



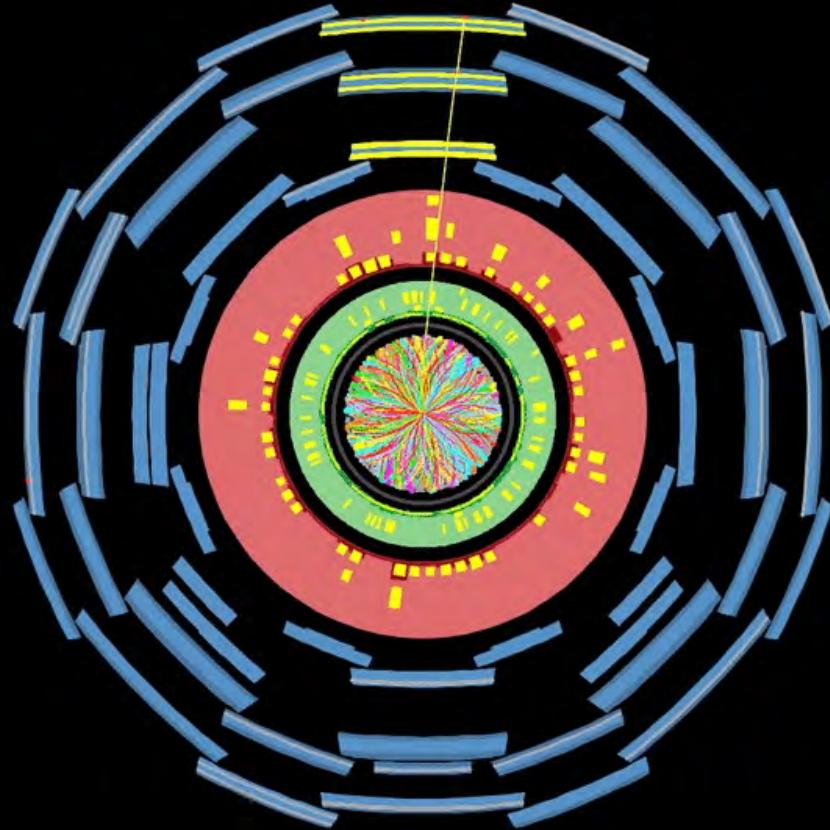
## Recent progress in cosmological collider physics

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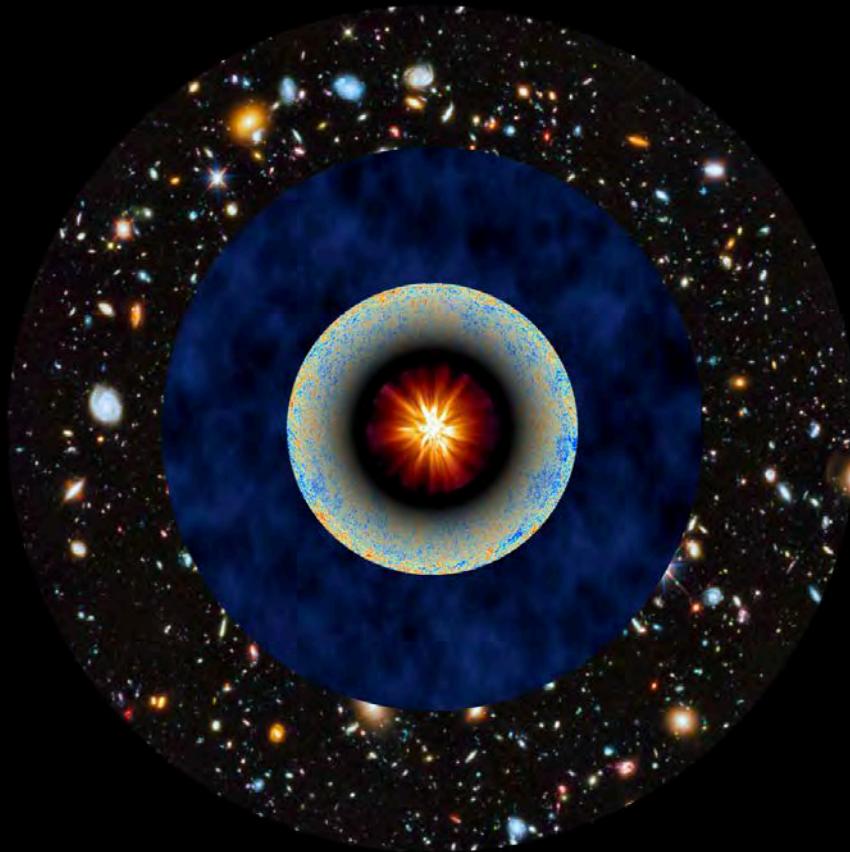
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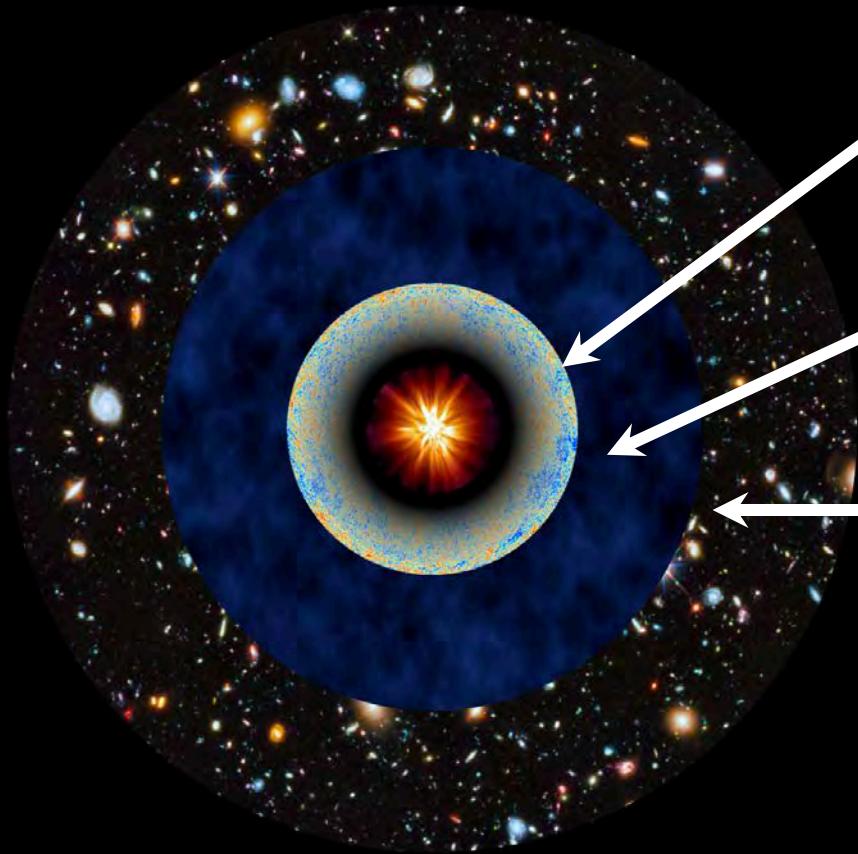


Large Hadron Collider  
ATLAS detector



# Cosmological Collider

## The universe

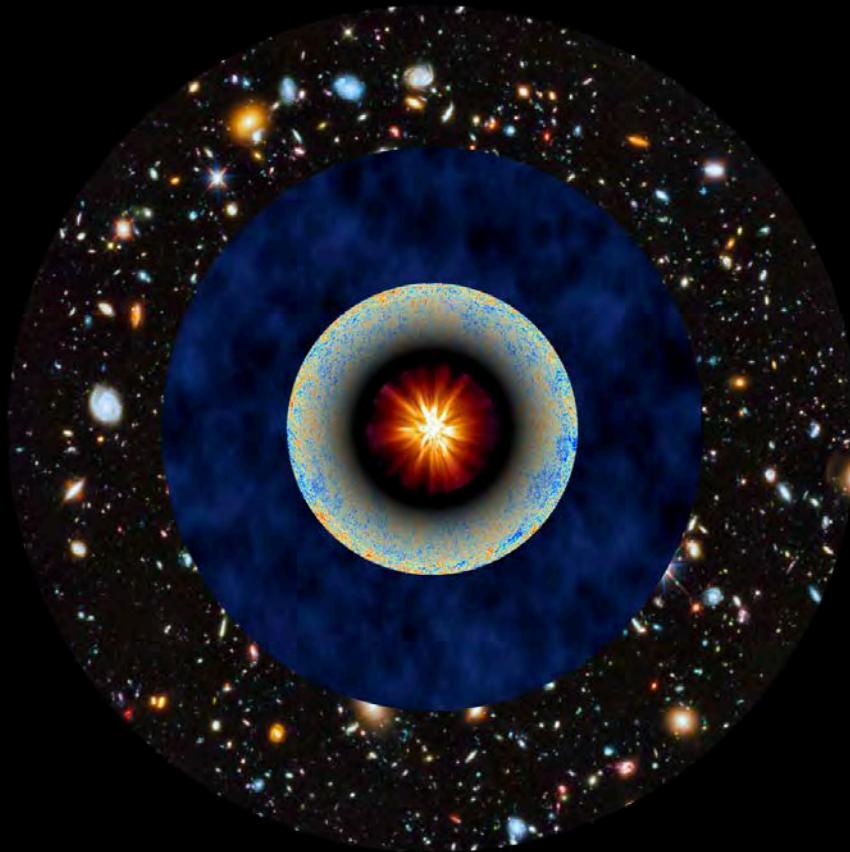


photon decoupling  
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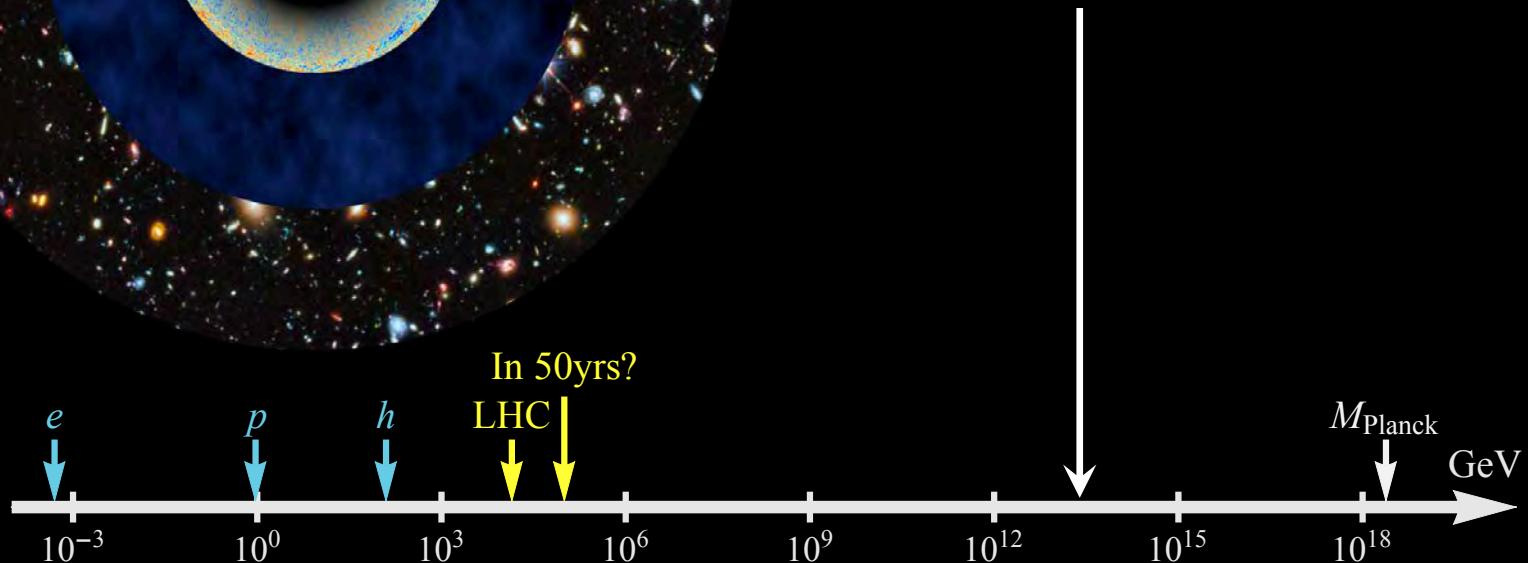
dark ages  
21cm tomography

galaxies formed  
LSS survey

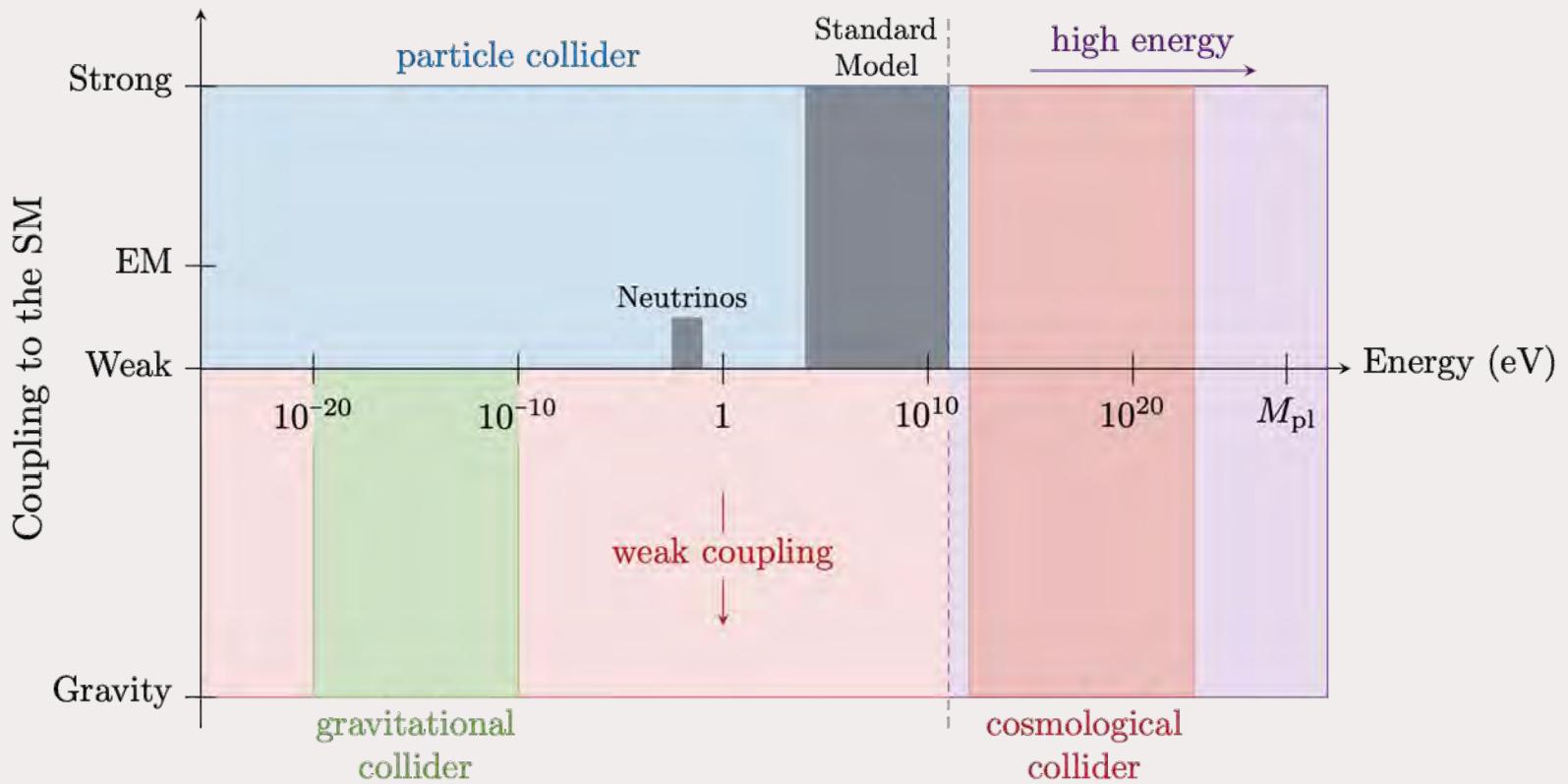
Gravitational waves



## Cosmological Collider The universe

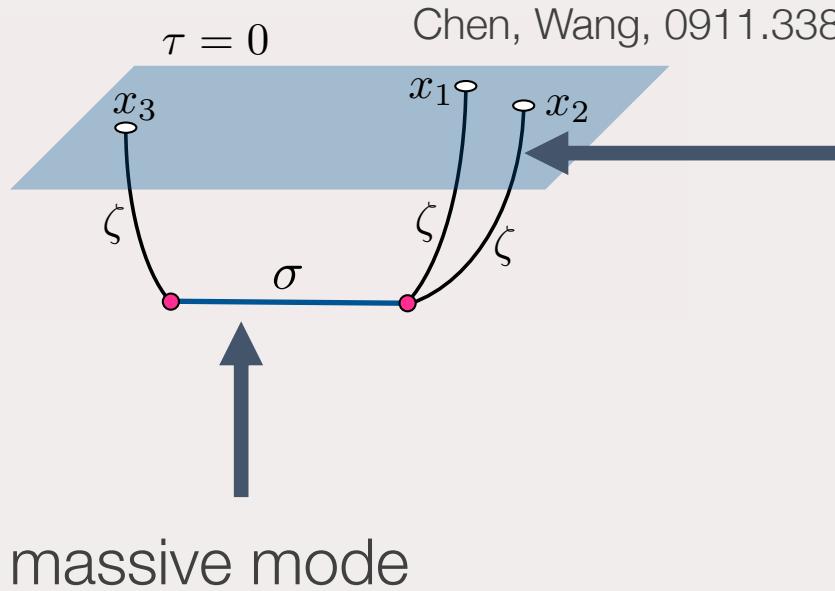


# In connection with DM



Baumann, Chia, Porto, Stout, 1912.04932

# Basic picture



long-lived mode  $\zeta$

$$\zeta_k = \frac{H}{M_{\text{Pl}} \sqrt{4\epsilon k^3}} (1 + i k \tau) e^{-ik\tau}$$

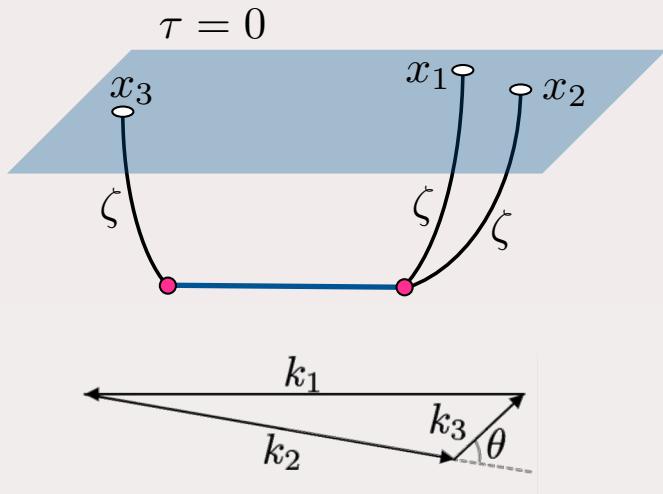
$$\langle \zeta^2 \rangle' \equiv \frac{2\pi^2}{k^3} P_\zeta(k)$$

$$P_\zeta(k) = \frac{H^2}{8\pi^2 \epsilon M_{\text{Pl}}^2} \simeq 2 \times 10^{-9}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle \sigma_k(\tau_1) \sigma_{-k}(\tau_2) \rangle' \\ & \sim \frac{H^2}{4\pi k^3} \left[ \Gamma^2(-\nu) \left( \frac{k^2 \tau_1 \tau_2}{4} \right)^{3/2+\nu} + (\nu \rightarrow -\nu) \right] + \text{local} \quad \nu = \sqrt{\frac{9}{4} - \frac{m^2}{H^2}} \end{aligned}$$

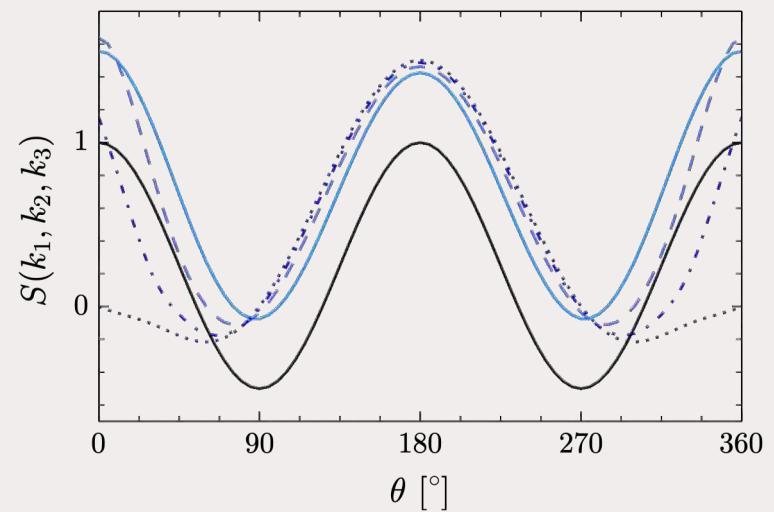
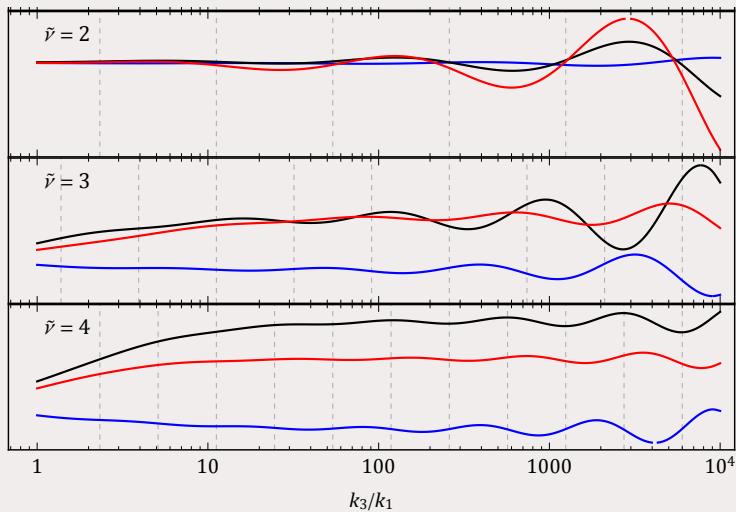
Boltzmann factor  $\propto e^{-\pi m/H}$       comoving dilution  $\propto 1/m$       EFT

# Basic picture



$$S(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_3) = A(\lambda, m) \left( \frac{k_3}{k_1} \right)^{1/2 \pm \nu} P_s(\cos \theta)$$

$$\nu = \begin{cases} \sqrt{\frac{9}{4} - \frac{m^2}{H^2}} & s = 0 \\ \sqrt{\left(s - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{m^2}{H^2}} & s \neq 0 \end{cases}$$



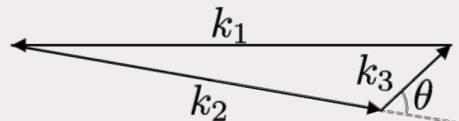
Chen, Chua, Guo, Wang, ZZX, Xie, 1803.04412

Lee, Baumann, Pimentel, 1607.03735

# Confront with observation

“non-Gaussianity”

$$f_{\text{NL}} \simeq |S(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_3)|$$



Planck 2018

1905.05697

$$f_{\text{NL}}^{(\text{local})} = -0.9 \pm 5.1$$

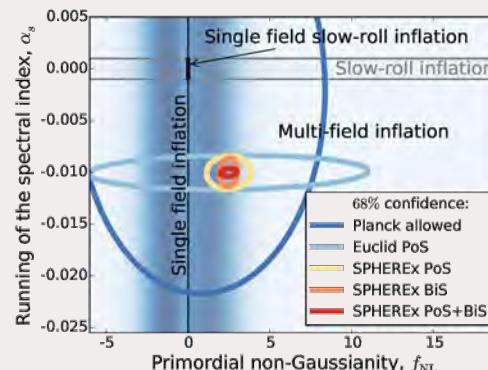
$$f_{\text{NL}}^{(\text{equil})} = -26 \pm 47$$

$$f_{\text{NL}}^{(\text{ortho})} = -38 \pm 24$$

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O(1) in  $\sim 10$  yrs?



SPHEREx, 1412.4872

O(0.01) ultimately  
21cm tomography

Meerburg, Muñoz, Ali-Haïmoud, Kamionkowski, 1506.04152; Münchmeyer, Muñoz, Chen, 1610.06559; Dizgah, Lee, Muñoz, Dvorkin 1801.07265;

# Caveats

$$S(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_3) = A(\lambda, m) \left( \frac{k_3}{k_1} \right)^{1/2 \pm \nu} P_s(\cos \theta)$$

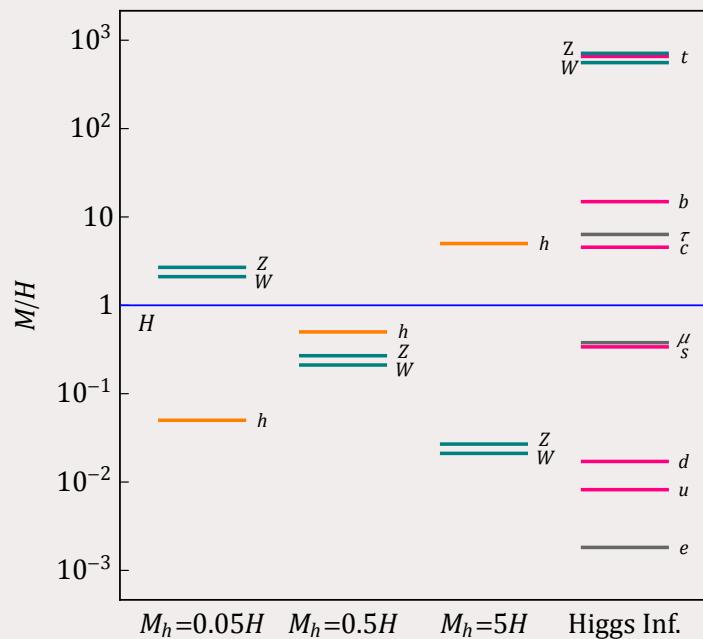
Oscillations do not necessarily tell the mass  
mass corrections: thermal, susy, background, many free parameters!

Angular dependence does not necessarily tell the spin  
Loop, derivative couplings

The signal size is usually too small to be visible  
and very model dependent

# Caveats

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Example: “SM background”

“Thermal” mass  $\sim$  Hubble

All in loops: spin info lost

Signal size: tiny unless tuned

Xingang Chen, Yi Wang, ZZX, 1604.07841,  
1610.06597, 1612.08122

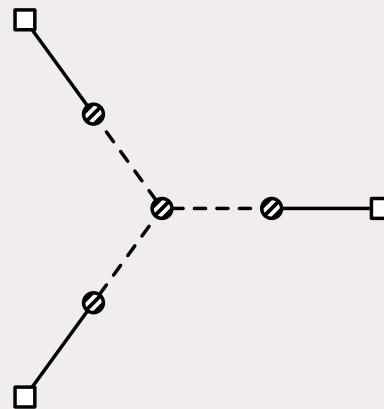
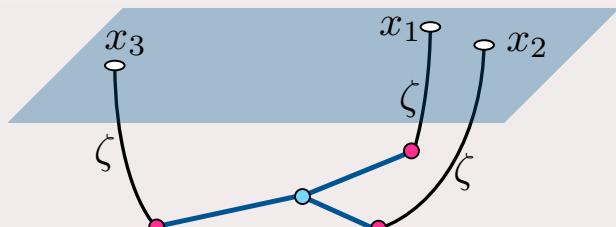
# Signal size

L. Wang, ZZX, 1910.12876

$$\langle \zeta_{\mathbf{k}_1} \zeta_{\mathbf{k}_2} \zeta_{\mathbf{k}_3} \rangle' \equiv (2\pi)^4 P_\zeta^2 \frac{1}{(k_1 k_2 k_3)^2} S(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3)$$

In the unit of Hubble:  $\zeta = -\frac{H}{\dot{\phi}_0} \delta\phi = -2\pi P_\zeta^{1/2} \delta\phi$

$$f_{\text{NL}} \sim (2\pi P_\zeta^{1/2})^{-1} \langle \delta\phi^3 \rangle \\ \sim 3.6 \times 10^3 \cdot (\text{vertices}) \cdot (\text{propagators})$$



# Signal size

## Almost no-go in generic “minimal” scenarios

L. Wang, ZZX, 1910.12876

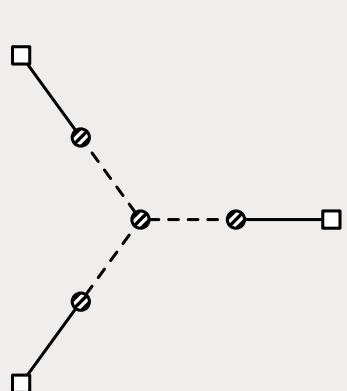
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# Signal size

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda^2}(\partial_\mu \phi)^2 \sigma^2 \longrightarrow \frac{\dot{\phi}_0^2}{\Lambda^2} \sim H^2 \longrightarrow \Lambda \simeq 3600H$$

↑  
No Boltzmann suppression      ↑  
 $\dot{\phi}_0 \simeq (60H)^2$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \sigma)^2 - \frac{1}{2}m^2\sigma^2 - \lambda\sigma^4 + \frac{1}{\Lambda^2}(\partial_\mu \phi)^2 \sigma^2$$



$$f_{\text{NL}} \sim 3600 \cdot \left( \frac{\dot{\phi}_0}{\Lambda^2} \langle \sigma \rangle \right)^3 \cdot \lambda \langle \sigma \rangle \sim 10^{-7} \cdot \lambda \langle \sigma \rangle^4$$

**QSF**: a very shallow potential is needed

$$\langle \sigma \rangle^2 \sim H^2/\lambda \rightarrow \lambda \langle \sigma \rangle^4 \sim 1/\lambda \rightarrow \lambda \lesssim 10^{-7}$$

$$f_{\text{NL}} \gtrsim 1$$

# dim-5 operators: the only exception

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda}(\partial_\mu \phi)\mathcal{J}^\mu \longrightarrow \frac{1}{\Lambda}\dot{\phi}_0\mathcal{N}$$

A new source of particle production

Not all chemical potentials work

$$(\omega \pm \mu)^2 = k^2 + m^2 \quad (\partial_\mu \phi)\Phi^*\partial^\mu\Phi \quad (\partial_\mu \phi)\bar{\Psi}\gamma^\mu\Psi$$

$$\omega^2 = (k \pm \mu)^2 + m^2 + \dots \quad (\partial_\mu \phi)\bar{\Psi}\gamma^\mu\gamma^5\Psi \quad \phi F\tilde{F}$$

$$\omega^2 = a^{-2}k_{\text{com}}^2 + \left[ m^2 \pm 2\mu k_{\text{com}} a^{-1}(t) + \dots \right]$$

Only parity-odd charge works  
without breaking more symmetries

L. Wang, ZZX, 1910.12876

# dim-5 operators: chemical potential

Fermion  $(\partial_\mu \phi) \bar{\Psi} \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 \Psi$

$$\omega^2 = (k \pm \mu)^2 + m^2 \longrightarrow e^{\mu/H} e^{-\sqrt{m^2 + \mu^2}/H} \sim e^{-m^2/(\mu H)}$$

Probing heavy neutrinos Chen, Wang, ZZX, 1805.02656

New Higgs vacua Hook, Huang, Racco, 1907.10624, 1908.00019

Gauge boson  $\phi F \tilde{F}$

$$\omega^2 = k(k \pm 2\mu) + m^2 \longrightarrow e^{\mu/H} e^{-m/H}$$

Does not work by itself

Can see the effect w/ additional couplings L. Wang, ZZX, 2004.02887

CP-breaking in trispectrum Liu, Tong, Wang, ZZX, 1909.01819

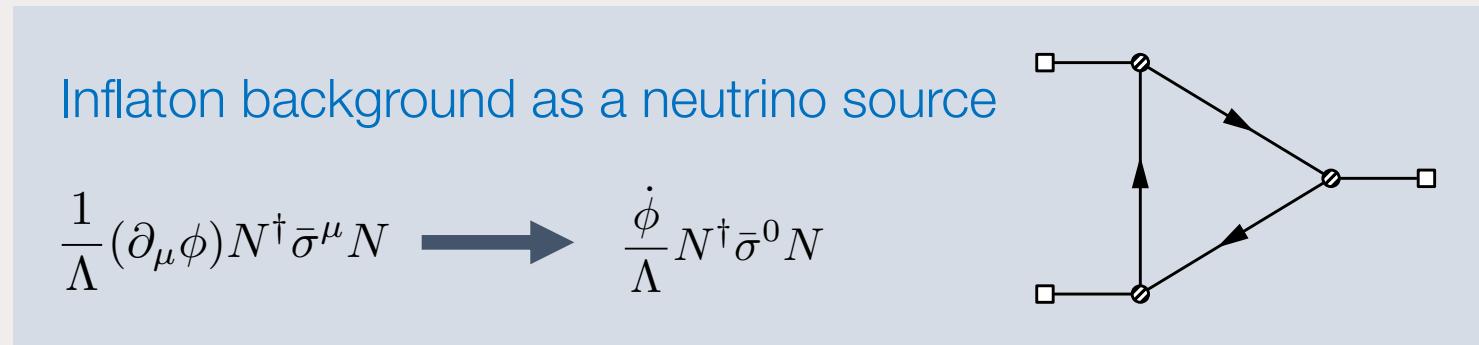
Graviton: circularly polarized tensor mode  
(e.g. in TB and EB)

Lue, Wang, Kamionkowski, astro-ph/9812088

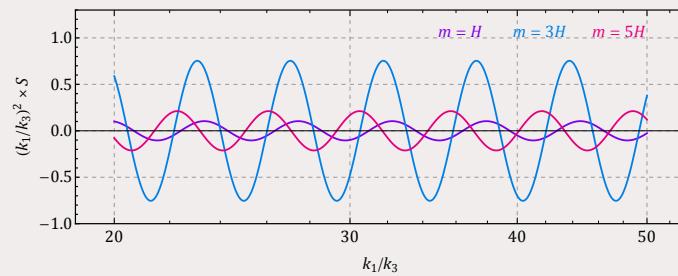
# Probing heavy neutrinos

A rare chance to see right-handed neutrinos

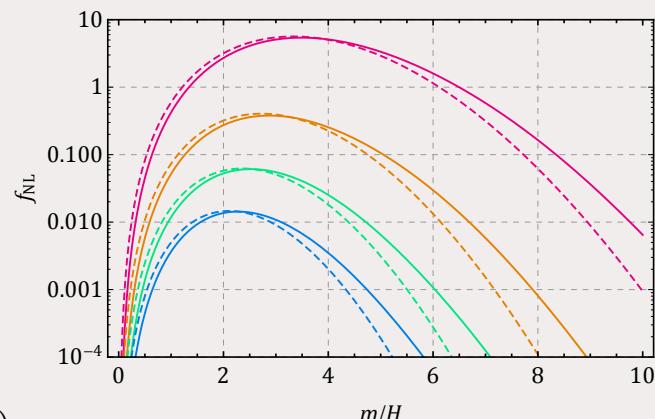
$$m \sim 10^{13} \text{GeV} \sim H$$



$$\lambda = \frac{\dot{\phi}_0}{\Lambda} \quad \mu = \sqrt{m^2 + \lambda^2}$$

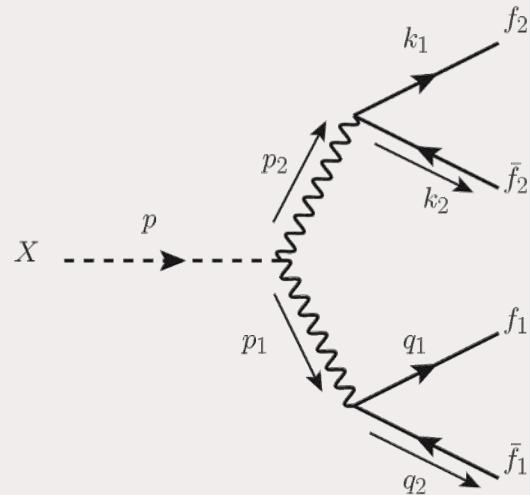


$$f_{NL}(\text{clock}) \simeq \frac{3\pi^2}{2} P_\zeta \tilde{\lambda}^5 \tilde{m}^3 e^{-5\pi \tilde{m}^2/(4\tilde{\lambda})}$$



Chen, Wang, ZZX, JHEP 1809 (2018) 022

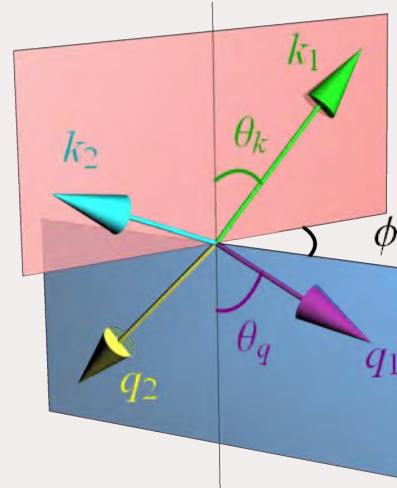
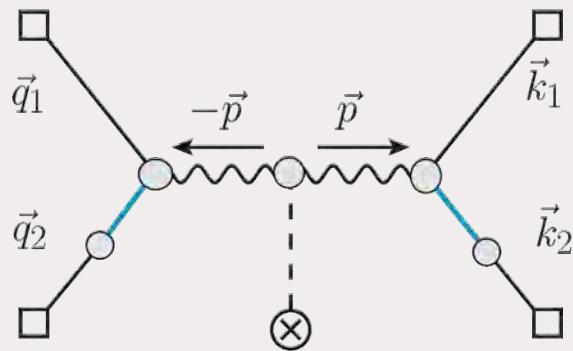
# CP violation



$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}(X \rightarrow VV) = & \mathcal{F}_1 \epsilon_1^* \cdot \epsilon_2^* + \frac{\mathcal{F}_2}{m_X^2} (\epsilon_1^* \cdot p)(\epsilon_2^* \cdot p) \\ & + i \frac{\mathcal{F}_3}{m_X^2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} p_\mu P_\nu \epsilon_{1\rho}^* \epsilon_{2\sigma}^* \end{aligned}$$

Four-particle final state needed

## Trispectrum



Liu, Tong, Wang, ZZX, 1909.01819

# CP violation

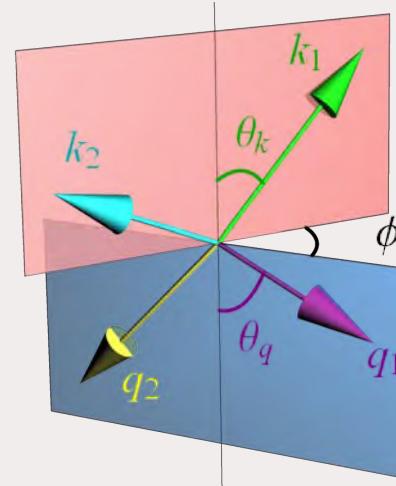
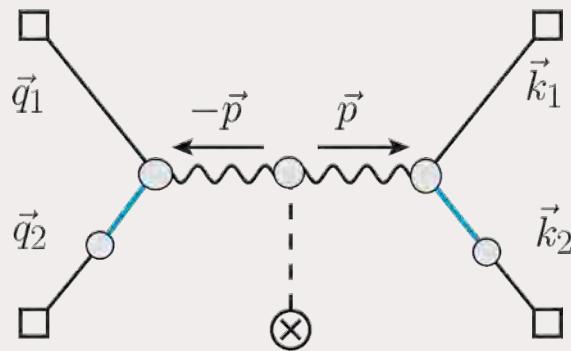
$$\Delta \mathcal{L} = \frac{c_1}{\Lambda} \partial_\mu \phi (\mathcal{H}^\dagger D^\mu \mathcal{H}) + \frac{c_2}{\Lambda^2} (\partial \phi)^2 \mathcal{H}^\dagger \mathcal{H} - \frac{c_0}{4} \theta(t) Z_{\mu\nu} Z_{\rho\sigma} \mathcal{E}^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}$$

Two types of external legs needed

Odd-angular dependence in imaginary part

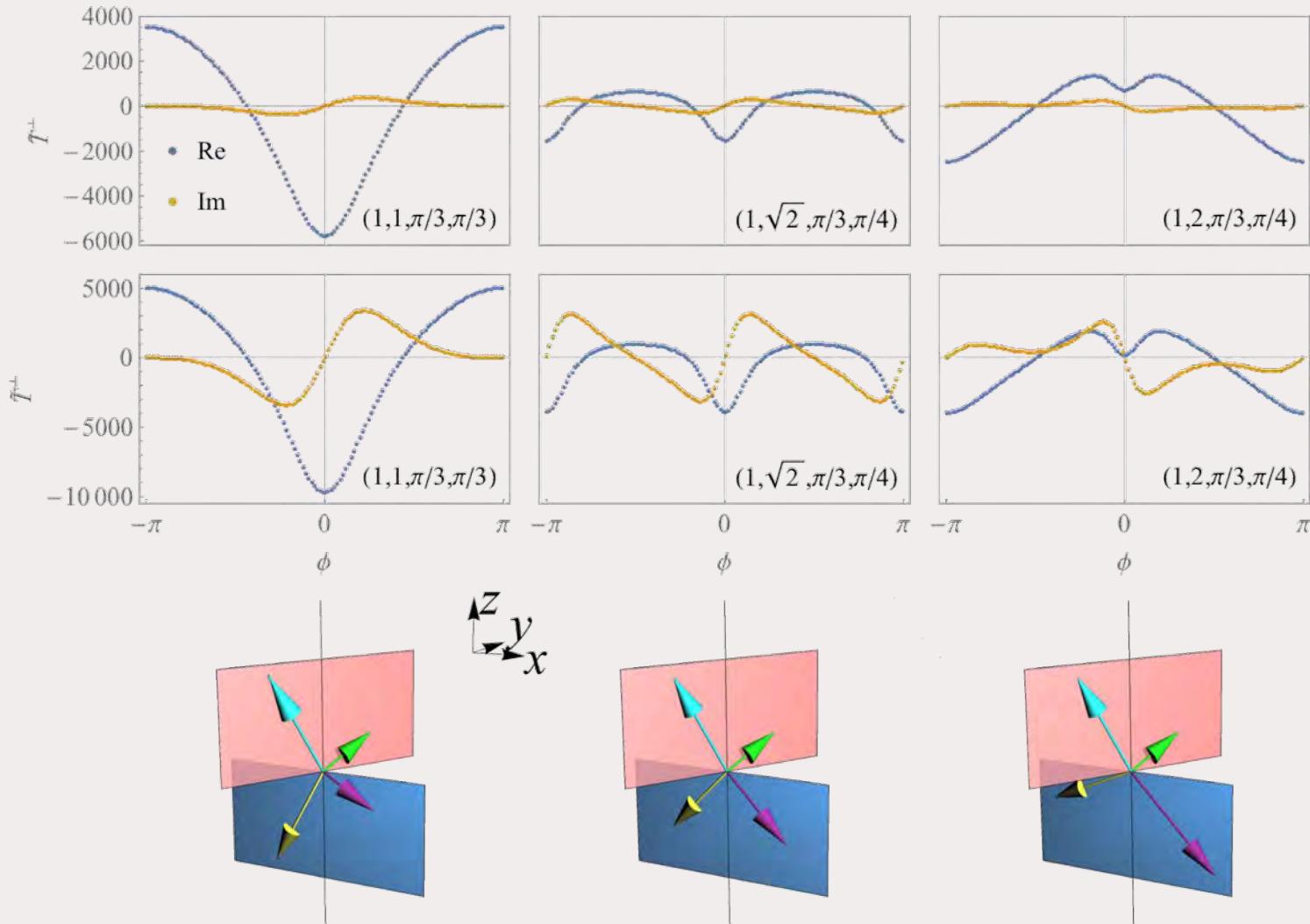
No local CP-odd correlations in dS limit

Chemical potential helps



Liu, Tong, Wang, ZZX, 1909.01819

# CP violation



Liu, Tong, Wang, ZZX, 1909.01819

# Signal size

## Beyond the “minimal” scenario

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## Beyond the “minimal” scenario

### ~~1. Standard slow-roll inflation~~

Providing vacuum energy to expand; Generating inhomogeneities

Can separate

Vacuum energy from inflaton / fluctuations from a different source

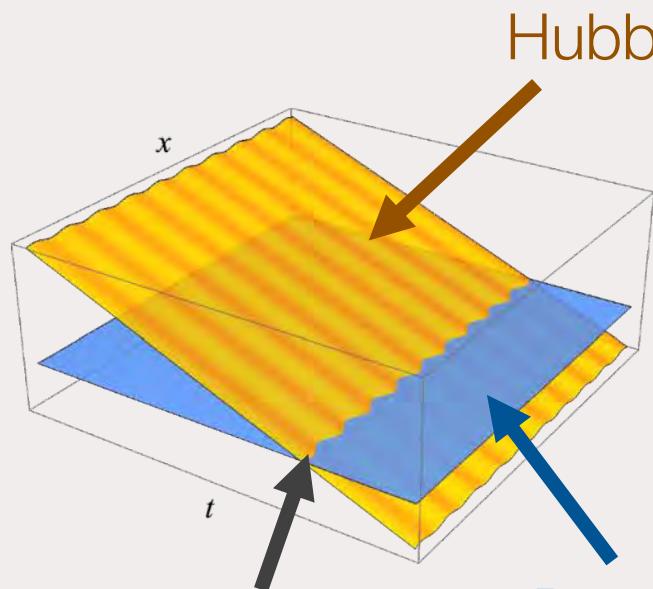
Modulated reheating (Dvali, Gruzinov, Zaldarriaga, astro-ph/0303591)

CHC: A cosmological Higgs collider Lu, Wang, ZZX, 1907.07390

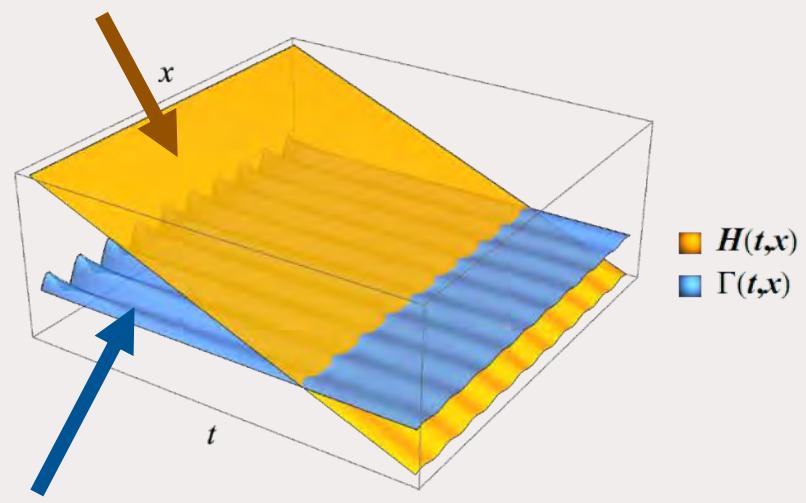
Curvaton Kumar, Sundrum, 1908.11378

# Modulated reheating

Standard inflation



Modulated reheating



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# Modulated reheating



$$\zeta(t_2, \mathbf{x}) = \zeta(t_1, \mathbf{x}) + \delta N(t_1, t_2, \mathbf{x})$$

$$\delta N(t_1, t_2, \mathbf{x}) \equiv N(t_1, t_2, \mathbf{x}) - \bar{N}(t_1, t_2, \mathbf{x})$$

Standard inflation
Modulated reheating

$$N(t_1, t_2; \mathbf{x}) = \int_{t_1}^{t_{\text{reh}}} dt \bar{H}(t) + \int_{t_{\text{reh}}}^{t_2} dt \bar{H}(t) = \frac{2}{3} \log \frac{t_{\text{reh}}}{t_1} + \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{t_2}{t_{\text{reh}}}$$

$H(t_{\text{reh}}) = \Gamma$ 
matter
radiation

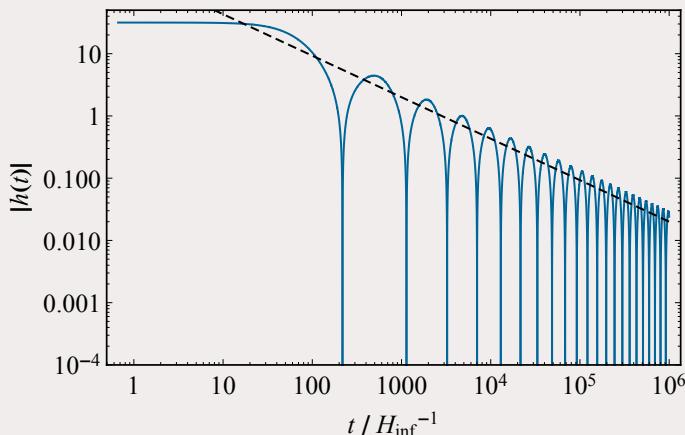
$$\delta N = \frac{1}{6} \frac{\delta t_{\text{reh}}}{t_{\text{reh}}} = -\frac{1}{6} \frac{\delta \Gamma}{\Gamma}$$

# Can SM Higgs modulate the reheating?

$$\Gamma(\phi \rightarrow \text{something}) \propto h^n \quad \rightarrow \quad \delta N \propto \delta\Gamma/\Gamma \propto \delta h/h$$

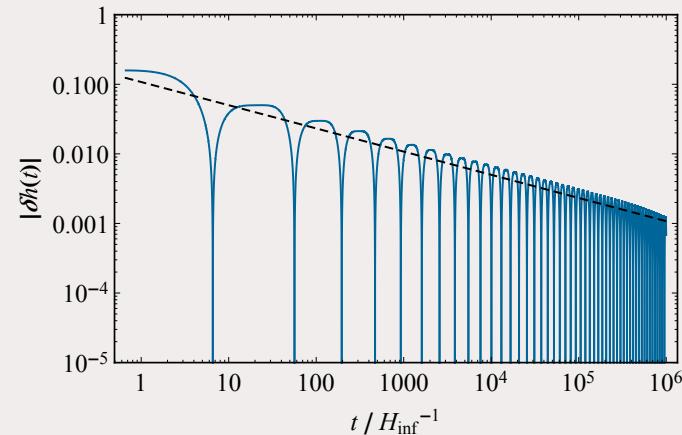
$$\mathcal{O} = \phi h \cdot \text{something}$$

$$\rho_h \sim \lambda h^4 \sim a^{-4} \sim t^{-8/3}$$



$$h_0(t) \sim \lambda^{-1/3} H_{\text{inf}} (H_{\text{inf}} t)^{-2/3}$$

$$\Gamma(\phi \rightarrow \text{something}) \propto h^2 \propto t^{-4/3}$$



$$\delta h(t) \sim \lambda^{-1/6} (H_{\text{inf}} t)^{-1/3} \delta h_{\text{ini}}$$

# Can SM Higgs modulate the reheating?

The reheating should be faster than Higgs decay  
Power-law dependence does not work; kinetic dependence

A solution: inflaton decays to Higgs-portal scalars

$$\Delta \mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu S_i)^2 - \frac{1}{2}m_{S0}^2 S_i^2 - \alpha S_i^2 |\mathbf{H}|^2 + \frac{1}{\Lambda_S}(\partial_\mu \phi) S_i \partial^\mu S_i$$

$$\Gamma(\phi \rightarrow SS) = \frac{m_\phi^3}{16\pi\Lambda_S^2} \left(1 - \frac{4m_S^2}{m_\phi^2}\right)^{1/2} \quad m_S^2(h_0) = m_{S0}^2 + \alpha h_0^2$$

$$\zeta = -\frac{1}{6} \frac{\delta \Gamma}{\Gamma} \simeq \frac{2\alpha h_0 \delta h}{3m_\phi^2} \Big|_{t=t_{\text{reh}}}$$

$$\Lambda_S \simeq \sqrt{\frac{N\alpha}{32\pi^2\lambda^{1/2}}} P_\zeta^{-1/4} \sqrt{m_\phi H_{\text{inf}}}$$

$$\alpha = 1, N = 10, m_\phi = 10H_{\text{inf}}, \lambda \simeq 0.01 \quad \Lambda_S \geq 266H_{\text{inf}}$$

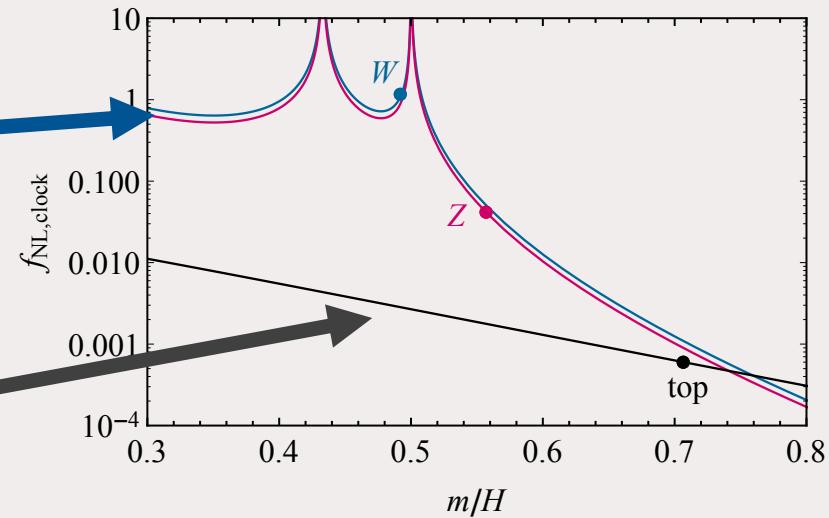
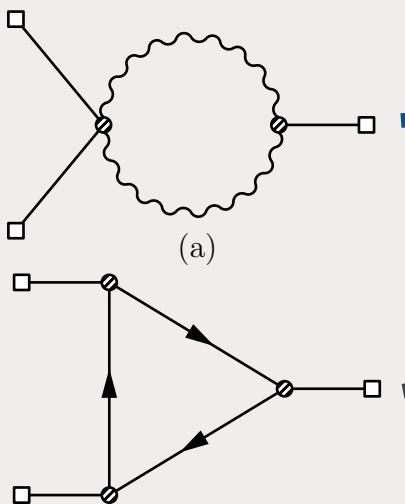
S can be a DM candidate;  
thermally produced when  $\alpha \sim 1$   
and  $m_{S0} \sim 10 \text{ TeV}$

# A Cosmological Higgs Collider

## Constraint from local non-G

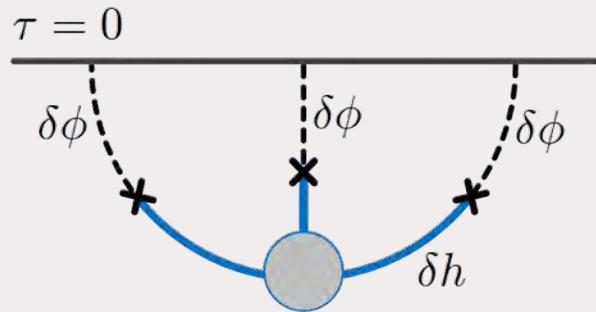
$$f_{\text{NL}}(\text{local}) \sim -\mathcal{O}(1) \frac{R_h^3}{2\pi P_\zeta^{1/2}} \lambda N_e + \mathcal{O}(1) \frac{R_h^3}{(2\pi)^6 P_\zeta} \frac{2\alpha N}{(m_\phi/H_{\text{inf}})^2}$$

$$R_h \lesssim 0.14 \left( \frac{\lambda}{0.01} \right)^{-1/3} \left( \frac{N_e}{50} \right)^{-1/3}$$



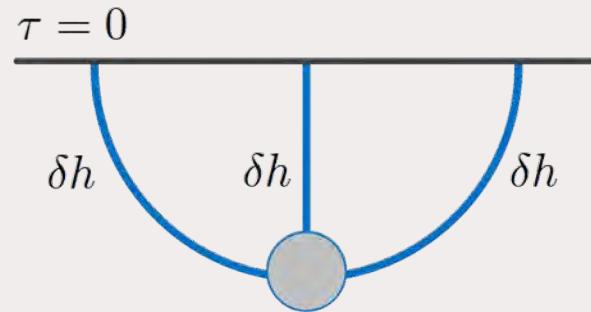
Lu, Wang, ZZX, 1907.07390

# Inflaton collider vs. CHC



Inflaton collider

Inflaton-matter couplings  
suppressed by cutoff  $\Lambda \sim 60H$   
many free parameters



“CHC”

Higgs couplings  
unsuppressed signals  
less free parameters

Can be generalized to any isocurvature modes  
a new playground of cosmological collider physics

## More alternatives

Relieve the Boltzmann suppression by production mechanism at a higher scale

Breaking scale invariance

Resonance production of heavy particles /  
Flauger, Mirbabayi, Senatore, Silverstein, 1606.00513

Breaking spacetime symmetry

Schwinger production

Chua, Ding, Wang, Zhou 1810.09815

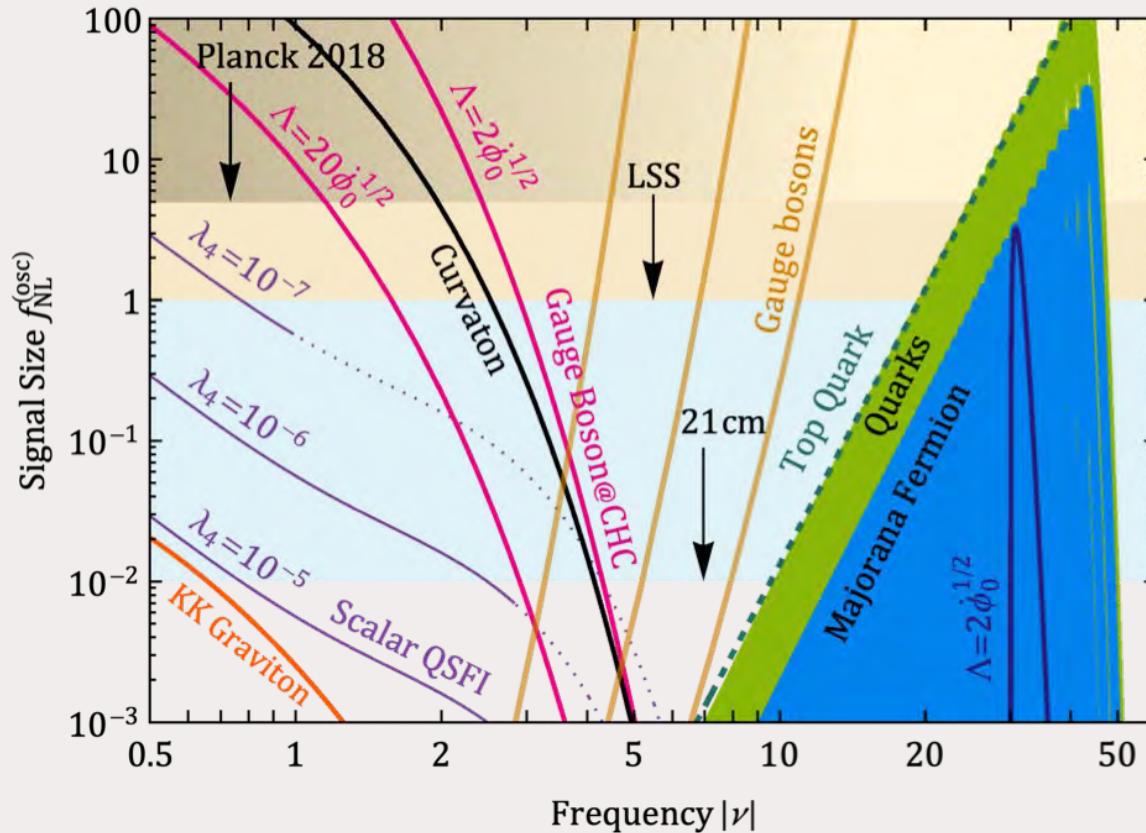
Warm inflation

Tong, Wang, Zhou, 1801.05688

## DM isocurvature as a new channel of cosmological collider

Lingfeng Li, Tomohiro Nakama, Chon Man Sou, Yi Wang, Siyi Zhou,  
1903.08842, 2002.01131

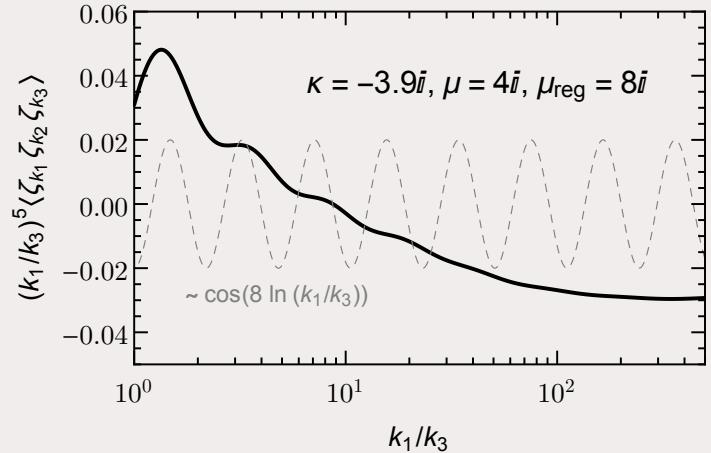
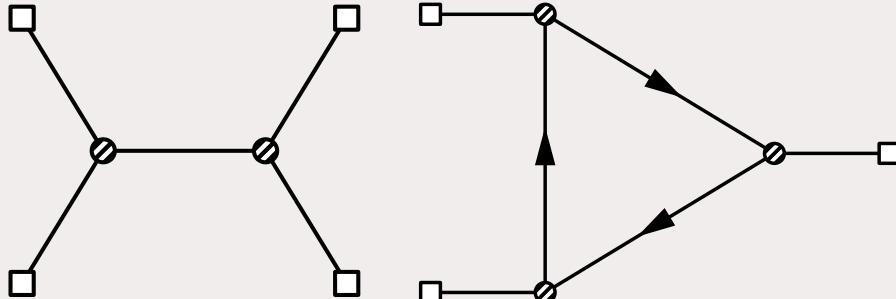
# A status summary



L. Wang, ZZX, 1910.12876, 2004.02887

# Theory challenges

Calculating Feynman graphs in dS is difficult



Recent development in formal techniques

Conformal Bootstrap

Arkani-Hamed, Baumann, Joyce, Lee, Pimentel, 1811.00024, 1910.14051, 2005.04234

Mellin-Barnes representation

Sleight, Taronna, 1906.12302, 1907.01143

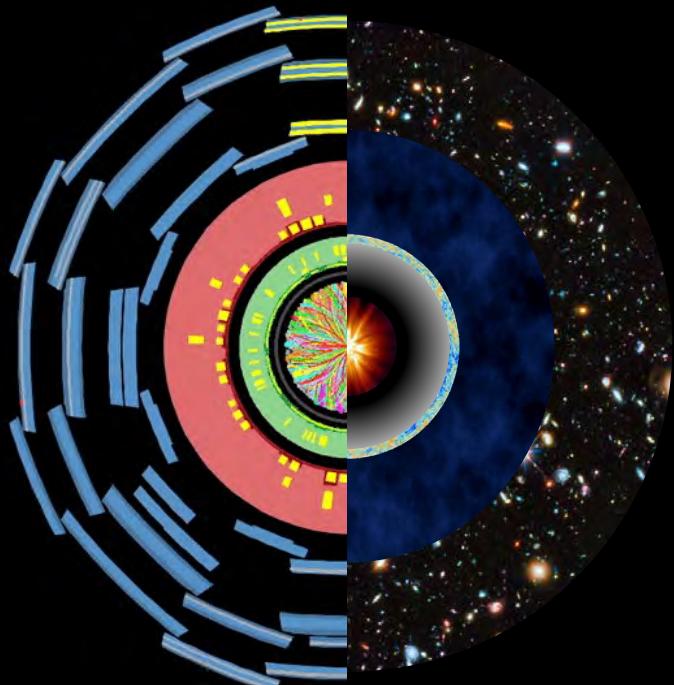
More pragmatic approaches  
Schwinger-Keldysh diagrammatics

Chen, Wang, ZZX, 1703.10166

“brute force” computation

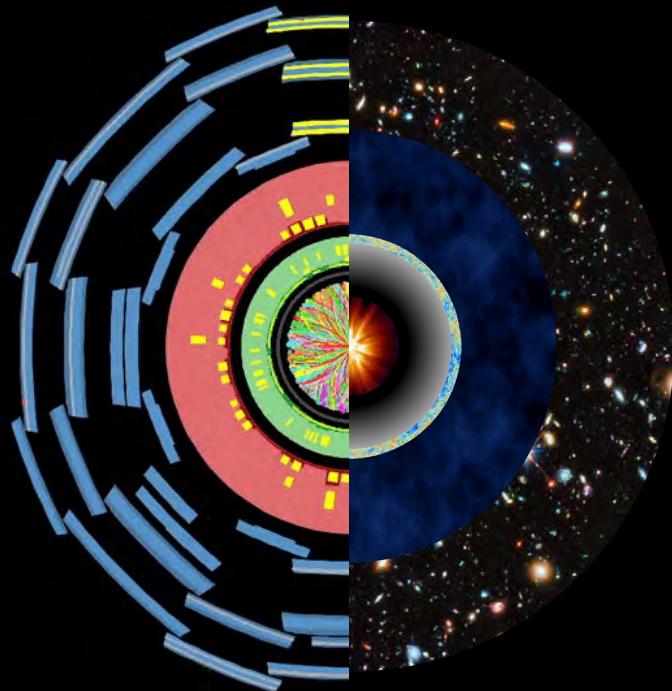
Wang, ZZX, Zhong, in progress

# Take-home



Observational progress ahead  
1 order of magnitude improvement in next decade / Can already test some interesting scenarios / another 1-2 orders ultimately, can reach gravity floor

Chance to do some real particle physics  
More theoretical efforts called for / Not the sort of “1000 inflation models to fit 2 parameters  $n_s$  and  $r$ ” thing



Thank you