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# *Excursion in the curved field space*

on the inflationary massive field with a curved manifold

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An homogeneous, isotropic and flat initial condition  
for the Hot Big Bang

## Cosmic Inflation

quasi de Sitter Expansion

*Exponential **stretching**  
of the Universe and all  
inhomogeneities*

$$a(t) \sim e^{Ht}$$

$$t \sim 10^{-35} s$$

$$e^{60}$$

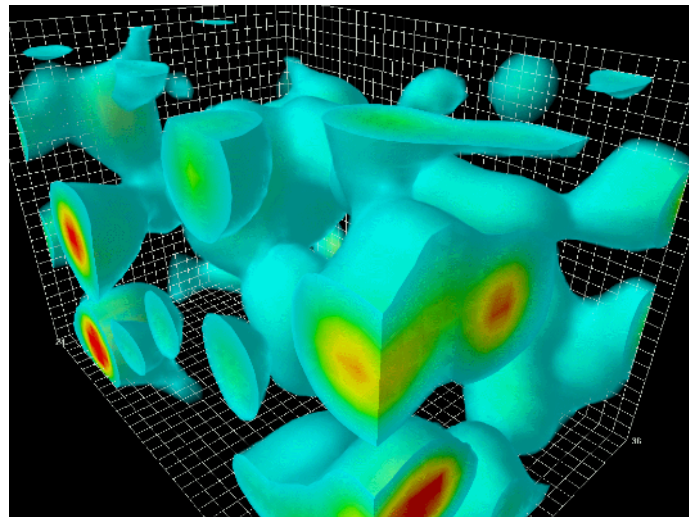
Guth 1982;  
Linde 1982;  
Starobinsky 1980;

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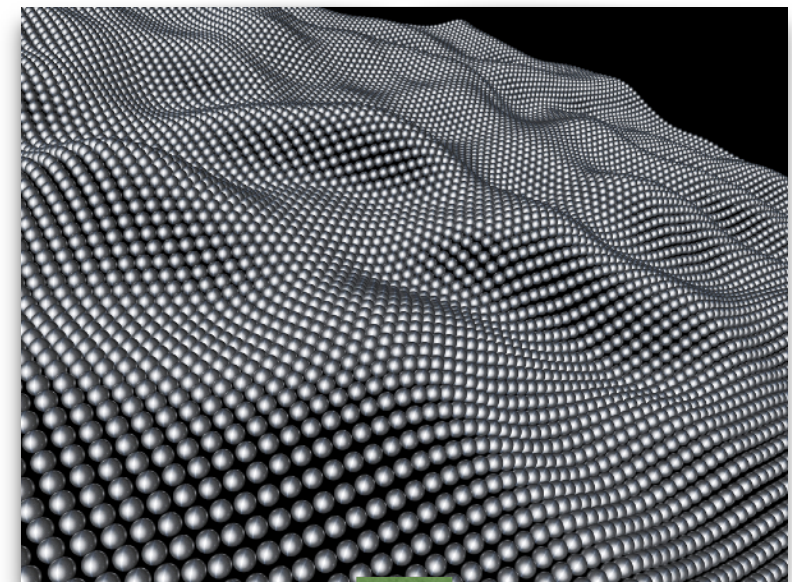


# Quantum Fluctuations as the origin of structures



horizon-exit  
**stretch**  
decoherence

inflation  $\sim 10^{-35}\text{s}$



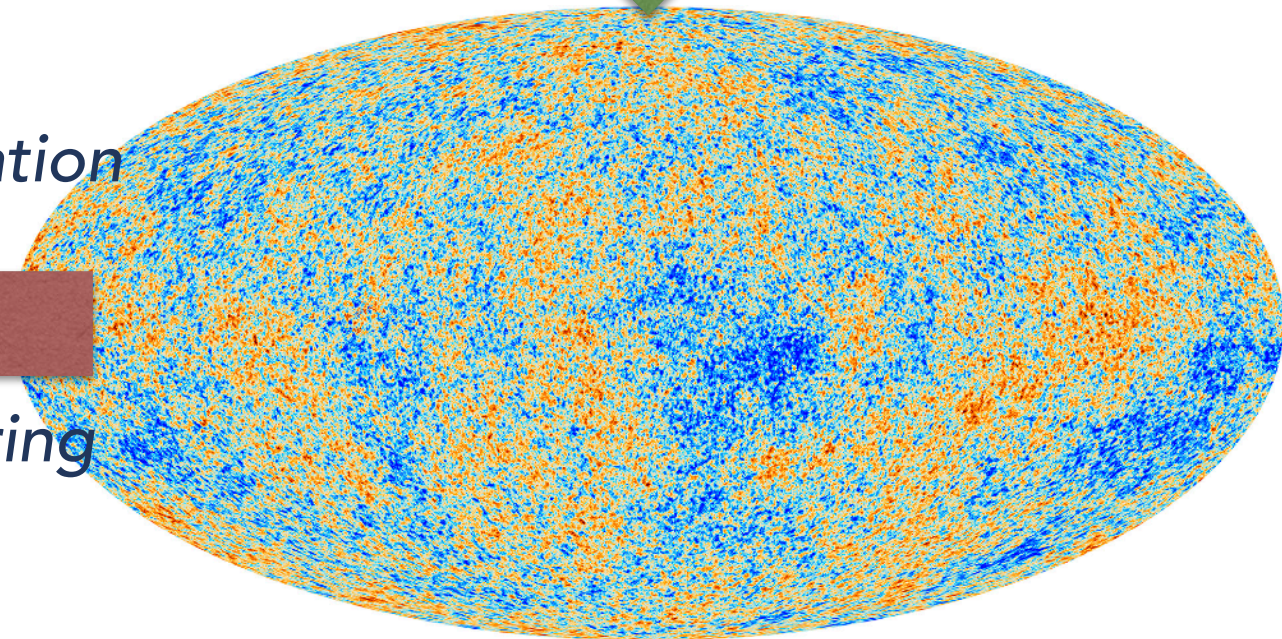
recombination



today  $\sim 13.7$  billion years

reionization

clustering

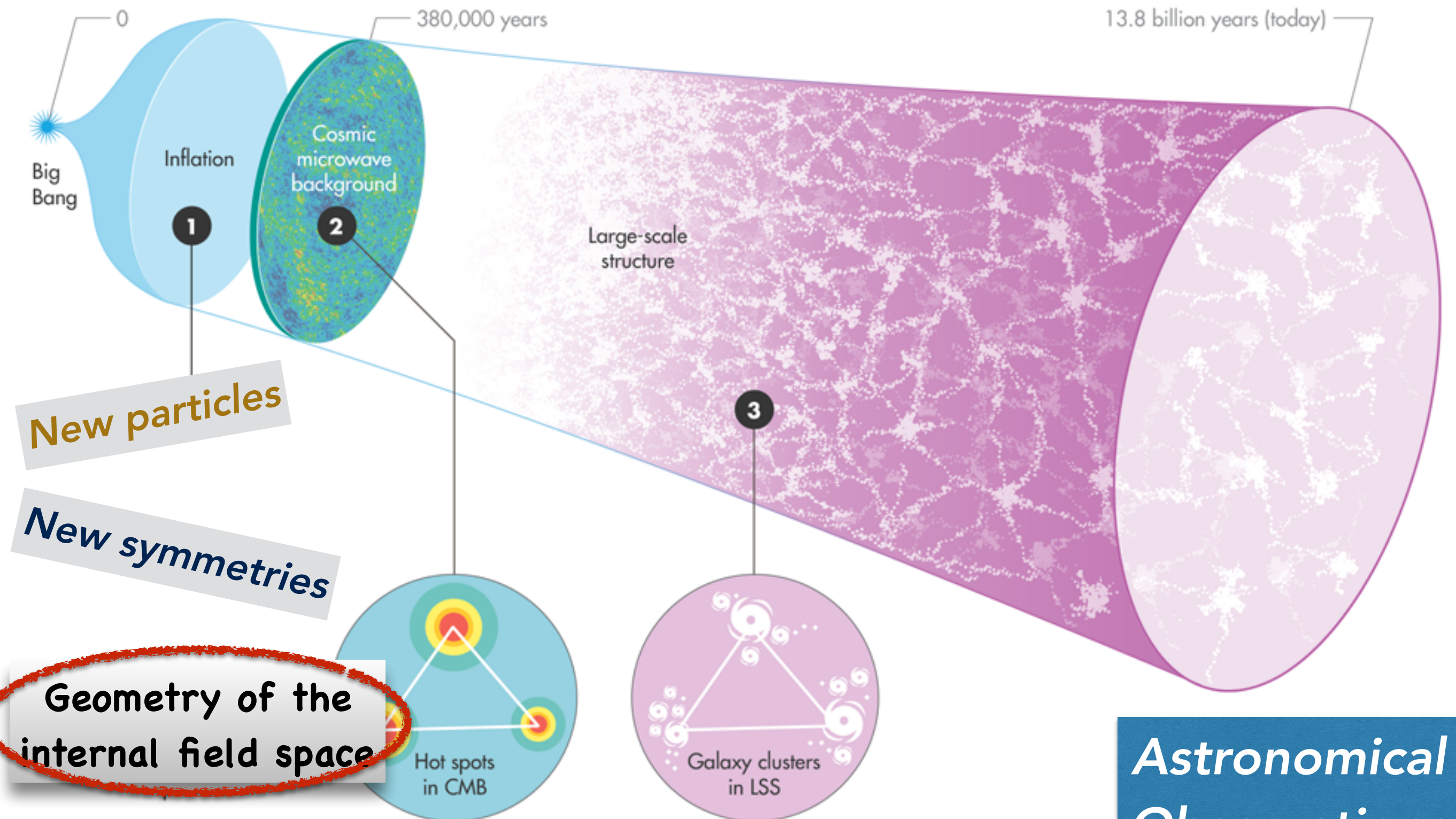


CMB  $\sim 380000$  years



# Inflation as a natural laboratory at very high energy scales

**New Physics**  $10^{14} \text{ GeV}$



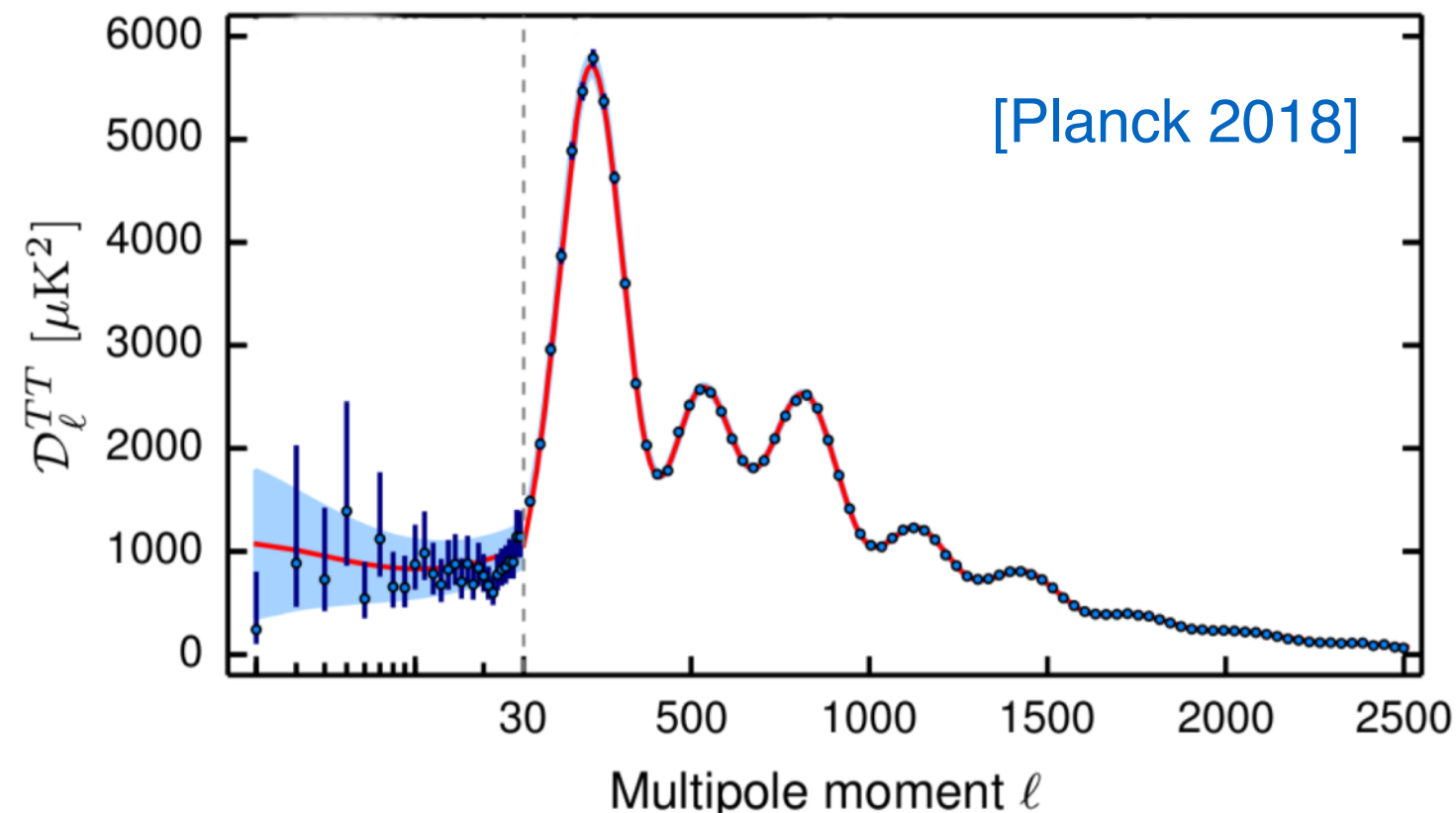


# Outline

- **Inflation with curved field space**
  - motivation, recent developments & examples
- **Massive fields and non-Gaussianity**
  - quasi-single field inflation & the squeezed bispectrum
- **When massive fields meet curved field space**
  - multi-field analysis & background EFT with dim-6 operator
- **Phenomenology**
  - running isocurvature mass & modified collider signals
- **Summary and outlook**

# The success of single field slow-roll inflation

- ★ solved the horizon problem and flatness problem
- ★ quantum fluctuations of inflaton lead to **structure formation**



- ◆ Latest CMB results favor the phenomenology of single field inflation
  - nearly **scale-invariant** curvature perturbation
  - small **tensor-to-scalar ratio**
  - small **non-Gaussianity**
  - small **isocurvature modes**



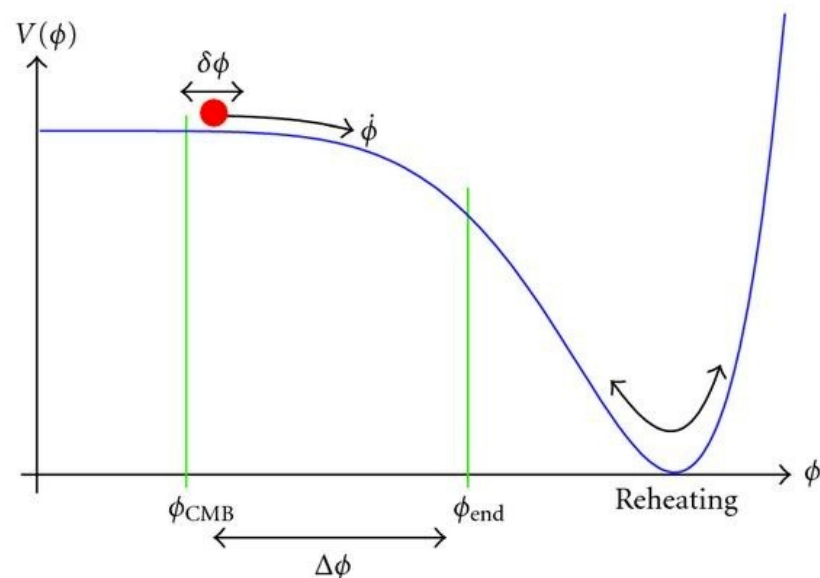
# **What is the inflaton?**

## ***Theoretical Challenges***

for the realisation of inflation in more fundamental theories

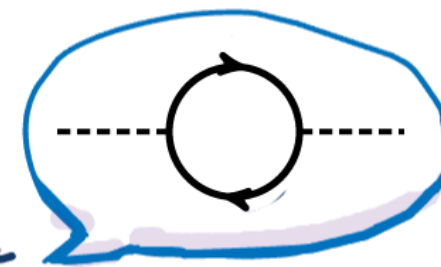
*In spite of all the difficulties, we have learned...*

**Lesson No.1:** the flatness of the inflaton potential should be protected by an **approximate shift symmetry**



$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{M_{\text{pl}}^2}{2} R - \frac{1}{2} (\partial\phi)^2 - V_{\text{sr}}(\phi) \right]$$

$$\eta_V \equiv M_{\text{pl}}^2 \frac{V''}{V} \simeq \frac{m_\phi^2}{H^2} \ll 1$$



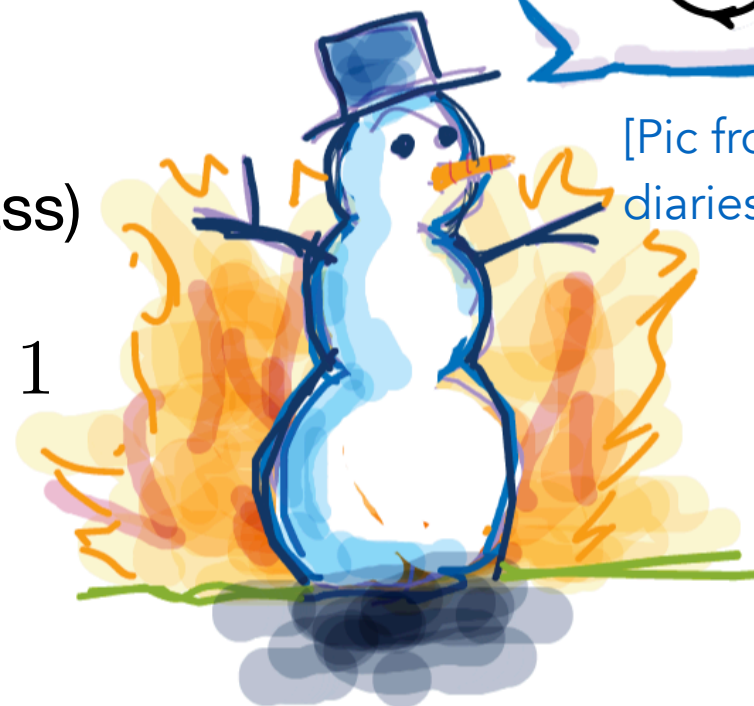
**$\eta$ -problem**

the hierarchy problem of inflation  
(in analog of the one for Higgs mass)

quantum corrections   $\Rightarrow \delta m_\phi^2 \gtrsim H^2 \Rightarrow \eta_V \gtrsim 1$

**fine-tuning?** or global internal symmetries

$$\phi \rightarrow \phi + \text{const.}$$



[Pic from quantum diaries by F. Tanedo]

A hierarchical system –  
snowball's chance in hell



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$\eta_V \ll 1$  **requires** shift symmetry  $\phi \rightarrow \phi + \text{const.}$

**Lesson No.2:** Besides the inflaton, other extra fields are also around and typically **they live in a curved field space**

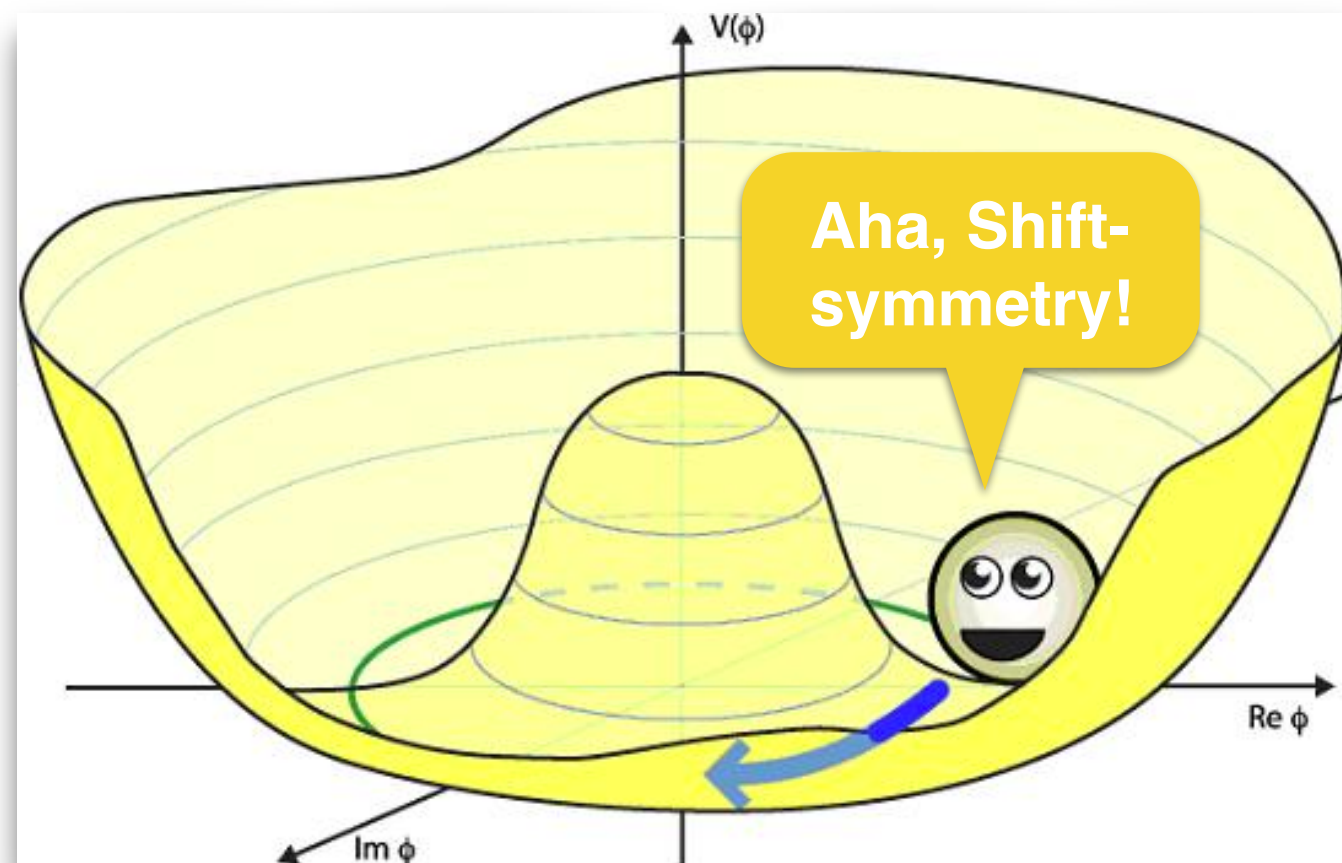
$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{M_{\text{Pl}}^2}{2} R - \frac{1}{2} G_{ab}(\phi) g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi^a \partial_\nu \phi^b - V(\phi) \right]$$

Examples in UV constructions:

- \* Kahler potential in Supergravity (e.g. *alpha-attractors*)
- \* Different compactifications in String theory (e.g. *two-field axion-monodromy*)
- \* Coset Space Non-Linear Sigma Model as an EFT
- \* .....

# The story of the *curved field space*

## Inflation in coset space as an example



Burgess, Cicoli,  
Quevedo, Williams 2014;  
Klein, Roest,  
Stefanyszyn 2017;

The inflaton field is one of the pseudo-Nambu-Goldstone-Bosons (pNGB) living in the coset space  $G/H$  after some spontaneous symmetry breaking.





# The story of the *curved field space*

**Inflation in coset space** as an example

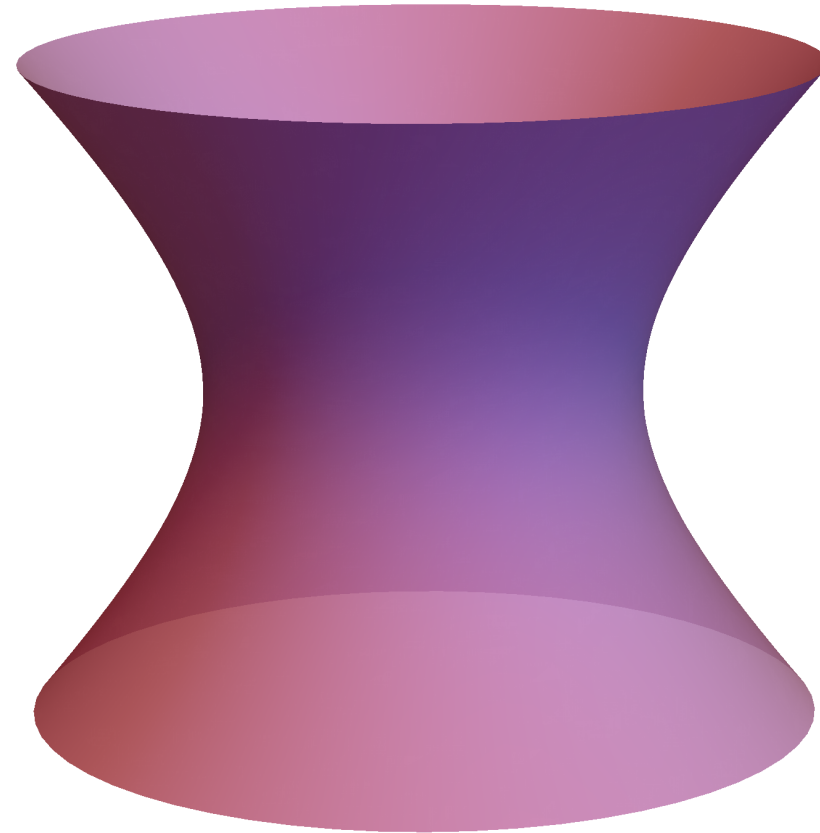
$SO(3)/SO(2)$



$$ds^2 = R^2 (d\varrho^2 + \cos^2 \varrho d\theta^2)$$

$$\mathbb{R} = 2/R^2$$

$SO(2,1)/SO(2)$



$$ds^2 = R^2 (d\varrho^2 + \cosh^2 \varrho d\theta^2)$$

$$\mathbb{R} = -2/R^2$$

The curvature radius  $R$  corresponds to the energy scale characterising the field space geometry.

# Multi-field inflation in a nutshell

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{M_{\text{Pl}}^2}{2} R - \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{G_{ab}(\phi)}_{\text{field space metric}} \partial_\mu \phi^a \partial_\nu \phi^b - \underbrace{V(\phi)}_{\text{potential}} \right]$$

field space  
metric

potential

turning rate

$$\Omega \equiv -N_a D_t T^a$$

$$\Omega \neq 0$$

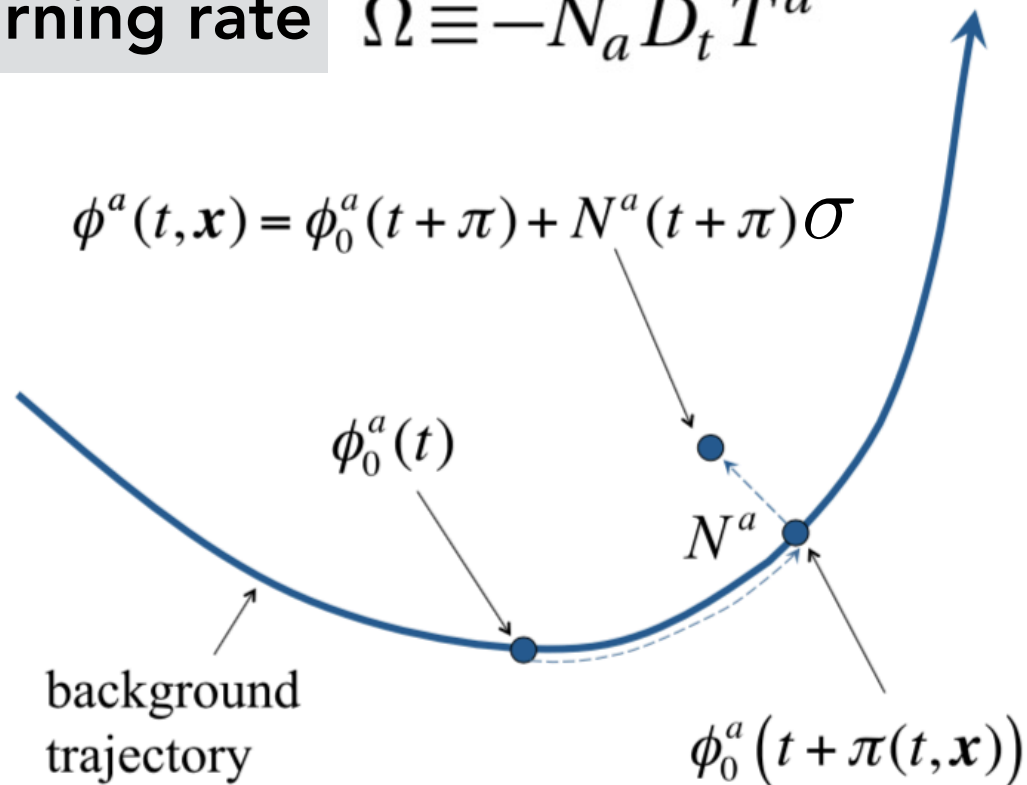


Non-geodesic  
trajectory

**curvature modes**  $\mathcal{R} = H\pi$   
**isocurvature modes**  $\sigma$

**isocurvature  
mass**

$$\mu^2 \equiv V_{NN} + \epsilon H^2 \mathbb{R} + 3\Omega^2$$



$$S = \int d^4x a^3 \left[ \underbrace{\epsilon (\dot{\mathcal{R}} - \alpha \sigma)^2}_{\text{coupled evolution}} - \frac{\epsilon}{a^2} (\nabla \mathcal{R})^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left( \dot{\sigma}^2 - \frac{1}{a^2} (\nabla \sigma)^2 \right) - \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \mu^2 \sigma^2}_{\text{isocurvature mass}} \right]$$

**coupled evolution**

$$\dot{\zeta} = \frac{2\Omega}{\sqrt{2\epsilon}} \sigma$$



# The recent revival of interest in this direction

## the axion-dilaton system:

$$\mathcal{L}_m = -\frac{1}{2}f(\rho)(\partial\theta)^2 - \frac{1}{2}(\partial\rho)^2 - V(\rho, \theta)$$

Alpha-attractors & multi-field extensions

— Kallosh, Linde, Roest 2013

Achucarro, Kallosh, Linde, **DGW**, Welling, 2017

Christodoulidis, Sfakianakis, Roest 2018

Geometrical destabilization

— Renaux-Petel, Turzyski 2015

Hyperinflation

— Brown 2017

Ultralight isocurvature / Orbital inflation

— Achucarro, Copeland, Iarygina, Palma, **DGW**, Welling, 2019

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Analysis on the multi-field attractors

— Bjorkmo 2019

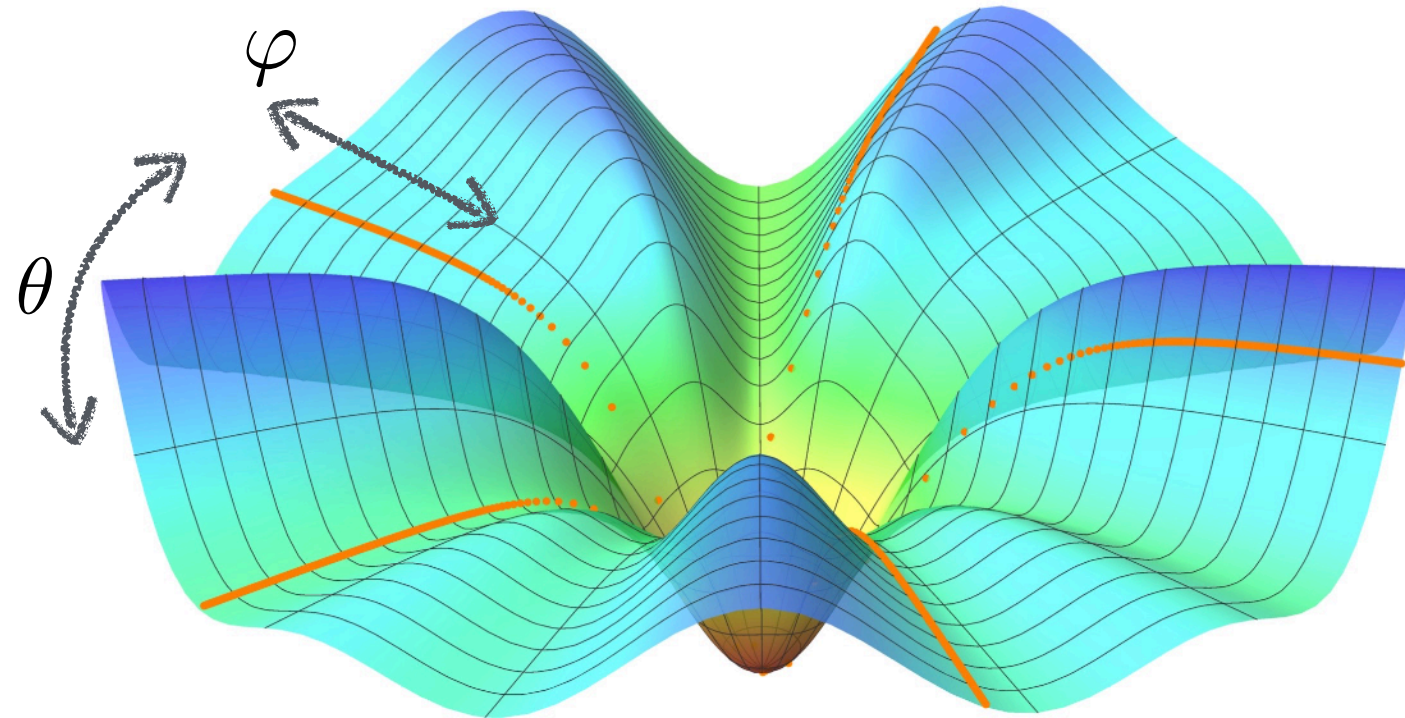
Christodoulidis, Sfakianakis, Roest 2019

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single-field  
like pheno

# Multi-field $\alpha$ -attractors: the magic of the hyperbolic space

Achucarro, Kallosh, Linde, DGW & Welling 2017



hyperbolic stretching on a multi-field potential

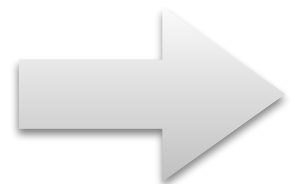
*“rolling on the ridge”*

$$3H\dot{\varphi} \simeq -\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3\alpha}}V_{\rho}e^{-\sqrt{\frac{2}{3\alpha}}\varphi}$$

$$\frac{\dot{\theta}}{H} \simeq -\frac{8}{3\alpha}\frac{V_{\theta}}{V}e^{-2\sqrt{\frac{2}{3\alpha}}\varphi}$$

non-geodesic motion,  
significant multi-field effects

**Only the radial field contributions** dominate in the final curvature perturbation



$$n_s = 1 - \frac{2}{N} \quad \text{and} \quad r = \frac{12\alpha}{N^2}$$

$$f_{\text{NL}} \simeq \frac{5}{6} \frac{\partial^2 N}{\partial \varphi^2} \bigg/ \left( \frac{\partial N}{\partial \varphi} \right)^2 \simeq \frac{5}{6N}$$

single field phenomenology

# Shift-symmetric orbital inflation: ultra-light isocurvature

Achucarro, Copeland, Iarygina, Palma, WDG & Welling 2019

Achucarro, Palma, WDG & Welling 2019

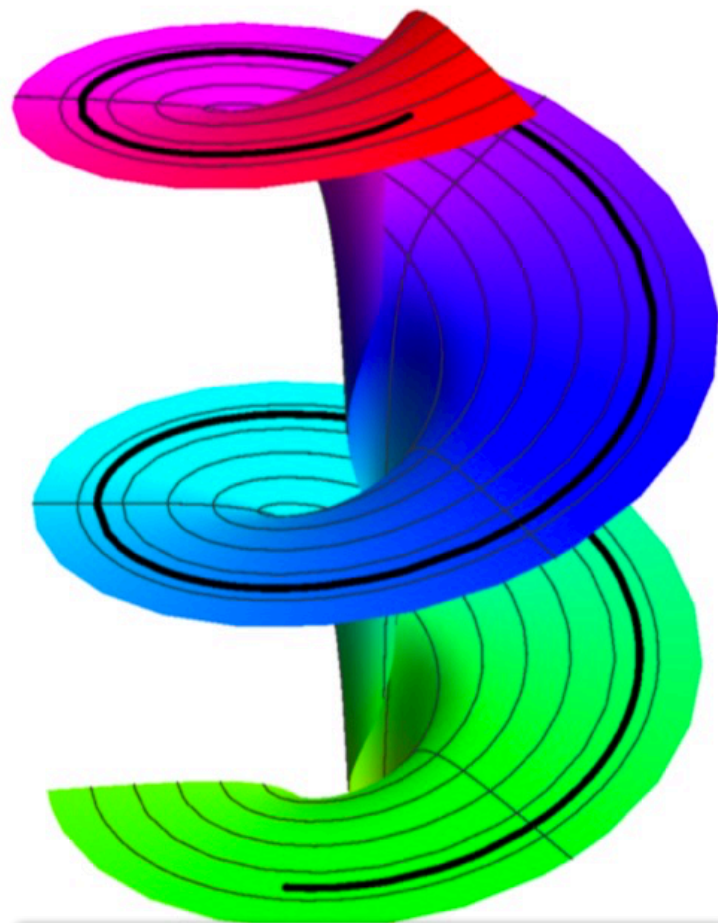
$$-\frac{1}{2} (f(\rho) \partial_\mu \theta \partial^\mu \theta + \partial_\mu \rho \partial^\mu \rho)$$

The potential can be derived via Hamilton-Jacobi formalism:

$$V = 3H^2 - 2 \frac{H_\theta^2}{f(\rho)}$$

$$\mu^2 = 0 \quad \sigma_k = \frac{H_*}{2\pi} \quad \zeta = \frac{2\Omega}{\sqrt{2\epsilon}} \sigma$$

- ◆ Only one degree of freedom (isocurvature) is responsible for observed curvature perts;
- ◆ The phenomenology mimics the one of single field inflation:
  - Small isocurvature perturbations
  - Small local non-Gaussianity



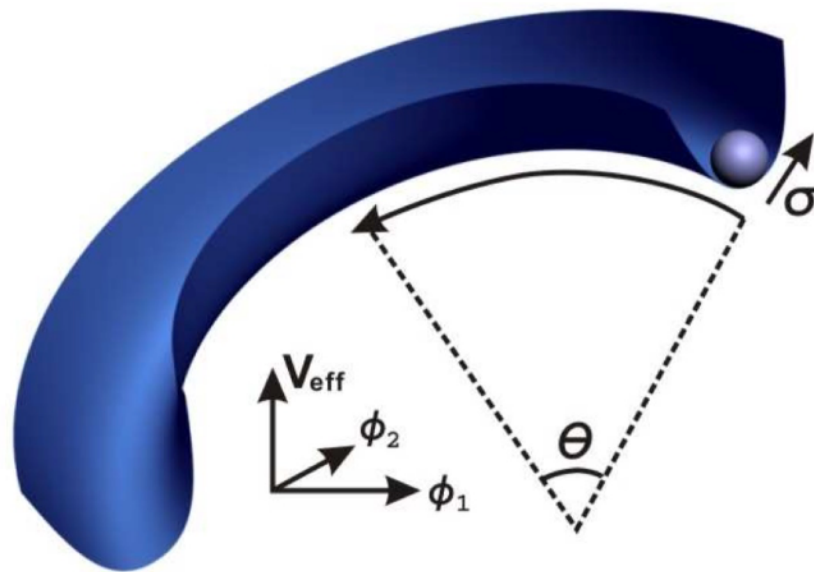
$$\dot{\theta} = -2 \frac{H_\theta}{f}, \quad \rho = \rho_0$$



*Is there any **model-independent** observational signatures  
of the inflationary **curved field space**?*

# Quasi-single field inflation (QSFI) and massive fields

$$S_m = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \underbrace{-\frac{1}{2}(\tilde{R} + \sigma)^2 g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \theta \partial_\nu \theta}_{\text{flat field space with polar coordinate}} - \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \sigma \partial_\nu \sigma - \underbrace{V_{\text{sr}}(\theta) + V(\sigma)}_{\text{massive isocurvature field}} \right]$$



massive isocurvature field

$$m \sim \mathcal{O}(H)$$

flat field space with  
polar coordinate

Chen & Wang 2010;  
Baumann & Green 2011;  
.....

## Background EFT of inflation approach:

$$\mathcal{L} = \underbrace{-\frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \phi)^2 - V(\phi)}_{\text{the inflaton sector}} \underbrace{-\frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \sigma)^2 - \frac{1}{2}M^2\sigma^2}_{\text{the massive field sector}} + \underbrace{\frac{\sigma(\partial_\mu \phi)^2}{\tilde{\Lambda}}}_{\text{mixing by a dim-5 operator}}$$

the inflaton sector

the massive  
field sector

mixing by a  
dim-5 operator

Weinberg 2008;  
Assassi, Baumann,  
Green, McAllister 2013;  
.....

(slow-roll)

$$m \sim \mathcal{O}(H)$$

shift symmetry

no shift symmetry

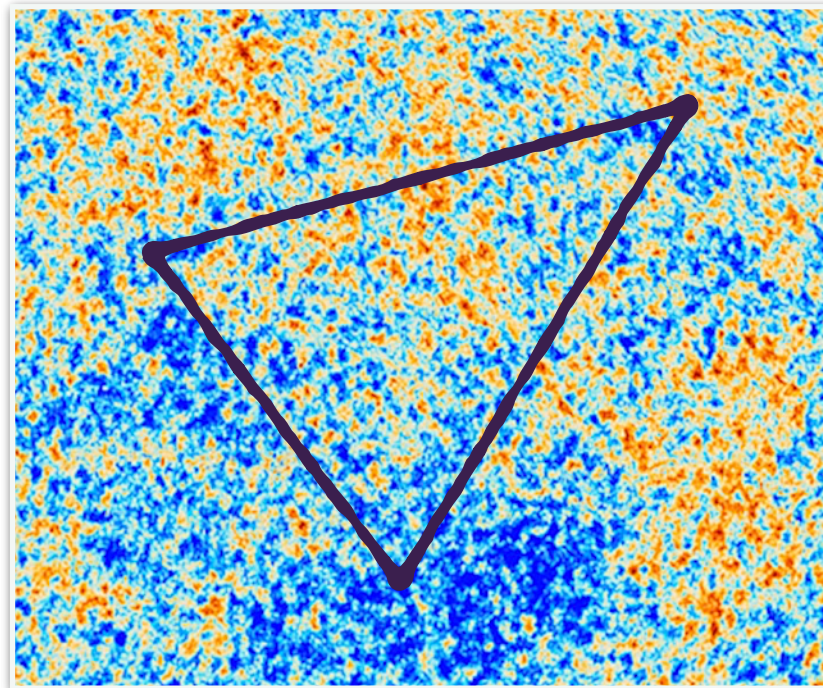
**leading  
correction**

# Triangles in the sky

## Primordial non-Gaussianity

*beyond the  
Gaussian statistics,  
beyond the power  
spectrum...*

3-point correlation  
function in the  
primordial perturbations

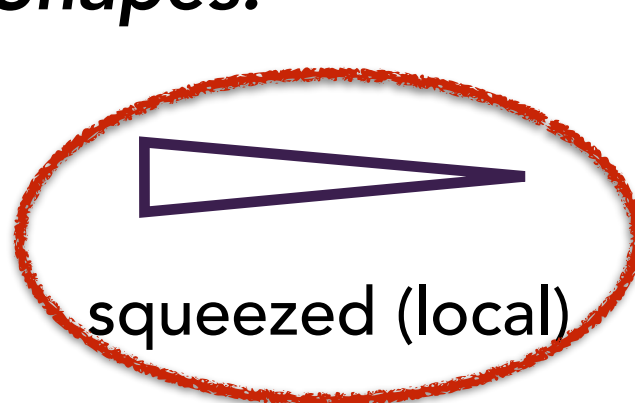


a lot of information  
but too small to be  
detected now

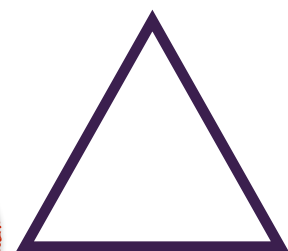
Theorists are needed to  
do *template searches*!

$$\langle \zeta_{\mathbf{k}_1} \zeta_{\mathbf{k}_2} \zeta_{\mathbf{k}_3} \rangle \equiv (2\pi)^3 \delta^{(3)}(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3) B_\zeta(k_1, k_2, k_3)$$

➤ **Shapes:**



squeezed (local)



equilateral



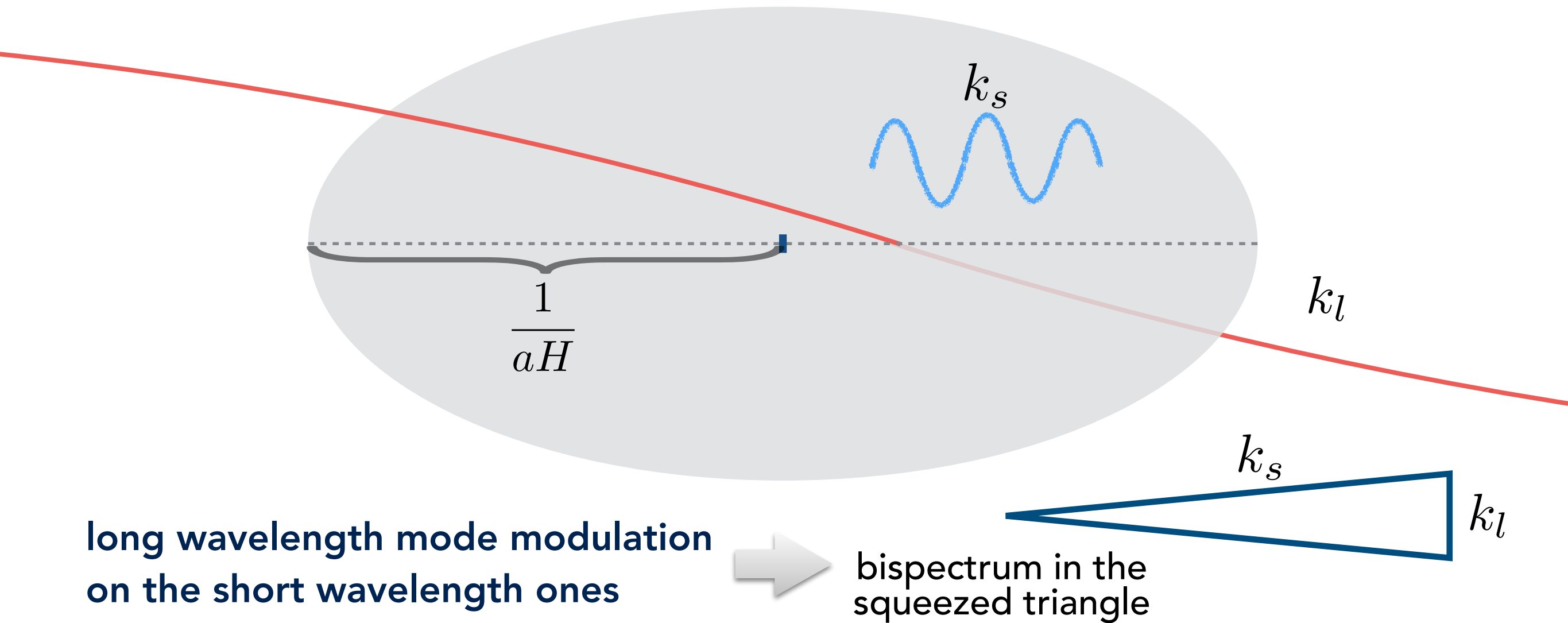
folded

➤ **Amplitudes:**

$$f_{\text{NL}}(\vec{k}_1, \vec{k}_2, \vec{k}_3) = \frac{10}{3} \frac{\mathcal{A}_{\text{tot}}(\vec{k}_1, \vec{k}_2, \vec{k}_3)}{\sum_i k_i^3}$$



# The squeezed limit of the scalar bispectrum

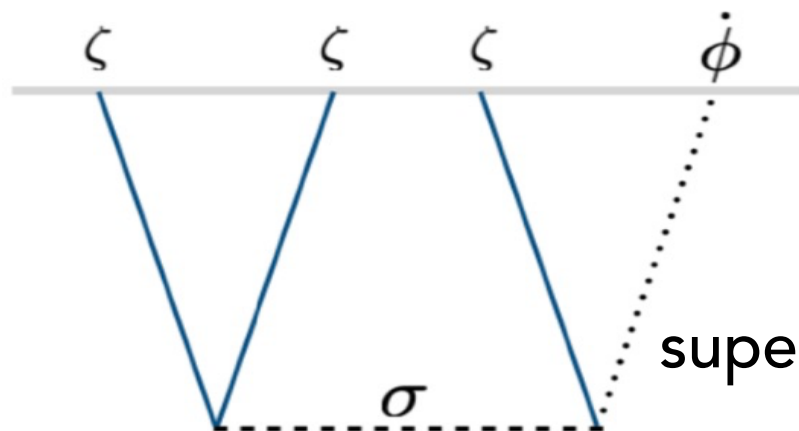


Example: consistency relation in single field inflation

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{k_3 \rightarrow 0} \langle \zeta_{\mathbf{k}_1} \zeta_{\mathbf{k}_2} \zeta_{\mathbf{k}_3} \rangle &= -(2\pi)^3 \delta_D(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3) P_\zeta(k_1) P_\zeta(k_3) \frac{d \ln k_3^3 P_\zeta(k_3)}{d \ln k_3} \\ &= (2\pi)^3 \delta_D(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3) (1 - n_s) P_\zeta(k_1) P_\zeta(k_3). \end{aligned}$$

Maldacena 2002

# Massive fields and the squeezed limit



Chen & Wang 2010;  
Baumann & Green 2011;  
Noumi, Yamaguchi, Yokoyama 2012  
.....

the modulation of the  
superhorizon isocurvature modes

Superhorizon decay of the massive field:  $\sigma_k'' + \frac{k^2}{a^2 H^2} \sigma_k + 3\sigma_k' + \frac{\mu^2}{H^2} \sigma_k = 0$   
a damped oscillator:

$$\sigma_k(N) \propto e^{-(3/2 \pm \nu)(N - N_k)}$$

$\mu < 3H/2$  underdamped decay

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

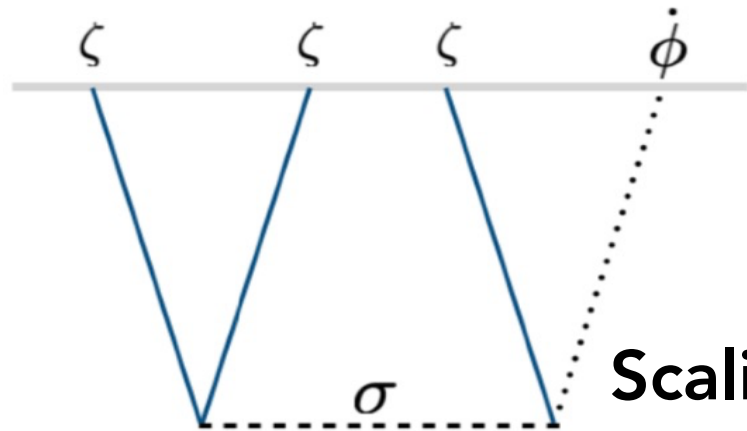
$\mu > 3H/2$  overdamped oscillation

Scaling behaviour in the squeezed bispectrum:

**power-law**  $\lim_{k_l \ll k_s} B_\zeta \propto \frac{1}{k_l^3 k_s^3} \left( \frac{k_l}{k_s} \right)^{3/2 - \nu}$  for  $\mu < 3H/2$ ,

**oscillatory**  $\lim_{k_l \ll k_s} B_\zeta \propto \frac{1}{k_l^3 k_s^3} \left( \frac{k_l}{k_s} \right)^{3/2} \cos \left[ i\nu \ln \left( \frac{k_l}{k_s} \right) + \delta_\nu \right]$  for  $\mu > 3H/2$ .

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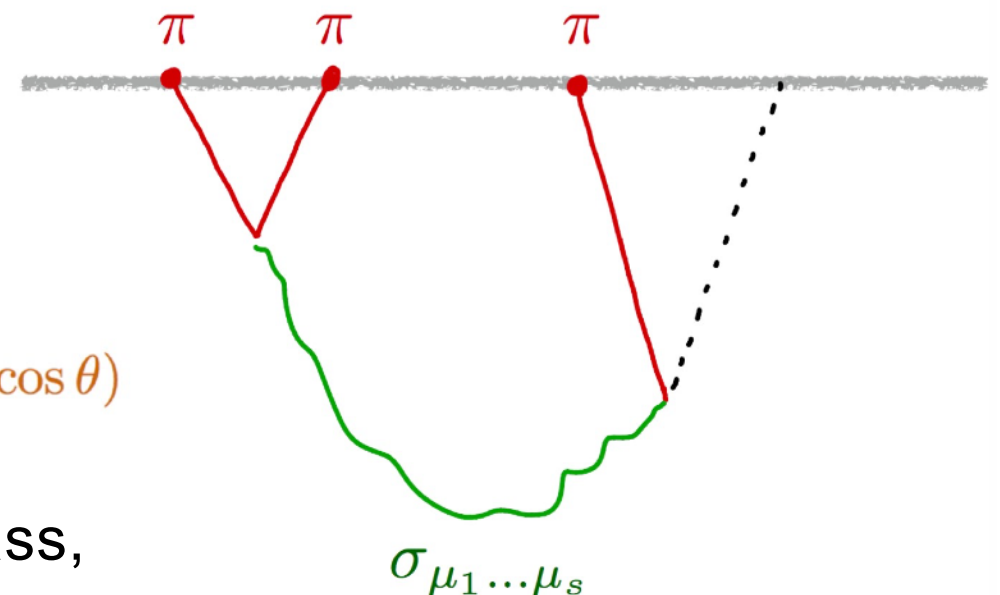
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## Cosmological Collider Physics

Arkani-Hamed and Maldacena 2015  
Lee, Baumann and Pimentel 2016

$$\lim_{k_L \rightarrow 0} \langle \zeta_{\vec{k}_S} \zeta_{\vec{k}_S} \zeta_{\vec{k}_L} \rangle \propto \left( \frac{k_L}{k_S} \right)^{3/2} \cos \left[ \frac{M}{H} \ln \left( \frac{k_L}{k_S} \right) + \delta \right] P_S(\cos \theta)$$

In the squeezed limit, oscillation measures mass,  
angular dependence measures spin





# Massive field with curved field space

## A natural extension of QSFI

$$\mathcal{L}_m = -\frac{1}{2}f(\rho)(\partial\theta)^2 - \frac{1}{2}(\partial\rho)^2 - V(\rho) - V_{sr}(\theta)$$

metric function examples

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} f(\rho) = \rho^2 & \text{flat field space — the original model} \\ f(\rho) = R^2 \cos^2(\rho/R) & \text{spherical field space — positively curved} \\ f(\rho) = R^2 \cosh^2(\rho/R) & \text{hyperbolic field space — negatively curved} \end{array} \right.$$

stabilized radial field:

$$V''(\rho_0) \simeq \mathcal{O}(H^2)$$

field space curvature:

$$\mathbb{R} = \frac{f'(\rho)^2}{2f(\rho)^2} - \frac{f''(\rho)}{f(\rho)}$$

angular turning motion:

$$\theta = \theta(t), \quad \rho = \text{const.}$$

with turning rate:

$$\Omega \equiv -N_a D_t T^a = \frac{f'(\rho_0)}{2\sqrt{f(\rho_0)}} \dot{\theta}$$

# Mass scales in multi-field inflation

**isocurvature mass**

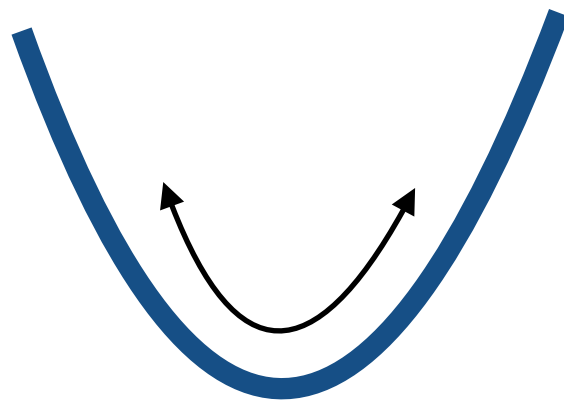
$$\mu^2 \equiv V_{NN} + \epsilon H^2 \mathbb{R} + 3\Omega^2$$

*Hessian of  
the potential*

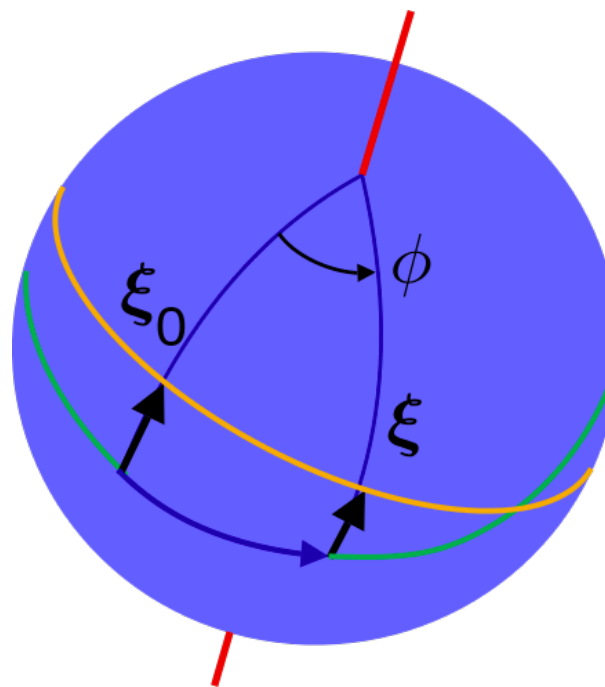
*curvature of  
the field space*

*turning rate*

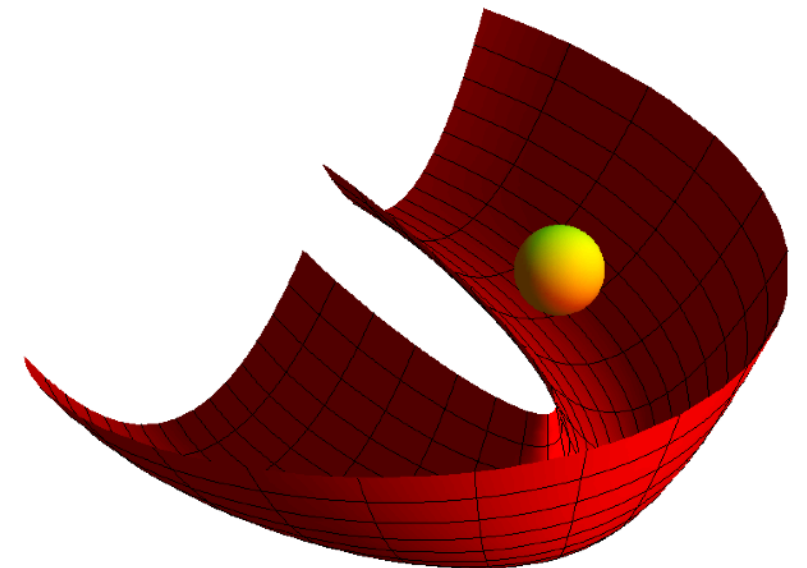
$$V_{NN} \equiv N^a N^b \nabla_a \nabla_b V$$



the "bare" mass



*analogy of the geodesic  
deviation in GR*



*weakly coupled regime*

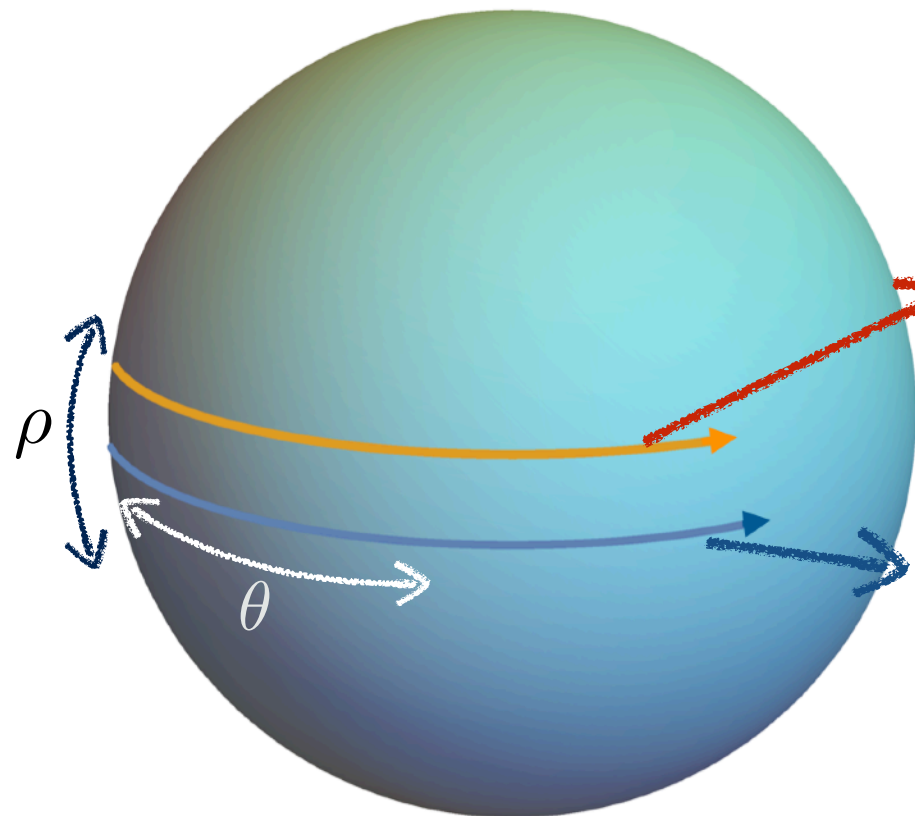
$$\Omega \ll H$$

# The effect of the field space curvature

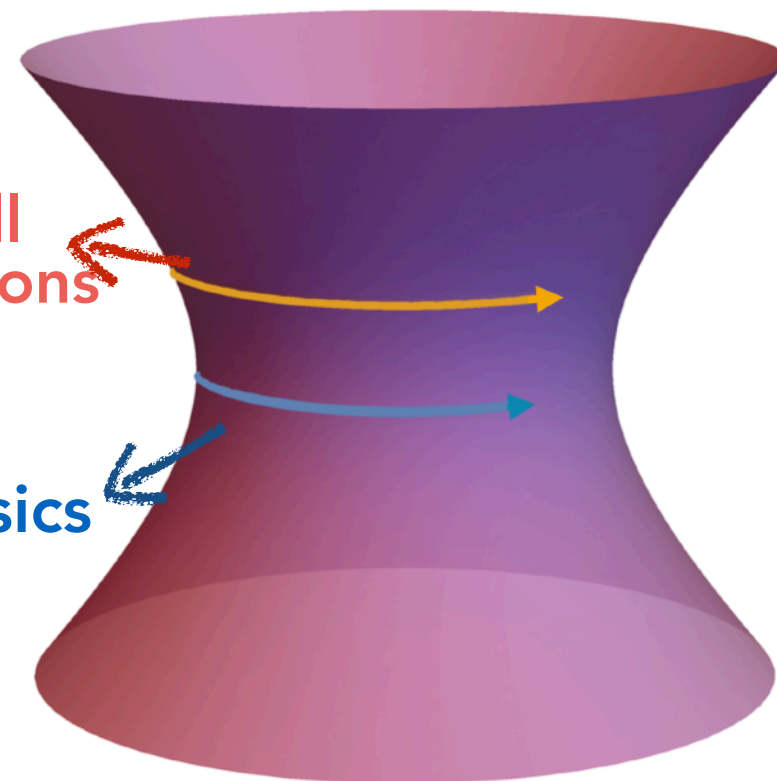
## Inflation in coset space as an example

spontaneous symmetry  
probing (SSP)  
Nicolas, Piazza 2011

$SO(3)/SO(2)$



$SO(2,1)/SO(2)$



$$K = -\frac{1}{2}(\partial\rho)^2 - \frac{1}{2}R^2 \cos^2\left(\frac{\rho}{R}\right) (\partial\theta)^2$$

$$K = -\frac{1}{2}(\partial\rho)^2 - \frac{1}{2}R^2 \cosh^2\left(\frac{\rho}{R}\right) (\partial\theta)^2$$

mass correction for the not-rolling Goldstone

$$\delta m_\rho^2 = \dot{\theta}^2 = \frac{\dot{\phi}^2}{R^2}$$

$$\delta m_\rho^2 = -\dot{\theta}^2 = -\frac{\dot{\phi}^2}{R^2}$$

# Massive field in the background EFT of inflation

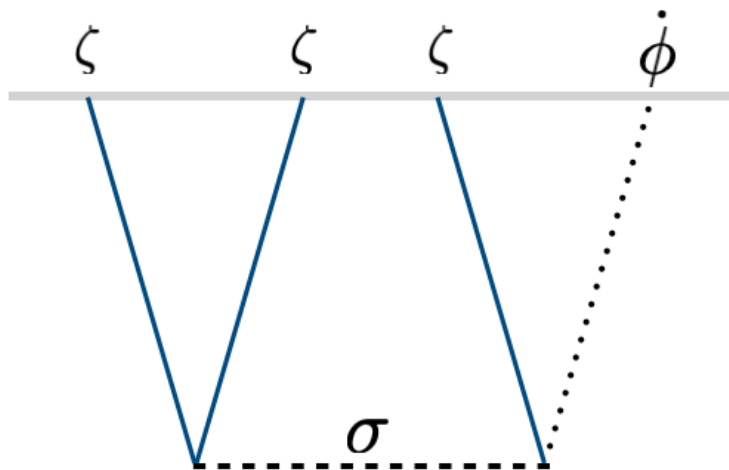
$$\rho/\Lambda \ll 1$$

dim-5 operator

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}^5 = -\frac{1}{2\Lambda_1}(\partial\varphi)^2\rho$$

leading order interaction term:

- leads to the mixing between curvature and isocurvature modes
- contributes to the bispectrum via the following Feynman diagram



a lot of discussions in the literature

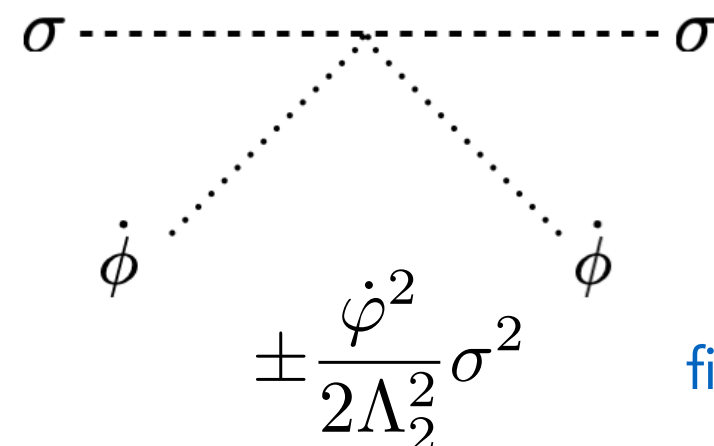
dim-6 operator

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}^6 = \pm\frac{1}{2\Lambda_2^2}(\partial\varphi)^2\rho^2$$

next-to-leading order term:

- no linear mixing between curvature and isocurvature modes
- contributes to the bispectrum only through loop diagrams (small)

**but a new mass correction!**



first noticed in  
geometrical  
destabilization

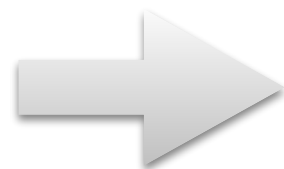


# Revisiting the background EFT of inflation

bridging the gap with the **curved field space**

$$\mathcal{L}_m = -\frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + c_1 \frac{\rho}{\Lambda} + c_2 \frac{\rho^2}{\Lambda^2} \right) (\partial\varphi)^2 - \frac{1}{2} (\partial\rho)^2 - \frac{1}{2} m^2 \rho^2 - V_{\text{sr}}(\varphi)$$

$$\rho/\Lambda \ll 1$$



**metric  
function**

$$f(\rho) = 1 + c_1 \frac{\rho}{\Lambda} + c_2 \frac{\rho^2}{\Lambda^2}$$

**field space curvature**

$$\mathbb{R} \simeq -\frac{2c_2 - c_1^2/2}{\Lambda^2} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\rho}{\Lambda}\right)$$

Consider an approximate Z2 symmetry:

$$|c_1| \ll |c_2| = 1$$

equivalent to the trajectory with small deviation from geodesics in coset space

$$R^2 \cos^2 \left( \frac{\rho}{R} \right) = R^2 \left[ 1 - 2 \frac{\rho_b}{R} \frac{\rho - \rho_b}{R} - \frac{(\rho - \rho_b)^2}{R^2} \right] + \dots$$

$$c_1 = -2\rho_b/R$$

$$c_2 = -1$$

**$\Lambda = R$**

the cutoff scale  $\Lambda$  of the dim-6 operator  
plays the role of the curvature scale of the field space

# The running isocurvature mass

multi-field analysis:

$$\mu^2 \simeq V''(\rho_0) + \frac{\dot{\phi}^2}{2} \mathbb{R} = V''(\rho_0) \pm \frac{\dot{\phi}^2}{R^2}$$

EFT approach:

$$\mu^2 \simeq m^2 - c_2 \left( \frac{\dot{\phi}}{\Lambda} \right)^2 = m^2 - 2c_2 \epsilon H^2 \left( \frac{M_{\text{pl}}}{\Lambda} \right)^2$$

the size of  
the mass correction:

$$R = \Lambda \sim M_{\text{Pl}}$$



$$\delta\mu_{\mathbb{R}}^2 \sim \epsilon H^2$$

$$R = \Lambda \sim 3000H$$



$$\delta\mu_{\mathbb{R}}^2 \sim H^2$$

$$\dot{\phi}^2 \simeq 10^7 H^4$$

This mass correction is time-dependent in nature

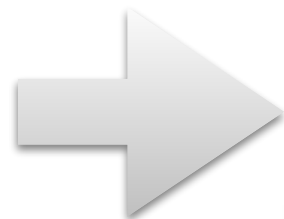
The time-dependence  
in the slow-roll inflaton

$$\epsilon(N) \simeq \epsilon(N_l) + \epsilon'(N_l)(N - N_l) = \epsilon_l [1 + \eta_l(N - N_l)]$$

**The isocurvature mass is running!**

$$\mu^2(N) = \mu_l^2 + \lambda(N - N_l)H^2$$

$$\lambda = \eta_l \frac{\dot{\phi}^2}{2H^2} \mathbb{R} = -\eta_l \frac{c_2}{H^2} \frac{\dot{\phi}^2}{\Lambda^2}$$



# Superhorizon decay of the isocurvature perturbation

with running mass

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a rescaled mode function

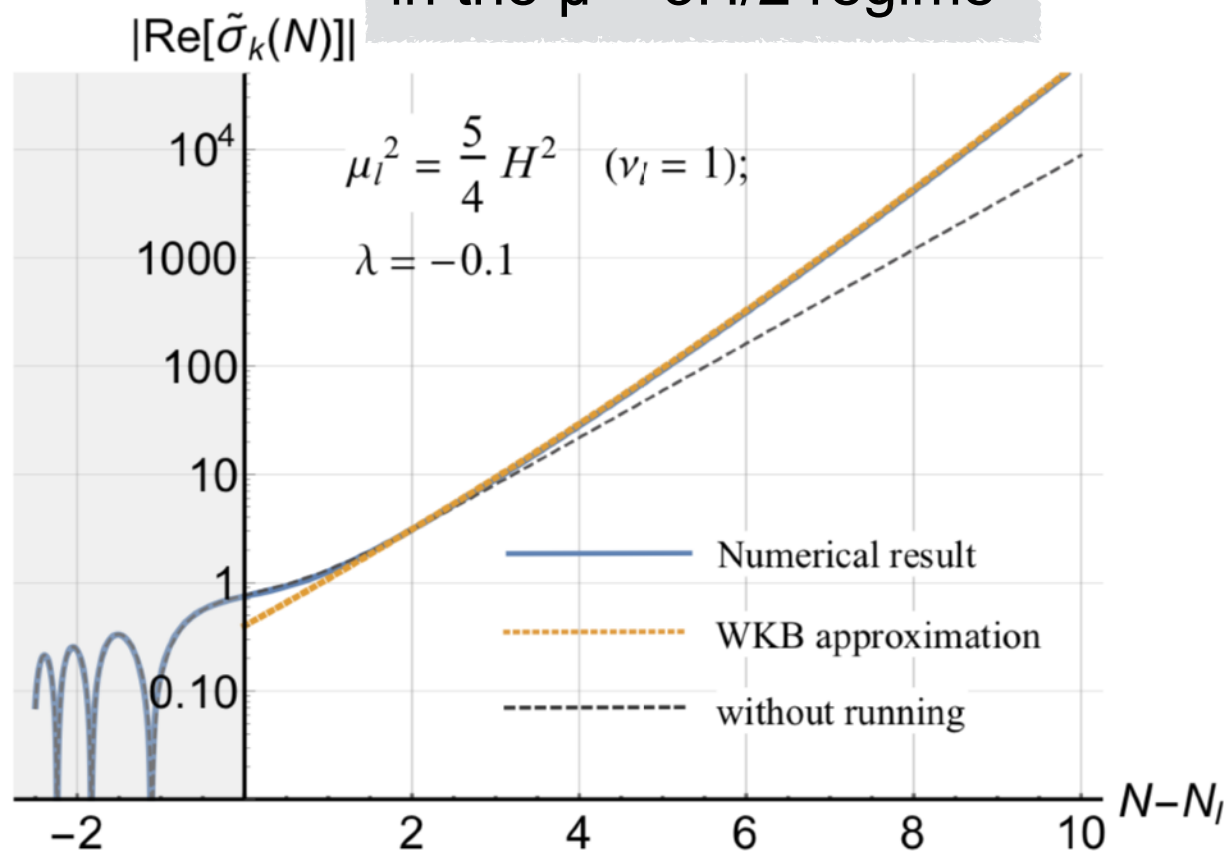
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the superhorizon EoM

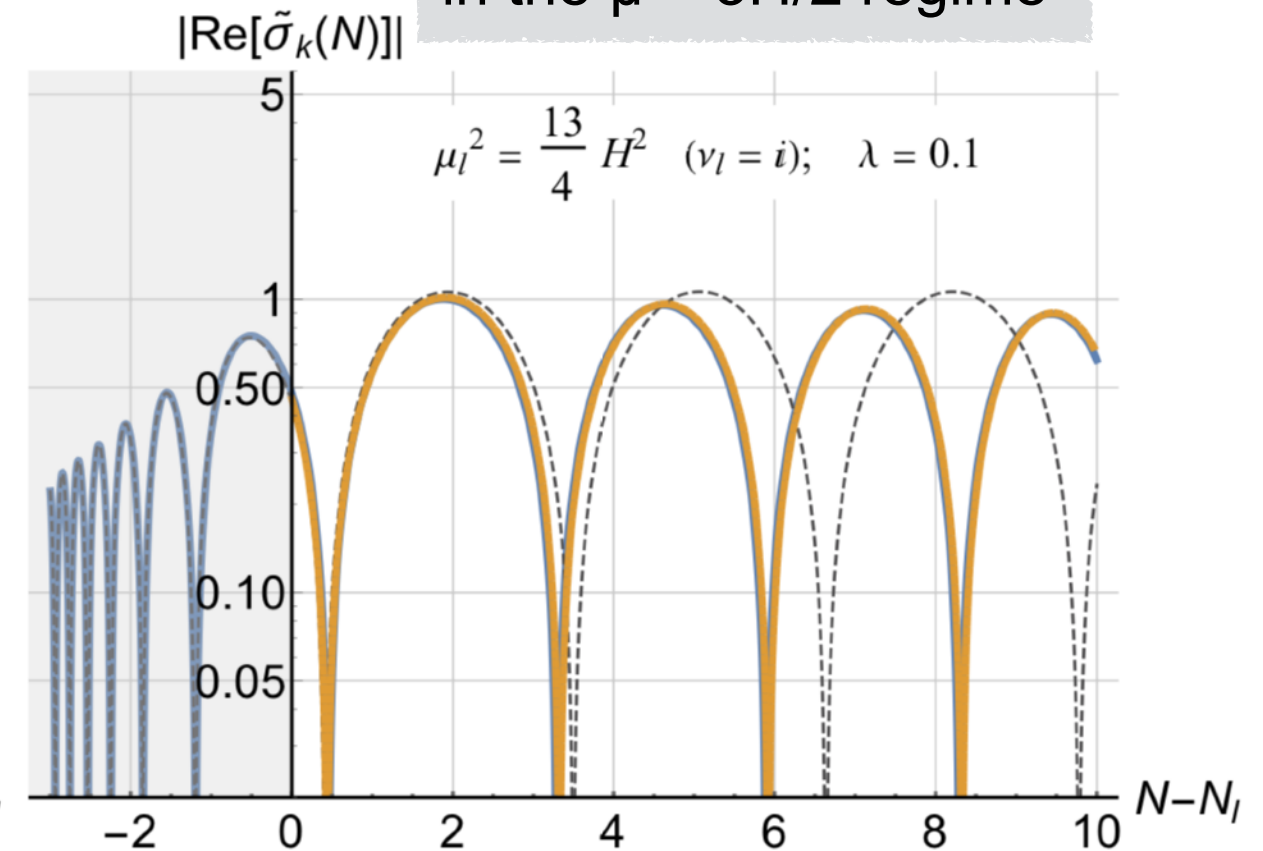
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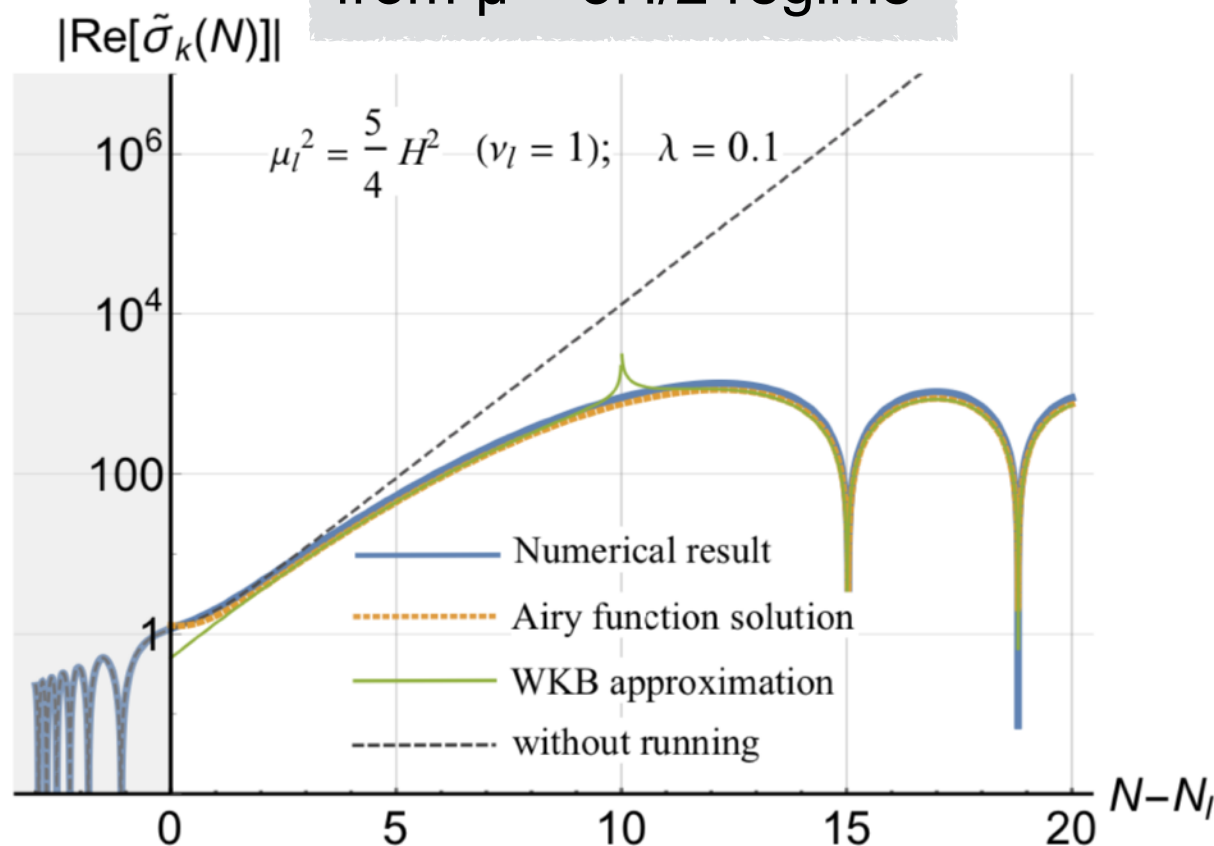
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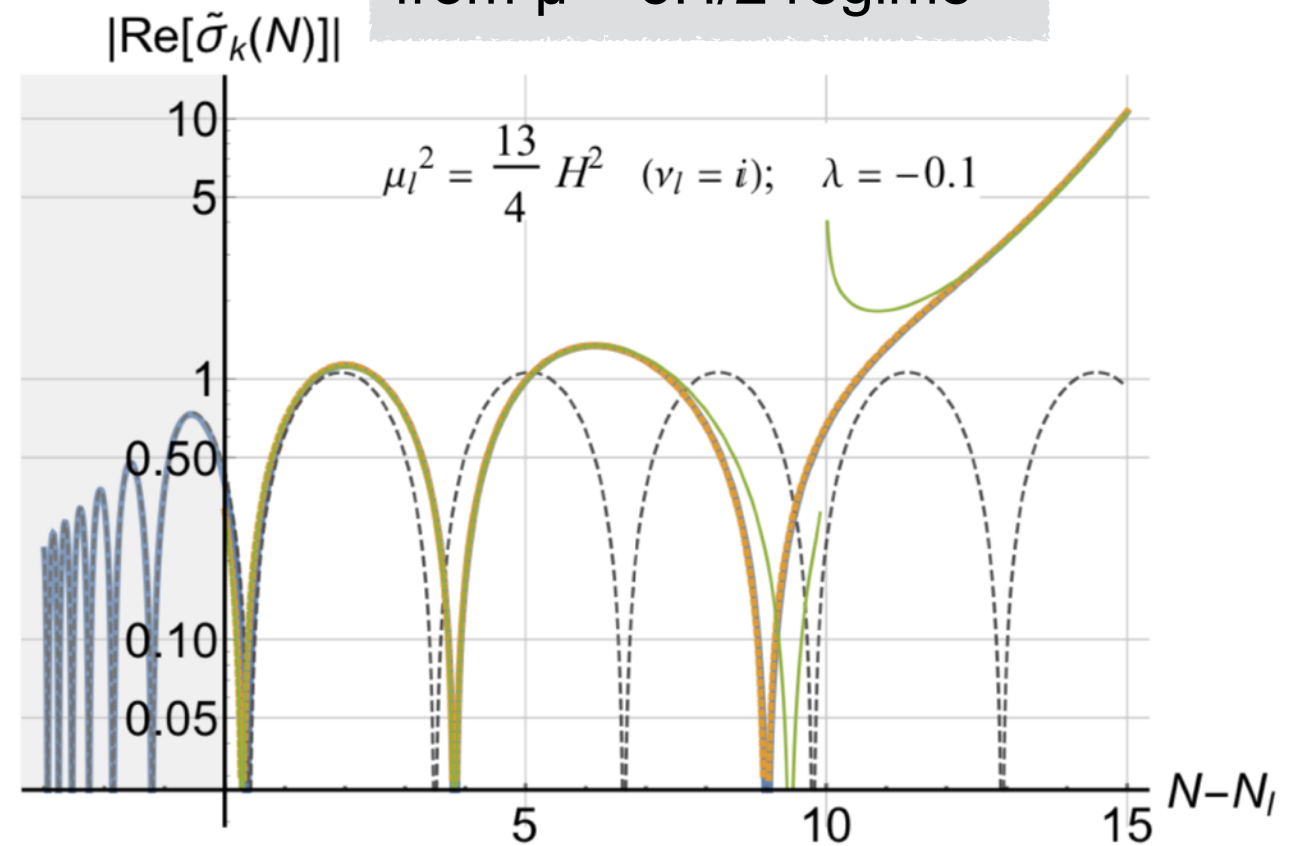
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# Phenomenology in primordial non-Gaussianity

- Running in the  $\mu < 3H/2$  regime

via WKB method

$$\lim_{k_l \ll k_s} B_\zeta \propto \frac{1}{k_l^3 k_s^3} \left( \frac{k_l}{k_s} \right)^{3/2 - \nu_l + \alpha_\nu \ln(k_s/k_l)}, \quad \text{with } \alpha_\nu \equiv \frac{\lambda}{4\nu_l} = \frac{1}{4\nu_l} \epsilon_l M_{\text{p}}^2 \mathbb{R} \cdot \eta_l.$$

- Running in the  $\mu > 3H/2$  regime

via WKB method

$$\lim_{k_l \ll k_s} B_\zeta \propto \frac{1}{k_l^3 k_s^3} \left( \frac{k_l}{k_s} \right)^{3/2} \cos \left[ i\nu_l \ln \left( \frac{k_l}{k_s} \right) - i\alpha_\nu \ln^2 \left( \frac{k_l}{k_s} \right) + \delta_l \right], \quad \text{with } \alpha_\nu \equiv \frac{\lambda}{4\nu_l}$$

- Running through  $\mu = 3H/2$

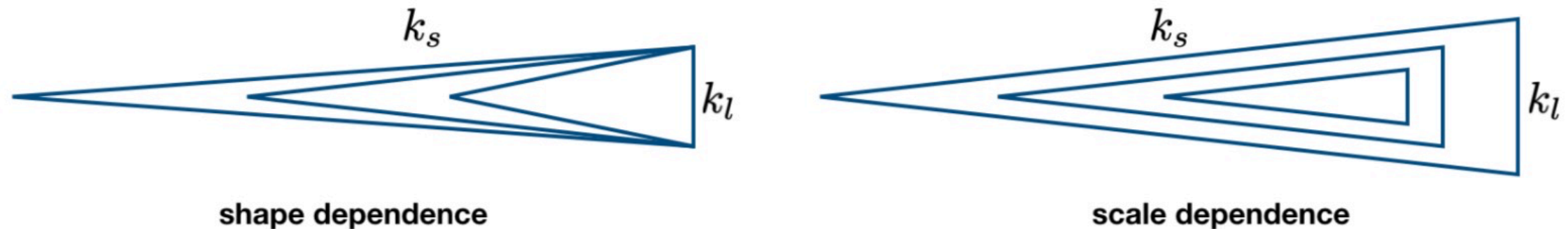
WKB breaks down

large deviation from the QSFI predictions

- **positive-running** transition signal from power-law to oscillatory scalings
- **negative-running** transition signal from oscillatory to power-law scalings

# Final Comments:

## shape dependence vs. scale dependence



## scale-dependent halo bias

the galaxy power spectrum  
with non-Gaussian initial condition

$$P_{\text{hh}}(k) = (b_1 + \Delta b_1^{\text{NG}}(k))^2 P_{\text{mm}}(k)$$

sensitive to the squeezed limit of the scalar bispectrum

the standard QSFI scaling:

$$b^{\text{NG}}(k) \propto k^{-1/2-\nu}$$

$$b^{\text{NG}}(k) \propto k^{-1/2} \cos(i\nu \ln k)$$

the new scaling with running:

$$b^{\text{NG}}(k) \propto k^{-1/2-\nu_l-\alpha_\nu \ln k}$$

$$b^{\text{NG}}(k) \propto k^{-1/2} \cos(i\nu_l \ln k - i\alpha_\nu \ln^2 k)$$

# Summary and Discussions

- **Curved field space** is a typical consequence in the fundamental realizations of inflation, which has drawn a lot of attention recently;
- **The background EFT** provides an equivalent description, where a *dim-6 operator* plays an important role for the field space curvature.
- **Massive field** provides an illuminating channel for observational signatures of inflationary curved field space in the squeezed bispectrum:
  - ▶ *running behaviour of the scaling* measures the field space curvature;
  - ▶ transition signals between power-law and oscillatory scalings.
- Possible degeneracy with other physical effects?
- More *generic and model-independent* signatures of curved field space?
- More systematical understanding of its implications on *cosmological colliders*



More adventures ahead in the curved field space!

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(Thank you! 🤗)

