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# **CAMB Python Documentation**

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CAMB (Code for Anisotropies in the Microwave Background), a cosmology code for calculating CMB, lensing, galaxy count, dark-age 21cm power spectra, matter power spectra and transfer functions. There are also general utility function for cosmological calculations such as the background expansion, distances, etc. The main code is Python with numerical calculations implemented efficiently in Python-wrapped modern Fortran.

See the [CAMB python example notebook](#) for an introductory set of examples of how to use the CAMB package. This is usually the fastest way to learn how to use it and quickly see some of the capabilities.

For a standard non-editable installation use:

```
pip install camb [--user]
```

The `--user` is optional and only required if you don't have write permission to your main python installation. If you want to work on the code from [GitHub](#), you can also just install in place without copying anything using:

```
pip install -e /path/to/CAMB [--user]
```

You will need ifort or gfortran 6 or higher installed (and on your path) to compile; see [Fortran compilers](#) for compiler installation details if needed. A compiled library for Windows is also provided, and is used if no gfortran installation is found on Windows machines. If you have gfortran installed, "python setup.py make" will build the Fortran library on all systems (including Windows without directly using a Makefile), and can be used to update a source installation after changes or pulling an updated version.

Anaconda users can also install from conda-forge using:

```
conda install -c conda-forge camb
```

with no need for a Fortran compiler (unless you want to use custom sources/symbolic compilation features). Check that conda installs the latest version, if not try installing in a new clean conda environment.

After installation the camb python module can be loaded from your scripts using "import camb". You can also run CAMB from the command line reading parameters from a .ini file, e.g.:

```
camb inifiles/planck_2018.ini
```

You may need to check your python scripts directory is in your path for this to work. Alternatively from the source package root directory (after make but without installation) use:

```
python camb.py inifiles/planck_2018.ini
```

Main high-level modules:



Python CAMB interface (<https://camb.info>)

`camb.get_results(params)`

Calculate results for specified parameters and return *CAMBdata* instance for getting results.

**Parameters** `params` – *model.CAMBparams* instance

**Returns** *CAMBdata* instance

`camb.get_background(params, no_thermo=False)`

Calculate background cosmology for specified parameters and return *CAMBdata*, ready to get derived parameters and use background functions like *angular\_diameter\_distance()*.

**Parameters**

- `params` – *model.CAMBparams* instance
- `no_thermo` – set True if thermal and ionization history not required.

**Returns** *CAMBdata* instance

`camb.get_transfer_functions(params, only_time_sources=False)`

Calculate transfer functions for specified parameters and return *CAMBdata* instance for getting results and subsequently calculating power spectra.

**Parameters**

- `params` – *model.CAMBparams* instance
- `only_time_sources` – does not calculate the CMB  $l, k$  transfer functions and does not apply any non-linear correction scaling. Results with `only_time_sources=True` can therefore be used with different initial power spectra to get consistent non-linear lensed spectra.

**Returns** *CAMBdata* instance

`camb.set_params(cp=None, verbose=False, **params)`

Set all CAMB parameters at once, including parameters which are part of the *CAMBparams* structure, as well as global parameters.

E.g.:

```
cp = camb.set_params(ns=1, H0=67, ombh2=0.022, omch2=0.1, w=-0.95, Alens=1.2,
↳lmax=2000,
                        WantTransfer=True, dark_energy_model='DarkEnergyPPF')
```

This is equivalent to:

```
cp = model.CAMBparams()
cp.DarkEnergy = DarkEnergyPPF()
cp.DarkEnergy.set_params(w=-0.95)
cp.set_cosmology(H0=67, omch2=0.1, ombh2=0.022, Alens=1.2)
cp.set_for_lmax(lmax=2000)
cp.InitPower.set_params(ns=1)
cp.WantTransfer = True
```

The wrapped functions are (in this order):

- `model.CAMBparams.set_accuracy()`
- `model.CAMBparams.set_classes()`
- `dark_energy.DarkEnergyEqnOfState.set_params()` (or equivalent if a different dark energy model class used)
- `model.CAMBparams.set_cosmology()`
- `model.CAMBparams.set_matter_power()`
- `model.CAMBparams.set_for_lmax()`
- `initialpower.InitialPowerLaw.set_params()` (or equivalent if a different initial power model class used)
- `nonlinear.Halofit.set_params()`

### Parameters

- **params** – the values of the parameters
- **cp** – use this CAMBparams instead of creating a new one
- **verbose** – print out the equivalent set of commands

**Returns** `model.CAMBparams` instance

`camb.read_ini` (*ini\_filename*, *no\_validate=False*)

Get a `model.CAMBparams` instance using parameter specified in a .ini parameter file.

### Parameters

- **ini\_filename** – path of the .ini file to read
- **no\_validate** – do not pre-validate the ini file (faster, but may crash kernel if error)

**Returns** `model.CAMBparams` instance

`camb.get_matter_power_interpolator` (*params*, *zmin=0*, *zmax=10*, *nz\_step=100*,  
*zs=None*, *kmax=10*, *nonlinear=True*, *var1=None*,  
*var2=None*, *hubble\_units=True*, *k\_hunit=True*, *return\_z\_k=False*,  
*k\_per\_logint=None*, *log\_interp=True*,  
*extrap\_kmax=None*)

Return a 2D spline interpolation object to evaluate matter power spectrum as function of z and k/h, e.g.

```

from camb import get_matter_power_interpolator
PK = get_matter_power_interpolator(params);
print('Power spectrum at z=0.5, k/h=0.1/Mpc is %s (Mpc/h)^3'%(PK.P(0.5, 0.1)))

```

For a description of outputs for different var1, var2 see *Matter power spectrum and matter transfer function variables*. If you already have a *CAMBdata* result object, you can instead use *get\_matter\_power\_interpolator()*.

### Parameters

- **params** – *model.CAMBparams* instance
- **zmin** – minimum z (use 0 or smaller than you want for good interpolation)
- **zmax** – maximum z (use larger than you want for good interpolation)
- **nz\_step** – number of steps to sample in z (default max allowed is 100)
- **zs** – instead of zmin,zmax, nz\_step, can specific explicit array of z values to spline from
- **kmax** – maximum k
- **nonlinear** – include non-linear correction from halo model
- **var1** – variable i (index, or name of variable; default delta\_tot)
- **var2** – variable j (index, or name of variable; default delta\_tot)
- **hubble\_units** – if true, output power spectrum in  $(\text{Mpc}/h)^3$  units, otherwise  $\text{Mpc}^3$
- **k\_hunit** – if true, matter power is a function of k/h, if false, just k (both  $\text{Mpc}^{-1}$  units)
- **return\_z\_k** – if true, return interpolator, z, k where z, k are the grid used
- **k\_per\_logint** – specific uniform sampling over log k (if not set, uses optimized irregular sampling)
- **log\_interp** – if true, interpolate log of power spectrum (unless any values are negative in which case ignored)
- **extrap\_kmax** – if set, use power law extrapolation beyond kmax to extrap\_kmax (useful for tails of integrals)

**Returns** An object PK based on *RectBivariateSpline*, that can be called with *PK.P(z,kh)* or *PK(z,log(kh))* to get log matter power values. If *return\_z\_k=True*, instead return interpolator, z, k where z, k are the grid used.

*camb.get\_age(params)*

Get age of universe for given set of parameters

**Parameters** **params** – *model.CAMBparams* instance

**Returns** age of universe in gigayears

*camb.get\_zre\_from\_tau(params, tau)*

Get reionization redshift given optical depth tau

### Parameters

- **params** – *model.CAMBparams* instance
- **tau** – optical depth

**Returns** reionization redshift (or negative number if error)

*camb.set\_feedback\_level(level=1)*

Set the feedback level for internal CAMB calls

**Parameters** `level` – zero for nothing, >1 for more

`camb.run_ini` (*ini\_filename*, *no\_validate=False*)

Run the command line `camb` from a `.ini` file (producing text files as with the command line program). This does the same as the command line program, except global config parameters are not read and set (which does not change results in almost all cases).

**Parameters**

- **`ini_filename`** – `.ini` file to use
- **`no_validate`** – do not pre-validate the `ini` file (faster, but may crash kernel if error)

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## Input parameter model

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**class** `camb.model.CAMBparams` (*\*\*kwargs*)

Object storing the parameters for a CAMB calculation, including cosmological parameters and settings for what to calculate. When a new object is instantiated, default parameters are set automatically.

To add a new parameter, add it to the CAMBparams type in `model.f90`, then edit the `_fields_` list in the CAMBparams class in `model.py` to add the new parameter in the corresponding location of the member list. After rebuilding the python version you can then access the parameter by using `params.new_parameter_name` where `params` is a CAMBparams instance. You could also modify the wrapper functions to set the field value less directly.

You can view the set of underlying parameters used by the Fortran code by printing the CAMBparams instance. In python, to set cosmology parameters it is usually best to use `set_cosmology()` and equivalent methods for most other parameters. Alternatively the convenience function `camb.set_params()` can construct a complete instance from a dictionary of relevant parameters.

### Variables

- **WantCls** – (*boolean*) Calculate C\_L
- **WantTransfer** – (*boolean*) Calculate matter transfer functions and matter power spectrum
- **WantScalars** – (*boolean*) Calculates scalar modes
- **WantTensors** – (*boolean*) Calculate tensor modes
- **WantVectors** – (*boolean*) Calculate vector modes
- **WantDerivedParameters** – (*boolean*) Calculate derived parameters
- **Want\_cl\_2D\_array** – (*boolean*) For the C\_L, include NxN matrix of all possible cross-spectra between sources
- **Want\_CMB** – (*boolean*) Calculate the temperature and polarization power spectra
- **Want\_CMB\_lensing** – (*boolean*) Calculate the lensing potential power spectrum
- **DoLensing** – (*boolean*) Include CMB lensing

- **NonLinear** – (integer/string, one of: NonLinear\_none, NonLinear\_pk, NonLinear\_lens, NonLinear\_both)
- **Transfer** – *camb.model.TransferParams*
- **want\_zstar** – (boolean)
- **want\_zdrag** – (boolean)
- **min\_l** – (integer)  $l_{\min}$  for the scalar  $C_L$  (1 or 2,  $L=1$  dipoles are Newtonian Gauge)
- **max\_l** – (integer)  $l_{\max}$  for the scalar  $C_L$
- **max\_l\_tensor** – (integer)  $l_{\max}$  for the tensor  $C_L$
- **max\_eta\_k** – (float64) Maximum  $k \cdot \eta_0$  for scalar  $C_L$ , where  $\eta_0$  is the conformal time today
- **max\_eta\_k\_tensor** – (float64) Maximum  $k \cdot \eta_0$  for tensor  $C_L$ , where  $\eta_0$  is the conformal time today
- **ombh2** – (float64)  $\Omega_{\text{baryon}} h^2$
- **omch2** – (float64)  $\Omega_{\text{cdm}} h^2$
- **omk** – (float64)  $\Omega_K$
- **omnuh2** – (float64)  $\Omega_{\text{massive\_neutrino}} h^2$
- **H0** – (float64) Hubble parameter in km/s/Mpc units
- **TCMB** – (float64) CMB temperature today in Kelvin
- **YHe** – (float64) Helium mass fraction
- **num\_nu\_massless** – (float64) Effective number of massless neutrinos
- **num\_nu\_massive** – (integer) Total physical (integer) number of massive neutrino species
- **nu\_mass\_eigenstates** – (integer) Number of non-degenerate mass eigenstates
- **share\_delta\_neff** – (boolean) Share the non-integer part of `num_nu_massless` between the eigenstates
- **nu\_mass\_degeneracies** – (float64 array) Degeneracy of each distinct eigenstate
- **nu\_mass\_fractions** – (float64 array) Mass fraction in each distinct eigenstate
- **nu\_mass\_numbers** – (integer array) Number of physical neutrinos per distinct eigenstate
- **InitPower** – *camb.initialpower.InitialPower*
- **Recomb** – *camb.recombination.RecombinationModel*
- **Reion** – *camb.reionization.ReionizationModel*
- **DarkEnergy** – *camb.dark\_energy.DarkEnergyModel*
- **NonLinearModel** – *camb.nonlinear.NonLinearModel*
- **Accuracy** – *camb.model.AccuracyParams*
- **SourceTerms** – *camb.model.SourceTermParams*
- **z\_outputs** – (float64 array) redshifts to always calculate BAO output parameters
- **scalar\_initial\_condition** – (integer/string, one of: initial\_vector, initial\_adiabatic, initial\_iso\_CDM, initial\_iso\_baryon, initial\_iso\_neutrino, initial\_iso\_neutrino\_vel)

- **InitialConditionVector** – (*float64 array*) if `scalar_initial_condition` is `initial_vector`, the vector of initial condition amplitudes
- **OutputNormalization** – (*integer*) If non-zero, multipole to normalize the C\_L at
- **Alens** – (*float64*) non-physical scaling amplitude for the CMB lensing spectrum power
- **MassiveNuMethod** – (*integer/string*, one of: `Nu_int`, `Nu_trunc`, `Nu_approx`, `Nu_best`)
- **DoLateRadTruncation** – (*boolean*) If true, use smooth approx to radiation perturbations after decoupling on small scales, saving evolution of irrelevant oscillatory multipole equations
- **Evolve\_baryon\_cs** – (*boolean*) Evolve a separate equation for the baryon sound speed rather than using background approximation
- **Evolve\_delta\_xe** – (*boolean*) Evolve ionization fraction perturbations
- **Evolve\_delta\_Ts** – (*boolean*) Evolve the spin temperature perturbation (for 21cm)
- **Do21cm** – (*boolean*) 21cm is not yet implemented via the python wrapper
- **transfer\_21cm\_cl** – (*boolean*) Get 21cm C\_L at a given fixed redshift
- **Log\_lvalues** – (*boolean*) Use log spacing for sampling in L
- **use\_cl\_spline\_template** – (*boolean*) When interpolating use a fiducial spectrum shape to define ratio to spline
- **SourceWindows** – array of `camb.sources.SourceWindow`
- **CustomSources** – `camb.model.CustomSources`

## **N\_eff**

**Returns** Effective number of degrees of freedom in relativistic species at early times.

### **copy()**

Make independent copy of this object.

**Returns** deep copy of self

### **diff(params)**

Print differences between this set of parameters and params

**Parameters** `params` – another CAMBparams instance

### **get\_DH(ombh2=None, delta\_neff=None)**

Get deuterium ration D/H by interpolation using the `bbn.BBNPredictor` instance passed to `set_cosmology()` (or the default one, if `Y_He` has not been set).

#### **Parameters**

- **ombh2** –  $\Omega_b h^2$  (default: value passed to `set_cosmology()`)
- **delta\_neff** – additional  $N_{\text{eff}}$  relative to standard value (of 3.046) (default: from values passed to `set_cosmology()`)

**Returns** BBN helium nucleon fraction D/H

### **get\_Y\_p(ombh2=None, delta\_neff=None)**

Get BBN helium nucleon fraction (NOT the same as the mass fraction `Y_He`) by interpolation using the `bbn.BBNPredictor` instance passed to `set_cosmology()` (or the default one, if `Y_He` has not been set).

#### **Parameters**

- **ombh2** –  $\Omega_b h^2$  (default: value passed to `set_cosmology()`)
- **delta\_neff** – additional  $N_{\text{eff}}$  relative to standard value (of 3.046) (default: from values passed to `set_cosmology()`)

**Returns**  $Y_p^{\text{BBN}}$  helium nucleon fraction predicted by BBN.

**replace** (*instance*)

Replace the content of this class with another instance, doing a deep copy (in Fortran)

**Parameters** **instance** – instance of the same class to replace this instance with

**scalar\_power** (*k*)

Get the primordial scalar curvature power spectrum at *k*

**Parameters** **k** – wavenumber *k* (in  $\text{Mpc}^{-1}$  units)

**Returns** power spectrum at *k*

**set\_H0\_for\_theta** (*theta*, *cosmomc\_approx=False*, *theta\_H0\_range=(10, 100)*, *est\_H0=67.0*, *iteration\_threshold=8*)

Set H0 to give a specified value of the acoustic angular scale parameter theta.

**Parameters**

- **theta** – value of  $r_s/D_M$  at redshift  $z_*$
- **cosmomc\_approx** – if true, use approximate fitting formula for  $z_*$ , if false do full numerical calculation
- **theta\_H0\_range** – min, max interval to search for H0 (in km/s/Mpc)
- **est\_H0** – an initial guess for H0 in km/s/Mpc, used in the case `cosmomc_approx=False`.
- **iteration\_threshold** – difference in H0 from `est_H0` for which to iterate, used for `cosmomc_approx=False`

**set\_accuracy** (*AccuracyBoost=1.0*, *lSampleBoost=1.0*, *lAccuracyBoost=1.0*, *DoLateRadTruncation=True*)

Set parameters determining overall calculation accuracy (large values may give big slow down). For finer control you can set individual accuracy parameters by changing `CAMBParams.Accuracy(model.AccuracyParams)`.

**Parameters**

- **AccuracyBoost** – increase AccuracyBoost to decrease integration step size, increase density of k sampling, etc.
- **lSampleBoost** – increase lSampleBoost to increase density of L sampling for CMB
- **lAccuracyBoost** – increase lAccuracyBoost to increase the maximum L included in the Boltzmann hierarchies
- **DoLateRadTruncation** – If True, use approximation to radiation perturbation evolution at late times

**Returns** self

**set\_classes** (*dark\_energy\_model=None*, *initial\_power\_model=None*, *non\_linear\_model=None*, *recombination\_model=None*)

Change the classes used to implement parts of the model.

**Parameters**

- **dark\_energy\_model** – ‘fluid’, ‘ppf’, or name of a DarkEnergyModel class
- **initial\_power\_model** – name of an InitialPower class

- **non\_linear\_model** – name of a NonLinearModel class
- **recombination\_model** – name of recombination\_model class

**set\_cosmology** ( $H0=None$ ,  $ombh2=0.022$ ,  $omch2=0.12$ ,  $omk=0.0$ ,  $cosmomc_theta=None$ ,  $thetastar=None$ ,  $neutrino_hierarchy='degenerate'$ ,  $num_massive_neutrinos=1$ ,  $mnu=0.06$ ,  $nnu=3.046$ ,  $YHe=None$ ,  $meffsterile=0.0$ ,  $standard_neutrino_neff=3.046$ ,  $TCMB=2.7255$ ,  $tau=None$ ,  $deltazrei=None$ ,  $Alens=1.0$ ,  $bbn_predictor=None$ ,  $theta_H0_range=(10, 100)$ )

Sets cosmological parameters in terms of physical densities and parameters (e.g. as used in Planck analyses). Default settings give a single distinct neutrino mass eigenstate, by default one neutrino with  $m\nu = 0.06\text{eV}$ . Set the `neutrino_hierarchy` parameter to `normal` or `inverted` to use a two-eigenstate model that is a good approximation to the known mass splittings seen in oscillation measurements. For more fine-grained control can set the neutrino parameters directly rather than using this function.

Instead of setting the Hubble parameter directly, you can instead set the acoustic scale parameter (`cosmomc_theta`, which is based on a fitting formula for simple models, or `thetastar`, which is numerically calculated more generally). Note that you must have already set the dark energy model, you can't use `set_cosmology` with `theta` and then change the background evolution (which would change `theta` at the calculated `H0` value). Likewise the dark energy model cannot depend explicitly on `H0`.

### Parameters

- **H0** – Hubble parameter today in km/s/Mpc. Can leave unset and instead set `thetastar` or `cosmomc_theta` (which solves for the required `H0`).
- **ombh2** – physical density in baryons
- **omch2** – physical density in cold dark matter
- **omk** – Omega\_K curvature parameter
- **cosmomc\_theta** – The approximate CosmoMC theta parameter  $\theta_{MC}$ . The angular diameter distance is calculated numerically, but the redshift  $z_*$  is calculated using an approximate (quite accurate but non-general) fitting formula. Leave unset to use `H0` or `thetastar`.
- **thetastar** – The angular acoustic scale parameter  $\theta_* = r_s(z_*)/D_M(z_*)$ , defined as the ratio of the photon-baryon sound horizon  $r_s$  to the angular diameter distance  $D_M$ , where both quantities are evaluated at  $z_*$ , the redshift at which the optical depth (excluding reionization) is unity. Leave unset to use `H0` or `cosmomc_theta`.
- **neutrino\_hierarchy** – ‘degenerate’, ‘normal’, or ‘inverted’ (1 or 2 eigenstate approximation)
- **num\_massive\_neutrinos** – number of massive neutrinos
- **mnu** – sum of neutrino masses (in eV). `Omega_nu` is calculated approximately from this assuming neutrinos non-relativistic today; i.e. here is defined as a direct proxy for `Omega_nu`. Internally the actual physical mass is calculated from the `Omega_nu` accounting for small mass-dependent velocity corrections but neglecting spectral distortions to the neutrino distribution. Set the neutrino field values directly if you need finer control or more complex neutrino models.
- **nnu** – `N_eff`, effective relativistic degrees of freedom
- **YHe** – Helium mass fraction. If `None`, set from BBN consistency.
- **meffsterile** – effective mass of sterile neutrinos
- **standard\_neutrino\_neff** – default value for `N_eff` in standard cosmology (non-integer to allow for partial heating of neutrinos at electron-positron annihilation and QED effects)

- **TCMB** – CMB temperature (in Kelvin)
- **tau** – optical depth; if None, current Reion settings are not changed
- **deltazrei** – redshift width of reionization; if None, uses default
- **Alens** – (non-physical) scaling of the lensing potential compared to prediction
- **bbn\_predictor** – *bbn.BBNPredictor* instance used to get YHe from BBN consistency if YHe is None, or name of a BBN predictor class, or file name of an interpolation table
- **theta\_H0\_range** – if thetastar or cosmomc\_theta is specified, the min, max interval of H0 values to map to; if H0 is outside this range it will raise an exception.

**set\_custom\_scalar\_sources** (*custom\_sources, source\_names=None, source\_ell\_scales=None, frame='CDM', code\_path=None*)

Set custom sources for angular power spectrum using camb.symbolic sympy expressions.

#### Parameters

- **custom\_sources** – list of sympy expressions for the angular power spectrum sources
- **source\_names** – optional list of string naes for the sources
- **source\_ell\_scales** – list or dictionary of scalings for each source name, where for integer entry n, the source for multipole  $\ell$  is scaled by  $\sqrt{(\ell + n)!/(\ell - n)!}$ , i.e.  $n = 2$  for a new polarization-like source.
- **frame** – if the source is not gauge invariant, frame in which to interpret result
- **code\_path** – optional path for output of source code for CAMB f90 source function

**set\_dark\_energy** (*w=-1.0, cs2=1.0, wa=0, dark\_energy\_model='fluid'*)

Set dark energy parameters (use set\_dark\_energy\_w\_a to set w(a) from numerical table instead) To use a custom dark energy model, assign the class instance to the DarkEnergy field instead.

#### Parameters

- **w** –  $w \equiv p_{de}/\rho_{de}$ , assumed constant
- **wa** – evolution of w (for dark\_energy\_model=ppf)
- **cs2** – rest-frame sound speed squared of dark energy fluid
- **dark\_energy\_model** – model to use ('fluid' or 'ppf'), default is 'fluid'

#### Returns

self

**set\_dark\_energy\_w\_a** (*a, w, dark\_energy\_model='fluid'*)

Set the dark energy equation of state from tabulated values (which are cubic spline interpolated).

#### Parameters

- **a** – array of sampled  $a = 1/(1+z)$  values
- **w** – array of w(a)
- **dark\_energy\_model** – model to use ('fluid' or 'ppf'), default is 'fluid'

#### Returns

self

**set\_for\_lmax** (*lmax, max\_eta\_k=None, lens\_potential\_accuracy=0, lens\_margin=150, k\_eta\_fac=2.5, lens\_k\_eta\_reference=18000.0*)

Set parameters to get CMB power spectra accurate to specific a l\_lmax. Note this does not fix the actual output L range, spectra may be calculated above l\_max (but may not be accurate there).

To fix the `l_max` for output arrays use the optional input argument to `results.CAMBdata.get_cmb_power_spectra()` etc.

**Parameters**

- **lmax** –  $\ell_{\max}$  you want
- **max\_eta\_k** – maximum value of  $k\eta_0 \approx k\chi_*$  to use, which indirectly sets `k_max`. If None, sensible value set automatically.
- **lens\_potential\_accuracy** – Set to 1 or higher if you want to get the lensing potential accurate (1 is only Planck-level accuracy)
- **lens\_margin** – the  $\Delta\ell_{\max}$  to use to ensure lensed  $C_\ell$  are correct at  $\ell_{\max}$
- **k\_eta\_fac** – `k_eta_fac` default factor for setting `max_eta_k = k_eta_fac*lmax` if `max_eta_k=None`
- **lens\_k\_eta\_reference** – value of `max_eta_k` to use when `lens_potential_accuracy>0`; use `k_eta_max = lens_k_eta_reference*lens_potential_accuracy`

**Returns** self

**set\_initial\_power** (*initial\_power\_params*)

Set the InitialPower primordial power spectrum parameters

**Parameters** **initial\_power\_params** – `initialpower.InitialPowerLaw` or `initialpower.SplinedInitialPower` instance

**Returns** self

**set\_initial\_power\_function** (*P\_scalar*, *P\_tensor=None*, *kmin=1e-06*, *kmax=100.0*, *N\_min=200*, *rtol=5e-05*, *effective\_ns\_for\_nonlinear=None*, *args=()*)

Set the initial power spectrum from a function `P_scalar(k, *args)`, and optionally also the tensor spectrum. The function is called to make a pre-computed array which is then interpolated inside CAMB. The sampling in `k` is set automatically so that the spline is accurate, but you may also need to increase other accuracy parameters.

**Parameters**

- **P\_scalar** – function returning normalized initial scalar curvature power as function of `k` (in  $\text{Mpc}^{-1}$ )
- **P\_tensor** – optional function returning normalized initial tensor power spectrum
- **kmin** – minimum wavenumber to compute
- **kmax** – maximum wavenumber to compute
- **N\_min** – minimum number of spline points for the pre-computation
- **rtol** – relative tolerance for deciding how many points are enough
- **effective\_ns\_for\_nonlinear** – an effective `n_s` for use with approximate non-linear corrections
- **args** – optional list of arguments passed to `P_scalar` (and `P_tensor`)

**Returns** self

**set\_initial\_power\_table** (*k*, *pk=None*, *pk\_tensor=None*, *effective\_ns\_for\_nonlinear=None*)

Set a general initial power spectrum from tabulated values. It's up to you to ensure the sampling of the `k` values is high enough that it can be interpolated accurately.

### Parameters

- **k** – array of k values ( $\text{Mpc}^{-1}$ )
- **pk** – array of primordial curvature perturbation power spectrum values  $P(k_i)$
- **pk\_tensor** – array of tensor spectrum values
- **effective\_ns\_for\_nonlinear** – an effective  $n_s$  for use with approximate non-linear corrections

**set\_matter\_power** (*redshifts=(0.0, ), kmax=1.2, k\_per\_logint=None, nonlinear=None, accurate\_massive\_neutrino\_transfers=False, silent=False*)  
 Set parameters for calculating matter power spectra and transfer functions.

### Parameters

- **redshifts** – array of redshifts to calculate
- **kmax** – maximum k to calculate (where k is just k, not k/h)
- **k\_per\_logint** – minimum number of k steps per log k. Set to zero to use default optimized spacing.
- **nonlinear** – if None, uses existing setting, otherwise boolean for whether to use non-linear matter power.
- **accurate\_massive\_neutrino\_transfers** – if you want the massive neutrino transfers accurately
- **silent** – if True, don't give warnings about sort order

**Returns** self

**set\_nonlinear\_lensing** (*nonlinear*)

Settings for whether or not to use non-linear corrections for the CMB lensing potential. Note that `set_for_lmax` also sets lensing to be non-linear if `lens_potential_accuracy > 0`

**Parameters** **nonlinear** – true to use non-linear corrections

**tensor\_power** (*k*)

Get the primordial tensor curvature power spectrum at *k*

**Parameters** **k** – wavenumber *k* (in  $\text{Mpc}^{-1}$  units)

**Returns** tensor power spectrum at *k*

**validate** ()

Do some quick tests for sanity

**Returns** True if OK

**class** `camb.model.AccuracyParams`

Structure with parameters governing numerical accuracy. AccuracyBoost will also scale almost all the other parameters except for `lSampleBoost` (which is specific to the output interpolation) and `lAccuracyBoost` (which is specific to the multipole hierarchy evolution), e.g setting `AccuracyBoost=2, IntTolBoost=1.5`, means that internally the k sampling for integration will be boosted by `AccuracyBoost*IntTolBoost = 3`.

### Variables

- **AccuracyBoost** – (*float64*) general accuracy setting effecting everything related to step sizes etc. (including separate settings below except the next two)
- **lSampleBoost** – (*float64*) accuracy for sampling in ell for interpolation for the `C_1` (if  $\geq 50$ , all ell are calculated)

- **lAccuracyBoost** – (*float64*) Boosts number of multipoles integrated in Boltzman heirarchy
- **AccuratePolarization** – (*boolean*) Do you care about the accuracy of the polarization Cls?
- **AccurateBB** – (*boolean*) Do you care about BB accuracy (e.g. in lensing)
- **AccurateReionization** – (*boolean*) Do you care about percent level accuracy on EE signal from reionization?
- **TimeStepBoost** – (*float64*) Sampling timesteps
- **BackgroundTimeStepBoost** – (*float64*) Number of time steps for background thermal history and source window interpolation
- **IntTolBoost** – (*float64*) Tolerances for integrating differential equations
- **SourcekAccuracyBoost** – (*float64*) Accuracy of k sampling for source time integration
- **IntkAccuracyBoost** – (*float64*) Accuracy of k sampling for integration
- **TransferkBoost** – (*float64*) Accuracy of k sampling for transfer functions
- **NonFlatIntAccuracyBoost** – (*float64*) Accuracy of non-flat time integration
- **BessIntBoost** – (*float64*) Accuracy of bessel integration truncation
- **LensingBoost** – (*float64*) Accuracy of the lensing of CMB power spectra
- **NonlinSourceBoost** – (*float64*) Accuracy of steps and kmax used for the non-linear correction
- **BesselBoost** – (*float64*) Accuracy of bessel pre-computation sampling
- **LimberBoost** – (*float64*) Accuracy of Limber approximation use
- **SourceLimberBoost** – (*float64*) Scales when to switch to Limber for source windows
- **KmaxBoost** – (*float64*) Boost max k for source window functions
- **neutrino\_q\_boost** – (*float64*) Number of momenta integrated for neutrino perturbations

**class**  `camb.model.TransferParams`

Object storing parameters for the matter power spectrum calculation.

#### Variables

- **high\_precision** – (*boolean*) True for more accuracy
- **accurate\_massive\_neutrinos** – (*boolean*) True if you want neutrino transfer functions accurate (false by default)
- **kmax** – (*float64*) k\_max to output (no h in units)
- **k\_per\_logint** – (*integer*) number of points per log k interval. If zero, set an irregular optimized spacing
- **PK\_num\_redshifts** – (*integer*) number of redshifts to calculate
- **PK\_redshifts** – (*float64 array*) redshifts to output for the matter transfer and power

**class**  `camb.model.SourceTermParams`

Structure with parameters determining how galaxy/lensing/21cm power spectra and transfer functions are calculated.

### Variables

- **limber\_windows** – (*boolean*) Use Limber approximation where appropriate. CMB lensing uses Limber even if `limber_window` is false, but method is changed to be consistent with other sources if `limber_windows` is true
- **limber\_phi\_lmin** – (*integer*) When `limber_windows=True`, the minimum  $L$  to use Limber approximation for the lensing potential and other sources (which may use higher but not lower)
- **counts\_density** – (*boolean*) Include the density perturbation source
- **counts\_redshift** – (*boolean*) Include redshift distortions
- **counts\_lensing** – (*boolean*) Include magnification bias for number counts
- **counts\_velocity** – (*boolean*) Non-redshift distortion velocity terms
- **counts\_radial** – (*boolean*) Radial displacement velocity term; does not include time delay; subset of `counts_velocity`, just  $1 / (\chi * H)$  term
- **counts\_timedelay** – (*boolean*) Include time delay terms  $* 1 / (H * \chi)$
- **counts\_ISW** – (*boolean*) Include tiny ISW terms
- **counts\_potential** – (*boolean*) Include tiny terms in potentials at source
- **counts\_evolve** – (*boolean*) Account for source evolution
- **line\_phot\_dipole** – (*boolean*) Dipole sources for 21cm
- **line\_phot\_quadrupole** – (*boolean*) Quadrupole sources for 21cm
- **line\_basic** – (*boolean*) Include main 21cm monopole density/spin temperature sources
- **line\_distortions** – (*boolean*) Redshift distortions for 21cm
- **line\_extra** – (*boolean*) Include other sources
- **line\_reionization** – (*boolean*) Replace the E modes with 21cm polarization
- **use\_21cm\_mK** – (*boolean*) Use mK units for 21cm

**class**  `camb.model.CustomSources`

Structure containing symoblic-compiled custom CMB angular power spectrum source functions. Don't change this directly, instead call `model.CAMBparams.set_custom_scalar_sources()`.

### Variables

- **num\_custom\_sources** – (*integer*) number of sources set
- **c\_source\_func** – (*pointer*) Don't directly change this
- **custom\_source\_ell\_scales** – (*integer array*) scaling in  $L$  for outputs

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## Calculation results

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**class** `camb.results.CAMBdata`

An object for storing calculational data, parameters and transfer functions. Results for a set of parameters (given in a `CAMBparams` instance) are returned by the `camb.get_background()`, `camb.get_transfer_functions()` or `camb.get_results()` functions. Exactly which quantities are already calculated depends on which of these functions you use and the input parameters.

To quickly make a fully calculated `CAMBdata` instance for a set of parameters you can call `camb.get_results()`.

**Variables**

- **Params** – `camb.model.CAMBparams`
- **ThermoDerivedParams** – (*float64 array*) array of derived parameters, see `get_derived_params()` to get as a dictionary
- **flat** – (*boolean*) flat universe
- **closed** – (*boolean*) closed universe
- **grhocrit** – (*float64*)  $\kappa a^2 \rho_c(0)/c^2$  with units of  $\text{Mpc}^{**(-2)}$
- **grhog** – (*float64*)  $\kappa/c^2 * \sigma_B/c^3 T_{\text{CMB}}^4$
- **grhor** – (*float64*)  $7/8 * (4/11)^{(4/3)} * \text{grhog}$  (per massless neutrino species)
- **grhob** – (*float64*) baryon contribution
- **grhoc** – (*float64*) CDM contribution
- **grhov** – (*float64*) Dark energy contribution
- **grhornomass** – (*float64*)  $\text{grhor} * \text{number of massless neutrino species}$
- **grhok** – (*float64*) curvature contribution to critical density
- **taurst** – (*float64*) time at start of recombination
- **dtarec** – (*float64*) time step in recombination
- **taurend** – (*float64*) time at end of recombination

- **tau\_maxvis** – (*float64*) time at peak visibility
- **adotrad** – (*float64*) da/d tau in early radiation-dominated era
- **omega\_de** – (*float64*) Omega for dark energy today
- **curv** – (*float64*) curvature K
- **curvature\_radius** – (*float64*)  $1/\sqrt{|K|}$
- **Ksign** – (*float64*) Ksign = 1,0 or -1
- **tau0** – (*float64*) conformal time today
- **chi0** – (*float64*) comoving angular diameter distance of big bang;  $\text{rofChi}(\text{tau0}/\text{curvature\_radius})$
- **scale** – (*float64*) relative to flat. e.g. for scaling L sampling
- **akthom** – (*float64*)  $\sigma_T * (\text{number density of protons now})$
- **fHe** – (*float64*)  $n_{\text{He\_tot}} / n_{\text{H\_tot}}$
- **Nnow** – (*float64*) number density today
- **z\_eq** – (*float64*) matter-radiation equality redshift assuming all neutrinos relativistic
- **grhormass** – (*float64 array*)
- **nu\_masses** – (*float64 array*)
- **num\_transfer\_redshifts** – (*integer*) Number of calculated redshift outputs for the matter transfer (including those for CMB lensing)
- **transfer\_redshifts** – (*float64 array*) Calculated output redshifts
- **PK\_redshifts\_index** – (*integer array*) Indices of the requested PK\_redshifts
- **OnlyTransfers** – (*boolean*) Only calculating transfer functions, not power spectra
- **HasScalarTimeSources** – (*boolean*) calculate and save time source functions, not power spectra

**angular\_diameter\_distance** (*z*)

Get (non-comoving) angular diameter distance to redshift *z*.

Must have called `calc_background()`, `calc_background_no_thermo()` or calculated transfer functions or power spectra.

**Parameters** *z* – redshift or array of redshifts

**Returns** angular diameter distances, matching rank of *z*

**angular\_diameter\_distance2** (*z1, z2*)

Get angular diameter distance between two redshifts  $\frac{r}{1+z_2} \sin_K \left( \frac{\chi(z_2) - \chi(z_1)}{r} \right)$  where *r* is curvature radius and  $\chi$  is the comoving radial distance.

Must have called `calc_background()`, `calc_background_no_thermo()` or calculated transfer functions or power spectra.

**Parameters**

- **z1** – redshift 1
- **z2** – redshift 2

**Returns** result

**calc\_background** (*params*)

Calculate the background evolution and thermal history. e.g. call this if you want to get derived parameters and call background functions

**Parameters** *params* – *CAMBparams* instance to use

**calc\_background\_no\_thermo** (*params*, *do\_reion=False*)

Calculate the background evolution without calculating thermal or ionization history. e.g. call this if you want to just use *angular\_diameter\_distance()* and similar background functions

**Parameters**

- **params** – *CAMBparams* instance to use
- **do\_reion** – whether to initialize the reionization model

**calc\_power\_spectra** (*params=None*)

Calculates transfer functions and power spectra.

**Parameters** *params* – optional *CAMBparams* instance with parameters to use

**calc\_transfers** (*params*, *only\_transfers=True*, *only\_time\_sources=False*)

Calculate the transfer functions (for CMB and matter power, as determined by *params.WantCls*, *params.WantTransfer*).

**Parameters**

- **params** – *CAMBparams* instance with parameters to use
- **only\_transfers** – only calculate transfer functions, no power spectra
- **only\_time\_sources** – only calculate time transfer functions, no (p,l,k) transfer functions or non-linear scaling

**Returns** non-zero if error, zero if OK

**comoving\_radial\_distance** (*z*, *tol=0.0001*)

Get comoving radial distance from us to redshift *z* in Mpc. This is efficient for arrays.

Must have called *calc\_background()*, *calc\_background\_no\_thermo()* or calculated transfer functions or power spectra.

**Parameters**

- **z** – redshift
- **tol** – numerical tolerance parameter

**Returns** comoving radial distance (Mpc)

**conformal\_time** (*z*, *presorted=None*, *tol=None*)

Conformal time from hot big bang to redshift *z* in Megaparsec.

**Parameters**

- **z** – redshift or array of redshifts
- **presorted** – if True, redshifts already sorted to be monotonically increasing, if False decreasing, or if None unsorted. If presorted is True or False no checks are done.
- **tol** – integration tolerance

**Returns**  $\eta(z)/\text{Mpc}$

**conformal\_time\_a1\_a2** (*a1*, *a2*)

Get conformal time between two scale factors (=comoving radial distance travelled by light on light cone)

**Parameters**

- **a1** – scale factor 1
- **a2** – scale factor 2

**Returns**  $\eta(a_2) - \eta(a_1) = \chi(a_1) - \chi(a_2)$  in Megaparsec

**copy()**

Make independent copy of this object.

**Returns** deep copy of self

**cosmomc\_theta()**

Get  $\theta_{MC}$ , an approximation of the ratio of the sound horizon to the angular diameter distance at recombination.

**Returns**  $\theta_{MC}$

**get\_BAO(redshifts, params)**

Get BAO parameters at given redshifts, using parameters in params

**Parameters**

- **redshifts** – list of redshifts
- **params** – optional *CAMBparams* instance to use

**Returns** array of rs/DV, H, DA, F\_AP for each redshift as 2D array

**get\_Omega(var, z=0)**

Get density relative to critical density of variables var

**Parameters**

- **var** – one of 'K', 'cdm', 'baryon', 'photon', 'neutrino' (massless), 'nu' (massive neutrinos), 'de'
- **z** – redshift

**Returns**  $\Omega_i(a)$

**get\_background\_densities(a, vars=['tot', 'K', 'cdm', 'baryon', 'photon', 'neutrino', 'nu', 'de'], format='dict')**

Get the individual densities as a function of scale factor. Returns  $8\pi G a^4 \rho_i$  in Mpc units.  $\Omega_i$  can be simply obtained by taking the ratio of the components to tot.

**Parameters**

- **a** – scale factor or array of scale factors
- **vars** – list of variables to output (default all)
- **format** – 'dict' or 'array', for either dict of 1D arrays indexed by name, or 2D array

**Returns** n\_a x len(vars) 2D numpy array or dict of 1D arrays of  $8\pi G a^4 \rho_i$  in Mpc units.

**get\_background\_outputs()**

Get BAO values for redshifts set in Params.z\_outputs

**Returns** rs/DV, H, DA, F\_AP for each requested redshift (as 2D array)

**get\_background\_redshift\_evolution(z, vars=['x\_e', 'opacity', 'visibility', 'cs2b', 'T\_b', 'dopacity', 'ddopacity', 'dvisibility', 'ddvisibility'], format='dict')**

Get the evolution of background variables a function of redshift. For the moment a and H are rather perversely only available via *get\_time\_evolution()*

### Parameters

- **z** – array of requested redshifts to output
- **vars** – list of variable names to output
- **format** – ‘dict’ or ‘array’, for either dict of 1D arrays indexed by name, or 2D array

**Returns** n\_eta x len(vars) 2D numpy array of outputs or dict of 1D arrays

**get\_background\_time\_evolution** (*eta*, *vars*=['x\_e', 'opacity', 'visibility', 'cs2b', 'T\_b', 'dopacity', 'ddopacity', 'dvisibility', 'ddvisibility'], *format*='dict')

Get the evolution of background variables a function of conformal time. For the moment a and H are rather perversely only available via `get_time_evolution()`

### Parameters

- **eta** – array of requested conformal times to output
- **vars** – list of variable names to output
- **format** – ‘dict’ or ‘array’, for either dict of 1D arrays indexed by name, or 2D array

**Returns** n\_eta x len(vars) 2D numpy array of outputs or dict of 1D arrays

**get\_cmb\_correlation\_functions** (*params*=None, *lmax*=None, *spectrum*='lensed\_scalar', *xvals*=None, *sampling\_factor*=1)

Get the CMB correlation functions from the power spectra. By default evaluated at points  $\cos(\theta) = xvals$  that are roots of Legendre polynomials, for accurate back integration with `correlations.corr2cl()`. If *xvals* is explicitly given, instead calculates correlations at provided  $\cos(\theta)$  values.

### Parameters

- **params** – optional `CAMBparams` instance with parameters to use. If None, must have previously set parameters and called `calc_power_spectra()` (e.g. if you got this instance using `camb.get_results()`),
- **lmax** – optional maximum L to use from the cls arrays
- **spectrum** – type of CMB power spectrum to get; default ‘lensed\_scalar’, one of [‘total’, ‘unlensed\_scalar’, ‘unlensed\_total’, ‘lensed\_scalar’, ‘tensor’]
- **xvals** – optional array of  $\cos(\theta)$  values at which to calculate correlation function.
- **sampling\_factor** – multiple of lmax for the Gauss-Legendre order if *xvals* not given (default 1)

**Returns** if *xvals* not given: corrs, *xvals*, weights; if *xvals* specified, just corrs. corrs is 2D array corrs[i, ix], where ix=0,1,2,3 are T, Q+U, Q-U and cross, and i indexes *xvals*

**get\_cmb\_power\_spectra** (*params*=None, *lmax*=None, *spectra*=('total', 'unlensed\_scalar', 'unlensed\_total', 'lensed\_scalar', 'tensor', 'lens\_potential'), *CMB\_unit*=None, *raw\_cl*=False)

Get CMB power spectra, as requested by the ‘spectra’ argument. All power spectra are  $\ell(\ell + 1)C_\ell/2\pi$  self-owned numpy arrays (0..lmax, 0..3), where 0..3 index are TT, EE, BB, TE, unless *raw\_cl* is True in which case return just  $C_\ell$ .

For the lens\_potential the power spectrum returned is that of the deflection.

### Parameters

- **params** – optional `CAMBparams` instance with parameters to use. If None, must have previously set parameters and called `calc_power_spectra` (e.g. if you got this instance using `camb.get_results()`),

- **lmax** – maximum L
- **spectra** – list of names of spectra to get
- **CMB\_unit** – scale results from dimensionless. Use ‘muK’ for  $\mu K^2$  units for CMB  $C_\ell$  and  $\mu K$  units for lensing cross.
- **raw\_cl** – return  $C_\ell$  rather than  $\ell(\ell + 1)C_\ell/2\pi$

**Returns** dictionary of power spectrum arrays, indexed by names of requested spectra

**get\_cmb\_transfer\_data** (*tp='scalar'*)

Get  $C_\ell$  transfer functions

**Returns** *ClTransferData* instance holding output arrays (copies, not pointers)

**get\_cmb\_unlensed\_scalar\_array\_dict** (*params=None, lmax=None, CMB\_unit=None, raw\_cl=False*)

Get all unlensed auto and cross power spectra, including any custom source functions set using *model.CAMBparams.set\_custom\_scalar\_sources()*.

#### Parameters

- **params** – optional *CAMBparams* instance with parameters to use. If None, must have previously set parameters and called *calc\_power\_spectra()* (e.g. if you got this instance using *camb.get\_results()*),
- **lmax** – maximum  $\ell$
- **CMB\_unit** – scale results from dimensionless. Use ‘muK’ for  $\mu K^2$  units for CMB  $C_\ell$  and  $\mu K$  units for lensing cross.
- **raw\_cl** – return  $C_\ell$  rather than  $\ell(\ell + 1)C_\ell/2\pi$

**Returns** dictionary of power spectrum arrays, index as TxT, TxE, PxW1, W1xW2, custom\_name\_1xT... etc. Note that P is the lensing deflection, lensing windows Wx give convergence.

**get\_dark\_energy\_rho\_w** (*a*)

Get dark energy density in units of the dark energy density today, and w=P/rho

**Parameters** *a* – scalar factor or array of scale factors

**Returns** rho, w arrays at redshifts 1/a-1 [or scalars if a is scalar]

**get\_derived\_params** ()

**Returns** dictionary of derived parameter values, indexed by name (‘kd’, ‘age’, etc..)

**get\_fsigma8** ()

Get  $f\sigma_8$  growth values (must previously have calculated power spectra). For general models  $f\sigma_8$  is defined as in the Planck 2015 parameter paper in terms of the velocity-density correlation:  $\sigma_{vd}^2/\sigma_{dd}$  for  $8h^{-1}$ Mpc spheres.

**Returns** array of f\*sigma\_8 values, in order of increasing time (decreasing redshift)

**get\_lens\_potential\_cls** (*lmax=None, CMB\_unit=None, raw\_cl=False*)

Get lensing deflection angle potential power spectrum, and cross-correlation with T and E. Must have already calculated power spectra. Power spectra are  $[L(L + 1)]^2 C_L^{\phi\phi}/2\pi$  and corresponding deflection cross-correlations.

#### Parameters

- **lmax** – lmax to output to
- **CMB\_unit** – scale results from dimensionless. Use ‘muK’ for  $\mu K$  units for lensing cross.

- **raw\_cl** – return lensing potential  $C_L$  rather than  $[L(L+1)]^2 C_L / 2\pi$

**Returns** numpy array CL[0:lmax+1,0:3], where 0..2 indexes PP, PT, PE.

**get\_lensed\_gradient\_cls** (*lmax=None, CMB\_unit=None, raw\_cl=False*)

Get lensed gradient scalar CMB power spectra in flat sky approximation (arXiv:1101.2234). Note that lmax used to calculate results may need to be substantially larger than the lmax output from this function (there is no extrapolation as in the main lensing routines). Lensed power spectra must be already calculated.

**Parameters**

- **lmax** – lmax to output to
- **CMB\_unit** – scale results from dimensionless. Use ‘muK’ for  $\mu K^2$  units for CMB  $C_\ell$
- **raw\_cl** – return  $C_\ell$  rather than  $\ell(\ell+1)C_\ell/2\pi$

**Returns** numpy array CL[0:lmax+1,0:8], where CL[:,i] are  $T\nabla T$ ,  $E\nabla E$ ,  $B\nabla B$ ,  $PP_\perp$ ,  $T\nabla E$ ,  $TP_\perp$ ,  $(\nabla T)^2$ ,  $\nabla T\nabla T$  where the first six are as defined in appendix C of 1101.2234.

**get\_lensed\_scalar\_cls** (*lmax=None, CMB\_unit=None, raw\_cl=False*)

Get lensed scalar CMB power spectra. Must have already calculated power spectra.

**Parameters**

- **lmax** – lmax to output to
- **CMB\_unit** – scale results from dimensionless. Use ‘muK’ for  $\mu K^2$  units for CMB  $C_\ell$
- **raw\_cl** – return  $C_\ell$  rather than  $\ell(\ell+1)C_\ell/2\pi$

**Returns** numpy array CL[0:lmax+1,0:4], where 0..3 indexes TT, EE, BB, TE.

**get\_linear\_matter\_power\_spectrum** (*var1=None, var2=None, hubble\_units=True, k\_hunit=True, have\_power\_spectra=True, params=None, nonlinear=False*)

Calculates  $P_{xy}(k)$ , where x, y are one of model.Transfer\_cdm, model.Transfer\_xx etc. The output k values are not regularly spaced, and not interpolated. They are either k or k/h depending on the value of k\_hunit (default True gives k/h).

For a description of outputs for different var1, var2 see *Matter power spectrum and matter transfer function variables*.

**Parameters**

- **var1** – variable i (index, or name of variable; default delta\_tot)
- **var2** – variable j (index, or name of variable; default delta\_tot)
- **hubble\_units** – if true, output power spectrum in (Mpc/h) units, otherwise Mpc
- **k\_hunit** – if true, matter power is a function of k/h, if false, just k (both  $\text{Mpc}^{-1}$  units)
- **have\_power\_spectra** – set to False if not already computed power spectra
- **params** – if have\_power\_spectra=False, optional *CAMBparams* instance to specify new parameters
- **nonlinear** – include non-linear correction from halo model

**Returns** k/h or k, z, PK, where kz an z are arrays of k/h or k and z respectively, and PK[i,j] is the value at z[i], k[j]/h or k[j]

**get\_matter\_power\_interpolator** (*nonlinear=True, var1=None, var2=None, hubble\_units=True, k\_hunit=True, return\_z\_k=False, log\_interp=True, extrap\_kmax=None, silent=False*)

Assuming transfers have been calculated, return a 2D spline interpolation object to evaluate matter power

spectrum as function of  $z$  and  $k/h$  (or  $k$ ). Uses `self.Params.Transfer.PK_redshifts` as the spline node points in  $z$ . If fewer than four redshift points are used the interpolator uses a reduced order spline in  $z$  (so results at intermediate  $z$  may be inaccurate), otherwise it uses bicubic. Usage example:

```
PK = results.get_matter_power_interpolator();
print('Power spectrum at z=0.5, k/h=0.1 is %s (Mpc/h)^3'%(PK.P(0.5, 0.1)))
```

For a description of outputs for different `var1`, `var2` see [Matter power spectrum and matter transfer function variables](#).

#### Parameters

- **nonlinear** – include non-linear correction from halo model
- **var1** – variable  $i$  (index, or name of variable; default `delta_tot`)
- **var2** – variable  $j$  (index, or name of variable; default `delta_tot`)
- **hubble\_units** – if true, output power spectrum in  $(\text{Mpc}/h)^3$  units, otherwise  $\text{Mpc}^3$
- **k\_hunit** – if true, matter power is a function of  $k/h$ , if false, just  $k$  (both  $\text{Mpc}^{-1}$  units)
- **return\_z\_k** – if true, return interpolator,  $z$ ,  $k$  where  $z$ ,  $k$  are the grid used
- **log\_interp** – if true, interpolate log of power spectrum (unless any values cross zero in which case ignored)
- **extrap\_kmax** – if set, use power law extrapolation beyond `kmax` to `extrap_kmax` (useful for tails of integrals)
- **silent** – Set True to silence warnings

**Returns** An object `PK` based on `RectBivariateSpline`, that can be called with `PK.P(z,kh)` or `PK(z,log(kh))` to get log matter power values. If `return_z_k=True`, instead return interpolator,  $z$ ,  $k$  where  $z$ ,  $k$  are the grid used.

`get_matter_power_spectrum` (`minkh=0.0001`, `maxkh=1.0`, `npoints=100`, `var1=None`,  
`var2=None`, `have_power_spectra=False`, `params=None`)

Calculates  $P_{xy}(k/h)$ , where  $x$ ,  $y$  are one of `Transfer_cdm`, `Transfer_xx` etc. The output  $k$  values are regularly log spaced and interpolated. If `NonLinear` is set, the result is non-linear.

For a description of outputs for different `var1`, `var2` see [Matter power spectrum and matter transfer function variables](#).

#### Parameters

- **minkh** – minimum value of  $k/h$  for output grid (very low values  $< 1e-4$  may not be calculated)
- **maxkh** – maximum value of  $k/h$  (check consistent with input `params.Transfer.kmax`)
- **npoints** – number of points equally spaced in log  $k$
- **var1** – variable  $i$  (index, or name of variable; default `delta_tot`)
- **var2** – variable  $j$  (index, or name of variable; default `delta_tot`)
- **have\_power\_spectra** – set to True if already computed power spectra
- **params** – if `have_power_spectra=False` and want to specify new parameters, a `CAMBparams` instance

**Returns**  $kh$ ,  $z$ , `PK`, where  $kh$  and  $z$  are arrays of  $k/h$  and  $z$  respectively, and `PK[i,j]` is value at  $z[i]$ ,  $k/h[j]$

**get\_matter\_transfer\_data ()**

Get matter transfer function data and sigma8 for calculated results.

**Returns** *MatterTransferData* instance holding output arrays (copies, not pointers)

**get\_nonlinear\_matter\_power\_spectrum** (*var1=None, var2=None, hubble\_units=True, k\_hunit=True, have\_power\_spectra=True, params=None*)

Calculates  $P_{xy}(k/h)$ , where x, y are one of model.Transfer\_cdm, model.Transfer\_xx etc. The output k values are not regularly spaced, and not interpolated.

For a description of outputs for different var1, var2 see *Matter power spectrum and matter transfer function variables*.

**Parameters**

- **var1** – variable i (index, or name of variable; default delta\_tot)
- **var2** – variable j (index, or name of variable; default delta\_tot)
- **hubble\_units** – if true, output power spectrum in  $(\text{Mpc}/h)^3$  units, otherwise  $\text{Mpc}^3$
- **k\_hunit** – if true, matter power is a function of k/h, if false, just k (both  $\text{Mpc}^{-1}$  units)
- **have\_power\_spectra** – set to False if not already computed power spectra
- **params** – if have\_power\_spectra=False, optional *CAMBparams* instance to specify new parameters

**Returns** k/h or k, z, PK, where kz an z are arrays of k/h or k and z respectively, and PK[i,j] is the value at z[i], k[j]/h or k[j]

**get\_redshift\_evolution** (*q, z, vars=['k/h', 'delta\_cdm', 'delta\_baryon', 'delta\_photon', 'delta\_neutrino', 'delta\_nu', 'delta\_tot', 'delta\_nonu', 'delta\_tot\_de', 'Weyl', 'v\_newtonian\_cdm', 'v\_newtonian\_baryon', 'v\_baryon\_cdm', 'a', 'etak', 'H', 'growth', 'v\_photon', 'pi\_photon', 'E\_2', 'v\_neutrino', 'T\_source', 'E\_source', 'lens\_potential\_source'], lAccuracyBoost=4*)

Get the mode evolution as a function of redshift for some k values.

**Parameters**

- **q** – wavenumber values to calculate (or array of k values)
- **z** – array of redshifts to output
- **vars** – list of variable names or camb.symbolic sympy expressions to output
- **lAccuracyBoost** – boost factor for ell accuracy (e.g. to get nice smooth curves for plotting)

**Returns** nd array,  $A_{\{qti\}}$ , size(q) x size(times) x len(vars), or 2d array if q is scalar

**get\_sigma8 ()**

Get  $\sigma_8$  values (must previously have calculated power spectra)

**Returns** array of  $\sigma_8$  values, in order of increasing time (decreasing redshift)

**get\_source\_cls\_dict** (*params=None, lmax=None, raw\_cl=False*)

Get all source window function and CMB lensing and cross power spectra. Does not include CMB spectra. Note that P is the deflection angle, but lensing windows return the kappa power.

**Parameters**

- **params** – optional *CAMBparams* instance with parameters to use. If None, must have previously set parameters and called *calc\_power\_spectra ()* (e.g. if you got this instance using *camb.get\_results ()*),

- **lmax** – maximum  $\ell$
- **raw\_cl** – return  $C_\ell$  rather than  $\ell(\ell + 1)C_\ell/2\pi$

**Returns** dictionary of power spectrum arrays, index as PXP, PxW1, W1xW2, ... etc.

**get\_tensor\_cls** (*lmax=None, CMB\_unit=None, raw\_cl=False*)

Get tensor CMB power spectra. Must have already calculated power spectra.

**Parameters**

- **lmax** – lmax to output to
- **CMB\_unit** – scale results from dimensionless. Use ‘muK’ for  $\mu K^2$  units for CMB  $C_\ell$
- **raw\_cl** – return  $C_\ell$  rather than  $\ell(\ell + 1)C_\ell/2\pi$

**Returns** numpy array CL[0:lmax+1,0:4], where 0..3 indexes TT, EE, BB, TE

**get\_time\_evolution** (*q, eta, vars=['k/h', 'delta\_cdm', 'delta\_baryon', 'delta\_photon', 'delta\_neutrino', 'delta\_nu', 'delta\_tot', 'delta\_nonu', 'delta\_tot\_de', 'Weyl', 'v\_newtonian\_cdm', 'v\_newtonian\_baryon', 'v\_baryon\_cdm', 'a', 'etak', 'H', 'growth', 'v\_photon', 'pi\_photon', 'E\_2', 'v\_neutrino', 'T\_source', 'E\_source', 'lens\_potential\_source'], lAccuracyBoost=4, frame='CDM'*)

Get the mode evolution as a function of conformal time for some k values.

**Parameters**

- **q** – wavenumber values to calculate (or array of k values)
- **eta** – array of requested conformal times to output
- **vars** – list of variable names or sympy symbolic expressions to output (using camb.symbolic)
- **lAccuracyBoost** – factor by which to increase l\_max in hierarchies compared to default - often needed to get nice smooth curves of acoustic oscillations for plotting.
- **frame** – for symbolic expressions, can specify frame name if the variable is not gauge invariant. e.g. specifying Delta\_g and frame='Newtonian' would give the Newtonian gauge photon density perturbation.

**Returns** nd array, A\_{qti}, size(q) x size(times) x len(vars), or 2d array if q is scalar

**get\_total\_cls** (*lmax=None, CMB\_unit=None, raw\_cl=False*)

Get lensed-scalar + tensor CMB power spectra. Must have already calculated power spectra.

**Parameters**

- **lmax** – lmax to output to
- **CMB\_unit** – scale results from dimensionless. Use ‘muK’ for  $\mu K^2$  units for CMB  $C_\ell$
- **raw\_cl** – return  $C_\ell$  rather than  $\ell(\ell + 1)C_\ell/2\pi$

**Returns** numpy array CL[0:lmax+1,0:4], where 0..3 indexes TT, EE, BB, TE

**get\_unlensed\_scalar\_array\_cls** (*lmax=None*)

Get array of all cross power spectra. Must have already calculated power spectra. Results are dimensionless, and not scaled by custom\_scaled\_ell\_fac.

**Parameters** **lmax** – lmax to output to

**Returns** numpy array CL[0:, 0:,0:lmax+1], where 0.. index T, E, lensing potential, source window functions

**get\_unlensed\_scalar\_cls** (*lmax=None, CMB\_unit=None, raw\_cl=False*)

Get unlensed scalar CMB power spectra. Must have already calculated power spectra.

**Parameters**

- **lmax** – lmax to output to
- **CMB\_unit** – scale results from dimensionless. Use ‘muK’ for  $\mu K^2$  units for CMB  $C_\ell$
- **raw\_cl** – return  $C_\ell$  rather than  $\ell(\ell + 1)C_\ell/2\pi$

**Returns** numpy array CL[0:lmax+1,0:4], where 0..3 indexes TT, EE, BB, TE. CL[:,2] will be zero.

**get\_unlensed\_total\_cls** (*lmax=None, CMB\_unit=None, raw\_cl=False*)

Get unlensed CMB power spectra, including tensors if relevant. Must have already calculated power spectra.

**Parameters**

- **lmax** – lmax to output to
- **CMB\_unit** – scale results from dimensionless. Use ‘muK’ for  $\mu K^2$  units for CMB  $C_\ell$
- **raw\_cl** – return  $C_\ell$  rather than  $\ell(\ell + 1)C_\ell/2\pi$

**Returns** numpy array CL[0:lmax+1,0:4], where 0..3 indexes TT, EE, BB, TE.

**h\_of\_z** (*z*)

Get Hubble rate at redshift *z*, in  $\text{Mpc}^{-1}$  units, scalar or array

Must have called `calc_background()`, `calc_background_no_thermo()` or calculated transfer functions or power spectra.

Use `hubble_parameter` instead if you want in [km/s/Mpc] units.

**Parameters** *z* – redshift

**Returns**  $H(z)$

**hubble\_parameter** (*z*)

Get Hubble rate at redshift *z*, in km/s/Mpc units. Scalar or array.

Must have called `calc_background()`, `calc_background_no_thermo()` or calculated transfer functions or power spectra.

**Parameters** *z* – redshift

**Returns**  $H(z)/[\text{km/s/Mpc}]$

**luminosity\_distance** (*z*)

Get luminosity distance from to redshift *z*.

Must have called `calc_background()`, `calc_background_no_thermo()` or calculated transfer functions or power spectra.

**Parameters** *z* – redshift or array of redshifts

**Returns** luminosity distance (matches rank of *z*)

**physical\_time** (*z*)

Get physical time from hot big bang to redshift *z* in Gigayears.

**Parameters** *z* – redshift

**Returns**  $t(z)/\text{Gigayear}$

**physical\_time\_a1\_a2** (*a1*, *a2*)

Get physical time between two scalar factors in Gigayears

Must have called `calc_background()`, `calc_background_no_thermo()` or calculated transfer functions or power spectra.

**Parameters**

- **a1** – scale factor 1
- **a2** – scale factor 2

**Returns** (age(a2)-age(a1))/Gigayear

**power\_spectra\_from\_transfer** (*initial\_power\_params=None*, *silent=False*)

Assuming `calc_transfers()` or `calc_power_spectra()` have already been used, re-calculate the power spectra using a new set of initial power spectrum parameters with otherwise the same cosmology. This is typically much faster than re-calculating everything, as the transfer functions can be re-used. NOTE: if non-linear lensing is on, the transfer functions have the non-linear correction included when they are calculated, so using this function with a different initial power spectrum will not give quite the same results as doing a full recalculation.

**Parameters**

- **initial\_power\_params** – `initialpower.InitialPowerLaw` or `initialpower.SplinedInitialPower` instance with new primordial power spectrum parameters, or `None` to use current power spectrum.
- **silent** – suppress warnings about non-linear corrections not being recalculated

**redshift\_at\_comoving\_radial\_distance** (*chi*)

Convert comoving radial distance array to redshift array.

**Parameters** **chi** – comoving radial distance (in Mpc), scalar or array

**Returns** redshift at chi, scalar or array

**redshift\_at\_conformal\_time** (*eta*)

Convert conformal time array to redshift array. Note that this function requires the transfers or background to have been calculated with `no_thermo=False` (the default).

**Parameters** **eta** – conformal time from big bang (in Mpc), scalar or array

**Returns** redshift at eta, scalar or array

**replace** (*instance*)

Replace the content of this class with another instance, doing a deep copy (in Fortran)

**Parameters** **instance** – instance of the same class to replace this instance with

**save\_cmb\_power\_spectra** (*filename*, *lmax=None*, *CMB\_unit='muK'*)

Save CMB power to a plain text file. Output is lensed total  $\ell(\ell + 1)C_\ell/2\pi$  then lensing potential and cross: L TT EE BB TE PP PT PE.

**Parameters**

- **filename** – filename to save
- **lmax** – lmax to save
- **CMB\_unit** – scale results from dimensionless. Use 'muK' for  $\mu K^2$  units for CMB  $C_\ell$

and  $\mu K$  units for lensing cross.

**set\_params** (*params*)

Set parameters from params. Note that this does not recompute anything; you will need to call `calc_transfers()` if you change any parameters affecting the background cosmology or the transfer function settings.

**Parameters** *params* – a *CAMBparams* instance

**sound\_horizon** (*z*)

Get comoving sound horizon as function of redshift in Megaparsecs, the integral of the sound speed up to given redshift.

**Parameters** *z* – redshift or array of redshifts

**Returns** *r\_s(z)*

**class** `camb.results.MatterTransferData`

MatterTransferData is the base class for storing matter power transfer function data for various *q* values. In a flat universe  $q=k$ , in a closed universe  $q$  is quantized.

To get an instance of this data, call `results.CAMBdata.get_matter_transfer_data()`.

For a description of the different Transfer\_XXX outputs (and 21cm case) see *Matter power spectrum and matter transfer function variables*; the array is indexed by index+1 given by:

- Transfer\_kh = 1 (k/h)
- Transfer\_cdm = 2 (cdm)
- Transfer\_b = 3 (baryons)
- Transfer\_g = 4 (photons)
- Transfer\_r = 5 (massless neutrinos)
- Transfer\_nu = 6 (massive neutrinos)
- Transfer\_tot = 7 (total matter)
- Transfer\_nonu = 8 (total matter excluding neutrinos)
- Transfer\_tot\_de = 9 (total including dark energy perturbations)
- Transfer\_Weyl = 10 (Weyl potential)
- Transfer\_Newt\_vel\_cdm = 11 (Newtonian CDM velocity)
- Transfer\_Newt\_vel\_baryon = 12 (Newtonian baryon velocity)
- Transfer\_vel\_baryon\_cdm = 13 (relative baryon-cdm velocity)

**Variables**

- **nq** – number of *q* modes calculated
- **q** – array of *q* values calculated
- **sigma\_8** – array of  $\sigma_8$  values for each redshift
- **sigma2\_vdelta\_8** – array of v-delta8 correlation, so  $\text{sigma2\_vdelta\_8}/\text{sigma\_8}$  can define growth
- **transfer\_data** – numpy array T[entry, *q\_index*, *z\_index*] storing transfer functions for each redshift and *q*; entry+1 can be one of the Transfer\_XXX variables above.

**transfer\_z** (*name*, *z\_index=0*)

Get transfer function (function of *q*, for each *q* in self.q\_trans) by name for given redshift index

**Parameters**

- **name** – parameter name
- **z\_index** – which redshift

**Returns** array of transfer function values for each calculated k

**class**  `camb.results.CITransferData`

CITransferData is the base class for storing CMB power transfer functions, as a function of  $q$  and  $\ell$ . To get an instance of this data, call `results.CAMBdata.get_cmb_transfer_data()`

**Variables**

- **NumSources** – number of sources calculated (size of p index)
- **q** – array of  $q$  values calculated (=k in flat universe)
- **L** – int array of  $\ell$  values calculated
- **delta\_p\_l\_k** – transfer functions, indexed by source, L, q

**get\_transfer** (*source=0*)

Return  $C_\ell$  transfer functions as a function of  $\ell$  and  $q$  (=  $k$  in a flat universe).

**Parameters** **source** – index of source: e.g. 0 for temperature, 1 for E polarization, 2 for lensing potential

**Returns** array of computed L, array of computed q, transfer functions T(L,q)

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## Symbolic manipulation

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This module defines the scalar linear perturbation equations for standard LCDM cosmology, using sympy. It uses the covariant perturbation notation, but includes functions to project into the Newtonian or synchronous gauge, as well as constructing general gauge invariant quantities. It uses “t” as the conformal time variable (=tau in the fortran code).

For a guide to usage and content see the [ScalEqs notebook](#)

As well as defining standard quantities, and how they map to CAMB variables, there are also functions for converting a symbolic expression to CAMB source code, and compiling custom sources for use with CAMB (as used by `model.CAMBparams.set_custom_scalar_sources()`, `results.CAMBdata.get_time_evolution()`)

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`camb.symbolic.LinearPerturbation` (*name*, *species=None*, *camb\_var=None*, *camb\_sub=None*,  
*frame\_dependence=None*, *description=None*)

Returns as linear perturbation variable, a function of conformal time t. Use `help(x)` to quickly view all quantities defined for the result.

### Parameters

- **name** – sympy name for the Function
- **species** – tag for the species if relevant (not used)
- **camb\_var** – relevant CAMB fortran variable
- **camb\_sub** – if not equal to `camb_var`, and string giving the expression in CAMB variables
- **frame\_dependence** – the change in the perturbation when the frame 4-velocity  $u$  change from  $u$  to  $u + \delta u$ . Should be a sympy expression involving  $\delta u$ .
- **description** – string describing variable

**Returns** sympy Function instance (function of t), with attributes set to the arguments above.

`camb.symbolic.camb_fortran` (*expr*, *name='camb\_function'*, *frame='CDM'*, *expand=False*)

Convert symbolic expression to CAMB fortran code, using CAMB variable notation. This is not completely general, but it will handle conversion of Newtonian gauge variables like  $\Psi_N$ , and most derivatives up to second order.

### Parameters

- **expr** – symbolic sympy expression using camb.symbolic variables and functions (plus any standard general functions that CAMB can convert to fortran).
- **name** – lhs variable string to assign result to
- **frame** – frame in which to interpret non gauge-invariant expressions. By default uses CDM frame (synchronous gauge), as used natively by CAMB.
- **expand** – do a sympy expand before generating code

**Returns** fortran code snippet

`camb.symbolic.cdm_gauge(x)`

Evaluates an expression in the CDM frame ( $v_c = 0, A = 0$ ). Equivalent to the synchronous gauge but using the covariant variable names.

**Parameters** **x** – expression

**Returns** expression evaluated in CDM frame.

`camb.symbolic.compile_source_function_code(code_body, file_path="", compiler=None, fflags=None, cache=True)`

Compile fortran code into function pointer in compiled shared library. The function is not intended to be called from python, but for passing back to compiled CAMB.

### Parameters

- **code\_body** – fortran code to do calculation and assign sources(i) output array. Can start with declarations of temporary variables if needed.
- **file\_path** – optional output path for generated f90 code
- **compiler** – compiler, usually on path
- **fflags** – options for compiler
- **cache** – whether to cache the result

**Returns** function pointer for compiled code

**class** `camb.symbolic.f_K`

`camb.symbolic.get_hierarchies(lmax=5)`

Get Boltzmann hierarchies up to lmax for photons (J), E polarization and massless neutrinos (G).

**Parameters** **lmax** – maximum multipole

**Returns** list of equations

`camb.symbolic.get_scalar_temperature_sources(checks=False)`

Derives terms in line of sight source, after integration by parts so that only integrated against a Bessel function (no derivatives).

**Parameters** **checks** – True to do consistency checks on result

**Returns** monopole\_source, ISW, doppler, quadrupole\_source

`camb.symbolic.make_frame_invariant(expr, frame='CDM')`

Makes the quantity gauge invariant, assuming currently evaluated in frame 'frame'. frame can either be a string frame name, or a variable that is zero in the current frame,

e.g. `frame = Delta_g` gives the constant photon density frame. So `make_frame_invariant(sigma, frame=Delta_g)` will return the combination of sigma and Delta\_g that is frame invariant (and equal to just sigma when `Delta_g=0`).

`camb.symbolic.newtonian_gauge(x)`

Evaluates an expression in the Newtonian gauge (zero shear,  $\sigma=0$ ). Converts to using conventional metric perturbation variables for metric

$$ds^2 = a^2 \left( (1 + 2\Psi_N) dt^2 - (1 - 2\Phi_N) \delta_{ij} dx^i dx^j \right)$$

**Parameters** **x** – expression

**Returns** expression evaluated in the Newtonian gauge

`camb.symbolic.synchronous_gauge(x)`

evaluates an expression in the synchronous gauge, using conventional synchronous-gauge variables.

**Parameters** **x** – expression

**Returns** synchronous gauge variable expression

Other modules:



**class** `camb.bbn.BBNPredictor`

The base class for making BBN predictions for Helium abundance

**Y\_He** (*ombh2*, *delta\_neff*=0.0)

Get BBN helium mass fraction for CMB code.

**Parameters**

- **ombh2** –  $\Omega_b h^2$
- **delta\_neff** – additional  $N_{\text{eff}}$  relative to standard value (of 3.046)

**Returns**  $Y_{\text{He}}$  helium mass fraction predicted by BBN

**Y\_p** (*ombh2*, *delta\_neff*=0.0)

Get BBN helium nucleon fraction. Must be implemented by extensions.

**Parameters**

- **ombh2** –  $\Omega_b h^2$
- **delta\_neff** – additional  $N_{\text{eff}}$  relative to standard value (of 3.046)

**Returns**  $Y_p$  helium nucleon fraction predicted by BBN

**class** `camb.bbn.BBN_fitting_parthenope` (*tau\_neutron*=None)

Old BBN predictions for Helium abundance using fitting formulae based on Parthenope (pre 2015).

**Y\_p** (*ombh2*, *delta\_neff*=0.0, *tau\_neutron*=None)

Get BBN helium nucleon fraction. # Parthenope fits, as in Planck 2015 papers

**Parameters**

- **ombh2** –  $\Omega_b h^2$
- **delta\_neff** – additional  $N_{\text{eff}}$  relative to standard value (of 3.046)
- **tau\_neutron** – neutron lifetime

**Returns**  $Y_p^{\text{BBN}}$  helium nucleon fraction predicted by BBN

**class** `camb.bbn.BBN_table_interpolator` (*interpolation\_table='ParthENoPE\_880.2\_standard.dat',  
function\_of=('ombh2', 'DeltaN')*)

BBN predictor based on interpolation from a numerical table calculated by a BBN code.

Tables are supplied for [Parthenope 2017](#) (ParthENoPE\_880.2\_standard.dat, default), similar but with Marucci rates (ParthENoPE\_880.2\_marcucci.dat), and [PRIMAT](#) (PRIMAT\_Yp\_DH\_Error.dat).

#### Parameters

- **interpolation\_table** – filename of interpolation table to use.
- **function\_of** – two variables that determine the interpolation grid (x,y) in the table, matching top column label comment. By default ombh2, DeltaN, and function argument names reflect that, but can also be used more generally.

**DH** (*ombh2, delta\_neff=0.0, grid=False*)

Get deuterium ratio D/H by interpolation in table

#### Parameters

- **ombh2** –  $\Omega_b h^2$  (or, more generally, value of function\_of[0])
- **delta\_neff** – additional  $N_{\text{eff}}$  relative to standard value (of 3.046) (or value of function\_of[1])
- **grid** – parameter for [RectBivariateSpline](#) (whether to evaluate the results on a grid spanned by the input arrays, or at points specified by the input arrays)

**Returns** D/H

**Y\_p** (*ombh2, delta\_neff=0.0, grid=False*)

Get BBN helium nucleon fraction by interpolation in table.

#### Parameters

- **ombh2** –  $\Omega_b h^2$  (or, more generally, value of function\_of[0])
- **delta\_neff** – additional  $N_{\text{eff}}$  relative to standard value (of 3.046) (or value of function\_of[1])
- **grid** – parameter for [RectBivariateSpline](#) (whether to evaluate the results on a grid spanned by the input arrays, or at points specified by the input arrays)

**Returns** Y\_p helium nucleon fraction predicted by BBN. Call Y\_He() to get mass fraction instead.

**get** (*name, ombh2, delta\_neff=0.0, grid=False*)

Get value for variable “name” by interpolation from table (where name is given in the column header comment) For example `get('sig(D/H)',0.0222,0)` to get the error on D/H

#### Parameters

- **name** – string name of the parameter, as given in header of interpolation table
- **ombh2** –  $\Omega_b h^2$  (or, more generally, value of function\_of[0])
- **delta\_neff** – additional  $N_{\text{eff}}$  relative to standard value (of 3.046) (or value of function\_of[1])
- **grid** – parameter for [RectBivariateSpline](#) (whether to evaluate the results on a grid spanned by the input arrays, or at points specified by the input arrays)

**Returns** Interpolated value (or grid)

`camb.bbn.get_predictor` (*predictor\_name=None*)

Get instance of default BBNPredictor class. Currently numerical table interpolation as Planck 2018 analysis.

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Dark Energy models

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**class** `camb.dark_energy.DarkEnergyModel`  
 Abstract base class for dark energy model implementations.

**class** `camb.dark_energy.DarkEnergyEqnOfState`  
 Bases: `camb.dark_energy.DarkEnergyModel`

Abstract base class for models using  $w$  and  $w_a$  parameterization with use  $w(a) = w + (1-a)*w_a$  parameterization, or call `set_w_a_table` to set another tabulated  $w(a)$ . If tabulated  $w(a)$  is used,  $w$  and  $w_a$  are set to approximate values at  $z=0$ .

See `model.CAMBparams.set_initial_power_function()` for a convenience constructor function to set a general interpolated  $P(k)$  model from a python function.

**Variables**

- **w** – (*float64*)  $w(0)$
- **wa** – (*float64*)  $-dw/da(0)$
- **cs2** – (*float64*) fluid rest-frame sound speed squared
- **use\_tabulated\_w** – (*boolean*) using an interpolated tabulated  $w(a)$  rather than  $w$ ,  $w_a$  above

**set\_params** ( $w=-1.0, wa=0, cs2=1.0$ )

Set the parameters so that  $P(a)/\rho(a) = w(a) = w + (1-a)*w_a$

**Parameters**

- **w** –  $w(0)$
- **wa** –  $-dw/da(0)$
- **cs2** – fluid rest-frame sound speed squared

**set\_w\_a\_table** ( $a, w$ )

Set  $w(a)$  from numerical values (used as cubic spline). Note this is quite slow.

**Parameters**

- **a** – array of scale factors
- **w** – array of  $w(a)$

**Returns** self**class** `camb.dark_energy.DarkEnergyFluid`Bases: `camb.dark_energy.DarkEnergyEqnOfState`

Class implementing the  $w$ ,  $w_a$  or splined  $w(a)$  parameterization using the constant sound-speed single fluid model (as for single-field quintessence).

**class** `camb.dark_energy.DarkEnergyPPF`Bases: `camb.dark_energy.DarkEnergyEqnOfState`

Class implementing the  $w$ ,  $w_a$  or splined  $w(a)$  parameterization in the PPF perturbation approximation ([arXiv:0808.3125](#)) Use inherited methods to set parameters or interpolation table.

**class** `camb.dark_energy.AxionEffectiveFluid`Bases: `camb.dark_energy.DarkEnergyModel`

Example implementation of a specific (early) dark energy fluid model ([arXiv:1806.10608](#)). Not well tested, but should serve to demonstrate how to make your own custom classes.

**Variables**

- **w\_n** – (*float64*)
- **om** – (*float64*)
- **a\_c** – (*float64*)
- **theta\_i** – (*float64*)

## Initial power spectra

**class** `camb.initialpower.InitialPower`

Abstract base class for initial power spectrum classes

**class** `camb.initialpower.InitialPowerLaw` (\*\*kwargs)

Bases: `camb.initialpower.InitialPower`

Object to store parameters for the primordial power spectrum in the standard power law expansion.

#### Variables

- **tensor\_parameterization** – (integer/string, one of: `tensor_param_indeptilt`, `tensor_param_rpivot`, `tensor_param_AT`)
- **ns** – (*float64*)
- **nrun** – (*float64*)
- **nrunrun** – (*float64*)
- **nt** – (*float64*)
- **ntrun** – (*float64*)
- **r** – (*float64*)
- **pivot\_scalar** – (*float64*)
- **pivot\_tensor** – (*float64*)
- **As** – (*float64*)
- **At** – (*float64*)

**has\_tensors** ()

Do these settings have non-zero tensors?

**Returns** True if non-zero tensor amplitude

**set\_params** (*As=2e-09, ns=0.96, nrun=0, nrunrun=0.0, r=0.0, nt=None, ntrun=0.0, pivot\_scalar=0.05, pivot\_tensor=0.05, parameterization='tensor\_param\_rpivot'*)

Set parameters using standard power law parameterization. If `nt=None`, uses inflation consistency relation.

### Parameters

- **As** – comoving curvature power at  $k=\text{pivot\_scalar}$  ( $A_s$ )
- **ns** – scalar spectral index  $n_s$
- **nrun** – running of scalar spectral index  $dn_s/d\log k$
- **nrunrun** – running of running of spectral index,  $d^2n_s/d(\log k)^2$
- **r** – tensor to scalar ratio at pivot
- **nt** – tensor spectral index  $n_t$ . If None, set using inflation consistency
- **ntrun** – running of tensor spectral index
- **pivot\_scalar** – pivot scale for scalar spectrum
- **pivot\_tensor** – pivot scale for tensor spectrum
- **parameterization** – See CAMB notes. One of - tensor\_param\_indeptilt = 1 - tensor\_param\_rpivot = 2 - tensor\_param\_AT = 3

**Returns** self

**class** camb.initialpower.SplinedInitialPower (\*\*kwargs)

Bases: *camb.initialpower.InitialPower*

Object to store a generic primordial spectrum set from a set of sampled  $k_i$ ,  $P(k_i)$  values

**Variables** **effective\_ns\_for\_nonlinear** – (*float64*) Effective  $n_s$  to use for approximate non-linear correction models

**has\_tensors** ()

Is the tensor spectrum set?

**Returns** True if tensors

**set\_scalar\_log\_regular** (*kmin, kmax, PK*)

Set log-regular cubic spline interpolation for  $P(k)$

### Parameters

- **kmin** – minimum  $k$  value (not minimum  $\log(k)$ )
- **kmax** – maximum  $k$  value (inclusive)
- **PK** – array of scalar power spectrum values, with  $PK[0]=P(kmin)$  and  $PK[-1]=P(kmax)$

**set\_scalar\_table** (*k, PK*)

Set arrays of  $k$  and  $P(k)$  values for cubic spline interpolation. Note that using *set\_scalar\_log\_regular()* may be better (faster, and easier to get fine enough spacing a low  $k$ )

### Parameters

- **k** – array of  $k$  values ( $\text{Mpc}^{-1}$ )
- **PK** – array of scalar power spectrum values

**set\_tensor\_log\_regular** (*kmin, kmax, PK*)

Set log-regular cubic spline interpolation for tensor spectrum  $P_t(k)$

### Parameters

- **kmin** – minimum  $k$  value (not minimum  $\log(k)$ )
- **kmax** – maximum  $k$  value (inclusive)

- **PK** – array of scalar power spectrum values, with  $PK[0]=P_t(k_{\min})$  and  $PK[-1]=P_t(k_{\max})$

**set\_tensor\_table** (*k*, *PK*)

Set arrays of *k* and  $P_t(k)$  values for cubic spline interpolation

**Parameters**

- **k** – array of *k* values ( $\text{Mpc}^{-1}$ )
- **PK** – array of tensor power spectrum values



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## Non-linear models

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**class** `camb.nonlinear.NonLinearModel`

Abstract base class for non-linear correction models

**Variables** `Min_kh_nonlinear` – (*float64*) minimum k/h at which to apply non-linear corrections

**class** `camb.nonlinear.Halofit`

Bases: `camb.nonlinear.NonLinearModel`

Various specific approximate non-linear correction models based on HaloFit.

**Variables**

- `halofit_version` – (integer/string, one of: original, bird, peacock, takahashi, mead, halomodel, casarini, mead2015)
- `HMCode_A_baryon` – (*float64*) HMCode parameter A\_baryon
- `HMCode_eta_baryon` – (*float64*) HMCode parameter eta\_baryon

**set\_params** (`halofit_version='mead', HMCode_A_baryon=3.13, HMCode_eta_baryon=0.603`)

Set the halofit model for non-linear corrections.

**Parameters**

- `halofit_version` – One of
  - original: astro-ph/0207664
  - bird: arXiv:1109.4416
  - peacock: Peacock fit
  - takahashi: arXiv:1208.2701
  - mead: HMCode arXiv:1602.02154
  - halomodel: basic halomodel
  - casarini: PKequal arXiv:0810.0190, arXiv:1601.07230
  - mead2015: original 2015 version of HMCode arXiv:1505.07833

- `HMCode_A_baryon` – HMCode parameter `A_baryon`. Default 3.13.
- `HMCode_eta_baryon` – HMCode parameter `eta_baryon`. Default 0.603.

**class** `camb.nonlinear.SecondOrderPK`

Bases: `camb.nonlinear.NonLinearModel`

Third-order Newtonian perturbation theory results for the non-linear correction. Only intended for use at very high redshift ( $z > 10$ ) where corrections are perturbative, it will not give sensible results at low redshift.

See Appendix F of [astro-ph/0702600](#) for equations and references.

Not intended for production use, it's mainly to serve as an example alternative non-linear model implementation.

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Reionization models

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**class** `camb.reionization.ReionizationModel`

Abstract base class for reionization models.

**Variables** **Reionization** – (*boolean*) Is there reionization? (can be off for matter power which is independent of it)

**class** `camb.reionization.TanhReionization`

Bases: `camb.reionization.ReionizationModel`

This default (unphysical) tanh  $x_e$  parameterization is described in Appendix B of [arXiv:0804.3865](https://arxiv.org/abs/0804.3865)

**Variables**

- **use\_optical\_depth** – (*boolean*) Whether to use the optical depth or redshift parameters
- **redshift** – (*float64*) Reionization redshift if `use_optical_depth=False`
- **optical\_depth** – (*float64*) Optical depth if `use_optical_depth=True`
- **delta\_redshift** – (*float64*) Duration of reionization
- **fraction** – (*float64*) Reionization fraction when complete, or -1 for full ionization of hydrogen and first ionization of helium.
- **include\_helium\_fullreion** – (*boolean*) Whether to include second reionization of helium
- **helium\_redshift** – (*float64*) Redshift for second reionization of helium
- **helium\_delta\_redshift** – (*float64*) Width in redshift for second reionization of helium
- **helium\_redshiftstart** – (*float64*) Include second helium reionization below this redshift
- **tau\_solve\_accuracy\_boost** – (*float64*) Accuracy boosting parameter for solving for  $z_{re}$  from  $\tau$
- **timestep\_boost** – (*float64*) Accuracy boosting parameter for the minimum number of time sampling steps through reionization

- **max\_redshift** – (*float64*) Maximum redshift allowed when mapping tau into reionization redshift

**get\_zre** (*params, tau=None*)

Get the midpoint redshift of reionization.

**Parameters**

- **params** – *model.CAMBparams* instance with cosmological parameters
- **tau** – if set, calculate the redshift for optical depth tau, otherwise uses currently set parameters

**Returns** reionization mid-point redshift

**set\_tau** (*tau, delta\_redshift=None*)

Set the optical depth

**Parameters**

- **tau** – optical depth
- **delta\_redshift** – delta z for reionization

**Returns** self

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## Recombination models

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**class** `camb.recombination.RecombinationModel`

Abstract base class for recombination models

**Variables** `min_a_evolve_Tm` – (*float64*) minimum scale factor at which to solve matter temperature perturbation if evolving sound speed or ionization fraction perturbations

**class** `camb.recombination.Recfast`

Bases: `camb.recombination.RecombinationModel`

RECFAST recombination model (see recfast source for details).

**Variables**

- `RECFAST_fudge` – (*float64*)
- `RECFAST_fudge_He` – (*float64*)
- `RECFAST_Heswitch` – (*integer*)
- `RECFAST_Hswitch` – (*boolean*)
- `AGauss1` – (*float64*)
- `AGauss2` – (*float64*)
- `zGauss1` – (*float64*)
- `zGauss2` – (*float64*)
- `wGauss1` – (*float64*)
- `wGauss2` – (*float64*)

**class** `camb.recombination.CosmoRec`

Bases: `camb.recombination.RecombinationModel`

`CosmoRec` recombination model. To use this, the library must be build with `CosmoRec` installed and `RECOMBINATION_FILES` including `cosmorec` in the Makefile.

`CosmoRec` must be built with `-fPIC` added to the compiler flags.

### Variables

- **runmode** – (*integer*) Default 0, with diffusion; 1: without diffusion; 2: RECFAST++, 3: RECFAST++ run with correction
- **fdm** – (*float64*) Dark matter annihilation efficiency
- **accuracy** – (*float64*) 0-normal, 3-most accurate

**class**  `camb.recombination.HyRec`

Bases:  `camb.recombination.RecombinationModel`

**HyRec** recombination model. To use this, the library must be build with HyRec installed and RECOMBINATION\_FILES including hyrec in the Makefile.

You will need to edit HyRec Makefile to add -fPIC compiler flag to CCFLAG (for gcc), and rename “dtauda\_” in history.c to “exported\_dtauda”

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Source windows functions

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**class** `camb.sources.SourceWindow`

Abstract base class for a number count/lensing/21cm source window function. A list of instances of these classes can be assigned to the `SourceWindows` field of `model.CAMBparams`.

Note that source windows can currently only be used in flat models.

**Variables**

- **source\_type** – (integer/string, one of: 21cm, counts, lensing)
- **bias** – (*float64*)
- **dlog10Ndm** – (*float64*)

**class** `camb.sources.GaussianSourceWindow`

Bases: `camb.sources.SourceWindow`

A Gaussian  $W(z)$  source window function.

**Variables**

- **redshift** – (*float64*)
- **sigma** – (*float64*)

**class** `camb.sources.SplinedSourceWindow` (*\*\*kwargs*)

Bases: `camb.sources.SourceWindow`

A numerical  $W(z)$  source window function constructed by interpolation from a numerical table.

**set\_table** (*z*, *W*)

Set arrays of  $z$  and  $W(z)$  for cubic spline interpolation. Note that  $W(z)$  is the total count distribution observed, not a fractional selection function on an underlying distribution.

**Parameters**

- **z** – array of redshift values (monotonically increasing)
- **W** – array of window function values. It must be well enough sampled to smoothly cubic-spline interpolate



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## Correlation functions

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Functions to transform CMB angular power spectra into correlation functions (`cl2corr`) and vice versa (`corr2cl`), and calculate lensed power spectra from unlensed ones.

The lensed power spectrum functions are not intended to replace those calculated by default when getting CAMB results, but may be useful for tests, e.g. using different lensing potential power spectra, partially-delensed lensing power spectra, etc.

These functions are all pure python/scipy, and operate and return `cls` including factors  $\ell(\ell + 1)/2\pi$  (for CMB) and  $[L(L + 1)]^2/2\pi$  (for lensing).

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`camb.correlations.cl2corr` (*cls*, *xvals*, *lmax=None*)

Get the correlation function from the power spectra, evaluated at points  $\cos(\theta) = xvals$ . Use roots of Legendre polynomials (`np.polynomial.legendre.leggauss`) for accurate back integration with `corr2cl`. Note currently does not work at `xvals=1` (can easily calculate that as special case!).

### Parameters

- **cls** – 2D array `cls(L,ix)`, with  $L (\equiv \ell)$  starting at zero and `ix=0,1,2,3` in order TT, EE, BB, TE. `cls` should include  $\ell(\ell + 1)/2\pi$  factors.
- **xvals** – array of  $\cos(\theta)$  values at which to calculate correlation function.
- **lmax** – optional maximum  $L$  to use from the `cls` arrays

**Returns** 2D array of `corrs[i, ix]`, where `ix=0,1,2,3` are T, Q+U, Q-U and cross

`camb.correlations.corr2cl` (*corrs*, *xvals*, *weights*, *lmax*)

Transform from correlation functions to power spectra. Note that using `cl2corr` followed by `corr2cl` is generally very accurate ( $< 1e-5$  relative error) if `xvals`, `weights = np.polynomial.legendre.leggauss(lmax+1)`

### Parameters

- **corrs** – 2D array, `corrs[i, ix]`, where `ix=0,1,2,3` are T, Q+U, Q-U and cross
- **xvals** – values of  $\cos(\theta)$  at which `corrs` stores values

- **weights** – weights for integrating each point in `xvals`. Typically from `np.polynomial.legendre.leggauss`
- **lmax** – maximum  $\ell$  to calculate  $C_\ell$

**Returns** array of power spectra, `cl[L, ix]`, where L starts at zero and `ix=0,1,2,3` in order TT, EE, BB, TE. They include  $\ell(\ell + 1)/2\pi$  factors.

`camb.correlations.gauss_legendre_correlation` (*cls, lmax=None, sampling\_factor=1*)

Transform power spectrum `cls` into correlation functions evaluated at the roots of the Legendre polynomials for Gauss-Legendre quadrature. Returns correlation function array, evaluation points and weights. Result can be passed to `corr2cl` for accurate back transform.

**Parameters**

- **cls** – 2D array `cls(L,ix)`, with L ( $\equiv \ell$ ) starting at zero and `ix=0,1,2,3` in order TT, EE, BB, TE. Should include  $\ell(\ell + 1)/2\pi$  factors.
- **lmax** – optional maximum L to use
- **sampling\_factor** – uses Gauss-Legendre with degree `lmax*sampling_factor+1`

**Returns** `corrs, xvals, weights`; `corrs[i, ix]` is 2D array where `ix=0,1,2,3` are T, Q+U, Q-U and cross

`camb.correlations.legendre_funcs` (*lmax, x, m=(0, 2), lfacs=None, lfacs2=None, lroot-facs=None*)

Utility function to return array of Legendre and  $d_{mn}$  functions for all  $\ell$  up to `lmax`. Note that  $d_{mn}$  arrays start at  $\ell_{\min} = \max(m, n)$ , so returned arrays are different sizes

**Parameters**

- **lmax** – maximum  $\ell$
- **x** – scalar value of  $\cos(\theta)$  at which to evaluate
- **m** – m values to calculate  $d_{m,n}$ , etc as relevant
- **lfacs** – optional pre-computed  $\ell(\ell + 1)$  float array
- **lfacs2** – optional pre-computed  $(\ell + 2) * (\ell - 1)$  float array
- **lrootfacs** – optional pre-computed  $\sqrt{\text{lfacs} * \text{lfacs2}}$  array

**Returns**  $(P, P'), (d_{11}, d_{-1,1}), (d_{20}, d_{22}, d_{2,-2})$  as requested, where P starts at  $\ell = 0$ , but spin functions start at  $\ell = \ell_{\min}$

`camb.correlations.lensed_cl_derivative_unlensed` (*clpp, lmax=None, theta\_max=0.098174771875, apodize\_point\_width=10, sampling\_factor=1.4*)

Get derivative `dcl` of lensed minus unlensed power  $D_\ell \equiv \ell(\ell + 1)\Delta C_\ell/2\pi$  with respect to  $\ell(\ell + 1)C_\ell^{\text{unlens}}/2\pi$

The difference in power in the lensed spectrum is given by `dCL[ix, :, :].dot(cl)`, where `cl` is the appropriate  $\ell(\ell + 1)C_\ell^{\text{unlens}}/2\pi$ .

Uses the non-perturbative curved-sky results from Eqs 9.12 and 9.16-9.18 of [astro-ph/0601594](#), to second order in  $C_{\text{gl},2}$

**Parameters**

- **clpp** – array of  $[L(L + 1)]^2 C_L^{\phi\phi}/2\pi$  lensing potential power spectrum (zero based)
- **lmax** – optional maximum L to use from the `clpp` array
- **theta\_max** – maximum angle (in radians) to keep in the correlation functions

- **apodize\_point\_width** – if theta\_max is set, apodize around the cut using half Gaussian of approx width apodize\_point\_width/lmax\*pi
- **sampling\_factor** – npoints = int(sampling\_factor\*lmax)+1

**Returns** array dCL[ix, ell, L], where ix=0,1,2,3 are TT, EE, BB, TE and result is  $d(\Delta D_\ell^{\text{ix}})/dD_L^{\text{unlens},j}$  where j[ix] are TT, EE, EE, TE

```
camb.correlations.lensed_cl_derivatives (cls,          clpp,          lmax=None,
                                         theta_max=0.098174771875,
                                         apodize_point_width=10, sampling_factor=1.4)
```

Get derivative dcl of lensed  $D_\ell \equiv \ell(\ell + 1)C_\ell/2\pi$  with respect to  $\log(C_L^\phi)$ . To leading order (and hence not actually accurate), the lensed correction to power spectrum ix is given by `dcl[ix,:].dot(np.ones(clpp.shape))`.

Uses the non-perturbative curved-sky results from Eqs 9.12 and 9.16-9.18 of [astro-ph/0601594](#), to second order in  $C_{\text{gl},2}$

#### Parameters

- **cls** – 2D array of unlensed  $\text{cls}(L, \text{ix})$ , with L starting at zero and ix=0,1,2,3 in order TT, EE, BB, TE. cls should include  $\ell(\ell + 1)/2\pi$  factors.
- **clpp** – array of  $[L(L + 1)]^2 C_L^{\phi\phi}/2\pi$  lensing potential power spectrum (zero based)
- **lmax** – optional maximum L to use from the cls arrays
- **theta\_max** – maximum angle (in radians) to keep in the correlation functions
- **apodize\_point\_width** – if theta\_max is set, apodize around the cut using half Gaussian of approx width apodize\_point\_width/lmax\*pi
- **sampling\_factor** – npoints = int(sampling\_factor\*lmax)+1

**Returns** array dCL[ix, ell, L], where ix=0,1,2,3 are T, EE, BB, TE and r result is  $d[D_\ell^{\text{ix}}]/d(\log C_L^\phi)$

```
camb.correlations.lensed_cls (cls,          clpp,          lmax=None,          lmax_lensed=None,
                             sampling_factor=1.4, delta_cls=False, theta_max=0.098174771875,
                             apodize_point_width=10, leggaus=True, cache=True)
```

Get the lensed power spectra from the unlensed power spectra and the lensing potential power. Uses the non-perturbative curved-sky results from Eqs 9.12 and 9.16-9.18 of [astro-ph/0601594](#), to second order in  $C_{\text{gl},2}$ .

Correlations are calculated for Gauss-Legendre integration if leggaus=True; this slows it by several seconds, but will be must faster on subsequent calls with the same lmax\*sampling\_factor. If Gauss-Legendre is not used, sampling\_factor needs to be about 2 times larger for same accuracy.

For a reference implementation with the full integral range and no apodization set theta\_max=None.

Note that this function does not pad high  $\ell$  with a smooth fit (like CAMB's main functions); for accurate results should be called with lmax high enough that input cls are effectively band limited (lmax >= 2500, or higher for accurate BB to small scales). Usually lmax truncation errors are far larger than other numerical errors for lmax<4000.

#### Parameters

- **cls** – 2D array of unlensed  $\text{cls}(L, \text{ix})$ , with L starting at zero and ix=0,1,2,3 in order TT, EE, BB, TE. cls should include  $\ell(\ell + 1)/2\pi$  factors.
- **clpp** – array of  $[L(L + 1)]^2 C_L^{\phi\phi}/2\pi$  lensing potential power spectrum (zero based)
- **lmax** – optional maximum L to use from the cls arrays
- **lmax\_lensed** – optional maximum L for the returned cl array (lmax\_lensed <= lmax)
- **sampling\_factor** – npoints = int(sampling\_factor\*lmax)+1

- **delta\_cls** – if true, return the difference between lensed and unlensed (optional, default False)
- **theta\_max** – maximum angle (in radians) to keep in the correlation functions; default:  $\pi/32$
- **apodize\_point\_width** – if theta\_max is set, apodize around the cut using half Gaussian of approx width apodize\_point\_width/lmax\*pi
- **leggaus** – whether to use Gauss-Legendre integration (default True)
- **cache** – if leggaus = True, set cache to save the x values and weights between calls (most of the time)

**Returns** 2D array of cls[L, ix], with L starting at zero and ix=0,1,2,3 in order TT, EE, BB, TE. cls include  $\ell(\ell + 1)/2\pi$  factors.

```
camb.correlations.lensed_correlations (cls, clpp, xvals, weights=None,
                                       lmax=None, delta=False, theta_max=None,
                                       apodize_point_width=10)
```

Get the lensed correlation function from the unlensed power spectra, evaluated at points  $\cos(\theta) = xvals$ . Use roots of Legendre polynomials (`np.polynomial.legendre.leggauss`) for accurate back integration with `corr2cl`. Note currently does not work at `xvals=1` (can easily calculate that as special case!).

To get the lensed cls efficiently, set weights to the integral weights for each x value, then function returns lensed correlations and lensed cls.

Uses the non-perturbative curved-sky results from Eqs 9.12 and 9.16-9.18 of [astro-ph/0601594](#), to second order in  $C_{gl,2}$

#### Parameters

- **cls** – 2D array of unlensed cls(L,ix), with L ( $\equiv \ell$ ) starting at zero and ix=0,1,2,3 in order TT, EE, BB, TE. cls should include  $\ell(\ell + 1)/2\pi$  factors.
- **clpp** – array of  $[L(L + 1)]^2 C_L^{\phi\phi} / 2\pi$  lensing potential power spectrum (zero based)
- **xvals** – array of  $\cos(\theta)$  values at which to calculate correlation function.
- **weights** – if given also return lensed  $C_\ell$ , otherwise just lensed correlations
- **lmax** – optional maximum L to use from the cls arrays
- **delta** – if true, calculate the difference between lensed and unlensed (default False)
- **theta\_max** – maximum angle (in radians) to keep in the correlation functions
- **apodize\_point\_width** – smoothing scale for apodization at truncation of correlation function

**Returns** 2D array of corrs[i, ix], where ix=0,1,2,3 are T, Q+U, Q-U and cross; if weights is not None, then return corrs, lensed\_cls

```
camb.correlations.lensing_R (clpp, lmax=None)
```

Get  $R \equiv \frac{1}{2} \langle |\nabla\phi|^2 \rangle$

#### Parameters

- **clpp** – array of  $[L(L + 1)]^2 C_L^{\phi\phi} / 2\pi$  lensing potential power spectrum
- **lmax** – optional maximum L to use from the cls arrays

**Returns** R

```
camb.correlations.lensing_correlations (clpp, xvals, lmax=None)
```

Get the  $\sigma^2(x)$  and  $C_{gl,2}(x)$  functions from the lensing power spectrum

**Parameters**

- **clpp** – array of  $[L(L + 1)]^2 C_L^{\phi\phi} / 2\pi$  lensing potential power spectrum (zero based)
- **xvals** – array of  $\cos(\theta)$  values at which to calculate correlation function.
- **lmax** – optional maximum L to use from the clpp array

**Returns** array of  $\sigma^2(x)$ , array of  $C_{g1,2}(x)$



`camb.postborn.get_field_rotation_BB` (*params*, *lmax=None*, *acc=1*, *CMB\_unit='muK'*,  
*raw\_cl=False*, *spline=True*)

Get the B-mode power spectrum from field post-born field rotation, based on perturbative and Limber approximations. See [arXiv:1605.05662](https://arxiv.org/abs/1605.05662).

#### Parameters

- **params** – *model.CAMBparams* instance with cosmological parameters etc.
- **lmax** – maximum  $\ell$
- **acc** – accuracy
- **CMB\_unit** – units for CMB output relative to dimensionless
- **raw\_cl** – return  $C_\ell$  rather than  $\ell(\ell + 1)C_\ell/2\pi$
- **spline** – return `InterpolatedUnivariateSpline`, otherwise return tuple of lists of  $\ell$  and  $C_\ell$

**Returns** `InterpolatedUnivariateSpline` (or arrays of sampled  $\ell$  and)  $\ell^2 C_\ell^{BB}/(2\pi)$  (unless `raw_cl`, in which case just  $C_\ell^{BB}$ )

`camb.postborn.get_field_rotation_power` (*params*, *kmax=100*, *lmax=20000*, *non\_linear=True*,  
*z\_source=None*, *k\_per\_logint=None*, *acc=1*,  
*lsamp=None*)

Get field rotation power spectrum,  $C_L^{\omega\omega}$ , following [arXiv:1605.05662](https://arxiv.org/abs/1605.05662). Uses lowest Limber approximation.

#### Parameters

- **params** – *model.CAMBparams* instance with cosmological parameters etc.
- **kmax** – maximum  $k$  (in  $\text{Mpc}^{-1}$  units)
- **lmax** – maximum  $L$
- **non\_linear** – include non-linear corrections
- **z\_source** – redshift of source. If `None`, use peak of CMB visibility for CMB lensing
- **k\_per\_logint** – sampling to use in  $k$

- **acc** – accuracy setting, increase to test stability
- **lsamp** – array of L values to compute output at. If not set, set to sampling good for interpolation

**Returns**  $L, C_L^{\omega\omega}$ : the L sample values and corresponding rotation power

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Lensing emission angle

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This module calculates the corrections to the standard lensed CMB power spectra results due to time delay and emission angle, following [arXiv:1706.02673](https://arxiv.org/abs/1706.02673). This can be combined with the result from the postborn module to estimate the leading corrections to the standard lensing B modes.

Corrections to T and E are negligible, and not calculated. The result for BB includes approximately contributions from reionization, but this can optionally be turned off.

```
camb.emission_angle.get_emission_angle_powers(camb_background, PK, chi_source,
                                              lmax=3000, acc=1, lsamp=None)
```

Get the power spectrum of  $\psi_d$ , the potential for the emission angle, and its cross with standard lensing. Uses the Limber approximation (and assumes flat universe).

**Parameters**

- **camb\_background** – a CAMB results object, used for calling background functions
- **PK** – a matter power spectrum interpolator (from `camb.get_matter_power_interpolator`)
- **chi\_source** – comoving radial distance of source in Mpc
- **lmax** – maximum L
- **acc** – accuracy parameter
- **lsamp** – L sampling for the result

**Returns** a `InterpolatedUnivariateSpline` object containing  $L(L + 1)C_L$

```
camb.emission_angle.get_emission_delay_BB(params, kmax=100, lmax=3000,
                                          non_linear=True, CMB_unit='muK',
                                          raw_cl=False, acc=1, lsamp=None,
                                          return_terms=False, include_reionization=True)
```

Get B modes from emission angle and time delay effects. Uses full-sky result from appendix of [arXiv:1706.02673](https://arxiv.org/abs/1706.02673)

**Parameters**

- **params** – `model.CAMBparams` instance with cosmological parameters etc.
- **kmax** – maximum k (in  $\text{Mpc}^{-1}$  units)

- **lmax** – maximum  $\ell$
- **non\_linear** – include non-linear corrections
- **CMB\_unit** – normalization for the result
- **raw\_cl** – if true return  $C_\ell$ , else  $\ell(\ell + 1)C_\ell/2\pi$
- **acc** – accuracy setting, increase to test stability
- **lsamp** – array of  $\ell$  values to compute output at. If not set, set to sampling good for interpolation
- **return\_terms** – return the three sub-terms separately rather than the total
- **include\_reionization** – approximately include reionization terms by second scattering surface

**Returns** InterpolatedUnivariateSpline for  $C_\ell^{BB}$

`camb.emission_angle.get_source_cmb_cl(params, CMB_unit='muK')`

Get the angular power spectrum of emission angle and time delay sources  $\psi_t$ ,  $\psi_\zeta$ , as well as the perpendicular velocity and E polarization. All are returned with 1 and 2 versions, for recombination and reionization respectively. Note that this function destroys any custom sources currently configured.

**Parameters**

- **params** – `model.CAMBparams` instance with cosmological parameters etc.
- **CMB\_unit** – scale results from dimensionless, use ‘muK’ for  $\mu K^2$  units

**Returns** dictionary of power spectra, with  $L(L + 1)/2\pi$  factors.

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## Matter power spectrum and matter transfer function variables

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The various matter power spectrum functions, e.g. `get_matter_power_interpolator()`, can calculate power spectra for various quantities. Each variable used to form the power spectrum has a name as follows:

name	number	description
k/h	1	$k/h$
delta_cdm	2	$\Delta_c$ , CDM density
delta_baryon	3	$\Delta_b$ , baryon density
delta_photon	4	$\Delta_\gamma$ , photon density
delta_neutrino	5	$\Delta_\nu$ , for massless neutrinos
delta_nu	6	$\Delta_\nu$ for massive neutrinos
delta_tot	7	$\frac{\rho_c \Delta_c + \rho_b \Delta_b + \rho_\nu \Delta_\nu}{\rho_c + \rho_b + \rho_\nu}$ , CDM+baryons+massive neutrino density
delta_nonu	8	$\frac{\rho_c \Delta_c + \rho_b \Delta_b}{\rho_b + \rho_c}$ , CDM+baryon density
delta_tot_de	9	$\frac{\rho_c \Delta_c + \rho_b \Delta_b + \rho_\nu \Delta_\nu + \rho_{de} \Delta_{de}}{\rho_c + \rho_b + \rho_\nu}$ , CDM+baryons+massive neutrinos+ dark energy (numerator only) density
Weyl	10	$k^2 \Psi \equiv k^2 (\phi + \psi)/2$ , the Weyl potential scaled by $k^2$ to scale in $k$ like a density.
v_newtonian_cdm	11	$-v_{N,c} k/\mathcal{H}$ (where $v_{N,c}$ is the Newtonian-gauge CDM velocity)
v_newtonian_baryon	12	$-v_{N,b} k/\mathcal{H}$ (Newtonian-gauge baryon velocity $v_{N,b}$ )
v_baryon_cdm	13	$v_b - v_c$ , relative baryon-CDM velocity

The number here corresponds to a corresponding numerical index, in Fortran these are the same as *model.name*, where *name* are the Transfer\_xxx variable names: Transfer\_kh=1, Transfer\_cdm=2, Transfer\_b=3, Transfer\_g=4, Transfer\_r=5, Transfer\_nu=6, Transfer\_tot=7, Transfer\_nonu=8, Transfer\_tot\_de=9, Transfer\_Weyl=10, Transfer\_Newt\_vel\_cdm=11, Transfer\_Newt\_vel\_baryon=12, Transfer\_vel\_baryon\_cdm = 13.

So for example, requesting `var1='delta_b'`, `var2='Weyl'` or alternatively `var1=model.Transfer_b`, `var2=model.Transfer_Weyl` would get the power spectrum for the cross-correlation of the baryon density with the Weyl potential. All density variables  $\Delta_i$  here are synchronous gauge.

For transfer function variables (rather than matter power spectra), the variables are normalized corresponding to unit primordial curvature perturbation on super-horizon scales. The `get_matter_transfer_data()` function returns the above quantities divided by  $k^2$  (so they are roughly constant at low  $k$  on super-horizon scales).

The [example notebook](#) has various examples of getting the matter power spectrum, relating the Weyl-potential spectrum to lensing, and calculating the baryon-dark matter relative velocity spectra. There is also an explicit example of how to calculate the matter power spectrum manually from the matter transfer functions.

When generating dark-age 21cm power spectra (do21cm is set) the transfer functions are instead the *model.name* variables (see equations 20 and 25 of [astro-ph/0702600](#))

name	number	description
Transfer_kh	1	$k/h$
Transfer_cdm	2	$\Delta_c$ , CDM density
Transfer_b	3	$\Delta_b$ , baryon density
Transfer_monopole	4	$\Delta_s + (r_\tau - 1)(\Delta_b - \Delta_{T_s})$ , 21cm monopole source
Transfer_vnewt	5	$r_\tau k v_{N,b} / \mathcal{H}$ , 21cm Newtonian-gauge velocity source
Transfer_Tmat	6	$\Delta_{T_m}$ , matter temperature perturbation
Transfer_tot	7	$\frac{\rho_c \Delta_c + \rho_b \Delta_b + \rho_\nu \Delta_\nu}{\rho_c + \rho_b + \rho_\nu}$ , CDM+baryons+massive neutrino density
Transfer_nonu	8	$\frac{\rho_c \Delta_c + \rho_b \Delta_b}{\rho_b + \rho_c}$ , CDM+baryon density
Transfer_tot_de	9	$\frac{\rho_c \Delta_c + \rho_b \Delta_b + \rho_\nu \Delta_\nu + \rho_{de} \Delta_{de}}{\rho_c + \rho_b + \rho_\nu}$ , CDM+baryons+massive neutrinos+ dark energy (numerator only) density
Transfer_Weyl	10	$k^2 \Psi \equiv k^2 (\phi + \psi) / 2$ , the Weyl potential scaled by $k^2$ to scale in $k$ like a density.
Transfer_Newt_vel_cdm	11	$-v_{N,c} k / \mathcal{H}$ (where $v_{N,c}$ is the Newtonian-gauge CDM velocity)
Transfer_Newt_vel_baryon	12	$-v_{N,b} k / \mathcal{H}$ (Newtonian-gauge baryon velocity $v_{N,b}$ )
Transfer_vel_baryon_cdm	13	$v_b - v_c$ , relative baryon-CDM velocity

If use\_21cm\_mK is set the 21cm results are multiplied by  $T_b$  to give results in mK units.

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## Fortran compilers

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CAMB internally uses modern (object-oriented) Fortran 2008 for most numerical calculations, and needs a recent fortran compiler to build the numerical library. The recommended compilers are

- gfortran version 6.3 or higher
- Intel Fortran (ifort), version 18.0.1 or higher (some things may work with version 14+)

The gfortran compiler is part of the standard “gcc” compiler package, and may be pre-installed on recent unix systems. Check the version using “gfortran –version”.

If you do not have a suitable Fortran compiler, you can get one as follows:

**Mac** Download the [binary installation](#)

**Windows** Download gfortran as part of [MinGW-w64](#) (select x86\_64 option in the installation program)

**Linux** To install from the standard repository use:

- “sudo apt-get update; sudo apt-get install gfortran”

On Ubuntu systems where the default gfortran is too old, you can use this to install a later version

- sudo add-apt-repository ppa:ubuntu-toolchain-r/test
- sudo apt-get update
- sudo apt install gfortran-8

To make this the default gfortran then use

- mkdir -p gfortran-symlinks
- ln -s /usr/bin/gfortran-8 gfortran-symlinks/gfortran
- export PATH=\$PWD/gfortran-symlinks:\$PATH

To re-use next time, add gfortran-symlinks directory to your startup settings (.bashrc).

Alternatively you can compile and run in a container or virtual machine: e.g., see [CosmoBox](#). For example, to run a configured shell in docker where you can install and run camb from the command line (after changing to the camb directory):

```
docker run -v /local/git/path/CAMB:/camb -i -t cmbant/cosmobox
```

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## Updating and modified Fortran code

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In the main CAMB source root directory, to re-build the Fortran binary including any pulled or local changes use:

```
python setup.py make
```

This will also work on Windows as long as you have MinGW-w64 installed as described above.

Note that you will need to close all python instances using camb before you can re-load with an updated library. This includes in Jupyter notebooks; just re-start the kernel or use:

```
import IPython
IPython.Application.instance().kernel.do_shutdown(True)
```

If you want to automatically rebuild the library from Jupyter you can do something like this:

```
import subprocess
import sys
import os
src_dir = '/path/to/git/CAMB'
try:
    subprocess.check_output(r'python "%s" make'%os.path.join(src_dir, 'setup.py'),
                            stderr=subprocess.STDOUT)
    sys.path.insert(0,src_dir)
    import camb
    print('Using CAMB %s installed at %s'%(camb.__version__,
                                          os.path.dirname(camb.__file__)))
except subprocess.CalledProcessError as E:
    print(E.output.decode())
```



This module contains some fast utility functions that are useful in the same contexts as `camb`. They are entirely independent of the main `camb` code.

`camb.mathutils.chi_squared(covinv, x)`

Utility function to efficiently calculate  $x^T \text{covinv} x$

**Parameters**

- **covinv** – symmetric inverse covariance matrix
- **x** – vector

**Returns** `covinv.dot(x).dot(x)`, but parallelized and using symmetry

`camb.mathutils.scalar_coupling_matrix(P, lmax)`

Get Pseudo-Cl coupling matrix from power spectrum of mask. Uses multiple threads. See Eq A31 of [astro-ph/0105302](#)

**Parameters**

- **P** – power spectrum of mask
- **lmax** – lmax for the matrix

**Returns** coupling matrix (square but not symmetric)

`camb.mathutils.threej(l2, l3, m2, m3)`

Convenience wrapper around standard 3j function, returning array for all allowed l1 values

**Parameters**

- **l2** –  $L_2$
- **l3** –  $L_3$
- **m2** –  $M_2$
- **m3** –  $M_3$

**Returns** array of 3j from  $\max(\text{abs}(l2-l3), \text{abs}(m2+m3)) .. l2+l3$

`camb.mathutils.threej_coupling` (*W*, *lmax*, *pol=False*)

Calculate symmetric coupling matrix for given weights *W* (i.e. the mask power spectrum).

**Parameters**

- **W** – 1d array of Weights for each *L*, or array of weights (zero based)
- **lmax** – *lmax* for the output matrix (assumed symmetric, though not in principle)
- **pol** – if *pol*, produce TT, TE, EE, EB couplings for three input mask weights

**Returns** coupling matrix or array of matrices

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