A visualization of the cosmic web, showing a complex network of dark matter filaments and galaxy clusters. The filaments are thin, thread-like structures that connect larger, denser regions. The clusters are represented by bright, glowing points of light, with a prominent one in the center-right. The background is a deep blue-green color, with the filaments and clusters appearing in shades of yellow, orange, and white.

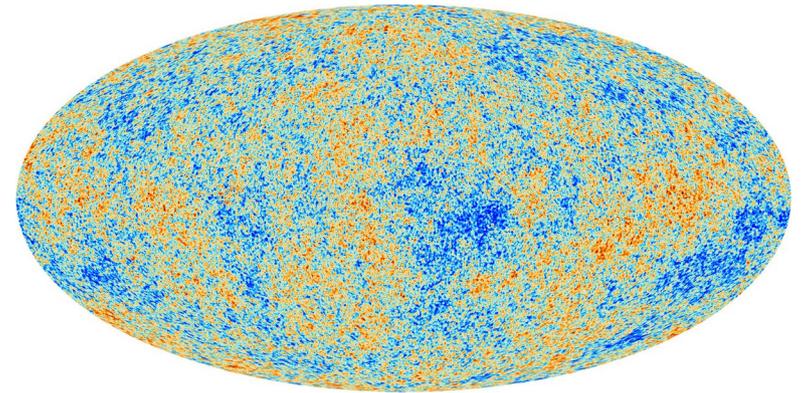
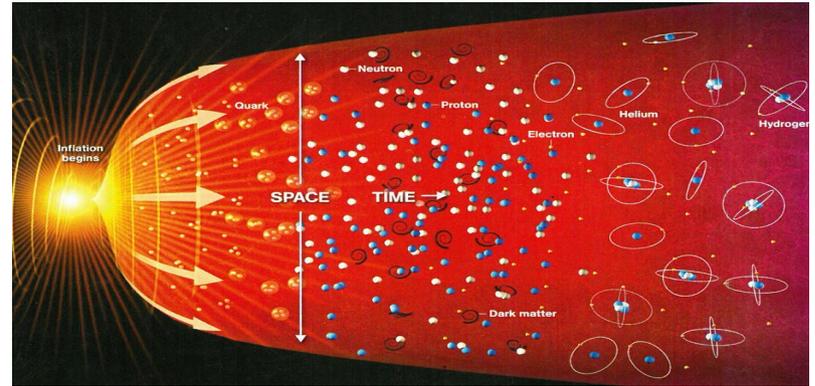
Fundamental physics from Cosmology

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Outline

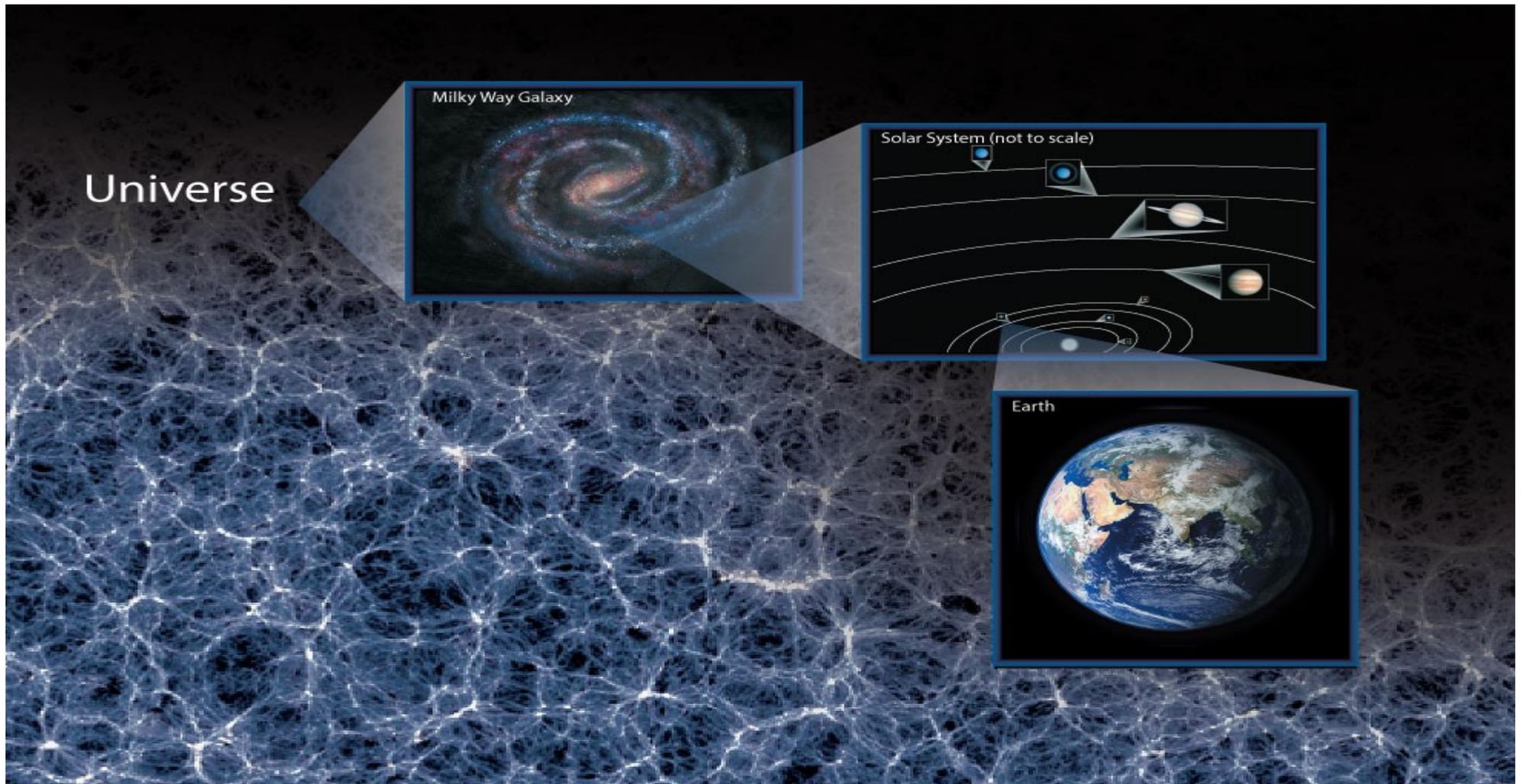
- What is Cosmology ?
 - Brief history of the Universe
 - Big-bang theory
 - Cosmological Standard Model
- Cosmic Microwave background
 - Measurement
 - Power spectrum
 - Constraints on physics
- Computer science and pipeline analysis



What is Cosmology?

- Today : physical cosmology :

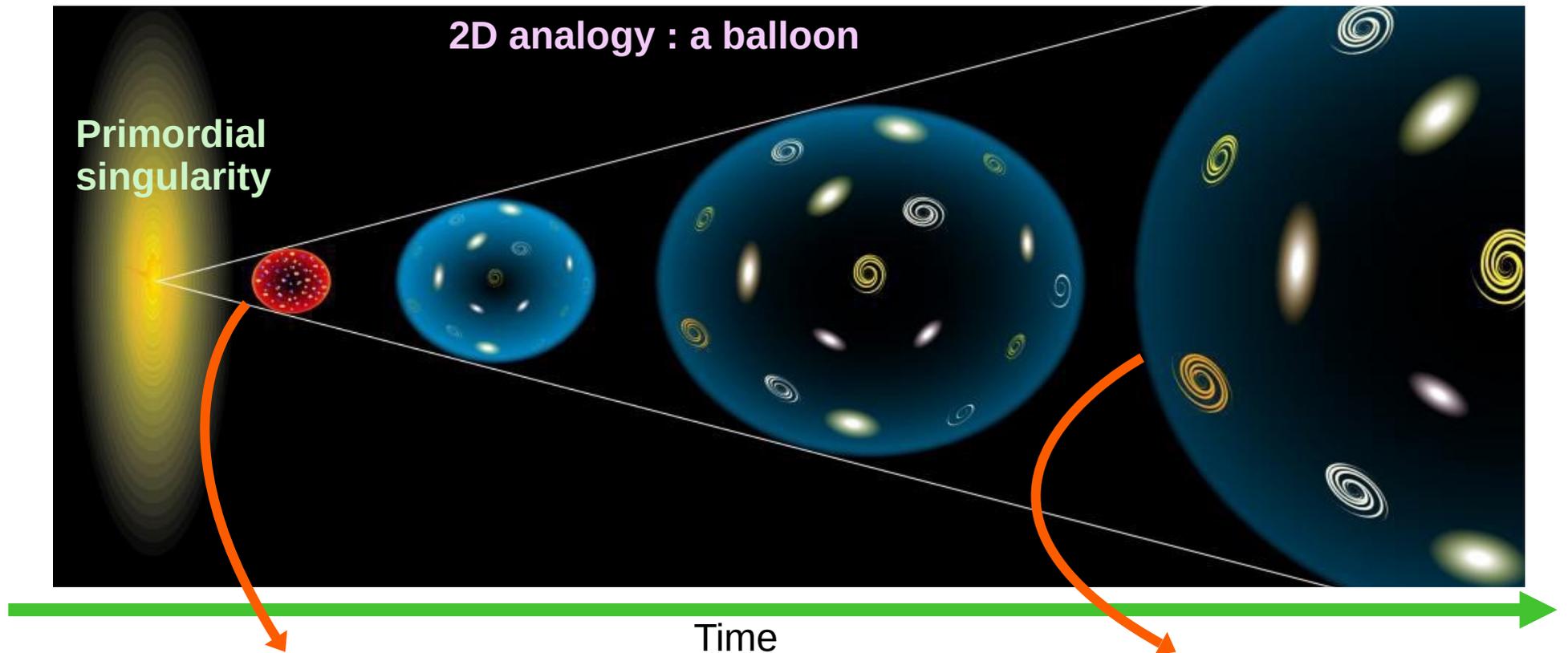
- origin, **history**, and fate of the **observable universe**
- **composition & large-scale structures** (galaxies, dark matter ...)
- **dynamics** : shape, expansion, dark energy...



The Big-Bang theory

Galaxies *seems* to drift away from us.

→ The Universe is in **expansion** (thank you General Relativity !):



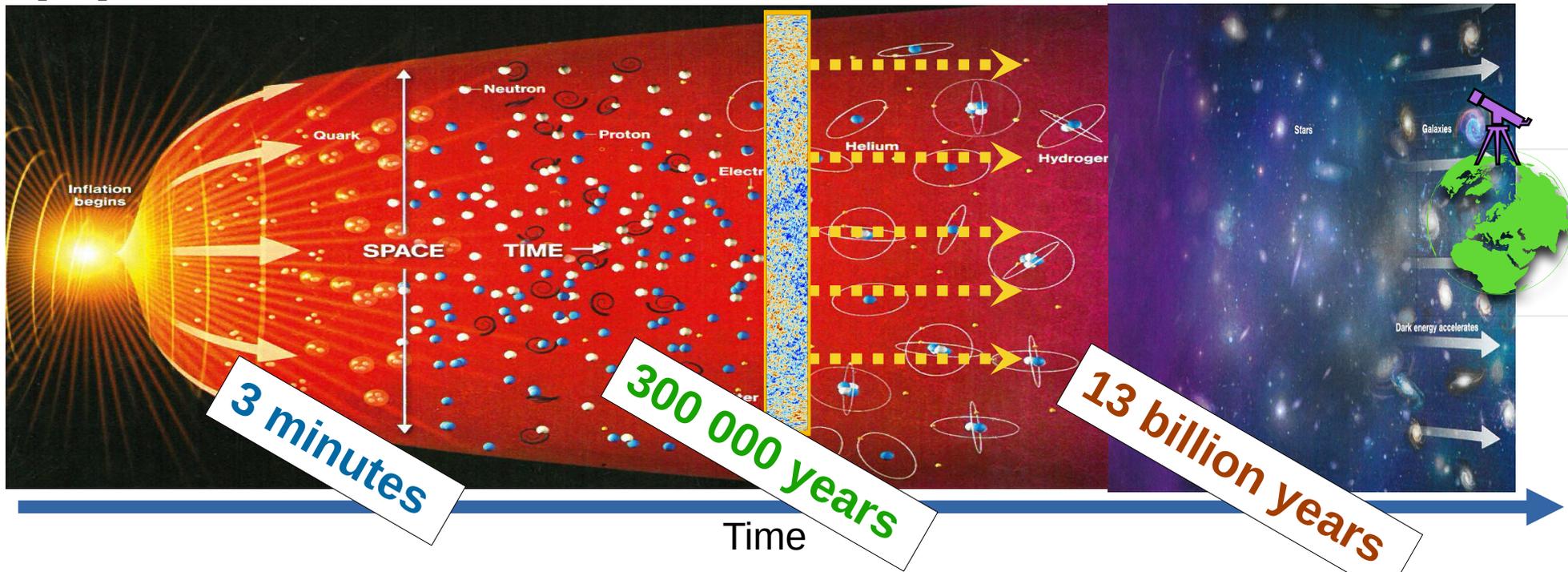
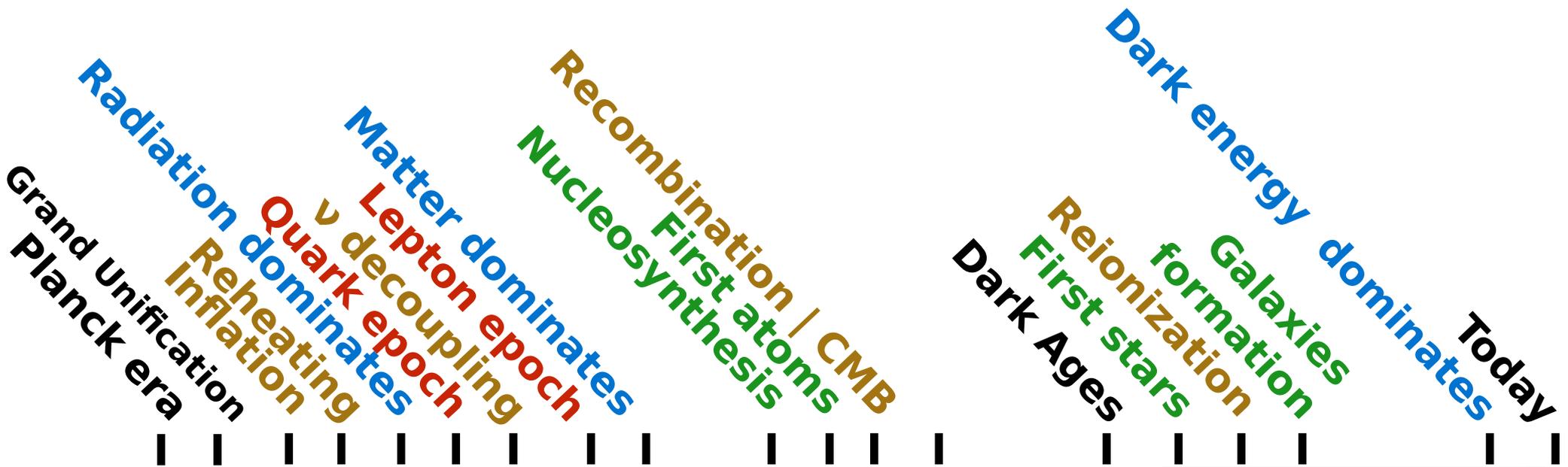
At some point, the Universe was very **dense** and **hot**, forming a **primordial soup**.

This is the **Big-Bang** theory.

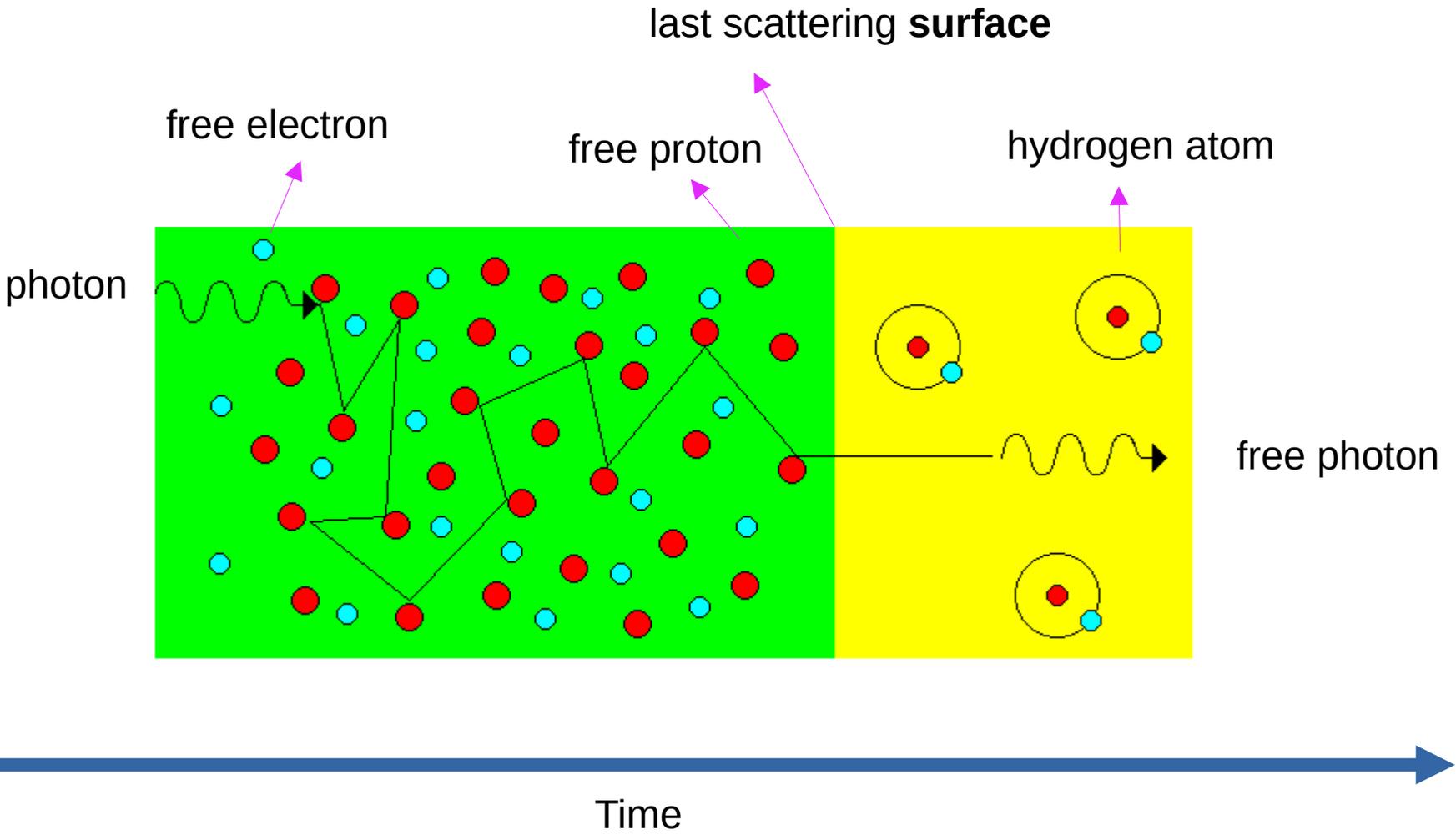
The whole Universe is the **surface** of the balloon.

It has **no center**. No location is more special than an other.

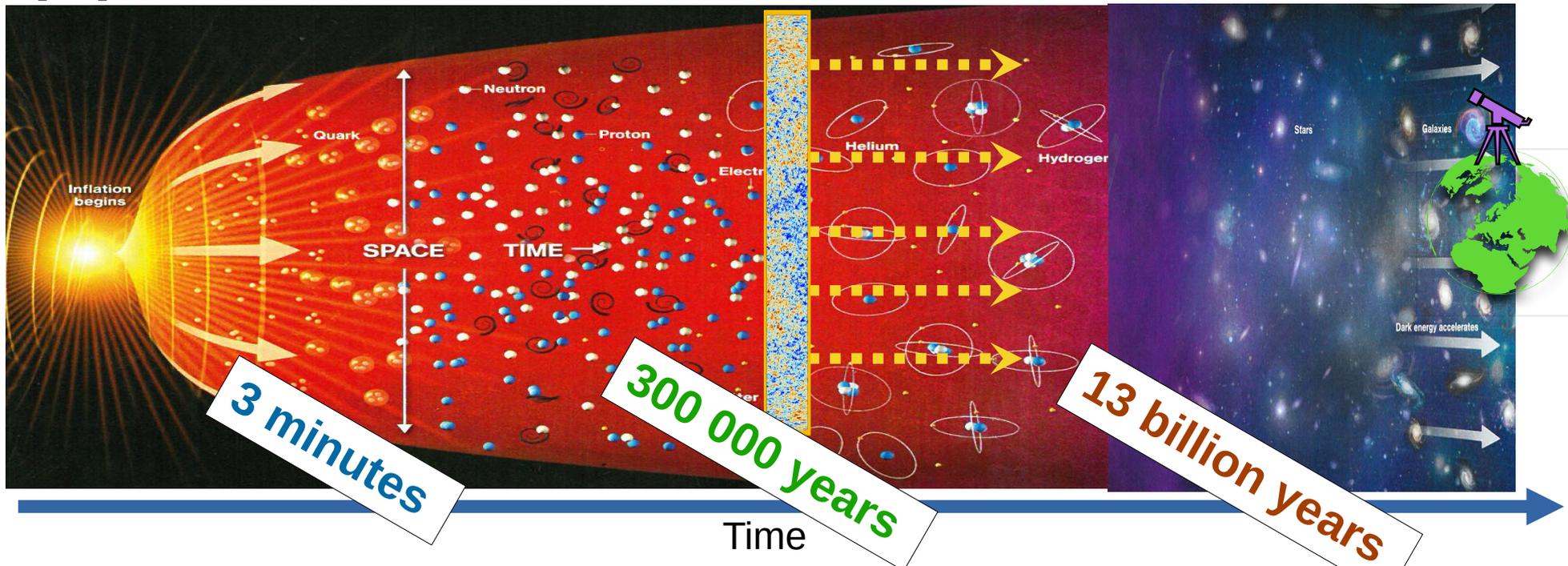
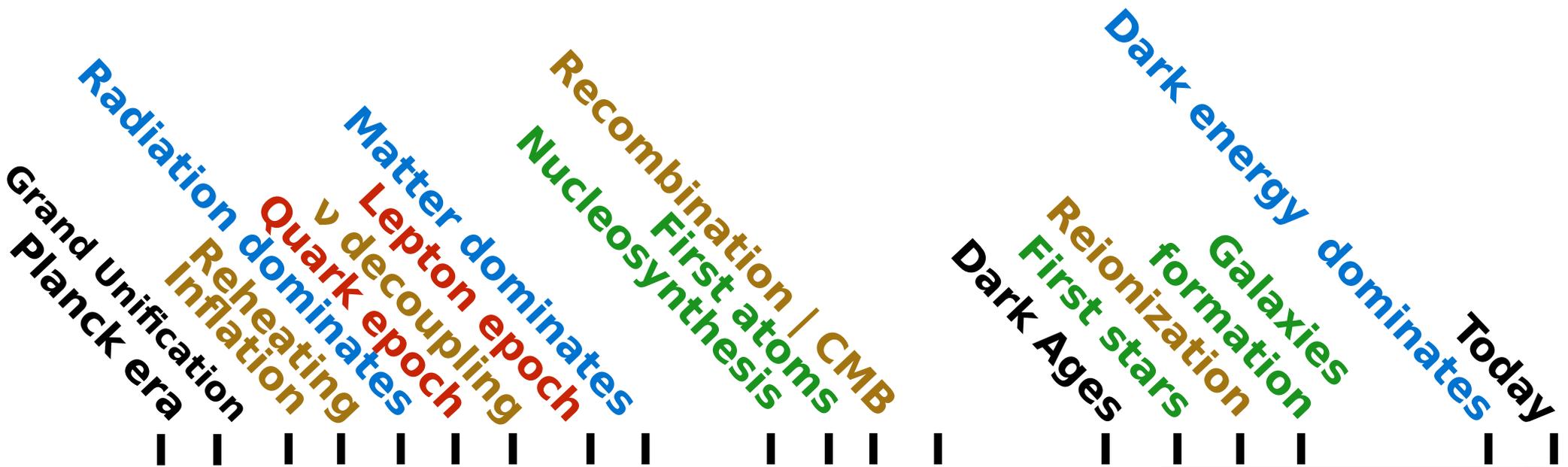
Universe epochs



Recombination



Universe epochs



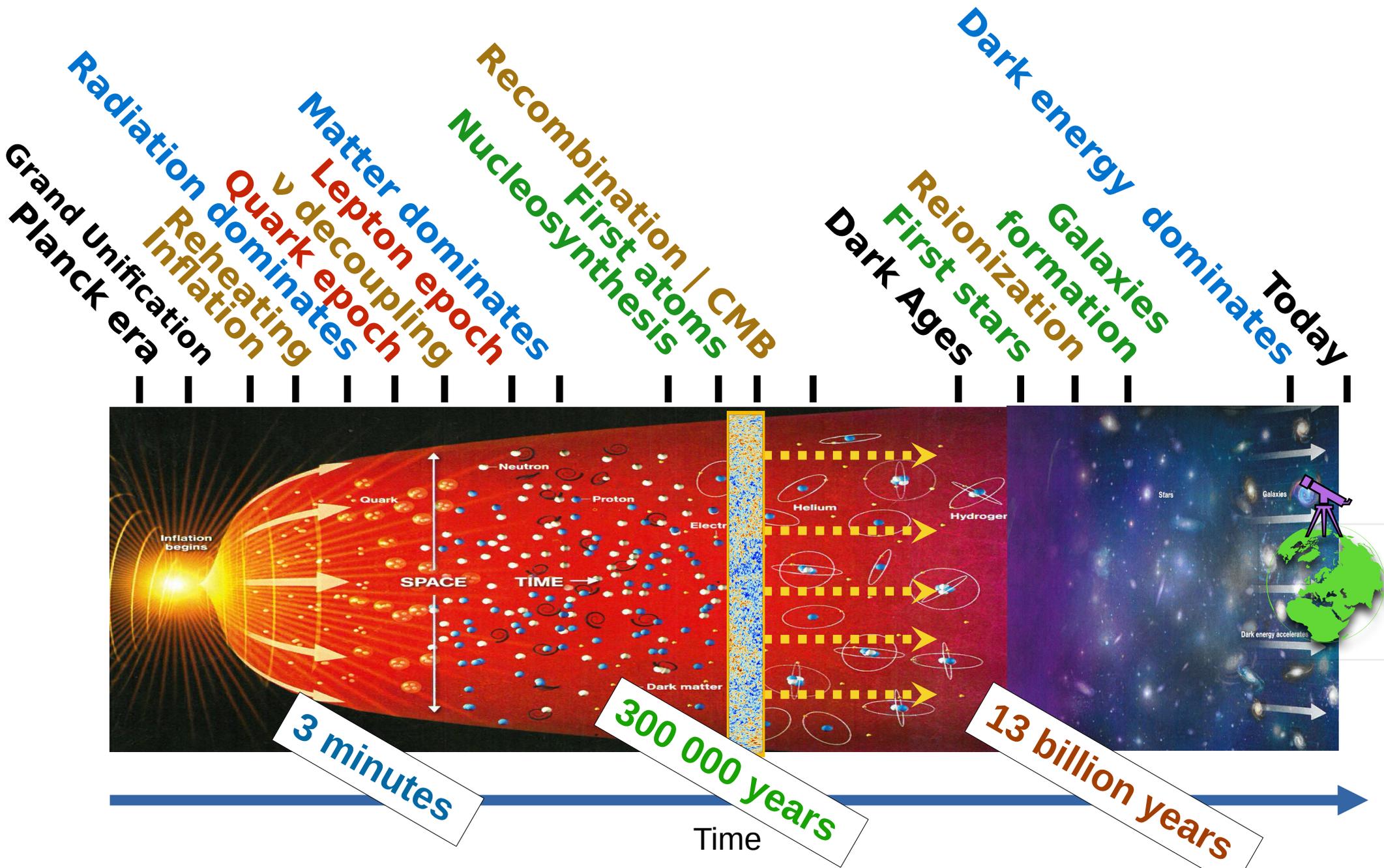
Cosmological Standard Model

- **General Relativity** + Universe **isotropy & homogeneity** + fluids
 - Fluids : **dark matter** + **dark energy** + **baryons**, photons, neutrino,...
- Cosmological Standard Model : **Λ CDM** = **Λ** (Dark energy) + **C**old **D**ark **M**atter

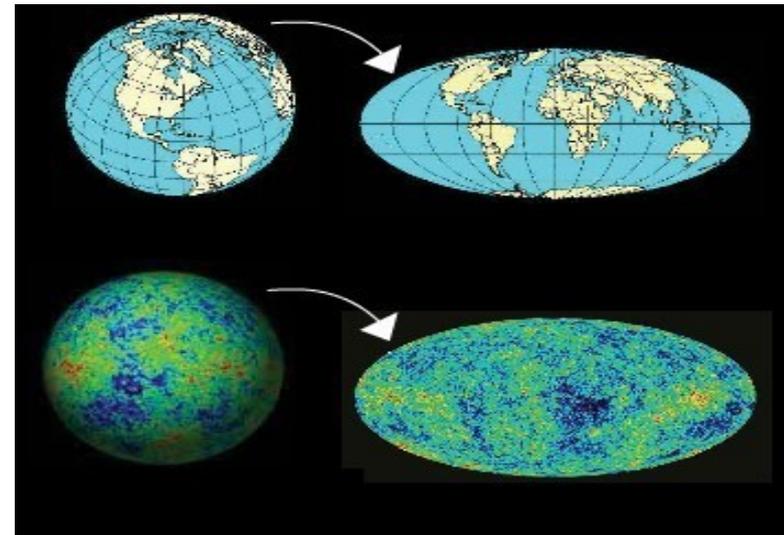
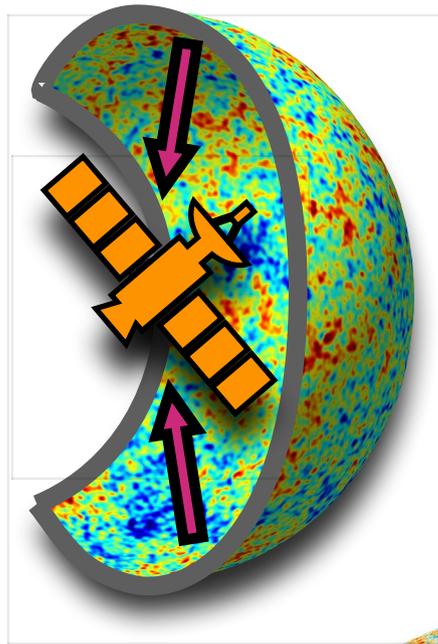
- 6 base parameters :
 - The **Hubble-Lemaître expansion** parameter : **H_0**
 - **Baryonic** and **Dark Matter** densities : **Ω_b** , **Ω_c**
 - + 3 others...

- Probes :
 - Galaxy clustering and distribution, gravitational lensing, supernovae, ...
 - **Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB)**
 - CMB photon energy (temperature) is related to matter density of the early Universe (13 billions years ago)

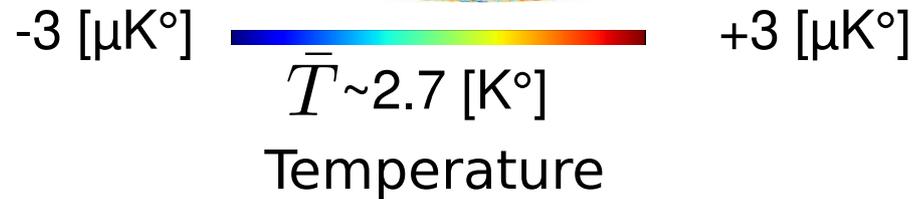
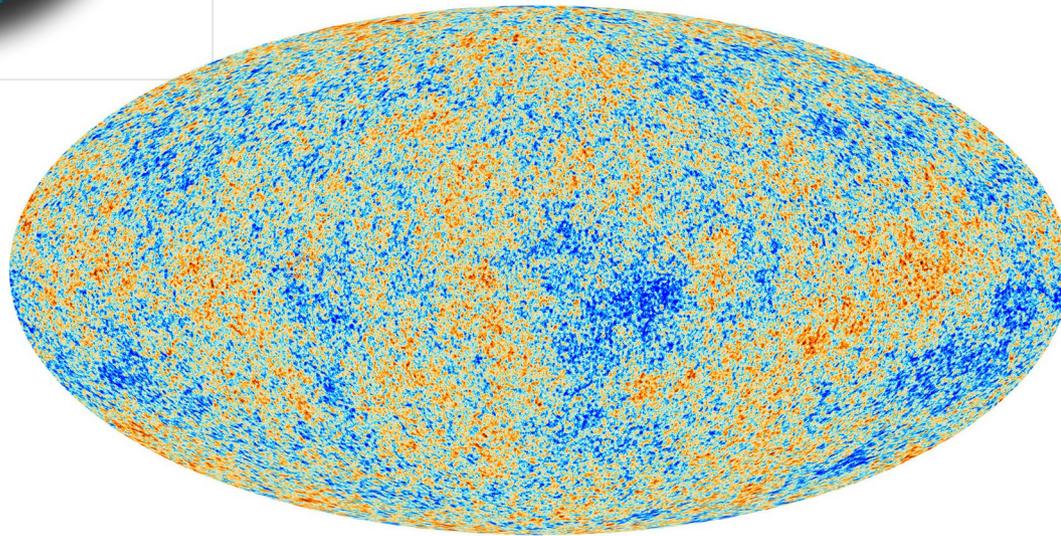
Universe epochs



Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB)

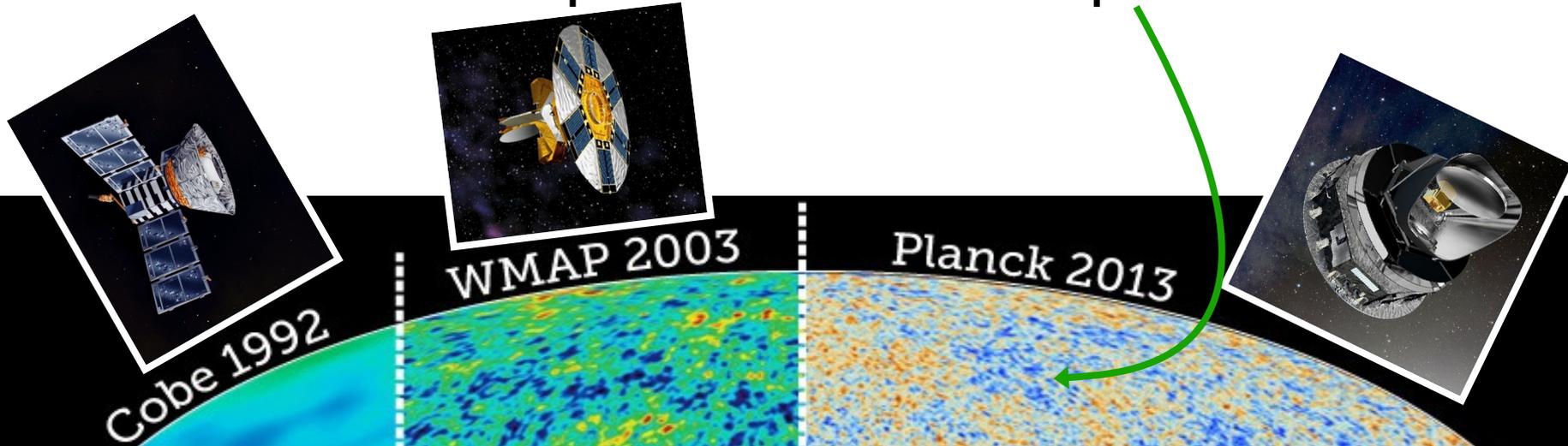


$$\Delta T = T(\vec{n}) - \bar{T} =$$



Each pixel color represents the **temperature** of the photons (their energy)

CMB Temperature Anisotropies

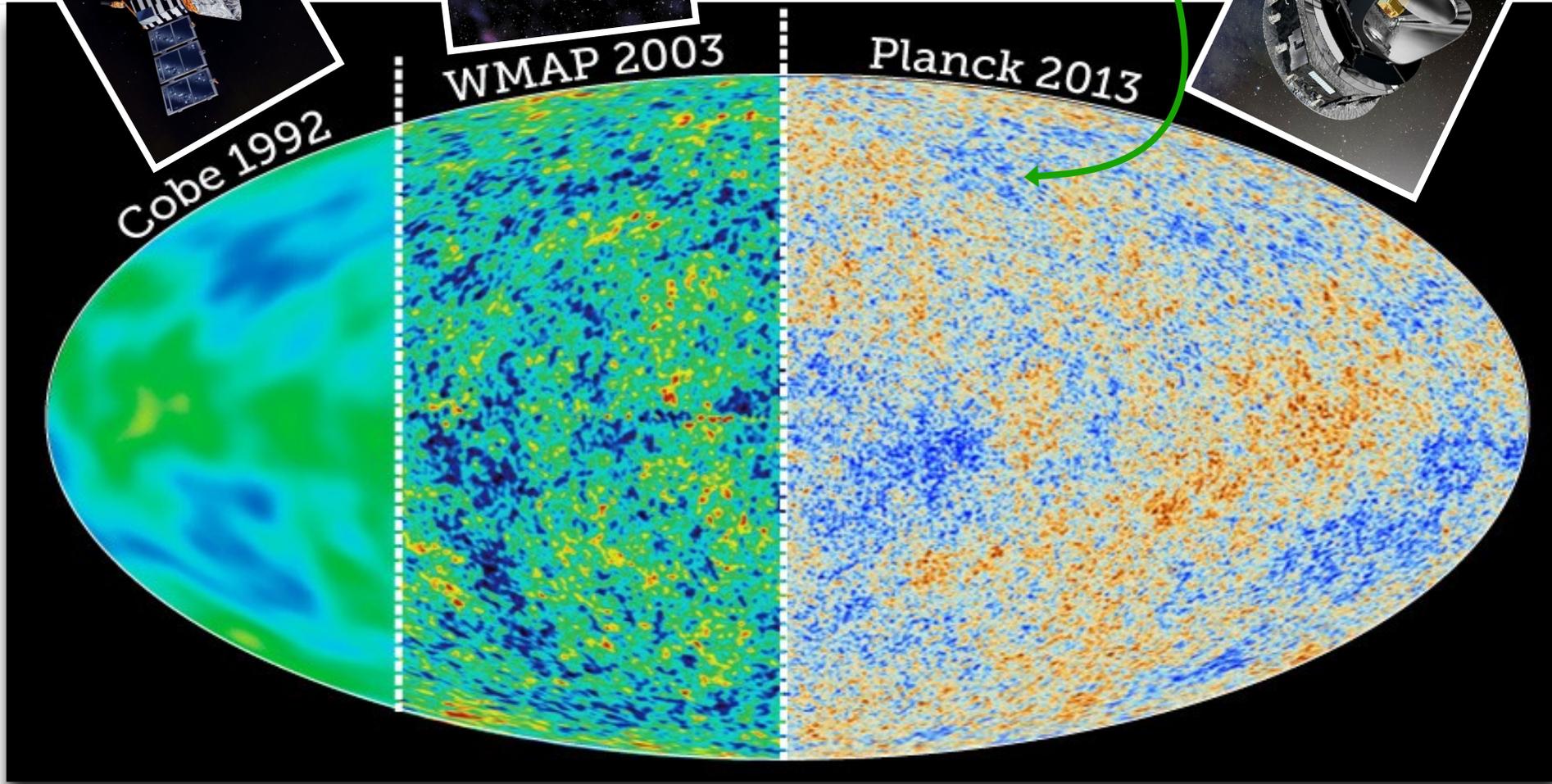


Cobe 1992

WMAP 2003

Planck 2013

$\Delta T =$



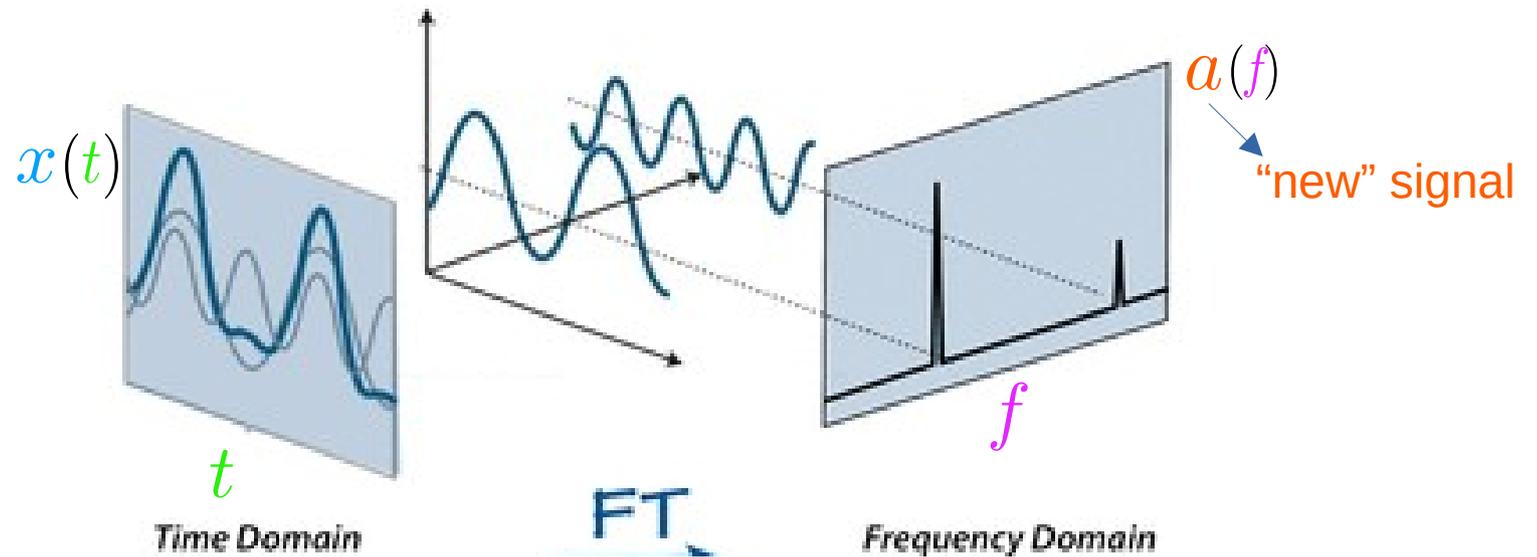
-3 [μK°]



+3 [μK°]

$\bar{T} \sim 2.7 \text{ [K}^\circ]$
Temperature

Reminder : 1D - Fourier Decomposition



$$x(t) \approx \sum_f^{f_{\max}} a(f) \sin(ft + \phi_f)$$

Labels and annotations for the equation above:

- $x(t)$ is labeled as **signal**.
- f is labeled as **frequency**.
- $a(f)$ is labeled as **amplitude (new signal)**.
- $\sin(\dots)$ is labeled as **base function**.
- ϕ_f is labeled as **phase**.

2D - Spherical Fourier Decomposition

- Temperatures anisotropy field is a function of observation direction $\Delta T(\vec{n}) = T(\vec{n}) - \bar{T}$

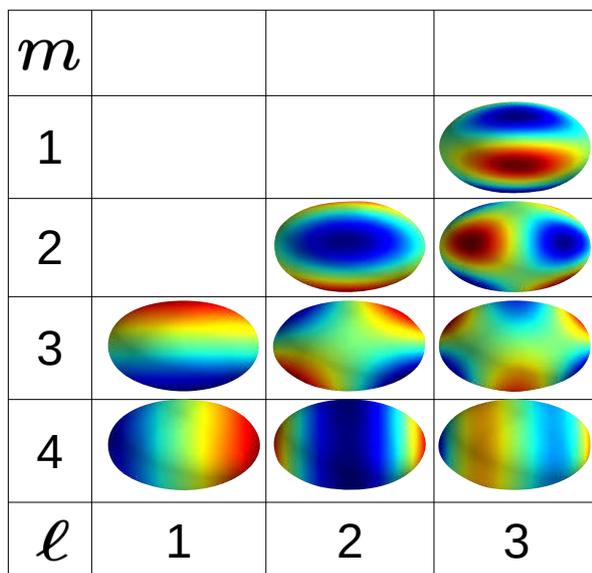
- Spherical Fourier transform decomposition
$$\Delta T(\vec{n}) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} a_{\ell m} Y_{\ell m}(\vec{n})$$

amplitude base function

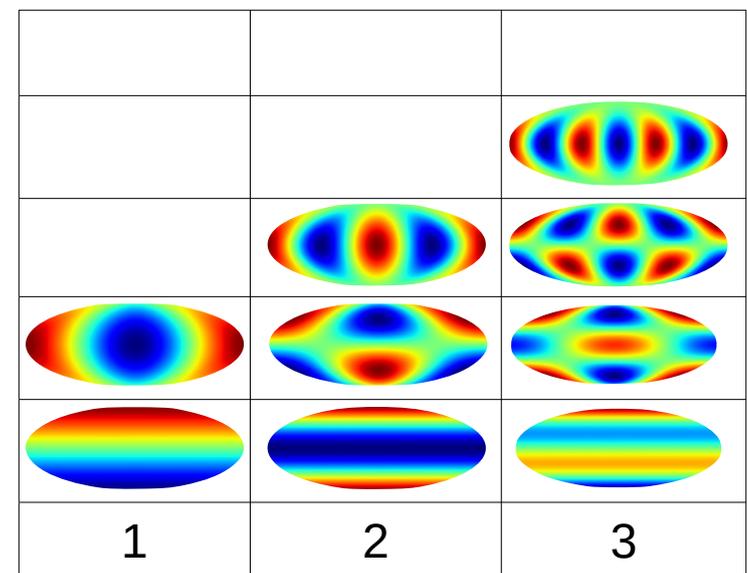
“frequency”

- Representation of spherical harmonics functions:

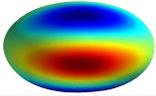
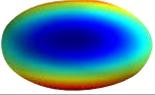
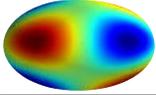
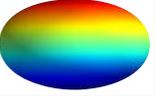
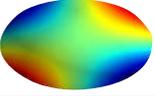
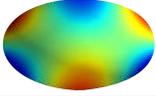
$Y_{\ell m}$



2D projection



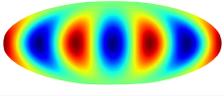
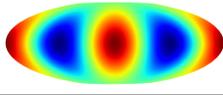
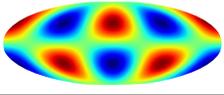
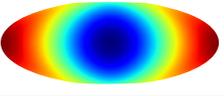
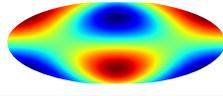
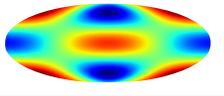
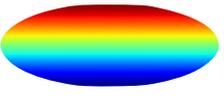
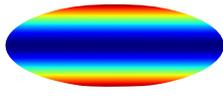
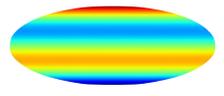
2D - Spherical Fourier Decomposition

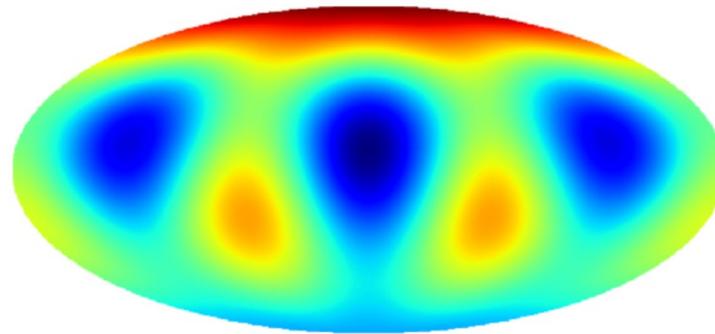
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ℓ	1	2	3

$Y_{\ell m}$

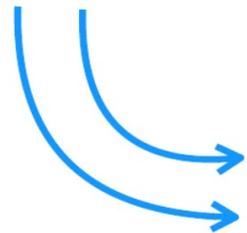
2D projection



		
		
		
		
	1	3



$$\Delta T(\vec{n}) = \sum_{\ell m} a_{\ell m} Y_{\ell m} = 0.5 Y_{1,0} + 1 Y_{2,0} + 1.2 Y_{3,0} - 0.3 Y_{2,2} + 0.1 Y_{3,2}$$



spherical harmonics
harmonics coefficients

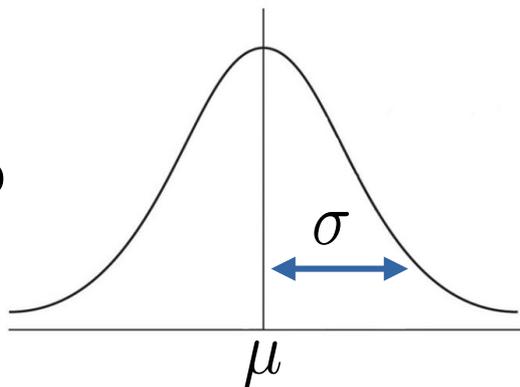
Anisotropies power spectrum

- Temperatures anisotropy field is a function of observation $\Delta T(\vec{n}) = T(\vec{n}) - \bar{T}$ direction

- Spherical Fourier transform decomposition $\Delta T(\vec{n}) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} a_{\ell m} Y_{\ell m}$

- Temperature anisotropies **power spectrum** $C_{\ell} = \langle a_{\ell m} a_{\ell' m'}^* \rangle$
 - **Compresses** CMB anisotropies statistics into “variance” function.
 - **Retains** all the cosmological informations (CMB assumed Gaussian).

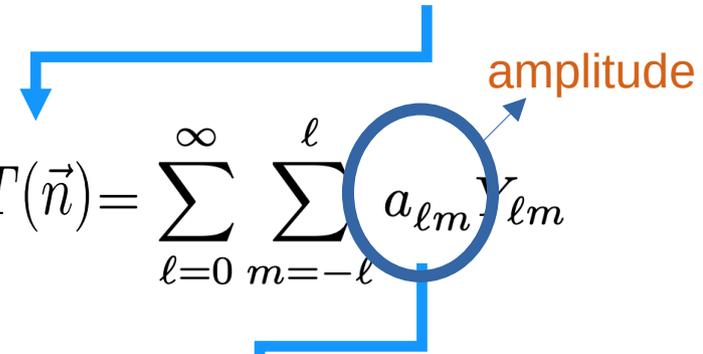
Similar to



compression



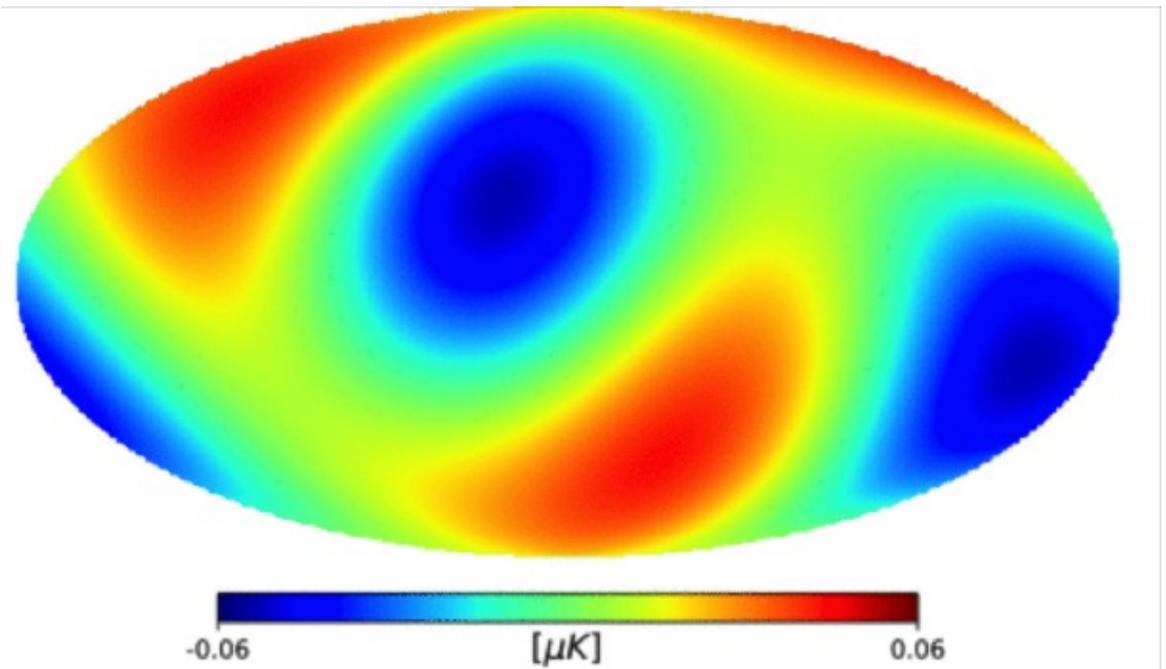
$\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma)$
 mean variance



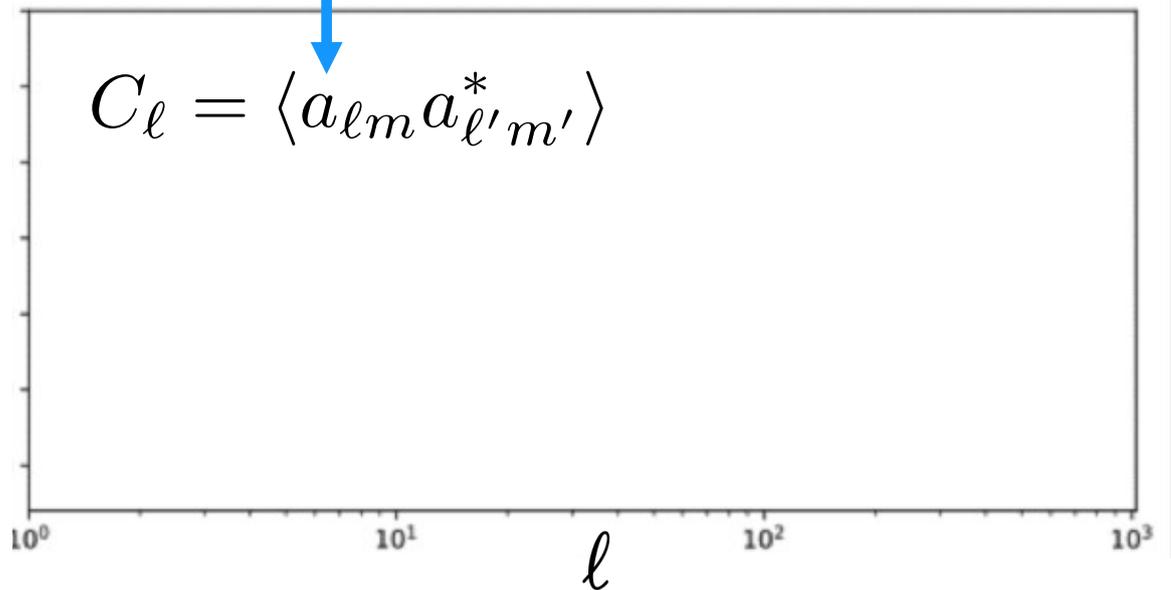
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Anisotropies power spectrum

$$\Delta T(\vec{n}) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=-\ell}^{\ell} a_{\ell m}^T Y_{\ell m} =$$

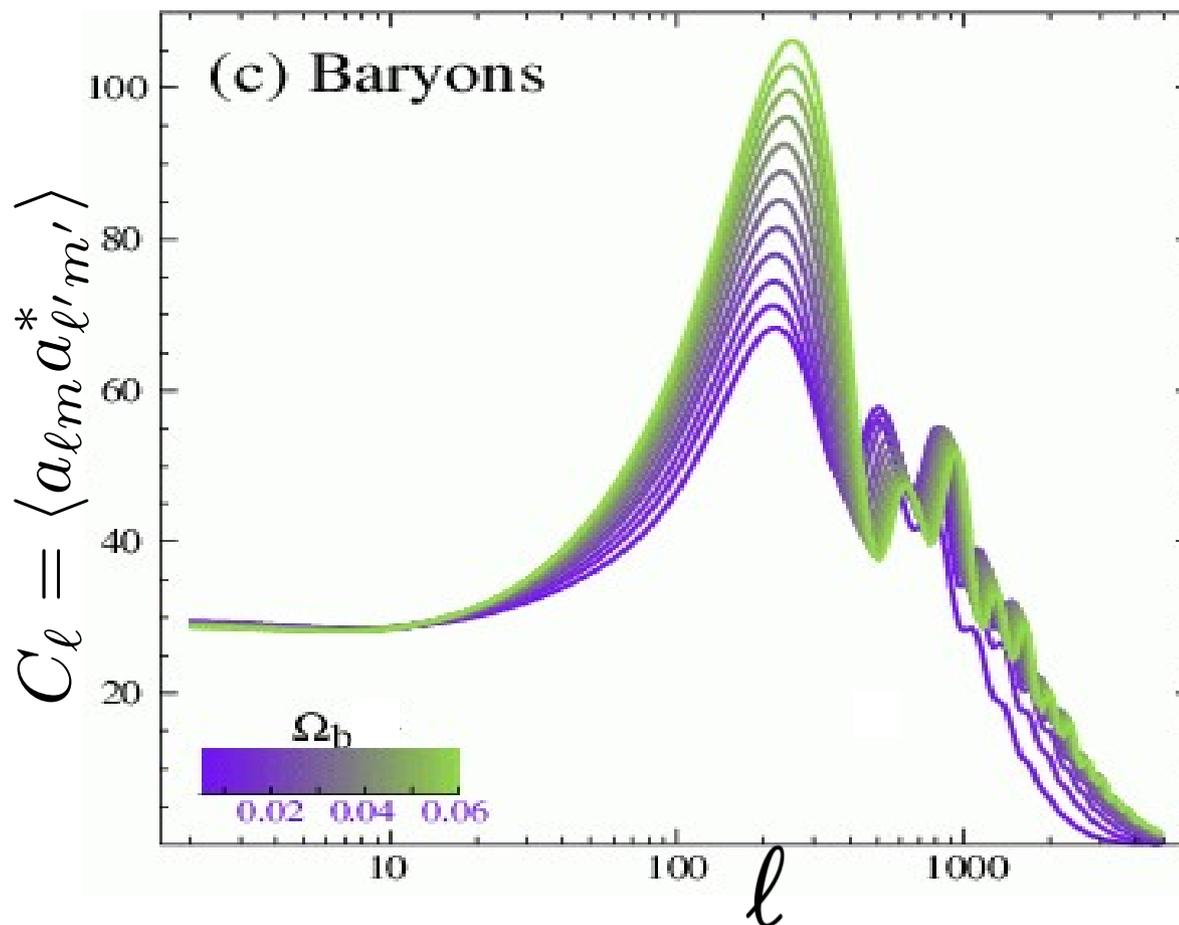


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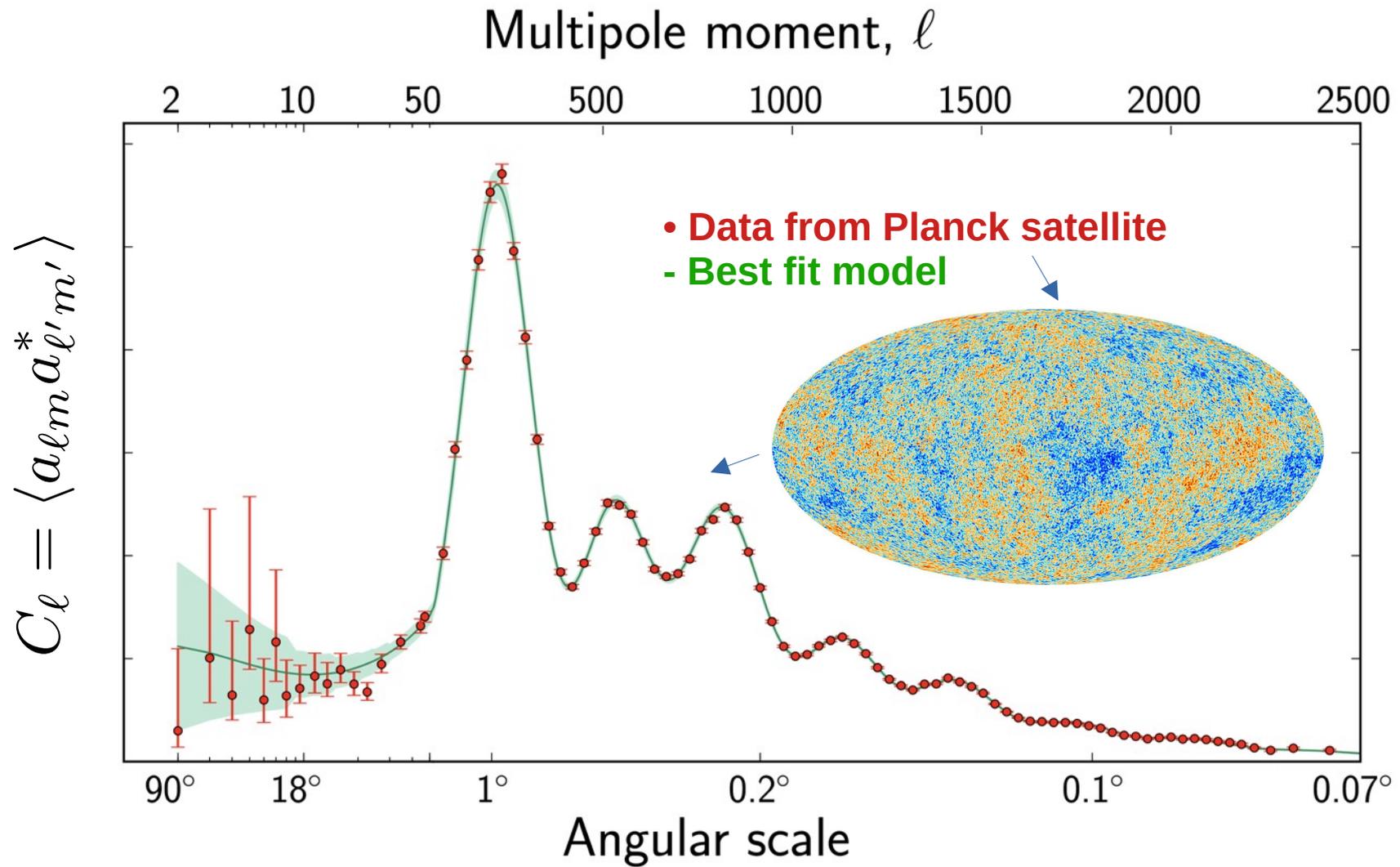


Model parameters dependence

- From the cosmological standard model Λ CDM , we can **predict** the shape of the power spectrum, depending on the value of the parameters:
 - The **Hubble-Lemaître expansion** parameter : H_0
 - **Baryonic** and **Dark Matter** densities : Ω_b , Ω_c
 - + *others ...*



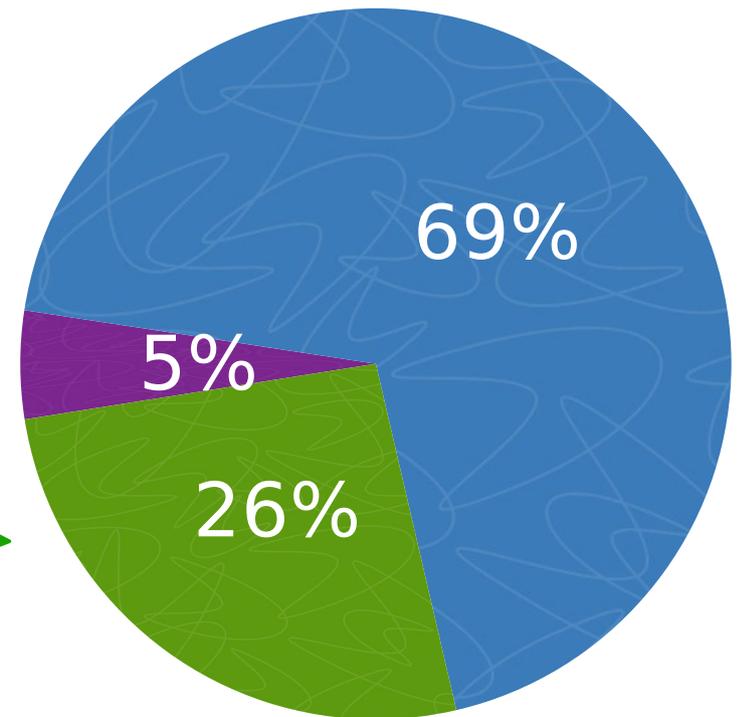
Data VS model



Model parameters dependence

Ω_b	0.0486 ± 0.0010
Ω_c	0.2589 ± 0.0057
H_0	67.3 ± 1.20
...	...

Universe energy density distribution

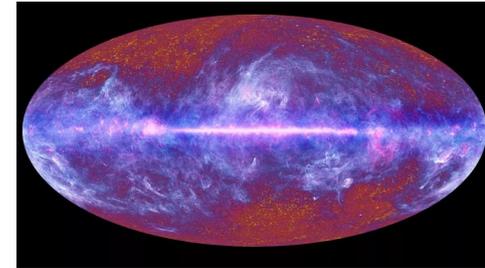


- Baryon matter
- Dark energy
- Dark matter

Open the parameter space

- The Cosmic Microwave Background is “contaminated” by **astrophysical sources**:

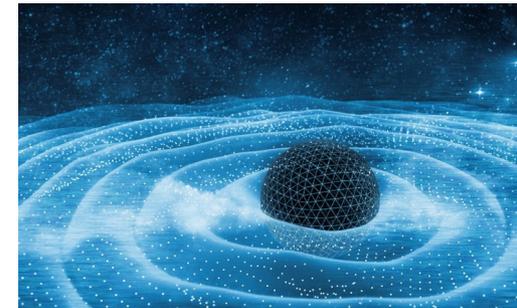
- Solar system, milky way, other galaxies, ...
- Allows for constrains in **astrophysical models**.



- We can add **more parameters** to the Standard Cosmological Model Λ CDM:

- More complex **dark energy** and **dark matter** nature
- Constrains on **neutrino** physics, sum of mass, hierarchy, ... (see previous talk)
- Super **string theory**, cosmic strings, brane, multiverse collision, ...
- **Gravitational waves** physics
- **Primordial inflation** (10^{-36} to 10^{-33} sec. after Big Bang), distances multiplied by $\sim 10^{26}$.
 - Primordial inflates effects from quantum scale to macroscopic scale.
 - Seed of (Gaussian) matter anisotropies, flatten the Universe, ...

→ Possible window toward **Quantum Gravity physics** !



A few figures

Raw dataset from Planck Satellite : **30 TB**



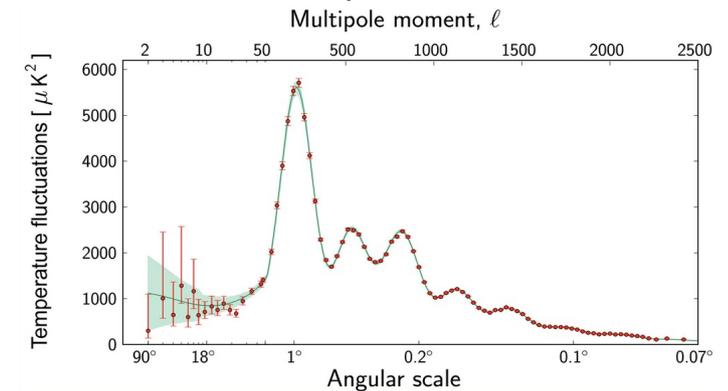
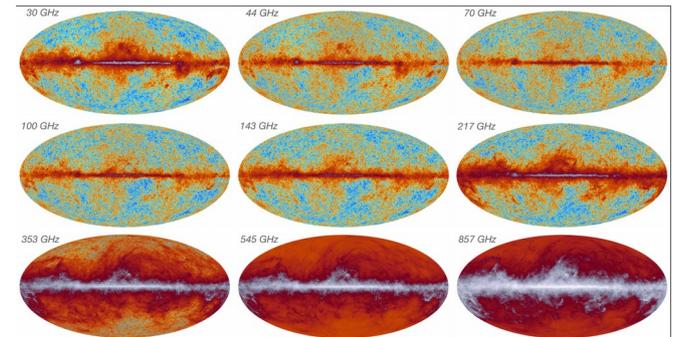
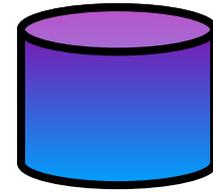
Dozen of maps **~1 billions pixels** each



Power spectrum : **~ 2000 data points**



Dozen of cosmological and astrophysical parameters



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...	...

In practice : my experience

- **Python** : quick scripts, tests, plot, ideas ...



- **C/C++** : efficiency, speed, parallelism, ...



- Work on **computer farms**: Bash



- Need **terminal**, connect remotely using **SSH**



- Learn how to coordinate thousands of **threads**

- **Store data, organize, sort, edit, reuse, ...**

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Example of code for computing the CMB power spectrum on GitLab