

The 7-Year *WMAP* Observations: Cosmological Interpretation

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Cosmology: The Questions

- How much do we understand our Universe?
 - How old is it?
 - How big is it?
 - What shape does it take?
 - What is it made of?
 - How did it begin?

The Breakthrough

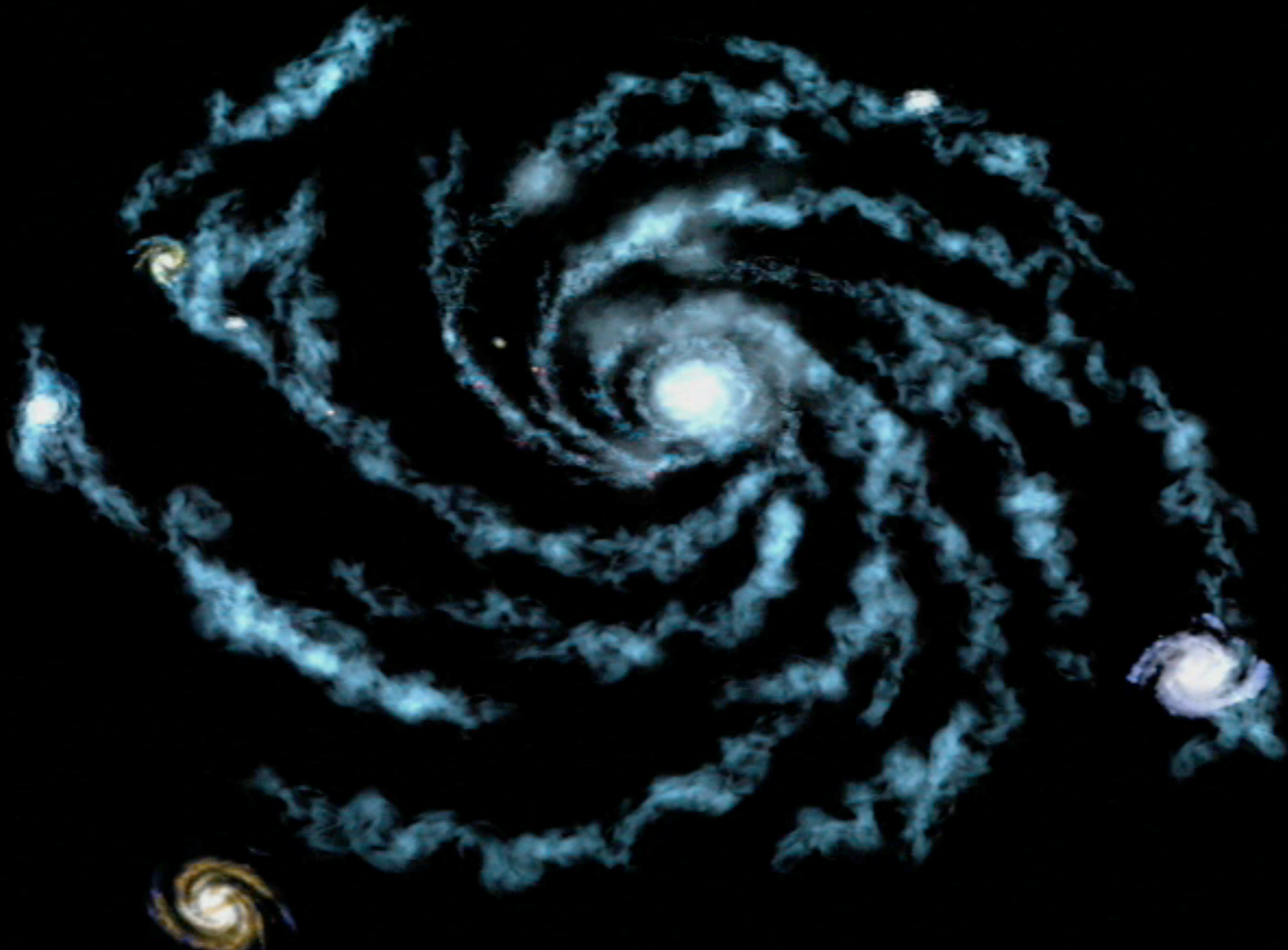
- Now we can **observe** the physical condition of the Universe when it was very young.

Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB)

- Fossil light of the Big Bang!

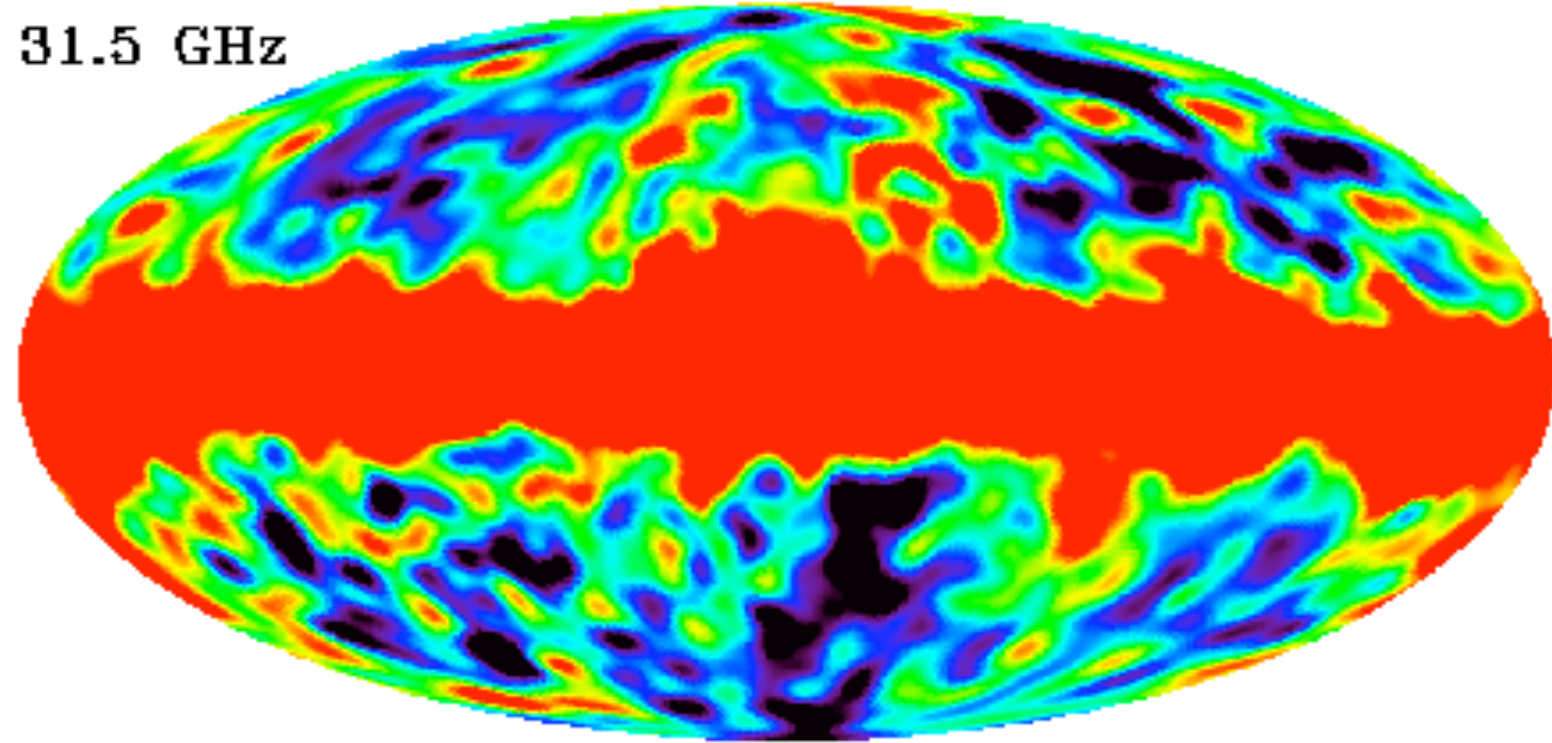


From "Cosmic Voyage"

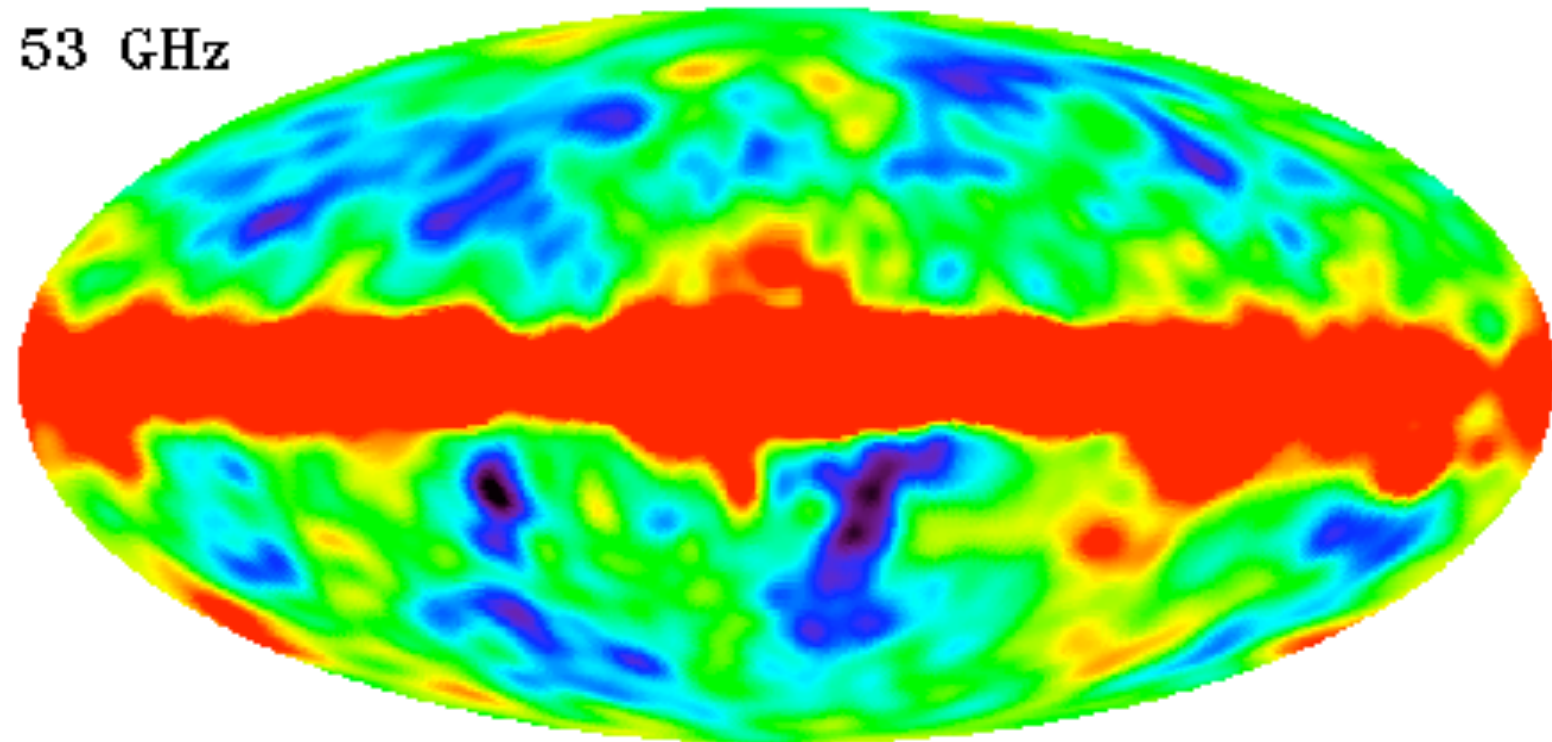


COBE/DMR, 1992

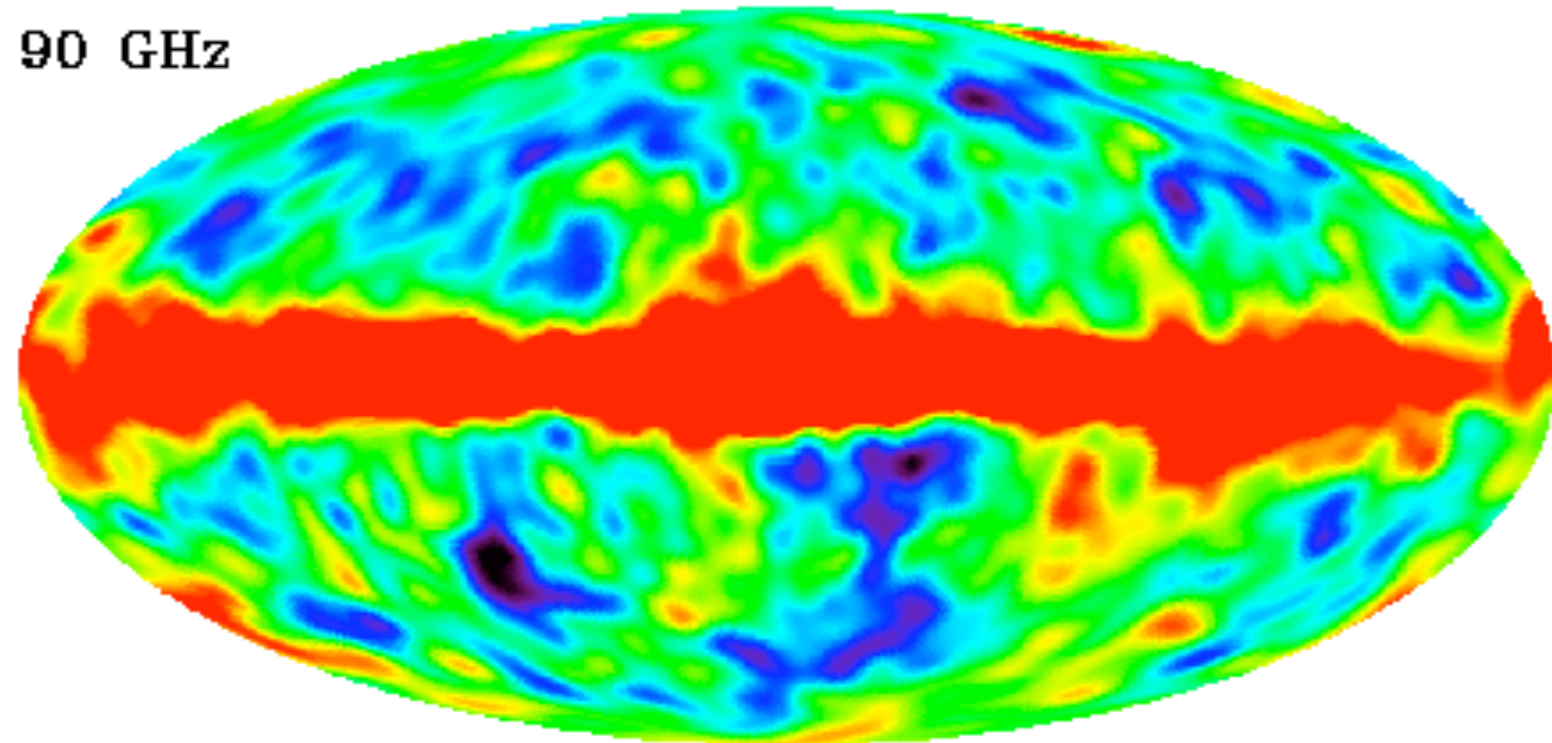
31.5 GHz



53 GHz



90 GHz



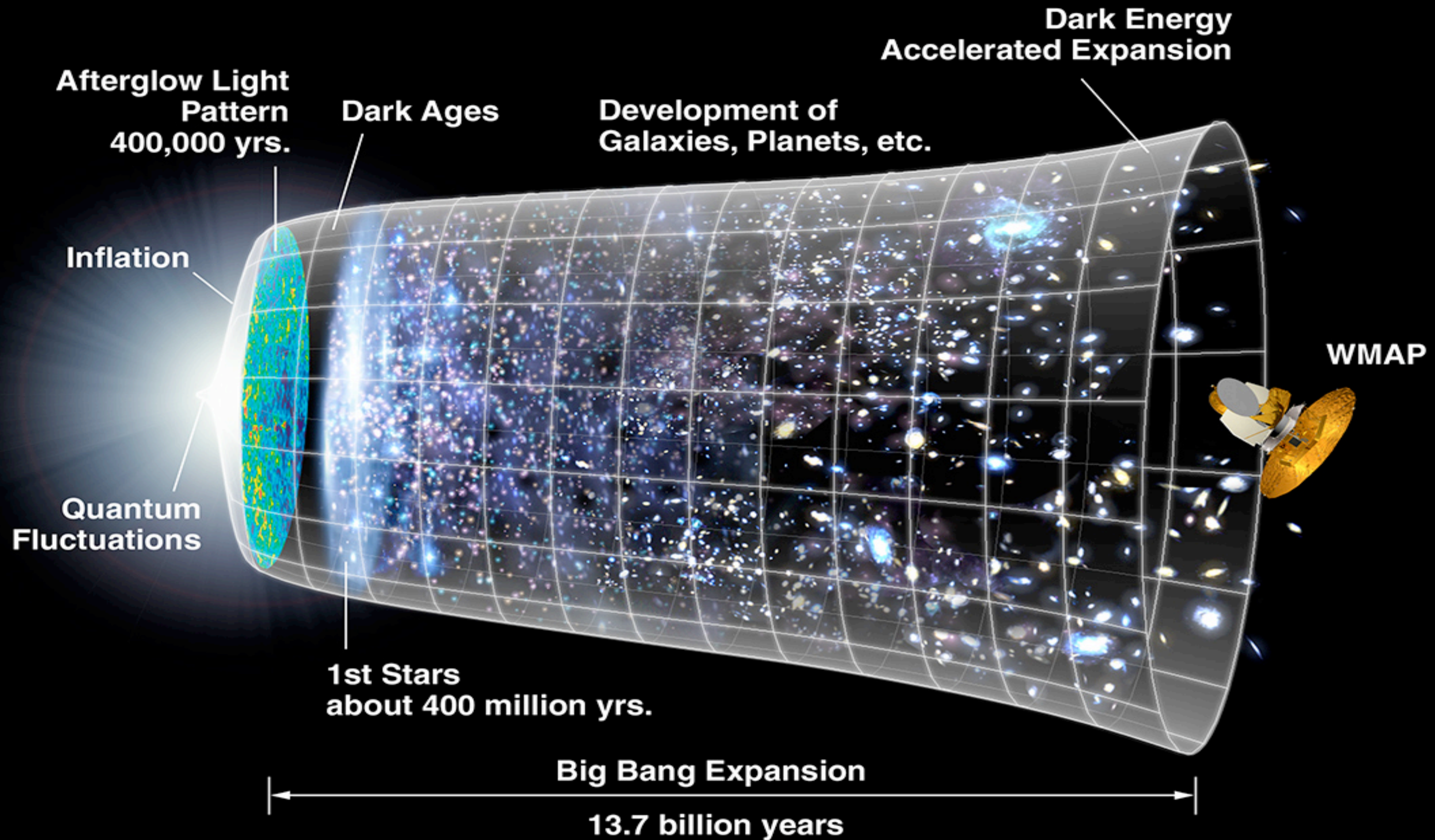
-100 μ K  +100 μ K



• **Isotropic?**

• **CMB is *anisotropic*! (at the 1/100,000 level)**

CMB: The Farthest and Oldest Light That We Can Ever Hope To Observe Directly



- When the Universe was 3000K (~380,000 years after the Big Bang), electrons and protons were combined to form neutral hydrogen.

WMAP at Lagrange 2 (L2) Point

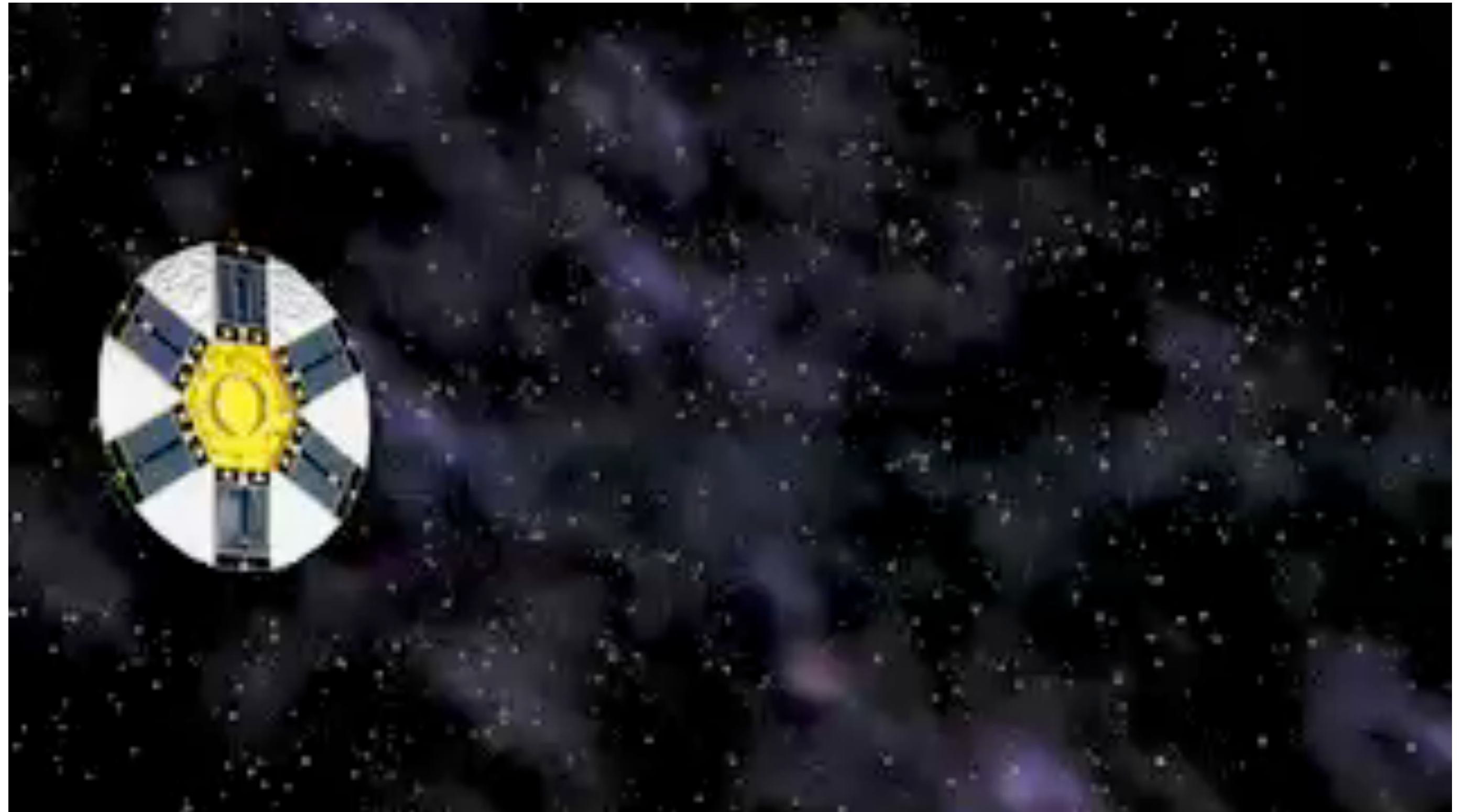
June 2001:
WMAP launched!

February 2003:
The first-year data release

March 2006:
The three-year data release

March 2008:
The five-year data release

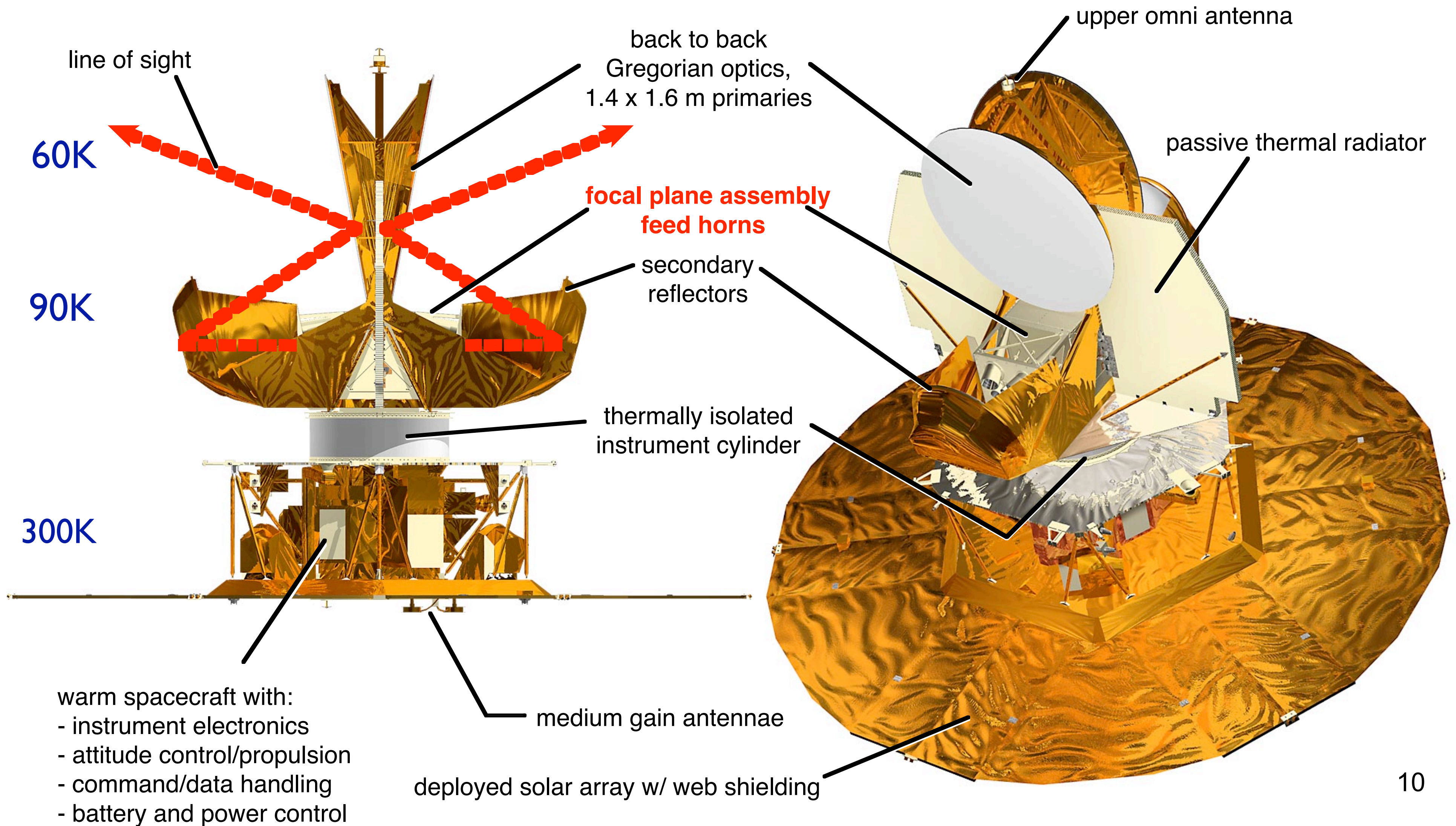
**January 2010:
The seven-year
data release**



- L2 is a million miles from Earth
- WMAP leaves Earth, Moon, and Sun behind it to avoid radiation from them

WMAP Spacecraft

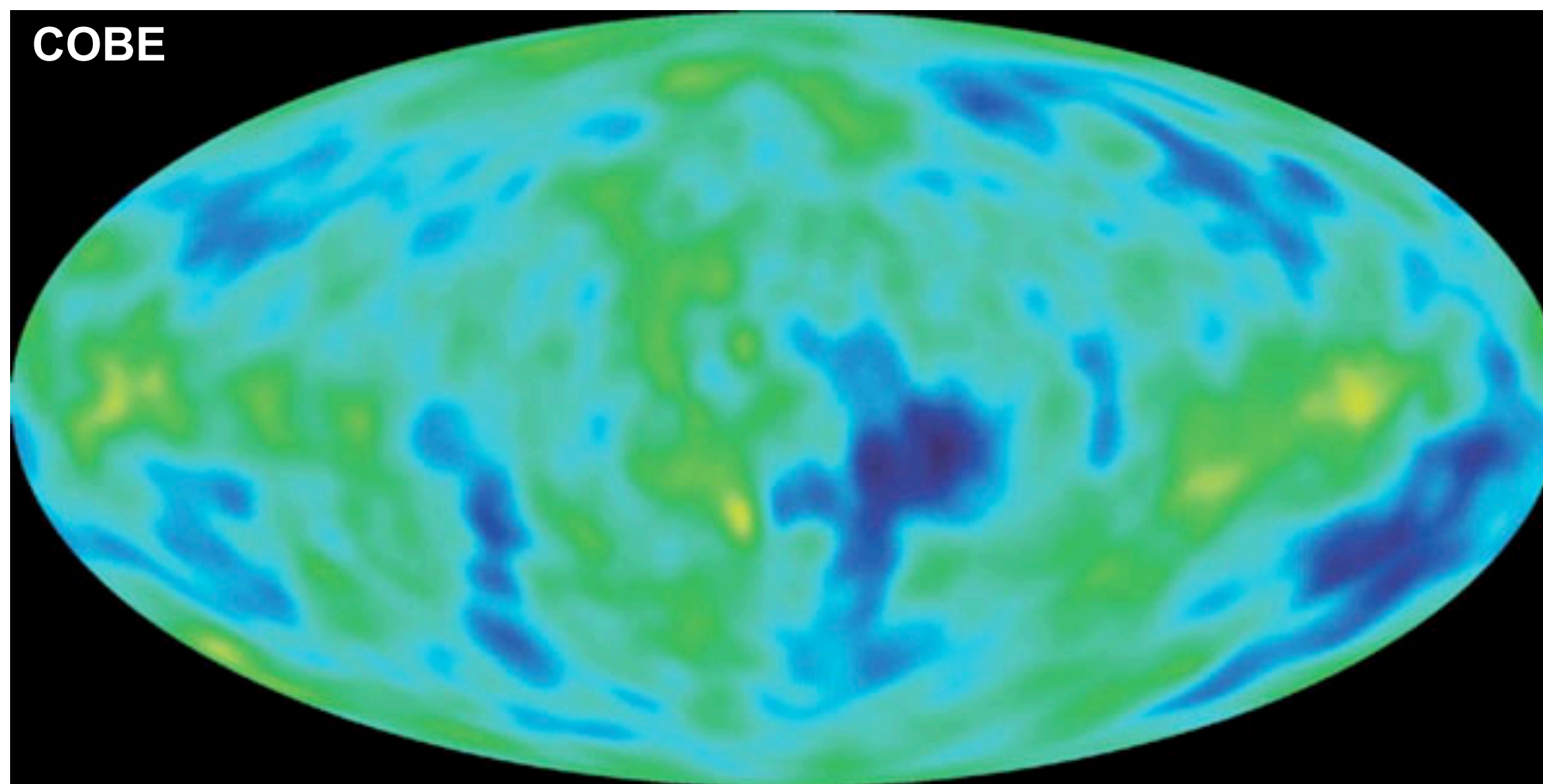
Radiative Cooling: No Cryogenic System



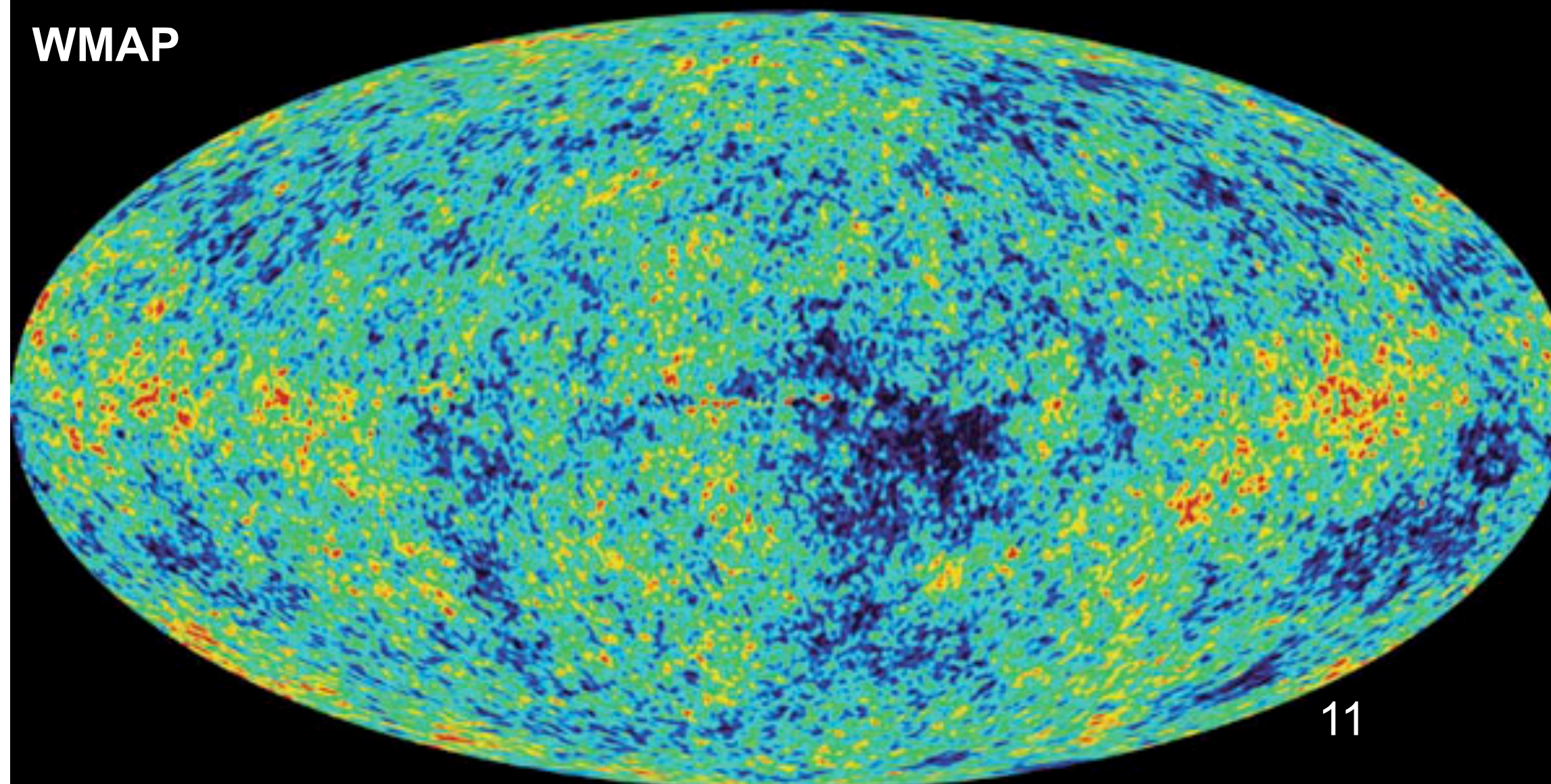
COBE to WMAP (x35 better resolution)



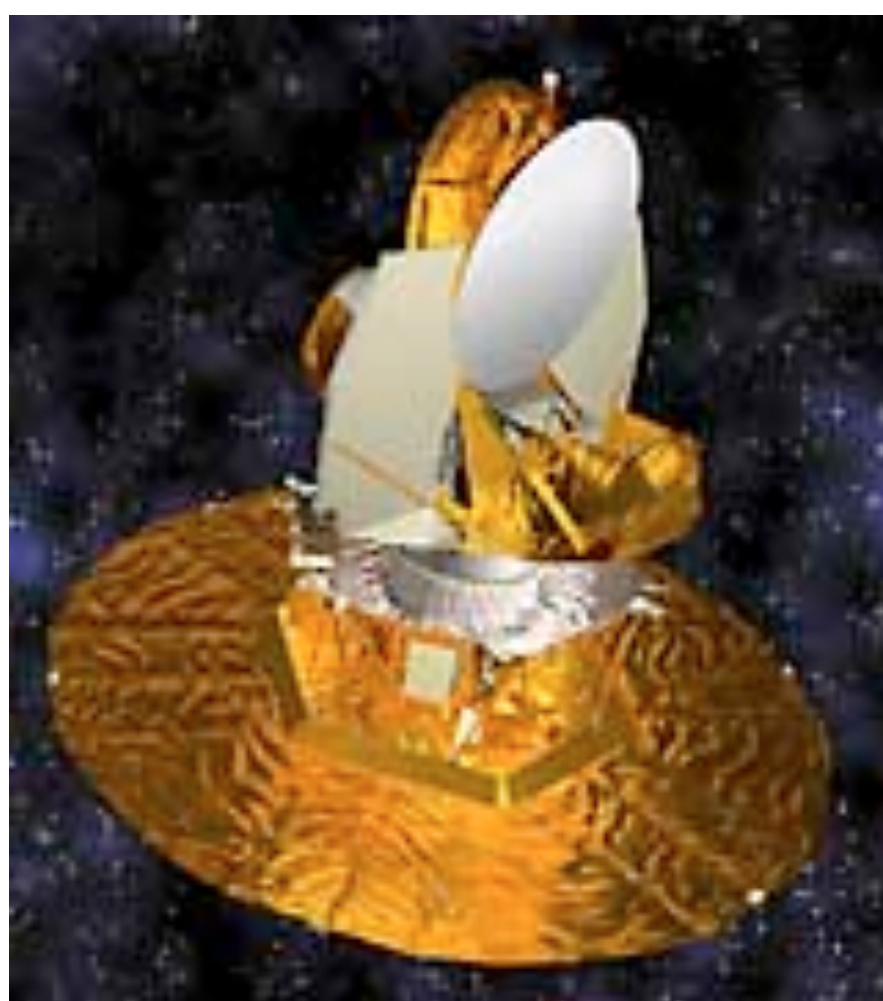
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WMAP



WMAP
2001



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WMAP 7-Year Papers

- **Jarosik et al.**, “*Sky Maps, Systematic Errors, and Basic Results*”
[arXiv:1001.4744](#)
- **Gold et al.**, “*Galactic Foreground Emission*” [arXiv:1001.4555](#)
- **Weiland et al.**, “*Planets and Celestial Calibration Sources*”
[arXiv:1001.4731](#)
- **Bennett et al.**, “*Are There CMB Anomalies?*” [arXiv:1001.4758](#)
- **Larson et al.**, “*Power Spectra and WMAP-Derived Parameters*”
[arXiv:1001.4635](#)
- **Komatsu et al.**, “*Cosmological Interpretation*” [arXiv:1001.4538](#)

Cosmology Update: 7-year

● Standard Model

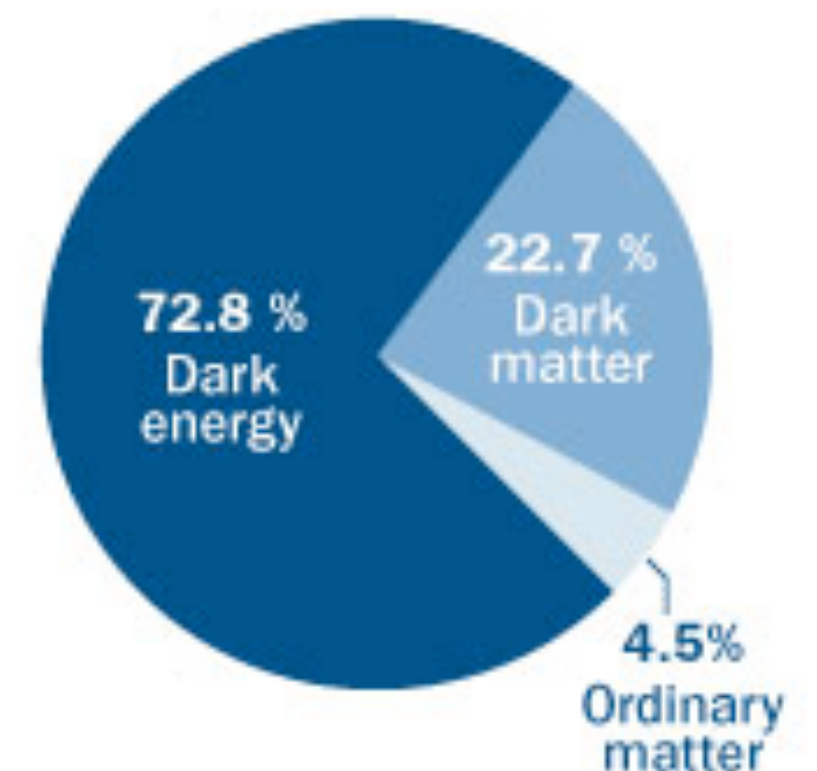
- H&He = 4.58% ($\pm 0.16\%$)
- Dark Matter = 22.9% ($\pm 1.5\%$)
- Dark Energy = 72.5% ($\pm 1.6\%$)
- $H_0 = 70.2 \pm 1.4$ km/s/Mpc
- Age of the Universe = 13.76 billion years (± 0.11 billion years)

Universal Stats

Age of the universe today
13.75 billion years

Age of the cosmos at
time of reionization
457 million years

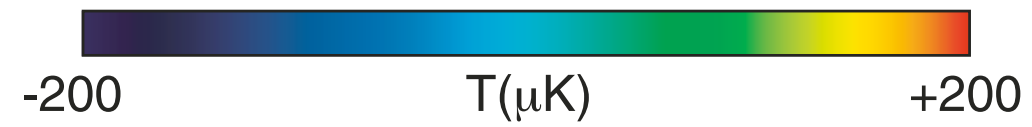
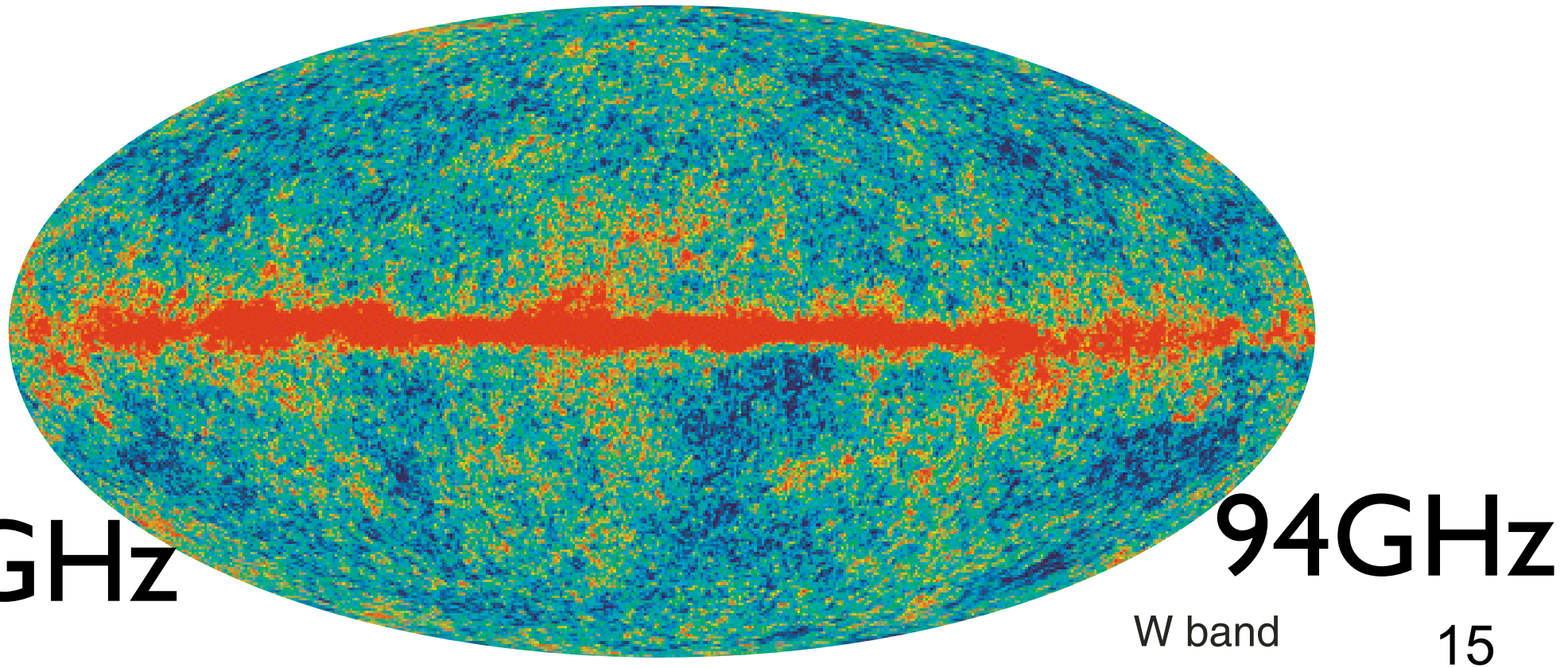
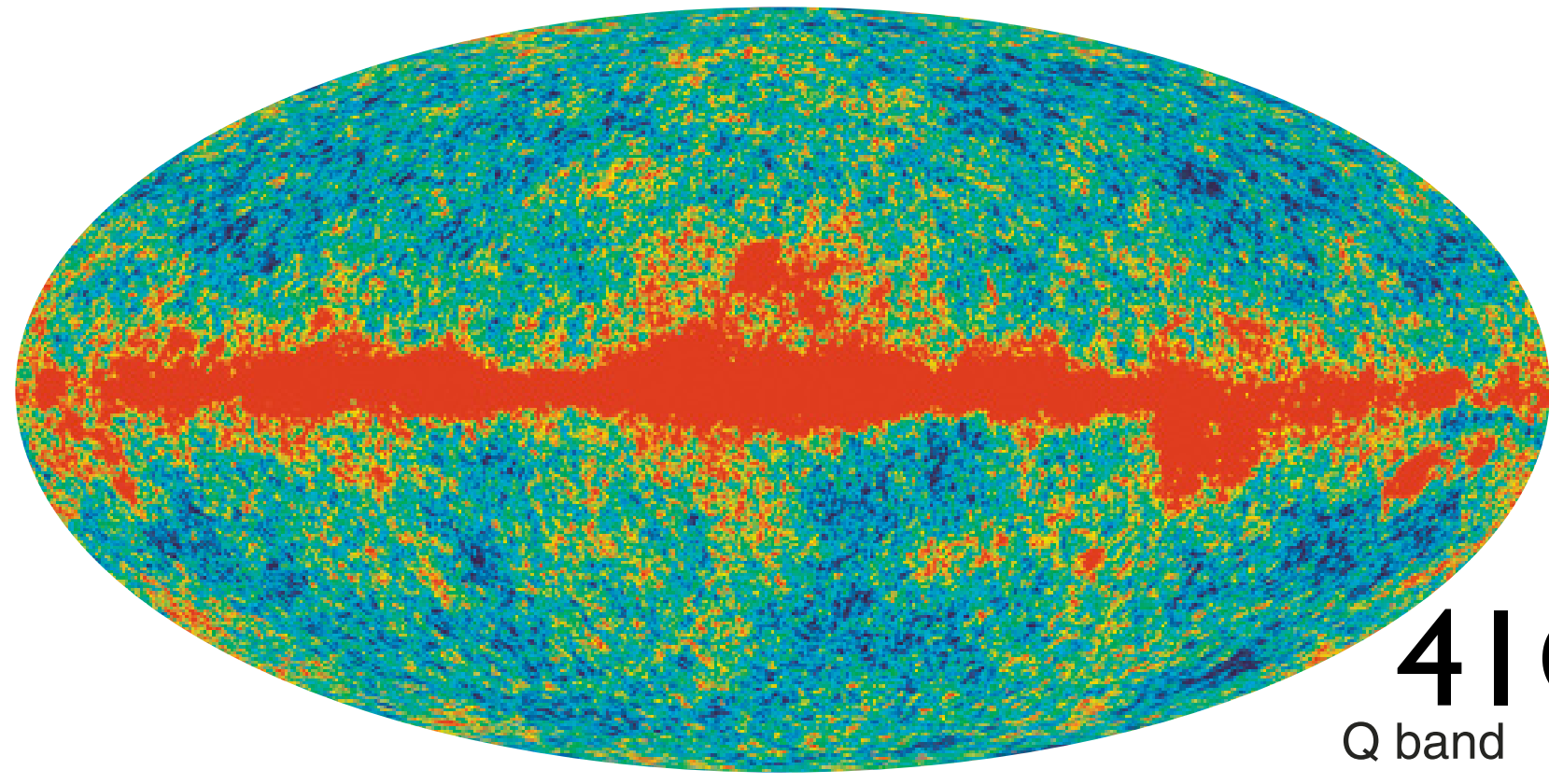
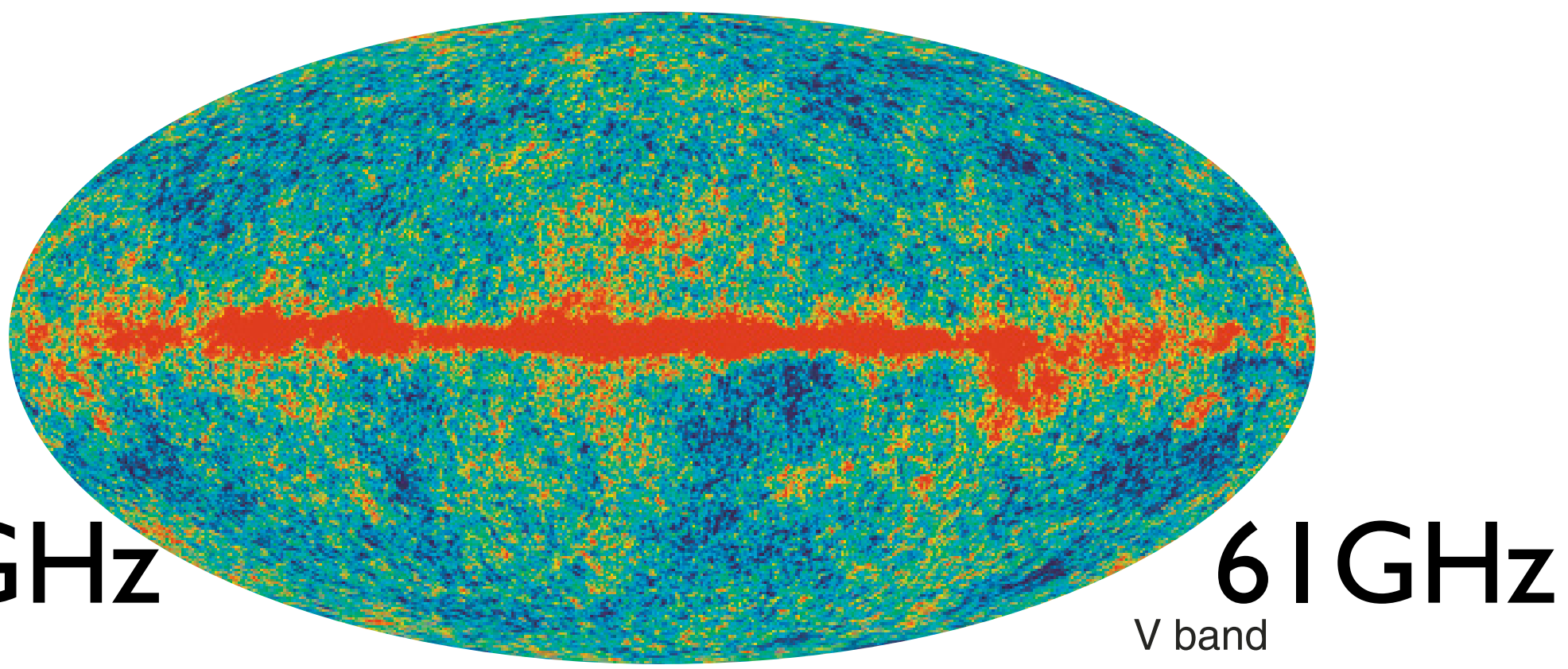
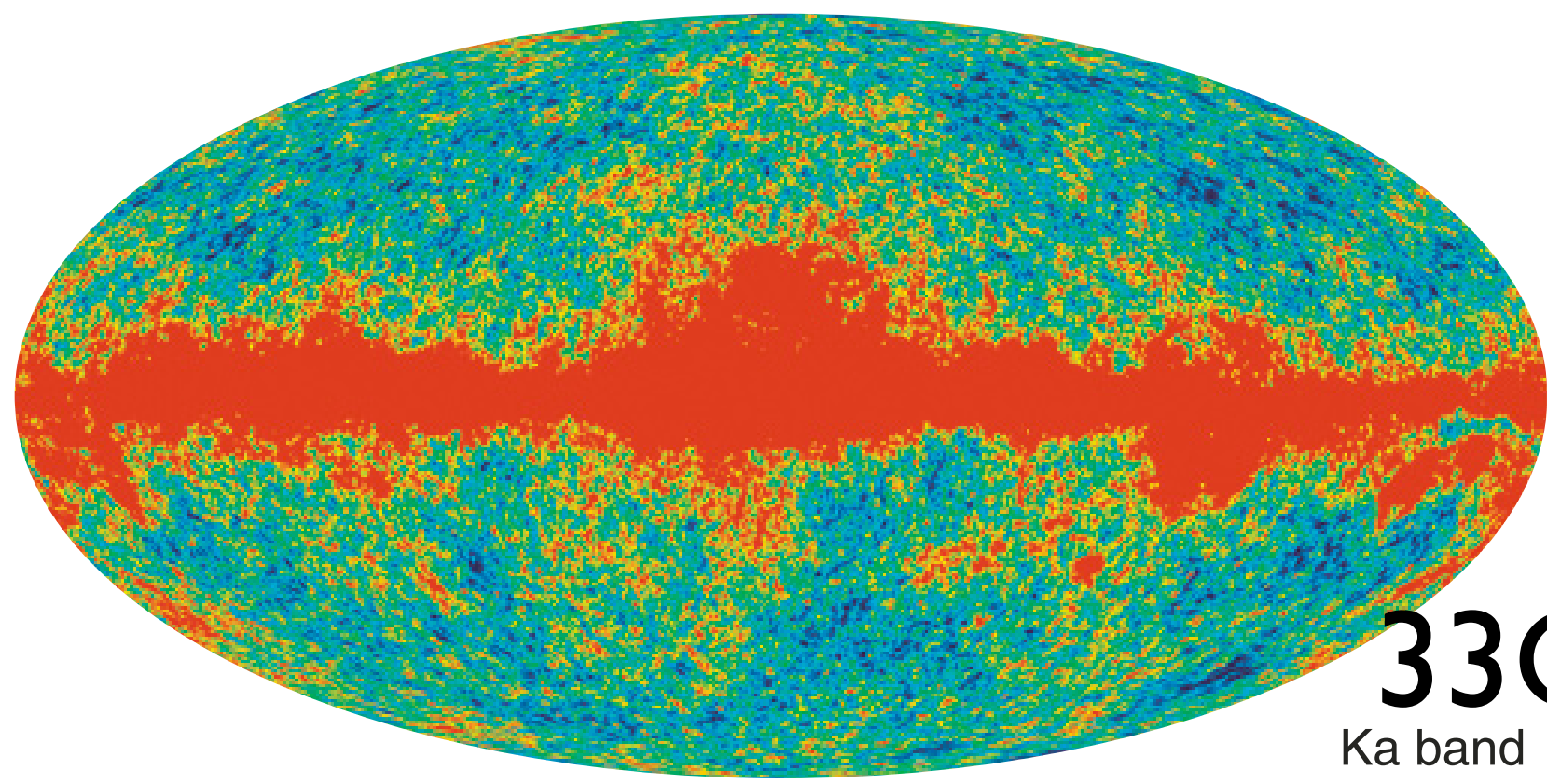
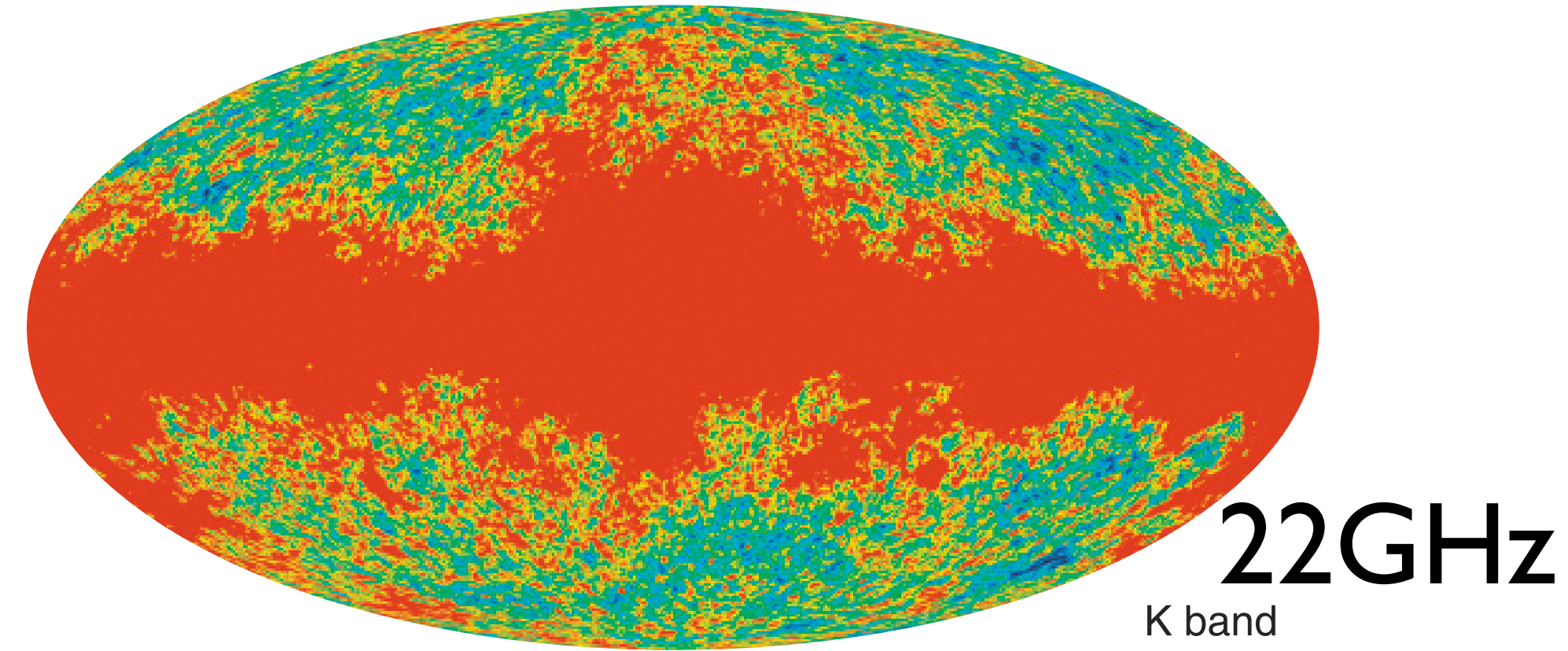
Universe composition



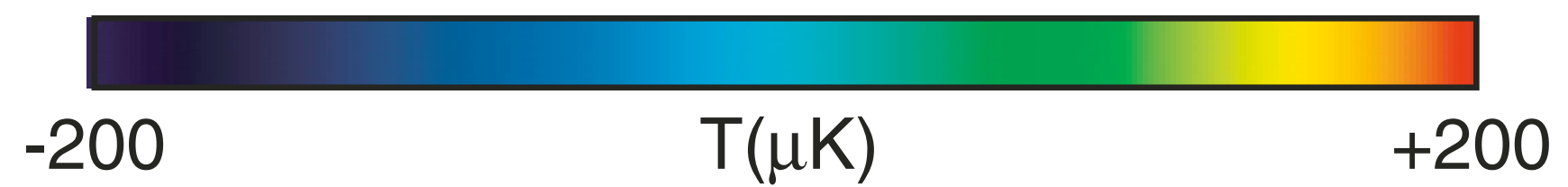
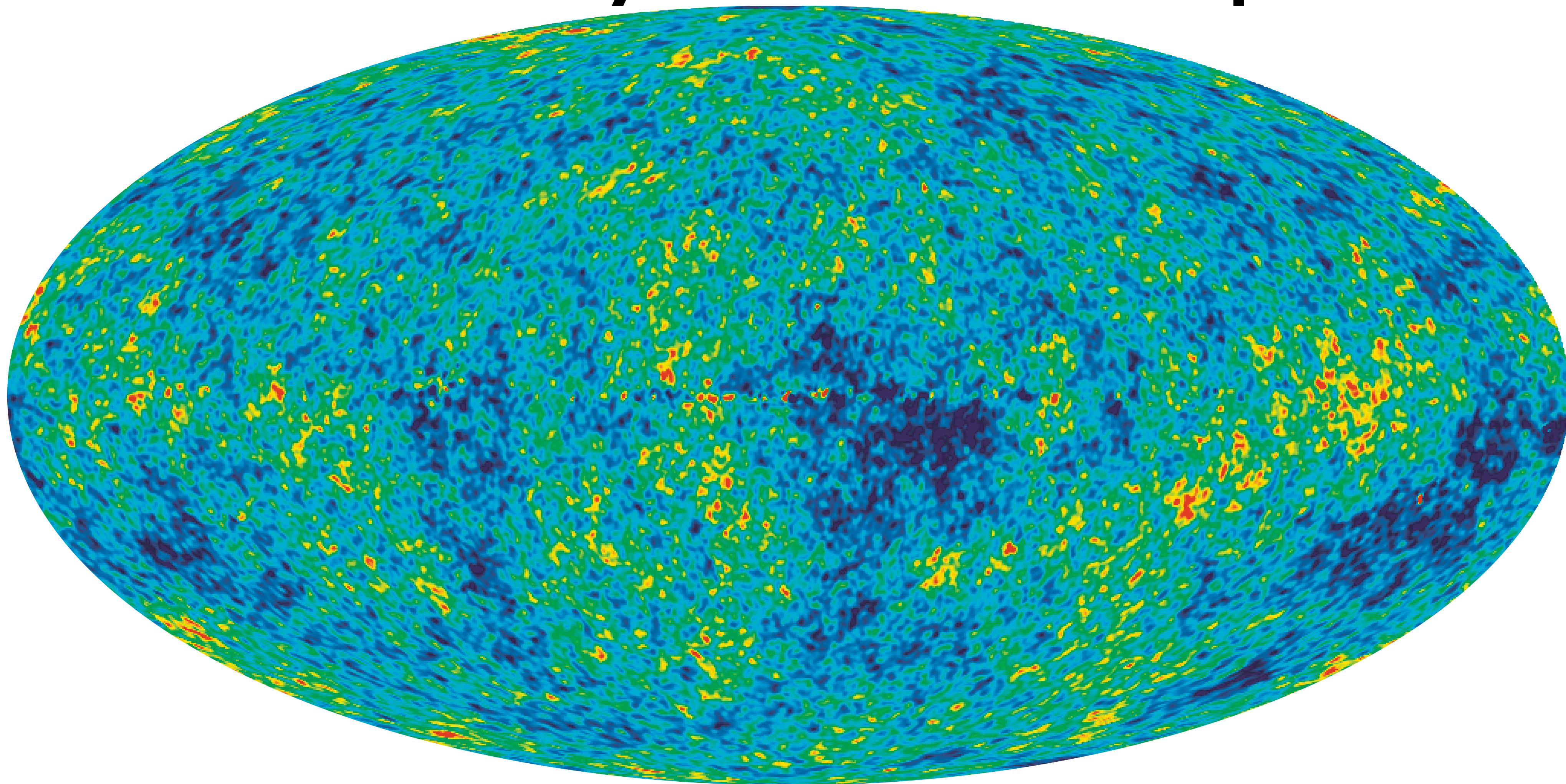
*“ScienceNews” article on
the WMAP 7-year results*

How did we obtain these numbers?

Temperature Anisotropy (Unpolarized)

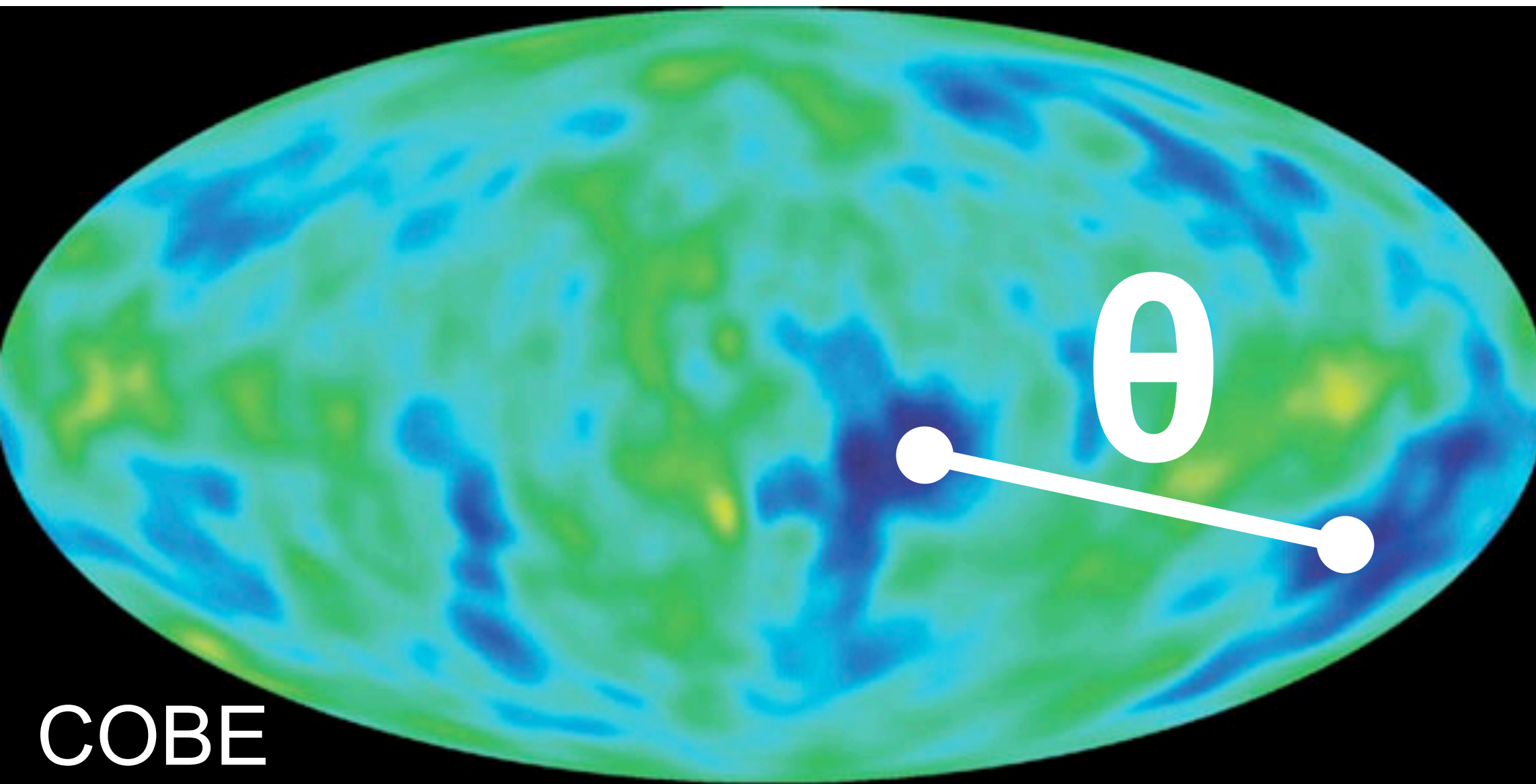


Galaxy-cleaned Map

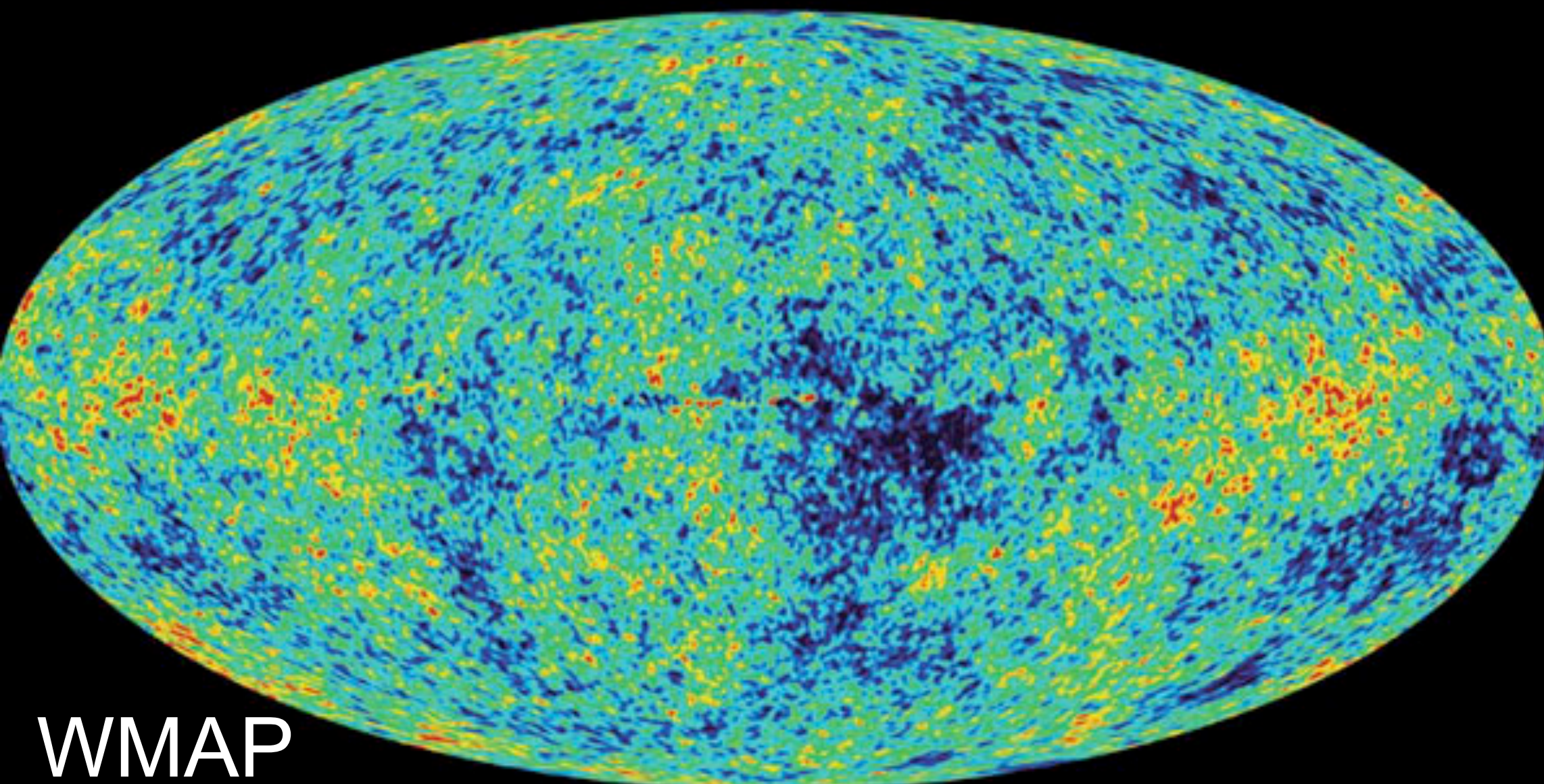


Analysis: 2-point Correlation

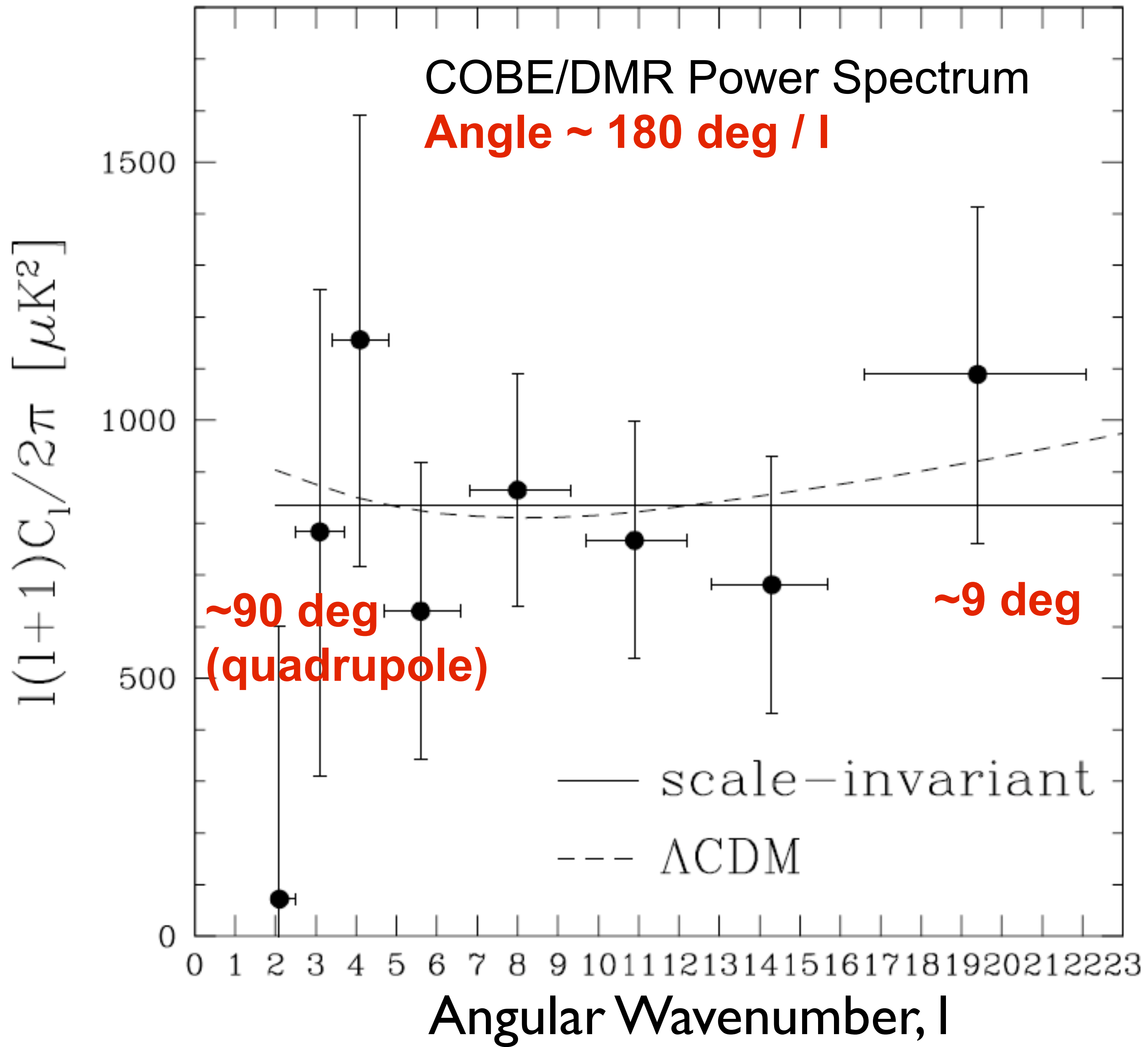
- $C(\theta) = (1/4\pi) \sum (2l+1) C_l P_l(\cos\theta)$
- How are temperatures on two points on the sky, separated by θ , are correlated?
- “Power Spectrum,” C_l
 - How much fluctuation power do we have at a given angular scale?
 - $l \sim 180 \text{ degrees} / \theta$



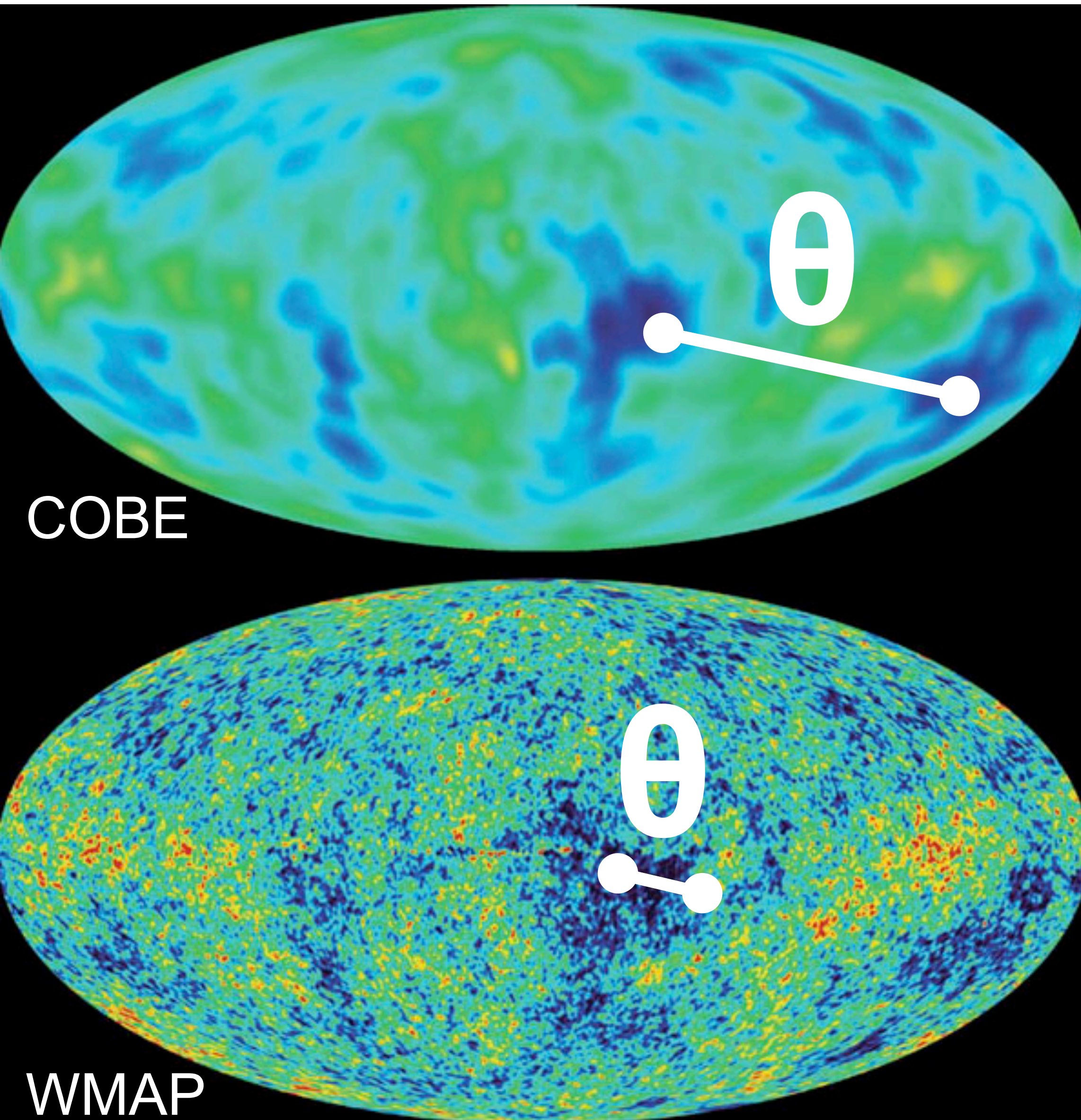
COBE



WMAP

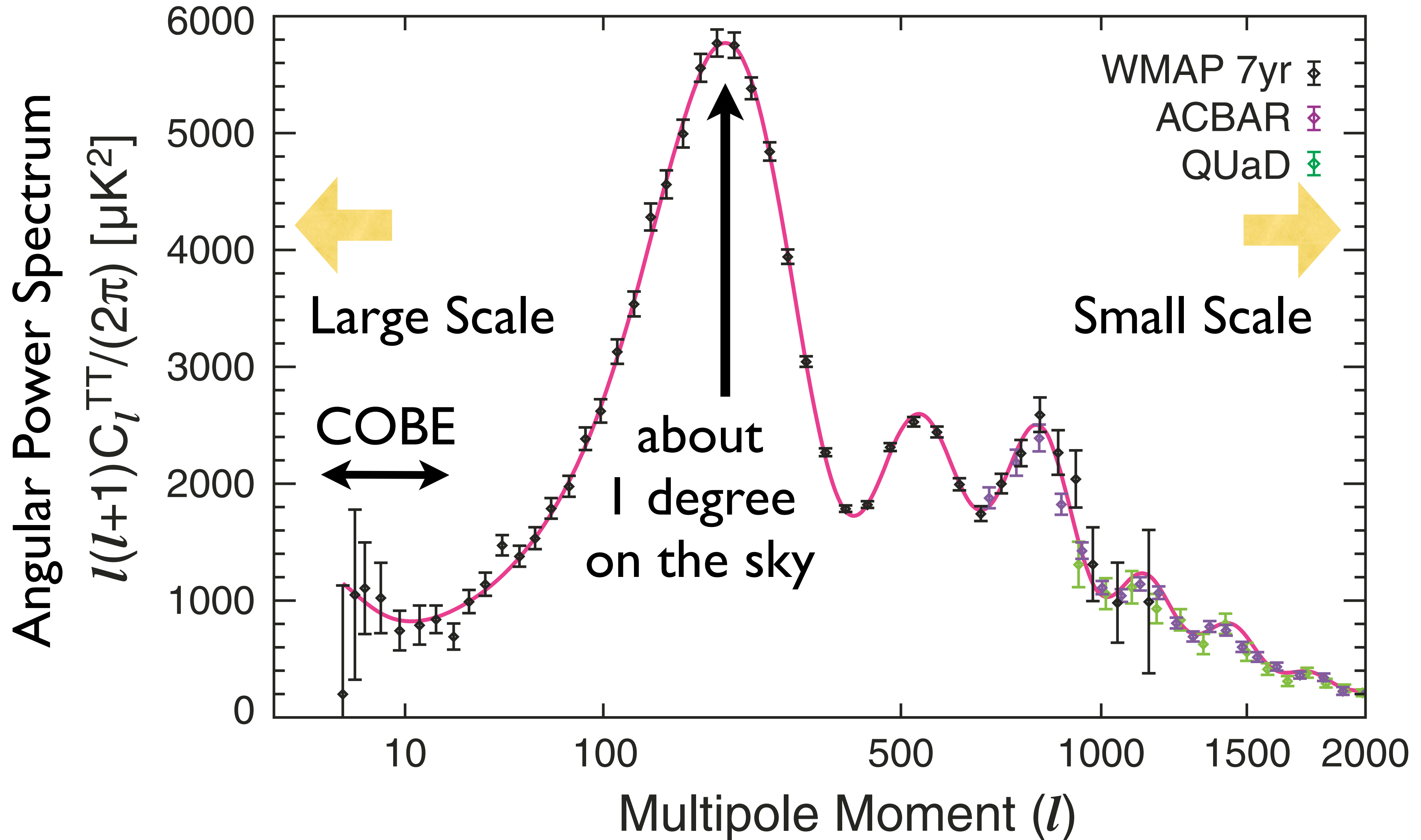


COBE To WMAP

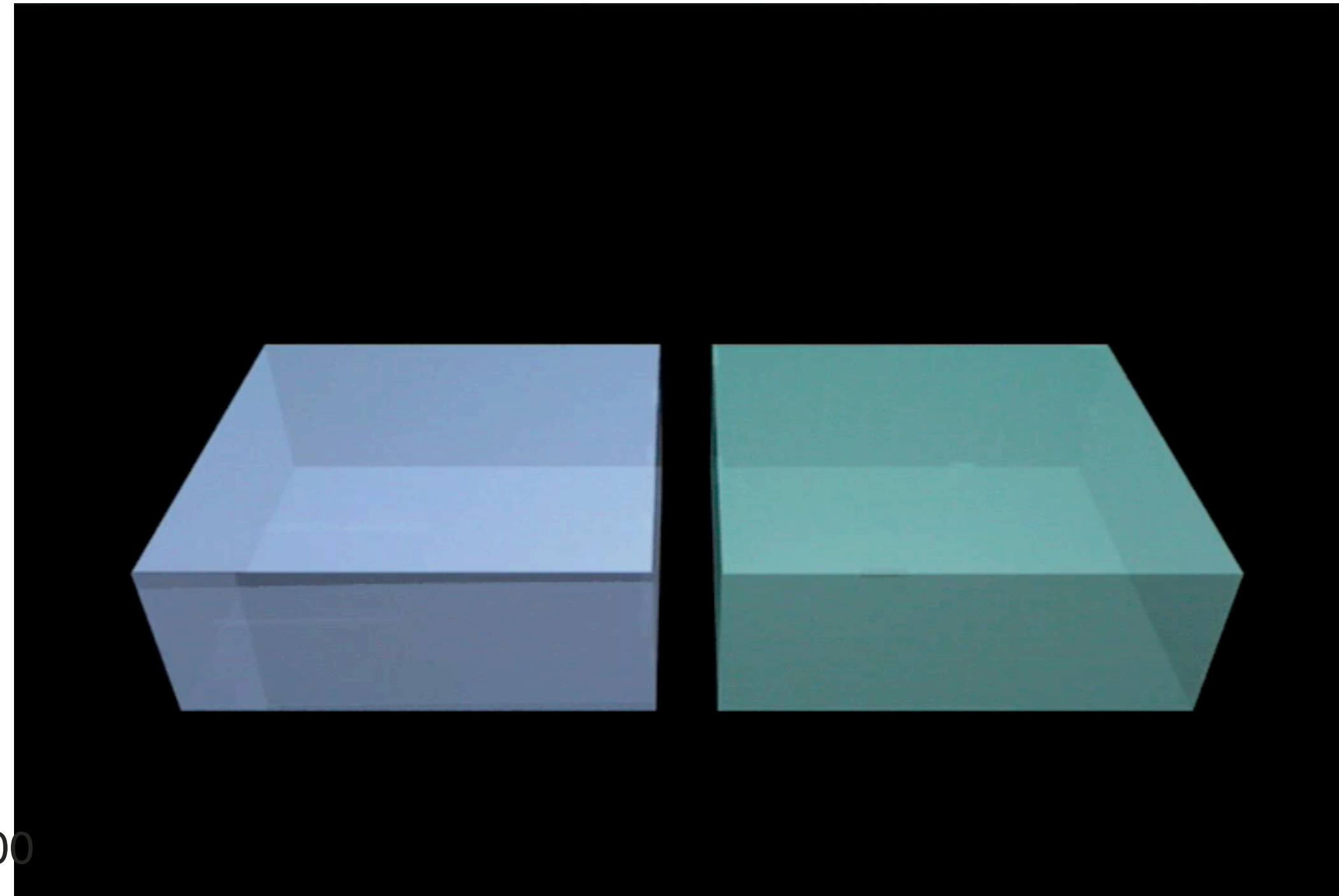
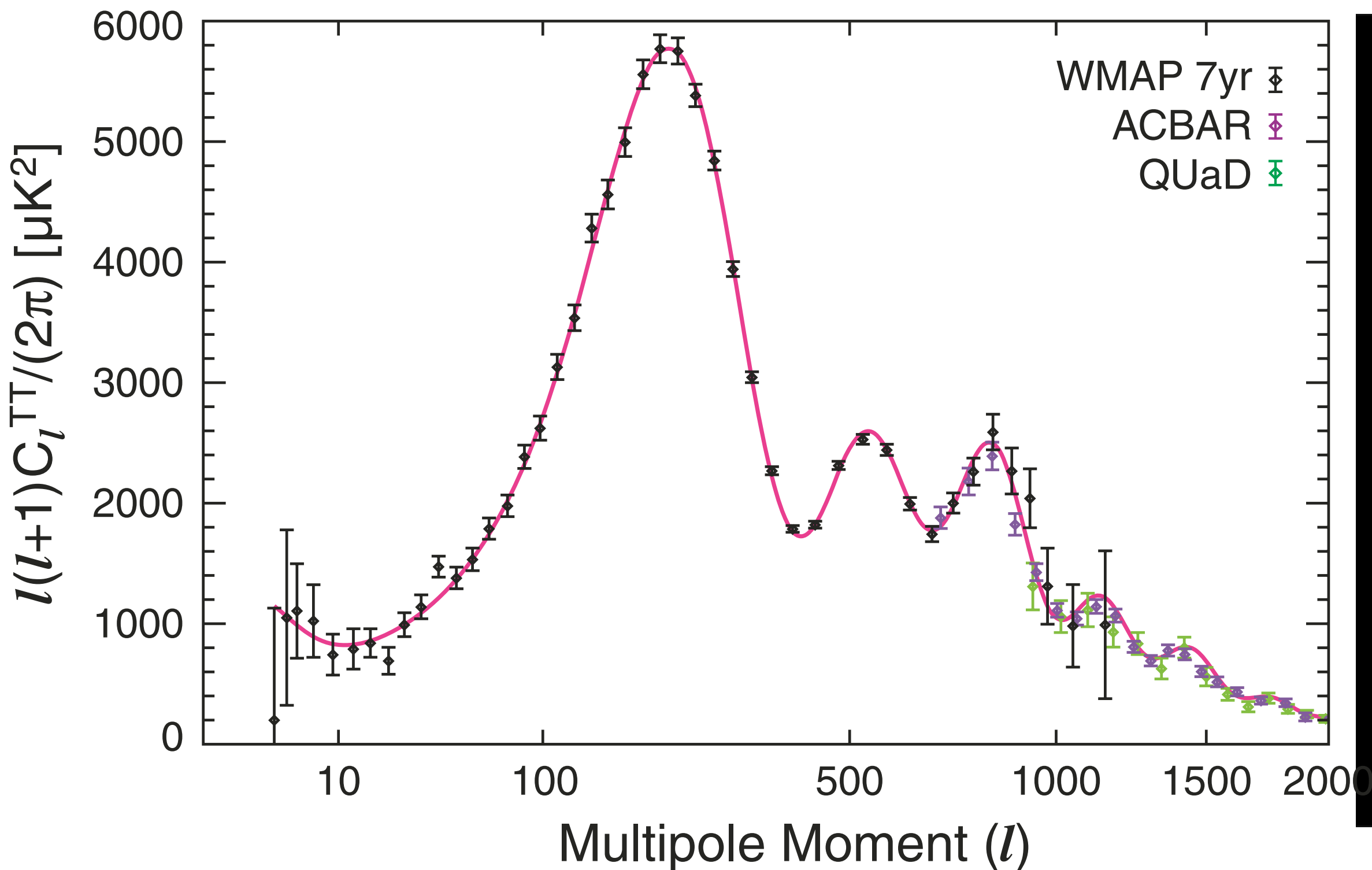


- COBE is unable to resolve the structures below ~ 7 degrees
- WMAP's resolving power is 35 times better than COBE.
- What did WMAP see?

WMAP Power Spectrum

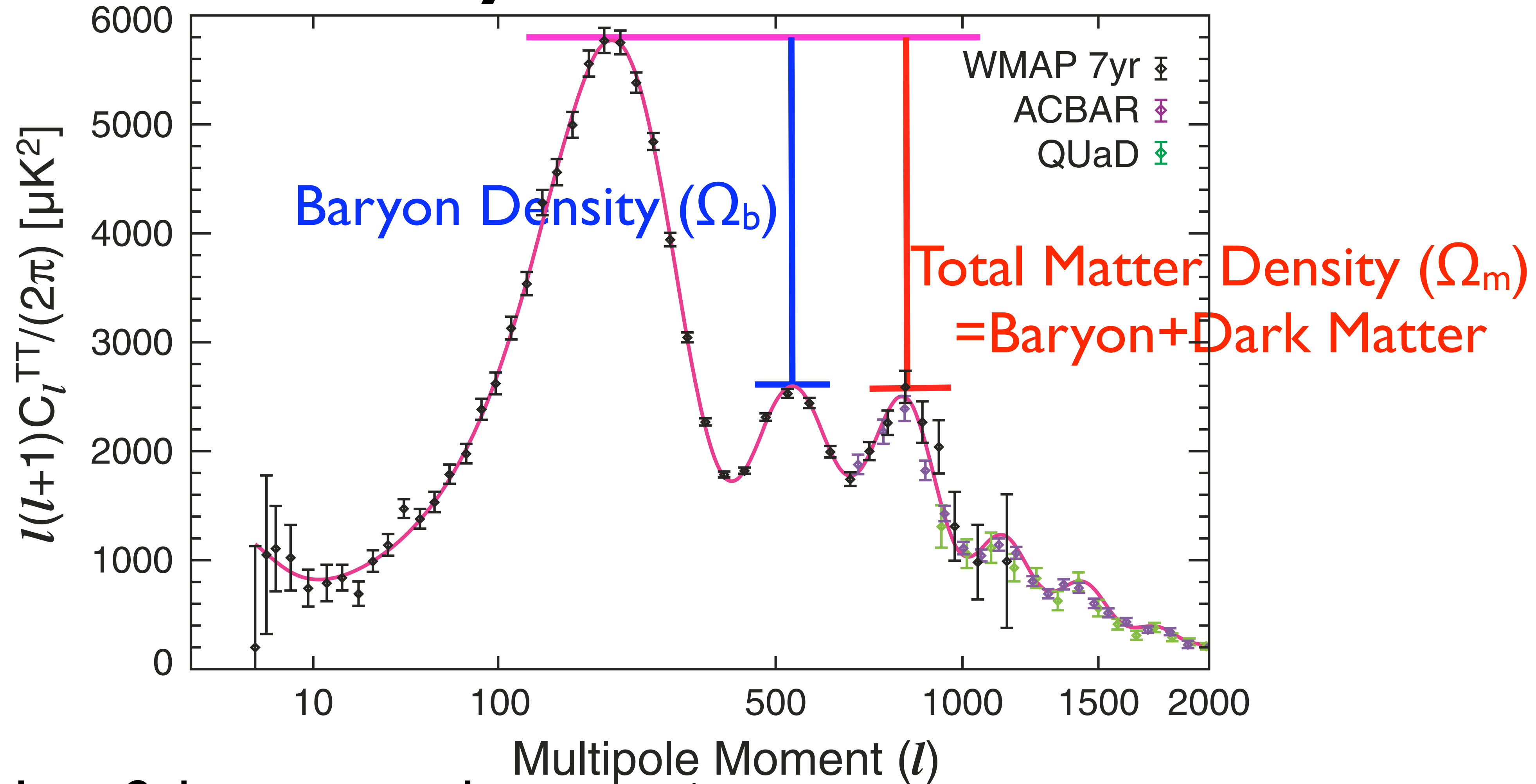


The Cosmic Sound Wave



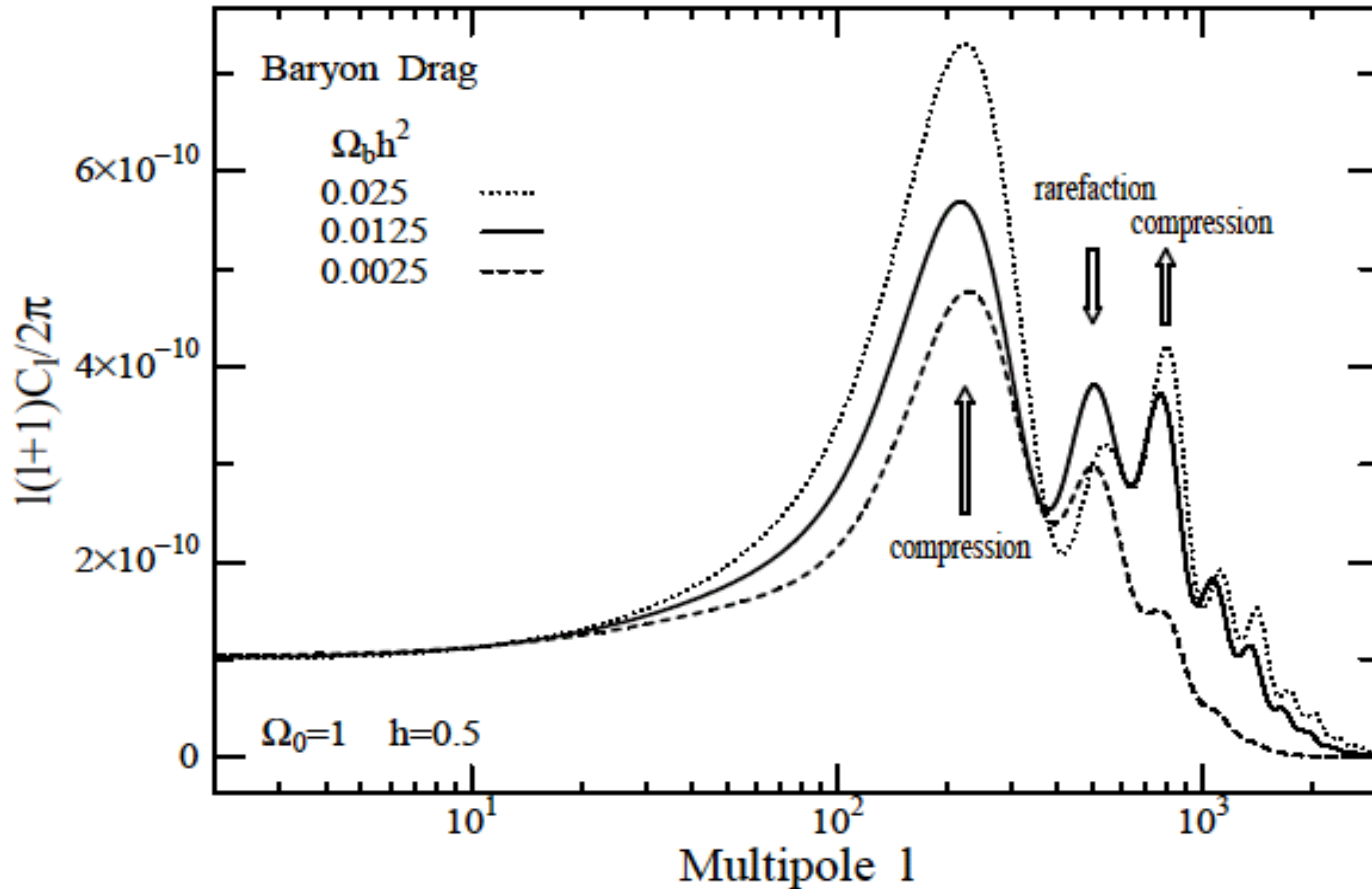
- “*The Universe as a Miso soup*”
- *Main Ingredients: protons, helium nuclei, electrons, photons*
- We measure the composition of the Universe by analyzing the wave form of the cosmic sound waves.

CMB to Baryon & Dark Matter

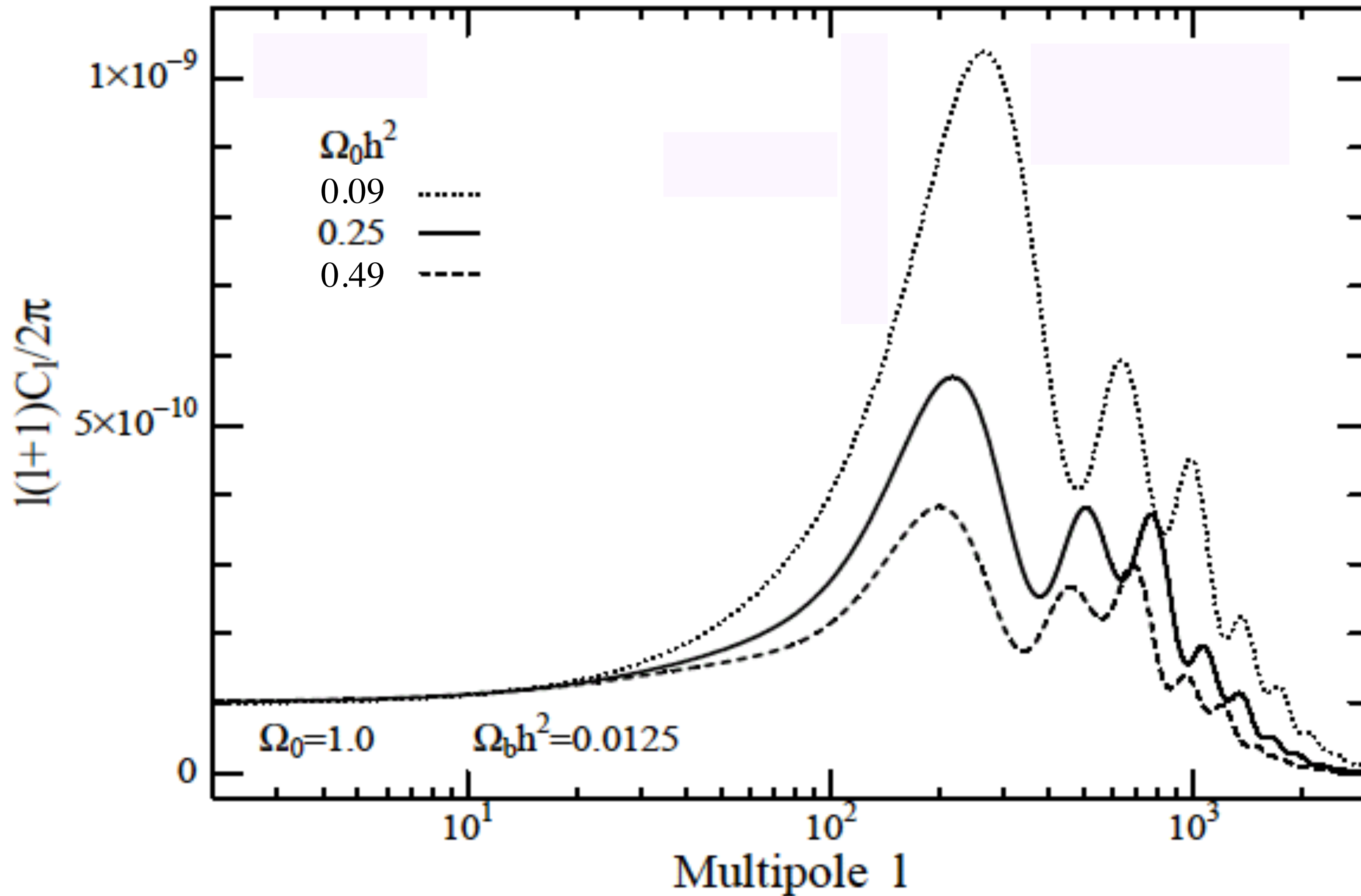


- l -to- 2 : baryon-to-photon ratio
- l -to- 3 : matter-to-radiation ratio (z_{EQ} : equality redshift)

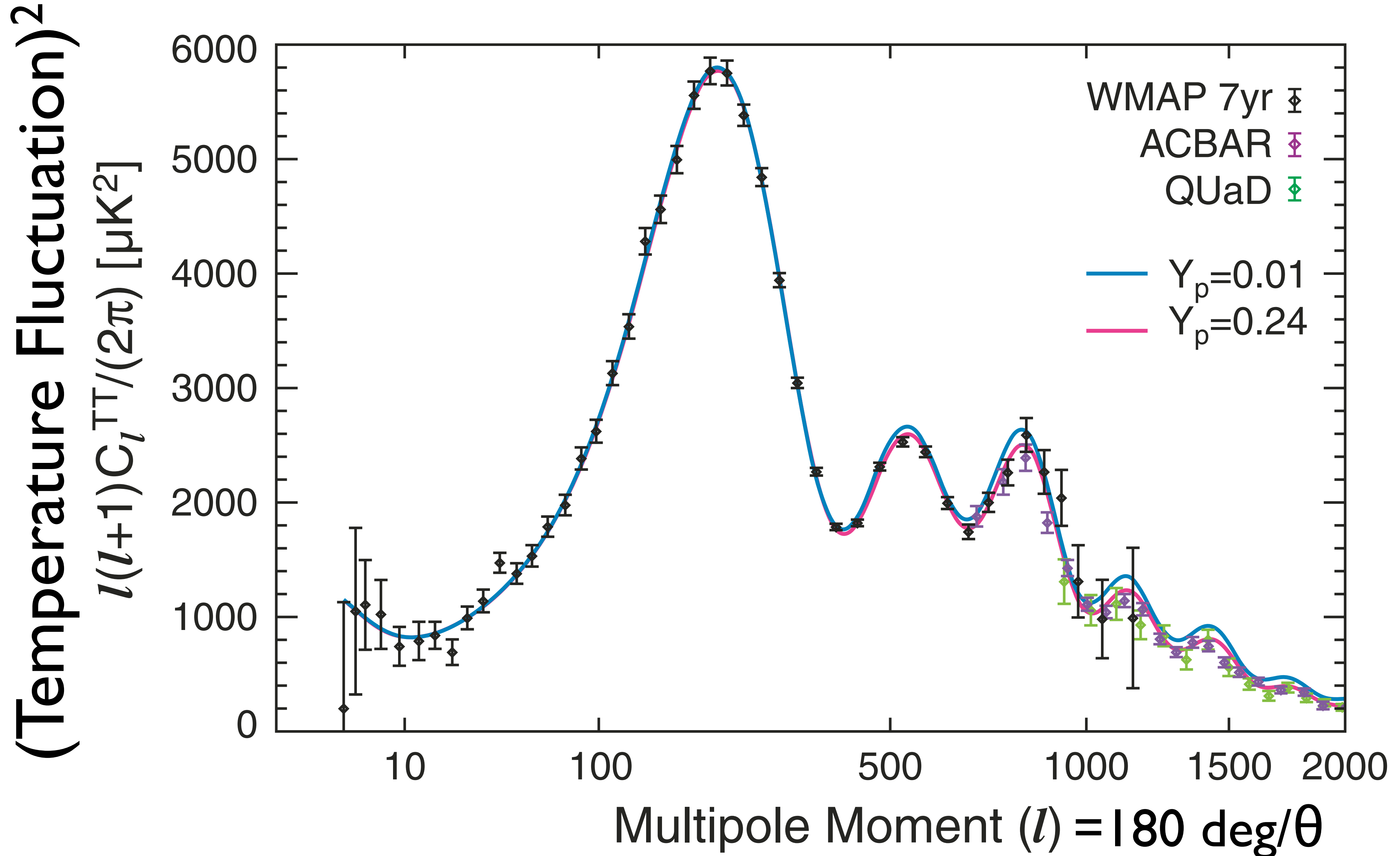
Determining Baryon Density From C_l



Determining Dark Matter Density From C_l



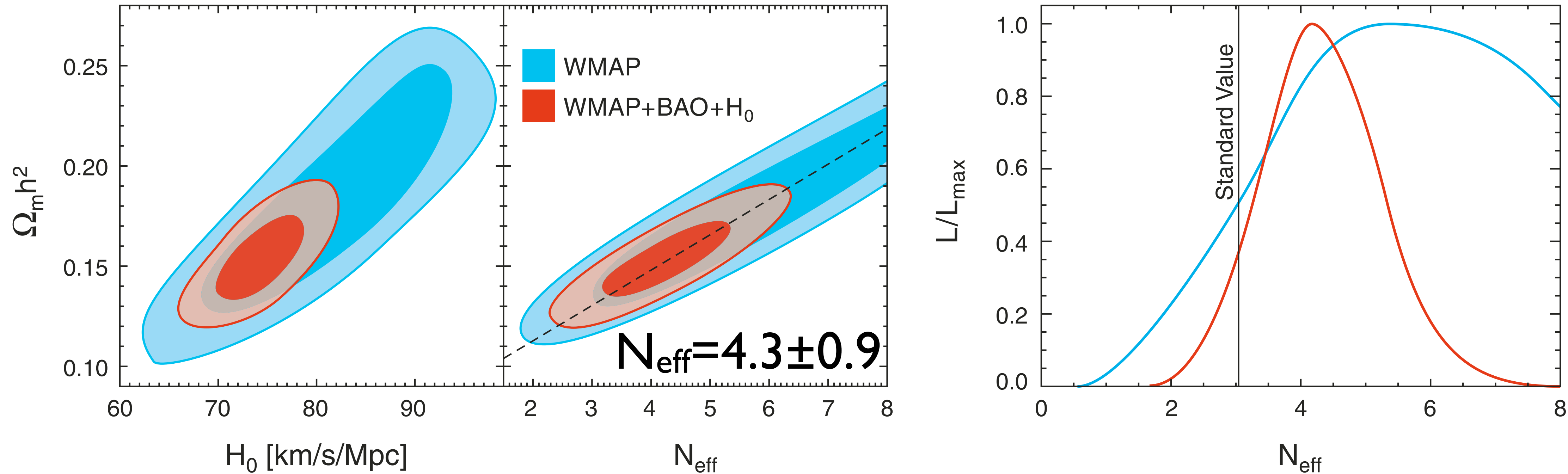
Detection of Primordial Helium



Effect of helium on C_l^{TT}

- We measure the baryon number density, n_b , from the 1st-to-2nd peak ratio.
- As helium recombined at $z \sim 1800$, there were fewer electrons at the decoupling epoch ($z = 1090$): $n_e = (1 - Y_p)n_b$.
- **More helium** = Fewer electrons = Longer photon mean free path $1/(\sigma_T n_e) =$ **Enhanced damping**
- **$Y_p = 0.33 \pm 0.08$ (68%CL)**
- Consistent with the standard value from the Big Bang nucleosynthesis theory: $Y_p = 0.24$.

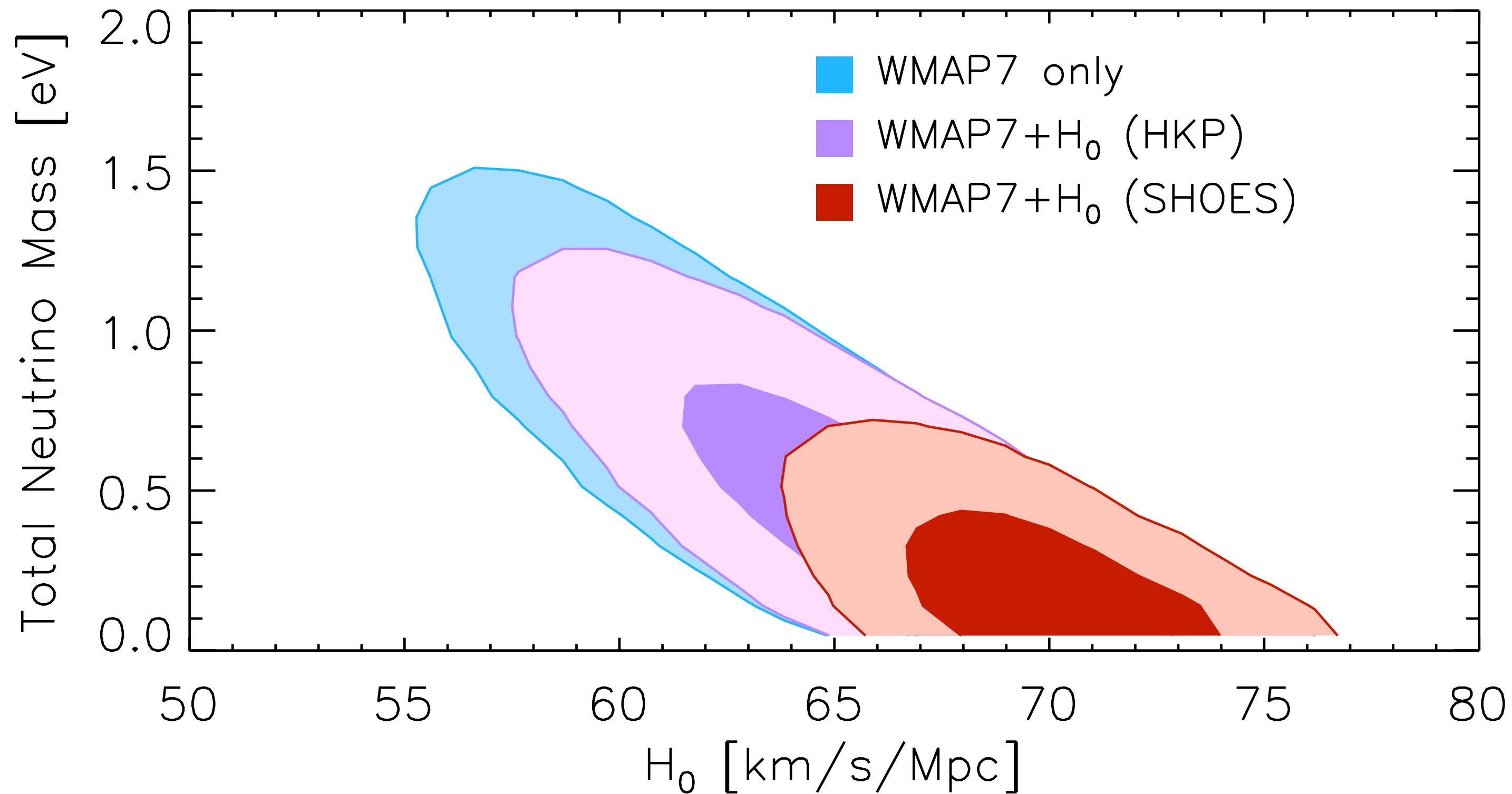
Another “3rd peak science”: Number of Relativistic Species



$$N_{\text{eff}} = 3.04 + 7.44 \left(\frac{\Omega_m h^2}{0.1308} \frac{3139}{1 + z_{\text{eq}}} - 1 \right)$$

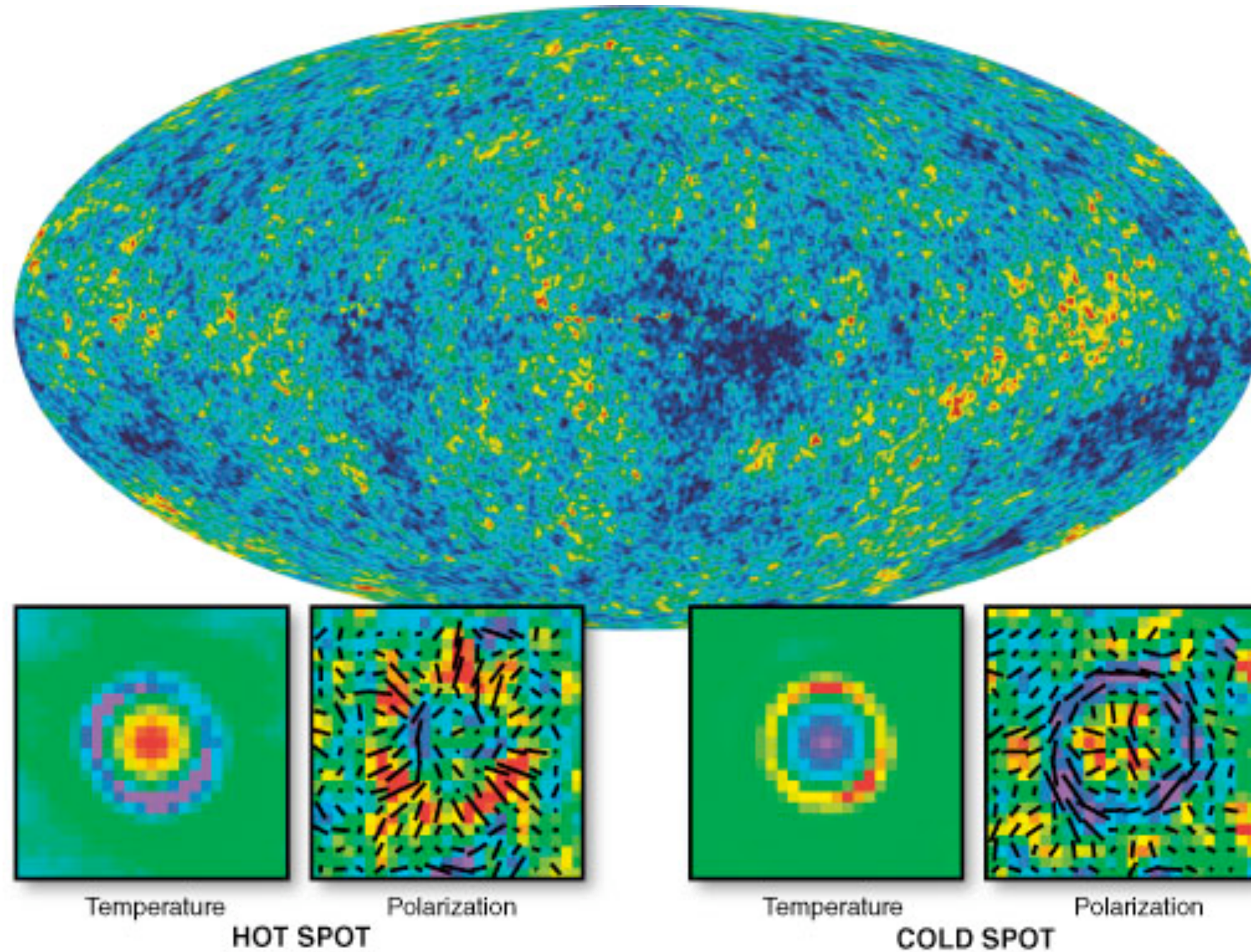
← from external data
← from 3rd peak

And, the mass of neutrinos



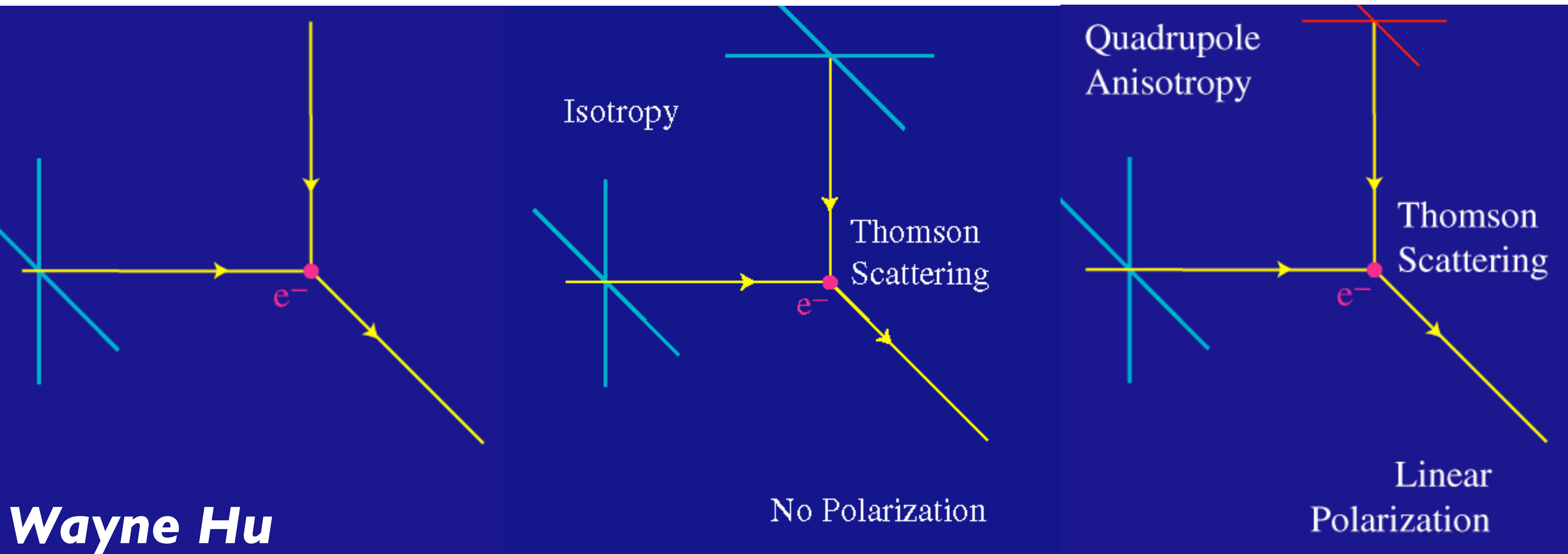
- WMAP data combined with the local measurement of the expansion rate (H_0), we get $\sum m_\nu < 0.6$ eV (95%CL)

CMB Polarization



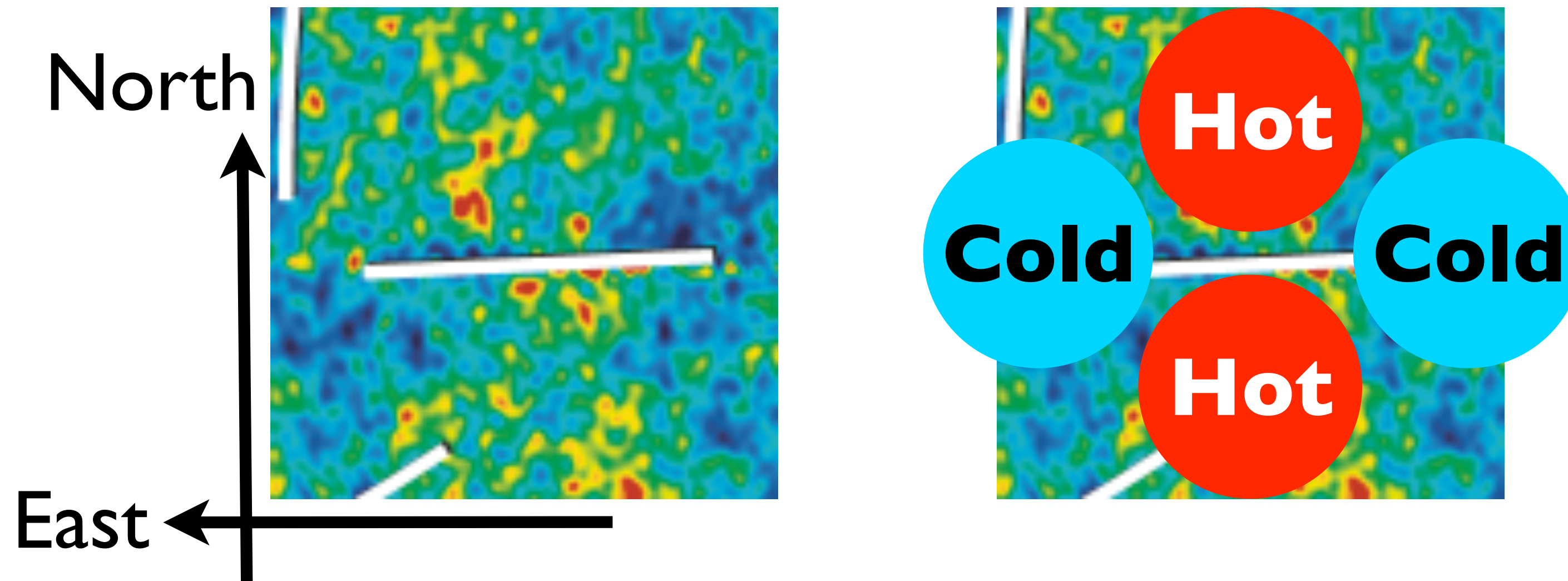
- *CMB is (very weakly) polarized!*

Physics of CMB Polarization



- CMB Polarization is created by a local temperature **quadrupole** anisotropy.

Principle



- **Polarization direction is parallel to “hot.”**
- This is the so-called “E-mode” polarization.

CMB Polarization on Large Angular Scales (>2 deg)

Matter Density



Potential

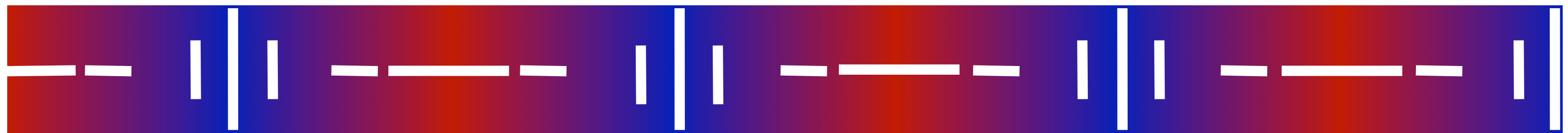


$$\Delta T/T = (\text{Newton's Gravitation Potential})/3$$

ΔT



Polarization

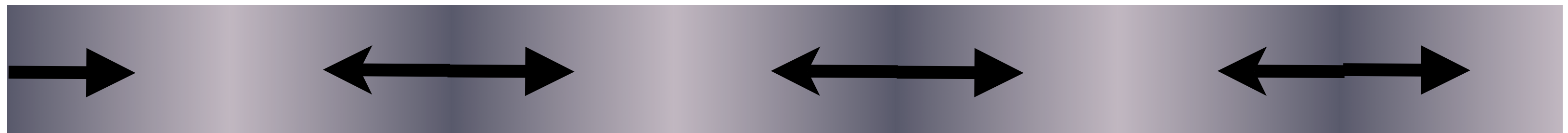


- How does the photon-baryon plasma move?

CMB Polarization Tells Us How Plasma Moves at $z=1090$

Zaldarriaga & Harari (1995)

Matter Density

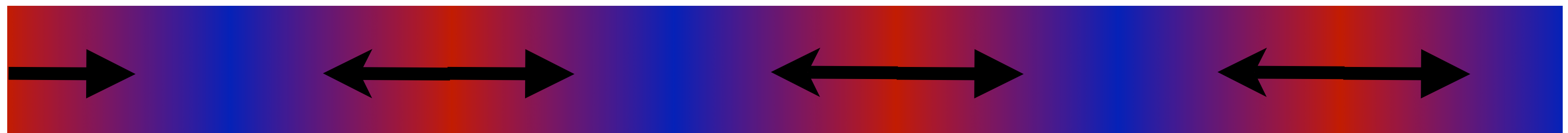


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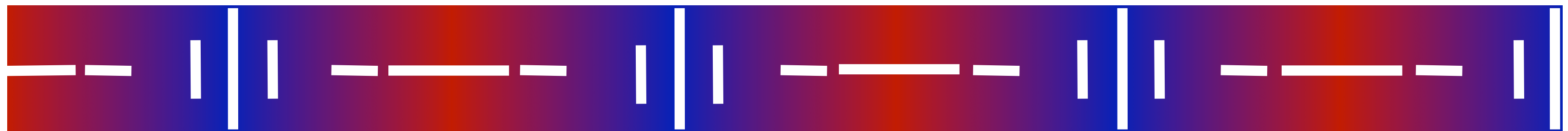


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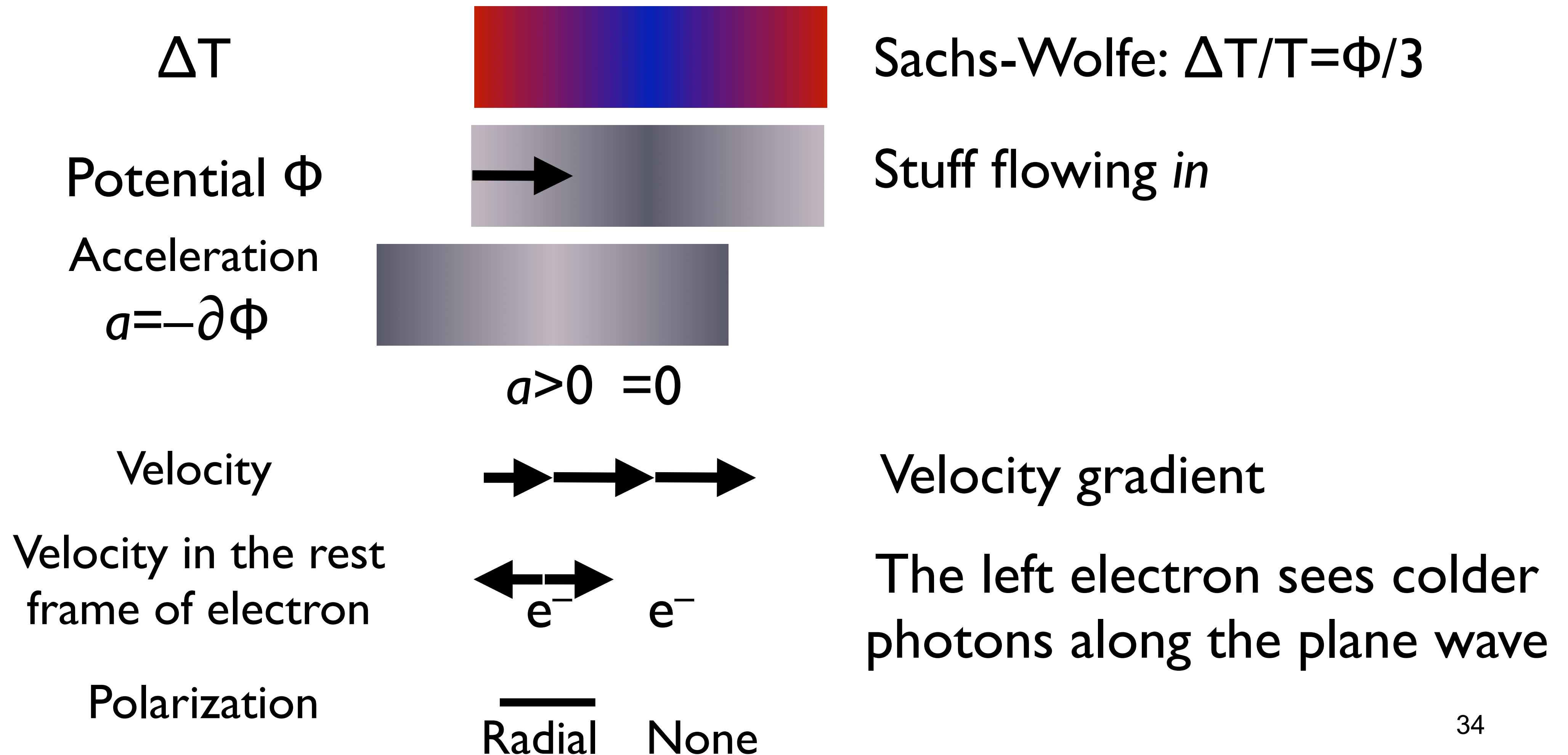


Polarization

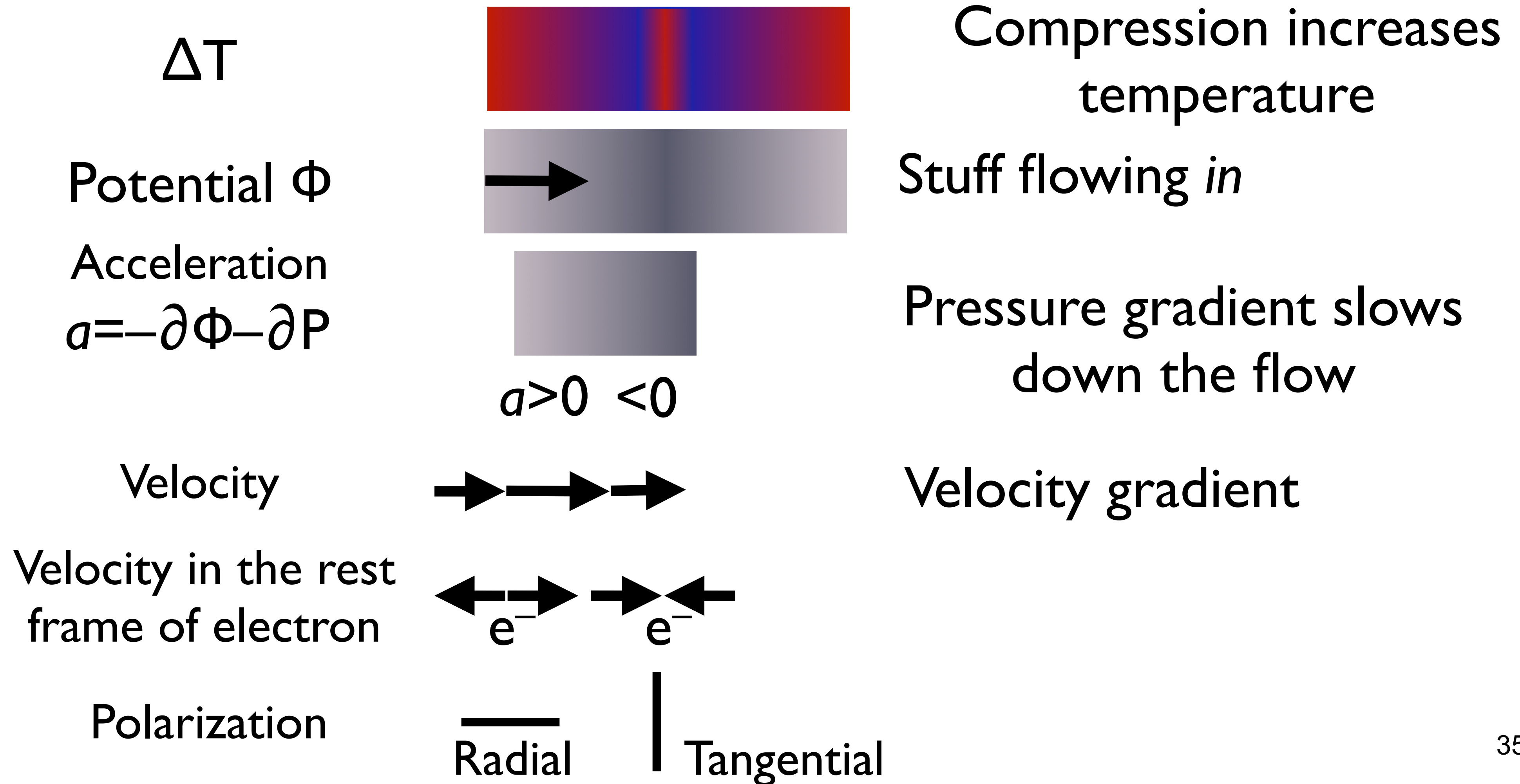


- Plasma **falling into** the gravitational potential well = **Radial** polarization pattern

Quadrupole From Velocity Gradient (Large Scale)

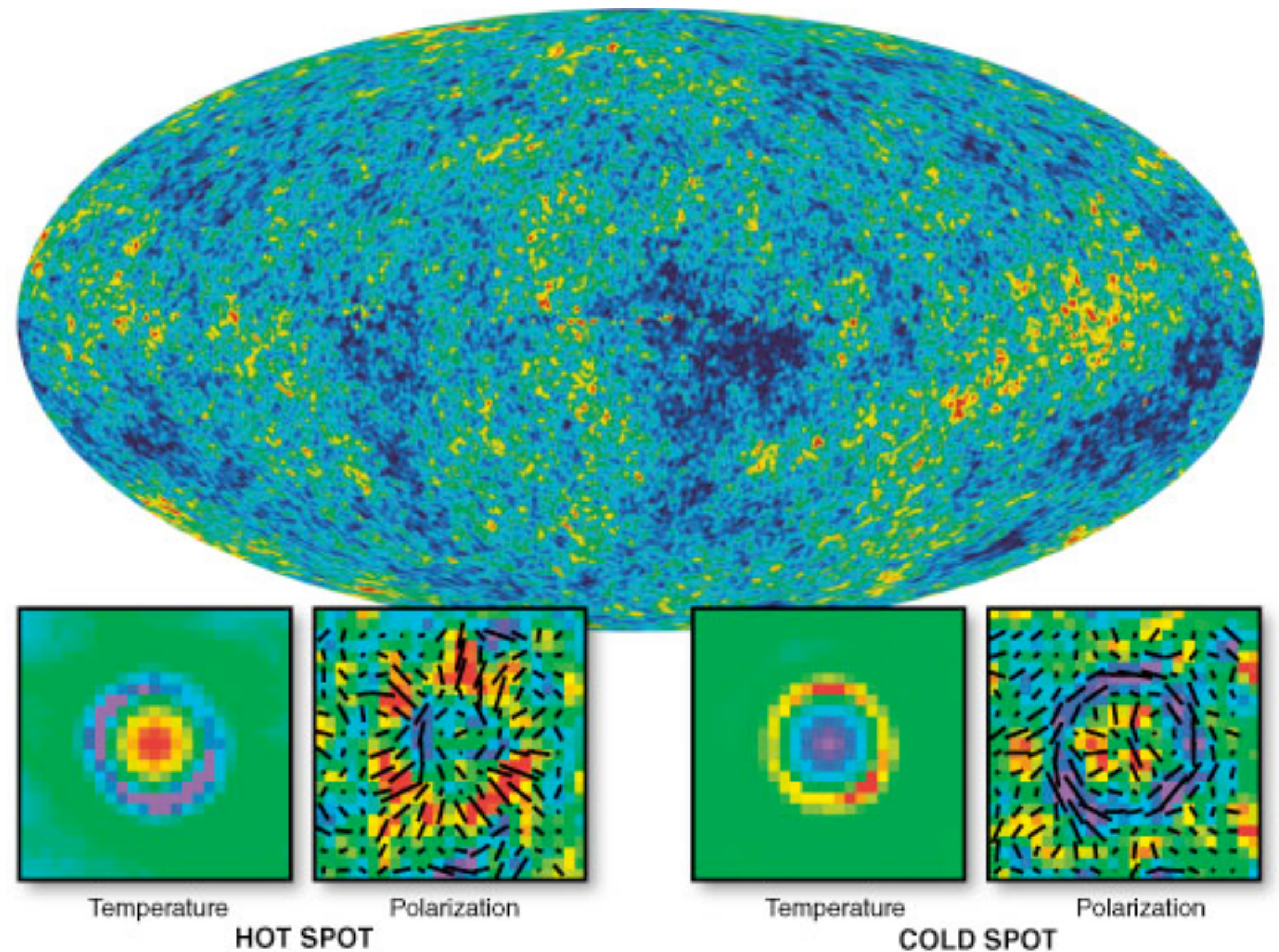


Quadrupole From Velocity Gradient (Small Scale)

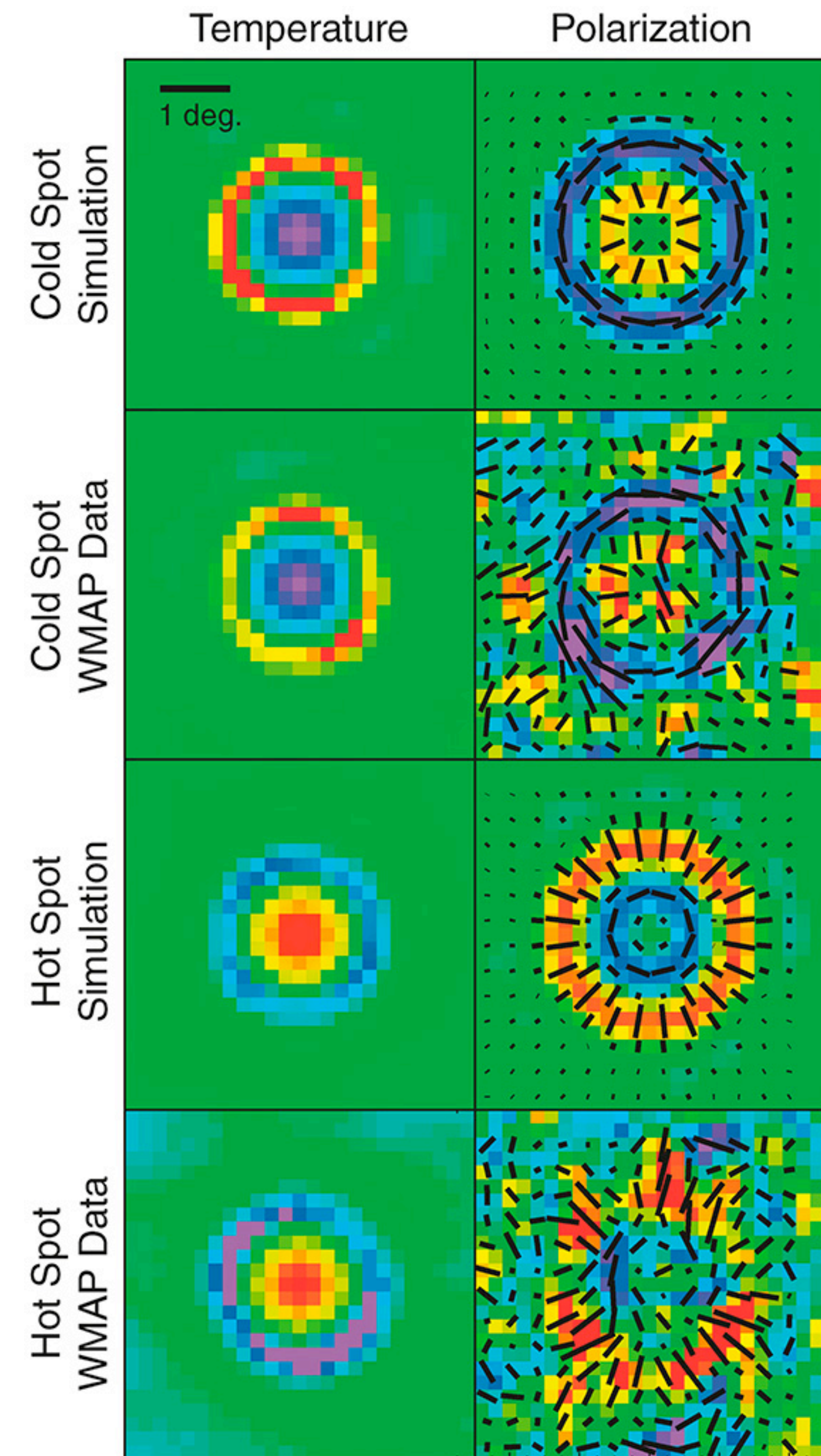


Stacking Analysis

- Stack polarization images around temperature hot and cold spots.
- Outside of the Galaxy mask (not shown), there are **12387 hot spots** and **12628 cold spots**.

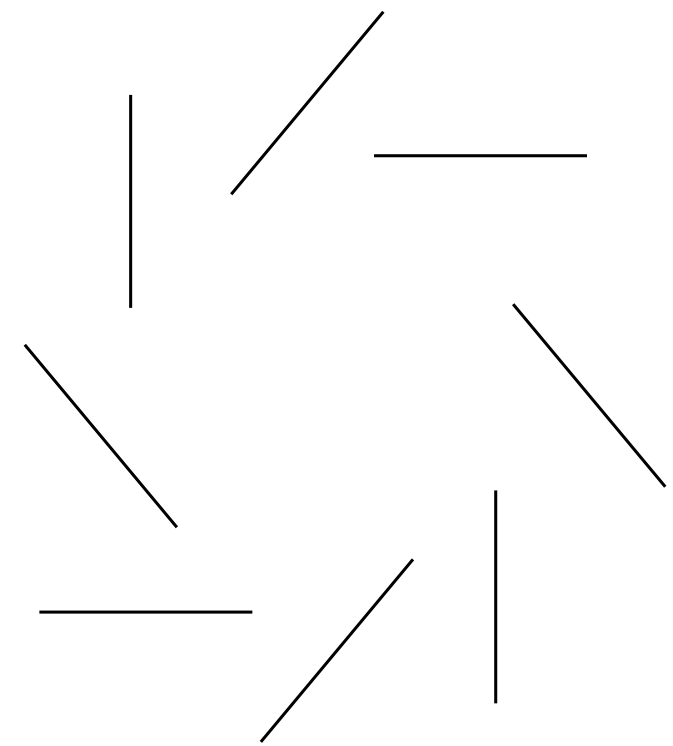
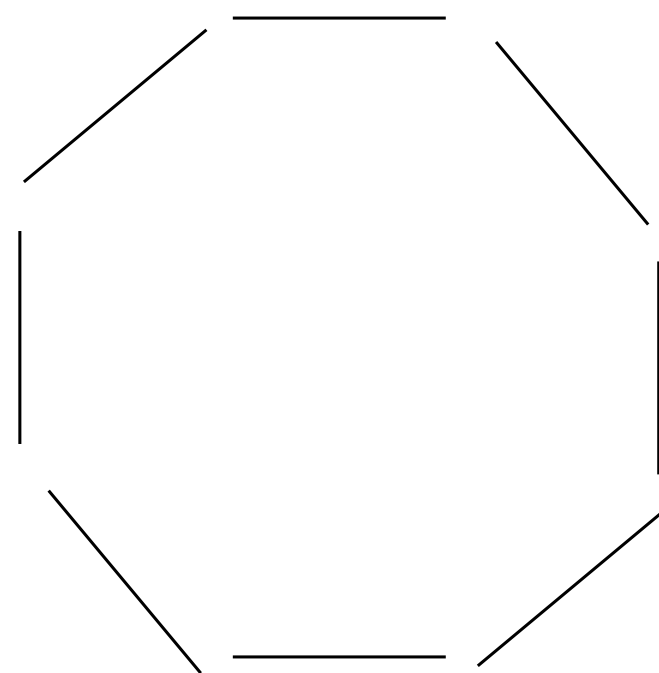
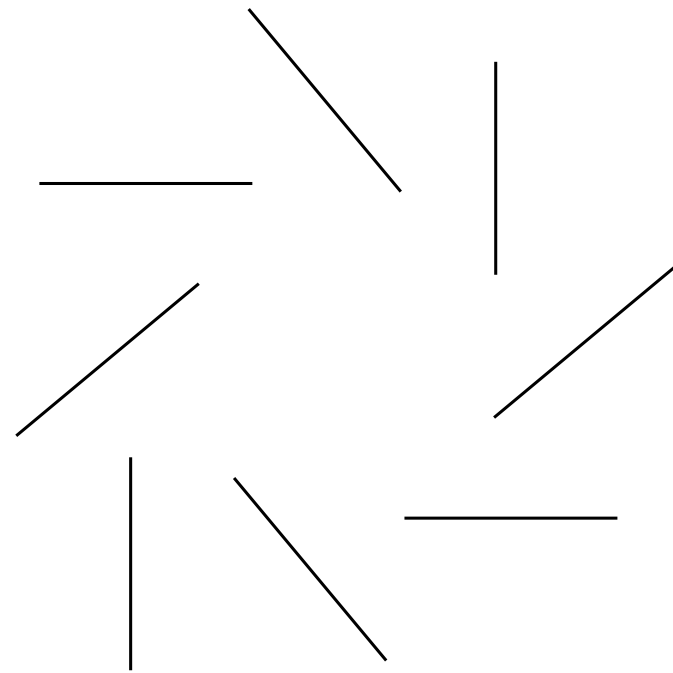
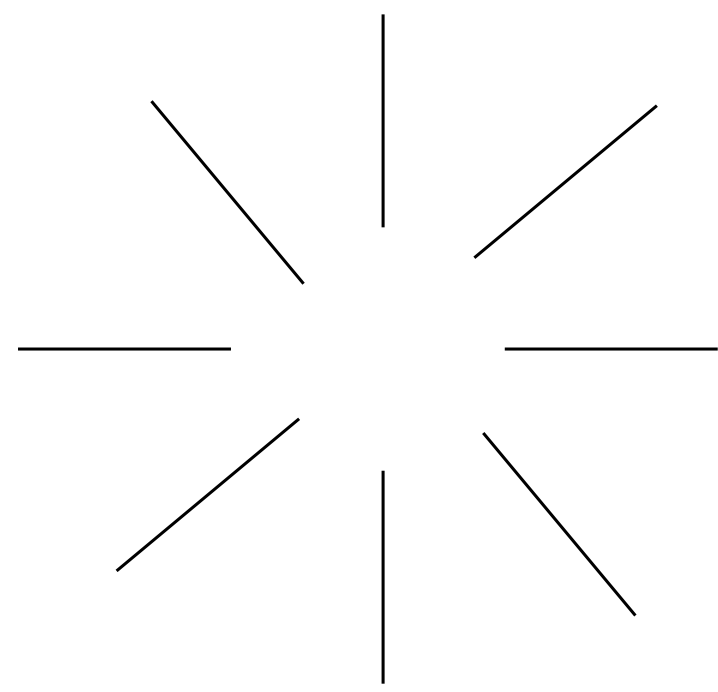


Two-dimensional View



- All hot and cold spots are stacked (the threshold peak height, $\Delta T/\sigma$, is zero)
- “Compression phase” at $\theta=1.2$ deg and “slow-down phase” at $\theta=0.6$ deg are predicted to be there and we observe them!
- The overall significance level: 8σ

E-mode and B-mode

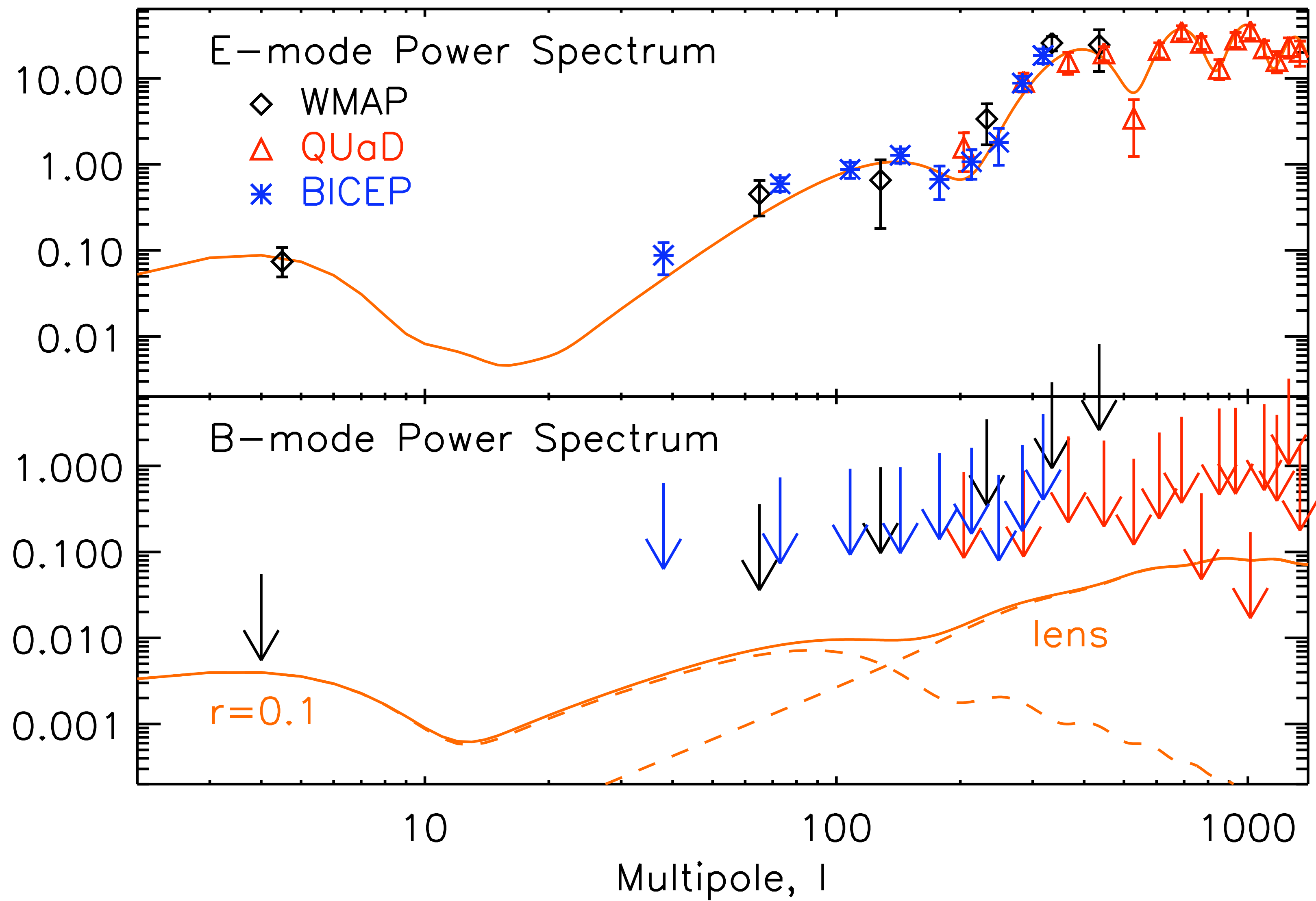


E mode

B mode

- Gravitational potential can generate the E-mode polarization, but not B-modes.
- **Gravitational waves** can generate both E- and B-modes!

Polarization Power Spectrum

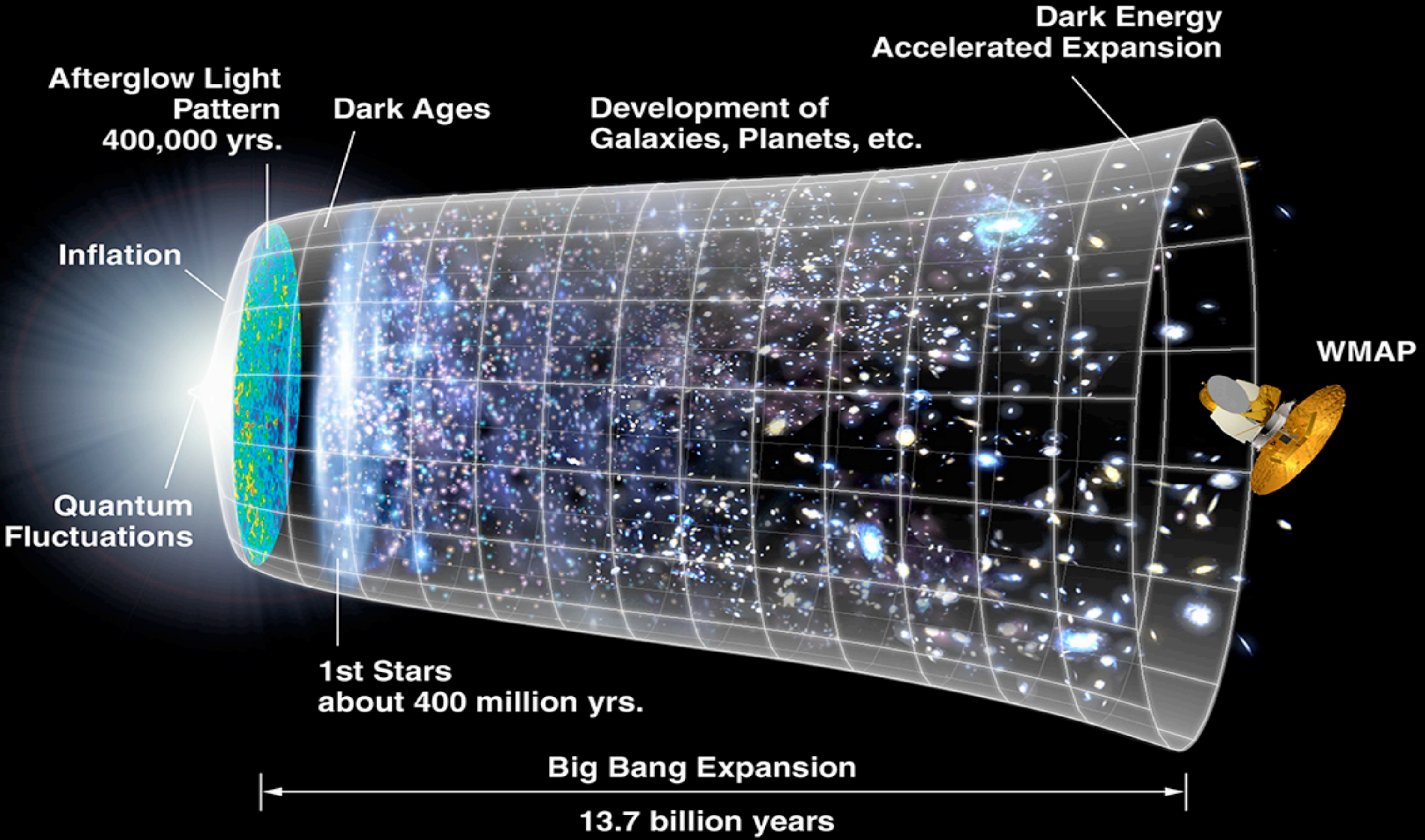


- No detection of B-mode polarization yet.
B-mode is the next holy grail!

Theory of the Very Early Universe

- The leading theoretical idea about the primordial Universe, called “**Cosmic Inflation**,” predicts:
(Guth 1981; Linde 1982; Albrecht & Steinhardt 1982; Starobinsky 1980)
- The expansion of our Universe **accelerated** in a tiny fraction of a second after its birth.
- Just like Dark Energy accelerating today’s expansion: the acceleration also happened at very, very early times!
- **Inflation stretches “micro to macro”**
 - In a tiny fraction of a second, the size of an atomic nucleus ($\sim 10^{-15}\text{m}$) would be stretched to 1 A.U. ($\sim 10^{11}\text{m}$), at least.

Cosmic Inflation = Very Early Dark Energy



Theory Says...

- The leading theoretical idea about the primordial Universe, called “**Cosmic Inflation**,” predicts:
 - The expansion of our Universe **accelerated** in a tiny fraction of a second after its birth.
 - the primordial ripples were created by **quantum fluctuations** during inflation, and
 - how the power is distributed over the scales is determined by the expansion history during cosmic inflation.
- Detailed observations give us **this** remarkable information!

Quantum Fluctuations

- You may borrow a lot of **energy** from vacuum if you promise to return it to the vacuum immediately.
- The amount of **energy** you can borrow is inversely proportional to the time for which you borrow the **energy** from the vacuum.
- Just (a version of) Heisenberg's Uncertainty Principle, the foundation of Quantum Mechanics.

*Mukhanov & Chibisov (1981); Guth & Pi (1982); Starobinsky (1982); Hawking (1982);
Bardeen, Turner & Steinhardt (1983)*

(Scalar) Quantum Fluctuations

$$\delta\varphi = (\text{Expansion Rate})/(2\pi) \text{ [in natural units]}$$

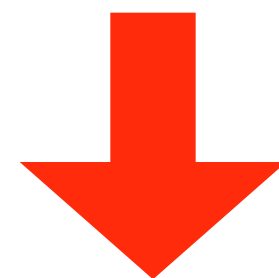
- Why is this relevant?
- The cosmic inflation (probably) happened when the Universe was a tiny fraction of second old.
 - Something like 10^{-36} second old
 - (Expansion Rate) $\sim 1/(\text{Time})$
 - which is a big number! ($\sim 10^{12}\text{GeV}$)
- *Quantum fluctuations were important during inflation!*

Stretching Micro to Macro

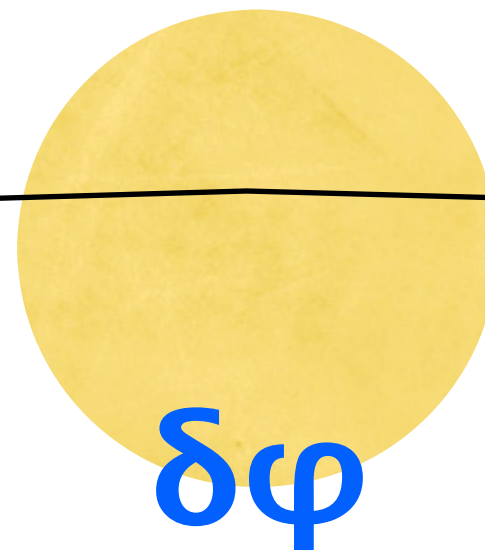
Macroscopic size at which gravity becomes important



Quantum fluctuations on microscopic scales



INFLATION!



Quantum fluctuations cease to be quantum, and become observable!

Inflation Offers a Magnifier for Microscopic World

- Using the *power spectrum of primordial fluctuations* imprinted in CMB, we can observe the quantum phenomena at the ultra high-energy scales that would never be reached by the particle accelerator.

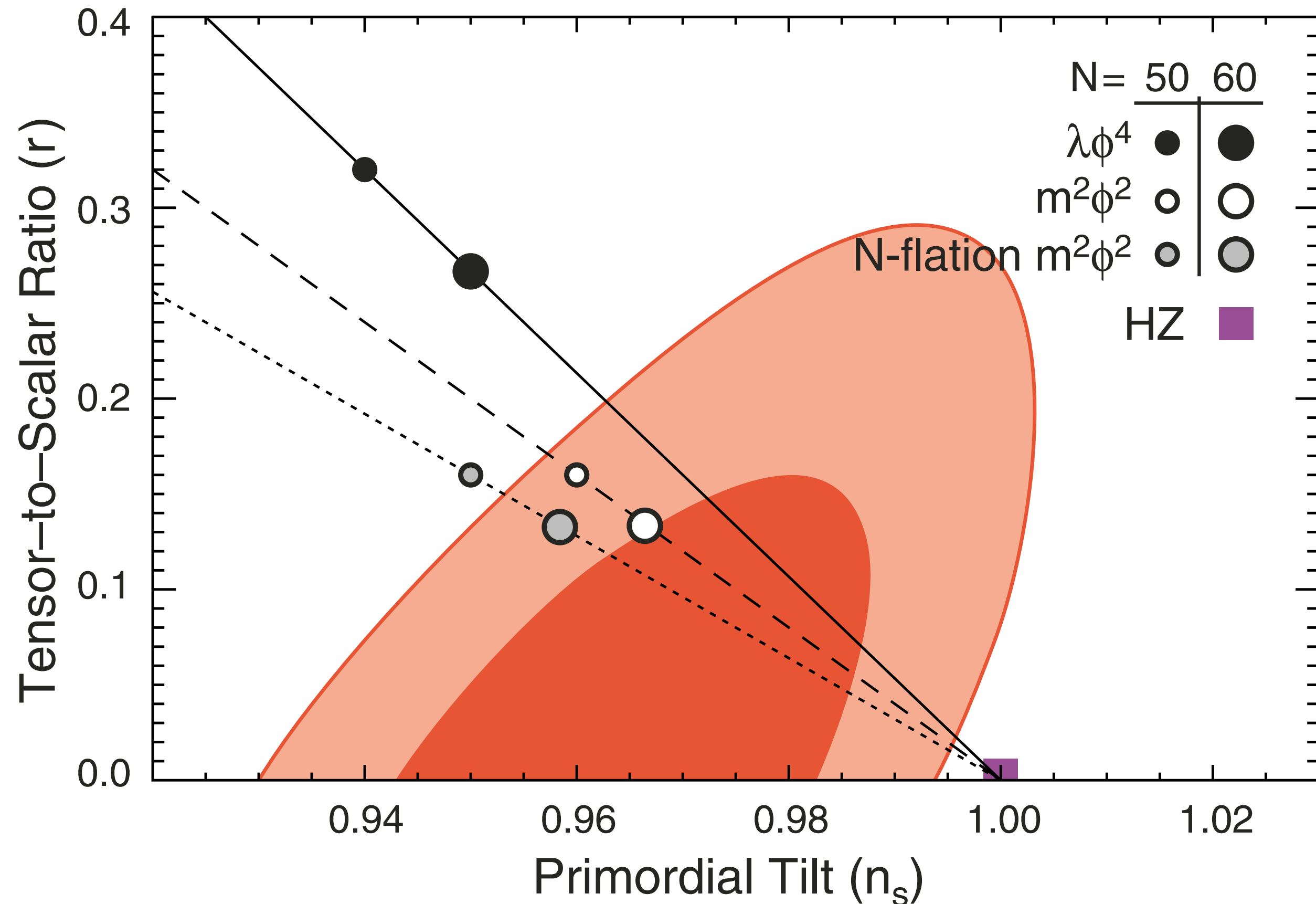
(Tensor) Quantum Fluctuations, a.k.a. Gravitational Waves

$$h = (\text{Expansion Rate}) / (2^{1/2} \pi M_{\text{planck}}) \text{ [in natural units]}$$

[h = “strain”]

- Quantum fluctuations also generate ripples in space-time, i.e., gravitational waves, by the same mechanism.
- Primordial gravitational waves generate temperature anisotropy in CMB, as well as polarization in CMB with a distinct pattern called “**B-mode polarization.**”

Probing Inflation (2-point Function)

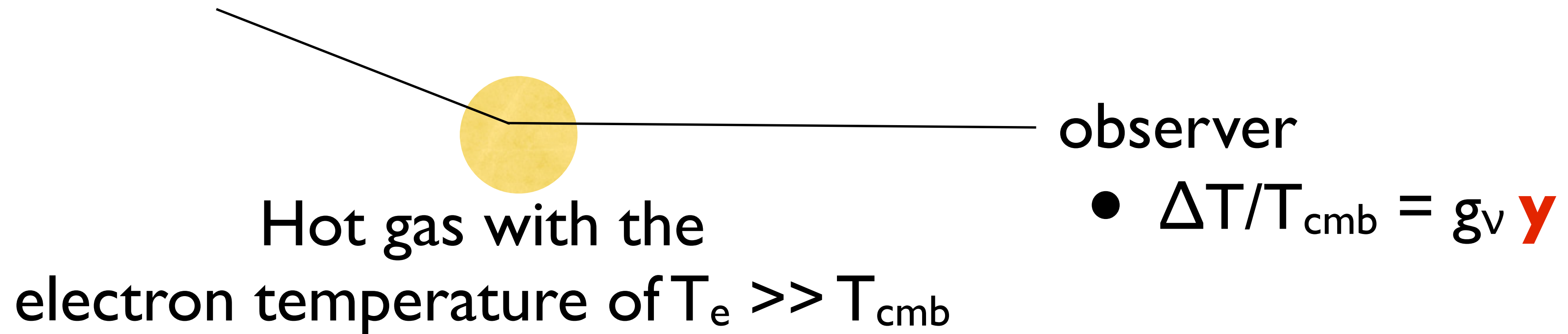


- Joint constraint on the primordial tilt, n_s , and the tensor-to-scalar ratio, r .
- Not so different from the 5-year limit.
- $r < 0.24$ (95%CL)

Probing Inflation (3-point Function)

- Inflation models predict that primordial fluctuations are very close to Gaussian.
- In fact, **ALL SINGLE-FIELD** models predict a particular form of 3-point function to have the amplitude of $f_{\text{NL}}=0.02$.
- Detection of $f_{\text{NL}} > 1$ would rule out ALL single-field models!
- No detection of 3-point functions of primordial curvature perturbations. The 95% CL limits are:
 - $-10 < f_{\text{NL}} < 74$
 - The WMAP data are consistent with the prediction of **simple single-field inflation** models: $1-n_s \approx r \approx f_{\text{NL}}$

Sunyaev–Zel'dovich Effect



$$\begin{aligned} y &= (\text{optical depth of gas}) k_B T_e / (m_e c^2) \\ &= [\sigma_T / (m_e c^2)] \int n_e k_B T_e d(\text{los}) \\ &= [\sigma_T / (m_e c^2)] \int (\mathbf{electron pressure}) d(\text{los}) \end{aligned}$$

- Decrement: $\Delta T < 0$ ($\nu < 217$ GHz)
- Increment: $\Delta T > 0$ ($\nu > 217$ GHz)

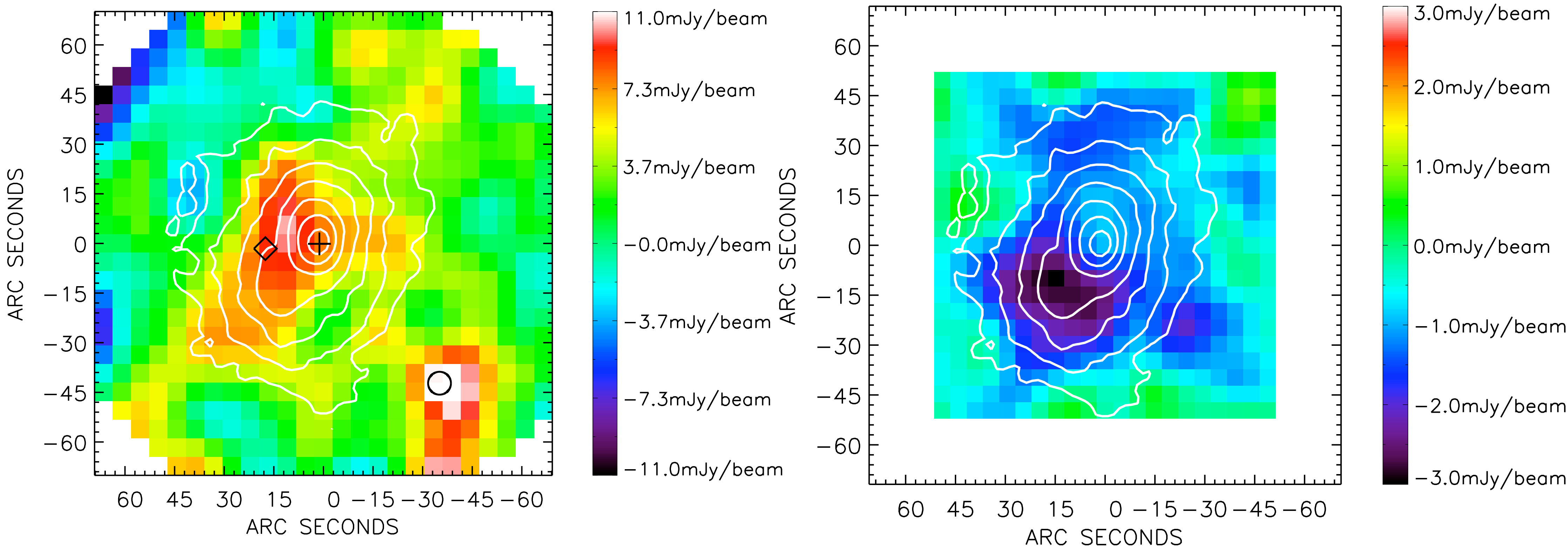
$g_\nu = -2$ ($\nu=0$); -1.91 , -1.81 and -1.56 at $\nu=41$, 61 and 94 GHz

A New Result!

We find, *for the first time in the Sunyaev-Zel'dovich (SZ) effect*, a significant difference between relaxed and non-relaxed clusters.

- Important when using the SZ effect of clusters of galaxies as a cosmological probe.

The SZ Effect: Decrement and Increment

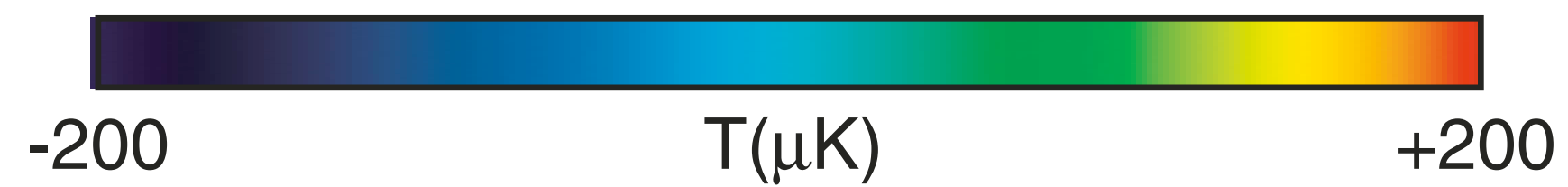
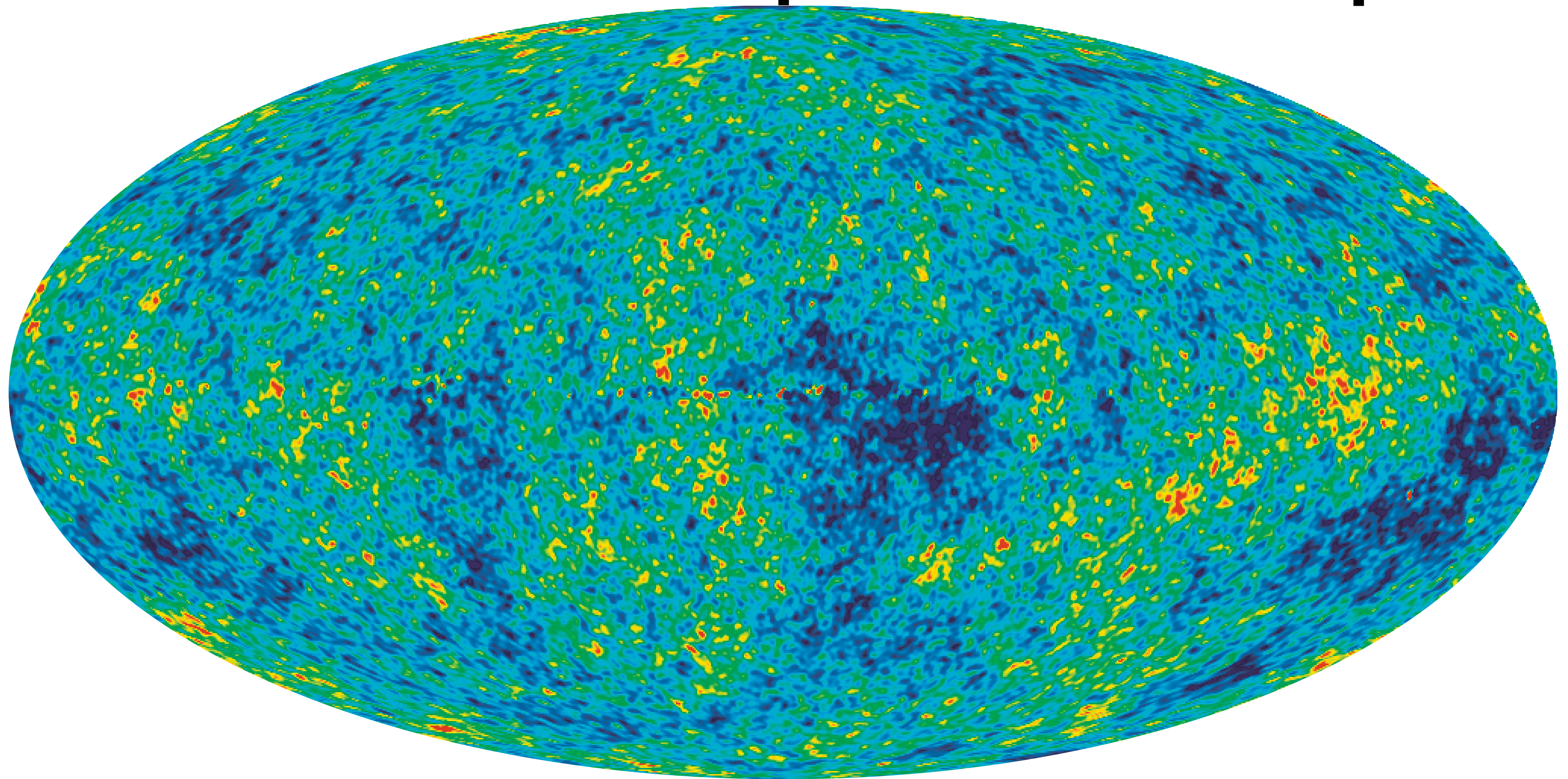


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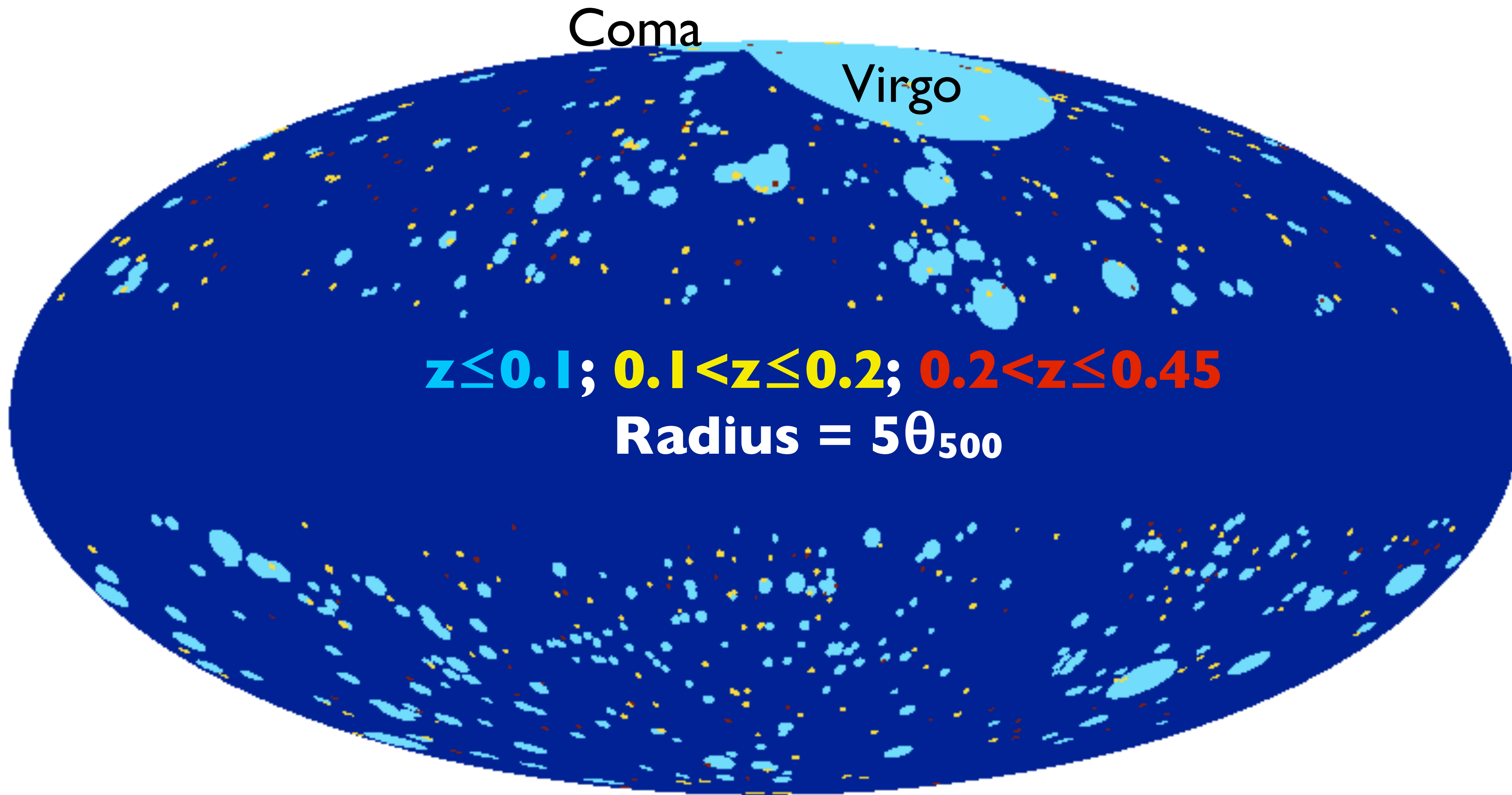
- Left, SZ increment (350GHz, Komatsu et al. 1999)

- Right, SZ decrement (150GHz, Komatsu et al. 2001)

WMAP Temperature Map



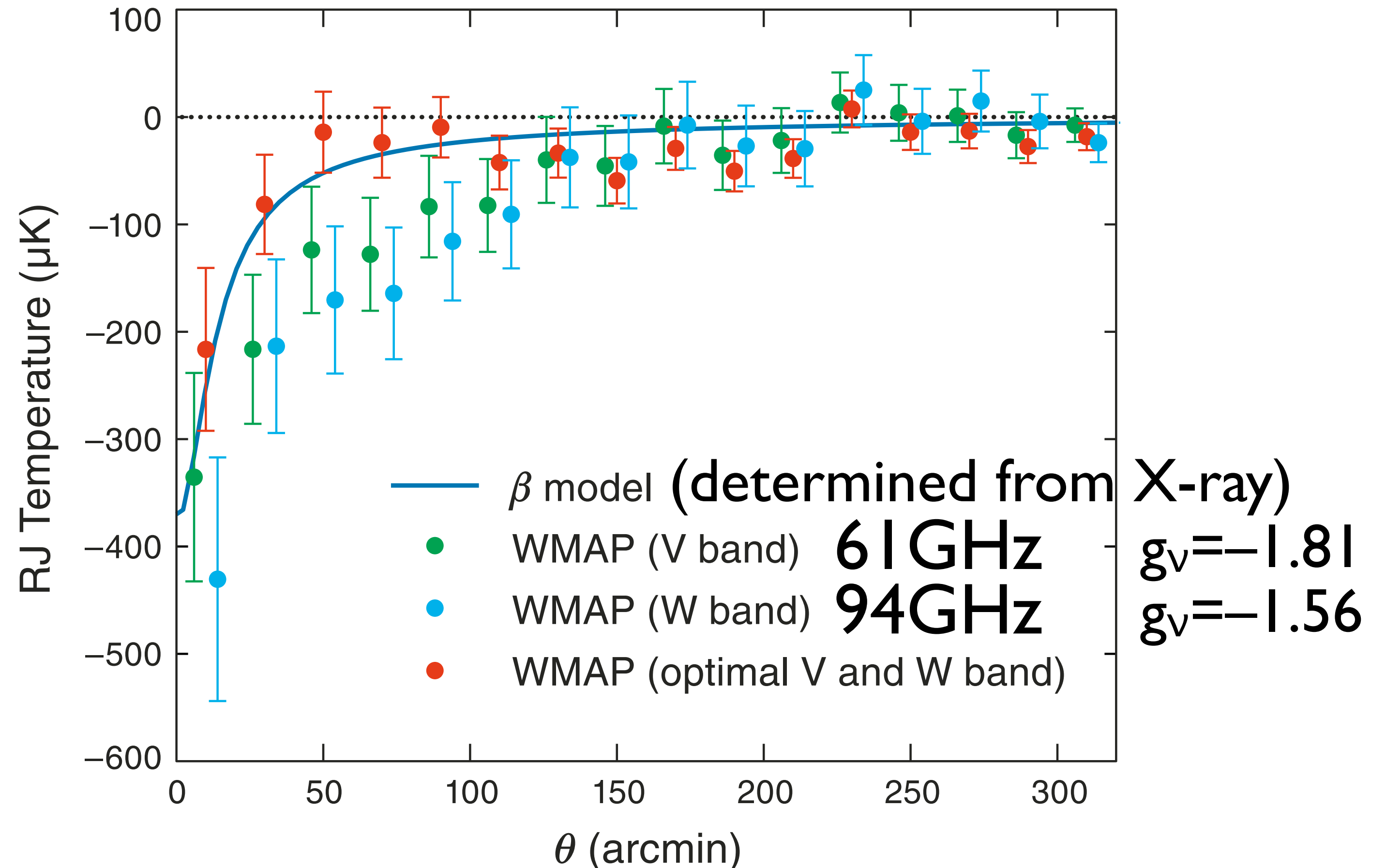
Where are clusters?



Coma Cluster ($z=0.023$)

We find that the CMB fluctuation in the direction of Coma is $\approx -100\mu\text{K}$. (This is a new result!)

$$y_{\text{coma}}(0) = (7 \pm 2) \times 10^{-5} \quad (68\% \text{CL})$$



- “Optimal V and W band” analysis can separate SZ and CMB. The SZ effect toward Coma is detected at **3.6σ** .

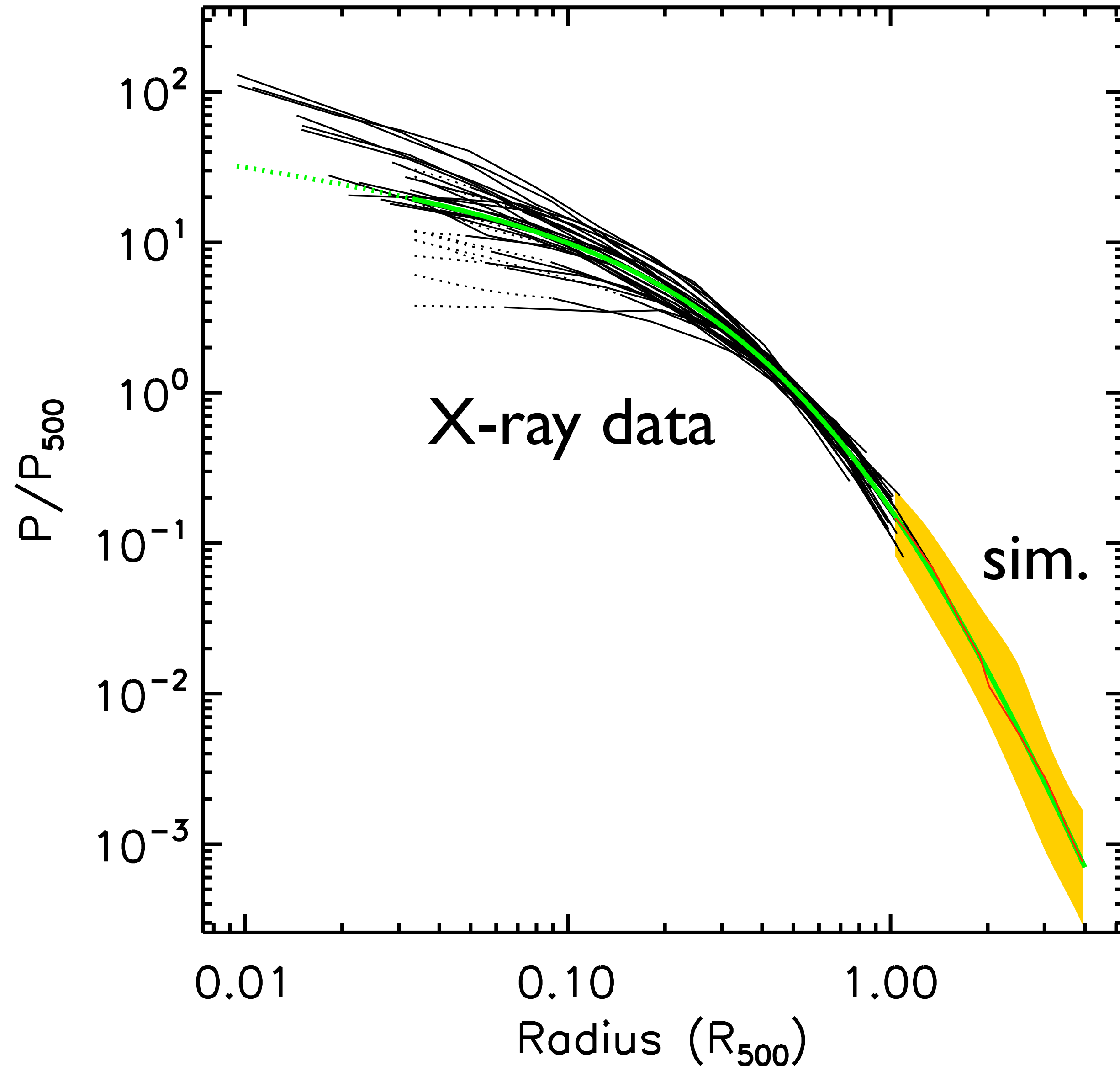
A Question

- Are we detecting the **expected** amount of electron pressure, P_e , in the SZ effect?
- Expected from X-ray observations?
- Expected from theory?

Arnaud et al. Profile

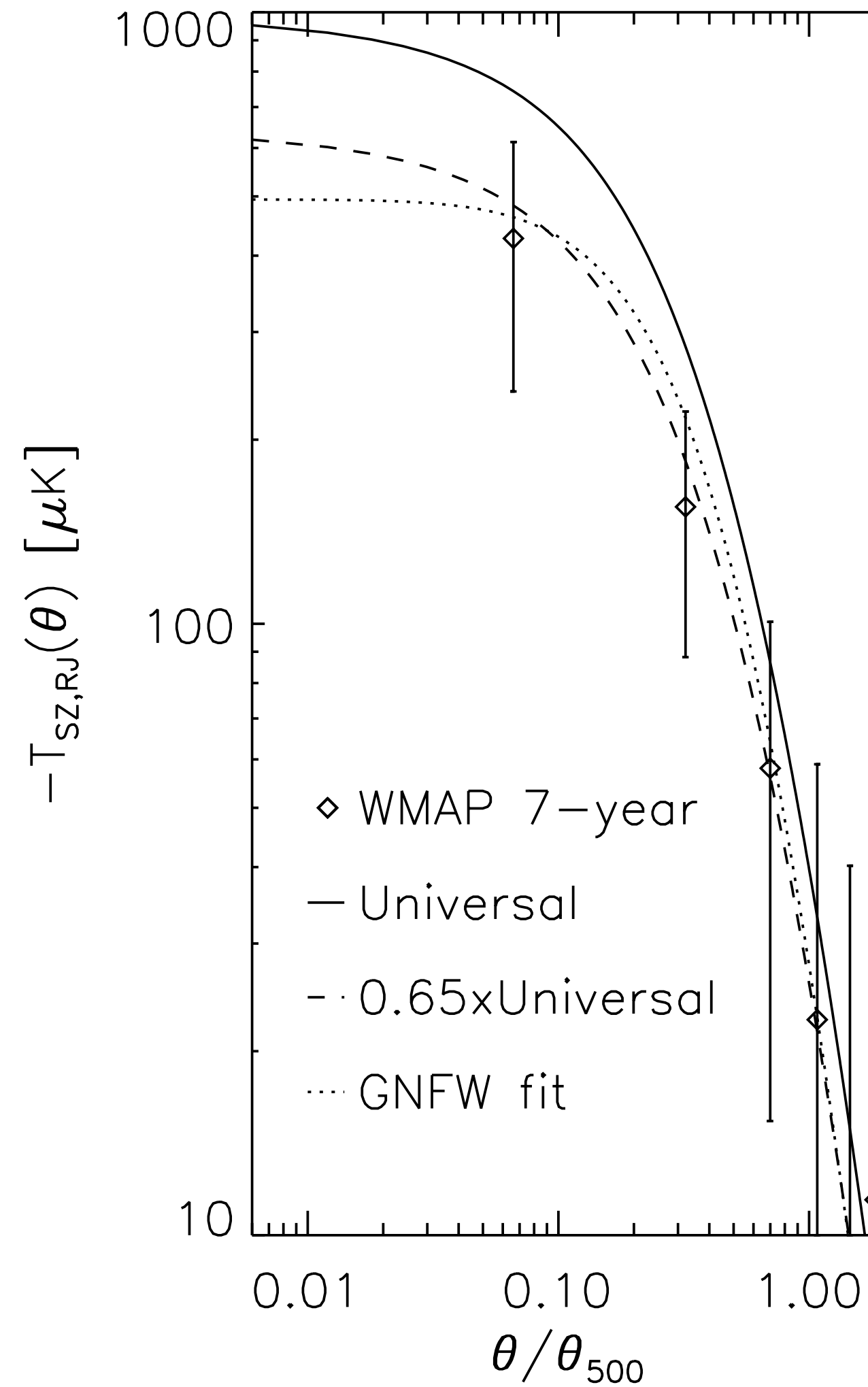
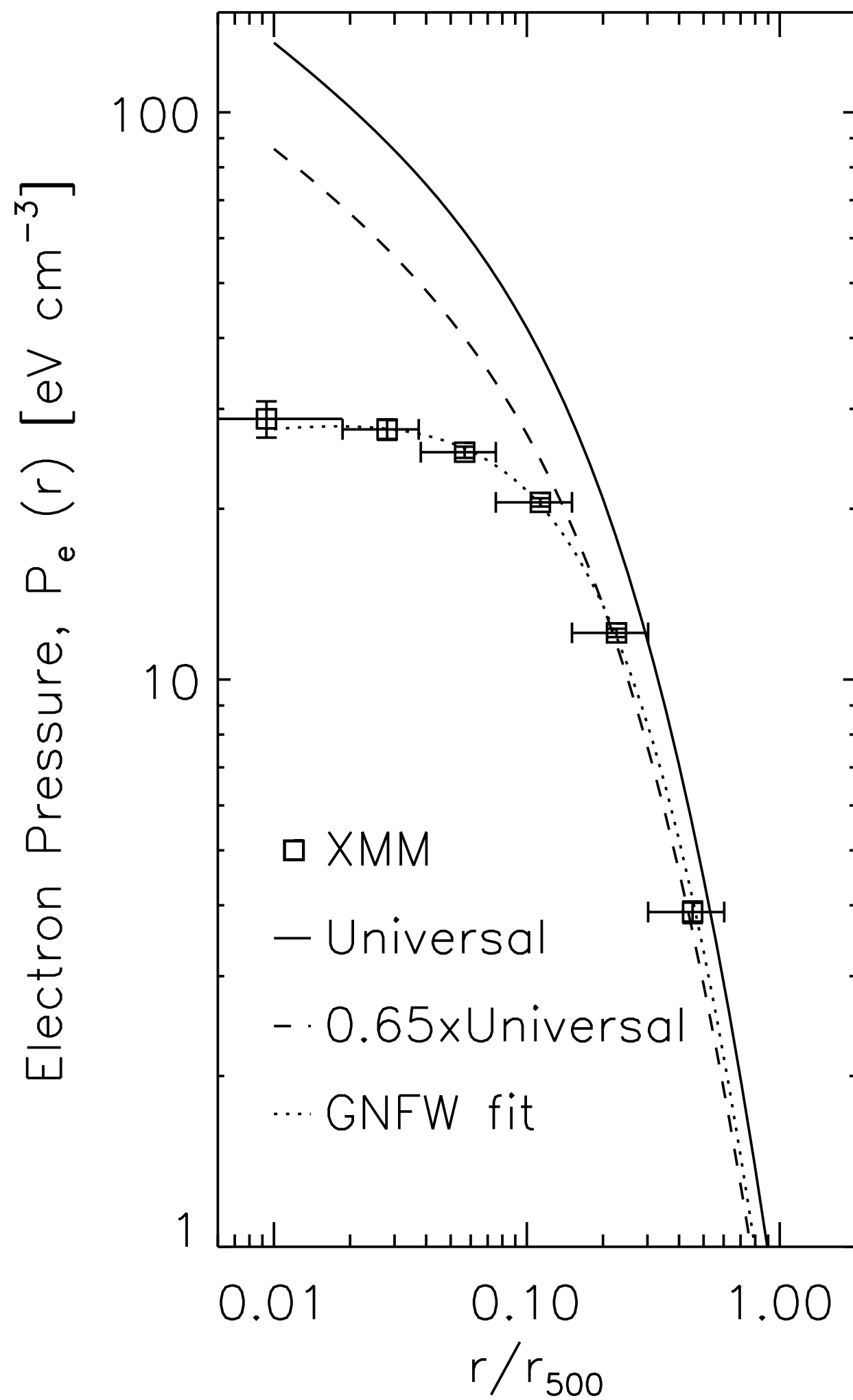
- A fitting formula for the average electron pressure profile as a function of the cluster mass (M_{500}), derived from 33 nearby ($z < 0.2$) clusters (REXCESS sample).

Arnaud et al. Profile



- A significant scatter exists at $R < 0.2R_{500}$, but a good convergence in the outer part.

Coma Data vs Arnaud



- $M_{500} = 6.6 \times 10^{14} h^{-1} M_{\text{sun}}$ is estimated from the mass-temperature relation (Vikhlinin et al.)
- $T_X^{\text{coma}} = 8.4 \text{ keV}$.
- Arnaud et al.'s profile overestimates both the direct X-ray data and WMAP data by the same factor (0.65)!
- To reconcile them, $T_X^{\text{coma}} = 6.5 \text{ keV}$ is required, but that is way too low.

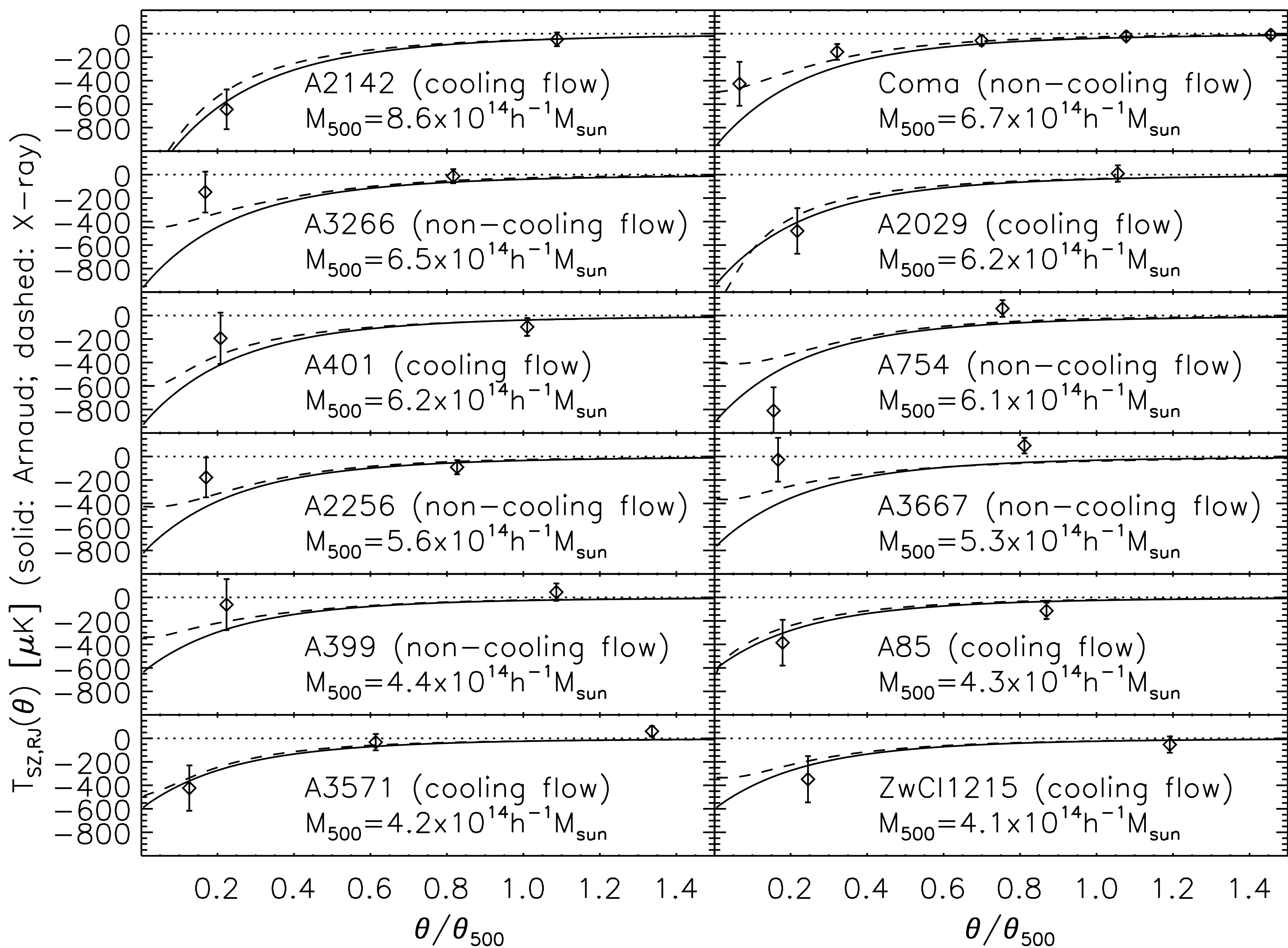
The X-ray data (XMM) are provided by A. Finoguenov.

Well...

- That's just one cluster. What about the other clusters?
- We measure the SZ effect of a sample of well-studied nearby clusters compiled by Vikhlinin et al.

WMAP 7-year Measurements!

(Komatsu et al. 2010)



Low-SZ is seen in the WMAP

Mass Range ^a	# of clusters	X-ray Data	Model
$6 \leq M_{500} < 9$	5	0.90 ± 0.16	0.73 ± 0.13
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$2 \leq M_{500} < 4$	9	0.71 ± 0.31	0.53 ± 0.25
$1 \leq M_{500} < 2$	9	-0.15 ± 0.55	-0.12 ± 0.47
$4 \leq M_{500} < 9$	11	0.84 ± 0.13	0.68 ± 0.10
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^a In units of $10^{14} h^{-1} M_{\odot}$. Coma is not included.

d: ALL of “cooling flow clusters” are relaxed clusters.

e: ALL of “non-cooling flow clusters” are non-relaxed clusters. ⁶²

Low-SZ: Signature of mergers?

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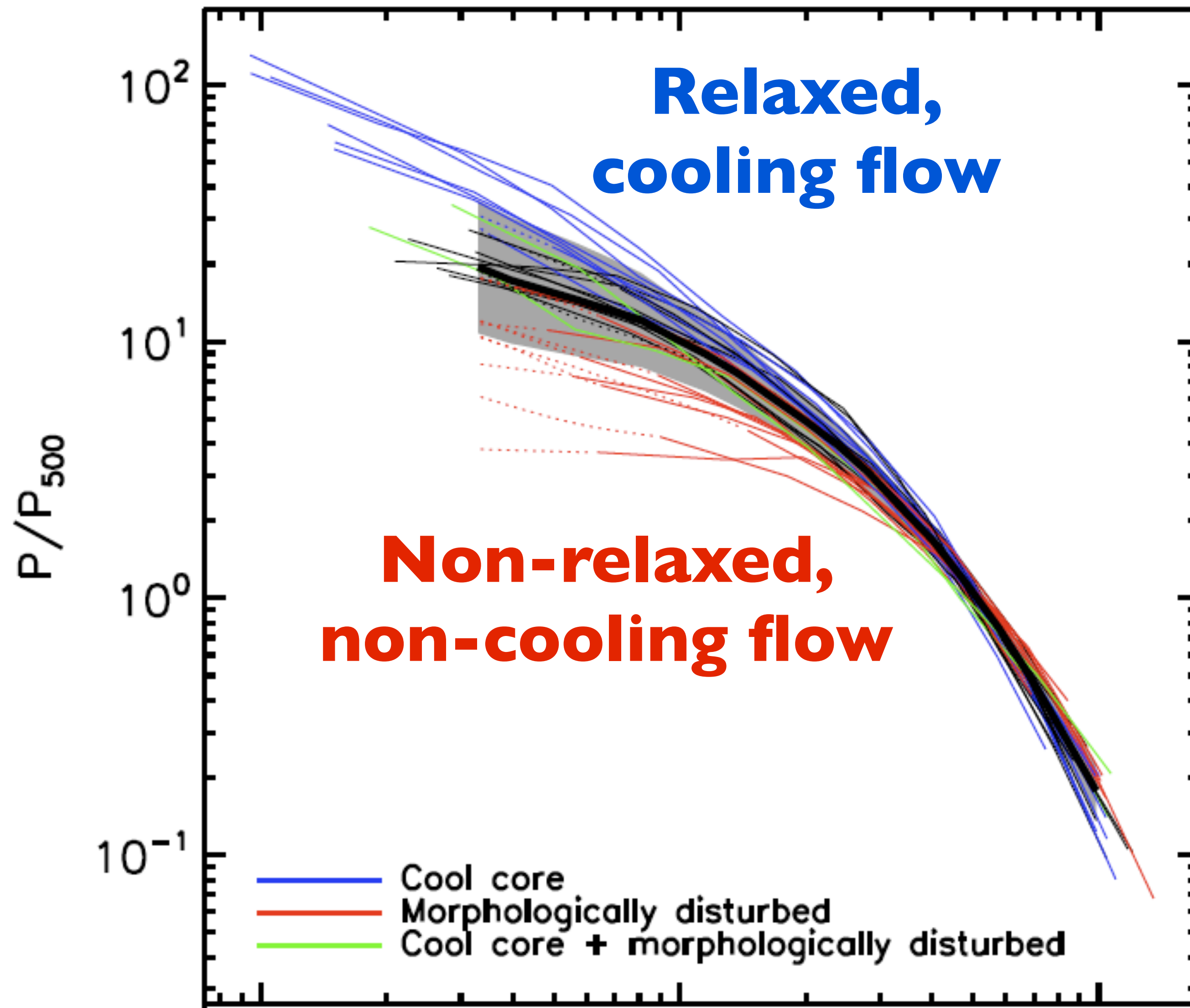
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SZ: Main Results

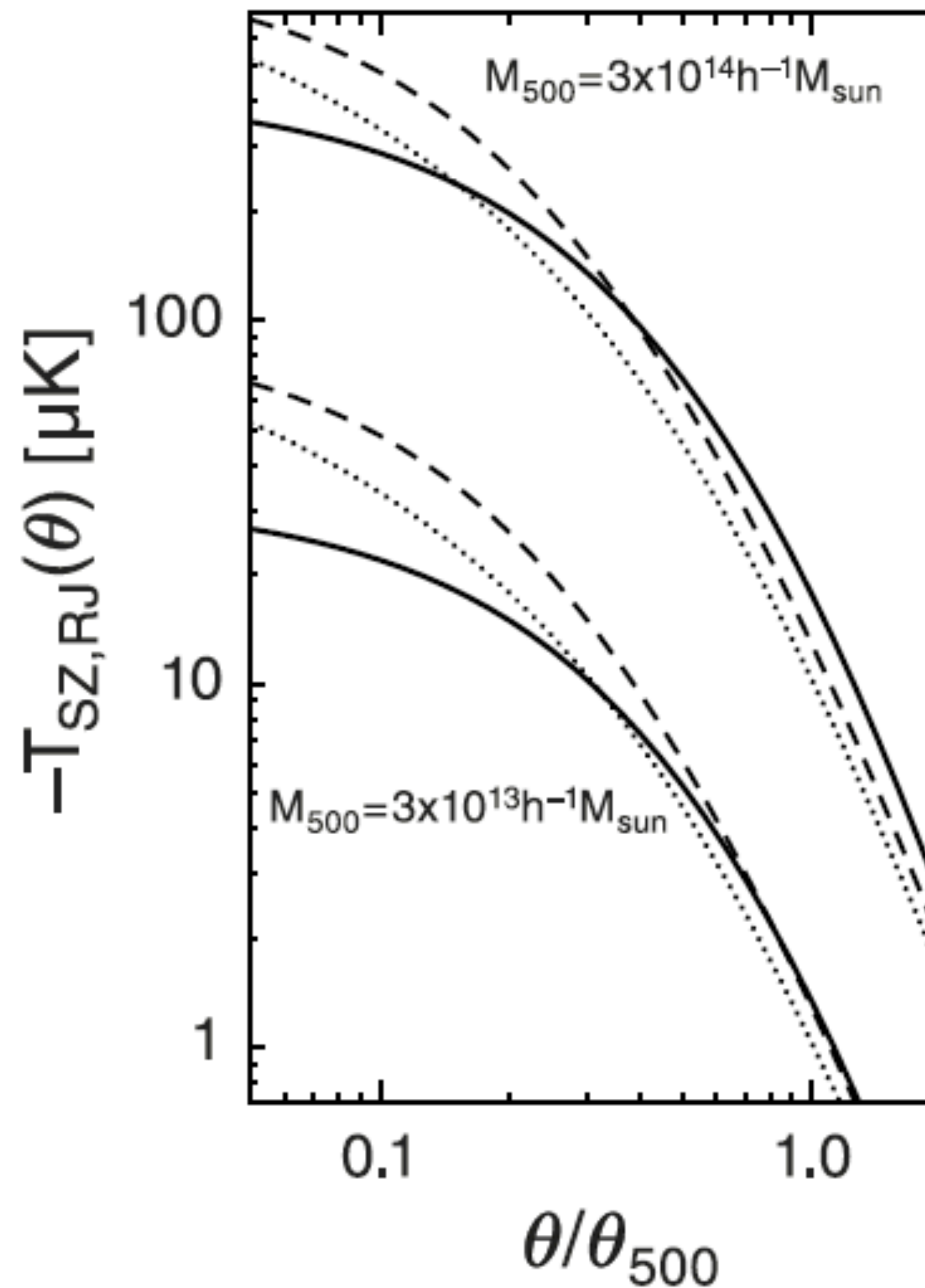
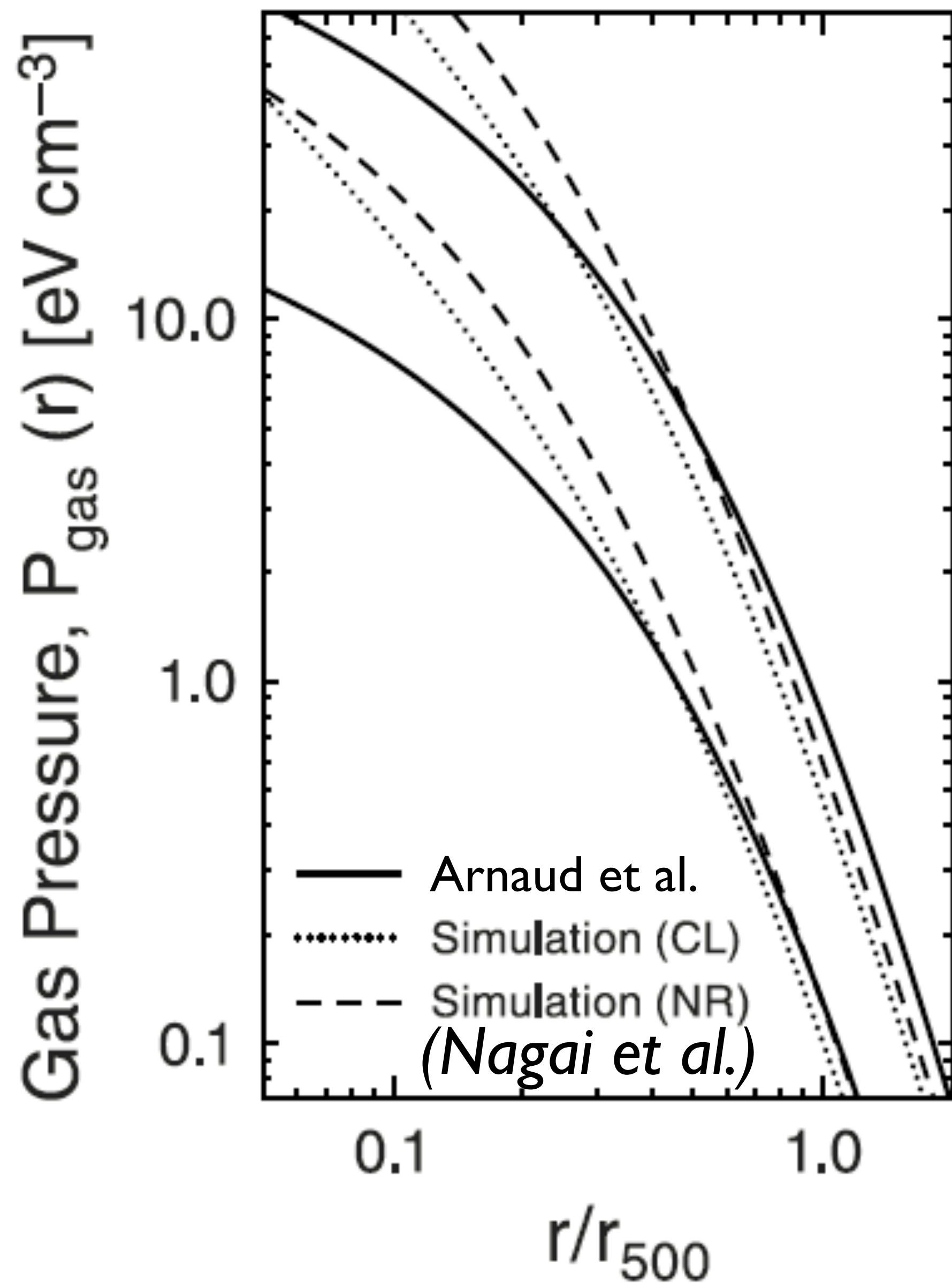
- Arnaud et al. profile systematically overestimates the electron pressure! (Arnaud et al. profile is **ruled out** at 3.2σ).
- But, the X-ray data on the *individual* clusters agree well with the SZ measured by WMAP.
- Reason: Arnaud et al. did not distinguish between relaxed (CF) and non-relaxed (non-CF) clusters.
- This will be important for the proper interpretation of the SZ effect when doing cosmology with it.

Cooling Flow vs Non-CF



- In Arnaud et al., they reported that the cooling flow clusters have much steeper pressure profiles in the inner part.
- Taking a simple median gave a biased “universal” profile.

Theoretical Models



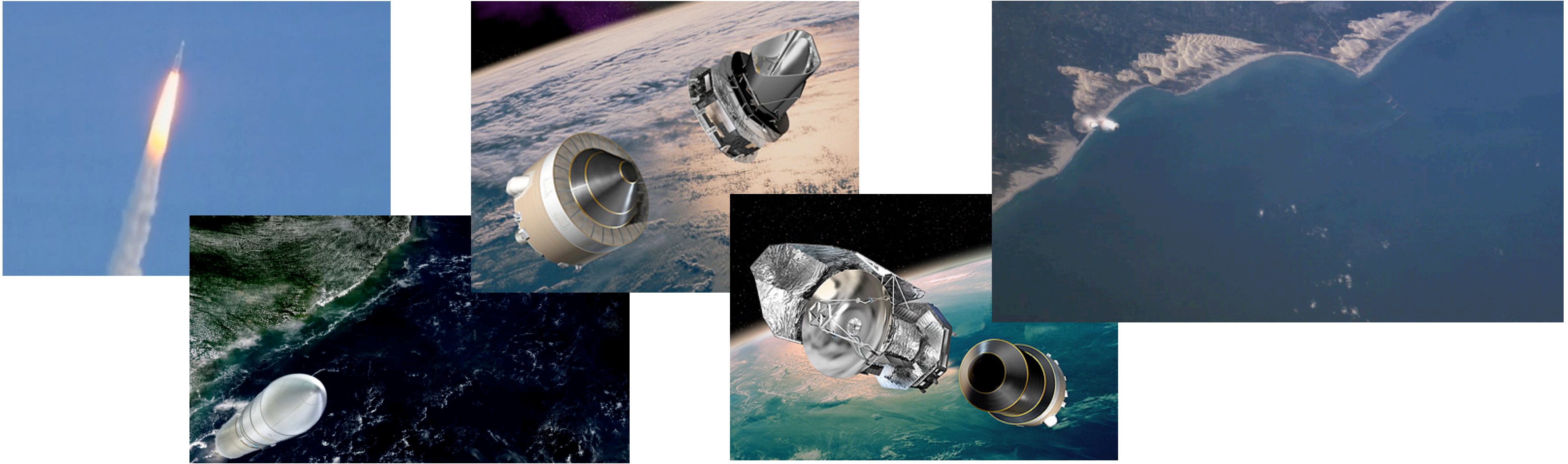
Summary

- CMB is the fossil light of the Big Bang.
- We could determine the age, composition, expansion rate, etc., from CMB.
- We could even push the boundary farther back in time, probing the origin of fluctuations in the very early Universe: inflationary epoch at ultra-high energies.
- Next Big Thing: **Primordial gravitational waves**
- My favorite: **Detection of f_{NL} to rule out single-field inflation!**

A Puzzle

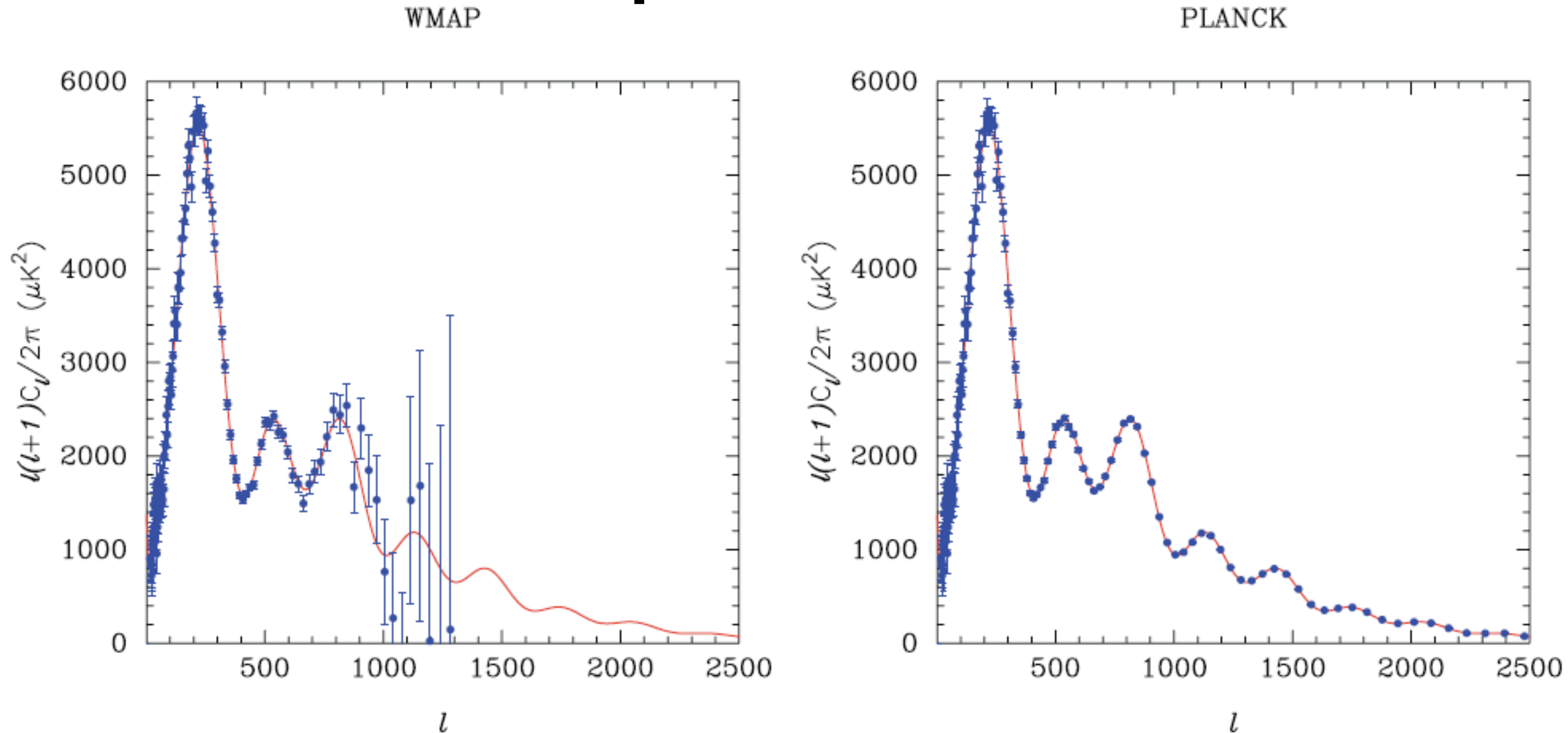
- SZ effect: Coma's radial profile is measured, several massive clusters are detected, and the statistical detection reaches 6.5σ .
- Evidence for lower-than-theoretically-expected gas pressure.
- First detection, in the SZ effect, of the difference between relaxed and non-relaxed clusters.
- The X-ray data are fine: we need to revise the existing models of the intracluster medium.
- ***Distinguishing relaxed and non-relaxed clusters is very important!***

Planck Launched!



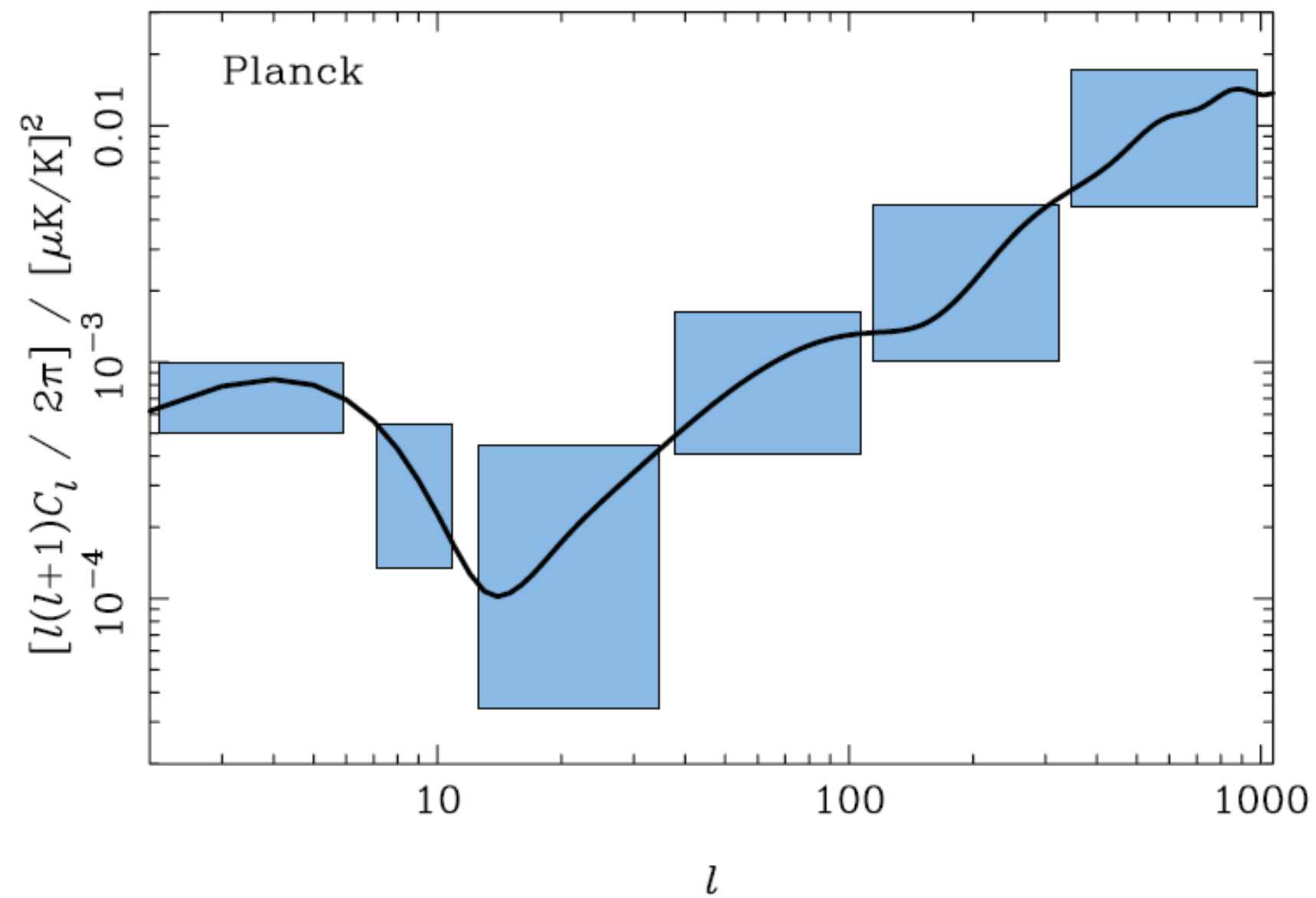
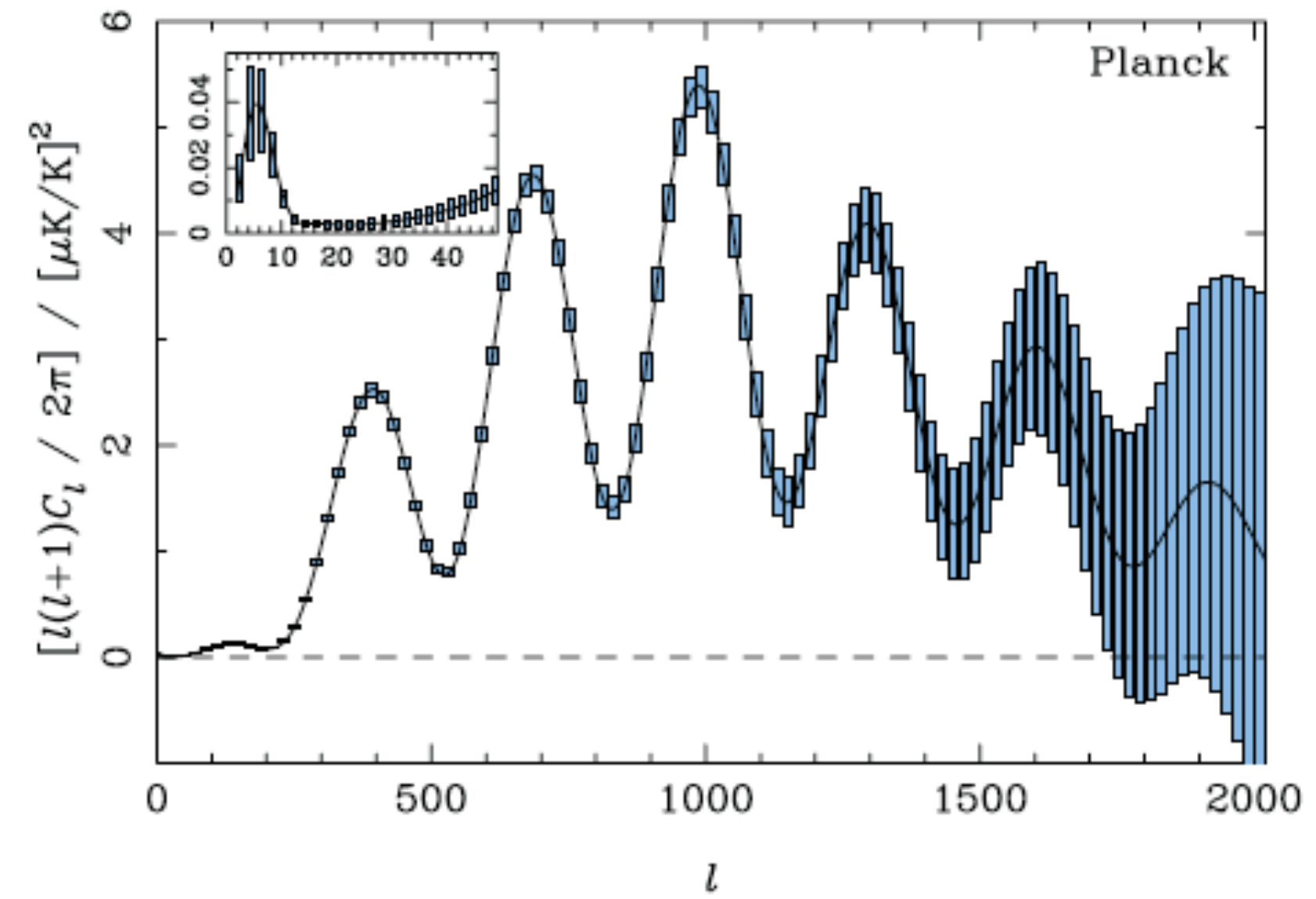
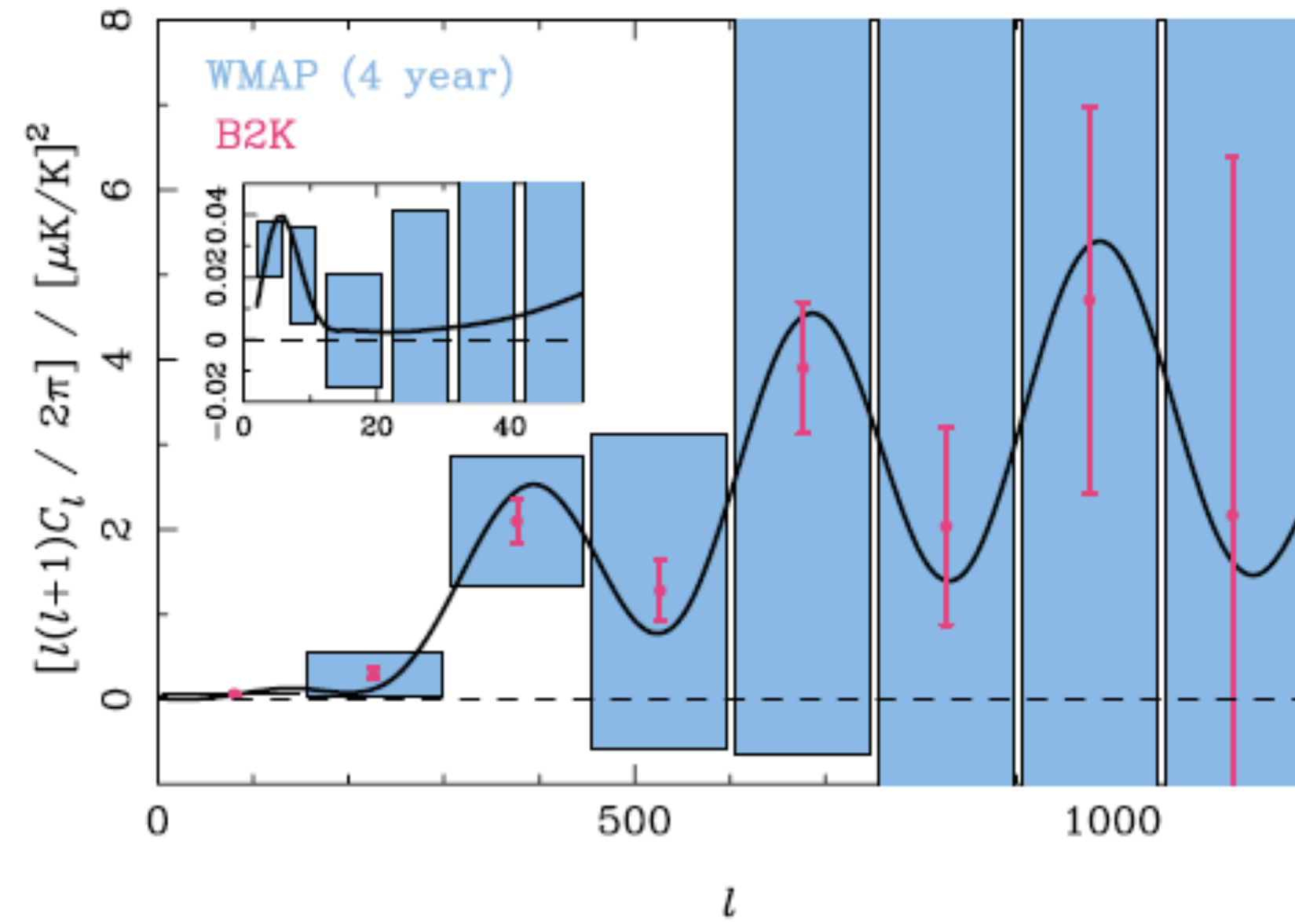
- The Planck satellite was successfully launched from French Guiana on May 14.
- Separation from the Herschel satellite was also successful.
- Planck has mapped the full sky already - results expected to be released in December, 2012.

Planck: Expected C_l Temperature



- WMAP: $l \sim 1000 \Rightarrow$ Planck: $l \sim 3000$

Planck: Expected C_l Polarization



- (Above) E-modes
- (Left) B-modes ($r=0.3$)

E-mode

Potential

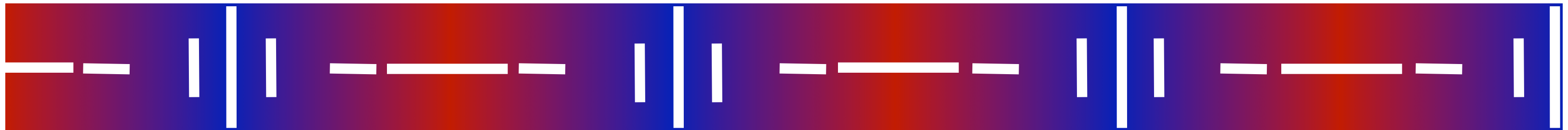


$$\Phi(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{x}) = \cos(\mathbf{kx})$$



Direction of a plane wave

Polarization
Direction



- **E-mode**: the polarization directions are either parallel or tangential to the direction of the plane wave perturbation.

B-mode

G.W.



$$h(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{x}) = \cos(\mathbf{kx})$$

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Direction of a plane wave

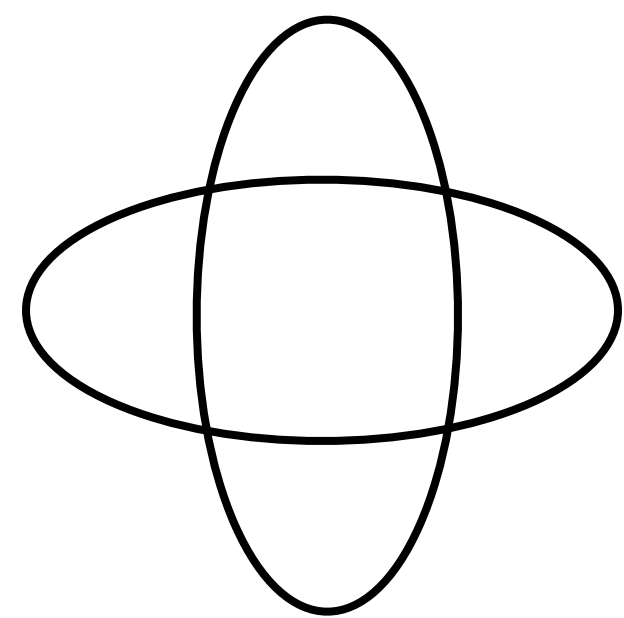
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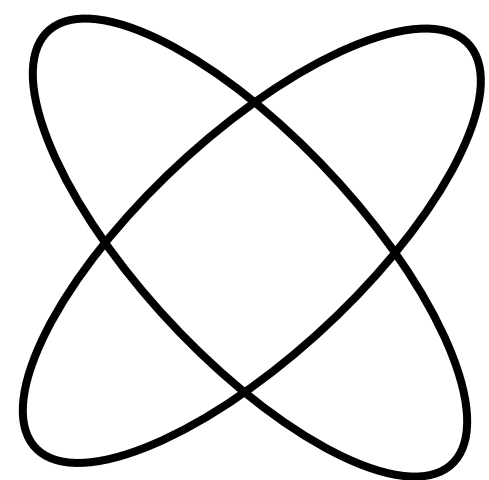
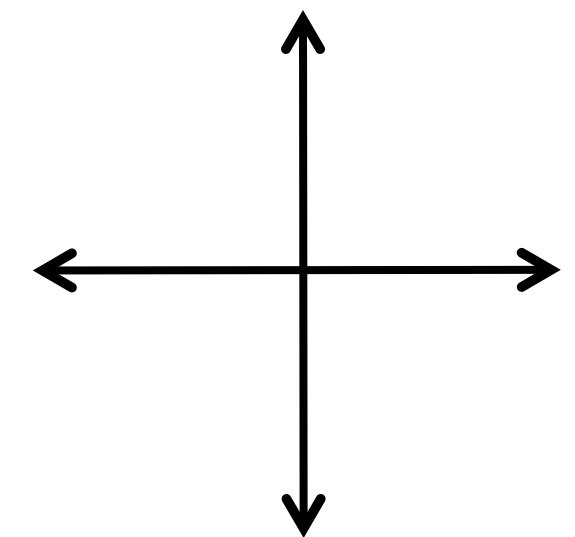
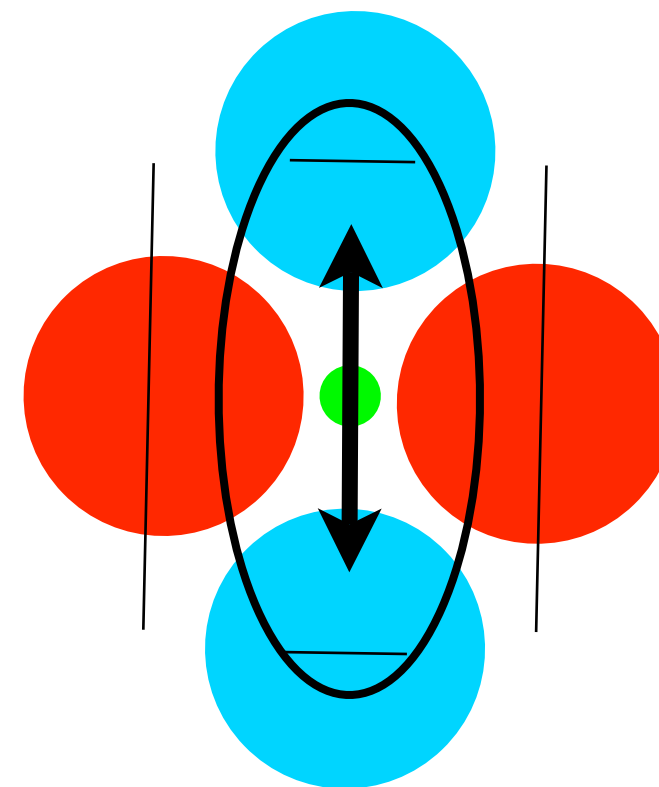
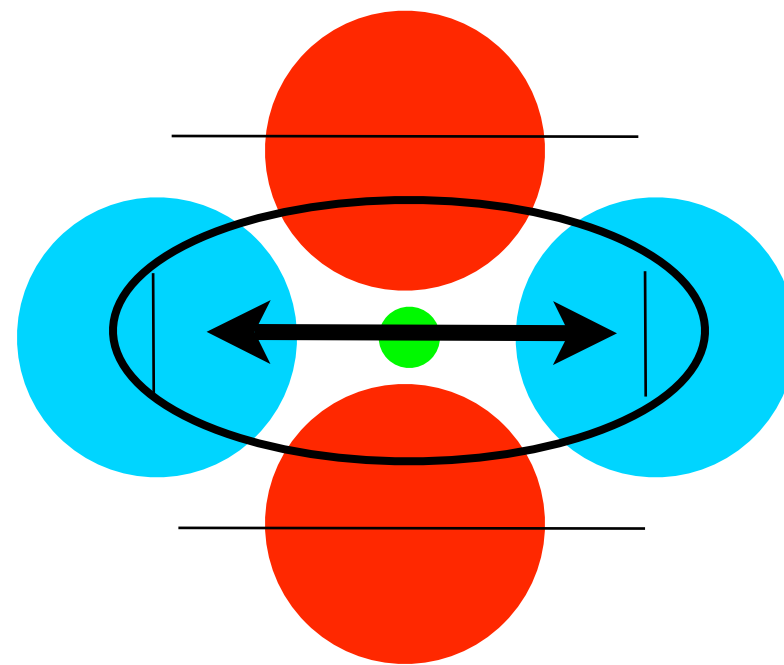
- **B-mode**: the polarization directions are tilted by 45 degrees relative to the direction of the plane wave perturbation.

Gravitational Waves and Quadrupole

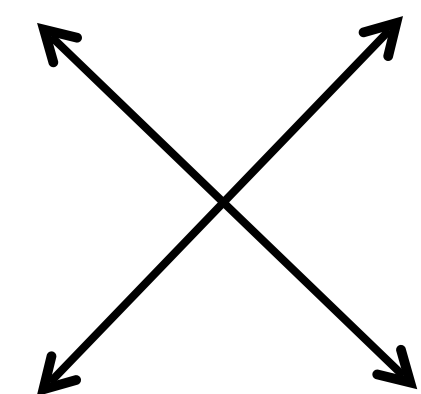
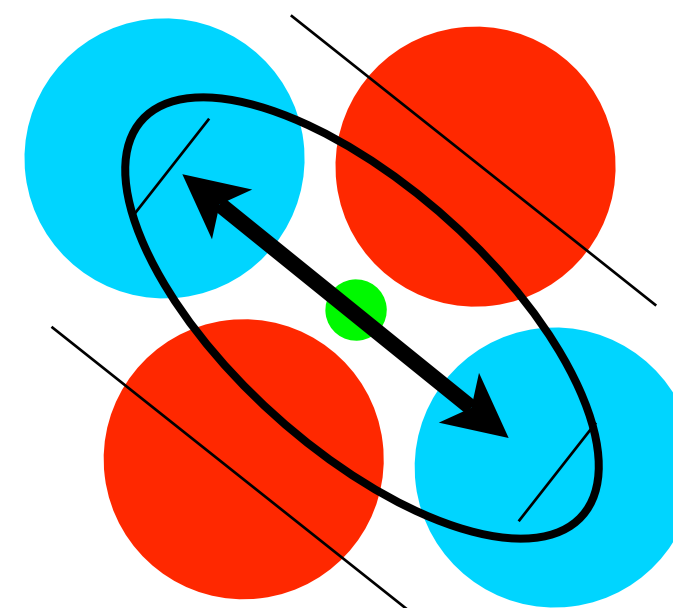
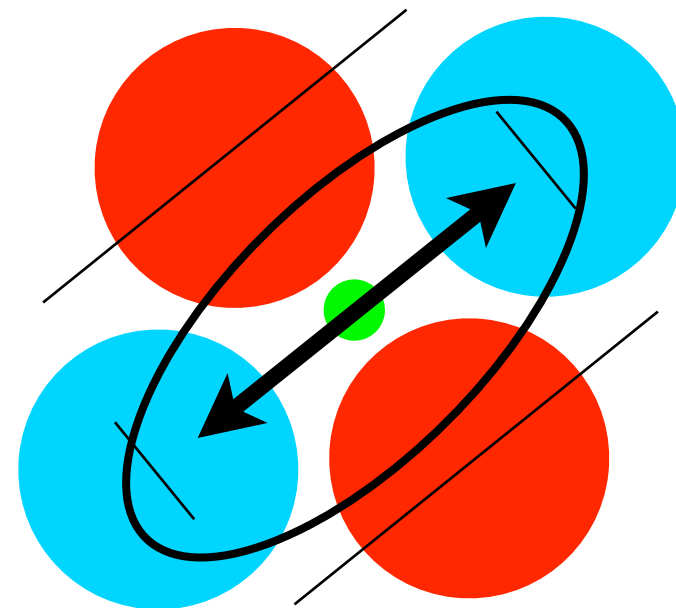
- Gravitational waves stretch space with a quadrupole pattern.



“+ mode”



“X mode”



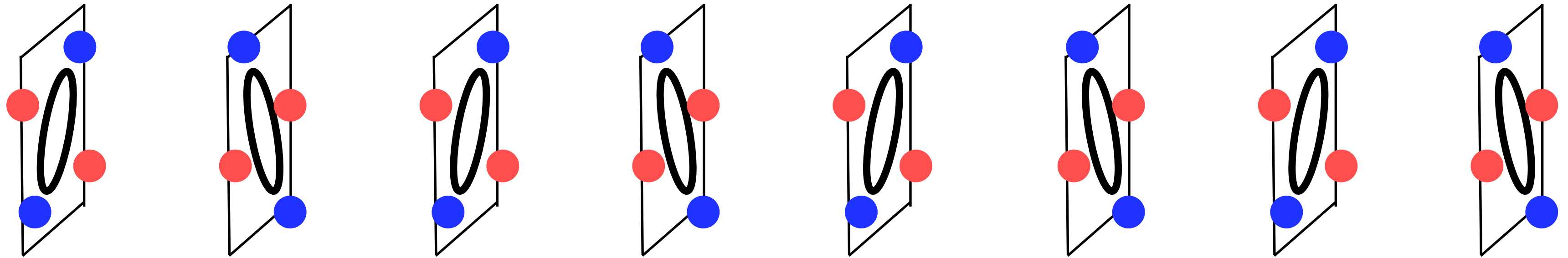
Quadrupole from G.W.

$$h(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{x}) = \cos(\mathbf{kx})$$

Direction of the plane wave of G.W.



h_x



temperature



polarization



B-mode

- B-mode polarization generated by h_x

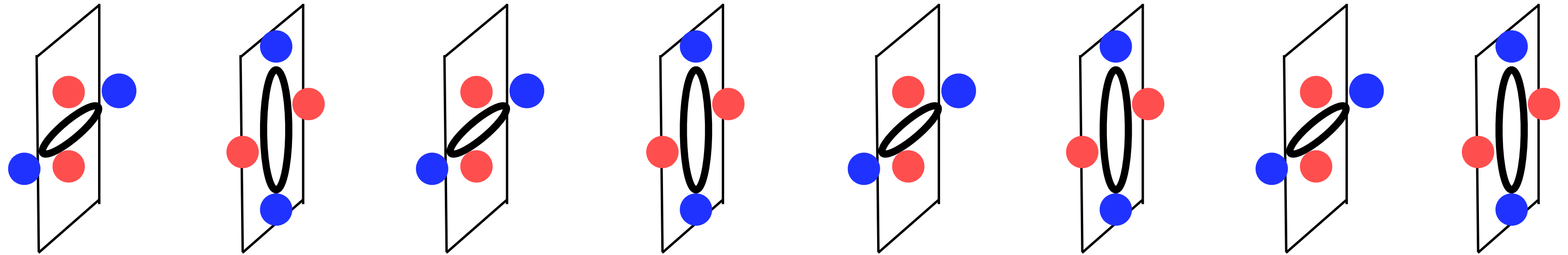
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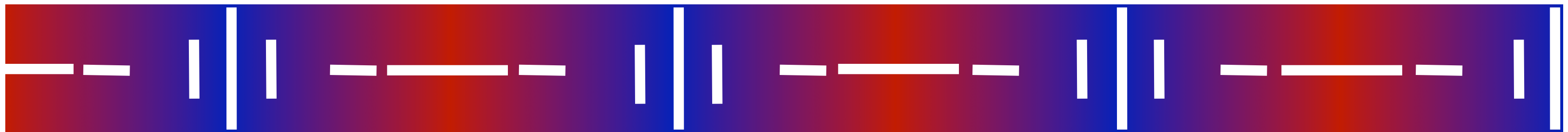
h_+



temperature



polarization



E-mode

- E-mode polarization generated by h_+