

Writing our own CMB code

Part I

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Observations

- ✿ COBE : detected anisotropies on largest scales($l \sim 40$)
- ✿ WMAP : detected anisotropies on smaller scales($l \sim 1000$)
- ✿ Planck : ($l \sim 2000$)

- Multipole moments of temperature field

$$\Theta_{lm} = \int d\hat{n} Y_{lm}^*(\hat{n}) \Theta(\hat{n})$$

→ monopole ($l=0$): Θ

→ dipole ($l=1$): v_γ

- Power spectrum

$$\Delta_T^2 = \frac{l(l+1)}{2\pi} c_l T^2$$

Perfect fluid

- before redshift $z_* \approx 10^3$ the cosmological plasma was a tightly coupled photon-baryon fluid
- We neglect the effects of baryon and gravity
- Perturbation in this fluid can be described by continuity and Euler equations of fluid dynamics

- Continuity equation

$$\dot{\Theta} = -\frac{1}{3} k v_\gamma$$

- Euler equation

$$v_\gamma' = k \Theta$$

derivative with respect to conformal time : $\eta = \int \frac{dt}{a(t)}$

$$\ddot{\Theta} + \frac{1}{3} k v_\gamma = 0 \rightarrow \ddot{\Theta} + c_s^2 k^2 \Theta = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Where } c_s^2 = \sqrt{\dot{p}/\dot{\rho}} = 1/\sqrt{3}$$

- Pressure gradients act like a restoring force and the system oscillates at the speed of sound
- Temperature oscillations represent heating and cooling of the fluid
- At recombination

$$\Theta(\eta_*) = \Theta(0) \cos(ks_*)$$

$$\rightarrow \text{where } s = \int c_s d\eta \approx \eta/\sqrt{3}$$

Initial condition

- Whence $\Theta(0)?!$
- The inflation era was a time when the universe was driven by energy with negative pressure that potential energy of a scalar field provided this kind of energy
- Curvature fluctuations(Φ) are space-space and Newtonian potential(Ψ) is time-time
- Approximately $\Psi \approx -\Phi$
- Scale invariant $\Delta_\Phi^2 \equiv \frac{k^3}{2\pi^2} P_\Phi(k) \propto k^{n_s-1}$

- $\frac{\delta t}{t} = \Psi$
- $a=t^{2/[1+(p/\rho)]}$
- Fractional change in CMB temperature

$$\Theta = \frac{-\delta a}{a} = -\frac{2}{3} \left(1 + \frac{p}{\rho}\right)^{-1} \frac{\delta t}{t}$$

- In radiation domination era where $p = \frac{\rho}{3}$: $\Theta = \frac{-\Psi}{2}$
- In matter dominated era where $p=0$: $\Theta = \frac{-2\Psi}{3}$
- Initial temperature perturbation is linked with initial gravitational potential perturbation

Gravity

- Newtonian potential and spatial curvature change the acoustic peaks because they provide a gravitational force on oscillator
- This shifts the equilibrium to $\Theta+\Psi=0$
- Gravity changes continuity equation :

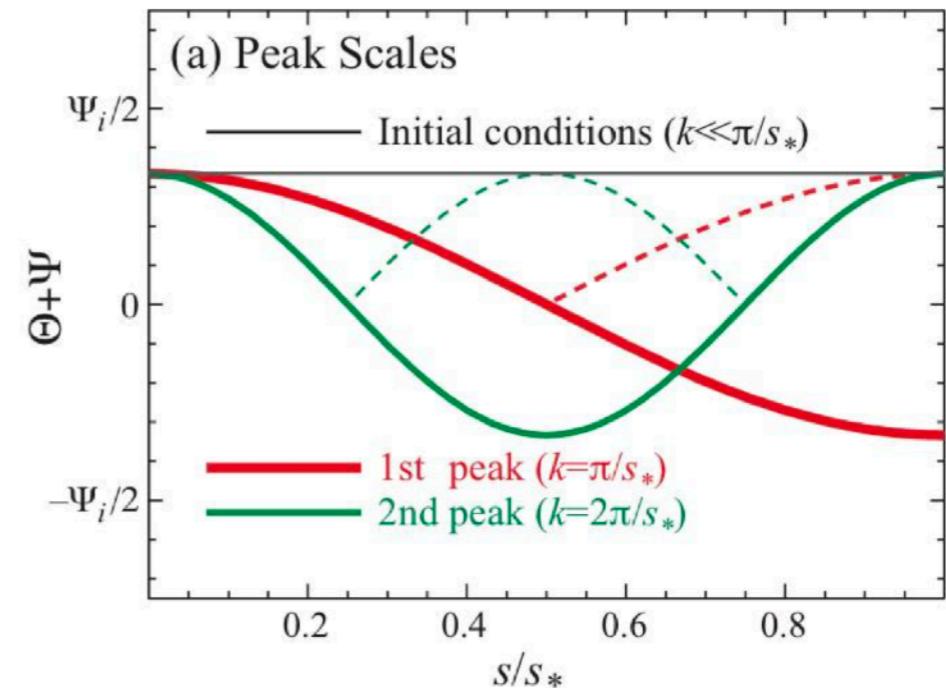
$$\dot{\Theta} = -\frac{1}{3} k v_\gamma - \dot{\Phi}$$

And Euler equation :

$$v_\gamma = k \Phi + k \Psi$$

And we have :

$$\ddot{\Theta} + c_s^2 k^2 \Theta = -\frac{k^2}{3} \Psi - \ddot{\Phi}$$



- With $\Phi+\Psi$ as effective temperature :

$$[\Phi+\Psi](\eta) = [\Phi+\Psi](\eta_{md}) \cos(ks)$$

Where η_{md} is start of the matter dominated era

- Photons climb out of the potential well suffer a gravitational redshift of : $\frac{\Delta T}{T} = \Psi$
- Acoustic oscillations arise by compression due to infall of the fluid into gravitational potential well and rarefaction by pressure

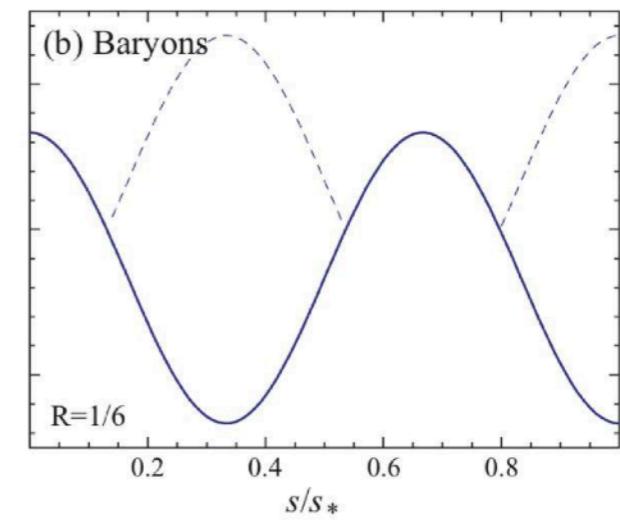
Baryon

- Photon-baryon momentum ratio : $R = (p_b + \rho_b) / (p_\gamma + \rho_\gamma)$
- The oscillator equation :

$$c_s^2 \frac{d}{d\eta} (c_s^{-2} \dot{\Theta}) + c_s^2 k^2 \Theta = \frac{-k^2}{3} \Psi - c_s^2 \frac{d}{d\eta} (c_s^{-2} \dot{\Phi})$$

Where $c_s = 1/\sqrt{3(1+R)}$

- Baryons lower the sound speed which decreases the sound horizon
- $[\Theta + (1+R)\Psi](\eta) = [\Theta + (1+R)\Psi](\eta_{md}) \cos(ks)$
- Baryons enhance the amplitude of the oscillations and shift equilibrium to $\Theta = -(1+R)\Psi$



Radiation

- Radiation Is dominant above the redshift of equality : $Z_{eq} = 2.4 \times 10^4 \Omega_0 h^2$
- Radiation makes gravitational force evolve with time and drives the acoustic oscillations
- The fluid is maximally compressed with no gravitational potential to fight as it turn back

Damping

- The photon-baryon fluid has imperfections (shear viscosity and heat conduction) which damp the oscillations
- The equations of motion of the system in full form :

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\Theta} &= \frac{-1}{3} k v_\gamma - \dot{\Phi} & \dot{\delta}_b &= -k v_b - 3\dot{\Phi} \\ \dot{v}_\gamma &= k(\Theta + \Phi) - \frac{k}{6} \pi_\gamma - \dot{\tau}(v_\gamma - v_b) \\ \dot{v}_\gamma &= -\frac{\dot{a}}{a} v_b + k\Psi + \dot{\tau}(v_\gamma - v_b)/R\end{aligned}$$

The final oscillator equation

$$c_s^2 \frac{d}{d\eta} (c_s^{-2} \dot{\Theta}) + \frac{c_s^2 k^2}{\dot{\tau}} [A_v + A_h] \dot{\Theta} + c_s^2 k^2 \Theta = \frac{-k^2}{3} \Psi - c_s^2 \frac{d}{d\eta} (c_s^{-2} \dot{\Phi})$$

- $A_v = 16/15$ derived from Boltzman equation
- $A_h = R^2/1 + R$ heat conduction coefficient
- We expect the inhomogeneities to be damped by a exponential factor of order $e^{-k^2\eta/\dot{\tau}}$