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Research items:

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geo-neutrinos

neutrinos and cosmology

physics of compact stars

physics beyond standard model

solar models

CMB and Secondaries: the Cold Spot

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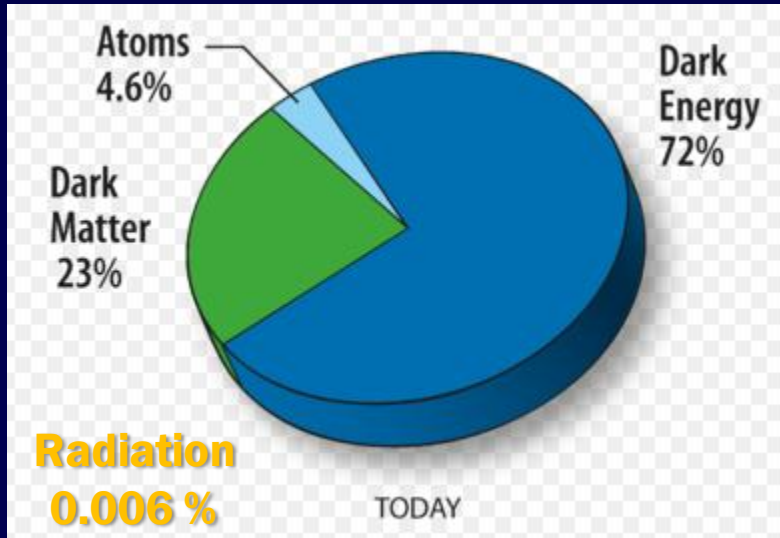
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Plan

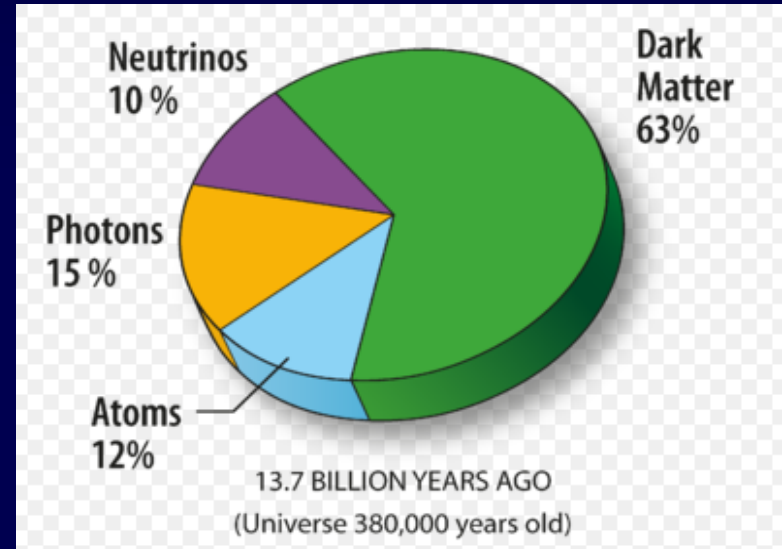
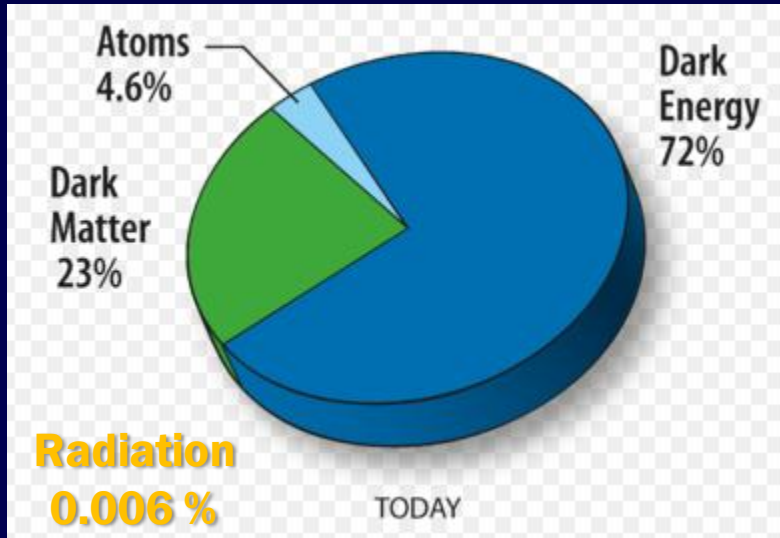
- Inflationary BB and CMB
- Unexpected features: the Cold Spot
- The Cold Spot as a Void on the line of sight:
secondary anisotropies associated to
the Rees-Sciama & Lensing effects
- Conclusions and perspectives

Content of Universe



radiation density scales as a^{-4}
WHILE
matter density as a^{-3} & dark energy stays constant

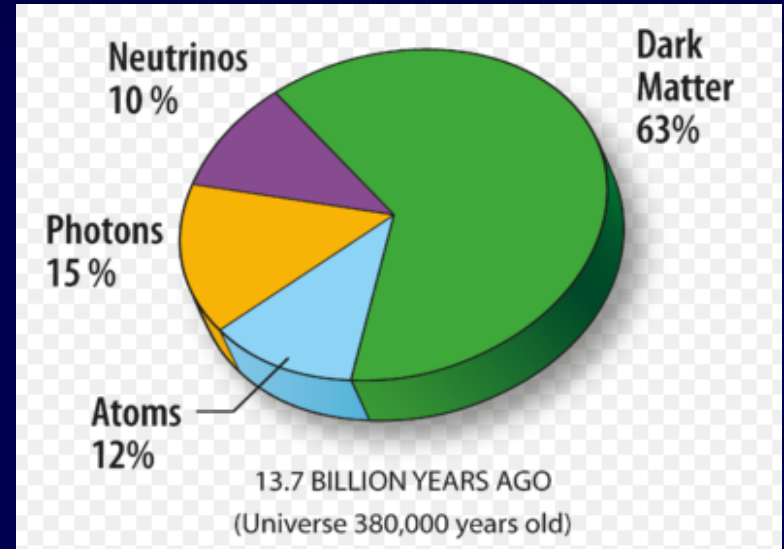
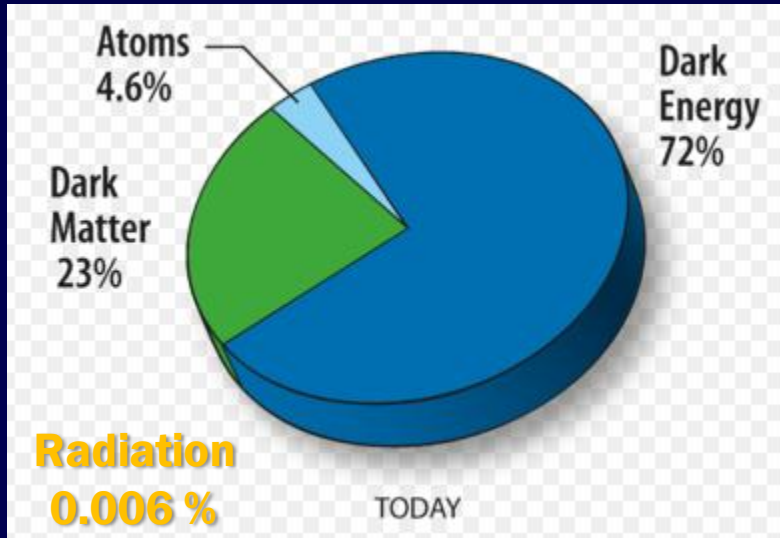
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13.7 Gyr ago

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According to BB theory,
the CMB gives a snapshot of the universe at that time

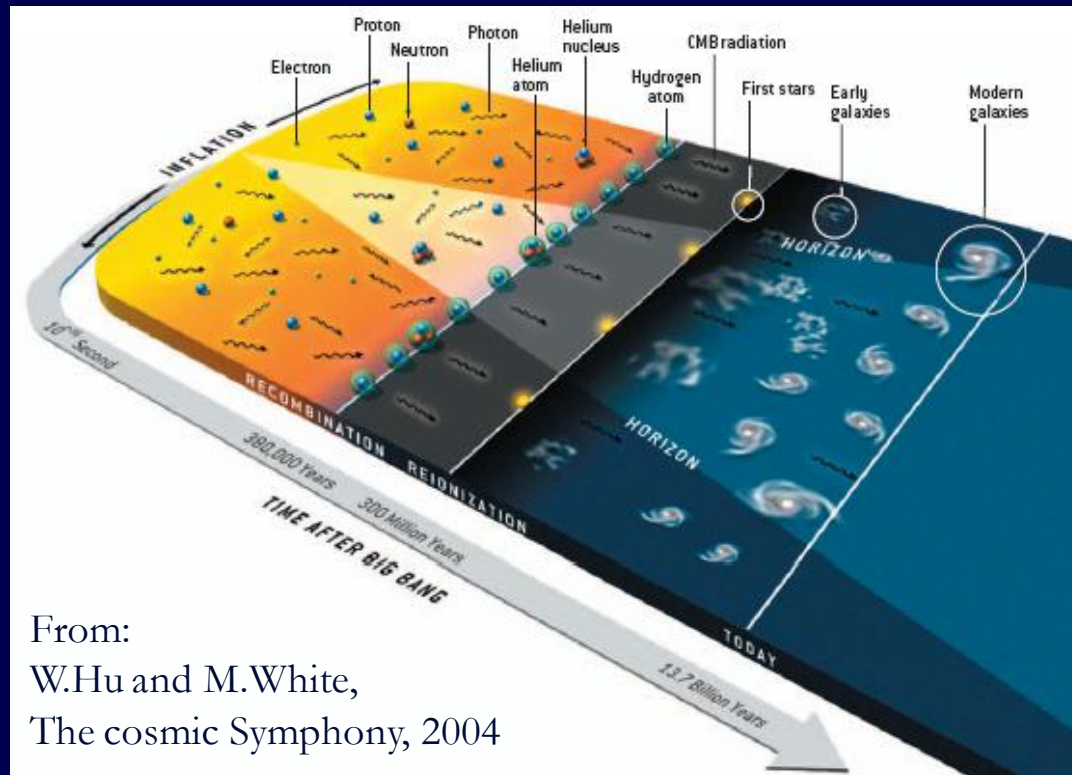
Fiat lux

Because it was just at that time that
T dropped enough to allow e and p to form H atoms,
thus making the **universe transparent to radiation**
(since then in the eq with matter, including the dark one).



Sistine Chapel – Separation of Light and Darkness

This “last scattering” or “recombination” or “decoupling” period occurred
in between **0.38 – 0.48 Myr** after BB
when the universe was **about 1000 times smaller** ($z=1100$)
and had temperature **T about 3000 K** (kT about 0.25 eV).



From:
W.Hu and M.White,
The cosmic Symphony, 2004

Anisotropies and Inflationary BB

No model other than the inflationary BB has yet explained the temperature fluctuations or ANISOTROPIES, which are

- about 10^{-5} (rms variation $18\mu\text{K}$)
- more pronounced on 1° (twice full moon).

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SECONDARY induced on photons in their travel from the LSS to us

Those associated with a gravitational potential are:

- ❖ Integrated Sachs-Wolfe
- ❖ Rees-Sciama
- ❖ Gravitational lensing

→ generically small but could plague extraction of fundamental parameters.

Spherical harmonics expansion

$$T(\theta, \phi) = \sum_{\ell m} a_{\ell m} Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \phi)$$

represents a very useful tool to study anisotropies

BECAUSE

theoretical models for inflation generically predict
the PRIMARY $a_{\ell m}$ to be nearly Gaussian random fields.

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HOWEVER

secondary anisotropies are not random gaussian!

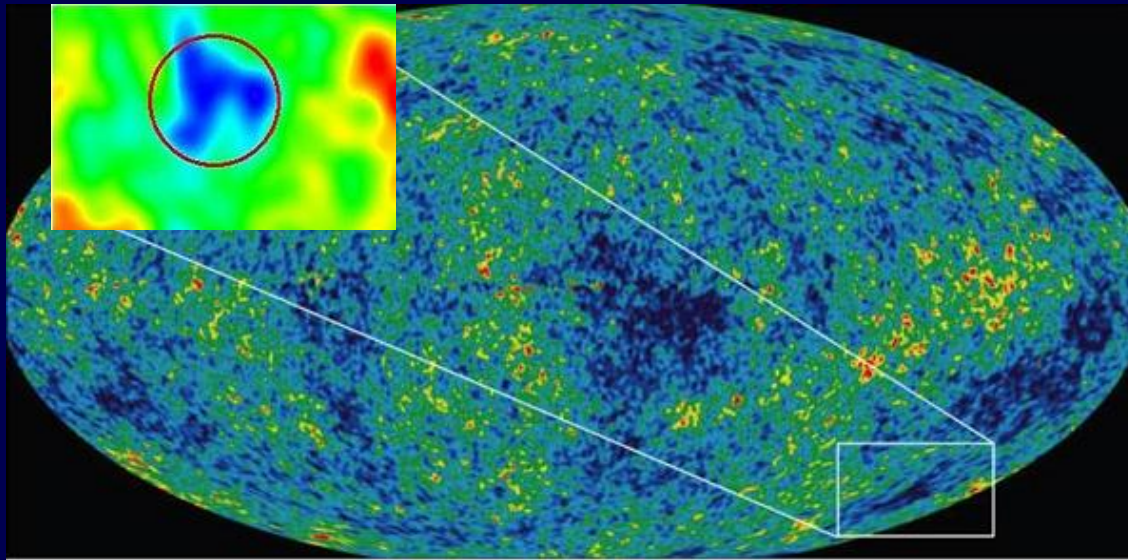
They could be studied by looking at deviations from the predictions above

Let's apply all this
to a concrete case:

The Cold Spot

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Large circular region on about 10° angular scale which is anomalously cold: $\Delta T = 190 \pm 80 \mu\text{K}$ $[A = (7 \pm 3) \times 10^{-5}]$



Probability of this spot to come from Gaussian fluctuations has been estimated to be $< 2\%$ [Cruz et al., astro-ph/0603859]

→ explore other possibilities, e.g. secondaries

The Cold Spot as a “Void”

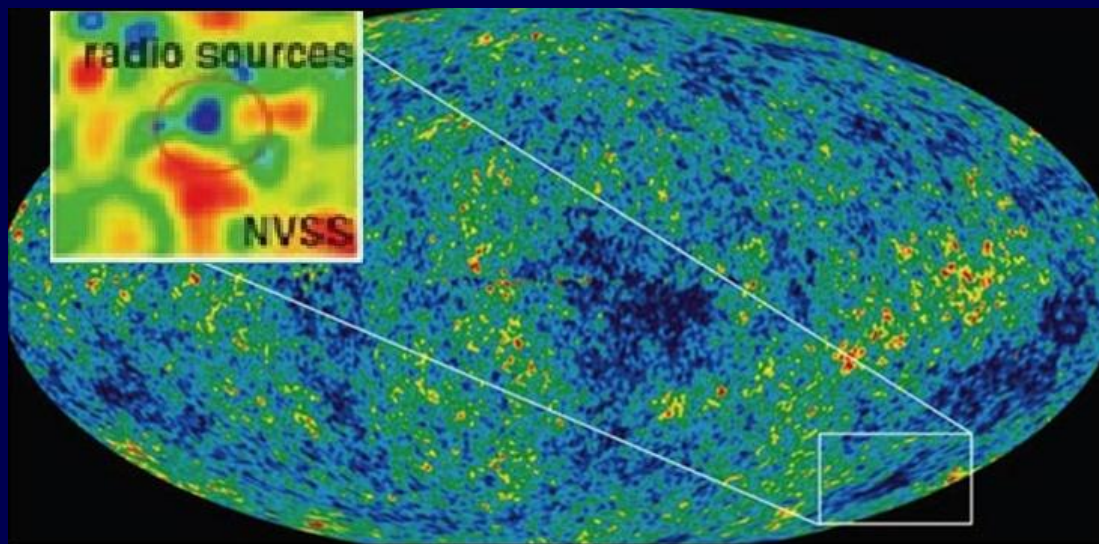
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suggested it could be due to a
large spherical underdense region (of some unknown origin),
on the line of sight between us and the LSS.

Further support ?

McEwen et al. (2006) & Rudnick et al. (2007) claimed that looking at the direction of the Cold Spot in the Extragalactic Radio Sources (NVSS survey), an underdense region is visible at $z \sim 1$



Smith et al. (2008) challenge this claim.

Granett et al. (2009) find no underdense region at $z < 1$.

Bremer et al. (2010) confirm Granett et al.

Cold Spot location

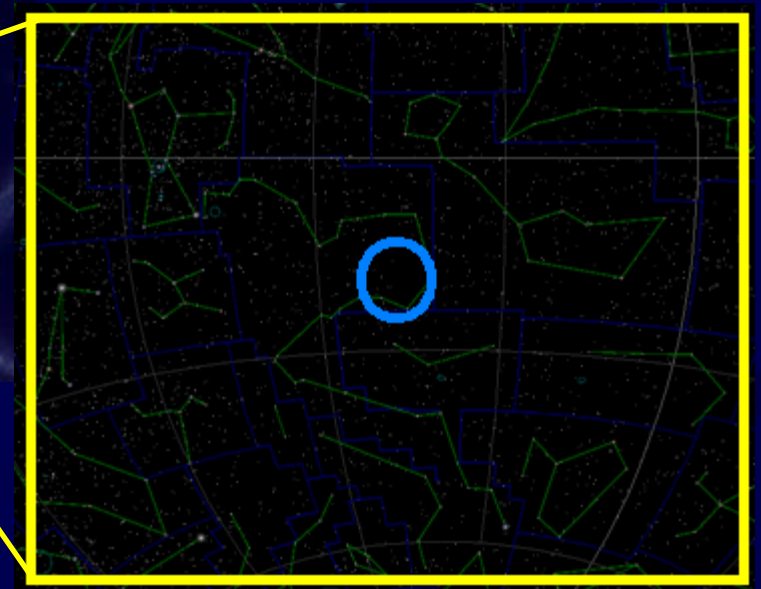
galactic coordinates

03h 15m 05s, -19° 35' 02"

From <http://www.wikisky.org>

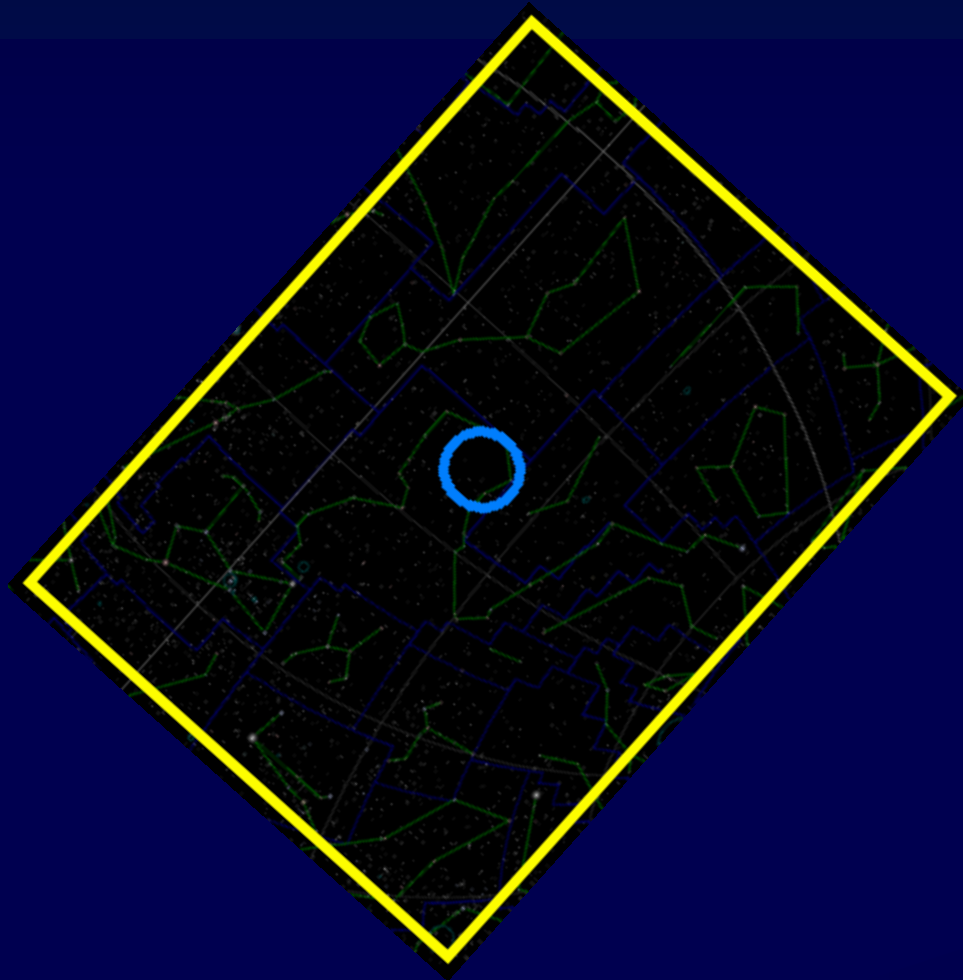


bottom-right of Orion

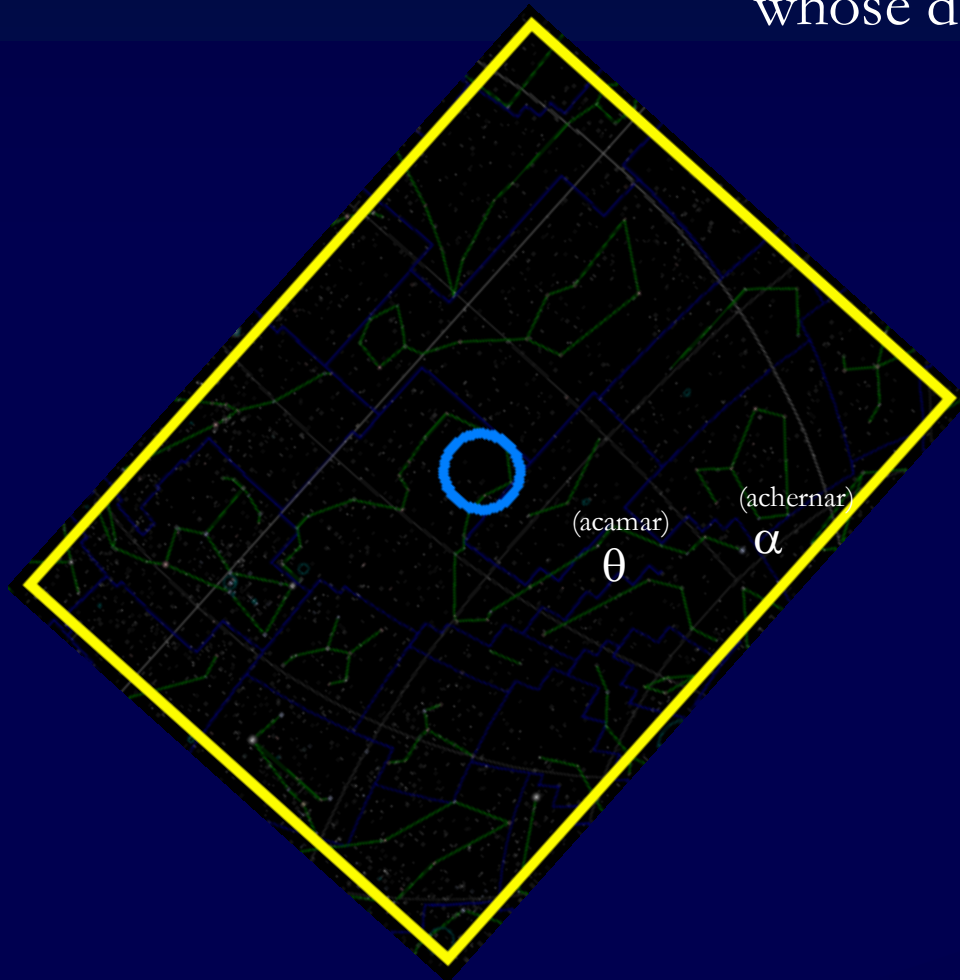


Additional motivation (poetical)

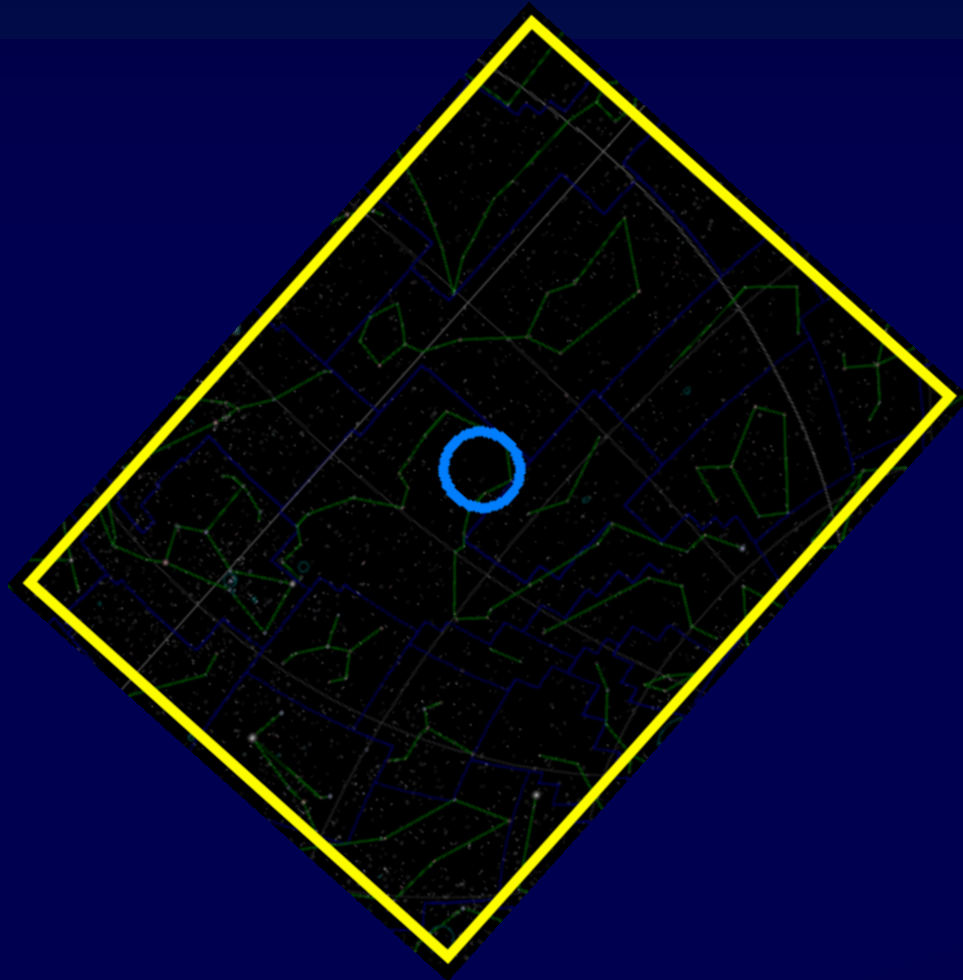
The Cold Spot is in the
Eridanus constellation



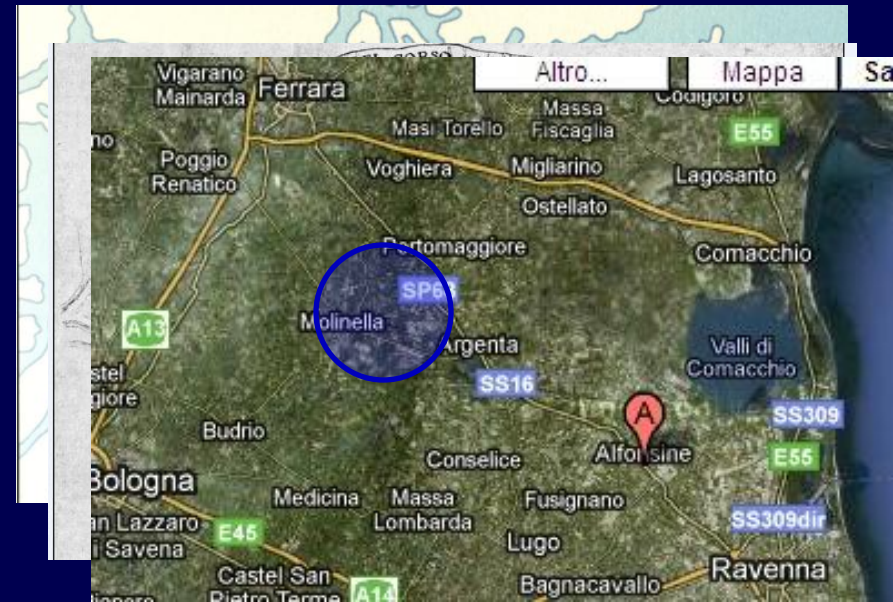
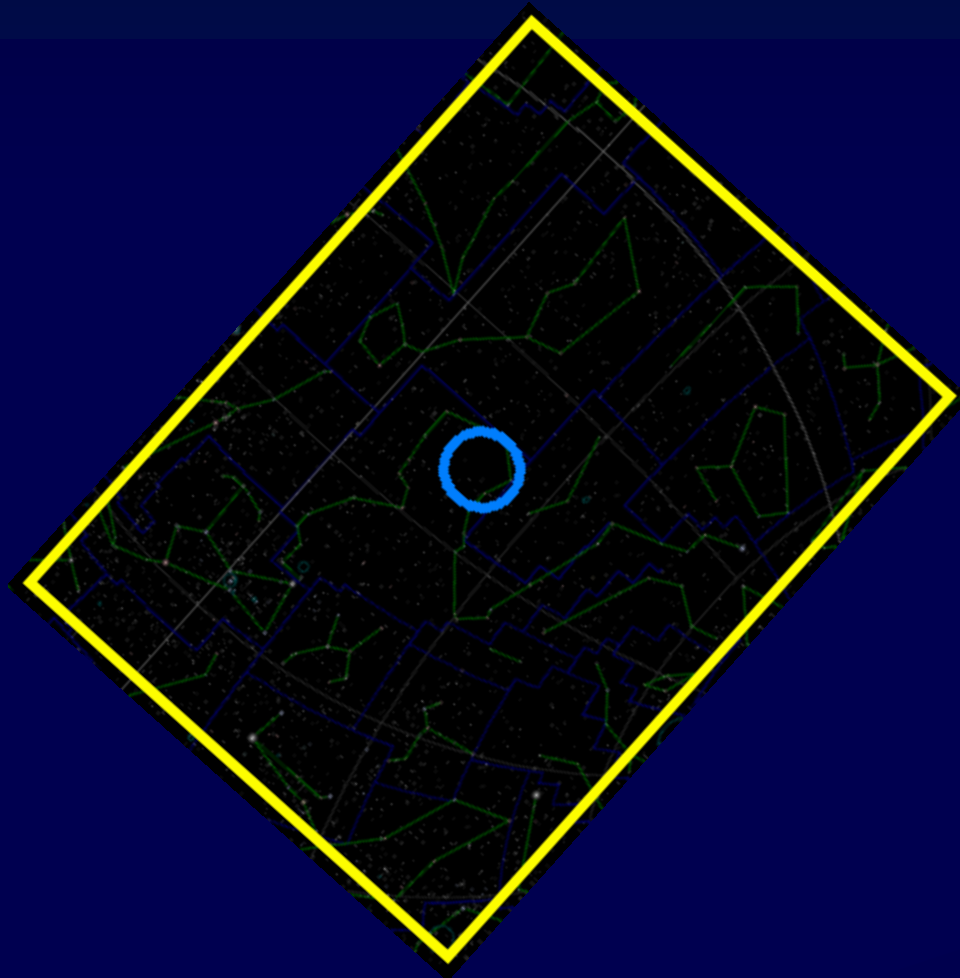
Eridanus is the ancient name for the Po river in Italy,
whose delta was about this in 1500 a.C.



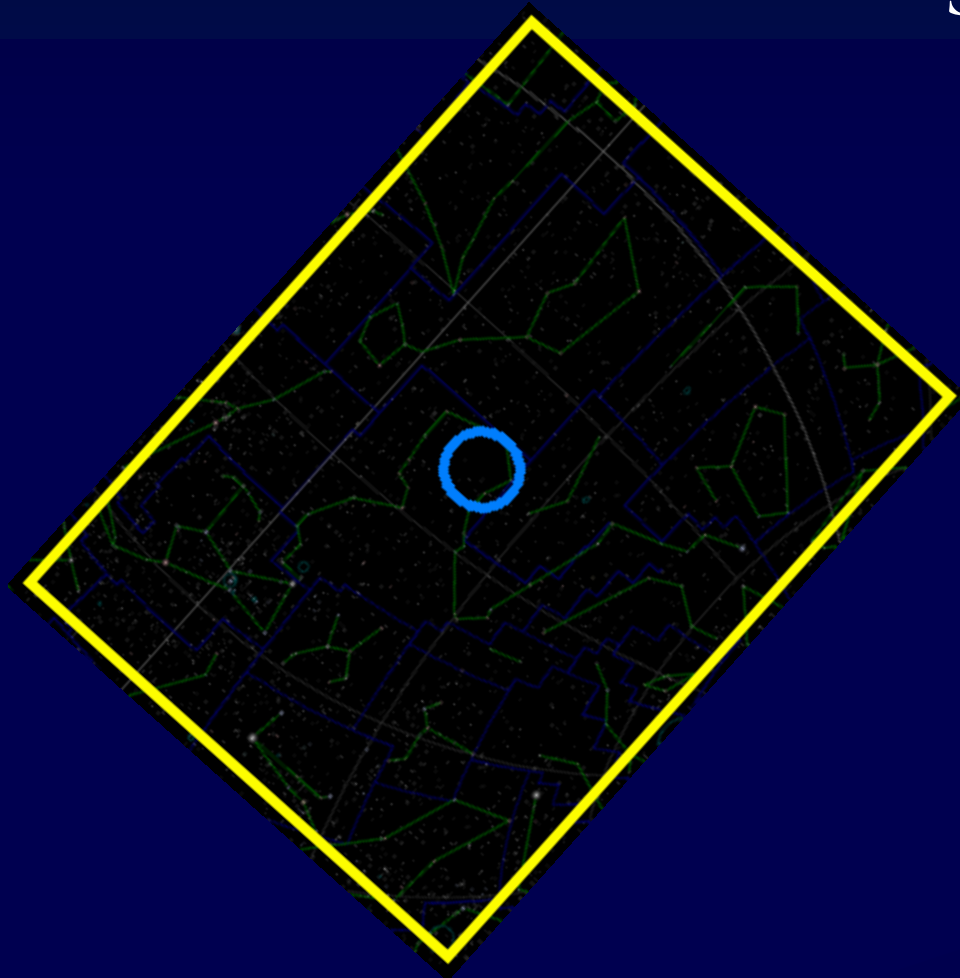
about this at etrusco-roman epoch



about this now



The Cold Spot is 30 km
South-Est of Ferrara



The Cold Spot as a “Void”

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Modelling it through an inhomogeneous
LTB metric (requires an overdense
compensating shell),

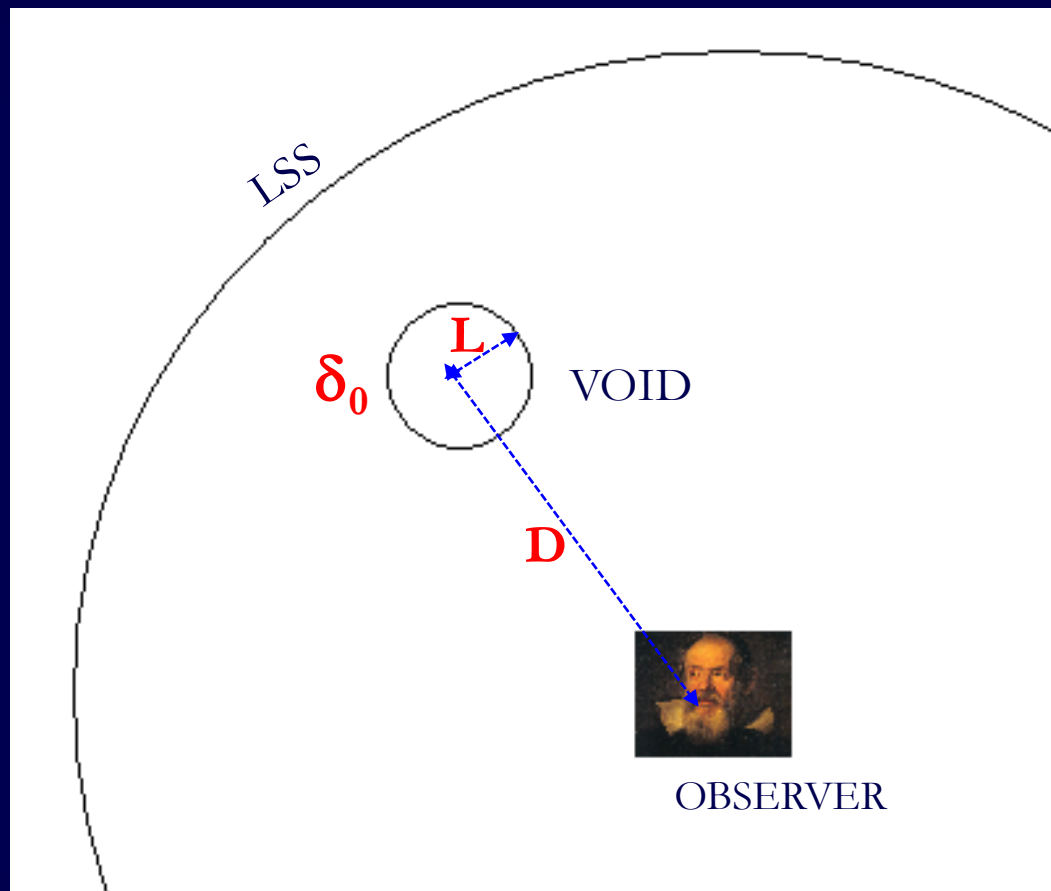
we computed the secondary effects
occurring to the CMB photons that
travel through the Void:

Rees-Sciama & Lensing

L comoving radius,

D comoving distance,

δ_0 density contrast at centre today



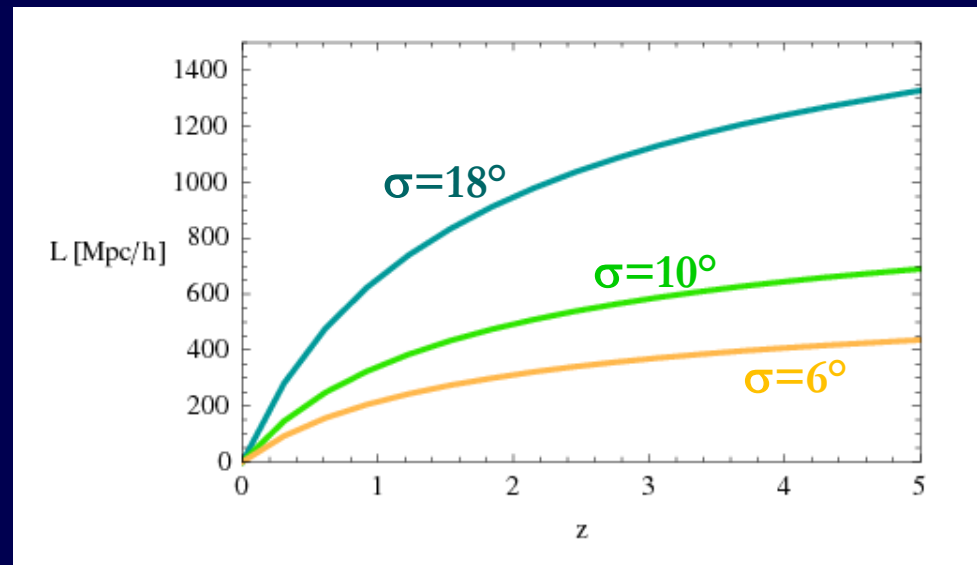
Radius-Redshift relation

$$L = \frac{2 \tan \theta_L}{H_0} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+z}} \right)$$

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 $L > 300 \text{ Mpc}/h$ for cold
spot angular size **$\sigma = 10^\circ$**

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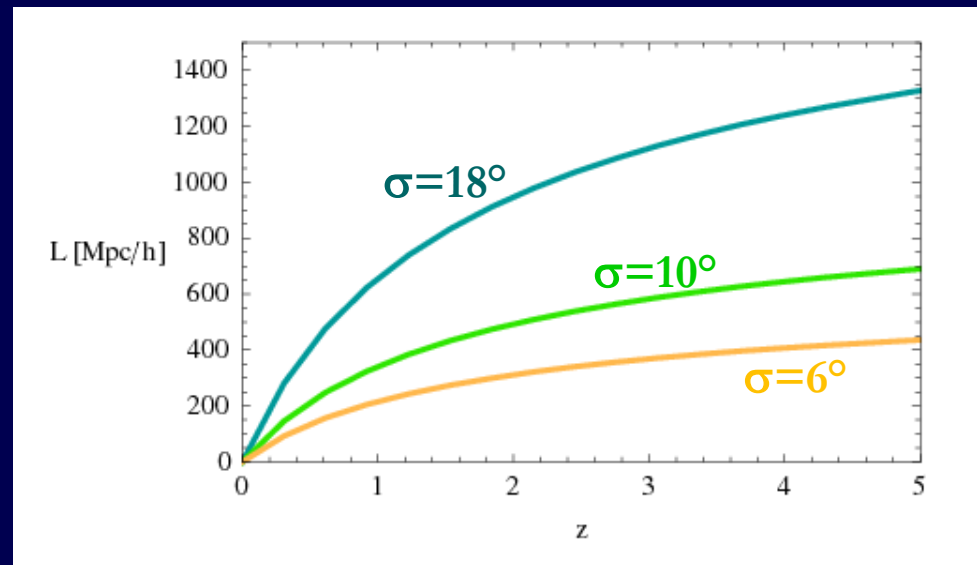
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HERE we show that **Planck** will be able to reject or confirm
this hypothesis via the study of secondary effects

The procedure

1. Find the spherical harmonics decomposition of the i-th (i=RS, L) temperature anisotropy profile (\hat{n} is the direction of observation)

$$a_{\ell m}^{(i)} \equiv \int d\hat{n} \frac{\Delta T^{(i)}(\hat{n})}{T} Y_{\ell m}^*(\hat{n})$$

2. Add them all

$$a_{\ell m} = a_{\ell m}^{(P)} + a_{\ell m}^{(RS)} + a_{\ell m}^{(L)}$$

3. Estimate 2 and 3 point correlation functions
4. Look for quantities that would vanish in case of random Gaussian alm

Rees-Sciama

Passing through a Void, photons suffer some blue-shift due to the fact that the gravitational potential ϕ is not exactly constant in time – the so-called Integrated Sachs-Wolfe (1966)

$$\frac{\Delta T}{T}(\vec{n}) = \frac{\Delta T}{T}^{(P)}(\vec{n}) + 2 \int_{\tau_{rec}}^{\tau_0} \dot{\phi} d\tau$$

line-of-sight integral over the conformal time from recombination to present time

The **RS** effect is the ISW part associated to the variation of ϕ due to **non-linear** effects.

Actually, just the linear level effect is the one usually called “ISW” effect.

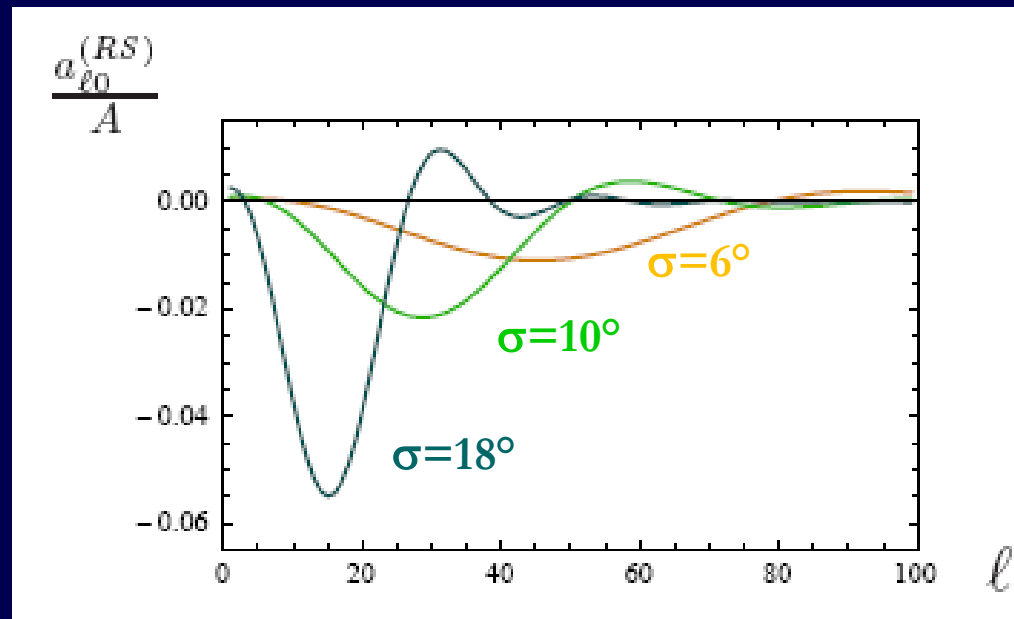
It would vanish in a matter dominated flat Universe. It is significant only when a Dark Energy component becomes dominant with respect to matter ($z < 1$).

→ here focus attention on RS effect, which is always present
(we checked that ISW is not bigger than RS)

For RS, due to spherical symmetry, the only non-vanishing alm are those with $m=0$
(axis z pointing from observer to the center of the Void)

A is the amplitude of T fluctuation
at Void centre (fitted experimentally)

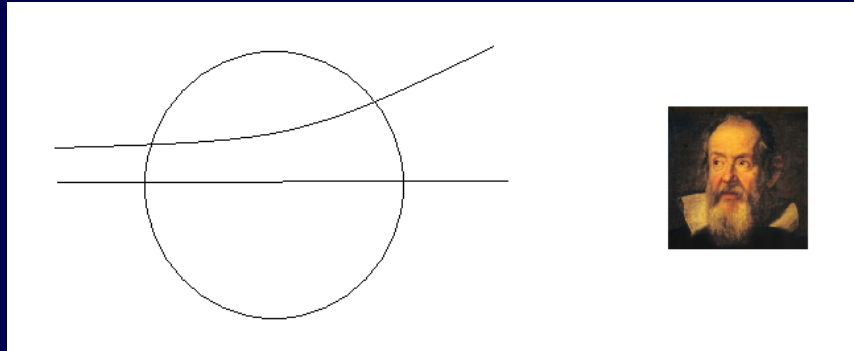
$$A \approx 0.5 \delta_0^2 \frac{(LH_0)^3}{\sqrt{1+z}}$$



Lensing

of the primordial perturbations.

See also: Das, Spergel, arXiv: 0809.4704



For Lensing we need the so-called Lensing potential, related to the gravitational potential by

$$\nabla_{\perp} \Theta = -2 \int_{\tau_{LSS}}^{\tau_O} d\tau \frac{\tau_{LSS} - \tau}{\tau_{LSS}} \nabla_{\perp} \Phi$$

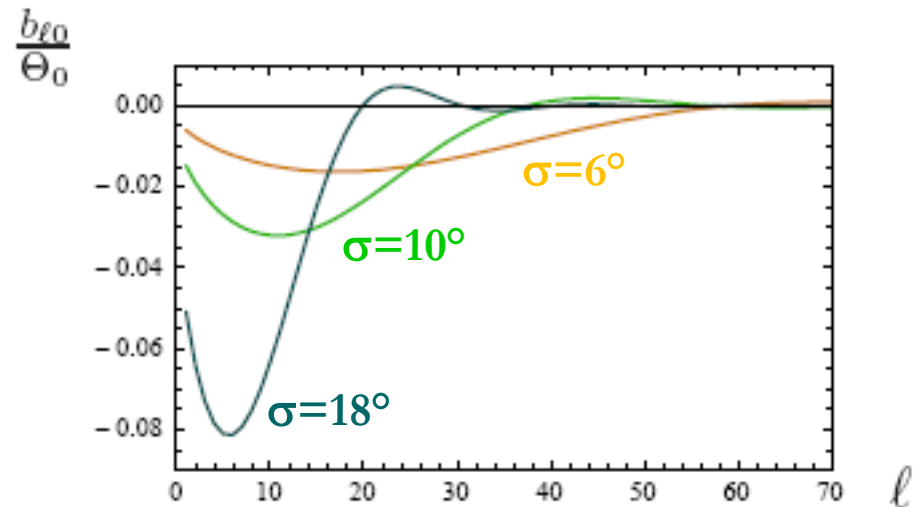
Now define

$$b_{\ell m} \equiv \int d\hat{n} \Theta(\hat{n}) Y_{\ell m}^*(\hat{n})$$

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Θ_0 is the amplitude of the lensing potential at Void centre

$$\Theta_0 \approx \left(\frac{A L H_0 \tan^2 \theta_L}{1 - \frac{L H_0}{2 \tan \theta_L}} \right)^{1/2}$$



At 1st order

$$a_{\ell m}^{(L)(1)} = \sum_{\ell', \ell''} G_{\ell}^{-m m 0} \frac{\ell'(\ell' + 1) - \ell(\ell + 1) + \ell''(\ell'' + 1)}{2} a_{\ell' - m}^{(P)*} b_{\ell'' 0}$$

Diagonal 2-p function

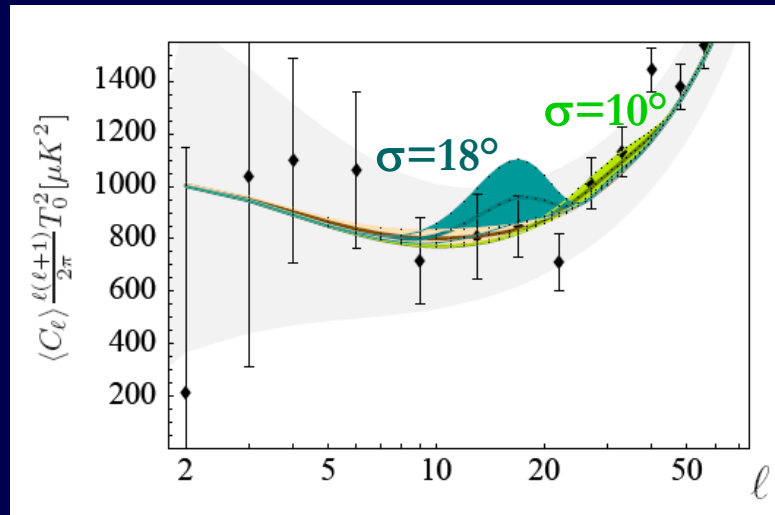
(power spectrum)

$$\langle a a \rangle = \langle P P \rangle + \cancel{\langle P RS \rangle} + \langle RS RS \rangle + \underbrace{\langle P L \rangle + \langle L L \rangle}_{\text{negligible}}$$

vanishing
(P&RS uncorrelated)

$$\langle P L_1 \rangle = 0 \rightarrow \langle L_1 L_1 \rangle \text{ and } \langle P L_2 \rangle$$

$$\langle C_\ell \rangle = \langle C_\ell^{(P)} \rangle + C_\ell^{(RS)}$$



There is a slight -negligible- increasement in chi-square.

Bispectrum

The basic quantities are the B coefficients

$$B_{\ell_1 \ell_2 \ell_3} = \sum_{m_1, m_2, m_3} \begin{pmatrix} \ell_1 & \ell_2 & \ell_3 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 \end{pmatrix} a_{\ell_1 m_1} a_{\ell_2 m_2} a_{\ell_3 m_3}$$

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the only contributions left are

1. RS^3

$$\langle B_{\ell_1 \ell_2 \ell_3}^{(RS)} \rangle = \sum_{m_1, m_2, m_3} \begin{pmatrix} \ell_1 & \ell_2 & \ell_3 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 \end{pmatrix} \langle a_{\ell_1 m_1}^{(RS)} a_{\ell_2 m_2}^{(RS)} a_{\ell_3 m_3}^{(RS)} \rangle,$$

2. $PLRS$

$$\langle B_{\ell_1 \ell_2 \ell_3}^{(PLRS)} \rangle = \sum_{m_1, m_2, m_3} \begin{pmatrix} \ell_1 & \ell_2 & \ell_3 \\ m_1 & m_2 & m_3 \end{pmatrix} \langle a_{\ell_1 m_1}^{(P)} a_{\ell_2 m_2}^{(L)} a_{\ell_3 m_3}^{(RS)} \rangle + (5 \text{ permutations}).$$

For a signal labeled by i , the **SIGNAL TO NOISE** ratio is

$$(S/N)_i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{F_{ii}^{-1}}} , \quad F_{ii} = \sum_{2 \leq l_1 \leq l_2 \leq l_3 \leq l_{\max}} \frac{(B_{l_1 l_2 l_3}^{(i)})^2}{\sigma_{l_1 l_2 l_3}^2} ,$$

cosmic variance
of bispectrum

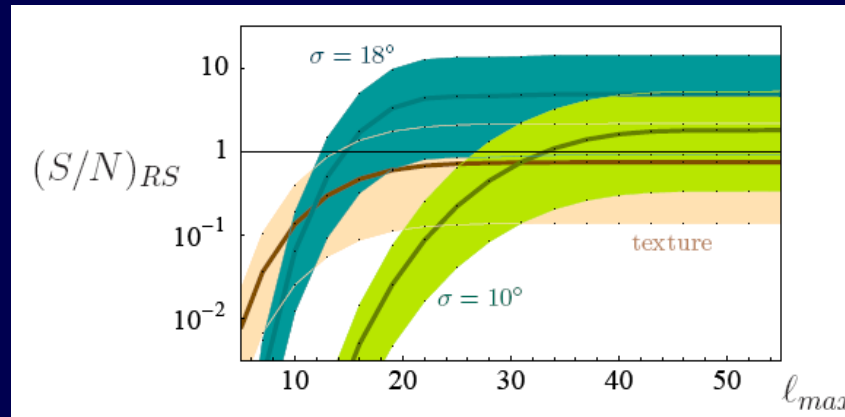


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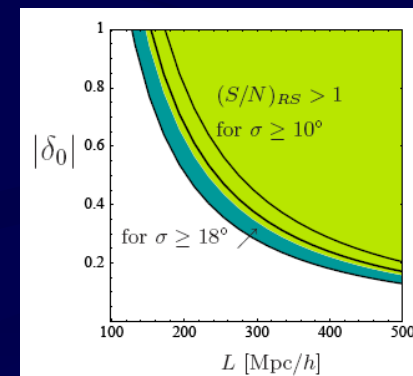
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1. RS^3



exceeds 1 for $l > 20-40$,
according to the void size

If no signal found, get constraints
on Void parameter space

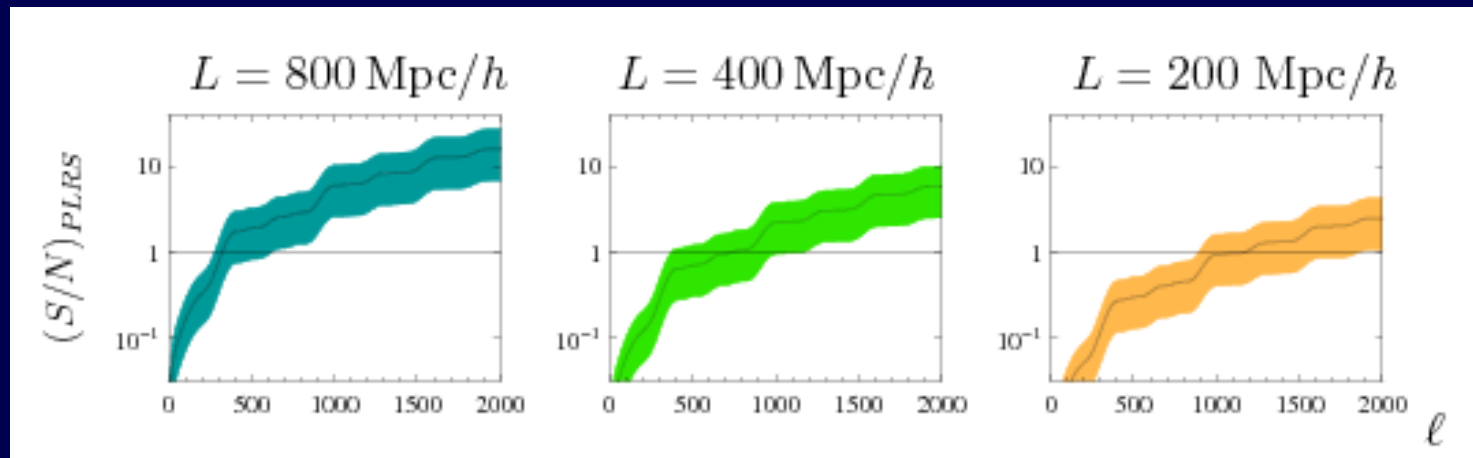


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2. PLRS



Detectable by Planck if Void radius $L > 300 \text{ Mpc}/h$

$L < 300 \text{ Mpc}/h$ means $z < 1$, which has been excluded by galaxy surveys

Signal at low multipoles from RS3 + high multipoles from P L RS
is a **UNIQUE SIGNATURE** of a Void

→ **confirm or reject** the Void explanation of the Cold Spot

Contamination of f_{NL}

The primordial non-gaussianity parameter f_{NL} is defined parametrizing the primordial perturbation as

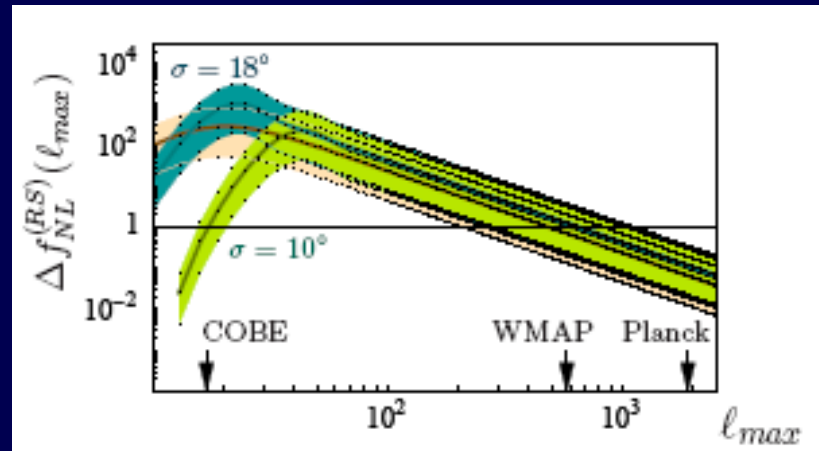
$$\phi(x) = \phi_L(x) + f_{NL}(\phi_L^2(x) - \langle \phi_L^2(x) \rangle)$$

linear gaussian part of the perturbation

Notice that inflationary model generically predict $f_{NL} = O(0.1)$; models exist with $O(1)$ f_{NL} .

The result is
(lensing negligible)

$$\Delta f_{NL}^{(RS)} \approx \begin{cases} 1 & \text{for WMAP} \\ 0.1 & \text{for Planck} \end{cases}$$



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 (for gaussian and/or isotropous fields)

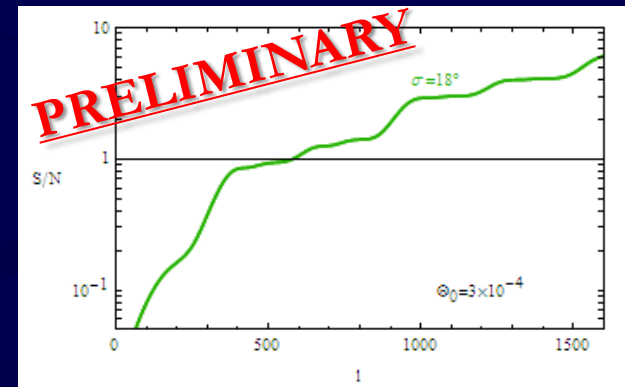
vanishing
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negligible

PROMISING!

(depends on axis orientation)

Non-Diagonal S/N
exceeds 1 at $l > 1000$



Conclusions and perspectives

- ✓ Correct interpretation of new data from Planck requires better understanding of CMB secondaries
- ✓ Cold Spot: Planck could confirm or discard the Void explanation by looking at bispectrum
- ✓ Non-diagonal 2-point function seems also promising
- ✓ Polarization effects also deserve study

[Vielva et al.,
arXiv:1002.4029]