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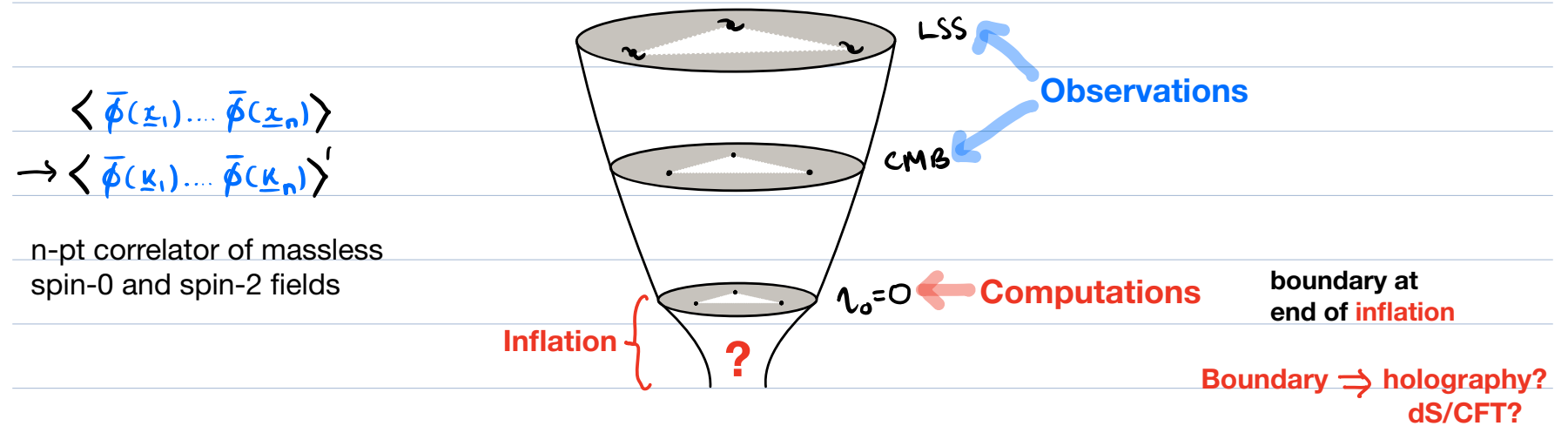
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- We derived all tree-level graviton 3-pt functions (bispectra) in the EFTol to all orders in derivatives.
- Giving observers an idea of what to look for in the (very far) future.
- Key words: WFU, cosmological correlators, EFTol.



We have measured  $\langle \overset{\text{CMB}}{\psi\psi} \rangle$  and hope to measure  $\langle \gamma\gamma \rangle, \langle \psi\psi\gamma \rangle, \langle \psi\gamma\gamma \rangle, \langle \gamma\gamma\gamma \rangle$

We are interested in  $\langle \gamma\gamma\gamma \rangle$

# Wavefunction of the Universe (WFU)

QFT in dS path integral

$$\Psi[\bar{\phi}; \Omega_0] \stackrel{\text{any spinning field}}{=} \int_{\phi(-\infty) = \Omega_{\text{EO}}} \mathcal{D}\phi e^{iS[\phi]} \propto \exp\left[-\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \int \left(\prod_{a=1}^n \bar{\phi}_{\underline{k}_a} d^3\underline{k}_a\right) \Psi_n(\underline{k}_a)\right]$$

$\phi(\tau_0=0) = \bar{\phi}$

any spinning field

where  $\Psi_n = \Psi'_n(\underline{k}_1, \dots, \underline{k}_n) (2\pi)^3 \delta^{(3)}(\sum \underline{k}_a)$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \Omega} \left( \frac{\delta L_2}{\delta \phi'} + \frac{\delta L_{\text{int}}}{\delta \phi'} \right) - \left( \frac{\delta L_2}{\delta \phi} + \frac{\delta L_{\text{int}}}{\delta \phi} \right) = 0$$

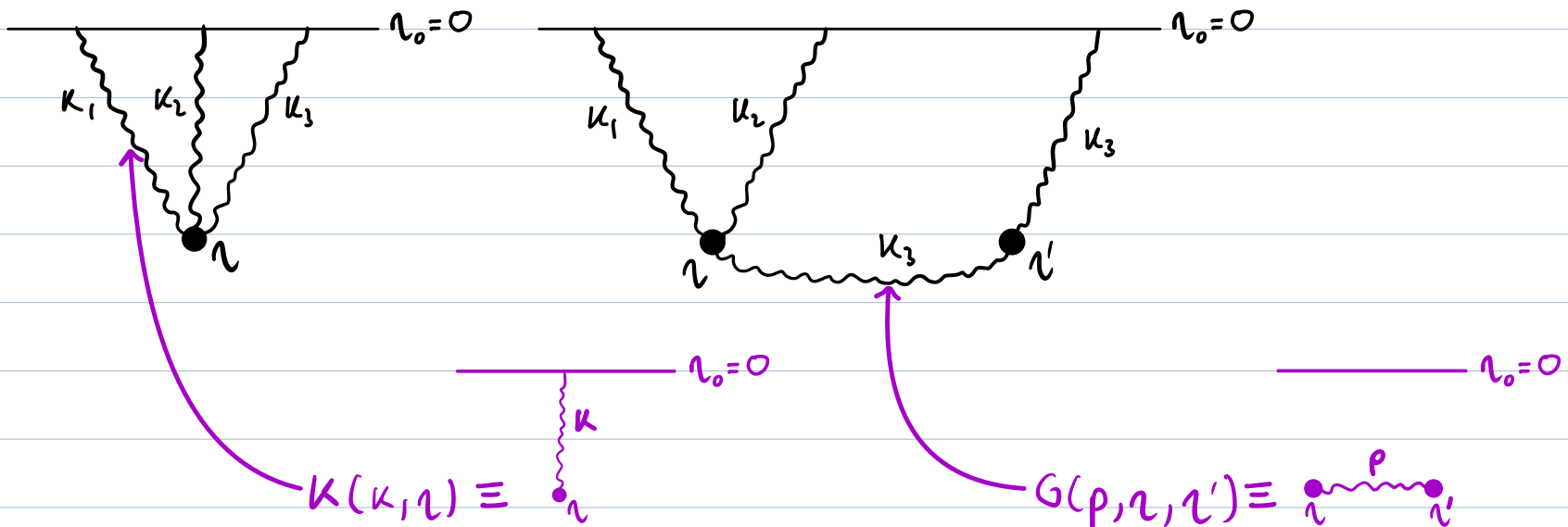
quadratic/free part

for massless fields  $\Psi'_n \propto |\underline{k}|^3 = k^3$  by dimensional analysis and/or scale invariance

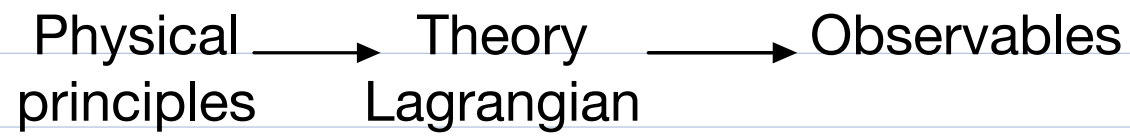
## WFU (cont.)

Solve using method of Green's functions (propagators) to compute  $\Psi_n \sim \langle \phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \rangle$   
at **TREE LEVEL** (no loops) in perturbation theory.

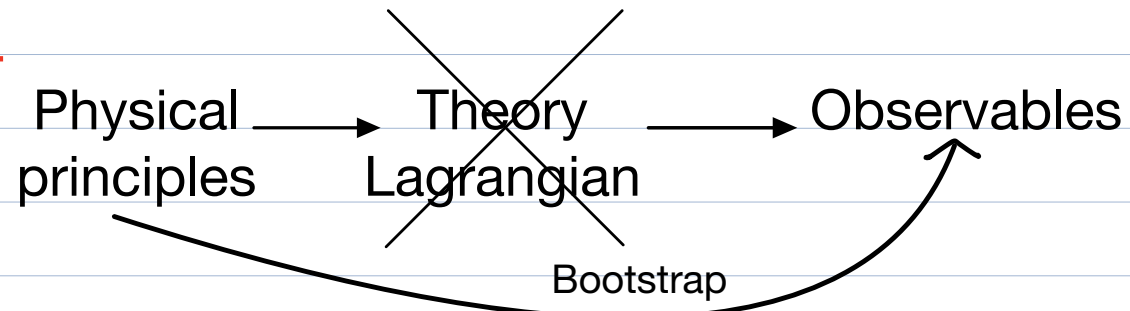
Obtain  $K(\kappa, \nu) \propto (1 - i\kappa\nu)e^{i\kappa\nu}$  and  $G(p, \nu, \nu')$   
which are the Feynman-Witten diagram propagators.



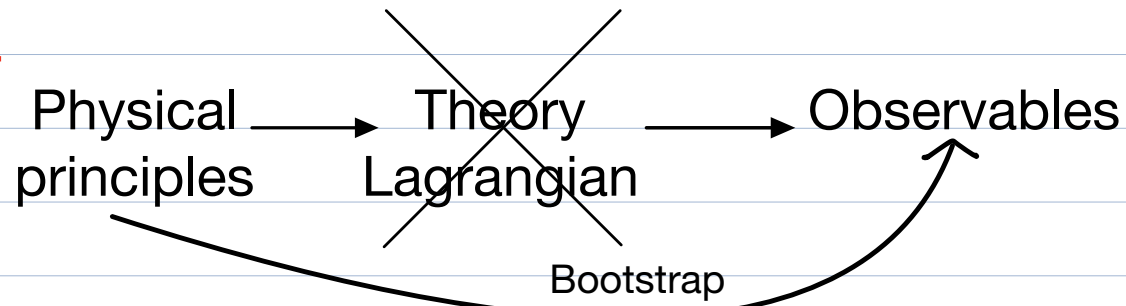
## Bootstrap



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Unitarity

**Flat space**

Locality

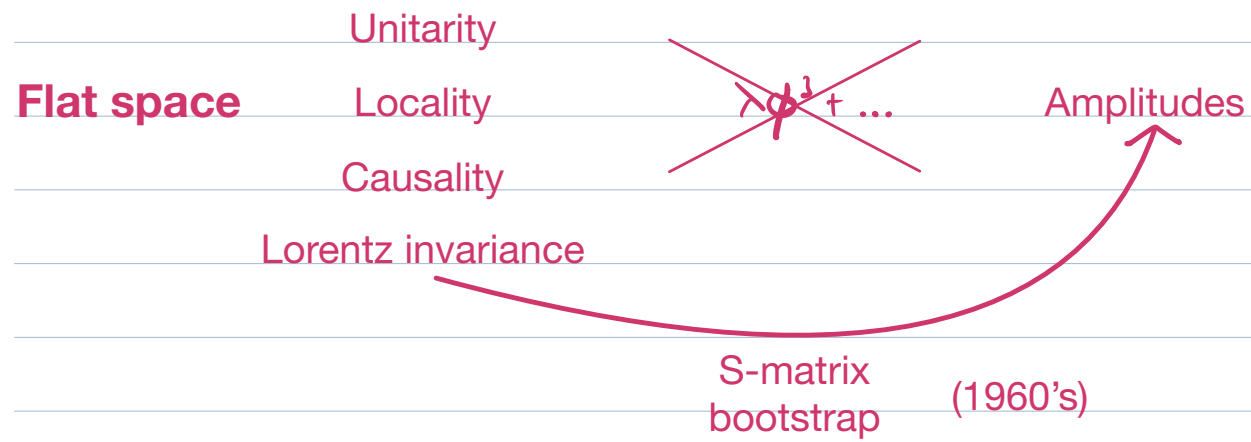
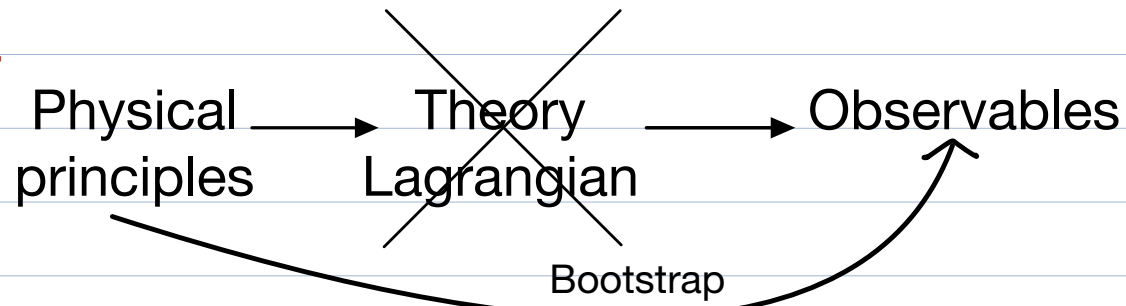
$\lambda\phi^3 + \dots$

Amplitudes

Causality

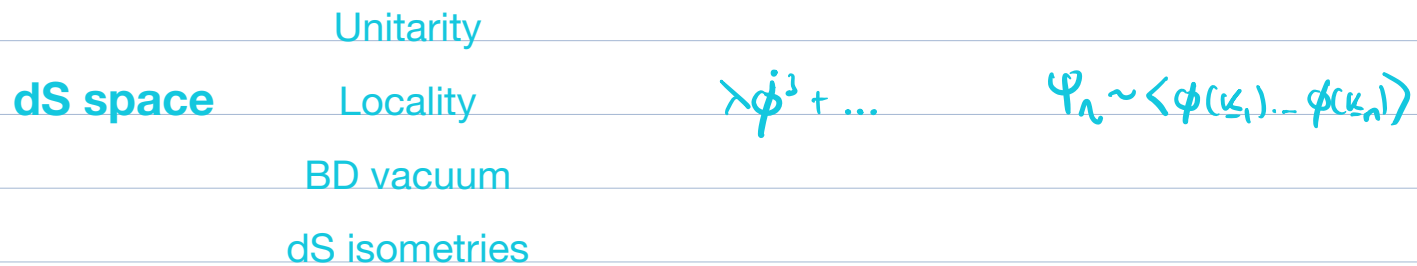
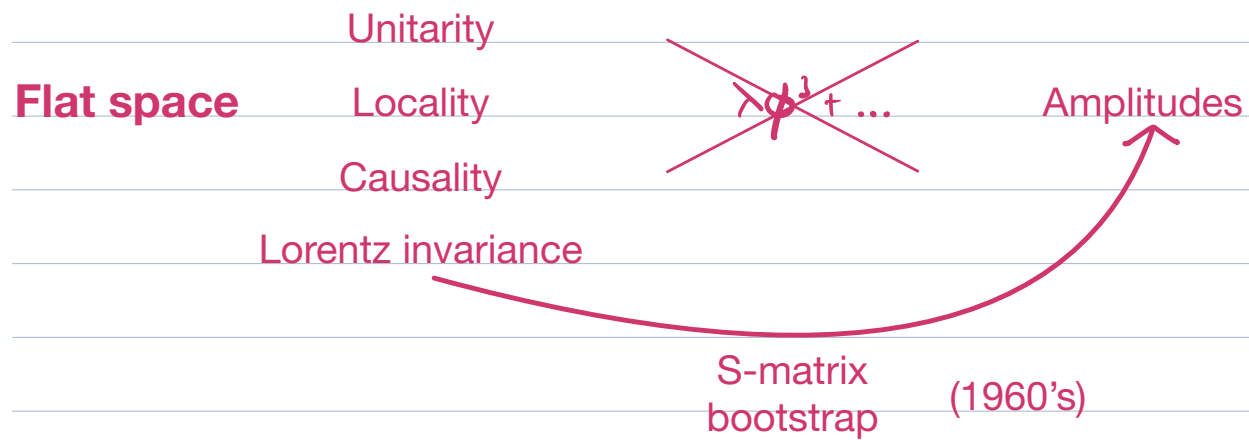
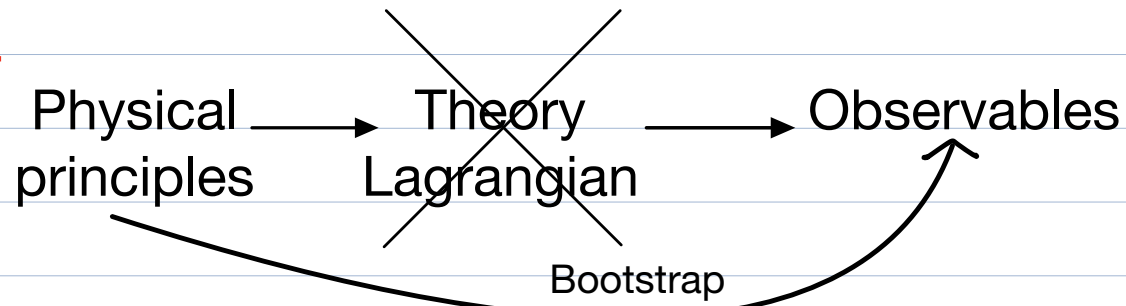
Lorentz invariance

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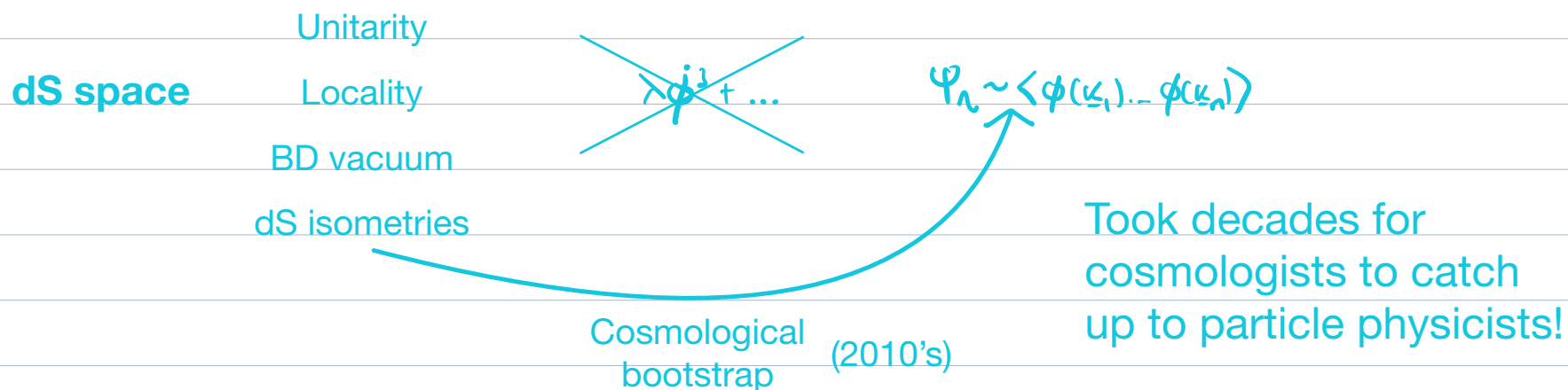
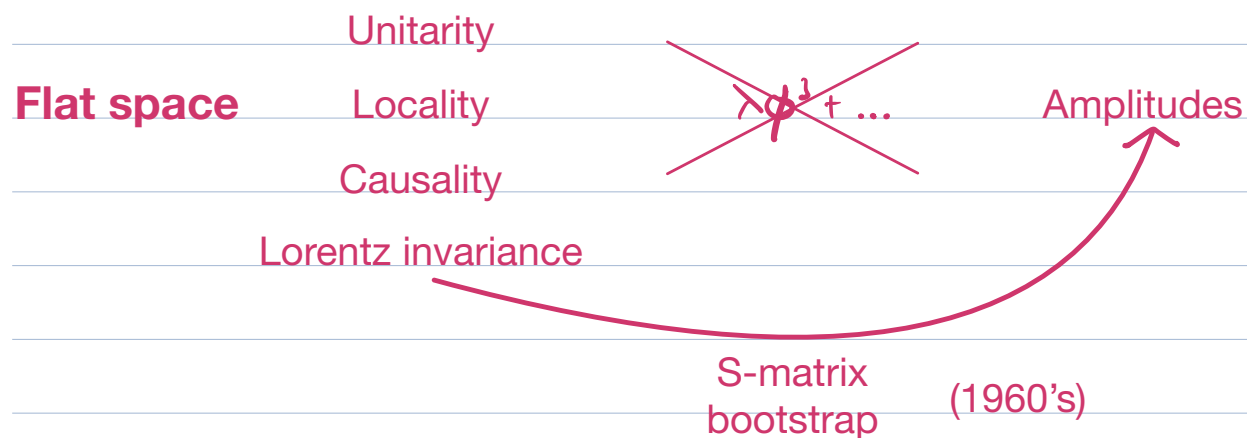
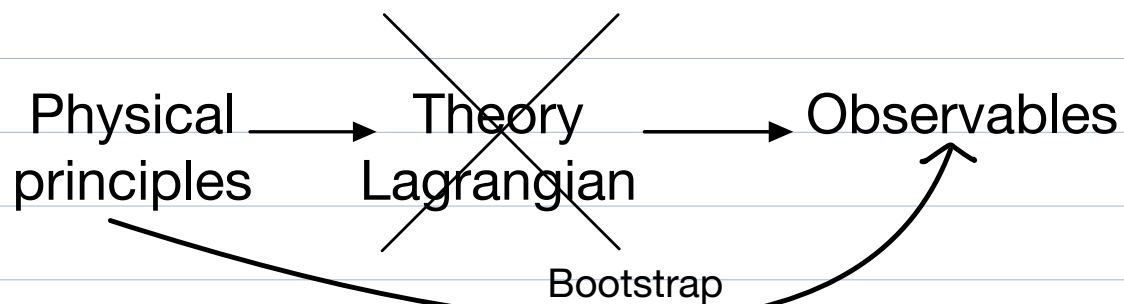




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## Bootstrap (cont.)

But why do we think we should be able to “bootstrap” in dS?

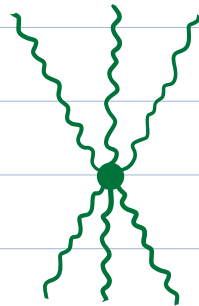
$$\lim_{k_T \rightarrow 0} \Psi_n \sim \frac{A_n}{k_T^p} \quad \text{Flat-space Amplitudes live in Cosmological Correlators!}$$

ESP:  $k_T = k_1 + k_2 + k_3$ ;  $e_2 = k_1 k_2 + k_1 k_3 + k_2 k_3$ ;  $e_3 = k_1 k_2 k_3$

in this high energy limit modes do not feel universe's expansion

equivalent to pushing interactions to infinite past where they don't “see” the boundary so

becomes  $\langle \text{in} | \text{out} \rangle$  amplitude



interactions no longer  
“see” the boundary

## Previous results for Graviton 3-pt functions $\langle \gamma\gamma\gamma \rangle$

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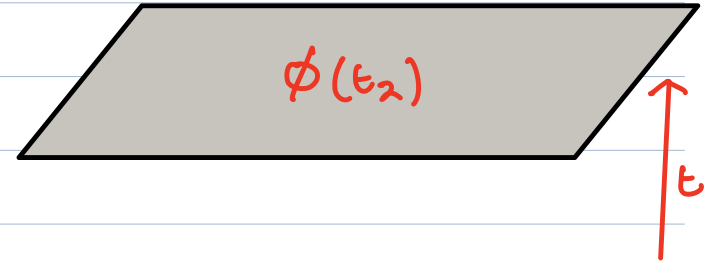
→ which belong to EFTol?

In our paper we use a combination of bulk computations and bootstrap tools to identify which parity-even  $\langle \gamma\gamma\gamma \rangle$  belong to the EFTol.

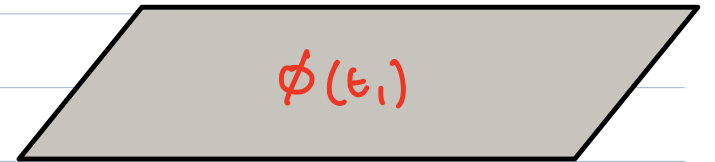
## Ways to break dS boosts (or SCT)

EFTol: dS boosts broken by  $\phi(t)$  with t-dependent VEV

Time diffs. non-linearly realised by  $\phi(t)$ ,  
i.e.  $\phi(t_0) \equiv \phi_0$  is a “clock” in unitary gauge



Spatial diffs. unbroken  $\phi(t, \vec{x}) \equiv \phi_0(t)$



EFTol is the most general theory of  
fluctuations around a quasi-dS background  
for single field models

Solid inflation: Spatial diffs. broken

**1 parity-odd  $\langle \delta\delta\delta \rangle$  in EFTol**

**BUT what about parity-even  $\langle \delta\delta\delta \rangle$  ?**

# EFTol

ADM formalism  $ds^2 = -N^2 dt^2 + h_{ij} (dx^i + N^i dt)(dx^j + N^j dt)$

Unitary gauge  $h_{ij} = \alpha^2(t) e^{2\zeta} (e^\chi)_{ij}$   
 $\zeta = 0$   $\therefore$  only care about  $\chi_{ij}$  traceless  $\chi_{ii} = 0 = \partial_i \chi_{ij}$  transverse

Resulting metric is  $ds^2 = -dt^2 + \alpha^2(t) (e^\chi)_{ij} dx^i dx^j$

In unitary gauge the most general action we can write is:

these are the building blocks e.g.  $f(t) g^{00} \nabla_\mu R^\mu_{\nu\rho\sigma} K^\rho_\sigma$   
 $S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} F(\underbrace{R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}, g^{00}, K_{\mu\nu}, \nabla_\mu}_{} , t)$  [arXiv:0709.0293](https://arxiv.org/abs/0709.0293)

i.e. a theory which is invariant under spatial diffs. and time diffs.

non-linearly realised by a  $\phi(t, \vec{x}) = \phi_0(t)$  which acts as a "clock"



## EFTol (cont.)

$$S = S_0 + M_{pl}^2 \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \delta K^{ij} O_{(0)} \delta K_{ij} + O(\delta K^3) \right]$$

$$\text{where } O_{(i)} = \frac{1}{M_{pl}^{(i)}} \sum_{m,n} b_{m,n} \nabla_0^m \bar{\nabla}^{2n} \quad [b_{m,n}] = -(m+2n)$$

Shown for the FIRST TIME using field redefinitions and geometric identities that we only need ONE building block  $\delta K_{ij}$  to construct cubic interactions which contribute to  $\langle \gamma \gamma \gamma \rangle$

$$S_0 = S_{\gamma,GR} = \frac{M_{pl}^2}{8} \int dt d^3x a^3(t) \left[ \dot{\gamma}_{ij} \dot{\gamma}_{ij} - a^{-2} \partial_\kappa \gamma_{ij} \partial_\kappa \gamma_{ij} + a^{-2} (2 \gamma_{ik} \gamma_{jl} - \gamma_{ij} \gamma_{kl}) \partial_\kappa \partial_\kappa \gamma_{ij} \right] + O(\gamma^4)$$

for  $\gamma_{ij}$  operators indices raised+lowered by  $\delta_{ij}$

Convert to flat-slicing (Poincaré) co-ordinates  $ds^2 = a^2(\eta) (-d\eta^2 + dx^2)$   $a(\eta) = -\frac{1}{H\eta}$

## Parity-even $\langle \gamma\gamma\gamma \rangle$ in EFTol

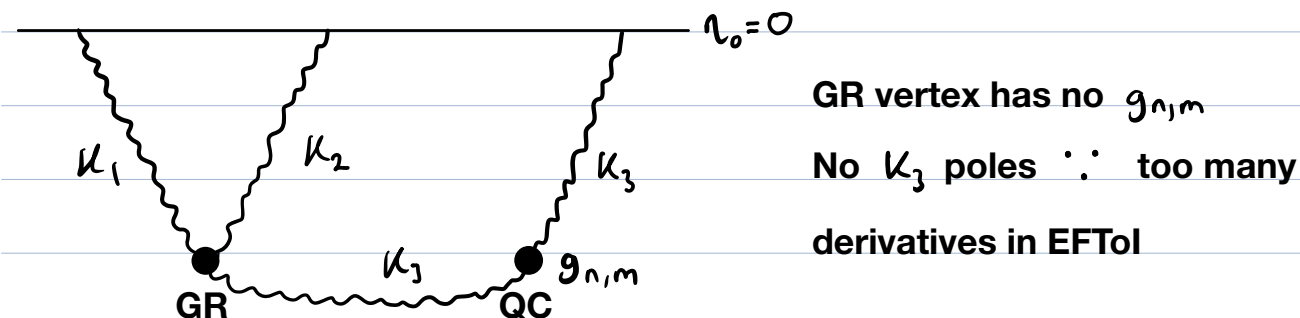
$$S = S_{EH} + \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} F(\gamma'_{ij} + O(\gamma^2), \nabla_o, \bar{\nabla}_i)$$

### Type-I from $(\delta K)^2$ operators

$$\delta K^i_j O_{(0)} \delta K^j_i = (\gamma' + O(\gamma^2))^i_j (\gamma' + O(\gamma^2))^j_i$$

Both Quadratic  $O(\gamma^2)$  and Cubic  $O(\gamma^3)$  contributions

At leading order in field theory couplings the QC  $\Rightarrow$  single exchange process



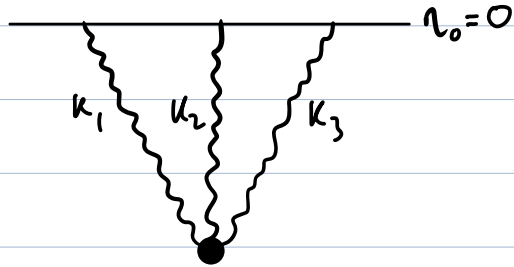
General MASTER TIME INTEGRAL computed using Meltzer method [arXiv:2107.10266](https://arxiv.org/abs/2107.10266)

$$M(\alpha, \beta) = \int d\eta d\eta' a^2(\eta) K(k_1, \eta) K(k_2, \eta) G(k_3, \eta, \eta') a^\alpha(\eta') K^{(\beta)}(k_3, \eta')$$

$\alpha \leq 0 \quad \beta \geq 1$

## Type-I (cont.) from $(\delta K)^2$ operators

Type-I operators also have Cubic  $\mathcal{O}(\gamma^3)$  contribution  $\Rightarrow$  contact diagram



Comparable size to single-exchange diagram  $\therefore$

they are needed to satisfy EFTol consistency relations

Time integral computed

$$I_{n,m}(k_1, k_2, k_3) = \int d\eta \eta^{n+2m-2} K^{(n+1)}(k_1, \eta) K'(k_2, \eta) K(k_3, \eta)$$

Tensor structures computed separately using S-H formalism

Combine Contact + Single-Exchange diagrams to obtain Type-I  $\beta_{2\text{SE}}^{+++}$ ,  $\beta_{2\text{SE}}^{++-}$  etc.

Checked that these satisfied the EFTol consistency relations

Take soft limit  $k_3 \rightarrow 0$  of  $\Psi_{3,\text{total}} = \Psi_{2\text{SE},\text{exchange}} + \Psi_{2\text{SE},\text{contact}}$

## Type-II from $(\delta K)^3$ operators

$$\delta K_i^j \delta K_j^k \delta K_k^i = (\delta' + O(\delta^2))_i^j (\delta' + O(\delta^2))_j^k (\delta' + O(\delta^2))_k^i$$

$$\delta'_{ij} \propto K^2 \Rightarrow (\delta')^3 \propto K_1^2 K_2^2 K_3^2 = e_3^2$$

$$\Psi_3^{h_1, h_2, h_3} = E_{ij}^{h_1}(K_1) E_{kl}^{h_2}(K_2) E_{mn}^{h_3}(K_3) \Psi_{3, \text{trimmed}}$$

$$\Psi_n \propto K^3 \quad \Psi_{3, \text{trimmed}} \propto \frac{e_3^2}{K_T^p} \text{Poly}_{p-3-\alpha}(K_T, e_2, e_3)$$

$\delta K_{ij} \propto \delta'_{ij}$        $\alpha$  related to no. of  $\partial K$   
 BD-vacuum      polynomial of degree  $p-3-\alpha$   
 no logs  $\because 2\alpha \partial_\alpha + n \partial_i > 3$  in EFTol

$$\text{MLT} \quad \left. \frac{\partial \Psi_{n, \text{trimmed}}}{\partial K_a} \right|_{K_a=0} = 0 \quad \text{this is trivially satisfied } \because \text{ of } e_3^2$$

Combine with tensor structures to obtain full  $\Psi_3^{+++} \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_{388}^{+++}$   $\mathcal{B}_{388}^{++-}$  etc. in paper obtained

Look at paper for  $\alpha = 2, 4, 6$

$$\text{e.g. } \mathcal{B}_{388, \alpha=0}^{+++} = \frac{e_3^2 \mathcal{H}_{+++}}{e_3^2 K_T^p} \text{Poly}_{p-3}(K_T, e_2, e_3)$$

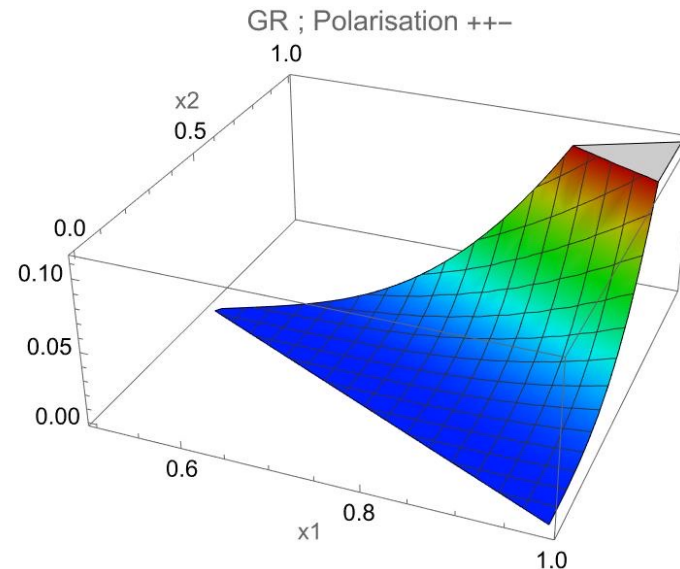
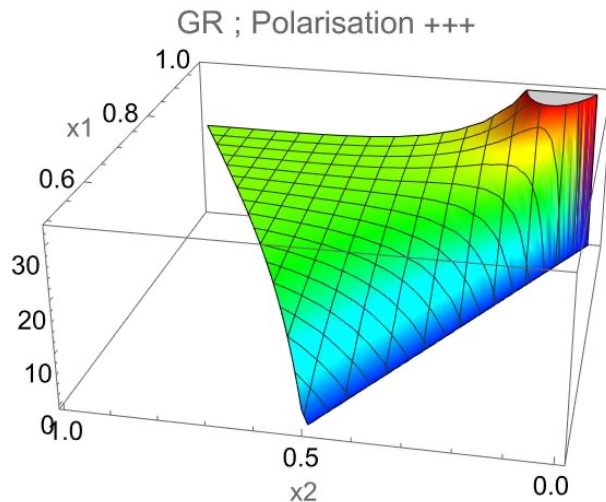
by  $K_3 \rightarrow -K_3$  of  $h_\alpha$

$\Psi_{3, \text{trimmed}}$  left unchanged

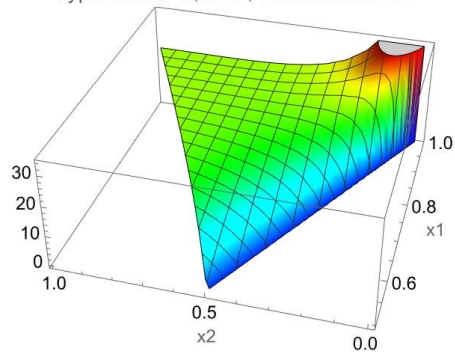
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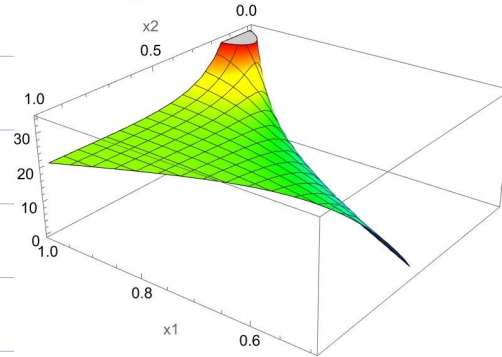
- Showed for the first time that they can be constructed out of the extrinsic curvature only.
- Classified all graviton bispectra for the most general class of single-field inflationary models.
- Gives observers an idea of what to look for in the (very far) future, i.e. bispectra shapes to use as templates for B-mode searches.
- To do this we used a combination of bulk computations and bootstrap methods.
- Future work involves reproducing these results in a fully “bootstrap” way using consistency relations, i.e. soft theorems to sub-leading order.
- Construct mixed correlators, specifically those we hope to measure before  $\langle \gamma\gamma\gamma \rangle$ , i.e.  $\langle \psi\psi\gamma \rangle$ ,  $\langle \psi\gamma\gamma \rangle$ , by developing bootstrap tools to efficiently determine the form of these mixed correlators.
- Constrain bispectra by demanding consistency of higher-point functions, such as the trispectrum.



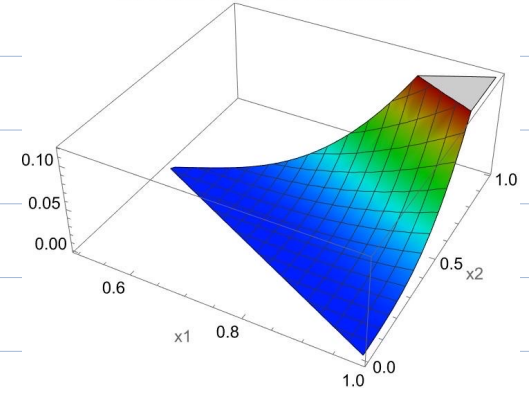
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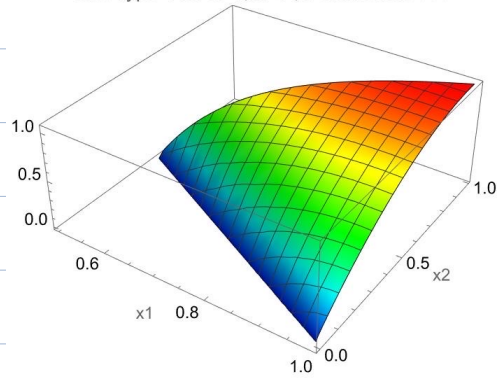
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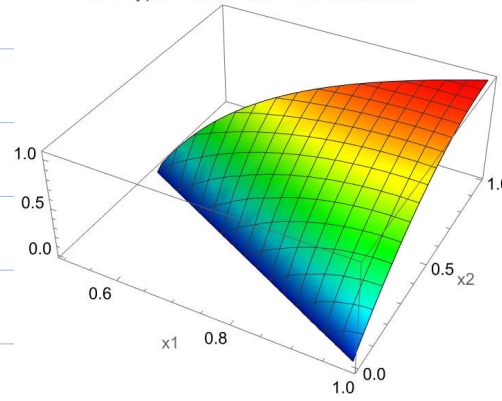
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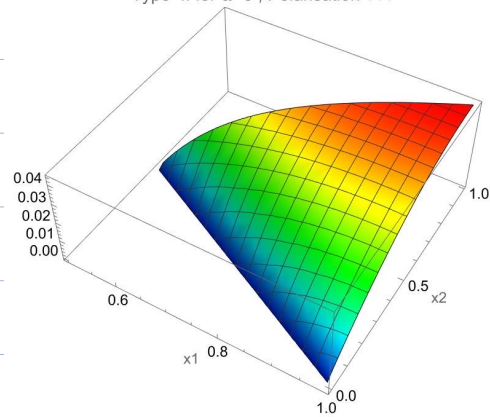
GR+Type-I for  $n=1, m=0$ ; Polarisation +++



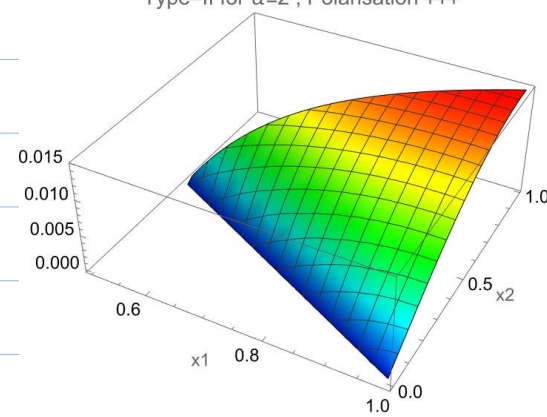
GR+Type-I for  $n=1, m=1$ ; Polarisation +++



Type-II for  $\alpha=0$ ; Polarisation +++



Type-II for  $\alpha=2$ ; Polarisation +++



## Born rule - WFU coefficients to Cosmological Correlators

$$\Psi[\lambda_0; \varphi(\underline{k})] \quad \varphi^*(\underline{k}) = \varphi(-\underline{k})$$

$$= \exp \left[ - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \int_{\underline{k}_1, \dots, \underline{k}_n} \Psi_n(\{\underline{k}\}; \{\underline{k}\}) \varphi(\underline{k}_1) \dots \varphi(\underline{k}_n) \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} -\log(\Psi \Psi^*) &= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \int_{\underline{k}_1, \dots, \underline{k}_n} \Psi_n(\{\underline{k}\}; \{\underline{k}\}) \varphi(\underline{k}_1) \dots \varphi(\underline{k}_n) \\ &\quad + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \int_{\underline{k}_1, \dots, \underline{k}_n} \Psi_n^*(\{\underline{k}\}; \{\underline{k}\}) \varphi(-\underline{k}_1) \dots \varphi(-\underline{k}_n) \\ &= \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \int_{\underline{k}_1, \dots, \underline{k}_n} \Psi_n(\{\underline{k}\}; \{\underline{k}\}) \varphi(\underline{k}_1) \dots \varphi(\underline{k}_n) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \{\underline{k}\} \rightarrow \{-\underline{k}\} \\ \text{for second integral} \end{aligned} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \int_{\underline{k}_1, \dots, \underline{k}_n} \Psi_n^*(\{\underline{k}\}; \{-\underline{k}\}) \varphi(\underline{k}_1) \dots \varphi(\underline{k}_n)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Psi \Psi^* = \exp \left[ - \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \int_{\underline{k}_1, \dots, \underline{k}_n} [\Psi_n(\{\underline{k}\}; \{\underline{k}\}) + \Psi_n^*(\{\underline{k}\}; \{-\underline{k}\})] \varphi(\underline{k}_1) \dots \varphi(\underline{k}_n) \right]$$

Note that the COT states  $\Psi_n(\{\underline{k}\}; \{\underline{k}\}) + \Psi_n^*(\{-\underline{k}\}; \{-\underline{k}\})$

$$\begin{aligned}
 B_n^{\text{contact}} &= \langle \Psi(\underline{k}_1) \dots \Psi(\underline{k}_n) \rangle' = \frac{\int \mathcal{D}\Psi \Psi \Psi^* \Psi(\underline{k}_1) \dots \Psi(\underline{k}_n)}{\int \mathcal{D}\Psi \Psi \Psi^*} \\
 &= \frac{\Psi_n'(\{\underline{k}\}; \{\underline{k}\}) + \Psi_n'^*(\{\underline{k}\}; \{-\underline{k}\})}{\prod_{a=1}^n 2 \operatorname{Re} \Psi_2'(\underline{k}_a)}
 \end{aligned}$$

becomes Gaussian integral

$\therefore$  of  $\varphi^2$  for each  $\underline{k}_a$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2 \operatorname{Re} \Psi_2'(\underline{k}_a)}$$



## Extra Slides

