

The Curvature Perturbation from General non-Abelian Vector Fields

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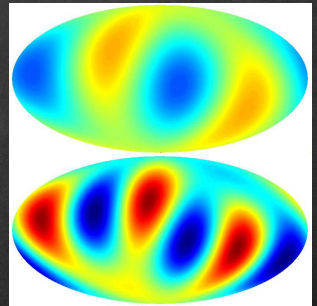
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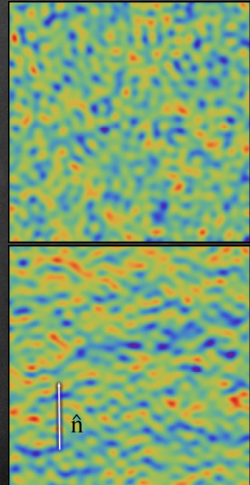
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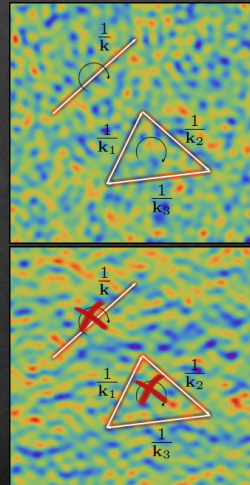
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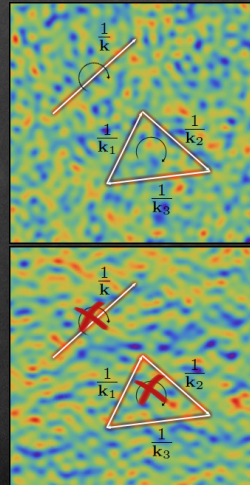
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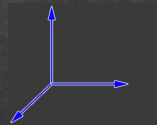
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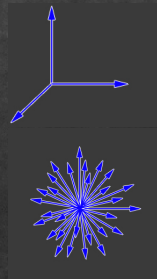


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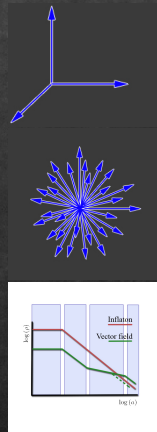
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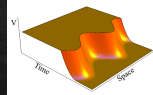
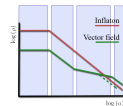
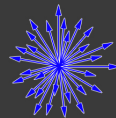
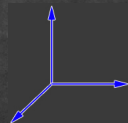
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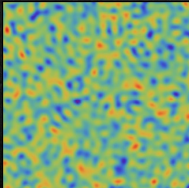
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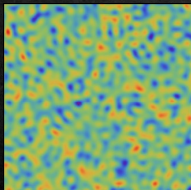
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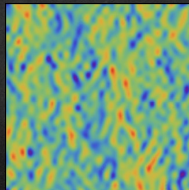
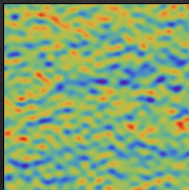
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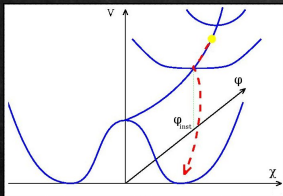
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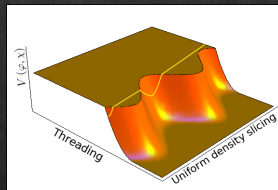
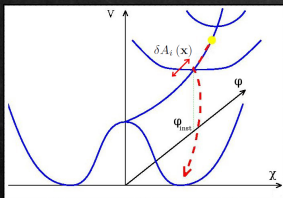
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Non-Abelian vector fields:

- Correlators are dominated by the **classical evolution** of fields;
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- Scenario in which ζ is generated through the **covariant derivative** term:

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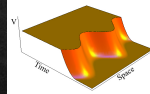
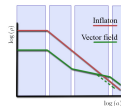
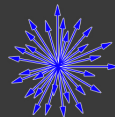
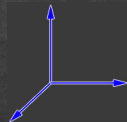


Avoiding Large Scale Anisotropy

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- Three identical, orthogonal vector fields;
Armendariz-Picon (2004)
- Many randomly oriented vector fields - vector inflation;
Golovnev, Mukhanov, Vanchurin (2008)
- Vector curvaton scenario;
Dimopoulos (2006)
- End-of-inflation scenario;
Yokoyama, Soda (2008)



Quantization

Temporal gauge: $\hat{W}_0^a = 0$;

$$\delta \hat{W}_i^a(\mathbf{k}) = \sum_{\lambda=L,R} \left[e_i^\lambda(\hat{\mathbf{k}}) w(k, \tau) \hat{a}_\lambda^a(\mathbf{k}) - e_i^{\lambda*}(-\hat{\mathbf{k}}) w^*(k, \tau) \hat{a}_\lambda^{a\dagger}(-\mathbf{k}) \right]$$

- Interaction picture $\Rightarrow w = \frac{H}{\sqrt{2k^3}} (1 - ik\tau) e^{-ik\tau}$;

General Equations

$$\langle \delta W_i(\mathbf{k}) \delta W_j(\mathbf{k}') \rangle = (2\pi)^3 \delta(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{k}') \frac{2\pi^2}{k^3} \times \\ \times \left[T_{ij}^{\text{even}}(\hat{\mathbf{k}}) \mathcal{P}_+(k) + iT_{ij}^{\text{odd}}(\hat{\mathbf{k}}) \mathcal{P}_- + T_{ij}^{\text{long}}(\hat{\mathbf{k}}) \mathcal{P}_{||} \right]$$

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- Require $\zeta_e \gg \zeta_\varphi \Rightarrow \zeta$ only from non-Abelian vector fields

The Power Spectrum

$$\langle \zeta(\mathbf{k}_1) \zeta(\mathbf{k}_2) \rangle = (2\pi) \delta(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2) \mathcal{P}_\zeta(\mathbf{k}_1)$$

- The general expression:

$$\mathcal{P}_\zeta(\mathbf{k}) = \mathcal{P}_+ C^2 (M^2)^{\bar{a}\bar{b}} W^{\bar{a}} W^{\bar{b}} \left[1 - \frac{(M^2)^{\bar{a}\bar{b}} (\mathbf{W}^{\bar{a}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}}) (\mathbf{W}^{\bar{b}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}})}{(M^2)^{\bar{a}\bar{b}} W^{\bar{a}} W^{\bar{b}}} \right],$$

where $(M^2)^{\bar{a}\bar{b}} \equiv M^{\bar{a}\bar{c}} M^{\bar{c}\bar{b}} \sim \lambda_A^4$ and $C \equiv \frac{1}{\kappa^2 f_e} \frac{N_e}{\varphi_c}$;

- Angular modulation!
 - Assume $W^{\bar{a}} \sim W \forall \bar{a}$
- $$\mathcal{P}_\zeta(\mathbf{k}) \approx \mathcal{P}_\zeta^{\text{iso}} \left[1 - \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}} \sum_{\bar{a}} \left(\hat{\mathbf{W}}^{\bar{a}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}} \right)^2 \right],$$
- where \mathcal{N} is the number of massive vector fields and

$$\mathcal{P}_\zeta^{\text{iso}} = \lambda_A^4 \mathcal{N} \mathcal{P}_+ (CW)^2$$

Some Bounds

- Perturbation from inflaton is subdominant, i.e. $\zeta_e \gg \zeta_\varphi$:

$$\left(\frac{\lambda_A^2}{f_e} \frac{W}{\kappa^2 \varphi_c} \right) \gg \frac{\epsilon_e}{\epsilon_k} = e^{-2N_e \eta}$$

- Variation of δf_e is negligible:

$$\left(\frac{M^{\bar{a}\bar{b}} W_i^{\bar{a}} W_i^{\bar{b}}}{\kappa^2 f_e \varphi_c m_{\text{Pl}}} \right) \ll \epsilon_e$$

- These two bounds and $W > H$ give

The Bispectrum

$$B_{\zeta 1} = 4\pi^4 \frac{\sum_i k_i^3}{\prod_i k_i^3} \frac{g_{\text{end}}^2}{12H^2} C^3 \mathcal{P}_+^2 \left(f^{ab\bar{h}} f^{a\bar{g}\bar{f}} + f^{a\bar{g}\bar{h}} f^{ab\bar{f}} \right) M^{\bar{g}\bar{c}} M^{\bar{f}\bar{d}} M^{\bar{h}\bar{e}} \left(\mathbf{w}^b \cdot \mathbf{w}^{\bar{c}} \right) \times .$$

$$\times \left[\left(\mathbf{w}^{\bar{d}} \cdot \mathbf{w}^{\bar{e}} \right) - 2 \left(\mathbf{w}^{\bar{d}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}}_1 \right) \left(\mathbf{w}^{\bar{e}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}}_1 \right) + \left(\hat{\mathbf{k}}_1 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}}_3 \right) \left(\mathbf{w}^{\bar{d}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}}_1 \right) \left(\mathbf{w}^{\bar{e}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}}_3 \right) + \text{c.p.} \right]$$

$$B_{\zeta 2} = -4\pi^4 \frac{\left(\mathcal{P}_{\zeta}^{\text{iso}} \right)^2}{\mathcal{N}_{\varphi_c} N_e} \left(\frac{\lambda M^2}{\lambda_A^2 W^2 / f_e} \right) \frac{\sum_i k_i^3}{\prod_i k_i^3} \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}} \sum_{\bar{a}} \left[k_2^3 \left(\hat{\mathbf{w}}^{\bar{a}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}}_1 \right)^2 - k_2^3 \left(\hat{\mathbf{w}}^{\bar{a}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}}_3 \right)^2 - \right. \right.$$

$$\left. - k_2^3 \left(\hat{\mathbf{k}}_1 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}}_3 \right) \left(\hat{\mathbf{w}}^{\bar{a}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}}_1 \right) \left(\hat{\mathbf{w}}^{\bar{a}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}}_3 \right) + \text{c.p.} \right] / \sum_i k_i^3 \right\},$$