently removed by destriping (Madam)

ightarrow Fast variations damped by thermal mass



Except for 4K loads, fluctuations are common mode

→ Differencing drastically reduces impact

How can we quantify the effect?

- Start with representative Temperature Sensor(s) data streams
- Apply thermal transfer functions (get physical temperature at sensitive component)
- Apply radiometric transfer function (get fluctuation in antenna temperature)
- Re-sample and build differenced time ordered data
- Build destriped maps (with Madam)



Thermal systematic effects Back-end fluctuations (300K)



Thermal systematic effects Front-end fluctuations (20K)



Thermal systematic effects Reference Loads fluctuations (4K)





NB: per sample (worst case)

- Impact in power spectrum is 1–3 orders of magnitude below WN level (of order $\sim 1\mu$ K)
- Only removal in pipeline (to date): 1-Hz spikes at 44GHz
- Dominant effects:

→ 30 and 44 GHz: 4K loads fluctuations

→ 70 GHz: back-end fluctuations (large scale); frequency spikes (small scales)







Planck-LFI – 30 GHz Channel Full sky maps of foreground emission after 1 year







Planck-LFI – 44 GHz Channel Full sky maps of foreground emission after 1 year







Planck-LFI – 70 GHz Channel Full sky maps of foreground emission after 1 year







Conclusions

In-flight measured performance in excellent agreement with pre-launch expectations

→ Beams (down to -20dB) and Focal plane geometry

- White noise sensitivity (for some channels improved after in-flight bias tuning)
- Parameters of **1**/*f* **noise** in line with ground measurements (typically <50 mHz)
- → Photometric Calibration (absolute <1%, relative ~0.1%)
- \rightarrow Overall **Systematic effects** at ~1µK level
 - So far, excellent **Stability** of all performance parameters

(Can be improved)

Parameter	30 GHz	44 GHz	$70\mathrm{GHz}$
Centre frequency [GHz]	28.5	44.1	70.3
FWHM [']	32.65	27.92	13.01
Ellipticity	1.38	1.28	1.26
White noise sensitivity $\left[\mu K_{CMB} s^{1/2}\right] \dots \dots$	146.8	173.1	152.6
$f_{\rm knee} [{\rm mHz}] \ldots \ldots \ldots$	113.7	56.2	29.5
1/f slope	-0.87	-0.89	-1.03
Absolute calibration uncertainty [%]	1	1	1
Relative calibration uncertainty [%]	0.05	0.07	0.12
Systematic effects uncertainty ^a $[\mu K_{CMB}]$	1.10	0.98	0.45
$\Delta T / T$ per pixel at EOM (end-2011) including 1/f and systematic effects $\Delta T / T$ Blue Book goal	2.4×10^{-6} 2.0×10^{-6}	3.2×10^{-6} 2.7×10^{-6}	$5.9 imes 10^{-6}$ $4.7 imes 10^{-6}$

(10% better than requirement)



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Conclusions



- Planck-LFI most powerful instrument to date at these frequencies and contributes to make Planck a unique mission
- Next challenges:

(i) Fight systematics(ii) Polarisation performance





The scientific results that we present today are a product of the Planck Collaboration, including individuals from more than 50 scientific institutes in Europe, the USA and Canada



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Full LFI array – 2-diodes combination per radiometer



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Planck-LFI noise power spectra





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