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TOPOLOGICAL DEFECTS

Part II

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Please note: These are preliminary notes intended for internal distribution only.

3. Strings:

(i) Topology : π_1 .

Strings are formed if G/H has incontractable S^1 's (circles).

Relevant Homotopy group is $\pi_1(G/H)$.

Theorem: If $\pi_n(G) = 1 = \pi_{n-1}(G)$ then

$$\pi_n(G/H) = \pi_{n-1}(H).$$

With $n=1 \Rightarrow \pi_1(G/H) = \pi_0(H)$

$\therefore$ if H has disconnected components, strings will be formed.

Alternately if $\pi_1(G) \neq 1$ and H then strings may form. (Incontractable path in G must ~~not~~ ~~not be contractible~~ ~~be~~ ~~in H~~) ~~as~~

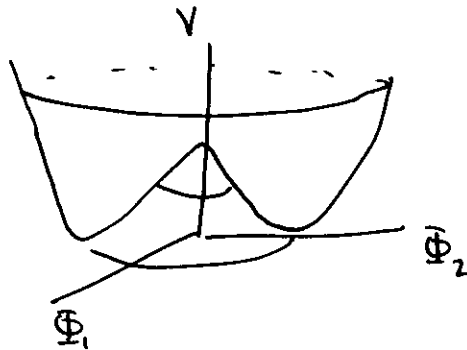
eg. $V(1) \rightarrow \underline{1}$.

$$\pi_0(\mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z} \quad \text{but} \quad \pi_1(U(1)) = \mathbb{Z}$$

∴ look out for VC(1) factors in G and discrete factors in H if you are looking for strings.

(ii) Example: $U(1)$ local

$$L = \frac{1}{2} |(\partial_\mu - ieA_\mu)\Phi|^2 - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} - \frac{\lambda}{4} (\Phi^* \Phi - \eta^2)^2$$



$$\Phi = (\Phi_1, \Phi_2) = \text{complex}.$$

$$U(1) : \quad \Phi \rightarrow \Phi' = e^{i\alpha(t, \vec{x})} \Phi$$

$$A_\mu \rightarrow A'_\mu = A_\mu + \frac{1}{e} \partial_\mu \alpha.$$

$$\Sigma = \frac{U(1)}{\mathbb{1}} = S^1.$$

$$\pi_1(\Sigma) = \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow \text{strings are labeled by integers.}$$

Bogomolnyi method for finding string solution:

$$E = \int d^2x \left[\frac{1}{2} |D_i \Phi|^2 + \frac{1}{2} B_z^2 + V(\Phi) \right].$$

Rescale:

$$\Phi_a = \eta Q_a \quad (a=1,2).$$

$$A_m = \frac{\eta}{\sqrt{2}} v_m \quad (m=1,2).$$

$$x^m = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{e\eta} y^m$$

Then:

$$E = \frac{\eta^2}{2} \int d^2y \left[\frac{1}{4} (f_{mn} - \epsilon_{mn} (1 - Q_a Q_a))^2 \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2} (\epsilon_{mn} D_n Q_a + \epsilon_{ab} D_m Q_b)^2 \right. \\ \left. + \frac{\beta-1}{2} (Q_a Q_a - 1)^2 \right. \\ \left. + \left\{ \frac{1}{2} f_{mn} \epsilon_{mn} (1 - Q_a Q_a) - \epsilon_{mn} \epsilon_{ab} D_n Q_a D_m Q_b \right\} \right]$$

with $\beta = \frac{2\lambda}{e^2}$, $D_m Q_a \equiv \partial_m Q_a + e \epsilon_{ab} A_m v_m Q_b$.

But: $\frac{1}{2} f_{mn} \epsilon_{mn} (1 - Q_a Q_a) - \epsilon_{mn} \epsilon_{ab} D_n Q_a D_m Q_b = \partial_p S_p$

where

$$S_p = \epsilon_{pm} (Q_a D_m Q_b \epsilon_{ab} + v_m).$$

Hence last term ^{in E} is a boundary term.

∴ for $\beta = 1$, E is minimized if

$$\left. \begin{aligned} f_{mn} - \epsilon_{mn} (1 - Q_a Q_a) &= 0 \\ \epsilon_{mn} D_n Q_a + \epsilon_{ab} D_m Q_b &= 0. \end{aligned} \right\} \text{Bogomolny eq.}$$

and:

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\min} &= \frac{\eta^2}{2} \int d^2 y \cdot \partial_p S_p \\ &= \frac{\eta^2}{2} \int_{C_\infty} ds_p \cdot \epsilon_{pm} \cdot S_p \\ &= \frac{\eta^2}{2} \int_{C_\infty} ds_p \cdot \epsilon_{pm} \cdot v_m \quad \text{since } D_m Q_b = 0 \text{ at } \infty. \end{aligned}$$

Now: $D_m Q_a = 0 \text{ at } \infty \Rightarrow e \epsilon_{ab} v_m Q_b = -\partial_m Q_a.$

$$\text{or, } Q_c v_m = +\frac{1}{e} \epsilon_{ca} \partial_m Q_a.$$

$$\text{or, } v_m = \frac{1}{e} \epsilon_{ca} Q_c \partial_m Q_a \quad Q_c Q_c = 1 \text{ at } \infty.$$

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\min} &= \frac{\eta^2}{2e} \int_{C_\infty} ds_p \cdot \epsilon_{pm} \cdot \epsilon_{ca} Q_c \partial_m Q_a \\ &= \frac{\eta^2}{2e} \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta (Q_1 \partial_\theta Q_2 - Q_2 \partial_\theta Q_1). \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{\eta^2}{2e} \cdot 2\pi n = \pi \frac{\eta^2}{e} n \quad n = \text{winding \#}.$$

eg. $Q_1 = \cos(n\theta), Q_2 = \sin(n\theta).$

If $\Phi = f(r) \cdot e^{i\theta}$

$$v_\theta = \frac{\eta}{r} v(r)$$

then Bogomolnyi eqns. are:

$$\frac{df}{dr} = \frac{\eta}{r} (1-v) f$$

$$\frac{dv}{dr} = \frac{r}{n} (1-f^2).$$

- numerical estimate of $E_{\min.} \sim 10^{22} \text{ gms/cm}$ for $\eta \sim 10^{16} \text{ GeV}$.

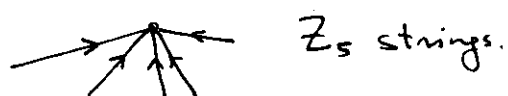
Note: $G\mu \sim \left(\frac{\eta}{m_{\text{pl}}}\right)^2 \quad \therefore G\mu \approx 10^{-6}$ for GUT strings.

Eq. Other kinds of strings:

$$\pi_1(G/H) = \mathbb{Z}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_n \text{ strings.}$$

n $\mathbb{Z}_n$ strings are topologically trivial.

$\therefore$ one can have a vertex of n strings.

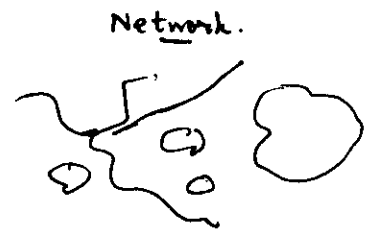
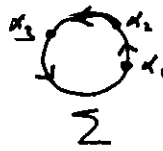
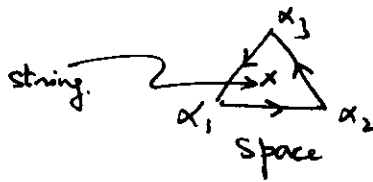
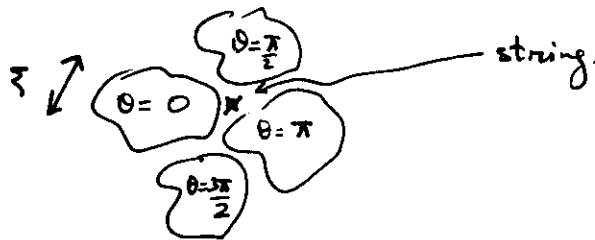


Non-Abelian strings - won't do here.

(iii) Semilocal and electroweak - will do later if time permits.

(iv) Formation and Evolution

UU) strings.



Simulations give the following results:

1) Loops:

$$dn = \propto \frac{dR}{R^{4/2}}$$

Scale invariant distribution.

2) Shape:

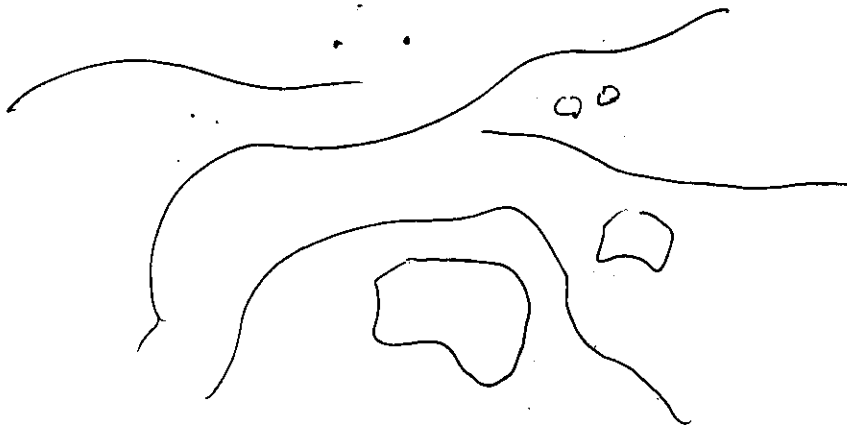
$$l = \beta R^{2\pm}$$

Brownian

3) ∞ strings:

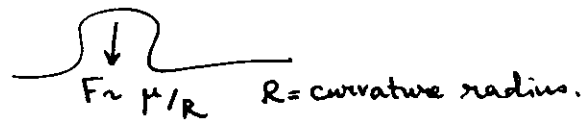
$$p_{\infty} \approx 80\% P_{total}$$

Percolation of strings



Evolution factors:

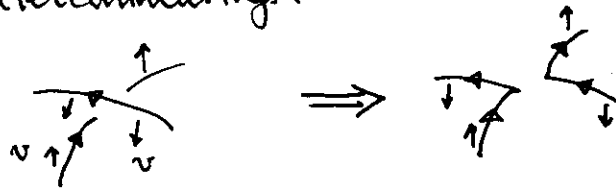
(a) tension:



(b) friction: damps string motion when the ambient density is high.
Unimportant at late times.

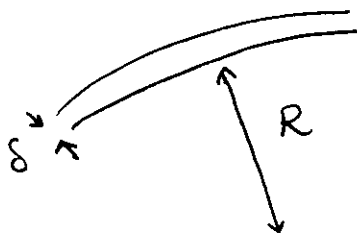
(c) Hubble expansion: stretches strings.

(d) Intercommuting:



(e) Gravitational radiation.

Effective action:



$$\delta \approx 10^{-30} \text{ cm} \quad (\text{GUT})$$

$$R \approx 10^{27} \text{ cm} \quad (\text{horizon size today})$$

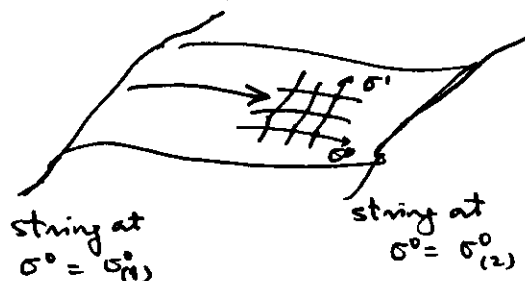
$$\frac{\delta}{R} \ll 1.$$



"zero thickness approximation"
"geometric limit".

Degrees of freedom: $x^\mu(\sigma^0, \sigma^1)$

" σ^1 is a parameter along the string"
 σ^0 is a parameter in the time-like direction.



$$\underbrace{S_{FT}}_{\text{Field theory}} = \int d^4x L \sqrt{-g} = -\mu \int d^2\sigma \sqrt{-g^{(2)}} + \dots$$

$$= \underbrace{S_{NG}}_{\text{Nambu-Goto action}} + \dots$$

$$g_{ab}^{(2)} = g_{\mu\nu} \partial_a x^\mu \partial_b x^\nu, \quad a, b = 0, 1; \quad \mu, \nu = 0, 1, 2, 3.$$

~~For~~ In FRW, take $\sigma^0 = \tau$, $\sigma^1 = \xi$ (gauge choice)

then:

$$\ddot{\vec{x}} + 2H(1 - \dot{\vec{x}}^2)\dot{\vec{x}} = \varepsilon^{-1} \left(\frac{\vec{x}'}{\varepsilon} \right)'$$

where:

$$\cdot = \frac{d}{d\tau} \quad \tau = \text{conformal time.}$$

$$H = \frac{1}{a^2} \frac{da}{d\tau} = \frac{1}{a} \frac{da}{dt} \quad (a d\tau = dt)$$

$$' = \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi}; \quad \varepsilon = \left(\frac{\vec{x}'^2}{1 - \dot{\vec{x}}^2} \right)^{1/2}.$$

Approach 1: Solve eq. of motion for network on a computer. Take care of ~~collisions and~~ ^{intersections and} reconnections by hand. Very valuable but similar to studying a box of gas by following each particle.

Approach 2: "Statistical variables".

(v) Evolution: One scale model.

Network can have several different length scales. For example, the radius of curvature of long strings, the string separation, the size of the largest loops, etc. etc.

The "one scale model" is the assumption that all these length scales are roughly the same.

Define this single length scale L by:

$$p_{\infty} \equiv \frac{E_{\text{strings}}}{V} = \frac{\mu}{L^2}.$$

(p_{∞} = energy density in ∞ strings).

Then ρ_{∞} changes due to two effects.

First: Hubble expansion dilutes the number density of strings and red shifts their velocities

Second: long strings chop up by forming small loops.

$$\therefore \frac{d\rho_{\infty}}{dt} = -2H(1+v_{rms}^2)\rho_{\infty} - C\frac{\rho_{\infty}}{L}$$

$$v_{rms}^2 \equiv \frac{\int d\vec{x} \left(\frac{d\vec{x}}{dt}\right)^2 \epsilon}{\int d\vec{x} \epsilon}$$

C = parameter to account for chopping rate } $\sim \tilde{C} v_{rms}$
or "chopping efficiency".

In terms of $L (= \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\rho_{\infty}}})$:

$$\frac{1}{2} \frac{dL}{dt} = H(1+v_{rms}^2)L + \frac{C}{2}$$

Scaling solution: $\rho_{\infty} \sim \frac{1}{t^2} \Rightarrow L \sim t$.

$\therefore$ set $L = \gamma(t) \cdot t$.

$$\text{Then: } \frac{\dot{\gamma}}{\gamma} = \frac{1}{t} \left[\frac{C}{2\gamma} - \{1 - Ht(1+v_{rms}^2)\} \right]$$

$\therefore$ scaling solution at:

$$\boxed{\gamma = \frac{C}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - (Ht)(1+v_{rms}^2)}}$$

What is v_{rms} ?

$$v_{rms}^2 = \frac{\int dt \epsilon \dot{\tilde{x}}^2}{\int dt \epsilon} = \frac{d}{dt}$$

This gives:

$$\dot{v}_{rms} = (1 - v_{rms}^2) \left[\frac{k}{L} - 2H v_{rms} \right] \quad k = \text{parameter called momentum parameter}$$

('k' is given by other average quantities of network.).

$\therefore$ one scale model eqns. are:

$$\frac{\dot{\gamma}}{\gamma} = \frac{1}{t} \left[\frac{\tilde{c}}{2\gamma} v_{rms} - \{1 - (Ht)(1 + v_{rms}^2)\} \right]$$

$$\dot{v}_{rms} = (1 - v_{rms}^2) \left[\frac{k}{L} - 2H v_{rms} \right]$$

Based on numerical simulations, Martins & Shellard give:

$$\tilde{c} = 0.23 \pm 0.04$$

$$k(v) = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\pi} \cdot \frac{1 - 8v^6}{1 + 8v^6}$$

Is the one-scale assumption valid?

Numerical simulations $\rightarrow$ No. Must include wiggleness.

Also, what sets scale of wiggleness $\rightarrow$ probably $\gamma_{radn.}$ growth/back-reaction.

But one scale model might still provide a caricature of true network.

(vi) Cosmological constraints and signatures:

(a) CMB & $P(k)$.

$$\frac{\delta T}{T} = \sum_{\ell, m} a_{\ell m} \cdot Y_{\ell m}(\theta, \varphi).$$

$$C_\ell = \frac{1}{2\ell+1} \sum_{m=-\ell}^{+\ell} \langle a_{\ell m}^* a_{\ell m} \rangle$$

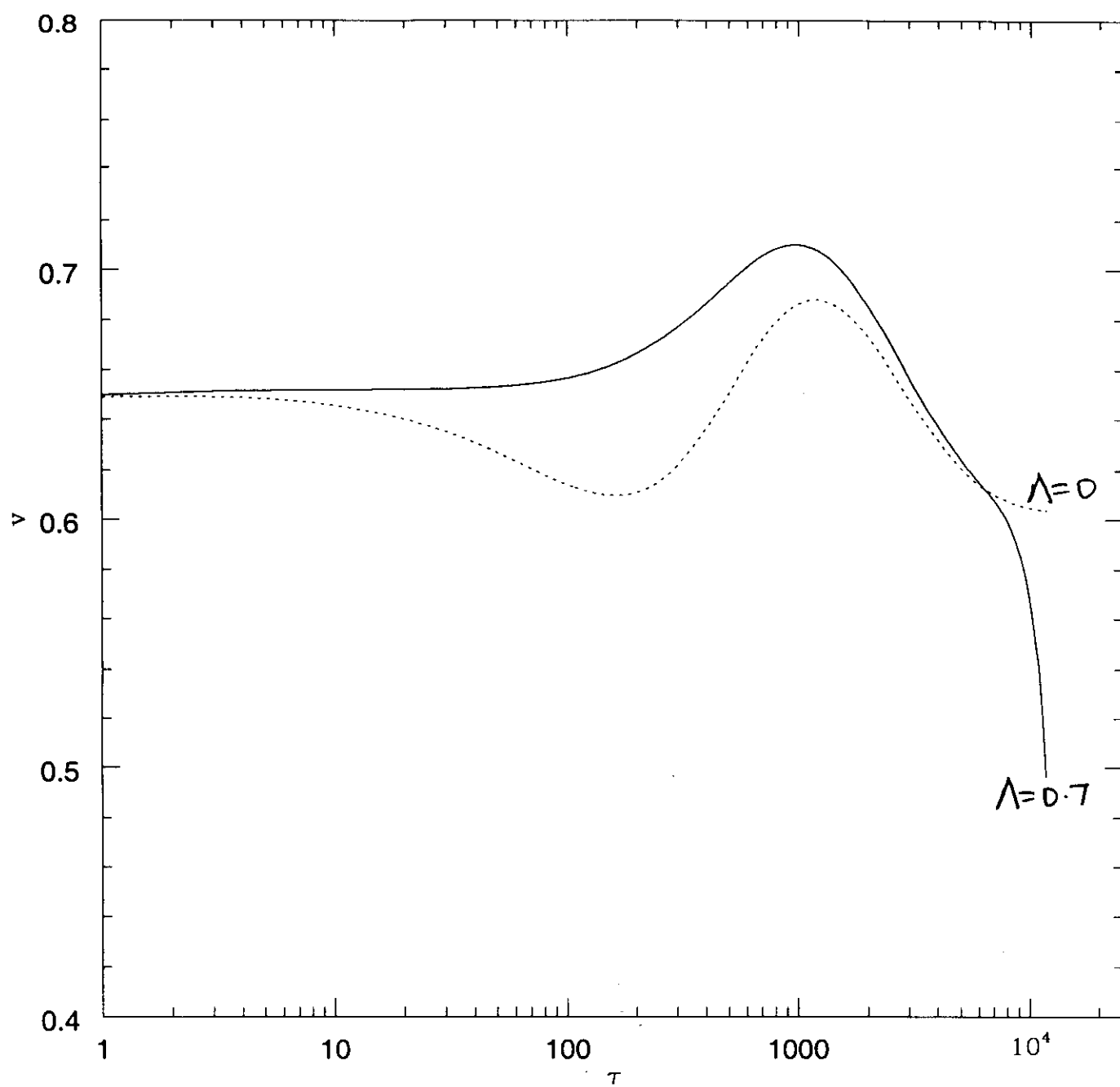
$\langle \dots \rangle$ denote ensemble averaging.

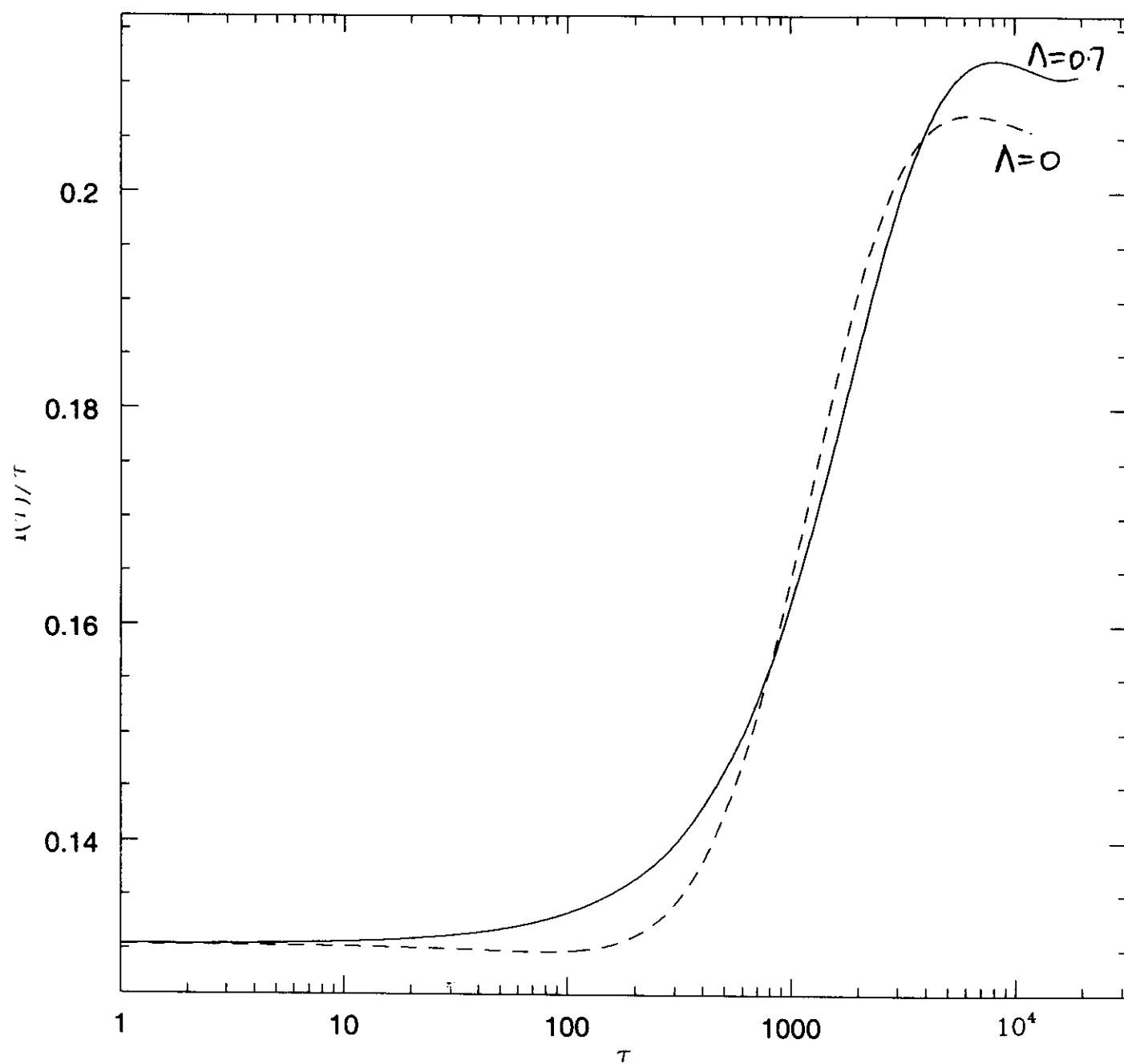
String model — straight segment gas

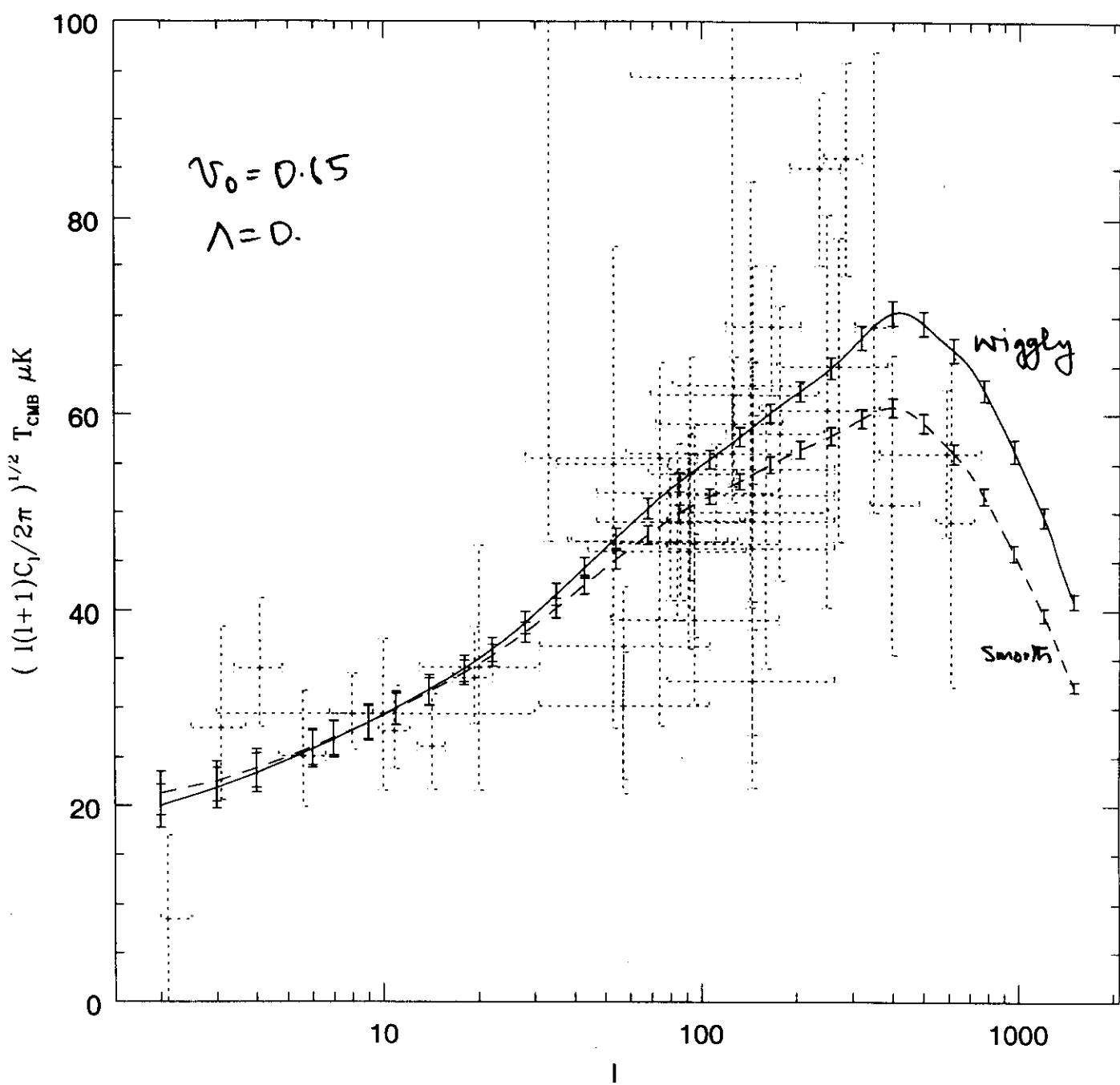
One scale model used to find length of segments and their velocities.

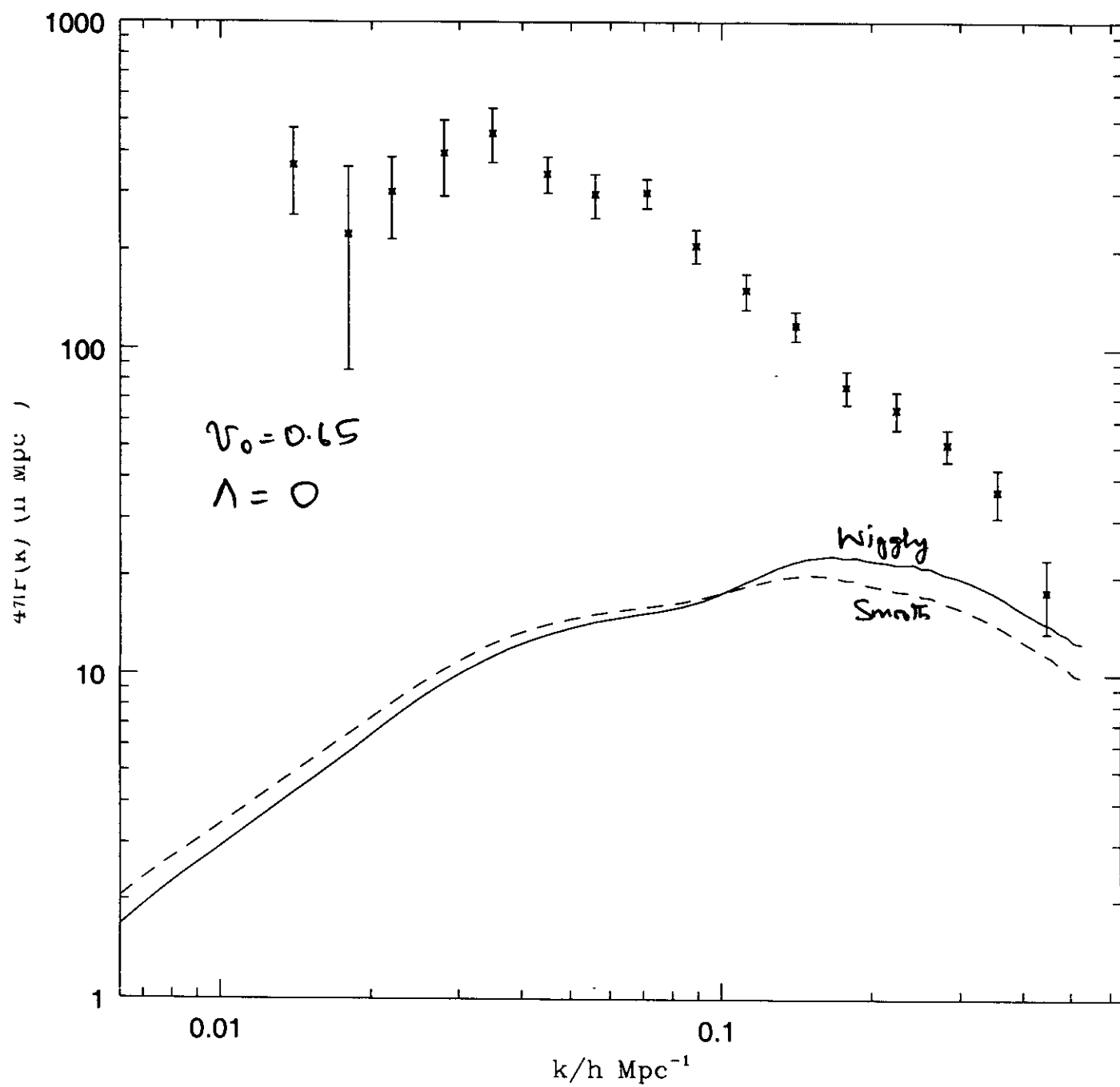
T_{nr} of segment gas evaluated, plugged into CMBFAST.

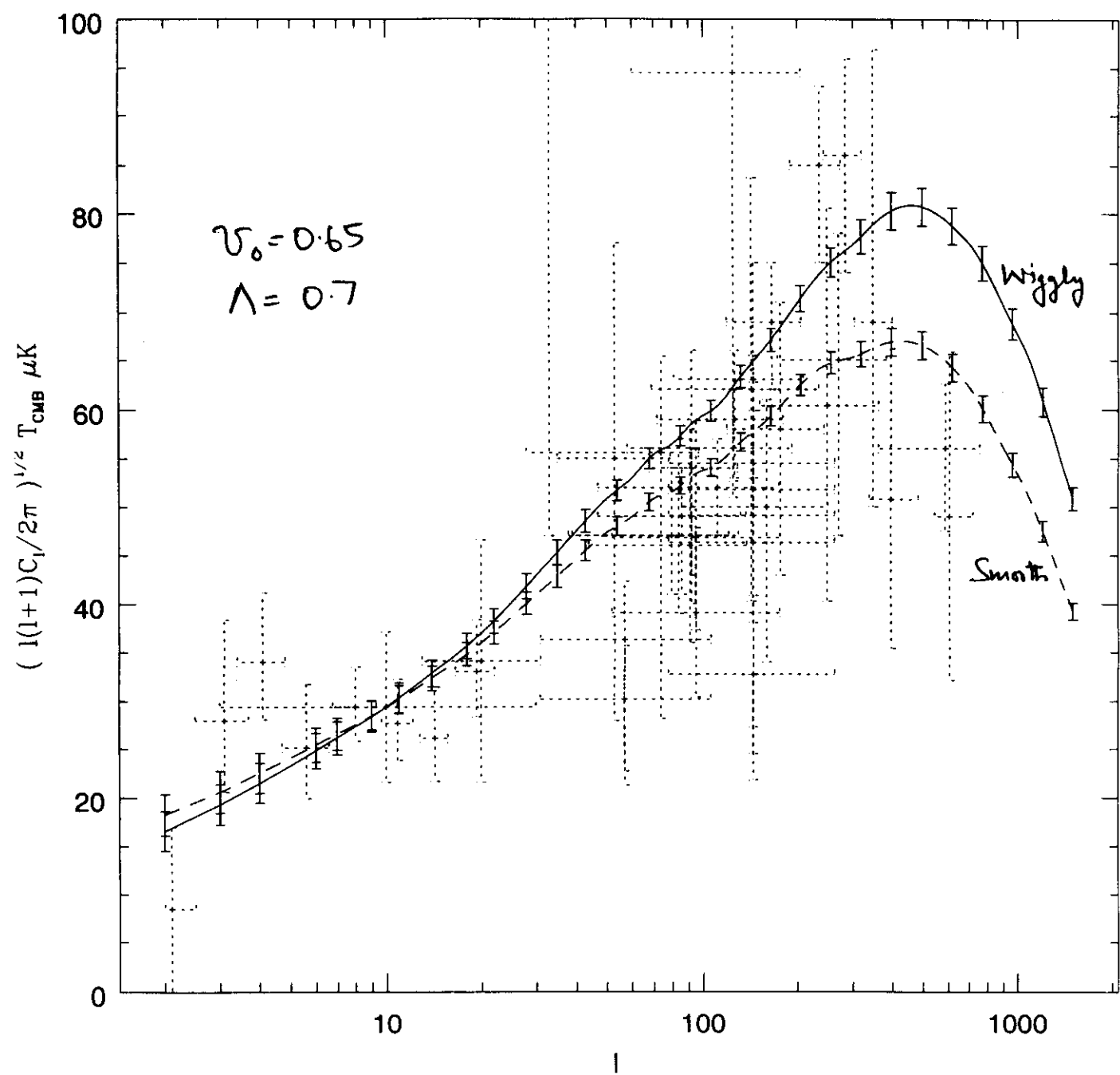
Result: C_ℓ graph $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{for various parameters in one scale} \\ P(k) \text{ graph} \end{array} \right.$ model, wiggleness and cosmology.

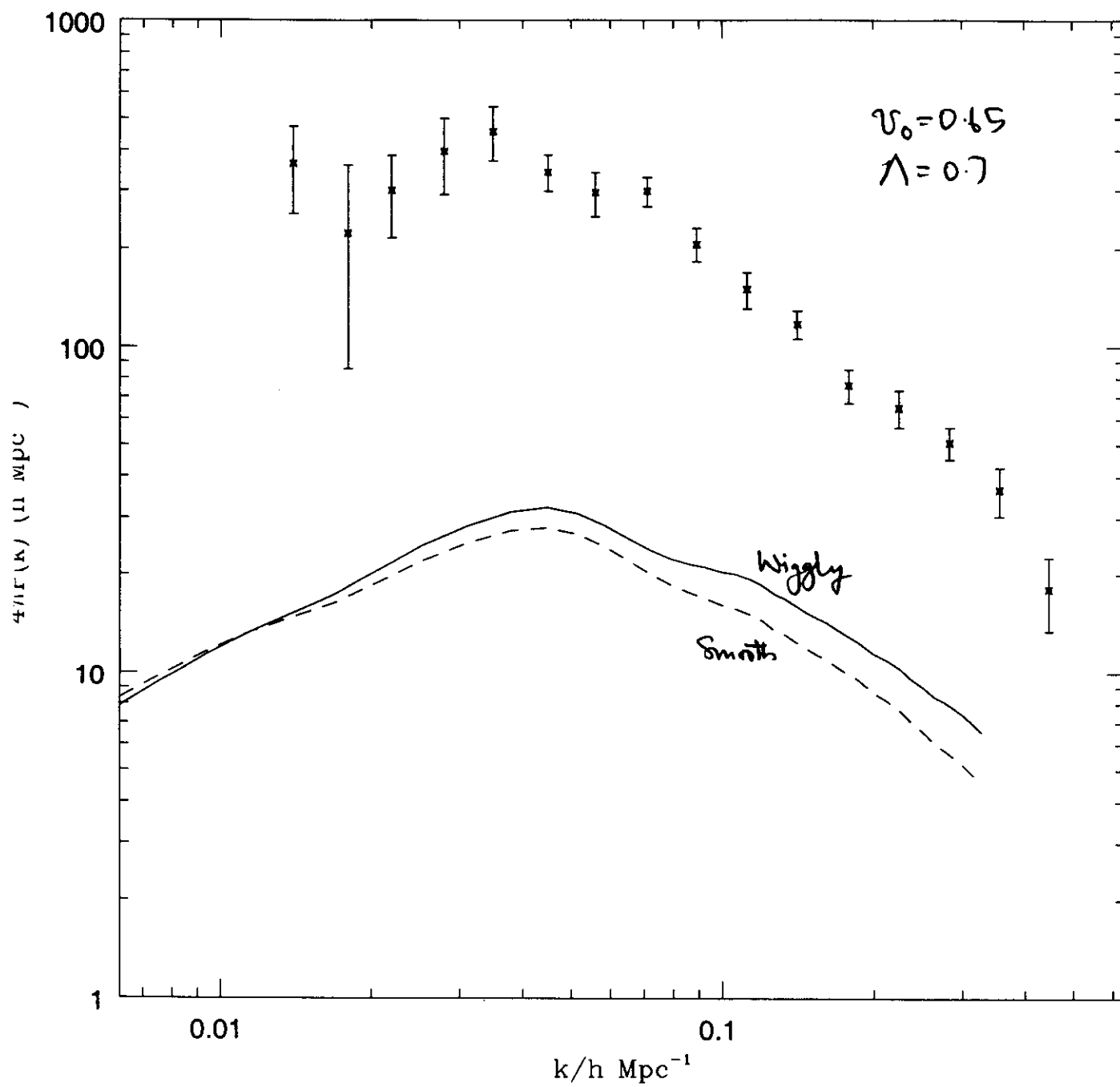


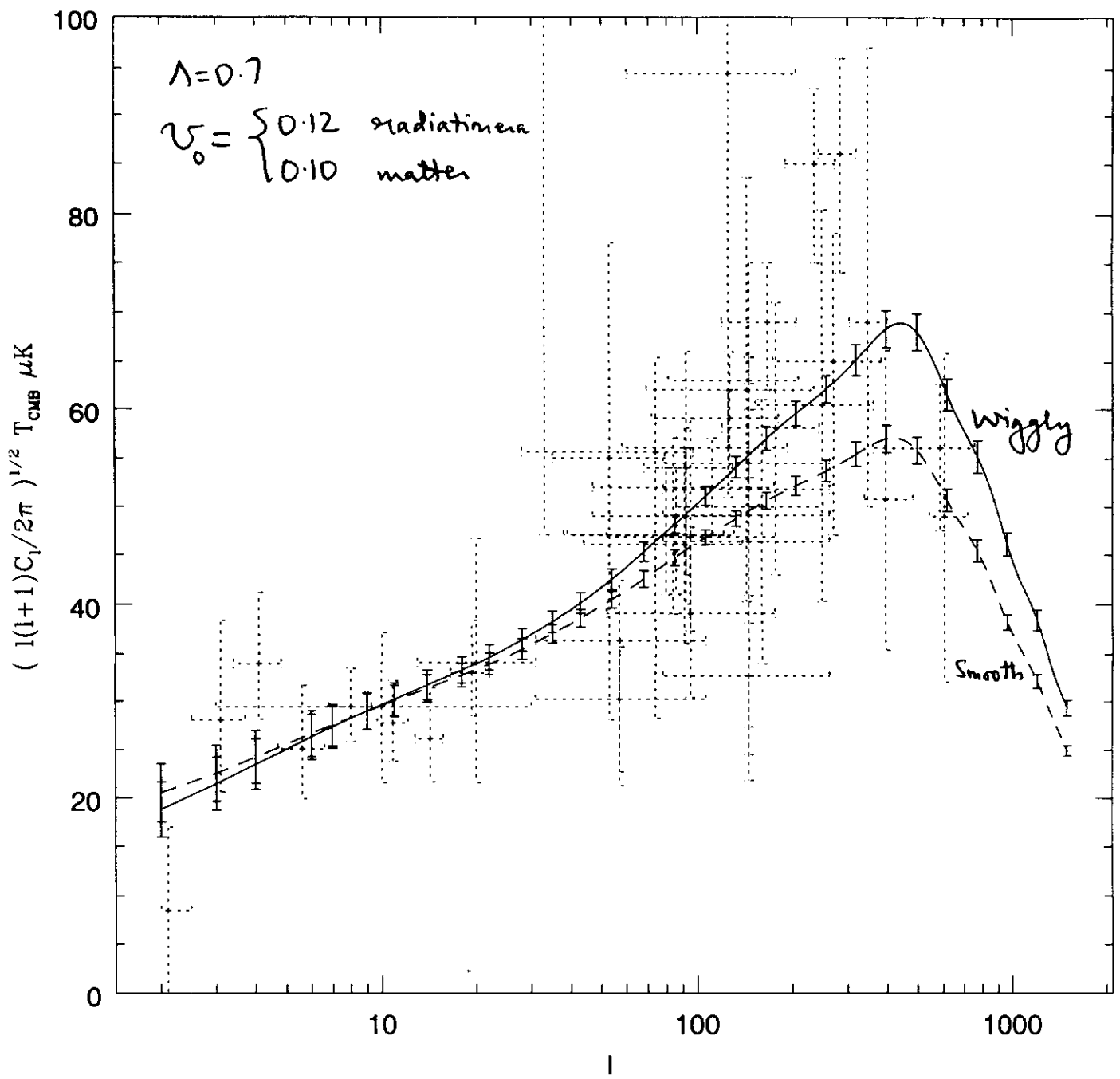


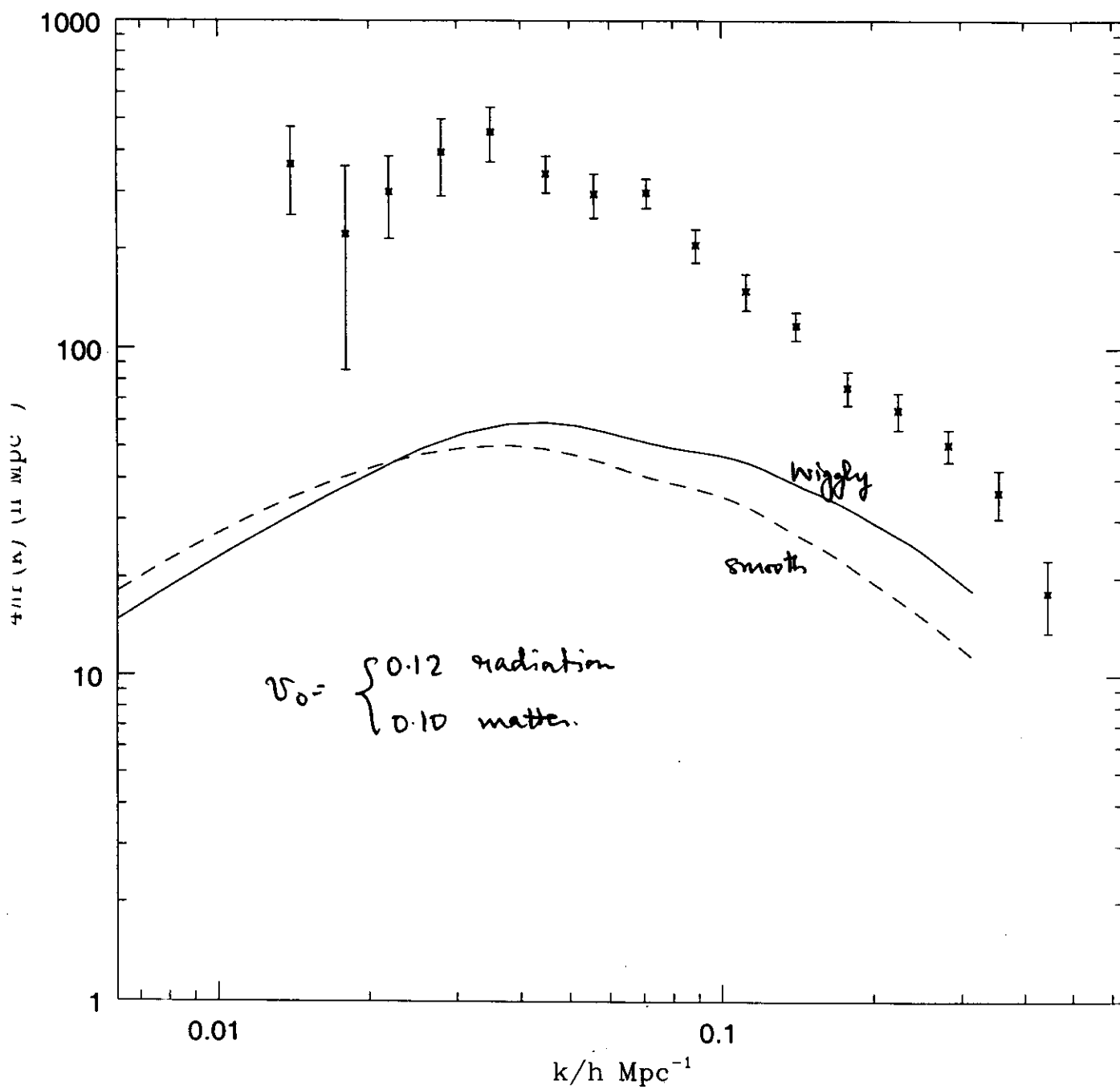


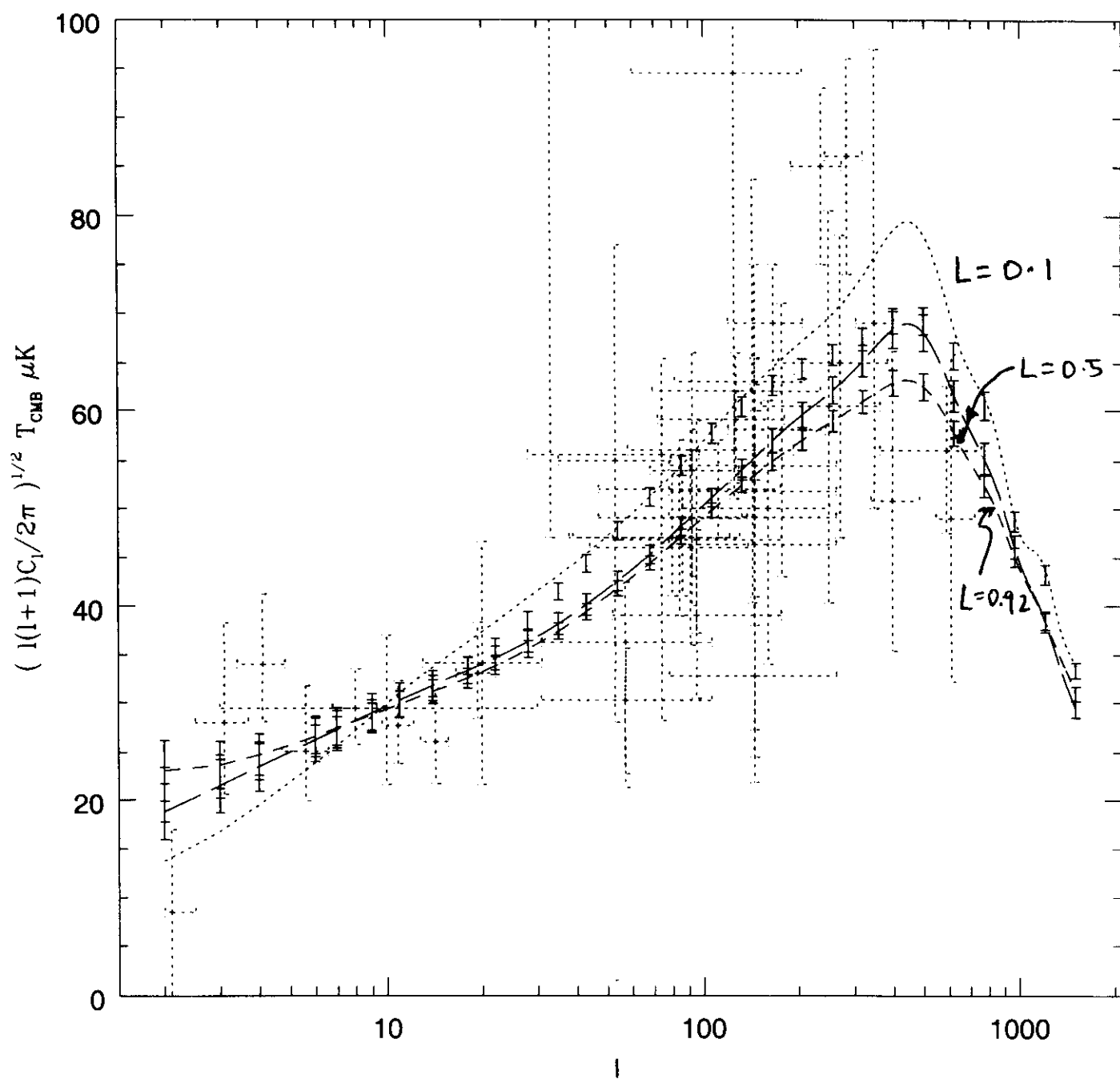


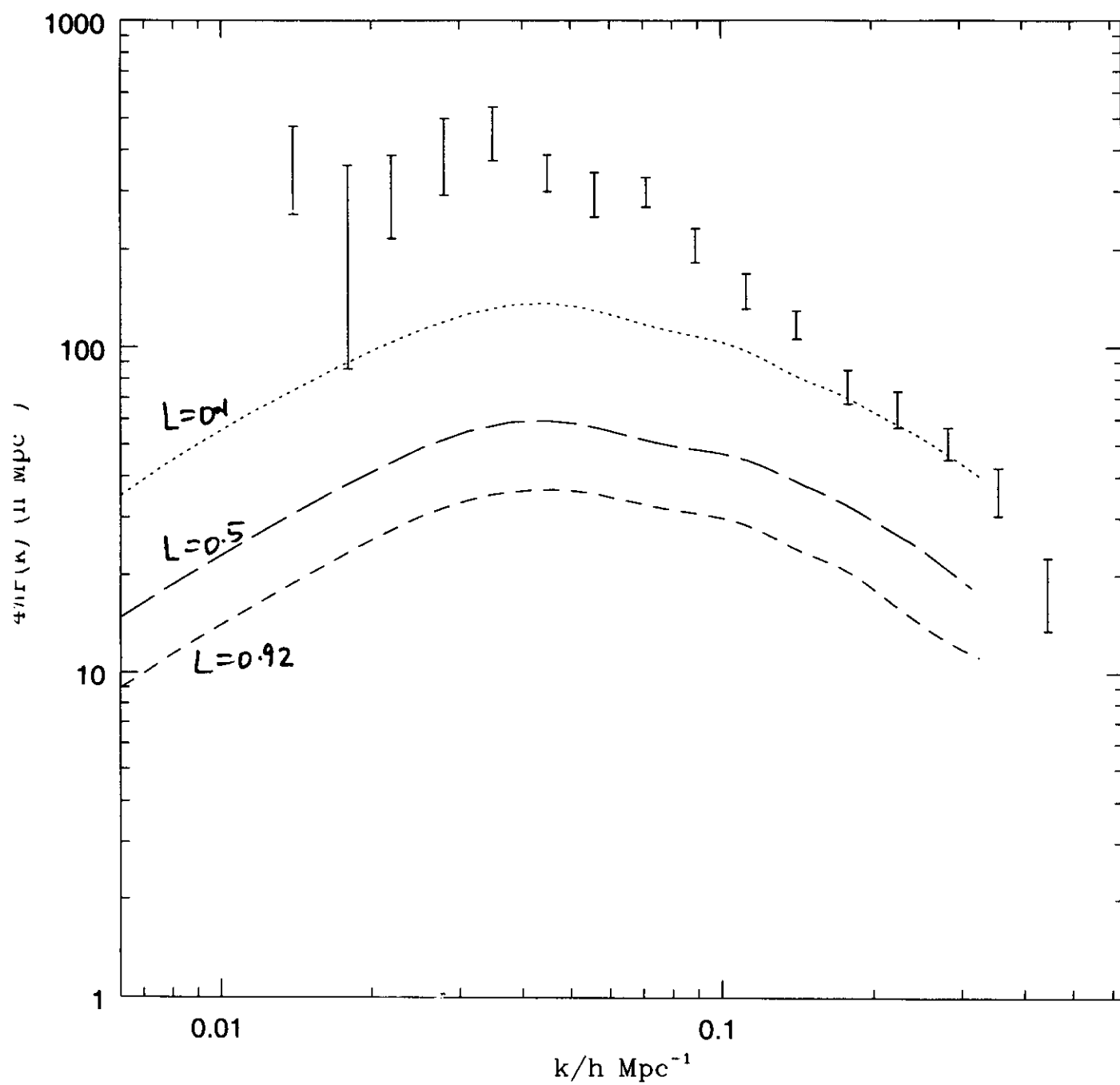


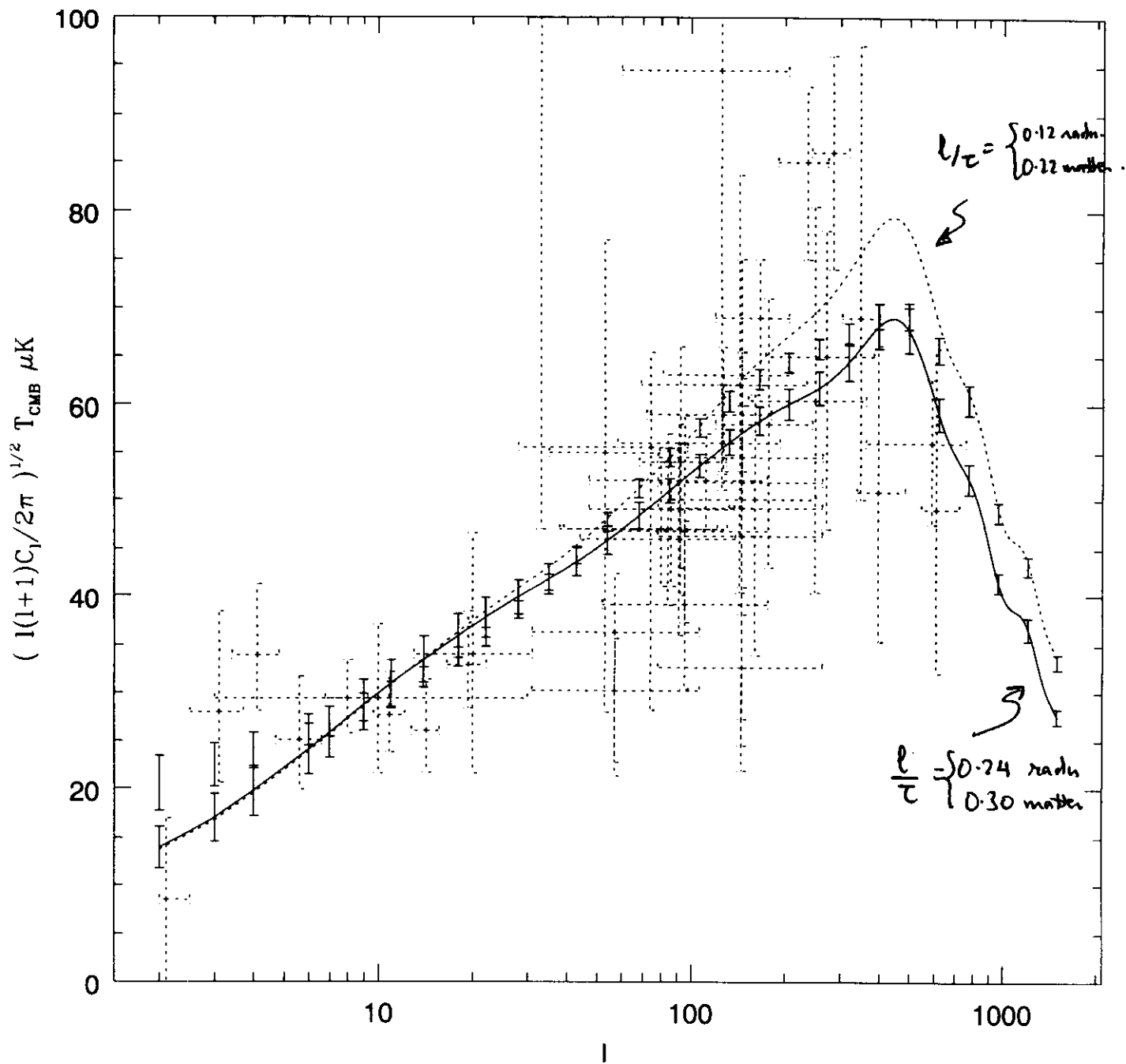


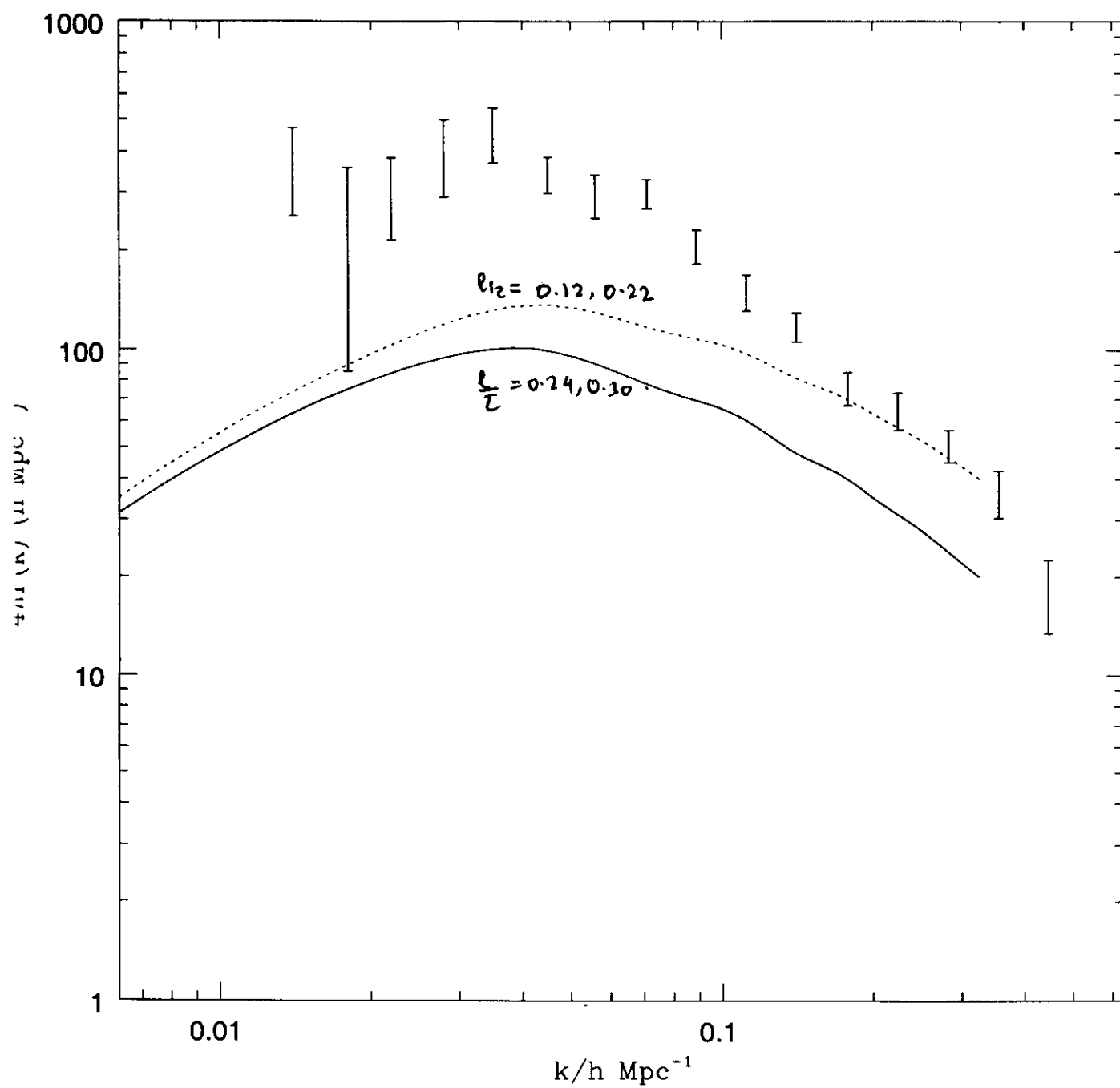




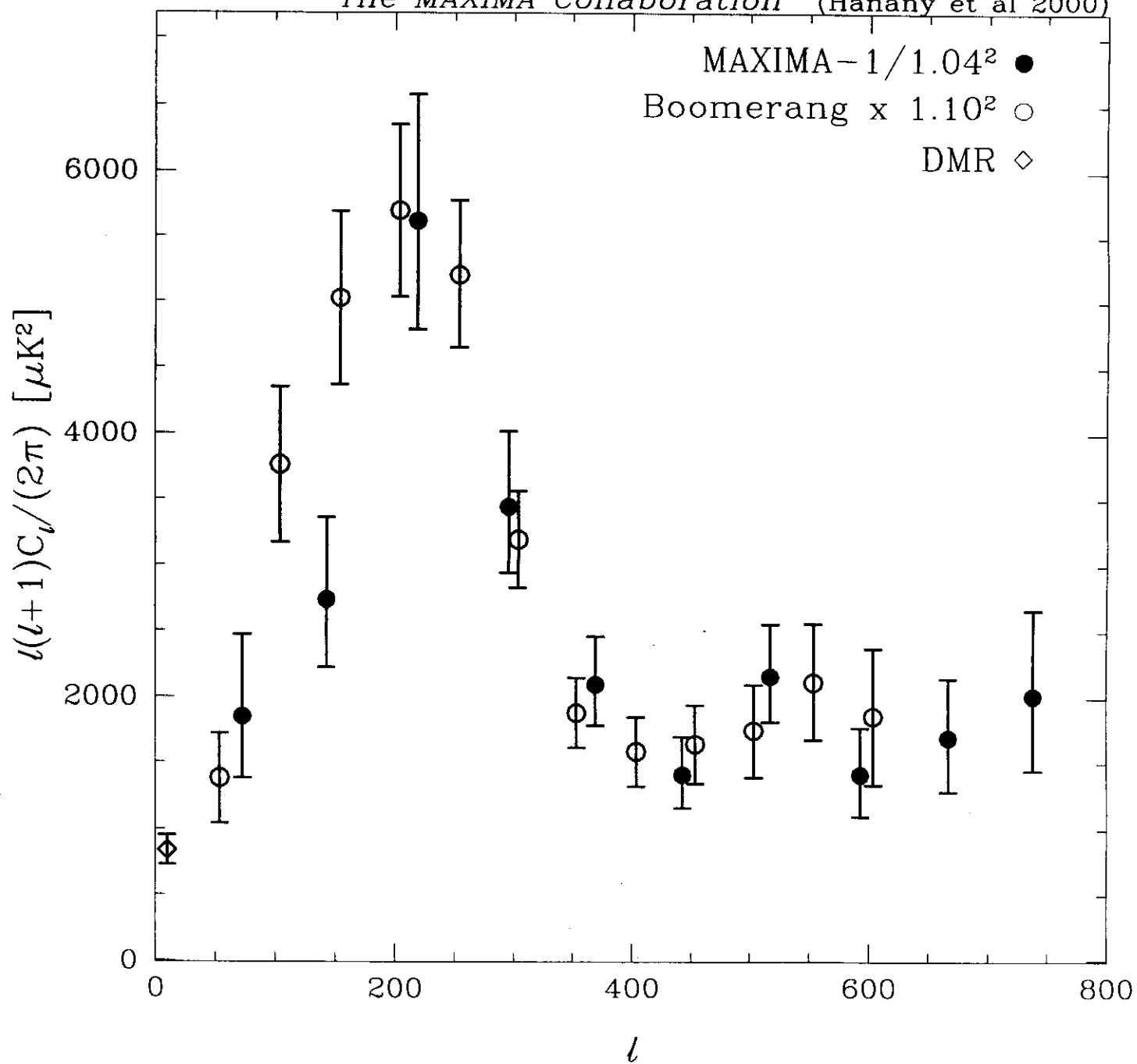


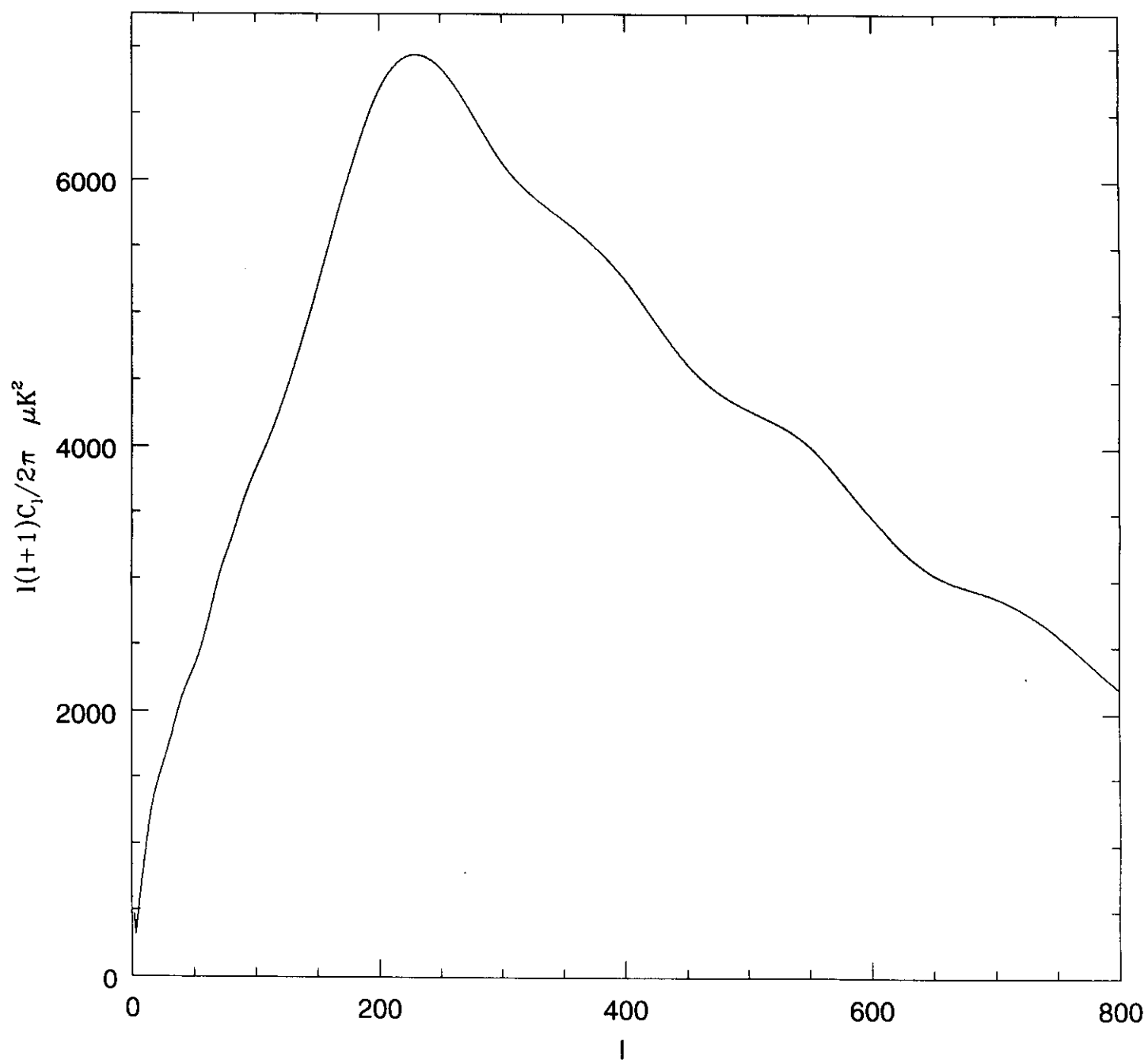






The MAXIMA Collaboration (Hanany et al 2000)





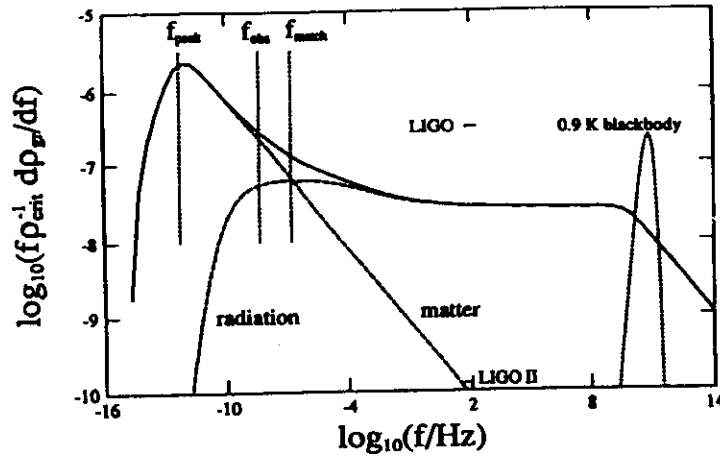


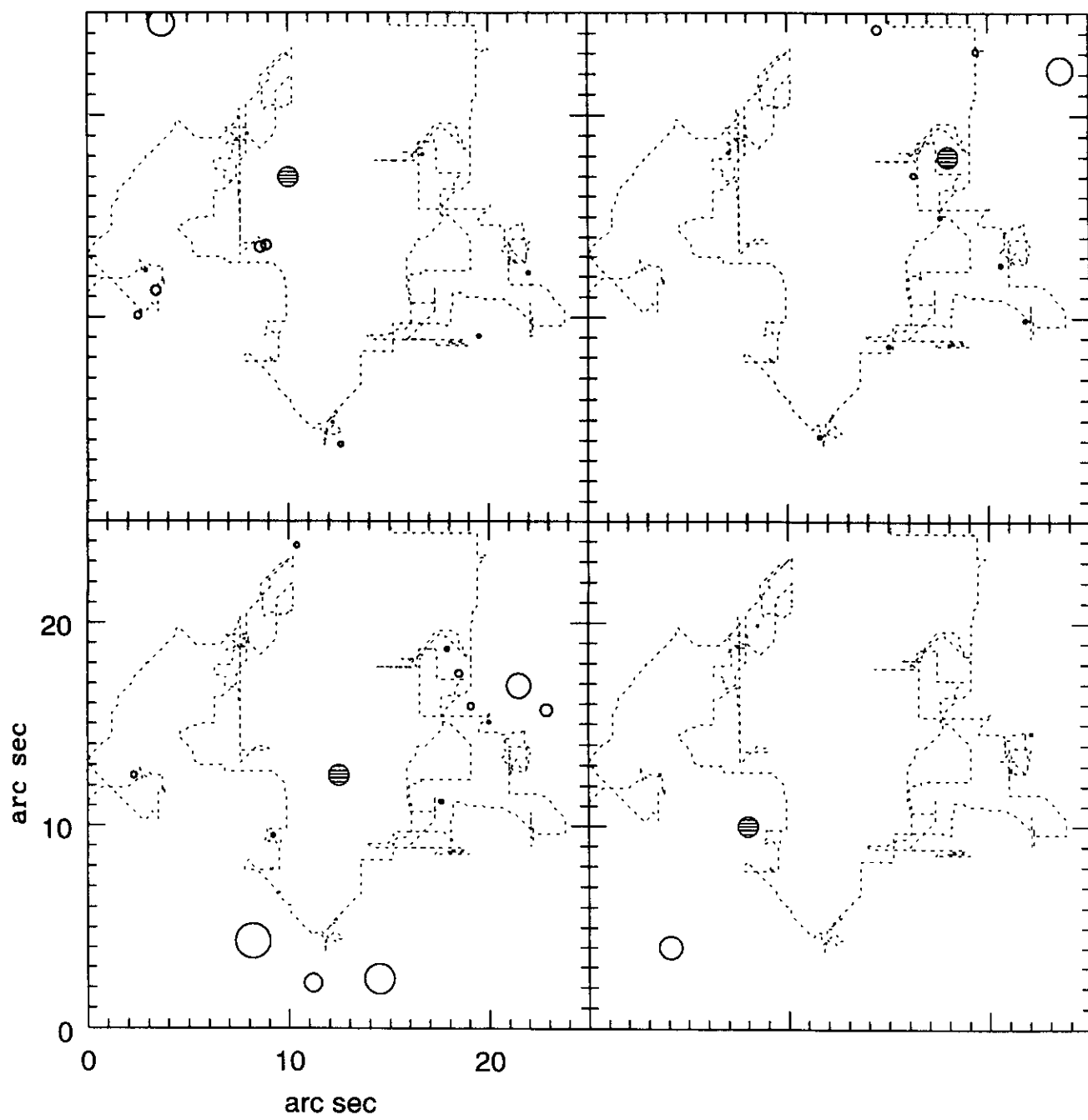
Fig. 10.5. Gravitational background spectrum for the parameters $G\mu = 10^{-7}$, $\alpha = 10^{-3}$, $\beta = 4/3$ (from Caldwell & Allen [1992]). The contributions from the radiation and matter eras are indicated by dotted lines. The frequency f on the horizontal axis is defined as $f = \omega/2\pi$.

Here, $x = \ell/t_1$, $y = (t_1/t_0)^3$, t_0 is the present time and we have assumed for simplicity that $\alpha \gg \Gamma G\mu$, so that the upper limit of x -integration can be changed to ∞ . The θ -function in (10.4.16) is unimportant: $\omega > 4\pi/\Gamma G\mu t_0$ and β not very close to 2. The x - and y -integrations are then easily performed, and we obtain

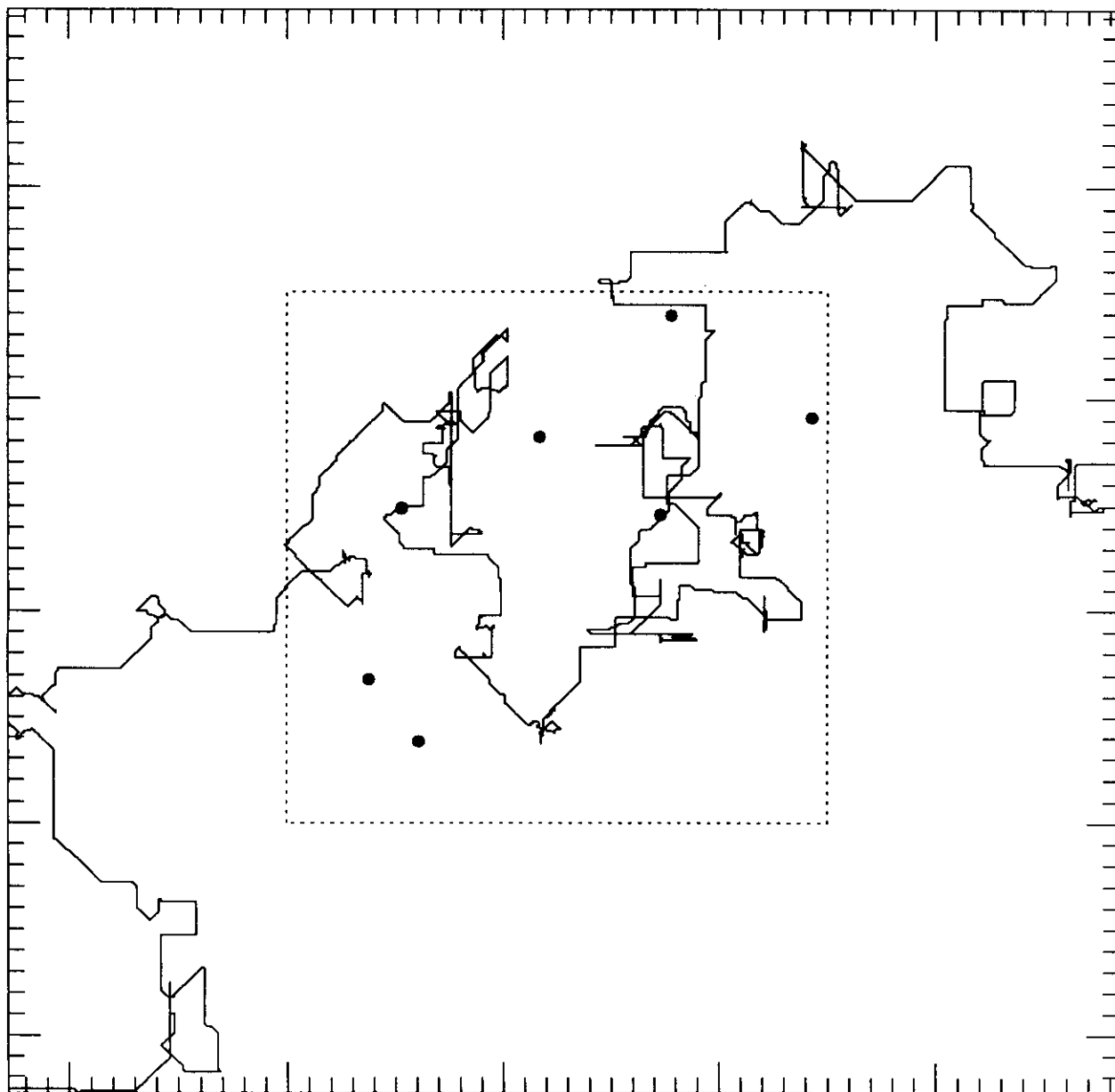
$$\Omega_g(\omega) = \frac{18\pi^2(\beta-1)^2\nu G\mu}{(3-\beta)\sin[(2-\beta)\pi]} \left(\frac{4\pi}{\Gamma\mu\omega t_0} \right)^{\beta-1} \quad (10.4.17)$$

The peak of the spectrum is reached at $\omega_{\max} \sim 4\pi/\Gamma G\mu t_0$ corresponding to $\Omega_g(\omega_{\max}) \sim G\mu$.

The full spectrum of the gravitational background for several values of the parameters $G\mu$, α and β has been calculated numerically by Caldwell & Allen [1992]. They carefully treated the transition from the radiation to the matter era and used a discrete spectral function with $P_n \propto 1/n$ instead of (10.4.16). A sample spectrum is shown in fig. 10.5. It should be noted that the Caldwell & Allen estimates are based on the numerical simulations of Allen & Shellard [1992] which do not include gravitational back-reaction. The additional smoothing from radiation damping is expected to reduce the high-frequency contributions to the radiation spectrum (refer to §7.7.1).

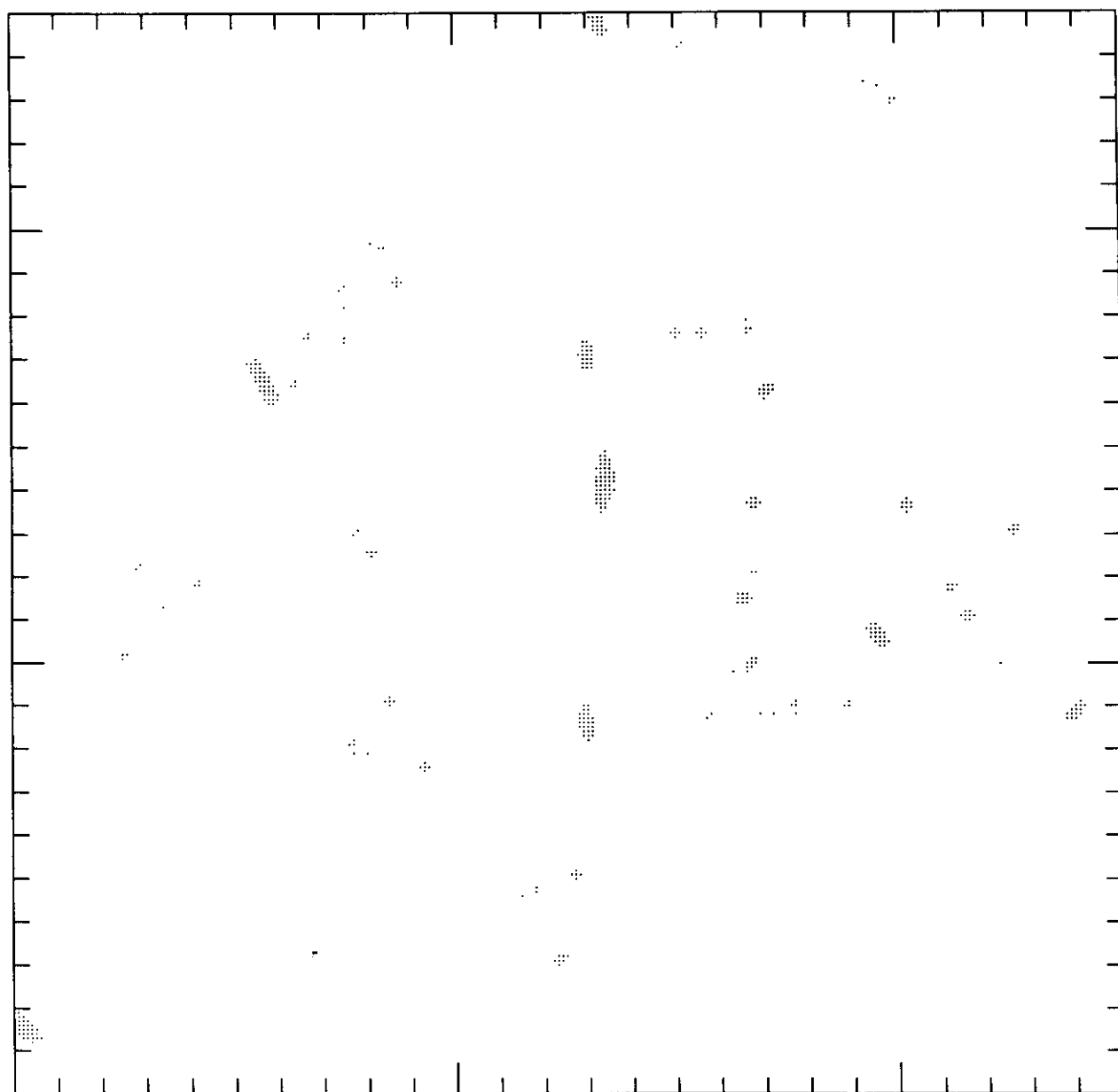


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4. ~~4.1~~ Magnetic Monopoles:

(i) Topology: π_2 .

Using theorem:

$$\pi_2(G/H) = \pi_1(H) \quad \text{if} \quad \pi_2(G) = 1 = \pi_1(G).$$

For any Lie group $\pi_2(G) = 1$.

$\pi_1(G) = 1 \Rightarrow$ eg. G has no ~~trivial~~ ~~factor~~ incontractable paths (eg. $U(1)$ factors).

Grand Unified Theories based on a simple group G . These satisfy $\pi_2(G) = 1 = \pi_1(G)$.

Electromagnetism (and hypercharge) are based on a $U(1)$ group. $\therefore H$ contains $U(1)$.

$$\therefore \pi_2\left(\frac{G_{\text{GUT}}}{H_{\text{ew}}}\right) = \pi_1(H_{\text{ew}}) = \mathbb{Z}$$

$\therefore$ Grand Unified Theories $\Rightarrow$ magnetic monopoles.

(ii) Examples:

(a) $SU(2)$. (actually $SO(3)$).

$$L = \frac{1}{2} (\mathcal{D}_\mu \vec{\Phi})^2 - \frac{1}{4} W_{\mu\nu}^a W^{\mu\nu a} - V(\Phi).$$

$$V(\vec{\Phi}) = \frac{\lambda}{4} (\vec{\Phi}^2 - \eta^2)^2$$

$$\mathcal{D}_\mu = \partial_\mu - ig W_\mu^a T^a.$$

$$\text{Note: } \mathcal{D}_\mu \vec{\Phi} \rightarrow [\mathcal{D}_\mu, \vec{\Phi}]$$

Note:

$$(\mathcal{D}_\mu \vec{\Phi})^a = \partial_\mu \Phi^a - ig f^{abc} W_\mu^b \Phi^c$$

$$\text{Vacuum manifold: } \vec{\Phi}^2 = \eta^2 \Rightarrow S^2.$$

$$\langle \vec{\Phi} \rangle : SU(2) \rightarrow U(1) \quad (O(3) \rightarrow O(2)).$$

$$\pi_2(G/H) = \pi_2\left(\frac{SU(2)}{U(1)}\right) = \pi_2(S^2) = \mathbb{Z}.$$

Bogomolnyi method:

$$E = \frac{1}{2} \int d^3x \left[\vec{B}^a \cdot \vec{B}^a + \vec{\mathcal{D}}\Phi^a \cdot \vec{\mathcal{D}}\Phi^a + \frac{1}{2} \lambda (\Phi^a \Phi^a - \eta^2)^2 \right]$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{2} \int d^3x \left[\vec{B}^a \cdot \vec{B}^a + \vec{\mathcal{D}}\Phi^a \cdot \vec{\mathcal{D}}\Phi^a \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int d^3x \left[(\vec{B}^a \pm \vec{\mathcal{D}}\Phi^a)^2 \right] \mp \int d^3x \vec{B}^a \cdot \vec{\mathcal{D}}\Phi^a$$

$$\geq \int d^3x \vec{B}^a \cdot \vec{\mathcal{D}}\Phi^a.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\int d^3x \vec{B}^a \cdot \vec{D}\Phi^a &= \int d^3x \vec{B}^a \cdot [\vec{\nabla}\Phi^a - g f^{abc} \vec{W}^b \Phi^c] \\
&= \int d^3x [\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{B}^a \Phi^a) - \Phi^a \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B}^a - g f^{abc} \vec{W}^b \Phi^c] \\
&= \oint_{\substack{\vec{r} \rightarrow \infty \\ \hat{n} = \hat{r}}} dS \cdot \hat{n} \cdot (\vec{B}^a \Phi^a) - \int d^3x \Phi^a \{ \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B}^a + g f^{cba} \vec{W}^b \cdot \vec{B}^c \} \\
&= \oint dS \cdot \hat{n} \cdot (\vec{B}^a \Phi^a) - \int d^3x \Phi^a \underbrace{\{ \vec{\nabla} - g f^{abc} \vec{W}^b \}}_{\vec{D}} \cdot \vec{B}^c \\
&= \oint dS \hat{n} \cdot (\vec{B}^a \Phi^a) - 0 \quad (\vec{D} \cdot \vec{B}^a = 0) \\
&\quad \text{since } D_\mu^* F^{\mu\nu} = 0 \\
&= \frac{4\pi}{g^2} \cdot m_V^2 \quad \text{with } m_V = g\eta = \text{mass of vector boson.}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore E_{\text{monopole}} \geq \frac{4\pi}{g^2} m_V^2 = E_{\text{BPS}}$$

BPS (Bogomolnyi-Prasad-Sommerfield) monopole solution
valid for $\lambda=0$. ($V=0$)

BPS eqn: $\vec{B}^a \pm \vec{D}\Phi^a = 0.$

Exact solution: $\Phi^a = \eta h(r) \cdot \frac{x^a}{r}, \quad W_i^a = -[1-K(r)] \varepsilon^{aij} \frac{x_j}{g r^2}$

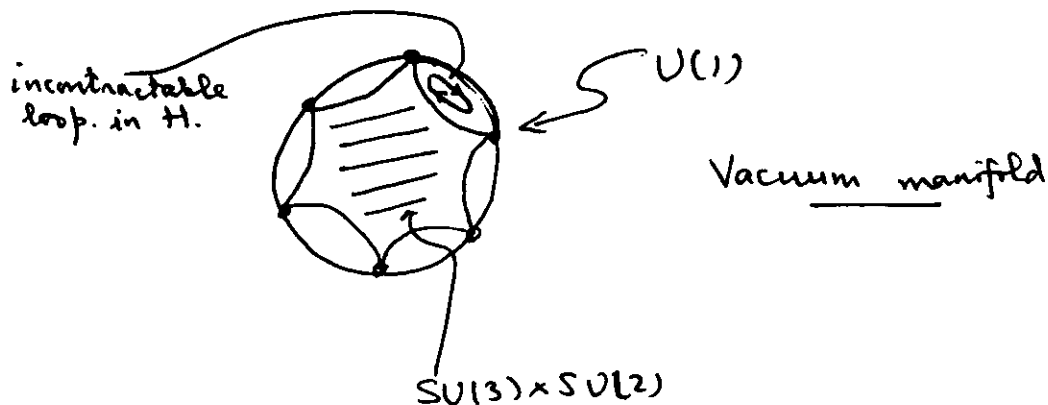
Then: $h(r) = \coth(m_V r) - \frac{1}{m_V r}, \quad K(r) = \frac{m_V r}{\sinh(m_V r)}$

(b) Electroweak monopoles: Skip.

(c) $SU(5)$:

$$SU(5) \rightarrow [SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)] / \mathbb{Z}_6.$$

The $\mathbb{Z}_6$ is the $\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ center of $SU(3) \times SU(2)$ and is also contained in the $U(1)$ factor. These 6 elements have to be identified.

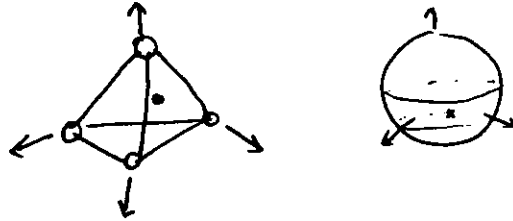


Fundamental monopole has $SU(3)$, $SU(2)$, $U(1)$ magnetic charges.

	$SU(3)$	$SU(2)$	$U(1)$		
$n=1$	$1/3$	$1/2$	$1/6$	$(u,d)_L$	} $\rightarrow$ dual standard model.
$n=-2$	$1/3$	0	$-1/3$	d_R	
$n=-3$	0	$1/2$	$-1/2$	$(\nu, e)_L$	
$n=+4$	$1/3$	0	$2/3$	u_R	
$n=5$	$-$	$-$	$-$		
$n=-6$	0	0	-1	e_R	
$n=7$	$-$	$-$	$-$		
$n=8$	$-$	$-$	$-$		

(iii) Formation and Evolution:

Formation is exactly as in the case of domain walls, strings. Here S^2 is discretized as a tetrahedron.



Monopole density at formation $\sim \frac{1}{\xi^3}$.

Evolution:

- (1) Coulomb attraction
- (2) Friction
- (3) Annihilation
- (4) Hubble expansion.

Cosmological constraint:

Assume 1 monopole / horizon at formation (i.e. $\xi \sim \text{max}$).

Then

$p_m(t)$ = energy density in monopoles

$$= p_m(t_{\text{form}}) \cdot \left[\frac{a(t_{\text{form}})}{a(t)} \right]^3 \quad (\text{pressure} = 0 \text{ for monopole gas}).$$

$$\therefore \frac{p_m(t_{\text{eq}})}{p_{\text{cr}}(t_{\text{eq}})} = \frac{p_m(t_{\text{form}})}{p_{\text{cr}}(t_{\text{form}})} \cdot \left[\frac{a(t_{\text{eq}})}{a(t_{\text{form}})} \right]$$

$$\therefore \Omega_m(t_{\text{eq}}) = \Omega_m(t_{\text{form}}) \left(\frac{t_{\text{eq}}}{t_{\text{form}}} \right)^{1/2}.$$

$$\Omega_m(t_{\text{form}}) \approx \frac{m_m}{t_{\text{form}}^3} G t_{\text{form}}^2 = \frac{G m_m}{t_{\text{form}}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \Omega_m(t_{\text{eq}}) &\approx \frac{G m_m}{t_{\text{form}}} \left(\frac{t_{\text{eq}}}{t_{\text{form}}} \right)^{1/2} \\ &= \left(\frac{m_m}{m_{\text{pl}}}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{t_{\text{pl}}}{t_{\text{form}}} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{t_{\text{eq}}}{t_{\text{form}}} \right)^{1/2} \end{aligned} \quad G = \frac{t_{\text{pl}}}{m_{\text{pl}}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{GUT: } \Omega_m(t_{\text{eq}}) &\approx \frac{10^{16} \text{ GeV}}{10^{19} \text{ GeV}} \frac{10^{-43} \text{ s}}{10^{-35} \text{ s}} \cdot \left(\frac{10^{12} \text{ s}}{10^{-35} \text{ s}} \right)^{1/2} \\ &\approx 10^{-46+35+23} = 10^{12} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$ GUT monopoles would be a cosmological disaster.

Parker bound:

Magnetic monopoles would get accelerated by the galactic magnetic field causing it to decay. This gives "Parker bound" on the flux of magnetic monopoles.

Bound: Monopoles above $\sim 10^{11}$ GeV are not allowed.
 Some ^{model-dependent} lighter monopoles are also ruled out by stellar physics.

(6) Solutions:

(i) Inflation

(ii) Langacker-Pi: monopoles get connected by strings.

(iii) Symmetry non-restoration

(iv) Sweeping by domain walls.

(7) Quantum effects:

Confinement of non-Abelian monopoles?

