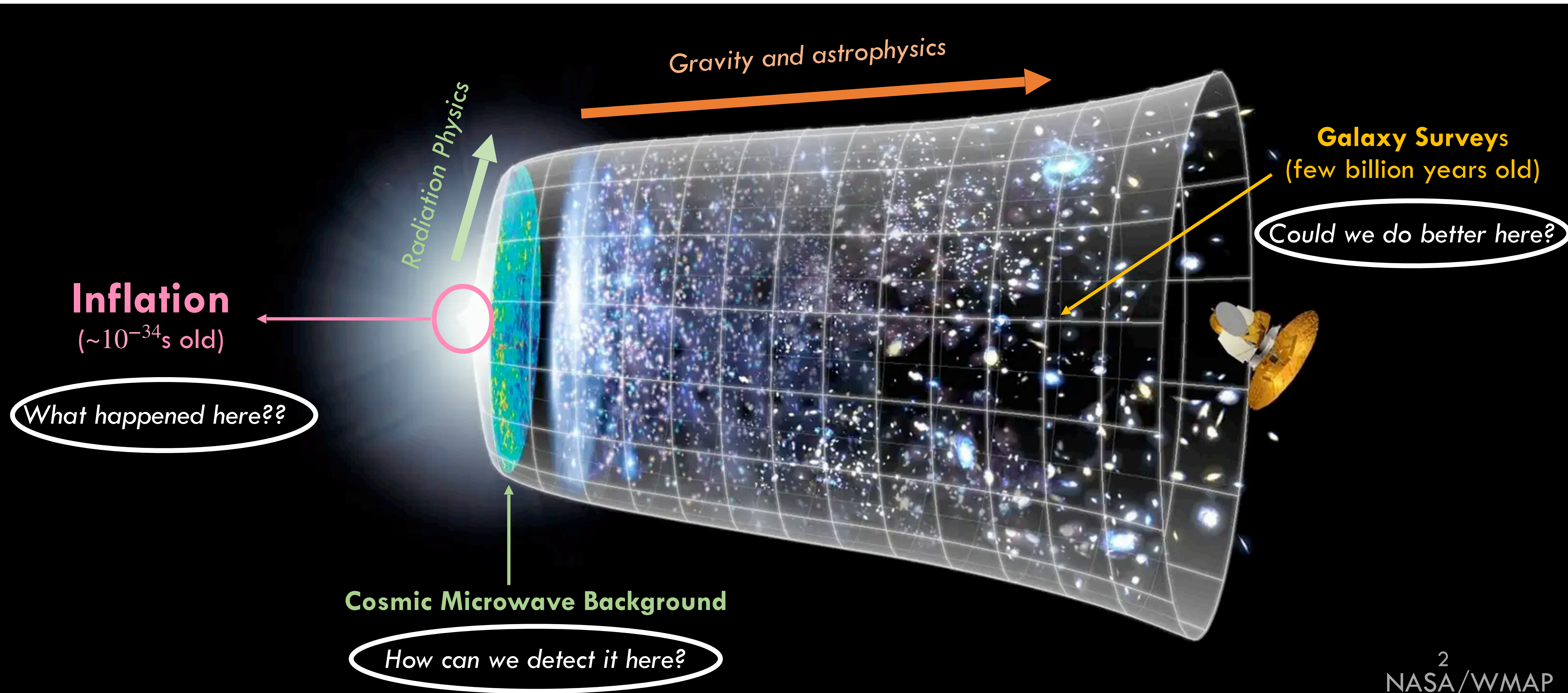


Colliders in the Sky

Constraining High-Energy Physics with
CMB and LSS Observations

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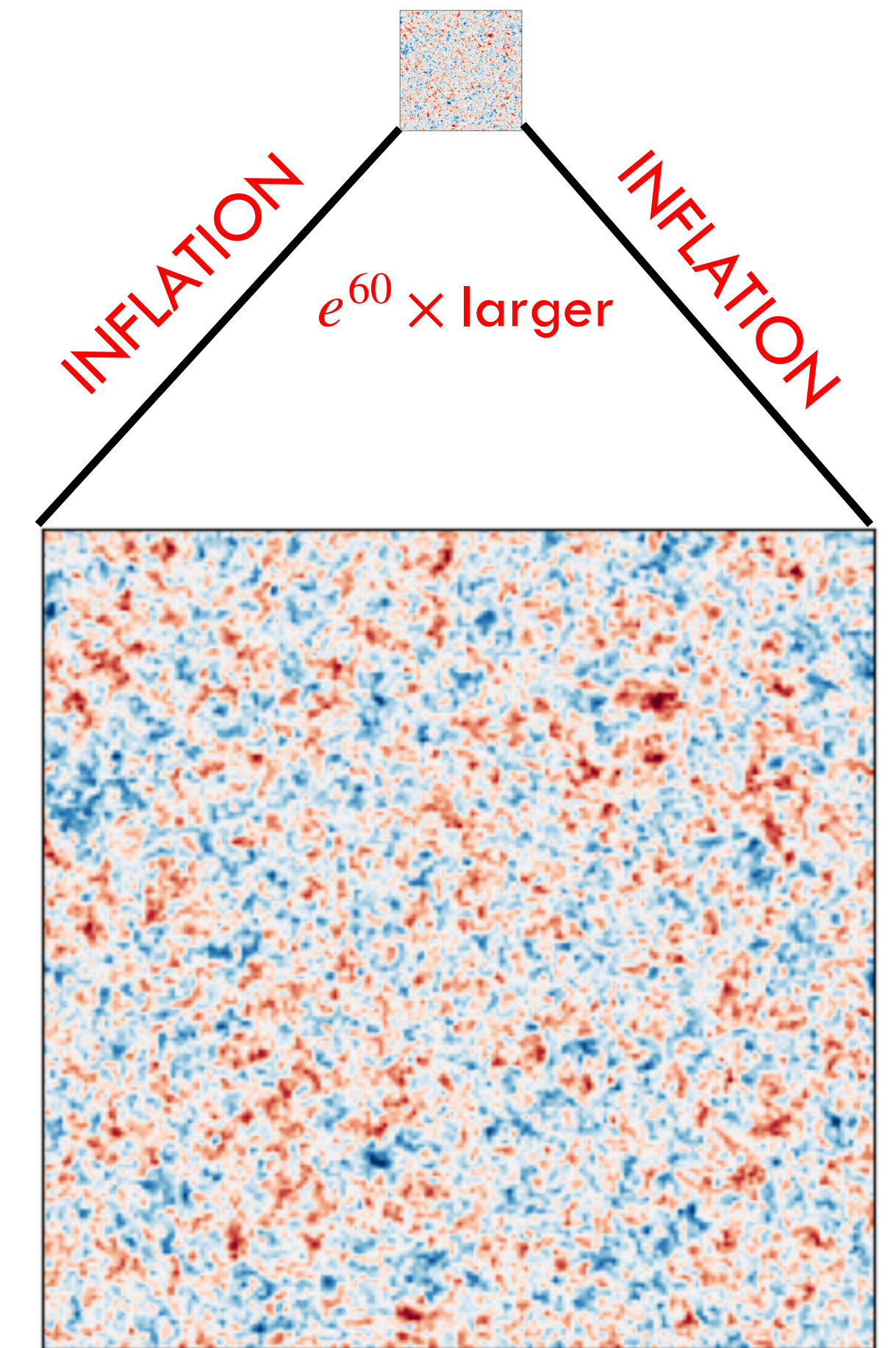
Outline of this Talk



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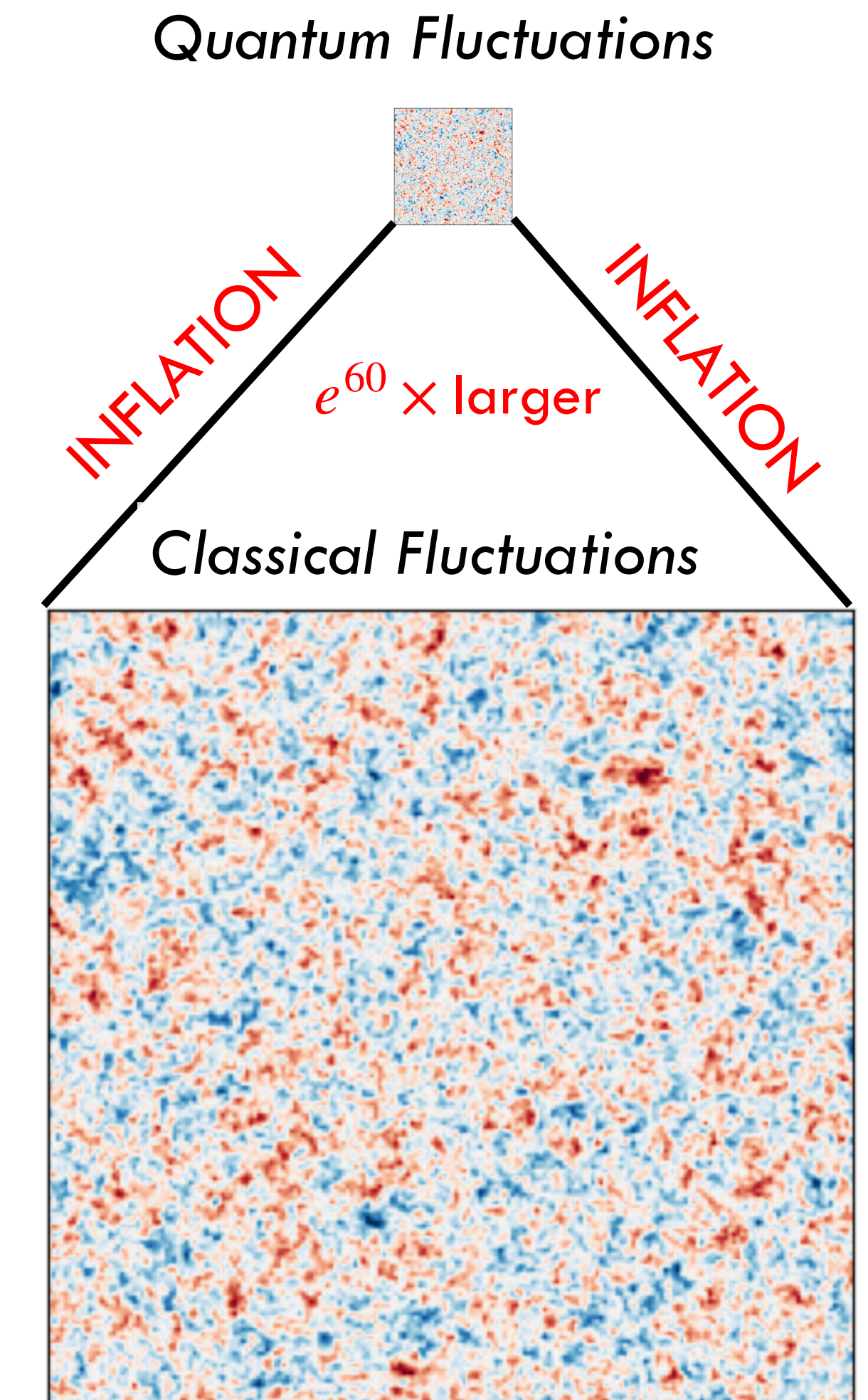
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Perturbations

- **Quantum** vacuum fluctuations sourced **classical** perturbations in the **spatial curvature**, $\zeta(\mathbf{x})$
 - ⇒ Predicts that the distribution of ζ should be **Gaussian!**
 $\zeta(\mathbf{k}) \sim \text{Normal}[0, P_\zeta(k)], \quad P_\zeta(k) \sim \langle \zeta(\mathbf{k}) \zeta^*(\mathbf{k}) \rangle$

(k = Fourier-space momentum)

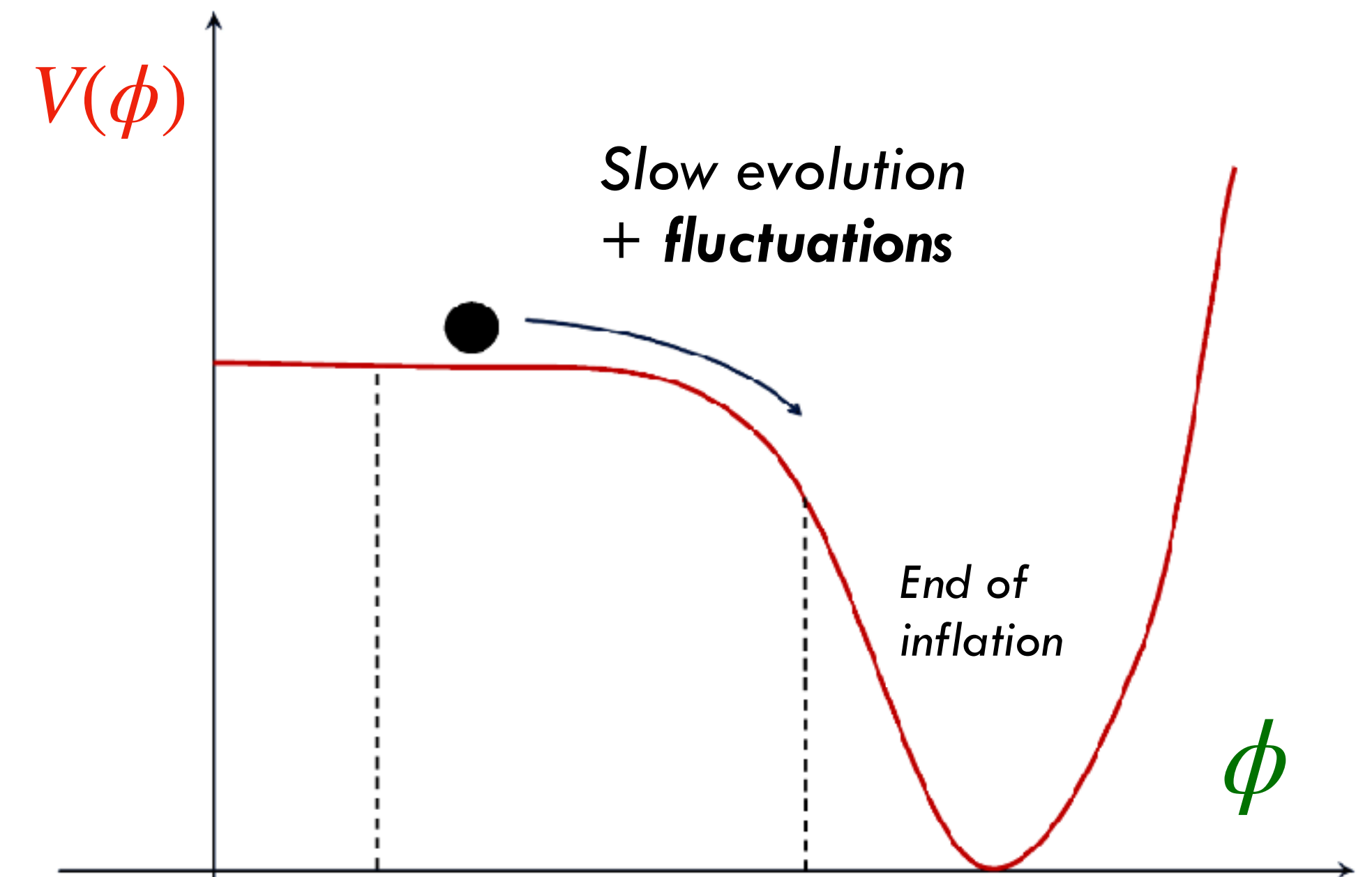


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HOWEVER:

- What is the **energy scale** of inflation?
- What sets the **potential**?
- Were there **other fields** during inflation?
- Did the fields **interact**?



$$E \lesssim 10^{13} \text{TeV}$$



$$V(\phi) = ???$$



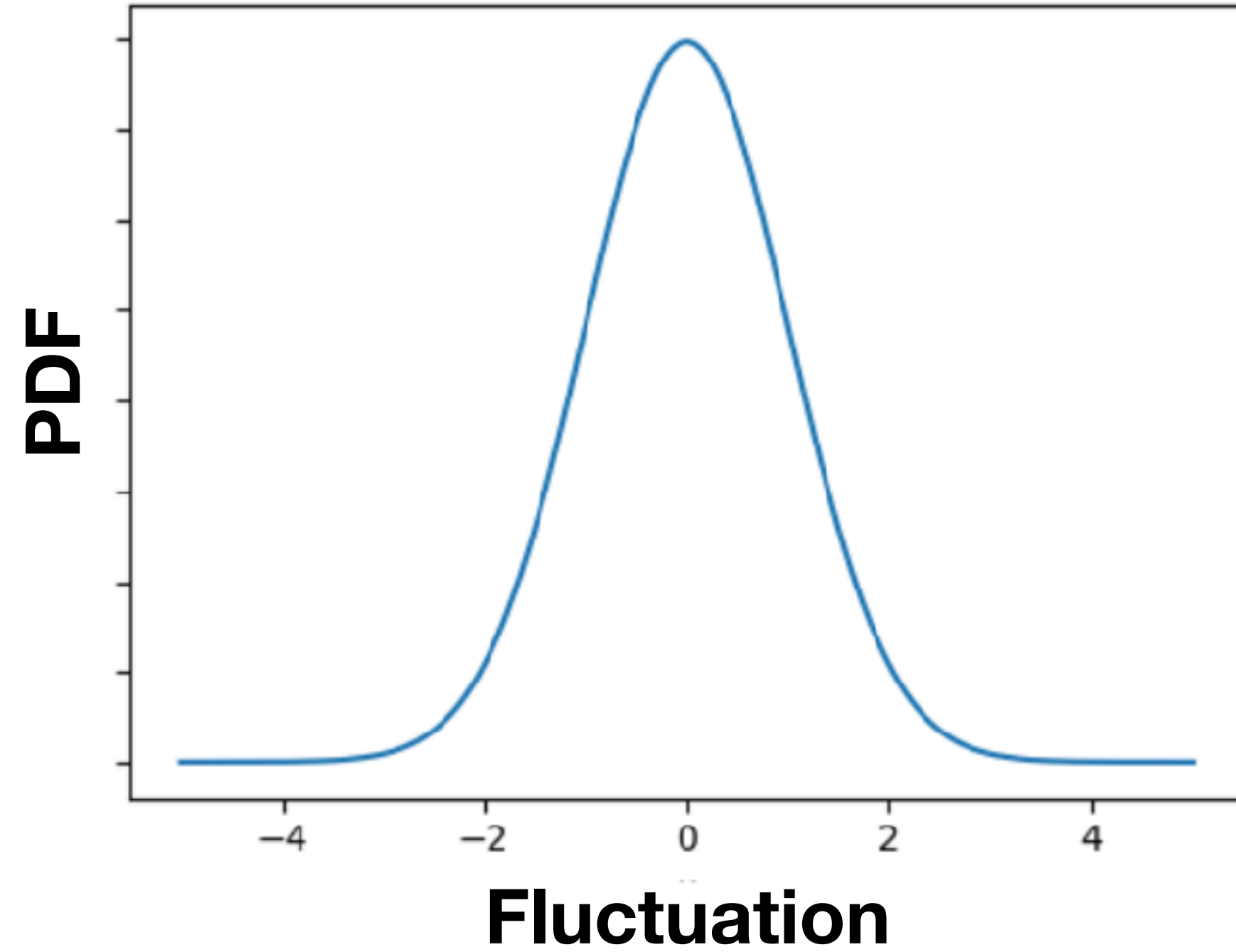
$$\phi \rightarrow \phi, \chi, \psi_u, \dots$$



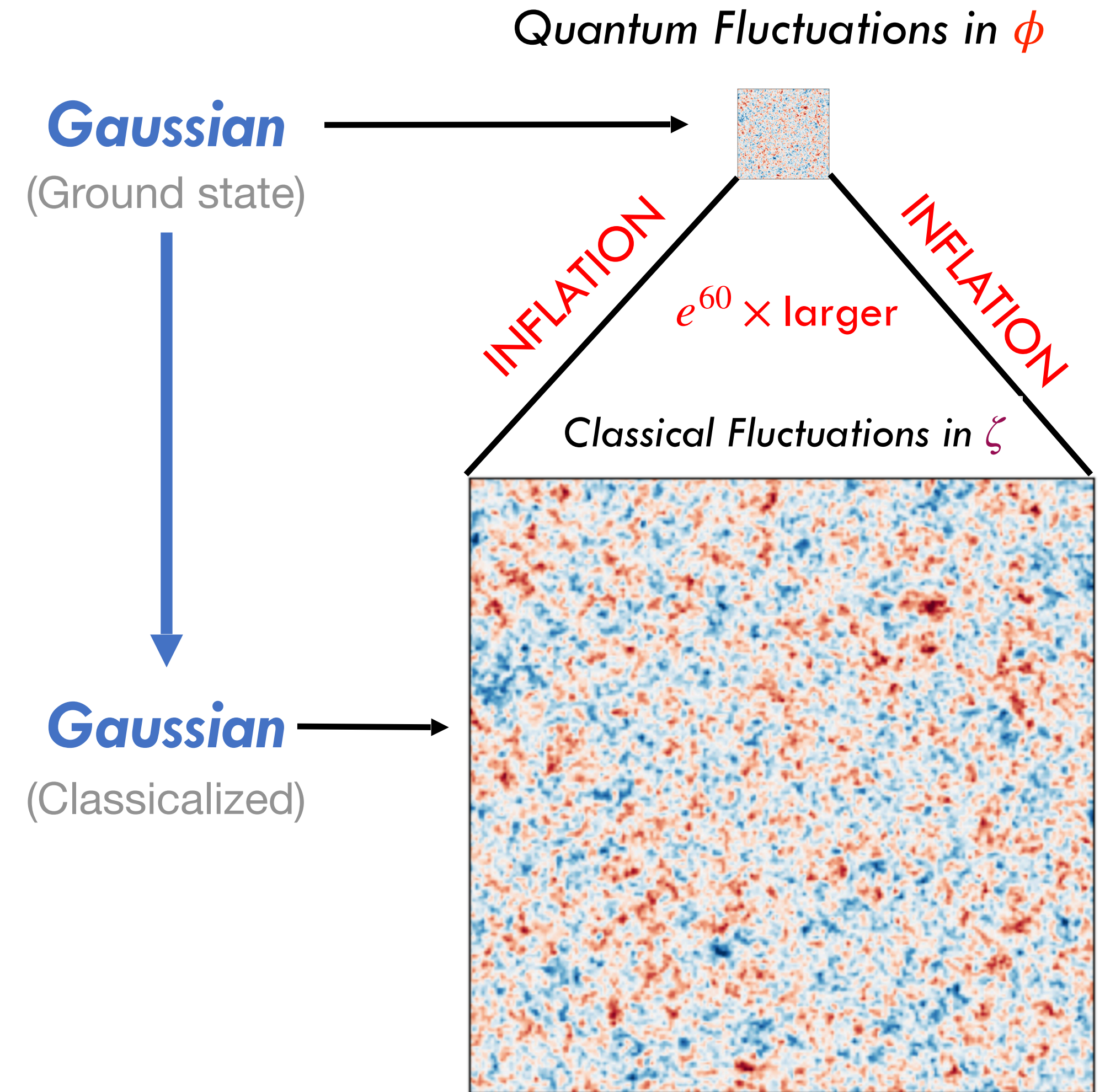
$$\text{Lagrangian} \supset \dot{\phi}^3 + \dots$$

Statistics of Inflation

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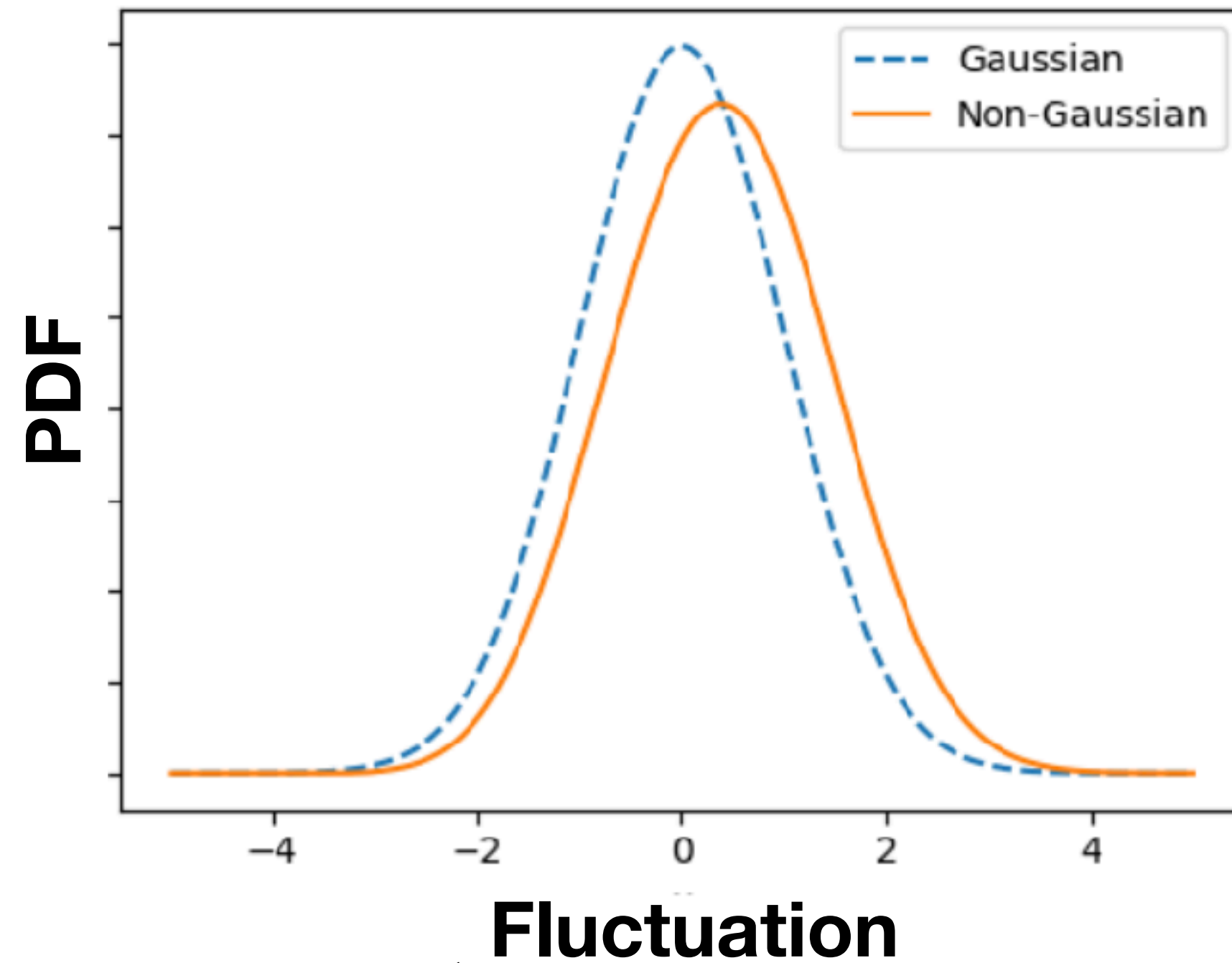
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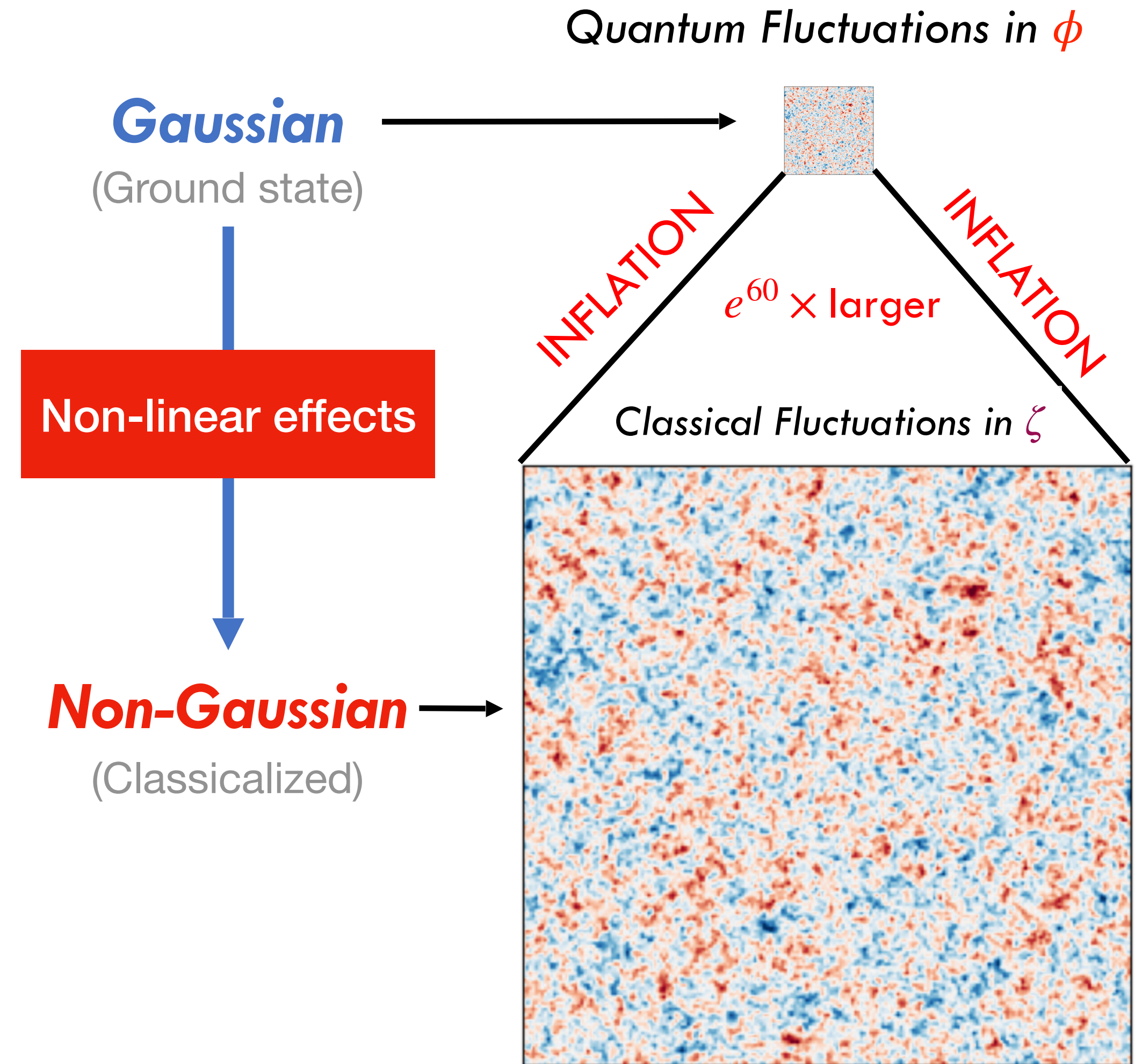
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Simplest inflationary models \Rightarrow **Gaussian** fluctuations in ζ

Non-linear effects \Rightarrow **Non-Gaussian** fluctuations in ζ



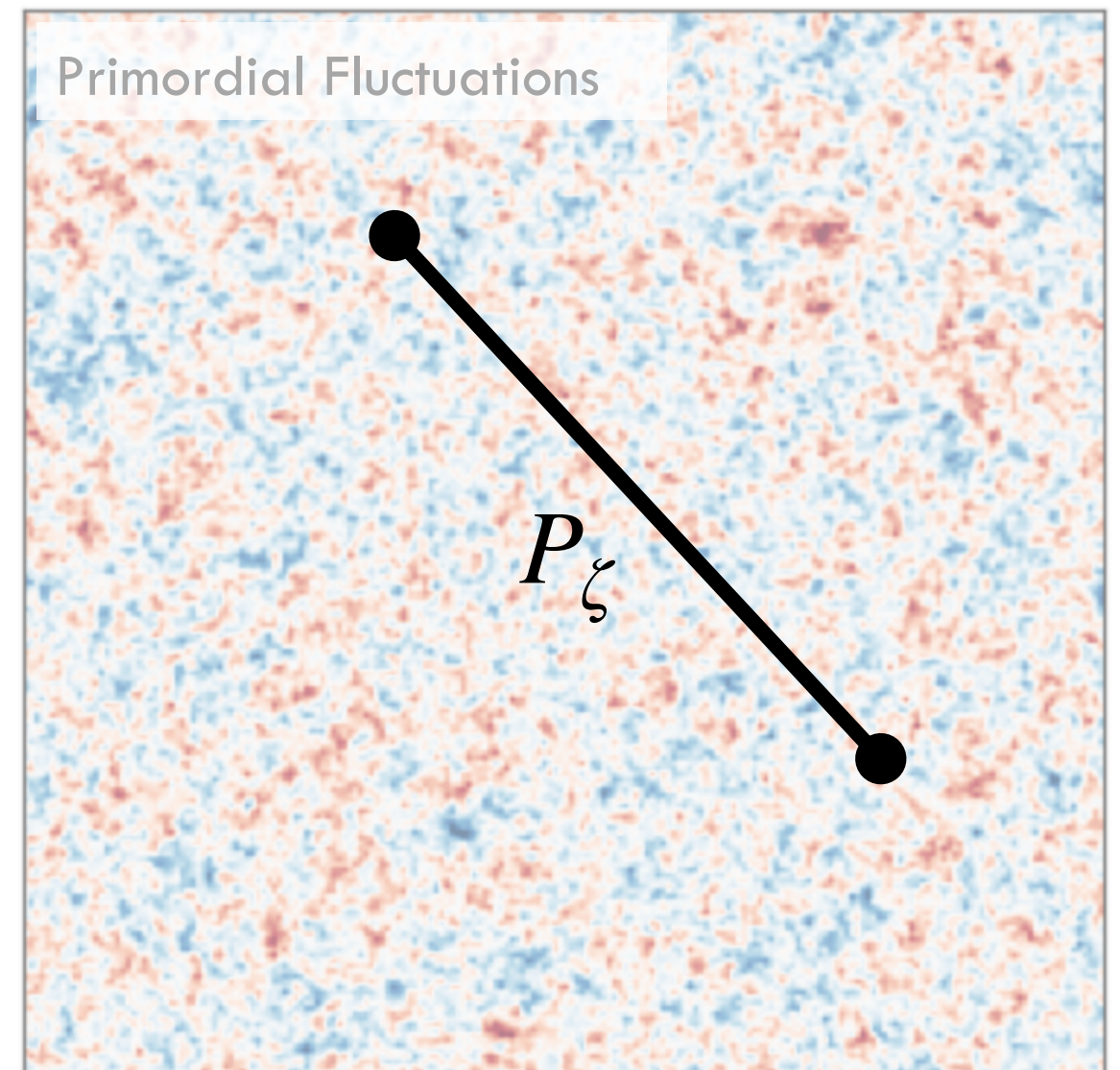
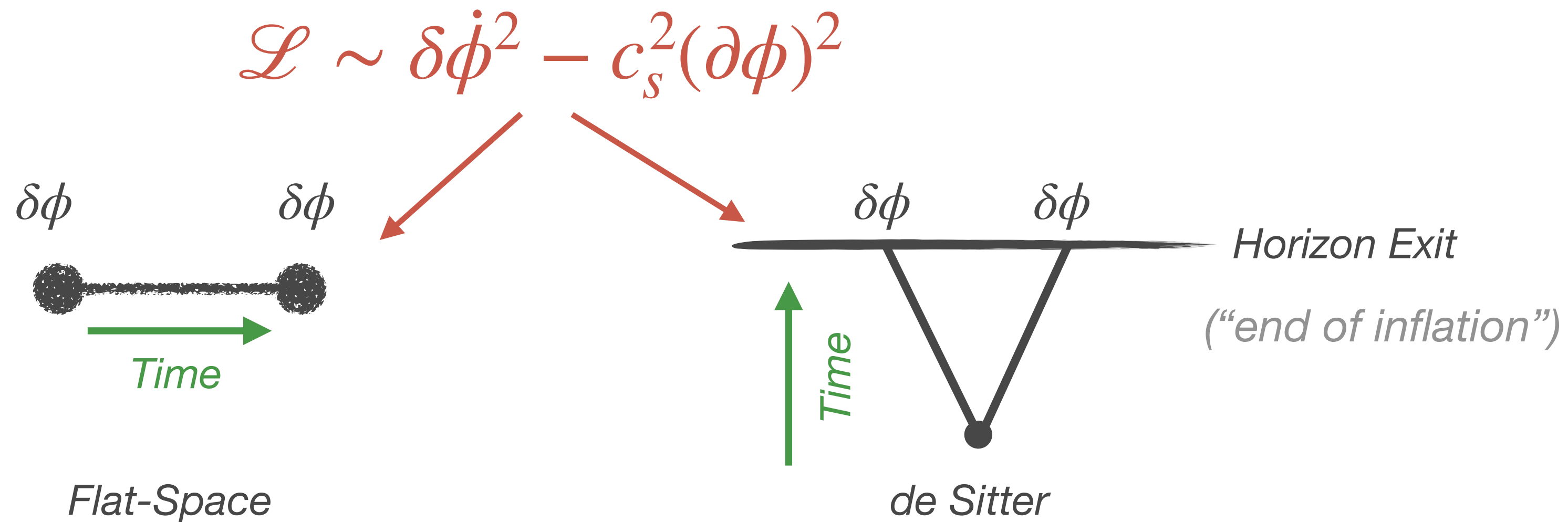
$$\mathcal{P}(\zeta) \sim e^{-\frac{1}{2}\zeta^2/P_\zeta} \left(1 + \zeta^3 B_\zeta + \zeta^4 T_\zeta + \dots \right)$$



By searching for **non-Gaussianity**, we can constrain **inflationary** physics!

Vanilla Inflation

- Let's assume we have just a **single field*** ϕ in inflation (the “inflaton”)
- The simplest inflationary action is **quadratic in perturbations**:



- This correlates the curvature at **two points** in space

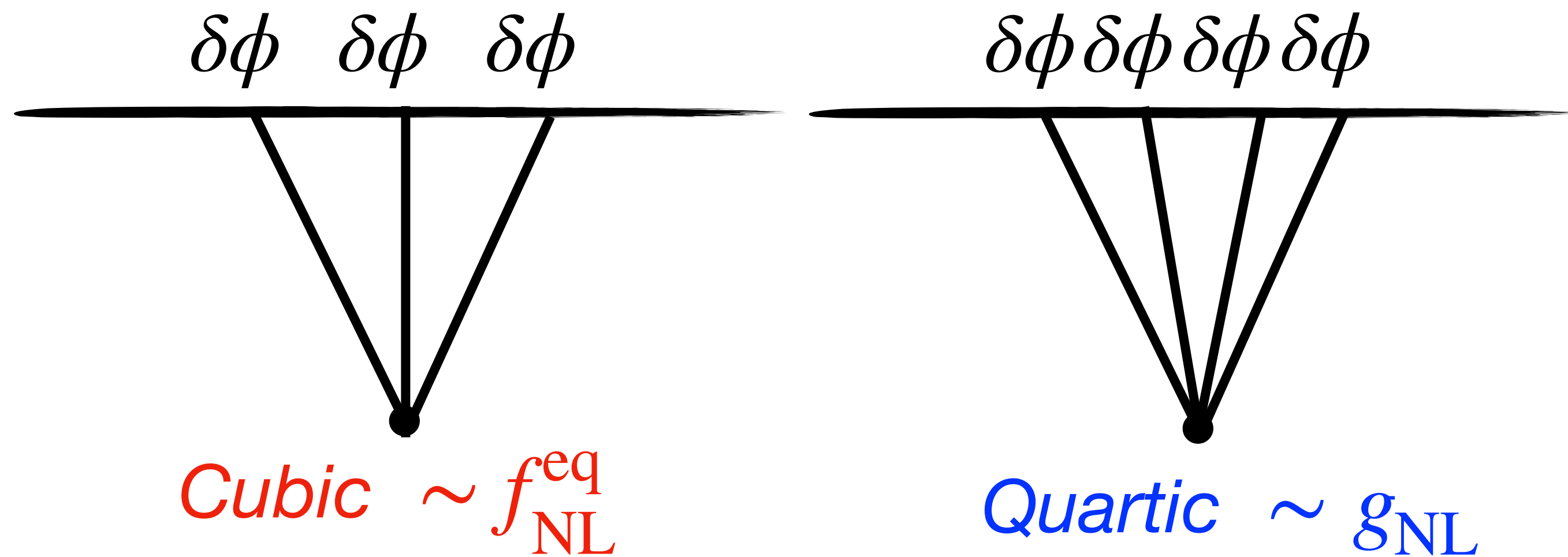
$$P_\zeta(k) = \langle \zeta(\mathbf{k})\zeta(-\mathbf{k}) \rangle \sim k^{-3-\epsilon}$$

(*This could be an effective degree of freedom, *i.e.* the Goldstone mode of broken time translations)

Self-Interactions

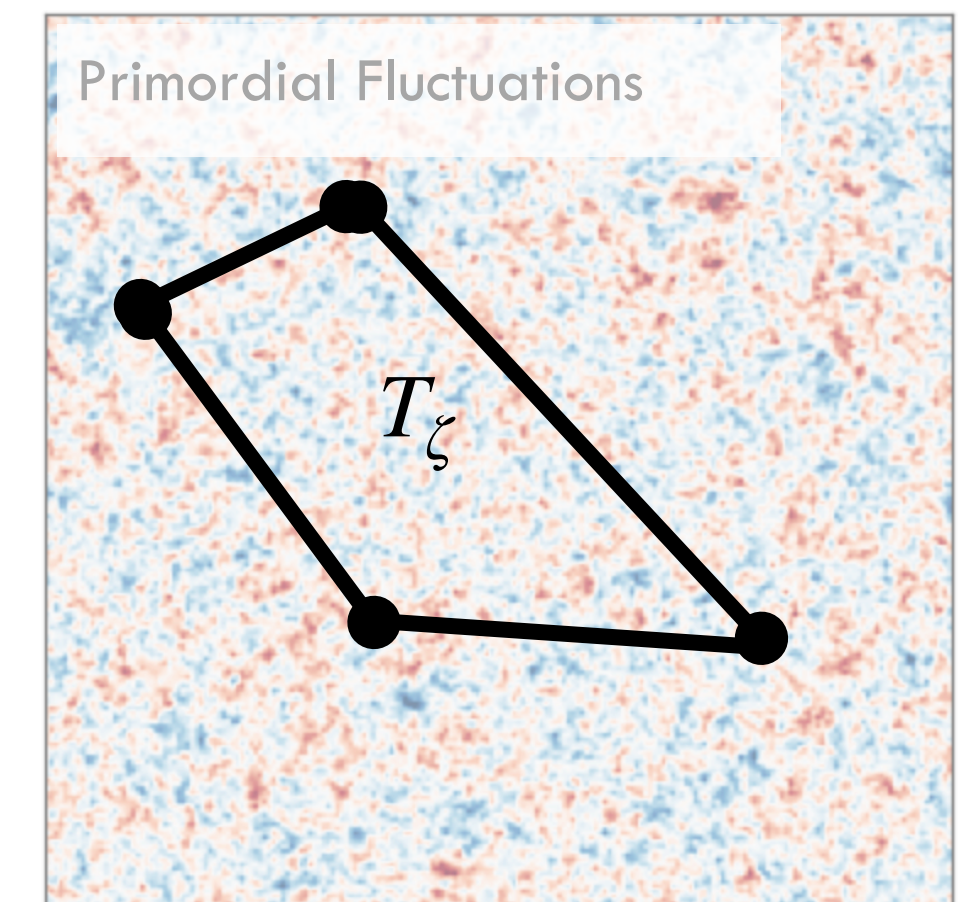
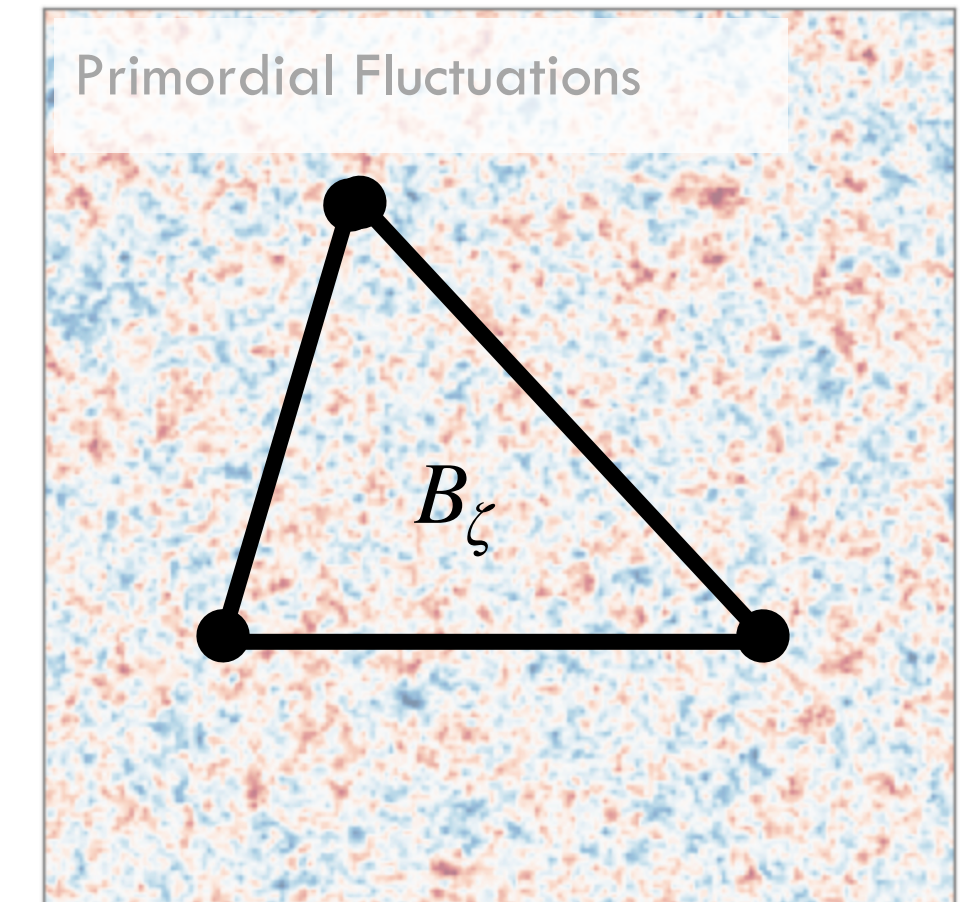
- Many models of inflation feature **self-interactions**:

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \delta\dot{\phi}^3, \quad \delta\dot{\phi}(\partial\phi)^2, \quad \delta\dot{\phi}^4, \quad \dots$$



- These lead to **three**- and **four**-point functions at the end of inflation
- The **shape** encodes the vertex, the **amplitude** encodes the microphysics

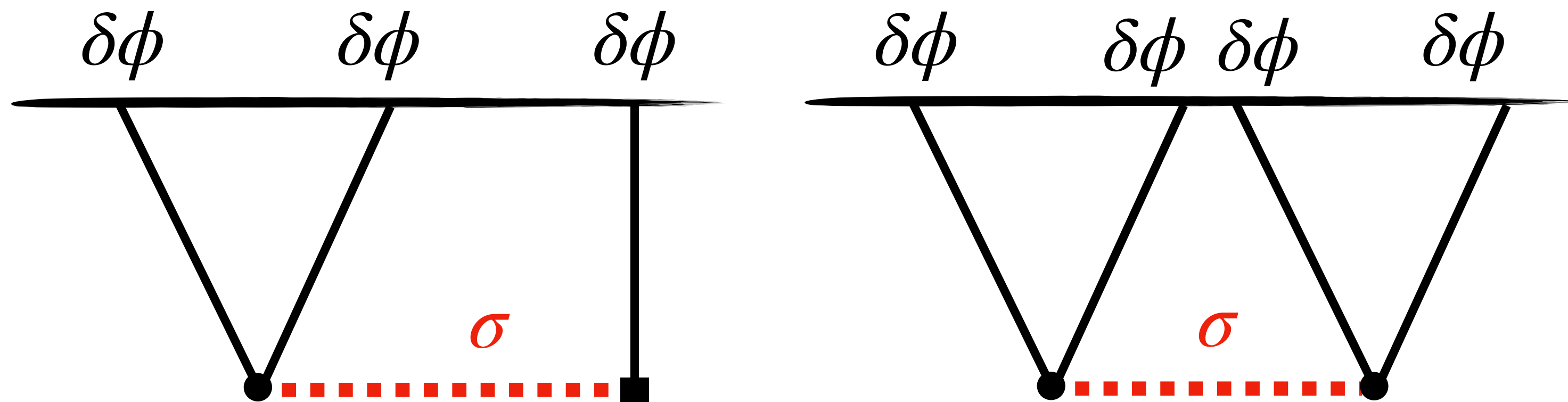
e.g. $\langle \zeta(\mathbf{k}_1)\zeta(\mathbf{k}_2)\zeta(\mathbf{k}_3) \rangle \sim f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{eq}} \times \text{shape}$



Multi-Field Inflation

- Other models feature **new particles**, σ :

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \delta\dot{\phi}\sigma, \quad \delta\dot{\phi}^2\sigma, \quad \dots$$

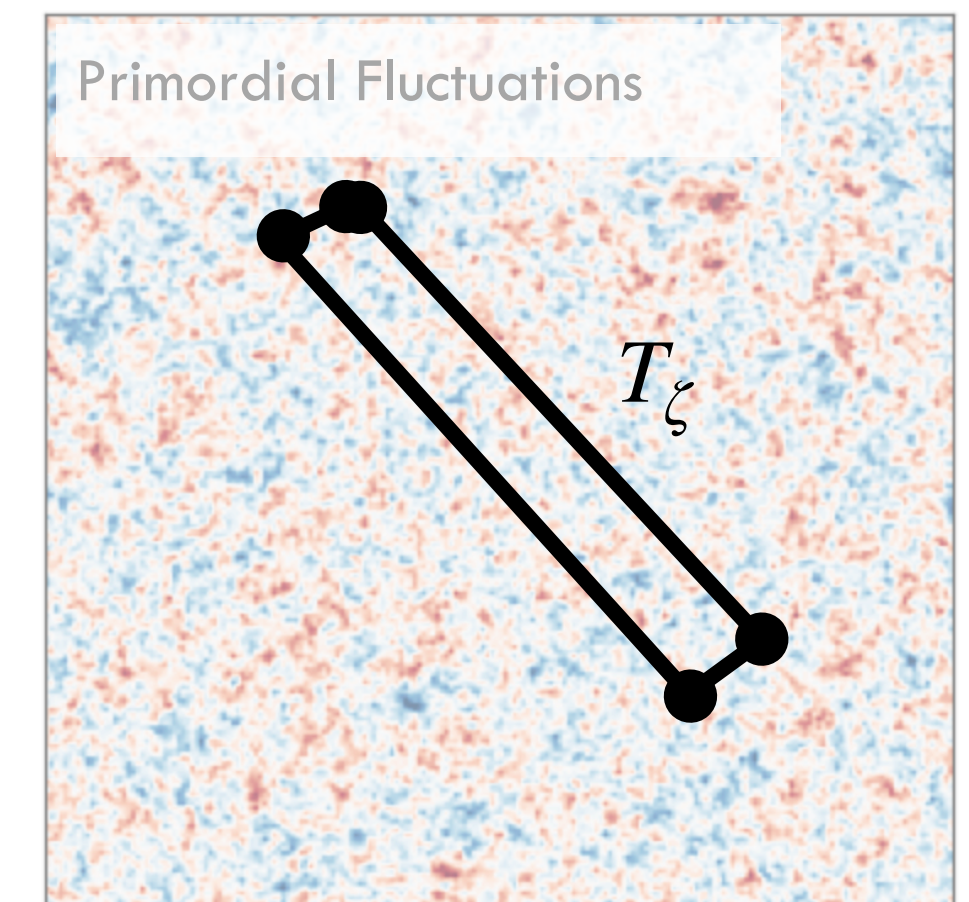
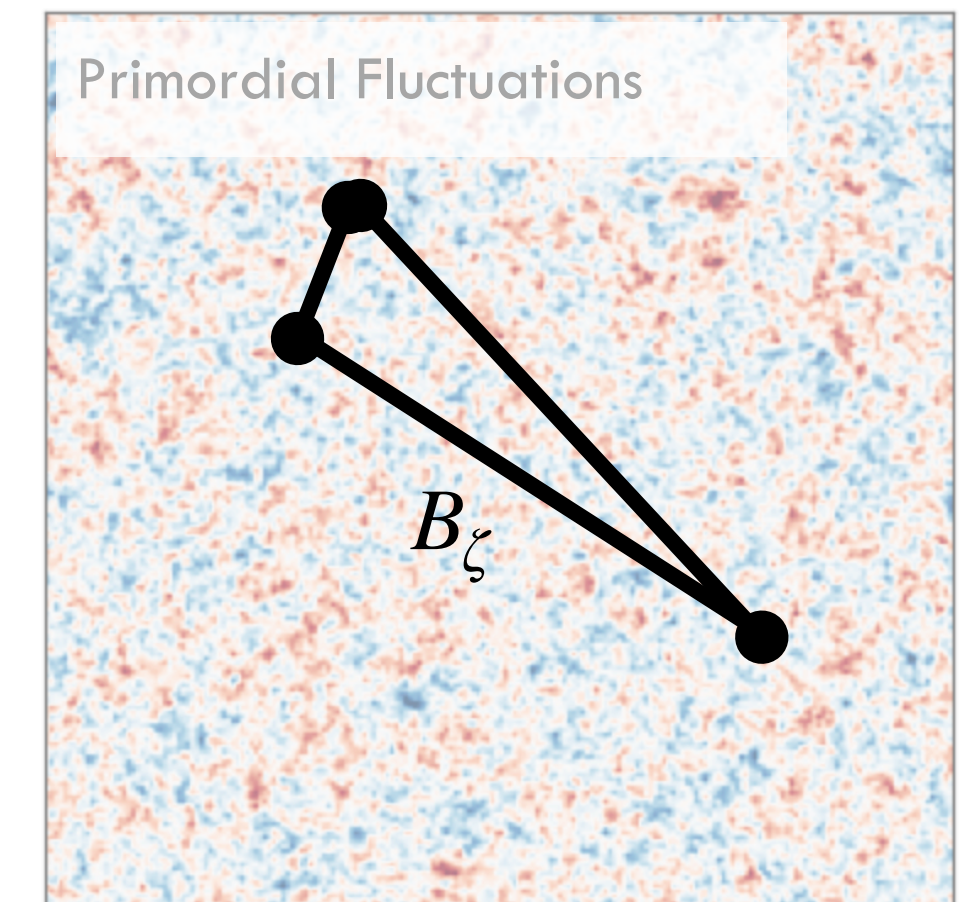


Linear-Quadratic $\sim f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{loc}}$

Quadratic² $\sim \tau_{\text{NL}}$

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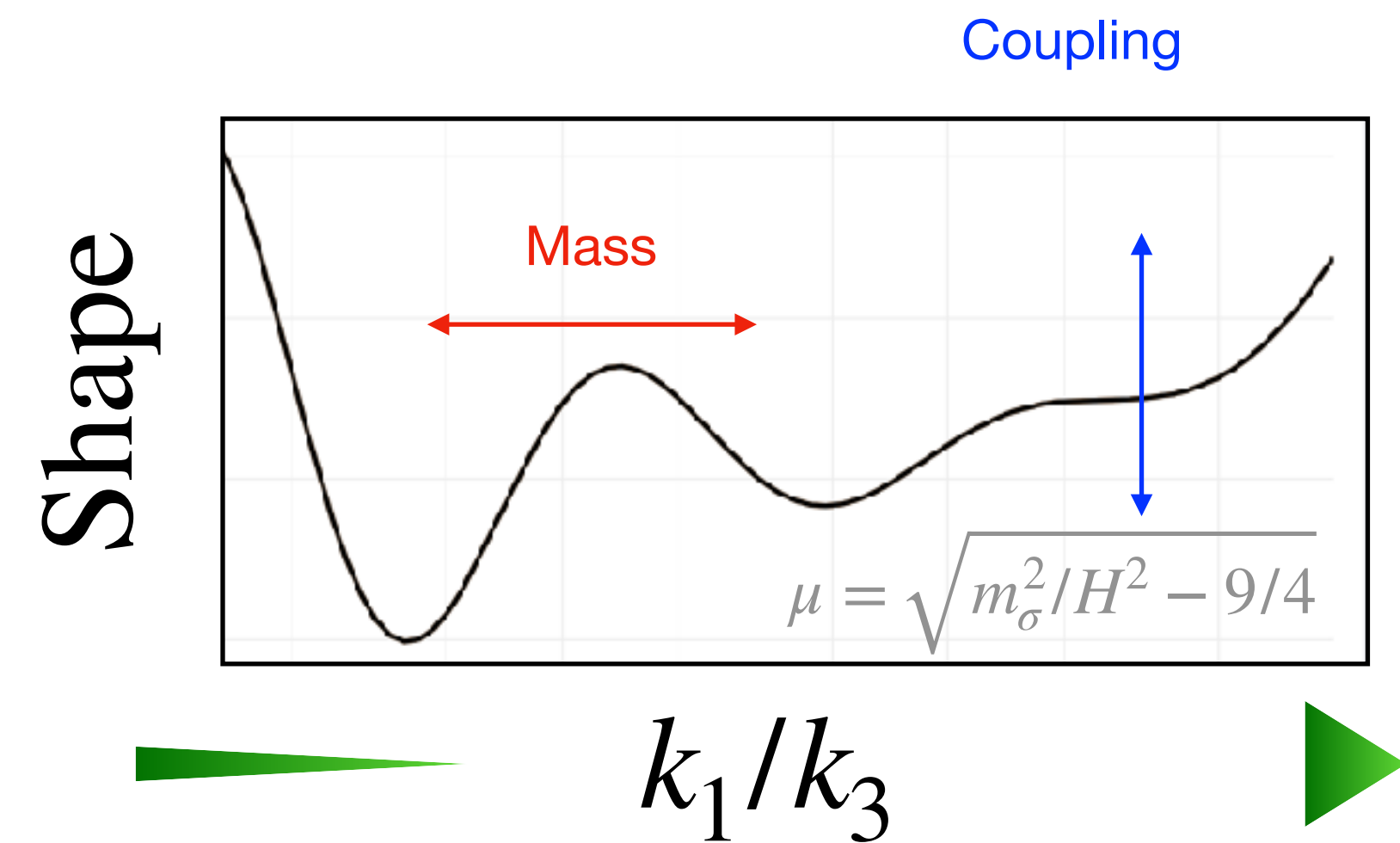
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The Cosmological Collider

- In the **collapsed limit** (low exchange momentum), the inflationary signatures are set by **symmetry**
- They depend only on the mass m_σ , the spin, s , and the speed c_σ not on the microphysical model!
- For the **bispectrum**:

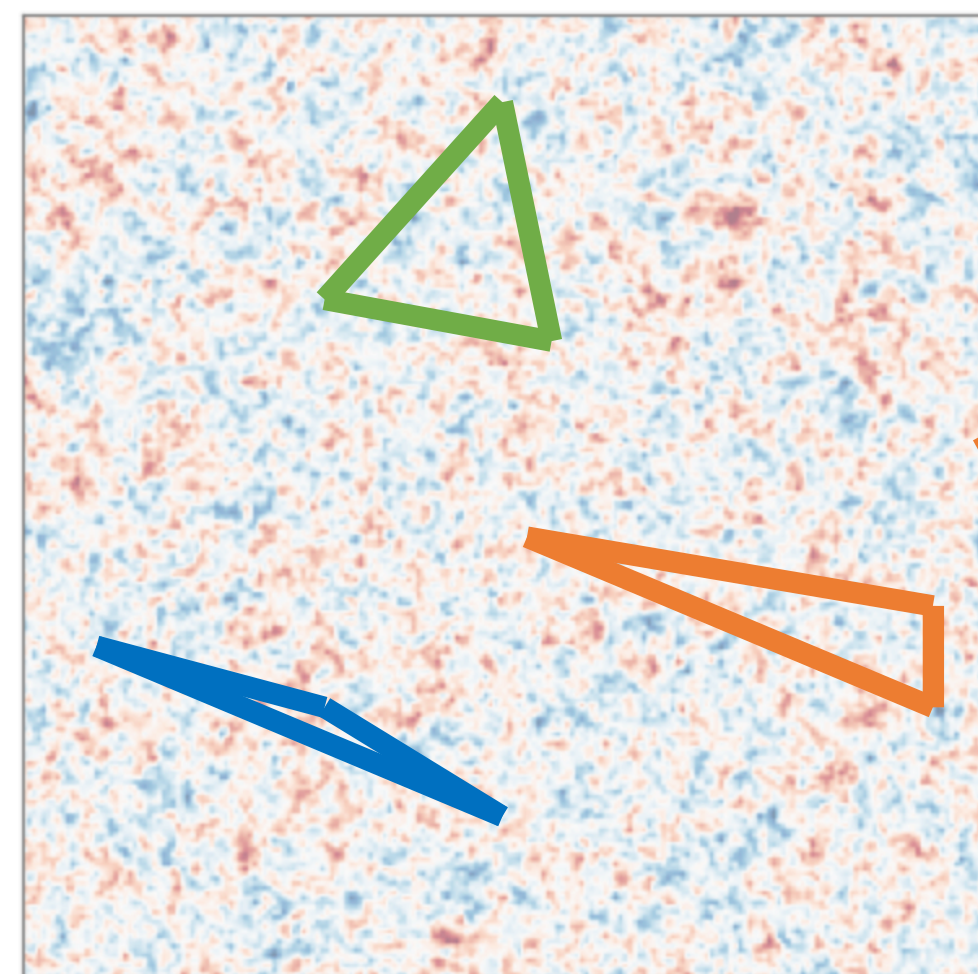
$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle \zeta(\mathbf{k}_1)\zeta(\mathbf{k}_2)\zeta(\mathbf{k}_3) \rangle_{k_1 \ll k_3} &\sim f_{\text{NL}}(m_\sigma, s) && \text{Amplitude} \sim e^{-\pi m_\sigma/H} \\
 &\times \frac{1}{k_1^3 k_3^3} \left[\left(\frac{k_1}{k_3} \right)^{3/2+i\mu} + \left(\frac{k_1}{k_3} \right)^{3/2-i\mu} \right] && \text{Shape (mass dependent)} \\
 &\times \mathcal{L}_s(\hat{\mathbf{k}}_1 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}}_3) && \text{Angle (spin-dependent)}
 \end{aligned}$$



- These **oscillations** are a **smoking-gun** for new physics at $m_\sigma \sim H$!

How to Measure Primordial Non-Gaussianity

The **curvature fluctuations** set the **initial conditions** for the late Universe!

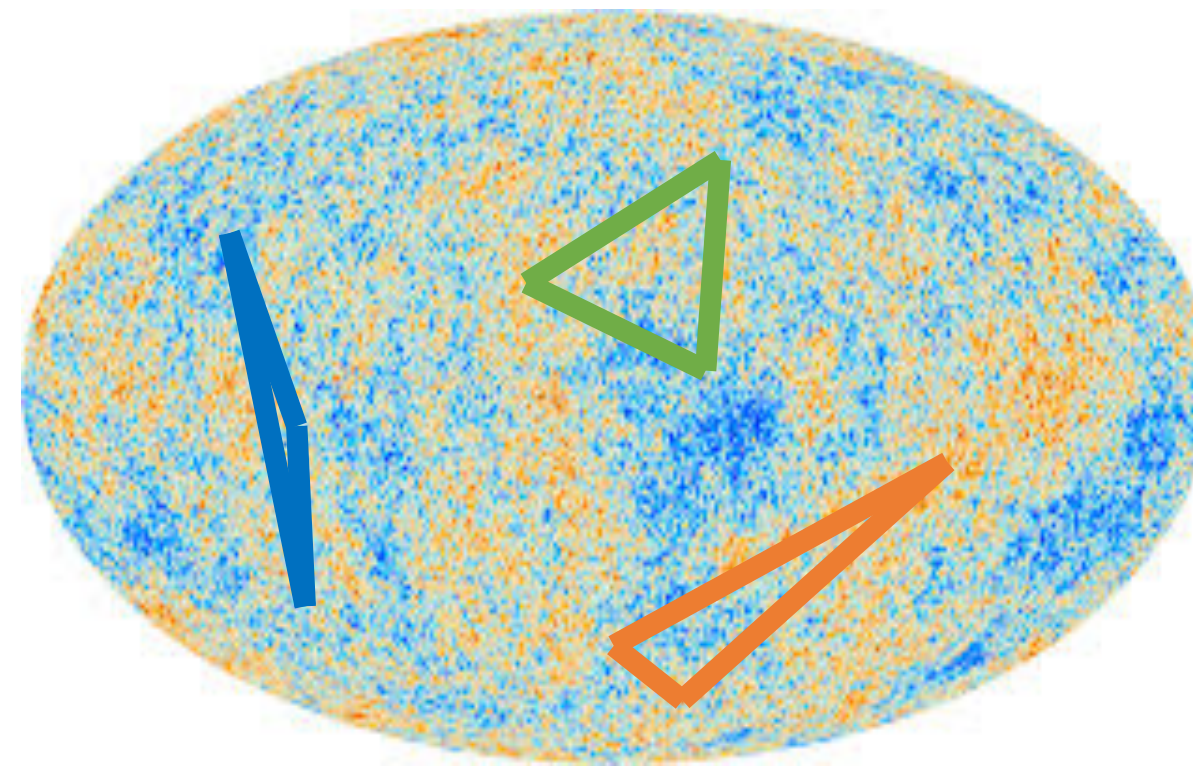


Primordial Curvature

$$\langle \zeta^n \rangle \neq 0?$$

Linear Physics

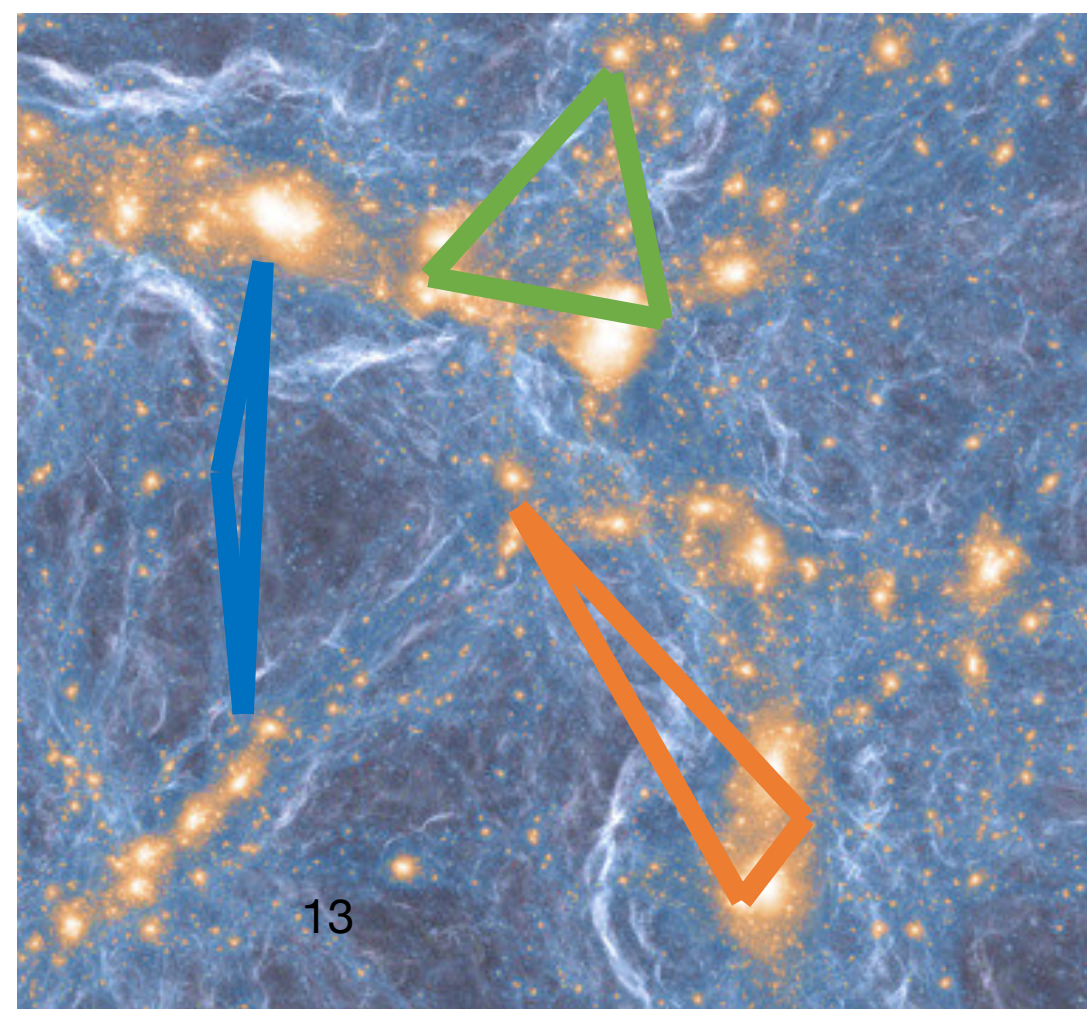
Non-Linear Physics



Fluctuations in CMB temperature

$$\langle \delta T^n \rangle \neq 0?$$

(tracing *photon energies*)



Fluctuations in **galaxy number density**

$$\langle \delta \rho_{\text{galaxy}}^n \rangle \neq 0?$$

(tracing *dark matter*)

How to Measure a Three-Point Function

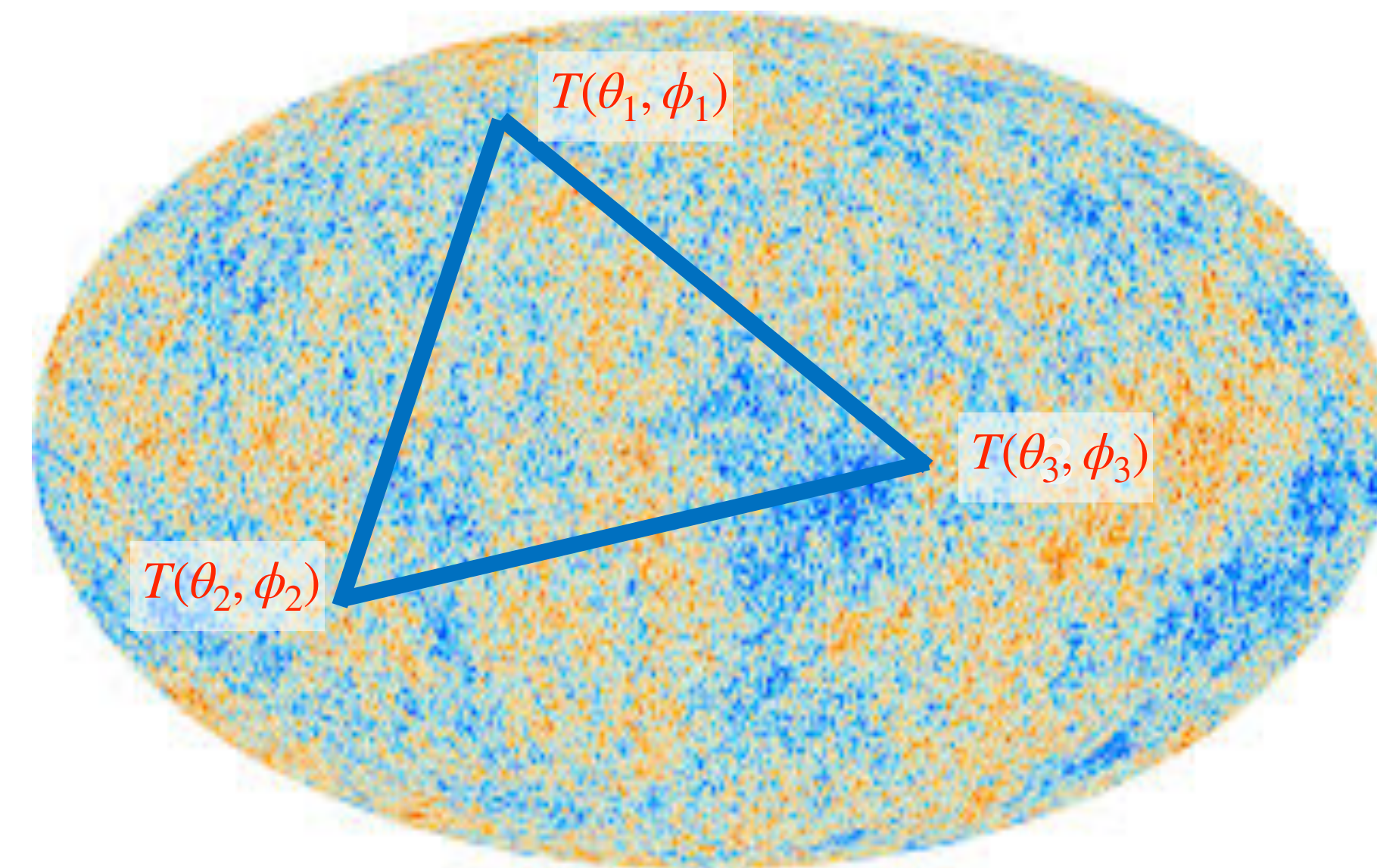
- CMB experiments measure the **temperature** (and polarization) across the whole sky

$$T(\theta, \phi)$$

- Since the physics is **linear** we just need to correlate the CMB at **three** angles

$$\langle T(\theta_1, \phi_1)T(\theta_2, \phi_2)T(\theta_3, \phi_3) \rangle$$

- This is computationally **difficult**:
 - The bispectrum is **3-dimensional** [after symmetries]
 - There's $N_{\text{pix}}^3 \sim 10^{21}$ combinations of points!



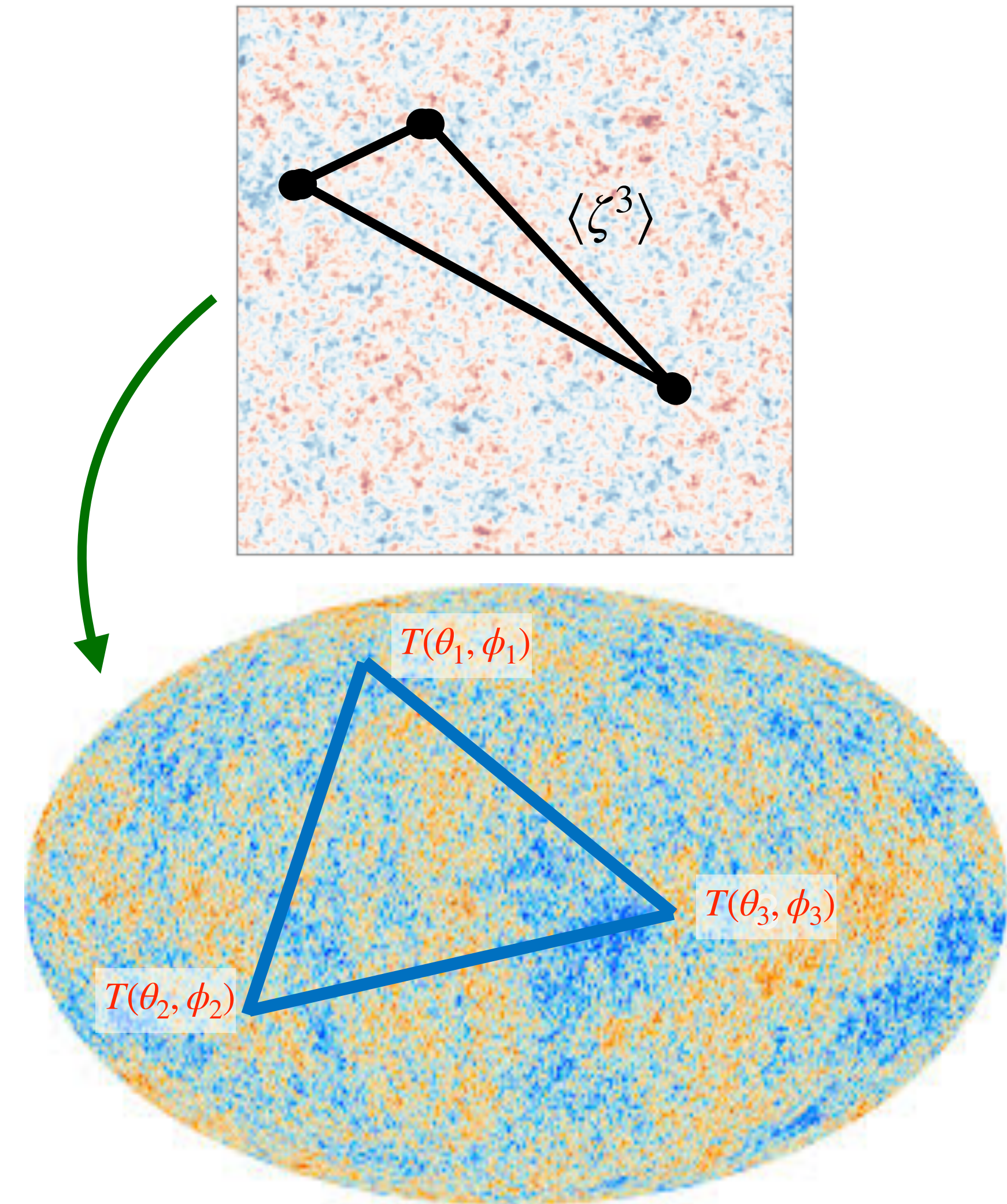
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CMB Constraints (2019 edition)

The *Planck* collaboration placed strong constraints on simple **phenomenological** three-point functions, e.g.,

$$\langle \delta T^3 \rangle \sim \langle \zeta^3 \rangle \sim f_{\text{NL}} \times \text{Shape}$$

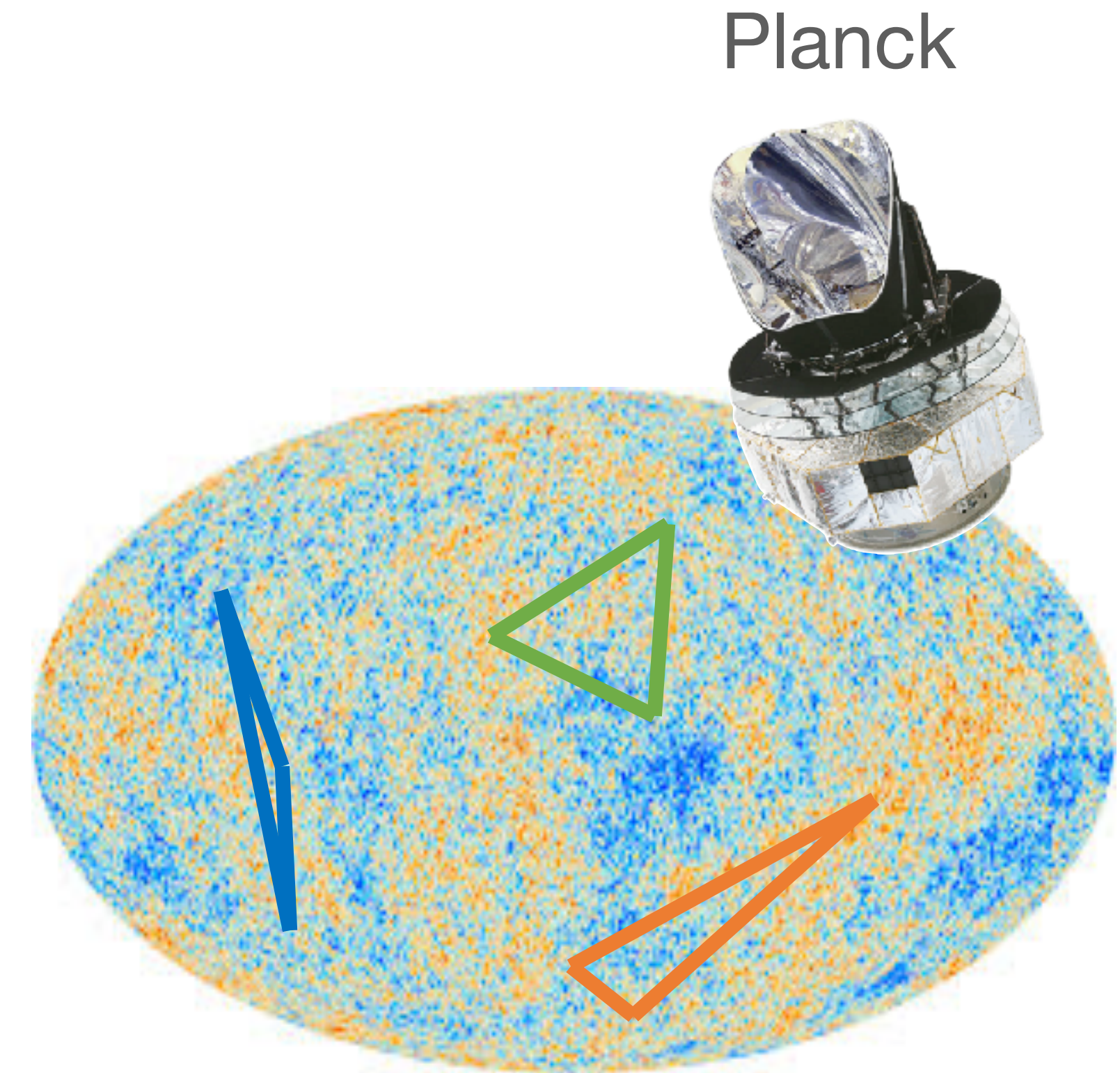
Planck 2018	Local	-0.9 ± 5.1	\approx Light field exchange
	Equilateral	-26 ± 47	\approx Self interaction (v1)
	Orthogonal	-38 ± 24	\approx Self interaction (v2)

[Note: $f_{\text{NL}} = 10^5$ is $\mathcal{O}(1)$ non-Gaussianity]

Conclusion: The distribution of curvature is **Gaussian** to $\lesssim 0.1\%$

However, we are far away from the theory **targets**

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



CMB Constraints (2026 edition)

We can now analyze **realistic** inflationary models (*not just simple templates!*)

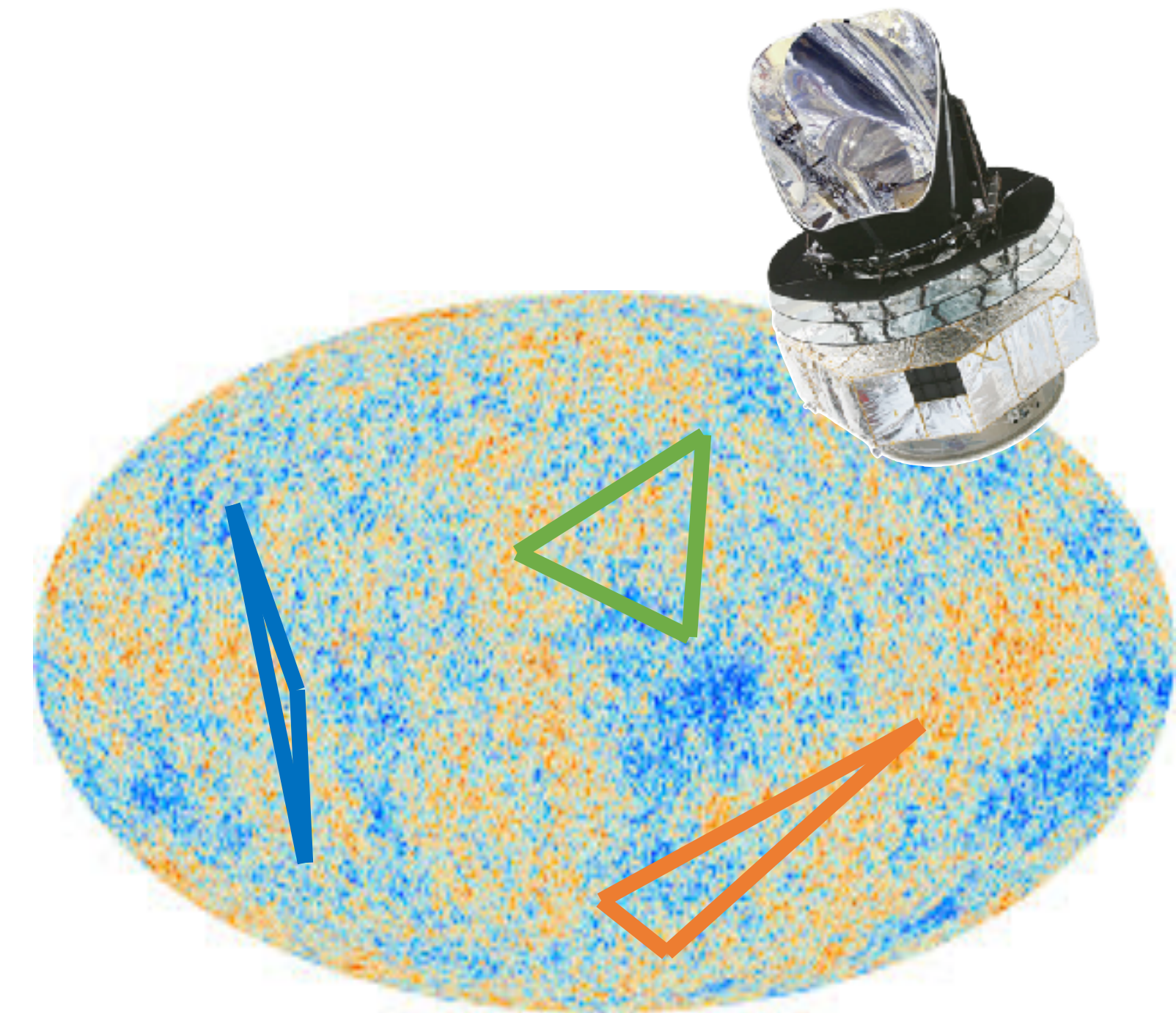
- Correlations with **gravitational waves** [Philcox & Shiraishi 24, 25]
- Exchange of **massive** particles with $m_\sigma \sim H$ [Philcox+25, Philcox 26 (see also Suman+, Sohn+, Kumar+)]
- Exchange of **strongly-coupled** conformal field theories [Philcox+26]
- Oscillations induced by **spinning** particles $s = 1, 2, \dots$ [Philcox 26 (see also Sohn+, Kumar+, Suman+)]

These have benefited from novel **techniques**

- Clever **basis decompositions** [modal bases, machine learning]
- Advances in inflationary **predictions** [bootstraps and numerical methods]

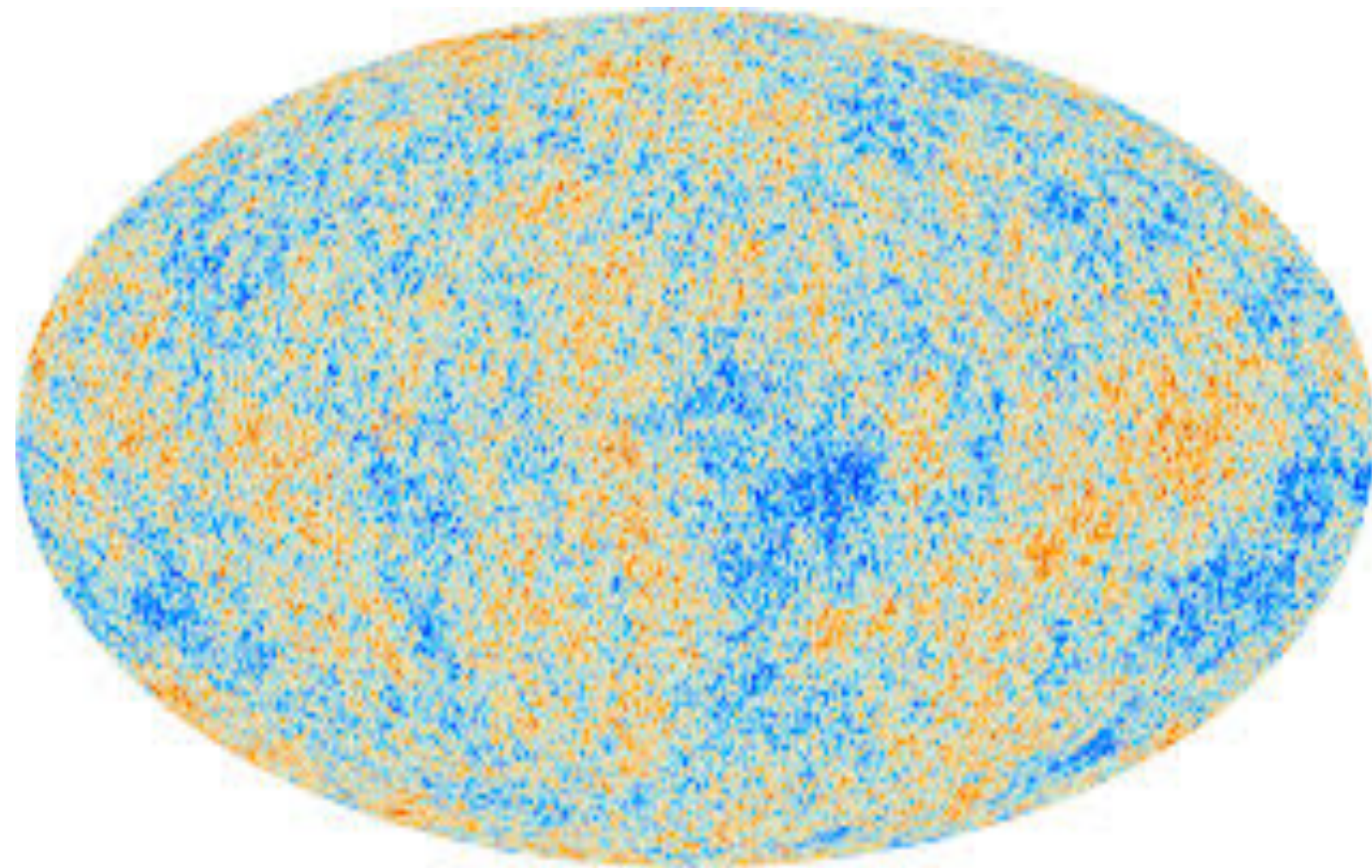
So far, there have been no detections!

Planck

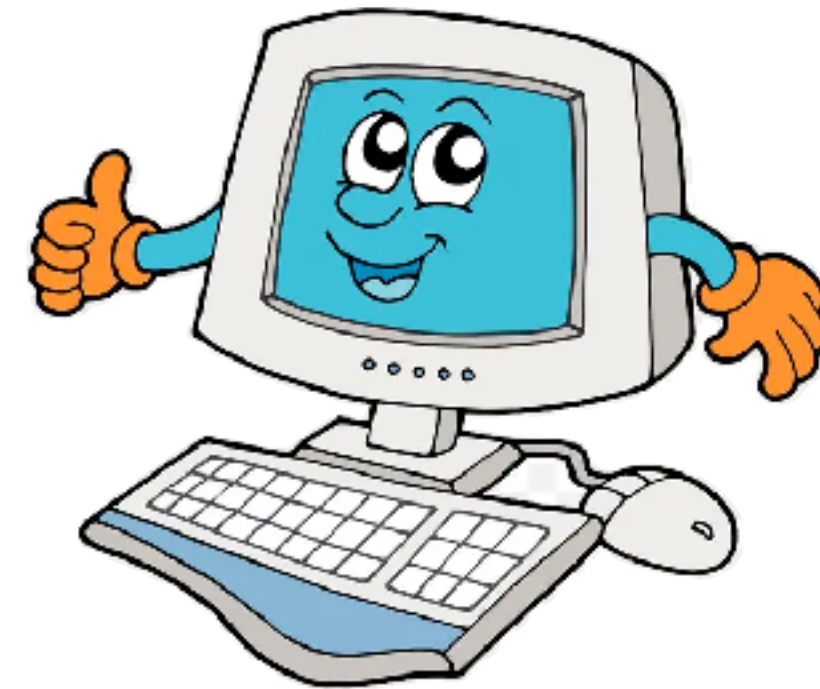


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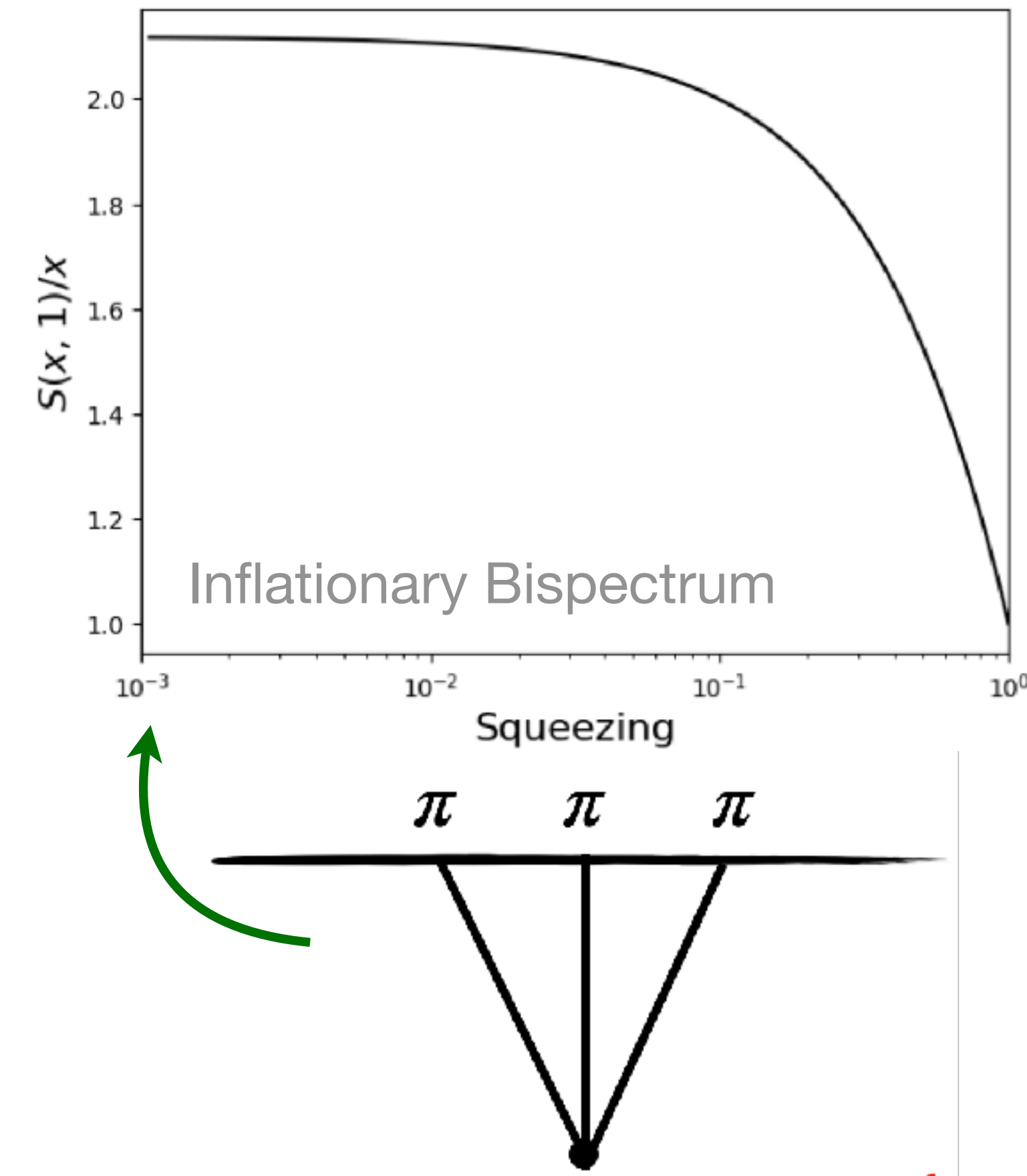
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CMB Fluctuations



Theoretical Shape



This is hard

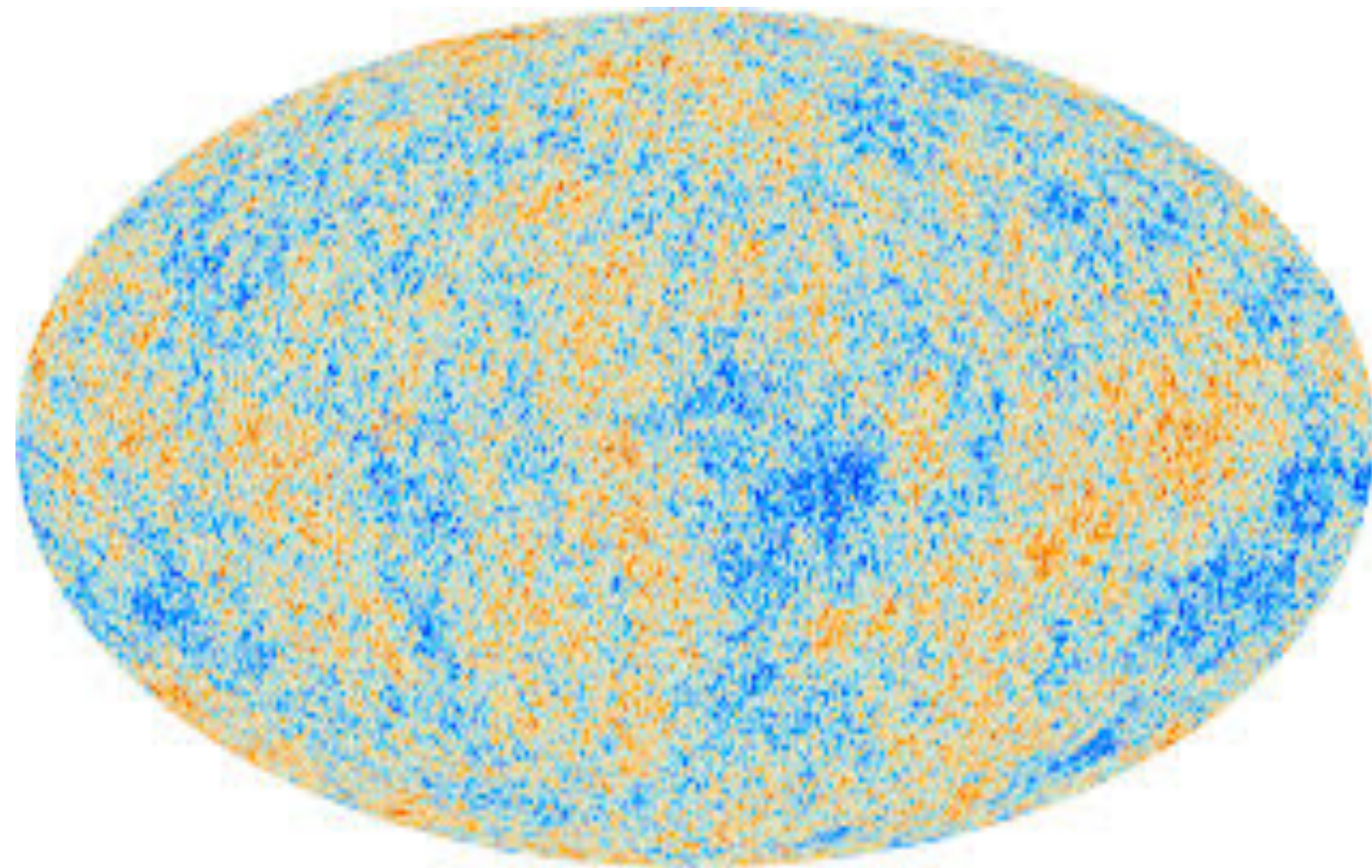
- Efficient computation requires **simple** theory models
- Every model needs a **dedicated** analysis



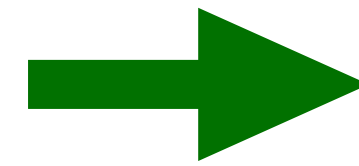
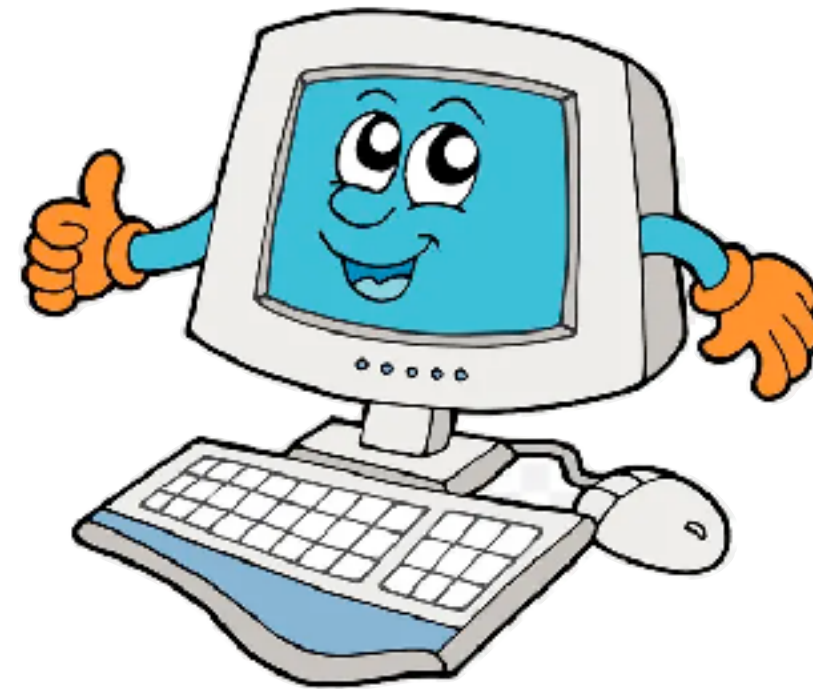
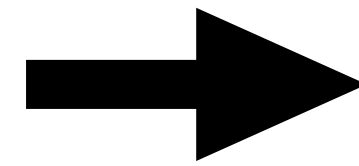
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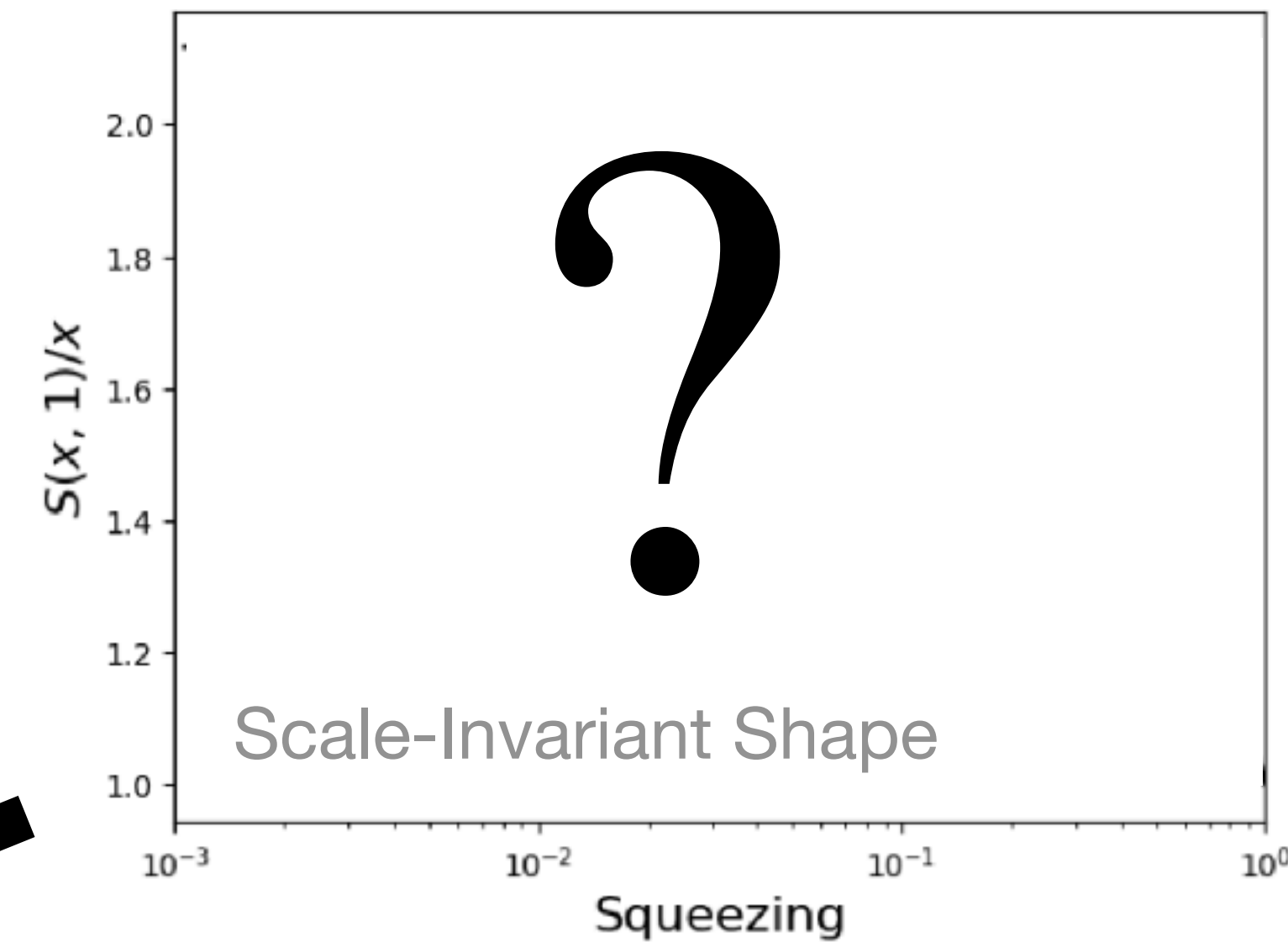
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CMB Fluctuations



Observed Shape



This is easy

- We can analyze *any* shape
- The analysis is (almost) **free**



Amplitude

(See also modal decompositions)

What Shape is the Bispectrum?

Can we reconstruct the **inflationary bispectrum**?

$$B(\ell_1, \ell_2, \ell_3) \sim \int dk_1 dk_2 dk_3 dr B_\zeta(k_1, k_2, k_3) j_{\ell_1}(k_1 r) j_{\ell_2}(k_2 r) j_{\ell_3}(k_3 r) \dots$$

\uparrow
Observer-friendly
 \uparrow
Theory-friendly

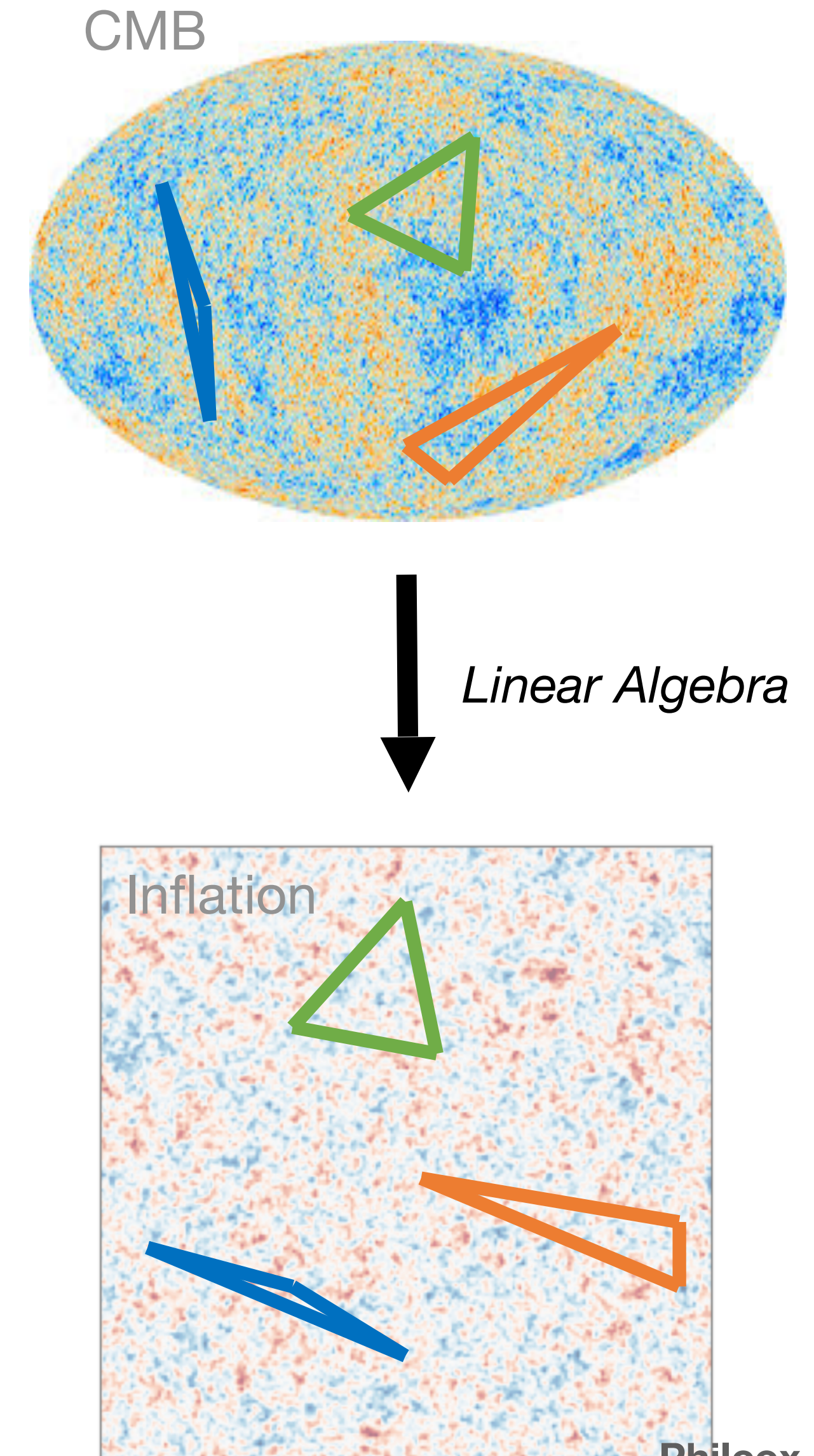
- Let's assume **scale-invariance** (i.e. dilatation invariance) \Rightarrow we have a 2D **shape function**

$$B_\zeta(k, k, k) \sim k^{-6} \quad S(x = k_1/k_3, y = k_2/k_3) \propto (k_1 k_2 k_3)^2 B_\zeta(k_1, k_2, k_3)$$

- Build a **binned estimator** for $S(x, y)$ from the CMB!

$$\widehat{S(x, y)} \sim \sum_{\ell_1 m_1 \ell_2 m_2 \ell_3 m_3} \frac{\partial \langle a_{\ell_1 m_1} a_{\ell_2 m_2} a_{\ell_3 m_3} \rangle_{\text{theory}}^\dagger}{\partial S(x, y)} \times (C^{-1} a)_{\ell_1 m_1} (C^{-1} a)_{\ell_2 m_2} (C^{-1} a)_{\ell_3 m_3}$$

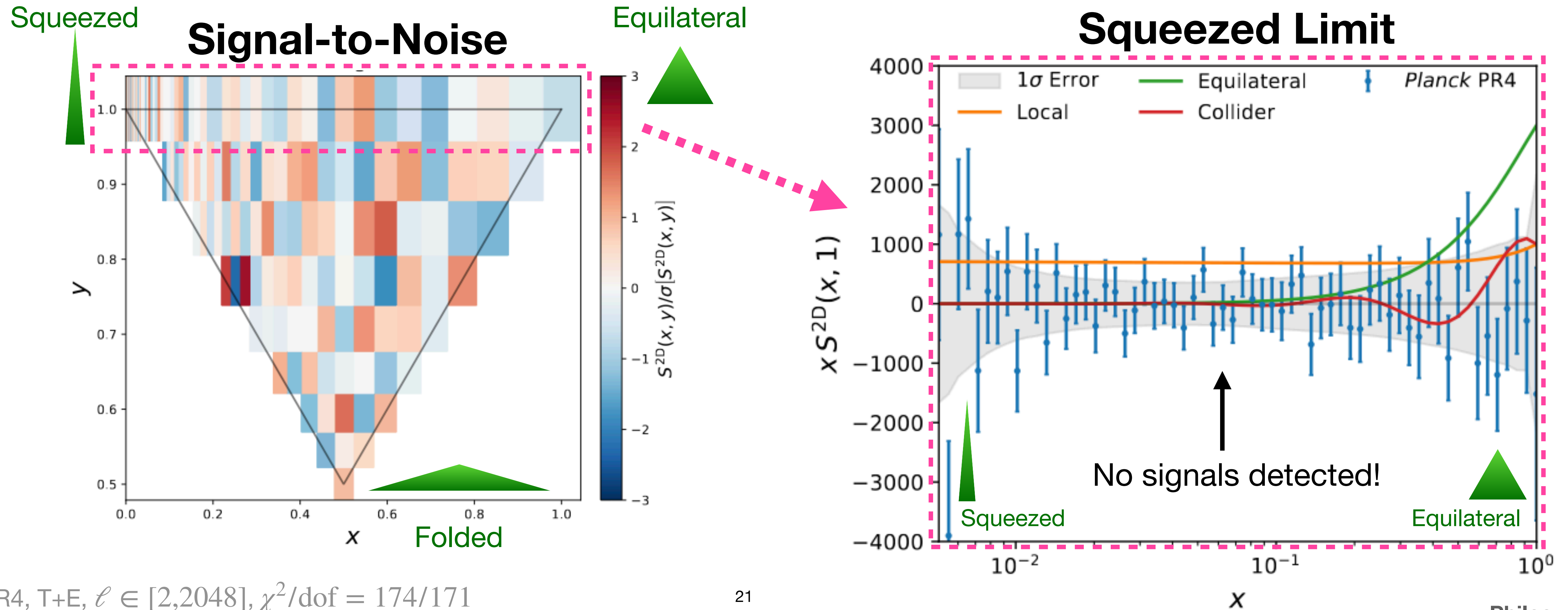
(In practice, build a 3D estimator binned in $\log k$, then linearly transform to $\log x / \log y$ bins)



The *Observed* Inflationary Bispectrum

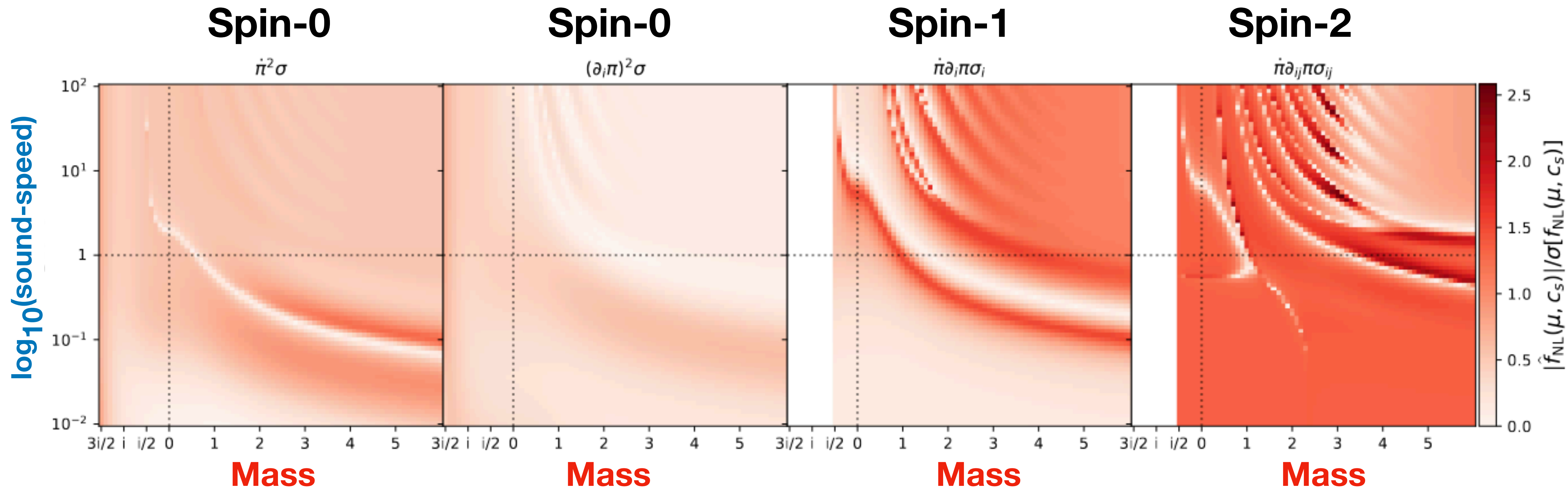
We can **reconstruct** *scale-invariant* inflationary signals using observational data from *Planck*

This compresses 10^{21} combinations of pixels into 171 numbers!



Searching for Massive Particle Exchange

We can use the reconstruction to search for new particles as a function of **mass**, **spin**, and **sound-speed**



This takes 0.6 seconds!

Signal-to-Noise

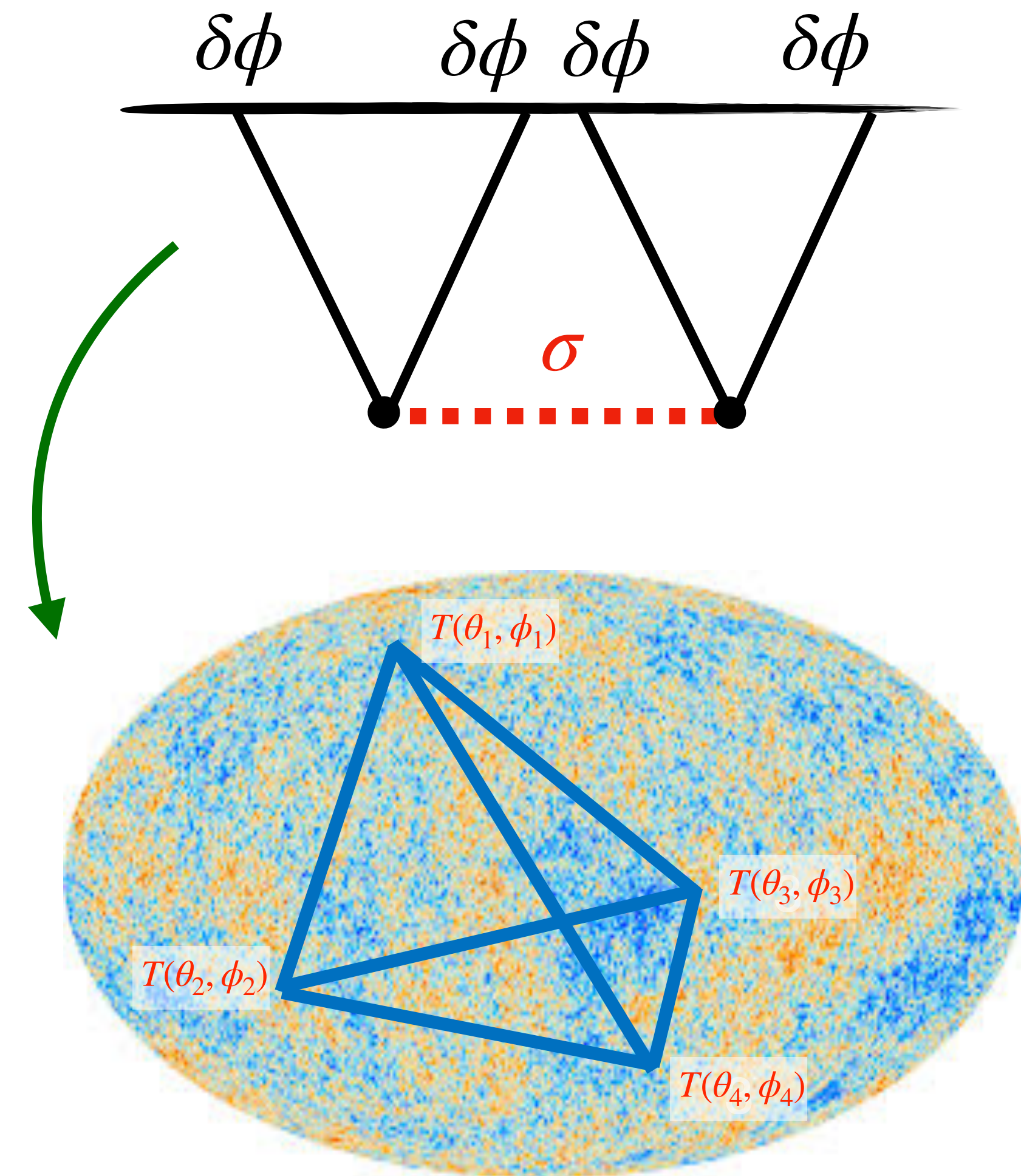
What About Higher-Orders?

- The **three-point** function (bispectrum) has been **extensively** analyzed
- The **four-point** function (trispectrum) has **almost never** been analyzed

Is the **four-point** function worth looking at?

- Many interactions **only** enter at higher order!
- Four-point functions can reveal **hidden particle physics**

Let's search for primordial physics in the CMB trispectrum!



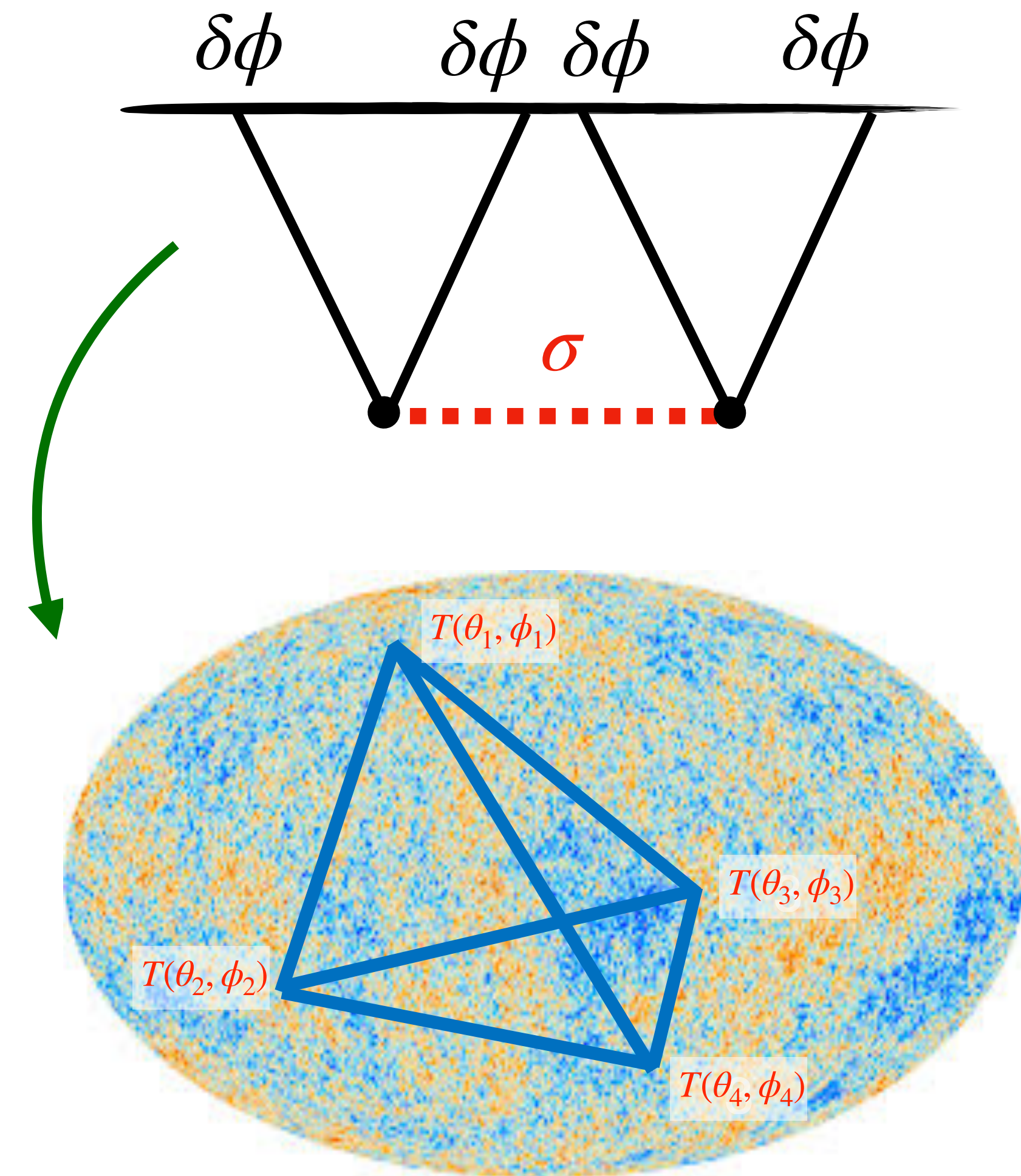
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- Using **many** numerical tricks we can do the calculation in $\mathcal{O}(N_{\text{pix}} \log N_{\text{pix}})$ time instead of $\mathcal{O}(N_{\text{pix}}^4)$
 - This requires a **simple** and **factorizable** theory model!

$$T_{\zeta}(k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4, |\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2|) \rightarrow a(k_1)b(k_2)c(k_3)d(k_4)e(|\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2|)$$



Optimal Trispectrum Analyses



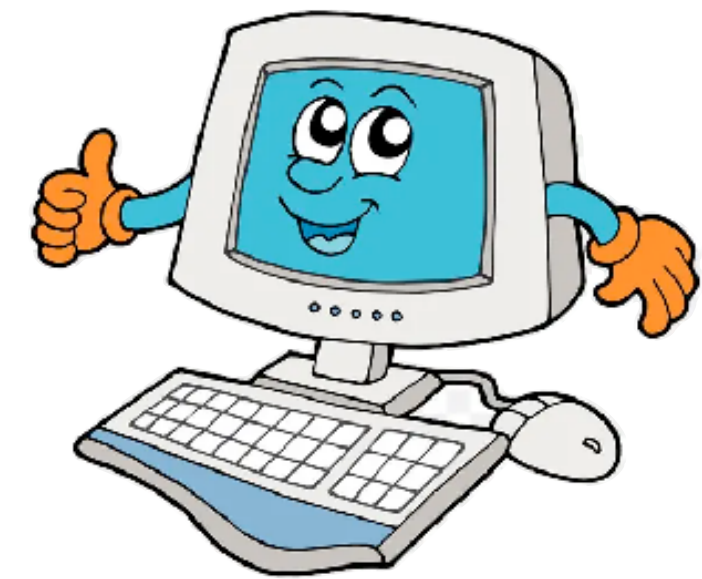
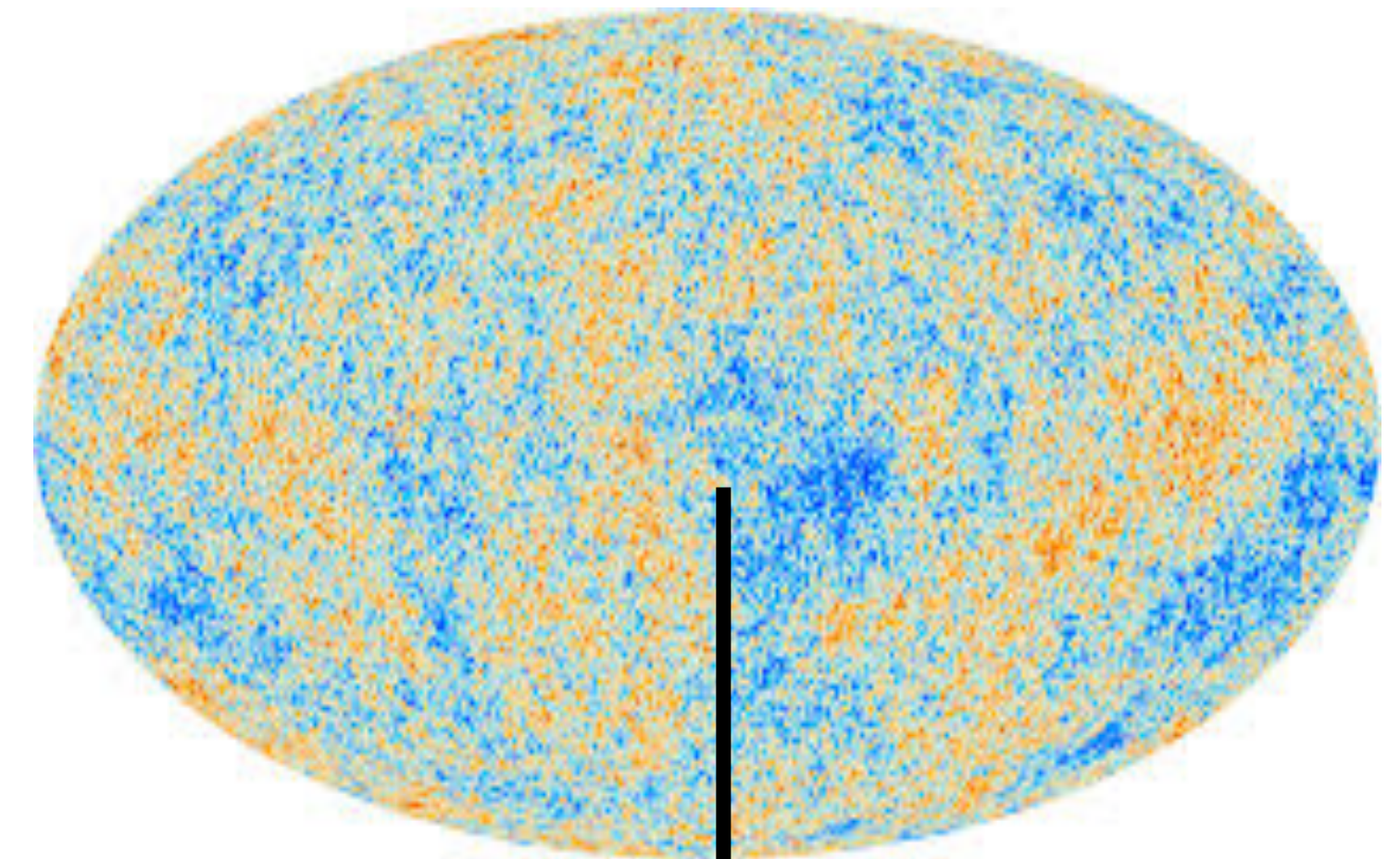
For factorizable shapes, we can **quickly** estimate four-point amplitudes!

The estimators are

- **Unbiased** (by observational effects and noise)
- **Efficient** (limited by spherical harmonic transforms)
- **Optimal** (they achieve *minimum variance*)
- **Open-Source** (entirely written in Python/Cython)
- **General** (20+ types of model included so far)

Public at <https://github.com/oliverphilcox/PolySpec>

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inflation parameters

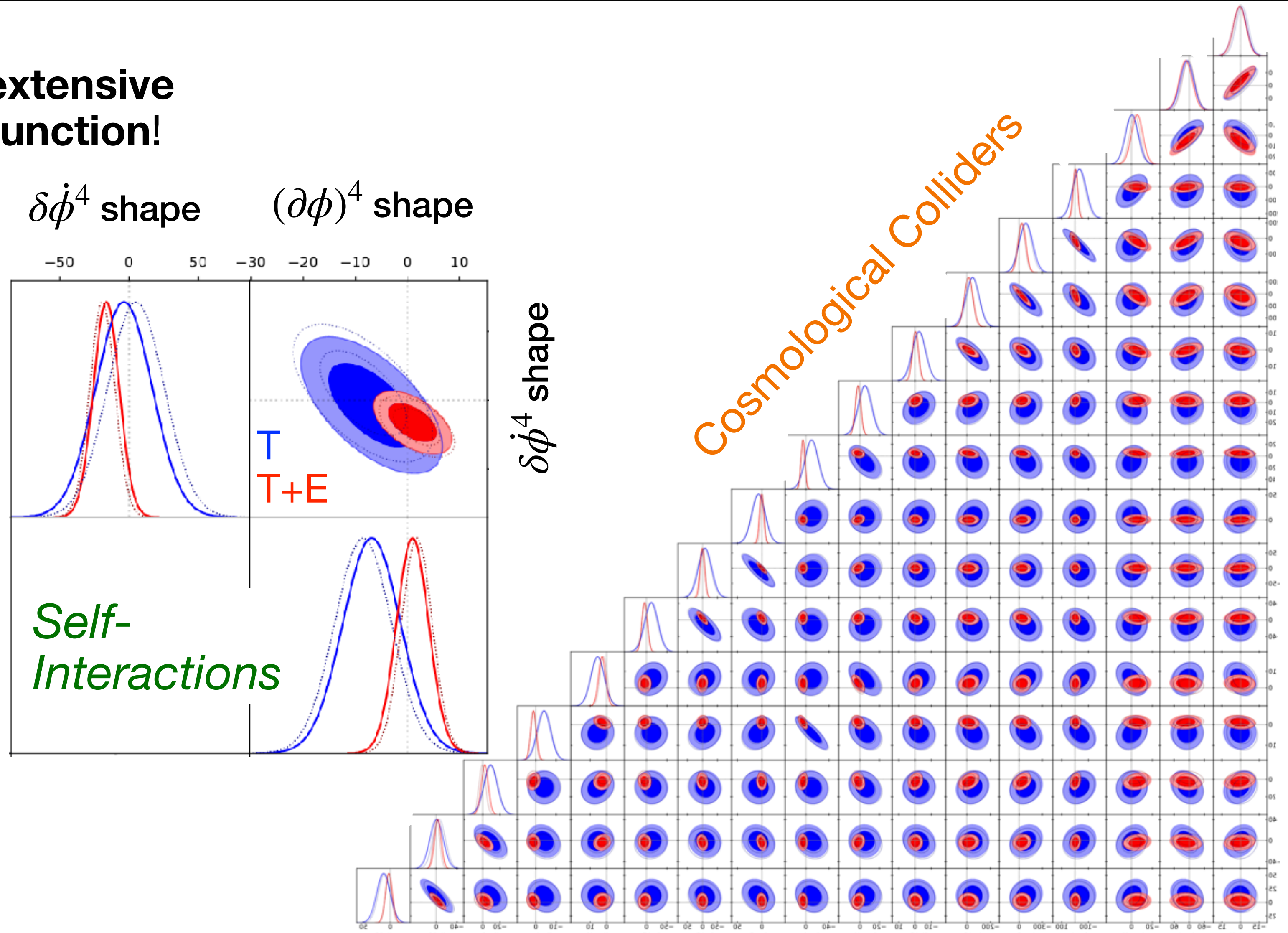
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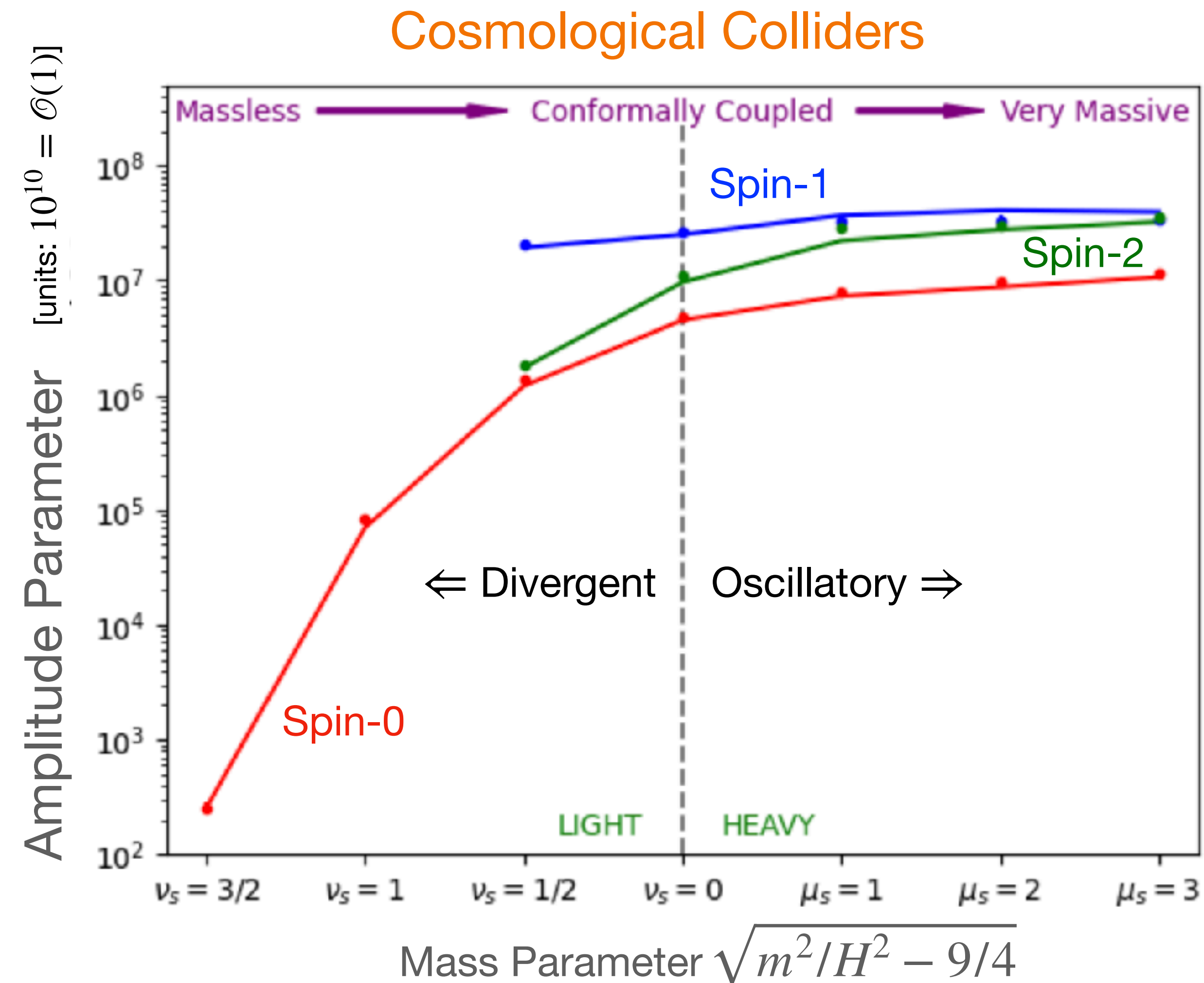
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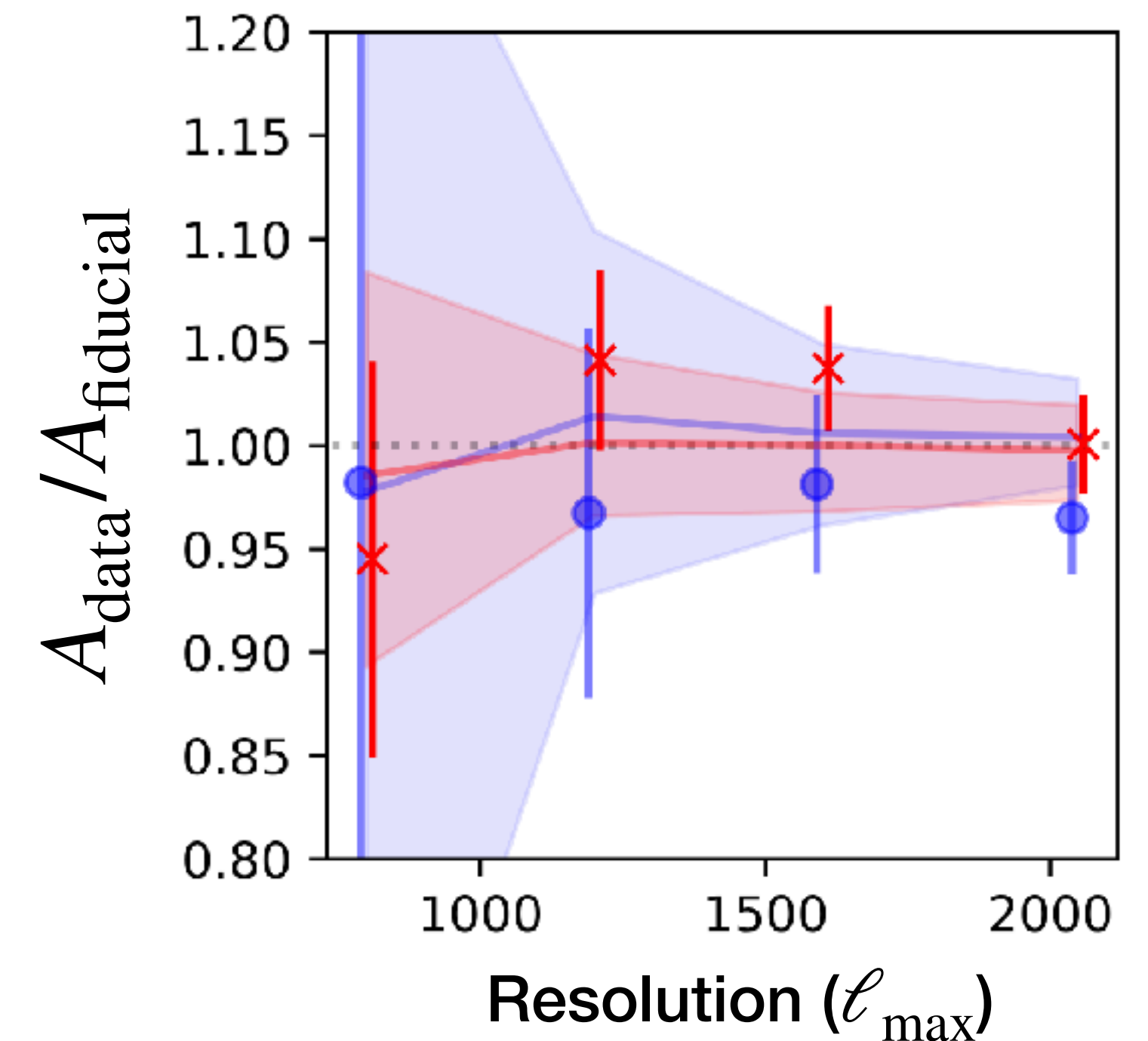
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All consistent with zero!

Detected at 43σ

Lensing matches theory to $(98 \pm 2)\%$!



The Future of Non-Gaussianity

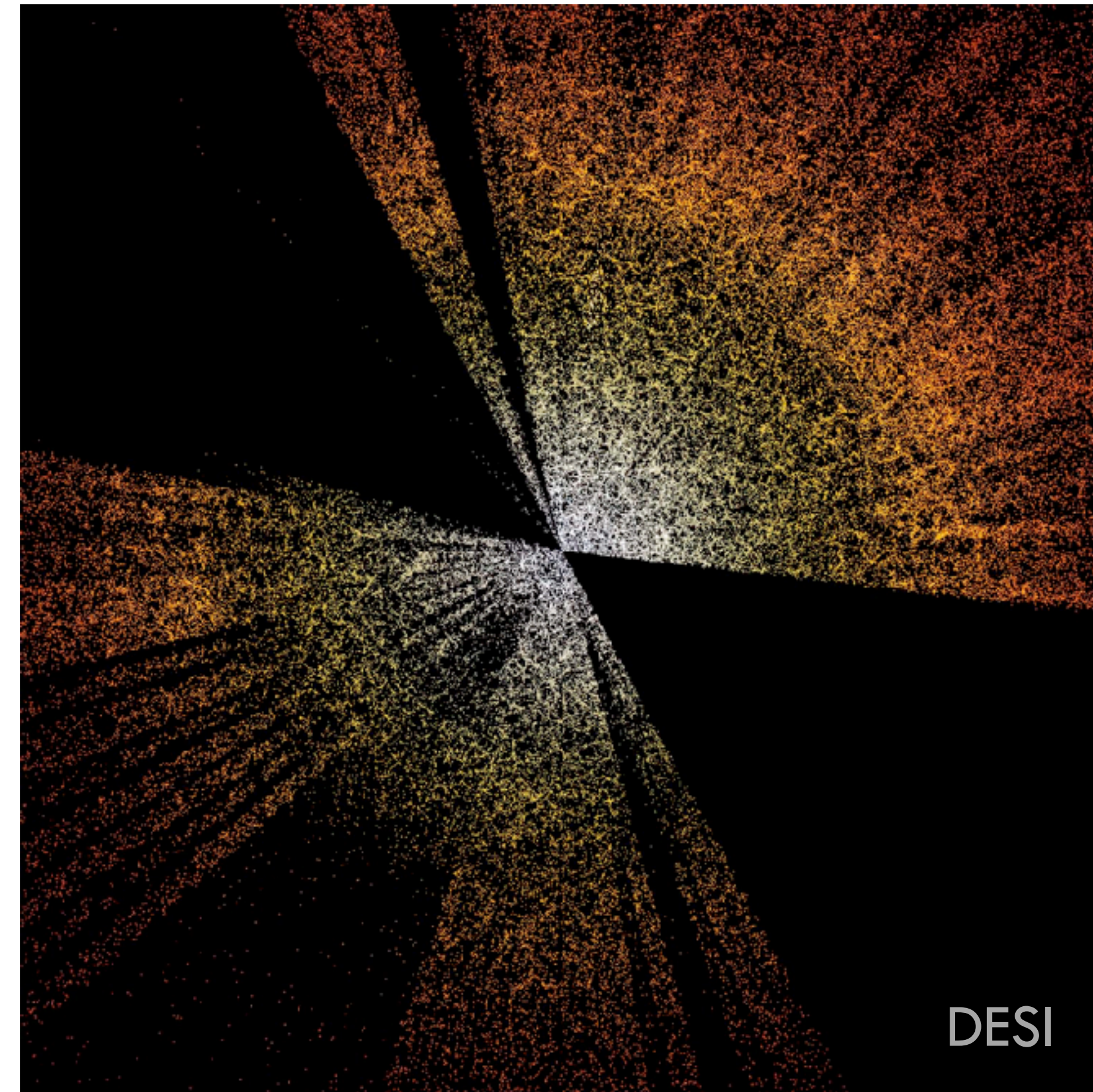
- Current experiments **confirm** that the primordial Universe is **close-to-Gaussian**
 - This strongly constrains the physics of inflation
 - *But*, there could still be could signals hiding under the noise
- **Future experiments** will tighten the bounds on many inflationary models!
 - However, we're running out of CMB to look at!
 - Constraints will only improve by $\lesssim (2 - 5) \times$



The Future of Non-Gaussianity

- **CMB experiments** provide a **2D** map of the Universe at age 380,000 yr
- **Galaxy surveys** provide a **3D** map of the Universe at age $\sim 10^9 - 10^{10}$ yr
 - Legacy surveys have mapped a **million** galaxies [BOSS]
 - New surveys map $\sim 100 \times$ more! [DESI, Euclid, Rubin, Roman, SPHEREx, ...]

Density of galaxies, n_{gal}

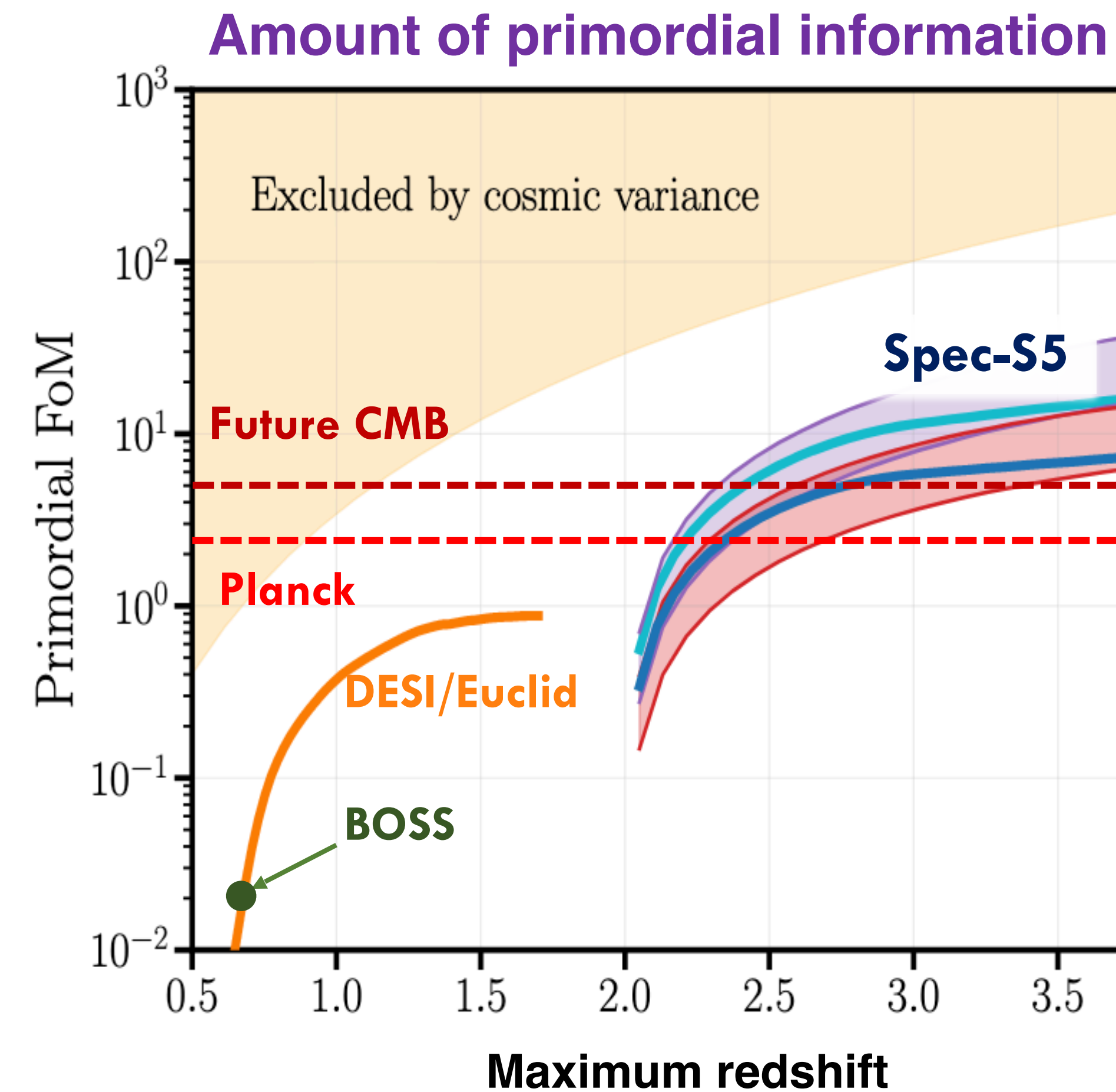


Can we use galaxy surveys to learn about inflation?

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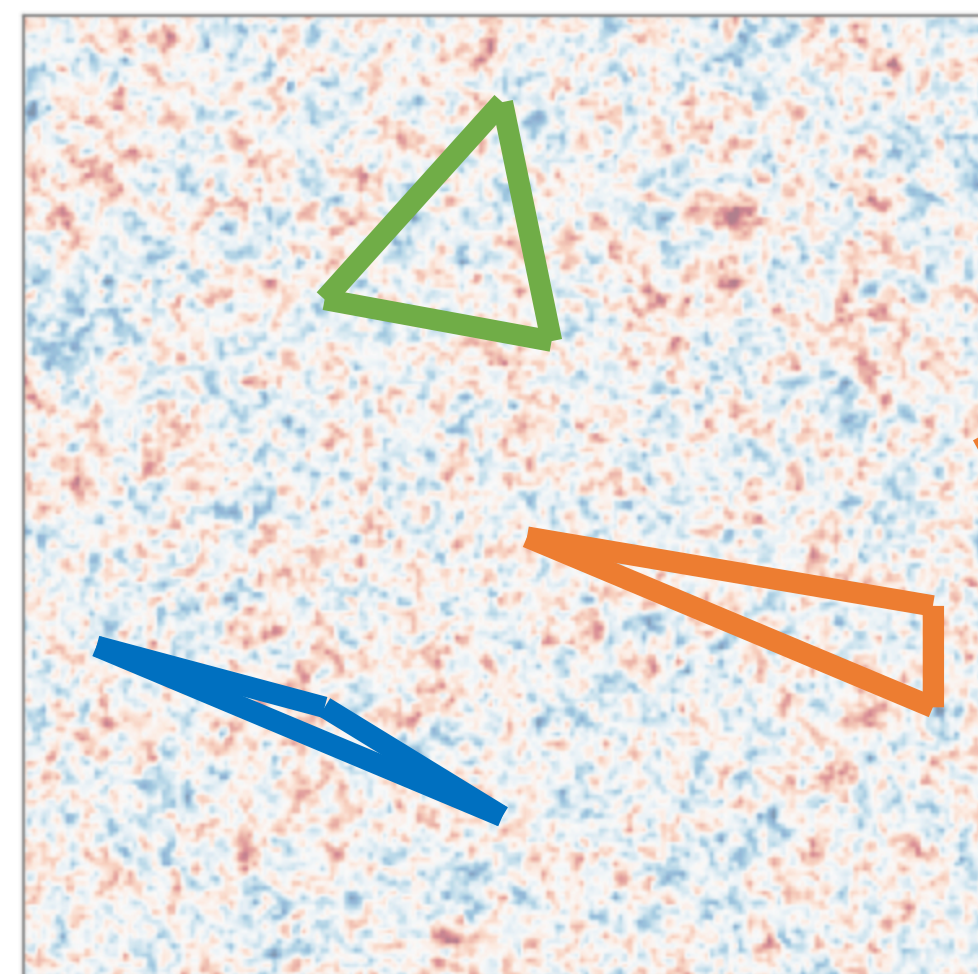
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 - New surveys map $\sim 100 \times$ more! [DESI, Euclid, Rubin, Roman, SPHEREx, ...]

Can we use galaxy surveys to learn about inflation?



How to Measure Primordial Non-Gaussianity

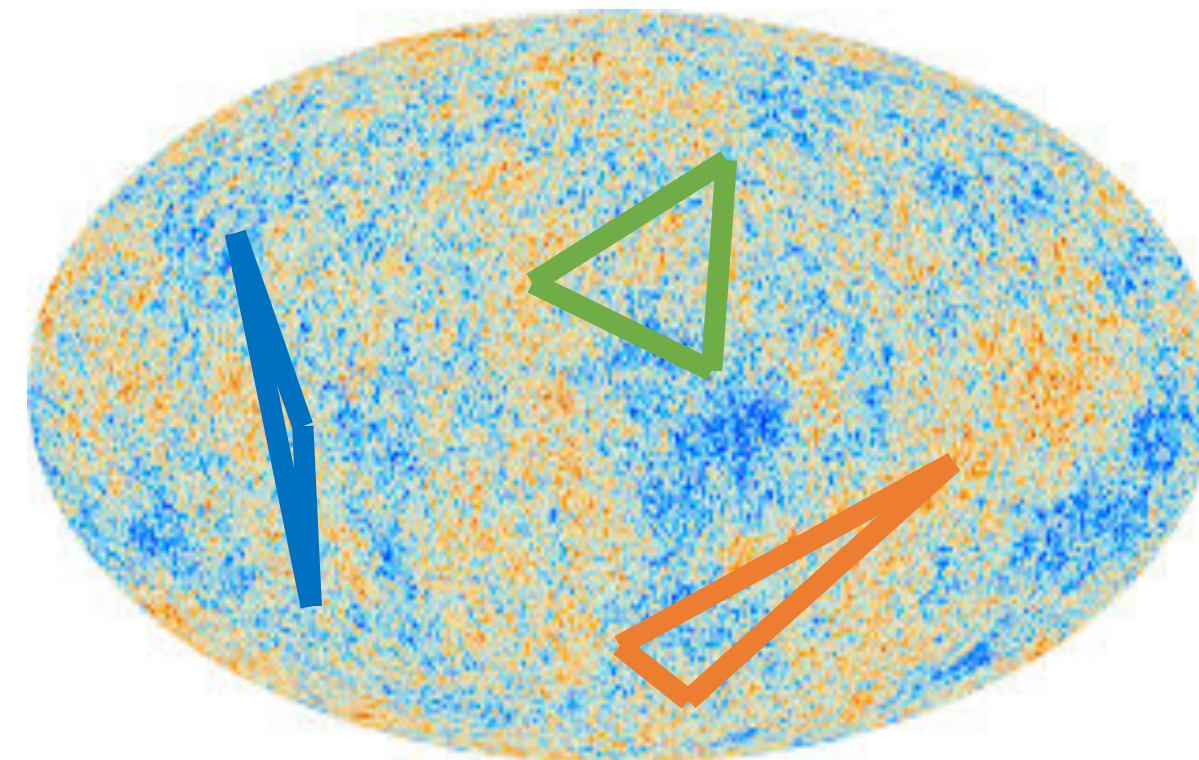
The **curvature fluctuations** set the **initial conditions** for the late Universe!



Primordial Curvature

$$\langle \zeta^n \rangle \neq 0?$$

Linear Physics

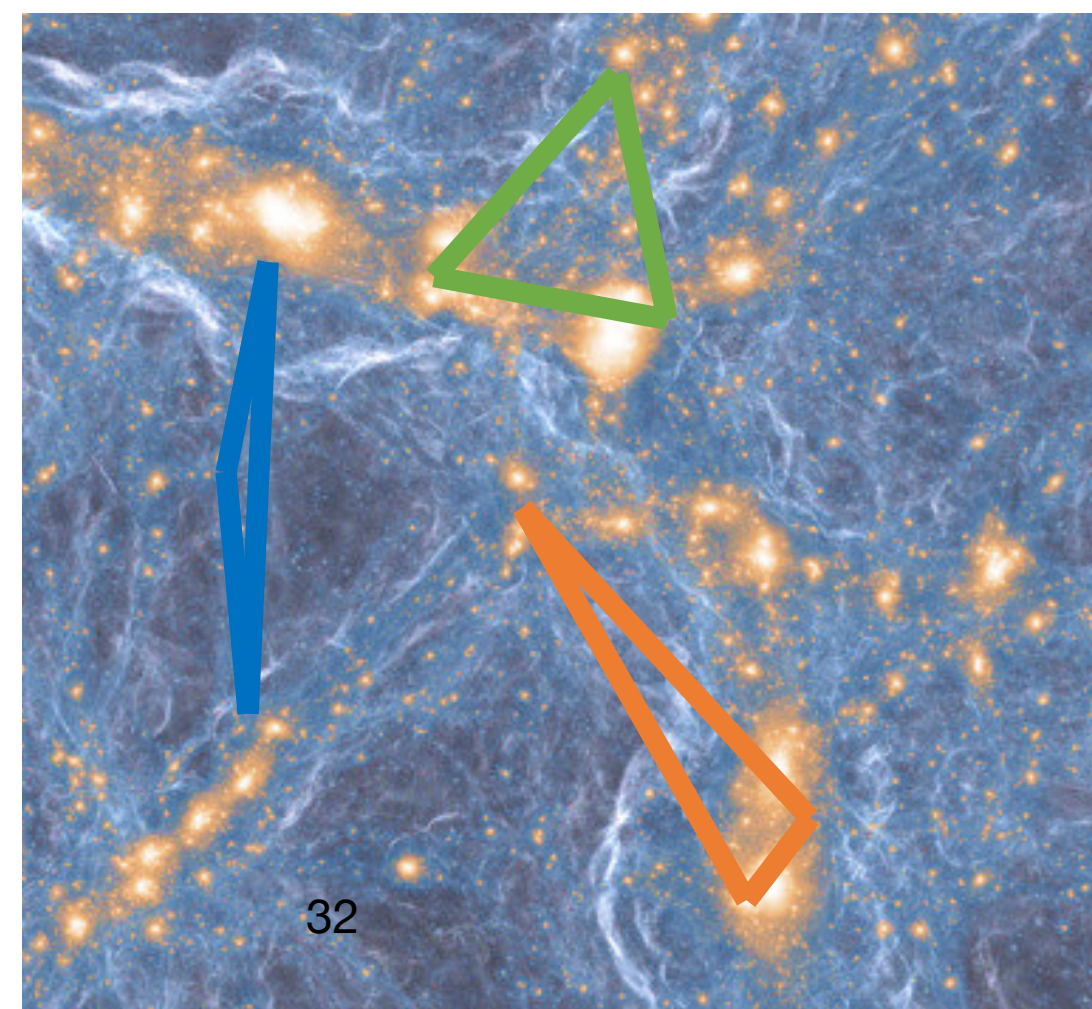


Fluctuations in CMB temperature

$$\langle \delta T^n \rangle \neq 0?$$

(tracing *photon energies*)

Non-Linear Physics



Fluctuations in **galaxy number density**

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(tracing **dark matter**)

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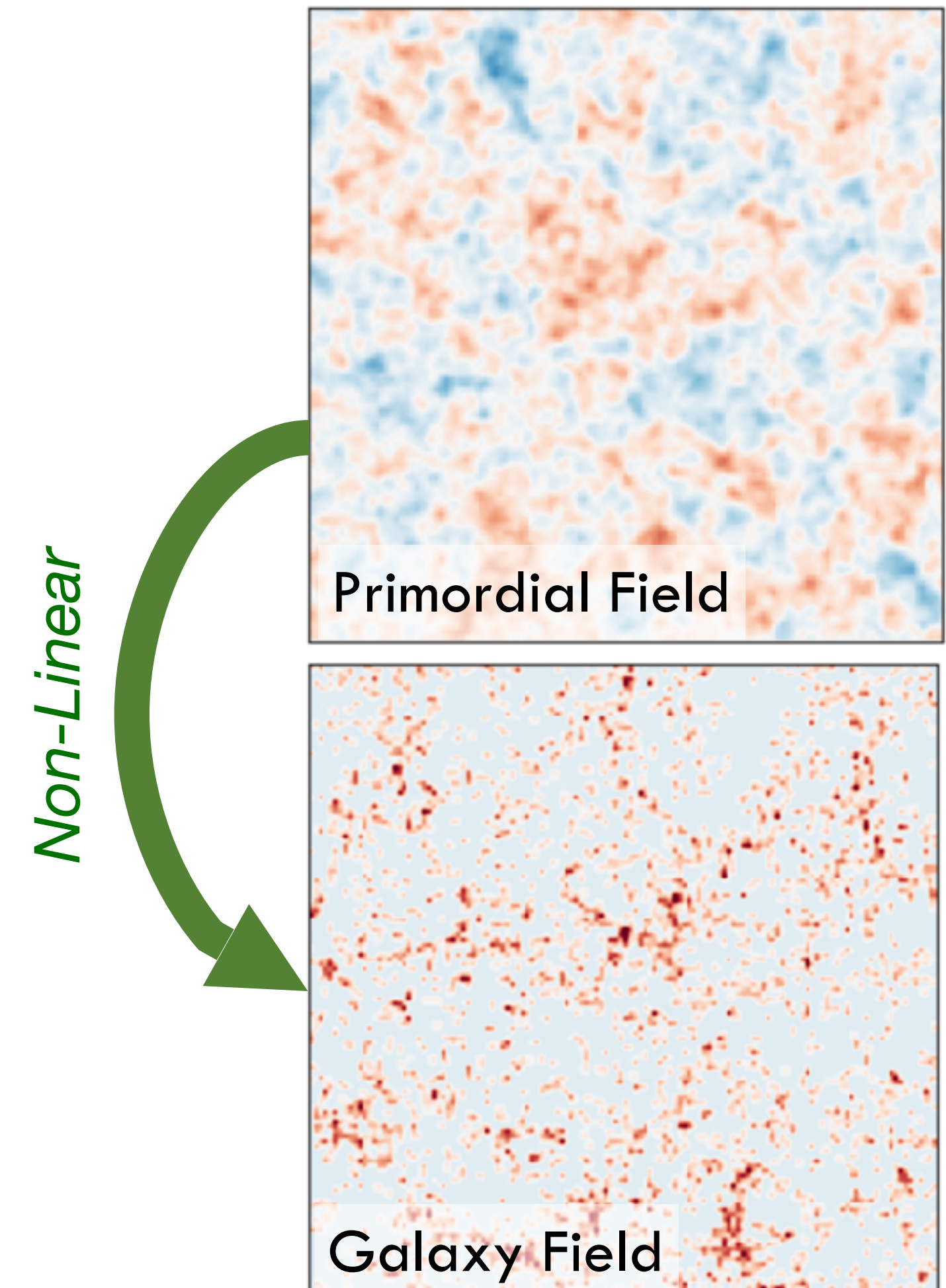
- The distribution of galaxies traces the **initial conditions**, the evolution of **dark matter**, and the physics of **galaxy formation**
- To extract **inflationary information**, we need a **joint** model of all effects:

Galaxy Correlators \sim Primordial Physics + Gravity + cross-terms

State-of-the-art method:

Effective Field Theory of Large Scale Structure (EFTofLSS)

$$\rho_{\text{galaxy}} = F_1[\zeta] + F_2[\zeta, \zeta] + F_3[\zeta, \zeta, \zeta] + \dots$$



How to Model Galaxies

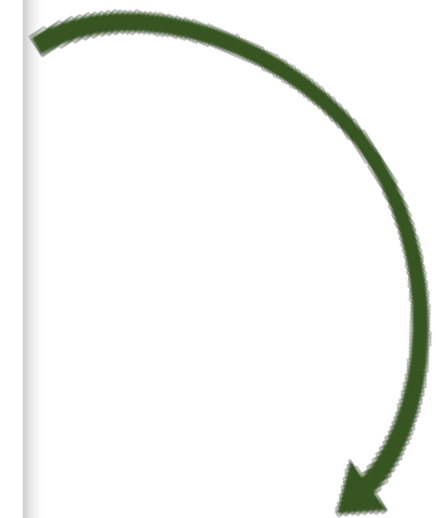
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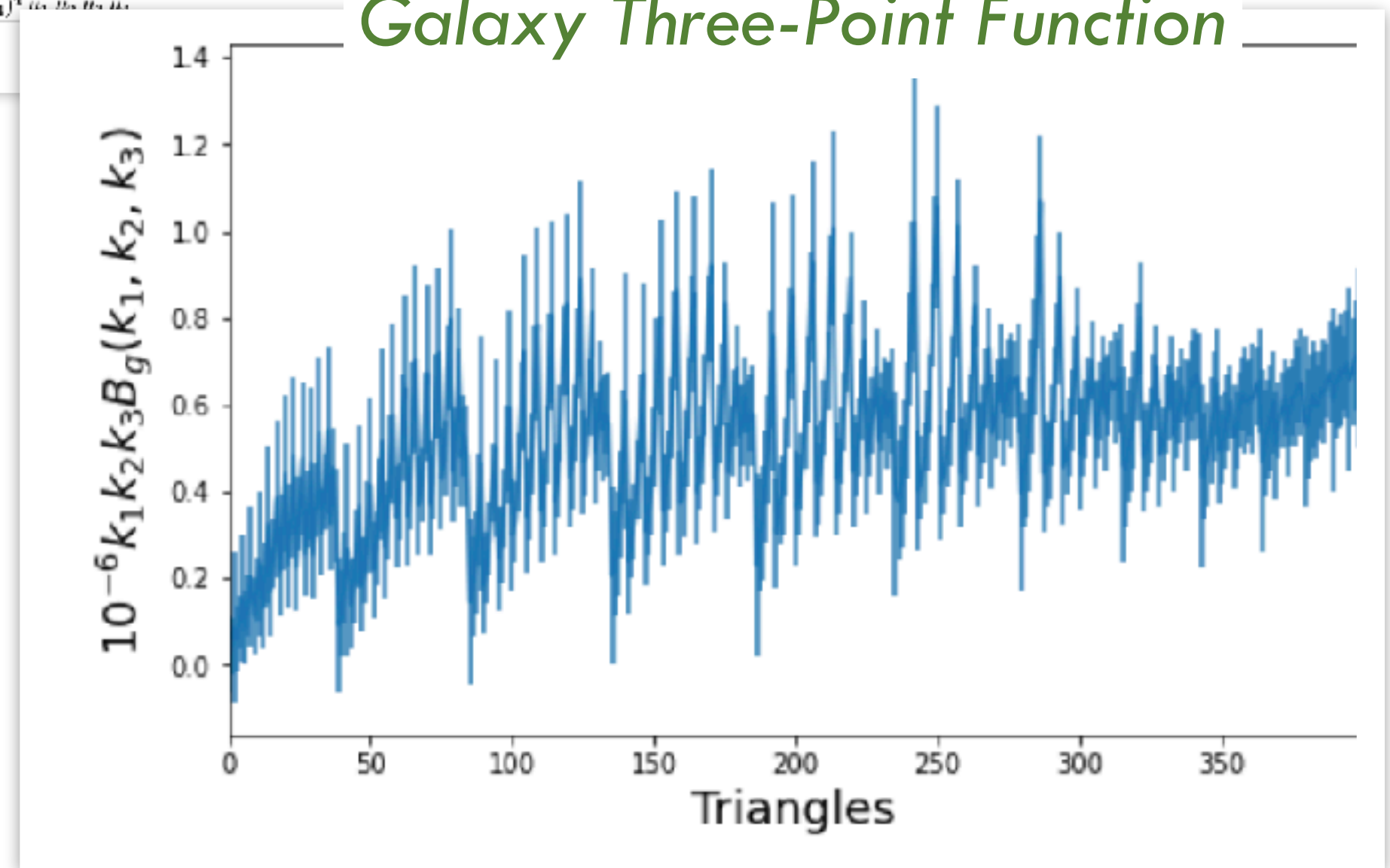
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Theory

$$\begin{aligned}
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 \end{aligned}$$



Galaxy Three-Point Function

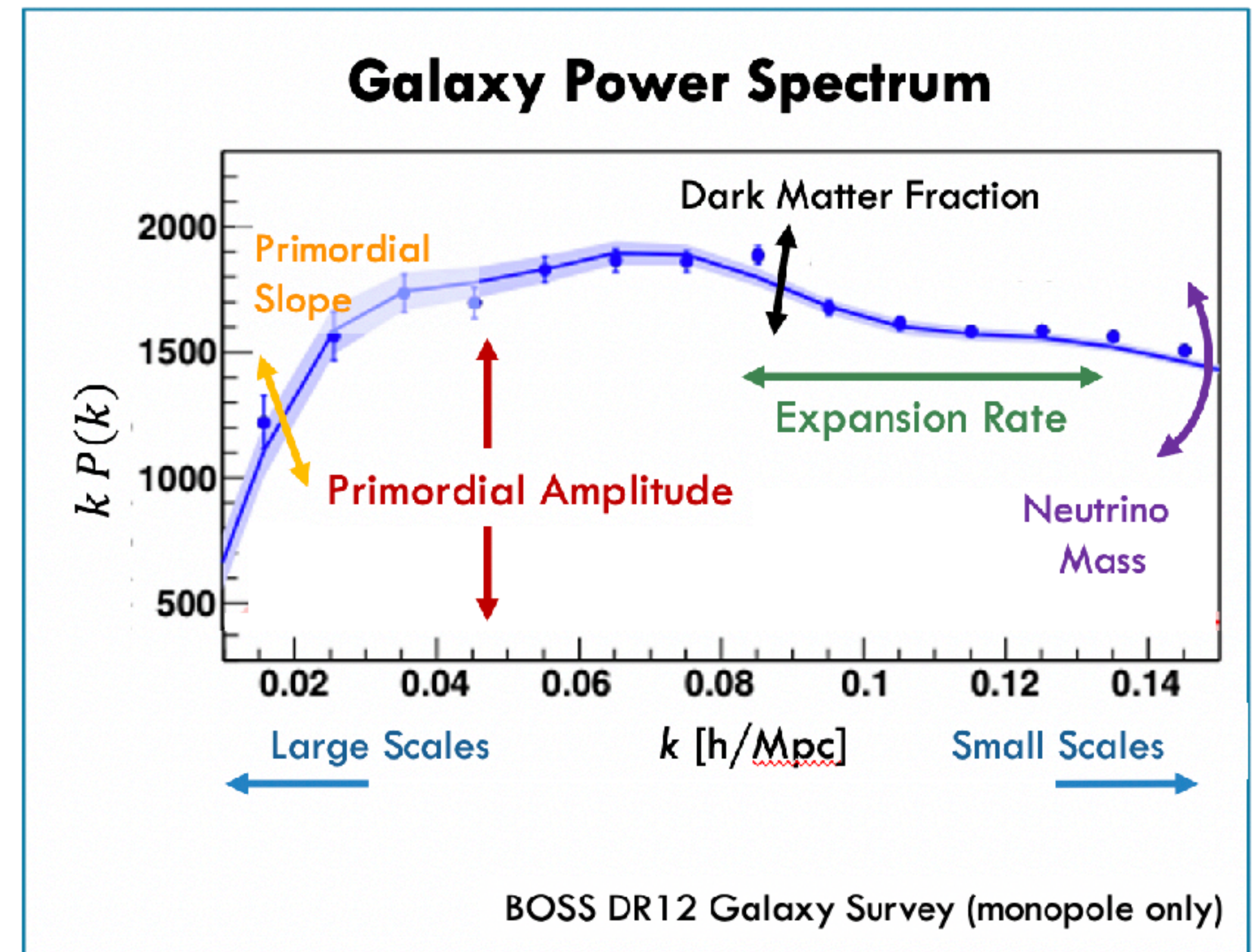


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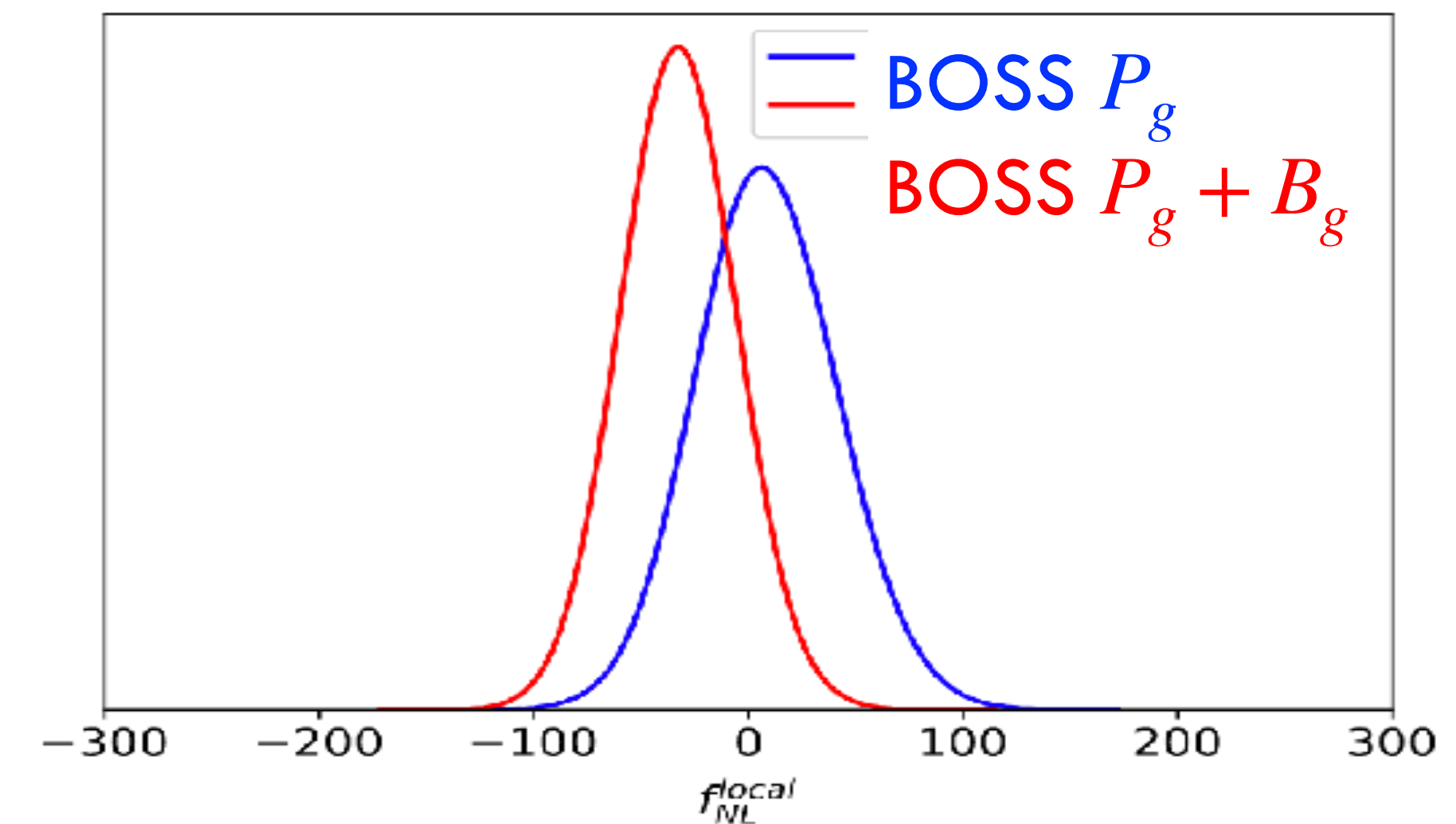
$$P_{gg}(k) \sim P_{gg,\text{fid}}(k) + f_{\text{NL}}\Delta P_{gg}(k)$$

$$B_{ggg}(k) \sim B_{ggg,\text{fid}}(k) + f_{\text{NL}}\Delta B_{ggg}(k)$$

Recent works have constrained inflationary **bispectra** with **legacy galaxy survey** data (SDSS-BOSS):

- $f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{loc}}$: **Local** \Rightarrow extra light fields
- $f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{eq,orth}}$: **Equilateral** \Rightarrow cubic self-interactions
- $f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{coll}}(m_\sigma, c_\sigma)$: **Collider** \Rightarrow exchange of massive ($m_\sigma \gtrsim H$) and massive-ish ($m_\sigma \lesssim H$) fields

Light Field Constraints



$$f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{loc}} = -33 \pm 28 \quad (9 \pm 34 \text{ w/o bispectra})$$

(CMB: ± 5 , Target: ± 1)

These constraints are **much worse** than the CMB (5 – 20 \times)

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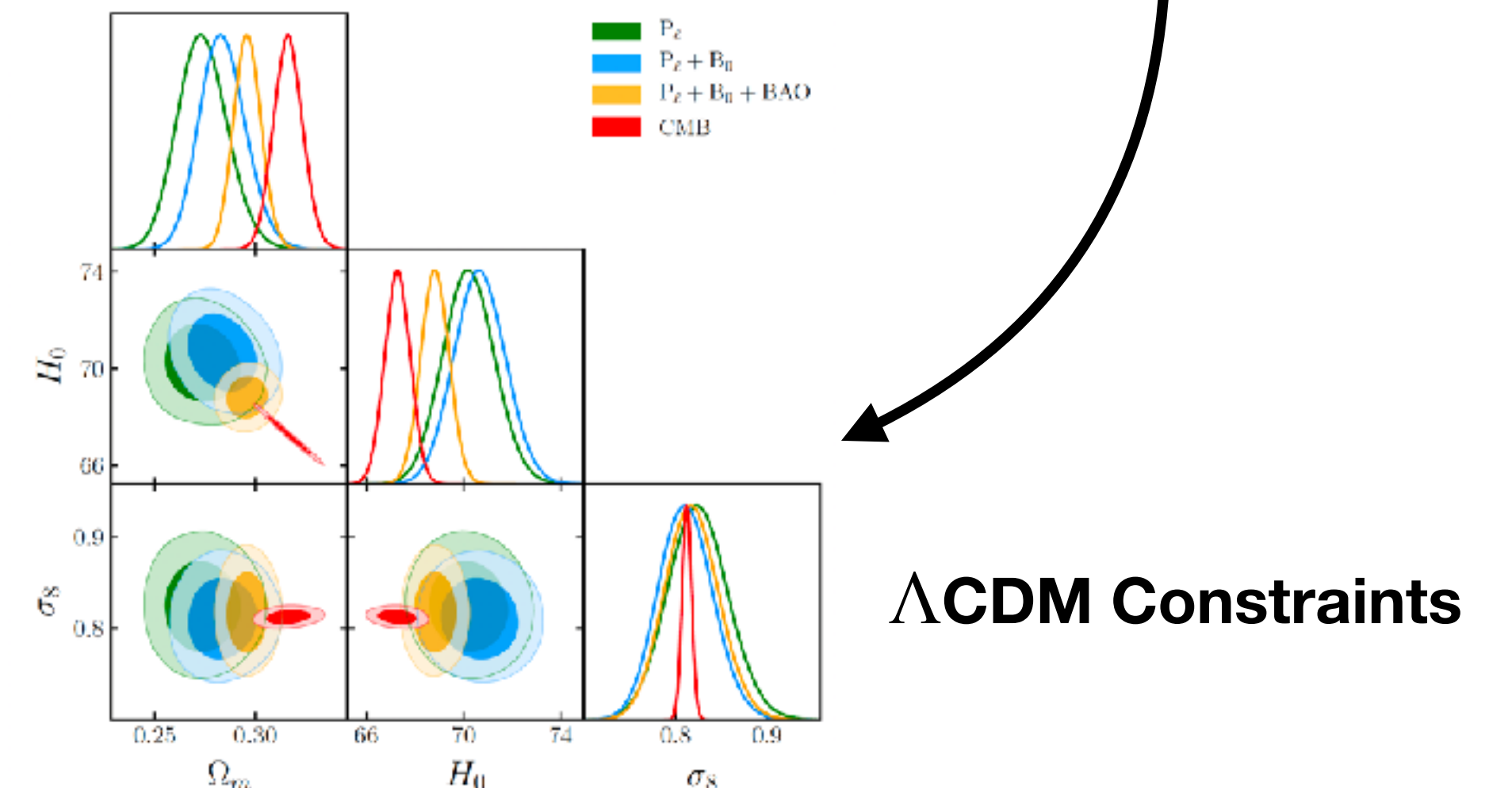
Our full dataset includes....

- Power spectra, $P_\ell(k)$, ($\ell = 0, 2, 4$, $k \leq 0.2 h\text{Mpc}^{-1}$)
- Bispectra, $B_\ell(k_1, k_2, k_3)$, ($\ell = 0, 2$, $k \leq 0.15 h\text{Mpc}^{-1}$)
- Baryon Acoustic Oscillations $\alpha_{\parallel}, \alpha_{\perp}$
- Lensing cross-correlations C_ℓ^{kg}
- Photometric galaxies C_ℓ^{gg}

... all analyzed consistently with **Effective Field Theory** (at one-loop)

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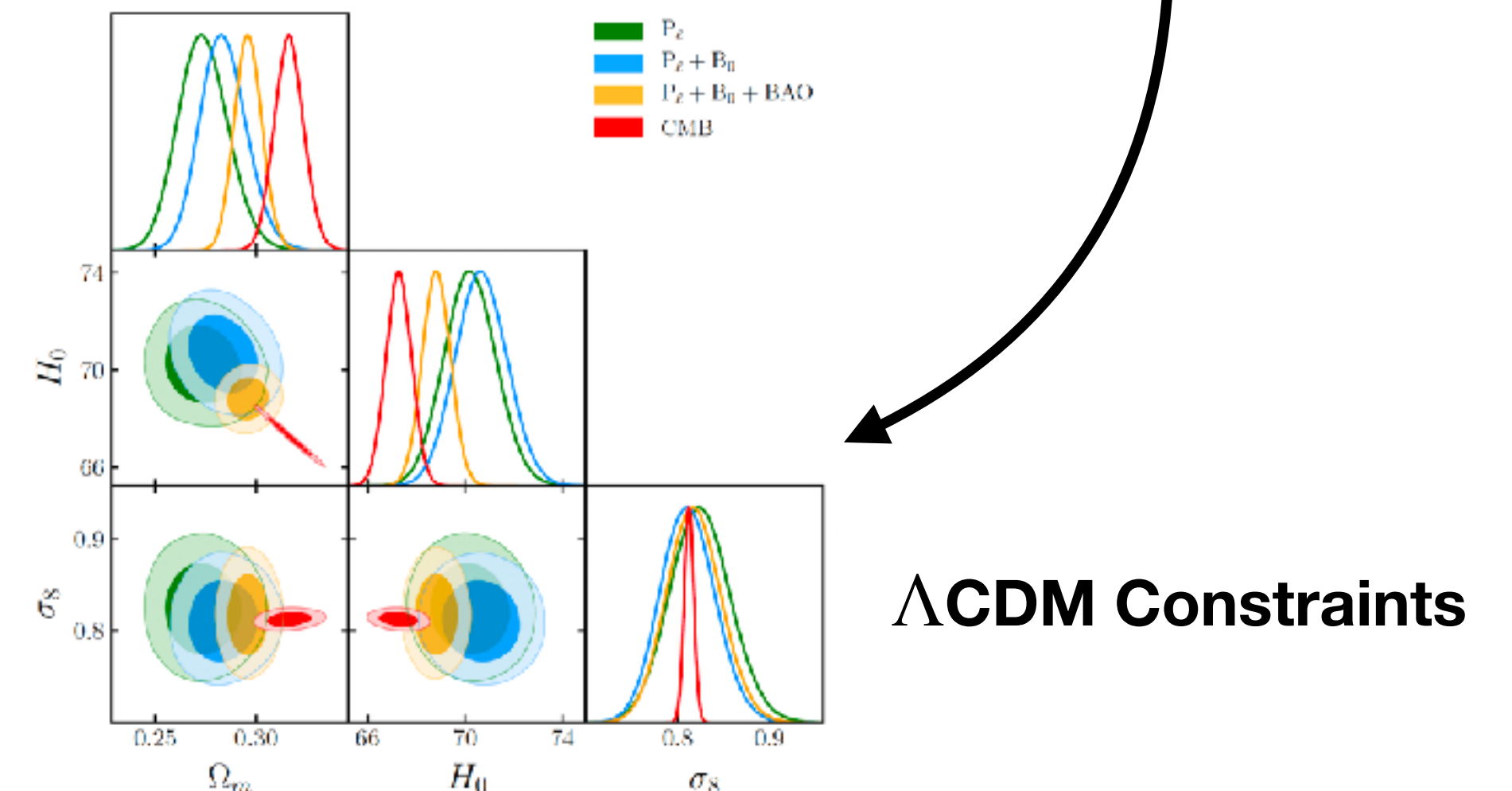
- Λ CDM parameters (Ω_m, H_0, σ_8)
- Dark energy equation-of-state (w_0, w_a)
- Curvature (Ω_k)
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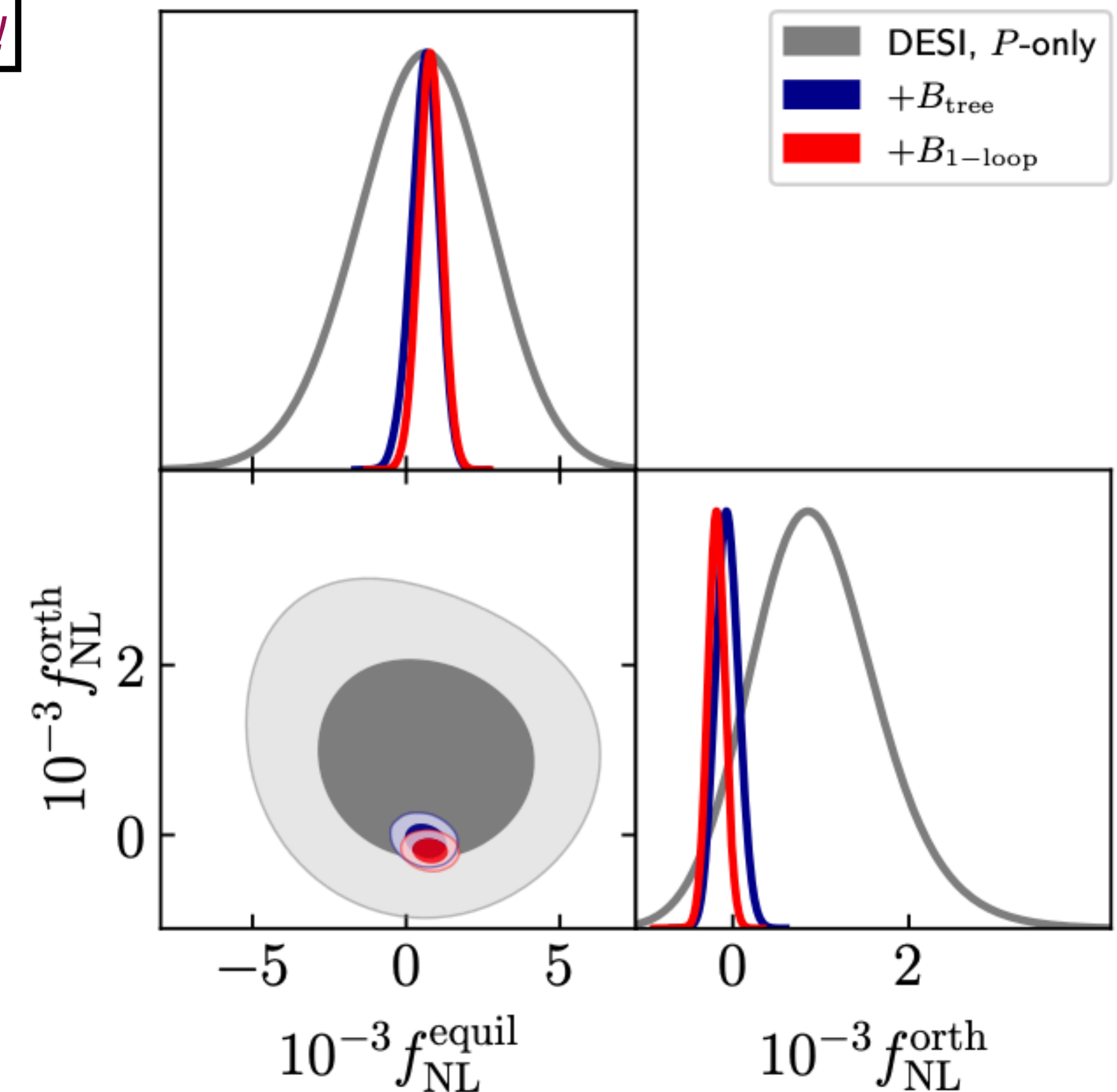
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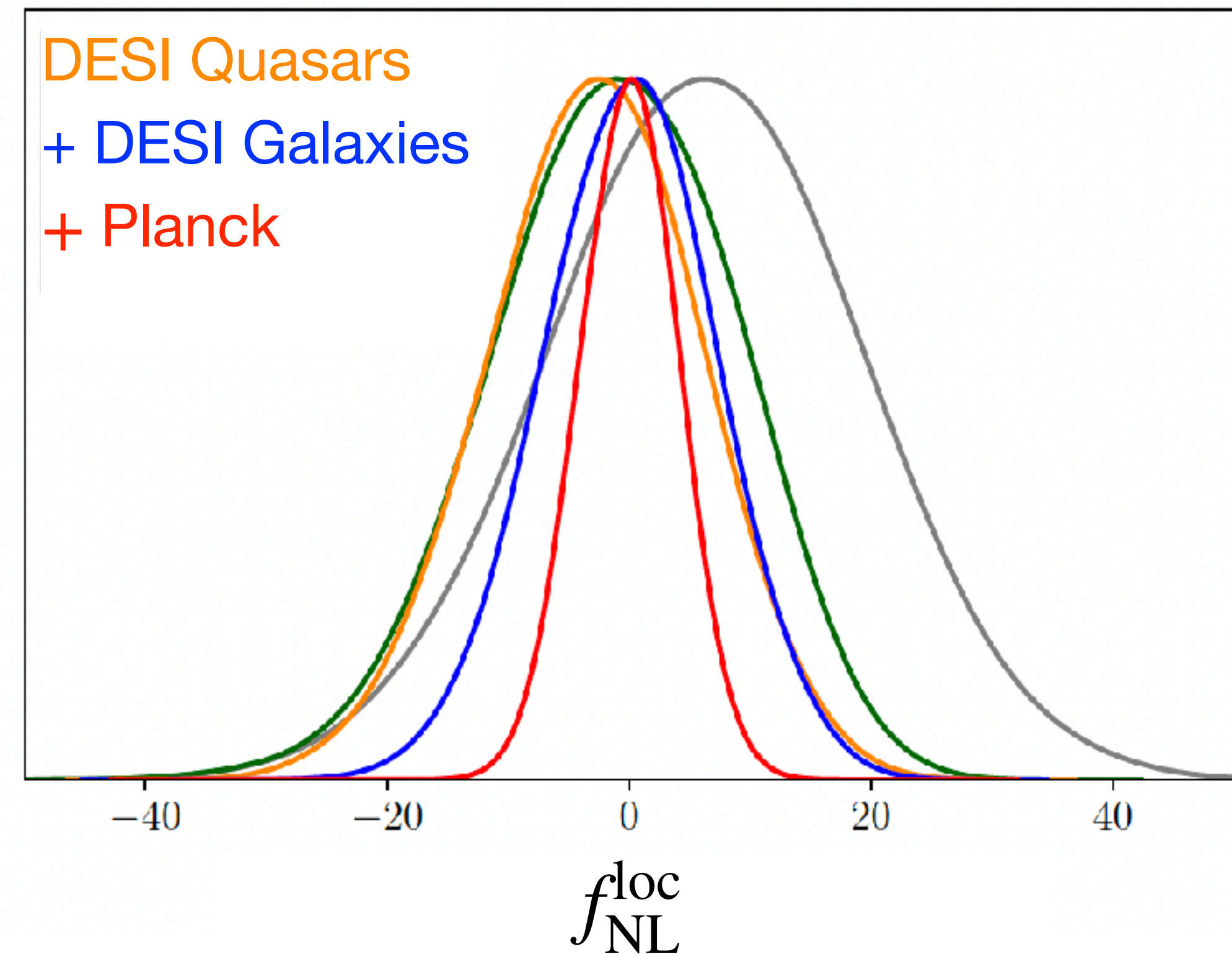
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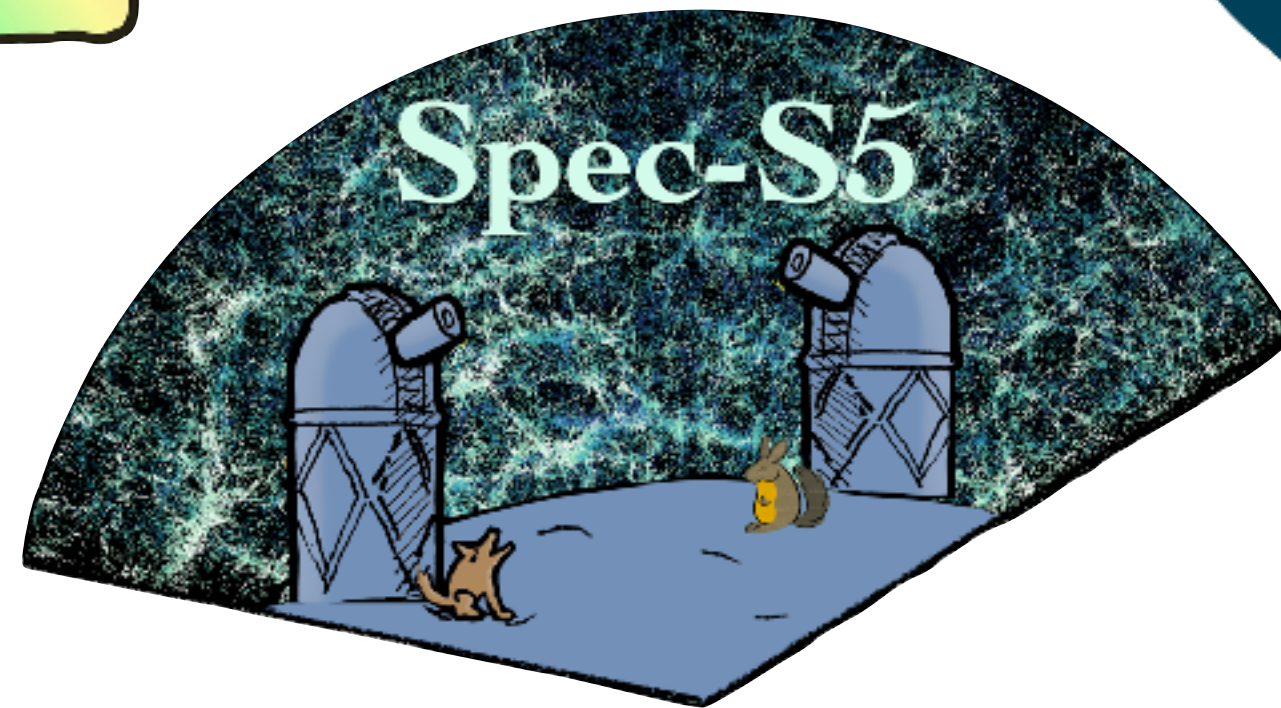
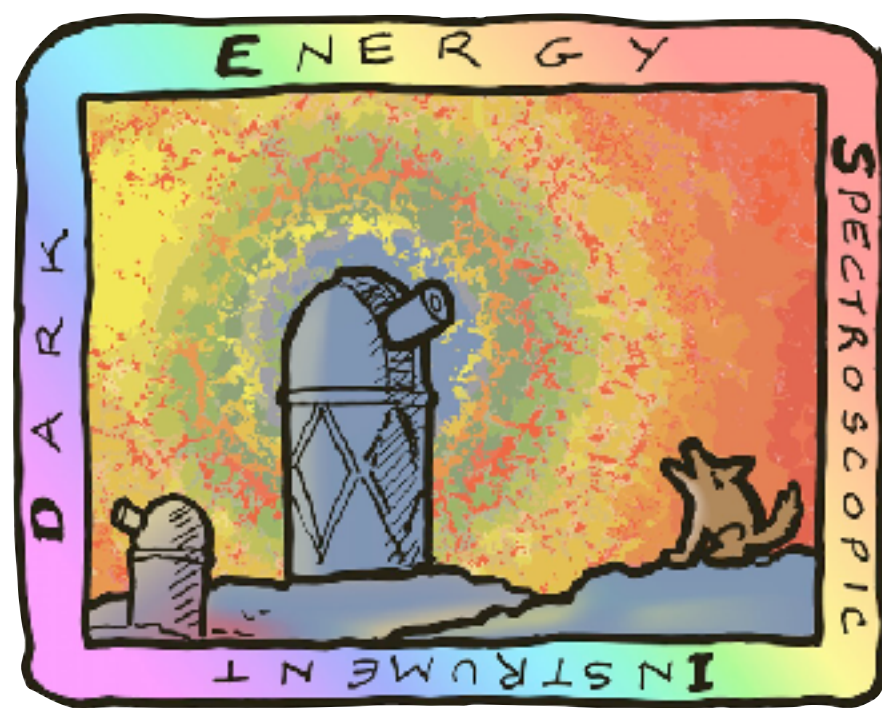
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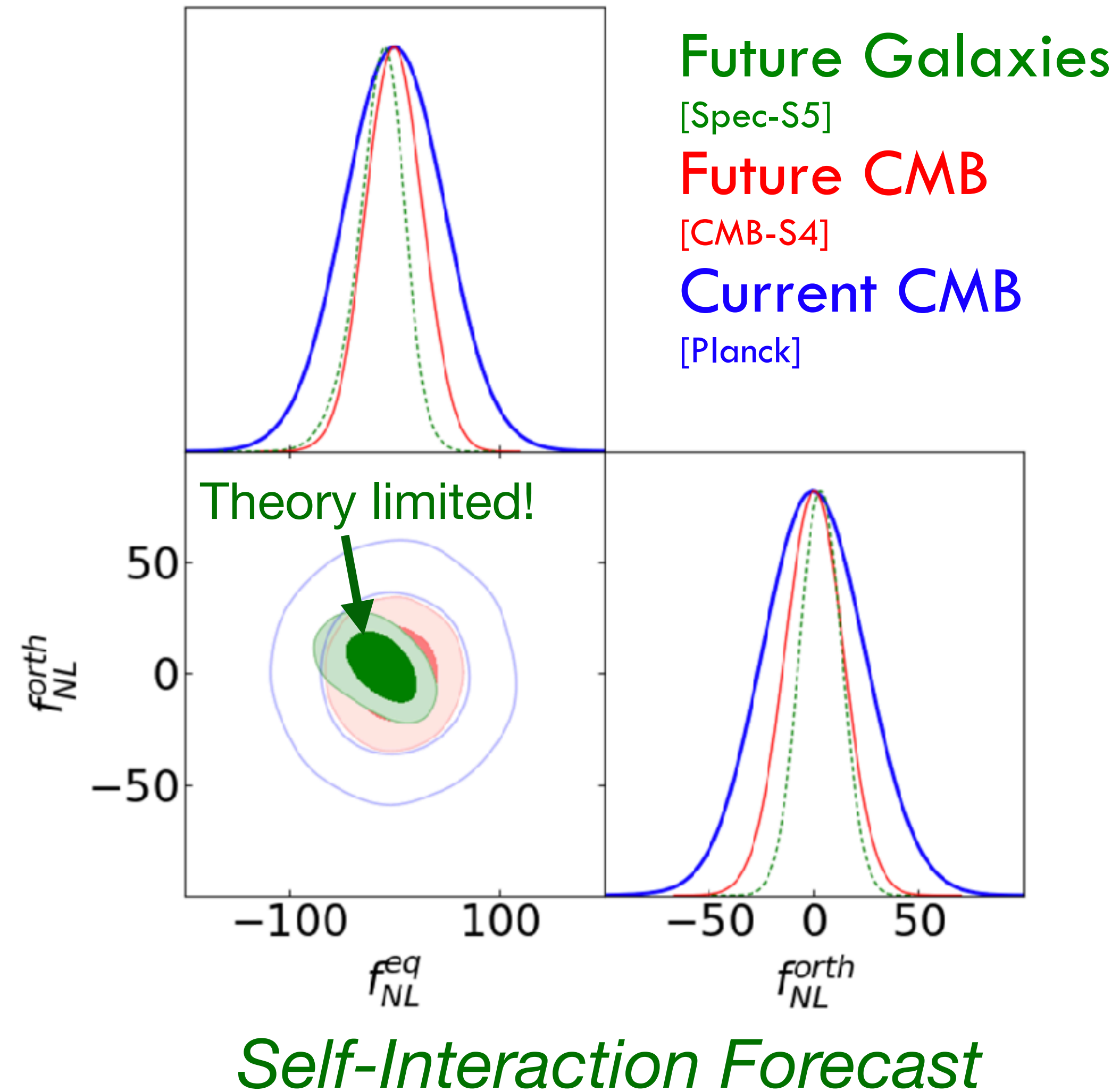


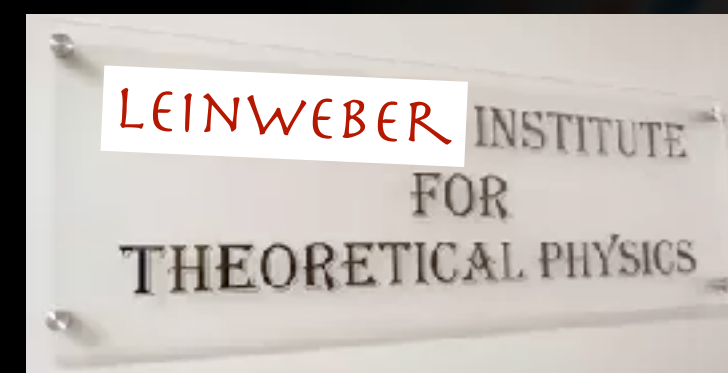
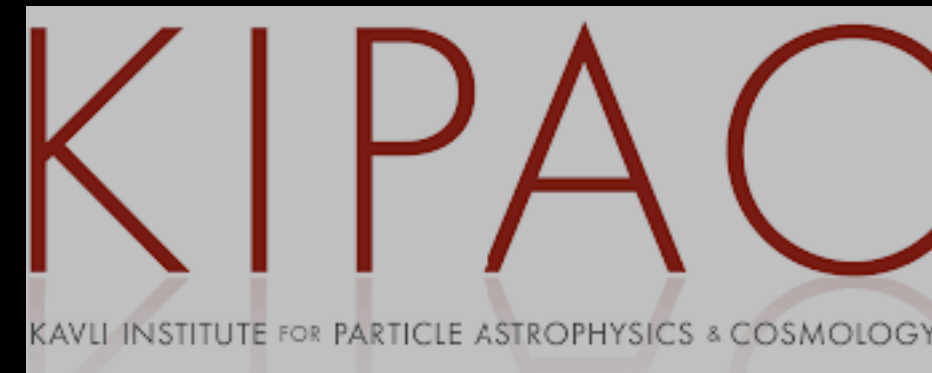
Inflation beyond DESI

Even better experiments are coming soon!



Within a decade, galaxy clustering will be the **best** probe of the inflationary Universe!





Summary

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- Searching for these signatures probes $\lesssim 10^{16}\text{GeV}$ **-scale physics** using low-energy data
- By combining **new data** with **new methods** we will **significantly** enhance our knowledge of inflation

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