**CMB Temperature Measurements** (title mandated to me by Jacques Dumarchez)

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# **Prediction of Cosmic Background Radiation**

- The cosmic microwave background was predicted in 1948 by <u>George Gamow</u>, <u>Ralph Alpher</u>, and <u>Robert Herman</u>.
- Alpher and Herman were able to estimate the temperature of the cosmic microwave background to be 5 K,





#### Ryle versus Hoyle by Barbara Gamow,

George Gamow's wife: It has no end

"Your years of toil," Said Ryle to Hoyle, "Are wasted years, believe me. The steady state Is out of date. Unless my eyes deceive me, My telescope Has dashed your hope; Your tenets are refuted. Let me be terse: **Our universe** Grows daily more diluted!" Said Hoyle, "You quote Lemaître, I note, And Gamow. Well, forget them! That errant gang And their Big Bang— Why aid them and abet them? You see, my friend,

And there was no beginning, As Bondi, Gold, And I will hold **Until our hair is thinning!"** "Not so!" cried Ryle With rising bile And straining at the tether; **"Far galaxies** Are, as one sees, More tightly packed together!" "You make me boil!" **Exploded Hoyle**, His statement rearranging; "New matter's born Each night and morn. The picture is unchanging!" "Come off it, Hoyle! I aim to foil You yet" (The fun commences)

# **Relic Radiation from THE BIG BANG**

1965 Penzias & Wilson discover isotropic emission at  $\lambda = 7.35$  cm. If a blackbody, T=3±0.5 K. Penzias talks on the phone to Bernie Burke, who heard from Ken Turner about a talk by P.J.E. Peebles (Princeton) who had predicted the universe would be filled with a 5 K radiation.

Discovery of the Cosmic Background Radiation (CBR).



#### Arno Penzias & Robert Wilson Nobel Prize (1978)





Bernie Burke

**Jim Peebles** 

## **Papers Relating to Discovery of CMB**

A.A. Penzias & R.W. Wilson A Measurement of Excess Antenna Temperature at 4080 Mc/s The Astrophysical Journal, 142 (1965) p. 419–421

R. Dicke, P.J.E Peebles, P.G. Roll, D.T. Wilkinson <u>Cosmic Black-Body Radiation The Astrophysical</u> Journal, 142 (1965) p. 414–419

P.J.E. Peebles The Black-Body Radiation Content of the Universe and the Formation of Galaxies The Astrophysical Journal, 142 (1965) p. 1317

# Confirmation

- The first confirmation came quickly from an unexpected source. From 1939 to 1943 Dunham, Adams and McKellar had measured the rotational excitation of CN molecules in diffuse interstellar clouds from their absorption of star light. Herzberg wrote in his standard book on the interstellar medium.
  - "From the intensity ratio of the lines a rotational temperature of 2.3 degrees K follows, which of course has only a very restricted meaning."
- The excitation of CN molecules was remembered by 3 separate groups.
  - Burnie Burke told George Field about the measurements. George had written a paper while an assistant professor at Princeton ...
  - Pat Thaddeus asked Nick Wolfe about tests for radiation and Nick remembered the CN.
  - Iosif Shklovsky remembered the CN.
- By the end of the year Wilkinson and Roll had made a measurement at 3-cm wavelength which agreed with P-W.
- Ed Ohm at Bell Labs carefully measured all of the components of the satellite receiver that he built for the 20 foot horn-reflector and found an excess 3.1K, previously – published in BLTJ
- John Findlay: previously set up the absolute calibration horn at NRAO, found and excess of about 2.5K; Cassiopeia A flux density at 820 MHz
- 1955 Émile Le Roux of the Nançay Radio Observatory, in a sky survey at λ = 33 cm, reported a near-isotropic background radiation of 3 +/- 2K

#### **Measurements of the CMBR at a Year since Discovery**



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# 1965: Discovery of the CMB awarded Nobel 1978





# The 20-foot (6-m) Horn Reflector



#### Penzias & Wilson / Bell Labs Receiver at Deutsches Museum



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Strip Chart Records

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Original strip chart from Penzias and Wilson

(This is how we used to take data. Big step to have ruled background to help quantify.)

#### Dave Wilkinson's



### **COBRA: Rocket borne interferometer of Gush, (later with Halpern et al)**



Fully successfully flight for COBRA experiment

shortly after FIRAS results

See in later plots

# **High Frequency Spectrum Observations**



# **Early Spectrum Observation Summary**



### **Spectrum : My Italian/American Posse at White Mtn.**



#### Heavy Manual Operations George Smoot, Scott Friedman, Alan Benner







## **COBE FIRAS**



### FIRAS Horn & Ext. Calibrator

**COBE** Spectrum of the Universe

#### -first 7 minutes of data

#### -Jan 1990 AAS meeting





Horn antenna with movable calibrator. Protective plastic covers will be removed.

**COBE** Spectrum of the Universe - first 7 minutes of data

(FAXed copy of version presented at American Astronomical Society meeting - Jan. 1990)







# **CMB Spectrum as of 1994**



### **CMB Temperature vs Redshift dotted line shows expected trend**



# **CMB Spectral Distortions from Energy Injections**



#### Physical mechanisms that lead to spectral distortions

• Cooling by adiabatically expanding ordinary matter (JC, 2005; JC & Sunyaev 2011; Khatri, Sunyaev & JC, 2011) Standard sources of distortions

- Heating by decaying or annihilating relic particles (Kawasaki et al., 1987; Hu & Silk, 1993; McDonald et al., 2001; JC, 2005; JC & Sunyaev, 2011; JC, 2013; JC & Jeong, 2013)
- Evaporation of primordial black holes & superconducting strings (Carr et al. 2010; Ostriker & Thompson, 1987; Tashiro et al. 2012; Pani & Loeb, 2013)
- Dissipation of primordial acoustic modes & magnetic fields (Sunyaev & Zeldovich, 1970; Daly 1991; Hu et al. 1994; JC & Sunyaev, 2011; JC et al. 2012 - Jedamzik et al. 2000; Kunze & Komatsu, 2013)
- Cosmological recombination radiation

(Zeldovich et al., 1968; Peebles, 1968; Dubrovich, 1977; Rubino-Martin et al., 2006; JC & Sunyaev, 2006; Sunyaev & JC, 2009)

"high" redshifts

"low" redshifts

- Signatures due to first supernovae and their remnants (Oh, Cooray & Kamionkowski, 2003)
- Shock waves arising due to large-scale structure formation (Sunyaev & Zeldovich, 1972; Cen & Ostriker, 1999)
- SZ-effect from clusters; effects of reionization (Refregier et al., 2003; Zhang et al. 2004; Trac et al. 2008)
- MORE EXOTIC PROCESSES (Lochan et al. 2012; Bull & Kamionkowski, 2013; Brax et al., 2013; Tashiro et al. 2013)

pre-recombination epoch





#### Limits on Energy Release vs Redshift



# Absolute Radiometer for Cosmology, Astrophysics, and Diffuse Emission (ARCADE)





### ARCADE

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#### (Absolute Radiometer for Cosmology, Astrophysics and Diffuse Emission)



Balloon experiment flown in Texas

- Several flights (2001, 2003, 2005, 2006)
- Frequencies  $v = \{3, (5), 8, 10, 30, 90\}$  GHz





## Arcade Results vs anticipated



## **Future CMB Spectral Measurements ?**

- A lot of attention has been focused lately on the possibility to measure the H and He lines from recombination (I bet they are there, who doesn't?)
- And on adding information on the fluct.spectrum



Jens Chluba, Rashid Sunyaev *"Free-bound emission from cosmological hydrogen recombination »* A&A, 458, L29 (2006) Jose Alberto Rubiño-Martín, Jens Chluba and Rashid Sunyaev *"Lines in the cosmic microwave background spectrum from the epoch of cosmological hydrogen recombination »* Mon. Not. R. Astron. Soc., 371, 1939 (2006) <sup>39</sup>



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# The primordial hydrogen and helium recombination lines epochs



Cosmological Time in Years

# **Spectral Line Distortions at Reionization**



# CMB spectral distortion due to hydrogen recombination



## **Details including bound-bound transitions**



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#### Foregrounds for CMB Spectral Distortion Measurements



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## Sample Signals and Sensitivities; <u>2 proposed experiments: Pixie & PRISM</u>

![](_page_46_Figure_1.jpeg)

## **Discussions**

- There is some science potential left in observations of CMB spectral distortions; Planck Spectrum conf.
- However, the science case is lacking substance. It is irresponsible and sloppy to suggest spending hundreds of millions and a thousand man years without first making a very strong scientific case.
- For example: for CMB polarization there are very good analyses with Fischer matrices of how the cosmological parameters would improve (x2), how lensing and B-mode affected, and what might be possible to learn from detecting B-mode polarization
- The science case for CMB spectral measurements is very weak and far from being serious analyses Saying no CMB spectrum measurements in 20 years means great science notential is like saying no