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# The Big Bang puzzle

Scale invariant  
power  
spectrum

Temperature  
fluctuation of  
CMB

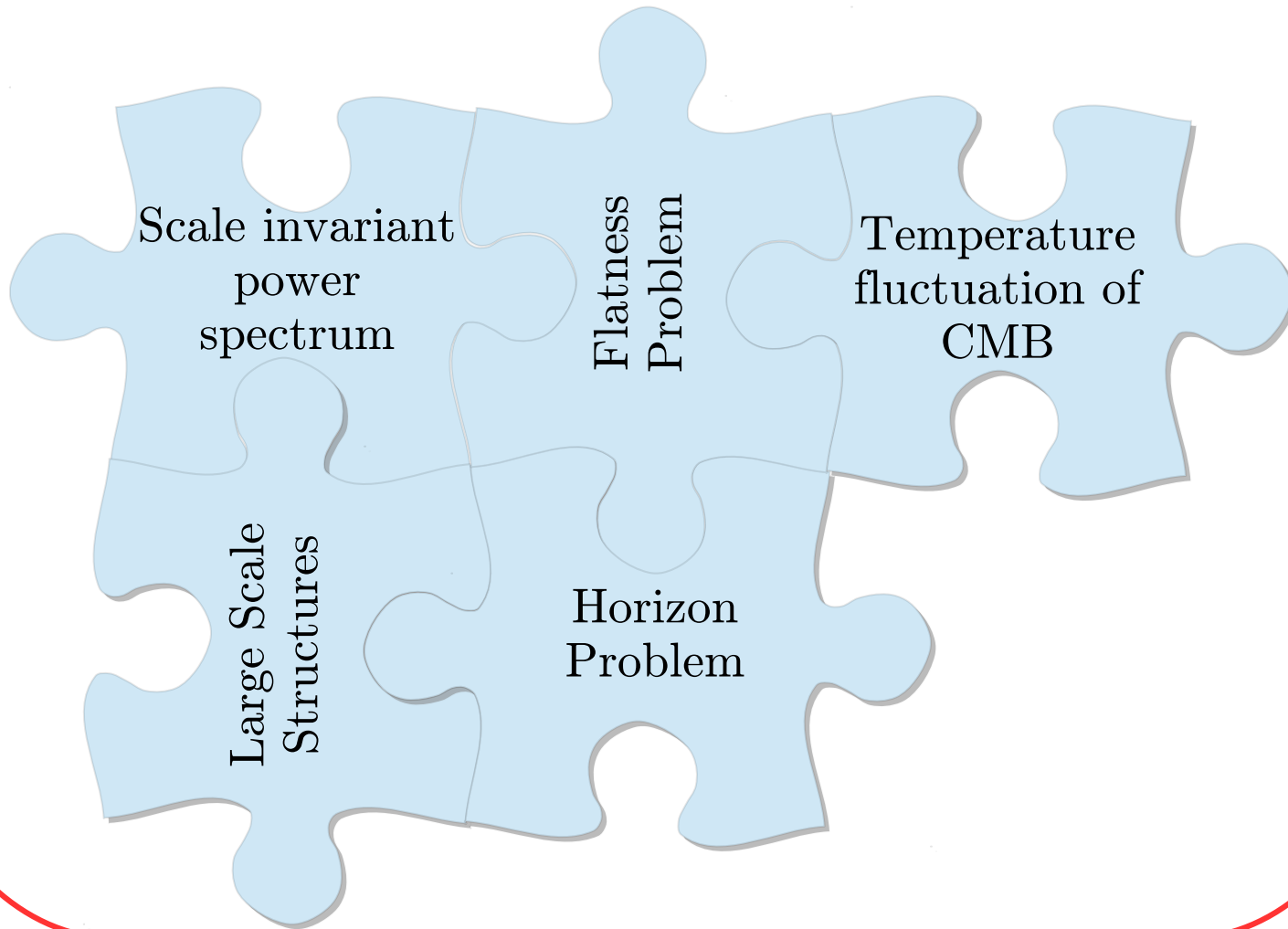
Horizon  
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Large Scale  
Structures

Flatness  
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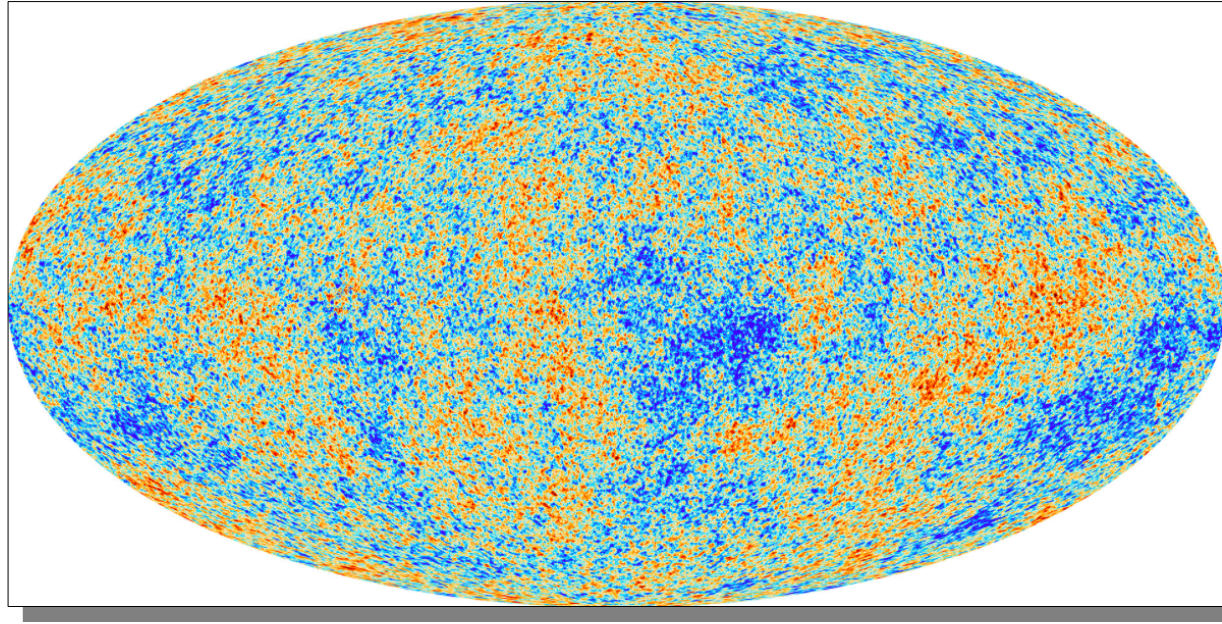
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Classical scalar field in FLRW background

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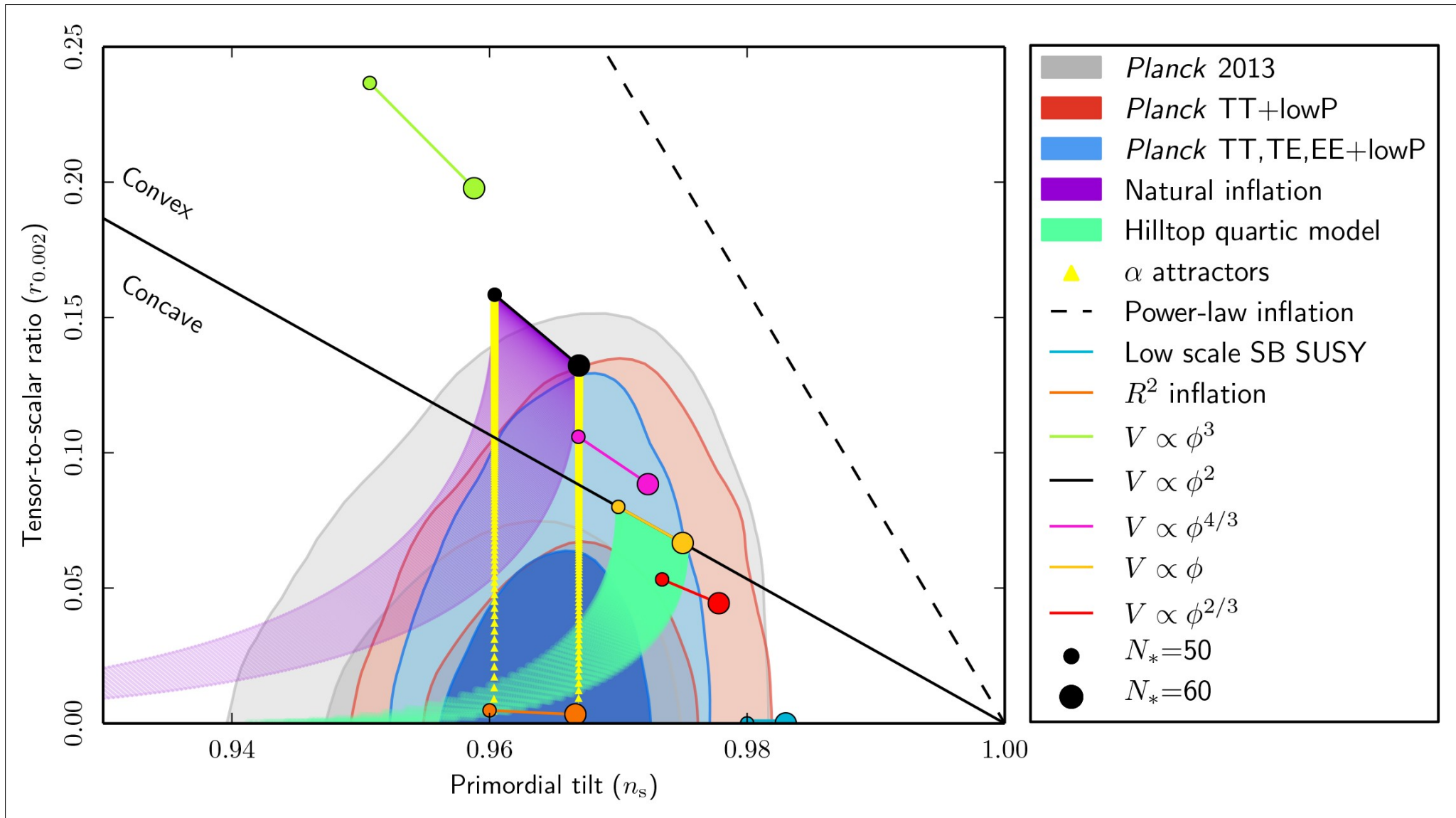


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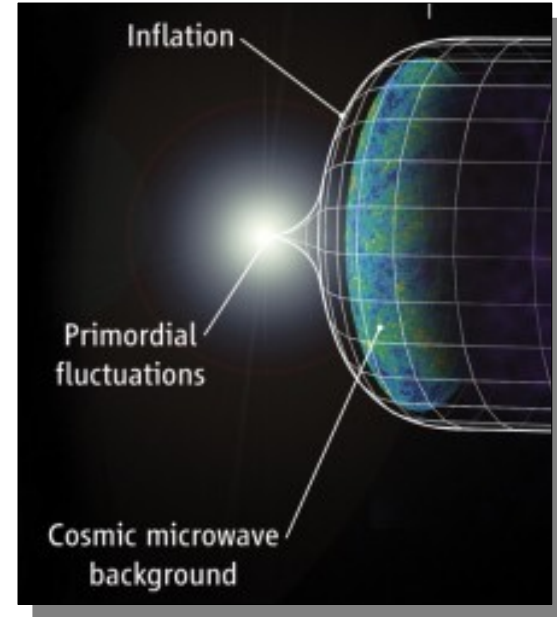
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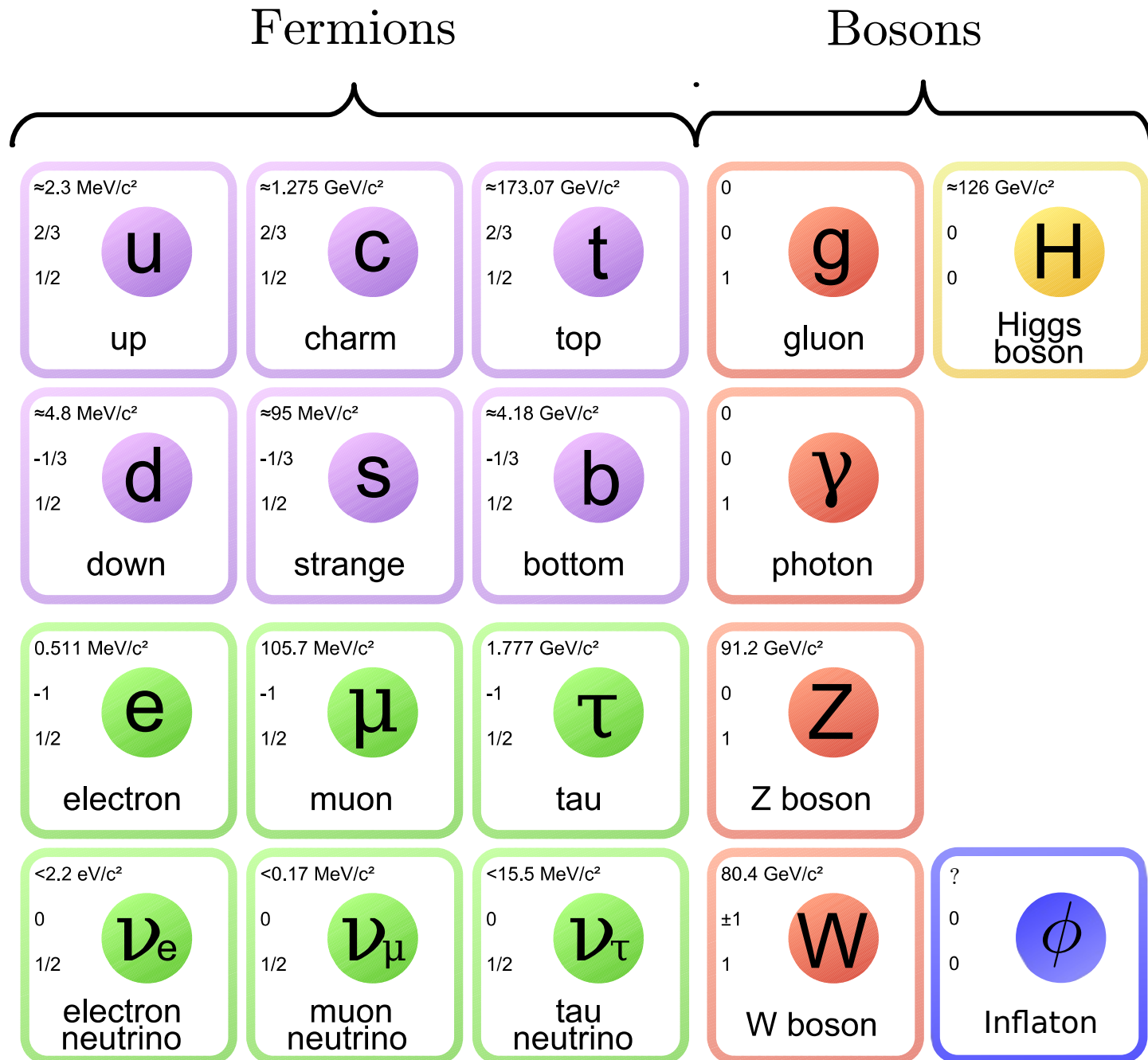
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# Inflation and Standard Model





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Linear perturbations of fermionic bilinears

$$\delta (\bar{\psi} M \psi) = \delta \bar{\psi} M \psi + \bar{\psi} M \delta \psi$$

Classical **Background** = EV on a state (FLRW symmetries)

$$\langle \psi \rangle = 0 \rightarrow \delta (\bar{\psi} M \psi) = 0$$

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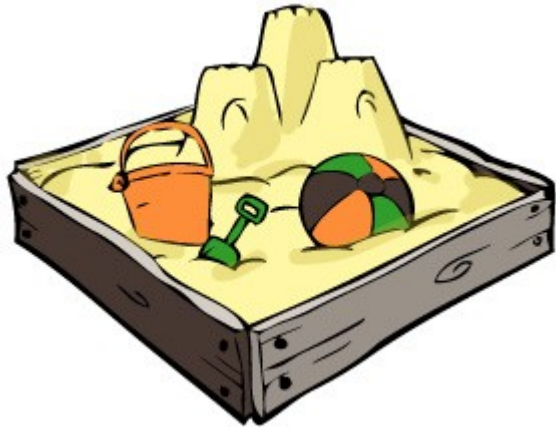
Three reasons because this argument is not accurate

- 1) Dirac fields are pure quantum objects
- 2) Expectation Value of a single fermion field is not observable
- 3) Separate quantization of background and perturbation fields.

We need to give a generalization of the definition of “perturbation”.

# Bosonic coherent cosmological perturbation

Scalar Field Inflation



Build a Recipe



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Build a Recipe from Scalar Field Inflation

Define the appropriate coherent state

$$|\alpha\rangle = e^{\int_k \alpha(k) a_k^\dagger - \alpha^*(k) a_k} |0\rangle$$

Interpretation:  $\langle\alpha| \hat{N} |\alpha\rangle = \int_k |\alpha(k)|^2$

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Perturbed quantities in terms of operator on perturbed state

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Classical value

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By construction we recover the standard results

coherent state

$|\alpha\rangle$

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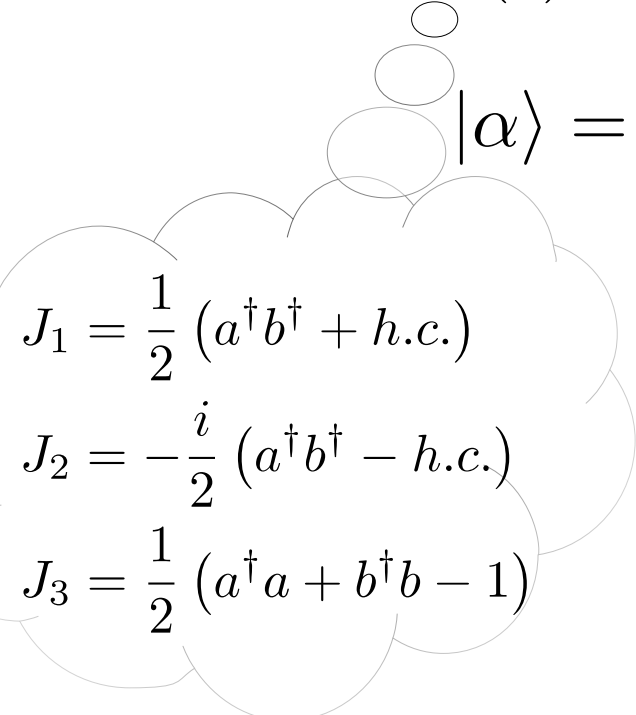
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$$J_1 = \frac{1}{2} (a^\dagger b^\dagger + h.c.)$$
$$J_2 = -\frac{i}{2} (a^\dagger b^\dagger - h.c.)$$
$$J_3 = \frac{1}{2} (a^\dagger a + b^\dagger b - 1)$$

Density of pairs

$$\langle \vec{n} | \bar{\psi} \psi | \vec{n} \rangle = \langle \vec{n} | \int_k \vec{\xi} \cdot \vec{J}_k | \vec{n} \rangle = \int_k \vec{\xi} \cdot \vec{n}_k$$

Infinitesimal rotation around a finite one  
 $|\vec{n} + \delta\vec{n}\rangle$

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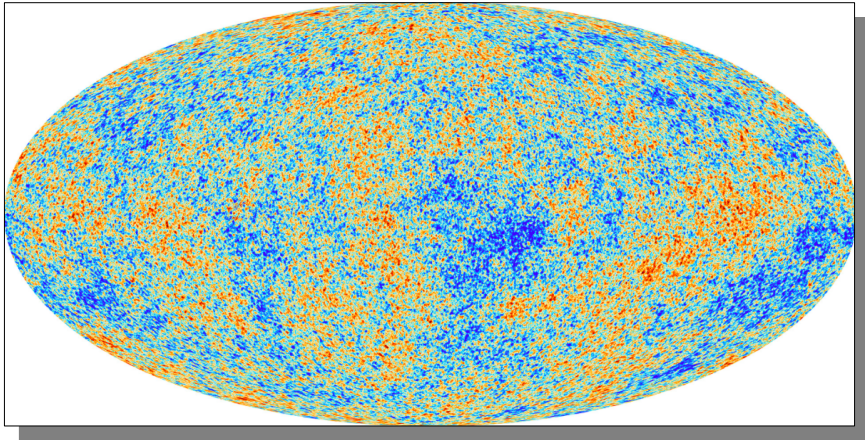
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Compute relevant cosmological quantities:

$$P_\zeta = \lim_{y \rightarrow x} \langle \alpha + \delta\alpha | \hat{\zeta}(x) \hat{\zeta}(y) | \alpha + \delta\alpha \rangle |_{O(\delta\alpha)^2}$$

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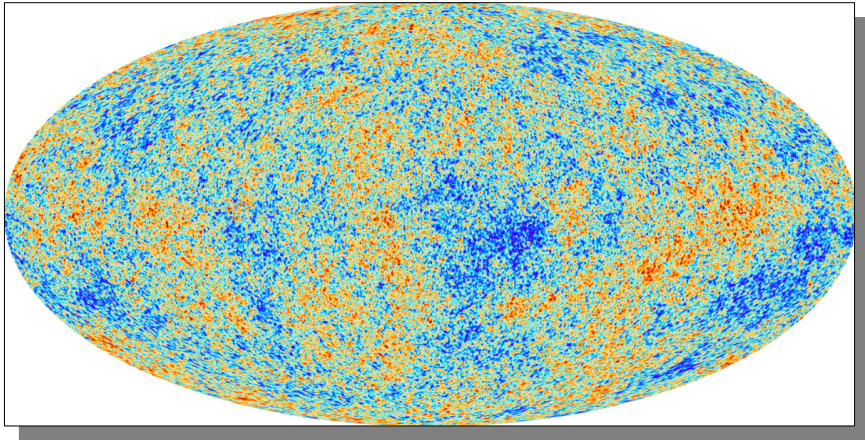


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Bunch Davies vacuum (dS spacetime isometries, approach Minkowski vacuum in deep UV, time-independent, stationary state)

Generalization to Non-Bunch Davies vacuum (misleading name, excited initial state for inflation, most general solution of the mode equation, parametrize our ignorance on the pre-inflationary era)



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Equivalent to:

$$\tilde{a}_{\vec{k}}^\dagger = \alpha_k a_{\vec{k}}^\dagger + \beta_k a_{-\vec{k}}$$

$$|0_{NBD}\rangle = \exp \left[ \int_k \gamma(|\vec{k}|) a_{\vec{k}}^\dagger a_{-\vec{k}}^\dagger - \gamma^*(|\vec{k}|) a_{\vec{k}} a_{-\vec{k}} \right] |0_{BD}\rangle$$
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Exactly an SU(1,1) coherent state:

$$\begin{aligned} K_+ &= a_{\vec{k}}^\dagger a_{-\vec{k}}^\dagger \\ K_- &= a_{\vec{k}} a_{-\vec{k}} \\ K_3 &= \frac{1}{2} \left( a_{\vec{k}}^\dagger a_{\vec{k}} + a_{-\vec{k}}^\dagger a_{-\vec{k}} + 1 \right) \end{aligned}$$

Most general (group theoretical)  
coherent state that is  
homogeneous and isotropic

# Non Bunch Davies group coherent states

Probe the  $SU(N,M)$  coherent state case, the generators in a Schwinger-like representation are:

$$\begin{aligned}
 -a_{k_i}^\dagger a_{k_{i'}} & \text{ for } i', i = 1, \dots, n & a_{k_i}^\dagger a_{q_j}^\dagger & \text{ for } \begin{cases} i = 1, \dots, n \\ j = 1, \dots, m \end{cases} \\
 a_{q_j} a_{q_{j'}}^\dagger & \text{ for } j', j = 1, \dots, m & a_{k_i} a_{q_j} & \text{ for } \begin{cases} i = 1, \dots, n \\ j = 1, \dots, m \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

Most general form of a coherent state up to irrelevant phases

$$\exp \left[ \int_{k_i, q_j} \alpha(k_i, q_j) a_{k_i}^\dagger a_{q_j}^\dagger - \alpha^*(k_i, q_j) a_{k_i} a_{q_j} \right] |0\rangle$$

Invariance under translations fix  $k_i = q_j$

Invariance under rotations fix  $\alpha(k_i) = \alpha(|k_i|)$

$$\exp \left[ \sum_{k_i} \int_{k_i} \alpha(|k_i|) a_{k_i}^\dagger a_{-k_i}^\dagger - \alpha^*(|k_i|) a_{k_i} a_{-k_i} \right] |0\rangle$$

# Conclusions

Introduced a new framework for cosmological perturbation based on coherent states.

- Reproduce the literature
- Generalization to non scalar species
- Fermion fields can indeed contribute to linear cosmological perturbation

Non Bunch-Davies vacuum (initial state for single scalar field inflation) can be interpreted as a  $SU(1,1)$  coherent state

- Generalization to other groups is not possible (not compatible with isotropy and homogeneity)