"Global warming" of hot gas in the Universe over the last 8 billion years



Simulation

Credit: Dylan Nelson, Illustris Collaboration

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What is the temperature of the Universe?

How hot is the Universe?

Google's answer: "2.725 Kelvin"

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This is our result. So, which answer is right?

Temperature of what? What is there in space?

- You see stars in the sky.
 - Stars are really hot!
 - But stars occupy such a small volume in space.
 - Maybe it is not correct to use them for the "temperature of the Universe".

- Space between stars is *vast*. Is that space empty?
 - No. Space is full of stuff!







Orion Nebula (M42)

about 10 light years

This is gas, illuminated by light from stars. The gas temperature is 10,000 K

Sky seen at different wavelengths

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How to measure the temperature of the cosmic microwave background

c: speed of light; v = c / wavelength; h: Planck's constant; k_B: Boltzmann's constant



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This is true only for the temperature of *photons* filling the Universe Ask Ethan: How do we know the Universe's temperature?

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Hubble Space Telescope

This is a "cluster of galaxies". What is in the space between galaxies?



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Chandra's X-ray Image

This is very hot gas



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This is *very hot* gas ~200 million Kelvin!

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A new technique:

Use the cosmic microwave background as back light!



My favourite radio Nobeyama Radio Observatory

我が青春の電波望遠鏡





我が青春の **The "Sunyaev-Zeldovich Effect"**

A new technique to measure the gas temperature











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Multi-wavelength Views of clusters of galaxies

•100-1000 galaxies

<u>X-ray</u>: •hot gas (10^{7–8} K) <u>SZ</u> [microwave]:
hot gas (10⁷⁻⁸ K)

Mean Gas Temperature of the Universe

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Q: What caused this "global warming" of gas?

A: It's a shock wave!

Small clumps collide, merge, and form bigger structures

From "Cosmic Voyage" (1996)

Computer Simulation of Gas Heating by Shock Waves

Temperature

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Sophisticated simulation of the Universe (Credit: Illustris Collaboration)

Gas Temperature

Dark Matter Density

z=2 11 Billion Years Ago z=1 8 Billion Years Ago

350 million light years

z=0 Present

Summary

Gas in the Universe is getting hotter

- We used a new technique called "Sunyaev-Zeldovich Effect" to measure the time evolution of the mean gas temperature of the Universe.
- We discovered two things:
 - Today's mean gas temperature is **2 million Kelvin.** Very hot!
 - The temperature increased 3 times over the last 8 billion years.
- We can explain this "global warming" of gas by **shock-wave heating** associated with formation of structures in the Universe.

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So, the research continues.
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This is also your research result, supported by your tax!

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宇宙の大規模構造の形成にともなって、ガスが引き寄せられるときに 生じる衝撃波が、宇宙の加熱源になっている。これは地球で見られる現 象と原理的には同じである。たとえば大気圏外からボールを落とすと、 位置エネルギーが運動エネルギーに変わる。そしてボールの速度が音 速を超えると衝撃波が発生し熱が生じる。同じようなことが宇宙でも 起きて、宇宙の温暖化を引き起こしているのだ。

たくさん持ってきていますので、 ご自由にお取りください。