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L2: The Cosmic Microwave Background & the Fluctuation History of the Universe & the Basic Cosmological Parameters

COBE



The CMB shows the **hot big bang** paradigm holds, with:

SPECTRUM: near-perfect blackbody. no big energy/entropy injection at z<10^{6.8} (cosmic photosphere). Limits hydro role in structure formation

CMB comes from afar (also Sunyaev-Zeldovich Effect from distant clusters ... z>0.8)

CMB dipole: 300 km/s earth flow, 600 km/s Local Group flow

TO SHOW: gravitational instability, hierarchical Large Scale Structure, predominantly adiabatic mode

a "dark age" from hydrogen recombination (z~1100) to reionization (z~10-20)

(nearly) Gaussian initial conditions



WMAP3 thermodynamic CMB temperature fluctuations



Like a 2D Fourier transform, wavenumber Q ~ L + 1/2



Compton depth $\tau_{c} = int_{now^{2}} n_{e} \sigma_{T} c dt$ ~ $0.1 ((1+z_{re})/15))^{3/2} (\Omega_{b}h^{2} / .02) (\Omega_{c}h^{2} / .15)^{-1/2}$ $\Omega_{\rm h}h^2 = .0222 + -.0007$ $\tau_{\rm C} = .087 + .03$ (.005 PL1) $\Omega_c h^2 = .107 + .007$ $z_{reh} = 11 + -3$ $\Omega_{\Lambda} = .75 + .03$

differential visibility d exp(- τ_C) / dln a nearly Gaussian pulse at z ~ 1100, width Δ z~100, t~380000 yr

Small bump falling off from z ~ 10, with $\tau_{\rm C} \sim 0.1$

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Boomerang B00 440 sq deg, B01 800 sq deg (B02 1200)





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Natural pertubation modes in an expanding flat universe are 3D Fourier waves

Sound waves! alternating between hot & cold if we sit & watch. long waves are slow, short waves are fast.

Everybody started at same time, and we see them all at one time. Makes a characteristic pattern of waves on the sky.



$$qc = \frac{2\pi\hbar c}{\lambda} = \bar{a}(t)\omega = \bar{a}(t)\frac{2\pi\hbar c}{\lambda_e}$$

Planck distribution function

f = 1/(exp[q/(aT)] - 1)

Thermodynamic temperature T(**q**) **from f**(**q**)

d Number of photons = f d Phase Space Volume

 $= f 2 d^3 q / (2\pi)^3 d^3 x$

$$\left.rac{\partial f_t}{\partial au}
ight|_q + \dot{q}\cdot
abla f_t = ar{a}S[f_t],$$

Time derivative along the Sources, sinks, scattering processes photon direction

Photon Transport in Perturbed Geometry

$\partial \mathbf{f} / \partial \mathbf{t}|_{q} + \mathbf{q} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{f} - \mathbf{GR term} = \mathbf{aS}[\mathbf{f}]$

Green function is a delta function of a null geodesic

Picture is photons propagate freely in the curved (fluctuating) geometry, periodically undergoing small scale Thompson scattering

Regimes: tight coupling (of baryons and photons) free-streaming

Sources probed via the differential visibility

Coupled linearized equations for photons (with polarization) baryons, dark matter, neutrinos, and metric variables Modes: scalar (curvature or isocurvature), vector, tensor



Output: transfer functions for dark matter and baryons to map initial power spectrum to pre-nonlinear one (ICs for numerical simulations) & of course **C**_L





WMAP

Wilkinson Microwave Probe (WMAP) – launch June 2001, 1 year data release – Feb 11, 2003, 3 year data release – Mar 16, 2006



5 frequency channels at 23-94 GHz
3 year data – sky is covered six times
Each pixel observed ~27000 times.
Cosmic variance limited up to I~800
0.5% calibration uncertainty





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WMAP3 sees 3rd pk, B03 sees 4th



CBI combined TT sees 5th pk

