

# Cosmology and the origin of structure

Rocky I: The universe observed

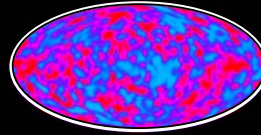
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# Primordial perturbations

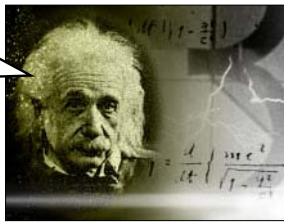
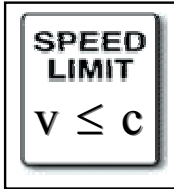


CBR: a snapshot of the universe 380,000 AB

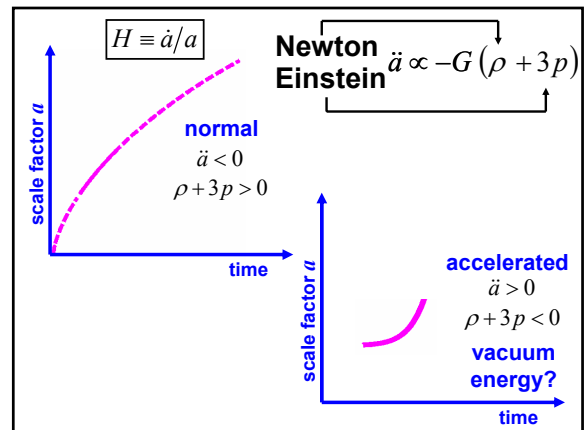
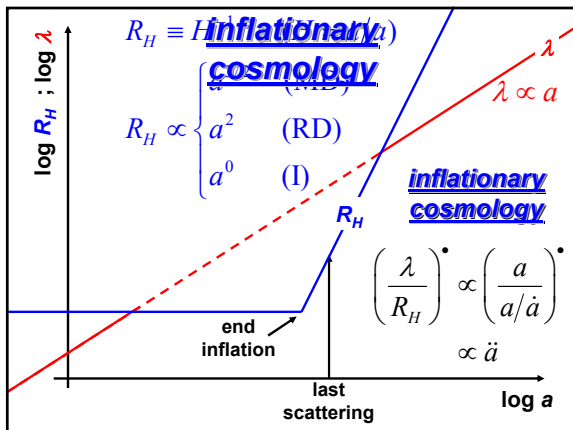
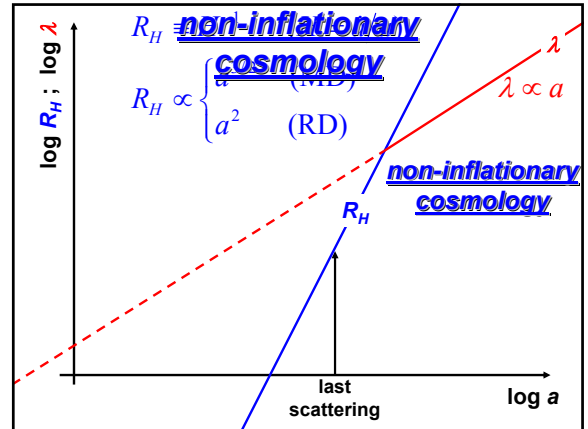
correlations on scales  $\gg 380,000$  light years

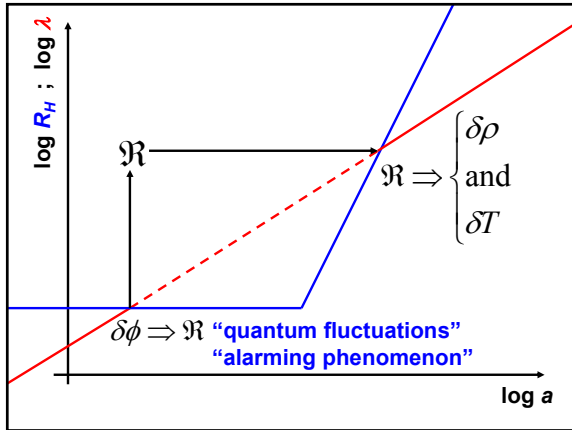


# More than 380,000 light years in less than 380,000 years?



- $v \leq c$  for velocity through space
- no limit on expansion velocity of space
- “acausal” requires “accelerated” expansion





## Inflation, as a whole, can be divided into three parts

1. Beginning  
*eternal inflation, wave function of the universe, did the universe have a beginning ????*
2. Middle  
*density perturbations, gravitational waves, (particle production in the expanding universe)*
3. End  
*defrosting, heating, preheating, reheating, baryogenesis, phase transitions, dark matter, (particle production in the expanding universe)*

## The proper vibrations of the expanding universe

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### Introduction:

"... proper vibrations [positive and negative frequencies] cannot be rigorously separated in the expanding universe. ... this is a phenomenon of outstanding importance. With particles it would mean production or annihilation of matter, merely by expansion,... Alarmed by these prospects, I have examined the matter in more detail."

### Conclusion:

"... There will be a mutual adulteration of positive and negative frequency terms in the course of time, giving rise to ... the 'alarming phenomenon'..."

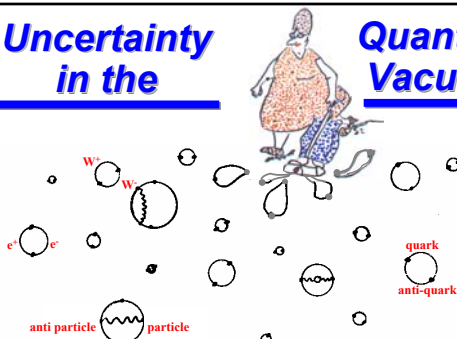
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Creation of a <i>single</i> pair of particles	$H = 60 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{Mpc}^{-1}$
per Hubble volume	$V_H \equiv (c/H)^3 \approx 10^{12} \text{Mpc}^3$
per Hubble time	$t_H \equiv H^{-1} \approx 10^{10} \text{ years}$
with "Hubble energy"	$E_H \equiv \hbar H \approx 10^{-33} \text{ eV}$

## Alarming?

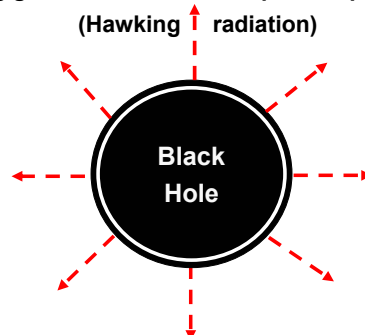
## Uncertainty in the Quantum Vacuum

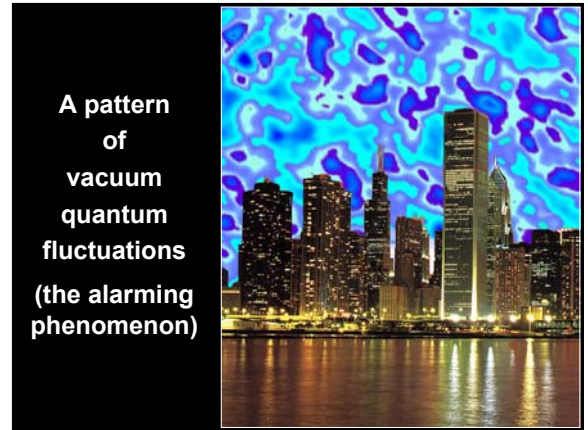
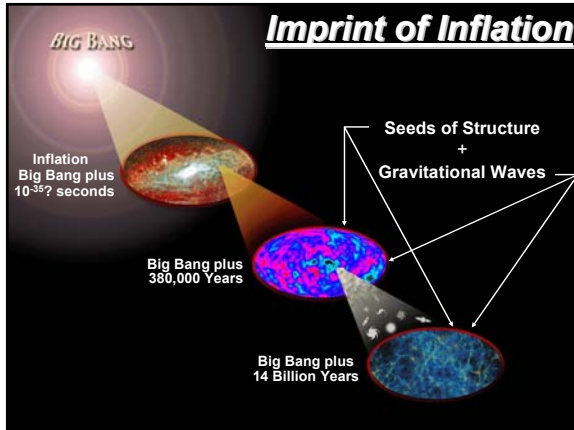


**Nothing is something!**

## Disturbing the vacuum

Strong gravitational field  $\rightarrow$  particle production (Hawking radiation)





**Scalar field  $\phi$  of mass  $M$**

Fourier modes [ $a(\tau)$  = expansion scale factor]

$$\phi(\vec{x}, \tau) = \int \frac{d^3x}{(2\pi)^{3/2} a(\tau)} \left[ h_k(\tau) e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}} a_k + h_k^*(\tau) e^{-i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}} a_k^\dagger \right]$$

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$$h_k''(\tau) + [k^2 + M^2 a^2 + (6\xi - 1) a''/a] h_k(\tau) = 0$$

$$h_k''(\tau) + \omega_k^2(\tau) h_k(\tau) = 0$$

Particle creation in nonadiabatic region  $\omega_k'/\omega_k$

Inflaton also determines mass density (gauge freedom)

**Gauge invariant variable  $\mathfrak{R}$**

**Scalar metric perturbations:**

$$ds^2 = a^2(\tau) \{ (1 + \psi) d\tau^2 - (1 - \psi) d\vec{x}^2 \}$$

**Inflaton field perturbations:**

$$\phi(\vec{x}, t) = \phi_0(t) + \delta\phi(\vec{x}, t)$$

**Gauge invariant variable:**

$$\mathfrak{R} = \psi - \frac{H}{\dot{\phi}_0} \delta\phi$$

*intrinsic curvature perturbations on comoving hypersurfaces*

**Variational formalism for quantization:**

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ -\frac{M_{Pl}^2}{16\pi} R + \frac{1}{2} (\partial\phi)^2 - V(\phi) \right]$$

$g_{\mu\nu}(\vec{x}, t) = g_{\mu\nu}^{FRW}(t) + \delta g_{\mu\nu}^{scalar}(\vec{x}, t)$

$\phi(\vec{x}, t) = \phi_0(t) + \delta\phi(\vec{x}, t)$

↑ Inflaton field

**Scalar perturbations in terms of a field  $u$**

$$u = a \delta\phi + z\psi = -z\mathfrak{R} \quad z = a\dot{\phi}_0/H$$

$S = \int d^4x \left( \partial_\mu u \partial^\mu u - \frac{1}{2} m_u^2(\tau) u^2 \right)$  Minkowski space (conformal time)

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Inflaton field

Tensor perturbations in terms of a field  $v$

$$v \propto h_{ij} \quad v = \text{gravitons}$$

$$S = \int d^4x \left( \partial_\mu v \partial^\mu v - \frac{1}{2} m_v^2(\tau) v^2 \right) \quad \text{Minkowski space (conformal time)}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} m_v^2(\tau) = -\frac{1}{a} \frac{d^2 a}{d\tau^2} \quad \text{mass changes with time}$$

### Quantum generation of perturbations:

- Expand  $u$  in Fourier modes
  - Wave equation for mode functions for  $u$
- $$u_k''(\tau) + \left( k^2 - \frac{1}{z} \frac{d^2 z}{d\tau^2} \right) u_k(\tau) = 0 \quad (z = a\dot{\phi}_0 / H)$$
- Initially only homogeneous ( $k=0$ ) mode.
  - As evolve, mass is complicated function of time.
  - Create nonzero momentum modes (perturbations).

$$u_k/z \rightarrow P_{\mathfrak{R}}(k) \rightarrow \text{Power Spectrum}$$

### Slow-roll parameters

Slow-roll parameters:

$$\varepsilon(\phi) \equiv \frac{m_{Pl}^2}{4\pi} \left( \frac{H'(\phi)}{H(\phi)} \right)^2; \quad \eta(\phi) \equiv \frac{m_{Pl}^2}{4\pi} \frac{H''(\phi)}{H(\phi)}; \quad \xi(\phi) \equiv \frac{m_{Pl}^2}{4\pi} \left( \frac{H'(\phi)H'''(\phi)}{H^2(\phi)} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\frac{1}{z} \frac{d^2 z}{d\tau^2} = 2a^2 H^2 \left( 1 + \varepsilon - \frac{3}{2}\eta + \varepsilon^2 - 2\varepsilon\eta + \frac{1}{2}\eta^2 + \frac{1}{2}\xi^2 \right)$$

- $\varepsilon < 1$  for inflation to occur
- expect  $\eta$  and  $\xi$  also to be less than unity
- so expect slow-roll part of  $\frac{1}{z} \frac{d^2 z}{d\tau^2}$  to be slowly varying

$$\frac{1}{z} \frac{d^2 z}{d\tau^2} = 2a^2 H^2 (1 + \text{something small and not wildly varying})$$

### Quantum generation of perturbations:

- Perturbations model-dependent function of  $H$  and how  $H$  changes during inflation.

$$V(\phi) \leftrightarrow H(\phi) \leftrightarrow \{\varepsilon(\phi), \eta(\phi), \xi(\phi), \dots\}$$

- Characterize perturbations in terms of:

$$P_{\mathfrak{R}}(k_*) \quad \text{scalar perturbation at } k = k_*$$

$$n \equiv \frac{d \ln P_{\mathfrak{R}}(k_*)}{d \ln k} \quad \text{scalar spectral index}$$

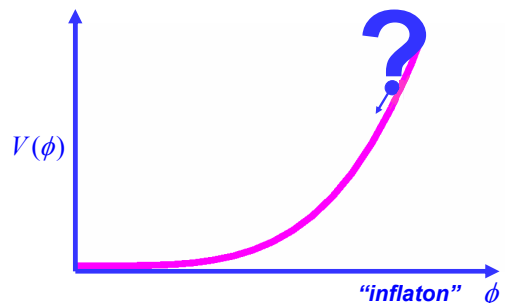
$$P_{\mathfrak{T}}(k_*) \quad \text{tensor perturbation at } k = k_*$$

$$n_T \equiv \frac{d \ln P_{\mathfrak{T}}(k_*)}{d \ln k} \quad \text{tensor spectral index}$$

### Some simple questions:

1. Was inflation "normal" (i.e., 3-D FRW)?
2. Can dynamics of inflation be described in terms of a single scalar field?
3. What was the expansion rate during inflation?
4. What was the general shape of the inflaton potential?
5. What was the more or less exact shape of the inflaton potential?
6. Can inflation tell us anything about physics at very high energy scales (unification, string, Planck)?

### Who is the inflaton?



## Model Classification\*

**Type I:** single-field, slow-roll models  
(or models that can be expressed as such)

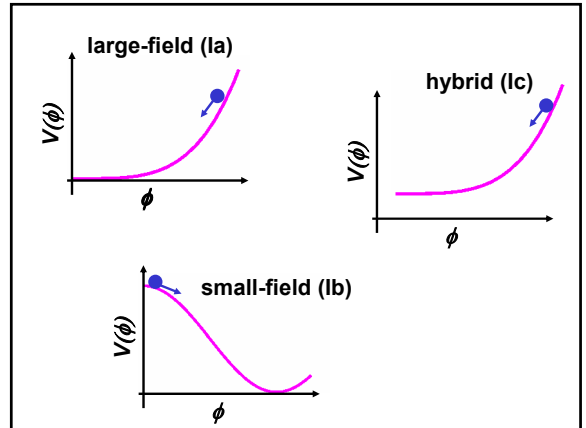
**Type Ia:** large-field models

**Type Ib:** small-field models

**Type Ic:** hybrid models

**Type II:** anything else  
(branes, pre-big-bang, etc.)

\*Used for superstrings, supernovae, superconductors, ...



## Quantum generation of perturbations:

• Input inflation potential  $V(\phi)$  :

$$\{P_{\mathcal{R}}(k_*) \quad n \quad P_{\mathcal{S}}(k_*) \quad n_T\}$$

• Observer-friendly parameters:

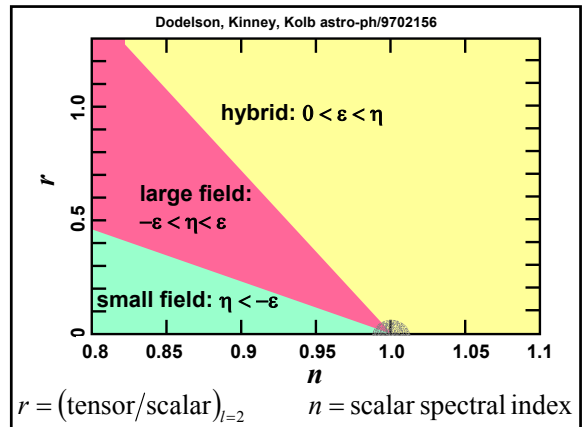
$$Q \equiv P_{\mathcal{R}}(k_*) + P_{\mathcal{S}}(k_*) \quad n \quad r \equiv \frac{P_{\mathcal{S}}(k_*)}{P_{\mathcal{R}}(k_*)}$$

• Consistency relation:

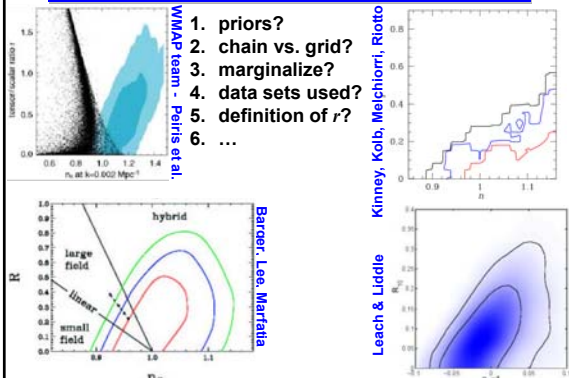
$$n_T = -2r[1 - r + (1 - n)]$$

• Inflaton potential  $V(\phi)$ :

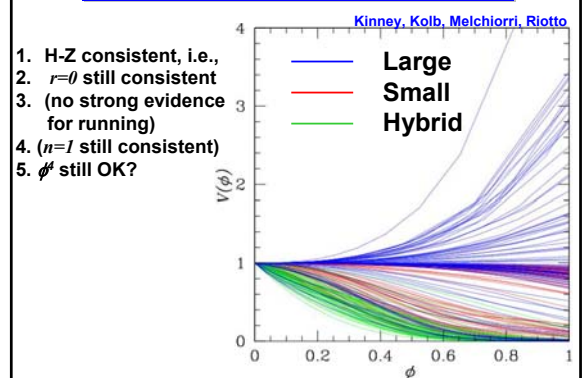
$$\{Q \quad n \quad r\} \text{ or if free parameter } \{n \quad r\}$$

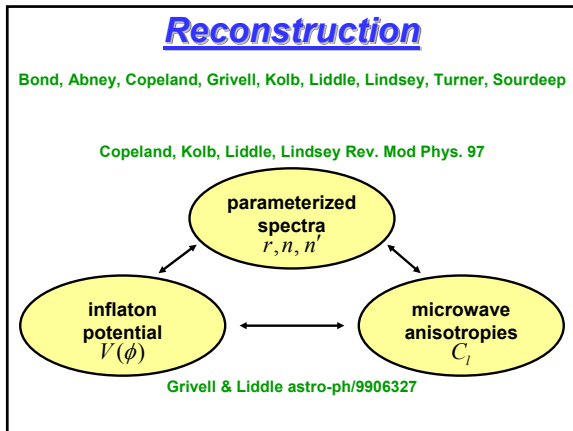
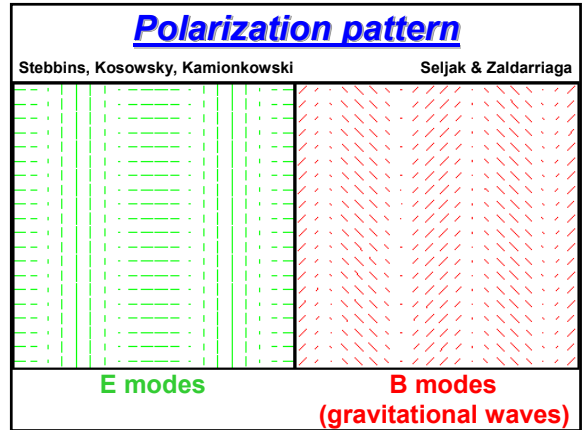
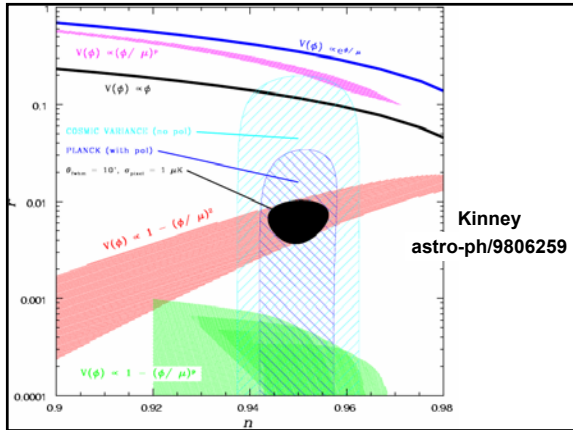


## Harrison-Zel'dovich Spectrum ?



## Inflation models that fit CMB



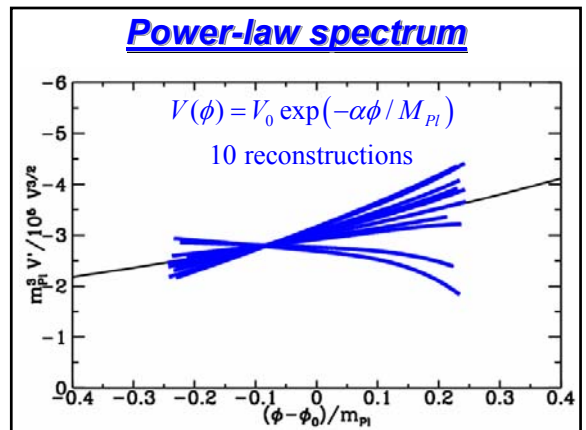
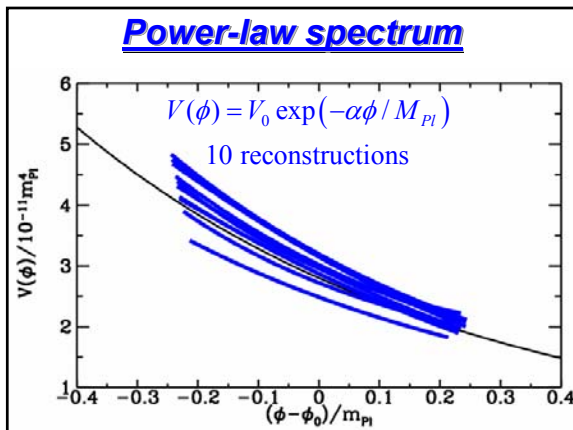


### Reconstruction

scalar  $\sim \frac{V'(\phi)}{V(\phi)}$

tensor  $\sim V(\phi)$

1. tensor spectral index in terms of scalar & tensor (consistency relation)
2. knowledge of the scale of  $V$  requires tensor



## Comparison to observation:

- ✓ 1. a (nearly exact) power-law
- ✓ 2. spectrum of gaussian
- ✓ 3. super-Hubble-radius
- ✓ 4. scalar perturbations (seeds of structure) &
- 5. tensor perturbations (gravitational waves)
- 6. related by a consistency relation
- ✓ 7. in their growing mode
- ✓ 8. in a spatially flat universe.

## Issues

1. Transplanckian physics
  - probe of short-distance physics?
2. Defrosting
  - preheating, reheating, ....
3. Particle production
  - WIMPZILLAS, gravitons, ....
4. Why only one inflaton?
  - isocurvature perturbations
5. Extra dimensions, brane, bulk, etc.?
  - new dynamics

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