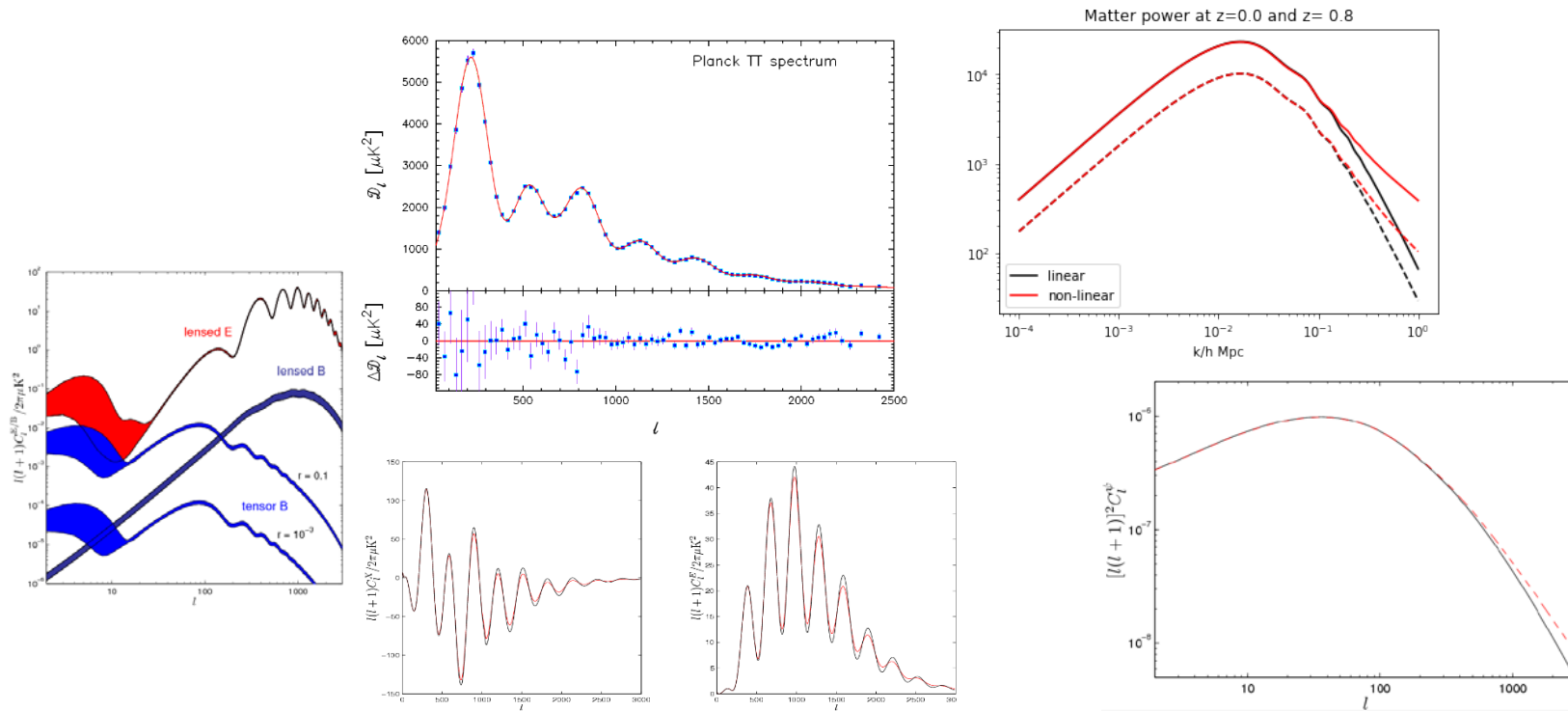


# Introduction to CAMB

## Code for Anisotropies in the Microwave Background



## References

- <http://camb.info/> (main site, register for mailing list and download)  
<http://github.com/cmbant/CAMB/> (latest source, fixes and other branches)
- <http://camb.readthedocs.io/en/latest/> (Python CAMB docs, “pip install camb”)
- Help and discussion, and searchable store of previous question answers:  
<http://cosmocoffee.info/viewforum.php?f=11>
- Python example notebooks (made with [Jupyter notebook](#))  
<http://camb.readthedocs.io/en/latest/CAMBdemo.html>  
<http://camb.readthedocs.io/en/latest/ScalEqs.html> (equations and symbolics)
- CAMB notes: <http://cosmologist.info/notes/CAMB.pdf>  
(equations and definitions)
- Other lectures/introductions:  
[http://icg.port.ac.uk/~jschewts/cantata/CAMB/CAMB\\_lecture.pdf](http://icg.port.ac.uk/~jschewts/cantata/CAMB/CAMB_lecture.pdf)  
[http://camb.info/Work\\_with\\_CAMB\\_V13\\_for\\_AL.pdf](http://camb.info/Work_with_CAMB_V13_for_AL.pdf)

# Requirements

## *Local installation*

Python 2.7 or 3.4+

Fortran 90 (gfortran 4.9+ or ifort)

## *Virtual machines*

(Linux with all requirements pre-installed)

<http://cosmologist.info/CosmoBox/>

On Windows can install (unmodified) Python wrapper using “pip install camb” without a working gfortran installation. Otherwise get 64-bit gfortran (<https://gcc.gnu.org/wiki/GFortranBinaries>) or use virtual machine.

Main numerical code is in Fortran, wrapped by Python module. Two main branches on github:

*master*: uses standard Fortran 90 and will compile on most F90 compilers

*devel*: is Fortran 2003 (uses classes) and requires gfortran 6+ or ifort 14+

Both branches are maintained. *devel* is a somewhat modernized update that allows things like run-time switching of the dark energy model (also supported in python wrapper). Intended to become the default once gfortran 6 becomes more widespread.

Examples here use the *master* (default) version.

Alternative/cross-check: CLASS <http://class-code.net/>

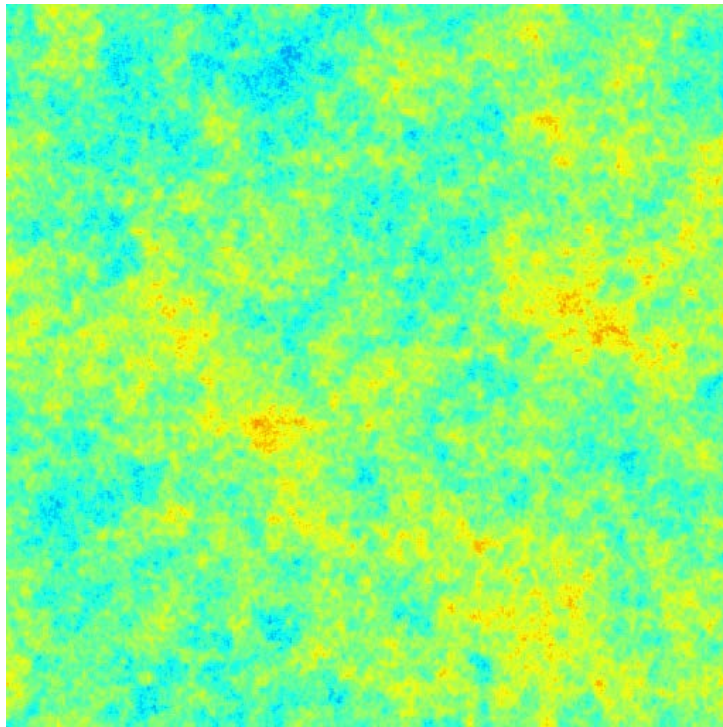
## CMB power spectra ( $C_l$ , temperature and polarization)

$10^{-5}$  perturbations  $\Rightarrow$  Linear theory predictions very accurate

$\Rightarrow$  Fourier modes of perturbations evolve independently

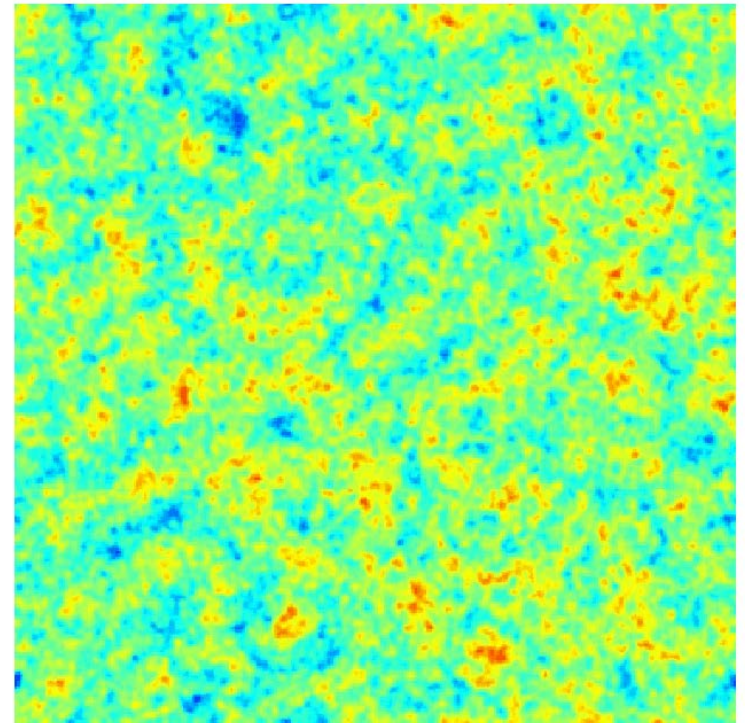
End of inflation ( $A_s, n_s, n_{run}$ )

Last scattering surface



gravity+  
pressure+  
diffusion

$(\Omega_b h^2,$   
 $\Omega_c h^2 \dots)$



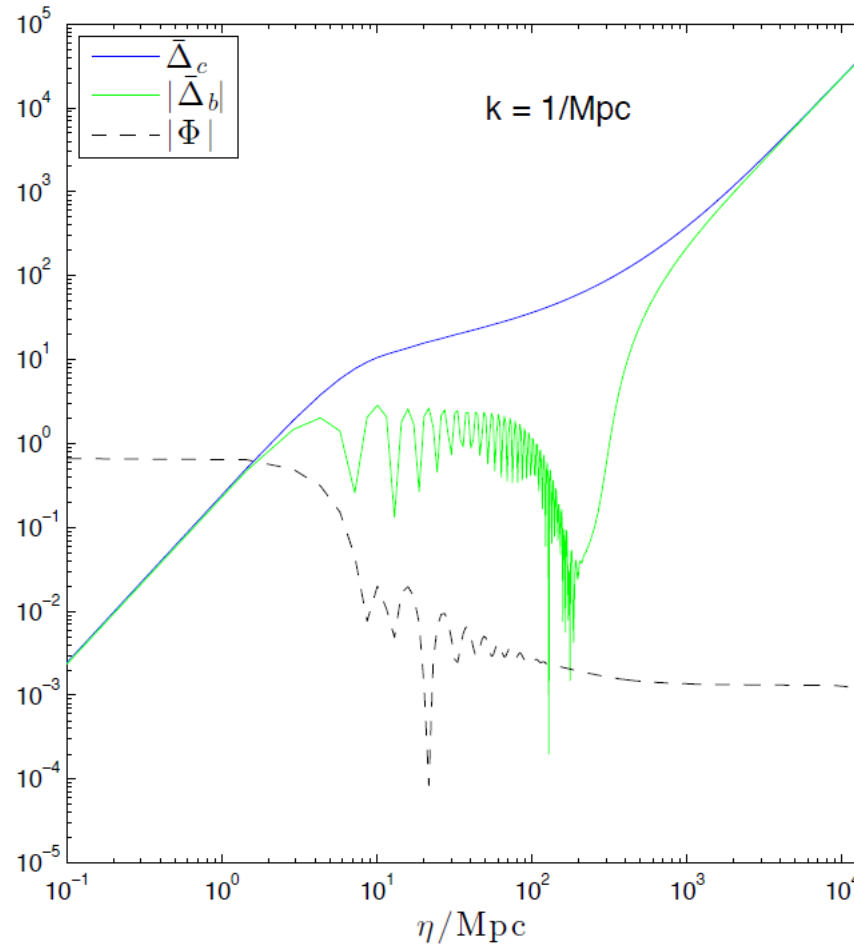
Linear, but:

relativistic (GR), Boltzmann hierarchies for relativistic species ( $\gamma, \nu$ ), photon polarization

To calculate power spectrum from statistically homogeneous perturbations do *not* need to evolve realisations (unlike in large-scale structure simulations)

$$\text{Linearity: } X(\mathbf{k}, \eta) = X(\mathbf{k}, 0)T(k, \eta)$$

- only need to evolve  $T(k, \eta)$ , tells you how *all* perturbations with same  $|\mathbf{k}|$  evolve



Transfer functions  
for each perturbation:

e.g.

$$\Delta_c = \delta\rho_c/\rho_c$$

$$\Delta_b = \delta\rho_b/\rho_b$$

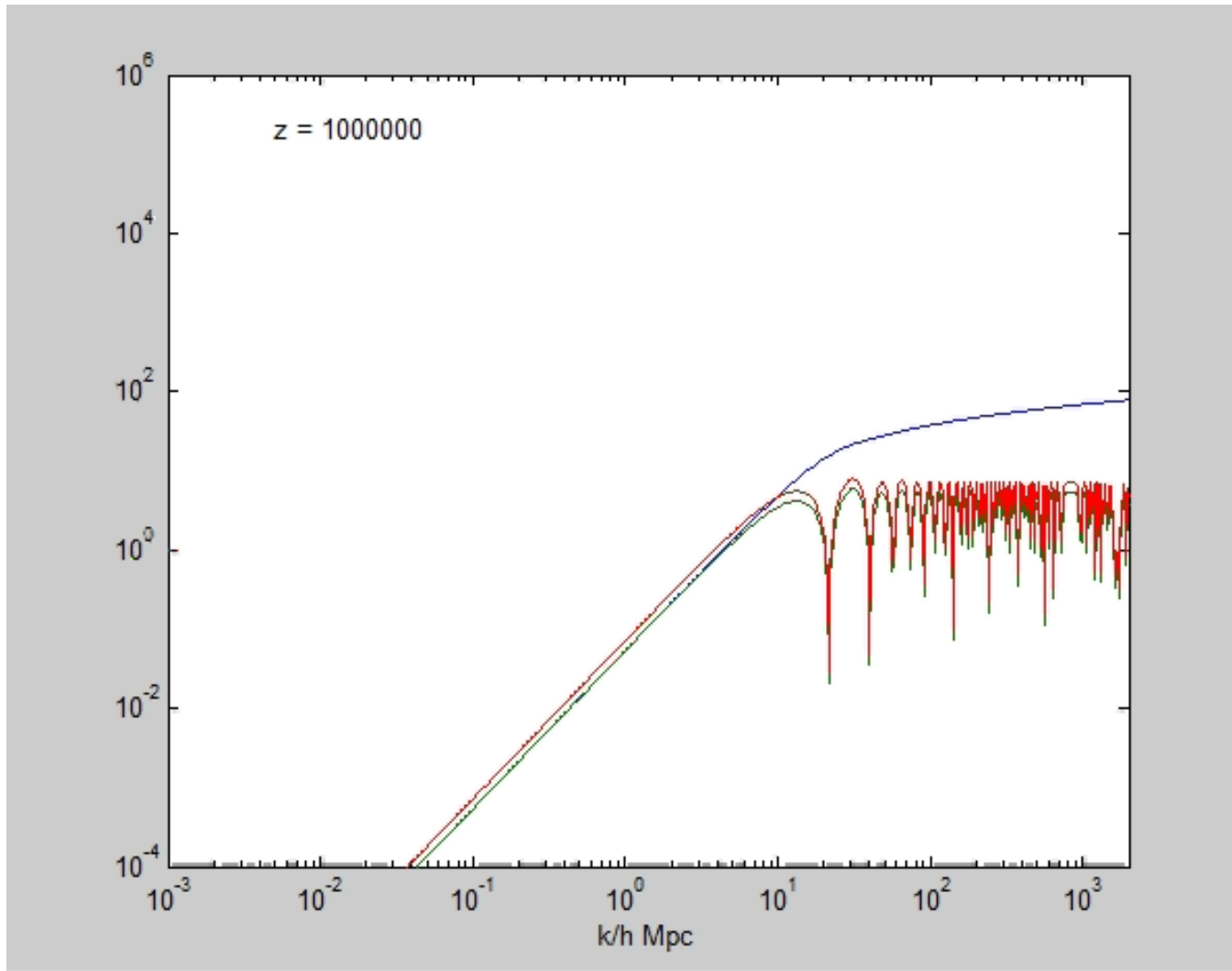
$\Phi$  = gravitational potential

Note: CAMB integrates  
transfer functions for variables  
defined in the CDM  
frame/synchronous gauge.

→ ← →

Outside horizon      Acoustic oscillations      Growth of structure  
No causal contact      in radiation fluid

Just need to evolve 1D grid of  $k$  values for each species/multipole



Photon, Baryon and dark matter transfer functions

Integration of ~50 differential equations (Boltzmann hierarchy in angular modes  $l$  for each species)

- for each decoupled wavenumber mode (few hundred  $k$ )
- for each type of perturbation (density, vorticity, gravitational wave) if needed
- from conformal time  $\eta$  when modes well outside horizon (series solution) until after recombination or today

Photon temperature ( $0 \leq l \leq 2 - 30$ )

$$\underbrace{I'_l + \frac{k}{2l+1} \left[ \beta_{l+1}^m \frac{(l+1)^2 - m^2}{l+1} I_{l+1} - l I_{l-1} \right]}_{\text{Coupling of distribution function multipoles}} = \underbrace{-S n_e \sigma_T \left( I_l - \delta_{l0} I_0 - \frac{4}{3} \delta_{l1} v - \frac{2}{15} \zeta \delta_{l2} \right)}_{\substack{\text{Thomson scattering} \\ \gamma + e^- \rightarrow \gamma + e^-}} + \underbrace{\frac{8}{15} k \sigma \delta_{l2} - 4 h' \delta_{l0} - \frac{4}{3} k A \delta_{l1}}_{\text{Gravitational coupling}}$$

Photon polarization

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{E}_l^{m\pm'} + k \left[ \beta_{l+1}^m \frac{(l+3)(l-1)}{(l+1)^3} \frac{(l+1)^2 - m^2}{(2l+1)} \mathcal{E}_{l+1}^{m\pm} - \frac{l}{2l+1} \mathcal{E}_{l-1}^{m\pm} - \frac{2m}{l(l+1)} \sqrt{\beta_0^m} \mathcal{B}_l^{m\mp} \right] &= -S n_e \sigma_T \left( \mathcal{E}_l^{m\pm} - \frac{2}{15} \zeta^{m\pm} \delta_{l2} \right) \\
 \mathcal{B}_l^{m\pm'} + k \left[ \beta_{l+1}^m \frac{(l+3)(l-1)}{(l+1)^3} \frac{(l+1)^2 - m^2}{(2l+1)} \mathcal{B}_{l+1}^{m\pm} - \frac{l}{2l+1} \mathcal{B}_{l-1}^{m\pm} + \frac{2m}{l(l+1)} \sqrt{\beta_0^m} \mathcal{E}_l^{m\mp} \right] &= 0.
 \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

+ neutrinos (no scattering, but massive so energy dependent)

+ Baryons, dark matter, dark energy, ...

+ Gravitational perturbations

Equations are evolved (using Runge-Kutta) and used to compute “sources”  $S(\eta, k)$  for each observable which are integrated over time to get the  $l$ -space “transfers”:

$$T_{X,l}(k) = \int_0^{\eta_0} j_l(k(\eta_0 - \eta)) S_X(\eta, k)$$

$X$  is  $T, E, B$  or  $\phi$  (CMB lensing potential).  $S_X$  depends on lowest moments of the distribution functions, e.g. monopole, dipole, quadrupole etc.

Finally adding up all the modes integrated against primordial curvature perturbation power spectrum  $P_R(k)$  gives the angular power spectra

$$C_l^{XY} \propto \int d \ln k \ P_R(k) \ T_{X,l}(k) T_{Y,l}(k)$$

The matter power spectrum is simpler

(though not directly observable: function of comoving  $k$  at constant time slice)

$$P(k, z) \propto P_R(k) T_\Delta(k, \eta(z))$$

(+ non-linear corrections: in CAMB fit using HALOFIT approximate model)

$\Delta$  is usually defined as the total synchronous gauge matter density perturbation.



# Using CAMB: Python wrapper

Installation:

Unmodified default code: “pip install camb”

From source: in pycamb folder “python setup.py install”

See sample notebook: <http://camb.readthedocs.io/en/latest/CAMBdemo.html>

Load the module

```
import camb
from camb import model, initialpower
```

Make a **CAMBparams** object instance and set parameters you want

```
#Set up a new set of parameters for CAMB
pars = camb.CAMBparams()
#This function sets up CosmoMC-Like settings, with one massive neutrino and helium set using BBN consistency
pars.set_cosmology(H0=67.5, ombh2=0.022, omch2=0.122, mnu=0.06, omk=0, tau=0.06)
pars.InitPower.set_params(ns=0.965, r=0)
```

Set  $l_{\text{max}}$  you want. *lens\_potential\_accuracy=1* gets non-linear lensing potential.

```
pars.set_for_lmax(2000, lens_potential_accuracy=1)
```

Actually do the calculation and get a results object:

```
results = camb.get_results(pars)
```

Then get things you want from the results object:

```
#get dictionary of CAMB power spectra  
powers = results.get_cmb_power_spectra(pars)  
for name in powers: print name
```

```
total  
lens_potential  
lensed_scalar  
unlensed_scalar  
unlensed_total  
tensor
```

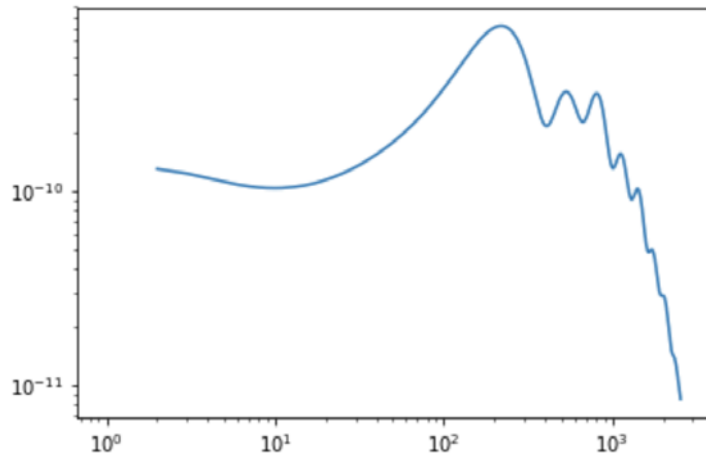
For example the total (lensed scalar+tensor) CMB power spectra are

```
totCL=powers['total']
```

totCL[L, i] is  $C_L$  for i=0 (TT), 1 (EE), 2 (BB), 3 (TE)

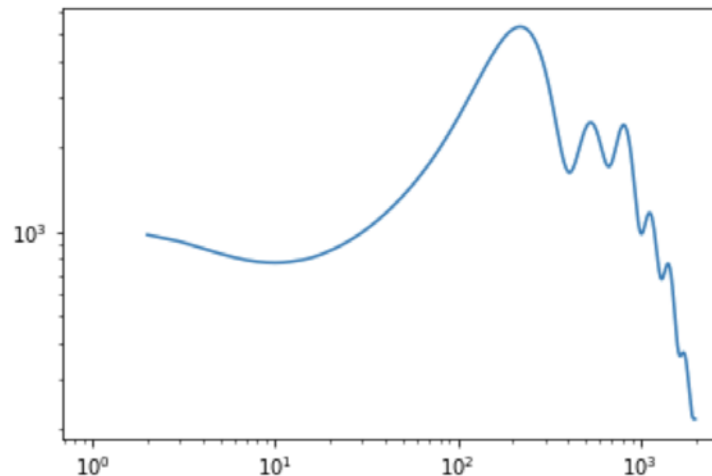
$C_L$  result array by default are  $\frac{l(l+1)C_l}{2\pi}$  in dimensionless units (i.e.  $\Delta T/T$ )

```
plt.loglog(np.arange(totCL.shape[0]), totCL[:,0]);
```



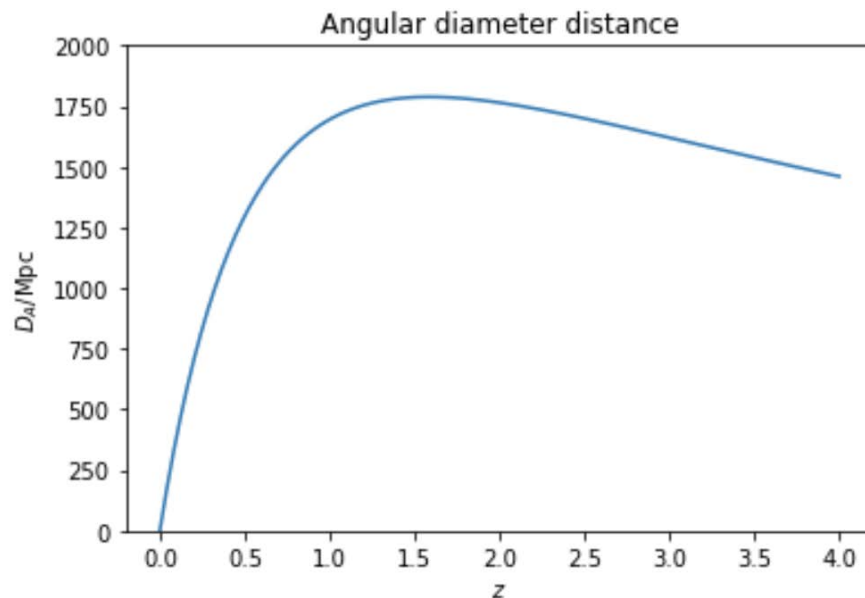
```
lensed_scalar = results.get_lensed_scalar_cls(lmax=2000, CMB_unit = 'muK')  
plt.loglog(np.arange(2001), lensed_scalar[:,0]);
```

Can use other functions  
to pull spectrum of interest  
and change units.  
E.g. in  $\mu K^2$  units.



Similarly you can get the matter power spectrum, lensing potential spectrum, background functions, derives parameters and more.

```
z = np.linspace(0,4,100)
DA = results.angular_diameter_distance(z)
plt.plot(z, DA)
plt.xlabel('$z$')
plt.ylabel(r'$D_A$ / \rm{Mpc}$')
plt.title('Angular diameter distance')
plt.ylim([0,2000]);
```



See the [example notebook](#) for further examples

# camb.symbolic

Python module using **sympy** giving most of the symbolic equations being used, relations between variables, functions to change between gauges and write camb code.

```
from camb.symbolic import *
sympy.init_printing()
print 'CAMB: ', camb.__version__, 'Sympy: ', sympy.__version__
```

CAMB: 0.1.5 Sympy: 1.0

```
display('background_eqs', background_eqs)
display('constraints', constraints)
display('var_subs', var_subs)
display('q_sub', q_sub)
display('pert_eqs', pert_eqs)
display('total_eqs', total_eqs)
#can use tot_eqs as combination of total_eqs + pert_eqs + background_eqs
```

'background\_eqs'

$$\left[ \frac{d}{dt}a(t) = H(t)a(t), \quad \frac{d}{dt}H(t) = -\frac{\kappa}{6}(3P(t) + \rho(t))a^2(t), \quad \frac{d}{dt}\text{exptau}(t) = \text{visibility}(t) \right]$$

'constraints'

$$\left[ Kf_1k^3\phi(t) + \frac{k\kappa}{2}(Kf_1\Pi(t) + \delta(t))a^2(t) + \frac{3\kappa}{2}H(t)a^2(t)q(t), \quad k^2\eta(t) + 2kH(t)z(t) - \kappa a^2(t)\delta(t), \quad \frac{2k^2}{3a^2(t)}(-Kf_1\sigma(t) + z(t)) + \kappa q(t), \right. \\ \left. -\frac{k}{3}z(t) + A(t)H(t) + \dot{h}(t) \right]$$

'var\_subs'

$$\left\{ \dot{h}(t) : \frac{1}{6H(t)}(-k^2\eta(t) + \kappa a^2(t)\delta(t) - 6A(t)H^2(t)), \quad \phi(t) : -\frac{\kappa a^2(t)}{2Kf_1k^3}(Kf_1k\Pi(t) + k\delta(t) + 3H(t)q(t)), \right. \\ \left. \sigma(t) : \frac{1}{2Kf_1k^2H(t)}(k(-k^2\eta(t) + \kappa a^2(t)\delta(t)) + 3\kappa H(t)a^2(t)q(t)), \quad z(t) : \frac{1}{2kH(t)}(-k^2\eta(t) + \kappa a^2(t)\delta(t)) \right\}$$

'q\_sub'

CAMB uses covariant perturbation variables in the 3+1 formulation.

`camb.symbolic` defines equations that are valid in any gauge. They can be written in specific gauges by specific choices of restrictions on variables.

```
#Fluid components
display('density_eqs',density_eqs)
display('delta_eqs', delta_eqs)
display('vel_eqs',vel_eqs)
#can use component_eqs as combination of density_eqs + delta_eqs + vel_eqs
```

'density\_eqs'

$$\left[ \frac{d}{dt} \rho_b(t) = -3(p_b(t) + \rho_b(t)) H(t), \quad \frac{d}{dt} \rho_c(t) = -3H(t) \rho_c(t), \quad \frac{d}{dt} \rho_g(t) = -4H(t) \rho_g(t), \quad \frac{d}{dt} \rho_r(t) = -4H(t) \rho_r(t), \right. \\ \left. \frac{d}{dt} \rho_\nu(t) = -3(p_\nu(t) + \rho_\nu(t)) H(t), \quad \frac{d}{dt} \rho_{de}(t) = -3(w_{de}(t) + 1) H(t) \rho_{de}(t) \right]$$

'delta\_eqs'

$$\left[ \frac{d}{dt} \Delta_r(t) = -k q_r(t) - 4\dot{h}(t), \quad \frac{d}{dt} \Delta_g(t) = -k q_g(t) - 4\dot{h}(t), \right. \\ \left. \frac{d}{dt} \Delta_b(t) = \left( k v_b(t) + 3\dot{h}(t) \right) \left( -\frac{p_b(t)}{\rho_b(t)} - 1 \right) + \left( -3c_{sb}^2(t) + \frac{3p_b(t)}{\rho_b(t)} \right) \Delta_b(t) H(t), \quad \frac{d}{dt} \Delta_c(t) = -k v_c(t) - 3\dot{h}(t), \right.$$

...

# Convert between Newtonian gauge, synchronous/CDM frame results, and other possible frame choices.

```
#e.g. can check we recover standard Newtonian gauge equations
#(note all equations above are valid in any frame)
newtonian_gauge(delta_eqs)
```

$$\left[ \frac{d}{dt} \Delta_r(t) = -k q_r(t) + 4 \frac{d}{dt} \Phi_N(t), \quad \frac{d}{dt} \Delta_g(t) = -k q_g(t) + 4 \frac{d}{dt} \Phi_N(t), \right.$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \Delta_b(t) = -\frac{1}{\rho_b(t)} \left( \left( k v_b(t) - 3 \frac{d}{dt} \Phi_N(t) \right) (p_b(t) + \rho_b(t)) + 3 (c_{sb}^2(t) \rho_b(t) - p_b(t)) \Delta_b(t) H(t) \right),$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \Delta_c(t) = -k v_c(t) + 3 \frac{d}{dt} \Phi_N(t),$$

...

**camb\_fortran** can  
convert symbolic  
expressions into  
CAMB-variable  
Fortran source code

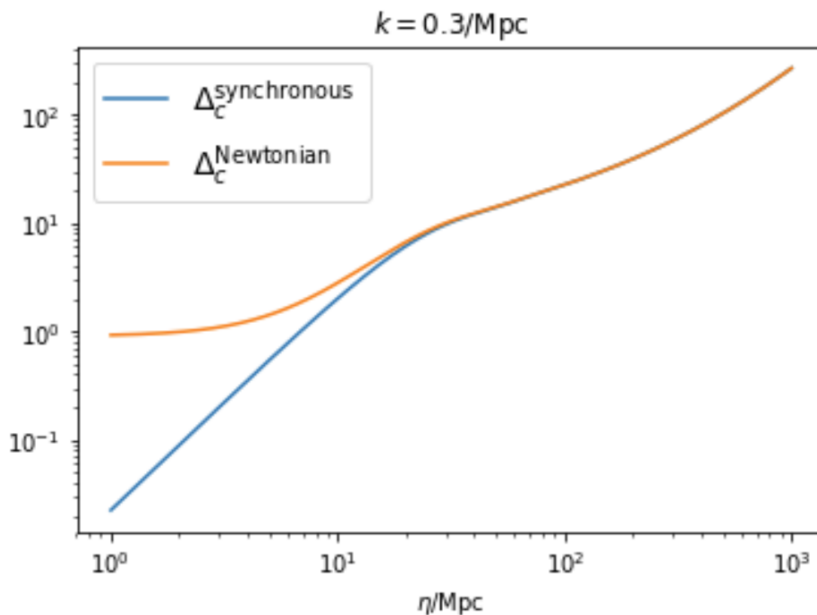
```
#These are definitions used in CAMB to get the various sources for the temperature
```

```
print camb_fortran(dphi, 'phidot')
print camb_fortran(dsigma, 'sigmadot')
print camb_fortran(diff(polter_t,t), 'polterdot')
print camb_fortran(polterddot, 'polterddot')
print camb_fortran(2*diff(phi,t)*exptau, 'ISW')
print camb_fortran(monopole_source, 'monopole_source')
print camb_fortran(doppler, 'doppler')
print camb_fortran(quadrupole_source, 'quadrupole_source')
```

```
phidot = (1.0d0/2.0d0)*(-adotoa*dgpi - 2*adotoa*k**2*phi + dgq*k &
    -diff_rhopi + k*sigma*(gpres + grho))/k**2
sigmadot = -adotoa*sigma - 1.0d0/2.0d0*dgpi/k + k*phi
polterdot = (1.0d0/10.0d0)*pigdot + (3.0d0/5.0d0)*Edot(2)
polterddot = -2.0d0/25.0d0*adotoa*dgq/(k*Kf(1)) - &
    4.0d0/75.0d0*adotoa*k*sigma - 4.0d0/75.0d0*dgpi - &
    2.0d0/75.0d0*dgrho/Kf(1) + dopacity*(-1.0d0/10.0d0*pig + &
    (7.0d0/10.0d0)*polter - 3.0d0/5.0d0*E(2)) &
    -3.0d0/50.0d0*k*octgdot*Kf(2) + (1.0d0/25.0d0)*k*qqgdot - &
    1.0d0/5.0d0*k*Edot(3)*Kf(2) + opacity*(-1.0d0/10.0d0*pigdot + &
    (7.0d0/10.0d0)*polterdot - 3.0d0/5.0d0*Edot(2))
```

Pass symbolic expressions to some camb functions to get numerical results directly  
(behind the scenes it converts to Fortran, compiles, loads and then calls it from the main code)

```
data = camb.get_transfer_functions(pars)
#For example, this plots the Newtonian gauge density compared to the synchronous gauge one
import camb.symbolic as cs
Delta_c_N = cs.make_frame_invariant(cs.Delta_c, 'Newtonian')
ev=data.get_time_evolution(k, eta, ['delta_cdm',Delta_c_N])
plt.figure(figsize=(6,4))
plt.loglog(eta,ev[:,0])
plt.loglog(eta,ev[:,1])
plt.title(r'$k= %s/\rm{Mpc}$'%k)
plt.xlabel(r'$\eta/\rm{Mpc}$');
plt.legend([r'$\Delta_c^{\rm synchronous}$', r'$\Delta_c^{\rm Newtonian}$'], fontsize=14);
```



See further symbolic examples at  
<http://camb.readthedocs.io/en/latest/ScalEqs.html>



# Using CAMB: Compiling and using command line

Recommend to clone from git repository

```
git clone https://github.com/cmbant/CAMB.git
```

Compile Fortran: **make**

(see Fortran compiler requirements earlier)

Run: **./camb params.ini**

(params.ini is text file of input parameter values)

Output: some parameter values and a set of .dat text files with results

```
-rw-rw-r-- 1 aml1005 aml1005    1737 Oct 23 17:26 test_params.ini
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-rw-rw-r-- 1 aml1005 aml1005  312401 Oct 23 17:26 test_scalCovCls.dat
-rw-rw-r-- 1 aml1005 aml1005  140701 Oct 23 17:26 test_lensedCls.dat
-rw-rw-r-- 1 aml1005 aml1005  246401 Oct 23 17:26 test_lenspotentialCls.dat
```

(the xxx\_params.ini file logs the parameters actually read and used for the run.)