

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?

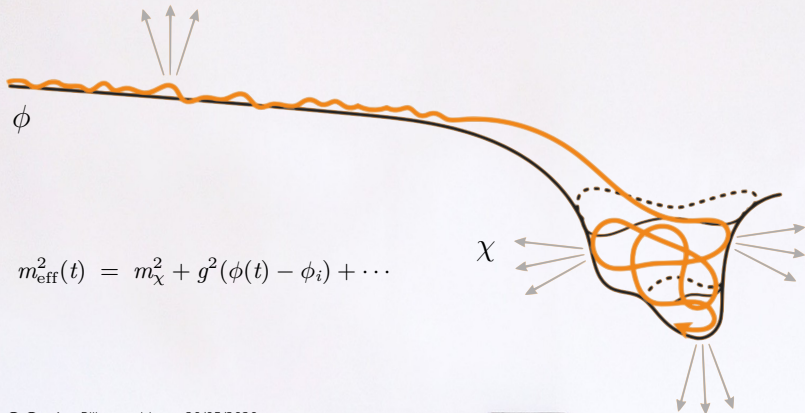
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Inflation

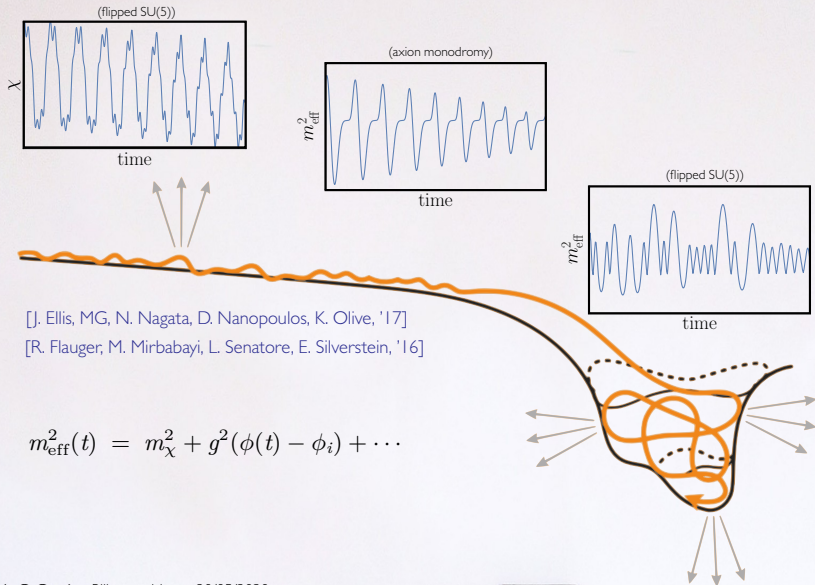
- Near scale invariant: $\Delta_{\zeta}^2 \sim k^{n_s-1}$
- Near Gaussian
- Weak self-interaction (slow roll)

Particle theory

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

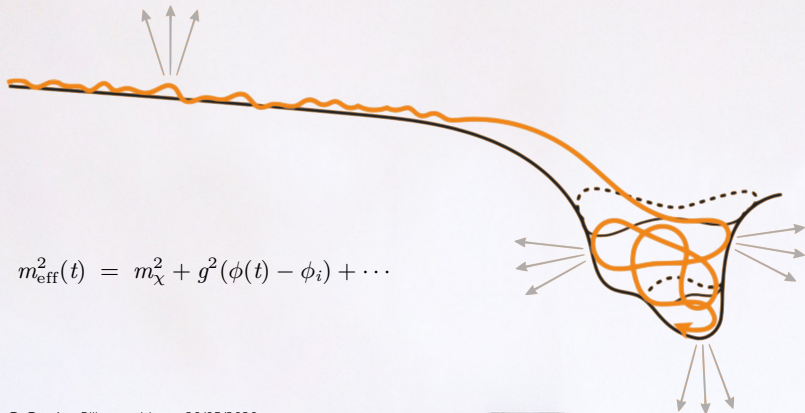


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background dynamics \longrightarrow particle production \longleftrightarrow curvature fluctuations
 $\langle \chi_{k_1} \chi_{k_2} \dots \rangle$ $\langle \zeta_{k_1} \zeta_{k_2} \dots \rangle$



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

Conformal Spectator in dS

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$$c = 2M_{\text{Pl}}^2 |\dot{H}|$$

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$$M^2 = 2H^2$$

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$$X_k \equiv a \chi_k$$

$$= \alpha_{k,j} \frac{e^{-ik\tau}}{\sqrt{2k}} + \beta_{k,j} \frac{e^{ik\tau}}{\sqrt{2k}}$$

$$m^2(t) = \sum_j m_j \delta(t - t_j)$$

$$\langle m_j \rangle = 0$$

$$\langle m_i m_j \rangle = \sigma^2 \delta_{ij}$$

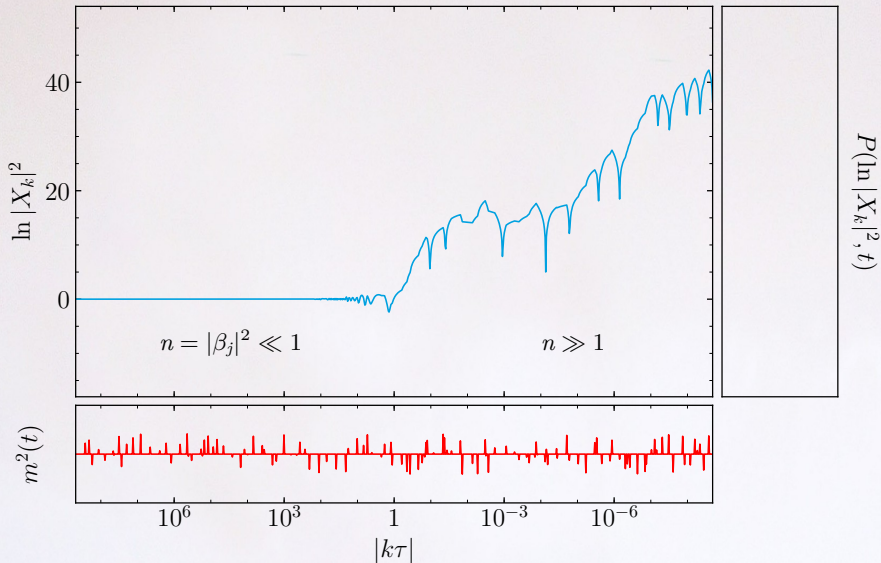
$$\mathcal{N}_s \equiv \frac{\langle N_s \rangle}{N_e}$$

$$\chi \begin{matrix} \rightarrow \\ \leftarrow \end{matrix} \pi$$

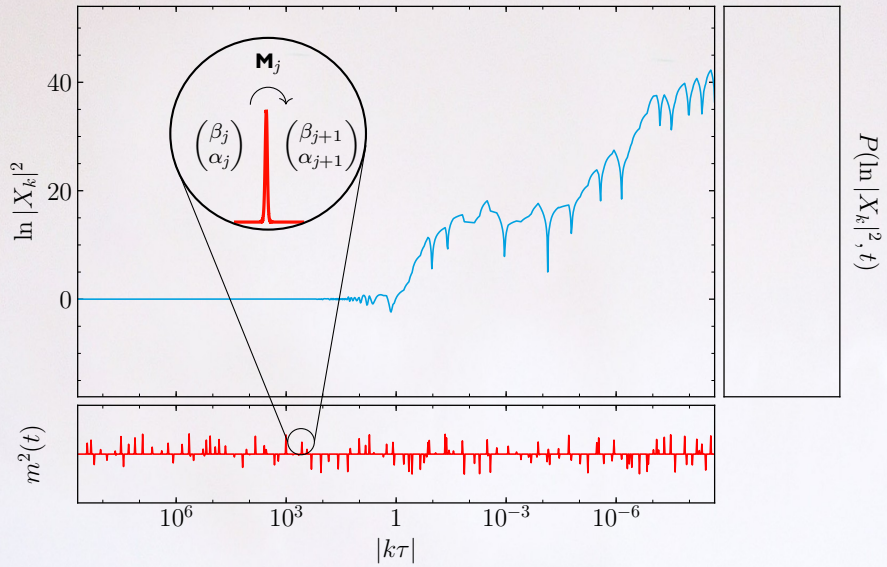
$$\mathcal{O}_S \sim \langle \chi^4 \rangle$$

$$\mathcal{O}_D \sim \langle [\chi^2, \chi^2] \rangle$$

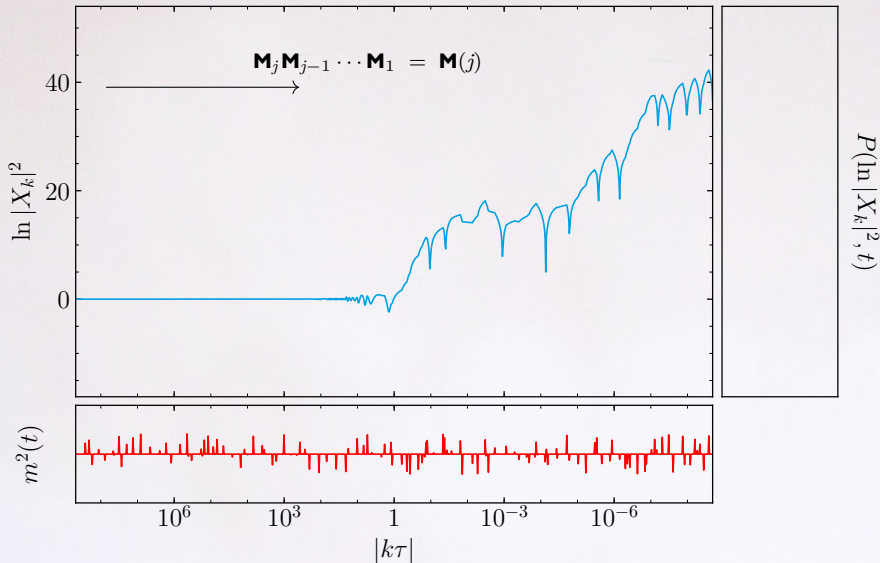
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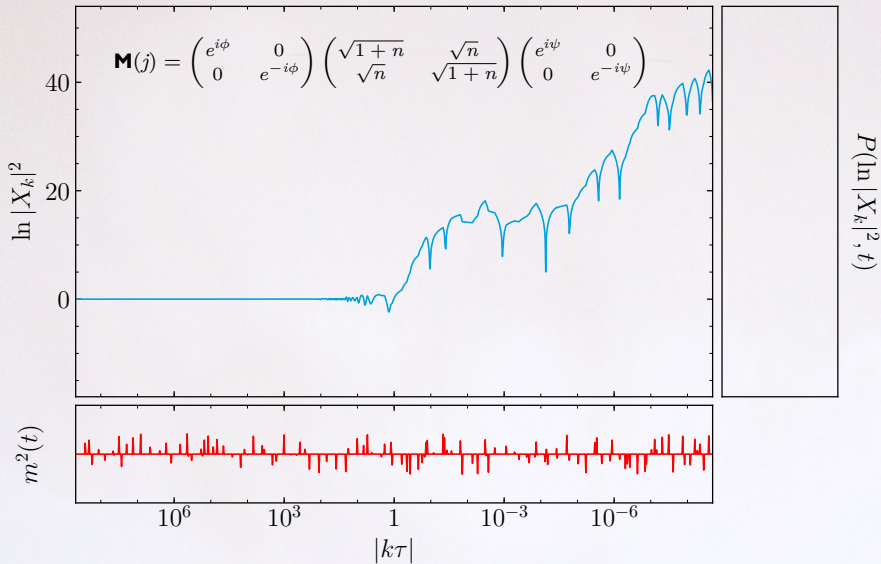
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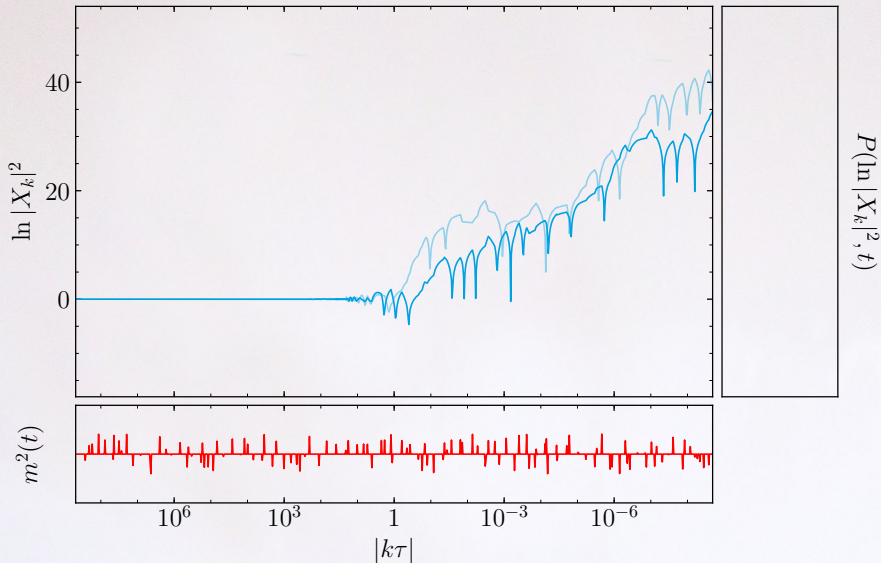
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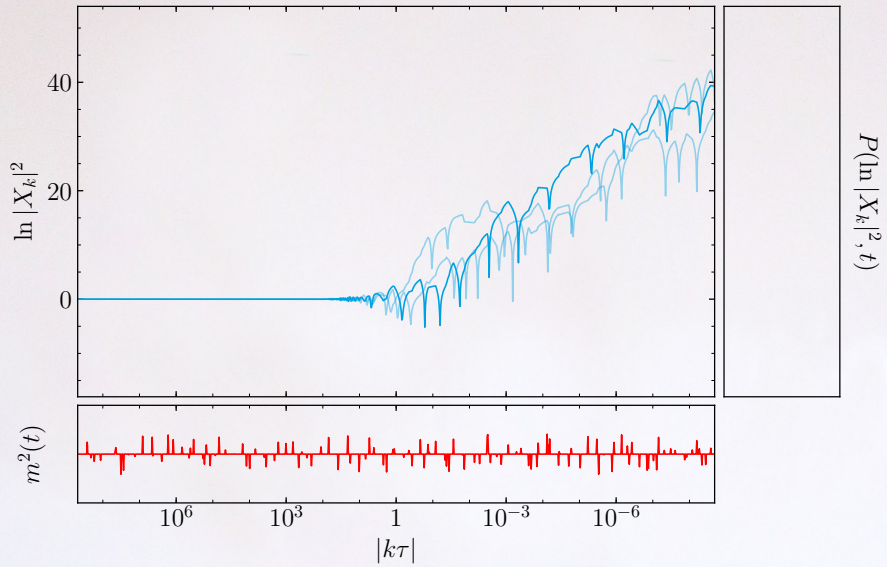
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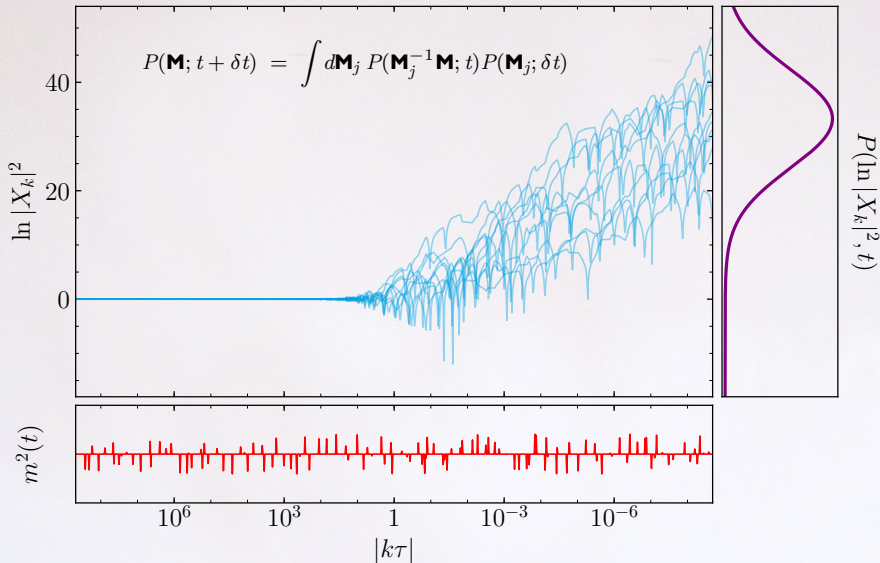
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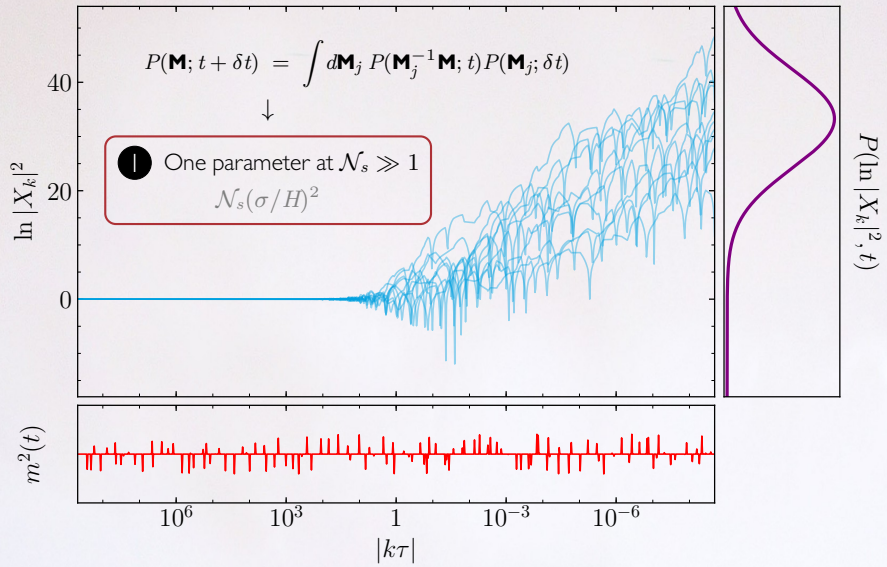


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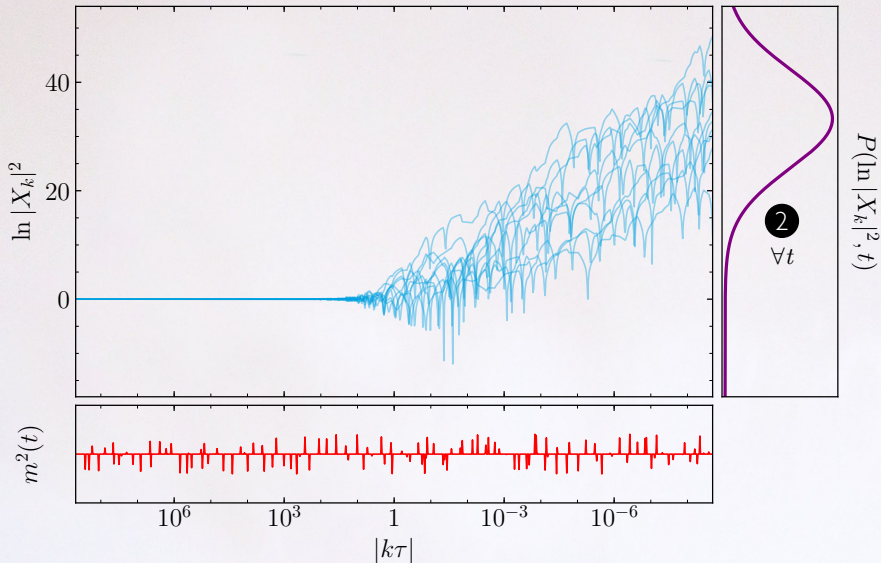


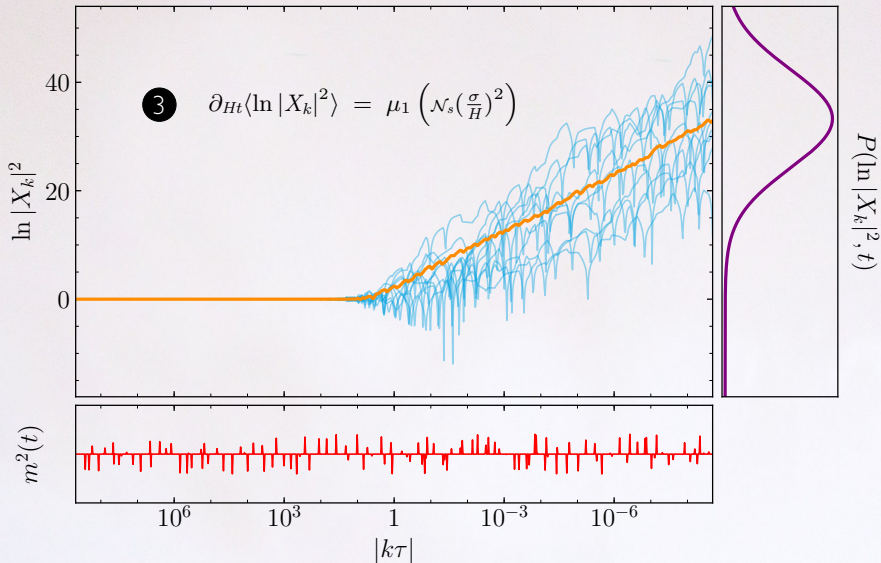
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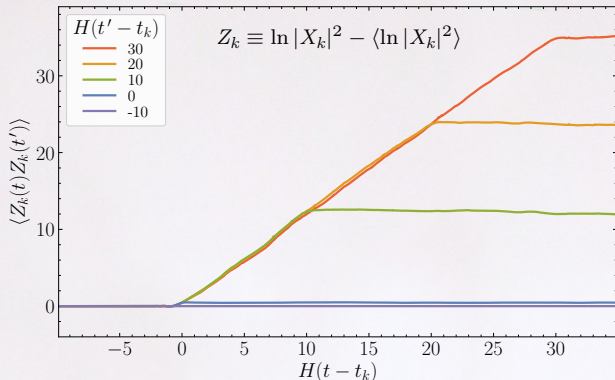


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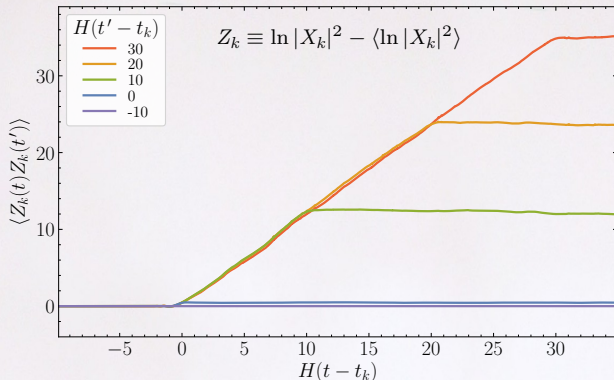


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$$\langle Z_k(t) Z_{k'}(t') \rangle = \mu_2 \left(\mathcal{N}_s \left(\frac{\sigma}{H} \right)^2 \right) H \min [t - t_k, t - t_{k'}, t' - t_k, t' - t_{k'}]$$

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



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

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

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

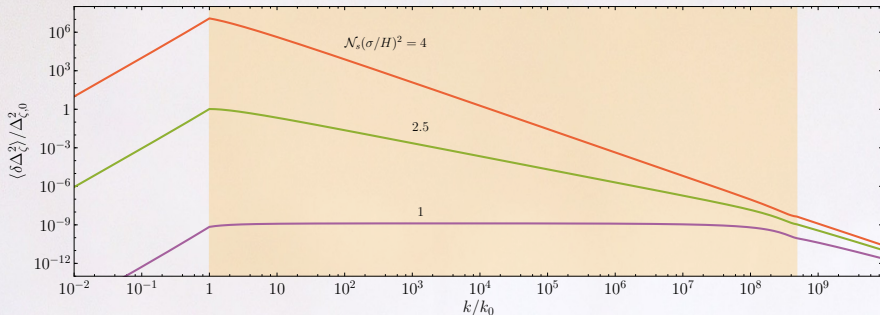
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$$\delta\Delta_\zeta^2(k) = 4\pi^2 (\Delta_{\zeta,0}^2)^2 \frac{k^3}{H^4} \int d\tau' d\tau'' \tau' \tau'' G_k(\tau, \tau') G_k(\tau, \tau'') \frac{dm^2(\tau')}{d\tau'} \frac{dm^2(\tau'')}{d\tau''} \\ \times \int^{\Lambda(\tau)} \frac{d^3\mathbf{p}}{(2\pi)^3}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

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

Curvature power spectrum

$$\langle \delta \Delta_\zeta^2(k) \rangle = \left(\Delta_{\zeta,0}^2 \right)^2 \mathcal{N}_s \left(\frac{\sigma}{H} \right)^2 e^{\mathcal{F}(k, N_e, \mathcal{N}_s(\sigma/H)^2)}$$

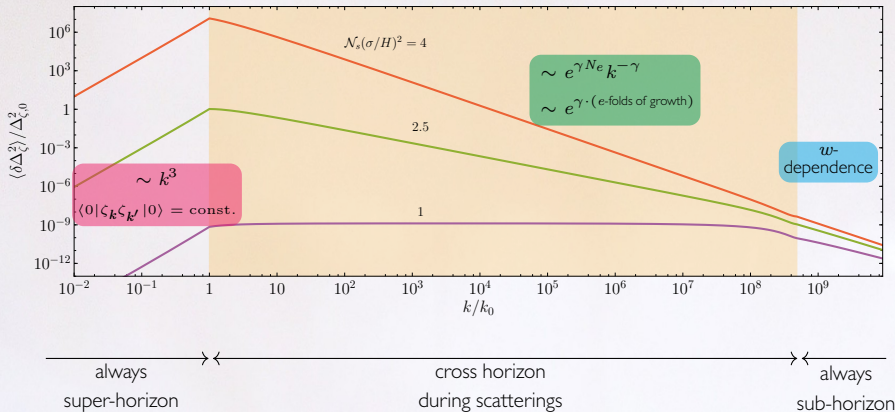


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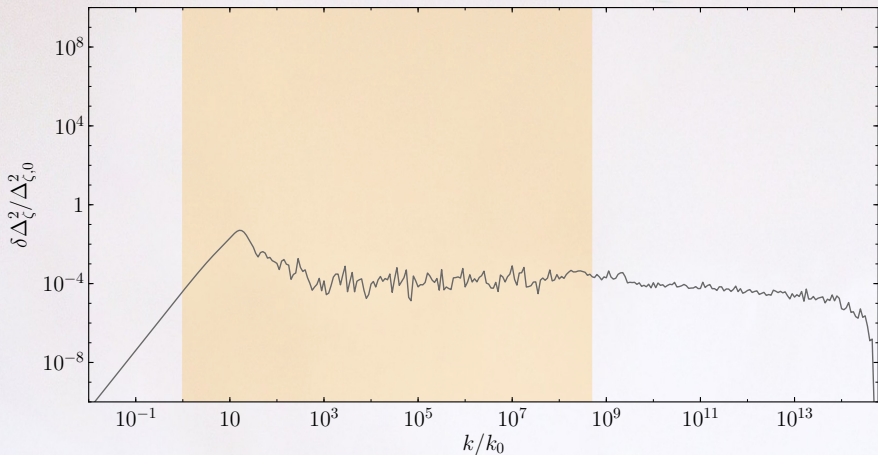
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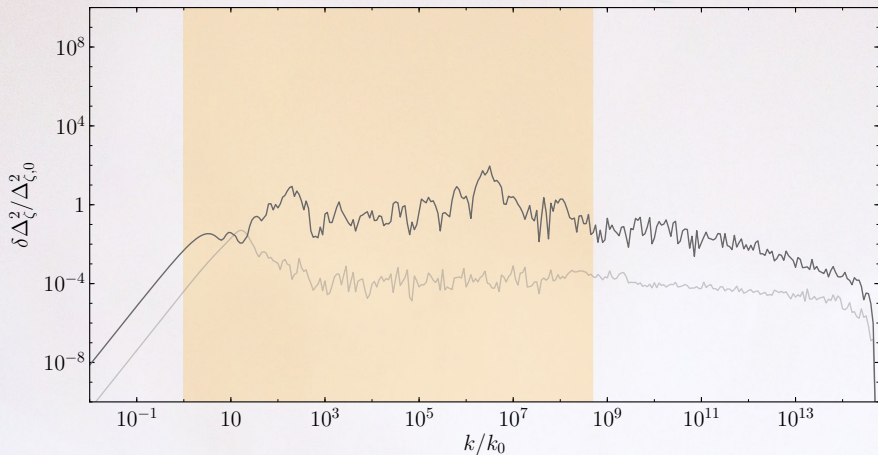
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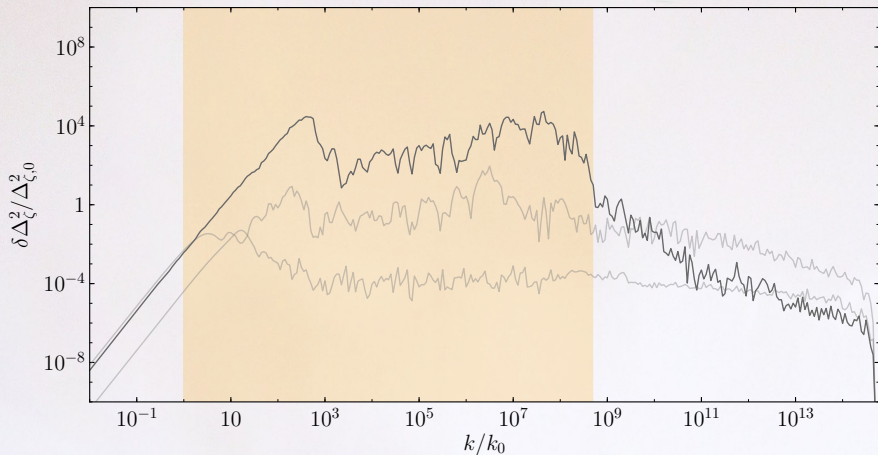
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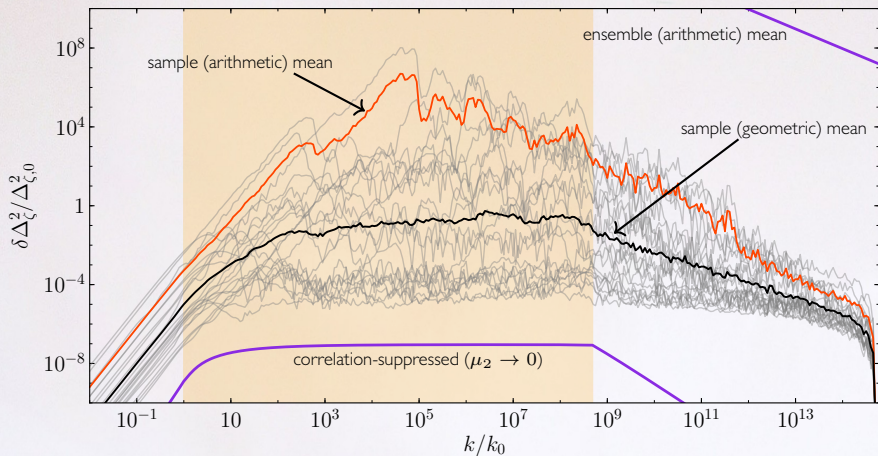
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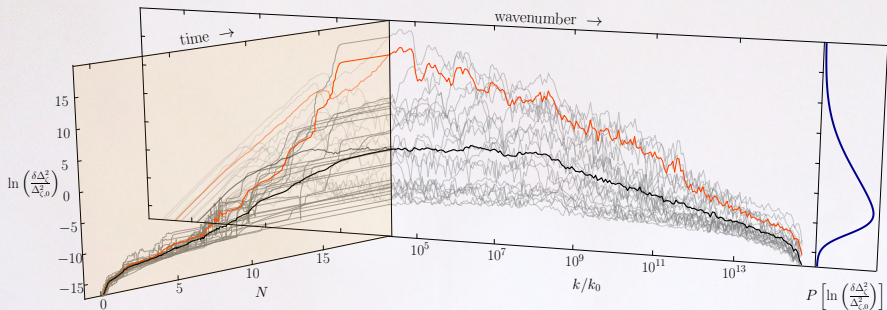
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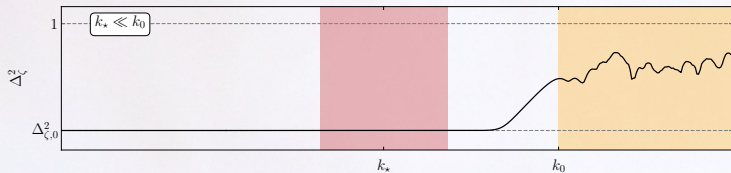
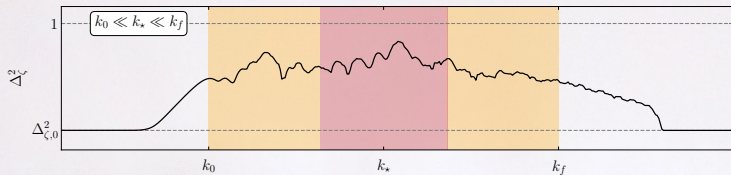
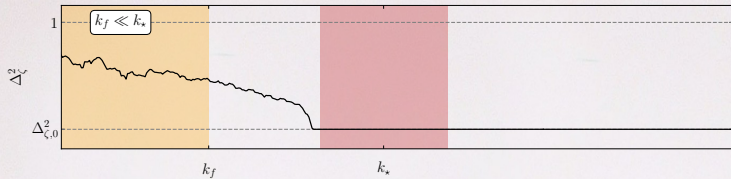


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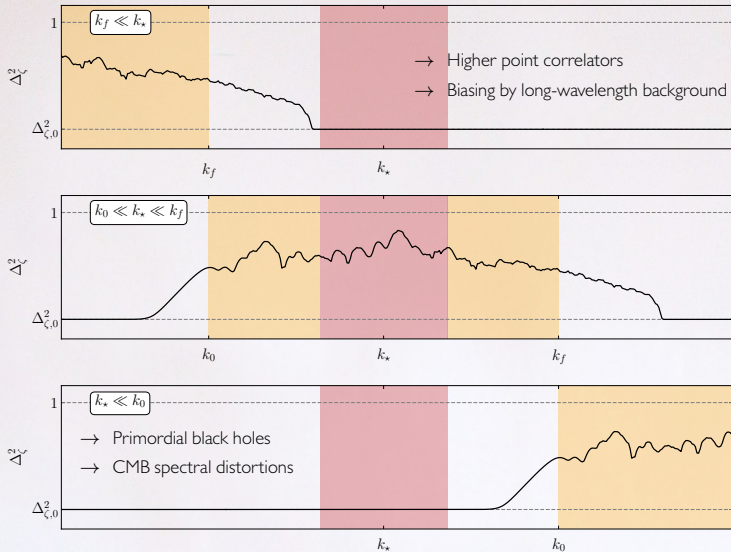
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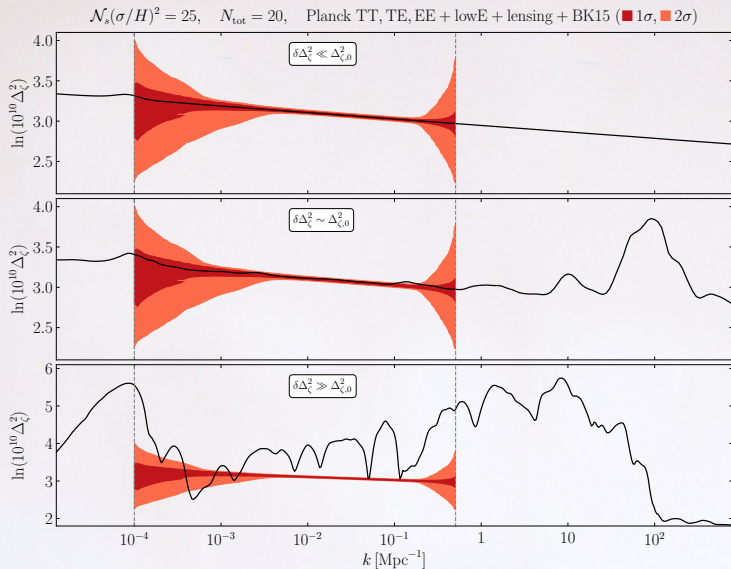
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- Stochastically excited spectator fields undergo geometric random walks
- Lead to features in the curvature power spectrum \rightarrow constraints
- Look for enhancement in the N-point function

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

- Higher spin spectators / higher spin observables
- Stochastic preheating
- Backreaction regime \rightarrow dissipation

Thank You