Cosmological implications of the first year WILKINSON MICROWAVE ANISOTROPY PROBE





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Launched from cape Canaveral on June 30 2001









Horizon size at LSS \rightarrow Fundamental mode (over tones)

Some history

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Fig. 1a. Diagram of gravitational instability in the 'big-bang' model. The region of instability is located to the right of the line $M_J(t)$; the region of stability to the left. The two additional lines of the graph demonstrate the temporal evolution of density perturbations of matter: growth until the moment when the considered mass is smaller than the Jeans mass and oscillations thereafter. It is apparent that at the moment of recombination perturbations corresponding to different masses correspond to different phases.

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Fig. 1b. The dependence of the square of the amplitude of density perturbations of matter on scale. The fine line designates the usually assumed dependence $(\delta \varrho / \varrho)_M \sim M^{-n}$. It is apparent that fluctuations of relic radiation should depend on scale in a similar manner.

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Meanwhile, on the other side of the iron curtain...

PRIMEVAL ADIABATIC PERTURBATION IN AN EXPANDING UNIVERSE*

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AND







COBE 1992



WMAP 2003



Compress the CMB map to study cosmology

ss sky as:
$$\delta T(\theta, \varphi) = \sum_{l,m} a_{lm} Y_{lm}(\theta, \varphi)$$

If the anisotropy is a Gaussian random field

Expre

(real and imaginary parts of each a_{lm} independent normal deviates, not correlated.)

all the statistical information is contained in the angular power spectrum





Before 11 Feb. 2003

(From Hinshaw et al 2003)



Why C_{ℓ} only? (Komatsu et al. 2003)





POLARIZATION EFFECT #1: CONFIRMATION OF PHYSICAL ASSUMPTIONS.

- Polarization of the CMB is produced by Thompson scattering of a quadrupolar radiation pattern.
- At decoupling, the quadrupole is produced by velocity gradients.
- A component of the polarization is correlated with the temperature anisotropy.



Generation of CMB polarization

• Temperature quadrupole at the surface of last scatter generates polarization.



Temperature-polarization correlation

• Radial (tangential) pattern around cold (hot) spots.



POLARIZATION EFFECT #2: REIONIZATION BY FIRST OBJECTS.

Stars form near z~20, light reionizes the plasma.



Free electrons scatter CMB photons, uniformly suppressing the fluctuations by 30% for l>40.

Conformal spacetime diagram with one spatial dimension not shown.

Free electrons see the local z~20 CMB quadrupole and polarize the CMB at large angular scales, where no other mechanism of polarization operates.

Large Scale TE anti-correlation





- The TT spectrum makes precise predictions for the TE spectrum
- We saw it.
- Triumph for the standard cosmological model.

(Kogut et al. 2003)



The simplest best fit model has 6 parameters and

$$\frac{\chi^2}{\nu} = \frac{1431}{1342} = 1.07$$

The probability to exceed is 5%

Can combine data with external surveys as well.

RESULTS: WMAP only (TT+TE), flat LCDM (Spergel et al. 2003) CMB appears to be Gaussian. (Komatsu et al.)

•15% of CMB was re-scattered in a reionized universe.

•The estimated reionization redshift ~20, or 200 million years after the Big-Bang.

Flat LCDM still fits: 6 parameters fit 1348 points

Fits not only the CMB but also a host of other cosmological observations.





WMAP only: degeneracies (TT+TE)





TEST MODEL CONSISTENCY and LIFT DEGENERACIES







Complementary in scales and redshift

BEYOND LCDM model

FLATNESS



After

We (and all of chemistry) are a small minority in the Universe.





CONSTRAINTS ON NEUTRINO MASS

P(K) amplitude

Factor of few better than previous cosmological constraints

(Elgaroey et al.2002)

Quintessence





Running spectral index:







Constraints on inflation!

(Peiris et al. 2003)

Data, software, papers and results are at: http://lambda.gsfc.nasa.gov

