# **Cosmic Background Radiation**

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### Lecture Plan

- Cosmic Background Radiation (June 1st)
  - whiteboard & slides
- Cosmic Gamma-ray background (June 2nd)
  - slides
- Cosmic Optical/Infrared background (June 3rd)
  - slides

# Terminology

- In literature you will find CGB, EGB, EGRB, IGRB, IGB.
- In this talk,
  - the Cosmic Gamma-ray Background (CGB)
    - representing resolved+unresolved (Total) components.
  - for unresolved component,
    - I would say the unresolved CGB.

# Olbers' Paradox

- Heinrich Wilhelm Matthias Olbers (1758-1840)
- "Why is the sky dark at night?"
- If the Universe is infinite and has infinitely many stars, the sky should be as bright as the surface of the Sun.
- Answer: the Universe is *not* infinite.



## Sky in Microwave



The Planck one-year all-sky survey



## Sky in Infrared



# Sky in X rays

#### ROSAT all-sky survey



1.3 deg<sup>2</sup>

40000 deg<sup>2</sup>

# Sky in GeV Gamma rays



### **Cosmic Background Radiation Spectrum**

