

Theoretical cosmology research in Finland

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Cosmology at the crossroads



Theory

- Cosmology
- Astrophysics
- Particle physics

Observations

- Planck (2009)
- Euclid (2020)
- Others: COrE (2029?), eRosita, 4MOST, SDSS-IV, AS4, COSMOS, MOSAIC/E-ELT



Four cities



 Theoretical cosmology research is carried out in Helsinki, Jyväskylä and Turku.

 Involvement in Planck/Euclid also at Aalto University.



Researchers by field and city



	Staff	Postdocs	PhD students
Cosmology	8.2	5.5	15
Astrophysics	5	2.5	6
Particle physics*	5	6	7
Total	18.2	14	28

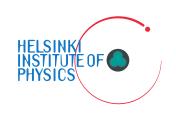
^{*} Fraction of research time spent on cosmology varies between 10% and 100%.

	Staff	Postdocs	PhD students
Helsinki*	8.2	6	12
Jyväskylä	2	1	5
Turku	3	1	4
Total	13.2	8	21

^{*} Excluding particle physics.



Research topics



	Cosmo	AP	PP	Total
Late-time acceleration	5/1/1			5/1/1
Modified gravity	4/2/3			4/2/3
Testing basic hypotheses	2/1/0	1/0/0		3/1/0
Inflation	4/1/4		1/0/1	5/1/5
Dark matter	3.2/0/1		3/3/5	6.2/3/6
Phase transitions	1.2/0/1		2/2/0	3.2/2/1
Baryogenesis	1/0/1		3/1/1	4/1/2
Cosmic defects	1.2/1/0		1/1/0	2.2/2/0
Galaxy and cluster obs.		3/1.5/4		3/1.5/4
Galaxy simulations		2/1/2		2/1/2
Focused on Planck/Euclid	3/3.5/2	0/1.5/0		3/5/2



Planck



- ESA CMB satellite.
 - Finnish participation started in 1996.
 - Launched in 2009.
 - Stopped taking data in 2013.
 - Final data + analysis due to come out this year.
 - Finland cosmology team led by Hannu Kurki-Suonio.
- Finland involved in hardware, mapmaking and data analysis.



Planck



- Planck had HFI and LFI team.
 - Finland was on the LFI team.

- Membership
 - Collaboration has had in total 800 members, including over 40 from Finland (5%).
 - Total 300 Planck scientists, including 15 from Finland.
 (Helsinki 8, Aalto 3.5, Turku 0.5, Ylinen company 3.)
 - In 2017, 455/251 members/PS's, 12/8 from Finland.



Planck



Hardware

 One of the three LFI radiometers partly manufactured in Finland.

Finland Cosmology team

- Mapmaking
 - Developed the code and the methods for making the LFI temperature and polarisation maps.
- Data analysis
 - Made simulations for data analysis with the US team, 30 million CPU hours from CSC.
 - Cosmological parameter estimation and model comparison, esp. isocurvature perturbations.



Euclid



- ESA large scale structure satellite.
 - Selected as an M-class mission in 2011.
 - Due to be launched in 2020.
 - Finland team led by Hannu Kurki-Suonio.
- Science aims: dark energy, modified gravity, dark matter, neutrinos, testing basic cosmological hypotheses.



Euclid



- 1200 members, 25 from Finland (Helsinki 16, Turku 6, Jyväskylä 2, Aalto 1).
- Finland involved in three ways:
 - One of the Science Data Centers will be here, using CSC hardware.
 - Developing data analysis methods.
 - Data analysis. (F. Montanari co-leads the relativistic effects working group.)



Other observations



- Finland is involved in COrE.
 - Next generation CMB polarisation satellite.
 - ESA M5 mission proposal, planned for launch in 2029.
 - Preliminary selection in June.
 - Finland team led by Hannu Kurki-Suonio.
- Finland is involved in observational cluster projects via Alexis Finoguenov.
 - PI of cluster survey for 4MOST, also in SDSS-IV, AS4, 4MOST, eROSITA, COSMOS and MOSAIC/E-ELT.