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# Thomson Scattering

• Thomson scattering of photons off of free electrons is the most important CMB process with a cross section (averaged over polarization states) of

$$\sigma_T = \frac{8\pi\alpha^2}{3m_e^2} = 6.65 \times 10^{-25} \text{cm}^2$$

• Density of free electrons in a fully ionized  $x_e = 1$  universe

$$n_e = (1 - Y_p/2)x_e n_b \approx 10^{-5}\Omega_b h^2 (1+z)^3 \text{cm}^{-3}$$

where  $Y_p \approx 0.24$  is the Helium mass fraction, creates a high (comoving) Thomson opacity

$$\dot{\tau} \equiv n_e \sigma_T a$$

where dots are conformal time  $\eta \equiv \int dt/a$  derivatives and  $\tau$  is the optical depth.

# Tight Coupling Approximation

• Near recombination  $z \approx 10^3$  and  $\Omega_b h^2 \approx 0.02$ , the (comoving) mean free path of a photon

$$\lambda_C \equiv \frac{1}{\dot{\tau}} \sim 2.5 \mathrm{Mpc}$$

small by cosmological standards!

- On scales  $\lambda \gg \lambda_C$  photons are tightly coupled to the electrons by Thomson scattering which in turn are tightly coupled to the baryons by Coulomb interactions
- Specifically, their bulk velocities are defined by a single fluid velocity  $v_{\gamma}=v_b$  and the photons carry no anisotropy in the rest frame of the baryons
- No heat conduction or viscosity (anisotropic stress) in fluid

# Zeroth Order Approximation

- Momentum density of a fluid is  $(\rho + p)v$ , where p is the pressure
- Neglect the momentum density of the baryons

$$R \equiv \frac{(\rho_b + p_b)v_b}{(\rho_\gamma + p_\gamma)v_\gamma} = \frac{\rho_b + p_b}{\rho_\gamma + p_\gamma} = \frac{3\rho_b}{4\rho_\gamma}$$
$$\approx 0.6 \left(\frac{\Omega_b h^2}{0.02}\right) \left(\frac{a}{10^{-3}}\right)$$

since  $\rho_{\gamma} \propto T^4$  is fixed by the CMB temperature  $T=2.73(1+z) \mathrm{K}$ – OK substantially before recombination

Neglect radiation in the expansion

$$\frac{\rho_m}{\rho_r} = 3.6 \left(\frac{\Omega_m h^2}{0.15}\right) \left(\frac{a}{10^{-3}}\right)$$

Neglect gravity

# Fluid Equations

• Density  $\rho_{\gamma} \propto T^4$  so define temperature fluctuation  $\Theta$ 

$$\delta_{\gamma} = 4 \frac{\delta T}{T} \equiv 4\Theta$$

Real space continuity equation

$$\dot{\delta}_{\gamma} = -(1 + w_{\gamma})kv_{\gamma}$$

$$\dot{\Theta} = -\frac{1}{3}kv_{\gamma}$$

Euler equation (neglecting gravity)

$$\dot{v}_{\gamma} = -(1 - 3w_{\gamma})\frac{\dot{a}}{a}v + \frac{kc_s^2}{1 + w_{\gamma}}\delta_{\gamma}$$

$$\dot{v}_{\gamma} = kc_s^2 \frac{3}{4}\delta_{\gamma} = 3c_s^2 k\Theta$$

#### Oscillator: Take One

Combine these to form the simple harmonic oscillator equation

$$\ddot{\Theta} + c_s^2 k^2 \Theta = 0$$

where the sound speed is adiabatic

$$c_s^2 = \frac{\delta p}{\delta \rho} = \frac{\dot{p}_{\gamma}}{\dot{\rho}_{\gamma}}$$

here  $c_s^2 = 1/3$  since we are photon-dominated

General solution:

$$\Theta(\eta) = \Theta(0)\cos(ks) + \frac{\dot{\Theta}(0)}{kc_s}\sin(ks)$$

where the sound horizon is defined as  $s \equiv \int c_s d\eta$ 

#### Harmonic Extrema

• All modes are frozen in at recombination (denoted with a subscript \*) yielding temperature perturbations of different amplitude for different modes. For the adiabatic (curvature mode)  $\dot{\Theta}(0) = 0$ 

$$\Theta(\eta_*) = \Theta(0)\cos(ks_*)$$

 Modes caught in the extrema of their oscillation will have enhanced fluctuations

$$k_n s_* = n\pi$$

yielding a fundamental scale or frequency, related to the inverse sound horizon

$$k_A = \pi/s_*$$

and a harmonic relationship to the other extrema as 1:2:3...

#### **Peak Location**

• The fundmental physical scale is translated into a fundamental angular scale by simple projection according to the angular diameter distance  $D_A$ 

$$\theta_A = \lambda_A / D_A$$

$$\ell_A = k_A D_A$$

• In a flat universe, the distance is simply  $D_A = D \equiv \eta_0 - \eta_* \approx \eta_0$ , the horizon distance, and  $k_A = \pi/s_* = \sqrt{3}\pi/\eta_*$  so

$$\theta_A pprox rac{\eta_*}{\eta_0}$$

• In a matter-dominated universe  $\eta \propto a^{1/2}$  so  $\theta_A \approx 1/30 \approx 2^\circ$  or

$$\ell_A \approx 200$$

#### Curvature

- In a curved universe, the apparent or angular diameter distance is no longer the conformal distance  $D_A = R \sin(D/R) \neq D$
- Objects in a closed universe are further than they appear!
   gravitational lensing of the background...
- Curvature scale of the universe must be substantially larger than current horizon
- Flat universe indicates critical density and implies missing energy given local measures of the matter density "dark energy"
- D also depends on dark energy density  $\Omega_{\rm DE}$  and equation of state  $w=p_{\rm DE}/\rho_{\rm DE}$ .
- Expansion rate at recombination or matter-radiation ratio enters into calculation of  $k_A$ .

#### Doppler Effect

 Bulk motion of fluid changes the observed temperature via Doppler shifts

$$\left(\frac{\Delta T}{T}\right)_{\text{dop}} = \hat{\mathbf{n}} \cdot \mathbf{v}_{\gamma}$$

Averaged over directions

$$\left(\frac{\Delta T}{T}\right)_{\rm rms} = \frac{v_{\gamma}}{\sqrt{3}}$$

Acoustic solution

$$\frac{v_{\gamma}}{\sqrt{3}} = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{k}\dot{\Theta} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{k}kc_s\,\Theta(0)\sin(ks)$$
$$= \Theta(0)\sin(ks)$$

# Doppler Peaks?

- Doppler effect for the photon dominated system is of equal amplitude and  $\pi/2$  out of phase: extrema of temperature are turning points of velocity
- Effects add in quadrature:

$$\left(\frac{\Delta T}{T}\right)^2 = \Theta^2(0)[\cos^2(ks) + \sin^2(ks)] = \Theta^2(0)$$

- No peaks in k spectrum! However the Doppler effect carries an angular dependence that changes its projection on the sky  $\hat{\bf n} \cdot {\bf v}_{\gamma} \propto \hat{\bf n} \cdot \hat{\bf k}$
- Coordinates where  $\hat{\mathbf{z}} \parallel \hat{\mathbf{k}}$

$$Y_{10}Y_{\ell 0} \to Y_{\ell \pm 10}$$

recoupling  $j'_{\ell}Y_{\ell 0}$ : no peaks in Doppler effect

# Restoring Gravity

- Take a simple photon dominated system with gravity
- Continuity altered since a gravitational potential represents a stretching of the spatial fabric that dilutes number densities – formally a spatial curvature perturbation
- Think of this as a perturbation to the scale factor  $a \to a(1 + \Phi)$  so that the cosmogical redshift is generalized to

$$\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \rightarrow \frac{\dot{a}}{a} + \dot{\Phi}$$

so that the continuity equation becomes

$$\dot{\Theta} = -\frac{1}{3}kv_{\gamma} - \dot{\Phi}$$

# Restoring Gravity

• Gravitational force in momentum conservation  ${\bf F}=-m\nabla\Psi$  generalized to momentum density modifies the Euler equation to

$$\dot{v}_{\gamma} = k(\Theta + \Psi)$$

- General relativity says that  $\Phi$  and  $\Psi$  are the relativistic analogues of the Newtonian potential and that  $\Phi \approx -\Psi$ .
- In our matter-dominated approximation,  $\Phi$  represents matter density fluctuations through the cosmological Poisson equation

$$k^2 \Phi = 4\pi G a^2 \rho_m \Delta_m$$

where the difference comes from the use of comoving coordinates for k ( $a^2$  factor), the removal of the background density into the background expansion ( $\rho\Delta_m$ ) and finally a coordinate subtlety that enters into the definition of  $\Delta_m$ 

#### **Constant Potentials**

- In the matter dominated epoch potentials are constant because infall generates velocities as  $v_m \sim k \eta \Psi$
- Velocity divergence generates density perturbations as  $\Delta_m \sim -k\eta v_m \sim -(k\eta)^2 \Psi$
- And density perturbations generate potential fluctuations as  $\Phi \sim \Delta_m/(k\eta)^2 \sim -\Psi$ , keeping them constant. Note that because of the expansion, density perturbations must grow to keep potentials constant.
- Here we have used the Friedman equation  $H^2=8\pi G\rho_m/3$  and  $\eta=\int d\ln a/(aH)\sim 1/(aH)$
- More generally, if stress perturbations are negligible compared with density perturbations ( $\delta p \ll \delta \rho$ ) then potential will remain roughly constant more specifically a variant called the Bardeen or comoving curvature  $\zeta$  is constant

#### Oscillator: Take Two

• Combine these to form the simple harmonic oscillator equation

$$\ddot{\Theta} + c_s^2 k^2 \Theta = -\frac{k^2}{3} \Psi - \ddot{\Phi}$$

• In a CDM dominated expansion  $\dot{\Phi} = \dot{\Psi} = 0$ . Also for photon domination  $c_s^2 = 1/3$  so the oscillator equation becomes

$$\ddot{\Theta} + \ddot{\Psi} + c_s^2 k^2 (\Theta + \Psi) = 0$$

• Solution is just an offset version of the original

$$[\Theta + \Psi](\eta) = [\Theta + \Psi](0) \cos(ks)$$

ullet  $\Theta+\Psi$  is also the observed temperature fluctuation since photons lose energy climbing out of gravitational potentials at recombination

# Effective Temperature

- Photons climb out of potential wells at last scattering
- Lose energy to gravitational redshifts
- Observed or effective temperature

$$\Theta + \Psi$$

- Effective temperature oscillates around zero with amplitude given by the initial conditions
- Note: initial conditions are set when the perturbation is outside of horizon, need inflation or other modification to matter-radiation FRW universe.
- GR says that initial temperature is given by initial potential

# Sachs-Wolfe Effect and the Magic 1/3

• A gravitational potential is a perturbation to the temporal coordinate [formally a gauge transformation]

$$\frac{\delta t}{t} = \Psi$$

• Convert this to a perturbation in the scale factor,

$$t = \int \frac{da}{aH} \propto \int \frac{da}{a\rho^{1/2}} \propto a^{3(1+w)/2}$$

where  $w \equiv p/\rho$  so that during matter domination

$$\frac{\delta a}{a} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{\delta t}{t}$$

• CMB temperature is cooling as  $T \propto a^{-1}$  so

$$\Theta + \Psi \equiv \frac{\delta T}{T} + \Psi = -\frac{\delta a}{a} + \Psi = \frac{1}{3}\Psi$$

# **Baryon Loading**

- Baryons add extra mass to the photon-baryon fluid
- Controlling parameter is the momentum density ratio:

$$R \equiv \frac{p_b + \rho_b}{p_\gamma + \rho_\gamma} \approx 30\Omega_b h^2 \left(\frac{a}{10^{-3}}\right)$$

of order unity at recombination

Momentum density of the joint system is conserved

$$(\rho_{\gamma} + p_{\gamma})v_{\gamma} + (\rho_b + p_b)v_b \approx (p_{\gamma} + p_{\gamma} + \rho_b + \rho_{\gamma})v_{\gamma}$$
$$= (1 + R)(\rho_{\gamma} + p_{\gamma})v_{\gamma b}$$

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# New Euler Equation

Momentum density ratio enters as

$$[(1+R)v_{\gamma b}] = k\Theta + (1+R)k\Psi$$

Photon continuity remains the same

$$\dot{\Theta} = -\frac{k}{3}v_{\gamma b} - \dot{\Phi}$$

Modification of oscillator equation

$$[(1+R)\dot{\Theta}] + \frac{1}{3}k^2\Theta = -\frac{1}{3}k^2(1+R)\Psi - [(1+R)\dot{\Phi}]$$

#### Oscillator: Take Three

• Combine these to form the not-quite-so simple harmonic oscillator equation

$$c_s^2 \frac{d}{d\eta} (c_s^{-2} \dot{\Theta}) + c_s^2 k^2 \Theta = -\frac{k^2}{3} \Psi - c_s^2 \frac{d}{d\eta} (c_s^{-2} \dot{\Phi})$$

where  $c_s^2 \equiv \dot{p}_{\gamma b}/\dot{\rho}_{\gamma b}$ 

$$c_s^2 = \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{1+R}$$

• In a CDM dominated expansion  $\dot{\Phi}=\dot{\Psi}=0$  and the adiabatic approximation  $\dot{R}/R\ll\omega=kc_s$ 

$$[\Theta + (1 + R)\Psi](\eta) = [\Theta + (1 + R)\Psi](0)\cos(ks)$$

# Baryon Peak Phenomenology

- Photon-baryon ratio enters in three ways
- Overall larger amplitude:

$$[\Theta + (1 + \mathbf{R})\Psi](0) = \frac{1}{3}(1 + 3\mathbf{R})\Psi(0)$$

Even-odd peak modulation of effective temperature

$$[\Theta + \Psi]_{\text{peaks}} = [\pm (1 + 3R) - 3R] \frac{1}{3} \Psi(0)$$
$$[\Theta + \Psi]_1 - [\Theta + \Psi]_2 = [-6R] \frac{1}{3} \Psi(0)$$

• Shifting of the sound horizon down or  $\ell_A$  up

$$\ell_A \propto \sqrt{1+R}$$

• Actual effects smaller since R evolves

# Photon Baryon Ratio Evolution

Oscillator equation has time evolving mass

$$c_s^2 \frac{d}{d\eta} (c_s^{-2} \dot{\Theta}) + c_s^2 k^2 \Theta = 0$$

- Effective mass is is  $m_{\text{eff}} = 3c_s^{-2} = (1 + R)$
- Adiabatic invariant

$$\frac{E}{\omega} = \frac{1}{2} m_{\text{eff}} \omega A^2 = \frac{1}{2} 3 c_s^{-2} k c_s A^2 \propto A^2 (1 + R)^{1/2} = const.$$

• Amplitude of oscillation  $A \propto (1+R)^{-1/4}$  decays adiabatically as the photon-baryon ratio changes

#### Oscillator: Take Three and a Half

• The not-quite-so simple harmonic oscillator equation is a forced harmonic oscillator

$$c_s^2 \frac{d}{d\eta} (c_s^{-2} \dot{\Theta}) + c_s^2 k^2 \Theta = -\frac{k^2}{3} \Psi - c_s^2 \frac{d}{d\eta} (c_s^{-2} \Phi)$$

changes in the gravitational potentials alter the form of the acoustic oscillations

- If the forcing term has a temporal structure that is related to the frequency of the oscillation, this becomes a driven harmonic oscillator
- ullet Term involving  $\Psi$  is the ordinary gravitational force
- Term involving  $\Phi$  involves the  $\Phi$  term in the continuity equation as a (curvature) perturbation to the scale factor

# Potential Decay

Matter-to-radiation ratio

$$\frac{\rho_m}{\rho_r} \approx 24\Omega_m h^2 \left(\frac{a}{10^{-3}}\right)$$

of order unity at recombination in a low  $\Omega_m$  universe

Radiation is not stress free and so impedes the growth of structure

$$k^2\Phi = 4\pi G a^2 \rho_r \Delta_r$$

 $\Delta_r \sim 4\Theta$  oscillates around a constant value,  $\rho_r \propto a^{-4}$  so the Netwonian curvature decays.

• General rule: potential decays if the dominant energy component has substantial stress fluctuations, i.e. below the generalized sound horizon or Jeans scale

# Radiation Driving

 Decay is timed precisely to drive the oscillator - close to fully coherent

$$[\Theta + \Psi](\eta) = [\Theta + \Psi](0) + \Delta\Psi - \Delta\Phi$$
$$= \frac{1}{3}\Psi(0) - 2\Psi(0) = \frac{5}{3}\Psi(0)$$

- 5× the amplitude of the Sachs-Wolfe effect!
- Coherent approximation is exact for a photon-baryon fluid but reality is reduced to  $\sim 4\times$  because of neutrino contribution to radiation
- Actual initial conditions are  $\Theta + \Psi = \Psi/2$  for radiation domination but comparison to matter dominated SW correct

# **Damping**

- Tight coupling equations assume a perfect fluid: no viscosity, no heat conduction
- Fluid imperfections are related to the mean free path of the photons in the baryons

$$\lambda_C = \dot{\tau}^{-1}$$
 where  $\dot{\tau} = n_e \sigma_T a$ 

is the conformal opacity to Thompson scattering

• Dissipation is related to the diffusion length: random walk approximation

$$\lambda_D = \sqrt{N}\lambda_C = \sqrt{\eta/\lambda_C}\,\lambda_C = \sqrt{\eta\lambda_C}$$

the geometric mean between the horizon and mean free path

•  $\lambda_D/\eta_* \sim$  few %, so expect the peaks :> 3 to be affected by dissipation

#### **Equations of Motion**

#### Continuity

$$\dot{\Theta} = -\frac{k}{3}v_{\gamma} - \dot{\Phi} \,, \quad \dot{\delta}_b = -kv_b - 3\dot{\Phi}$$

where the photon equation remains unchanged and the baryons follow number conservation with  $\rho_b = m_b n_b$ 

#### Euler

$$\dot{v}_{\gamma} = k(\Theta + \Psi) - \frac{k}{6}\pi_{\gamma} - \dot{\tau}(v_{\gamma} - v_b)$$

$$\dot{v}_{b} = -\frac{\dot{a}}{a}v_b + k\Psi + \dot{\tau}(v_{\gamma} - v_b)/R$$

where the photons gain an anisotropic stress term  $\pi_{\gamma}$  from radiation viscosity and a momentum exchange term with the baryons and are compensated by the opposite term in the baryon Euler equation

# Viscosity

- Viscosity is generated from radiation streaming from hot to cold regions
- Expect

$$\pi_{\gamma} \sim v_{\gamma} \frac{k}{\dot{\tau}}$$

generated by streaming, suppressed by scattering in a wavelength of the fluctuation. Radiative transfer says

$$\pi_{\gamma} \approx 2A_{v}v_{\gamma}\frac{k}{\dot{\tau}}$$

where  $A_v = 16/15$ 

$$\dot{v}_{\gamma} = k(\Theta + \Psi) - \frac{k}{3} A_{v} \frac{k}{\dot{\tau}} v_{\gamma}$$

#### Oscillator: Penultimate Take

• Adiabatic approximation (  $\omega \gg \dot{a}/a$ )

$$\dot{\Theta} \approx -\frac{k}{3}v_{\gamma}$$

• Oscillator equation contains a  $\Theta$  damping term

$$c_s^2 \frac{d}{d\eta} (c_s^{-2} \dot{\Theta}) + \frac{k^2 c_s^2}{\dot{\tau}} A_v \dot{\Theta} + k^2 c_s^2 \Theta = -\frac{k^2}{3} \Psi - c_s^2 \frac{d}{d\eta} (c_s^{-2} \dot{\Phi})$$

• Heat conduction term similar in that it is proportional to  $v_{\gamma}$  and is suppressed by scattering  $k/\dot{\tau}$ . Expansion of Euler equations to leading order in  $k\dot{\tau}$  gives

$$A_h = \frac{R^2}{1+R}$$

since the effects are only significant if the baryons are dynamically important

#### Oscillator: Final Take

Final oscillator equation

$$c_s^2 \frac{d}{d\eta} (c_s^{-2} \dot{\Theta}) + \frac{k^2 c_s^2}{\dot{\tau}} [A_v + A_h] \dot{\Theta} + k^2 c_s^2 \Theta = -\frac{k^2}{3} \Psi - c_s^2 \frac{d}{d\eta} (c_s^{-2} \dot{\Phi})$$

Solve in the adiabatic approximation

$$\Theta \propto \exp(i \int \omega d\eta)$$

$$-\omega^2 + \frac{k^2 c_s^2}{\dot{\tau}} (A_v + A_h) i\omega + k^2 c_s^2 = 0 \tag{1}$$

# Dispersion Relation

Solve

$$\omega^{2} = k^{2}c_{s}^{2} \left[ 1 + i \frac{\omega}{\dot{\tau}} (A_{v} + A_{h}) \right]$$

$$\omega = \pm kc_{s} \left[ 1 + \frac{i}{2} \frac{\omega}{\dot{\tau}} (A_{v} + A_{h}) \right]$$

$$= \pm kc_{s} \left[ 1 \pm \frac{i}{2} \frac{kc_{s}}{\dot{\tau}} (A_{v} + A_{h}) \right]$$

Exponentiate

$$\exp(i\int \omega d\eta) = e^{\pm iks} \exp[-k^2 \int d\eta \frac{1}{2} \frac{c_s^2}{\dot{\tau}} (A_v + A_h)]$$
$$= e^{\pm iks} \exp[-(k/k_D)^2] \tag{2}$$

• Damping is exponential under the scale  $k_D$ 

#### **Diffusion Scale**

Diffusion wavenumber

$$k_D^{-2} = \int d\eta \frac{1}{\dot{\tau}} \frac{1}{6(1+R)} \left( \frac{16}{15} + \frac{R^2}{(1+R)} \right)$$

Limiting forms

$$\lim_{R \to 0} k_D^{-2} = \frac{1}{6} \frac{16}{15} \int d\eta \frac{1}{\dot{\tau}}$$

$$\lim_{R \to \infty} k_D^{-2} = \frac{1}{6} \int d\eta \frac{1}{\dot{\tau}}$$

 Geometric mean between horizon and mean free path as expected from a random walk

$$\lambda_D = \frac{2\pi}{k_D} \sim \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{6}} (\eta \dot{\tau}^{-1})^{1/2}$$

# Thomson Scattering

- Polarization state of radiation in direction  $\hat{\mathbf{n}}$  described by the intensity matrix  $\langle E_i(\hat{\mathbf{n}})E_j^*(\hat{\mathbf{n}})\rangle$ , where  $\mathbf{E}$  is the electric field vector and the brackets denote time averaging.
- Differential cross section

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{3}{8\pi} |\hat{\mathbf{E}}' \cdot \hat{\mathbf{E}}|^2 \sigma_T,$$

where  $\sigma_T = 8\pi\alpha^2/3m_e$  is the Thomson cross section,  $\hat{\mathbf{E}}'$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{E}}$  denote the incoming and outgoing directions of the electric field or polarization vector.

• Summed over angle and incoming polarization

$$\sum_{i=1,2} \int d\hat{\mathbf{n}}' \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \sigma_T$$

#### Polarization Generation

- Heuristic: incoming radiation shakes an electron in direction of electric field vector  $\hat{\mathbf{E}}'$
- Radiates photon with polarization also in direction  $\hat{\mathbf{E}}'$
- But photon cannot be longitudinally polarized so that scattering into 90° can only pass one polarization
- Linearly polarized radiation like polarization by reflection
- Unlike reflection of sunlight, incoming radiation is nearly isotropic
- Missing linear polarization supplied by scattering from direction orthogonal to original incoming direction
- Only quadrupole anisotropy generates polarization by Thomson scattering

#### Acoustic Polarization

Break down of tight-coupling leads to quadrupole anisotropy of

$$\pi_{\gamma} pprox rac{k}{\dot{ au}} v_{\gamma}$$

- Scaling  $k_D = (\dot{\tau}/\eta_*)^{1/2} \to \dot{\tau} = k_D^2 \eta_*$
- Know:  $k_D s_* \approx k_D \eta_* \approx 10$
- So:

$$\pi_{\gamma} \approx \frac{k}{k_D} \frac{1}{10} v_{\gamma}$$

$$\Delta_P \approx \frac{\ell}{\ell_D} \frac{1}{10} \Delta_T$$

#### **Acoustic Polarization**

- Gradient of velocity is along direction of wavevector, so polarization is pure E-mode
- Velocity is 90° out of phase with temperature turning points of oscillator are zero points of velocity:

$$\Theta + \Psi \propto \cos(ks); \quad v_{\gamma} \propto \sin(ks)$$

• Polarization peaks are at troughs of temperature power

#### **Cross Correlation**

Cross correlation of temperature and polarization

$$(\Theta + \Psi)(v_{\gamma}) \propto \cos(ks)\sin(ks) \propto \sin(2ks)$$

- Oscillation at twice the frequency
- Correlation: radial or tangential around hot spots
- Partial correlation: easier to measure if polarization data is noisy, harder to measure if polarization data is high S/N or if bands do not resolve oscillations
- Good check for systematics and foregrounds
- Comparison of temperature and polarization is proof against features in initial conditions mimicking acoustic features