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Abstract: The  $n$ -point correlation functions ( $n \geq 2$ ) of primordial fluctuations, known as primordial non-Gaussianities, encode rich information about the physical degrees of freedom and their interactions at inflation scale, and can be viewed as signals from a cosmological collider with huge energy. In this talk we introduce recent theoretical attempts to extract new physics at the inflation scale from primordial non-Gaussianities, including possible discovery channels, the background signals from the standard model, and signals from new physics such as heavy neutrinos, and a possible way to turn inflation into a Higgs collider.



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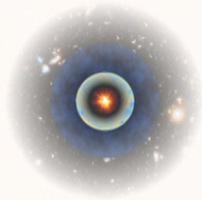
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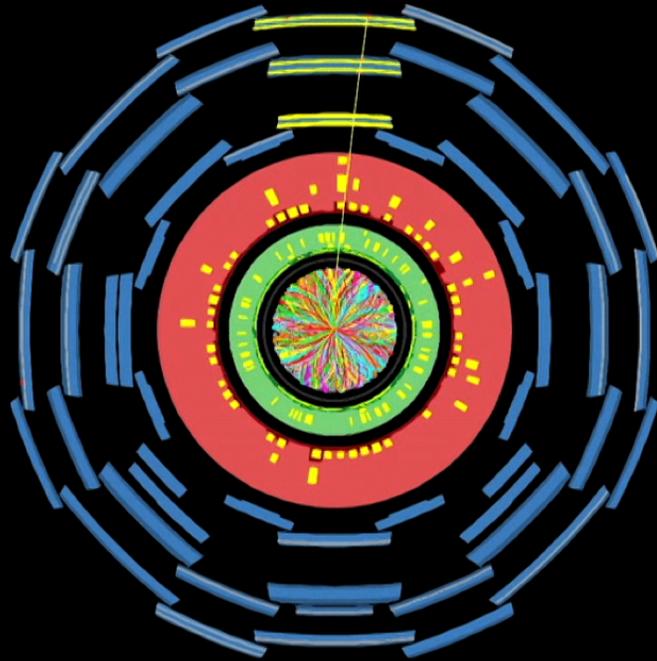
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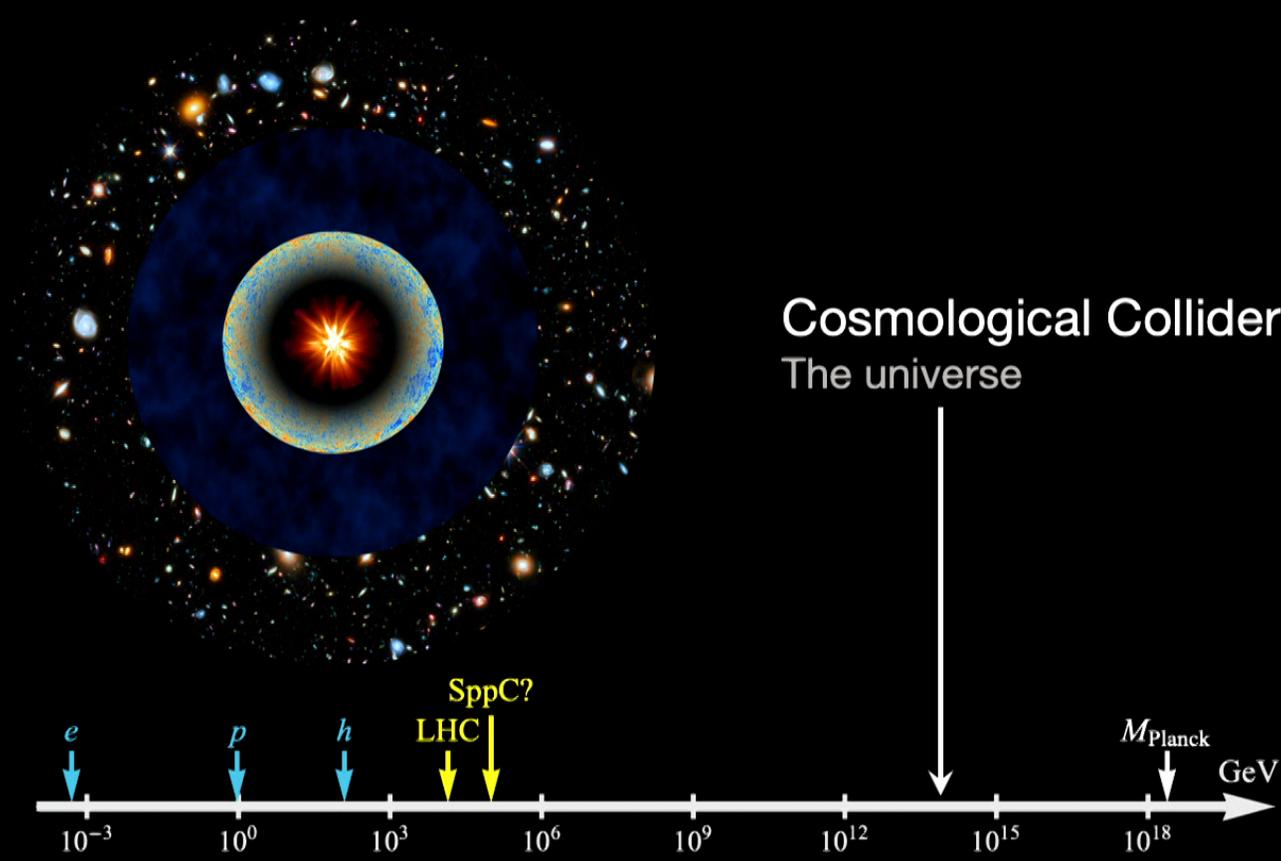
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The universe

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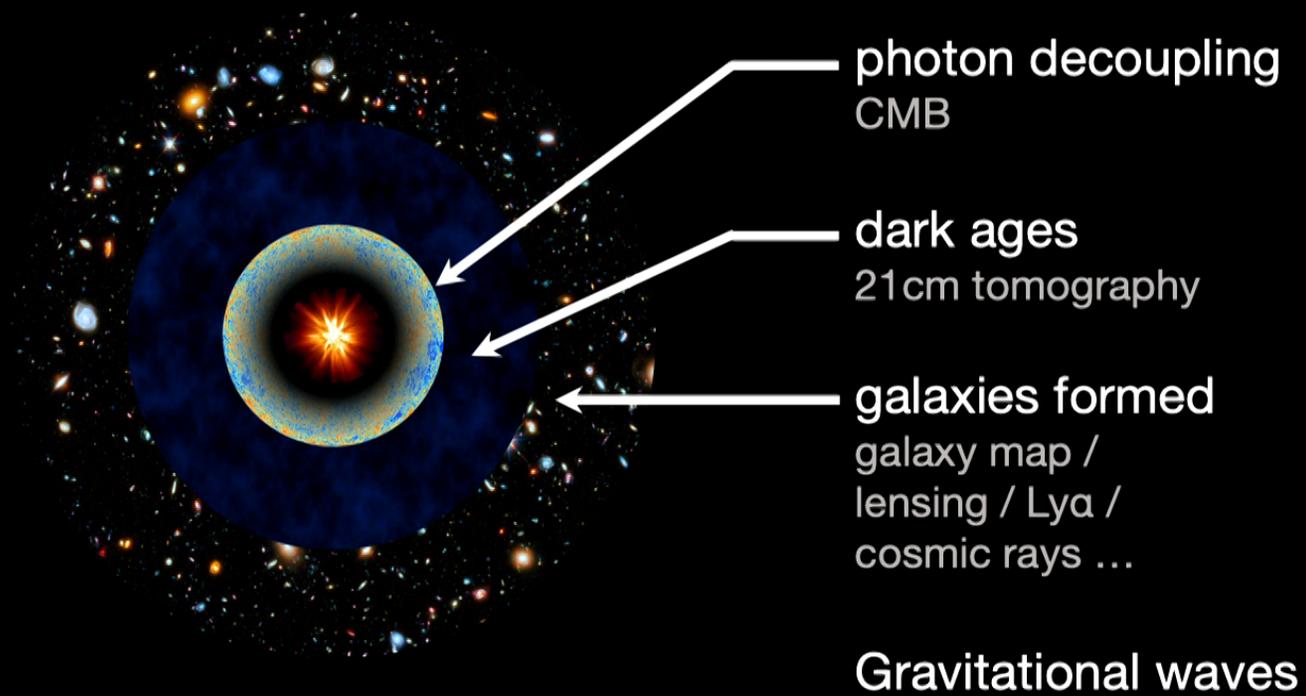
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# cosmic Schwinger pair production

Origin of large-scale inhomogeneity and anisotropy

$$\mathcal{L} = \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{1}{2} M_{\text{Pl}} R - \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \phi)^2 - V(\phi) \right]$$

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + e^{2Ht+2\zeta} dx^2$$

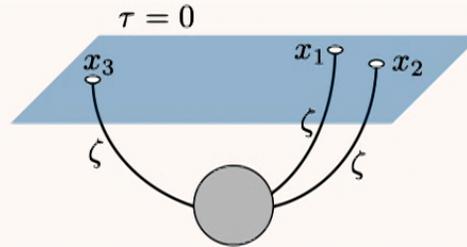
a long-lived scalar mode  $\zeta$

$$\zeta_k = \frac{H}{M_{\text{Pl}} \sqrt{4\epsilon k^3}} (1 + ik\tau) e^{-ik\tau} \longrightarrow \frac{H}{M_{\text{Pl}} \sqrt{4\epsilon k^3}}$$

$$\langle \zeta^2 \rangle' \equiv \frac{2\pi^2}{k^3} P_\zeta(k) \quad P_\zeta(k) = \frac{H^2}{8\pi^2 \epsilon M_{\text{Pl}}^2} \simeq 2 \times 10^{-9}$$

# non-Gaussianity: the collision

Interactions of the scalar modes during inflation



$$\langle \zeta_{\mathbf{k}_1} \zeta_{\mathbf{k}_2} \zeta_{\mathbf{k}_3} \rangle' \equiv (2\pi)^4 P_\zeta^2 \frac{1}{(k_1 k_2 k_3)^2} S(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3)$$

The long-lived scalar mode is weakly coupled

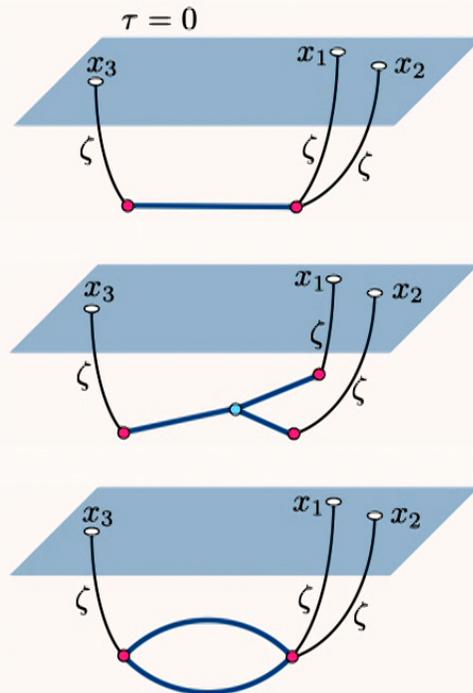
$$f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{local}} = 0.9 \pm 5.1; \quad f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{equil}} = -26 \pm 47; \quad f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{ortho}} = -38 \pm 24$$

Planck 2019, 68% CL

# non-Gaussianity: the collision

Future probe down to  $O(0.01)$ : What can be seen?

Muñoz et al., 1506.04152; Meerburg et al., 1610.06559



## heavy particles?

Chen, Wang, 0911.3380;1205.0160

Pi, Sasaki, 1205.0161

Arkani-Hamed, Maldacena, 1503.08043

Chen, Namjoo, Wang, 1509.03930

## new interactions?

Chen, Wang, 0911.3380

Chen, Wang, ZZ, 1703.10166

## loop effects?

Arkani-Hamed, Maldacena, 1503.08043

Chen, Wang, ZZ, 1610.06597,1612.08122,  
1805.02656

# heavy particles in inflation

A massive scalar particle  $\sigma$  in inflation

$$\sigma_k(\tau) = -\frac{i\sqrt{\pi}}{2} e^{i\pi(\nu/2+1/4)} H(-\tau)^{3/2} \mathbf{H}_\nu^{(1)}(-k\tau)$$
$$\nu = \sqrt{\frac{9}{4} - \frac{m^2}{H^2}}$$

Late-time behavior

$$\langle \sigma_k(\tau_1) \sigma_{-k}(\tau_2) \rangle'$$
$$\sim \frac{H^2}{4\pi k^3} \left[ \Gamma^2(-\nu) \left( \frac{k^2 \tau_1 \tau_2}{4} \right)^{3/2+\nu} + (\nu \rightarrow -\nu) \right] + \text{local}$$

Boltzmann suppression  
 $\propto e^{-\pi m/H}$

comoving  
dilution

EFT  
 $\propto 1/m$

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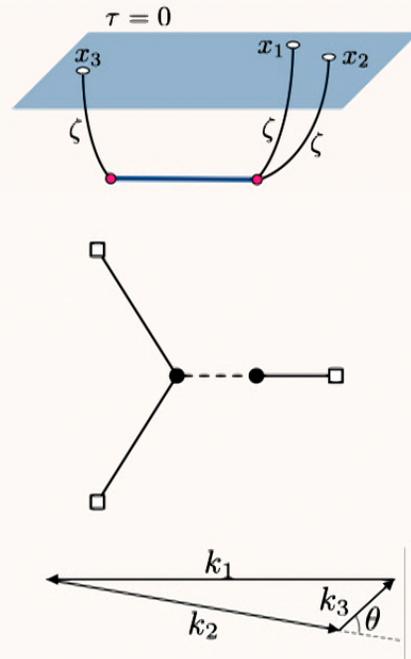
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particles with spin:  $\nu_s = \sqrt{\left(s - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{m^2}{H^2}} \quad (s \neq 0)$

# squeezed bispectrum: a discovery channel



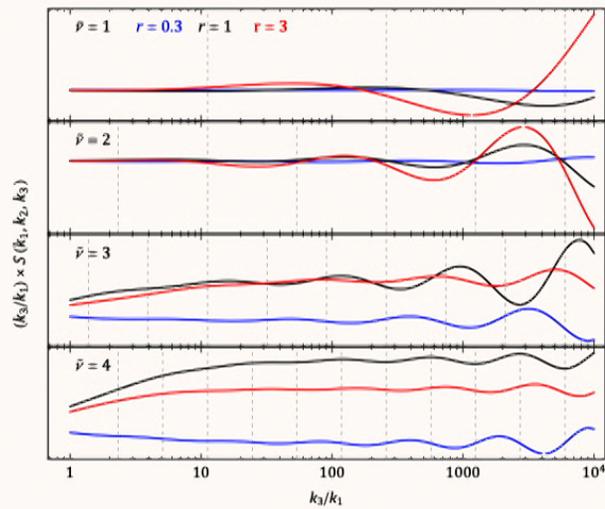
$$\langle \sigma_k^2 \rangle \sim \frac{1}{k^3} \left( \frac{k^2 \tau_1 \tau_2}{4} \right)^{3/2 \pm \nu}$$

$$\int d\tau_1 d\tau_2 \phi_{k_1}(\tau_1) \phi_{k_2}(\tau_1) \phi_{k_3}(\tau_2) \times \langle \sigma_{k_3}(\tau_1) \sigma_{k_3}(\tau_2) \rangle$$

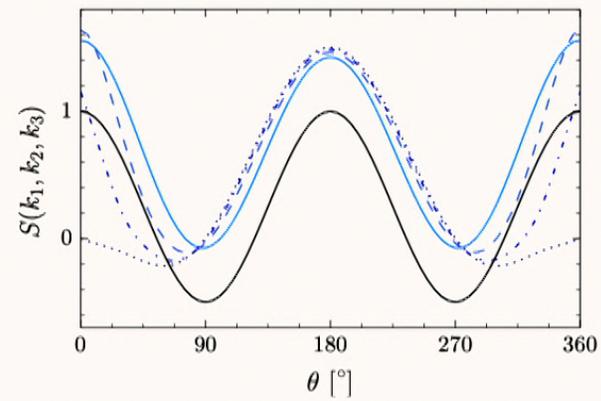
$$\longrightarrow \left( \frac{k_3}{k_1} \right)^{\pm \nu} P_s(\cos \theta)$$

$$\nu = \sqrt{\frac{9}{4} - \frac{m^2}{H^2}}$$

# squeezed bispectrum: a discovery channel



Chen, Chua, Guo, Wang, ZZX, Xie, 1803.04412



Lee, Baumann, Pimentel, 1607.03735

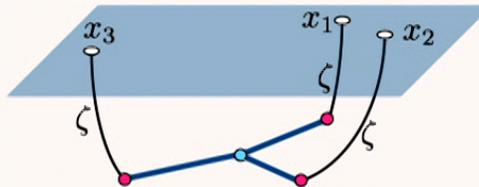
## how to estimate

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From  $\zeta$  gauge to  $\delta\phi$  gauge

$$\zeta = - (H/\dot{\phi}_0) \delta\phi$$
$$\sim - P_\zeta^{1/2} \delta\phi$$

$$f_{NL} \sim P_\zeta^{-1/2} \langle \delta\phi^3 \rangle \sim P_\zeta^{-1/2} \cdot (\text{vertices}) \cdot (\text{propagators})$$

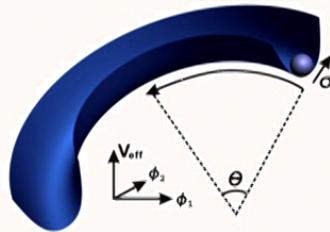


# how to estimate

## An example of QSFI

Chen, Wang, 0911.3380

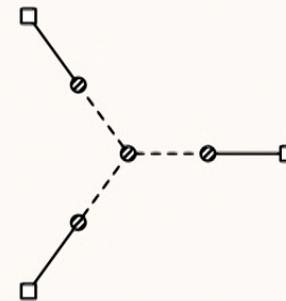
$$\mathcal{L} = \sqrt{-g} \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (\tilde{R} + \sigma)^2 (\partial_\mu \theta)^2 - \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \sigma)^2 - V_{\text{sr}}(\theta) - V(\sigma) \right]$$



$$\frac{a^2}{2} \left[ (\delta\phi')^2 - (\partial_i \delta\phi)^2 + (\delta\sigma')^2 - (\partial_i \delta\sigma)^2 \right] - \frac{1}{2} a^4 m^2 \delta\sigma^2 + a^3 \kappa_1 \delta\sigma \delta\phi' - \frac{1}{6} a^4 \lambda_3 \delta\sigma^3$$

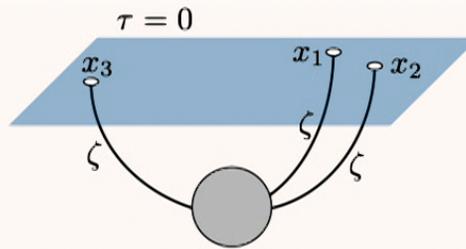
$$f_{NL} \sim P_\zeta^{-1/2} \cdot \left( \frac{\kappa_1}{H} \right)^3 \cdot \left( \frac{\lambda_3}{H} \right) \cdot (\text{propagators})$$

$$\kappa_1 < m \quad m \lesssim H$$



## “in-in formalism”

S-matrix =  $\langle \text{out} | \text{in} \rangle \longrightarrow$  Feynman diagrams



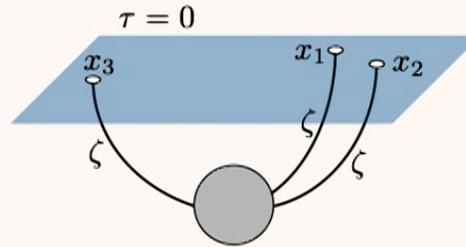
$$\langle \text{in} | \phi_1 \cdots \phi_n | \text{in} \rangle = \sum_{\text{out}} \langle \text{in} | \text{out} \rangle \langle \text{out} | \phi_1 \cdots \phi_n | \text{in} \rangle$$

$$\int \mathcal{D}\phi_+ \mathcal{D}\phi_- e^{iS[\phi_+] - iS[\phi_-]} \delta[\phi_+(\tau=0) - \phi_-(\tau=0)]$$

Still Feynman diagrams, but with 2 sets of fields  
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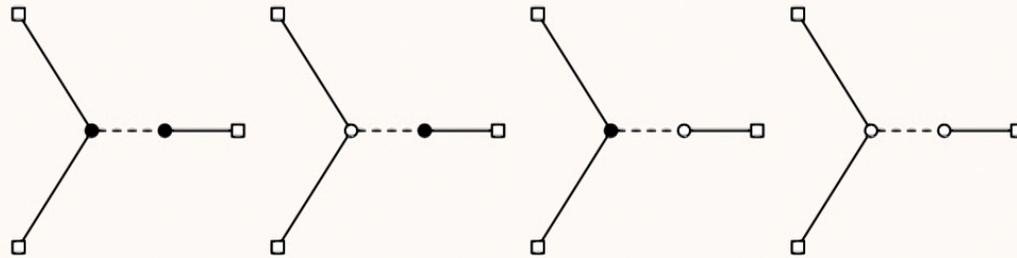
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## Decorated Feynman diagrams



## “Schwinger-Keldysh diagrammatics”

Chen, Wang, ZZ, arXiv:1703.10166

— A recipe for particle physicists

# “in-in formalism”

$$(1) = -12u_{p_1}^* u_{p_2} u_{p_3}(0) \times \text{Re} \left[ \int_{-\infty}^0 d\tilde{t}_1 a^3 c_2 v_{p_1}^* u'_{p_1}(\tilde{t}_1) \int_{-\infty}^{\tilde{t}_1} d\tilde{t}_2 a^4 c_3 v_{p_1} v_{p_2} v_{p_3}(\tilde{t}_2) \times \int_{-\infty}^0 d\tau_1 a^3 c_2 v_{p_2}^* u_{p_2}^*(\tau_1) \int_{-\infty}^{\tau_1} d\tau_2 a^3 c_2 v_{p_3}^* u_{p_3}^*(\tau_2) \right] \times (2\pi)^3 \delta^3(\sum_i \mathbf{p}_i) + 5 \text{ perm.}$$

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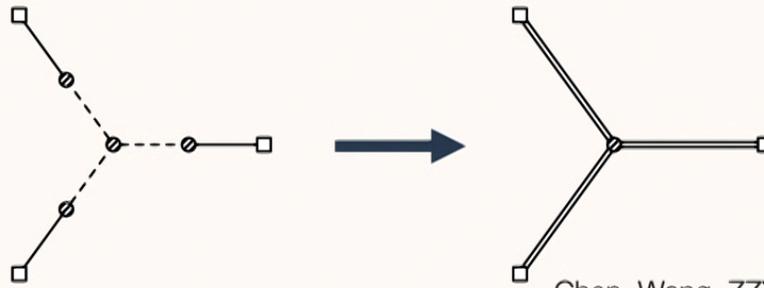
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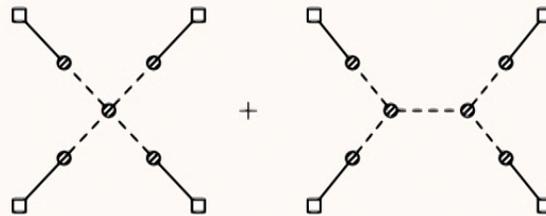
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# “in-in formalism”



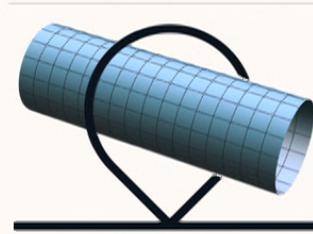
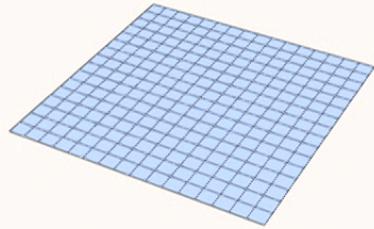
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$$\langle \delta\phi^3 \rangle' = \frac{\pi^3 \lambda_2^3 \lambda_3}{256 H k_2^3 k_3^3} \text{Im} \int_0^\infty \frac{dz}{z^4} I_+(z) I_+\left(\frac{k_2}{k_1} z\right) I_+\left(\frac{k_3}{k_1} z\right)$$

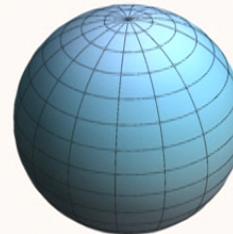
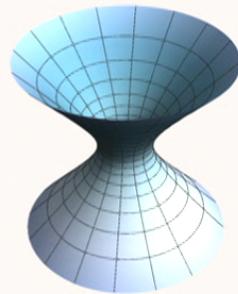


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# “thermal” background



$$m_{\text{th}}^2 \propto \lambda T^2$$



$$m^2 \propto \sqrt{\lambda} T^2$$

## IR-enhanced loop mass

Classical rolling-down

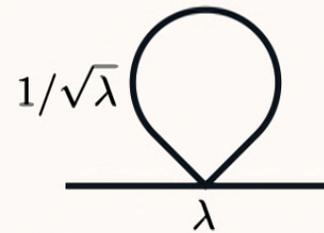
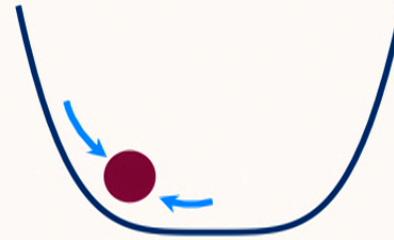
$$H\dot{\phi} \simeq \lambda\phi^3 \quad \phi^2 \sim H/(\lambda t)$$

Quantum fluctuation  $\langle\phi^2\rangle \sim H^3 t$

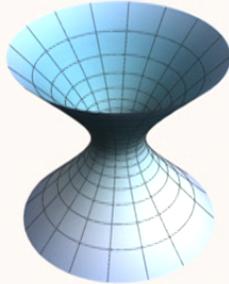
Equilibrium reached at  $t \sim (\sqrt{\lambda}H)^{-1}$

$$\longrightarrow \langle\phi^2\rangle \sim H^2/\sqrt{\lambda}$$

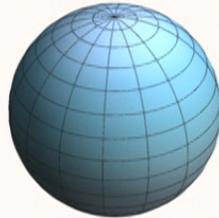
$$\longrightarrow m^2 \sim \lambda\langle\phi^2\rangle \sim \sqrt{\lambda}H^2$$



## fun with spherical harmonics



Wick  
rotation



$$\square Y_{\vec{L}}(x) = -H^2 L(L+d) Y_{\vec{L}}(x)$$

$$(\square - m^2)\phi = 0$$

$$G(x, x') = \sum_{\vec{L}} \frac{H^{d+1}}{\lambda_L} Y_{\vec{L}}(x) Y_{\vec{L}}^*(x')$$

$$\lambda_L = L(L+d) + (m/H)^2$$

Zero mode  $\frac{H^{d+3}}{m^2} Y_{\vec{0}}^2$

## fun with spherical harmonics

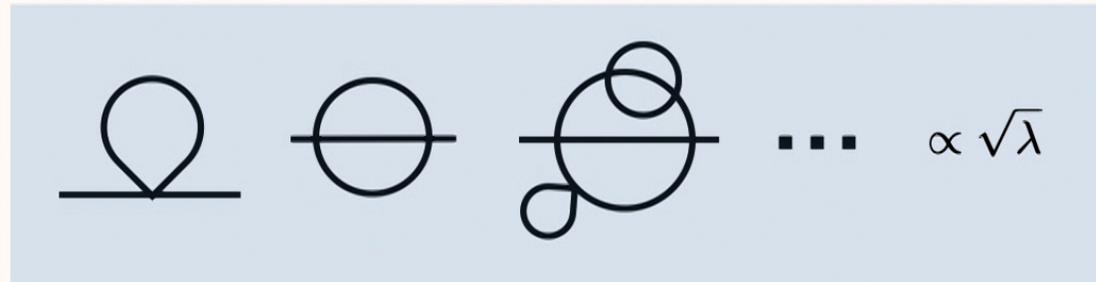
$$\begin{aligned} \int_{x,x'} G(x,x')^2 &= \sum_{L,M} \int_{x,x'} \frac{1}{\lambda_L \lambda_M} Y_{\bar{L}}(x) Y_{\bar{L}}^*(x') Y_{\bar{M}}(x') Y_{\bar{M}}^*(x) \\ &= \sum_L \int_x \frac{1}{\lambda_L^2} Y_{\bar{L}}(x) Y_{\bar{L}}^*(x) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial m^2} \int_x G(x,x) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Diagram with } \phi \text{ and } \chi \text{ loop} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial m^2} \left( \text{Diagram with } m \text{ loop} \right)$$

Small mass limit  $m_\chi \ll H \rightarrow \delta m_\phi^2 = \frac{3\lambda^2 H^4}{8\pi^2 m_\chi^2}$

# Higgs mass

Loop expansion breaks down



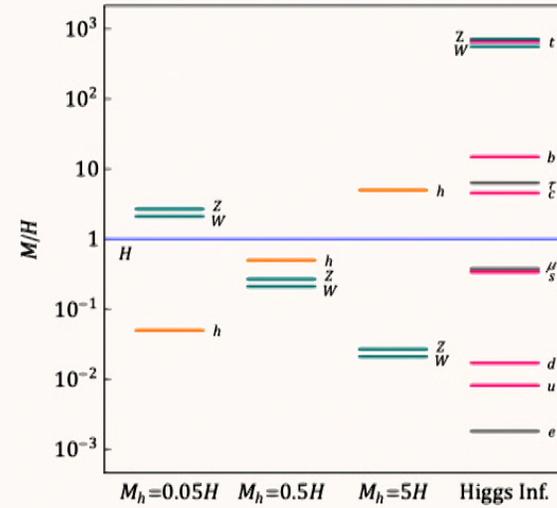
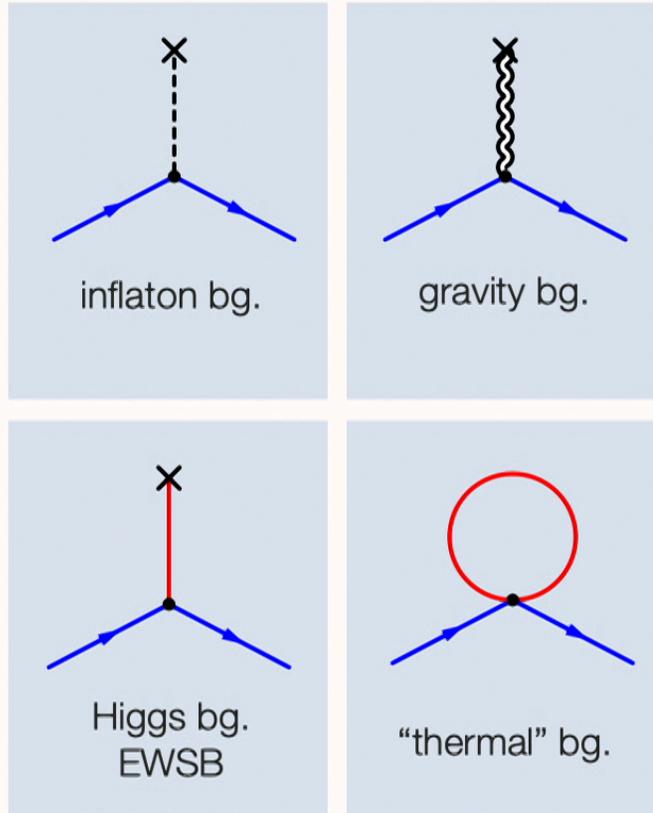
The zero-mode path integral to all orders  
non-vanishing in the classically massless limit

$$M_H^2 = \sqrt{\frac{6\lambda}{\pi^3}} H^2$$

Rajaraman, 1008.1271

Chen, Wang, ZZ, 1612.08122

# SM spectrum



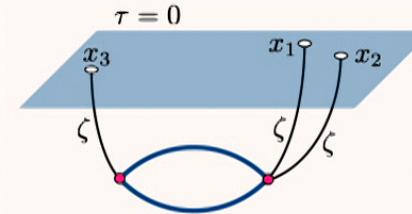
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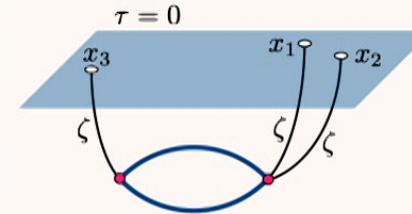
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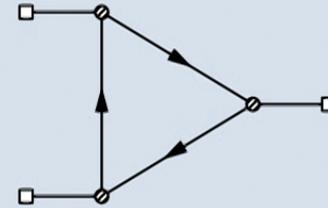
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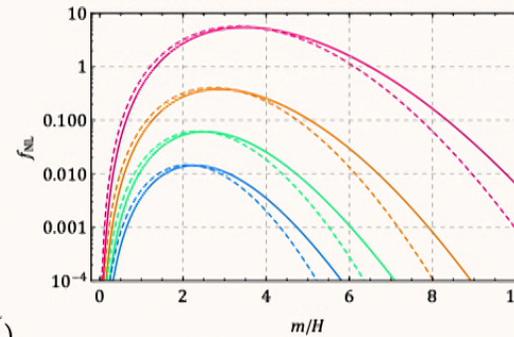
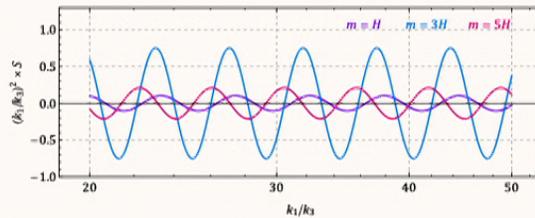
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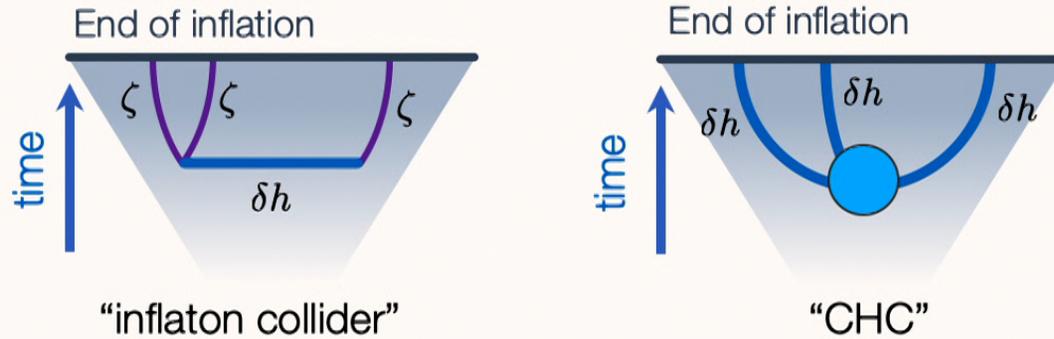
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# A Cosmological Higgs Collider



Modulated reheating  $\zeta \propto \delta\Gamma \propto \delta h$

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Studying Higgs interactions directly in non-G

Lu, Wang, ZZX, in preparation

more possibilities

CP violation?

## SYMMETRY BREAKING

Very low scale inflation EWSB “Heavy-lifting senario”

Kumar, Sundrum, 1711.03988, 1811.11200 Delacretaz et al., 1610.04227

GUT? Chen, Wang, ZZX, 1612.08122 Supersymmetry?

Lee et al., 1607.03735

Baumann et al., 1712.06624

## HIGHER SPINS

scale-dependent features Tensor mode / gravitational wave

Chen, Loeb, ZZX, 1809.02603 Maldacena, Pimentel, 1104.2846

& MANY MORE String excitations?

Strongly coupled theory

An et al., 1706.09971, 1711.02667

Iyer et al., 1710.03054

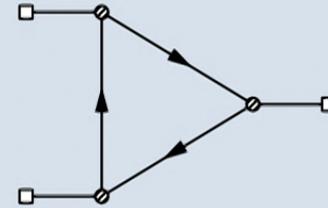
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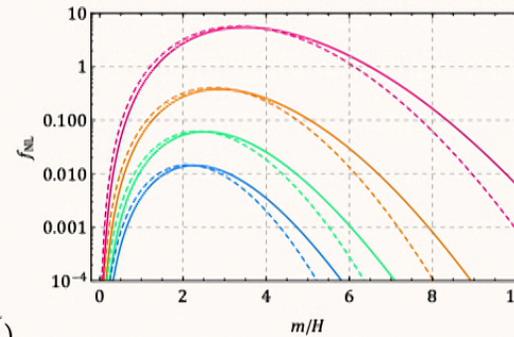
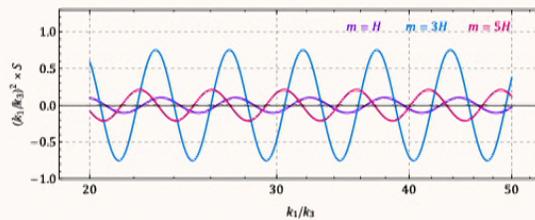
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