

The Effect of Time Dependent Mode Functions on Non-Gaussianity

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Summary:

- Defn. of Power Spec
- Qua Corrections (loop) to Power Spec
 - They are small
 - Main discussion: time dependent / Not?
- Qua corrections to Bispectrum (f_{NL})
 - Huge (for time dependent mode func.)
- Implications

Curvature Power Spectrum:

$$\Delta_R^2(k, t) \equiv \frac{k^3}{2\pi^2} \int d^3x e^{-i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}} \langle \mathcal{R}(t, \vec{0}) \mathcal{R}(t, \vec{x}) | \mathcal{R} \rangle$$

Ok but why is it called zeta-zeta correlator?

arXiv: 1006.3999 ; EDR, V.K. Onemli, R.P. Woodard

Take a scalar inflaton(ϕ) and a spectator field;

$$\mathcal{L} = \left[\frac{R}{16\pi G} - \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} g_{\nu\sigma} g^{\mu\nu} - V(\phi) - \frac{1}{2} \sigma_{\mu\nu} \sigma_{\nu\sigma} g^{\mu\nu} - U(\sigma) \right] \sqrt{-g}$$

- use A.D.M 3+1 and follow Maldacena's (JHEP 0305(2003)013)

procedure : $g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = -N^2 dt^2 + g_{ij} (dx^i - N^i dt) (dx^j - N^j dt)$

$$g_{ij} = a^2(t) e^{2\sigma(t, \vec{x})} \tilde{g}_{ij}(t, \vec{x}) ; \quad \mathcal{Q}(t, \vec{x}) - \mathcal{Q}_0(t) = 0$$

Fix the gauge (can't eliminate physical inflaton)

\Rightarrow that degree of freedom resides in $\mathcal{S}(t, \vec{x})$.

$$R = \frac{e^{-2\mathcal{S}}}{a^2} \left[\tilde{R} - 2(D-2) \tilde{\nabla}^2 \mathcal{S} - (D-2)(D-3) \mathcal{S}^{\prime k} \mathcal{S}_{,k} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow R(t, \vec{x}) \equiv -\frac{a^2(t)}{4\mathcal{V}^2} R = \left(\frac{D-2}{2} \right) \mathcal{S}(t, \vec{x}) + \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{S}^2, \mathcal{S}_h, \mathcal{V}^2)$$

\therefore at linear order $\langle RR \rangle \xrightarrow{D=4} \mathcal{S}-\mathcal{S}$ correlator

- That's why people call it Zeta-zeta

• Solving the constraints at quadratic order:

$$\mathcal{L}_5^{(2)} = \frac{(D-2)\epsilon a^{D-1}}{16\pi G} \left\{ \dot{\zeta}^2 - \frac{1}{a^2} \partial_k \zeta \partial_k \zeta \right\}; \quad \mathcal{L}_h^{(2)} = \frac{a^{D-1}}{64\pi G} \left\{ h_{ij} h_{ij} - \frac{1}{a^2} \partial_k h_{ij} \partial_k h_{ij} \right\}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_\sigma^{(2)} = \frac{a^{D-1}}{2} \left\{ \dot{\sigma}^2 - \frac{1}{a^2} \partial_k \sigma \partial_k \sigma \right\}; \quad \epsilon \sim \text{const} \Rightarrow i \Delta_\zeta(x; x') \approx \frac{8\pi G}{(D-2)\epsilon} i \Delta(x; x')$$

Ford, Parker (77) IR-problem

$$i \Delta(x; x') = \int \frac{d^{D-1} k}{(2\pi)^{D-1}} \theta(k \cdot L^{-1}) e^{i \vec{k} \cdot (\vec{x} - \vec{x}')} \times \left\{ \theta(t-t') u(t, k) u^*(t', k) + \theta(t'-t) u^*(t, k) u(t', k) \right\}$$

For const. $\epsilon \Rightarrow u(t, k) = \frac{\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{4(1-\epsilon)H}}}{a^{\frac{D-1}{2}}} H_\nu^{(1)} \left(\frac{k}{(1-\epsilon)H a} \right); \quad \nu \equiv \frac{D-1-\epsilon}{2(1-\epsilon)}$

$D=4$ gives well-known Bunch-Davies mode-function

$$u = \frac{H}{\sqrt{2k^3}} (1 + ik\eta) e^{-ik\eta}$$

Getting $r \approx 16 \epsilon$ reln:

From quadratic $\delta^{(2)}$'s $\Rightarrow i \Delta \epsilon(x; x') \approx \frac{8\pi G}{(D-2)\epsilon} i \Delta(x; x')$

$$i [\Delta_{ij} \Delta_{kl}] (x; x') = 32\pi G \left[\prod_{ik} \prod_{lj} - \frac{\prod_{ij} \prod_{kl}}{(D-2)} \right] i \Delta(x; x'); \quad \prod_{ij} \equiv \delta_{ij} - \frac{\partial_i \partial_j}{\nabla^2}$$

use the fact that $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u(t, k) \approx \frac{H(t, k)}{\sqrt{2k^3}}$

$$\bullet \left[\Delta_R^2(k, t) \right]_{\text{tree}} \approx \frac{k^3}{2\pi^2} \times \frac{8\pi G}{2\epsilon} \times |u(t, k)|^2 \approx \frac{6H^2(t, k)}{\pi \epsilon}$$

$$\bullet \left[\Delta_h^2(k, t) \right]_{\text{tree}} \approx \frac{k^3}{2\pi^2} \times 32\pi G \times 2 \times |u(t, k)|^2 \approx \frac{16}{\pi} 6H^2(t, k)$$

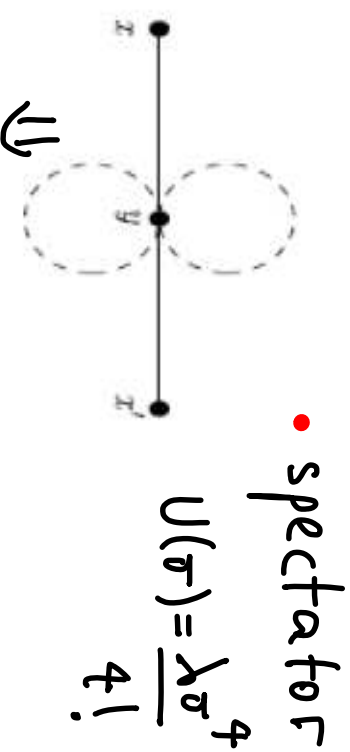
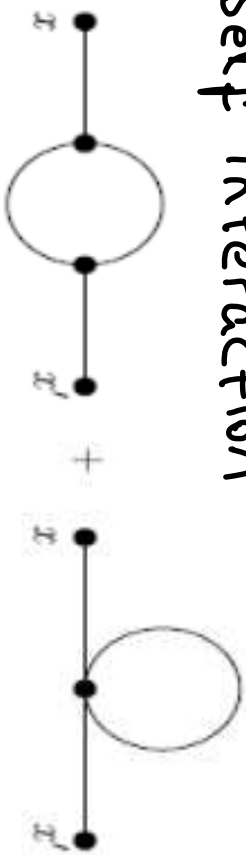
$$\bullet r \equiv \frac{\Delta_h^2(k_0)}{\Delta_R^2(k_0)} \approx 16 \epsilon \text{ with } \Delta_h^2(t, k) \equiv \frac{k^3}{2\pi^2} \int d^3x e^{-i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}} \langle h_{ij}(t, \vec{x}) h_{ij}(t, 0) \rangle$$

• Loop Contributions to Δ_R^2

Simplest generalization of \mathcal{L}_τ and \mathcal{L}_σ

$$\mathcal{L}_\tau \Rightarrow \frac{(D-2)\epsilon}{16\pi G} \alpha^{D-1} e^{(D-1)\tau} \left\{ \tau^2 - e^{-2\tau} \partial_{k_5} \tau \partial_{k_5} \tau \right\}; \mathcal{L}_\sigma = \frac{\epsilon}{D-1} \alpha^{D-1} e^{(D-1)\tau} U(\tau)$$

• τ self interaction



$$[\Delta_R^2] \approx \frac{6H^2}{\pi \epsilon} \left\{ 1 + \frac{27}{4\pi} \frac{6H^2}{\epsilon} \ln \alpha + \mathcal{O}(G^2 H^2) \right\}; \frac{6H^2}{\pi \epsilon} \left\{ 1 + \frac{\lambda G H^2}{48 \pi^3} \ln^3 \alpha \right\}$$

Remember $G H^2(t_{k_0}) \approx \frac{\pi}{16} \times r \times \Delta_R^2(k_0) \sim 10^{-10}$

Planck 2015 $\Rightarrow r \leq 0.12$; $\epsilon(t_{k_0}) \approx \frac{r}{16} \leq 0.0075$

$$\Delta_r \approx 2 \times 10^{-9}$$

The timeline of the discussion

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* Found an error
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Calculation

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Conclusion

The constancy of ζ in single-clock Inflation at all loops

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3 papers:
a single paper with
a funny conclusion

Why "Funny" ?

* A proof of all loops ?

- EFT only
 - Ignoring K_{NH} modes (source of logs explicit)
 - We don't even know the calculation)
- tree-level mode-function for arbitrary $\epsilon(t)$.
- Accept in their paper $\frac{\sigma^4}{4!}$ would give time-dep
- but...

* One can (perhaps should) debunk their calculation more carefully ; but our purpose is different

Time dependent ζ correlators (arXiv: 1601.01106)

* Zaldarriaga papers: the effect is small, but still in principle can't be time-dependent.

* Weinberg's & our paper we show that it can explicitly

But all of the discussion was related to ζ - ζ correlators

Q: why? A: Best measured and most well-known observable

* what happens to higher order correlators?

$\langle \zeta \zeta \zeta \rangle$ gives non-gaussianity

Bounds on f_{NL} from Planck data already constrain some models. What if we include loops?

1-loop correction to $\langle \zeta \zeta \zeta \zeta \rangle$ - Non-Gaussianity

$$\langle \zeta \zeta \zeta \zeta \rangle_{k_1 k_2 k_3} = (2\pi)^3 \delta^3(k_1 + k_2 + k_3) B_{\zeta}(k_1, k_2, k_3)$$

Defn of $F_{NL} \Rightarrow \zeta(x) = \zeta_g(x) + \frac{3}{5} f_{NL} \zeta_g^2(x) + \mathcal{O}(\zeta_g^3)$

Local Bispec $\Rightarrow B_{\zeta}^{local}(k_1, k_2, k_3) \approx \frac{12}{5} f_{NL} P(k_1) P(k_3)$
 $k_1 \approx k_2 \gg k_3$

Creminone & Maldacena consistency condition

$$B_{\zeta}(k_3 \ll k_1) = (1 - n_s) P(k_1) P(k_3) \quad ; \quad n_s - 1 \equiv \frac{d \ln P(k)}{d \ln k}$$

for single field inflaton models.

Use in-in formalism

$$\langle SSSS \rangle = -i \int_{t_0}^+ dt' \langle 0 | [S^3, H_I] | 0 \rangle$$

- Start with cubic part of zeta from

Maldacena (2002) paper: $H_I = -L_3$

$$S_{\zeta}^{(3)} = \frac{1}{2\pi G} \int d^4x e^2 a^5 H \dot{\zeta}^2 a^{-2} \dot{\zeta} = \int dt L_3(t)$$

- on a side note Maldacena is using $a = e^{S(t)}$
- he notes: after doing a lot of integration by parts
- Brandenberger claims to have done in 6th order
(arXiv: 1201.0768)

Ganc (2011)

- Bispectrum (tree-level) Ganc & Kamatsu (2010)

$$B_{\zeta}(k_1, k_2, k_3) = 8i \frac{e^2}{H^2} \sum_{k_i} \left(\frac{1}{k_i^2} \right) U_{k_1}(\eta) U_{k_2}(\eta) U_{k_3}(\eta) \\ * \int_{\eta_0}^{\eta} \frac{d\tilde{\eta}}{\tilde{\eta}^3} U_{k_1}' U_{k_2}' U_{k_3}' + \text{c.c.}$$

Very crucial point for time-dependent loop effects!

- Power Spectrum $\sim \langle \zeta_{k_1} \zeta_{k_2} \rangle \sim \delta^3(k_1 + k_2) |U_k|^2$

- Bispectrum: $\langle \zeta_{k_1} \zeta_{k_2} \zeta_{k_3} \rangle \sim \delta^3(k_1 + k_2 + k_3) U_{k_1} U_{k_2} U_{k_3} * \int_{\eta_0}^{\eta} \frac{d\tilde{\eta}}{\tilde{\eta}^3} U_{k_1}' U_{k_2}' U_{k_3}'$

↙ Time derivatives

Q: Loop corrections to Power Spectrum - Why is it small?

A: Because they are related to the $|u(t,k)|^2$

$$U_{\text{tree}} = \frac{H}{\sqrt{2k^3}} (1 + ik\eta) e^{-ik\eta} \xrightarrow{k\eta \ll 1} \frac{H}{\sqrt{2k^3}} \left\{ 1 + \frac{k^2\eta^2}{2} + \dots \right\}$$

late time

$$U_{1\text{-loop}} \Rightarrow \frac{H}{\sqrt{2k^3}} \left\{ 1 + \mathcal{O}(1) G H^2 \ln(\epsilon) \right\} = U_{\text{tree}} \left\{ 1 + \mathcal{O}(1) G H^2 \ln(\epsilon) \right\}$$

Correction is small
loop counting param. $\sim G H^2 \sim 10^{-8}$

$$U'_{\text{tree}} \Rightarrow \frac{H}{\sqrt{2k^3}} \left\{ k^2\eta + \dots \right\}$$

$$U'_{1\text{-loop}} \Rightarrow \frac{H}{\sqrt{2k^3}} k^2\eta \left\{ 1 + \mathcal{O}(1) G H^2 \cdot \frac{1}{k^2\eta^2} \right\} = U'_{\text{tree}} \left\{ 1 + \mathcal{O}(1) \frac{G H^2}{k^2\eta^2} + \dots \right\}$$

smallness of $G H^2$
is compensated by $\frac{1}{k^2\eta^2}$

Implications :

- Super-horizon modes ($k\eta \ll 1$) with the relevant 50-e-folds brings an extra factor of $e^{50} \sim 10^{20}$

- Multiplied by $G H^2 \sim 10^{-10}$ still gives 10^{10}

- Remember that there are 3 of them :

$$\langle \sum_{k_1 k_2 k_3} \sum_{k'_1 k'_2 k'_3} \int_0^{\eta} \frac{d\eta}{\eta^3} U_{k_1} U_{k_2} U_{k_3} * U_{k'_1} U_{k'_2} U_{k'_3} \rangle \sim U_{k_1} U_{k_2} U_{k_3} * \int_0^{\eta} \frac{d\eta}{\eta^3} U_{k'_1} U_{k'_2} U_{k'_3}$$

- Since loop corrections to $P(k)$ is small

$$B_{\tau}^{\text{local}}(k_1, k_2, k_3) \approx \frac{12}{5} f_{NL} P(k_1) P(k_3)$$

implies that $f_{NL} \sim 10^{30}$ or so for all single field inflation models

Possible Cures :

1) Multi-field models : loop corrections cancelling each other exactly (highly unlikely but...)

2) Summing up the whole leading logs (Starobinsky, Yokoyama stochastic type of summation?) might add up to a constant correction?

3) Do a more careful calculation ; there might be a cancellation at 1-loop order.

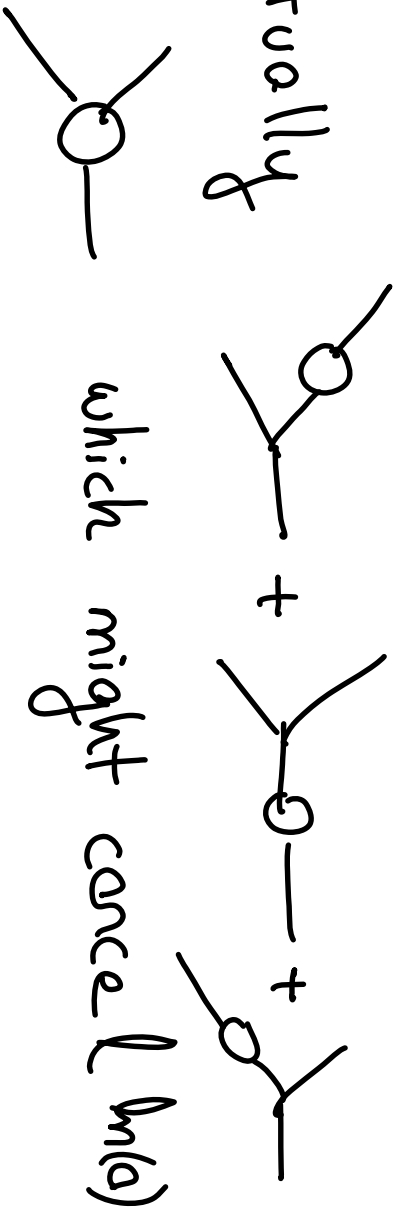
But no matter what the effect is too big to ignore
And for sure there if there is a spectator field agreed upon by both parties.

Conclusions

- First QG observable : ΔR^2
- Why not go beyond tree-level
might teach us important stuff : QCD, asymptotic freedom
- Corrections to Power Spectrum
small (time dependent or not)
- Corrections to Bispectrum
Not necessarily small (if mode-fnc is time dependent)
- Possible ruling out all multi-field models of inflation
- Irrespective of what the potential is.

• For a careful reader:

What we did was actually



Also used Hartree approximation;

used $|U|_{1-loop}^2 \sim \langle S \rangle_{1-loop}$ and took this corrected

$U(t, k)$ to calculate Bispectrum.

But the point of the work is still the same:

If the scalar mode gets $\log(\alpha)$ correction from loops that gives an $FNL \sim 10^{30} \Rightarrow$ Ruling out the model