







#### COBE (1992):

• John Mather DIRBE: temperature, blackbody • George Smoot DMR: fluctuations, embryonic structure









# Cosmic Microwave Background: Some Facts

6) CMB photons Last Scattered

379,000 yrs. after Big Bang

at a redshift z=1089 (ie. expansion factor a(t)=1/1089)

7) Following the - Decoupling of Radiation and (Baryonic) Matter

- Recombination Hydrogen Atoms

(as protons and electrons combine)

8) At recombination T ~ 3000 K: the (CMB) sky would look red

Since then, gradual cooling of radiation through expansion (Universe:

- cosmic redshift photons

9) The CMB photons created at much earlier epoch !!!

Last surge: positron-electron annihilation,

1 min. after Big Bang, redshiftz~10°

# Cosmic Microwave Background

### COBE (1992):

Accurate measurement Planck spectrum CMB

First detection angular temperature perturbations  $(\theta \sim 7^{\circ})$ : Sachs-Wolfe effect









# Primordial Anisotropies CMB sky













































### Recombination & Decoupling

- Note that the decoupling transition occurs rather sudden at T~3000 K, with a "cosmic photosphere" depth of only  $\Delta z_{dec}$ ~195 (at z~1089).
- The cosmological situation is highly exceptional. (Inder more common circumstances the (re)combination transition would already have taken place at a temperature of  $T \sim 10^{4}$  K.
- Due to the enormous amount of photons in the universe, signified by the abnormally high cosmic entropy,

$$\frac{n_{\gamma}}{n_B} \approx 10^9$$

even long after the temperature dropped below T~ 10<sup>+</sup> K there are still sufficient photons to keep the hydrogen ionized (i.e. there are still plenty of photons in the Wien part of the spectrum).

• Recombination therefore proceeds via a 2-step transition, not directly to the groundstate of hydrogen. The process is therefore dictated by the rate at which  $Ly\alpha$  photons redshift out of the  $Ly\alpha$  rest wavelenght. For  $n_y / n_B \sim 10^9$  this occurs at



























# Millennium Simulation









# The Standard Model

Over the past decade we have arrived at a Standard Cosmological







# Temperature Anisotropies



Temperature Perturbations in terms of

Spherical Harmonics:

$$T(\theta, \phi) = \sum_{l,m} a_{lm} Y_l^m(\theta, \phi)$$

$$\phi \sim \frac{\pi}{l} \sim \frac{180^{\circ}}{l}$$



## **Spherical Harmonics**



http://web.uniovi.es/qcg/harmonics/harmonics.html





# CMB Power Spectrum









• Maybe..



Inflation make >10<sup>30</sup> times bigger

Quantum Mechanics "waves in a box" calculation vacuum state, etc...



After inflation Huge size, amplitude ~  $10^{-5}$ 



Characteristic scales: sound wave travel distance; diffusion damping length

# Calculation of theoretical perturbation evolution

#### Perturbations O(10<sup>-5</sup>)



Simple linearized equations are very accurate (except small scales)

Can use real or Fourier space

Fourier modes evolve independently: simple to calculate accurately

#### **Physics Ingredients**

•Thomson scattering (non-relativistic electron-photon scattering)

- tightly coupled before recombination: 'tight-coupling' approximation

(baryons follow electrons because of very strong e-m coupling)

•Background recombination physics (Saha/full multi-level calculation)

•Linearized General Relativity

•Boltzmann equation (how angular distribution function evolves with scattering)







Hu & White, Sci. Am., 290 44 (2004)

# **Perturbation Modes**

- Linear evolution
  - · Fourier k mode evolves independently
  - · Scalar, vector, tensor modes evolve independently
  - · Various linearly independent solutions

Scalar modes: Density perturbations, potential flows  $\delta \rho, \nabla \delta \rho, etc$ Vector modes: Vortical perturbations velocities, v ( $\nabla \bullet v = 0$ ) Tensor modes: Anisotropic space distortions – gravitational waves



http://www.astro.cf.ac.uk/schools/6thFC2002/GravWaves/sld009.htm

#### General regular linear primordial perturbation



+ irregular modes, neutrino n-pole modes, n-Tensor modes Rebhan and Schwarz: gr-qc/9403032

+ other possible components, e.g. defects, magnetic fields, exotic stuff...

### **CMB** Anisotropy

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\delta T}{T} \end{pmatrix}_{\text{jour}} = -\int d\Phi + \int (\dot{\Phi} + \dot{\Psi}) dt + \boldsymbol{v}_{\text{obs}} \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{n}} \\ = \Phi(t_{\text{dec}}, \boldsymbol{x}_{\text{ls}}) - \Phi(t_0, \boldsymbol{0}) + \int (\dot{\Phi} + \dot{\Psi}) dt + \boldsymbol{v}_{\text{obs}} \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{n}} \\ \stackrel{\Psi \cong \Phi}{=} \Phi(t_{\text{dec}}, \boldsymbol{x}_{\text{ls}}) - \Phi(t_0, \boldsymbol{0}) + 2\int \dot{\Phi} dt + \boldsymbol{v}_{\text{obs}} \cdot \hat{\boldsymbol{n}}$$

$$\left(\frac{\delta T}{T}\right)_{\rm obs} = \frac{1}{4}\delta_{\gamma}^{N} - \boldsymbol{v}^{N}\cdot\hat{\boldsymbol{n}} + \Phi(t_{\rm dec},\boldsymbol{x}_{\rm ls}) + 2\int \dot{\Phi}dt \,.$$

### Sources of CMB anisotropy

#### Sachs Wolfe:

Potential wells at last scattering cause redshifting as photons climb out

#### Photon density perturbations:

Over-densities of photons look hotter

#### Doppler:

Velocity of photon/baryons at last scattering gives Doppler shift

#### Integrated Sachs Wolfe:

Evolution of potential along photon line of sight: net red- or blue-shift as photon climbs in an out of varying potential wells

#### Others:

Photon quadupole/polarization at last scattering, second-order effects, etc.

#### **Secondary Anisotropies**



# CMB Perturbations


















## The Angular Power Spectrum

- The CMB angular power spectrum is the sum of many individual physical effects
  - acoustic oscillations
  - (static) variations in potential (Sachs-Wolfe Effect)
  - baryon loading of oscillations
  - photon drag and damping
  - moving scatterers (Doppler)
  - time-varying gravitational potentials (ISW)
  - delayed recombination
  - late reionization



Seeing Sound	For graphics & science see website Wayne Hu
<ul> <li>Colliding electrons, protons and photons forms a plasma</li> </ul>	
• Acts like a gas	
<ul> <li>Compressional disturbance propagates in the plasma</li> </ul>	
through collisions	
• Unlike sound in the air:	
- air molecules travel≈ 10 <sup>-5</sup> cm before colliding	
– in primordial plasma, photons travel 10 <sup>+</sup> pc	
• (Inlike sound in the air:	
~ we do not hear it but see it in the CMB	
- compression heats the gas resulting in a hot spot in the CN	1B





## Harmonic Signature

- dentify structure and composition of the Universe
  - through detailed examination of the pattern of overtones on the
  - fundamental frequency
  - much like using them for a music instrument
- Observed frequency spectrum consistent with inflationary origin:
   spectrum of cosmic sound has harmonics at integer ratios of fundamental
- Without inflation, fluctuations should have been generated at intermediate times
- This would have destroyed the harmonic structure of the peaks (like drilling holes in an organ pipe)







Fig. 3. Evolution of the combination  $\delta_{\gamma}/4 + \psi$  (top left) and the photon velocity  $v_{\gamma}$  (bottom left) which determine the temperature anisotropies produced at last scattering (denoted by the arrow at  $\eta_*$ ). Three modes are shown with wavenumbers k = 0.001, 0.1 and  $0.2 \,\mathrm{Mpc}^{-1}$ , and the initial conditions are adiabatic. The fluctuations at the time of last scattering are shown as a function of linear scale in the right-hand plot.

Challinor: astro-ph/0403344

## **Contributions to temperature C<sub>I</sub>**



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#### CMB Checklist:

#### primary predictions inflation-based cosmologies

- · acoustic oscillations below horizon scale
  - nearly harmonic series in sound horizon scale
  - signature of super-horizon fluctuations (horizon crossing starts clock)
  - even-odd peak heights baryon density controlled
  - a high third peak signature of dark matter at recombination
- nearly flat geometry
  - peak scales given by comoving distance to last scattering
- primordial plateau above horizon scale
  - signature of super-horizon potential fluctuations (Sachs-Wolfe)
  - nearly scale invariant with slight red tilt ( $n\approx 0.96$ ) and small running
- damping of small-scale fluctuations
  - baryon-photon coupling plus delayed recombination (& reionization)

#### CMB Checklist:

#### Secondary predictions inflation-based cosmologies

- late-time dark energy domination
- low <code>l ISW bump correlated with large scale structure (potentials)</code>
- late-time non-linear structure formation
- gravitational lensing of CMB
- Sunyaev-Zeldovich effect from deep potential wells (clusters)
- late-time reionization
- overall supression and tilt of primary CMB spectrum
- Doppler and ionization modulation produces small-scale anisotropies







## **Search for Anisotropies in 1980s**

- Aside from dipole, only upper limits on anisotropy
  - Sensitivity limited by microwave technology
- Best limits on small (arcminute) angular scales
  - Uson & Wilkinson 1984; Readhead et al. 1989
    - $\Delta T/T < 2 \times 10^{-5}$  on 2'-7' scales
    - requires dark matter for reasonable  $\Omega_0 > 0.2$
- Theory of CMB power spectra (e.g. Bond & Esthathiou 1987)





## **CMB Observations 1990's**

- Better receivers (e.g. HEMT) = first detections!
- COBE satellite: •
  - FIRAS (spectrum), DMR (anisotropies)
- Ground and Balloon-based •
- Hint of first peak detection! •



#### Turn of the Century: 2000-

- Balloon results (Boomerang, Maxima);
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  - Dawn of Precision Cosmology!







# the WMAP Mission

- Wilkinson Microwave Anisotropy Probe

  - proposed 1995selected by NASA 1996
  - launched June 2001
  - at L2 point (Sun and Earth shielded), scan full sky in 1 year
  - fast spin (2.2m) plus precession (1hour), scan 30% sky in 1 day



Courtesy WMAP Science Team http://map.gsfc.nasa.gov

## the WMAP Telescope

- 1.4m 1.6m Gregorian mirrors (0.3 0.7 resolution)
  - two telescopes pointed 140 apart on sky differential radiometry
  - HEMT microwave radiometers (built by NRAO), orthogonal linear polarizations
  - 5 Bands: K (23GHz), Ka (33GHz), Q (41GHz), V (61GHz), W (94GHz)



Courtesy WMAP Science Team http://map.gsfc.nasa.gov

## WMAP 1-yr data release (2003)

- Bennett et al. (2003) ApJS, 148, 1
- TT spectrum
- TE spectrum
- ILC vs. 41/61/94GHz image







## WMAP Mission to 2006

- First year data release (2003)
  - first and second peaks in TT
  - low-l anomalies & cold spots: geometry? foreground? variance?
  - first peak in TE polarization (but no EE or BB results reported)
  - confirmation of nearly flat Universe
  - consistent with scale-invarinat  $n_{s}{\approx}1,$  hint of running  $\alpha_{s}\left(w/Ly\alpha\right)$
  - − high TE < 10  $\rightarrow$   $\tau$ =0.17 early reionization (z~20)
- Third year data release (2006)
  - rise to third peak (hint of lower  $\sigma_8$  ~ 0.7)
  - better models for galactic (polarized) foregrounds!!!
  - EE & BB : lower  $\tau$ =0.09 standard reionization (z<10)
  - $n_{s\approx}0.95~0.02,$  no hint of running  $\alpha_s$  in WMAP alone



WMAP 3yr internal linear combination (ILC) temperature map (CMB -200 to 200  $\mu$ K)



## **WMAP 3 - synchrotron**



WMAP 3-yr 23 GHz synchrotron map (galaxy)

(linear scale: -1 to 5 mK)

## WMAP 3 – free-fee



WMAP 3-yr 23 GHz free-free map (galaxy)

(linear scale: -1.0 to 4.7 mK)

## WMAP 3 - dust



WMAP 3-yr 94 GHz dust map (galaxy)

(linear scale: -0.5 to 2.3 mK)



#### Galactic microwave map for orientation

## WMAP3 - masks

- To compute power spectrum and determine cosmological parameter constraints the WMAP team used <u>galactic masks</u>
  - top panel
    - the Kp2 mask was used for temperature data analysis. This was derived from the K-band (23GHz) total intensity image.
  - bottom panel –
  - the P06 (black curve) was used for polarization analysis. The mask was derived from the Kband (23GHz) polarized <sup>114</sup>intensity.



## WMAP 3 & additional experiments



WMAP 3 – TE power spectrum



WMAP 3yr TE power spectrum (Hinshaw et al. 2006)



# WMAP 3 Cosmological Parameters

			$10^2\Omega_b h^2$	=	$2.23^{+0.07}_{-0.09}$
			A	=	$0.68\substack{+0.04\\-0.06}$
$\Omega_{c}$	_	$0.20^{+0.02}$	$A_{0.002}$	=	$0.80\substack{+0.04 \\ -0.05}$
$\Omega_c h^2$	=	$0.104^{+0.007}_{-0.010}$	$\Delta^2_{\mathcal{R}}$	=	$(20^{+1}_{-2}) \times 10^{-10}$
$\Omega_{\Lambda}$	=	$0.76^{+0.04}_{-0.03}$	$\Delta_{\mathcal{R}}^2(k=0.002/Mpc)$	=	$(24^{+1}_{-2}) \times 10^{-10}$
$\Omega_m$	=	$0.24^{+0.03}_{-0.04}$	h	=	$0.73_{-0.04}^{+0.03}$
$\Omega_m h^2$	=	$0.127^{+0.007}_{-0.009}$	$H_0$	=	$73^{+3}_{-4} \text{ km/s/Mpc}$
$\sigma_8$	=	$0.74^{+0.05}_{-0.06}$	$\ell_A$	=	$302.6^{+0.9}_{-1.4}$
$\sigma_8 \Omega_m^{0.6}$	=	$0.31^{+0.04}_{-0.05}$	$n_s$	=	$0.951\substack{+0.015\\-0.019}$
$A_{\rm SZ}$	=	$0.99^{+0.92}_{-0.99}$	$n_s(0.002)$	=	$0.951^{+0.015}_{-0.025}$
$t_0$	=	$13.7^{+0.1}_{-0.2}$ Gyr	$\Omega_b$	=	$0.042^{+0.003}_{-0.005}$
τ	=	$0.088^{+0.028}_{-0.034}$	$\Omega_b h^2$	=	$0.0223^{+0.0007}_{-0.0009}$
$ heta_A$	=	$0.595 \pm 0.002$ $^{\circ}$			
$z_{eq}$	=	$3036^{+168}_{-250}$			
~		$10.9^{+2.7}$			



#### The Cosmic Background Imager is...

- 13 90-cm Cassegrain antennas
  - 78 baselines
  - 6-meter platform
    - Baselines 1m 5.51m
    - reconfigurable
- 10 1 GHz channels 26-36 GHz
  - HEMT amplifiers (NRAO)
  - Tnoise 8K, Tsys 15 K
- Single polarization (R or L)
  - U. Chicago polarizers < 2% leakage
- Analog correlators
  - 780 complex correlators
  - pol. product RR, LL, RL, or LR
- Field-of-view 44 arcmin
  - Image noise 4 mJy/bm 900s
- Resolution 4.5 10 arcmin



#### **CBI** Temperature Observations

Observed January 2000 to June 2002
 – extended configuration, reach higher l



### **CBI Polarization Program**

Observed September 2002 to April 2005
 – compact configuration, maximum sensitivity



## CBI 2000-2005 Temperature



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also including new Boomerang (B03), plus VSA and ACBAR





## What can we learn from the CMB?

- Initial conditions
   What types of perturbations, power spectra, distribution function (Gaussian?);
   => learn about inflation or alternatives.
   (distribution of ΔT; power as function of scale; polarization and correlation)
- What and how much stuff Matter densities (Ω<sub>b</sub>, Ω<sub>cdm</sub>); neutrino mass (details of peak shapes, amount of small scale damping)
- Geometry and topology global curvature  $\Omega_{k}$  of universe; topology (angular size of perturbations; repeated patterns in the sky)
- Evolution
   Expansion rate as function of time; reionization
   Hubble constant H<sub>0</sub> dark energy evolution w = pressure/density
   (angular size of perturbations; / < 50 large scale power; polarizationr)</p>
- Astrophysics S-Z effect (clusters), foregrounds, etc.

# Cosmological Parameters



# osmíc Parameters



The WMAP CMB temperature power spectrum



#### Plot number density of samples as function of parameters Often better constraint by combining with other data

e.g. CMB+galaxy lensing +BBN prior



Contaldi, Hoekstra, Lewis: astro-ph/0302435





## **CMB** Acoustic Peaks

Compression driven by gravity, resisted by radiation
 ≈ seismic waves in the cosmic photosphere: cos(kc<sub>s</sub>η)



# Modulating Influences

#### • Silk Damping:

- photons diffuse out of matter perturbations
- fluctuations with size < photon free-streaming length get suppressed
- harmonic structure beyond third peak seriously damped
- Integrated Sachs-Wolfe effect:
  - damping/boosting temperature fluctuations due to
  - decay/growth potential perturbations:
  - \* Early ISW: while still radiation-dominated, potential DM fluct's grow less, suppression of temp. fluct.
  - \* Late ISW: as Dark Energy takes over universe, potential wells decay (due to accelerated expansion)





If we choose to follow a crest (overdensity) after horizon entry, the first acoustic peak is its first compression...





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## **Peaks and Curvature**



### Changing distance to z = 1100 shifts peak pattern

- Location and height of acoustic peaks
  - determine values of cosmological parameters
- Relevant parameters
  - <u>curvature of Universe (e.g.</u> <u>open, flat, closed)</u>
  - dark energy (e.g. cosmological constant)
  - amount of baryons (e.g. electrons & nucleons)
  - amount of matter (e.g. dark matter)


















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#### **Peaks and Baryons**



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It is the nonbaryonic Matter that is responsible for the existence of Structure in the Universe !!!

If it had not been there: no substantial structure









#### **Peaks and Matter**



#### Changing dark matter density also changes peaks...

- Location and height of acoustic peaks
  - determine values of cosmological parameters
- Relevant parameters
  - curvature of Universe (e.g. open, flat, closed)
  - dark energy (e.g. cosmological constant)
  - amount of baryons (e.g. electrons & nucleons)
  - <u>amount of matter (e.g. dark</u> <u>matter)</u>







#### **Peaks and Lambda**



Changing dark energy (at fixed curvature) only slight change.

- Location and height of acoustic peaks
  - determine values of cosmological parameters
- Relevant parameters
  - curvature of Universe (e.g. open, flat, closed)
  - <u>dark energy (e.g. cosmological</u> <u>constant)</u>
  - amount of baryons (e.g. electrons & nucleons)
  - amount of matter (e.g. dark matter)

# Dark Energy: CMB





#### The CMB after Last Scattering



Secondary Anisotropies from propagation and late-time effects

## **Gravitational Secondaries**

 Due to CMB photons passing through potential fluctuations (spatial and temporal)

#### Includes:

- Early ISW (decay, matter-radiation transition at last scattering) Late ISW
- (decay, in open or lambda model) Rees-Sciama
- (growth, non-linear structures)
- Tensors (gravity waves)
- Lensing (spatial distortions)



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## Weak lensing of the CMB







## **Scattering Secondaries**

Due to variations in:

- Density
  - Linear = Vishniac effect
  - Clusters = thermal
  - Sunyaev-Zeldovich effect
- Velocity (Doppler)
   Clusters = kinetic SZE
- Ionization fraction
  - Coherent reionization suppression
  - "Patchy" reionization



### **Ostriker-Vishniac Effect**

- Reionization + Structure
  - Linear regime
  - Second order (not cancelled)
  - Reionization supresses large angle fluctuations but generates small angle anisotropies



## **Reionization**

Late reionization reprocesses CMB photons

- Suppression of primary temperature anisotropies
  - $\operatorname{as} \exp(-\tau)$
  - degenerate with amplitude and tilt of spectrum
- Enhancement of polarization
  - low & modes E & B increased
- Second-order conversion of T into secondary anisotropy
  - not shown here
  - velocity modulated effects
  - high { modes

## **Patchy Reionization**





### **Sunyaev-Zel'dovich Effect**

- · Compton upscattering of CMB photons by keV electrons
- · decrement in I below CMB thermal peak (increment above)
- negative extended sources (absorption against 3K CMB)
- massive clusters mK, but shallow profile  $\theta^{\text{-1}} \to \text{-exp}(\text{-v})$



### SZE vs. X-rays

gas density profiles:	$n_e(r) = n_{e0} \left( 1 + rac{r^2}{r_0^2}  ight)^{-3eta/2}$
X-ray surface brightness:	$b_X(E) = \frac{1}{4\pi(1+z)^3} \int n_e^2(r) \Lambda(E, T_e)  dl$
SZE surface brightness:	$\Delta I_{ m SZE} \propto T_e \int n_e  dl$
exploit different dependence on parameters:	
• use X-ray:	$b_X \propto n_{e0}^2  heta_0 D_A \left(1+rac{ heta^2}{ heta_0^2} ight)^{-3eta+1/2}$
	$D_A \sim h^{-1} n_{e0} \sim h^{1/2}$
plug into SZE:	$\Delta I_{ m SZE} \propto T_e n_{e0}  heta_0 D_A \left(1+rac{ heta^2}{ heta_0^2} ight)^{-rac{3}{2}eta+rac{1}{2}}$
	$\Delta I_{SZE} \sim h^{-1/2}$

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#### Sample from 60 OVRO/BIMA imaged clusters, 0.07 < z < 1.03

### **Sunyaev-Zeldovich Effect** (SZE)

- Spectral distortion of CMB ٠
- Dominated by massive halos • (galaxy clusters)
- Low-z clusters: ~ 20'-30' • z=1:~1'→ •
- expected dominant signal in CMB on small angular scales
- Amplitude highly sensitive to  $\sigma_8$ •





P. Zhang, U. Pen, & B. Wang (astro-ph/0201375)

### Secondary Effects

- Sunyaev-Zel'dovich Effect
- Gravitational Lensing CMB
  - Reionization: polarization
- Integrated Sachs-Wolfe Effect
  - •Rees-Sciama Effect
    - •Vishniac Effect •....



#### Why measure CMB Polarization?

- scalar, vector & tensor fields carry more information than the temperature anisotropies alone.
- gives us more information about the acoustic peaks
- → measure cosmo parameters better



- measure the reionization epoch, which produces a large degeneracy in the Temp spectrum
- measure gravity wave amplitude... the smoking gun of inflationary models.

#### **CMB** Polarization

Generated during last scattering (and reionization) by Thomson scattering of anisotropic photon distribution



#### **Thomson Scattering & Polarization**

 Incoming polarized light emerges polarized.
 (a) Radiation primarily scattered along this axis
 (b) Radiation primarily scattered along this axis
 (c) Radiation primarily scattered along this axis

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- A plane wave undergoing Thomson scattering produces polarized light too.
- but if equal amounts of light coming from all directions, there is no net polarization.



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#### **E** and **B** polarization





### **E and B harmonics**

- Expand scalar  $P_E$  and  $P_B$  in spherical harmonics
- Expand P<sub>ab</sub> in tensor spherical harmonics

$$\mathcal{P}_{ab} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{lm} \left( E_{lm} Y^G_{(lm)ab} + B_{lm} Y^C_{(lm)ab} \right)$$
$$E_{lm} = \sqrt{2} \int_{4\pi} dS Y^G_{(lm)} \mathcal{P}_{ab} \qquad B_{lm} = \sqrt{2} \int_{4\pi} dS Y^G_{(lm)} \mathcal{P}_{ab}$$

Harmonics are orthogonal over the full sky:

E/B decomposition is exact and lossless on the full sky

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#### **CMB** Polarization Signals

- · E polarization from scalar, vector and tensor modes
- B polarization only from vector and tensor modes (curl grad = 0) + non-linear scalars

Average over possible realizations (statistically isotropic):

$$\langle E_{l'm'}^* E_{lm} \rangle = \delta_{l'l} \delta_{m'm} C_l^{EE} \qquad \langle B_{l'm'}^* B_{lm} \rangle = \delta_{l'l} \delta_{m'm} C_l^{BE}$$
Parity symmetric ensemble:  $\langle E_{l'm'}^* B_{lm} \rangle = 0$ 

Power spectra contain all the useful information if the field is Gaussian

#### Scalar adiabatic mode



E polarization only

correlation to temperature T-E





