# Critical Tests of Theory of the Early Universe using the CMB

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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!





## How was CMB created?

- When the Universe was hot, it was a hot soup made of: • Protons, electrons, and helium nuclei

  - Photons and neutrinos
  - Dark matter (DM)
    - DM does not do much, except for providing a a gravitational potential because  $\rho_{DM}/\rho_{H,He}$ ~5

## Universe as a hot soup







- Free electrons can scatter photons efficiently.
- Photons cannot go very far.

## **Recombination and Decoupling**





- I 500K
- **[recombination**] When the temperature falls below 3000 K, almost all electrons are captured by protons and helium nuclei.
  - [decoupling] Photons are no longer scattered. I.e., photons and electrons are no longer coupled. 8

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



1st Stars about 400 million yrs.

**Big Bang Expansion** 

13.7 billion years

•When the Universe was 3000K (~380,000 years after the Big Bang), electrons and protons were combined to form neutral hydrogen. 9

Dark Energy Accelerated Expansion

Galaxies, Planets, etc. WMAP





#### **WMAP** Spacecraft **Radiative Cooling: No Cryogenic System**





upper omni antenna

#### COBE to WMAP (x35 better resolution)

COBE

1989

#### WMAP 2001



## 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

September 8, 2010: WMAP left L2



December 21, 2012: The final, nine-year data release

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### Galaxy-cleaned Map

**Τ**(μ**K**)

+200



-200



#### Analysis: 2-point Correlation

#### • $C(\theta) = (1/4\pi) \sum (2I+1) C_I P_I(\cos\theta)$

•How are temperatures on two points on the sky, separated by  $\theta$ , are correlated?

#### • "Power Spectrum," CI

- How much fluctuation power do we have at a given angular scale?
- I~180 degrees /  $\theta$





#### 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?





• "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.

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### With CMB, we can measure:

• Amount of protons and helium nuclei; or anything that can interact with photons

- Amount of dark matter; or anything that can contribute to gravitational potential
  - ... at the time when the universe was at 3000 K.
    - No matter is left behind!

#### Total Matter Density from z=1090 Total Energy Density from the Distance to z=1090



Dark Energy Accelerated Expansion Galaxies, Planets, etc. WMAP

#### Angular Diameter Distance to z=1090 $=H_0^{-1} \int dz / \left[\Omega_m(1+z)^3 + \Omega_{\Lambda}\right]^{1/2}$ $\frac{\partial dz}{\partial dx} energy$ 31 NASA/WMAP Science Team

#### Parameter Nine-year Fit parameters $\Omega_b h^2$ $0.02264 \pm 0.00050$ $\Omega_c h^2$ $0.1138 \pm 0.0045$ $\Omega_{\Lambda}$ $0.721 \pm 0.025$ $10^9 \Delta_{\mathcal{R}}^2$ $2.41 \pm 0.10$ $0.972 \pm 0.013$ $n_s$ $0.089 \pm 0.014$ auDerived parameters $t_0$ (Gyr) $13.74 \pm 0.11$ $H_0 (\rm km/s/Mpc)$ $70.0 \pm 2.2$ $0.821 \pm 0.023$ $\sigma_8$ $\Omega_b$ $0.0463 \pm 0.0024$ $\Omega_c$ $0.233 \pm 0.023$ $10.6 \pm 1.1$ $z_{\rm reion}$

H&He: 4.6% Dark Matter: 23.3% Dark Energy: 72.1%

Age: 13.7 billion years H<sub>0</sub>: 70 km/s/Mpc

## Composition of the Univ.





ZERO



## Origin of Fluctuations

- OK, back to the cosmic hot soup.
- The sound waves were created when we perturbed it.
- "We"? Who?
- Who actually perturbed the cosmic soup?
- Who generated the original (seed) ripples?
# Theory of the Very Early Universe

- The leading theoretical idea about the primordial Universe, called "Cosmic Inflation," predicts: (Starobinsky 1980; Sato 1981; 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**







### The Early Universe Could Have Done This Instead



### ...or, This.



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# 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.
- Measurement of  $n_s$  gives us this remarkable information!

# Stretching Micro to Macro

Macroscopic size at which gravity becomes important

### Quantum fluctuations on microscopic scales

### 45 Quantum fluctuations cease to be quantum, and become observable!

### **NFLATION!**

# Quantum Fluctuations

Heisenberg's Uncertainty Principle

- 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.

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

### (Scalar) Quantum Fluctuations $\delta \phi = (Expansion Rate)/(2\pi)$ [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<sup>-36</sup> second old
  - (Expansion Rate) ~ I/(Time)
    - which is a big number! ( $\sim 10^{12}$ GeV)
  - Quantum fluctuations were important during inflation!

# 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.

 Measured value (WMAP 9-year data only):  $n_s = 0.972 \pm 0.013$  (68%CL)





# Planck Result!



### Planck (2013)

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### Starobinsky (1979) (Tensor) Quantum Fluctuations, a.k.a. Gravitational Waves

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

[h = "strain"]

- Quantum fluctuations also generate ripples in spacetime, i.e., gravitational waves, by the same mechanism.
- Primordial gravitational waves generate temperature anisotropy in CMB.

# Gravitational waves are coming toward you...What do you do?

### Gravitational waves stretch space, causing particles to move.

## Two Polarization States of GW

### This is great - this will automatically generate quadrupolar anisotropy around electrons!

# From GW to temperature anisotropy

# Electron





# "Tensor-to-scalar Ratio," r

# r = [Power in Gravitational Waves] / [Power in Gravitational Potential]

Inflation predicts r <~ I





## Has inflation happened?

- If anyone asks you this question, your answer must always be:
  - "We don't know yet."
- Decisive evidence should come from polarization of CMB.

# **CMB** Polarization



## • CMB is (very weakly) polarized! 62

# "Stokes Parameters"

E←



Q<0; U=0





### Stokes Q



East

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# Physics of CMB Polarization



### CMB Polarization is created by a local temperature quadrupole anisotropy.

# Stacking Analysis

 Stack polarization images around temperature hot and cold spots.

 Outside of the Galaxy mask (not shown), there are **II536** hot spots and 11752 cold spots.






## Radial and Tangential Polarization Patterns around Temp. Spots

- All hot and cold spots are stacked
- "Compression phase" at θ=1.2 deg and "slow-down phase" at θ=0.6 deg are predicted to be there and we observe them!
- The 7-year overall significance level: 8σ





## • The 9-year overall significance level: 100

### Planck Collaboration I (2013) Planck Data!





- Gravitational potential can generate the Emode polarization, but not B-modes.
- Gravitational waves can generate both Eand B-modes!

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## Gravitational waves can produce **both** E- and B-mode polarization



Polarization Power Spectrum



Multipole, I

B-mode is the next holy grail!

## No detection of B-mode polarization yet.

### LiteBIRD

- Next-generation polarization-sensitive microwave experiment. Target launch date: ~2020
- Led by Prof. Masashi Hazumi (KEK); a collaboration of ~60 scientists in Japan, USA, Canada, and Germany
- We aim at detecting signatures of gravitational waves in the cosmic microwave background, down to r~0.001





## Summary

- WMAP has completed 9 years of observations
- 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
  - $n_s = 0.96$  discovered with  $> 5\sigma$
- Next Big Thing: Primordial gravitational waves