Planck early results

Editorial

Early results from the *Planck* mission

In this volume, we proudly present a special feature dedicated to early results from the ESA *Planck* mission. This collection of 26 articles presents the first year of operations of *Planck* and the performance of its payload: the Early Release Compact Source Catalogue, ERCSC; first scientific results based on the ERCSC, covering both galactic and extragalactic sources; and first scientific results based on the maps used as input for the production of the ERCSC. We thank Jan Tauber for coordinating this special feature.

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