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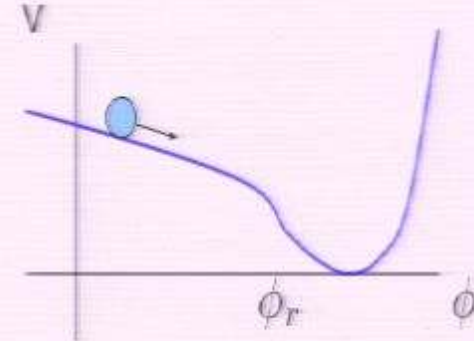
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## Who cares?

- Tiny Effect

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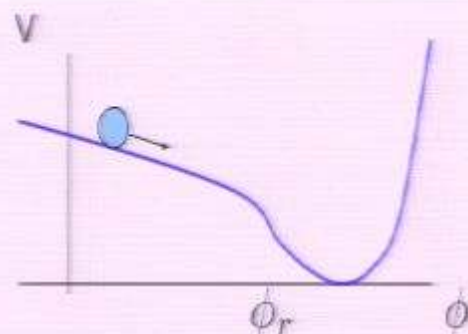
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- We have more interacting theories (large non-Gaussianities! but still small)
- Weinberg cares: understand prediction of your theory S.Weinberg PRD72:2005
  - These are the quantum corrections to the predictions of Inflation.
- dS is a puzzling spacetime, and inflation is a regularization
- Let us elaborate on this...

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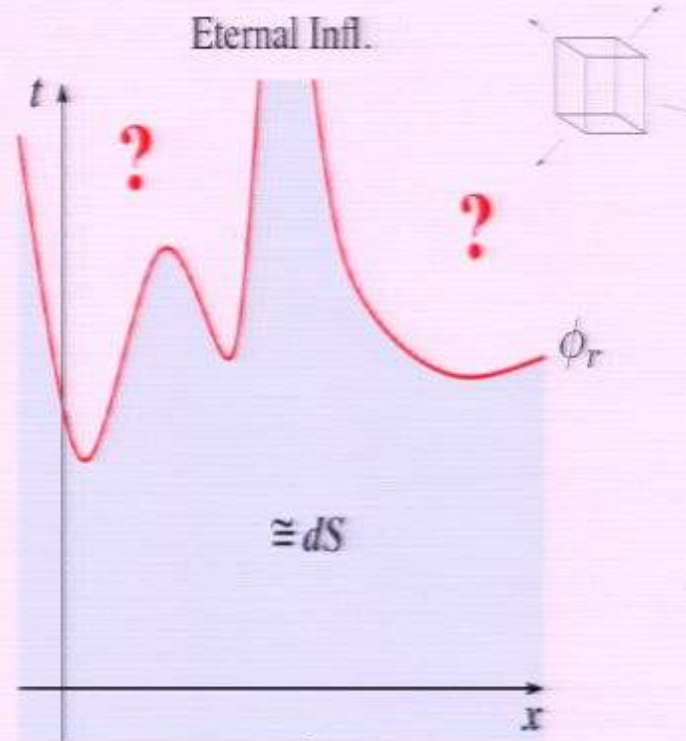
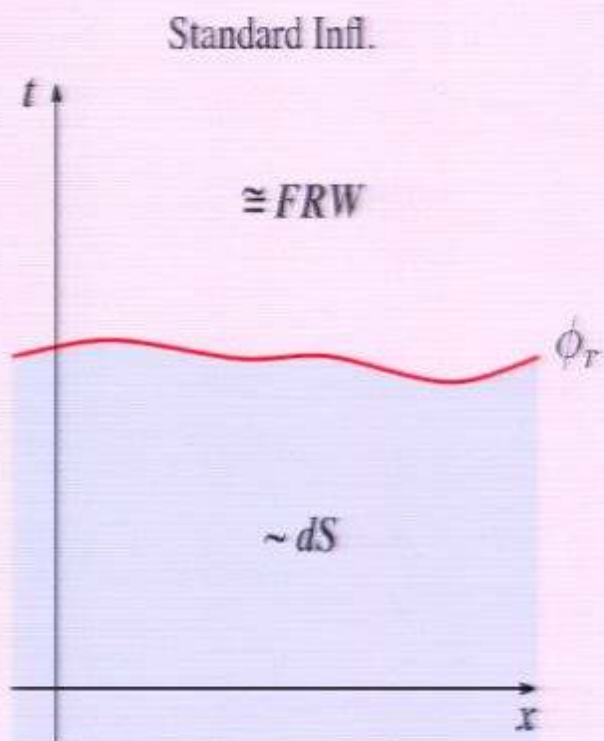
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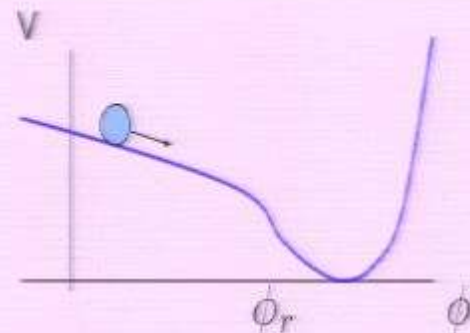
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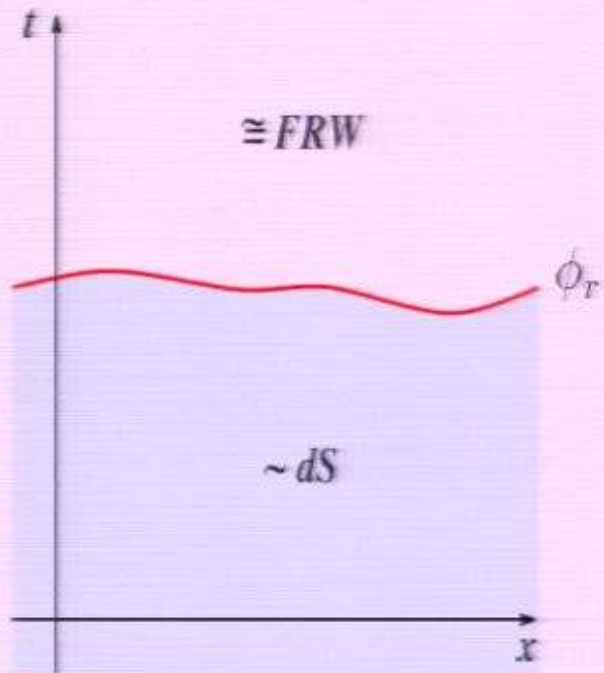
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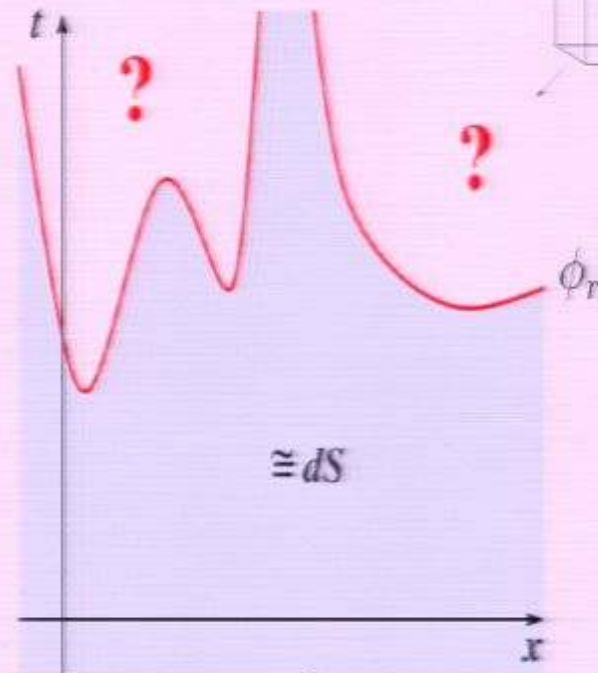
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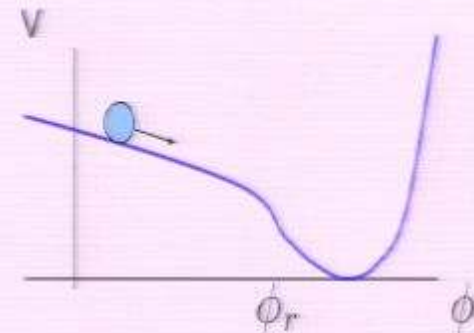
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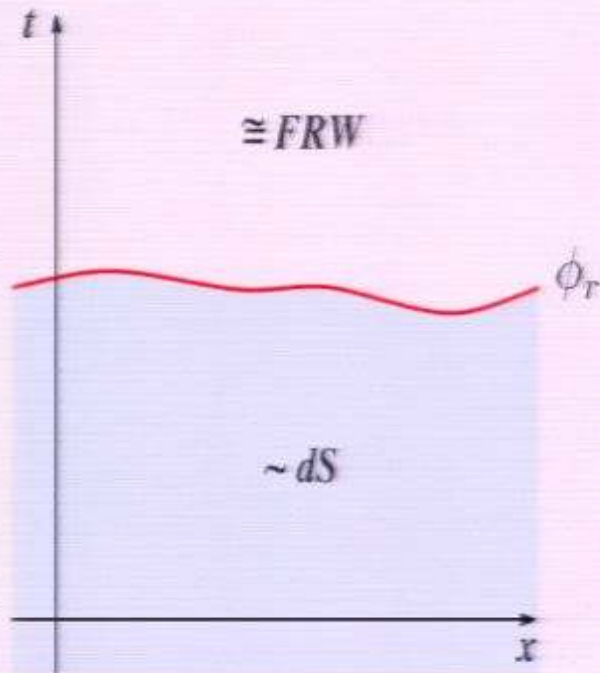
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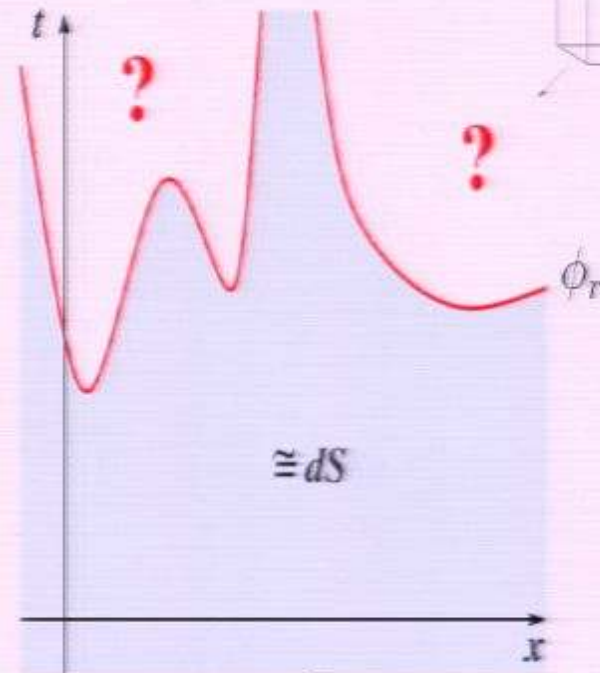
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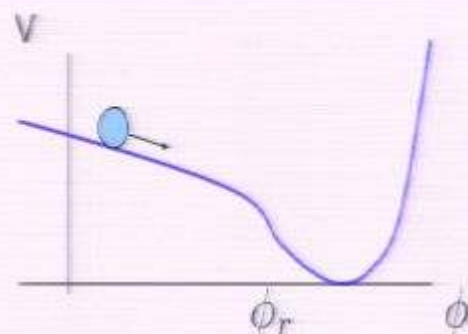
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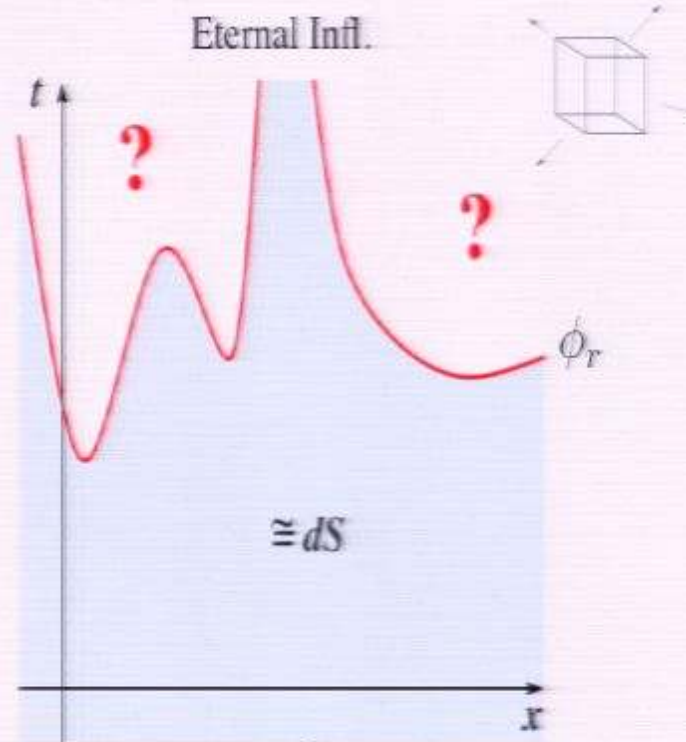
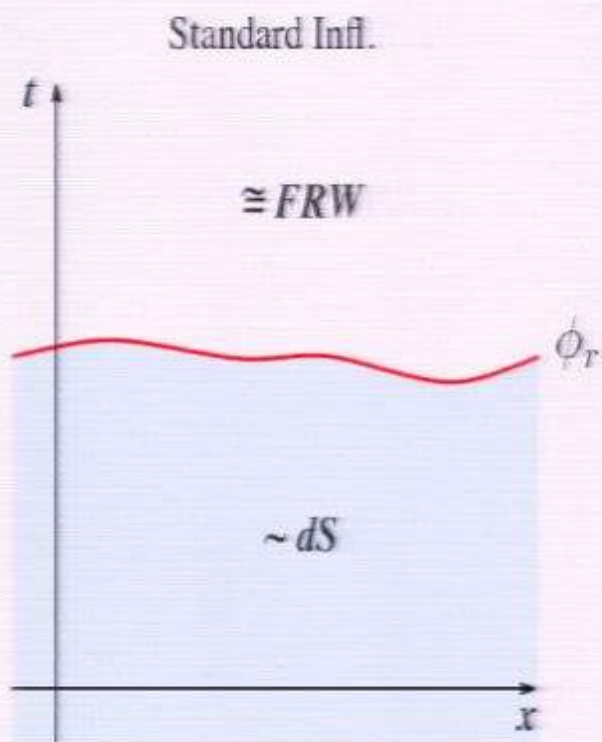
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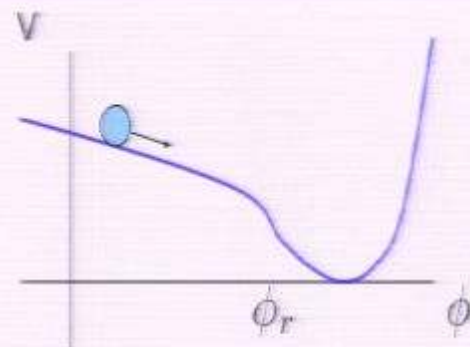
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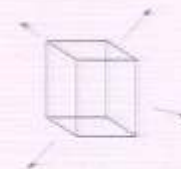
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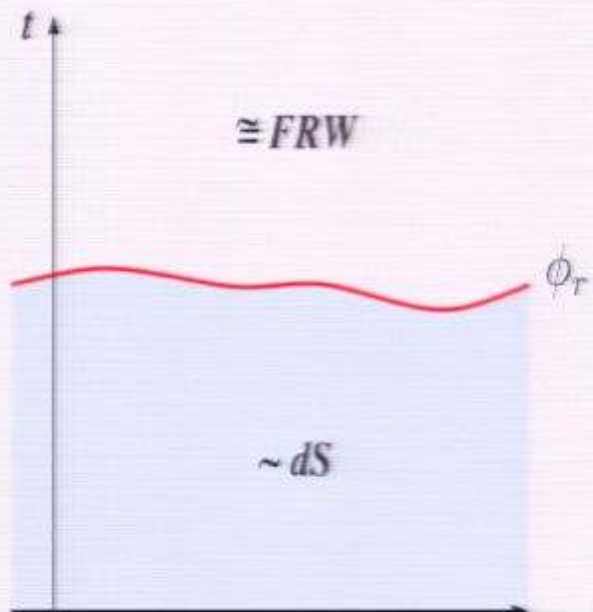
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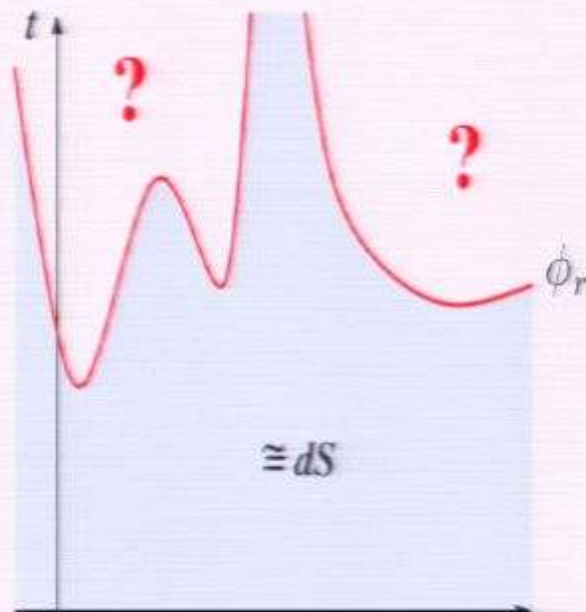
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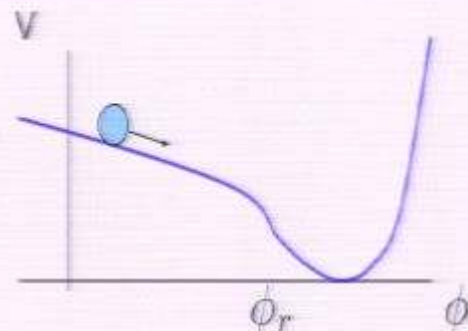
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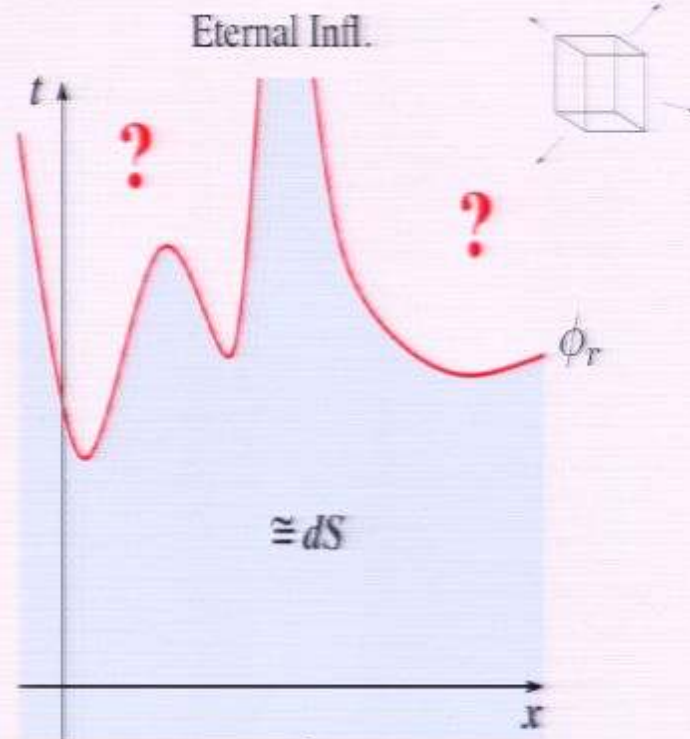
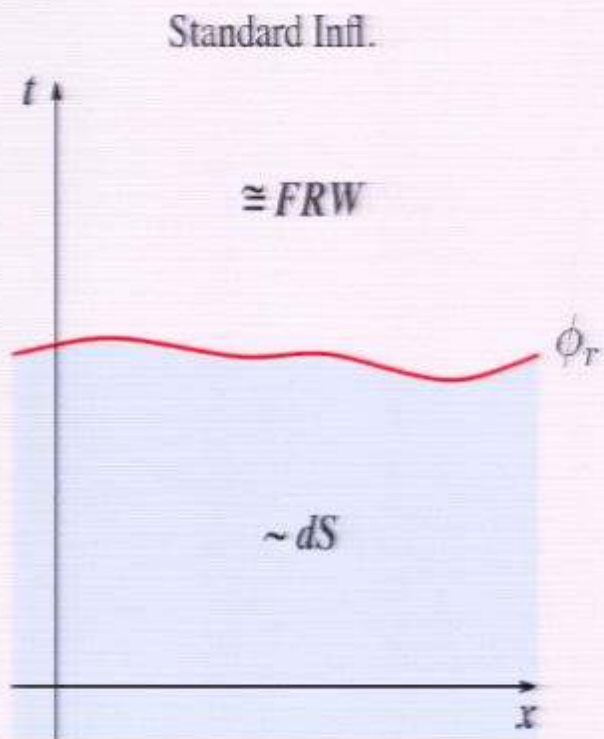
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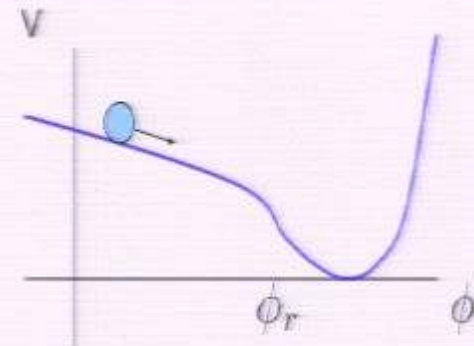
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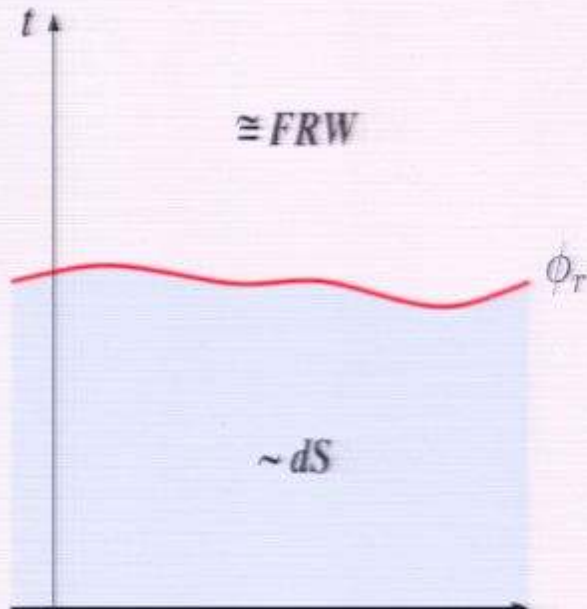
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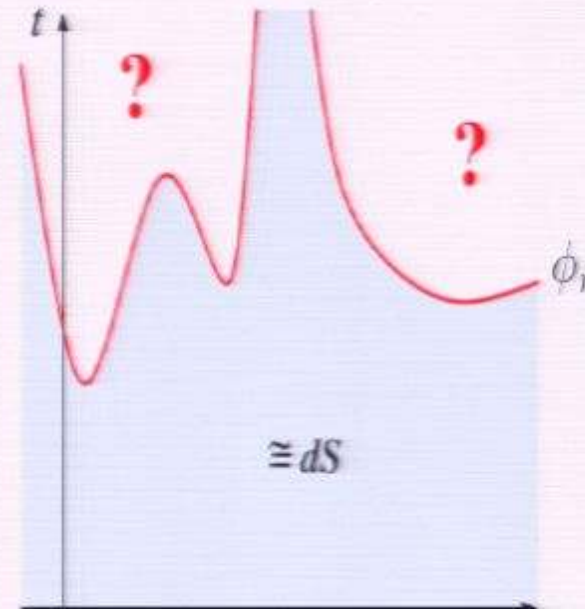
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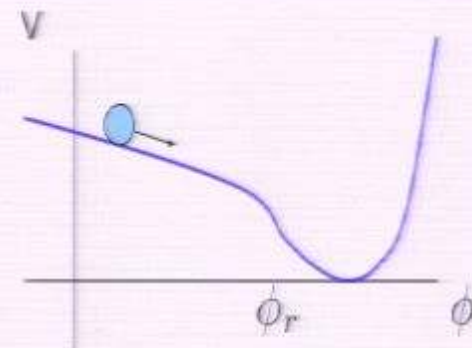
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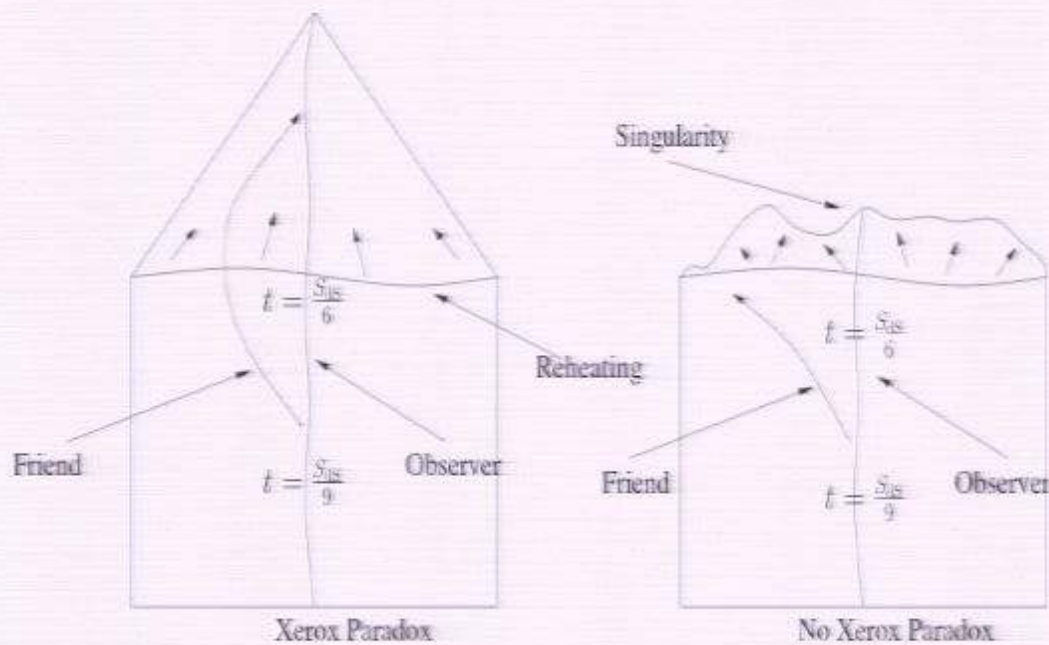
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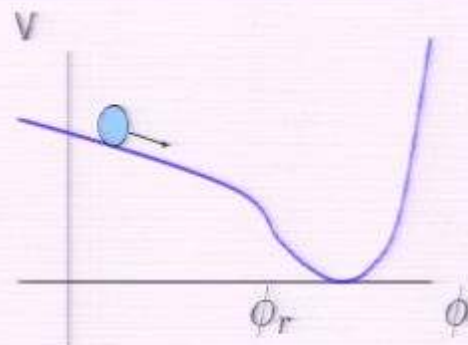


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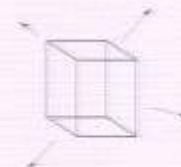
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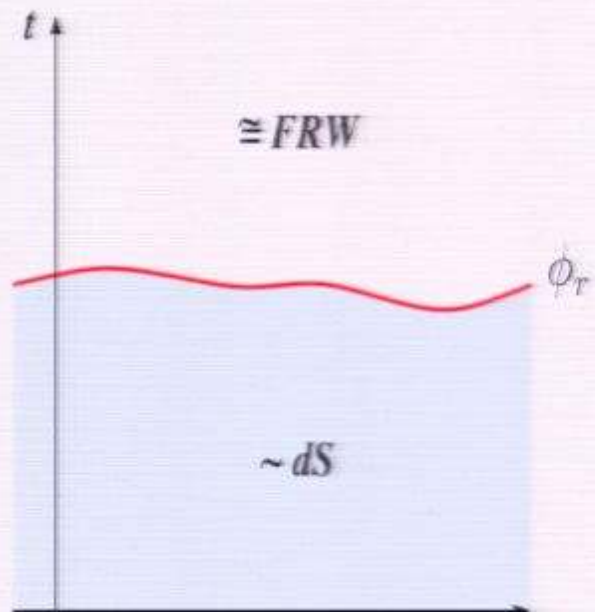
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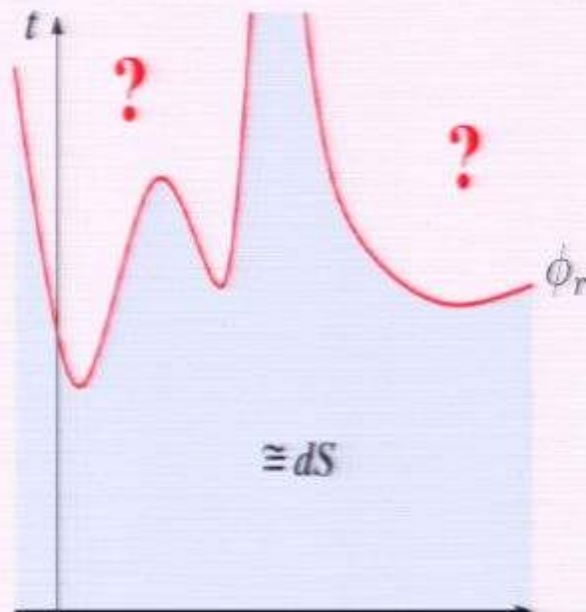
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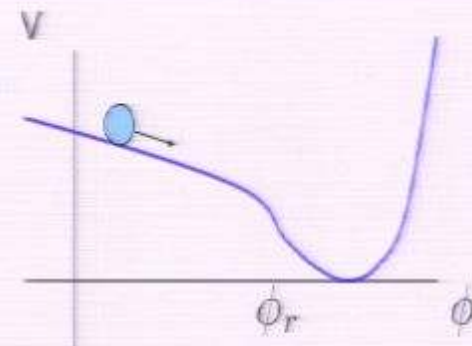
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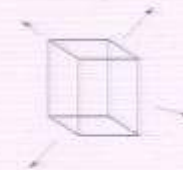
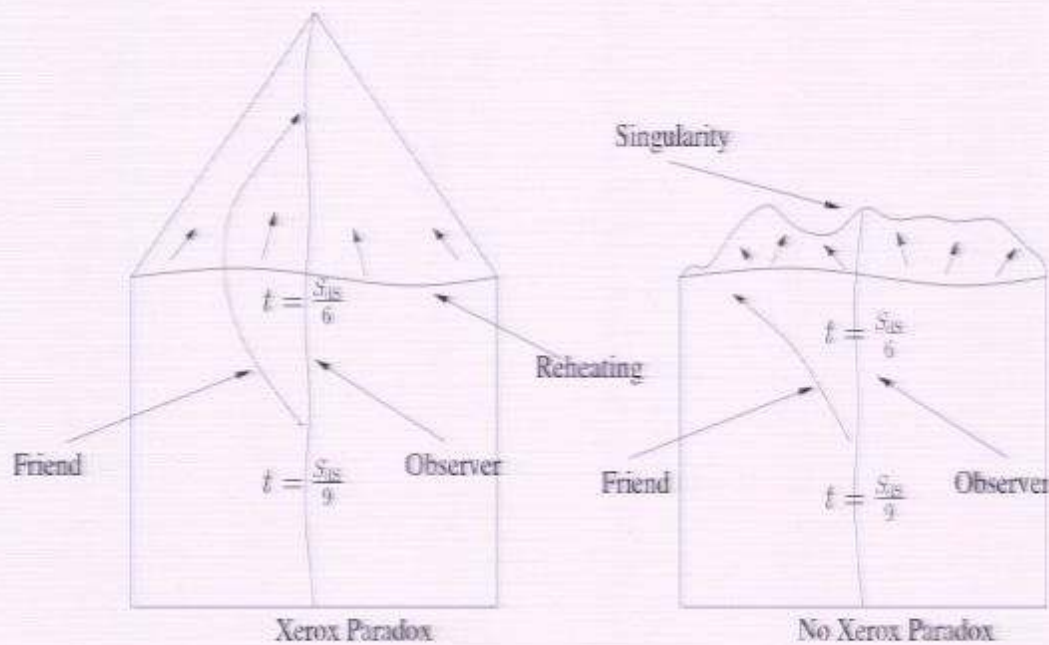
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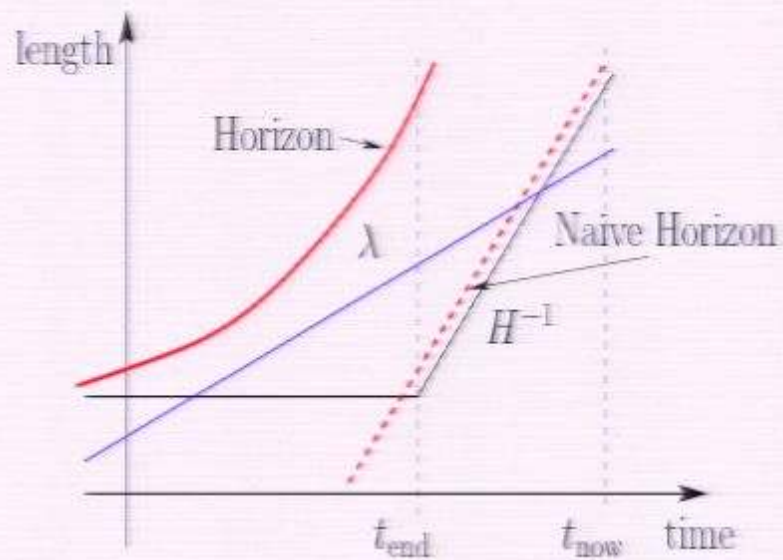
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## Predictivity of Inflation

- If  $\langle \zeta_k^2 \rangle_{1\text{-loop}} \sim \langle \zeta_k^2 \rangle_{\text{tree}} \frac{H^4}{\dot{H} M_{\text{Pl}}^2} \log(a(t))$  when  $k/a \ll H$

– if  $\zeta$  is time in-dependent: ok



– if  $\zeta$  is time-dependent, we need to know the history.

– this is a weakly coupled version of what could happen at other epochs

# Log Running

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- Weinberg's result  $\langle \zeta_k^2 \rangle_{1\text{-loop}} \sim \langle \zeta_k^2 \rangle_{\text{tree}} \log(k/\mu)$

S. Weinberg PRD72:2005  
and others thereafter

- Gives you all these troubles (Eternal Inflation, Predictivity of Inflation)

- But problem with gauge symmetry  $a \rightarrow \lambda a$ ,  $x \rightarrow x/\lambda$ ,  $k \rightarrow \lambda k$

- Study this finding the simplest possible theory

$$S = \int d^4x a^3 \left[ -\dot{H} M_{\text{Pl}}^2 \left( \dot{\pi}^2 - \frac{1}{a^2} (\partial_i \pi)^2 \right) + \frac{2}{3} c_3 M^4 \left( 2\dot{\pi}^3 + 3\dot{\pi}^4 - 3 \frac{1}{a^2} \dot{\pi}^2 (\partial_i \pi)^2 \right) \right]$$

- Technical problem in implementing the regularization

Based on EFT of Inflation  
with C. Cheung, P. Creminelli,  
L. Fitzpatrick, J. Kaplan  
JHEP 0803:014,2008

- $\langle \zeta_k^2 \rangle_{1\text{-loop}} \propto H^6 \log(H/\mu)$

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- Effect in the IR much larger than in Minkowsky space

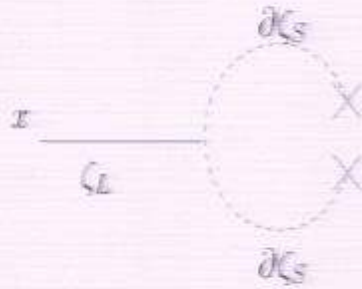
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- Analogy with particle physics

# Tadpole Diagrams (and no time-dependent $\zeta$ )

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- You need to renormalize the history
- and define  $\zeta$  accordingly

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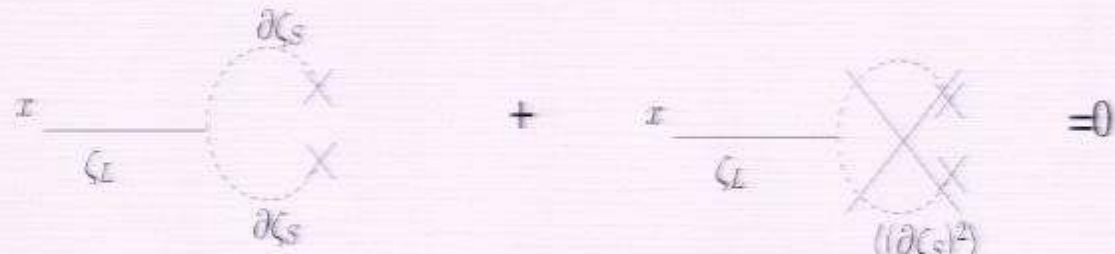
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$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + a(t)_B^2 e^{2\zeta} dx^2$$

- In practice:

$$\begin{aligned} S_m &= \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \dot{H}_{\text{tree}} M_{\text{Pl}}^2 \delta g^{00} + (3H_{\text{tree}}^2 + \dot{H}_{\text{tree}}) M_{\text{Pl}}^2 \right] = \\ &= \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ (\dot{H}_{\text{tree}} + \delta\dot{H}) M_{\text{Pl}}^2 \delta g^{00} + (3(H_{\text{tree}} + \delta H)^2 + (\dot{H}_{\text{tree}} + \delta\dot{H})) M_{\text{Pl}}^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \delta\dot{H} M_{\text{Pl}}^2 \delta g^{00} - (3H_{\text{tree}} \delta H + \delta\dot{H}) M_{\text{Pl}}^2 \right]. \end{aligned}$$

- Tadpole cancellation:



- Define  $\zeta$  here.

## Woodard's claim

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- .... Forgotten to renormalize the unperturbed history...
- Indeed if you do not...
- Suppose you have a different cc than what you expected

$$\therefore H_{\text{true}}^2 = H_{\text{tree}}^2 + \frac{\delta\Lambda}{M_{\text{Pl}}^2}$$

$$a_{\text{true}} = e^{\rho_{\text{true}}} = e^{\rho_{\text{tree}} + \zeta} \quad \Rightarrow \quad H_{\text{true}} = H_{\text{tree}} + \dot{\zeta} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \dot{\zeta} \sim \frac{\delta\Lambda}{M_{\text{Pl}}^2 H}$$

Tadpole!

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- Find mass term for  $\zeta$

$$m^2 \sim \frac{\delta\Lambda}{M_{\text{Pl}}^2} \Rightarrow H\dot{\zeta} \sim \frac{\delta\Lambda}{M_{\text{Pl}}^2} \zeta \Rightarrow \dot{\zeta} \sim \frac{\delta\Lambda}{M_{\text{Pl}}^2 H} \zeta \Rightarrow \langle \zeta_k^2 \rangle_{1\text{-loop}} \sim \langle \zeta_k^2 \rangle_{\text{tree}} \frac{H^2}{M_{\text{Pl}}^2} \log(a(t))$$

$$\delta\Lambda \sim H^4$$

- Second Woodard's mistake:

- you can not neglect  $\zeta$  time derivatives.

$$\int d^3x \sqrt{-g} \delta\Lambda \Rightarrow \int d^3x a^3 e^{3\zeta} (1 + \delta N) \delta\Lambda \sim \int d^3x a^3 (3\zeta + \frac{\dot{\zeta}}{H}) \delta\Lambda \sim \int d^3x \frac{\partial(a^3 \zeta)}{\partial t} \frac{\delta\Lambda}{H}$$

Woodard has only this

coupling  
slow roll suppressed

- Summary

- take into account of time derivatives, then take into account of tadpoles, result  $\langle \zeta_k^2 \rangle_{1\text{-loop}} \sim 0$

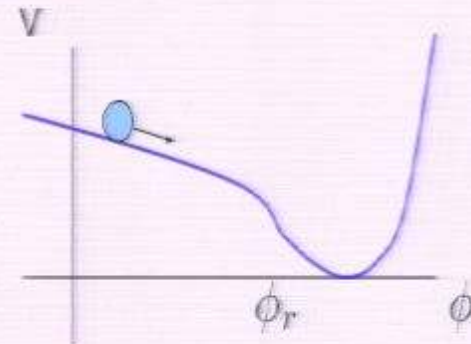
IR logs: just projection effects

$\log(kL)$  IR logs  
and their zero physical effect

# Large IR logs $\log(kL)$

- Single Field Slow-Roll Inflation (assumption on dynamics)

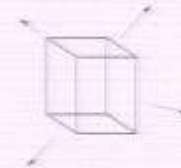
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- Possible Infrared Effects:

- Modes emitted earlier can change the position on the potential at horizon crossing

$$\langle \delta\phi(\vec{x}, t)^2 \rangle \sim H^3 t \sim H^2 N_{\text{beginning}}$$



- But this is all of its effect on the dynamics as:

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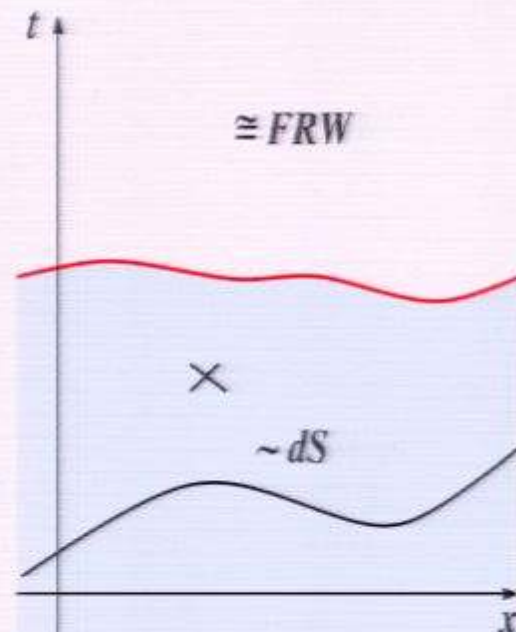


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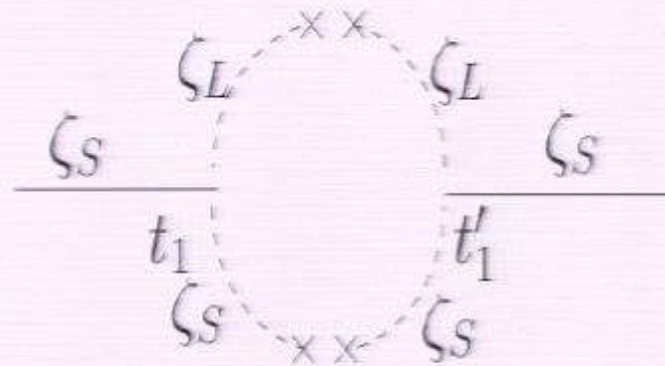


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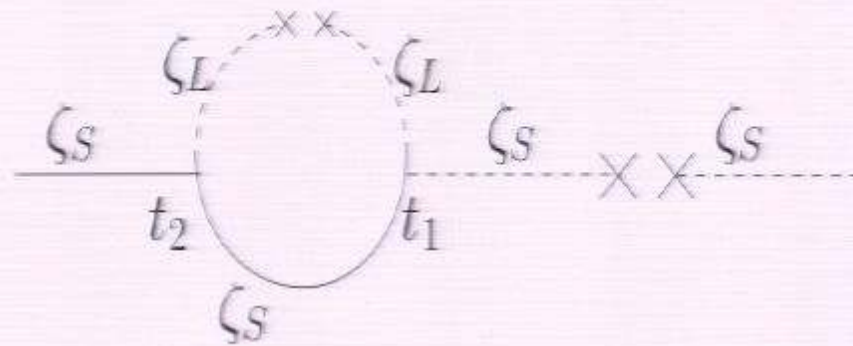


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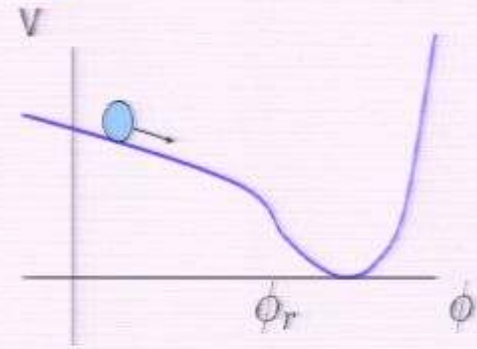
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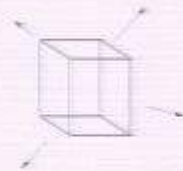
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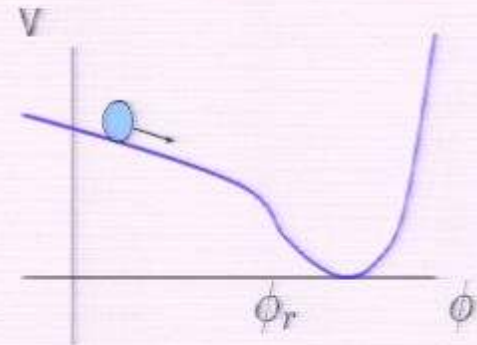
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$\log(kL)$  IR logs  
and their zero physical effect

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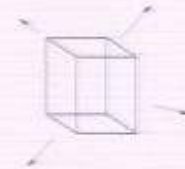
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- Possible Infrared Effects:

- Modes emitted earlier can change the position on the potential at horizon crossing

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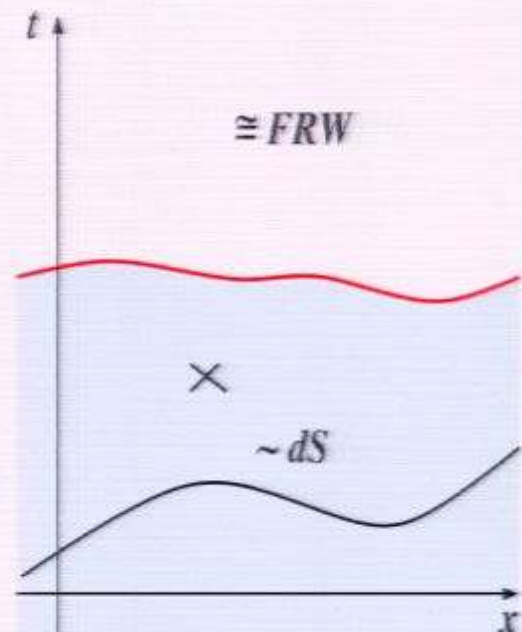


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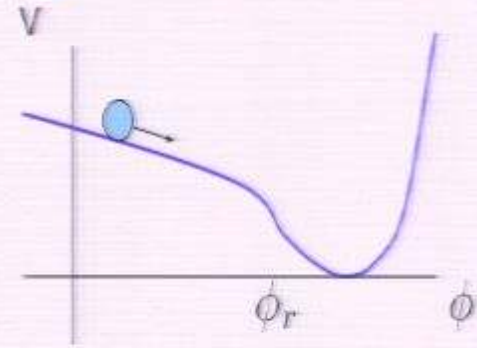


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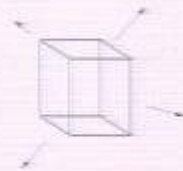
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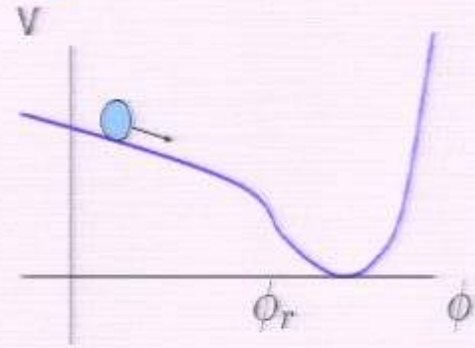
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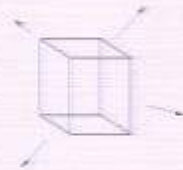
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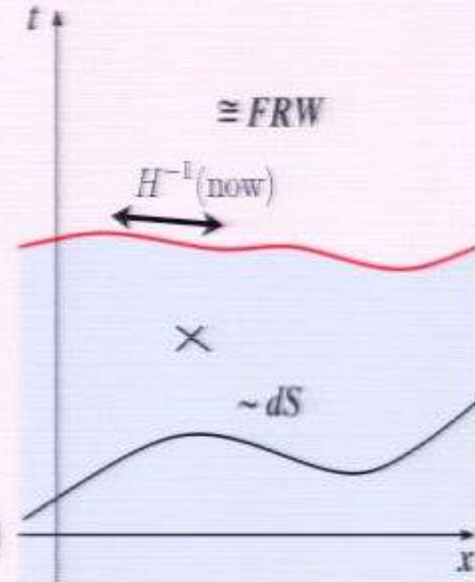
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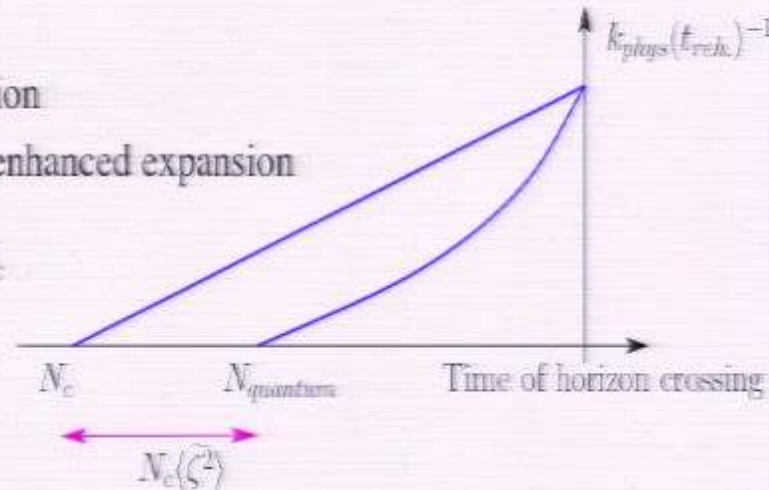
- Let us massage the new time of horizon-crossing

$$\frac{a(t_{reh.})}{a(t_{h.c.})} \sim e^{N_c}, \quad N_c \sim 60 \quad \leftarrow \text{classical expansion}$$

← enhanced expansion

$$\langle e^{\zeta_B(t_{reh.}) - \zeta_B(t_{h.c.})} \rangle \sim 1 + \langle \zeta(x)^2 \rangle_{t_{reh.}}^{t_{h.c.}} \sim 1 + \langle \zeta^2 \rangle N_c$$

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- We have

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- True IR (tiny) effect:

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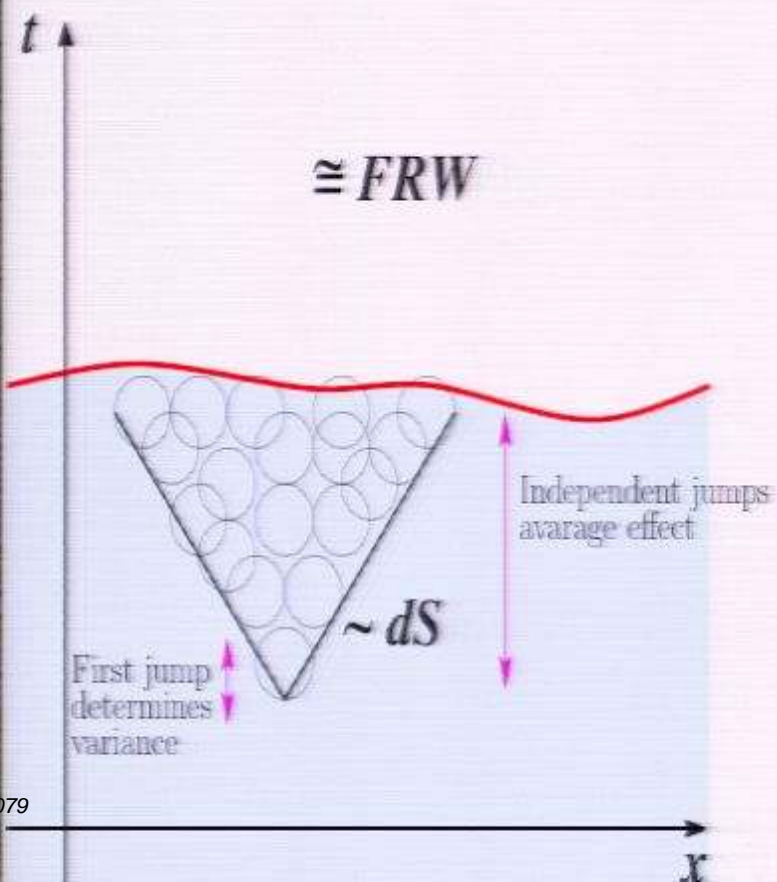
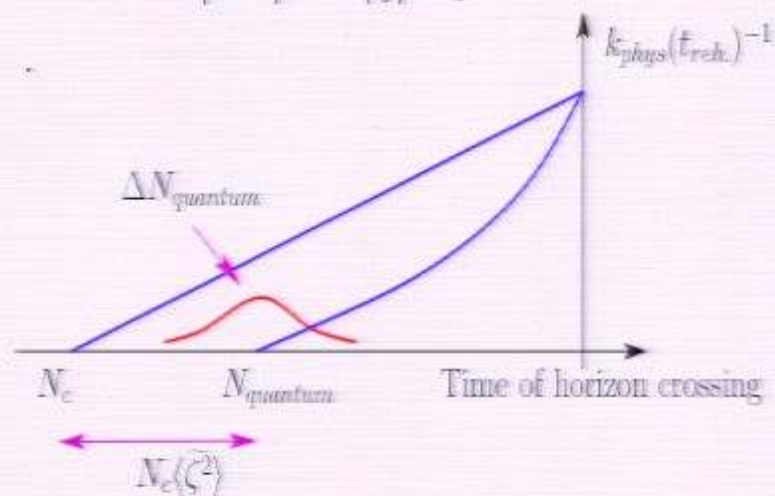
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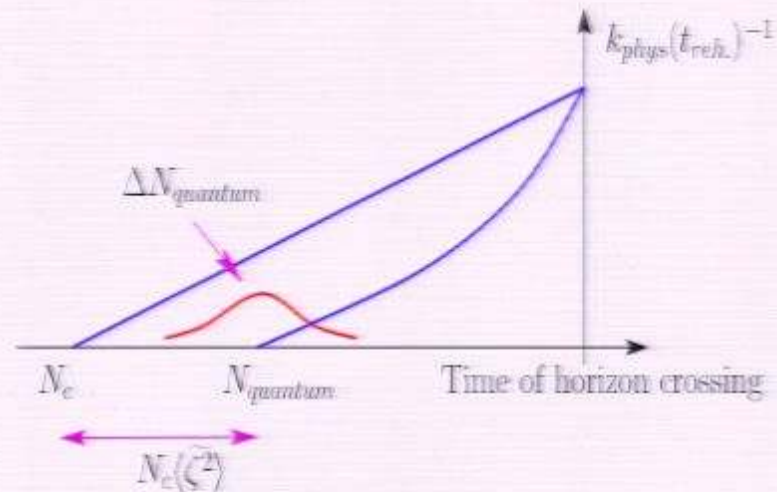
## Second issue

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- Non-perturbative treatment necessary
  - Already done! in With Dubovsky and Villadoro  
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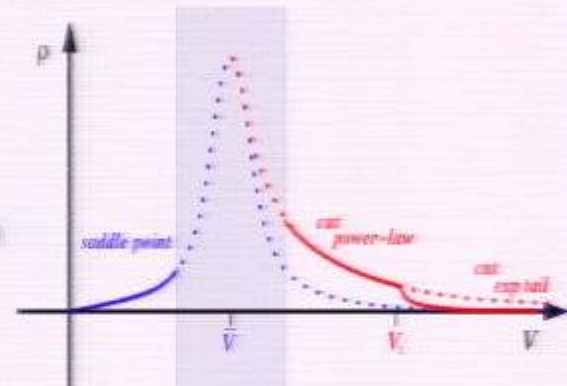
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$$\Omega \equiv \frac{2\pi^2 \dot{\phi}^2}{3 H^4} \sim 1/\langle \widetilde{\zeta^2} \rangle$$



- Maximum enhancement:  $\delta N_{quantum}^{max} \simeq N_c/2$
- Small variance  $\langle \Delta N_{quantum}^2 \rangle^{1/2} \sim \langle \widetilde{\zeta^2} \rangle^{-1/2}$
- Probability distribution known (also within eternal inflation)

$$\rho(V, \tau) \approx N_c e^{-\Omega \left[ \frac{3N_c}{2} \left( 1 + \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{\Omega}} \right) - 3N_c \right]^2}$$



Dynamical effects  
(it matters only the period of horizon crossing)

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