

Observing the Dimensionality of Our Parent Vacuum

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We will look for residual signs of this special direction

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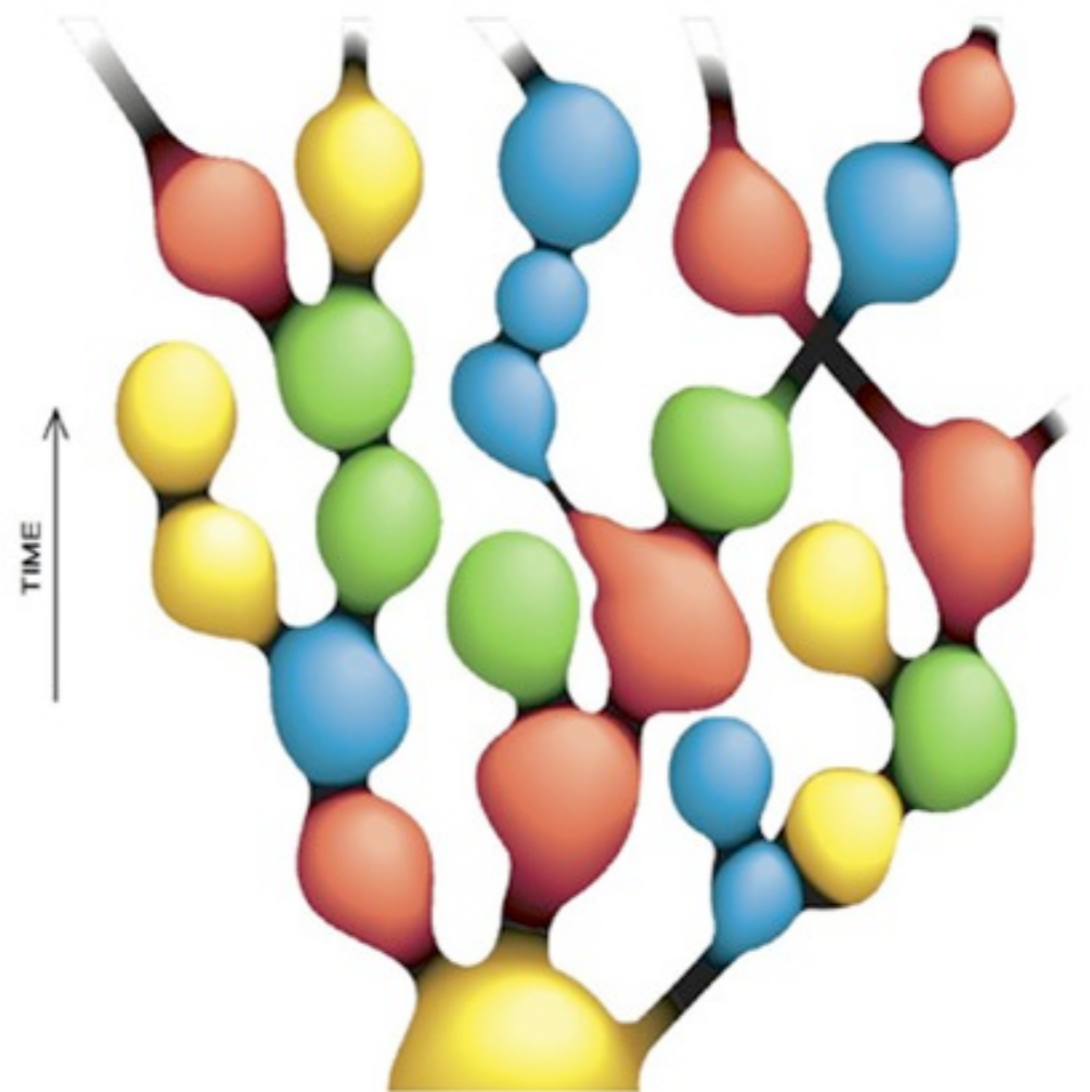
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These also assume other vacua
are 3+1 dimensional

What if we relax this assumption?

These signals could reveal our
history of decompactification

(see also Blanco-Pillado and Salem, 2010)



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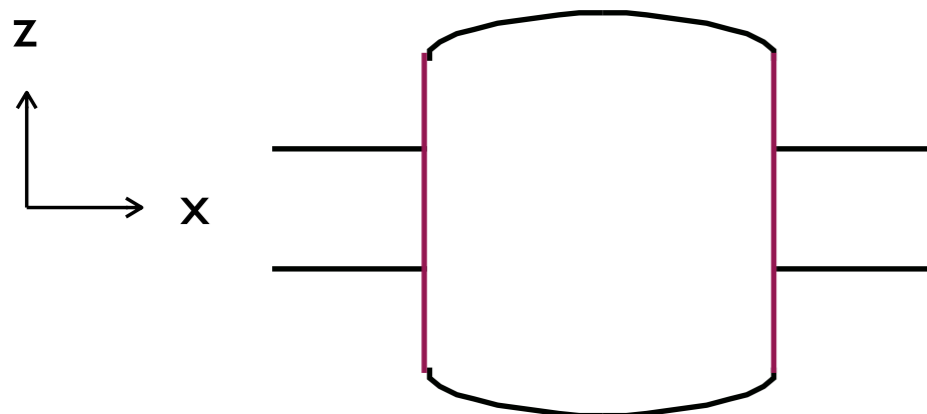
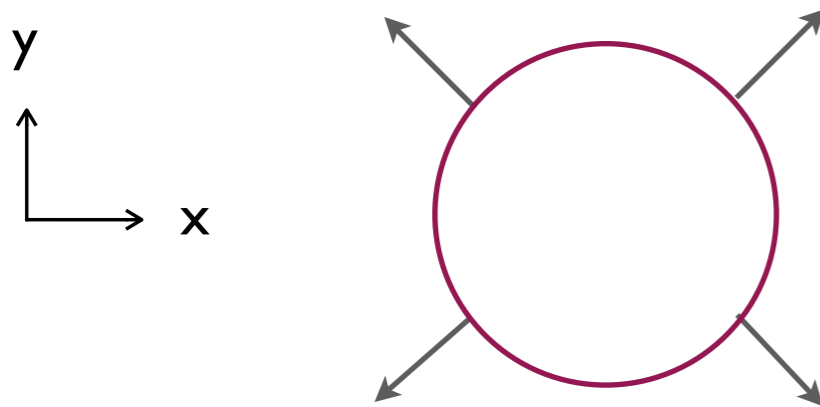
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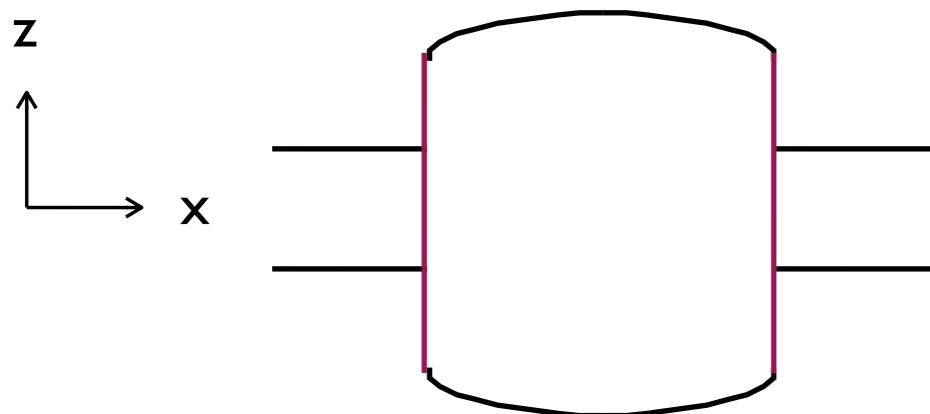
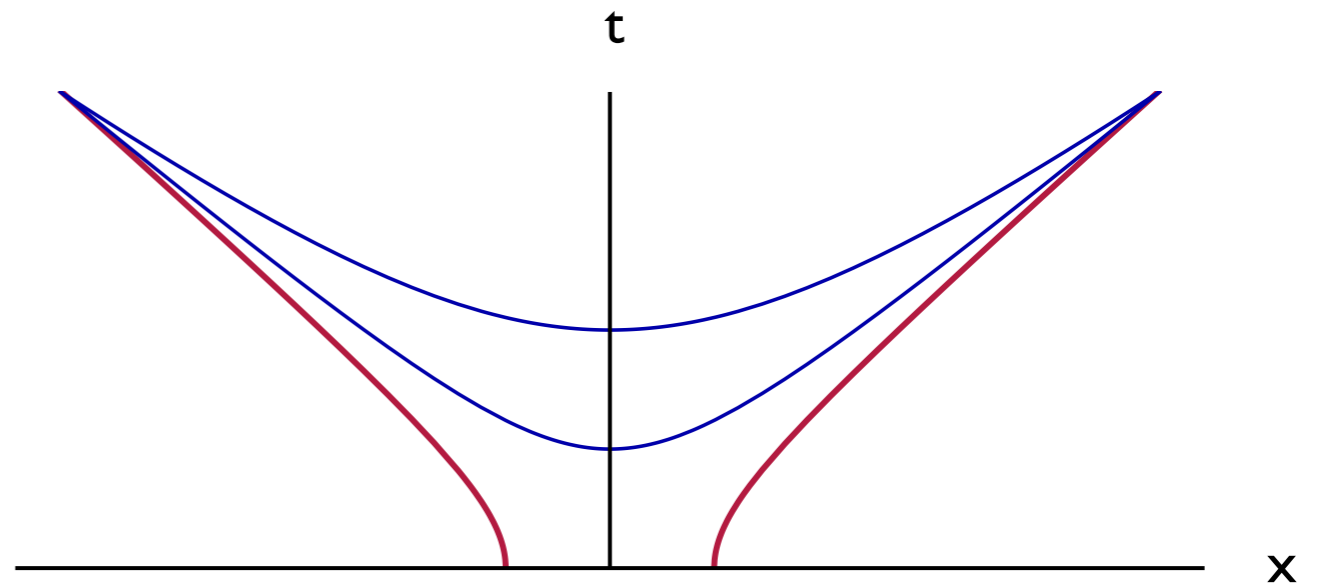
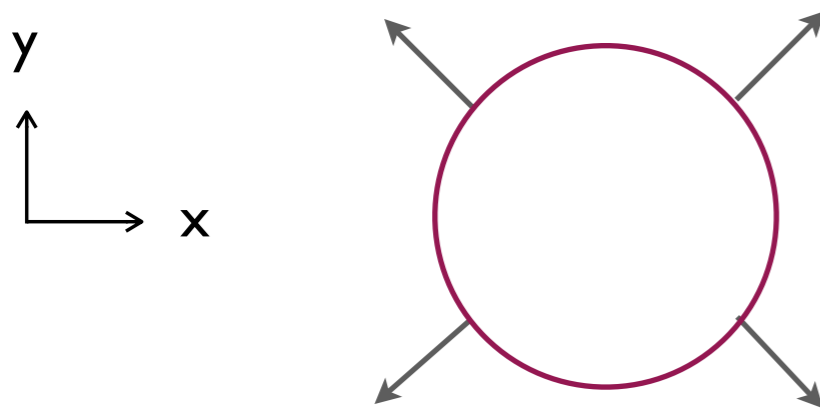
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universe, in 2 dimensions

negative curvature only in 2 dimensions, third dimension flat

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In general, expect anisotropic curvature after transition

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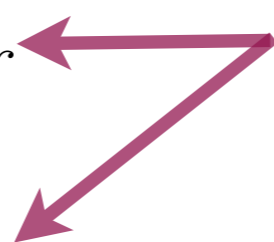
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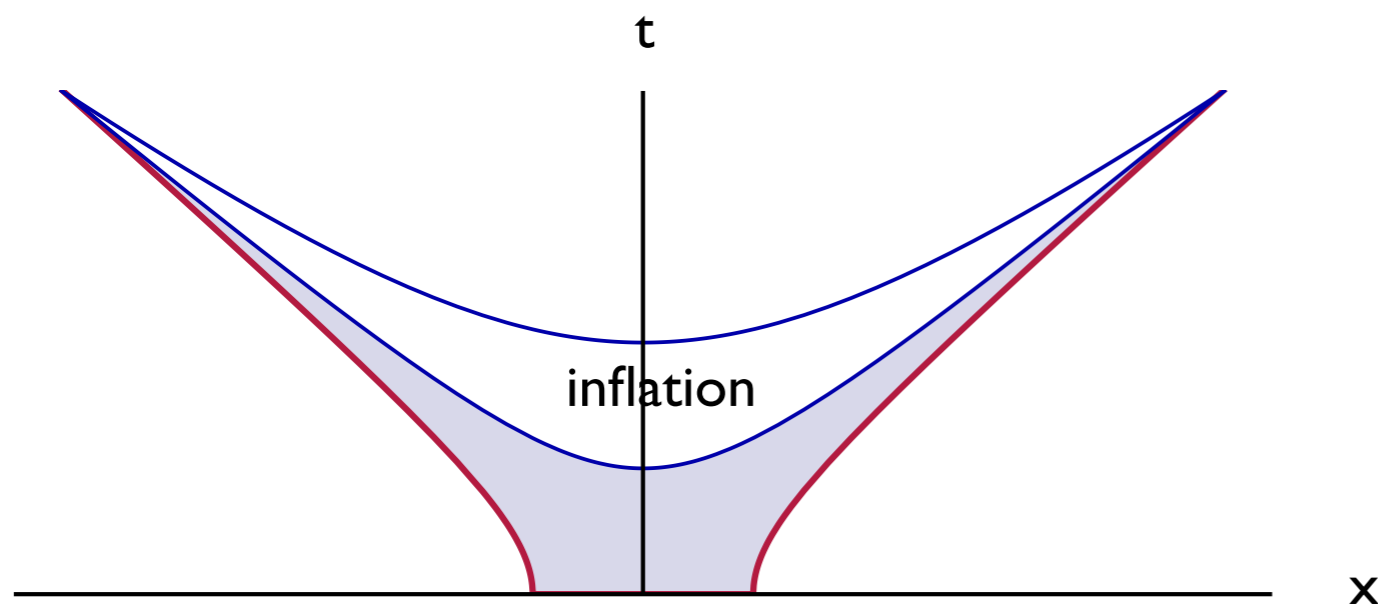
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anisotropic curvature \Rightarrow anisotropic expansion: $H_a \equiv \frac{\dot{a}}{a} \neq H_b \equiv \frac{\dot{b}}{b}$

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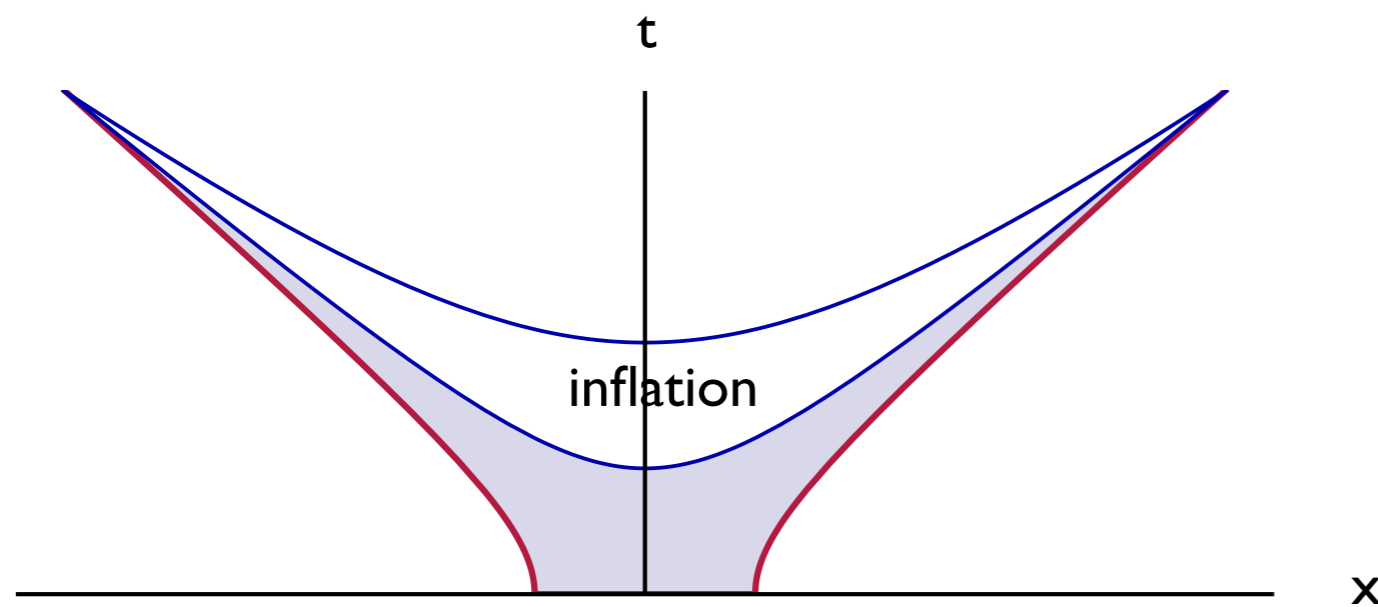
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$a(t)$ will expand, diluting curvature until $t^2 \sim G \Lambda$ when $\Omega_k < \Omega_\Lambda$

slow-roll inflation takes over and drives all dimensions to expand $H_b \rightarrow H_a$

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eqn for b(t):
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a(t) expands normally, b(t) expands as if curvature was opposite sign

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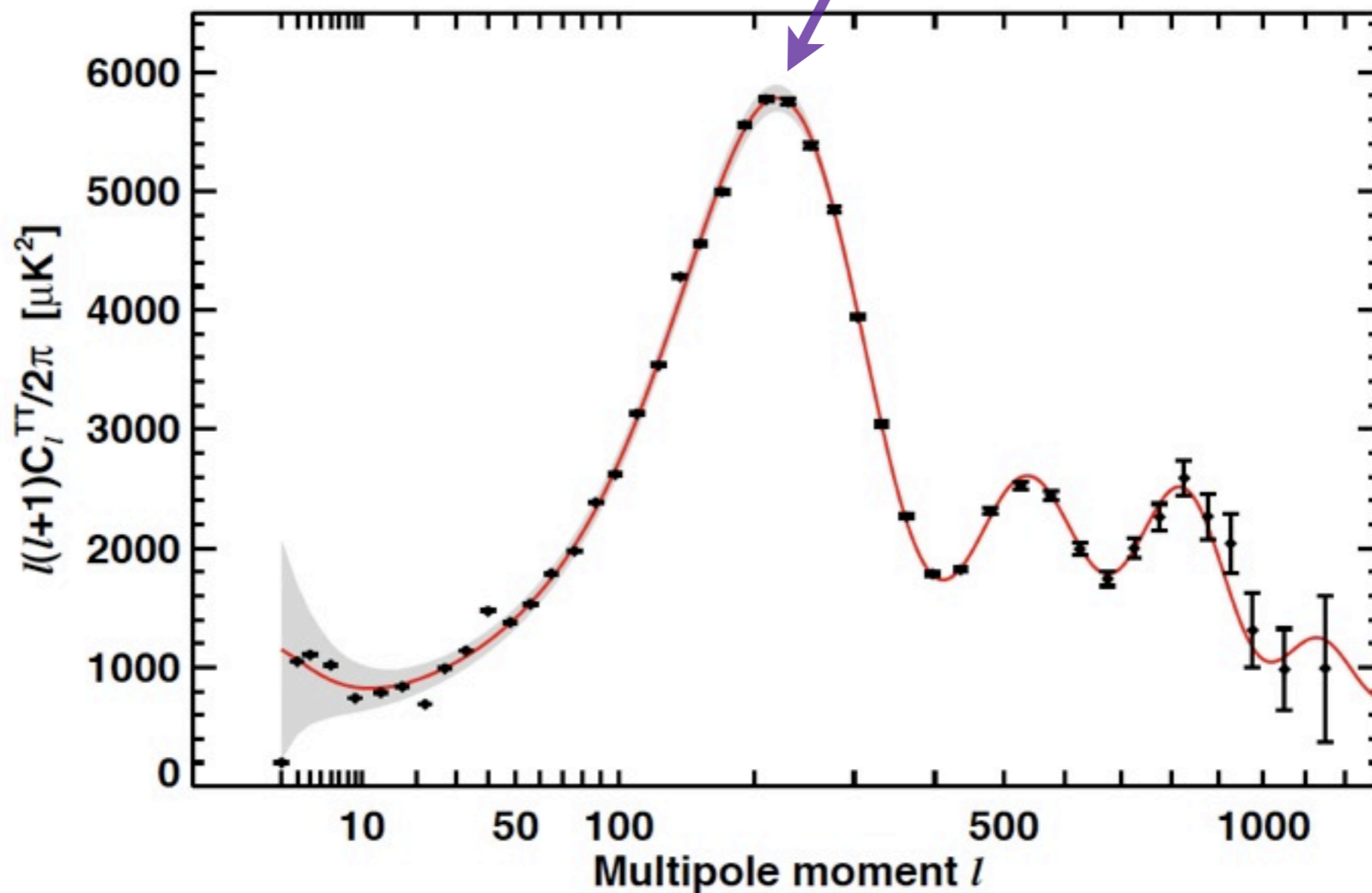
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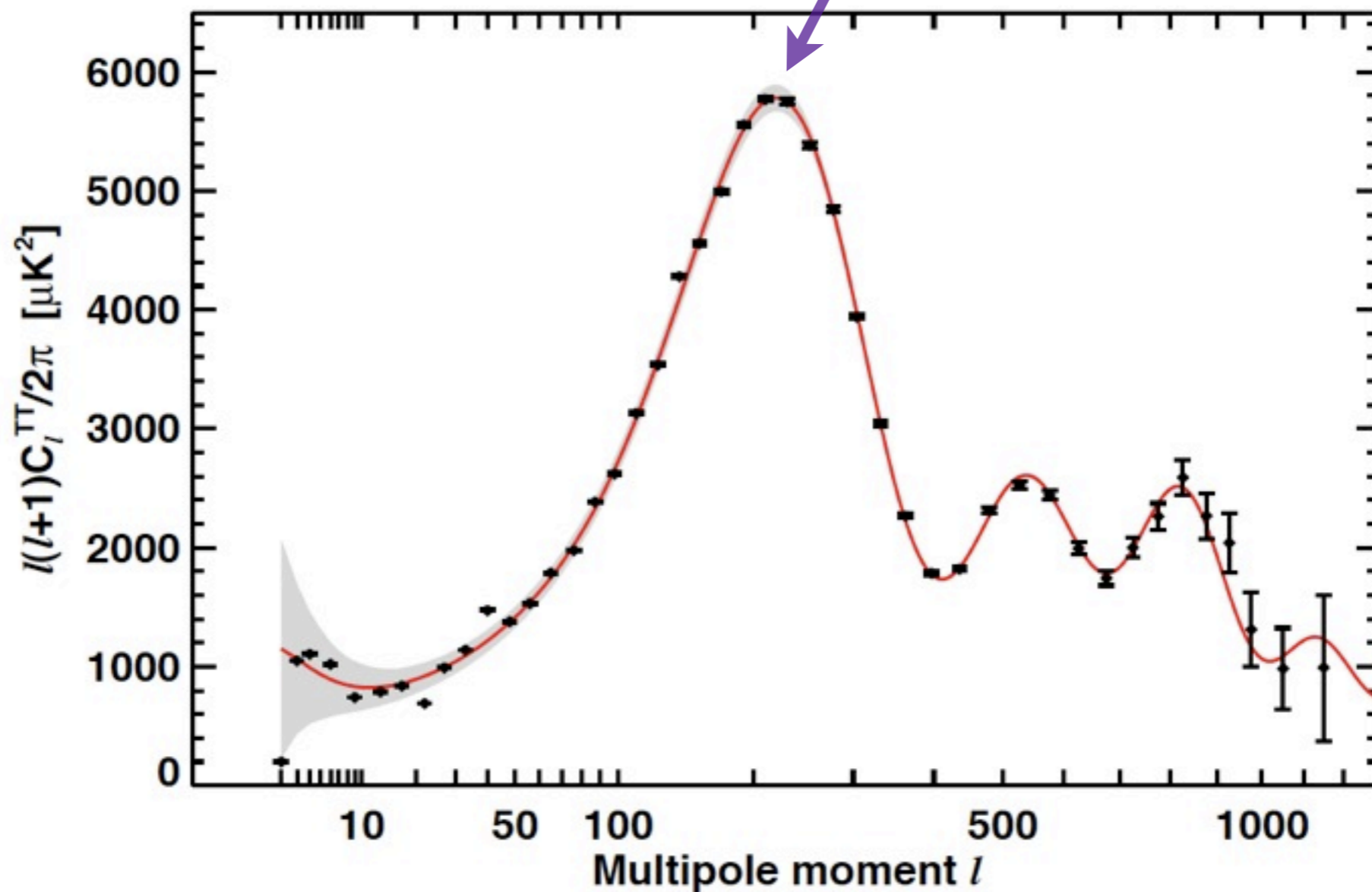
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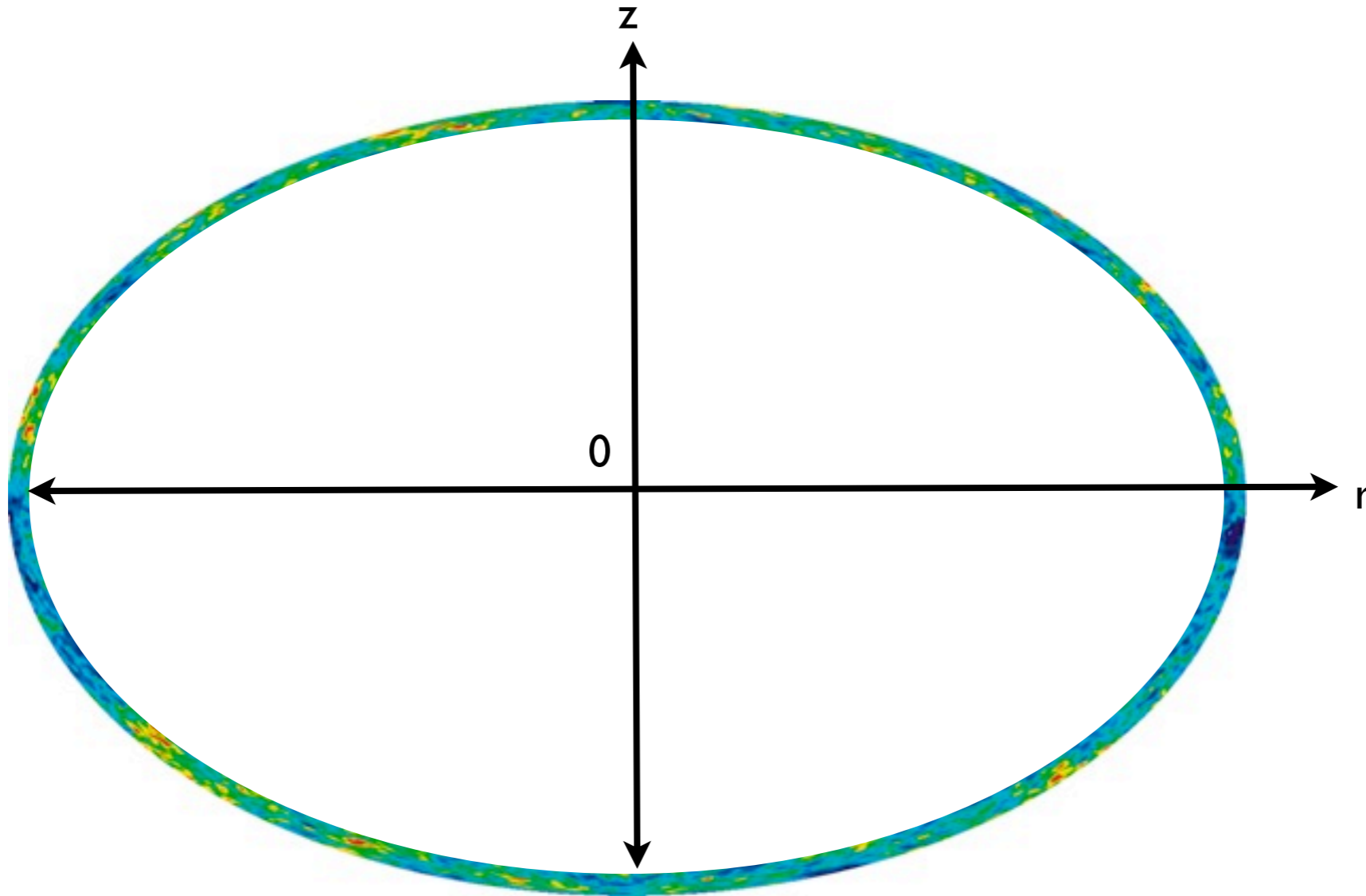


What does anisotropic curvature look like?

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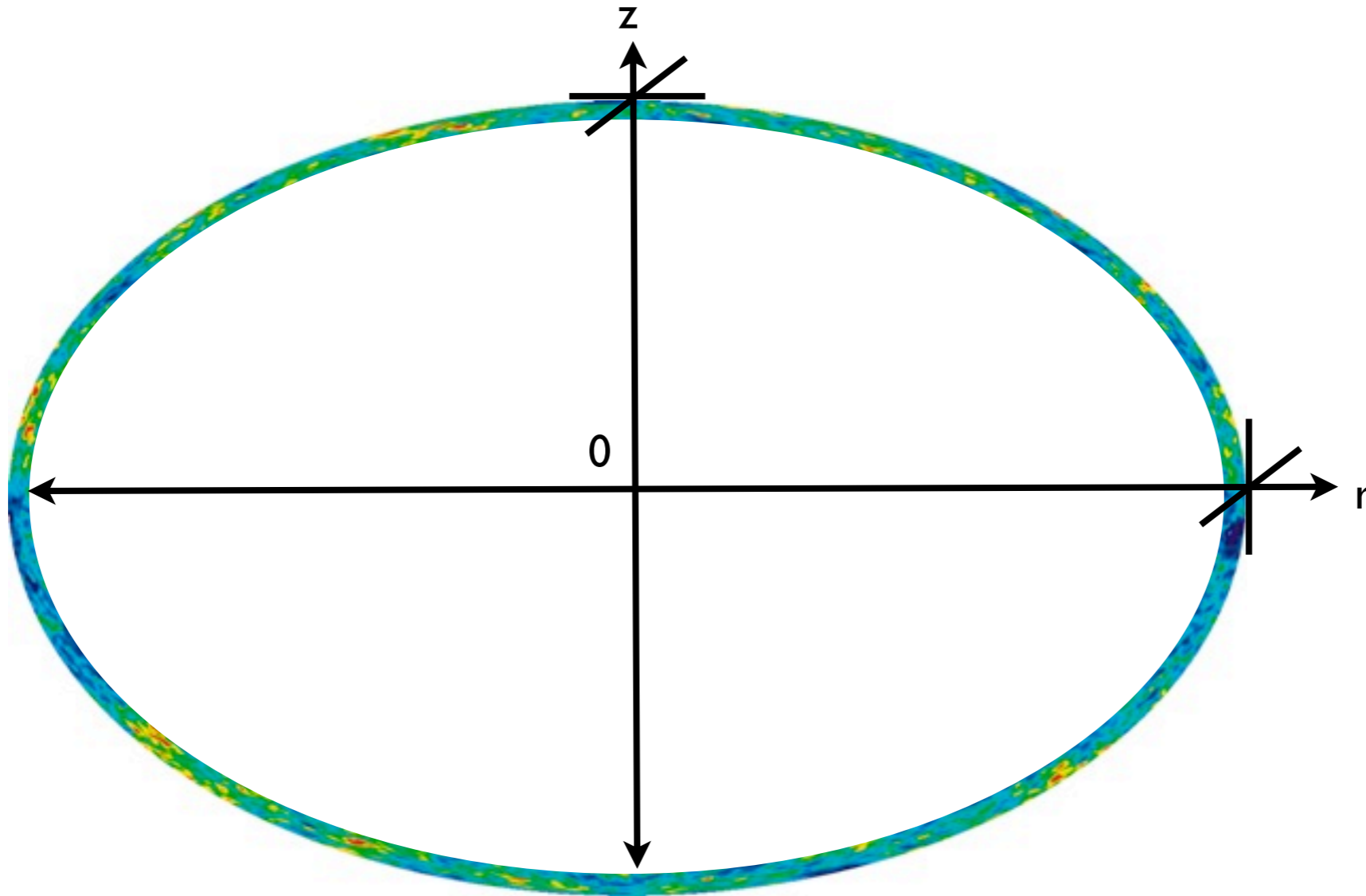
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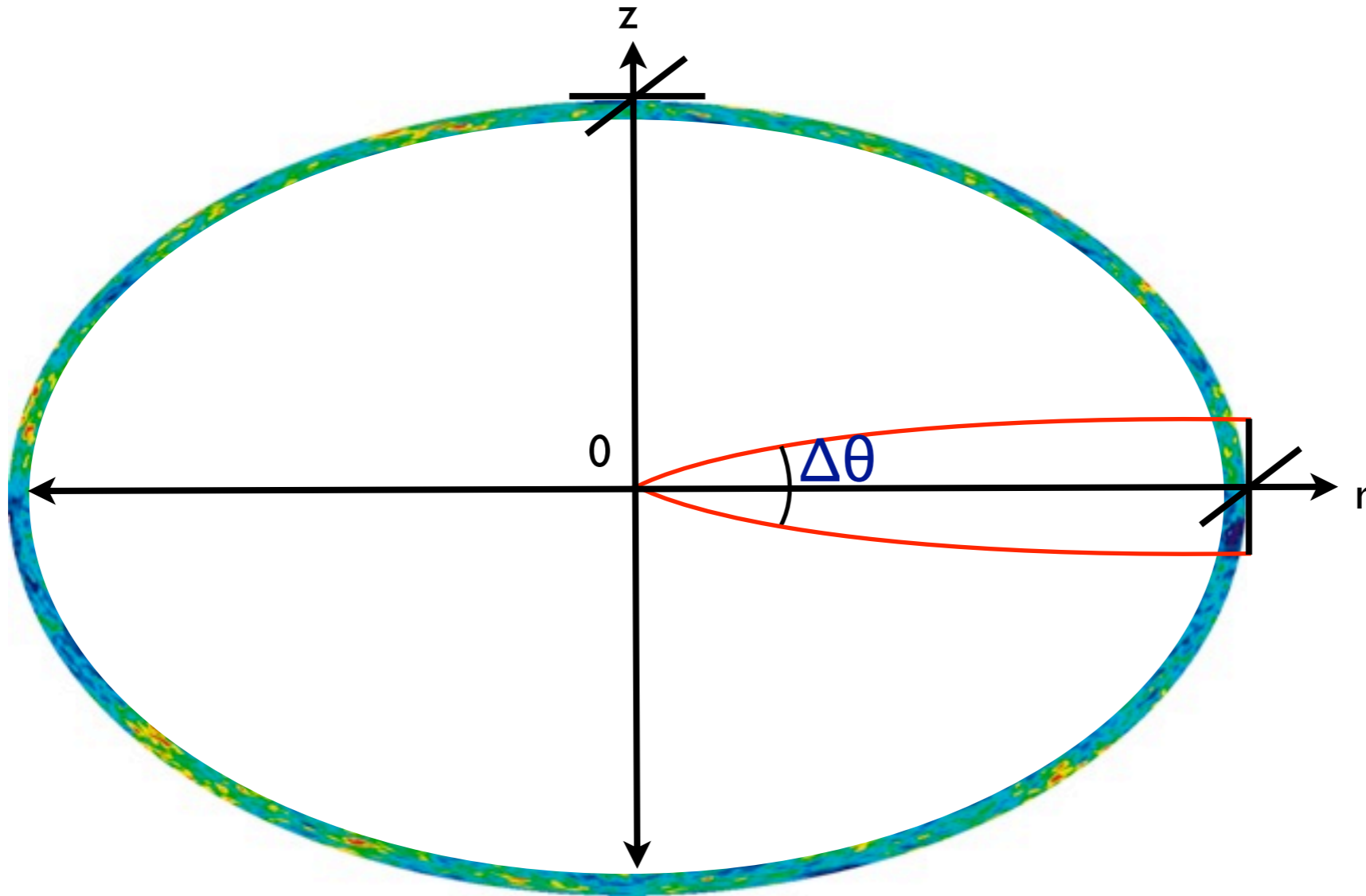
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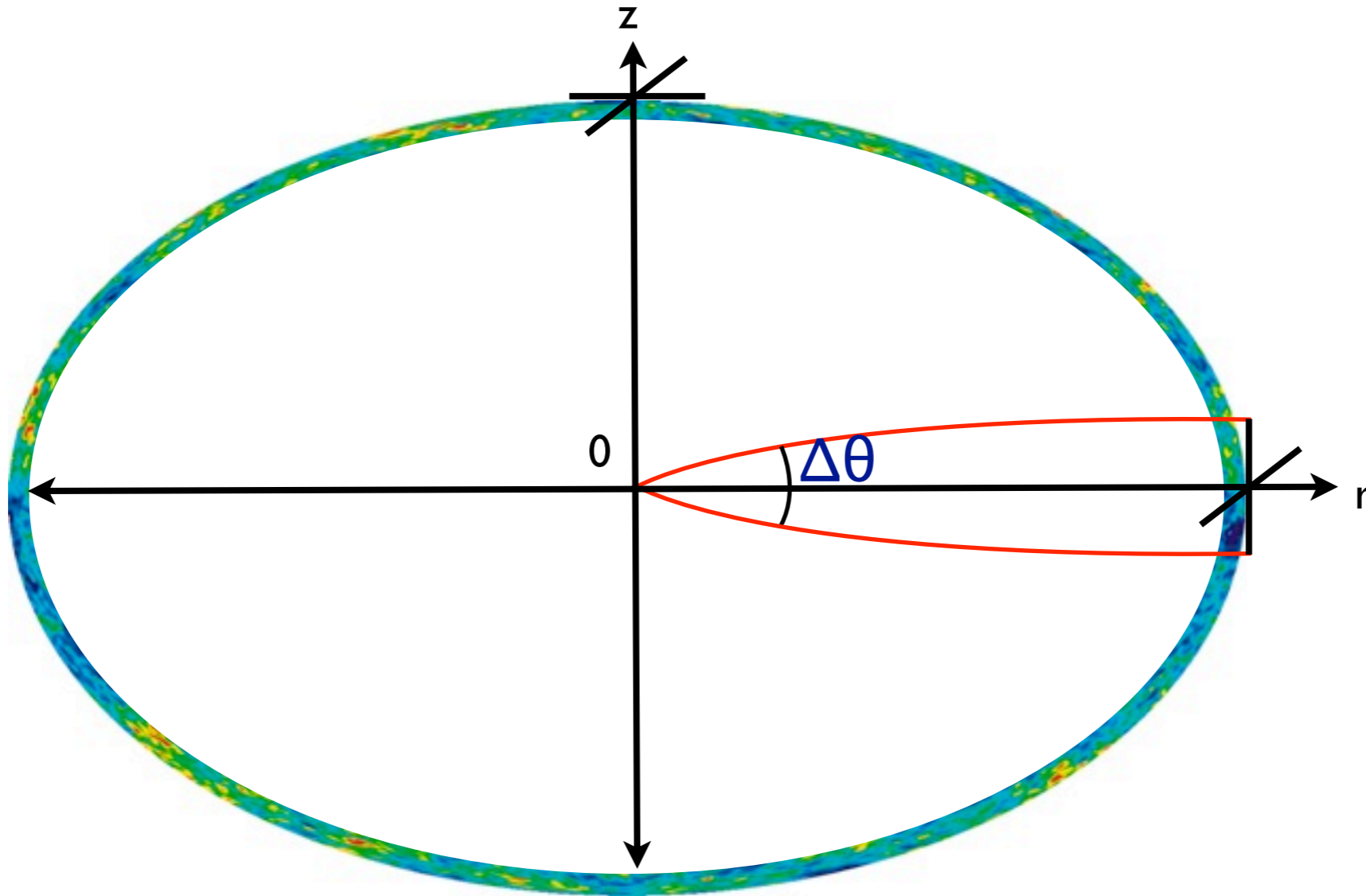
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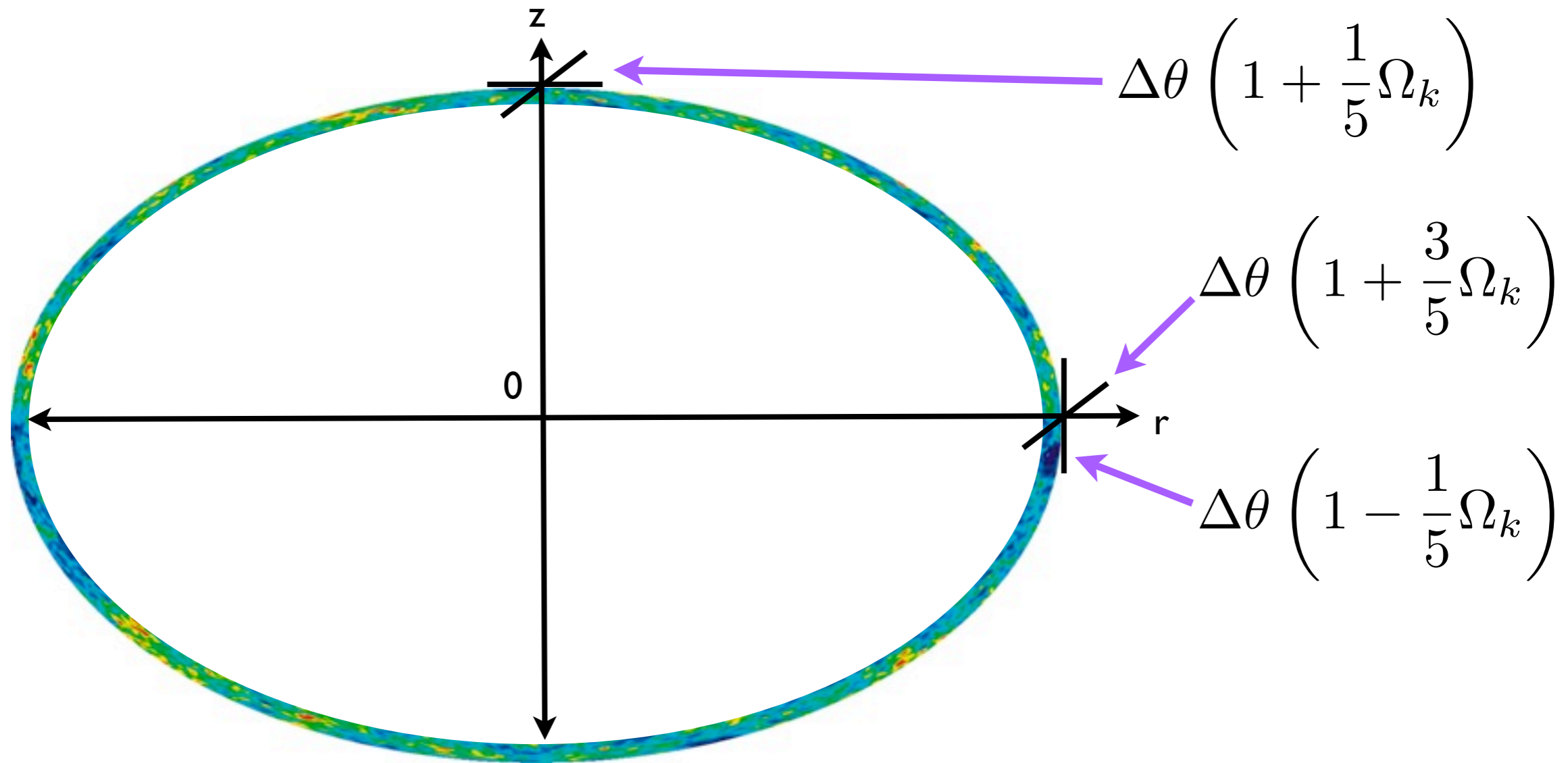
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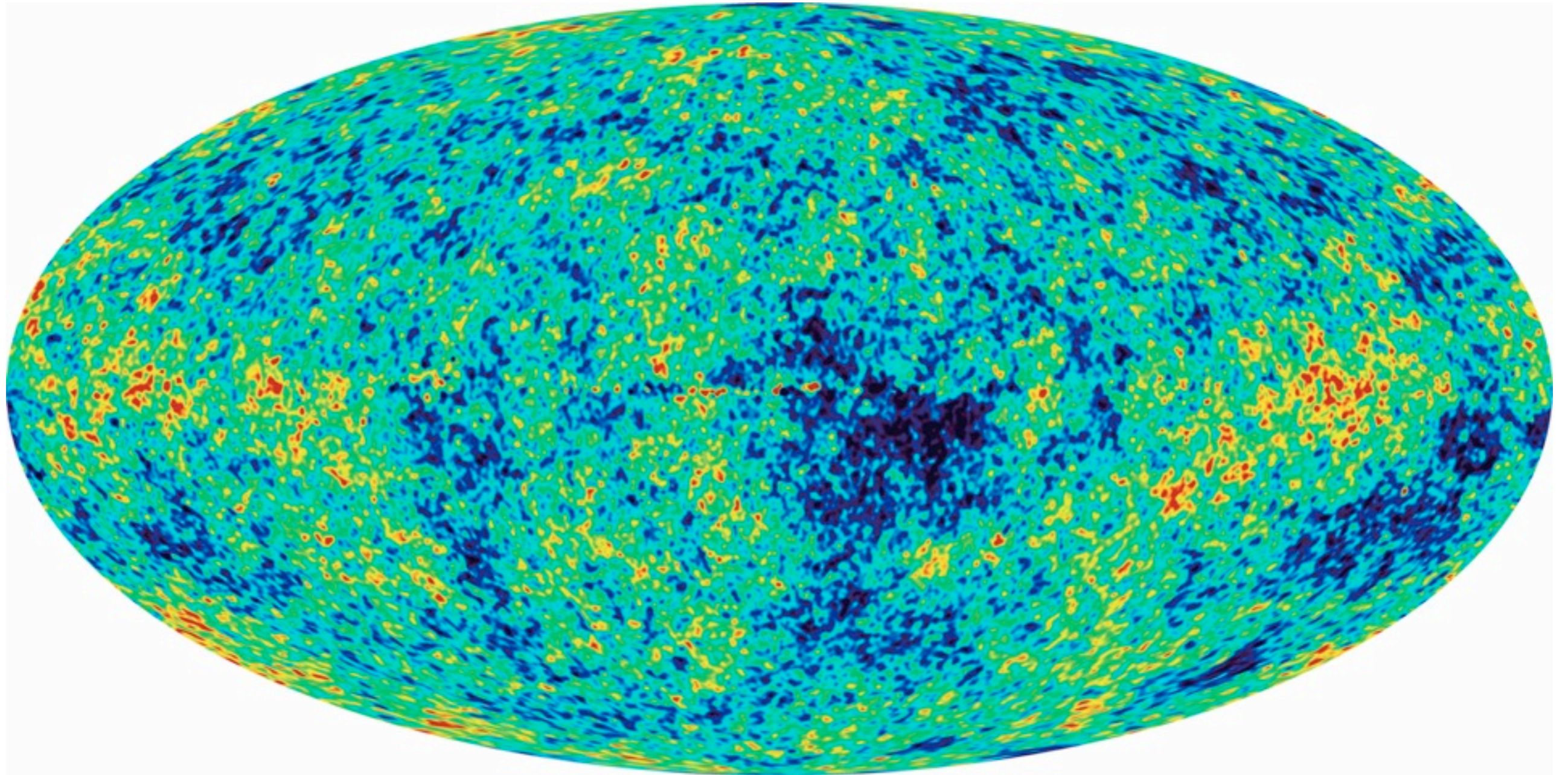
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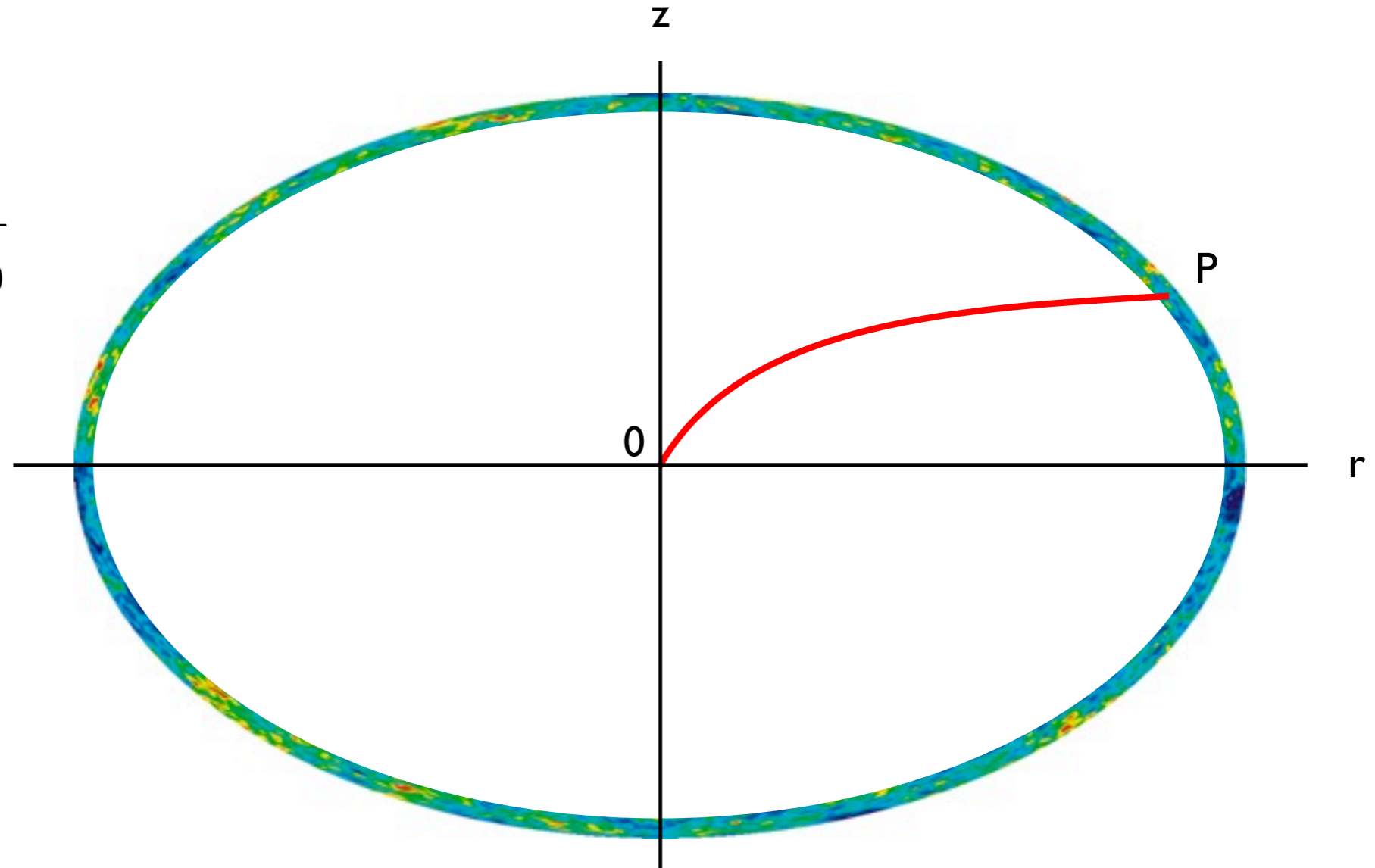
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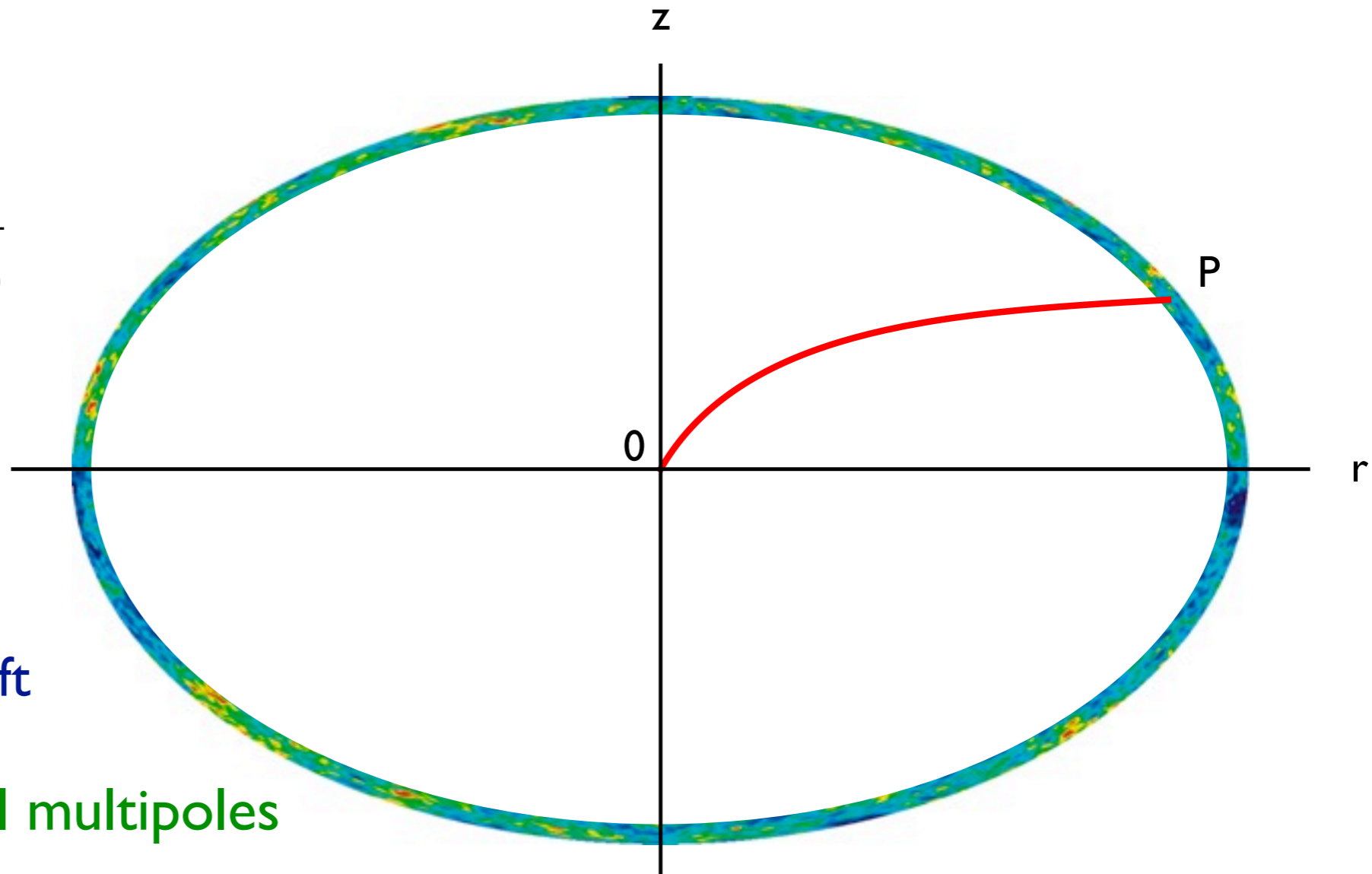
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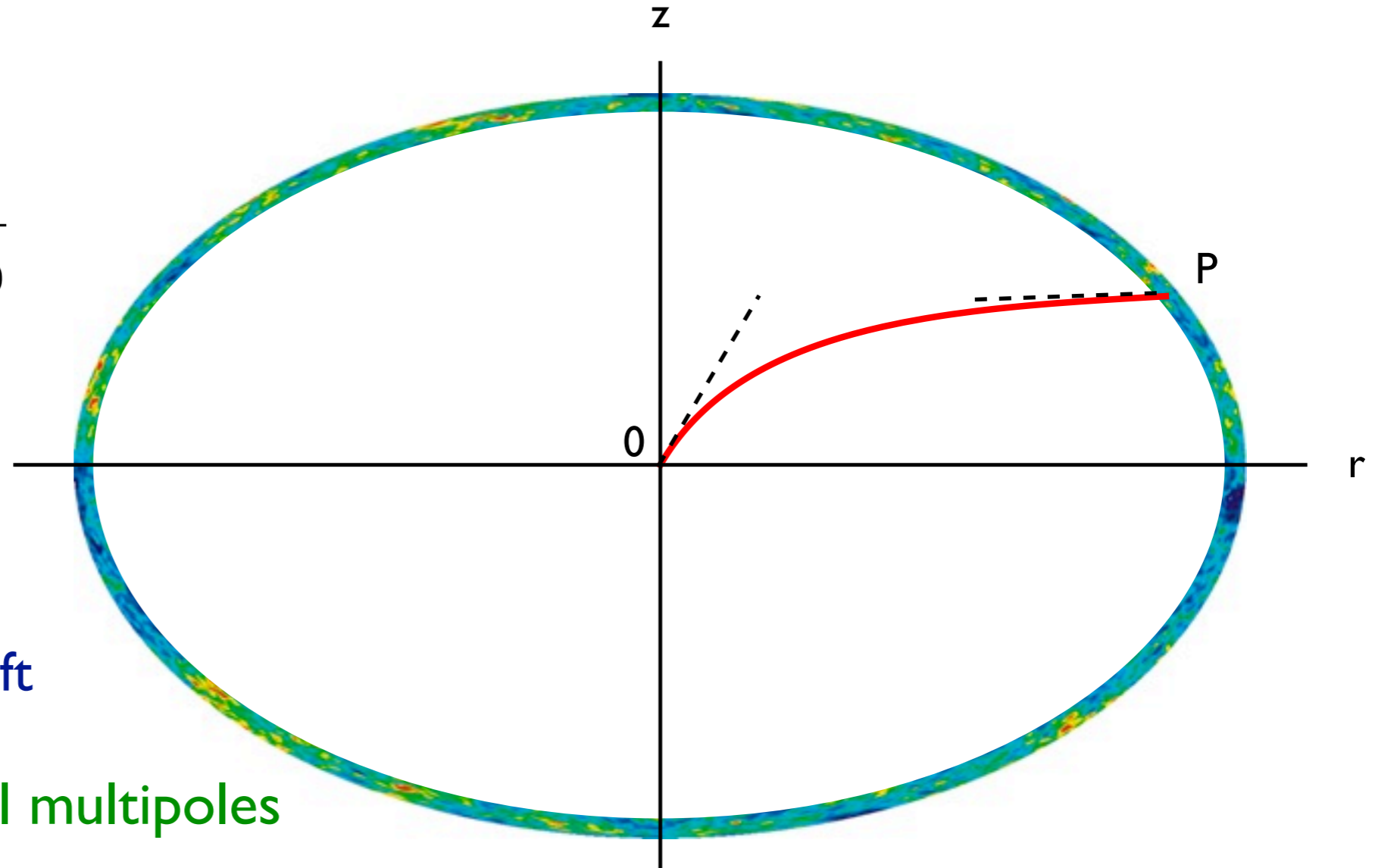
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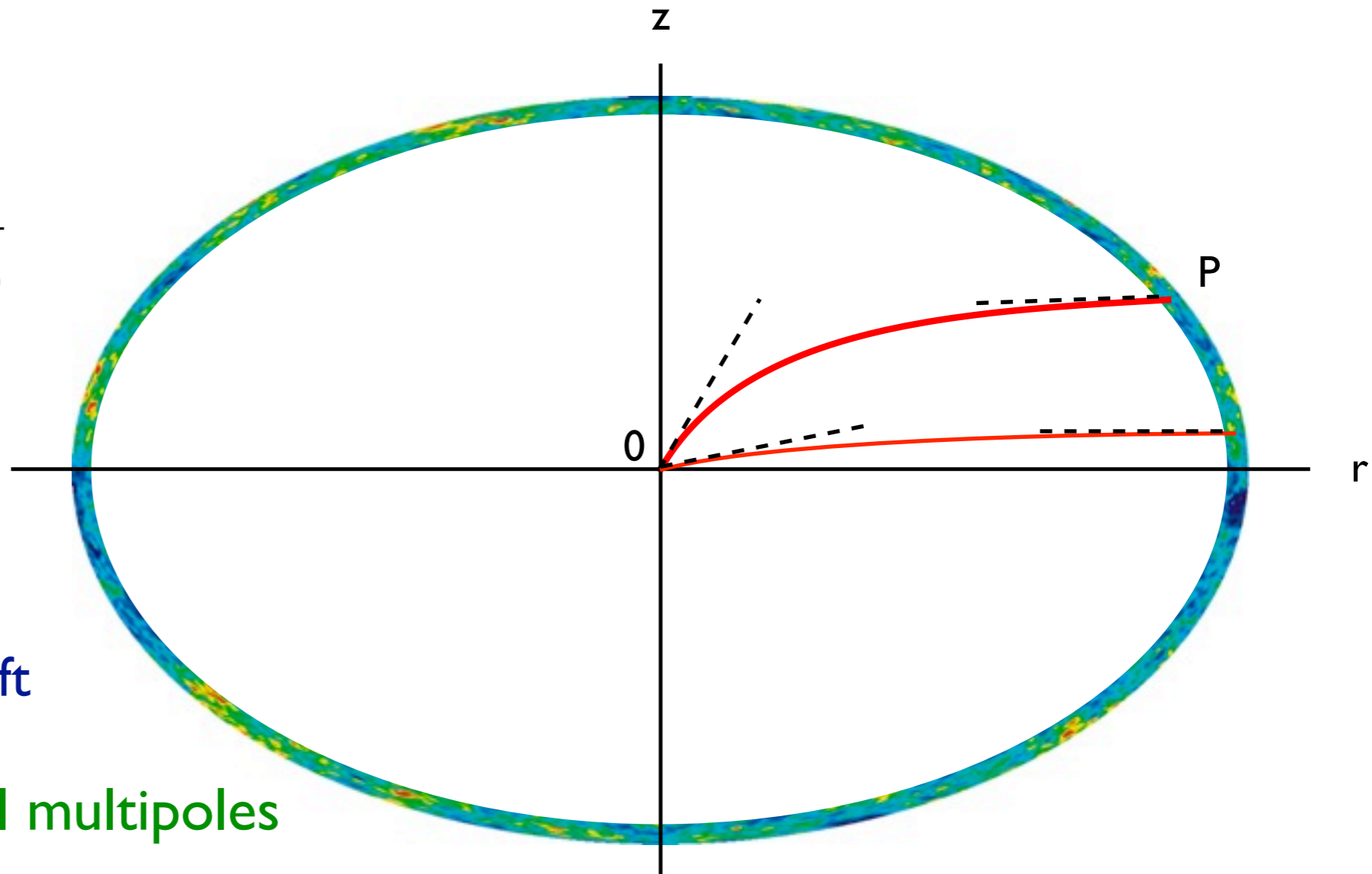
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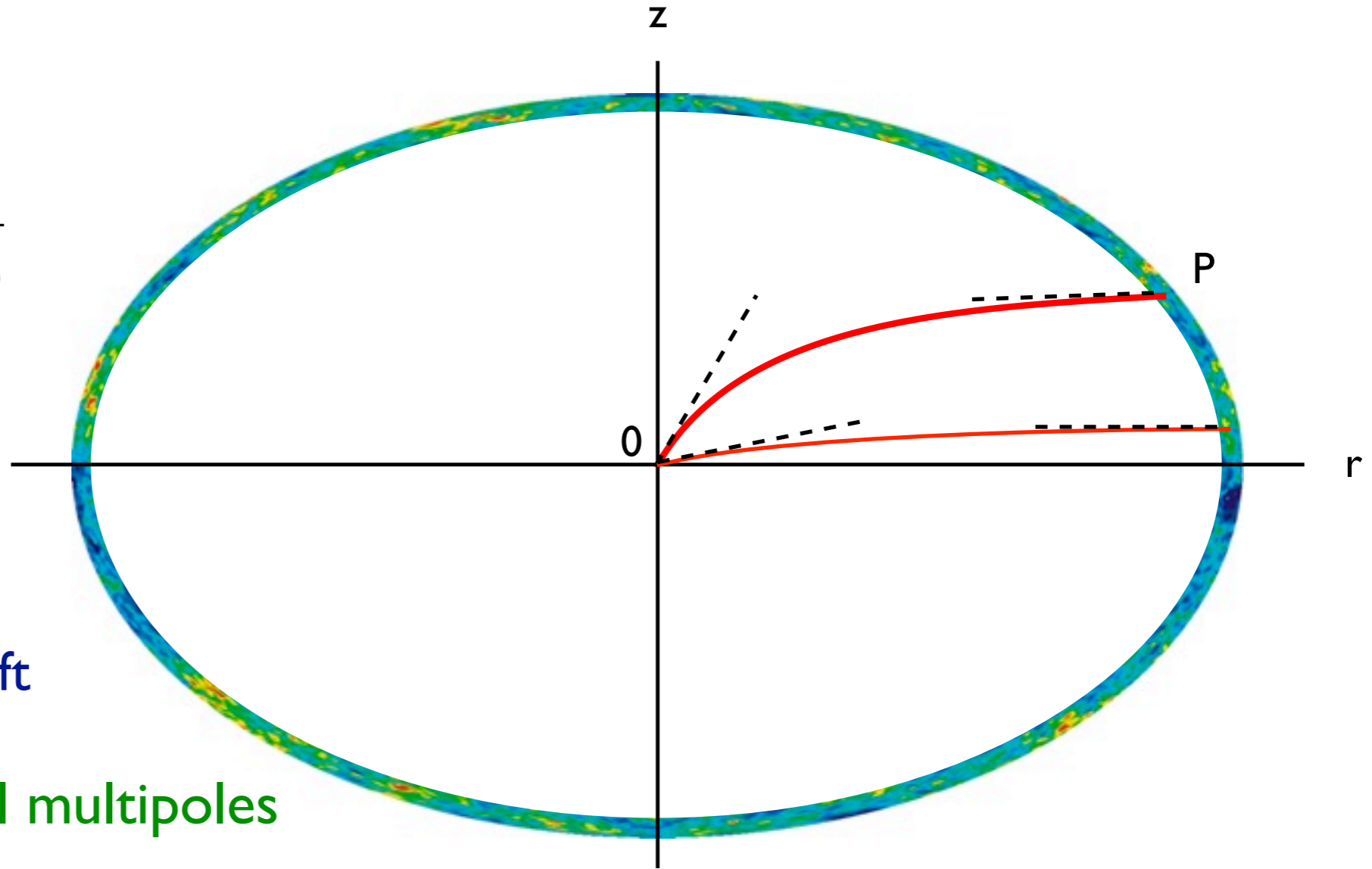
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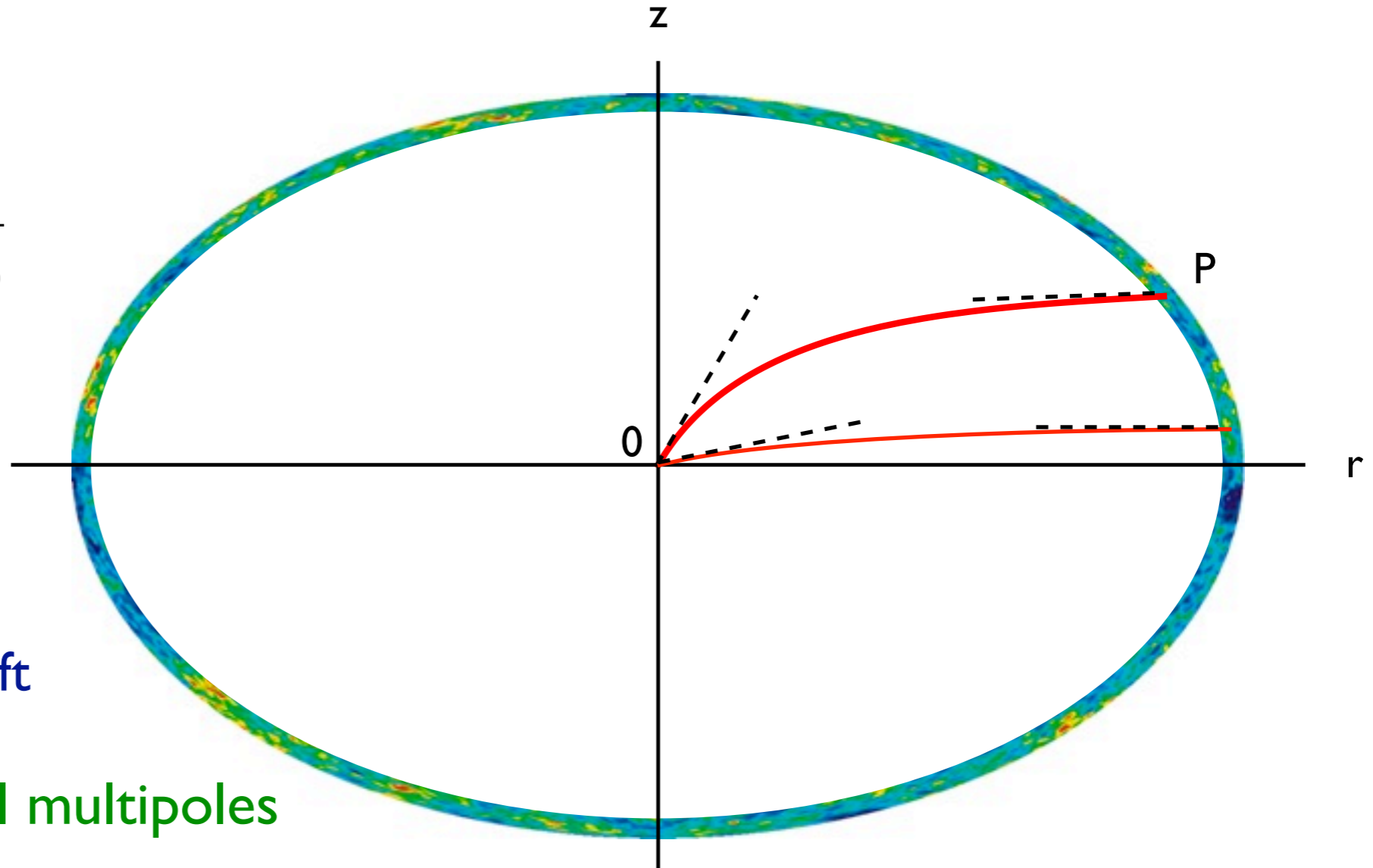
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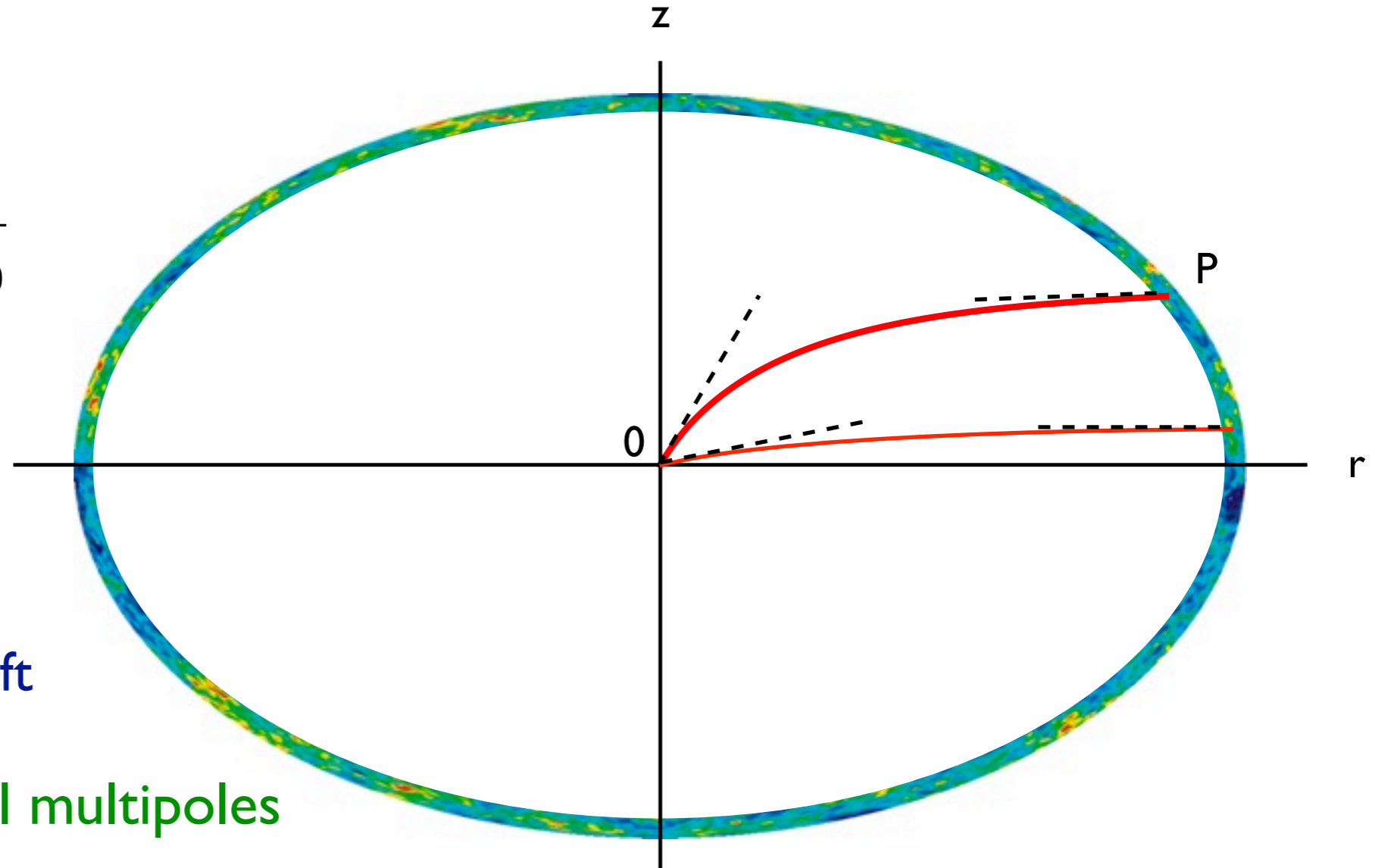
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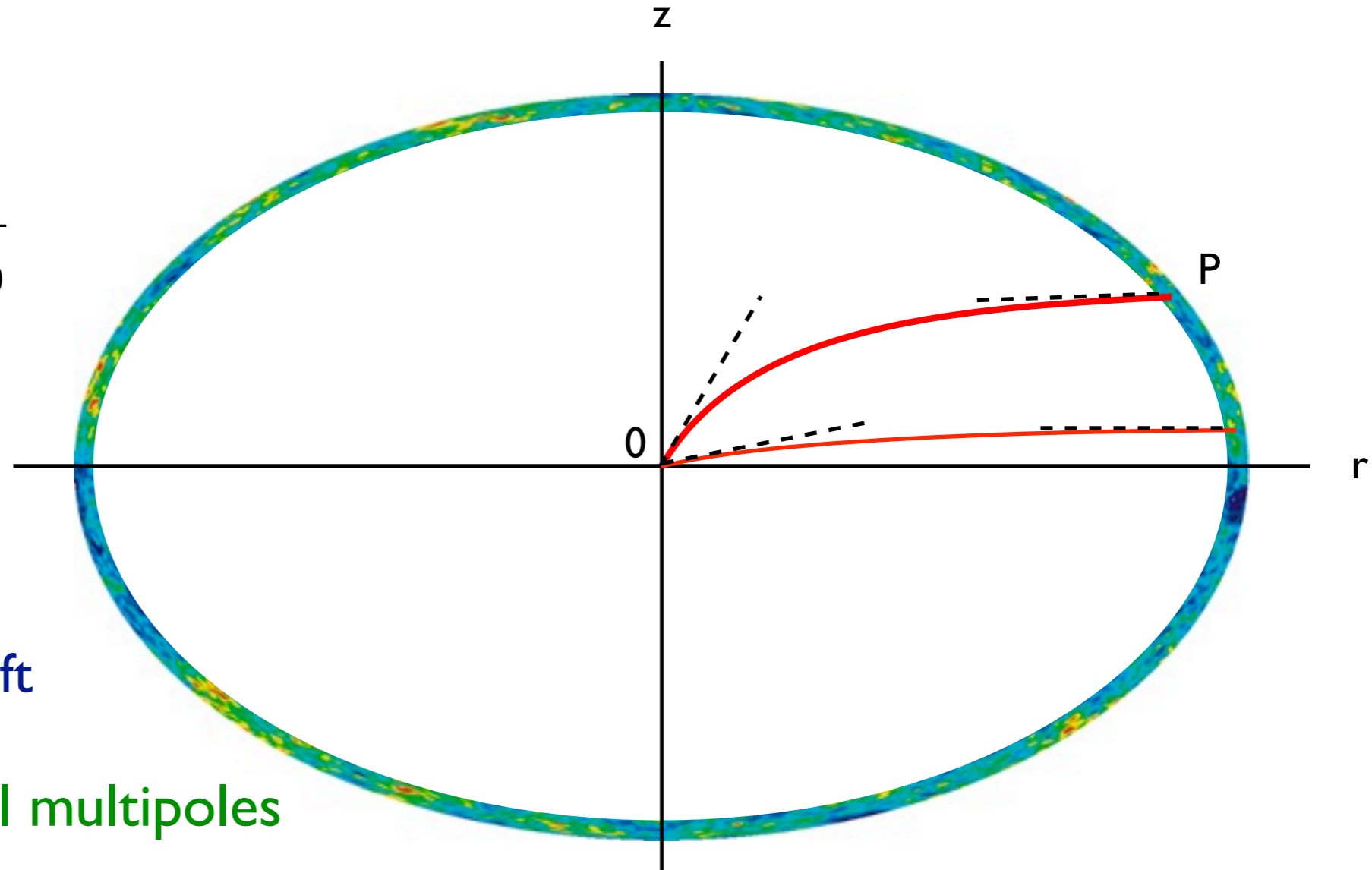
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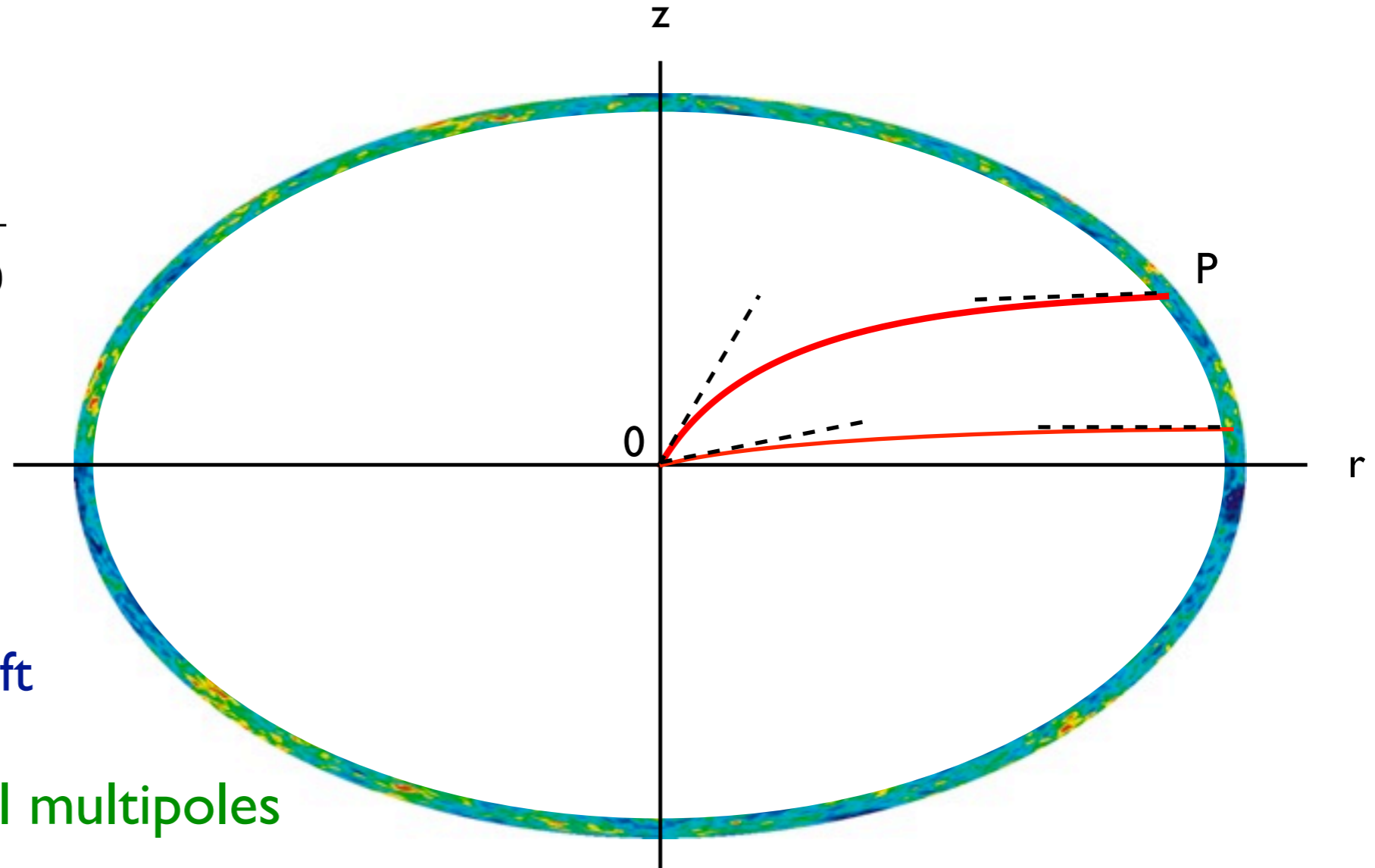
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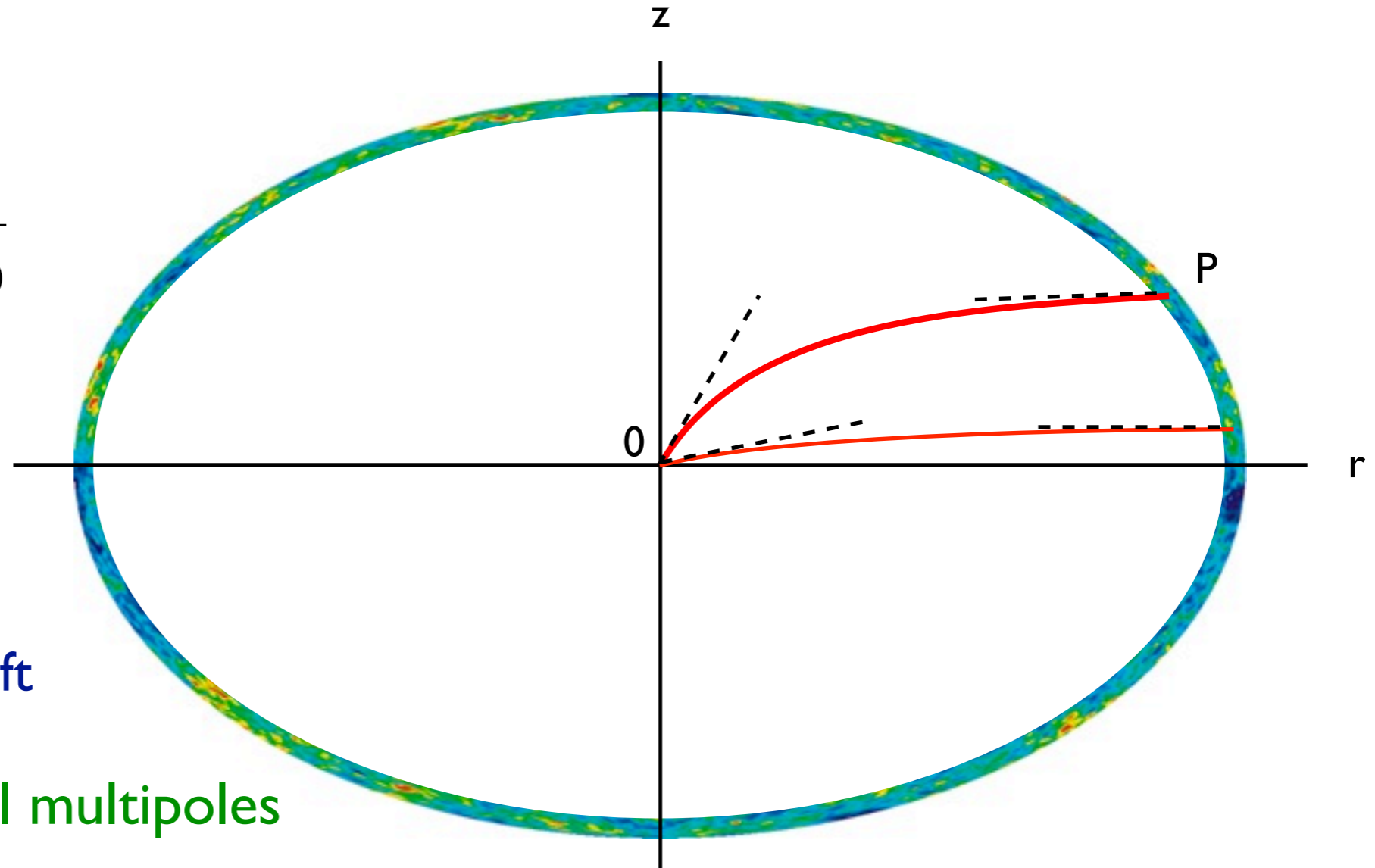
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local ISW effect may raise quadrupole

Francis & Peacock (2009), WMAP7 (2010)

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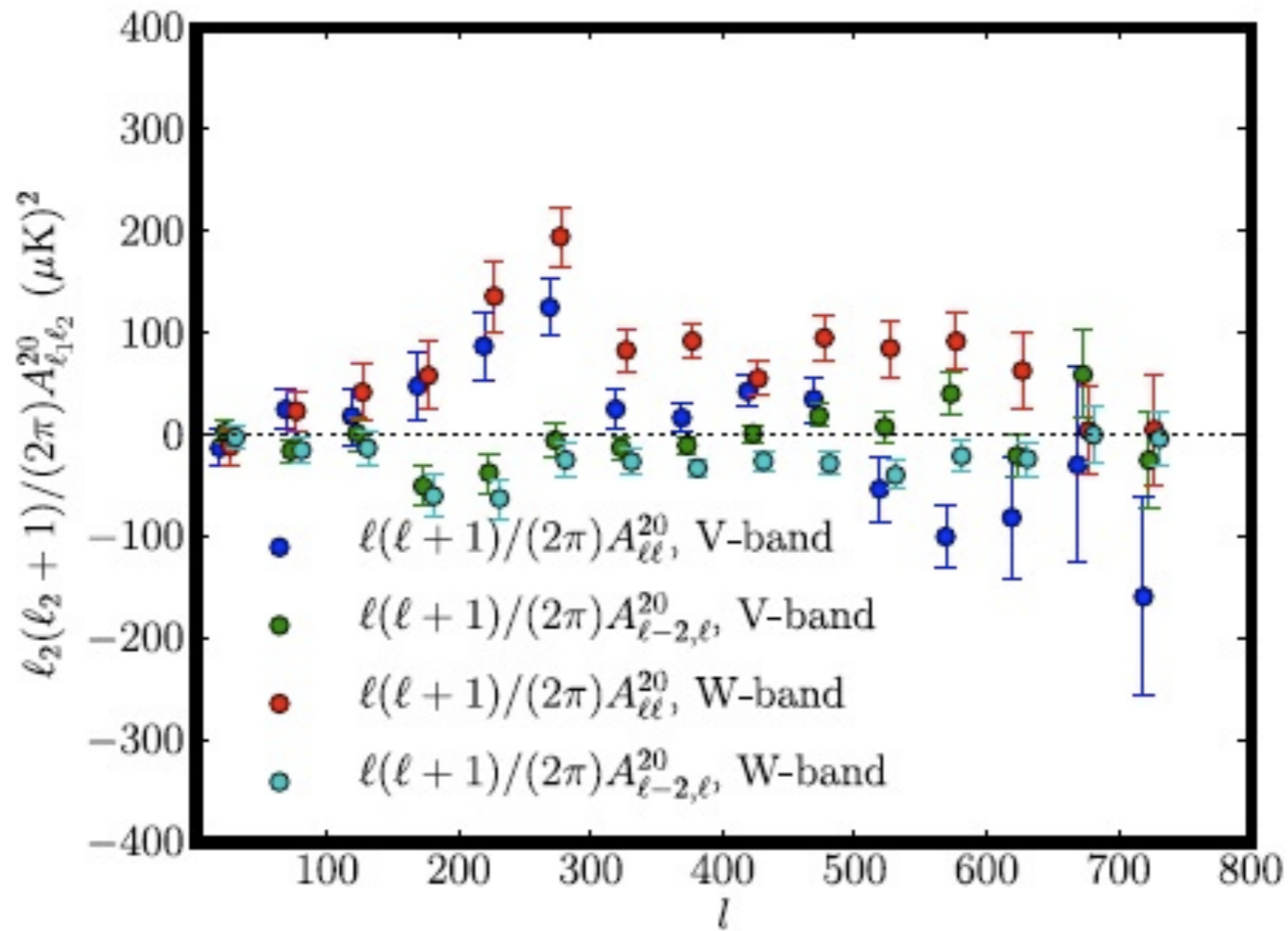
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These are our high- l observables - low cosmic variance

WMAP Anomaly

WMAP sees only two nonzero: $A_{\ell\ell}^{20}$ and $A_{\ell,\ell-2}^{20}$

More precision than isotropic curvature,
no degeneracy with scale factor expansion history



possibly due to instrumental systematics

Planck should improve measurement

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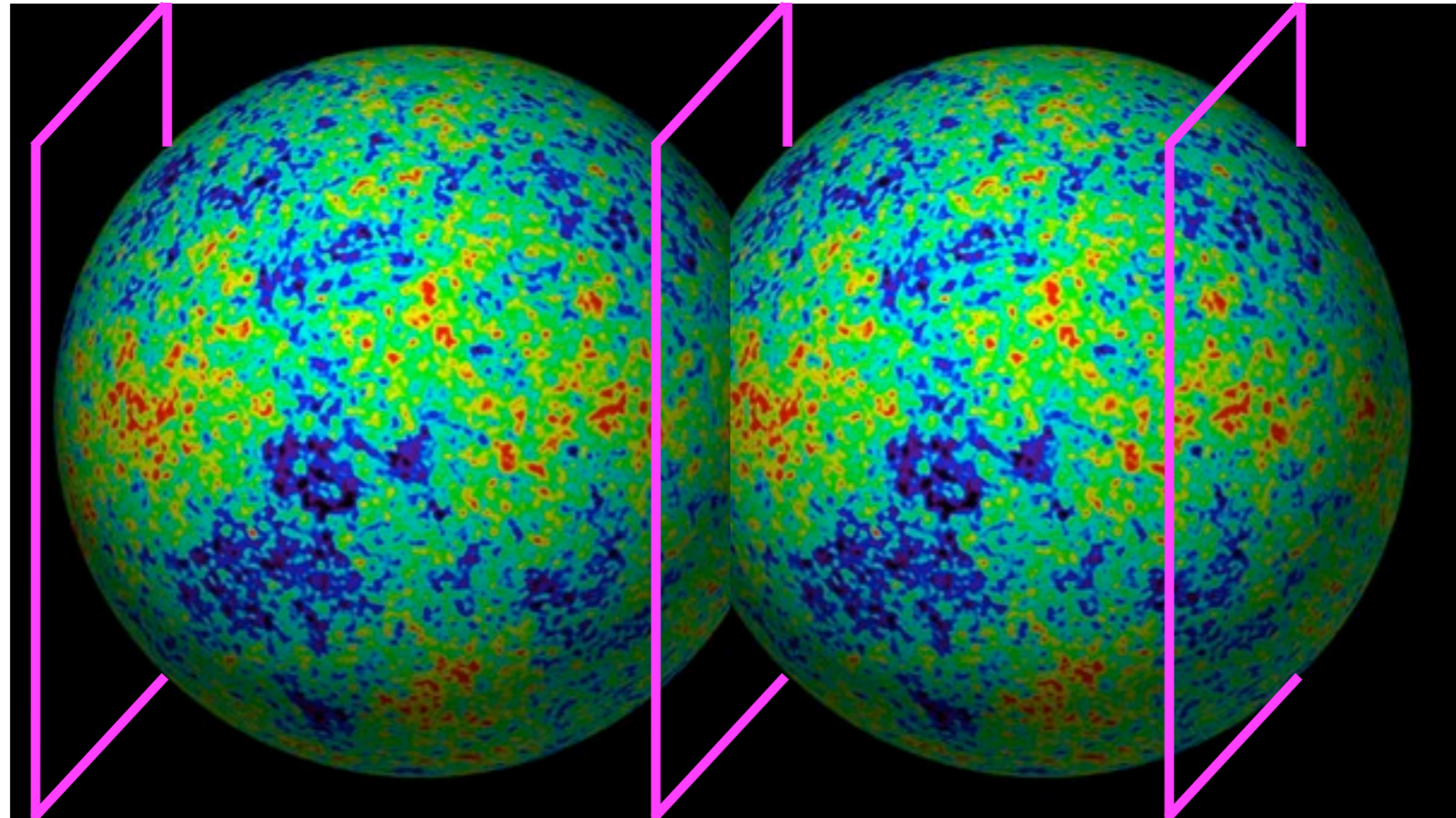
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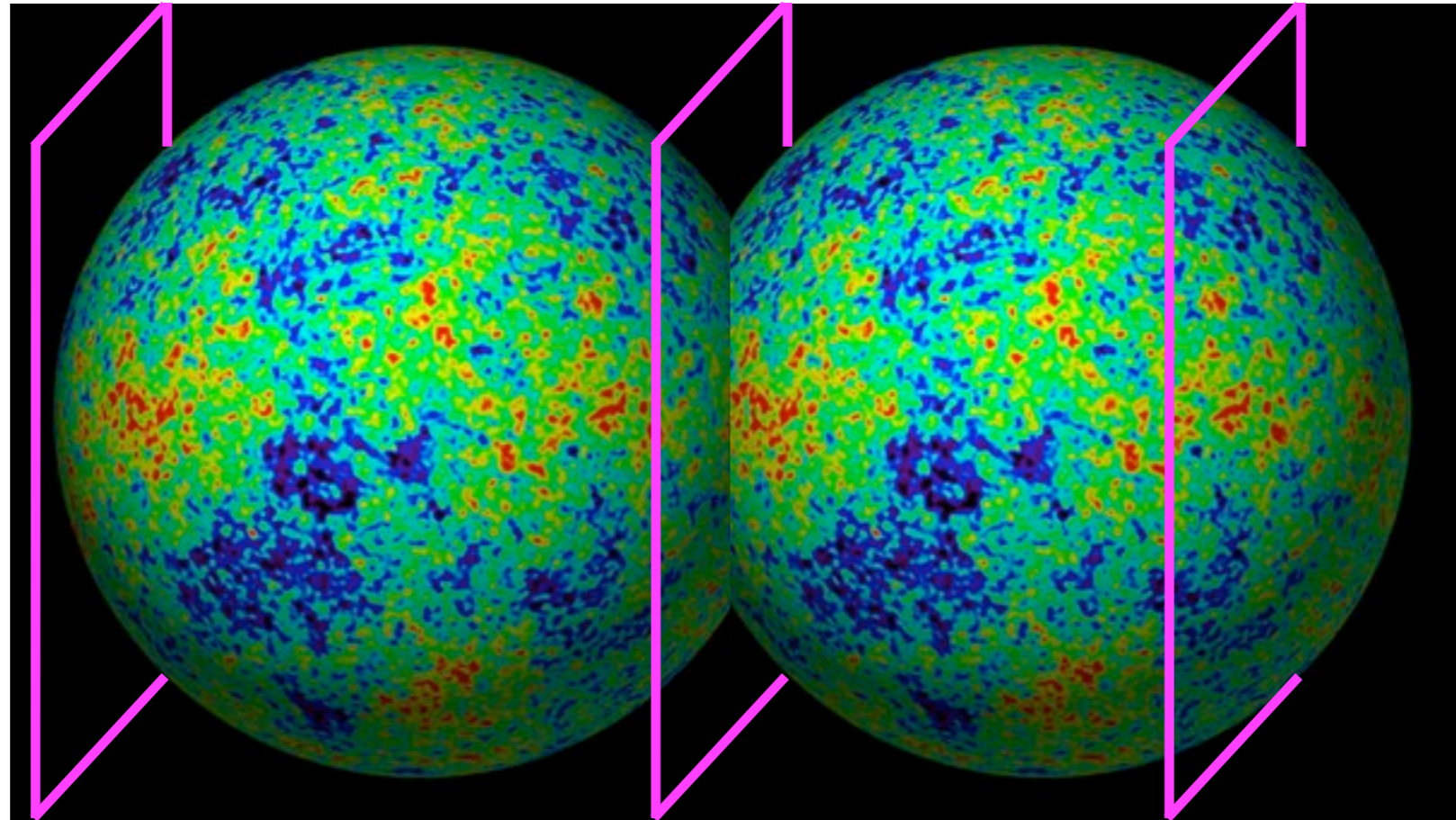
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Anisotropic curvature also causes differential Hubble expansion $\Delta H \sim \Omega_k H$

Visible directly in Hubble measurements

Current limits \sim few %

May improve to $< 10^{-2}$ with e.g. GW sirens

Schutz (2001)

Conclusions + Future Directions

- Have high- l , low cosmic variance, observables of dimension changing transitions
 - Due to late time effect of anisotropic curvature
 - Not statistical predictions, though provide evidence for landscape/eternal inflation
- Can test an observation of curvature for isotropy
 - Anisotropy implies lower dimensional parent vacuum
 - Isotropy is evidence for $3+1$ dimensional parent vacuum
- Interesting to explore dimension changing transitions
 - Other observables, e.g. bubble collisions, gravitational waves?
 - Does the landscape provide a reason for $3+1$ dimensions?