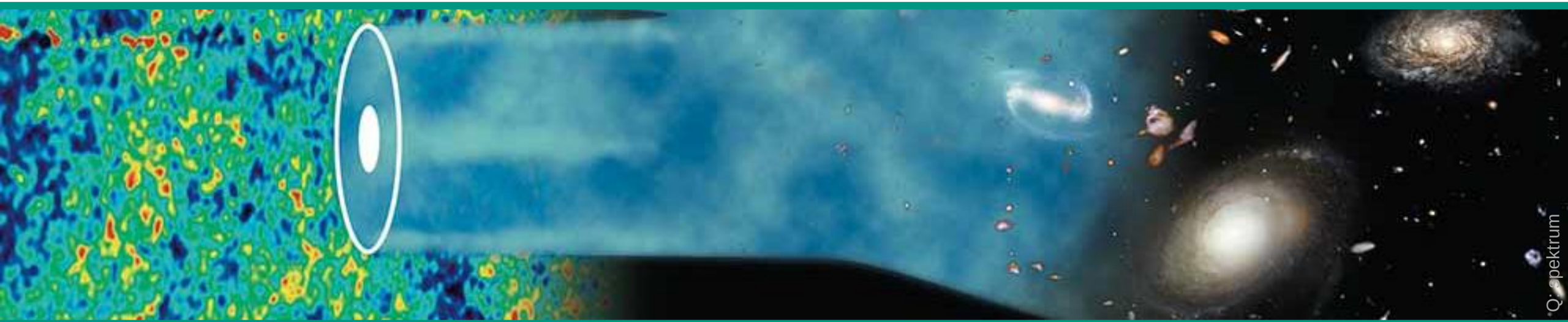


Introduction to Cosmology

Winter term 23/24 Lecture 10

Jan. 9, 2024



Cosmology 2024

- Outlook: **2 Postdocs*** at *MPA* riding cosmic waves of *CMB* in the early universe to study the parameters Ω_i

2024



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[Riding the Cosmic Waves -
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Recap of Lecture 9

■ *CMB* – multipole expansion: a **unique tool for cosmology**

- foreground: **thermal** (dust) / **non–thermal** (synchrotron, free–free scattering)
- *BOOMERanG*, *WMAP* –mission to *L2* – point: **high–resolution *CMB* maps**
- angular correlation function $C(\theta)$ for $\Delta T/T$: expansion in **multipoles ℓ**
- **power spectrum**: $(\Delta T)^2 = \ell \cdot (\ell + 1) \cdot C_\ell / 2\pi$
- **large** angles: flat **Harrison Zel’dovich** spectrum (zero–point ***QM*** fluctuations)
- **small** angles: ***BAO*** – **Baryon Acoustic Oscillations** (***DM*** signature), today

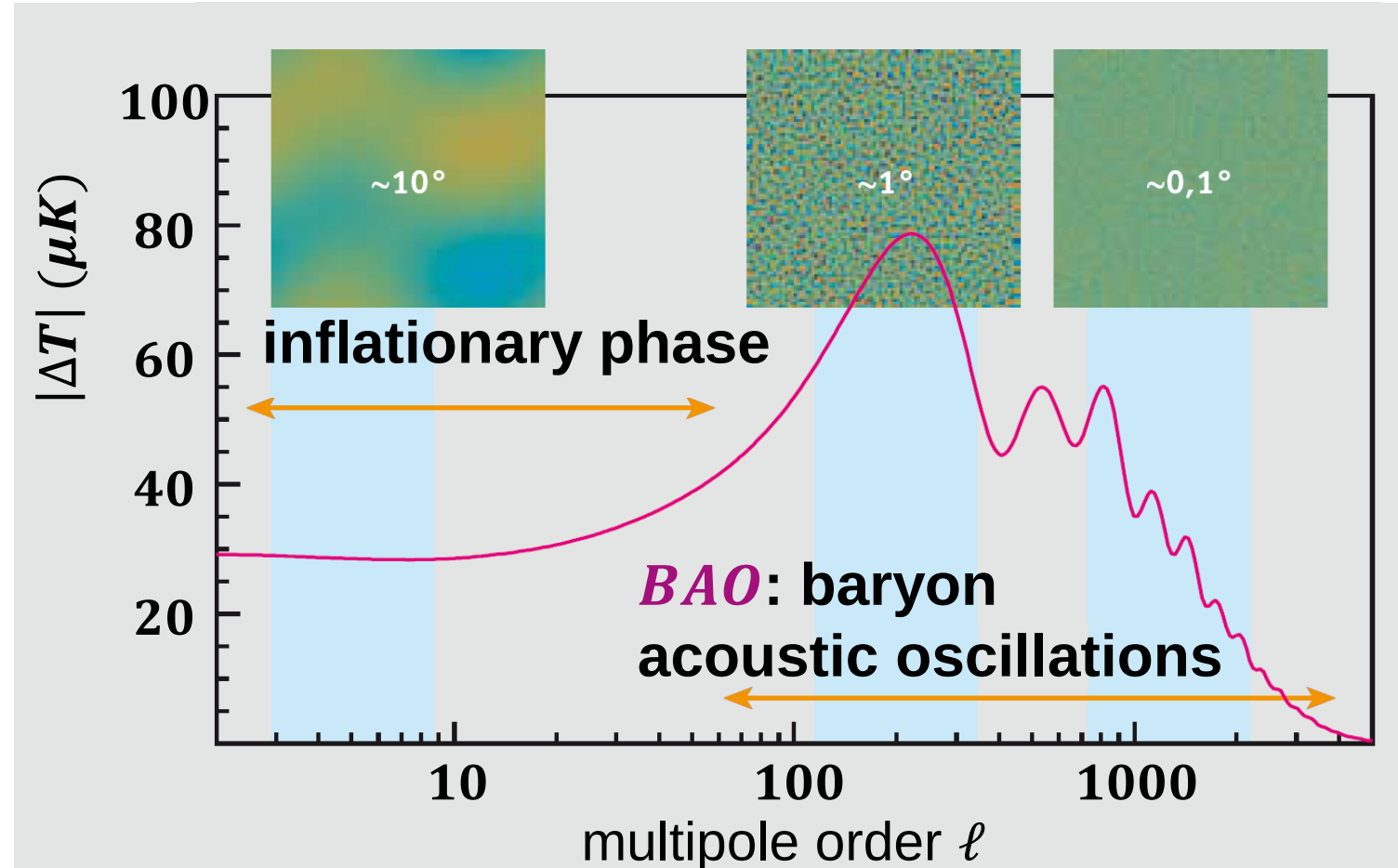
Outlook: from scale invariance to *BAOs*

■ *CMB* multipole spectrum: study physics of the **early universe** $t < 378.000 \text{ yr}$

- **large scales**: fluctuations are frozen (*QM in the sky*)
- **small scales**: modification due to gravity & **acoustic sound waves** in the plasma



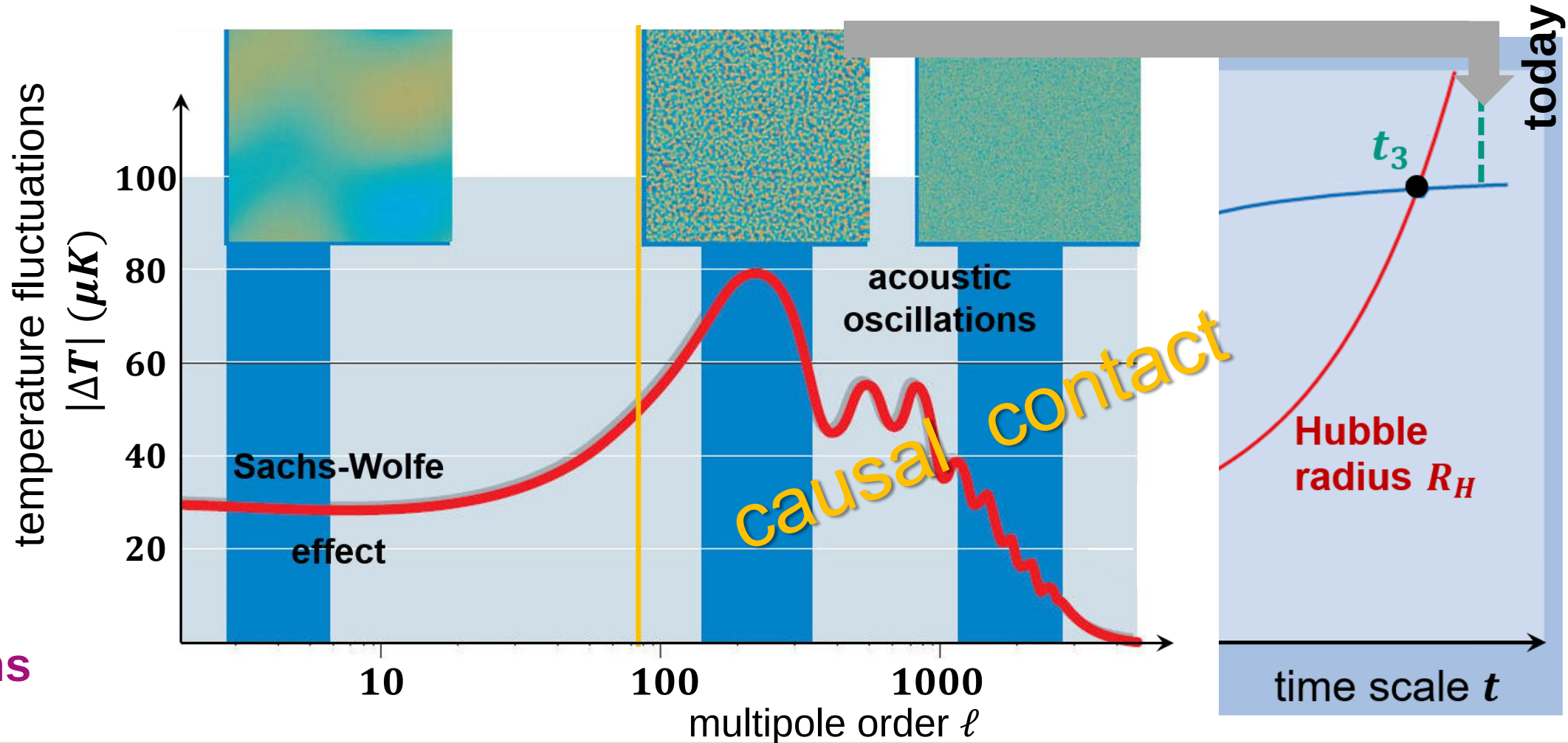
- **BAOs**: a perfect tool to measure **baryon density** Ω_B & **dark matter density** Ω_{DM}



Entire *CMB* spectrum up to large multipoles ℓ

■ On smaller scales, the initial density perturbations have been modified

- small scales:
we see *CMB* –
modes
modified
due to
different
causal
interactions



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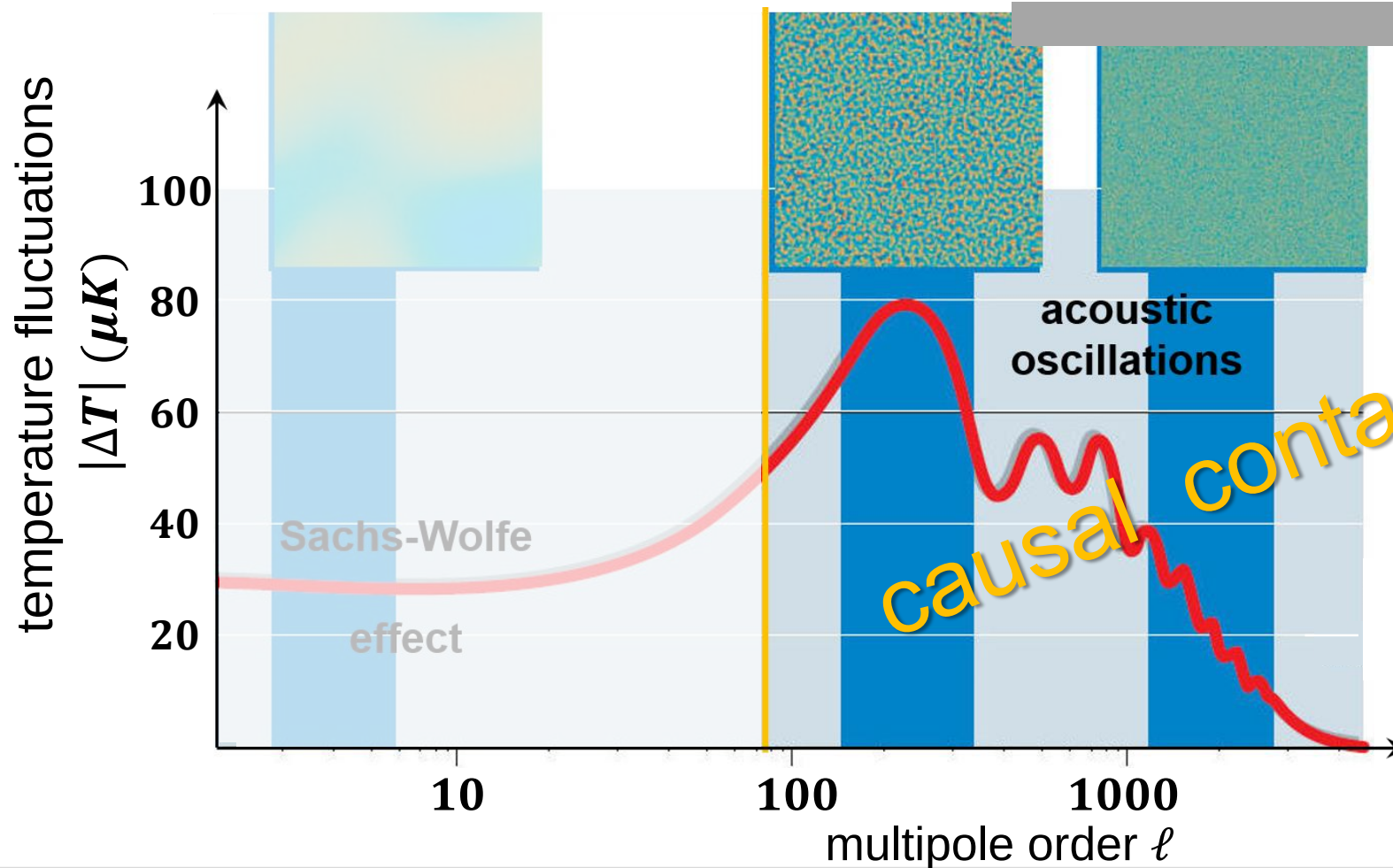
■ On smaller scales, the **initial density perturbations have been amplified**

- a model yielding a **harmonic oscillator**:

gravity



radiation pressure



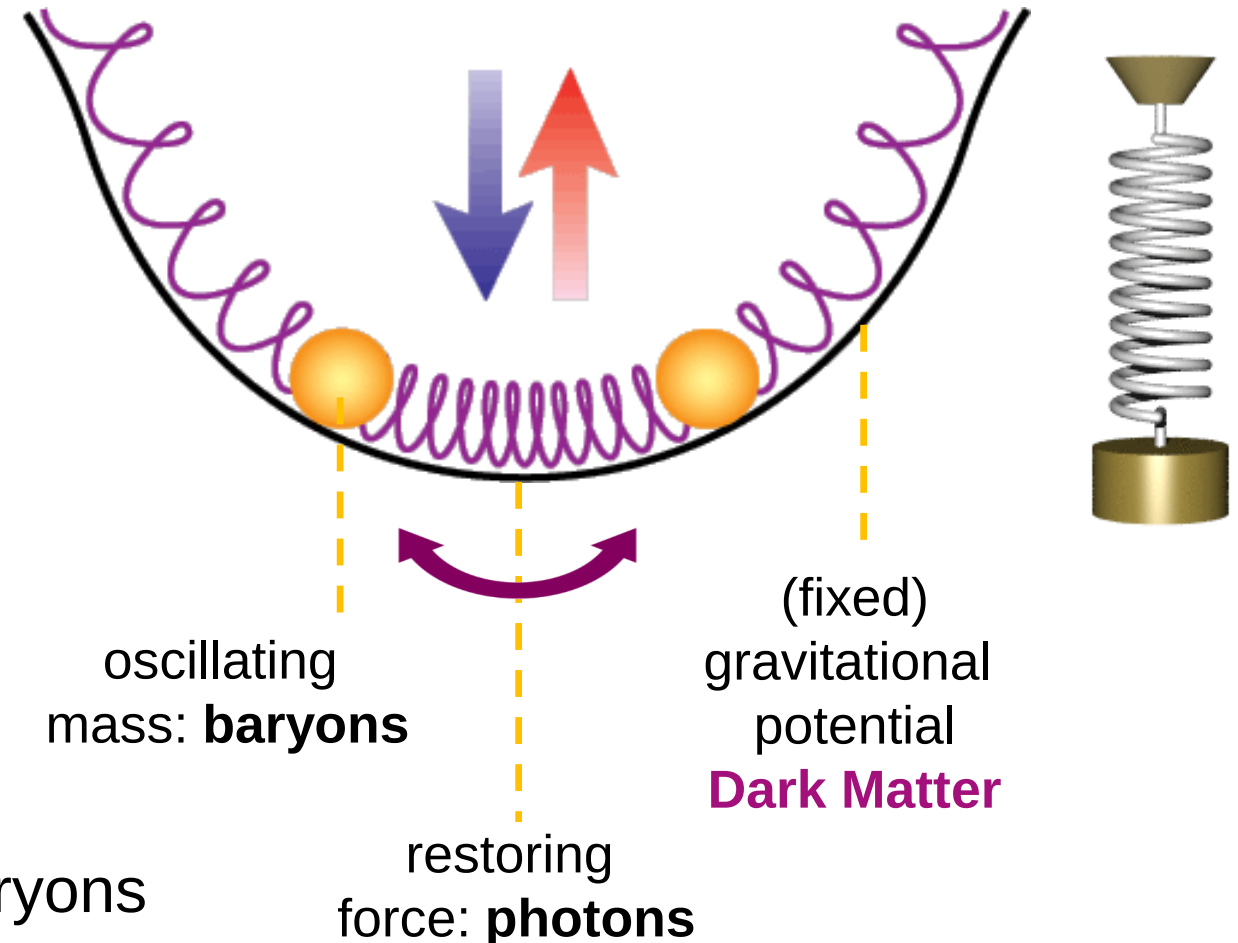
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■ modification is due to **close coupling of baryonic matter with radiation**

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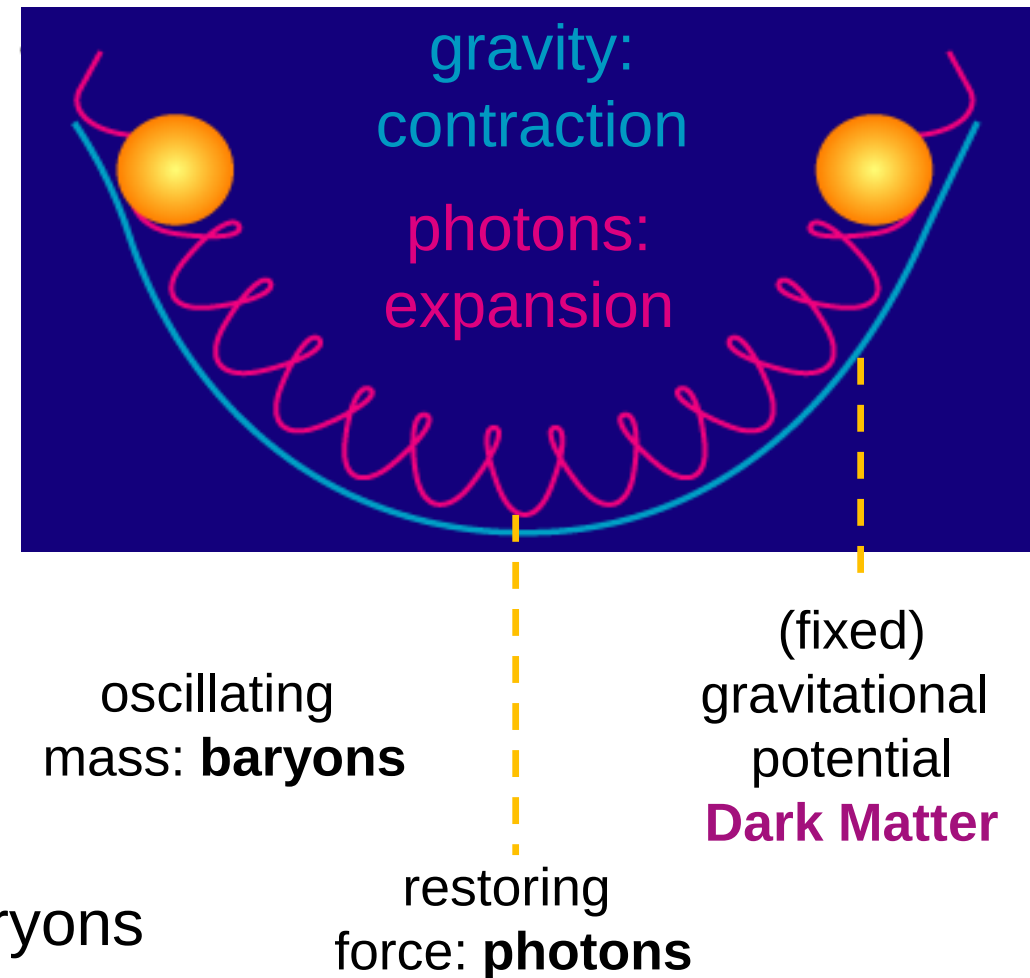
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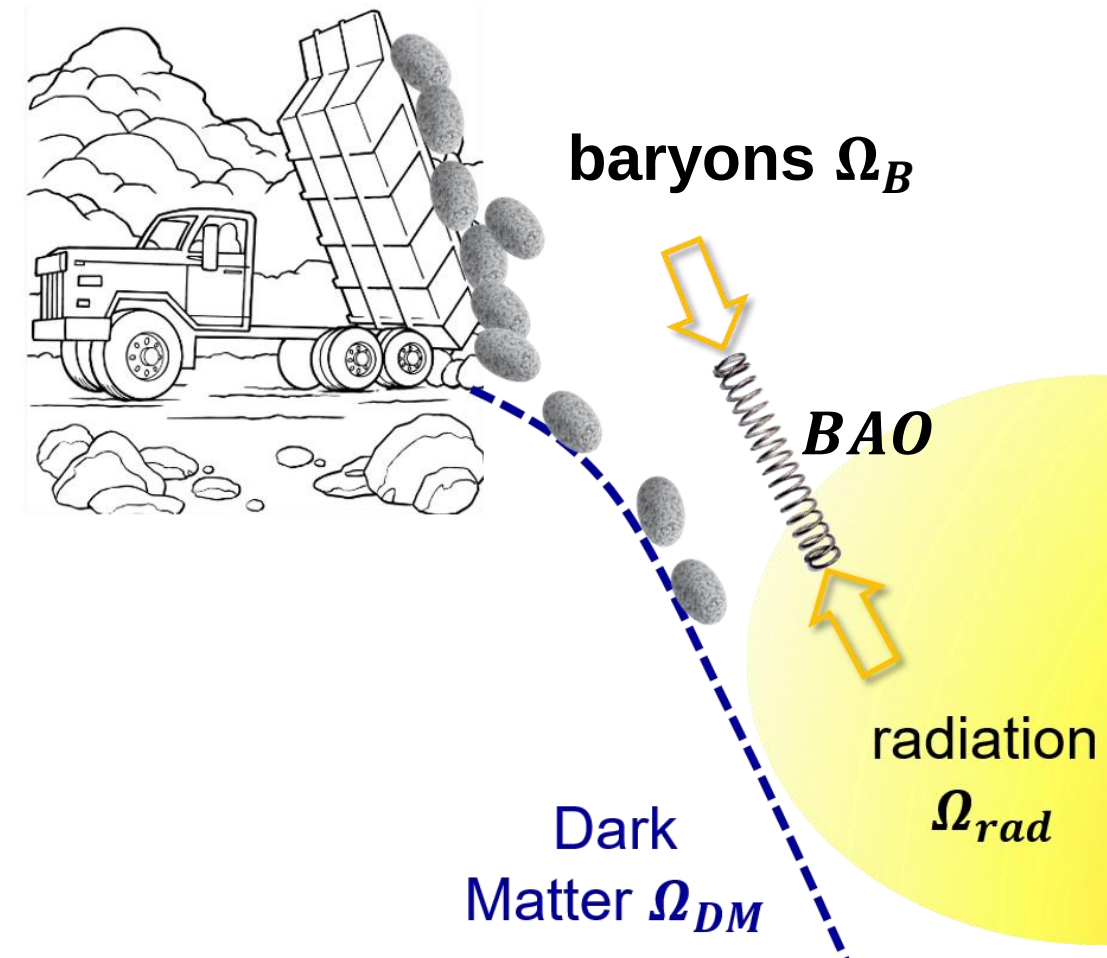
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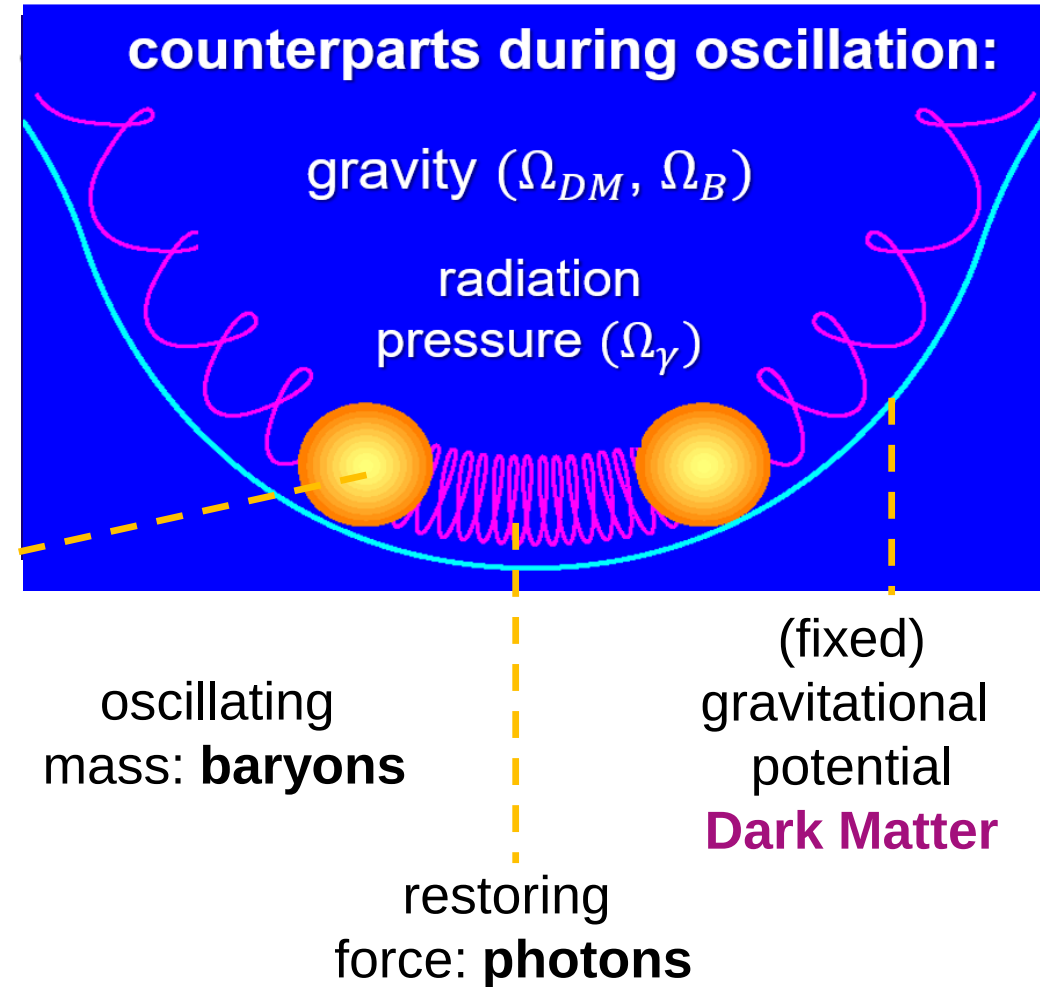
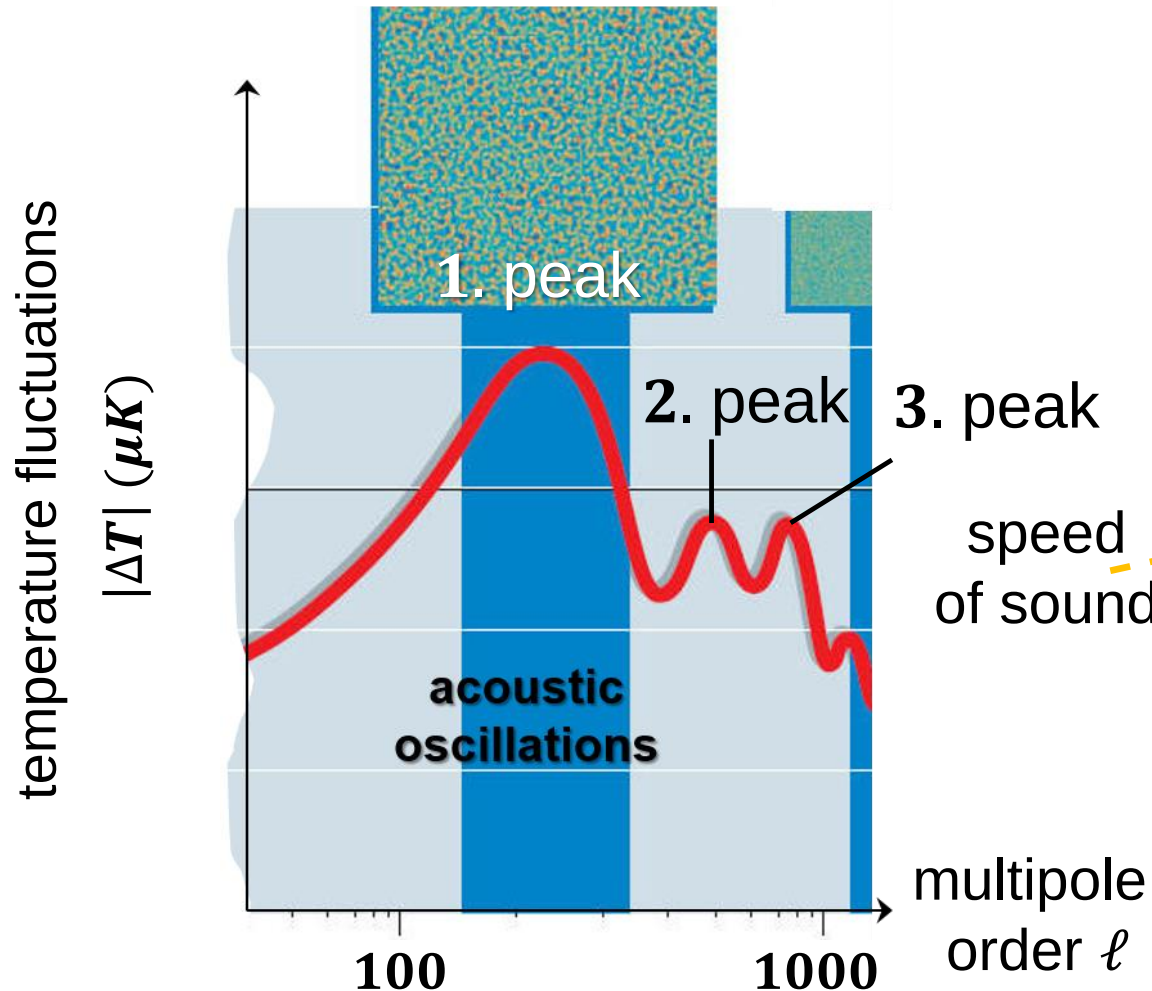
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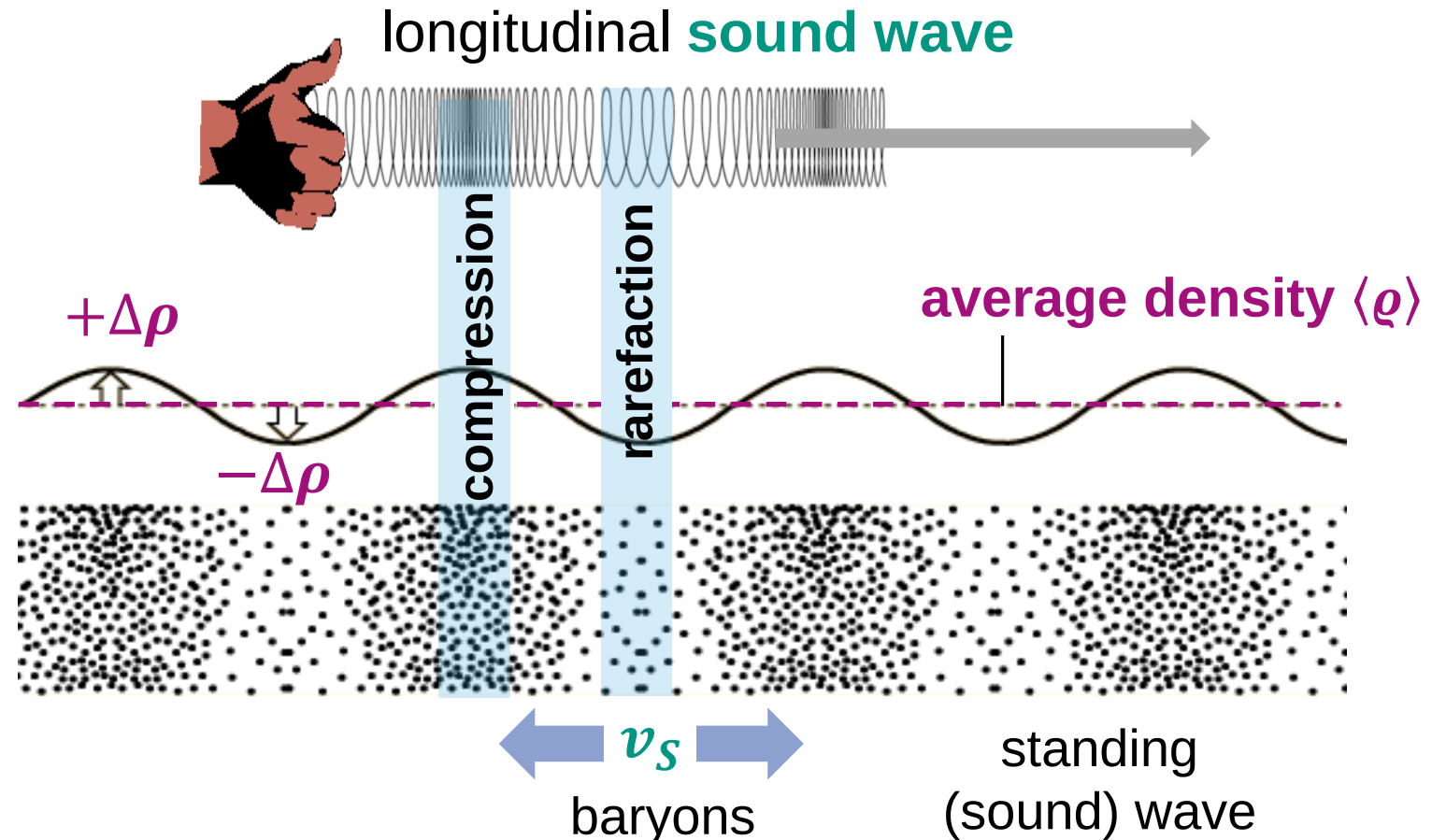
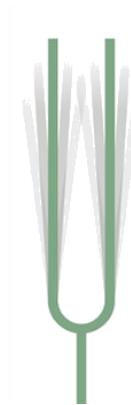
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BAO – acoustic waves in the early universe

■ John Peebles: standing acoustic waves in the early primordial plasma

- *BAOs* are based on well-established physics: **standing acoustic waves**
- important parameter: the **speed of sound v_s**



Recap*: speed of sound v_s during phase transition

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■ Phase transition from plasma to neutral matter: **change of speed of sound**

- speed of sound v_s before (plasma) & after (neutral atoms) recombination:

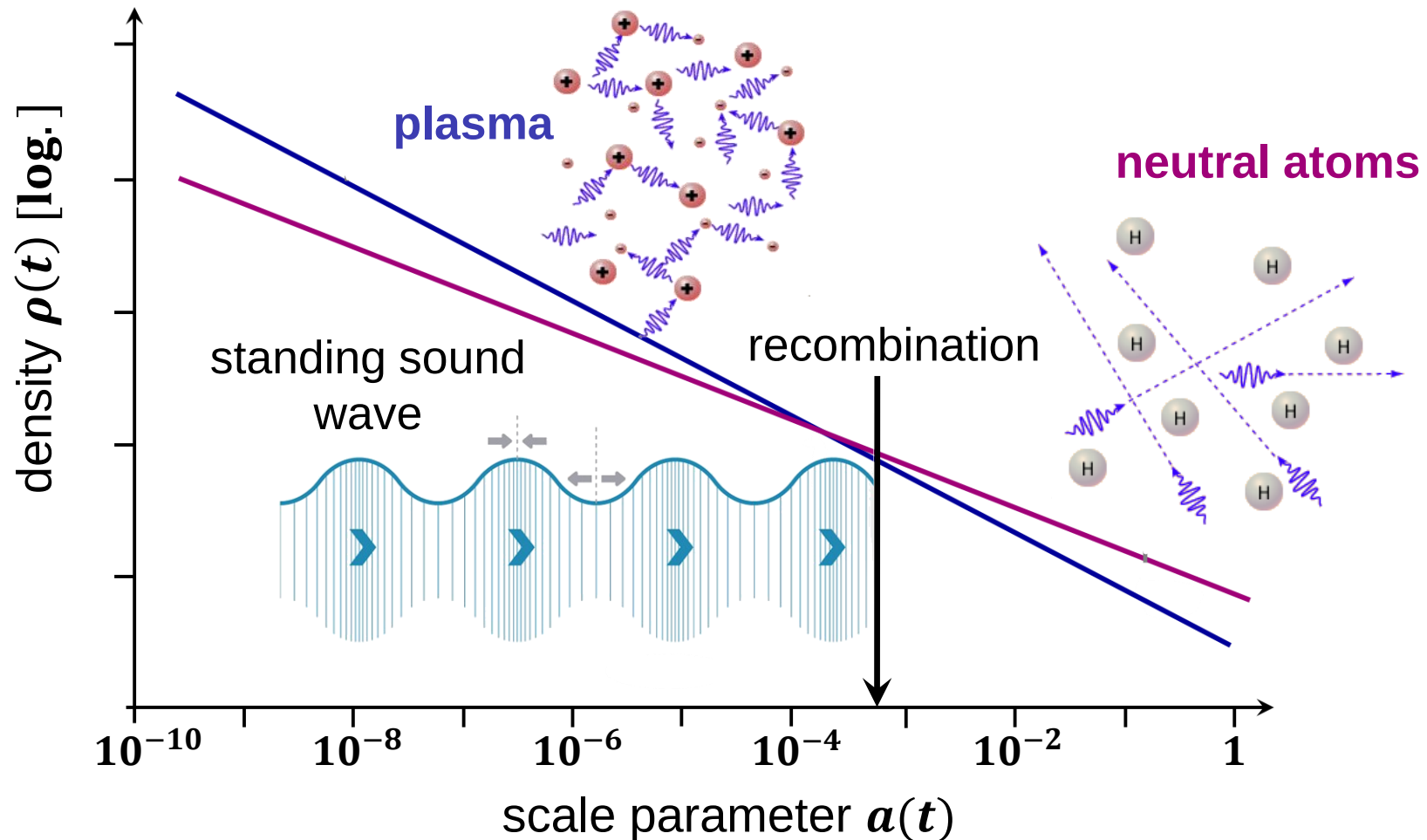
- **plasma**: very fast!

$$v_s^2 = \frac{\partial p}{\partial \rho} = \frac{c^2}{3}$$



- **neutral matter**:

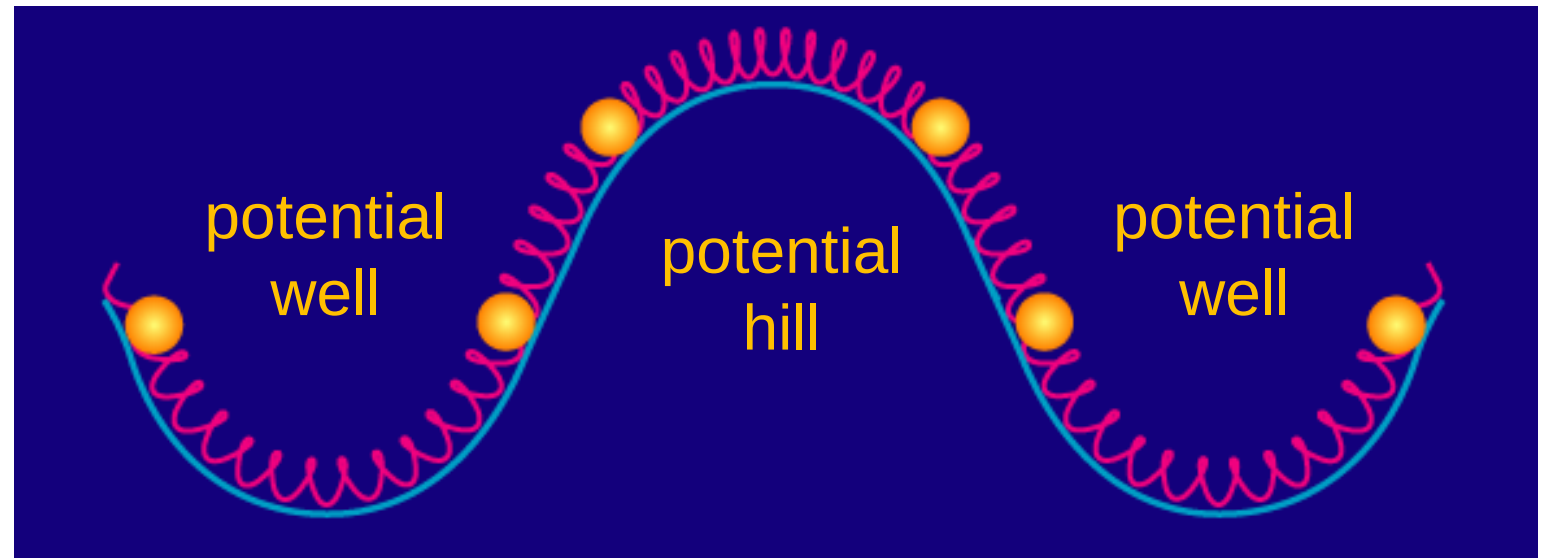
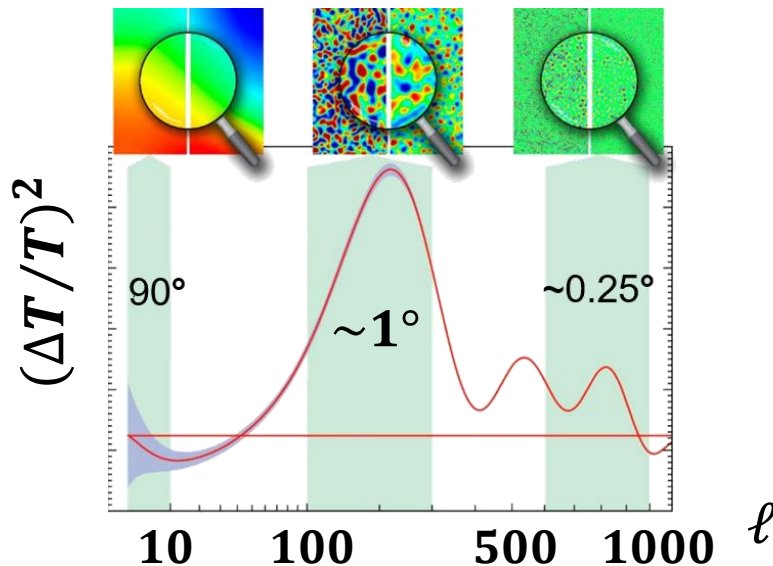
$$v_s^2 \approx 0 \Rightarrow \text{full stop!}$$



BAO – acoustic waves in the early universe

■ One more thing: acoustic oscillations are all **in phase over entire universe**

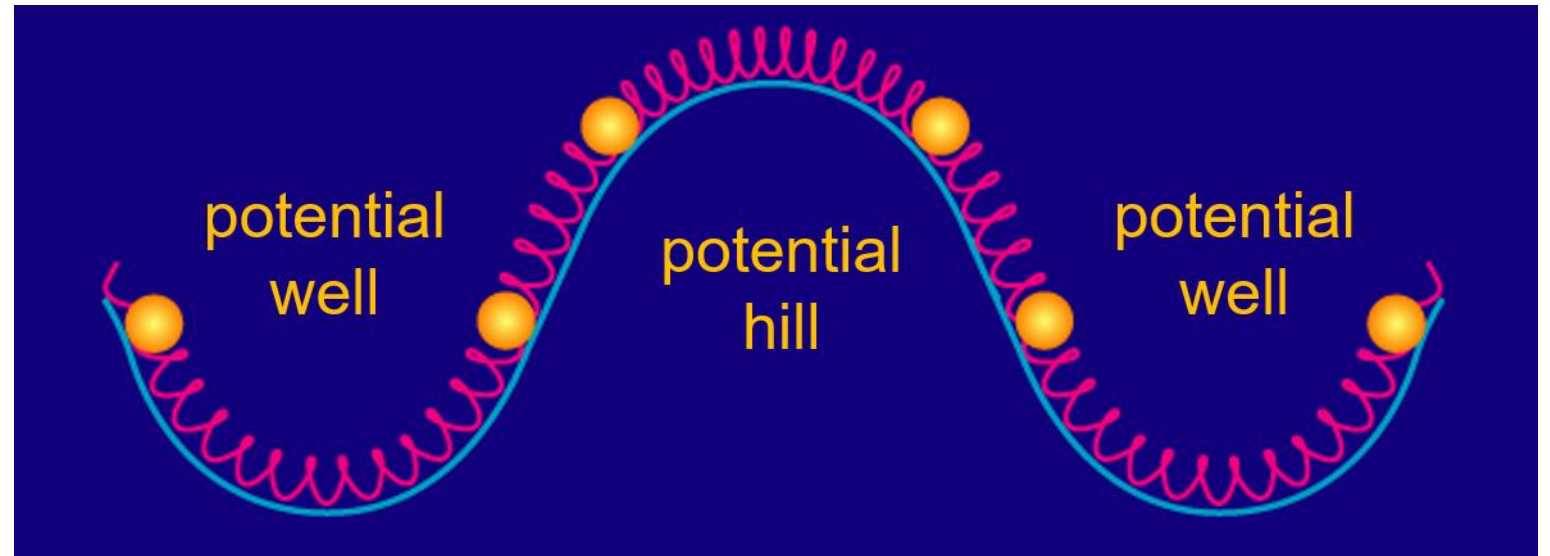
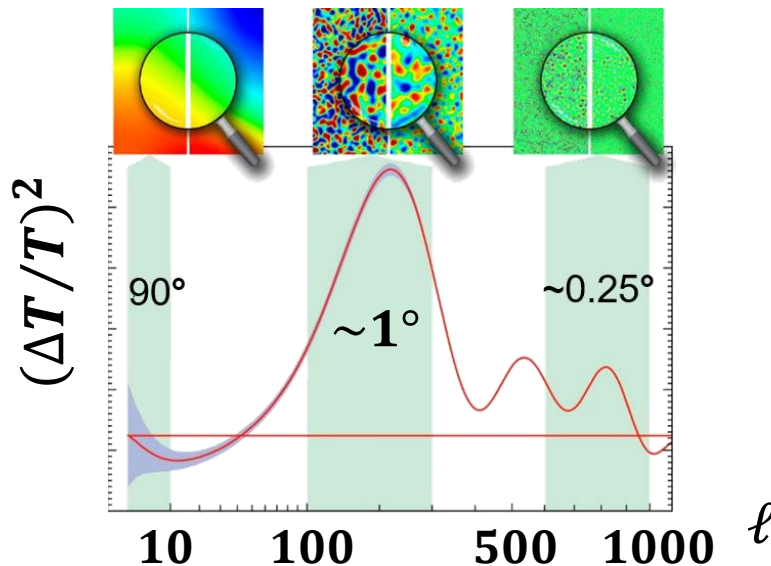
- acoustic oscillations in different (non-causally linked) regions: $\Rightarrow$ identical phases
 $\Rightarrow$ add **coherently**: no destructive interference (as expected for random phases)
- a possible solution, again: **inflation** in the very early universe has **synchronised** all density fluctuations – thus they all start with the **same phase**



BAO – acoustic waves in the early universe

■ One more thing: acoustic oscillations only in the **plasma state** $t < 378000 \text{ yr}$

- $t = 0$: causal interaction of baryons & photons in presence of **DM** gravity wells
⇒ a density perturbation starts to move with **speed of sound** $v_s = c/\sqrt{3}$
- $t = 378000 \text{ yr}$: after recombination no baryon–photon interaction, sound wave is ‘frozen’ as $v_s \approx 0$ (⇒ sound horizon of fundamental mode from $t = 0$ to $t = t_{rec}$)

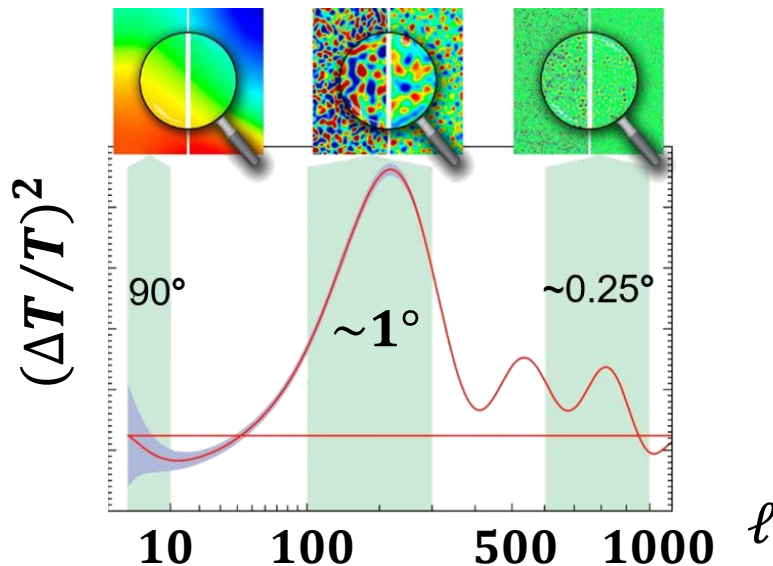


BAO – acoustic waves in the early universe

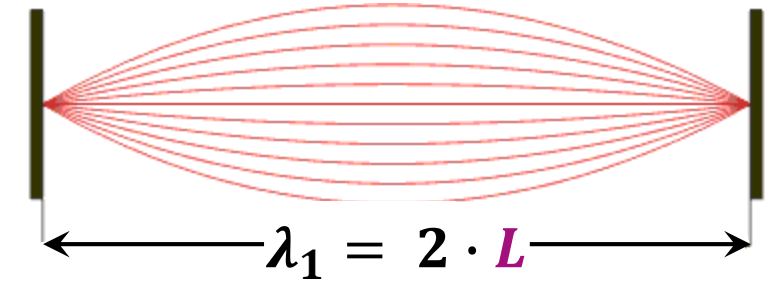
- Analogon: fundamental mode & overtones as **standing acoustic wave(s)**

wave-lengths λ_n of eigen-modes

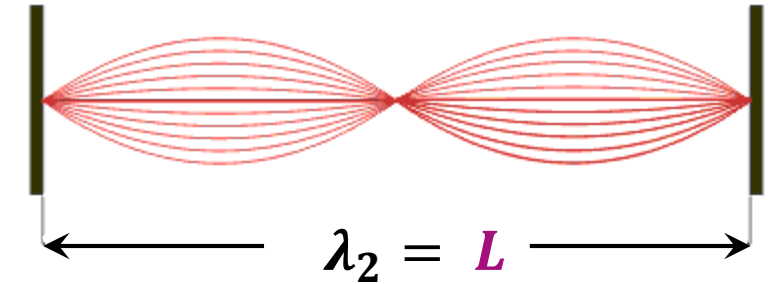
$$\lambda_n = \frac{2L}{n}^*$$



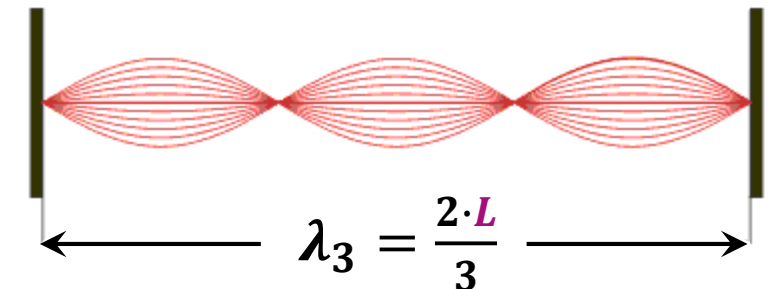
fundamental
mode



1. overtone



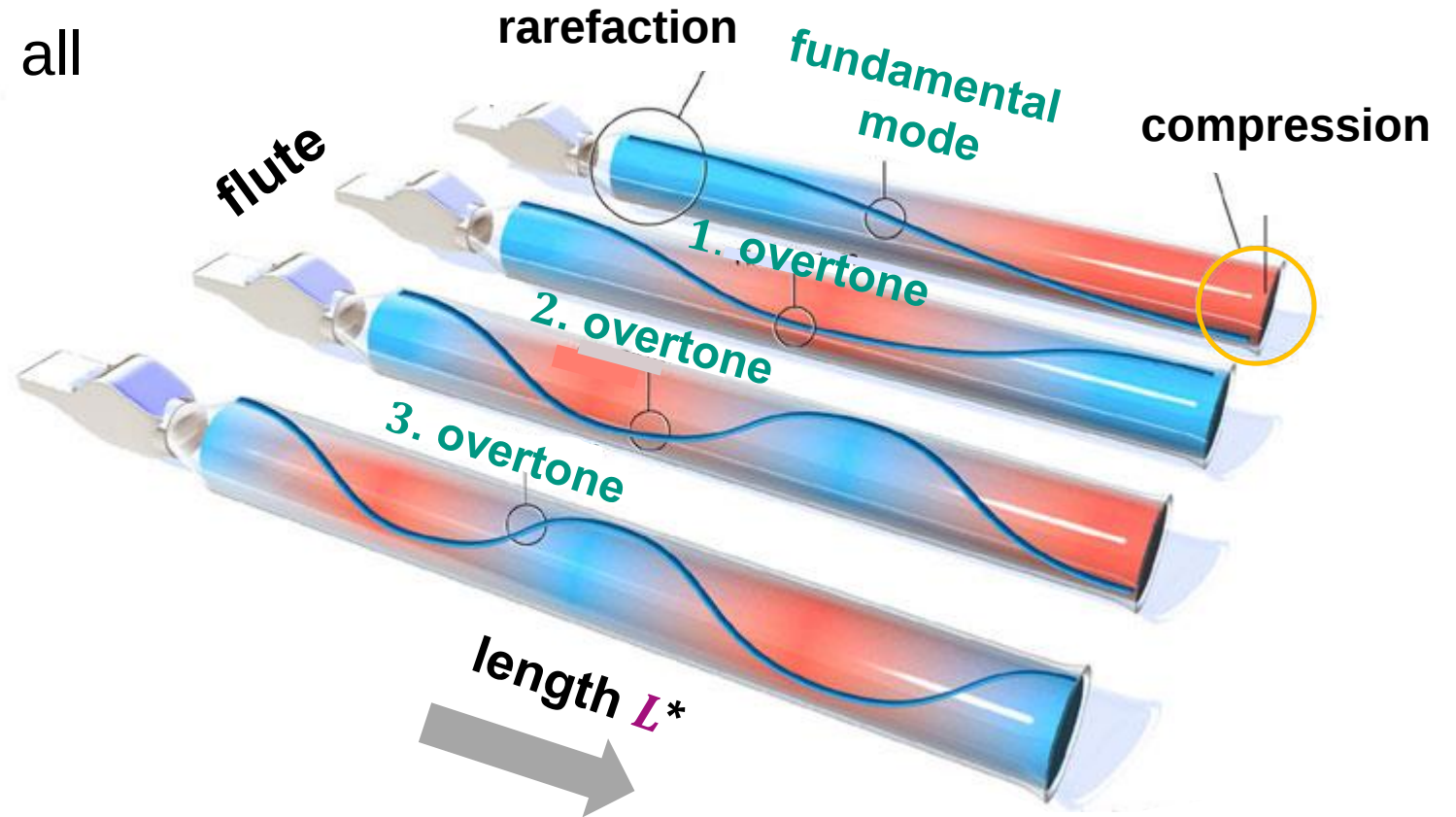
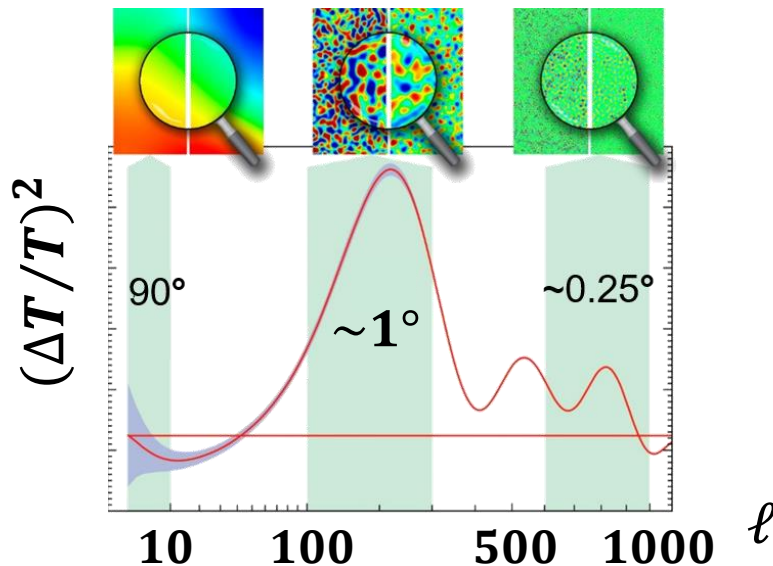
2. overtone



BAO – acoustic waves in the early universe

■ Analogon: fundamental mode & overtones in flute as **standing acoustic wave**

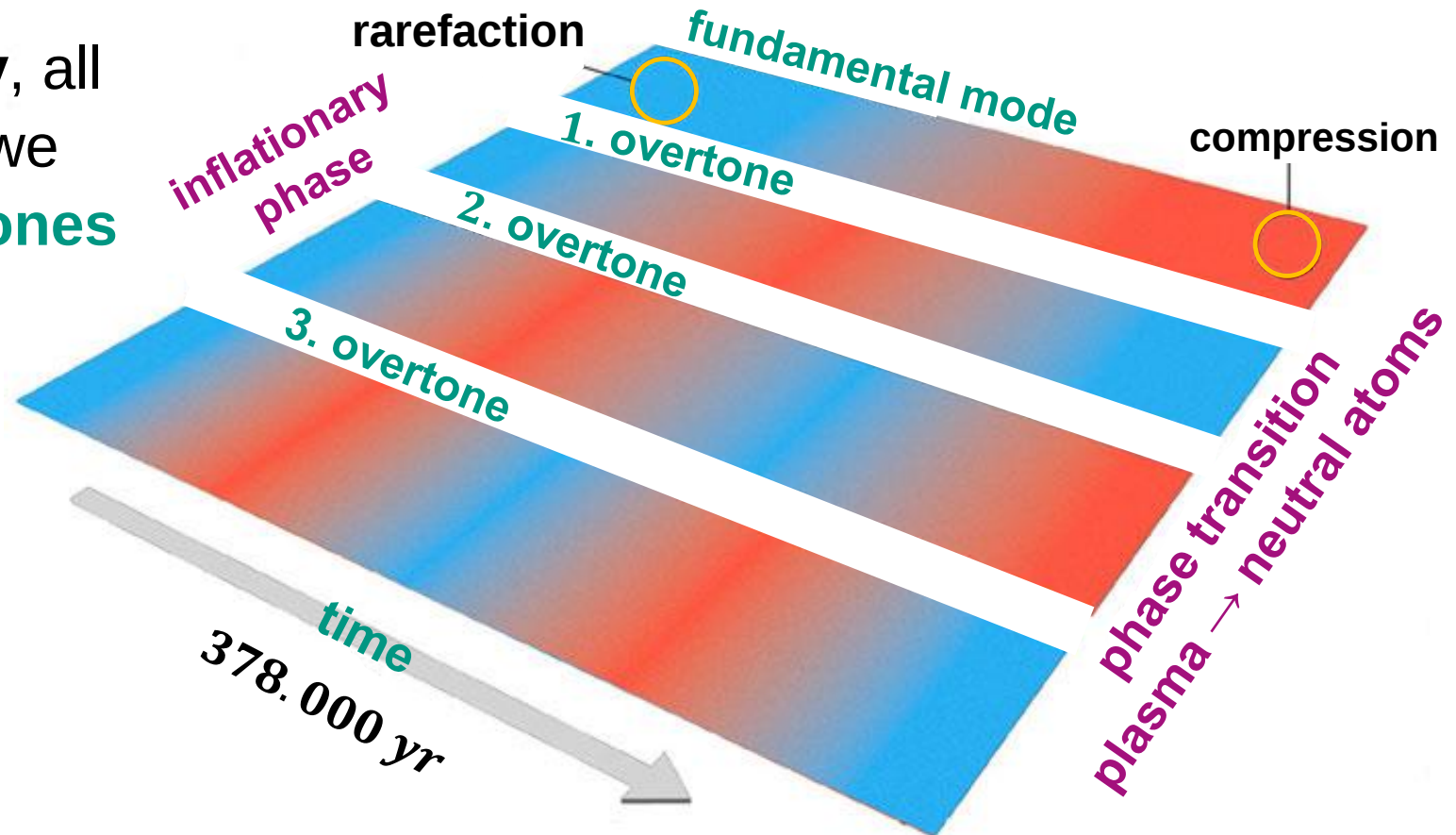
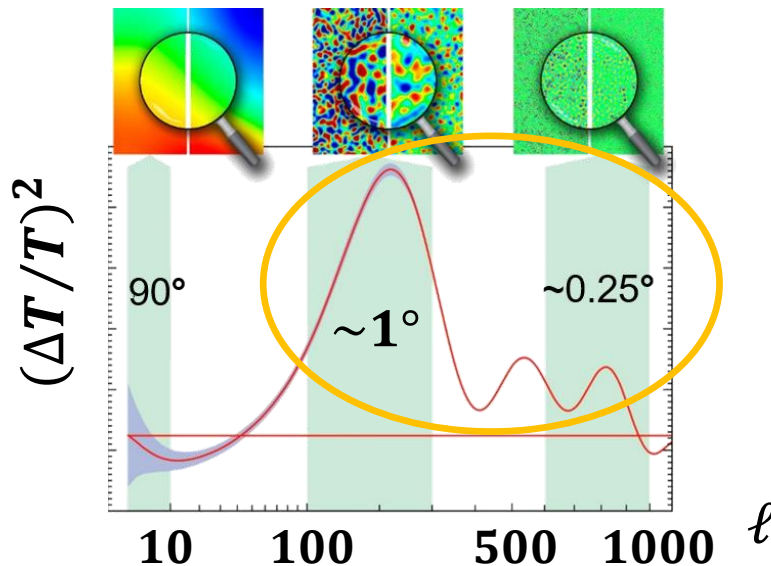
- *RECAP*: only **standing acoustic waves** will interfere constructively, all others will be **wiped out** due to destructive interference



BAO – acoustic waves in the early universe

■ *BAO*: only **fundamental mode** & **overtones** as standing acoustic waves

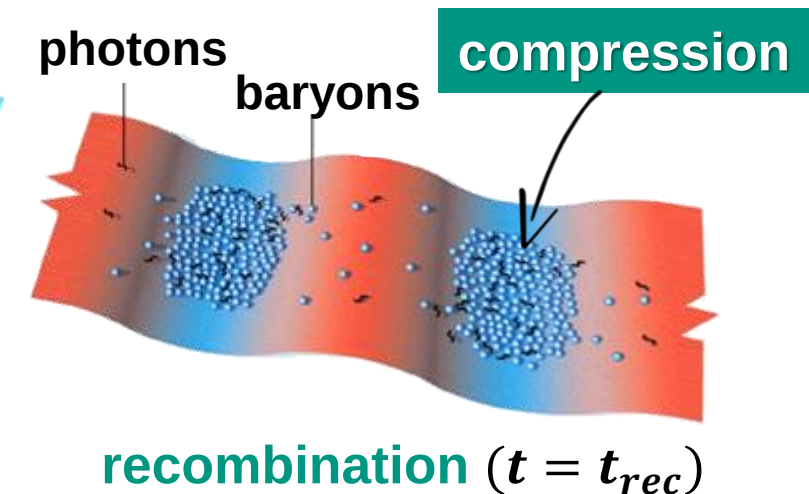
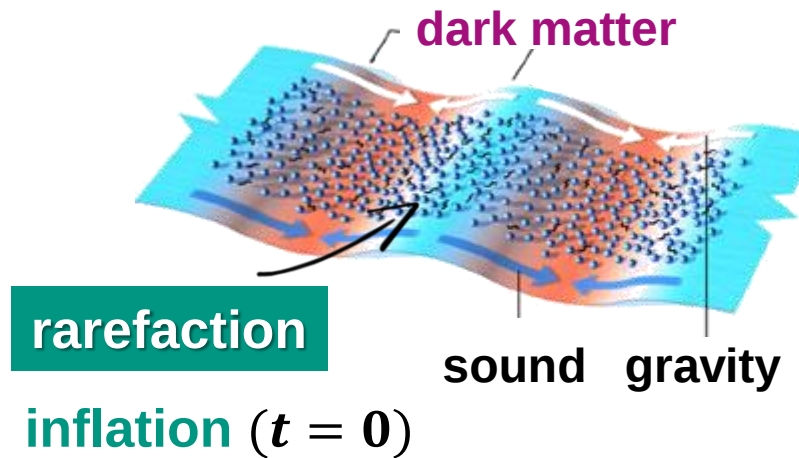
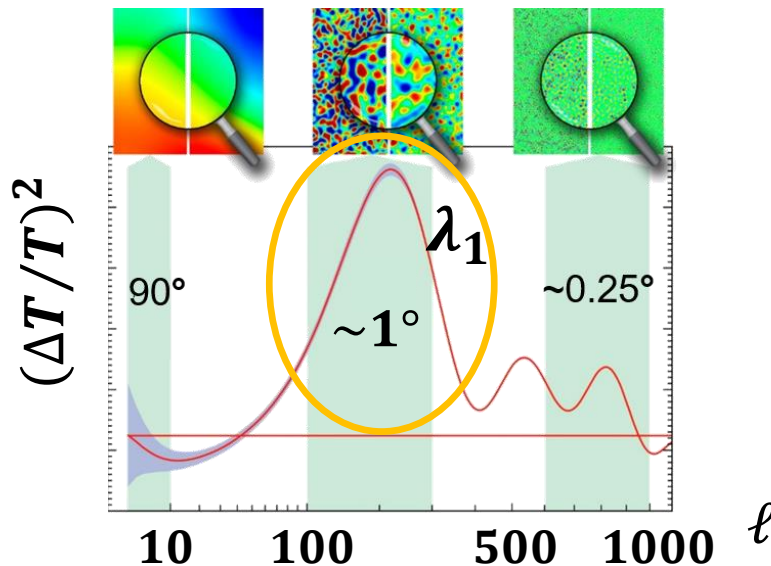
- only standing *BAO* waves will interfere constructively, all others will be **wiped out**, $\Rightarrow$ we have: **fundamental + overtones**



BAO – acoustic waves in the early universe

■ BAO: only **fundamental mode** & overtones as standing acoustic waves

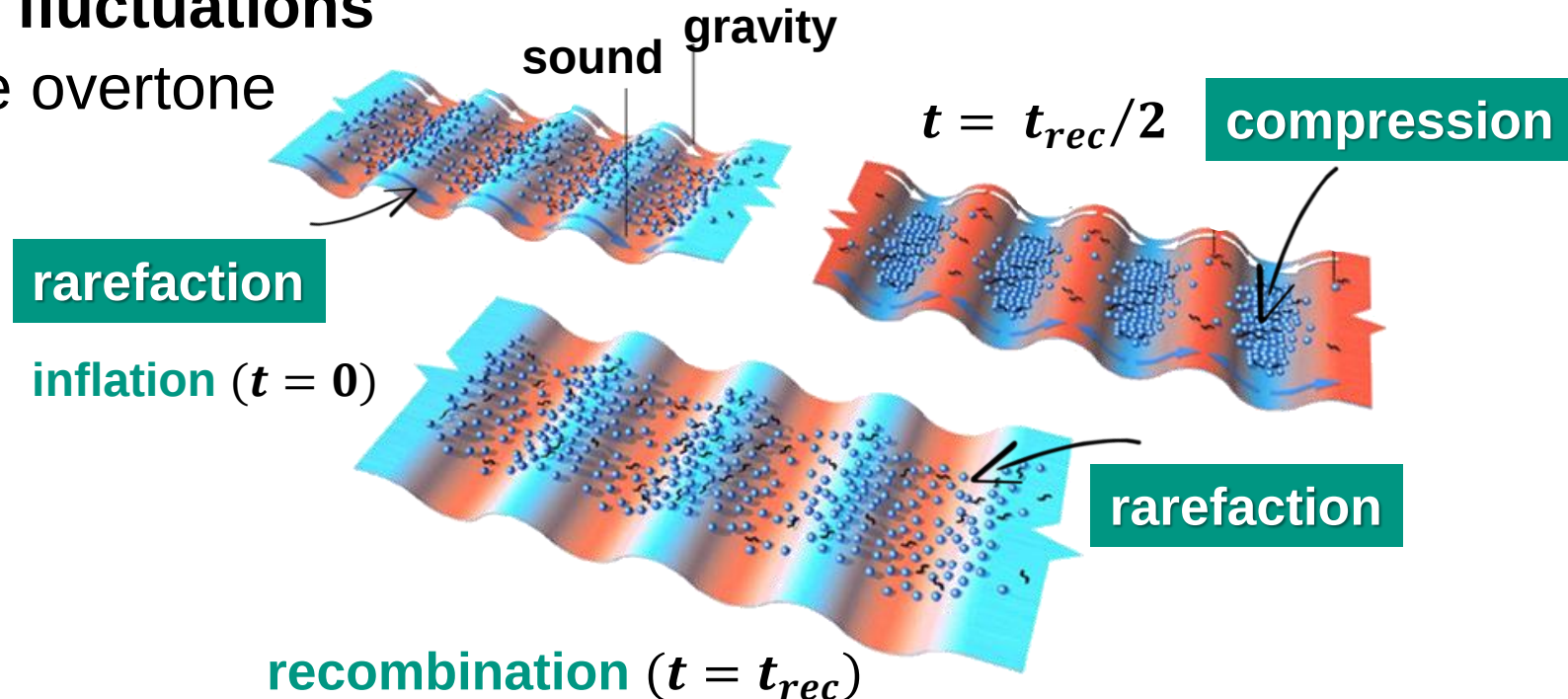
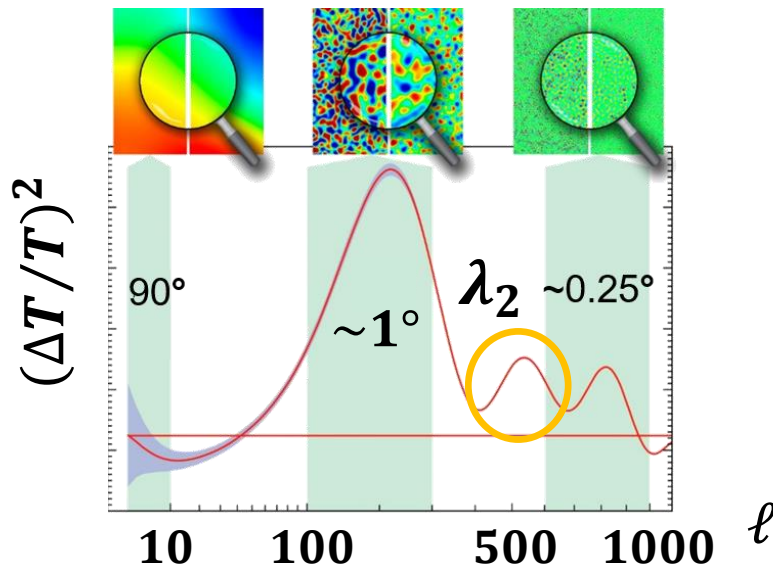
- $t = 0$ up to $t = 378000$ yr: fundamental mode (largest wavelength λ_1) with multipole $\ell \approx 200$ has just gone from **rarefaction** → **compression** (one cycle)
- fundamental mode with $\ell \approx 200$ consists of a total of $(2\ell + 1 \approx 400)$ independent fluctuations, all adding with **coherent phase** to this specific mode with λ_1



BAO – acoustic waves in the early universe

■ BAO: only fundamental mode & overtones as standing acoustic waves

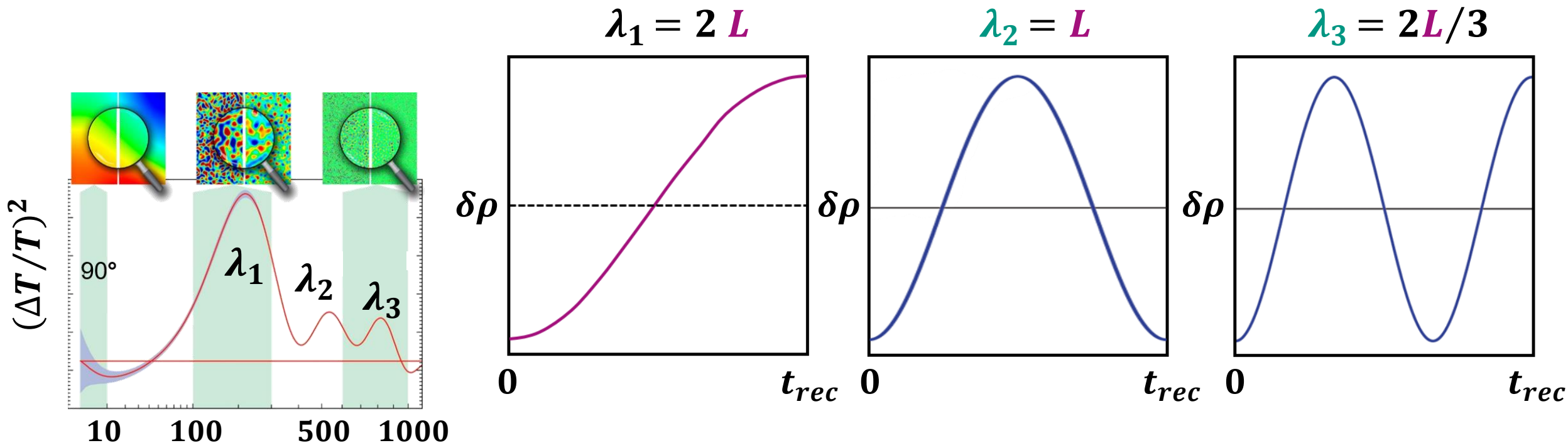
- an **overtone** (here: the **first**) with shorter wavelength (here: $\lambda_2 = \lambda_1/2 = L$) has just gone through > 1 cycle (here: **rarefaction** → **compression** → **rarefaction**)
- again: many **independent fluctuations** **add coherently** to a single overtone



BAO – acoustic waves in the early universe

■ **BAO**: only fundamental mode & **overtones** as standing acoustic waves

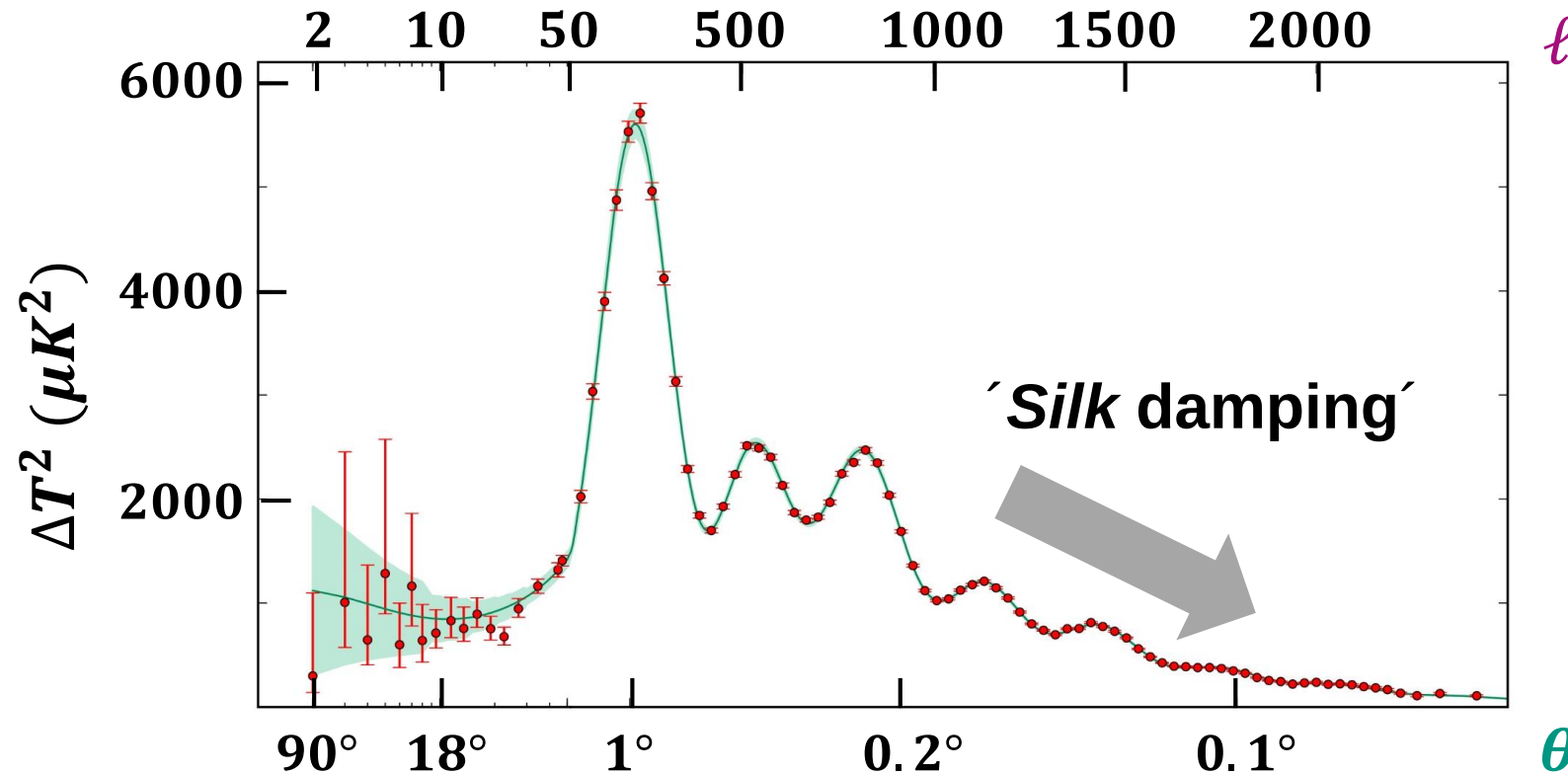
- a ‘**cosmic symphony**’ in the early universe of fundamental mode plus many overtones, each composed of $2\ell + 1$ independent (**coherent!**) fluctuations



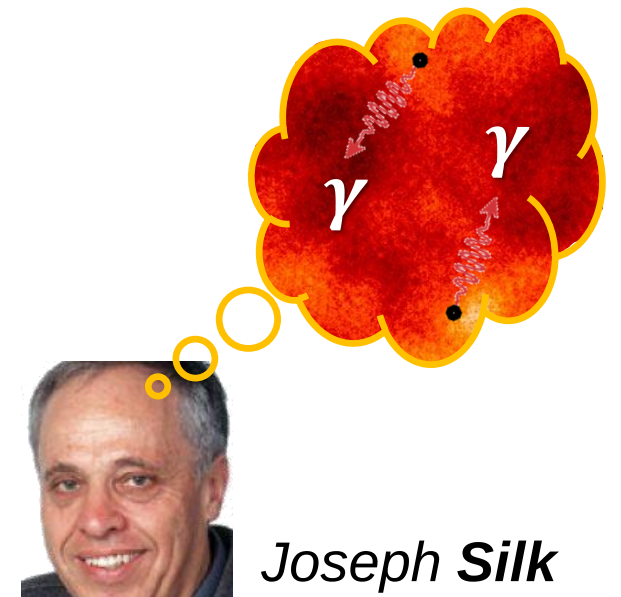
BAO – acoustic waves are damped at high ℓ

■ Why are the temperature fluctuations at **large multipoles ℓ** being damped?

- *BAO* take place in a strong **heat bath**: damping of **small angle θ amplitudes**



photons possess a finite
mean-free-path (mfp)



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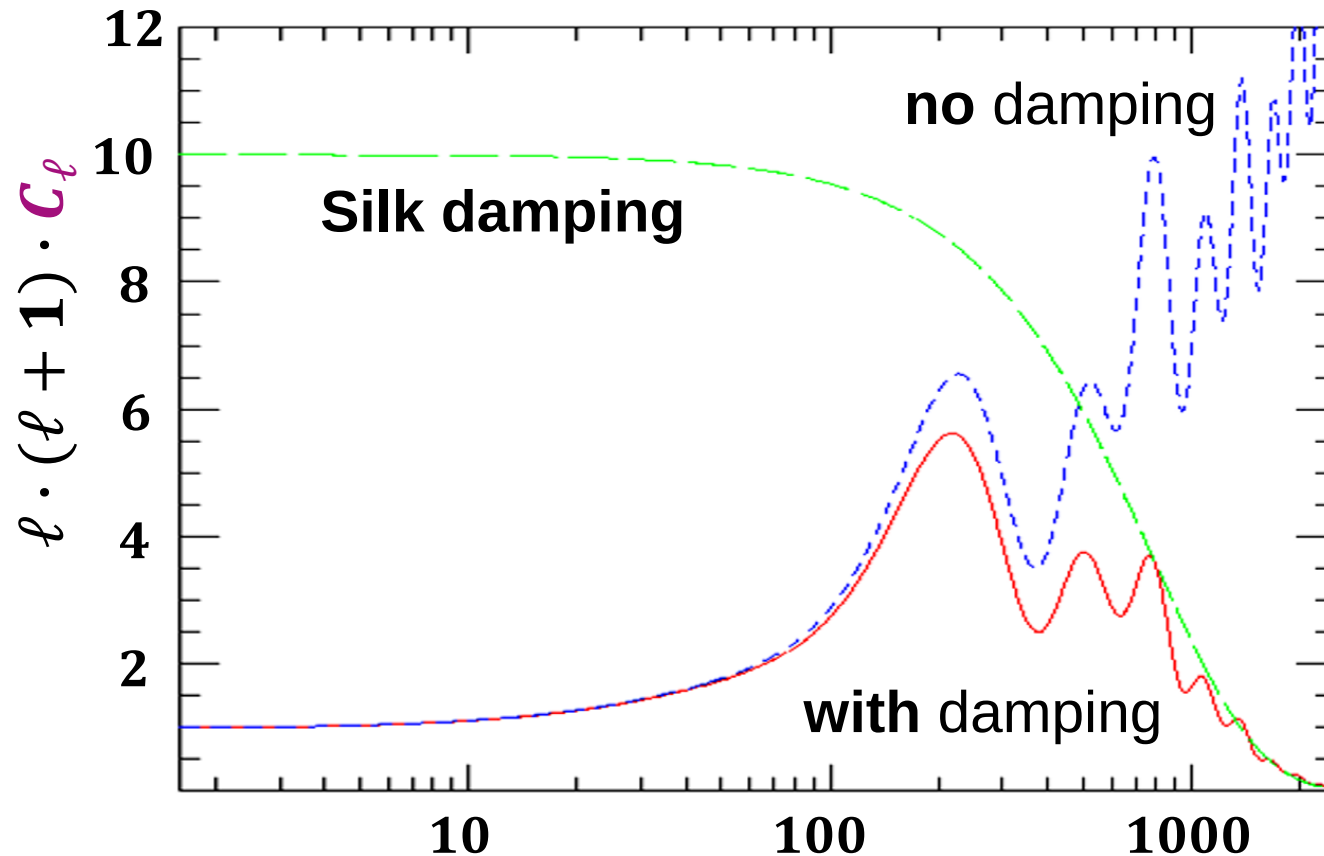
BAO – acoustic waves in the early universe

■ temperature fluctuations at large multipoles ℓ : impacted by **photon diffusion**

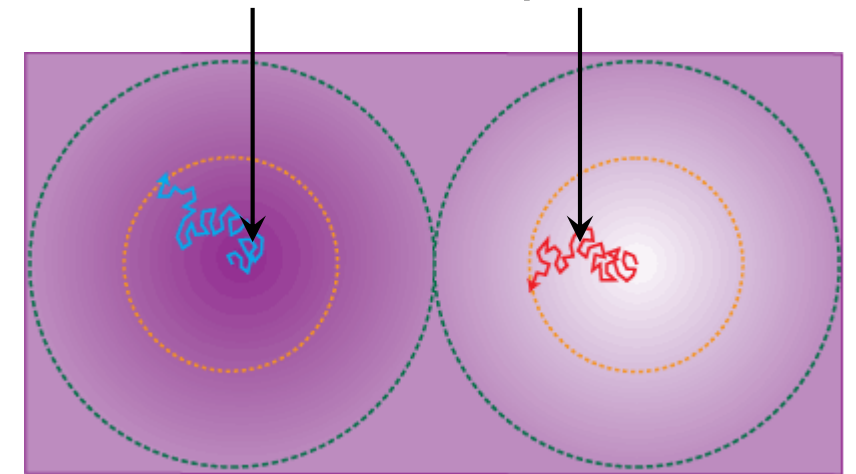
- photons **diffuse out** from **hotter** (overdense) to **colder** (underdense) regions, thus

pushing electrons e^- & protons p along: $\Rightarrow$ **damping** of anisotropies at smaller scales (**high ℓ**)

photons **diffuse out** of perturbations



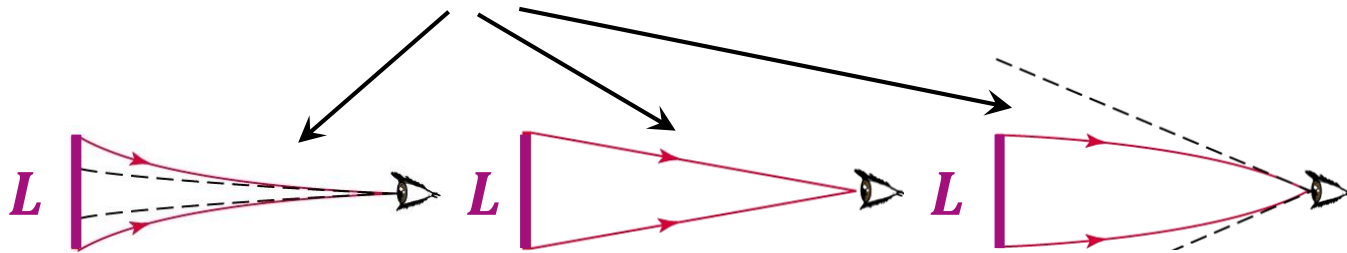
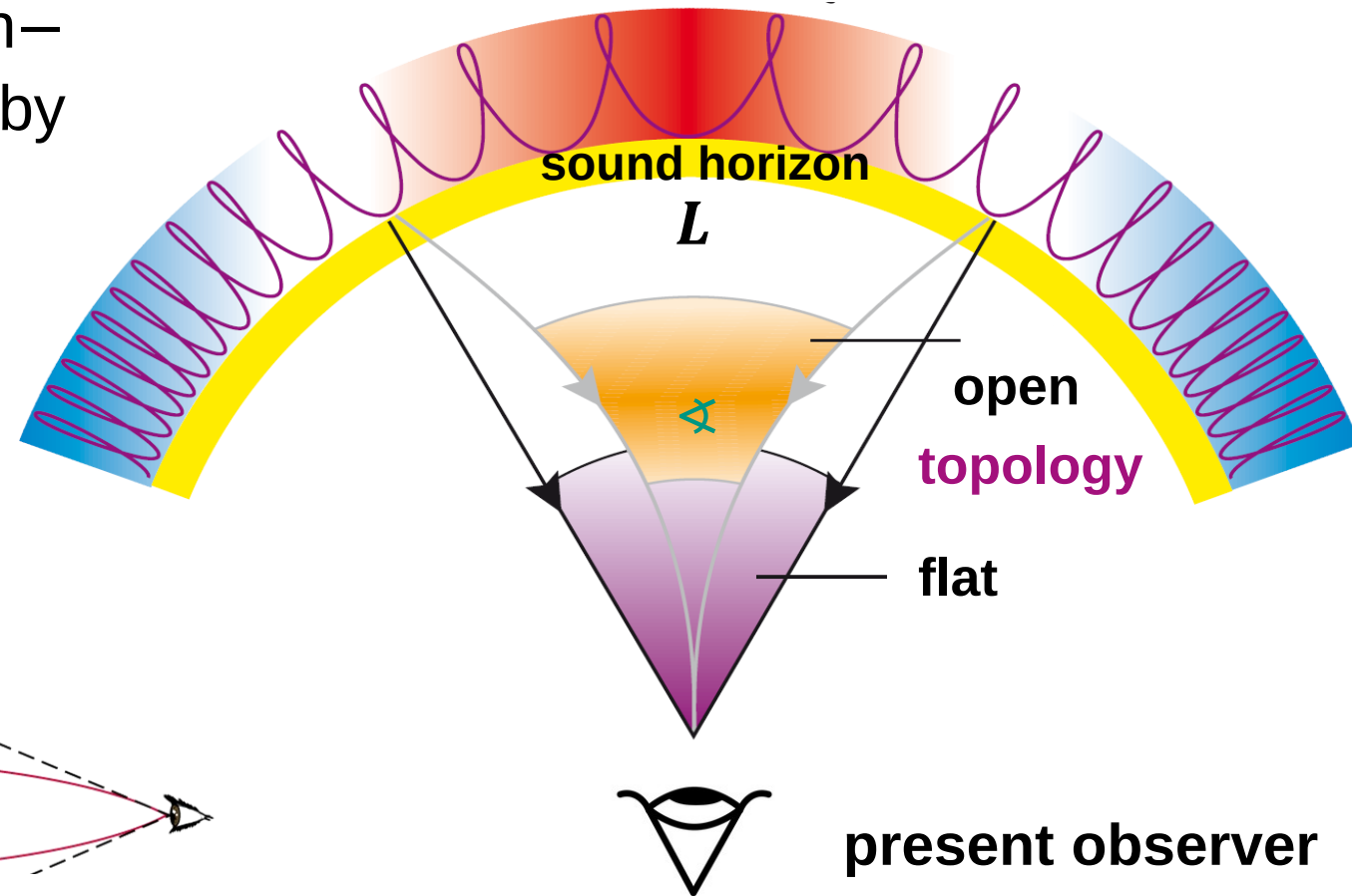
ℓ



BAO – determining the topology of the universe

■ Taking into account the expansion of the universe and its **topology**

- since decoupling ($t = t_{dec}$) all length-scales (such as λ_1) have increased by factor $a = (1 + z_{dec}) \approx 1100$ due to the **cosmic expansion** since t_{dec}
- now: let's investigate whether the corresponding **angle** α is **modified** by the **topology** of the universe



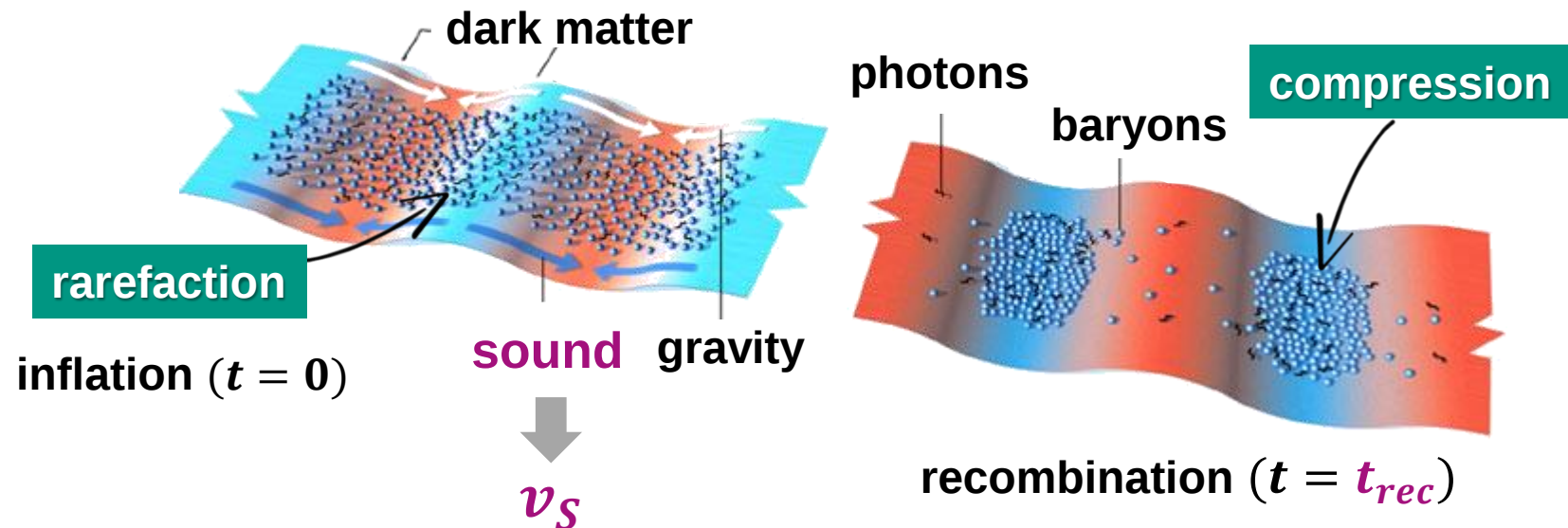
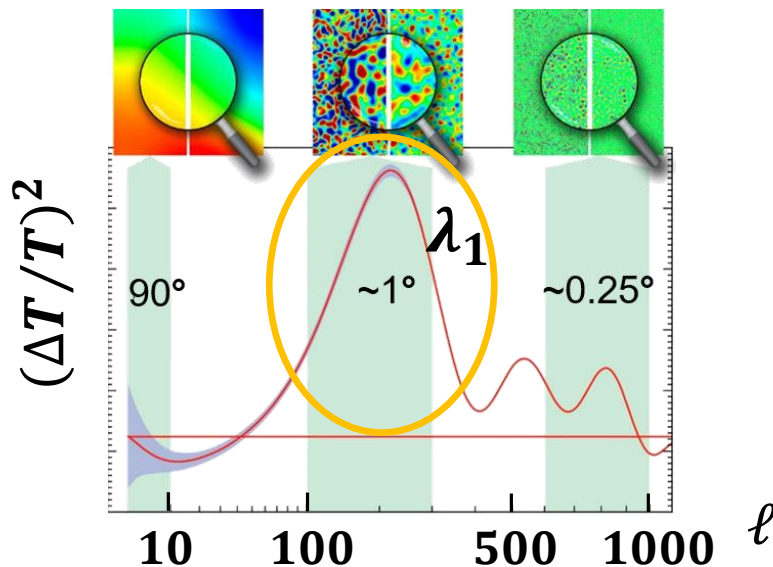
BAO – determining the topology of the universe

■ The fundamental mode revisited: the **absolute sound horizon scale** is known

- the wavelength of the fundamental mode $\lambda_1 = 2 L$:

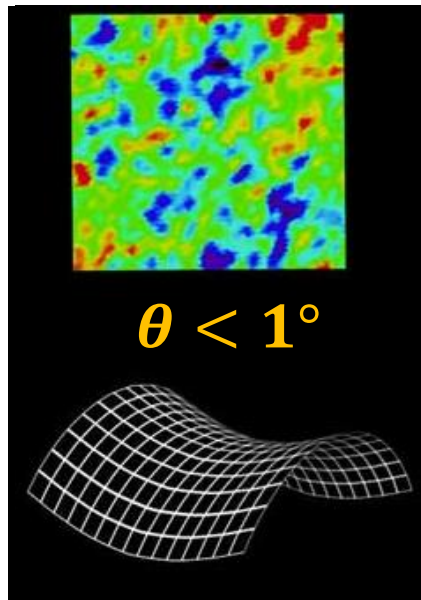
⇒ measure the **absolute scale** of the **sound horizon** $L \sim v_s \cdot t_{dec} = \frac{c}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot t_{dec}$

- we measure $L = \lambda_1 / 2$ via angular size (multipole ℓ_1) of the **fundamental mode**

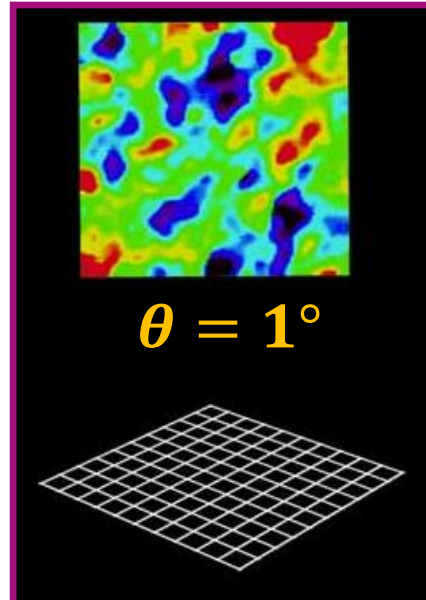


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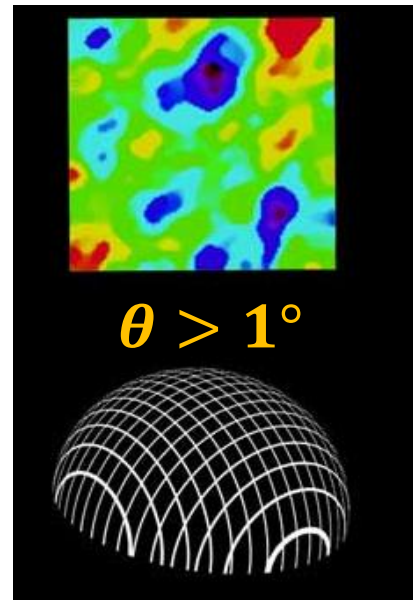
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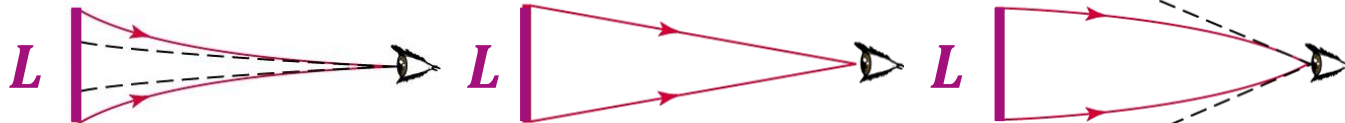
open



flat



closed



- for a **flat universe** we expect the fundamental mode (1. *CMB* peak) to appear at **multipole $\ell_1 \approx 200$**

total energy Ω_{tot} of universe:

... via multipole order ℓ_1 of
first acoustic *CMB* peak

$$\ell_1 \sim 1/\sqrt{\Omega_{tot}}$$

BAO – determining the topology of the universe

■ Universe: flat topology

- position of first acoustic peak lies at $\ell_1 \approx 200$

- $\Omega_k \approx 0$

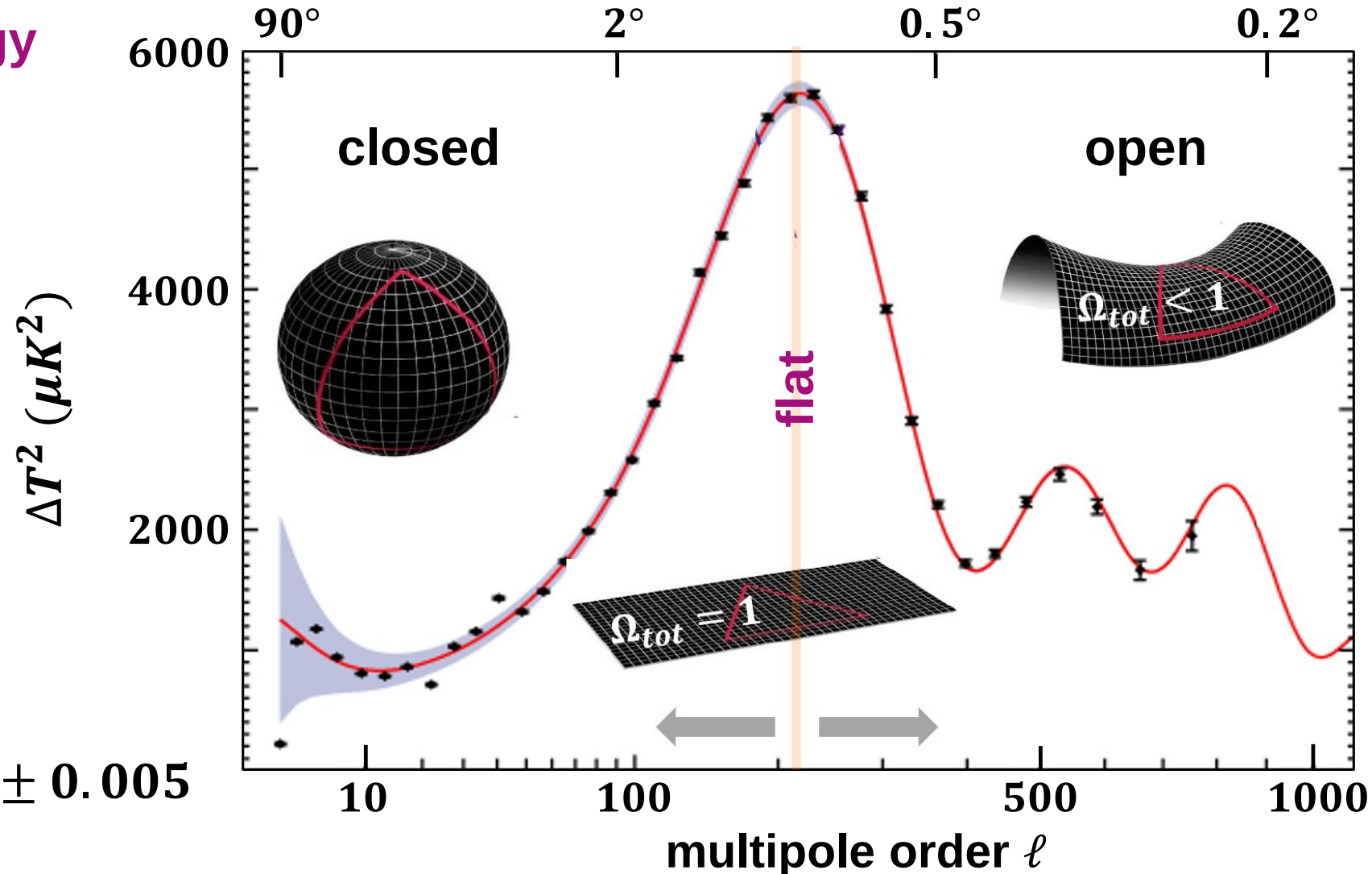
Hubble constant H_0

curvature radius R_{curv}

curvature $k = +1, 0, -1$



$$\Omega_k = -\frac{k c^2}{H_0^2 \cdot R_{curv}^2} = 0.000 \pm 0.005$$



BAO – determining the baryon density Ω_B

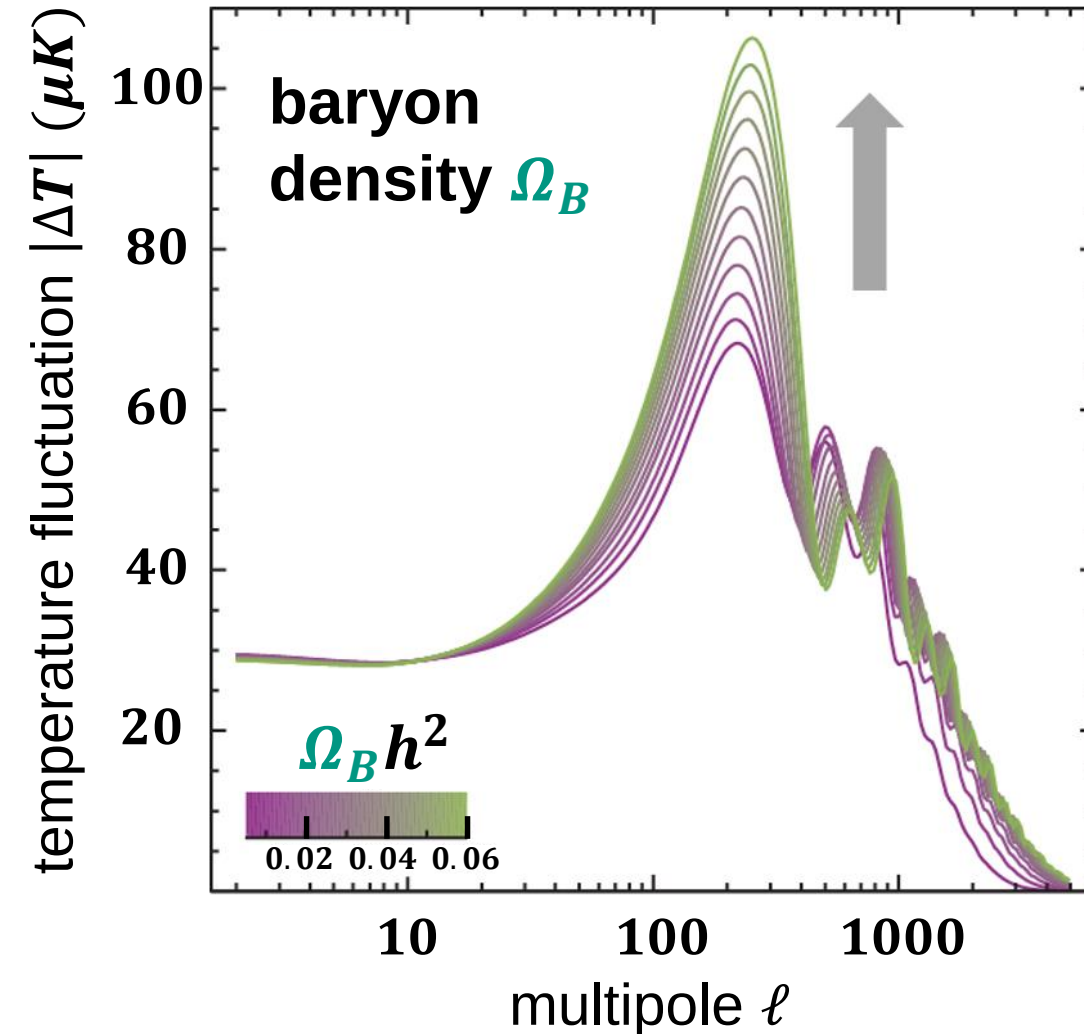
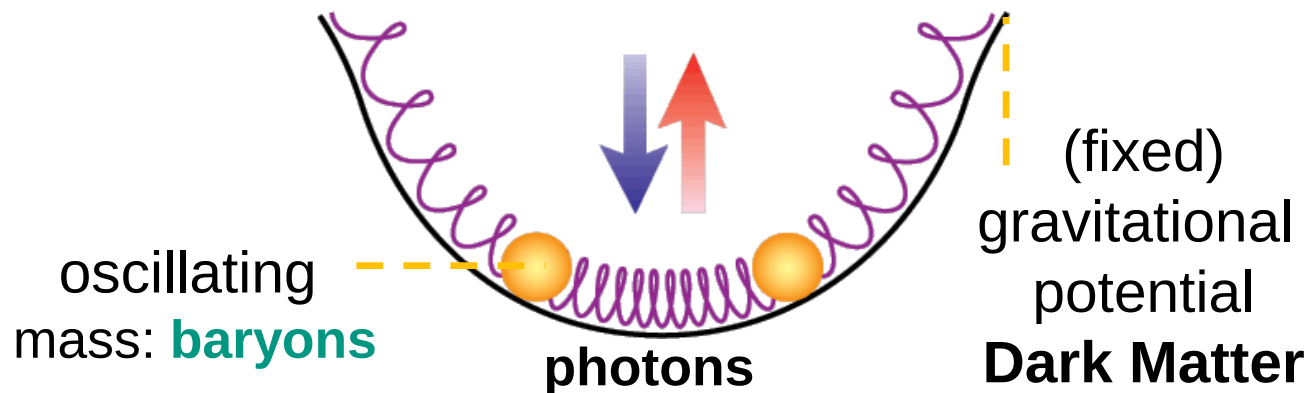
■ BAO first **peak height** is sensitive to Ω_B

‘**baryon loading**’:

⇒ the **height** of the first acoustic peak is sensitive to the **total # of baryons in the universe** Ω_B

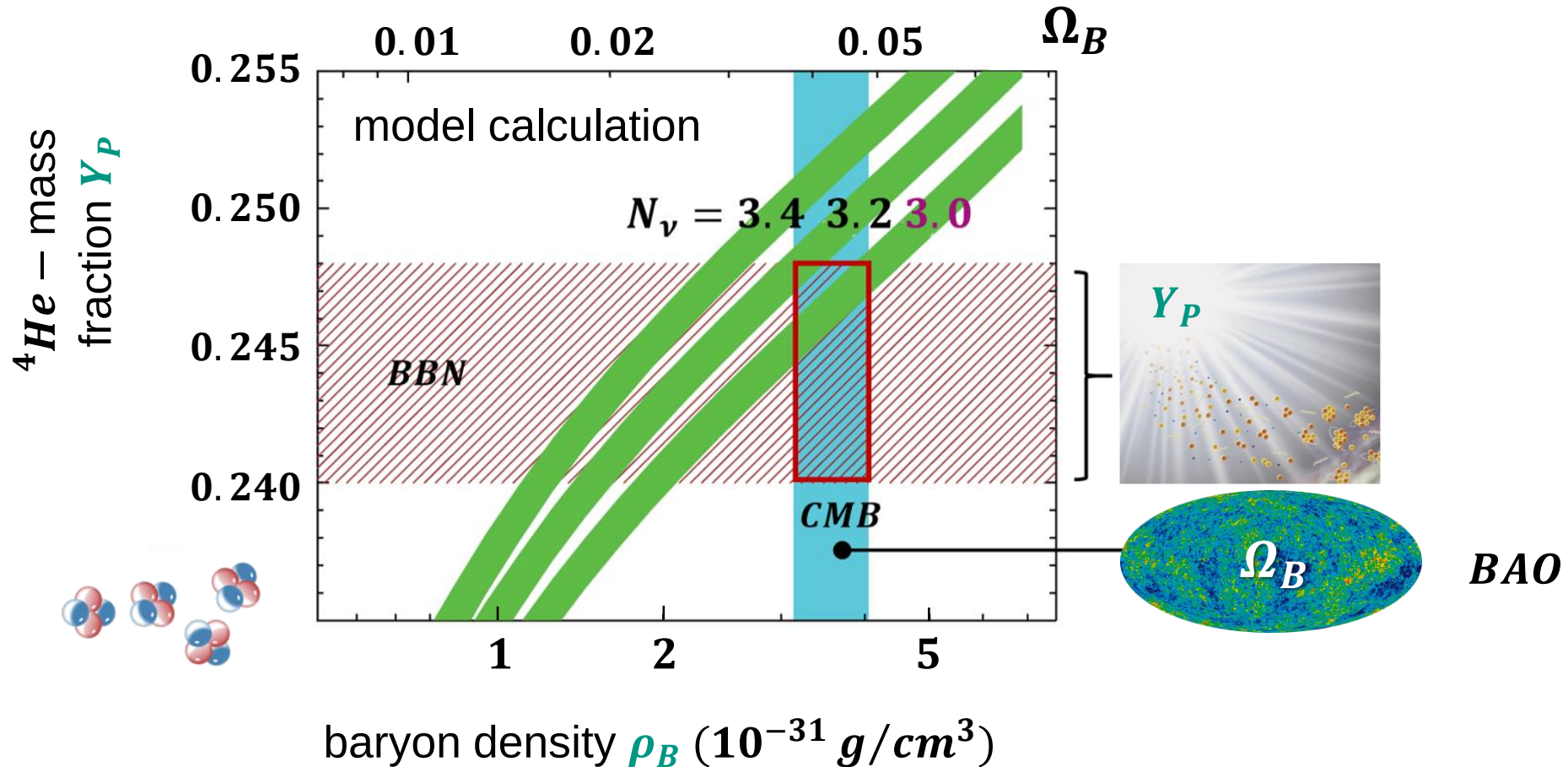
- more baryons Ω_B

⇒ height of 1. acoustic peak increases



BAO – determining the baryon density Ω_B

- **BAO** (**baryon loading**) measures $\Omega_B \Leftrightarrow$ compare to **BBN*** light element yields

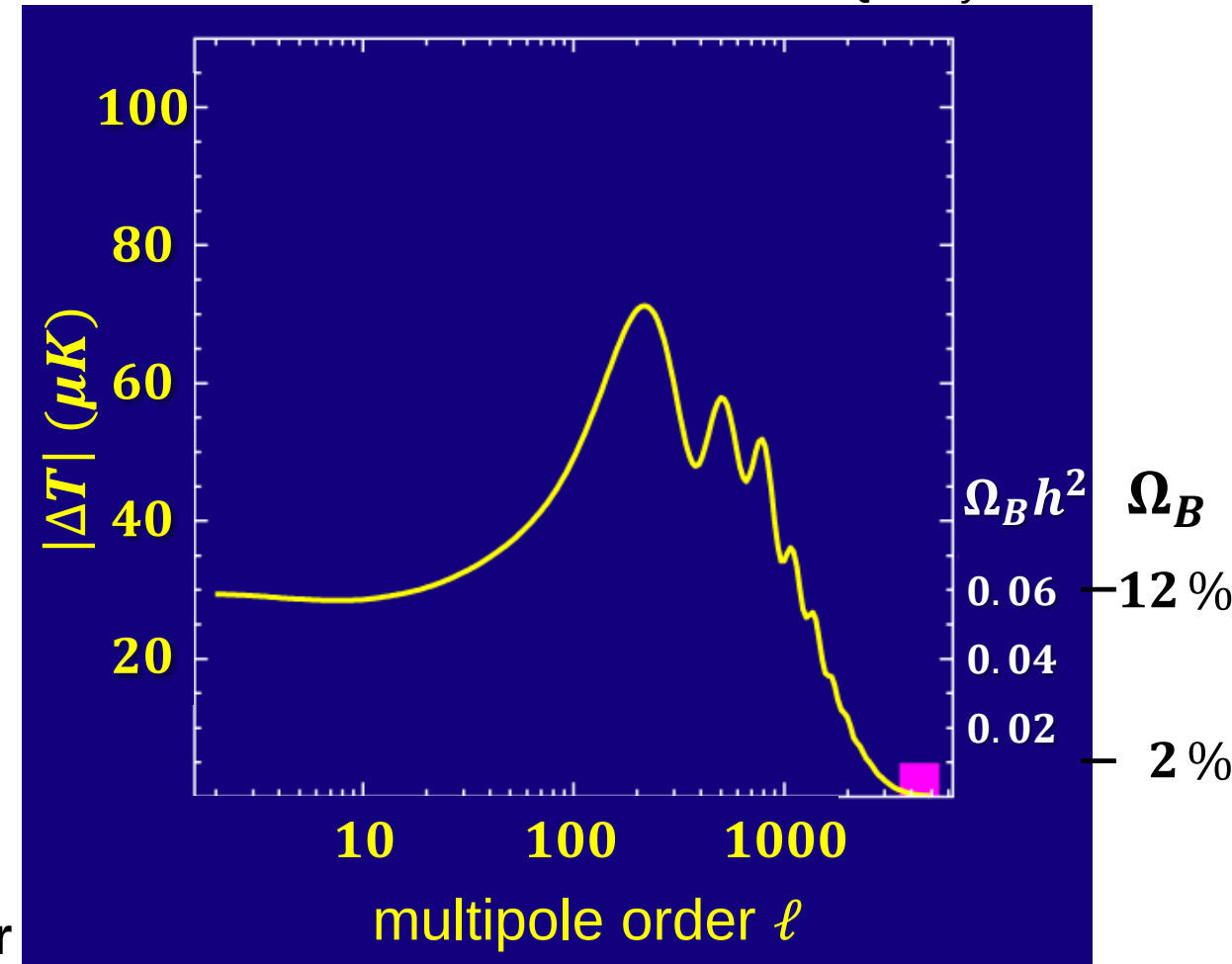
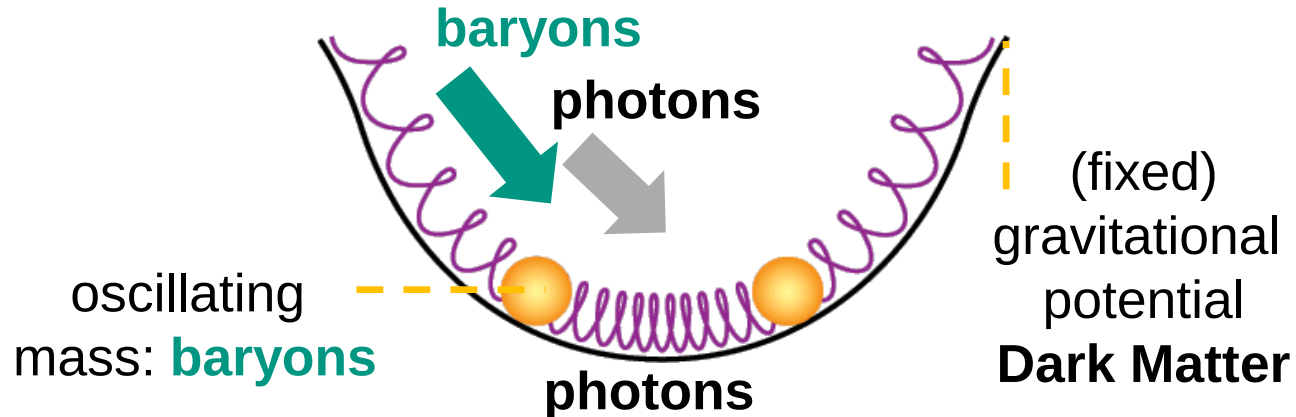


BAO – determining the baryon density Ω_B

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■ BAO: baryon loading & Ω_B

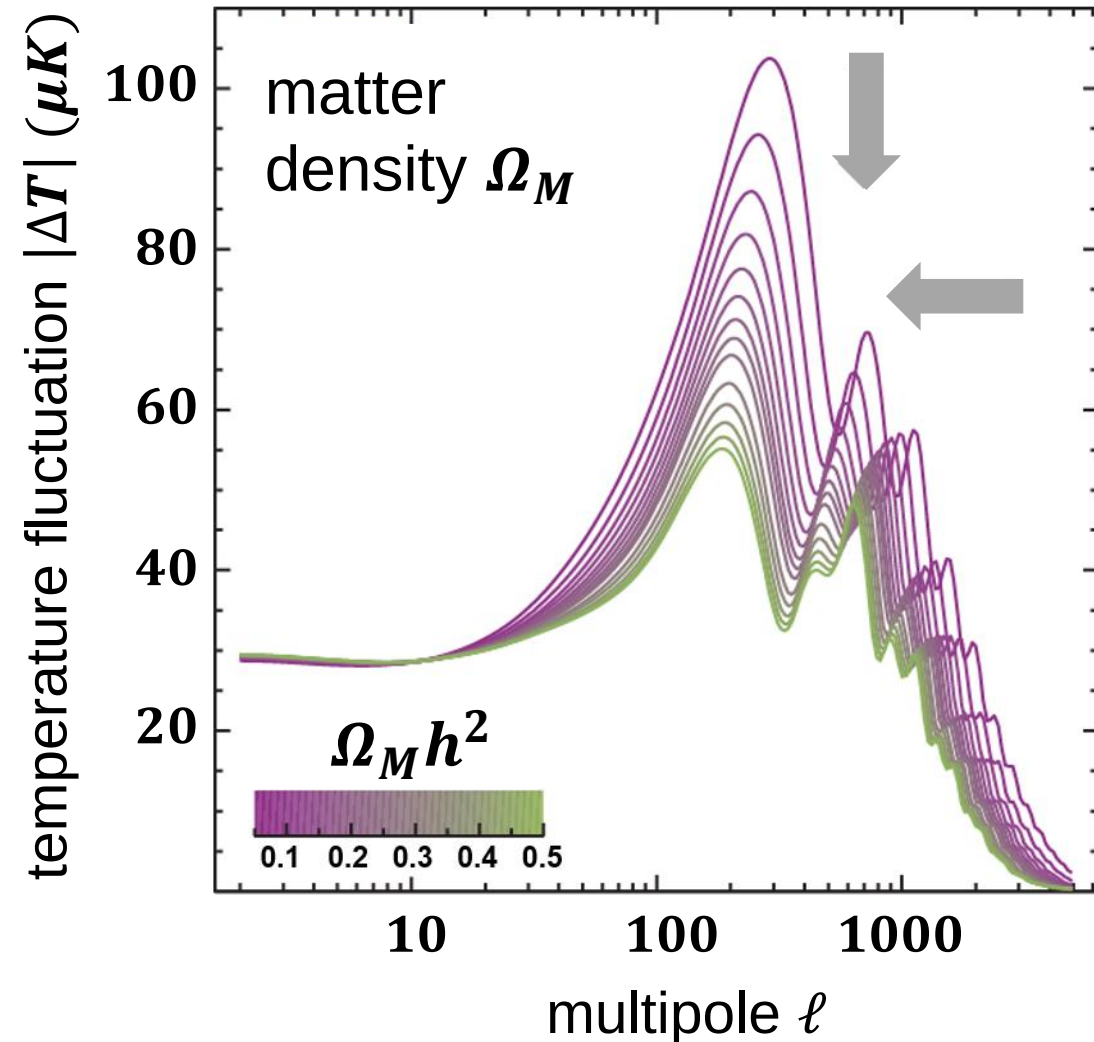
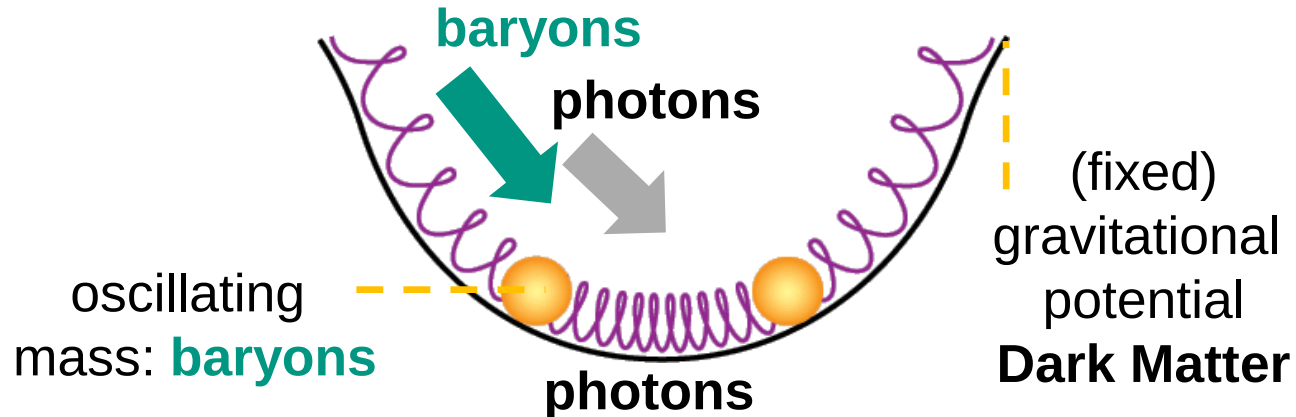
- ‘**baryon loading**’: baryons (matter) & radiation are ‘**in phase**’ – from rarefaction to compression (**first peak**)
- thus: each 2^{nd} peak (*odd* numbers):
⇒ matter & photons are ‘**in phase**’



BAO – determining the dark matter density Ω_{DM}

■ BAO: clear CMB evidence for $\Omega_{DM} \neq 0$

- matter density Ω_M with two contributions: dominant **Dark Matter Ω_{DM}** & **baryons Ω_B**
- **increasing Ω_M** : $\Rightarrow$ scale of ΔT – fluctuations will **decrease**, need to consider both *even* & *odd* peaks



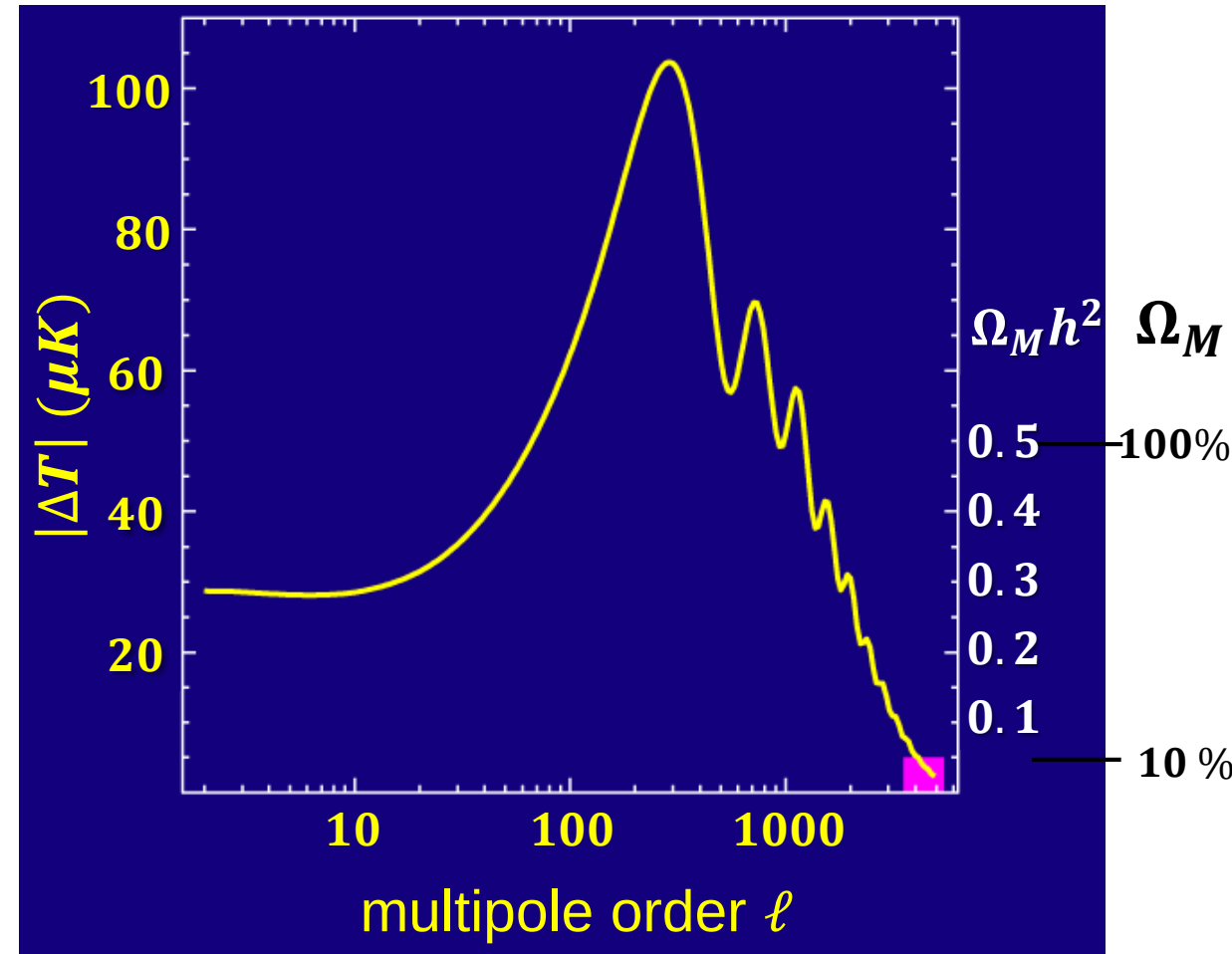
BAO – determining the dark matter density Ω_{DM}

■ BAO: a clear CMB evidence for $\Omega_{DM} \neq 0$

- as $\Omega_{DM} \gg \Omega_B$:
this allows us to draw direct
conclusions for Dark Matter density

- **best indicator** for Ω_{DM} :
relative heights & positions of
2. and 3. acoustic peaks

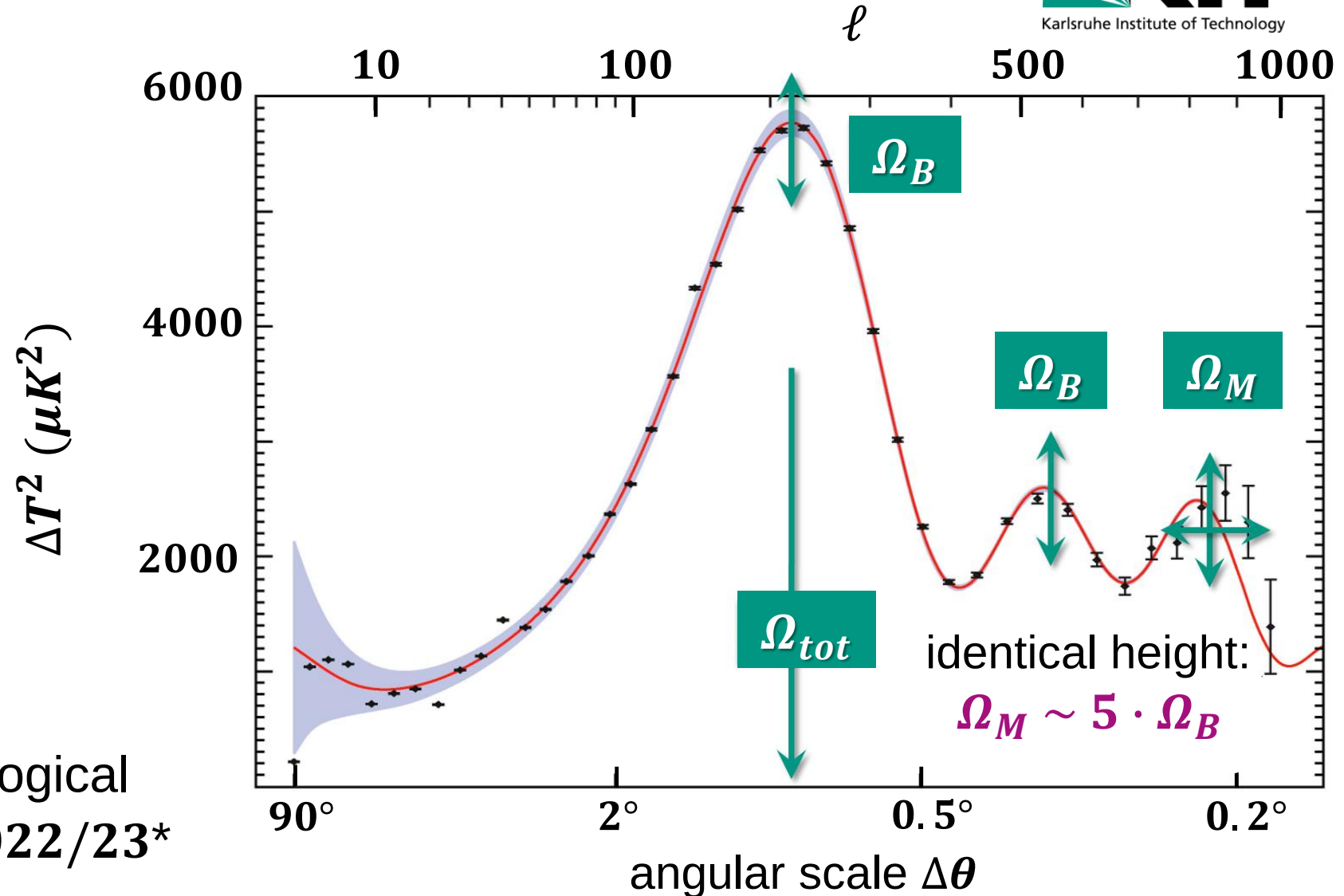
modern analysis technique:
perform a **global fit** to the entire
spectrum of all multipole orders!



BAO – a ‘powerhouse’ for cosmology

■ BAO: global analysis

- flat, Euclidian universe
with $\Omega_{tot} = 1$
- baryon density
 $\Omega_B h^2 = 0.02237 \pm 0.00015$
- matter density
 $\Omega_M = 0.315 \pm 0.007$
- 8/2023: present cosmological parameters, see *PDG 2022/23**



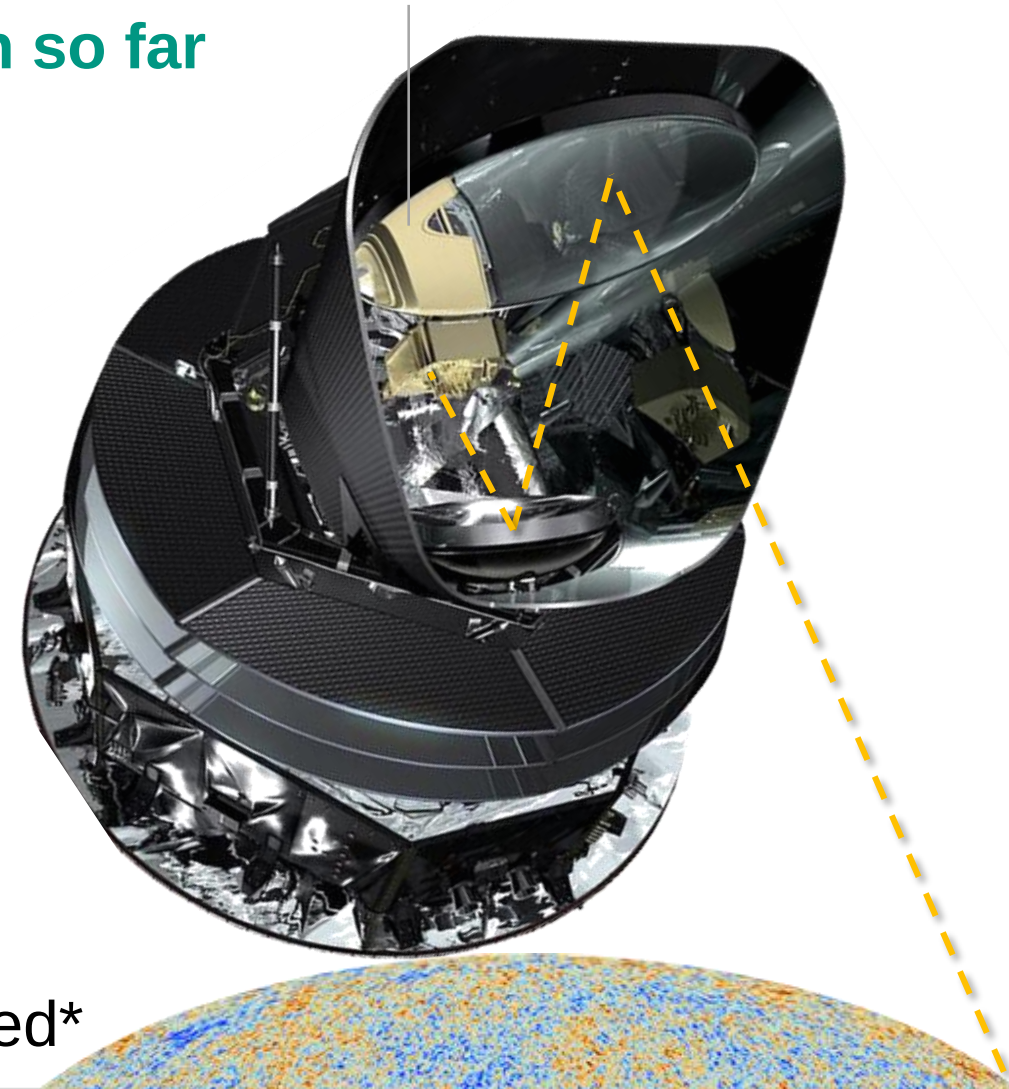
ESA's *Planck* mission 2009 – 13

primary mirror
aperture 1.75 m



■ CMB measurements at the **highest resolution so far**

- nominal resolutions of *Planck*:
 - $\Delta T/T \sim 2 \cdot 10^{-6}$, $\Delta\theta = 4' \dots 33'$
 - frequency range: **30 ... 857 GHz**
- May 14, 2009: start with Ariane 5
- Aug 08, 2009 : begin of data taking
- Jan 16, 2012: *LHe* – reservoir empty
(**5 full sky surveys**)
- Mar 21, 2013: publication of first results
- Oct 23, 2013 : *Planck* deactivated
- Aug 10, 2021: final 2018 results *V4* published*



Planck – instrumentation of the focal plane

- *LFI* and *HFI* cover 9 frequency bands

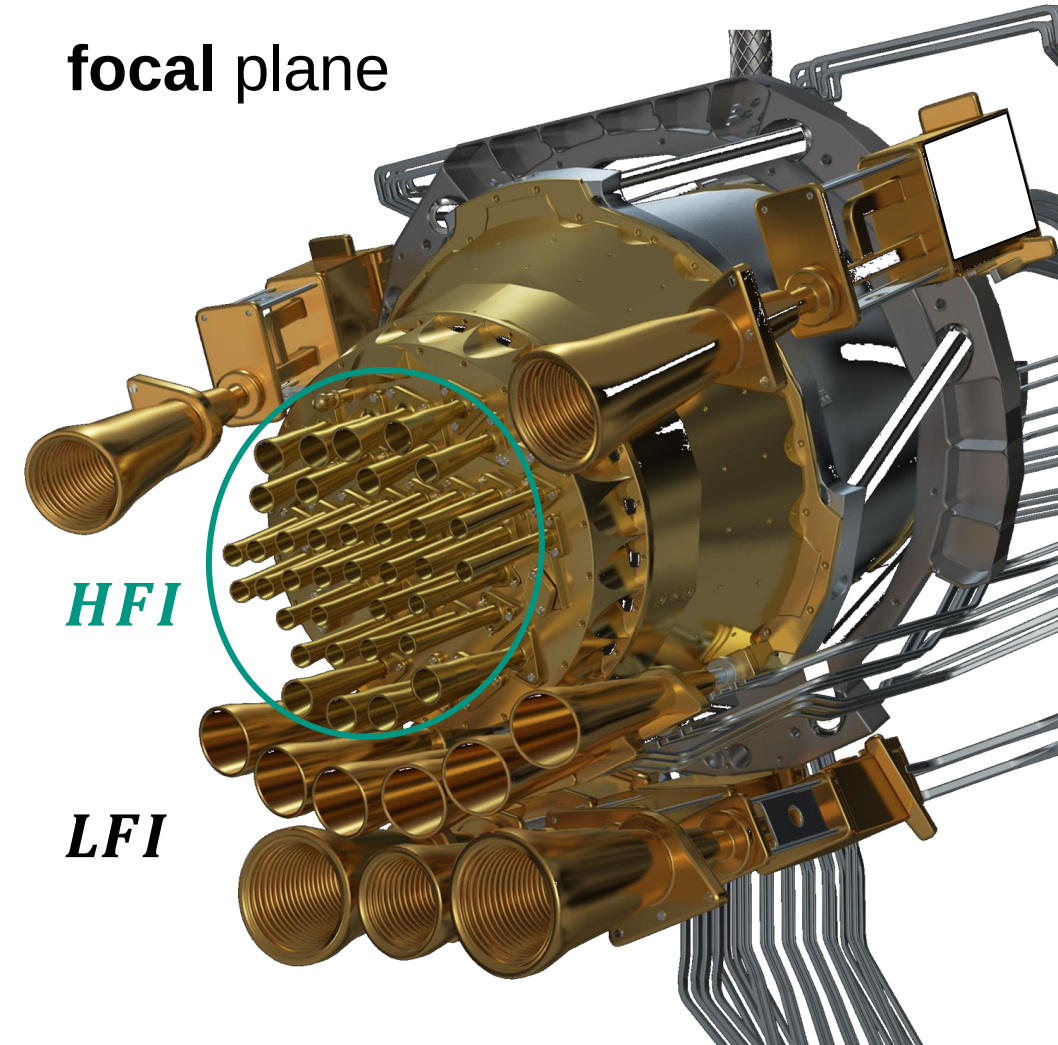
LFI – Low Frequency Instrument

$f = 27 \dots 77 \text{ GHz}$ $T = 20 \text{ K}$

HFI – High Frequency Instrument

$f = 100 \dots 857 \text{ GHz}$ $T = 0.1 \text{ K}$

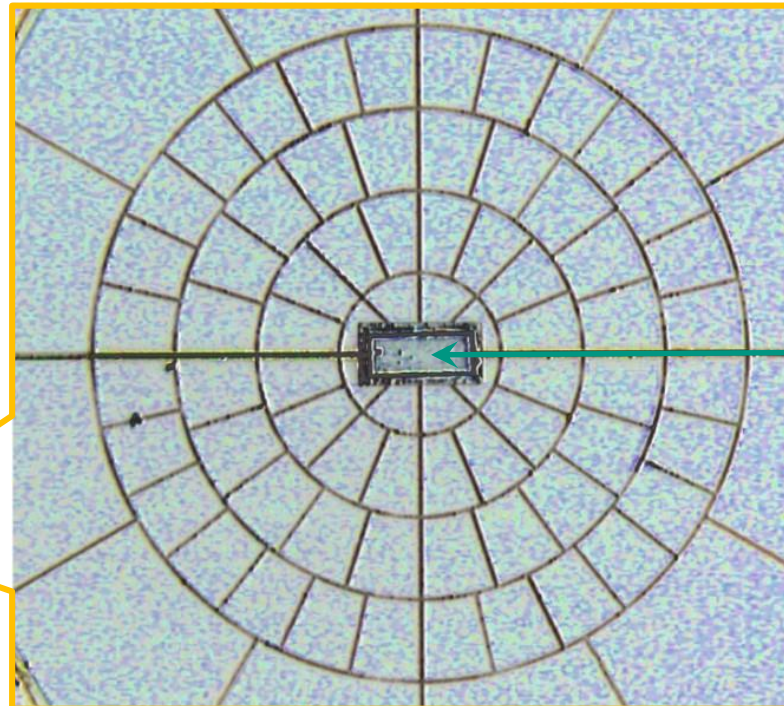
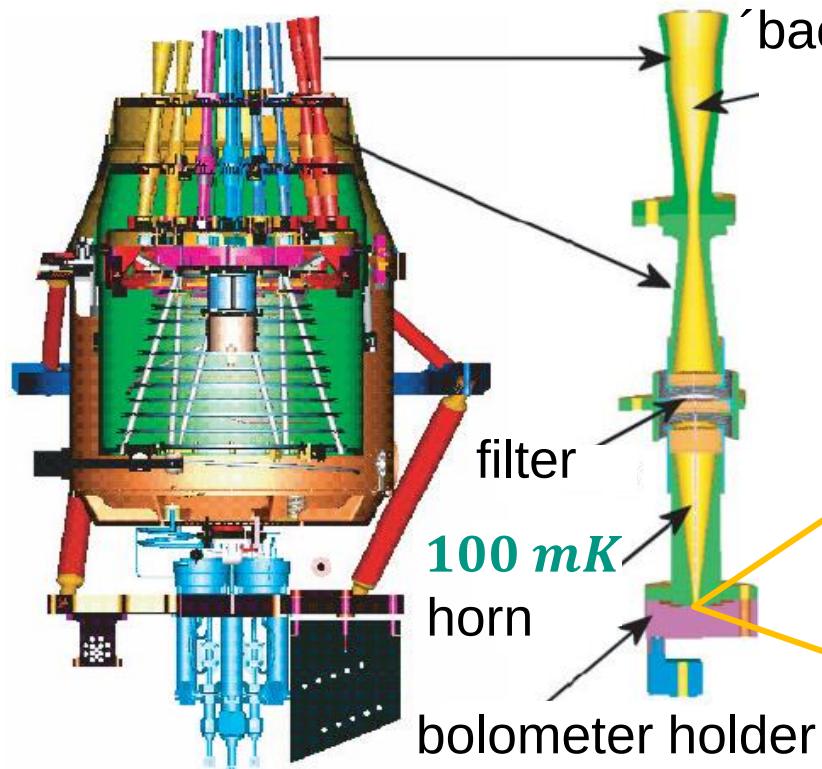
- *CMB* is guided via the **primary** & via **secondary** mirrors onto the ‘focal plane’ with two instruments* *LFI* and *HFI*
- *LFI* & *HFI* are cooled via *LHe* reservoir



Planck – *HFI*: a ‘spider–web’ bolometer

■ microwaves are absorbed by a super–conducting bolometer (‘spider–web’)

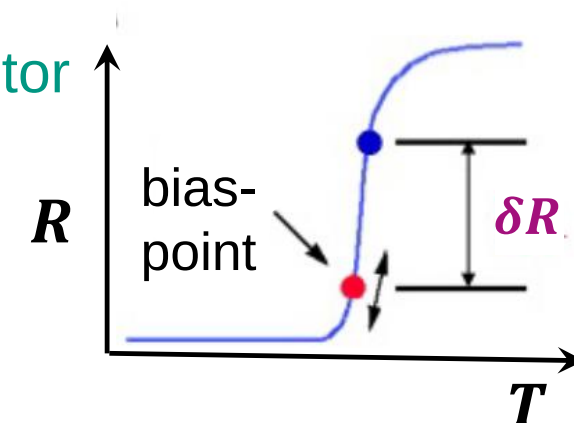
- **absorption** of microwaves: **tiny increase** of bolometer temperature T , which then is read–out by a **thermistor**



thermistor:

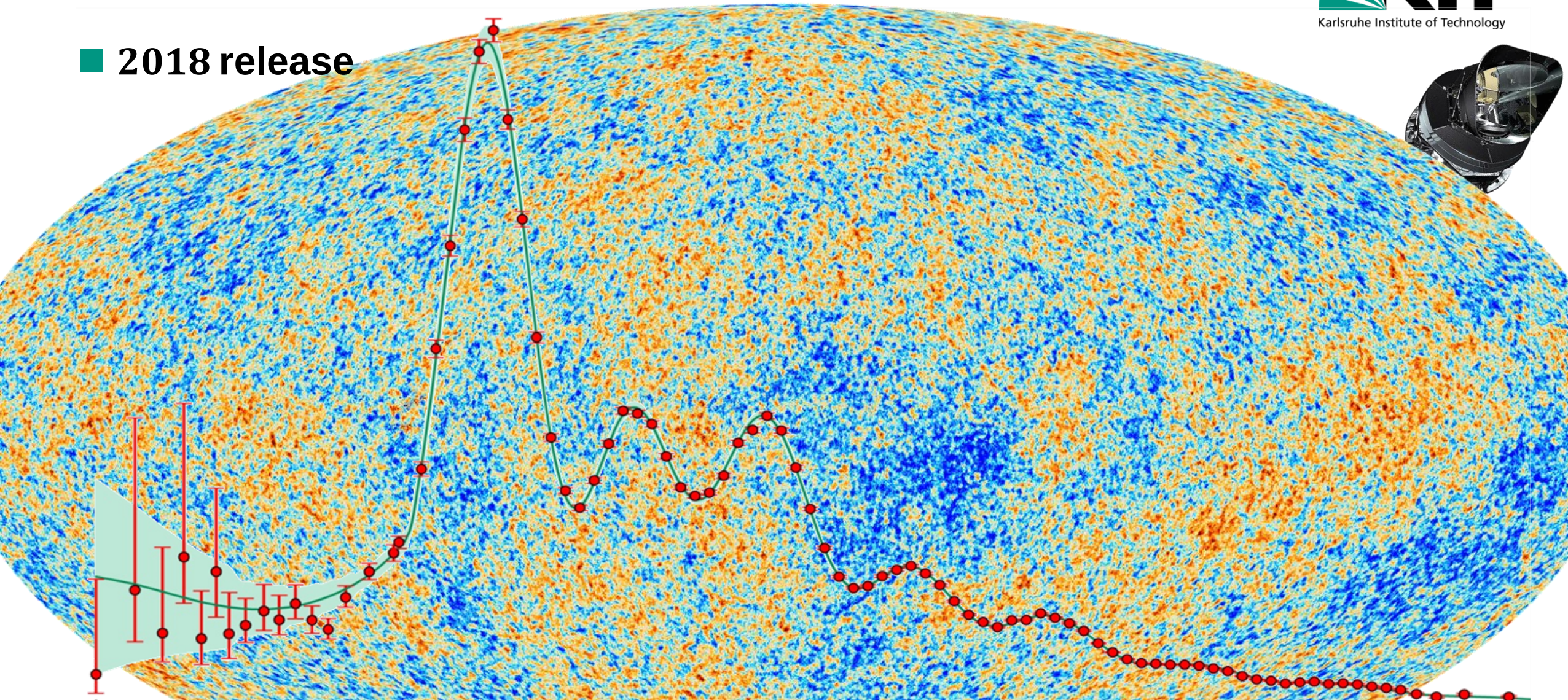
change of temperature $T \Rightarrow$
change δR of resistivity R

thermistor



Planck – the ‘definitive’ *CMB* temperature map

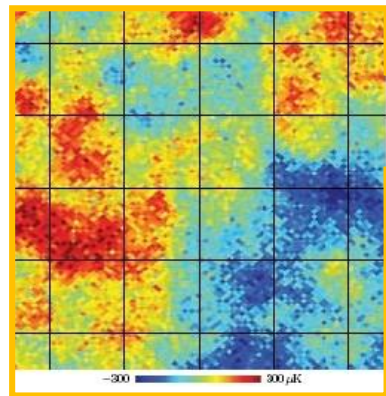
■ 2018 release



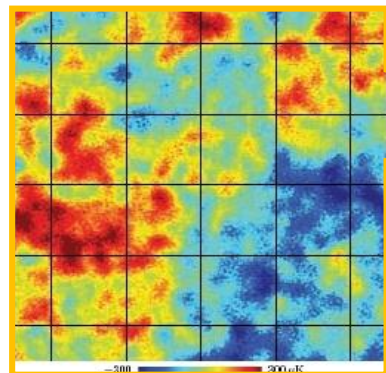
Comparing *COBE* ... *WMAP* ... *Planck*

■ Better resolution, please!

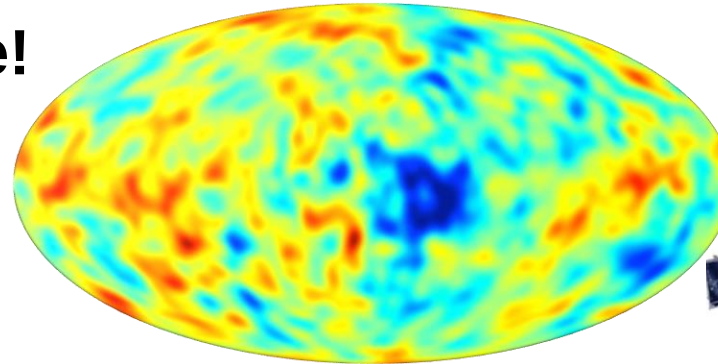
- experimental progress
from 1989 ... 2013



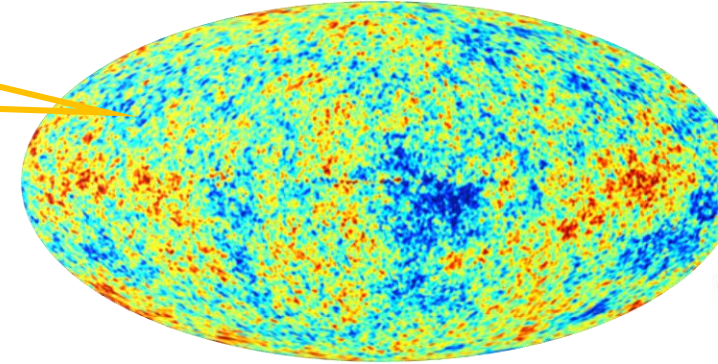
WMAP
9 years



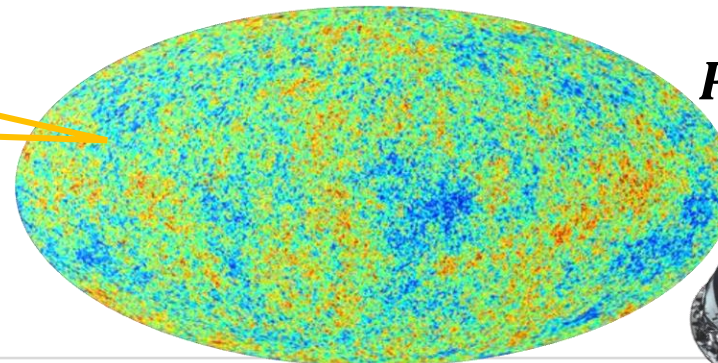
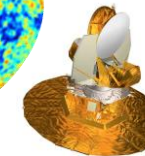
Planck
1 year



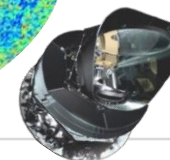
COBE



WMAP

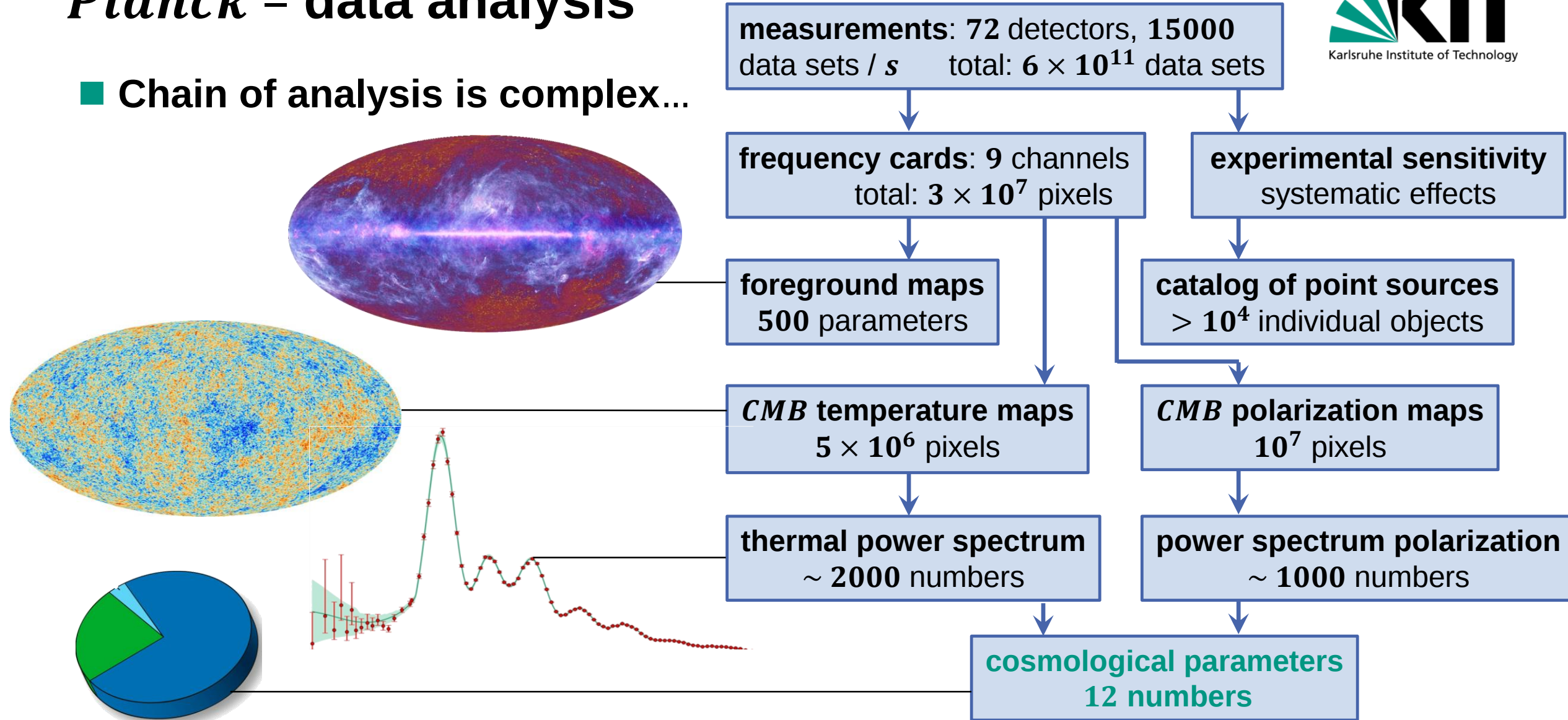


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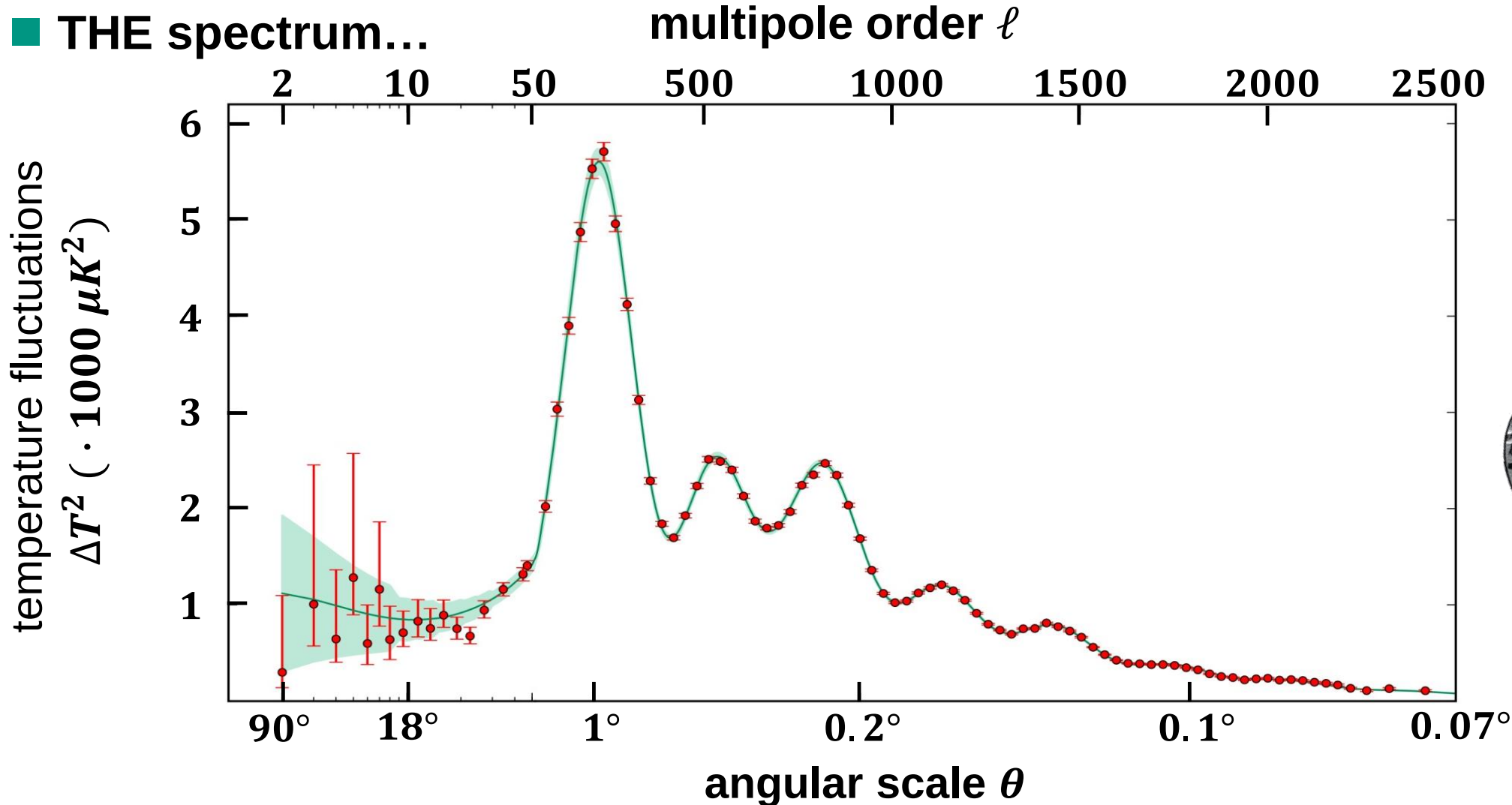


Planck – data analysis

■ Chain of analysis is complex...



Planck – finally: THE multipole spectrum for fits



Planck – cosmological parameters

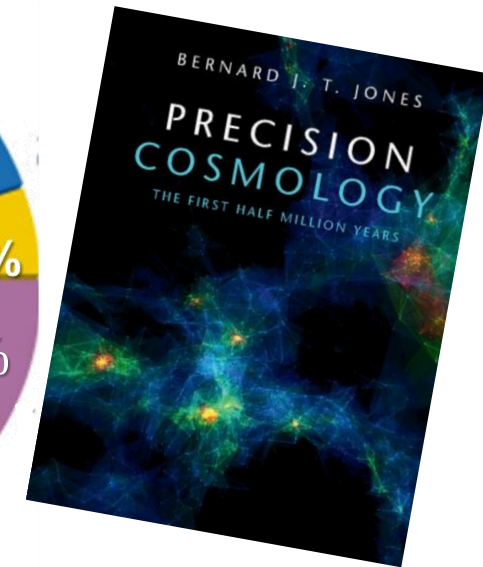
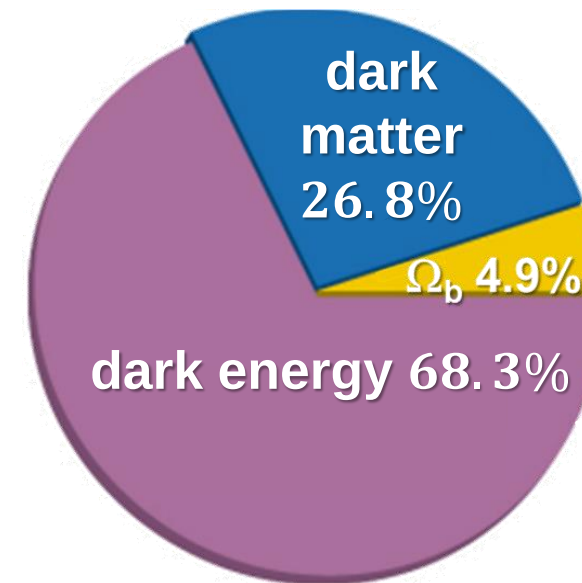
■ CMB as precision tool of cosmology

⇒ CMB data are described within the Λ CDM – concordance model

⇒ cosmological parameters based on CMB are derived from 2018 Planck data

- Planck data are fitted together with other data sets (galaxy surveys,...)

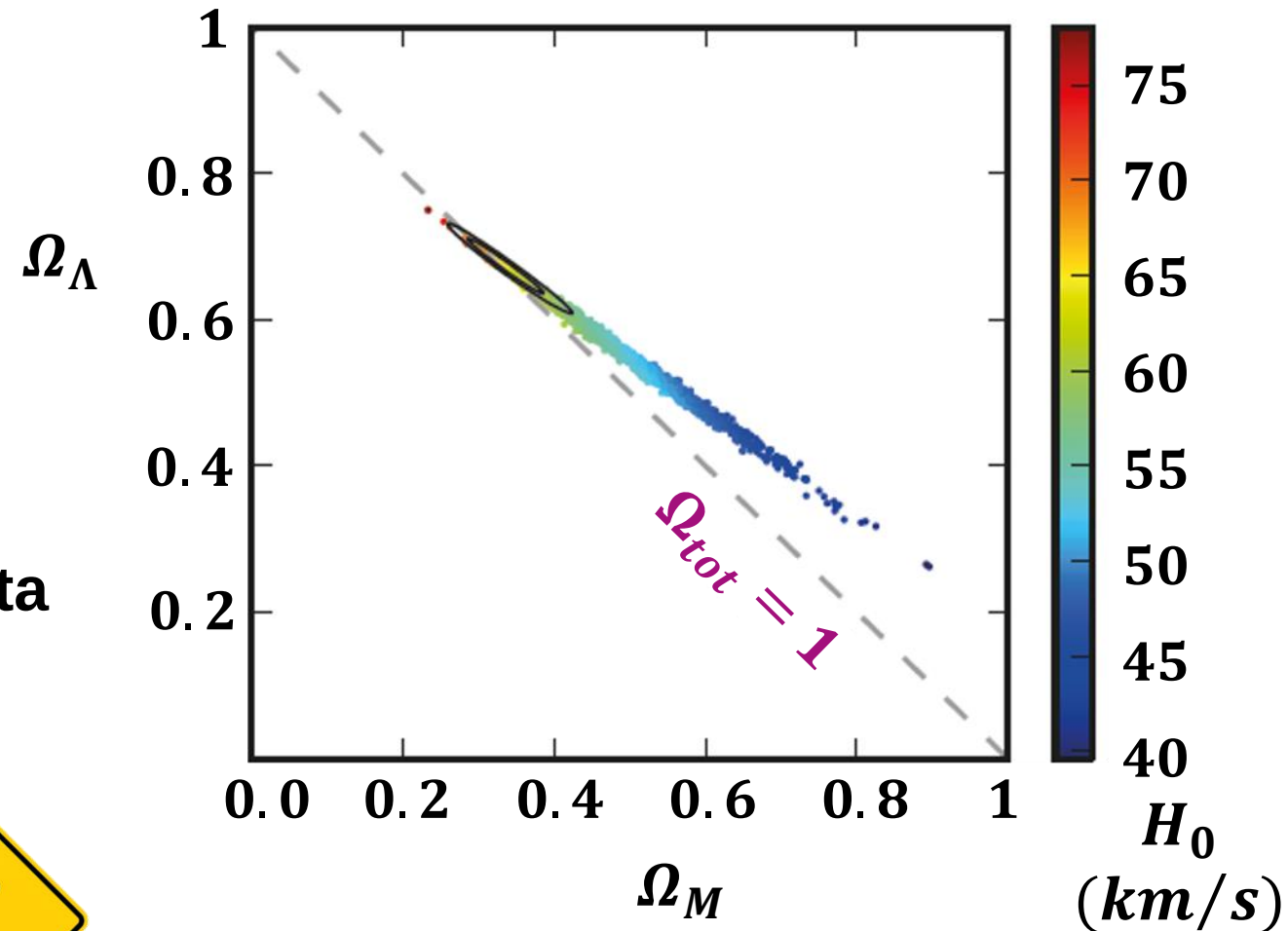
parameter	best fit value
age of universe t_0	$(13.80 \pm 0.04) \cdot 10^9 \text{ yr}$
Hubble constant* H_0	$(67.8 \pm 0.9) \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$
Baryon fraction $\Omega_B h^2$	0.02226 ± 0.000230
Dark Matter fraction $\Omega_{DM} h^2$	0.1186 ± 0.0020
Dark Energy Ω_Λ	0.685 ± 0.017
time of decoupling t_{rec}	$(377730 \pm 3200) \text{ yr}$
red–shift of decoupling z_{rec}	1090.9 ± 0.7



CMB parameter–fitting can be challenging

■ Model fits to *CMB* & other data: $\Rightarrow$ sets of **degenerate parameters**

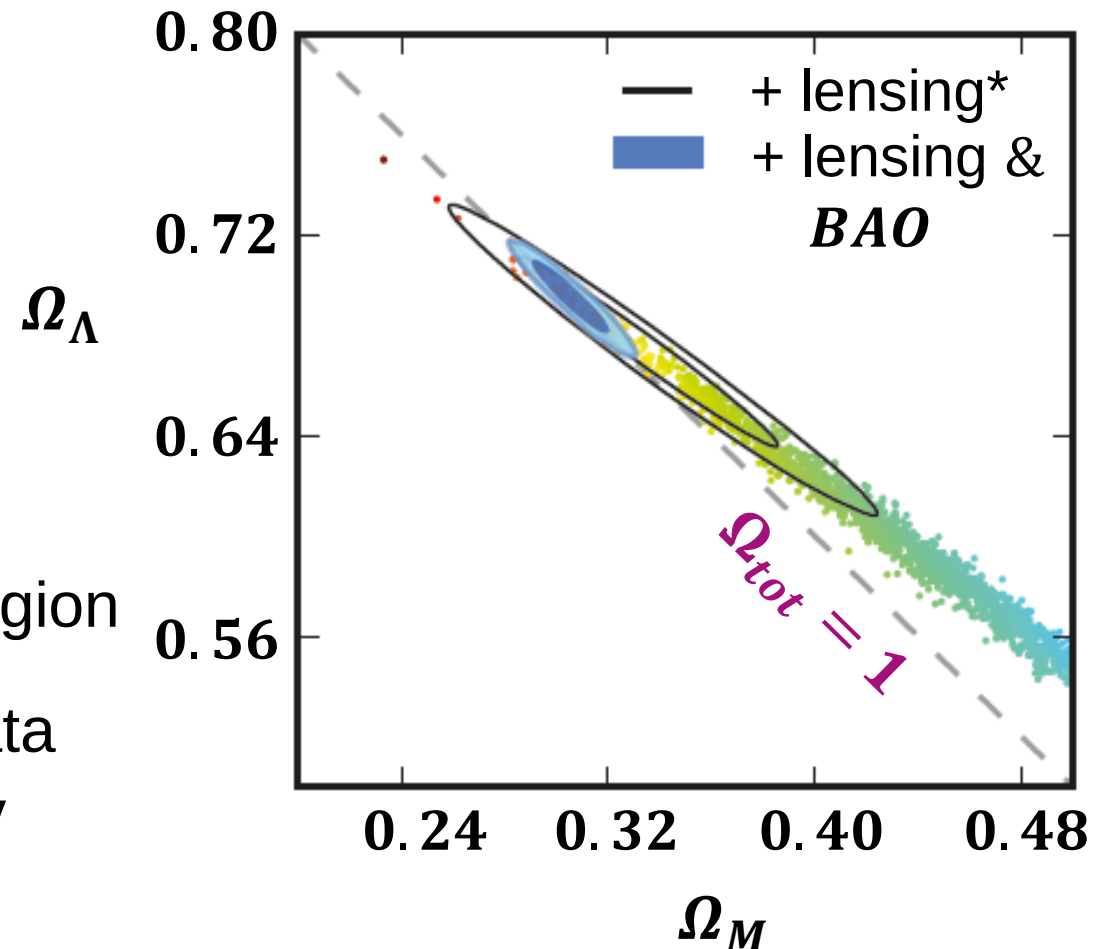
- example:
degeneracy of the three key cosmological parameters Ω_Λ Ω_M & H_0
- **degeneracy of parameters:**
different combinations of parameters yield **identical fits to data**
 $\Rightarrow$ needs to be broken by additional information (**orthogonal data sets**,...)



Cosmological parameters: degeneracy broken

■ Model fits to *CMB* & other data: $\Rightarrow$ sets of **degenerated parameters**

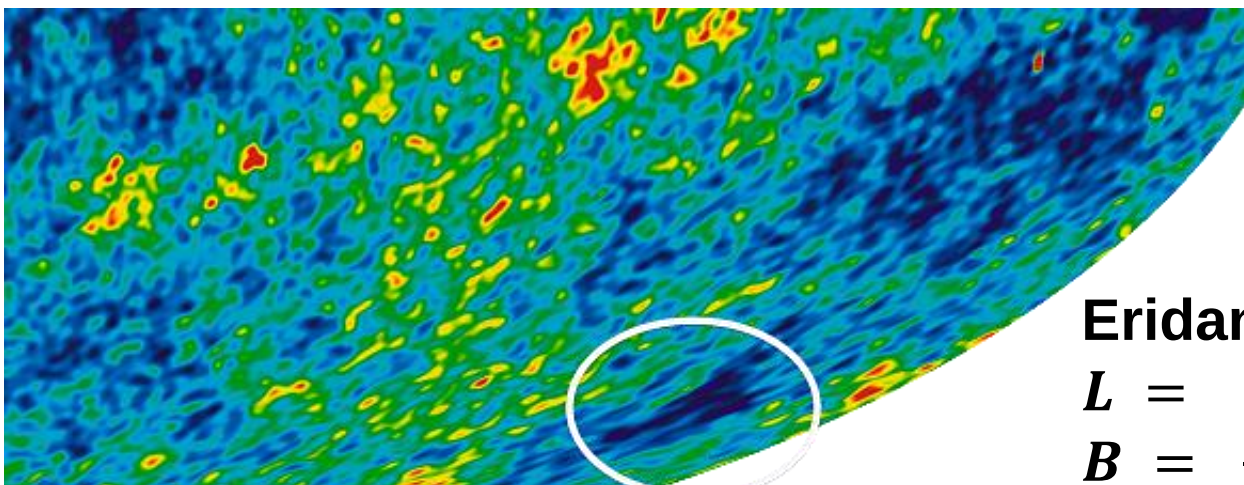
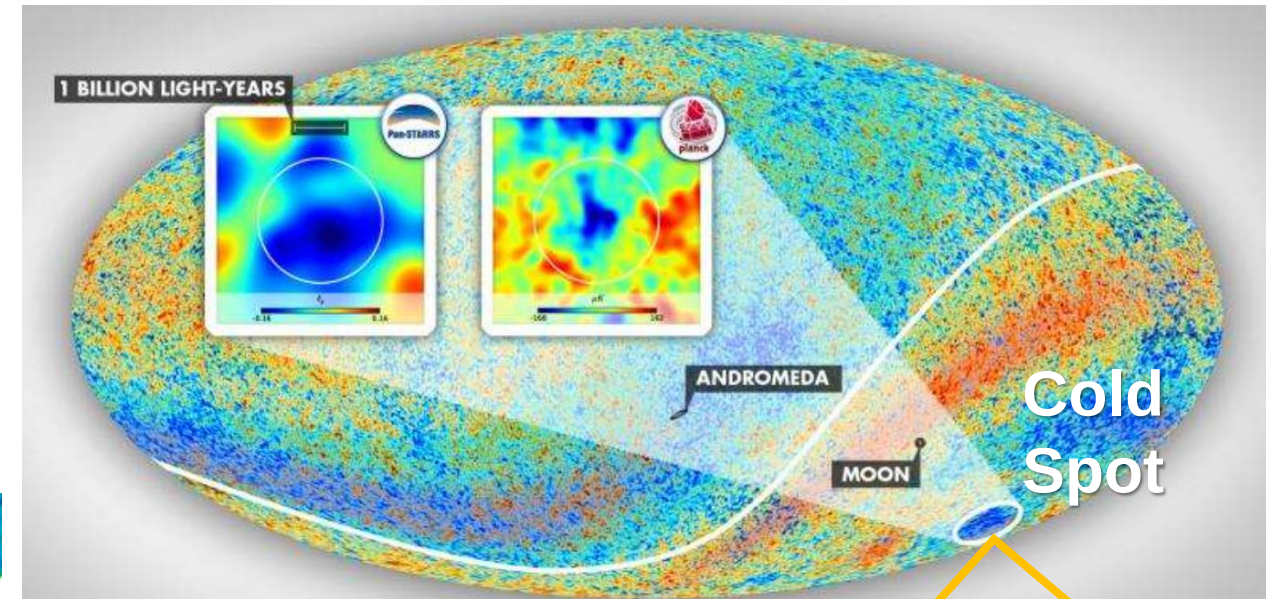
- example with additional data:
degeneracy of the **two**
key cosmological parameters
 Ω_Λ Ω_M
- **degeneracy of parameters reduced**:
different combinations of
parameters still good fits, but smaller region
 $\Rightarrow$ additional information (orthogonal data
sets,...): breaks/reduces degeneracy
here – **weak lensing effect***



Anomalies in the *CMB*: *WMAP* 'Cold Spot'

■ A large cold region revealed by *WMAP*: is it a cosmic 'super-void' ?

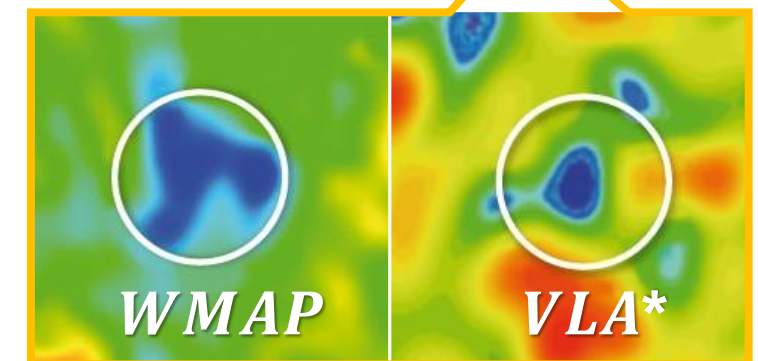
- *WMAP* data have yielded a surprise: a **5° large cold *CMB* region**, where $\Delta T \sim -70 \mu K$ (below *CMB* – average)
- also seen in *VLA** data & others



Eridanus:

$$L = 207.8^\circ$$

$$B = -56.3^\circ$$



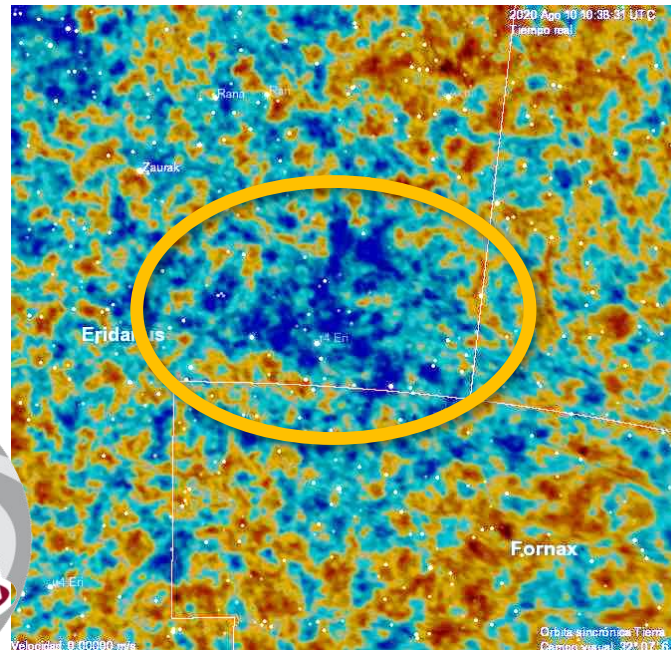
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■ Does the *CMB* indicate a **super-void** ?

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a **5° large cold *CMB* region**, where
 $\Delta T \sim -70 \mu K$ (below *CMB* – average)

- also seen in *Planck* data

- probability in case of
Gaussian fluctuations
 $p = 1.85 \%$



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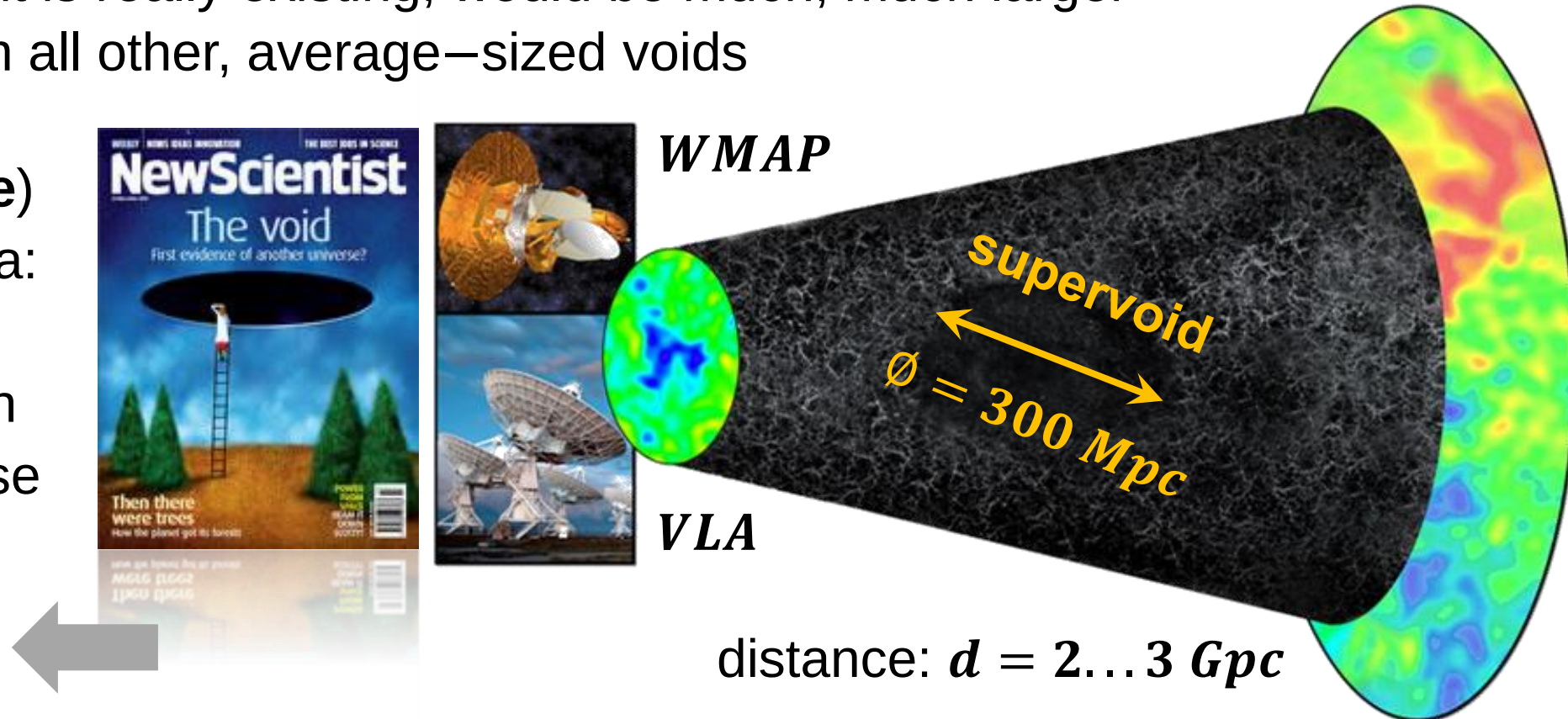


Anomalies in the *CMB*: *WMAP* 'Cold Spot'

■ Does the *CMB* indicate a super-void with $d = 300 \text{ Mpc}$ at $z = 1$?

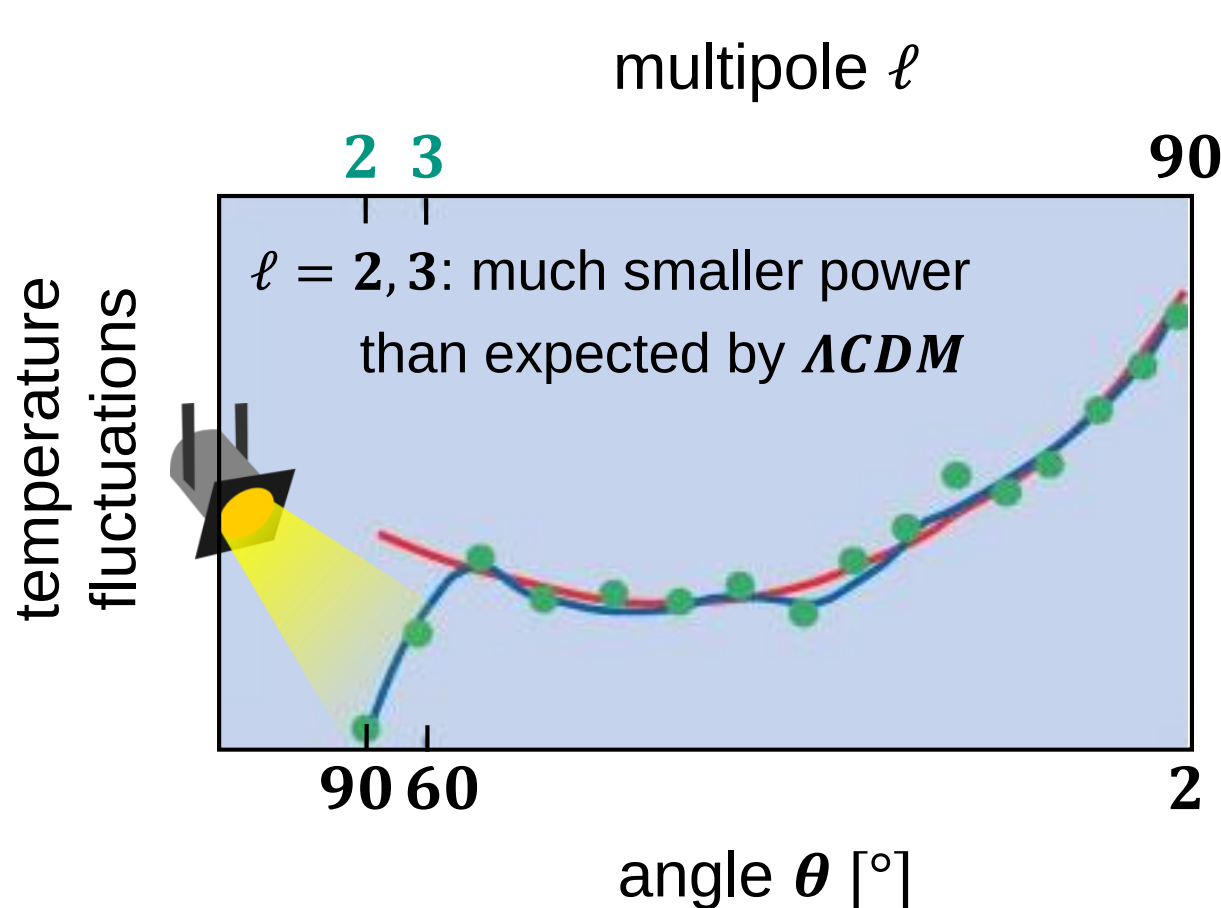
- this **super-void**, if it is really existing, would be much, much larger ($V \approx 30 \dots 100$) than all other, average-sized voids

- (highly speculative) interpretation of data: we are witnessing the ongoing collision with another universe 'next door'



Anomalies in the *CMB*: quadrupole & octopole

- Why is there so **little power in the two lowest-order multipoles?**



cosmic
variance

$$\pm \sqrt{2/(2\ell + 1)} \cdot C_\ell$$

- an intrinsic limit to cosmology with the *CMB*, does **NOT** depend on the resolution of my experiment!



Anomalies in the *CMB*: quadrupole & octopole

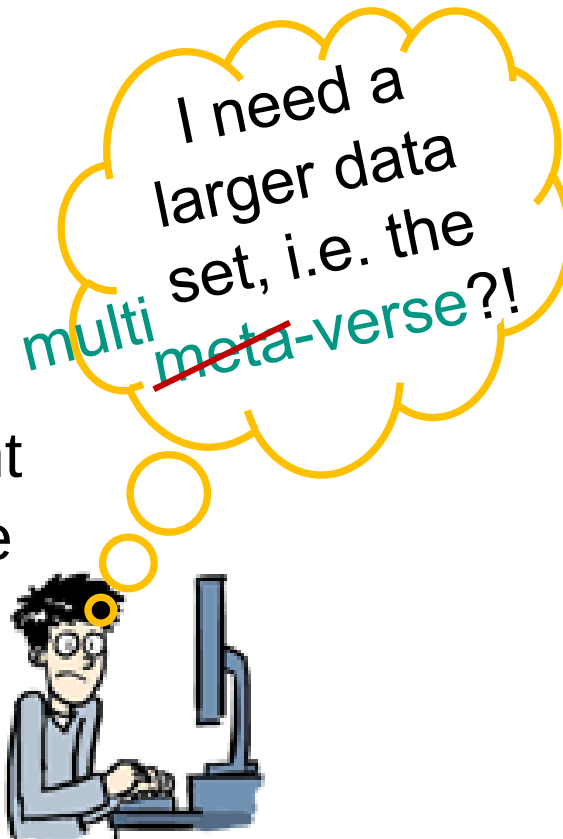
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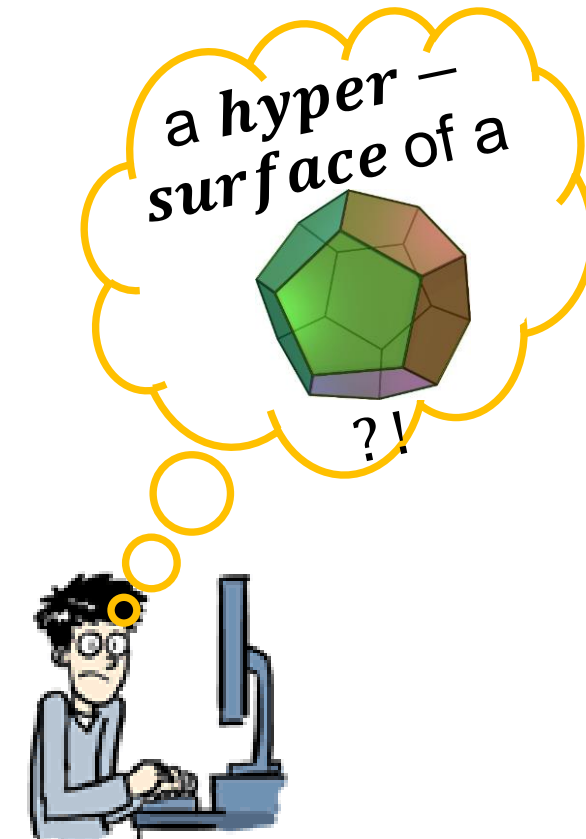
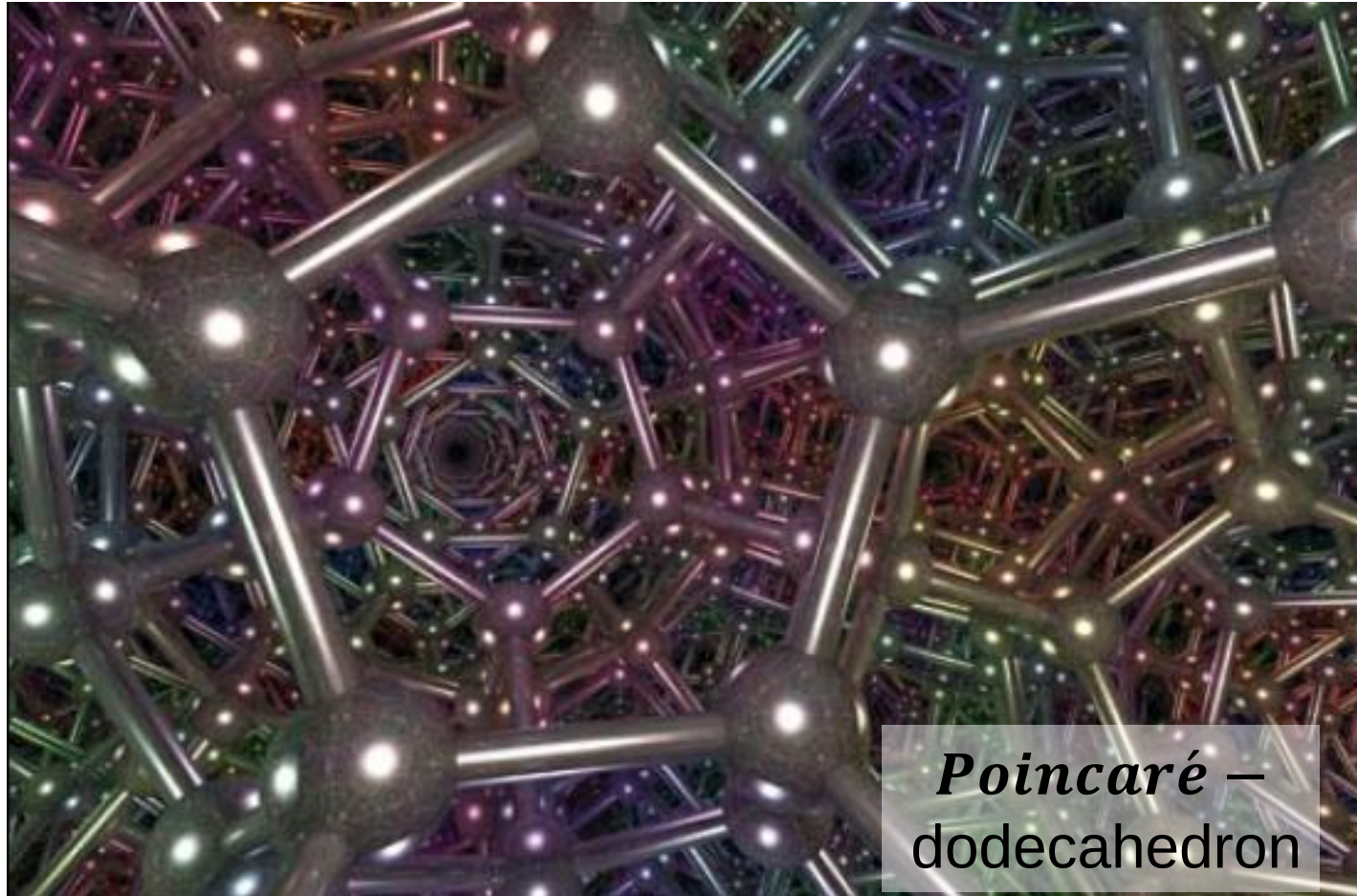
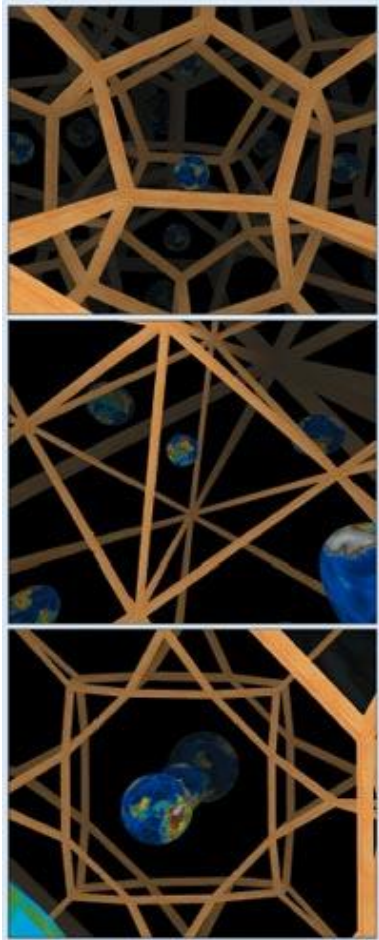
$$\pm \sqrt{2/(2\ell + 1)} \cdot C_\ell$$

- we would need to sample* many different universes to overcome cosmic variance!



Anomalies in the *CMB*: quadrupole & octopole

- Answer 1: it could point to the universe being a *Poincaré manifold*



Anomalies in the *CMB*: quadrupole & octopole

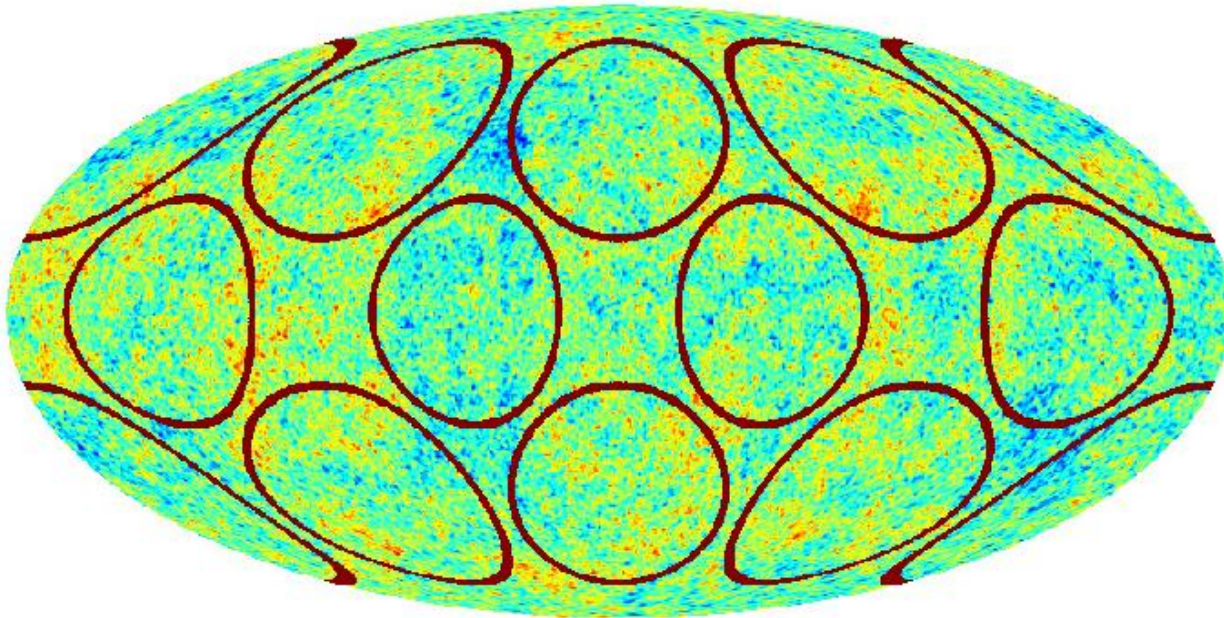
- Answer 2: it could point to the universe being a *torus* (not all dimensions $a_i(t)$ did increase equally)



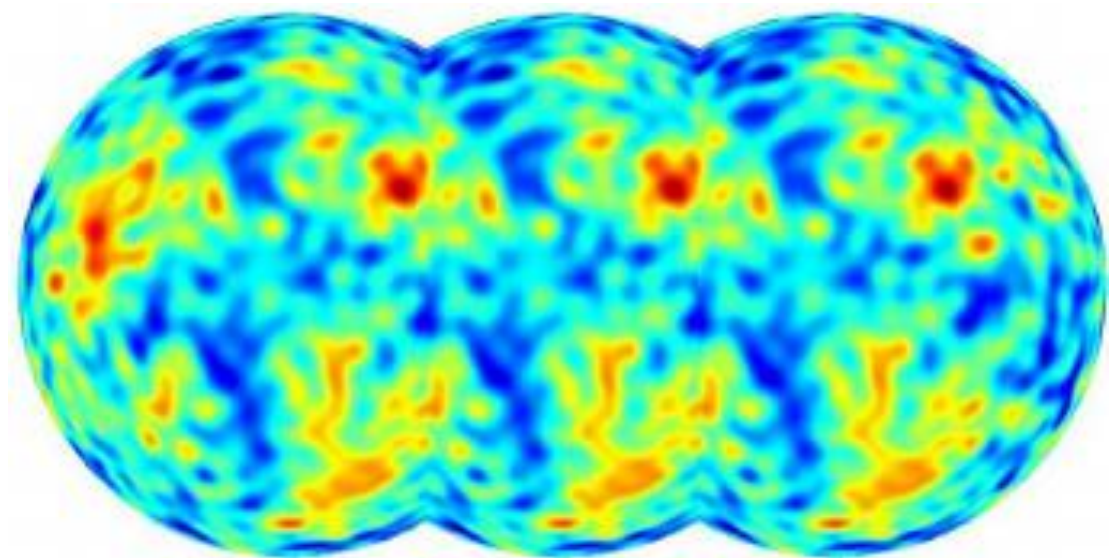
Anomalies in the *CMB*: circles in the sky?

■ Answer 3: universe with non-trivial topology: **pairs of matching circles?**

- simulated *Planck* map with a
[2, 2, 2] toroidal symmetry



- **none** found so far ...



Anomalies in the *CMB*: quadrupole & octopole

■ The 'axis of evil': pure coincidence or systematic effect in the analysis?

The universe lines up along the 'axis of evil'. Coincidence?

From the rotation of galaxies to cosmic expansion everything points in one direction. If only we knew why

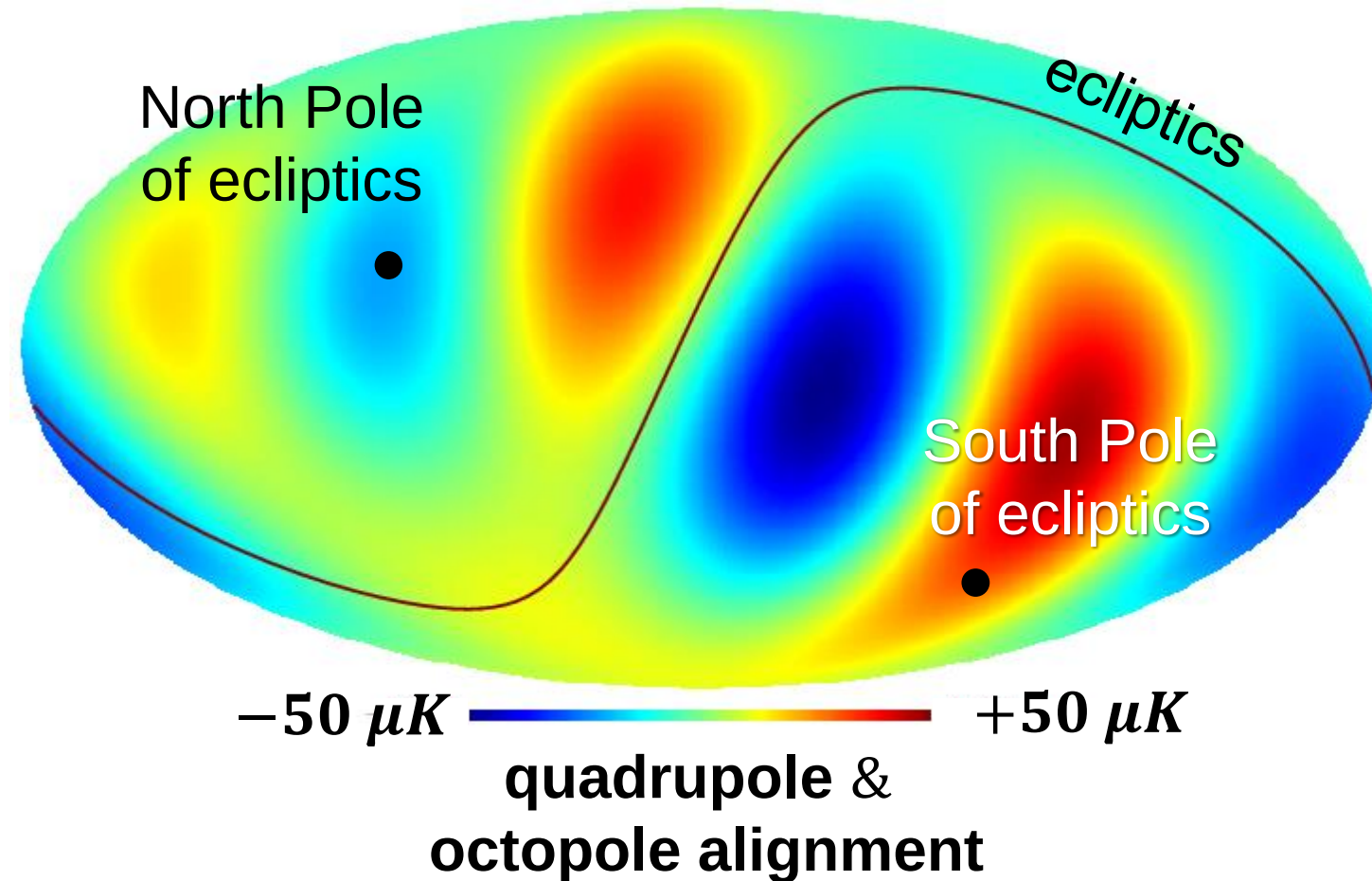
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COSMOLOGISTS called it the axis of evil. Spotted in 2005 in the cosmic microwave background, the all-pervading afterglow of the big bang, the axis was a peculiar alignment of features where we would have



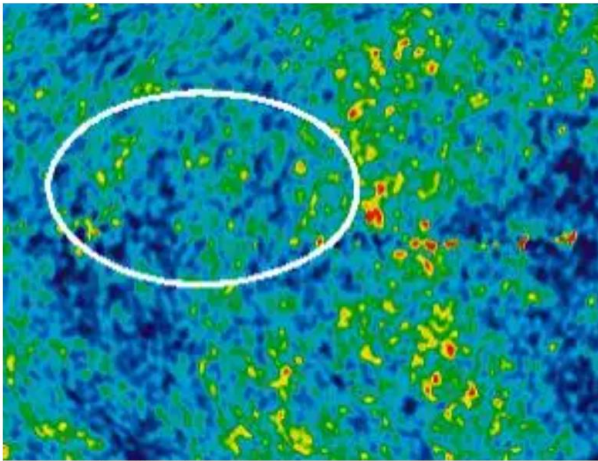
Anomalies in the *CMB*

■ Cosmic variance & the **element of coincidence*** in large data sets

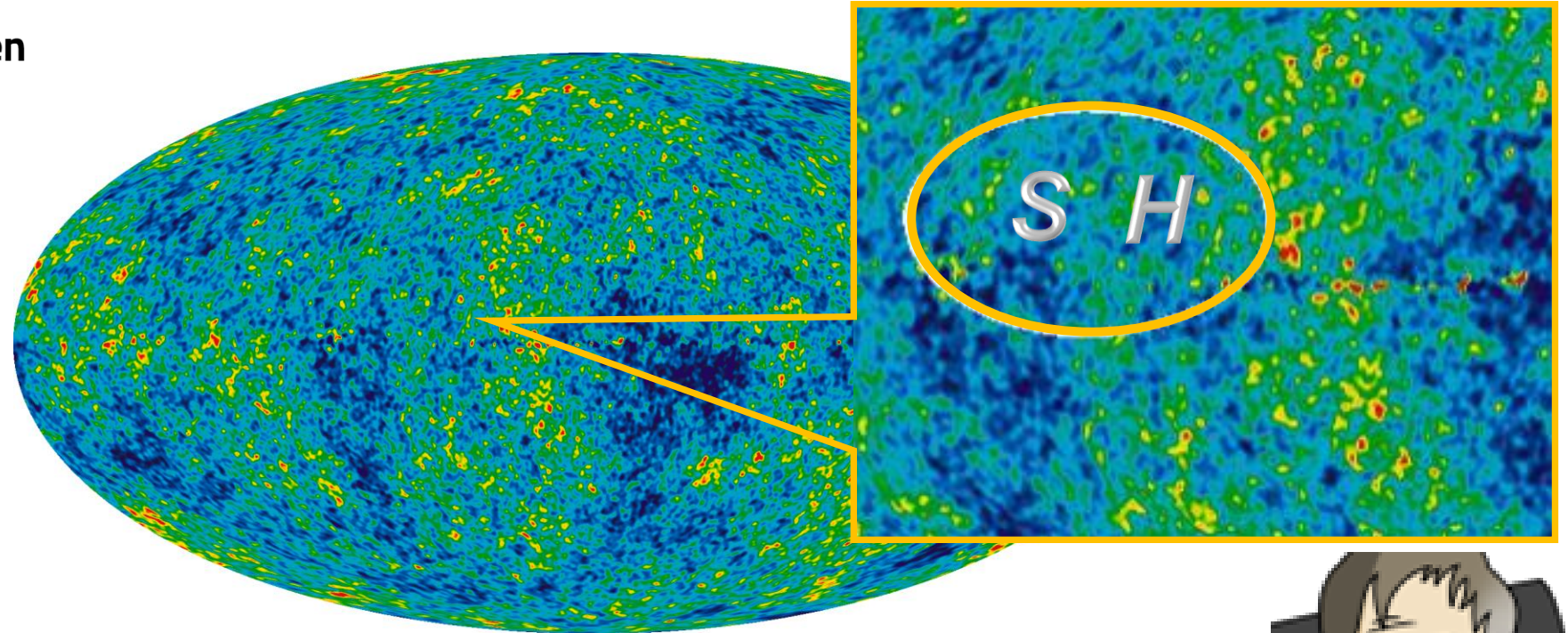
Found: Hawking's initials written into the universe

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Stephen Hawking leaves his mark
(Image: NASA/WMAP Science Team)

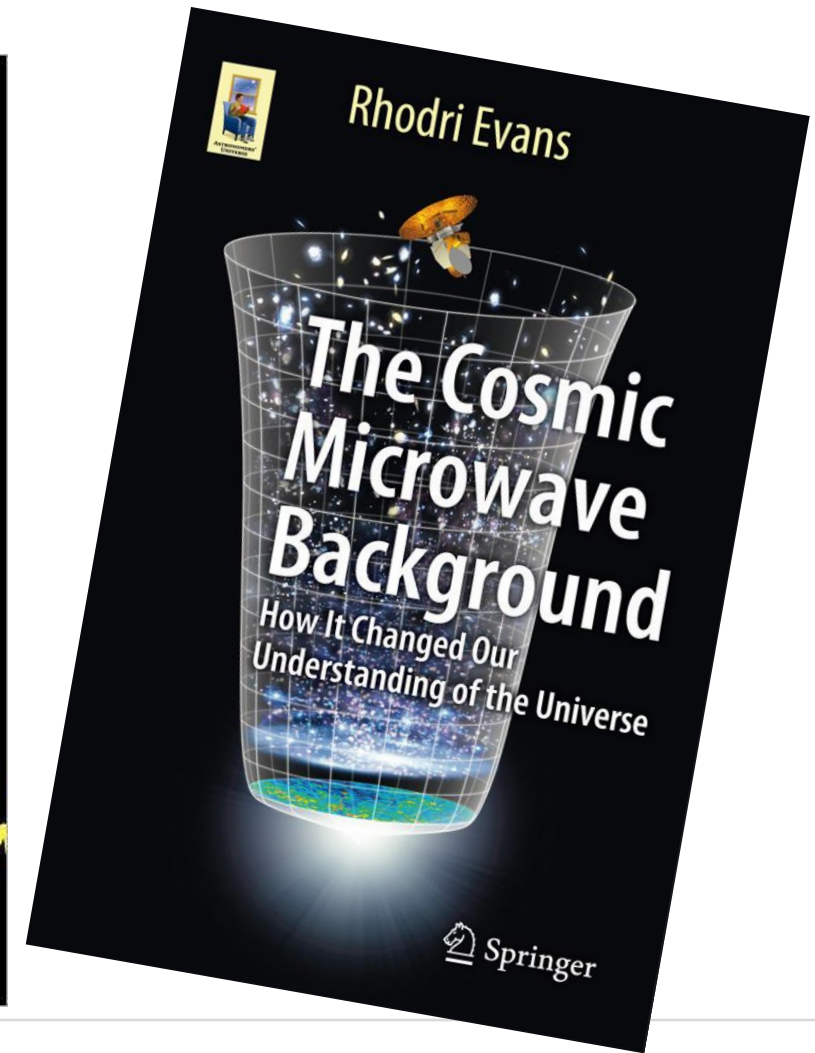
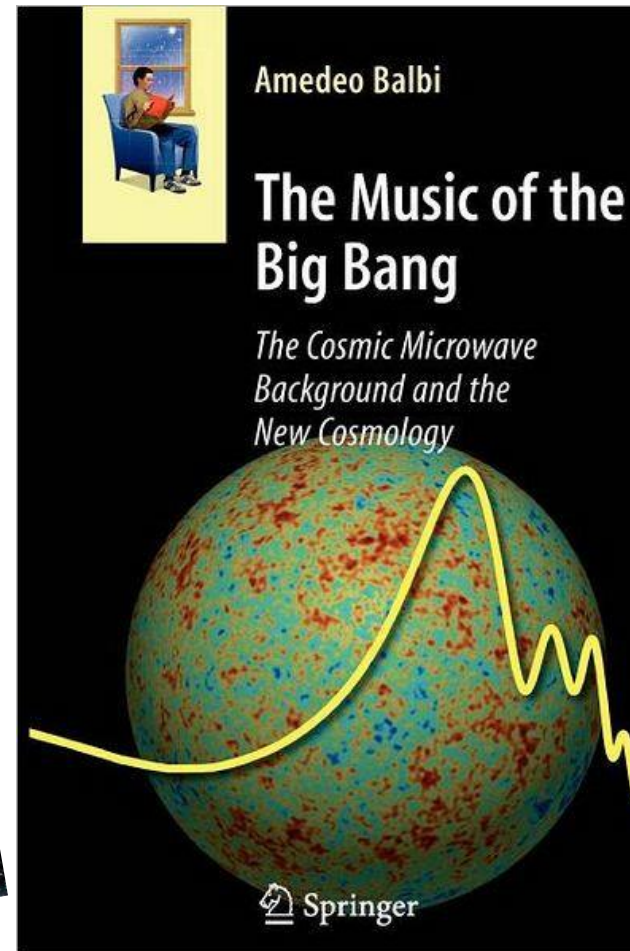
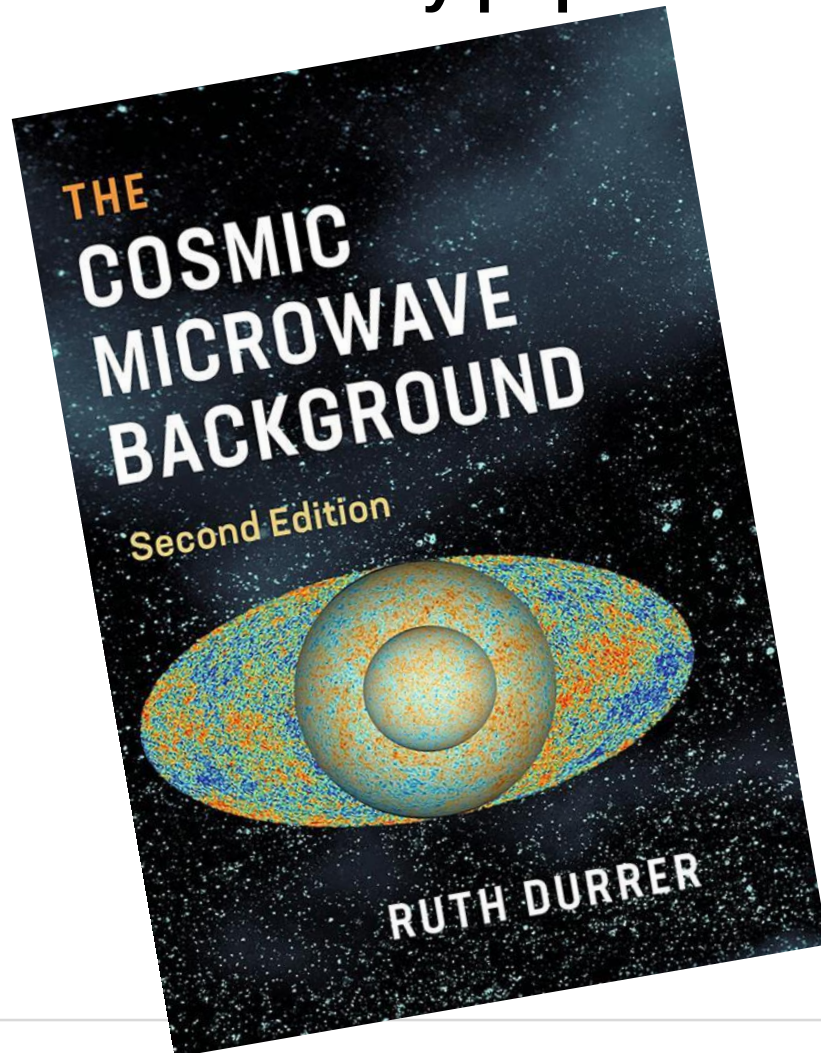


Is Stephen Hawking a galactic graffiti artist? Hidden away in the cosmic microwave background, the afterglow of the big bang, the initials “SH” are clear to view (see picture, right). We took a closer look and spotted



Riding early waves: interesting (new) books

- *CMB* is fairly popular: many books on the market



Riding early waves: two Post-docs at *MPA*

- Do NOT copy: **surfing** on acoustic (sound) waves **in the Early Universe** ...



[Riding the Cosmic Waves – Pressepaket \(mpg.de\)](http://mpg.de)

