

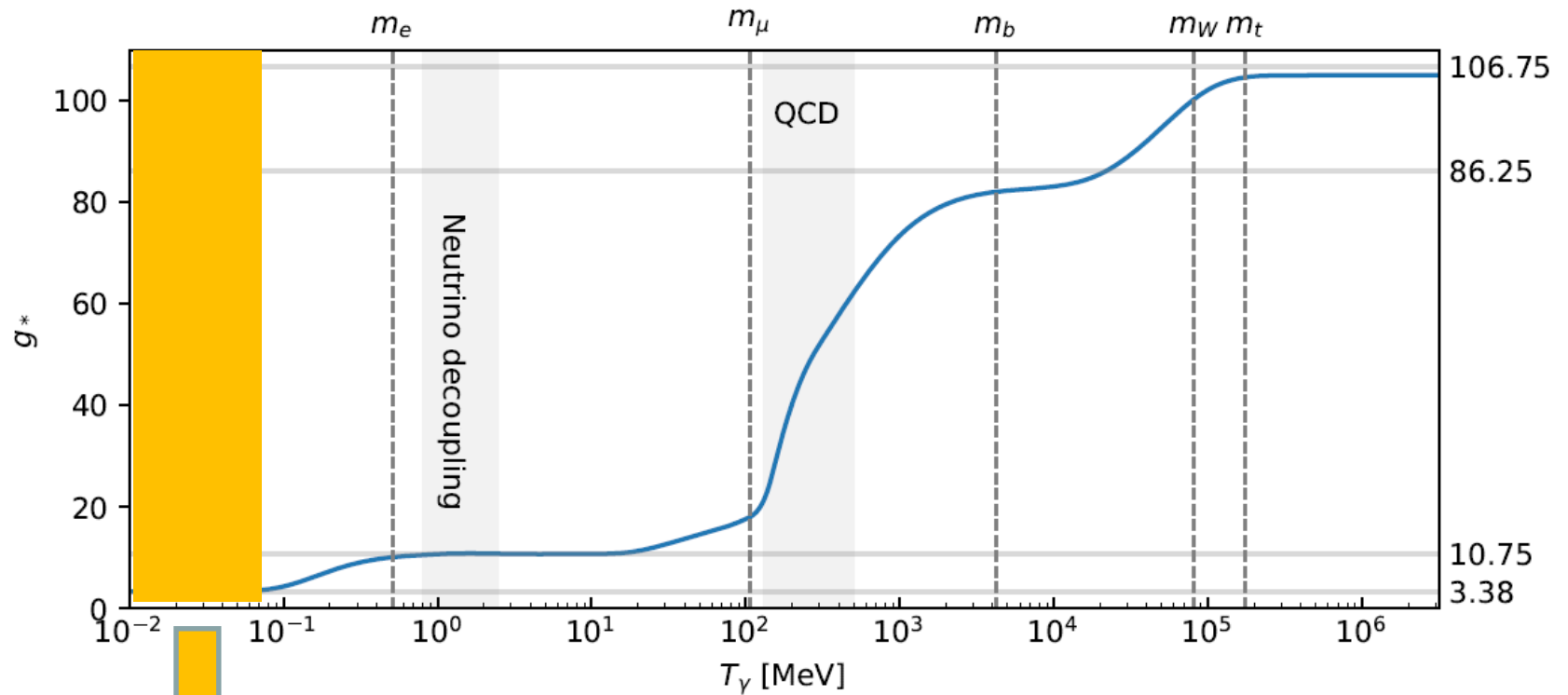
# CMB and Hubble Parameter

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# Thermal history after the hot big bang



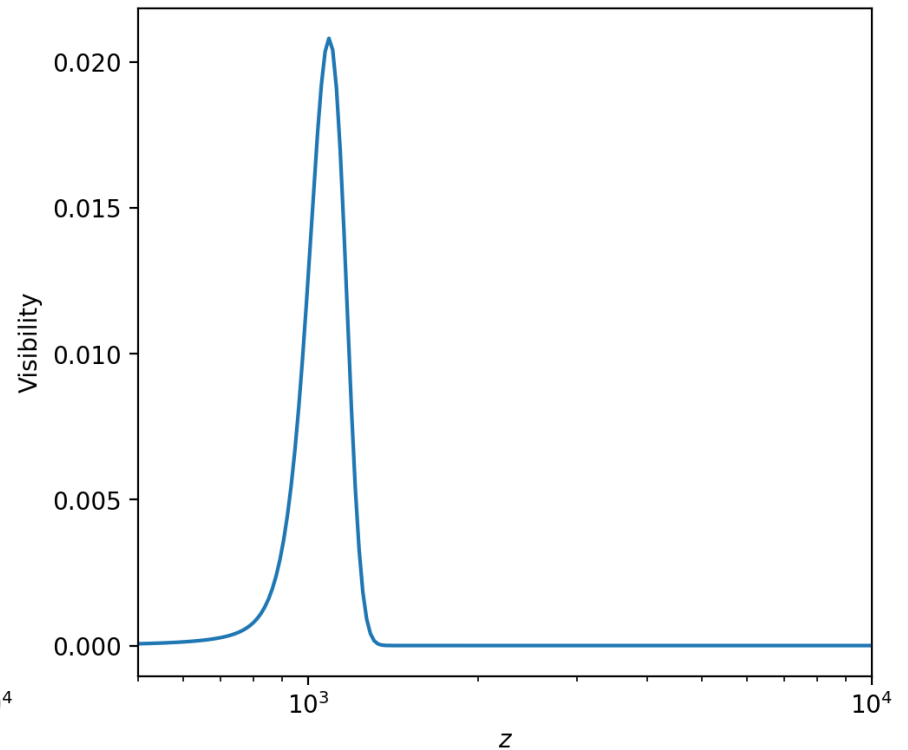
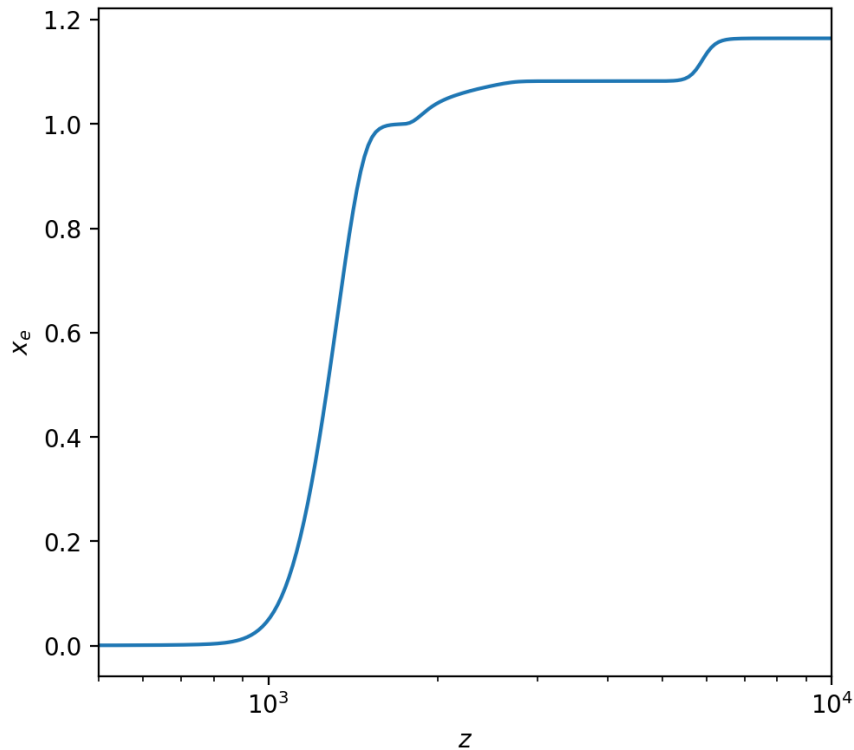
Just photons, protons, electrons, neutrons, and decoupled neutrinos left  
+ CDM (assumed non-interacting by this time)

Neutrinos too low energy to easily detect today

# Recombination

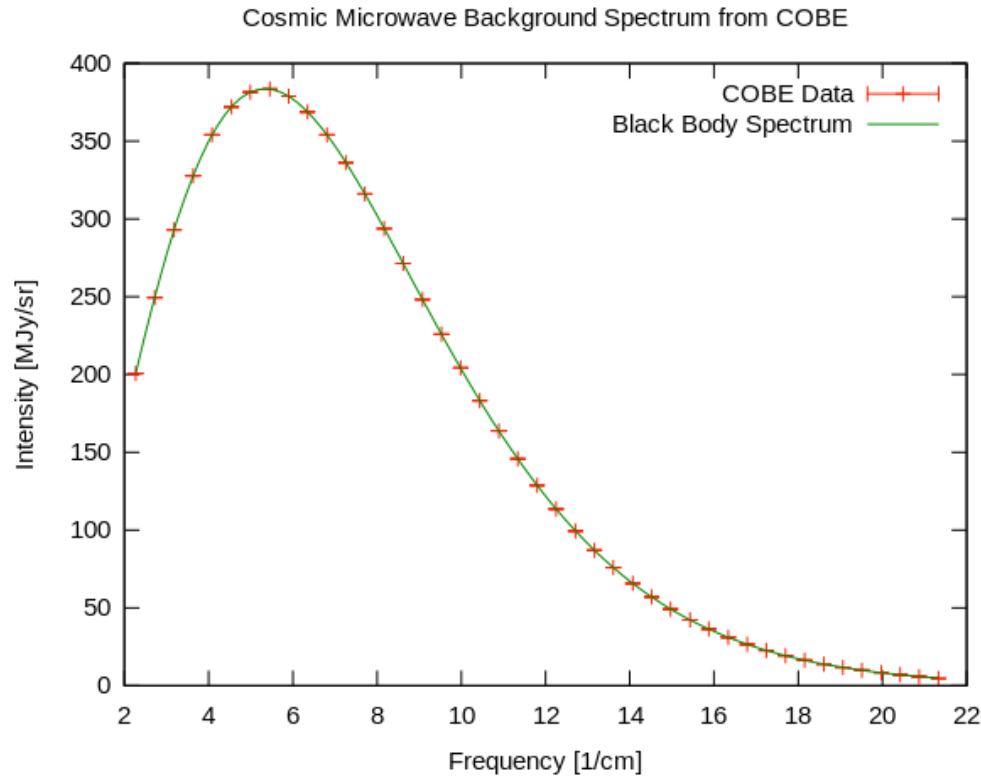
As the Universe expanded it cooled, eventually the temperature was low enough that neutral atoms could form; this is the epoch of recombination.

After recombination photons could travel (mostly) unimpeded and should be observable today. We see the last-scattering surface.



# BACKGROUND RADIATION

## COBE MISSION



$$T_{\text{CMB},0} = T_{\gamma,0} \approx (2.7255 \pm 0.0006) \text{ K}$$

[Fixsen et al]

error bars are too small to see – very accurate fit to black body thermal spectrum

Recombination  $T_* \approx 3000 \text{ K}$

Using  $(1+z)T_{\text{CMB},0} = T_*$  with  $T_{\text{CMB},0} \sim 2.7 \text{ K}$

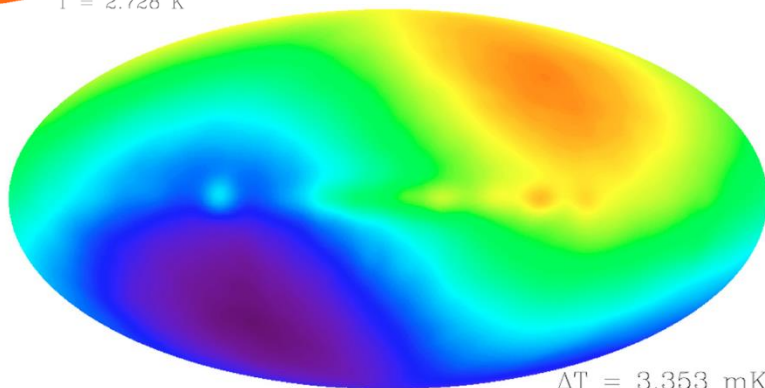
$\Rightarrow z_* \sim 1100$  (well after the epoch of matter-radiation equality)





(almost) uniform 2.726K blackbody

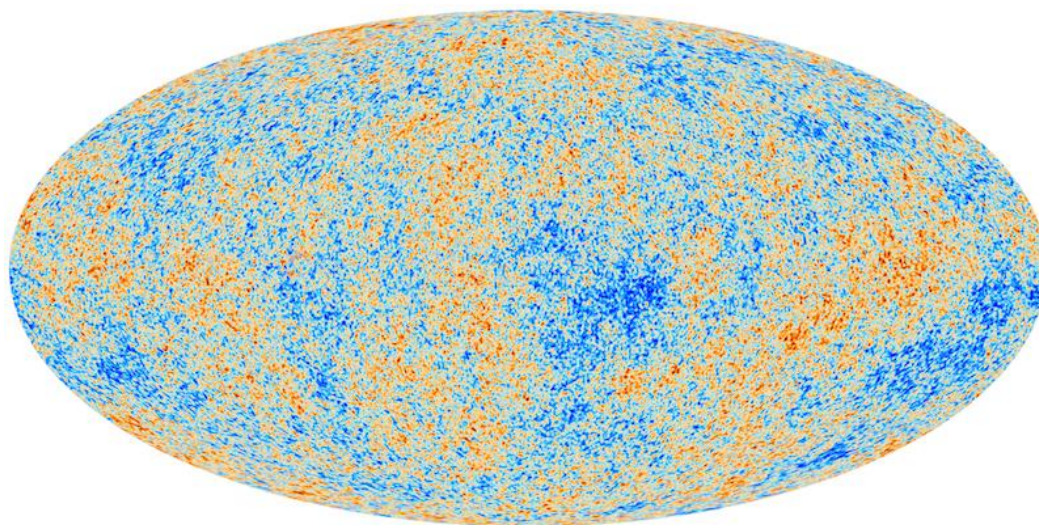
$T = 2.728 \text{ K}$



+ Dipole (local motion Doppler shift)

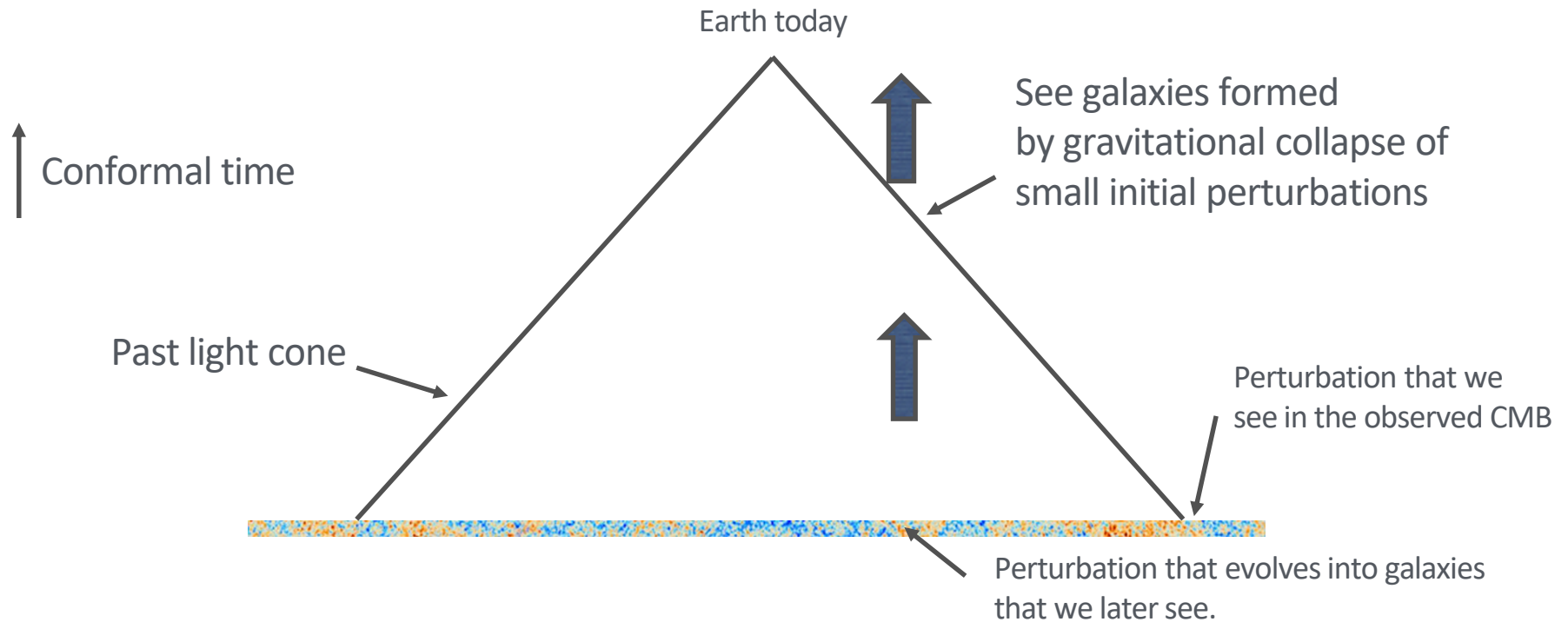
$\Delta T = 3.353 \text{ mK}$

+  $O(10^{-5})$  perturbations



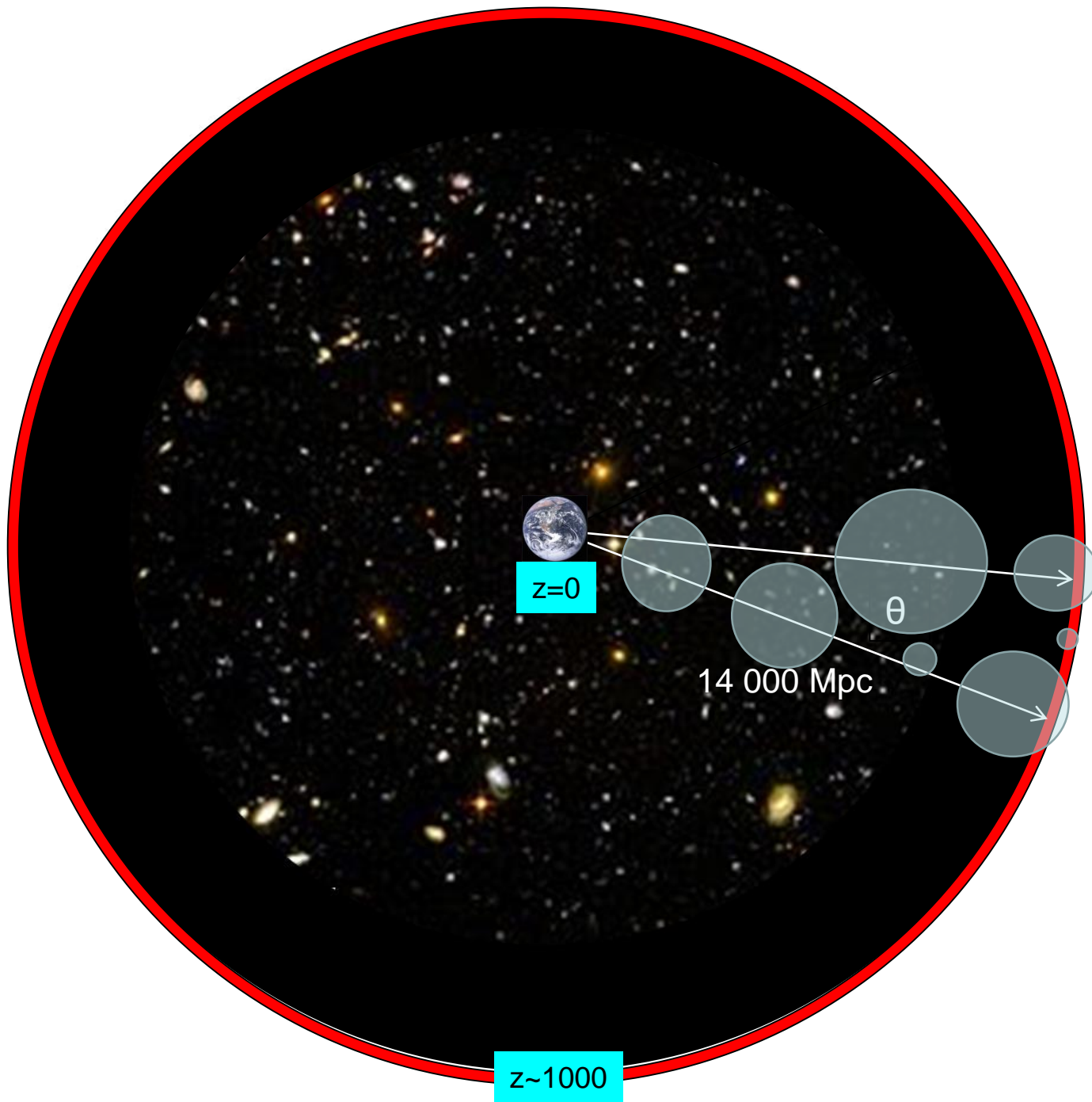
0<sup>th</sup> order (uniform 2.726K) + 1<sup>st</sup> order perturbations (*anisotropies*)

# PERTURBATIONS



BUT: Universe recombines at same temperature everywhere; recombination is an *equal temperature surface* (at  $T_*$ ) in the gas rest frame even in a perturbed universe

– why do we see temperature variations at all?



- Linear modes cause anisotropic redshifting along the line of sight
  - 0<sup>th</sup> order equal-temperature last scattering surface modulated by 1<sup>st</sup> order perturbations

➡ generates linear CMB anisotropies

- linear perturbations are observed in perturbed universe:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> order small-scale perturbations are modulated by the effect 1<sup>st</sup> order large-scale (and smaller-scale) modes

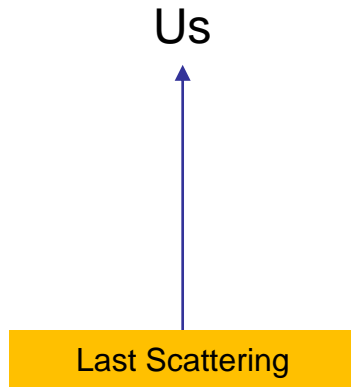
➡ non-linear CMB anisotropies, mainly CMB lensing (2<sup>nd</sup> order and higher)

For simplicity consider recombination to give sharp visibility  
(instantaneously opaque → transparent)

⇒ In the background, CMB photons come from single spherical shell about us at background conformal time  $\eta_*$



Need to use geodesic equation to see how photon energy changes along line of sight



$$\frac{dp^\mu}{d\lambda} + \Gamma^\mu_{\alpha\beta} p^\alpha p^\beta = 0$$

Affine parameter  $\lambda$

4-momentum  $p^\mu = \frac{dx^\mu}{d\lambda}$   
(this defines choice of normalization of  $\lambda$ )

Use linear perturbation theory with  $ds^2 = a(\eta)^2 [(1 + 2\Psi)d\eta^2 - (1 - 2\Phi)d\mathbf{x}^2]$

- Conformal Newtonian Gauge (CNG) [scalar perturbations]

# Linear CMB anisotropies

Note: perturbations  $\Phi$  and  $\Psi$  are functions of time and position

Zero component of geodesic equation in the Conformal Newtonian Gauge:

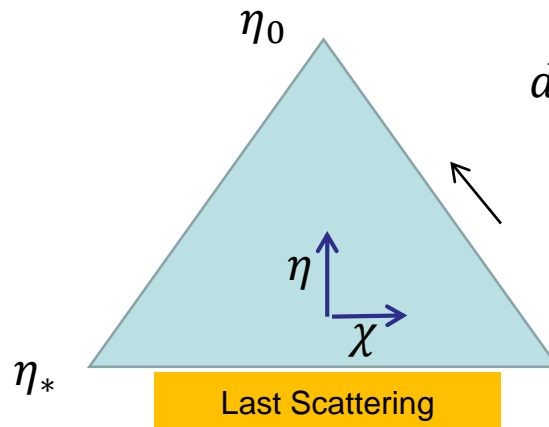
$$\frac{dp^0}{d\lambda} + \left( \frac{a'}{a} + \Psi' \right) p^0 p^0 + 2p^0 p^i \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x^i} + \left( \frac{a'}{a} (1 - 2\Psi - 2\Phi) - \Phi' \right) \delta_{ij} p^i p^j = 0$$

$$x^0 = \eta$$

$$x^r = \chi$$

Null geodesic:

$$d\eta = -d\chi$$



$$dX = \frac{\partial X}{\partial \eta} d\eta + \frac{\partial X}{\partial \chi} d\chi$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dX}{d\eta} = \frac{\partial X}{\partial \eta} - \frac{\partial X}{\partial \chi}$$

$$p^0 = E(1 - \Psi)/a : \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{d(aE)}{d\eta} = aE \left( \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial \chi} + \Phi' \right) = aE \left( -\frac{d\Psi}{d\eta} + \Psi' + \Phi' \right)$$

$$\frac{d\eta}{d\lambda} = p^0 = \frac{E}{a}(1 - \Psi)$$

Integrate along light cone between time  $\eta$  and today ( $\eta_0$ ), rearrange

$$E(\eta_0) = a(\eta)E(\eta) \left[ 1 + \Psi(\eta) - \Psi_0 + \int_{\eta}^{\eta_0} d\eta (\Psi' + \Phi') \right]$$

All photons redshift the same way, so  $kT \sim E$ .

Recombination at fixed temperature  $T_*$  in gas rest frame.

Also add Doppler effect:

$$T(\hat{n}, \eta_0) = (a_* + \delta a)T_* \left[ 1 + \Psi(\eta_*) - \Psi_0 + \hat{n} \cdot (\mathbf{v}_o - \mathbf{v}) + \int_{\eta_*}^{\eta_0} d\eta (\Psi' + \Phi') \right]$$

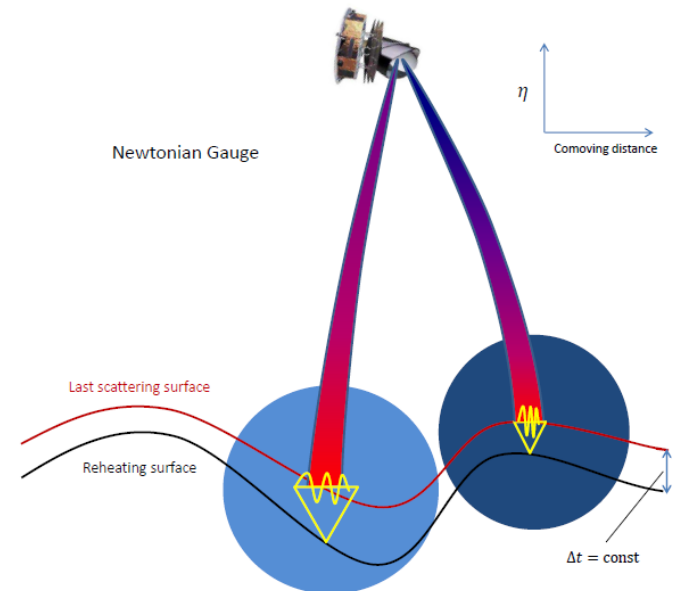
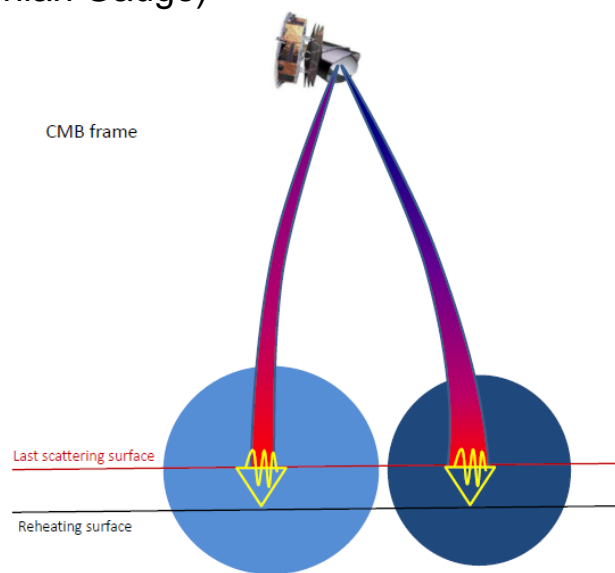
$$= T_0 \left[ 1 + \frac{\delta a}{a_*} + \Psi(\eta_*) - \Psi_0 + \hat{n} \cdot (\mathbf{v}_o - \mathbf{v}) + \int_{\eta_*}^{\eta_0} d\eta (\Psi' + \Phi') \right]$$

$$\rho_\gamma(\eta, \mathbf{x}) = \rho_{\gamma*} + \rho'_\gamma \delta\eta + \delta\rho_\gamma = \rho_{\gamma*} \text{ (perturbed and unperturbed LSS at same temperature/density)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta\eta = -\frac{\delta\rho_\gamma}{\rho'_\gamma} = \frac{\Delta_\gamma a}{4a'} \Rightarrow \frac{\delta a}{a} = \frac{a'}{a} \delta\eta = \frac{\Delta_\gamma}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\Delta T_0}{T}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) = \frac{\Delta_\gamma(\eta_*)}{4} + \underbrace{\Psi(\eta_*) - \Psi_0}_{\text{Sachs-Wolfe}} + \underbrace{\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot (\mathbf{v}_o - \mathbf{v})}_{\text{Doppler}} + \underbrace{\int_{\eta_*}^{\eta_0} d\eta (\Psi' + \Phi')}_{\text{ISW}}$$

Temperature  
perturbation at  
recombination  
(Newtonian Gauge)





On large scales (super-horizon for matter-dominated recombination):  $\frac{\Delta_{\gamma}}{4} + \Psi = \frac{\Psi}{3}$

In general need to calculate  $\Delta_{\gamma}, v_b$  at recombination numerically

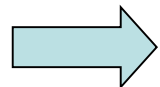
In practice recombination visibility is also not sharp

⇒ also need to integrate over source planes through last scattering

$$\text{Visibility} \quad g = \frac{dP}{d\eta} = -\tau' e^{-\tau} \qquad \text{Optical depth} \quad \tau \equiv \int_{\eta}^{\eta_0} a n_e \sigma_T d\eta'$$

## Calculation of theoretical perturbation evolution

Perturbations  $O(10^{-5})$



Simple linearized equations are very accurate (except small scales)

Can use real or Fourier space

Fourier modes evolve independently: simple to calculate accurately

# Physics Ingredients

- Thomson scattering (non-relativistic electron-photon scattering)
  - tightly coupled before recombination: ‘tight-coupling’ approximation (baryons follow electrons because of very strong e-m coupling)
- Background recombination physics (Saha/full multi-level calculation)
- Linearized General Relativity
- Boltzmann equation (how angular distribution function evolves with scattering)

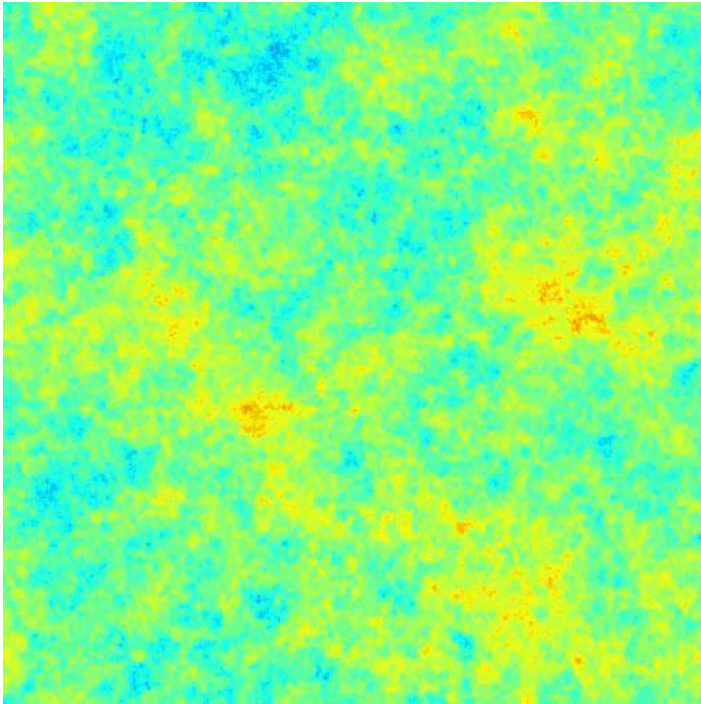
To calculate power spectrum from statistically homogeneous and isotropic perturbations do *not* need to evolve realisations (unlike in large-scale structure simulations)

$$\text{Linearity: } X(\mathbf{k}, \eta) = X(\mathbf{k}, 0)T(k, \eta)$$

- only need to evolve **transfer function**  $T(k, \eta)$ , tells you how *all* perturbations with same  $|\mathbf{k}|$  evolve

# Perturbation evolution

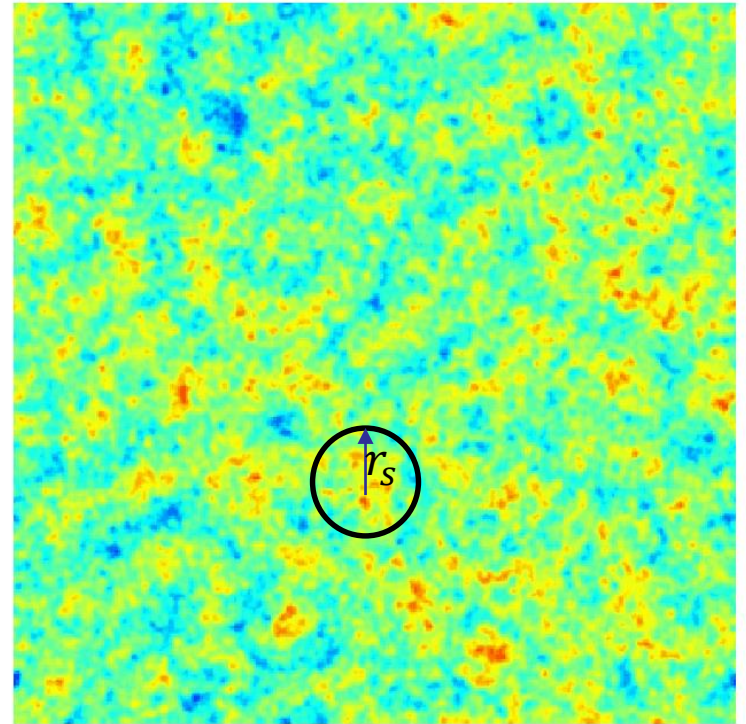
Perturbations: start of hot big bang



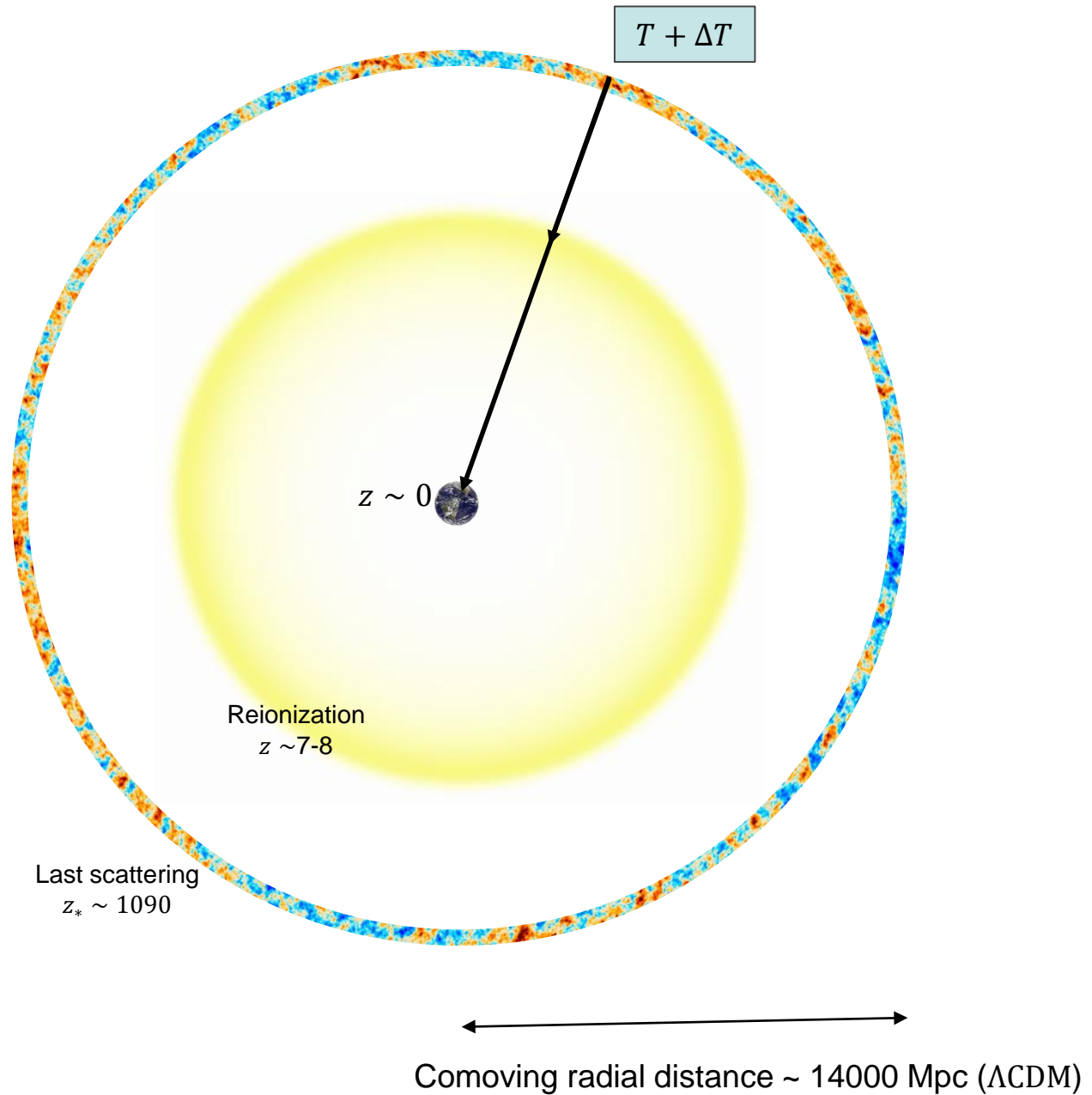
gravity+  
pressure+  
diffusion



Perturbations: Last scattering surface



In comoving distance





# CMB power spectrum $C_l$

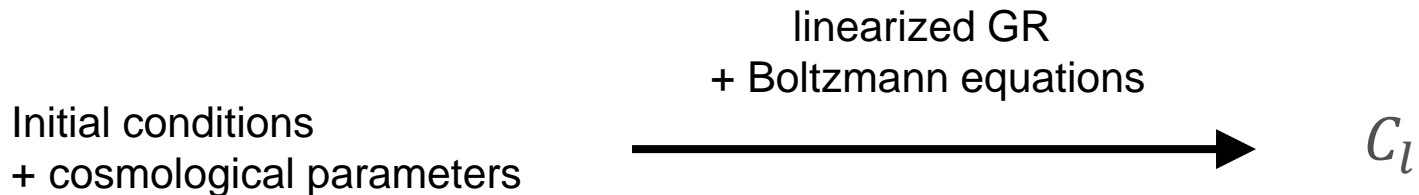
- Theory: Linear physics + Gaussian primordial fluctuations

$$a_{lm} \equiv \int d\Omega \Delta T Y_{lm}^*$$

Random variates, zero mean ( $\langle \Delta T \rangle = 0$ )

Theory prediction  $C_l \equiv \langle |a_{lm}|^2 \rangle$

- variance (average over all possible sky realizations)
- statistical isotropy implies independent of  $m$
- for Gaussian statistically-isotropic fluctuations,  $C_l$  contains all the information (fully describes statistics)



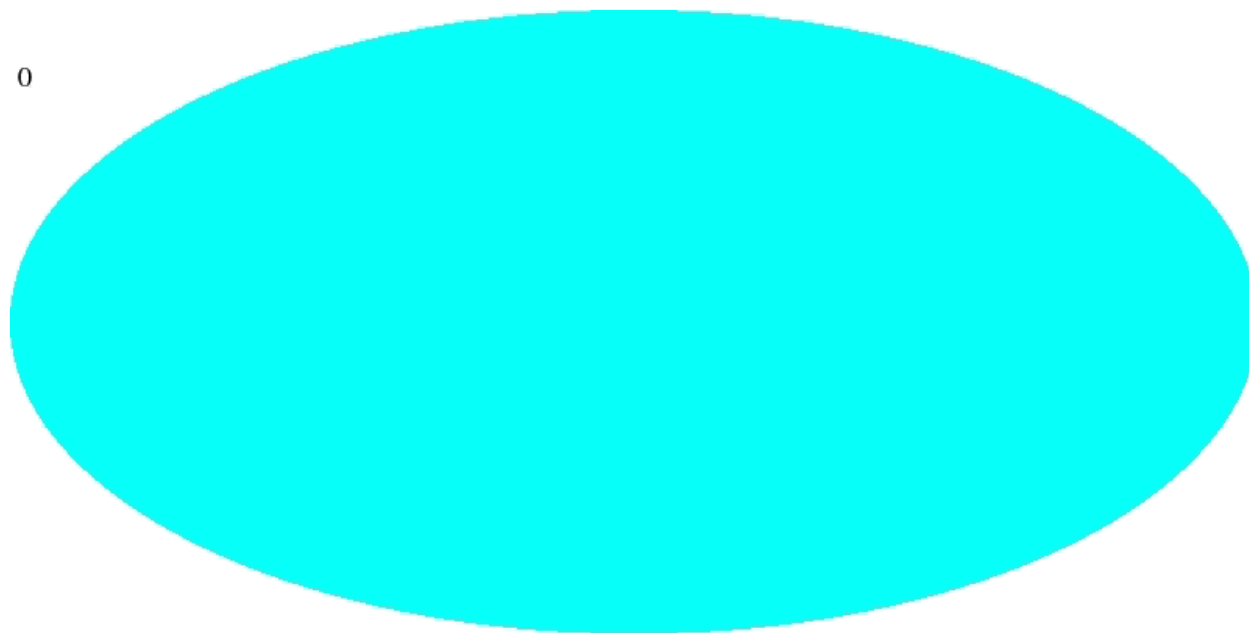
CAMB: "pip install camb" <https://camb.info>

CLASS [https://lesgourg.github.io/class\\_public/class.html](https://lesgourg.github.io/class_public/class.html)

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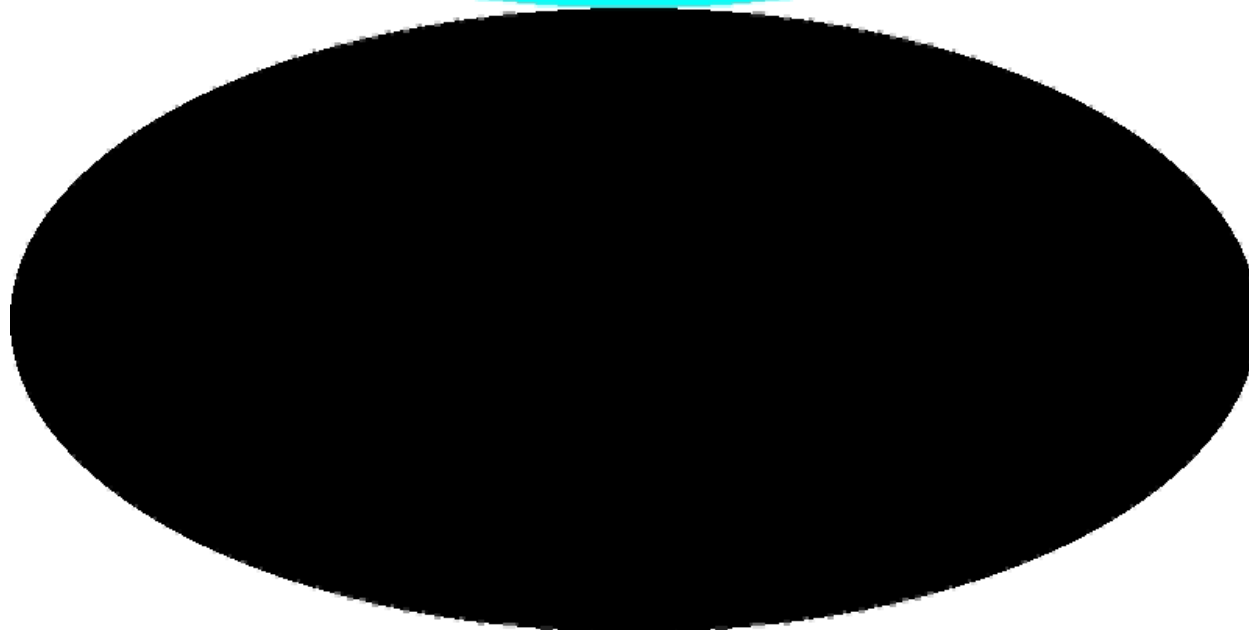
Sum over  $l$

$$\sum_{lm} a_{lm} Y_{lm}$$



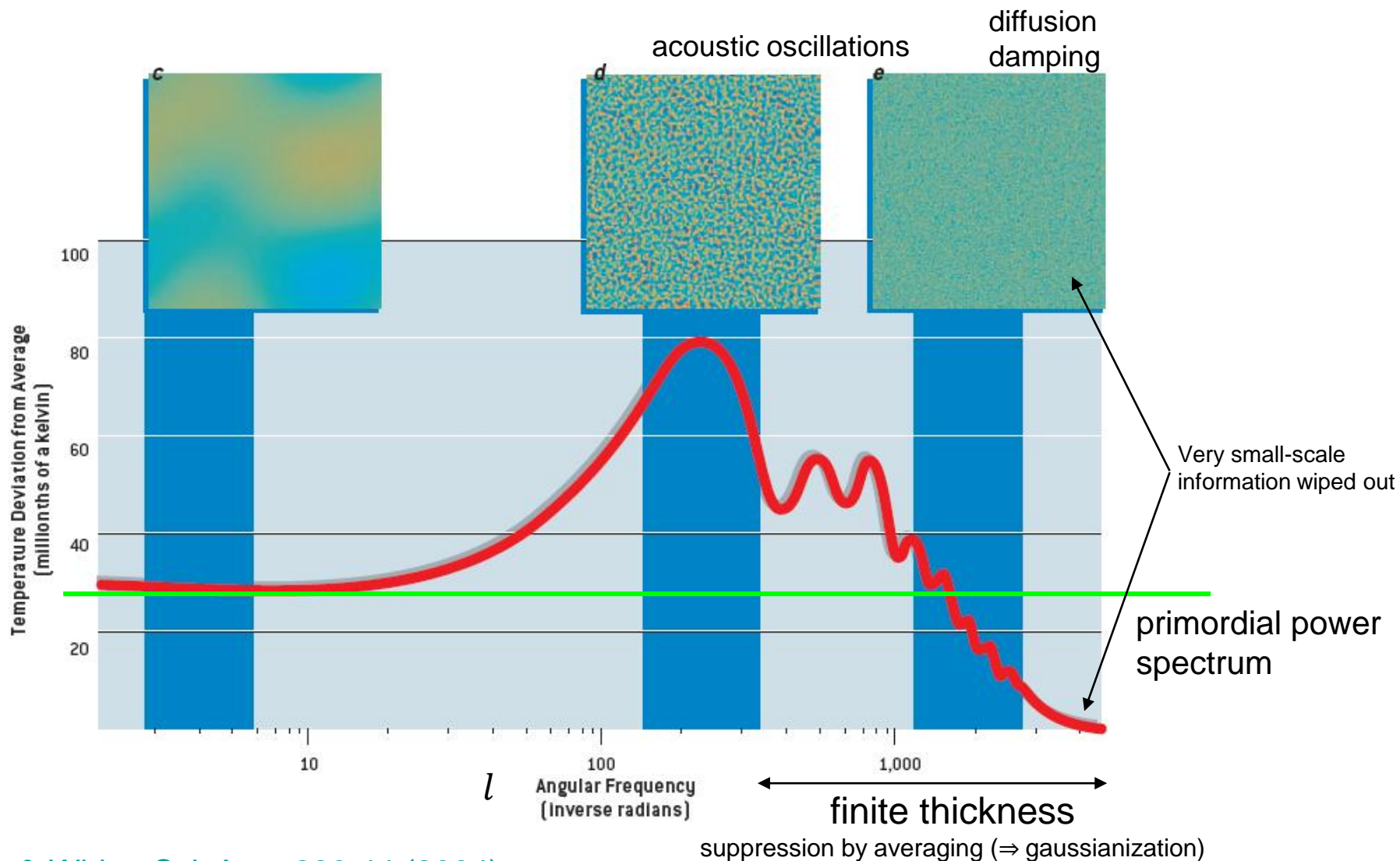
Single  $l$

$$\sum_m a_{lm} Y_{lm}$$



# CMB temperature power spectrum

Primordial perturbations + later physics



# Why $C_l$ oscillations?

## Radiation perturbation evolution

- Comoving Poisson equation:  $\nabla^2 \Phi = 4\pi G \delta \bar{\rho} \Rightarrow \left(\frac{k}{a}\right)^2 \Phi = -4\pi G \rho \bar{\Delta}$

- potentials approx constant on super-horizon scales
- radiation domination  $\rho \sim 1/a^4$

$$\rightarrow \bar{\Delta} \sim k^2 a^2 \Phi$$

$\rightarrow$  since  $\Phi \sim$  constant, super-horizon comoving density perturbations grow  $\sim a^2$

+ pressure ( $P = \frac{\rho}{3}$  for radiation  $\Rightarrow c_s \sim \frac{c}{\sqrt{3}}$  for waves in radiation fluid)  
(pressure support/oscillation  $\Rightarrow$  stop collapse of radiation perturbations)

*more generally:*

$$c_s^2 = \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{4\rho_\gamma}{4\rho_\gamma + 3\rho_b} \right)$$

+ expansion

( $\Psi \propto \frac{GM}{r} \rightarrow 0$  as physical size  $r$  of perturbation increases after pressure stops growth)

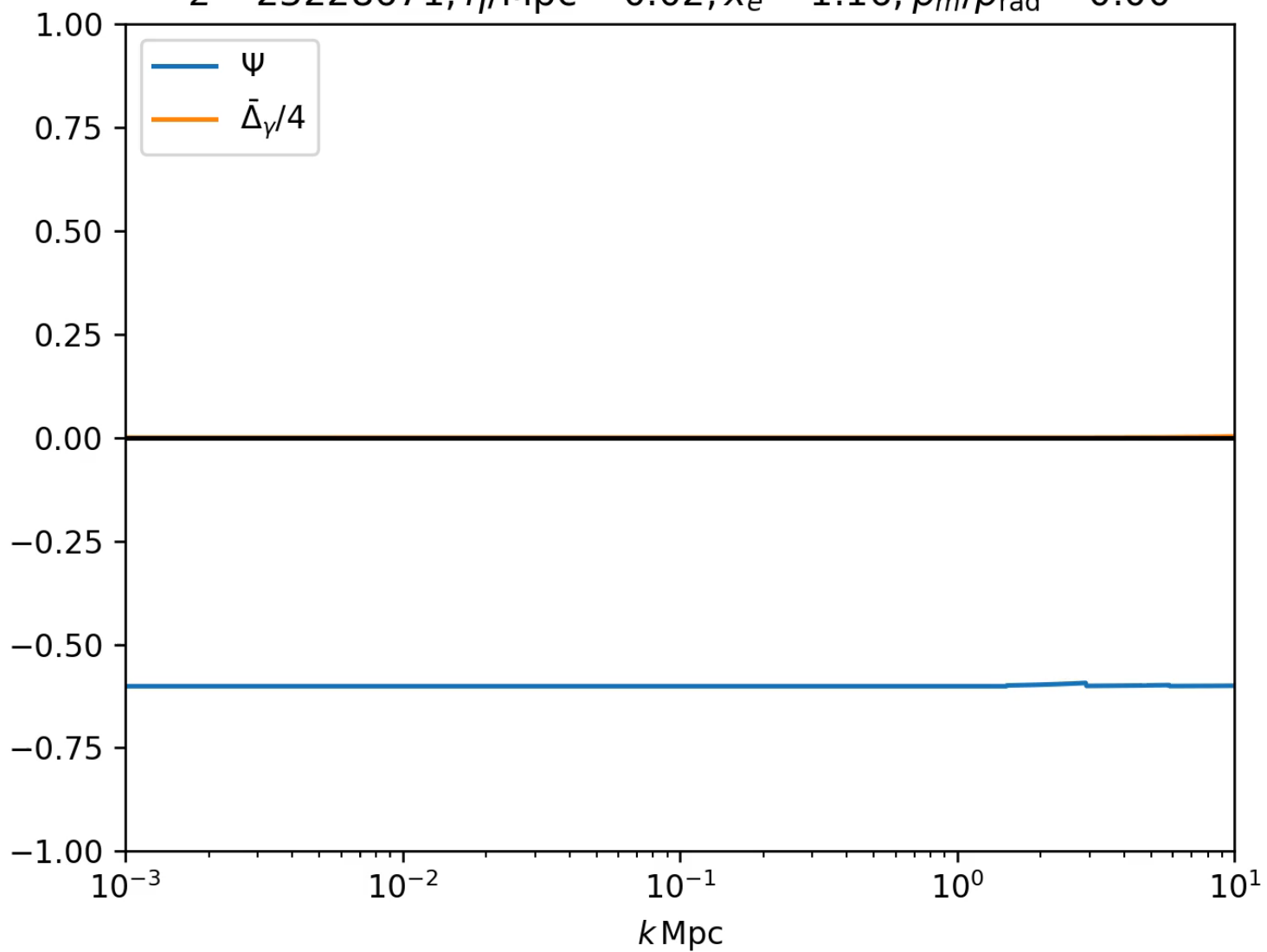
$\Rightarrow$  nearly free SHM oscillations during radiation domination driven only by initial collapse

- “sound” waves with speed  $c_s$

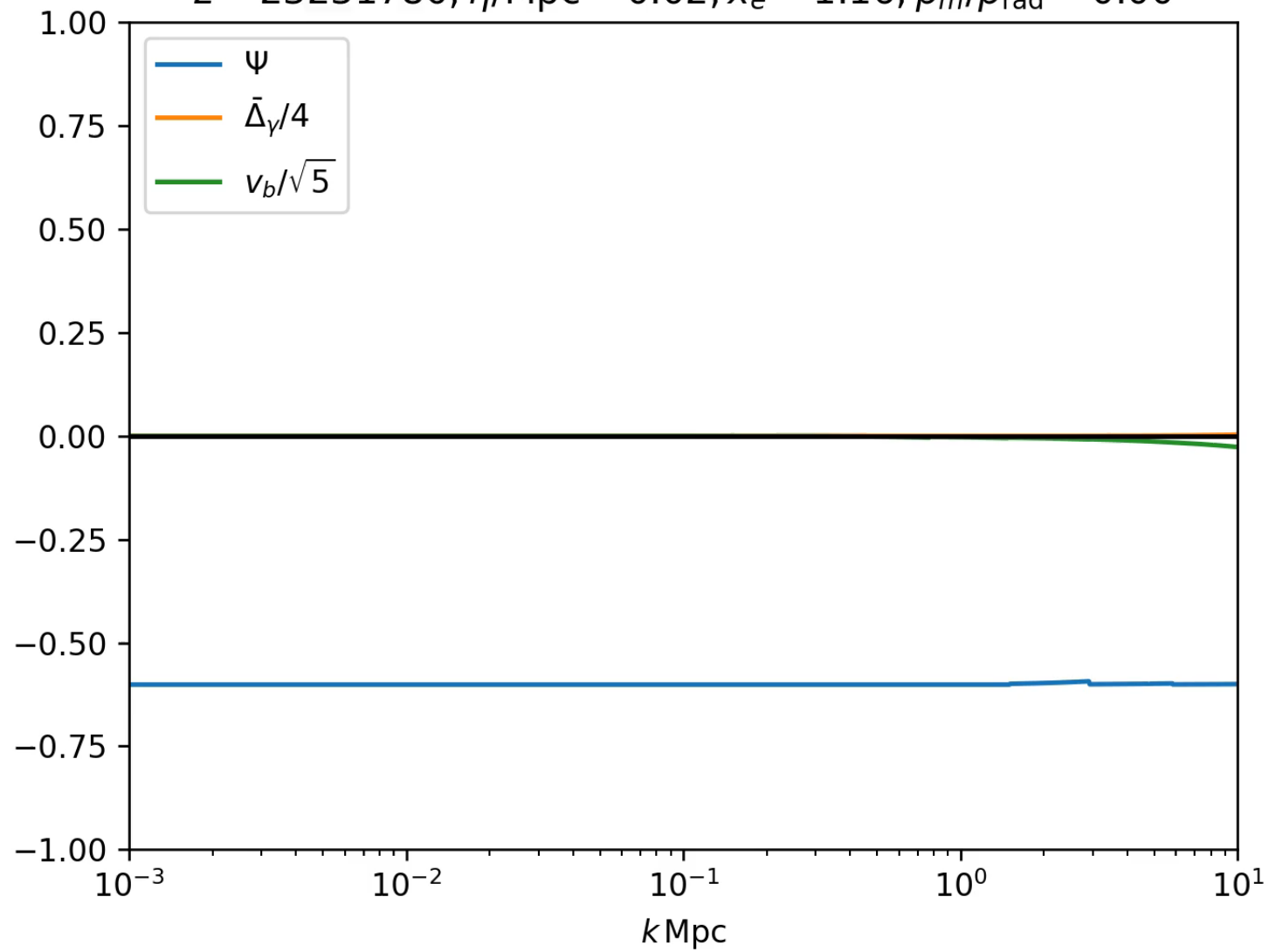


# Evolve 1D grid of k values

$z = 23228671, \eta/\text{Mpc} = 0.02, x_e = 1.16, \rho_m/\rho_{\text{rad}} = 0.00$

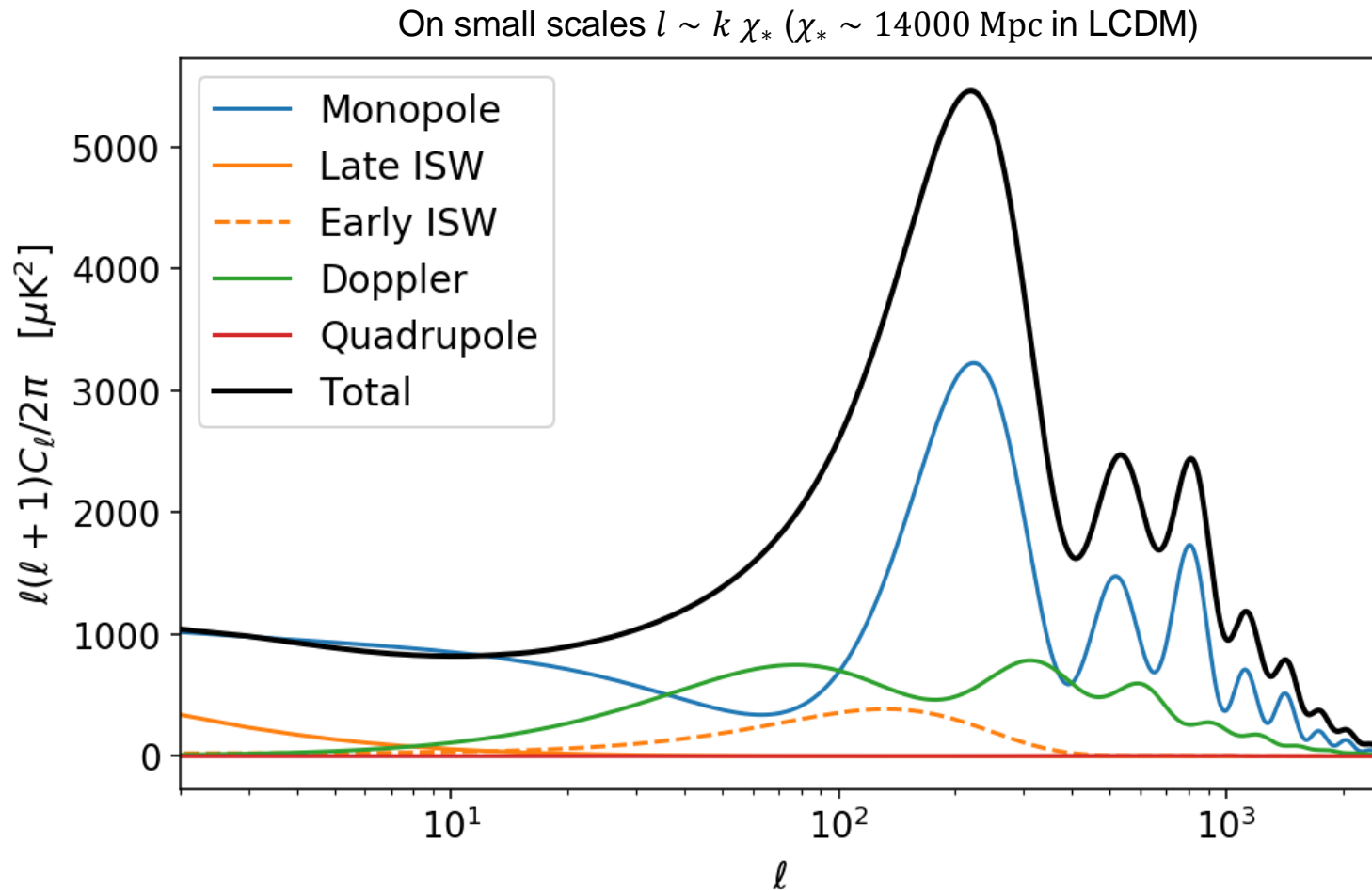


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# Contributions to temperature $C_l$

$$\frac{\Delta T_0}{T}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) = \underbrace{\frac{\Delta\gamma(\eta_*)}{4}}_{\text{Monopole}} + \underbrace{\Psi(\eta_*) - \Psi_0}_{\text{Const.}} + \underbrace{\hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot (\mathbf{v}_o - \mathbf{v})}_{\text{Doppler}} + \underbrace{\int_{\eta_*}^{\eta_0} d\eta (\Psi' + \Phi')}_{\text{ISW}} + \text{+ other}$$

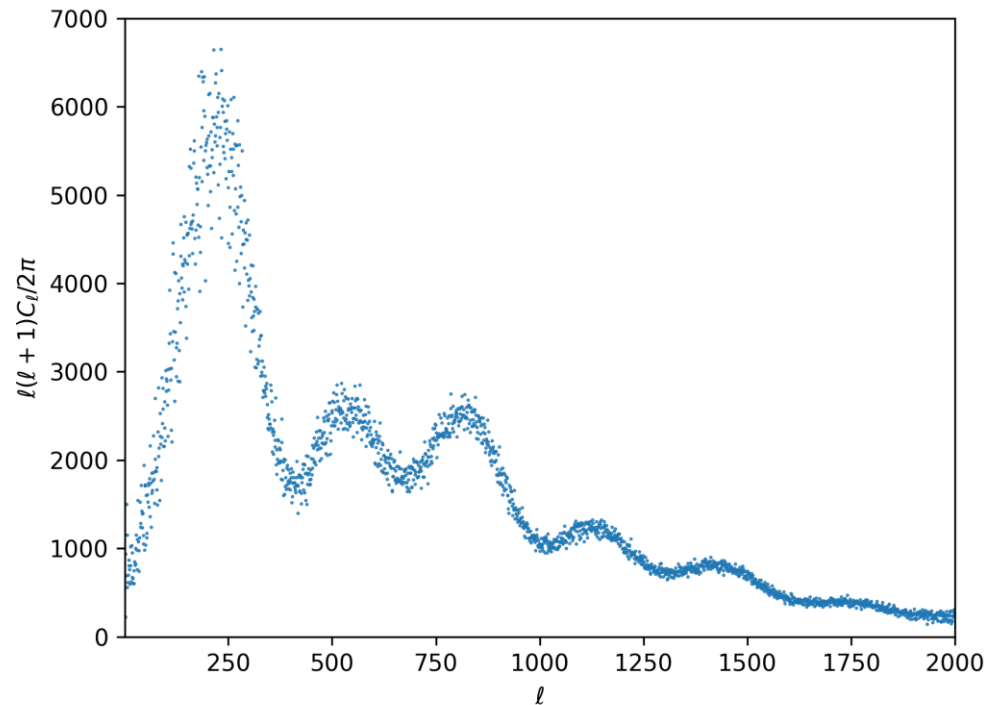


Cosmic Variance: only one sky, spectrum same at all frequencies (blackbody)

Use estimator for variance:  $\hat{C}_l = \frac{1}{2l+1} \sum_m |a_{lm}^2|$

“Cosmic Variance”

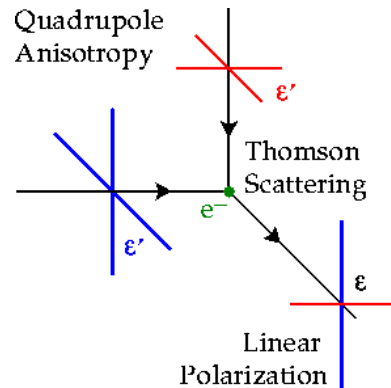
$$\langle |\hat{C}_l - C_l|^2 \rangle = \frac{2C_l^2}{2l+1}$$



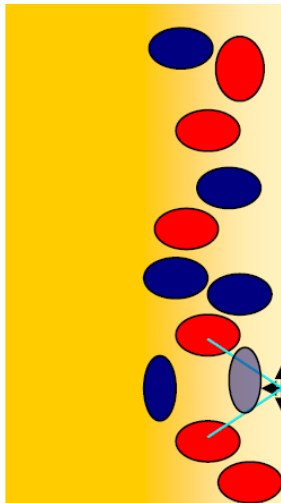
Cosmic variance gives fundamental limit on how much we can learn from CMB  
- smaller errors at high  $l$  – most information from the small-scale spectrum

# CMB Polarization

Generated during last scattering (and reionization) by Thomson scattering of anisotropic photon distribution



[Hu astro-ph/9706147](#)



# Observed Stokes' Parameters



$Q \rightarrow -Q, U \rightarrow -U$  under 90 degree rotation

$Q \rightarrow U, U \rightarrow -Q$  under 45 degree rotation

Measure  $E$  field perpendicular to observation direction  $\hat{n}$

Intensity matrix defined as  $\mathcal{P}_{ab} = C \langle E_a E_b^* \rangle = P_{ab} + \frac{1}{2} \delta_{ab} I + V_{[ab]}$

Linear polarization + Intensity + circular polarization

CMB only linearly polarized. In some fixed basis

$$P_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} Q & U \\ U & -Q \end{pmatrix}$$



## Alternative complex representation

Define complex vectors  $\mathbf{e}_{\pm} = \mathbf{e}_1 \pm i\mathbf{e}_2$       e.g.  $\mathbf{e}_{\pm} = \mathbf{e}_x \pm i\mathbf{e}_y$

And complex polarization

$$P \equiv \mathbf{e}_+^a \mathbf{e}_+^b P_{ab} = Q + iU$$
$$P^* = \mathbf{e}_-^a \mathbf{e}_-^b P_{ab} = Q - iU.$$

Under a rotation of the basis vectors

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{e}_{\pm} &\equiv \mathbf{e}_x \pm i\mathbf{e}_y \rightarrow \mathbf{e}'_x \pm i\mathbf{e}'_y \\ &= (\cos \gamma \mathbf{e}_x - \sin \gamma \mathbf{e}_y) \pm i(\sin \gamma \mathbf{e}_x + \cos \gamma \mathbf{e}_y) \\ &= e^{\pm i\gamma} (\mathbf{e}_x \pm i\mathbf{e}_y) = e^{\pm i\gamma} \mathbf{e}_{\pm}.\end{aligned}$$

$$P' = \mathbf{e}_+^{a'} \mathbf{e}_+^{b'} P_{ab} = e^{2i\gamma} P. \quad \text{- spin 2 field}$$

(Exactly analogous to shear in cosmic shear)

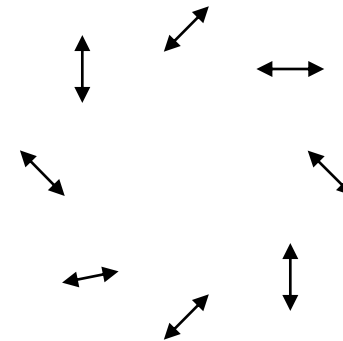
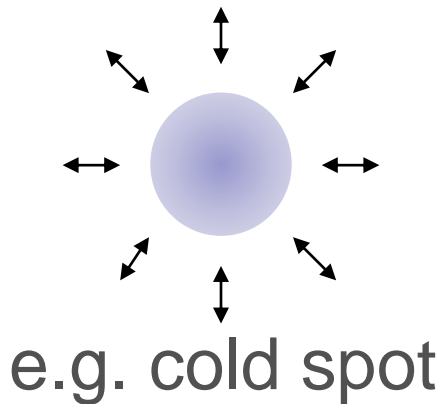
# E and B polarization

$$\mathcal{P}_{ab} = \nabla_{\{a} \nabla_{b\}} P_E - \epsilon^c{}_{(a} \nabla_{b)} \nabla_c P_B$$

“gradient” modes  
E polarization

“curl” modes  
B polarization

e.g.



# CMB Polarization Signals

Average over possible realizations (statistically isotropic):

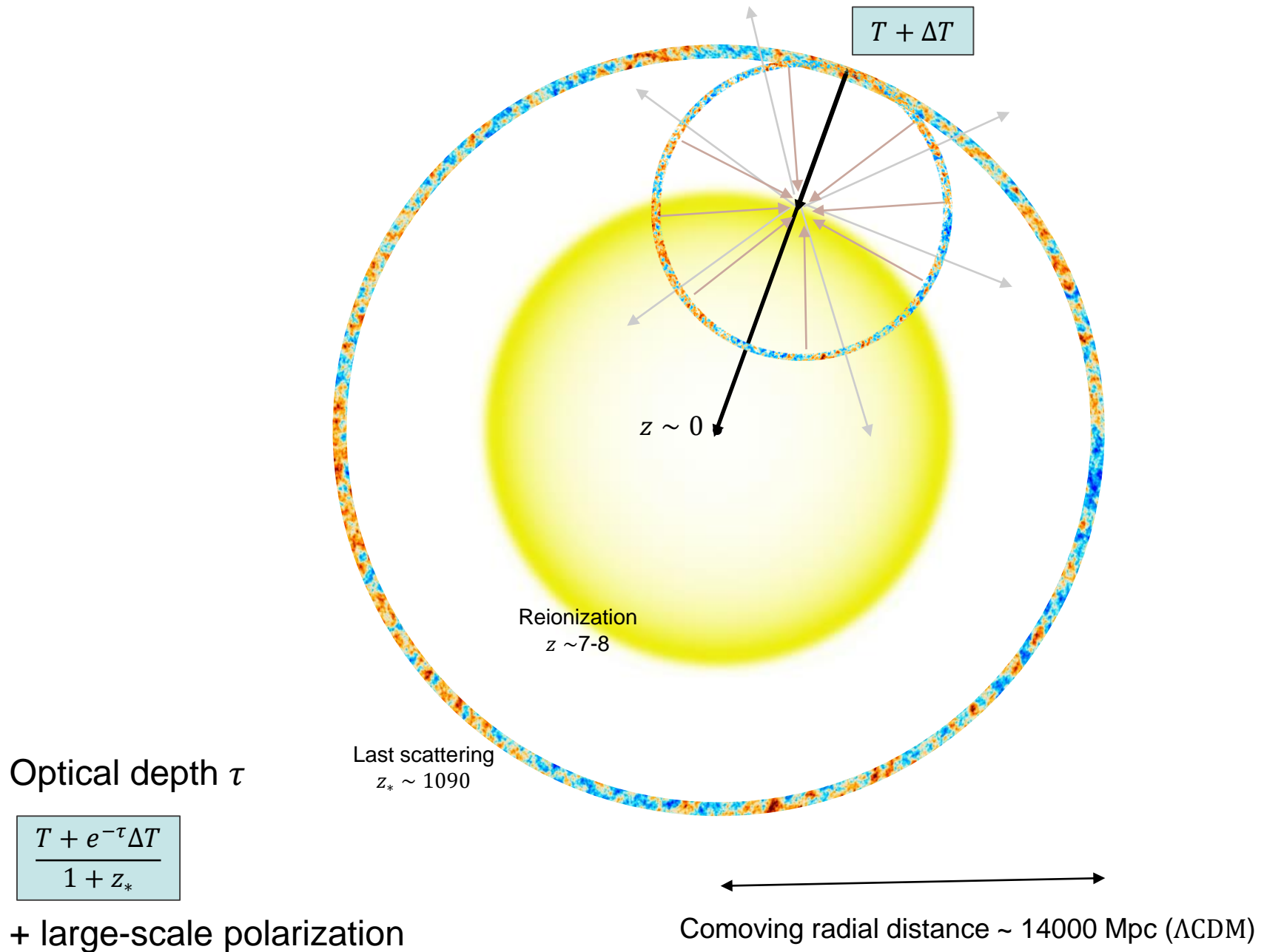
$$\langle E_{l'm'}^* E_{lm} \rangle = \delta_{l'l} \delta_{m'm} C_l^{EE} \quad \langle B_{l'm'}^* B_{lm} \rangle = \delta_{l'l} \delta_{m'm} C_l^{BB}$$

Parity symmetric ensemble:  $\langle E_{l'm'}^* B_{lm} \rangle = 0$

Also cross-correlation  $\langle E_{lm}^* T_{lm} \rangle = C_l^{TE}$ , Parity symmetric  $\Rightarrow C_l^{TB} = 0$

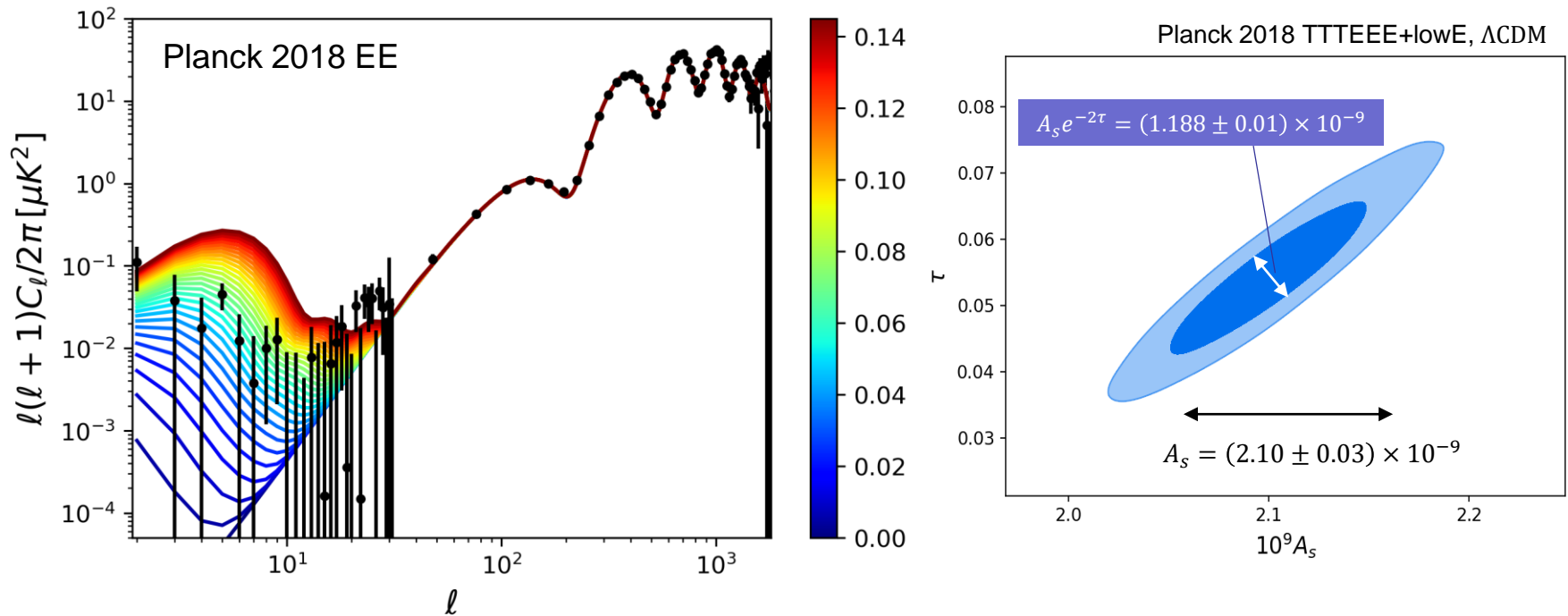
Power spectra contain all the useful information if the field is Gaussian

# Reionization scattering



# Planck optical depth constraint

Large-scale E polarization (+foregrounds, systematics...)



Planck 2018

$$\tau = 0.054 \pm 0.007$$

Pagano et al, arXiv:1908.09856  
(‘SRoll2’ Planck HFI reanalysis)

$$\tau = 0.057 \pm 0.006$$

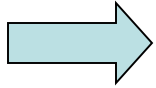
Planck 2020, arXiv:2007.04997  
(‘NPIPE’ Planck HFI reanalysis)

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Belsunce et al., arXiv:2103.14378  
(‘SRoll2’ reanalysis)

$$\tau = 0.058 \pm 0.0055$$

# Perturbations $O(10^{-5})$



- Linear evolution
- Fourier  $k$  mode evolves independently
- Scalar, vector, tensor modes evolve independently

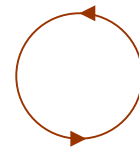
**Scalar modes:** Density perturbations, potential flows

$\delta\rho, \nabla\delta\rho, etc$

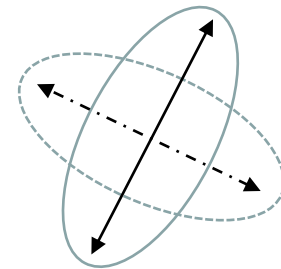


**Vector modes:** Vortical perturbations

velocities,  $v$  ( $\nabla \cdot v = 0$ )



**Tensor modes:** Anisotropic space distortions  
– gravitational waves



B modes only from vectors or tensors in linear theory. + non-linear.



# Primordial Gravitational Waves (tensor modes)

- Well motivated by some inflationary models

- Amplitude measures inflaton potential at horizon crossing

$$P_T \approx \frac{2}{3\pi^2} \frac{V_*}{M_P^4}$$

- distinguish models of inflation (“small-field” vs “large-field”;  
detection  $\Rightarrow$  some symmetry that protects  $|\Delta\phi| \sim M_{\text{pl}}$ )

- Observation would rule out some other models for origin of structure

- Usually constrain  $r \equiv P_T/P_S$  at some pivot scale

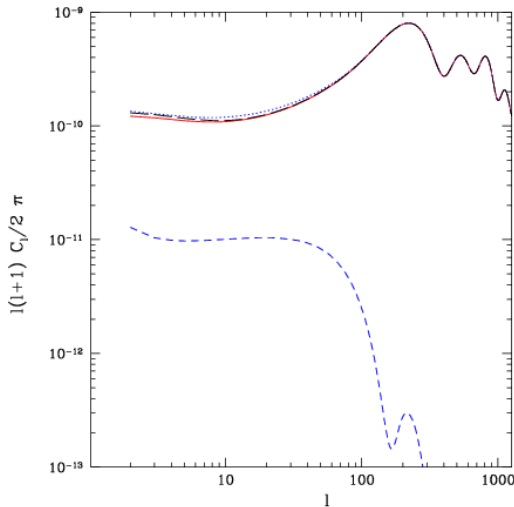
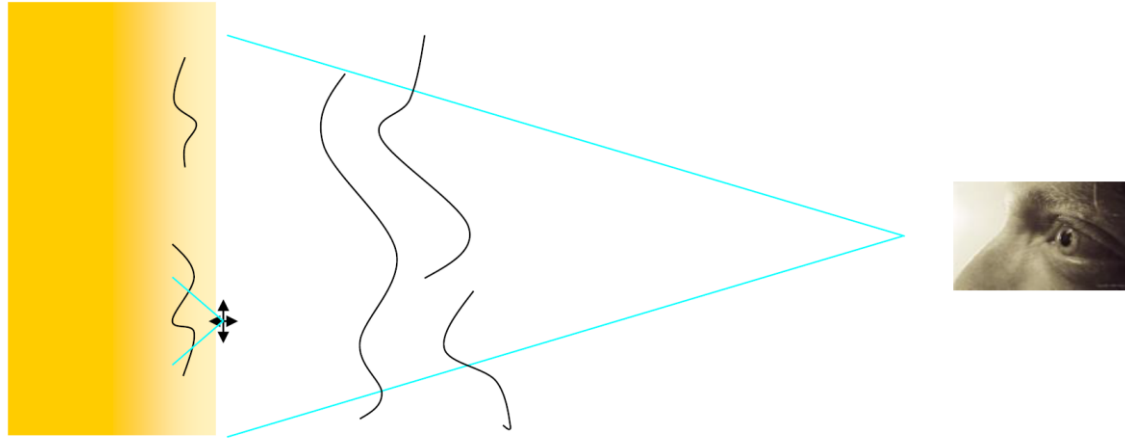
$$r \equiv \frac{\mathcal{P}_T}{\mathcal{P}_\mathcal{R}} = 16\epsilon_V$$

$r \sim O(1 - n_s)$  probed by current observations

$$\epsilon_V(\phi) \equiv \frac{M_P^2}{2} \left( \frac{V_{,\phi}}{V} \right)^2$$

$r \sim O([1 - n_s]^2)$  a target for future observations

Gravitational waves anisotropically redshift CMB photons as they pass through  
Waves decay after they enter the horizon  $\Rightarrow$  signal from horizon entry only



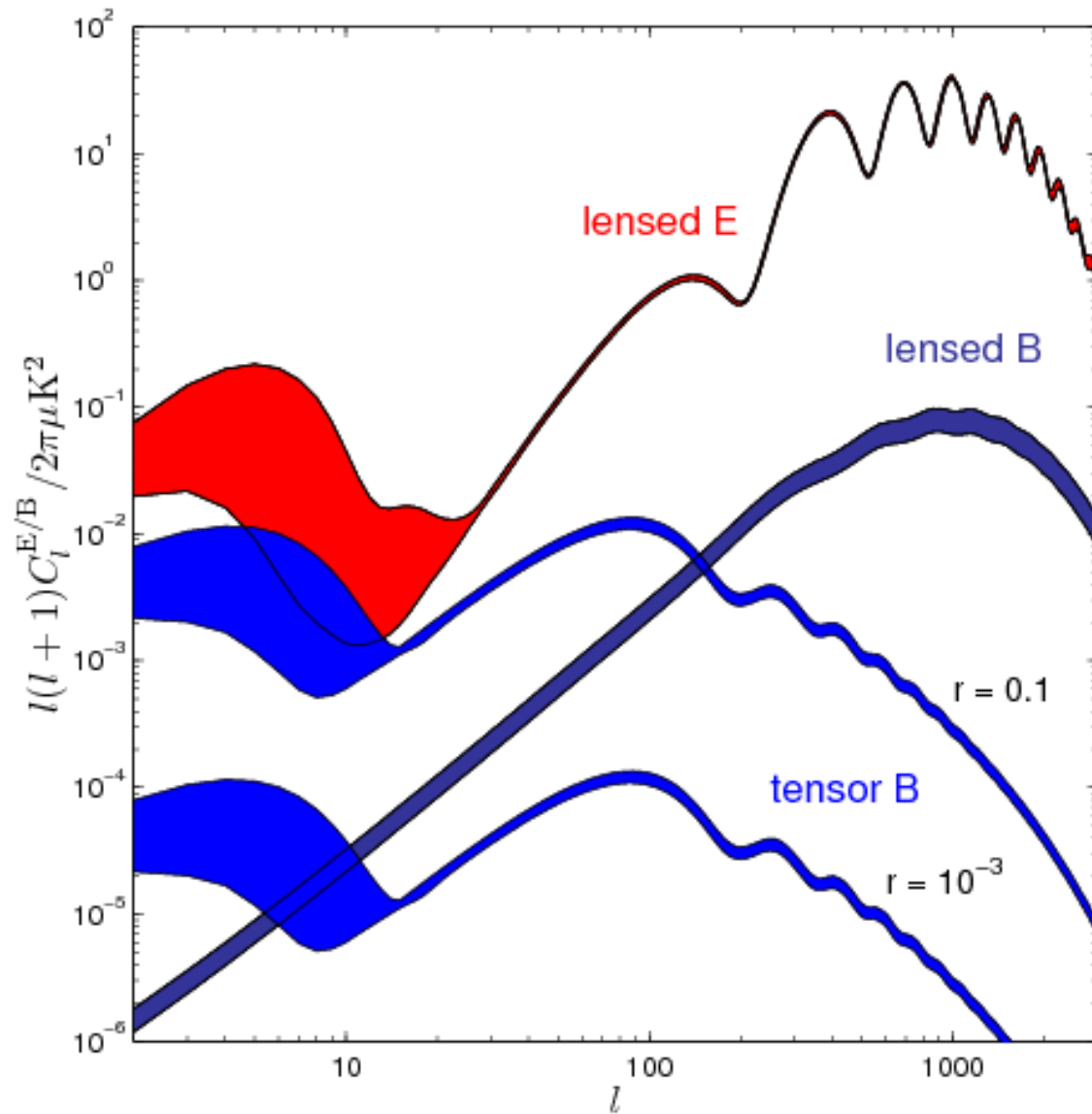
Temperature:

- Anisotropic redshifting of 0<sup>th</sup> order last scattering by 1<sup>st</sup> order gravitational waves along the line of sight
- cosmic variance limited to 10%
- degenerate with other parameters (tilt, reionization, etc)



Look at CMB polarization:  
B-mode “smoking gun”

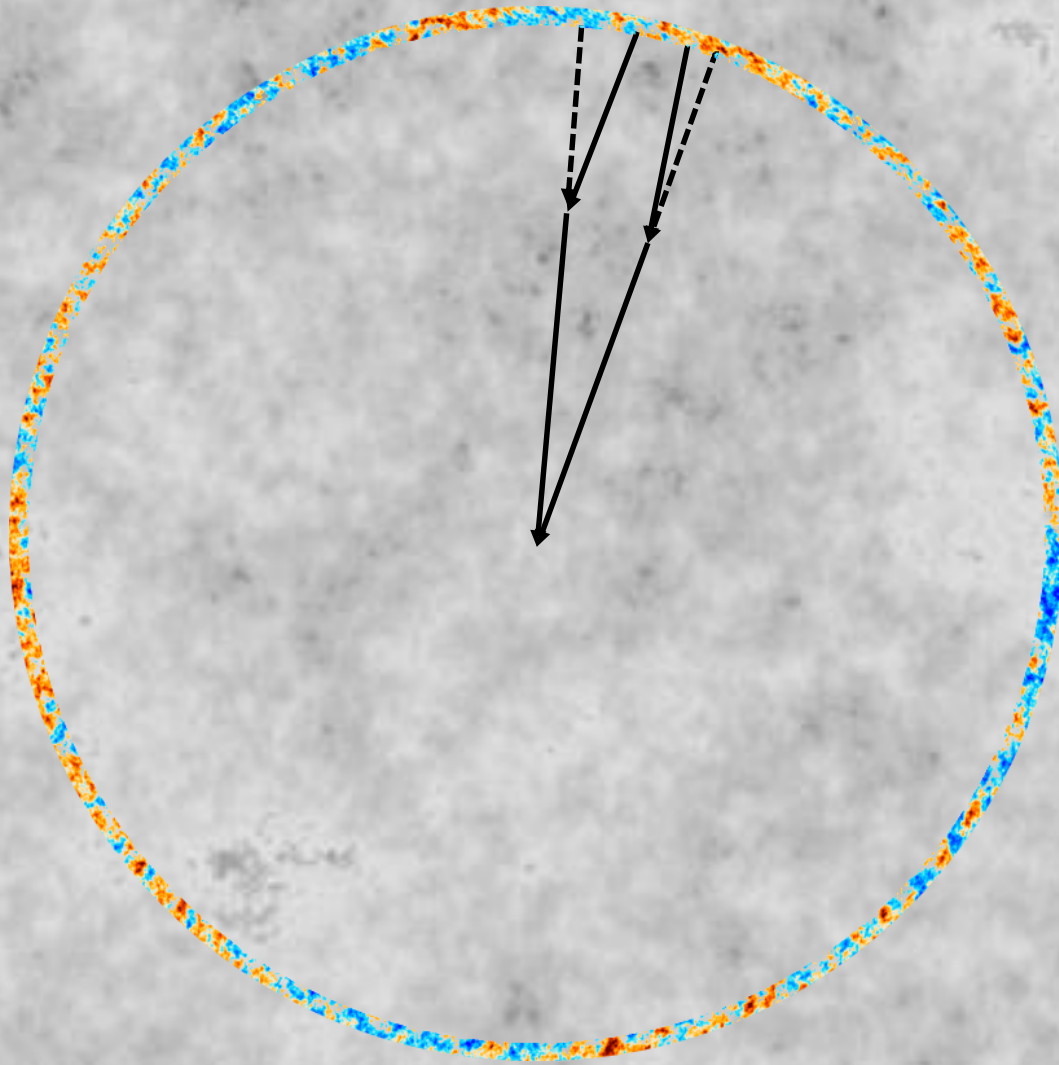
## Polarization power spectra



Current B-mode constraint:  $r_{0.05} < 0.036$  (95%, Bicep/Keck+Planck)

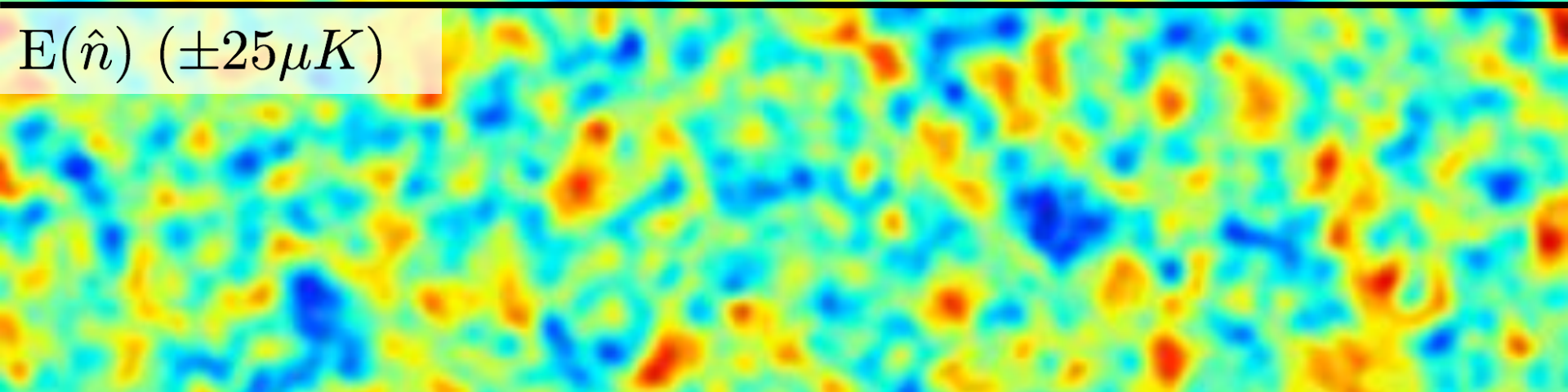
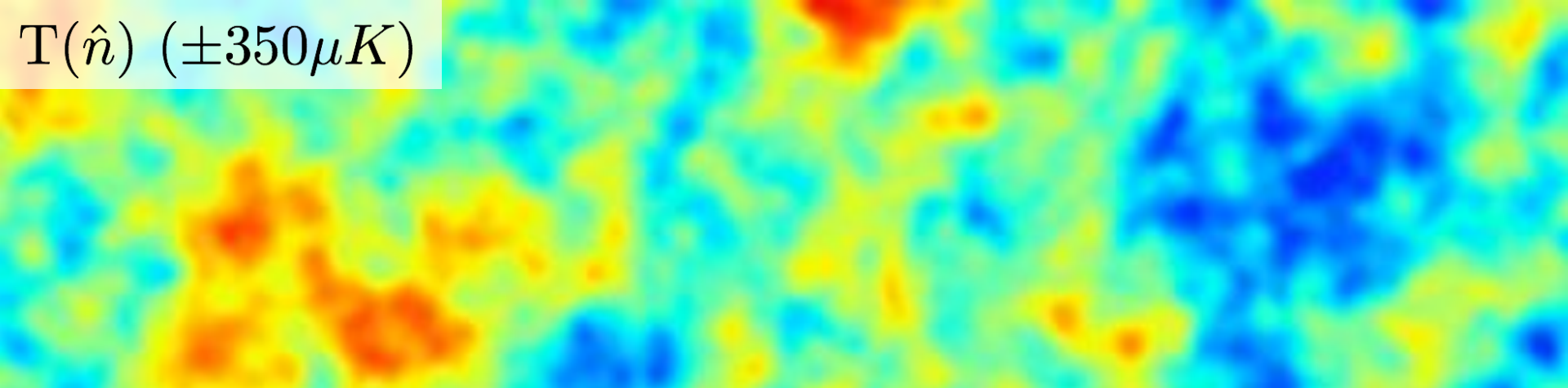
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## CMB Lensing: 1<sup>st</sup> order light propagation

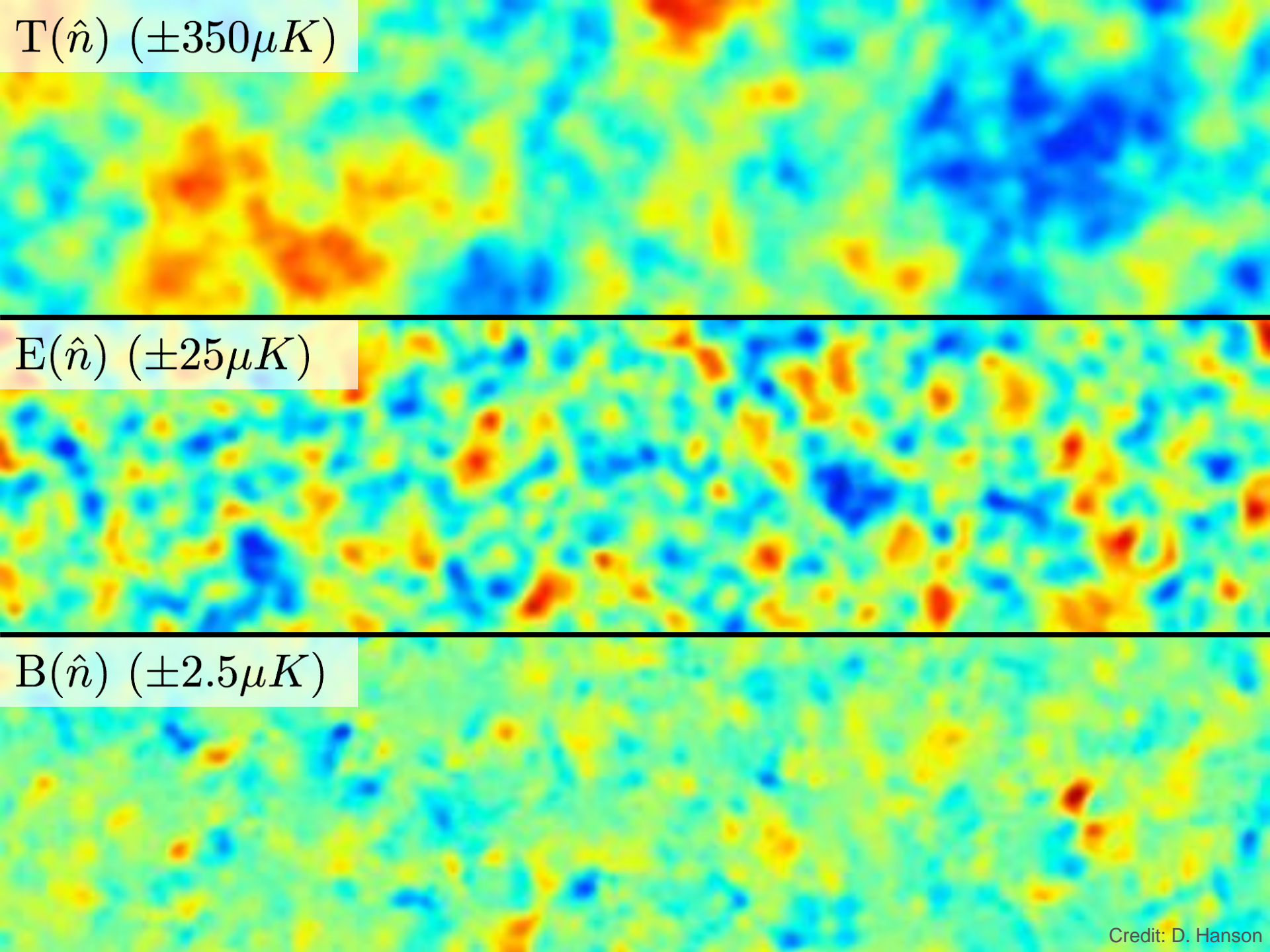


Spatially varying gravitational potentials: high- $z$  kernel, mostly linear

(perturbations here not to scale)

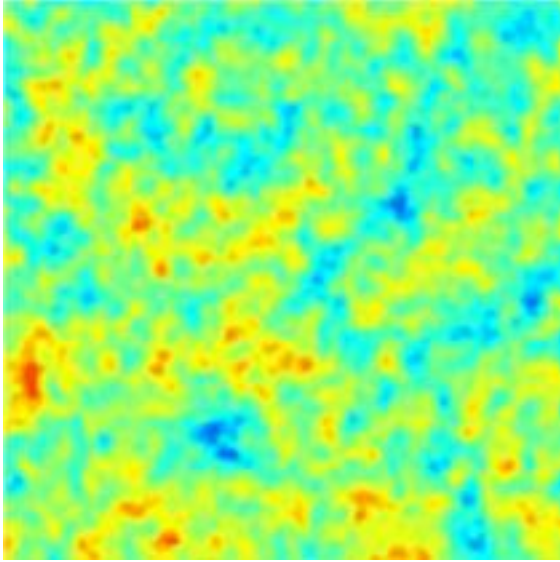




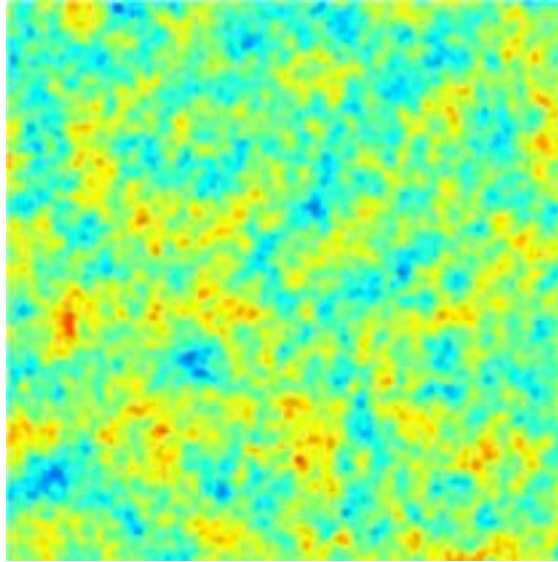


# Local effect of lensing magnification on the power spectrum

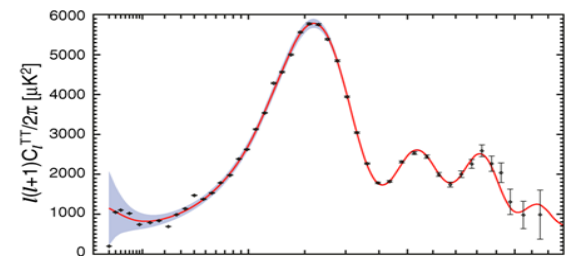
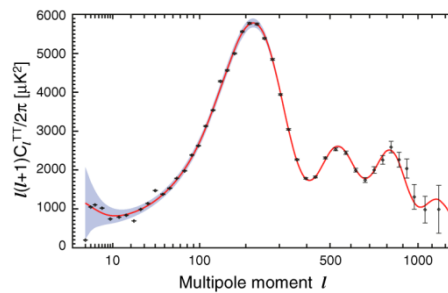
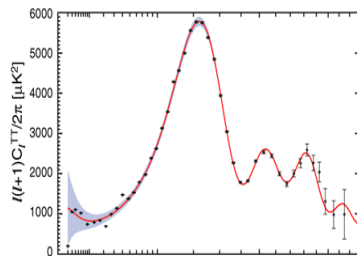
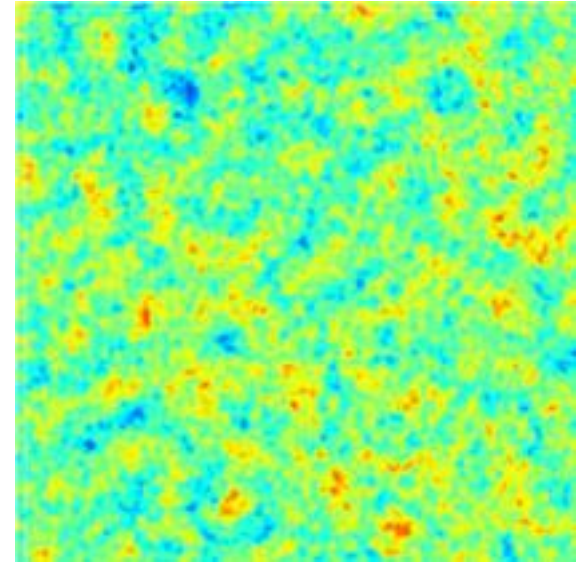
## Magnified



## Unlensed

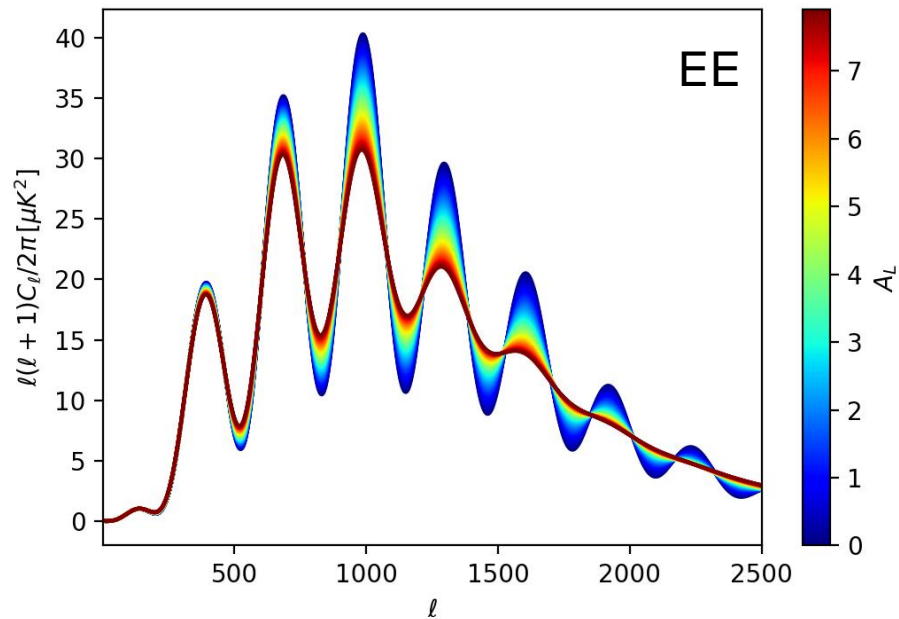
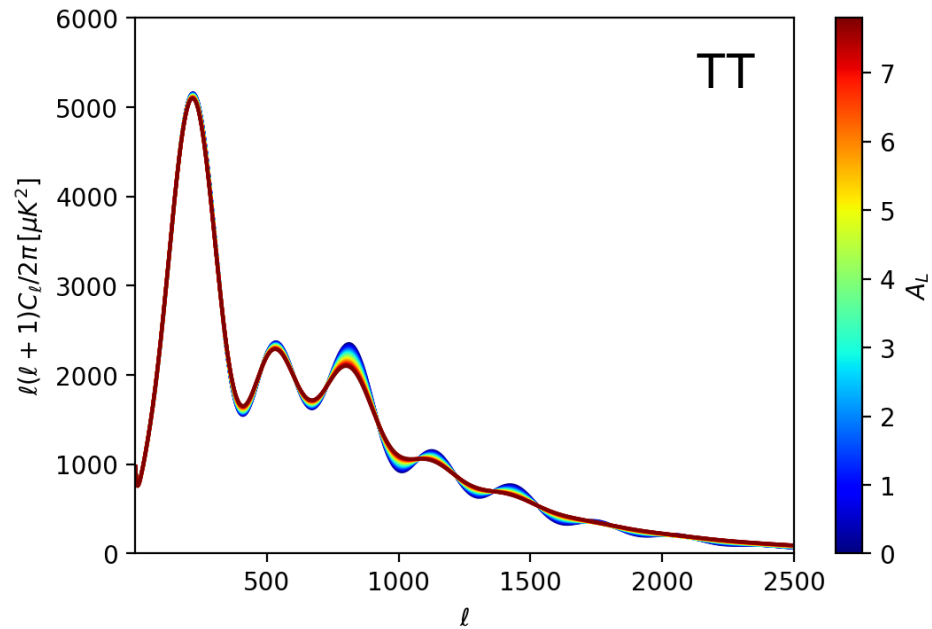


## Demagnified





Averaged over the sky, lensing smooths out the power spectrum



Amount of lensing  
( $A_L = 1$  is actual level)

Lensed temperature depends on deflection angle

$$\tilde{T}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) = T(\hat{\mathbf{n}}') = T(\hat{\mathbf{n}} + \boldsymbol{\alpha})$$

$$\boldsymbol{\alpha} = \delta\theta = -2 \int_0^{\chi^*} d\chi \frac{f_K(\chi^* - \chi)}{f_K(\chi^*)} \nabla_{\perp} \Psi(\chi \hat{\mathbf{n}}; \eta_0 - \chi)$$

Newtonian potential

co-moving distance to last scattering

## Lensing Potential

Deflection angle on sky given in terms of angular gradient of lensing potential  $\boldsymbol{\alpha} = \nabla\psi$

$$\psi(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) = -2 \int_0^{\chi^*} d\chi \Psi(\chi \hat{\mathbf{n}}; \eta_0 - \chi) \frac{f_K(\chi^* - \chi)}{f_K(\chi^*) f_K(\chi)}$$

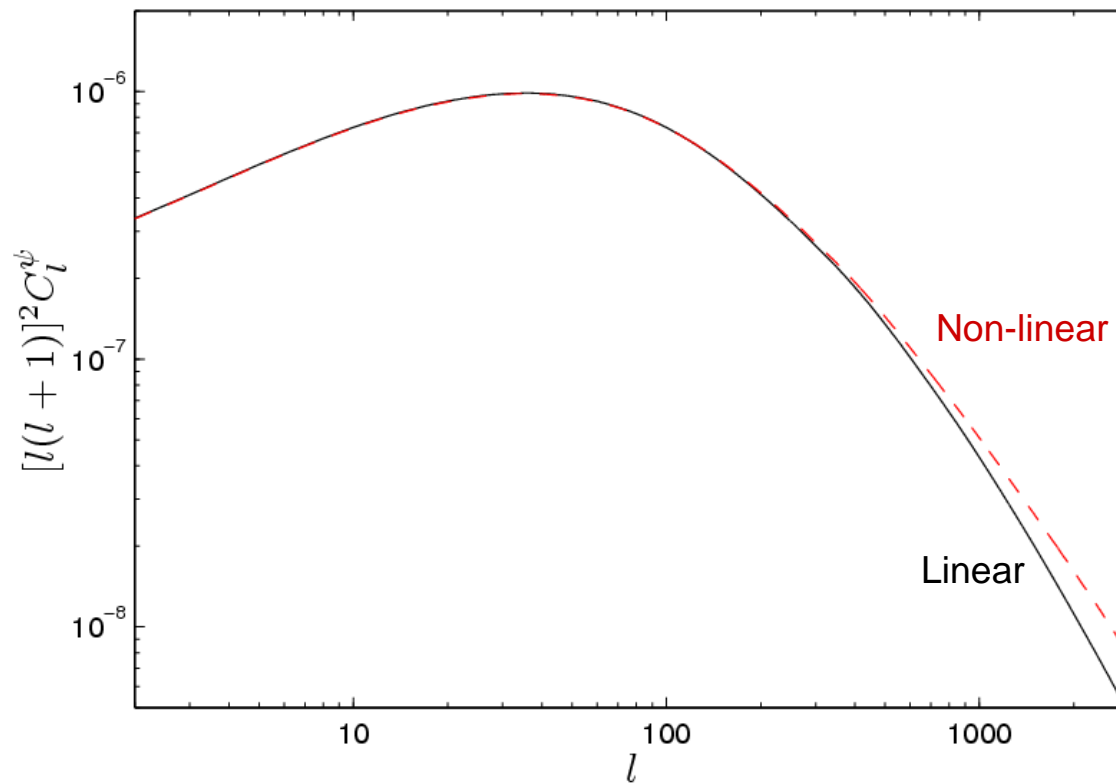
$$\bar{X}(\mathbf{n}) = X(\mathbf{n}') = X(\mathbf{n} + \nabla\psi(\mathbf{n}))$$

## Deflection angle power spectrum

On small scales (Limber approx)  $C_l^\psi \approx \frac{8\pi^2}{l^3} \int_0^{\chi_*} \chi d\chi \mathcal{P}_\Psi(l/\chi; \eta_0 - \chi) \left( \frac{\chi_* - \chi}{\chi_* \chi} \right)^2$

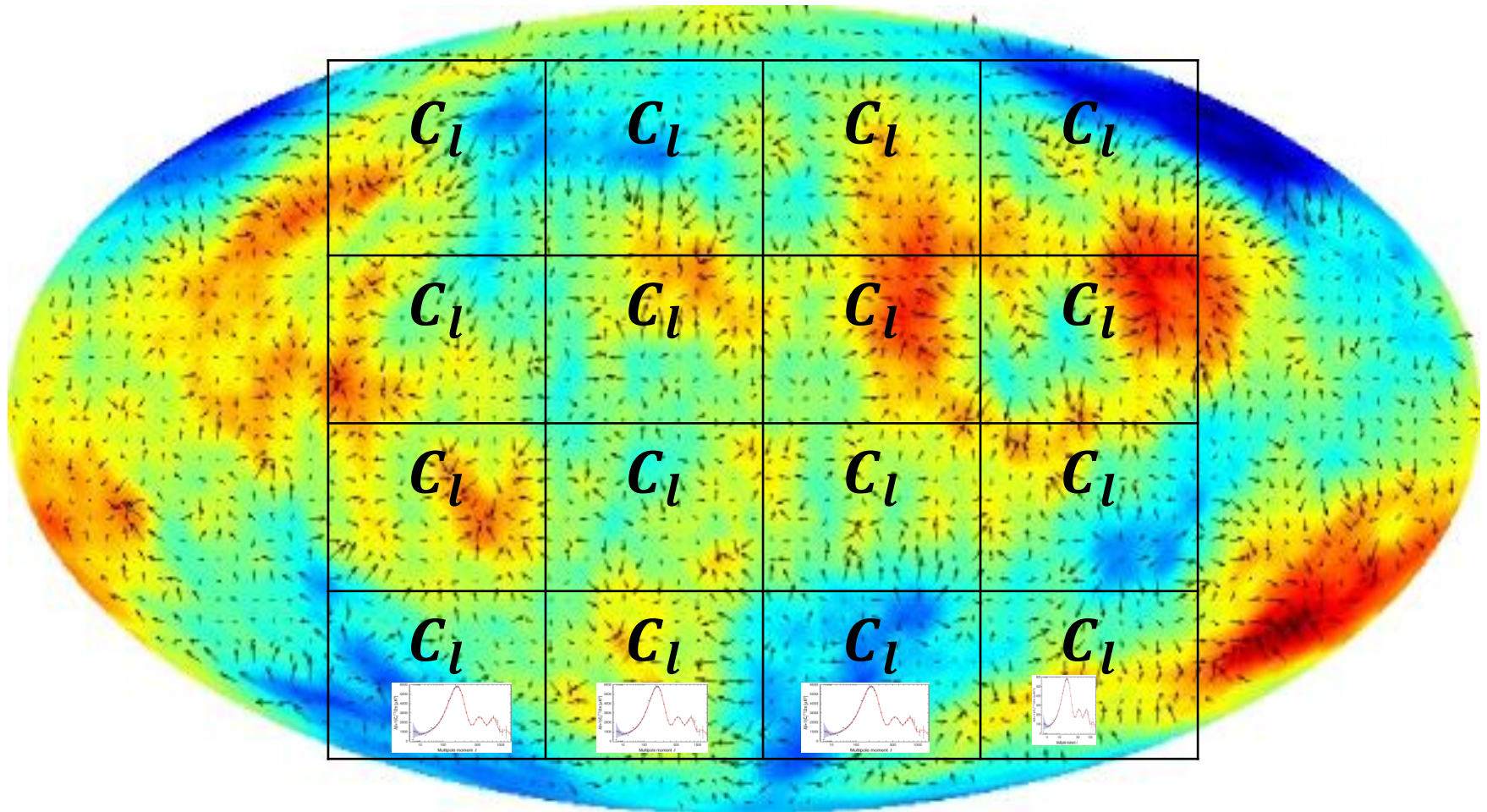
Deflection angle power  $\sim l(l+1)C_l^\psi$

Convergence power  $C_l^\kappa = [l(l+1)]^2 C_l^\psi / 4$



Deflections  $O(10^{-3})$ , but coherent on degree scales  $\rightarrow$  important!

## Lensing reconstruction (concept)



Measure spatial variations in magnification and shear

Use assumed unlensed spectrum, and unlensed statistical isotropy

## Lensing Reconstruction – Quadratic Estimators

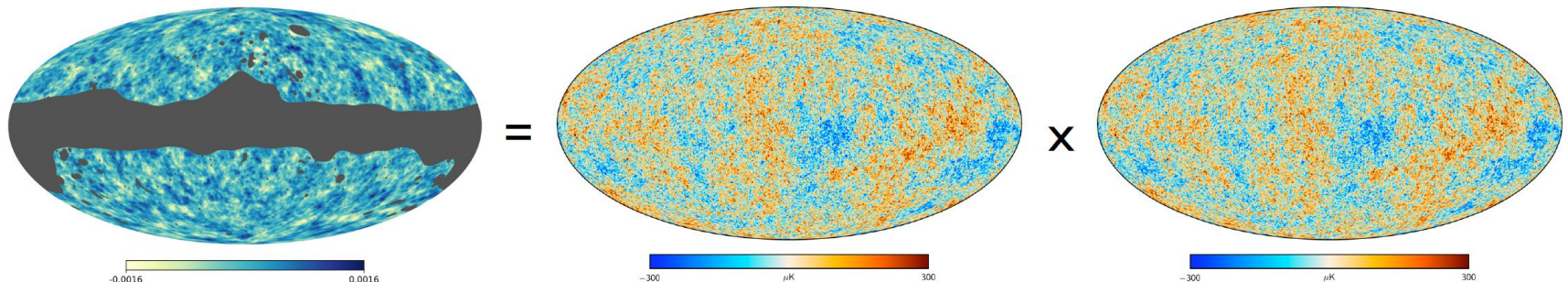
- Fixed lenses introduce statistically-anisotropic correlations:

$$\Delta \langle X_{l_1 m_1} Y_{l_2 m_2} \rangle_{\text{CMB}} = \sum_{LM} (-1)^M \begin{pmatrix} l_1 & l_2 & L \\ m_1 & m_2 & -M \end{pmatrix} \mathcal{W}_{l_1 l_2 L}^{XY} \phi_{LM}$$

- Noisy lensing estimates from quadratic CMB combinations:

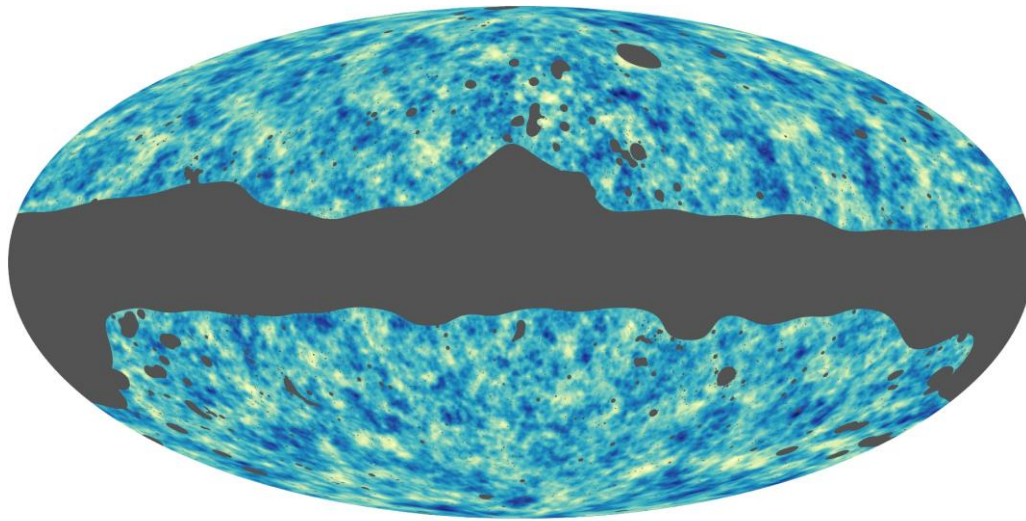
$$\hat{\phi}_{LM} = \frac{(-1)^M}{2} \frac{1}{\mathcal{R}_L^{XY}} \sum_{l_1 m_1, l_2 m_2} \begin{pmatrix} l_1 & l_2 & L \\ m_1 & m_2 & -M \end{pmatrix} [\mathcal{W}_{l_1 l_2 L}^{XY}]^* \bar{X}_{l_1 m_1} \bar{Y}_{l_2 m_2}$$

*Normalisation*
*Known lensing-induced correlations*
*Inverse-variance-weighted CMB fields*





## Map of the gradient-mode lensing

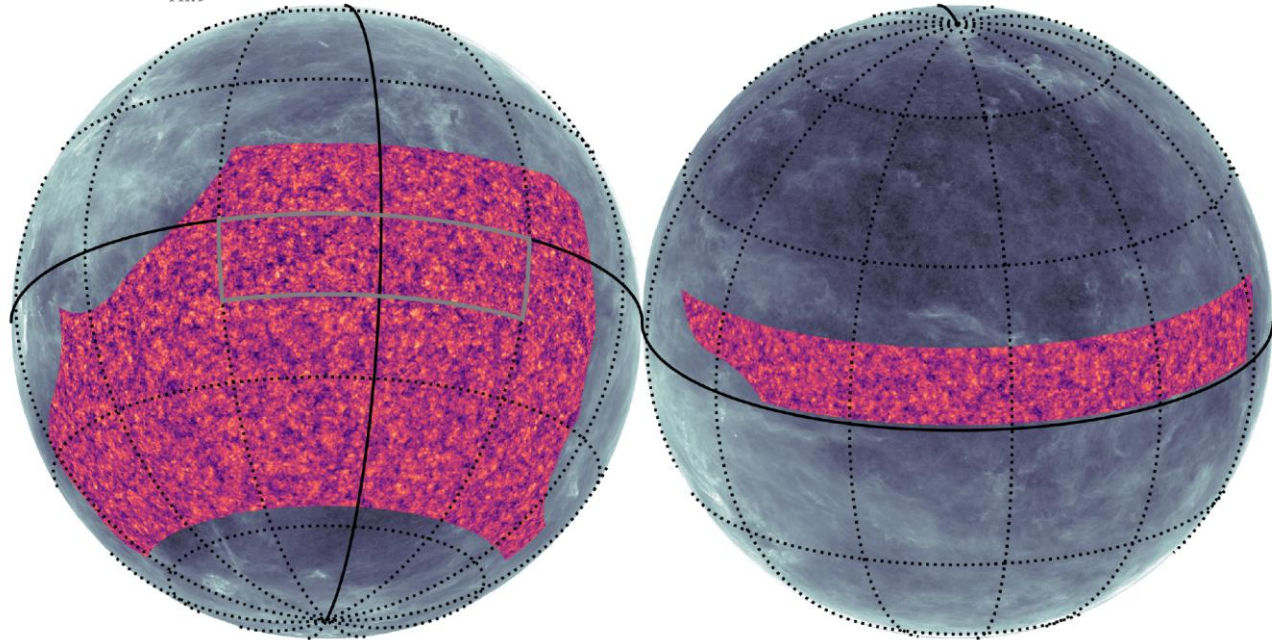


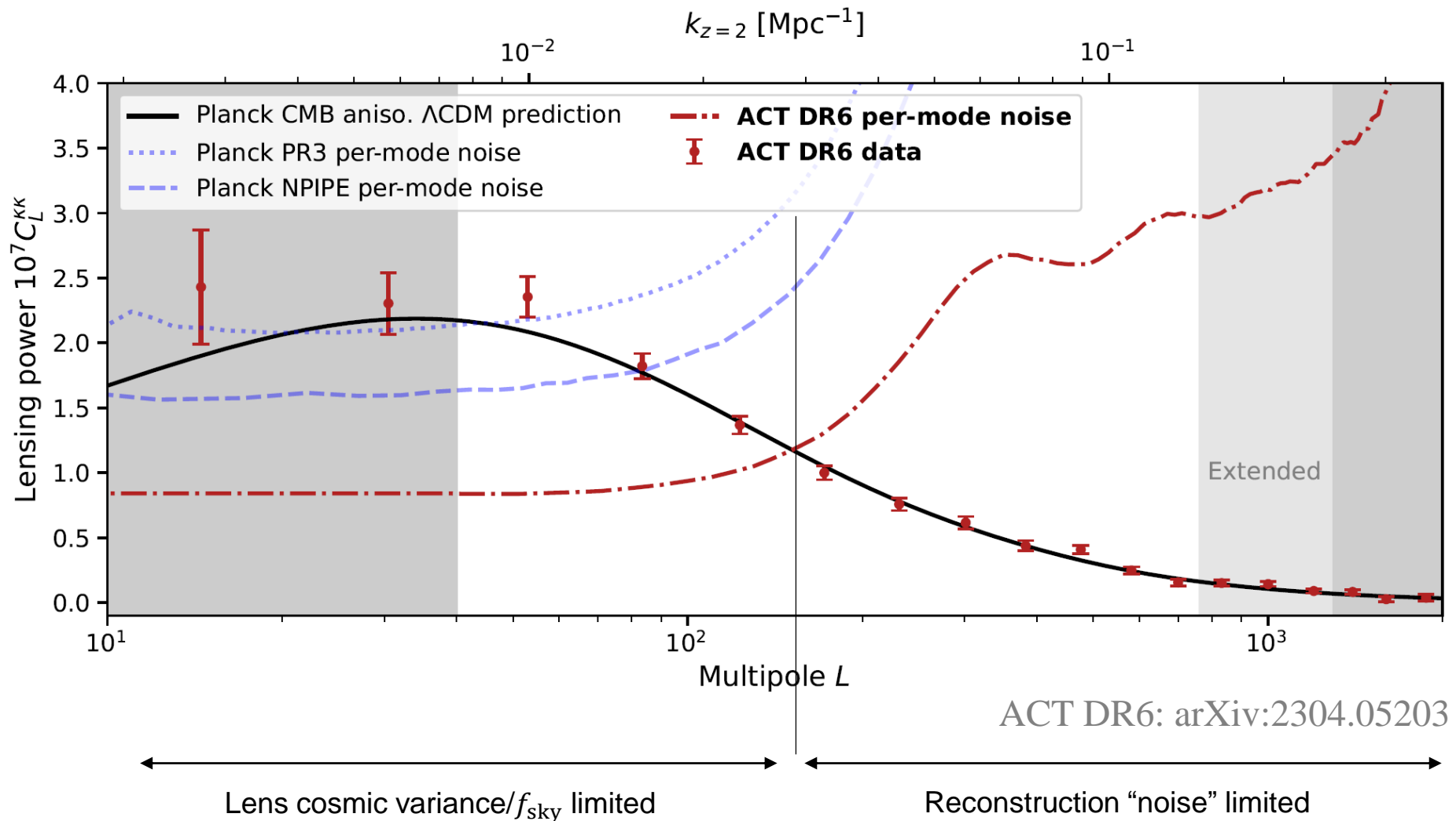
Planck 2018

70% of the sky

Only largest lensing modes resolved

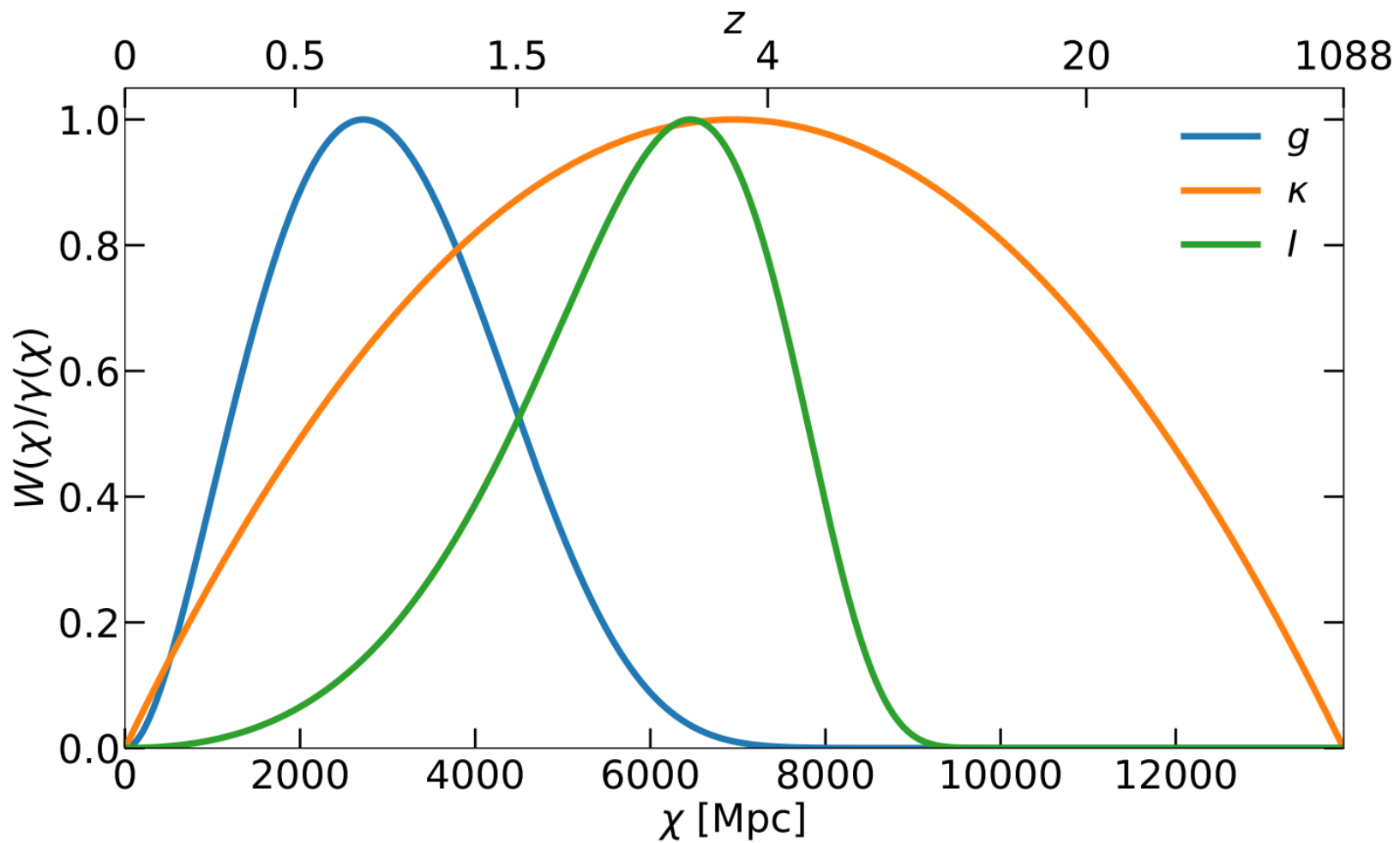
ACT DR6 (2023)  
23% of the sky  
But higher resolution





+ cross-correlations with many other large-scale structure probes  
(can do tomographic cross-correlation)

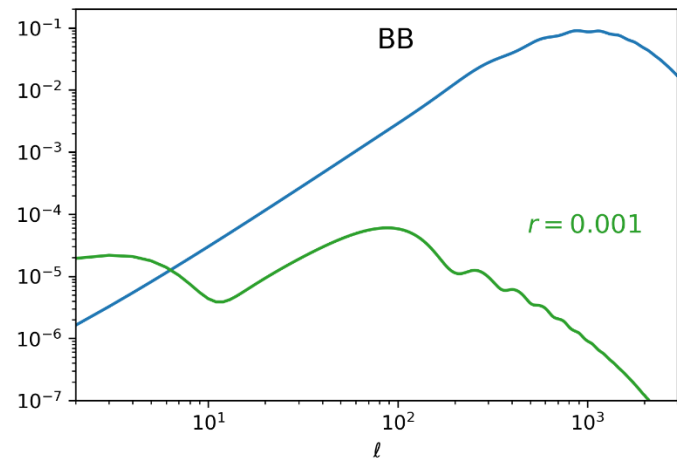
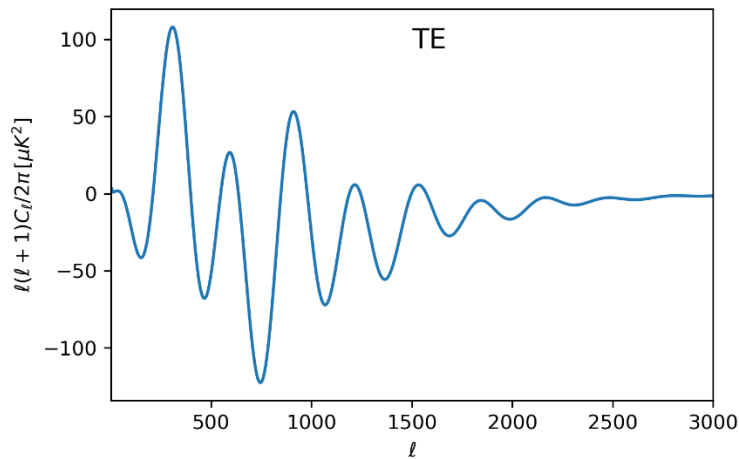
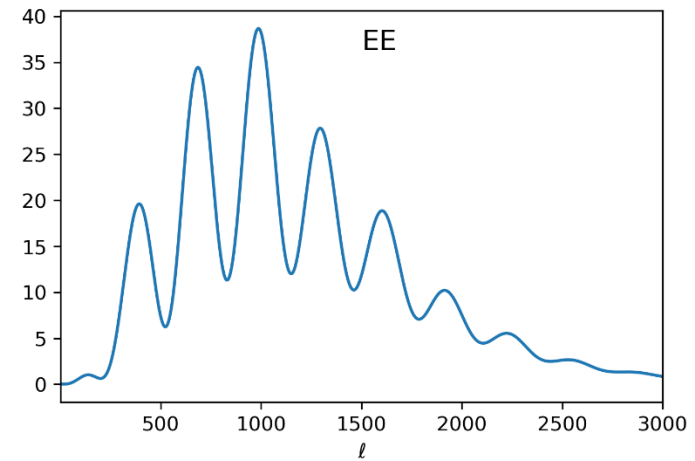
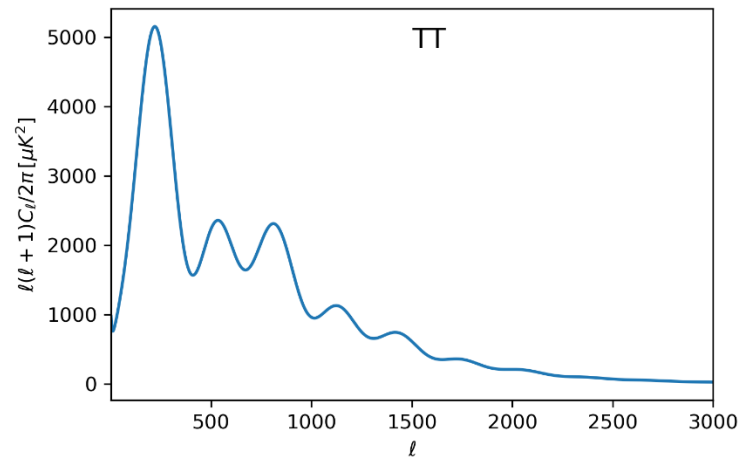




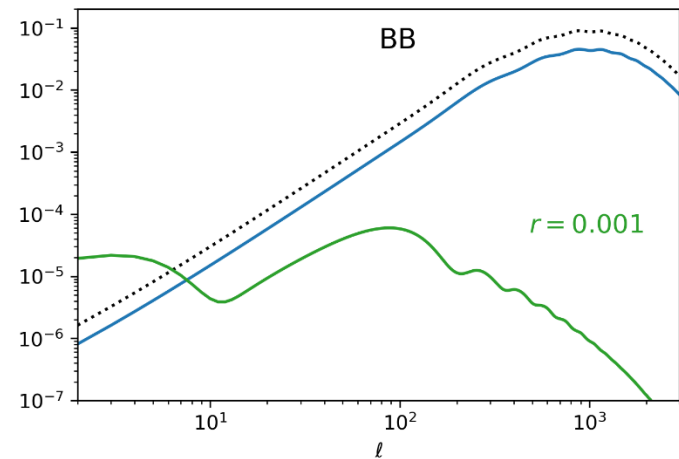
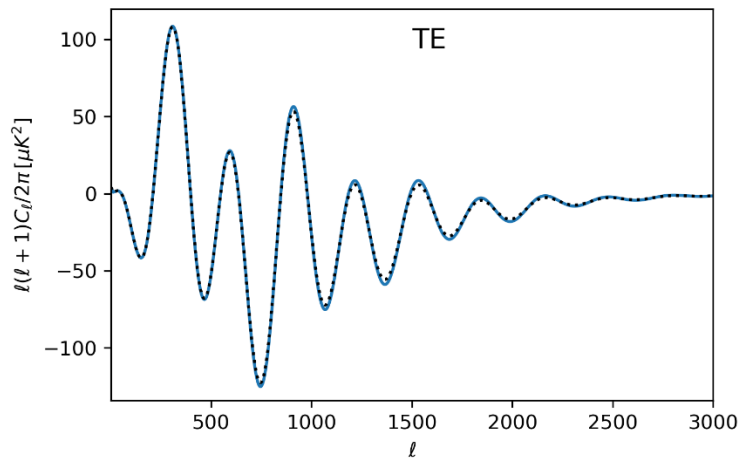
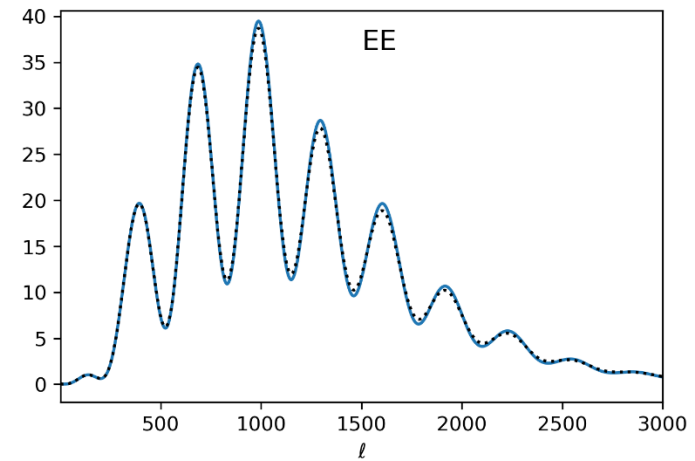
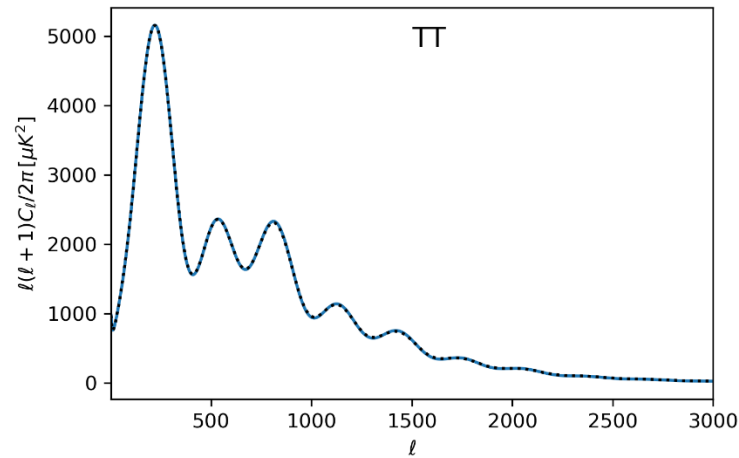
# Comparison with galaxy lensing

- **Single source plane (known distance given cosmological model)**
  - limited information on low-redshift dark energy
- **Statistics of sources on source plane well understood**
  - can calculate power spectrum; Gaussian linear perturbations
  - magnification and shear information equally useful - usually discuss in terms of deflection angle;
  - magnification analysis of galaxies much more difficult
- **Hot and cold spots are large, smooth on small scales**
  - 'strong' and 'weak' lensing can be treated the same way: infinite magnification of smooth surface is still a smooth surface
- **Source plane very distant, large nearly-linear lenses**
  - much less sensitive to non-linear modelling, baryon feedback, etc.
- **Noise-dominated on small scales**
  - but smaller scales more limited by non-linear modelling anyway
- **Nearly full sky, high redshift kernel  $\Rightarrow$  some sensitivity to matter turnover scale**
- **Systematics completely different**
  - CMB/galaxy cross-correlations can be a good way to calibrate bias/systematics

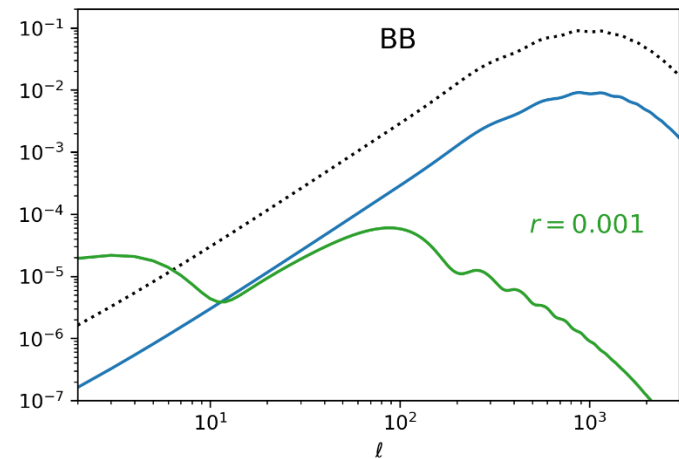
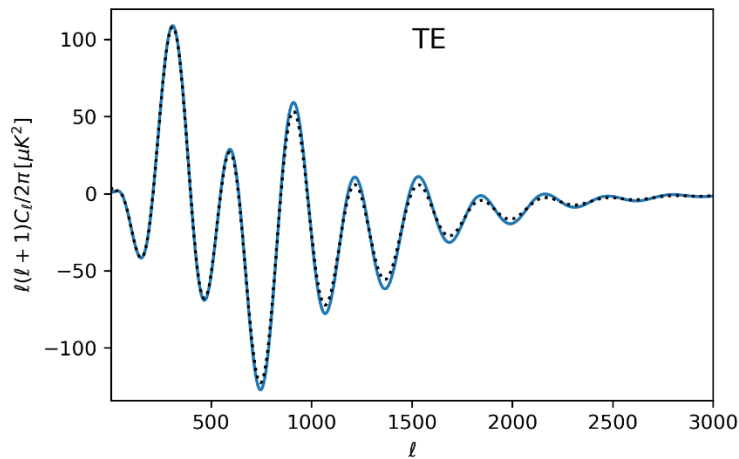
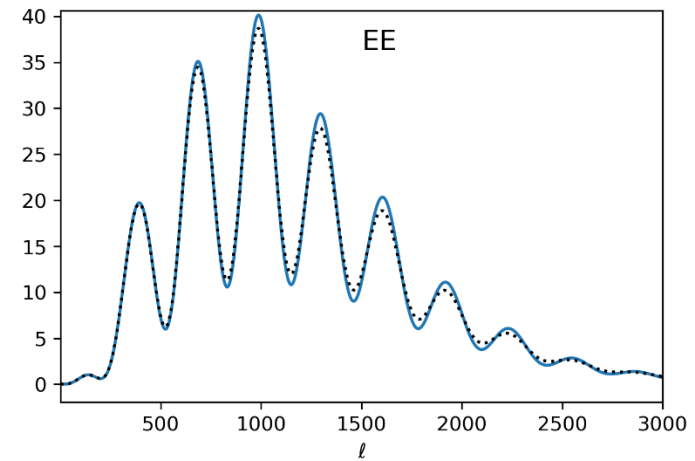
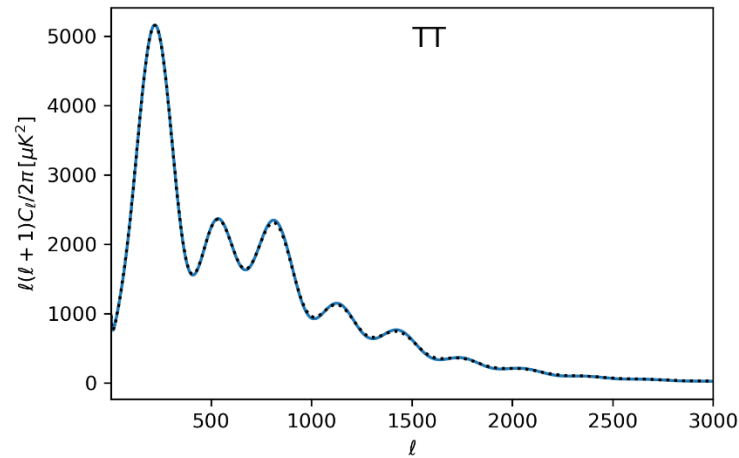
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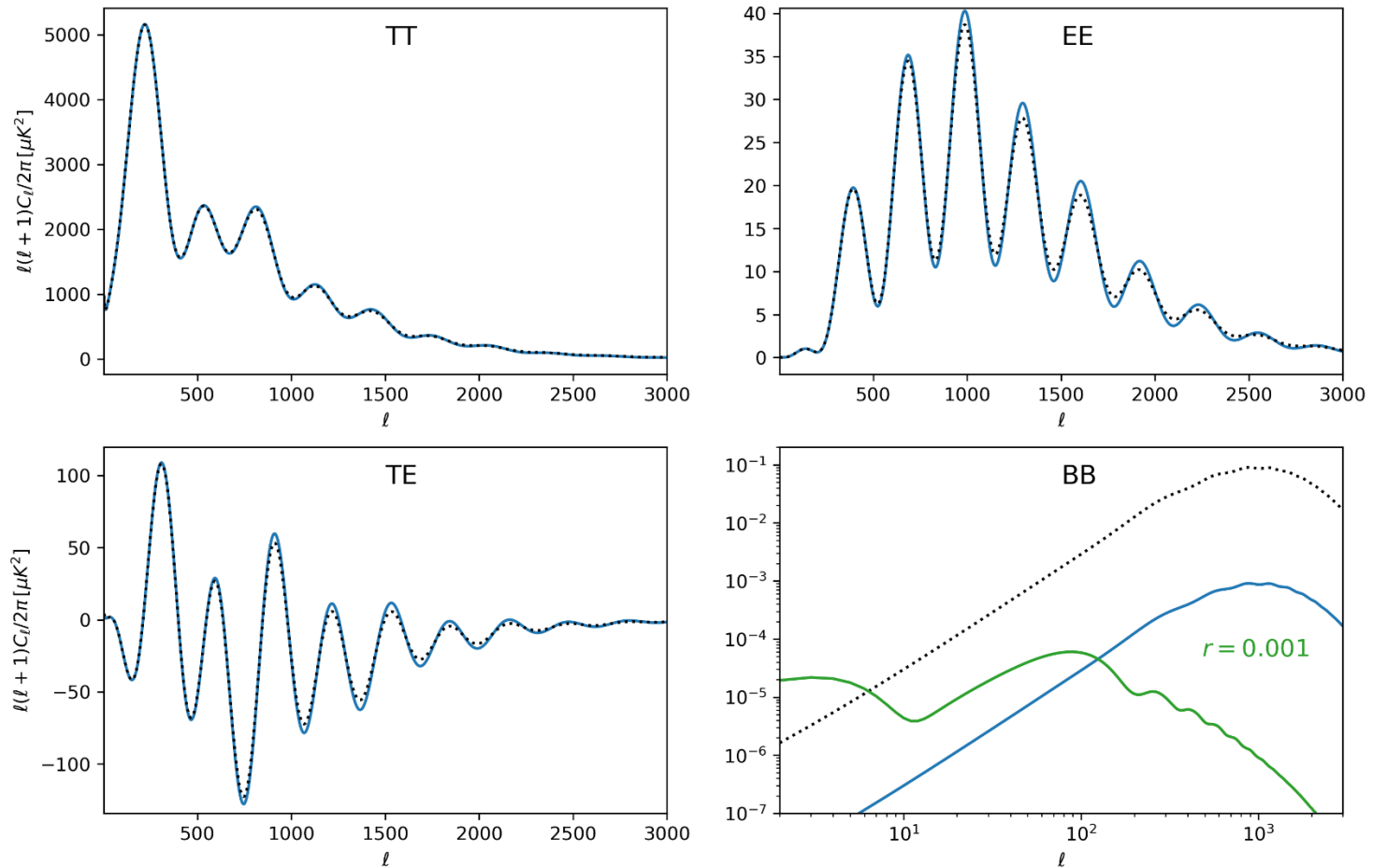
# Delensing ( $A_L = 0.5$ )



# Delensing ( $A_L = 0.1$ )



# Delensing ( $A_L = 0.01$ )



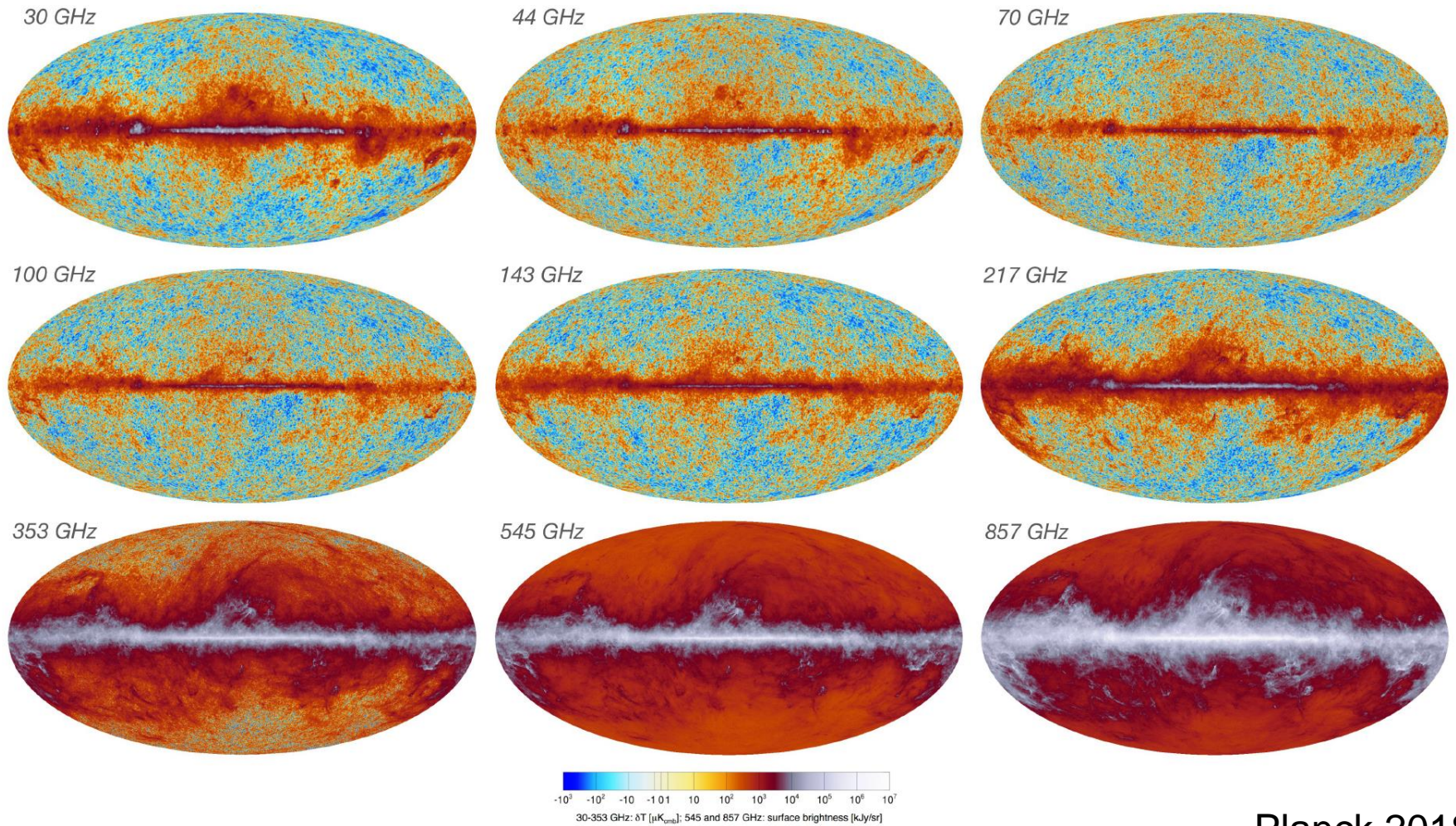
Analogous to reconstruction in BAO analysis: sharpens peaks, cleans non-linear B modes

# Other non-linear effects

- **Thermal Sunyaev-Zeldovich**  
Doppler from electron velocity dispersion in hot gas: frequency dependent signal: probe of clusters (strongly non-linear)
- **Kinetic Sunyaev-Zeldovich (kSZ)**  
Doppler from bulk motion at low redshift; (almost) frequency independent signal (more linear signal)
- + others mostly small



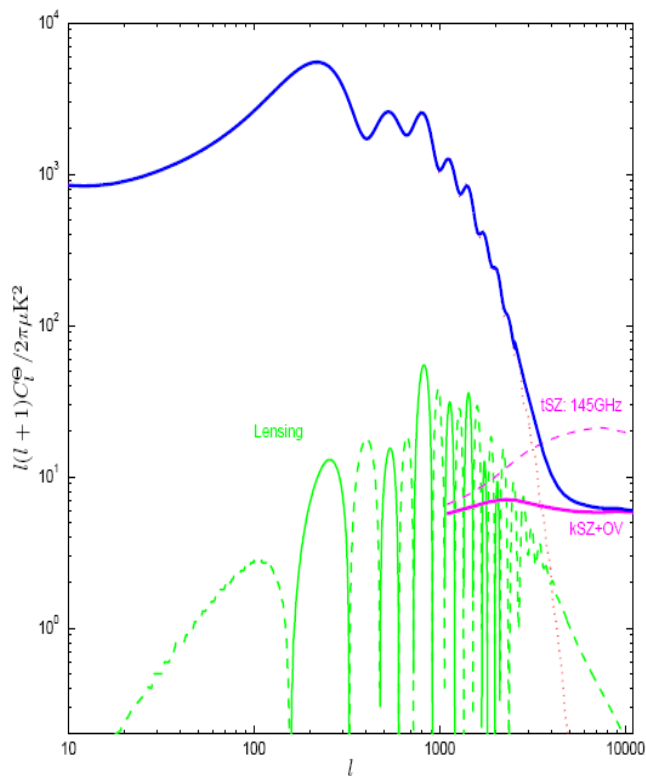
# Foregrounds: synchrotron $\rightarrow$ Dust/Cosmic Infrared Background (CIB)



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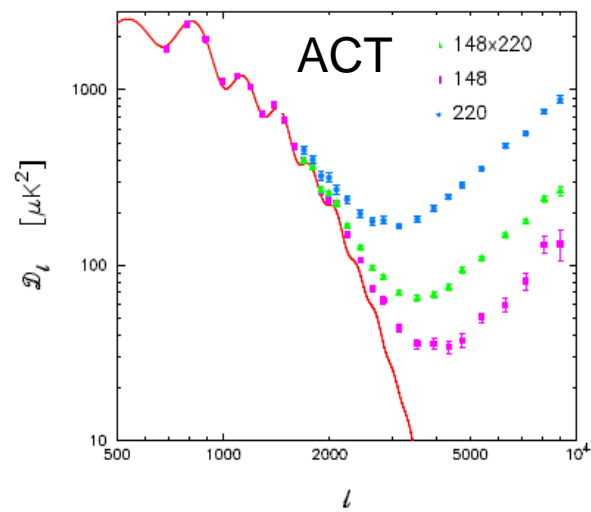
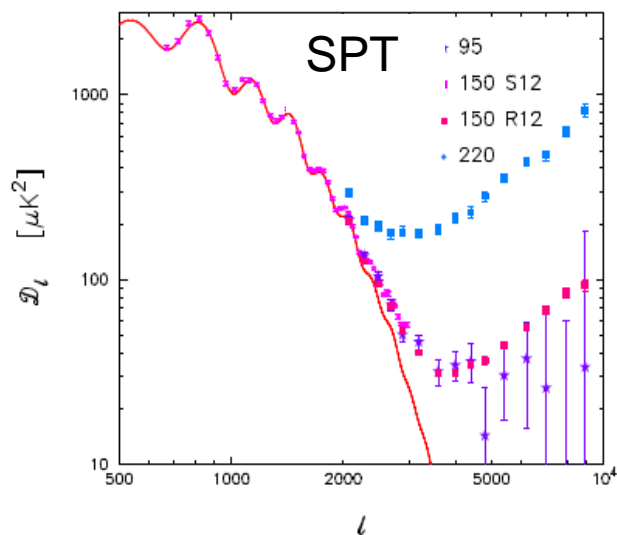
Less of an issue for polarization (except low  $\ell$ )





Lensing important at  $500 < l < 3000$   
 Dominated by SZ, CIB etc. on small scales

+ foregrounds  
 - actually dominate at  $l \gg 2000$



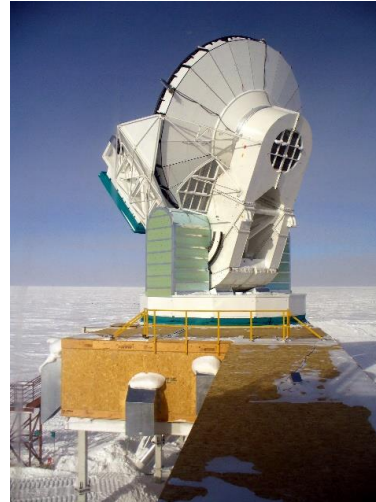
# Current CMB projects

New CMB observations will measure smaller scales than Planck, and much improve measurements of CMB polarization (and hence lensing/B modes)



+ B modes,  $r \sim 0.01$

BICEP array



South Pole Telescope

Atacama Cosmology Telescope



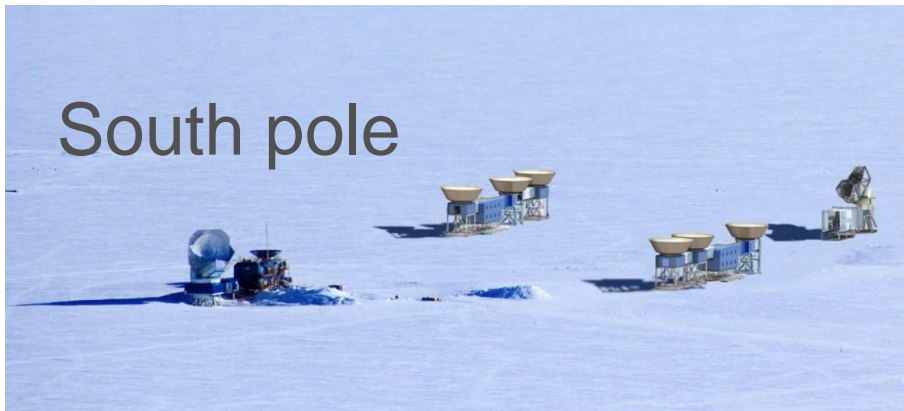
+ others..

# CMB-S4

21 telescopes, 500000+ detectors, 7 years

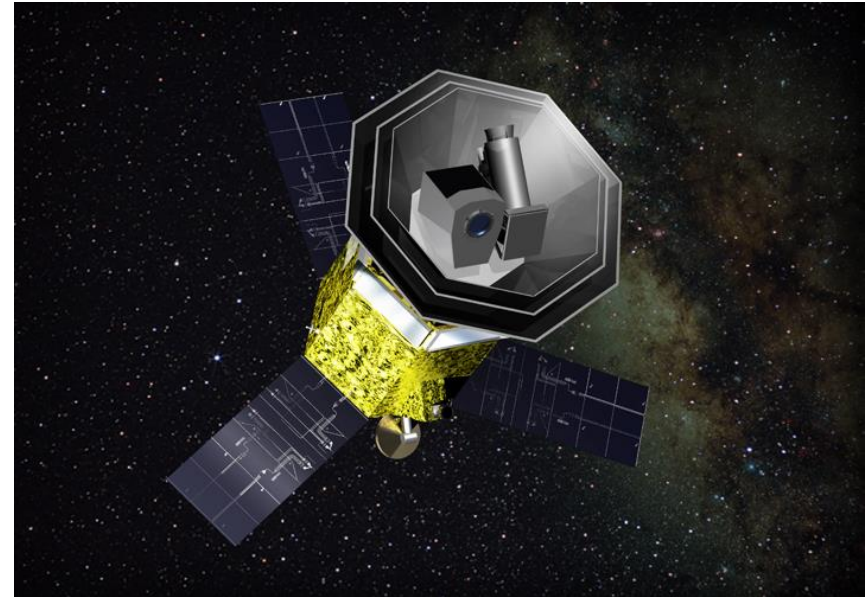


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# LiteBird

Satellite, 15 frequencies, low res



+ other proposals






Ali CMB, CMB Bharat, CMB HD, ...

## Quiz: true or false?

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- 2) Overdensities focus light rays, so the CMB looks hotter where there are overdensities along the line of sight
- 3) Even in linear theory lensing is mostly at low redshift because density perturbations grow with time
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## Lecture 2

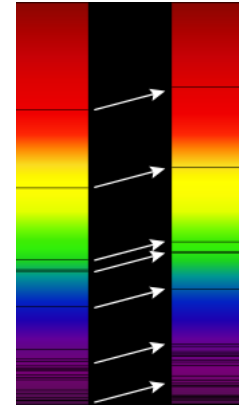
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# Hubble parameter and distance measures

Measure redshift:  $z \equiv \frac{\lambda_{\text{obs}}}{\lambda_{\text{lab}}} - 1$

Define recession velocity:  $v = c z$



Nearby ( $z \ll 1$ ):  $v = H_0 D \Rightarrow H_0 = \frac{cz}{D}$

*BUT*:  $D$  is not observable. Only see photons and angles on the sky today.

Redshifts are “easy”:

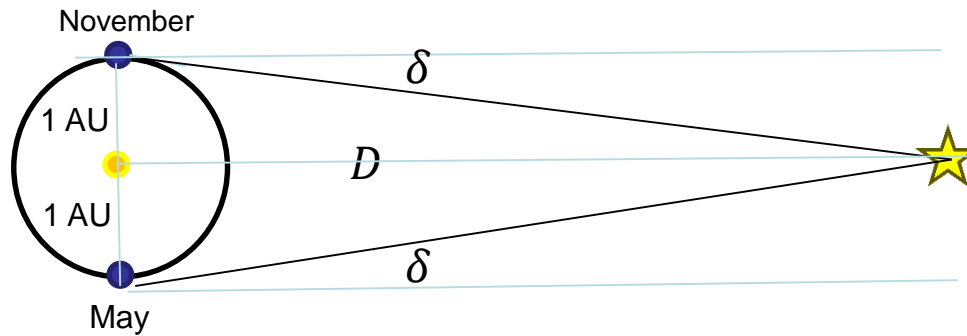
Measuring  $D(z)$   Measuring  $H_0$

$$H_0 \propto 1/D$$



# How to measure distance?

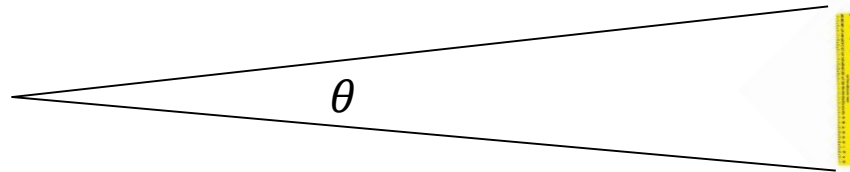
## Parallax



$$D = 1 \text{ AU} / \delta$$

Large D impossible

## Standard Rulers



Known size  $r$

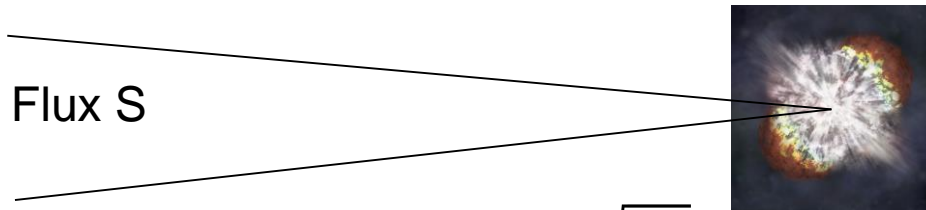
$$D = r / \theta$$

Large D:  $D \rightarrow d_A / d_M$

## Standard Candles



Flux  $S$



Known Luminosity  $L$

$$S = \frac{L}{4\pi D^2} \Rightarrow D = \sqrt{\frac{L}{4\pi S}}$$

Large D:  $D \rightarrow d_L$



# MEASURING DISTANCES

## PARALLAX METHOD

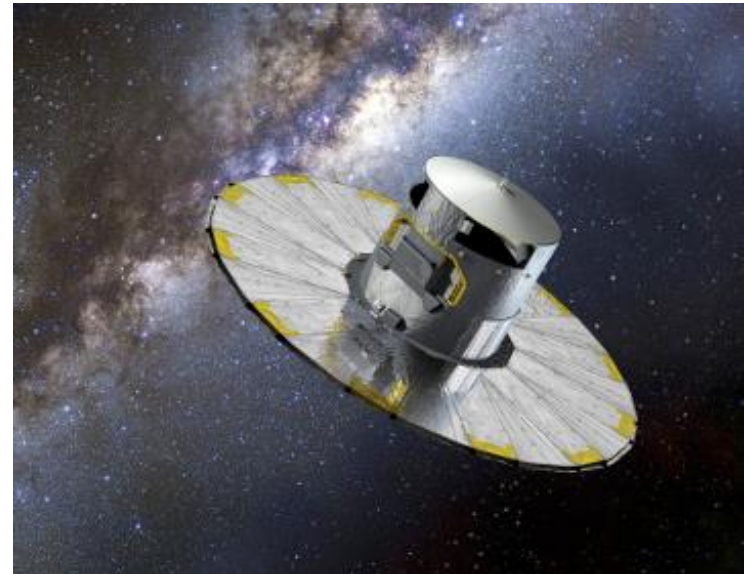
**Parallax technique** for measuring the distances to stars:

The state of the art today is the ESA **Gaia satellite** (launched in 2013). Gaia is able to measure the parallax down to 10 micro-arc-seconds for bright stars.

$$d [\text{pc}] = \frac{1[\text{AU}]}{0.00001[']]} \approx 100,000 \text{ pc}$$

This covers about the entire Milky Way from the Earth.

$$d [\text{pc}] = \frac{1[\text{AU}]}{\theta[']]} \quad \uparrow \text{parallax in arc-seconds}$$



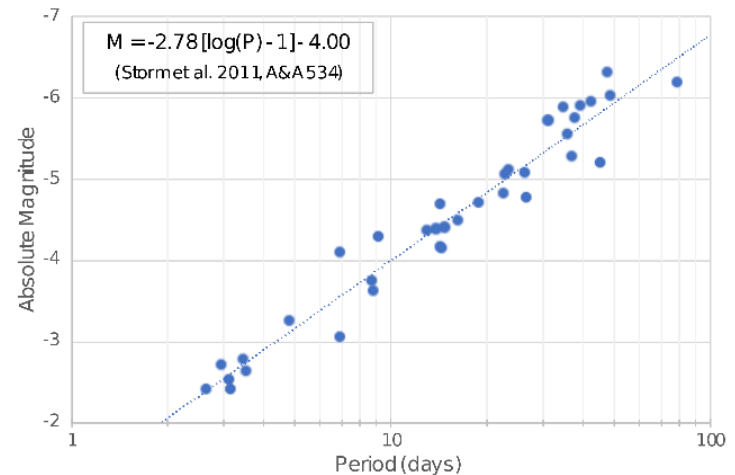
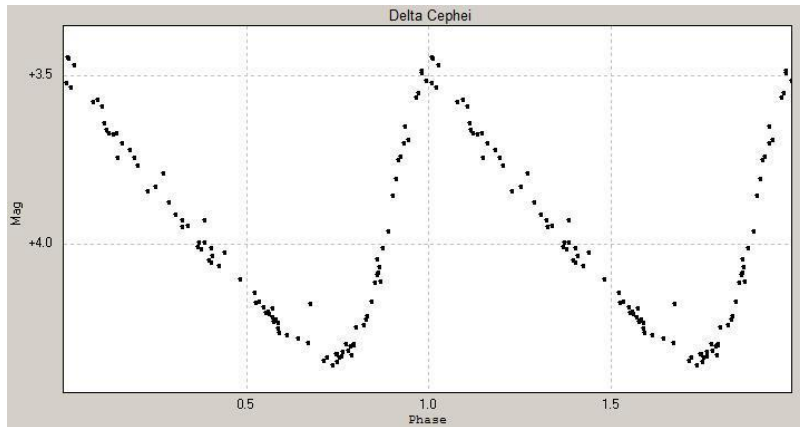
# MEASURING DISTANCES

## CEPHEID VARIABLE STANDARD CANDLE

Cepheid variables are a class of very luminous variable stars.

Henrietta Swan Leavitt, an American astronomer working at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, was studying variable stars in the Magellanic clouds and noticed that the brighter Cepheid variables had longer periods.

### Period/luminosity relation (Leavitt law)



# MEASURING DISTANCES

## CEPHEID DISTANCE LADDER

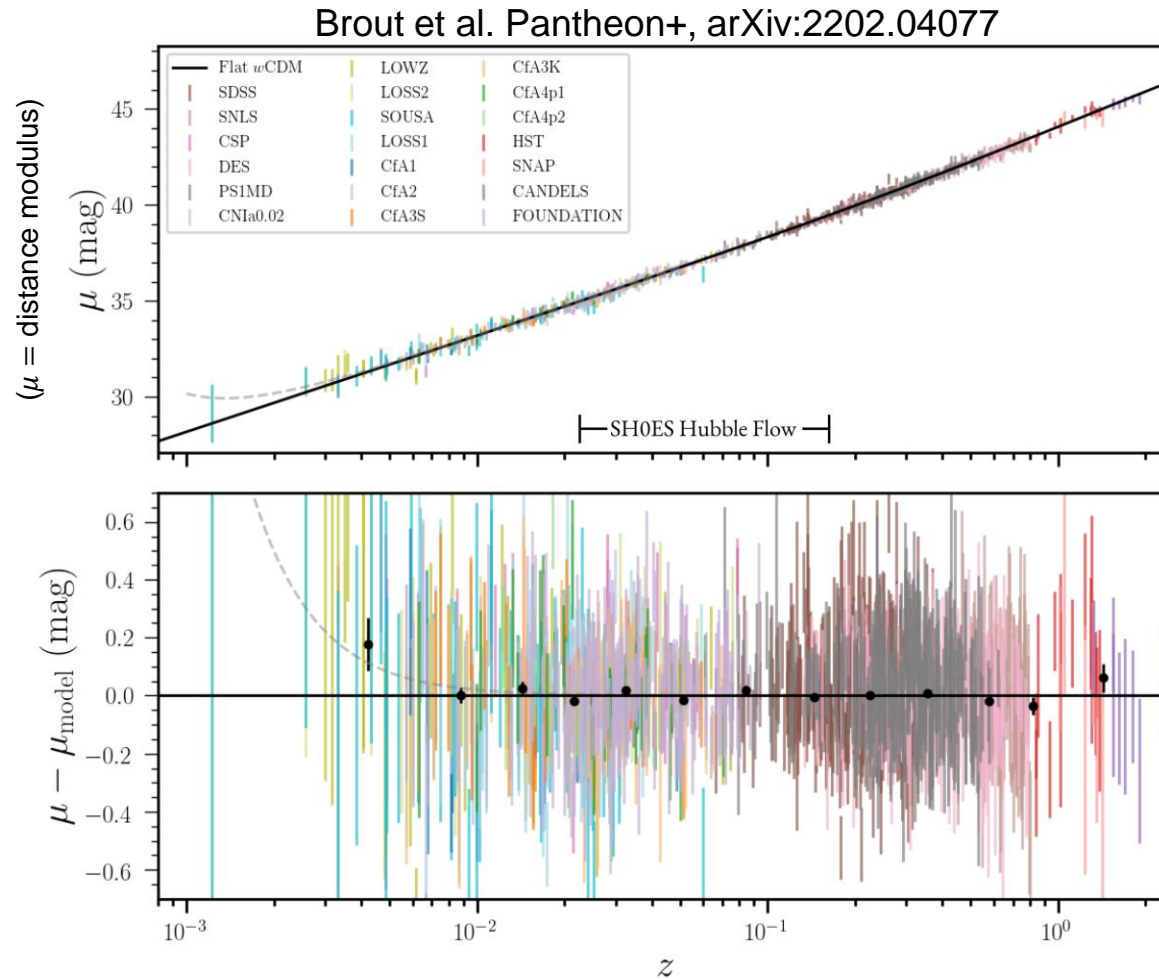
Distances to galactic cepheids can be measured by parallax, hence calibrating the absolute luminosity from observations of the pulsation period and the flux.

Cepheids outside the galaxy can then be used to infer larger extragalactic distances (assuming nearby cepheids in the Milky Way are similar to those elsewhere).

But need objects on cosmological distance (in the *Hubble flow*) to measure  $H_0$

E.g. Supernova standard(izable) candles

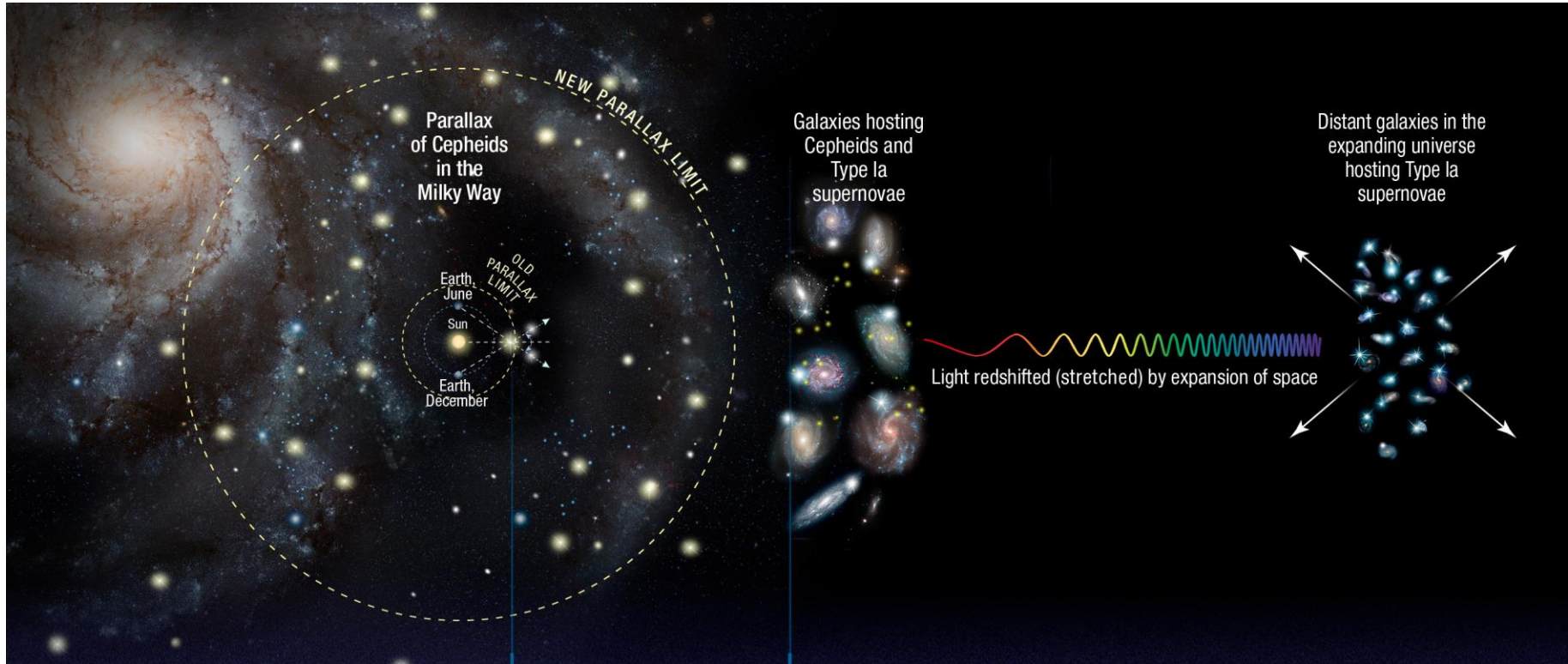
measure  $L_{\text{SN}}/d_L^2$ - but intrinsic luminosity  $L_{\text{SN}}$  unknown  
 $\Rightarrow$  constrain *relative* redshift evolution very well,  $d_L(z) \propto \text{const}$

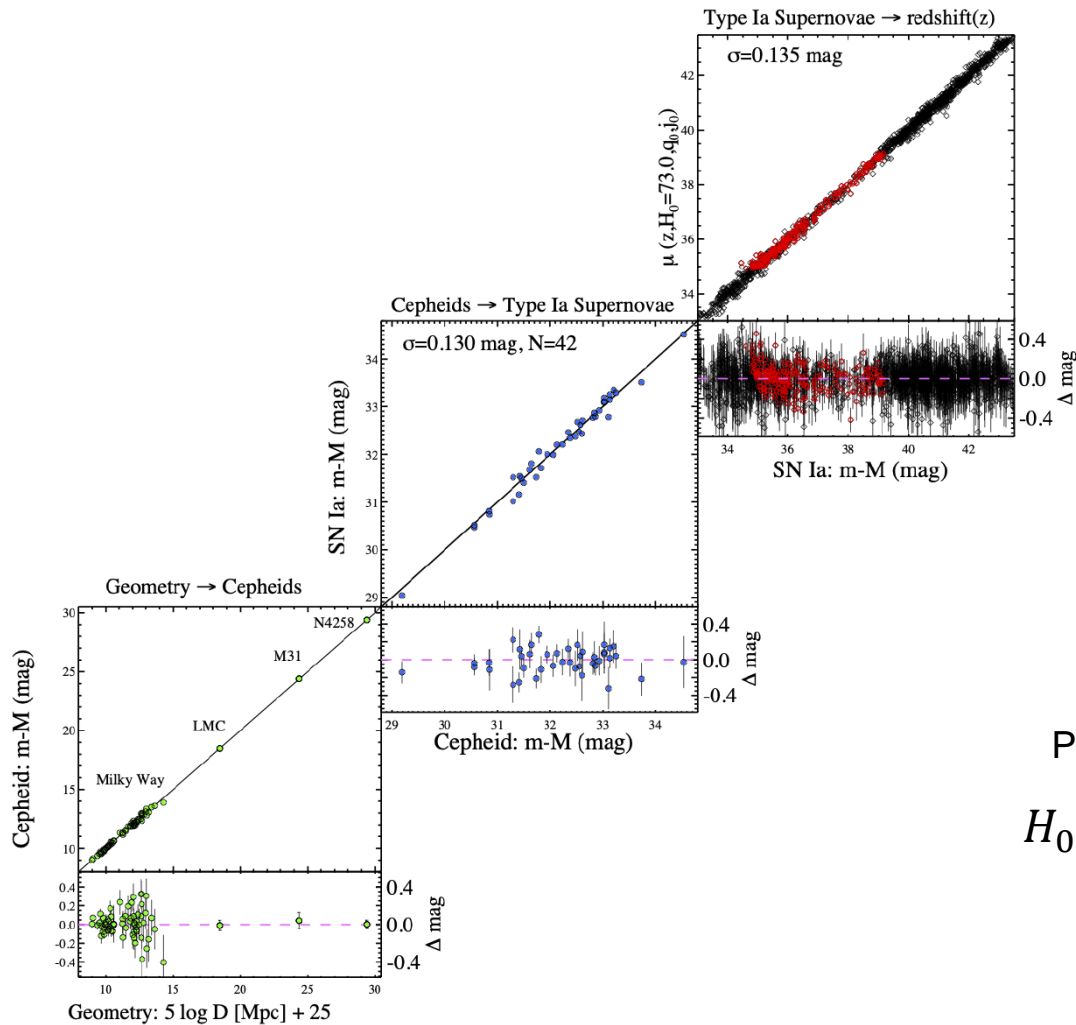


Unknown  $L_{\text{SN}} \Rightarrow$  no direct constraint on  $H_0$

(can measure  $\Omega_m, \Omega_K$ )

# DISTANCE SET CALIBRATION LADDER





$\Rightarrow$  can measure  $H_0$  well

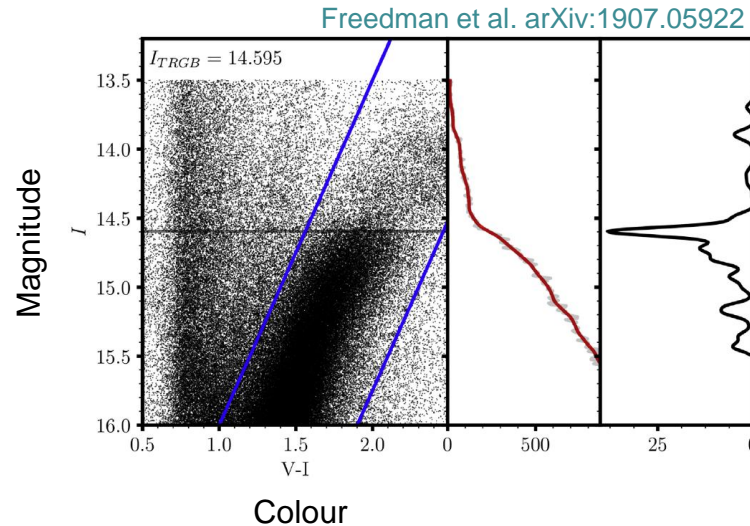
Parallax+cepheids+SN (+ megamaser)

$$H_0 = (73.04 \pm 1.04) \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

Riess et al. arXiv: 2112.04510

E.g. Other standardizable candles

## Tip of the Red Giant branch (TRGB)



Also needs calibrating, no *direct*  $H_0$  measurement, but can replace cepheids

$$H_0 = 69.8 \pm 1.9 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{Mpc}^{-1}$$

Freedman et al. arXiv:1907.05922, 2002.01550

$$H_0 = 73.2 \pm 2.1 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{Mpc}^{-1}$$

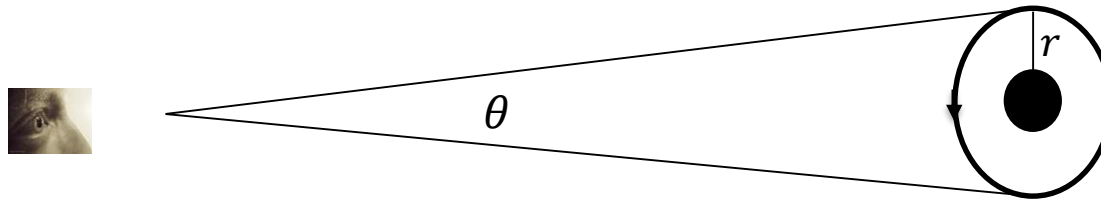
Scolnic et al. arXiv:2304.06693  
(with Pantheon+ SN)



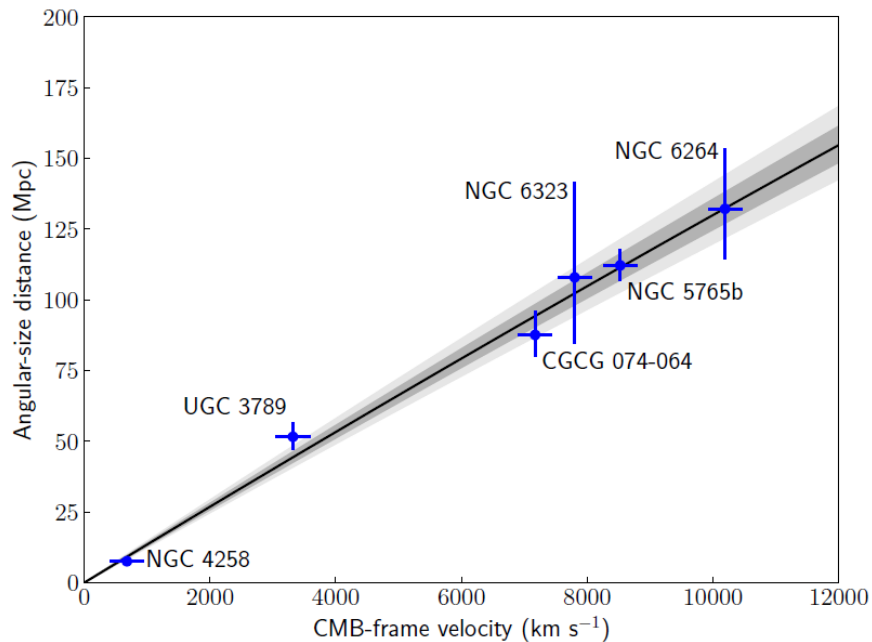
Alternative: standard ruler  
E.g. Orbital standard ruler (megamaser)



NGC 4258



$r$  inferred from fits to detailed observations of orbits



$$H_0 = (73.9 \pm 3.0) \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

Megamaser Cosmology Project  
Pesce et al, arXiv: 2001.09213

Independent of ladder results

# Other forward distance ladders

- + other several results using other local calibrators,  
all giving broadly consistent results
- Nearly independent of the cosmological model

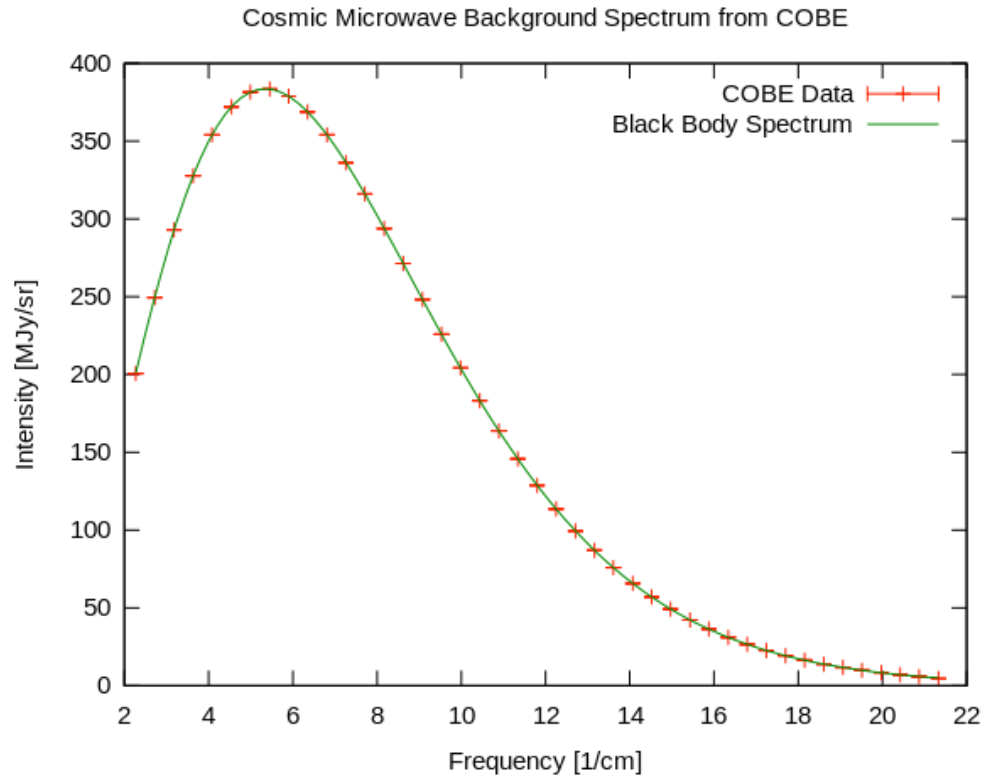
# Cosmology

## “Inverse distance ladder”

Model early universe (e.g. early-LCDM)

- use observations to infer free parameters (e.g.  $\rho_R, \rho_b, \rho_c$ )
- use model to calculate standard ruler/candle (e.g.  $r_s$ )

# CMB standard backlight



$$T_{\text{CMB},0} = T_{\gamma,0} \approx (2.7255 \pm 0.0006) \text{ K}$$

[Fixsen et al]

$$\rho_{\gamma} \propto T_{\gamma}^4$$

$$\Rightarrow \rho_{\gamma,0} \Rightarrow \rho_{\gamma} = \frac{\rho_{\gamma,0}}{a^4}$$

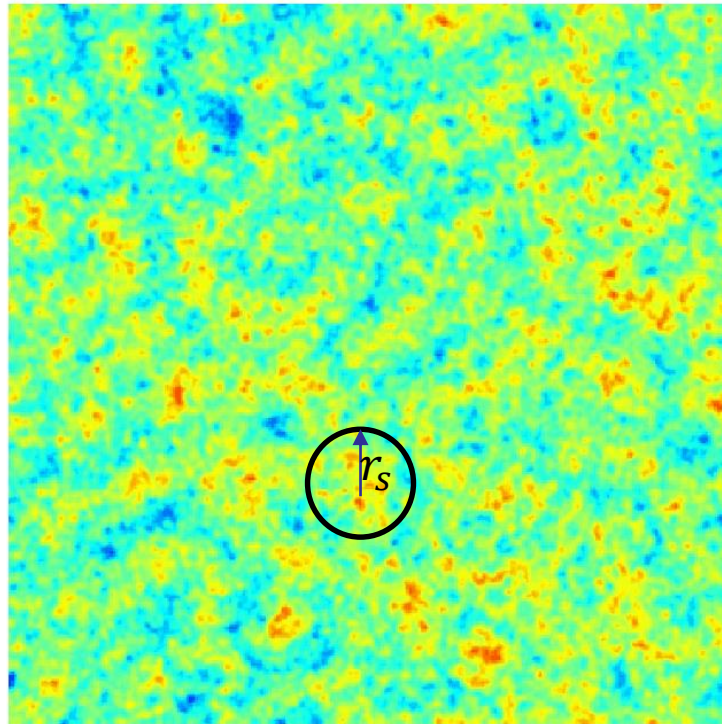
$$\Rightarrow \rho_{\nu}^{\text{massless}}$$

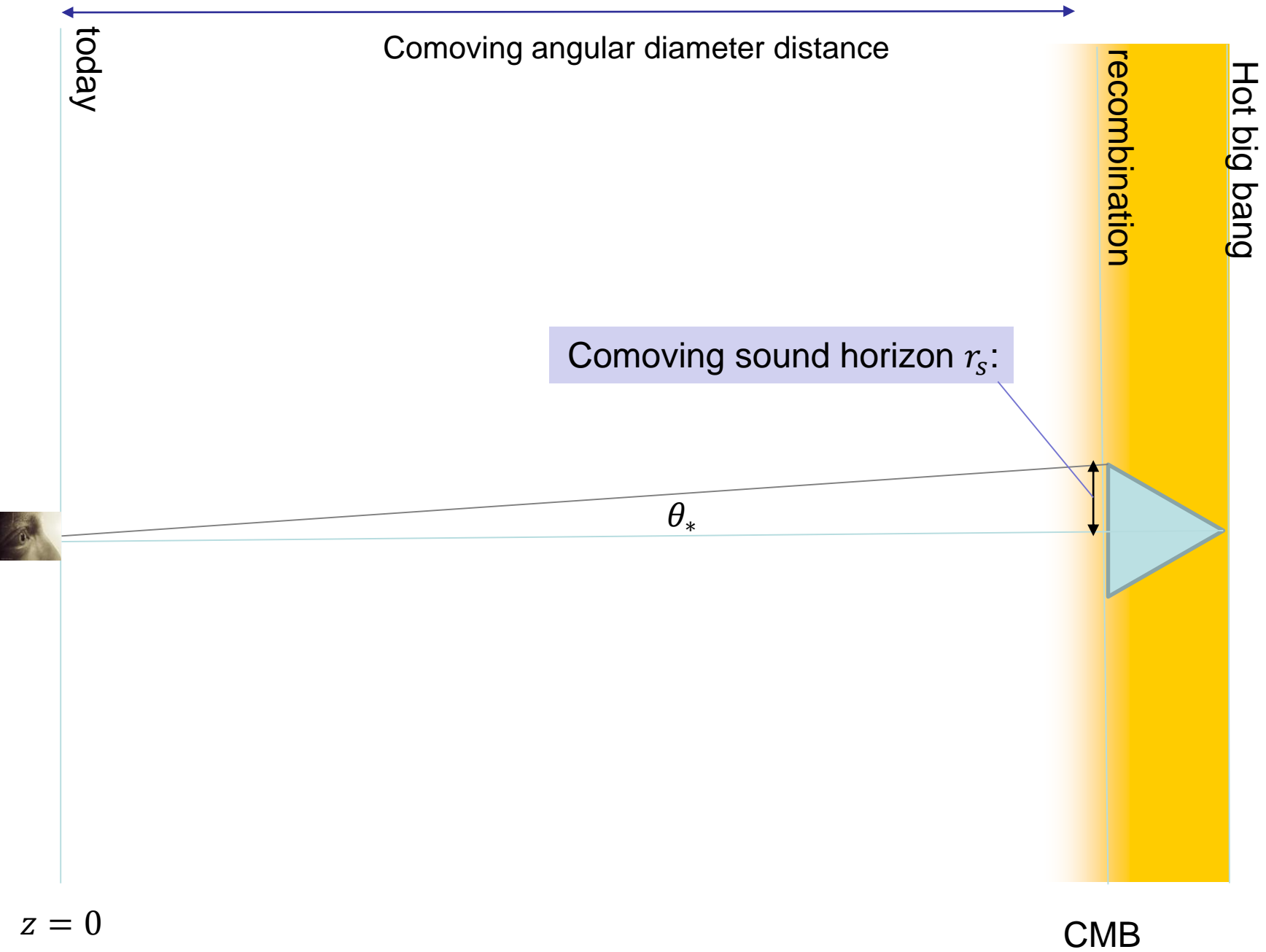
If we knew early-universe expansion rate, atomic physics  $\Rightarrow T_*, z_*, \eta_*$  of recombination

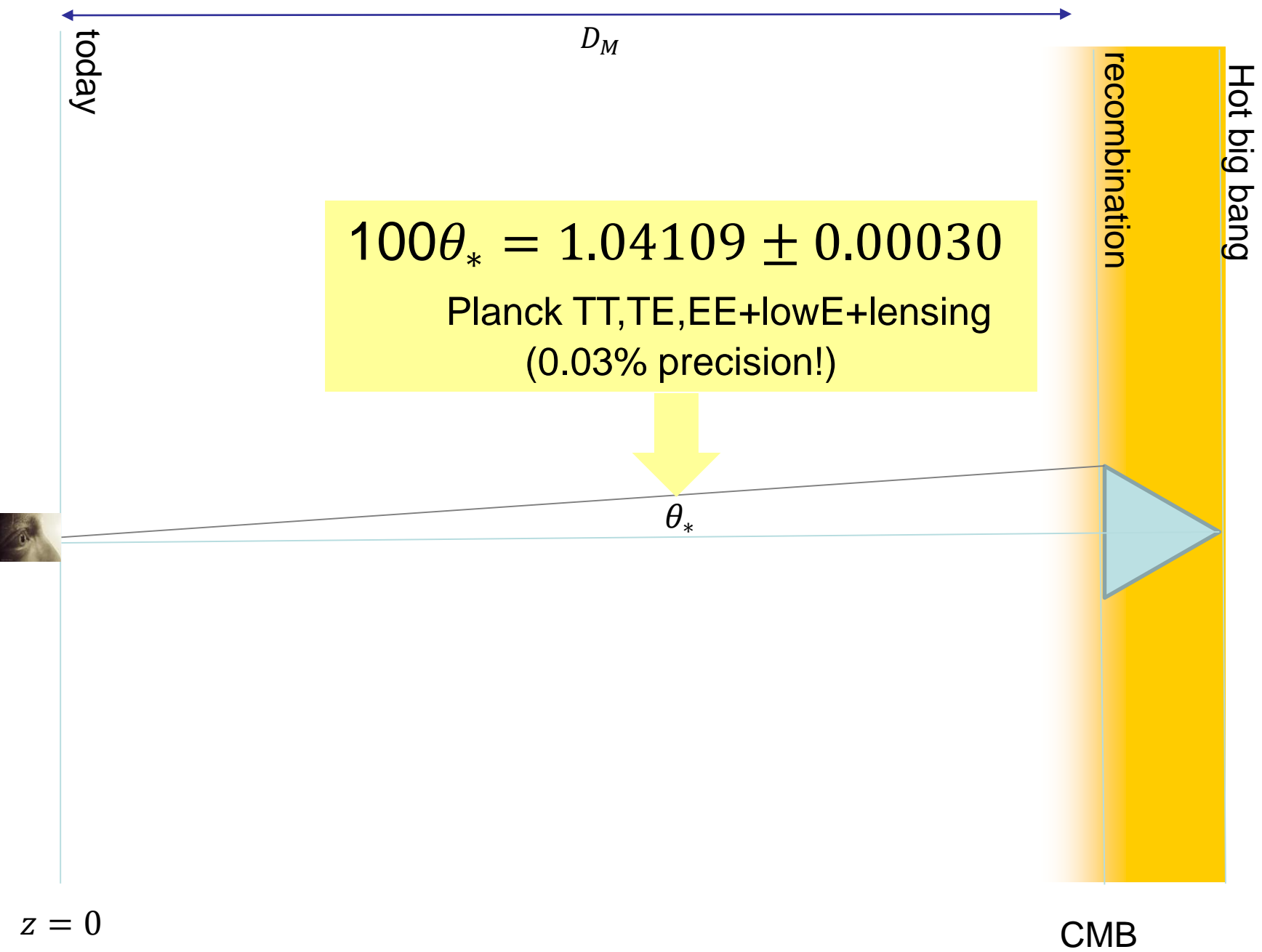
Know  $\rho_{\gamma}(a), \rho_{\nu}(a)$ , need to infer matter densities  $\rho_b, \rho_c$ .

# CMB perturbations

CMB acoustic scale at last scattering surface

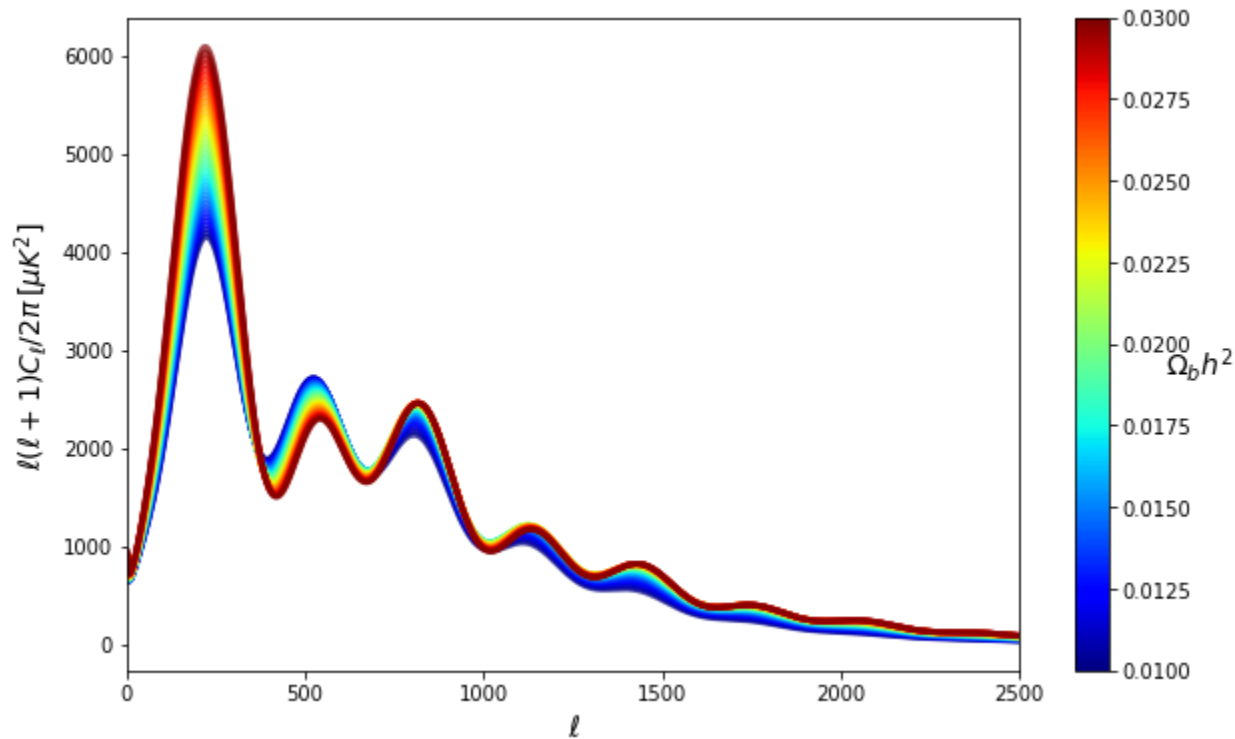








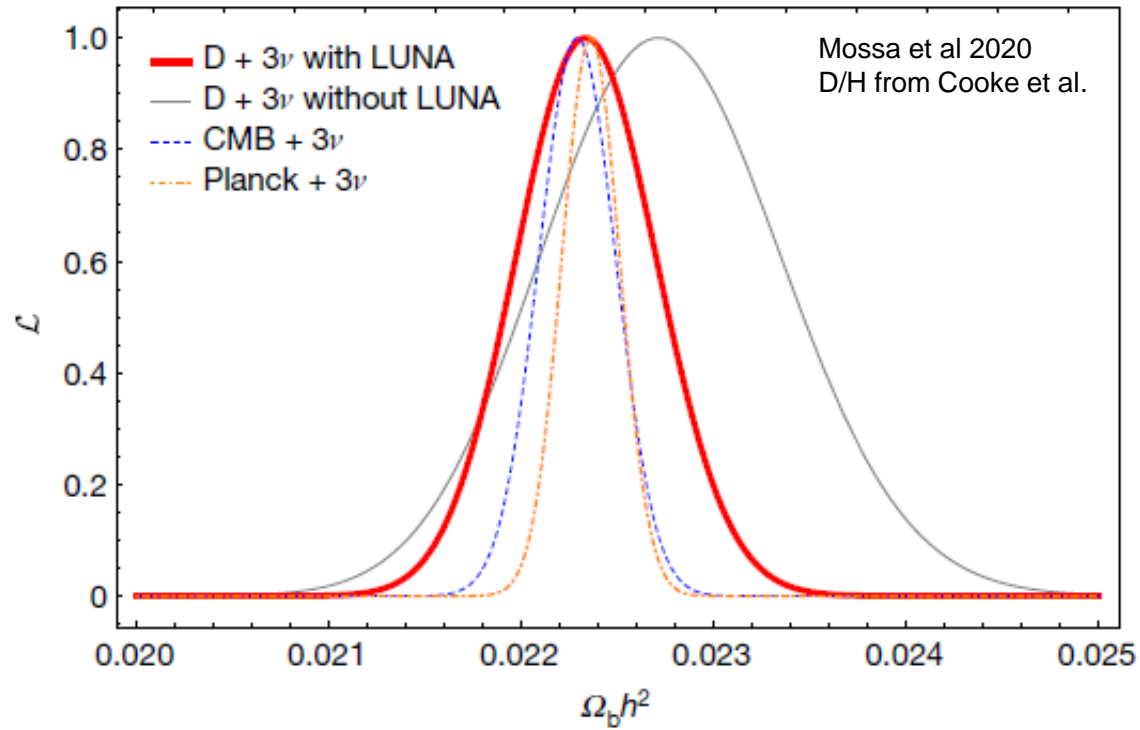
$\Lambda$ CDM baryon density at fixed  $T_0$ ,  $\theta_*$ ,  $\Omega_m h^2$   
(baryons deepen overdensity compressions: enhance odd peaks of spectrum)



Odd/even height ratio distinctive and quite robust:

$$\Omega_b h^2 = 0.0224 \pm 0.0002$$

## Consistency with standard Big-Bang Nucleosynthesis



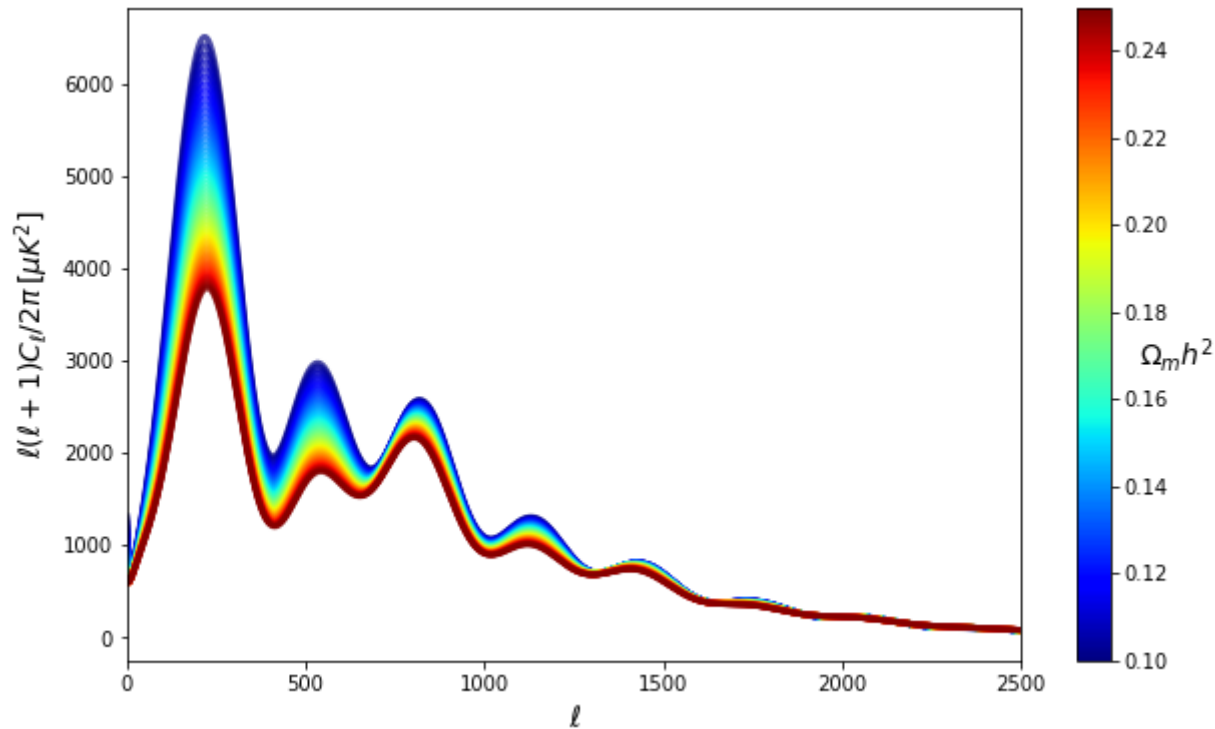
BUT: Lithium problem remains around  $5\sigma$

Measured:  ${}^7\text{Li}/\text{H} = (1.58 \pm 0.35) \times 10^{-10}$  arXiv: 1505.01076

Prediction:  ${}^7\text{Li}/\text{H} = 4.5 \times 10^{-10}$

# $\Lambda$ CDM matter density at fixed $T_0$ , $\theta_*$ , $\Omega_b h^2$

(more matter *lowers* amplitude for modes that enter horizon in matter domination)



Can be partly compensated by changing initial power  $A_s, n_s$  and foregrounds.  
But detailed shape is still quite distinctive and robust:

$$\Omega_m h^2 = 0.143 \pm 0.001$$

← today →

Assume baryons, CDM, photons, 3 neutrinos  
Know  $T_{\text{CMB}}$ , peaks measure  $\Omega_m h^2, \Omega_b h^2$

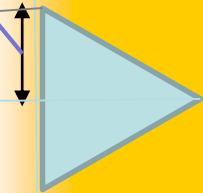
⇒ comoving sound horizon:

$$r_s \approx \int_0^{t_*} \frac{c_s dt}{a} \sim (144.4 \pm 0.3) \text{ Mpc}$$

recombination

Hot big bang

$\theta_*$



$z = 0$

CMB ( $z \sim 1090$ )

today

$$r_s, \theta_* \Rightarrow D_M \sim (13.87 \pm 0.03) \text{ Gpc}$$

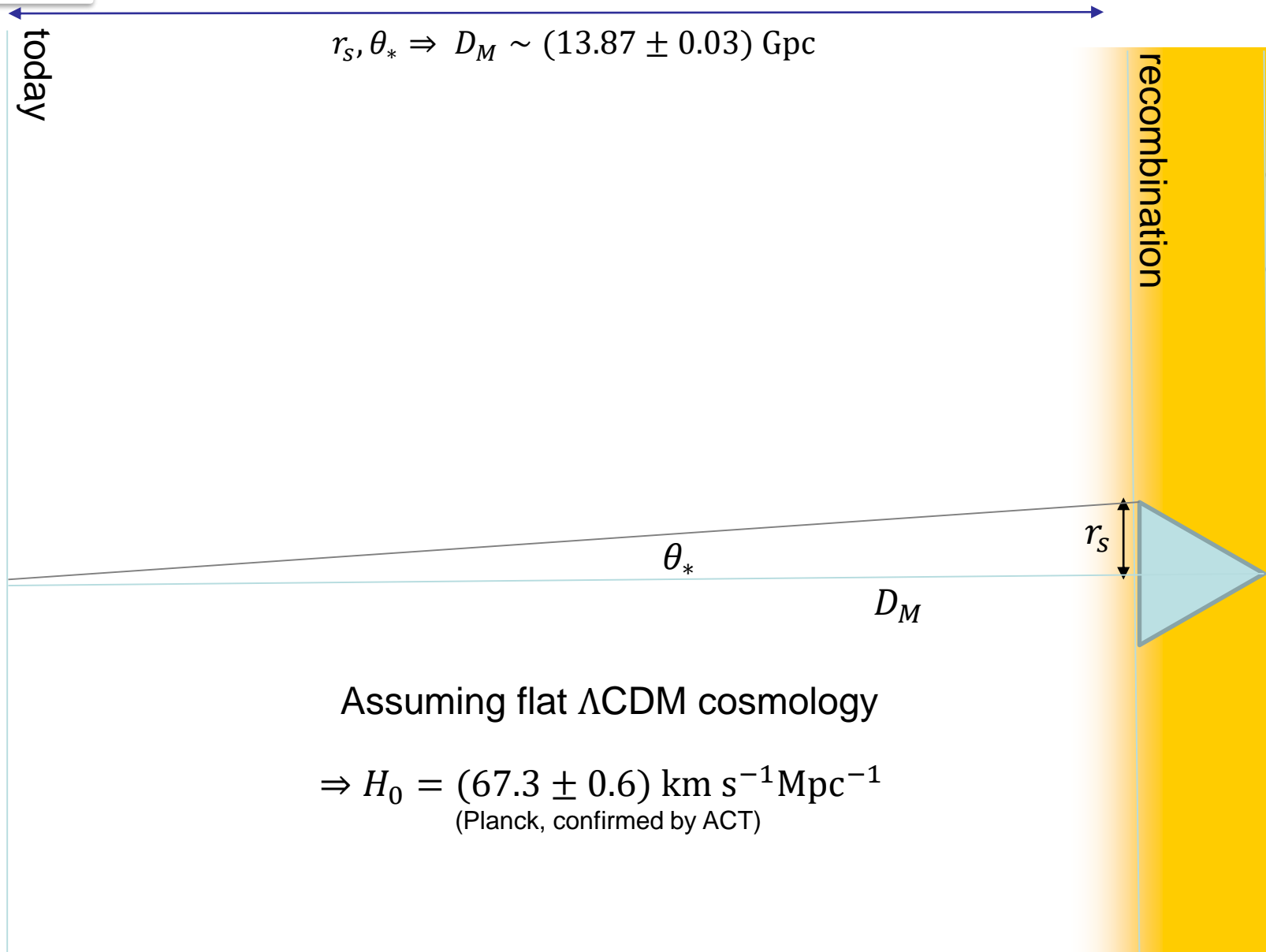
recombination

Hot big bang

 $\theta_*$  $r_s$  $D_M$ Assuming flat  $\Lambda$ CDM cosmology

$$\Rightarrow H_0 = (67.3 \pm 0.6) \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

(Planck, confirmed by ACT)

 $z = 0$ CMB ( $z \sim 1090$ )

# HUBBLE PARAMETER RESULTS

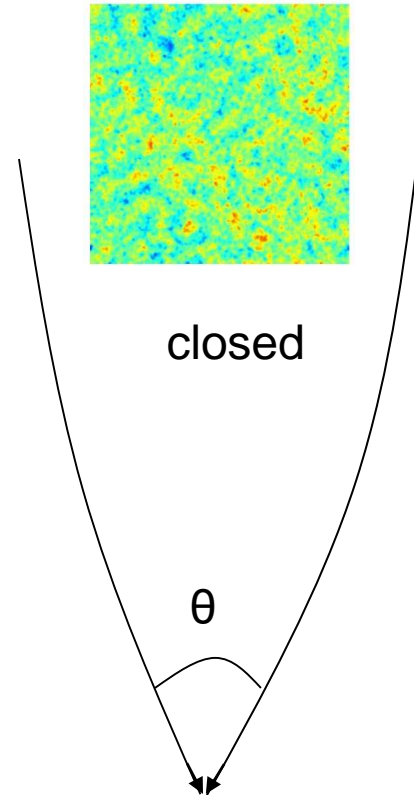
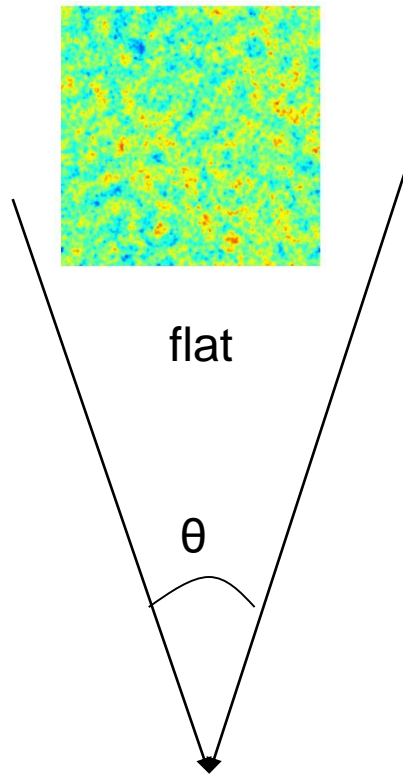
Recent measurement from standard candle distance ladder:  
Parallax+cepheids+SN (+ megamaser)

$$H_0 = (73 \pm 1) \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

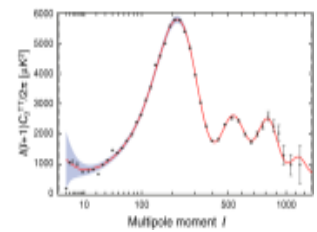
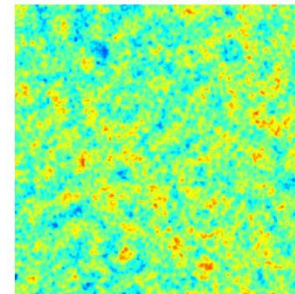
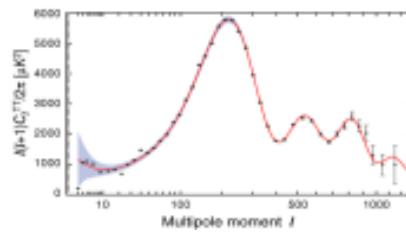
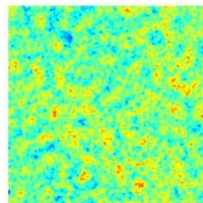
Riess et al. 2022  
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2112.04510>

Inconsistent with CMB inverse distance ladder *in  $\Lambda$ CDM*

e.g. Geometry: curvature

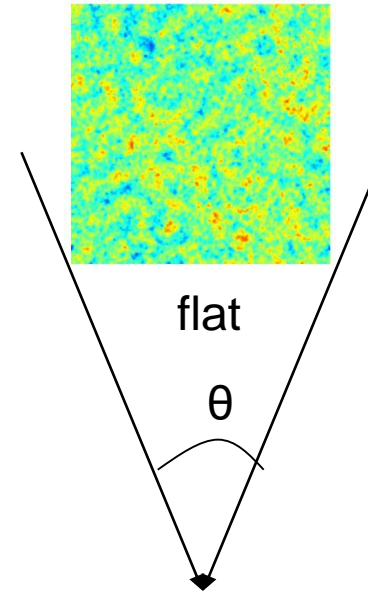
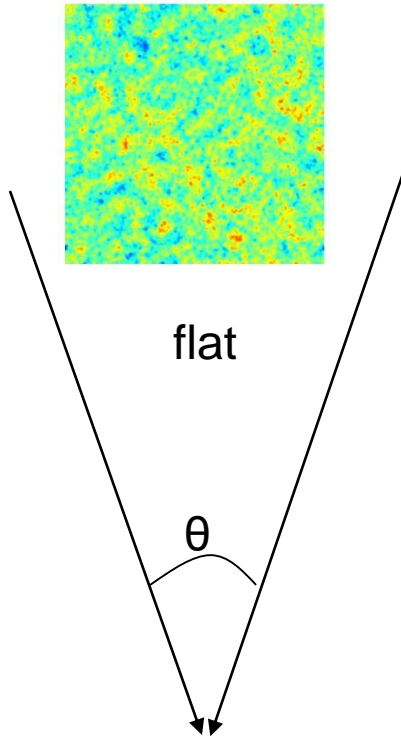


We see:

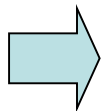
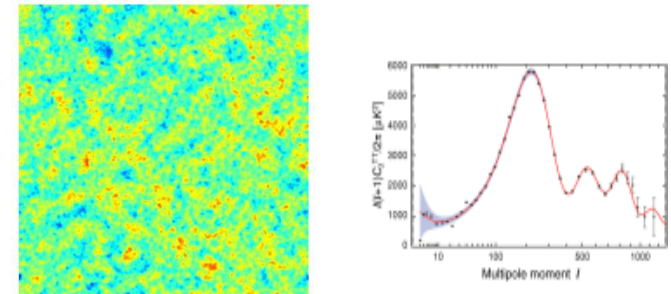
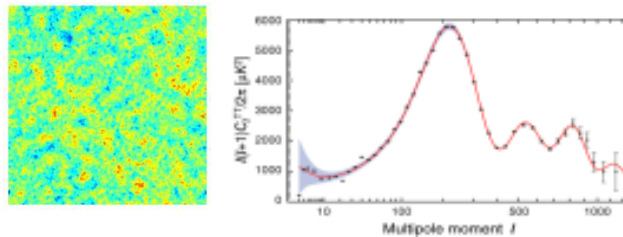




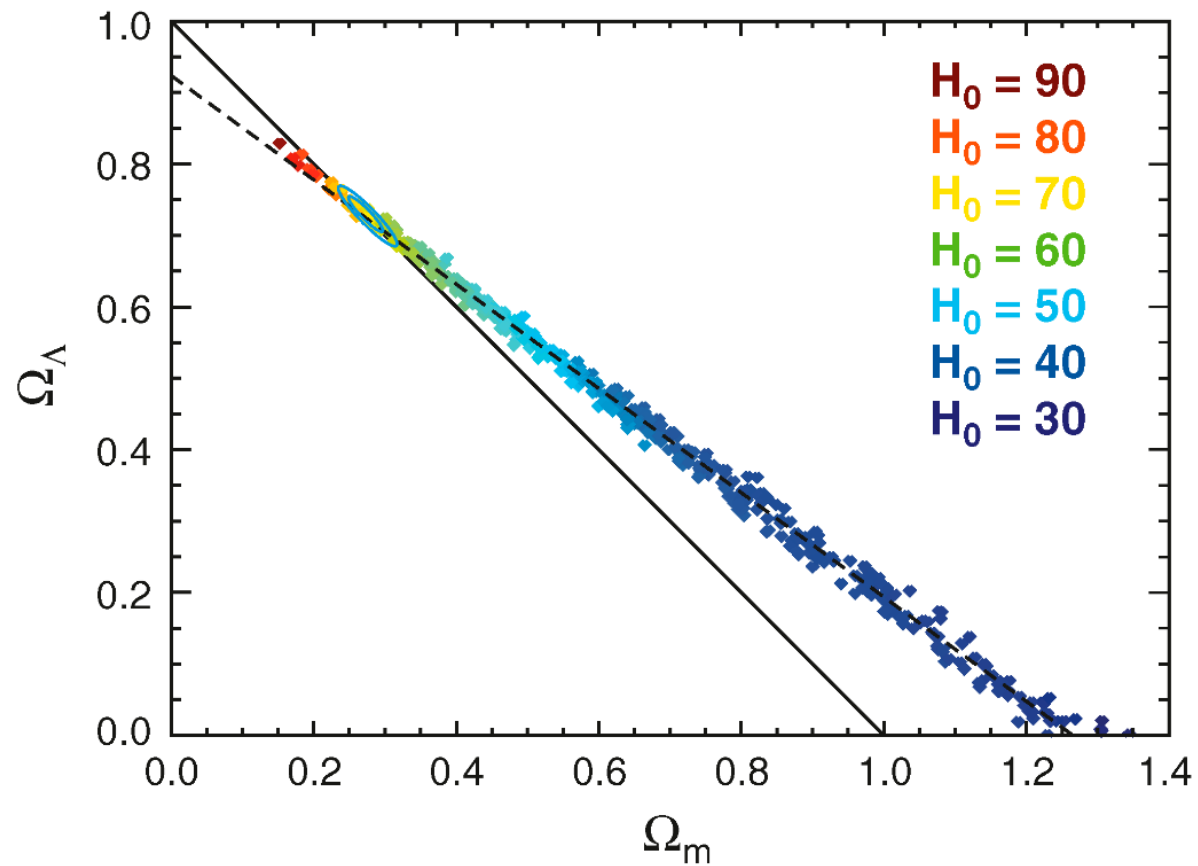
or is it just closer??



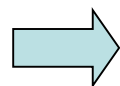
We see:



Angular diameter distance degeneracy between parameters  
(limitation of small-scale CMB being from a single source plane)

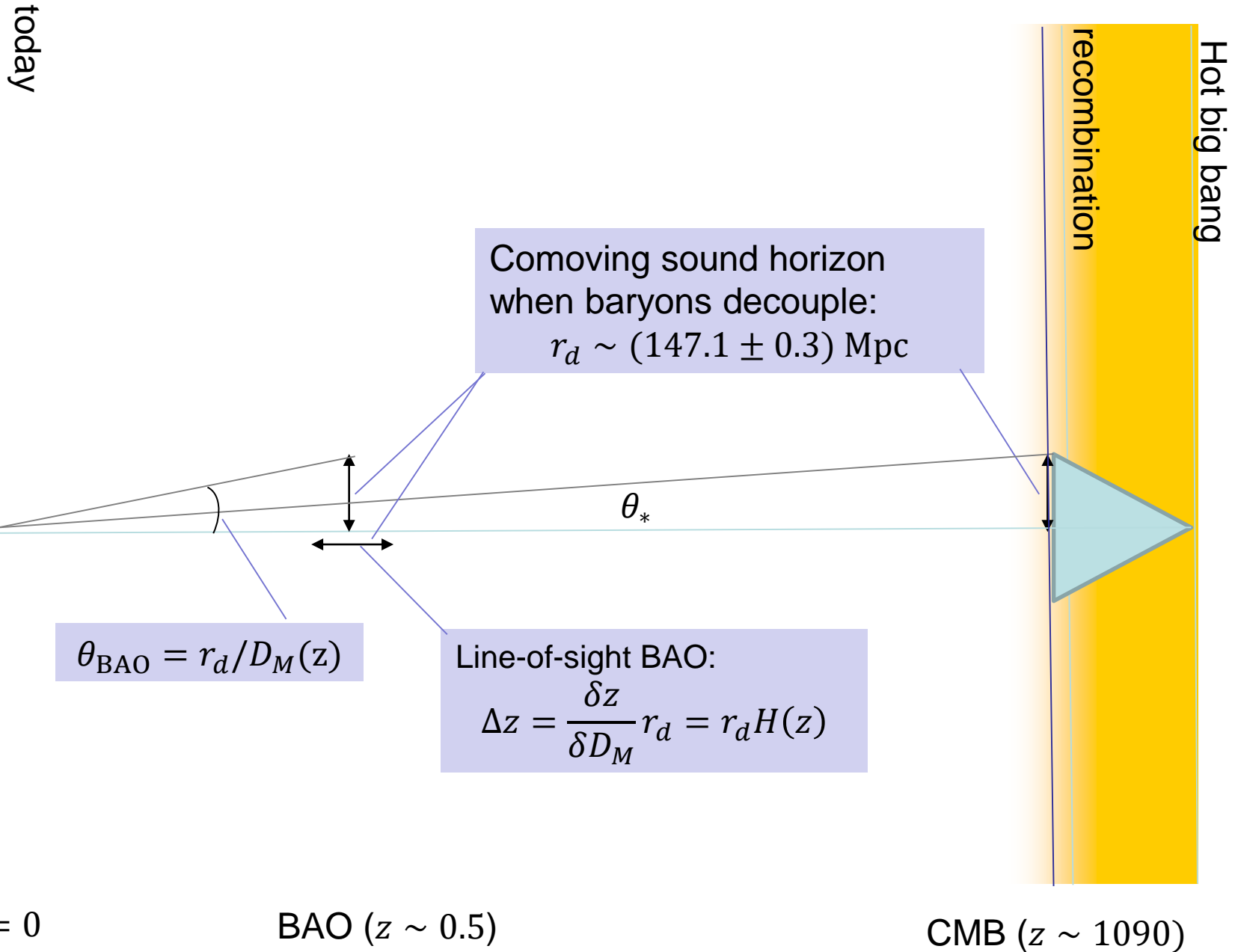


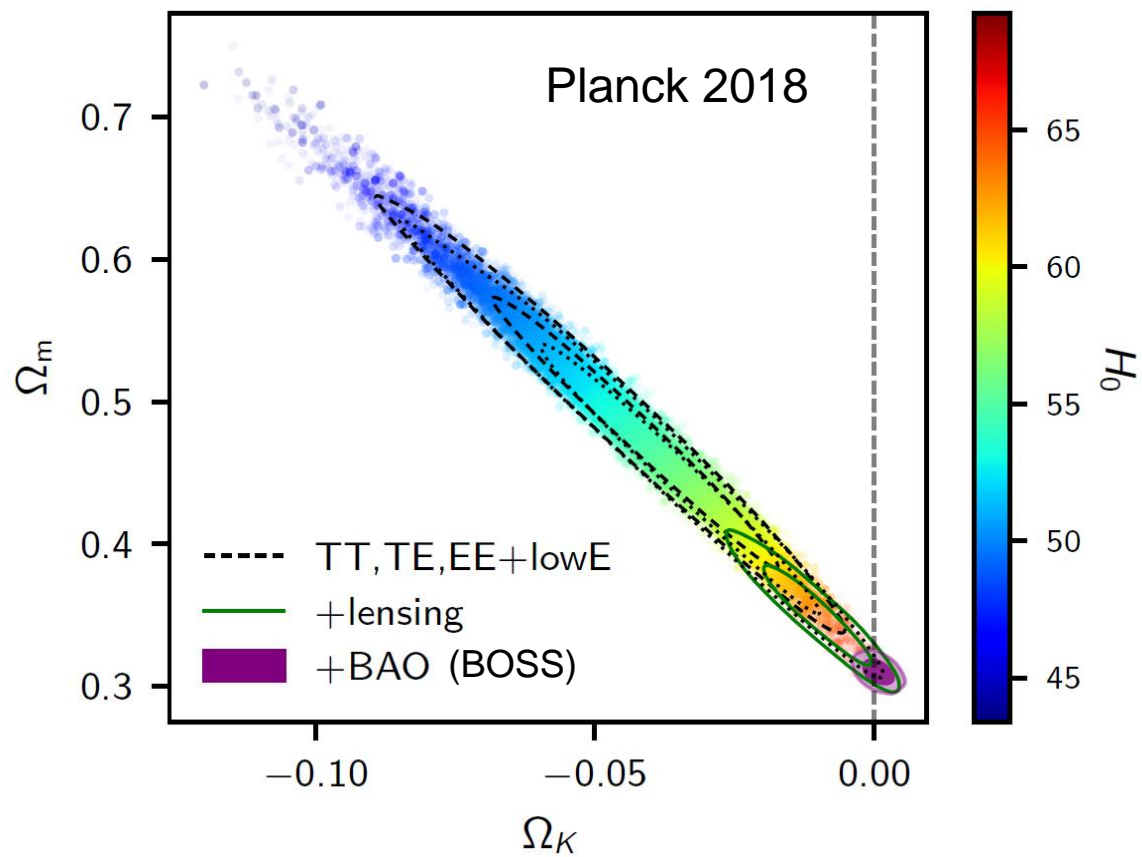
WMAP 7



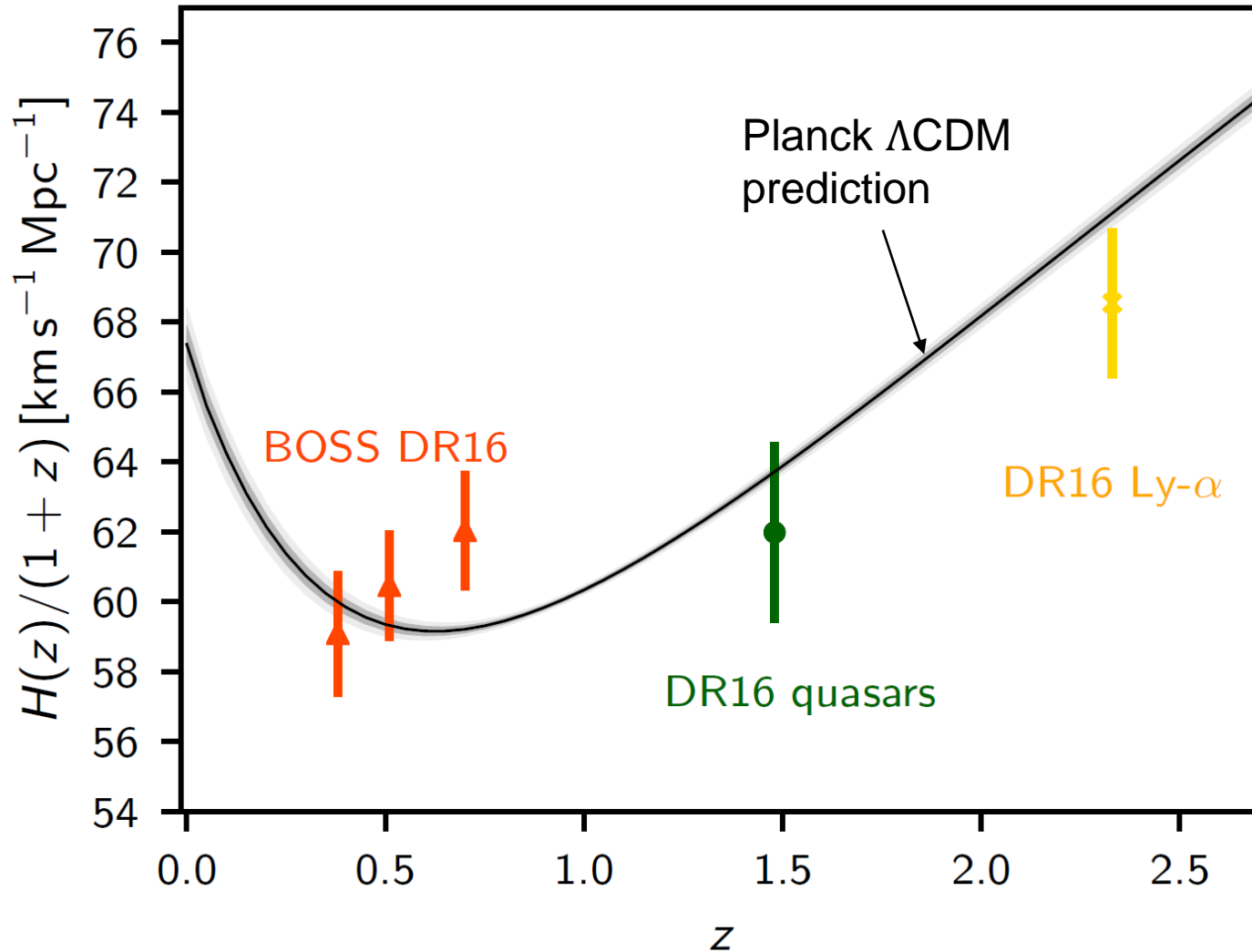
Need other information to break remaining degeneracies

# CMB and BAO consistency in $\Lambda$ CDM





Assuming  $\Lambda$ CDM and Planck sound horizon  $r_d$



## CMB Lensing Reconstruction – Quadratic Estimators

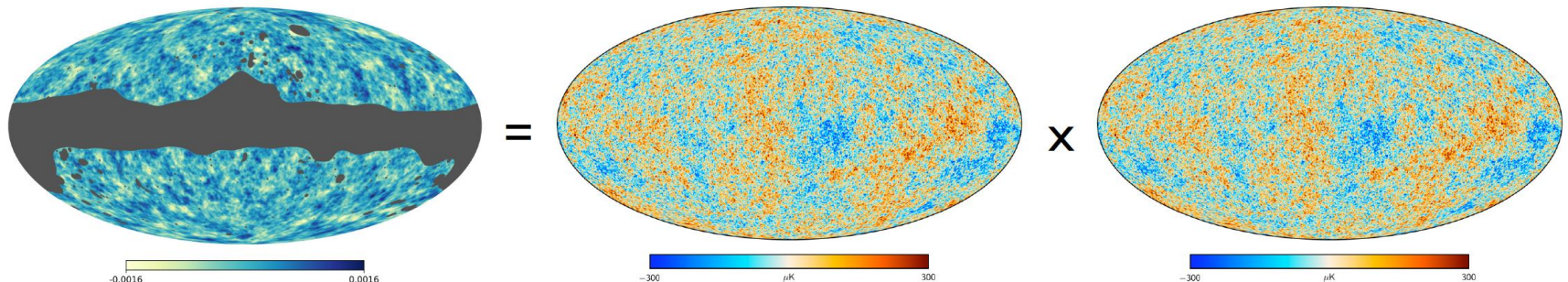
- Fixed lenses introduce statistically-anisotropic correlations:

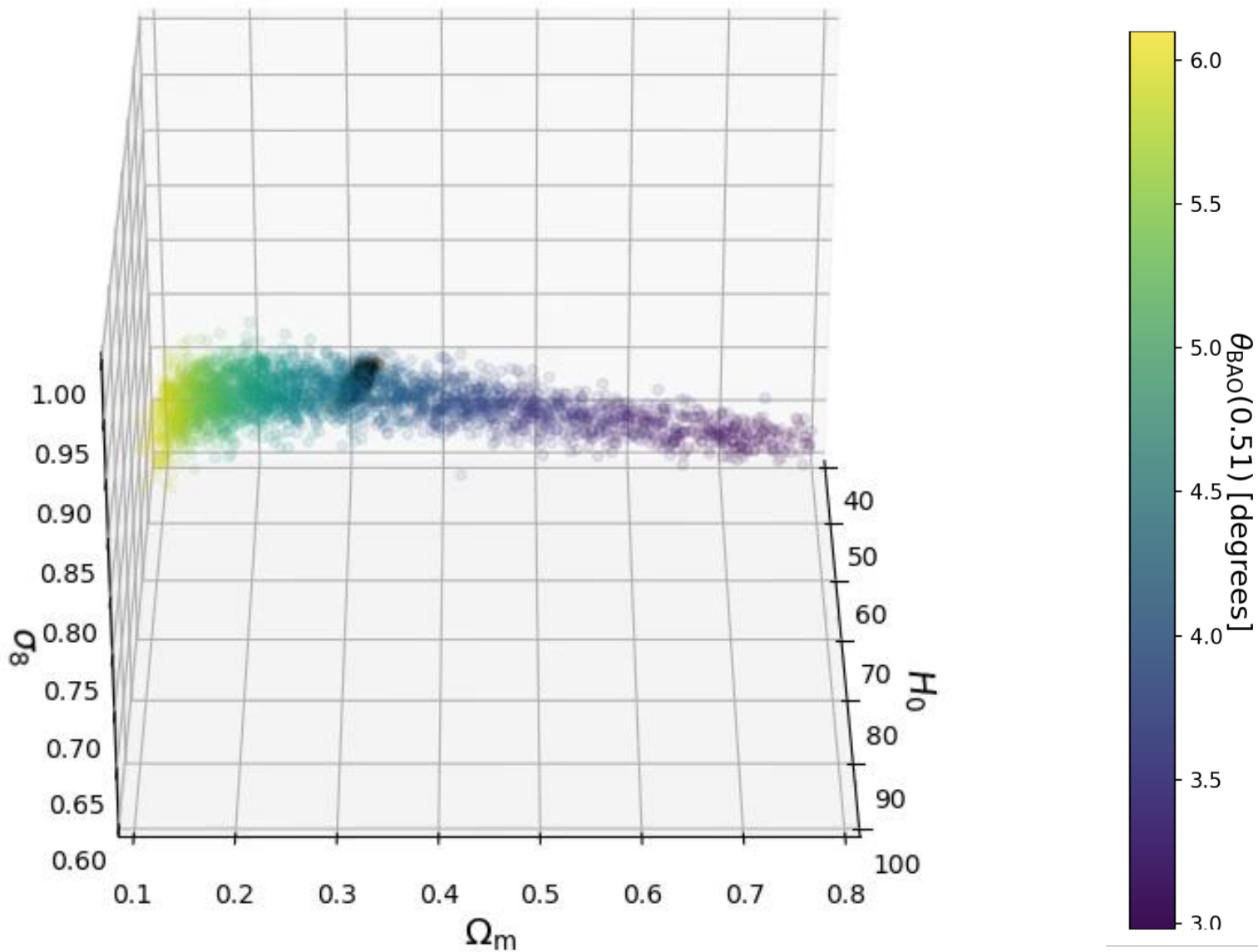
$$\Delta \langle X_{l_1 m_1} Y_{l_2 m_2} \rangle_{\text{CMB}} = \sum_{LM} (-1)^M \begin{pmatrix} l_1 & l_2 & L \\ m_1 & m_2 & -M \end{pmatrix} \mathcal{W}_{l_1 l_2 L}^{XY} \phi_{LM}$$

- Noisy lensing estimates from quadratic CMB combinations:

$$\hat{\phi}_{LM} = \frac{(-1)^M}{2} \frac{1}{\mathcal{R}_L^{XY}} \sum_{l_1 m_1, l_2 m_2} \begin{pmatrix} l_1 & l_2 & L \\ m_1 & m_2 & -M \end{pmatrix} [\mathcal{W}_{l_1 l_2 L}^{XY}]^* \bar{X}_{l_1 m_1} \bar{Y}_{l_2 m_2}$$

*Normalisation*
*Known lensing-induced correlations*
*Inverse-variance-weighted CMB fields*



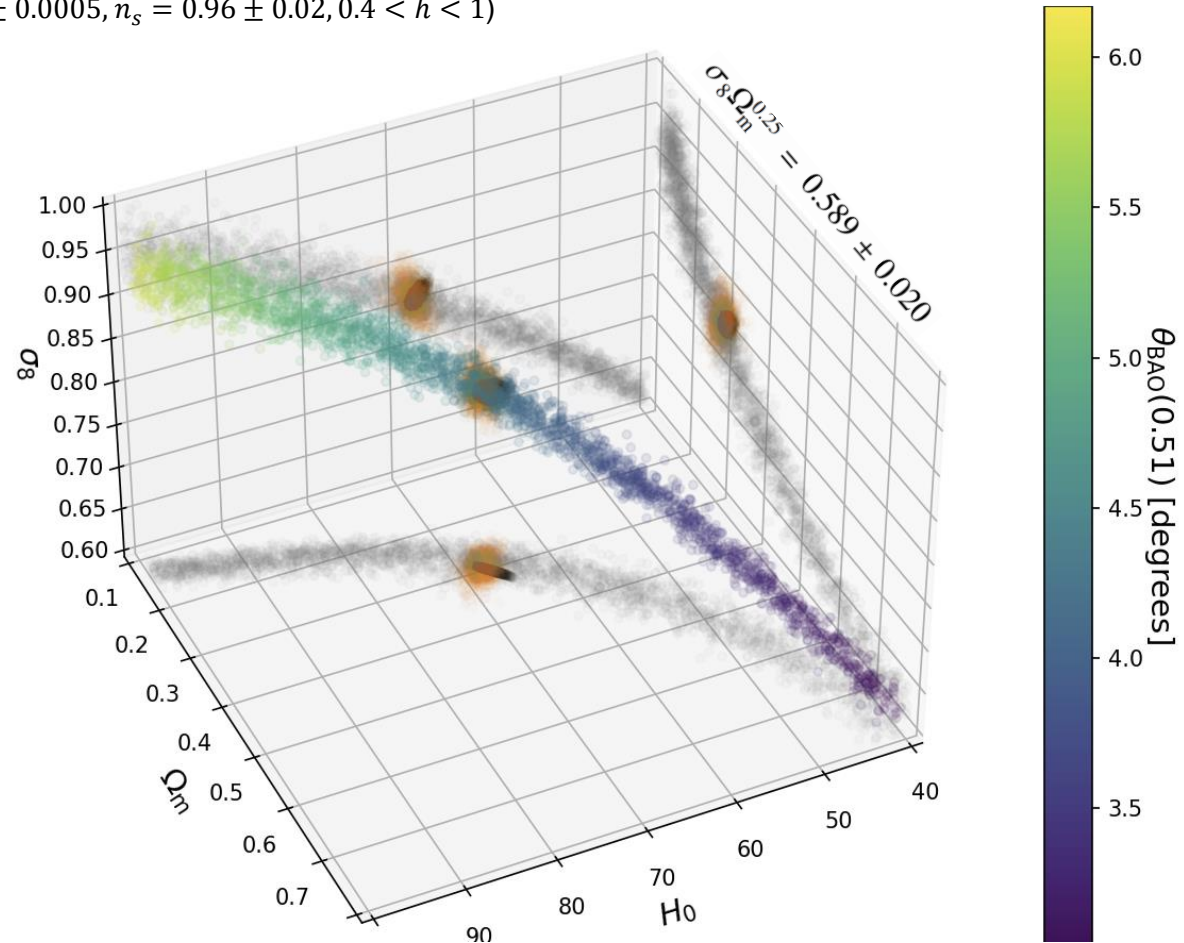


$\theta_{\text{BAO}}(0.51) \equiv r_s/D_M(z = 0.51)$



# Planck 2018 CMB lensing $\Lambda$ CDM parameters

("Lensing-only" priors:  $\Omega_b h^2 = 0.0222 \pm 0.0005$ ,  $n_s = 0.96 \pm 0.02$ ,  $0.4 < h < 1$ )



Planck lensing 2018  
+ BOSS BAO (+ $\Omega_b h^2$  BBN)  
Planck 2018 TTTEEE

CMB lensing + BAO inverse distance ladder (with  $\Omega_b h^2$  prior from abundance measurements)

$$\left. \begin{aligned} H_0 &= 67.9^{+1.2}_{-1.3} \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}, \\ \sigma_8 &= 0.811 \pm 0.019, \\ \Omega_m &= 0.303^{+0.016}_{-0.018}, \end{aligned} \right\} 68 \%, \text{ lensing+BAO}$$

ACT+Planck CMB lensing+BAO

$$H_0 = 68.1 \pm 1.0 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}.$$

arXiv:1807.06210

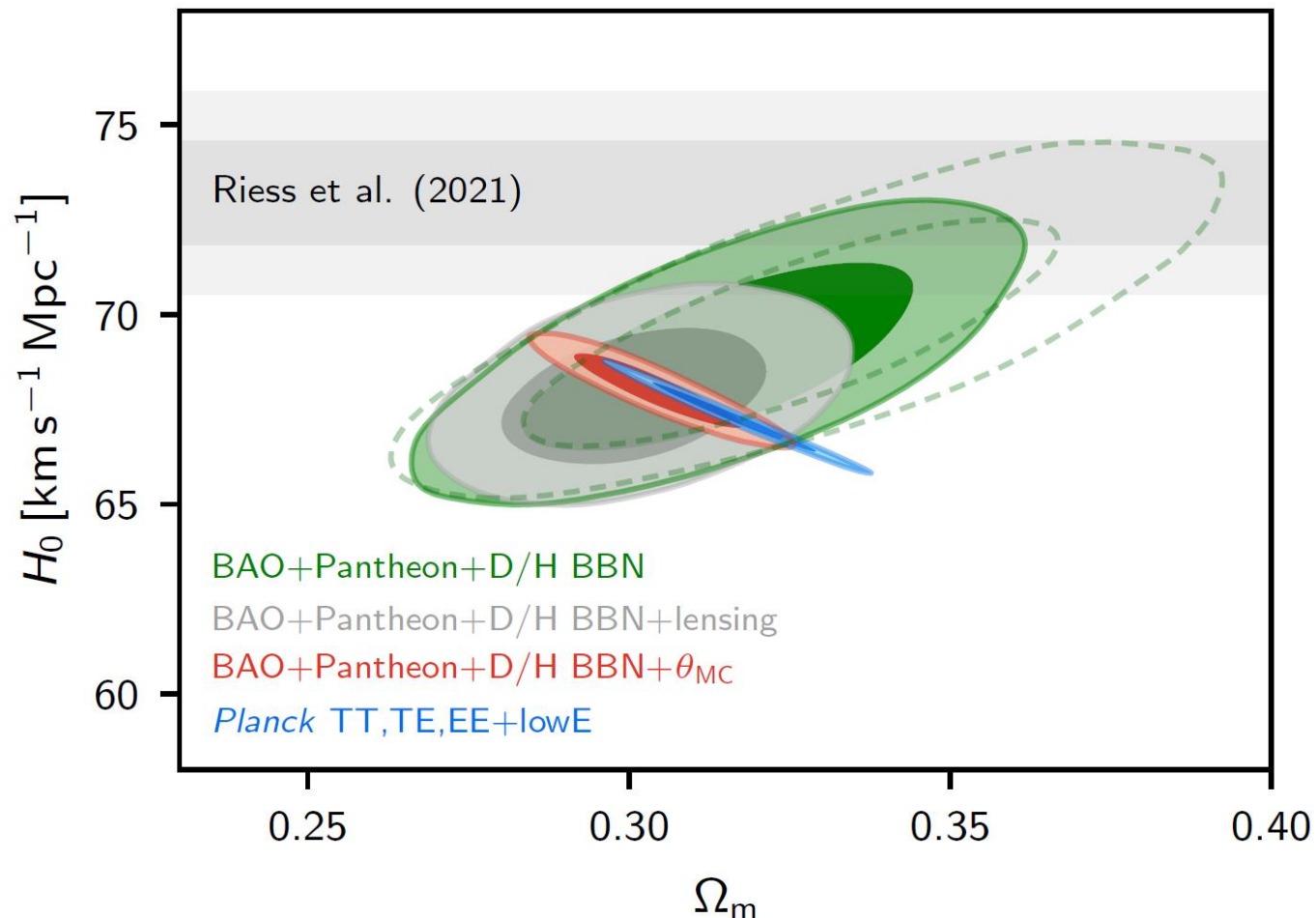
[arXiv:2304.05203](https://arxiv.org/abs/2304.05203)

Independent  $\Lambda$ CDM inverse distance ladder is also consistent with Planck

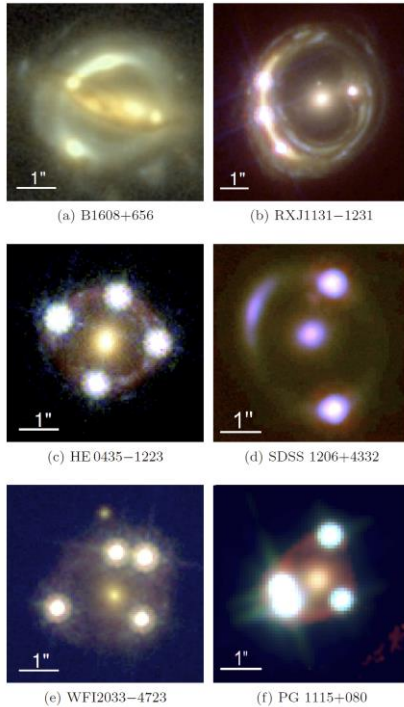
Element abundance (D/H) measurements + BBN  $\Rightarrow \Omega_b h^2$

Supernovae (or other data)  $\Rightarrow \Omega_m$

$\Omega_b h^2 + \Omega_m \Rightarrow r_s$  comoving standard ruler assuming  $\Lambda$ CDM

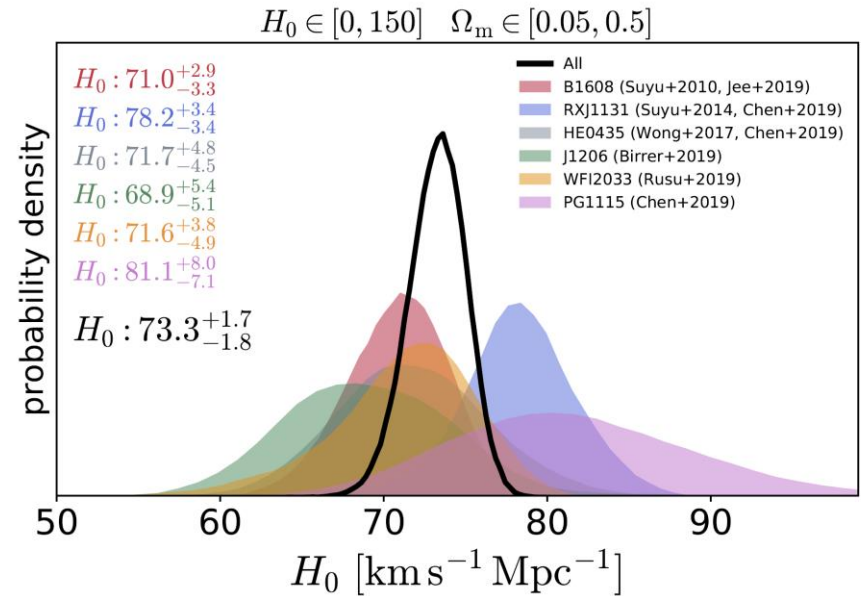


# Strong Lensing



Lens modelling etc..

$$D_{\Delta t} \equiv (1 + z_d) \frac{D_d D_s}{D_{ds}}$$



H0LiCOW:  $H_0 = 73.3^{+1.7}_{-1.8} \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$

Wong et al. [arXiv:1907.04869](https://arxiv.org/abs/1907.04869)

(some cosmology dependence)

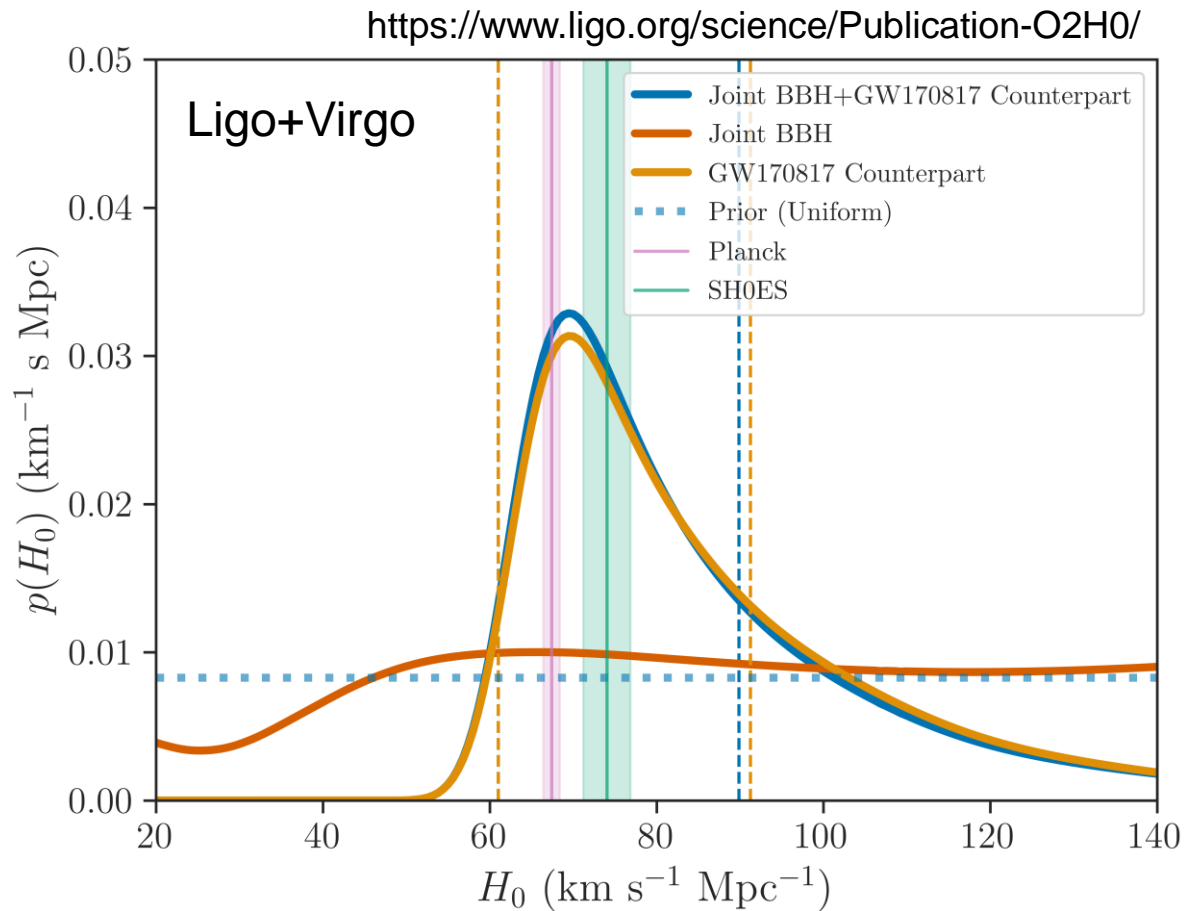
Independent of CMB and local distance ladder and mostly redshift  $z > \sim 0.1$

$\Rightarrow$  tension with CMB independent of very local environment

TDCOSMO+SLACS:  $H_0 = 67.4^{+4.1}_{-3.2} \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$

Birrer et al. [arXiv: 2007.02941](https://arxiv.org/abs/2007.02941)

# Gravitational Waves



Need much larger sample

## Possible solutions to the $H_0$ tension in $\Lambda$ CDM

### Biases in data or underestimated error bars

- inverse distance ladder: BAO and CMB consistent  $\Rightarrow$  *both* CMB and BAO being wrong?
- Local  $H_0$  and strong lensing independent; multiple local distance ladders agree  
TRGB results and strong lensing modelling dependent

### New physics prior to recombination:

- decrease sound horizon  $r_d$ : BAO and Planck  $H_0$  both shift proportionately
- other changes that affect relevant inferred parameters (e.g.  $\Omega_m h^2$ )

### New physics at lower redshift/dark energy/modified gravity

- fitting BAO and  $H(z)/H_0$  from supernovae leaves little wiggle room  
(or find problem with supernovae)

### New physics/very unusual conditions in our local neighbourhood

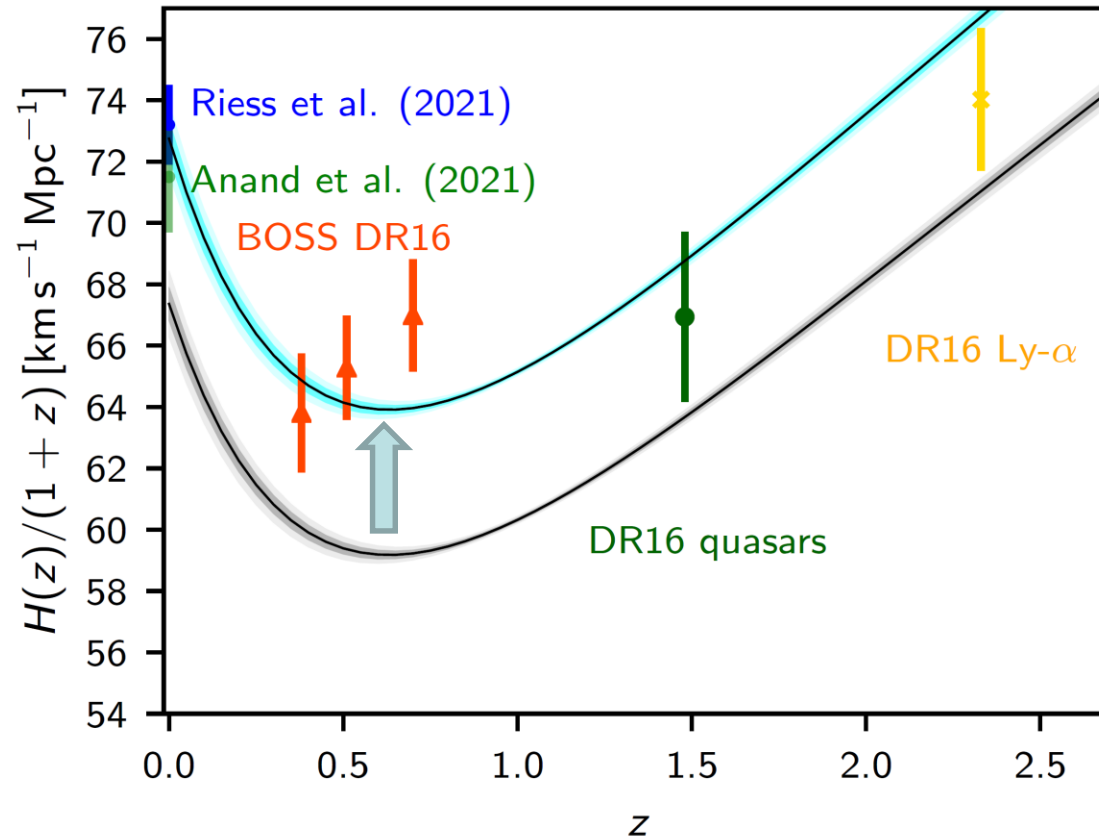
- strong lensing results then in tension?

### Largish statistical fluctuation

### Some combination of the above

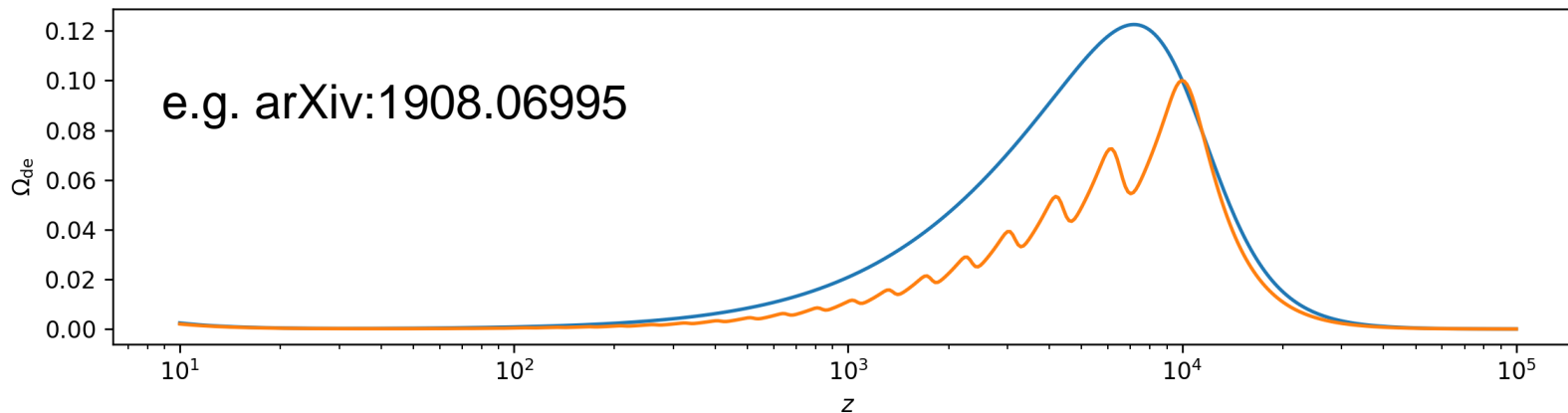
New early universe physics – decrease sound horizon  $r_d$  by  $O(10\%)$

*e.g. increase expansion rate, decrease sound speed, shift recombination, ..*

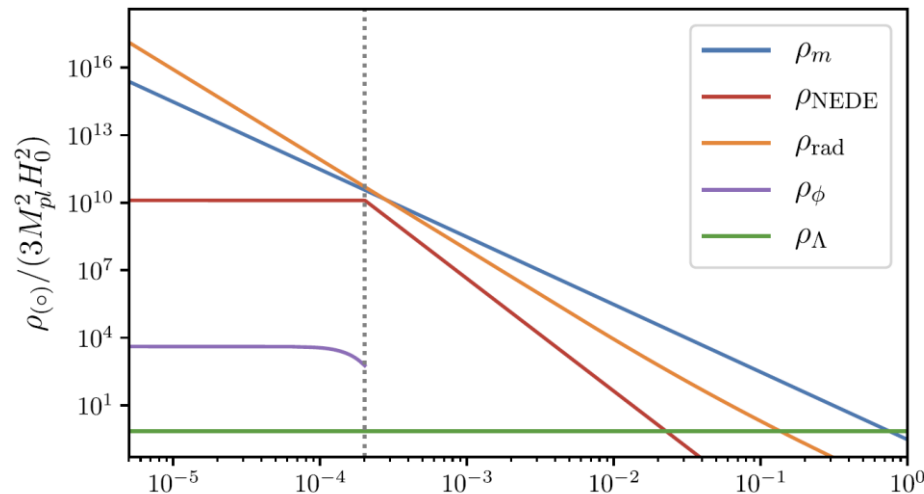


*But*, simple models e.g. extra relativistic degrees of freedom ( $N_{\text{eff}} \neq 3.044$ )  
not favoured by Planck spectra (and disfavoured by BBN D/H)

More complex models possible, e.g. Poulin et al. early dark energy



Or New Early Dark Energy



[arXiv:2006.06686](https://arxiv.org/abs/2006.06686)

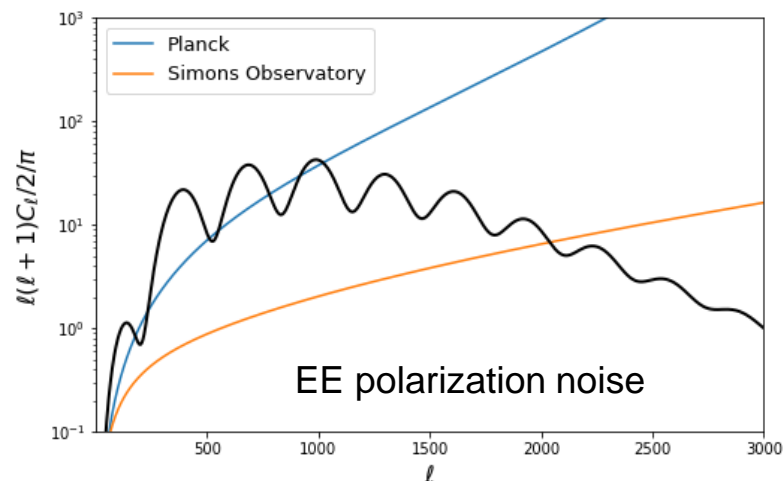
Has to peak around 10%, decay rapidly not to mess up  $C_l$

But fine tuned and makes fit to large-scale structure data worse...





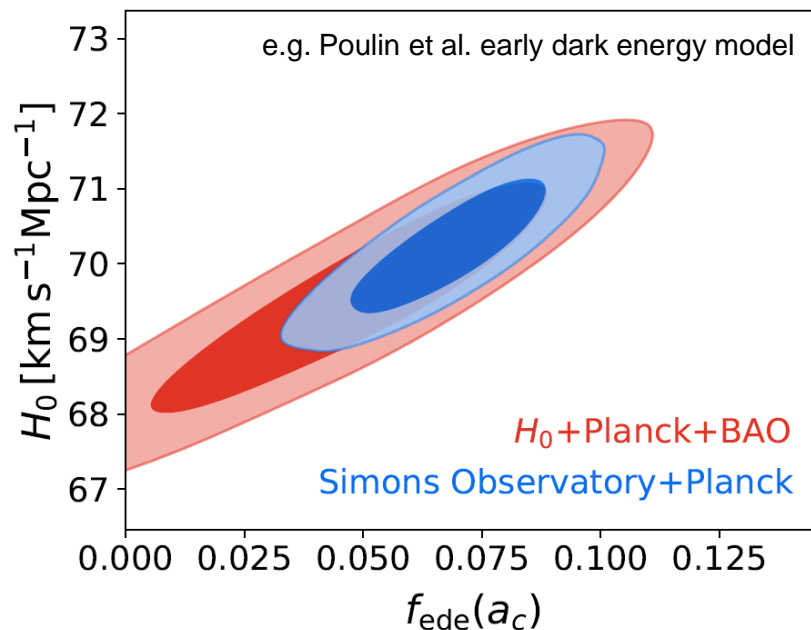
High resolution/sensitivity polarization:  
precision small-scale EE, TE, TT power spectrum



+ ActPol, SPTpol (now)  
+ CMB-S4 (beyond)

If  $H_0 > 71 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{Mpc}^{-1}$ ,  
new pre-recombination physics  
likely detectable at  $> 5\sigma$  soon

*Distinct physical models give  
different precision predictions*



# Summary

- **Forward distance (calibration) ladder**

calibrate intrinsic luminosity of Sn1A standard candles

Gaia (parallax) → Cepheids/TRGB/etc → Sn1A

Relies on standardizing SN and relating

- properties in our galaxy to other galaxies
- SN in nearby galaxies to SN in Hubble flow
- + ...

Does *not* rely on distance to intermediate calibrators as long as SN1A and calibrator at the same distance (e.g. same external galaxy)

- **Inverse distance ladder**

CMB acoustic peaks or D/H+BBN  $\Rightarrow \Omega_b h^2$

+ CMB peak amplitudes  $\Rightarrow \Omega_m h^2$

+ COBE  $T_{\text{CMB}} \Rightarrow \Omega_r h^2$

Early  $\Lambda$ CDM  $\Rightarrow z_*$ ,  $r_s$  prediction of comoving standard ruler

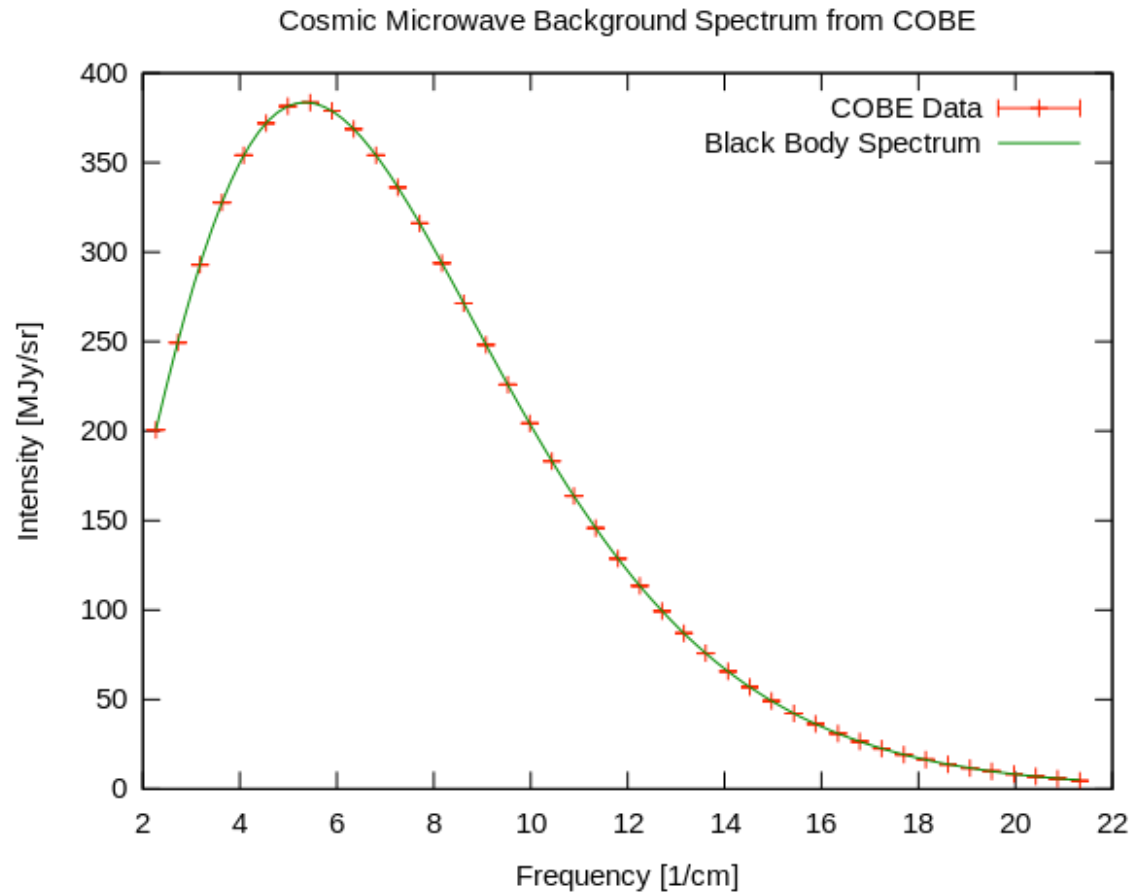
Measure  $r_s$  sky angle  $\theta_*$  to high precision (or  $\theta_{\text{BAO}}$ )

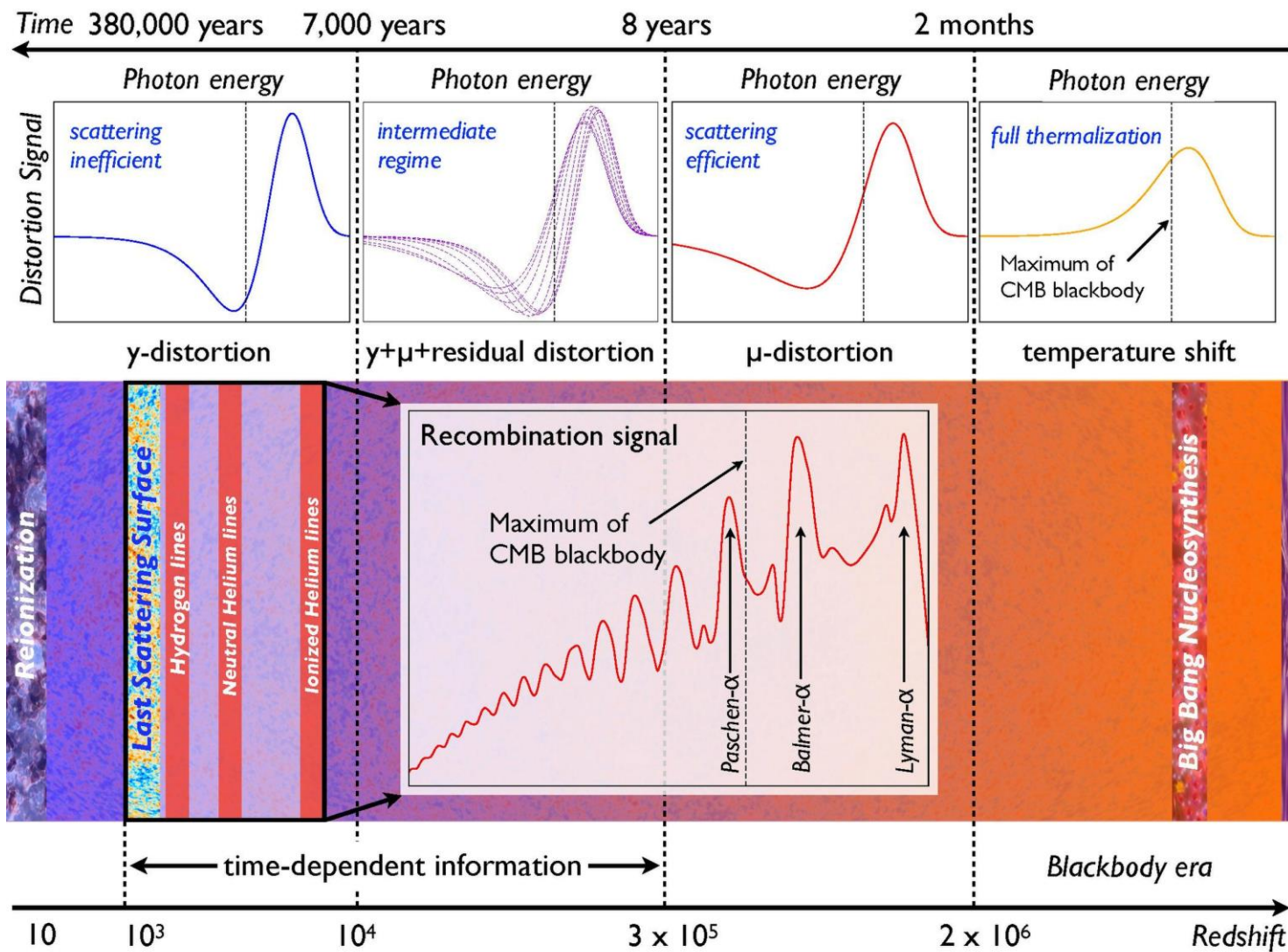
$\Rightarrow D_M$  comoving angular diameter distance.  $D_M(z_*) + \Lambda\text{CDM} \Rightarrow H_0$

*Homework:* resolve tension

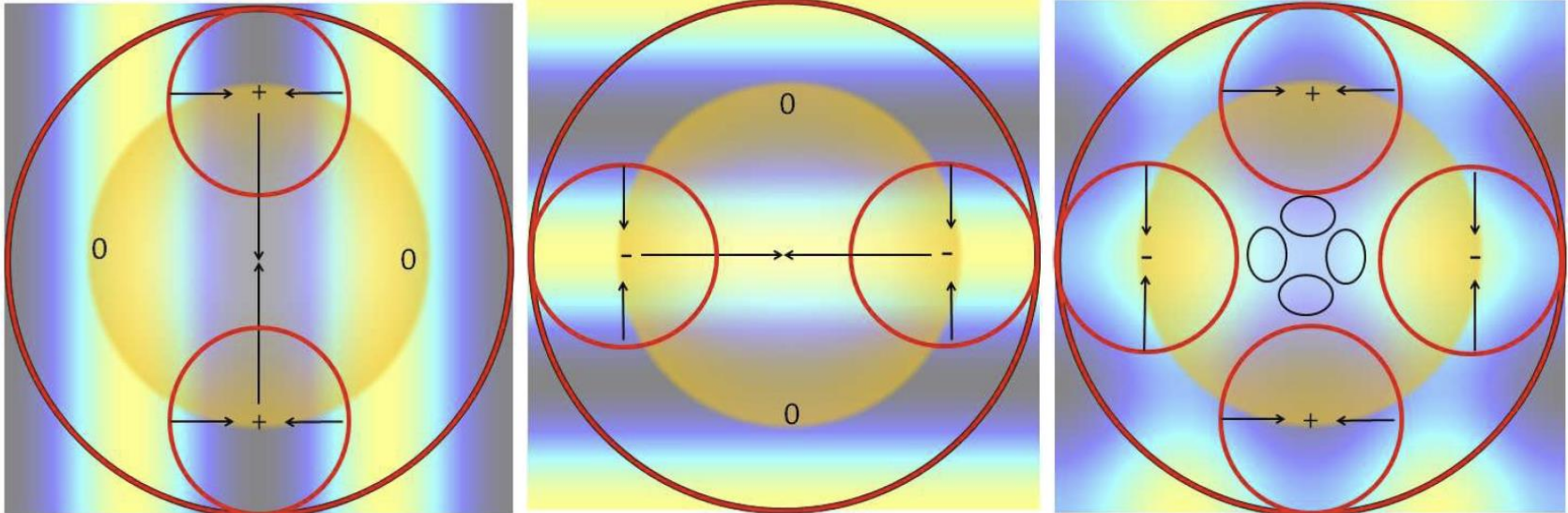
# CMB Spectral Distortions?

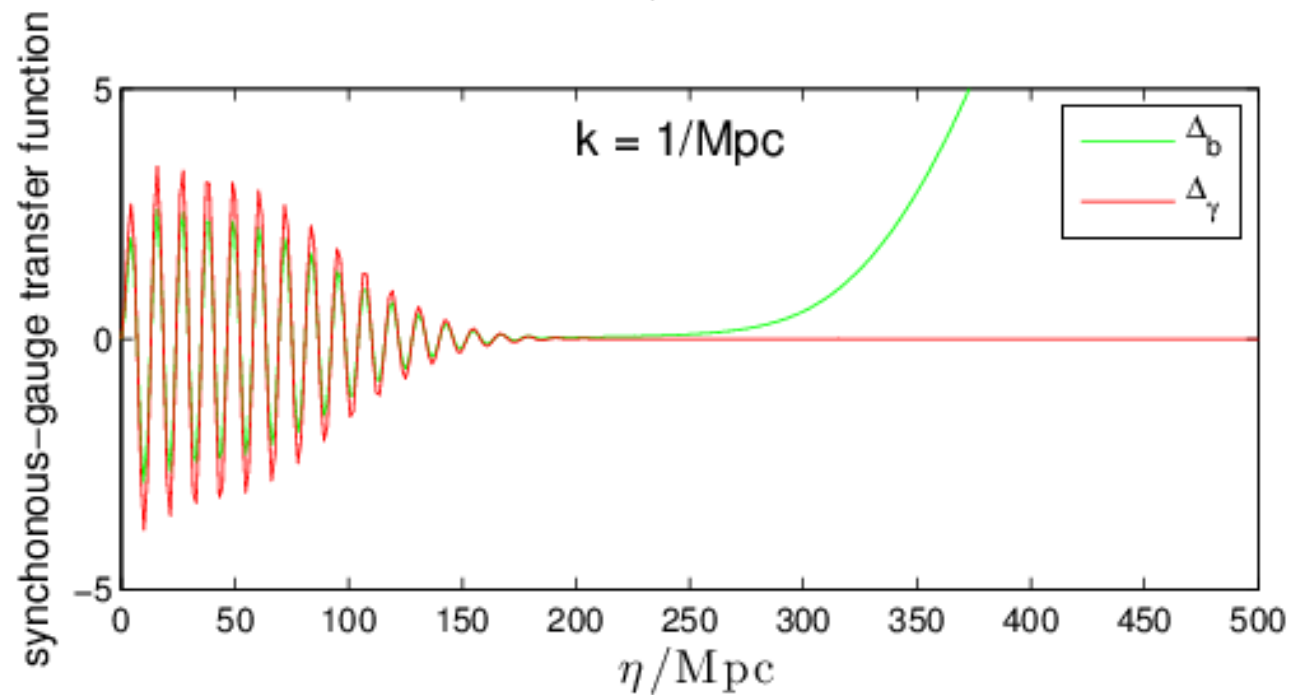
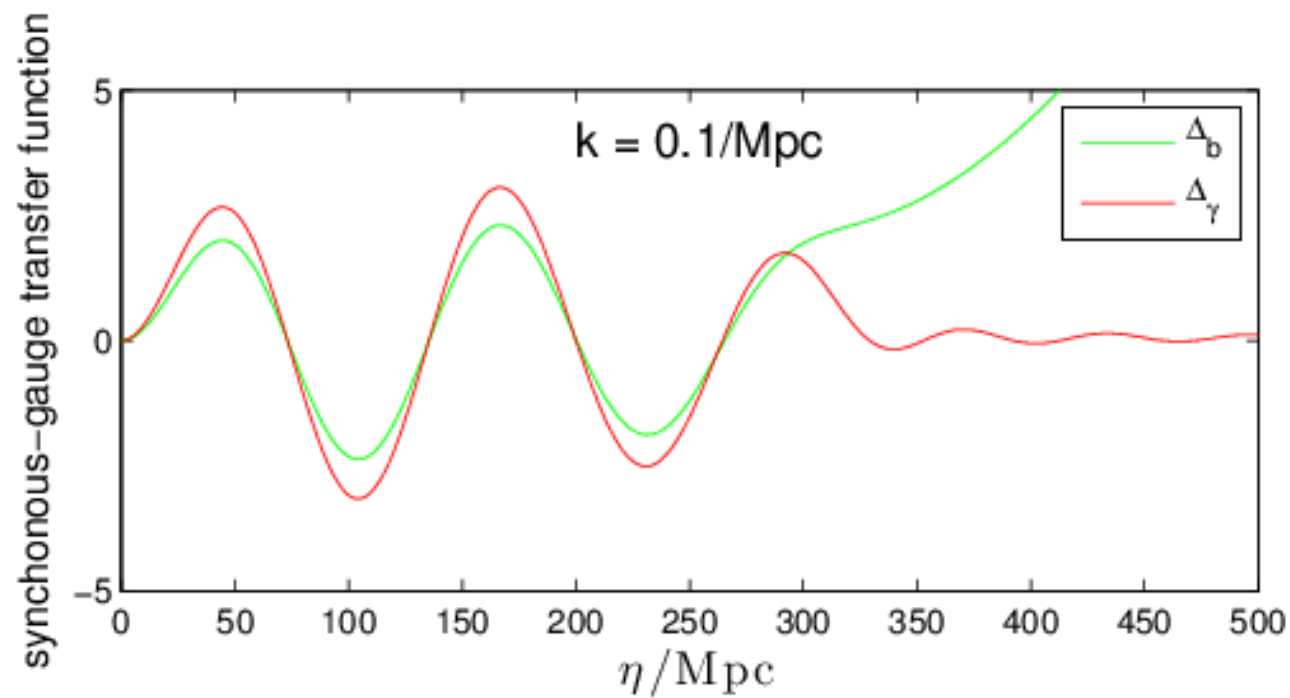
Deviations from blackbody in monopole (+ perturbations?)

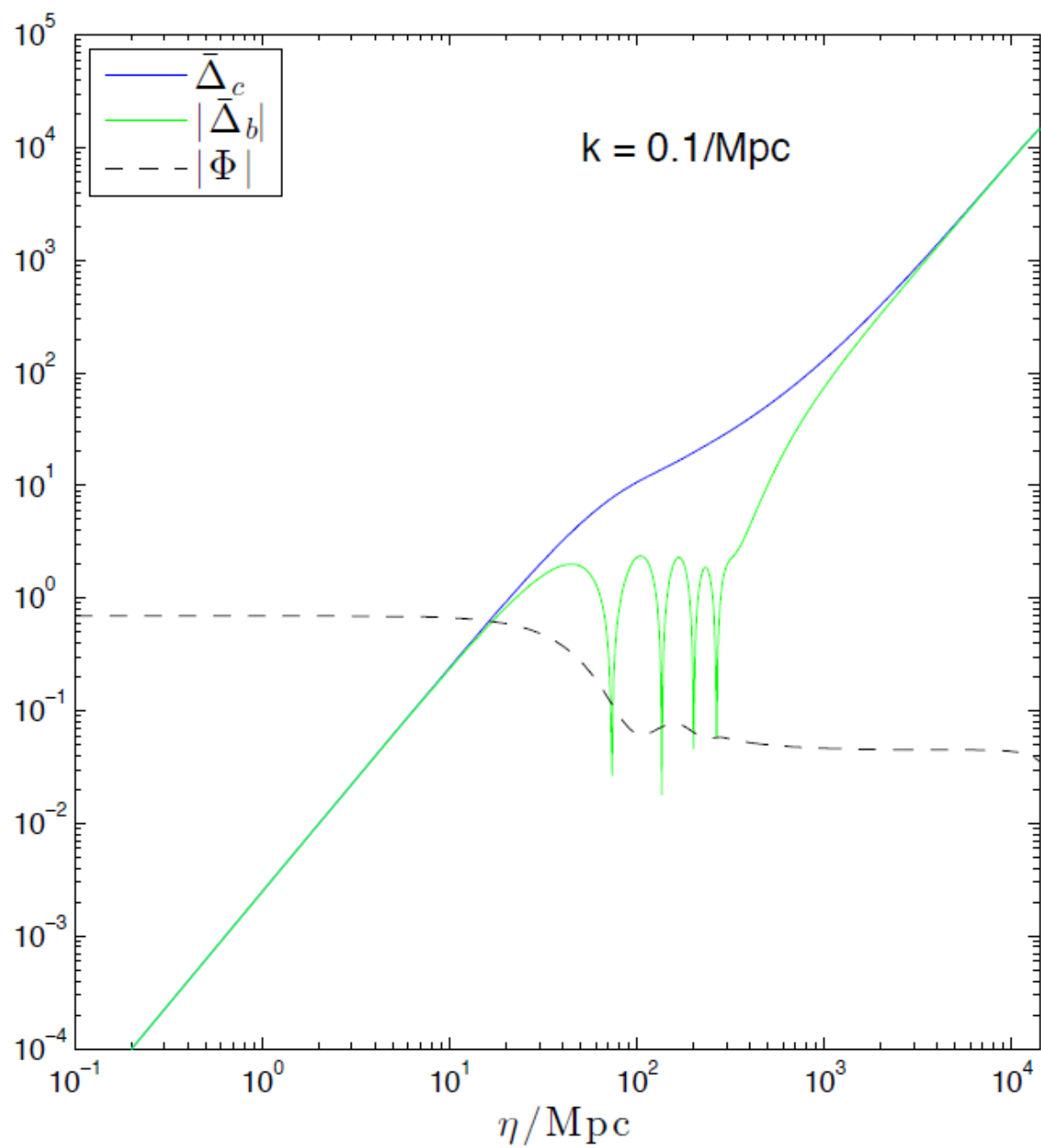




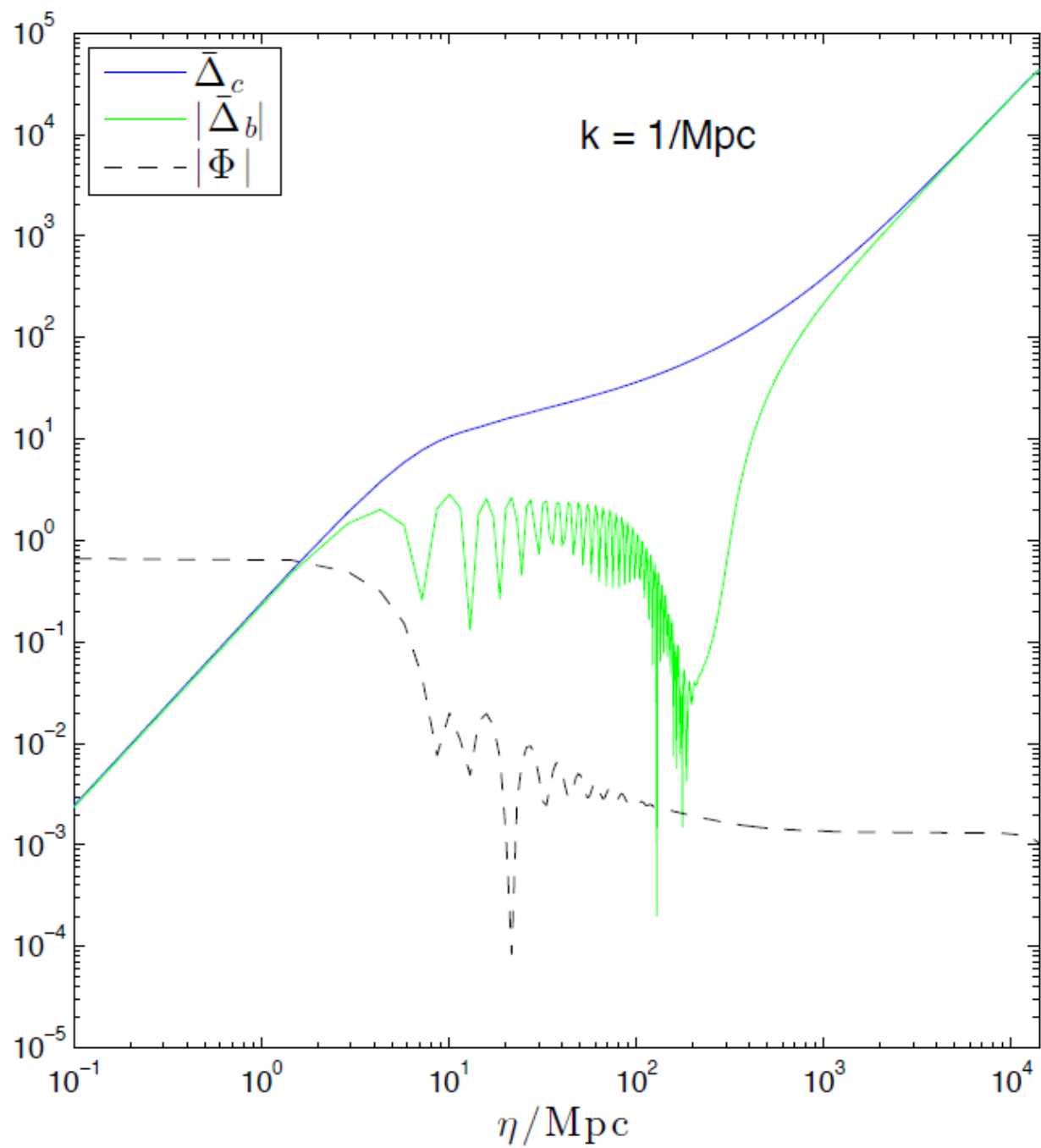
## Large-scale polarization from reionization

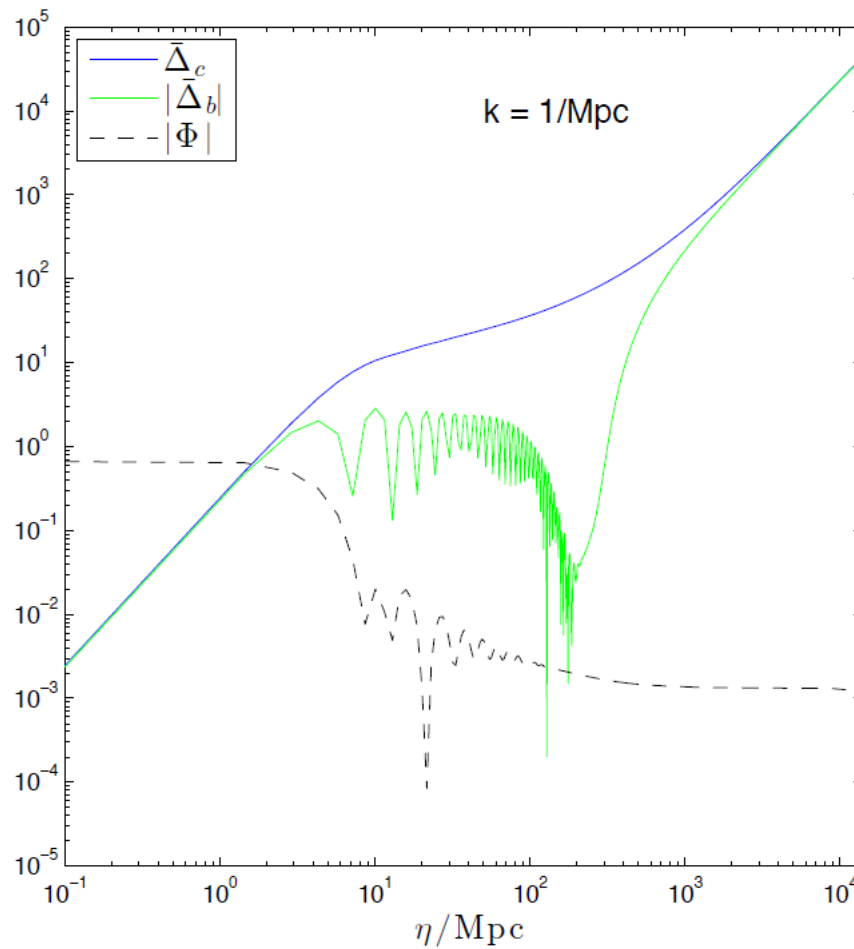












Transfer functions  
for each perturbation:

e.g.

$$\Delta_c = \delta\rho_c/\rho_c$$

$$\Delta_b = \delta\rho_b/\rho_b$$

$\Phi$  = gravitational potential

Note: CAMB integrates  
transfer functions for variables  
defined in the CDM  
frame/synchronous gauge.

→  
Outside horizon  
No causal contact

←→  
Acoustic oscillations  
in radiation fluid

→  
Growth of structure

# General regular linear primordial perturbation

