



Cosmic Frontiers: The Big Questions

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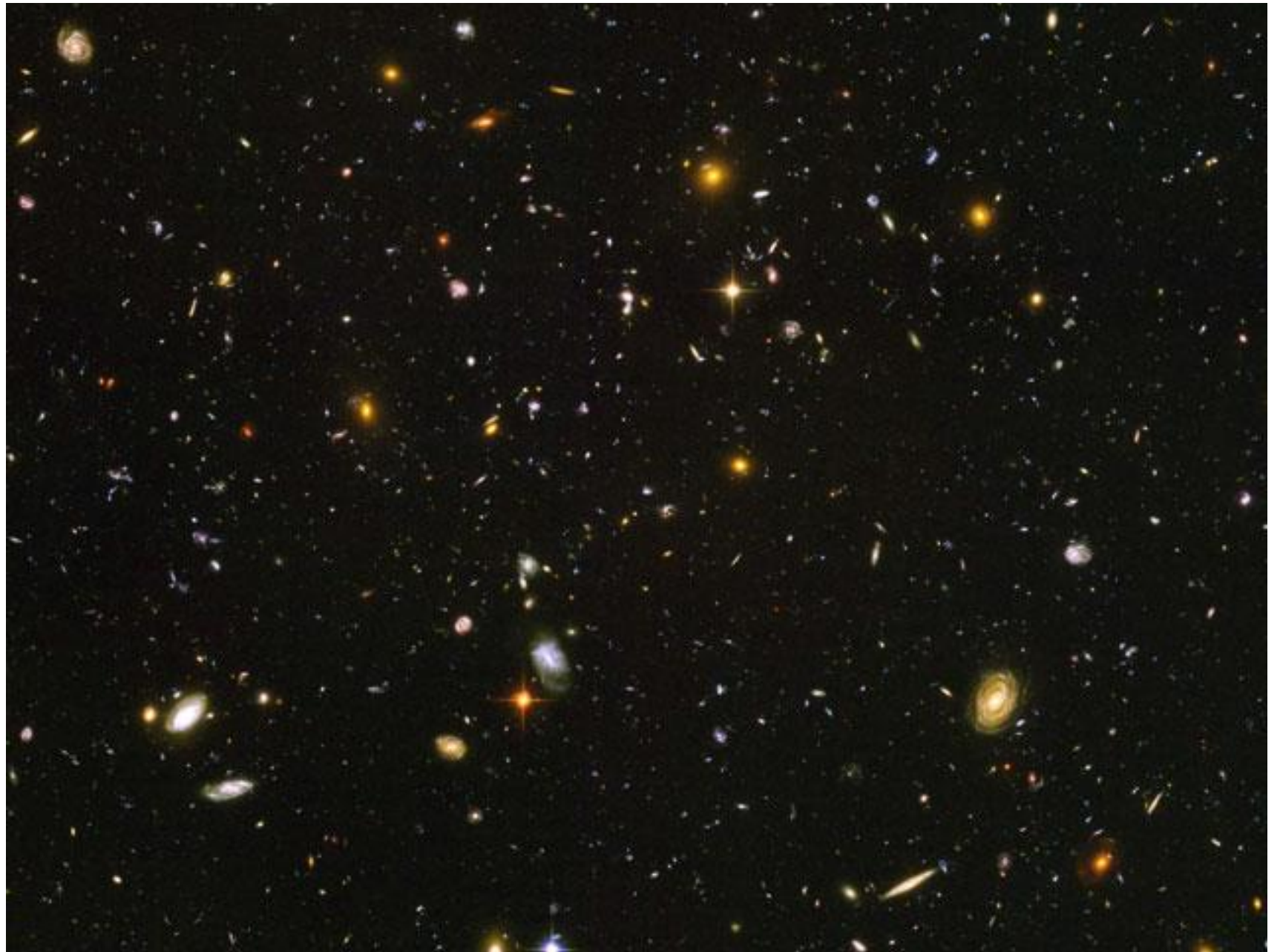
The questions

- dark matter?
- dark energy?
- Inflation?

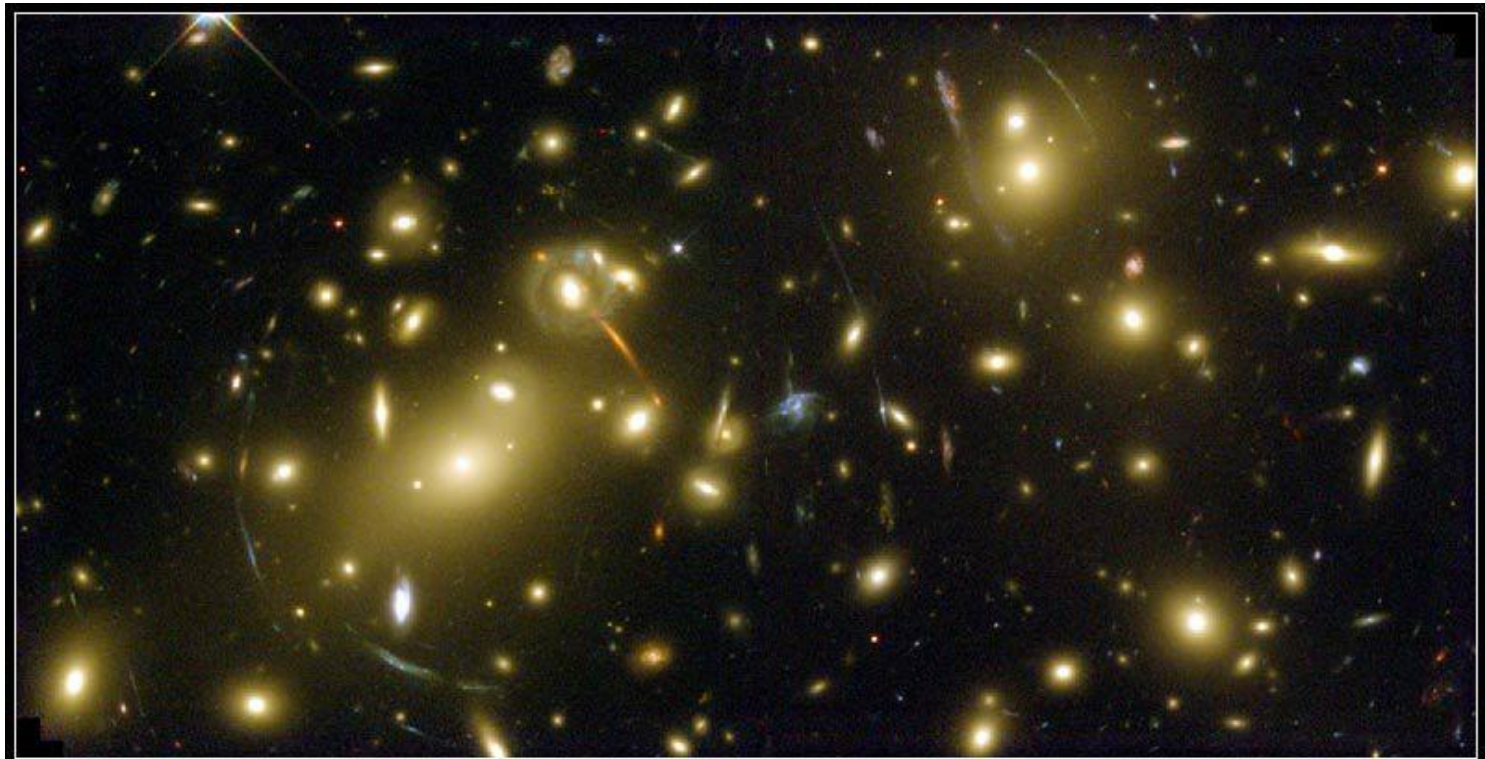
Dark matter basics

D'Amico, MK, Sigurdson, 0907.1912 [short]

Jungman, MK, Griest, Phys Rep 267, 195 (1996) [long]



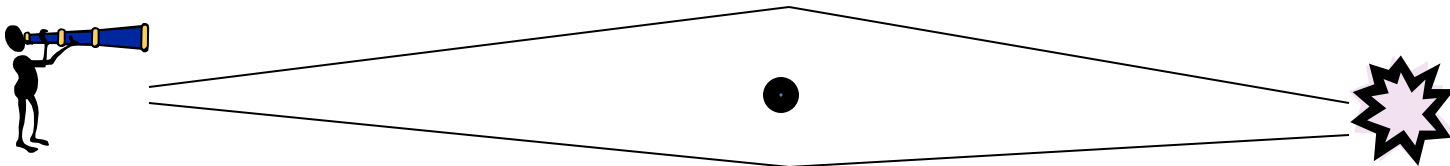
Lensing effect of dark matter



Galaxy Cluster Abell 2218

HST • WFPC2

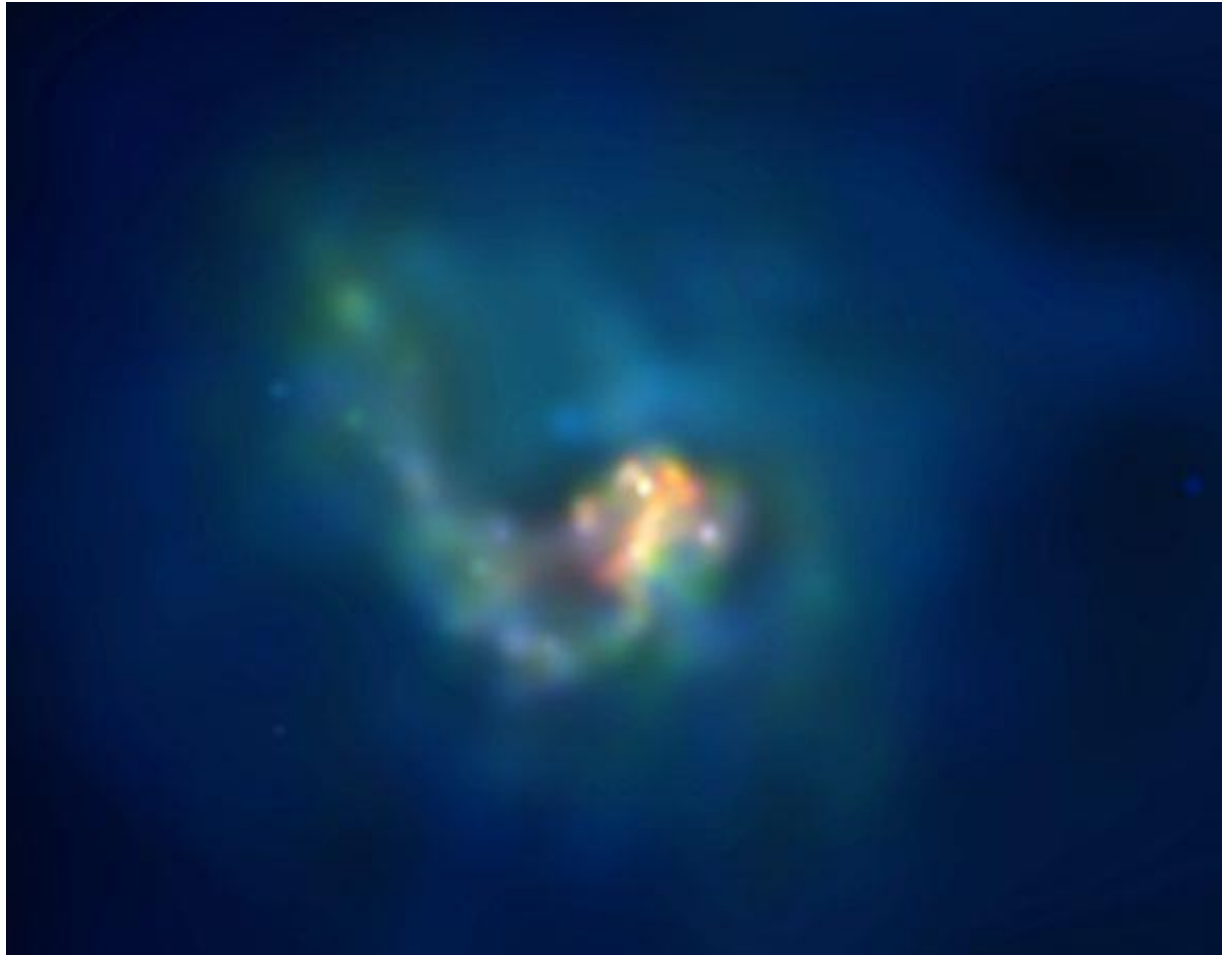
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X-ray clusters: Gas in hydrostatic eq

$$dP/dr = -G\rho_{\text{tot}}(r)m_b(r)/r^2$$

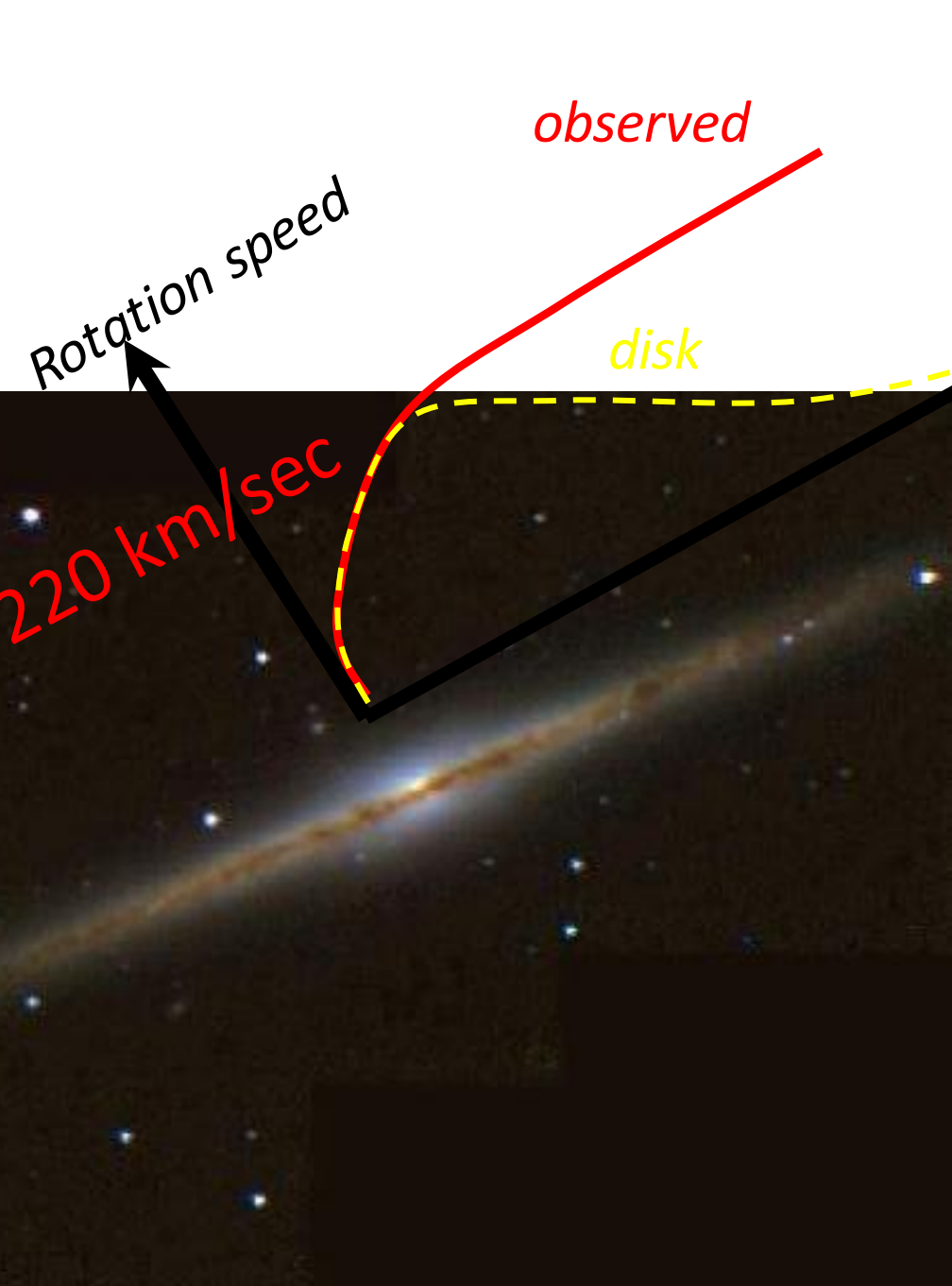


$M_{\text{total}} \gg M_{\text{baryons}}$ in clusters

13 years of CMB experiments
(see Thurs talk)

Collisionless matter outweighs
baryons by factor of ~ 6

Not just in the “Universe”; in our own
Galaxy!



Dark-matter
density profile:

$$\rho(r) = \rho_0 \frac{R^2 + a^2}{r^2 + R^2}$$

Local dark-matter
density: $\sim 0.4 \text{ GeV/cm}^3$

Velocity dispersion:
 $v \sim 300 \text{ km/sec}$

3-5 kpc



8.5 kpc



Dark matter properties:

- Must have no (or no more than very weak) coupling to photons
- Cross section for self-scattering must be $<10^{-24} \text{ cm}^2$
- Interactions with baryons must be very weak

Only SM particle that fits the bill is neutrino

Could dark matter be neutrino?

No!

Quantum mechanics:

$$\Delta x \Delta p > \hbar$$

$$\Delta x \sim n_\nu^{-1/3} \sim (\rho_0/m_\nu)^{-1/3}$$

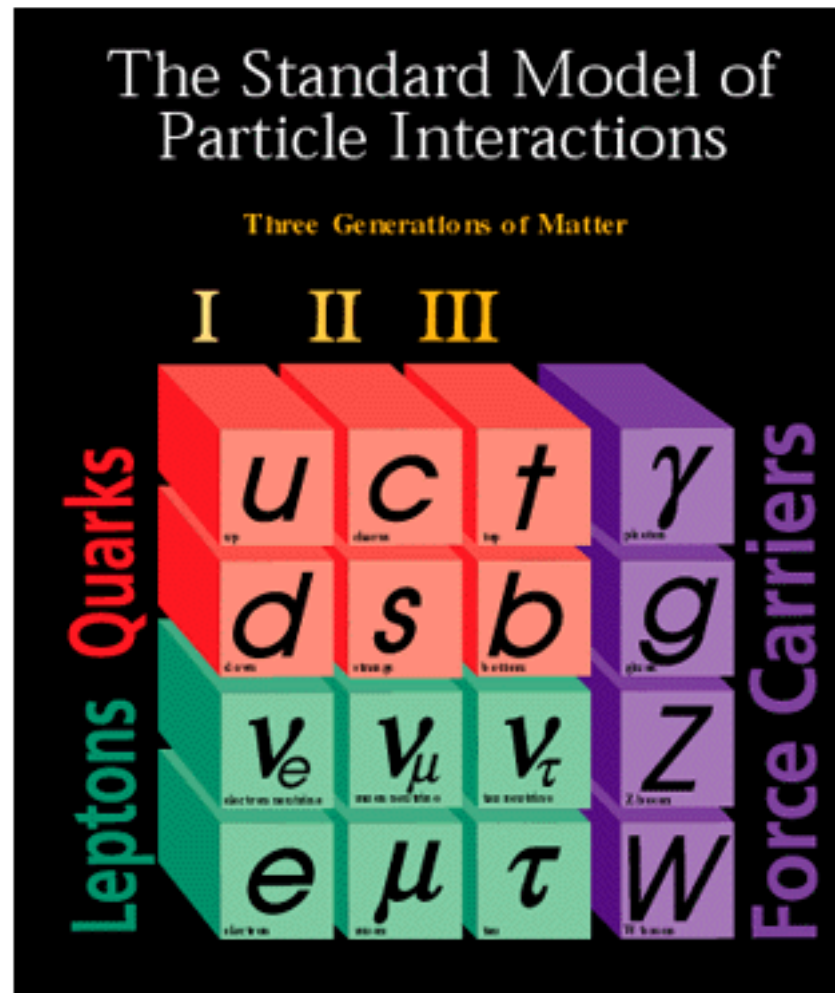
$$\Delta p \sim m_\nu v \quad (v \sim 300 \text{ km/sec})$$

$$\rightarrow m_\nu > 50 \text{ eV}$$

But

$$m_\nu < 10 \text{ eV} \quad \text{if} \quad \Omega_\nu h^2 < 0.1$$

Elementary-particle physics



Unfinished business

- Why three generations?
- Why the quark/lepton masses?
- Why no strong-CP violation?
- Why weak CP violation?
- Strong + Electroweak = grand unified theory?
- Gravity?

New Electroweak Physics:

- Technicolor, two Higgs-doublet models, left-right symmetric models, universal extra dimensionsSupersymmetry
- Often results in stable neutral particle with weak interactions (i.e., couple to Z^0 and W^\pm bosons, like neutrinos)

Supersymmetric models:

WIMP (weakly-interacting massive particle) is
neutralino = (photino + Z-ino + higgsino)

$$\tilde{\chi} = \xi_{\gamma} \tilde{\gamma} + \xi_Z \tilde{Z} + \xi_h \tilde{h}$$

Mass $m_{\tilde{\chi}} \sim 10\text{s} - 1000\text{s GeV}$

Spin=1/2 (Majorana fermion)

WIMP Freezeout

Annihilation Rate

Expansion Rate

$$\Gamma(\chi\chi \leftrightarrow q\bar{q}, l\bar{l}, \dots) = n_\chi \langle \sigma |v| \rangle \quad H = \left(\frac{8\pi G\rho}{3} \right)^{1/2} \propto T^2$$

Early Times:

$$k_B T \gg m_\chi c^2$$

$$n_\chi \propto T^3$$

$$\Gamma \gg H$$

Equilibrium Holds

Late Times:

$$k_B T \ll m_\chi c^2$$

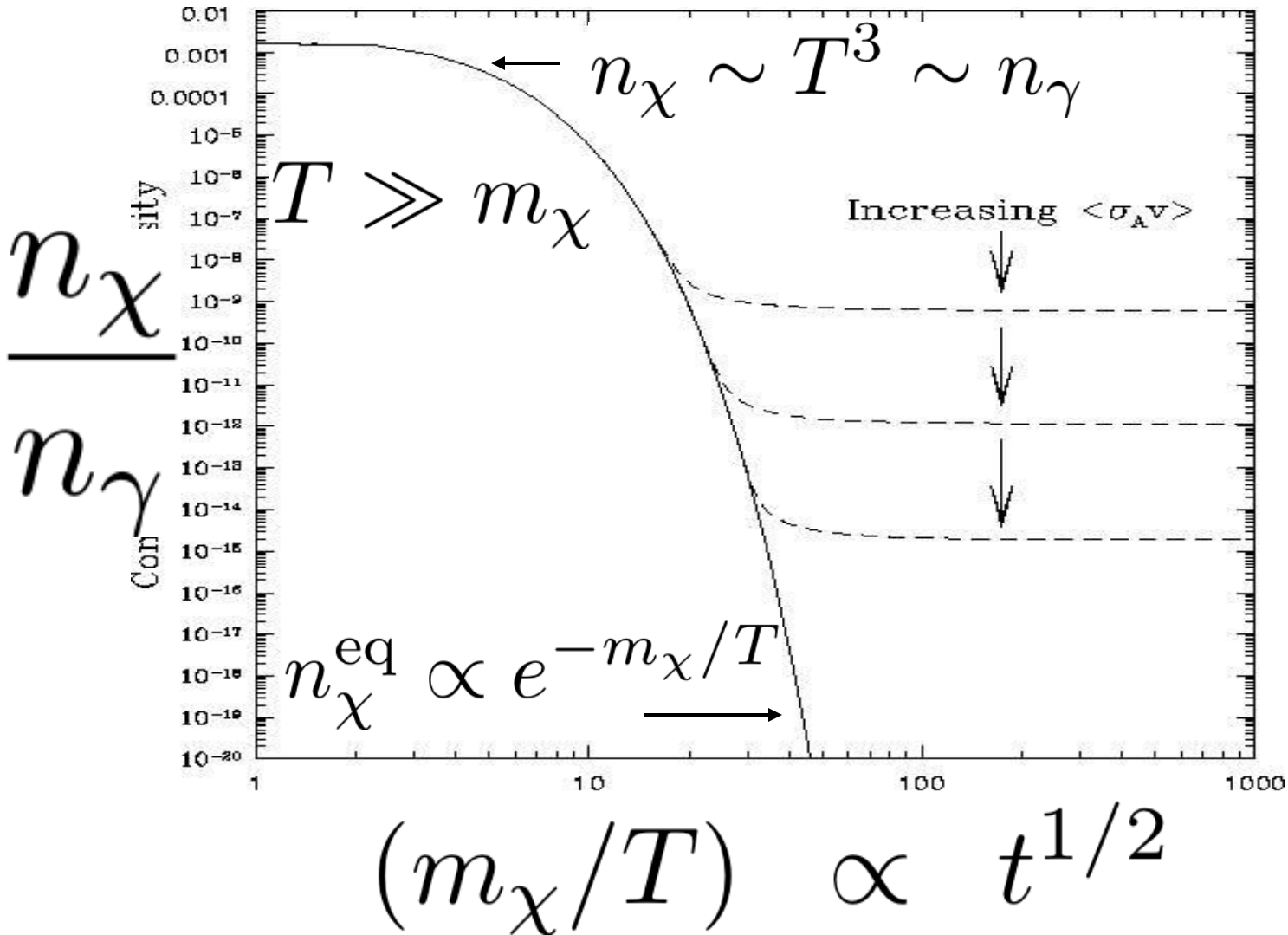
$$n_\chi^{\text{eq}} \propto e^{-m_\chi/T}$$

$$\Gamma \ll H$$

Annihilations can
not occur

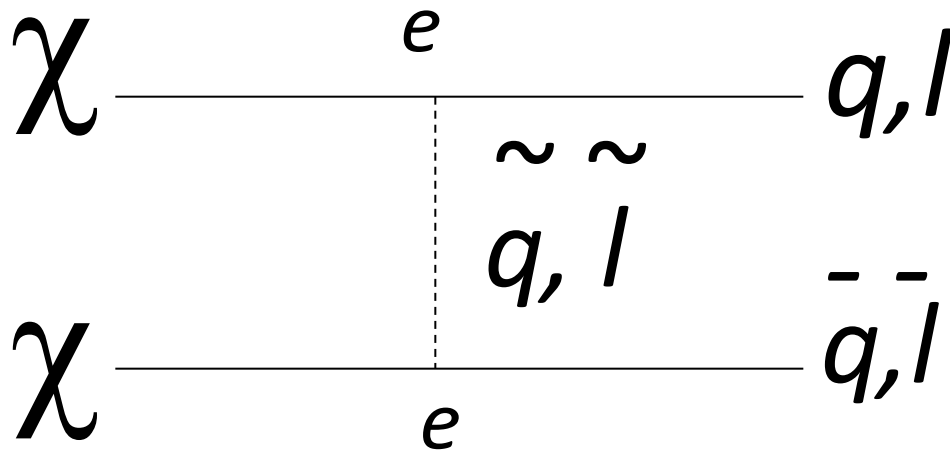
“Freezeout” at $\Gamma(T_f) = H(T_f)$

Afterwards, comoving WIMP # constant



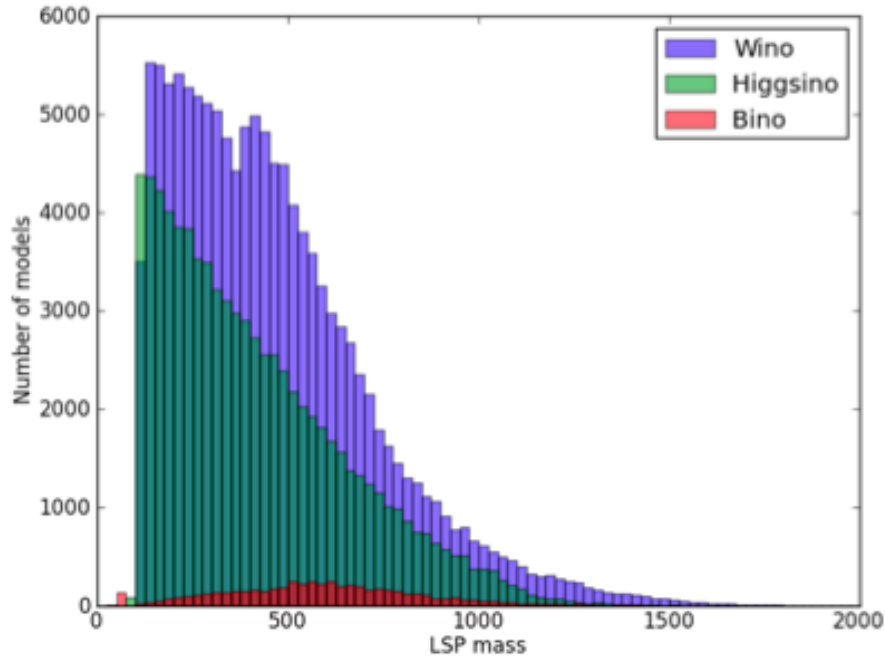
Freezeout Calculation:

$$\Omega_\chi h^2 \simeq 0.1 \left(\frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle}{3 \times 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ sec}^{-1}} \right)^{-1}$$

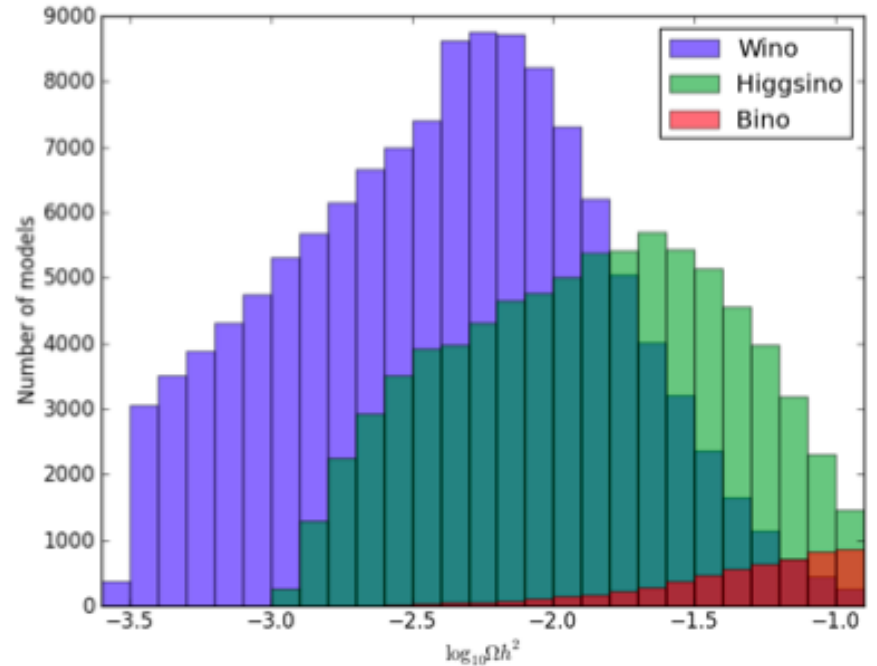


$$\sigma \sim \frac{\alpha^2}{m_\chi^2}$$

Number of models

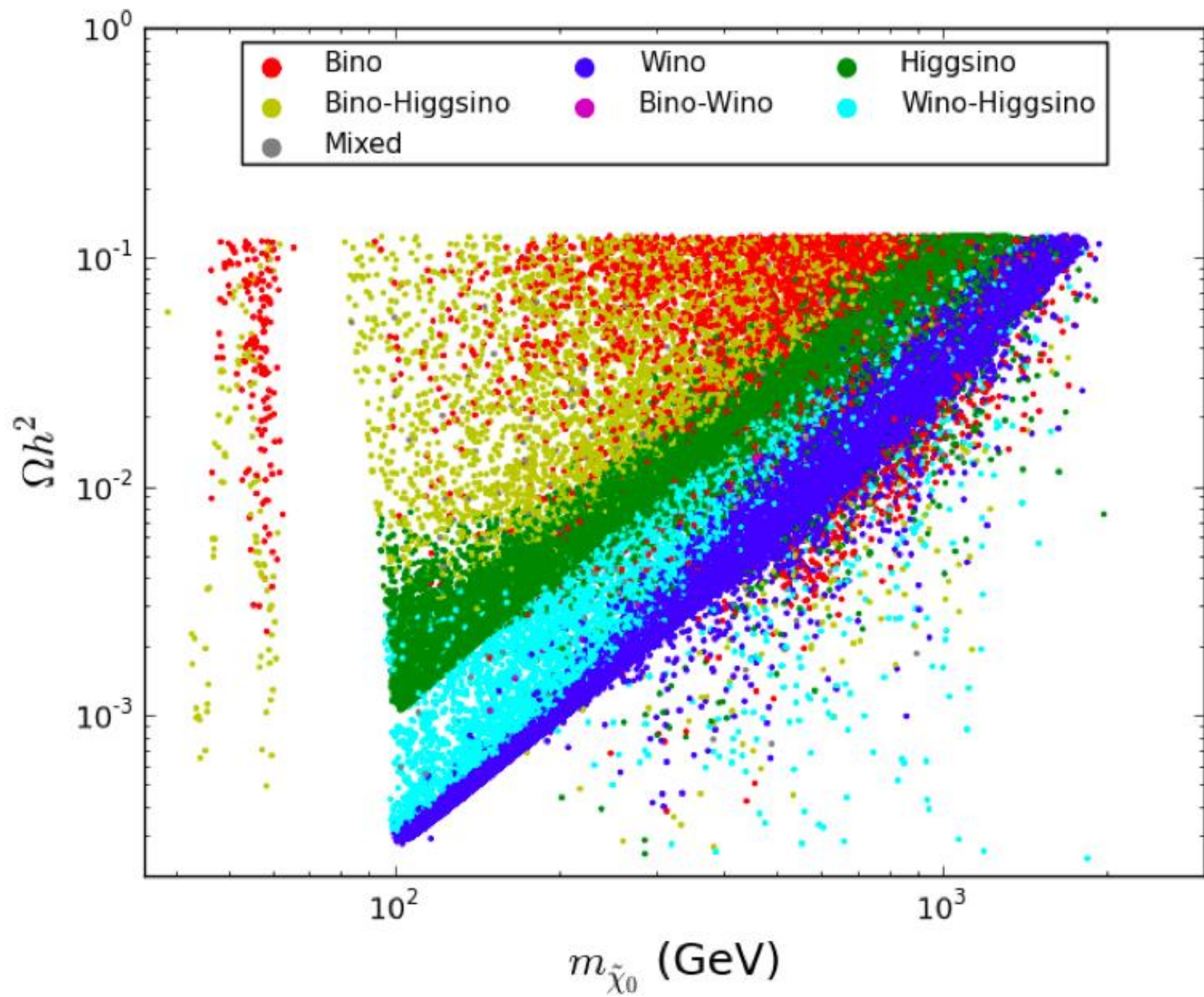


LSP Mass



Relic density

Survey of MSSM (Cahill-Rowley et al. 1305.6921)



$$\Omega_\chi h^2 \sim m_\chi^2 \quad \text{from} \quad \langle \sigma v \rangle \sim m_\chi^{-2}$$

In fact, partial-wave unitarity,

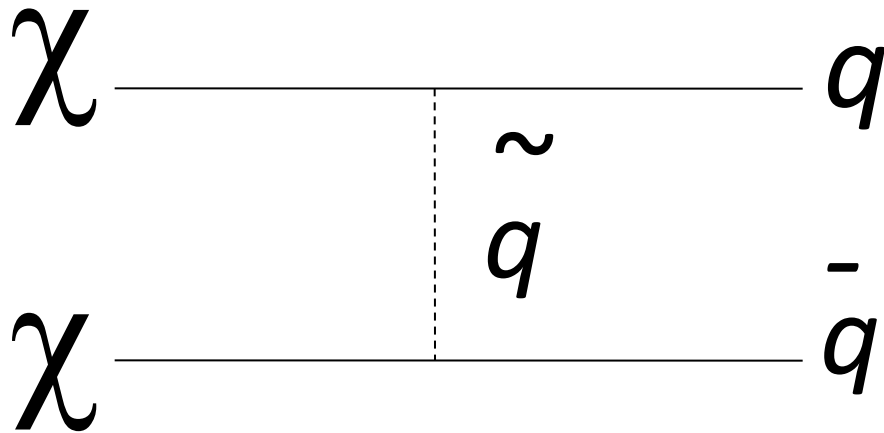
$$\langle \sigma v \rangle \lesssim m_\chi^{-2} \quad \text{with} \quad \Omega_\chi h^2 \lesssim 0.1$$

leads to WIMP-mass limit,

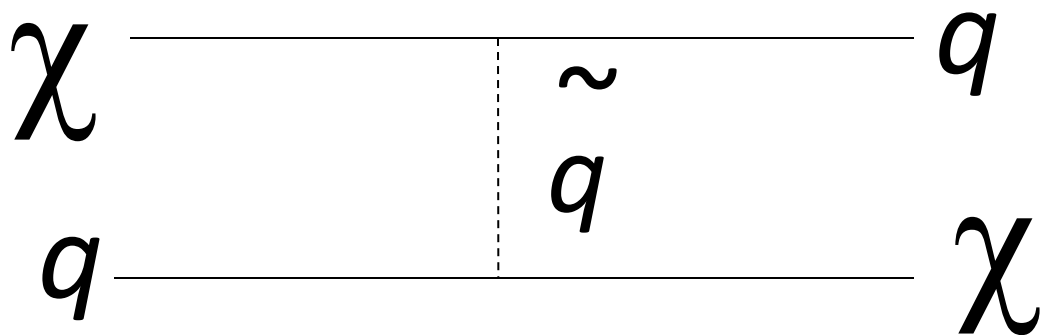
$$m_\chi \lesssim 100 \text{ TeV}$$

Griest&MK 1991

WIMP Detection: Crossing Symmetry



for $\Omega_\chi h^2 \sim 0.1$



WIMP-quark
scattering with
similar cross section

Direct detection:

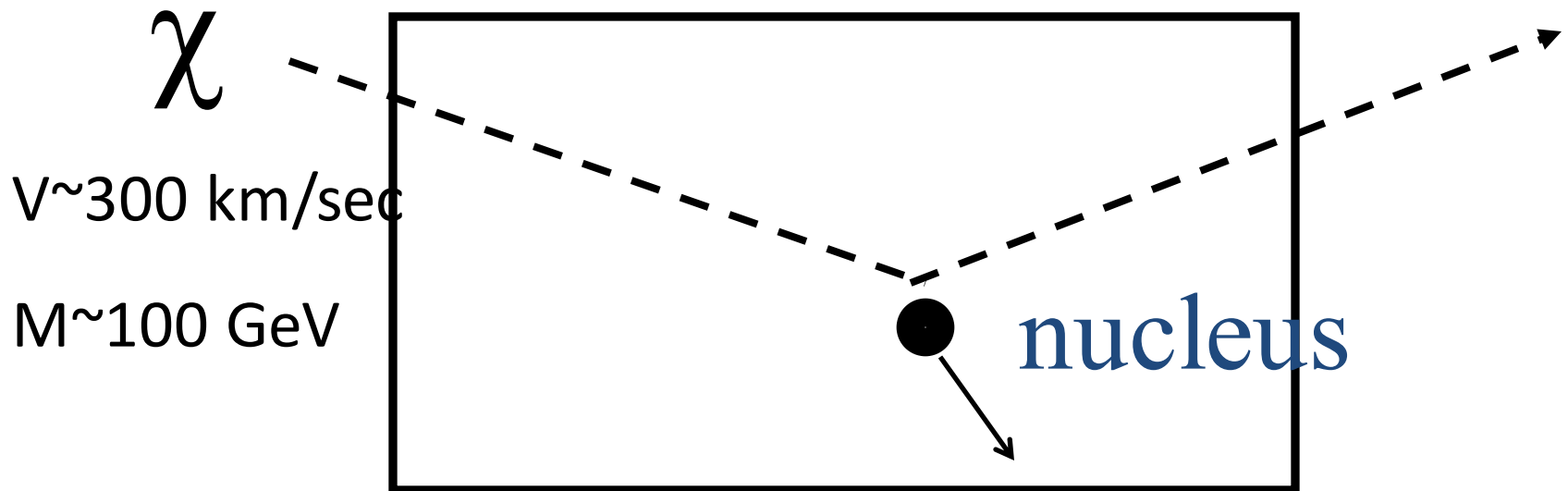
QCD

nuclear physics

$$\chi q \longrightarrow \chi n \longrightarrow \chi N$$

$$\sigma_{\text{WIMP-nucleus}} \sim 10^{-36} \text{ cm}^2$$

E.g., Ge or Xe detector



$$E_{recoil} \sim (1/2)mv^2 \sim 50 \text{ keV}$$

Rate:

$$\begin{aligned} n\sigma v N_{\text{nuclei}} &\sim (10^{-36} \text{ cm}^2) \left(\frac{0.4 \text{ GeV/cm}^3}{100 \text{ GeV}} \right) (3 \times 10^7 \text{ cm/sec}) \left(\frac{6 \times 10^{23} \text{ kg}^{-1}}{A} \right) \\ &\sim \text{few kg}^{-1} \text{ yr}^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Wimp can have several types of interactions with nuclei; e.g.,

- Scalar interaction (or spin-independent)

- $\mathcal{L} \sim \bar{\chi}\chi\bar{q}q$

- Couples to *mass* of nucleus

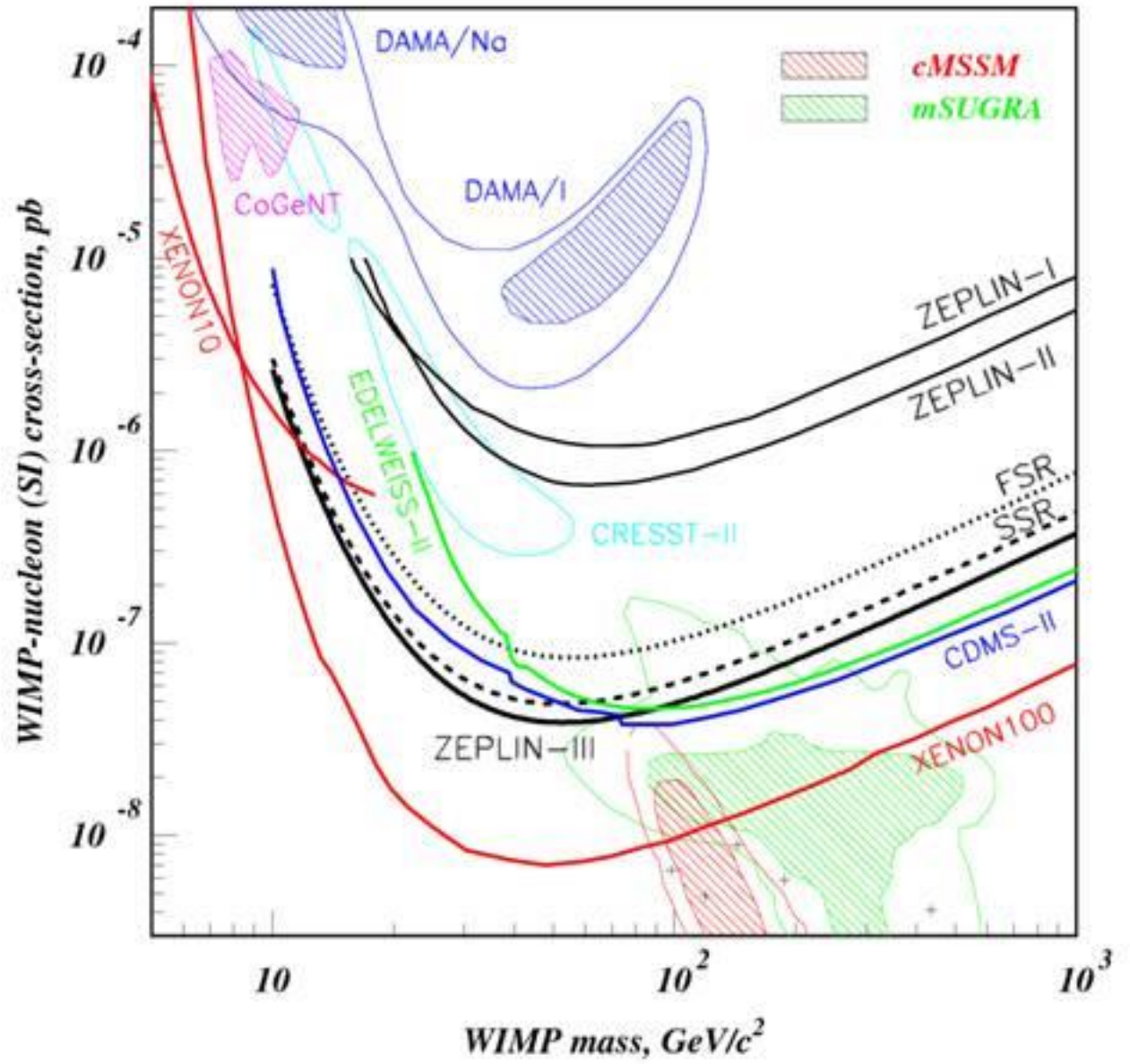
- Axial-vector (or spin-dependent)

- $\mathcal{L} \sim \bar{\chi}\gamma^\mu\gamma_5\chi\bar{q}\gamma_\mu\gamma_5q$

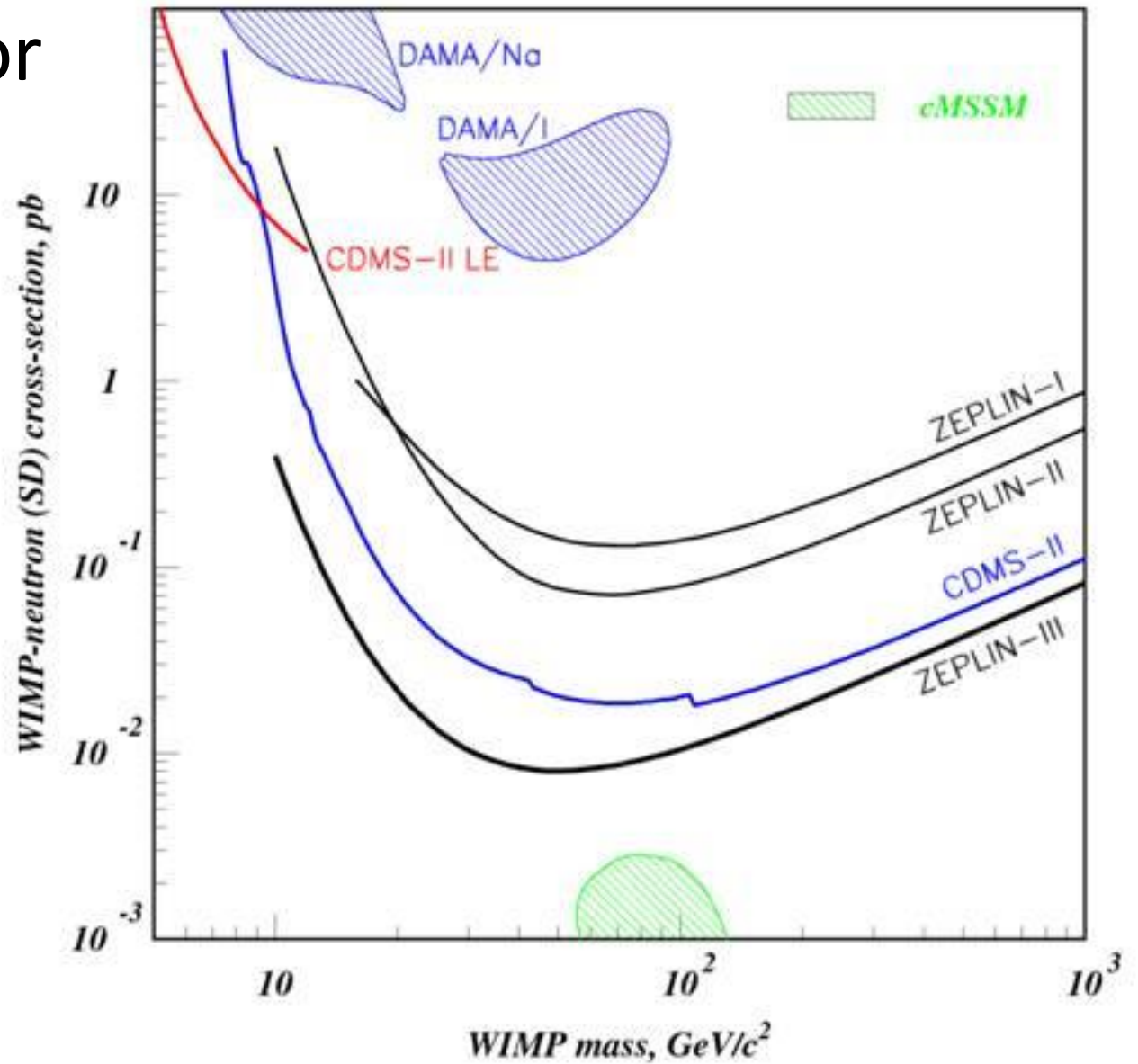
- Couples to *spin* of nucleus

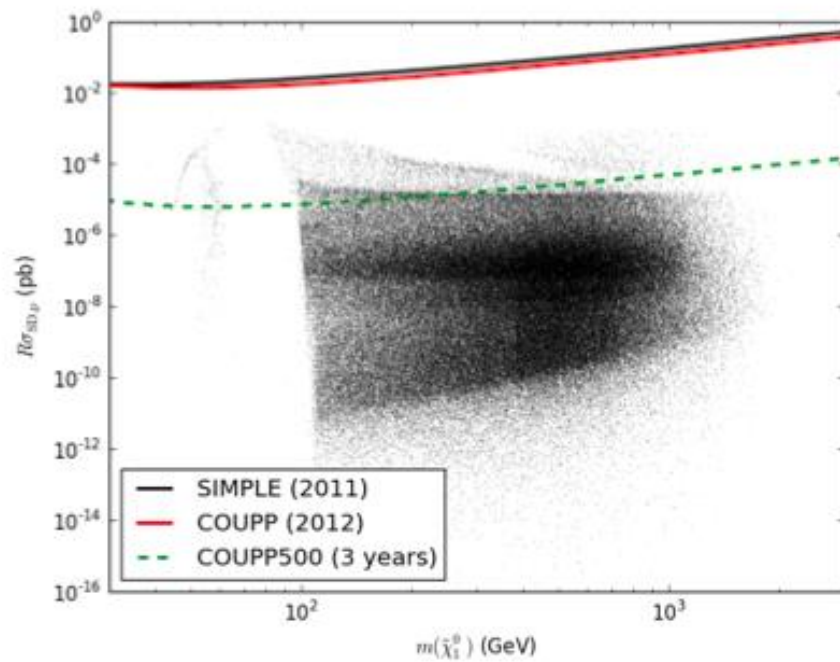
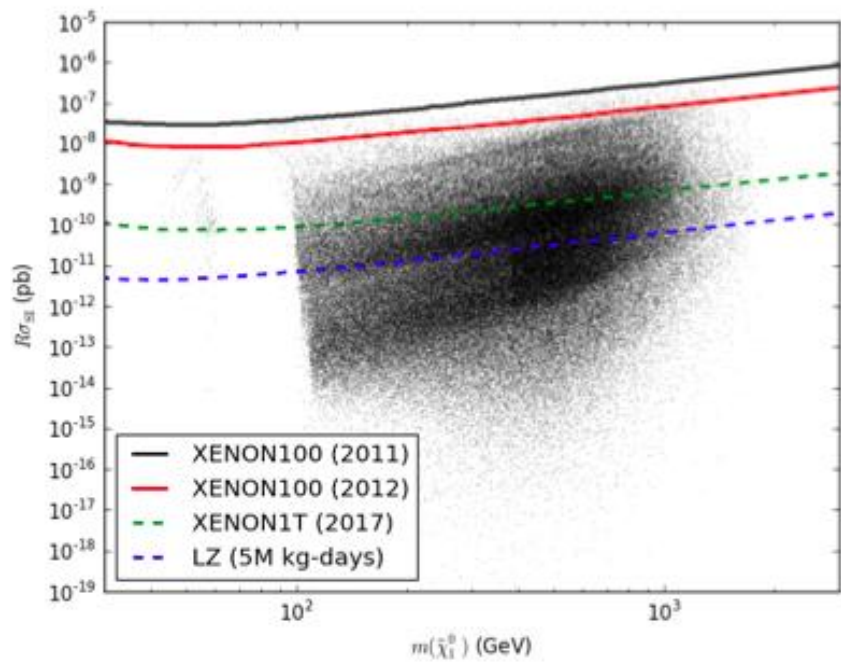
- (actually, more like spin of unpaired neutron or proton)

scalar

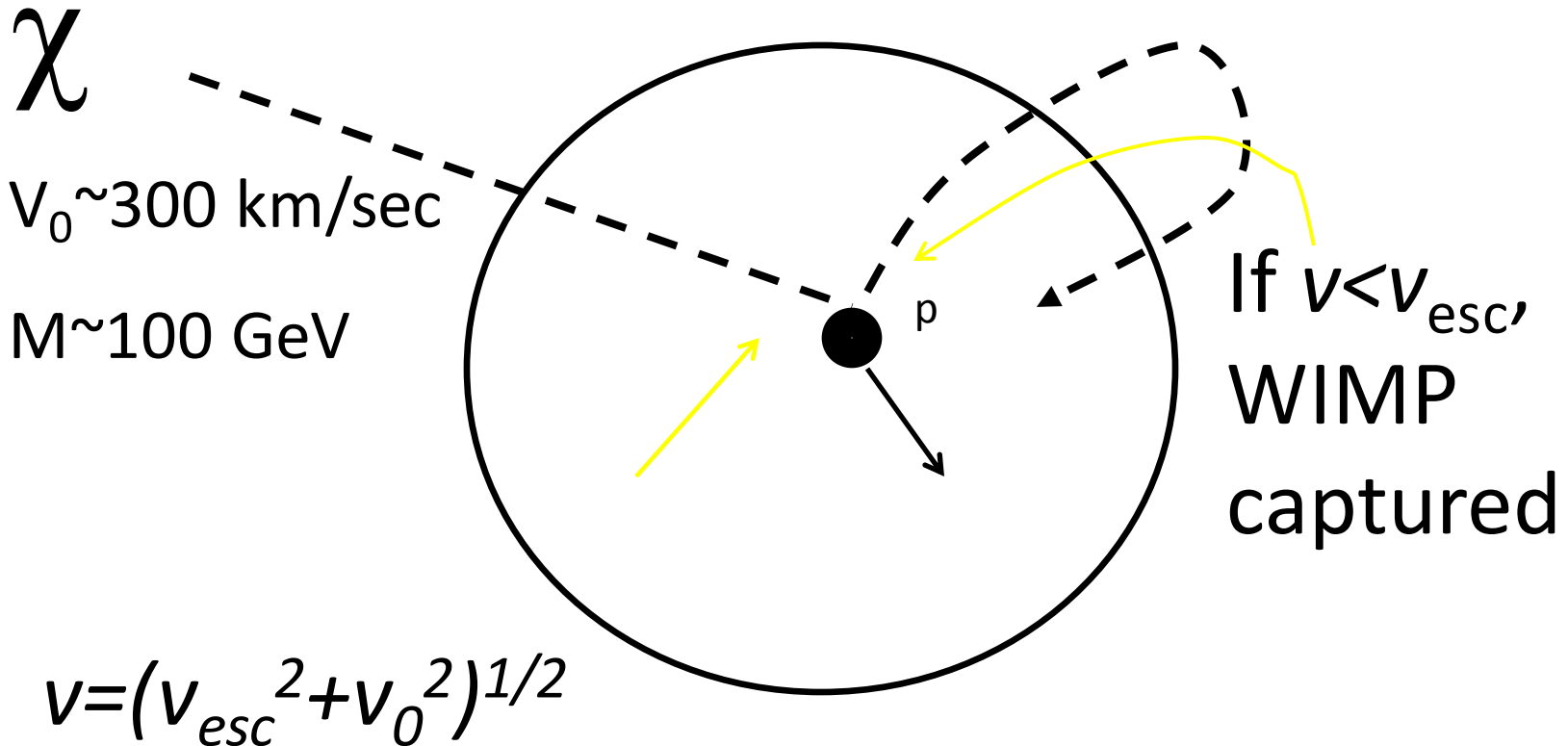


Axial-vector





Indirect Detection: Energetic neutrinos from WIMP annihilation in Sun/Earth



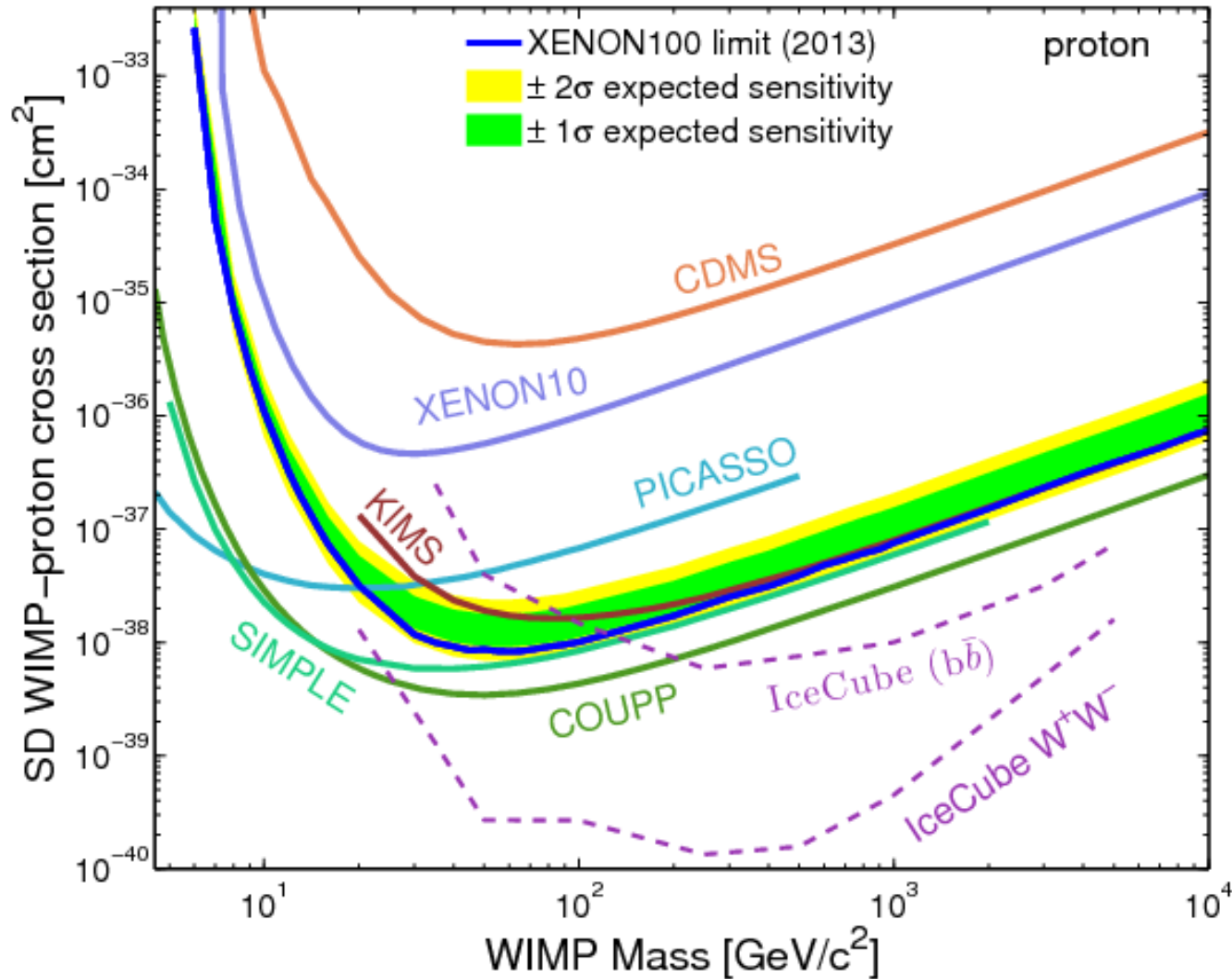
Inside Sun and/or Earth:

$$\chi\chi \rightarrow (W^+W^-, Z^0Z^0, q\bar{q}, l\bar{l}, \dots) \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}$$

$$E_\nu \sim (1/10 - 1/2)m_\chi \sim 10 - 1000s \text{ GeV}$$

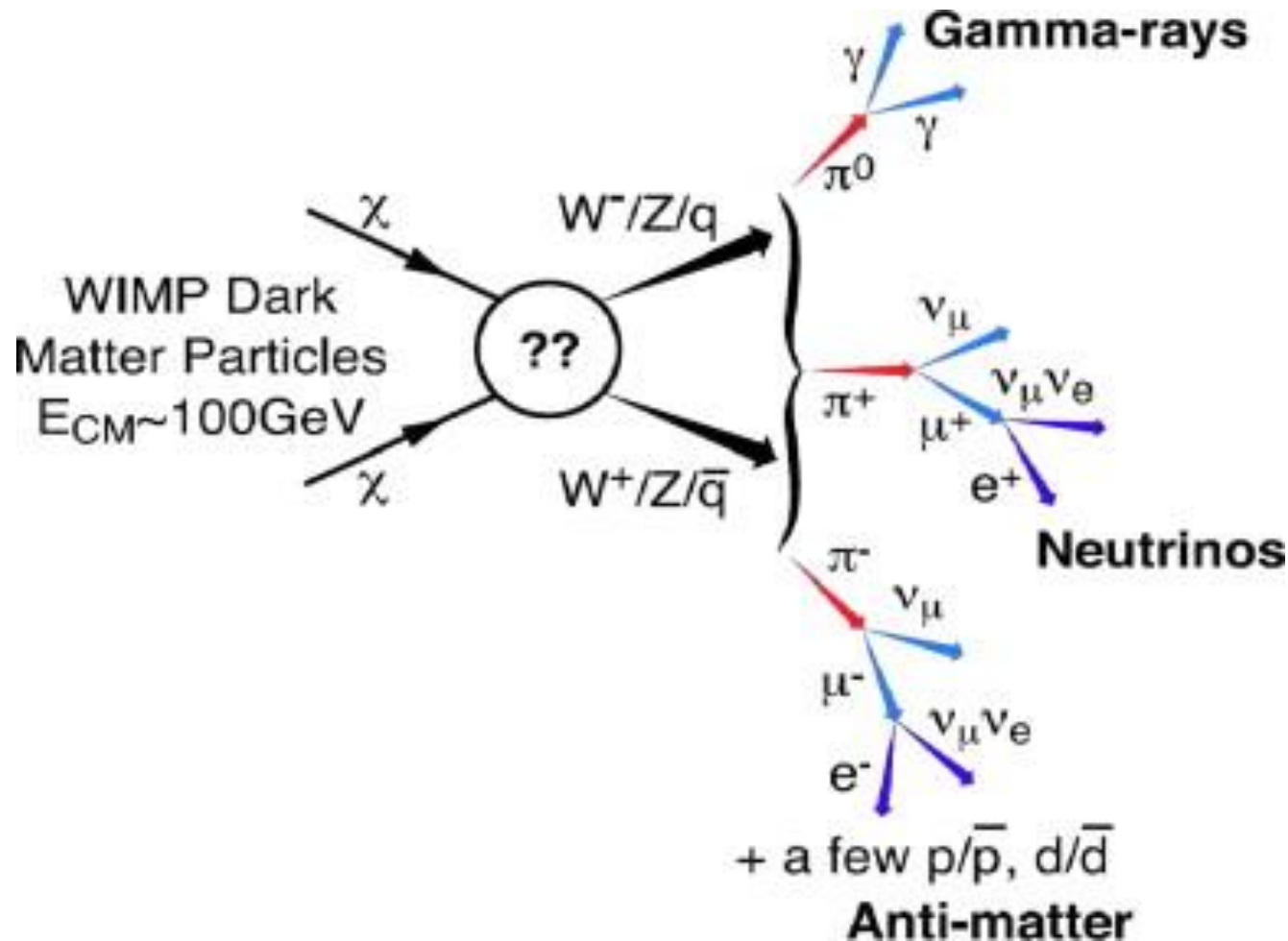
Neutrinos sought in, e.g., MACRO, IMB,
Super-Kamiokande, IceCube.....

WIMPs that couple to nuclear spin may be effectively sought through energetic neutrinos from the Sun

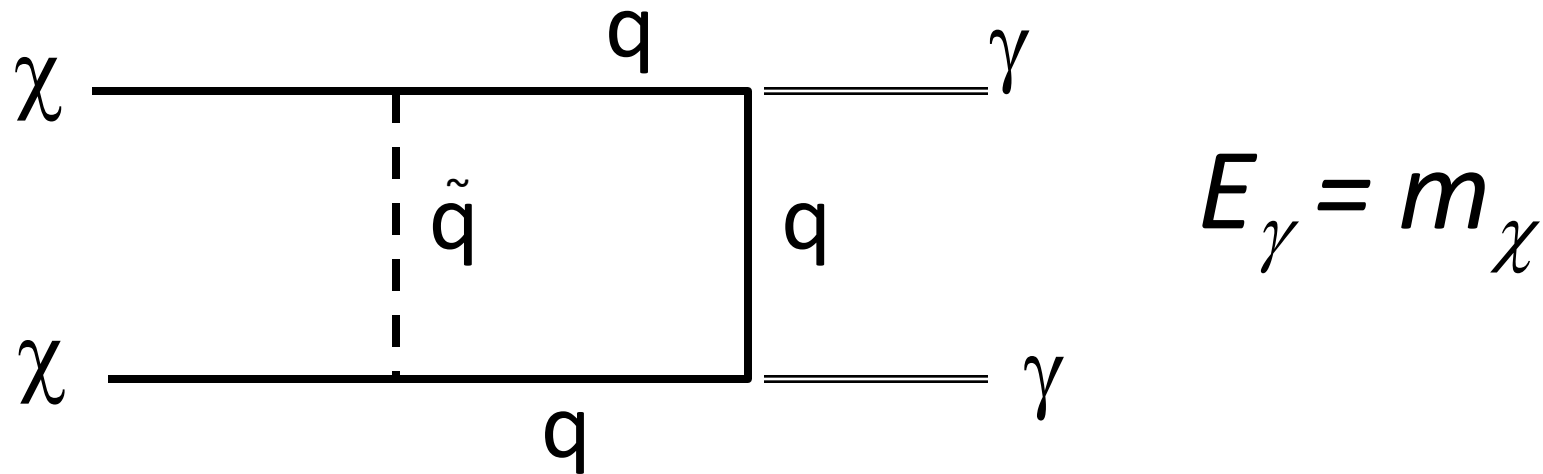


Ullio, MK, Vogel (2001)

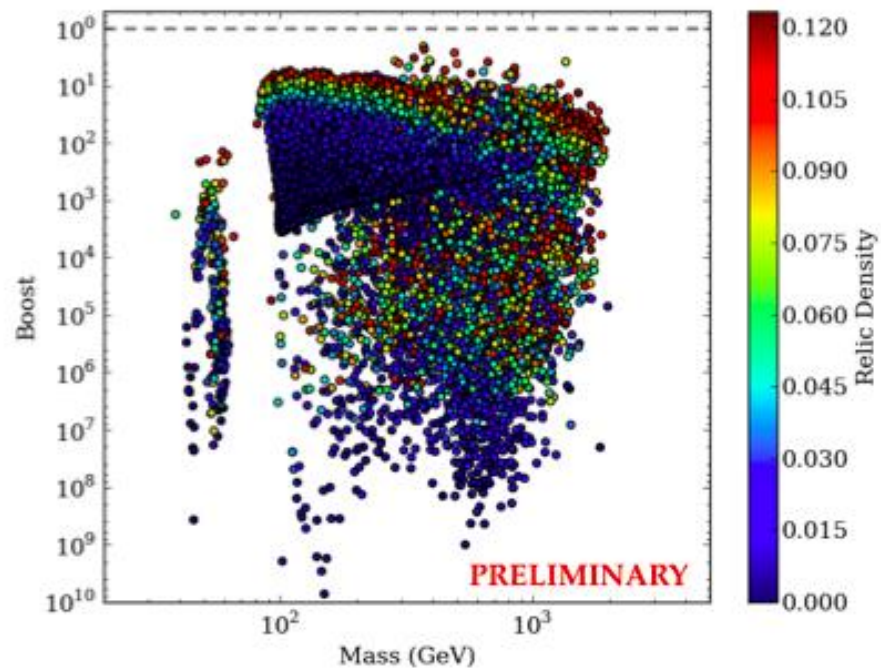
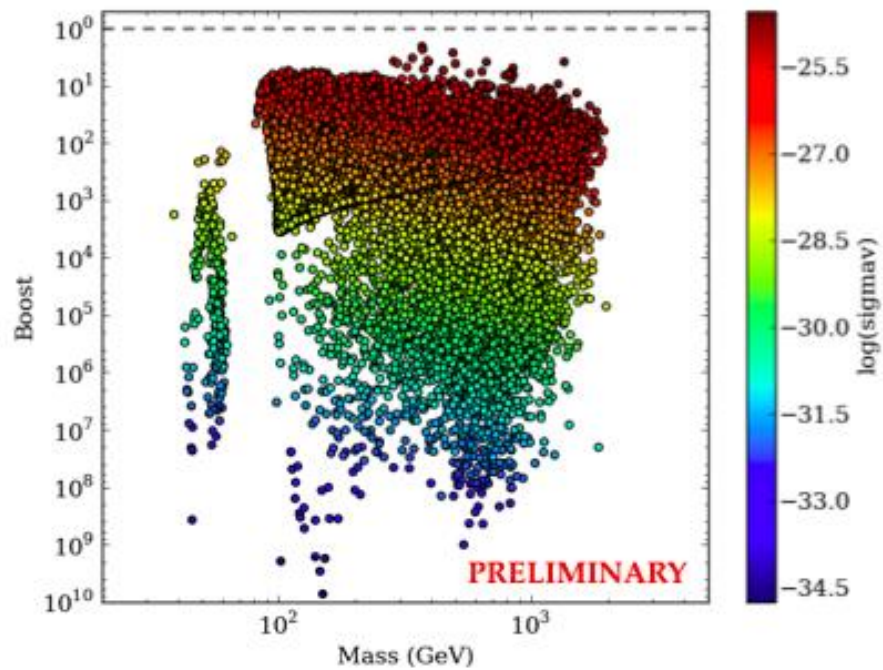
Indirect detection: Exotic cosmic rays from WIMP annihilation in Galactic halo

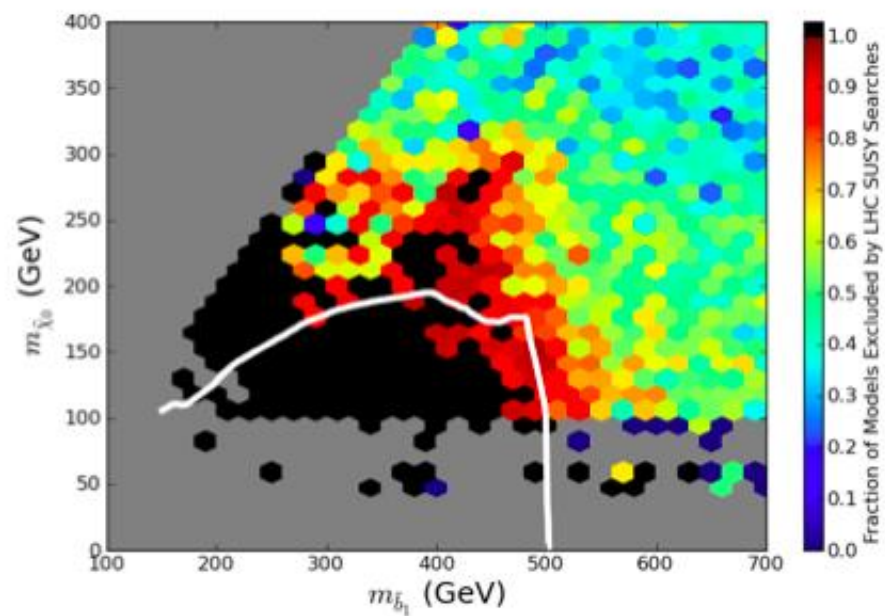
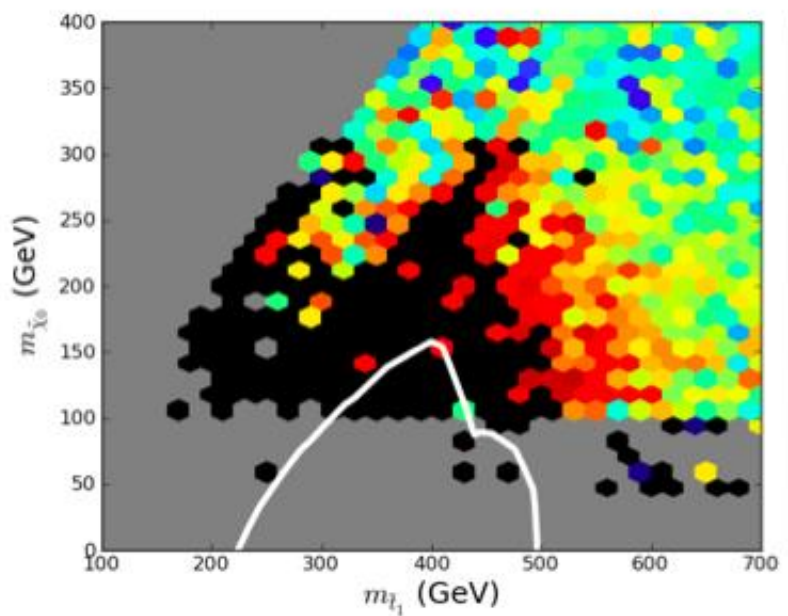
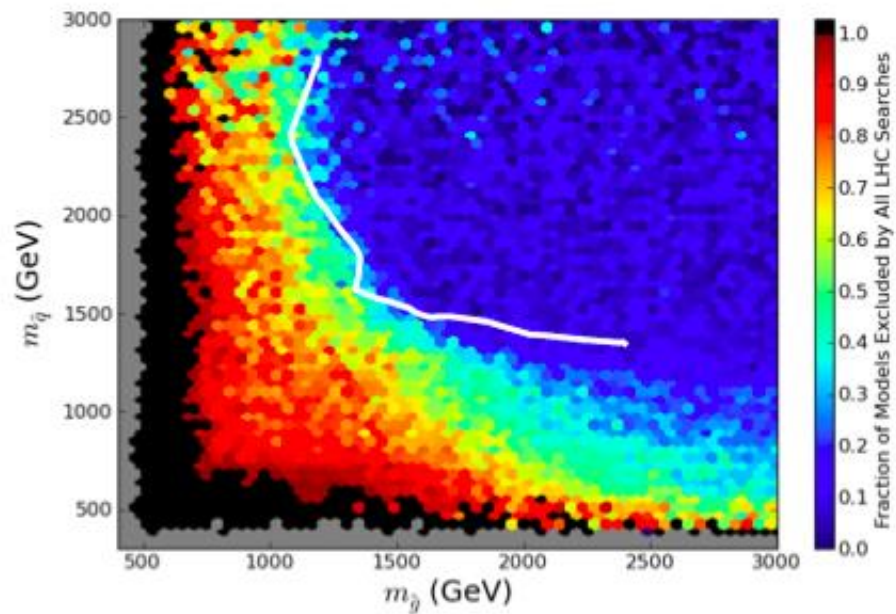
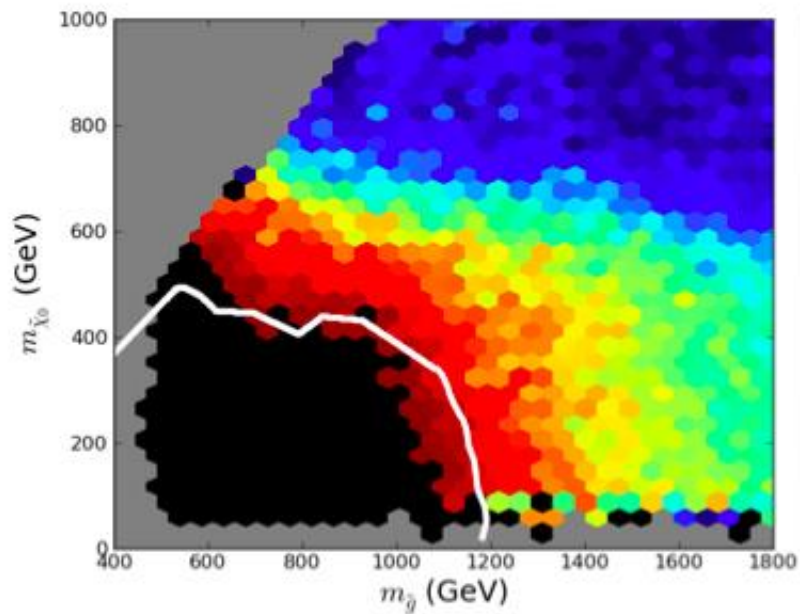


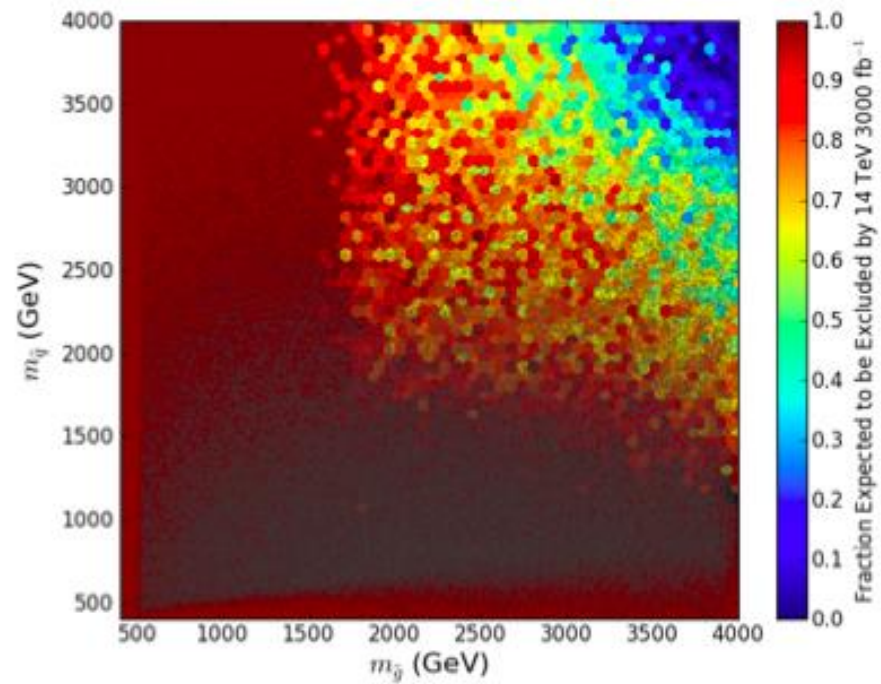
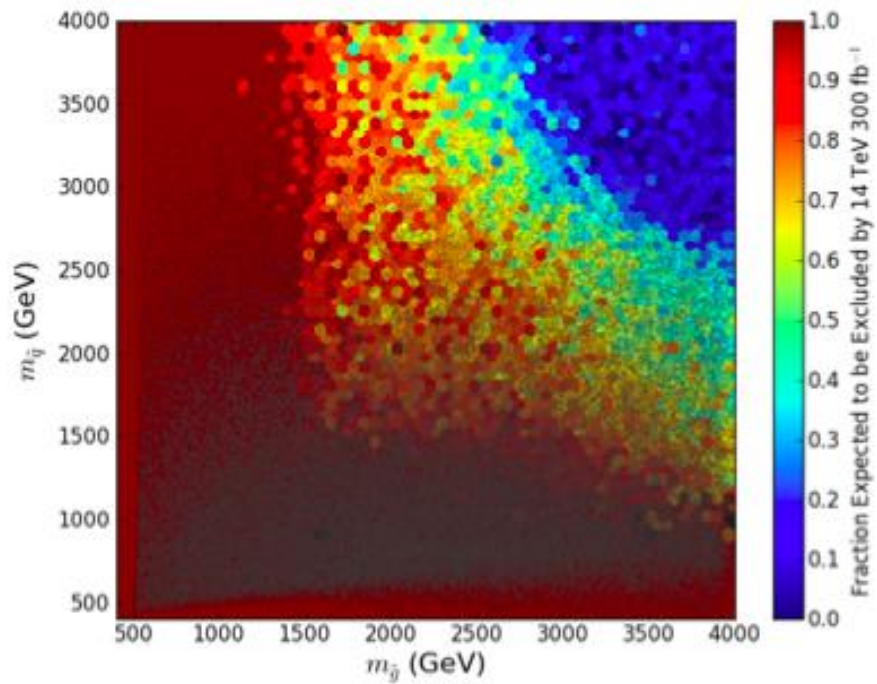
Indirect Detection: Gamma-rays from WIMP annihilation in Galactic halo



Can be sought in Fermi, air Cherenkov telescopes (e.g, CTA)







Cahill-Rowley conclusions:

- LSP may exist/detectable, even if not DM
- If its DM, most likely (co-annihilating) B-ino
- SI direct detection, CTA, LHC most important tools
- Different avenues are complementary

Variations/Questions/extensions/etc

- Gravitino
 - Must exist
 - May be LSP
 - May be DM, but relic density not set by WIMP miracle
 - If light, may lead to interesting LHC signatures (e.g., displaced vertices, Feng, Lee, MK 2011)

Variations/Questions/extensions/etc

- Gamma-ray/cosmic-ray anomalies
 - Are *lots*
 - None explained by canonical WIMP
 - Boosts required for Galactic annihilation rate
 - Explained by clumping of DM?
 - Explained by Sommerfeld enhancement?
 - Requires extension of WIMP scenario to include additional light particle

Variations/Questions/extensions/etc

- Self-interacting DM?
 - Empirical window very narrow
 - May appear in models that introduce Sommerfeld

Variations/Questions/extensions/etc

- Fifth force, EP violation
 - Postulated to solve problems (?) with LSS
 - Tightly constrained by tidal tails of Sgr dwarf
(Kesden, MK 2006)

Variations/Questions/extensions/etc

- Inelastic DM
 - Motivated (in part) to explain DAMA
- New DM-baryon interactions beyond scalar/axial-vector (e.g., dipole, Sigurdson et al. 2004; Kurylov, MK 2004)

Variations/Questions/extensions/etc

- Asymmetric dark matter (Kaplan, Luty, Zurek, 2009)
 - Accounts for coincidence between DM, baryon densities
 - Lots of current interest

AXIONS

The Strong CP Problem

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = \dots + \theta \frac{g^2}{32\pi^2} G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}^{a\mu\nu}$$

From constraints to the neutron EDM,

. $\theta \leq 10^{-10}$

Why is θ so small?

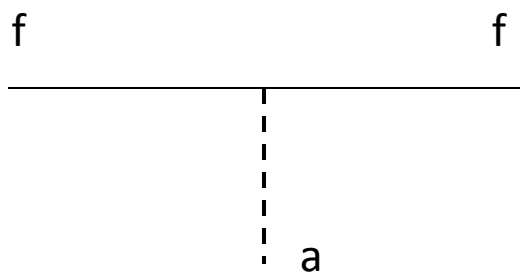
If a $U_{PQ}(1)$ symmetry is assumed,

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} = \dots + \frac{\varphi}{f_a} \frac{g^2}{32\pi^2} G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}^{a\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \varphi) (\partial^\mu \varphi)$$

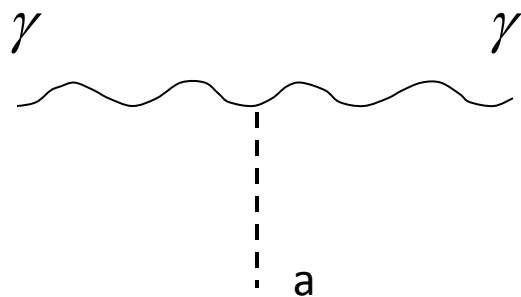
$$\theta = \frac{\varphi}{f_a} \quad \text{relaxes to zero,}$$

Axion = quantum of φ , a PNGB

$$m_a \approx 6 \text{ eV} \frac{10^6 \text{ GeV}}{f_a}$$



$$L_{a\bar{f}f} = i g_f \frac{\varphi}{f_a} \bar{f} \gamma_5 f$$

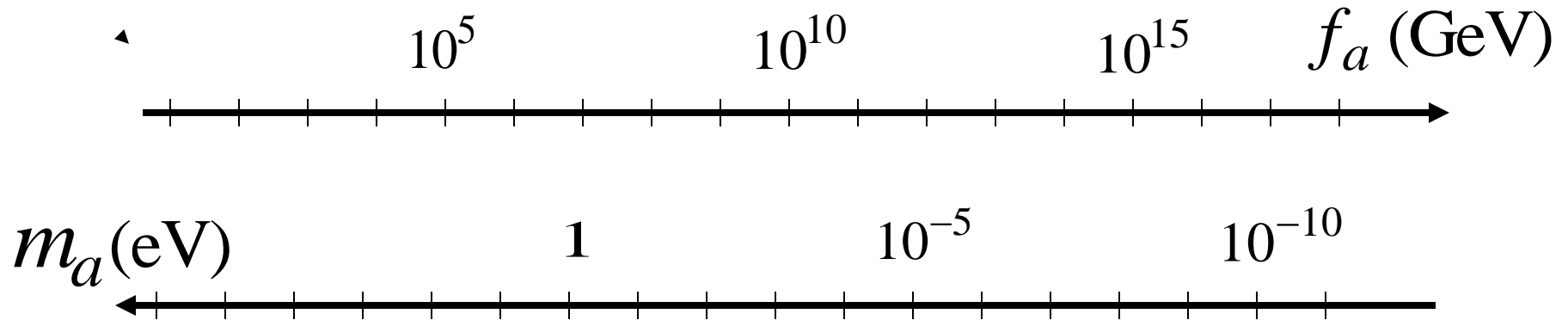


$$L_{a\gamma\gamma} = g_\gamma \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \frac{\varphi}{f_a} \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B}$$

$$g_\gamma = \begin{cases} 0.97 & \text{in KSVZ model} \\ 0.36 & \text{in DFSZ model} \end{cases}$$

(Sikivie)

The remaining axion window

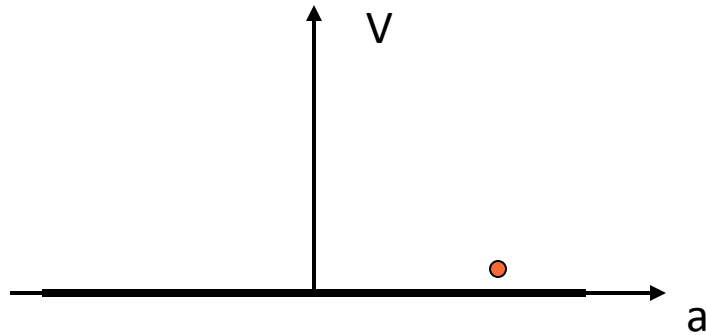


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searches

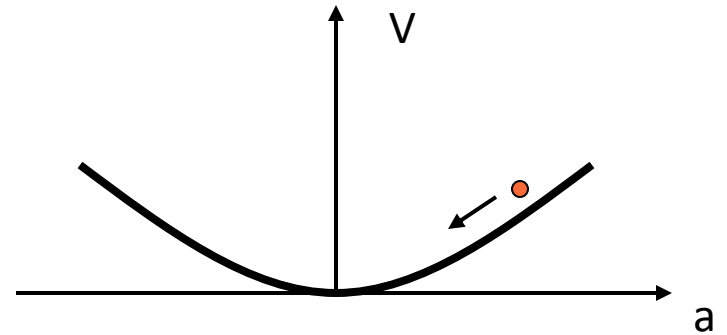
cosmology

stellar
evolution

Axion production by vacuum realignment



$$T \geq 1 \text{ GeV}$$



$$T \leq 1 \text{ GeV}$$

$$n_a(t_1) \simeq \frac{1}{2} m_a(t_1) \varphi(t_1)^2 \simeq \frac{1}{2t_1} f_a^2 \theta(t_1)^2$$

$$\rho_a(t_0) \simeq m_a n_a(t_1) \left(\frac{a_1}{a_0} \right)^3 \propto m_a^{-\frac{7}{6}}$$

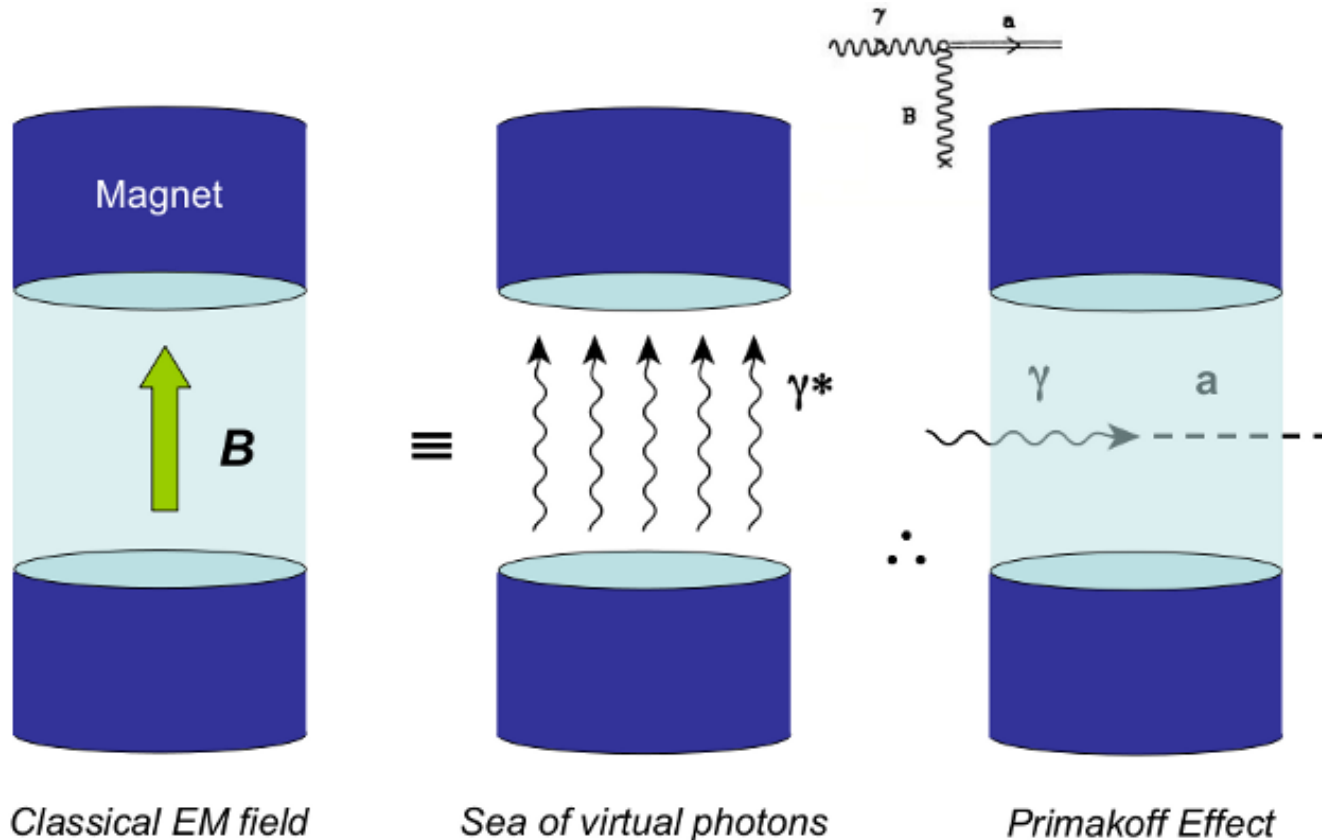
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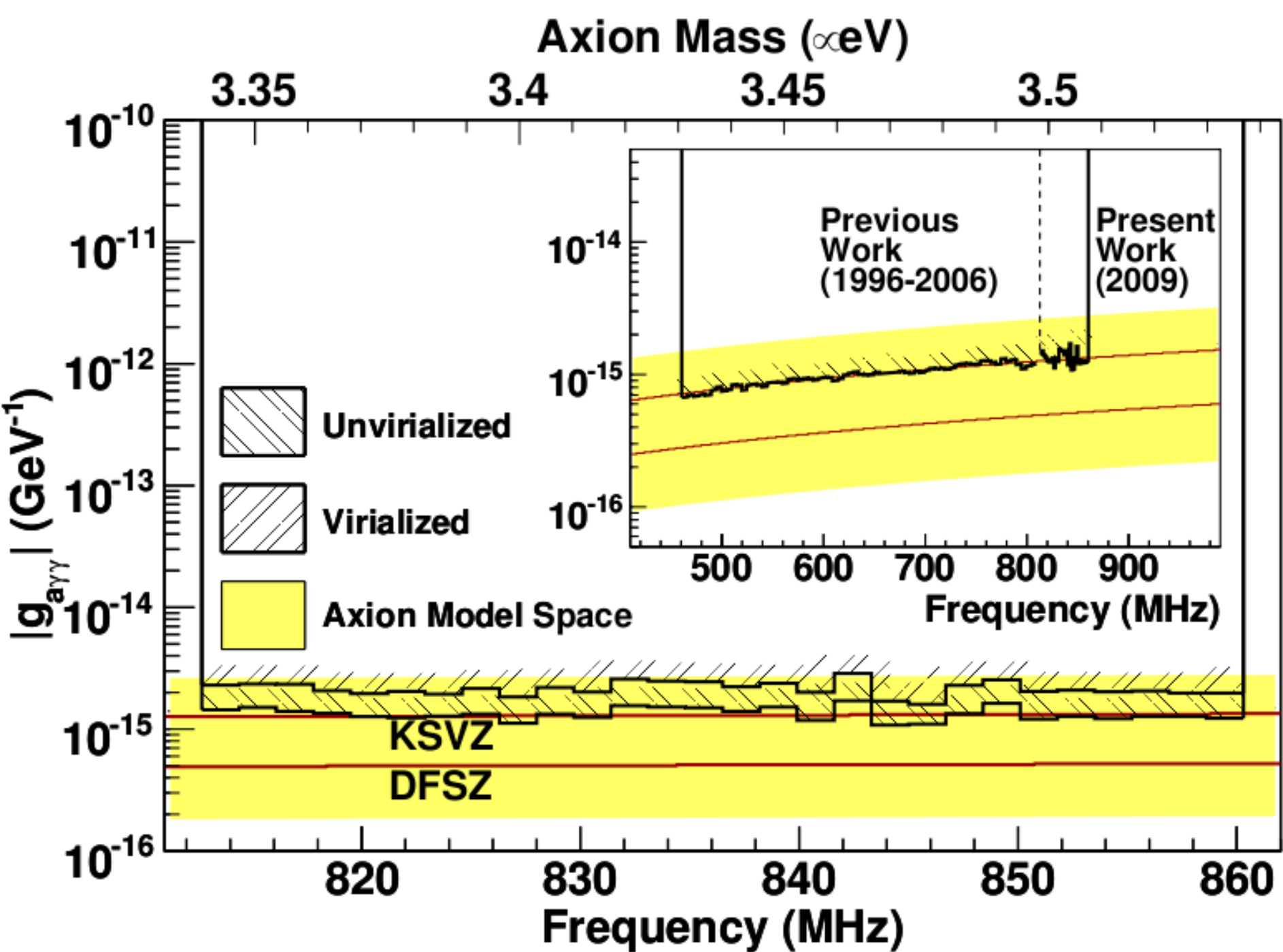
Axion relic density

$$\Omega_a \simeq 0.15 \left(\frac{f_a}{10^{12} \text{ GeV}} \right)^{7/6} \theta_1^2$$

Detection of axions (e.g., ADMX expt)

- Through Primakoff effect (axion-photon-photon production)



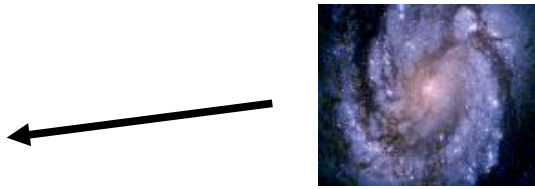


Dark Energy

The image features a 3D puzzle where each piece is a different galaxy, primarily in shades of blue and purple. The puzzle is arranged in a grid, with one piece in the center-top position missing, revealing a bright, glowing orange and yellow light source. The text "Dark Energy" is written in a large, bold, 3D font with a yellow-to-orange gradient, slanted diagonally across the center of the puzzle.

The Physics of Cosmic Acceleration

Based on Caldwell, MK ARNP 59, 397
(2009) [arXiv:0903.0866]



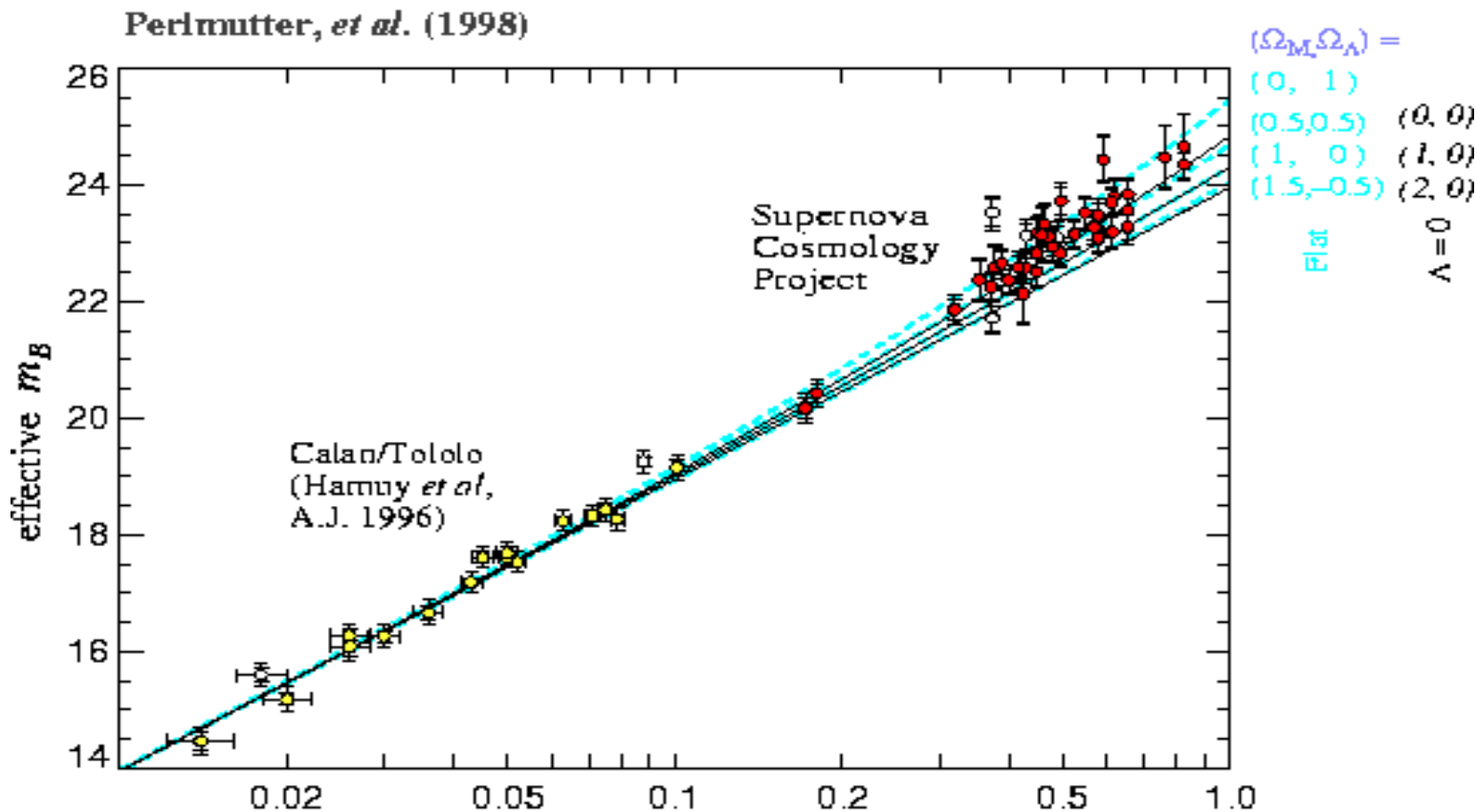
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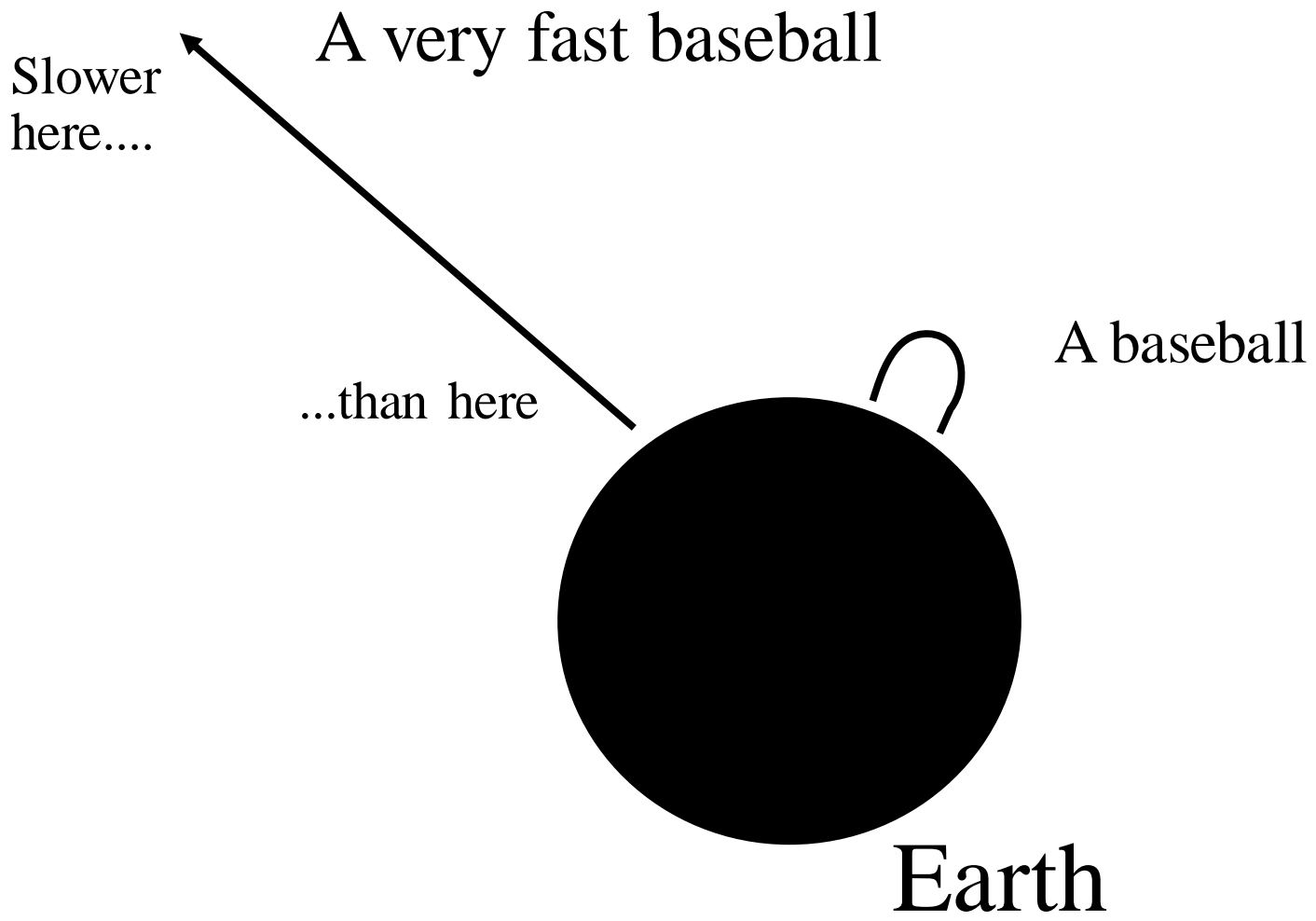
The expansion rate is accelerating!!!!

↑
FAINTER
(Farther)
(Further back in time)

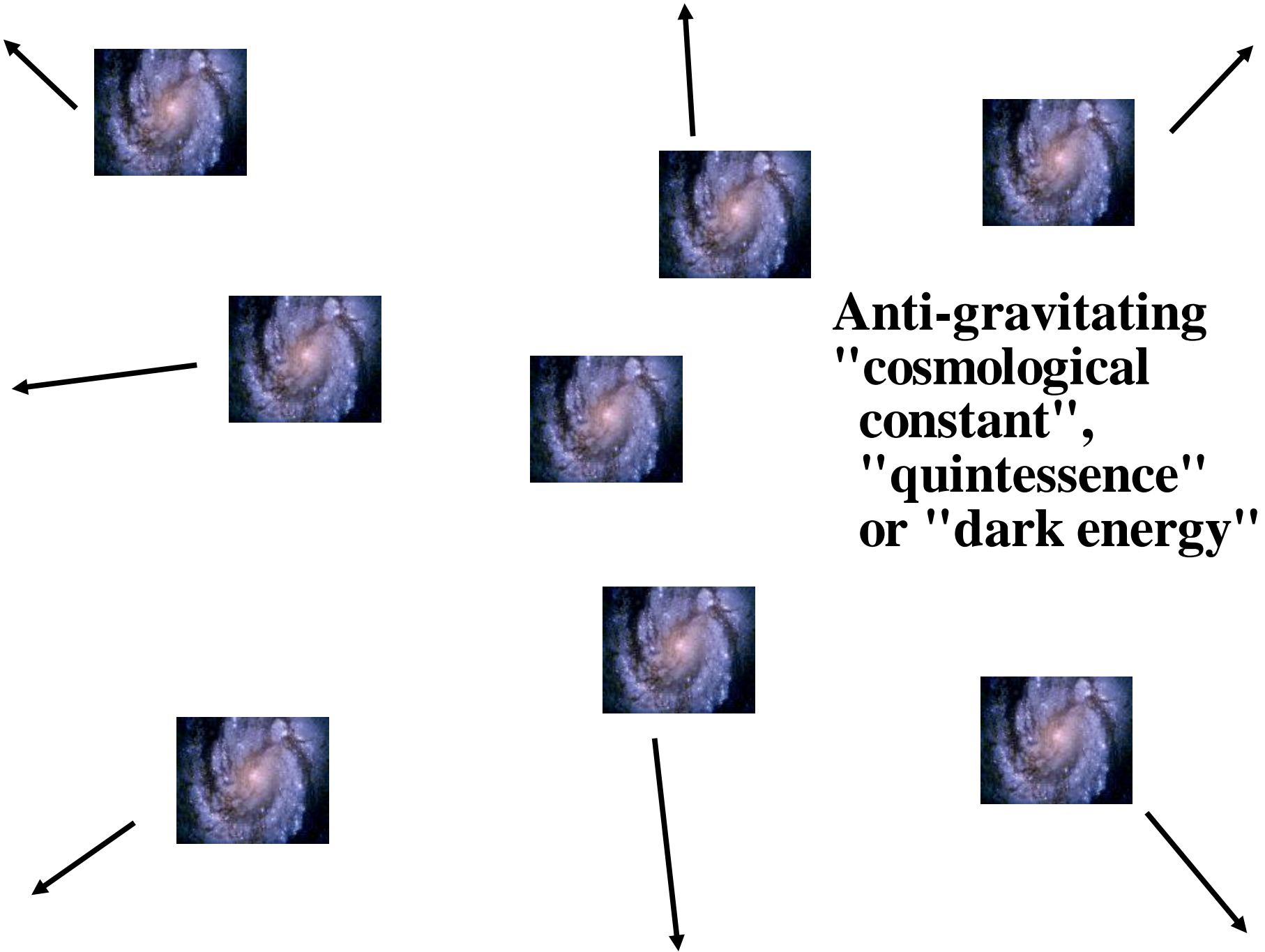
Distance



→ MORE REDSHIFT
(More total expansion of universe
since the supernova explosion)



Gravity is attractive



**Anti-gravitating
"cosmological
constant",
"quintessence"
or "dark energy"**

How can this be explained?

Newtonian gravity:

$$\nabla^2 \Phi = 4\pi G \rho$$

How can this be explained?

Relativistic gravity (general relativity):

$$\nabla^2 \Phi = 4\pi G(\rho + 3p)$$

i.e., pressure also sources gravitational field

If $w = \frac{p}{\rho} < -\frac{1}{3}$, then gravity repulsive

THE PHYSICS OF COSMIC ACCELERATION

Basics: FRW metric ^{scale factor}

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + a^2(t) [dr^2 + r^2 d\theta^2]$$

redshift $z \equiv (a_0/a) - 1 \sim t$

$a_0 \equiv a(t_0)$ (today)

Expansion rate $H \equiv \dot{a}/a$

$H_0 \approx 70 \text{ km/sec/Mpc}$ today

Deceleration parameter

$$q \equiv -(\ddot{a}/a)/H^2 = (1+z) \frac{H'(z)}{H(z)} - 1$$

Luminosity Distance

$$d_L \equiv \left(\frac{L}{4\pi F} \right)^{1/2} = (1+z) c \int_0^z \frac{dz'}{H(z')}$$

Time interval: $dt = \frac{dz}{H(z)(1+z)}$

Angular-diameter distance:

$$d_A(z) \equiv \frac{l_{\text{prop}}}{\theta} = \frac{d_L(z)}{(1+z)^2}$$

Expanding about $z=0$,

$$H_0 d_L(z) = cz \left[1 + \frac{1}{2}(1-q_0)z + \dots \right]$$

supernova 1998 $\Rightarrow q_0 < 1$

Dynamics

$$H^2 = \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3} \sum_i \rho_i$$

$$\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3} \sum_i (\rho_i + 3p_i)$$

EoS parameter $\equiv -\frac{4\pi G}{3} \sum_i \rho_i (1 + 3w_i)$

e.g.,

$$w = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{NR matter} \\ 1/3 & \text{radiation} \\ -1 & \text{cosm const} \end{cases}$$

acceleration ($\ddot{a} > 0$) requires

$$w_i < -1/3$$

Expansion History

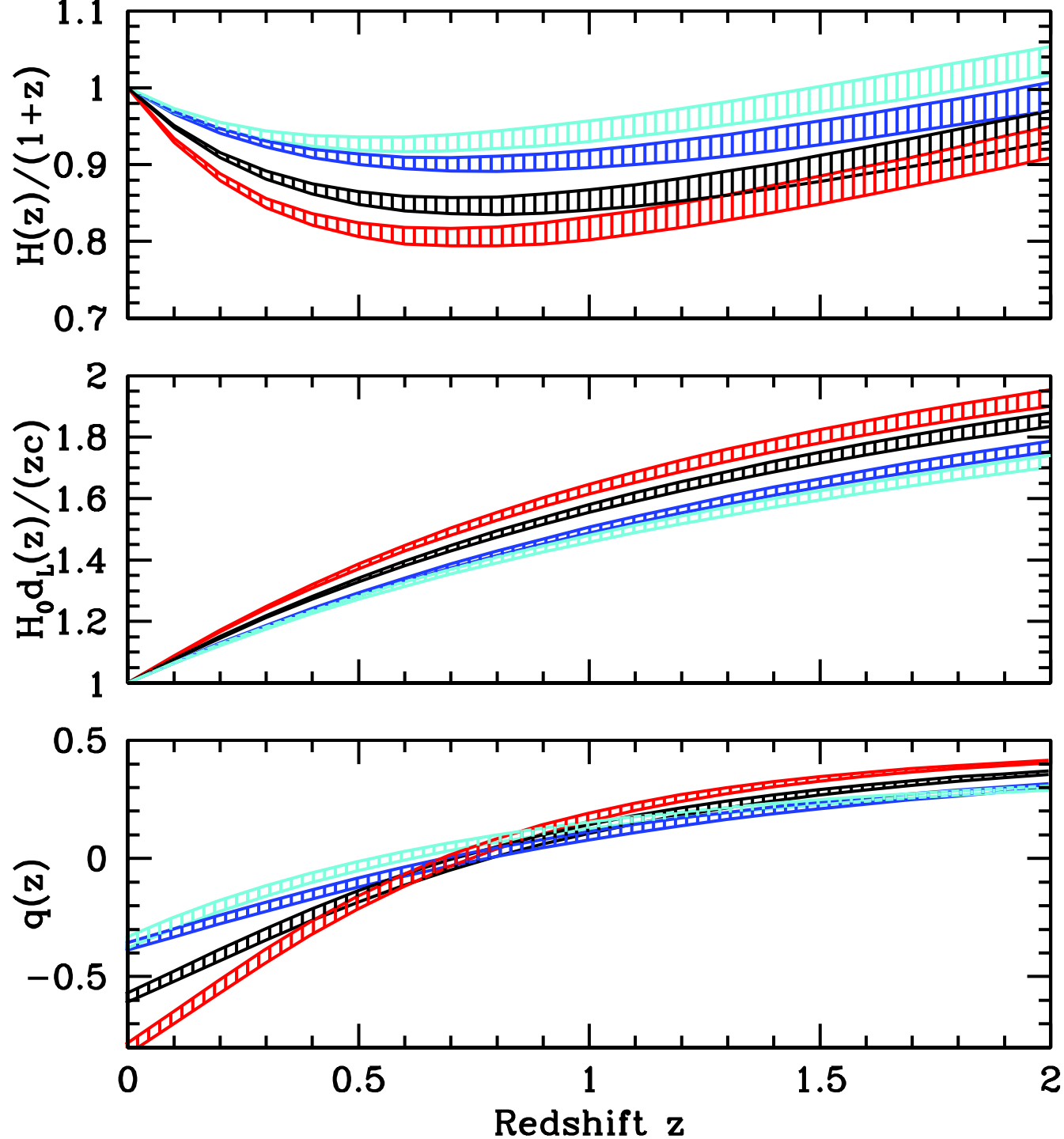
$$H(z) \longleftrightarrow d_L(z) \longleftrightarrow q(z)$$

If $U \subset$ matter + "dark energy"

(with $w = w_\phi < -1/3$),

$$H(z) = H_0 \left[\Omega_m (1+z)^3 + (1-\Omega_m) (1+z)^{3(1+w_\phi)} \right]^{1/2}$$

$$q_0 = (1 + 3w_\phi \Omega_\phi) / 2$$



There is no reason for
 w_ϕ to be constant!

Popular parametrization:

$$w_\phi = w_0 + w_a(1 - a/a_0)$$

Growth of Structure

Amplitude $\delta_m(t)$ of
fractional density perturbation
satisfies

$$\ddot{\delta}_m + 2H\dot{\delta}_m - (3/2)\Omega_m H^2 \delta_m = 0$$

Growing-mode soln $\delta(z) \propto D(z)$.

$D(z)$ depends on $H(z)$

Measurements/Constraints

supernovae: $\sim q_0 = (1 + 3W_\phi \Omega_\phi) / 2$
 $\simeq -0.7 \pm 0.1$

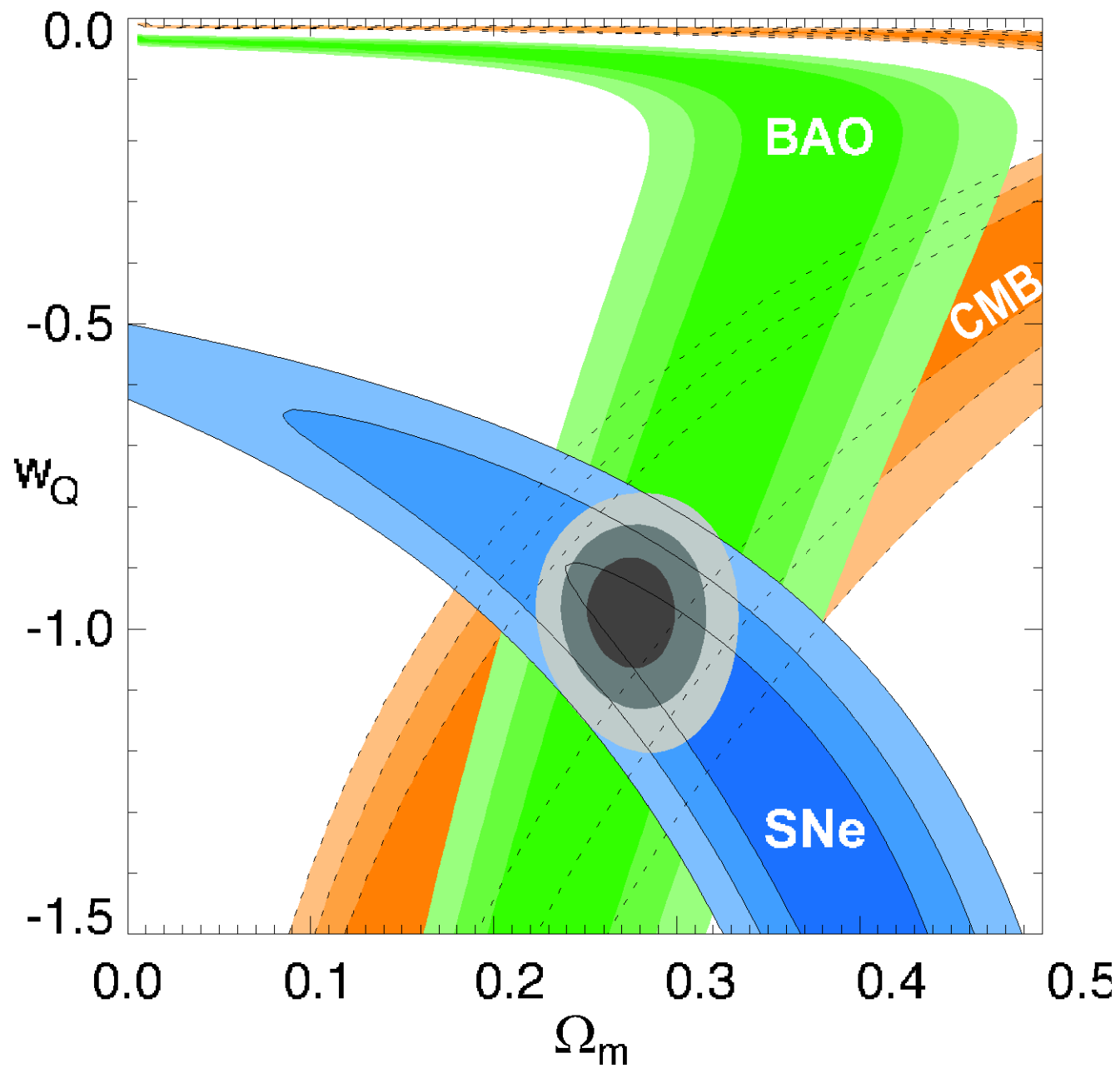
CMB: $d_L(z \simeq 1100)$ (TAUrs)

Baryon acoustic oscillations (BAO):

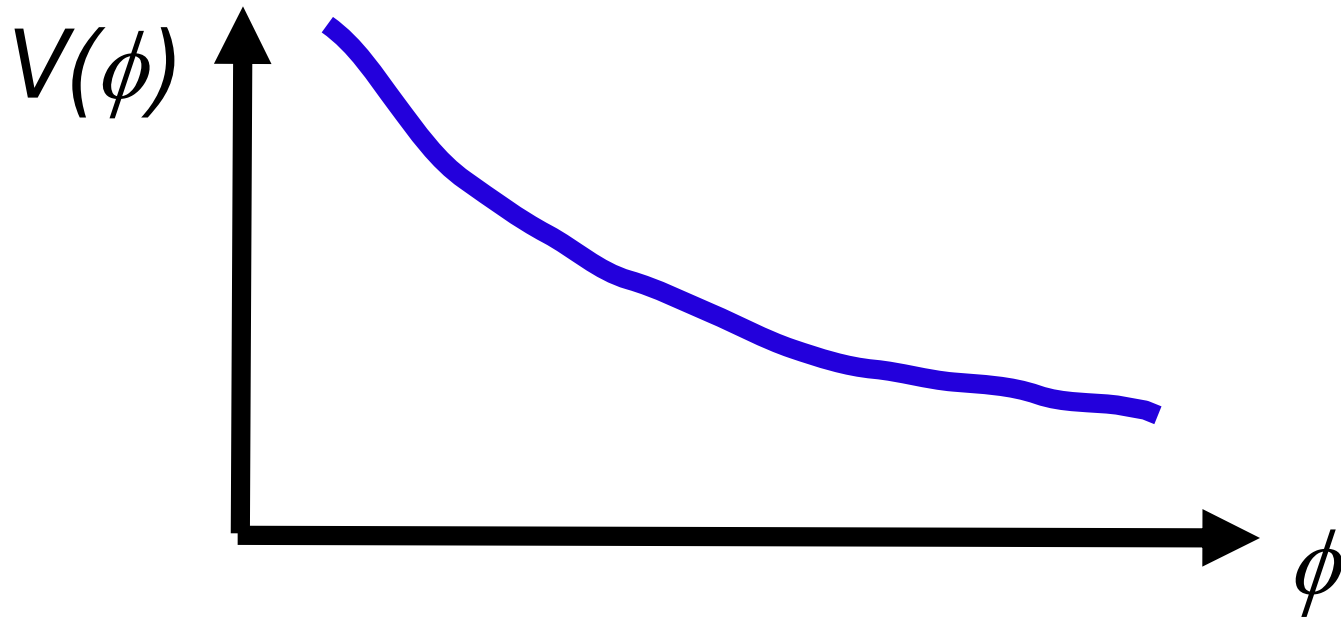
$$\sim \Omega_m$$

$$\Rightarrow \Omega_\phi \simeq 0.7$$

$$W_\phi \simeq -1 \pm 0.1$$



Quintessence! slowly-rolling scalar field:



$$p = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \dot{\phi}^2 - V(\phi)$$

Pressure

$$\rho = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \dot{\phi}^2 + V(\phi)$$

Energy density

Theory: I. Quintessence

Postulate scalar field φ
with potential $V(\varphi)$

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left(\frac{R}{16\pi G} + \mathcal{L}_m + \mathcal{L}_\varphi \right)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_\varphi = -\frac{1}{2} (\nabla_\mu \varphi)(\nabla^\mu \varphi) - V(\varphi)$$

$$E.o.M: \quad \ddot{\varphi} + 3H\dot{\varphi} + 2V'/2\varphi = 0$$

$$\rho_\varphi = \frac{1}{2} \dot{\varphi}^2 + V(\varphi) \quad p = \frac{1}{2} \dot{\varphi}^2 - V(\varphi)$$

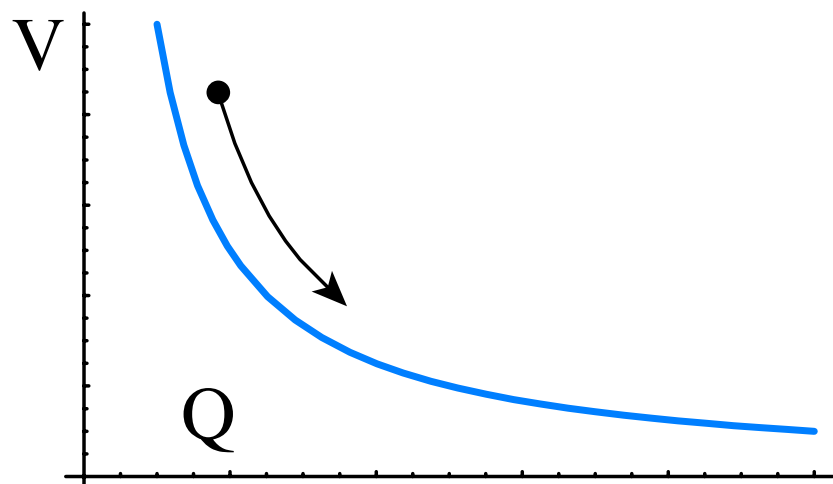
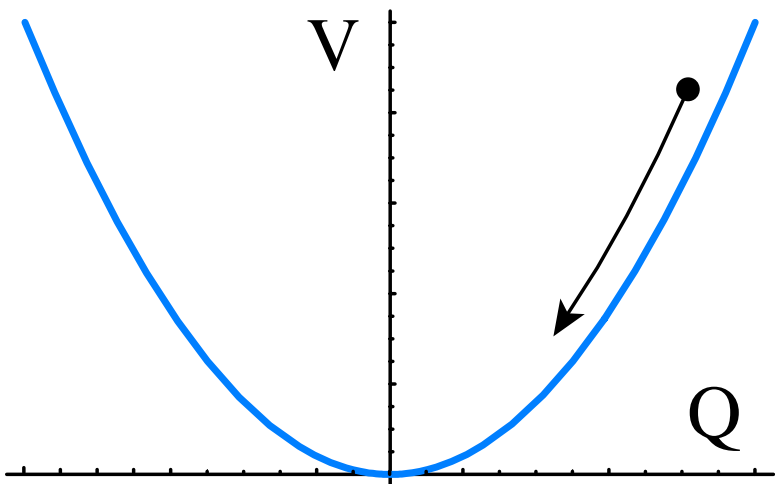
$$w_\varphi < -1/3 \quad \text{when} \quad \dot{\varphi}^2 < V$$

$$\text{E.g., if } V(\varphi) = \frac{1}{2} m^2 \varphi^2$$

$$\text{and } m \ll H \Rightarrow \ddot{\varphi} \ll H\dot{\varphi}, V'$$

$$\Rightarrow 3H\dot{\varphi} \simeq -m^2 \varphi, \quad \dot{\varphi}^2 \ll V$$

$$\text{More generally, } m_\varphi \equiv \sqrt{\partial^2 V / \partial \varphi^2} \ll H$$



What is special about Quintessence:

perturbations satisfy

$$\delta\ddot{\Phi} + 3H\delta\dot{\Phi} + \left(\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial\Phi^2} - \frac{1}{a^2}\nabla^2\right)\delta\Phi = \delta_m\dot{\Phi}$$

As $w_\Phi \rightarrow -1$ $\dot{\Phi} \rightarrow 0$.

$$\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial\Phi^2} = -\frac{3}{2}(1-w_\Phi) \left[\dot{H} - \frac{3}{2}(1+w_\Phi)H^2 \right]$$

$$\sim H^2 \ll \frac{1}{a^2}\nabla^2$$

$$\text{on } \lambda \ll H^{-1}$$

\therefore Perturbations to Φ are stable!

$$\text{i.e., } w = \frac{p}{\rho} \neq c_s^2 = \left(\frac{\partial p}{\partial\rho}\right)$$

so $w < -1$ with $c_s^2 > 0$

Models / Variations

PNGB:

$$V = \mu^4 \left(1 + \cos \frac{\phi}{f}\right)$$

(flatness
protected)

Tracker fields:

$$V \propto \phi^{-n} \quad n > 0$$

$$V \propto \exp[-\lambda \phi / m_{pl}]$$

$\rho_\phi \sim \rho_m, \rho_r$ at
early times

Spintessence:

$$\phi = R e^{i\theta}$$

spins with

$$\dot{\theta} \gg H$$

(unstable to
perts)

Oscillessence:

field oscillates
in

$$V(\phi) \propto |\phi|^n$$

with $n < 1$

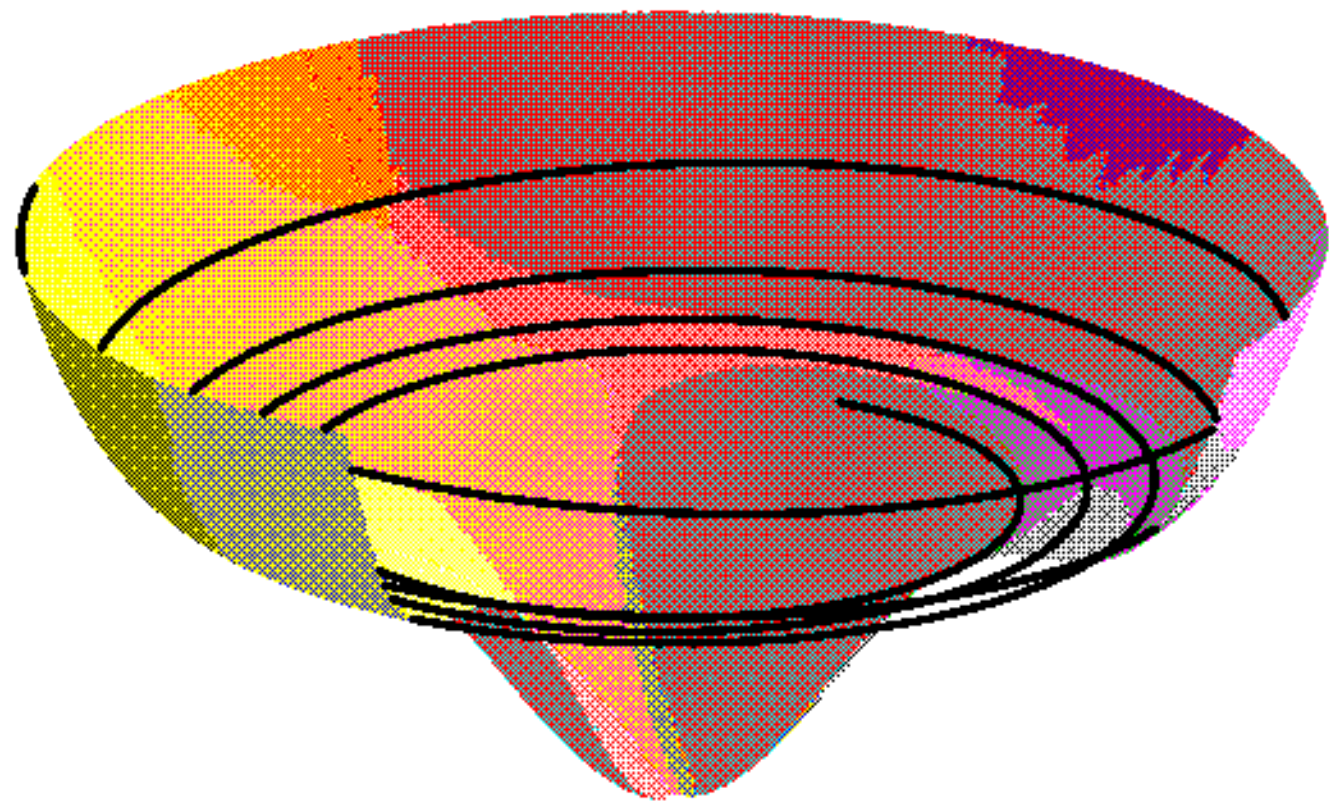
(unstable)

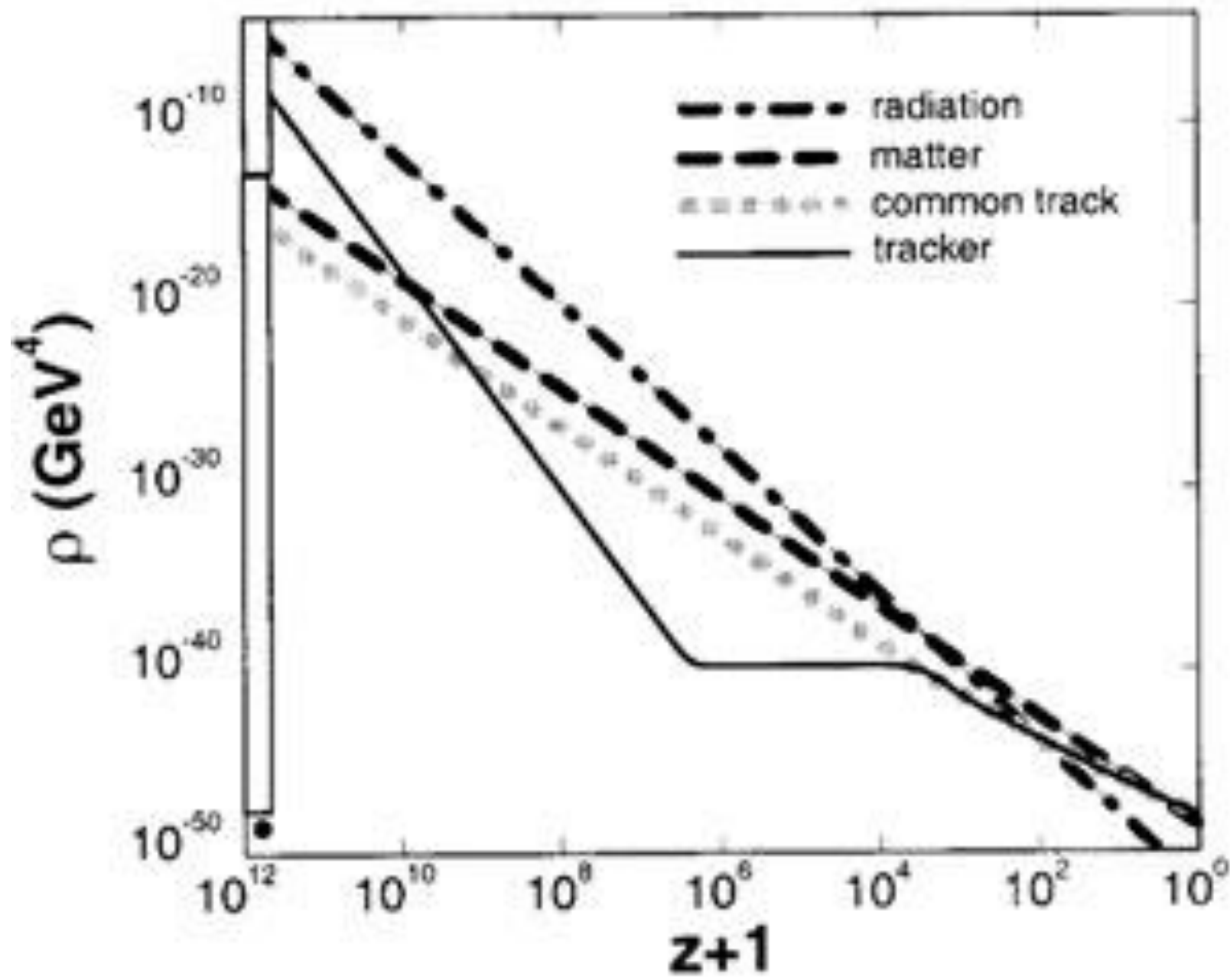
k-essence:

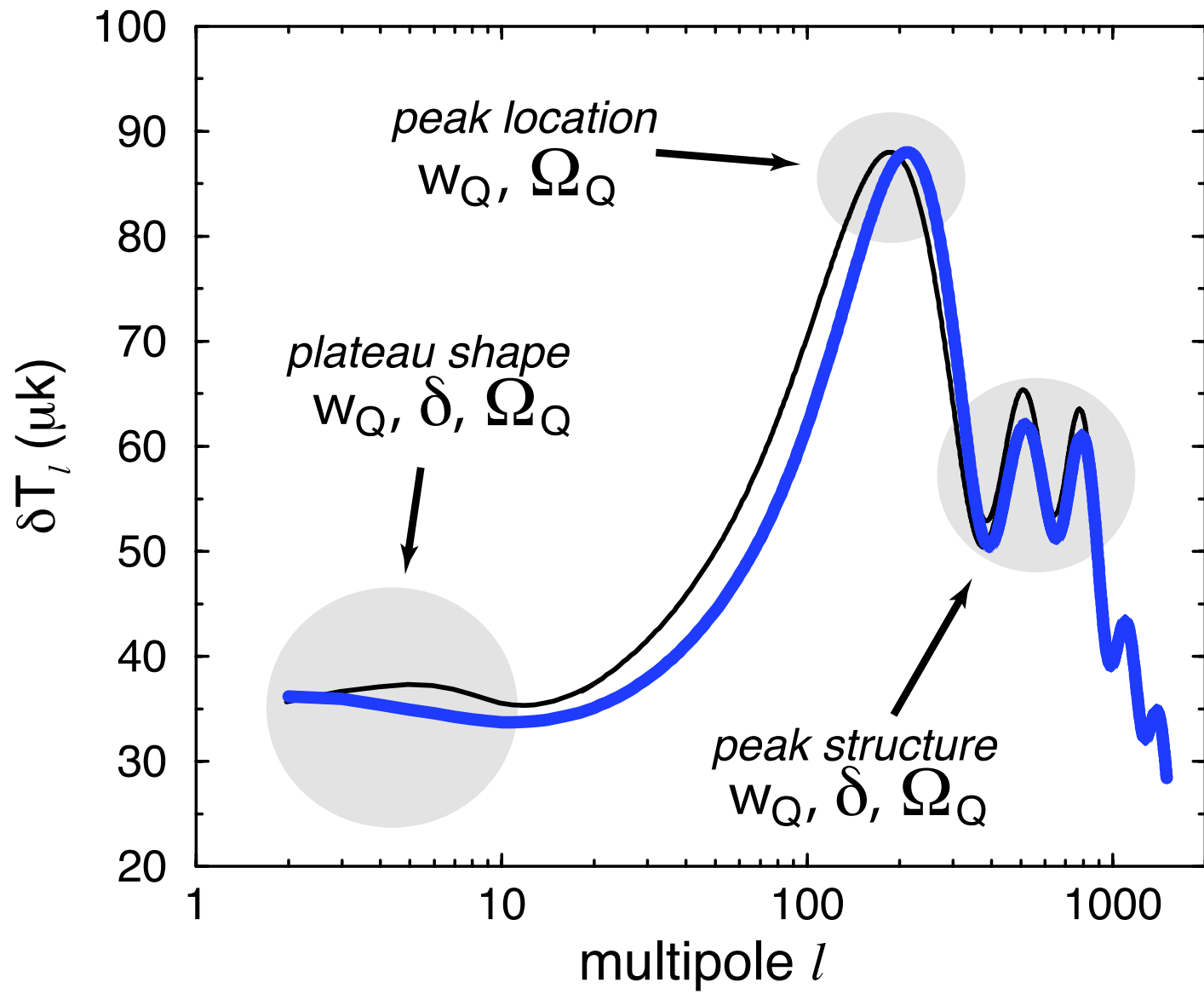
non-canonical
kinetic term

Ghost condensates

higher-order
derivatives







Quintessence coupling to SM?

e.g., Cosmic Birefringence

$$\mathcal{L}_{EM} = \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4M} \phi F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} F^{\rho\sigma}$$

Maxwell eqns:

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{D} = \rho \quad \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{H} - \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} = \vec{J}$$

$$\text{with } \vec{D} = \vec{E} + \frac{\phi}{M} \vec{B}$$

$$\vec{H} = \vec{B} - \frac{\phi}{M} \vec{E}$$

$$\text{If } \phi(\vec{x}, t) = \phi(t)$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = \rho \quad \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} - \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} = \vec{J} + \frac{\dot{\Phi}}{M} \vec{B}$$

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{E} + \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} = 0$$

In vacuum,

$$\square \vec{E} = -\frac{\dot{\Phi}}{M} \frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \quad \square \vec{B} = \frac{\dot{\Phi}}{M} \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t}$$

For plane wave $\vec{P}_{\pm} = \vec{E} \pm i\vec{B}$
with $\vec{P}(\vec{x}, t) \propto e^{i\omega t - i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}}$,

$$\omega^2 = k^2 \pm \frac{\dot{\Phi}}{M} \omega$$

$$\Rightarrow c_+ - c_- = \dot{\Phi}/M$$

leads to CB, rotation of
linear polarization by
 $(\Delta\Phi/2M)d$ over distance d

Mass-varying neutrinos (MaVaNs)

scalar field determines mass of ν

$$\rho_{\text{dark}} = m_\nu n_\nu + \rho_\phi(m_\nu)$$

field value minimizes ρ_{dark}

$$\frac{\partial \rho_{\text{dark}}}{\partial m_\nu} = n_\nu + \frac{\partial \rho_\phi}{\partial m_\nu} = 0$$

with $\dot{\rho}_{\text{dark}} = -3H(\rho_{\text{dark}} + P_{\text{dark}})$

$$\Rightarrow w = \frac{P_{\text{dark}}}{\rho_{\text{dark}}} = -1 + \frac{m_\nu n_\nu}{m_\nu n_\nu + \rho_\phi}$$

but perts are unstable

Phantom Energy

$w_\psi < -1$ $\rho_{DE} \uparrow$ with time
(violates null energy condition)

soln to $H^2 = \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 = \frac{8\pi G\rho}{3}$

$\Rightarrow a(t) \rightarrow \infty$
in finite time!
Big Rip!

(requires very strange
physics)

Scalar-Tensor Theories:

(\sim variable-G gravity)

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[b(\lambda) R - \frac{1}{2} h(\lambda) g^{\mu\nu} (\partial_\mu \lambda) (\partial_\nu \lambda) - U(\lambda) + \mathcal{L}_M(g_{\mu\nu}, \psi_i) \right]$$

"Einstein" Eqn:

$$G_{\mu\nu} = b^{-1} \left[\frac{1}{2} T_{\mu\nu}^{(M)} + \frac{1}{2} T_{\mu\nu}^{(\lambda)} + \nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu b - g_{\mu\nu} \square b \right]$$

$$T_{\mu\nu}^{(\lambda)} = h(\lambda) (\nabla_\mu \lambda) (\nabla_\nu \lambda) - g_{\mu\nu} \left[\frac{1}{2} h(\lambda) \times g^{\rho\sigma} (\nabla_\rho \lambda) (\nabla_\sigma \lambda) + U(\lambda) \right]$$

$$h \square \lambda + \frac{1}{2} h' g^{\mu\nu} (\nabla_\mu \lambda) (\nabla_\nu \lambda) - U' + b \cdot R = 0$$

Friedmann eqn:

$$H^2 \equiv \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 = \frac{\rho}{6b} + \frac{h\dot{\lambda}^2}{6b} - H\frac{\dot{b}}{b} + U/6b$$

$$\ddot{\lambda} + 3H\dot{\lambda} = 3\frac{b'}{h}(\dot{H} + 2H^2) - \frac{h'\dot{\lambda}^2}{2h} - \frac{1}{2}U'/h$$

Brans-Dicke Theory:

$$b = \frac{\lambda}{16\pi G} \quad h = \frac{w}{8\pi\lambda G} \quad U(\lambda) = 0$$

$$\text{PPN parameter } \gamma = \frac{w+1}{w+2}$$

measured by time delay

$$\gamma = 1 \pm 10^{-5} \Rightarrow w \approx 5 \times 10^4$$

Must be very \approx GR!

f(R) gravity

$$S = \frac{1}{16\pi G} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} f(R) + S_{\text{matter}}$$

(i.e., $R \rightarrow f(R)$)

But consider then

$$S = \frac{1}{16\pi G} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} [f(\lambda) + f'(\lambda)(R-\lambda)] + S_{\text{matter}}$$

$$\frac{\partial S}{\partial \lambda} = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = R$$

$\Rightarrow f(R) = \text{scalar-tensor}$

with $b(\lambda) = f'(\lambda)$,

$$u(\lambda) = -f(\lambda) + \lambda f'(\lambda), \quad \underline{h(\lambda) = 0}$$

$\leftarrow \underline{\underline{\gamma = \frac{1}{2}}}$

Important Lesson!

GR is special!

∃ only two propagating
dofs in metric

(2 polarizations, $+$, \times , of
GWs)

"Modifications" of GR

generically bring scalar
dof in metric to life,
and so very tricky to
perturb around GR

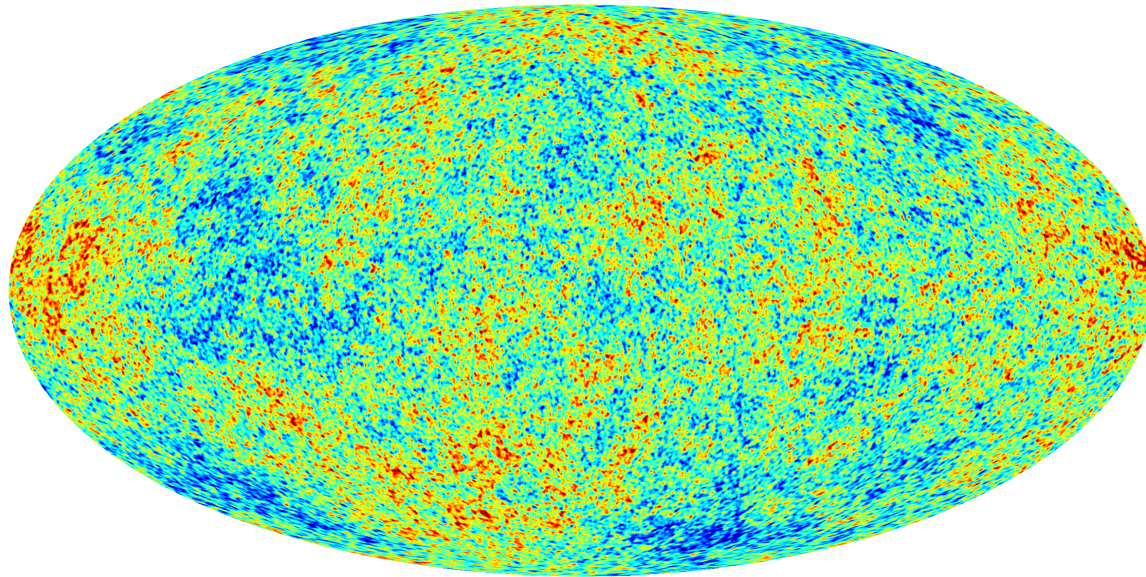
Massive gravity (+ DGP, braneworlds,
degravitation,

If $m_g \neq 0$, gravity
weaker at $r \gtrsim m_g^{-1}$

If $m_g \sim H$, may explain
cosmic acceleration

But things get
difficult!

[cf. previous slide]



The Cosmic Microwave Background

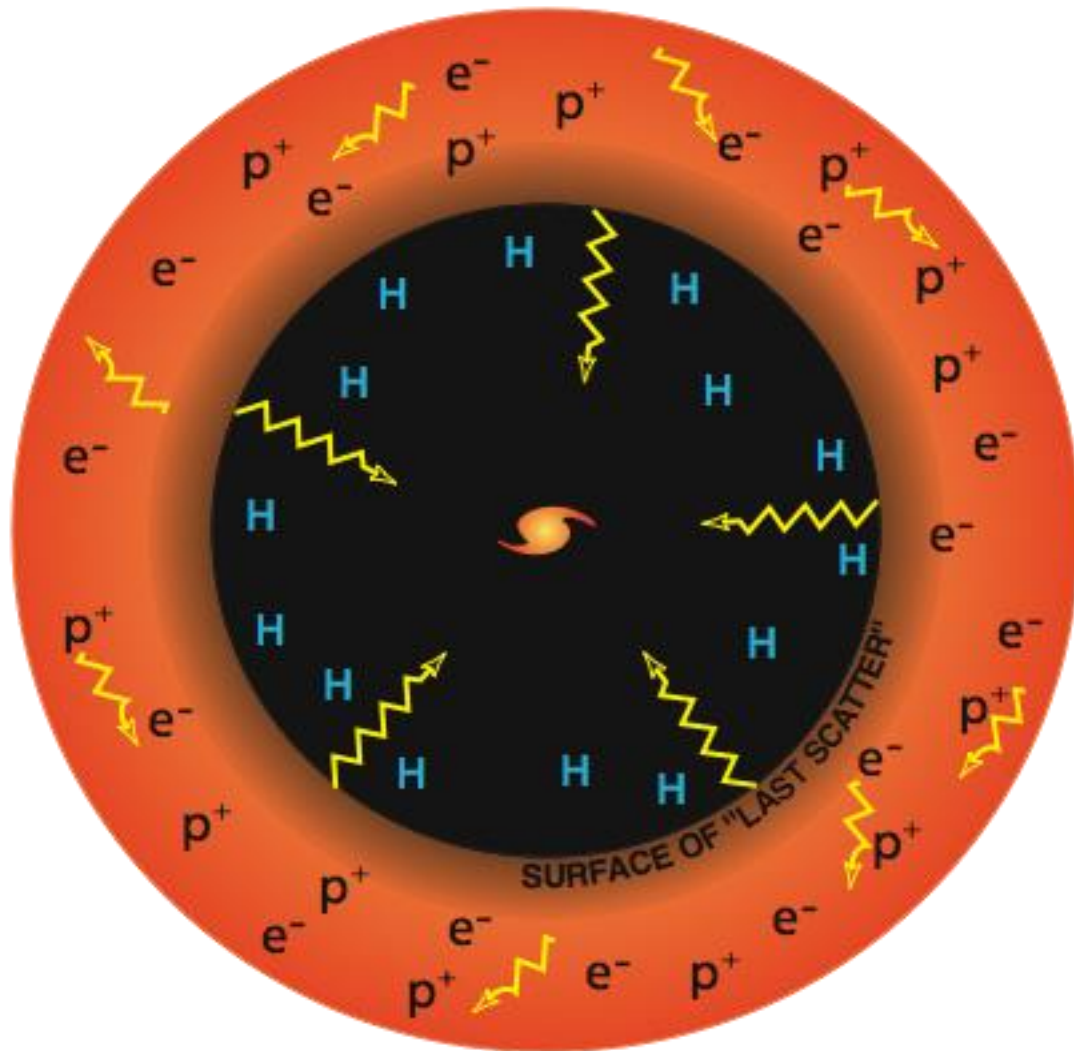
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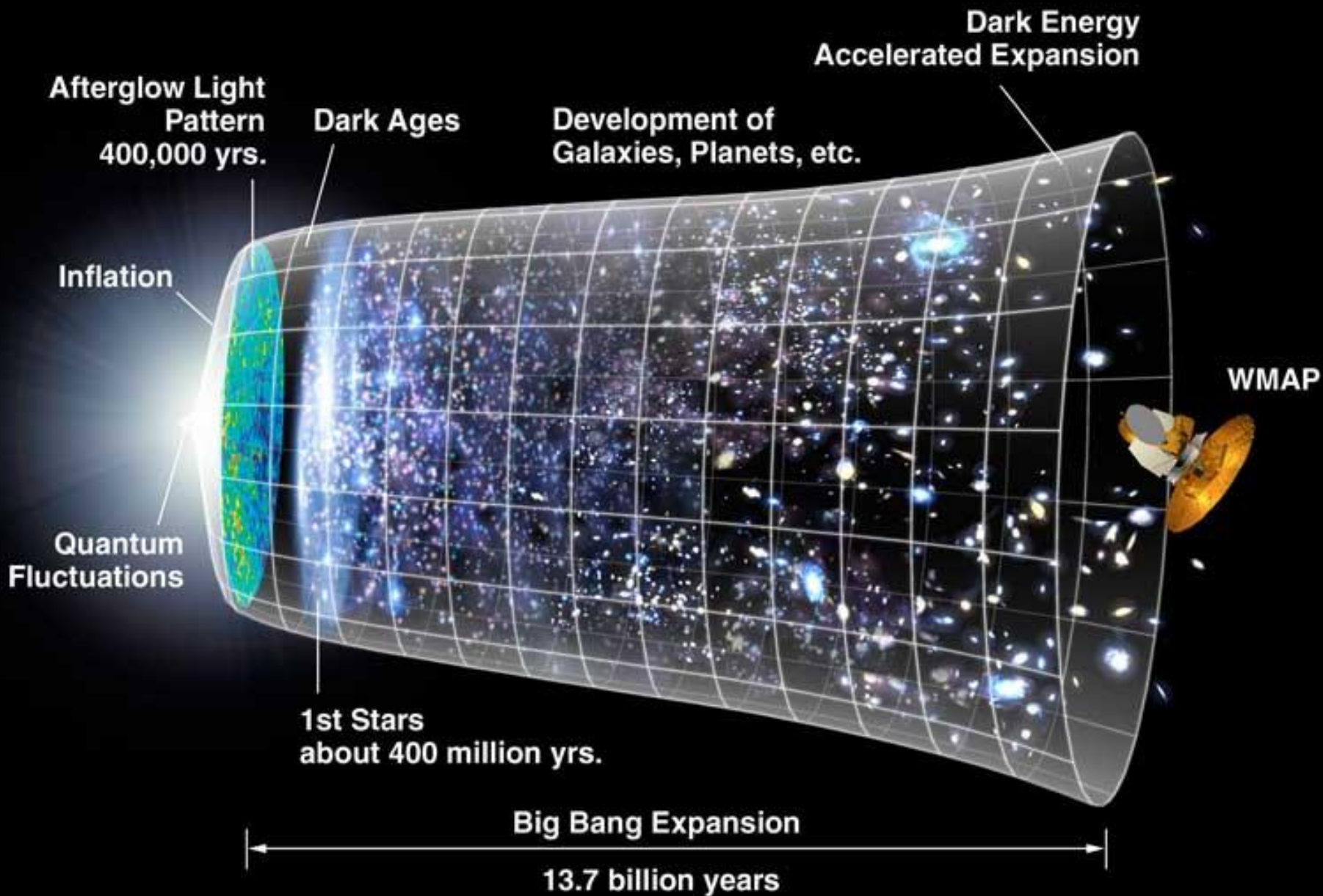
What you're about to hear

- What we usually do with a CMB map (power spectrum)
- What we have inferred from such maps
- A bunch of new things you can do with the CMB (bipolar spherical harmonics)
- Musings on the power asymmetry

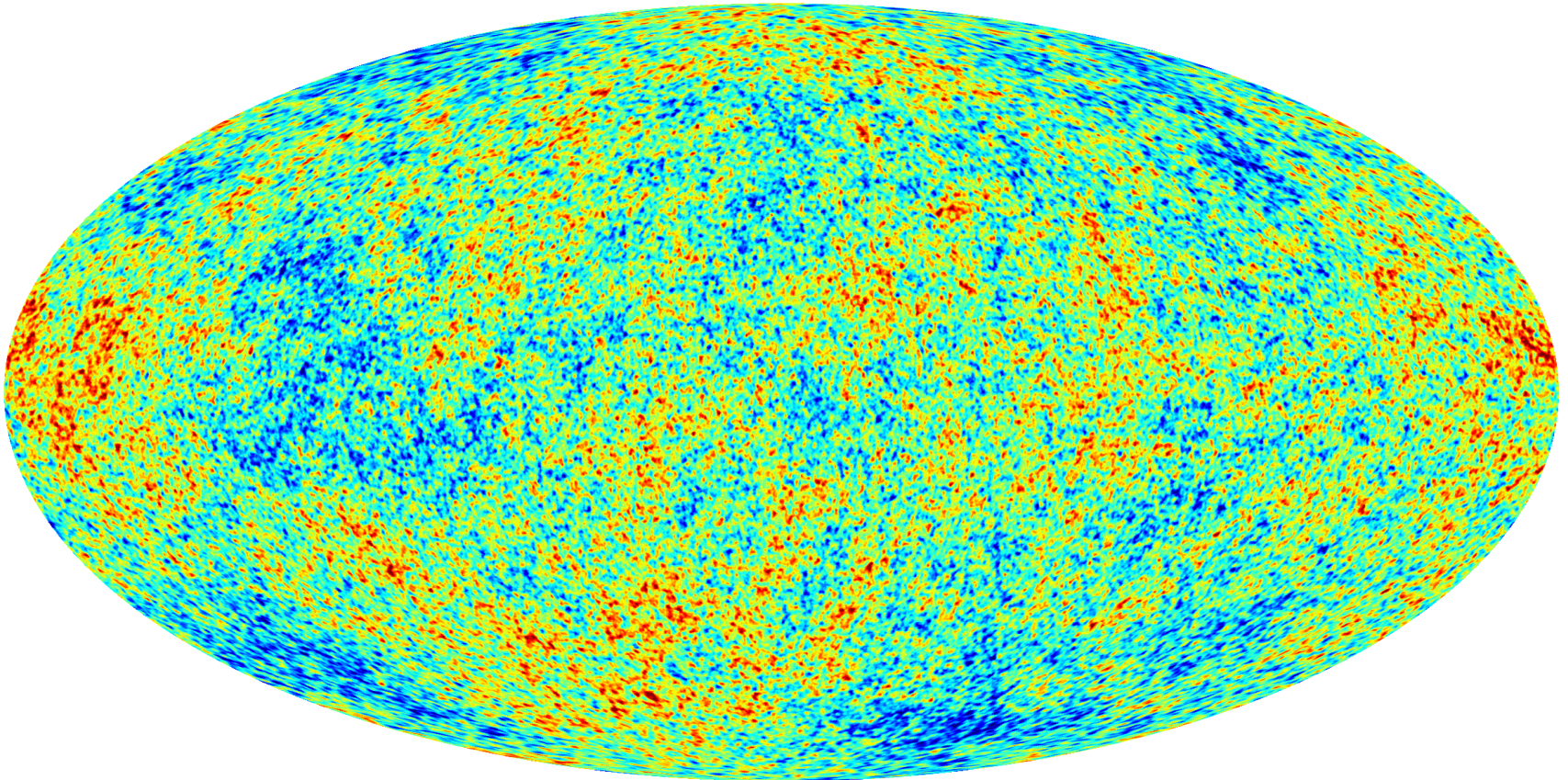
- Today, $E_{\text{CMB}} \sim \text{meV}$
- At $z > 1000$, $E_{\text{CMB}} > \text{eV}$
- Universe ionized at $z > 1000$ and neutral afterwards
- CMB photons last scattered at $z \sim 1000$
- Snapshot of spherical surface of $R = 13.8$ billion lt-yrs 380,000 years after Big Bang

The origin of the CMB





And this is what we see:



$$T(\hat{n})$$

Here's how we quantify it:

$$a_{lm} = \int d^2 \hat{n} T(\hat{n}) Y_{lm}^*(\hat{n})$$

depends on coordinate system.

Power spectrum

$$C_l = \sum_m \frac{|a_{lm}|^2}{2l + 1}$$

is rotational invariant.

Variance of temperature distribution is

$$\langle (\Delta T)^2 \rangle = \sum_l \frac{2l + 1}{4\pi} C_l$$

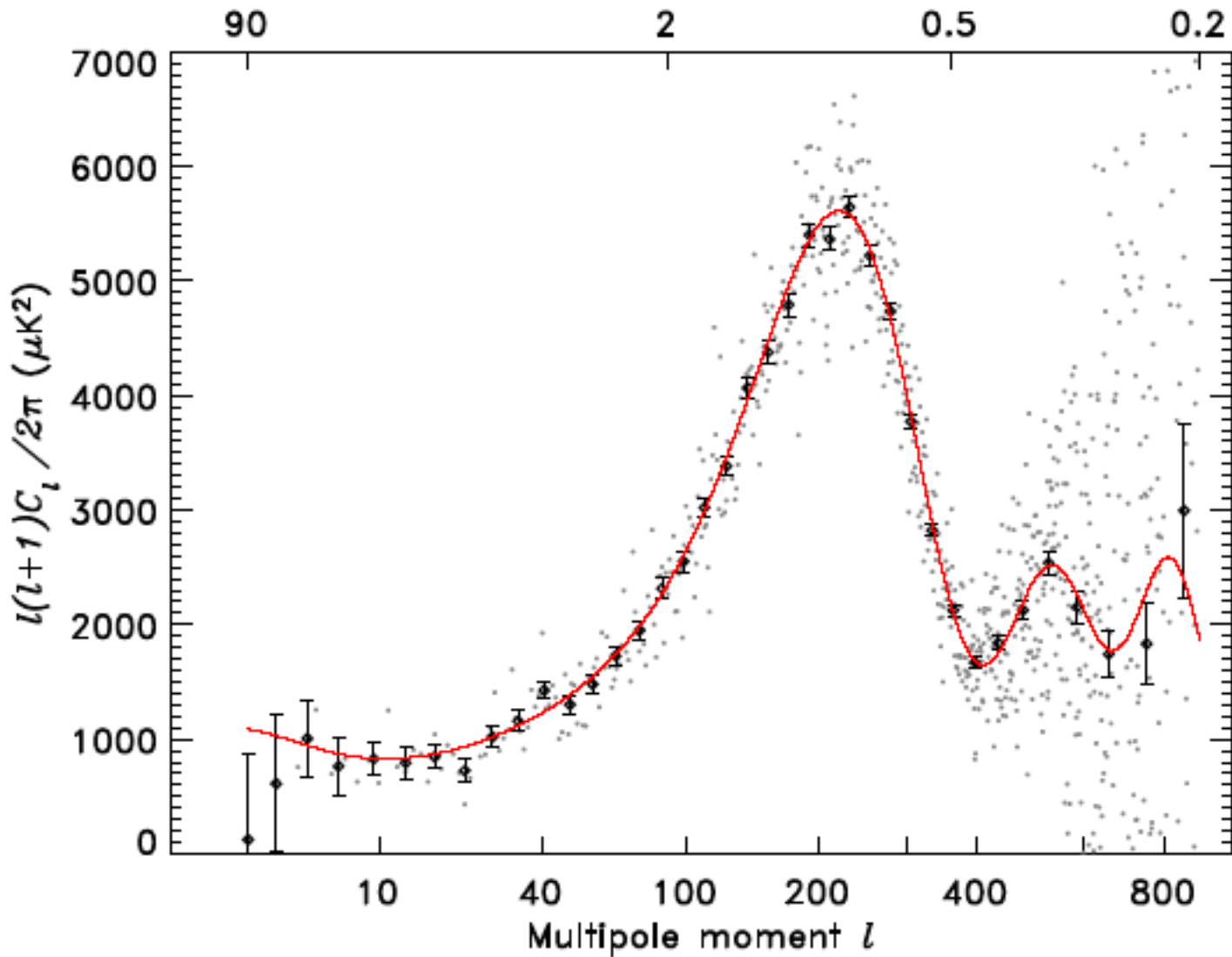
How to measure it

$$\widehat{C}_l = \frac{1}{2l + 1} \sum_{m=-l}^l |a_{lm}|^2$$

More quantitatively

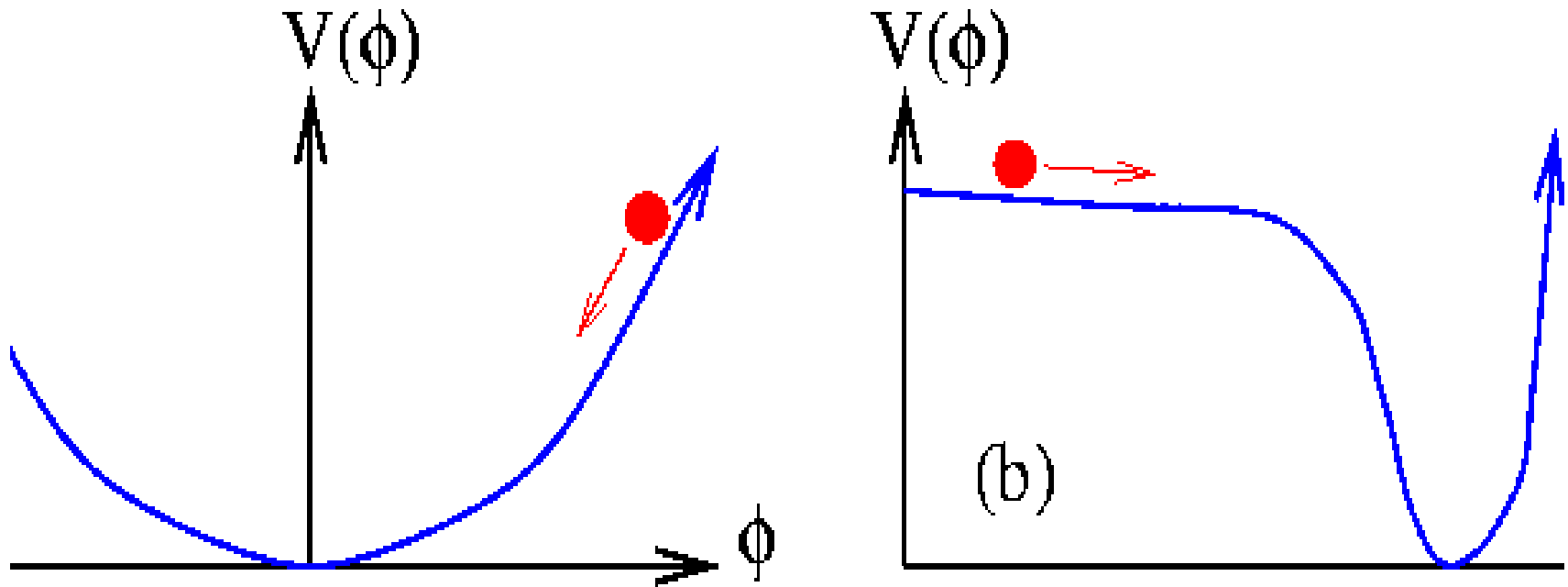
Angular scale (deg)

Fourier amplitude \uparrow



Interpretation: Temperature fluctuations
from primordial density perturbations
from inflation

The mechanism: Vacuum energy associated with new ultra-high-energy physics (e.g., grand unification, strings, supersymmetry, extra dimensions...)



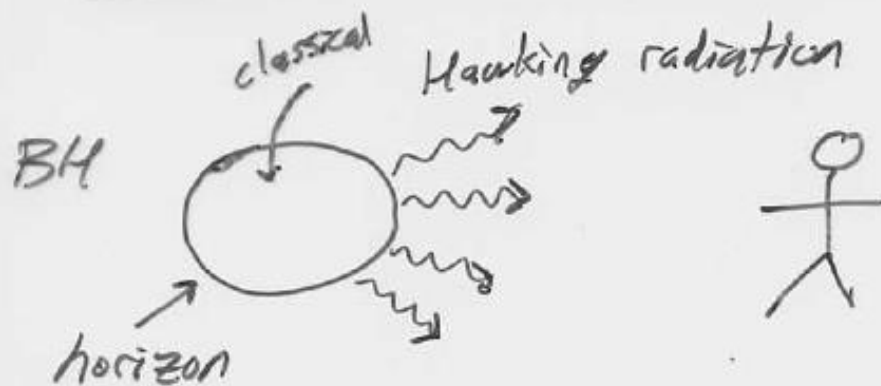
Every Fourier mode of inflaton field satisfies SHO-like equation of motion:

$$\ddot{\phi}_{\vec{k}} + k^2 \phi_{\vec{k}} = 0$$

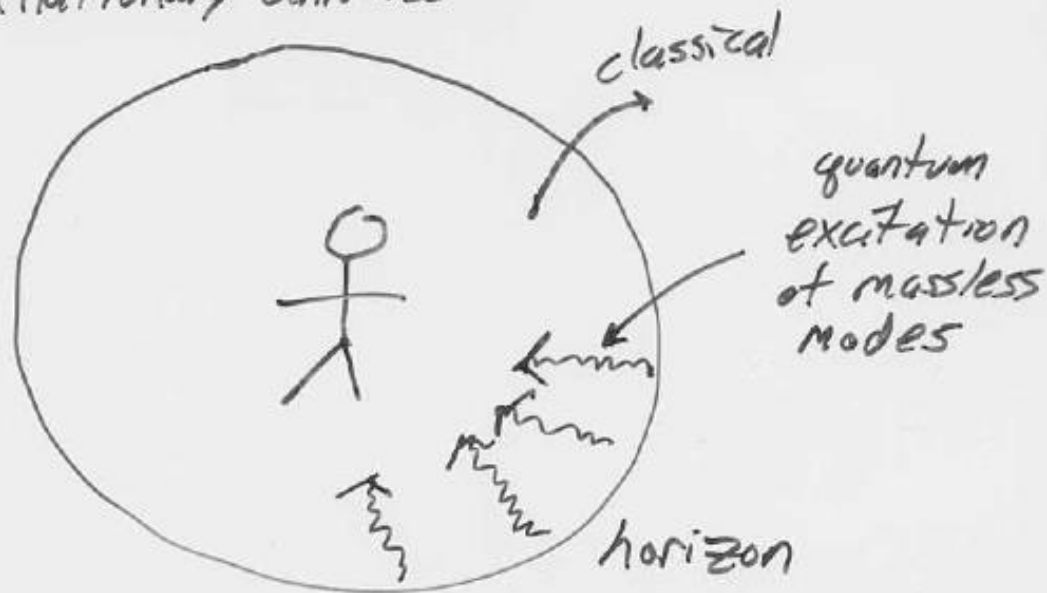
Then imprinted as primordial density perturbations

- Amplitude of each Fourier mode selected from Gaussian random distribution (the ground-state SHO wave function)

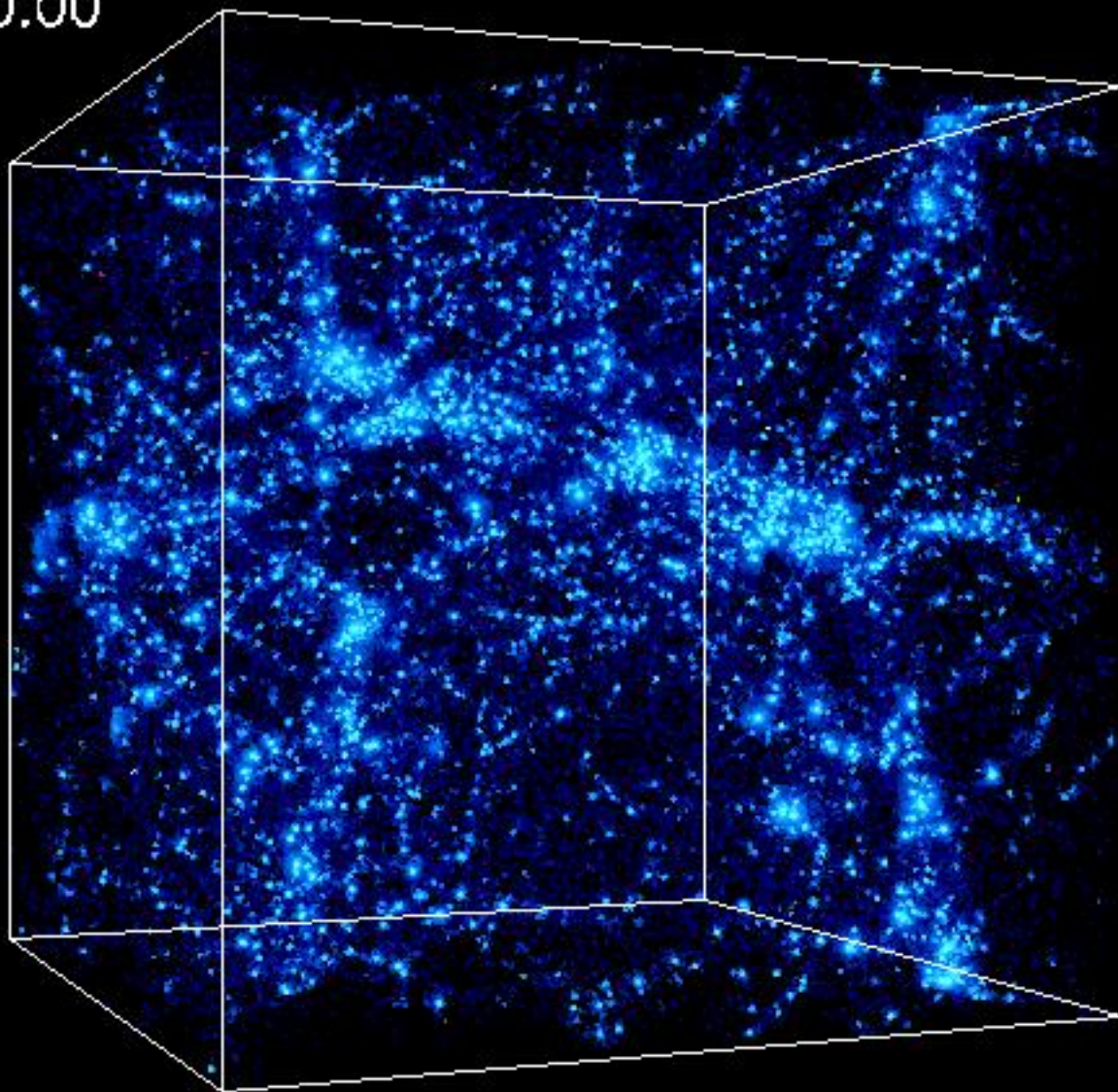
Black-hole analogy



Inflationary Universe



$Z = 0.00$



Inflation predicts power spectrum

$$P(k) \equiv \left\langle \left(\frac{\delta\rho}{\rho} \right)_{\vec{k}}^2 \right\rangle \propto k^{n_s}$$

With

$$n_s = 1 - 2\epsilon + 6\eta$$

$$\epsilon \propto V' \quad \eta \propto V''$$

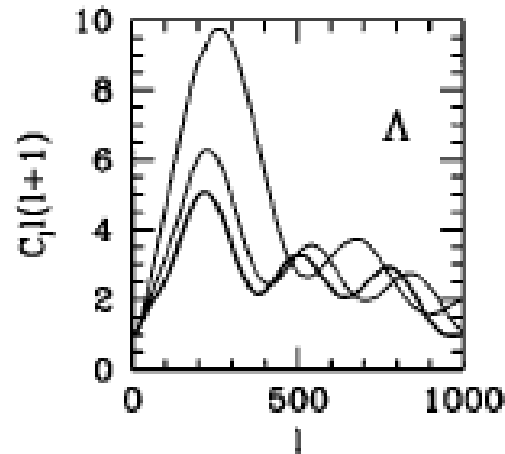
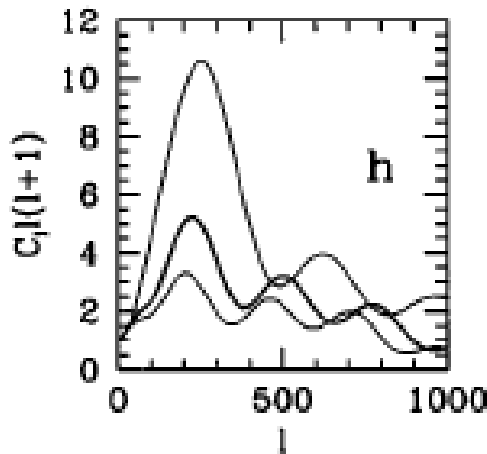
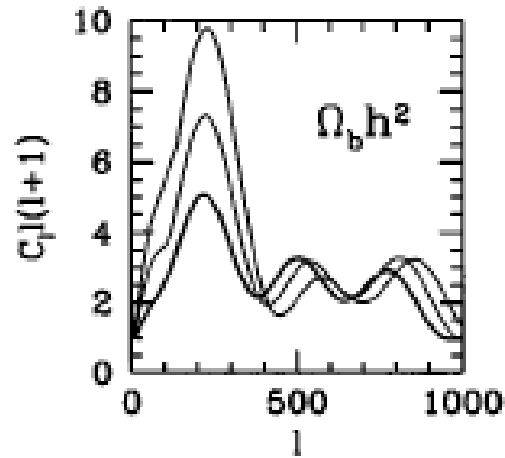
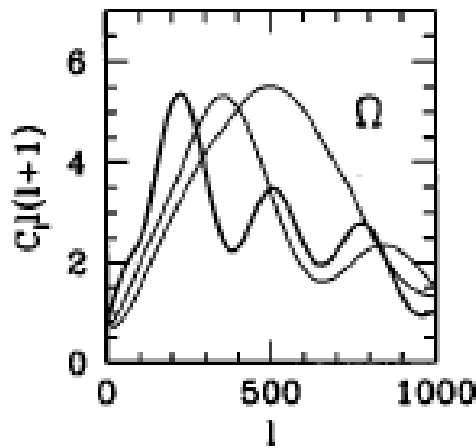
i.e., $V(\phi) \leftrightarrow P(k)$

Inflationary prediction is that CMB is realization of statistically isotropic Gaussian random field: each a_{lm} is statistically independent and there is no m dependence

$$\langle a_{lm}^* a_{l'm'} \rangle = C_l \delta_{ll'} \delta_{mm'}$$

Power-spectrum predictions straightforward given values of cosmological parameters; e.g.,

$$\{ \Omega_m, \Omega_{de}, w, \Omega_b, \Omega_\nu, H_0, \tau_{reion}, n_s, \dots \}$$



Measurement of power spectrum
allows precise determination of
cosmological parameters (Jungman, MK, Kosowsky,
Spergel, 1996; *including N_{eff} !!!*)

As has now been done.....

FIVE-YEAR *WILKINSON MICROWAVE ANISOTROPY PROBE** OBSERVATIONS: LIKELIHOODS AND PARAMETERS FROM THE *WMAP* DATA

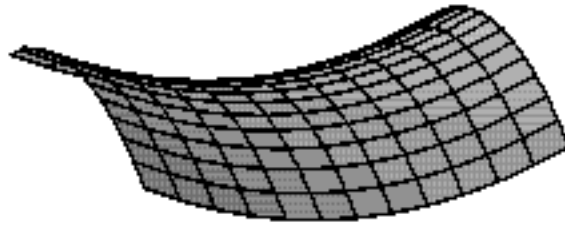
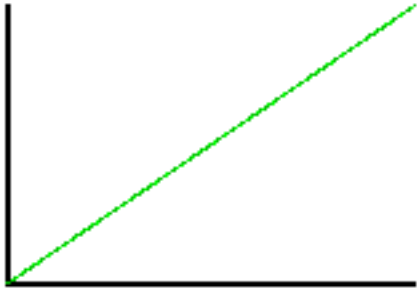
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This paper focuses on cosmological constraints derived from analysis of *WMAP* data alone. A simple Λ CDM cosmological model fits the five-year *WMAP* temperature and polarization data. The basic parameters of the model are consistent with the three-year data and now better constrained: $\Omega_b h^2 = 0.02273 \pm 0.00062$, $\Omega_c h^2 = 0.1099 \pm 0.0062$, $\Omega_\Lambda = 0.742 \pm 0.030$, $n_s = 0.963^{+0.014}_{-0.015}$, $\tau = 0.087 \pm 0.017$, and $\sigma_8 = 0.796 \pm 0.036$, with $h = 0.719^{+0.026}_{-0.027}$. With five years of polarization data, we have measured the optical depth to reionization, $\tau > 0$, at 5σ significance. The redshift of an instantaneous reionization is constrained to be $z_{\text{reion}} = 11.0 \pm 1.4$ with 68% confidence. The 2σ lower limit is $z_{\text{reion}} > 8.2$, and the 3σ limit is $z_{\text{reion}} > 6.7$. This excludes a sudden reionization of the universe at $z = 6$ at more than 3.5σ significance, suggesting that reionization was an extended process. Using two methods for polarized foreground cleaning we get consistent estimates for the optical depth, indicating an error due to the foreground treatment of $\tau \sim 0.01$. This cosmological model also fits small-scale cosmic microwave background (CMB) data, and a range of astronomical data measuring the expansion rate and clustering of matter in the universe. We find evidence for the first time in the CMB power spectrum for a nonzero cosmic neutrino background, or a background of relativistic species, with the standard three light neutrino species preferred over the best-fit Λ CDM model with $N_{\text{eff}} = 0$ at $> 99.5\%$ confidence, and $N_{\text{eff}} > 2.3$ (95% confidence limit (CL)) when varied. The five-year *WMAP* data improve the upper limit on the tensor-to-scalar ratio, $r < 0.43$ (95% CL), for power-law models, and halve the limit on r for models with a running index, $r < 0.58$ (95% CL). With longer integration we find no evidence for a running spectral index, with $dn_s/d \ln k = -0.037 \pm 0.028$, and find improved limits on isocurvature fluctuations. The current *WMAP*-only limit on the sum of the neutrino masses is $\sum m_\nu < 1.3$ eV (95% CL), which is robust, to within 10%, to a varying tensor amplitude, running spectral index, or dark energy equation of state.

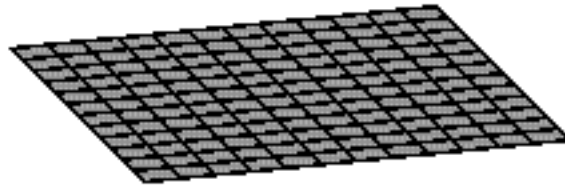
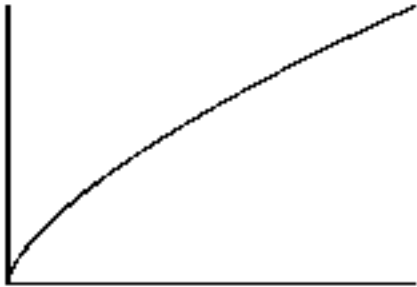
E.g., Inflationary prediction
of flat Universe

Cosmological geometry: The shape of spacetime

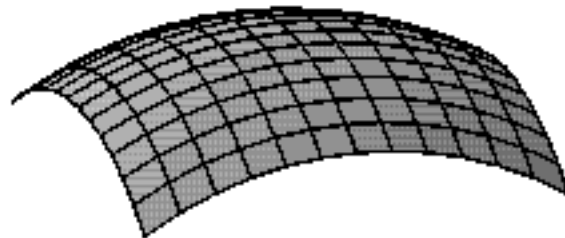
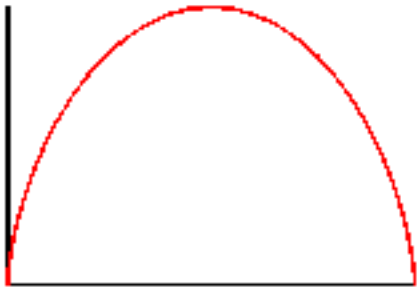
General relativity: Matter warps spacetime



“Open”
(Less matter)



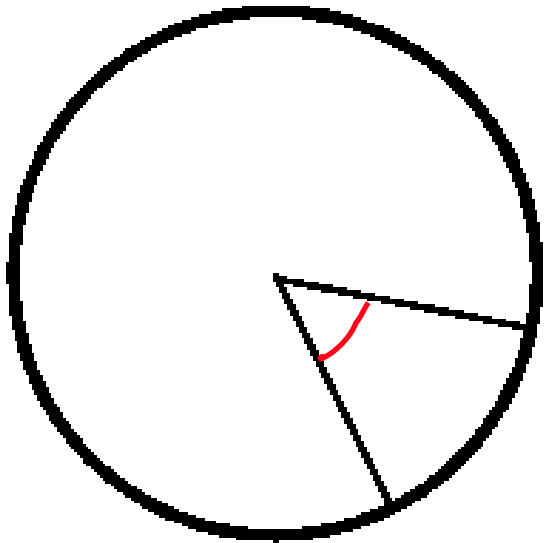
“Flat”
(critical density)



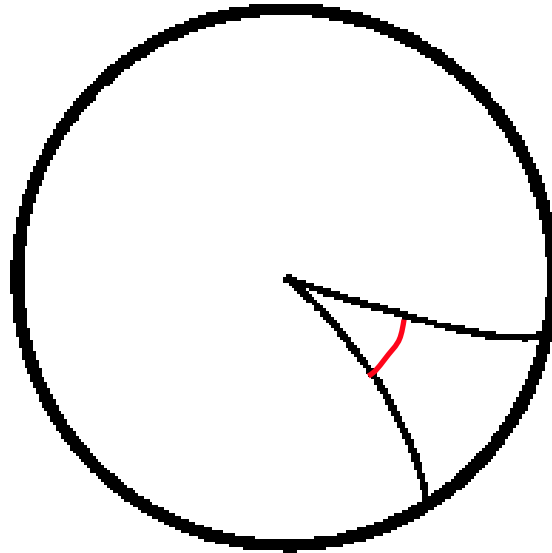
“Closed”
(more matter)

The Geometry of the Universe

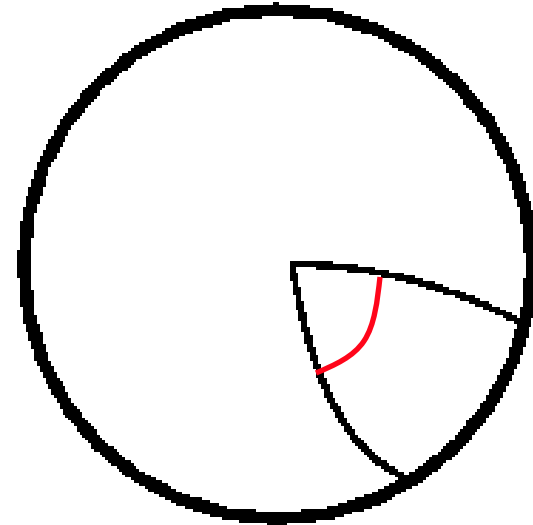
Warped spacetime acts as lens:



“flat”



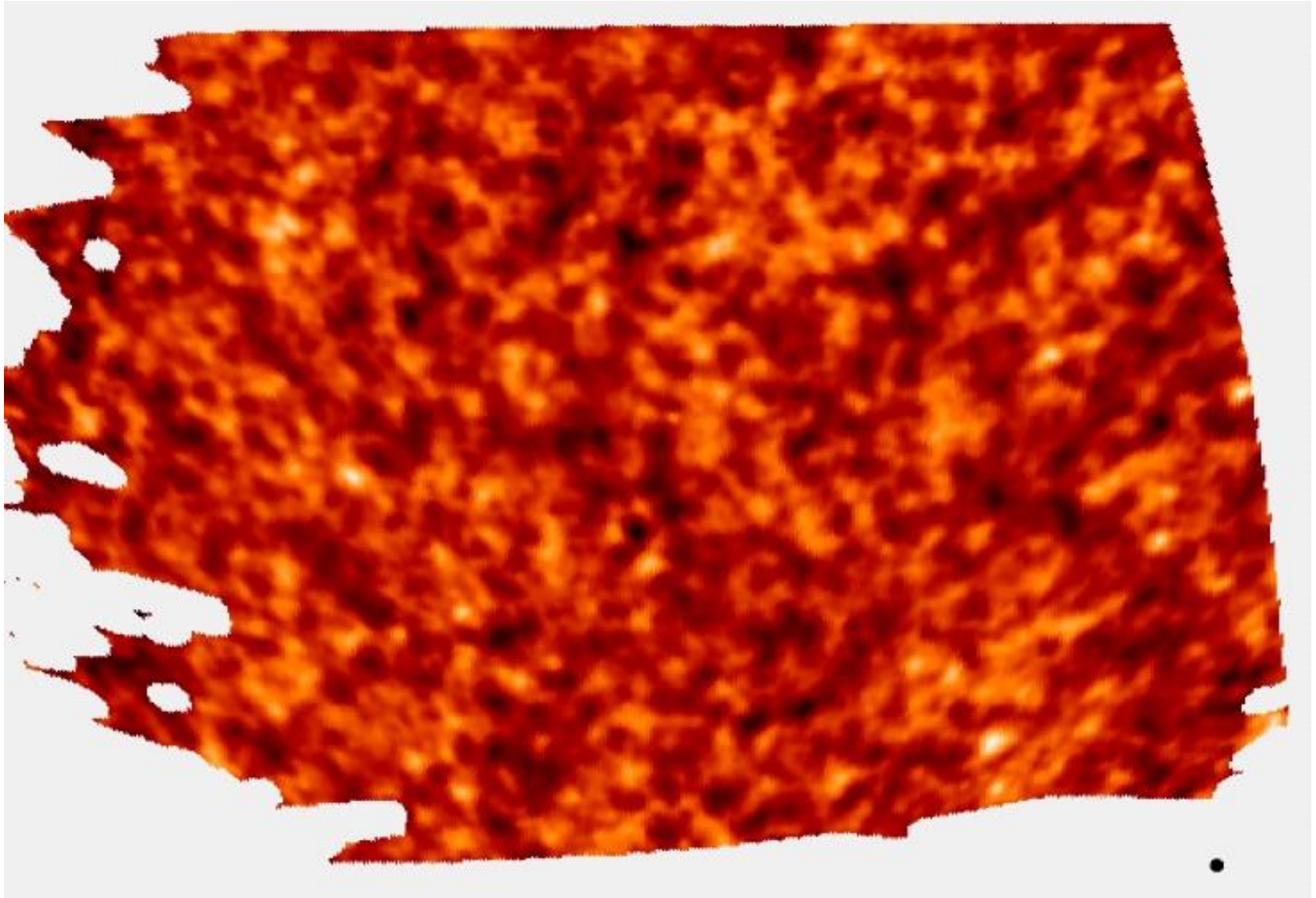
“open”



“closed”

(MK, Spergel, Sugiyama 1994)

Map of CMB (Boomerang 2000)



Sizes of hot/cold spots \Rightarrow Universe is flat

Important recent experimental result:

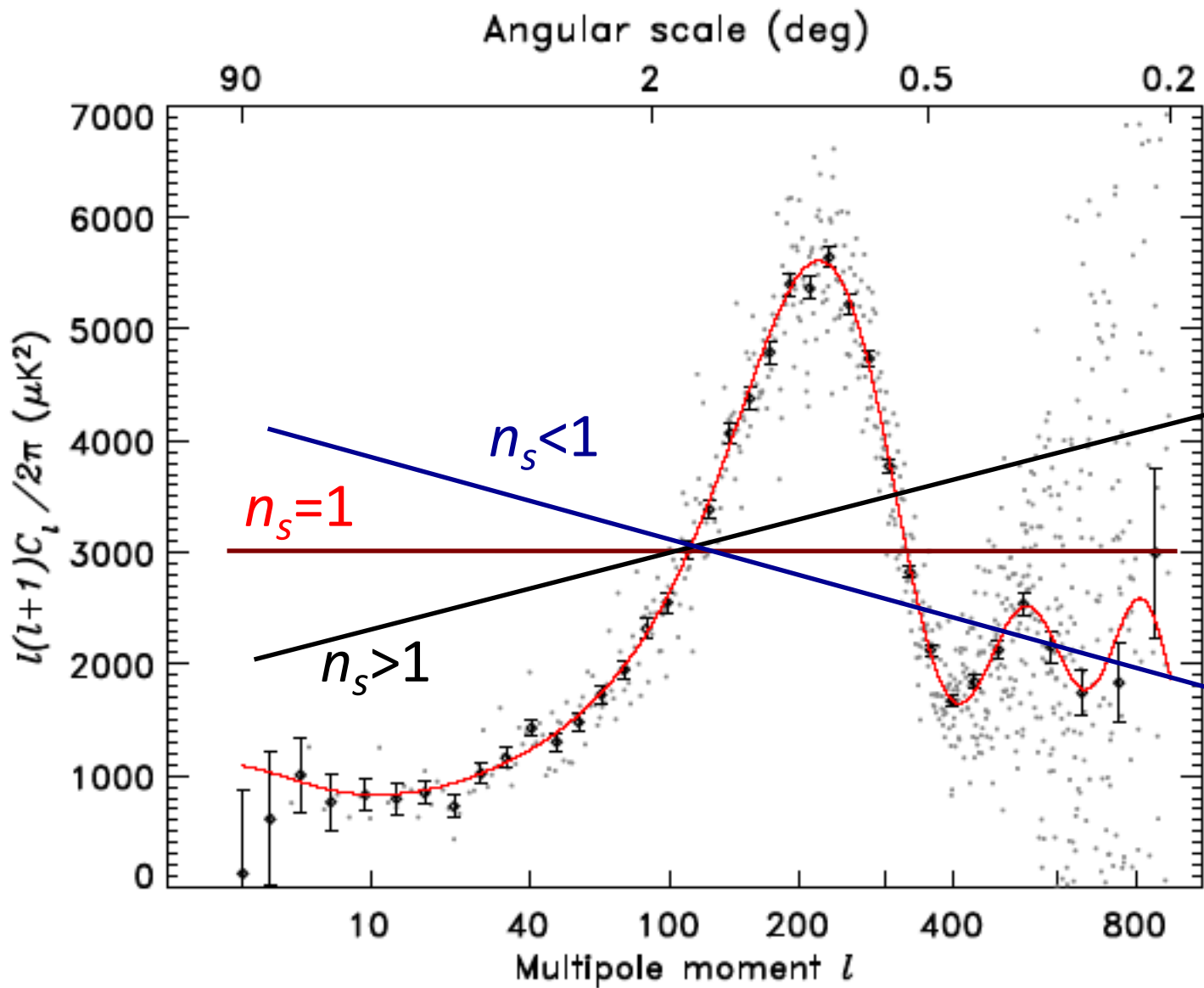
$$n_s \simeq 0.95$$

$$n_s \neq 1$$

At ~ 5 -sigma level

(as predicted by inflation)

$P(k)$ \uparrow



k \longrightarrow

And one final prediction: gaussianity

- Gravitational potential (e.g., Verde, Wang, Heavens, MK, 2000)

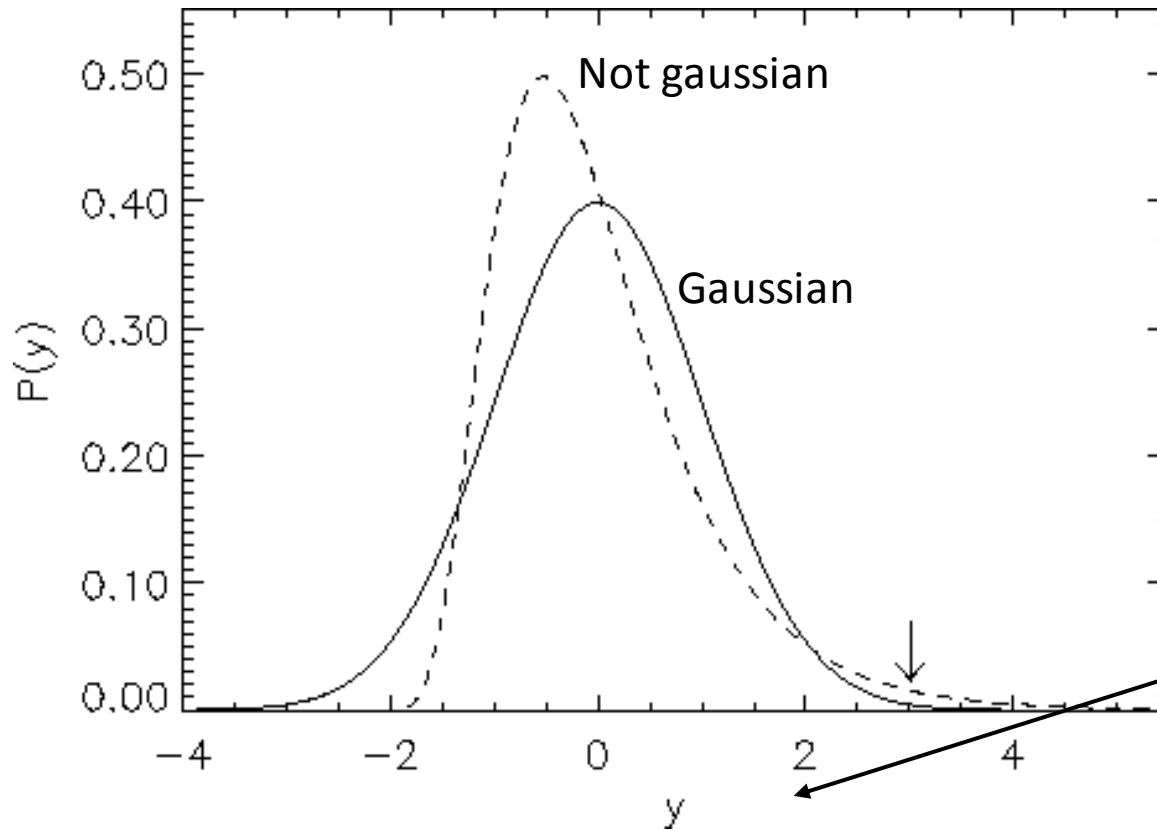
$$\Phi = \phi + f_{\text{NL}}\phi^2$$

← Gaussian field

with $f_{\text{NL}} < 1$ (e.g., Wang & MK, 2000)

$$\sim f_{\text{NL}}\phi_{\text{rms}} \sim 10^{-3} f_{\text{NL}}$$

Fractional departure from Gaussianity:



$\Delta T/T$

Current constraints (WMAP5,SDSS):

$$|f_{nl}| < 100$$

We now know:

- ◆ Baryon, dark-matter, dark-energy, neutrino densities and Hubble parameter to several significant figures
- ◆ that Universe is flat (MK, Spergel, Sugiyama 1994)
- ◆ Primordial perturbations are “adiabatic” (i.e., to total density, rather than to DM:baryon:photon ratios), as predicted by inflation
- ◆ n_s differs from unity
- ◆ Perturbations are Gaussian to ~ 1 part in 10,000

What else can we do?

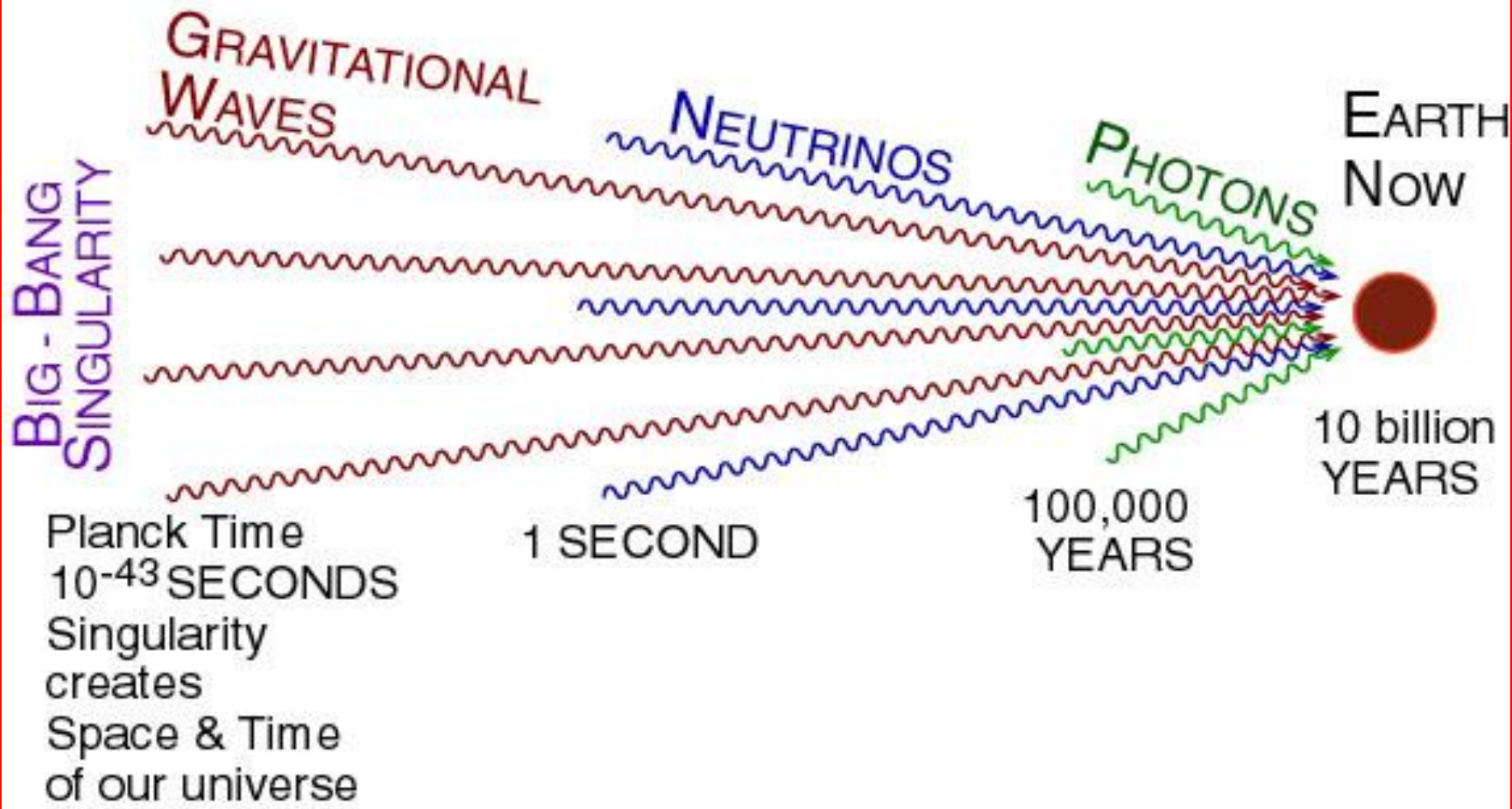
What else can we do?

1. Polarization

What is new physics responsible for inflation?

What is $V(\phi)$??

STOCHASTIC GRAVITATIONAL WAVE
BACKGROUND with amplitude $\propto V^{1/2}$



Detection of gravitational waves with CMB polarization

Temperature map: $T(\hat{n})$

Polarization Map: $\vec{P}(\hat{n}) = \vec{\nabla} A + \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B}$

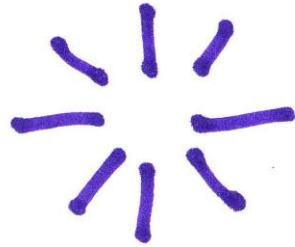
“E modes”

“B modes”

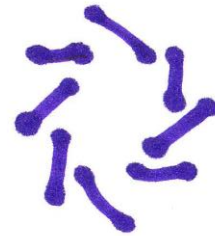
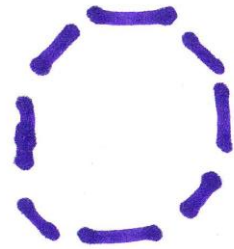
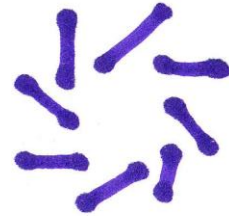
Density perturbations have no “handedness”
so they *cannot* produce a polarization with a curl

Gravitational waves do have a handedness, so they
can (and do) produce a curl

E modes



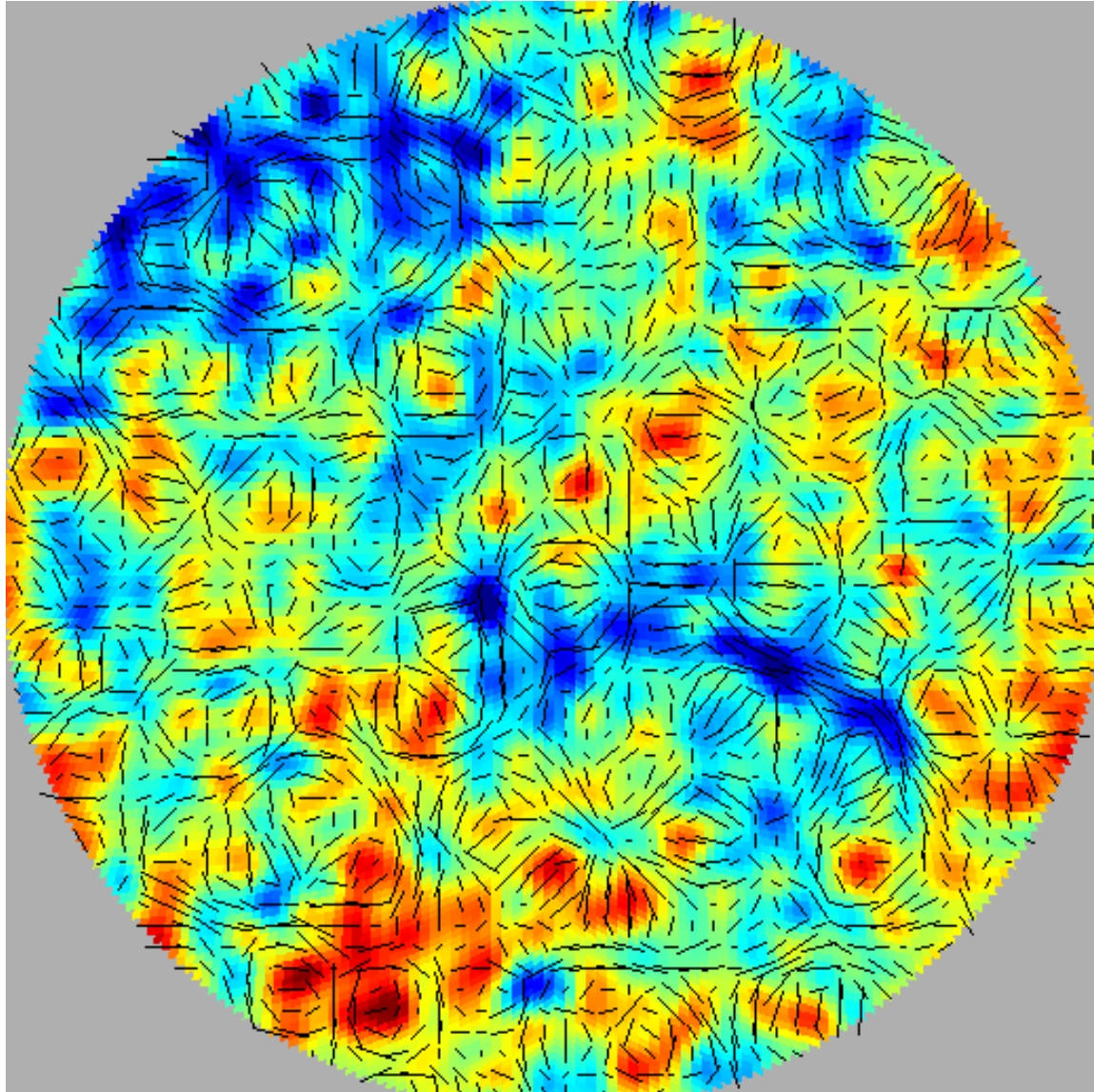
B modes



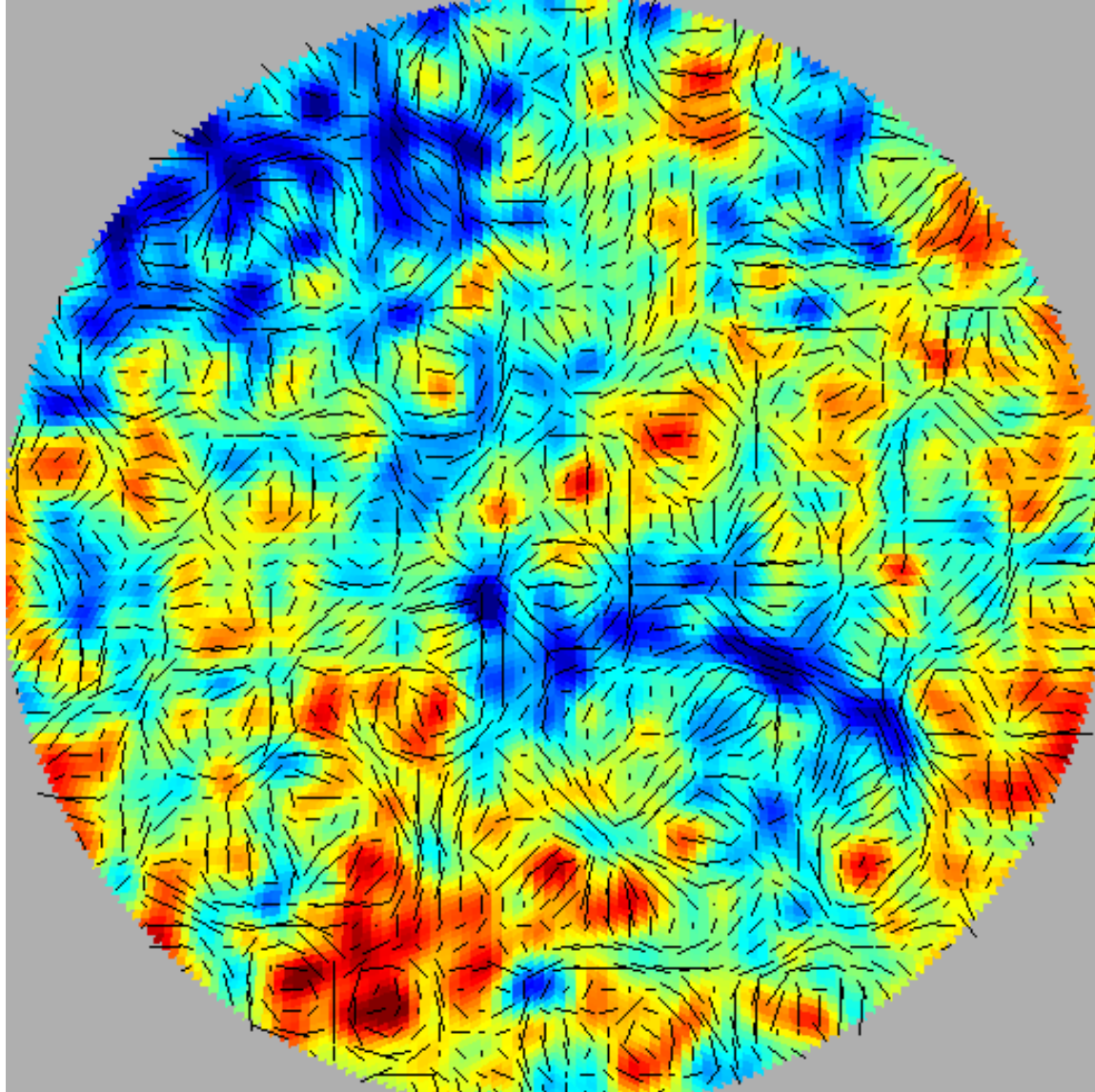
No
handedness

Handedness

No Gravity Waves



Gravity Waves



Now **SIX** CMB power spectra

$$C_l^{\text{TT}}$$

$$C_l^{\text{EE}}$$

$$C_l^{\text{BB}}$$

$$C_l^{\text{TE}}$$

$$C_l^{\text{TB}}$$

$$C_l^{\text{EB}}$$

(parity breaking)

From three sets of temperature/polarization coefficients:

$$a_{lm}^{\text{T}}$$

$$a_{lm}^{\text{E}}$$

$$a_{lm}^{\text{B}}$$

Cosmological birefringence

- If some $\Phi(t)$ couples to E&M through:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}(\vec{E}^2 - \vec{B}^2) + \frac{\phi(t)}{M_*} \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B}$$

$\Phi(t)$ leads to rotation by $\alpha = \Delta\phi/M_*$, of polarization as photons propagate (Carroll, Field, Jackiw 1998)

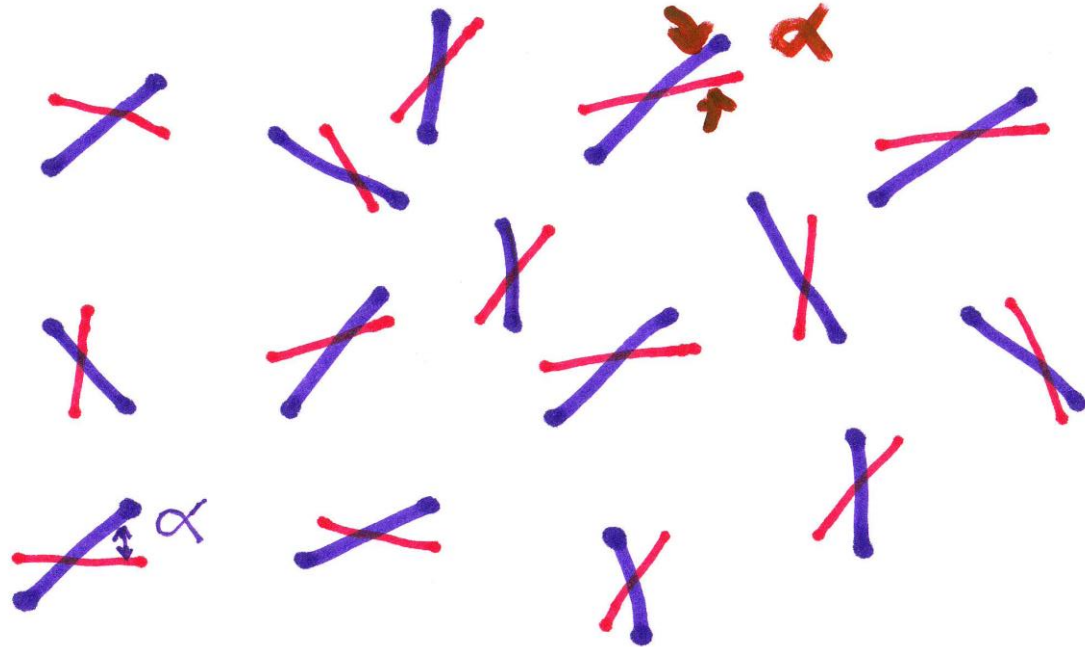
Rotation induces EB cross-correlation (Lue, Wang, MK 1999)

CMB searches: $\alpha < \text{few degrees}$ (Feng et al., astro-ph/0601095; Komatsu et al. 2008; Wu et al. 2008.....)

Right- and left-circularly polarized EM waves propagate with same speed to 10^{-30} !!!

Uniform Rotation

α



Primordial

Rotated

What else can we do?

2. Departures from
Gaussianity and
Statistical Isotropy

Inflationary prediction,

$$\langle a_{lm}^* a_{l'm'} \rangle = C_l \delta_{ll'} \delta_{mm'}$$

can be modified by

- ◆ late-time effects (e.g., gravitational lensing)
- ◆ Inflationary physics beyond vanilla inflation
- ◆ Exotica

Any such effects can be parametrized as

$$\langle a_{lm}^* a_{l'm'} \rangle = C_l \delta_{ll'} \delta_{mm'} + \sum_{L \geq 0} \sum_{M=-L}^L C_{lm l' m'}^{LM} A_{ll'}^{LM}$$

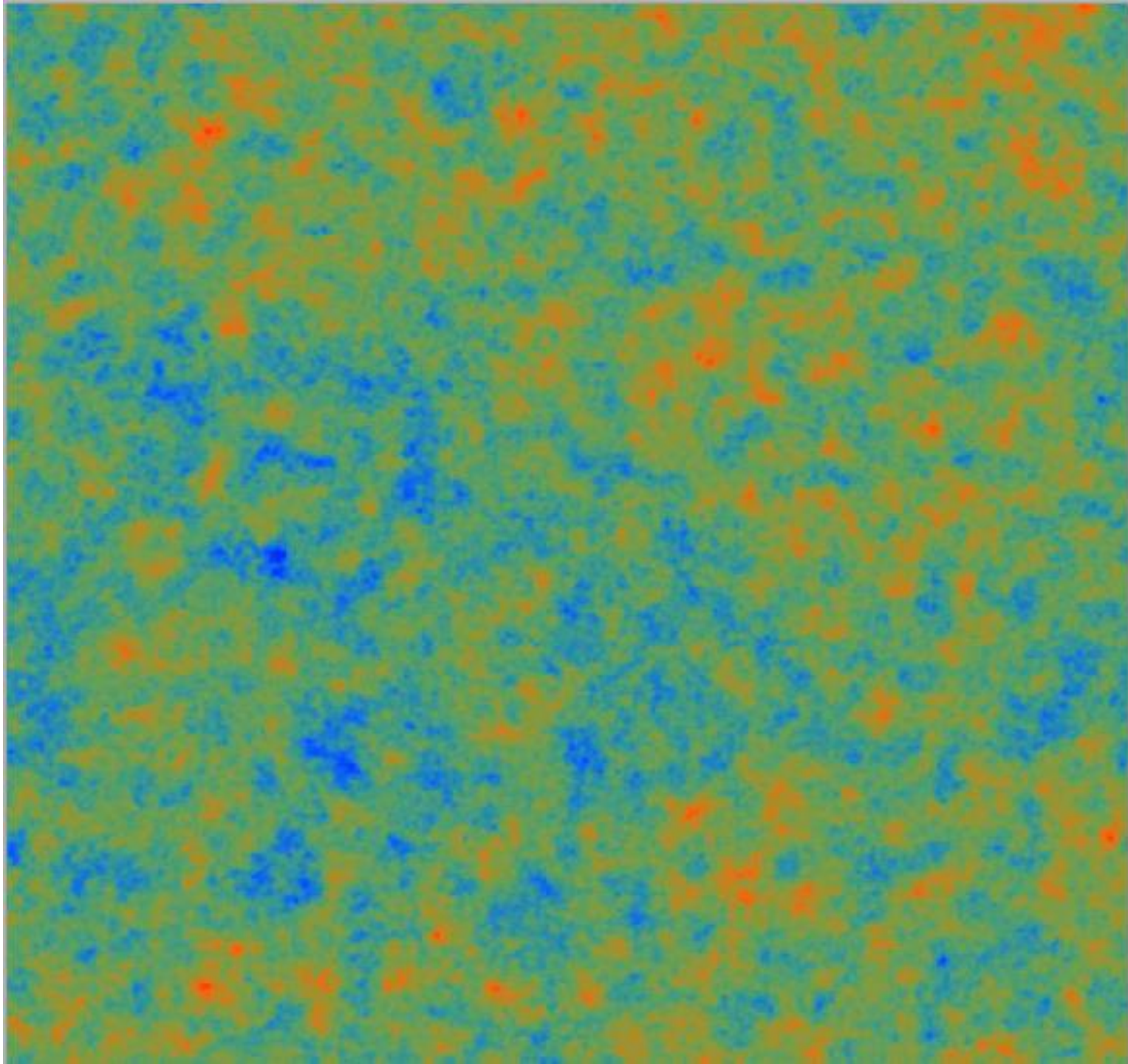
Clebsch-Gordan
coefficients

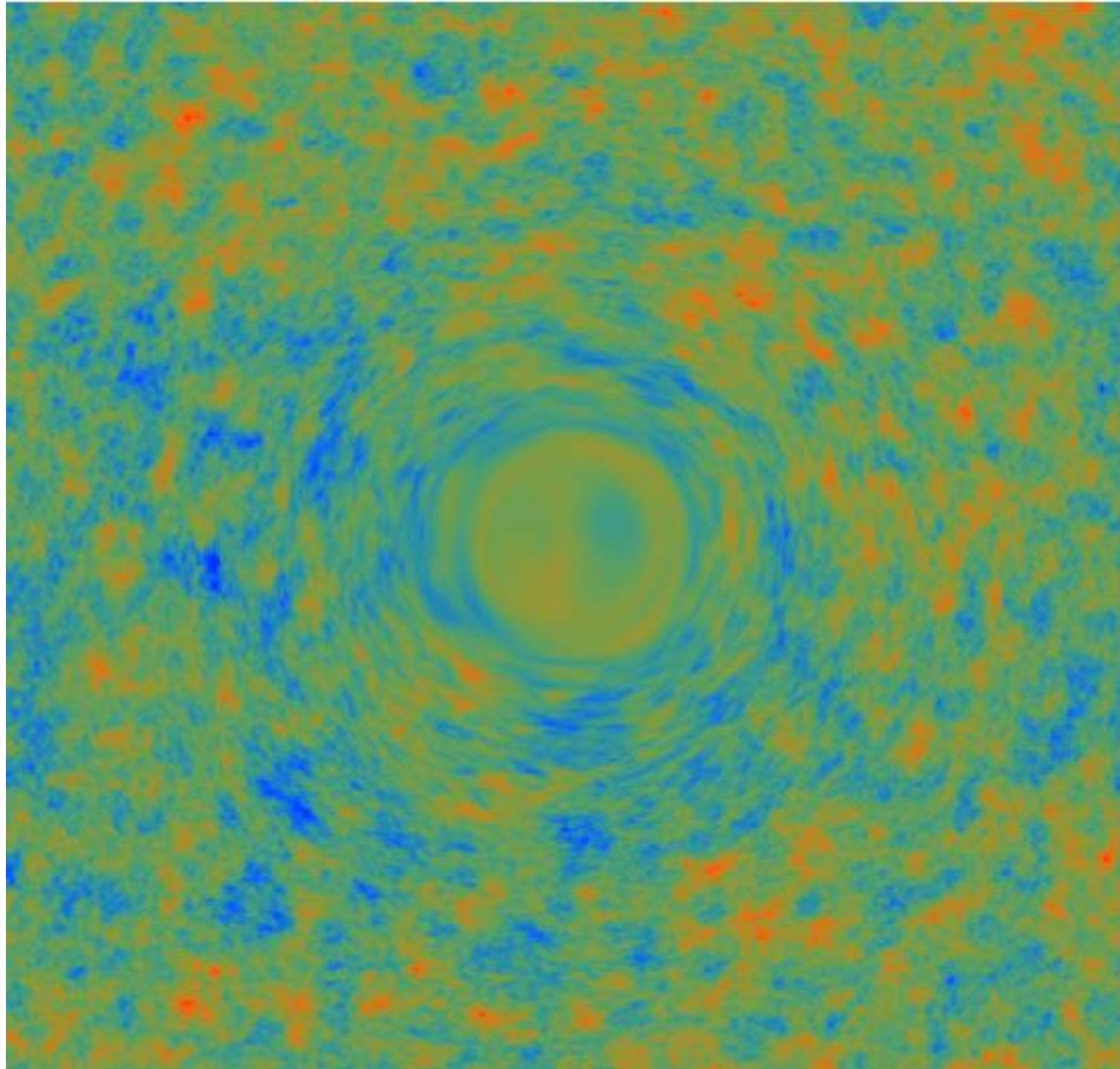
Bipolar spherical
harmonics (BiPoSHs)
(Hajian & Souradeep 2004;
Book, MK, Souradeep 2011)

Recipe for measuring BiPoSHs (generalizations of power spectrum to direction-dependent fluctuations):

$$\widehat{A}_{ll'}^{LM} = \sum_{lml'm'} C_{lml'm'}^{LM} a_{lm}^* a_{l'm'}$$

Example 1: Weak gravitational lensing of CMB





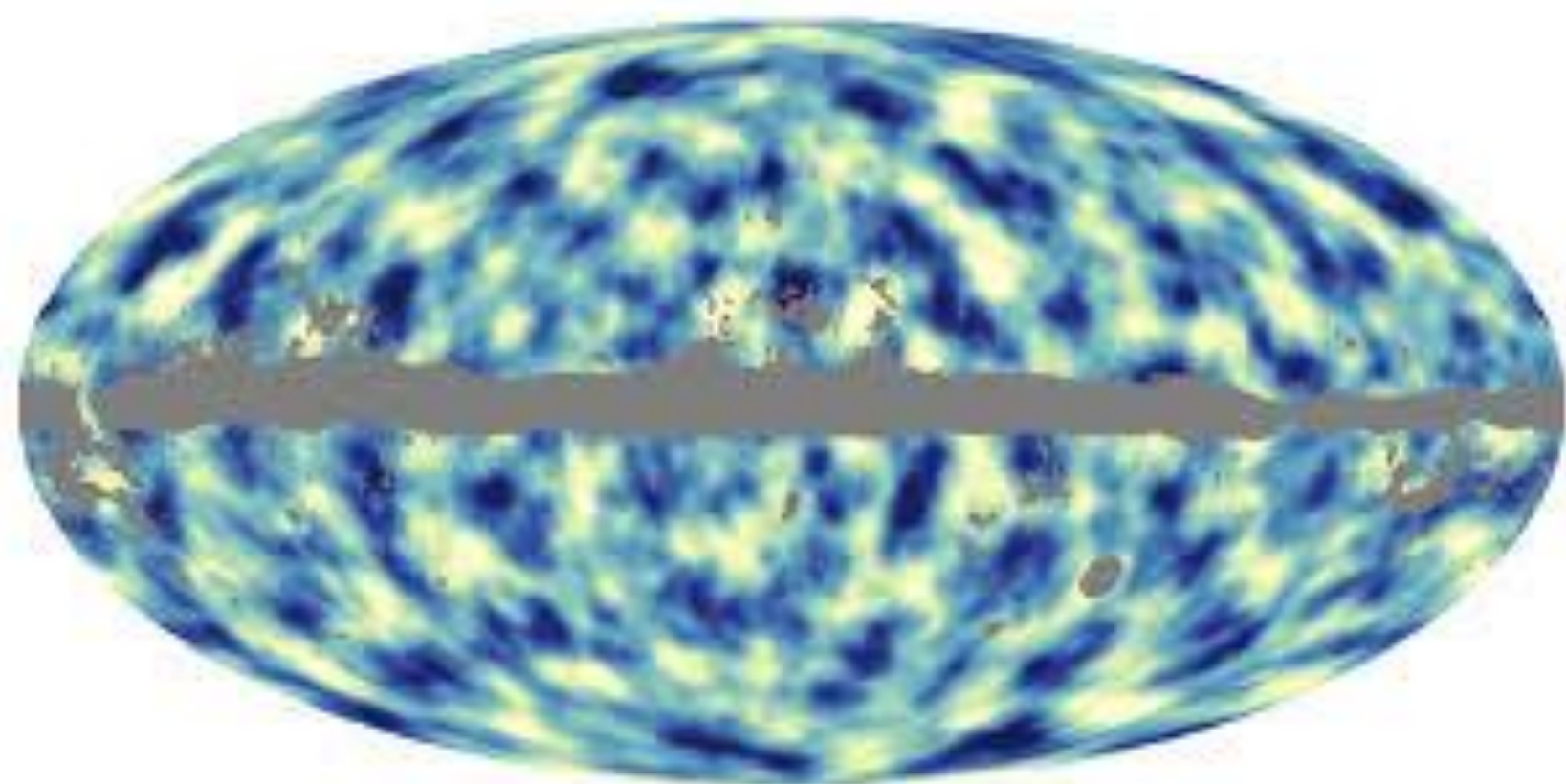
$$A_{ll'}^{\oplus LM} = \frac{\phi_{LM}}{\sqrt{2L+1}} \left[\frac{C_l G_{l'l}^L}{\sqrt{l'(l'+1)}} + \frac{C_{l'} G_{ll'}^L}{\sqrt{l(l+1)}} \right] = Q_{ll'}^{\oplus L} \phi_{LM}$$

where deflection angle is $\vec{\alpha} = \vec{\nabla} \phi$

Lensing of CMB detected
through cross-correlation with galaxy surveys

(Smith, Zahn, Dore 2007; Hirata et al. 2008)

And now without galaxies (Das et al. (ACT) 2010;
also now SPT and Planck)

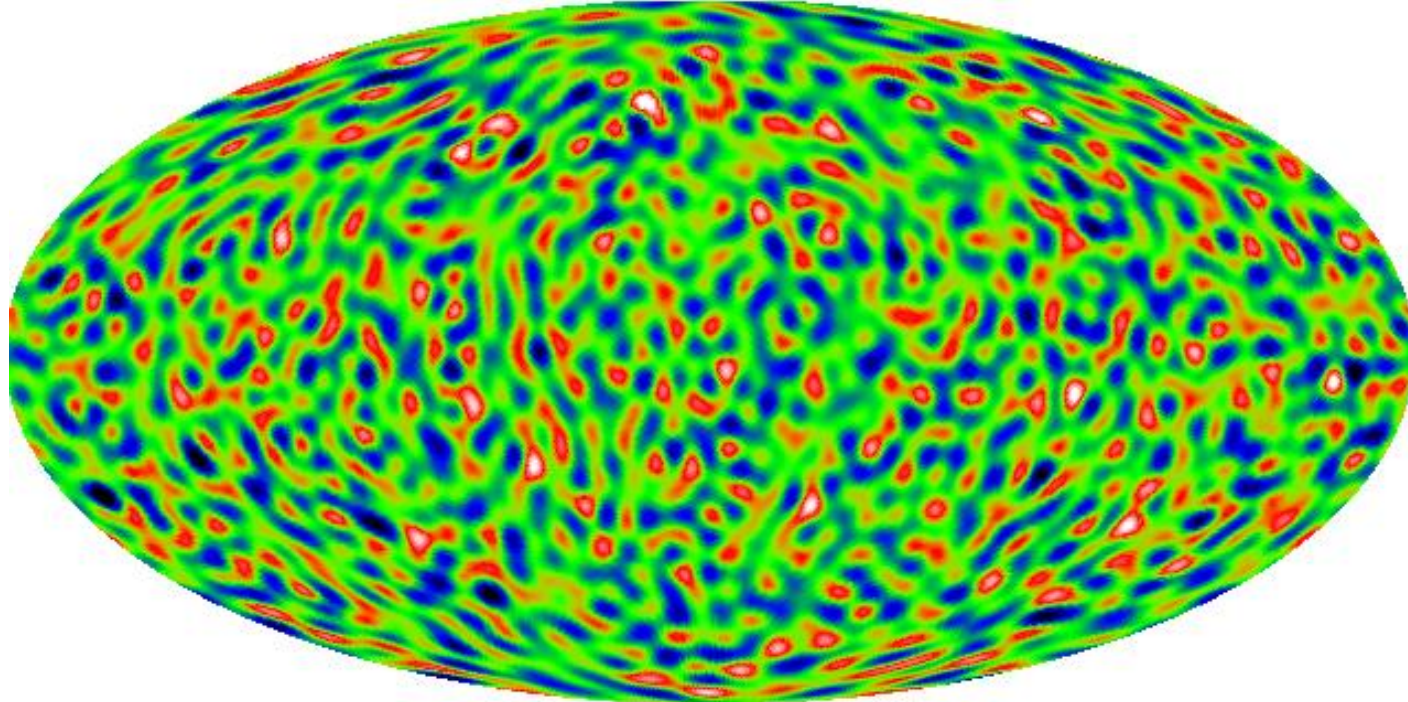


Example II (Exotica): Departures from Statistical Isotropy (Pullen, MK, 2007)

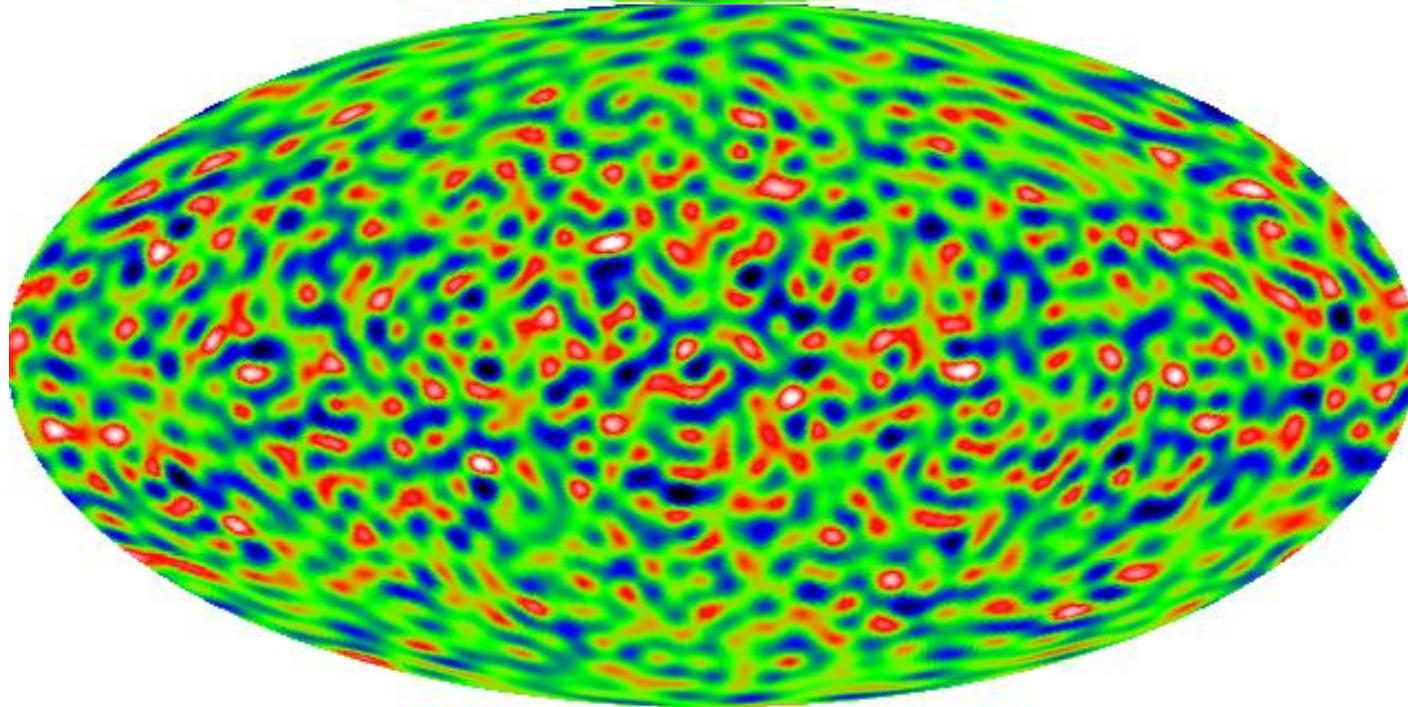
- Inflation: Universe statistically isotropic and homogeneous
- Statistical isotropy: Power spectrum does not depend on direction

To test....

- Require family of models that violate statistical isotropy and/or homogeneity, with departure from SI/SH parametrized by quantity that can be dialed to zero (e.g., inflationary models of Ackerman, Carroll, Wise predict power quadrupole)
- Develop estimators that measure SI/SH-violating parameters from observables

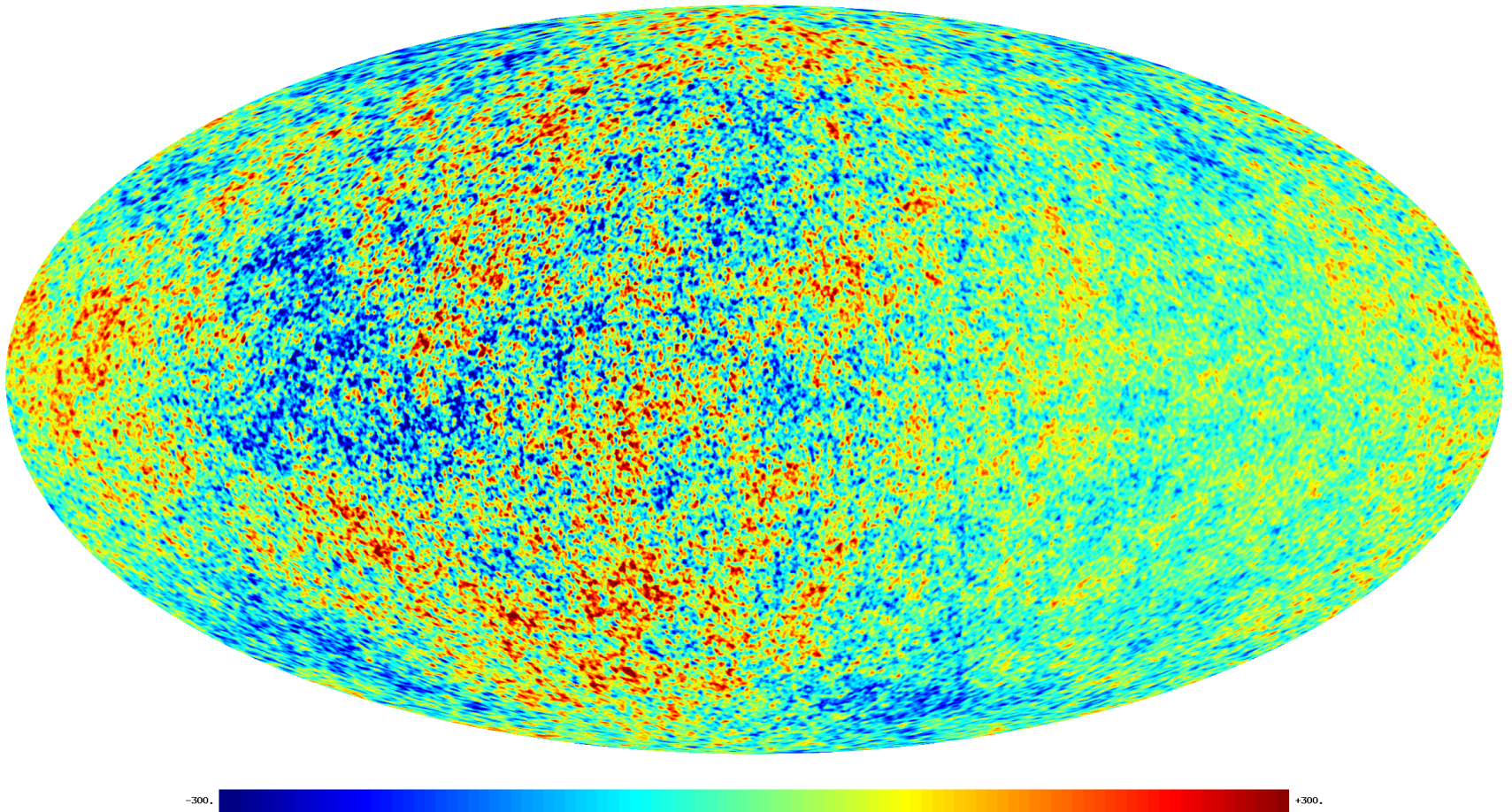


Statistically
isotropic



A power
quadrupole

A power dipole



Erickcek, MK, Carroll 2008; Erickcek, Carroll, MK 2008; Erickcek, Hirata, MK 2009;
Dai, Jeong, MK, Chluba 2013

Hemispherical power asymmetry

(in WMAP, Eriksen et al. 2004, and Planck)

- Has been seen in WMAP and Planck at $l < 60$

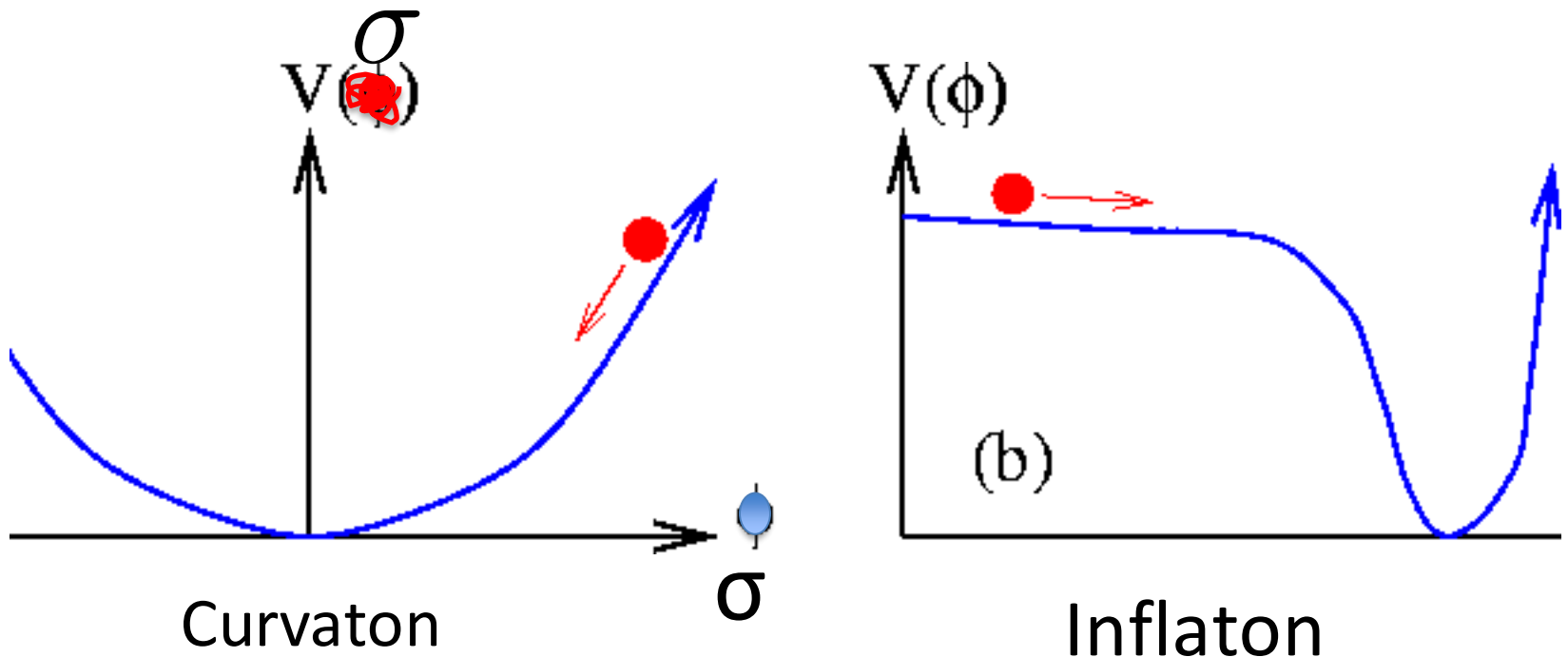
Problem:

- Inflaton controls density perturbations (which we want to vary across Universe) and the total density (which *cannot* vary)

(Erickcek, MK, Carroll, arXiv:0806.0377;
Erickcek, Carroll, MK, arXiv:0808.1570, Zibin-
Scott 2008)

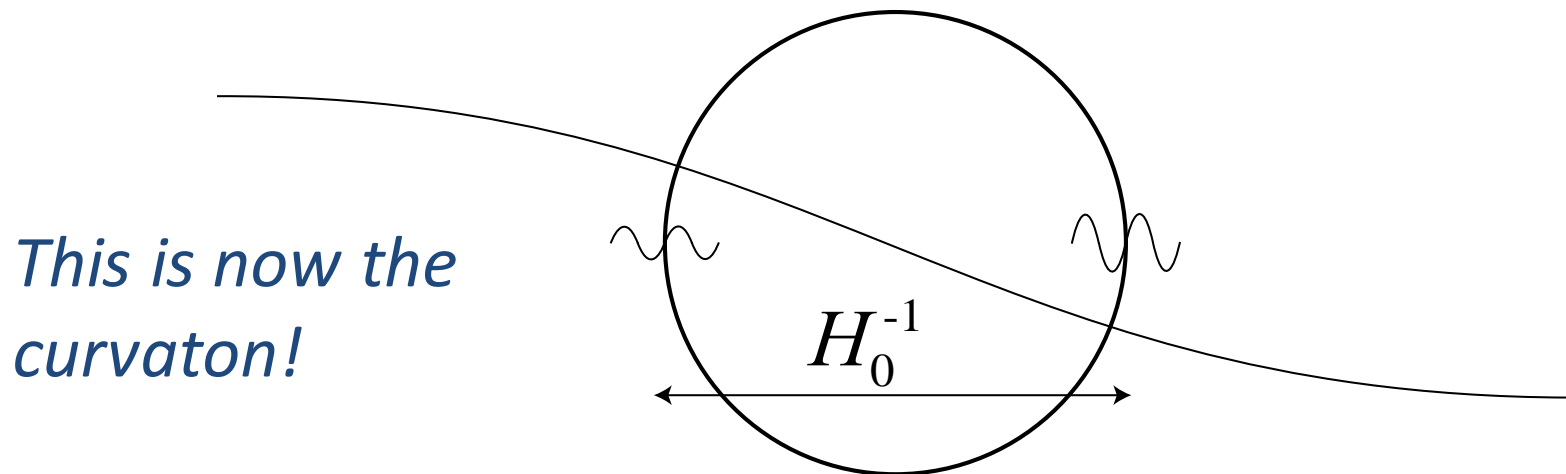
Solution

- Add second scalar field (curvaton); energy density generated by one and perturbations generated by other (or both by some combination)



Explaining the power asymmetry

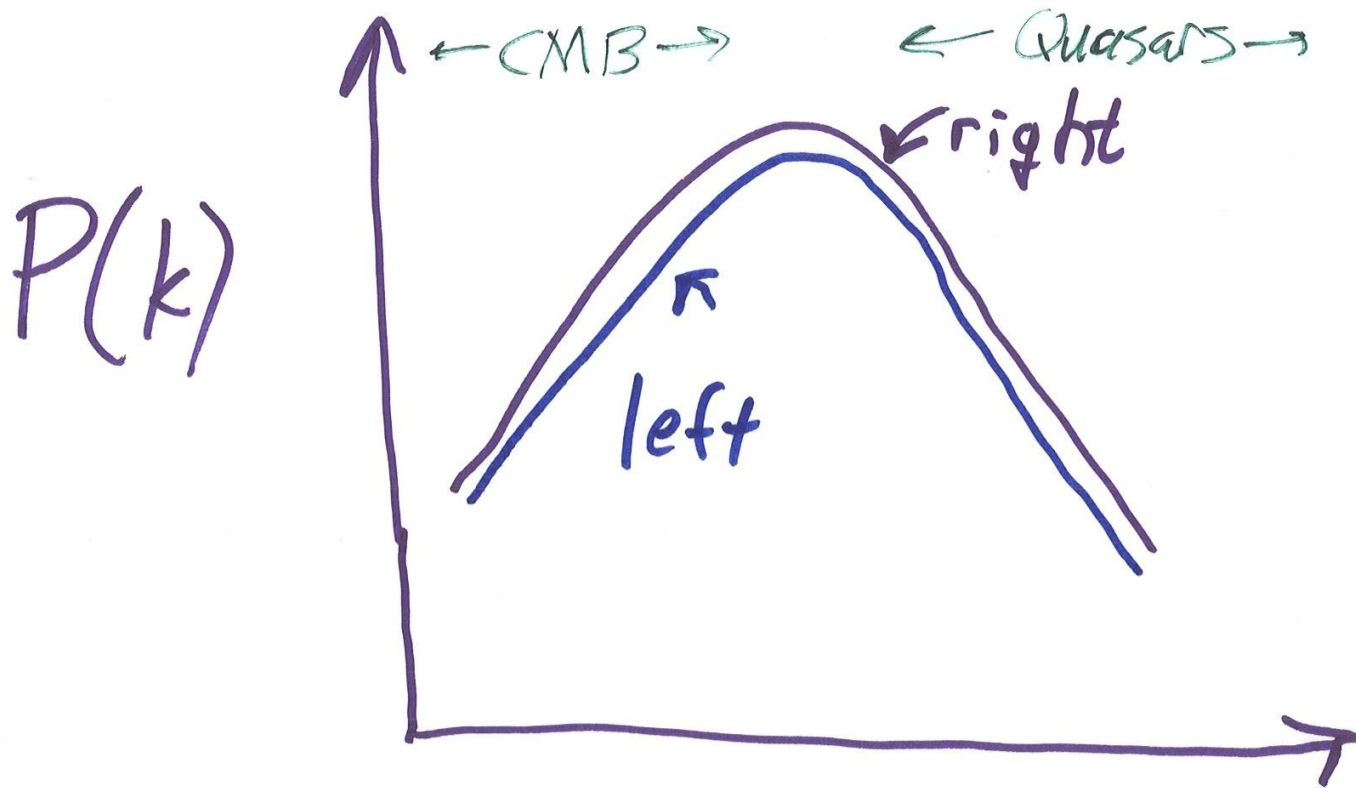
- Postulate long-wavelength curvaton fluctuation $\Delta\sigma$
- Keep inflaton smooth



Problems with model

- Predicts $f_{nl} > 50$
- SDSS quasar distribution/clustering restricts asymmetry to be small on smaller distance scales (Hirata 2009)

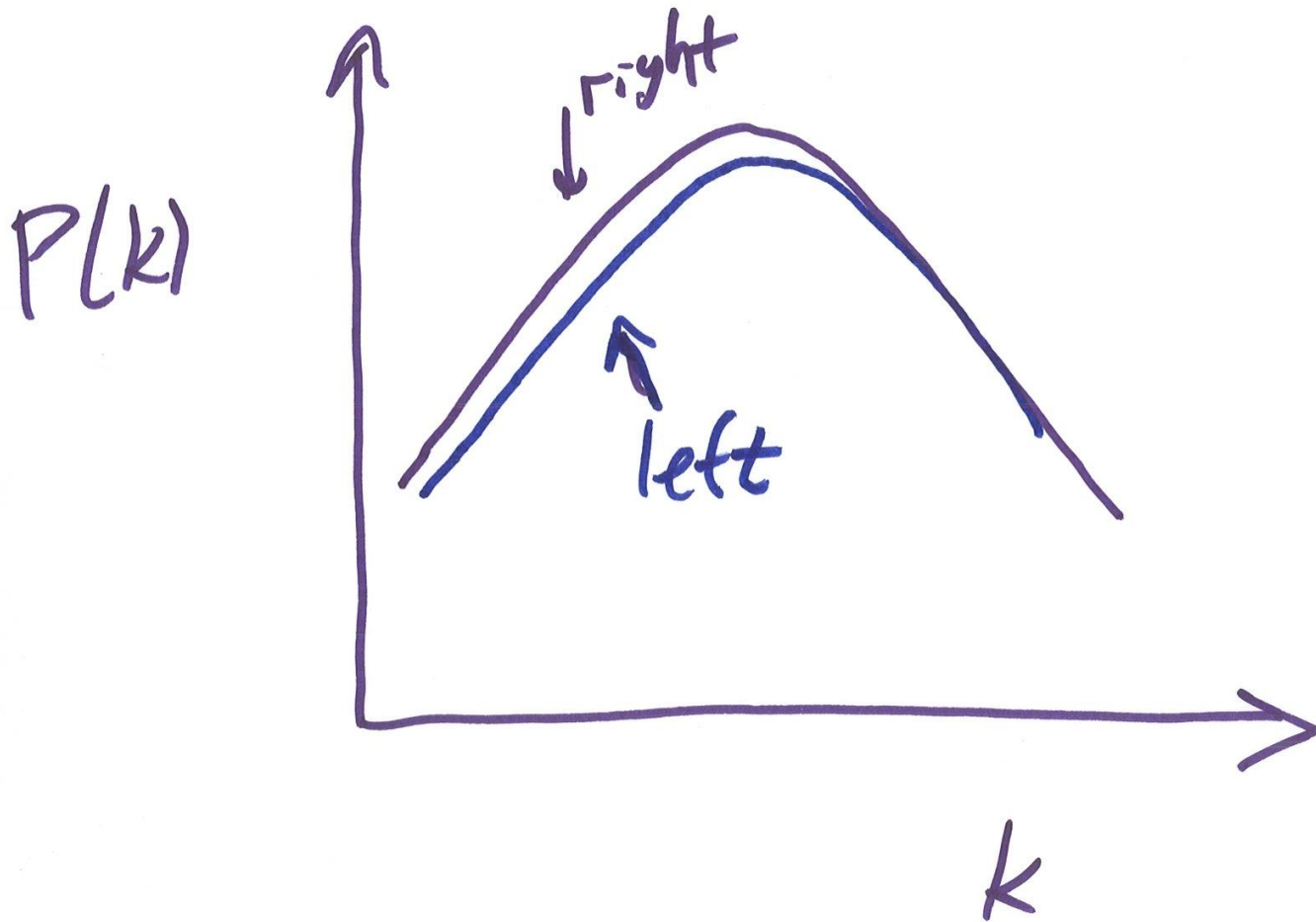
Power Spectrum



Erickcek, MK, Carroll
Prediction

k

The data

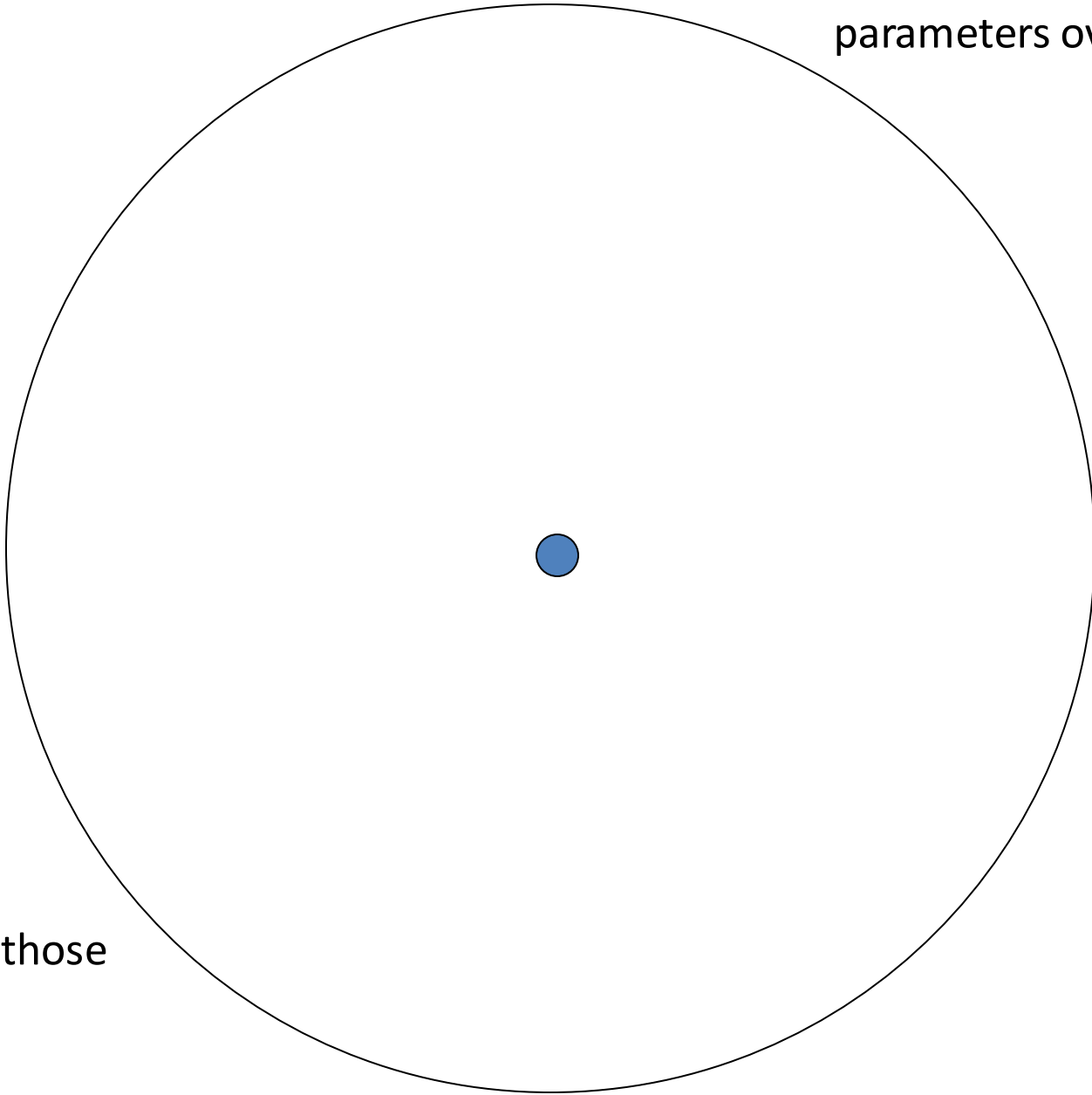


One solution

- “isocurvature” mode from curvaton decay
(Erickcek, Hirata, MK 2009)

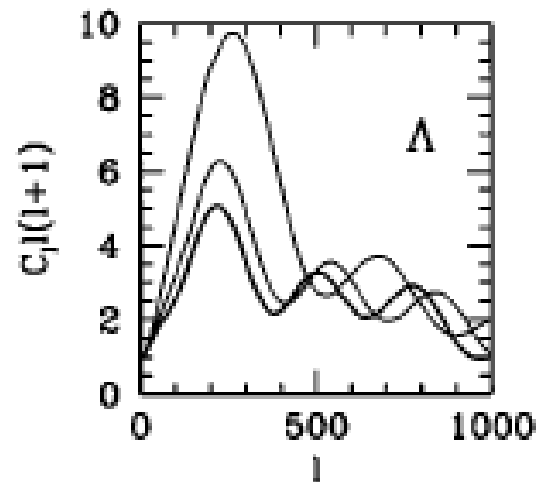
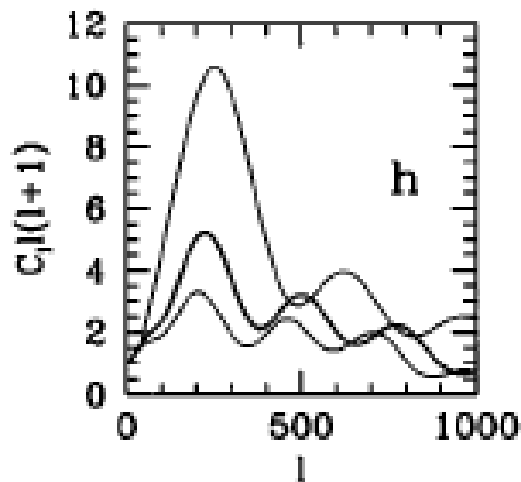
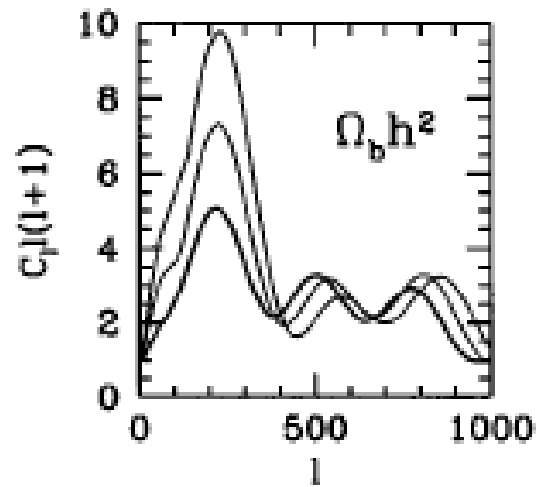
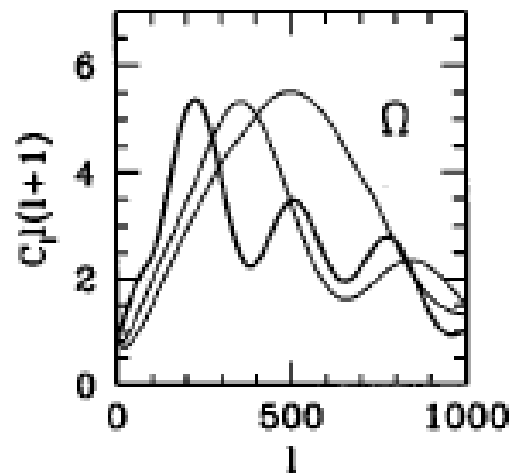
Other solutions: Spatial variation of cosmological parameters that affect CMB without affecting geometry

What if cosmological
parameters over here.....

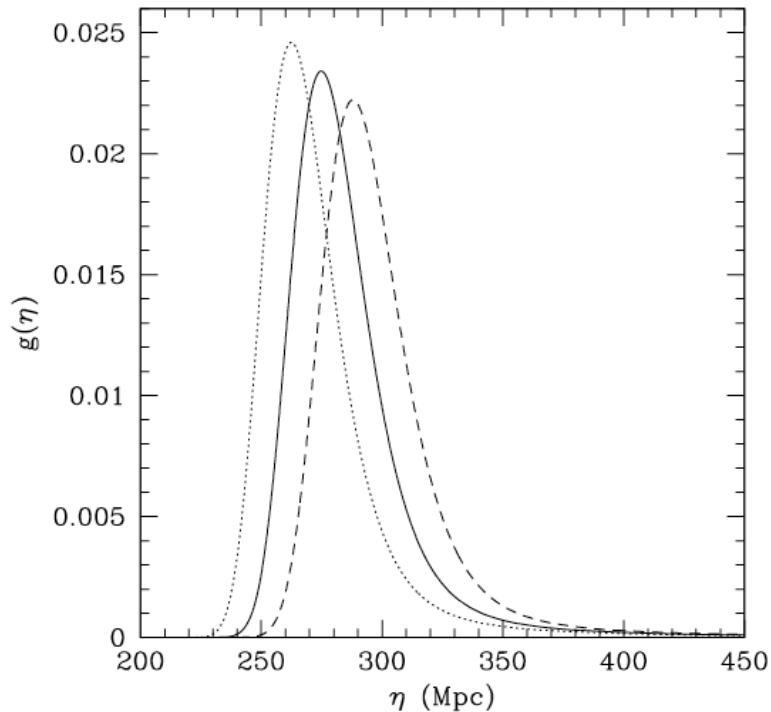


differ from those
over here?

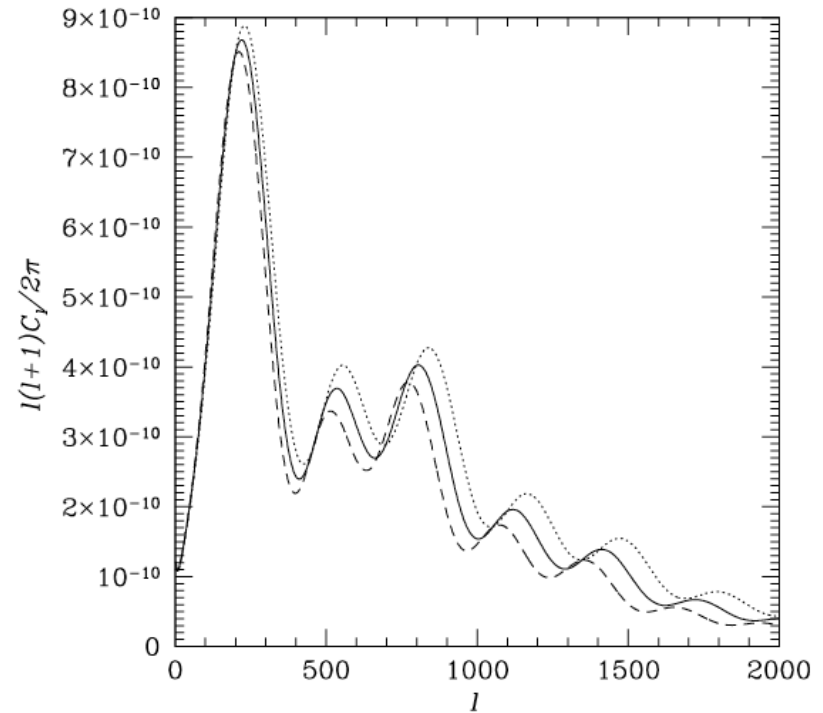
Then power spectra will differ from one point on sky to another:



E.g., suppose fine-structure constant varied



Visibility function



Power spectrum

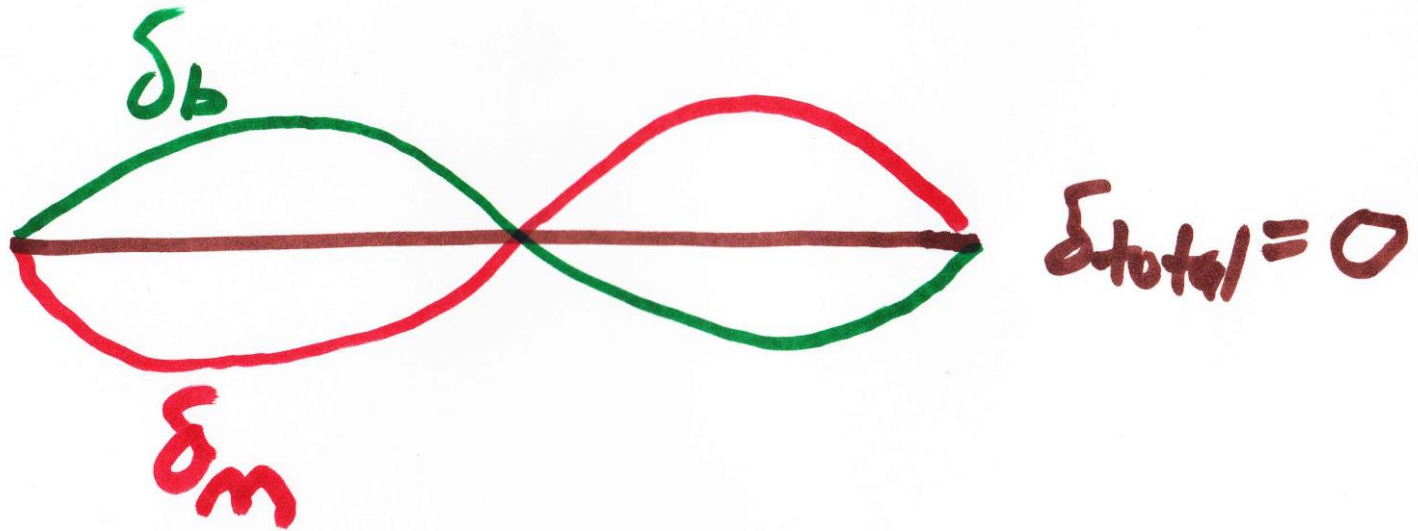
Can be sought with BiPoSHs (Sigurdson, MK, Kurylov 2003)

Another example: Compensated isocurvature perturbations

Baryon-density fluctuation compensated by dark-matter fluctuation of equal magnitude (Pritchard and Gordon 2009; Holder, Nollett, van Engelen 2009)

Strongest current constraint, from baryon-DM ratios measured in galaxy clusters: $\lesssim 10\%$

Compensated isocurvature perturbation

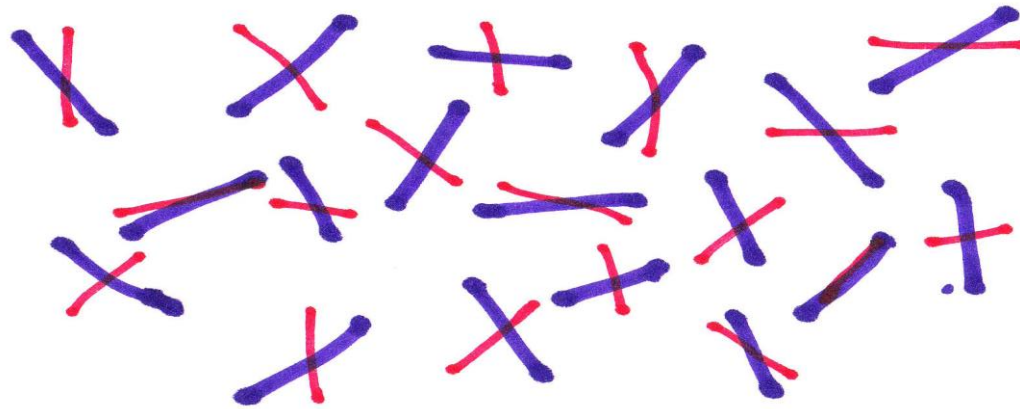


Polarization BiPoSHs: Spatially-varying cosmological birefringence

(MK, 2008;
Gluscevic, MK, Cooray 2009; Yadav et al. 2009; MK 2010; Gluscevic,
MK, Caldwell 2011)

- What if CB rotation angle varies from one point on sky to another?? (e.g., Pospelov, Ritz, Skordis 2008; Caldwell et al., in preparation)
- Then observed polarization has nothing to do with primordial polarization!!!
- Develop technique to measure rotation as function of angle, and thus to infer primordial polarization pattern

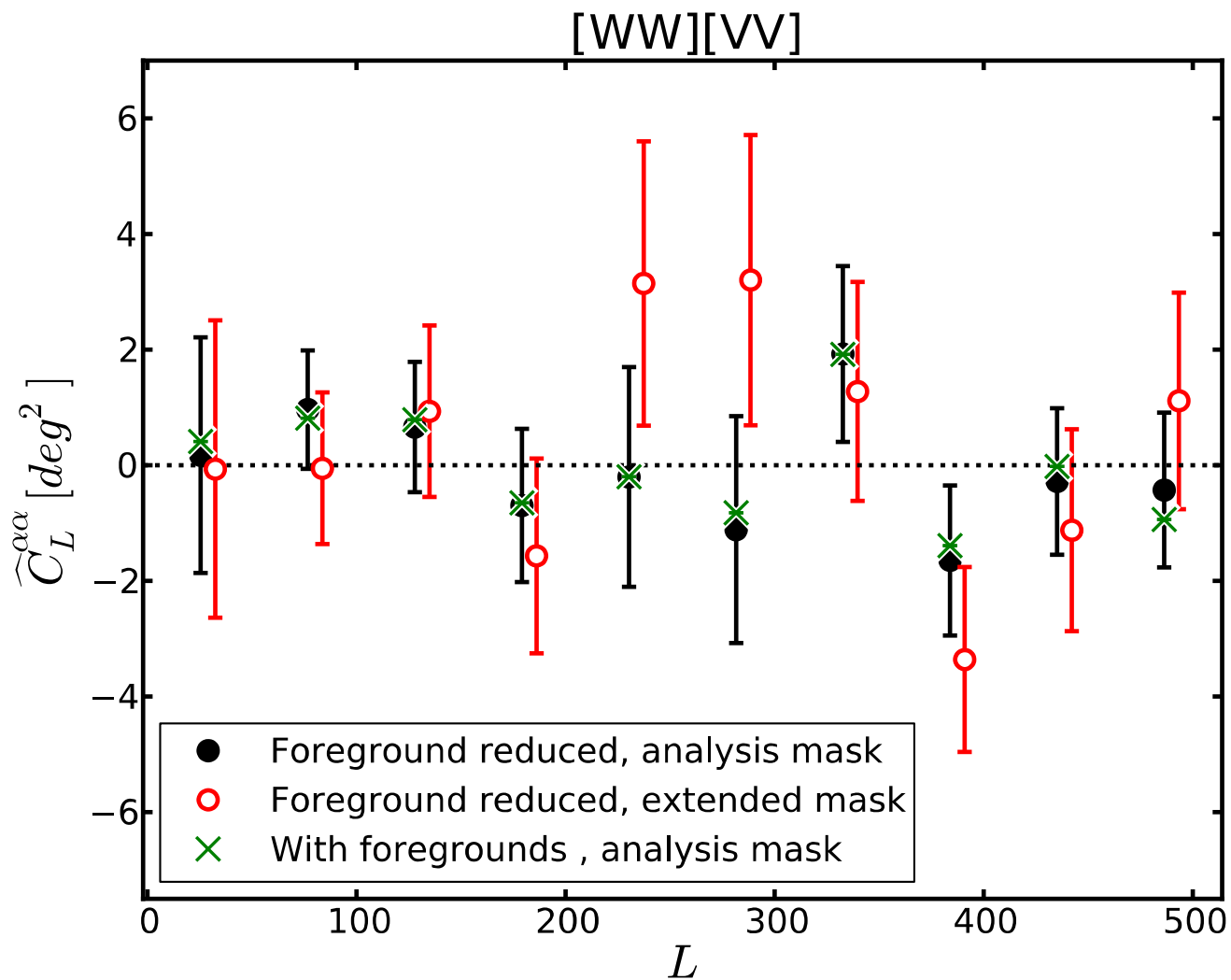
Rotation $\alpha(\hat{n})$ depends
on position \hat{n}



Primordial Rotated

???

WMAP search (Gluscevic, Hanson, MK, Hirata, 2012)



Odd-Parity BiPoSHs (Book, MK, Souradeep 2011)

- Lensing, SI violations, patchy reionization, variable cosmological parms all induce only BiPoSHs with $L+l+l'=\text{even}$.
- But BiPoSHs can have $L+l+l'=\text{odd}$
- Odd/even split \sim E/B decomposition for CMB polarization
- Odd-parity BiPoSHs may be induced by lensing by GWs or by pointing errors, asymmetric beams, etc.

New probes of parity violation

- Cross-correlation between even- and odd-parity BiPoSHs are parity breaking. May be induced by chiral GW background

Odd-parity bispectrum (MK, Souradeep 2010)

- Three-pt functions from inflation have

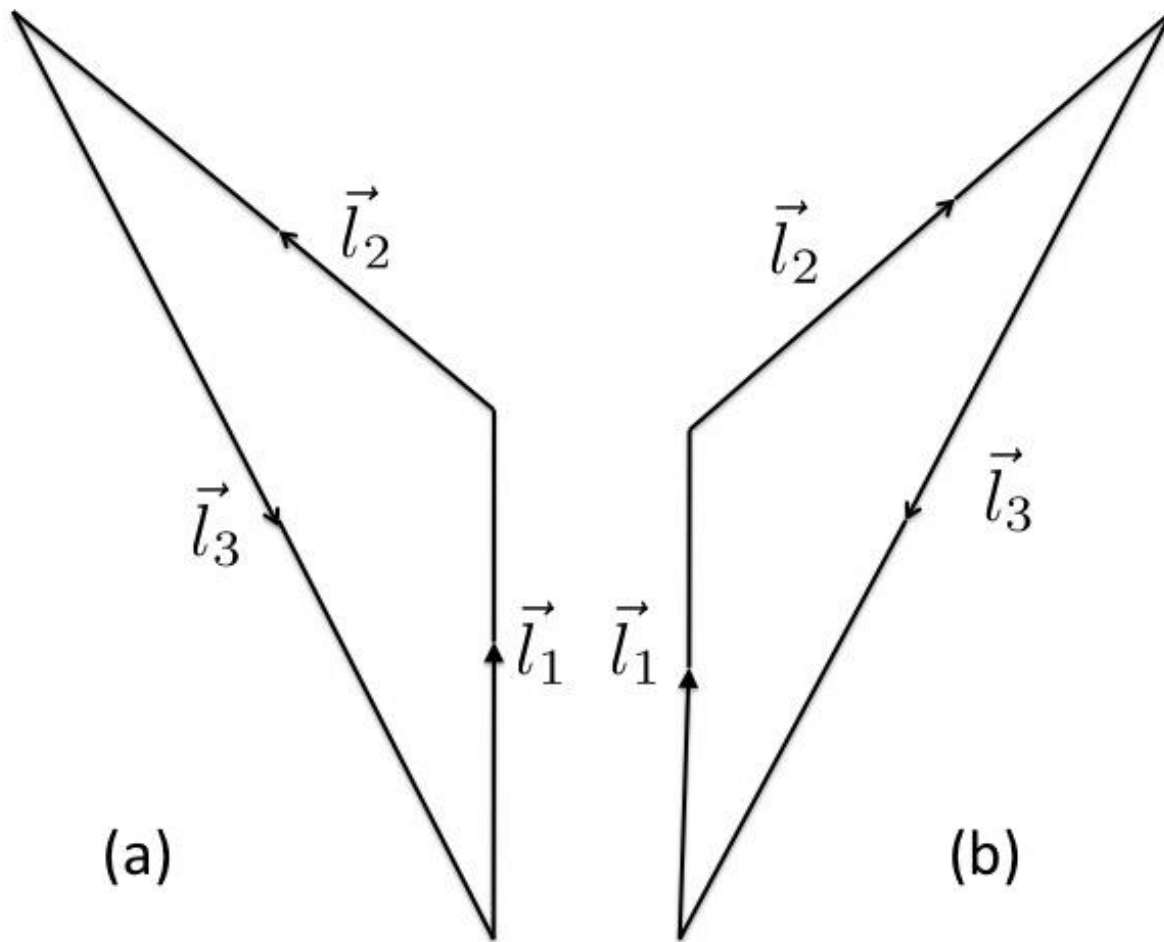
$$\langle a_{l_1 m_1} a_{l_2 m_2} a_{l_3 m_3} \rangle \neq 0 \quad \text{for} \quad l_1 + l_2 + l_3 = \text{even}$$

but odd-parity bispectrum, with

$$l_1 + l_2 + l_3 = \text{odd}$$

is also allowed mathematically and can be measured from data.

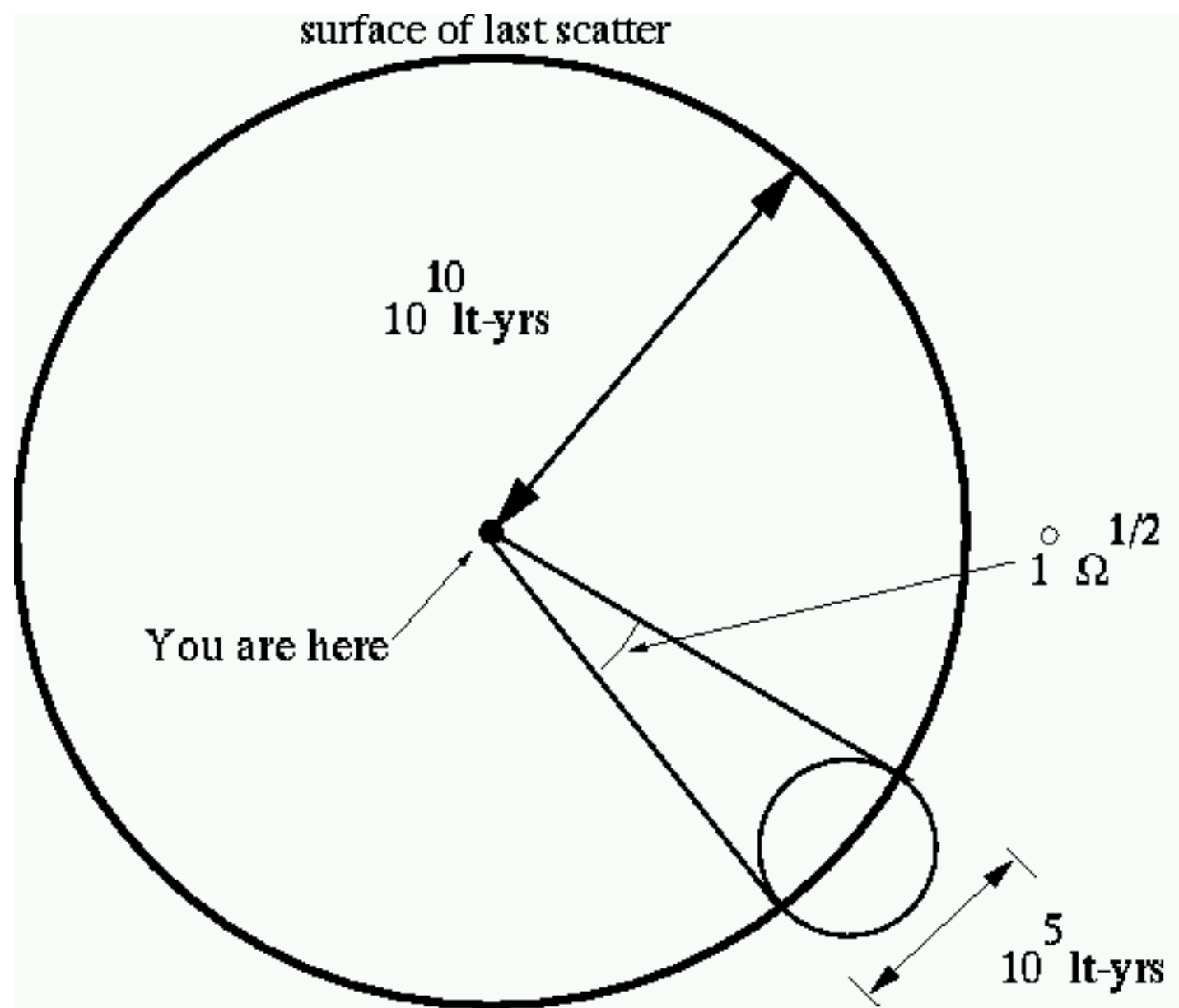
Allows probe of novel parity-breaking early-Universe physics and new set of null tests for systematics in experiments

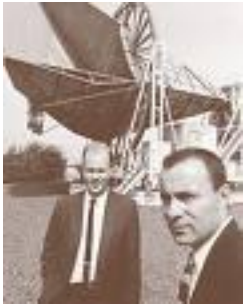
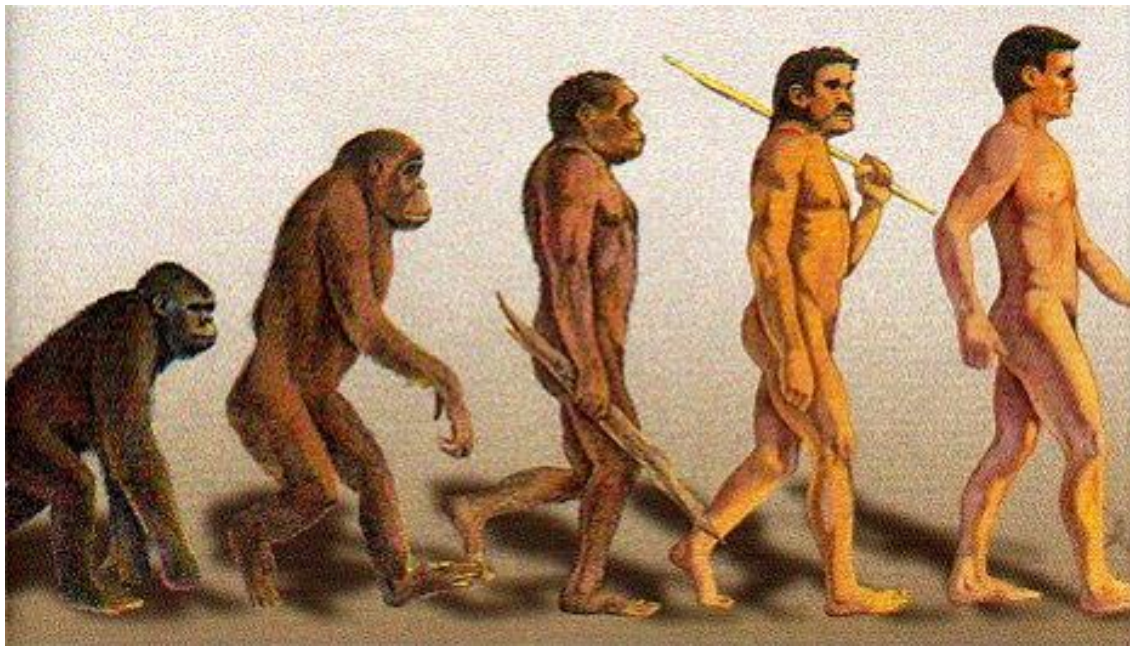


Odd-parity bispectrum differences, rather than sums, contributions from mirror-image triangles

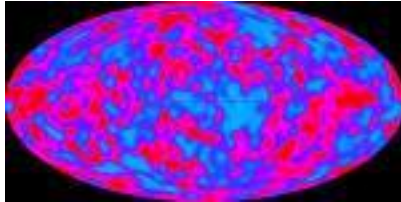
Conclusions

- Current CMB measurements provide precise determination of cosmological parameters and provide strong evidence in support of inflation
- Planck will make these measurements even more precise, and active suborbital search for inflationary gravitational waves under way
- But there is more that can be done with these and future experiments

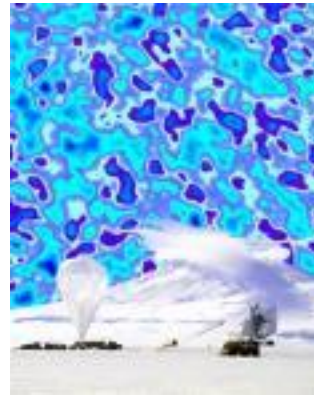




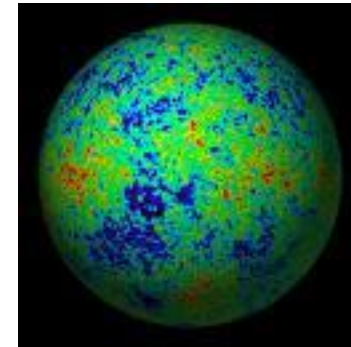
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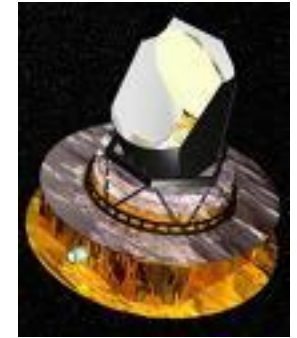
COBE:
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BOOMERanG:
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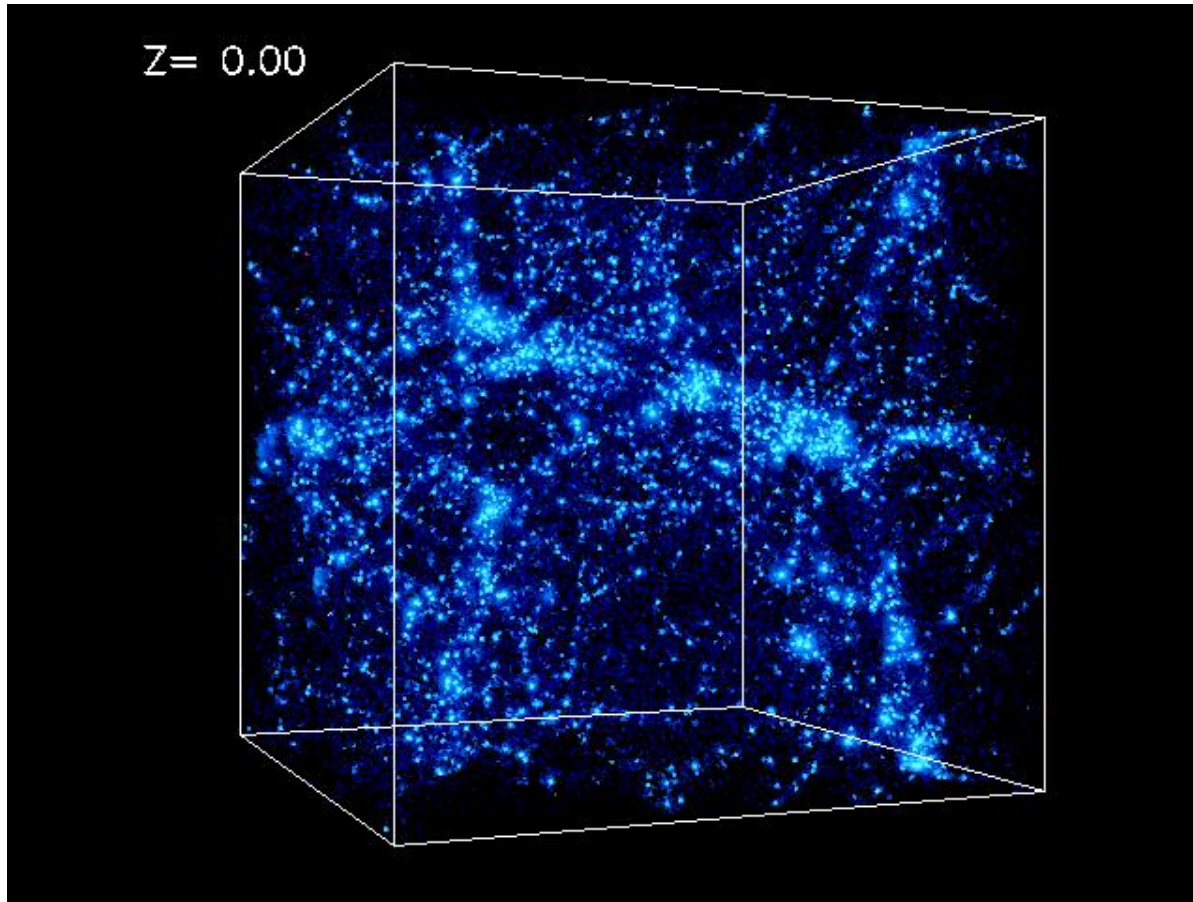
WMAP:
(2003-present)



Planck:
Even better!!
(launched
May 2009)

...and beyond!!

And galaxy surveys! (Ando,MK, PRL 2008; Pullen-Hirata 2010; Kuhlen,MK, in progress)



Do Fourier modes
in x, y, and z
directions
have same
amplitude?

- Pullen-Hirata (2010): strong constraints to power quadrupole from SDSS

But how does power anisotropy today compare with primordial anisotropy?

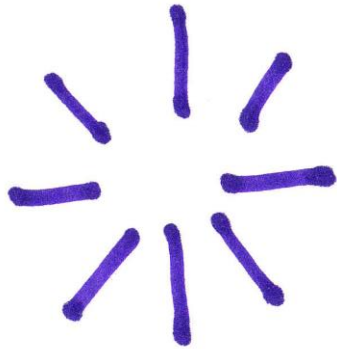
- Ando-MK: Analytic: primordial power quadrupole suppressed, but by $<7\%$, in quasilinear regime
- Current: (with Kuhlen) studying evolution of anisotropic power with simulations

IV. Cosmological Birefringence

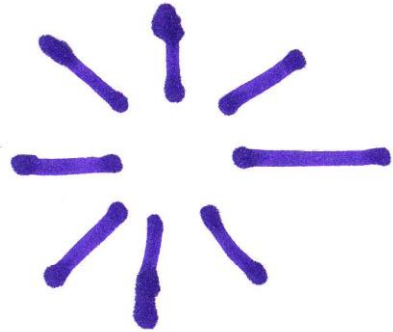
(Lue, Wang, MK 1999; MK 2008; Gluscevic, MK, Cooray, 2009; MK 2010)

- Is new cosmological physics (e.g., inflation, dark energy) parity violating?
- Polarization E and B modes have opposite parity; EB correlation therefore signature of parity violation

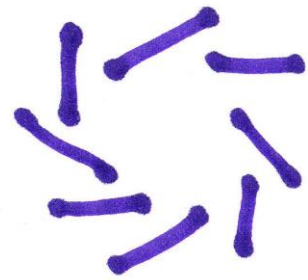
E mode



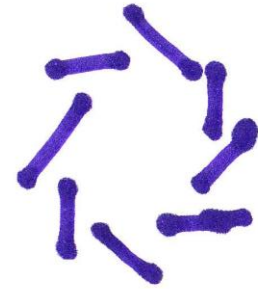
E mode



Parity



B mode



-B mode

Non-Gaussianity: BiPoSHs from inflation (in progress)

Recap: Every Fourier mode of inflaton field satisfies SHO-like equation of motion:

$$\ddot{\phi}_{\vec{k}} + k^2 \phi_{\vec{k}} = 0$$

These inflaton fluctuations get imprinted as primordial density perturbations

- Amplitude of each Fourier mode selected from Gaussian random distribution (the ground-state SHO wave function)

- But that's only to zero-th order
- Many detailed inflation models predict that any two of these SHOs (i.e., Fourier modes) should be (very very weakly) coupled
- May therefore be some (small) three-point correlation:

$$\langle a_{l_1 m_1} a_{l_2 m_2} a_{l_3 m_3} \rangle \propto C_{l_2 m_2 l_3 m_3}^{l_1 m_1} B_{l_1 l_2 l_3}$$

“Bispectrum”

- 3-pt correlation equivalently cross-correlation between a_{lm} and BiPoSH (quadratic in a_{lm})

Current work (with T. Souradeep)

- Are developing and applying parity tests with CMB temperature (alone) and also with weak lensing maps

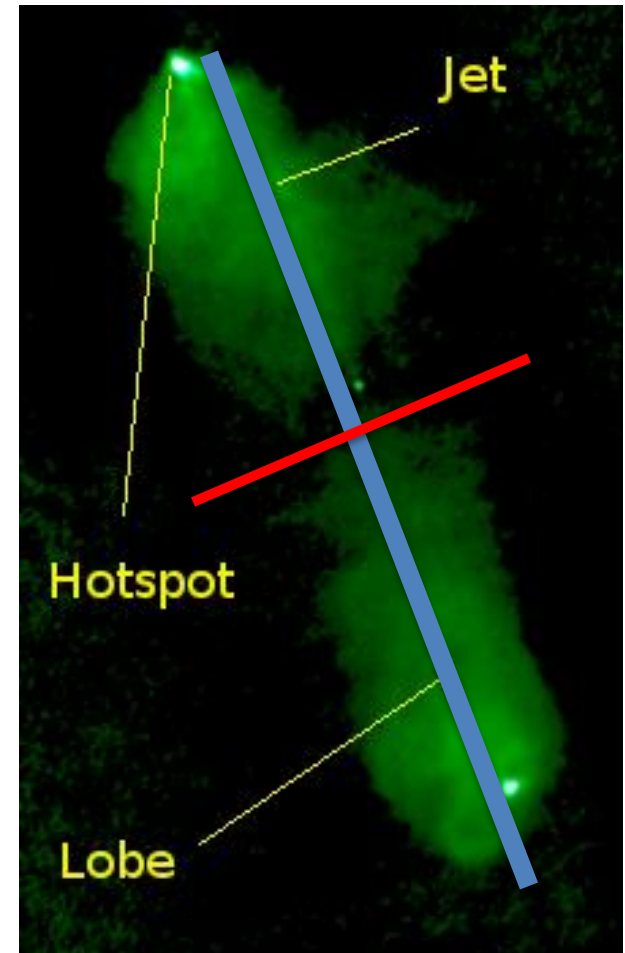
Cosmological Birefringence with Radio Sources

Sources (MK 2010)

If no CB, then on average, polarizations and position angles of a large number of sources should be 90 deg

If there is CB, there should be a mean offset

Data from 100s of sources:
rotation < few degrees



Spatially-varying rotation

- If rotation varies with position on sky:

$$\alpha(\hat{n}) = \sum_{lm} \alpha_{lm} Y_{lm}^*(\hat{n})$$

- Can measure (MK 2010)

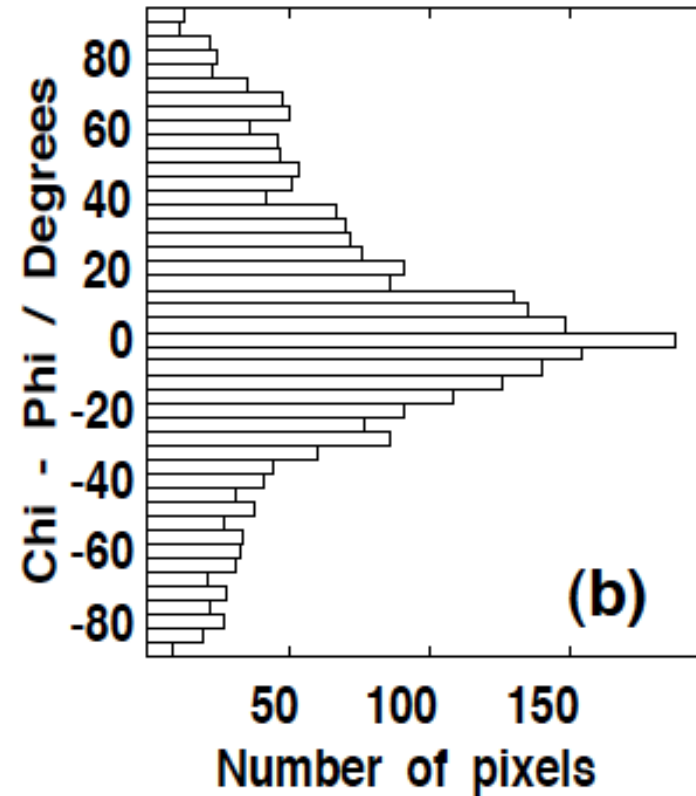
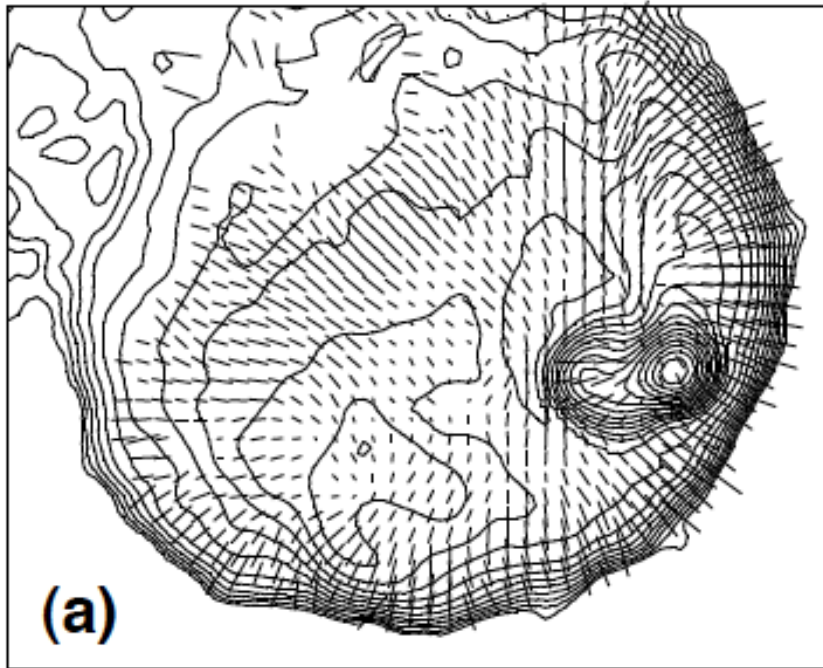
$$\alpha_{lm} \propto \sum_i \alpha_i Y_{lm}(\hat{n}_i)$$

- But even simpler analysis is constraining; variance in α from ~ 10 sources at $z > 2$ is $<$ few degrees

$$\rightarrow \frac{\alpha_{lm}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \lesssim 4^\circ$$

The best current constraint!

But can do better with high-resolution intensity-polarization maps (Leahy 1997; Wardle, Pearly, Cohen 1997)



And even better (MK 2010; MK, Gluscevic, Sanders,
in progress; Battye et al, in progress)

- Use E/B decomposition for polarization
- $\alpha = (EB/EE)/2 = (IB/IE)/2$

Uses full information from
polarization-intensity and
polarization-polarization
correlations to search for rotation

A neutrino analog: cosmological neutrino birefringence! (Ando, MK, Mocioiu 2009)

- What if we have

$$\frac{\partial_\mu \phi}{M_*} \bar{\nu}_\alpha \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma_5) \nu \quad ???$$

Leads to MSW-like effects in vacuum; novel, and possibly detectable, effects in atmospheric neutrinos and ultra-high-energy neutrinos

- E.g., M_* up to 10^6 GeV may be accessible with UHE neutrinos if DE-induced mixing is in $\nu_\mu - \nu_\tau$
- Current work: similar effects in kaon mixing

Conclusions

- Will soon have new tests of inflation (B modes; non-Gaussianity, etc.) with forthcoming CMB experiments
- But there may be more we can do with CMB, extragalactic sources, neutrinos, etc. to learn about inflation and dark energy
- Implications of anomalies should be explored--window to new physics?

Evidence for SI violation still tentative,
and may be “ugly”

Still.....

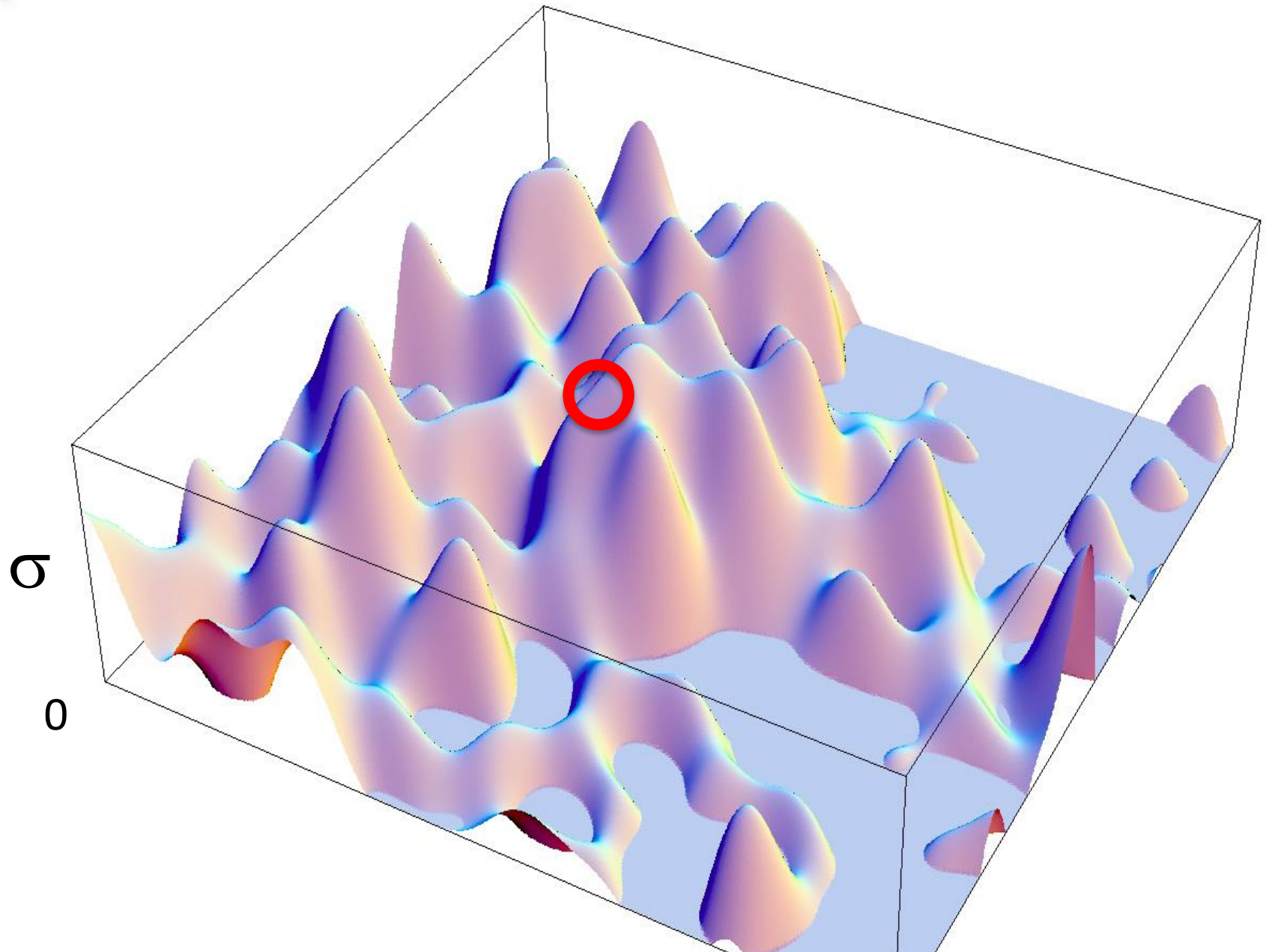
“Frequently nature does not knock with a very loud sound but rather a very soft whisper, and you have to be aware of subtle behavior which may in fact be a sign that there is interesting physics to be had.”

---Douglass Osheroff

What more?

- Required curvaton “supermode” probably too big to be QM produced---may have to due with curvaton web (Mukhanov-Linde)? Or pre-inflationary remnant?

Spatial Distribution of the Curvaton Field



So far....

- There is hemispherical power asymmetry in WMAP
- Cannot be accounted for by single-field slow-roll inflation
- Can be explained by curvaton with large-amplitude long-wavelength fluctuation
- Model constrained by homogeneity predicts $f_{\text{nl}} > 50$

Smallest detectable quadrupole anisotropy

$$\sigma_{g_{2M}} \simeq 7.6/l_{\max}$$

Experiment	σ_T (μK)	σ_P (μK)	θ_{fwhm}	$\sigma_{g_{2M}}^{\text{pmm}}$ (TT)	$\sigma_{g_{2M}}^{\text{pmm}}$ (EE)	$\sigma_{g_{2M}}^{\text{pmm}}$ (total)	$\sigma_{g_{2M}}^{\text{mv}}$ (TT)	$\sigma_{g_{2M}}^{\text{mv}}$ (EE)	$\sigma_{g_{2M}}^{\text{mv}}$ (total)
WMAP	30.0	42.6	21'	1.3	11	1.2	0.024	2.4	0.024
Planck	13.1	26.8	5'	1.6	0.16	0.16	0.0052	0.033	0.0050
EPIC	0.021	0.068	52'	1.2	0.55	0.42	0.016	0.019	0.011
Cosmic variance	0	0	0	1.8	0.014	0.014			

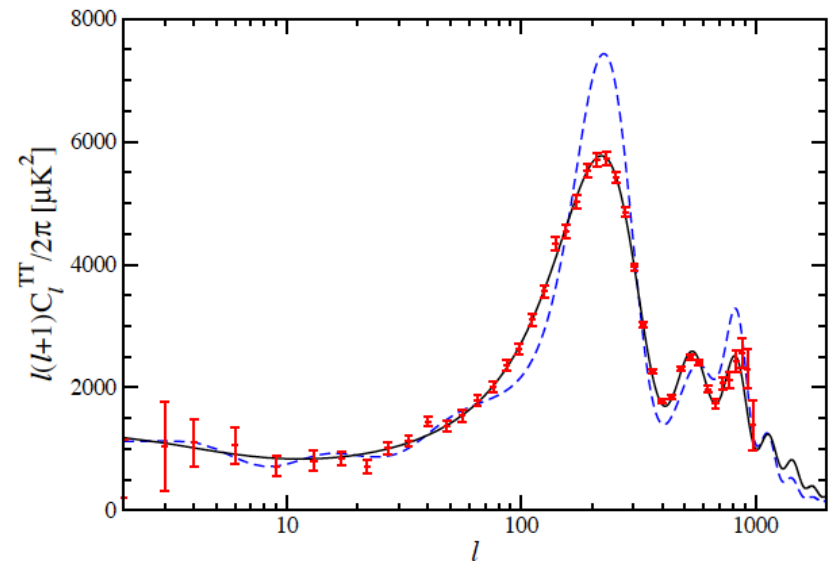
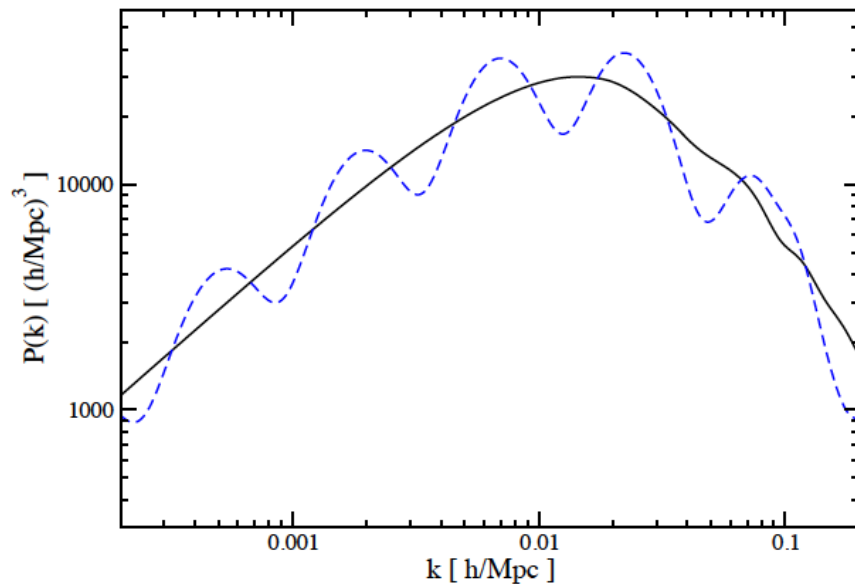
TABLE I: The standard error $\sigma_{g_{2M}}$ to the amplitude of a quadrupole anisotropy in the matter power spectrum for different experiments. The instrumental temperature and polarization noises and beam width are listed for each experiment. We show the results for the power multipole moments (pmm) for TT only, EE only, and the full result. We also show in the last three columns $\sigma_{g_{2M}}^{\text{mv}}$ from the minimum-variance estimator for each experiment, for TT only, EE only, and the full result.

- Have recipe to measure g_{LM} 's from CMB data
- Are minimum-variance estimators: most sensitive possible

Other weird inflation: bumps in the inflaton potential (Pahud, MK, Liddle 2008)

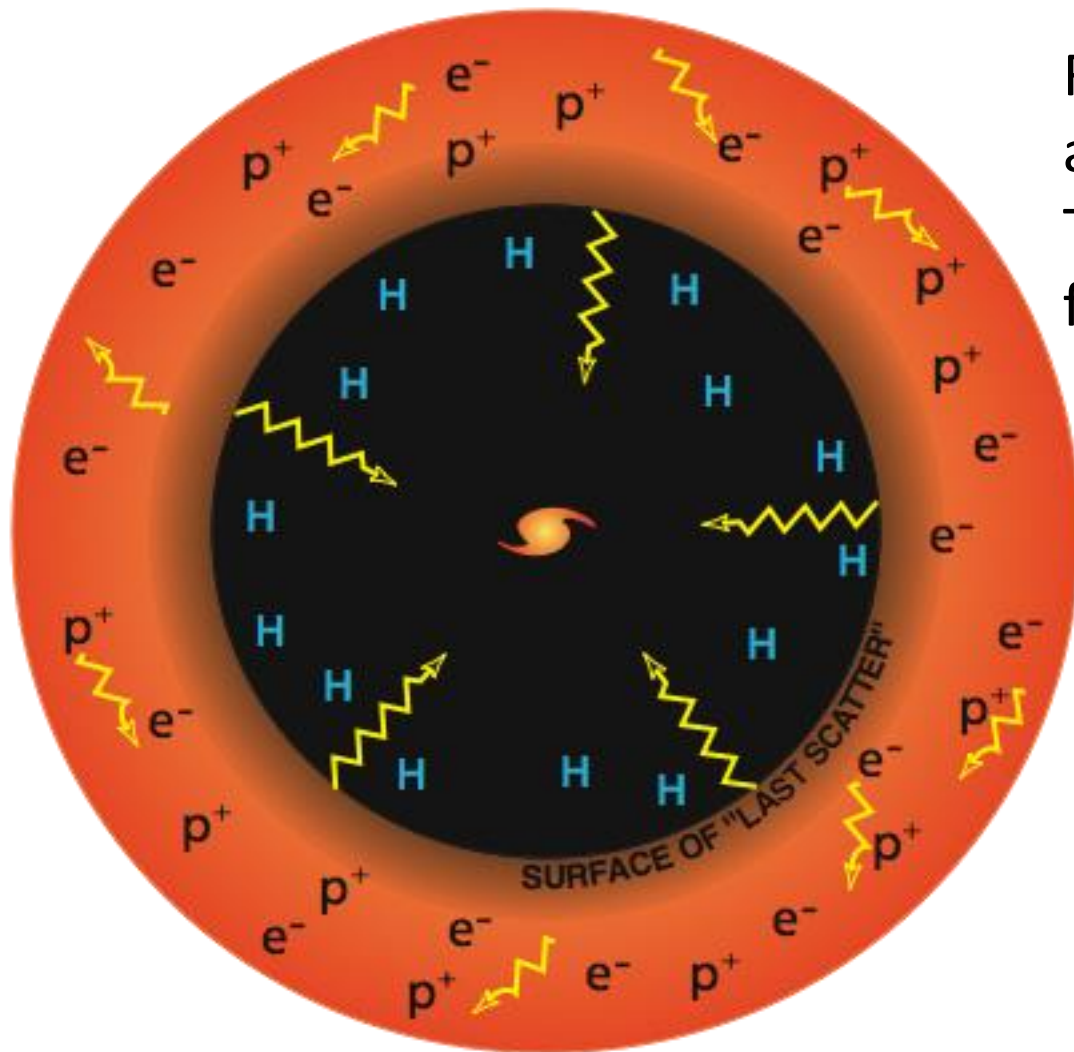
- Suppose inflaton potential:

$$V(\phi) = \frac{1}{2} m^2 \phi^2 \left[1 + \alpha \sin \left(\frac{\phi}{\beta M_{\text{Pl}}} + \delta \right) \right]$$



WMAP: $\alpha \lesssim 3 \times 10^{-5}$

The origin of the CMB

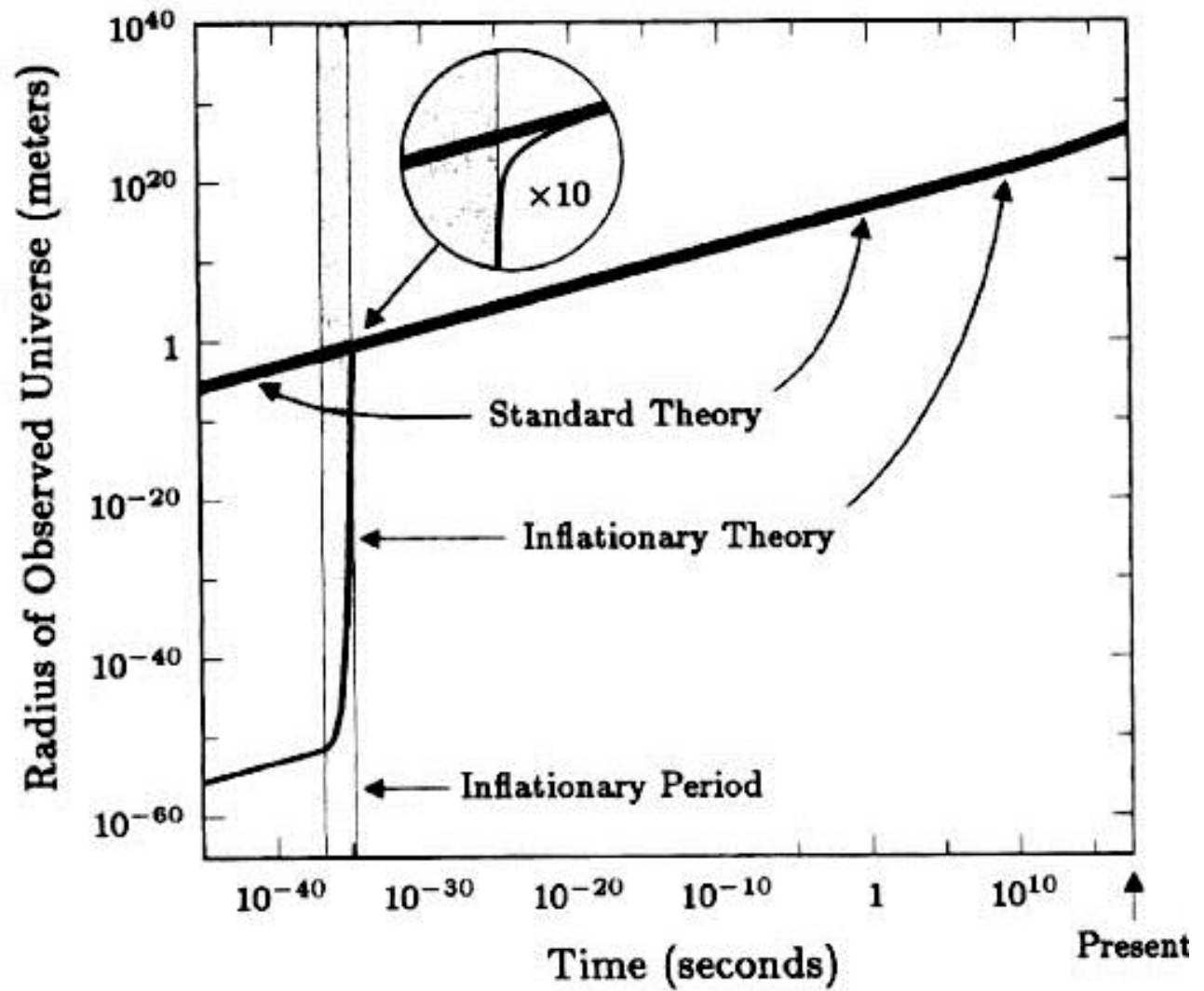


Formed 380,000 yrs
after Big Bang, when
 $T \sim eV$ and hydrogen
forms

An inflationary model

(Ackerman, Carroll, Wise, 2007)

- Spontaneous breaking of Lorentz symmetry during inflation produces nonzero vector field; imprints quadrupole dependence of power on direction



Statistical isotropy

- Consider models with power spectrum:

$$P(\vec{k}) = A(k) \left[1 + \sum_{LM} g_{LM}(k) Y_{LM}(\hat{\mathbf{k}}) \right]$$

- with $L=2,4,6,\dots$

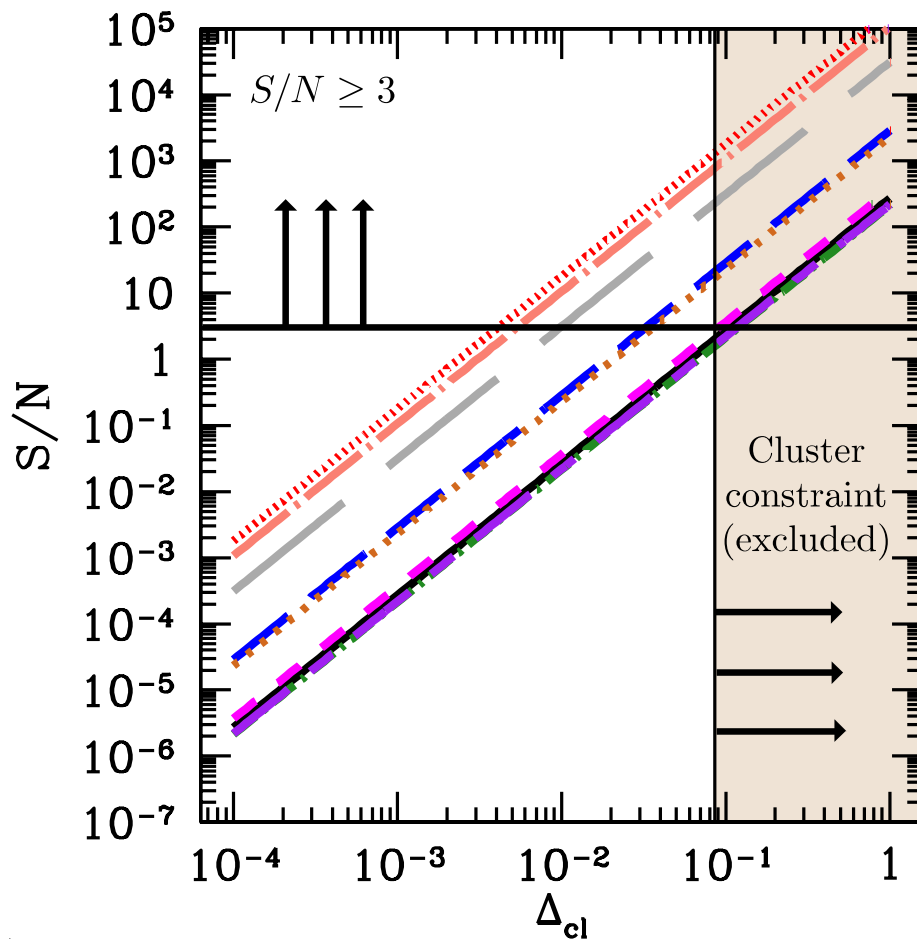
(Note: cannot get dipole from SI violation!!)

- Power asymmetry induces BiPoSHs with appropriate L (e.g., $L=2$ for quadrupole)
- BiPoSH estimators for, e.g., $L=2$ (for power quadrupole) can be measured
- Current applications to data find some evidence for quadrupole departures from SI, although likely a systematic artifact

Again, spatial variation in baryon/DM densities

➔ spatial variation in CMB fluctuations

➔ characterized by BiPoSHs



Grin, Dore, MK
2011

Magic? Get more out than you put in?

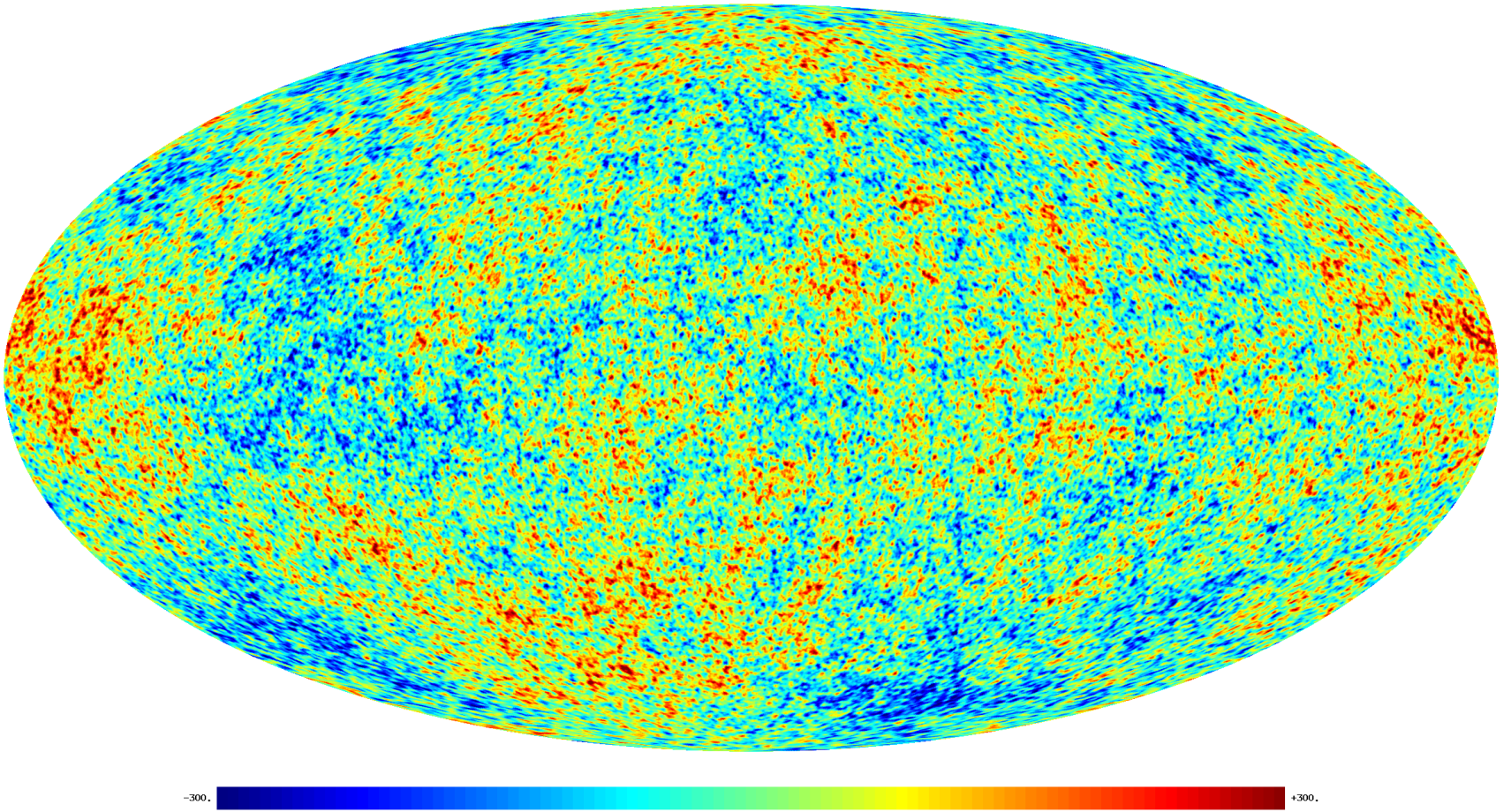
- Measure Stokes parameters Q_{obs} and U_{obs} at each point on sky
- Analysis gives rotation angle α and Q_{prim} and U_{prim} at each point on sky

What about a CMB Power Dipole?

(Erickcek, MK, Carroll, 2008; Ericcek, Carroll, MK, 2008;
Erickcek, Hirata, MK, 2009)

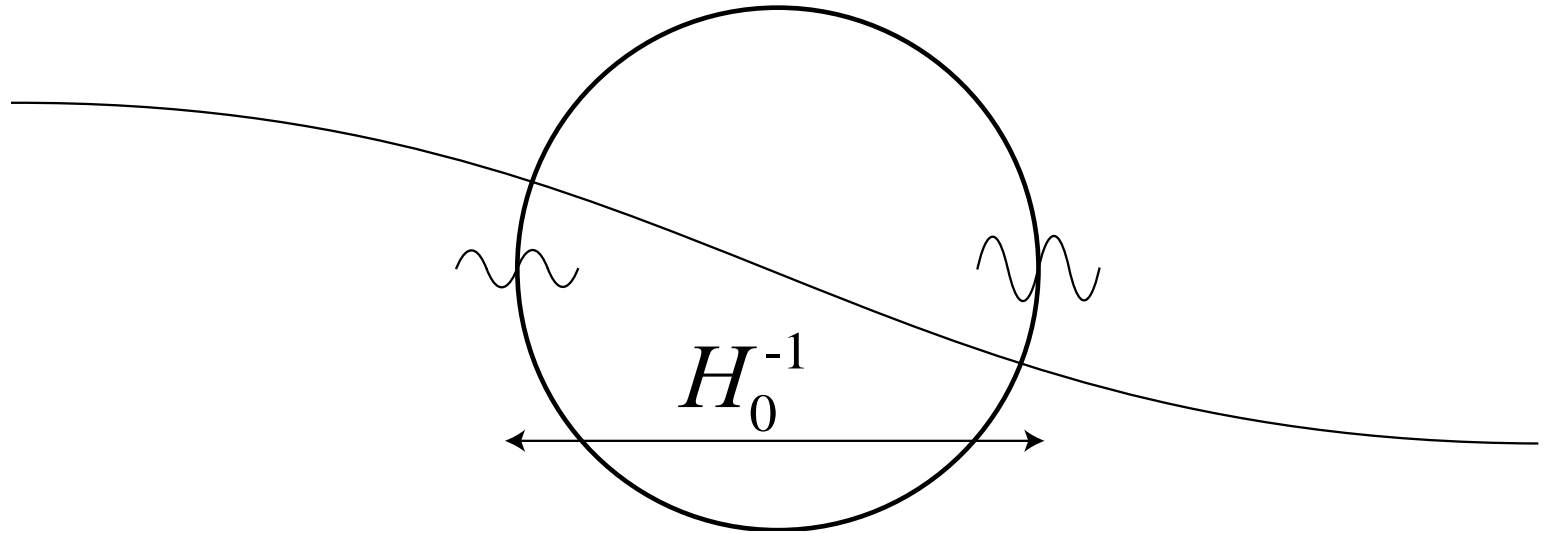
Eriksen et al. found $>3\sigma$ evidence for
power asymmetry in WMAP1 and WMAP3

Isotropic power



- Recall: Violation of statistical isotropy *cannot* produce power dipole.
- Must therefore be violation of statistical *homogeneity*
-need spatial modulation of power....

Can it be due to a large-scale inflaton mode?



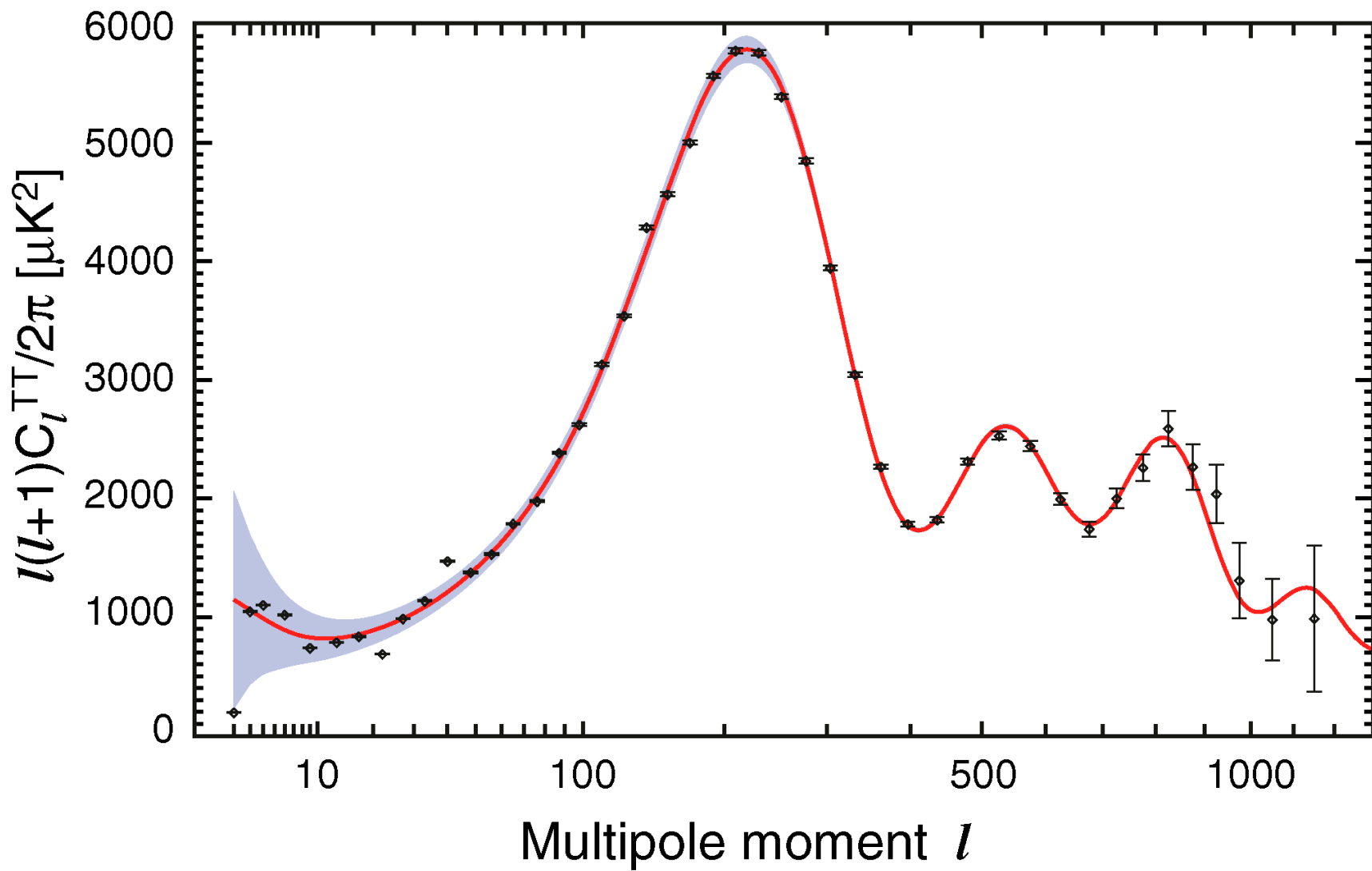
Another cosmological-parameter variation:

Not-so-exotic example: Patchy reionization
(e.g., Smith-Dvorkin 2009)

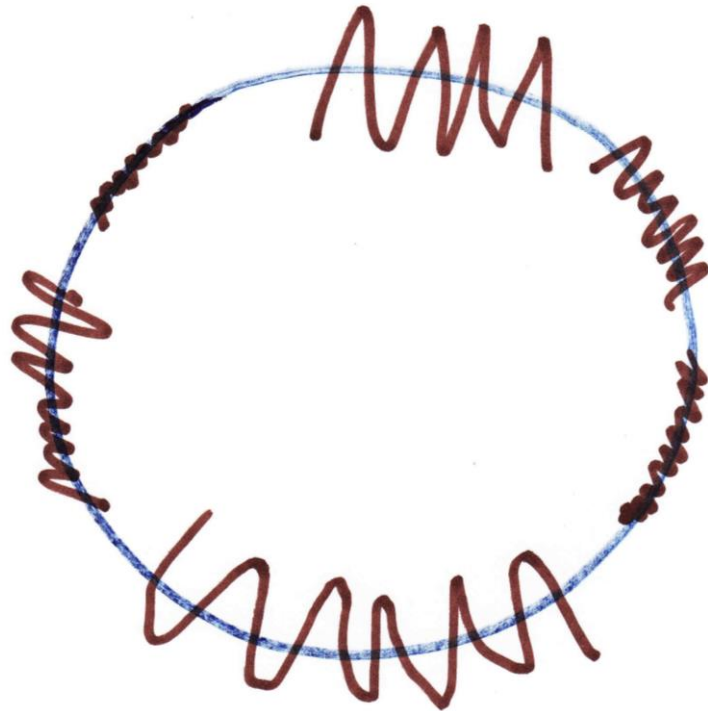
Reionization at $z \sim 8$ scatters $\sim 10\%$ of CMB photons
reducing T fluctuations by $\sim 10\%$.

If reionization not perfectly homogeneous,
amplitude of T fluctuations will be modulated

Quantified again by BiPoSHs



So T fluctuations may vary across sky.....



This is described by BiPoSHs