

ASTR 4080 - Week 14

Recall the scattering eqn. for atoms
to interact w/ light

$$\Gamma = n_e \sigma_e c \quad (\text{per sec})$$

As CMB photons travel, they can still
get scattered by intervening e^- s

The prob. a photon is scattered is
expressed by optical depth

$$\tau_* = \int_{t_*}^{t_0} \Gamma(t) dt$$

$\frac{1}{15}$ % get
scattered out
of l.o.s.

$$= c \sigma_e \int_{t_*}^{t_0} n_e(t) dt$$

$$= 0.066 \pm 0.0016$$

from Planck

Can estimate t_* knowing this.

Assume everything is ionized H^+ + e^-

$$n_e = n_p = n_{\text{bary},0} a^{-3}$$

$$\text{define } \Gamma_0 = c \sigma_T n_{\text{bary},0} = 0.0023 H_0$$

$$\tau_* = \int_0^{t_*} \frac{dt}{a(t)^3}$$

change to a from t , $\frac{d}{dt} a(t) = \dot{a}$ so

$$\tau_* = \Gamma_0 \int_{a(t_*)}^1 \frac{da}{\dot{a} a^3} = \Gamma_0 \int_{a(t_*)}^1 \frac{da}{H(a) a^4}$$

change from a
to z :

$$a = (1+z)^{-1}$$
$$da = \frac{-dz}{(1+z)^2}$$

$$= \Gamma_0 \int_0^{z_*} \frac{(1+z)^2 dz}{H(z)}$$

$$= \Gamma_0 \int_0^{z_*} \frac{(1+z)^2 dz}{H_0 \sqrt{\Omega_{m,0} (1+z)^3 + \Omega_{\Lambda,0}}}$$

(flat, matter + Λ dominated)

$$\tau_* = \frac{2}{3\Omega_{m,0}} \frac{\Gamma_0}{H_0} \left([\Omega_{m,0} (1+z_*)^3 + \Omega_{\Lambda,0}]^{1/2} - 1 \right)$$

$$= 0.00485 \left([0.31(1+z_*)^3 + 0.69]^{1/2} - 1 \right)$$

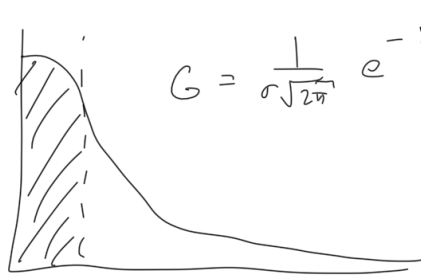
BACK TO
SLIDES

$$\boxed{z_* = 7.8 \pm 1.3}, \quad t_* = 650 \text{ Myr}$$

Obs. universe: $d_p(t_0) \approx 14 \text{ Gpc}$

$$\text{total mass inside is } M = \rho_{m,0} \frac{4\pi}{3} d_p(t_0)^3 \\ \approx 4.3 \times 10^{23} M_\odot$$

★ There are 4.3×10^9 regions $\sim 10^{14} M_\odot$,
so the 1st $10^{14} M_\odot$ region to collapse
is a statistical outlier: $\frac{1}{4.3 \times 10^9}$ chance



$$G = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2\sigma^2} \quad p = \text{erf}\left(\frac{x/\sigma}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$$

$$\text{erf}(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^x e^{-t^2} dt$$

→ 2σ 68% (2σ : 95%)
 $(3\sigma$: 99.7%)

$$\boxed{2.3 \times 10^{-10} \rightarrow 6.2\sigma}$$

$$f_{\text{coll}} = 6.2 \rightarrow 1 + z_{\text{coll}} \approx f_{\text{rn}}(1 + z_{\text{rn}}) = f_{\text{coll}}$$
$$\boxed{z = 5.2}$$

$$T_{\text{gas}} \approx 2.3 \times 10^7 \text{ K}$$

$$\bar{\rho}_{\text{gas}} \approx 1.5 \times 10^{-24} \text{ kg m}^{-3}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \boxed{t_{\text{coll}} \approx 42 \text{ Gyr}}$$

Hierarchical Fragmentation

- if 1% inefficient, start w/ 100 cores
each w/ mass M

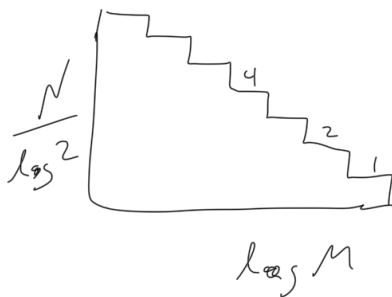
1 M , 198 $M/2$

1 M , 2 $M/2$, 392 $M/4$

1 M , 2 $M/2$, 4 $M/4$, 776 $M/8$

after n steps, have 1 M , 2 $M/2$, ..., $2^n M/2^n$

log-spaced histogram: $\log M/2^n = \log M$
- $n \log 2$



$$\frac{dN}{d \log M} \propto \frac{1}{M}$$

Equivalent to $\chi(M) \propto M^{-2}$
(close to obs. $M^{-2.3}$)