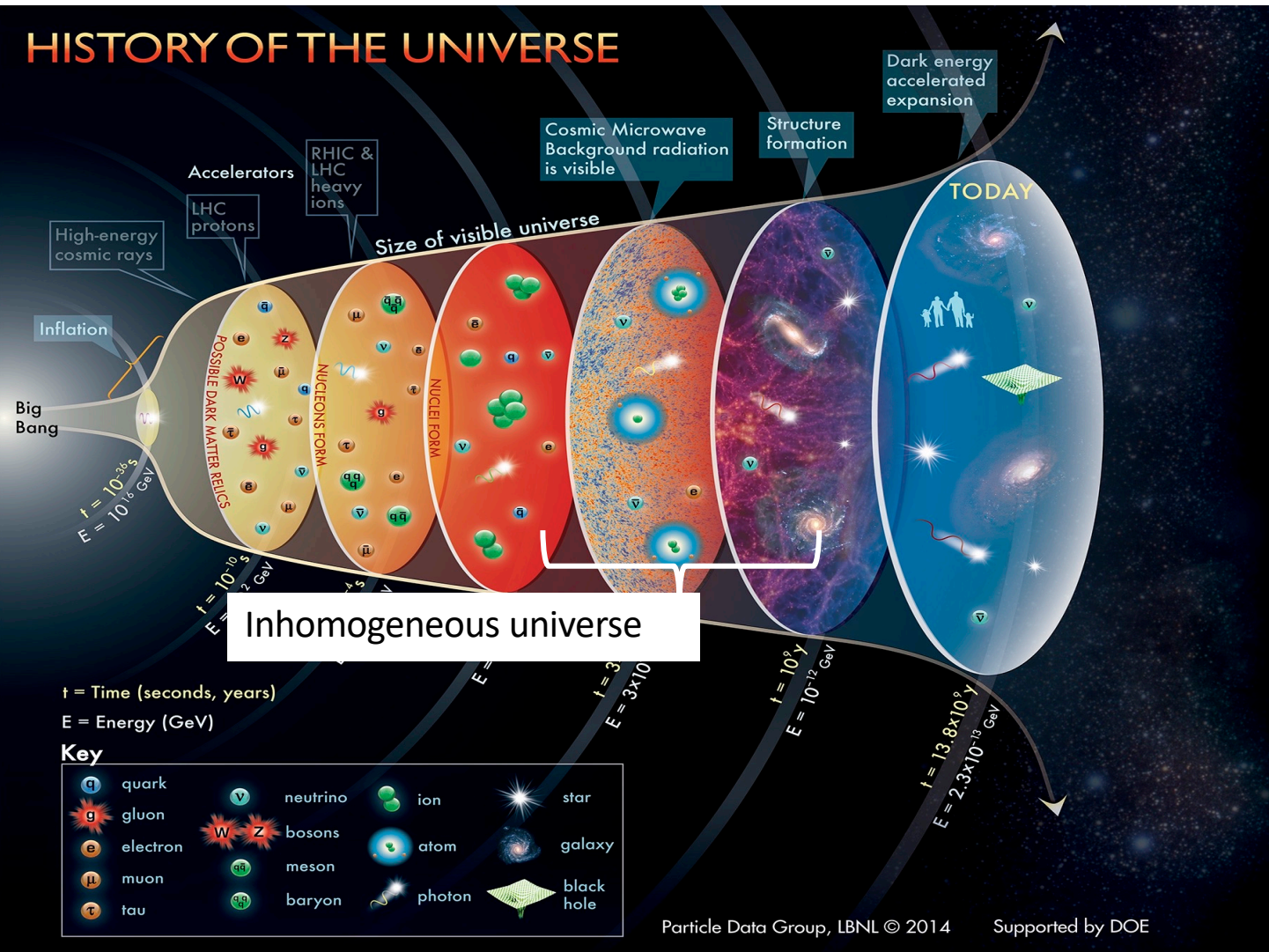


# Inhomogeneous universe

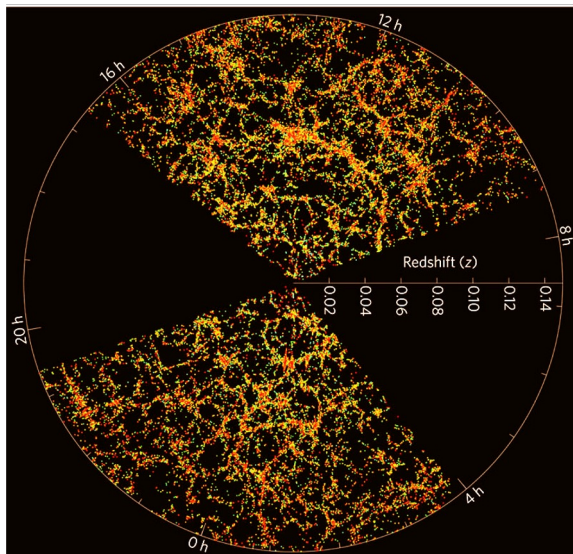
(aka what's in those black boxes called CAMB and CLASS)

# HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSE

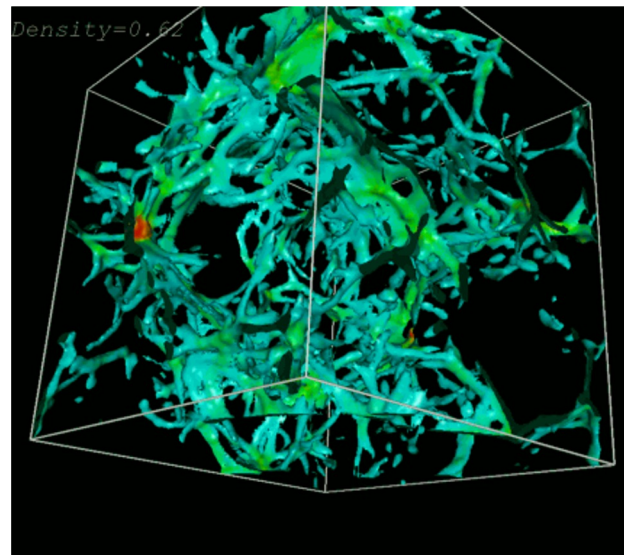


# Overview...

The **distribution of matter** in the universe, even on large scales, is **not** exactly homogeneous and isotropic!



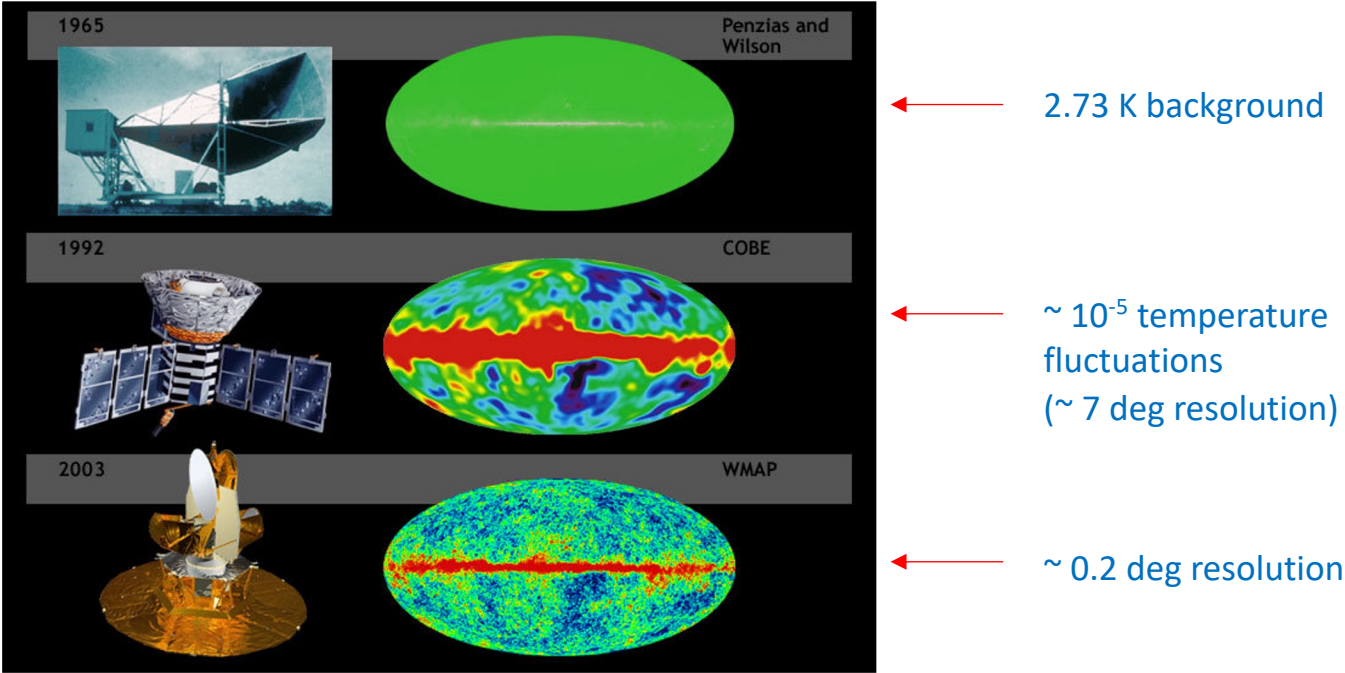
Red galaxies observed by the Sloan Digital Sky Survey



Intergalactic hydrogen clouds (simulations)

# Overview...

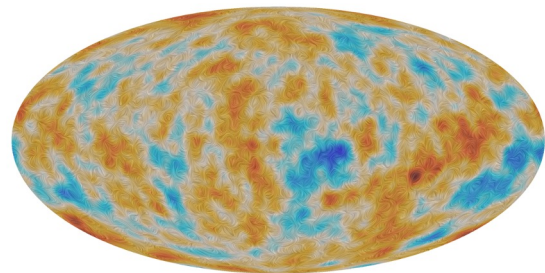
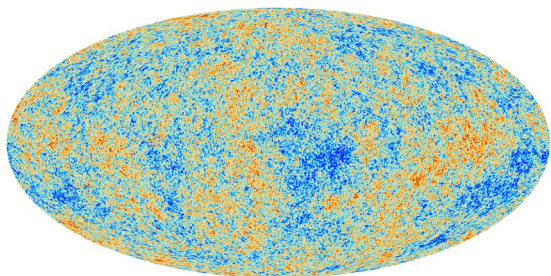
The **cosmic microwave background radiation** is anisotropic.





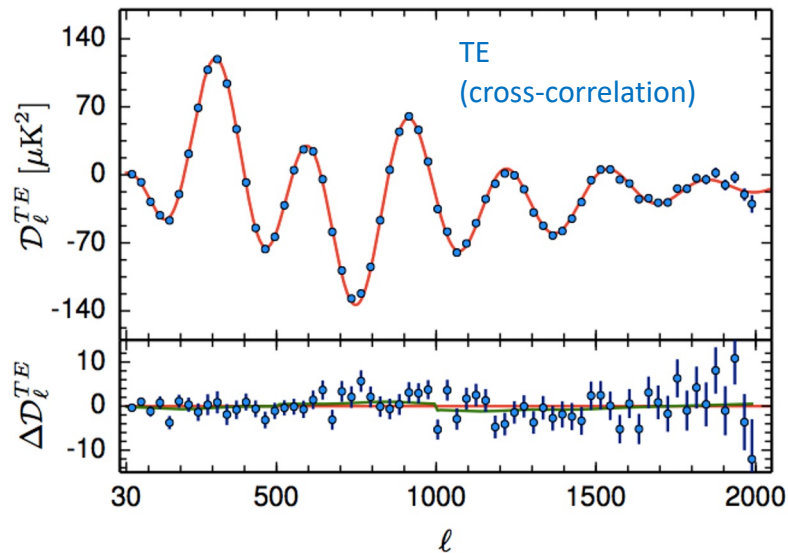
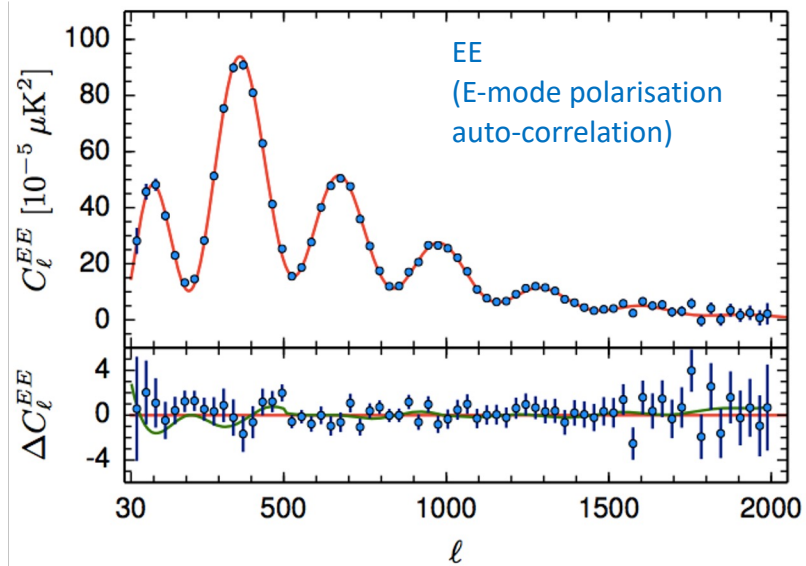
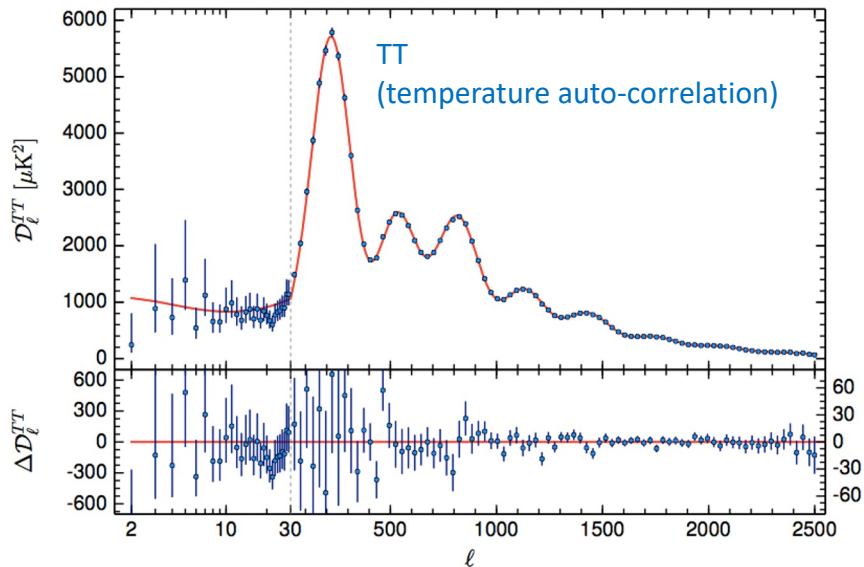
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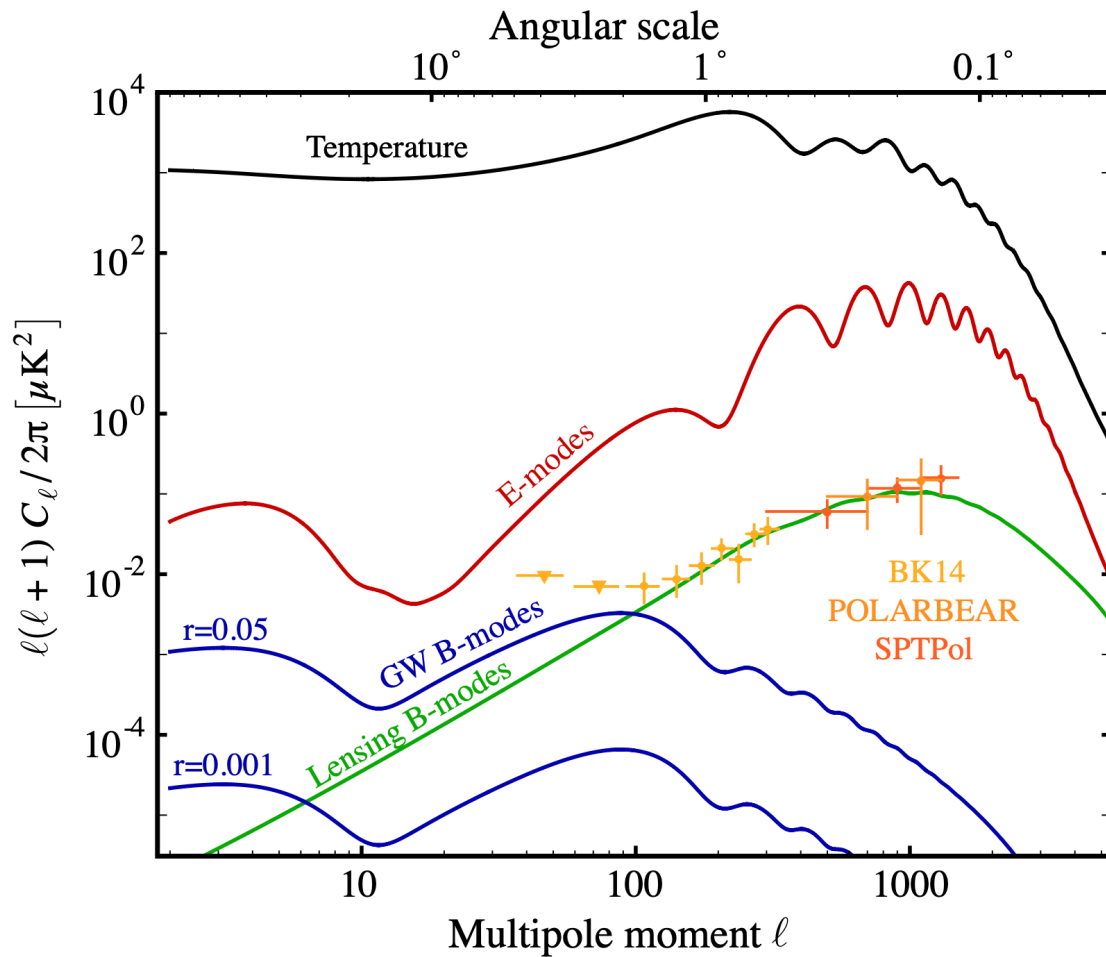
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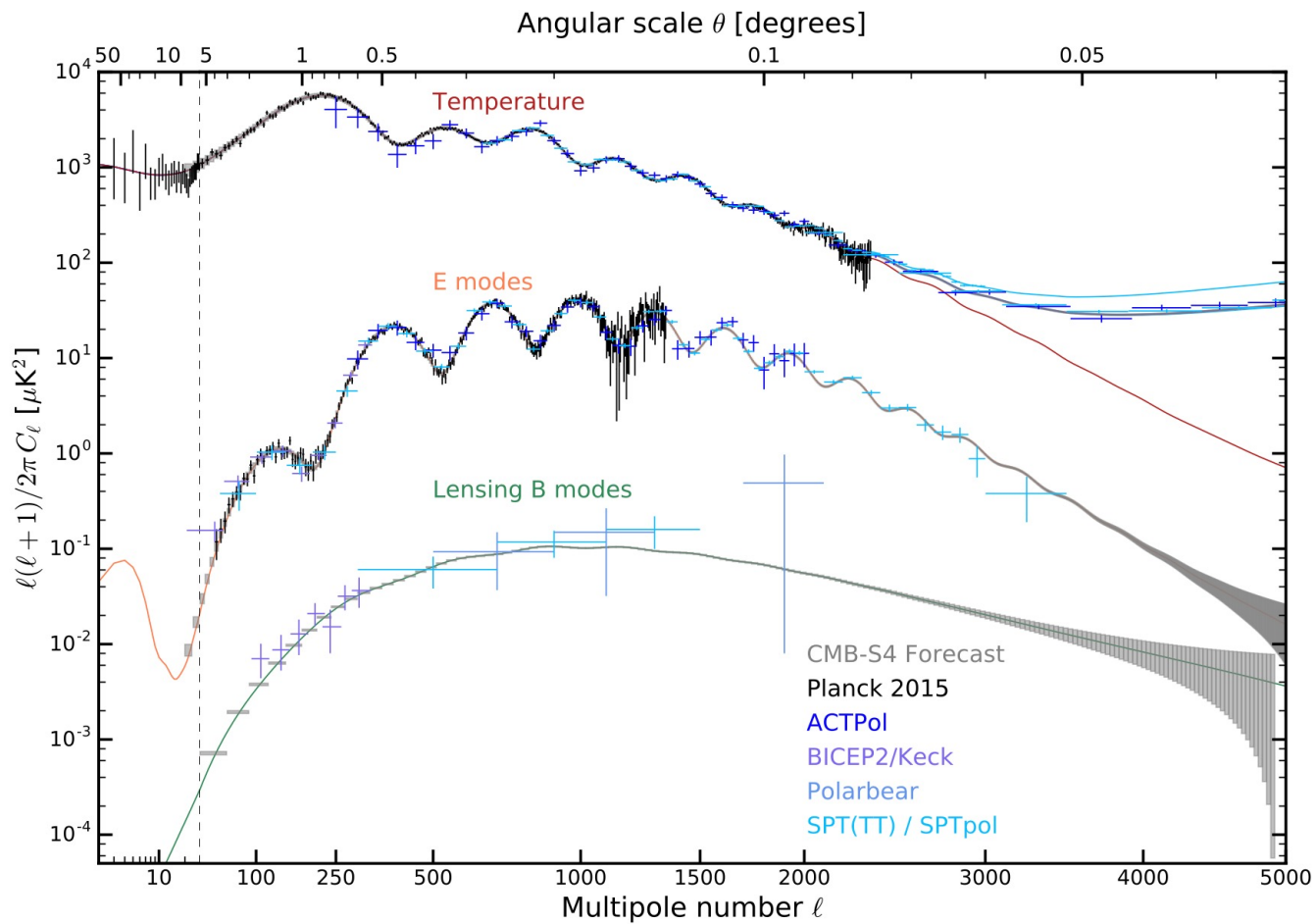
- Temperature and polarisation fluctuations from Planck 2018
- **> 0.2 deg**: WMAP (9-year data public)
- **< 0.2 deg**: DASI, CBI, ACBAR, Boomerang, VSA, QuaD, QUIET, BICEP, ACT, SPT, etc.



← Large angular separation      → Small angular separation

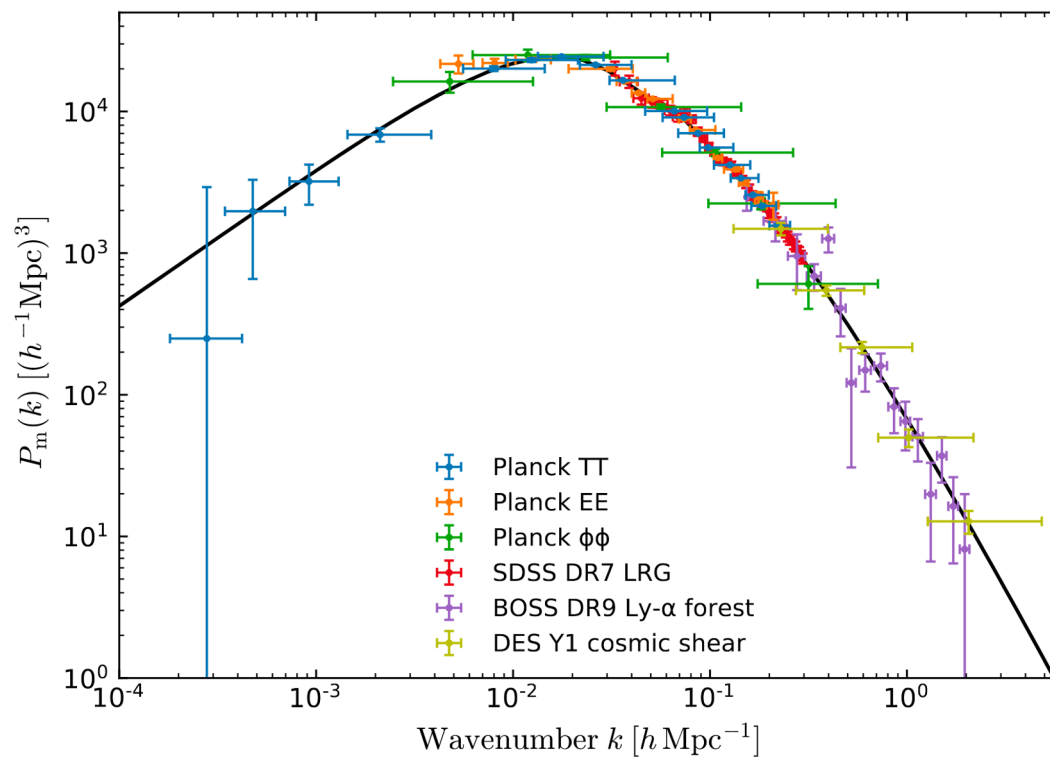
Ade et al. [Planck collaboration] 2015





# Matter power spectrum...

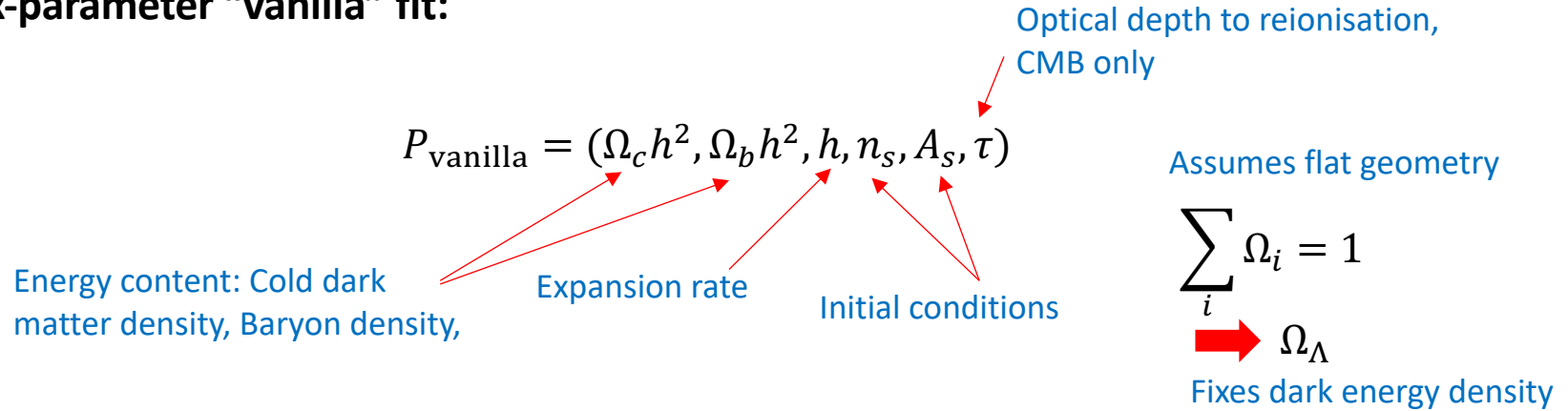
Measurements circa 2018



Akrami et al. 2018



## Six-parameter “vanilla” fit:

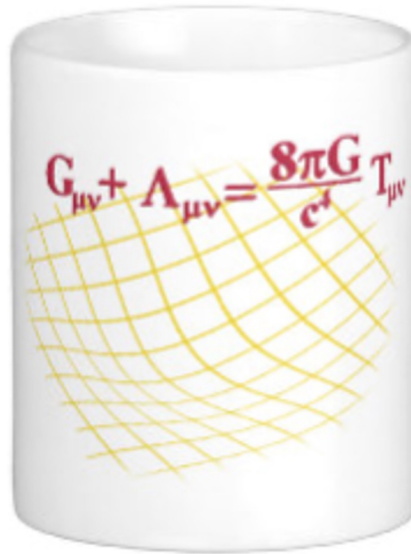


Parameter	TT+lowE 68% limits	TE+lowE 68% limits	EE+lowE 68% limits	TT,TE,EE+lowE 68% limits	TT,TE,EE+lowE+lensing 68% limits	TT,TE,EE+lowE+lensing+BAO 68% limits
$\Omega_b h^2$	$0.02212 \pm 0.00022$	$0.02249 \pm 0.00025$	$0.0240 \pm 0.0012$	$0.02236 \pm 0.00015$	$0.02237 \pm 0.00015$	$0.02242 \pm 0.00014$
$\Omega_c h^2$	$0.1206 \pm 0.0021$	$0.1177 \pm 0.0020$	$0.1158 \pm 0.0046$	$0.1202 \pm 0.0014$	$0.1200 \pm 0.0012$	$0.11933 \pm 0.00091$
$100\theta_{\text{MC}}$	$1.04077 \pm 0.00047$	$1.04139 \pm 0.00049$	$1.03999 \pm 0.00089$	$1.04090 \pm 0.00031$	$1.04092 \pm 0.00031$	$1.04101 \pm 0.00029$
$\tau$	$0.0522 \pm 0.0080$	$0.0496 \pm 0.0085$	$0.0527 \pm 0.0090$	$0.0544^{+0.0070}_{-0.0081}$	$0.0544 \pm 0.0073$	$0.0561 \pm 0.0071$
$\ln(10^{10} A_s)$	$3.040 \pm 0.016$	$3.018^{+0.020}_{-0.018}$	$3.052 \pm 0.022$	$3.045 \pm 0.016$	$3.044 \pm 0.014$	$3.047 \pm 0.014$
$n_s$	$0.9626 \pm 0.0057$	$0.967 \pm 0.011$	$0.980 \pm 0.015$	$0.9649 \pm 0.0044$	$0.9649 \pm 0.0042$	$0.9665 \pm 0.0038$
$H_0$ [km s <sup>-1</sup> Mpc <sup>-1</sup> ]	$66.88 \pm 0.92$	$68.44 \pm 0.91$	$69.9 \pm 2.7$	$67.27 \pm 0.60$	$67.36 \pm 0.54$	$67.66 \pm 0.42$
$\Omega_\Lambda$	$0.679 \pm 0.013$	$0.699 \pm 0.012$	$0.711^{+0.033}_{-0.026}$	$0.6834 \pm 0.0084$	$0.6847 \pm 0.0073$	$0.6889 \pm 0.0056$
$\Omega_m$	$0.321 \pm 0.013$	$0.301 \pm 0.012$	$0.289^{+0.026}_{-0.033}$	$0.3166 \pm 0.0084$	$0.3153 \pm 0.0073$	$0.3111 \pm 0.0056$

# Plan...

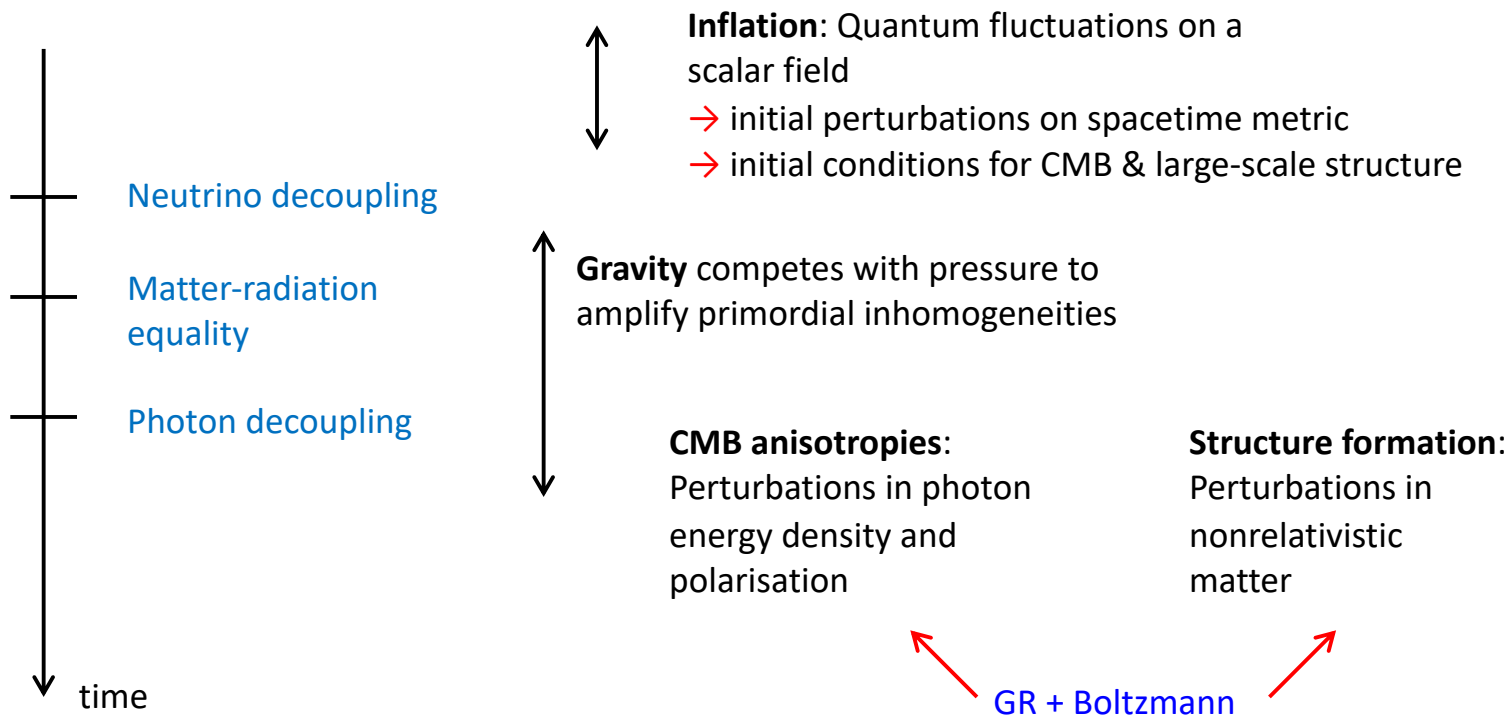
- Theoretical framework to describe inhomogeneities
- Deconstructing the matter power spectrum
- Deconstructing the CMB temperature power spectrum
- Where cosmological parameter constraints come from
- CMB polarisation

# 1. Theoretical framework...



# Overview...

Our current understanding of the inhomogeneous universe:



# Strategy...

Unperturbed FLRW

$$ds^2 = a^2(\eta)[-d\eta^2 + \gamma_{ij}dx^i dx^j]$$

We study large-scale inhomogeneities by **perturbing** around the **FLRW spacetime geometry** and **stress-energy tensor**:

$\bar{g}_{\mu\nu}$  = Unperturbed  
FLRW metric

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \bar{g}_{\mu\nu} + a^2 h_{\mu\nu} \quad |h_{\mu\nu}| \ll 1 \quad \text{Gravity}$$

$\bar{T}_{\mu\nu}$  = Homogeneous  
and isotropic

$$T_{\mu\nu} = \bar{T}_{\mu\nu} + \delta T_{\mu\nu} \quad |\delta T_{\mu\nu}| \ll \bar{\rho} \quad \text{Energy-momentum of the "stuff" in the universe}$$

For what we're interested in, linear perturbation theory suffices

- **Einstein's equation**  $\rightarrow$  How  $h_{\mu\nu}$  evolves due to  $\delta T_{\mu\nu}$
- **Boltzmann equation**  $\rightarrow$  How  $\delta T_{\mu\nu}$  evolves due to  $h_{\mu\nu}$  and the properties of the "stuff"



# 1-1 Introduction

We assume inhomogeneities grow out of small variations in the spacetime geometry and in the stress energy tensor:

metric:  $g_{\mu\nu} = \bar{g}_{\mu\nu} + a^2 h_{\mu\nu}$        $\| |h_{\mu\nu}| \ll 1$

↙ perturbations

↑  
FLRW  $ds^2 = a^2(\eta) [-d\eta^2 + \delta_{ij} dx^i dx^j]$

Stress-energy tensor:

$$T_{\mu\nu} = \bar{T}_{\mu\nu} + \delta T_{\mu\nu} \quad | \delta T_{\mu\nu} | \ll \bar{\rho}$$

homogeneous  
& isotropic  $\bar{T}_{\mu\nu} = \text{diag}(-\bar{\rho}, \bar{P}, \bar{P}, \bar{P})$

Our goal:

- ① To find the relation between  $h_{\mu\nu}$  and  $\delta T_{\mu\nu}$  using the Einstein equations.
- ② To find evolution equations for  $\delta T_{\mu\nu}$  using the Boltzmann equation.

# 1.2 Harmonic decomposition

FLRW has 3 translational and 3 rotational symmetries. The small perturbations also inherit these symmetries. We therefore decompose a (spatial) tensor field into components that transform irreducibly under translation and rotation

Translation symmetry implies decomposition into eigenfunctions of the Laplacian:

$$\nabla^2 Q_{\pm} \equiv \delta^{ij} \nabla_i \nabla_j Q_{\pm} = -k^2 Q_{\pm}$$

In flat space ( $k=0$ ):

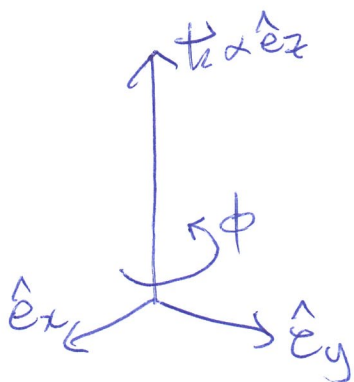
$$Q_{\pm}(\vec{x}) \propto e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}} \quad \left\| \begin{array}{l} \text{plane waves} \\ \Rightarrow \text{Fourier decomposition} \end{array} \right.$$

Rotation symmetry means  $Q_{\pm}$  can be further decomposed into irreducible scalars, vectors, and tensors:

S: 1 dof  $\nabla^2 Q^{(0)} = -k^2 Q^{(0)}$

V: 3-1 = 2 dof  $\nabla^2 Q_i^{(\pm 1)} = -k^2 Q_i^{(\pm 1)} \quad \left\| \begin{array}{l} \text{divergence free} \\ \nabla^i Q_i^{(\pm 1)} = 0 \quad | \text{constraint} \end{array} \right.$

T: 6-3-1 = 2 dof  $\nabla^2 Q_{ij}^{(\pm 2)} = -k^2 Q_{ij}^{(\pm 2)} \quad \left\| \begin{array}{l} \text{transverse} = \nabla^i Q_{ij}^{(\pm 2)} = 0 \quad | \text{3 cons} \\ \text{traceless} = \delta^{ij} Q_{ij}^{(\pm 2)} = 0 \quad | \text{1 cons} \end{array} \right.$



$$\left. \begin{array}{l} Q^{(0)} \propto e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}} \\ Q_i^{(\pm 1)} \propto (\hat{e}_x \pm i \hat{e}_y)_i e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}} \\ Q_{ij}^{(\pm 2)} \propto (\hat{e}_x \pm i \hat{e}_y)_i (\hat{e}_x \pm i \hat{e}_y)_j e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{up to overall} \\ \text{constants} \end{array} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} Q^{(0)} \\ Q_i^{(\pm 1)} \\ Q_{ij}^{(\pm 2)} \end{array}} \right\} k=0$$

Rotating the plane perpendicular to  $\hat{k}$ ,  $Q^{(\pm m)}$  transforms as

$$Q'^{(\pm m)} = Q^{(\pm m)} e^{\mp i m \phi}$$

We can construct vector and tensor objects out of irreducible scalar and vector eigenfunctions:

Vectors:  $Q_i^{(0)} \equiv -k^{-1} \nabla_i Q^{(0)}$

Tensor:  $Q_{ij}^{(0)} \equiv (k^{-2} \nabla_i \nabla_j + \frac{1}{3} \delta_{ij}) Q^{(0)} \quad \parallel \text{traceless}$   
 (symmetric in  $i$  and  $j$ )  
 $Q_{ij}^{(\pm 1)} \equiv -\frac{1}{2k} [\nabla_j Q_i^{(\pm 1)} + \nabla_i Q_j^{(\pm 1)}]$

Then, the  $k$ th eigenmode of any vector can be written as

$$B_i(\vec{x}) = \sum_{m=-1}^1 V^{(m)}(k) Q_i^{(m)} \quad \parallel \begin{array}{l} 3 \text{ dof} \\ 1 \text{ scalar} \\ 1 \text{ vector (2 dof)} \end{array}$$

and a symmetric tensor is:

$$H_{ij}(\vec{x}) = \underbrace{H_L(k) Q^{(0)} \delta_{ij}}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{trace} \\ 1 \text{ dof}}} + \sum_{m=-2}^2 \underbrace{H_T^{(m)}(k) Q_{ij}^{(m)}}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ 1 \text{ scalar} \\ 1 \text{ vector (2 dof)} \\ 1 \text{ tensor (2 dof)}}} \quad \parallel \begin{array}{l} \text{L = longitudinal} \\ \text{T = transverse} \end{array}$$

A scalar is simply:

$$A(\vec{x}) = A(k) Q^{(0)}$$

# Metric perturbations...

Unperturbed FLRW

$$ds^2 = a^2(\eta)[-d\eta^2 + \gamma_{ij}dx^i dx^j]$$

It is common to see the metric perturbations parameterised thus:

$$h_{\mu\nu}dx^\mu dx^\nu = -2Ad\eta^2 - 2B_i d\eta dx^i + 2H_{ij}dx^i dx^j$$

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \bar{g}_{\mu\nu} + a^2 h_{\mu\nu}$$

Scalar

Scalar + Vector

Trace: Scalar

Traceless: Scalar + Vector + Tensor

**4 scalars:**  $A, B^{(0)}, H_L, H_T^{(0)}$       4 x 1 d.o.f.

**2 vectors:**  $B^{(0)}, H_T^{(\pm 1)}$       2 x 2 d.o.f.

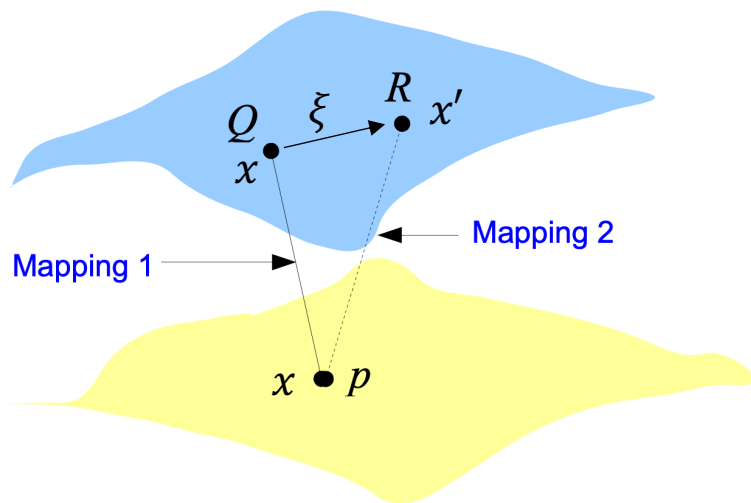
**1 tensor:**  $H_T^{(\pm 2)}$       1 x 2 d.o.f.

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**= 10 d.o.f.**

# Gauge modes...

- **Only 6 d.o.f. are physical.**
- **4 are gauge modes**, because we are free to choose the **mapping** between the **real inhomogeneous** spacetime to the **fictitious FLRW** spacetime on which we build the perturbation theory.



Mapping 1  $g_{\mu\nu}(Q) = \bar{g}_{\mu\nu}(P) + a^2 h_{\mu\nu}(P)$

Mapping 2  $g'_{\mu\nu}(R) = \bar{g}_{\mu\nu}(P) + a^2 h'_{\mu\nu}(P)$

$$h_{\mu\nu}(P) \neq h'_{\mu\nu}(P)$$



### 1.3 Metric perturbations

The perturbed metric has the form:

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \bar{g}_{\mu\nu} + a^2 h_{\mu\nu}$$

$\mathbb{R}_{FLRW}$

where  $h_{\mu\nu}$  can be parameterised as

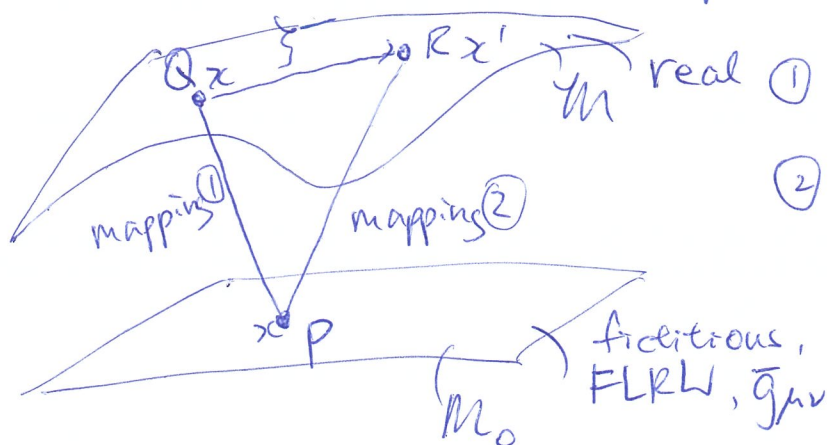
$$h_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = -2A dy^2 - 2B_i dy dx^i + 2H_{ij} dx^i dx^j$$

$A$  is a scalar;  $B_i$  and  $H_{ij}$  can be SVT-decomposed.

$h_{\mu\nu}$  has altogether 10 independent components:

4 scalars = $A, B^{(0)}, H_L, H_T^{(0)}$	4 x 1 d.o.f.
2 vectors = $B^{(\pm 1)}, H_T^{(\pm 1)}$	2 x 2 d.o.f.
1 tensor = $H_T^{(\pm 2)}$	1 x 2 d.o.f.
	10 d.o.f.

However, only 6 d.o.f. are physical. The other 4 are gauge modes, arising from the fact that we are free to choose the mapping between the real inhomogeneous spacetime manifold to the fictitious FLRW manifold on which we build the perturbation theory.



①  $g_{\mu\nu}(Q) = \bar{g}_{\mu\nu}(P) + a^2 h_{\mu\nu}(P)$

②  $g'_{\mu\nu}(R) = \bar{g}_{\mu\nu}(P) + a^2 h'_{\mu\nu}(P)$

Different mappings

$\Rightarrow h_{\mu\nu}(P) \neq h'_{\mu\nu}(P)$

Picking a mapping is called choosing a gauge. Going between mappings is called gauge transformation.

## Gauge transformation

You can think about it as if it was a coordinate transformation on  $\mathcal{M}$ , but not on  $\mathcal{M}_0$ .

$$x'^{\alpha} = x^{\alpha} + \xi^{\alpha}(x) \quad \parallel \quad \xi = \text{infinitesimal}$$

where  $\xi^{\alpha} = (T, L^i)$  ;  $L_i = \delta_{ij} L^j$

$$\text{SVD-decompose: } = \sum_{m=1}^1 L_i^{(m)} Q_i^{(m)}$$

The metric transforms as:  $\rightarrow (g_{\alpha\beta}^{\delta} - \partial_{\alpha} \xi^{\delta})$

$$g'_{\alpha\beta}(x') = \frac{\partial x^{\delta}}{\partial x'^{\alpha}} \frac{\partial x^{\delta}}{\partial x'^{\beta}} g_{\delta\delta}(x)$$

$$\downarrow \quad \quad \quad \hookrightarrow = \bar{g}_{\delta\delta}(x) + a^2 h_{\delta\delta}(x)$$

$$= g'_{\alpha\beta}(x) + a^2 \xi^{\delta} \partial_{\delta} g'_{\alpha\beta}(x) + \dots$$

$$= \bar{g}'_{\alpha\beta}(x) + a^2 h'_{\alpha\beta}(x) + a^2 \xi^{\delta} \partial_{\delta} \bar{g}'_{\alpha\beta}(x) + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 h'_{\alpha\beta}(x) = a^2 h_{\alpha\beta}(x) - \bar{g}_{\alpha\delta}(x) \partial_{\beta} \xi^{\delta} - \bar{g}_{\delta\beta}(x) \partial_{\alpha} \xi^{\delta} - \xi^{\delta} \partial_{\delta} \bar{g}_{\alpha\beta}(x)$$

or

$$A' = A - \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} - aHT$$

$$B^{(0)'} = B^{(0)} + kT + \frac{\partial L^{(0)}}{\partial y}$$

$$B^{(\pm 1)'} = B^{(\pm 1)} + \frac{\partial L^{(\pm 1)}}{\partial y}$$

$$H_L' = H_L - \frac{k}{3} L^{(0)} - aHT$$

$$H_T^{(0, \pm 1)'} = H_T^{(0, \pm 1)} + kL^{(0, \pm 1)}$$

$$H_T^{(\pm 2)'} = H_T^{(\pm 2)}$$

Gauge transformation

# Gauge transformation after SVT...

$$A' = A - \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} + aH \right) T$$

$$B^{(0)'} = B^{(0)} + kT + \frac{\partial L^{(0)}}{\partial \eta}$$

$$B^{(\pm 1)'} = B^{(\pm 1)} + \frac{\partial L^{(\pm 1)}}{\partial \eta}$$

$$H_L' = H_L - \frac{k}{3} L^{(0)} - aHT$$

$$H_T^{(0, \pm 1)'} = H_T^{(0, \pm 1)} + kL^{(0, \pm 1)}$$

$$H_T^{(\pm 2)'} = H_T^{(\pm 2)}$$

- **Tensor** modes are **gauge-invariant**.
- For **Scalar and Vector** modes, **2 (S) and 2 (V) are gauge dof**, i.e., we can set 2 (S) and 2 (V) perturbation variables to zero.
- **Gauge choices** can be governed by
  - Simplicity of the equations
  - Numerical stability of the solutions
  - Newtonian intuition
  - ...
- Different gauges are useful at different stages of the universe's evolution.

# Common gauge choices: scalars...

$$h_{\mu\nu}dx^\mu dx^\nu = -2Ad\eta^2 - 2B_id\eta dx^i + 2H_{ij}dx^i dx^j$$

- **Conformal Newtonian:**  $H_T^{(0)'} = B^{(0)'} = 0$

- Completely fixed
- Physically intuitive

$$ds^2 = a^2(\eta)[-(1 + 2A)d\eta^2 + (1 + 2H_L)\gamma_{ij}dx^i dx^j]$$

$\Psi$

$-\Phi$

- **Spatially flat:**  $H_T^{(0)'} = H_L^{(0)'} = 0$

- Completely fixed
- Can sometimes lead to simpler equations

- **Synchronous:**  $A' = B^{(0)'} = 0$

- Not completely fixed (unfixed integration constants)
- Numerical stability: commonly used in CMB codes like CAMB and CLASS.

## Conformal Newtonian gauge

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Set } H_T^{(0)'} = 0 &\Rightarrow L^{(0)} = -H_T^{(0)}/k \\ B^{(0)'} = 0 &\Rightarrow T = -B^{(0)}/k - \frac{1}{k} \frac{\partial L^{(0)}}{\partial \eta} \\ &= -B^{(0)}/k + \frac{1}{k^2} \frac{\partial H_T^{(0)}}{\partial \eta} \end{aligned} \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} \text{Set } H_T^{(0)'} = 0 \\ B^{(0)'} = 0 \end{aligned}} \right\} L^{(0)} \text{ and } T \text{ are fixed.}$$

Substitute  $L^{(0)}$  and  $T$  back into gauge transformation relations, we find:

$$A' = A - \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} + aH \right) \left[ -B^{(0)}/k + \frac{1}{k^2} \frac{\partial H_T^{(0)}}{\partial \eta} \right] \equiv \mathcal{F}_A$$

$$H_L' = H_L + \frac{1}{3} H_T^{(0)} - aH \left[ -B^{(0)}/k + \frac{1}{k^2} \frac{\partial H_T^{(0)}}{\partial \eta} \right] \equiv -\mathcal{F}_H$$

$\mathcal{F}_A$  and  $\mathcal{F}_H$  are called the Bardeen potentials

Then, the scalar perturbed metric has the form:

$$ds^2 = a^2(\eta) \left[ -(1+2\mathcal{F}) d\eta^2 + (1-2\mathcal{F}) \delta_{ij} dx^i dx^j \right]$$

of the static weak field metric:

$$ds^2 = -(1+2\mathcal{F}) dt^2 + (1-2\mathcal{F}) \delta_{ij} dx^i dx^j$$

where  $\mathcal{F}$  is the Newtonian gravitational potential.



# Gauge choices: vectors...

- Can choose  $H_T^{(\pm 1)'} = 0$ 
  - Completely fixed
- Or choose:  $B^{(\pm 1)'} = 0$ 
  - Not completely fixed

## 1.4 Perturbations in the stress-energy tensor

The perturbed stress-energy tensor reads

$$T^{\mu}_{\nu} = \bar{T}^{\mu}_{\nu} + \delta T^{\mu}_{\nu} \quad \parallel \quad |\delta T^{\mu}_{\nu}| \ll \bar{p}$$

where  $\bar{T}^{\mu}_{\nu} = \text{diag}(-\bar{p}(t), \bar{P}(t), \bar{P}(t), \bar{P}(t))$ .

For a perfect fluid,

$$T^{\mu}_{\nu} = (\rho_{\text{rest}} + P_{\text{rest}}) u^{\mu} u_{\nu} + g^{\mu}_{\nu} P_{\text{rest}} \quad \parallel \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{rest} \\ = \text{rest frame} \end{array}$$

↑  
4-velocity of the fluid.

Standard perturbed FLRW cosmology has no large bulk flows, i.e., fluid flows are non-relativistic.

This means:

$$v^i \equiv \frac{dx^i}{dt} = \frac{u^i}{u^0} \quad ; \quad |v^i| \ll 1 \quad \parallel \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{coordinate} \\ \text{3-velocity} \end{array}$$

energy  
density  
and pressure  
in our coord  
system

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rho(x) = \rho_{\text{rest}} + O(v^2) \\ P(x) = P_{\text{rest}} + O(v^2) \end{array} \right.$$

$$\text{Also: } \delta\rho \equiv \rho - \bar{\rho} \ll \bar{\rho} \quad ; \quad \delta P \equiv P - \bar{P} \ll \bar{P}$$

Then, to linear order in the small parameters:

$$\begin{aligned} T^0_0 &= \bar{T}^0_0 + \delta T^0_0 = -(\bar{\rho} + \delta\rho) \\ T^i_0 &= \delta T^i_0 = -(\bar{\rho} + \bar{P}) v^i \\ T^0_i &= \delta T^0_i = (\bar{\rho} + \bar{P})(v_i - B_i) \\ T^i_j &= \bar{T}^i_j + \delta T^i_j = (\bar{P} + \delta P) \delta^i_j \end{aligned}$$

A fluid should be locally in thermal equilibrium if it is to be described as a perfect fluid. In cosmology, this is not always true. We allow for an imperfect fluid by introducing an anisotropic stress to the stress-energy tensor:

$$T^{\mu}_{\nu} = (\bar{p} + \bar{P}) g^{\mu}_{\nu} + \sum_{\nu}^{\mu} \pi^{\mu}_{\nu}$$

where

$$\sum_{\mu}^{\mu} = 0 \quad \text{traceless}$$

$$\sum_{\nu}^{\mu} u^{\nu} = 0 \quad \text{flow orthogonal}$$

↑ Not present in FLRW

In the fluid's rest frame:

Not present in a homogeneous and isotropic universe. They are perturbations

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sum_{\nu}^{\mu} = \pi^{\mu}_{\nu} \\ \pi^{00} = \pi^{0i} = 0 \\ \pi^i_i = 0 \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{spatial tensor} \\ \text{traceless} \end{array}$$

Then, the perturbations to the stress-energy tensor read:

$$\begin{aligned} \delta T^0_0 &= -\delta p \\ \delta T^i_0 &= -(\bar{p} + \bar{P}) v^i \\ \delta T^0_i &= (\bar{p} + \bar{P}) (v_i - B_i) \\ \delta T^i_j &= (\bar{P} + \delta P) \delta^i_j + \pi^i_j \end{aligned}$$

This is obviously not the only way to get an imperfect fluid. But to describe fluids made up of dilute gases of particles, this is sufficient.

# Perturbed stress-energy tensor...

For a **perfect fluid**:

$$T^0_0 = \bar{T}^0_0 + \delta T^0_0 = -(\bar{\rho} + \delta\rho)$$

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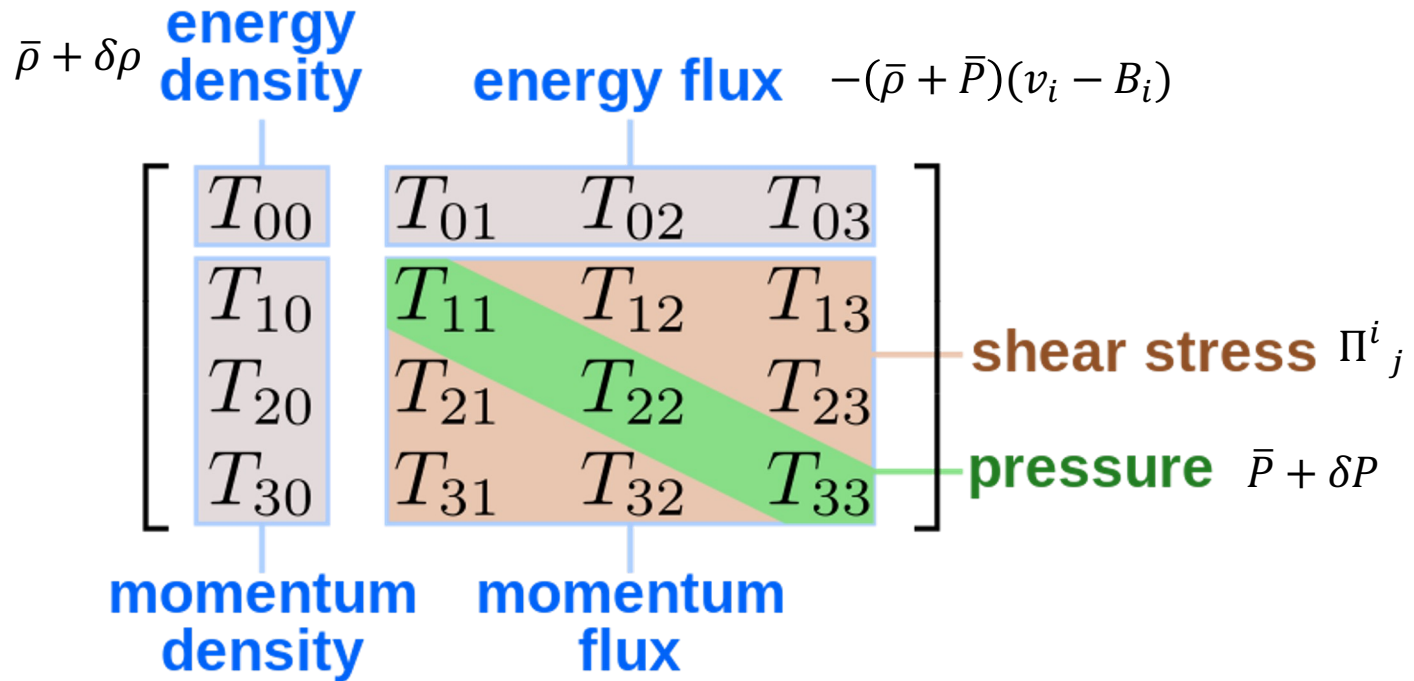
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# Gauge transformation

Proceeds in the same way as for  $g_{\mu\nu}$ . We consider a coordinate transformation

$$x'^{\alpha} = x^{\alpha} + \xi^{\alpha}(x) \quad \xi^{\alpha} = (T, L^i)$$

Then,

$$T'^{\alpha}_{\beta}(x) = \frac{\partial x'^{\alpha}}{\partial x^{\mu}} \frac{\partial x^{\mu}}{\partial x'^{\beta}} T^{\mu}_{\nu}(x)$$

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# Gauge transformation of $T_{\mu\nu}\dots$

$$\delta\rho' = \delta\rho - T \frac{\partial\bar{\rho}}{\partial\eta}$$

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- **Anisotropic stress (S, V, T) is gauge-invariant.**

# 1.5 Einstein's equation for perturbations

Einstein's equation can be written as

$$\bar{G}_{\mu\nu} + \delta G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G (\bar{T}_{\mu\nu} + \delta T_{\mu\nu})$$

from  $\bar{g}_{\mu\nu}$   $\uparrow$   
FLRW  $G_{\mu\nu} \equiv R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} R$

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such that

$$\delta G_{\mu\nu}^{(m)} = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu}^{(m)}$$

$G_{\mu\nu}$  is generally a nonlinear function of  $g_{\mu\nu}$ . However, because we are only interested in the linear order in small perturbations,  $\delta G_{\mu\nu}$  is effectively linear in  $h_{\mu\nu}$ , such that

$$\delta G_{\mu\nu}^{(0)}(A, B^{(0)}, H_L, H_T^{(0)}) = 8\pi G \delta T_{\mu\nu}^{(0)}(\rho, P, v^{(0)}, \Pi^{(0)})$$

$$\delta G_{\mu\nu}^{(\pm 1)}(B^{(\pm 1)}, H^{(\pm 1)}) = 8\pi G \delta T_{\mu\nu}^{(\pm 1)}(v^{(\pm 1)}, \Pi^{(\pm 1)})$$

$$\delta G_{\mu\nu}^{(\pm 2)}(H_T^{(\pm 2)}) = 8\pi G \delta T_{\mu\nu}^{(\pm 2)}(\Pi^{(\pm 2)})$$

Thus, to linear order, it is possible to study S, V, and T perturbations independently of each other.

# Scalar Einstein's equation...

From Einstein's equation

$$(-k^2 + 3K)\Phi - 3\mathcal{H}(\dot{\Phi} + \mathcal{H}\Psi) = 4\pi G a^2 \delta\rho$$

$$\dot{\Phi} + \mathcal{H}\Psi = 4\pi G a^2 [(\bar{\rho} + \bar{P})v^{(0)}/k]$$

$$\ddot{\Phi} - K\Phi + \mathcal{H}(\dot{\Psi} + 2\dot{\Phi}) + (2\dot{\mathcal{H}} + \mathcal{H}^2)\Psi - k^2(\Phi - \Psi)/3 = 4\pi G a^2 \delta P$$

$$k^2(\Phi - \Psi) = 8\pi G a^2 \Pi^{(0)}$$

Only two  
linearly-  
independent

From local conservation of energy-momentum

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial\eta} + 3\mathcal{H}\right)\delta\rho + 3\mathcal{H}\delta P = -(\bar{\rho} + \bar{P})(kv^{(0)} - 3\dot{\Phi})$$

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial\eta} + 4\mathcal{H}\right)[(\bar{\rho} + \bar{P})v^{(0)}/k] = \delta P - \frac{2}{3}\left(1 - 3\frac{K}{k^2}\right)\Pi^{(0)} + (\bar{\rho} + \bar{P})\Psi$$

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The first two equations can be combined to give

$$(-k^2 + 3K)\Phi = 4\pi G a^2 \left[ \delta\rho + \underbrace{3\dot{\Phi}(\bar{\rho} + \bar{P}) \frac{v^{(0)}}{k}} \right] \quad \left\| \begin{array}{l} \dot{\Phi} \equiv aH \\ (*) \end{array} \right.$$

The second term on the RHS is  $\propto \dot{\Phi}/k$ , where

$$\frac{\dot{\Phi}}{k} = \frac{aH}{k} \sim \frac{\text{comoving perturbation wave length}}{\text{comoving Hubble length.}}$$

Thus,

$$\frac{k}{\dot{\Phi}} \gg 1$$

"sub horizon"

$$\frac{k}{\dot{\Phi}} \ll 1$$

"super horizon"

The Hubble length is not really a horizon. So this is really bad language.

Therefore, on small, "sub horizon" scales, the RHS of (\*) becomes

$$\sim 4\pi G a^2 \delta\rho.$$

On the LHS, we note that

$$|\Omega_k(a)| \equiv \left| \frac{-k}{a^2 H^2} \right| \overset{\text{at most}}{\sim} O(1)$$

Thus,  $k \gg \dot{\Phi}$  implies immediately that  $k^2 \gg k$ , and the LHS of (\*) becomes  $\sim -k^2 \Phi$ . Combining the results we find

$$\boxed{-k^2 \Phi = 4\pi G a^2 \delta\rho}$$

"Newtonian" Poisson eqn.

# Vector Einstein's equation...

From Einstein's equation

$$\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial\eta} + 2\mathcal{H}\right) [kB^{(\pm 1)} - \dot{H}_T^{(\pm 1)}] = -8\pi G a^2 \Pi^{(\pm 1)}$$

$$\left(1 - 2\frac{K}{k^2}\right) [kB^{(\pm 1)} - \dot{H}_T^{(\pm 1)}] = 16\pi G a^2 (\bar{\rho} + \bar{P})(v^{(\pm 1)} - B^{(\pm 1)})/k$$

Four equations:  
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From local conservation of energy-momentum

$$2\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial\eta} + 4\mathcal{H}\right) [a^2(\bar{\rho} + \bar{P})(v^{(\pm 1)} - B^{(\pm 1)})/k] = \left(2\frac{K}{k^2} - 1\right) \Pi^{(\pm 1)}$$

Two equations

# Tensor Einstein's equation...

$$\ddot{H}_T^{(\pm 2)} + 2\mathcal{H}\dot{H}_T^{(\pm 2)} + (k^2 + 2K)H_T^{(\pm 2)} = 4\pi G a^2 \Pi^{(\pm 2)}$$

Two equations