Who am I? Trust me, Pm a Professional. A simple answer to a difficult question

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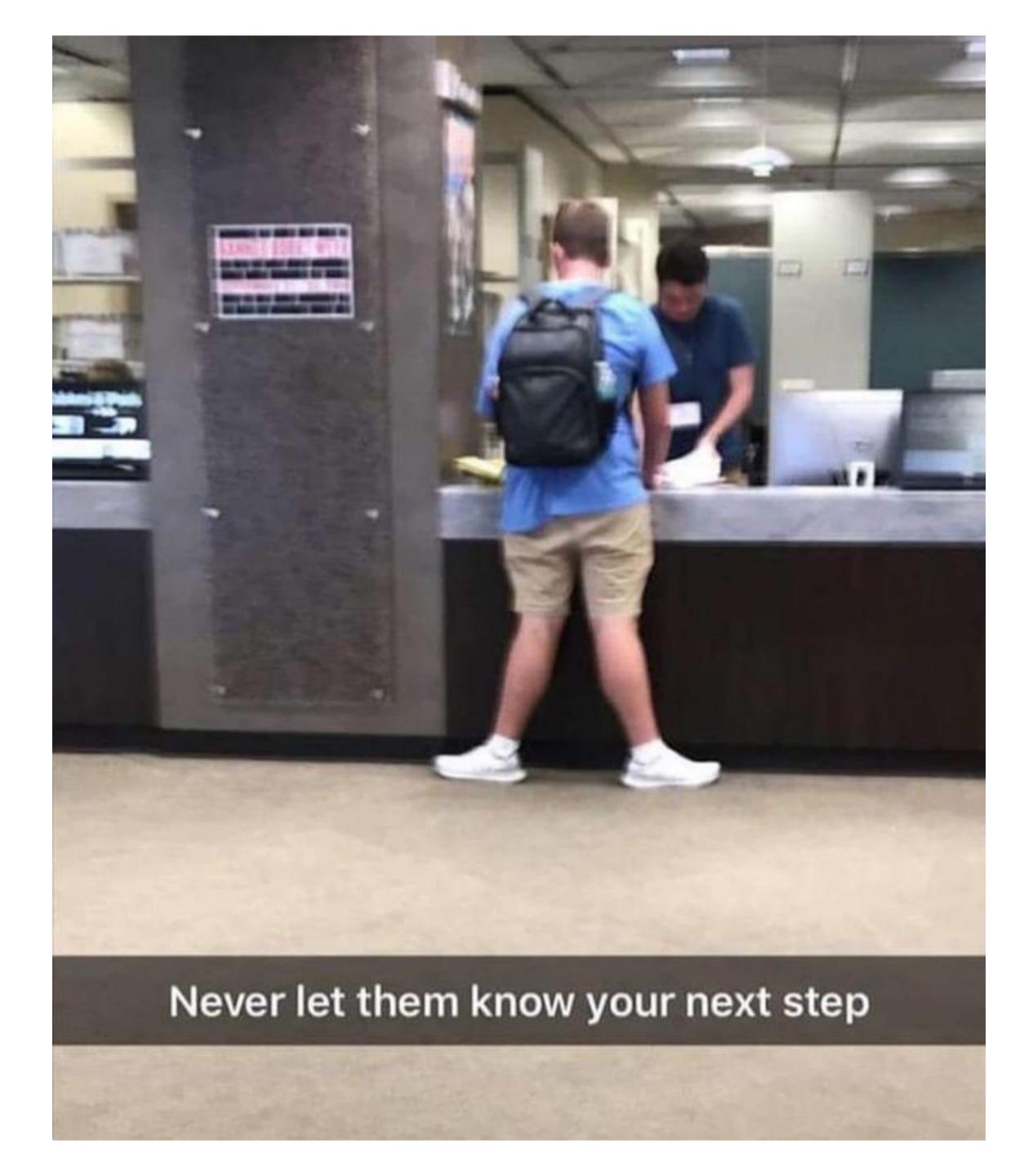
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Past Projects

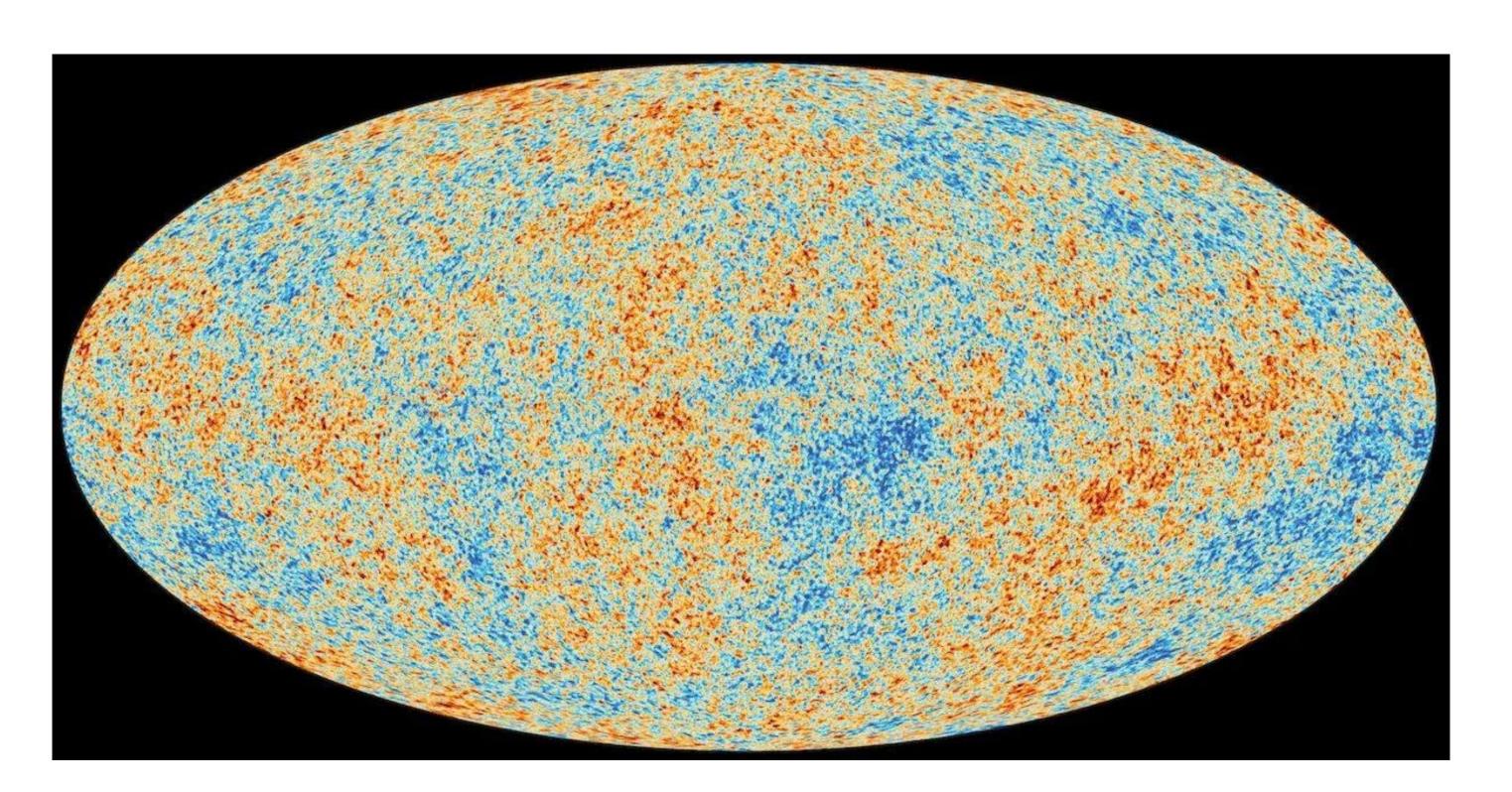
- Bachelor's thesis on Artificial Intelligence and quantum phase transitions
- Internship on quantum optics and quantum communication
- Master's thesis on twist-2 operators in N=4 Super Yang-Mills theory
- And now...



My PhD's project **Between IJCLab and APC**

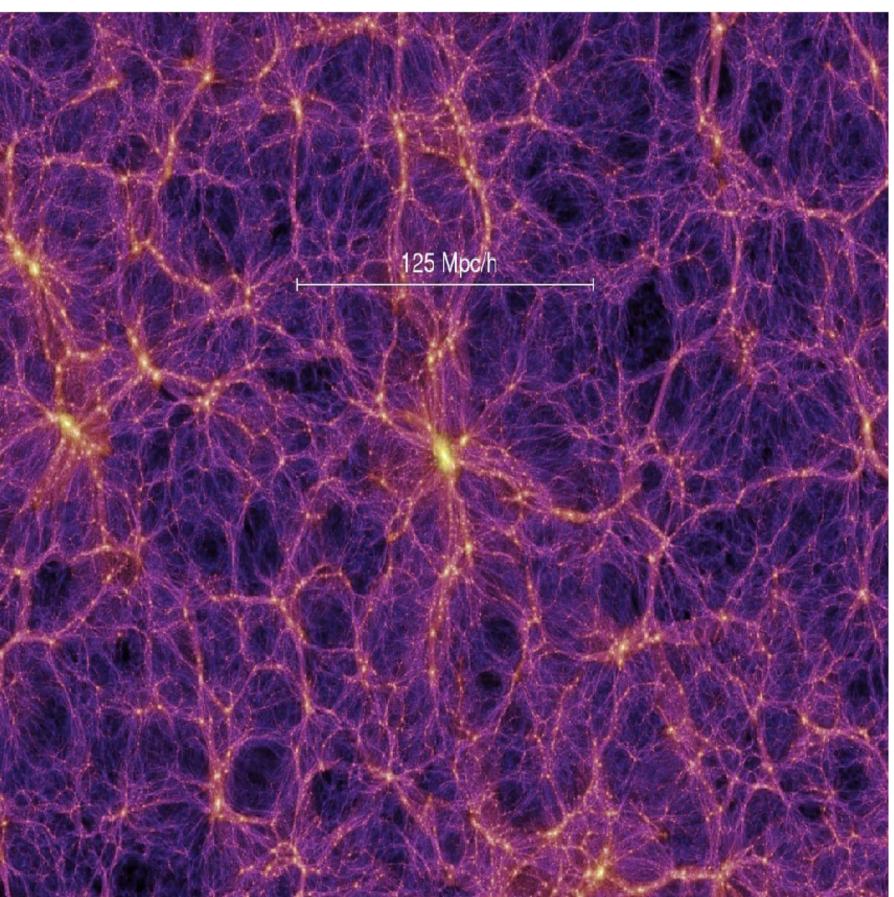


- Inflationary non-Gaussianities in the CMB and large-scale structure \bullet





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Inflation = exponential expansion of space in the early universe $10^{-36}s \rightarrow 10^{-33}s$

Explained by one (or more) scalar field (Inflaton) with an almost flat potential ("slow roll")

Continued to expand and to cool down until 3000K after 380.000y

->Hydrogen forms ->The radiation travels freely: CMB (now black body at 2.725 K) ->Anisotropies (multipoles the level of 10^{-5} K)

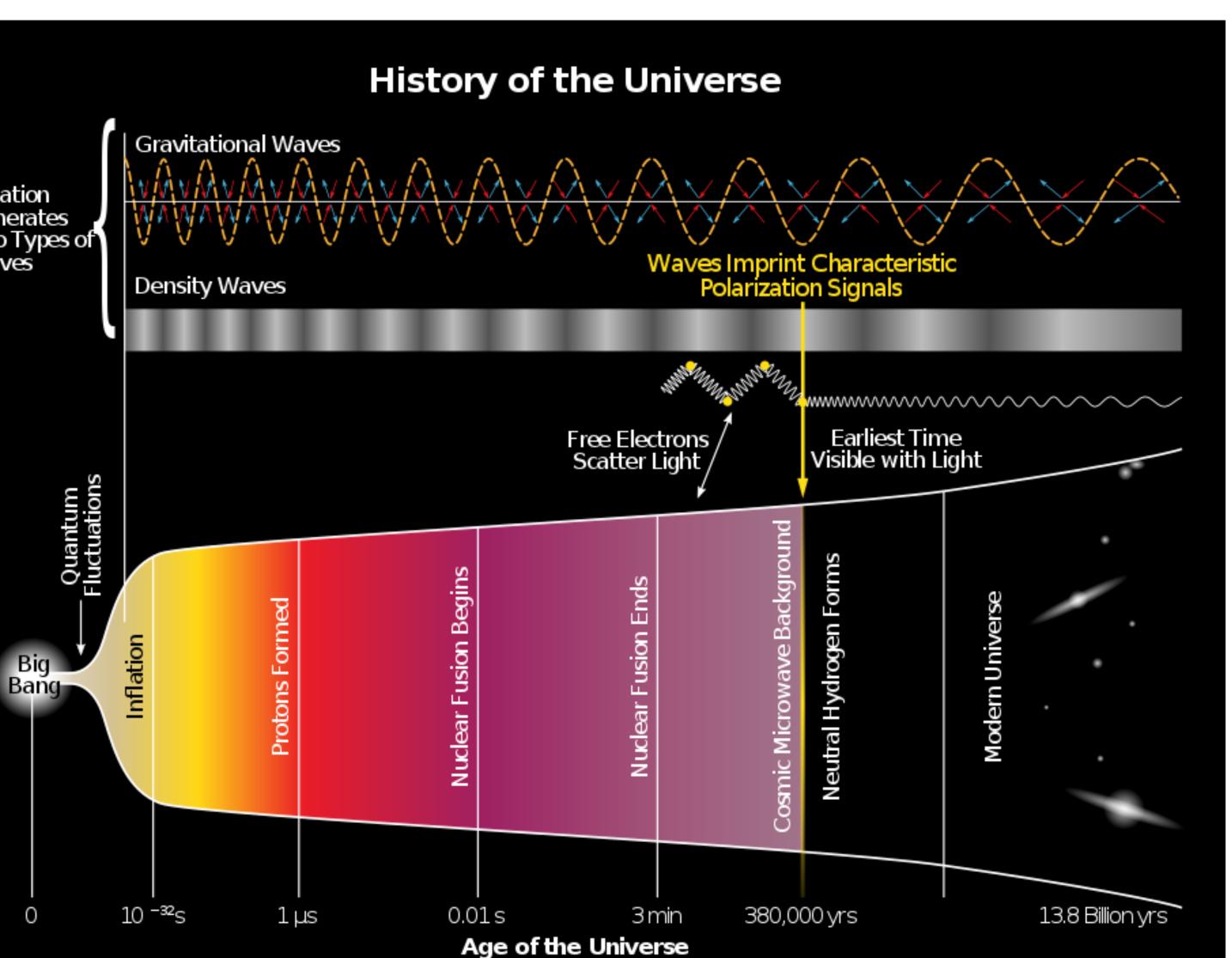
Inflation Generates Two Types of Waves

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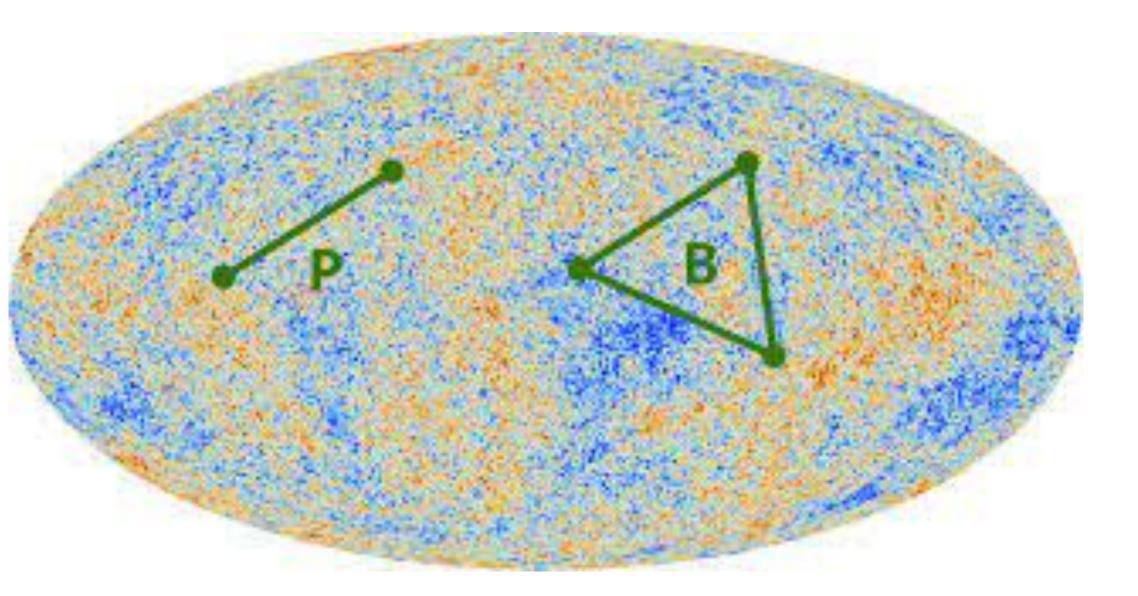
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CMB anisotropies: bispectrum

My research focuses on the 3point correlator (bispectrum) of this distribution:

Non-Gaussianity manifests itself in odd n-point correlation functions or in the connected even n-point correlation functions, from which the trivial part expressible as combinations of two-point correlation functions (powerspectrum) has been subtracted away.



CMB: LiteBIRD collaboration (2029) My current topic

• We have extended the existing binned bispectrum code to include B-mode polarization and we are using it for the Fisher forecasts for LiteBIRD







CMB: Component Separation SMICA - blind method

We see all the radiation between the surface of last scattering and the detector: our goal is to distinguish the CMB from other signals.

Can non-Gaussianity be a discerning factor?

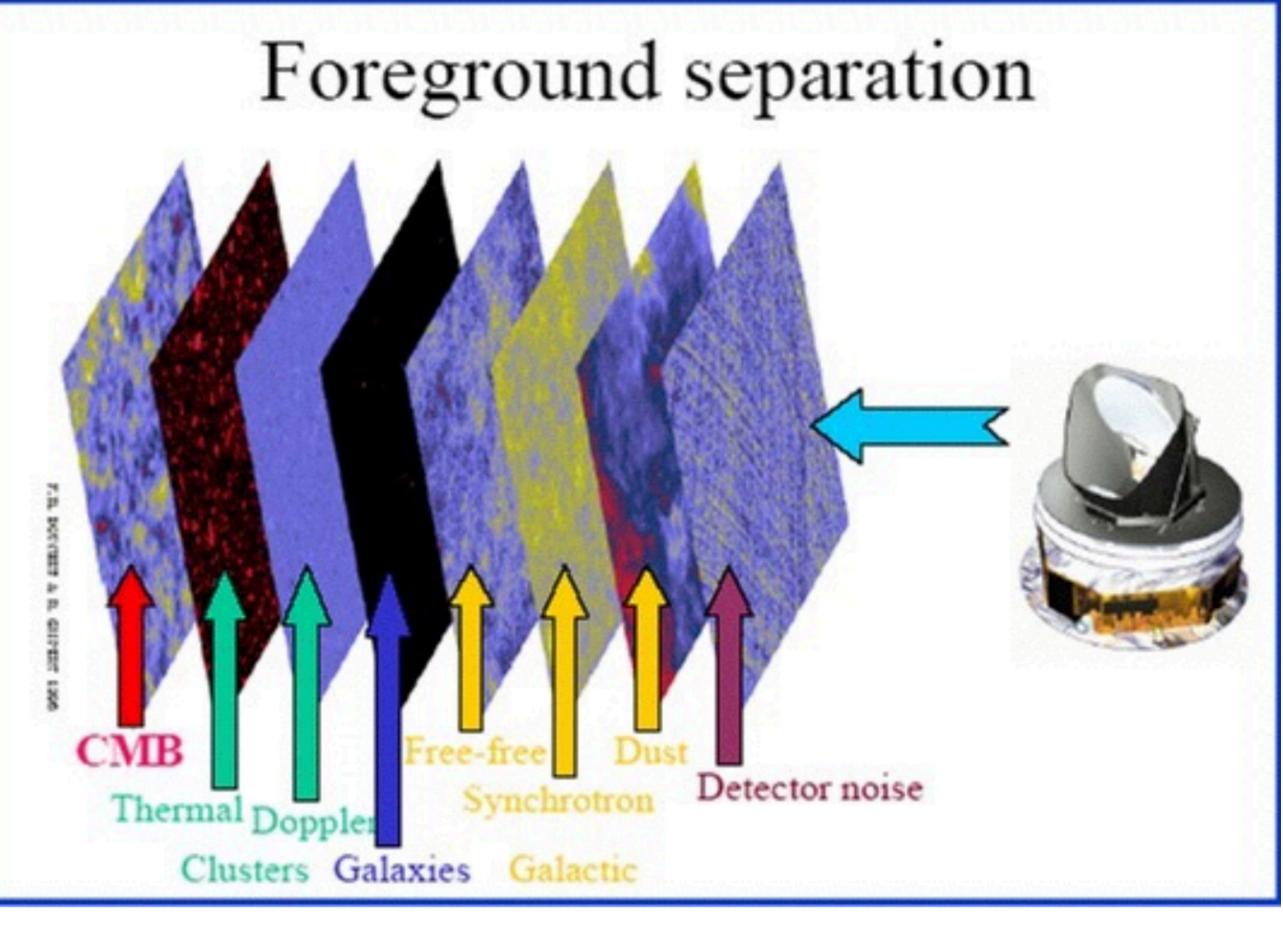


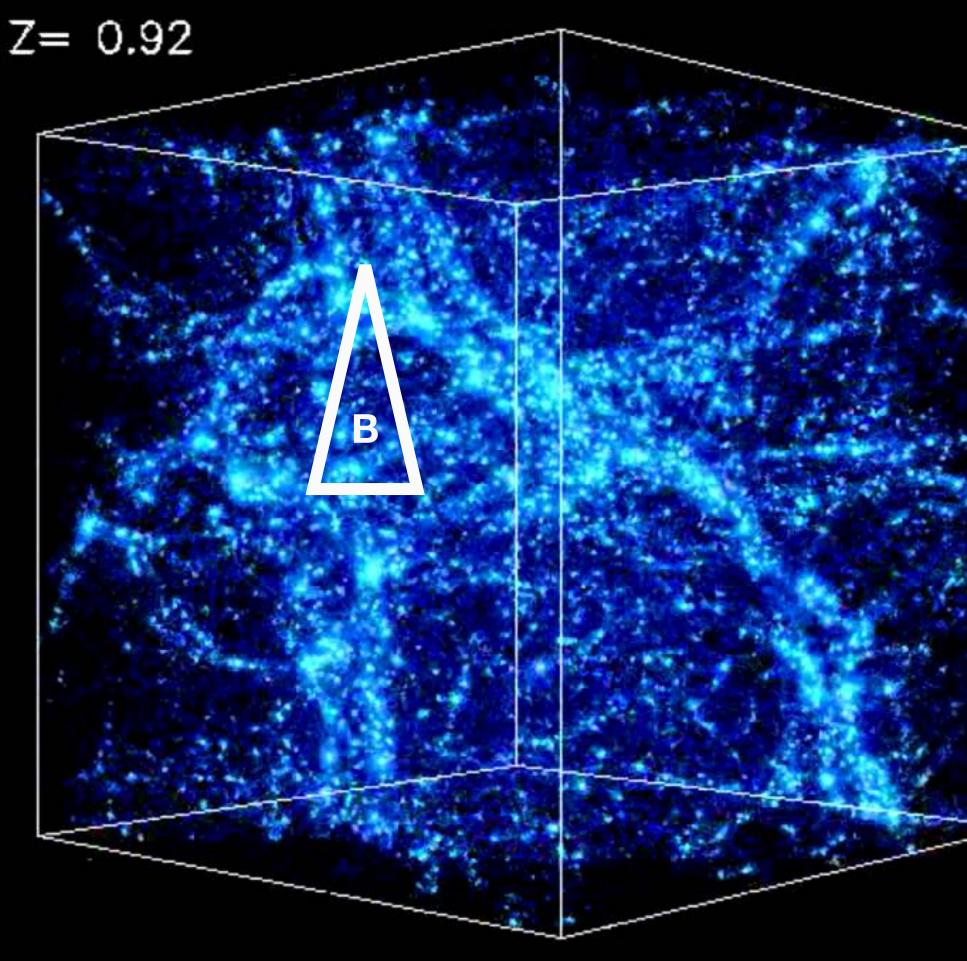
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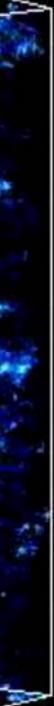


Large Scale Structure (LSS)

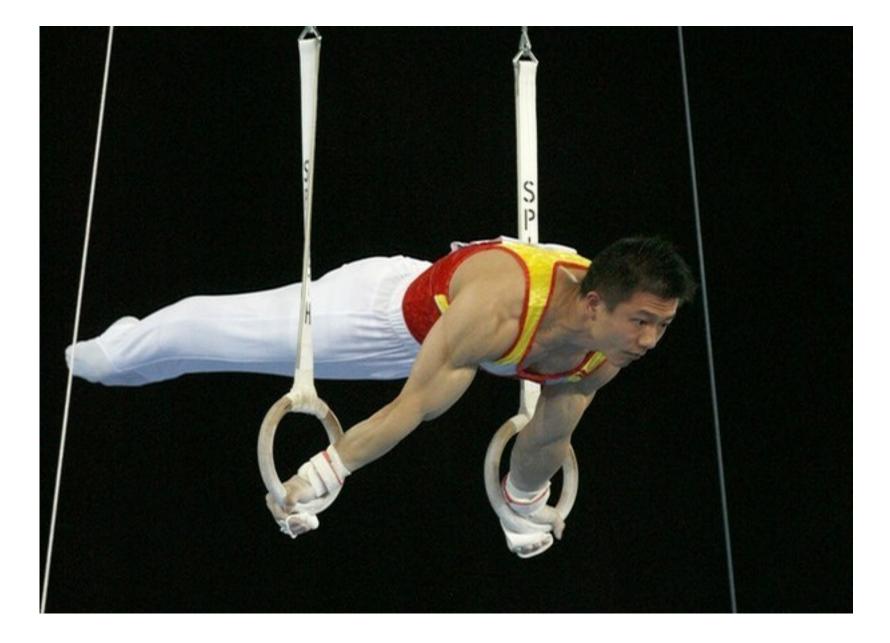
The large scale structure of the universe also depends on the distribution of the Inflaton field

->One of the PhD's goals: probing 3D volume of data

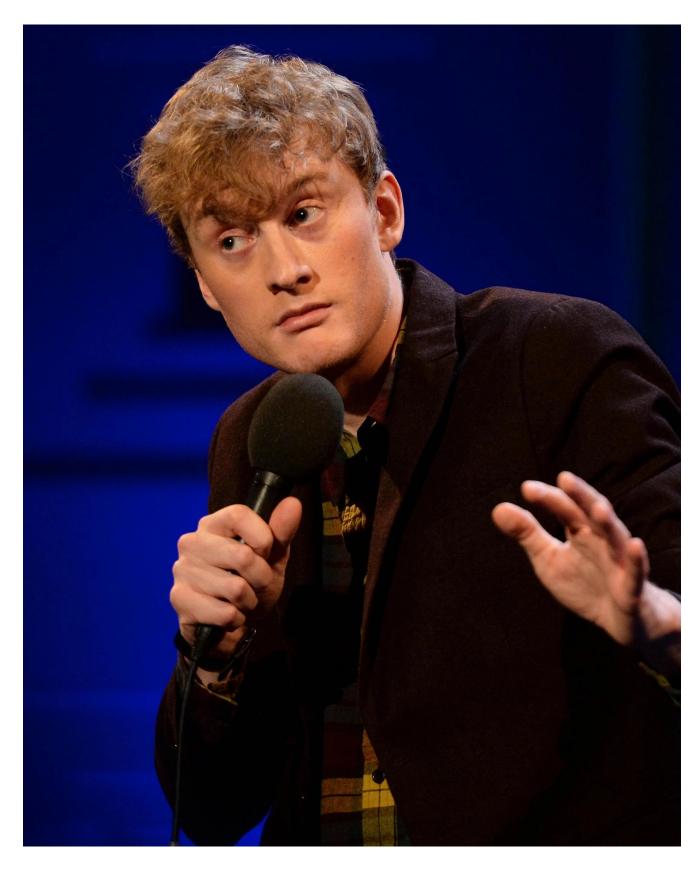




More about me...



Gymnastics

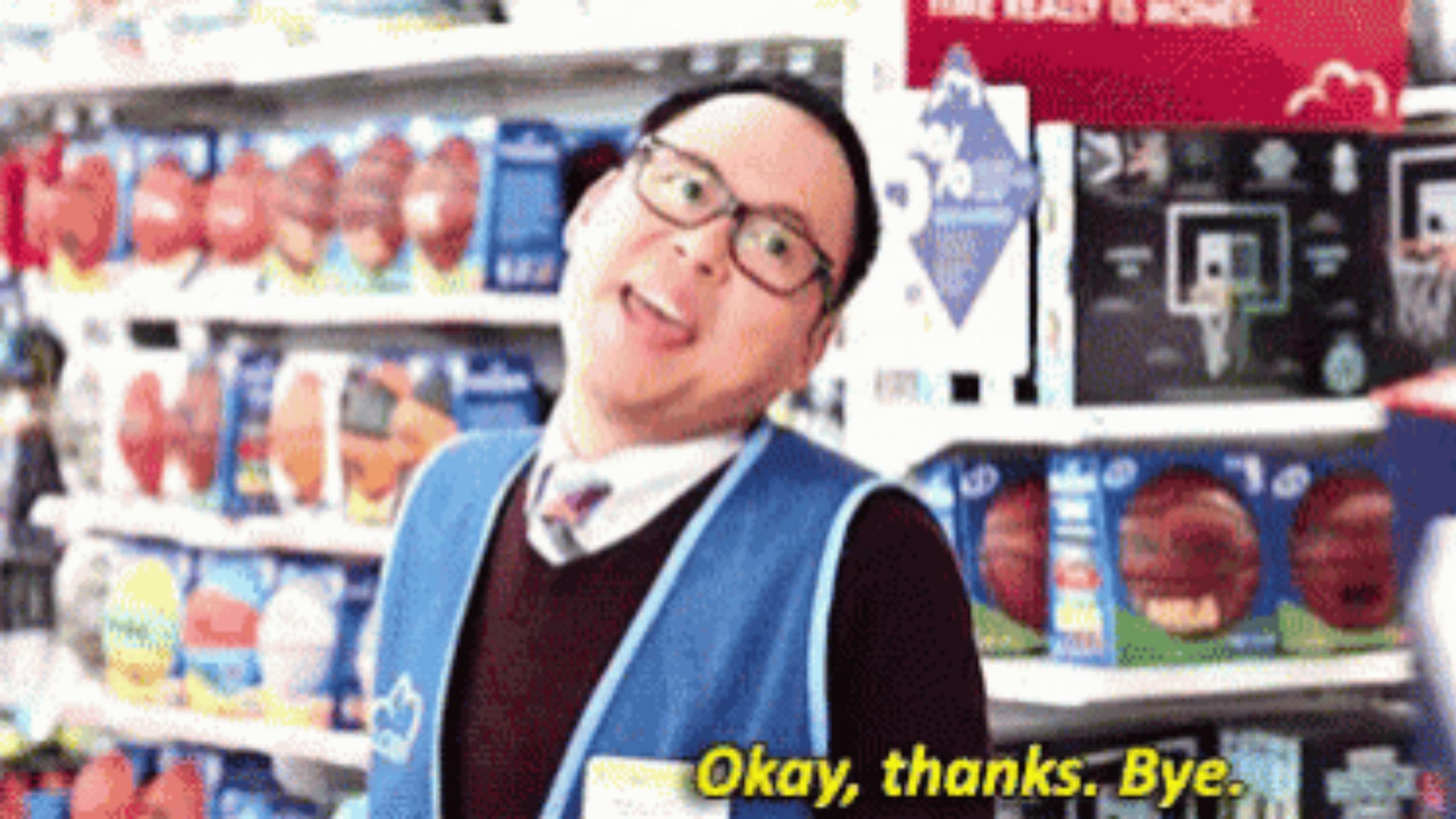




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Volunteering





BACK-UP SLIDES

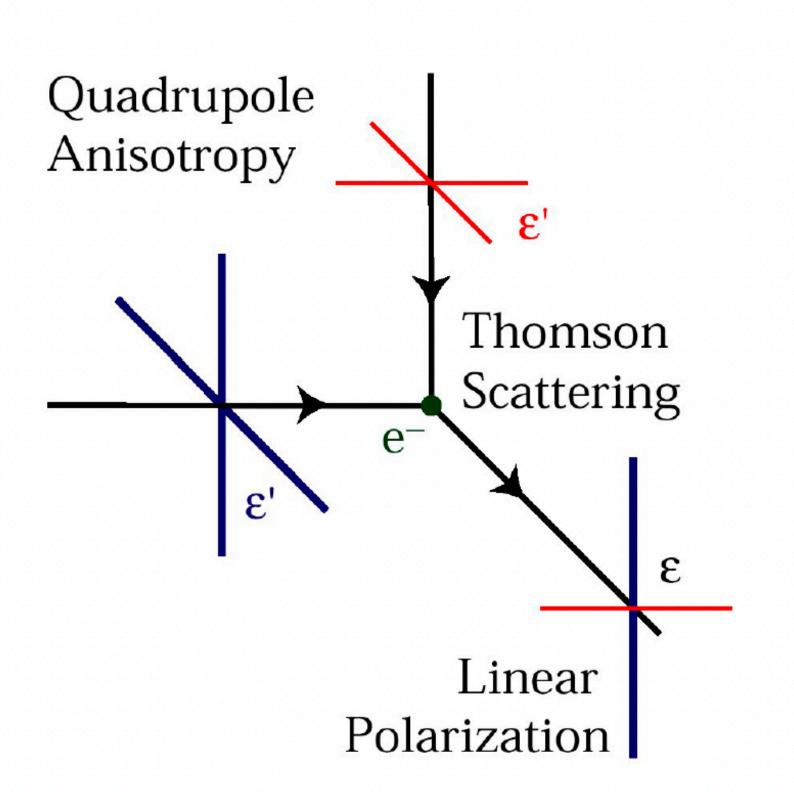
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1) Temperature anisotropies at the last scattering surface lead to linear polarization of the CMB

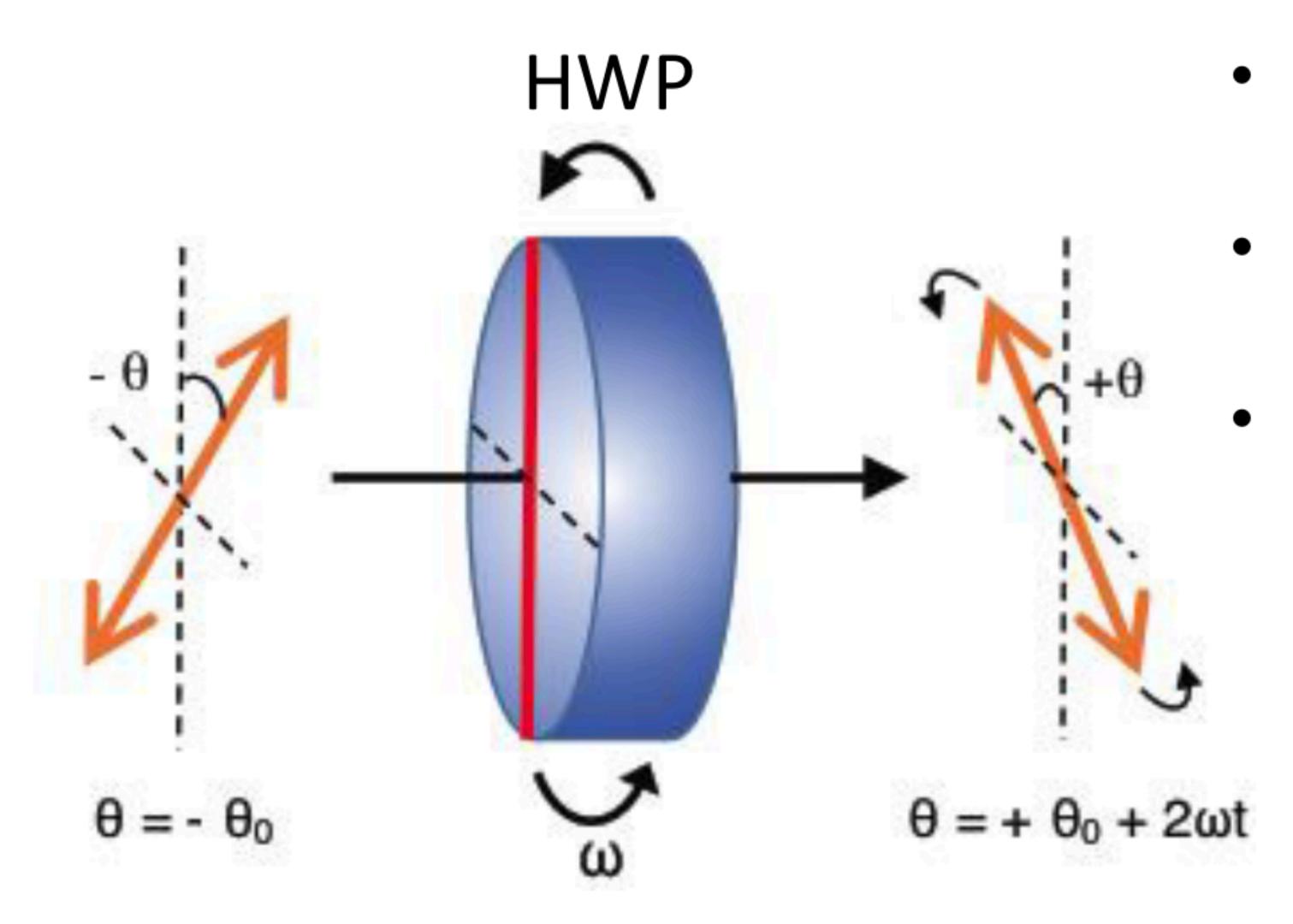
2) Scalar perturbations can only create E-polarization, not B. Hence the primordial B-polarization signal will be a clear probe of the inflationary tensor perturbations.

$$\frac{Q(\theta,\varphi) \pm iU(\theta,\varphi)}{T_0} = -\sum_{\ell,m} (a_{\ell m}^E \pm ia_{\ell m}^B) \pm 2Y_{\ell m}(\theta,\varphi) \qquad \qquad \frac{E(\theta,\varphi)}{T_0} = \sum_{\ell,m} a_{\ell m}^E Y_{\ell m}(\theta,\varphi)$$

3) Q,U Stokes parameters. Instead of using Q and U to describe the CMB's polarization, CMB physicists often prefer using E and B



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CMB foregrounds

Everything between us and last scattering surface at z=1090

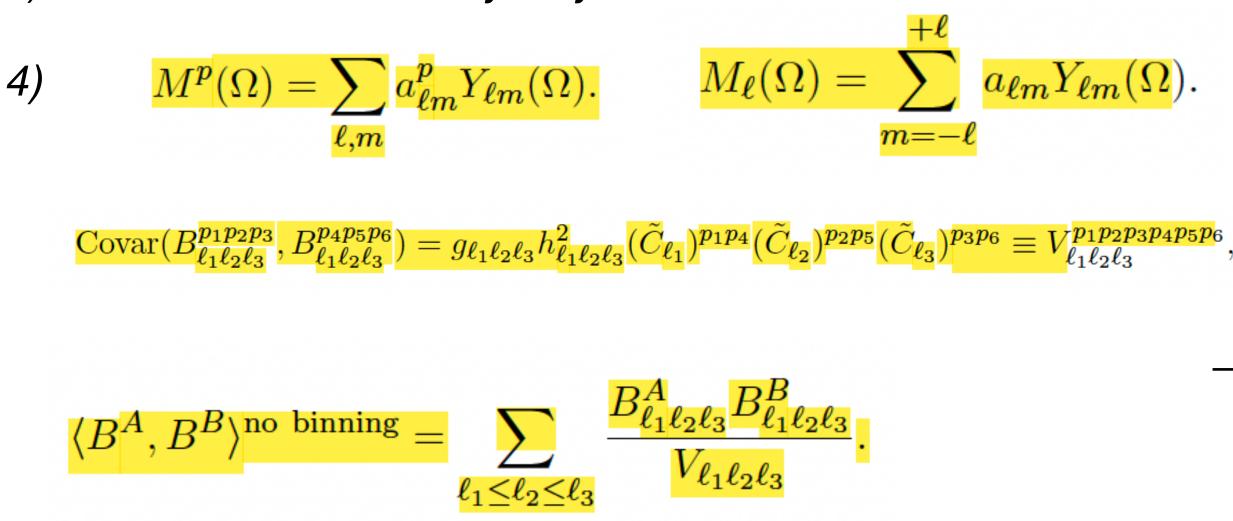
- Diffuse Galactic radiation •
 - Synchrotron
 - Free-free
 - Thermal (vibrational) dust
 - Spinning dust •
 - Magnetic dust ٠
- Extragalactic radio sources
 - Radio galaxies (radio) ٠
 - Star-forming galaxies (sub-mm)
 - **Cosmic Infrared Background (CIB)** ٠
- Line emission CO....

CMB Non-Gaussianity

1) However, it is also important to study the non-Gaussianity that was subsequently imprinted at late times through known processes, in particular the nonlinear dynamics of gravitational clustering, in order to `decontaminate' the primordial non-Gaussianity.

2) inflation does not predict exact Gaussianity no matter what model of inflation is assumed.

3)Cosmic variance = 1 sky only





$$\mathcal{H}_{\ell m}(\Omega). \qquad B_{\ell_1 \ell_2 \ell_3} = \int d\Omega \ M_{\ell_1}(\Omega) \ M_{\ell_2}(\Omega) \ M_{\ell_3}(\Omega),$$

$$\rightarrow \hat{f}_{\rm NL} = \frac{\left\langle B^{\rm th,exp}, B^{\rm obs} \right\rangle}{\left\langle B^{\rm th,exp}, B^{\rm th,exp} \right\rangle}$$