

# Signature of Cosmic Magnetic Fields in the Polarization of CMB

## CMBR

**Dominant  
Component  
is isotropic**



**Lends support to  
the Hypothesis of  
homogeneity  
and isotropy**

**Finer feature**

**Anisotropy**

- Spatial variation in potential
- Velocity fields
- Baryon density perturbations

**Cosmic Magnetic Fields**

**Polarization**

**Thomson Scattering  
from charges**

**Spectrum**

**Distortion possible due to  
Re-ionization +  
compton scattering**

# Time-Temperature Relation

**Continuity Equation  
for Radiation**

$$d(\rho a^3) + p d(a)^3 = 0$$

**Equation of State  
for Radiation**

$$p = \rho / 3$$

$$\rho \propto a^{-4}$$

*Planck Spectrum*

$$\rho \propto T^4$$

$$T \propto a^{-1}$$

$$a \propto t^n$$

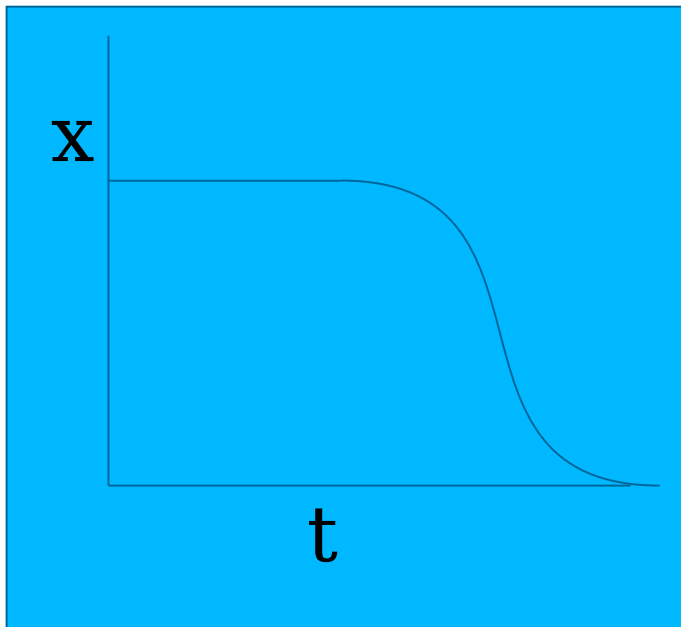
$$T \propto t^{-n}$$

**Photon Temperature very high in the Early Universe**

# Nature of Transition

## Saha Ionization Formula

$$\frac{x^2}{1-x} = \frac{(2\pi m_e kT)^{3/2}}{h^2} \frac{\exp(x/kT)}{N}$$



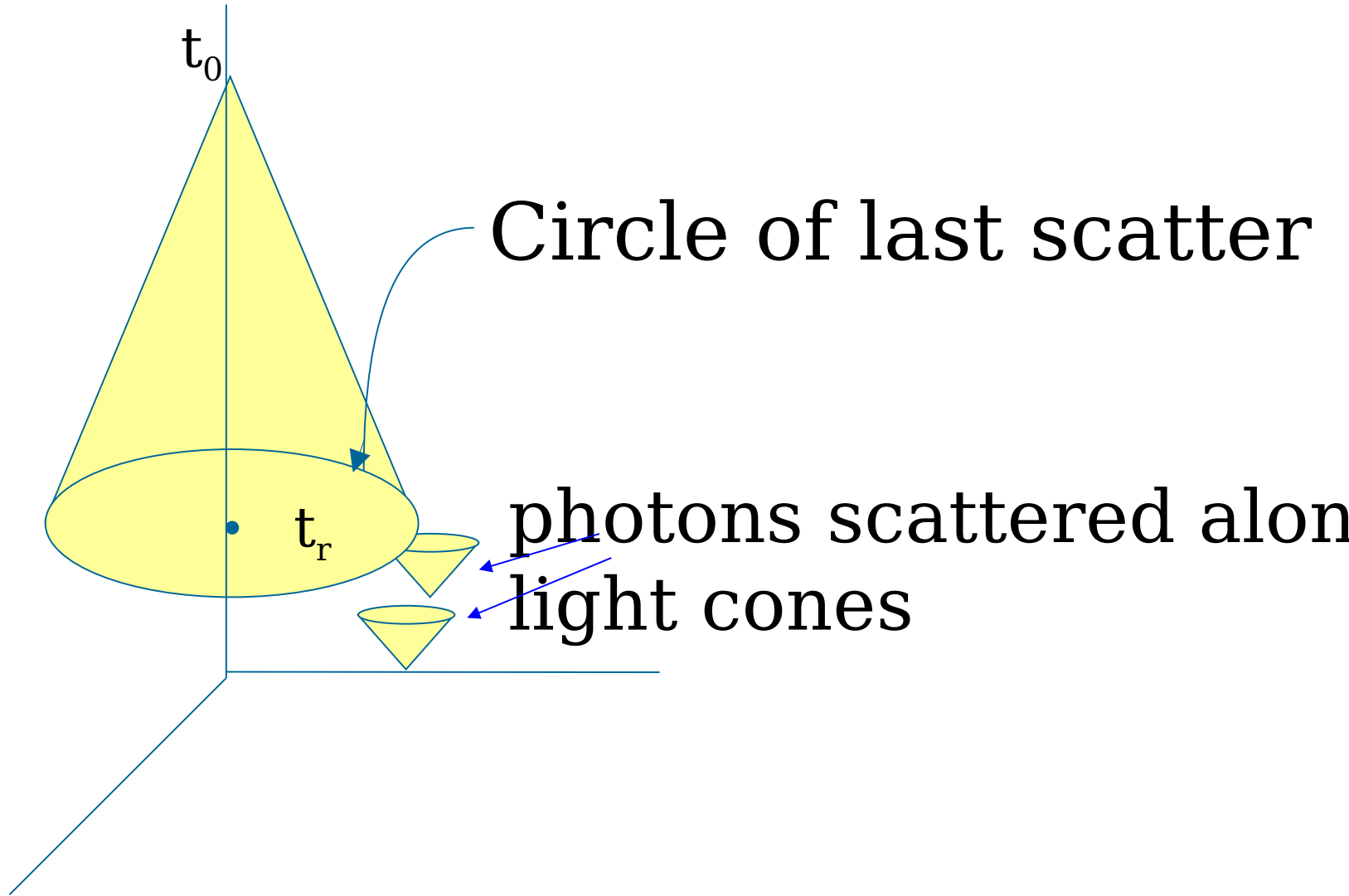
**Transition is rather sharp**

**The epoch of transition well defined**

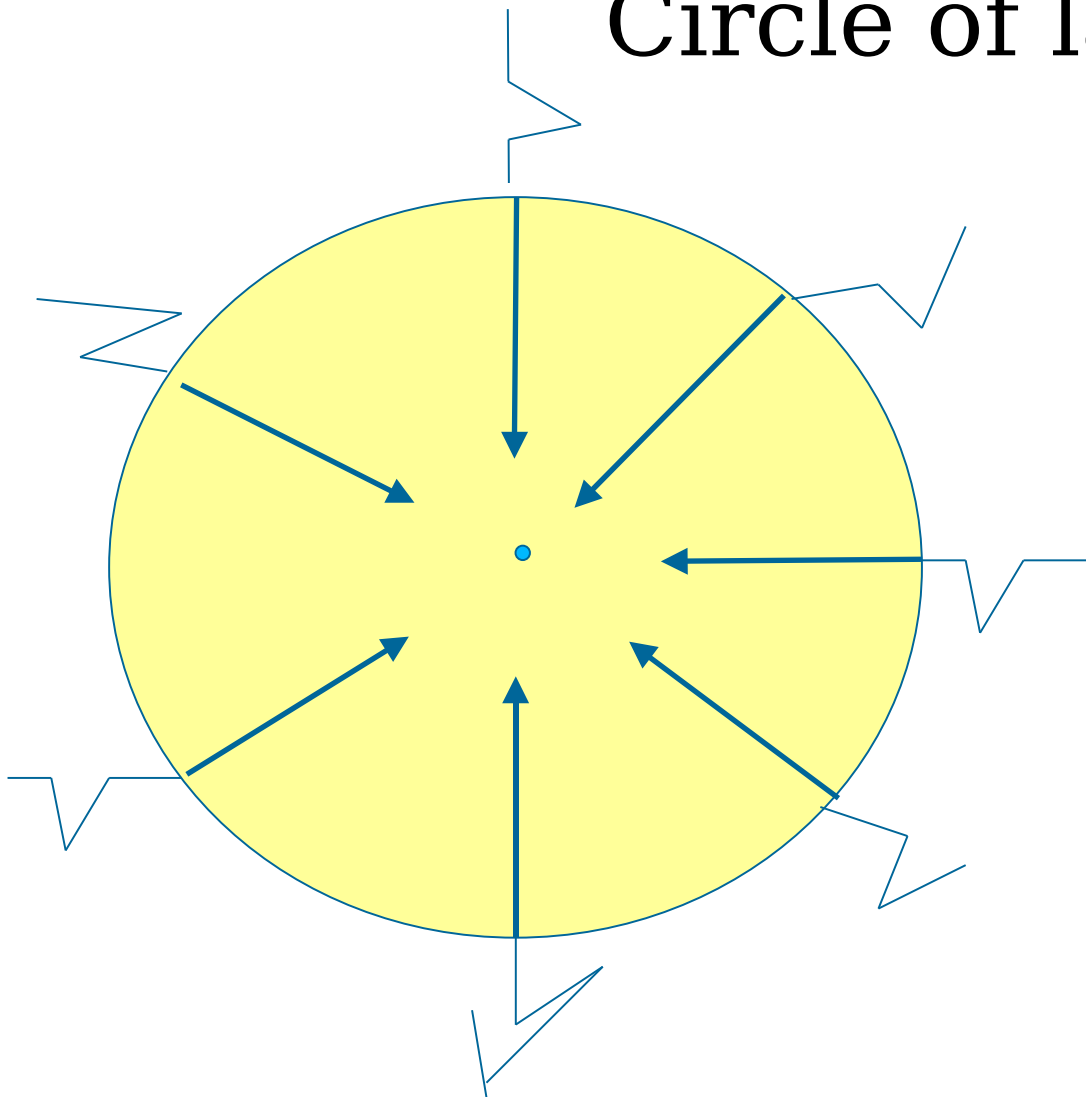
**Recombination epoch  $T \sim 3000\text{K}$**

**Matter in Universe as Plasma before recombination**

# Photon Trajectory - 1 + 2D



# Circle of last scatter



# Cosmic Microwave Background Radiation

**Nearly  
Uniform**

**Received  
from  
all  
directions**

**Observed**

Blackbody with  $T = 2.726$  K  
(observed)

$\lambda_m$  corresponds to  
**microwave**

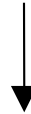
**Interpretational**

# ORIGIN OF CMBR

**TILL  $t = t_{\text{recom}}$  radiation temperature high enough to keep matter in the ionized (PLASMA) form**

**Radiation Interacts strongly with matter**

**r times energy of photons insufficient to keep matter**



**Hence transition from PLASMA to NEUTRAL state**

**Interaction of radiation and matter drops abruptly**

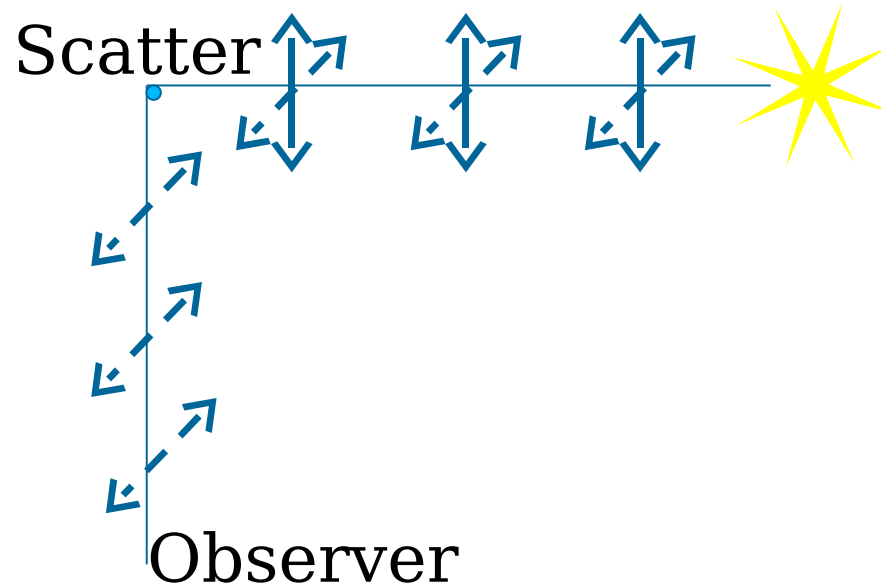
**Radiation free streams; received**

**today as CMBR**

**CMBR a strong pillar of HOT BIG BANG MODEL**

# Origin of Polarization

An example from our atmosphere

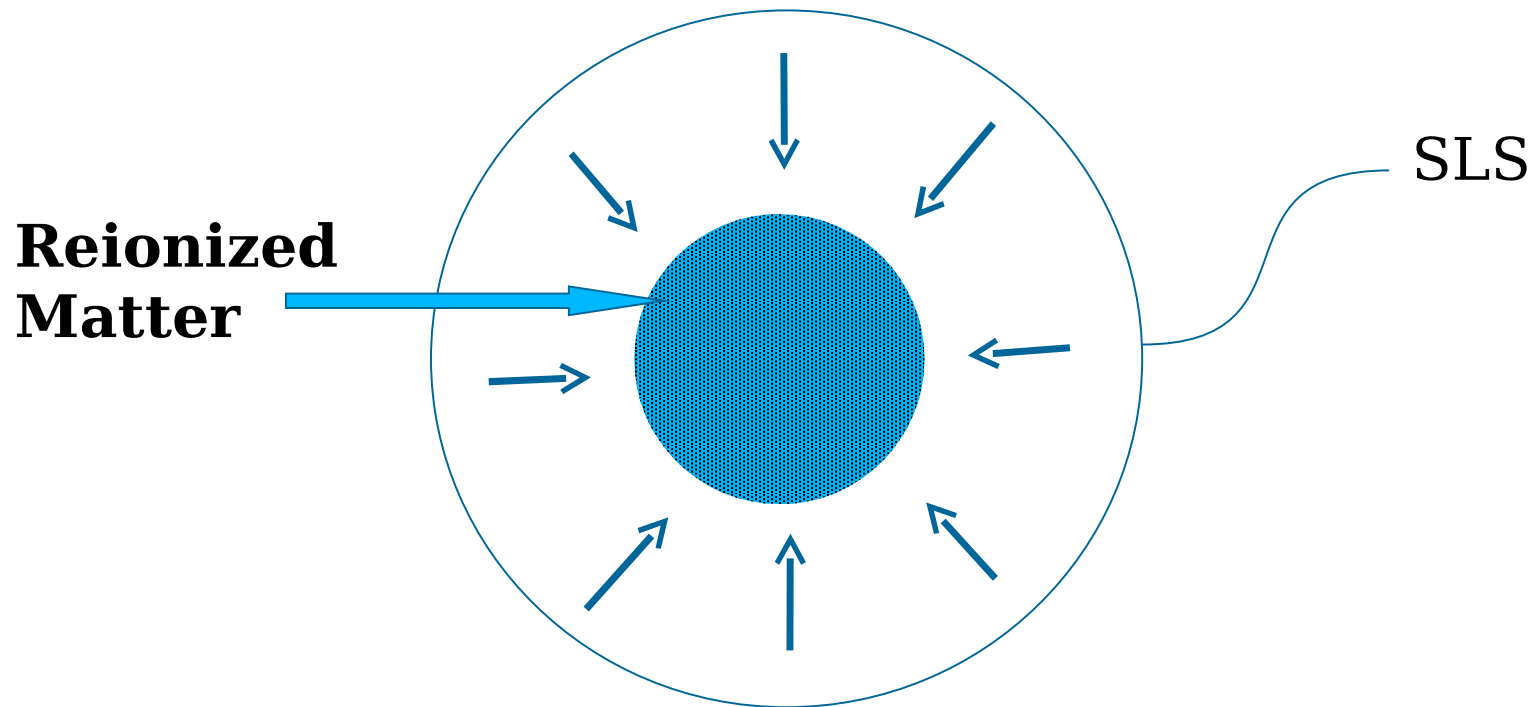


Anisotropic Radiation + Free Charges

↓  
**Thomson  
Scattering**  
**POLARIZATION**



# ization in Cosmology - in reionized Univ



the reionized matter is like a cosmological ionosphere

the nature of Polarization sheds light on the details  
of reionization

# **CMB Polarization :**

*Standard case without reionization*

Formation in Photons washed out by Scatter

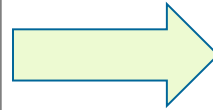
***But***

scattering event on the Surface of Last scat  
an anisotropy from the last-but-one-scatter

Leads to polarization of CMBR

# Evolution Equation for Temperature and Polarization Fluctuations

**Boltzman Equation  
for the CMB Photons**



**Evolution of Temperature and  
Polarization Fluctuations**

$$\langle E_i^* E_j \rangle \quad \text{(Intensity Matrix)}$$

$$\mathbf{T} = \Theta \mathbf{I} + Q\sigma_3 + U\sigma_1 + V\sigma_2 \quad \Theta = \text{Tr}(\mathbf{T} \mathbf{I})/2$$

$$\mathbf{T} = \Theta \mathbf{I} + (Q + iU)\mathbf{M}_+ + (Q - iU)\mathbf{M}_- + V\sigma_2$$

$$\mathbf{M}_+ = (\sigma_3 - i\sigma_1) \quad \mathbf{M}_- = (\sigma_3 + i\sigma_1)$$

$$\vec{T} = (\Theta, Q + iU, Q - iU)$$

$$\frac{d}{d\eta} \vec{T} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} (\vec{T}) + n^i \nabla_i \vec{T} = \vec{C}[\vec{T}] + \vec{G}[h_{\mu\nu}]$$

# Basis Function Expansion

can be expanded in terms of basis functions

are components of a spin-2 field.

e, they cannot be expanded in terms of  $Y_{lm}$

functions consist of Spin weighted spherical harmonics.

e Temperature, Q and U are not rotationally invariant

s to difficulties in superposition for different  $k$ 's

a rotationally invariant description of polarization

# **Rotationally Invariant Description of Polarization**

**the spin raising and spin lowering operators**

**act on them on  $Q, U$**

**get scalar quantities called E-type and B-type polarization**

**are scalars E has even parity and B has odd parity**

**raising and lowering are differential operators**

**E and B are not rotationally invariant combinations of  $Q$  and  $U$**

**but can be obtained by 'ladder' operations on  $Q$  and  $U$ .**

$$\Theta = \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \sum_l \sum_{m=-2}^2 \Theta_l^{(m)} G_l^m$$

$$Q + iU = \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \sum_l \sum_{m=-2}^2 (E_l^{(m)} + iB_l^{(m)})_{+2} G_l^m$$

$$Q - iU = \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \sum_l \sum_{m=-2}^2 (E_l^{(m)} - iB_l^{(m)})_{-2} G_l^m$$

## Cosmic Magnetic Fields

### Divergence free velocity fields

$|m| = l$  modes

# Statistical Measures of CMBR Polarization

$$(2l + 1)^2 C_l^{XY} = \frac{2}{\pi} \int dk \, k^2 \sum_{m=-2}^2 X_l^{(m)} * Y_l^{(m)}$$

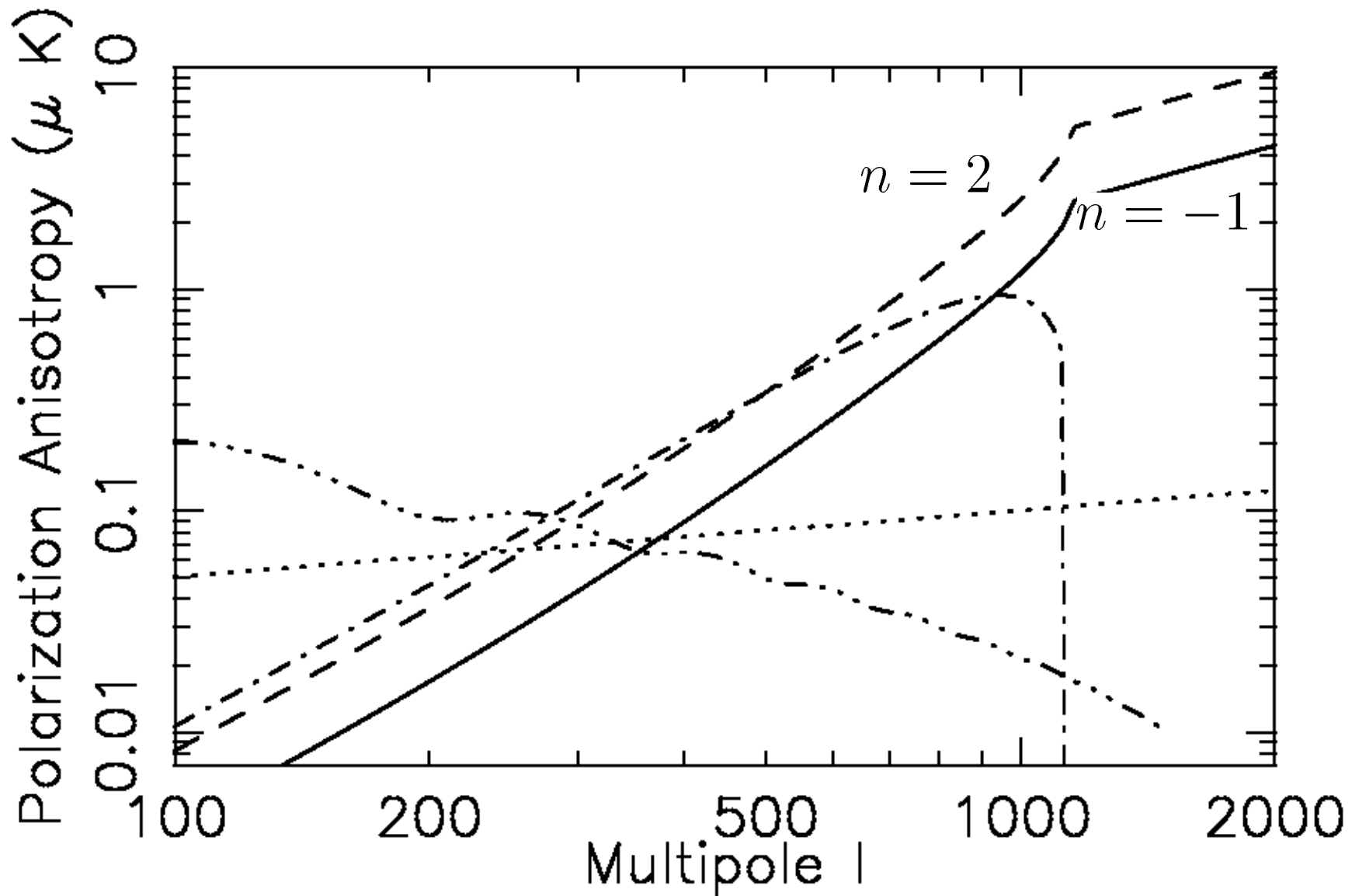
$$C_l^{\Theta\Theta} = 4\pi \int dk \, \frac{k^2}{2\pi^2} \frac{l(l+1)}{2} \langle | \int_0^{\eta_0} d\eta g(\eta_0, \eta) v \frac{j_l(k(\eta_0 - \eta))}{k(\eta_0 - \eta)} |^2 \rangle$$

Similarly  $C_l^{E\Theta}$ ,  $C_l^{EE}$  and  $C_l^{BB}$

$$g(\eta_0, \eta) = -\dot{\tau} \exp(-\tau) \quad \tau = \int_{\eta}^{\eta_0} d\eta \, n_e \sigma_T a(t)$$

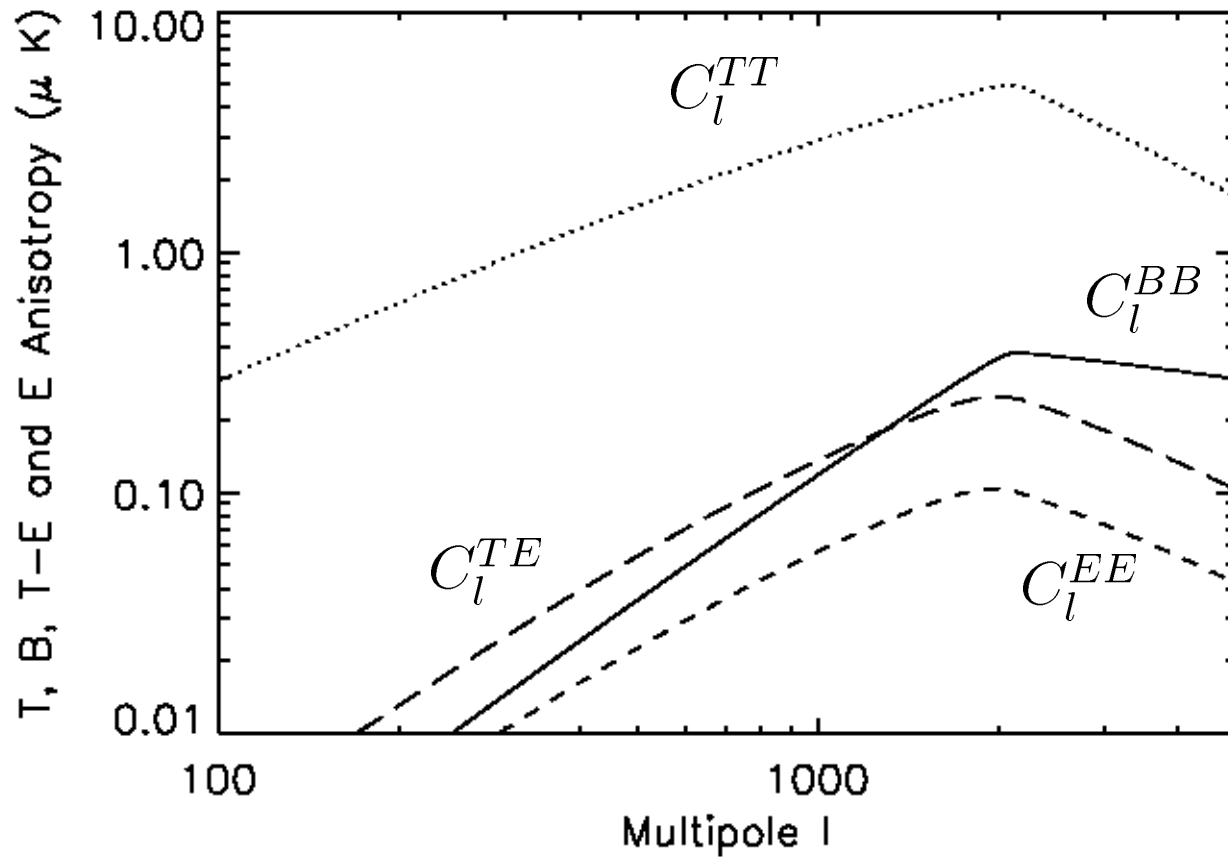
$$g(\eta_0, \eta) \, d\eta:$$

Probability that the photon received today  
was last scattered between  $\eta$  and  $\eta + d\eta$



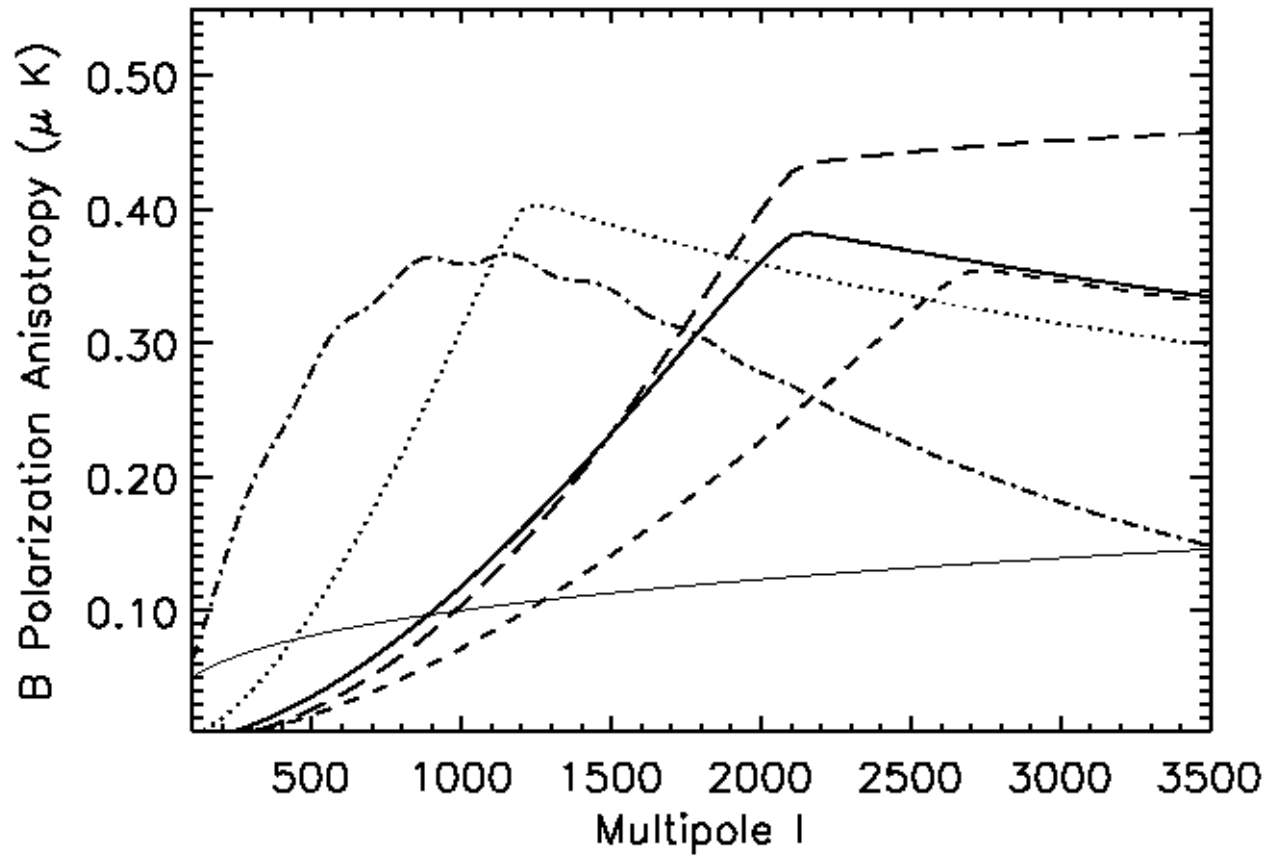
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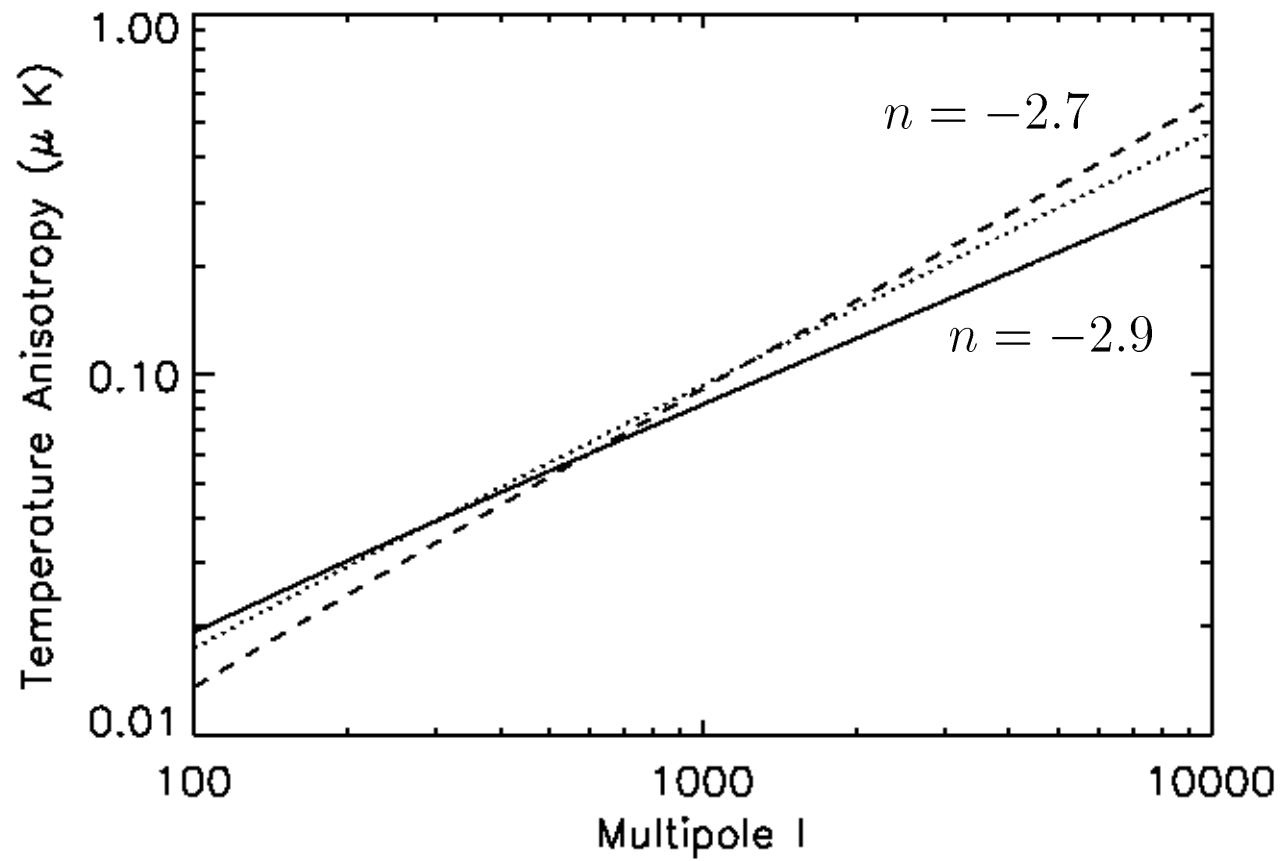


$\Lambda - CDM$  and a nearly scale-invariant Magnetic field Power-spectrum

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# **What can CMB Polarization tell us**

- 1: Reionization in the Universe**
- 2: Nature of Cosmological Magnetic Field**
- 3: Imprint of Gravitational Waves**
- 4: Gravitational Lensing of CMB**

# Conclusions

**CMB Polarization and Temperature anisotropy Maps can enlighten us about the nature and strength of Cosmic Magnetic Fields**

**The B-B correlation at small angles (large angles) is important**

**A scale invariant Magnetic Field which redshifts to about 3 nano Gauss today can produce micro-kelvin level fluctuations in polarization anisotropy**

**Statistical Properties of the polarization and Anisotropy**