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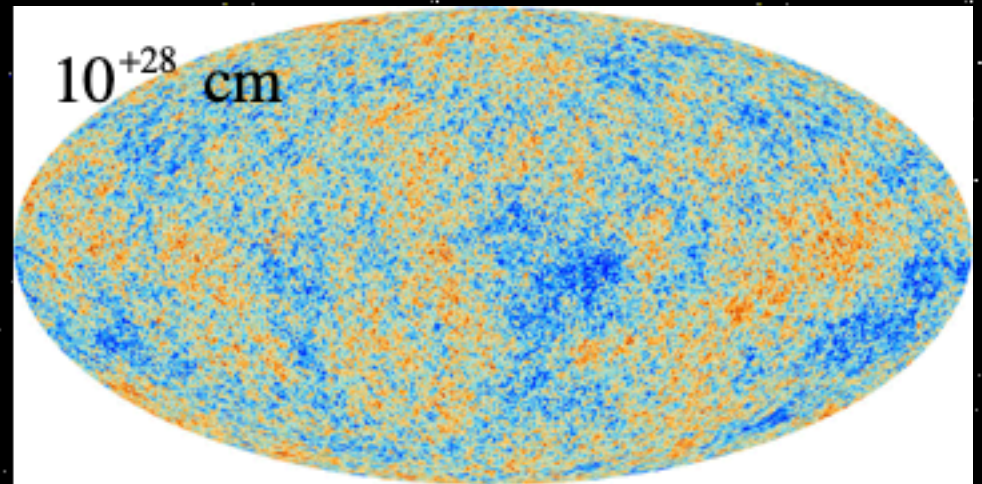
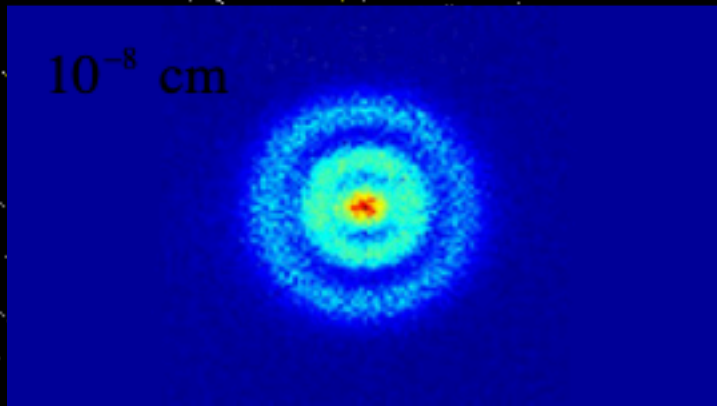
How Predictive are Cosmological Theories?

V. Mukhanov

I never understood why the theory of relativity with its concepts and problems so far removed from practical life should for so long have met with a lively, or indeed passionate, resonance among broad circles of the public ... I have never yet heard a truly convincing answer to this question.

How predictive are cosmological theories?

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$$\Delta q \times \Delta p \geq \frac{1}{2} \hbar$$

There are no (definitely) solved problems,
there are only more or less solved problems

Henri Poincare

*The physics, both of the Academy and the Lycaenum,
as they are built, not on observation, but on argument,
have retarded the progress of real knowledge.*

Edward Gibbon

*The History of The Decline and Fall of the Roman
Empire, Vol. 5*

*"In questions of science the authority of a thousand
is not worth the humble reasoning of a single individual
..the modern observations deprive all former writers of
any authority..."*

Galileo (December 1612)

Inflation is **THE theory** only when it is understood as the stage of unbroken accelerated expansion due to the same ingredient which is responsible for quantum fluctuations.

Otherwise it is rubbish without any predictions!!!

In this case it is unbeatable as predictive theory because it allows us to calculate the effect of amplification of quantum fluctuations in completely controllable weak coupling regimes

while most alternatives cannot even compete with "rubbish inflation" in a sense of controllable reproduction of outcome for quantum fluctuations

COSMOLOGY - Theology = $\exp(Ht)$

during at least $70 H^{-1}$, but less than $10^6 H^{-1} \rightarrow$

no any problems with predictions, which could falsify the theory in Popper's sense

What is relevant for predictions?

– ε energy density

– p pressure

$$1 + w \equiv \frac{\varepsilon + p}{\varepsilon} \ll 1$$

during last 70 e-folds ($a = a_f \cdot e^{-N}$)

a) $1 + w \ll 1$ for $N \gg 1$

b) $1 + w \approx O(1)$ for $N \approx O(1)$

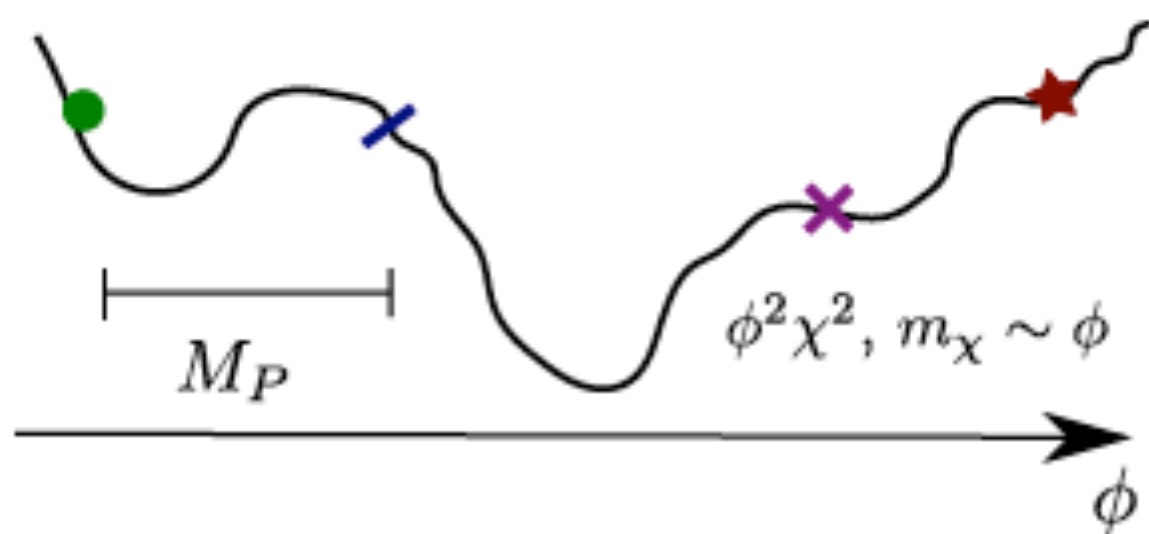
c) $1 + w$ is a smooth function of N

The only purpose of inflationary models relevant for observation is a mapping

$$V(\varphi) \quad \text{to} \quad p \approx -\varepsilon$$

and this mapping happened to be not crucial for robust predictions but important only for excluding definite potentials $V(\varphi)$, which anyway we will never be able to verify in any other independent experiments

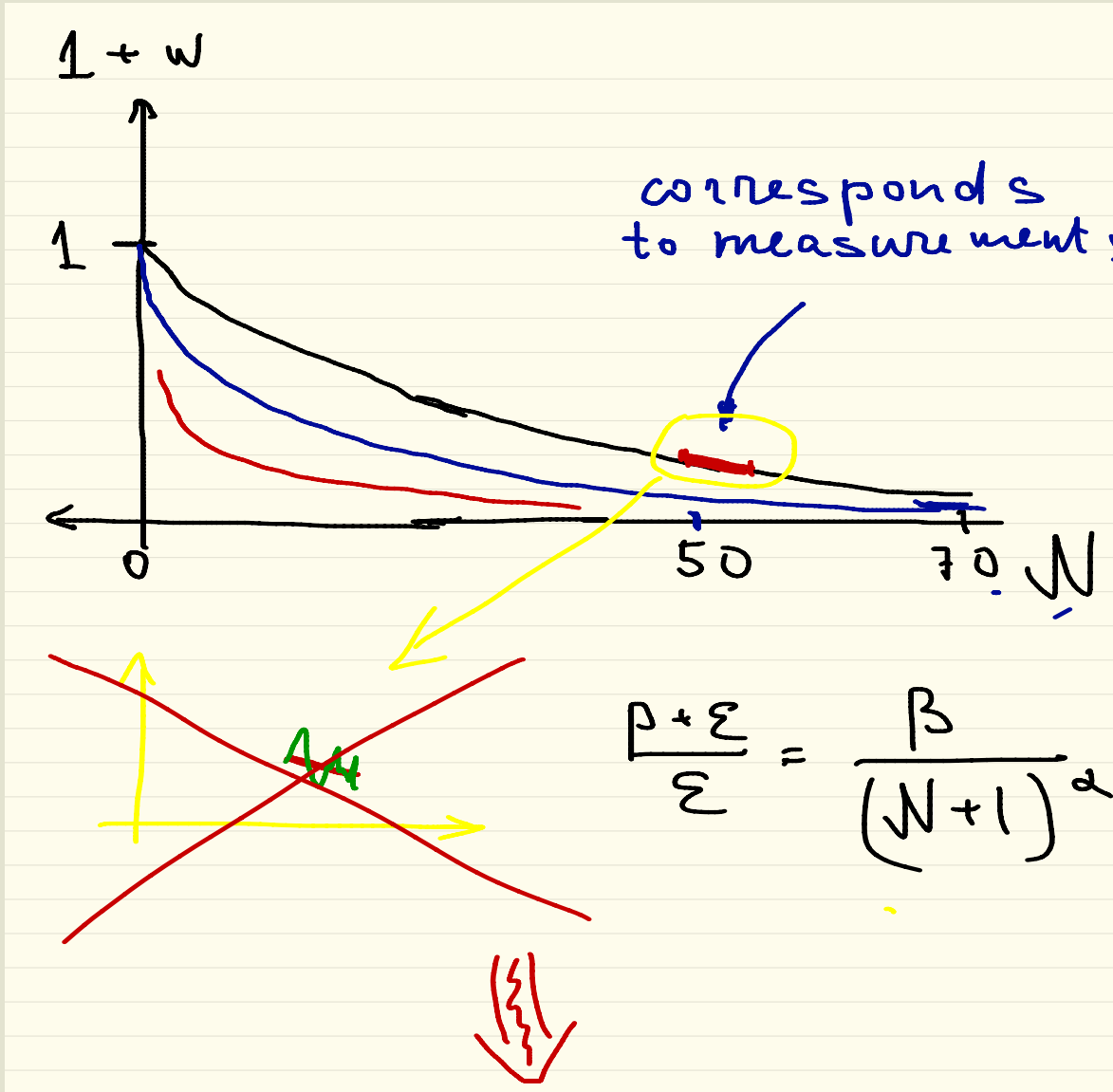
$$\begin{aligned}
 V(\tau, \theta) = & \frac{12W_0^2\xi}{(4V_m - \xi)(2V_m + \xi)^2} + \frac{D_1 + 12e^{-2a_2\tau} \xi A_2^2}{(4V_m - \xi)(2V_m + \xi)^2} + \frac{D_2 + \frac{16(a_2 A_2)^2}{3\alpha\lambda_2} \sqrt{\tau} e^{-2a_2\tau}}{(2V_m + \xi)} \quad (25) \\
 & + \frac{D_3 + 32e^{-2a_2\tau} a_2 A_2^2 \tau (1 + a_2\tau)}{(4V_m - \xi)(2V_m + \xi)} + \frac{D_4 + 8W_0 A_2 e^{-a_2\tau} \cos(a_2\theta)}{(4V_m - \xi)(2V_m + \xi)} \left(\frac{3\xi}{(2V_m + \xi)} + 4a_2\tau \right) + \frac{\beta}{V_m^2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

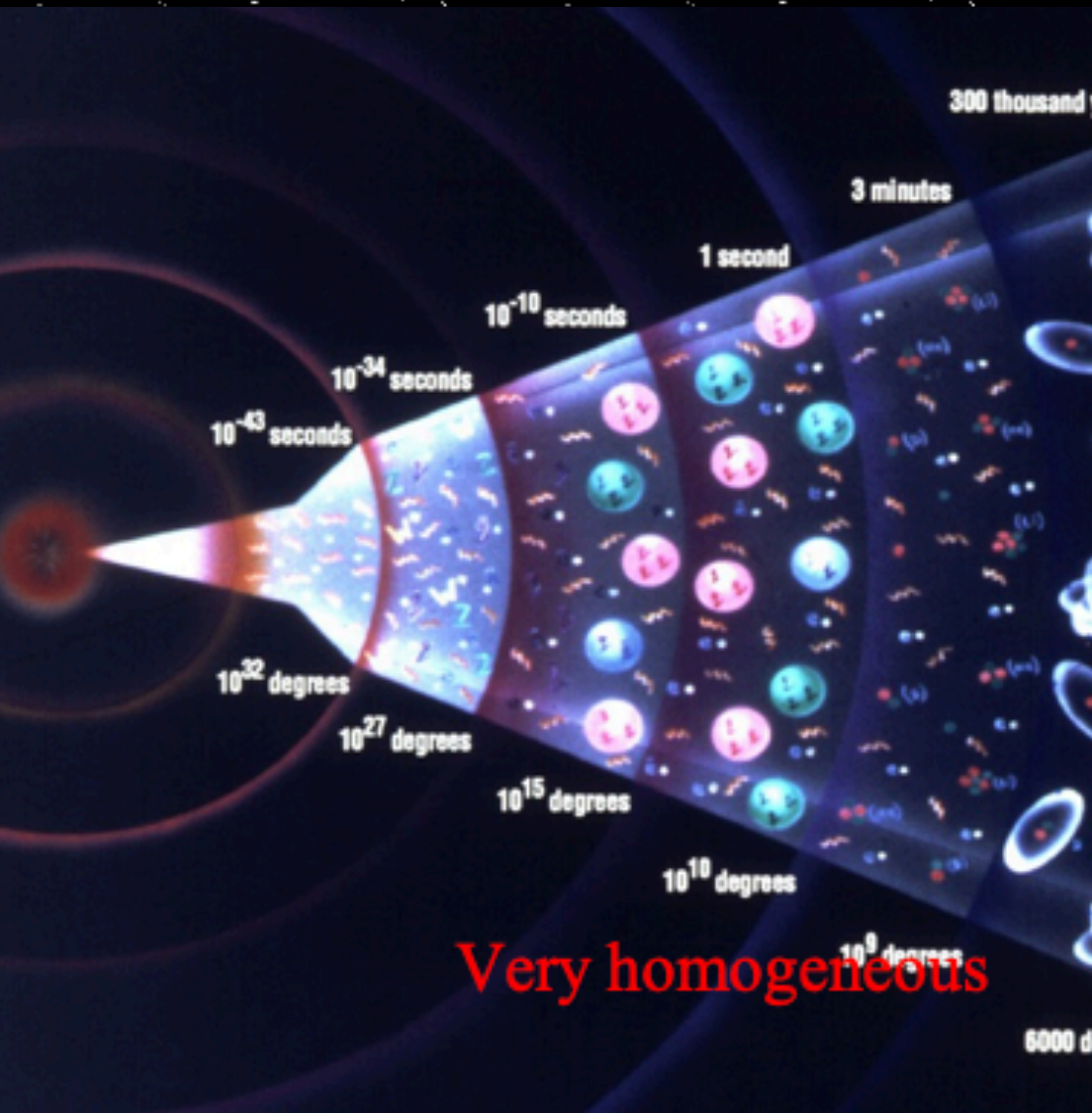


a) $1+w \ll 1$ for $N \gg 1$

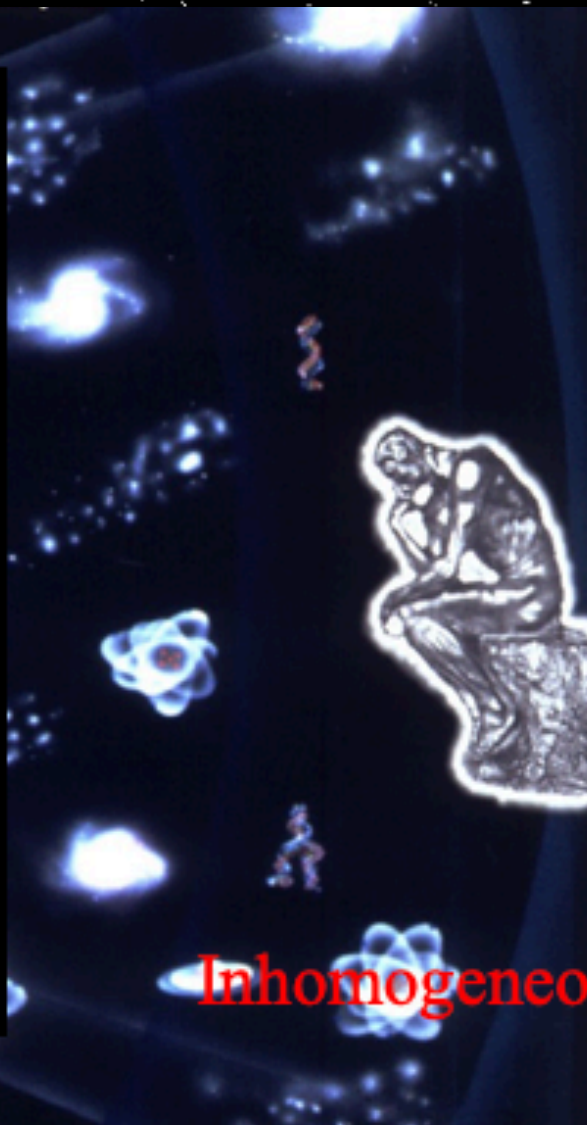
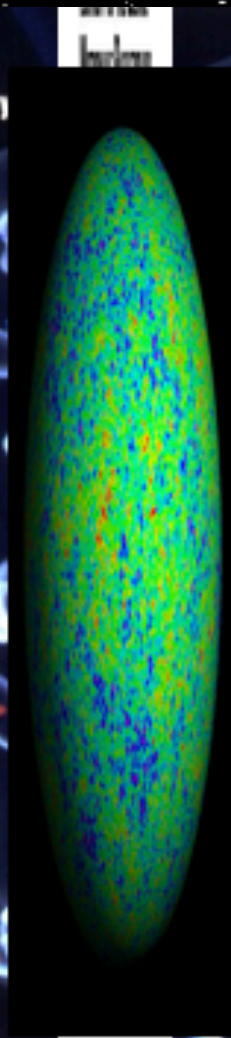
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Very homogeneous



Inhomogeneous



“Only by their breaking could the divine configurations be perfected”

Kabbalistic text; Ta'alumoth Chokhmah (The Channels of Wisdom)
1629, Joseph Samomon del Medigo of Crete



$$\rightarrow \Delta p \Delta x \geq h$$

↓

There always exist **unavoidable**
Quantum Fluctuations



Quantum fluctuations in the density distribution are large (10^{-5})
only in extremely small scales ($\sim 10^{-33}$ cm),

but very small ($\sim 10^{-58}$) on galactic scales ($\sim 10^{25}$ cm)

Can we transfer the large fluctuations from extremely
small scales to large scales???

Quantum fluctuations and a nonsingular Universe

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(Submitted 26 February 1981; 15 April 1981)

Pis'ma Zh. Eksp. Theor. Fiz. 33, No.10, 549-553 (20 May 1981)

A finite duration of the de Sitter stage does not by itself rule out the possibility that this stage may exist as an intermediate stage in the evolution of the universe. An interesting question arises here: Might not perturbations of the metric, which would be sufficient for the formation of galaxies and galactic clusters, arise in this stage? To answer this question, we need to calculate the correlation function for the fluctuations of the metric after the universe goes from the de Sitter stage to the hydrodynamic stage. By analogy with (6) we find

$$\langle 0 | \hat{h}(\mathbf{x}) \hat{h}(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{r}) | 0 \rangle = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int Q^2(k) \frac{\sin kr}{kr} \frac{dk}{k}, \quad (8)$$

where $h = h_0^2$ and where, for the most interesting region, $H > k > H \exp(-3H^2/M^2)$ ($M^2 \ll H^2$),

$$Q(k) \approx 3\ell M \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{H}{k} \right). \quad (9)$$

The fluctuation spectrum is thus nearly flat. The quantity $Q(k)$ is the measure of the amplitude of perturbations with scale dimensions $1/k$ at the time the universe begins the ordinary Friedmann expansion. With $\ell M \sim 10^{-3} - 10^{-5}$ and $M/H \leq 0.1$ —these values are consistent with modern theories of elementary particles—the amplitude of the perturbations of the metric on the

Predictions!!!

1)

Does space have a shape?

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**Euclidian
Space**



Zero Curvature

**Elliptical
Space**



Positive Curvature

**Hyperbolic
Space**

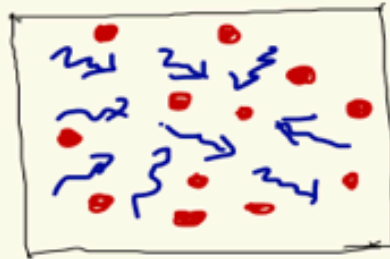


Negative Curvature

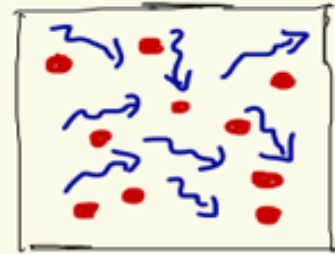
$$\Omega = 1$$

Perturbations (inhomogeneities) are:

2) Adiabatic (MC 1981)



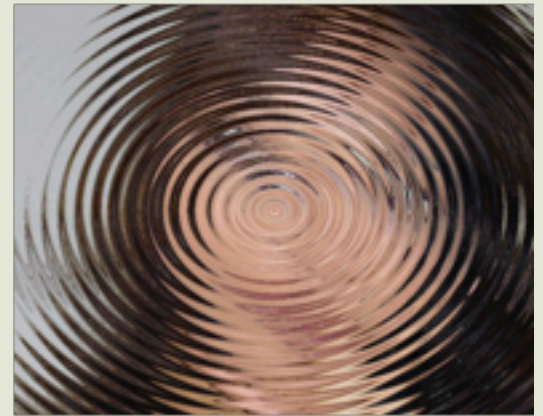
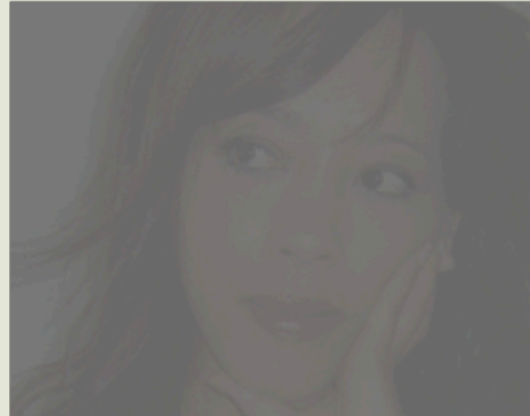
100 photons
50 baryons



98 photons
49 baryons

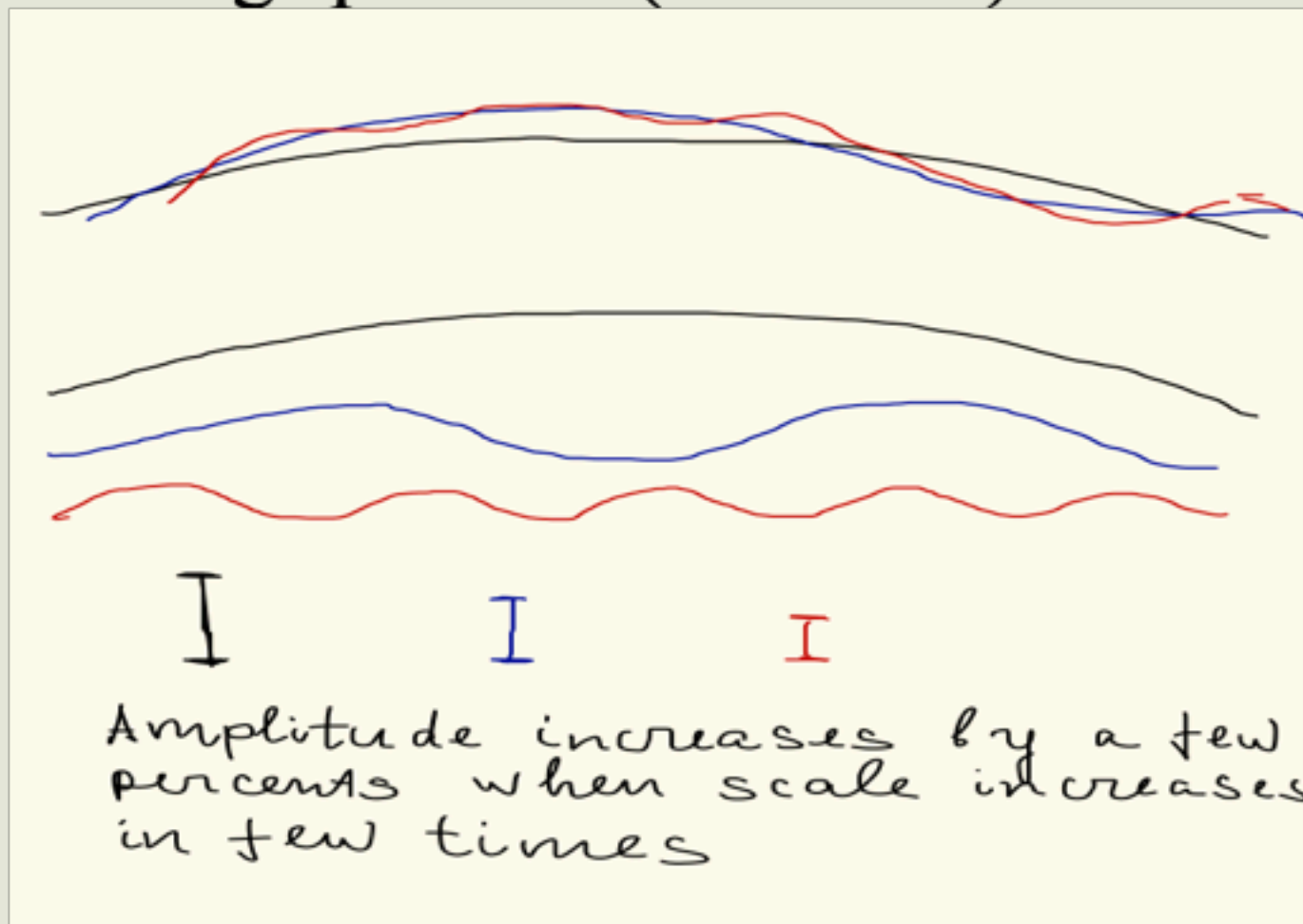
$$\cancel{49 - 2 = 47}$$

3) Gaussian (MC 1981)



$$\Phi = \Phi_g + f_{NL} \Phi_g^2, \text{ where } f_{NL} = \mathcal{O}(1) \text{ (MC, 81)}$$

4) have log spectrum (MC 1981)



4) $\Phi \propto \ln(\lambda/\lambda_\gamma) \propto \lambda^{1-n_s}$ with $n_s = 0.96$ (MC, 1981)

The theory always predicts **red-tilted** spectrum

From GR content \Rightarrow one postulate \equiv stage of accelerated expansion \Rightarrow explanation of hom, isotn.
 + 2 nontrivial predictions

- $\Omega_{total} = 1 \pm 10^{-5}$
- spectrum of perturb. spectrum is never HZ for generic inflation. It is tilted

$$\Phi_{\lambda}^2 = \frac{\epsilon^{10^{-12}}}{\epsilon_{pl}} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{p}{\epsilon}} \Big|_{\lambda^{-1} = H_0}$$

$$n_s - 1 = -3 \left(1 + \frac{p}{\epsilon}\right)_{\lambda^{-1} = H_0} - \frac{1}{H} \left(\frac{d}{dt} \left(1 + \frac{p}{\epsilon}\right)\right)_{\lambda^{-1} = H_0}$$

$0.9 \stackrel{?}{\leq} n_s < 0.96$!
 not too much grav. waves!
 gaussian perturbations

Cambridge, 2000

[1]. Contrary to an erroneous belief inflation does not predict the scale-invariant, Harrison-Zel'dovich spectrum. The spectral index should be in the range of $0.92 < n_s < 0.97$. The physical

V. Mukhanov, CMB, Quantum Fluctuations and the Predictive Power of Inflation, *arXiv:astro-ph/0303077* (2003)

Red-tilted log spectrum (MC, H, 1981-1982) →

$$n_s = 1 - \frac{A}{\ln(B\lambda_{gal} / \lambda_{CMB})},$$

where $A > 1,5$ and $B \simeq 1 - 100$ depending on $50 < N < 55$ →

$$n_s < 0.97$$

irrespective of any particular model!

L.P. 9/6/2003:

We are writing a proposal to get money to do our small angular scale CMB experiment. If I say that simple models of inflation require $n_s = 0.95 \pm 0.03$ (95% cl) is it correct?

I'm especially interested in the error. **Specifically, if $n_s = 0.99$ would you throw in the towel on inflation?**

V.M. 9/8/2003

The "robust" estimate for spectral index for inflation is $0.92 < n_s < 0.97$.

The upper bound is more robust than lower. The physical reason for the deviation of spectrum from the flat one is the necessity to finish inflation....

If you find $n_s = 0.99 \pm 0.01$ (3 sigma) I would throw in the towel on inflation.

PREDICTIONS

("smoking guns"-nonconfirming any of them would falsify THE theory)

- flat universe
- adiabatic perturbations
- small non-gaussianity ($f_{NL} \sim O(1)$)
- red-tilted spectrum

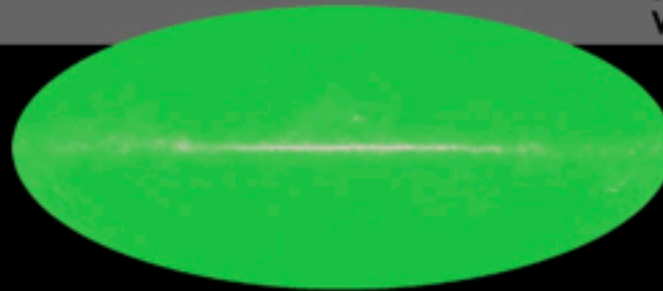
$$\Phi^2 \propto \lambda^{1-n_s}$$

$$1 - n_s = 3(1 + w) - \frac{d \ln(1 + w)}{dN}$$

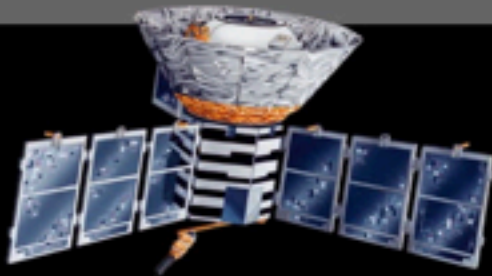
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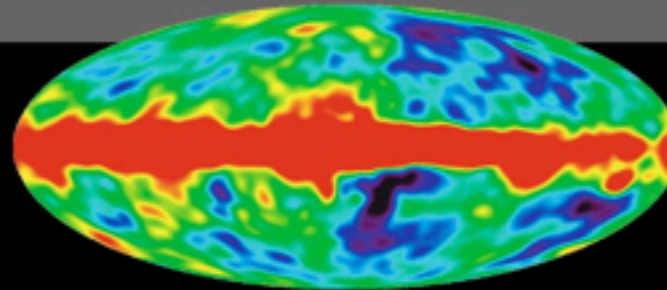
Penzias and
Wilson



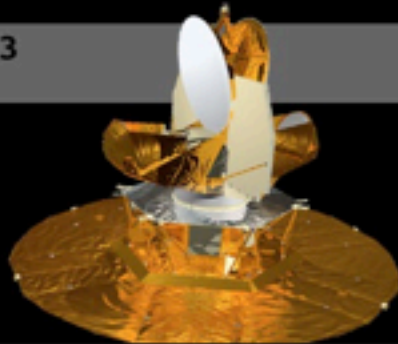
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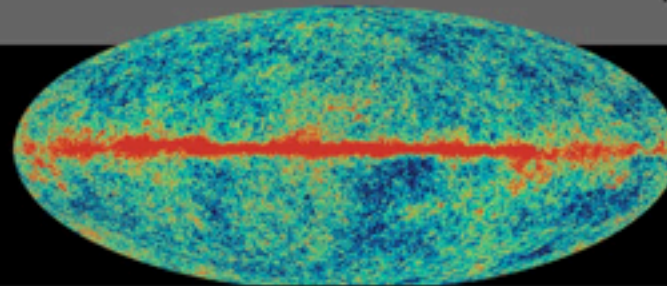
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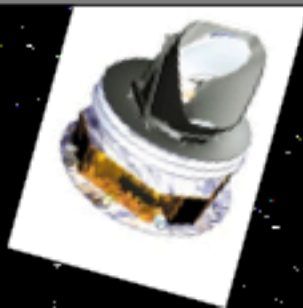
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WMAP



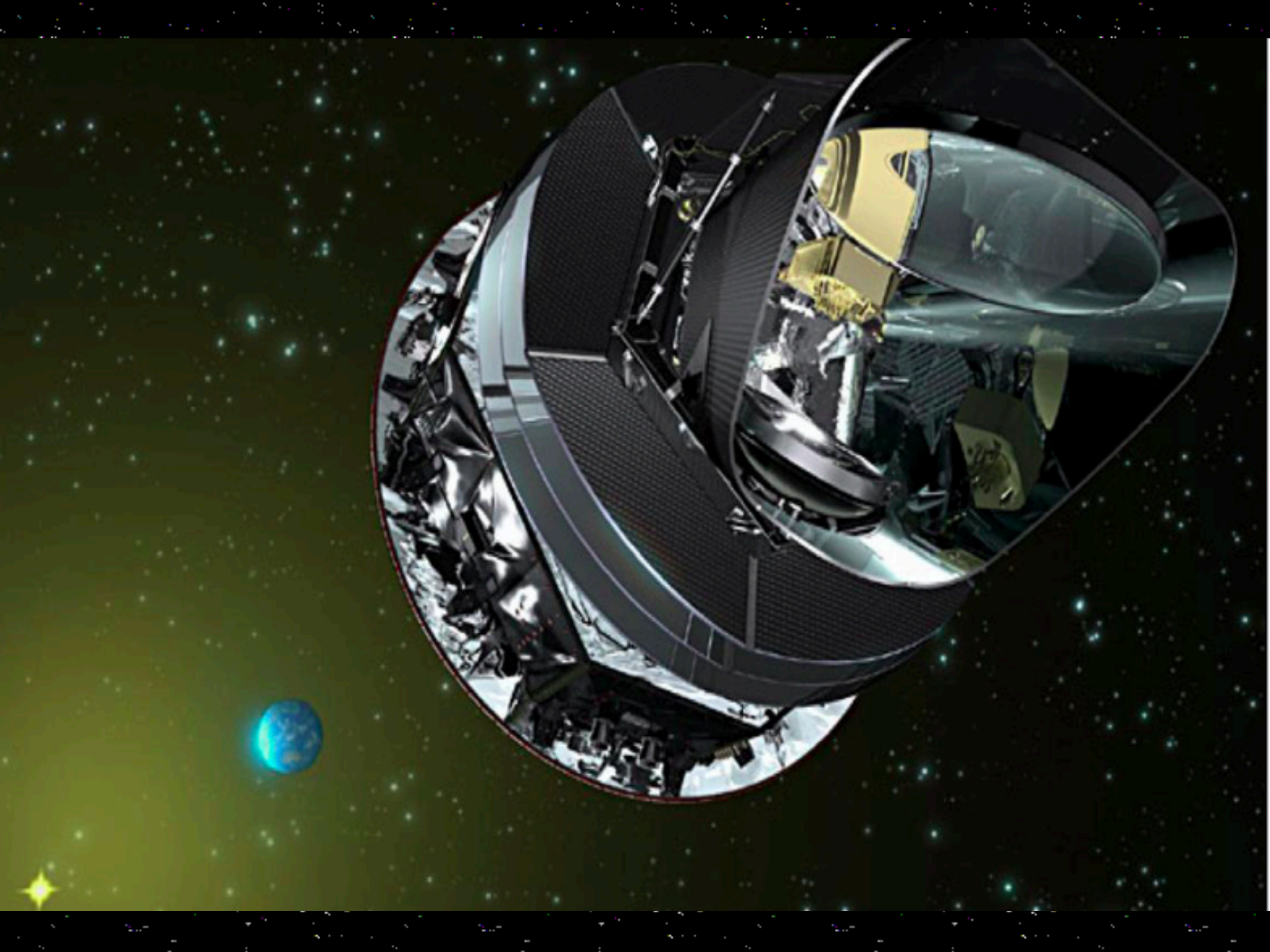
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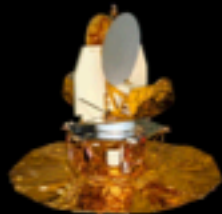


Planck

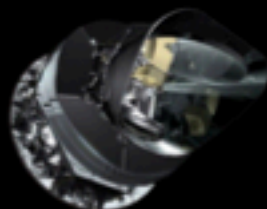
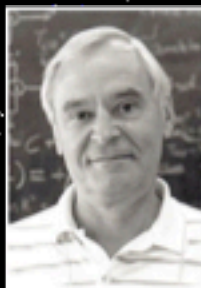
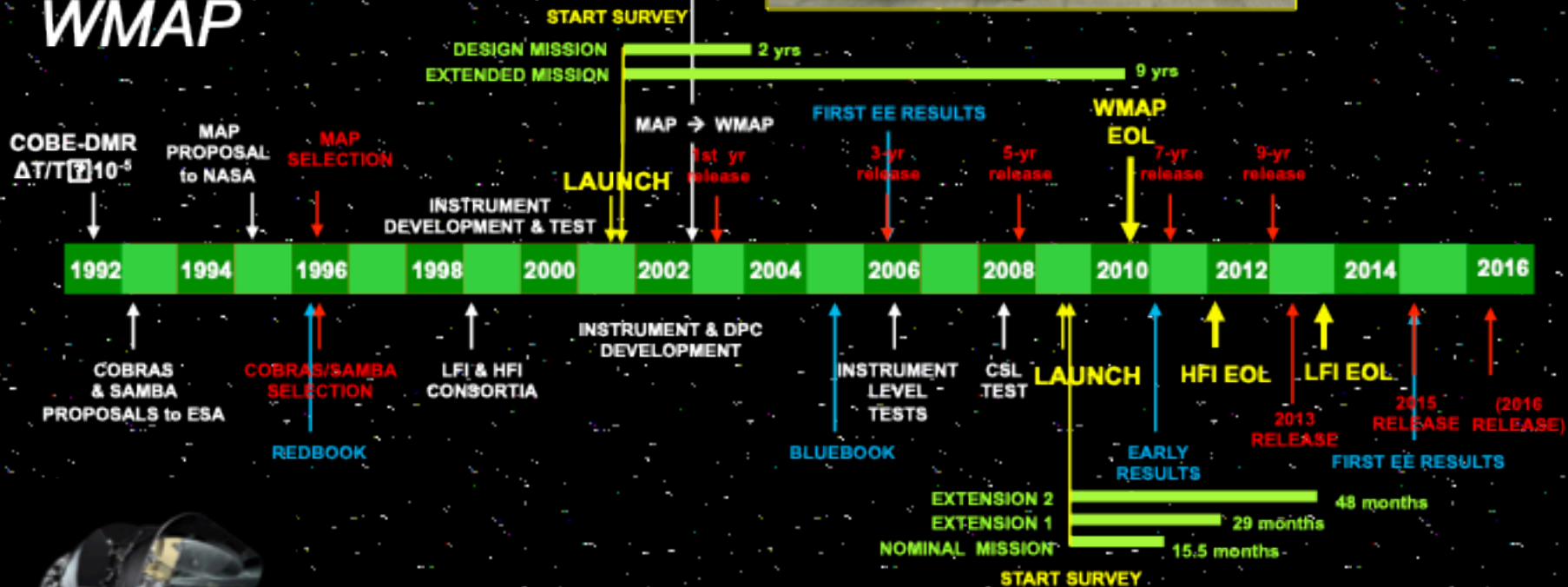
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WMAP

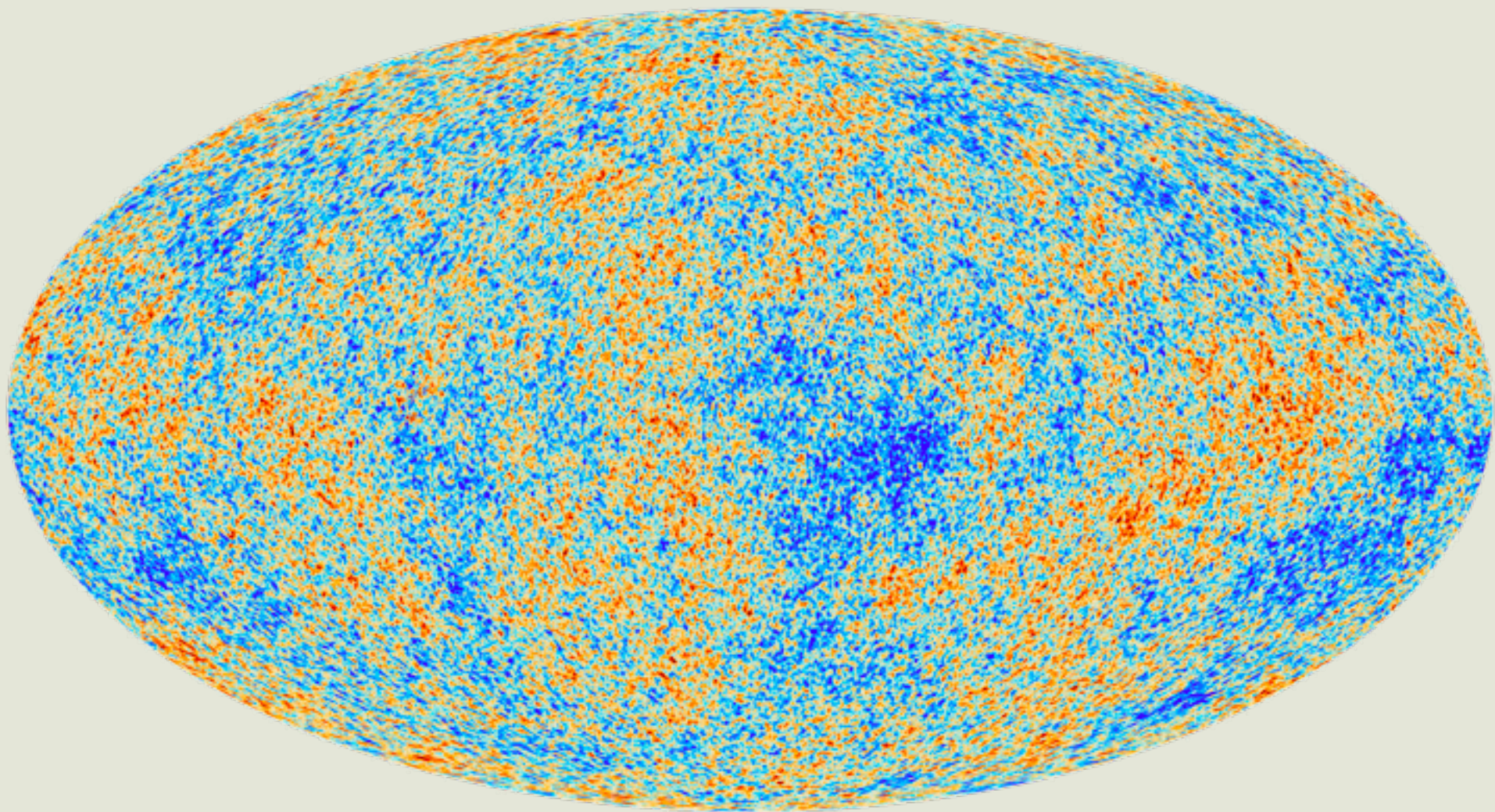


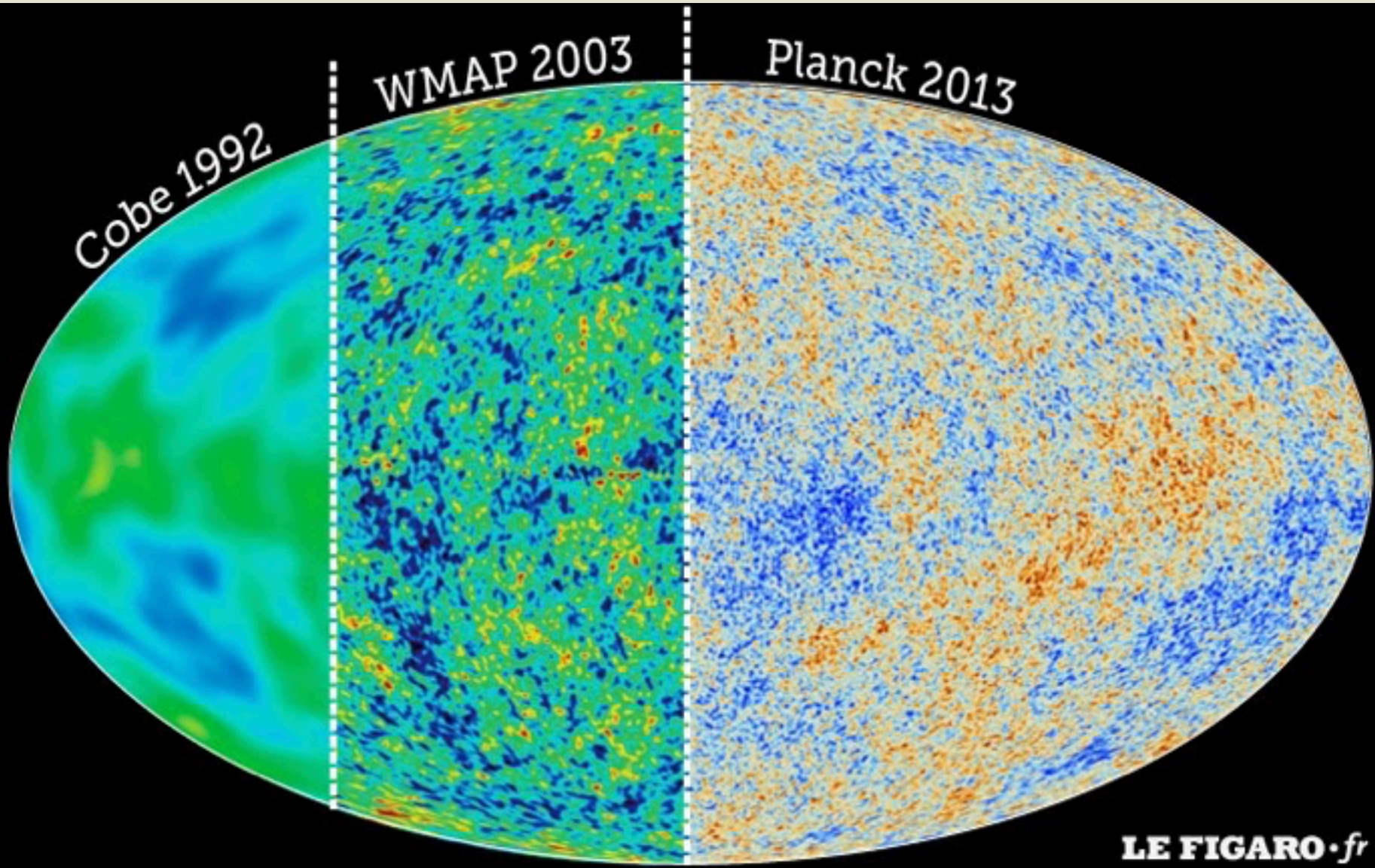
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Cobe 1992

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Planck 2013

PREDICTIONS

1) flat Universe

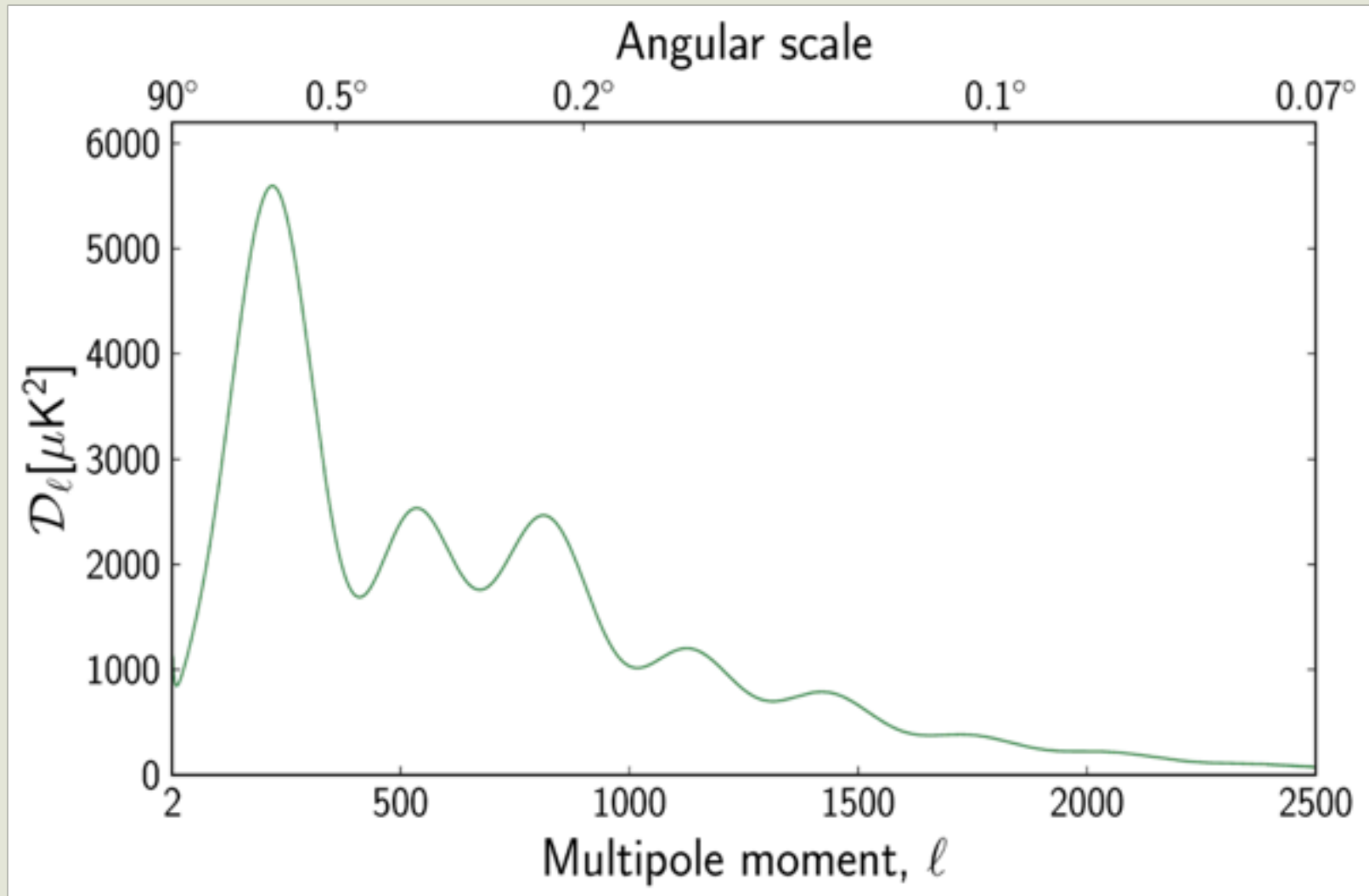
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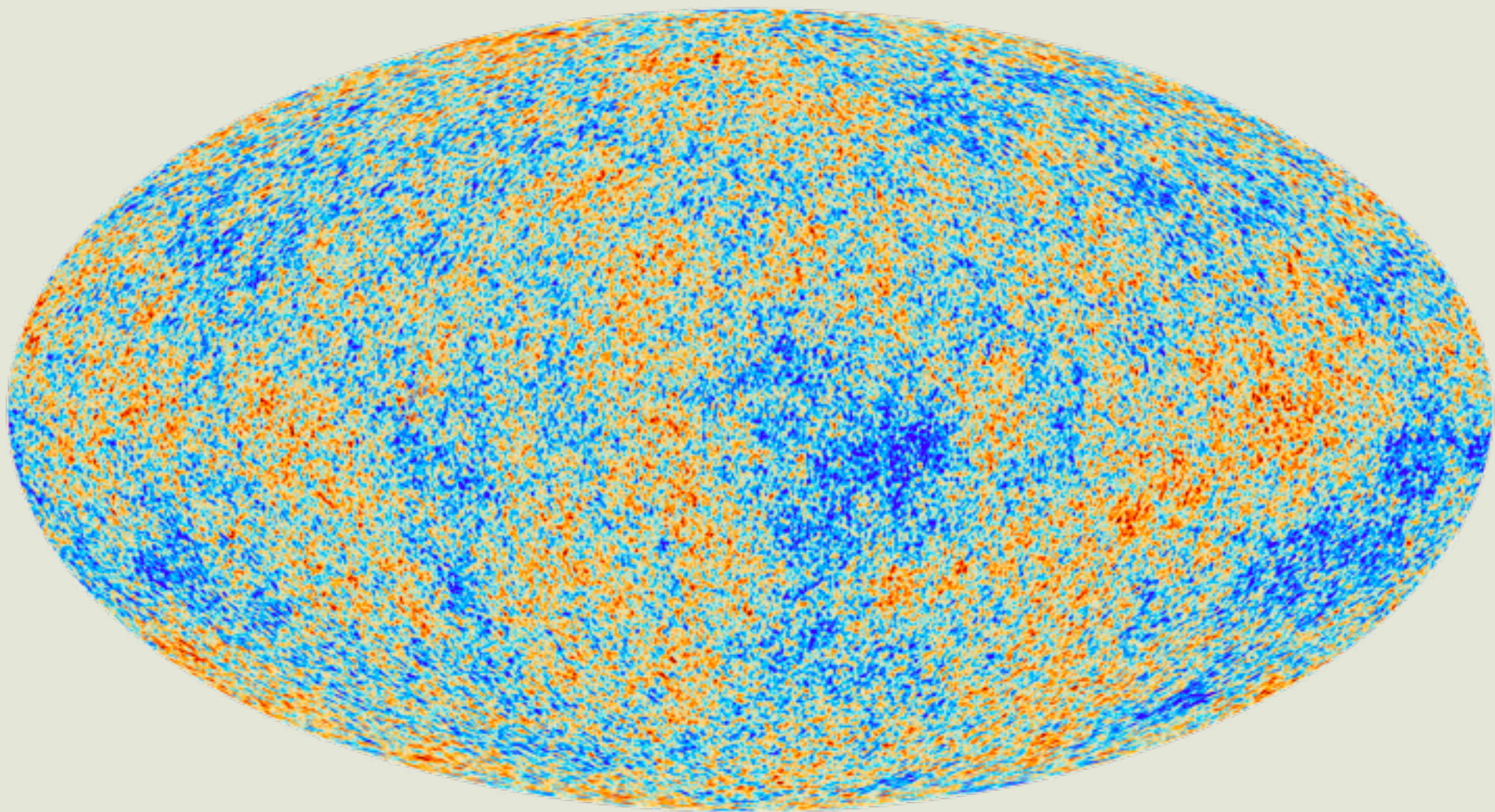
2) adiabatic (MC, 81)

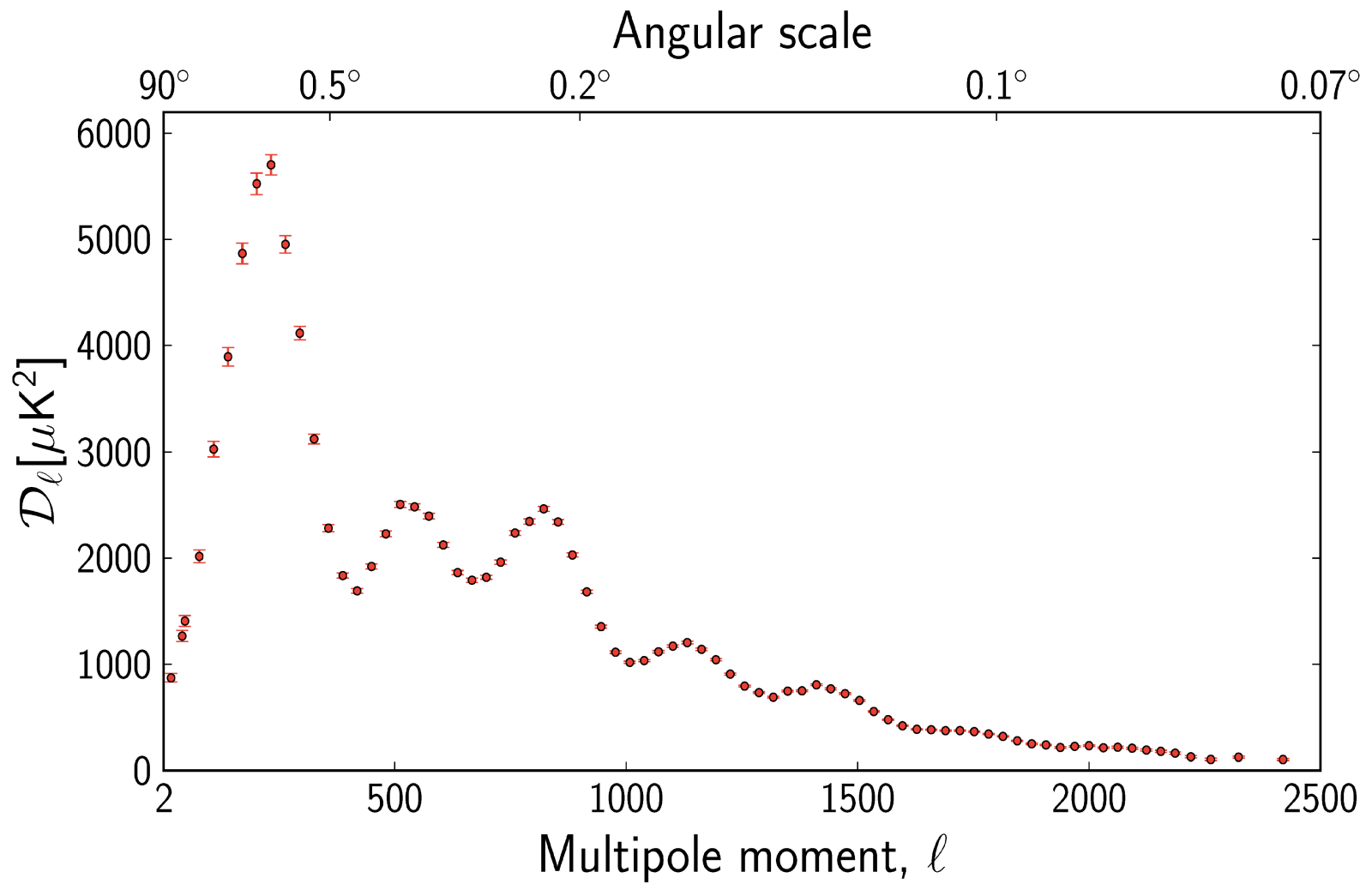
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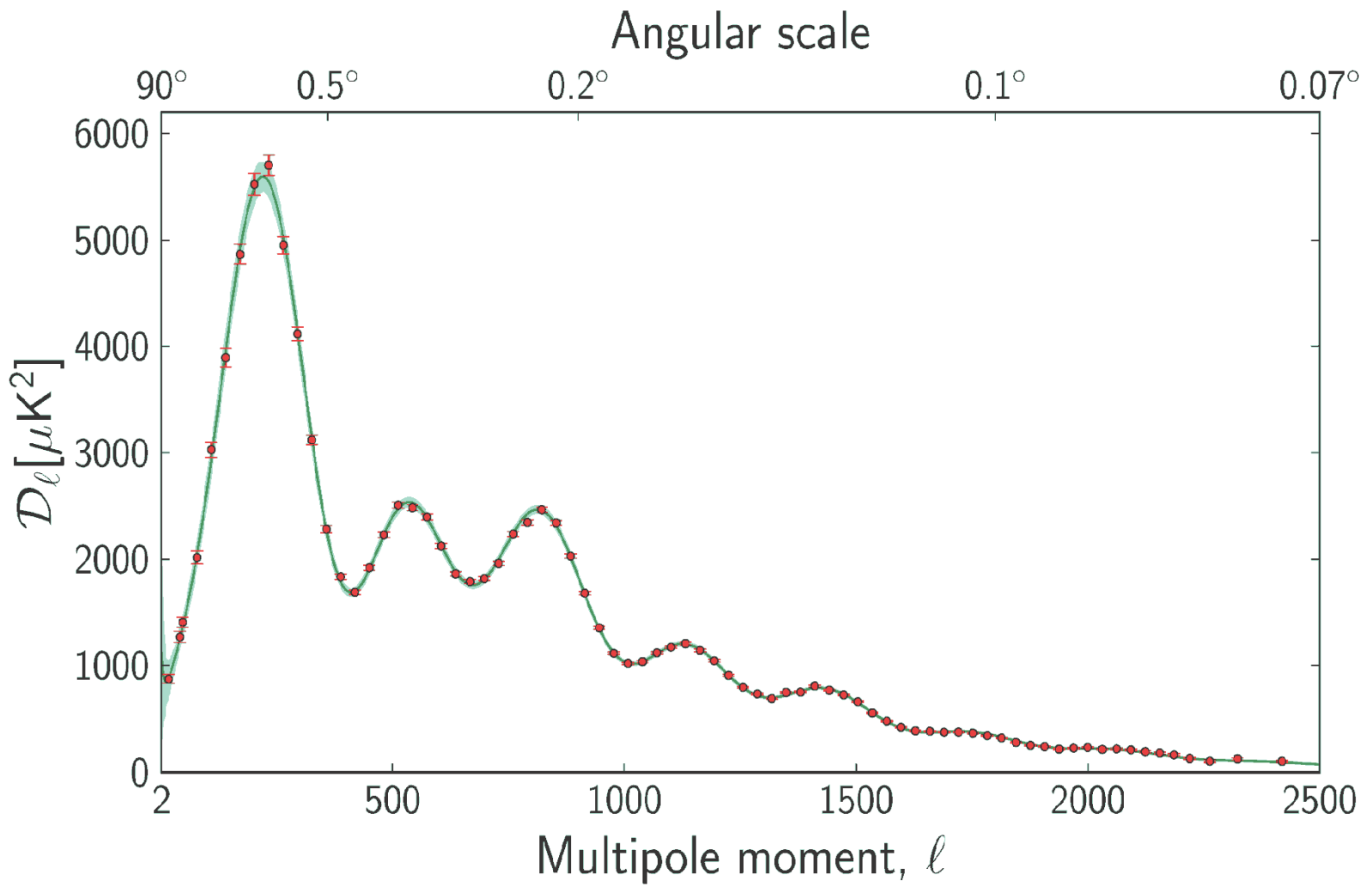
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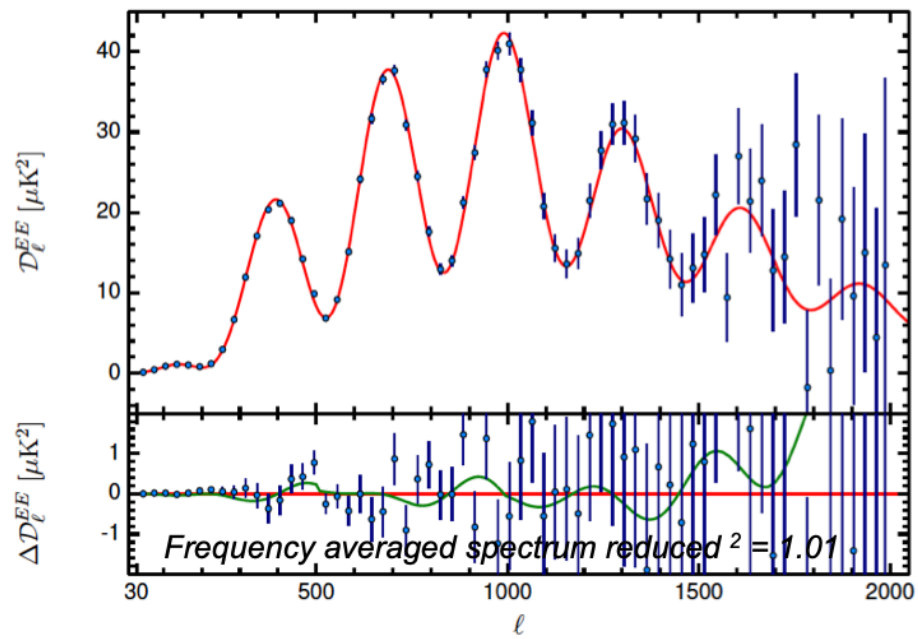
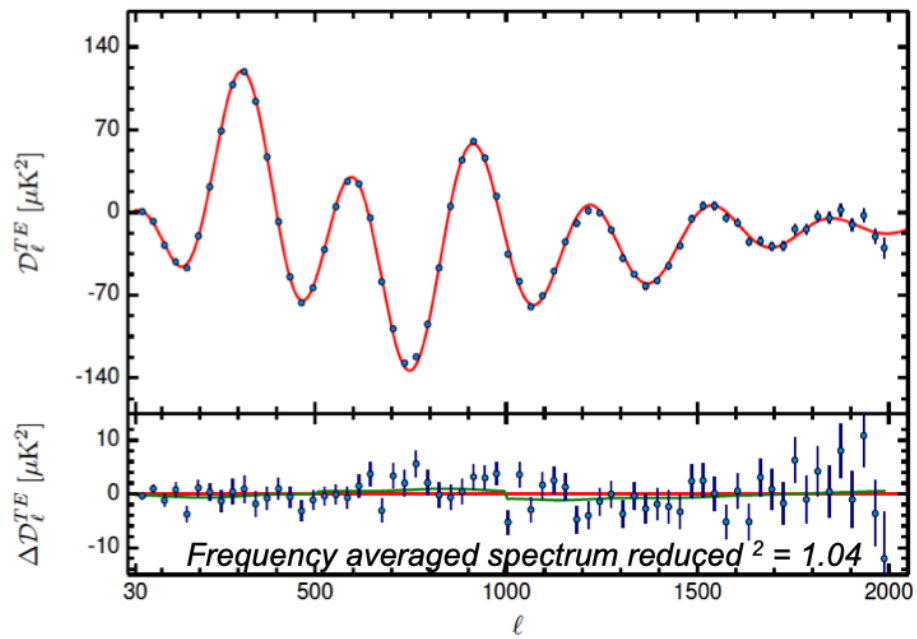
with $\Omega_{tot} = 1$ (prediction) and H_0 , Ω_{Λ} , Ω_{bar} from supernova, deuterium et.cet. we get

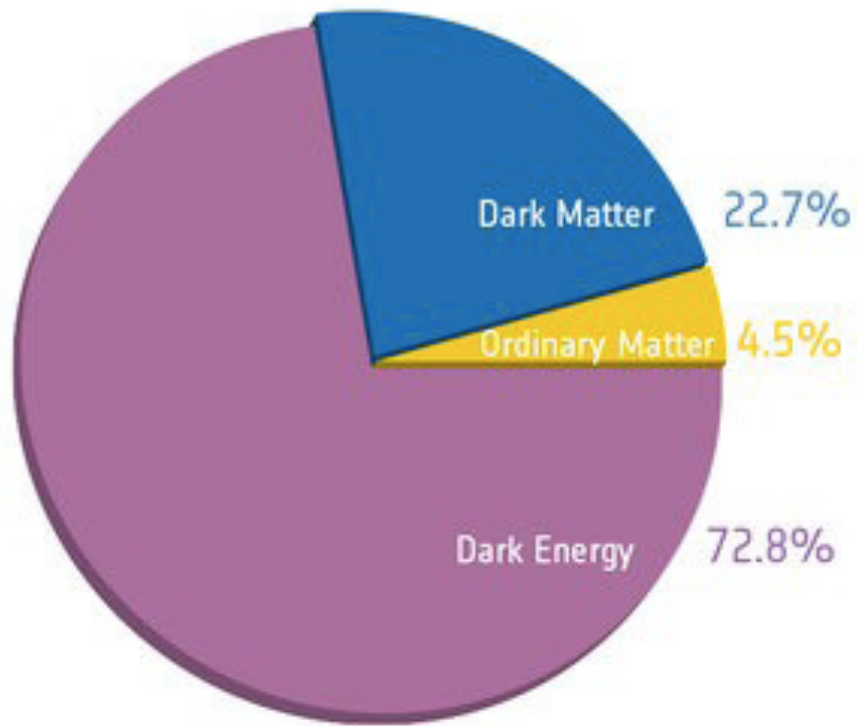




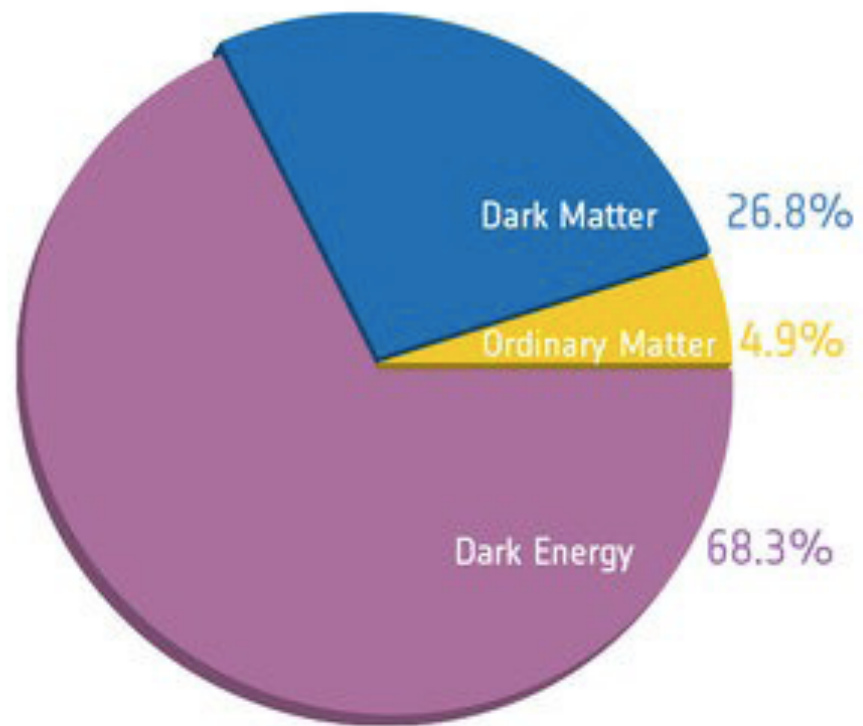




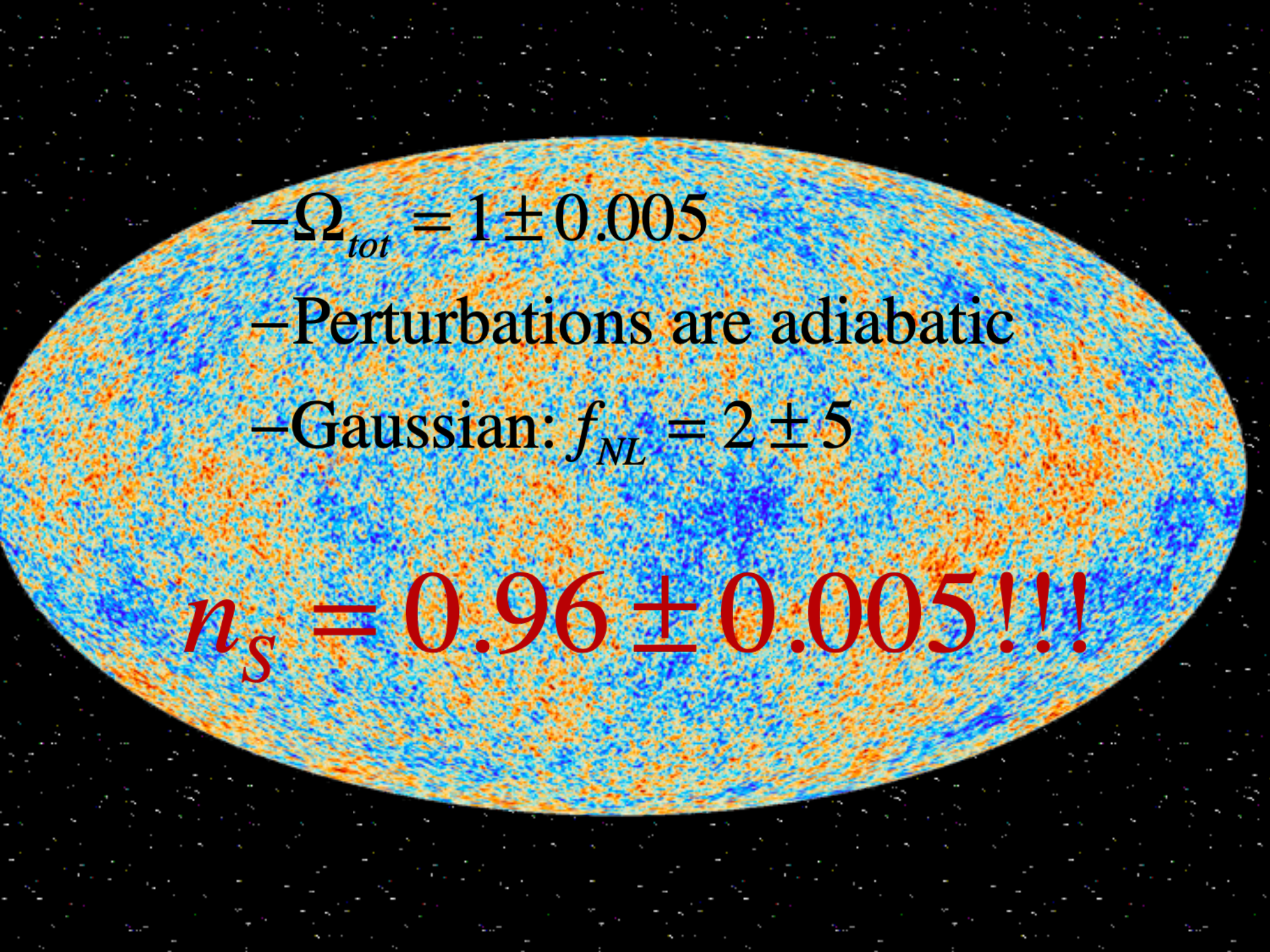




Before Planck



After Planck

A Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB) fluctuation map, showing temperature variations across the sky. The map is an oval shape with a complex, noisy pattern of blue and orange colors, representing different temperature fluctuations. The background is a dark field of stars.

$-\Omega_{tot} = 1 \pm 0.005$

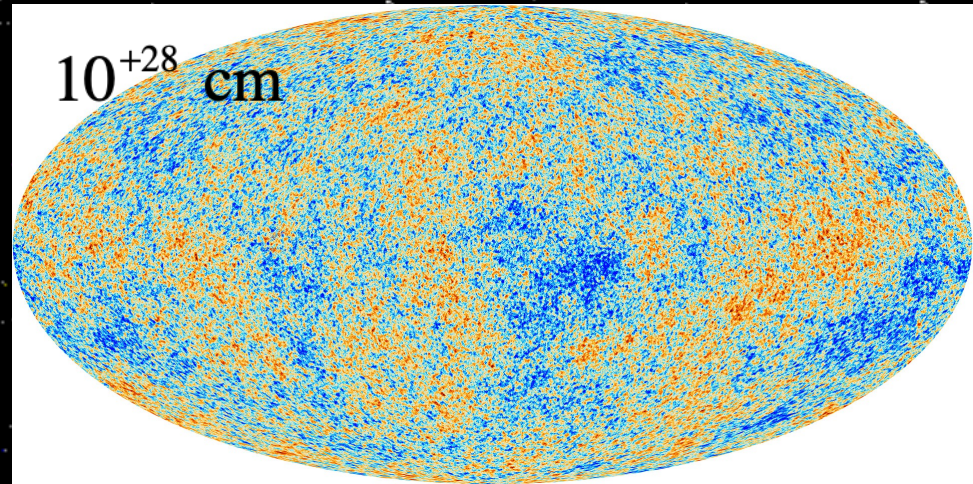
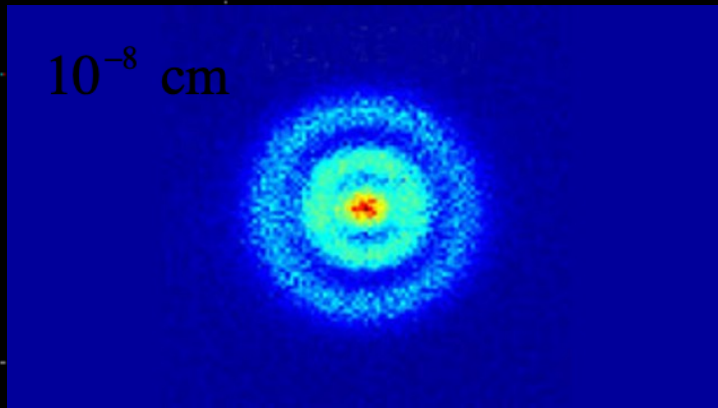
–Perturbations are adiabatic

–Gaussian: $f_{NL} = 2 \pm 5$

$n_s = 0.96 \pm 0.005!!!$

CONCLUSIONS

- General Relativity is valid up to the scales 10^{-27} cm
- We all originated from quantum fluctuations



$$\Delta q \times \Delta p \geq \frac{1}{2} \hbar$$

Multiverse?

One Universe?

From the point of view of Physics

both statements are equally

Correct!

Wrong!

because they are not falsifiable

Initial conditions

a) for perturbations

b) for the Universe as a whole

No problem with initial conditions for perturbations!!!

One can begin with arbitrary inhomogeneities provided that they do not destroy right away the stage of accelerated expansion.

As a result all "garbadge" will be thrown away from the observable horizon and remaining quantum fluctuations will be amplified and produce galaxies (compare to alternatives)

How generic are initial conditions for the Universe and are there any problems with them in inflationary cosmology?

The Causal Universe¹

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We must not make too many universes. What is the criterion that selects *this* universe? In this respect it should be possible to prove that in the region where matter has been

created fluctuations regress. But is there some finite probability that there is some other universe which has been nucleated elsewhere?

• Selfreproduction →

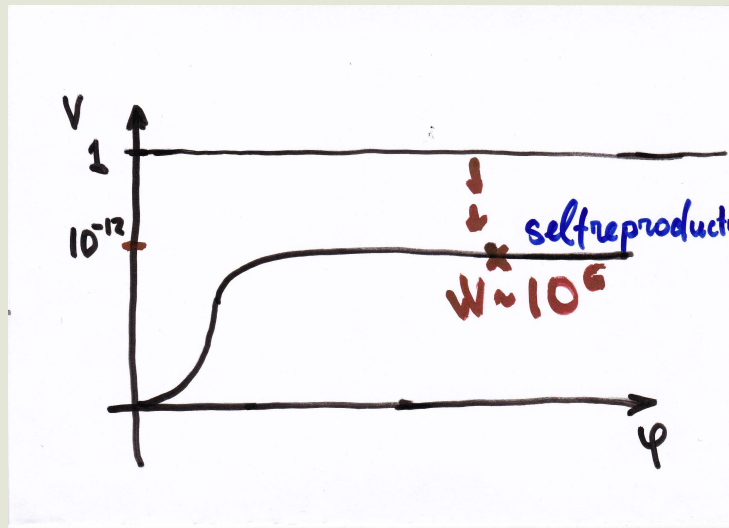
"everything what could happen is happening"

No natural choice of natural measure and even

Boltzman brains:)

• After WMAP-Planck → flat potential →

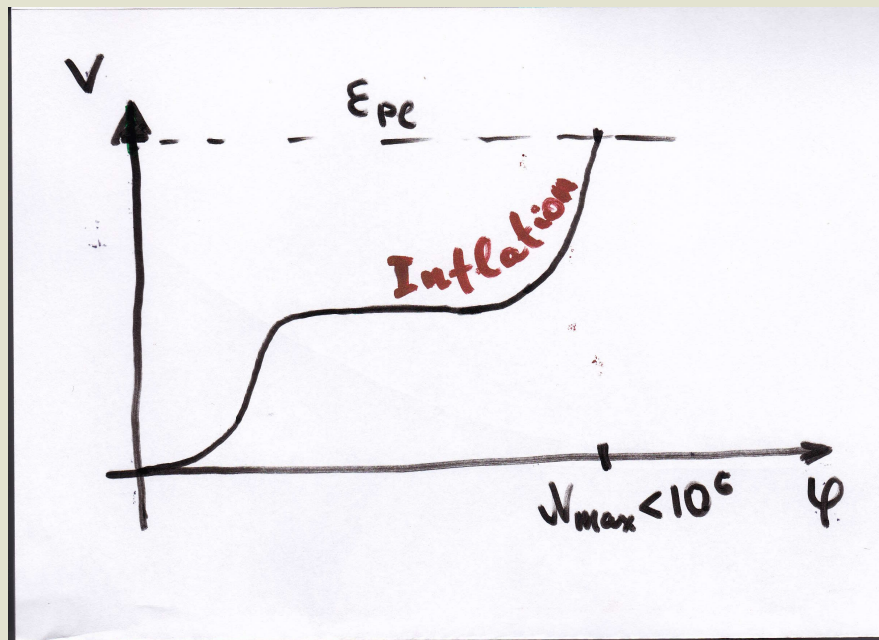
fine tuning is back???



Can we **SIMULTANEOUSLY** avoid

- *selfreproduction* and its unpredictable Multimes?
- *fine tuning*?

Yes!!!



$$1 + w(N) \simeq \frac{\beta}{N^\alpha} + \frac{1}{3\gamma(N_m + 1 - N)},$$

$$V(\phi) \simeq \frac{[1 - \exp(-\phi)]^2}{(\phi_m - \phi)^\alpha}.$$



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