

Primordial non-Gaussianities in new ekpyrotic cosmology

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1. Introduction

Observations on non-Gaussianities

deviation from Gaussian distribution

- conventional parametrisation [Komatsu and Sperbel 2001](#)

$$\zeta = \zeta_L - \frac{3}{5} f_{NL} \zeta_L^2$$

Curvature ζ_L obeys Gaussian statistics

perturbations $f_{NL} \sim 0$ for almost free theories like standard inflation

- Constraints on f_{NL} from WMAP 5-year

$$-9 < f_{NL} < 111$$

[Komatsu et al. 2008](#)

favoring relatively large non-Gaussianity

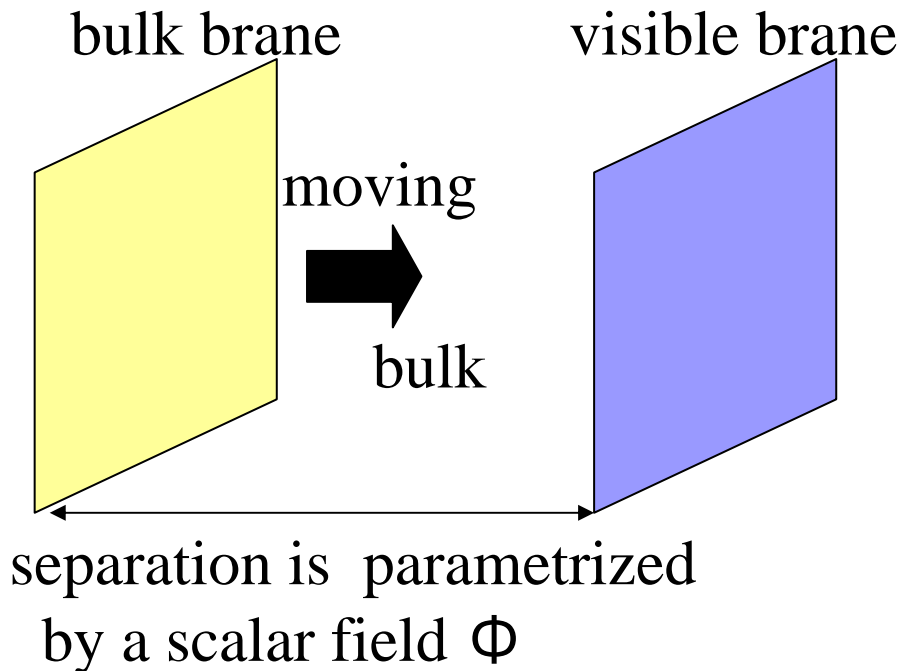
➡ Need to consider the early universe scenarios other than the standard inflationary scenario?

Old ekpyrotic scenario

- Set-up

Khoury, Ovrut, Steinhardt, Turok '01

Hot big-bang universe is produced
by the collision of branes!



- Set up is based on heterotic M theory

Lucas, Ovrut, Waldram '98

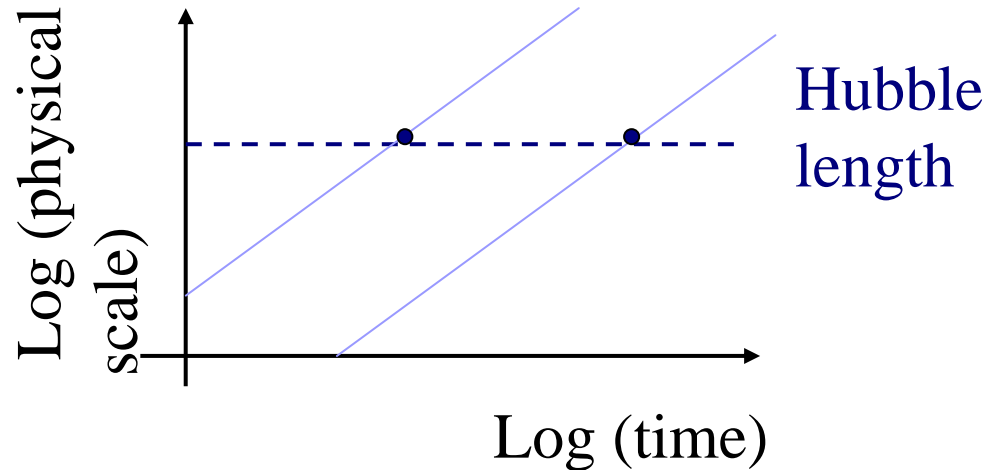
- Fluctuation is generated in the contracting phase

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bulk brane moves
toward visible brane

- Collision of two branes **thermalise** the visible brane

Evolution of scales

- Slow roll inflation



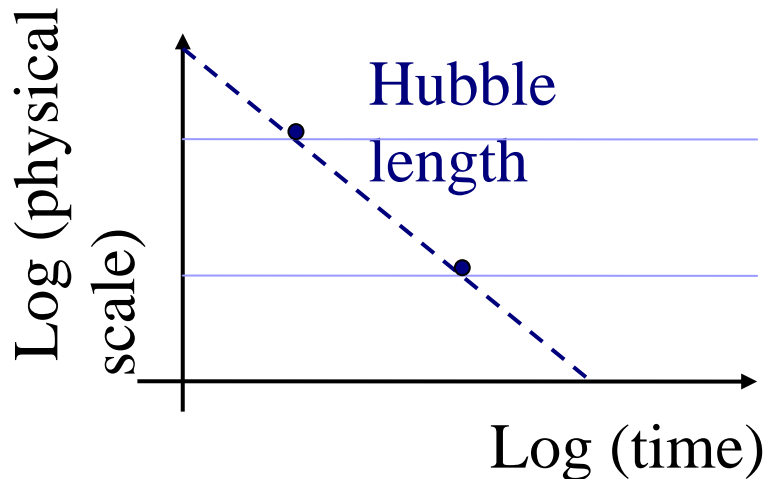
$$a = t^p$$

$$H = \frac{p}{t}$$

with $p \gg 1$

$$\tau = -1/(aH)$$

- Ekpyrotic collapse



$$a = (-t)^p$$

$$H = \frac{p}{-t}$$

with $p \ll 1$

$$\tau \simeq t/a$$

Primordial curvature perturbations

In contracting phase, cosmology on the brane is described by 4d effective scalar field theory

with potential $V(\phi) = -V_0 \exp\left(-\sqrt{\frac{2}{p}} \frac{\phi}{M_p}\right)$ $p \ll 1$

- Spectrum Lyth '02

$$n = 1 + \frac{2}{1-p} \xrightarrow{p \rightarrow 0} 3 \quad \text{strongly blue tilted}$$

- comoving curvature perturbation remains constant for adiabatic perturbations on large scales

→ strongly blue tilted spectrum for single field model in which 4d effective theory is valid

Is it really impossible to obtain scale-invariant spectrum in the context of the ekpyrotic scenario?



2. New ekpyrotic cosmology (1)

generation of nearly scale-invariant spectrum

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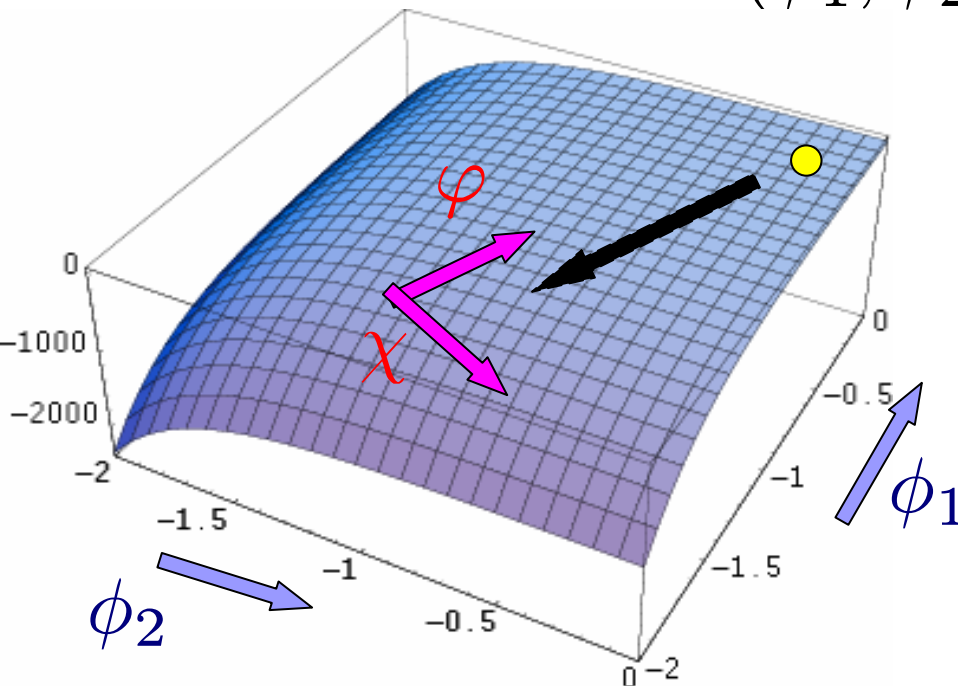
Lehners, McFadden, Turok, Steinhardt '07

Buchbinder, Khoury, Ovrut '07, Creminelli, Senatore '07

- Model Considering the coupling with moduli
During the phase much before the collision

$$V(\phi_1, \phi_2) = -V_1 e^{-c_1 \phi_1} - V_2 e^{-c_2 \phi_2}$$

$$= -\frac{U(\chi)}{c_1, c_2 \gg 1}$$



$$U_0 \left[1 + \frac{c^2}{2} (\chi - \chi_0)^2 + \dots \right]$$

$$c = \frac{c_1 c_2}{\sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2}} \gg 1$$

Background dynamics

Scaling solutions play important roles in the system with exponential potentials

- Scaling solution supported by a single field ϕ_i ($i = 1, 2$)
$$a = (-t)^{p_i}, \quad \phi_i = \frac{2}{c_i} \ln(-t) - \frac{1}{c_i} \ln \left(\frac{p_i(1-3p_i)}{V_i} \right)$$

$$\text{with } p_i = \frac{2}{c_i^2}$$

cf. old ekpyrotic model

- Multi-field scaling solution

assisted contraction

Finelli '02

$$a = (-t)^p, \quad \phi_i = \frac{2}{c_i} \ln(-t) - \frac{1}{c_i} \ln \left(\frac{2(1-3p)}{c_i^2 V_i} \right)$$

with $p = \frac{2}{c^2}, \quad c = \frac{c_1 c_2}{\sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2}} \quad \text{if } c^2 > 6$

Adiabatic and entropy perturbations

scalar field perturbations with multi fields can be decomposed into the instantaneous adiabatic and entropy perturbations

Sasaki, Tanaka '98

Gordon, Wands, Bassett, Maartens '00

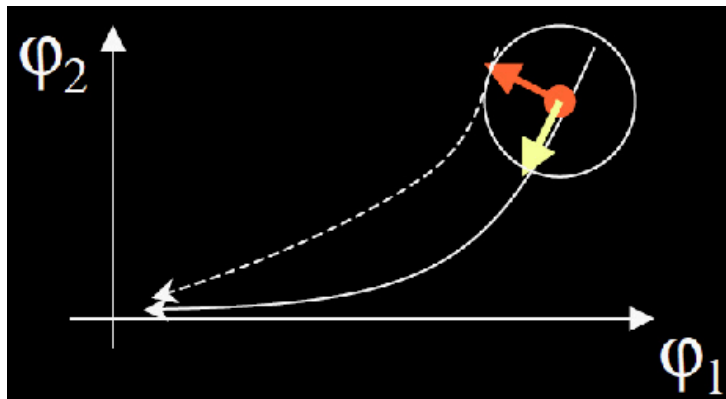
- adiabatic perturbation

$$\delta r = \sin \theta \delta \phi_1 + \cos \theta \delta \phi_2$$

- entropy perturbation

$$\delta s = \cos \theta \delta \phi_1 - \sin \theta \delta \phi_2$$

with $\theta = \arctan \frac{\dot{\phi}_1}{\dot{\phi}_2}$



δr : along the direction of the background field's evolution
 δs : orthogonal to the background trajectory

- curvature perturbations

$$\mathcal{R}_c = \frac{H \delta r}{\dot{r}}$$

Generation of entropy perturbations

- evolution eq. for entropy field

$$\delta\ddot{s} + 3H\delta\dot{s} + \frac{k^2}{a^2}\delta s + (V_{,ss} - \dot{\theta}^2)\delta s = \underbrace{-2\frac{\dot{\theta}}{\dot{r}} \left[\dot{r}\delta\dot{r} - \left(\frac{\dot{r}^3}{2H} + \ddot{r} \right) \delta r \right]}_{\text{coupling with adiabatic field}}$$

If we choose the background as

- multi-field scaling solution (B) $\theta = \arctan \frac{c_2}{c_1}$
- single field scaling solution (B1, B2) $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}, 0$

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- adiabatic and entropy fields are decoupled
 - possible to quantise the independent fluctuations

- spectral index

B: $n_{\delta s} = 2p$ scale-invariant for $p \rightarrow 0$ B1,B2: $n_{\delta s} = 2$ blue

Stability analysis

Koyama, Wands '07

- Phase space variables

$$x_i \equiv \frac{\dot{\phi}_i}{\sqrt{6}H}, \quad y_i \equiv \frac{\sqrt{V_i e^{-c_i \phi_i}}}{\sqrt{3}H} \quad \leftarrow \quad \text{constrained by} \quad \sum_j x_j^2 - \sum_j y_j^2 = 1$$

- Fixed points $i = 1, 2$

A: $\sum_j x_j^2 = 1, \quad y_j = 0$ (kinetic term dominant solution)

Bi: $x_i = \frac{c_i}{\sqrt{6}}, \quad y_i = -\sqrt{\frac{c_i^2}{6} - 1}, \quad x_j = y_j = 0, \quad (\text{for } j \neq i)$
(single field dominant scaling solution)

B: $x_j = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{3p} \frac{1}{c_j}, \quad y_j = -\sqrt{\frac{2}{c_j^2 p} \left(\frac{1}{3p} - 1 \right)}$
(multi-field scaling solution)

- linear analysis

A: unstable Bi: stable **B: saddle** for $\begin{cases} c_i^2 > 6 \\ \sum c_i^{-2} < 1/6 \end{cases}$

Desirable background

$$\dot{\theta} = 0$$

$$\dot{\theta} \neq 0$$

$$\dot{\theta} = 0$$

—————> time

	B (saddle)	transit	Bi (attractor)	non-singular bounce	expanding Universe
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curvature

blue

mixing

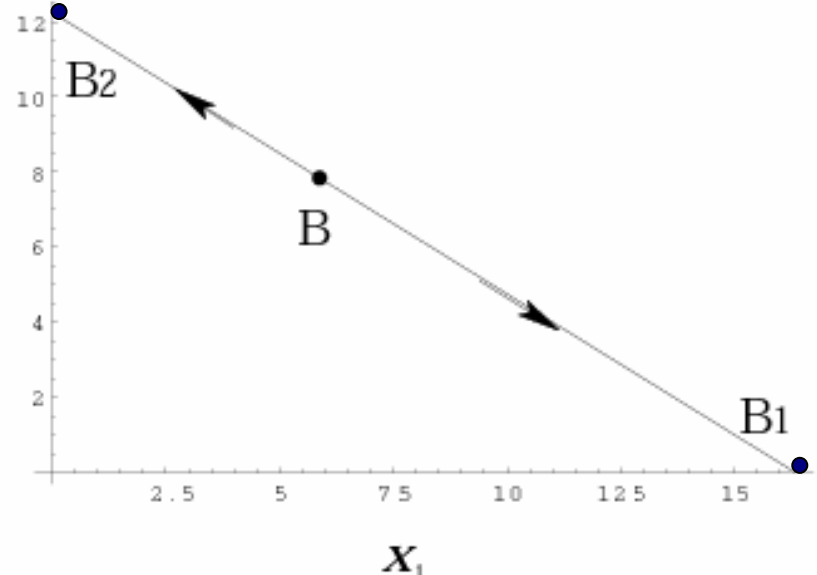
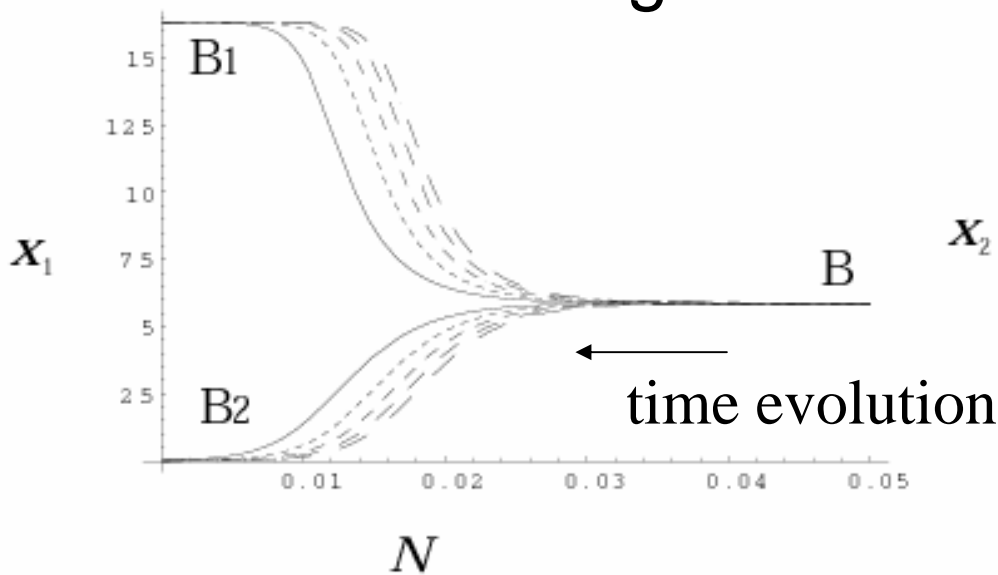
blue

isocurvature

scale-
invariance

blue

- Background solutions



Predictions from linear perturbation

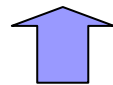
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- Primordial power spectrum

$$\mathcal{R}_c = \frac{c^2}{2\sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2}} \left| \frac{H}{2\pi} \right|_T \quad c = \frac{c_1 c_2}{\sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2}}$$

- tensor-scalar ratio T : transition time from the scaling sol.

$$r \simeq 0 \longleftarrow \text{spectrum of tensor is blue tilted in scaling solutions}$$



Assuming the followings:

- non-singular bounce is realised
comoving curvature perturbation is conserved
- matter comes from the adiabatic field at the bounce
no isocurvature perturbations in the expanding universe

3. New ekpyrotic cosmology (2)

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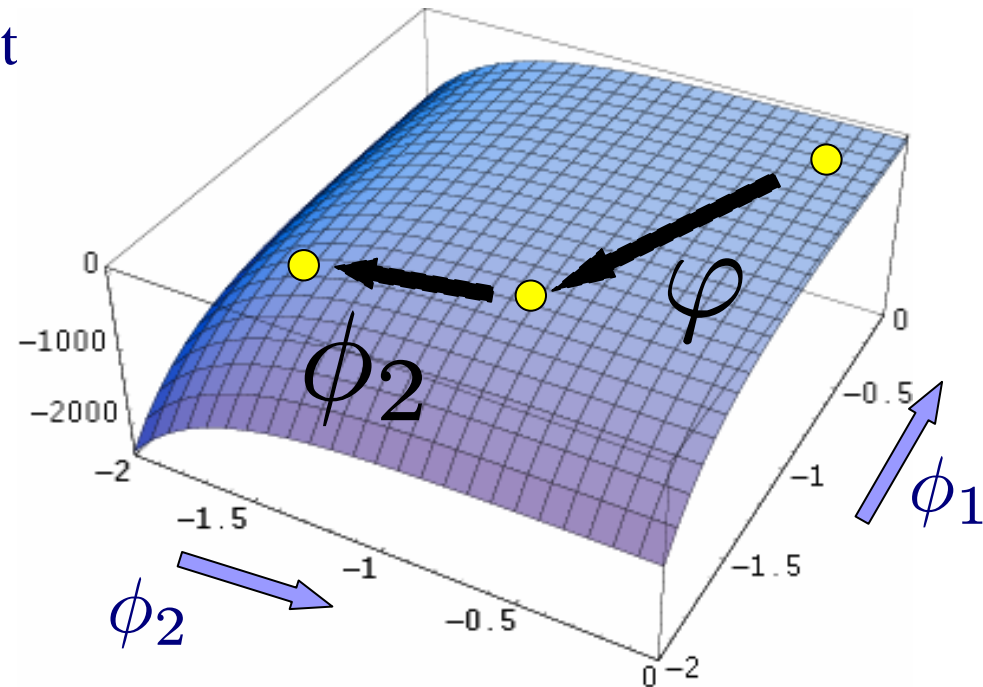
3. Primordial Non-Gaussianities

- assumptions

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- Initial condition are set to realise multi-field scaling solution (B).
- Final stage of the ekpyrotic collapse is described by single-field dominated scaling solution (B2).
- Transition from B to B2 occurs instantaneously.

valid in fast-roll limit



Statistics of scalar field fluctuations

origin of the perturbations is scalar field fluctuation $\delta\chi$

- perturbative expansion

$$\delta\chi = \underbrace{\delta\chi_1}_{\text{free field}} + \frac{1}{2}\delta\chi_2 + \frac{1}{6}\delta\chi_3 + \dots,$$

- power spectrum

$$\langle \delta\chi_{\mathbf{k}_1} \delta\chi_{\mathbf{k}_2} \rangle \equiv P(k)(2\pi)^3 \delta^3(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2),$$

$$\longrightarrow \text{leading order } \mathcal{P}(k) \equiv \frac{4\pi k^3}{(2\pi)^3} P(k) = \frac{1}{p^2} \left(\frac{H}{2\pi} \right)^2$$

- bispectrum

$$\langle \delta\chi_{\mathbf{k}_1} \delta\chi_{\mathbf{k}_2} \delta\chi_{\mathbf{k}_3} \rangle \equiv B(k_1, k_2, k_3)(2\pi)^3 \delta^3(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3),$$

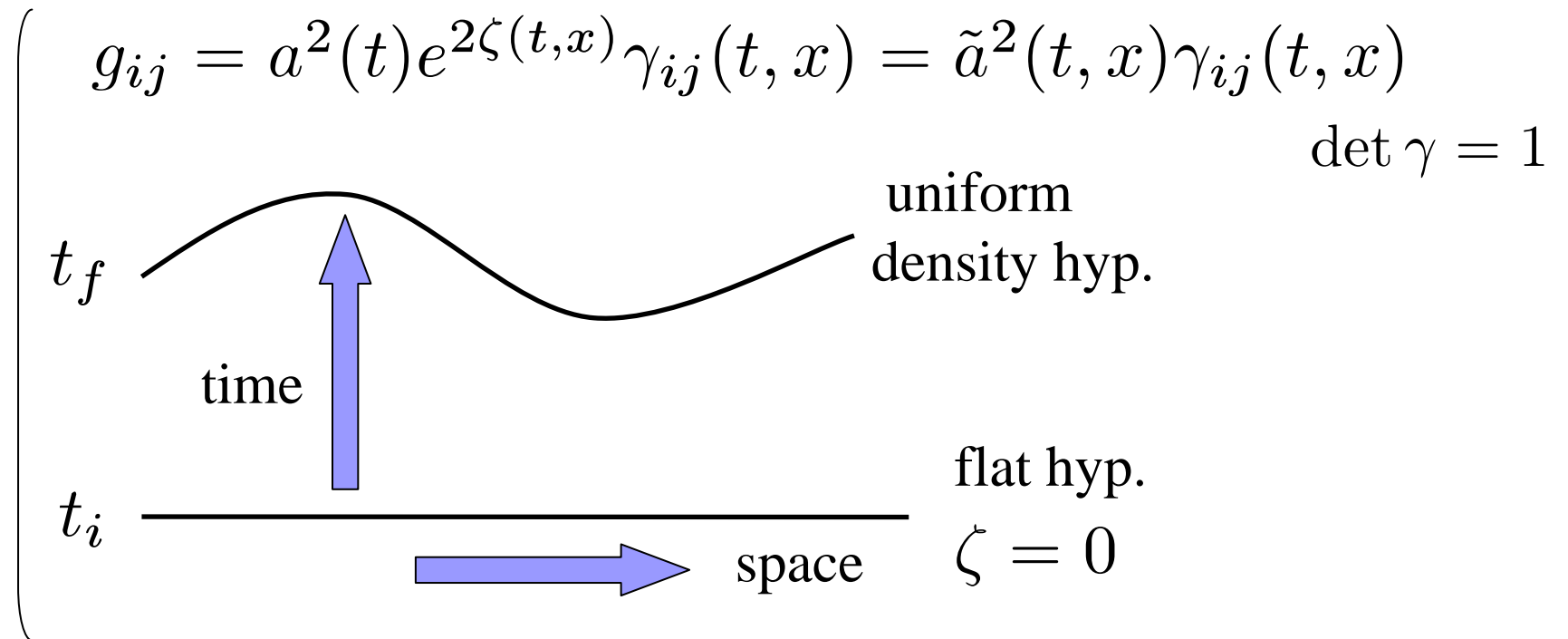
$$\longrightarrow \text{leading order } \sim \langle \delta\chi_1 \delta\chi_1 \delta\chi_2 \rangle$$

δN formalism

(e.g. Sasaki and Stewart, 1996)

- idea

(curvature perturbation) = (perturbed expansion)



$\zeta(t_f, x) = N(t_f, x) - N_0(t_f) \quad N \equiv \log \frac{\tilde{a}(t_f, x)}{a(t_i)}$

Separate universe assumption

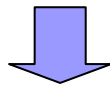
(e.g. Salopek and Bond, '90)

- assumption

(Wands, Malik, Lyth, Liddle, '00)

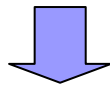
local expansion behaves like a locally homogeneous and isotropic universe

justified on sufficiently large scales



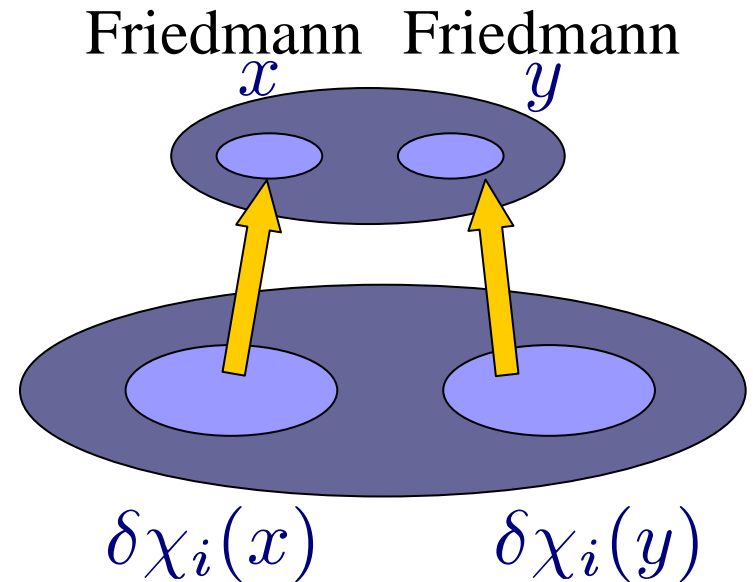
- local expansion

$$N(t_f, x) = N(t_f, \delta\chi(t_i, x))$$



- curvature perturbations

$$\zeta(x) = \delta N(x) = N_{,\chi_i} \delta\chi_i + \frac{1}{2} N_{,\chi_i\chi_i} (\delta\chi_i)^2$$



Statistics of curvature perturbations

- nonlinear parameter

$$f_{NL} \equiv \frac{5}{6} \frac{\prod_j k_j^3}{\sum_j k_j^3} \frac{B_\zeta}{4\pi^4 \mathcal{P}_\zeta^2} \longleftarrow \text{bispectrum}$$

- three-point function

- δN formalism
- separate universe assumption

$$\langle \zeta_{\mathbf{k}_1} \zeta_{\mathbf{k}_2} \zeta_{\mathbf{k}_3} \rangle = \underbrace{N_{,\chi_i}^3 \langle \delta\chi_{i\mathbf{k}_1} \delta\chi_{i\mathbf{k}_2} \delta\chi_{i\mathbf{k}_3} \rangle}_{\text{intrinsic non-Gaussianity}} + \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{N_{,\chi_i}^2 N_{,\chi_i\chi_i} \langle \delta\chi_{i\mathbf{k}_1} \delta\chi_{i\mathbf{k}_2} (\delta\chi_i \star \delta\chi_i)_{\mathbf{k}_3} \rangle}_{\text{perms.}}$$

by nonlinear dynamics on super Hubble scale

N : local expansion

$\delta\chi_i$: initial entropy field fluctuation

Non-Gaussianity by nonlinear dynamics

- nonlinear parameter

$$f_{NL}^{(4)} = \frac{5}{6} \frac{N_{,\chi_i \chi_i}}{N_{,\chi_i}^2} \quad \longleftarrow \delta\chi_{\mathbf{k}} \text{ is free field at leading order}$$

- background expansion

$$N = \int_{t_i}^{t_T} H dt + \int_{t_T}^{t_c} H dt \quad (\text{instantaneous transition})$$

multi-field scaling solution single-field scaling solution

$$= \frac{2}{c_1^2} \log |H_T| + \text{const.} = -\frac{2}{c_1^2} \log |\delta\chi_i| + \text{const.}$$

➔ $f_{NL}^{(4)} = \frac{5}{12} c_1^2$

Non-Gaussianity by intrinsic scalar field

- three-point correlator of scalar field

$$\langle \delta\chi^3(t_i) \rangle = -i \int_{-\infty}^{t_i} dt \langle [\delta\chi^3(t_i), H_{\text{int}}(t)] \rangle$$

Maldacena, 2003

- interaction Hamiltonian

$$H_{\text{int}}(t) = \int dx a^3 \frac{1}{3!} \frac{d^3 V(t)}{d\chi^3} \delta\chi^3$$

- considering only the cubic interaction
- neglect interaction with graviton

$$\Rightarrow f_{NL}^{(3)} = \frac{5}{12} (c_1^2 - c_2^2) \left(\frac{H_i}{H_T} \right) \longleftarrow \text{suppressed by } \frac{H_i}{H_T}$$

$$\Rightarrow f_{NL} \simeq \frac{5}{12} c_1^2$$

4. Conclusion

$$V = -V_1 e^{-c_1 \phi_1} - V_2 e^{-c_2 \phi_2}$$

- Ekpyrotic collapse with multiple fields
- Scale-invariant isocurvature perturbations are generated during **multi-field scaling solutions**
- Unstable modes drives the multi-field scaling solutions to single field dominated scaling solutions
- Transition **automatically converts** the initial isocurvature perturbations to curvature perturbations

$$r \simeq 0, \quad \mathcal{R}_c = \frac{c^2}{2\sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2}} \left| \frac{H}{2\pi} \right|_T \quad \text{with } c = c_1^2 c_2^2 / \sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2}$$

- Large non-Gaussianities are generated during transition

$$f_{NL} = \frac{5}{12} c_j^2 \quad \text{cf, } n_s = \frac{4}{c^2}$$

Discussions

- Spectrum is slightly blue for pure exponential potentials $n = 4/c^2$, $c \gg 1$
 - deviation from exponential potential
- Non-Gaussianities from other mechanisms
[Lehners and Steinhardt \(arXive: 0712.3779\)](#)
- How to realise the non-singular bounce?
 - relying on ghost condensation
- How to realise initial to be near the saddle point
[Buchbinder, Khoury, Ovrut \(arXive: 0706.3903\)](#)