ABSTRACT

The combination of 7-year data from WMAP and improved astrophysical data rigorously tests the standard cosmological model and places new constraints on its basic parameters and extensions. By combining the WMAP data with the latest distance measurements from the Baryon Acoustic Oscillations (BAO) in the distribution of galaxies (Percival et al. 2009) and the Hubble constant \( H_0 \) measurement (Riess et al. 2009), we determine the parameters of the simplest 6-parameter $\Lambda$CDM model. The power-law index of the primordial power spectrum is $n_s = 0.963 \pm 0.012$ (68\% CL) for this data combination, a measurement that excludes the Harrison-Zel’dovich-Peebles spectrum more than 3$\sigma$. The other parameters, including those beyond the minimal set, are also consistent with, and improved from, the 5-year results. We find no convincing deviations from the minimal model. The 7-year temperature power spectrum gives a better determination of the third acoustic peak, which results in a better determination of the redshift of the matter-radiation equality epoch. Notable examples of improved parameters are the total mass of neutrinos, $\sum m_\nu < 0.58$ eV (95\% CL), and the effective number of neutrino species, $N_{\text{eff}} = 4.34^{+0.86}_{-0.88}$ (68\% CL), which benefit from better determinations of the third peak and $H_0$. The limit on a constant dark energy equation of state parameter from WMAP+BAO+$H_0$, without high-redshift Type Ia supernovae, is $w = -1.10 \pm 0.14$ (68\% CL). We detect the effect of primordial helium on the temperature power spectrum and provide a new test of big bang nucleosynthesis by measuring $Y_p = 0.236 \pm 0.075$ (68\% CL). We detect, and show on the map for the first time, the tangential and radial polarization patterns around hot and cold spots of temperature fluctuations, an important test of physical processes at $z = 1090$ and the dominance of adiabatic scalar fluctuations. The 7-year polarization data have significantly improved: we now detect the temperature-$E$-mode polarization cross power spectrum at 21$\sigma$, compared to 13$\sigma$ from the 5-year data. With the 7-year temperature-$B$-mode cross power spectrum, the limit on a rotation of the polarization plane due to potential parity-violating effects has improved by 38\% to $\Delta \alpha = -1.1^{+1.3}_{-1.3}$ (statistical) $\pm 1.5^\circ$ (systematic) (68\% CL). We report a significant (8$\sigma$) detection of the Sunyaev-Zel’dovich (SZ) effect at the locations of known clusters of galaxies, and show that the measured SZ signal is a factor of 0.5 to 0.7 times the predictions from analytical models, hydrodynamical simulations, and X-ray observations. This lower amplitude is consistent with the lower-than-expected SZ power spectrum recently measured by the South Pole Telescope collaboration.

Subject headings: cosmic microwave background, cosmology: observations, early universe, dark matter, space vehicles, space vehicles: instruments, instrumentation: detectors, telescopes

1. INTRODUCTION

A simple cosmological model, a flat universe with nearly scale-invariant adiabatic Gaussian fluctuations, has proven to be a remarkably good fit to ever improving cosmic microwave background (CMB) data (Hinshaw et al. 2009; Reichardt et al. 2009; Brown et al. 2009), large-scale structure data (Reid et al. 2009; Percival et al. 2009), supernova data (Hicken et al. 2009b; Kessler et al. 2009), cluster measurements (Vikhlinin et al. 2009b; Mantz et al. 2009c), distance measurements (Riess et al. 2009), measurements of strong (Suyu et al. 2009a; Fadely et al. 2009) and weak (Massey et al. 2007;}

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Observations of CMB have been playing an essential role in testing the model and constraining its basic parameters. The WMAP satellite (Bennett et al. 2003a,b) has been measuring temperature and polarization anisotropies of the CMB over the full sky since 2001. With 7 years of integration, the errors in the temperature spectrum at each multipole are dominated by cosmic variance (rather than by noise) up to $l \approx 550$, and the signal-to-noise at each multipole exceeds unity up to $l \approx 900$ (Larson et al. 2010). The power spectrum of primary CMB on smaller angular scales has been measured by other experiments up to $l \approx 3000$ (Reichardt et al. 2009; Brown et al. 2009; Lueker et al. 2009; Fowler et al. 2010).

The polarization data show the most dramatic improvements over our earlier WMAP results: the temperature-polarization cross power spectra measured by WMAP at $l \gtrsim 10$ are still dominated by noise, and the errors in the 7-year cross power spectra have improved by nearly 40% compared to the 5-year cross power spectra. While the error in the power spectrum of the cosmological $E$-mode polarization (Seljak & Zaldarriaga 1997; Kamionkowski et al. 1997) averaged over $l = 2 - 7$ is cosmic-variance limited, individual multipoles are not yet cosmic-variance limited. Moreover, the cosmological $B$-mode polarization has not been detected (Nolta et al. 2009; Komatsu et al. 2009b; Brown et al. 2009; Chiang et al. 2009).

The temperature-polarization (TE and TB) power spectra offer unique tests of the standard model. The TE spectrum can be predicted given the cosmological constraints from the temperature power spectrum, and the TB spectrum is predicted to vanish in a parity-conserving universe. They also provide a clear physical picture of how the CMB polarization is created from quadrupole temperature anisotropy. We show the success of the standard model in an even more striking way by measuring this correlation in map space, rather than in harmonic space.

The constraints on the basic 6 parameters of a flat $\Lambda$CDM model (see Table 1), as well as those on the parameters beyond the minimal set (see Table 2), continue to improve with the 7-year WMAP temperature and polarization data, combined with improved external astrophysical data sets. In this paper, we shall give an update on the cosmological parameters, as determined from the latest cosmological data set. Our best estimates of the cosmological parameters are presented in the last columns of Table 1 and 2 under the name “WMAP+BAO+$H_0$.” While this is the minimal combination of robust data sets such that adding other data sets does not significantly improve most parameters, the other data combinations provide better limits than WMAP+BAO+$H_0$ in some cases. For example, adding the small-scale CMB data improves the limit on the primordial helium abundance, $Y_p$ (see Table 3 and Section 4.8), the supernova data are needed to improve limits on properties of dark energy (see Table 4 and Section 5), and the power spectrum of Luminous Red Galaxies (LRGs; see Section 3.2.3) improves limits on properties of neutrinos (see footnotes g, h, and i in Table 2 and Sections 4.6 and 4.7).

The CMB can also be used to probe the abundance as well as the physics of clusters of galaxies, via the SZ effect (Zel’dovich & Sunyaev 1969; Sunyaev & Zel’dovich 1972). In this paper, we shall present the WMAP measurement of the averaged profile of SZ effect measured towards the directions of known clusters of galaxies, and discuss implications of the WMAP measurement for the very small-scale ($l \gtrsim 3000$) power spectrum recently measured by the South Pole Telescope (SPT; Lueker et al. 2009) and Atacama Cosmology Telescope (ACT; Fowler et al. 2010) collaborations.

This paper is one of six papers on the analysis of the WMAP 7-year data: Jarosik et al. (2010) report on the data processing, map-making, and systematic error limits; Gold et al. (2010) on the modeling, understanding, and subtraction of the temperature and polarized foreground emission; Larson et al. (2010) on the measurements of the temperature and polarization power spectra, extensive testing of the parameter estimation methodology by Monte Carlo simulations, and the cosmological parameters inferred from the WMAP data alone; Bennett et al. (2010) on the assessments of statistical significance of various “anomalies” in the WMAP temperature map reported in the literature; and Weiland et al. (2010) on WMAP’s measurements of the brightnesses of planets and various celestial calibrators.

This paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we present results from the new method of analyzing the polarization patterns around temperature hot and cold spots. In Section 3, we briefly summarize new aspects of our analysis of the WMAP 7-year temperature and polarization data, as well as improvements from the 5-year data. In Section 4, we present updates on various cosmological parameters, except for dark energy. We explore the nature of dark energy in Section 5. In Section 6, we present limits on primordial non-Gaussianity parameters $f_{NL}$. In Section 7, we report detection, characterization, and interpretation of the SZ effect toward locations of known clusters of galaxies. We conclude in Section 8.

2. CMB POLARIZATION ON THE MAP

2.1. Motivation

Electron-photon scattering converts quadrupole temperature anisotropy in the CMB at the decoupling epoch, $z = 1090$, into linear polarization (Rees 1968; Basko & Polnarev 1980; Kaiser 1983; Bond & Efstathiou 1984; Polnarev 1985; Bond & Efstathiou 1987; Harari & Zaldarriaga 1993). This produces a correlation between the temperature pattern and the polarization pattern (Coulson et al. 1994; Crittenden et al. 1995). Different mechanisms for generating fluctuations produce distinctive correlated patterns in temperature and polarization:

1. Adiabatic scalar fluctuations predict a radial polarization pattern around temperature cold spots and a tangential pattern around temperature hot spots on angular scales greater than the horizon size at the decoupling epoch, $\gtrsim 2^\circ$. On angular scales smaller than the sound horizon size at the decoupling epoch, both radial and tangential patterns are formed around both hot and cold spots, as the acoustic oscillation of the CMB modulates the polarization pattern (Coulson et al. 1994). As we have not seen any evidence for non-adiabatic
The same answers (Hicken et al. 2009b; Kessler et al. 2009). See Section 3.2.4 for more discussion. The SN data will be used to put limits on

\[ \Delta \tfrac{\delta}{\delta} (k_0) \]

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- 2.45 \times 10^{-9}  
- (2.43 \pm 0.11) \times 10^{-9}  
- (2.441 \pm 0.099) \times 10^{-9} 

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Class & Parameter & WMAP 7-year ML & WMAP+BAO+H_0 ML & WMAP 7-year Mean & WMAP+BAO+H_0 Mean \\
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Primary & \( \Omega_0 h^2 \) & 2.270 & 2.246 & 2.258_{-0.056}^{+0.067} & 2.260 \pm 0.053 \\
& \( \Omega_0 \) & 0.1107 & 0.1120 & 0.1109 \pm 0.0056 & 0.1123 \pm 0.0035 \\
& \( \Omega_a \) & 0.738 & 0.728 & 0.734 \pm 0.029 & 0.728_{-0.016}^{+0.015} \\
& \( n_s \) & 0.969 & 0.961 & 0.963 \pm 0.014 & 0.963 \pm 0.012 \\
& \( \tau \) & 0.086 & 0.087 & 0.088 \pm 0.015 & 0.087 \pm 0.014 \\
& \( \Delta \tfrac{\delta}{\delta} (k_0) \) & 2.38 \times 10^{-9} & 2.45 \times 10^{-9} & (2.43 \pm 0.11) \times 10^{-9} & (2.441 \pm 0.099) \times 10^{-9} \\
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Derived & \( \sigma_8 \) & 0.803 & 0.801 & 0.801 \pm 0.030 & 0.809 \pm 0.024 \\
& \( H_0 \) & 71.4 km/s/Mpc & 70.2 km/s/Mpc & 71.0 \pm 2.5 km/s/Mpc & 70.4_{-1.1}^{+1.3} \text{ km/s/Mpc} \\
& \( \Omega_a \) & 0.0445 & 0.0455 & 0.0449 \pm 0.0028 & 0.0456 \pm 0.0016 \\
& \( \Omega_m h^2 \) & 0.217 & 0.227 & 0.222 \pm 0.026 & 0.227 \pm 0.014 \\
& \( \alpha_{\text{reion}} \) & 1.334 & 1.344 & 1.334_{-0.0056}^{+0.0056} & 1.349 \pm 0.0036 \\
& \( \left( \alpha - 0 \right)_{\text{NL}} \) & 13.71 Gyr & 13.78 Gyr & 13.75 \pm 0.13 Gyr & 13.75 \pm 0.11 Gyr \\
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\caption{Summary of the cosmological parameters of \( \Lambda \)CDM model}
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When combined with the limit on \( f_{NL}^{\text{local}} \) from SDSS, \(-29 < f_{NL}^{\text{local}} < 70\) (Slosar et al. 2008), we find \(-5 < f_{NL}^{\text{local}} < 59\).

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fluctuations (Komatsu et al. 2009b, see Section 4.4 for the 7-year limits), in this section we shall assume that fluctuations are purely adiabatic.

2. Tensor fluctuations predict the opposite pattern: the temperature cold spots are surrounded by a tangential polarization pattern, while the hot spots are surrounded by a radial pattern (Crittenden et al. 1995). Since there is no acoustic oscillation for tensor modes, there is no modulation of polarization patterns around temperature spots on small angular scales. We do not expect this contribution to be visible in the WMAP data, given the noise level.

3. Defect models predict that there should be minimal correlations between temperature and polarization on $2^\circ \lesssim \theta \lesssim 10^\circ$ (Seljak et al. 1997). The detection of large-scale temperature polarization fluctuations rules out any causal models as the primary mechanism for generating the CMB fluctuations (Spergel & Zaldarriaga 1997). This implies that the fluctuations were either generated during an accelerating phase in the early universe or were present at the time of the initial singularity.

This section presents the first direct measurement of the predicted pattern of adiabatic scalar fluctuations in CMB polarization maps. We stack maps of Stokes $Q$ and $U$ around temperature hot and cold spots to show the expected polarization pattern at the statistical significance level of $5\sigma$. While we have detected the TE correlations in the first year data (Kogut et al. 2003), we present here the direct real space pattern around hot and cold spots. In Section 2.5, we discuss the relationship between the two measurements.

2.2. Measuring Peak-Polarization Correlation

We first identify temperature hot (or cold) spots, and then stack the polarization data (i.e., Stokes $Q$ and $U$) on the locations of the spots. As we shall show below, the resulting polarization data is equivalent to the temperature peak-polarization correlation function which is similar to, but different in an important way from, the temperature-polarization correlation function.

2.2.1. $Q_r$ and $U_r$: Transformed Stokes Parameters

Our definitions of Stokes $Q$ and $U$ follow that of Kogut et al. (2003): the polarization that is parallel to the Galactic meridian is $Q > 0$ and $U = 0$. Starting from this, the polarization that is rotated by 45$^\circ$ from east to west (clockwise, as seen by an observer on Earth looking up at the sky) has $Q = 0$ and $U > 0$, that perpendicular to the Galactic meridian has $Q < 0$ and $U = 0$, and that rotated further by 45$^\circ$ from east to west has $Q = 0$ and $U < 0$. With one more rotation we go back to $Q > 0$ and $U = 0$. We show this in Figure 1.

As the predicted polarization pattern around temperature spots is either radial or tangential, we find it most convenient to work with $Q_r$ and $U_r$ first introduced by Kamionkowski et al. (1997):

\begin{align}
Q_r(\theta) & = -Q(\theta) \cos(2\phi) - U(\theta) \sin(2\phi), \\
U_r(\theta) & = Q(\theta) \sin(2\phi) - U(\theta) \cos(2\phi).
\end{align}

These transformed Stokes parameters are defined with respect to the new coordinate system that is rotated by $\phi$, and thus they are defined with respect to the line connecting the temperature spot at the center of the coordinate and the polarization at an angular distance $\theta$ from the center (also see Figure 1). Note that we have used the small-angle (flat-sky) approximation for simplicity of the algebra. This approximation is justified as we are interested in relatively small angular scales, $\theta < 5^\circ$.

The above definition of $Q_r$ is equivalent to the so-called “tangential shear” statistic used by the weak gravitational lensing community. By following what has been already done for the tangential shear, we can find the necessary formulae for $Q_r$ and $U_r$. Specifically, we shall follow the derivations given in Jeong et al. (2009).

With the small-angle approximation, $Q$ and $U$ are related to the $E$- and $B$-mode polarization in Fourier space (Seljak & Zaldarriaga 1997; Kamionkowski et al. 1997) as

\begin{align}
-Q(\theta) & = \int \frac{d^2l}{(2\pi)^2} \left[ E_1 \cos(2\varphi) - B_1 \sin(2\varphi) \right] e^{i\varphi}, \\
-U(\theta) & = \int \frac{d^2l}{(2\pi)^2} \left[ E_1 \sin(2\varphi) + B_1 \cos(2\varphi) \right] e^{i\varphi},
\end{align}

where $\varphi$ is the angle between $l$ and the line of Galactic latitude, $l = (l \cos \varphi, l \sin \varphi)$. Note that we have included the negative signs on the left hand side because our sign convention for the Stokes parameters is opposite of that used in equation (38) of Zaldarriaga & Seljak (1997). The

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$^a$See Section 4.8.

$^b$The 95% CL limit is $0.16 < Y_p < 0.46$. For WMAP+ACBAR+QUaD+LRG+H0, $Y_p = 0.349 \pm 0.064$ (68% CL) and $0.20 < Y_p < 0.46$ (95% CL).

### TABLE 3

**Primordial Helium Abundance**

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**Fig. 1.— Coordinate system for Stokes $Q$ and $U$. We use Galactic coordinates with north up and east left. In this example, $Q_r$ is always negative, and $U_r$ is always zero.**

When $Q_r > 0$ and $U_r = 0$, the polarization pattern is radial.

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transformed Stokes parameters are given by

$$-Q_r(\theta) = - \int \frac{d^2 \tilde{n}}{(2\pi)^2} \left[ E_1 \cos[2(\phi - \varphi)] + B_1 \sin[2(\phi - \varphi)] \right] e^{i \theta},$$  (5)

$$-U_r(\theta) = \frac{d^2 \tilde{n}}{(2\pi)^2} \left[ E_1 \sin[2(\phi - \varphi)] - B_1 \cos[2(\phi - \varphi)] \right] e^{i \theta}. $$  (6)

The stacking of $Q_r$ and $U_r$ at the locations of temperature peaks can be written as

$$\langle Q_r(\theta) \rangle = \frac{1}{N_{pk}} \int d^2 \hat{n} M(\hat{n}) \langle n_{pk}(\hat{n}) Q_r(\hat{n} + \hat{\theta}) \rangle, $$  (7)

$$\langle U_r(\theta) \rangle = \frac{1}{N_{pk}} \int d^2 \hat{n} M(\hat{n}) \langle n_{pk}(\hat{n}) U_r(\hat{n} + \hat{\theta}) \rangle, $$  (8)

where the angle bracket, $\langle \ldots \rangle$, denotes the average over the locations of peaks, $n_{pk}(\hat{n})$ is the surface number density of peaks (of the temperature fluctuation) at the location $\hat{n}$, $N_{pk}$ is the total number of temperature peaks used in the stacking analysis, and $M(\hat{n})$ is equal to 0 at the masked pixels and 1 otherwise. Defining the density contrast of peaks, $\delta_{pk} \equiv n_{pk}/\bar{n}_{pk} - 1$, we find

$$\langle Q_r(\theta) \rangle = \frac{1}{f_{sky}} \int d^2 \hat{n} M(\hat{n}) \langle \delta_{pk}(\hat{n}) Q_r(\hat{n} + \hat{\theta}) \rangle, $$  (9)

$$\langle U_r(\theta) \rangle = \frac{1}{f_{sky}} \int d^2 \hat{n} M(\hat{n}) \langle \delta_{pk}(\hat{n}) U_r(\hat{n} + \hat{\theta}) \rangle, $$  (10)

where $f_{sky} \equiv \int M(\hat{n})d^2 \hat{n}/(4\pi)$ is the fraction of sky outside of the mask, and we have used $N_{pk} = 4\pi f_{sky} \bar{n}_{pk}$.

In Appendix A, we use the statistics of peaks of Gaussian random fields to relate $\langle Q_r \rangle$ to the temperature-E-mode polarization cross power spectrum $C_{l}^{TE}$, $\langle U_r \rangle$ to the temperature-$B$-mode polarization cross power spectrum $C_{l}^{TB}$, and the stacked temperature profile, $T$, to the temperature power spectrum $C_{l}^{TT}$. We find

$$\langle Q_r(\theta) \rangle = - \frac{d\Omega}{2\pi} W_T^T W_P^P (\tilde{b}_T + \tilde{b}_B^2) C_{l}^{TE} J_2(\theta), $$  (11)

$$\langle U_r(\theta) \rangle = - \frac{d\Omega}{2\pi} W_T^T W_P^P (\tilde{b}_T + \tilde{b}_B^2) C_{l}^{TB} J_2(\theta), $$  (12)

$$T(\theta) = \frac{d\Omega}{2\pi} (W_T^T)^2 (\tilde{b}_T + \tilde{b}_B^2) C_{l}^{TT} J_0(\theta). $$  (13)

where $W_T^T$ and $W_P^P$ are the harmonic transform of window functions, which are a combination of the experimental beam, pixel window, and any other additional smoothing applied to the temperature and polarization data, respectively, and $\tilde{b}_T + \tilde{b}_B^2$ is the “scale-dependent bias” of peaks found by Desjacques (2008) averaged over peaks. See Appendix A for details.

2.2.2. Prediction and Physical Interpretation

What do $\langle Q_r(\theta) \rangle$ and $\langle U_r(\theta) \rangle$ look like? The $Q_r$ map is expected to be non-zero for a cosmological signal, while the $U_r$ map is expected to vanish in a parity-conserving universe unless some systematic error rotates the polarization plane uniformly.

To understand the shape of $Q_r$, as well as its physical implications, let us begin by showing the smoothed $C_{l}^{TE}$ spectra and the corresponding temperature-$Q_r$ correlation functions, $C_{TTQ_r}(\theta)$, in Figure 2. (Note that $C_{TTQ_r}$ and $C_{TTU_r}$ can be computed from equations (11) and (12), respectively, with $b_T = 1$ and $b_B = 0$.) This shows three distinct effects causing polarization of CMB (see Hu & White 1997, for a pedagogical review):

(a) $\theta \gtrsim 2\theta_{\text{horizon}}$, where $\theta_{\text{horizon}}$ is the angular size of the radius of the horizon size at the decoupling epoch. Using the comoving horizon size of $r_{\text{horizon}} = 0.286$ Gpc and the comoving angular diameter distance to the decoupling epoch of $d_A = 14$ Gpc as derived from the WMAP data, we find $\theta_{\text{horizon}} = 1.2^\circ$. As this scale is so much greater than the sound horizon size (see below), only gravity affects the physics. Suppose that there is a Newtonian gravitational potential, $\Phi_N$, at the center of a perturbation, $\theta = 0$. If it is overdense at the center, $\Phi_N < 0$, and thus it is a cold spot according to the Sachs–Wolfe formula (Sachs & Wolfe 1967), $\Delta T/T = \Phi_N/3 < 0$. The photon fluid in this region will flow into the gravitational potential well, creating a converging flow. Such a flow creates the quadrupole temperature anisotropy around an electron at $\theta \gtrsim 2\theta_{\text{horizon}}$, producing polarization that is radial, i.e., $Q_r > 0$. Since the temperature is negative, we obtain $(TQ_r) < 0$, i.e., anti-correlation (Coulson et al. 1994). On the other hand, if it is overdense at the center, then the photon fluid moves outward, producing polarization that is tangential, i.e., $Q_r < 0$. Since the temperature is pos-

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a “$D_{\Delta}$” denotes the time-delay distance to the lens system B1608+656 at $z = 0.63$ measured by Suyu et al. (2009a). See Section 3.2.5 for details.

b “$SN$” denotes the “Constitution” sample of Type Ia supernovae compiled by Hicken et al. (2009b), which is an extension of the “Union” sample (Kowalski et al. 2008) that we used for the 5-year “WMAP+BAO+SN” parameters presented in Komatsu et al. (2009b). Systematic errors in the supernova data are not included.
Fig. 2.— Temperature-polarization cross correlation with various smoothing functions. (Left) The TE power spectrum with no smoothing is shown in the black solid line. For the other curves, the temperature is always smoothed with a $0.5^\circ$ (FWHM) Gaussian, whereas the polarization is smoothed with either the same Gaussian (black dashed), Q-band beam (blue solid), V-band beam (purple solid), or W-band beam (red dashed). (Right) The corresponding spatial temperature-$Q_r$ correlation functions. The vertical dotted lines indicate (from left to right): the acoustic scale, $2\times$ the acoustic scale, and $2\times$ the horizon size, all evaluated at the decoupling epoch.

Fig. 3.— Predicted temperature peak-polarization cross correlation, as measured by the stacked profile of the transformed Stokes $Q$, computed from equation (11) for various values of the threshold peak heights. The temperature is always smoothed with a $0.5^\circ$ (FWHM) Gaussian, whereas the polarization is smoothed with either the same Gaussian (black dashed), Q-band beam (blue solid), V-band beam (purple solid), or W-band beam (red dashed). (Top left) All temperature hot spots are stacked. (Top right) Spots greater than $1\sigma$ are stacked. (Bottom left) Spots greater than $2\sigma$ are stacked. (Bottom right) Spots greater than $3\sigma$ are stacked. The light gray lines show the average of the measurements from noiseless simulations with a Gaussian smoothing of $0.5^\circ$ FWHM. The agreement is excellent.

(a) $\langle TQ_r \rangle < 0$, i.e., anti-correlation. The anti-correlation at $\theta > 2\theta_{\text{horizon}}$ is a smoking-gun for the presence of super-horizon fluctuations at the decoupling epoch (Spergel & Zaldarriaga 1997), which has been confirmed by the WMAP data (Peiris et al. 2003).

(b) $\theta \simeq 2\theta_A$, where $\theta_A$ is the angular size of the radius of the sound horizon size at the decoupling epoch. Using the comoving sound horizon size of $r_s = 0.147$ Gpc and $d_A = 14$ Gpc as derived from the WMAP data, we find $\theta_A = 0.6^\circ$. Again, consider a potential well with $\Phi_N < 0$ at the center. As the photon fluid flows into the well, it compresses, heating the photons. Whether or not this increase can reverse the sign of the temperature fluctuation (from negative to positive) depends on whether the initial perturbation was adiabatic. If it was adiabatic, then the temperature would reverse sign at $\theta < 2\theta_{\text{horizon}}$. Note that the photon fluid is still flowing in, and thus the polarization...
direction is radial, \( Q_r > 0 \). However, now that the temperature is positive, the correlation reverses sign: \( \langle TQ_r \rangle > 0 \). A similar argument (with the opposite sign) can be used to show the same result, \( \langle TQ_r \rangle < 0 \), for \( \Phi_N > 0 \) at the center. As an aside, the temperature reverses sign on smaller angular scales for isocurvature fluctuations.

(c) \( \theta \approx \theta_A \). Again, consider a potential well with \( \Phi_N < 0 \) at the center. At \( \theta \lesssim 2\theta_A \), the pressure of the photon fluid is so great that it can slow down the flow of the fluid. Eventually, at \( \theta \sim \theta_A \), the pressure becomes large enough to reverse the direction of the flow (i.e., the photon fluid expands). As a result the polarization direction becomes tangential, \( Q_r < 0 \); however, as the temperature is still positive, the correlation reverses sign again: \( \langle TQ_r \rangle < 0 \).

On even smaller scales, the correlation reverses sign again (see Figure 2 of Coulson et al. 1994) because the temperature gets too cold due to expansion. We do not see this effect in Figure 2 because of the smoothing. Lastly, there is no correlation between \( T \) and \( Q_r \) at \( \theta = 0 \) because of symmetry.

These features are essentially preserved in the peak-polarization correlation as measured by the stacked polarization profiles. We show them in Figure 3 for various values of the threshold peak heights. The important difference is that, with the WMAP data, we should be able to measure the compression phase at \( \theta \approx 2\theta_A = 1.2^\circ \), as well as the reversal phase at \( \theta \approx \theta_A = 0.6^\circ \). We also show the profiles calculated from numerical simulations (gray solid lines). The agreement with equation (11) is excellent. We also show the predicted profiles of the stacked temperature data in Figure 4.

2.3. Analysis Method

2.3.1. Temperature Data

We use the foreground-reduced V+W temperature map at the HEALPix resolution of \( N_{\text{side}} = 512 \) to find temperature peaks. First, we smooth the foreground-reduced temperature maps in 6 differencing assemblies (DAs) \( (V1, V2, W1, W2, W3, W4) \) to a common resolution of \( 0.5^\circ \) (FWHM) using

\[
\Delta T(\hat{n}) = \sum_{l_2} a_{l_2} \frac{W^T_{l_2}}{b_l} Y_{l_2}(\hat{n}),
\]

where \( b_l \) is the appropriate beam transfer function for each DA (Jarosik et al. 2010), and \( W^T_l = p_l \exp[-l(l+1)\sigma^2_{\text{FWHM}}/(16 \ln 2)] \) is the pixel window function for \( N_{\text{side}} = 512 \), \( p_l \), times the spherical harmonic transform of a Gaussian with \( \sigma_{\text{FWHM}} = 0.5^\circ \). We then coadd the foreground-reduced V- and W-band maps with the inverse noise variance weighting, and remove the monopole from the region outside of the mask (which is already negligibly small, \( 1.07 \times 10^{-4} \mu\text{K} \)). For the mask, we combine the new 7-year \( KQ85 \) mask, \( KQ85y7 \) (defined in Gold et al. 2010, also see Section 3.1) and \( P06 \) masks, leaving 68.7% of the sky available for the analysis.
We find the locations of minima and maxima using the software “hotspot” in the HEALPix package (Gorski et al. 2005). Over the full sky (without the mask), we find 20953 maxima and 20974 minima. As the maxima and minima found by hotspot still contain negative and positive peaks, respectively, we further select the “hot spots” by removing all negative peaks from maxima, and the “cold spots” by removing all positive peaks from minima. This procedure corresponds to setting the threshold peak height to $\nu_t = 0$; thus, our prediction for $(Q_r)(\theta)$ is the top-left panel of Figure 3.

Outside of the mask, we find 12387 hot spots and 12628 cold spots. The r.m.s. temperature fluctuation is $\sigma_0 = 83.9$ $\mu$K. What does the theory predict? Using equation (A15) with the power spectrum $C^T_T = (C^TT_{\text{signal}} + N^T_T/b_T^2) \exp[-l(l + 1)\sigma^2_{\text{FWHM}}/(8 \ln 2)]$ where $N^T_T = 7.47 \times 10^{-3}$ $\mu$K$^2$ sr is the noise bias of the V+W map before Gaussian smoothing and $C^TT_{\text{signal}}$ is the 5-year best-fitting power-law $\Lambda$CDM temperature power spectrum, we find $4\pi f_{\text{sky}} R_{\text{pk}} = 12330$ for $\nu_t = 0$ and $f_{\text{sky}} = 0.687$; thus, the number of observed hot and cold spots is consistent with the predicted number.\(^{16}\)

### 2.3.2. Polarization Data

As for the polarization data, we use the raw (i.e., without foreground cleaning) polarization maps in V and W bands. We have checked that the cleaned maps give similar results with slightly larger error bars, which is consistent with the excess noise introduced by the template foreground cleaning procedure (Page et al. 2007; Gold et al. 2009, 2010). As we are focused on relatively small angular scales, $\theta \lesssim 2^\circ$, in this analysis, the results presented in this section would not be affected by a potential systematic effect causing an excess power in the W-band polarization data on large angular scales, $l \lesssim 10$. However, note that this excess power could just be a statistical fluctuation (Jarosik et al. 2010). We form two sets of the data: (i) V, W, and V+W band maps smoothed to a common resolution of 0.5°, and (ii) V, W, and V+W band maps without any additional smoothing. The first set is used only for visualization, whereas the second set is used for the $\chi^2$ analysis.

We extract a square region of $5^\circ \times 5^\circ$ around each temperature hot or cold spot. We then coadd the extracted $T$ images with uniform weighting, and $Q$ and $U$ images with the inverse noise variance weighting. We have eliminated the pixels masked by $KQ55y7$ and $P06$ from each $5^\circ \times 5^\circ$ region when we coadded images, and thus the resulting stacked image has the smallest noise at the center (because the masked pixels usually appear near the edge of each image). We also accumulate the inverse noise variance per pixel as we coadd $Q$ and $U$ maps. The coadded inverse noise variance maps of $Q$ and $U$ will be used to estimate the errors of the stacked images of $Q$ and $U$ per pixel, which will then be used for the $\chi^2$ analysis.

We find that the stacked images of $Q$ and $U$ have constant offsets, which is not surprising. Since these affect our determination of polarization directions, we remove monopoles from the stacked images of $Q$ and $U$. The

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\(^{16}\) Note that the predicted number is $4\pi f_{\text{sky}} R_{\text{pk}} = 10549$ if we ignore the noise bias; thus, even with a Gaussian smoothing, the contribution from noise is not negligible.

### Table 5

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$^a$ “Hot” and “Cold” denote the stacking around temperature hot spots and cold spots, respectively.

$^b$ Computed with respect to zero signal. The number of degrees of freedom (DOF) is $25^2 = 625$.

$^c$ Best-fitting amplitudes for the corresponding theoretical predictions. The quoted errors show the 68% confidence level. Note that, for $U_r$, we used the prediction for $Q_r$; thus, the fitted amplitude may be interpreted as $\sin(2\Delta\alpha)$, where $\Delta\alpha$ is the rotation of the polarization plane due to, e.g., violation of global parity symmetry.

$^d$ Difference between the second column and $\chi^2$ after removing the model with the best-fitting amplitude given in the 3rd column.

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2.4. Results

In Figure 5 and 6, we show the stacked images of $T$, $Q$, $U$, $Q_r$, and $U_r$ around temperature cold spots and hot spots, respectively. The peak values of the stacked images of $Q$ and $U$ using equations (1) and (2), respectively.

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How significant are these features? Before performing the quantitative $\chi^2$ analysis, we first compare $Q_r$ and $U_r$ using both the $(V$+$W)/2$ sum map (here, $V$+$W$ refers to the inverse noise variance weighted average) as well as the $(V$–$W)/2$ difference map (bottom panels of Figure 5 and 6). The $Q_r$ map (which is expected to be non-zero for a cosmological signal) shows clear differences between the sum and difference maps, while the $U_r$ map (which is expected to vanish in a parity-conserving universe unless some systematic error rotates the polarization plane uniformly) is consistent with zero in both the sum and
Fig. 5.— Stacked images of temperature and polarization data around temperature cold spots. Each panel shows a $5^\circ \times 5^\circ$ region with north up and east left. Both the temperature and polarization data have been smoothed to a common resolution of $0.5^\circ$. (Top) Simulated images with no instrumental noise. From left to right: the stacked temperature, Stokes $Q$, Stokes $U$, and transformed Stokes $Q_r$ (see equation (1)) overlaid with the polarization directions. (Middle) WMAP 7-year V+W data. In the observed map of $Q_r$, the compression phase at $1.2^\circ$ and the reversal phase at $0.6^\circ$ are clearly visible. (Bottom) Null tests. From left to right: the stacked $Q_r$ from the sum map and from the difference map $(V - W)/2$, the stacked $U_r$ from the sum map and from the difference map. The latter three maps are all consistent with noise. Note that $U_r$, which probes the TB correlation (see equation (12)), is expected to vanish in a parity-conserving universe.
To find the best-fitting amplitude, we first perform the standard analysis, measured with respect to zero signal in the second hot spot. The improvement in $\chi^2$ is $\Delta \chi^2 = -29.2$ and $-36.2$, respectively, we find $0.82 \pm 0.15$ and $0.90 \pm 0.15$ for the stacking of $Q_r$ around hot and cold spots, respectively. The improvement in $\chi^2$ is $\Delta \chi^2 = -29.2$ and $-36.2$, respectively; thus, we detect the expected polarization pattern around hot and cold spots at the level of $5.4\sigma$ and $6\sigma$, respectively. The combined significance exceeds $8\sigma$.

On the other hand, we do not find any evidence for $U_r$. The $\chi^2$ values with respect to zero signal per DOF are $629.2/625$ (hot spots) and $657.8/625$ (cold spots), respectively.
and the probabilities of finding larger values of $\chi^2$ are 44.5% and 18%, respectively. But, can we learn anything about cosmology from this result? While the standard model predicts $C_{l}^{\text{TT}} = 0$ and hence $\langle U_r \rangle = 0$, models in which the global parity symmetry is violated can create $C_{l}^{\text{TT}} = \sin(2\Delta\alpha)C_{l}^{\text{TE}}$ (Lue et al. 1999; Carroll 1998; Feng et al. 2005). Therefore, we fit the measured $U_r$ to the predicted $Q_r$, finding a null result: $\sin(2\Delta\alpha) = -0.13 \pm 0.15$ and $20.0 \pm 0.15$ (68% CL), or equivalently $\Delta\alpha = -3.7^\circ \pm 4.3^\circ$ and $5.7^\circ \pm 4.3^\circ$ (68% CL) for hot and cold spots, respectively. Averaging these numbers, we obtain $\Delta\alpha = 1.0^\circ \pm 3.0^\circ$ (68% CL), which is consistent with (although not as stringent as) the limit we find from the full analysis presented in Section 4.5. Finally, all the $\chi^2$ values measured from the difference maps are consistent with a null signal.

How do these results compare to the full analysis of the TE power spectrum? By fitting the 7-year $C_{l}^{\text{TE}}$ data to the same power spectrum used above (5-year best-fitting power-law $\Lambda$CDM model from $l = 24$ to 800, i.e., DOF = 777), we find the best-fitting amplitude of 0.999 $\pm$ 0.048 and $\Delta\chi^2 = -434.5$, i.e., a 21$\sigma$ detection of the TE signal. This is reasonable, as we used only the V- and W-band data for the stacking analysis, while we used also the Q-band data for measuring the TE power spectrum; $(Q_r)/(\theta)$ is insensitive to information on $\theta \gtrsim 2^\circ$ (see top left panel of Figure 3); and the smoothing suppresses the power at $l \gtrsim 400$ (see left panel of Figure 2). Nevertheless, there is probably a way to extract more information from $(Q_r)/(\theta)$ by, for example, combining data at different threshold peak heights and smoothing scales.

2.5. Discussion

If the temperature fluctuations of the CMB obey Gaussian statistics and global parity symmetry is respected on cosmological scales, the temperature-$E$-mode polarization cross power spectrum, $C_{l}^{\text{TE}}$, contains all the information about the temperature-polarization correlation. In this sense, the stacked polarization images do not add any new information.

The detection and measurement of the temperature-$E$ mode polarization cross-correlation power spectrum, $C_{l}^{\text{TE}}$ (Kovac et al. 2002; Kagut et al. 2003; Spergel et al. 2003), can be regarded as equivalent to finding the predicted polarization patterns around hot and cold spots. While we have shown that one can write the stacked polarization profile around temperature spots in terms of an integral of $C_{l}^{\text{TE}}$, the formal equivalence between these two methods is valid only when temperature fluctuations obey Gaussian statistics, as the stacked $Q$ and $U$ maps measure correlations between temperature peaks and polarization. So far there is no convincing evidence for non-Gaussianity in the temperature fluctuations observed by WMAP (Komatsu et al. 2003, see Section 6 for the 7-year limits on primordial non-Gaussianity, and Bennett et al. 2010 for discussion on other non-Gaussian features).

Nevertheless, they provide striking confirmation of our understanding of the physics at the decoupling epoch in the form of radial and tangential polarization patterns at two characteristic angular scales that are important for the physics of acoustic oscillation: the compression phase at $\theta = 2\theta_A$ and the reversal phase at $\theta = \theta_A$.

Also, this analysis does not require any analysis in harmonic space, nor decomposition to $E$ and $B$ modes. The analysis is so straightforward and intuitive that the method presented here would also be useful for null tests and systematic error checks. The stacked image of $U_r$ should be particularly useful for systematic error checks.

Any experiments that measure both temperature and polarization should be able to produce the stacked images such as presented in Figure 5 and 6.

3. SUMMARY OF 7-YEAR PARAMETER ESTIMATION

3.1. Improvements from the 5-year Analysis

Foreground Mask. The 7-year temperature analysis maps, $KQ85y7$ and $KQ75y7$, have been slightly enlarged to mask the regions that have excess foreground emission, particularly in the HI regions Gum and Ophiuchus, identified in the difference between foreground-reduced maps at different frequencies. As a result, the new $KQ85y7$ and $KQ75y7$ masks eliminate an additional 3.4% and 1.0% of the sky, leaving 78.27% and 70.61% of the sky for the cosmological analyses, respectively. See Section 2.1 of Gold et al. (2010) for details. There is no change in the polarization $P06$ mask (see Section 4.2 of Page et al. 2007, for definition of this mask), which leaves 73.28% of the sky.

Point Sources and the SZ Effect. We continue to marginalize over a contribution from unresolved point sources, assuming that the antenna temperature of point sources declines with frequency as $\nu^{-2.09}$ (see equation (5) of Nolta et al. 2009). The 5-year estimate of the power spectrum from unresolved point sources in Q band in units of antenna temperature, $A_Ps$, was $10^8A_{ps} = 11 \pm 1 \mu K^2$ sr (Nolta et al. 2009), and we used this value and the error bar to marginalize over the power spectrum of residual point sources in the 7-year parameter estimation. The subsequent analysis showed that the 7-year estimate of the power spectrum is $10^8A_{ps} = 10.4 \pm 0.8 \mu K^2$ sr (Larson et al. 2010), which is somewhat lower than the 5-year value because more sources are resolved by WMAP and included in the source mask. Given that the source power spectrum is sub-dominant, and the new estimate is lower only by 6% and it is within 1$\sigma$ of the 5-year estimate, the parameter results are insensitive to the difference between the 5-year and 7-year residual source estimates.

We continue to marginalize over a contribution from the SZ effect using the same template as for the 3- and 5-year analyses (Komatsu & Seljak 2002). We assume a uniform prior on the amplitude of this template as 0 $< A_{SZ} < 2$, which is now justified by the latest limits from the SPT collaboration, $A_{SZ} = 0.37 \pm 0.17$ (68% CL; Luckey et al. 2009), and the ACT collaboration, $A_{SZ} < 1.63$ (95% CL; Fowler et al. 2010).

High-$l$ Temperature and Polarization. We increase the multipole range of the power spectra used for the cosmological parameter estimation from 2 – 1000 to 2 – 1200 for the TT power spectrum, and from 2 – 450 to 2 – 800 for the TE power spectrum. We use the 7-year V- and W-band maps (Jarosik et al. 2010) to measure the high-$l$ TT power spectrum in $l = 33 – 1200$. While we used only Q- and V-band maps to measure the high-$l$ TE and TB power spectra for the 5-year analysis (Nolta et al. 2009), we also include W-band maps in the 7-year high-$l$ polarization analysis.
With these data, we now detect the high-\(l\) TE power spectrum at 21\(\sigma\), compared to 13\(\sigma\) for the 5-year high-\(l\) TE data. This is a consequence of adding two more years of data and the W-band data. The TB data can be used to probe a rotation angle of the polarization plane, \(\Delta \alpha\), due to potential parity-violating effects or systematic effects. With the 7-year high-\(l\) TB data we find a limit \(\Delta \alpha = -0.9^\circ \pm 1.4^\circ\) (68\% CL). For comparison, the limit from the 5-year high-\(l\) TB power spectrum was \(\Delta \alpha = -1.2^\circ \pm 2.2^\circ\) (68\% CL; Komatsu et al. 2009b). See Section 4.5 for the 4.5-year limit on \(\Delta \alpha\) from the full analysis.

**Low-\(l\) Temperature and Polarization.** Except for using the 7-year maps and the new temperature KQ85y7 mask, there is no change in the analysis of the low-\(l\) temperature and polarization data: we use the Internal Linear Combination (ILC) map (Gold et al. 2010) to measure the low-\(l\) TT power spectrum in \(l = 2 - 32\), and calculate the likelihood using the Gibbs sampling and Blackwell-Rao (BR) estimator (Jewell et al. 2004; Wandelt 2003; Wandelt et al. 2004; O’Dwyer et al. 2004; Eriksen et al. 2004, 2007a,b; Chu et al. 2005; Larson et al. 2007). For the implementation of the BR estimator in the 5-year analysis, see Section 2.1 of Dunkley et al. (2009). We use Ka-, Q-, and V-band maps for the low-\(l\) polarization analysis in \(l = 2 - 23\), and evaluate the likelihood directly in pixel space as described in Appendix D of Page et al. (2007).

To get a feel for improvements in the low-\(l\) polarization data with two additional years of integration, we note that the 7-year limits on the optical depth, and the tensor-to-scalar ratio and rotation angle from the low-\(l\) polarization data alone, are \(\tau = 0.088 \pm 0.015\) (68\% CL; see Larson et al. 2010), \(r < 1.6\) (95\% CL; see Section 4.1), and \(\Delta \alpha = -3.8^\circ \pm 5.2^\circ\) (68\% CL; see Section 4.5), respectively. The corresponding 5-year limits were \(\tau = 0.087 \pm 0.017\) (Dunkley et al. 2009), \(r < 2.7\) (see Section 4.1), and \(\Delta \alpha = -7.5^\circ \pm 7.3^\circ\) (Komatsu et al. 2009b), respectively.

In Table 6, we summarize the improvements from the 5-year data mentioned above.

### 3.2. External data sets

The WMAP data are statistically powerful enough to constrain 6 parameters of a flat \(\Lambda\)CDM model with a tilted spectrum. However, to constrain deviations from this minimal model, other CMB data probing smaller angular scales and astrophysical data probing the expansion rates, distances, and growth of structure are useful.

#### 3.2.1. Small-scale CMB Data

The best limits on the primordial helium abundance, \(Y_p\), are obtained when the WMAP data are combined with the power spectrum data from other CMB experiments probing smaller angular scales, \(l > 1000\).

We use the temperature power spectra from the Archeanometer Cosmology Bolometer Array Receiver (ACBAR; Reichardt et al. 2009) and QUEST at DASI (QUaD) (Brown et al. 2009) experiments. For the former, we use the temperature power spectrum binned in 16 band powers in the multipole range 900 < \(l\) < 2000. For the latter, we use the temperature power spectrum binned in 13 band powers in 900 < \(l\) < 2000.

We marginalize over the beam and calibration errors of each experiment: for ACBAR, the beam error is 2.6\% on a 5 arcmin (FWHM) Gaussian beam and the calibration error is 2.05\% in temperature. For QUaD, the beam error combines a 2.5\% error on 5.2 and 3.8 arcmin (FWHM) Gaussian beams at 100 GHz and 150 GHz, respectively, with an additional term accounting for the sidelobe uncertainty (see Appendix A of Brown et al. 2009, for details). The calibration error is 3.4\% in temperature.

Figure 7 shows the WMAP 7-year temperature power spectrum (Larson et al. 2010) as well as the temperature power spectra from ACBAR and QUaD.

#### 3.2.2. Hubble Constant and Angular Diameter Distances

There are two main astrophysical priors that we shall use in this paper: the Hubble constant and the angular diameter distances out to \(z = 0.2\) and 0.35.

- A Gaussian prior on the present-day Hubble constant, \(H_0 = 74.2 \pm 3.6\) km s\(^{-1}\) Mpc\(^{-1}\) (68\% CL; Riess et al. 2009). The quoted error includes both statistical and systematic errors. This measurement of \(H_0\) is obtained from the magnitude-redshift relation of 240 low-\(z\) Type Ia supernovae at \(z < 0.1\). The absolute magnitudes of supernovae are calibrated using new observations from HST of 240 Cepheid variables in six local Type Ia supernovae host galaxies and the maser galaxy NGC 4258.
systematic error is minimized by calibrating supernova luminosities directly using the geometric maser distance measurements. This is a significant improvement over the prior that we adopted for the 5-year analysis, \( H_0 = 72 \pm 8 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1} \), which is from the Hubble Key Project final results (Freedman et al. 2001).

- Gaussian priors on the distance ratios, \( r_s/D_V(z = 0.2) = 0.1905 \pm 0.0061 \) and \( r_s/D_V(z = 0.35) = 0.1097 \pm 0.0036 \), measured from the Two-Degree Field Galaxy Redshift Survey (2dFGRS) and the Sloan Digital Sky Survey Data Release 7 (SDSS DR7) (Percival et al. 2009). The inverse covariance matrix is given by equation (5) of Percival et al. (2009). These priors are improvements from those we adopted for the 5-year analysis, \( r_s/D_V(z = 0.2) = 0.1980 \pm 0.0058 \) and \( r_s/D_V(z = 0.35) = 0.1094 \pm 0.0033 \) (Percival et al. 2007).

The above measurements can be translated into a measurement of \( r_s/D_V(z) \) at a single, “pivot” redshift: \( r_s/D_V(z = 0.275) = 0.1390 \pm 0.0037 \) (Percival et al. 2009). Kazin et al. (2010) used the two-point correlation function of SDSS-DR7 LRGs to measure \( r_s/D_V(z) \) at \( z = 0.278 \). They found \( r_s/D_V(z = 0.278) = 0.1394 \pm 0.0049 \), which is an excellent agreement with the above measurement by Percival et al. (2009) at a similar redshift. The excellent agreement between these two independent studies, which are based on very different methods, indicates that the systematic error in the derived values of \( r_s/D_V(z) \) may be much smaller than the statistical error.

Here, \( r_s \) is the comoving sound horizon size at the baryon drag epoch \( z_d \),

\[
r_s(z_d) = \frac{c}{\sqrt{3}} \int_0^{1/(1+z_d)} \frac{da}{a^2 H(a) \sqrt{1 + (3\Omega_b/4\Omega_c)a}}.
\]  

For \( z_d \), we use the fitting formula proposed by Eisenstein & Hu (1998). The effective distance measure, \( D_V(z) \) (Eisenstein et al. 2005), is given by

\[
D_V(z) = \left[ (1+z)^2 D_A^2(z) \frac{cz}{H(z)} \right]^{1/3},
\]

where \( D_A(z) \) is the proper (not comoving) angular diameter distance:

\[
D_A(z) = \frac{c}{H_0} \int_0^{z_A} \frac{dz'}{f_k(z')},
\]

where \( f_k(x) = \sin x, x, \text{ and } \sinh x \) for \( \Omega_k < 0 \) \( (k = 1; \text{ positively curved}), \Omega_k = 0 \) \( (k = 0; \text{ flat}), \) and \( \Omega_k > 0 \) \( (k = -1; \text{ negatively curved}), \) respectively. The Hubble expansion rate, which has contributions from baryons, cold dark matter, photons, massless and massive neutrinos, curvature, and dark energy, is given by equation (27) in Section 3.3.
The cosmological parameters determined by combining the WMAP data, BAO, and $H_0$ will be called “WMAP+BAO+$H_0$,” and they constitute our best estimates of the cosmological parameters, unless noted otherwise.

Note that, when redshift is much less than unity, the effective distance approaches $D_V(z) \rightarrow cz/H_0$. Therefore, the effect of different cosmological models on $D_V(z)$ do not appear until one goes to higher redshifts. If redshift is very low, $D_V(z)$ is simply measuring the Hubble constant.

### 3.2.3. Power Spectrum of Luminous Red Galaxies

A combination of the WMAP data and the power spectrum of Luminous Red Galaxies (LRGs) measured from the SDSS DR7 is a powerful probe of the total mass of neutrinos, $\sum m_\nu$, and the effective number of neutrino species, $N_\text{eff}$ (Reid et al. 2009, 2010). We thus combine the LRG power spectrum (Reid et al. 2009) with the WMAP 7-year data and the Hubble constant (Riess et al. 2009) to update the constraints on $\sum m_\nu$ and $N_\text{eff}$ reported in Reid et al. (2009). Note that BAO and the LRG power spectrum cannot be treated as independent data sets because a part of the measurement of BAO used LRGs as well.

### 3.2.4. Luminosity Distances

The luminosity distances out to high-$z$ Type Ia supernovae have been the most powerful data for first discovering the existence of dark energy (Riess et al. 1998; Perlmutter et al. 1999) and then constraining the properties of dark energy, such as the equation of state parameter, $w$ (see Frieman et al. 2008, for a recent review). With more than 400 Type Ia supernovae discovered, the constraints on the properties of dark energy inferred from Type Ia supernovae are now limited by systematic errors rather than by statistical errors.

There is an indication that the constraints on dark energy parameters are different when different methods are used to fit the light curves of Type Ia supernovae (Hicken et al. 2009b; Kessler et al. 2009). We also found that the parameters of the minimal 6-parameter $\Lambda$CDM model derived from two compilations of Kessler et al. (2009) are different: one compilation uses the light curve fitter called SALT-II (Guy et al. 2007) while the other uses the light curve fitter called MLCS2K2 (Jha et al. 2007). For example, $\Omega_A$ derived from WMAP+BAO+SALT-II and WMAP+BAO+MLCS2K2 are different by nearly $2\sigma$, despite being derived from the same data sets (but processed with two different light curve fitters). If we allow the dark energy equation of state parameter, $w$, to vary, we find that $w$ derived from WMAP+BAO+SALT-II and WMAP+BAO+MLCS2K2 are different by $\sim 2.5\sigma$.

At the moment it is not obvious how to estimate systematic errors and properly incorporate them in the likelihood analysis, in order to reconcile different methods and data sets.

In this paper, we shall use one compilation of the supernova data called the “Constitution” samples (Hicken et al. 2009b). The reason for this choice over the others, such as the compilation by Kessler et al. (2009) that includes the latest data from the SDSS-II supernova survey, is that the Constitution samples are an extension of the “Union” samples (Kowalski et al. 2008) that we used for the 5-year analysis (see Section 2.3 of Komatsu et al. 2009b). More specifically, the Constitution samples are the Union samples plus the latest samples of nearby Type Ia supernovae optical photometry from the Center for Astrophysics (CfA) supernova group (CfA3 sample; Hicken et al. 2009a). Therefore, the parameter constraints from a combination of the WMAP 7-year data, the latest BAO data described above (Percival et al. 2009), and the Constitution supernova data may be directly compared to the “WMAP+BAO+SN” parameters given in Table 1 and 2 of Komatsu et al. (2009b). This is a useful comparison, as it shows how much the limits on parameters have improved by adding two more years of data.

However, given the scatter of results among different compilations of the supernova data, we have decided to choose the “WMAP+BAO+$H_0$” (see Section 3.2.2) as our best data combination to constrain the cosmological parameters, except for dark energy parameters. For dark energy parameters, we compare the results from WMAP+BAO+$H_0$ and WMAP+BAO+SN in Section 5. Note that we always marginalize over the absolute magnitudes of Type Ia supernovae with a uniform prior.

### 3.2.5. Time-delay Distance

Can we measure angular diameter distances out to higher redshifts? Measurements of gravitational lensing time delays offer a way to determine absolute distance scales (Refsdal 1964). When a foreground galaxy lenses a background variable source (e.g., quasars) and produces multiple images of the source, changes of the source luminosity due to variability appear on multiple images at different times.

The time delay at a given image position $\theta$ for a given source position $\beta$, $t(\theta, \beta)$, depends on the angular diameter distances as (see, e.g., Schneider et al. 2006, for a review)

$$t(\theta, \beta) = \frac{1 + z_l D_l D_s}{c} \phi_\text{F}(\theta, \beta),$$

where $D_l$, $D_s$, and $D_{ls}$ are the angular diameter distances out to a lens galaxy, to a source galaxy, and between them, respectively, and $\phi_\text{F}$ is the so-called Fermat potential, which depends on the path length of light rays and gravitational potential of the lens galaxy.

The biggest challenge for this method is to control systematic errors in our knowledge of $\phi_\text{F}$, which requires a detailed modeling of mass distribution of the lens. One can, in principle, minimize this systematic error by finding a lens system where the mass distribution of lens is relatively simple.

The lens system B1608+656 is not a simple system, with two lens galaxies and dust extinction; however, it has one of the most precise time-delay measurements of quadruple lenses. The lens redshift of this system is relatively large, $z_l = 0.6304$. (The source redshift is $z_s = 1.394$.) This system has been used to determine $H_0$ to 10% accuracy (Koopmans et al. 2003).

Suyu et al. (2009b) have obtained more data from the deep HST Advanced Camera for Surveys (ACS) observations of the asymmetric and spatially extended lensed images, and constrained the slope of mass distribution of the lens galaxies. They also obtained ancillary data (for...
stellar dynamics and lens environment studies) to control the systematics, particularly the so-called “mass-sheet degeneracy,” which the strong lensing data alone cannot break. By doing so, they were able to reduce the error in $H_0$ (including the systematic error) by a factor of two (Suyu et al. 2009a). They find a constraint on the “time-delay distance,” $D_{\Delta t}$, as

$$D_{\Delta t} \equiv (1 + z) \frac{D_{ls}}{D_{ls}} \simeq 5226 \pm 206 \text{ Mpc},$$

where the number is found from a Gaussian fit to the likelihood of $D_{\Delta t}$; however, the actual shape of the likelihood is slightly non-Gaussian. We thus use:

- Likelihood of $D_{\Delta t}$ out to the lens system B1608+656 given by Suyu et al. (2009a),

$$P(D_{\Delta t}) = \exp \left[ -\frac{(\ln(x - \lambda) - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right] \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} (x - \lambda) \sigma,$$

where $x = D_{\Delta t}/(1 \text{ Mpc})$, $\lambda = 4000$, $\mu = 7.053$, and $\sigma = 0.2282$. This likelihood includes systematic errors due to the mass-sheet degeneracy, which dominates the total error budget (see Section 6 of Suyu et al. 2009a, for more details). Note that this is the only lens system for which $D_{\Delta t}$ (rather than $H_0$) has been constrained.\(^{18}\)

### 3.3. Treating Massive Neutrinos in $H(a)$ Exactly

When we evaluate the likelihood of external astrophysical data sets, we often need to compute the Hubble expansion rate, $H(a)$. While we treated the effect of massive neutrinos on $H(a)$ approximately for the 5-year analysis of the external data sets presented in Komatsu et al. (2009b), we treat it exactly for the 7-year analysis, as described below.

The total energy density of massive neutrino species, $\rho_{\nu}$, is given by (in natural units)

$$\rho_{\nu}(a) = \frac{2}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{dp}{p^2} \frac{1}{e^{p/T_{\nu}} + 1} + \frac{1}{a^4} \left( \frac{m_{\nu,i}}{m_{\nu,i}} \right)^2,$$

where $m_{\nu,i}$ is the mass of each neutrino species. Using the comoving momentum, $q \equiv pa$, and the present-day neutrino temperature, $T_{\nu,0} = (4/11)^{1/3}T_{\text{cmb}} = 1.945 \text{ K}$, we write

$$\rho_{\nu}(a) = \frac{1}{a^4} \int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{e^{q/T_{\nu,0}} + 1} + \frac{1}{a^4} \left[ \int \frac{q^2 dq}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{e^{q/T_{\nu,0}} + 1} \right]$$

$$\times \left( \frac{m_{\nu,i}}{m_{\nu,i}} \right)^2 a^2.$$  \(^{17}\)

Throughout this paper, we shall assume that all massive neutrino species have the equal mass $m_{\nu,i}$, i.e., $m_{\nu,i} = m_{\nu}$ for all $i$.\(^{19}\)

When neutrinos are relativistic, one may relate $\rho_{\nu}$ to the photon energy density, $\rho_{\gamma}$, as

$$\rho_{\nu}(a) \rightarrow \frac{7}{8} \left( \frac{4}{11} \right)^{4/3} N_{\text{eff}} \rho_{\nu}(a) \simeq 0.2271 N_{\text{eff}} \rho_{\nu}(a),$$

where $N_{\text{eff}}$ is the effective number of neutrino species. Note that $N_{\text{eff}} = 3.04$ for the standard neutrino species.\(^{20}\) This motivates our writing equation (22) as

$$\rho_{\nu}(a) = 0.2271 N_{\text{eff}} \rho_{\nu}(a) f(m_{\nu,a}/T_{\nu,0}),$$

where

$$f(y) = \frac{120}{\pi^4} \int_0^{\infty} dx \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{x^4 + y^2}}.$$  \(^{21}\)

The limits of this function are $f(y) \rightarrow 1$ for $y \rightarrow 0$, and $f(y) \rightarrow \frac{180(3)}{\pi^2} y$ for $y \rightarrow \infty$, where $\zeta(3) \approx 1.202$ is the Riemann zeta function. We find that $f(y)$ can be approximated by the following fitting formula:\(^{21}\)

$$f(y) \approx [1 + (Ay)^p]^{1/p},$$

where $A = \frac{180(3)}{\pi^2} \approx 0.3173$ and $p = 1.83$. This fitting formula is constructed such that it reproduces the asymptotic limits in $y \rightarrow 0$ and $y \rightarrow \infty$ exactly. This fitting formula underestimates $f(y)$ by 0.1% at $y \approx 2.5$, and overestimates by 0.35% at $y \approx 10$. The errors are smaller than these values at other $y$’s.

Using this result, we write the Hubble expansion rate as

$$H(a) = H_0 \left\{ \frac{\Omega_x + \Omega_b}{a^3} + \frac{\Omega_{\Lambda}}{a^4} [1 + 0.2271 N_{\text{eff}} f(m_{\nu,a}/T_{\nu,0})] \right\},$$

where $\Omega_x = 2.469 \times 10^{-5}h^{-2}$ for $T_{\text{cmb}} = 2.725 \text{ K}$. Using the massive neutrino density parameter, $\Omega_{\nu}h^2 = \sum m_{\nu}/(94 \text{ eV})$, for the standard 3 neutrino species, we find

$$\frac{m_{\nu,a}}{T_{\nu,0}} = \frac{187}{1 + z} \left( \frac{\Omega_{\nu}h^2}{10^{-3}} \right).$$

One can check that $(\Omega_{b}/a^4)0.2271 N_{\text{eff}} f(m_{\nu,a}/T_{\nu,0}) \rightarrow \Omega_{\nu}/a^3$ for $a \rightarrow \infty$. One may compare equation (27), which is exact (if we compute $f(y)$ exactly), to equation (7) of Komatsu et al. (2009b), which is approximate.

Throughout this paper, we shall use $\Omega_\Lambda$ to denote the dark energy density parameter at present: $\Omega_\Lambda \equiv \Omega_{\Lambda}(z = 0)$. The function $w_{\text{eff}}(a)$ in equation (27) is the effective equation of state of dark energy given by $w_{\text{eff}}(a) \equiv$
mainly constrain the amplitude of tensor modes by the low-l temperature power spectrum (see Section 3.2.3 of Komatsu et al. 2009b). Nevertheless, it is still useful to see how much constraint one can obtain from the 7-year polarization data.

We first fix the cosmological parameters at the 5-year WMAP best-fit values of a power-law ΛCDM model. We then calculate the tensor mode contributions to the B-mode, E-mode, and TE power spectra as a function of one parameter: the amplitude, in the form of the tensor-to-scalar ratio, r, defined as

\[ r = \frac{\Delta^2_R(k_0)}{\Delta^2_s(k_0)}. \]  

(30)

where \( \Delta^2_R(k) \) is the power spectrum of tensor metric perturbations, \( h_k \), given by

\[ \Delta^2_R(k) = \frac{4 k^3 \langle |h_k|^2 \rangle}{2 \pi^2} = \Delta^2_s(k_0) \left( \frac{k}{k_0} \right)^{n_s}. \]  

(31)

In Figure 8, we show the limits on \( r \) from the B-mode power spectrum only (\( r < 2.1, 95\% \) CL), from the B- and E-mode power spectra combined (\( r < 1.6 \)), and from the B-mode, E-mode, and TE power spectra combined (\( r < 0.93 \)). These limits are significantly better than those from the 5-year data (\( r < 4.7, 2.7, \) and 1.6, respectively), because of the smaller noise and shifts in the best-fitting values. For comparison, the B-mode power spectrum from the BICEP 2-year data gives \( r < 0.73 \) (95\% CL; Chiang et al. 2009).

If we add the temperature power spectrum, but still fix all the other cosmological parameters including \( n_s \), then we find \( r < 0.15 \) (95\% CL) from both 5-year and 7-year data; however, due to a strong correlation between \( n_s \) and \( r \), this would be an underestimate of the error. For a 7-parameter model (a flat ΛCDM model with a tilted spectrum, tensor modes, and \( n_t = -r/8 \)), we find \( r < 0.36 \) (95\% CL) from the WMAP data alone (Larson et al. 2010), \( r < 0.33 \) (95\% CL) from WMAP plus ACBAR and QuaD, \( r < 0.24 \) (95\% CL) from WMAP+BAO+H0, and \( r < 0.20 \) (95\% CL) from WMAP+BAO+SN, where “SN” is the Constitution samples compiled by Hicken et al. (2009b) (see Section 3.2.4).

We give a summary of these numbers in Table 7.

4.2. Running Spectral Index

Let us relax the assumption that the power spectrum is a pure power-law, and add a “running index,” \( dn_s/d \ln k \) as (Kosowsky & Turner 1995)

\[ \Delta^2_R(k) = \Delta^2_s(k_0) \left( \frac{k}{k_0} \right)^{n_s(k_0) - 1 + \frac{1}{3} \ln(k/k_0)dn_s/d \ln k}. \]  

(32)

Ignoring tensor modes again, we find

\[ dn_s/d \ln k = -0.022 \pm 0.020 \]  

(68\% CL), from WMAP+BAO+H0. For comparison, the WMAP data-only limit is \( dn_s/d \ln k = -0.034 \pm 0.026 \) (Larson et al. 2010), and the WMAP+ACBAR+QuaD limit is \( dn_s/d \ln k = -0.041^{+0.022}_{-0.023} \).
TABLE 7

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$^a$Defined at $k_0 = 0.002$ Mpc$^{-1}$.
$^b$Larson et al. (2010).
$^c$ACBAR (Reichardt et al. 2009); QUaD (Brown et al. 2009).

None of these data combinations require $dn_s/d\ln k$: improvements in a goodness-of-fit relative to a power-law model (equation (29)) are

$$\chi^2 = -2 \ln \left( \frac{L_{\text{running}}}{L_{\text{power-law}}} \right) = -1.2, -2.6, and -0.72$$

for the WMAP-only, WMAP+ACBAR+QUaD, and WMAP+BAO+H$_0$, respectively. See Table 7 for the case where both $r$ and $dn_s/d\ln k$ are allowed to vary.

A simple power-law primordial power spectrum without tensor modes continues to be an excellent fit to the data. While we have not done a non-parametric study of the shape of the power spectrum, recent studies after the 5-year data release continue to show that there is no convincing deviation from a simple power-law spectrum (Peiris & Verde 2010; Ichiki et al. 2009; Hamann et al. 2009).

4.3. Spatial Curvature

While the WMAP data alone cannot constrain the spatial curvature parameter of the observable universe, $\Omega_k$, very well, combining the WMAP data with other distance indicators such as H$_0$, BAO, or supernovae can constrain $\Omega_k$ (e.g., Spergel et al. 2007).

Assuming a $\Lambda$CDM model ($w = -1$), we find

$$-0.0133 < \Omega_k < 0.0084$$

(95% CL), from WMAP+BAO+H$_0$. However, the limit weakens significantly if dark energy is allowed to be dynamical, $w \neq -1$, as this data combination, WMAP+BAO+H$_0$, cannot constrain $w$ very well. We need additional information from Type Ia supernovae to constrain $w$ and $\Omega_k$ simultaneously (see Section 5.3 of Komatsu et al. 2009b). We shall explore this possibility in Section 5.5.

4.4. Non-Adiabatic: Implications for Axions

Non-adiabatic fluctuations are a powerful probe of the origin of matter and the physics of inflation. Following Section 3.6 of Komatsu et al. (2009b), we focus on two physically motivated models for non-adiabatic fluctuations: axion-type (Seckel & Turner 1985; Linde 1985; Turner & Wizerek 1991) and curvaton-type (Linde & Mukhanov 1997; Lyth & Wands 2003; Moroi & Takashashi 2001, 2002; Bartolo & Liddle 2002).

For both cases, we consider non-adiabatic fluctuations between photons and cold dark matter: $\delta^S = \frac{\delta \rho^c}{\rho^c} - 3\frac{\delta \rho_\gamma}{4\rho_\gamma}$, and report limits on the ratio of the power spectrum of $\Delta \chi^2$ and that of the curvature perturbation $R$ (e.g., Bean et al. 2006):

$$\frac{\alpha(k_0)}{1 - \alpha} = \frac{P_S(k_0)}{P_R(k_0)},$$

where $k_0 = 0.002$ Mpc$^{-1}$. We denote the limits on axion-type and curvaton-type by $\alpha_0$ and $\alpha_{-1}$, respectively. We find no evidence for non-adiabatic fluctuations. The WMAP data-only limits are $\alpha_0 < 0.13$ (95% CL) and $\alpha_{-1} < 0.011$ (95% CL) (95% CL); Larson et al. 2010). With WMAP+BAO+H$_0$, we find

$$\alpha_0 < 0.077$$

(95% CL) and $\alpha_{-1} < 0.0047$ (95% CL), while with WMAP+BAO+SN, we find $\alpha_0 < 0.064$ (95% CL) and $\alpha_{-1} < 0.0037$ (95% CL).

The limit on $\alpha_0$ has an important implication for axion dark matter. In particular, a limit on $\alpha_0$ is related to a limit on the tensor-to-scalar ratio, $r$ (Kain 2006; Beltran et al. 2007; Sikivie 2008; Kawasaki & Sekiguchi 2008). The explicit formula is given by equation (48) of

$$\delta_{\text{adi}} = \frac{\delta \rho_\gamma}{\rho_\gamma} - 3\frac{\delta \rho_\gamma}{4\rho_\gamma} \approx \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{3}$$

(35)
where $\Omega_a^\prime \leq \Omega_c$ is the axion density parameter, $\theta_a$ is the phase of the Peccei-Quinn field within our observable universe, and $\gamma \leq 1$ is a “dilution factor” representing the amount by which the axion density parameter, $\Omega_a^\prime h^2$, would have been diluted due to a potential late-time entropy production by, e.g., decay of some (unspecified) heavy particles, between 200 MeV and the epoch of nucleosynthesis, 1 MeV.

Where does this formula come from? Within the context of the “misalignment” scenario of axion dark matter\cite{25}, there are two observables one can use to place limits on the axion properties: the dark matter density and $\alpha_0$. They are given by (e.g., Kawasaki & Sekiguchi 2008, and references therein)

$$\alpha_0(k) = \frac{\Omega_a^\prime}{\Omega_c^\prime} \frac{\theta_a^2}{\theta^2_{0}(f_a/M_{pl})^2}, \quad (37)$$

$$\Omega_a h^2 = 1.0 \times 10^{-3} \theta_a^2 \left( \frac{f_a}{10^{10} \text{ GeV}} \right)^{7/6}, \quad (38)$$

where $f_a$ is the axion decay constant, and $\epsilon = -\dot{H}_{\text{inf}}/H_{\text{inf}}^2$ is the so-called slow-roll parameter (where $H_{\text{inf}}$ is the Hubble expansion rate during inflation). For single-field inflation models, $\epsilon$ is related to $r$ as $r = 16\epsilon$. By eliminating the axion decay constant, one obtains equation (36).

In deriving the above formula for $\Omega_a h^2$ (equation (38)), we have assumed that the axion field began to oscillate before the QCD phase transition.\cite{26} This is true when $f_a < \mathcal{O}(10^{-2})M_{pl}$; however, when $f_a > \mathcal{O}(10^{-2})M_{pl}$, the axions are so light that the axion field would not start oscillating after the QCD phase transition.\cite{27}

\begin{itemize}
  \item[24] This formula assumes that the axion field began to oscillate before the QCD phase transition. The formula in the other limit will be given later. We shall assume that the energy density of the universe was dominated by radiation when the axion field began to oscillate; however, this may not always be true (Kawasaki et al. 1996; Kawasaki & Takahashi 2005) when there was a significant amount of entropy production after the QCD phase transition, i.e., $\gamma \ll 1$.
  \item[25] We make the following assumptions: the Peccei-Quinn symmetry was broken during inflation but before the fluctuations we observe today left the horizon, and was not restored before or after the end of inflation (reheating). That the Peccei-Quinn symmetry was not restored before reheating requires the expansion rate during inflation not to exceed the axion decay constant, $H_{\text{inf}} < f_a$ (Lyth & Stewart 1992). That the Peccei-Quinn symmetry was not restored after reheating requires the reheating temperature after inflation not to exceed $f_a$.
  \item[26] Specifically, the temperature at which the axion field began to oscillate, $T_1$, can be calculated from the condition $3H(T_1) = m_a(T_1)$, where $T_1 \approx 0.1m_a(0.2 \text{ GeV/T})^4$ is the mass of axions before the QCD phase transition, $T \gtrsim 0.2 \text{ GeV}$, and $m_{a0} = 13 \text{ MeV}(1 \text{ GeV/f}_a)$ is the mass of axions at the zero temperature. Here, we have used the pion decay constant of $F_p = 184 \text{ MeV}$ to calculate $m_{a0}$, following equation (3.4.16) of Weinberg (2008). The Hubble expansion rate during radiation era is given by $M_{pl}^2H^2(T) = (\pi^2/90)\gamma_7T^4$, where $M_{pl} = 2.4 \times 10^{18} \text{ GeV}$ is the reduced Planck mass and $\gamma_7$ is the number of relativistic degrees of freedom. Before the QCD phase transition, $\gamma_7 = 61.75$. After the QCD phase transition but before the electron-positron annihilation, $\gamma_7 = 10.75$.
  \item[27] This dividing point, $f_a = \mathcal{O}(10^{-2})M_{pl}$, can be found from the condition $T_1 = 0.2 \text{ GeV}$ and $3H(T_1) = m_a(T_1)$. See Hertzberg
\end{itemize}

In deriving the above formula for $\Omega_a h^2$ (equation (38)), we have assumed that the axion field began to oscillate before the QCD phase transition.\cite{26} This is true when $f_a < \mathcal{O}(10^{-2})M_{pl}$; however, when $f_a > \mathcal{O}(10^{-2})M_{pl}$, the axions are so light that the axion field would not start oscillating after the QCD phase transition.\cite{27} In this limit, the formula for $\Omega_a^\prime h^2$ is given by

$$\Omega_a^\prime h^2 = 1.6 \times 10^5 \gamma_7^2 \left( \frac{f_a}{10^{17} \text{ GeV}} \right)^{3/2}. \quad (39)$$

By eliminating $f_a$ from equation (37) and (39), we obtain another formula for $r$:

$$r = \frac{4.0 \times 10^{-10}}{\theta_a^2 \gamma_7/2} \left( \frac{\Omega_a^\prime h^2}{\gamma} \right)^{4/3} \left( \frac{\Omega_c^\prime}{\Omega_a^\prime} \right)^{2/3} \frac{\alpha_0}{1 - \alpha_0}. \quad (40)$$

Equation (36) and (40), combined with our limits on $\Omega_a^\prime h^2$ and $\alpha_0$, implies that the axion dark matter scenario in which axions account for most of the observed amount of dark matter, $\Omega_a^\prime \sim \Omega_c^\prime$, must satisfy

$$r < \frac{7.6 \times 10^{-15}}{\theta_a^2 \gamma_7/2} \text{ for } f_a < \mathcal{O}(10^{-2})M_{pl}, \quad (41)$$

$$r < \frac{1.5 \times 10^{-12}}{\theta_a^2 \gamma_7^{2/3}} \text{ for } f_a > \mathcal{O}(10^{-2})M_{pl}. \quad (42)$$

Alternatively, one can express this constraint as

$$\theta_a^2 \gamma_7^7 < 3.3 \times 10^{-9} \left( \frac{10^{-2}}{r} \right)^{7/10} \text{ for } f_a < \mathcal{O}(10^{-2})M_{pl}, \quad (43)$$

$$\theta_a^2 \gamma_7^2 < 1.8 \times 10^{-15} \left( \frac{10^{-2}}{r} \right)^{3/2} \text{ for } f_a > \mathcal{O}(10^{-2})M_{pl}. \quad (44)$$

Therefore, a future detection of tensor modes at the level of $r = 10^{-2}$ would imply a fine-tuning of $\theta_a$ or $\gamma_7$ or both of these parameters (Komatsu et al. 2009b). If such fine-tunings are not permitted, axions cannot account for the observed abundance of dark matter (in the misalignment scenario that we have considered here).

Depending on one’s interest, one may wish to eliminate the phase, leaving the axion decay constant in the formula (see equation (B7) of Komatsu et al. 2009b):

$$r = \left( 1.6 \times 10^{-12} \right) \left( \frac{\Omega_a^\prime h^2}{\gamma} \right) \left( \frac{\Omega_c^\prime}{\Omega_a^\prime} \right) \left( \frac{f_a}{10^{27} \text{ GeV}} \right)^{5/6} \frac{\alpha_0}{1 - \alpha_0}. \quad (45)$$

for $f < \mathcal{O}(10^{-2})M_{pl}$. This formula gives

$$f_a > 1.8 \times 10^{26} \text{ GeV } \gamma_7^{1/6} \left( \frac{r}{10^{-2}} \right)^{6/5}, \quad (46)$$

which is inconsistent with the condition $f_a < \mathcal{O}(10^{-2})M_{pl}$ (unless $r$ is extremely small). The formula that is valid for $f > \mathcal{O}(10^{-2})M_{pl}$ is

$$r = \left( 2.2 \times 10^{-3} \right) \left( \frac{\Omega_a^\prime h^2}{\gamma} \right) \left( \frac{\Omega_c^\prime}{\Omega_a^\prime} \right) \left( \frac{f_a}{10^{17} \text{ GeV}} \right)^{1/2} \frac{\alpha_0}{1 - \alpha_0}. \quad (47)$$

which gives

$$f_a > 3.2 \times 10^{33} \text{ GeV } \gamma_7^2 \left( \frac{r}{10^{-2}} \right)^2. \quad (48)$$

Requiring $f_a < M_{pl} = 2.4 \times 10^{18} \text{ GeV}$, we obtain

$$r < \frac{8.7 \times 10^{-10}}{\gamma_7}. \quad (49)$$

et al. (2008) for more accurate numerical estimate. Note that Hertzberg et al. (2008) used $F_p = 93 \text{ MeV}$ for the pion decay constant when calculating the axion mass at the zero temperature.
Thus, a future detection of tensor modes at the level of $r = 10^{-2}$ implies a significant amount of entropy production, $\gamma \ll 1$, or a super-Planckian axion decay constant, $f_a > M_{pl}$, or both. Also see Hertzberg et al. (2008); Mack (2009); Mack & Steinhardt (2009) for similar studies.

For the implications of $\alpha_1$ for curvaton dark matter, see Section 3.6.4 of Komatsu et al. (2009b).

4.5. Parity Violation

While the TB and EB correlations vanish in a parity-conserving universe, they may not vanish when global parity symmetry is broken on cosmological scales (Lue et al. 1999; Carroll 1998). In pixel space, they would show up as a non-vanishing ($U_r$). As we showed already in Section 2.4, the WMAP 7-year ($U_r$) data are consistent with noise. What can we learn from this?

It is now a routine work of CMB experiments to deliver the TB and EB data, and constrain a rotation angle of the polarization plane due to a parity-violating effect (or a rotation due to some systematic error). Specifically, a rotation of the polarization plane by an angle $\Delta \alpha$ gives the following 5 transformations (Lue et al. 1999; Feng et al. 2005):

\[
C_{l}^{\text{TE,obs}} = C_{l}^{\text{TE}} \cos(2\Delta \alpha), \\
C_{l}^{\text{TB,obs}} = C_{l}^{\text{TE}} \sin(2\Delta \alpha), \\
C_{l}^{\text{EE,obs}} = C_{l}^{\text{EE}} \cos^2(2\Delta \alpha) + C_{l}^{\text{BB}} \sin^2(2\Delta \alpha), \\
C_{l}^{\text{BB,obs}} = C_{l}^{\text{EE}} \sin^2(2\Delta \alpha) + C_{l}^{\text{BB}} \cos^2(2\Delta \alpha), \\
C_{l}^{\text{EB,obs}} = \frac{1}{2} (C_{l}^{\text{EE}} - C_{l}^{\text{BB}}) \sin(4\Delta \alpha),
\]

where $C_l$'s on the right hand side are the primordial power spectra in the absence of rotation, while $C_l^{\text{obs}}$'s on the left hand side are what we would observe in the presence of rotation.

Since we already know that the primordial B-mode polarization is much smaller than the E-mode polarization, we may ignore $C_l^{\text{BB}}$ on the right hand side to obtain

\[
C_{l}^{\text{TE,obs}} = C_{l}^{\text{TE}} \cos(2\Delta \alpha), \\
C_{l}^{\text{TB,obs}} = C_{l}^{\text{TE}} \sin(2\Delta \alpha), \\
C_{l}^{\text{EE,obs}} = C_{l}^{\text{EE}} \cos^2(2\Delta \alpha), \\
C_{l}^{\text{BB,obs}} = C_{l}^{\text{EE}} \sin^2(2\Delta \alpha), \\
C_{l}^{\text{EB,obs}} = \frac{1}{2} C_{l}^{\text{EE}} \sin(4\Delta \alpha).
\]

Roughly speaking, when the polarization data are still dominated by noise rather than by the cosmic signal, the uncertainty in $\Delta \alpha$ is given by a half of the inverse of the signal-to-noise ratio of TE or EE, i.e.,

\[
\text{Err}[\Delta \alpha^{\text{TB}}] \approx \frac{1}{2(S/N)^{\text{TE}}}, \\
\text{Err}[\Delta \alpha^{\text{EB}}] \approx \frac{1}{2(S/N)^{\text{EE}}}.
\]

(Note that we use the full likelihood code to find the best-fitting values and error bars. These equations should only be used to provide an intuitive feel of how the errors scale with signal-to-noise.) As we mentioned in the last paragraph of Section 2.4, with the 7-year polarization data we detect the TE power spectrum at 21$\sigma$ for $l = 24$ to 800. We thus expect Err[$\Delta \alpha^{\text{TB}}$] $\approx 1/42 \approx 0.024$ radian $\approx 1.4^\circ$, which is significantly better than the 5-year value, 2.2$^\circ$ (Komatsu et al. 2009b). On the other hand, we detect the EE power spectrum at $l \geq 24$ only at a few $\sigma$ level, and thus Err[$\Delta \alpha^{\text{EE}}$] $\gg$ Err[$\Delta \alpha^{\text{TB}}$], implying that we may ignore the high-$l$ EB data.

The magnitude of polarization rotation angle, $\Delta \alpha$, depends on the path length over which photons experienced a parity-violating interaction. As pointed out by Liu et al. (2006), this leads to the polarization angle that depends on $l$. We can divide this $l$-dependence in two regimes: (i) $l \lesssim 20$: the polarization signal was generated during reionization (Zaldarriaga 1997). We are sensitive only to the polarization rotation between the reionization epoch and present epoch. (ii) $l \gtrsim 20$: the polarization signal was generated at the decoupling epoch. We are sensitive to the polarization rotation between the decoupling epoch and present epoch; thus, we have the largest path length in this case.

Using the high-$l$ TB data from $l = 24$ to 800, we find $\Delta \alpha = -0.9^\circ \pm 1.4^\circ$, which is a significant improvement over the 5-year high-$l$ result, $\Delta \alpha = -1.2^\circ \pm 2.2^\circ$ (Komatsu et al. 2009b).

Let us turn our attention to lower multipoles, $l \leq 23$. Here, with the 7-year polarization data, the EE power spectrum is detected at 5.1$\sigma$, whereas the TB power spectrum is only marginally seen (1.9$\sigma$). (The overall significance level of detection of the E-model polarization at $l \lesssim 23$, including EE and TE, is 5.5$\sigma$.) We therefore use both the TB and EB data at $l \leq 23$. We find $\Delta \alpha = -3.8^\circ \pm 5.2^\circ$, which is also a good improvement over the 5-year low-$l$ value, $\Delta \alpha = -7.5^\circ \pm 7.3^\circ$.

Combining the low-$l$ TB/EB and high-$l$ TB data, we find $\Delta \alpha = -1.1^\circ \pm 1.3^\circ$ (the 5-year combined limit was $\Delta \alpha = -1.7^\circ \pm 2.1^\circ$), where the quoted error is purely statistical; however, the WMAP instrument can measure the polarization angle to within $\pm 1.5^\circ$ of the design orientation (Page et al. 2003, 2007). We thus add $1.5^\circ$ as an estimate of a potential systematic error. Our final 7-year limit is

\[
\Delta \alpha = -1.1^\circ \pm 1.3^\circ \quad \text{(stat.)} \pm 1.5^\circ \quad \text{(syst.)} \quad 68\% \quad \text{CL},
\]

or $-5.0^\circ < \Delta \alpha < 2.8^\circ$ (95% CL), for which we have added the statistical and systematic errors in quadrature (which may be an under-estimate of the total error). The statistical error and systematic error are now comparable.

Several research groups have obtained limits on $\Delta \alpha$ from various data sets (Feng et al. 2006; Kostelecky & Mewes 2007; Cabella et al. 2007; Xia et al. 2008; Xia et al. 2008; Wu et al. 2009; Gubitosi et al. 2009). Recently, the BOOMERanG collaboration (Pagano et al. 2009) revisited a limit on $\Delta \alpha$ from their 2003 flight (B2K), taking into account the effect of systematic errors rotating the polarization angle by $-0.9^\circ \pm 0.7^\circ$. By removing this, they find $\Delta \alpha = -4.3^\circ \pm 4.1^\circ$ (68% CL). The QUIJOTE collaboration used their final data set to find $\Delta \alpha = 0.64^\circ \pm 0.50^\circ$ (stat.)$\pm 0.50^\circ$ (syst.) (68% CL; Brown et al. 2009). Xia et al. (2009) used the BICEP 2-data year (Chiang et al. 2009) to find $\Delta \alpha = -2.6^\circ \pm 1.0^\circ$ (68% CL statistical); however, a systematic error of $0.7^\circ$ needs to be added to this error budget (see “Polarization orien-
tation uncertainty” in Table 3 of Takahashi et al. 2009). Therefore, basically the systematic errors in recent measurements of $\Delta \alpha$ from WMAP 7-year, QUaD final, and BICEP 2-year data are comparable to the statistical errors.

Adding the statistical and systematic errors in quadrature and averaging over WMAP, QUaD and BICEP with the inverse variance weighting, we find $\Delta \alpha = -0.25^\circ \pm 0.58^\circ$ (68% CL), or $-1.41^\circ < \Delta \alpha < 0.91^\circ$ (95% CL). We therefore conclude that the microwave background data are comfortably consistent with a parity-conserving universe. See, e.g., Kostelecký & Mewes (2008); Arvanitaki et al. (2009) and references therein for implications of this result for potential violations of Lorentz invariance and CPT symmetry.

4.6. Neutrino Mass

Following Section 6.1 of Komatsu et al. (2009b) (also see references therein), we constrain the total mass of neutrinos, $\sum m_\nu = 94$ eV($\Omega_\nu h^2$), mainly from the 7-year WMAP data combined with the distance information. A new component in the analysis is the exact treatment of massive neutrinos when calculating the likelihood of the BAO data, as described in Section 3.3 (also see Wright 2006).

For a flat $\Lambda$CDM model, i.e., $w = -1$ and $\Omega_k = 0$, the WMAP-only limit is $\sum m_\nu < 1.3$ eV (95% CL), while the WMAP+BAO+$H_0$ limit is

$$\sum m_\nu < 0.58$$

95% CL  \hspace{1cm} \text{(for } w = -1 \text{)}.

The latter is the best upper limit on $\sum m_\nu$ without information on the growth of structure, which is achieved by a better measurement of the early Integrated Sachs-Wolfe (ISW) effect through the third acoustic peak of the 7-year temperature power spectrum (Larson et al. 2010), as well as by a better determination of $H_0$ from Riess et al. (2009). For explanations of this effect, see Ichikawa et al. (2005) or Section 6.1.3 of Komatsu et al. (2009b).

Sekiguchi et al. (2009) combined the 5-year version of WMAP+BAO+$H_0$ with the small-scale CMB data to find $\sum m_\nu < 0.66$ eV (95% CL). Therefore, the improvement from this value to our 7-year limit, $\sum m_\nu < 0.58$ eV, indeed comes from a better determination of the amplitude of the third acoustic peak in the 7-year temperature data.

The limit improves when information on the growth of structure is added. For example, with WMAP+$H_0$ and the power spectrum of LRGs (Reid et al. 2009, see Section 3.2.3) combined, we find $\sum m_\nu < 0.44$ eV (95% CL) for $w = -1$.

The WMAP+BAO+$H_0$ limit on the neutrino mass weakens significantly to $\sum m_\nu < 1.3$ eV (95% CL) for $w \neq -1$ because we do not use information of Type Ia supernovae here to constrain $w$. This is driven by $w$ being too negative: there is an anti-correlation between $w$ and $\sum m_\nu$ (Hannestad 2005). The best-fitting value of $w$ in this case is $w = -1.44 \pm 0.27$ (68% CL).\(^{28}\) For WMAP+LRG+$H_0$, we find $\sum m_\nu < 0.71$ eV (95% CL) for $w \neq -1$. When the Constitution supernova data are included (WMAP+BAO+SN), we find $\sum m_\nu < 0.71$\(^{29}\) and 0.91 eV (95% CL) for $w = -1$ and $w \neq -1$, respectively.

Recent studies after the 5-year data release combined the WMAP 5-year data with information on the growth of structure to find various improved limits. Vikhlinin et al. (2009b) added the abundance of X-ray-selected clusters of galaxies, which were found in the ROSAT All Sky Survey and followed up by the Chandra X-ray Observatory (their cluster catalog is described in Vikhlinin et al. 2009a), to the WMAP 5-year data, the BAO measurement from Eisenstein et al. (2005), and the Type Ia supernova data from Davis et al. (2007), to find $\sum m_\nu < 0.33$ eV (95% CL) for $w \neq -1$. Mantz et al. (2009b) added a different cluster catalog, also derived from the ROSAT All Sky Survey and followed up by the Chandra X-ray Observatory (their cluster catalog is described in Mantz et al. 2009a), and the measurement of the gas mass fraction of relaxed clusters (Allen et al. 2008) to the WMAP 5-year data, the BAO measurement from Percival et al. (2007), and the “Union” Type Ia supernova samples from Kowalski et al. (2008) (all of which constitute the 5-year “WMAP+BAO+SN” set in Komatsu et al. 2009b), to find $\sum m_\nu < 0.33$ and 0.43 eV (95% CL) for $w = -1$ and $w \neq -1$, respectively.

Reid et al. (2010) added a prior on the amplitude of matter density fluctuations, $\sigma_8(\Omega_m/0.25)^{0.41} = 0.832 \pm 0.033$ (68% CL; Rozo et al. 2010), which was derived from the abundance of optically-selected clusters of galaxies called the “maxBCG cluster catalog” (Koester et al. 2007), to the 5-year WMAP+BAO+SN, and found $\sum m_\nu < 0.35$ and 0.52 eV (95% CL) for $w = -1$ and $w \neq -1$, respectively. Thomas et al. (2009) added the angular power spectra of photometrically selected samples of LRGs called “MegaZ” to the 5-year WMAP+BAO+SN, and found $\sum m_\nu < 0.325$ eV (95% CL) for $w = -1$.

In order to exploit the full information contained in the growth of structure, it is essential to understand the effects of massive neutrinos on the non-linear growth. All of the work to date (including WMAP+LRG+$H_0$ presented above) included the effects of massive neutrinos on the linear growth, while ignoring their non-linear effects. The widely-used phenomenological calculation of the non-linear matter power spectrum called the HALOFIT (Smith et al. 2003) has not been calibrated for models with massive neutrinos. Consistent treatments of massive neutrinos in the non-linear structure formation using cosmological perturbation theory (Saito et al. 2008, 2009; Wong 2008; Lesgourgues et al. 2009; Shoji & Komatsu 2009) and numerical simulations (Brandbyge et al. 2008; Brandbyge & Hannestad 2009) have just begun to be explored. More work along these lines would be necessary to exploit the information on the growth structure to constrain the mass of neutrinos.

4.7. Relativistic Species

How many relativistic species are there in the universe after the matter-radiation equality epoch? We

\(^{28}\) That the neutrino mass and $w$ are anti-correlated implies that the neutrino mass limit would improve if we impose a prior on $w$ as $w \geq -1$.

\(^{29}\) The 7-year WMAP+BAO+SN limit for $w = -1$ is slightly weaker than the 5-year WMAP+BAO+SN limit, 0.67 eV. The 5-year limit was derived using an approximate treatment of the effect of massive neutrinos on $r_s/D_V(z)$. The 7-year limit we quote here, which uses the exact treatment of massive neutrinos (Section 3.3), is more reliable.
parametrize the relativistic degrees of freedom using the effective number of neutrino species, \( N_{\text{eff}} \), given in equation (23). This quantity can be written in terms of the matter density, \( \Omega_m h^2 \), and the redshift of matter-radiation equality, \( z_{\text{eq}} \), as (see equation (84) of Komatsu et al. 2009b)

\[
N_{\text{eff}} = 3.04 + 7.44 \frac{\Omega_m h^2}{0.1308 + z_{\text{eq}}} - 1. \quad (58)
\]

(Here, \( \Omega_m h^2 = 0.1308 \) and \( z_{\text{eq}} = 3138 \) are the 5-year maximum likelihood values from the simplest ΛCDM model.) This formula suggests that the variation in \( N_{\text{eff}} \) is given by

\[
\frac{\delta N_{\text{eff}}}{N_{\text{eff}}} \simeq 2.45 \frac{\delta (\Omega_m h^2)}{\Omega_m h^2} - 2.45 \frac{\delta z_{\text{eq}}}{1 + z_{\text{eq}}}. \quad (59)
\]

The equality redshift is one of the direct observables from the temperature power spectrum. The WMAP data constrain \( z_{\text{eq}} \) mainly from the ratio of the first peak to the third peak. As the 7-year temperature power spectrum has a better determination of the amplitude of the third peak (Larson et al. 2010), we expect a better limit on \( z_{\text{eq}} \) compared to the 5-year one. For models where \( N_{\text{eff}} \) is different from 3.04, we find \( z_{\text{eq}} = 3145^{+140}_{-139} \) (68% CL) from the WMAP data only\(^{30} \), which is better than the 5-year limit by more than 10% (see Table 8).

However, the fractional error in \( \Omega_m h^2 \) is much larger, and thus we need to determine \( \Omega_m h^2 \) using external data. The BAO data provide one constraint. We also find that \( \Omega_m h^2 \) and \( H_0 \) are strongly correlated in the models with \( N_{\text{eff}} \neq 3.04 \) (see Figure 9). Therefore, an improved measurement of \( H_0 \) from Riess et al. (2009) would help reduce the error in \( \Omega_m h^2 \), thereby reducing the error in \( N_{\text{eff}} \). The limit on \( \Omega_m h^2 \) from the 7-year WMAP+BAO+H\(_0\) combination is better than the 5-year "WMAP+BAO+SN+HST" limit by 36%.

We find that the WMAP+BAO+H\(_0\) limit on \( N_{\text{eff}} \) is

\[
N_{\text{eff}} = 4.34^{+0.86}_{-0.88} \quad (68\% \text{ CL}),
\]

while the WMAP+LRG+H\(_0\) limit is \( N_{\text{eff}} = 4.25^{+0.76}_{-0.80} \) (68% CL), which are significantly better than the 5-year WMAP+BAO+SN+HST limit, \( N_{\text{eff}} = 4.4 \pm 1.5 \) (68% CL).

Reid et al. (2010) added the maxBCG prior, \( \sigma(\Omega_m/0.25)^{0.41} = 0.832 \pm 0.033 \) (68% CL; Rozo et al. 2010), to the 5-year WMAP+BAO+SN+HST, and found \( N_{\text{eff}} = 3.5 \pm 0.9 \) (68% CL). They also added the above prior to the 5-year version of WMAP+LRG+H\(_0\), finding \( N_{\text{eff}} = 3.77 \pm 0.67 \) (68% CL).

The constraint on \( N_{\text{eff}} \) can also be interpreted as an upper bound on the energy density in primordial gravitational waves with frequencies \( > 10^{-15} \) Hz. Many cosmological mechanisms for the generation of stochastic gravitational waves exist, such as certain inflationary models, electroweak phase transitions, and cosmic strings. At low frequencies \( (10^{-17} \sim 10^{-16} \) Hz), the background is constrained by the limit on tensor fluctuations described in Section 4.1. Constraints at higher frequencies come from pulsar timing measurements at \( \sim 10^{-8} \) Hz (Jenet et al. 2006), recent data from the Laser Interferome-

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**Table 8**

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**Fig. 9.**—Constraint on the effective number of neutrino species, \( N_{\text{eff}} \): (Left) Joint two-dimensional marginalized distribution (68% and 95% CL), showing how a better determination of \( H_0 \) improves a limit on \( \Omega_m h^2 \). (Middle) A correlation between \( N_{\text{eff}} \) and \( \Omega_m h^2 \). The dashed line shows the line of correlation given by equation (58). (Right) One-dimensional marginalized distribution of \( N_{\text{eff}} \) from WMAP only and WMAP+BAO+H\(_0\). The 68% interval from WMAP+BAO+H\(_0\), \( N_{\text{eff}} = 4.34^{+0.86}_{-0.88} \), is consistent with the standard value, 3.04, which is shown by the vertical line.
Gravitational Wave Observatory (LIGO) at 100 Hz (with limits of $\Omega_{gw} < 6.9 \times 10^{-6}$ Abbott et al. 2009), and at frequencies $> 10^{-10}$ Hz from measurements of light-element abundances. A large gravitational wave energy density at nucleosynthesis would alter the predicted abundances, and observations imply an upper bound of $\Omega_{gw} h^2 < 7.8 \times 10^{-6}$ (Cyburt et al. 2005).

The CMB provides a limit that reaches down to $10^{-15}$ Hz, corresponding to the comoving horizon at recombination. The gravitational wave background within the horizon behaves as free-streaming massless particles, so affects the CMB and matter power spectra in the same way as massless neutrinos (Smith et al. 2006). The density contributed by $N_{gw}$ massless neutrino species is $\Omega_{gw} h^2 = 5.6 \times 10^{-6} N_{gw}$. Constraints have been found using the WMAP 3-year data combined with additional cosmological probes by Smith et al. (2006), for both adiabatic and homogeneous initial conditions for the tensor perturbations. With the current WMAP+BAO+$H_0$ data combination, we define $N_{gw} = N_{\text{eff}} - 3.04$, and find limits of

$$N_{gw} < 2.85, \quad \Omega_{gw} h^2 < 1.60 \times 10^{-5} \quad (95\% \text{ CL})$$

for adiabatic initial conditions, imposing a $N_{\text{eff}} \geq 3.04$ prior. Adiabatic conditions might be expected if the gravitational waves were generated by the appearance of cusps in cosmic strings (Damour & Vilenkin 2000, 2001; Siemons et al. 2006). For the WMAP+LRG+$H_0$ data, we find $N_{gw} < 2.64$, or $\Omega_{gw} h^2 < 1.48 \times 10^{-5}$ at 95% CL. Given a particular string model, these bounds can be used to constrain the cosmic string tension (e.g., Siemons et al. 2007; Copeland & Kibble 2009).

### 4.8. Primordial Helium Abundance

A change in the primordial helium abundance affects the shape of the temperature power spectrum (Hu et al. 1995). The most dominant effect is a suppression of the power spectrum at $l \gtrsim 500$ due to an enhanced Silk damping effect.

For a given number density of baryons (protons and helium nuclei), the number density of electrons, $n_e$, can be related to the primordial helium abundance. When both hydrogen and helium were ionized, $n_e = (1 - Y_p/2) n_b$. However, most of the helium recombines by $z \sim 1800$ (see Switzer & Hirata 2008, and references therein), much earlier than the photon decoupling epoch, $z = 1090$. As a result, the number density of free electrons at around the decoupling epoch is given by $n_e = (1 - Y_p) n_b \propto (1 - Y_p) \Omega_b h^2$ (Hu et al. 1995). The larger $Y_p$ is, the smaller $n_e$ becomes. If the number of electrons is reduced, photons can free-stream longer (the mean free path of photons, $1/\langle \sigma_T n_e \rangle$, gets larger), wiping out more temperature anisotropy. Therefore, a larger $Y_p$ results in a greater suppression of power on small angular scales.

Ichikawa et al. (2008) (also see Ichikawa & Takahashi 2006) show that a 100% change in $Y_p$ changes the heights of the second, third, and forth peaks by $\approx 1\%, 3\%$, and 3%, respectively. Therefore, one expects that a combination of the WMAP data and small-scale CMB experiments such as ACBAR (Reichardt et al. 2009) and QUaD (Brown et al. 2009) would be a powerful probe of the primordial helium abundance.

In Figure 10, we compare the WMAP, ACBAR, and QUaD data with the temperature power spectrum with the nominal value of the primordial helium abundance, $Y_p = 0.24$ (pink line), and that with a tiny amount of helium, $Y_p = 0.01$ (blue line). There is too much power in the case of $Y_p = 0.01$, making it possible to detect the primordial helium effect using the CMB data alone.

However, one must be careful about a potential degeneracy between the effect of helium and those of the other cosmological parameters. First, as the number density of electrons is given by $n_e = (1 - Y_p) n_b \propto (1 - Y_p) \Omega_b h^2$, $Y_p$ and $\Omega_b h^2$ may be correlated. Second, a scale-dependent suppression of power such as this may be correlated with the effect of tilt, $n_s$ (Trotta & Hansen 2004).

In the left panel of Figure 11, we show that $\Omega_b h^2$ and $Y_p$ are essentially uncorrelated: the baryon density is determined by the first-to-second peak ratio relative to the first-to-third peak ratio, which is now well measured by the WMAP data. Therefore, the current WMAP data allow $\Omega_b h^2$ to be measured regardless of $Y_p$.

In the middle panel of Figure 11, we show that there is a slight positive correlation between $n_s$ and $Y_p$: an enhanced Silk damping produced by a larger $Y_p$ can be partially canceled by a larger $n_s$ (Trotta & Hansen 2004).

We find a 95% CL upper limit of $Y_p < 0.51$ from the WMAP data alone. When we add the ACBAR and QUaD data, we find a significant detection of the effect of primordial helium by more than 3σ (see the right panel of Figure 11).

$$Y_p = 0.326 \pm 0.075 \quad (68\% \text{ CL})$$

The 95% CL limit is $0.16 < Y_p < 0.46$. The 99% CL lower limit is $Y_p > 0.11$. This value is broadly consistent with the helium abundances estimated from observations of low-metallicity extragalactic ionized (HII) regions, $Y_p \approx 0.24 - 0.25$ (Gruenwald et al. 2002; Izotov & Thuan 2004; Olive & Skillman 2004; Fukugita & Kawasaki 2006; Peimbert et al. 2007). See Steigman (2007) for a review.

We can improve this limit by imposing an upper limit on $Y_p$ from these astrophysical measurements. As the helium is created by nuclear fusion in stars, the helium abundances measured from stars (e.g., Sun; see Asplund et al. 2009, for a recent review) and HII regions are, in general, larger than the primordial abundance. On the other hand, as we have just shown, the CMB data provide a lower limit on $Y_p$. Even with a very conservative hard prior, $Y_p < 0.3$, we find $0.23 < Y_p < 0.3$ (68% CL)\footnote{The upper limit is set by the hard prior. The 68% lower limit, $Y_{p,\text{min}} = 0.23$, is found such that the integral of the posterior likelihood of $Y_p$ in $Y_{p,\text{min}} \leq Y_p < 0.3$ is 68% of the integral in $0 \leq Y_p < 0.3$. Similarly, the 95% CL lower limit is $Y_p > 0.14$ and the 99% CL lower limit is $Y_p > 0.065$.}. Therefore, a combination of the CMB and the solar constraints on $Y_p$ offers a new way for testing the predictions of theory of the big bang nucleosynthesis (BBN). For example, the BBN predicts that the helium abundance is related to the baryon-to-photon ratio, $\eta$, and the number of additional neutrino species (or any other additional relativistic degrees of freedom) during the BBN epoch, $\Delta N_{\nu} = N_{\nu} - 3$, as (see equation (11) of Steigman 2008)

$$Y_p = 0.2485 + 0.0016[(\eta_{10} - 6) + 100(S - 1)], \quad (60)$$

where $S = \sqrt{1 + (7/43)\Delta N_{\nu}} \approx 1 + 0.081 \Delta N_{\nu}$ and $\eta_{10} = 10^{10} \eta = 273.9(\Omega_b h^2) = 6.19 \pm 0.15 \quad (68\% \text{ CL});$
Primordial helium abundance and the temperature power spectrum. The data points are the same as those in Figure 7. The lower (pink) solid line (which is the same as the solid line in Figure 7) shows the power spectrum with the nominal helium abundance, $Y_p = 0.24$, while the upper (blue) solid line shows that with a tiny helium abundance, $Y_p = 0.01$. The larger the helium abundance is, the smaller the number density of electrons during recombination becomes, which enhances the Silk damping of the power spectrum on small angular scales, $l \geq 500$.

Constraint on the primordial helium abundance, $Y_p$. (Left) Joint two-dimensional marginalized distribution (68% and 95% CL), showing that $Y_p$ and $\Omega h^2$ are essentially uncorrelated. (Middle) A slight correlation exists between $Y_p$ and $n_s$: an enhanced Silk damping produced by a larger $Y_p$ can be partially canceled by a larger $n_s$. (Right) One-dimensional marginalized distribution of $Y_p$ from WMAP-only and WMAP+ACBAR+QUaD. The 68% interval from WMAP+ACBAR+QUaD, $Y_p = 0.326 \pm 0.075$ is consistent with the nominal value, 0.24, which is shown by the vertical line.

WMAP+BAO+$H_0$. (See Sinha & Steigman 2008, for more discussion on this method.) For $\Delta N_{\nu} = 1$, the helium abundance changes by $\Delta Y_p = 0.013$, which is much smaller than our error bar, but is comparable to the expected error bar from Planck (Ichikawa et al. 2008).

There have been several attempts to measure $Y_p$ from the CMB data (Trotta & Hansen 2004; Huey et al. 2004; Ichikawa & Takahashi 2006; Ichikawa et al. 2008; Dunkley et al. 2009). The previous best-limit is $Y_p = 0.25^{+0.10}_{-0.07}$ at 68% CL (95% CL), which was obtained by Ichikawa et al. (2008) from the WMAP 5-year data combined with ACBAR (Reichardt et al. 2009), BOOMERanG (Jones et al. 2006; Piacentini et al. 2006; Montroy et al. 2006), and Cosmic Background Imager (CBI; Sievers et al. 2007). Note that the likelihood function of $Y_p$ is non-Gaussian, with a tail extending to $Y_p = 0$; thus, the level of significance of detection was less than 3$\sigma$.

5. CONSTRAINTS ON PROPERTIES OF DARK ENERGY
In this section, we provide limits on the properties of dark energy, characterized by the equation of state parameter, \( w \). We first focus on constant (time independent) equation of state in a flat universe (Section 5.1) and a curved universe (Section 5.2). We then constrain a time-dependent \( w \) given by \( w(a) = w_0 + w_a (1 - a) \), where \( a = 1/(1+z) \) is the scale factor, in Section 5.3. Next, we provide the 7-year “WMAP normalization prior” in Section 5.4, which is useful for constraining \( w \) (as well as the mass of neutrinos) from the growth of cosmic density fluctuations. (See, e.g., Vikhlinin et al. 2009b, for an application of the 5-year normalization prior to the X-ray cluster abundance data.) In Section 5.5, we provide the 7-year “WMAP distance prior,” which is useful for constraining a variety of time-dependent \( w \) models for which the Markov Chain Monte Carlo exploration of the parameter space may not be available. (See, e.g., Li et al. 2008; Wang 2008, 2009; Vikhlinin et al. 2009b, for applications of the 5-year distance prior.)

We give a summary of our limits on dark energy parameters in Table 4.

5.1. Constant Equation of State: Flat Universe

In a flat universe, \( \Omega_k = 0 \), an accurate determination of \( H_0 \) helps improve a limit on a constant equation of state, \( w \) (Spergel et al. 2003; Hu 2005). Using WMAP+BAO+H\(_0\), we find

\[
w = -1.10 \pm 0.14 \text{ (68% CL)},
\]

which improves to \( w = -1.08 \pm 0.13 \text{ (68% CL)} \) if we add the time-delay distance out to the lens system B1608+656 (Suyu et al. 2009a, see Section 3.2.5). These limits are independent of high-z Type Ia supernova data.

The high-z supernova data provide the most stringent limit on \( w \). Using WMAP+BAO+SN, we find \( w = -0.980 \pm 0.053 \text{ (68% CL)} \). The error does not include systematic errors in supernovae, which are comparable to the statistical error (Kessler et al. 2009; Hicken et al. 2009b); thus, the error in \( w \) from WMAP+BAO+SN is about a half of that from WMAP+BAO+H\(_0\) or WMAP+BAO+H\(_0\)+D\(_{\Delta t}\).

The cluster abundance data are sensitive to \( w \) via the comoving volume element, angular diameter distance, and growth of matter density fluctuations (Haiman et al. 2001). By combining the cluster abundance data and the 5-year WMAP data, Vikhlinin et al. (2009b) found \( w = -1.08 \pm 0.15 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.025 \text{ (syst)} \text{ (68% CL)} \) for a flat universe. By adding BAO of Eisenstein et al. (2005) and the supernova data of Davis et al. (2007), they found \( w = -0.991 \pm 0.045 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.039 \text{ (syst)} \text{ (68% CL)} \). These results using the cluster abundance data (also see Mantz et al. 2009c) agree well with our corresponding WMAP+BAO+H\(_0\) and WMAP+BAO+SN limits.

5.2. Constant Equation of State: Curved Universe

When \( \Omega_k \neq 0 \), limits on \( w \) significantly weaken, with a tail extending to large negative values of \( w \), unless supernova data are added.

In Figure 12, we show that WMAP+BAO+H\(_0\) allows for \( w \lesssim -2 \), which can be excluded by adding information on the time-delay distance. In both cases, the spatial curvature is well constrained: we find \( \Omega_k = -0.0125^{+0.0064}_{-0.0067} \text{ from WMAP+BAO+H\(_0\)} \) and \( \Omega_k = -0.0180^{+0.0067}_{-0.0067} \text{ from WMAP+BAO+SN} \text{ (68% CL); see Section 4.3). }

However, \( w \) is poorly constrained: we find \( w = -1.44 \pm 0.27 \text{ from WMAP+BAO+H\(_0\)}, \) and \( -1.40 \pm 0.25 \text{ (68% CL)} \text{ from WMAP+BAO+H\(_0\)} \text{+D\(_{\Delta t}\)}, \) whose errors are comparable to that of the WMAP+BAO+H\(_0\) limit on \( \Omega_k \) with \( w = -1 \). \( \Omega_k = -0.0023^{+0.0054}_{-0.0056} \text{ (68% CL; see Section 4.3).} \)

Among the data combinations that do not use the information on the growth of structure, the most powerful combination for constraining \( \Omega_k \) and \( w \) simultaneously is a combination of the WMAP data, BAO (or D\(_{\Delta t}\)), and supernovae, as WMAP+BAO (or D\(_{\Delta t}\)) primarily constrains \( \Omega_k \), and WMAP+SN primarily constrains \( w \). With WMAP+BAO+SN, we find \( w = -0.999^{+0.057}_{-0.056} \text{ and } \Omega_k = -0.0057^{+0.0068}_{-0.0068} \text{ (68% CL).} \)

Kasdin et al. (2009) found their 5-year WMAP data of the Union supernova data to find \( w = -0.99 \pm 0.11 \text{ and } \Omega_k = -0.0109 \pm 0.0088 \text{ (68% CL).} \)

5.3. Time-dependent Equation of State

As for a time-dependent equation of state, we shall find constraints on the present-day value of the equation of state and its derivative using a linear form, \( w(a) = w_0 + w_a (1 - a) \) (Chevallier & Polarski 2001; Linder 2003). We assume a flat universe, \( \Omega_k = 0 \). (For recent limits on \( w(a) \) with \( \Omega_k \neq 0 \), see Wang 2009, and references therein.)

While we have constrained this model using the WMAP distance prior in the 5-year analysis (see Section 5.4.2 of Komatsu et al. 2009b), in the 7-year analysis we shall present the full Markov Chain Monte Carlo exploration of this model.

For a time-dependent equation of state, one must be
massive neutrinos. The powerful probe of dark energy, modified gravity, and dominated by a cosmological constant.

During the matter era, \( w(z) \) is sensitive to a different linear combination: we find \( w_a = 5.14 (1 + w_0) = -0.05 \pm 0.32 \) (68% CL) for the 7-year WMAP+BAO+H0+SN combination.

The current data are consistent with a flat universe dominated by a cosmological constant.

5.4. WMAP Normalization Prior

The growth of cosmological density fluctuations is a powerful probe of dark energy, modified gravity, and massive neutrinos. The WMAP data provide a useful normalization of the cosmological perturbation at the decoupling epoch, \( z = 1090 \). By comparing this normalization with the amplitude of matter density fluctuations in a low redshift universe, one may distinguish between dark energy and modified gravity (Ishak et al. 2006; Koyama & Maartens 2006; Amarzguioui et al. 2006; Doré et al. 2007; Linder & Cahn 2007; Upadhye 2007; Zhang et al. 2007; Yamamoto et al. 2007; Chiba & Takahashi 2007; Bean et al. 2007; Hu & Sawicki 2007; Song et al. 2007; Starobinsky 2007; Daniel et al. 2008; Jain & Zhang 2008; Bertschinger & Zukin 2008; Amin et al. 2008; Hu 2008) and determine the mass of neutrinos (Hu et al. 1998; Lesgourgues & Pastor 2006).

In Section 5.5 of Komatsu et al. (2009b), we provided a “WMAP normalization prior,” which is a constraint on the power spectrum of curvature perturbation, \( \Delta_k^2 \). Vikhlinin et al. (2009b) combined this with the number density of clusters of galaxies to constrain the dark energy equation of state, \( w \), and the amplitude of matter density fluctuations, \( \sigma_8 \).

The matter density fluctuation in Fourier space, \( \delta_{m,k} \), is related to \( R_k \) as

\[
\delta_{m,k}(z) = \frac{2\kappa^3}{5H_0^2\Omega_m} R_k T(k) D(k, z),
\]

where \( D(k, z) \) and \( T(k) \) are the linear growth rate and the matter transfer function normalized such that \( T(k) \rightarrow 1 \) as \( k \rightarrow 0 \), and \( (1 + z) D(k, z) \rightarrow 1 \) as \( k \rightarrow 0 \) during the matter era, respectively. Ignoring the mass of neutrinos and modifications to gravity, one can obtain the growth rate by solving the following differential equation (Wang & Steinhardt 1998; Linder & Jenkins 2003):

\[
\frac{d^2g}{d\ln a} + \left[ \frac{5}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \Omega(k,a) - 3w(a)\Omega_{de}(a) \right) \right] \frac{dg}{d\ln a} + \left[ 2\Omega(k,a) + \frac{3}{2} (1 - w(a))\Omega_{de}(a) \right] g(a) = 0,
\]

where

\[
g(a) = \frac{D(a)}{a} = (1 + z) D(z),
\]

\[
\Omega_k(a) = \frac{\Omega_a H_0^2}{a^2 H^2(a)},
\]

\[
\Omega_{de}(a) = \frac{\Omega_\Lambda H_0^2}{a^{3(1+w_{de}(a))} H^2(a)},
\]

\[
w_{eff}(a) = \frac{1}{\ln a} \int_0^{\ln a} d\ln a' w(a').
\]

During the matter era, \( g(a) \) does not depend on \( a \); thus, the natural choice for the initial conditions are \( g(\alpha_{\text{initial}}) = 1 \) and \( dg/d\ln a|_{a=\alpha_{\text{initial}}} = 0 \), where \( \alpha_{\text{initial}} \) must be taken during the matter era, e.g., \( \alpha_{\text{initial}} = 1/31 \) (i.e., \( z = 30 \)).

The 7-year normalization prior is

\[
\Delta_k^2(k_{WMAP}) = (22.08 \pm 0.078) \times 10^{-9} \quad (68\% \text{ CL}),
\]

where \( k_{WMAP} = 0.027 \text{ Mpc}^{-1} \). For comparison, the 5-year normalization prior was \( \Delta_k^2(0.02 \text{ Mpc}^{-1}) = (22.1 \pm 0.09) \times 10^{-9} \). This normalization prior is valid for models with \( \Omega_k \neq 0 \), \( w \neq -1 \), or \( m_\nu > 0 \). However, these normalizations cannot be used for the models that have the tensor modes, \( r > 0 \), or the running index, \( dn_s/d\ln k \neq 0 \).

5.5. WMAP Distance Prior

The temperature power spectrum of CMB is sensitive to the physics at the decoupling epoch, \( z = 1090 \), as well as the physics between now and the decoupling
epoch. The former primarily affects the amplitude of acoustic peaks, i.e., the ratios of the peak heights and the Silk damping. The latter changes the locations of peaks via the angular diameter distance out to the decoupling epoch. One can quantify this by (i) the “acoustic scale”, $l_A$, (ii) the “shift parameter,” $R$, where $z_*$ is the redshift of decoupling, for which we use the fitting formula of Hu & Sugiyama (1996), as well as by (ii) the “shift parameter,” $R$ (Bond et al. 1997),

$$R = \frac{\sqrt{\Omega_m H_0^2}}{c} (1 + z_*) D_A(z_*).$$

These two parameters capture most of the constraining power of the WMAP data for dark energy properties (Wang & Mukherjee 2007; Wright 2007; Elgarøy & Multamäki 2007; Corasanti & Melchiorri 2008), with one important difference. The distance prior does not capture the information on the growth of structure probed by the late-time ISW effect. As a result, the dark energy constraints derived from the distance prior are similar to, but weaker than, those derived from the full analysis (Komatsu et al. 2009b; Li et al. 2008).

We must understand the limitation of this method. Namely, the distance prior is applicable only when the model in question is based on:

1. The standard Friedmann-Lemaitre-Robertson-Walker universe with matter, radiation, dark energy, as well as spatial curvature,

2. Neutrinos with the effective number of neutrinos equal to 3.04, and the minimal mass ($m_{\nu} \sim 0.05$ eV), and

3. Nearly power-law primordial power spectrum of curvature perturbations, $|d\ln\delta/d\ln k| \lesssim 0.01$, negligible entropy perturbations, $r \ll 0.1$, and negligible

In Table 9 and 10, we provide the 7-year distance prior. The errors in $l_A$, $R$, and $z_*$ have improved from the 5-year values by $12\%$, $5\%$, and $2\%$, respectively. To compute the likelihood, use

$$-2 \ln L = \sum_{ij} (x_i - d_i)(C^{-1})_{ij}(x_j - d_j),$$

where $x_i = (l_A, R, z_*)$ is the values predicted by a model in question, $d_i = (l_A^{WMAP}, R^{WMAP}, z_*^{WMAP})$ is the data given in Table 9, and $C^{-1}$ is the inverse covariance matrix given in Table 10. Also see Section 5.4.1 of Komatsu et al. (2009b) for more information.

6. PRIMORDIAL NON-GAUSSIANITY

6.1. Motivation and Background

During the period of cosmic inflation (Starobinskiï 1979; Starobinsky 1982; Guth 1981; Sato 1981; Linde 1982; Albrecht & Steinhardt 1982), quantum fluctuations were generated and became the seeds for the cosmic structures that we observe today (Mukhanov & Chibisov 1981; Hawking 1982; Starobinsky 1982; Guth & Pi 1982; Bardeen et al. 1983). (Also see Linde 1990; Mukhanov et al. 1992; Liddle & Lyth 2000, 2009; Bassett et al. 2006; Linde 2008, for reviews.)

Inflation predicts that the statistical distribution of primordial fluctuations is nearly a Gaussian distribution with random phases. Measuring deviations from a Gaussian distribution, i.e., non-Gaussian correlations in primordial fluctuations, is a powerful test of inflation, as how precisely the distribution is (non-)Gaussian depends on the detailed physics of inflation (see Bartolo et al. 2004; Komatsu et al. 2009a, for reviews).

In this paper, we constrain the amplitude of non-Gaussian correlations using the angular bispectrum of CMB temperature anisotropy, the harmonic transform of the 3-point correlation function (see Komatsu 2001, for a review). The observed angular bispectrum is related to the 3-dimensional bispectrum of primordial curvature perturbations, $C_{k_1 k_2 k_3} = (2\pi)^3 \delta^D (k_1 + k_2 + k_3) B_3 (k_1, k_2, k_3)$. In the linear order, the primordial curvature perturbation is related to Bardeen’s curvature perturbation (Bardeen 1980) in the matter-dominated era, $\Phi$, by $\zeta = \frac{2}{3} \Phi$ (e.g., Kodama & Sasaki 1984). The CMB temperature anisotropy in the Sachs–Wolfe limit (Sachs & Wolfe 1967) is given by $\Delta T/T = -\frac{4}{3} \Phi = -\frac{2}{3} \zeta$. We write the bispectrum of $\Phi$ as

$$\langle \Phi_{k_1} \Phi_{k_2} \Phi_{k_3} \rangle = (2\pi)^3 \delta^D (k_1 + k_2 + k_3) F(k_1, k_2, k_3).$$

We shall explore 3 different shapes of the primordial bispectrum: “local,” “equilateral,” and “orthogonal.” They are defined as follows:

1. Local form. The local form bispectrum is given by (Gangui et al. 1994; Verde et al. 2000; Komatsu & Spergel 2001)

$$F_{\text{local}}(k_1, k_2, k_3) = 2 f_{NL} \left[ \Phi(k_1) \Phi(k_2) + \Phi(k_2) \Phi(k_3) + \Phi(k_3) \Phi(k_1) \right]$$

$$= 2 A f_{NL} \left[ \frac{1}{k_1^{-4} n.s. k_2^{-4} n.s. + (2 \text{ perm.})} \right].$$


where \( P_\Phi = A/k^{4-n_s} \) is the power spectrum of \( \Phi \) with a normalization factor \( A \). This form is called the local form, as this bispectrum can arise from the curvature perturbation in the form of \( \Phi = \Phi_L + f_{NL}^{\text{local}} \Phi_L^2 \), where both sides are evaluated at the same location in space (\( \Phi_L \) is a linear Gaussian fluctuation).\(^{33}\) Equation (70) peaks at the so-called “squeezed” triangle for which \( k_3 \ll k_2 \approx k_1 \) (Babich et al. 2004). In this limit, we obtain

\[
F_{\text{local}}(k_1, k_1, k_3 \to 0) = 4 f_{NL}^{\text{local}} P_\Phi(k_1) P_\Phi(k_3). \tag{71}
\]

How large is \( f_{NL}^{\text{local}} \) from inflation? The earlier calculations showed that \( f_{NL}^{\text{local}} \) from single-field slow-roll inflation would be of order the slow-roll parameter, \( \epsilon \sim 10^{-2} \) (Salopek & Bond 1990; Falk et al. 1993; Ganga et al. 1994). More recently, Maldacena (2003) and Acquaviva et al. (2003) found that the coefficient of \( P_\Phi(k_1) P_\Phi(k_3) \) from the simplest single-field slow-roll inflation with the canonical kinetic term in the squeezed limit is given by

\[
F_{\text{local}}(k_1, k_1, k_3 \to 0) = \frac{5}{3}(1 - n_s) P_\Phi(k_1) P_\Phi(k_3). \tag{72}
\]

Comparing this result with the form predicted by the \( f_{NL}^{\text{local}} \) model, one obtains \( f_{NL}^{\text{local}} = (5/12)(1 - n_s) \), which gives \( f_{NL}^{\text{local}} = 0.015 \) for \( n_s = 0.963 \).

2. Equilateral form. The equilateral form bispectrum is given by (Creminelli et al. 2006)

\[
F_{\text{equil}}(k_1, k_2, k_3) = 6A f_{NL}^{\text{equil}} \times \left\{ \frac{1}{k_1^4} - \frac{1}{k_2^4} + \frac{1}{k_3^4} - \frac{1}{k_1^4 k_2^4 k_3^4} \right\}, \tag{73}
\]

This function approximates the bispectrum forms that arise from a class of inflation models in which scalar fields have non-canonical kinetic terms. One example is the so-called Dirac-Born-Infeld (DBI) inflation (Silverstein & Tong 2004; Alishahiha et al. 2004), which gives \( f_{NL}^{\text{equil}} \approx -1/c_s^5 \) in the limit of \( c_s \ll 1 \), where \( c_s \) is the effective sound speed at which scalar field fluctuations propagate. There are various other models that can produce \( f_{NL}^{\text{equil}} \) (Arkani-Hamed et al. 2004; Seery & Lidsey 2005; Chen et al. 2007; Cheung et al. 2008; Li et al. 2008).

The local and equilateral forms are nearly orthogonal to each other, which means that both can be measured nearly independently.

3. Orthogonal form. The orthogonal form, which is constructed such that it is nearly orthogonal to both the local and equilateral forms, is given by (Senatore et al. 2010)

\[
F_{\text{orthog}}(k_1, k_2, k_3) = 6A f_{NL}^{\text{orthog}} \times \left\{ \frac{8}{(k_1 k_2 k_3)^2 (4 - n_s)/3} + \frac{3}{k_1^4 (4 - n_s)/3} \right\}, \tag{74}
\]

This form approximates the forms that arise from a linear combination of higher-derivative scalar-field interaction terms, each of which yields forms similar to the equilateral shape. Senatore et al. (2010) found that, using the “effective field theory of inflation” approach (Cheung et al. 2008), a certain linear combination of similarly equilateral shapes can yield a distinct shape which is orthogonal to both the local and equilateral forms.

Note that these are not the most general forms one can write down, and there are other forms which would probe different aspects of the physics of inflation (Moss & Xiong 2007; Moss & Graham 2007; Chen et al. 2007; Holman & Tolley 2008; Chen & Wang 2009a,b).

Of these forms, the local form bispectrum has special significance. Creminelli & Zaldarriaga (2004) showed that not only models with the canonical kinetic term, but all single-inflation models predict the bispectrum in the squeezed limit given by Eq. (72), regardless of the form of potential, kinetic term, slow-roll, or initial vacuum state (also see Seery & Lidsey 2005; Chen et al. 2007; Cheung et al. 2008). This means that a convincing detection of \( f_{NL}^{\text{local}} \) would rule out all single-field inflation models.

6.2. Analysis Method and Results

The first limit on \( f_{NL}^{\text{local}} \) was obtained from the COBE 4-year data (Bennett et al. 1996) by Komatsu et al. (2002), using the angular bispectrum. The limit was improved by an order of magnitude when the WMAP first year data were used to constrain \( f_{NL}^{\text{local}} \) (Komatsu et al. 2003). Since then the limits have improved steadily as WMAP collect more years of data and the bispectrum method for estimating \( f_{NL}^{\text{local}} \) has improved (Komatsu et al. 2005; Creminelli et al. 2006, 2007; Spergel et al. 2007; Yadav & Wandelt 2008; Komatsu et al. 2009b; Smith et al. 2009).\(^{34}\)

In this paper, we shall adopt the optimal estimator (developed by Babich 2005; Creminelli et al. 2006, 2007;\(^{34}\)}

\[^{33}\] However, \( \Phi = \Phi_L + f_{NL}^{\text{local}} \Phi_L^2 \) is not the only way to produce this type of bispectrum. One can also produce this form from multi-field inflation models which scalar field fluctuations are nearly scale invariant (Lyth & Rodriguez 2005); multi-field models called “curvaton” scenarios (Linde & Mukhanov 1997; Lyth et al. 2003); multi-field models in which one field modulates the decay rate of inflaton field (Dvali et al. 2004a,b; Zaldarriaga 2004); multi-field models in which a violent production of particles and non-linear reheating, called “preheating,” occur due to parametric resonances (Enqvist et al. 2005; Jokinen & Mazumdar 2006; Chambers & Rajantie 2008; Bond et al. 2009); models in which the universe contracts first and then bounces (see Lehners 2008, for a review).

\[^{34}\] For references to other methods for estimating \( f_{NL}^{\text{local}} \), which do not use the bispectrum directly, see Section 3.5 of Komatsu et al. (2009b). Recently, the “skeewness power spectrum” has been proposed as a new way to measure \( f_{NL}^{\text{local}} \) and other non-Gaussian components such as the secondary anisotropies and point sources (Munshi & Heavens 2010; Smidt et al. 2009; Munshi et al. 2009; Calabrese et al. 2009). In the limit that noise is uniform, their estimator is equivalent to that of Komatsu et al. (2005), which also allows for simultaneous estimations of multiple sources of non-Gaussianity (see Appendix A of Komatsu et al. 2009b). The skewness power spectrum method provides a means to visualize the shape of various bispectra as a function of multipoles.
foreground templates (Gold et al. 2010). As for the mask, marginalizing over the synchrotron, free-free, and dust parameters by combining the V- and W-band maps, and parameters. For all cases, we find the best limits on f_{NL} maps to quantify the foreground contamination of foreground (i.e., we use all the data). We use both the raw maps (before cleaning foreground) and foreground-reduced (clean) maps to quantify the foreground contamination of f_{NL} parameters. For all cases, we find the best limits on f_{NL} parameters by combining the V- and W-band maps, and marginalizing over the synchrotron, free-free, and dust foreground templates (Gold et al. 2010). As for the mask, we always use the KQ75y7 mask (Gold et al. 2010).

In Table 11, we summarize our results:

1. **Local form results.** The 7-year best estimate of \( f_{NL}^{\text{local}} \) is

\[
 f_{NL}^{\text{local}} = 32 \pm 21 \ (68\% \, \text{CL}).
\]

The 95% limit is \(-10 < f_{NL}^{\text{local}} < 74\). When the raw maps are used, we find \( f_{NL}^{\text{local}} = 59 \pm 21 \ (68\% \, \text{CL}) \). When the clean maps are used, but foreground templates are not marginalized over, we find \( f_{NL}^{\text{local}} = 42 \pm 21 \ (68\% \, \text{CL}) \). These results (in particular the clean-map versus the foreground marginalized) indicate that the foreground emission makes a difference at the level of \( \Delta f_{NL}^{\text{local}} \sim 10 \). We find that the V+W result is lower than the V-band or W-band results. This is possible, as the V+W result contains contributions from the cross-correlations of V and W such as \langle VVW \rangle and \langle VWW \rangle.

2. **Equilateral form results.** The 7-year best estimate of \( f_{NL}^{\text{equil}} \) is

\[
 f_{NL}^{\text{equil}} = 26 \pm 140 \ (68\% \, \text{CL}).
\]

The 95% limit is \(-214 < f_{NL}^{\text{equil}} < 266\). For \( f_{NL}^{\text{equil}} \), the foreground marginalization does not shift the central values very much, \( \Delta f_{NL}^{\text{local}} \approx -3 \). This makes sense, as the equilateral bispectrum does not couple small-scale modes to very large-scale modes \( l \lesssim 10 \), which are sensitive to the foreground emission. On the other hand, the local form bispectrum is dominated by the squeezed triangles, which do couple large and small scales modes.

3. **Orthogonal form results.** The 7-year best estimate of \( f_{NL}^{\text{orthog}} \) is

\[
 f_{NL}^{\text{orthog}} = -202 \pm 104 \ (68\% \, \text{CL}).
\]

The 95% limit is \(-410 < f_{NL}^{\text{orthog}} < 6 \). The foreground marginalization has little effect, \( \Delta f_{NL}^{\text{local}} \approx -4 \).

As for the point-source bispectrum, we do not detect \( b_{src} \) in V, W, or V+W. In Komatsu et al. (2009b), we estimated that the residual sources could bias \( f_{NL}^{\text{local}} \) by a small positive amount, and applied corrections using Monte Carlo simulations. In this paper, we do not attempt to make such corrections, but we note that sources could give \( \Delta f_{NL}^{\text{local}} \sim 2 \) (note that the simulations used by Komatsu et al. 2009b) likely overestimated the effect of sources by a factor of two). As the estimator has changed from that used by Komatsu et al. (2009b), extrapolating the previous results is not trivial. Source corrections to \( f_{NL}^{\text{equil}} \) and \( f_{NL}^{\text{orthog}} \) could be larger (Komatsu et al. 2009b), but we have not estimated the magnitude of the effect for the 7-year data.

We used the linear perturbation theory to calculate the angular bispectrum of primordial non-Gaussianity (Komatsu & Spergel 2001). Second-order effects (Pyne & Carroll 1996; Mollerach & Matarrese 1997; Bartolo et al. 2006, 2007; Pitrou 2009a,b) are expected to give

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\( ^{a} \)The values quoted for “V+W” and “Marg.” are our best estimates from the WMAP 7-year data. In all cases, the full-resolution temperature maps at HEALPix N_{side} = 1024 are used.

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\( ^{c} \)“Marg.” means that the foreground templates (synchrotron, free-free, and dust) have been marginalized over. When the foreground templates are marginalized over, the raw and clean maps yield the same \( f_{NL} \) values.

Smith & Zaldarriaga 2006; Yadav et al. 2008), which builds on and significantly improves the original bispectrum estimator proposed by Komatsu et al. (2005), especially when the spatial distribution of instrumental noise is not uniform. For details of the method, see Appendix A of Smith et al. (2009) for \( f_{NL}^{\text{local}} \), and Section 4.1 of Senatore et al. (2010) for \( f_{NL}^{\text{equil}} \) and \( f_{NL}^{\text{orthog}} \). To construct the optimal estimators, we need to specify the cosmological parameters. We use the 5-year ΛCDM parameters from WMAP+BAO+SN, for which \( n_s = 0.96 \).

We also constrain the bispectrum due to residual (unresolved) point sources, \( b_{src} \). The optimal estimator for \( b_{src} \) is constructed by replacing \( a_{lm}/C_l \) in equation (A24) of Komatsu et al. (2009b) with \( (C^{-1})_{lm} \), and using their equations (A17) and (A5). The \( C^{-1} \) matrix is computed by the multigrid-based algorithm of Smith et al. (2007).

We use the V- and W-band maps at the HEALPix resolution N_{side} = 1024. As the optimal estimator weights the data optimally at all multipoles, we no longer need to choose the maximum multipole used in the analysis, i.e., we use all the data. We use both the raw maps (before cleaning foreground) and foreground-reduced (clean) maps to quantify the foreground contamination of \( f_{NL} \) parameters. For all cases, we find the best limits on \( f_{NL} \) parameters by combining the V- and W-band maps, and marginalizing over the synchrotron, free-free, and dust foreground templates (Gold et al. 2010). As for the mask, we always use the KQ75y7 mask (Gold et al. 2010).

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Among various sources of secondary non-Gaussianities which might contaminate measurements of primordial non-Gaussianity (in particular $f_{NL}^\text{local}$), a coupling between the ISW effect and the weak gravitational lensing is the most dominant source of confusion for $f_{NL}^\text{local}$ (Goldberg & Spergel 1999; Serra & Cooray 2008; Hanson et al. 2009; Mangilli & Verde 2009). While this contribution is expected to be detectable and bias the measurement of $f_{NL}^\text{local}$ for Planck, it is expected to be negligible for WMAP: using the method of Hanson et al. (2009), we estimate that the expected signal-to-noise ratio of this term in the WMAP 7-year data is about 0.8. We also estimate that this term can give $f_{NL}^\text{local}$ a potential positive bias of $\Delta f_{NL}^\text{local} \sim 2.7$. Calabrese et al. (2009) used the skewness power spectrum method of Munshi et al. (2009) to search for this term in the WMAP 5-year data and found a null result. If we subtract $\Delta f_{NL}^\text{local}$ estimated above (for the residual source and the ISW-lensing coupling) from the measured value, $\Delta f_{NL}^\text{local}$ becomes more consistent with zero.

From these results, we conclude that the WMAP 7-year data are consistent with Gaussian primordial fluctuations to within 95% CL. When combined with the limit on $f_{NL}^\text{local}$ from SDSS, $-29 < f_{NL}^\text{local} < 70$ (95% CL Slosar et al. 2008), we find $-5 < f_{NL}^\text{local} < 59$ (95% CL).

7. SUNYAEV-ZEL’DOVICH EFFECT

7.1. Motivation and Background

When CMB photons encounter hot electrons in clusters of galaxies, the temperature of CMB changes due to the inverse Compton scattering by these electrons. This effect, known as the thermal SZ effect (Zel’dovich & Sunyaev 1969; Sunyaev & Zel’dovich 1972), is a source of significant additional (secondary) anisotropies in the microwave sky (see Rephaeli 1995; Birkinshaw 1999; Carlstrom et al. 2002, for reviews).

The temperature change due to the SZ effect in units of thermodynamic temperature, $\Delta T_{\text{SZ}}$, depends on frequency, $\nu$, and is given by (for a spherically symmetric distribution of gas):

$$\frac{\Delta T_{\text{SZ}}(\theta)}{T_{\text{cmb}}} = g_\nu \frac{\sigma T}{m_e c^2} \int_{-l_{\text{out}}}^{l_{\text{out}}} dl P_e \left(\sqrt{\dot{l}^2 + \theta^2 D_A^2}\right),$$

where $\theta$ is the angular distance from the center of a cluster of galaxies on the sky, $D_A$ the proper (not comoving) angular diameter distance to the cluster center, $l$ the radial coordinates from the cluster center along the line of sight, $P_e(r)$ the electron pressure profile, $\sigma T$ the Thomson cross section, $m_e$ the electron mass, $c$ the speed of light, and $g_\nu$ the spectral function given by

$$g_\nu \equiv x \coth(x/2) - 4,$$

where $x \equiv h \nu/(k_B T_{\text{cmb}}) \approx \nu/(56.78 \text{ GHz})$ for $T_{\text{cmb}} = 2.725 \text{ K}$. In the Rayleigh-Jeans limit, $\nu \rightarrow 0$, one finds $g_\nu \rightarrow -2$. At the WMAP frequencies, $g_\nu = -1.97$, $-1.94$, $-1.91$, $-1.81$, and $-1.56$ at 23, 33, 41, 61, and 94 GHz, respectively. The integration boundary, $l_{\text{out}}$, will be given later.

The thermal SZ effect (when relativistic corrections are ignored) vanishes at $\nu \approx 217 \text{ GHz}$. One then finds $g_\nu > 0$ at higher frequencies; thus, the thermal SZ effect produces a temperature decrement at $\nu < 217 \text{ GHz}$, and produces a temperature increment at $\nu > 217 \text{ GHz}$.

The angular power spectrum of temperature anisotropy caused by the SZ effect is sensitive to both the gas distribution in clusters (Atrio-Barandela & Mücket 1999; Komatsu & Kitayama 1999) and the amplitude of matter density fluctuations, i.e., $\sigma_8$ (Komatsu & Kitayama 1999; Komatsu & Seljak 2002; Bond et al. 2005). While we have not detected the SZ power spectrum in the WMAP data, we have detected the SZ signal from the Coma cluster (Abell 1656) in the 1-year (Bennett et al. 2003c) and 3-year (Hinshaw et al. 2007) data.

We have also made a statistical detection of the SZ effect by cross-correlating the WMAP data with the locations of known clusters in the X-ray Brightest Abell-type Cluster (XBAC; Ebeling et al. 1996) catalog (Bennett et al. 2003c; Hinshaw et al. 2007). In addition, there have been a number of statistical detections of the SZ effect reported by many groups using various methods (Fosalba et al. 2003; Hernández-Monteagudo & Rubín-Martín 2004; Hernández-Monteagudo et al. 2004; Myers et al. 2004; Afsbordi et al. 2005; Lieu et al. 2006; Bielby & Shanks 2007; Afsbordi et al. 2007; Atrio-Barandela et al. 2008; Kashlinsky et al. 2008; Diego & Partridge 2009; Melin et al. 2010).

In Section 7.2, we shall test our optimal estimator for extracting the SZ signal from the WMAP data using the brightest SZ source on the sky: the Coma cluster. We also present an improved measurement of the SZ effect toward the Coma cluster (3.6σ). In Section 7.3, we shall report a significant ($\sim 8\sigma$) statistical detection of the SZ effect at the known cluster positions. We then compare the measured SZ flux to theoretical models as well as to an X-ray-calibrated empirical model, and discuss implications of our measurement.

7.2. Coma Cluster

The Coma cluster (Abell 1656) is a nearby ($z = 0.0231$) massive cluster located near the north Galactic pole ($l, b=(56.75^\circ, 88.05^\circ)$). The angular diameter distance to Coma, calculated from $z = 0.0231$ and $(\Omega_m, \Omega_\Lambda) = (0.277, 0.723)$, is $D_A = 67 h^{-1} \text{ Mpc}$; thus, 10 arcmin on the sky corresponds to the physical distance of 0.195 $h^{-1} \text{ Mpc}$ at the redshift of Coma.

To extract the SZ signal from the WMAP temperature map, we use the optimal method described in Appendix B: we write down the likelihood function that contains CMB, noise, and the SZ effect, and marginalize it over CMB. From the resulting likelihood function for the SZ effect, which is given by equation (B7), we find the optimal estimator for the SZ effect in a given angular bin $\alpha$, $\tilde{p}_\alpha$, as

$$\tilde{p}_\alpha = F_{\alpha\beta}^{-1}(t_\beta)v_{\nu p}[N_{\text{pix}} + C_{\nu p}^{-1}]^{-1}\nu_{\nu p}d\nu_{\nu p},$$

where the repeated symbols are summed. Here, $d_{\nu p}$ is the measured temperature at a pixel $p$ in a frequency band $\nu$, $(t_\beta)_{\nu p}$ is a map of an annulus corresponding to a given angular bin $\alpha$, which has been convolved with the beam and scaled by the frequency dependence of the SZ effect,
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In Figure 14, we show the measured angular radial profiles of Coma in 16 angular bins (separated by $\Delta \theta = 20$ arcmin), in units of the Rayleigh-Jeans temperature (μK). While the V- (green) and W-band (blue) measurements are contaminated by the CMB fluctuations around Coma, our optimal estimator can separate the SZ effect and CMB when the V- and W-band measurements are combined (red). The solid line shows the best-fitting spherical $\beta$ model with the core radius of $\theta_c = 10.5$ arcmin and $\beta = 0.75$. The best-fitting central temperature decrement (fit to a $\beta$ model) is $T_{\text{SZ,fit}}(0) = -0.377 \pm 0.15 \mu K$. Note that 10 arcmin corresponds to the physical distance of 0.195 $h^{-1}$ Mpc at the location of Coma. The radius within which the mean overdensity is 500 times the critical density of the universe, 7500, corresponds to about 50 arcmin.

$N_{\text{pix},\nu,\nu'}$ is the noise covariance matrix (which is taken to be diagonal in pixel space and $\nu$, i.e., $N_{\text{pix},\nu,\nu'} = \sigma_\nu^2 \delta_{\nu,\nu'} \delta_{\nu,\nu'}$), and $C_{\nu,\nu'} = \sum_{\nu,l} C_l b_{\nu l}v_l Y_{l,\nu} V_{l,\nu'}$ is the signal covariance matrix of CMB convolved with the beam ($C_l$ and $b_{\nu l}$ are the CMB power spectrum and the beam transfer function, respectively). A matrix $F_{\alpha\beta}$ gives the 1σ error of $p_\alpha$ as $\sqrt{(F^{-1})_{\alpha\alpha}}$, and is given by

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We find that all of these measurements agree well at $\theta \geq 130$ arcmin; however, at smaller angular scales, $\theta \leq 110$ arcmin, the V+W result shows less SZ than both the V- and W-only results. Does this make sense? As described in Appendix B, our optimal estimator uses both the $C^{-1}$-weighted V+W map and the $N^{-1}$-weighted V–W map. While the latter map vanishes for CMB, it does not vanish for the SZ effect. Therefore, the latter map can be used to separate CMB and SZ effectively.

This explains why the V+W result and the other results are different only at small angular scales: at $\theta \geq 130$ arcmin, the measured signal is $|\Delta T| \lesssim 50 \mu K$. If this was due to SZ, the difference map, V–W, would give $|\Delta T| \lesssim 1.56/1.81 \times 50 \mu K \simeq 7 \mu K$, which is smaller than the noise level in the difference map, and thus would be invisible. In other words, our estimator cannot distinguish between CMB and SZ at $\theta \geq 130$ arcmin.

On the other hand, at $\theta \leq 110$ arcmin, each of the V- and W-band data shows much bigger signals, $|\Delta T| \gtrsim 100 \mu K$. If this was due to SZ, the difference map would give $|\Delta T| \gtrsim 14 \mu K$, which is comparable to or greater than the noise level in the difference map, and thus would be visible. We find that the difference map does not detect signals in $50 \leq \theta \leq 110$ arcmin, which suggests that the measured signal, $-100 \mu K$, is not due to SZ, but due to CMB. As a result, the V+W result shows less SZ than the V- and W-only results.

In order to quantify a statistical significance of detection and interpret the result, we model the SZ profile using a spherical $\beta$ model (Cavaliere & Fusco-Femiano 1976):

$$\Delta T_{\text{SZ}}(\theta) = \Delta T_{\text{SZ}}(0) \left[1 + \left(\theta/\theta_c\right)^2\right]^{-\frac{(1-3\beta)/2}{2}}. \quad (79)$$

To make our analysis consistent with previous measurements described later, we fix the core radius, $\theta_c$, and the slope parameter, $\beta$, at $\theta_c = 10.5$ arcmin and $\beta = 0.75$ (Briel et al. 1992), and vary only the central decrement, $\Delta T_{\text{SZ}}(0)$. In this case, the optimal estimator is

$$\Delta T_{\text{SZ}}(0) = F_{\nu,\nu'} [N_{\text{pix}} + \tilde{C}]^{-1}_{\nu,\nu'} d_{\nu,\nu'}, \quad (80)$$

where $t_{\nu,\nu'}$ is a map of the above $\beta$ model with $\Delta T_{\text{SZ}}(0) = 1$, and

$$F = t_{\nu,\nu'} [N_{\text{pix}} + \tilde{C}]^{-1}_{\nu,\nu'} t_{\nu,\nu'}. \quad (81)$$

gives the 1σ error as $1/\sqrt{F}$.

For V+W, we find

$$\Delta T_{\text{SZ,RJ}}(0) = -377 \pm 105 \mu K (68\% \, \text{CL}),$$

which is a 3.6σ measurement of the SZ effect toward Coma. In terms of the Compton $y$-parameter at the center, we find

$$y_{\text{WMAp}} = \frac{-1}{2} \frac{\Delta T_{\text{SZ,RJ}}(0)}{T_{\text{cmb}}} = (6.9 \pm 1.9) \times 10^{-5} (68\% \, \text{CL}).$$

Let us compare this measurement with the previous measurements. Herbig et al. (1995) used the 5.5-m telescope at the Owens Valley Radio Observatory (OVRO) to observe Coma at 32 GHz. Using the same $\theta_c$ and $\beta$ as above, they found the central decrement of $\Delta T_{\text{SZ,RJ}}(0) = -505 \pm 92 \mu K (68\% \, \text{CL})$, after subtracting 38 $\mu K$ due to point sources (5C4.81 and 5C4.85). These sources have been masked by our point-source mask, and thus we do not need to correct for point sources.

While our estimate of $\Delta T_{\text{SZ,RJ}}(0)$ is different from that of Herbig et al. (1995) only by 1.2σ, and thus is statistically consistent, we note that Herbig et al. (1995)
did not correct for the CMB fluctuation in the direction of Coma. As the above results indicate that the CMB fluctuation in the direction of Coma is on the order of \(-100 \mu K\), it is plausible that the OVRO measurement implies \(\Delta T_{SZ,RJ}(0) \approx -400K\), which is an excellent agreement with the WMAP measurement.

The Coma cluster has been observed also by the Millimetre and Infrared Testagrigia Observatory (MITO) experiment (De Petris et al. 2002). Using the same \(\theta\), and \(\beta\) as above, Battistelli et al. (2003) found \(\Delta T_{SZ}(0) = -184 \pm 39, -32 \pm 79, \) and \(+172 \pm 36 \mu K\) (68% CL) at 143, 214, and 272 GHz, respectively, in units of thermodynamic temperatures. As MITO has 3 frequencies, they were able to separate SZ, CMB, and the atmospheric fluctuation. By fitting these 3 data points to the SZ spectrum, \(\Delta T_{SZ}/T_{cmb} = g_\nu y\), we find \(y_{MITO}(0) = (6.8 \pm 1.0 \pm 0.7) \times 10^{-5}\), which is an excellent agreement with the WMAP measurement. The first error is statistical and the second error is systematic due to 10% calibration error of MITO. The calibration error of the WMAP data (0.2%; Jarosik et al. 2010) is negligible.

Finally, one may try to fit the multi-wavelength data of \(T_{SZ}(0)\) to separate the SZ effect and CMB. For this purpose, we fit the WMAP data in V- and W-band to the \(\beta\) model without correcting for the CMB fluctuation. We find \(-381 \pm 126 \mu K\) and \(-523 \pm 127 \mu K\) in thermodynamic units (68% CL). The OVRO measurement, \(T_{SZ,RJ}(0) = -505 \pm 92 \mu K\) (Herbig et al. 1995), has been scaled to the Rayleigh-Jeans temperature with the SZ spectral dependence correction, and thus we use this measurement at \(\nu = 0\). Fitting the WMAP and OVRO data to the SZ effect plus CMB, and the MITO data only to the SZ effect (because the CMB was already removed from MITO using their multi-band data), we find \(y(0) = (6.8 \pm 1.0) \times 10^{-5}\) and \(\Delta T_{cmb}(0) = -136 \pm 82 \mu K\) (68% CL). This result is consistent with our interpretation that the \(y\)-parameter of the center of Coma is \(7 \times 10^{-5}\) and the CMB fluctuation is on the order of \(-100 \mu K\).

The analysis presented here shows that our optimal estimator is an excellent tool for extracting the SZ effect from multi-frequency data.

### 7.3. Statistical Detection of the SZ Effect

We use a galaxy cluster catalog consisting of the ROSAT-ESO flux-limited X-ray (REFLEX) galaxy cluster survey (Böhringer et al. 2004) in the southern hemisphere above the Galactic plane \((\delta < 2.5^\circ\) and \(|b| > 20^\circ\)) and the extended Brightest Cluster Sample (eBICS; Ebeling et al. 1998, 2000) in the northern hemisphere above the Galactic plane \((\delta > 0^\circ\) and \(|b| > 20^\circ\)). Some clusters are contained in both samples. Eliminating the overlap, this catalog contains 742 clusters of galaxies. Of these, 400, 228, and 114 clusters lie in the redshift ranges of \(z \leq 0.1\), \(0.1 < z \leq 0.2\), and \(0.2 < z \leq 0.45\), respectively.

We use the foreground-reduced V- and W-band maps at the HEALPix resolution of \(N_{side} = 1024\), masked by the \(KQ75\) mask, which eliminates the entire Virgo cluster. Note that this mask also includes the point-source mask, which masks sources at the locations of some clusters (such as Coma). After applying the mask, we have 361, 214, and 109 clusters in \(z \leq 0.1\), \(0.1 < z \leq 0.2\), and \(0.2 < z \leq 0.45\), respectively.

We again use equation (77) to find the angular radial

![Fig. 15.— Average temperature profile of the SZ effect from the stacking analysis, in units of the Rayleigh-Jeans (RJ) temperature (\(\mu K\)), at \(\theta = 7, 35, 63,\) and 91 arcmin. The V- and W-band data are combined using the optimal estimator. (Top) The SZ effect measured from the locations of clusters of galaxies. The results with three different maximum redshifts, \(z_{max} = 0.1\) (blue; left), 0.2 (green; middle), and 0.45 (red; right), are shown. The error bars include noise due to the CMB fluctuation, and thus are correlated (see equation (82) for the correlation matrix). (Middle) A null test showing profiles measured from random locations on the sky (for \(z_{max} = 0.2\); the number of random locations is the same as the number of clusters used in the top panel). Three random realizations are shown. Our method does not produce biased results. (Bottom) The measured profile \((z_{max} = 0.2)\) is compared with the model profiles derived from X-ray observations (Arnaud et al. 2009) and theoretically calculated from hydrostatic equilibrium (Komatsu & Seljak 2001) with two different concentration parameters. Note that the model profiles are calculated also for \(z_{max} = 0.2\) but have not been multiplied by the best-fitting normalization factors given in Table 12.](image-url)
profile in four angular bins. For this analysis, $(t_\alpha)_{ep}$ is a map containing many annuli (one annulus around each cluster) corresponding to a given angular bin $\alpha$, convolved with the beam and scaled by the frequency dependence of the SZ effect.

We show the measured profile in the top panel of Figure 15. We have done this analysis using 3 different choices of the maximum redshift, $z_{\text{max}}$, to select clusters: $z_{\text{max}} = 0.1, 0.2,$ and 0.45. We find that the results are not sensitive to $z_{\text{max}}$. As expected, the results for $z_{\text{max}} = 0.1$ have the largest error bars. The error bars for $z_{\text{max}} = 0.2$ and 0.45 are similar, indicating that we do not gain much more information from $z > 0.2$. The error bars have contributions from instrumental noise and CMB fluctuations. The latter contribution correlates the errors at different angular bins.

The top panel shows a decrement of $-3.6 \pm 1.4$ $\mu$K at a very large angular distance from the center, $\theta = 63$ arcmin, for $z_{\text{max}} = 0.2$. As we do not expect to have such an extended gas distribution around clusters, one may wonder if this result implies that we have a bias in the zero level. In order to check for a potential systematic bias, we perform the following null test: instead of measuring the SZ signals from the locations of clusters, we measure them from random locations in the WMAP data. In the middle panel of Figure 15, we show that our method passes a null test. We find that the measured profiles are consistent with zero; thus, our method does not introduce a bias.

Is this signal at a degree scale real? For example, are there nearby massive clusters (such as Coma) which give a significant SZ effect at a degree scale? While the Virgo cluster has the largest angular size on the sky, the $KQ75y7$ mask eliminates Virgo. In order to see if other nearby clusters give significant contributions, we remove all clusters at $z \leq 0.03$ (where there are 57 clusters) and remeasure the SZ profile. We find that the changes are small, less than $1 \mu$K at all angular bins. At $\theta = 63$ arcmin, the change is especially small, $\sim 0.1 \mu$K, and thus nearby clusters do not make much contribution to this bin.

The apparent decrement at $\theta = 63$ arcmin is probably due to a statistical fluctuation. The angular bins are correlated with the following correlation matrix:

$$
\begin{pmatrix}
1 & 0.5242 & 0.0552 & 0.0446 \\
0.5242 & 1 & 0.4170 & 0.0638 \\
0.0552 & 0.4170 & 1 & 0.4402 \\
0.0446 & 0.0638 & 0.4402 & 1
\end{pmatrix},
$$

where the columns correspond to $\theta = 7, 35, 63,$ and 91 arcmin, respectively. The decrements at the first two bins $(\theta = 7$ and 35 arcmin) can drive the third bin at $\theta = 63$ arcmin to be more negative. Note also that one of the realizations shown in the bottom panel (“Random 1” in the middle panel of Figure 15) shows $\sim -3.5 \mu$K at $\theta = 63$ arcmin. The second bin is also negative with a similar amplitude. On the other hand, “Random 2” shows both positive temperatures at the second and third bins, which is also consistent with a positive correlation between these bins.

Finally, in the bottom panel of Figure 15, we compare the measured SZ profile with the expected profiles from various cluster gas models (described in Section 7.4). None of them show a significant signal at $\theta = 63$ arcmin, which is also consistent with our interpretation that it is a statistical fluctuation.

### 7.4. Interpretations

In order to interpret the measured SZ profile, we need a model for the electron pressure profile, $P_e(r)$ (see equation (75)). For fully ionized gas, the electron pressure is related to the gas (baryonic) pressure, $P_{\text{gas}}(r)$, by

$$
P_e(r) = \left(\frac{2 + 2X}{3 + 5X}\right) P_{\text{gas}}(r),
$$

where $X$ is the abundance of hydrogen in clusters. For $X = 0.76$, one finds $P_e(r) = 0.518P_{\text{gas}}(r)$.

We explore three possibilities: (i) an empirical pressure profile found from X-ray observations of clusters of galaxies (Arnaud et al. 2009), (ii) theoretical profiles derived by assuming that the gas pressure is in hydrostatic equilibrium with gravitational potential given by an Navarro-Frenk-White (NFW; Navarro et al. 1997) mass density profile (Komatsu & Seljak 2001), and (iii) theoretical profiles from hydrodynamical simulations of clusters of galaxies with and without gas cooling and star formation (Nagai et al. 2007). The case (ii) is relevant because this profile is used in the calculation of the SZ power spectrum (Komatsu & Seljak 2002) that has been used as a template to marginalize over in the cosmological parameter estimation since the 3-year analysis (Spergel et al. 2007; Dunkley et al. 2009; Larson et al. 2010). Analytical models and hydrodynamical simulations for the SZ signal are also the basis for planned efforts to use the SZ signal to constrain cosmological models.

As the profile of Arnaud et al. (2009) is derived from X-ray observations, we expect to find the best-fitting normalization of unity when we fit this profile to the WMAP data. On the other hand, the normalization of the KS profile has been fixed by assuming that the gas density at the virial radius is equal to the cosmic mean baryon fraction, $\Omega_b/\Omega_m$, times the total mass density at the virial radius. This is an upper limit: for example, star formation turns gas into stars, reducing the amount of gas. KS also assumes that the gas is virialized and in thermal equilibrium (i.e., electrons and protons share the same temperature) everywhere in a cluster, that virialization converts potential energy of the cluster into thermal energy only, and that the pressure contributed by bulk flows, cosmic rays, and magnetic fields are unimportant.

We give details of the gas pressure profiles in Appendix C. In the top left panel of Figure 16, we show the pressure profiles from X-ray observations (see Appendix C.1) for the KS profiles (see Appendix C.2) in the solid lines, and the KS profiles (see Appendix C.1) in the dotted and dashed lines. One of the inputs for the KS profile is the so-called concentration parameter of the NFW profile. The dotted line is for the concentration parameter of $c = 10(M_{\text{vir}}/3.42 \times 10^{12} h^{-1} M_\odot)^{-0.2}/(1+z)$ (Seljak 2000), which was used by Komatsu & Seljak (2002) for their calculation of the SZ power spectrum. Here, $M_{\text{vir}}$ is the virial mass, i.e., mass enclosed within the virial radius. The dashed line is for $c = 7.85(M_{\text{vir}}/2 \times 10^{12} h^{-1} M_\odot)^{-0.081}/(1+z)^{0.71}$, which was found from recent N-body simulations with the WMAP 5-year cosmological parameters (Duffy et al. 2008).

We find that the KS profiles and X-ray derived profiles generally agree. The agreement is quite good especially
The virial radius is \( \Omega_m^{1/2} \). 

Clusters less luminous than these (129 clusters are fainter than \( \Omega_m^{100} \)) are nearly independent of \( \Omega_m^{100} \). Can we explain this? 

The quoted errors in Table 12 are statistical. 

There are 82 clusters. 

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With the fiducial scaling relation between \( r_{500} \) and \( L_X \), \( r_{500} = 0.753 \Omega_m^{-1/2} \) \( [L_X/(10^{44} \text{ erg s}^{-1})]^{0.228} \) (Bohringer et al. 2007). For this scaling relation, \( L_X = 4.5 \times 10^{44} \text{ erg s}^{-1} \) corresponds to \( M_{500} = 4.1 \times 10^{14} h^{-1} M_\odot \) for \( z = 0.1 \) and 0.2. 

LX is about 30% smaller than \( \Omega_m^{100} \). The quoted errors are statistical. 

The gas extension is truncated at \( r_{500} = 2r_{500} \), instead of 6\( r_{500} \). The fiducial \( r_{700}-L_X \) relation is used. The quoted errors are statistical. 

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Fig. 16.— Gas pressure profiles of clusters of galaxies, \( P_{\text{gas}}(r) \), at \( z = 0.1 \), and the projected profiles of the SZ effect, \( \Delta T_{\text{SZ}}(\theta) \) (Rayleigh-Jeans temperature in \( \mu \text{K} \)). (Top Left) The gas pressure profiles. The upper and bottom set of curves show \( M_{500} = 3 \times 10^{14} \) and \( 3 \times 10^{13} \) \( h^{-1} \) \( M_\odot \), respectively. The horizontal axis shows radii scaled by the corresponding \( r_{500} = 0.78 \) and 0.36 \( h^{-1} \) Mpc, respectively. The solid lines show \( P_{\text{gas}}(r) = P_e(r)/0.518 \) derived from X-ray observations (Arnaud et al. 2009), while the dotted and dashed lines show \( P_{\text{gas}}(r) \) predicted from hydrostatic equilibrium (Komatsu & Seljak 2001) with NFW concentration parameters of Seljak (2000) and Duffy et al. (2008), respectively. (Top Right) The projected SZ profiles computed from the corresponding curves in the top left panel and equation (87). The horizontal axis shows angular radii scaled by \( \theta_{500} = r_{500}/D_A \), which is 10 and 4.7 arcmin for \( M_{500} = 3 \times 10^{14} \) and \( 3 \times 10^{13} \) \( h^{-1} \) \( M_\odot \), respectively. (Bottom Left) Same as the top left panel, but the dotted and dashed lines show \( P_{\text{gas}}(r) \) predicted from “Cooling+Star Formation” and “Non-radiative” simulation runs by Nagai et al. (2007). (Bottom Right) Same as the top right panel, but the dotted and dashed lines are computed from the corresponding curves in the bottom left panel and equation (87).
profiles suggests that the amplitude of the KS profile would be slightly lower than that of the X-ray derived profile. We shall present the results for hydrodynamical simulations later.

The optimal estimator for the normalization of pressure, $a$, is

$$a = \frac{1}{F} t_{p'} [N_{\text{pix}} + \hat{C}]^{-1} \int d_{p'}$$

where $t_{p'}$ is a map containing the predicted SZ profiles around clusters, and the $1\sigma$ error is $1/\sqrt{F}$ where $F$ is given by equation (81).

For each pressure profile, we compute the SZ temperature profile as

$$\Delta T_{\text{SZ}}(\theta) = g_{\nu} T_{\text{cmb}} \frac{2 + 2X}{3 + 5X} P^{2d}_{\text{gas}}(\theta) \simeq 283 \mu K g_{\nu} \left[ \frac{P^{2d}_{\text{gas}}(\theta)}{50 \text{ eV cm}^{-3} \text{ Mpc}} \right],$$

where $P^{2d}_{\text{gas}}(\theta)$ is the projected gas pressure profile on the sky:

$$P^{2d}_{\text{gas}}(\theta) = \int_{-\sqrt{r_{\text{out}}^2 - \theta^2 D_A^2}}^{\sqrt{r_{\text{out}}^2 - \theta^2 D_A^2}} dl \int d_{\text{gas}} \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{D_A^2 + \theta^2 D_A^2}} \right].$$

Here, we truncate the pressure profile at $r_{\text{out}}$. We take this to be 3 times the virial radius, $r_{\text{out}} = 3r_{\text{vir}}$, to be consistent with the parameter used by Komatsu & Seljak (2002). While the choice of the boundary is somewhat arbitrary, the results are not sensitive to the exact value because the pressure profile declines fast enough. For the pressure profile of Arnaud et al. (2009), we use $r_{\text{out}} = 6r_{500}$, where $r_{500}$ is the radius within which the mean overdensity is 500 times the critical density of the universe. Note that $r_{500} \approx 0.5 r_{\text{vir}}$. In the right panels of Figure 16, we show the predicted $\Delta T_{\text{SZ}}(\theta)$, which will be used as templates, i.e., $t_{\nu p}$.

Now, in order to compute the expected pressure profiles from each cluster in the catalog, we need to know $r_{500}$. We calculate $r_{500}$ from the observed X-ray luminosity in ROSAT’s 0.1-2.4 keV band, $L_{\text{x}}$, as

$$r_{500} = \frac{(0.753 \pm 0.063) h^{-1} \text{ Mpc}}{E(z)} \times \left( \frac{L_{\text{x}}}{10^{44} h^{-2} \text{ erg s}^{-1}} \right)^{0.228 \pm 0.015},$$

where $E(z) \equiv H(z)/H_0 = [\Omega_m (1 + z)^3 + \Omega_{\Lambda}]^{1/2}$ for a $\Lambda$CDM model. This is an empirical relation found from X-ray observations (see equation (2) of Böhringer et al. 2007) based upon the temperature-$L_{\text{x}}$ relation from Ikebe et al. (2002) and the $r_{500}$-temperature relation from Arnaud et al. (2005). The error bars have been calculated by propagating the errors in the temperature-$L_{\text{x}}$ and $r_{500}$-temperature relations. Admittedly, there is a significant scatter around this relation, which is the most dominant source of systematic error in our analysis. As $M_{500} \propto r_{500}$, a $\approx 10\%$ error in the predicted values of $r_{500}$ gives the mass calibration error of $\approx 30\%$. Moreover, the SZ effect is given by $M_{500}$ times the gas temperature, the latter being proportional to $M_{500}^{2/3}$ according to the virial theorem. Therefore, the total calibration error can be as big as $\approx 50\%$.

In order to quantify this systematic error, we repeat our analysis for 3 different size-luminosity relations: (i) the central values, (ii) the normalization and slope shifted up by $1\sigma$ to 0.816 and 0.243, and (iii) the normalization and slope shifted down by $1\sigma$ to 0.690 and 0.213. We adopt this as an estimate for the systematic error in our results due to the size-luminosity calibration error. For how this error would affect our conclusions, see Section 7.5.

Note that this estimate of the systematic error is conservative, as we allowed all clusters to deviate from the best-fit scaling relation at once by $\pm 1\sigma$. In reality, the nature of this error is random, and thus the actual error caused by the scatter in the scaling relation would probably be smaller. Melin et al. (2010) performed such an analysis, and found that the systematic error is sub-dominant compared to the statistical error.

Nevertheless, we shall adopt our conservative estimate of the systematic error, as the mean scaling relation also varies from authors to authors. The mean scaling relations used by Melin et al. (2010) are within the error bar of the scaling relation that we use (equation (89)).

In Figure 18, we show the distribution of $M_{500}$ estimated from clusters in the catalog using the measured values of $L_{\text{x}}$ and equations (89) and (C2). The distribution peaks at $M_{500} \sim 3 \times 10^{14} h^{-1} M_{\odot}$ for $z_{\text{max}} = 0.2$ and 0.45, while it peaks at $M_{500} \sim 1.5 \times 10^{14} h^{-1} M_{\odot}$ for $z_{\text{max}} = 0.1$.

For the X-ray derived pressure profile, we find the best-fitting amplitudes of $a = 0.64 \pm 0.09$ and $0.59 \pm 0.07$ (68% CL) for $z_{\text{max}} = 0.1$ and 0.2, respectively. The significance level of statistical detection of the SZ effect is about $8\sigma$. With the systematic error included, we find $a = 0.59 \pm 0.07^{+0.38}_{-0.23}$ for $z_{\text{max}} = 0.2$.

This result, which shows that the SZ effect seen in the WMAP data is less than expectations from X-ray observations, agrees qualitatively with some of the previous work (Lieu et al. 2006; Biehl & Shanks 2007; Diego & Partridge 2009). The other work showed that the SZ
effect seen in the WMAP data is consistent with expectations from X-ray observations (Afshordi et al. 2007; Melin et al. 2010).

These authors used widely different methods and cluster catalogues. Lieu et al. (2006) were the first to claim that the SZ effect seen in the WMAP data is significantly less than expected from X-ray data, by using 31 clusters compiled by Bonamente et al. (2002). Bielby & Shanks (2007) extended the analysis of Lieu et al. (2006) by using 38 clusters compiled by Bonamente et al. (2006), for which the observational data of the SZ effect from OVRO and Berkeley Illinois Maryland Association (BIMA) are available. They did not use scaling relations, but used a spherical isothermal $\beta$ model to fit the X-ray surface brightness profile of each cluster in the catalog, and calculated the expected SZ signals, assuming that the intracluster gas is isothermal. Our results differ quantitatively. Lieu et al. (2006) found that the measured signal is smaller than expected from X-ray data by a factor of 3–4, and Bielby & Shanks (2007) found a similar result for the cluster catalog of Bonamente et al. (2006). The discrepancy is much greater than our finding: we find that the measured signal is smaller than expected by a factor of 1.5–2.

Diego & Partridge (2009) used the same cluster catalog that we use (REFLEX+eBCS), but used a different scaling relation: they related the cluster core radius to the X-ray luminosity (we relate $r_{500}$ to the X-ray luminosity). They found a large discrepancy (similar to Lieu et al. 2006; Bielby & Shanks 2007) when a spherical isothermal $\beta$ model was used to predict the SZ signal, while they found a smaller discrepancy (similar to our results) when more realistic gas models were used. Afshordi et al. (2007) used 193 clusters selected from the XBAC catalog. Their catalog consisted of the clusters that have measured X-ray temperatures ($>3$ keV). They then used a scaling relation between $r_{500}$ and the X-ray temperature. They found that the measured SZ signal and X-ray data are consistent.

Melin et al. (2010) used the 5-year WMAP data and a bigger sample of 893 clusters and a scaling relation between $r_{500}$ and the X-ray luminosity taken from Pratt et al. (2009); Arnaud et al. (2009). They compared the measured integrated pressure from the WMAP data to the expectation from the X-ray derived profile of Arnaud et al. (2009), and concluded that they agree very well. (The normalization is consistent with unity within the statistical uncertainty.) We find, on the other hand, that the normalization is significantly less than unity compared to the statistical uncertainty. How can we reconcile these results?

One possibility would be the difference in the scaling relations. The scaling relation shifted down by 1σ would make the predicted SZ signals smaller, which would then increase the best-fitting amplitude. Given the size of the systematic error, $a = 0.59 \pm 0.07^{+0.38}_{-0.31}$ $a \approx 1$ may not be inconsistent with the data. However, we find that the difference between their scaling relation and ours is well within our 1σ uncertainty, and thus this effect alone cannot be an explanation. Specifically, they used two scaling relations:

1. $r_{500} = \frac{0.717}{E_{X}(z)} \frac{h^{-1} \mathrm{Mpc}}{\mathrm{L}_{500}/(10^{44} \mathrm{h}^{-2} \mathrm{erg} \mathrm{s}^{-1})} \sim 0.225$

2. $r_{500} = \frac{0.745}{E_{X}(z)} \frac{h^{-1} \mathrm{Mpc}}{\mathrm{L}_{500}/(10^{44} \mathrm{h}^{-2} \mathrm{erg} \mathrm{s}^{-1})} \sim 0.207$

where the relations 1 and 2 correspond to the “REXCESS” and “intrinsic” relations in Melin et al. (2010), respectively. Here, $L_{500}$ is the X-ray luminosity measured within $r_{500}$, which is calculated from $L_X$. While we do not have the conversion factors they used, a typical magnitude of the conversion factors is about 10%, according to Melin et al. (2010). A 10% change in $L_X$ gives a 2% change in $r_{500}$, which is negligible compared to the other uncertainties; thus, we shall assume that $L_X$ and $L_{500}$ are the same, and repeat our analysis using these scaling relations. We find the amplitudes of $a = 0.78 \pm 0.09$ and $0.69 \pm 0.08$ ($z_{\text{max}} = 0.2; 68\% \text{ CL}$) for the relations 1 and 2, respectively; thus, while these scaling relations give larger amplitudes, they cannot completely explain the difference between the results of Melin et al. (2010) ($a \approx 1$) and our results. However, we find that the discrepancy is much less for high X-ray luminosity clusters. See Section 7.5.

While the method of Melin et al. (2010) and our method are similar, they are different in details. We compare the predicted angular radial profiles of the SZ effect to the WMAP data to find the best-fitting amplitude. Melin et al. (2010) measured the integrated pressure within 5 times $r_{500}$, and converted it to the integrated pressure within $r_{500}$, $Y_{500}$, assuming the distribution of pressure beyond $r_{500}$ is described by the profile of Arnaud et al. (2009). Whether the difference in methodology can account for the difference between our results and their results is unclear, and requires further investigation.

Let us turn our attention to the analytical KS profile. For the KS profile with the concentration parameter of Seljak (2000), we find the best-fitting amplitudes of $a = 0.59 \pm 0.09$ and $0.46 \pm 0.06^{+0.31}_{-0.18}$ (68% CL) for $z_{\text{max}} = 0.1$ and 0.2, respectively. For the KS profile with the concentration parameter of Duffy et al. (2008), we find $a = 0.67 \pm 0.09$ and $0.58 \pm 0.07^{+0.33}_{-0.20}$ (68% CL) for $z_{\text{max}} = 0.1$ and 0.2, respectively. These results are consistent with those for the X-ray derived pressure profiles.

Recently, the SPT collaboration detected the SZ power spectrum at $l \gtrsim 3000$. By fitting their SZ power spectrum data to the theoretical model of Komatsu & Sel-
spectrally. Similarly, the amplitude for the X-ray-derived parameters of Seljak (2000) and Duffy et al. (2008), respectively. Here, $A_{\text{SZ}} = 0.37 \pm 0.17$ (68% CL; Lueker et al. 2009). The calculation of Komatsu & Seljak (2002) is based on the KS gas pressure profile. As the amplitude of SZ power spectrum is proportional to the gas pressure squared, i.e., $A_{\text{SZ}} \propto a^2$, our result for the KS profiles, $a \approx 0.5 \pm 0.7$, is consistent with $A_{\text{SZ}} = 0.37 \pm 0.17$ found from SPT. The ACT collaboration placed an upper limit of $A_{\text{SZ}} < 1.63$ (95% CL; Fowler et al. 2010), which is consistent with the SPT result.

What do hydrodynamical simulations tell us? As the analytical calculations such as Komatsu & Seljak (2001) are limited, we also fit the pressure profiles derived from hydrodynamical simulations of Nagai et al. (2007) to the WMAP data. In the bottom panels of Figure 16, we show the gas pressure profiles from “Non-radiative” and “Cooling+Star Formation (SF)” runs.

By fitting the SZ templates constructed from these simulated profiles to the WMAP data, we find the best-fitting amplitudes of $0.50 \pm 0.06^{+0.28}_{-0.18}$ and $0.67 \pm 0.08^{+0.37}_{-0.23}$ (68% CL) for Non-radiative and Cooling+SF runs, respectively, which are consistent with the amplitudes found for the KS profiles and X-ray derived profiles. See Table 12 for a summary of the best-fitting amplitudes.

### 7.5. Systematic Errors

The best-fitting amplitudes may be shifted up and down by $\approx 50\%$ due to the calibration error in the size-luminosity relation (equation (89)). As we have shown already, the best-fitting amplitudes for the KS profiles can be shifted up to 0.77 and 0.91 for the concentration parameters of Seljak (2000) and Duffy et al. (2008), respectively. Similarly, the amplitude for the X-ray-derived profile can be shifted up to 0.97. As this calibration error shifts all amplitudes given in Table 12 by the same amount, it does not affect our conclusion that all of the gas pressure profiles considered above yield similar results.

This type of systematic error can be reduced by using a subset of clusters of galaxies for which the scaling relations are more tightly constrained (see, e.g., Pratt et al. 2009; Vikhlinin et al. 2009a; Mantz et al. 2009a); however, reducing the number of samples increases the statistical error. Finding an optimal sample which minimizes both types of errors is necessary for the future study.

To get a feel for such an analysis, we have divided the cluster samples into 3 luminosity bins: (i) “High $L_X$” with $4.5 < L_X/(10^{44} \text{ erg s}^{-1}) \leq 45$, (ii) “Low $L_X$” with $4.5 < L_X/(10^{44} \text{ erg s}^{-1}) \leq 4.5$, and (iii) clusters fainter than (ii). There are 82, 417, and 129 clusters in (i), (ii), and (iii), respectively. In Table 12, we show that we detect significant SZ signals in (i) and (ii), despite the smaller number of clusters used in each luminosity bin. We do not have a statistically significant detection in (iii).

The high $L_X$ clusters have $M \gtrsim 4 \times 10^{14} h^{-1} M_\odot$. For these clusters, the agreement between the WMAP data and the expected SZ signals is much better. In particular, for the REXCESS scaling relation, we find $a = 0.90 \pm 0.12$, which is consistent with unity within the 1σ statistical error. This implies that, at least for high X-ray luminosity clusters, our results and the results of Melin et al. (2010) agree within the statistical uncertainty. On the other hand, we find that less luminous clusters tend to have significantly lower best-fitting amplitudes for all models of gas-pressure profiles and scaling relations that we have explored. This trend is consistent with, for example, the gas mass fraction being lower for lower mass clusters. It is also consistent with radio point sources filling some of the SZ effect seen in the WMAP data.

How important are radio point sources? While we have not attempted to correct for potential contamination from unresolved radio point sources, we estimate the magnitude of effects here. If, on average, each cluster has a $F_{\text{src}} = 10$ mJy source, then the corresponding temperatures,

$$\Delta T_{\text{src}} = 40.34 \mu K \left[ \frac{\sin^2(x/2)}{x^2} \right] \frac{F_{\text{src}}}{10 \text{ mJy} \Omega_{\text{beam}}}$$

are 2.24, 2.29, and 2.19 $\mu K$ in Q, V, and W bands, respectively. Here, $x = \nu/(56.78 \text{ GHz})$, and $\Omega_{\text{beam}} = 9.0 \times 10^{-5}$, $4.2 \times 10^{-5}$, and $2.1 \times 10^{-5}$ sr are the solid angles of beams in Q, V, and W bands, respectively (Jarosik et al. 2010). Using the radio sources observed in clusters of galaxies by Lin et al. (2009), Diego & Partridge (2009) estimated that the mean flux of sources in Q band is 10.4 mJy, and that at 90 GHz (which is close to 94 GHz of W band) is $\approx 4$ to 6 mJy. Using these estimates, we expect the source contamination at the level of $\approx 1$ to 2 $\mu K$ in V and W bands, which is $\approx 5$ to 10% of the measured SZ temperature. Therefore, the best-fitting amplitudes reported in Table 12 could be underestimated by $\approx 5$ to 10%.

### 7.6. Discussion

The gas pressure profile is not the only factor that determines the SZ power spectrum. The other important factor is the mass function, $dn/dM$:

$$C_i \propto \int dz \frac{dV}{dz} \int dM \frac{dn}{dM} \left| \tilde{P}_i \right|^2,$$

where $V(z)$ is the comoving volume of the universe and $P_i$ is the 2d Fourier transform of $P^{2d}(\theta)$. Therefore, a lower-than-expected $A_{\text{SZ}}$ may imply either a lower-than-expected amplitude of matter density fluctuations, i.e., $\sigma_8$, or a lower-than-expected gas pressure, or both.

As the predictions for the SZ power spectrum available today (see, e.g., Shaw et al. 2009; Sehgal et al. 2010, and references therein) are similar to the prediction of Komatsu & Seljak (2002) (for example, Lueker et al. (2009) found $A_{\text{SZ}} = 0.55 \pm 0.21$ for the prediction of Sehgal et al. (2010), which is based on the gas model of Bode et al. (2009)), a plausible explanation for a lower-than-expected $A_{\text{SZ}}$ is a lower-than-expected gas pressure. However, the large systematic error does not yet allow us to conclusively rule out the possibility that the lower-than-expected $A_{\text{SZ}}$ is due to a lower $\sigma_8$.

Arnaud et al. (2007) find that the X-ray observed integrated pressure enclosed within $r_{500}$, $Y_X = M_{\text{gas,500}} T_X$, for a given $M_{\text{500}}$ is about a factor of 0.75 times the prediction from the Cooling+SF simulation of Nagai et al. (2007). This is in a good agreement with our corresponding result for the “High $L_X$” samples, $0.79 \pm 0.10$ (68% CL; statistical error only).
While the KS profiles are generally in a good agreement with the X-ray derived profiles, they are more extended than the X-ray-derived profiles (see Figure 16), which makes the KS prediction for the projected SZ profiles bigger. Note, however, that the outer slope of the fitting formula given by Arnaud et al. (2009) (equation (C3)) has been forced to match that from hydrodynamical simulations of Nagai et al. (2007) in $r \gtrsim r_{500}$. See the bottom panels of Figure 16. The steepness of the profile at $r \gtrsim r_{500}$ from the simulation may be attributed to a significant non-thermal pressure support from $p v^2$, which makes it possible to balance gravity by less thermal pressure at larger radii. In other words, the total pressure (i.e., thermal plus $p v^2$) profile would probably be closer to the KS prediction, but the thermal pressure would decline more rapidly than the total pressure would.

If the SZ effect seen in the WMAP data is less than expected, what would be the implications? One possibility is that protons and electrons do not share the same temperature. The electron-proton equilibration time is longer than the Hubble time at the virial radius, so that the electron temperature may be lower than the proton temperature in the outer regions of clusters which contribute a significant fraction of the predicted SZ flux (Rudd & Nagai 2009; Wong & Sarazin 2009). The other sources of non-thermal pressure support in outskirts of the cluster (turbulence, magnetic field, and cosmic rays) would reduce the thermal SZ effect relative to the expectation, if these effects are not taken into account in modeling the intracluster medium. Heat conduction may also play some role in suppressing the gas pressure (Loeb 2002, 2007).

In order to explore the impact of gas pressure at $r > r_{500}$, we cut the X-ray derived pressure profile at $r_{\text{out}} = r_{500}$ (instead of $6r_{500}$) and repeat the analysis. We find $a = 0.74 \pm 0.09$ and $0.44 \pm 0.14$ for high and low $L_X$ clusters, respectively. (We found $a = 0.67 \pm 0.09$ and $0.43 \pm 0.12$ for $r_{\text{out}} = 6r_{500}$. See Table 12.) These results are somewhat puzzling - the X-ray observations directly measure gas out to $r_{500}$, and thus we would expect to find $a \approx 1$ at least out to $r_{500}$. This analysis may suggest that the fiducial scaling relation of Böhringer et al. (2007) is a source of $a < 1$. Note that $a = 1$ is within the systematic error due to the scatter in the scaling relation. Had we used the scaling relations of Melin et al. (2010), we would find $a \approx 1$ for $r_{\text{out}} = r_{500}$. While a large uncertainty in the scaling relation prevents us from convincingly ruling out $a = 1$, the relative amplitudes between high and low $L_X$ clusters suggest that a significant amount of pressure is missing in low mass ($M_{500} \lesssim 4 \times 10^{14} h^{-1} M_{\odot}$) clusters, even if we scale all the results such that high-mass clusters are forced to have $a = 1$. A similar trend is also seen in Figure 3 of Melin et al. (2010).

This interpretation is consistent with the SZ power spectrum being lower than expected. The SPT measurements of the SZ power spectrum at $l \gtrsim 3000$. At such high multipoles, the contributions to the SZ power spectrum are dominated by relatively low-mass clusters, $M_{500} \lesssim 4 \times 10^{14} h^{-1} M_{\odot}$ (see Figure 6 of Komatsu & Seljak 2002). Therefore, a plausible explanation for the lower-than-expected SZ power spectrum is a missing pressure in lower mass clusters.

Scaling relations, gas pressure, and entropy of low-mass clusters and groups have been studied in the literature. 35 Leauthaud et al. (2010) obtained a relation between $L_X$ of 206 X-ray-selected galaxy groups and the mass ($M_{200}$) derived from the stacking analysis of weak lensing measurements. Converting their best-fitting relation to $r_{200} - L_X$ relation, we find $r_{200} = 1.26 \times 10^{14} h^{-1} \text{Mpc} (L_X/10^{44} h^{-2} \text{erg s}^{-1})^{0.22}$. (Note that the pivot luminosity of the original scaling relation is $2.6 \times 10^{42} h^{-2} \text{erg s}^{-1}$.) As $r_{500} \approx 0.65 r_{200}$, their relation is $\approx 1 \sigma$ higher than the fiducial scaling relation that we adopted (equation (89)). Had we used their scaling relation, we would find even lower normalizations.

The next generation of simulations or analytical calculations of the SZ effect should be focused more on understanding the gas pressure profiles, both the amplitude and the shape, especially in low-mass clusters. New measurements of the SZ effect toward many individual clusters with unprecedented sensitivity are now becoming available (Staniszewski et al. 2009; Hincks et al. 2009; Plagge et al. 2009). These new measurements would be important for understanding the gas pressure in low-mass clusters.

8. CONCLUSION

With the WMAP 7-year temperature and polarization data, new measurements of $H_0$ (Riess et al. 2009), and improved large-scale structure data (Percival et al. 2009), we have been able to rigorously test the standard cosmological model. The model continues to be an exquisite fit to the existing data. Depending on the parameters, we also use the other data sets such as the small-scale CMB temperature power spectra (Brown et al. 2009; Reichardt et al. 2009, for the primordial helium abundance), the power spectrum of LRGs derived from SDSS (Reid et al. 2009, for neutrino properties), the Type Ia supernova data (Hicken et al. 2009b, for dark energy), and the time-delay distance to the lens system B1608+656 (Suyu et al. 2009a, for dark energy and spatial curvature). The combined data sets enable improved constraints over the

\[35\] A systematic study of the thermodynamic properties of low-mass clusters and groups is given in Finoguenov et al. (2007) (also see Finoguenov et al. 2005a, b).
WMAP-only constraints on the cosmological parameters presented in Larson et al. (2010) on physically-motivated extensions of the standard model.

We summarize the most significant findings from our analysis (also see Table 2, 3, and 4):

1. **Gravitational waves and primordial power spectrum.** Our best estimate of the spectral index of a power-law primordial power spectrum of curvature perturbations is $n_s = 0.963 ± 0.012$ (68% CL). We find no evidence for tensor modes: the 95% CL limit is $r < 0.24$.\(^{36}\) There is no evidence for the running spectral index, $dn_s/d\ln k = -0.022 ± 0.020$ (68% CL). Given that the improvements on $n_s$, $r$, and $dn_s/d\ln k$ from the 5-year results are modest, their implications for models of inflation are similar to those discussed in Section 3.3 of Komatsu et al. (2009b). Also see Kinney et al. (2008) and Finelli et al. (2009) for more recent surveys of implications for inflation. In Figure 19, we compare the 7-year WMAP+BAO+$H_0$ limits on $n_s$ and $r$ to the predictions from inflation models with monomial potential, $V(\phi) \propto \phi^n$.

2. **Neutrino properties.** Better determinations of the amplitude of the third acoustic peak of the temperature power spectrum and $H_0$ have led to improved limits on the total mass of neutrinos, $\sum m_\nu < 0.58$ eV (95% CL), and the effective number of neutrino species, $N_{\text{eff}} = 3.43^{+0.86}_{-0.88}$ (68% CL), both of which are derived from WMAP+BAO+$H_0$ without any information on the growth of structure. When BAO is replaced by the LRG power spectrum, we find $\sum m_\nu < 0.44$ eV (95% CL), and the effective number of neutrino species, $N_{\text{eff}} = 4.25^{+0.78}_{-0.70}$ (68% CL).

3. **Primordial helium abundance.** By combining the WMAP data with the small-scale CMB data, we have detected, by more than 3σ, a change in the Silk damping on small angular scales ($\ell \gtrsim 500$) due to the effect of primordial helium on the temperature power spectrum. We find $Y_p = 0.286 ± 0.075$ (68% CL). The astrophysical measurements of helium abundance in stars or HII regions provide tight upper limits on $Y_p$, whereas the CMB data can be used to provide a lower limit. With a conservative hard prior on $Y_p < 0.3$, we find $0.23 < Y_p < 0.3$ (68% CL). Our detection of helium at $z \sim 1000$ contradicts versions of the “cold big bang model,” where most of the cosmological helium is produced by the first generation of stars (Aguirre 2000).

4. **Parity violation.** The 7-year polarization data have significantly improved over the 5-year data. This has led to a significantly improved limit on the rotation angle of the polarization plane due to potential parity-violating effects. Our best limit is $\Delta \alpha = -1.1^\circ ± 1.3^\circ$ (statistical) ± $1.5^\circ$ (systematic) (68% CL).

5. **Axion dark matter.** The 7-year WMAP+BAO+$H_0$ limit on the non-adiabatic perturbations that are uncorrelated with curvature perturbations, $\alpha_0 < 0.077$ (95% CL), constrains the parameter space of axion dark matter in the context of the misalignment scenario. It continues to suggest that a future detection of tensor-to-scalar ratio, $r$, at the level of $r = 10^{-2}$ would require a fine-tuning of parameters such as the misalignment angle, $\theta < 3 \times 10^{-9}$, a significant amount of entropy production between the QCD phase transition and the big bang nucleosynthesis, $\gamma < 0.9 \times 10^{-9}$, a super-Planckian axion decay constant, $f_a > 3 \times 10^{22}$ GeV, an axion contribution to the matter density of the universe being totally sub-dominant, or a combination of all of the above with less tuning in each (also see Section 3.6.3 of Komatsu et al. 2009b). The 7-year WMAP+BAO+$H_0$ limit on correlated isocurvature perturbations, which is relevant to the curvaton dark matter, is $\alpha_1 < 0.0047$ (95% CL).

6. **Dark energy.** With WMAP+BAO+$H_0$ but without high-redshift Type Ia supernovae, we find $w = -1.10 ± 0.14$ (68% CL) for a flat universe. Adding the supernova data reduces the error bar by about a half. For a curved universe, addition of supernova data reduces the error in $w$ dramatically (by a factor of more than four), while the error in curvature is well constrained by WMAP+BAO+$H_0$. In Figure 13, we show the 7-year limits on a time-dependent equation of state in the form of $w = w_0 + wa(1-a)$. We find $w_0 = -0.93 ± 0.13$ and $w_a = -0.41^{+0.72}_{-0.71}$ (68% CL) from WMAP+BAO+$H_0$+SN. The data are consistent with a flat universe dominated by a cosmological constant.

7. **Primordial non-Gaussianity.** The 95% CL limits on physically-motivated primordial non-Gaussianity parameters are $-10 < f_{NL}^\text{local} < 74$, $-214 < f_{NL}^\text{equil} < 266$, and $-410 < f_{NL}^\text{ortho} < 6$. When combined with the limit on $f_{NL}^\text{local}$ from SDSS, $-29 < f_{NL}^\text{local} < 70$ (Slosar et al. 2008), we find $-5 < f_{NL}^\text{local} < 59$. The data are consistent with Gaussian primordial curvature perturbations.

8. **Sunyaev–Zel’dovich effect.** Using the optimal estimator, we have measured the SZ effect towards clusters of galaxies. We have detected the SZ effect toward the Coma cluster at 3.6σ, and made the statistical detection of the SZ effect at 8σ by optimally stacking the WMAP data at the locations of known clusters of galaxies. We find that the SZ signal from the stacking analysis is about 0.5 – 0.7 times the predictions from the current generation of analytical calculations, hydrodynamical simulations, and X-ray observations. This lower-than-expected SZ signal is consistent with the lower-than-expected SZ power spectrum recently measured by the SPT collaboration (Lueker et al. 2009). While we find a better agreement between the WMAP data and the expectations for massive clusters with $M_{500} \gtrsim 4 \times 10^{14}$ $h^{-1} M_\odot$, a significant amount of pressure

\(^{36}\) This is the 7-year WMAP+BAO+$H_0$ limit. The 5-year WMAP+BAO+SN limit was $r < 0.22$ (95% CL). For comparison, the 7-year WMAP+BAO+SN limit is $r < 0.20$ (95% CL). These limits do not include systematic errors in the supernova data.
(relative to the expectations) is missing in lower mass clusters. While a large systematic error due to the size-luminosity scaling relation does not allow us to convincingly rule out the possibility that the SZ effect seen in the WMAP data agrees with the expectations, our results imply that we may not fully understand the gas pressure in low-mass clusters. This issue would become particularly important when the SZ effect is used as a cosmological probe.

We also reported a novel analysis of the WMAP temperature and polarization data that enable us to directly “see” the imprint of adiabatic scalar fluctuations in the maps of polarization directions around temperature hot and cold spots. These give a striking confirmation of our understanding of the physics at the decoupling epoch in the form of radial and tangential polarization patterns at two characteristic angular scales that are important for the physics of acoustic oscillation: the compression phase at θ = 2θA and the reversal phase at θ = θA.

The CMB data have provided us with many stringent constraints on various properties of the universe. One of many lessons that we have learned from the CMB data is that, given the data that we have, inventions of new, physically-motivated, observables beyond the spherically-averaged power spectrum often lead to new insights into the physics of the universe. Well-studied examples include primordial non-Gaussianity parameters (fNL from the bispectrum), parity-violation angle (Δα from the TB and EB correlations), modulated primordial power spectrum (g(k) from direction-dependent power spectra; Ackerman et al. 2007; Hanson & Lewis 2009; Groeneboom et al. 2009, see Bennett et al. 2010 for the 7-year limits).

The data continue to improve, including more integration of the WMAP observations. At the same rate, it is important to find more ways to subject the data to various properties of the universe that have not been explored yet.

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APPENDIX

A. STACKED PROFILES OF TEMPERATURE AND POLARIZATION OF THE CMB

A.1. Formulae of Stacked Profiles from Peak Theory

In order to calculate the stacked profiles of temperature and polarization of the CMB at the locations of temperature peaks, we need to relate the peak number density contrast, δpk, to the underlying temperature fluctuation, ΔT.

One often encounters a similar problem in the large-scale structure of the universe: how can we relate the number density contrast of galaxies to the underlying matter density fluctuation? It is often assumed that the number density contrast of peaks with a given peak height ν is simply proportional to the underlying density field. If one adopted such a linear and scale-independent bias prescription, one would find

$$δ_{pk}(\hat{n}) = b_ν ΔT(\hat{n}).$$  \hspace{1cm} (A1)

However, our numerical simulations show that the linear bias does not give an accurate description of ⟨Qγ⟩ or ⟨Tγ⟩. In fact, breakdown of the linear bias is precisely what is expected from the statistics of peaks. From detailed investigations of the statistics of peaks, Desjacques (2008) found the following scale-dependent bias:

$$δ_{pk}(\hat{n}) = [b_ν - b_κ (\partial_1^ν + \partial_2^ν)] ΔT(\hat{n}).$$  \hspace{1cm} (A2)

While the first, constant term bν has been known for a long time (Kaiser 1984; Bardeen et al. 1986), the second term bκ has been recognized only recently. The presence of bκ is expected because, to define peaks, one needs to use the information on the first and second derivatives of ΔT. As the first derivative must vanish at the locations of peaks, the above equation does not contain the first derivative.

Desjacques (2008) has derived the explicit forms of bν and bκ:

$$b_ν = \frac{1}{σ_0} \frac{ν - γ \bar{u}}{1 - γ^2}, \hspace{1cm} b_κ = \frac{1}{σ_2} \frac{\bar{u} - γ ν}{1 - γ^2},$$  \hspace{1cm} (A3)

37 For convenience, we write the bias parameters in units of [temperature]^-1.
where $\nu \equiv \Delta T/\sigma_0$, $\gamma \equiv \sigma_1^2/(\sigma_0 \sigma_2)$, $\sigma_j$ is the r.m.s. of $j$th derivatives of the temperature fluctuation:

$$\sigma_j^2 = \frac{1}{4\pi} \sum (2l + 1) [(l + 1)] C_l^{TT} (W_l^T)^2,$$

(A4)

and $W_l^T$ is the harmonic transform of a window function (which is a combination of the experimental beam, pixel window, and any other additional smoothing applied to the temperature data). The quantity $\tilde{\sigma}$ is called the “mean curvature,” and is given by $\tilde{\sigma} \equiv G_1(\gamma, \gamma \nu)/G_0(\gamma, \gamma \nu)$, where

$$G_n(\gamma, x) \equiv \int_0^{\infty} dx \ x^n f(x) \frac{\exp \left[ -\frac{(x-x_0)^2}{2(1-\gamma^2)} \right]}{\sqrt{2\pi (1-\gamma^2)}}$$

(A5)

While Desjacques (2008) applied this formalism to a 3-dimensional Gaussian random field, it is straightforward to generalize his results to a 2-dimensional case, for which $f(x)$ is given by (Bond & Efstathiou 1987),

$$f(x) = x^2 - 1 + \exp(-x^2).$$

(A6)

With the bias given by equation (A2), we find

$$\langle \delta pk(\hat{n}) Q_r(\hat{n} + \theta) \rangle = \int \frac{d^2 l}{(2\pi)^2} W_l^T W_l^P (b_\nu + b_\zeta l^2)
\times \left\{ C_l^{TE} \cos[2(\phi - \varphi)] + C_l^{TB} \sin[2(\phi - \varphi)] \right\} e^{i l \theta},$$

$$\langle \delta pk(\hat{n}) U_r(\hat{n} + \theta) \rangle = -\int \frac{d^2 l}{(2\pi)^2} W_l^T W_l^P (b_\nu + b_\zeta l^2)
\times \left\{ C_l^{TE} \sin[2(\phi - \varphi)] - C_l^{TB} \cos[2(\phi - \varphi)] \right\} e^{i l \theta},$$

(A7) (A8)

where $W_l^T$ and $W_l^P$ are spherical harmonic transforms of the smoothing functions applied to the temperature and polarization data, respectively. Recalling $1 \cdot \theta = \theta \cos(\phi - \varphi)$, $\int_0^{2\pi} d\varphi \sin[2(\phi - \varphi)] e^{ix \cos(\phi - \varphi)} = 0$, and

$$J_m(x) = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\psi}{2\pi} e^{i(m \psi - x \sin \psi)},$$

(A9)

with $m = 2$, $\psi = \varphi - \phi - \pi/2$ and $\alpha = -\phi - \pi/2$, we find

$$\langle \delta pk(\hat{n}) Q_r(\hat{n} + \theta) \rangle = -\int \frac{d^2 l}{2\pi} W_l^T W_l^P (b_\nu + b_\zeta l^2) C_l^{TE} J_2(l \theta),$$

$$\langle \delta pk(\hat{n}) U_r(\hat{n} + \theta) \rangle = -\int \frac{d^2 l}{2\pi} W_l^T W_l^P (b_\nu + b_\zeta l^2) C_l^{TB} J_2(l \theta).$$

A9 (A10) (A11)

Using these results in equations (9) and (10), we finally obtain the desired formulae for the stacked polarization profiles:

$$\langle Q_r \rangle(\theta) = -\int \frac{d^2 l}{2\pi} W_l^T W_l^P (b_\nu + b_\zeta l^2) C_l^{TE} J_2(l \theta),$$

$$\langle U_r \rangle(\theta) = -\int \frac{d^2 l}{2\pi} W_l^T W_l^P (b_\nu + b_\zeta l^2) C_l^{TB} J_2(l \theta).$$

A12 (A13)

Incidentally, the stacked profile of the temperature fluctuation can also be calculated in a similar way:

$$\langle T \rangle(\theta) = \int \frac{d^2 l}{2\pi} (W_l^T)^2 (b_\nu + b_\zeta l^2) C_l^{TT} J_0(l \theta).$$

(A14)

A2. A Cookbook for Computing $\langle Q_r \rangle(\theta)$ and $\langle U_r \rangle(\theta)$

How can we evaluate equations (A12)–(A14)? One may follow the following steps:

1. Compute $\sigma_0$, $\sigma_1$, and $\sigma_2$ from equation (A4). For example, the WMAP 5-year best-fitting temperature power spectrum for a power-law $\Lambda$CDM model (Dunkley et al. 2009)\(^{38}\), multiplied by a Gaussian smoothing of 0.5\(^\circ\) full-width-at-half-maximum (FWHM) and the pixel window function for the HEALPix resolution of $N_{\text{side}} = 512$, gives $\sigma_0 = 87.9 \, \mu K$, $\sigma_1 = 1.16 \times 10^3 \, \mu K$, and $\sigma_2 = 2.89 \times 10^5 \, \mu K$.

\(^{38}\) We used the 5-year best-fitting power spectrum to calculate the predicted polarization pattern (before the 7-year parameter were obtained) and compare it to the 7-year polarization data.
2. Compute \( \gamma = \sigma_0^2 / (\sigma_0 \sigma_2) \). For the above example, we find \( \gamma = 0.5306 \).

3. As we need to integrate over peak heights \( \nu \), we need to compute the functions \( G_0(\gamma, \gamma \nu) \) and \( G_1(\gamma, \gamma \nu) \) for various values of \( \nu \). The former function, \( G_0(\gamma, \gamma \nu) \), can be found analytically (see equation (A1.9) of Bond & Efstathiou 1987). For \( G_1 \), we need to integrate equation (A5) numerically.

4. Compute \( \bar{a} = G_1 / G_0 \). For the above example, we find \( \bar{a} = 1.596, 1.831, 3.206, \) and \( 5.579 \) for \( \nu = 0, 1, 5, \) and \( 10 \), respectively.

5. Choose a threshold peak height \( \nu_t \), and compute the mean surface number density of peaks, \( \bar{n}_{pk} \), from equation (A1.9) of Bond & Efstathiou (1987):

\[
\bar{n}_{pk}(\nu_t) = \frac{\sigma_2^2}{(2\pi)^{3/2}(2\sigma_1^2)} \int d\nu \ e^{-\nu^2/2} G_0(\gamma, \gamma \nu). \tag{A15}
\]

The integration boundary is taken from \( \nu_t \) to +\( \infty \) for temperature hot spots, and from \( -\infty \) to \( -|\nu| \) for temperature cold spots. For the above example, we find \( 4\pi \bar{n}_{pk} = 15354.5, 8741.5, 2348.9, \) and \( 247.5 \) for \( \nu_t = 0, 1, 2, \) and \( 3 \), respectively.

6. Compute \( b_\nu \) and \( b_\zeta \) from equation (A3) for various values of \( \nu \).

7. Average \( b_\nu \) and \( b_\zeta \) over \( \nu \). We calculate the averaged bias parameters, \( \bar{b}_\nu \) and \( \bar{b}_\zeta \), by integrating \( b_\nu \) and \( b_\zeta \) multiplied by the number density of peaks for a given \( \nu \). We then divide the integral by the mean number density of peaks, \( \bar{n}_{pk} \), to find

\[
\bar{b}_\nu = \frac{1}{\bar{n}_{pk}(\nu_t)} \frac{\sigma_2^2}{(2\pi)^{3/2}(2\sigma_1^2)} \int d\nu \ e^{-\nu^2/2} G_0(\gamma, \gamma \nu) b_\nu, \tag{A16}
\]

\[
\bar{b}_\zeta = \frac{1}{\bar{n}_{pk}(\nu_t)} \frac{\sigma_2^2}{(2\pi)^{3/2}(2\sigma_1^2)} \int d\nu \ e^{-\nu^2/2} G_0(\gamma, \gamma \nu) b_\zeta. \tag{A17}
\]

The integration boundary is taken from \( \nu_t \) to \( +\infty \) for temperature hot spots, and from \( -\infty \) to \( -|\nu_t| \) for temperature cold spots. For the above example, we find \( \bar{b}_\nu, \bar{b}_\zeta = (3.289 \times 10^{-3}, 6.039 \times 10^{-7}), (1.018 \times 10^{-2}, 5.393 \times 10^{-7}), (2.006 \times 10^{-2}, 4.569 \times 10^{-7}), \) and \( (3.128 \times 10^{-2}, 3.772 \times 10^{-7}) \) for \( \nu_t = 0, 1, 2, \) and \( 3 \), respectively (all in units of \( \mu K^{-1} \)). The larger the peak height is, the larger the linear bias and the smaller the scale-dependent bias becomes.

8. Use \( \bar{b}_\nu \) and \( \bar{b}_\zeta \) in equations (A12) and (A13) to compute \( \langle Q_\nu \rangle(\theta) \) and \( \langle U_\nu \rangle(\theta) \) for a given set of \( C^{TE}_l \) and \( C^{TB}_l \), respectively.

Very roughly speaking, the bias takes on the following values:

\[
\bar{b}(l) \equiv \bar{b}_\nu + \bar{b}_\zeta l^2
\sim \begin{cases} 
0.3 & (100 \mu K) \\
0.03 & (300 \mu K)
\end{cases} \begin{bmatrix} 1 + \left( \frac{\nu_t}{75} \right)^2 \tag{for \( \nu_t = 0 \)} \\
1 + \left( \frac{\nu_t}{290} \right)^2 \tag{for \( \nu_t = 3 \)}
\end{bmatrix}.
\tag{A18}
\]

The scale dependence of bias becomes important at \( l \sim 75 \) for \( \nu_t = 0 \), but the higher peaks are closer to having a linear bias on large scales. One may also rewrite this using the stacked temperature values at the center, \( \langle T \rangle(0) = (107, 0, 151.4, 216.4, 292.1) \) \( \mu K \) for \( \nu_t = 0, 1, 2, \) and \( 3 \):

\[
\bar{b}(l) \sim \frac{(0.35, 1.5, 4.3, 9.1)}{(107, 151, 216, 292) \mu K} \begin{bmatrix} 1 + \left( \frac{l}{74, 137, 219, 288} \right)^2 \end{bmatrix}. \tag{A19}
\]

B. OPTIMAL ESTIMATOR FOR SZ STACKING

In this Appendix, we describe an optimal likelihood-based method for estimating the stacked SZ profile around clusters whose locations are taken from external catalogs. Formally, we can set up the problem as follows. We represent the WMAP data as a vector of length \( (N_{\text{chan}} \times N_{\text{pix}}) \) and denote it by \( d_{vp} \), where the index \( \nu = 1, \ldots, N_{\text{chan}} \) ranges over channels, and the index \( p = 1, \ldots, N_{\text{pix}} \) ranges over sky pixels. (We typically take \( N_{\text{chan}} = 6 \) corresponding to V1, V2, W1, W2, W3, and W4; and \( N_{\text{pix}} = 12(216)^2 \) corresponding to a HEALPix resolution of \( N_{\text{side}} = 1024 \).) We model the WMAP data as a sum of CMB, noise, and SZ contributions as follows:

\[
d_{vp} = \sum_{\ell m} A_{\nu \ell \nu m} a_{\ell m} + n_{\nu \ell} + \sum_{\alpha=1}^{N_{\text{tmpl}}} p_{\alpha} (t_{\alpha})_{\nu \ell}.
\tag{B1}
\]

In this equation, we have written the SZ contribution as a sum of \( N_{\text{tmpl}} \) template maps, \( t_1, \ldots, t_{N_{\text{tmpl}}} \), whose coefficients \( p_{\alpha} \) are free parameters to be determined. The operator, \( A_{\nu \ell \nu m} \), in Eq. (B1) converts a harmonic-space CMB realization,
\[ a_{\ell m} \]

into a set of maps with black-body frequency dependence and channel-dependent beam convolution. More formally, the matrix element \( A_{\nu p, \ell m} \) is defined by

\[ A_{\nu p, \ell m} = b_{\nu \ell} Y_{\ell m}(p), \tag{B2} \]

where \( b_{\nu \ell} \) is the beam transfer function (including HEALPix window function) for channel \( \nu \).

The specific form of the template maps, \( t_{\alpha} \), will depend on the type of profile reconstruction which is desired. For example, if we want to estimate a stacked amplitude for the SZ signal in \( N \) angular bins, we define one template for each bin. If the bin corresponds to angular range \( \theta_{\min} \leq \theta \leq \theta_{\max} \), we define a map \( m_p \) which is \( = 1 \) if the angular distance \( \theta \) between pixel \( p \) and some galaxy cluster in the catalog is in the range \( \theta_{\min} \leq \theta \leq \theta_{\max} \), and zero otherwise. We convolve this map with the beam in each channel \( \nu \) and multiply by the SZ frequency dependence to obtain the template \( t_{vp} \). As another example, if we want to fit for an overall multiple of a fiducial model \( m_p \) for the total SZ signal (summed over all clusters) then we define a single (i.e. \( N_{\text{tmpl}} = 1 \)) template \( t_{vp} \) by applying beam convolution and the SZ frequency dependence for each channel \( \nu \).

Given this setup, we would like to compute the likelihood function \( \mathcal{L}[p_\alpha | d_{vp}] \) for the profile \( p_\alpha \), given the noisy data \( d_{vp} \), marginalizing over the CMB realization. We assume a fixed fiducial model \( C_\ell \) and represent the CMB signal covariance by a (diagonal) matrix \( S_{\text{harm}} \) in harmonic space:

\[ (S_{\text{harm}})_{\ell m, \ell' m'} = C_\ell \delta_{\ell \ell'} \delta_{mm'}. \tag{B3} \]

We represent the noise covariance by an (also diagonal) pixel-matrix \( N_{\nu p, \nu' p'} \):

\[ (N_{\text{pix}})_{\nu p, \nu' p'} = \sigma_{\nu p}^2 \delta_{\nu \nu'} \delta_{pp'}. \tag{B4} \]

The joint (CMB,SZ) likelihood function can now be written (up to an overall normalizing constant):

\[ \mathcal{L}[a, p | d] \sim \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} a^T S_{\text{harm}}^{-1} a - \frac{1}{2} (d - Aa - p_\alpha t_{\alpha})^T N^{-1} (d - Aa - p_\alpha t_{\alpha}) \right]. \tag{B5} \]

(In this equation we have omitted some indexes for notational compactness, e.g. \( d_{vp} \rightarrow d \) and \( a_{\ell m} \rightarrow a \). The summation over \( \alpha \) is assumed.) We can now integrate out the CMB realization \( a \) to obtain the marginalized likelihood for the profile:

\[ \mathcal{L}[p | d] = \int da \mathcal{L}[a, p | d] \tag{B6} \]

\[ \sim \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (p_\alpha - \hat{p}_\alpha)^T F_{\alpha \beta} (p_{\beta} - \hat{p}_\beta) \right], \tag{B7} \]

where we have defined the \( \left( N_{\text{tmpl}} \right) \)-by-\( \left( N_{\text{tmpl}} \right) \) matrix

\[ F_{\alpha \beta} = (t_{\alpha})_{\nu' p'} [N_{\text{pix}} + A_{\text{harm}} A^T]^{-1} \nu' \nu_{vp}, \tag{B8} \]

and the length-\( \left( N_{\text{tmpl}} \right) \) vector

\[ \hat{p}_\alpha = F_{\alpha \beta}^{-1} (t_{\beta})_{\nu' p'} [N_{\text{pix}} + A_{\text{harm}} A^T]^{-1} \nu' \nu_{vp} d_{vp}. \tag{B9} \]

The likelihood function \( \mathcal{L}[p | d] \) in Eq. (B7) has a simple interpretation. The likelihood for \( p_\alpha \) is a Gaussian with mean \( \hat{p}_\alpha \) and covariance matrix \( F_{\alpha \beta}^{-1} \). This is the main result of this section, and is the basis for all our SZ results in the body of the paper. For example, when we reconstruct the stacked SZ profile in angular bins, the estimated profile in each bin \( \alpha \) is given by \( \hat{p}_\alpha \) and the 1σ error is given by \( \sqrt{F_{\alpha \alpha}} \).

It is worth mentioning that the statistic \( \hat{p}_\alpha \) also appears naturally if we use an estimator framework rather than a likelihood formalism. If we think of \( \hat{p}_\alpha \), defined by Eq. (B9), as an estimator for the profile given the data \( d \), then one can verify that the estimator is unbiased (i.e. \( \langle \hat{p}_\alpha \rangle = p_\alpha \), where the expectation value is taken over random CMB + noise realizations with a fixed SZ contribution) and its covariance is \( F_{\alpha \alpha}^{-1} \). Conversely, it is not hard to show that \( \hat{p}_\alpha \) is the unbiased estimator with minimum variance, thus obtaining \( \hat{p}_\alpha \) in a different way. This alternate derivation also shows that the error bars on the profile given in our likelihood formalism are the same as would be obtained in a direct Monte Carlo treatment.

Either from the likelihood or estimator formalism, one sees that the statistic \( \hat{p}_\alpha \) is optimal. In the limit where all frequency channels are in the Rayleigh-Jeans regime, the statistic \( \hat{p}_\alpha \) corresponds to \( C^{-1} \)-filtering the data and multiplying by each template map. In this case, the \( C^{-1} \) filter acts as a high-pass filter which optimally suppresses CMB power on scales larger than the clusters, and also optimally weights the channels (in a way which is \( \ell \)-dependent if the beams differ). When channels with higher frequency are included, the statistic \( \hat{p}_\alpha \) would get most of its information from linear combinations of channels which contain zero CMB signal, but nonzero response to an SZ signal. (Such a combination of channels does not need to be high-pass filtered, increasing its statistical weight.)

For the V+W combination in WMAP, the \( N^{-1} \)-filtered (V−W) null map is used to separate the SZ effect and CMB, as CMB is canceled in this map while the SZ is effect not.

We conclude with a few comments on implementation. Inspection of Eqs. (B8) and (B9) shows that it would be straightforward to compute \( F_{\alpha \beta} \) and \( \hat{p}_\alpha \), given an algorithm for multiplying a set of \( N_{\text{chan}} \) pixel space maps \( d_{vp} \) by
the operator \( [N_{\text{pix}} + A S_{\text{harm}} A^T]^{-1} \). A fast multigrid-based algorithm for this inverse problem was found in Smith et al. (2007) but there is one small wrinkle in the implementation: in Smith et al. (2007) the problem was formulated in harmonic space and an algorithm was given for multiplying by the operator \( [S_{\text{harm}}^{-1} + A^T N_{\text{pix}}^{-1} A]^{-1} \). However, the matrix identity
\[
[N_{\text{pix}} + A S_{\text{harm}} A^T]^{-1} = N_{\text{pix}}^{-1} - A [S_{\text{harm}}^{-1} + A^T N_{\text{pix}}^{-1} A]^{-1} A^T,
\]
allows us to relate the two inverse problems. In fact there is another advantage to using the expression on the RHS of Eq. (B10): because the inverse noise, \( N_{\text{pix}}^{-1} \), appears instead of the noise covariance \( N_{\text{pix}} \), a galactic mask can be straightforwardly included in the analysis by zeroing the matrix entries of \( N_{\text{pix}}^{-1} \) which correspond to masked pixels, so that the pixels are treated as infinitely noisy.

C. PRESSURE PROFILES

C.1. Pressure profile from X-ray observations

Recently, Arnaud et al. (2009) found that the following parametrized phenomenological electron pressure profile, which is based on a “generalized Navarro-Frenk-White profile” proposed by Nagai et al. (2007), fits the electron pressure profiles directly derived from X-ray data of clusters well (see equation (13) of Arnaud et al. 2009):
\[
P_e(r) = 1.65 (h/0.7)^2 \text{eV cm}^{-3}
\times E^{8/3}(z) \left[ \frac{M_{500}}{3 \times 10^{14} (0.7/h) M_\odot} \right]^{2/3+\alpha_p} p(r/r_{500}),
\]
where \( \alpha_p = 0.12, E(z) \equiv H(z)/H_0 = [\Omega_m (1+z)^3 + \Omega_L]^{1/2} \) for a ΛCDM model, \( r_{500} \) is the radius within which the mean overdensity is 500 times the critical density of the universe, \( \rho_c(z) = 2.775 \times 10^{11} E^2(z) h^2 M_\odot \text{Mpc}^{-3} \), and \( M_{500} \) is the mass enclosed within \( r_{500} \):
\[
M_{500} \equiv \frac{4\pi}{3} [500\rho_c(z)] r_{500}^3.
\]
The function \( p(x) \) is defined by
\[
p(x) \equiv \frac{8.403(0.7/h)^{3/2}}{(c_{500}x)^{\gamma} [1 + (c_{500}x)^{\alpha}]^{(\beta - \gamma)/\alpha}}.
\]
where \( c_{500} = 1.177, \alpha = 1.051, \beta = 5.4905, \) and \( \gamma = 0.3081 \).

The SPT collaboration stacked the SZ maps of 11 known clusters and fitted the stacked SZ radial profile to the above form, finding \( c_{500} = 1.0, \alpha = 1.0, \beta = 5.5, \) and \( \gamma = 0.5 \) (Plagge et al. 2009). While they did not compare the overall amplitude, the shape of the pressure profile found by the SPT collaboration (using the SZ data) is in an excellent agreement with that found by Arnaud et al. (2009) (using the X-ray data).

C.2. Pressure profile from hydrostatic equilibrium

The KS profile builds on and extends the idea originally put forward by Makino et al. (1998) and Suto et al. (1998): (i) gas is in hydrostatic equilibrium with gravitational potential given by a Navarro-Frenk-White (NFW) dark matter density profile (Navarro et al. 1997) and (ii) the equation of state of gas is given by a polytropic form,
\( P \propto \rho^\gamma \). However, this model still contains two free parameters: a polytropic index \( \gamma \) and the normalization of \( P \). Komatsu & Seljak (2001) found that an additional, physically reasonable assumption that (iii) the slope of the gas density profile and that of the dark matter density profile agree at around the virial radius, uniquely fixes \( \gamma \), leaving only one free parameter: the normalization of \( P \). These assumptions are supported by hydrodynamical simulations of clusters of galaxies, and the resulting shape of the KS profile indeed agrees with simulations reasonably well (see, however, Section 7.6 for a discussion on the shape of the profile in the outer parts of clusters).

Determining the normalization of the KS profile requires an additional assumption, described below. Also note that this model does not take into account any non-thermal pressure (such as \( \rho v^2 \) where \( v \) is the bulk or turbulent velocity), gas cooling, or star formation (see, e.g., Bode et al. 2009; Frederiksen et al. 2009, and references therein for various attempts to incorporate more gas physics).

The KS gas pressure profile is given by (see Section 3.3 of Komatsu & Seljak 2002, for more detailed descriptions)
\[
P_{\text{gas}}(r) = P_{\text{gas}}(0) \{y_{\text{gas}}(r/r_s)\}^\gamma.
\]
The electron pressure profile, \( P_e \), is then given by \( P_e = [(2 + 2X)/(3 + 5X)]P_{\text{gas}} = 0.518P_{\text{gas}} \) for \( X = 0.76 \). Here, \( r_s \) is the so-called “scale radius” of the NFW profile, and a function \( y_{\text{gas}}(x) \) is defined by
\[
y_{\text{gas}}(x) \equiv \left\{ 1 - B \left( 1 - \frac{\ln(1 + x)}{x} \right) \right\}^{1/(\gamma - 1)},
\]
with
\[
B \equiv 3\eta^{-1}(0)\gamma - 1 \left[ \frac{\ln(1 + c)}{c} - \frac{1}{1 + c} \right]^{-1},
\]
Here, \( c \) is the so-called “concentration parameter” of the NFW profile, which is related to the scale radius, \( r_s \), via \( c = r_{\text{vir}}/r_s \), and \( r_{\text{vir}} \) is the virial radius. The virial radius gives the virial mass, \( M_{\text{vir}} \), as

\[
M_{\text{vir}} = \frac{4\pi}{3} [\Delta_c(z)\rho(z)] r_{\text{vir}}^3.
\]

(C9)

Here, \( \Delta_c(z) \) depends on \( \Omega_m \) and \( \Omega_\Lambda \) as (Bryan & Norman 1998)

\[
\Delta_c(z) = 18\pi^2 + 82[\Omega(z) - 1] - 39[\Omega(z) - 1]^2,
\]

(C10)

where \( \Omega(z) = \Omega_m (1 + z)^3/E^2(z) \) (also see Lacey & Cole 1993; Nakamura & Suto 1997, for other fitting formulae). For \( \Omega_m = 0.277 \), one finds \( \Delta_c(0) \simeq 98 \).

The central gas pressure, \( P_{\text{gas}}(0) \), is given by

\[
P_{\text{gas}}(0) = 55.0 \ h^2 \ eV \ cm^{-3} \left[ \frac{\rho_{\text{gas}}(0)}{10^{14} \ h^2 \ M_\odot \ Mpc^{-3}} \right] \left[ \frac{k_B T_{\text{gas}}(0)}{8 \ keV} \right],
\]

where \( k_B \) is the the Boltzmann constant. The central gas temperature, \( T_{\text{gas}}(0) \), is given by

\[
k_B T_{\text{gas}}(0) = 8.80 \ keV \ \eta(0) \left[ \frac{M_{\text{vir}}/10^{15} \ h^{-1} M_\odot}{r_{\text{vir}}/(1 h^{-1} Mpc)} \right].
\]

(C12)

The central gas density, \( \rho_{\text{gas}}(0) \), will be determined such that the gas density at the virial radius is the cosmic mean baryon fraction, \( \Omega_b/\Omega_m \), times the dark matter density at the same radius. This is an assumption. In fact, the cosmic mean merely provides an upper limit on the baryon fraction of clusters, and thus we expect the gas pressure to be less than what is given here. How much less needs to be determined from observations (or possibly from more detailed modeling of the intracluster medium). In any case, with this assumption, we find

\[
\rho_{\text{gas}}(0) = 7.96 \times 10^{13} \ h^2 \ M_\odot \ Mpc^{-3}
\]

\[
\times \left( \frac{\Omega_b}{\Omega_m} \right) \frac{M_{\text{vir}}/(10^{15} h^{-1} M_\odot)}{r_{\text{vir}}/(1 h^{-1} Mpc)}
\]

\[
\times \frac{c^2}{(1 + c)^2 \eta_{\text{gas}}(c)} \left[ \frac{\ln(1 + c) - 1}{1 + c} \right]^{-1}.
\]

(C13)

This equation fixes a typo in equation (21) of Komatsu & Seljak (2002).

The virial radius, \( r_{\text{vir}} \), is approximately given by \( 2r_{500} \); thus, \( M_{\text{vir}} \) is approximately given by \( 8\Delta_c/500 \simeq 1.6 \). However, the exact relation depends on the mass (see, e.g., Figure 1 of Komatsu & Seljak 2001). We calculate the mass within a given radius, \( r \), by integrating the NFW density profile (Navarro et al. 1997):

\[
\rho_{\text{NFW}}(r) = \frac{\rho_s}{(r/r_s)(1 + r/r_s)^2},
\]

(C14)

Specifically, for a given \( M_{500} \) and \( r_{500} \), we solve the following non-linear equation for \( M_{\text{vir}} \):

\[
M_{\text{vir}} \left( r_{500}/r_{\text{vir}} \right)^{m(c)} = M_{500},
\]

(C15)

where \( m(x) \equiv \ln(1 + x) - x/(1 + x) \). Here, \( r_{\text{vir}} \) is related to \( M_{\text{vir}} \) via equation (C9). We also need a relation between the concentration parameter, \( c \), and \( M_{\text{vir}} \). Komatsu & Seljak (2002) used

\[
c_{\text{seljak}} = \frac{10}{1 + z}\left( \frac{M_{\text{vir}}}{3.42 \times 10^{12} h^{-1} M_\odot} \right)^{-0.2}
\]

\[
= 5.09\left( \frac{M_{\text{vir}}}{10^{14} h^{-1} M_\odot} \right)^{-0.2}.
\]

(C16)

which was adopted from Seljak (2000).

Recently, Duffy et al. (2008) ran large N-body simulations with the WMAP 5-year cosmological parameters to find a more accurate fitting formula for the concentration parameter:

\[
c_{\text{duffy}} = \frac{7.85}{(1 + z)^{0.97}}\left( \frac{M_{\text{vir}}}{2 \times 10^{14} h^{-1} M_\odot} \right)^{-0.081}
\]

\[
= \frac{5.72}{(1 + z)^{0.97}}\left( \frac{M_{\text{vir}}}{10^{14} h^{-1} M_\odot} \right)^{-0.081}.
\]

(C17)

This formula makes clusters of galaxies (\( M_\odot \gtrsim 10^{14} M_\odot \)) more concentrated than \( c_{\text{seljak}} \) would predict.

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