



Cosmic Microwave Background (WMAP experiment)

Temperature = 2.72 Kelvin



Temperature = 2.721 - 2.729 Kelvin



Temperature = 2.7249 – 2.7251 Kelvin

But the universe today (13.7 billion years old) doesn't look like that at all!

It contains structure on all scales.

- Small scales: planets, stars, solar systems... (less than one light year)
- Intermediate scales: galaxies (1 – million light years)
- Large scales: clusters of galaxies, super-clusters... (million – billion light years)

Spiral Galaxy NGC 1376





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3 million light years (1 Mpc)



How did structure in the universe grow?



Galaxies

Dark Matter

Aims of the course

- How do we measure galaxy properties?
- Galaxy surveys
- What statistics are used to quantify structure and how are they measured?
- Brief review of homogeneous universe
- How did the universe form structure on all scales?
- What models are used to connect observations to theory?
- What observational probes are used to constrain cosmology?
- How do galaxies form?



Radio Sky

- Atomic gas
- Molecular gas
- Radio galaxies
- SN remnants
- Pulsars



Microwave Sky







Far Infrared Sky

• Dust





2MASS

Optical Sky

Stars





Ultraviolet Sky

- Massive stars
- Ionized gas







Fermi

Milky Way





The CMB temperature map corresponds to a density map at the epoch of recombination: 300,000 years after the Big Bang

But the exact physics is complicated!

Basic picture:

- As the universe expands, the photon-baryon plasma in it cools.
- When the temperature drops below about 3000°K, electrons recombine with protons and photons can move freely.
- In some regions of the universe, the photon-baryon plasma is compressed and slightly hotter than average.





Comoving coordinates



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The region of space we see with the CMB is like the surface of an orange.

Primary fluctuations (at origin):

- Standard fluctuations: high density regions appear hot
- Acoustic oscillations of baryon-photon plasma

- Gravitational redshift: high density regions appear cold (Sachs-Wolfe)
- Doppler effect: photons scattered by moving plasma



- CMB photons traverse changing gravitational field (Reese-Sciama, Integrated Sachs-Wolfe)
- CMB photons scatter off hot plasma in clusters (Sunyaev-Zel'dovich)
- CMB photons are gravitationally lensed

+ many more effects



The CMB: COBE (1989-1993)



The CMB: WMAP (2001-2010)





WMAP

Planck



planck





The CMB: How the Planck map is made



The CMB: The Planck power spectrum





The CMB: How the Planck power spectrum is made



The CMB: Why are there wiggles in the power spectrum?

- Before recombination, photons and baryons were tightly coupled.
- Gravity and pressure competed to cause oscillating density waves.
- At maximum compression or rarefaction, density fluctuations are strongest.
- The frequency of oscillation depends on the fluctuation size.
- Specific fluctuation sizes reach maximum compression at recombination.



The CMB tells us what the universe is made of







The CMB power spectrum: before WMAP (2003)



The CMB power spectrum: WMAP (2007)



The CMB power spectrum: Planck (2013)



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Before Planck

After Planck