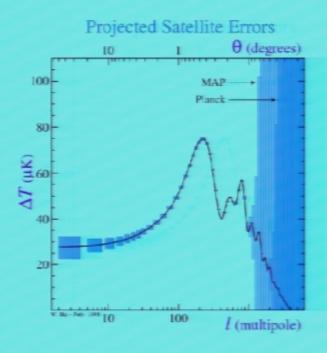
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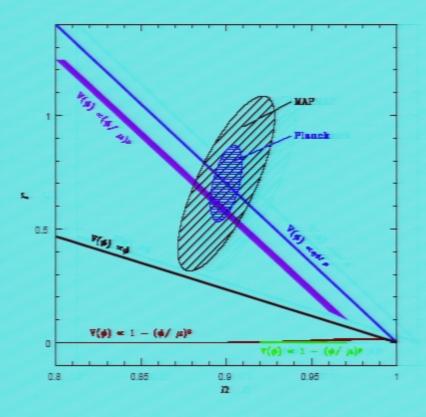
Abstract:

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Expected errors in the  $C_\ell$  spectrum for the WMAP (light blue) and Planck (dark blue) satellites. (Source W. Hu, http://background.chicago.edu/)

- Multipole moments of Temperature fluctuations in the CMB
  - Input: Primordial Gaussian power spectrum
  - Inflation:
    - Gaussianity due to quantum fluctuations
    - Measured fluctuations from  $e^{50} e^{40} < t_{end}^{infl}$
- Error: STATISTICS limited (Cosmic Variance)



Error bars in the  $r=C_2^{Tensor}/C_2^{Scalar}$ , n plane for WMAP and Planck. These ellipses show the expected  $2\sigma$  errors. The lines on the plot show the predictions for various inflaton potentials. Note that these are error bars based on synthetic data: the size of the error is meaningful, but not the location on the plot. The best fit for r and n from real date is likely to be somewhere else on the plot. (Source W. Kinney, astro-ph/9806259, astro-ph/0301448)

#### Initial conditions

Primordial power spectrum is based on a homogeneous solution to the wave equation

$$P(k) = k^3 \langle \phi \phi \rangle \ , \qquad \quad (D^2 - m^2) \langle \phi^2 \rangle = 0 \label{eq:power}$$

- 2nd order PDE ⇒ needs initial conditions!
- standard choice: Bunch-Davies state.

(only truly justified by observation)

- "Transplanckian" problem
  - Dynamics effectively free (slow roll)
  - Energy content in P(k) blueshifts towards the past.
  - Energies occur for which GR is not a valid detheory scription (Long Inflation) in

String
theory
in  $\Lambda > 0$ backgrounds?

- Transplanckian window of opportunity
- $\Rightarrow$  Do present features reflect transplanckian characteristics?

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(different for each  $\vec{k}$ )

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[KKLS,...

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  - "Symmetry" location 
     ⇔ boundary couplings.
- Boundary actions are subject to <u>renormalization</u> group flow.
  - · Long known

• Irrelevant boundary operators

homogeneous &
isotropic
= no intrinsic scale

$$S_{bnd} = \oint \left[ -\frac{\beta_{\parallel}}{2M} (\partial_i \phi)^2 - \frac{\beta_{\perp}}{2M} (\partial_n \phi)^2 - \frac{\beta_c}{2M} \phi \partial_n^2 \phi \right]$$

- Application in Cosmology
  - Parameterize Cosmological Vacuum Ambiguity
  - Any<sup>\*</sup> b.c. is consistent → go beyond Hadamard.
  - Recover known b.c.
- Effects on CMB predictions
  - Power spectrum

$$P = P^{(0)} \left( 1 + \frac{f(y_0)}{H} \left[ \frac{k^2}{a_0^2 M} (\beta_{\parallel} - \beta_c) + \frac{g(y_0)}{M} (\beta_{\perp} g(y_0) - 3\beta_c H) \right] \right)$$

PHENOMENOLOGICAL backreaction constraints:

MILD.

Scalar field theory

$$S = \int -\frac{1}{2} (\partial_{\mu} \phi)^2 - \frac{1}{2} m^2 \phi^2 - \frac{\lambda}{4!} \phi^4$$
$$+ \oint_{90} -\frac{\mu}{2} \phi \partial_n \phi - \frac{\kappa}{2} \phi^2 + \text{non-renorm.}$$

- · Calculus of variations
  - $(\partial^2 m^2)\phi = \frac{\lambda}{3!}\phi^3$
  - $\left(\frac{\mu+2}{2}\right)\partial_n\phi\Big|_{y=y_0} = -\kappa\phi\Big|_{y=y_0}$
  - $\bullet \ \mu\phi\partial_n\delta\phi|_{y=y_0}=0$
- Field redefinition

 $\phi \longrightarrow \phi + \alpha \theta (y - y_0) \phi$   $\kappa' \equiv \kappa + \kappa \left( \alpha + \frac{\alpha^2}{4} \right) + \delta(0) \left( \frac{\alpha^2}{2} - \frac{\mu \alpha \mu \alpha^2}{2} \right)$   $\alpha = \frac{2\mu}{2 - \mu}$ distributions

Boundary conditions (all relevant possibilities; Z<sub>2</sub> scalar QFT)

$$\partial_n \phi(y_0) = -\kappa' \phi(y_0)$$

MEANING OF "ANY"

Solutions to EOM

$$(\partial^2 - \omega^2)\phi = 0$$

- $\bullet$ two solutions  $\Phi_+;\ \Phi_-=(\Phi_+)^*$
- Boundary conditions

$$\partial_n \phi(y_0) = -\kappa \phi(y_0)$$
  
 $\Rightarrow \Phi_{sol} = \Phi_+ + b_\kappa \Phi_-$   
 $b_\kappa = -\frac{\kappa \Phi_{+,0} + \partial_n \Phi_{+,0}}{\kappa \Phi_{-,0} + \partial_n \Phi_{-,0}}$  for each frequency  $\omega$ 

- Freedom of location  $y_0$ .
  - Initial conditions for 2<sup>nd</sup> order PDE
     ⇒ b<sub>κ</sub> ⇒ determines physics.

$$\begin{array}{ll} y_0 \to y_0 + \xi \\ \kappa \to \kappa + \delta \kappa \end{array} \qquad b_{\kappa + \delta \kappa}(y_0 + \xi) = b_{\kappa}(y_0)$$

- domain

independently

⇒ ALL PHYSICS IS INVARIANT\*

#### RG-flow and boundary conditions

- RG: Anything that is not forbidden, WILL happen.
  - in a bounded space, expect to generate

$$S_{bdy}^{counter} = \oint -\frac{\mu}{2} \phi \partial_n \phi - \frac{\kappa}{2} \phi^2$$

• Example  $\kappa = 0$  (Neumann) in  $\lambda \phi^4$ 

[Symanzik; Deutsch, Candelas; Barton; ... Many recent arti-

cles

$$= \lambda \int^{\Lambda} d^4k \frac{1}{k^2 + m^2} + \frac{e^{ik_y(2y_0 - y)}}{\vec{k}^2 + k_y^2 + m^2}$$

$$= \text{bulk} + \lambda \Lambda \delta(y - y_0)$$

⇒ boundary counterterm

(Lorentz invariance broken)

Fixed points

• 
$$\beta$$
-function  $\beta_{\kappa}^{1-loop} = \lambda \Lambda$   
 $\Rightarrow$  IR: Dirichlet.

- Interpretation
  - <u>Dressing</u> of initial state  $\Rightarrow \text{Vacua} \stackrel{?}{=} \text{fixed pt.}$

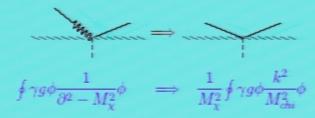
- Effective field theory
  - · Integrating out high energy d.o.f.
    - ⇒ RG-flow + irrelevant operators (higher derivative corrections).
    - ⇒ Effective bdy Lagrangian
- Z<sub>2</sub> Scalar field theory

$$S_{bnd} = \oint \left[ -\frac{\beta_4}{2M} \phi^4 - \frac{\beta_\parallel}{2M} (\partial_i \phi)^2 - \frac{\beta_\perp}{2M} (\partial_n \phi)^2 - \frac{\beta_c}{2M} \phi \partial_n^2 \phi \right]$$

- Example:
  - Two scalars  $\chi$ ,  $\phi$  with  $M_{\chi}^2 \gg m_{\phi}^2$ .

$$S^{int} = -\int g\chi\phi - \oint \gamma\chi\phi$$

• Effective interaction  $|k| \ll M_{\chi}$ .



#### Minkowski boundary conditions, RG-flow and irrelevant corrections

- Flat space: VACUUM is unique
  - Recall  $\kappa = -i\omega$  cancels the physical pole. Hence

$$G^{\kappa=-i\omega}(x,x') = G^{Mink}(x,x')$$

Thus all divergences are bulk

$$\kappa = -i\omega$$
 (restores Lorentz)

- Irrelevant corrections to Mink vacuum are absent!
  - Example:

$$S^{int} = -\int g\chi\phi - \oint \gamma\chi\phi$$
  
 $\Rightarrow \partial_n\chi_0 = -\kappa\chi_0 - \gamma\phi$ 

 $(\gamma \text{ breaks Lorentz})$ 

Lorentz symmetry should guarantee that high energy corrections to low-energy Minkowski boundary conditions are absent

- Cosmology preview:
  - \* EFT Rule: everything that is allowed by the symmetries ought to be considered.

#### Boundary conditions in Cosmological Lagrangians

- Preliminaries
  - FRW in conformal gauge

$$ds^2=a^2(\eta)(-d\eta^2+dx_3^2)$$

• Restrict attention to de Sitter

$$a = -\frac{1}{H\eta}$$
,  $\frac{\partial H}{\partial \eta} = 0$ 

- (easily generalized to power-law and slow-roll inflation)
- Solution to field equation Hankel function  $\Phi_{+} = (-\vec{k}\eta)^{3/2} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{4\vec{k}}} \left(\frac{H}{\vec{k}}\right) \vec{\mathcal{H}}_{\nu}(-\vec{k}\eta)$

$$\nu = \sqrt{\frac{(d-1)^2}{4} - \frac{m^2}{H^2}}$$

• Subtlety: boundary condition

$$\partial_n \phi | = -\kappa \phi | \Rightarrow \frac{1}{a(\eta_0)} \partial_\eta \phi(\eta_0) = -\kappa \phi(\eta_0)$$

#### Harmonic oscillator and shortest length b.c.

- Covariantize Minkowski (harm. osc.) boundary conditions
  - Recall  $\kappa_M = -i\omega = -i\sqrt{\vec{k}^2 + m^2}$
  - In FRW  $\kappa_{HO} = -i\sqrt{\frac{\vec{k}^2}{a_0^2} + m^2}$

$$h^{ij}\partial_i\partial_j$$
 with  $h_{ij} = g_{\mu\nu}\partial_i x^{\mu}\partial_j x^{nu}$ 

- Shortest length boundary conditions
  - Impose  $\kappa_{HO}$  at earliest time  $\frac{|\vec{k}|}{a} = M$   $\Big)$   $a = \frac{-1}{H\eta}$   $\Rightarrow$  momentum-dependent location  $\eta_0 = -\frac{M}{H|\vec{k}|}$
  - Physically relevant parameter

$$b_{\kappa_{SL}} = \text{constant} = \frac{H}{2M} e^{2i\frac{M}{H}} + \dots$$

<u>Nicer</u> interpretation (in boundary EFT formalism)

 $b_{\kappa_{SL}}$  follows from a momentum-independent boundary location  $\eta'$  with boundary coupling

$$\kappa_{SL} = -\frac{\partial_n \Phi_+(\eta_0') + b_{SL} \partial_n \Phi_-(\eta_0')}{\Phi_+(\eta_0') + b_{SL} \Phi_-(\eta_0')}$$

- Bunch-Davies boundary conditions
  - Reproduce  $G^{Mink}(x,x')$  for  $\frac{|\vec{k}|}{a} \gg H$ .
  - In our basis:  $b_{\kappa_{BD}} = 0$ .

$$\kappa_{BD} = -\frac{\partial_n \Phi_+(\eta_0)}{\Phi_+(\eta_0)}$$

• For very high momenta  $\frac{|\vec{k}|}{a} \gg H$ .

$$\lim_{|\vec{k}|/aH \to \infty} \kappa_{BD}(\vec{k}) = \kappa_{Mink}(\vec{k})$$

- Adiabatic, transparent, thermal b.c.; fixed point of bdy RG-flow.
  - Adiabatic: Number operator changes slowest under cosmic evolution
  - Transparent: Notion of in- and out-going waves
  - Thermal: cosmic horizon
  - Fixed points of boundary RG-flow!

· Leading irrelevant operators

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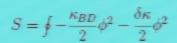
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• Power spectrum of density fluctuations

≡ Spontaneous pair creation from the vacuum

$$\begin{split} P^{0 \rightarrow 2 \phi} \; &= \; \overbrace{\hspace{1cm}} \\ &= \; \mathbf{Im} \langle \phi(t) \phi(t) \rangle \\ &= \; \frac{k^3 \; |\Phi_+ + b_{\kappa_{eff}} \Phi_-|^2}{2 \pi^2 \; \; 1 - |b_{\kappa_{eff}}|^2} \end{split}$$

Perturbation theory around Bunch-Davies



phenomenological input

Feynman diagrams

$$\delta P = \text{Im}$$

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· Corrections suppressed by single power of the new scale M.

$$\delta P \sim \frac{H}{M} \sim 0.01 P$$

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- Conventional wisdom:
  - In a gravitational background, zero-point energy has to be renormalized away:

$$\langle T^{ren}_{\mu\nu} \rangle \; = \; \langle T^{bare}_{\mu\nu} \rangle - T^{counter}_{\mu\nu}$$

 $\bullet$  In flat space  $|\vec{k}|\gg H)$  , we know the counterterm:

$$T_{\mu\nu}^{counter} = T_{\mu\nu}^{Mink}$$

⇒ Only those vacua for which

$$\langle T_{\mu\nu}^{bare} \rangle - T_{\mu\nu}^{Mink} = \boxed{\text{finite}}$$

are consistent.

Hadamard condition

- QFT with Initial states
  - New divergences, <u>but</u> all are located on the boundary.
    - ⇒ dress the initial state.
  - For  $\vec{k}/a \gg H$ ,

$$\Phi_{\pm,dS} \longrightarrow \Phi_{\pm,Mink}$$

then

$$\lim_{\vec{k}/aH\to\infty} b_{\kappa} = -\frac{a_0\kappa + i\vec{k} + a_0H}{a_0\kappa - i\vec{k} + a_0H}e^{2i\vec{k}\eta_0}$$

 $\Rightarrow$  should subtract Mink divergences with  $\kappa$  the same.

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 $\Delta T_{boundary} \sim \text{UNMEASURABLE}$ 

• First-order correction (in  $\delta \kappa$ )

$$\Delta T_{bulk} \sim \frac{\beta}{M a_0 a^4} \int dk k^4 \sin(2k(\eta - \eta_0)) e^{-\frac{k^2}{2M^2}}$$
  
 $\sim M^4 e^{-2M^2(\eta - \eta_0)^2}$ 

- FINITE: as  $M \to \infty$ , except when  $\eta = \eta_0$
- LOCALIZED: on  $\eta = \eta_0$  within the cut-off scale M.
- MIXES: with unobservable  $\Delta T_{boundary}$ -

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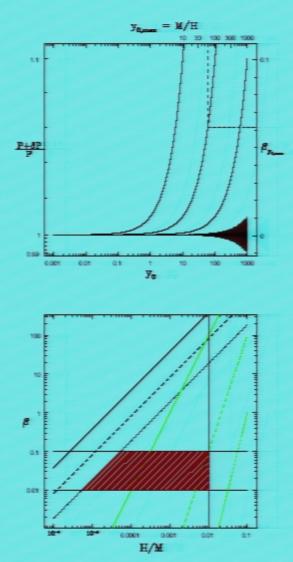
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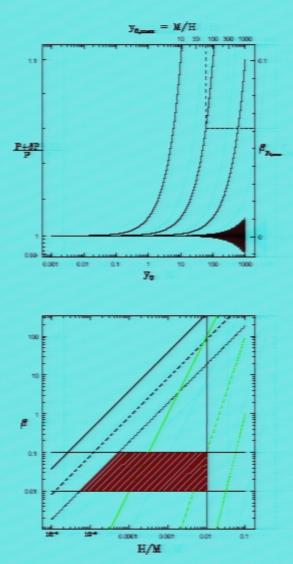
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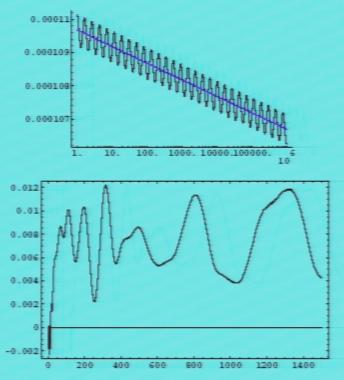


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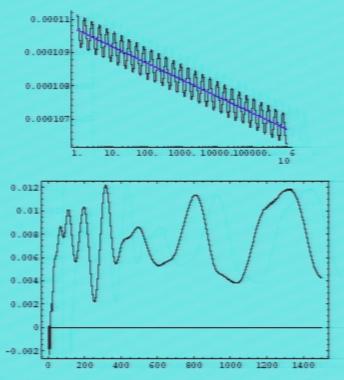
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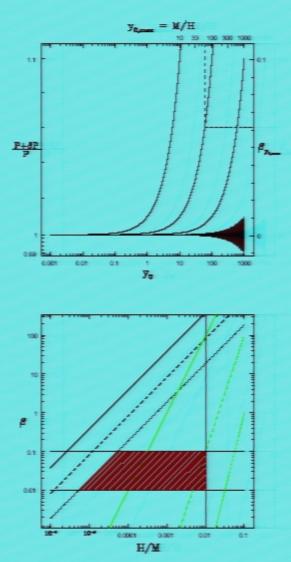
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- Scaling behaviour: boundary RG-flow
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  - preferred b.c. are RG-fixed points.

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- Parametrize the cosmological vacuum ambiguity
  - Preference?
    Bunch-Davies, transparent, adiabatic, thermal, etc.
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- Parameters encoding initial data are <u>phenomenologically</u> constrained.
- Connections with holography?
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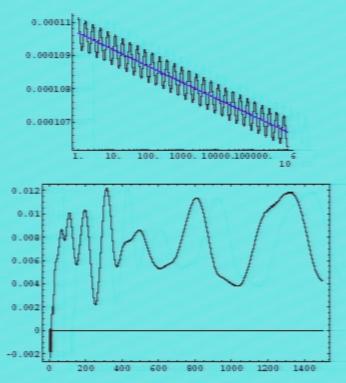
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Hadamard condition

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