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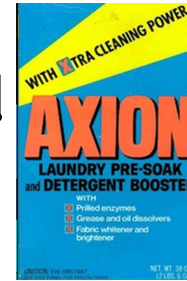


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from, mostly, the CMB

with implications for Dark Matter and Physics



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- Cosmological Perturbations
- Some CMB Physics
- Dark Radiation?
- Isocurvature Constraints?

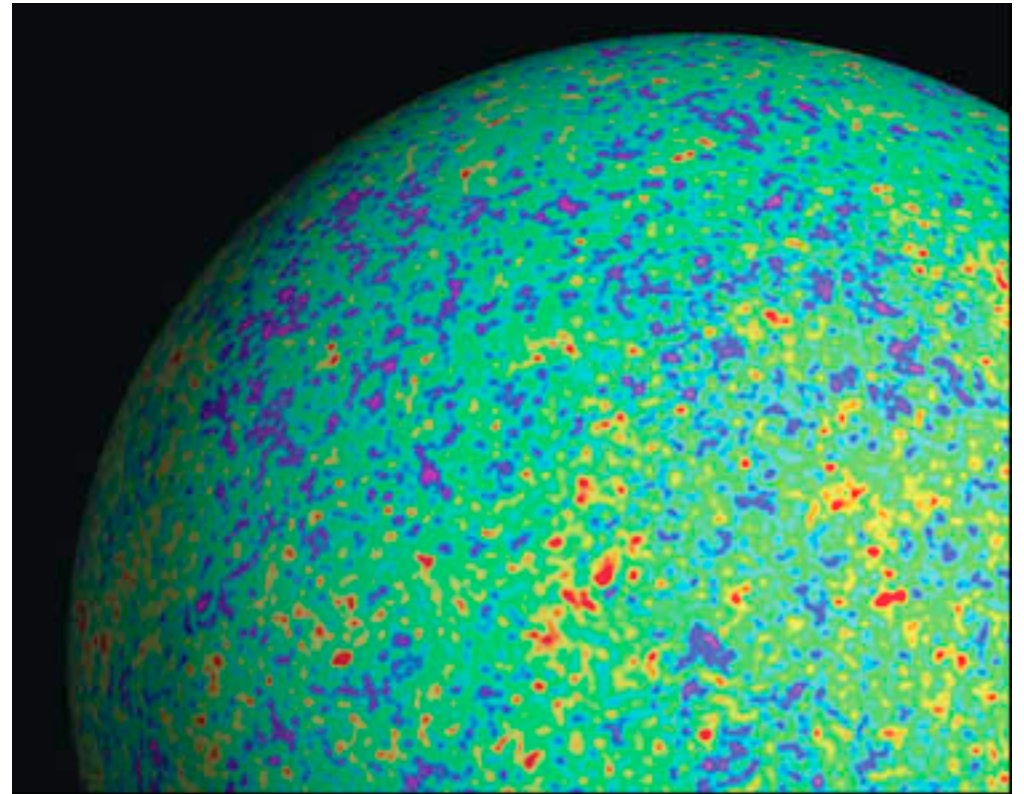
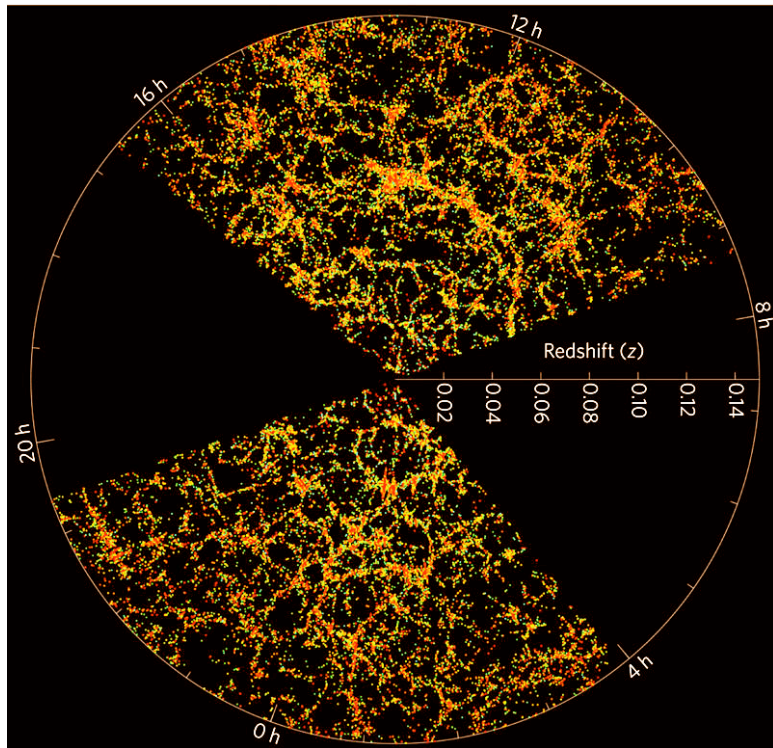
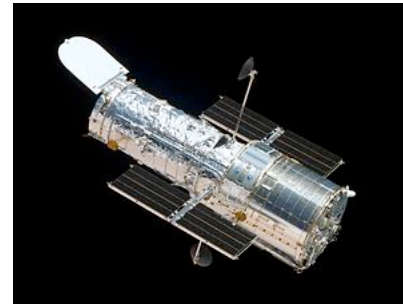
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“In the past decade there has been considerable progress towards believable answers, but it may be well to bear in mind that people have been searching for ways to determine the [cosmological parameters](#) since the late 1920s.”

Jim Peebles, 1993, Principles of Physical Cosmology



Cosmological Data



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	Ω_Λ	0.729	0.728	$0.727^{+0.030}_{-0.029}$	0.725 ± 0.016
	n_s	0.966	0.967	0.967 ± 0.014	0.968 ± 0.012
	τ	0.085	0.085	0.088 ± 0.015	0.088 ± 0.014
	$\Delta_{\mathcal{R}}^2(k_0)^d$	2.42×10^{-9}	2.42×10^{-9}	$(2.43 \pm 0.11) \times 10^{-9}$	$(2.430 \pm 0.091) \times 10^{-9}$
Derived	σ_8	0.809	0.810	$0.811^{+0.030}_{-0.031}$	0.816 ± 0.024
	H_0	70.3 km/s/Mpc	70.4 km/s/Mpc	70.4 ± 2.5 km/s/Mpc	70.2 ± 1.4 km/s/Mpc
	Ω_b	0.0451	0.0455	0.0455 ± 0.0028	0.0458 ± 0.0016
	Ω_c	0.226	0.226	0.228 ± 0.027	0.229 ± 0.015
	$\Omega_m h^2$	0.1338	0.1347	$0.1345^{+0.0056}_{-0.0055}$	0.1352 ± 0.0036
	z_{reion}^e	10.4	10.3	10.6 ± 1.2	10.6 ± 1.2
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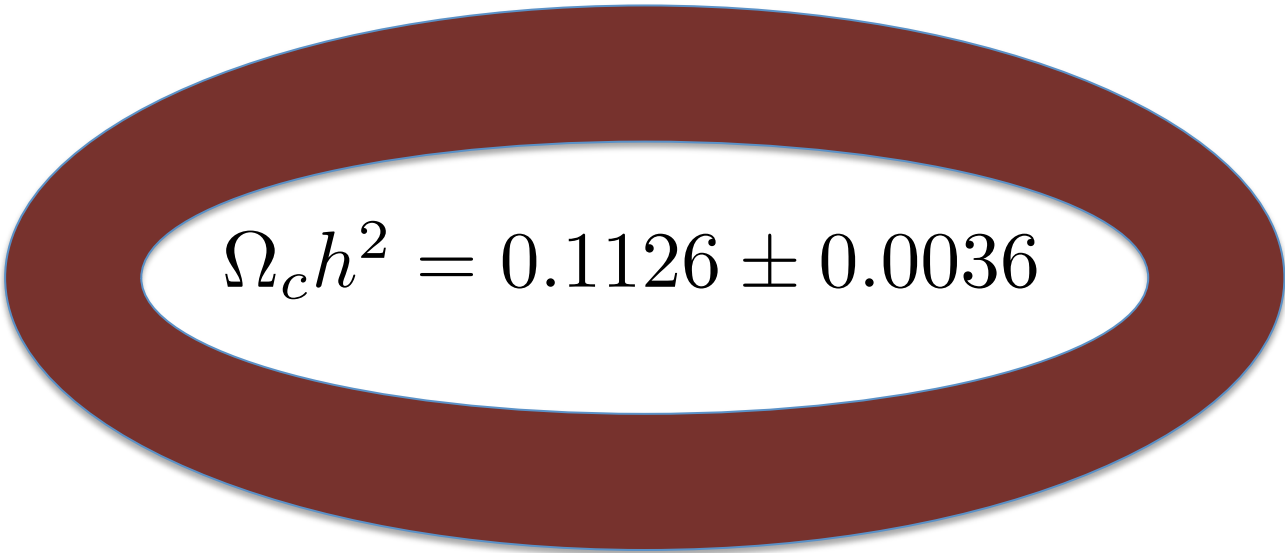
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Something to Remember:

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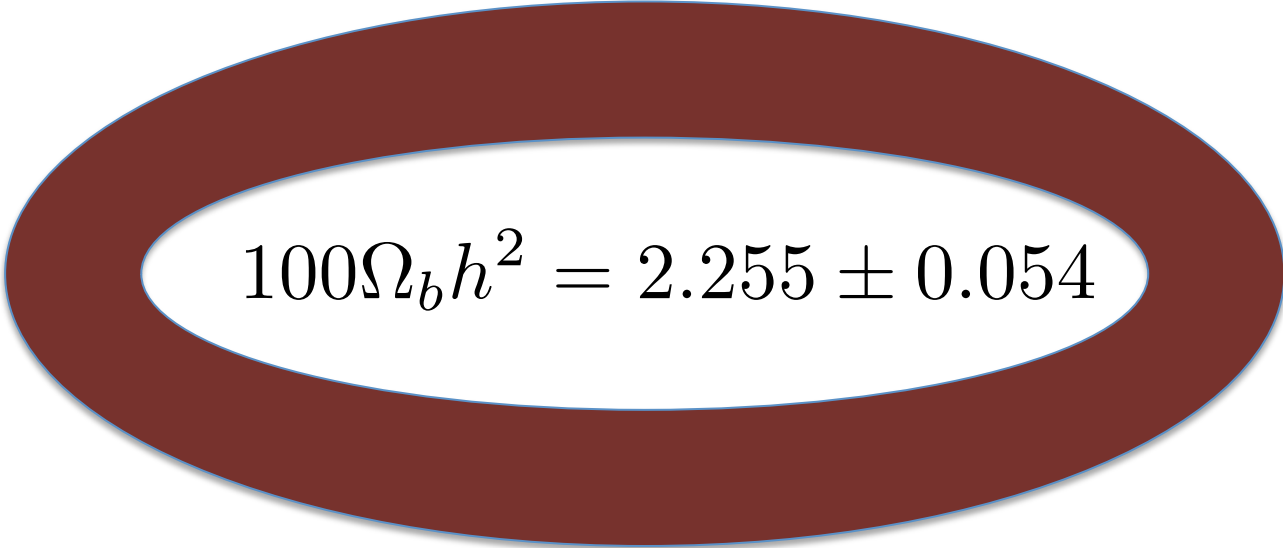
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We know the cosmological abundance of baryons to 2.4%
(assuming standard 6-parameter Λ CDM cosmology)


$$100\Omega_b h^2 = 2.255 \pm 0.054$$

Note: CMB is sensitive to photon-to-baryon ratio, but we “know” $\Omega_\gamma h^2$ from first principles

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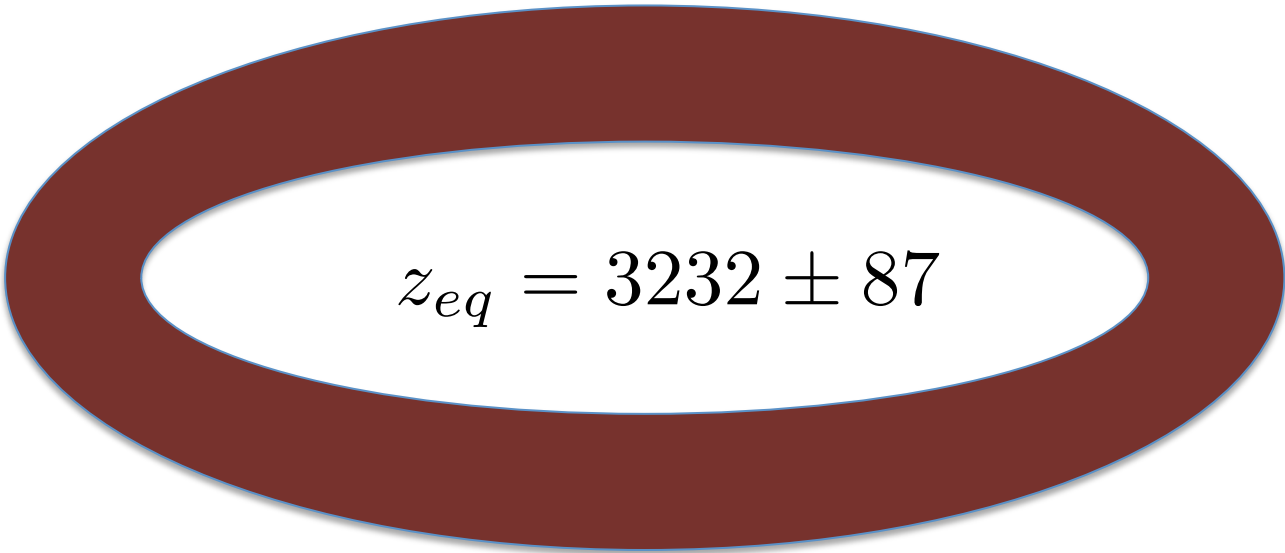
WMAP Cosmological Parameters			
Model: Λ CDM+SZ+lens			
Data: wmap7+bao+h0			
$10^2 \Omega_b h^2$	2.260 ± 0.053	$1 - n_s$	0.037 ± 0.012
$1 - n_s$	$0.013 < 1 - n_s < 0.061$ (95% CL)	$A_{\text{BAO}}(z = 0.35)$	0.468 ± 0.011
C_{220}	5762^{+38}_{-37}	$d_A(z_{\text{eq}})$	14238^{+128}_{-129} Mpc
$d_A(z_*)$	14073^{+129}_{-130} Mpc	$\Delta_{\mathcal{R}}^2$	$(2.441^{+0.088}_{-0.092}) \times 10^{-9}$
h	$0.704^{+0.013}_{-0.014}$	H_0	$70.4^{+1.3}_{-1.4}$ km/s/Mpc
k_{eq}	0.00985 ± 0.00026	ℓ_{eq}	$138.6^{+2.6}_{-2.5}$
ℓ_*	302.40 ± 0.73	n_s	0.963 ± 0.012
Ω_b	0.0456 ± 0.0016	$\Omega_b h^2$	0.02260 ± 0.00053
Ω_c	0.227 ± 0.014	$\Omega_c h^2$	0.1123 ± 0.0035
Ω_Λ	$0.728^{+0.015}_{-0.016}$	Ω_m	$0.272^{+0.016}_{-0.015}$
$\Omega_m h^2$	0.1349 ± 0.0036	$r_{\text{hor}}(z_{\text{dec}})$	284.6 ± 1.9 Mpc
$r_s(z_d)$	152.7 ± 1.3 Mpc	$r_s(z_d)/D_v(z = 0.2)$	$0.1904^{+0.0037}_{-0.0038}$
$r_s(z_d)/D_v(z = 0.35)$	0.1143 ± 0.0020	$r_s(z_*)$	146.2 ± 1.1 Mpc
R	$1.7239^{+0.0100}_{-0.0099}$	σ_8	0.809 ± 0.024
A_{SZ}	$0.96^{+0.69}_{-0.96}$	t_0	13.75 ± 0.11 Gyr
τ	0.087 ± 0.014	θ_*	0.010389 ± 0.000025
θ_*	0.5953 ± 0.0014 °	t_*	377730^{+3205}_{-3200} yr
z_{eq}	3232 ± 87	z_d	1020.5 ± 1.3
		z_{reion}	10.4 ± 1.2



Courtesy of LAMBDA

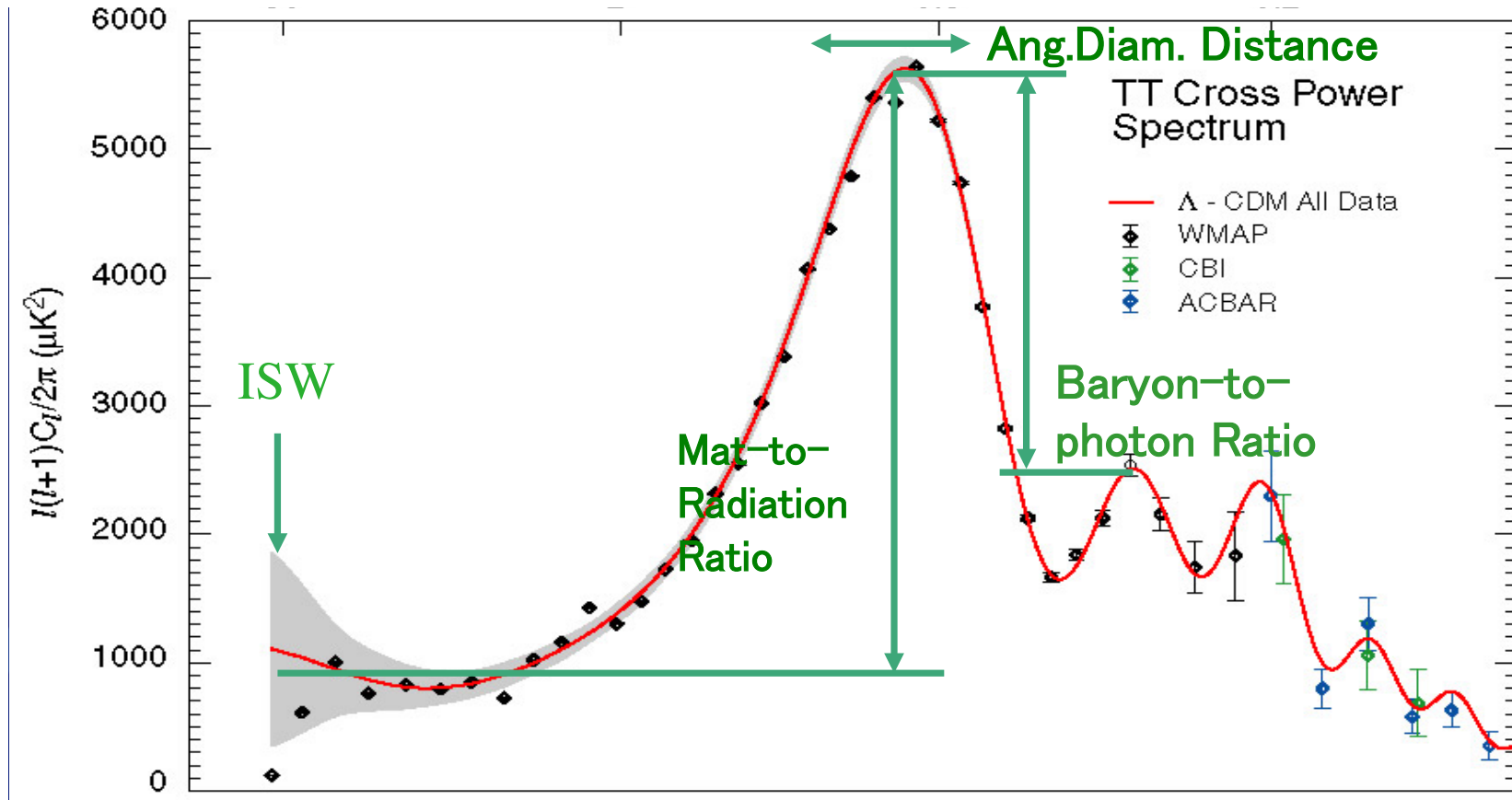
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We know the redshift of matter-radiation equality to 2.7%
(assuming standard 6-parameter Λ CDM cosmology)


$$z_{eq} = 3232 \pm 87$$

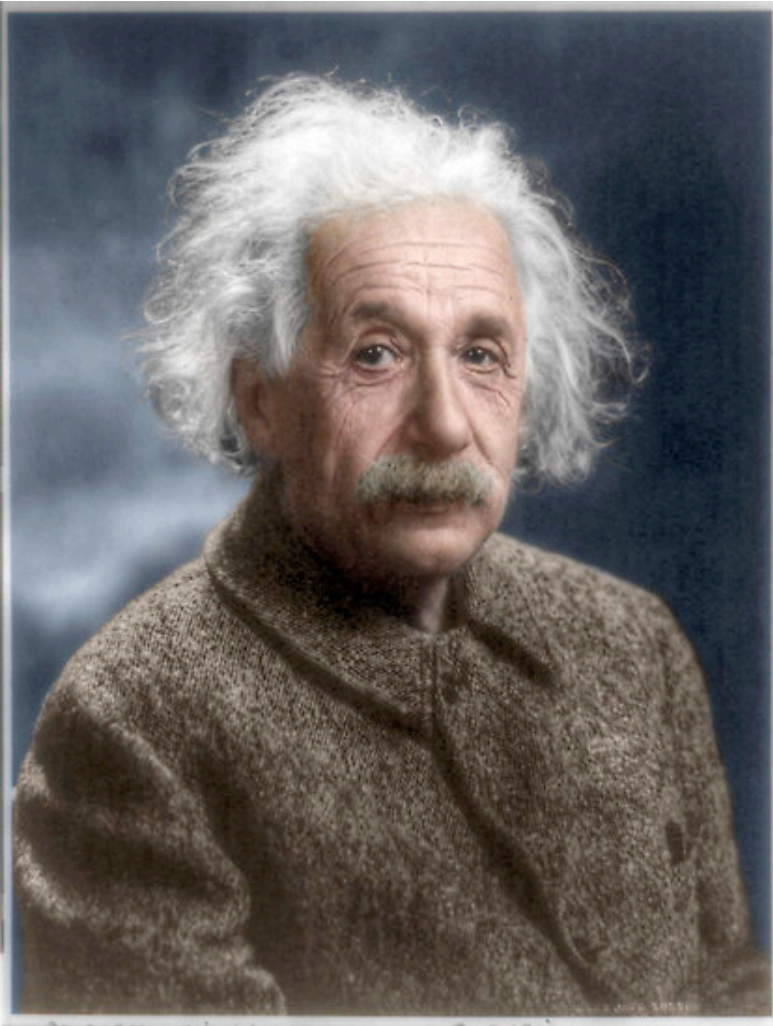
$$1 + z_{eq} = \frac{\Omega_m}{\Omega_r} = \frac{\Omega_m h^2}{4.16 \times 10^{-5} (N_{eff}/3.02)}$$

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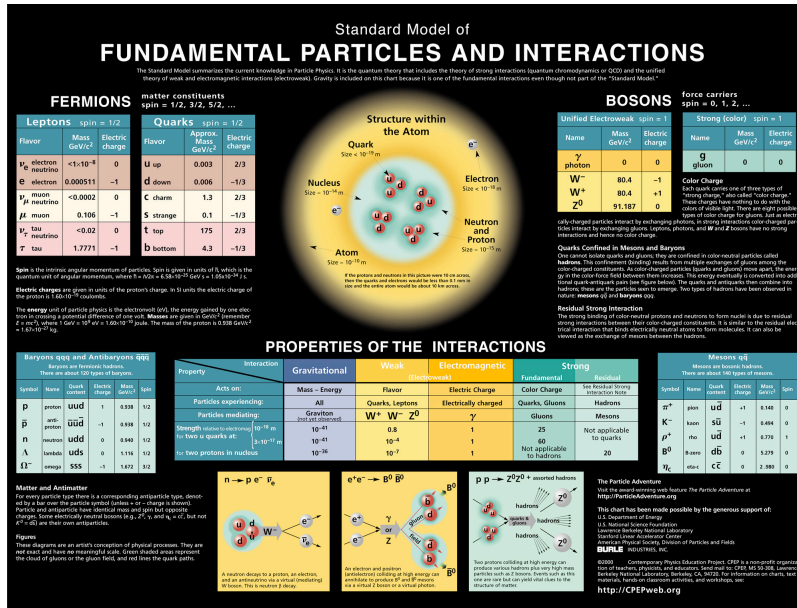
Credit: E. Komatsu

Standard Cosmology



$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}Rg_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi GT_{\mu\nu}$$

Standard Cosmology



Photons

Neutrinos

Baryons/Atoms

Dark Matter

Dark Energy



Cosmological Perturbations

Metric Perturbations about Friedmann-Robertson-Walker

$$ds^2 = a^2(\tau) [-(1 + 2\Psi)d\tau^2 + \delta_{ij}(1 + 2\Phi)dx^i dx^j]$$

Generally: Euler/Fluid Equations for Photons, Neutrinos, Baryons, and Dark Matter

$$\dot{\delta}_r + \frac{4}{3}\theta_r + 4\dot{\Phi} = 0$$

For a Radiation Fluid:

$$\dot{\theta}_r + \nabla^2 \left(\frac{\delta_r}{4} + \Psi \right) = 0$$

$$(\theta_r \equiv \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{v}_r)$$

Plus Einstein Equations for Gravitational Potentials

For a Radiation Fluid: $\Phi = -\Psi$

$$\nabla^2 \Phi + 3\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \Psi - \dot{\Phi} \right) = -4\pi G a^2 \rho_r \delta_r$$

Cosmological Perturbations: Fourier Space

$$\vec{\nabla} \longrightarrow -i\vec{k}$$

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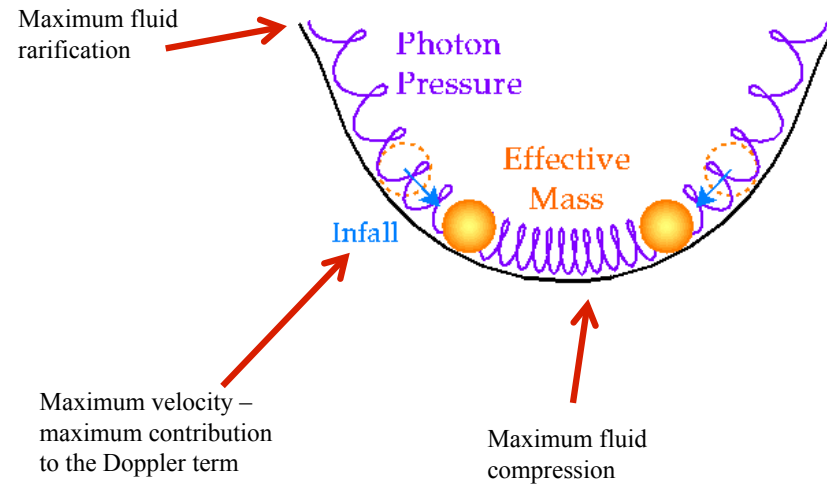
$$\dot{\theta}_r - k^2 \left(\frac{\delta_r}{4} + \Psi \right) = 0$$

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For a Radiation Fluid: $\Phi = -\Psi$

$$-k^2\Phi + 3\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\Psi - \dot{\Phi} \right) = -4\pi G a^2 \rho_r \delta_r$$

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Credit: Hu et al.

$$\frac{d}{d\tau} \left[m_{\text{eff}} \frac{d\delta_b}{d\tau} \right] + \frac{k^2}{3} \delta_b = F[\Psi] \quad m_{\text{eff}} = 1 + 3\rho_b/4\rho_\gamma$$

Forced Harmonic Oscillator with a time-dependent “effective-mass”

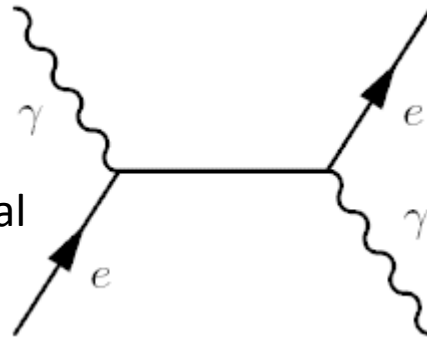
Bottom Line is that Baryon-Photon Fluid Supports Acoustic Waves!

At least until it ceases to exist as a “single” fluid!

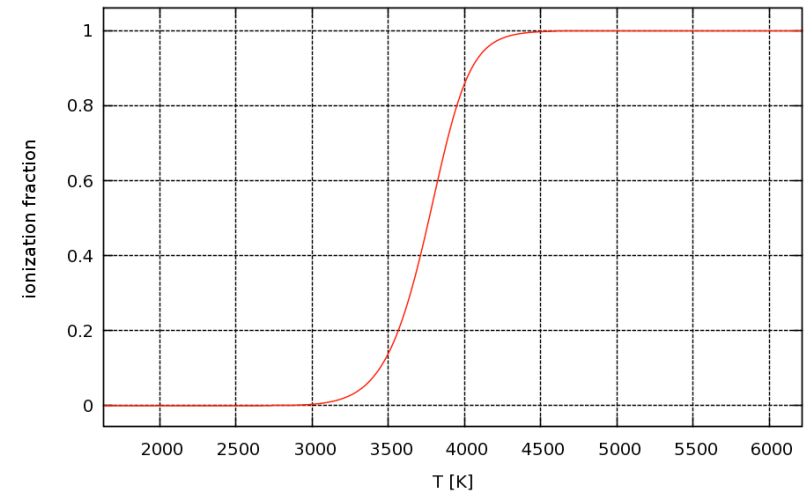
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Photons and “Baryons” are Separate But Interact

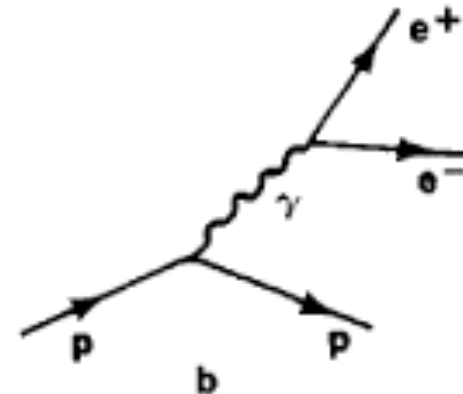
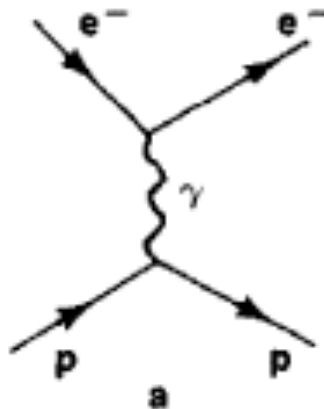
Compton/Thomson:
Efficient When Ionized
Inefficient When Neutral



ionization history during CMB recombination



Colulomb:
Always Very Very Efficient!



CMB Physics: Compton Coupling

$$\dot{\delta}_\gamma = -\frac{4}{3}\dot{\theta}_\gamma + 4\dot{\phi},$$

$$\dot{\theta}_\gamma = k^2 \left(\frac{1}{4}\delta_\gamma - \sigma_\gamma \right) + k^2\psi + an_e\sigma_T(\theta_b - \theta_\gamma)$$

Compton Collision Terms:

Momentum Transfer Tends to Equalize Bulk Velocities of Photon and Baryon Fluids

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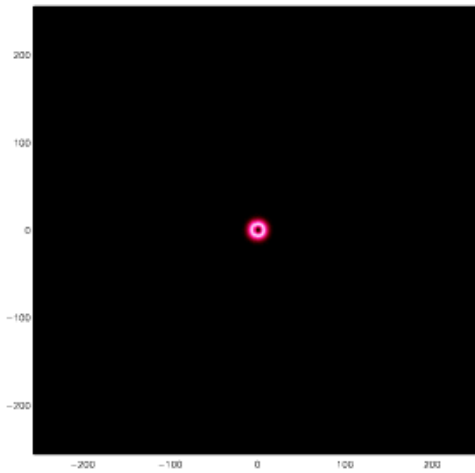
$$\dot{\theta}_b = -\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\theta_b + c_s^2 k^2 \delta_b + \frac{4\bar{\rho}_\gamma}{3\bar{\rho}_b} an_e\sigma_T(\theta_\gamma - \theta_b) + k^2\psi$$

Tight-Coupling into a Single Photon-Baryon Fluid When:

$$an_e\sigma_T \equiv \tau_c^{-1} \gg \dot{a}/a \sim \tau^{-1}$$

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Baryons



Photons

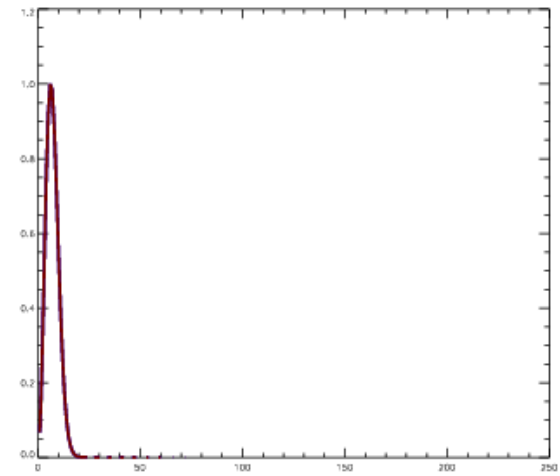
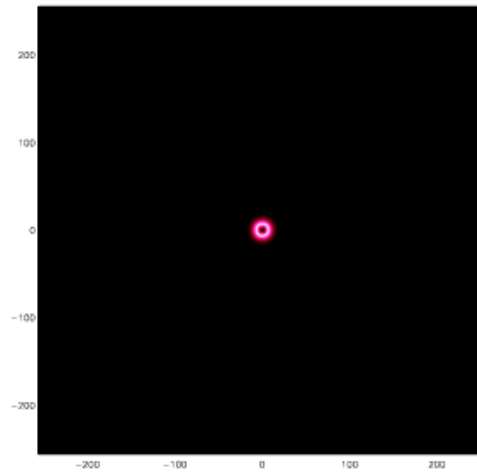
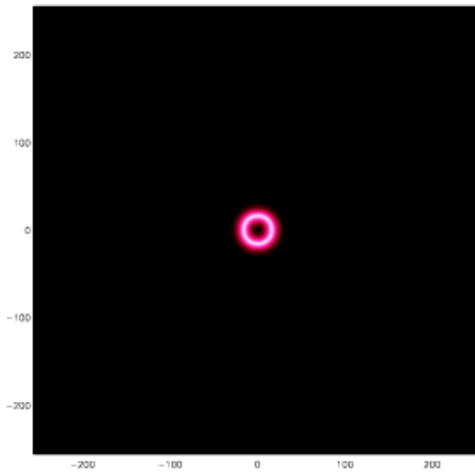


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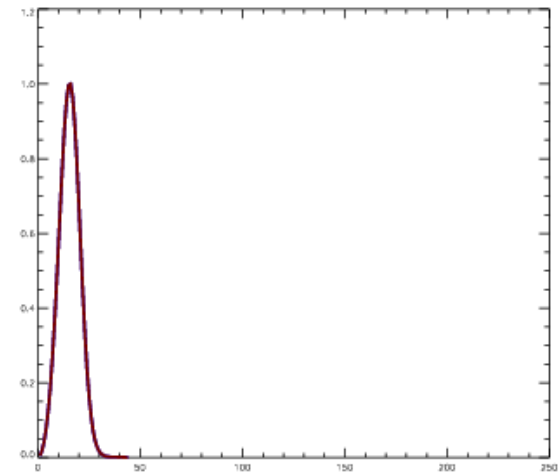
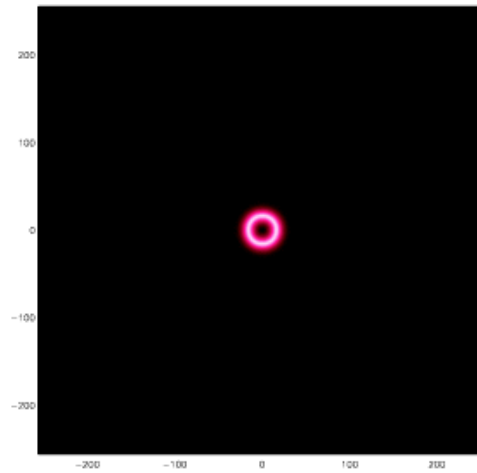
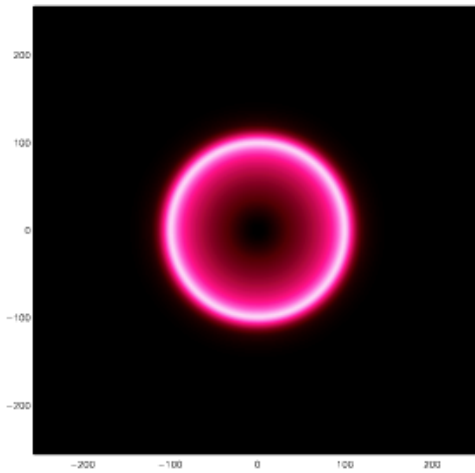


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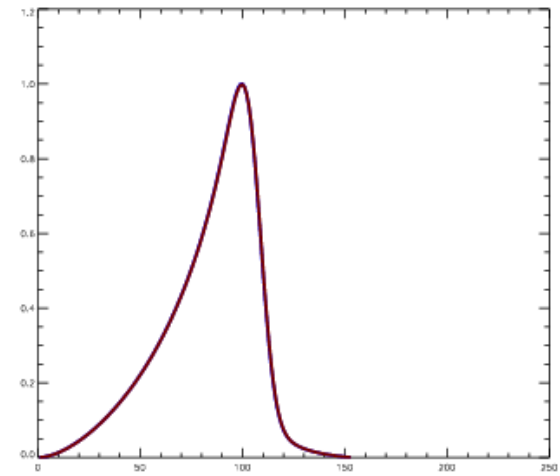
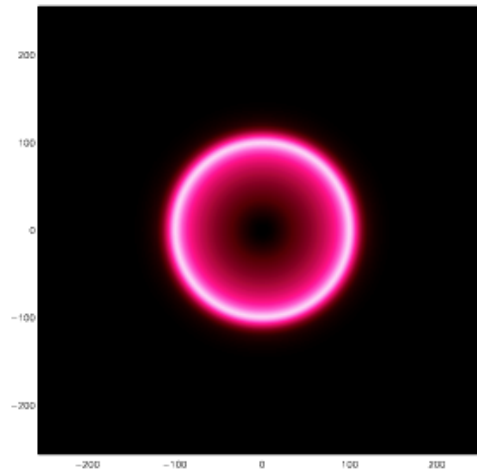
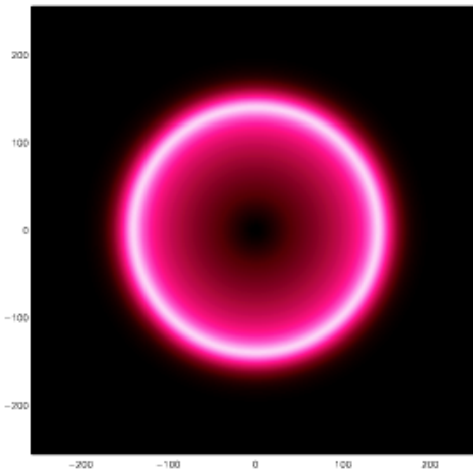


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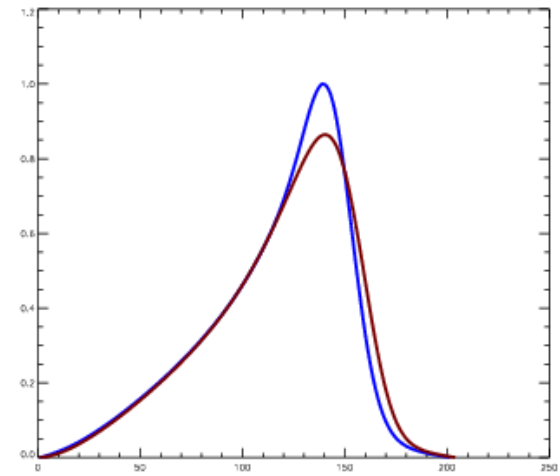
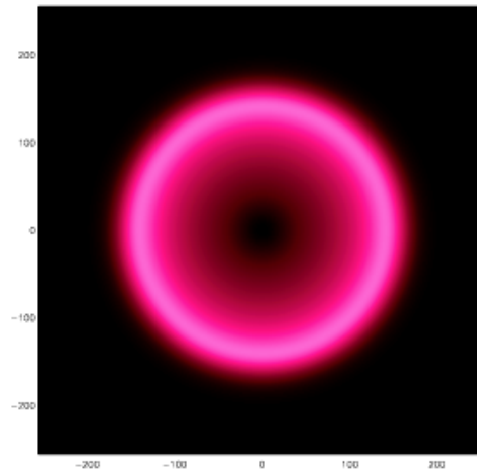
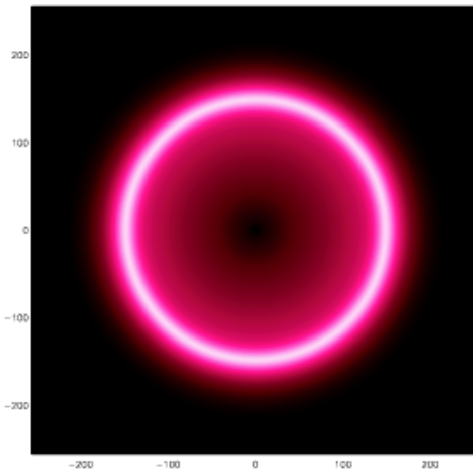


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Baryons



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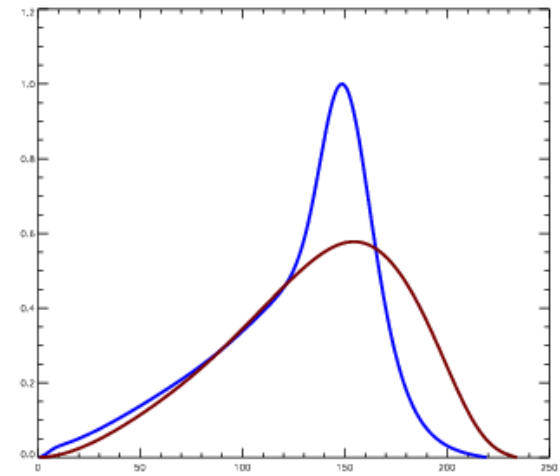
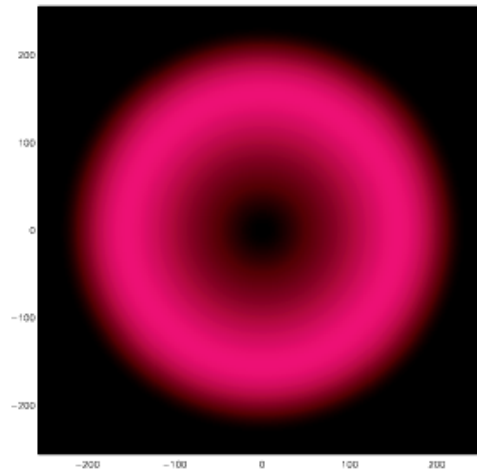
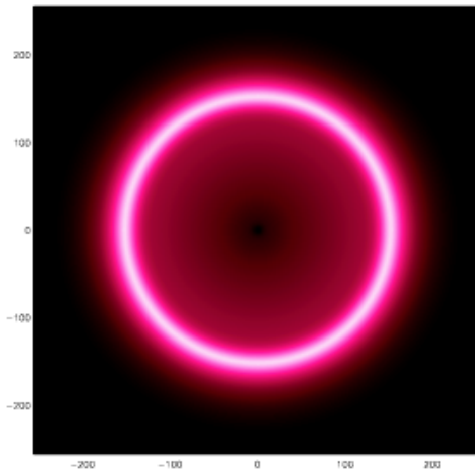


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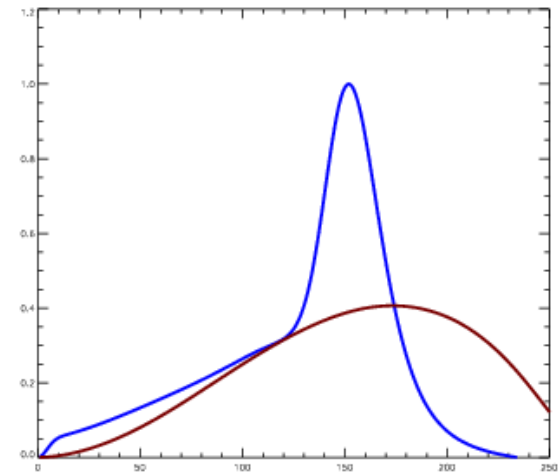
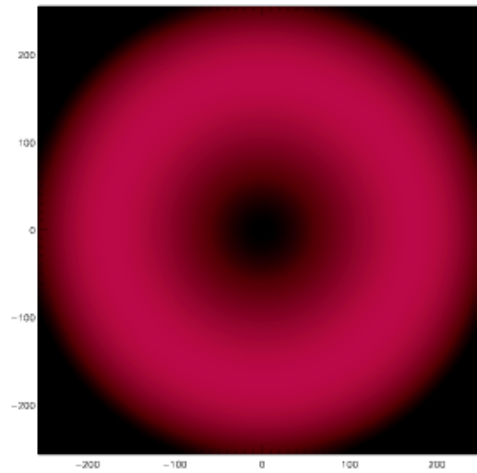
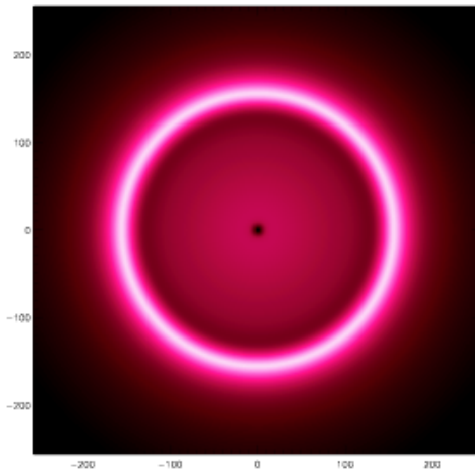


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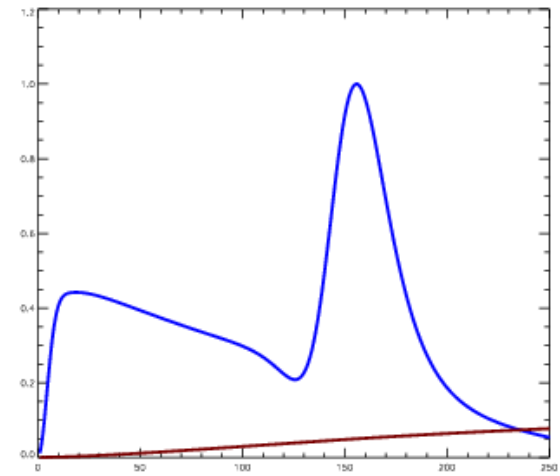
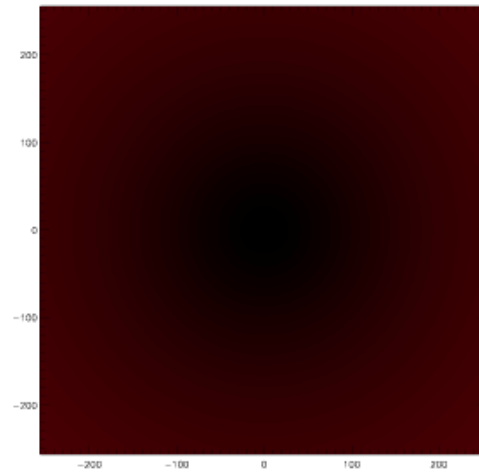
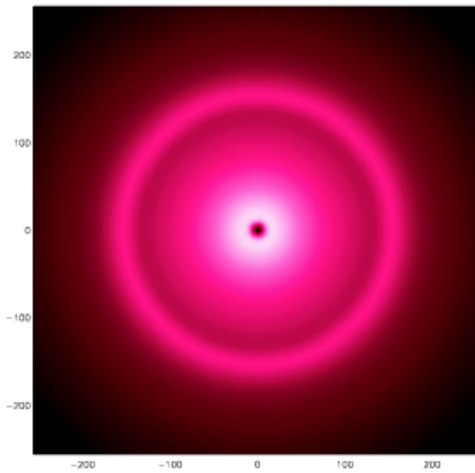


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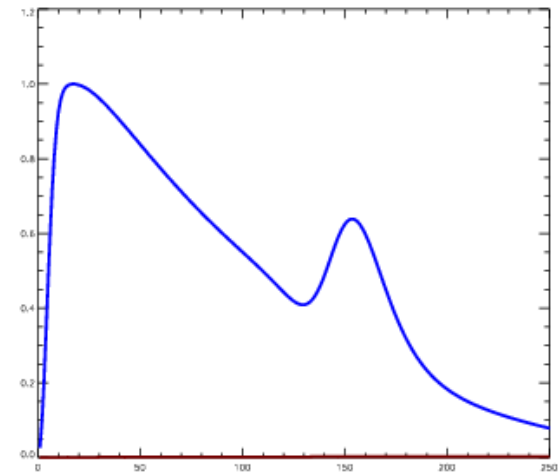
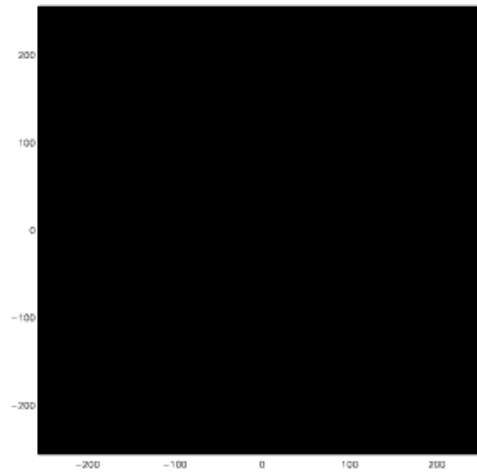


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CMB Physics: Photon Memory

Details of Photon-Baryon coupling/decoupling

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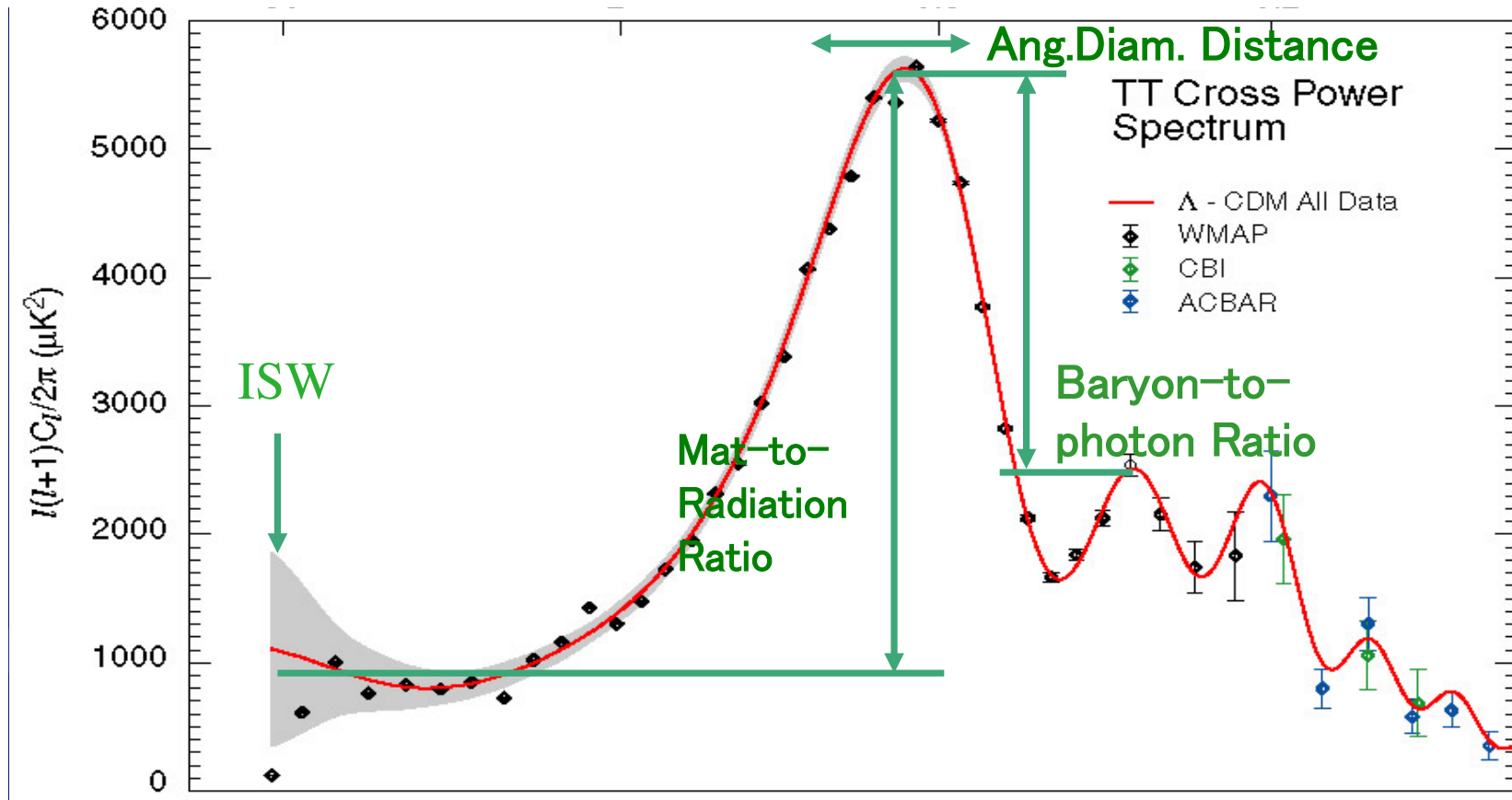
Exactly when matter or radiation dominates
the background evolution and gravitational
potentials

$$\dot{\delta}_\gamma = -\frac{4}{3}\theta_\gamma + 4\dot{\phi},$$

$$\dot{\theta}_\gamma = k^2 \left(\frac{1}{4}\delta_\gamma - \sigma_\gamma \right) + k^2\psi + an_e\sigma_T(\theta_b - \theta_\gamma)$$

Gets imprinted before photons free-stream to us!

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Credit: E. Komatsu

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Cosmological Parameters: $N_{eff} \neq 3.046$

We know the redshift of matter-radiation equality to 2.7%
(assuming 7-parameter Λ CDM w/ N_{eff} variation)


$$z_{eq} = 3209 \pm 85$$

$$1 + z_{eq} = \frac{\Omega_m}{\Omega_r} = \frac{\Omega_m h^2}{4.16 \times 10^{-5} (N_{eff}/3.02)}$$

Compare: $z_{eq} = 3232 \pm 87$

Cosmological Parameters: $N_{\text{eff}} \neq 3.046$

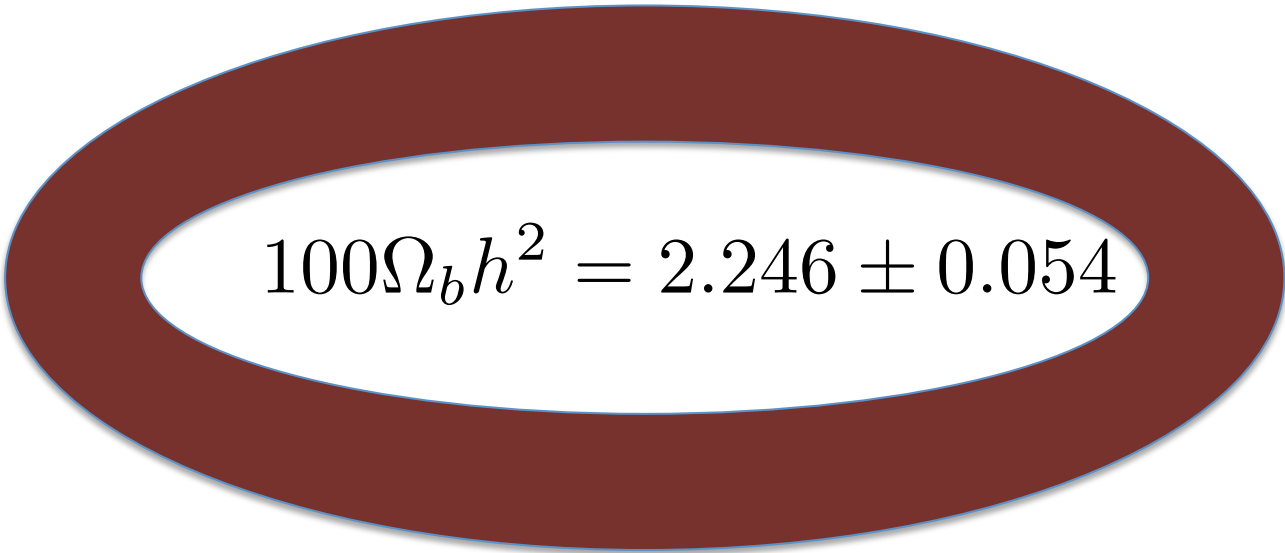
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Courtesy of LAMBDA

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We know the cosmological abundance of baryons to 2.4%
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$$100\Omega_b h^2 = 2.246 \pm 0.054$$

Compare: $100\Omega_b h^2 = 2.255 \pm 0.054$

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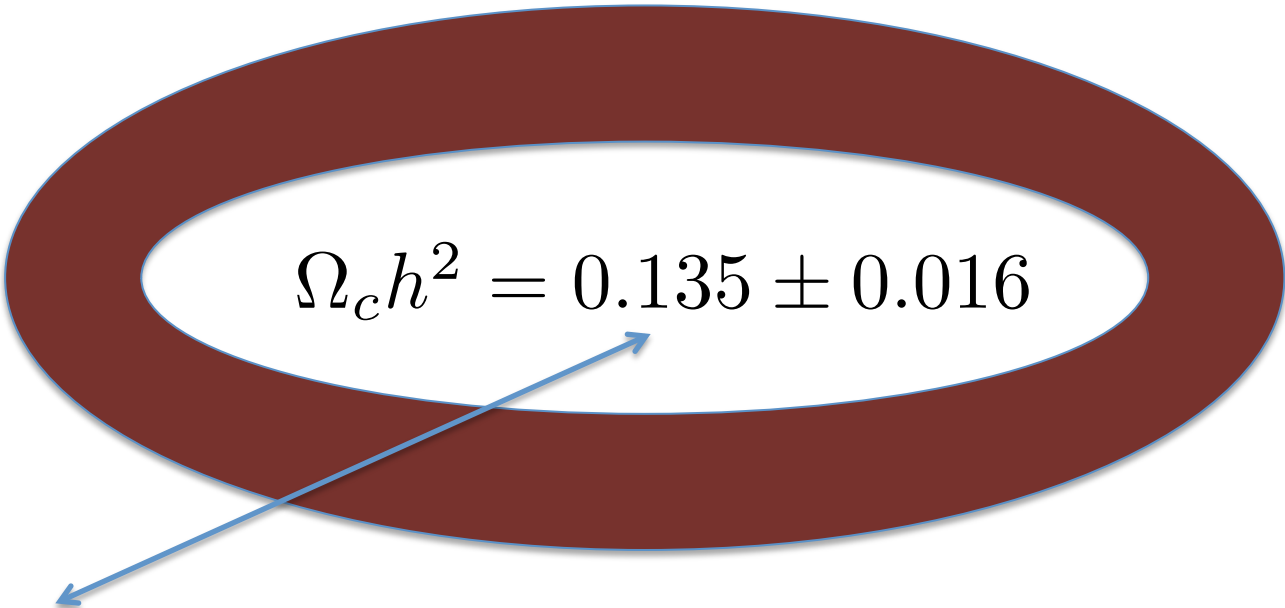
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Something to Remember:

We know the cosmological abundance of dark matter to **12%**
(assuming 7-parameter Λ CDM w/ N_{eff} variation)


$$\Omega_c h^2 = 0.135 \pm 0.016$$

Prefers Higher Dark Matter Density?

Compare: $\Omega_c h^2 = 0.1126 \pm 0.0036$

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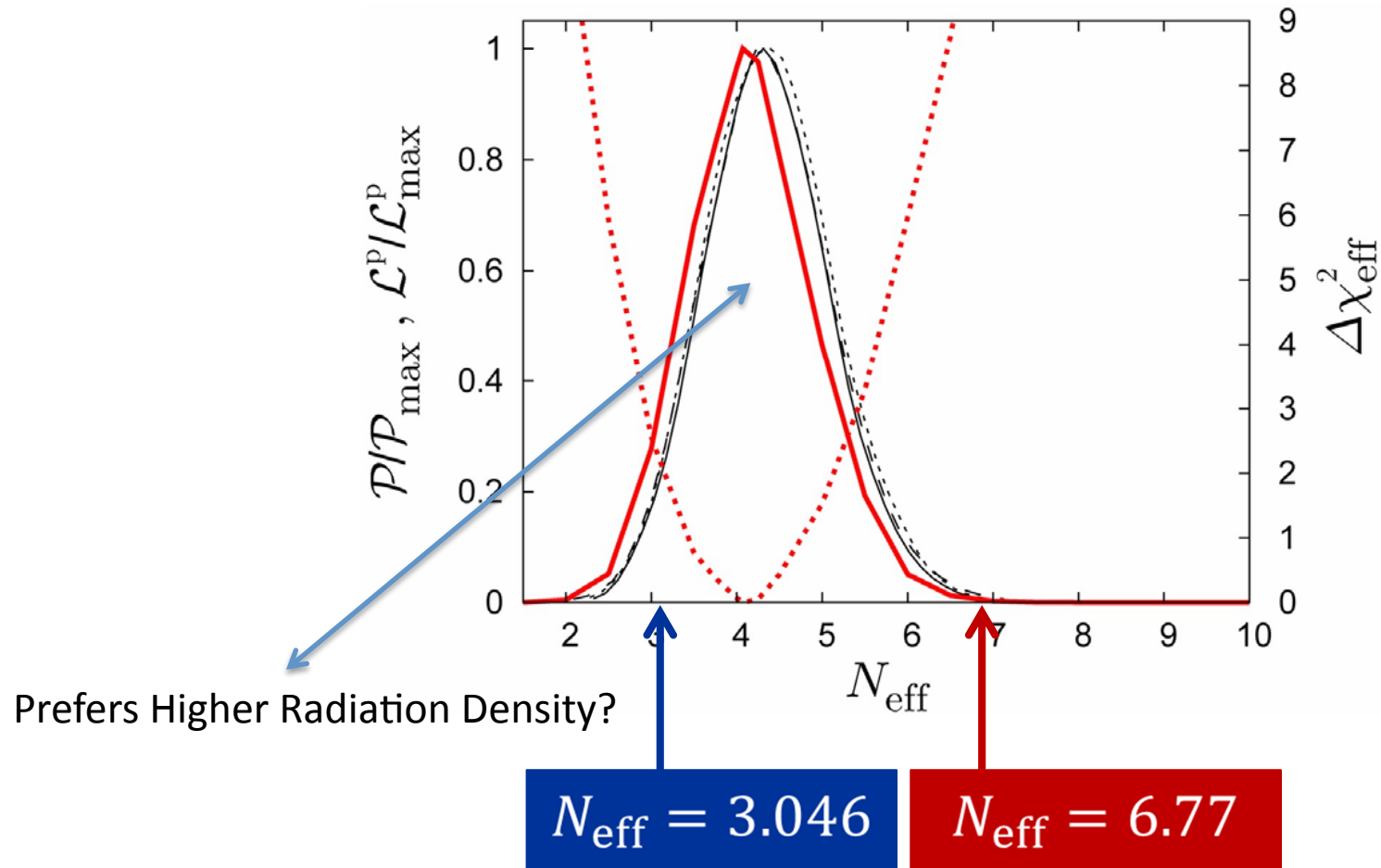
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WMAP-7+ACT+HST (Hamann, arXiv:1110.427)



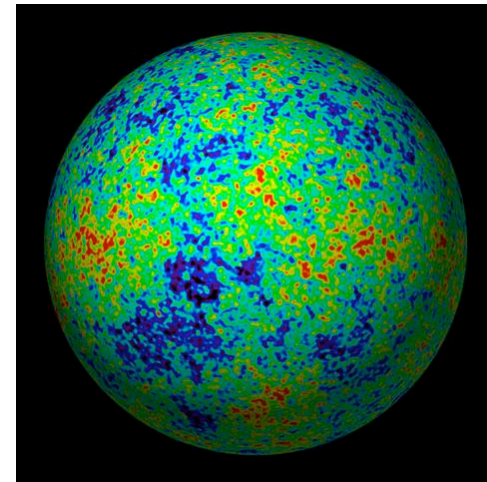
(From Georg Raffelt's Talk Yesterday)

Dark Matter “Knowns”

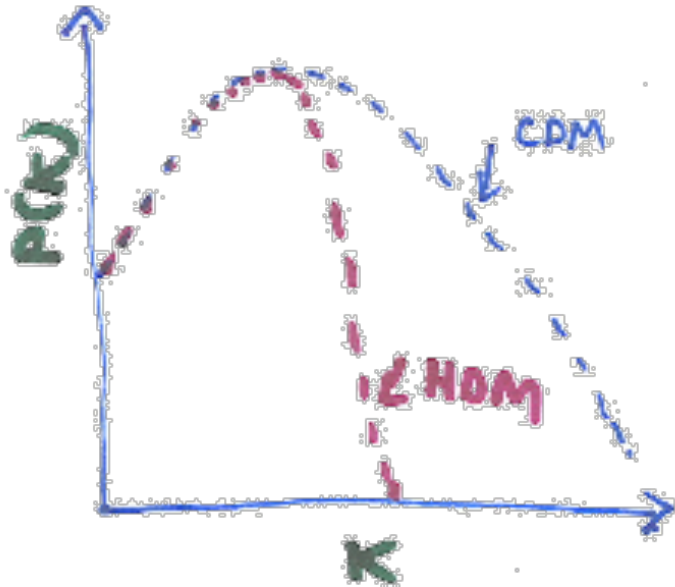
Abundance:

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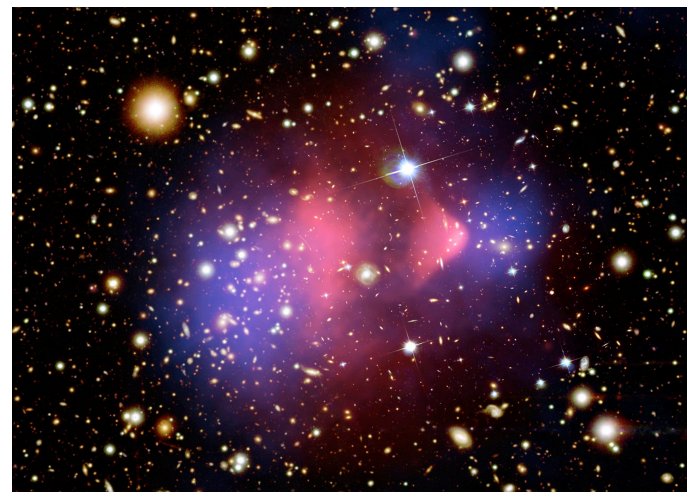
“Small” Interaction Atoms



Not *Too Much* Free Streaming:



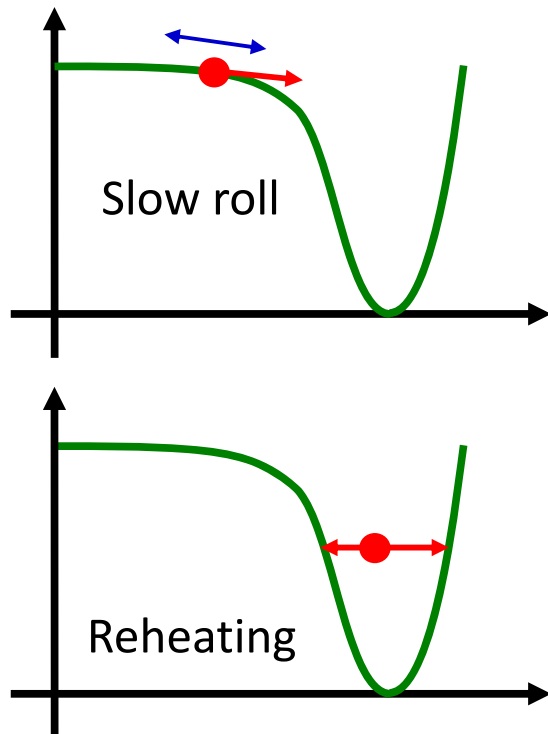
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Creation of Adiabatic vs. Isocurvature Perturbations

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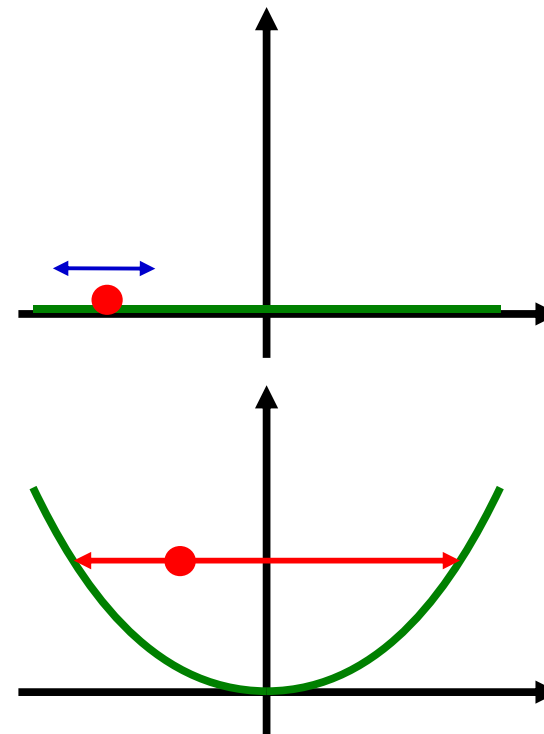
De Sitter expansion imprints
scale invariant fluctuations



Inflaton decay \rightarrow matter & radiation
Both fluctuate the same:
Adiabatic fluctuations

Axion field

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Inflaton decay \rightarrow radiation
Axion field oscillates late \rightarrow matter
Matter fluctuates relative to radiation:
Entropy fluctuations

DM Isocurvature Fluctuations

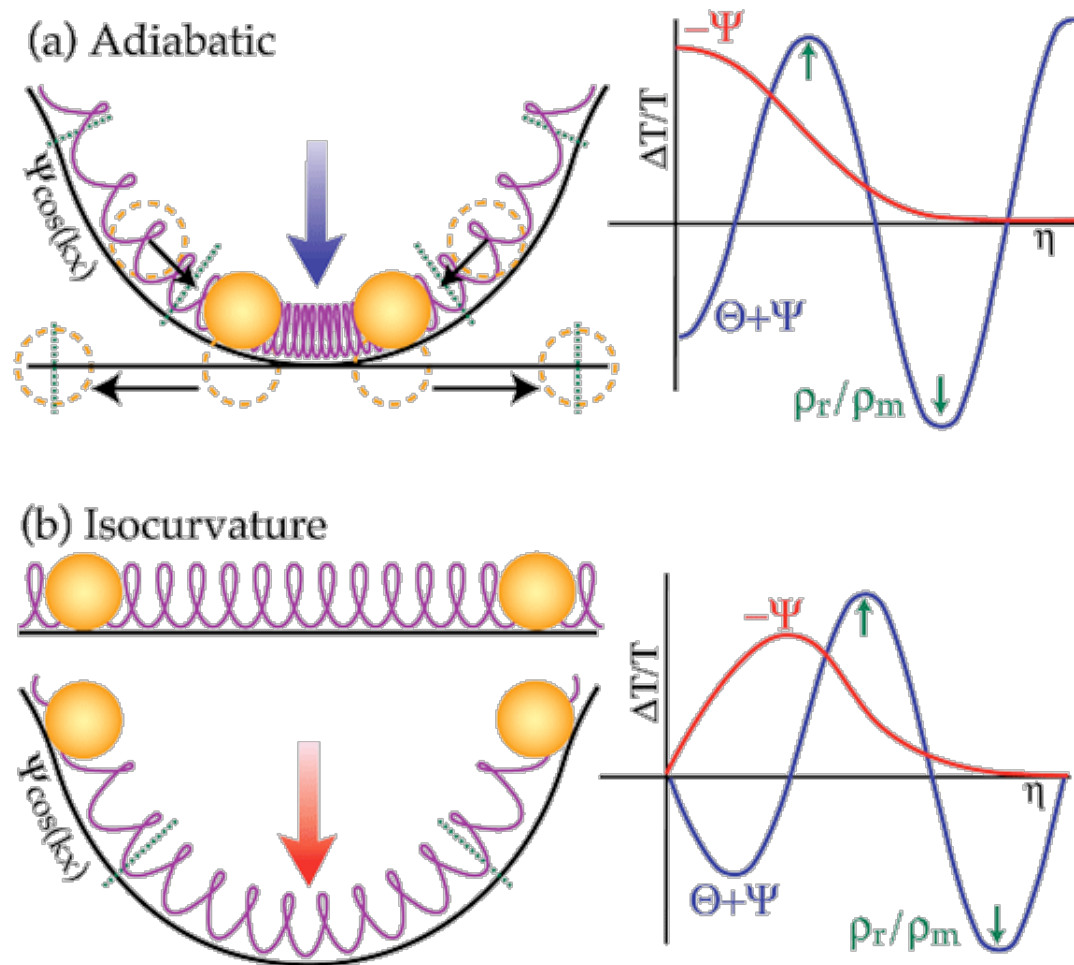
$$\mathcal{S}_{c,\gamma} \equiv \frac{\delta\rho_c}{\rho_c} - \frac{3\delta\rho_\gamma}{4\rho_\gamma}$$

Spatial Variation of the Relative Amount of Dark Matter and Standard Model Plasma

CMB Fluctuations are known to be mostly Adiabatic (not DM Isocurvature)

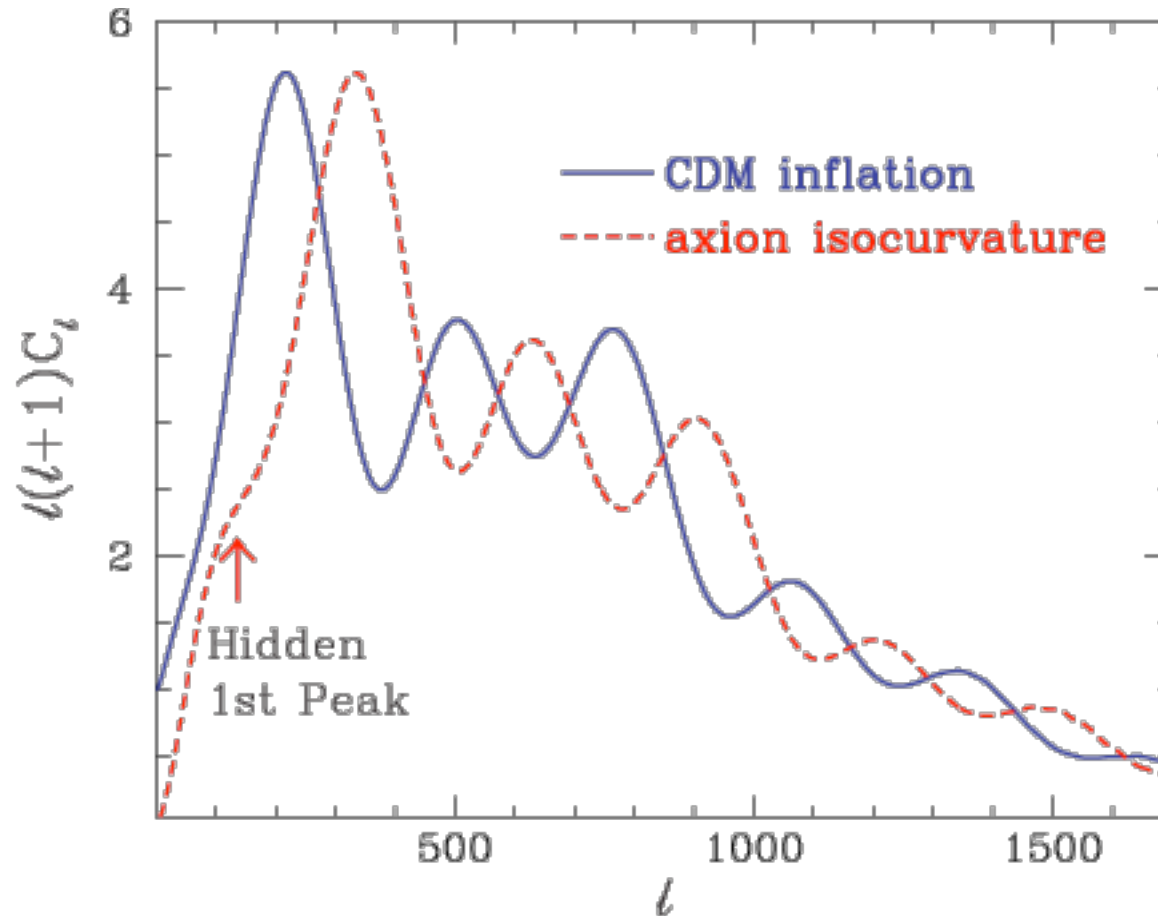
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DM Isocurvature Fluctuations



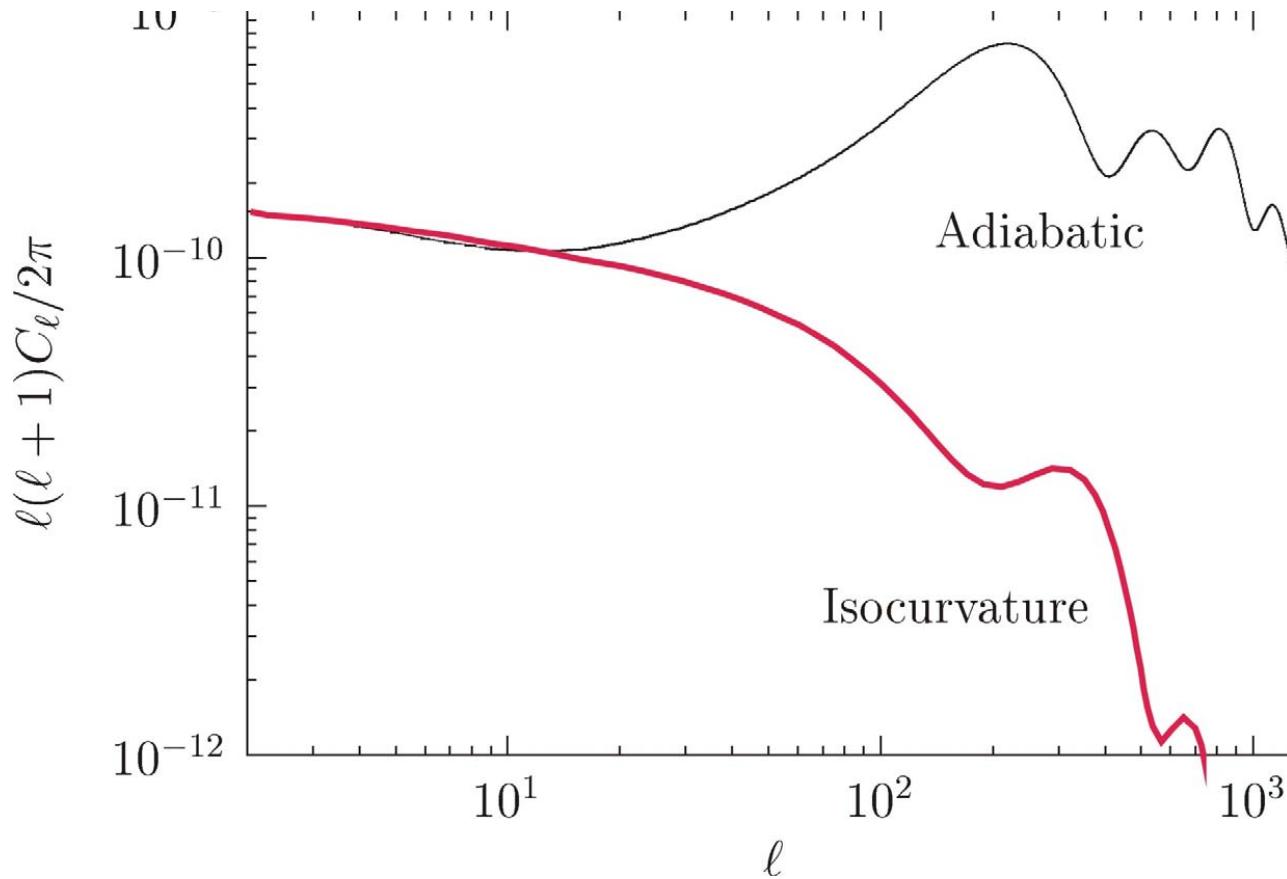
Credit: Wayne Hu

DM Isocurvature Fluctuations



Credit: Wayne Hu; from Hu and White 1996b

DM Isocurvature Fluctuations



DM Isocurvature Fluctuations Alter CMB Angular Power Spectrum

(Georg Raffelt's Talk Yesterday)

DM Isocurvature Fluctuations

Relative Amplitude of Isocurvature Power to Curvature Power

$$\frac{\alpha}{1 - \alpha} \equiv \frac{P_{\mathcal{S}}(k_0)}{P_{\mathcal{R}}(k_0)}$$

$$k_0 = 0.002 \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

Uncorrelated Isocurvature Fluctuations: $\alpha = \alpha_0$

See, e.g., WMAP7 Year Komatsu et al.

DM Isocurvature Fluctuations

WMAP7 Only

$$\alpha_0 < 0.13 \quad (95\% \text{ CL})$$

WMAP7+H0+BAO

$$\alpha_0 < 0.077 \quad (95\% \text{ CL})$$

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Axion / GW Connection

$$\frac{\alpha_0(k)}{1 - \alpha_0(k)} = \frac{\Omega_a^2}{\Omega_c^2} \frac{8\epsilon}{\theta_a^2 (f_a/M_{pl})^2}$$

Slow Roll



$$r = 16\epsilon$$

Oscillate Before QCD

$$f_a < \mathcal{O}(10^{-2})M_{pl}$$

$$\Omega_a h^2 = 1.0 \times 10^{-3} \gamma \theta_a^2 \left(\frac{f_a}{10^{10} \text{ GeV}} \right)^{7/6}$$

$$r = \frac{4.0 \times 10^{-10}}{\theta_a^{2/3}} \left(\frac{\Omega_c h^2}{\gamma} \right)^{4/3} \left(\frac{\Omega_c}{\Omega_a} \right)^{2/3} \frac{\alpha_0}{1 - \alpha_0}$$

Oscillate After QCD

$$f_a \geq \mathcal{O}(10^{-2})M_{pl}$$

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Single Field Slow Roll w/ Axion DM fraction

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$$r < \frac{7.6 \times 10^{-15}}{\theta_a^{10/7} \gamma^{12/7}} \quad \text{for } f_a < \mathcal{O}(10^{-2})M_{pl}$$

$$r < \frac{1.5 \times 10^{-12}}{\theta_a^{2/3} \gamma^{4/3}} \quad \text{for } f_a > \mathcal{O}(10^{-2})M_{pl}$$

$$\theta_a \gamma^{6/5} < 3.3 \times 10^{-9} \left(\frac{10^{-2}}{r} \right)^{7/10} \quad \text{for } f_a < \mathcal{O}(10^{-2})M_{pl}$$

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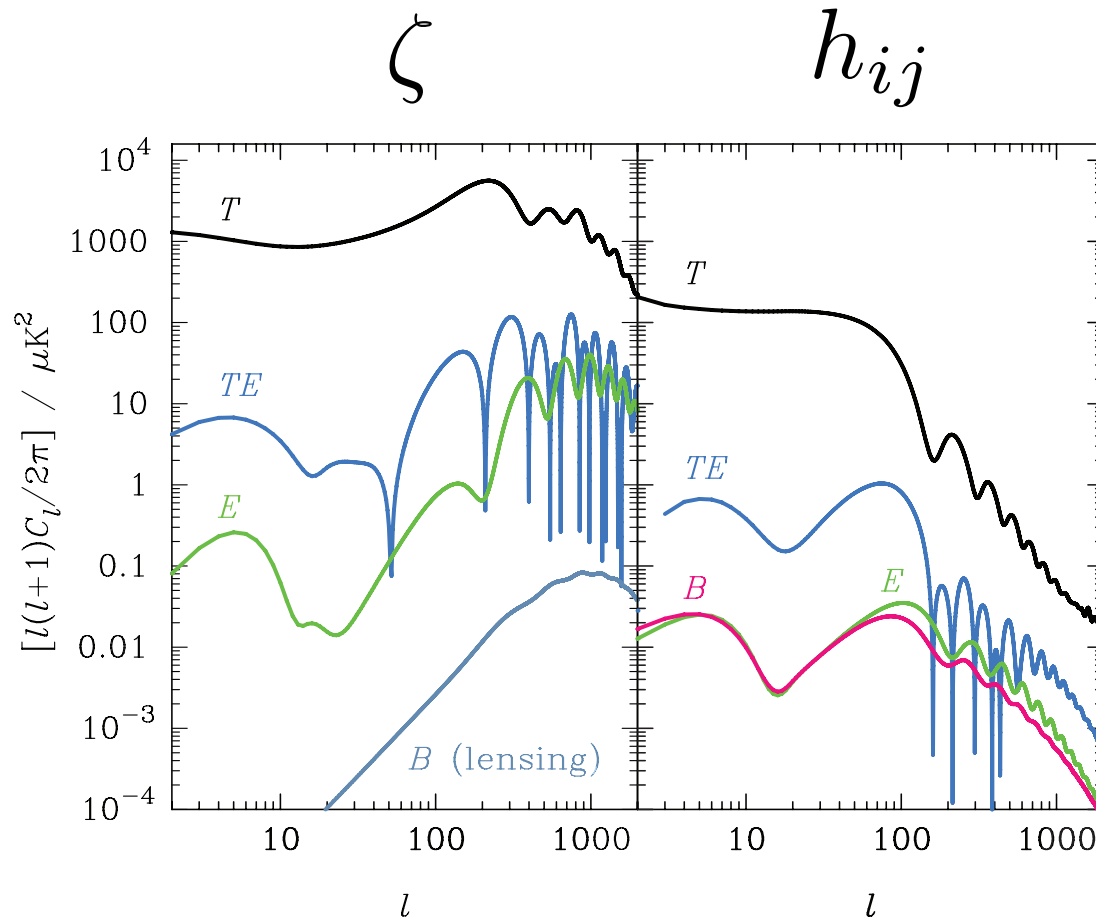
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Axion / GW Connection



If detect CMB B-mode Polarization
then no misalignment axion scenario.

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SEVEN-YEAR WILKINSON MICROWAVE ANISOTROPY PROBE (WMAP¹) OBSERVATIONS: COSMOLOGICAL INTERPRETATION

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TABLE 1
 SUMMARY OF THE COSMOLOGICAL PARAMETERS OF Λ CDM MODEL^a

Class	Parameter	WMAP 7-year ML ^b	WMAP+BAO+ H_0 ML	WMAP 7-year Mean ^c	WMAP+BAO+ H_0 Mean
Primary	$100\Omega_b h^2$	2.227	2.253	$2.249^{+0.056}_{-0.057}$	2.255 ± 0.054
	$\Omega_c h^2$	0.1116	0.1122	0.1120 ± 0.0056	0.1126 ± 0.0036
	Ω_Λ	0.729	0.728	$0.727^{+0.030}_{-0.029}$	0.725 ± 0.016
	n_s	0.966	0.967	0.967 ± 0.014	0.968 ± 0.012
	τ	0.085	0.085	0.088 ± 0.015	0.088 ± 0.014
	$\Delta_{\mathcal{R}}^2(k_0)^d$	2.42×10^{-9}	2.42×10^{-9}	$(2.43 \pm 0.11) \times 10^{-9}$	$(2.430 \pm 0.091) \times 10^{-9}$
Derived	σ_8	0.809	0.810	$0.811^{+0.030}_{-0.031}$	0.816 ± 0.024
	H_0	70.3 km/s/Mpc	70.4 km/s/Mpc	70.4 ± 2.5 km/s/Mpc	70.2 ± 1.4 km/s/Mpc
	Ω_b	0.0451	0.0455	0.0455 ± 0.0028	0.0458 ± 0.0016
	Ω_c	0.226	0.226	0.228 ± 0.027	0.229 ± 0.015
	$\Omega_m h^2$	0.1338	0.1347	$0.1345^{+0.0056}_{-0.0055}$	0.1352 ± 0.0036
	z_{reion}^e	10.4	10.3	10.6 ± 1.2	10.6 ± 1.2
	t_0^f	13.79 Gyr	13.76 Gyr	13.77 ± 0.13 Gyr	13.76 ± 0.11 Gyr

^a The parameters listed here are derived using the RECFAST 1.5 and version 4.1 of the WMAP likelihood code. All the other parameters in the other tables are derived using the RECFAST 1.4.2 and version 4.0 of the WMAP likelihood code, unless stated otherwise. The difference is small. See Appendix A for comparison.

^b Larson et al. (2010). “ML” refers to the Maximum Likelihood parameters.

^c Larson et al. (2010). “Mean” refers to the mean of the posterior distribution of each parameter. The quoted errors show the 68% confidence levels (CL).

^d $\Delta_{\mathcal{R}}^2(k) = k^3 P_{\mathcal{R}}(k)/(2\pi^2)$ and $k_0 = 0.002$ Mpc⁻¹.

^e “Redshift of reionization,” if the universe was reionized instantaneously from the neutral state to the fully ionized state at z_{reion} . Note that these values are somewhat different from those in Table 1 of Komatsu et al. (2009a), largely because of the changes in the treatment of reionization history in the Boltzmann code CAMB (Lewis 2008).

^f The present-day age of the universe.