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# Cosmological Perturbation Theory

Start with Friedmann-Lemaître-Robertson-Walker

$$ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} dx^\mu dx^\nu = a(\tau)^2 (-d\tau^2 + d\vec{x}^2)$$

And perturb it

$$g_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu}^{(0)} + \delta g_{\mu\nu},$$

$$\delta g_{00} = -2a^2 \phi, \quad \delta g_{i0} = a^2 (B_{,i} + \mathbf{B}_{Vi}),$$

$$\delta g_{ij} = 2a^2 (-\psi \delta_{ij} + E_{,ij} + \mathbf{F}_{(i,j)} + \mathbf{h}_{ij}).$$

Curvature perturbation

Vectors

Tensors

# Cosmological Perturbation Theory

Perturbations are dependent on the choice of coords., called a **gauge choice**.

To make that choice one must fix:

- 1 time coordinate – **Slicing**
  - 3 spatial coordinates – **Threading**
- } **Gauge Fixing**  
=  
4 conditions

And hence define **gauge invariants!**

# What is $\zeta$ ?

Long name:

**Curvature Perturbation on Uniform Density Hypersurfaces**

$\zeta$

Definition:

$$\zeta = -\psi, \quad \text{in the gauge with } \delta\rho = 0$$

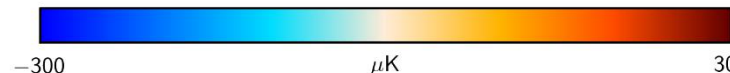
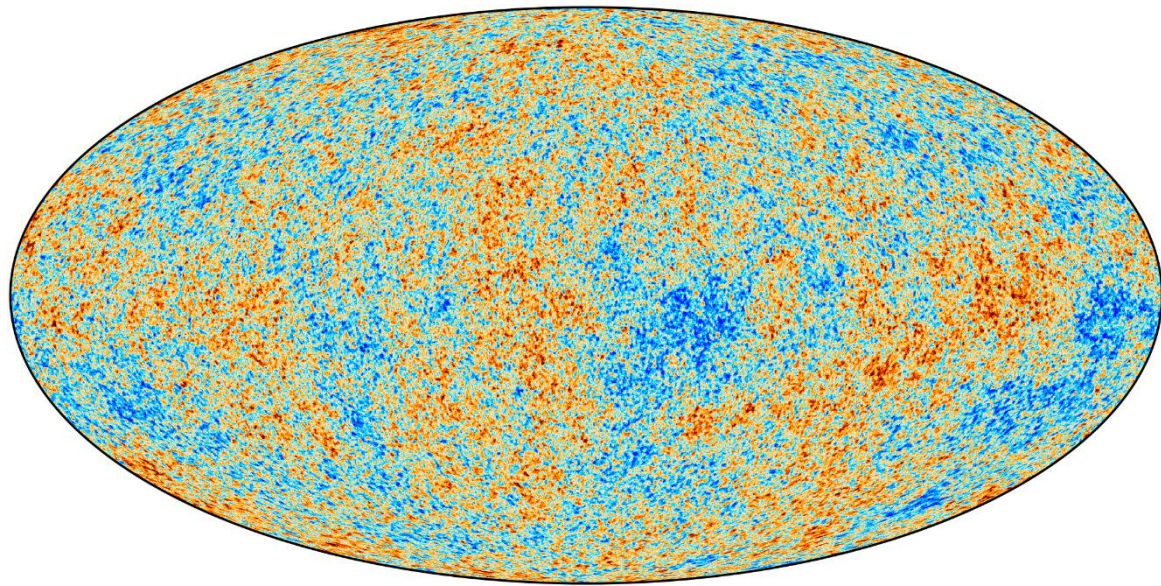
At first order, this means

$$\zeta_1 = -\psi_1 - \frac{\mathcal{H}}{\rho'} \delta\rho_1 \quad \text{Gauge Invariant}$$

# Why do we care about $\zeta$ ?

The **Curvature Perturbation** –  $\zeta$  – links observations to fundamental theory:

$$\langle \delta T \delta T \rangle \sim \langle \zeta \zeta \rangle \sim \langle \delta \varphi \delta \varphi \rangle$$



Planck Collaboration

# Why do we care about $\zeta$ ?

With future surveys – Euclid, SKA, LSST – observables will be measured to high accuracy. E.g.  $f_{NL}$ :

$$f_{NL} \sim \frac{\langle \zeta \zeta \zeta \rangle}{\langle \zeta \zeta \rangle \langle \zeta \zeta \rangle} \sim O(1)$$

Theoretical predictions must keep up with this accuracy.

Non-linear (2<sup>nd</sup> order) contributions are required!

# The many faces of $\zeta$

The definition of  $\zeta$ :

$$\zeta = -\psi, \quad \text{in the gauge with } \delta\rho = 0$$

is not **unique**, for two reasons:

- There are other ways to split  $g_{ij}$  and define  $\psi$ ;
- $\delta\rho = 0$  is not enough to fix the gauge at all orders, the threading must also be fixed.



# The many faces of $\zeta$

Four different versions of  $\psi$ :

- Original [Mukhanov, Feldman, Brandenberger, 1992]

$$\delta g_{ij} = 2a^2(-\psi\delta_{ij} + E_{,ij})$$

- Trace of  $\delta g_{ij}$  [Bardeen, 1980]

$$\psi_T = \text{tr}(\delta g_{ij}/(2a^2))$$

- Determinant of  $g_{ij}$  [Salopek, Bond, 1990]

$$e^{6\psi_D} = \det(g_{ij}/a^2)$$

- Determinant of  $g^{ij}$

$$e^{-6\psi_I} = \det(g^{ij}a^2)$$

# The many faces of $\zeta$

Two main choices for fixing the threading:

- Flat threading

Fixes spatial metric components:

$$E = F_i = 0$$

- Comoving threading

Fixes velocity perturbations:

$$v = v_{Vi} = 0$$

- And many more...

# The many faces of $\zeta$

In summary: There are many definitions for  $\zeta$ !

We studied 6, but show only 2:

- Original convention and flat threading:

$$\zeta_2 = \underbrace{-\psi_2 - \frac{\mathcal{H}}{\rho'} \delta\rho_2}_{\text{Linear}} + \underbrace{\chi^i{}_i + \partial^{-2} \partial_i \partial_j \chi^{ij}}_{\text{Non-linear}}$$

- Determinant of  $g^{ij}$ , comoving threading:

$$\zeta_{I2}^{(v)} = \zeta_2 - 2\zeta_1^2 - \frac{2}{3} h_{1ij} h_1^{ij} + \frac{1}{3} W_{1i} W_1^i$$

$$+ \frac{1}{3} \int \partial_i V_2^i d\tau + 2\partial_i \zeta_1 \int V_1^i d\tau + \frac{2}{3} \int \left\{ \partial_i [V_1^i \Upsilon] + \partial_i \partial_j V_1^j \int V_1^i d\tau' \right\} d\tau$$

Momentum perturbation

Velocity perturbation

Lapse perturbation

# Evolution of $\zeta$

We study the evolution of  $\zeta$  using solely:

$$\nabla_{\mu} T^{\mu\nu} = 0,$$

with  $T^{\mu\nu}$  evaluated in the energy frame ( $q^{\mu} = 0$ ):

$$T^{\mu\nu} = (\rho + P)u^{\mu}u^{\nu} + P g^{\mu\nu} + \pi^{\mu\nu},$$

$$\pi^{\mu\nu}u_{\nu} = 0, \quad \pi^{\mu}_{\mu} = 0.$$

The field equations are not necessary.

# Evolution of $\zeta$

There are only two possibilities at first order:

- Flat threading

$$\zeta'_1 = -\frac{1}{3} \partial_i V_1^i - \mathcal{H} \frac{\delta P_{\text{nad } 1}}{\rho + P}$$

- Comoving threading

$$\zeta_1^{(v)'} = -\mathcal{H} \frac{\delta P_{\text{nad } 1}}{\rho + P}$$

# Evolution of $\zeta$

Up to second order, we find:

- Original convention, flat threading

$$\left( -\zeta_2 + 2\zeta_1^2 + \frac{2}{3} h_{1ij} h_1^{ij} - \frac{1}{3} W_{1i} W_1^i \right)' = \frac{1}{3} \partial_i V_2^i + \frac{2}{3} \partial_i [V_1^i \Upsilon]$$

$$+ 2\partial_i \zeta_1 V_1^i + \mathcal{H} \frac{\delta P_{\text{nad } 2}}{\rho + P} - 2\mathcal{H} \frac{\delta P_{\text{nad } 1}^2}{(\rho + P)^2} - \frac{2\mathcal{H}}{a^2 \rho'} \pi_{1ij} \left( \partial^j V_1^i + h_1^{ij'} \right)$$

- Determinant of  $g^{ij}$ , comoving threading

$$-\zeta_{I2}^{(v)'} = \mathcal{H} \frac{\delta P_{\text{nad } 2}^{(v)}}{\rho + P} - 2\mathcal{H} \frac{\delta P_{\text{nad } 1}^2}{(\rho + P)^2} - \frac{2\mathcal{H}}{a^2 \rho'} \pi_{1ij} \left( \partial^j V_1^i + h_1^{ij'} \right)$$

In agreement with [Enqvist, Högdahl, Nurmi, Vernizzi, 2007]

# Evolution of $\zeta$

On large scales ( $\partial \rightarrow 0$ ), the results reduce to:

$$-\zeta_{I2}^{(v)'} = \left( -\zeta_2 + 2\zeta_1^2 + \frac{2}{3} h_{1ij} h_1^{ij} - \frac{1}{3} W_{1Vi} W_{1V}^i \right)' =$$
$$\mathcal{H} \frac{\delta P_{\text{nad } 2}}{\rho + P} - 2\mathcal{H} \frac{\delta P_{\text{nad } 1}^2}{(\rho + P)^2} - \frac{2\mathcal{H}}{\rho'} \Pi_{1ij} h_1^{ij'}$$

With negligible  $\delta P_{\text{nad}}$  and  $\Pi_{ij}$ , there exists a conserved quantity:

$$\zeta_{I2}^{(v)} = \zeta_2 - 2\zeta_1^2 - \frac{2}{3} h_{1ij} h_1^{ij} + \frac{1}{3} W_{1Vi} W_{1V}^i$$

Some  $\zeta$ 's are more conserved than other  $\zeta$ 's.

# Summary

- There are many different versions of  $\zeta$ .
- In general, the evolution is different for each version and is dependent on the vector and tensor modes.
- $\zeta_I^{(v)}$ , based on the determinant of  $g^{ij}$ , is **exactly** conserved if both  $\delta P_{\text{nad}} = 0$  and  $\pi_{ij} = 0$ .



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**Questions?**

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