

# CURVATURE FLUCTUATIONS FROM DISORDER DURING INFLATION

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## Complexity in the early universe



Credit: D. Baumann

*Does the simplicity of the data reflect the simplicity of the underlying theory, or does it emerge from complexity?*

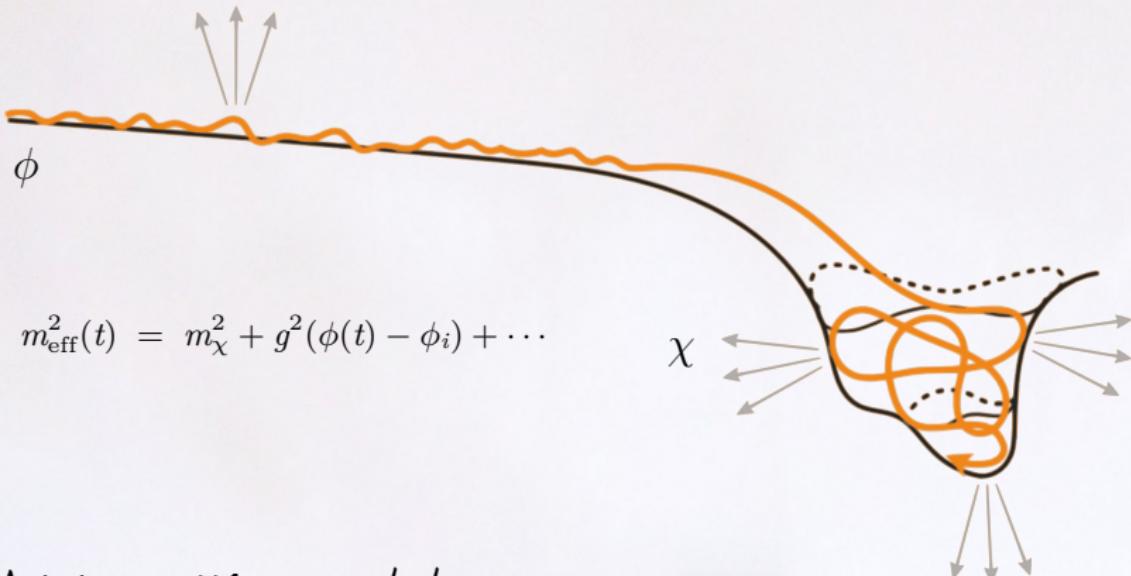
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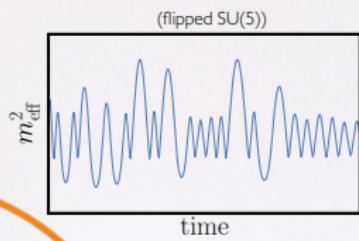
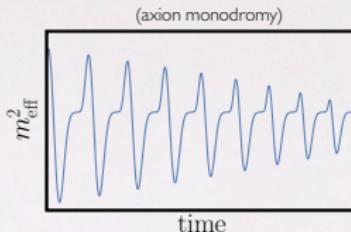
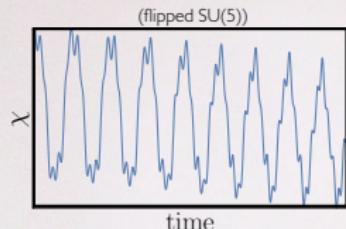
- Near scale invariant:  $\Delta_\zeta^2 \sim k^{n_s - 1}$
- Near Gaussian
- Weak self-interaction (slow roll)

## Particle theory

- SM UV completions  $N_F \gg 1$
- Coupling to  $\phi$  weakly constrained
- Non-trivial field manifolds



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[J. Ellis, MG, N. Nagata, D. Nanopoulos, K. Olive, '17]  
[R. Flauger, M. Mirbabayi, L. Senatore, E. Silverstein, '16]

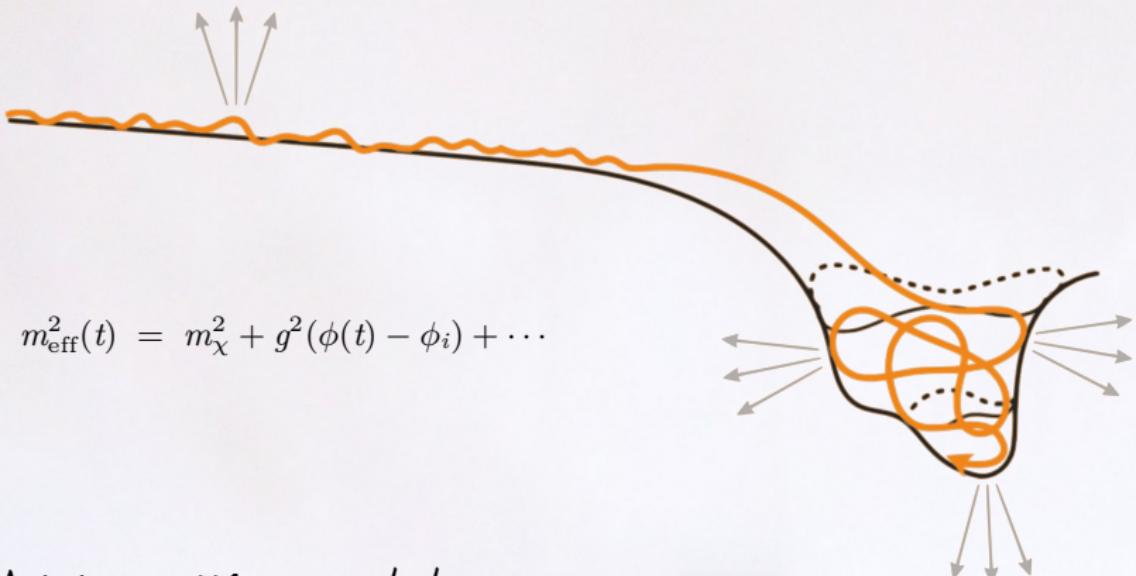
$$m_{\text{eff}}^2(t) = m_\chi^2 + g^2(\phi(t) - \phi_i) + \dots$$

[R. Easter and L. McAllister, '06]  
[D. Green, B. Horn, L. Senatore and E. Silverstein, '09]  
[Y. Nakai, R. Namba and Z. Wang, '20]



# Complexity in the early universe

background dynamics  $\longrightarrow$  particle production  $\longleftrightarrow$  curvature fluctuations  
 $\langle \chi_{k_1} \chi_{k_2} \cdots \rangle$   $\langle \zeta_{k_1} \zeta_{k_2} \cdots \rangle$



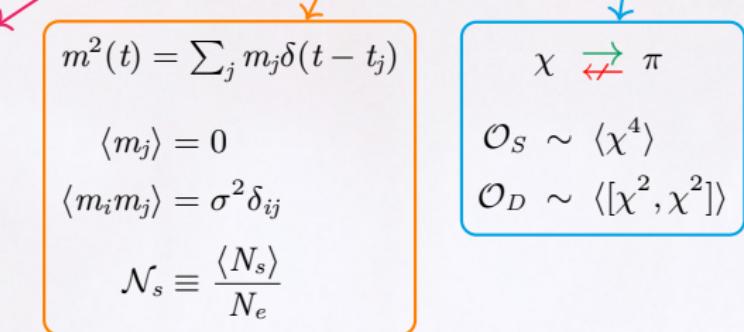
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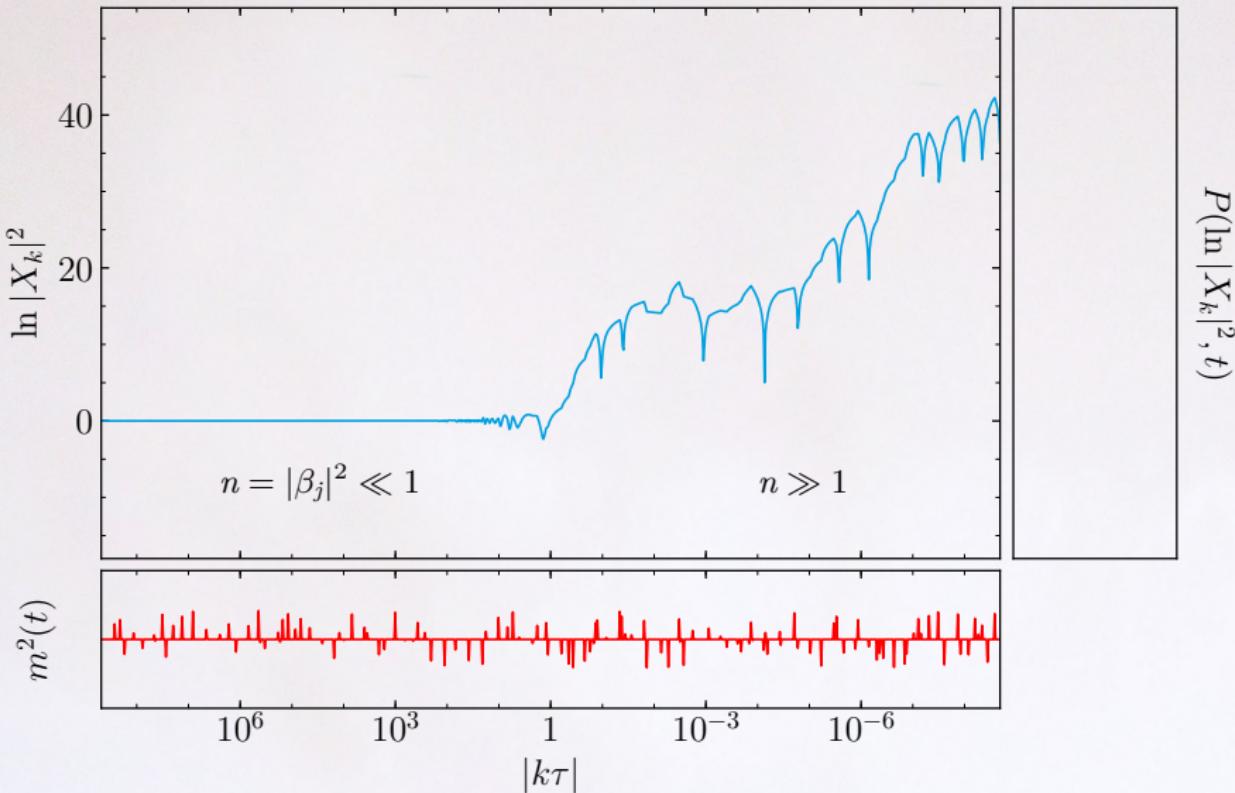
$$c = 2M_P^2 |\dot{H}|$$

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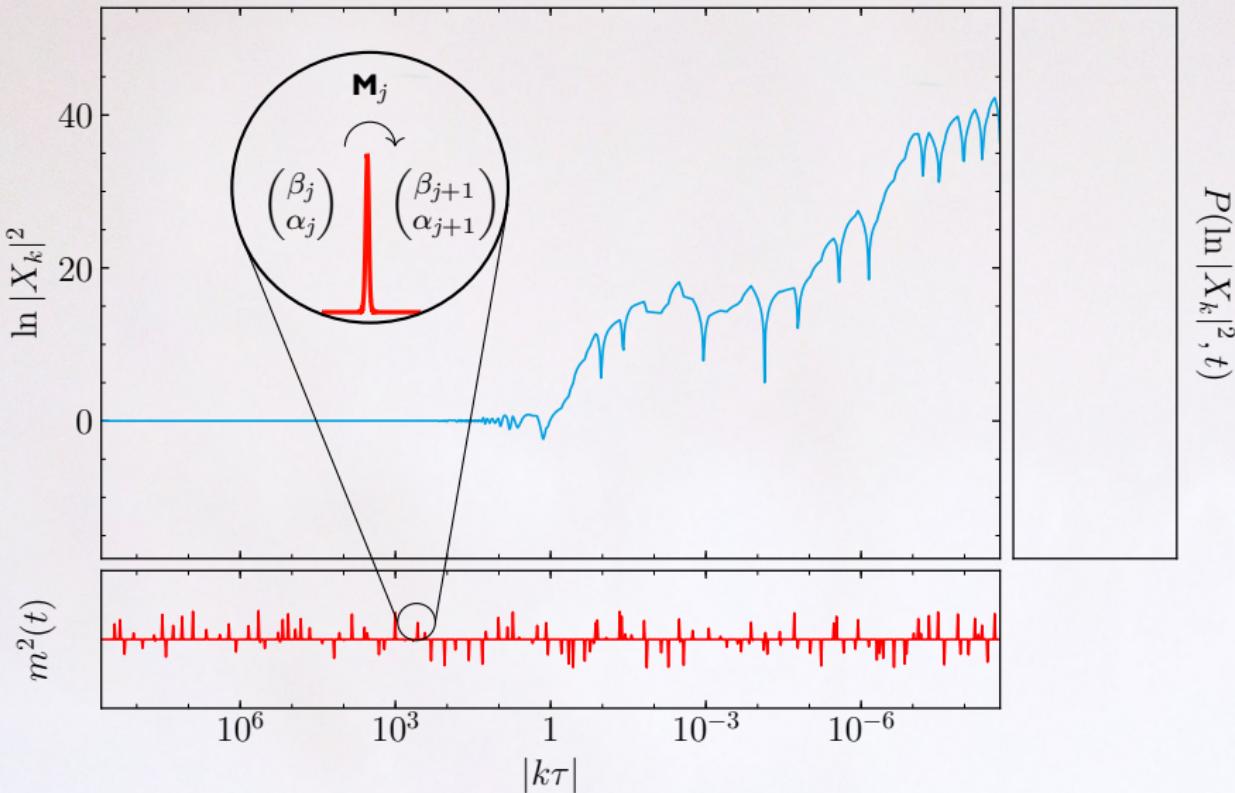
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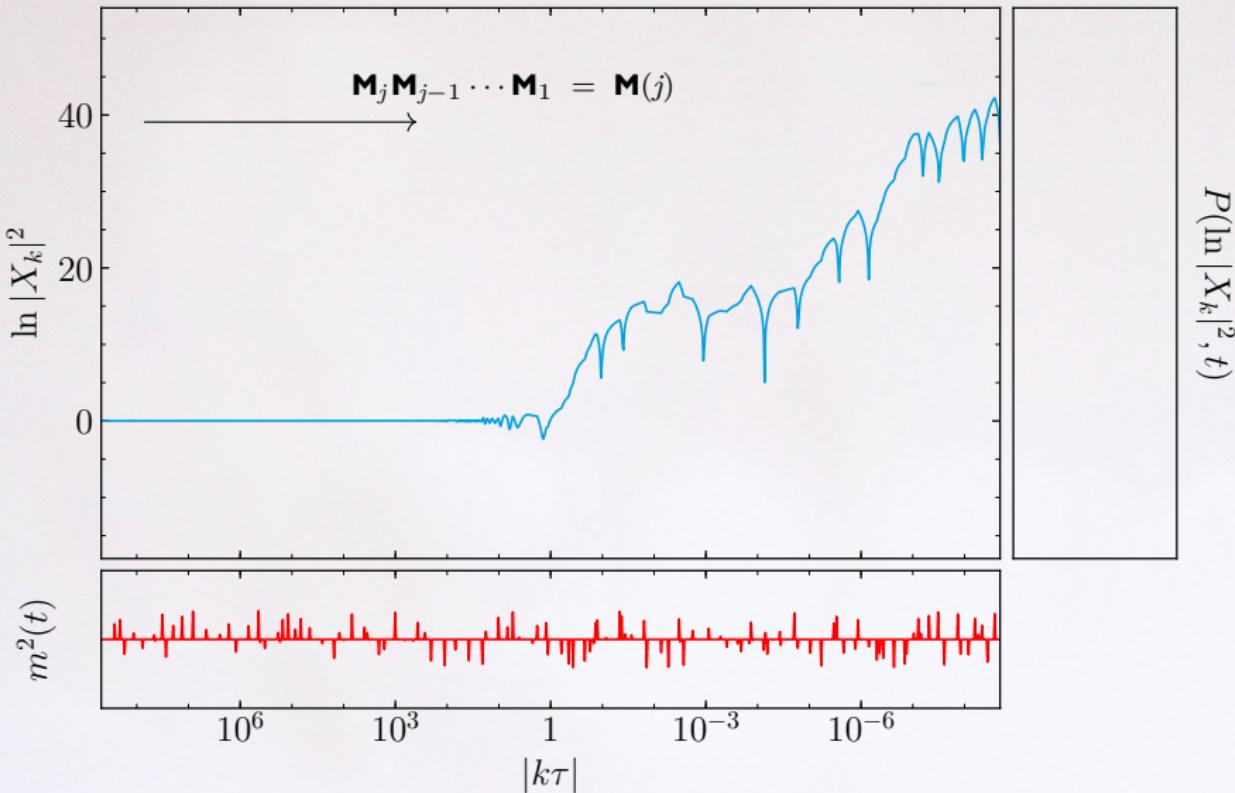
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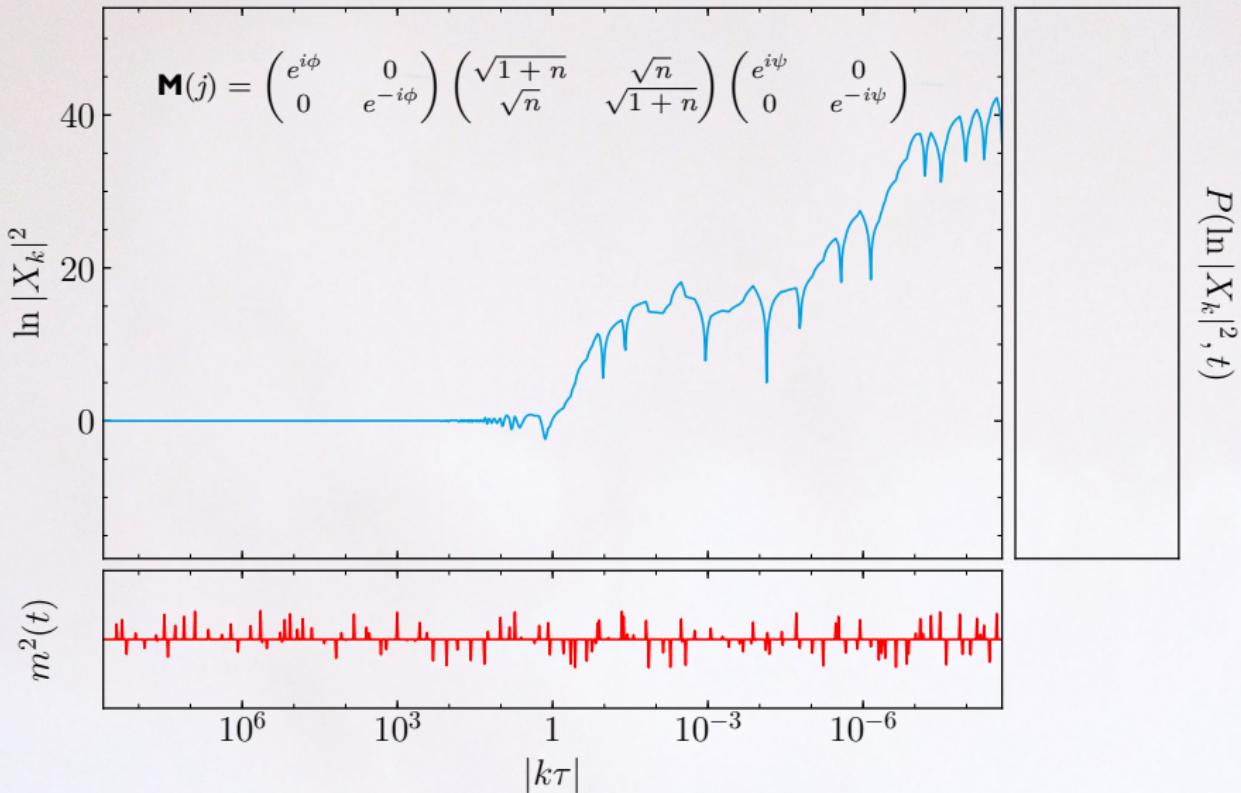
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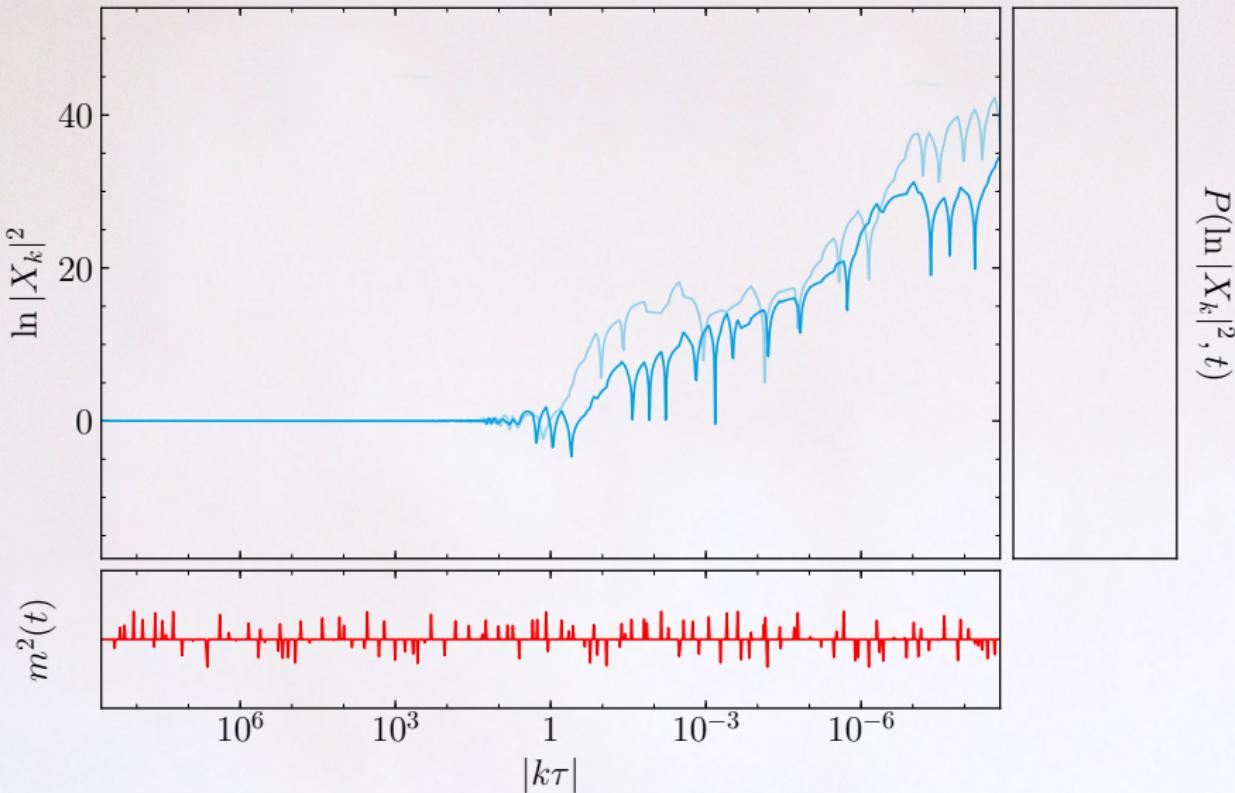
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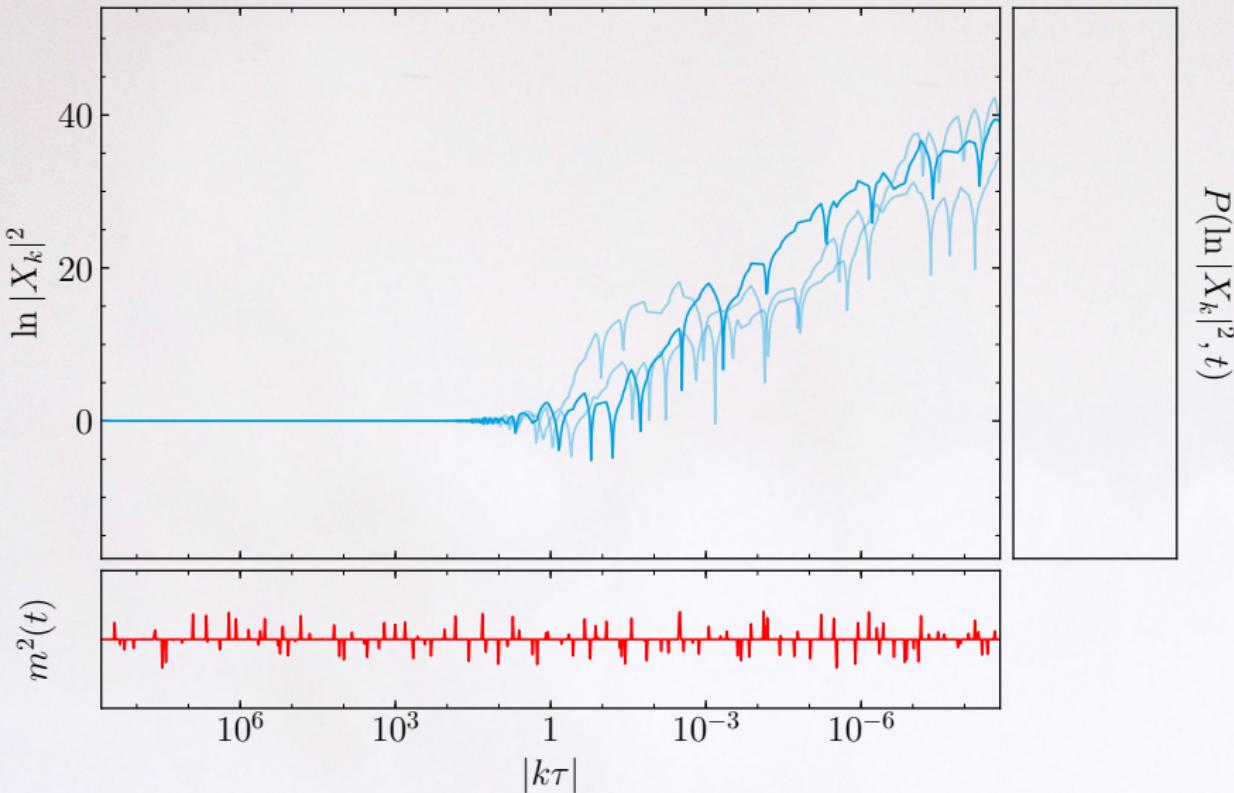
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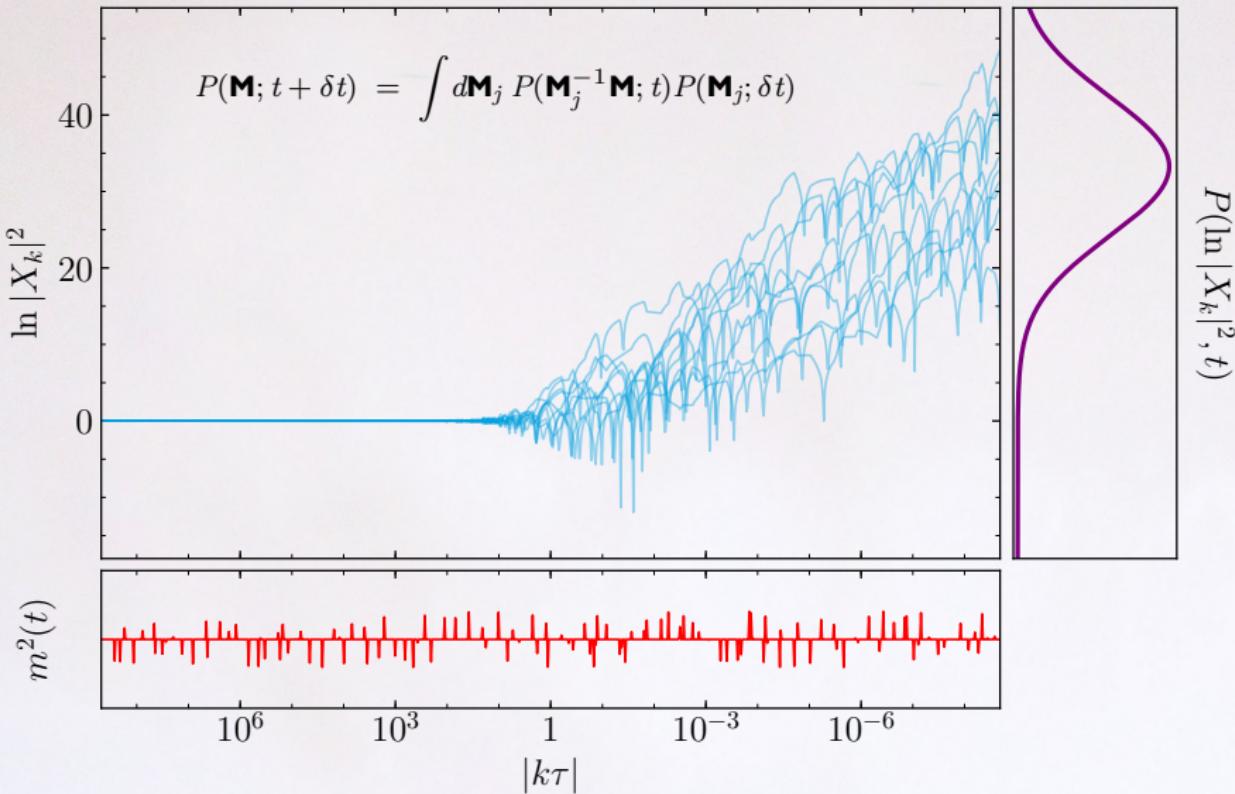
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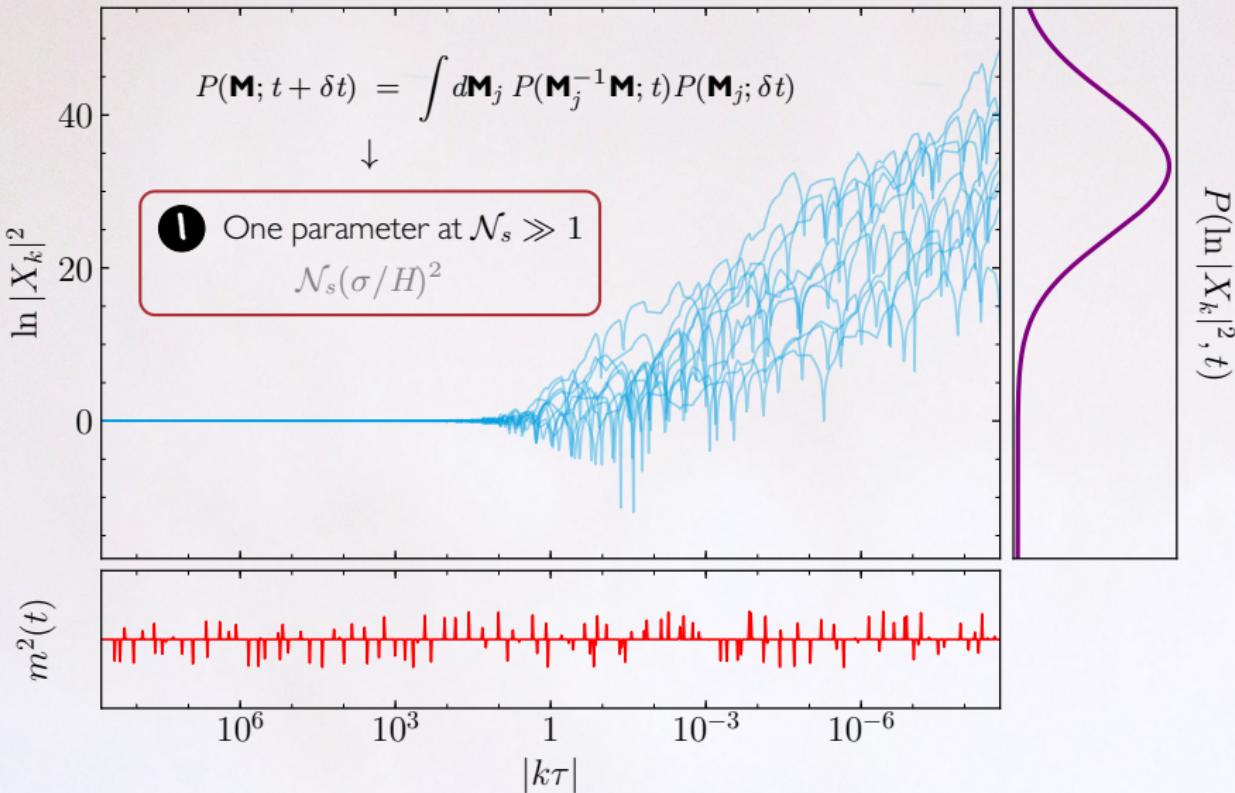
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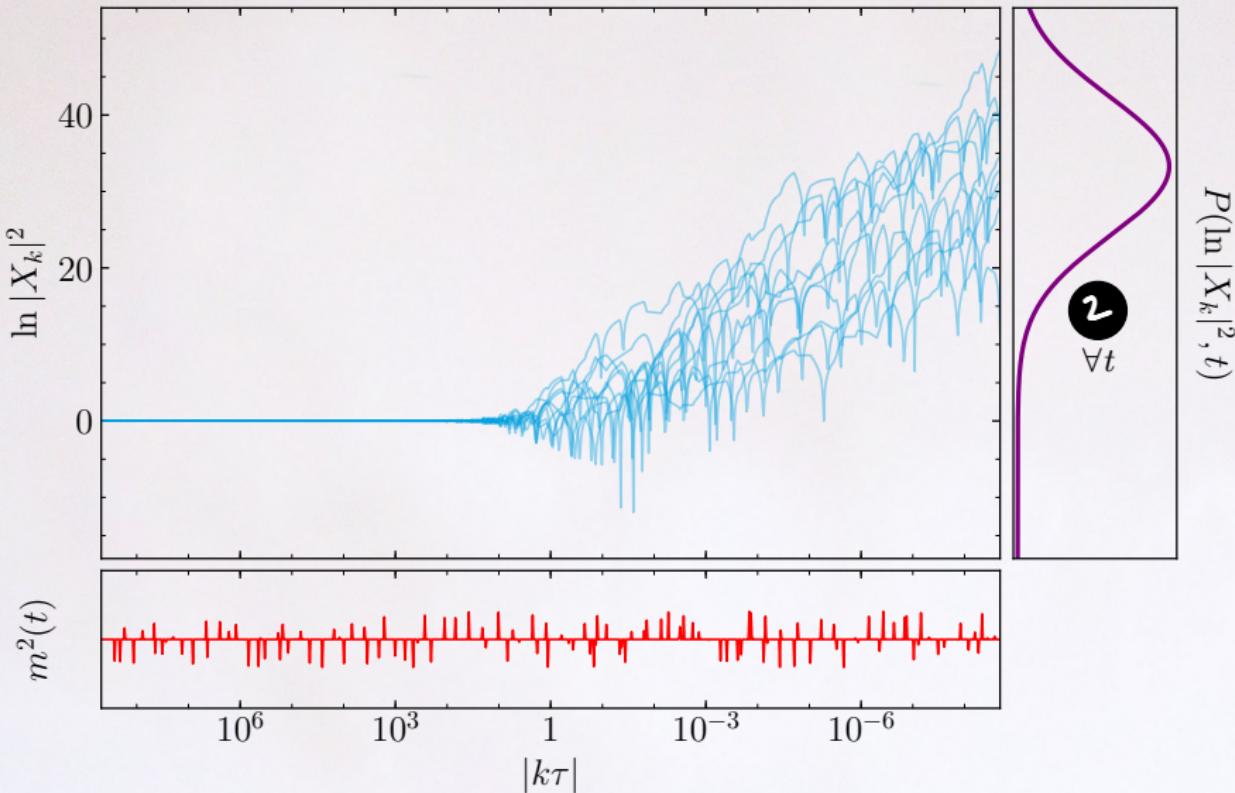
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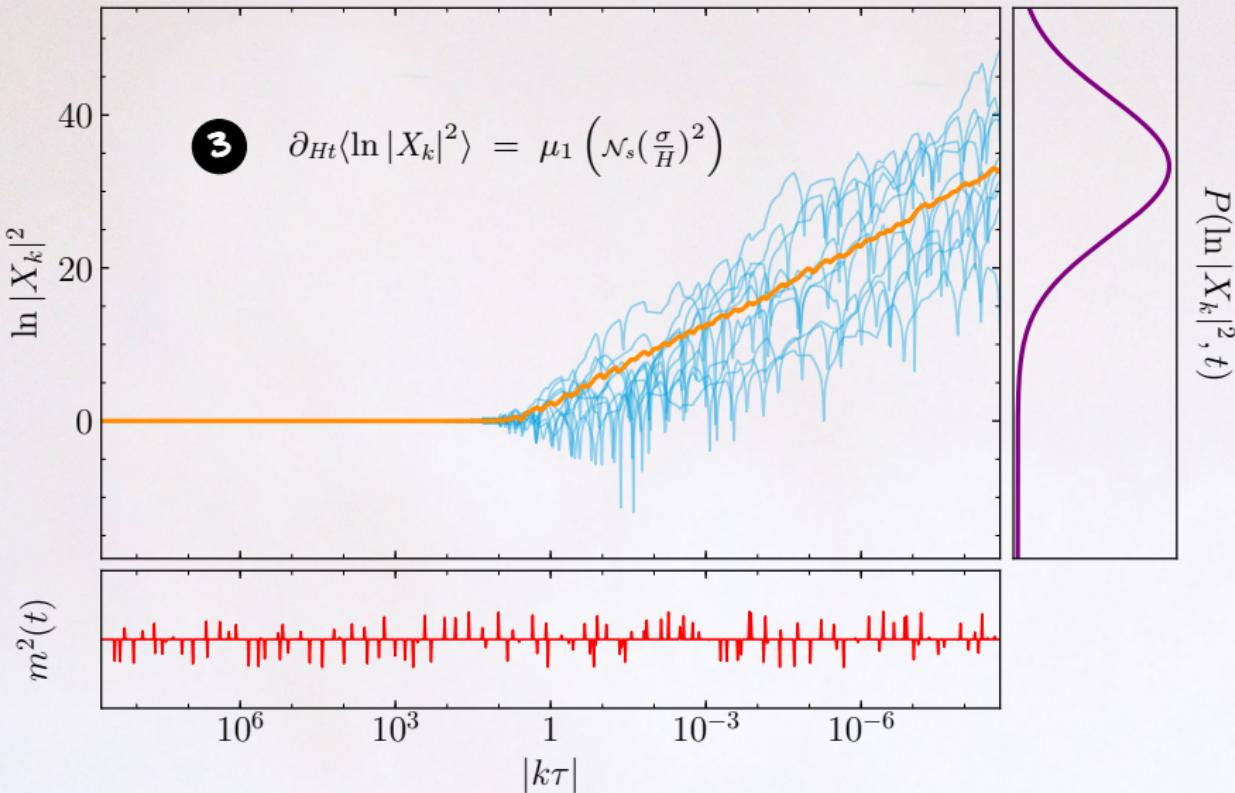
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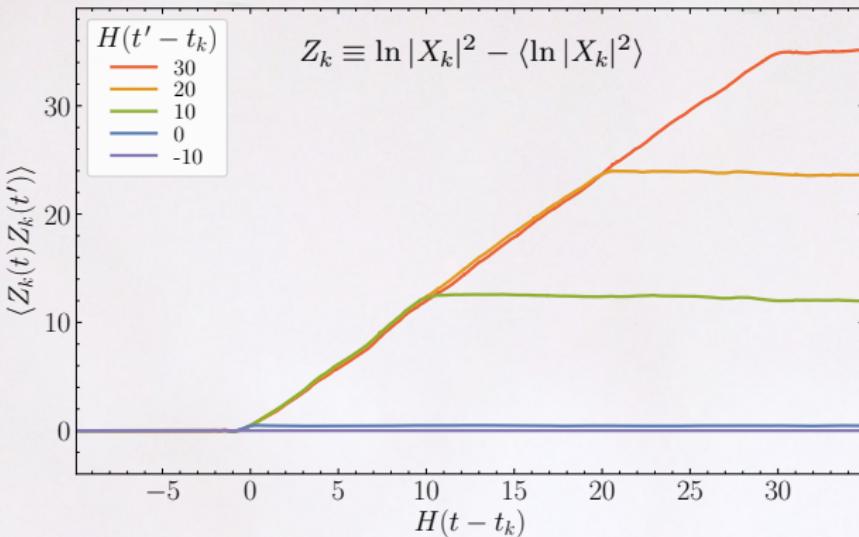


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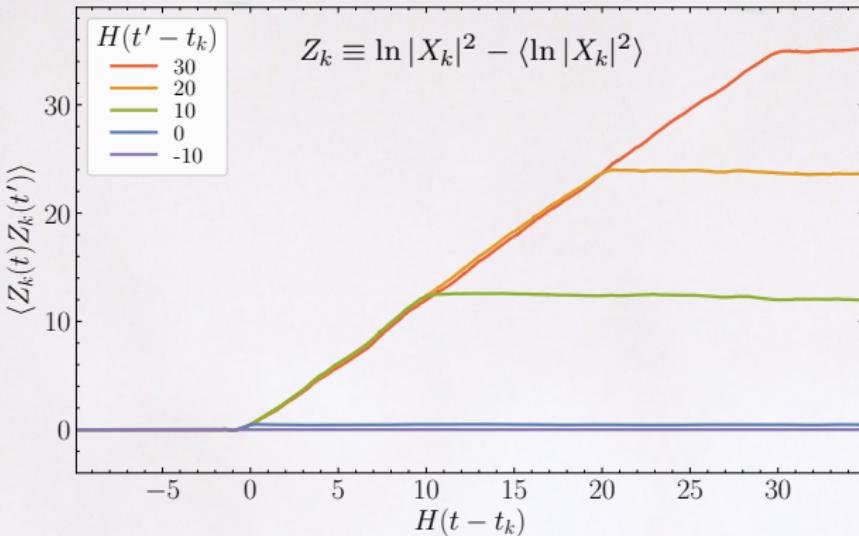
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$$\langle Z_k(t) Z_{k'}(t') \rangle = \mu_2 \left( N_s \left( \frac{\sigma}{H} \right)^2 \right) H \min [t - t_k, t - t_{k'}, t' - t_k, t' - t_{k'}]$$

# Conformal Spectator in dS

1 + 2 + 3 + 4 = geometric (Brownian) random walk of  $|X_k|^2$



$$\left\langle |X_{k_1}(t_1)|^2 \cdots |X_{k_n}(t_n)|^2 \right\rangle = \exp \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n \langle \ln |X_{k_i}(t_i)|^2 \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \langle Z_{k_i}(t_i) Z_{k_j}(t_j) \rangle \right]$$

## Curvature power spectrum

To lowest order in  $\pi$ , with  $\zeta \simeq H\pi$  and  $\langle \zeta(\mathbf{k})\zeta(\mathbf{k}') \rangle = \frac{2\pi^2}{k^3} \Delta_\zeta^2(k) \delta^{(3)}(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{k}')$ ,

$$\hat{\pi}''(\mathbf{x}, \tau) + 2\mathcal{H}\hat{\pi}'(\mathbf{x}, \tau) - \nabla^2 \hat{\pi}(\mathbf{x}, \tau) = -\frac{a(\tau)}{2c(\tau)} \frac{dm^2(\tau)}{d\tau} \hat{\chi}^2(\mathbf{x}, \tau),$$

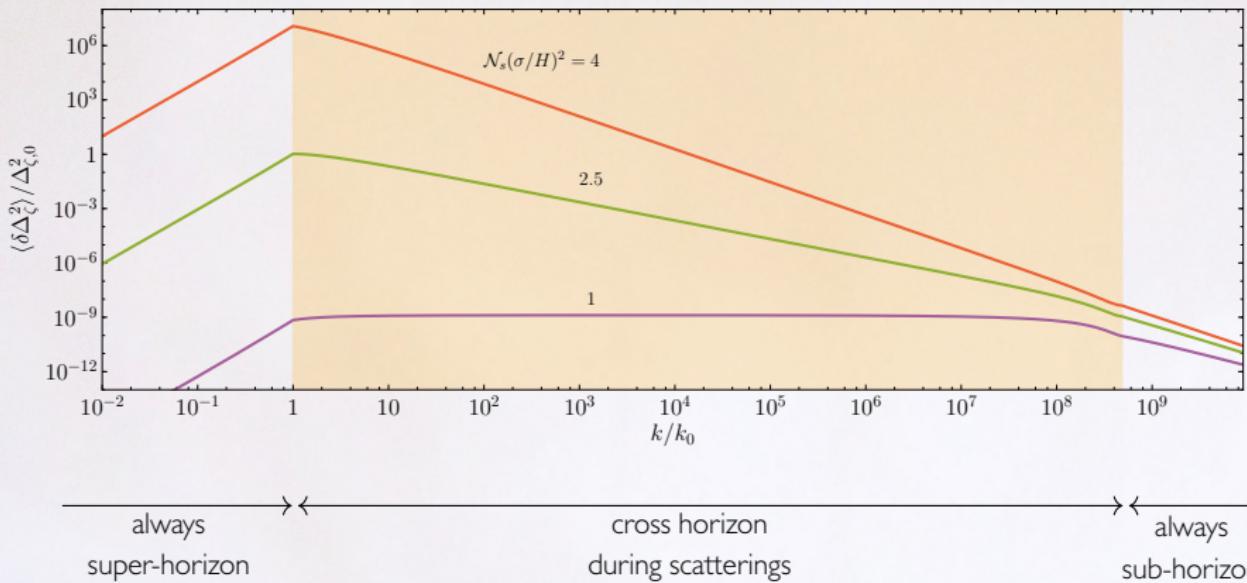


$$\begin{aligned} \delta \Delta_\zeta^2(k) &= 4\pi^2 (\Delta_{\zeta,0}^2)^2 \frac{k^3}{H^4} \int d\tau' d\tau'' \tau' \tau'' G_k(\tau, \tau') G_k(\tau, \tau'') \frac{dm^2(\tau')}{d\tau'} \frac{dm^2(\tau'')}{d\tau''} \\ &\times \int^{\Lambda(\tau)} \frac{d^3 \mathbf{p}}{(2\pi)^3} [X_p(\tau') X_p^*(\tau'')]_{\text{AS}} [X_{|\mathbf{p}-\mathbf{k}|}(\tau') X_{|\mathbf{p}-\mathbf{k}|}^*(\tau'')]_{\text{AS}} \end{aligned}$$

- $\mathcal{O}_{\text{AS}} \equiv \mathcal{O} - \mathcal{O}_{\text{vac}}$
- $\Lambda(\tau) \equiv (Hw\tau)^{-1}$
- Start:  $|k_0\tau| = 1$ . End:  $|k_f\tau| = 1$

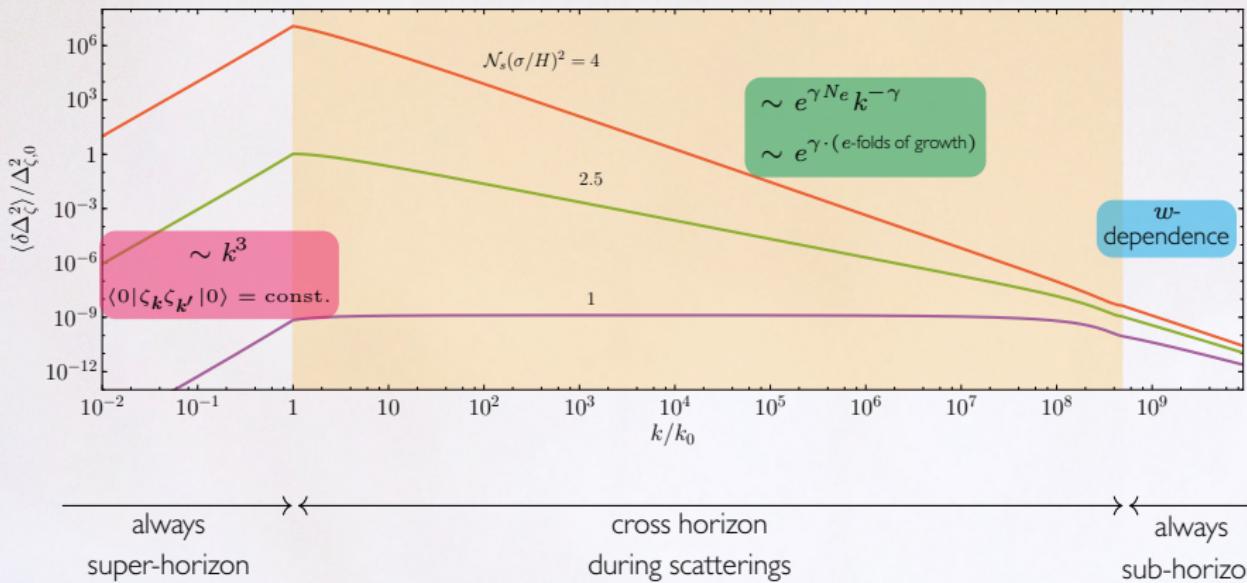
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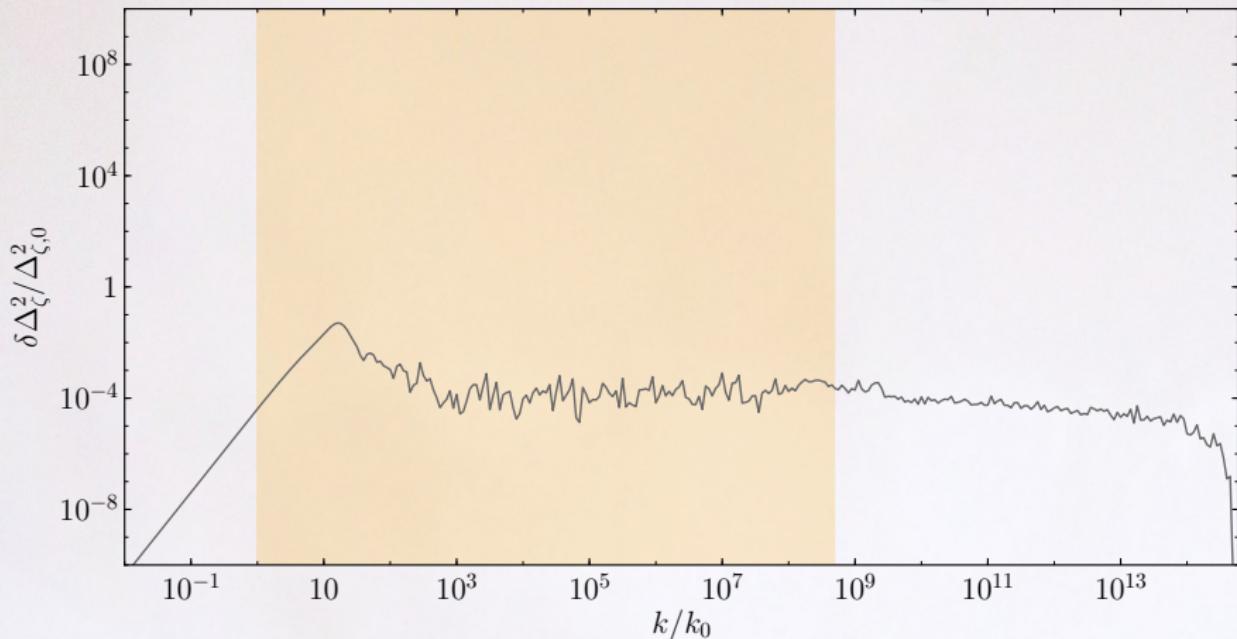
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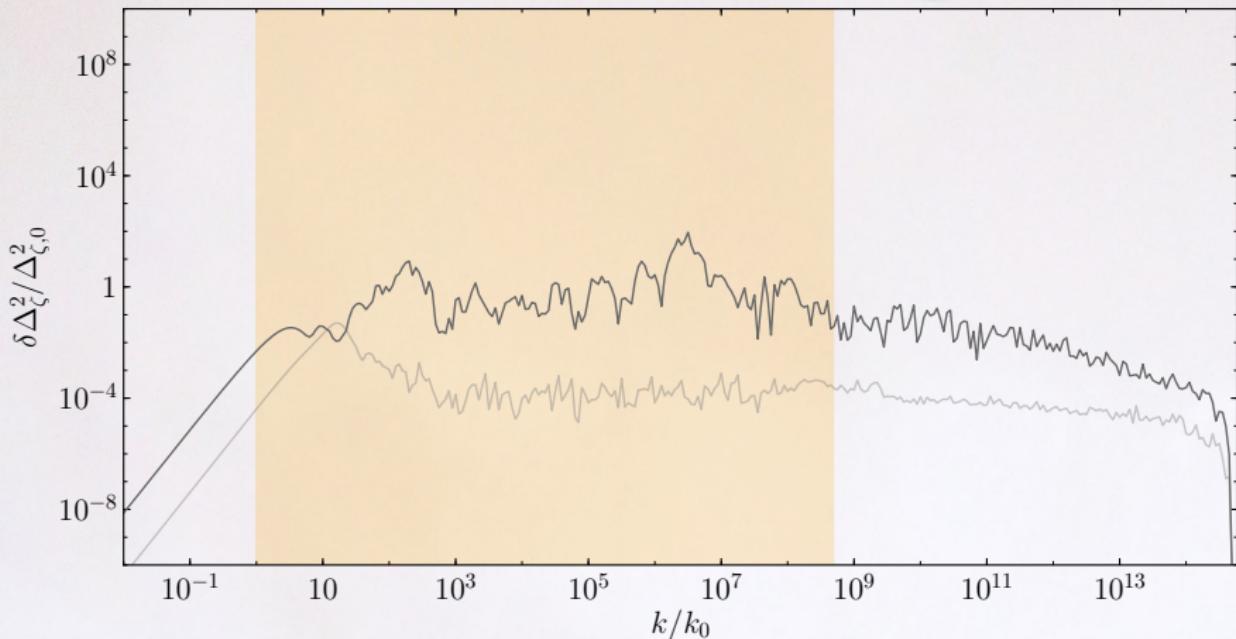
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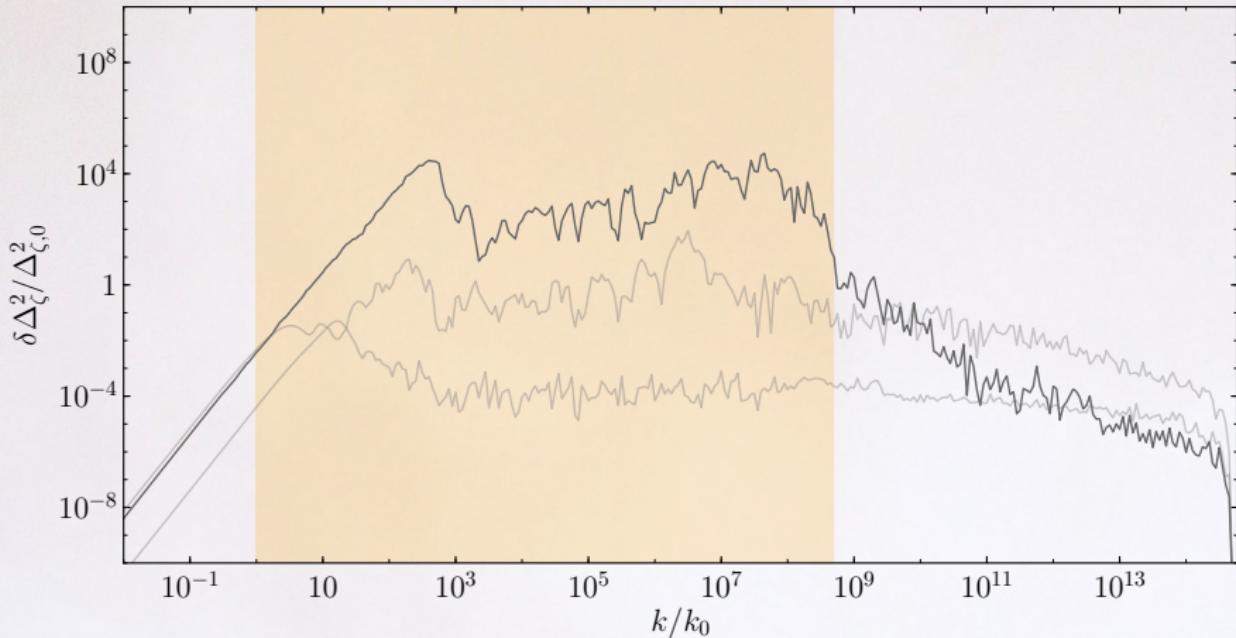
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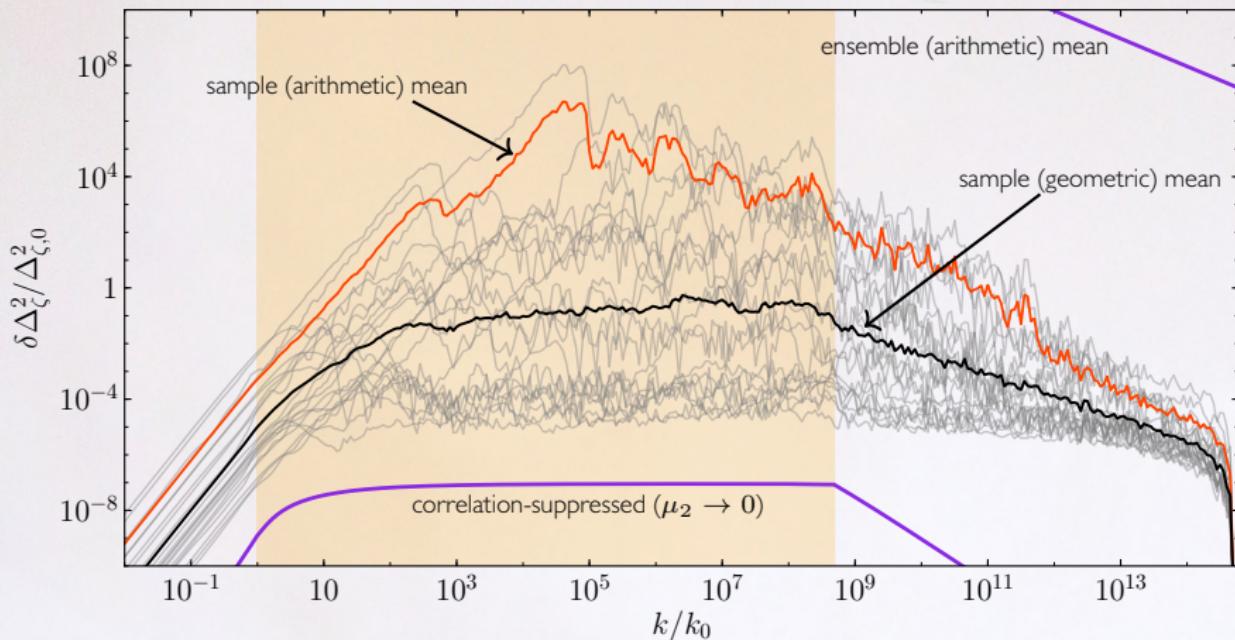
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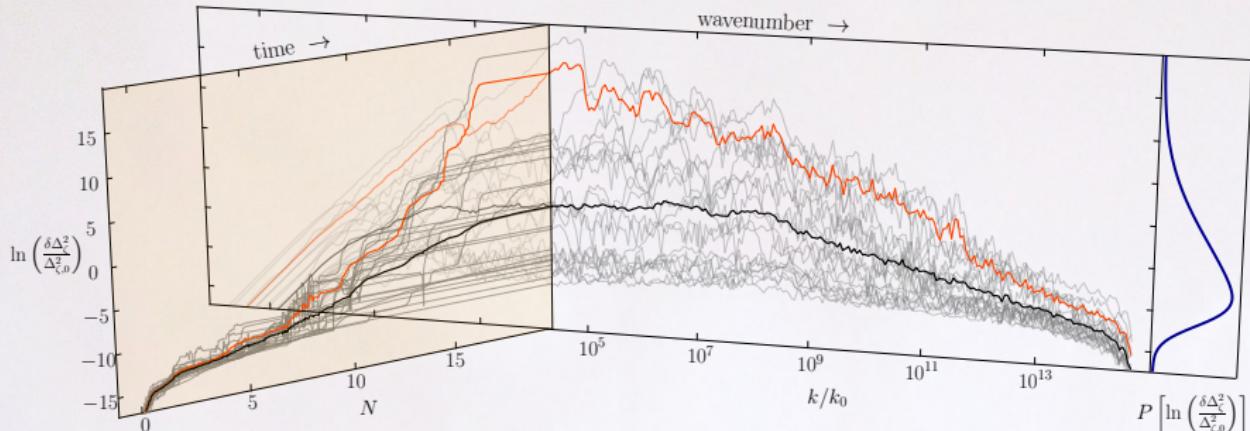
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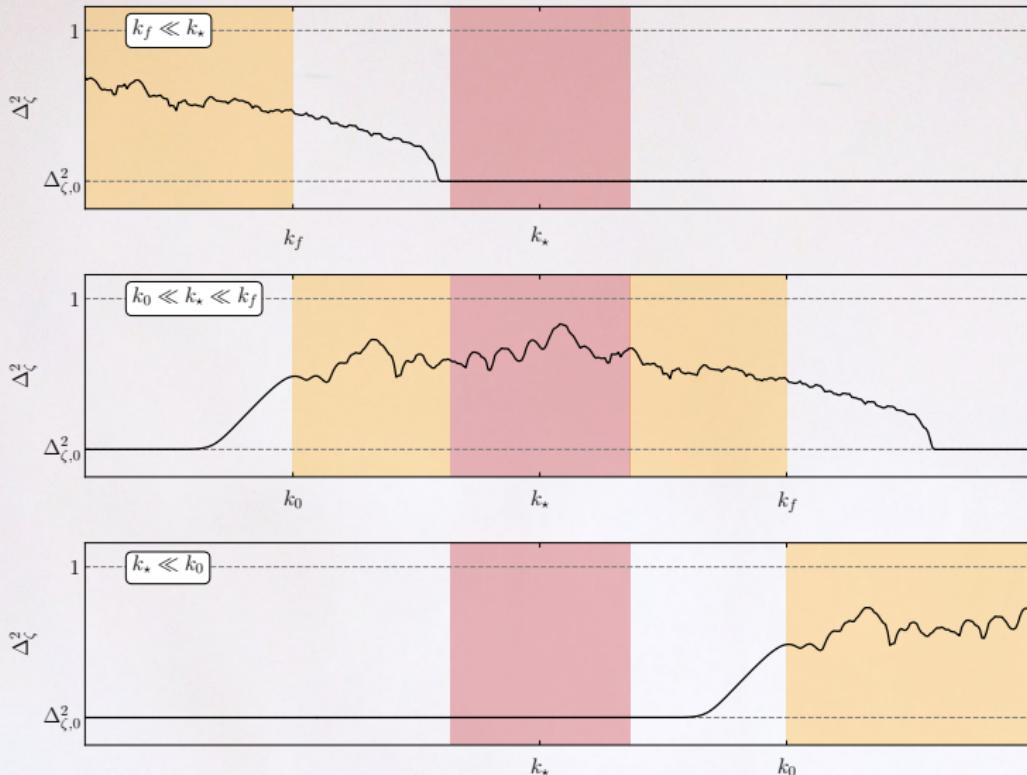


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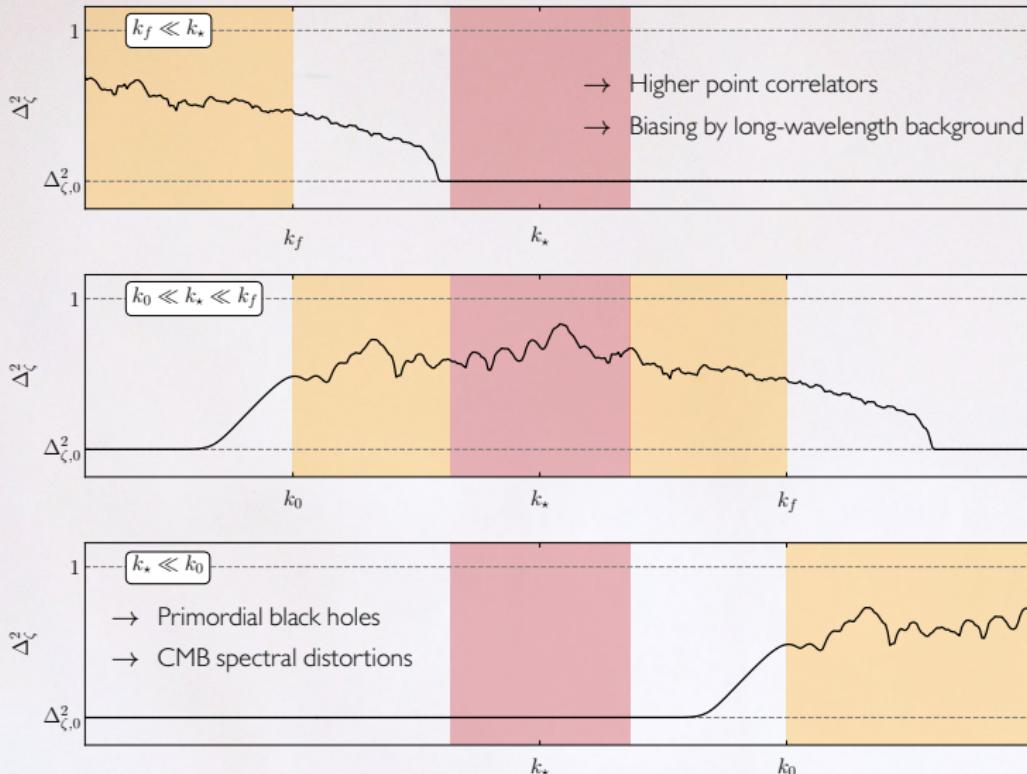
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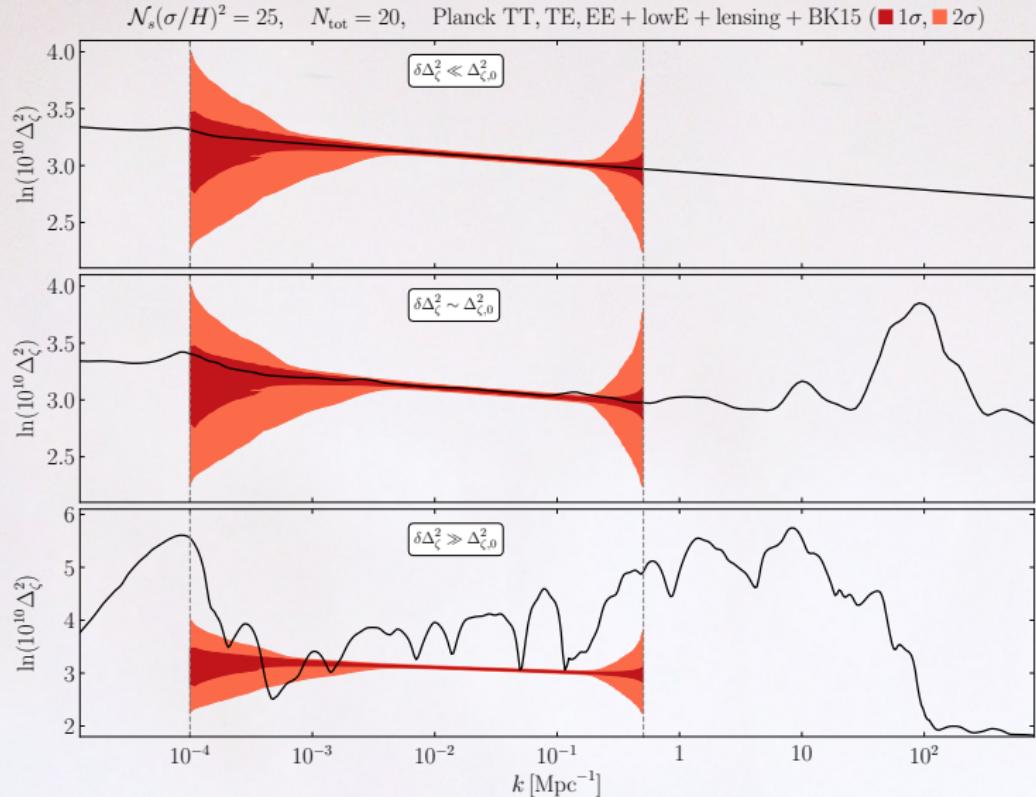
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## Conclusions

- Stochastically excited spectator fields undergo geometric random walks
- Lead to features in the curvature power spectrum → constraints
- Look for enhancement in the N-point function

$$\langle \zeta^n \rangle - \langle \zeta^n \rangle_{\chi=0} \sim \langle \zeta^2 \rangle_{\chi=0}^n \times \exp \left[ \frac{n^2}{2} F \left( \mathcal{N}_s \frac{\sigma^2}{H^2} \right) \right]$$

- Higher spin spectators / higher spin observables
- Stochastic preheating
- Backreaction regime → dissipation
- Applications to landscape models  
(e.g. J. J. Blanco-Pillado, K. Sousa and M. A. Urkiola, '19)

Thank You