The non-linear evolution of CMB: non-Gaussianity and spectral distortions

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Motivations for non-Gaussianity

From initial conditions to observations



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Standard lore of perturbation theory

- Initial conditions: quantization of the free theory implies Gaussian initial conditions: P(k) (Φ(k)Φ(k')) = δ(k + k')P(k)
- Evolution: linearisation of GR.

Transfer scheme of perturbations

Linear equations, modes k are independent,
 ⇒ Gaussianity conserved.

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$$P(k) \rightarrow \Theta(k, \eta) \rightarrow a_{\ell m} \rightarrow C_{\ell}$$



Motivations for non-Gaussianity search

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non-Gaussianity (NG)

- Initial conditions non-Gaussian? We want to test the models of inflation with other moments of the statistics.
- Non-linear dynamics is intrinsic to GR,

Statistics of the primordial gravitational potential $\Phi = \Phi^{(1)} + \frac{1}{2}\Phi^{(2)}$

- Gaussian part $\Phi^{(1)}$ and non-Gaussian part $\Phi^{(2)}$:
- $\langle \Phi(\mathbf{k})\Phi(\mathbf{k}')\rangle = \delta(\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{k}')P(k)$
- $\langle \Phi(\mathbf{k}_1)\Phi(\mathbf{k}_2)\Phi(\mathbf{k}_3)\rangle = \delta(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3)f_{\mathrm{NL}}F(\mathbf{k}_1,\mathbf{k}_2,\mathbf{k}_3)$
- *F*(...) = type of non-Gaussianity
- $f_{\rm NL} =$ its amplitude.

The transfer to temperature fluctuations $\Theta_{\ell m}$

- In general $\Theta \equiv \mathcal{T}(\Phi)$
- Order 1 $\Theta_{\ell m}^{(1)} \equiv \mathcal{T}_{L}^{\ell m}(\Phi^{(1)})$
- Order 2 $\Theta^{(2)_{\ell m}} \equiv \mathcal{T}_L^{\ell m}(\Phi^{(2)}) + \mathcal{T}_{NL}^{\ell m}(\Phi^{(1)}\Phi^{(1)})$

In Fourier space

•
$$\Theta_{\ell m}^{(1)}(\mathbf{k}) = \mathcal{T}_{L}^{\ell m}(k) \Phi_{\mathbf{k}}^{(1)}$$

• $\Theta_{\ell m}^{(2)}(\mathbf{k}) = \mathcal{T}_{L}^{\ell m}(k) \Phi_{\mathbf{k}}^{(2)}$
 $+ \int d^{3}\mathbf{k}_{1} d^{3}\mathbf{k}_{2} \delta^{3}(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}_{1} - \mathbf{k}_{2}) \mathcal{T}_{NL}^{\ell m}(\mathbf{k}_{1}, \mathbf{k}_{2}, \mathbf{k}) \Phi_{\mathbf{k}_{1}}^{(1)} \Phi_{\mathbf{k}_{2}}^{(1)}$

 $f_{\rm NL}$ ou $T_{\rm NL}$?

$$\langle \Theta_{\ell_1 m_1} \Theta_{\ell_2 m_2} \Theta_{\ell_3 m_3} \rangle \neq 0$$
 because of $\langle \Theta^{(1)} \Theta^{(1)} \Theta^{(2)} \rangle$



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Description of perturbations

General idea

- We need to give a precise meaning to $\delta T(P) = T(P) \overline{T}(P)$
- T(P) "lives" in a perturbed space-time
- *T*(*P*) "lives" in a background space-time, homogeneous and isotropic

Example: metric perturbations

$$\begin{split} \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{s}^2 &= \boldsymbol{a}(\eta)^2 \big\{ -\mathrm{d}\eta^2 + \delta_{IJ} \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{x}^I \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{x}^J \big\}, \\ \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{s}^2 &= \boldsymbol{a}(\eta)^2 \big\{ -\boldsymbol{e}^{2\Phi} \mathrm{d}\eta^2 + 2\boldsymbol{B}_I \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{x}^I \mathrm{d}\eta + [\boldsymbol{e}^{-2\Psi} \delta_{IJ} + 2\boldsymbol{H}_{IJ}] \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{x}^I \mathrm{d}\boldsymbol{x}^J \big\}, \end{split}$$

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Correspondence between space-times





Characteristics of perturbations theory:

Get rid of the gauge dependence

- Gauge-invariant variables
- A tensor equation is always expressed with such variables

Structure of equations in orders of perturbations

•
$$\mathcal{E}[\delta^{(1)}g,\delta^{(1)}T] = 0$$

•
$$\mathcal{E}[\delta^{(2)}g,\delta^{(2)}T] = \mathcal{S}[\delta^{(1)}g,\delta^{(1)}T]$$

\implies Iterative resolution with gauge-invariant variables

Describing the matter content

The fluid approximation

•
$$T^{\mu\nu} = (P + \rho)u^{\mu}u^{\nu} + Pg^{\mu\nu} + \Pi^{\mu\nu}$$

• Conservation Eq. $\nabla_{\mu} T^{\mu 0} = 0$ $\implies \rho' + \dots = 0$

• Euler Eq.
$$\nabla_{\mu} T^{\mu i} = 0$$

 $\implies u'^{i} + \dots + \partial_{j} \Pi^{j i} = 0$

Problems

- Equation of state P = wρ?
- Expression and evolution of the anisotropic stress tensor?
- Multifluid: $\nabla_{\mu}T^{\mu\nu} = F^{\nu} \neq 0$. Expression of forces ?

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Statistical description

Distribution function $f(x, p^a)$

Tetrad in order to define locally a free-fall frame

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{e}_{a.}\mathbf{e}_{b} &\equiv e_{a}^{\ \mu}e_{b}^{\ \nu}g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{ab} \\ \mathbf{e}^{a.}\mathbf{e}^{b} &\equiv e_{\ \mu}^{a}e_{\ \nu}^{b}g^{\mu\nu} = \eta^{ab} \end{split}$$

Momentum p

Decomposed in energy and direction $\mathbf{p} = E(\mathbf{e}_o + \mathbf{n})$

Link to the fluid description

$$\mathcal{T}^{ab}(x)\equiv\int\delta^1_D(\mathbf{p}.\mathbf{p})f(x,p^c)p^ap^brac{\mathrm{d}p^o\mathrm{d}^3p^i}{(2\pi)^3}$$

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Evolution of the distribution function

Boltzmann equation

$$L[f] = C[f]$$

• Liouville operator: Free-fall

$$L[f] = \frac{\mathrm{d}f}{\mathrm{d}s} = p^c \nabla_c f(x, p^a) + \frac{\partial f(x, p^a)}{\partial p^c} \frac{\mathrm{d}p^c}{\mathrm{d}s}$$

Geodesic equation

$$p^b \nabla_b p_a = \frac{\mathrm{d} p_a}{\mathrm{d} s} + \omega_{bac} p^c p^b = 0$$

• Collision operator: Compton scattering on free electrons.

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Why do we also need to describe polarization?

Because if radiation has a quadrupole, Compton scattering generates polarisation.



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Description of polarisation by the Stokes parameters

Tensorial distribution function

If
$$n^{i} = (0, 0, 1)$$
: $f_{ab} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I + Q & U + iV & 0 \\ 0 & U - iV & I - Q & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Covariant expression

$$f_{\mu
u}(x,p^a)\equiv rac{1}{2}I(x,p^a)S_{\mu
u}+P_{\mu
u}(x,p^a)+rac{\mathrm{i}}{2}V(x,p^a)e^
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ho\epsilon
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u\sigma}n^\sigma$$

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Covariant description of polarized radiation

Tensor valued distribution function

• A photon is characterized by p^{μ} and ε^{μ} ($p_{\mu}\varepsilon^{\mu}=0$)

•
$$F_{\mu\nu}(x,p^a) \equiv \frac{1}{2}f(x,p^a)\varepsilon_{\mu}\varepsilon_{\nu}$$

Screen projection

- Screen projector $S_{\mu
 u}=g_{\mu
 u}+e^o_\mu e^o_
 u-n_\mu n_
 u$
- S^ν_με_ν is independent of the electromagnetic gauge choice for the polarization.
- We thus work with $f_{\mu\nu}(x,p^a) = S^{\rho}_{\mu}S^{\sigma}_{\nu}F_{\rho\sigma}(x,p^a)$

Boltzmann equation with polarization

$$L[f_{ab}(x,p^h)] = C_{ab}\left(x,p^h
ight)$$

•
$$L[f_{ab}(x,p^{a})] = \frac{1}{2}L[I(x,p^{d})]S_{ab} + L[P_{ab}(x,p^{a})] + \frac{i}{2}L[V(x,p^{d})]n^{c}\epsilon_{ocab}$$

• $C_{ab}(p^{h}) = n_{e}\sigma_{T}p^{o}\left[\frac{3}{2}\int \frac{d^{2}\Omega'}{4\pi}S_{a}^{c}S_{b}^{d}f_{cd}(p'^{h}) - f_{ab}(p^{h})\right]$

We recover the case with no polarization

•
$$f_{ab} = \frac{1}{2}IS_{ab}$$
 or $I = S^{ab}f_{ab}$
• $S^{ab}C_{ab} \propto S'_{ab}S^{ab} = 1 + (\mathbf{n}.\mathbf{n}')^2 = 1 + \cos^2\theta$

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Multipolar expansion

Multipoles for scalar functions (I and V)

$$I(x, p^{o}, n^{a}) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} I_{\underline{a}_{\ell}}(x, p^{o}) n^{\underline{a}_{\ell}}$$
$$I_{\underline{a}_{\ell}}(x, p^{o}) = \Delta_{\ell}^{-1} \int I(x, p^{o}, n^{a}) n_{\langle \underline{a}_{\ell} \rangle} \mathrm{d}^{2}\Omega$$

And for polarisation, E and B modes...

$$P_{ab}(x,p^{a}) = \sum_{\ell=2}^{\infty} \left[E_{ab\underline{c}_{\ell-2}}(x,p^{o}) n^{\underline{c}_{\ell-2}} - n_{c} \epsilon^{cd}{}_{(a}B_{b)d\underline{c}_{\ell-2}}(x,p^{o}) n^{\underline{c}_{\ell-2}} \right]^{\mathrm{TT}}$$

$$\begin{split} E_{\underline{a_{\ell}}}(x,p^{o}) &= M_{\ell}^{2} \Delta_{\ell}^{-1} \int n_{\langle \underline{a_{\ell-2}}} P_{a_{\ell-1}a_{\ell} \rangle}(x,p^{o},n^{a}) \mathrm{d}^{2} \Omega , \\ B_{\underline{a_{\ell}}}(x,p^{o}) &= M_{\ell}^{2} \Delta_{\ell}^{-1} \int n_{b} \epsilon^{bd}_{\langle a_{\ell}} n_{\underline{a_{\ell-2}}} P_{a_{\ell-1} \rangle d}(x,p^{o},n^{a}) \mathrm{d}^{2} \Omega , \end{split}$$

Steps to follow

- Perturb the metric $g_{\mu
 u} = ar{g}_{\mu
 u} + g^{(1)}_{\mu
 u} + rac{1}{2}g^{(2)}_{\mu
 u}$
- 2 Perturb the tetrad $e_a^{\mu} = \bar{e}_a^{\mu} + e_a^{(1)\mu} + \frac{1}{2}e_a^{(2)\mu}$
- Solution Perturb the connections $\omega_{abc} = \bar{\omega}_{abc} + \omega_{abc}^{(1)} + \frac{1}{2}\omega_{abc}^{(2)}$
- 9 Find the perturbed geodesic equations
- Ompute the perturbed Liouville operator
- Compute the Thomson scattering for each electron
- Sum over the electrons distribution to obtain the Collision tensor in full generalities
- Expand it in perturbations
- **(2)** Take the multipoles $I_{a_{\ell}} E_{a_{\ell}}$ and $B_{a_{\ell}}$ of the Boltzmann equation
- Solve it or integrate it numerically

Evolution of brightness $\mathcal{I} = T^4$ along geodesics $\frac{d \left[e^{-\bar{\tau}} \mathcal{I} E^{-4} \right]}{d\eta} = \bar{g}(\eta) E^{-4} \left[e^{\Phi} \mathcal{C}[\mathcal{I}] + \bar{\tau}' \mathcal{I} \right]$ $\frac{d}{d\eta} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \eta} + \frac{dx'}{d\eta} \frac{\partial}{\partial x'} + \frac{dn'}{d\eta} \frac{\partial}{\partial n'}, \qquad \qquad \frac{d \ln E}{d\eta} \simeq -\frac{d\Phi}{d\eta} + \Phi' + \Psi'$

Classification of effects:

- 1) dE/dη: Evolution of the energy of photons: Einstein effect (potential Φ) and integrated effects
- 2) g

 g(η)... Collisions on the last scattering surface (LSS):

 Intrinsic temperature, and Doppler effect.
- 3) Lensing effect $\delta\left(\frac{\mathrm{d}n^{i}}{\mathrm{d}\eta}\right)$ Order 2
- 4) Shapiro (or potential) time-delay $\delta\left(\frac{dx^{l}}{d\eta}\right)$ Order 2

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Theory of perturbations

Geometry of the background space-time



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But this is not enough to describe non-linear effects

Collisions distort the spectrum

In the collision term distorting effects can be classified as

- Thermal SZ effect (Kompanets collision term) → removes distortions of the *y*-type
- Kinetic SZ effect \rightarrow creates distortions of the *y*-type

Important for reionization.

Origin of distortions



Expansion in v_b to transform to the "lab" frame

- O(v_b): Doppler shift
 Can be described as a perturbed temperature
- $\mathcal{O}(v_b^2)$: Non-linear collisions: Spectral distortions.

$$\mathcal{O}(v_b)$$
, of the form $\frac{\partial f}{\partial E} E v_b$

Handled by defining

$$f(E) \equiv g(T, E) \simeq g(\overline{T}, E) - rac{\partial g}{\partial E} E rac{\delta T}{\overline{T}}$$

with g(T, .) the BB spectrum of temperature T.

$\mathcal{O}(v_b^2)$

Averaged over the distribution of electrons

$$\langle \mathbf{v}_i \mathbf{v}_j \rangle = \mathbf{v}^2 \delta_{ij} + \frac{I_e}{m_e} \delta_{ij}$$

- \bar{T}_e is responsible for background Comptonization: *Kompaneets* term
- δT_e Spectral distortions from hot regions: Thermal SZ
- v_b^2 Spectral distortions from fast moving regions: *Kinetic* SZ

Describing the distortion

Parameterization (astro-ph/0703541)

$$f(E) = g(T, E) + yE^{-2}\partial_E \left[E^4\partial_E g(T, E)\right]$$

- T temperature. Takes the gravitational and O(v_b) effects into account
- y takes the $\mathcal{O}(v_b^2)$ effects into account.

Ambiguity of the temperature

We can define two types of temperatures

- Occupational T_N from $N \propto T_N^3 \propto \int E^2 f(E) dE$
- Energy density $T_{
 ho}$ from $ho \propto T_{
 ho}^4 \propto \int E^3 f(E) \mathrm{d}E$

It is obvious that our temperature is T_N .

CMB literature always refers to $T_{\rho} = T_N + y$, more or less (ex?)implicitely.

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STF Mutlipoles of y

$$y(\mathsf{n}) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} y_{\underline{i_\ell}} n^{\underline{i_\ell}}$$

Idem for the temperature fluctuations $\boldsymbol{\Theta}$

Evolution

The second order Boltzmann equation contains evolution for y and $\Theta^{(2)}$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}y}{\mathrm{d}\eta} = \tau' \left[-\tilde{y} + \tilde{y}_{\emptyset} + \frac{1}{10} \tilde{y}_{ij} n^{i} n^{j} + (\Theta - v_{i} n^{i})(\Theta - \Theta_{\emptyset}) \right. \\ \left. - \frac{1}{10} \Theta_{ij} n^{i} n^{j} \Theta - \frac{3}{10} \Theta_{i} v^{i} - \frac{1}{10} \Theta_{i} v_{j} n^{i} n^{j} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{3} v_{i} v^{i} + \frac{11}{20} v_{i} v_{j} n^{\langle i} n^{j \rangle} + \dots \right]$$

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Hierarchy

$$\frac{\partial y_{\underline{i}_{\ell}}}{\partial \eta} + \frac{\ell + 1}{(2\ell + 3)} \partial^{J} y_{\underline{j}_{\underline{\ell}}} + \partial_{\langle I_{\ell}} y_{\underline{i}_{\ell-1}\rangle} = \tau' (-y_{\underline{i}_{\ell}} + C_{\underline{i}_{\ell}})$$
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y collisions

$$C_{\emptyset} = y_{\emptyset} + \frac{1}{3} v_i v^i$$

$$C_{ij} = \frac{1}{10} y_{ij} + \frac{11}{20} v_{\langle i} v_{j \rangle}$$

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Geometry of the problem



The cosmic microwave background Radiation's "surface of last scatter" is analogous to the light coming through the clouds to our eye on a cloudy day. We can only see the surface of the cloud where light was last scattered

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Two contributions: LSS and Reionization

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Line of sight solution

- Flat-Sky approximation. Good enough since there is no spectral distortions on large scales.
- Refined to a Limber approximation to deal with reionization.

Orders of magnitude

The contribution from reionization is expected to dominate: $v_b \propto (\eta - \eta_{\text{LSS}})^2$ This perturbative approach corresponds to the non-linear Kinetic SZ effect in the intergalactic medium at high redshift ($z \le 11$).

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Spectrum of the distortions C_{ℓ}^{yy}

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The line of sight solution

General form $y(k, \mathbf{n}) = \int dr e^{ikr\cos\theta} S(k, r, \mathbf{n})$ $S(k, r, \mathbf{n}) \equiv (\tau' e^{-\tau}) \sum_{\ell m} y_{\ell}^{m}(k) Y_{\ell}^{m}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{n})$ where we use the y_{ℓ}^{m} rather than the $y_{i_{\ell}}$.

Full Sky method

- Align **k** with the azimuthal direction.
- Expand the $e^{ikr\cos\theta}$ in $Y_{\ell}^m(\mathbf{n})$. Coefficients are $j_{\ell}(kr)$
- Compose these Y_{ℓ}^m with the Y_{ℓ}^m of the sources: Clebsch Gordan coefficients.
- Perform the integral on k, by rotating the result to a general k

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The flat sky method

Method

- Use cylindrinc coordinates in the ∫ dk around an average direction n_{FS} to compute ξ(θ) = ⟨Θ(n)Θ(n')⟩_{n.n'=cos θ}
- We obtain the C_{ℓ} from $C_{\ell} = 2\pi \int \sin \theta d\theta P_{\ell}(\cos \theta) \xi(\theta)$

General expression

$$C_{\ell} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int d\mathbf{r} d\mathbf{r}' d\mathbf{k}_r \exp[i\mathbf{k}_r(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}')] \frac{1}{[(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{r}')/2]^2} P(k) S(k, \mathbf{r}, \theta) S^*(k, \mathbf{r}', \theta)$$

with $\cos(\theta) = k_r/k$

FS constraint

•
$$k_{\perp}(r+r')/2 = \ell$$

•
$$k_{\perp}(r+r')/2 = \ell + 1/2$$

•
$$k_{\perp}(r+r')/2 = \sqrt{\ell(\ell+1)}$$

Two useful limits

The thin shell

Sources confined in a narrow region around r_{LSS} $C_{\ell} = \frac{1}{r_{\text{LSS}}^2} \int \frac{\mathrm{d}k_r}{2\pi} \left| \int \mathrm{d}r \exp(\mathrm{i}k_r r) S(k, r, \theta) \right|^2 P(k)$

The Limber approximation

Sources in a large range of values, $\int dk_r \exp[ik_r(r-r')] \rightarrow 2\pi\delta(r-r')$

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$$C_{\ell} = \int \mathrm{d}r \left| \frac{S(k,r,0)}{r} \right|^2 P(k)$$

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Numerical resolution and analytic insight

Linear evolution of perturbations (order 1)

Perturbations on the LSS

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● Red: Intrinsic ⊖ and Einstein effect

• Blue: Doppler effect

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Linear response of radiation

$$\left[(1+R)\frac{\delta_r^{(1)'}}{4} \right]' + \operatorname{visc} + \frac{k^2}{3}\frac{\delta_r^{(1)}}{4} \simeq -\frac{k^2}{3}(1+R)\Phi^{(1)} + \left[(1+R)\Phi^{(1)'} \right]'$$

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with $R = 3\bar{\rho}_b/(4\bar{\rho}_r)$.

Because of viscosity, at small scale:

 $\Theta^{(1)} \simeq rac{\delta^{(1)}_r}{4} + \Phi^{(1)}
ightarrow - R \Phi^{(1)}$

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Primary and secondary effects

A mode k correlates points separated at most by $\Delta r = r_{LSS}/\ell$

Primary effects

Located on the LSS. Intrinsic Θ , Φ , Doppler

 $\langle \Theta^{(2)\text{intr}}(\textit{n}_{1}^{i},\textit{r}_{\text{LSS}})\Theta^{(1)}(\textit{n}_{2}^{i},\textit{r}_{\text{LSS}})\Theta^{(1)}(\textit{n}_{3}^{i},\textit{r}_{\text{LSS}})\rangle$

Secondary effects

$$\Theta^{(2)\text{lensed}}(n^{i}, r_{\text{LSS}}) = \nabla_{i}\Theta^{(1)}(n^{i}, r_{\text{LSS}}) \int_{0}^{r_{\text{LSS}}} \nabla^{i}\phi(n^{i}, r') dr'$$

Coupling between the lensing potential $\phi(r')$ and a late-time effect.

$$\int_{0}^{r_{\rm LSS}} \mathrm{d}r' \langle \nabla^{i} \phi(n_{1}^{i},r') \nabla_{i} \Theta^{(1)}(n_{1}^{i},r_{\rm LSS}) \Theta^{(1)}(n_{2}^{i},r') \Theta^{(1)}(n_{3}^{i},r_{\rm LSS}) \rangle$$

Dynamics of primary effects

Non-linear evolution (order 2)

$$\begin{bmatrix} (1+R)\frac{\delta_r^{(2)'}}{4} \end{bmatrix}' + \operatorname{visc} + \frac{k^2}{3}\frac{\delta_r^{(2)}}{4} \simeq \\ -\frac{k^2}{3}(1+R)\Phi^{(2)} + \left[(1+R)\Phi^{(2)'} \right]' + \operatorname{quadr}$$

Behaviour on small scales (viscosity)

$$\Theta^{(2)intr} \simeq rac{\delta_r^{(2)}}{4} + \Phi^{(2)} \rightarrow -R\Phi^{(2)}$$

Potential created by the collapse of cold dark matter

$$\frac{1}{2}\Phi^{(2)}(\mathbf{k},\eta)\simeq -\frac{1}{6}K(\mathbf{k}_1,\mathbf{k}_2)\left(\frac{k_1k_2\eta}{k}\right)^2\Phi(k_1)\Phi(k_2),\tag{3}$$

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Estimator of primordial non-Gaussianity

- We build an estimator for $f_{\rm NL}$ using all $\langle \Theta_{\ell_1 m_1} \Theta_{\ell_2 m_2} \Theta_{\ell_3 m_3} \rangle$ up to $\ell_{\rm max}$ without taking into account the non-linear dynamics.
- If $f_{\rm NL} = 0$, what measures this estimator? Answer : $f_{\rm NL}^{\rm eq}$

Observational constraints on $f_{\rm NL}$ (WMAP-5)

- Local NG: $-9 < f_{NL} < 111$
- Equilateral NG: $-150 < f_{\rm NL} < 253$

Planck is going to increase ℓ_{max} , thus reducing the cosmic variance limitation, thus increasing the precision.

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Bispectrum generated by primary effects

Conclusion

- Secondary effect add up (same sign)
- Non-linear evolution has to be taken into account in future constraints on non-Gaussianity.

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Thanks a lot for your attention.

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