

Cosmology and the origin of structure

Rocky I: The universe observed

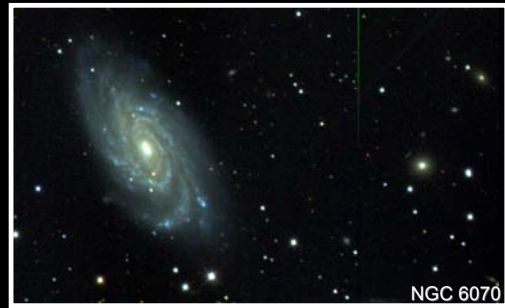
Rocky II: Perturbations

Rocky III: Inflation

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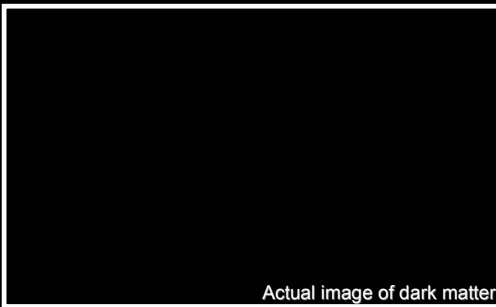
Observer's view of the universe



NGC 6070

lumpy (inhomogeneous and anisotropic)
 full of stars, galaxies, clusters,

Theorist's view of the universe



Actual image of dark matter

smooth (homogeneous and isotropic)
 full of dark matter (and dark energy)

Power spectrum

- Assume there is an average density $\bar{\rho}$
- Expand density contrast $\delta(\vec{x})$ in Fourier modes

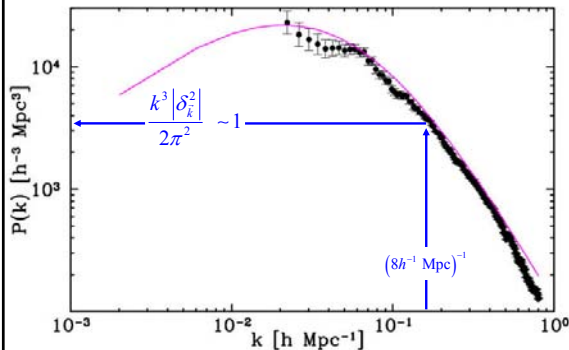
$$\delta(\vec{x}) \equiv \frac{\rho(\vec{x}) - \bar{\rho}}{\bar{\rho}} = \int \delta_{\vec{k}} \exp(-i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}) d^3k$$

- Autocorrelation function defines power spectrum

$$\left\langle \frac{\delta\rho(\vec{x})}{\bar{\rho}} \right\rangle^2 = \langle \delta(\vec{x})\delta(\vec{x}) \rangle = \int_0^\infty \frac{dk}{k} \frac{k^3 |\delta_{\vec{k}}^2|}{2\pi^2}$$

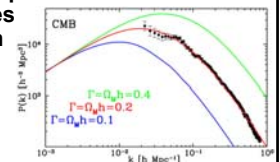
$$\Delta^2(k) \equiv \frac{k^3 |\delta_{\vec{k}}^2|}{2\pi^2} \quad P(k) \equiv |\delta_{\vec{k}}^2|$$

Power spectrum



Rocky II: Growth of structure

- Linear regime: quantitative analysis
 - Jeans analysis
 - Sub-Hubble-radius perturbations (Newtonian)
 - Super-Hubble-radius perturbations (GR)
 - Harrison-Zel'dovich spectrum
 - Dissipative processes
 - The transfer function
 - Linear evolution



- Non-linear regime: word calculus
 - Comparison to observations
 - A few clouds on the horizon

Growth of small perturbations

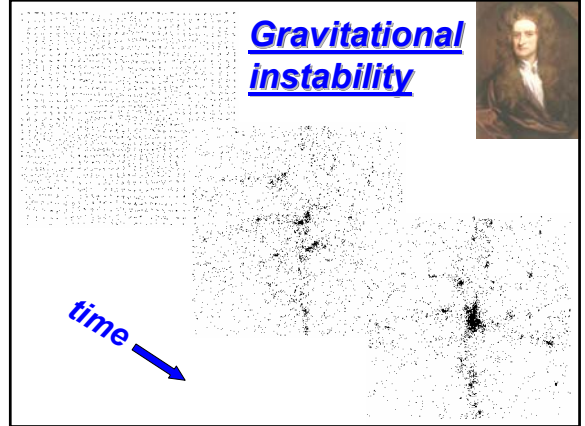
Today (14 Gyr AB)

- radiation and matter decoupled
- $\Delta T/T \sim 10^{-5}$
- $\Delta \rho_G / \rho_G \sim 10^{-6}$

Before recombination (300 kyr AB)

- radiation and matter coupled
- $\Delta T/T \sim 10^{-5}$
- $\Delta \rho_G / \rho_G \sim 10^{-5}$

Gravitational instability



Everything in the universe:

Clusters
Galaxies
Stars
Planets
Poodles
Pigeons
Pond Scum
Donald Rumsfeld



From inflationary perturbations

Jeans analysis



Jeans analysis in a non-expanding fluid:

matter density	ρ	$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\rho \vec{v}) = 0 \\ \frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial t} + (\vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{v} + \frac{1}{\rho} \vec{\nabla} p + \vec{\nabla} \phi = 0 \\ \nabla^2 \phi = 4\pi G \rho \end{cases}$
pressure	p	
velocity field	\vec{v}	
gravitational potential	ϕ	

Perturb about solution*

$\rho = \rho_0 = \text{constant}$	$\rho = \rho_0 + \rho_1$
$p = p_0 = \text{constant}$	$p = p_0 + p_1$
$\vec{v} = 0 = \text{constant}$	$\vec{v} = \vec{v}_0 + \vec{v}_1$
$\phi = \phi_0 = \text{constant}$	$\phi = \phi_0 + \phi_1$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \rho_1}{\partial t^2} - v_s^2 \nabla^2 \rho_1 = 4\pi G \rho_1$$

$$v_s^2 = p_1 / \rho_1$$

Jeans analysis

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solutions of the form $\rho_1(\vec{r}, t) = \delta(\vec{r}, t) \rho_0 = A_k \exp(-ik \cdot \vec{r} + i\omega t)$

ω and k satisfy the dispersion relation $\omega^2 = v_s^2 k^2 - 4\pi G \rho_0$

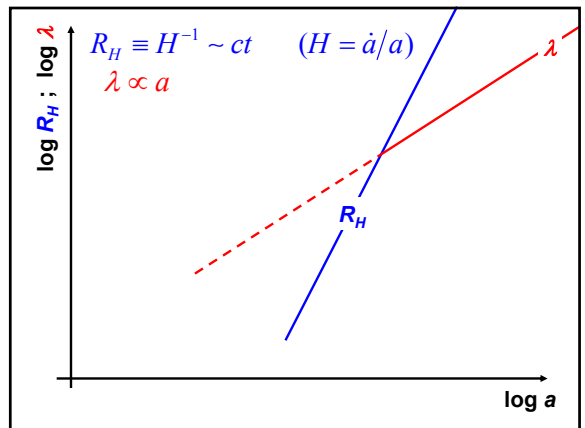
ω real: perturbations oscillate as sound waves

ω imaginary: exponentially growing (or decaying) modes

Jeans wavenumber $k_J = \left(\frac{4\pi G \rho_0}{v_s^2} \right)^{1/2}$ $k > k_J$ perturbation oscillates
 $k < k_J$ perturbation grows

Jeans mass $M_J = \frac{4\pi}{3} \left(\frac{\pi}{k_J} \right)^3 \rho_0$ $M < M_J$ perturbation oscillates
 $M > M_J$ perturbation grows

gravitational pressure vs. thermal pressure





Sub-Hubble-radius ($R_H = H^{-1}$)

Jeans analysis in an expanding fluid:
scale factor $a(t)$ describes expansion,
unperturbed solution:

$$\rho_0 = \rho_0(t_0) a^{-3}(t) \quad \vec{v}_0 = \frac{\dot{a}}{a} \vec{r} \quad \vec{\nabla} \phi_0 = \frac{4\pi G \rho_0}{3} \vec{r}$$

$$\ddot{\delta}_k + 2 \frac{\dot{a}}{a} \dot{\delta}_k + \left(\frac{v_s^2 k^2}{a^2} - 4\pi G \rho_0 \right) \delta_k = 0$$

- Solution is some sort of Bessel function:
growth or oscillation depends on Jeans criterion
- In matter-dominated era $\rho_0 = (6\pi G t^2)^{-1}$ and $\dot{a}/a = 2/3t$
- For wavenumbers less than Jeans

$$\delta_+(t) = \delta_+(t_i) (t/t_i)^{2/3} \quad \delta_-(t) = \delta_-(t_i) (t/t_i)^{-1}$$



Super-Hubble-radius ($R_H = H^{-1}$)

$$g_{\mu\nu}(\vec{x}, t) = g_{\mu\nu}^{FRW}(t) + \delta g_{\mu\nu}(\vec{x}, t)$$

$$T_{\mu\nu}(\vec{x}, t) = T_{\mu\nu}^{FRW}(t) + \delta T_{\mu\nu}(\vec{x}, t)$$

$$\delta R_{\mu\nu} - (1/2) \delta [g_{\mu\nu} R] = 8\pi G \delta T_{\mu\nu}$$

- complete analysis not for the faint of heart
- interested in “scalar” perturbations
- fourth-order differential equation
- only two solutions “physical”
- other two solutions are “gauge modes”
which can be removed by a coordinate
transformation on the unperturbed metric

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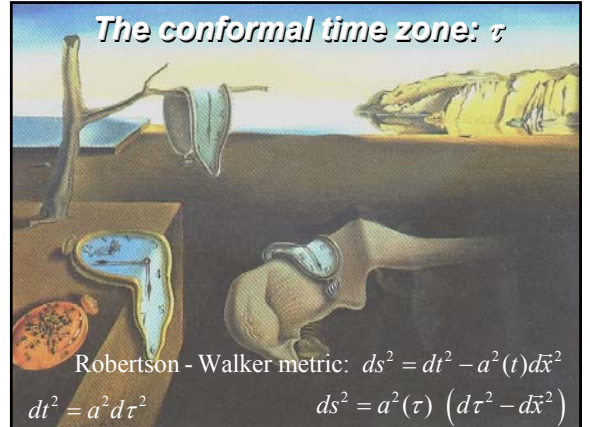
Bardeen 1980

Reference spacetime: flat FRW

$$ds^2 = a^2(\tau) \{ d\tau^2 - \delta_{ij} dx^i dx^j \}$$

$\tau =$ conformal time

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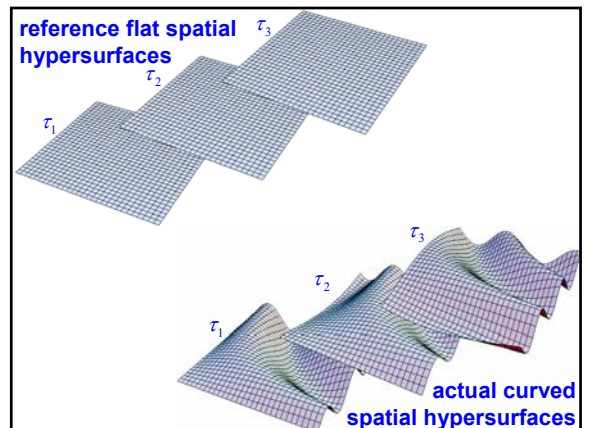
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Perturbed spacetime (10 degrees of freedom):

$$ds^2 = a^2(\tau) \{ (1 + \delta g_{00}) d\tau^2 - 2\delta g_{0i} d\tau dx^i - (\delta_{ij} + 2\delta g_{ij}) dx^i dx^j \}$$



scalar, vector, tensor decomposition

$$\delta g_{00} = 2A \quad 1$$

$$\delta g_{0i} = S_i + \partial_i B \quad 2+1$$

$$(\partial^i S_i = 0)$$

$$\delta g_{ij} = h_{ij} - \psi \delta_{ij} + \partial_i F_j + \partial_j F_i + \partial_i \partial_j E \quad \frac{2+1+2+1}{10}$$

$$(h^i_i = 0 ; \partial^i h_{ij} = 0 ; \partial^i F_i = 0)$$

evolution of **scalar**, **vector**, and **tensor** perturbations decoupled

Vector Perturbations:

- are not sourced by stress tensor
- decay rapidly in expansion

Tensor Perturbations:

- perturbations of transverse, traceless component of the metric: gravitational waves
- do not couple to stress tensor

Scalar Perturbations

- couple to stress tensor
- density perturbations!

Scalar perturbations

$$\delta g_{00} = \psi \quad \text{scalar perturbations} \quad (4 \text{ d.o.f.})$$

$$2\delta g_{ij} = -\psi \delta_{ij}$$

Gauge freedom: choose gauge $B=E=0$ (2 d.o.f.)
(longitudinal, conformal-Newtonian)

Stress tensor: isotropic stress $A=\psi$ (1 d.o.f.)

Scalar metric perturbations:

$$ds^2 = a^2(\tau) \{ (1+\psi) d\tau^2 - (1-\psi) d\vec{x}^2 \}$$

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Gauge invariant variable: \mathfrak{R}

intrinsic curvature perturbations on comoving hypersurfaces

Gauge invariant variable \mathfrak{R}

Expand in Fourier modes:

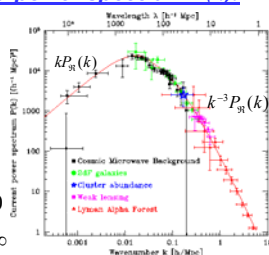
$$\mathfrak{R} = \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} \mathfrak{R}_k e^{ik \cdot x} \quad \frac{k^3}{2\pi^2} \langle \mathfrak{R}_k \mathfrak{R}_k \rangle = P_{\mathfrak{R}}(k)$$

Relate to the observed power spectrum $P(k)$:

$$\frac{k^3}{2\pi^2} P(k) = \left(\frac{k}{aH} \right)^4 T^2(k) P_{\mathfrak{R}}(k)$$

Transfer function:

$$T^2(k) \rightarrow \begin{cases} 1 & k/aH \rightarrow 0 \\ k^{-4} & k/aH \rightarrow \infty \end{cases}$$



Super-Hubble-radius

in synchronous gauge $A = B = 0$

and uniform Hubble flow gauge $B = E = 0$

$$\delta_+(t) = \delta_+(t_i) (t/t_i)^{2/3} \quad \text{matter-dominated}$$

$$\delta_+(t) = \delta_+(t_i) (t/t_i) \quad \text{radiation-dominated}$$

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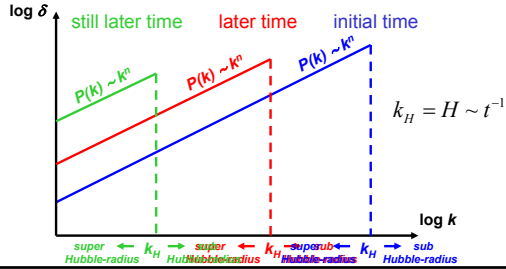
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Harrison-Zel'dovich

in radiation-dominated era

$\delta_s(t) = \delta_s(t_i)(t/t_i)$ scales larger than Hubble radius
 $\delta_s(t) = \text{constant}$ scales smaller than Hubble radius



Harrison-Zel'dovich

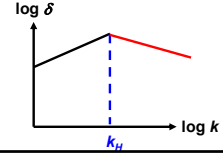
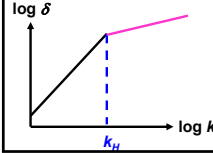


"flat" spectrum $\Delta^2(k) = k^3 P(k) = \text{const}$

in radiation-dominated era

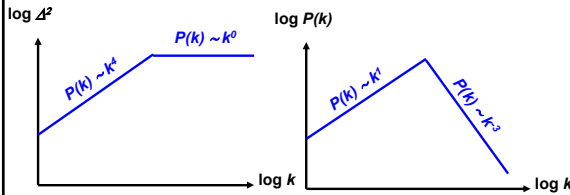
$P(k) \propto k^n$ $n > 1$
ultraviolet catastrophe

$P(k) \propto k^n$ $n < 1$
infrared catastrophe



The power spectrum

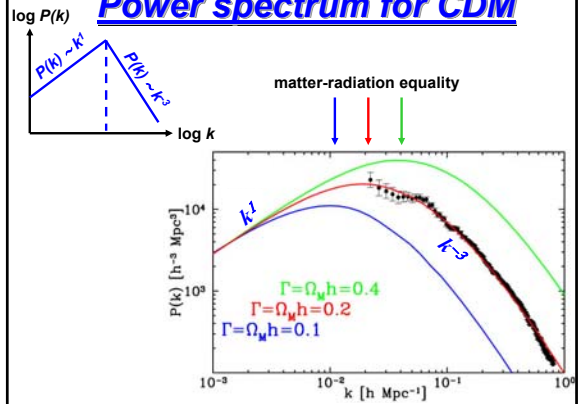
$$\Delta^2(k) \equiv \frac{k^3 |\delta_k^2|}{2\pi^2} \quad P(k) \equiv |\delta_k^2| \sim k^{-3} \Delta^2(k)$$



• in radiation-dominated era
no growth sub-Hubble radius
growth as t super-Hubble radius

• in matter-dominated era
power spectrum grows as $t^{2/3}$ on all scales

Power spectrum for CDM



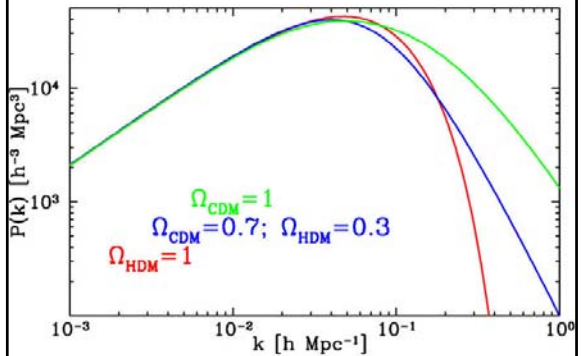
Dissipative processes

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Quintessential example: eV-range neutrinos

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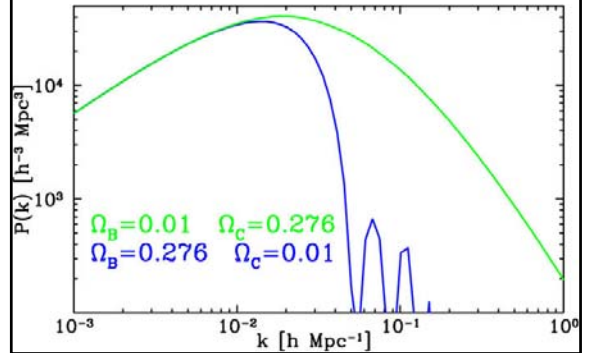
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2. Collisional damping – Silk damping

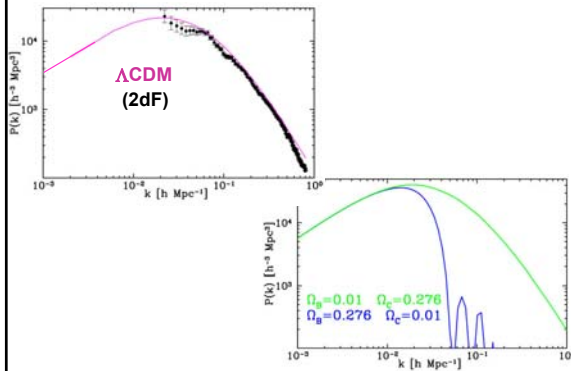
As baryons decouple from photons, the photon mean-free path becomes large. As photons escape from dense regions, they can drag baryons along, erasing baryon perturbations on small scales.

Baryon-photon fluid suffers damped oscillations.

The evolved spectrum

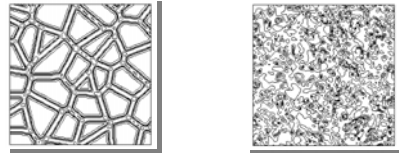


Silk damping of baryon pert'sns

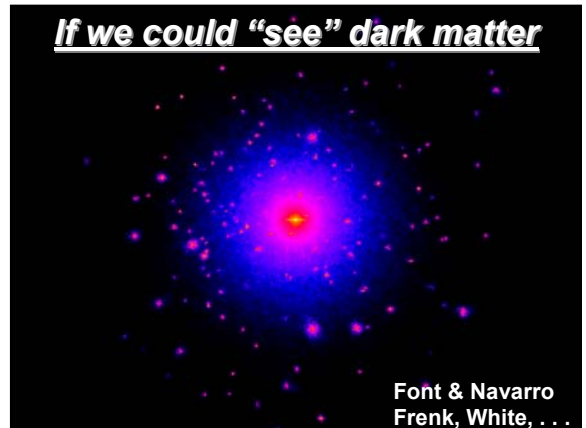
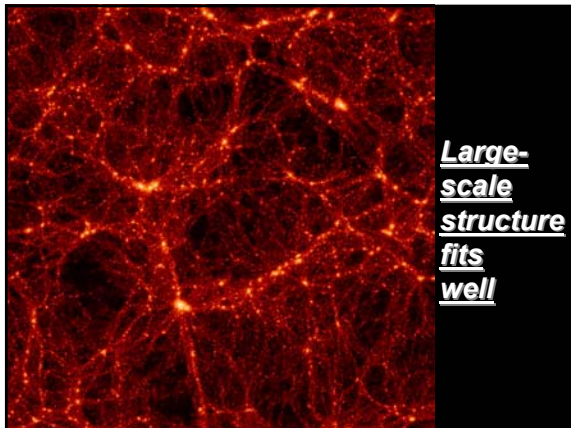


Life ain't linear!

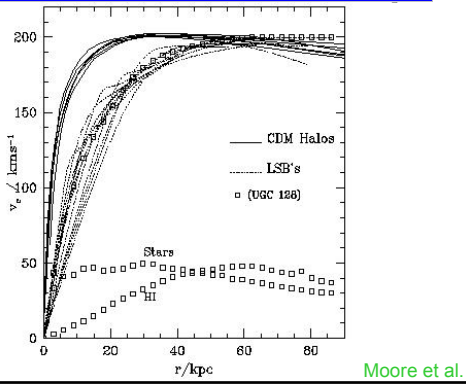
- Many scales become nonlinear at about the same time
- Mergers from many smaller objects while larger scales form
- N-body simulations for dissipation-less dark matter
- Hydro needed for baryons
- Power spectrum well fit if $\Gamma = \Omega h \sim 0.2$
- There is more to life than the power spectrum



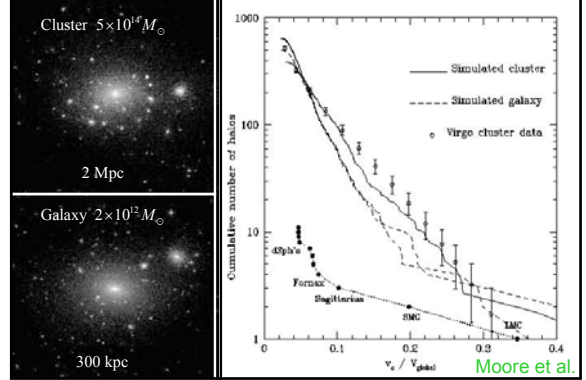
Alex Szalay



Small-scale structure-cusps



Small-scale structure-satellites



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