

CMB theory

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Part 2: the anisotropic CMB

- Inhomogeneities
 - Fourier modes
 - Spherical harmonics
- CMB sphere
 - Sudden recombination
- Perturbed FLRW geometry
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 - perturbed dynamics
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homogeneous background dynamics

- Spatially flat metric: $ds^2 = -c^2 dt^2 + a^2 \delta_{ij} dx^i dx^j = a^2 [-d\eta^2 + \delta_{ij} dx^i dx^j]$

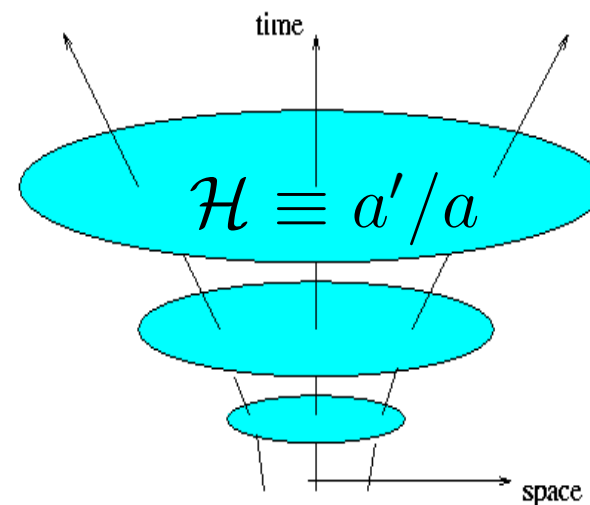
- Einstein energy constraint G_{00} + evolution G_{ij} equations:

$$\mathcal{H}^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3} a^2 \rho,$$

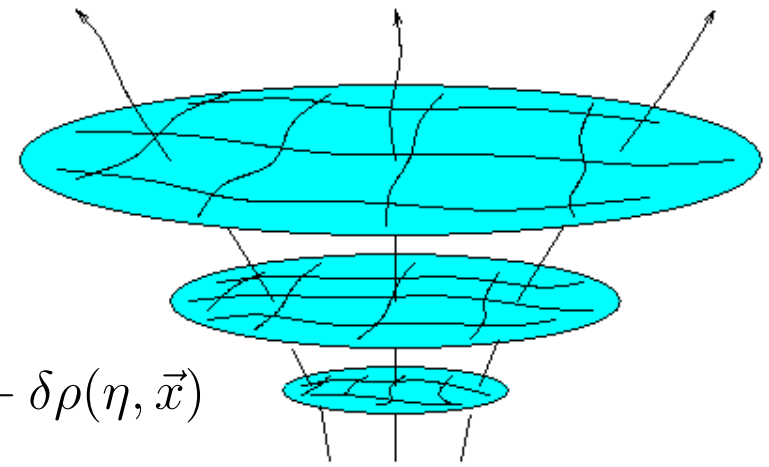
$$\mathcal{H}' = -\frac{4\pi G}{3} a^2 (\rho + 3P)$$

- Energy conservation

$$\rho' = -3\mathcal{H}(\rho + P)$$



inhomogeneity



- Density field: $\rho(\eta) \rightarrow \rho(\eta, \vec{x}) = \bar{\rho}(\eta) + \delta\rho(\eta, \vec{x})$
- Fourier decomposition:
$$\delta\rho(\eta, \vec{x}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3\vec{k} \delta\rho_{\vec{k}}(\eta) e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}}$$
 - Different k-modes evolve independently at first-order
- Power spectrum:
$$\langle \delta\rho_{\vec{k}_1} \delta\rho_{\vec{k}_2} \rangle = (2\pi)^3 \delta^3(\vec{k}_1 + \vec{k}_2) P(k_1)$$

brackets denote *ensemble average* (over many realisations)

Variance in real space

$$\langle \delta\rho^2(\eta, \vec{x}) \rangle = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3\vec{k} P(k) = \int d(\ln k) \mathcal{P}$$

dimensionless power (per log k)

$$\mathcal{P}(k) \equiv \frac{k^3}{2\pi^2} P(k)$$

spectral tilt

$$n - 1 \equiv \frac{d \ln \mathcal{P}}{d \ln k}$$

Anisotropies on sphere:

- Photon distribution (at first order): $f(p, \bar{T}) \rightarrow f(p, \bar{T}(1 + \Theta(\eta, \vec{x}, \hat{p})))$

$$\Theta \equiv \frac{\delta T}{T} = \frac{1}{4} \frac{\delta \rho_\gamma}{\rho_\gamma}$$

- Spherical harmonic decomposition:

$$\Theta(\eta, \vec{x}, \hat{p}) = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-\ell}^{+\ell} a_{\ell m}(\eta, \vec{x}) Y_{\ell m}(\hat{p})$$

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$$\int d\Omega_n Y_{\ell m}(\hat{n}) Y_{\ell' m'}^*(\hat{n}) = \delta_{\ell \ell'} \delta_{m m'}$$

- Angular power spectrum:

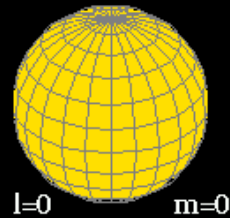
$$\langle a_{\ell m}^* a_{\ell' m'} \rangle = \delta_{\ell \ell'} \delta_{m m'} C_\ell$$

Spherical harmonics:

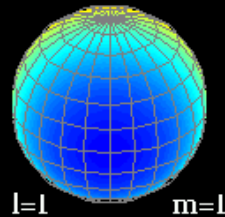
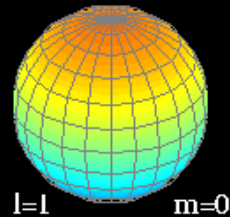
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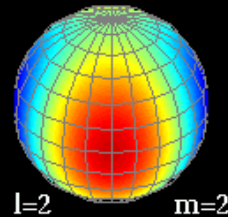
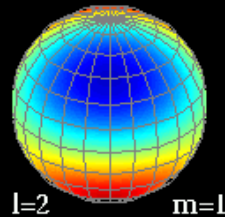
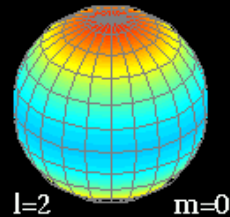
monopole



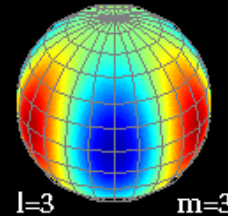
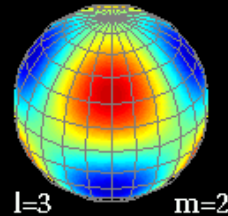
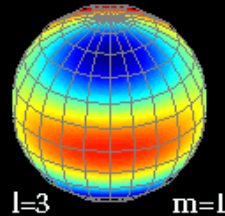
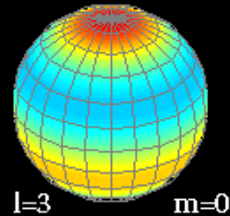
dipole



quadrupole

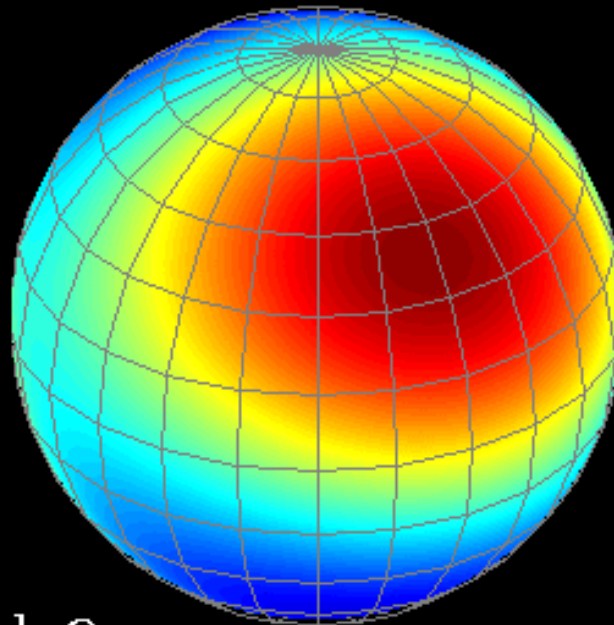
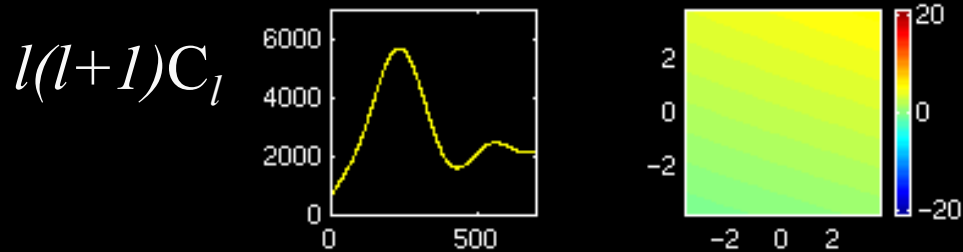


octopole



Angular power spectrum

$$\langle a_{\ell m}^* a_{\ell' m'} \rangle = \delta_{\ell \ell'} \delta_{m m'} C_\ell$$



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Tight-coupling:

- Thomson scattering $e^- + \gamma \leftrightarrow e^- + \gamma$

Thomson cross-section:

$$\sigma_T = \frac{8\pi\alpha^2}{3m_e^2} = 6.65 \times 10^{-29} \text{ m}^2 \quad (44)$$

Mean free-path for photons

$$\lambda_T = \frac{1}{n_e \sigma_T} \quad (45)$$

Comoving mean free path near recombination ($x_e \approx 1$ when $z \approx 10^3$)

$$\lambda_T/a \approx 2.5 \text{ Mpc} \quad (47)$$

On larger scales, $\lambda \gg \lambda_T$, photons are tightly coupled to electrons, and electrons are tightly coupled to baryons by Coulomb interaction.

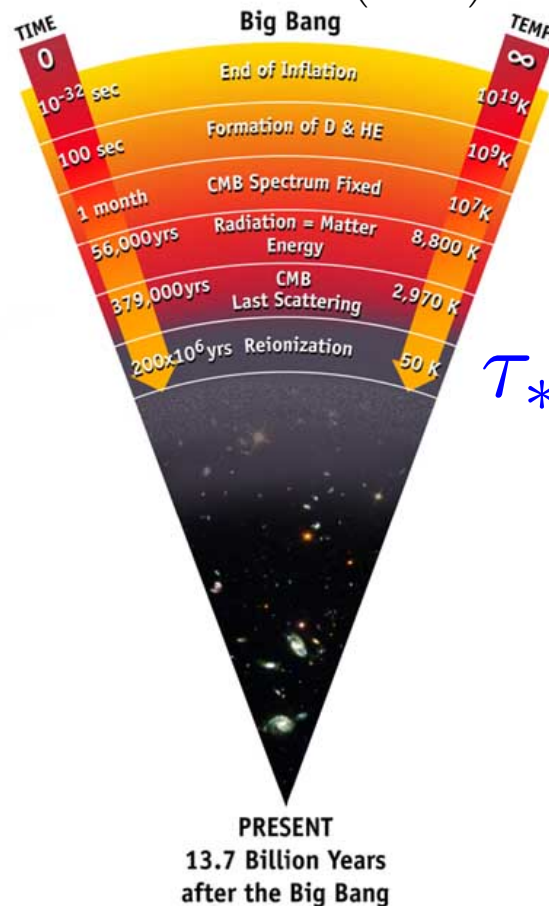
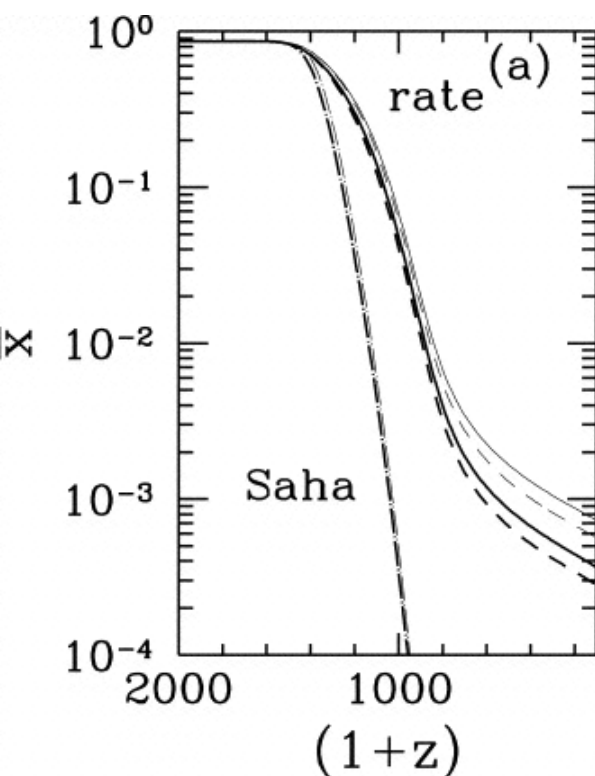
epoch of recombination

$$x_e = \frac{n_e}{n_e + n_H} \rightarrow 0$$

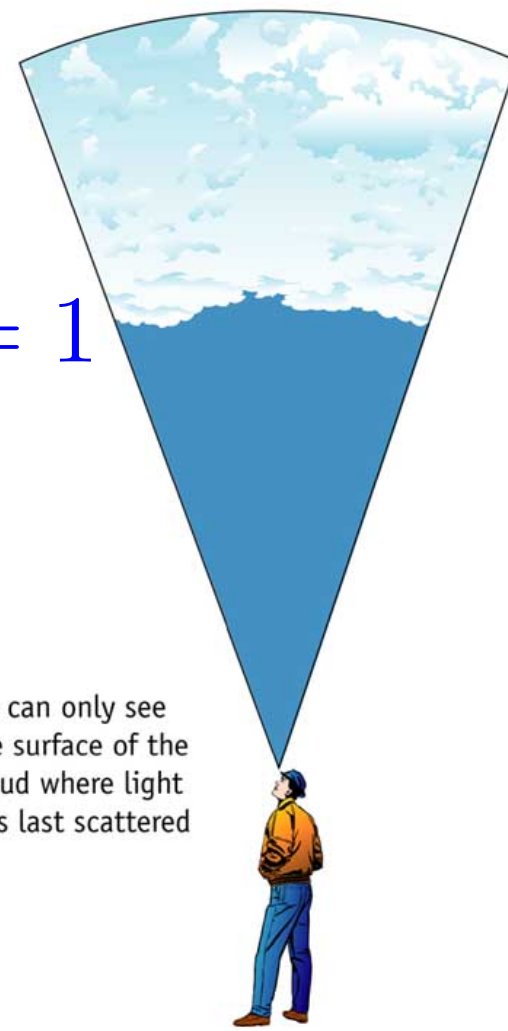
Recombination is epoch at which Thomson optical depth, $\tau = \int n_e \sigma_T dt$, reaches unity

$$\tau_* = 1 \Rightarrow 1 + z_* = 1089 \left(\frac{\Omega_m h^2}{0.14} \right)^{0.0105} \left(\frac{\Omega_b h^2}{0.024} \right)^{-0.028} \quad (4)$$

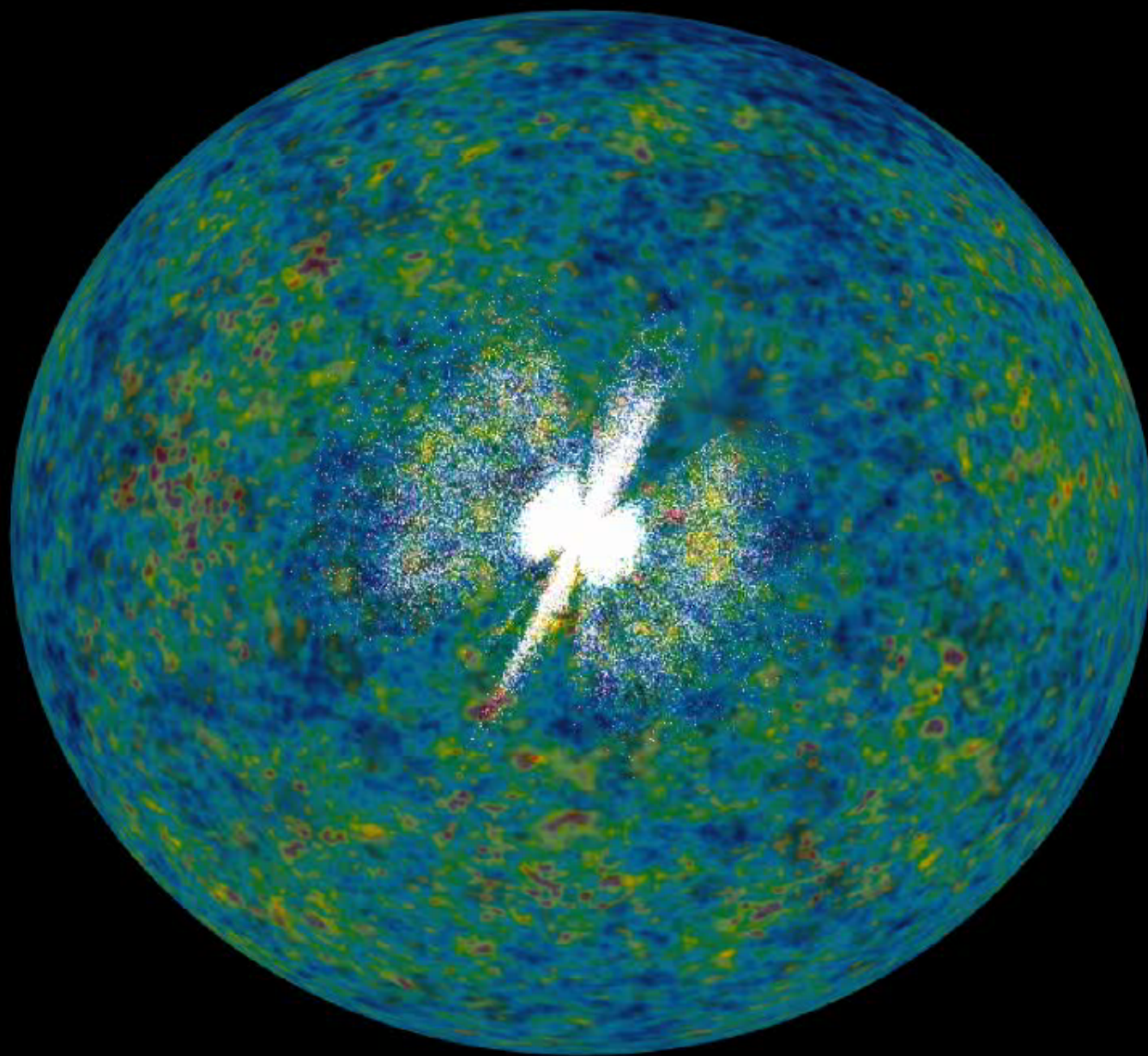
Free e- fraction



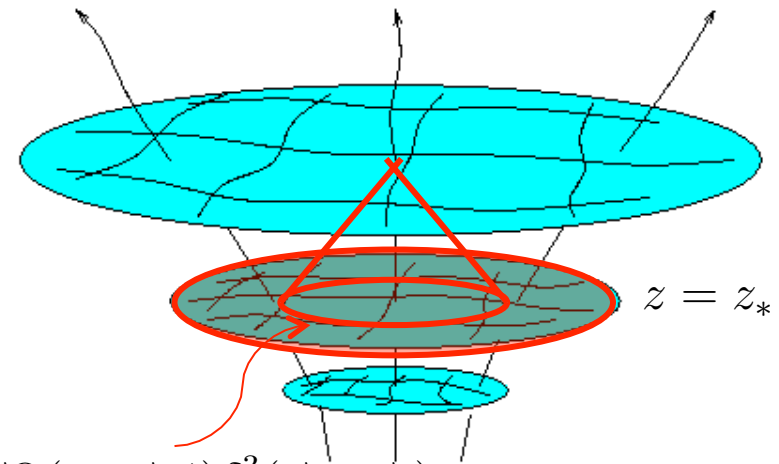
$$\tau_* = 1$$



The cosmic microwave background Radiation's "surface of last scatter" is analogous to the light coming through the clouds to our eye on a cloudy day.



Sudden recombination



- Instant recombination at $\vec{x}_* = -r_* \hat{p}$

$$\Theta(\hat{p}) = \int d^3 \vec{x} \Theta(\eta_*, \vec{x}, \hat{p}) \delta^3(\vec{x} - \vec{x}_*)$$

- Fourier decomposition:

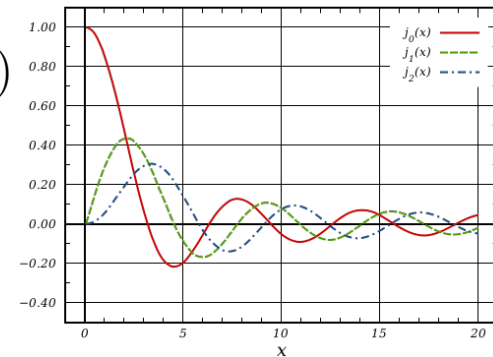
$$\Theta(\eta, \vec{x}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3 \vec{k} \Theta_{\vec{k}}(\eta) e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}}$$

- Plane-wave expansion in spherical harmonics

$$e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}} = 4\pi \sum_{\ell, m} i^\ell j_\ell(kr) Y_{\ell m}^*(\hat{k}) Y_{\ell m}(\hat{r})$$

- with spherical Bessel function

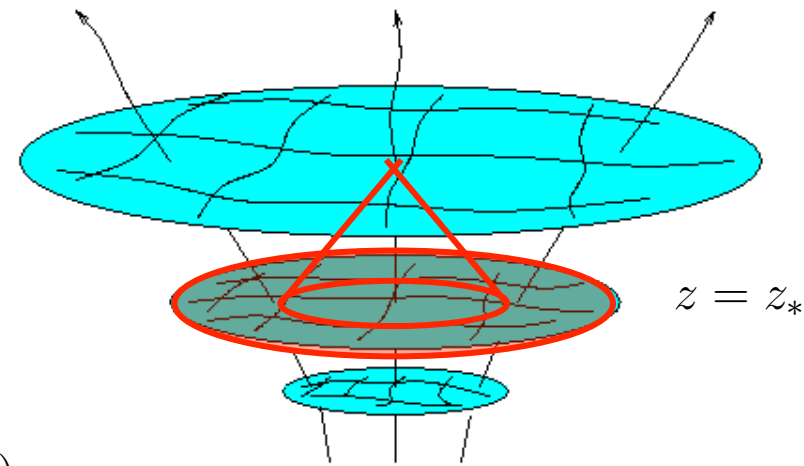
$$j_\ell(x) = (\pi/2x)^{1/2} J_{\ell+(1/2)}(x)$$



- Spherical harmonic coefficient:

$$a_{\ell m} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \int d^3 \vec{k} \Theta(\hat{k}) 4\pi i^\ell j_\ell(kr_*) Y_{\ell m}^*(\hat{k})$$

Angular power spectrum at sudden recombination



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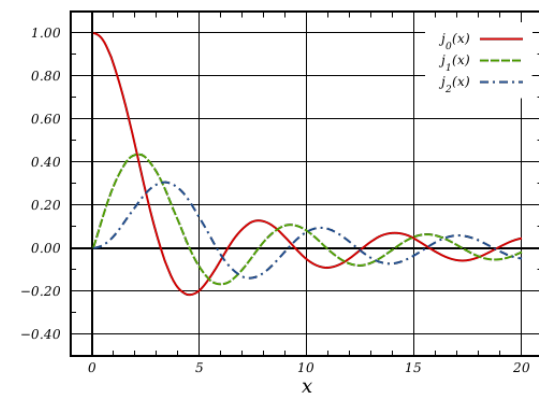
— where
$$C_\ell = \int d(\ln k) \mathcal{P}_\Theta(k) 4\pi j_\ell^2(kr_*)$$

- and window function peaks at $l=kr_*$

$$W_\ell(k) \equiv 4\pi j_\ell^2(kr_*)$$

- For scale-invariant $\mathcal{P}(k)$

$$\frac{\ell(\ell+1)}{2\pi} C_\ell = \mathcal{P}_\Theta(\ell/r_*)$$



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Perturbed FLRW geometry

Malik & Wands, Phys Rep (2009)

- Perturbed metric:

$$ds^2 = a^2 \left\{ -(1 + 2\mathcal{A})d\eta^2 + 2\nabla_i \mathcal{B} dx^i d\eta + [(1 + 2\mathcal{C})\delta_{ij} + 2\nabla_i \nabla_j \mathcal{E}] dx^i dx^j \right\}$$

- 4 scalar metric perturbations

$$\mathcal{A} \quad , \quad \mathcal{B} \quad , \quad \mathcal{C} \quad , \quad \mathcal{E}$$

- 3 combinations independent of spatial threading:

$$\mathcal{A} \quad , \quad \mathcal{C} \quad , \quad \sigma \equiv \mathcal{E}' - \mathcal{B}$$

- 2 combination independent of time slicing:

$$\Psi \equiv \mathcal{A} - \mathcal{H}\sigma - \sigma' \quad , \quad \Phi \equiv \mathcal{C} - \mathcal{H}\sigma$$

- Vanishing anisotropic stress (e.g., tight-coupling))

$$\Psi + \Phi = 0$$

- Other gauge-invariant variables in **conformal Newtonian ($E=B=0$) gauge**

$$\delta \equiv \frac{\delta\rho - \rho'\sigma}{\rho} \quad , \quad V \equiv v + \mathcal{E}'$$

- but not unique gauge-independent variables

- e.g., curvature perturbation in **uniform-density gauge**:

$$\zeta = \mathcal{C} - \frac{\mathcal{H}}{\rho'} \delta\rho = \Phi - \frac{\mathcal{H}\rho}{\rho'} \delta$$

Perturbed geodesics

- Perturbed metric in conformal Newtonian gauge:

$$ds^2 = a^2 \left\{ -(1 + 2\Psi)d\eta^2 + (1 + 2\Phi)\delta_{ij}dx^i dx^j \right\}$$

- Null trajectory: $\frac{dx^i}{d\eta} = (1 + \Psi - \Phi)\hat{p}^i$

- 4-momentum: $P^\mu = \frac{dx^\mu}{d\lambda}$

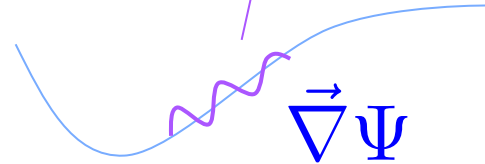
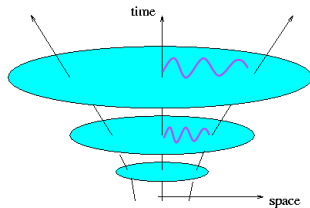
- 3-momentum: $p^2 = g_{ij}P^i P^j$

- Geodesic equation: $\frac{1}{p} \frac{dp}{d\eta} = - \left(\frac{1}{a} \frac{da}{d\eta} + \frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial\eta} \right) - \hat{p}^i \frac{\partial\Psi}{\partial x^i}$

— Perturbed Hubble redshift

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gravitational potential redshift:



Sachs-Wolfe effect:

- Geodesic equation:
$$\frac{1}{p} \frac{dp}{d\eta} = - \left(\frac{1}{a} \frac{da}{d\eta} + \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \eta} \right) - \hat{p}^i \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x^i}$$
- Total derivative along photon path:
$$\frac{d\Psi}{d\eta} = \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial \eta} + \hat{p}^i \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x^i}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{p} \frac{dp}{d\eta} = - \frac{1}{a} \frac{da}{d\eta} - \frac{d\Psi}{d\eta} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} (\Psi - \Phi)$$

- Integrate along path from recombination to observer

$$[\ln p]_*^0 = -[\ln a]_*^0 - [\Psi]_0^* + \int_*^0 (\Psi' - \Phi') d\eta$$

- First-order momentum perturbation

$$\left(\frac{\delta p}{p} \right)_0 = \left(\frac{\delta p}{p} \right)_* + \Psi_* - \Psi_0 + \int_*^0 (\Psi' - \Phi') d\eta$$

- Observed temperature includes Doppler shift

$$\Theta = \frac{\delta p}{p} + \hat{n} \cdot \vec{V}$$

Sachs-Wolfe formula:

$$\Theta_{obs} = \frac{1}{4}\delta_{\gamma*} + \Psi_* - \hat{n} \cdot \vec{V}_* + \int_*^0 (\Psi' - \Phi') d\eta - \Psi_0 + \hat{n} \cdot \vec{V}_{obs}$$

- Intrinsic Sachs-Wolfe effect (on last-scattering surface):

$$\frac{1}{4}\delta_{\gamma*} + \Psi_* - \hat{n} \cdot \vec{V}_{\gamma*}$$

- Integrated Sachs-Wolfe effect (decay of potential along line of sight)

$$\int_*^0 (\Psi' - \Phi') d\eta$$

- Monopole:

$$-\Psi_0$$

- Dipole:

$$\hat{n} \cdot \vec{V}_{obs}$$

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Linear perturbation dynamics:

scalar perturbations in arbitrary gauge

- Einstein energy+momentum constraints:

$$\begin{aligned} 3\mathcal{H}(-\mathcal{C}' + \mathcal{H}\mathcal{A}) + \nabla^2[\mathcal{C} - \mathcal{H}\sigma] &= -4\pi G a^2 \delta\rho \\ -\mathcal{C}' + \mathcal{H}\mathcal{A} &= -4\pi G a^2 (\rho + P)(v + \mathcal{B}) \end{aligned}$$

- Einstein evolution equations

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}'' + 2\mathcal{H}\mathcal{C}' - \mathcal{H}\mathcal{A}' - (2\mathcal{H}' + \mathcal{H}^2)\mathcal{A} &= -4\pi G a^2 \left(\delta P + \frac{2}{3}\nabla^2\Pi \right) \\ \sigma' + 2\mathcal{H}\sigma - \mathcal{C} - \mathcal{A} &= 8\pi G a^2 \Pi \end{aligned}$$

- Energy+momentum conservation (continuity+Euler) equations

$$\begin{aligned} \delta\rho' + 3\mathcal{H}(\delta\rho + \delta P) + 3(\rho + P)\mathcal{C}' + (\rho + P)\nabla^2(v + \mathcal{E}') &= 0 \\ (v + \mathcal{B})' + (1 - 3c_s^2)\mathcal{H}(v + \mathcal{B}) + \phi + \frac{1}{\rho + P} \left(\delta P + \frac{2}{3}\nabla^2\Pi \right) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Linear perturbation dynamics:

scalar perturbations in arbitrary gauge

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Linear perturbation dynamics:

scalar perturbations in ~~arbitrary~~ gauge

uniform density, $\delta \rho = 0$

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Energy conservation on large scales:

- uniform-density gauge: ($\delta\rho = 0$, $\mathcal{C} = \zeta$)

$$3\mathcal{H}\delta P_{nad} + 3(\rho + P)\zeta' + (\rho + P)\nabla^2 V = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \zeta' = -\mathcal{H}\frac{\delta P_{nad}}{\rho + P} - \frac{1}{3}\nabla^2 V$$

- Conserved quantities for barotropic fluids ($\delta P_{nad}=0$) on large scales ($V=0$)

- radiation density perturbation $\zeta_\gamma = \frac{1}{4}\delta_\gamma + \Phi$
- matter density perturbation $\zeta_m = \frac{1}{3}\delta_m + \Phi$

Initial conditions on large scales:

- Curvature and entropy perturbation:

$$\zeta = \frac{4\rho_\gamma\zeta_\gamma + 4\rho_m\zeta_m}{4\rho_\gamma + 3\rho_m} \quad , \quad S_m = 3(\zeta_m - \zeta_\gamma)$$

- Adiabatic initial conditions:

$$\zeta = \zeta_\gamma = \zeta_m = \text{constant} \quad , \quad S_m = 0$$

- Isocurvature initial conditions:

$$\zeta_\gamma = 0 \quad , \quad S_m = 3\zeta_m = \text{constant}$$

Intrinsic Sachs-Wolfe effect (on large scales)

$$\frac{\delta T}{T} = \frac{1}{4}\delta_{\gamma*} + \Psi_* = \zeta_{\gamma} + 2\Psi_*$$

end of part two



"Mr. Osborne, may I be excused? My brain is full."