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Hubble parameter – Conformal time – Distance measures – Free electron fraction – Optical depth – Visibility function

Milestone 1 Introduction In this project we are going to look at the uniform background in the Universe and investigate the expansion history.

$\Omega_{\nu 0} = N_{eff} \cdot \frac{7}{8} \left( \frac{4}{11} \right)^{\frac{4}{3}} \Omega_{\gamma 0}$  where  $T_{CDM0} = 2.7255K$  is today's temperature of the CMB, and  $N_{eff} = 3.0466$  is the effective number of relativistic degrees of freedom. All these components and equation eq:Friedmann are known as the standard model of cosmology.

We can also write the Friedmann equation in the following form  $H = H_0 = \sqrt{\frac{\rho_c}{\rho_c}}$  where  $\rho_c = \Omega_{m0} + \Omega_{r0} + \Omega_{k0} + \Omega_{\Lambda 0}$  and  $\rho_c = 3H^2/(8\pi G)$ .

The Friedmann equation can show us how each density component changes with time, this is given by the following equation  $\rho + \omega = \frac{p}{\rho}$  and  $\omega$  will be constant. Hence we have that  $\rho \propto a^{-3(1+\omega)}$  Where

When we look at the cosmic microwave background, CMB, it is important to look at the comoving horizon. Comoving horizon tells us the distance that light has traveled since the Big Bang.

$\frac{d\eta}{dx} = \frac{da}{dx} \frac{d\eta}{da} = \frac{c}{H}$   
 $\eta(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{cdx'}{H(x')}$  where  $H = aH_0 \sqrt{\Omega_{m0}a^{-3} + \Omega_{r0}a^{-4} + \Omega_{k0}a^{-2} + \Omega_{\Lambda 0}}$  There are several ways to calculate time. One way is to use the redshift, which is done by measuring the time by observing how far the wavelength of a photon has stretched. There are other ways to calculate the distance in the Universe as well. The calculation of the distance depends on the geometry. We are only interested in the flat universe.  
 $= \eta - \eta_0$  where  $\chi = \int_t^{t_{today}} \frac{cdt}{a} = r$  and  $cdt = a dr$  if a photon moves radially to us in a flat universe.

There is also a distance measure that is called angular distance measure. This is a distance that is defined at the size,  $\Delta s$ , of an object.

Another distance measure is the luminosity distance, this distance can be calculated by finding the flux,  $F$ , and the luminosity,  $L$ , and

$$= \frac{d_A}{a^2}$$

Method By calculating expansion history of the universe numerically we use a model which contains the cosmological parameters. We will compute and make plots of  $H(x)$ ,  $\mathcal{H}(x)$ ,  $\frac{1}{\mathcal{H}(x)} \frac{d\mathcal{H}(x)}{dx}$ ,  $\frac{1}{\mathcal{H}(x)} \frac{d^2\mathcal{H}(x)}{dx^2}$ ,  $\eta(x)$ ,  $\frac{\eta(x)}{c}$ ,  $t(x)$ ,  $\Omega_m$ ,  $\Omega_r$  and  $\Omega_\Lambda$ , we use different functions.

$$\Omega_{CDM}(a) = \frac{\Omega_{CDM0}}{a^3 H(a)^2 / H_0^2}$$

$$\Omega_b(a) = \frac{\Omega_{b0}}{a^3 H(a)^2 / H_0^2}$$

$$\Omega_\gamma(a) = \frac{\Omega_{\gamma 0}}{a^4 H(a)^2 / H_0^2}$$

$$\Omega_\nu(a) = \frac{\Omega_{\nu 0}}{a^4 H(a)^2 / H_0^2}$$

$$\Omega_\Lambda(a) = \frac{\Omega_{\Lambda 0}}{a^4 H(a)^2 / H_0^2}$$
 Position, redshift and time First of all we want to calculate the times -  $x$ ,  $z$ ,  $t$  for radiation-matter equality, matter-dark energy equality, and matter-radiation equality.

We start to compute the time for radiation-matter equality,  $\Omega_m = \Omega_r$ . We now that  $\Omega_{m0} \propto a^{-3}$  and  $\Omega_{r0} \propto a^{-4}$  we then get the equation  $a_{MR} = \frac{\Omega_{r0}}{\Omega_{m0}}$  Further we compute the time for matter-dark energy equality,  $\Omega_m = \Omega_\Lambda$ , and we have that  $\Omega_\Lambda \propto 1$ , which gives us  $a^{-3}\Omega_{m0} = \Omega_\Lambda$ .

$$a_{MDE} = \left( \frac{\Omega_{m0}}{\Omega_{\Lambda 0}} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$
 Finally we compute when the Universe starts to accelerate. We have that  $a = a_H = \sqrt{\Omega_{m0}a^{-3} + \Omega_{\Lambda 0}}$

$$= H_0 \sqrt{\Omega_{m0}a^{-1} + \Omega_{\Lambda 0}a^2}$$
 This gives us now  $a = H_0^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Omega_{m0}a^{-1} + \Omega_{\Lambda 0}a^2}} \left( \Omega_{m0} \left( -\frac{1}{a^2} \right) a + 2\Omega_{\Lambda 0}a \right) = 0$  We simplify this expression by canceling  $a$

$$-\Omega_{m0} \frac{1}{a^2} + 2\Omega_{\Lambda 0}a = 0$$

$$2\Omega_{\Lambda 0}a = \Omega_{m0} \frac{1}{a^2}$$

$$a = \left( \frac{\Omega_{m0}}{\Omega_{\Lambda 0}} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

We now insert equation eq: $a_{MR}$ , eq :  $a_{MDE}$  and eq :  $a_{cc}$  into equation eq :  $x = eq$  : which will then give us the different values for position, redshift and time.

$z = \frac{1}{a} - 1$   
 $t = t(\ln a)$  and  $H$  we will now compute  $H$ , so we use equation eq : Friedmann eq which is written as  $H(x) = H_0 \sqrt{\Omega_{m0}e^{-3x} + \Omega_{r0}e^{-4x} + \Omega_{k0}e^{-2x} + \Omega_{\Lambda 0}}$ . We insert equation eq :  $\Omega_k = eq : \Omega_{\Lambda}$  into equation eq :  $H_x$ .

To compute  $H$  we use equation eq :  $H_p q H(x) = e^x H_0 \sqrt{\Omega_{m0}e^{-3x} + \Omega_{r0}e^{-4x} + \Omega_{k0}e^{-2x} + \Omega_{\Lambda 0}}$

$$= H_0 \sqrt{\Omega_{m0}e^{-x} + \Omega_{r0}e^{-2x} + \Omega_{k0} + \Omega_{\Lambda 0}e^{2x}}$$
 and we will say that  $\Omega_{v1} = \Omega_{m0}e^{-x} + \Omega_{r0}e^{-2x} + \Omega_{k0} + \Omega_{\Lambda 0}e^{2x}$  which gives us  $\mathcal{H}(x) = H_0 \sqrt{\Omega_{v1}}$

$$= H_0 \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Omega_{v1}}} (-\Omega_{m0}e^{-x} - 2\Omega_{r0}e^{-2x} + \Omega_{k0} + 2\Omega_{\Lambda 0}e^{2x})$$

$$= H_0 \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Omega_{v1}}} \Omega_{v2} \text{ where } \Omega_{v2} = (-\Omega_{m0}e^{-x} - 2\Omega_{r0}e^{-2x} + \Omega_{k0} + 2\Omega_{\Lambda 0}e^{2x})$$

We are now able to calculate  $\frac{1}{\mathcal{H}(x)} \frac{d^2\mathcal{H}(x)}{dx^2}$  by finding the derivative of equation eq:  $dH_p dx \cdot \frac{d^2\mathcal{H}(x)}{dx^2} = \frac{1}{2} H_0 (\Omega_{v2}' \Omega_{v1}^{-1/2} + \Omega_{v2} (\Omega_{v2}^{-1/2})')$

$$= \frac{1}{2} H_0 \left( \frac{\Omega_{m0}e^{-x} + 4\Omega_{r0}e^{-2x} + \Omega_{k0} + 4\Omega_{\Lambda 0}e^{2x}}{\Omega_{v1}} \right)$$

$$+ \Omega_{v2} \left( -\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\Omega_{v1}^{3/2}} \Omega_{v1}' \right) \text{ we now say that } \Omega_{v3} = \Omega_{m0}e^{-x} + 4\Omega_{r0}e^{-2x} + \Omega_{k0} + 4\Omega_{\Lambda 0}e^{2x} \text{ This will then give us } \frac{d^2\mathcal{H}(x)}{dx^2} = \frac{1}{2} H_0 \left( \frac{\Omega_{v3}}{\Omega_{v1}^{3/2}} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Omega_{v2}'}{\Omega_{v1}^{3/2}} \Omega_{v2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} H_0 \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Omega_{v1}}} \left( \Omega_{v3} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Omega_{v2}^2}{\Omega_{v1}} \right) \text{ We have now found values for } dH(x)/dx \text{ and } \frac{d^2\mathcal{H}(x)}{dx^2} \text{ analytically and we now insert these values into two functions } \eta(x) \text{ and } t(x)$$

To compute  $\eta(x)$  and  $t(x)$  we use the 4th-Order Runge Kutta for solving our ODEs. After we solved the ODEs we made plots of  $\eta(x)$  and  $t(x)$ . Now that we have computed  $\eta(x)$  and  $t(x)$  we will find the age of the Universe today,  $t(0)$ , and the conformal time today,  $\eta(0)/c$ .  $\Omega_{v1}$

Milestone 2 Introduction In this project we are going to look at the recombination history of the universe. More detailed, we will look at the recombination history of the universe. If we consider a smooth universe we can write the Boltzmann equation on the following form  $\frac{1}{a^3} \frac{d(n_1 a^3)}{dt} = -\alpha n_1 n_2 + \beta n_3 n_4$  where  $a$  is the scale factor.

$\frac{1}{a^3} \frac{d(n_1 a^3)}{dt} = -\langle \sigma v \rangle \left( n_1 n_2 - n_3 n_4 \left( \frac{n_1 n_2}{n_3 n_4} \right)_{eq} \right)$  which we rewrite as  $\frac{1}{n_1 a^3} \frac{d(n_1 a^3)}{dx} = -\frac{\Gamma_1}{H} \left( 1 - \frac{n_3 n_4}{n_1 n_2} \left( \frac{n_1 n_2}{n_3 n_4} \right)_{eq} \right)$  where  $H$  is the expansion rate and  $\Gamma_1 \equiv n_2 \langle \sigma v \rangle$ .

To reach chemical equilibrium we must have that  $\Gamma_1 \gg H$ , which means that the interaction rate is greater than the expansion rate of the universe.

$\frac{n_1 n_2}{n_3 n_4} \approx \left( \frac{n_1 n_2}{n_3 n_4} \right)_{eq}$  when the efficiency of interaction is high enough to get close to equilibrium. This equation is also known as the Saha approximation.

We can rewrite equation 9: Saha approx. We know that the universe is electrically neutral, hence  $n_e = n_p$ . Further we have that  $n_\gamma = n_\gamma^{eq}$ .

By using the definition of electron fraction,  $n_\gamma = n_\gamma^{eq}$  and  $n_e = n_p$  as we used for the Saha approximation and insert those into equation 9.

The downside with the Peebles equation is that the electron in a hydrogen atom can have different energy and spin states. To recombine, the electron must be in the ground state.

So from these two possible ways there is introduced a factor which looks at the probability of an atom to reach its ground state from an excited state.

$$\Lambda_{2s \rightarrow 1s} = 8.227 s^{-1},$$

$$\Lambda_\alpha = H \frac{(3\epsilon_0)^3}{(8\pi)^2 c^3 \hbar^3 n_{1s}}$$

$$n_{1s} = (1 - X_e) n_H$$

$$n_H = (1 - Y_p) n_b$$

$$n_b = (1 - Y_p) \frac{3H_0^2 \Omega_{b0}}{8\pi G m_H a^3}$$

$$\beta^{(2)}(T_b) = \beta(T_b) e^{\frac{\epsilon_0}{4k_b T_b}}$$

$$\beta(T_b) = \alpha^{(2)}(T_b) \left( \frac{m_e k_b T_b}{2\pi \hbar^2} \right)^{3/2} e^{-\frac{\epsilon_0}{k_b T_b}}$$

$$\alpha^{(2)}(T_b) = \frac{8}{\sqrt{3\pi}} c \sigma_T \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_0}{k_b T_b}} \phi_2(T_b)$$

$\phi_2(T_b) = 0.448 \ln \left( \frac{\epsilon_0}{k_b T_b} \right)$  Optical Depth Optical depth,  $\tau$ , describes the level of transparency through a medium. An appropriate way to describe the level of transparency is the optical depth.

It can also be looked at the number of scatterings of photons by electrons per unit time.

At the recombination time where the free protons and the free electrons tie together and create hydrogen is also the time when the universe becomes transparent.

$\int_0^\infty \tilde{g}(x) dx = 1$  Method We will solve the recombination history of the universe numerically. To do so we first start to solve the Saha equation.

With  $n_e$  we are able to calculate the optical depth. We use the Runge-Kutta 4 method and spline the solution. We do the same thing with the visibility function  $\tilde{g}$ .

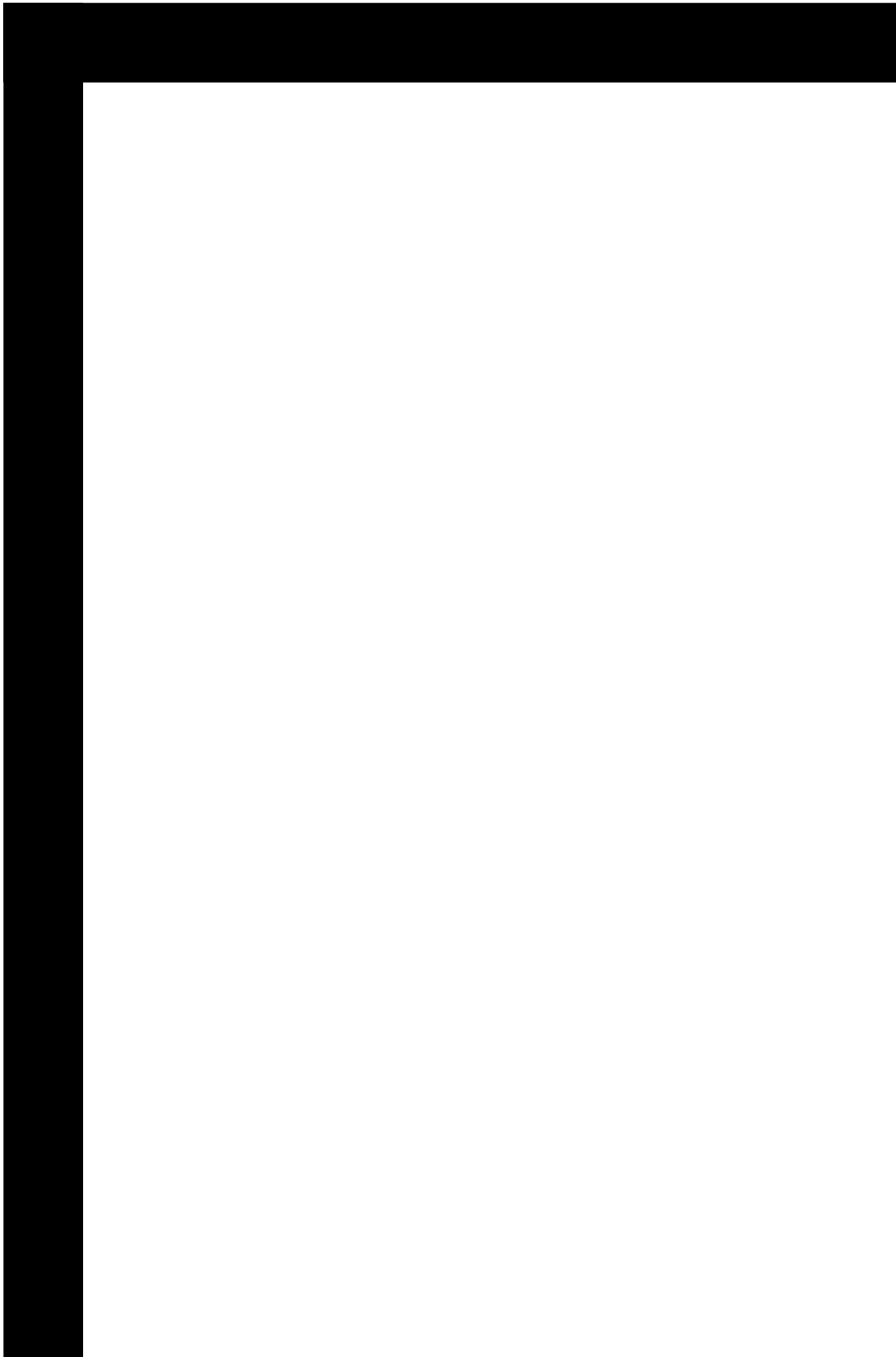
For the visibility function  $\tilde{g}$  we use the Runge-Kutta 4 ODE solver and spline the solution and use a 'deriv\_x'-function on  $\frac{d\tilde{g}}{dx}$  and  $\frac{d^2\tilde{g}}{dx^2}$ .

The calculation on the decoupling and recombination on  $x$  is to use 'binary search for value'-function and set  $\tau = 1$  for decoupling.

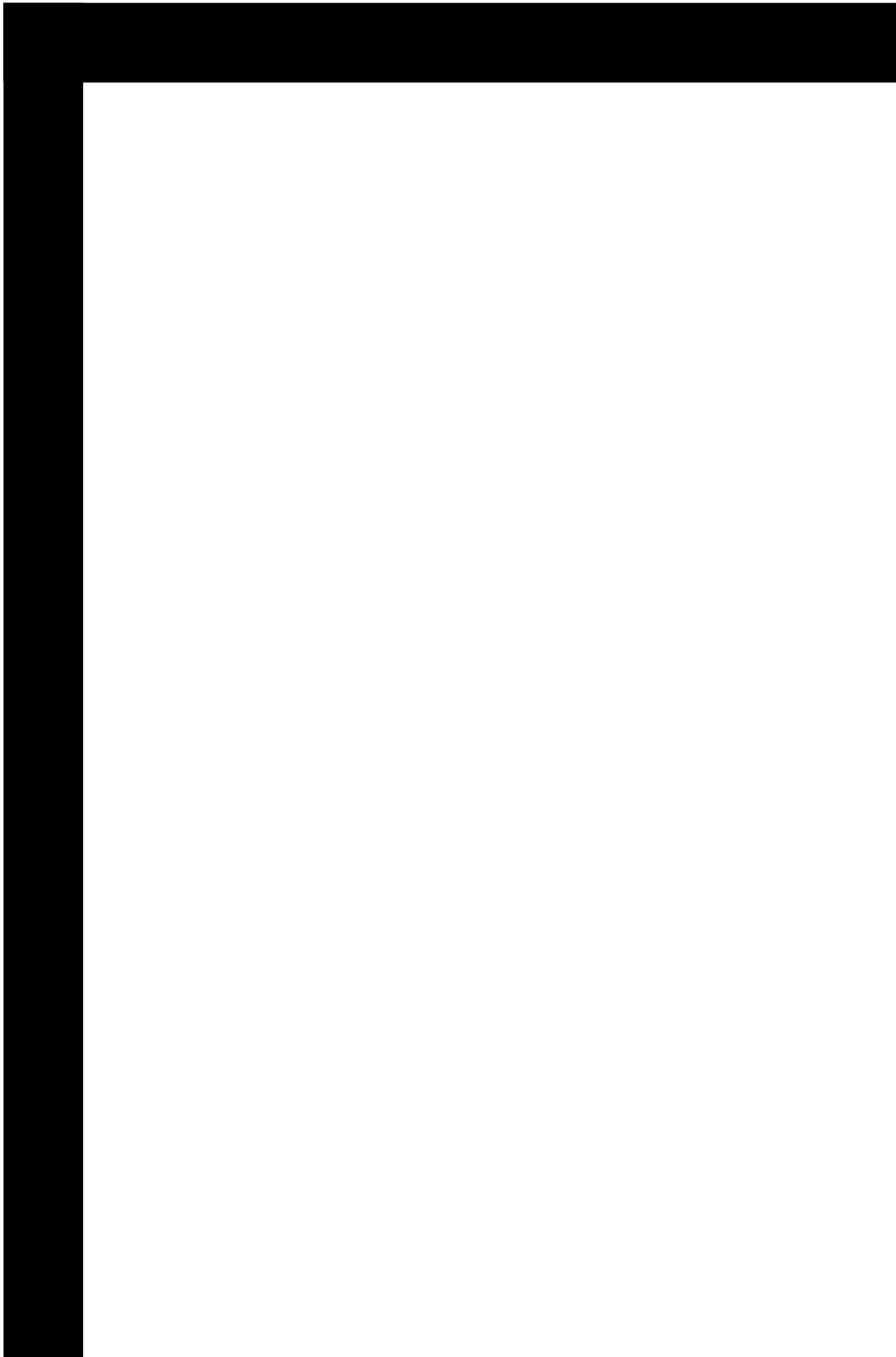
$z_{decoupling} = 1081.15$  Further we found the time when the recombination was half-way at  $X_e = 0.5$   $x_{rec} = -7.16$

Electron\_fraction.png

$z_{rec} = 1291.25$  Then we found the freeze-out abundance of free electrons  $X_e(x=0) = 0.000197$  [H]



Optical depth  $\tau$ ,  $\frac{d\tau}{dx}$ ,  $\frac{d^2\tau}{dx^2}$  as a function of time  $x$ . Figure fig:Optical<sub>depth</sub> shows the behaviour of the optical depth. We see that the optical



Visibility function  $g$ ,  $\frac{dg}{dx}$   $\frac{d^2g}{dx^2}$  as a function of time  $x$ . Where  $g$  is scaled with  $(g)_{max} = 4.85$ ,  $\left(\frac{dg}{dx}\right)_{max} = 50.40$ ,  $\left(\frac{d^2g}{dx^2}\right)_{max} = 724.94$  With



Figure taken from Baumann. The evolution of the free electron from the early Universe till today. As mentioned earlier we said that  $x_{\text{rec}} \sim -7.2$ . I would like to add a comment that the recombination should be later than the value we got. It should have been close to  $x_{\text{rec}} \sim -7.2$ .



Milestone 3 Introduction In the previous milestones we have considered a smooth Universe(?). We will now take it a step further. We will use a Newtonian gauge for our metric which is defined as  $ds^2 = -dt^2(1 + 2\Psi) + a^2(1 + 2\Phi)(dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2)$  where  $\Psi$  and  $\Phi$  are the perturbations to the distribution function is defined as  $T = \bar{T}(1 + \Theta(t, \vec{x}, p, \hat{p}))$  and it is also known as the perturbation in the local temperature. The collision term of this process for first order in perturbation theory is given as  $C = -p^2 \frac{\partial f}{\partial p} n_e \sigma_T [\Theta_0 - \Theta + \hat{p} \cdot \nabla \Theta]$ . The Thompson cross-section,  $p^+ + \gamma \rightleftharpoons p^+ + \gamma$ , has the proportionality  $\propto 1/m^2$ . Since the protons has a much larger mass than the electrons, the collision term is much smaller.

Finally we are able to find all of the Boltzmann equations we need as well as the potential  $\Psi$  and  $\Phi$  from the Einstein equations. We

We can use a Fourier transform on equation eq:final\_photon to reduce the number of free variables. We start by introducing the  $\mu \equiv \frac{\hat{p} \cdot \vec{k}}{k}$  -variable.

We can now write the Einstein-Boltzmann equations which describes the velocity and energy contents as well as the metric perturbations.

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi &= -\Phi - \frac{12H_0^2}{c^2 k^2 a^2} [\Omega_{\gamma 0} \Theta_2] \quad \text{The initial conditions photon temperature multipoles} \quad \Theta'_0 = -\frac{ck}{\mathcal{H}} \Theta_1 - \Phi', \\ \Theta'_1 &= \frac{ck}{3\mathcal{H}} \Theta_0 - \frac{2ck}{3\mathcal{H}} \Theta_2 + \frac{ck}{3\mathcal{H}} \Psi + \tau' \left[ \Theta_1 + \frac{1}{3} v_b \right], \\ \Theta'_\ell &= \frac{\ell ck}{(2\ell+1)\mathcal{H}} \Theta_{\ell-1} - \frac{(\ell+1)ck}{(2\ell+1)\mathcal{H}} \Theta_{\ell+1} \\ &+ \tau' \left[ \Theta_\ell - \frac{1}{10} \Pi \delta_{\ell,2} \right], \quad 2 \leq \ell \leq \ell_{\max} \\ \Theta'_\ell &= \frac{ck}{\mathcal{H}} \Theta_{\ell-1} - c \frac{\ell+1}{\mathcal{H} \eta(x)} \Theta_\ell + \tau' \Theta_\ell, \quad \ell = \ell_{\max} \quad \text{The initial condition for CDM and baryons} \quad \delta'_{CDM} = \frac{ck}{\mathcal{H}} v_{CDM} - 3\Phi' \\ v'_{CDM} &= -v_{CDM} - \frac{ck}{\mathcal{H}} \Psi \\ \delta'_b &= \frac{ck}{\mathcal{H}} v_b - 3\Phi' \\ v'_b &= -v_b - \frac{ck}{\mathcal{H}} \Psi + \tau' R(3\Theta_1 + v_b) \quad \text{HVA DE ER, SE W} \end{aligned}$$

And the initial conditions are given as following  $\Psi = -\frac{1}{\frac{3}{2} + \frac{2f_v}{5}}$

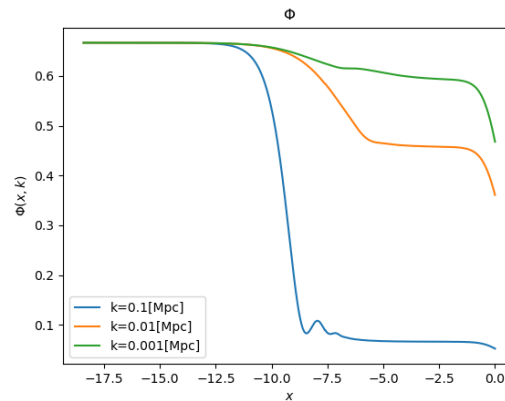
$$\begin{aligned} \Phi &= -(1 + \frac{2f_v}{5}) \Psi \\ \delta_{CDM} &= \delta_b = -\frac{3}{2} \Psi \\ v_{CDM} &= v_b = -\frac{ck}{2\mathcal{H}} \Psi \end{aligned}$$

Photons :

$$\begin{aligned} \Theta_0 &= -\frac{1}{2} \Psi \\ \Theta_1 &= +\frac{ck}{6\mathcal{H}} \Psi \\ \Theta_2 &= \begin{cases} -\frac{8ck}{15\mathcal{H}\tau'} \Theta_1, & \text{(with polarization)} \\ -\frac{20ck}{45\mathcal{H}\tau'} \Theta_1, & \text{(without polarization)} \end{cases} \\ \Theta_\ell &= -\frac{\ell}{2\ell+1} \frac{ck}{\mathcal{H}\tau'} \Theta_{\ell-1} \quad \text{We want to expand the } \mu\text{-dependence of } \Theta \text{ in Legendre multipoles. The reason why we do this is that we want} \end{aligned}$$

The optical depth,  $\tau$ , is very high at early times. Hence electrons are only affected by temperature fluctuations of photons that are close to them.

As we solve the Einstein-Boltzmann equations we have to use the approximation given in equation eq:that\_aapprox and ignoring the momentum transfer.



Results and Discussion [H]

Evolution of the Newtonian potential  $\Phi$ . [H]

We see the same behaviour for the velocity perturbation in figure fig:v. The low mode velocity perturbation for baryons start to oscillate. Figure fig : phi shows the spatial curvature. We see that it has a constant movement until it reaches the horizon. The reason for why this happens is that the photon density contrast and photon velocity perturbation are zero at the horizon. In figure fig : delta\_gamma and fig : v\_gamma we see the photon density contrast and photon velocity perturbation. We see that there are oscillations at the horizon.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{Appendix A } \frac{d\mathcal{H}(x)}{dx}/H \text{ and } \frac{d^2\mathcal{H}(x)}{dx^2}/H \quad H=e^x H \\
 &= e^x H_0 \sqrt{\frac{\rho_x}{\rho_c}} \\
 &= H_0 \frac{1}{\sqrt{\rho_c}} e^{-\frac{3}{2}(1+\omega)+x} \\
 &= \frac{H_0}{\sqrt{\rho_c}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}x-\frac{3}{2}(x\omega)} \\
 &= H_0 \frac{1}{\sqrt{\rho_c}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}x(1+\omega)}
 \end{aligned}$$

We now use the  $\mathcal{H}$  we got to find  $\frac{d\mathcal{H}}{dx}$   $\frac{dH}{dx} = \frac{H_0}{\rho_c} \left( -\frac{1}{2}(1+3\omega) \right) e^{-\frac{1}{2}x}$  Which finally gives us  $\frac{dH(x)}{dx} = \frac{H_0}{\rho_c} \left( -\frac{1}{2}(1+3\omega) \right) e^{-\frac{1}{2}x}$  We will now

$$dx/H = \frac{\frac{H_0}{\rho_c} \left( -\frac{1}{2}(1+3\omega) \right) e^{-\frac{1}{2}x}}{\frac{H_0}{\rho_c} e^{-\frac{1}{2}x}} = -\frac{1}{2}(1+3\omega)$$

Appendix B
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$$d\lambda=C(f)\frac{df}{d\lambda}=-P^0p\frac{\partial f}{\partial p}\left[\frac{\partial\Theta}{\partial t}+\frac{\partial\Theta}{\partial x^i}\frac{\hat{p}^i}{a}+(\frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial t}+\frac{\partial\Psi}{\partial x^i}\frac{\hat{p}^i}{a})\right]\frac{\partial\Theta}{\partial t}+\frac{\partial\Theta}{\partial x^i}\frac{\hat{p}^i}{a}+(\frac{\partial\Phi}{\partial t}+\frac{\partial\Psi}{\partial x^i}\frac{\hat{p}^i}{a})=n_e\sigma_T[\Theta_0-\Theta+\hat{p}\cdot\vec{v}_b]$$

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