

Understanding INFLATION

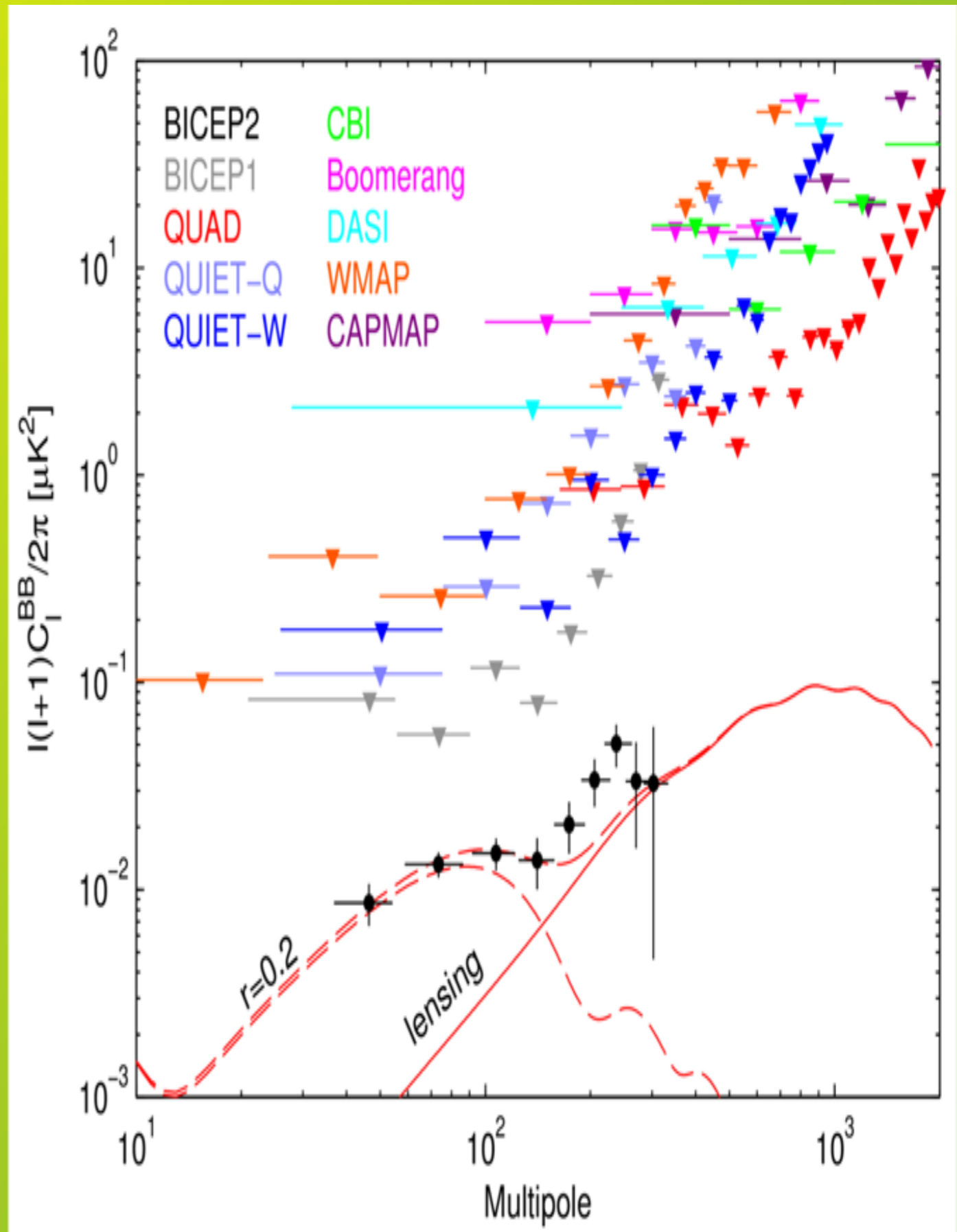
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0) Motivation

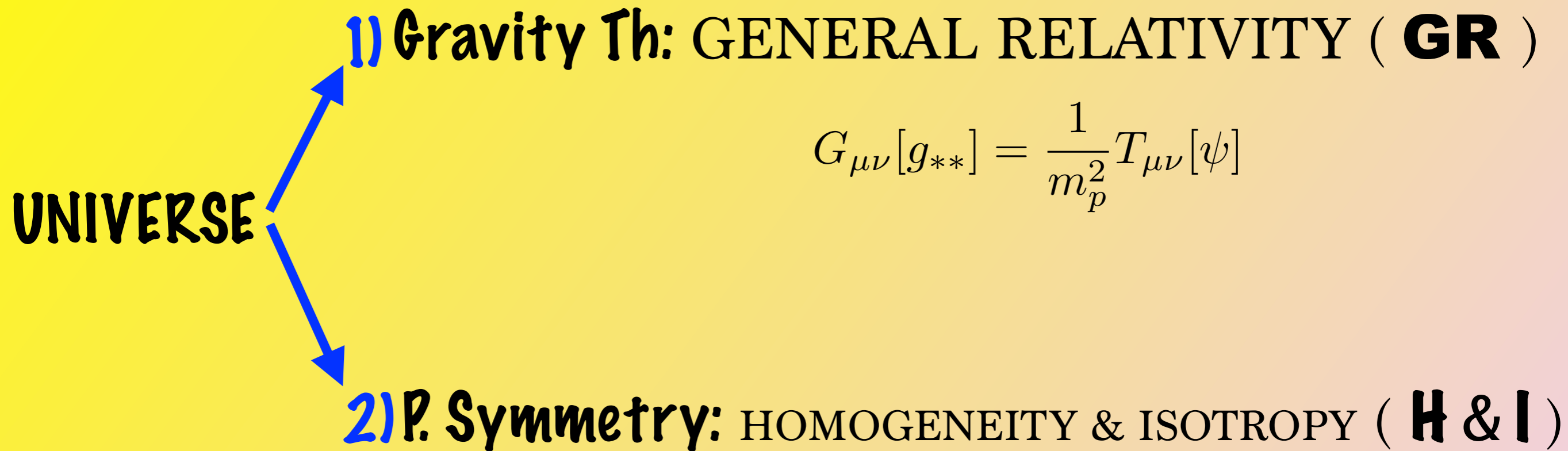
1) Implementation

2) Predictions

3) Observables



0) Motivation/s (The need of Inflation)



$$G_{\mu\nu}[g_{**}] = \frac{1}{m_p^2} T_{\mu\nu}[\psi]$$

$$ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = -dt^2 + a^2(t) \left[\frac{dr^2}{1 - Kr^2} + r^2 d\Omega^2 \right]$$

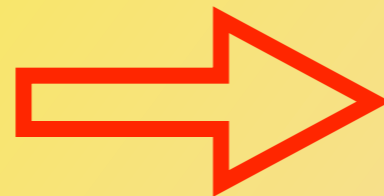
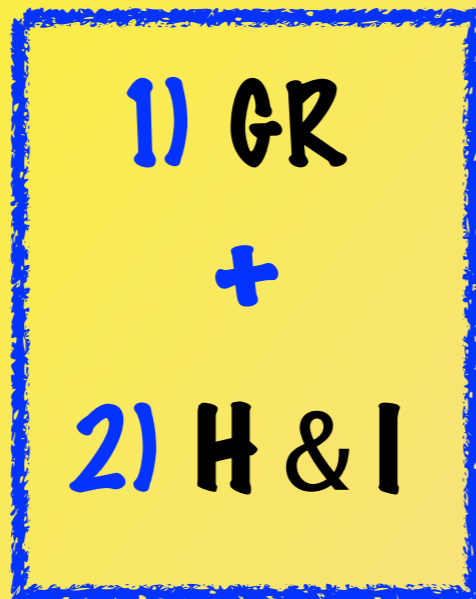
(FRW)

Scale Factor

Curvature

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UNIVERSE



Friedmann Equations

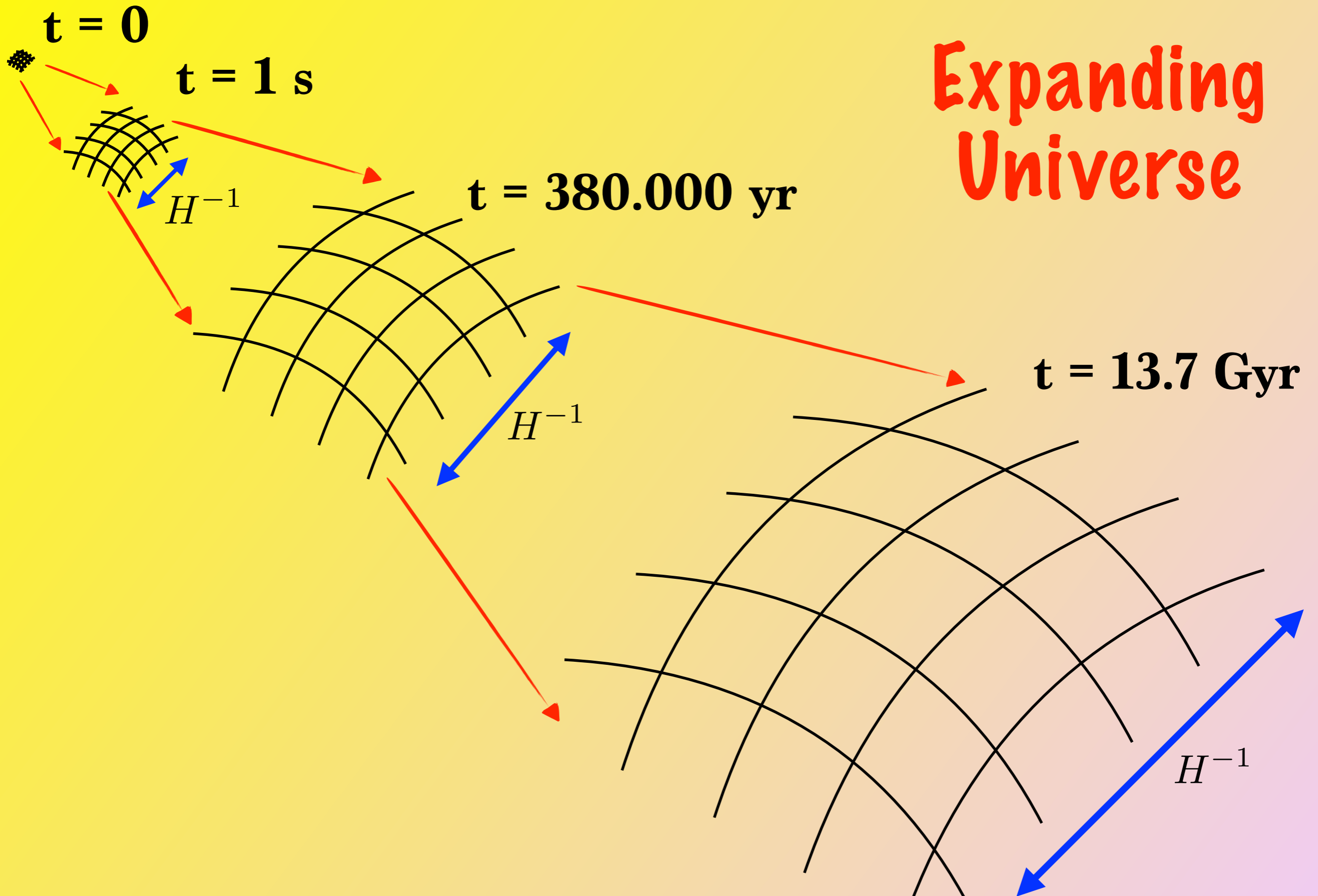
$$\frac{1}{a} \frac{d^2 a}{dt^2} = -\frac{\rho}{6m_p^2} (1 + 3w)$$

$$H^2 \equiv \left(\frac{da}{dt} \right)^2 = \frac{\rho}{3m_p^2} - \frac{K}{a^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{d\rho}{dt} = -\frac{3}{a} \frac{da}{dt} (1 + w)$$

$$\left(w \equiv \frac{p}{\rho} \right)$$

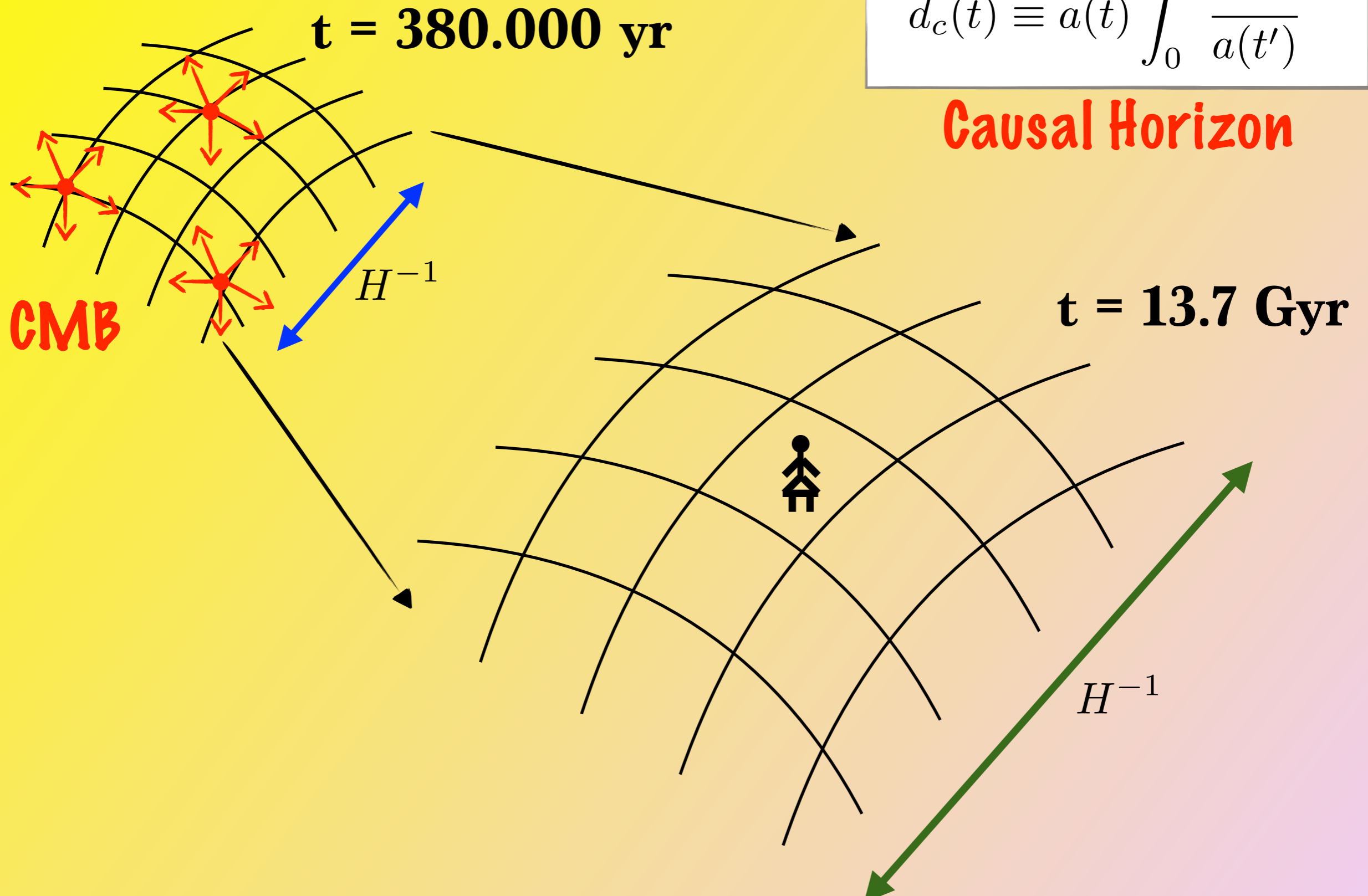
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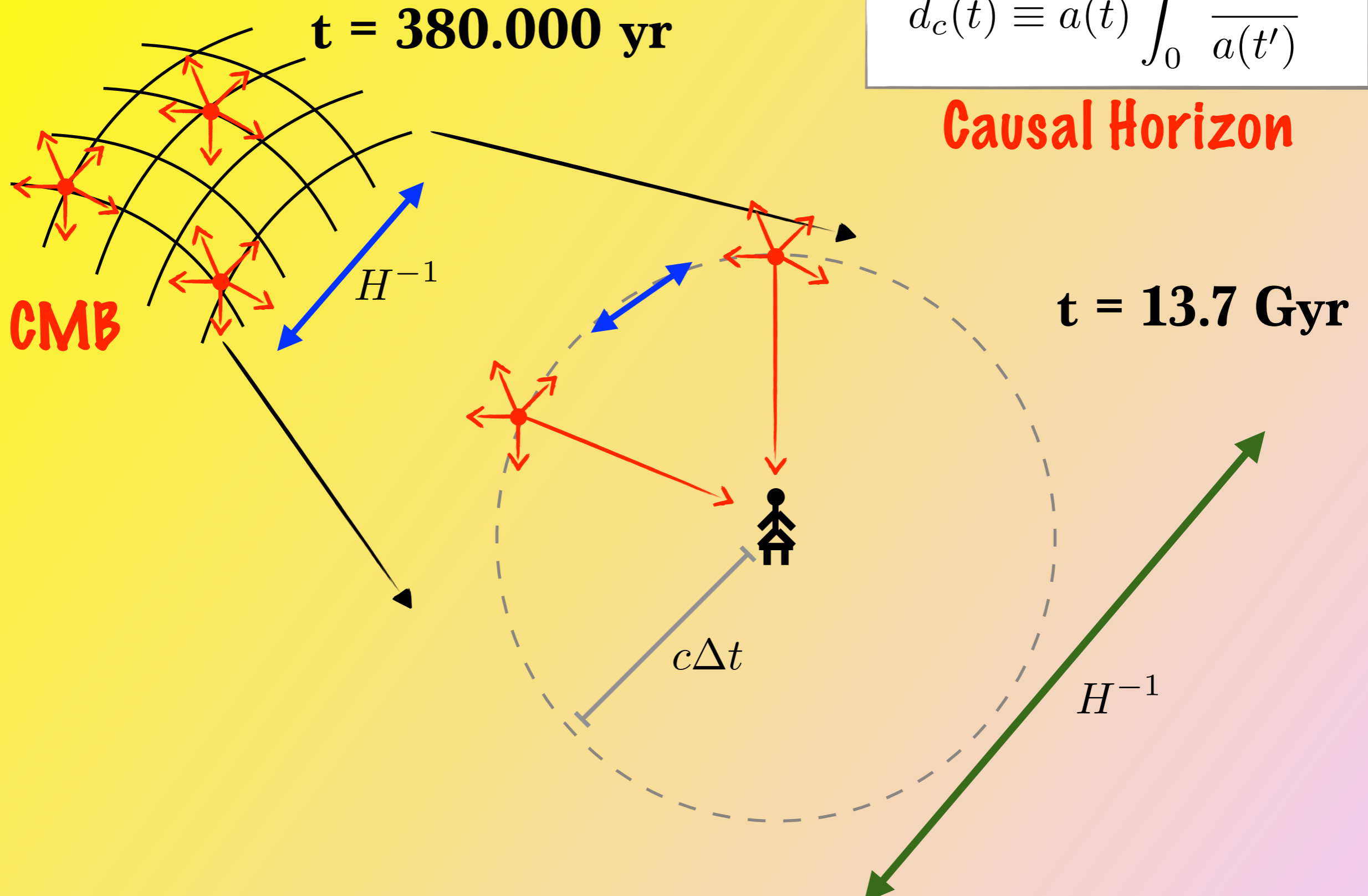
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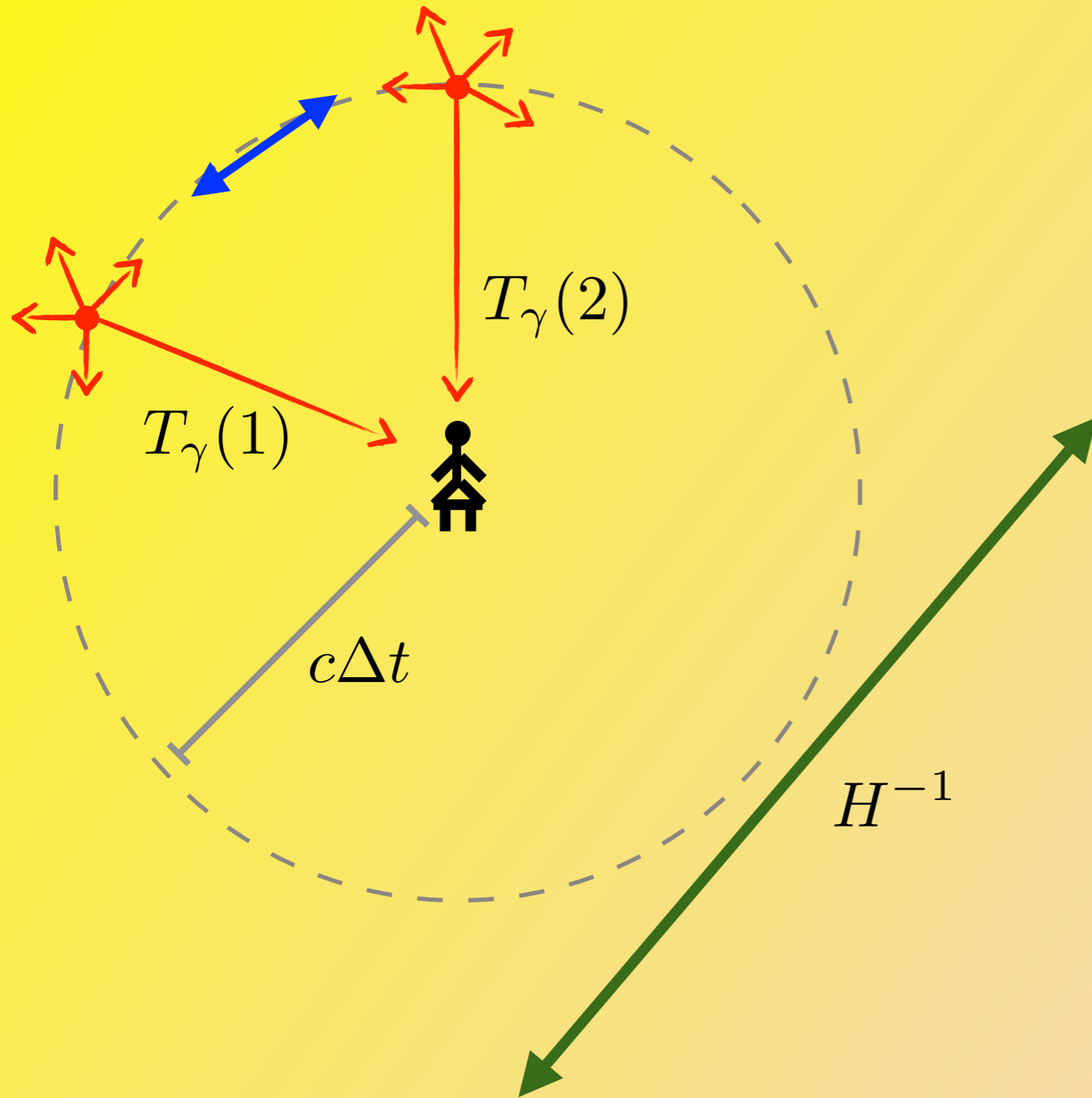
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$t = 13.7 \text{ Gyr}$



IF $T_\gamma(1) = T_\gamma(2)$

CAUSALITY VIOLATION !!

hBB:

H&I @ Scales $\gg 1/H$

iLL-defined!

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1) Horizon Problem \longrightarrow Causality Violation !!!

hBB



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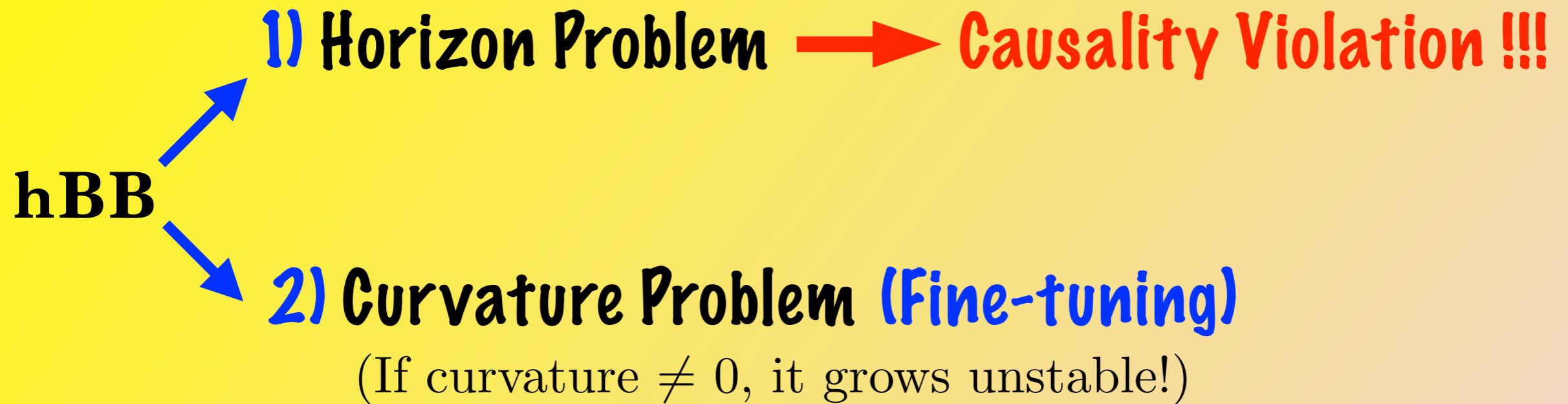
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2) Curvature Problem (Fine-tuning)

(If curvature $\neq 0$, it grows unstable!)

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Need extra 'Ingredient' ! → INFLATION !

1) Inflation (Definition + Implementation)

INF  *** Definition:**

$$\frac{d^2 a}{dt^2} > 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \mathcal{H}^{-1} < 0$$

Comoving
Hubble
Radius

$$\mathcal{H}^{-1} \equiv \frac{1}{aH} \sim \begin{cases} a^2, & \text{hBB} \\ a^{-1}, & \text{Inf.} \end{cases}$$

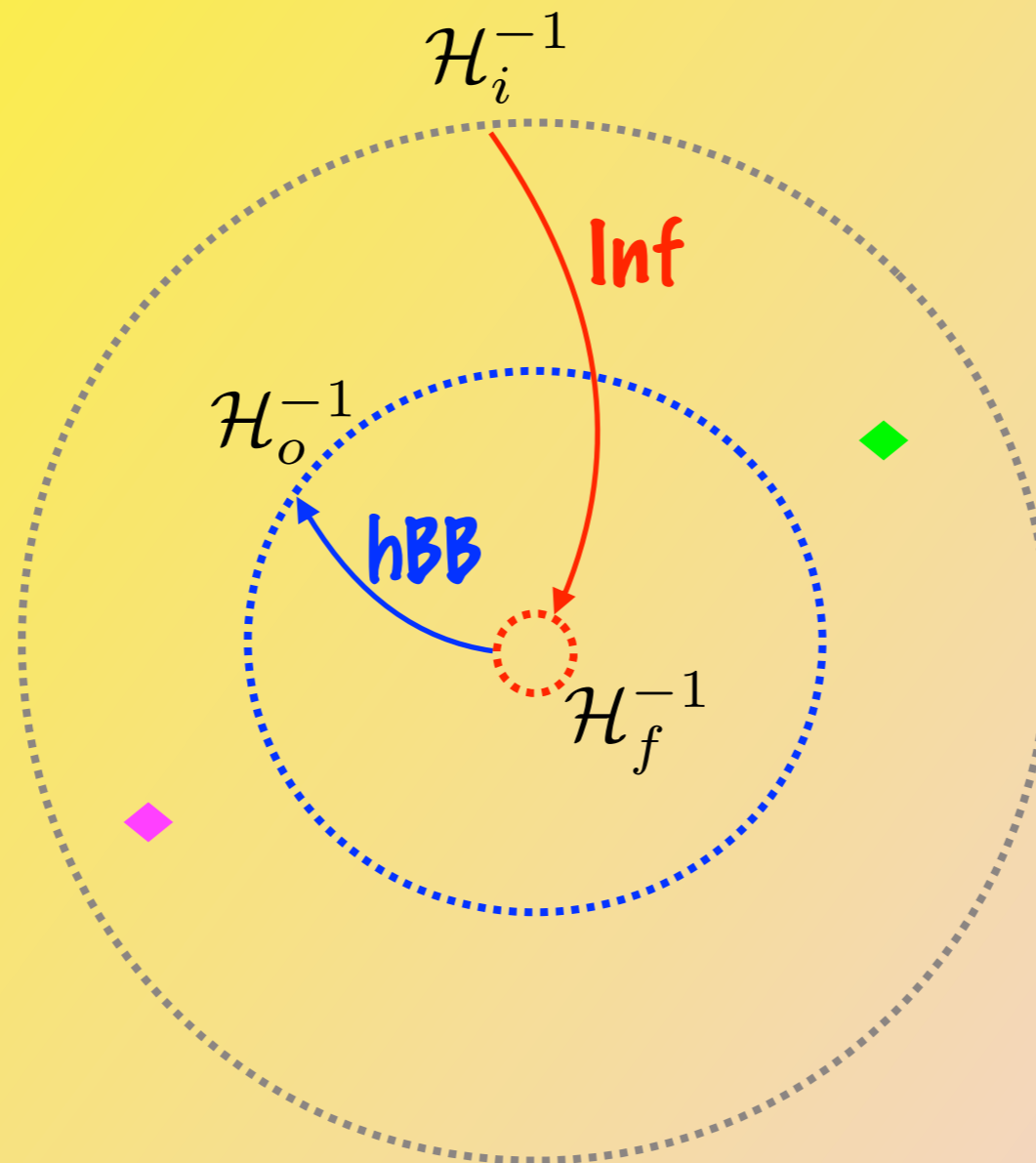
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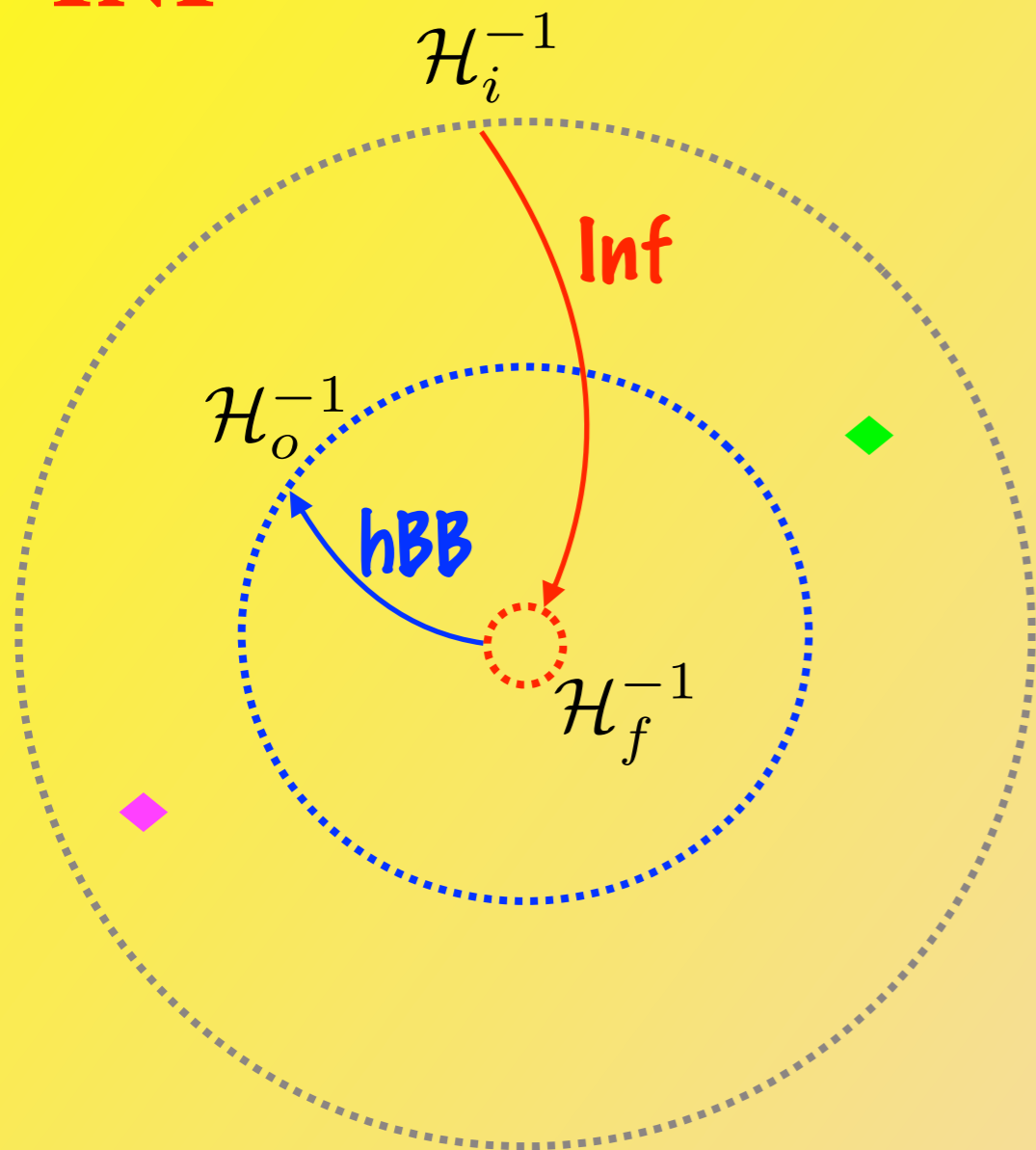


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INF



$$\frac{a_f}{a_i} \equiv e^N \quad (\# \text{ e-folds})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_i^{-1} &= \frac{a_f}{a_i} \mathcal{H}_f^{-1} \\ &= e^N \mathcal{H}_f^{-1} \geq \mathcal{H}_o^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} N &\geq \log(\mathcal{H}_f / \mathcal{H}_o) = \log(E_f / E_o) \\ &\gtrsim 60 + \log(E_f [\text{GeV}] / 10^{16}) \end{aligned}$$

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(Quasi) de Sitter

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$$\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = \frac{1}{3m_p^2} \left(\frac{1}{2}\dot{\phi}^2 + V(\phi) \right) \simeq H^2(1 - \epsilon)$$

$$\epsilon = -\frac{\dot{H}}{H^2}$$

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$$\ddot{\phi} + 3H\dot{\phi} + V'(\phi) = 0$$

ϕ accelerates! $\Rightarrow \dot{\phi} \uparrow\uparrow \Rightarrow \epsilon \uparrow\uparrow$

Needed: $|\ddot{\phi}| \ll 3H\dot{\phi}, V'(\phi)$

$$\eta \equiv -\frac{\ddot{\phi}}{H\dot{\phi}} \ll 1$$

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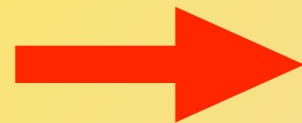
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SR \Rightarrow quasi dS for $\Delta N = 60$

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$$N(\phi) \simeq \int_{\phi_f}^{\phi} \frac{d\phi'}{\sqrt{2\epsilon(\phi', \dot{\phi}')}}}$$

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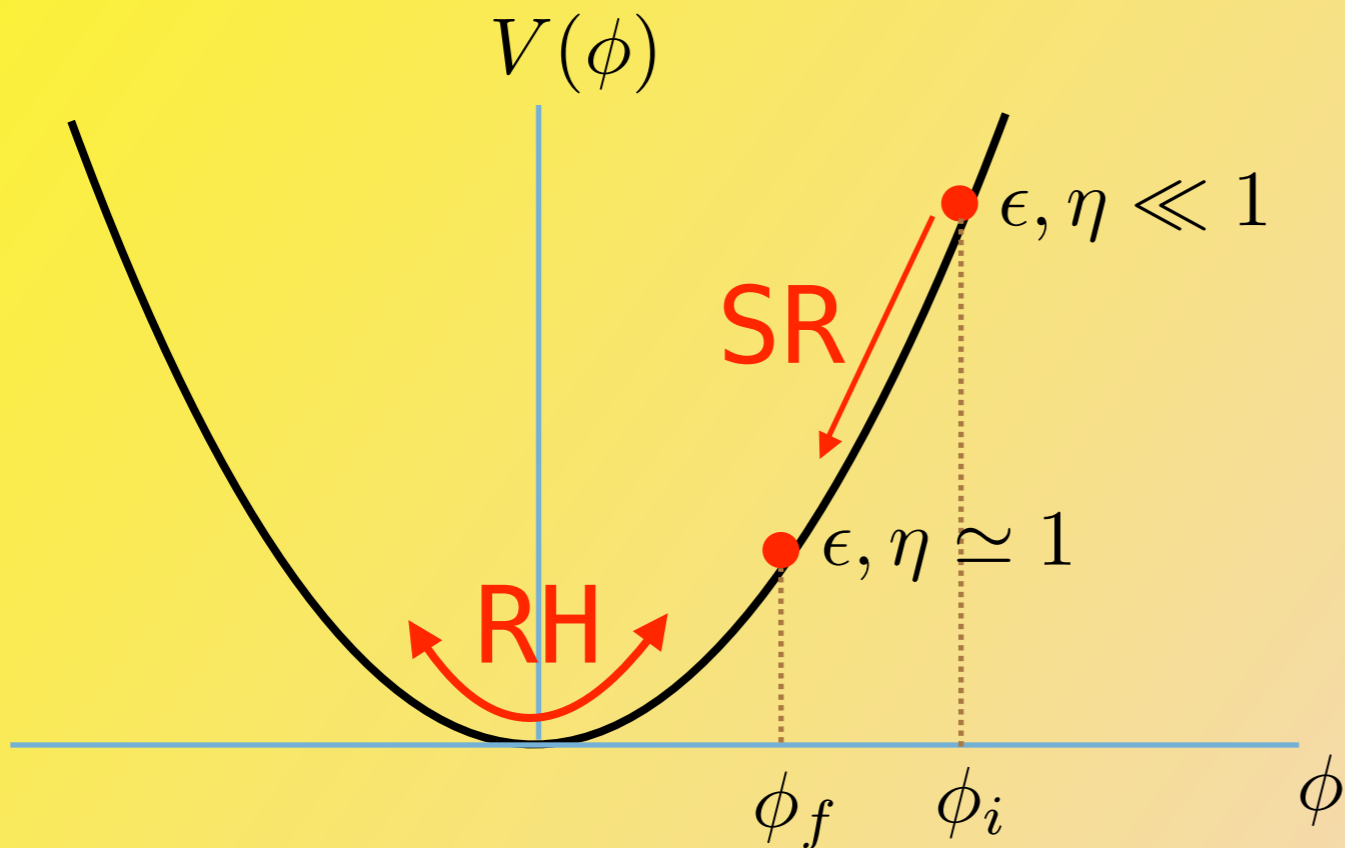
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*** Is that ALL ?? NO!**

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(Background)

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$$g_{\mu\nu}(t) + \delta g_{\mu\nu}(\vec{x}, t)$$

(Fluctuations)

INF

↓
**Primordial
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$$\hat{\phi}(\vec{x}, t) \rightarrow \langle \hat{\phi}(\vec{x}, t) \rangle = \phi(t) \Rightarrow \hat{\phi}(\vec{x}, t) = \phi(t) + \delta\hat{\phi}(\vec{x}, t)$$

VeV

**Vacuum
Quant. Fluct**

QM:

$$\langle \delta\hat{\phi}(\vec{x}, t) \rangle = 0 \quad \text{but...} \quad \langle [\delta\hat{\phi}(\vec{x}, t)]^2 \rangle \neq 0$$

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The diagram shows two red arrows originating from the right side of the action equation. One arrow points to the expression $\phi(t) + \delta\phi(\vec{x}, t)$ and the other points to $g_{\mu\nu}(t) + \delta g_{\mu\nu}(\vec{x}, t)$. A blue curved arrow on the right side connects the two expressions, indicating their relationship in the context of the action.

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Diagram showing the decomposition of the action integrand into background and fluctuation terms:

- Red arrow from ϕ to $\phi(t) + \delta\phi(\vec{x}, t)$
- Red arrow from $g_{\mu\nu}$ to $g_{\mu\nu}(t) + \delta g_{\mu\nu}(\vec{x}, t)$
- Blue arrow from $\phi(t) + \delta\phi(\vec{x}, t)$ to $g_{\mu\nu}(t) + \delta g_{\mu\nu}(\vec{x}, t)$

$$\begin{aligned} ds^2 &= g_{\mu\nu}^{\text{tot}} dx^\mu dx^\nu = (g_{\mu\nu}(t) + \delta g_{\mu\nu}(\vec{x}, t)) dx^\mu dx^\nu \\ &= \underbrace{-(1 + 2\Phi)}_{\uparrow} dt^2 + \underbrace{2B_i}_{\uparrow} dx^i dt + a^2 [\underbrace{(1 - 2\Psi)}_{\uparrow} \delta_{ij} + \underbrace{E_{ij}}_{\uparrow}] dx^i dx^j \end{aligned}$$

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Expanding U. \longrightarrow Vector Perturbations $B_i \propto 1/a(t)$

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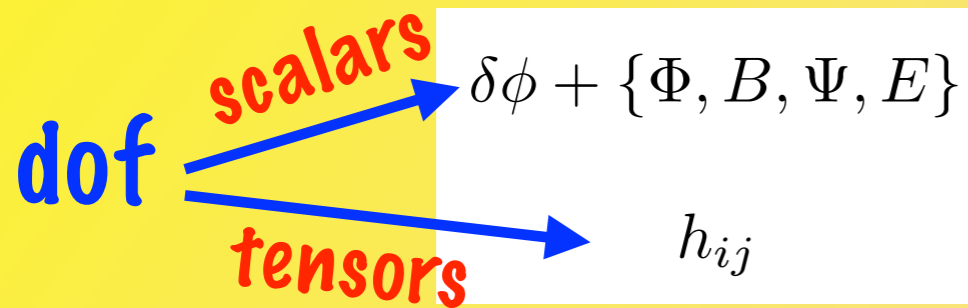
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Diff.:

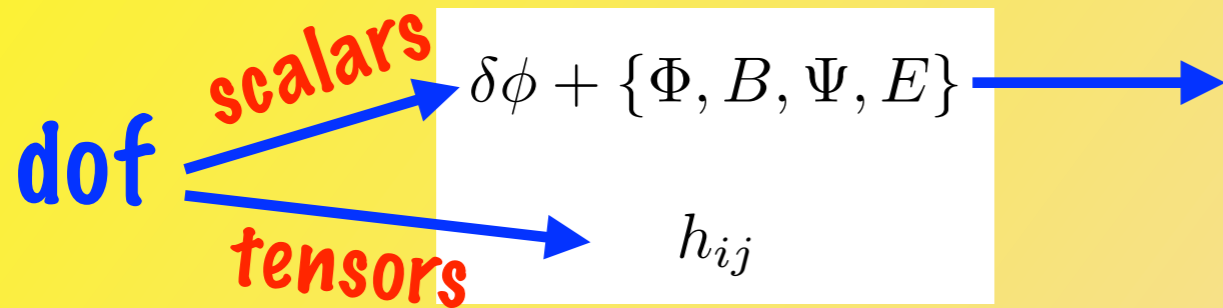
$$x^\mu \rightarrow x^\mu + \xi^\mu$$

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$$\mathcal{R} \equiv [\Psi + (H/\dot{\phi})\delta\phi] \xrightarrow{\text{Diff.}} \mathcal{R}$$

$$Q \equiv [\delta\phi + (\dot{\phi}/H)\Psi] \xrightarrow{\text{Diff.}} Q$$

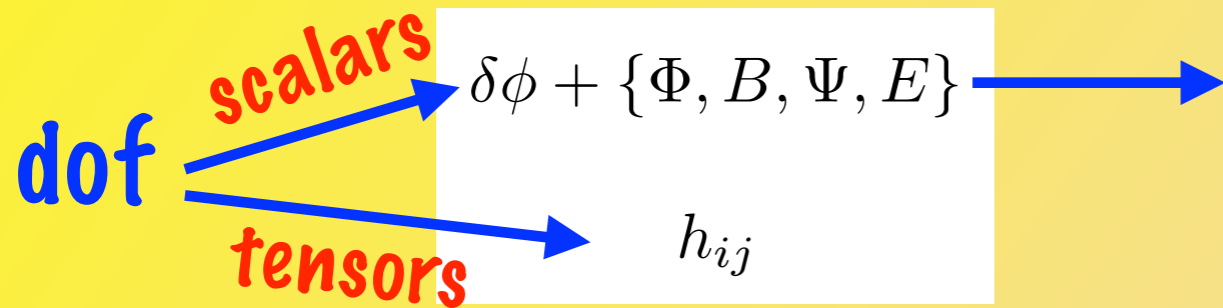
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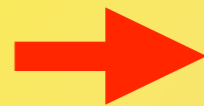
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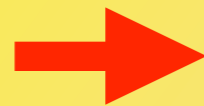
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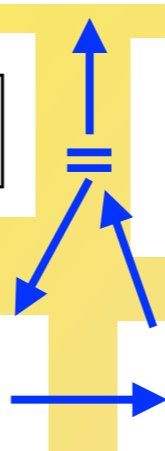
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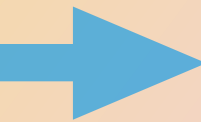
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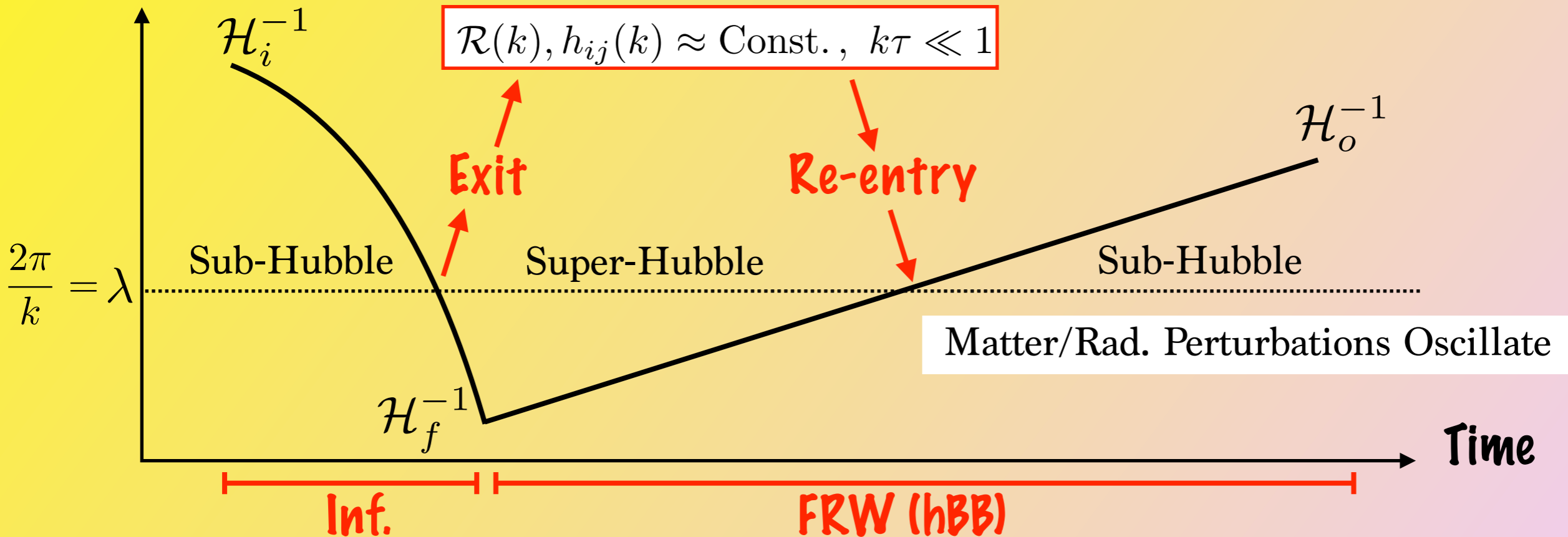
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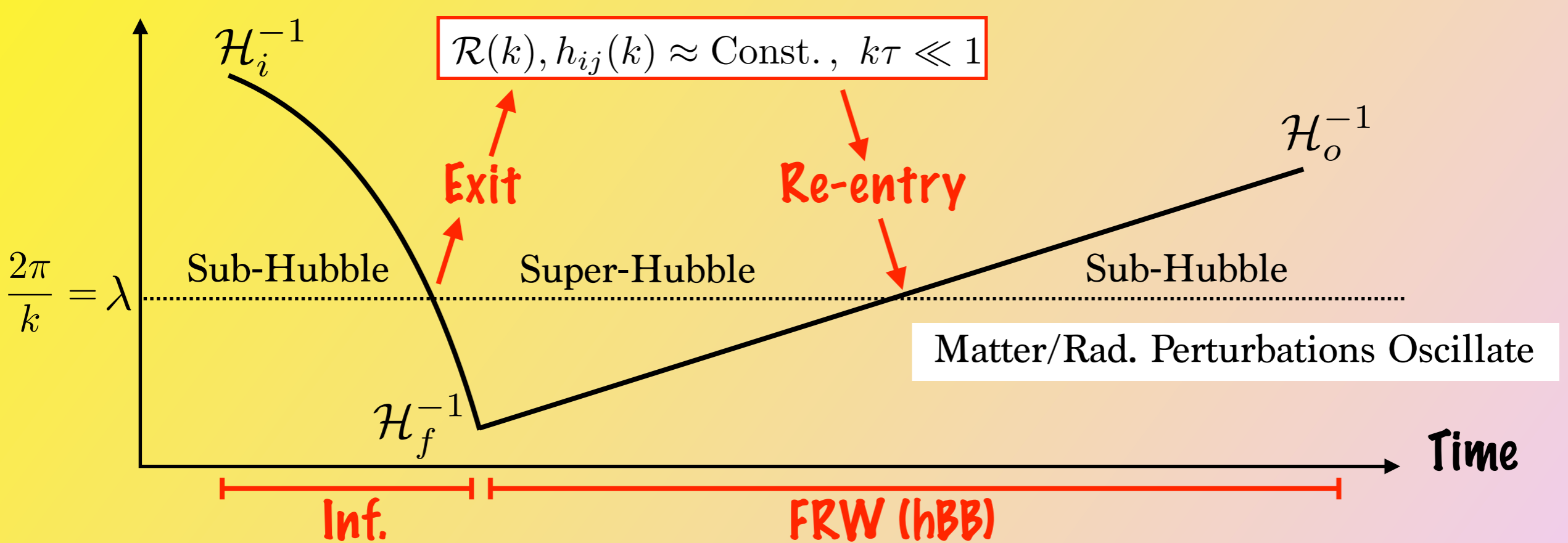
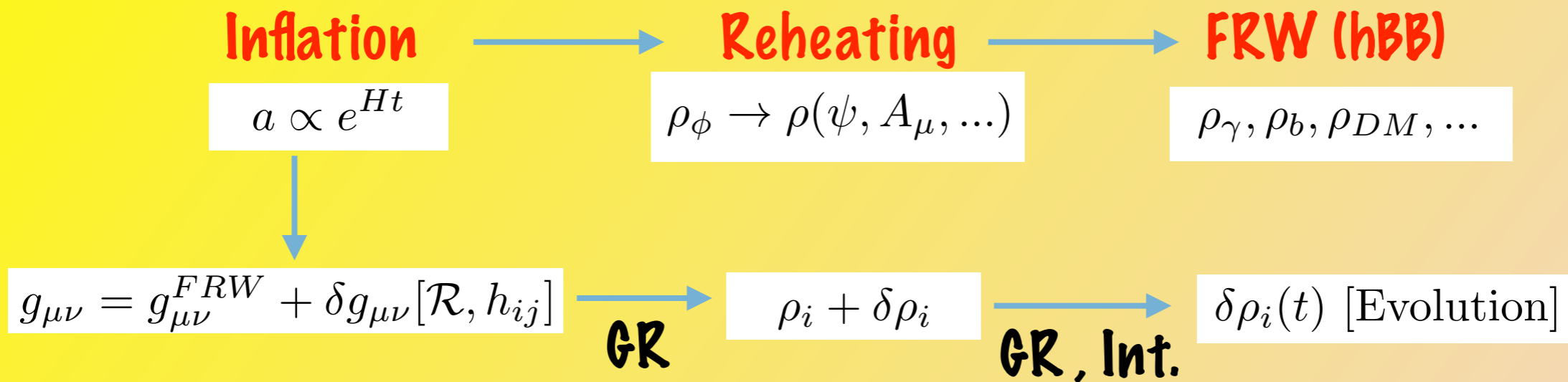
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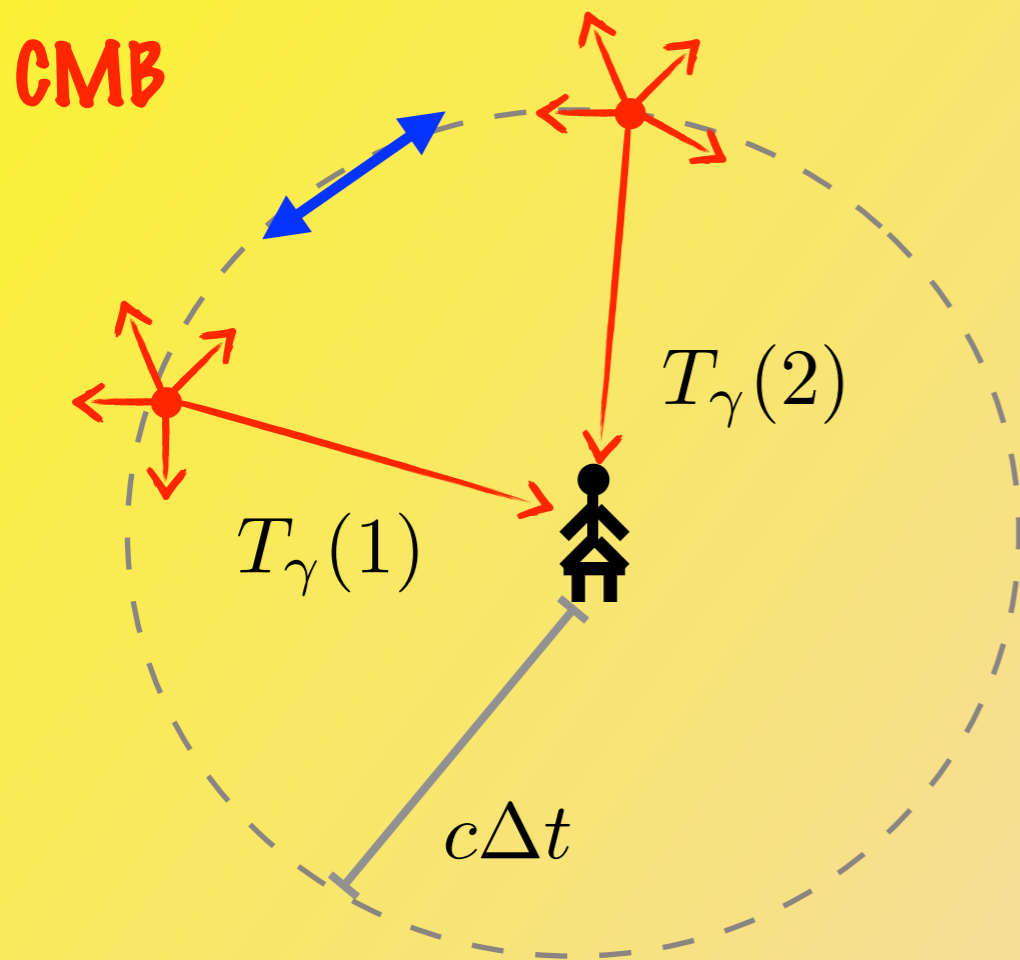
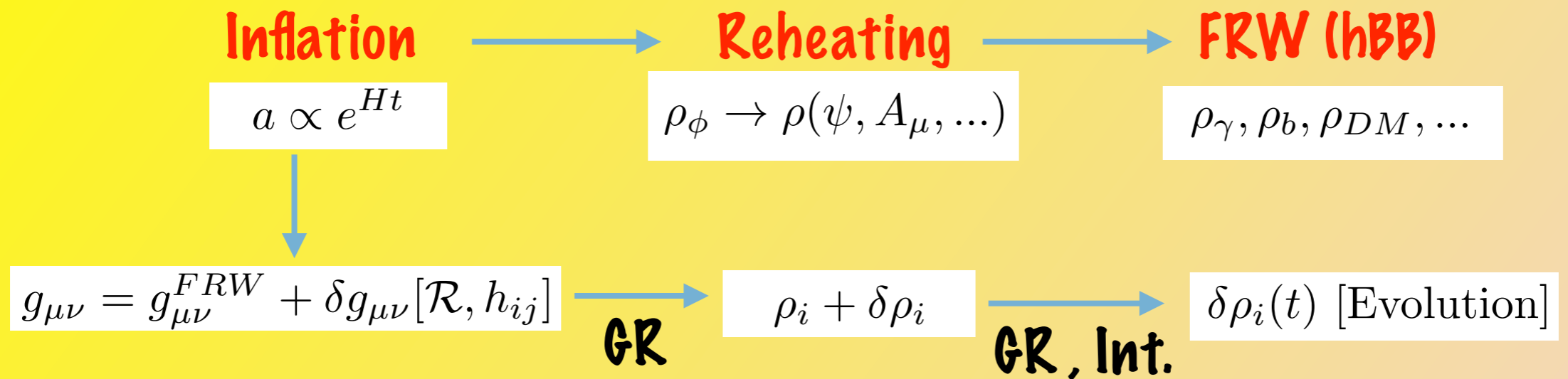
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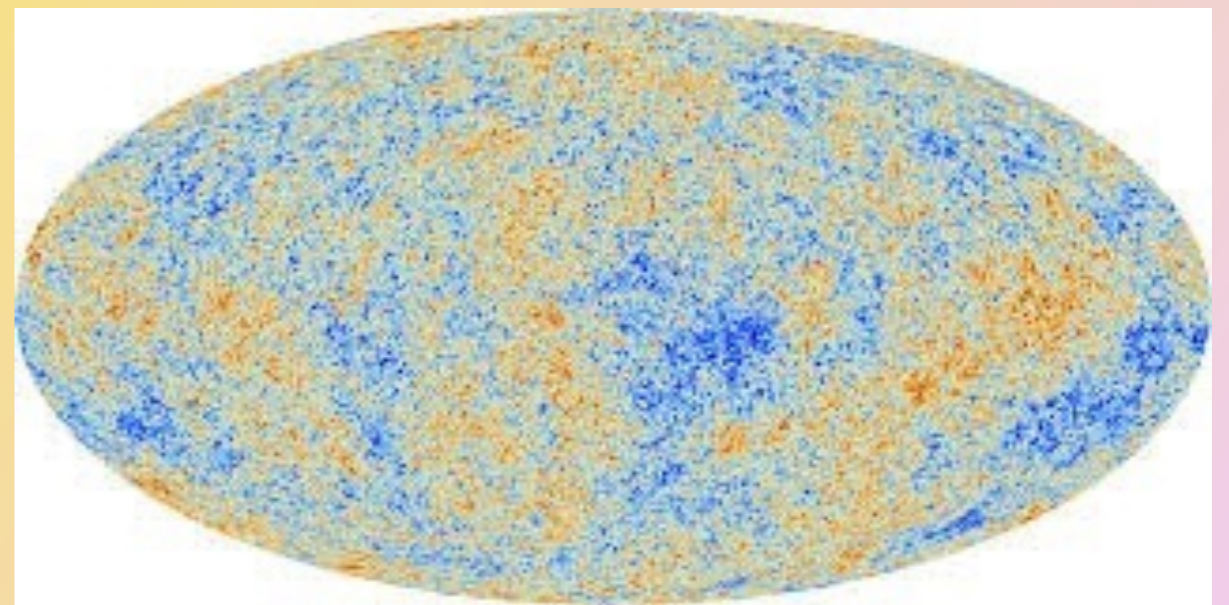
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FRW (hBB)

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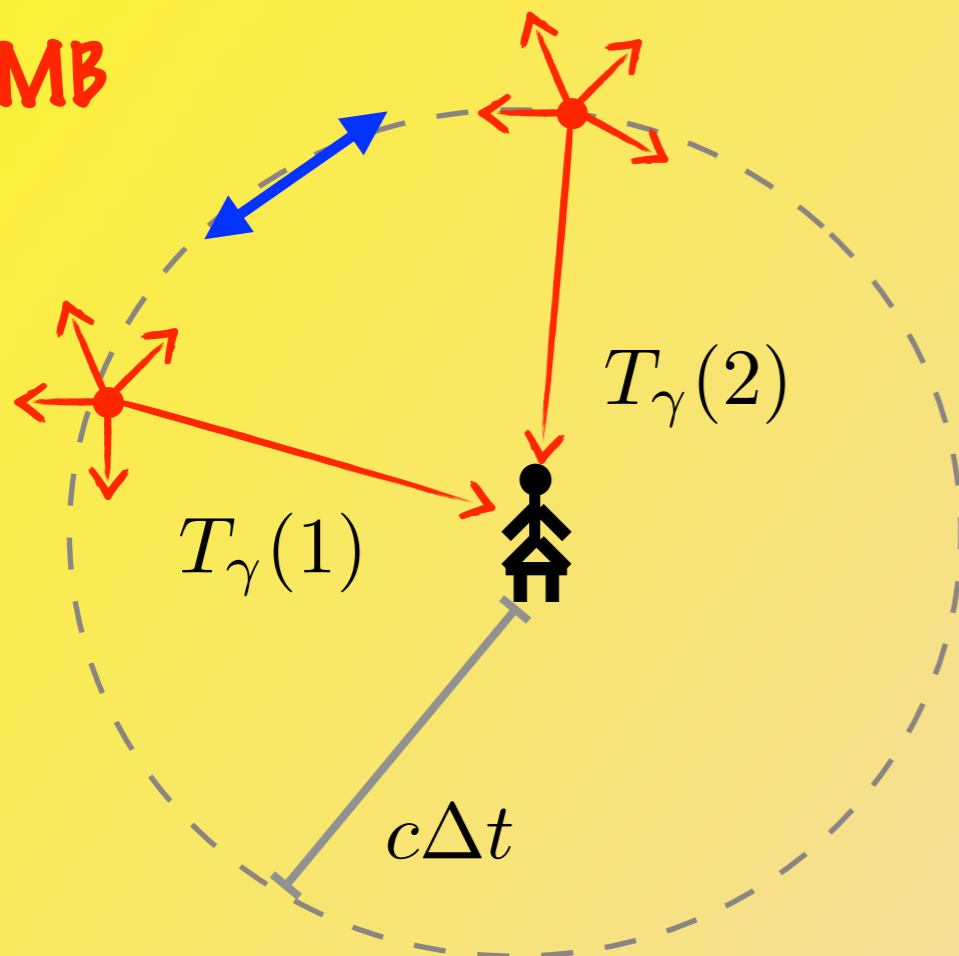
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GR, Int.

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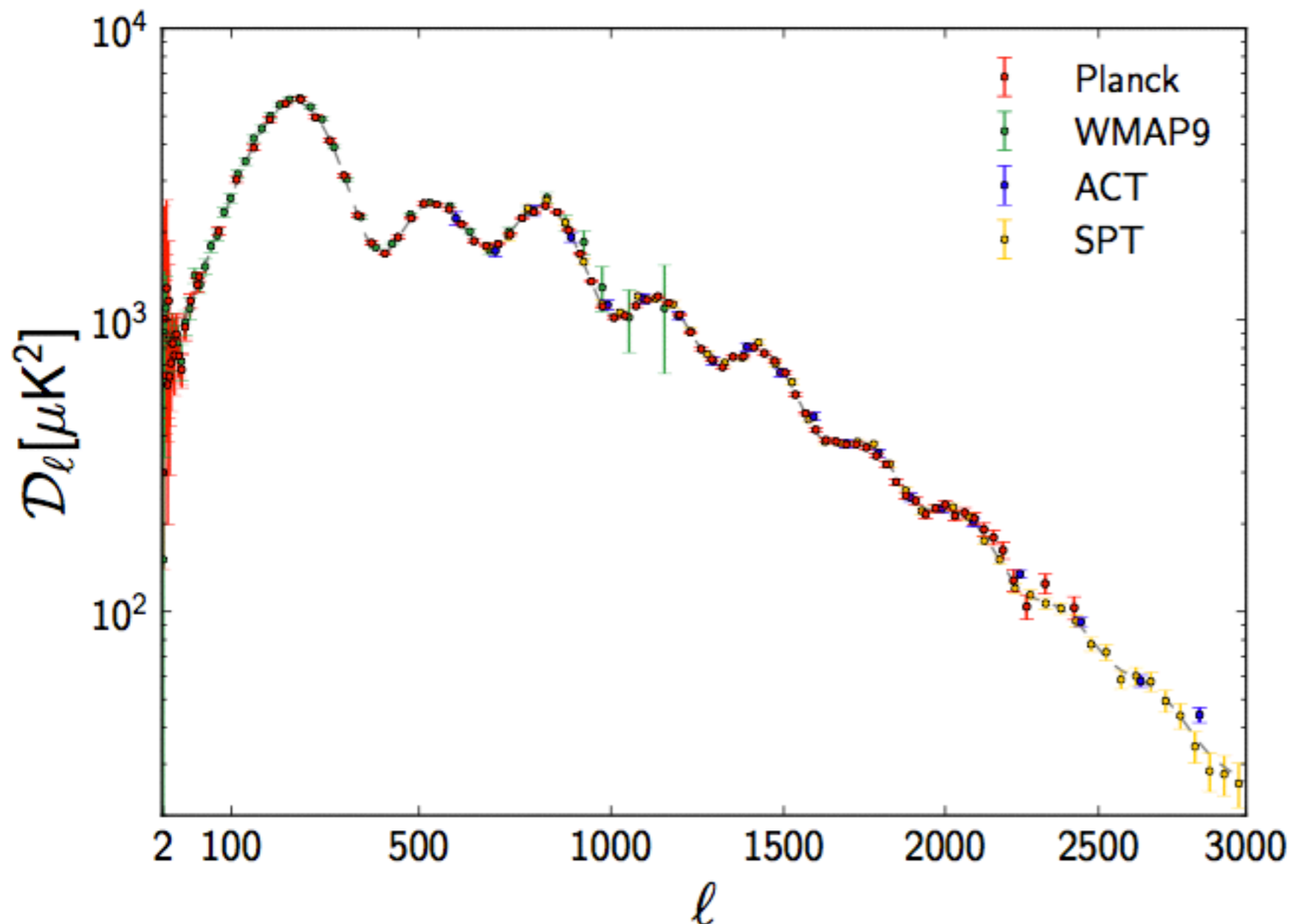
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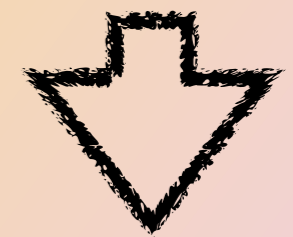
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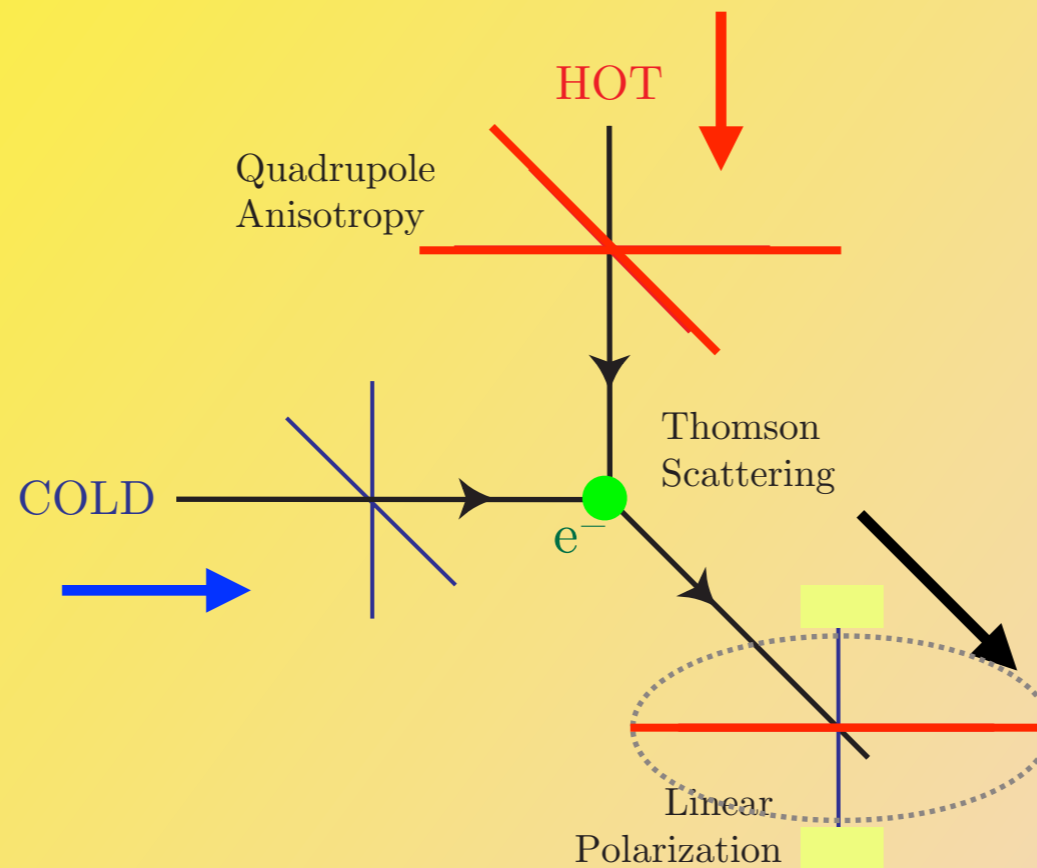
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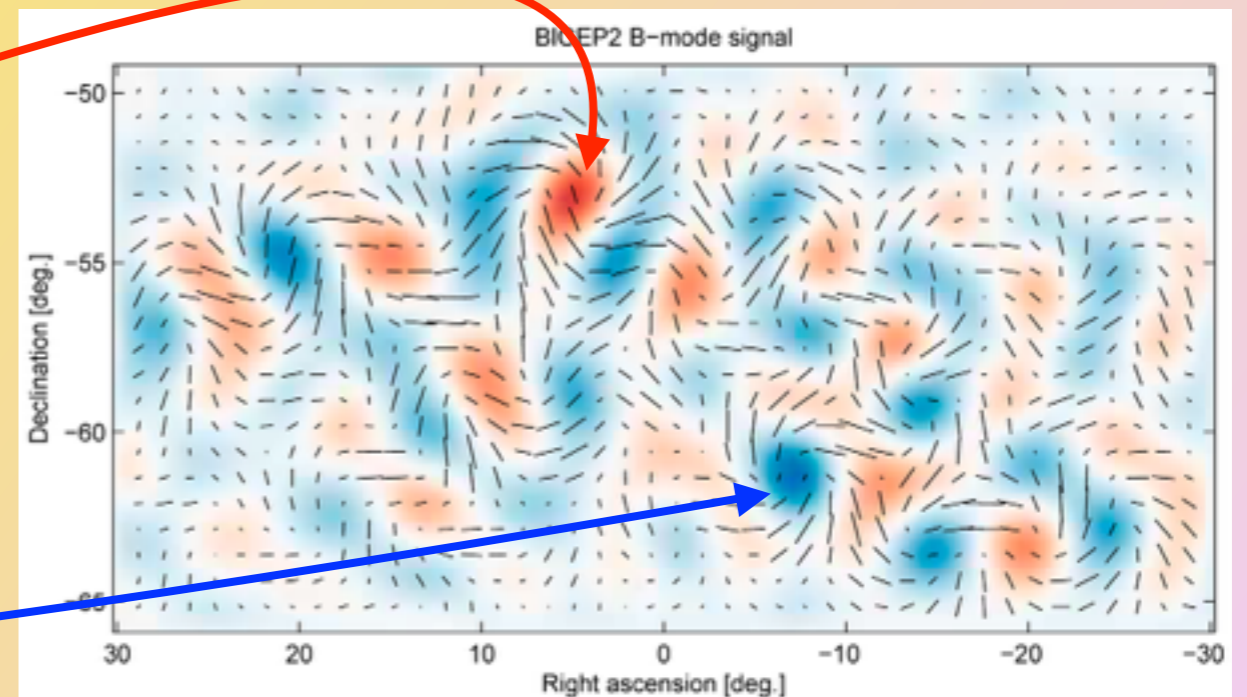
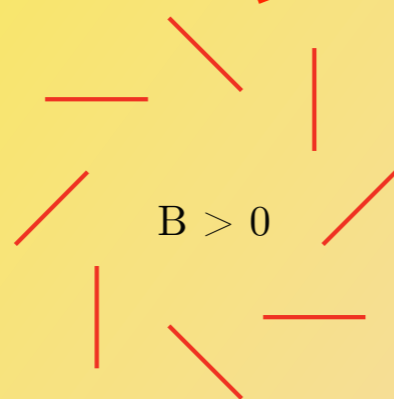
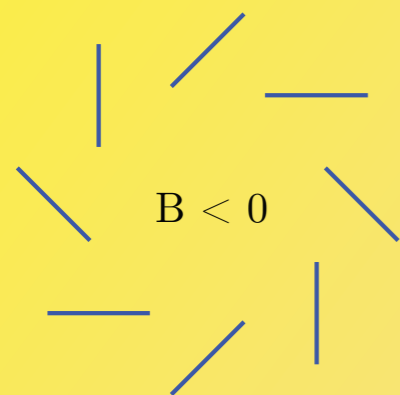
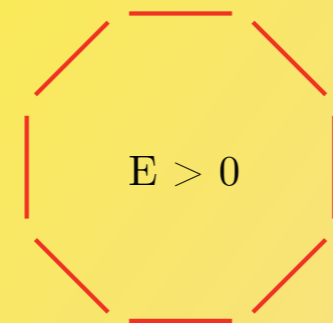
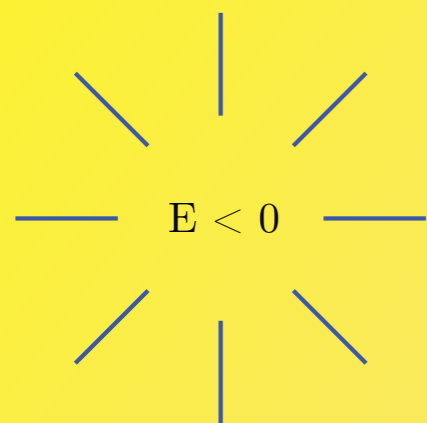
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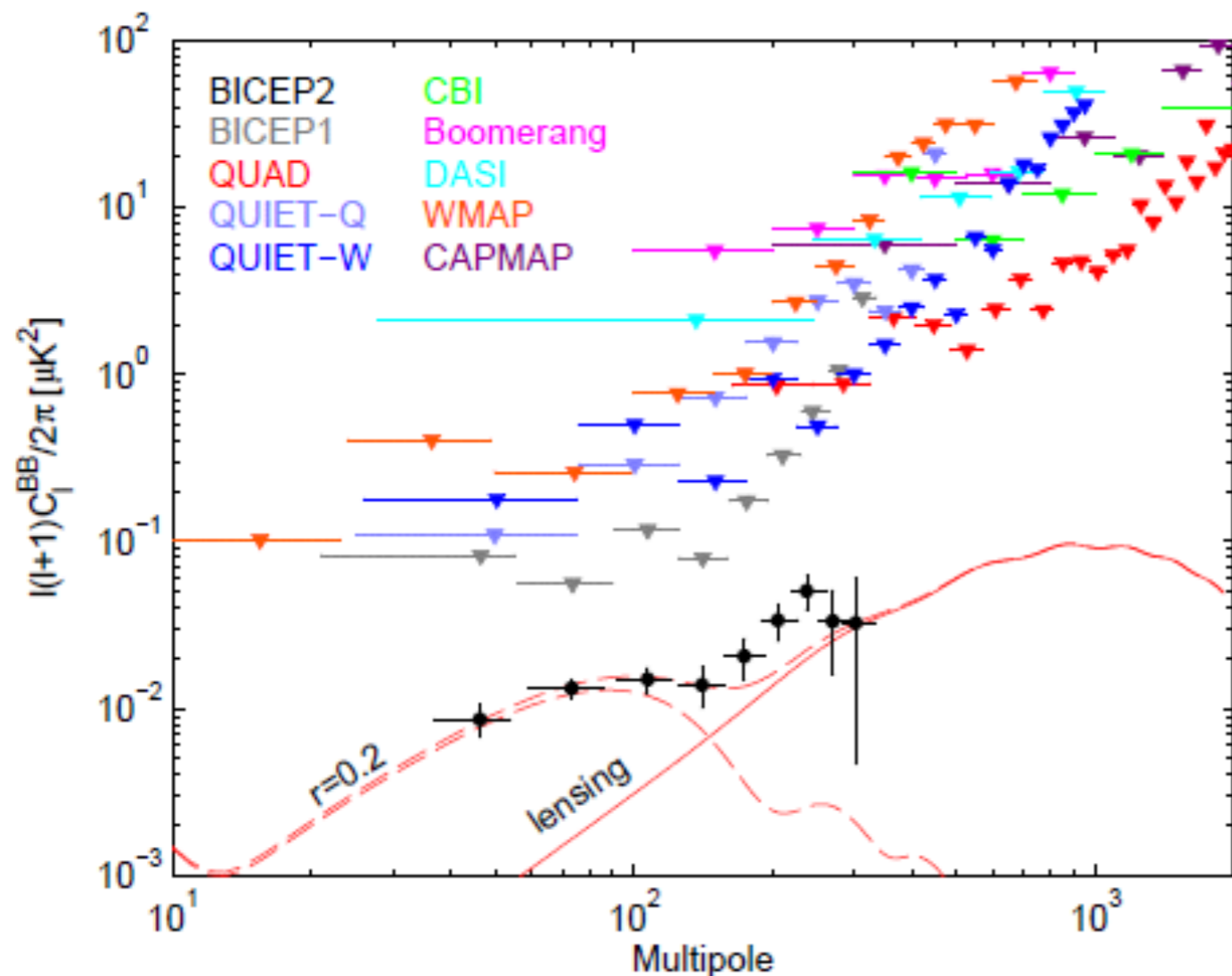
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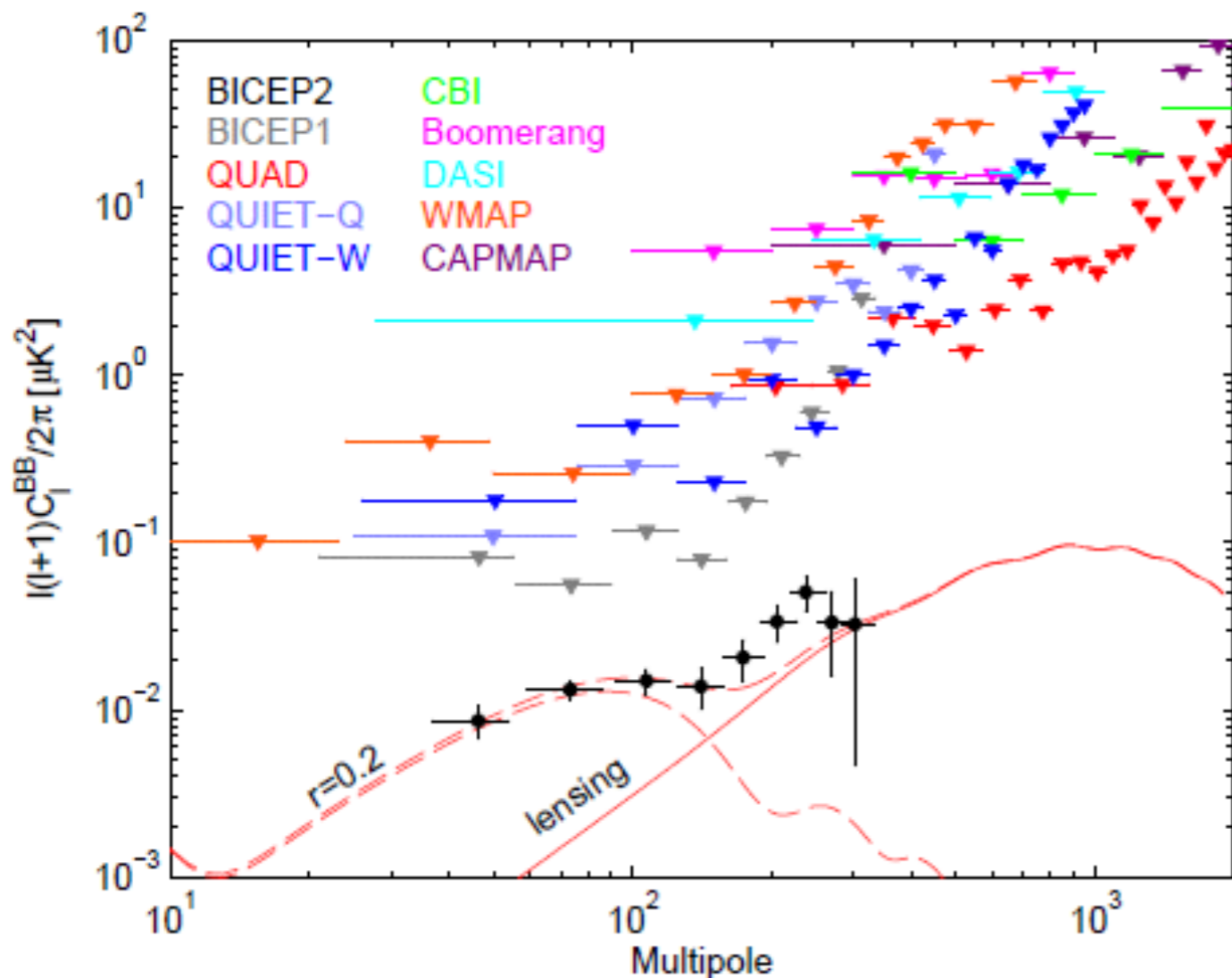
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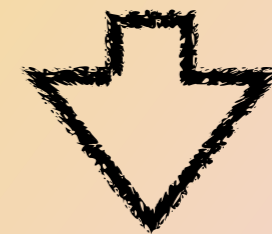
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$$\Rightarrow E_* \sim 10^{16} \text{ GeV} (!)$$

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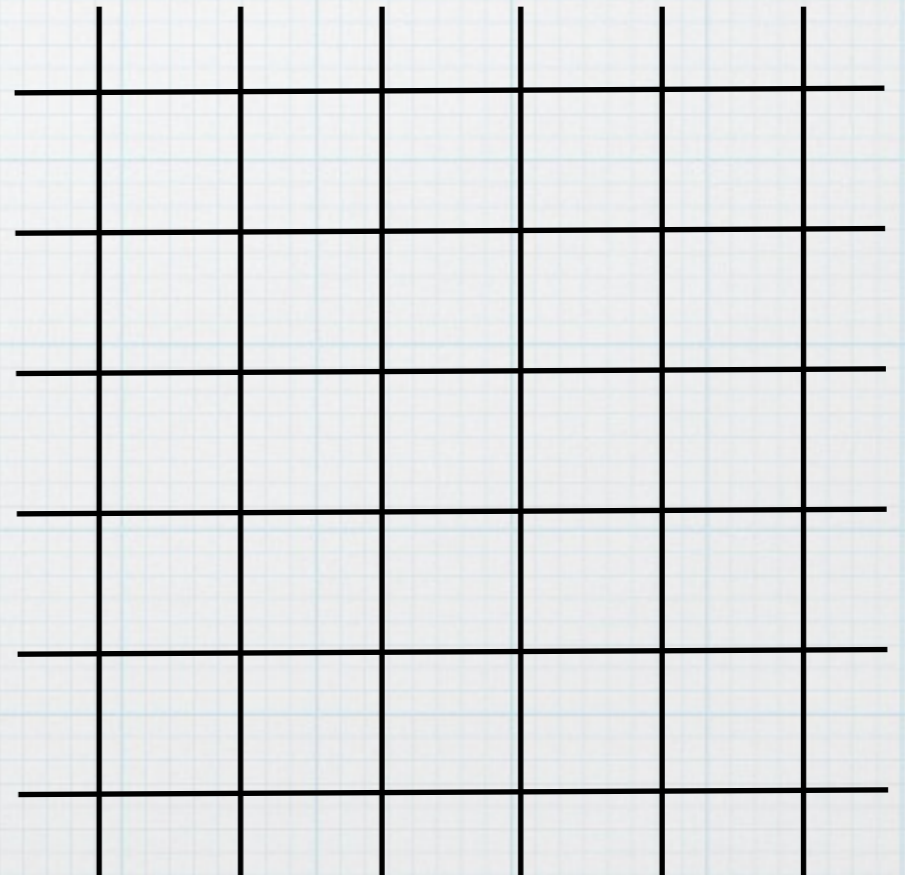
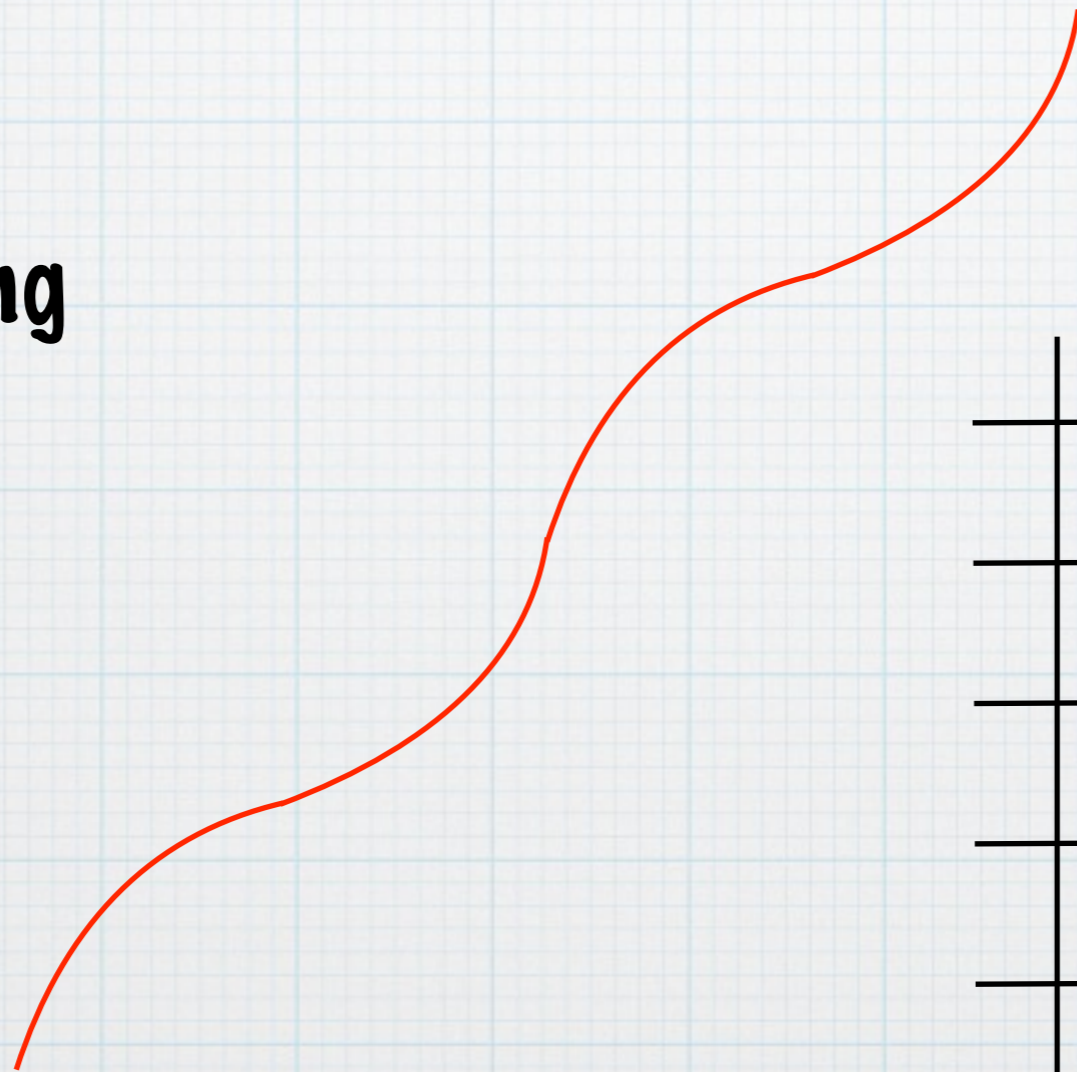
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Comoving Grid



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