

Title: Density Perturbations from Curvatons Revisited

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Abstract: The curvaton scenario provides a simple explanation for the generation of the cosmological perturbations, however most works have focused on cases with rather trivial curvaton energy potentials, e.g. quadratic ones. In this talk I will present the rich phenomenology of curvatons by showing that non-quadratic curvatons exhibit new behaviors, leading to interesting signals in the resulting density perturbations. A string theory realization of the curvaton scenario will also be discussed, where D-branes located in a warped throat region of the internal space play the role of curvatons.



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How was Structure Seeded?

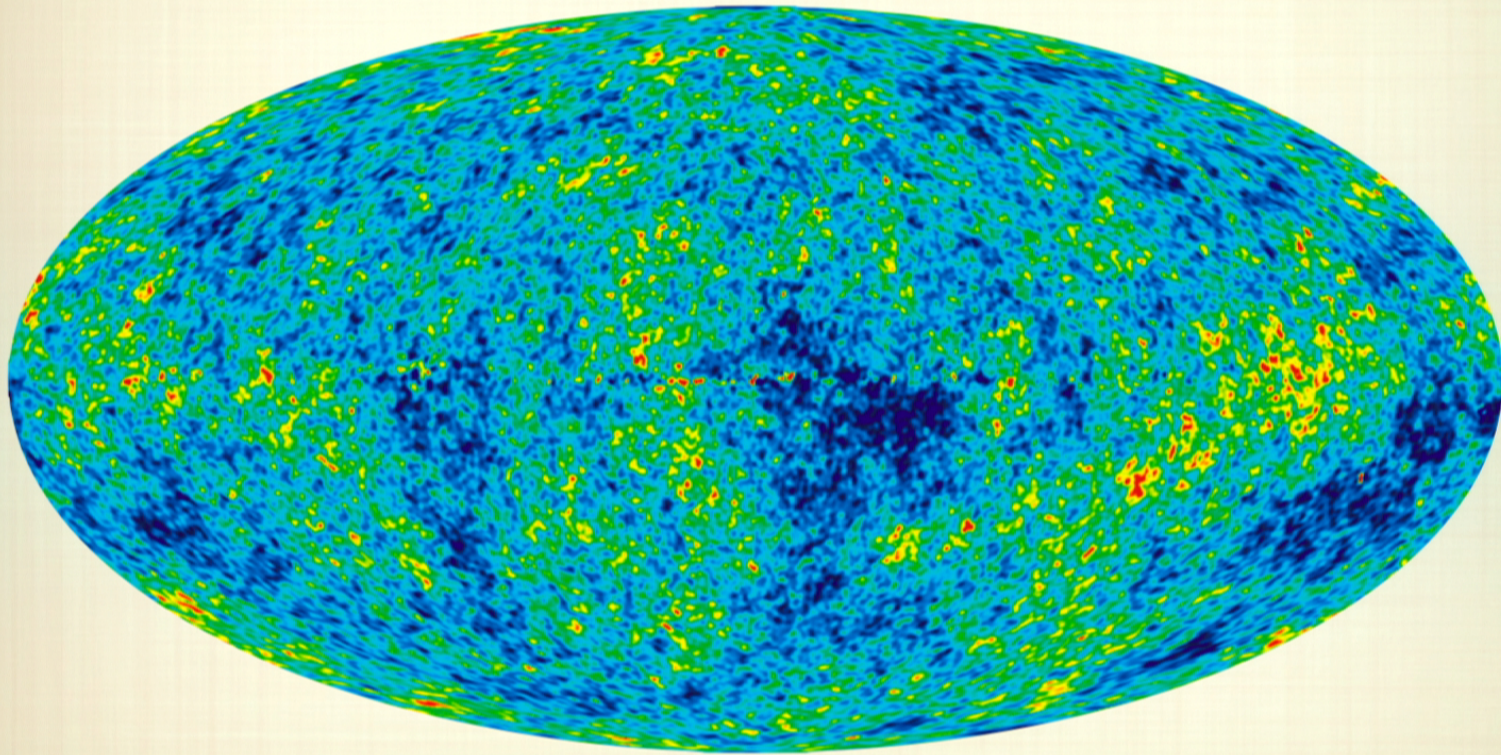


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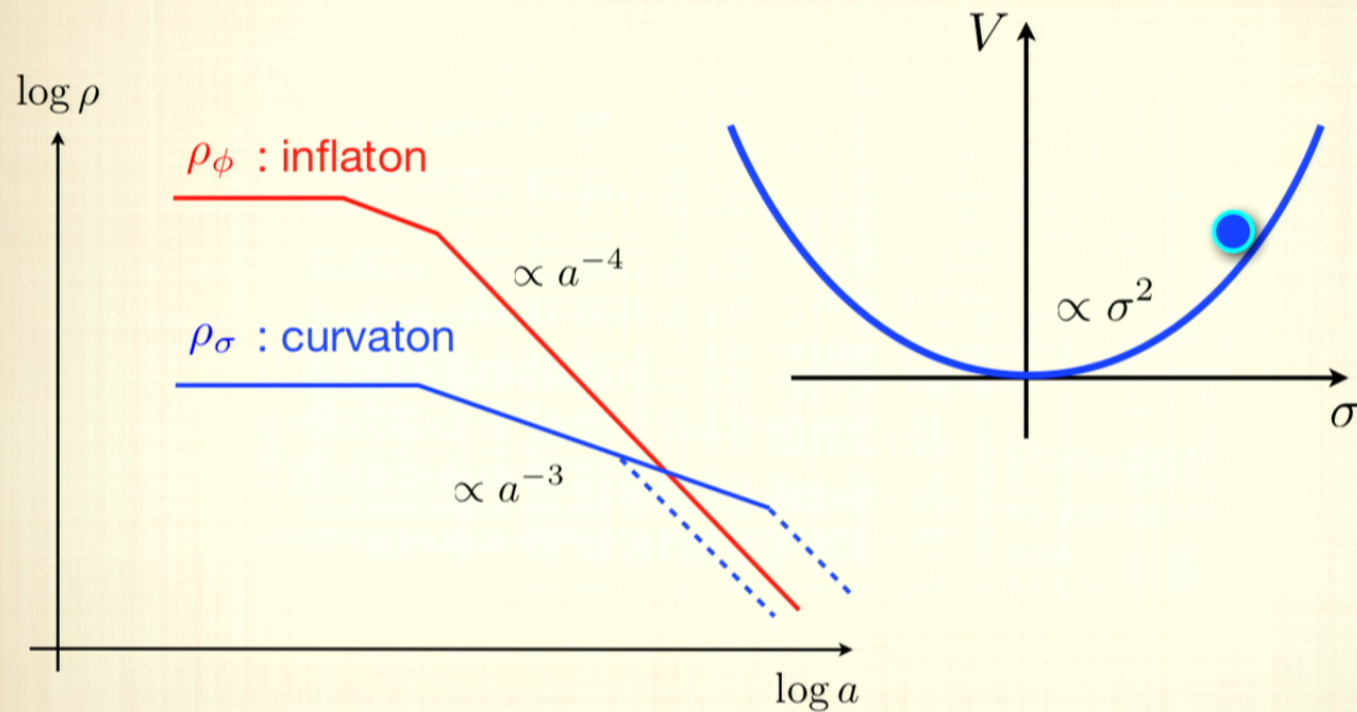
- curvatons with generic energy potentials
- enhanced density perturbations from flat potentials
- running non-Gaussianity from steep potentials
- a stringy realization : curvatons in warped throats

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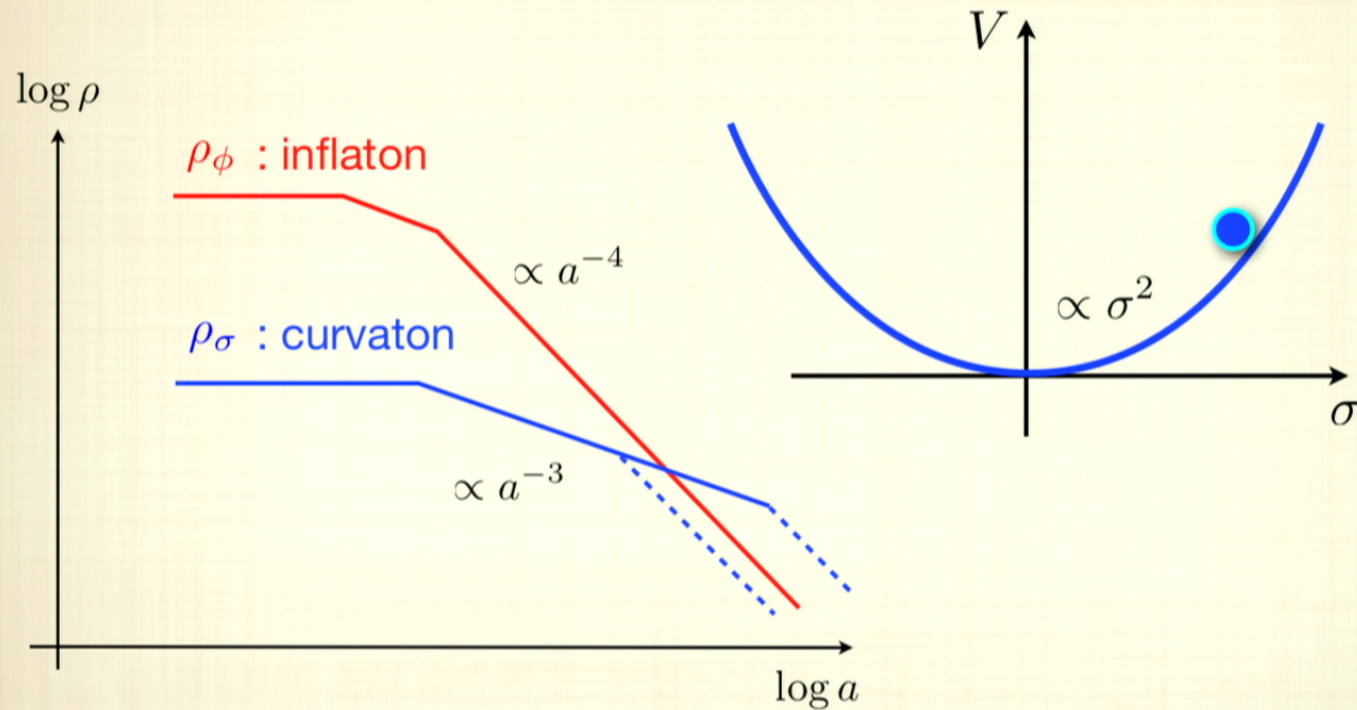
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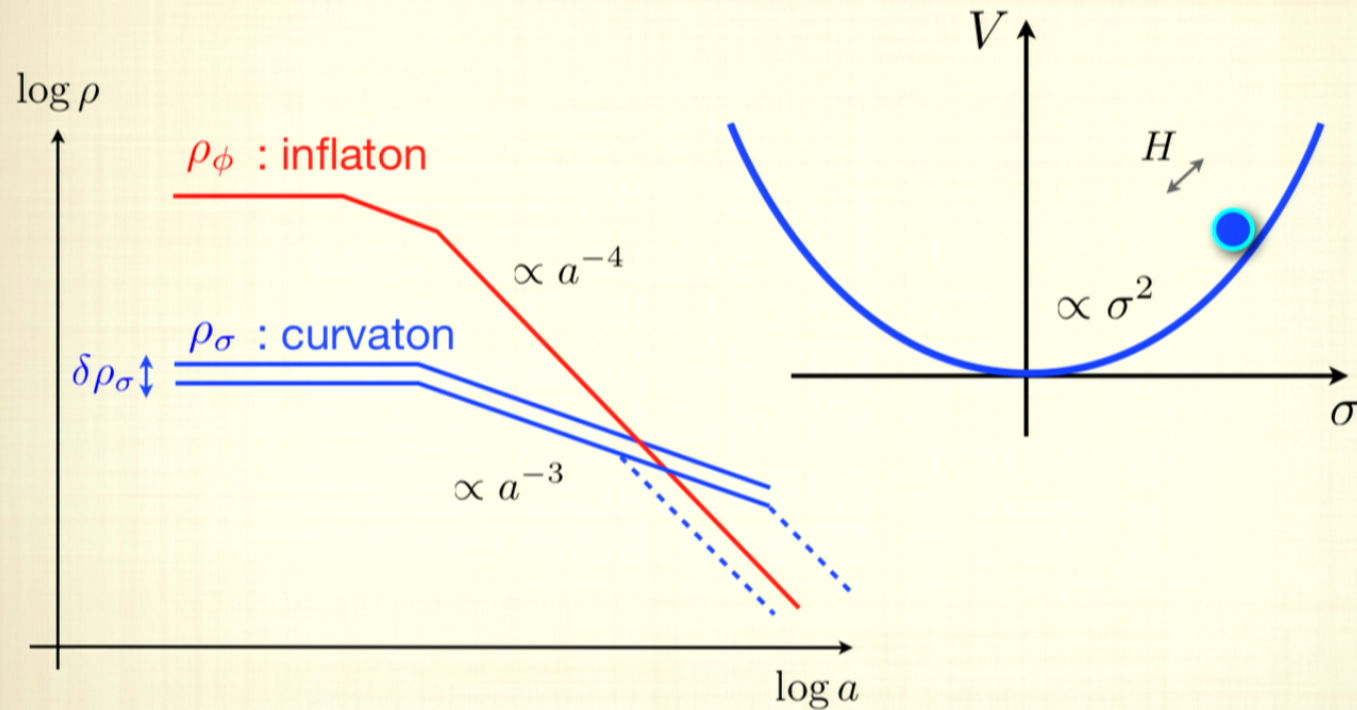
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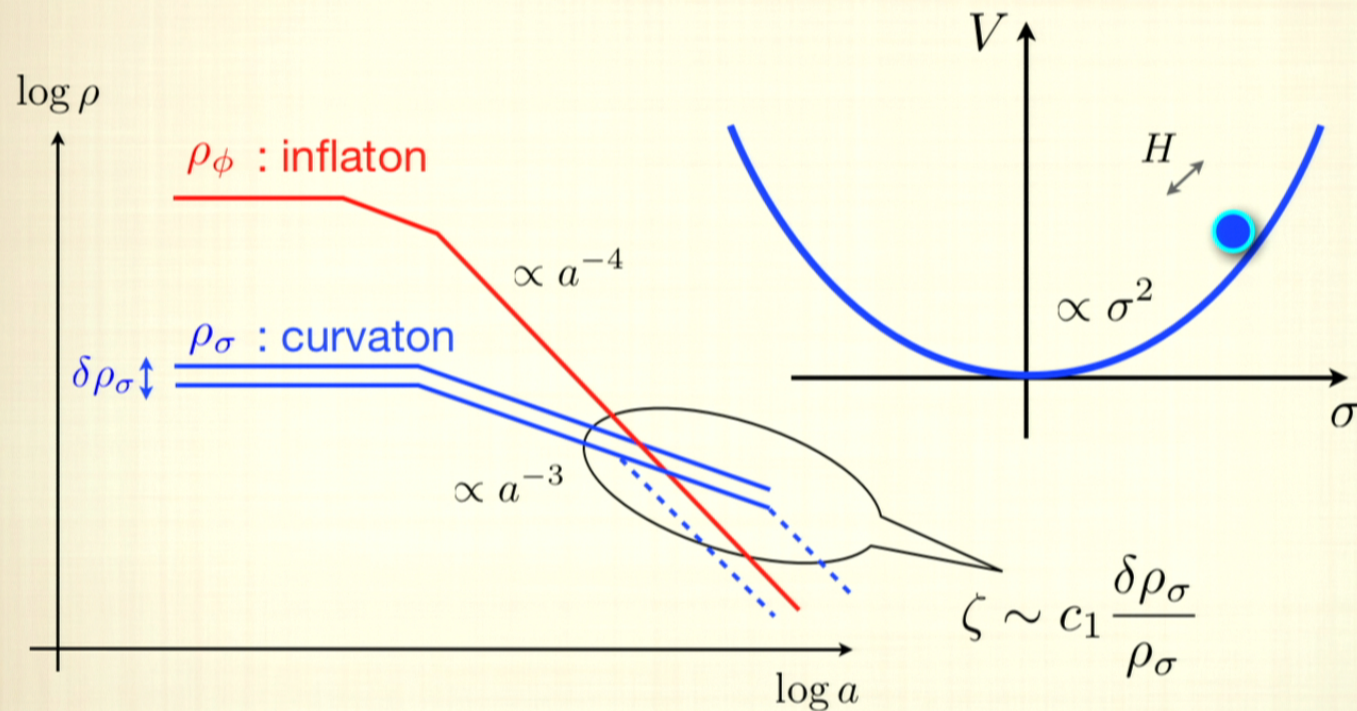
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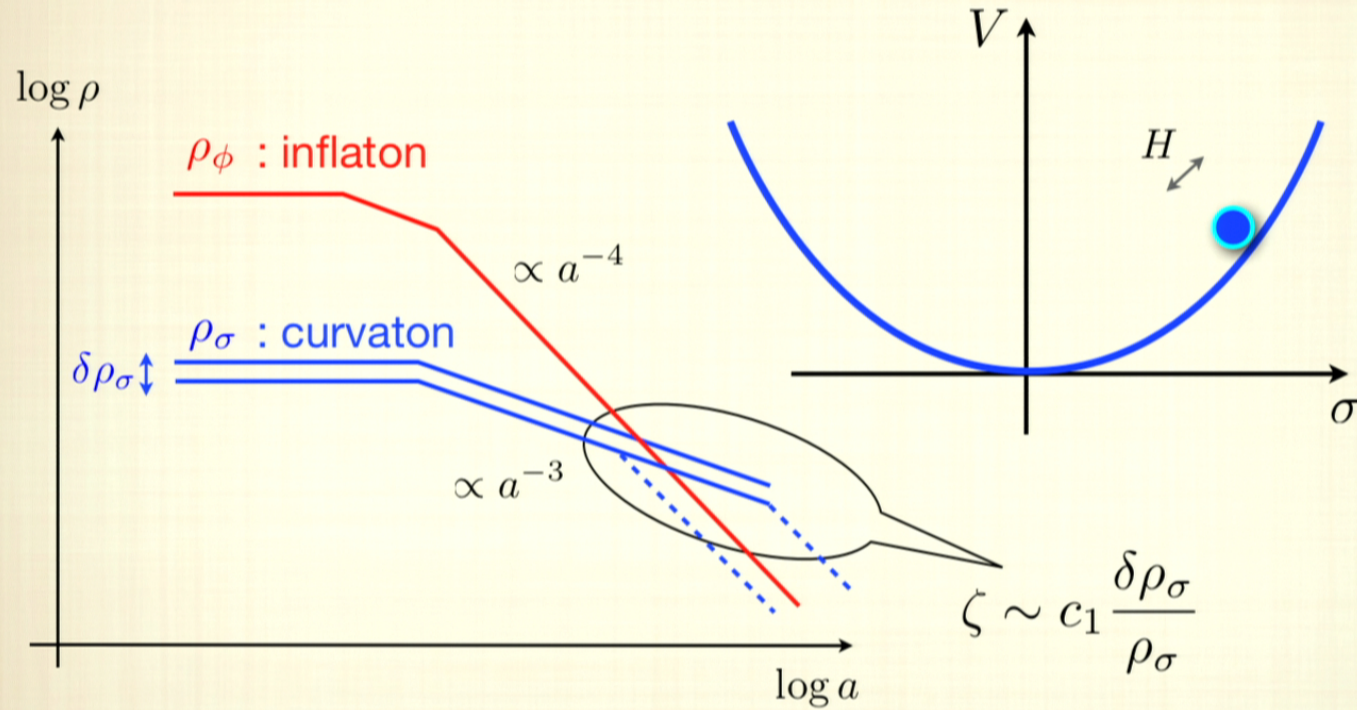


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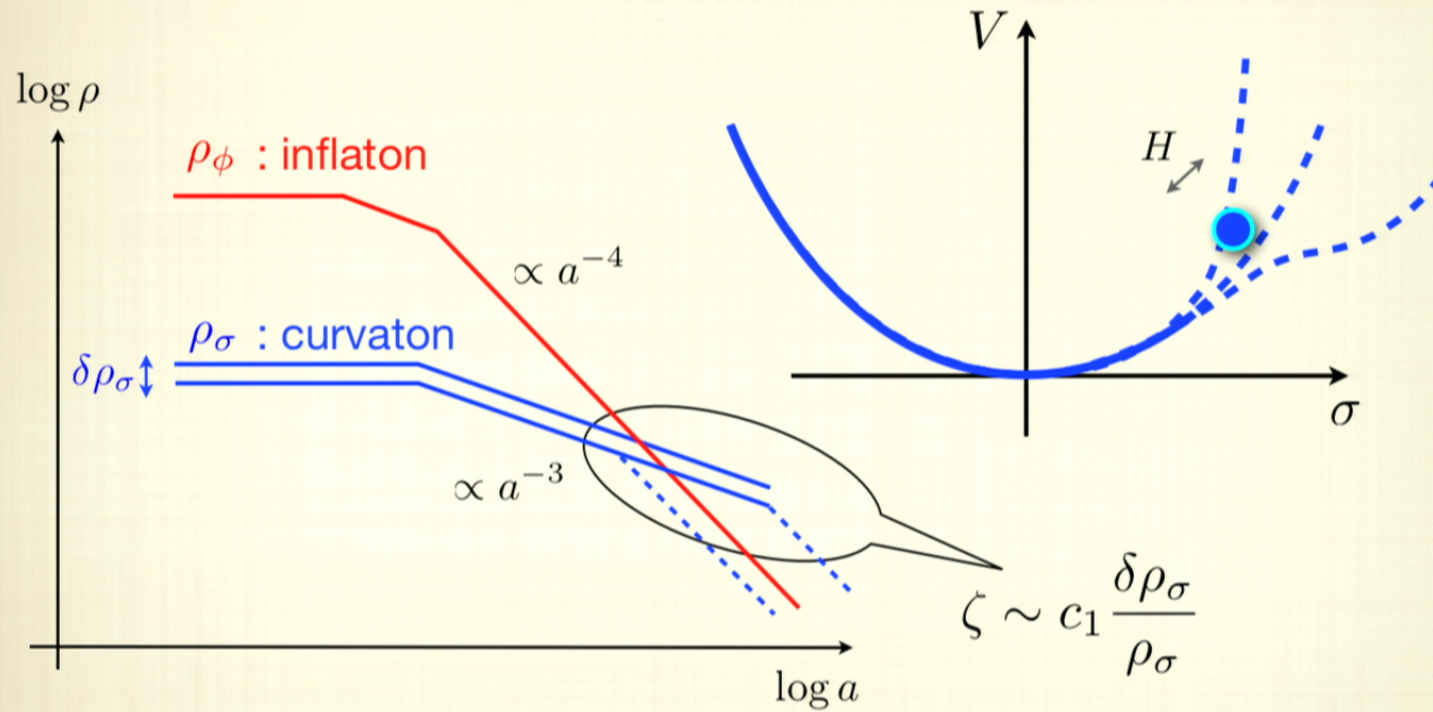
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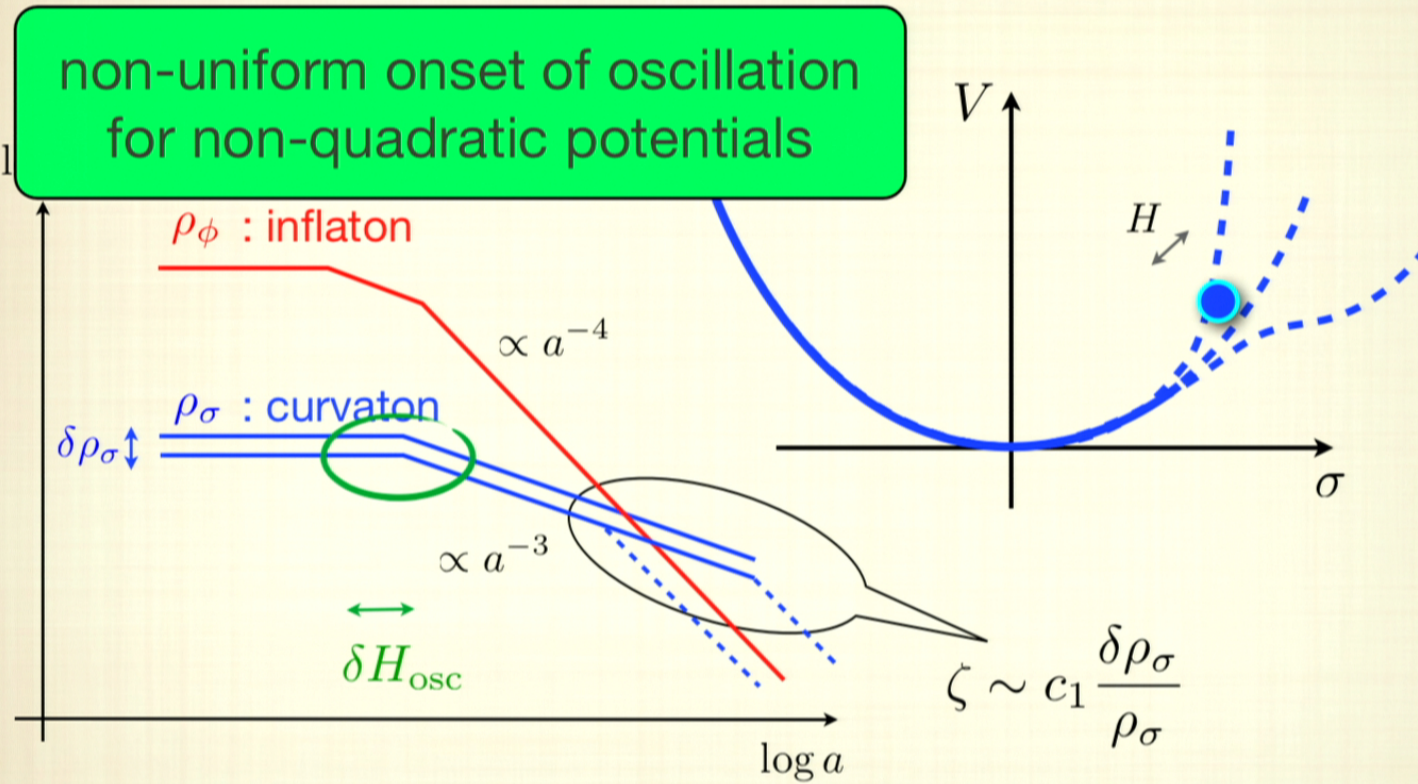
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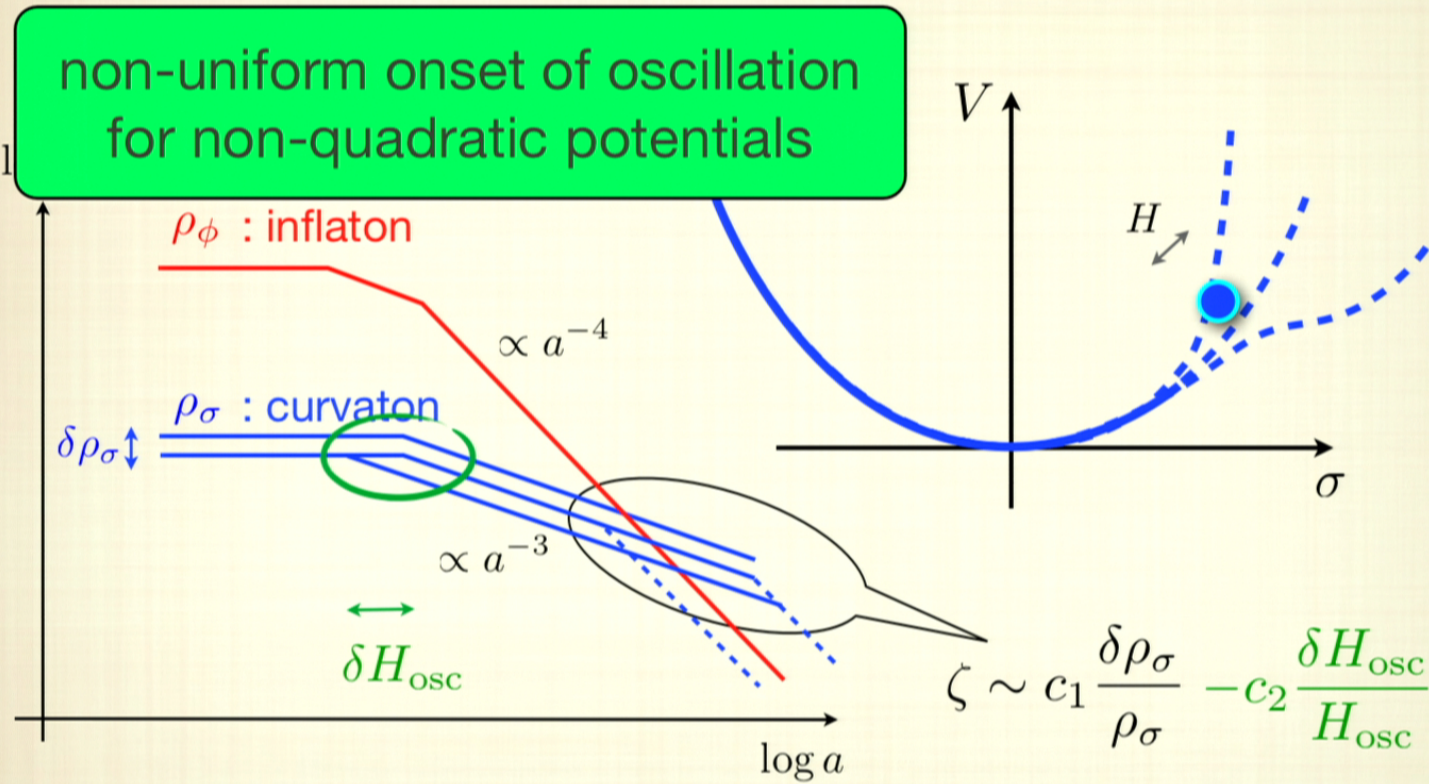
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Additional contributions to the density perturbations!

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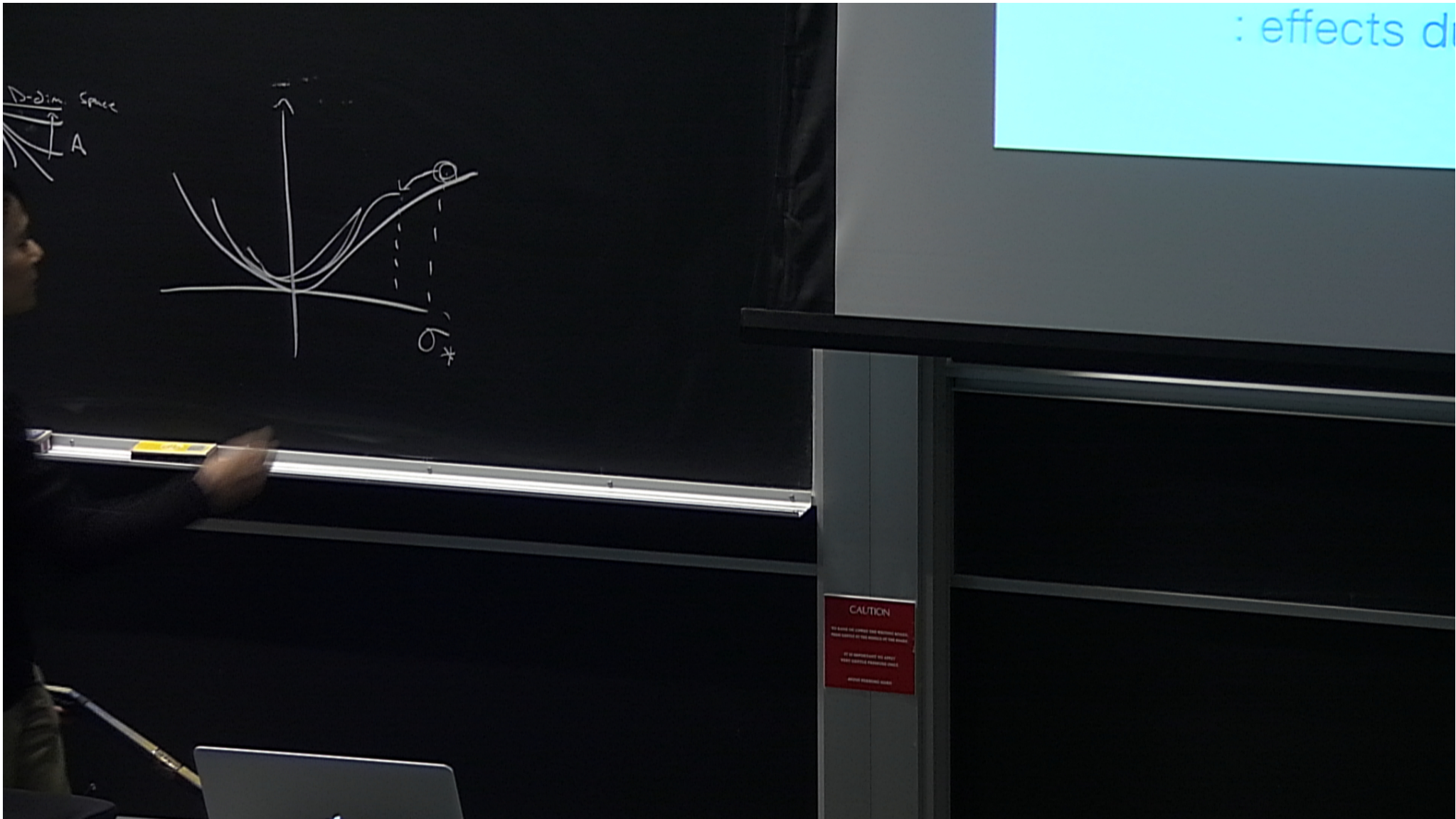
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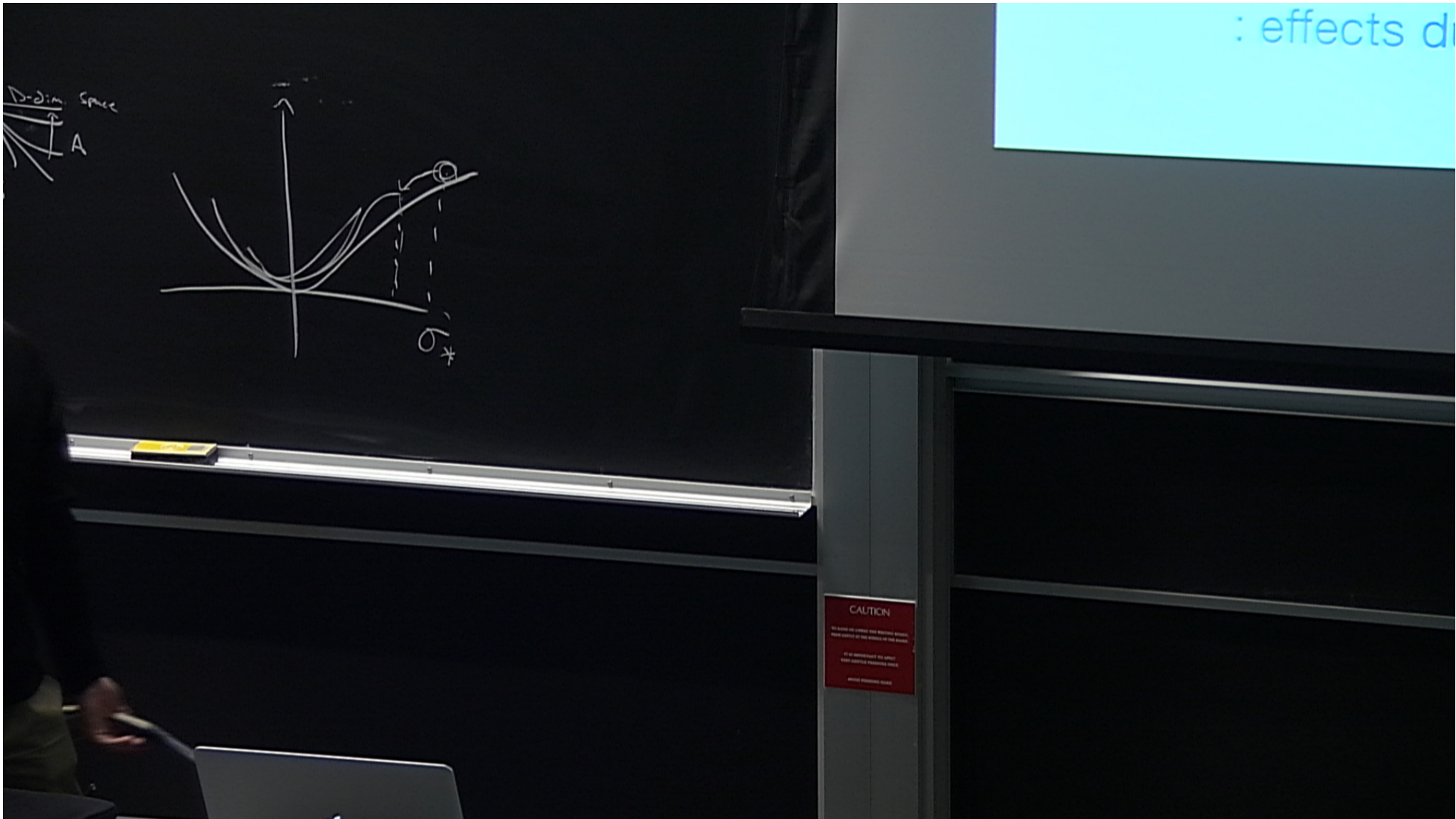
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Large f_{NL} (with either sign) possible for both dominant/subdominant curvatons!

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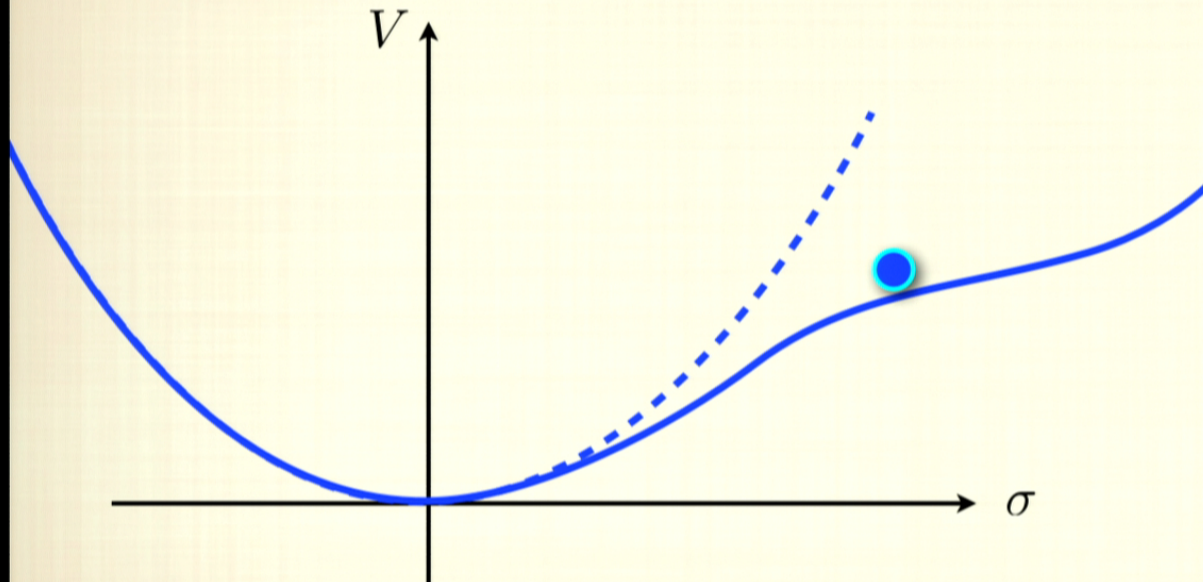
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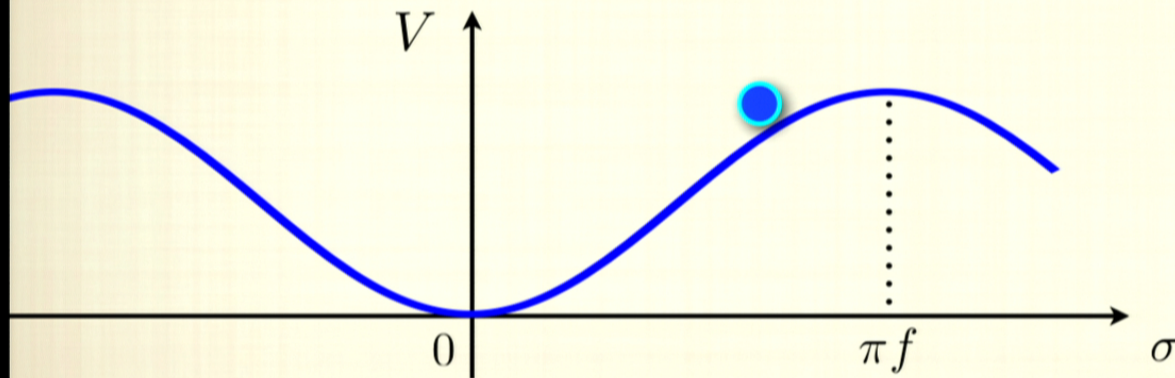
1. Flat Potentials



Effects due to non-uniform onset of oscillation can become significant, leading to **strong enhancement of linear-order perturbations & non-Gaussianity.**

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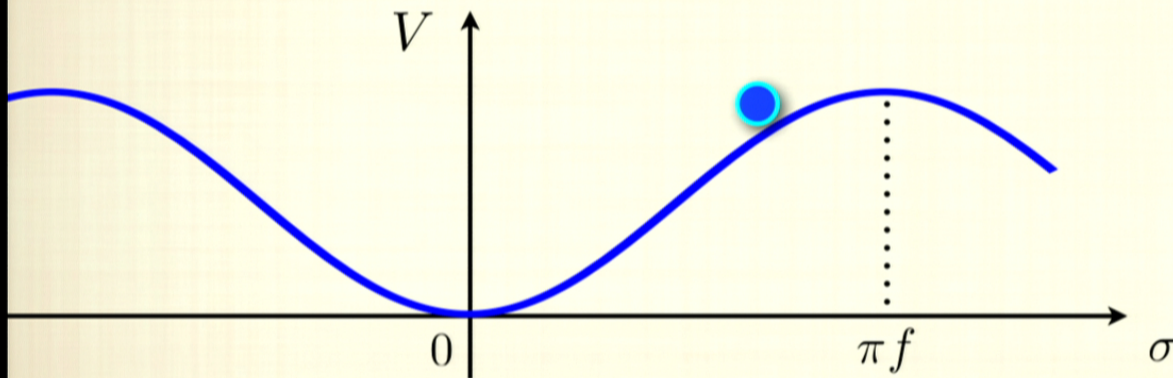
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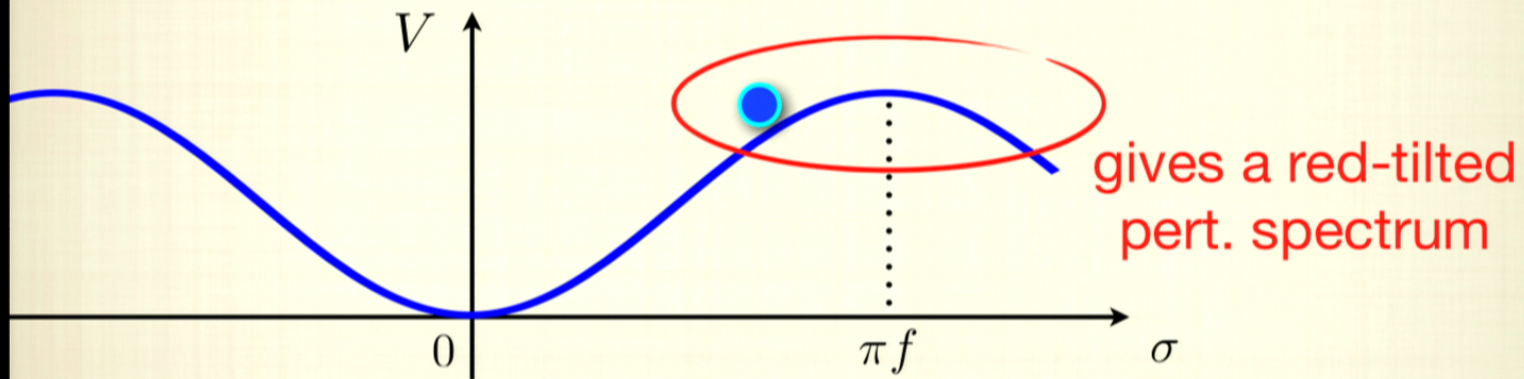
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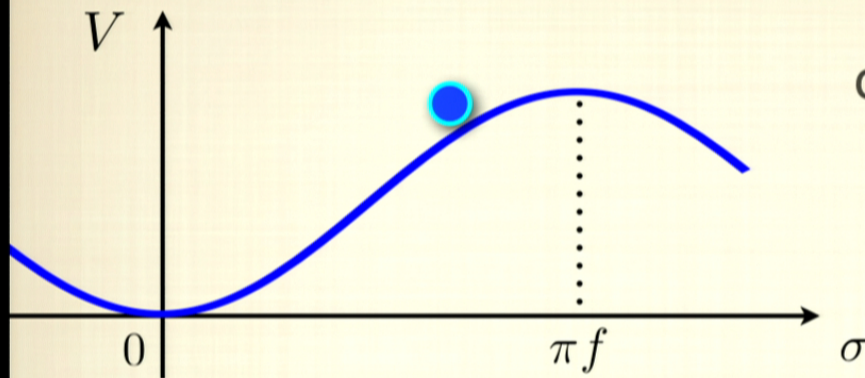
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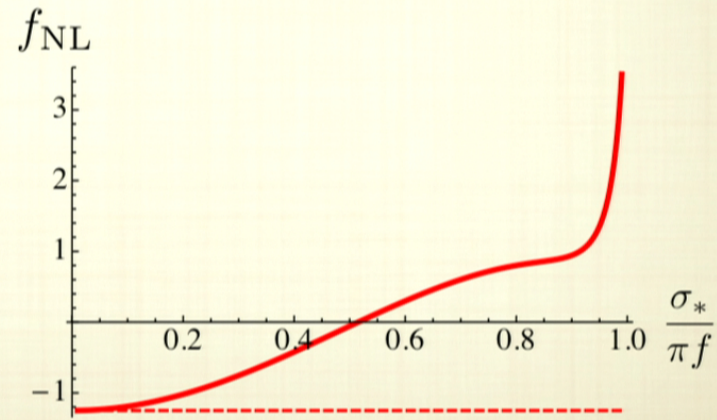
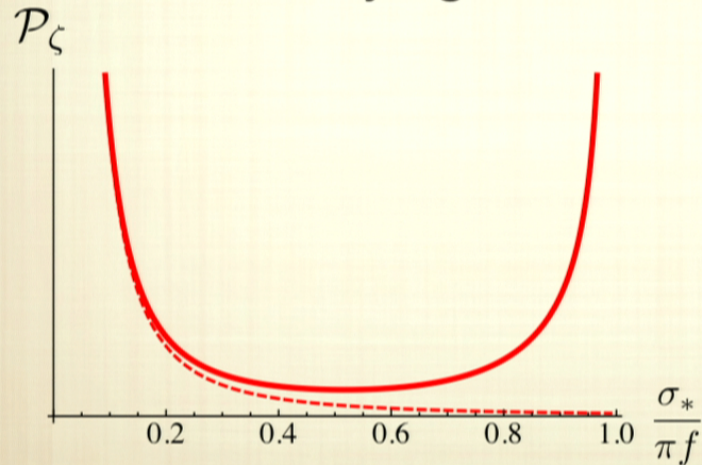
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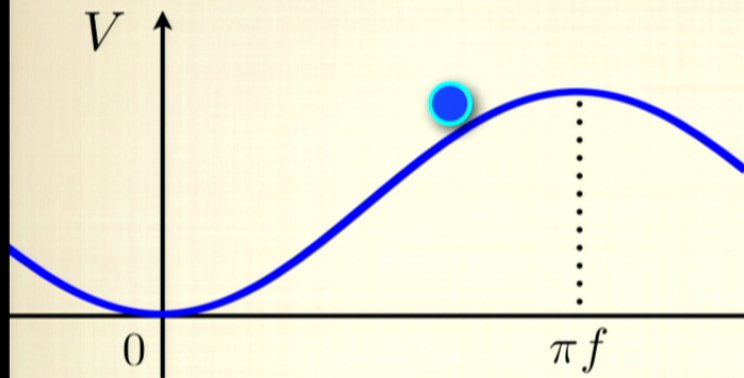
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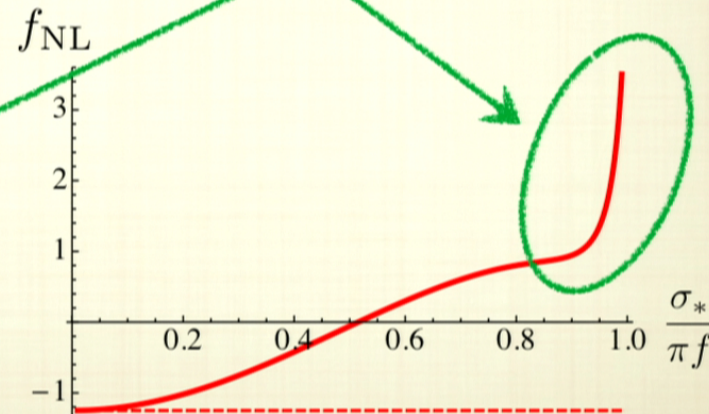
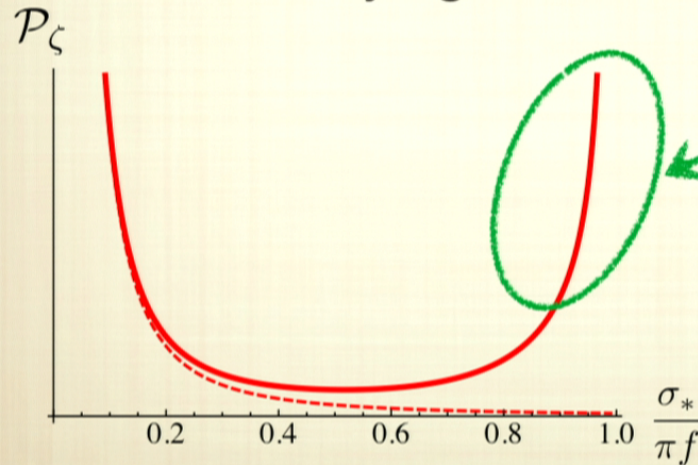


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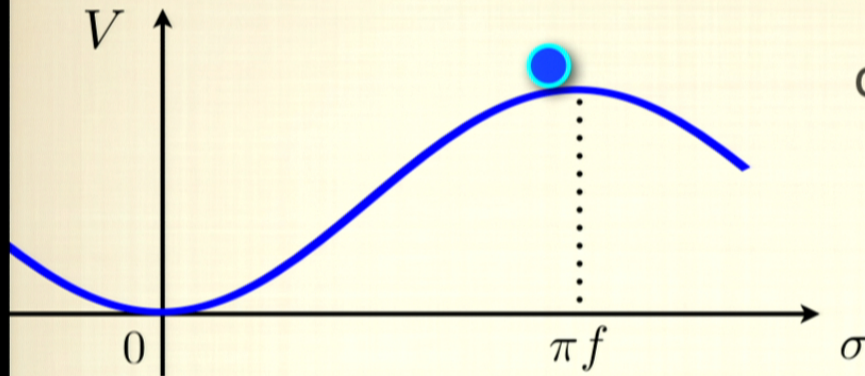
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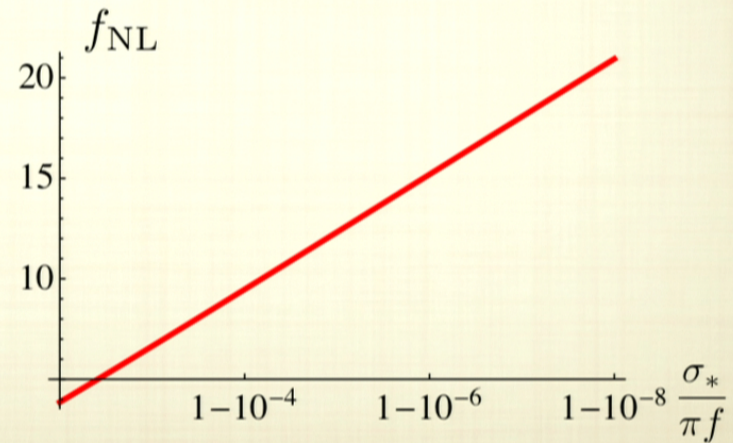
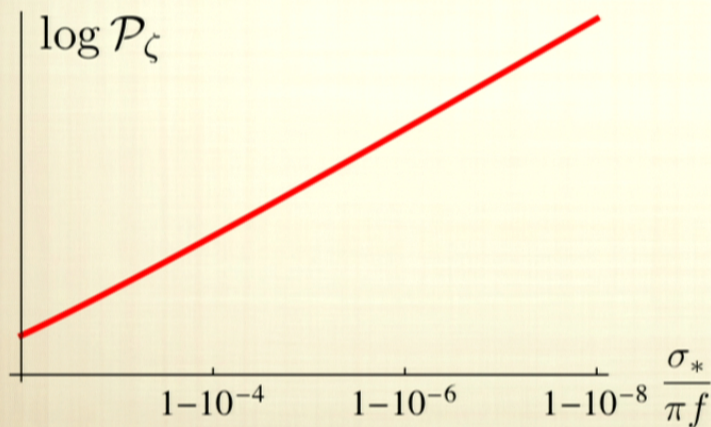
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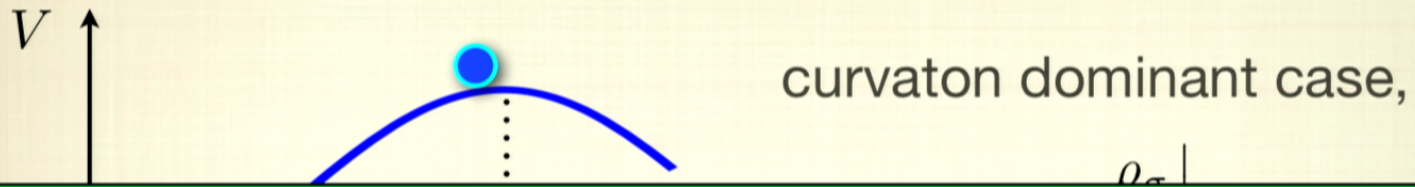
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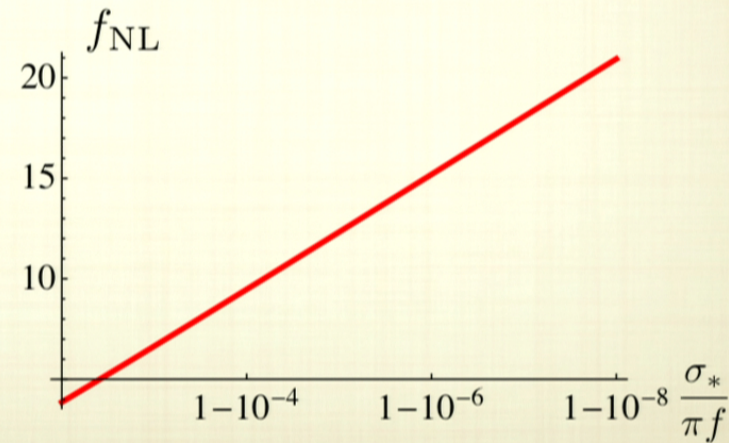
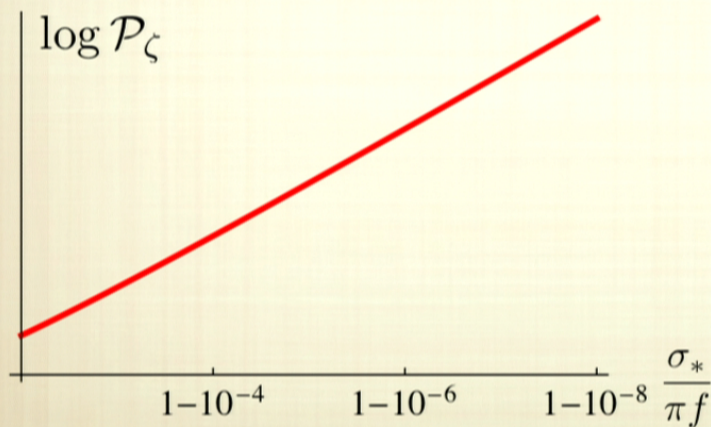
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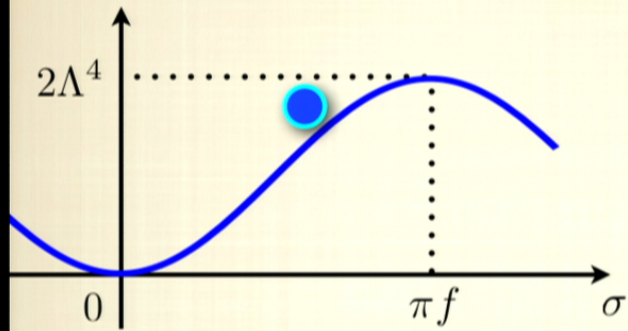
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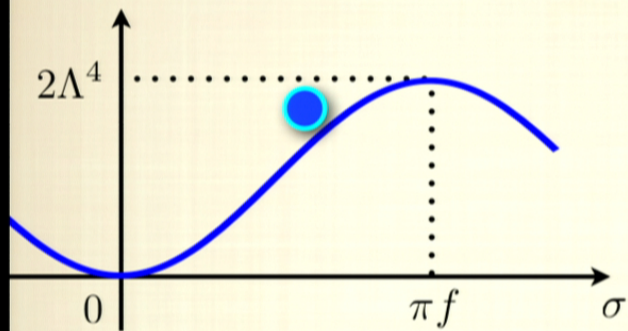


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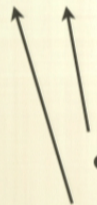


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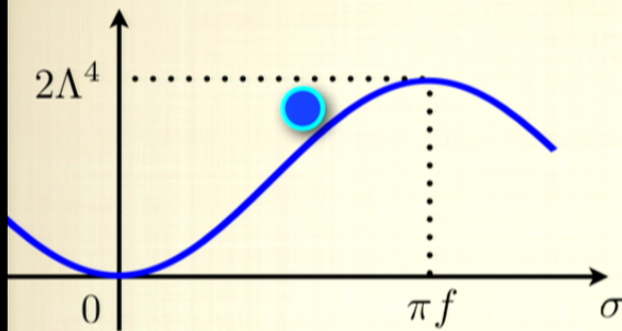


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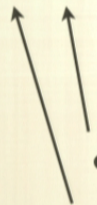


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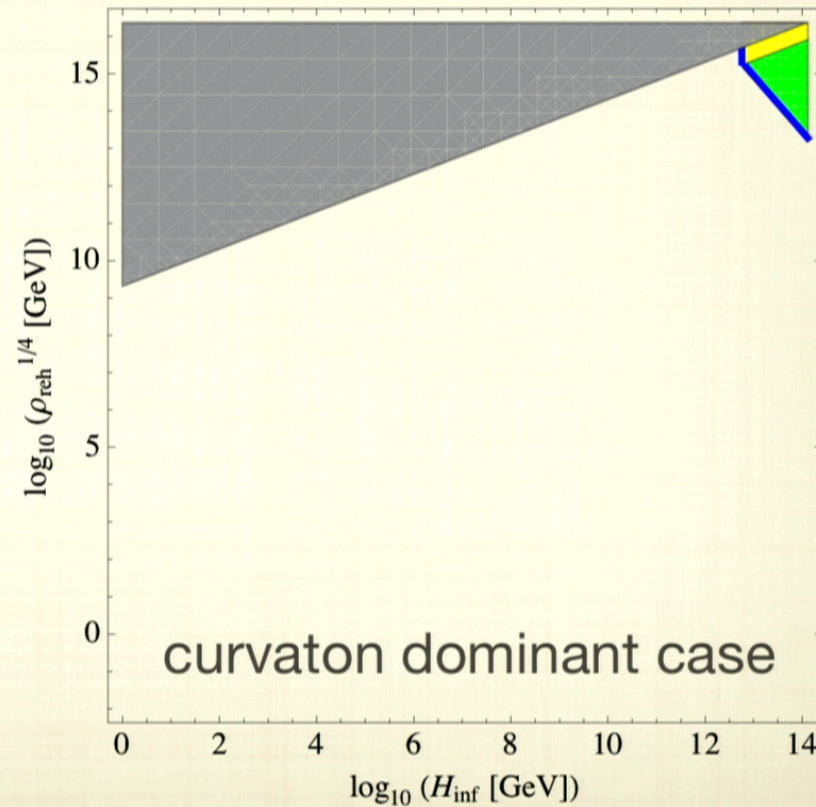


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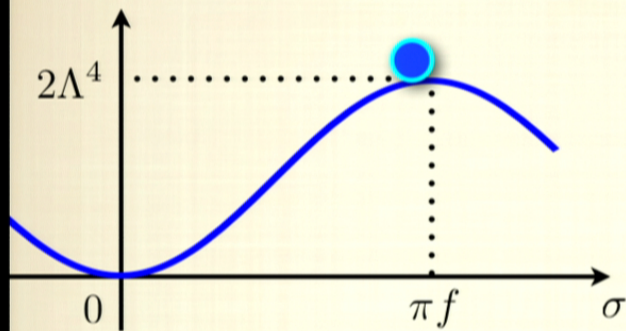


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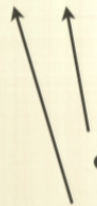
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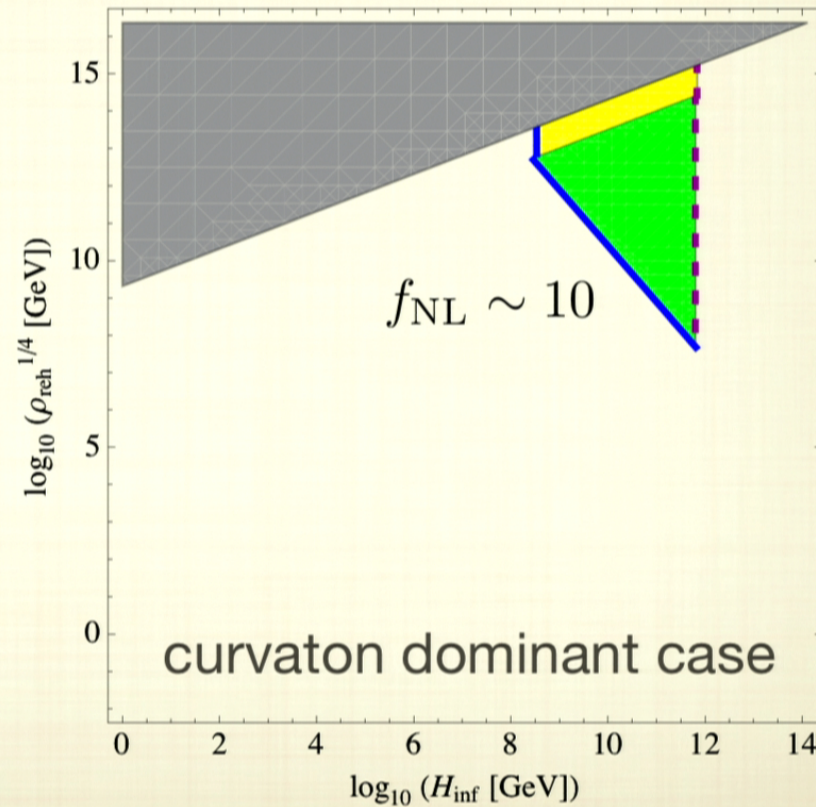


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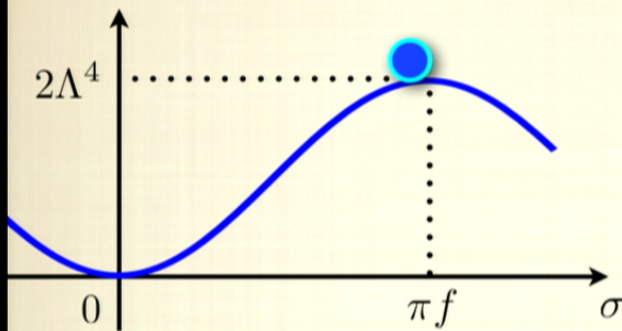


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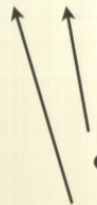
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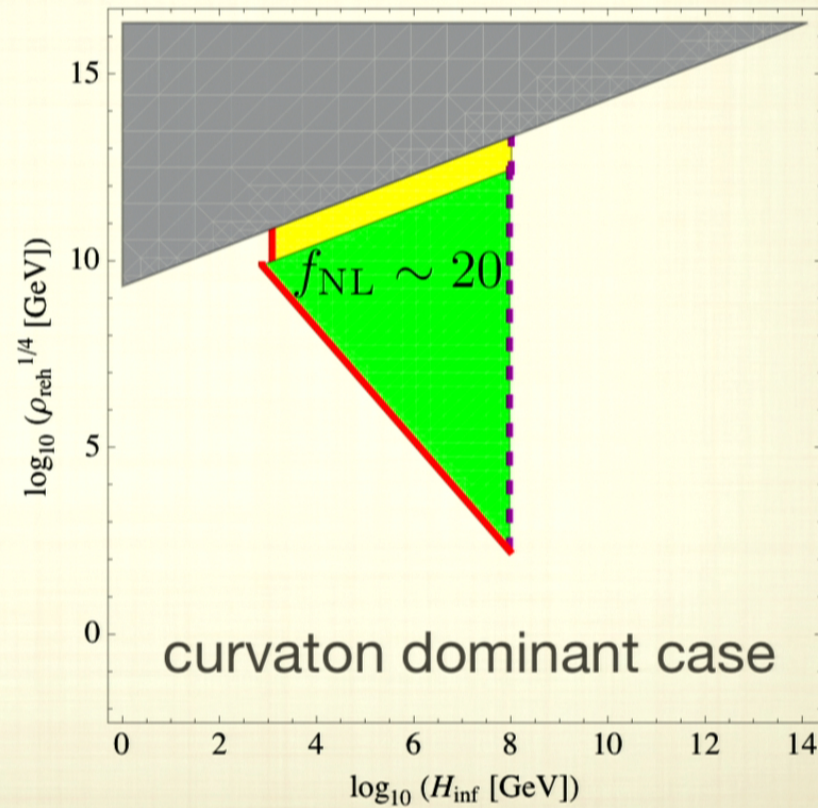


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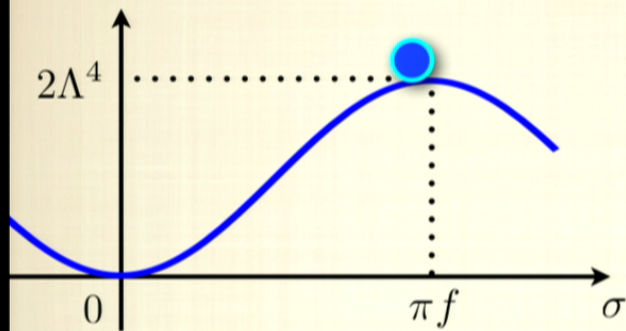


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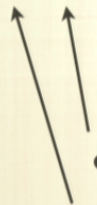
$$\frac{\sigma_*}{\pi f} = 1 - 10^{-8}$$



Windows for Inflation/Reheating Scales

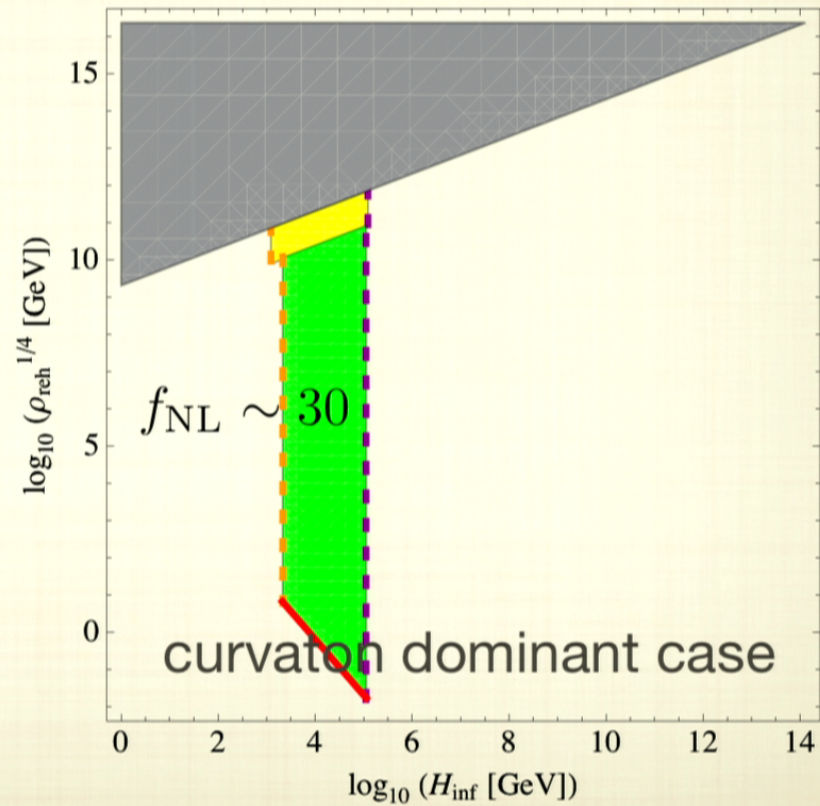


$(\cancel{f}, \cancel{\Lambda}, H_{\text{inf}}, T_{\text{reh}}, \sigma_*)$

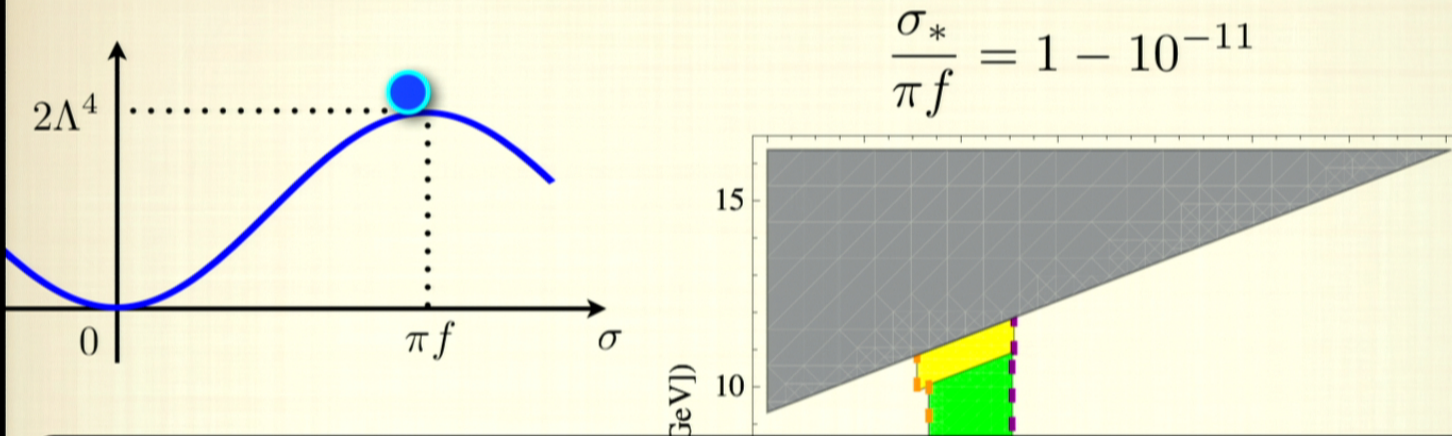


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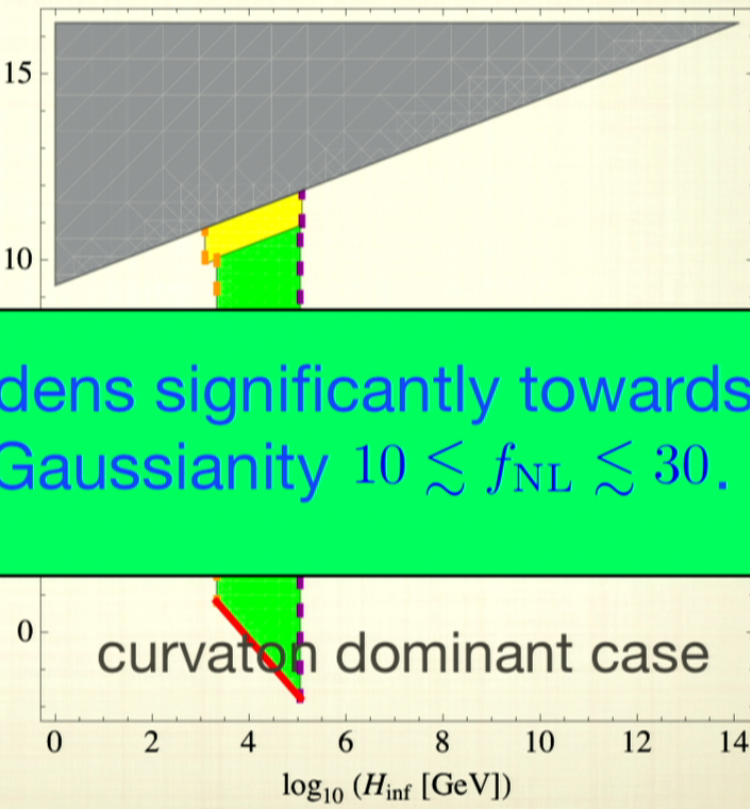


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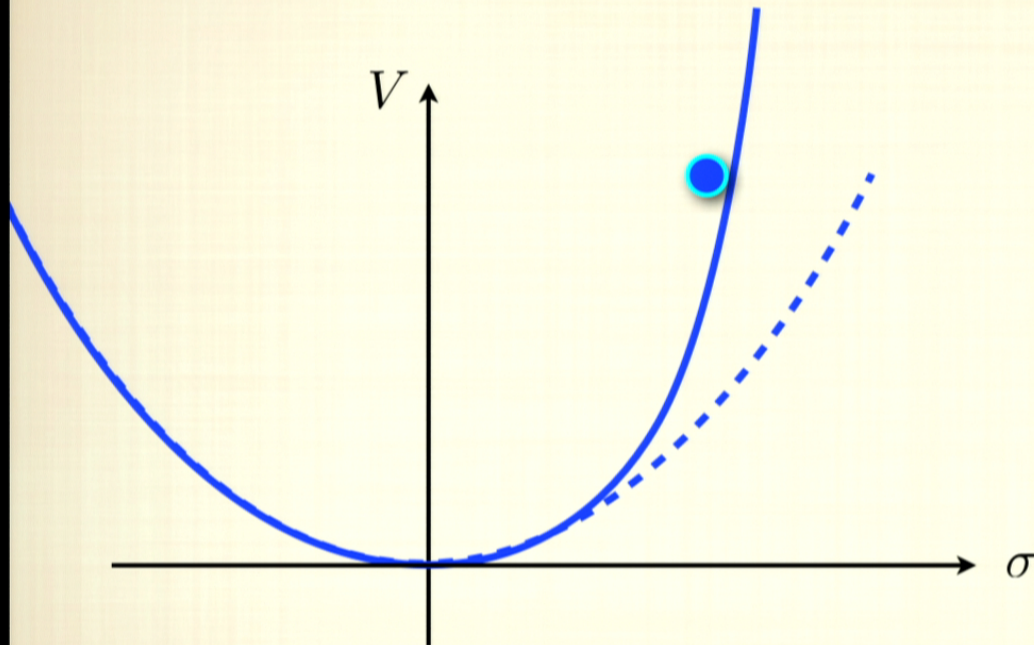


Allowed window broadens significantly towards the hilltop, with non-Gaussianity $10 \lesssim f_{\text{NL}} \lesssim 30$.

- COBE norm.
- spectral index



2. Steep Potentials



Curvaton rolling along the steep potential can lead to **strongly scale-dependent non-Gaussianity.**

Running of f_{NL}

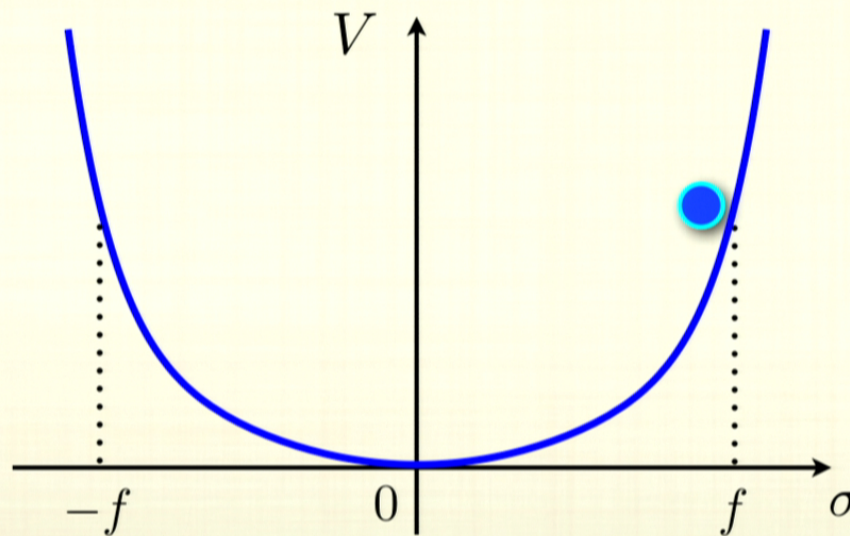
$$\begin{aligned}n_{f_{\text{NL}}} &\equiv \frac{d \ln |f_{\text{NL}}|}{d \ln k} \\ &= \frac{1}{f_{\text{NL}}} \frac{5}{18} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{N}}{\partial \sigma_*} \right)^{-1} \frac{V''''(\sigma_*)}{H_*^2}\end{aligned}$$

PLANCK detection limit : $|n_{f_{\text{NL}}} f_{\text{NL}}| \gtrsim 5$

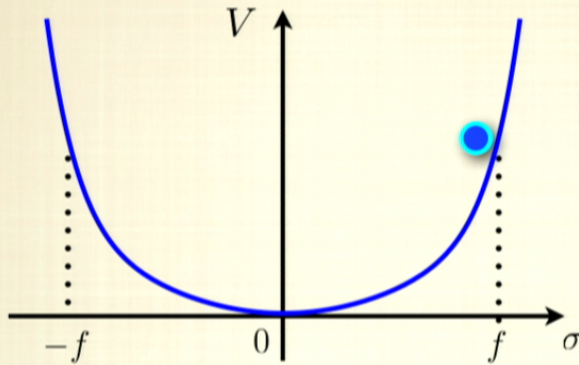
(for fiducial values $f_{\text{NL}} = 50$, $n_{f_{\text{NL}}} = 0$, Sefusatti et al. '09)

Self-Interacting Curvatons

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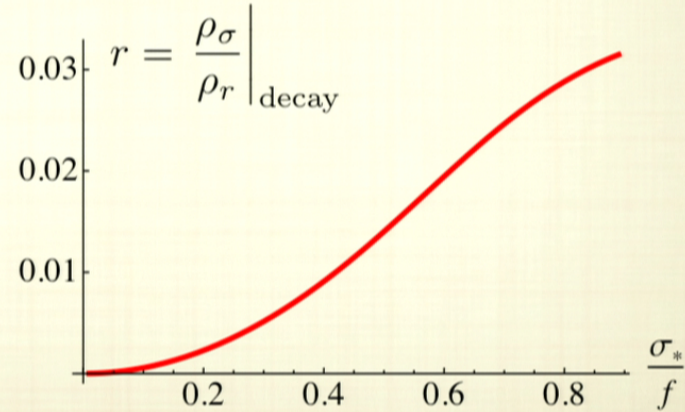
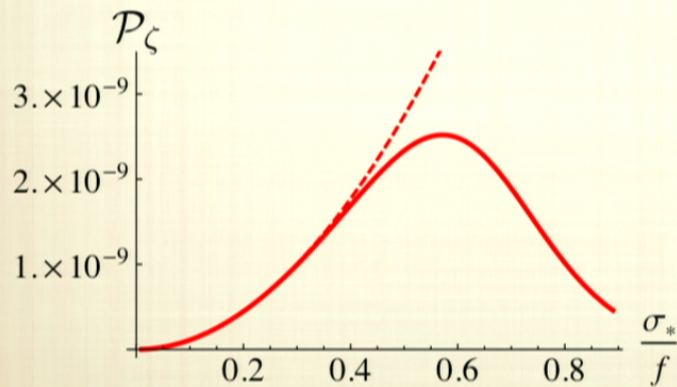
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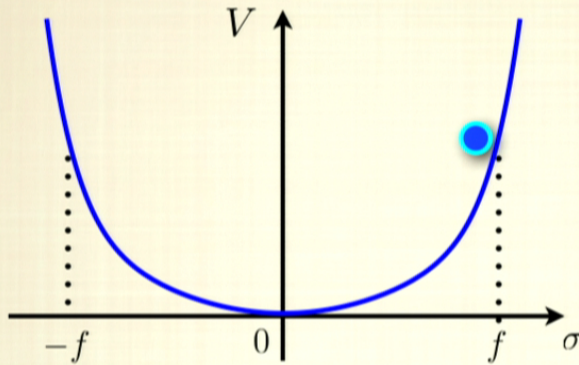
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When varying σ_* :



Self-Interacting Curvatons

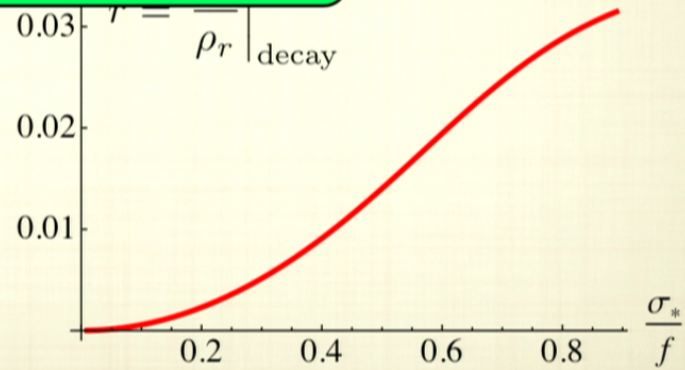
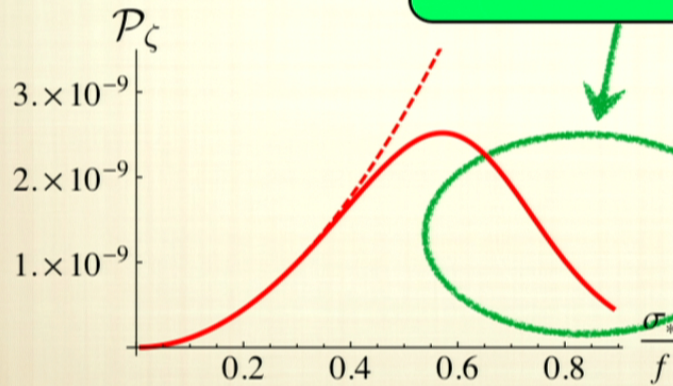


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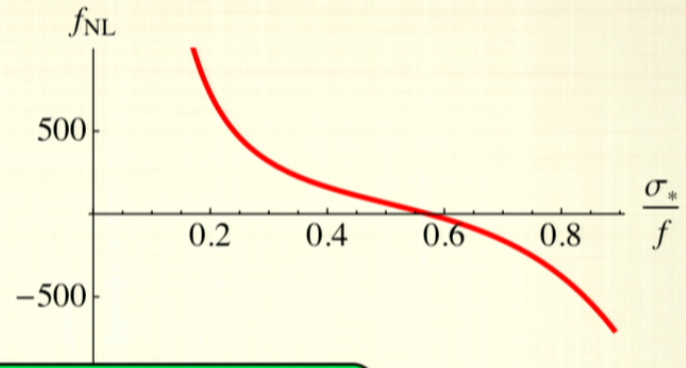
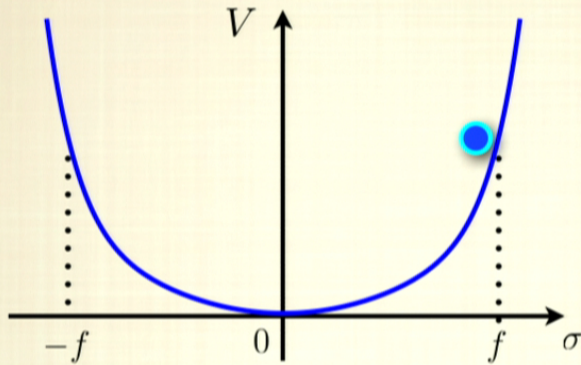
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suppression due to curvaton rolling

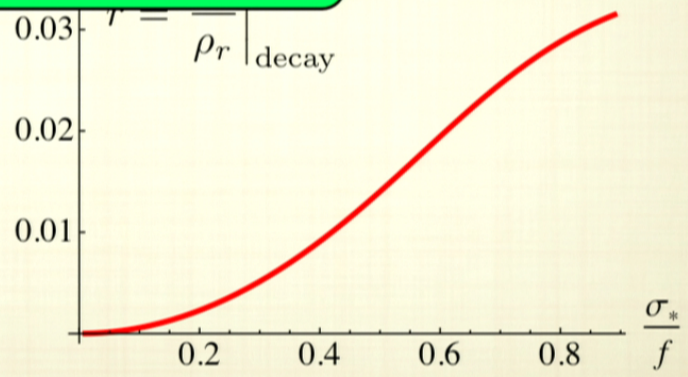
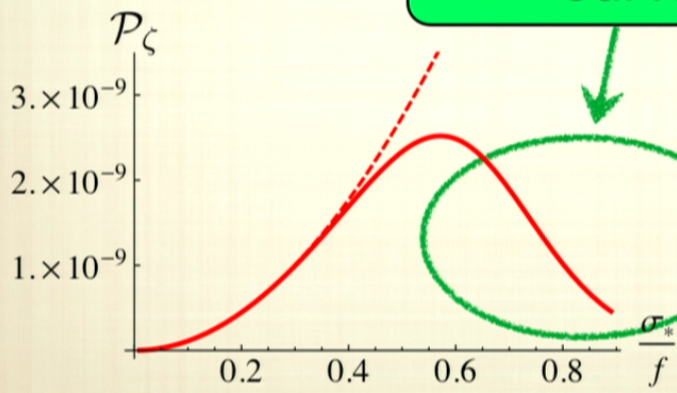


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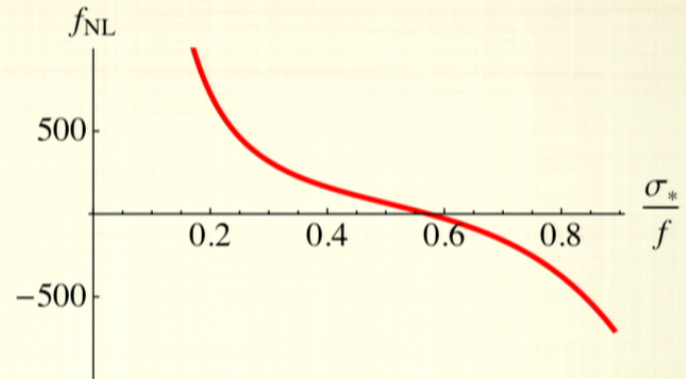
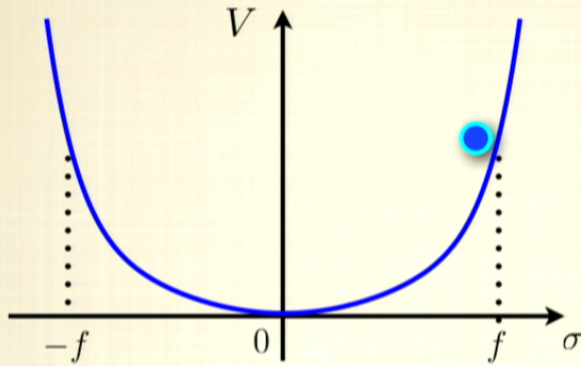


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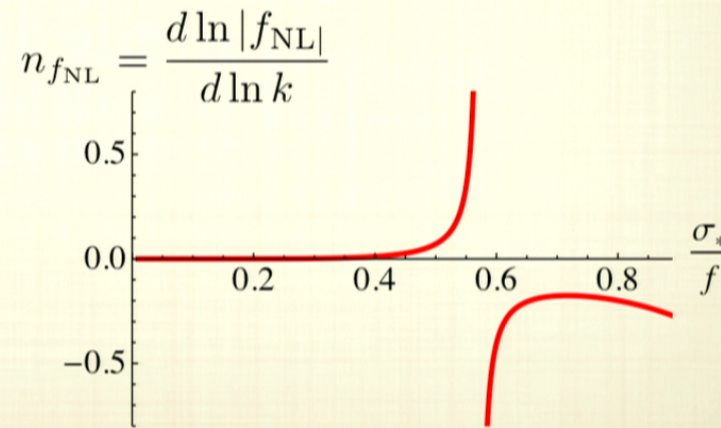
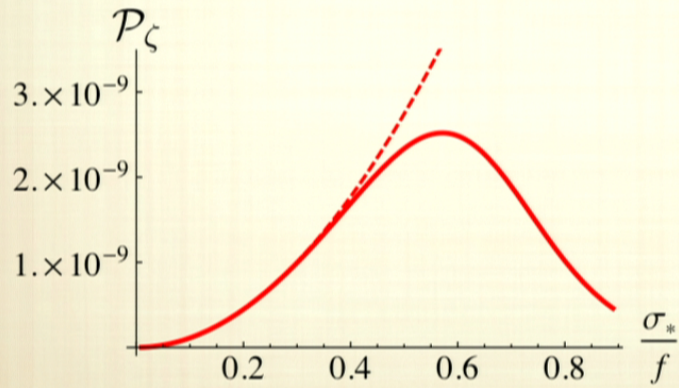
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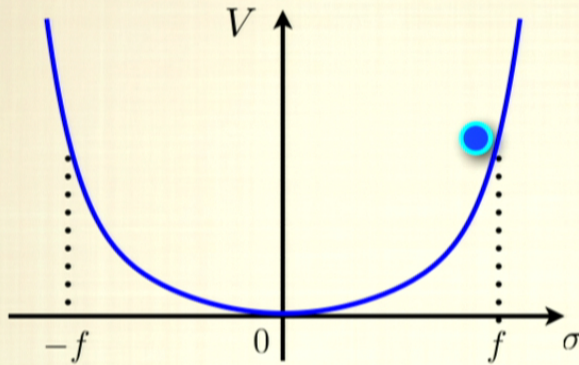
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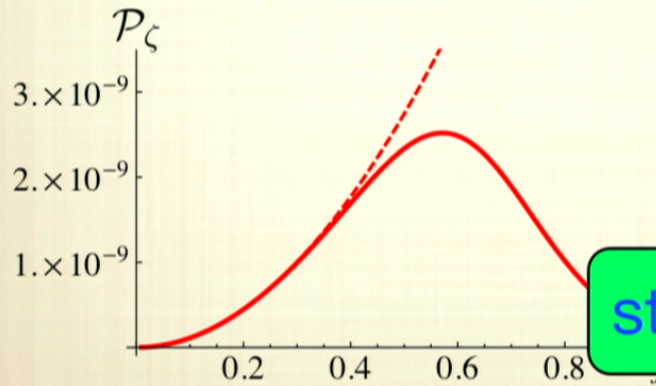
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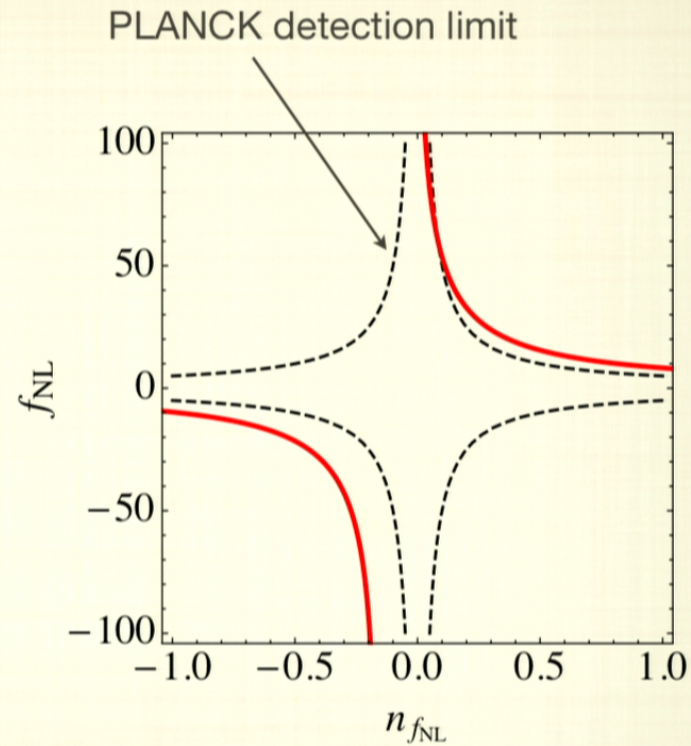
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When varying σ_* :



strongly scale-dependent f_{NL}



Summary of Non-Quad. Curvatons

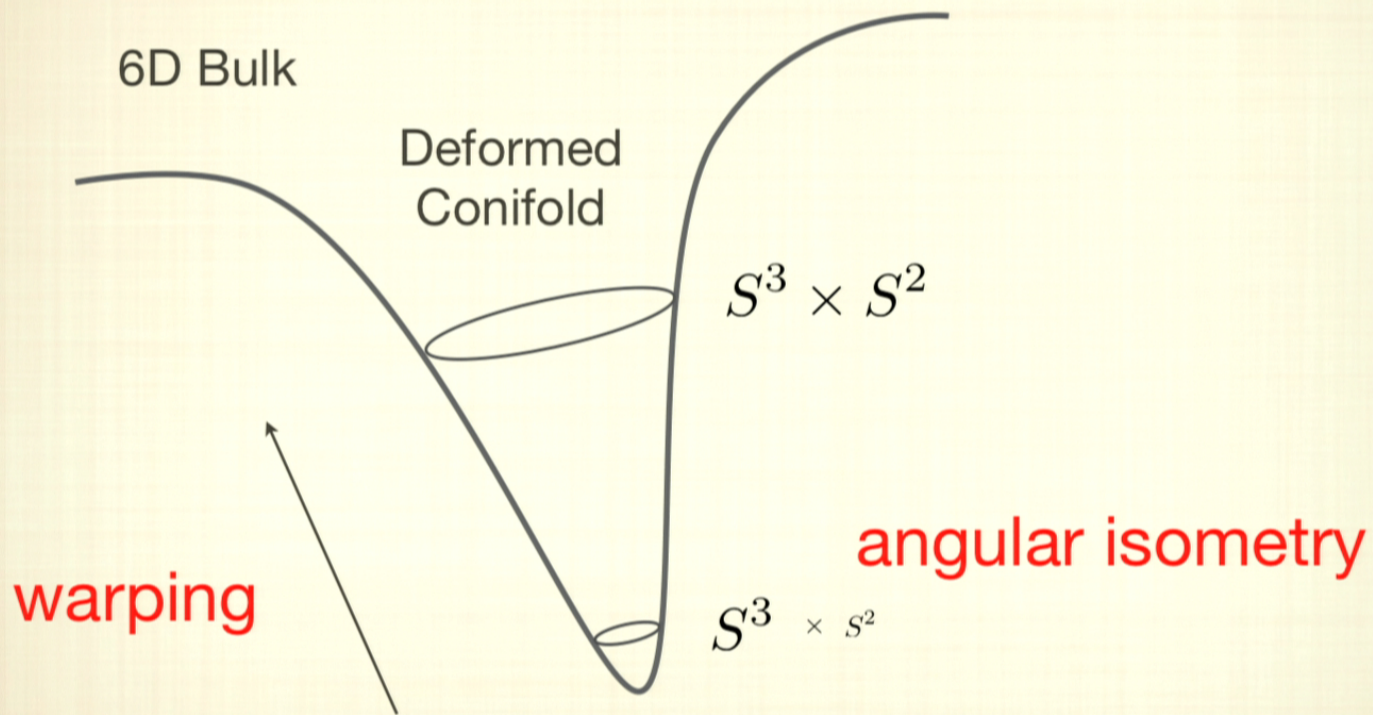
- Non-quadratic curvatons exhibit new behaviors, such as inhomogenous onset of oscillations.
- Flat potentials enhanced density perturbations.
- Steep potentials can source strongly scale-dependent f_{NL} .

Curvatons in Warped Throats

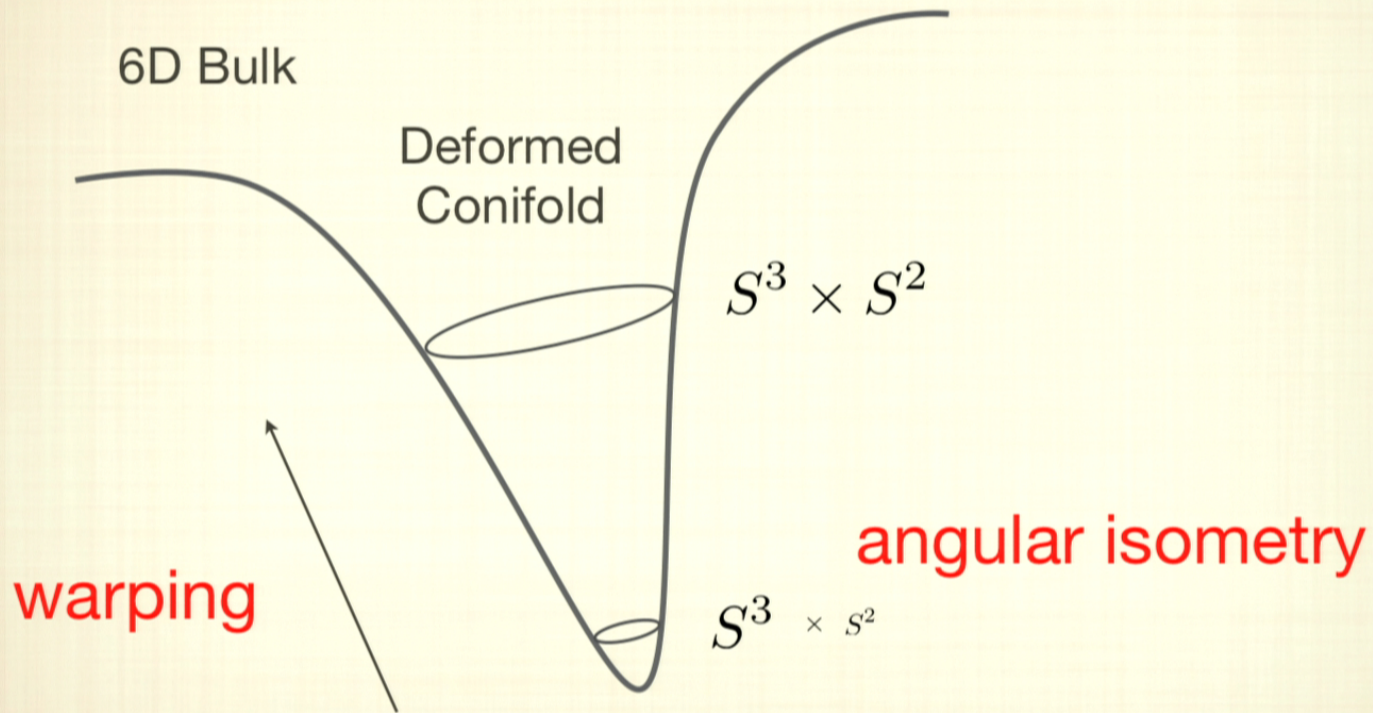
TK, Mukohyama '09

a curvaton scenario from type IIB string theory
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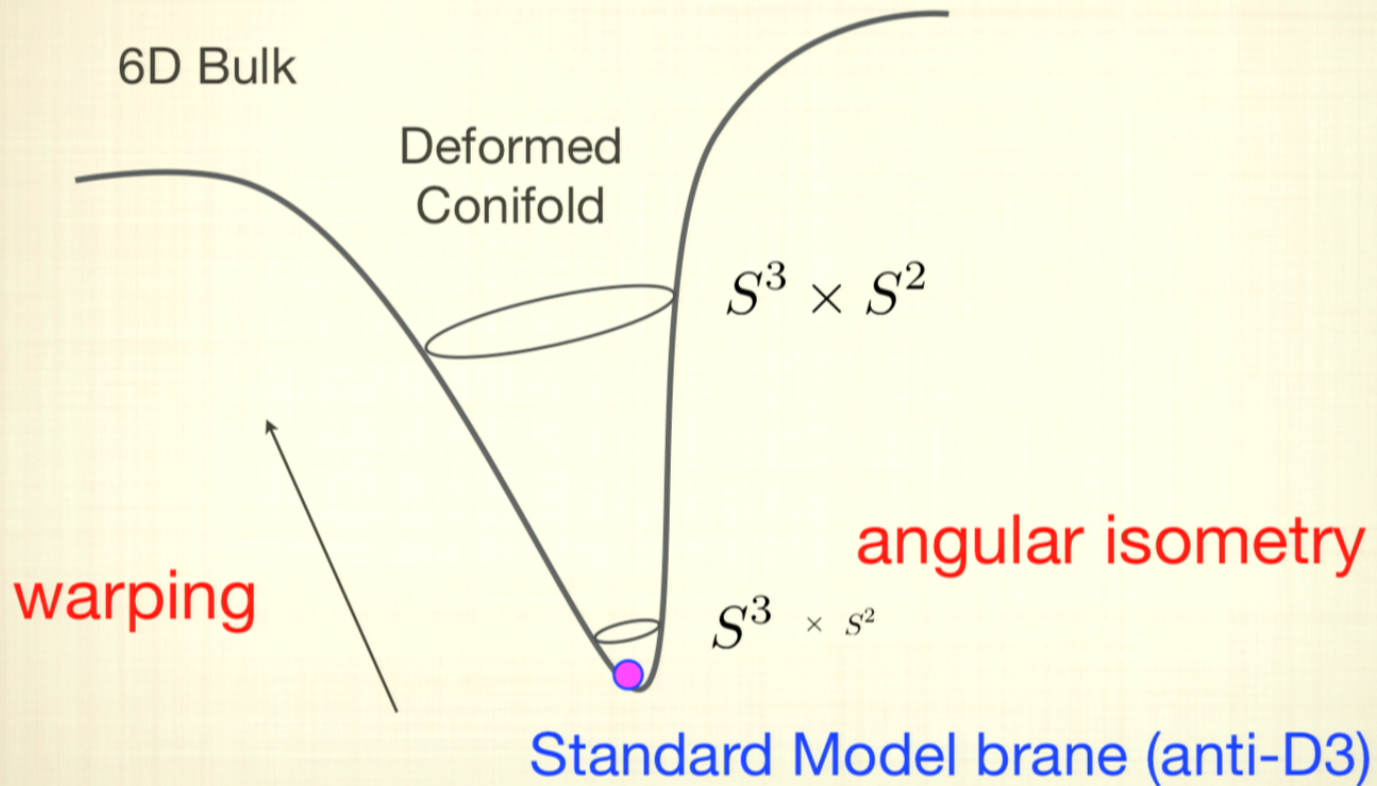
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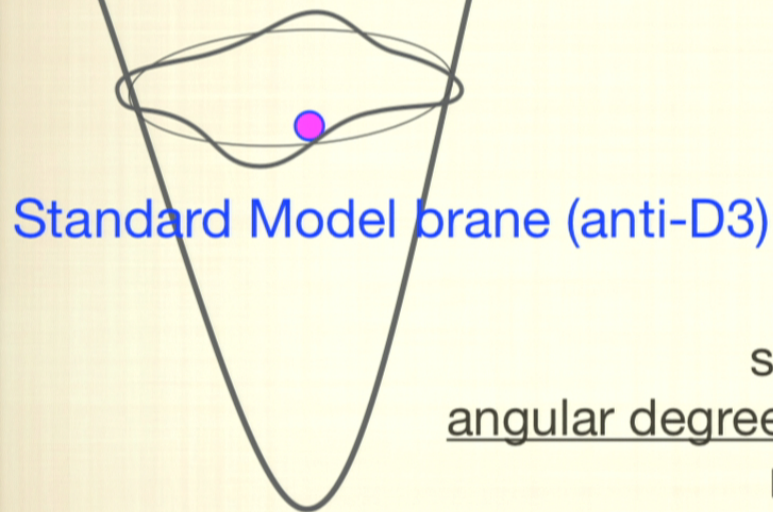


Curvatons in a Warped Throat



Angular Potential

- isometry breaking bulk effects
- moduli stabilizing non-perturbative effects



+ warping

small mass to the
angular degrees of freedom of the SM brane

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CURVATON σ

→ eventually decays into other
open string modes (reheating)

Action

$$S = -T_3 \int d^4\xi \sqrt{-\det G_{\mu\nu}} (1 - \bar{\Psi} i \not{D} \Psi) - T_3 \int C_4$$

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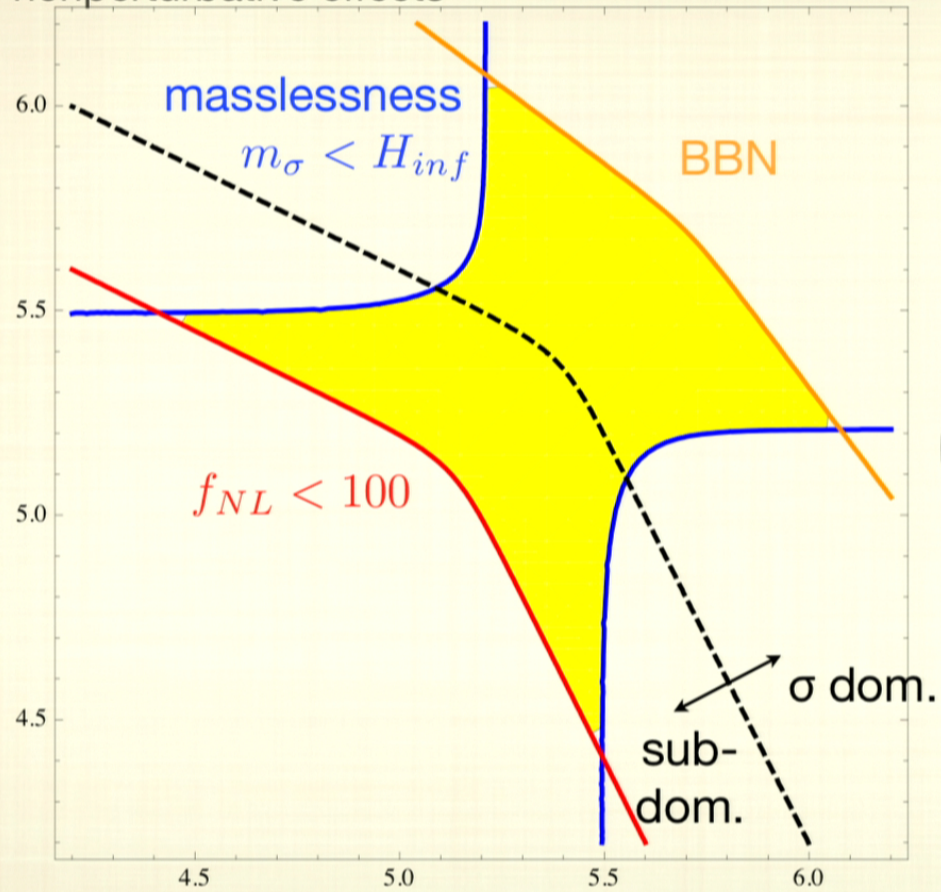
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Parameter Constraints

λ : nonperturbative effects



$$g_s = 0.1$$

$$M_{pl}\alpha'^{1/2} = 300$$

$$h_0 = 10^{-5}$$

$$N = 50000$$

(hence
 $H_{inf} \sim 10^{-11} f_{NL} M_{pl}$)

Δ : bulk effects

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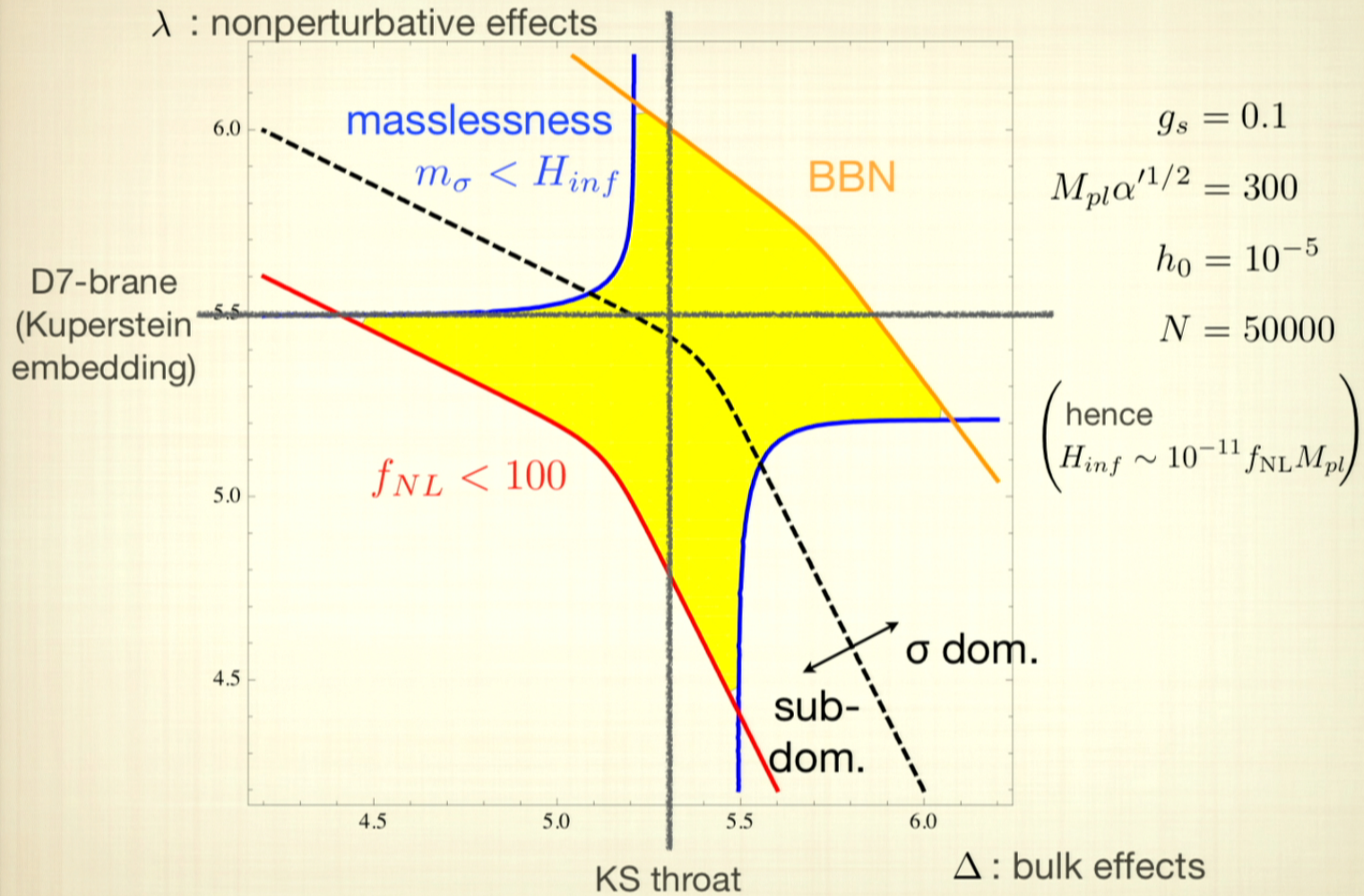
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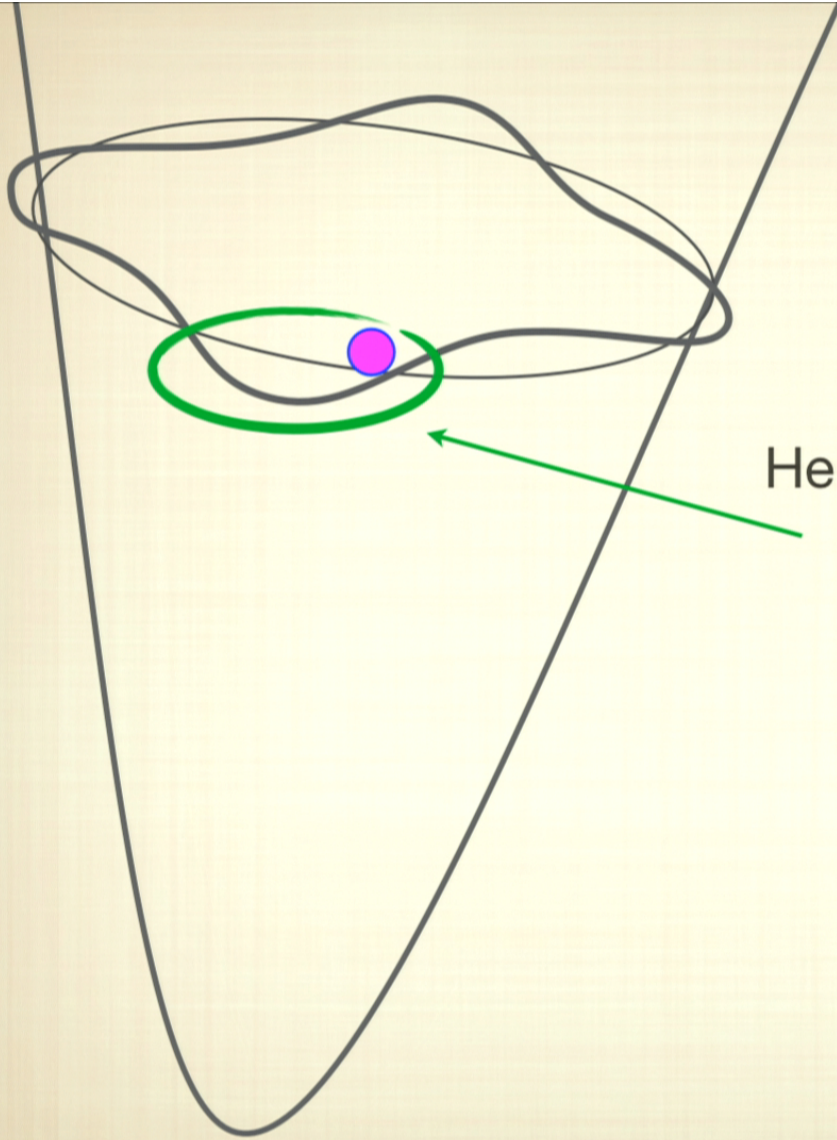
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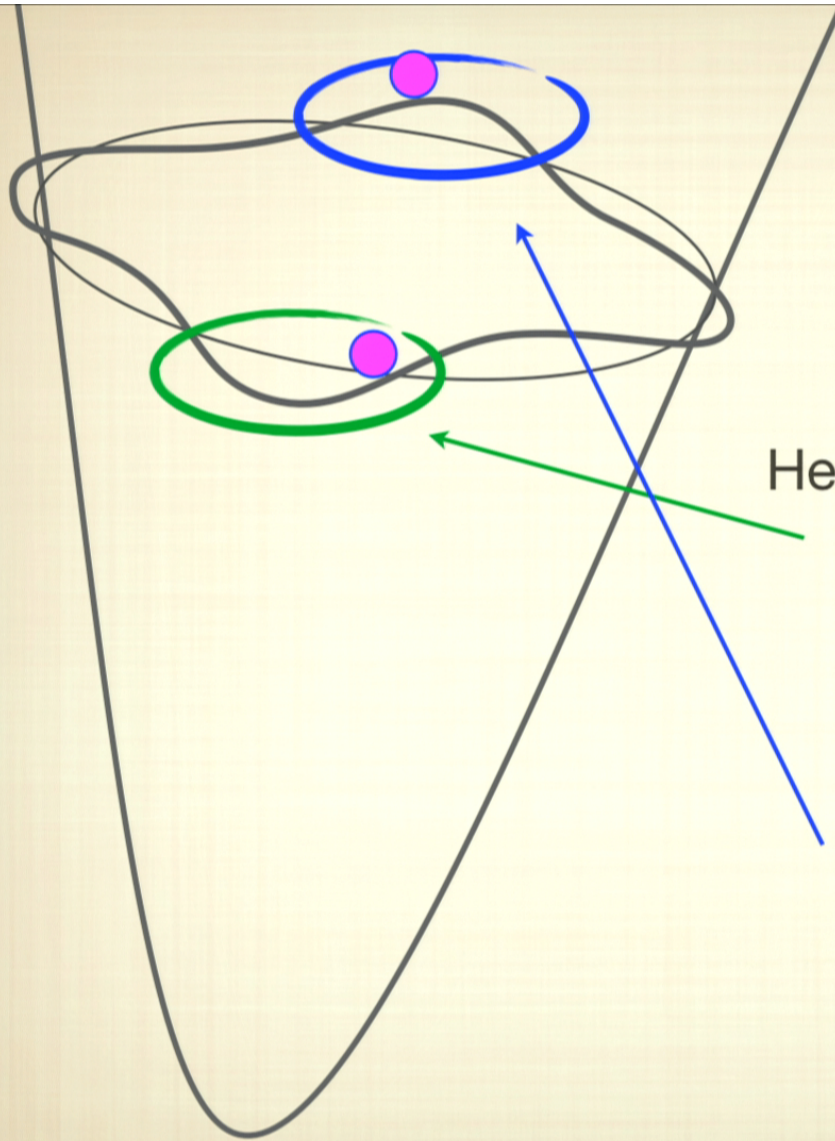
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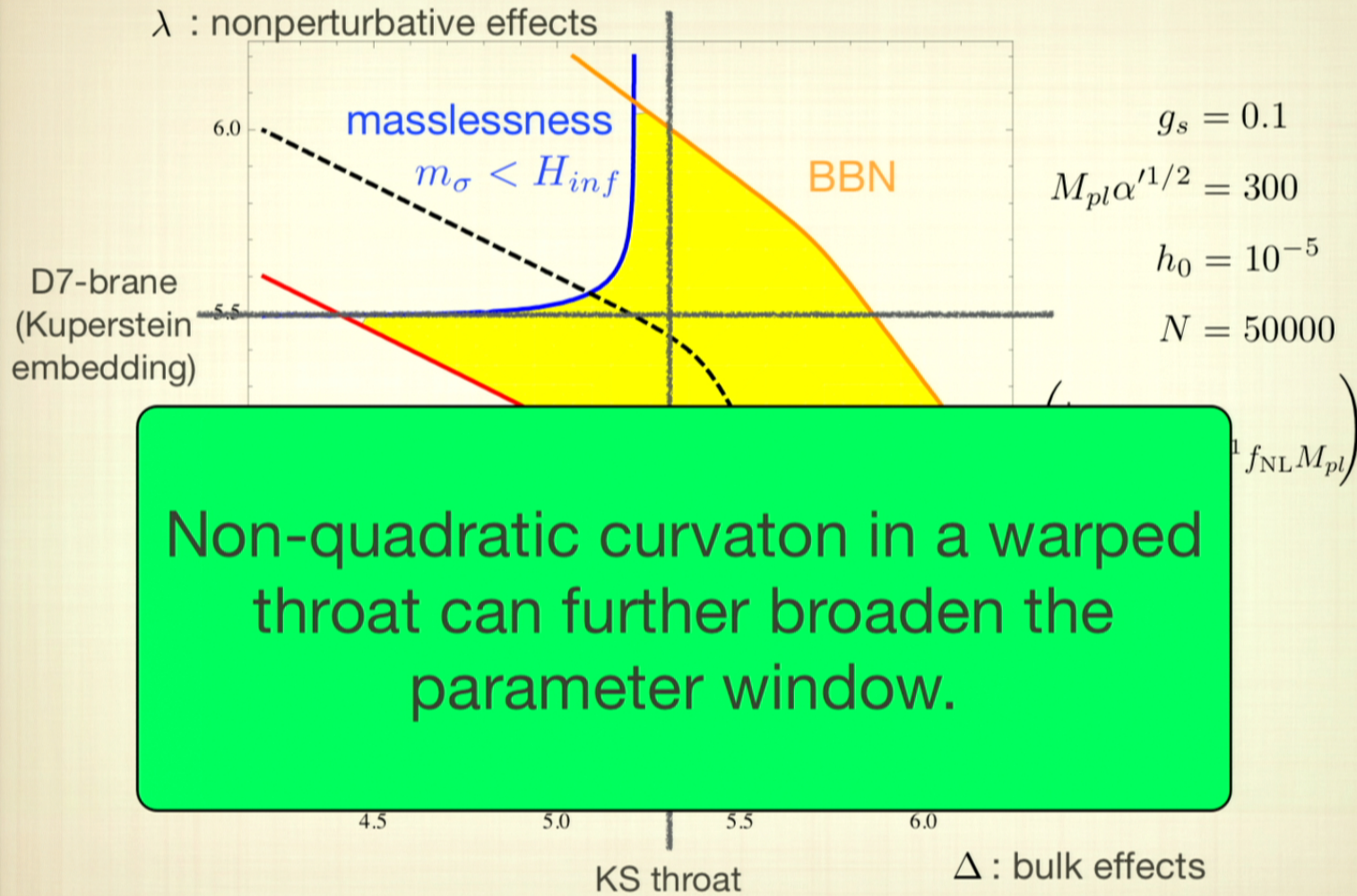
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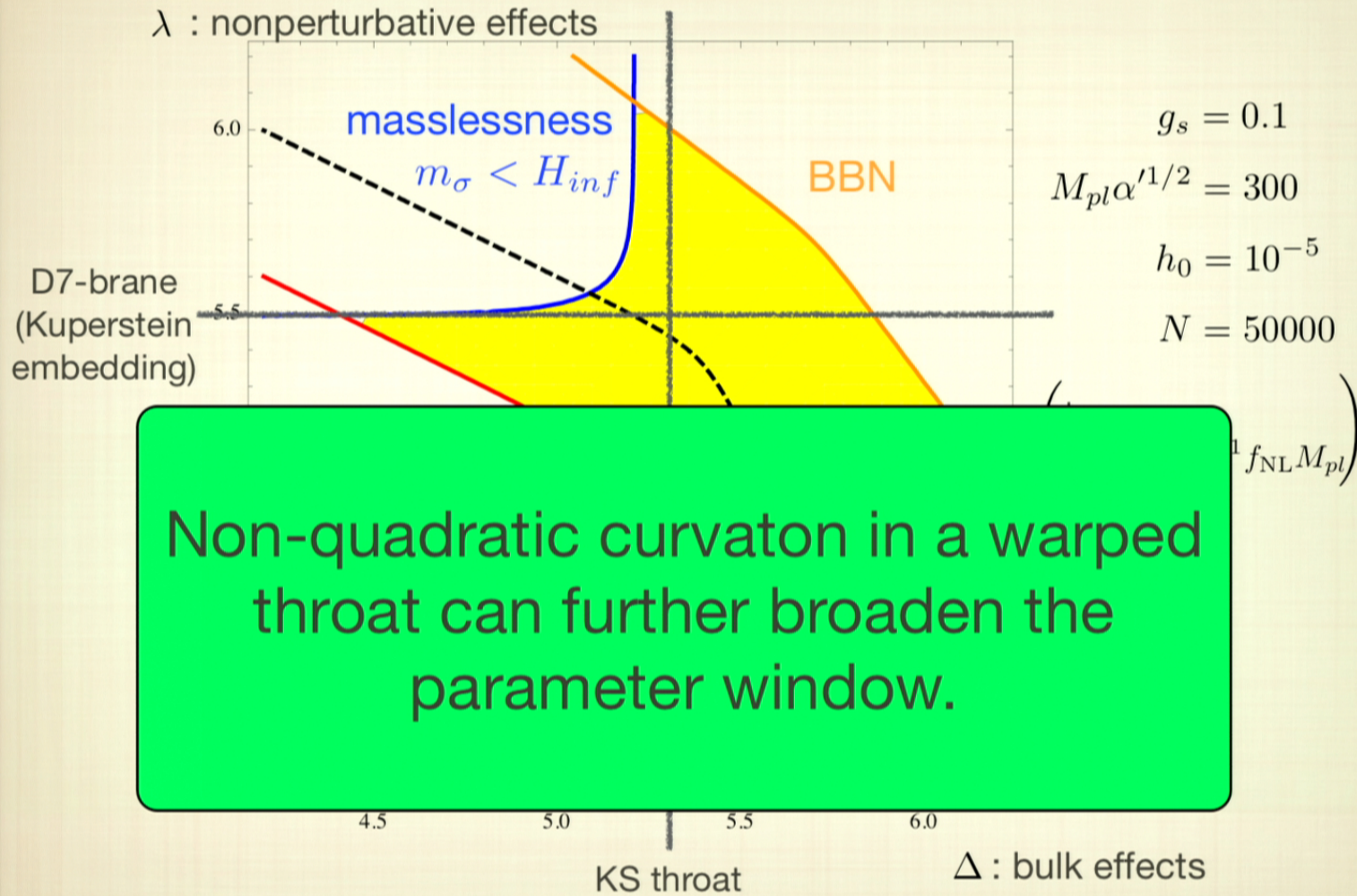
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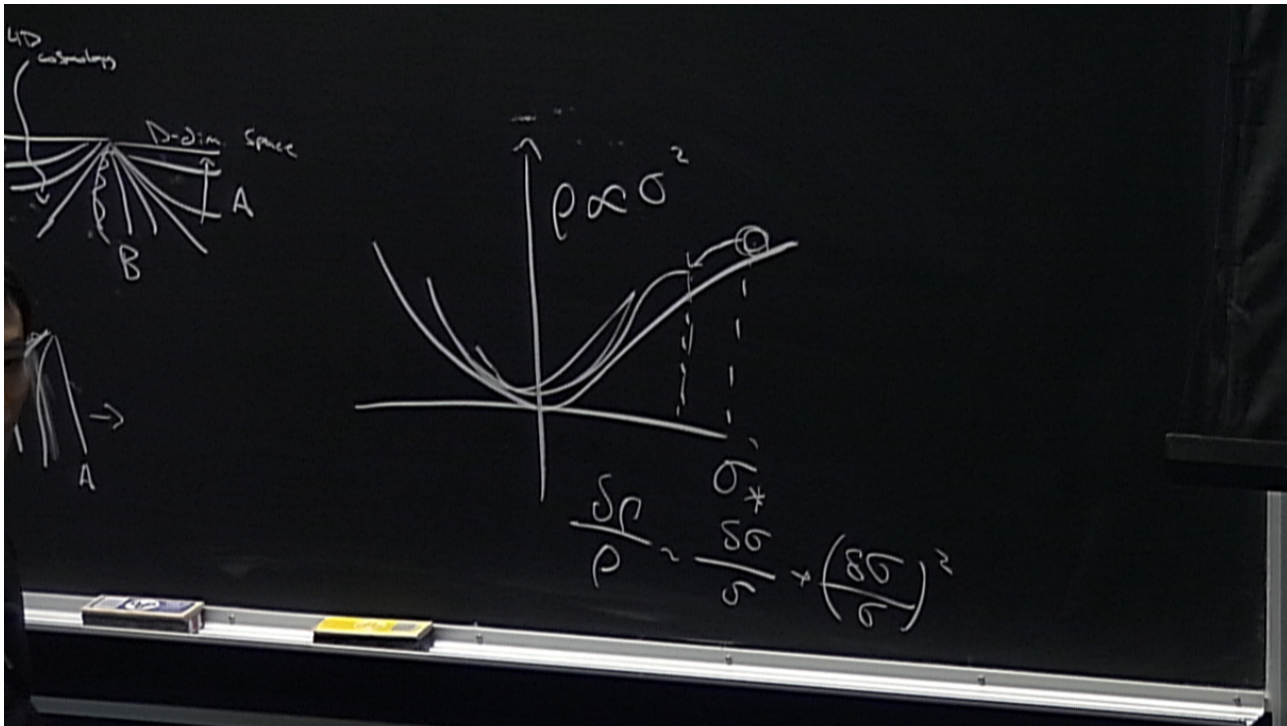


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Summary

- We analytically investigated density perturbations from a curvaton with a generic energy potential.
- Rich phenomenology : **Flattened** (compared to a quadratic) **potentials can enhance linear & second order perturbations (large f_{NL} even for dominant curvatons!), steepened potentials can source running f_{NL}** , and more.
- Curvatons can be realized by angular motions of D-branes in warped throats.
- Future work : applications to microscopic models.



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