

# What is the distance to the CMB?

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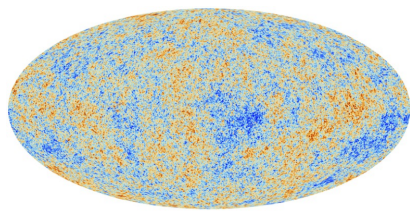
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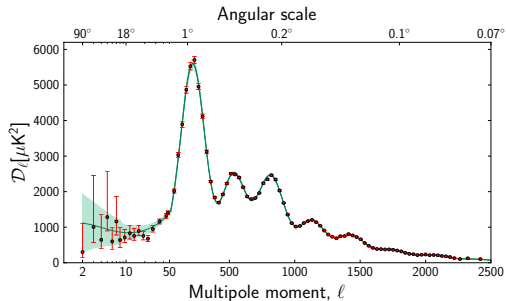
CMB sky as seen by Planck

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$$D_{\ell} = \ell(\ell + 1) C_{\ell} / (2\pi)$$

The Planck Collaboration:  
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Why are these quantities so well determined by the CMB?

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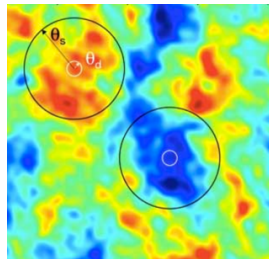
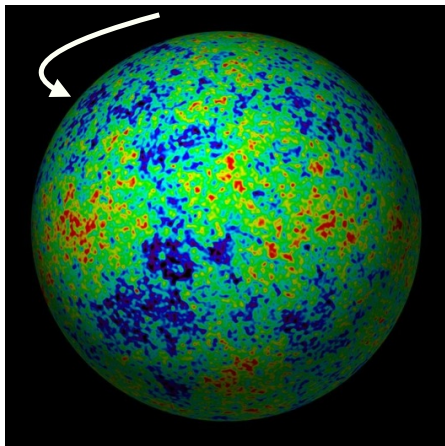
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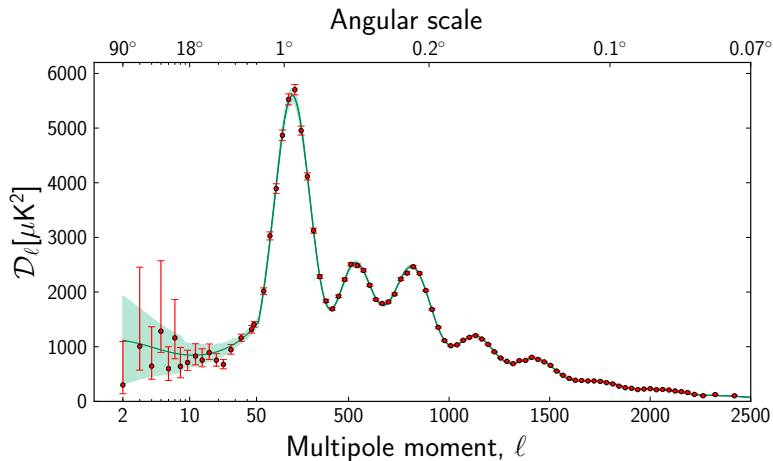
proper area  $A \equiv 4\pi D_{\text{CMB}}^2 = \int_{4\pi} d_A^2(z, \theta) d\Omega$



sound horizon scale  
determined by

$$r_s = \theta_s D_{\text{CMB}} > \theta_s \bar{D}$$

# Acoustic peaks in the CMB



In the flat sky approximation  $\ell = kd_A$ .

The spectrum strongly depends on:  $n_s$ ,  $\Delta_{\mathcal{R}}$ ,  $\omega_b = \Omega_b h^2$ ,  $\omega_m = \Omega_m h^2$ ,  $d_A$ .

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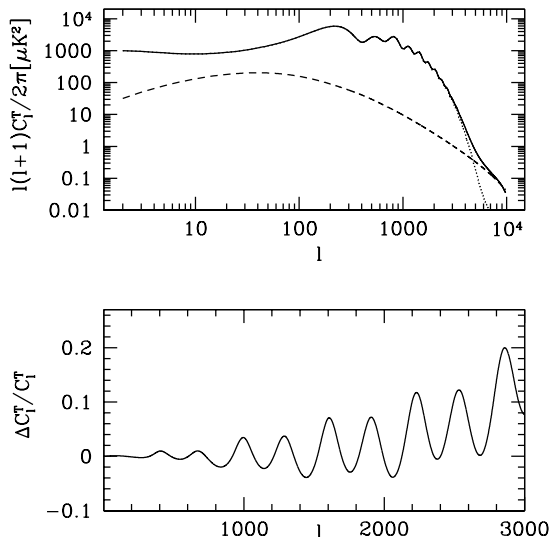
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$$\frac{\partial d_A(z_s)}{\partial h} \simeq -5 \frac{d_A(z_s)}{h}$$

for standard Planck values. Hence a 1% error in  $d_A$  leads to a 5% error in  $h$ !

# Lensing of the CMB



(Figure from RD, 'The Cosmic Microwave Background', 2008)

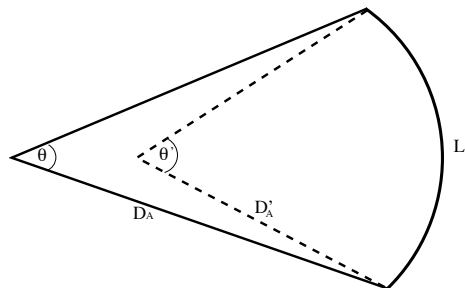
It is well known that lensing by foreground structure affects the CMB. This is taken into account by including lensing deflection,

$$\delta \mathbf{n} = \nabla \psi$$

i.e. 1st order lensing.

# Fluctuations of the CMB and cosmological parameters: the distance to the CMB II

The **acoustic oscillations** of density fluctuations in the relativistic plasma begin in a minimum at the end of inflation. At the moment of decoupling they are  $\propto -\cos(c_s k t_{\text{dec}})$ . The fluctuations with wavelength  $2r_s = 2\pi/k_s = 2c_s t_{\text{dec}}$  have performed exactly one-half oscillation.

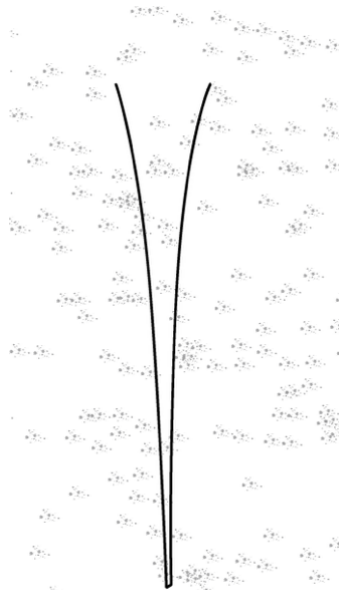


The angle under which the size  $L = r_s$  is seen today, depends on the distance of the last scattering surface,  $d_A(z_s) = t_0 - t_{\text{dec}}$ .  $\theta_s = r_s/d_A(z_s)$ . The angle corresponds to the harmonic  $\ell \simeq \pi/\theta_s$ .

Within the flat sky approximation a change,  $d_A \rightarrow d'_A$  changes the CMB power spectrum like (M. Vonlanthen, S. Räsanen and RD, arXiv:1003.0810)

$$C'_\ell = \left( \frac{d'_A}{d_A} \right)^2 C_{\frac{d'_A}{d_A} \ell}$$

# Aggregated lensing



On average 0-geodesics diverge due to the matter outside the beam.

This renders angles smaller  $\theta$  ↘  
and distances  $d_A = L/\theta$  ↗

On average structure mimics negative curvature.

The Friedmann formula

$$(1+z)d_A(z) = \int_0^z H(z)^{-1} dz = \frac{h}{H_0} \int_0^z \frac{1}{\sqrt{\omega_m(1+z)^3 + \omega_K(1+z)^2 + \omega_x(z)}} dz$$

is strictly valid only in an unperturbed Friedmann universe.

Once matter clusters this formula becomes perturbed,

$$d_A(z) \rightarrow d'_A(z) = d_A(1 + \langle \Delta(z) \rangle).$$

We take the expectation value to get a direction independent mean value of this change.

Let us assume we can perturb  $d_A$  in the form  $(\chi(z) = t_0 - t(z))$ ,

$$d_A(z, \mathbf{n}) = \frac{1}{1+z} \left[ \chi(z) + d_A^{(1)}(z, \mathbf{n}) + \frac{1}{2} d_A^{(2)}(z, \mathbf{n}) + \dots \right]$$

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Taking expectation values on both sides yields

$$\langle d_A^{(2)} \rangle = 3 \frac{\langle (d_A^{(1)})^2 \rangle}{\chi}.$$

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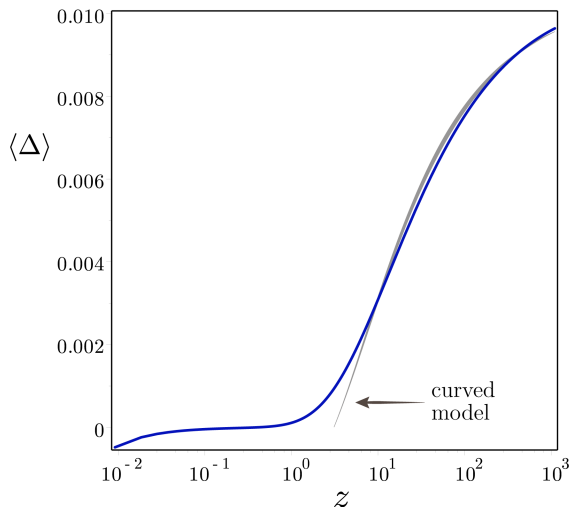
$d_A^{(1)}$  has been calculated in linear perturbation theory  
(see, e.g. [C. Bonvin, RD, A. Gasparini, arXiv:astro-ph/0511183](#)).  
The dominant term for large redshifts is the lensing term given by

$$\frac{d_A^{(1)}}{\bar{d}_A}(z, \mathbf{n}) = \int_0^{\chi(z)} \frac{d\chi}{\chi} \frac{\chi(z) - \chi}{\chi(z)} \Delta_2 \Phi(t(\chi), \mathbf{n}\chi).$$

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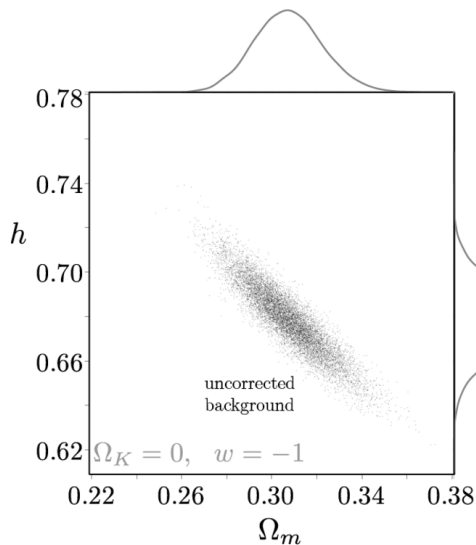
$$\Delta = \frac{3}{2} \left\langle \left( \frac{d_A^{(1)}}{\chi(z)} \right)^2 \right\rangle = 6\pi \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{\ell(\ell+1)}{2\ell+1} \right]^2 \int_0^{\chi(z)} \frac{d\chi}{\chi} \frac{(\chi(z) - \chi)^2}{\chi(z)^2} \mathcal{P}_\Phi \Big|_{k=(\ell+1/2)/\chi}$$
$$\propto (k_{\text{eq}}\chi(z))^3.$$

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( $\Lambda$ CDM with  $\omega_m = 0.14$ ,  $h = 0.68$ ,  $\omega_b = 0.0222$  and  $n_s = 0.96$ ).  
Open fit:  $\Omega_K = 0.0066$ .

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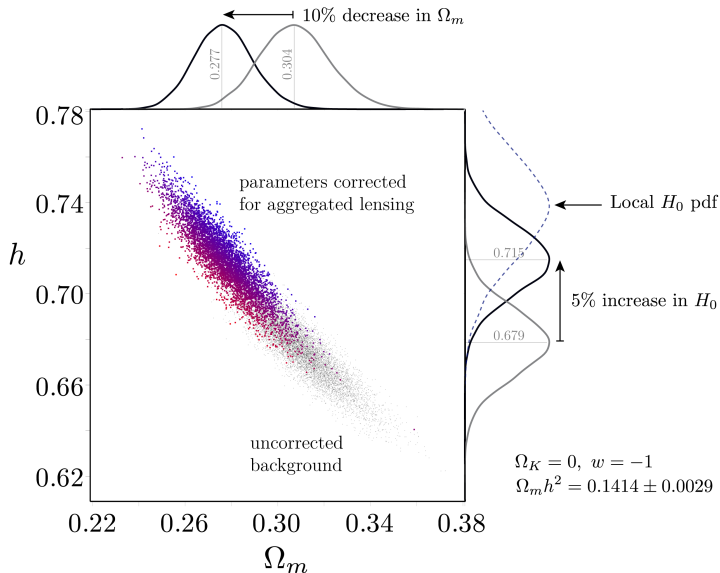
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Lens map:

$$D : (\theta, \varphi) \mapsto \mathbf{x} \quad (D_{ab}) = \lambda \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \kappa - \gamma_1 & -\gamma_2 \\ -\gamma_2 & 1 - \kappa + \gamma_1 \end{pmatrix},$$

$\kappa = \text{convergence}$ ,  $\gamma = \gamma_1 + i\gamma_2 = \text{complex shear}$ .



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We want to determine the 2nd order part of this quantity.

For this we subtract the 0th and 1st order. But to subtract the 1st order we have to evaluate both sides at the same position. To 2nd order this does make a difference.

$$d_A(\mathcal{S}) = \chi \left[ 1 + \frac{d_A^{(1)}(\mathcal{S})}{\chi} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d_A^{(2)}(\mathcal{S})}{\chi} \right]$$

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(To first order  $(\partial_a \delta X^a) = -2\kappa^{(1)}$ .) With the first order identity

$$-\kappa^{(1)}(S) = \frac{\delta d_A(S)}{\chi}$$

we finally obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d_A^{(2)}(S)}{\chi} &= 3(\kappa^{(1)})^2(\bar{S}) + \text{total divergence} \\ &= 3\frac{(d_A^{(1)})^2}{\chi^2} + \text{total divergence.}\end{aligned}$$