

Decoupling in the Early Universe and the presence of High Energy Physics in the CMB

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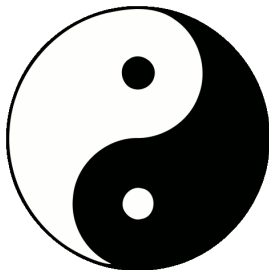
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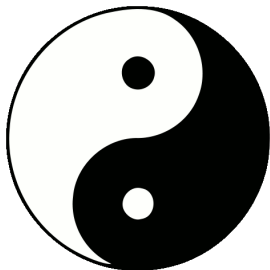


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In this talk I will discuss *one* example in which heavy degrees of freedom play an important role in the low energy effective action.

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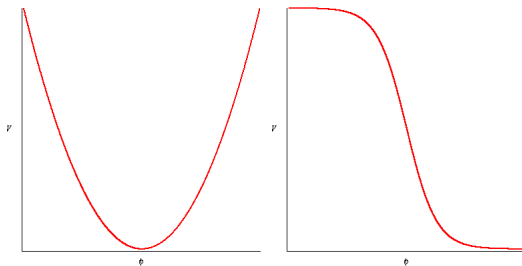
Which are the smoking guns of inflation ?

- ▶ red tilt of tensor power spectrum: $P_t = H^2$ (however blue tilt when adding more fields, violating some symmetries)
- ▶ quantum nature of the perturbations

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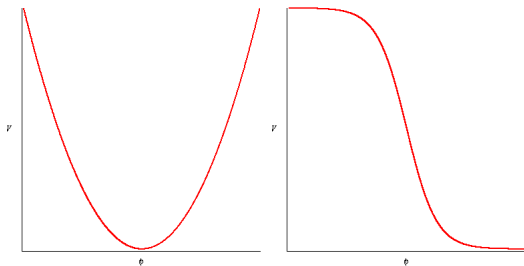
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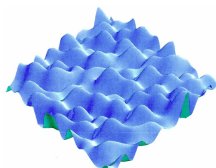
$$\zeta = -H\pi$$

where ζ is the gauge invariant quantity perturbation that is conserved after horizon crossing.

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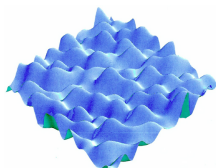
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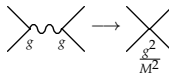
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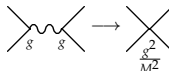
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I will present a situation in which this last statement does not hold

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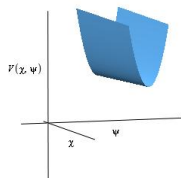
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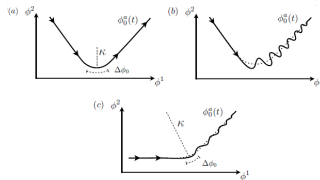
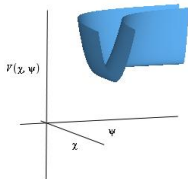
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- Without interactions, $\langle \psi \rangle = 0$.



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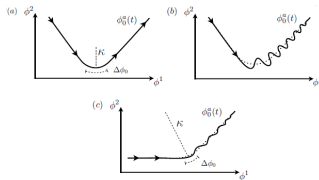
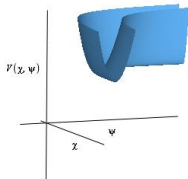
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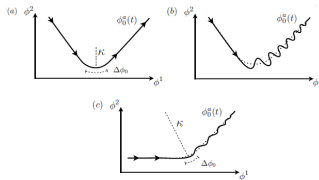
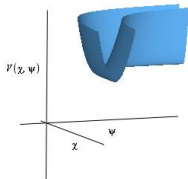
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$$S \supset \dot{\mathcal{R}}^2 + \dots + \dot{\mathcal{R}}\mathcal{F}$$

So your finally theory is a theory for \mathcal{R} with $c_s^{-2} = 1 + 4\frac{\dot{\theta}^2}{M_{eff}^2}$

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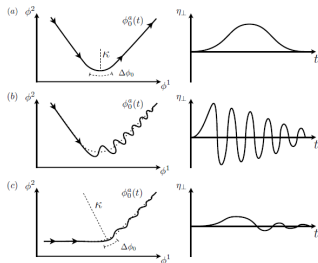


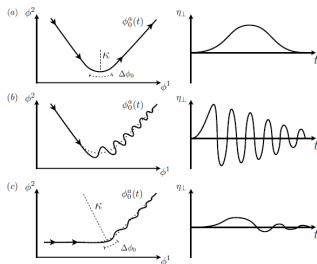
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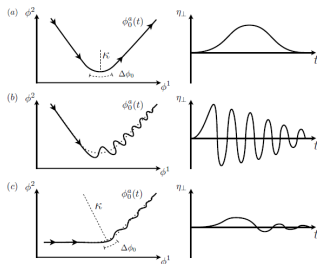


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- Field in oscillating background \rightarrow resonant particle production (e.g reheating) (Mizuno et al., Konieczka et al. Battefeld et al)
- Adiabatic condition ensures we are not in this regime ($\frac{\omega_{\pm}}{\omega_{+}^2} \ll 1$)

BOUNDS ON THE SPEED OF SOUND

Time independent *vs* time dependent speed of sound:

time independent:

- ▶ observations: $c_s > 0.02$ (95%CL) from $f_{NL} \sim 1/c_s^2$
- ▶ theory: sets a new cutoff $\Lambda^4 \sim \dot{H}c_s^5$

time dependent:

- ▶ observations: ?
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We will try to adress this last part.

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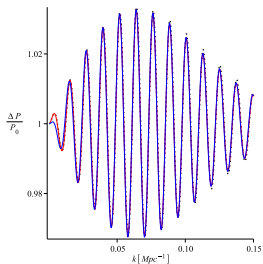
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$$\text{write } v'' + \left[c_s^2 k^2 - 2a^2 H^2 \right] v = f(cs, \dot{c}_s, \ddot{c}_s) v$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\Delta \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}}}{\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R},0}} = k \int d\tau \left[G(k\tau, cs, \dot{c}_s, \ddot{c}_s) \sin(2k\tau) + F(k\tau, cs, \dot{c}_s, \ddot{c}_s) \cos(2k\tau) \right]$$

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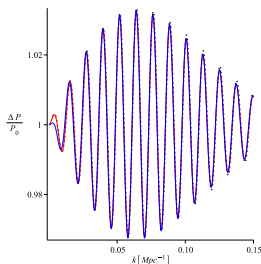
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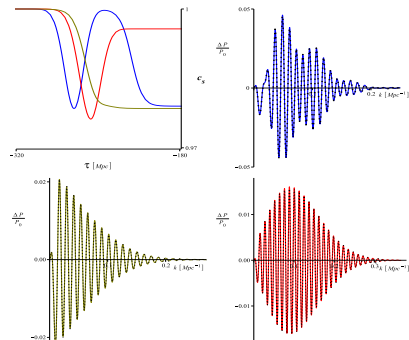
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OTHER MECHANISM

Oscillations in the power spectrum are ubiquitous in modification of vanilla inflation

- ▶ Particle production, Non BD initial conditions, initial fast roll...
- ▶ transient variations of the Hubble ($\eta > 1$ for $\Delta t \ll H$): just as before. Same amount of incognita.

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Steps in the Hubble parameter can generate the same signal in the power spectrum. **We need more observables**

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Are these features present in the data ?

PARAMETRIC BOUNDS

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We need values for (B, β, τ_0) that:

- ▶ do not excite the heavy field \rightarrow we need to impose the adiabatic condition.
- ▶ produce observable effects (and are not computationally expensive) \rightarrow reduction happens in a particular window of time.
- ▶ are in the perturbativity bound.

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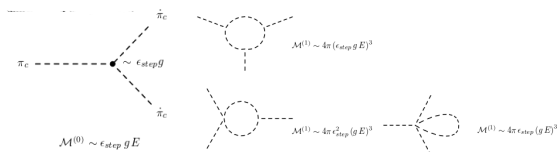
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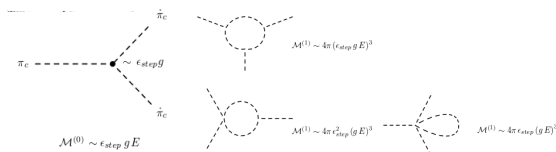


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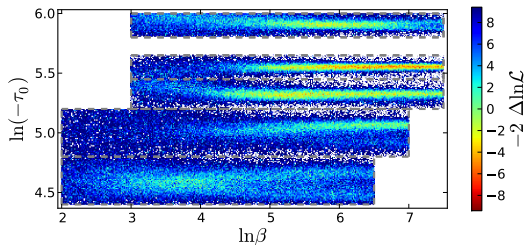
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Differences with constant c_s ?

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- ▶ Vertices are time dependent

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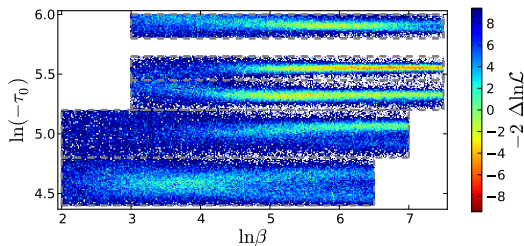
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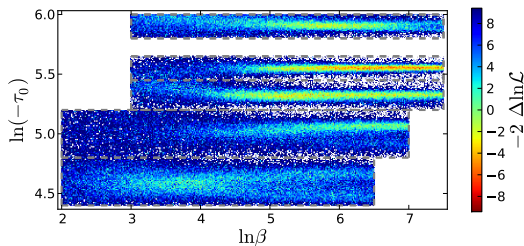
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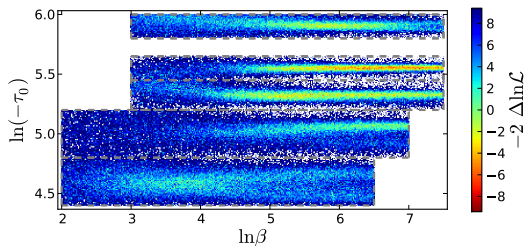
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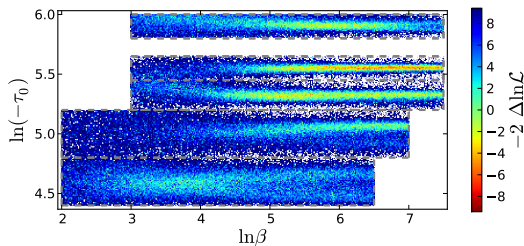
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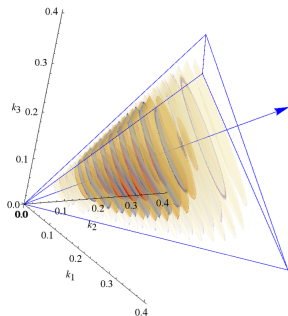
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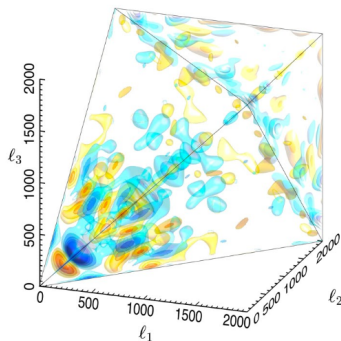
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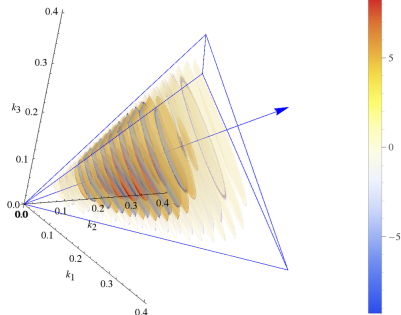
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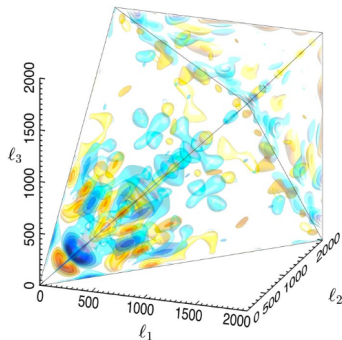
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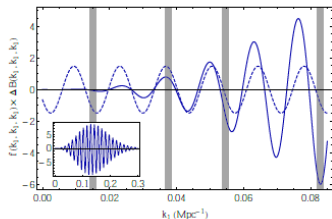
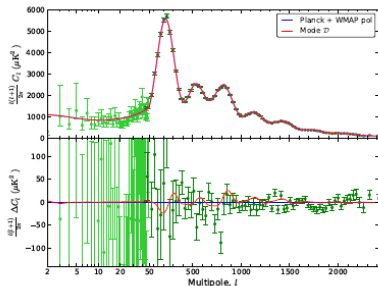


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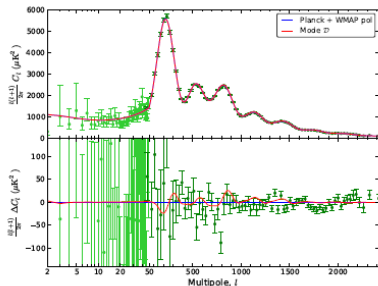


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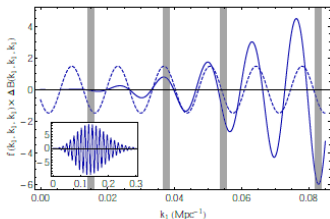


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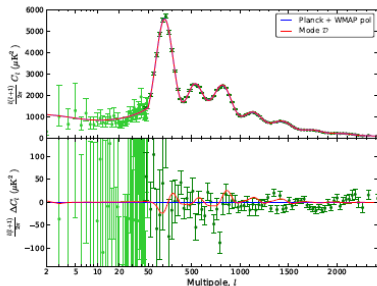


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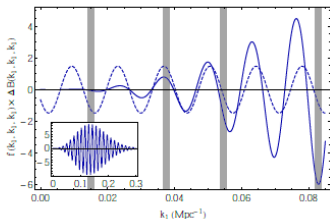
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We still need to

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