

Cosmology from the microwave background

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History of early universe

Inflation? CDM decoupling? Neutrino decoupling Big Bang Nucleosynthesis Matter-Radiation Equality Recombination

Later: Neutrinos become 'cold'

Τ~	10 ¹⁵ GeV	$t \sim 10^{-35} s$

 $T \sim 10 \text{ GeV}$? $t \sim 10^{-8} \text{ s}$

 $T \sim I MeV$ $t \sim Is$

 $T \sim 0.3 \text{ eV}$

 $\begin{array}{ll} T \sim \mbox{ 100 keV} & t \sim \mbox{ 10 min} \\ T \sim \mbox{ 0.8 eV} & t \sim \mbox{ 60,000 yr} \end{array}$

t ~ 380,000 yr

< t~100,000,000 yr



Seeds of structure

- 1. Inflation (?) imprints quantum fluctuations.
- 2. Space expands, regions enter into causal contact and start to evolve.
- 3. Coupled baryons and photons produce oscillations in plasma.



After 380,000 years the fluctuations have evolved, and we see a snapshot of them as anisotropies in CMB.

Linearity means we can use the anisotropies to infer the initial fluctuations and the contents of the Universe.



















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ACTPol maps, scale 15 uK, 10 degrees, Naess et al 2014

Lensing potential, phi



What are the geometry, contents, and initial conditions of the Universe? What happened to start the expansion? Why? What are the properties of the dark sector? Rough description of CMB analysis process:

'Data' = maps of the blackbody sky (temp, pol, lensing)
Statistic = angular power spectrum of maps
Output = cosmological parameters (reliable codes predict their theory power spectra)



6-parameter LCDM fits extremely well: constraints on baryon, CDM and Lambda fractions, and size of initial fluctuations. Relic DM density $\Omega_c h^2 = 0.120 \pm 0.003$



Greatly limits vast zoo of alternatives to LCDM, e.g.

- different contents: *extra relativistic species, early dark energy*
- different initial fluctuations: scale-dependent power, tensor or isocurvature fluctuations
- extra components: *cosmic defects, magnetic fields*
- non-standard BBN or recombination history, dark matter annihilation



where p_{ann} is defined as

$$p_{\rm ann}(z) \equiv f(z) \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle}{m_{\chi}},$$
 (82)

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CMB lensing



Planck Collaboration 2015

Lensing limits curvature to 2%, and neutrino mass sum to 0.7 eV.

Neutrino properties from cosmology



More species: longer radiation domination, suppress acoustic oscillations, anisotropic stress shifts peaks

More mass: neutrinos switch from being relativistic (hot) to non-relativistic (cold) earlier. Hot neutrinos free-stream, reducing matter clustering and damping of photon-baryon oscillations compared to CDM.

In next decade: measure neutrino mass?





Inflation status from Planck

Universe is flat to 0.5%, fluctuations are super-horizon, Gaussian and adiabatic



Gravitational waves



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New limits on tensor modes



Planck gave us new view of the Galaxy



Path ahead

Now: 'Stage-3' CMB: Spider, PolarBear, BICEP3, Keck, CLASS, SPT-3G, GroundBird

My project (led in Princeton): AdvACT Targeting r=0.01 with *five* wavelengths 2016-18.



Next: CMB-S4 campaign from ~2020-25

Cosmic microwave background data continue to demand LCDM cosmological model. It holds up very well to new lensing and polarization measurements from the Planck satellite.

- If inflation is not correct scenario, it has to look a lot like it. Gravitational wave search still firmly on.
- Neutrino sector holds questions that cosmology can help answer in coming decade.