

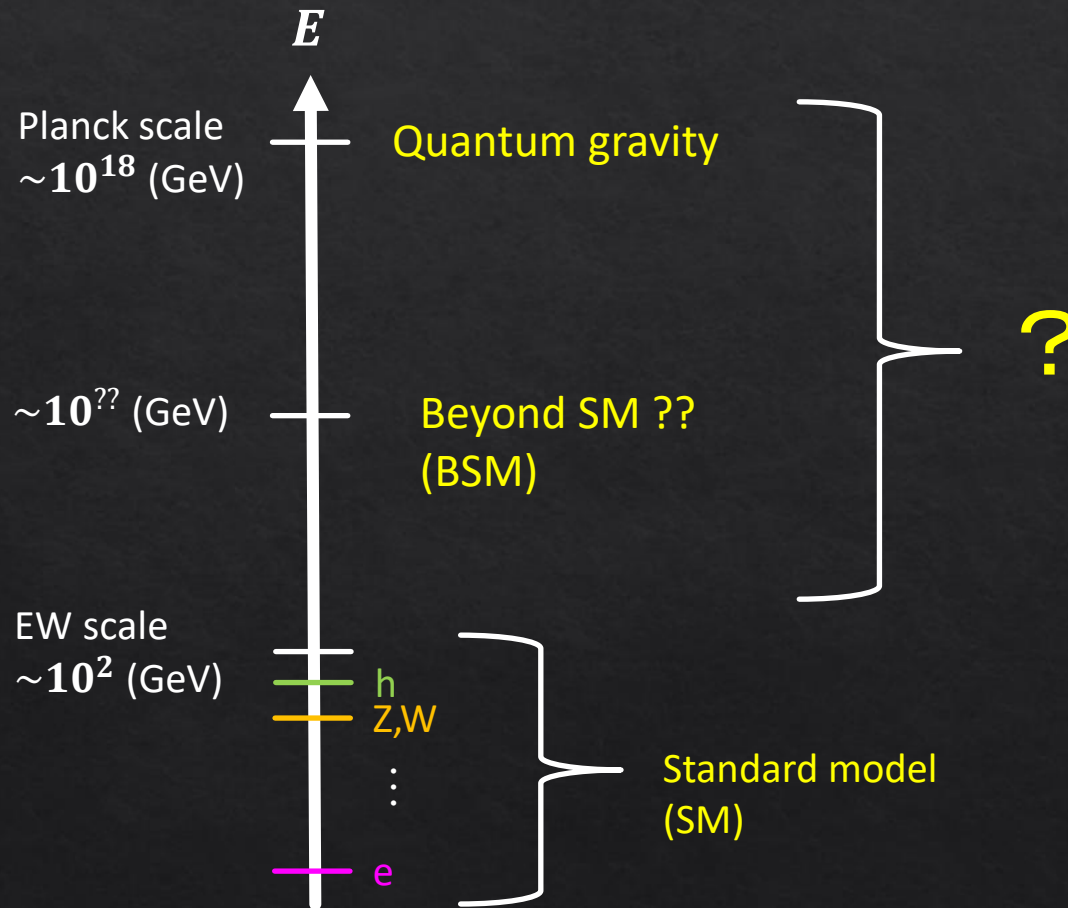
Probing New Physics through the Cosmological Collider

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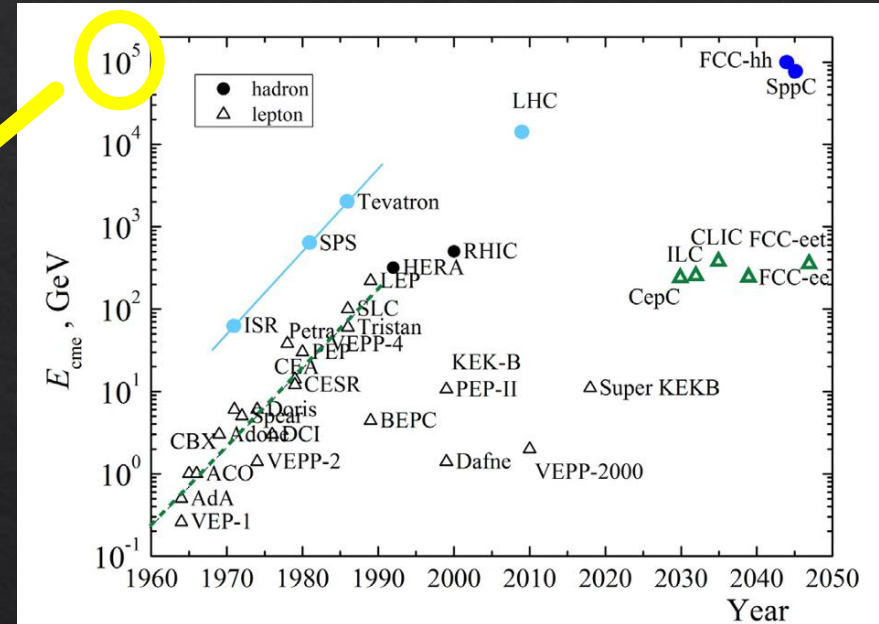
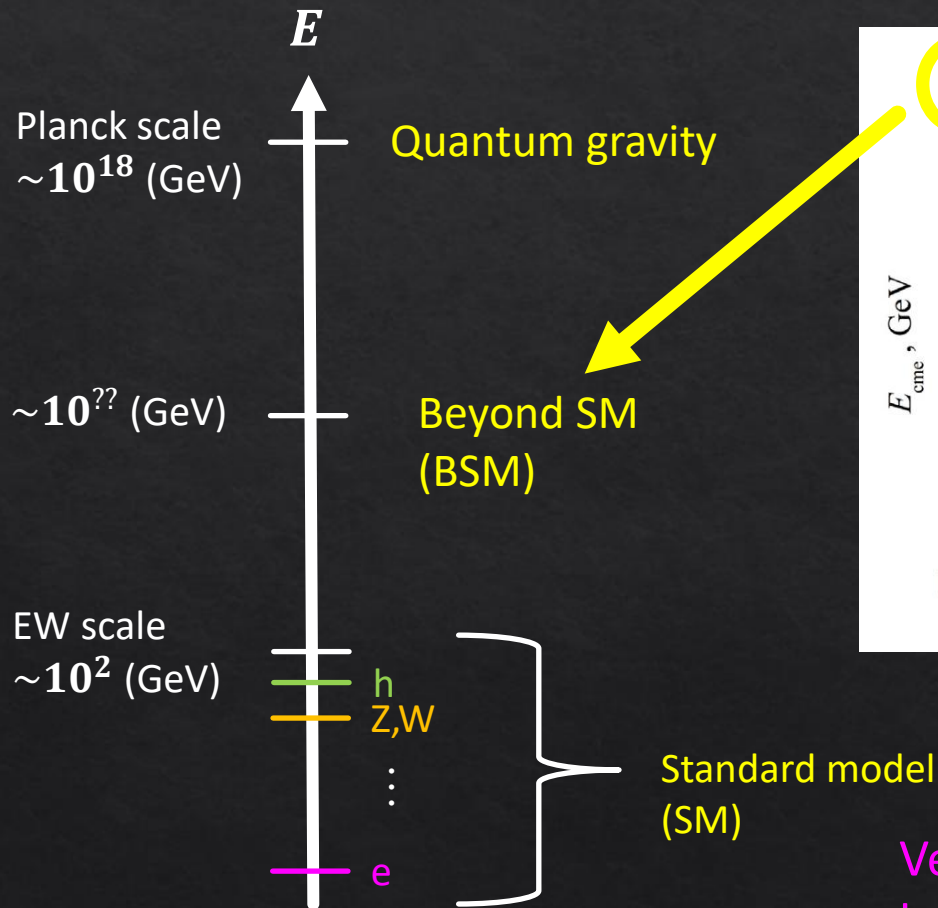


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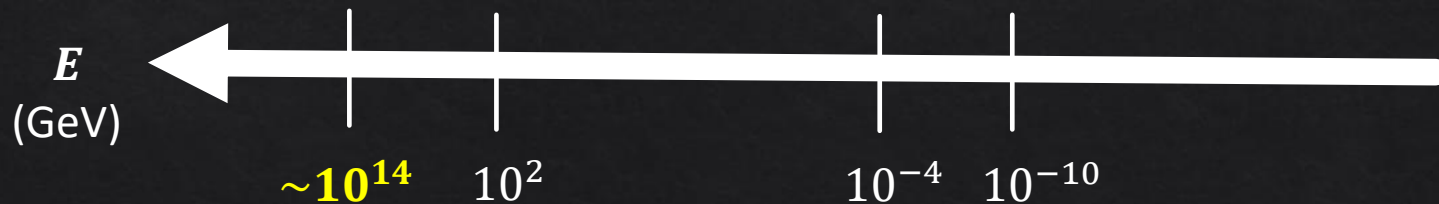
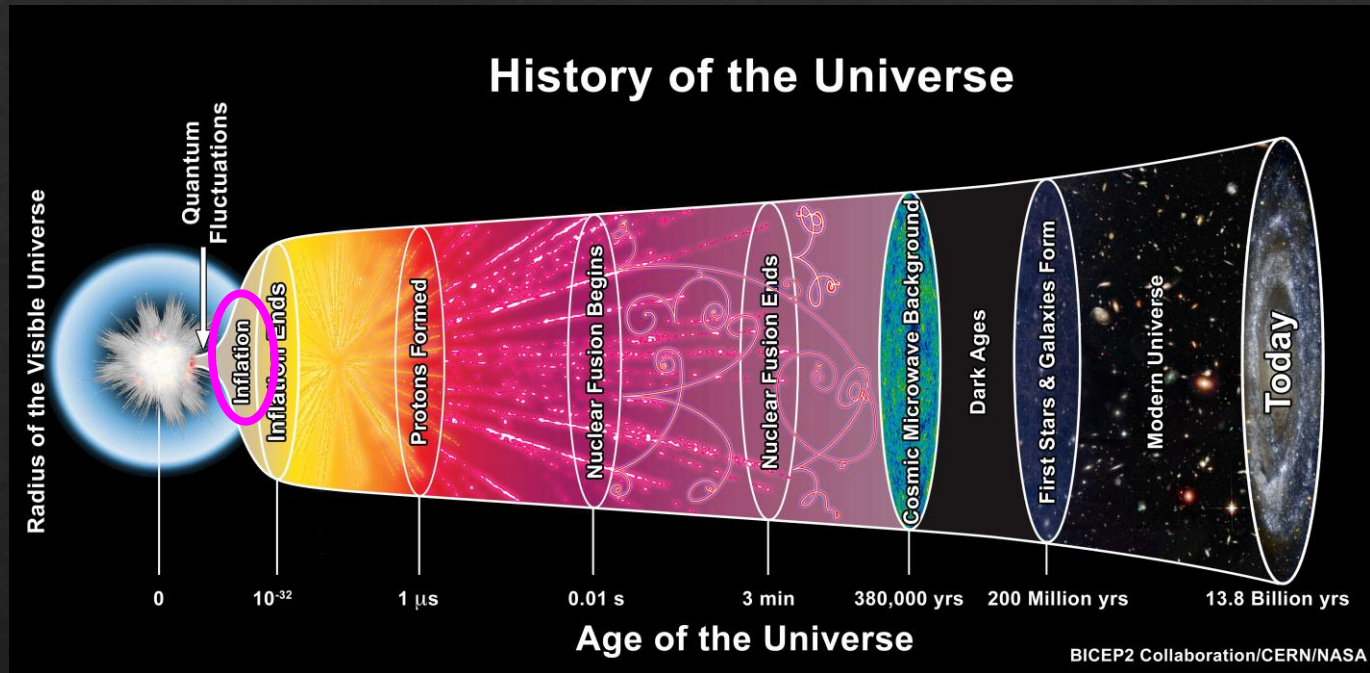
Introduction



Gray, Future colliders for the high-energy frontier

Very important,
but BSM might appear at higher scale
⇒ Another approach?

Universe as a gigantic accelerator



Idea: probing new physics with inflation energy

Inflation

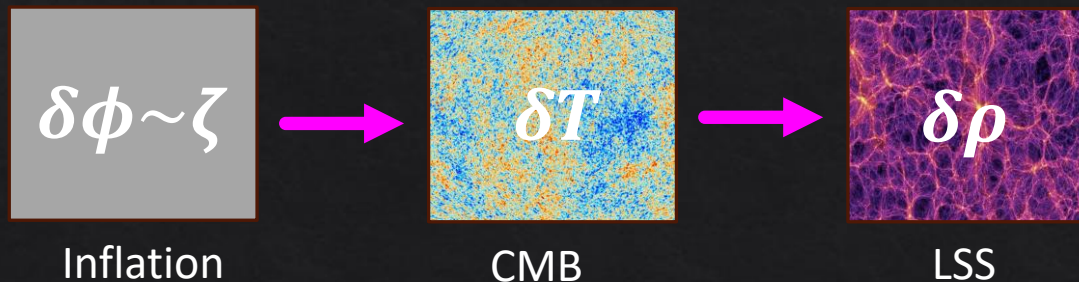
- Inflation = rapid expansion of early universe

Guth, Sato, Starobinsky, Linde,...

- Solve initial condition problems in standard cosmology

- Caused by a scalar ϕ : “inflaton”

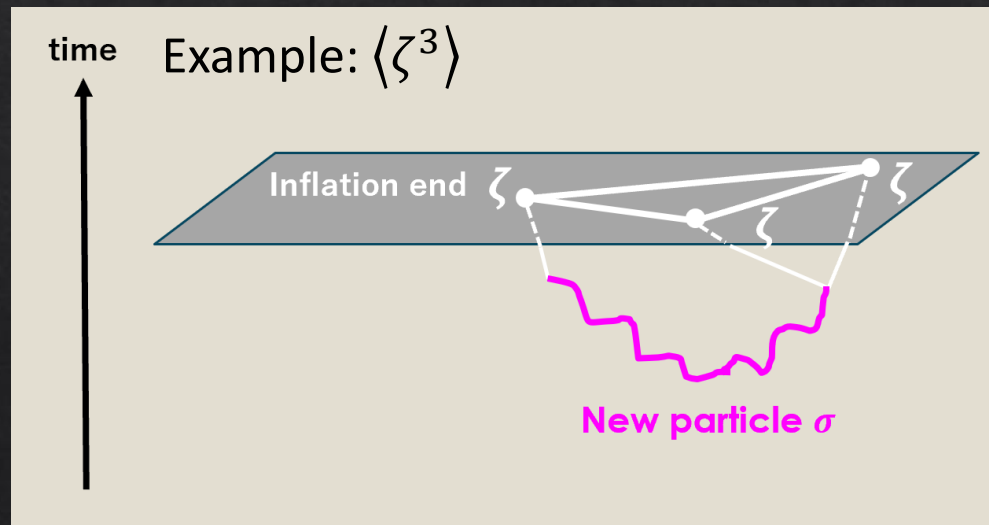
- Quantum inflaton fluctuation $\delta\phi \rightarrow$ curvature ζ



Cosmological Collider

Chen, Wang, '10
Baumann, Green, '12
Noumi, Yamaguchi, Yokoyama, '13
Arkani-Hamed, Maldacena, '15

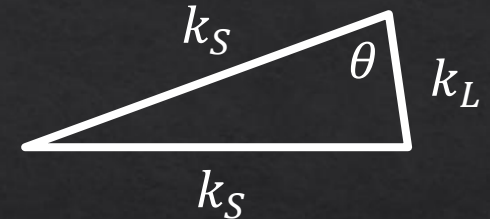
- $\langle \zeta^n \rangle$ can contain information of heavy (new) particle σ



Cosmic expansion creates σ with mass $\sim H$

Cosmological Collider

- Clear signal in squeezed limit of triangle $k_S \gg k_L$



- σ leaves specific imprint on $\langle \zeta^3 \rangle$

$$\langle \zeta^3 \rangle|_{k_L \ll k_S} \sim e^{-\pi\mu} \left(\frac{k_L}{k_S} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \cos \left[\mu \log \left(\frac{k_L}{k_S} \right) + \delta(\mu) \right] P_s(\cos \theta)$$

Boltzmann suppression

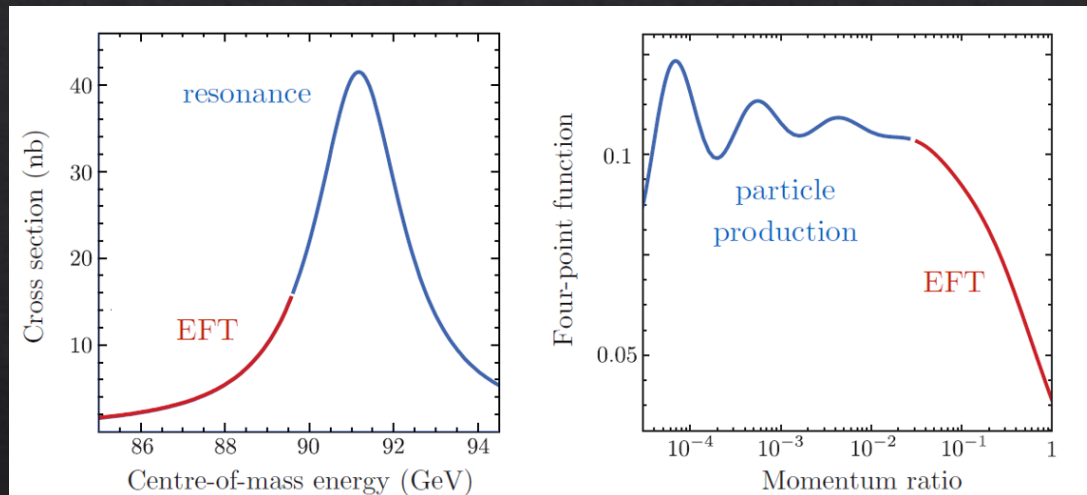
dilution

$\mu \sim m_\sigma/H$: mass

spin

Cosmological Collider

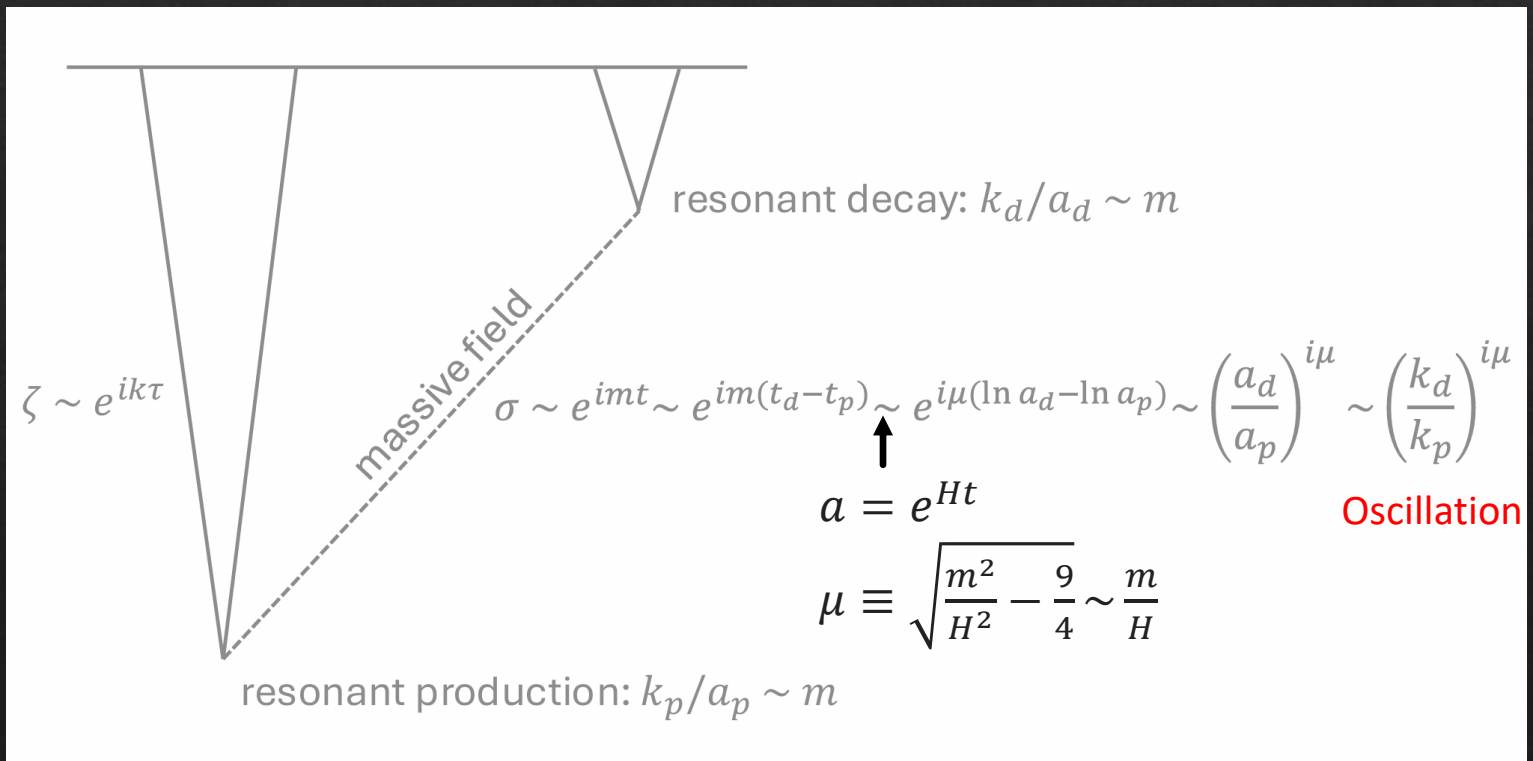
➤ Particle physics analogy



Baumann, Lectures on The Cosmological Bootstrap

➤ $m_\sigma \sim H_{\text{inf}} \sim 10^{14}(\text{GeV}) \gg \gg \gg 10^{4,5}(\text{GeV}) \sim \text{collider on earth}$

Why oscillation??



From Yi Wang's slide

Today

➤ Multiple massive particle exchange

SA, L. Pinol, F. Sano, M. Yamaguchi, Y. Zhu, 2404.09547

See also

SA, T. Noumi, F. Sano, M. Yamaguchi, 2312.09642

SA, 2301.07920

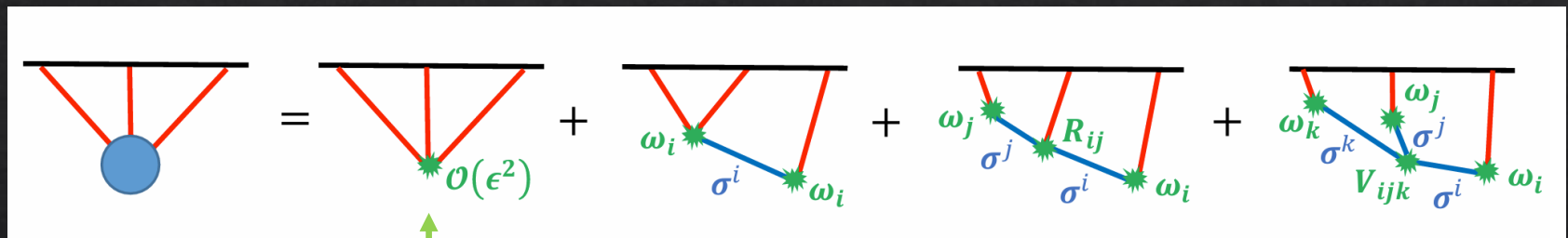
L. Pinol, SA, S. Renaux-Petel, M. Yamaguchi, 2112.05710

SA, M. Yamaguchi, 2012.13667

➤ Application to BSM

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Multiple Exchange



Maldacena '03

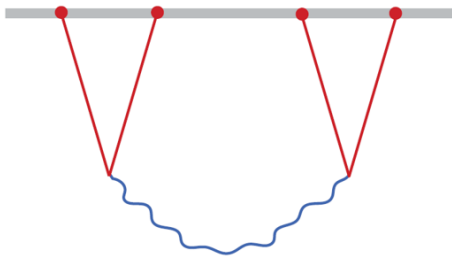
- Sometimes larger effects than the simple single exchange process
- Rich phenomenology (specific CC signal)

Challenges

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- Structure of correlators
e.g., $\langle \zeta^4 \rangle$ with tree level single exchange

$F =$


$$\sim -g^2 \int \frac{d\eta}{\eta^2} \frac{d\eta'}{\eta'^2} e^{i(k_1+k_2)\eta} e^{i(k_3+k_4)\eta'} G(|\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2|, \eta, \eta').$$

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External line
for inflaton

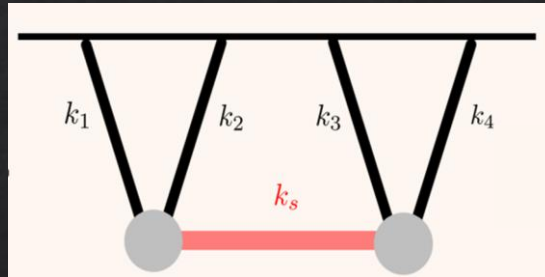
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Propagator of σ
(complicated function)

Recent development

Arkani-Hamed, Baumann, Lee, Pimentel, 1811.00024

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 $u \equiv k_s/(k_1+k_2)$ & $v \equiv k_s/(k_3+k_4)$



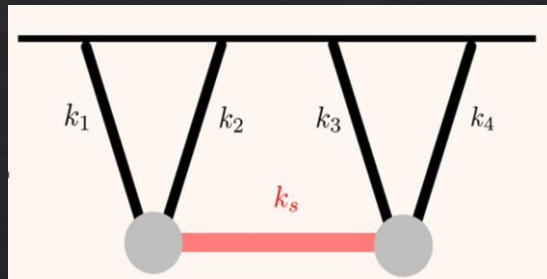
$$\begin{aligned}(\Delta_u + M^2) F &= uv/(u + v) \\ (\Delta_v + M^2) F &= uv/(u + v)\end{aligned}$$

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- Schematical expression:

$$\mathcal{D} \left[\text{Box Diagram} \right] \sim \text{Triangle Diagram}$$

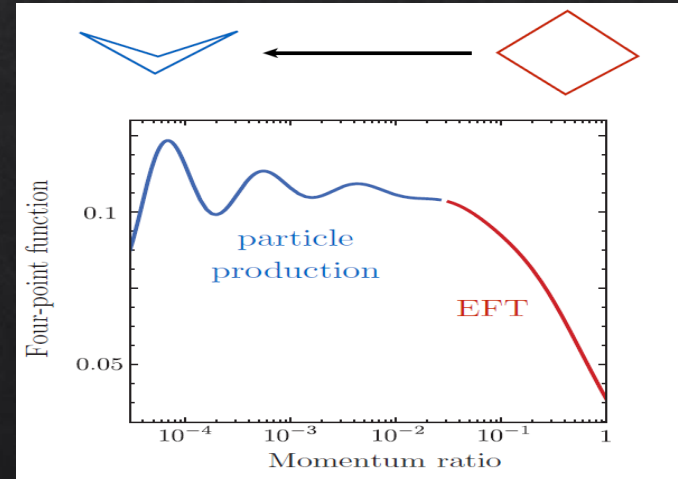
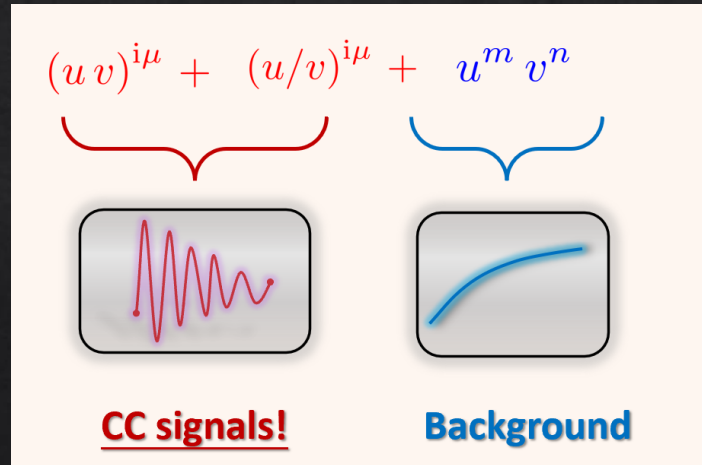
The diagram shows a schematic expression where the operator $\mathcal{D}$ applied to a box diagram (with a red internal line) is approximately equal to a triangle diagram.

- Related to de Sitter isometry $\Rightarrow$ WT identity

$$(\Delta_u - \Delta_v) F = 0$$

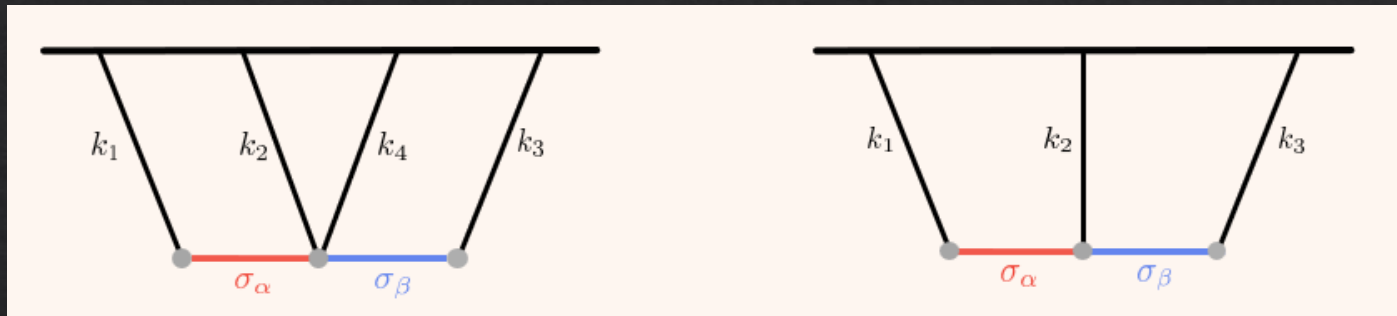
Solutions

$$(\Delta_u + M^2) F = uv/(u + v) + \text{B.C.}$$



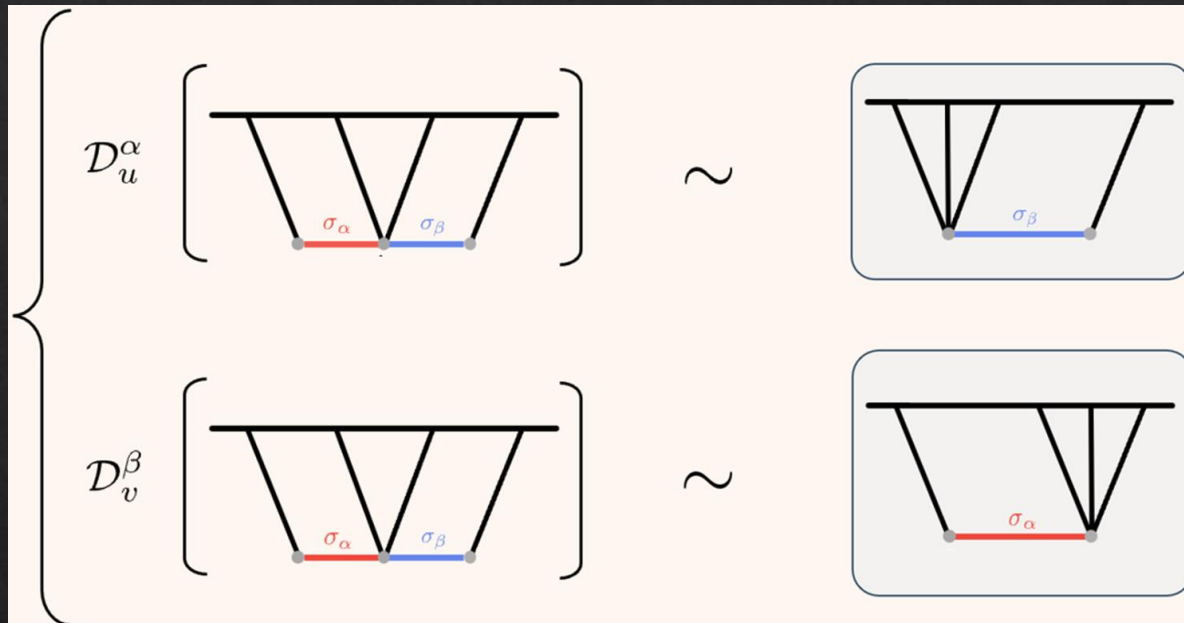
Double exchange

SA, L. Pinol, F. Sano, M. Yamaguchi, Y. Zhu, 2404.09547



$$F = F(u, v) \text{ with } u \equiv \frac{k_1}{k_2 + k_4}, v \equiv \frac{k_3}{k_2 + k_4}$$

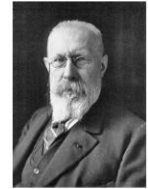
Differential equations



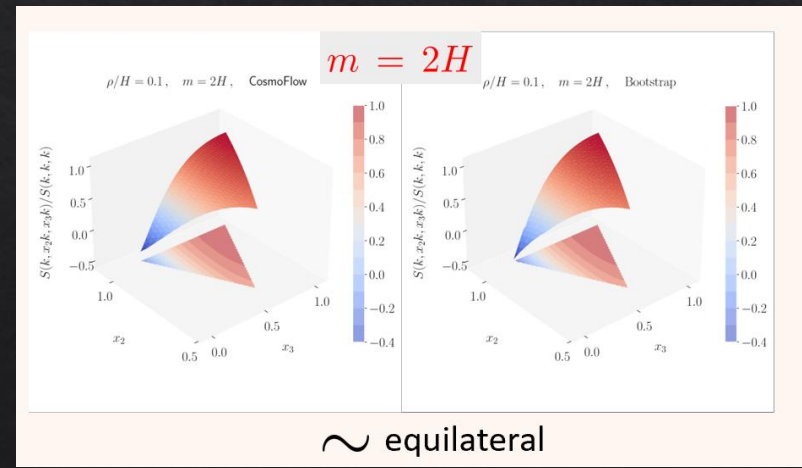
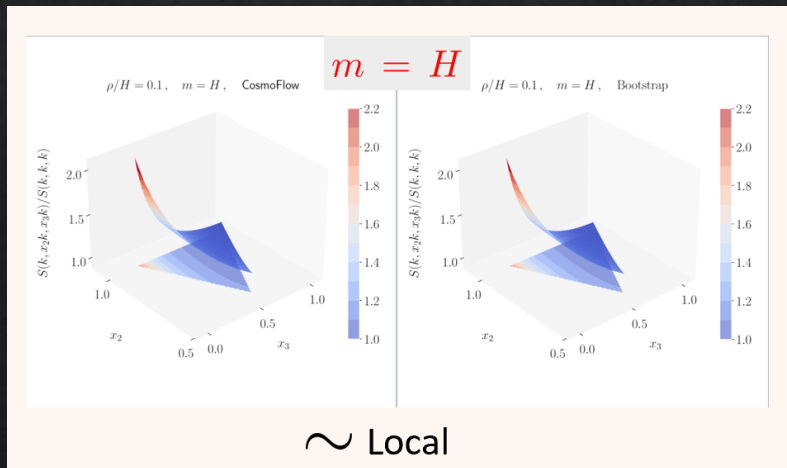
$$\mathcal{D}_u^\alpha \equiv u^2 \partial_u^2 - 2u \partial_u + \mu_\alpha^2 + \frac{9}{4} - u^2 (u \partial_u + v \partial_v) (u \partial_u + v \partial_v - 1)$$

Result

- Analytic solutions (based on Appell series $F_4(u^2, v^2)$)
- valid in any kinematic configuration
- vs Numeric



Paul Émile Appell
1855–1930



Toward triple exchange

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{D}_{w_1}^{(3)} \left[\begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 1} \end{array} \right] \\ \mathcal{D}_{w_2}^{(3)} \left[\begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 2} \end{array} \right] \\ \mathcal{D}_{w_3}^{(3)} \left[\begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 3} \end{array} \right] \end{array} \right. \sim \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \delta_{ad} \times \left[\begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 4} \end{array} \right] \\ \delta_{bd} \times \left[\begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 5} \end{array} \right] \\ \delta_{cd} \times \left[\begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 6} \end{array} \right] \end{array} \right.$$

The diagrams are trapezoidal shapes with four vertices on the top edge labeled k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4 from left to right. The bottom vertex is labeled d . Inside the trapezoid, there are three points labeled a, b, c from left to right. In each diagram, a red line connects a to d , a blue line connects b to d , and a green line connects c to d . The diagrams are arranged in three rows, each corresponding to a different weight w_i and a different delta factor δ_{ij} .

$$w_i \equiv \frac{k_i}{k_4}, \quad (i = 1, 2, 3)$$

$$\mathcal{D}_{w_i}^{(3)} \equiv w_i^2 \partial_{w_i}^2 - 2w_i \partial_{w_i} + \mu_i^2 + \frac{9}{4} - w_i^2 \left(\sum_{j=1}^3 w_j \partial_{w_j} + p_4 + 2 \right) \left(\sum_{j=1}^3 w_j \partial_{w_j} + p_4 + 1 \right)$$

Homogenous solutions:

$$\mathcal{I}_{\text{hom}}^{p_1 p_2 p_3 p_4} \sim \sum_{abc=\pm} w_1^{\frac{3}{2}-ia\mu_1} w_2^{\frac{3}{2}-ib\mu_2} w_3^{\frac{3}{2}-ic\mu_3} \times F_C \left[\frac{2p_4+11-2i(a\mu_1+b\mu_2+c\mu_3)}{4}, \frac{2p_4+13-2i(a\mu_1+b\mu_2+c\mu_3)}{4} \middle| w_1^2, w_2^2, w_3^2 \right]$$

Lauricella's hypergeometric function

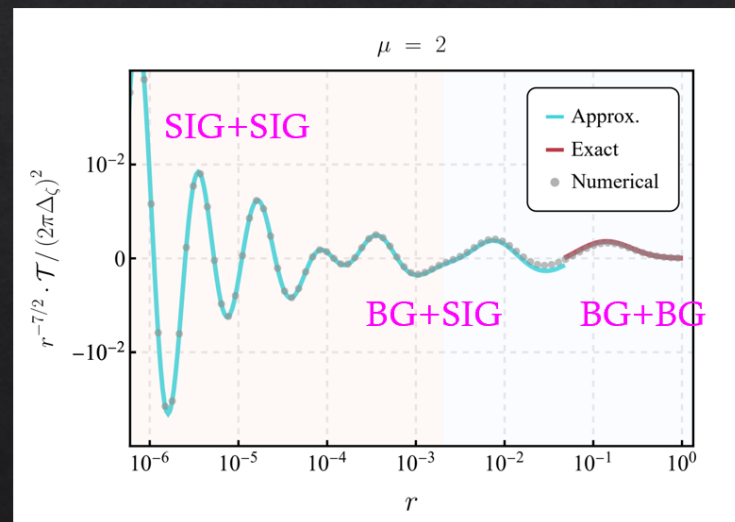


Giuseppe Lauricella
1867–1913

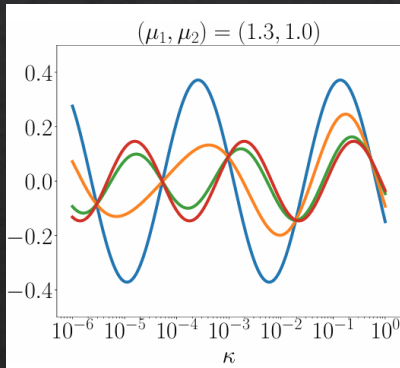
Phenomenological implication



Specific oscillation signal (change of frequency $\mu \rightarrow 2\mu$)
which cannot be mimicked by single exchange

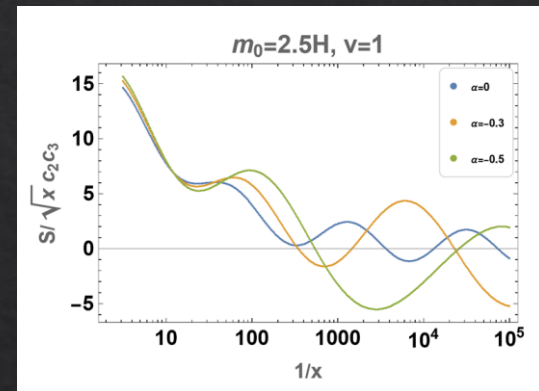


Deviation from the standard signal



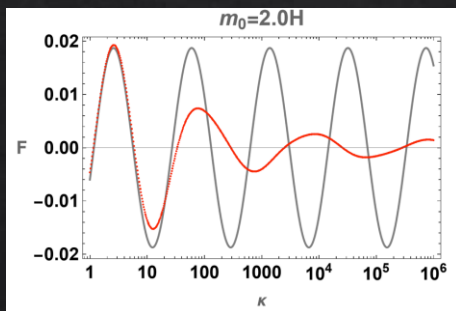
(almost) degenerate masses

L. Pinol, SA, S. Renaux-Petel, M. Yamaguchi, 2112.05710, SA, M. Yamaguchi, 1212.13667



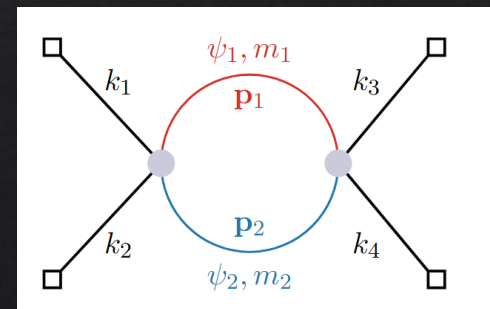
Time-dependent mass

SA, T. Noumi, F. Sano, M. Yamaguchi, 2312.09642



Continuous spectrum

SA, 2301.07920



Fermion loop

SA, Z. Qin, Y. Zhu, M. Yamaguchi, to appear

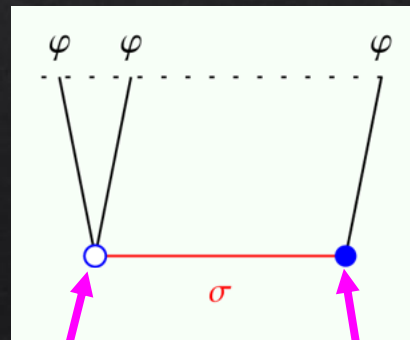
Application to BSM (Model building aspects of CC)

SA, A. Ghoshal and A. Strumia, 2408.07069

Conditions for large signal??

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Setup

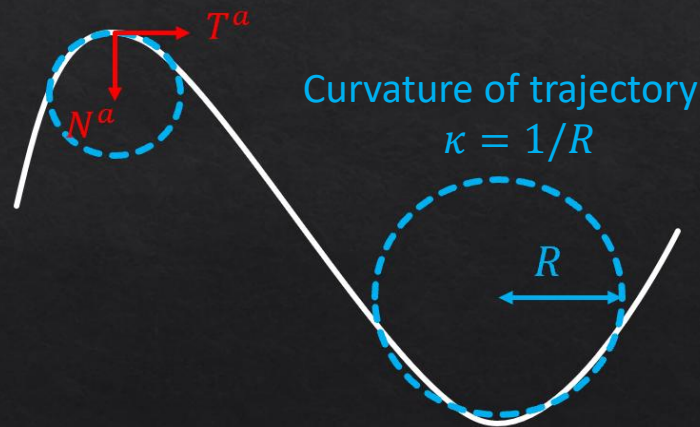
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$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{|\det g|} \left[-\frac{\bar{M}_{\text{Pl}}^2}{2} R + \frac{K_{ab}(\phi)}{2} (\partial_\mu \phi^a) (\partial^\mu \phi^b) - V(\phi) \right]$$

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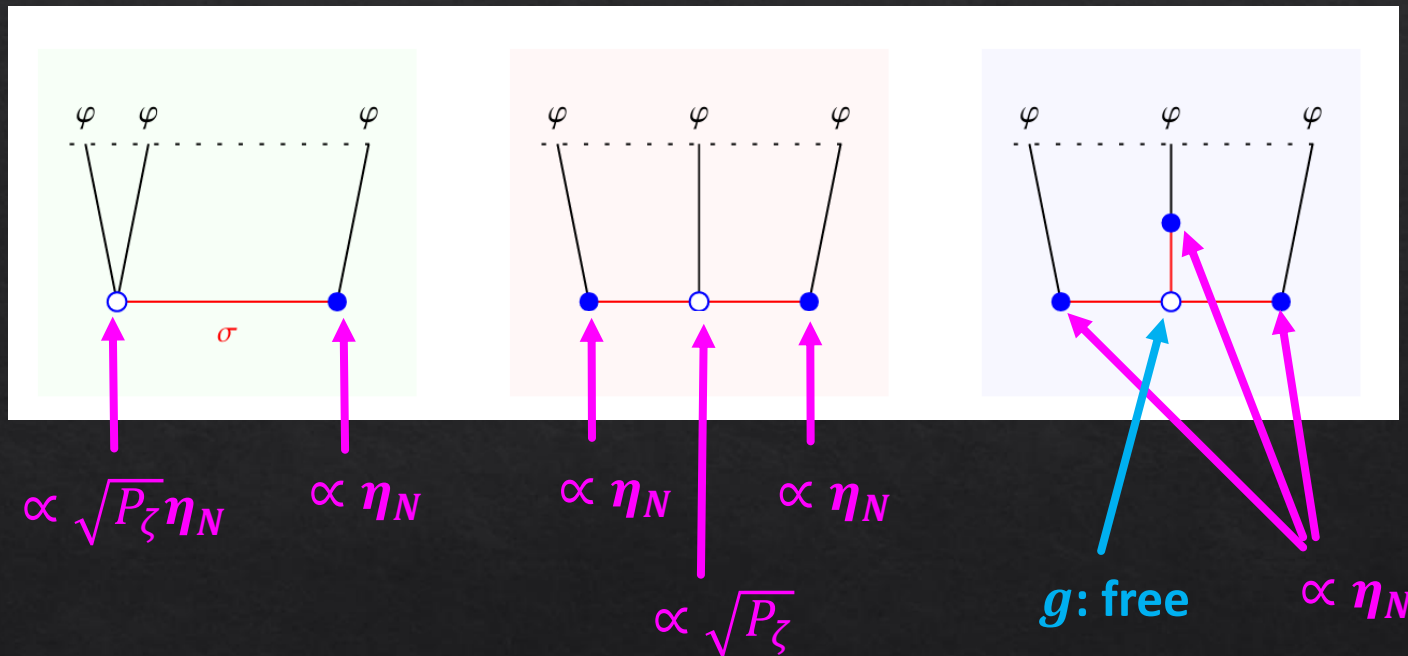


- Perturbation for fluctuation $\delta\phi^a = \varphi T^a + \sigma N^a$
($\varphi \sim \zeta$: curvature, σ : isocurvature)
- Turn rate: $\eta_{\text{N}} = \frac{d\phi}{d\mathcal{N}} \times \kappa$ (similar to $\omega = v/R$ in Newtonian mechanics)

Three dominant diagram for $\langle \zeta^3 \rangle$

Assuming $m_\sigma \sim H$

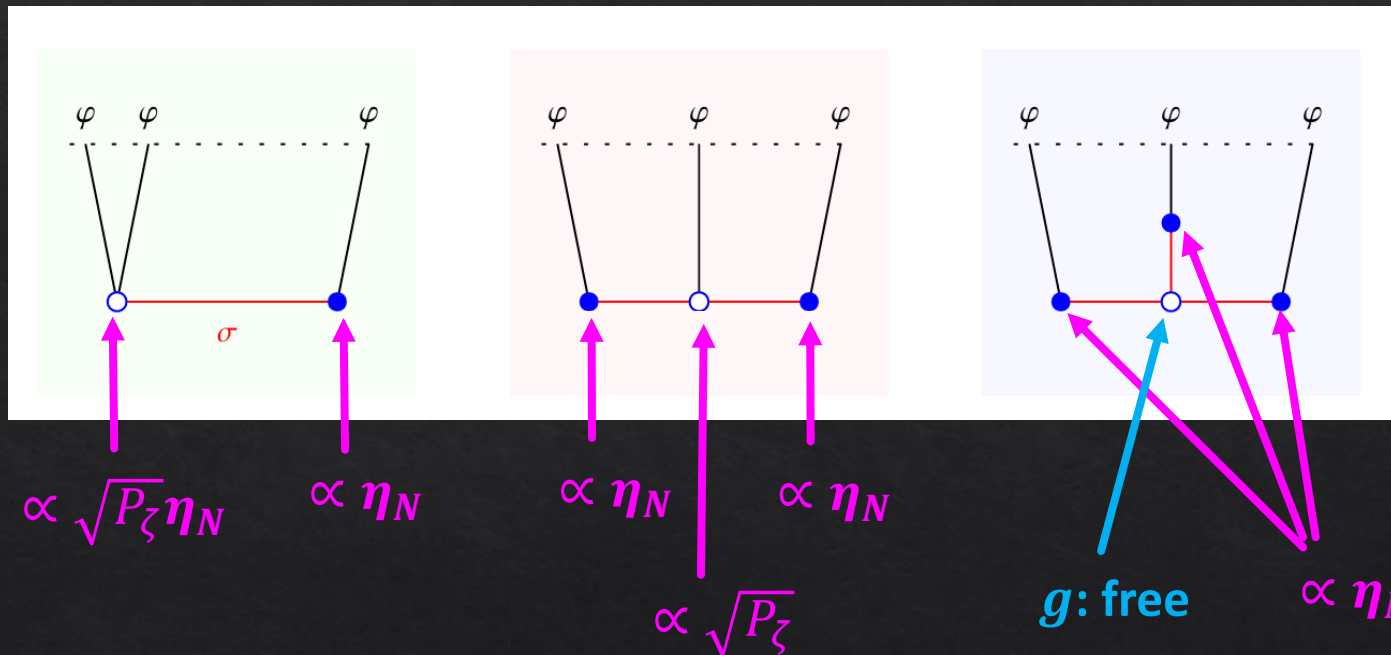
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CC signal
 $\propto \eta_N^2 \times \text{oscillation}$

$\propto \eta_N^2$

$\propto \eta_N^3 \times g / H \sqrt{P_\zeta}$

- Triple can be larger than single & double
- η_N determines almost everything

Conditions for large signal

- Large turn rate η_N . Remember $\eta_N = \frac{d\phi}{d\mathcal{N}} \times \kappa = \sqrt{2\epsilon} M_{\text{PL}} \times \kappa$
 $\Rightarrow$ Large $\kappa \Rightarrow$ sub-Planckian physics

- Large cubic σ^3 (triple exchange)

“Quasi single field inflation” Chen, Wang, '10

Check by concrete model

➤ Scalar $\phi + R^2$ (scalaron)

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{|\det g|} \left[-\frac{1}{2} f(\phi) R + \frac{R^2}{6f_0^2} + \sum_{\phi} \frac{(D_{\mu}\phi)(D^{\mu}\phi)}{2} - V_J(\phi) \right]$$

A) $f = \xi\phi^2, V_J = \lambda(\phi)\phi^4/4 \Rightarrow \text{dilaton} + R^2$

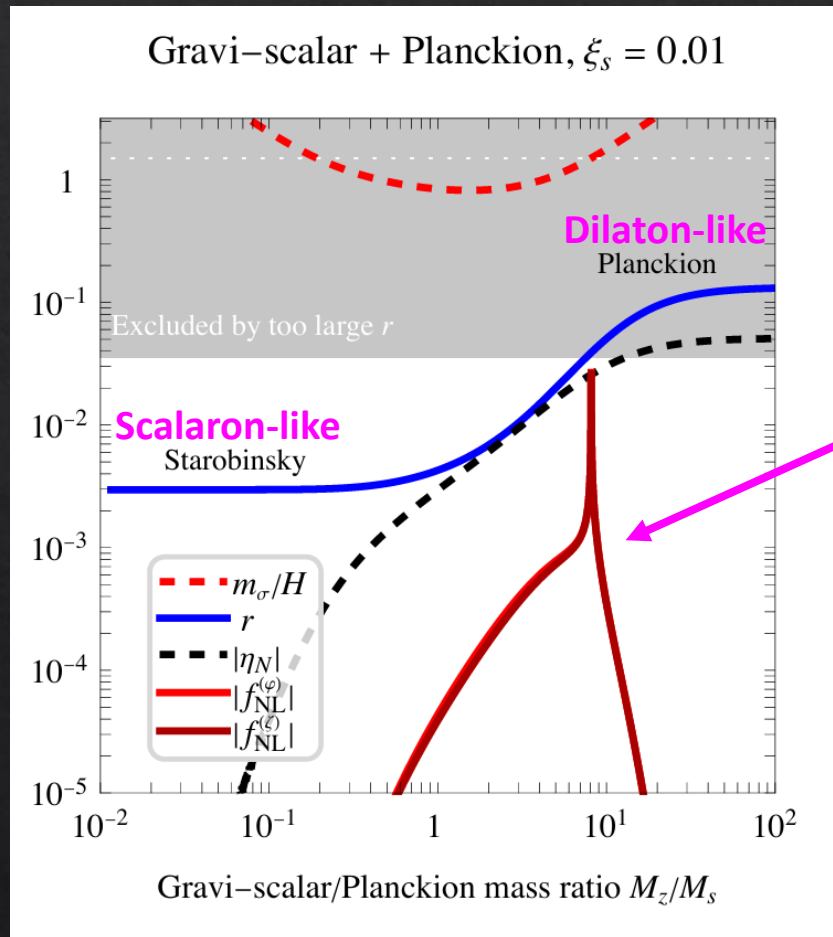
Kannike et al, '15,...

B) $f = M_{\text{PL}}^2 + \xi\phi^2, V_J = \lambda\phi^4/4 \Rightarrow \text{Higgs} + R^2$

Salvio, Mazumdar '15, Ema '17, ...

➤ Only scale $\sim M_{\text{PL}} \Rightarrow \kappa \propto 1/M_{\text{Pl}} \Rightarrow \eta_{\text{N}} \propto \sqrt{\epsilon}$: Small turn !!

CC signal from dilaton+ R^2



Models with large turn

- Multifield α -attractor

$$\Rightarrow \kappa \propto 1/\alpha M_{Pl} \text{ for } \alpha \ll 1 \Rightarrow \eta_N^2 \sim \epsilon/\alpha$$

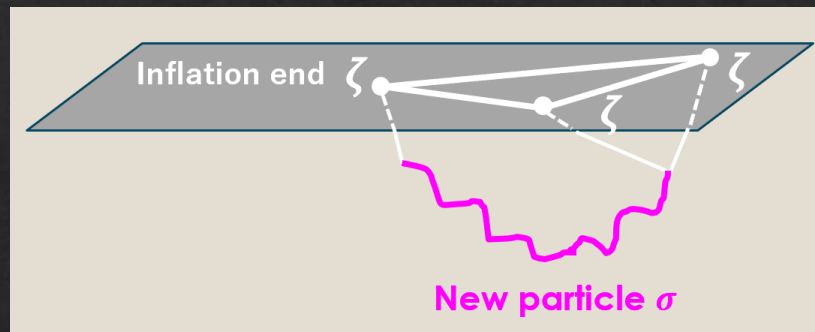
P. Christodoulidis, D. Roest and E.I. Sfakianakis, 1803.09841.

- Large CC signal & Universal shape of hyperbolic field geometry

SA, D. Werth, in progress

Summary

- CC can probe high-energy physics (mass, spin, couplings of heavy fields)

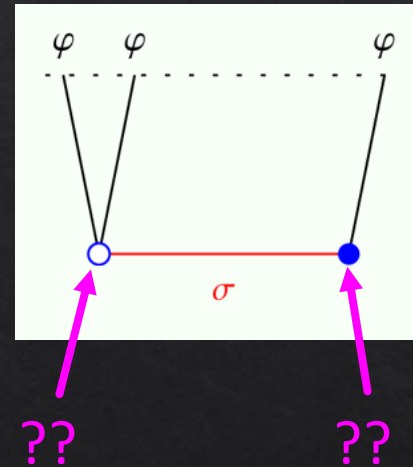


- Recent my work:
 - Analytic expressions of correlators with multiple exchange
 - Model building aspects of CC (with tree level scalar exchange)
- Future: Making template and compare to observation

Thank you!!

Target & Assumption

- $\langle \zeta^3 \rangle$
- Inflation scenario
- Tree $\gg$ Loop
- No chemical potential
- Scalar exchange



E-frame action

➤ E-frame

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{|\det g|} \left[-\frac{\bar{M}_{\text{Pl}}^2}{2} R + \frac{6\bar{M}_{\text{Pl}}^2}{z^2} \frac{(\partial_\mu z)^2 + \sum_\phi (D_\mu \phi)^2}{2} - V(\phi, z) \right]$$

$$V = \left(\frac{6\bar{M}_{\text{Pl}}^2}{z^2} \right)^2 \left[V_J(\phi) + \frac{3}{8} f_0^2 (f + \xi_z z^2)^2 \right]. \quad \xi_z = -1/6,$$

- $V_J \gg f_0^2$: **Starobinsky-like inflation**. Potential is minimized by $\phi = \text{const.}$
→ vanishing turn rate
- $V_J \ll f_0^2$: **ϕ -like inflation**. Potential is minimized by $f(\phi) = -\zeta_z z^2$
→ $z = z(\phi)$ → non-zero turn rate
- $V_J \sim f_0^2$: **Mixed regime**

time

