

Anisotropies in the CMB

angular scales: distance to the horizon at decoupling subtends an angle of

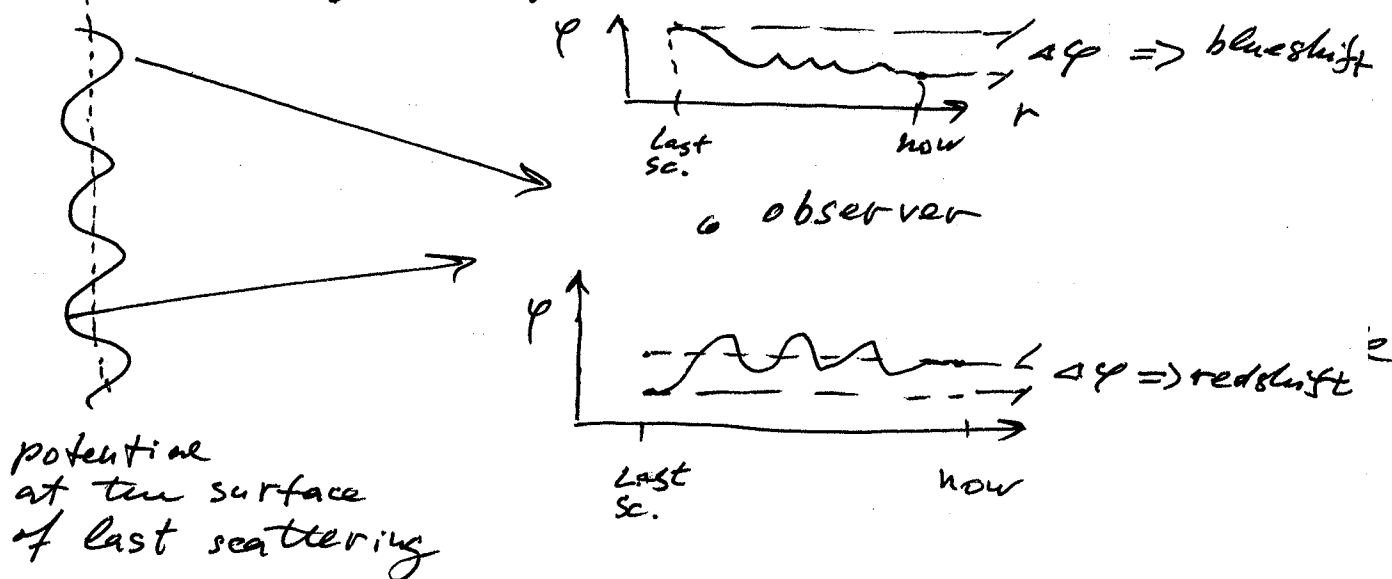
$$\theta_{dec} = 0.87 \Omega_0^{1/2} \left(\frac{z_{dec}}{1100} \right)^{1/2}$$

for $\Omega_0 = 1$, $z_{dec} = 1100$ this gives $\theta \sim 1^\circ$

This angle naturally separates large scales ($\theta > 1^\circ$) where fluctuations in the gravitational potential produce largest contribution to the fluctuation in the temperature of cosmic microwave background radiation (CMBR), and small scales ($\theta < 1^\circ$), where we have many different competing effects

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Sachs-Wolfe effect



$$\frac{\delta T}{T}(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{3} \phi_{\text{last scattering}}(\vec{x}) \sim \left(\frac{\delta \phi}{\phi} \right)_{\text{at last scattering on horizon}}$$

$\vec{x}$ = direction of the sky

It is often convenient to expand $\frac{\delta T}{T}$ in spherical harmonics:

$$\frac{\delta T}{T}(\vec{x}) = \sum_{l=2}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-l}^l a_{lm} Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi)$$

monopole ($l=0$) = constant temperature =
= not observable

dipole ($l=1$) = constant motion = can not
distinguish from local motion

Relation between a_{lm} and power spectrum of
fluctuations of density $P(k)$

$$\langle |a_{lm}^2| \rangle = \frac{4}{R_H^3} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dk}{k^3} P(k) J_{l+1/2}^2(x), \quad x \equiv k \cdot R_H,$$

where R_H is the distance to the
horizon,

J_n is the Bessel function

Q_l rms fluctuations on the sky due to all
harmonics with the same l (so only m
is different) is called multipole:

There are $(2l+1)$ harmonics, which contribute
to multipole l

$$Q_l^2 \equiv \frac{(2l+1)}{4\pi} \langle a_{lm}^2 \rangle \parallel C_l \equiv \langle a_{lm}^2 \rangle_{\text{over } m}$$

for Harrison-Zeldovich spectrum $P(k) = A k^{-1}$

$$\left[Q_l^2 = \frac{(2l+1)}{4\pi} \langle a_{lm}^2 \rangle = \frac{(2l+1)}{4\pi^2} \frac{1}{l(l+1)} \frac{A}{R_H^4} \right]$$

Thus, if observations give us value of a multipole $Q_l \Rightarrow$ normalization of the spectrum $A \Rightarrow$ spectrum $P(k) = A \cdot k T(k, \theta) \Rightarrow$ predictions for different statistics (like, σ_8 , V_{50} , number of galaxy clusters...)

For flat universe dominated by cold particles, the quadrupole ($l=2$) is

$$\left(\frac{\Delta T}{T}\right)_{\text{quadrupole}} = 19 \mu K \Rightarrow$$

COBE

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{\Delta T}{T}\right)_2 = 7 \cdot 10^{-6}$$

[for Λ CDM models $\left(\frac{\Delta T}{T}\right)_2$ is slightly larger $\sim 20 - 21 \mu K$]

(i) For Universe, which does not expand as $a \propto t^{2/3}$, there is additional effect, which is also due to variations of the gravitational potential. The effect is called Integrated Sachs-Wolfe effect and is typically $\sim 10\%$ of SW effect

(ii) Fluctuations of the radiation field at the surface of last scattering

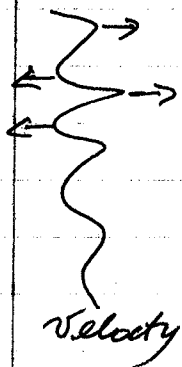
$$\rho_r = a_r T^4 \Rightarrow \frac{\delta T}{T} = \frac{1}{4} \frac{\delta \rho_r}{\rho_r}$$

For coupled baryons and photons $\delta_r = \frac{4}{3} \delta_{\text{bar}}$

$$\left[\frac{\delta T}{T} = \frac{1}{3} \frac{\delta \rho_{\text{bar}}}{\rho_{\text{bar}}} \right]$$

IV Doppler effect

$$\frac{\delta T}{T} = v_{\text{OBS.}} - v_{\text{emitted}}$$



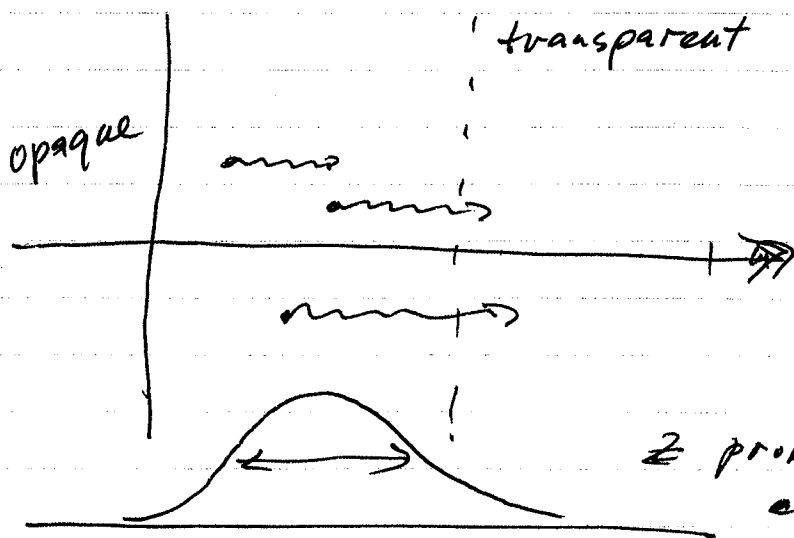
$$\left(\frac{\delta T}{T}\right)_k^2 \propto \frac{\delta_k^2}{k^2} d^3 k \propto \delta_k^2 dk$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\delta T}{T} \propto \begin{cases} \theta, & \theta < \theta_{\text{horizon}} \\ 1/\theta, & \theta > \theta_{\text{horizon}} \end{cases}$$

This contribution is small on large scales, but it dominates on scales of the horizon $\sim 1^\circ$

V Damping of fluctuations on small scales

$\Rightarrow$ finite thickness of recombination

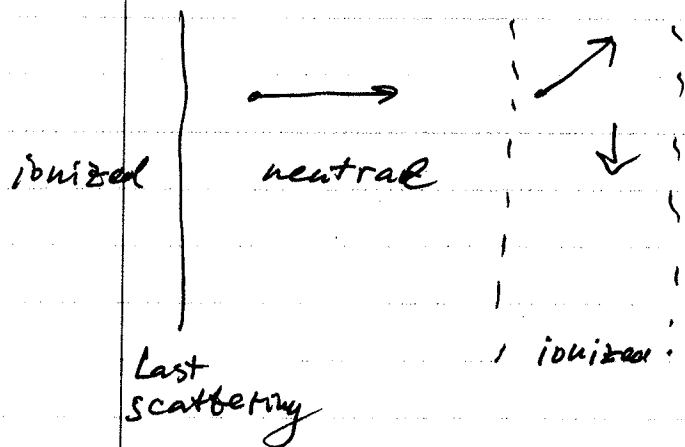


$$\Delta z \Rightarrow \Delta z \approx \frac{15}{\sqrt{\Omega_0}} \text{ Mpc}$$

$$\Delta \theta \approx 8' \sqrt{\Omega_0} \cdot h$$

$\propto$ probability to receive a photon emitted at z

secondary
 $\Rightarrow$ reionization



$$\theta_{\text{ionization}} \approx 3^\circ \Omega^{1/2} \left(\frac{100}{z_{\text{ion}}} \right)^{1/2}$$

maximum value $\theta_{\text{ion, max}} = 7.4 (\Omega_{\text{bar}} \Omega_b h)^{1/3}$

secondary ionization wipes out fluctuations ^{coming} from the surface of last scattering, but creates its own fluctuations due to motion of baryons at the epoch of the secondary ionization.