The theory of the Cosmic Microwave Background, CMB

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- Much later, at  $z \sim$  7–8 the Universe was re-ionized (probably due to uv radiation from star formation.

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## Calculating CMB anisotropies

They are determined within linear perturbation theory. After decoupling, CMB photons move along perturbed geodesics:

$$\delta n^{0} = [h_{00} + h_{0j}n^{j}] - \frac{1}{2} \int_{i}^{f} \dot{h}_{\mu\nu} n^{\mu} n^{\nu} d\lambda$$

To first order in linear perturbation theory their energy shift (temperature shift) is (scalar perts.)

$$\frac{E_f}{E_i} = \frac{T_f}{T_i} = \frac{(n \cdot u)_f}{(n \cdot u)_i} = \frac{T_0}{T_{dec}} \left\{ 1 + \left[ \frac{1}{4} D_g^{(r)} + V_j^{(b)} n^j + \Phi + \Psi \right] (x_{dec}) + \int_{t_{dec}}^{t_0} \partial_t (\Psi + \Phi) dt \right\}$$

To treat decoupling correctly one has to solve the perturbed Boltzmann equation for the photon distribution function, taking into account Thompson scattering. The main additional effects are:

- Silk damping on small scales
- Polarisation

# Polarisation of the CMB



Thomson scattering depends on polarisation. A local quadrupole induces linear polarisation,  $Q \neq 0$  and  $U \neq 0$ .

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- In a  $\Lambda$ -dominated Universe  $\delta$  is constant and the gravitational potential decays.

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$$(1+z_*)d_A(z_*) = \int_0^{z_*} H(z)^{-1} dz = \frac{h}{H_0} \int_0^{z_*} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\omega_m(1+z)^3 + \omega_K(1+z)^2 + \omega_X(z)}} dz$$

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# Fluctuations in the CMB



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$$T_0 = 2.7255K$$
  

$$\Delta T(\mathbf{n}) = \sum_{\ell m} a_{\ell m} Y_{\ell m}(\mathbf{n})$$
  

$$C_{\ell} = \langle |a_{\ell m}|^2 \rangle,$$
  

$$D_{\ell} = \ell(\ell + 1)C_{\ell}/(2\pi)$$

From the Planck Collaboration Planck Results XIII (2015) arXiv:1502.01589

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# Polarisation

Polarisation defines a vector field on the CMB sky which is split into a gradient component called *E*-polarisation and a curl component called *B*-polarisation.

At first order, scalar perturbations only generate *E*-polarisation.

*B*-polarisation is generated by vector and tensor perturbations and by higher order scalar perturbations.

E-polarisation is correlated with temperature anisotropies.

*B*-polarisation has opposite parity to *E* polarisation and temperature anisotropies, hence in a parity conserving Universe  $\langle EB \rangle = \langle TB \rangle = 0$ 



## (Planck 2015 arXiv:1502.01589)



T-E correlation  $\mathcal{D}_{\ell}^{TE} = rac{\ell(\ell+1)}{2\pi} C_{\ell}^{TE}$ 



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Due to the foreground gravitational potential the CMB temperature anisotropies and polarisation are lensed:

$$T_{\text{obs}}(\mathbf{n}) = T(\mathbf{n} + \delta \mathbf{n}), \qquad \delta \mathbf{n} = \nabla \phi,$$
  
$$\phi(\mathbf{n}) = -\int_0^{r_*} dr \frac{(r_* - r)}{r_* r} (\Phi + \Psi)(r\mathbf{n}, \tau_0 - r)$$

Lensing of the CMB is a second order effect. Lensing E polarisation induces B polarisation.

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## Lensing *B* modes



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# Cosmological parameters

The CMB fluctuations into a direction  ${\bf n}$  in the instant decoupling approximation are given by

$$\frac{\Delta T}{T}(\mathbf{n}) = \left[\frac{1}{4}D_g + \mathbf{n}\cdot\mathbf{V} + \Psi + \Phi\right](\mathbf{n},\tau_*) + \int_{\tau_*}^{\tau_0} \partial_{\tau}(\Psi + \Phi)ds.$$

The power spectrum  $C_{\ell}$  of CMB fluctuations is given by

$$T_0^2 \left\langle \frac{\Delta T}{T}(\mathbf{n}) \frac{\Delta T}{T}(\mathbf{n}') \right\rangle = \frac{1}{4\pi} \sum_{\ell} (2\ell + 1) C_{\ell} P_{\ell}(\mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{n}')$$



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## Cosmological parameters from Planck 2015 arXiv:1502.01589



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## Lensing breaks degeneracies



$$\begin{array}{rl} -0.040 \pm 0.04 & ({\sf TT,EE,TE}) \\ \Omega_{\cal K} = & -0.005 \pm 0.016 & \mbox{add lensing} & 95\% \\ & -0.000 \pm 0.005 & \mbox{add BAO's} \end{array}$$

# Inflation

Slow-roll inflationary models can be described with a few (mainly 2) slow-roll parameters and the Hubble scale during inflation,  $H_*$ . The scalar and tensor spectra from inflation are given by

$$P_{\zeta}(k) \simeq \frac{H_*^2}{\epsilon M_{\rho}^2} k^{-6\epsilon+2\eta} \simeq 12.2 \times 10^{-9} \qquad P_h \simeq \frac{H_*^2}{M_{\rho}^2} k^{-2\epsilon} \simeq \left(\frac{E_*}{M_{\rho}}\right)^4$$
$$E_* = \left(\frac{r}{0.1}\right)^{1/4} 1.7 \times 10^{16} \text{GeV}$$



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Single extension best constraints:

$$N_{eff} = 3.04 \pm 0.2 (0.18)$$
 Planck (+ BAO)  
 $\Sigma_i m_i = 0.49 (0.17) \text{ eV}$  95% Planck (+ BAO)



## Cosmic neutrinos are collisionless



# (E. Sellentin & RD arXiv:1412.6427)

Treating neutrinos as perfect fluid or viscous fluid affects CMB spectra significantly.

(Here fixing the other parameters.)

Marginalizing over the other parameters

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The effect of lensing is very strong, especially on small scales.



In this lensing signal the effect of the first order deflection angle is fully resummed. This resummation is required at the present accuracy of data.

This prompted us to study the effects of second and third order lensing:

$$\begin{split} \tilde{\mathcal{M}}(x^{a}) &= \mathcal{M}\left(x^{a} + \delta\theta^{a}\right) \simeq \mathcal{M}(x^{a}) + \sum_{i=1}^{4} \theta^{b(i)} \nabla_{b} \mathcal{M}(x^{a}) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i+j \leq 4} \theta^{b(i)} \theta^{c(j)} \nabla_{b} \nabla_{c} \mathcal{M}(x^{a}) \\ &+ \frac{1}{6} \sum_{i+j+k \leq 4} \theta^{b(i)} \theta^{c(j)} \theta^{d(k)} \nabla_{b} \nabla_{c} \nabla_{d} \mathcal{M}(x^{a}) + \frac{1}{24} \theta^{b(1)} \theta^{c(1)} \theta^{d(1)} \theta^{e(1)} \nabla_{b} \nabla_{c} \nabla_{d} \nabla_{e} \mathcal{M}(x^{a}) \,. \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} \theta^{a(1)} &= -2 \int_{0}^{r_{s}} dr' \frac{r_{s} - r'}{r_{s} r'} \nabla^{a} \Phi_{W}(r') \,, \\ \theta^{a(2)} &= -2 \int_{0}^{r_{s}} dr' \frac{r_{s} - r'}{r_{s} r'} \nabla_{b} \nabla^{a} \Phi_{W}(r') \theta^{b(1)}(r') \,, \\ \theta^{a(3)} &= -2 \int_{0}^{r_{s}} dr' \frac{r_{s} - r'}{r_{s} r'} \left[ \nabla_{b} \nabla^{a} \Phi_{W}(r') \theta^{b(2)}(r') + \frac{1}{2} \nabla_{b} \nabla_{c} \nabla^{a} \Phi_{W}(r') \theta^{b(1)}(r') \theta^{c(1)}(r') \right] \,. \end{split}$$

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The vector part of second order perturbations leads to rotation of the polarisation tensor: This induced more B-modes from E polarisation.



$$\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(x^a) = e^{-2i\beta} \mathcal{P}(x^a + \delta\theta^a) \qquad \beta = -\frac{1}{2}\Delta\Omega$$

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