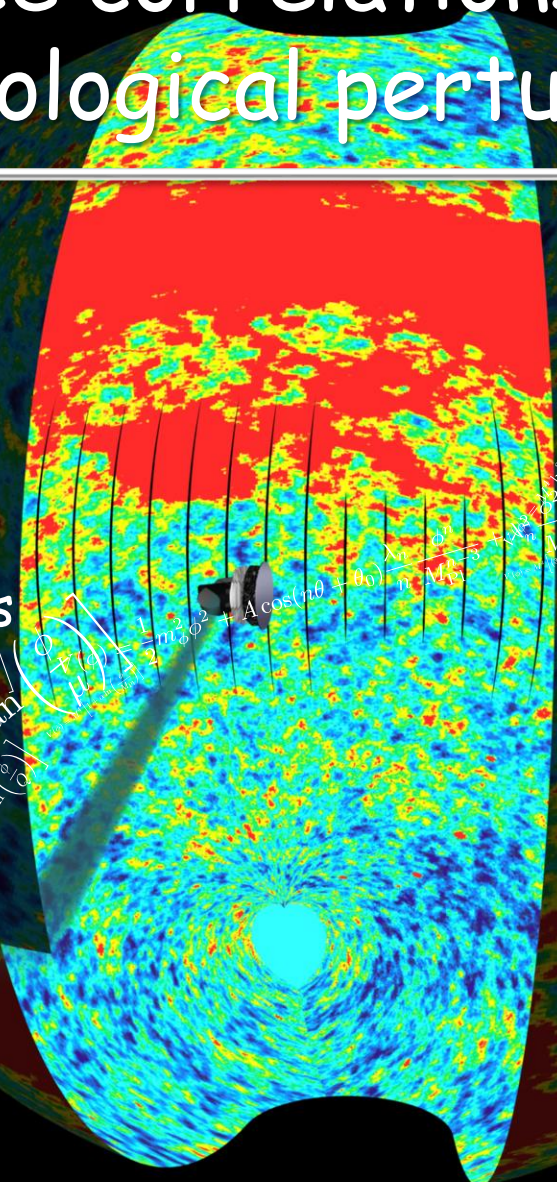


# Real-space correlations of quantum cosmological perturbations

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  - 3- would indicate that QM operates on cosmological scales

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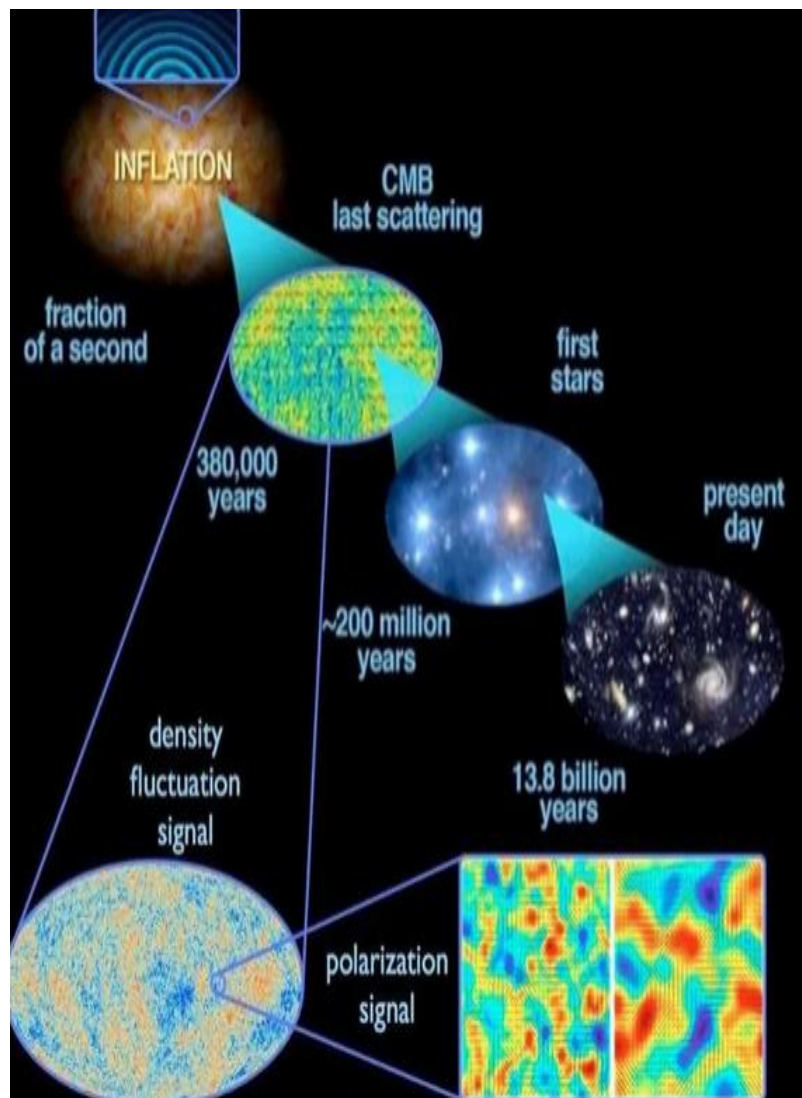
$$\zeta(\eta, \mathbf{x}) = \frac{v(\eta, \mathbf{x})}{z(\eta)} \quad \text{Mukhanov-Sasaki variable}$$

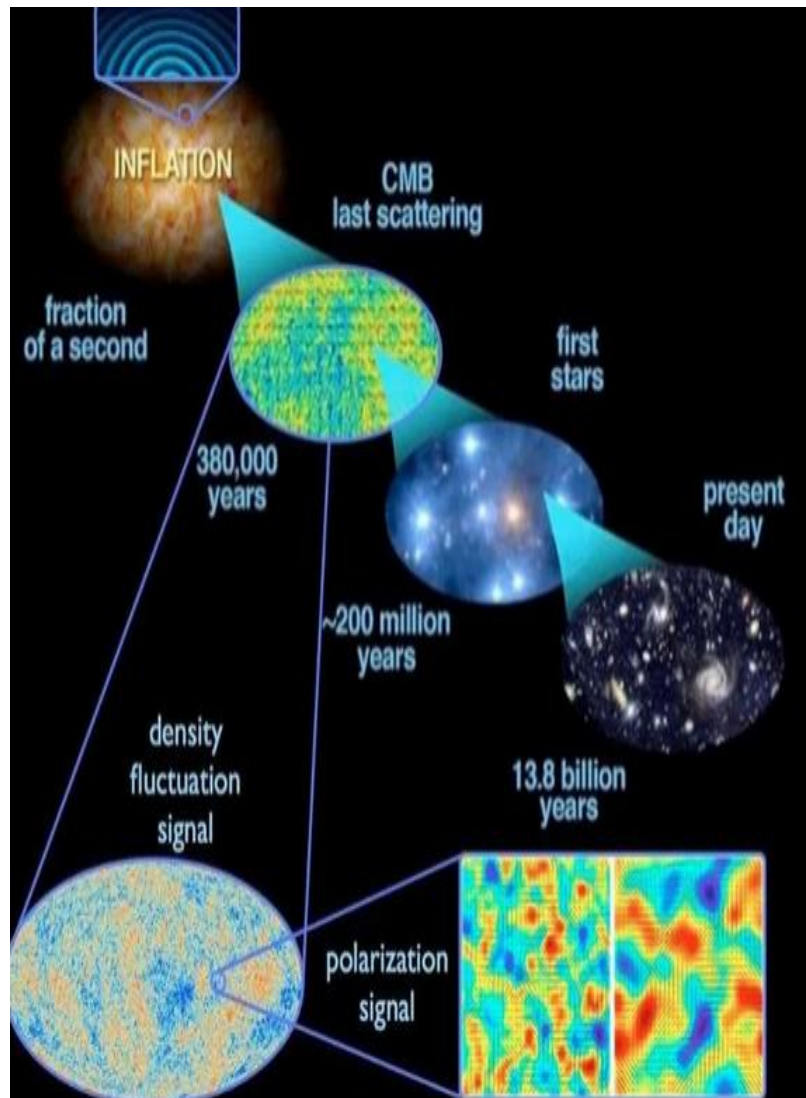
with

$$z(\eta) = a(\eta)\sqrt{2\epsilon_1}M_{\text{Pl}}, \quad \epsilon_1 = -\frac{\dot{H}}{H^2}$$

- In Fourier space, this is a collection of oscillators, each mode  $\mathbf{k}$  being described by a "position" and a momentum

$$(q_{\mathbf{k}}, \pi_{\mathbf{k}})$$



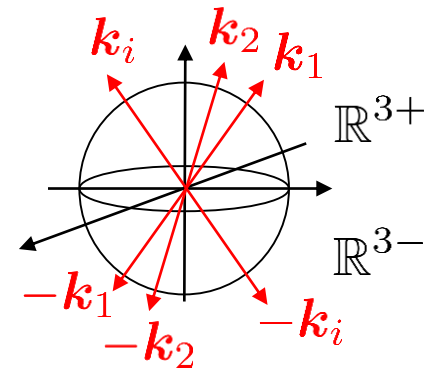


- Hamiltonian of the system

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



$$\mathcal{H} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{3+}} d^3\mathbf{k} \mathcal{H}_{\pm\mathbf{k}}$$



$$\mathcal{H}_{\pm\mathbf{k}} = \frac{1}{2} \pi_{\mathbf{k}}^2 + \frac{1}{2} k^2 q_{\mathbf{k}}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \pi_{-\mathbf{k}}^2 + \frac{1}{2} k^2 q_{-\mathbf{k}}^2 + \frac{z'}{z} (q_{\mathbf{k}} \pi_{-\mathbf{k}} + q_{-\mathbf{k}} \pi_{\mathbf{k}})$$

- The (pure) state of the system is a Gaussian two-mode squeezed state

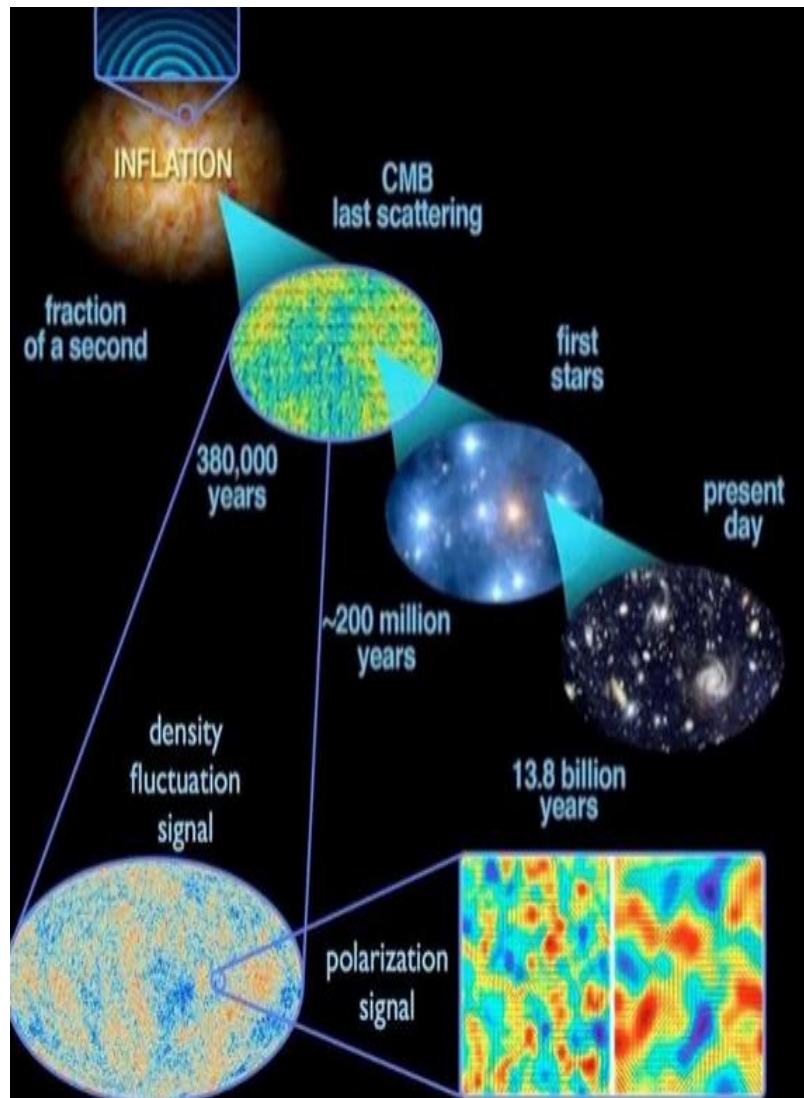
$$\Psi[\zeta(\eta, \mathbf{x})] = \prod_{\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{R}^{3+}} \psi(\eta, q_{\mathbf{k}}, q_{-\mathbf{k}})$$

with

$$\psi = \frac{e^{A(r_{\mathbf{k}}, \varphi_{\mathbf{k}})k(q_{\mathbf{k}}^2 + q_{-\mathbf{k}}^2) - B(r_{\mathbf{k}}, \varphi_{\mathbf{k}})kq_{\mathbf{k}}q_{-\mathbf{k}}}}{\sqrt{\pi} \cosh(r_{\mathbf{k}}) \sqrt{1 - e^{-4i\varphi_{\mathbf{k}}} \tanh^2(r_{\mathbf{k}})}}$$

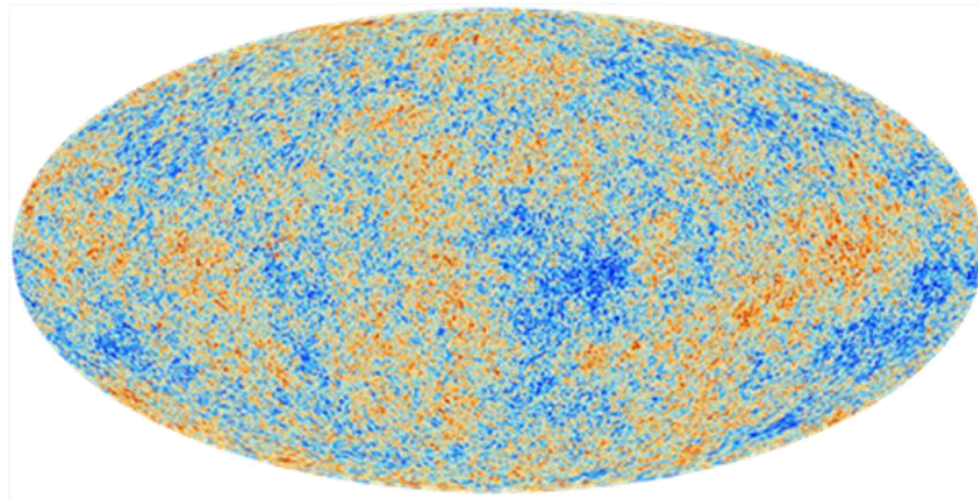
It is an entangled state

$$\psi(\eta, q_{\mathbf{k}}, q_{-\mathbf{k}}) \neq \psi(\eta, q_{\mathbf{k}})\psi(\eta, q_{-\mathbf{k}})$$





The cosmological two-mode squeezed state is (very!) strongly squeezed



**CMB anisotropy is the strongest  
squeezed state ever produced in Nature**

$$r_k = \mathcal{O}(10^2)$$

$$-10 \log_{10} (e^{-2r_k}) \text{ dB} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \sim 15 \text{ dB in the lab} \\ > 500 \text{ dB inflation} \end{array} \right.$$



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- Mutual information I between systems A and B

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pdf

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joined pdf

$$p(a_i, b_j) = p(a_i)p(b_j) \longrightarrow I(A, B) = 0$$

- Mutual information J (in a different way with Bayes theorem)

$$p(a_i|b_j) = \text{probability of } a_i \text{ given } b_j \longrightarrow - \sum_i p(a_i|b_j) \ln [p(a_i|b_j)]$$

"entropy of A given  $b_j$ "

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**Bayes theorem:**  $p(a_i, b_j) = p(b_j|a_i)p(a_i) \longrightarrow S(A|B) = S(A, B) - S(B)$

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$$\left. \begin{aligned} S(A, B) &= -\text{Tr}(\hat{\rho} \log_2 \hat{\rho}) \\ S(A) &= -\text{Tr}(\hat{\rho}_A \log_2 \hat{\rho}_A) \text{ with } \hat{\rho}_A = \text{Tr}_B \hat{\rho} \end{aligned} \right\} I(A, B) \text{ can easily be generalized to QM}$$

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This allows us to generalize  $J$  in QM but, now, crucially,  $I \neq J$

$$\mathcal{D}(A, B) \equiv I(A, B) - J(A, B)$$



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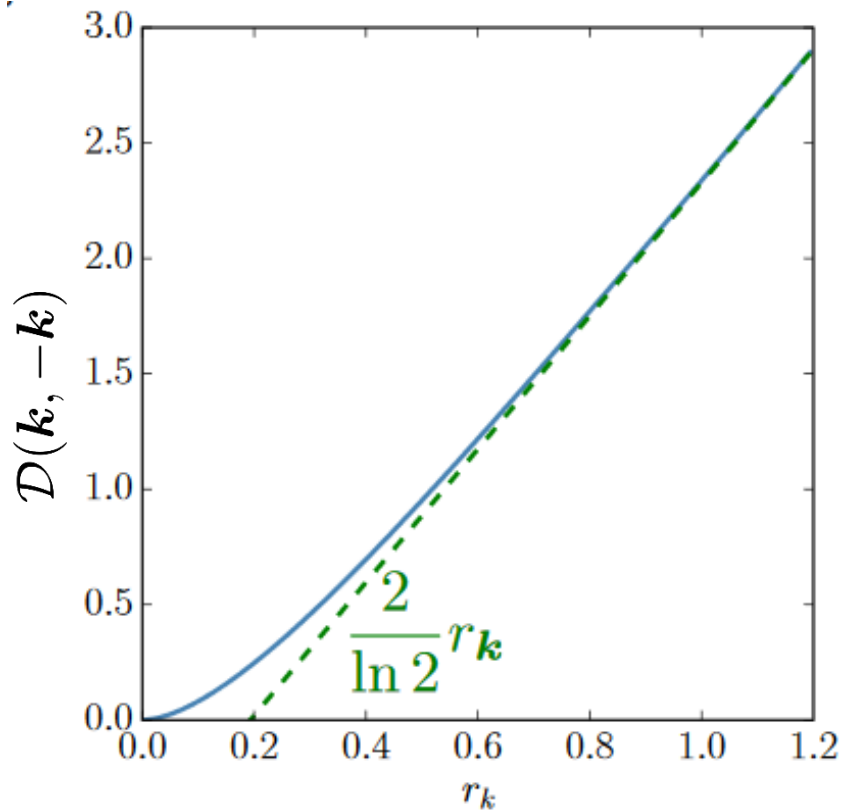


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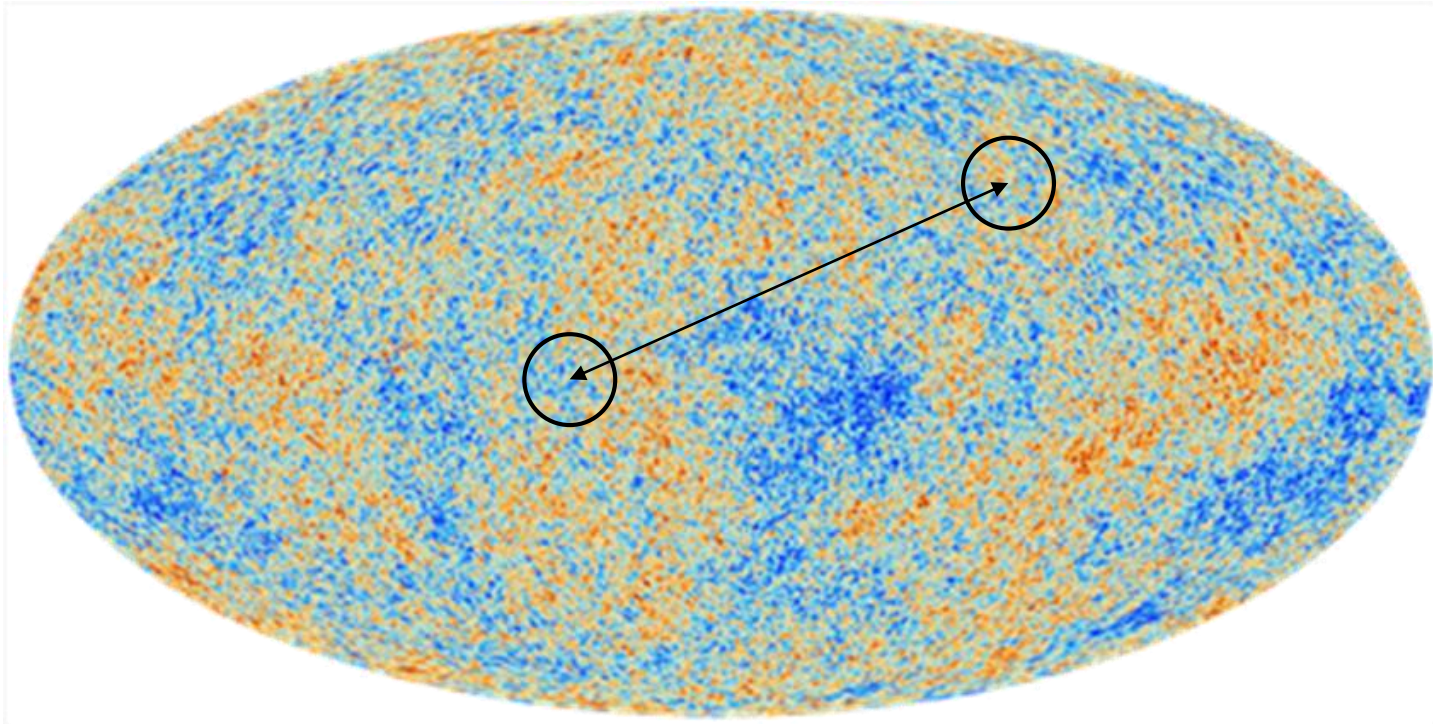
**G. Adesso and A. Datta, "Quantum versus Classical Correlations in Gaussian States", Phys. Rev. Letter 105 (July, 2010) 030501, arXiv:1003.4979**

Application: Quantum discord in Fourier space for a two-mode squeezed state

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{D}(\mathbf{k}, -\mathbf{k}) &= \cosh^2 r_k \log_2 (\cosh^2 r_k) \\ &\quad - \sinh^2 r_k \log_2 (\sinh^2 r_k) \end{aligned}$$

J. Martin & V. Vennin, PRD 93 (2016), 1023505,  
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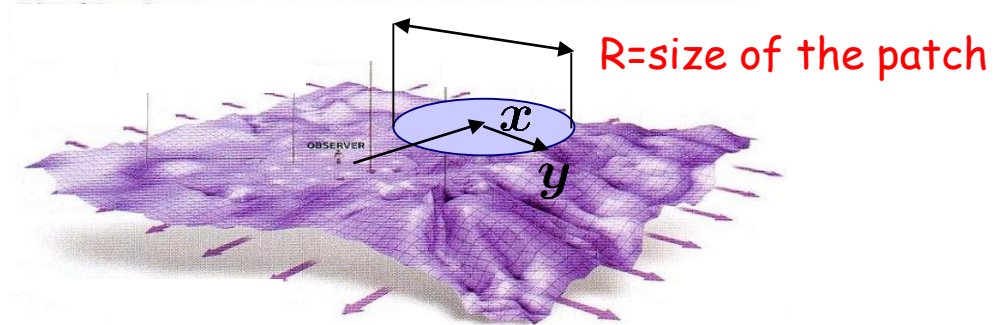
Quantum correlations in real space?



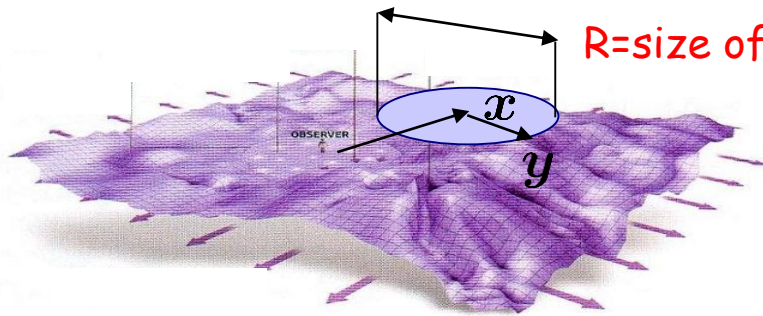
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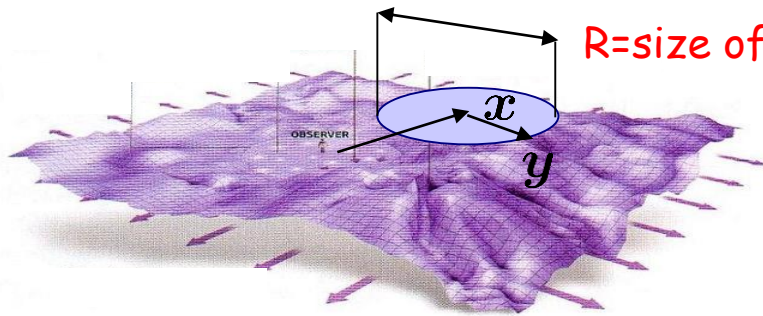


R=size of the patch

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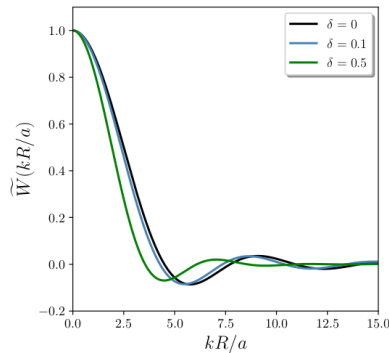
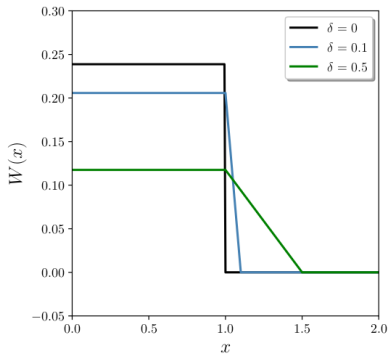
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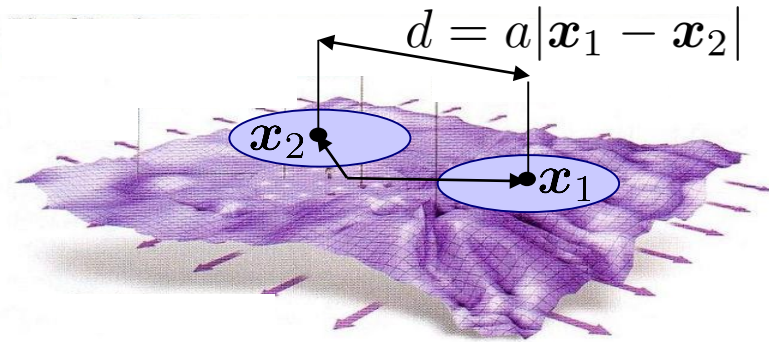
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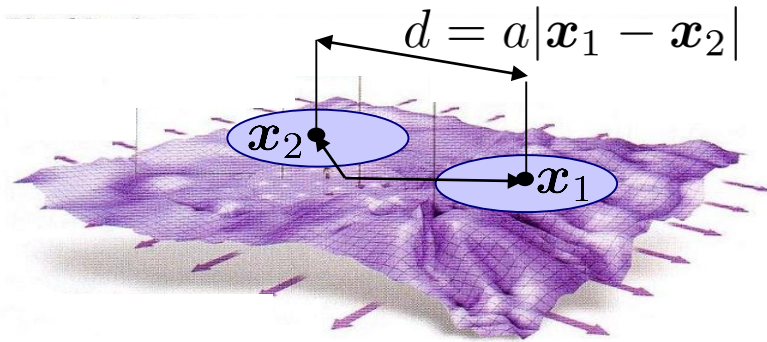
$$W(x) = \frac{3}{4\pi\mathcal{F}(\delta)} \begin{cases} 1, & x \leq 1 \\ -\frac{1}{\delta}(x-1) + 1, & 1 < x \leq 1 + \delta \\ 0, & x > 1 + \delta \end{cases}$$

with  $\mathcal{F}(\delta) = \frac{1}{4}(\delta+2)(\delta^2+2\delta+2)$

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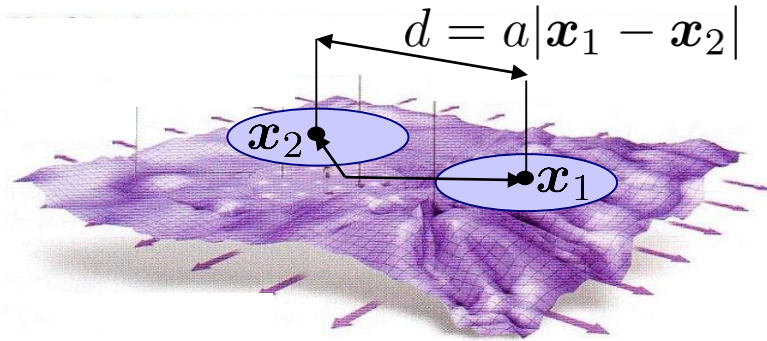
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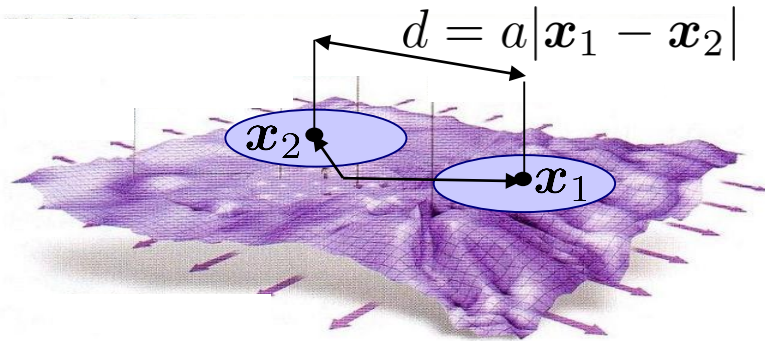
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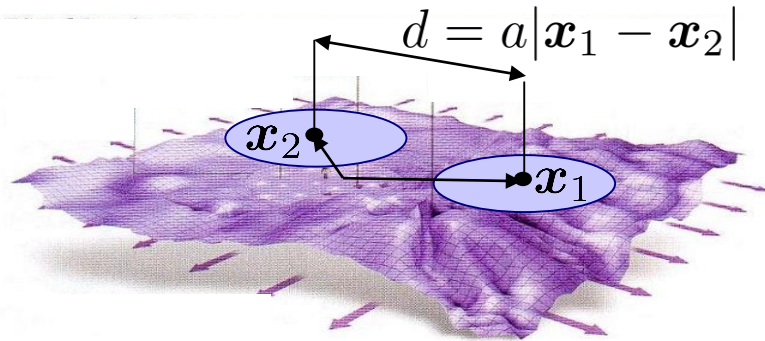


Power spectrum  
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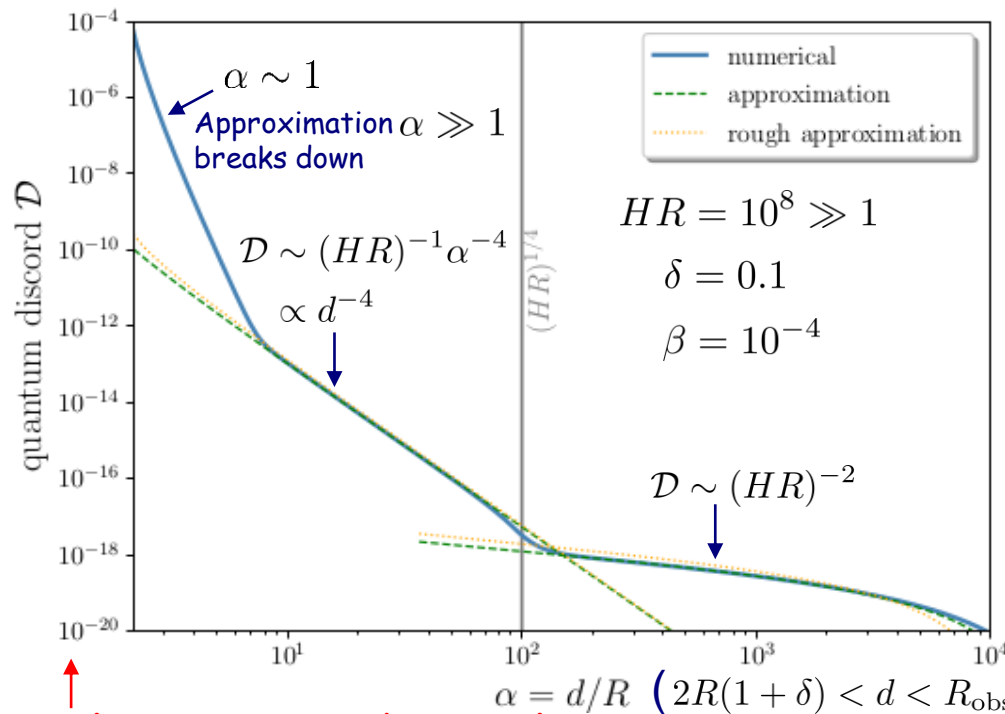
$$\gamma = \frac{8\pi}{3G(\delta)} \left(\frac{R}{a}\right)^3 \int \frac{dk}{k} \overbrace{\tilde{W}^2\left(\frac{R}{a}k\right)}^{\sim \text{Fourier transform of the window function}} \begin{pmatrix} \overbrace{\mathcal{P}_{vv}(k)} & \mathcal{P}_{v\pi}(k) & \mathcal{P}_{vv}(k) \operatorname{sinc}\left(\frac{kd}{a}\right) & \mathcal{P}_{v\pi}(k) \operatorname{sinc}\left(\frac{kd}{a}\right) \\ - & \mathcal{P}_{\pi\pi}(k) & \mathcal{P}_{\pi v}(k) \operatorname{sinc}\left(\frac{kd}{a}\right) & \mathcal{P}_{\pi\pi}(k) \operatorname{sinc}\left(\frac{kd}{a}\right) \\ - & - & \mathcal{P}_{vv}(k) & \mathcal{P}_{v\pi}(k) \\ - & - & - & \mathcal{P}_{\pi\pi}(k) \end{pmatrix}$$



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Since the system is Gaussian and its covariance matrix known, we can use the standard techniques to calculate the discord in de Sitter spacetime



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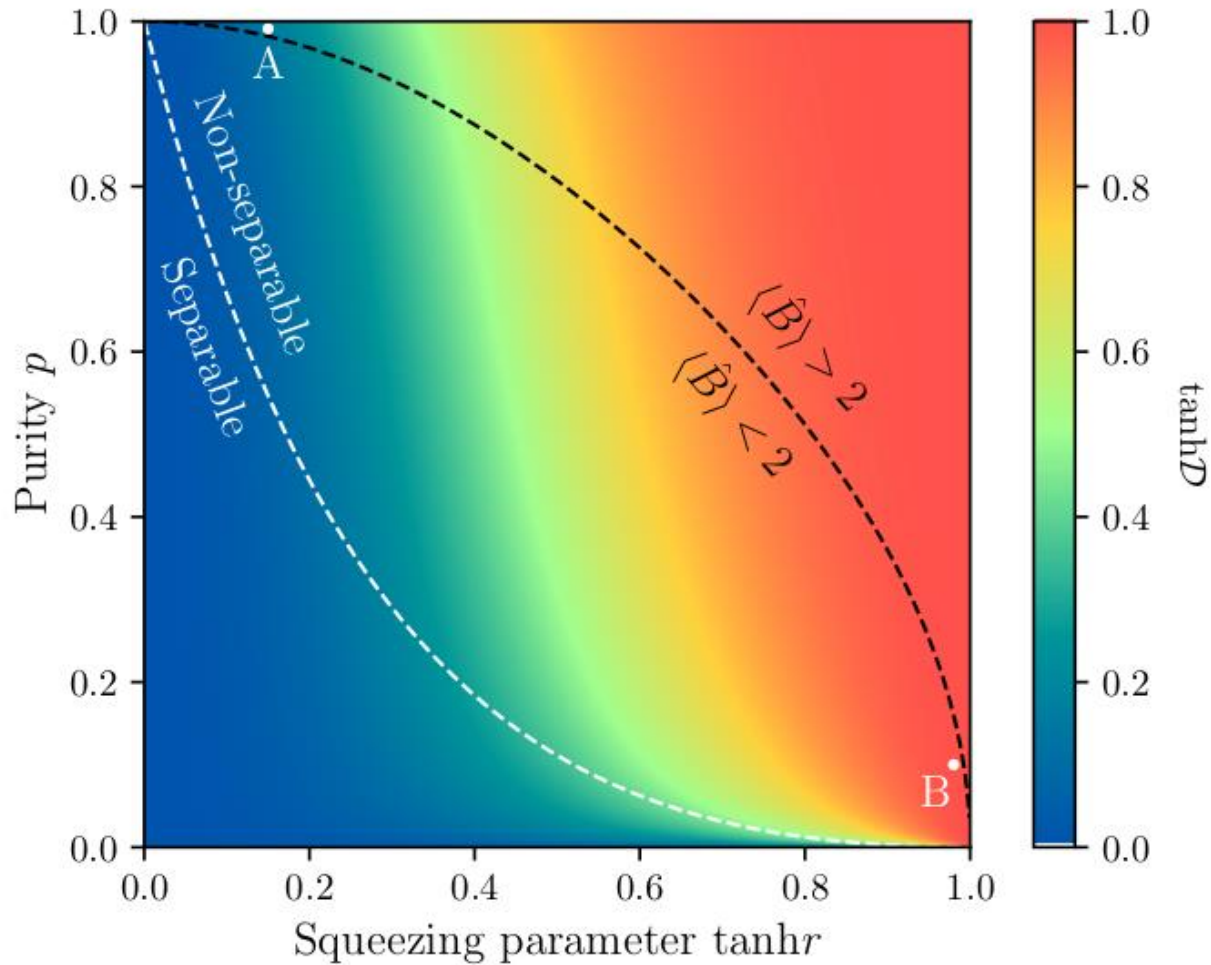


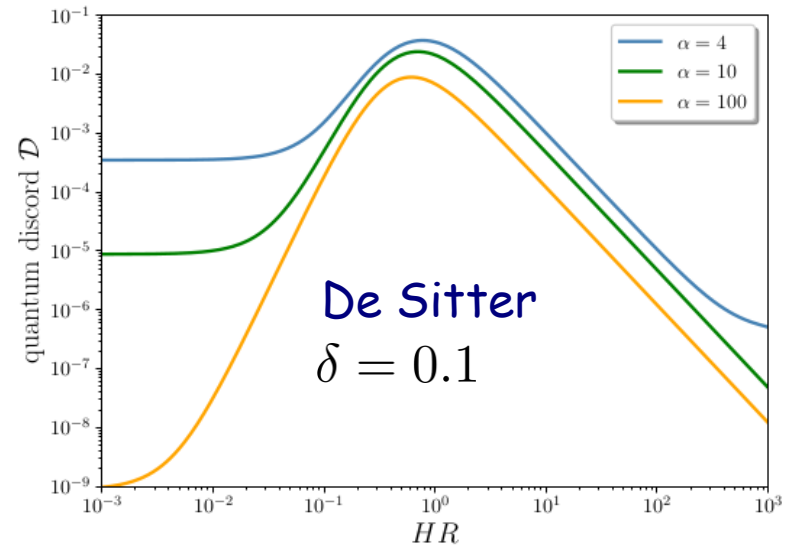
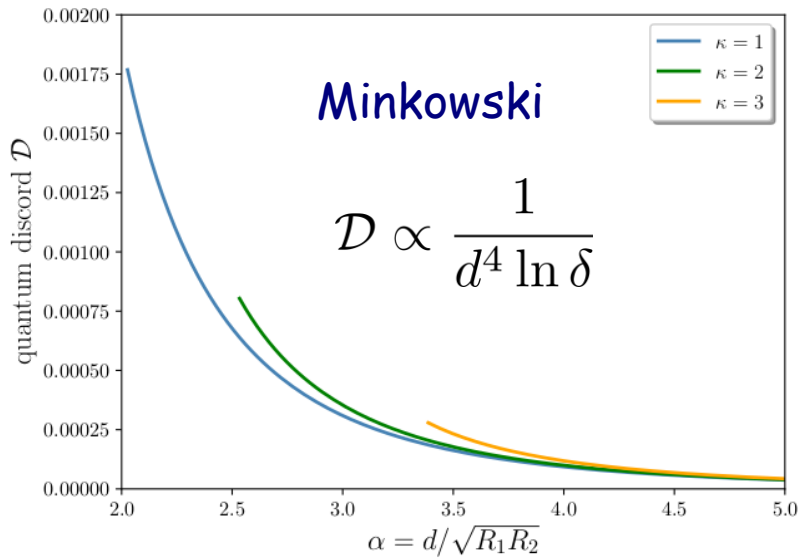
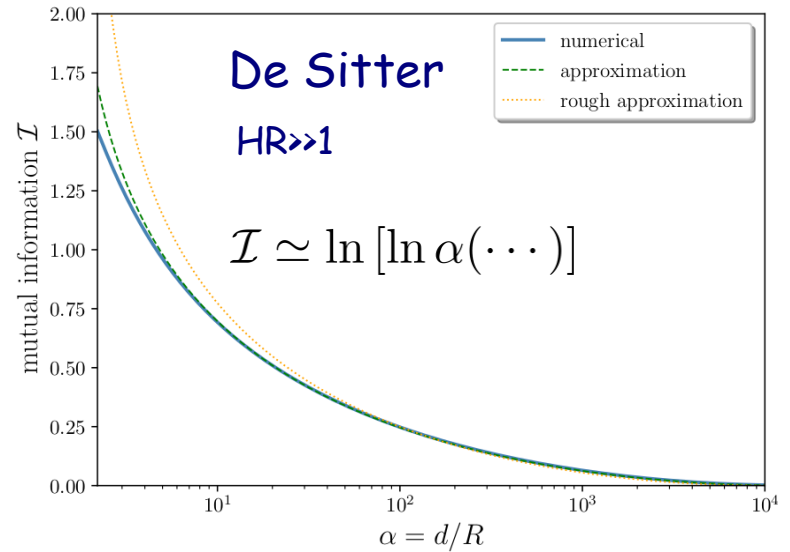
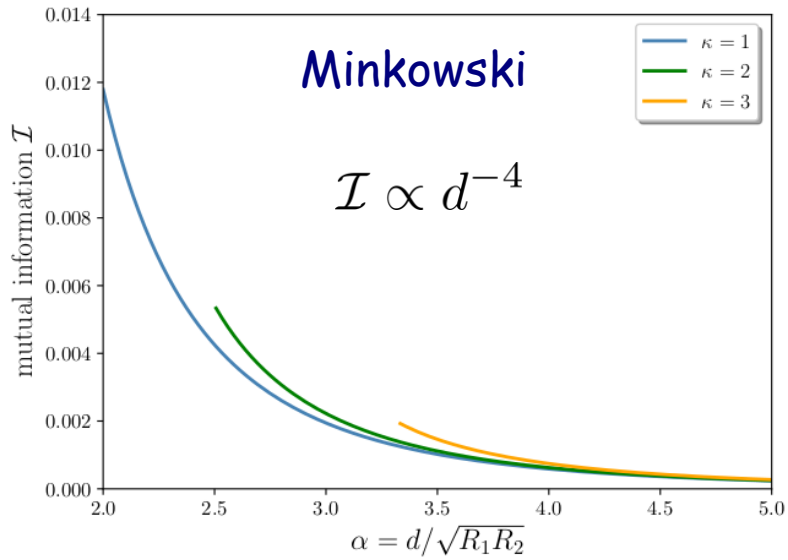
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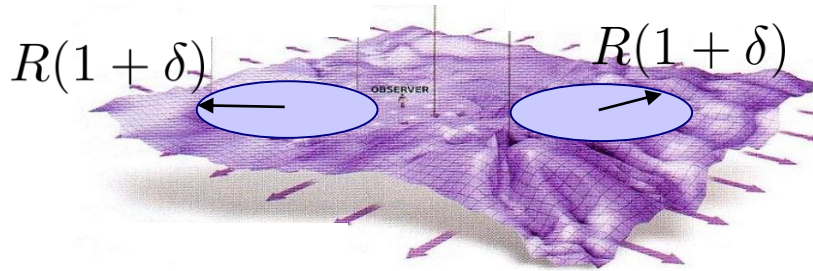
# Criteria for quantumness are not all equivalent

$$\gamma = \frac{\gamma^{\text{TMSV}}}{\sqrt{p}} \rightarrow \text{purity: } p = \text{Tr}(\rho^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\det \gamma}}$$





## Rescaled coarse-grained real scalar field



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$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \quad \left[ \hat{\phi}_R(\mathbf{x}_1), \hat{\pi}_R(\mathbf{x}_2) \right] &= i \left(\frac{a}{R}\right)^6 \int d\mathbf{y} W\left(\frac{a}{R}|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}_1|\right) W\left(\frac{a}{R}|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}_2|\right) \\ &= 0 \quad \text{for} \quad d = a|\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2| > 2R(1 + \delta) \end{aligned}$$

$$\bullet \quad \left[ \hat{\phi}_R(\mathbf{x}), \hat{\pi}_R(\mathbf{x}) \right] = 4i\pi \left(\frac{a}{R}\right)^3 \int du W^2(u) u^2 = \frac{3i}{4\pi} \left(\frac{a}{R}\right)^3 G(\delta)$$

$$\tilde{z}_R = \Lambda^{(1)} z_R \quad \text{with} \quad \Lambda^{(1)} = \left(\frac{R}{a}\right)^{3/2} \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{3G(\delta)}}$$

$$\left[ \tilde{z}_{R,i}(\mathbf{x}_a), \tilde{z}_{R,j}(\mathbf{x}_b) \right] = iJ_{ij}^{(1)} \delta_{ab} \quad \text{with} \quad \delta_{ab} = 0 \quad \text{for} \quad d = a|\mathbf{x}_1 - \mathbf{x}_2| > 2R(1 + \delta)$$