

Observational Signatures and Non-Gaussianities of General Single Field Inflation

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Inflationary Models and Observations

- WMAP measurement on CMBR

Spectral index: $n_S = 0.951_{-0.019}^{+0.015}$

Running of index: $dn_S/d \ln k = -0.102_{-0.043}^{+0.050}$

Tensor to Scalar ratio: $r_{0.002} < 0.55$ (95%CL)

Non-Gaussianity: $-54 < f_{NL} < 114$

- Currently available models

Slow-roll inflation — using flat potential;

DBI inflation — using speed-limit in warped space;

K-inflation — inflation driven by kinetic energy.

Previous Studies on Non-Gaussianities in Single Field Inflation

- Non-Gaussianity in slow-roll inflation
(Maldacena 02; Acquaviva, Bartolo, Matarrese & Riotto 02;
Seery & Lidsey 05)

$$\langle \zeta(\mathbf{k}_1) \zeta(\mathbf{k}_2) \zeta(\mathbf{k}_3) \rangle \sim f_{NL} F(k_1, k_2, k_3)$$

$$f_{NL} \sim \mathcal{O}(\epsilon) \lesssim \text{a few percent}$$

Adding higher derivative corrections (Creminelli 03)

$$f_{NL} < \mathcal{O}(1)$$

- Non-Gaussianity in DBI inflation
(Alishahiha, Silverstein & Tong 04; X.C. 05)

$$1 < f_{NL} \lesssim 100$$

- Non-Gaussianity in K-inflation

Previously not calculated.

Most General Non-Gaussianities in Single Field Theory

- Single field inflation:
 - Inflaton is responsible for density perturbations;
 - Lagrangian is arbitrary function of $g_{\mu\nu}\partial^\mu\phi\partial^\nu\phi$ and ϕ ;
 - Arbitrary sound speed and λ (to be defined).
- Motivations
 - Null hypothesis on specific models;
Fit or constrain parameters model-independently;
 - Several string inspired models has distinctive predictions on non-Gaussianity;
 - Straightforward evaluation of non-Gaussianities for future models in this general class;
 - Non-Gaussianity signatures for some hypothesized trans-Planckian physics.

Review of Several Classes of Models

1. Slow-roll inflation (Linde 82; Albrecht & Steinhardt 82)

- Lagrangian

$$P(X, \phi) = X - V(\phi), \quad X = -\frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}\partial^\mu\phi\partial^\nu\phi$$

Inflaton rolling on a flat potential $V(\phi)$

- Slow-roll parameters

$$\epsilon_V = \frac{M_{\text{Pl}}^2}{2} \left(\frac{V'}{V}\right)^2 \ll 1$$

$$\eta_V = M_{\text{Pl}}^2 \frac{V''}{V} \ll 1$$

- Scalar and tensor power spectrum

$$P_k^\zeta = \frac{1}{12\pi^2 M_{\text{pl}}^6} \frac{V^3}{V'^2}, \quad P_k^h = \frac{2V}{3\pi^2 M_{\text{pl}}^4}$$

- Spectral index

$$n_s - 1 = \frac{d \ln P_k^\zeta}{d \ln k} = M_{\text{pl}}^2 \left(-3 \frac{V'^2}{V^2} + 2 \frac{V''}{V}\right)$$

- String models:

Branes; Tachyon; Axions; Radions(Kahler moduli).

2. DBI inflation

(Silverstein, Tong & Alishahiha 03,04; X.C. 04,05)

- Warped space

$$ds^2 = f(\phi)^{-1/2} ds_4^2 + f(\phi)^{1/2} ds_{\text{internal}}^2$$

- UV model (Silverstein, Tong & Alishahiha 03,04)

$$V(\phi) \approx \frac{1}{2} m^2 \phi^2$$
$$m \gg M_{\text{Pl}} / \sqrt{\lambda}$$

- IR model (X.C. 04,05)

$$V(\phi) \approx V_0 - \frac{1}{2} m^2 \phi^2$$
$$m \sim H$$

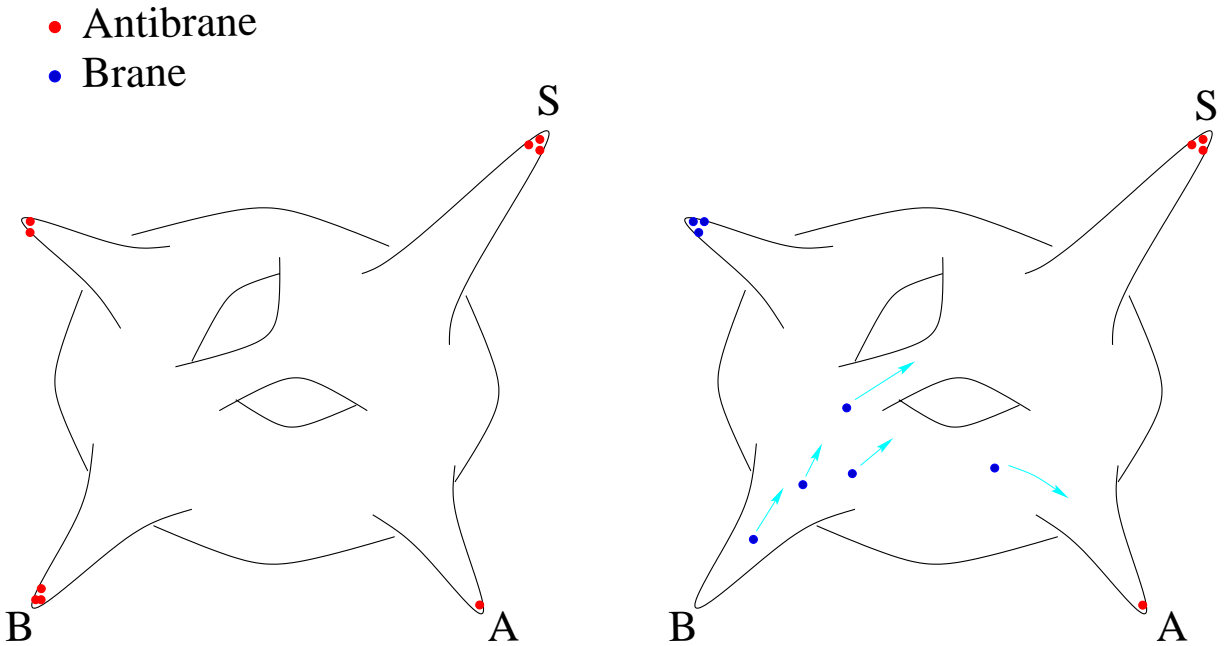
- Speed-limit constraint

$$|\dot{\phi}| \leq \frac{\phi^2}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$$

- Lagrangian

$$P = -f(\phi)^{-1} \sqrt{1 - 2X f(\phi)} + f(\phi)^{-1} - V(\phi)$$

Multi-Throat Brane Inflation (X.C. 04)



- Antibrane-flux annihilation; (Kachru, Pearson & Verlinde 01)
- Generate branes as candidate inflatons;
- Exit B-throat;
 - Roll through bulk;
 - Settle down in another throat (A or S);
- DBI inflation, if enough warping;
 - Slow-roll inflation, if flat potential.

3. K-inflation (Armendariz-Picon, Damour & Mukhanov 99)

- Lagrangian

$$P(X, \phi) = \frac{1}{\phi^2} f(X) = \frac{4}{9} \frac{(4-3\gamma)}{\gamma^2} \frac{1}{\phi^2} (-X + X^2)$$

- Attractor solution

$$X = X_0 = \frac{2-\gamma}{4-3\gamma}$$
$$a(t) \sim t^{\frac{2}{3\gamma}}$$

- Inflation driven by kinetic energy if $0 < \gamma \ll 2/3$
- Using hybrid model to end inflation
- Not realized in string theory so far

A General Formalism (Garriga & Mukhanov 99)

- Lagrangian

$$S = \frac{1}{2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} [M_{pl}^2 R - 2P(X, \phi)]$$

$$\text{where } X = -\frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi$$

- Metric

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + a^2(t) dx_3^2$$

- Equation of motion

$$3M_{pl}^2 H^2 = E = 2XP_{,X} - P$$

$$\dot{E} = -3H(E + P)$$

- Define parameters

$$c_s^2 = \frac{dP}{dE} = \frac{P_{,X}}{P_{,X} + 2XP_{,XX}} \quad (\text{sound speed})$$

$$\lambda = X^2 P_{,XX} + \frac{2}{3} X^3 P_{,XXX}$$

$$\Sigma = XP_{,X} + 2X^2 P_{,XX} = \frac{H^2 \epsilon}{c_s^2}$$

- Slow variation parameters

$$\epsilon = -\frac{\dot{H}}{H^2}, \quad \eta = \frac{\dot{\epsilon}}{\epsilon H}, \quad s = \frac{\dot{c}_s}{c_s H}, \quad l = \frac{\dot{\lambda}}{\lambda H}.$$

- More general than the usual slow-roll parameters

- flat potential v.s.
steep potential (DBI) or no potential (k-inflation)
- non-relativistic slow-roll v.s.
ultra-relativistic fast-roll

- Power spectrum

$$P_k^\zeta = \frac{1}{36\pi^2 M_{pl}^4 c_s (P+E)} \frac{E^2}{8\pi^2 M_{pl}^2 c_s \epsilon} = \frac{1}{8\pi^2 M_{pl}^2 c_s \epsilon} \frac{H^2}{36\pi^2 M_{pl}^4 c_s (P+E)} E^2$$

$$P_k^h = \frac{2}{3\pi^2} \frac{E}{M_{pl}^4}$$

- Spectral index

$$n_s - 1 = \frac{d \ln P_k^\zeta}{d \ln k} = -2\epsilon - \eta - s$$

$$n_T = \frac{d \ln P_k^h}{d \ln k} = -2\epsilon$$

ADM Formalism (Maldacena 02)

- Metric

$$ds^2 = -N^2 dt^2 + h_{ij}(dx^i + N^i dt)(dx^j + N^j dt)$$

$$\text{Comoving gauge: } \delta\phi = 0 \quad , \quad h_{ij} = a^2 e^{2\zeta} \delta_{ij} \quad .$$

- Action

$$S = \frac{1}{2} \int dt d^3x \sqrt{h} N (R^{(3)} + 2P) + \frac{1}{2} \int dt d^3x \sqrt{h} N^{-1} (E_{ij} E^{ij} - E^2)$$

$$\text{where } E_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} (\dot{h}_{ij} - \nabla_i N_j - \nabla_j N_i)$$

- N and N^i are Lagrangian multipliers

In order to get the cubic expansion of \mathcal{L} , it is enough to solve N and N^i to the first order, because

$$\begin{aligned} S \supset \int d^4x [\text{zeroth order constraint eqn}] \cdot N^{(n)} \\ + \int d^4x [\text{first order constraint eqn}] \cdot N^{(n-1)} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

- Quadratic and cubic expansion

(Seery & Lidsey 05; Maldacena 02)

$$S_2 = \int dt d^3x \left[a^3 \frac{\epsilon}{c_s^2} \dot{\zeta}^2 - a\epsilon (\partial\zeta)^2 \right] ,$$

$$\begin{aligned} S_3 = \int dt d^3x \left[-\epsilon a \zeta (\partial\zeta)^2 - a^3 (\Sigma + 2\lambda) \frac{\dot{\zeta}^3}{H^3} + \frac{3a^3 \epsilon}{c_s^2} \zeta \dot{\zeta}^2 \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2a} \left(3\zeta - \frac{\dot{\zeta}}{H} \right) (\partial_i \partial_j \psi \partial_i \partial_j \psi - \partial^2 \psi \partial^2 \psi) - 2a^{-1} \partial_i \psi \partial_i \zeta \partial^2 \psi \right] . \end{aligned}$$

Quadratic Part

- Fourier transform $u_k = \int d^3x \zeta(t, \mathbf{x}) e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x}}$

Define $v_k \equiv z u_k$, $z \equiv \frac{a\sqrt{2\epsilon}}{c_s}$

E.O.M. $v_k'' + c_s^2 k^2 v_k - \frac{z''}{z} v_k = 0$

- For short wavelength, $\frac{k}{a} > \frac{H}{c_s}$, v_k is oscillating;
For long wavelength, $\frac{k}{a} < \frac{H}{c_s}$, u_k is frozen.

- The solution

$$u_k = u(\tau, \mathbf{k}) = \frac{iH}{\sqrt{4\epsilon c_s k^3}} (1 + ikc_s \tau) e^{-ikc_s \tau}$$

Condition : $-k\tau \Delta c_s \ll c_s k \Delta \tau$

$$\Rightarrow s = \frac{\dot{c}_s}{H c_s} \ll 1$$

- Only requires the variation of c_s be slow;
the sound speed c_s can be arbitrary.

The Cubic Part

• Integrate by parts, bring S_3 to $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$ except for terms proportional to $1 - c_s^2$ or λ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_3 = \int dt d^3x \{ & -a^3(\Sigma(1 - \frac{1}{c_s^2}) + 2\lambda) \frac{\dot{\zeta}^3}{H^3} + \frac{a^3\epsilon}{c_s^4}(\epsilon - 3 + 3c_s^2)\zeta\dot{\zeta}^2 \\
 & + \frac{a\epsilon}{c_s^2}(\epsilon - 2s + 1 - c_s^2)\zeta(\partial\zeta)^2 - 2a\frac{\epsilon}{c_s^2}\dot{\zeta}(\partial\zeta)(\partial\chi) \\
 & + \frac{a^3\epsilon}{2c_s^2} \frac{d}{dt}(\frac{\eta}{c_s^2})\zeta^2\dot{\zeta} + \frac{\epsilon}{2a}(\partial\zeta)(\partial\chi)\partial^2\chi + \frac{\epsilon}{4a}(\partial^2\zeta)(\partial\chi)^2 + 2f(\zeta)\frac{\delta L}{\delta\zeta}|_1 \} ,
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\partial^2\chi = a^2\frac{\epsilon}{c_s^2}\dot{\zeta} ,$$

$$\frac{\delta L}{\delta\zeta}|_1 = a \left(\frac{d\partial^2\chi}{dt} + H\partial^2\chi - \epsilon\partial^2\zeta \right) ,$$

$$f(\zeta) = \frac{\eta}{4c_s^2}\zeta^2 + (\text{terms with at least one derivative on } \zeta) .$$

• The last term can be absorbed by a redefinition:

$$\zeta \rightarrow \zeta_n + f(\zeta_n) ,$$

which introduces an extra term in $\langle \zeta^3 \rangle$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle \zeta(\mathbf{x}_1)\zeta(\mathbf{x}_2)\zeta(\mathbf{x}_3) \rangle &= \langle \zeta_n(\mathbf{x}_1)\zeta_n(\mathbf{x}_2)\zeta_n(\mathbf{x}_3) \rangle \\
 &+ \frac{\eta}{2c_s^2}(\langle \zeta_n(\mathbf{x}_1)\zeta_n(\mathbf{x}_2) \rangle \langle \zeta_n(\mathbf{x}_1)\zeta_n(\mathbf{x}_3) \rangle + \text{sym}) + \mathcal{O}(\eta^2) .
 \end{aligned}$$

- The 3-point function

$$\langle \zeta(t, \mathbf{k}_1) \zeta(t, \mathbf{k}_2) \zeta(t, \mathbf{k}_3) \rangle = -i \int_{t_0}^t dt' \langle [\zeta(t, \mathbf{k}_1) \zeta(t, \mathbf{k}_2) \zeta(t, \mathbf{k}_3), H_{int}(t')] \rangle ,$$

where H_{int} is the interaction Hamiltonian given by S_3 .

- The leading contributions from each term:

$$\langle \zeta(\mathbf{k}_1) \zeta(\mathbf{k}_2) \zeta(\mathbf{k}_3) \rangle = (2\pi)^7 \delta^3(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3) (P_k^\zeta)^2 \frac{1}{\prod_i k_i^3} \mathcal{A} ,$$

where,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A} \supset & \left(\frac{1}{c_s^2} - 1 - \frac{2\lambda}{\Sigma} \right) \frac{3k_1^2 k_2^2 k_3^2}{2K^3} \\ & + \left(\frac{1}{c_s^2} - 1 \right) \left(-\frac{1}{K} \sum_{i>j} k_i^2 k_j^2 + \frac{1}{2K^2} \sum_{i \neq j} k_i^2 k_j^3 + \frac{1}{8} \sum_i k_i^3 \right) \\ & + \frac{\epsilon}{c_s^2} \left(-\frac{1}{8} \sum_i k_i^3 + \frac{1}{8} \sum_{i \neq j} k_i k_j^2 + \frac{1}{K} \sum_{i>j} k_i^2 k_j^2 \right) \\ & + \frac{\eta}{c_s^2} \left(\frac{1}{8} \sum_i k_i^3 \right) \\ & + \frac{s}{c_s^2} \left(-\frac{1}{4} \sum_i k_i^3 - \frac{1}{K} \sum_{i>j} k_i^2 k_j^2 + \frac{1}{2K^2} \sum_{i \neq j} k_i^2 k_j^3 \right) . \end{aligned}$$

Correction Terms

- The solution for the quadratic part

$$\begin{aligned}
 u_k(y) &\approx \frac{iH}{\sqrt{4\epsilon c_s k^3}} (1 + ikc_s \tau) e^{-ikc_s \tau} \\
 &\rightarrow -\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2\sqrt{2}} \frac{H}{\sqrt{\epsilon c_s}} \frac{1}{k^{3/2}} \left(1 + \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{s}{2}\right) e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}(\epsilon + \frac{\eta}{2})} \\
 &\quad \times y^{3/2} H_{\frac{3}{2} + \epsilon + \frac{\eta}{2} + \frac{s}{2}}^{(1)} \left((1 + \epsilon + s)y\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

where $y \equiv \frac{c_s k}{aH}$

- Slowly-varying parameters H , c_s , λ and ϵ

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(\tau) &\approx f(\tau_K) \\
 &\rightarrow f(\tau_K) - \frac{\partial f}{\partial t} \frac{1}{H_K} \ln \frac{\tau}{\tau_K} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2 f)
 \end{aligned}$$

- The scale factor

$$\begin{aligned}
 a &\approx -\frac{1}{H_K \tau} \\
 &\rightarrow -\frac{1}{H_K \tau} - \frac{\epsilon}{H_K \tau} + \frac{\epsilon}{H_K \tau} \ln(\tau/\tau_K) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

Final results

- The 3-point correlation function for a general single field inflation to $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \zeta(\mathbf{k}_1)\zeta(\mathbf{k}_2)\zeta(\mathbf{k}_3) \rangle &= (2\pi)^7 \delta^3(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3) (\tilde{P}_K^\zeta)^2 \frac{1}{\prod_i k_i^3} \\ &\quad \times (\mathcal{A}_\lambda + \mathcal{A}_c + \mathcal{A}_o + \mathcal{A}_\epsilon + \mathcal{A}_\eta + \mathcal{A}_s) , \end{aligned}$$

where we have decomposed the shape into six parts ($K \equiv k_1+k_2+k_3$)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_\lambda &= \left(\frac{1}{c_s^2} - 1 - \frac{\lambda}{\Sigma} [2 - (3 - 2\mathbf{c}_1)l] \right)_K \frac{3k_1^2 k_2^2 k_3^2}{2K^3} , \\ \mathcal{A}_c &= \left(\frac{1}{c_s^2} - 1 \right)_K \left(-\frac{1}{K} \sum_{i>j} k_i^2 k_j^2 + \frac{1}{2K^2} \sum_{i\neq j} k_i^2 k_j^3 + \frac{1}{8} \sum_i k_i^3 \right) , \\ \mathcal{A}_o &= \left(\frac{1}{c_s^2} - 1 - \frac{2\lambda}{\Sigma} \right)_K (\epsilon F_{\lambda\epsilon} + \eta F_{\lambda\eta} + s F_{\lambda s}) \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{1}{c_s^2} - 1 \right)_K (\epsilon F_{c\epsilon} + \eta F_{c\eta} + s F_{cs}) , \\ \mathcal{A}_\epsilon &= \epsilon \left(-\frac{1}{8} \sum_i k_i^3 + \frac{1}{8} \sum_{i\neq j} k_i k_j^2 + \frac{1}{K} \sum_{i>j} k_i^2 k_j^2 \right) , \\ \mathcal{A}_\eta &= \eta \left(\frac{1}{8} \sum_i k_i^3 \right) , \\ \mathcal{A}_s &= s F_s . \end{aligned}$$

- Completely determined by 5 parameters:

$$c_s , \quad \frac{\lambda}{\Sigma} , \quad \epsilon , \quad \eta , \quad s .$$

- Size of non-Gaussianities

WMAP ansatz:

$$\langle \zeta(\mathbf{k}_1)\zeta(\mathbf{k}_2)\zeta(\mathbf{k}_3) \rangle = (2\pi)^7 \delta^3(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3) \left(-\frac{3}{10} f_{NL} (P_k^\zeta)^2\right) \frac{\sum_i k_i^3}{\prod_i k_i^3}$$

Taking equilateral limit in our results:

$$\begin{aligned} f_{NL}^\lambda &= -\frac{5}{81} \left(\frac{1}{c_s^2} - 1 - \frac{2\lambda}{\Sigma} \right) + (3 - 2\mathbf{c}_1) \frac{l\lambda}{\Sigma} , \\ f_{NL}^c &= \frac{35}{108} \left(\frac{1}{c_s^2} - 1 \right) , \\ f_{NL}^o &= \mathcal{O} \left(\frac{\epsilon}{c_s^2} , \frac{\epsilon\lambda}{\Sigma} \right) , \\ f_{NL}^{\epsilon,\eta,s} &= \mathcal{O}(\epsilon) . \end{aligned}$$

Large non-Gaussianity \rightarrow small c_s or large λ/Σ

- Current bound: $|f_{NL}| < 300$ for the first two,
and $|f_{NL}| < 100$ for the rest.

(WMAP team 06; Creminelli, Nicolis, Senatore, Tegmark & Zaldarriaga 05)

- WMAP will eventually reach $|f_{NL}| \lesssim 20$;
Planck satellite $|f_{NL}| \lesssim 5$.
- Shape of non-Gaussianities

Plot $\mathcal{A}(1, x_2, x_3)/x_2x_3$, as in Babich, Creminelli & Zaldarriaga, 04.

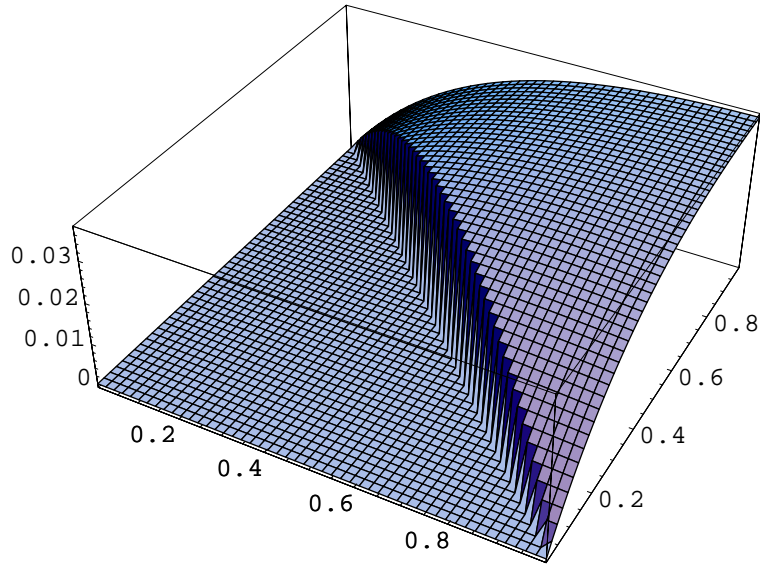


FIG. 1. The shape of $-\mathcal{A}_\lambda / k_1 k_2 k_3$

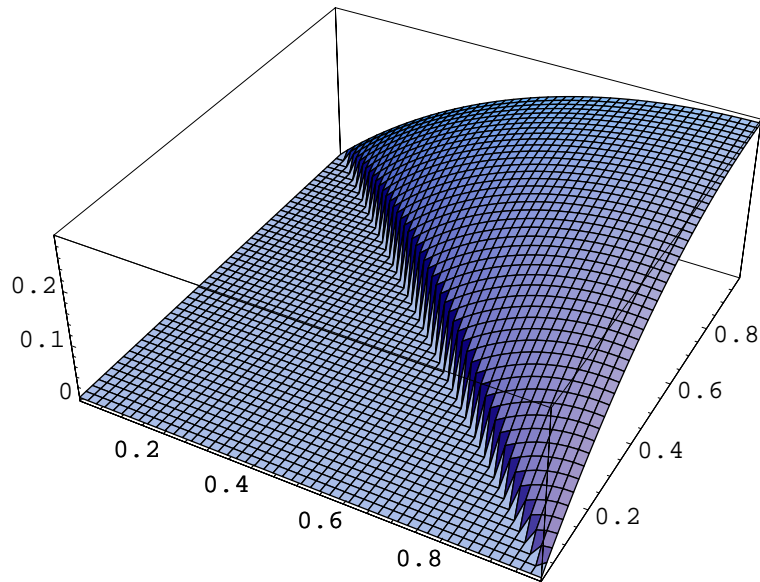


FIG. 2. The shape of $\mathcal{A}_c / k_1 k_2 k_3$

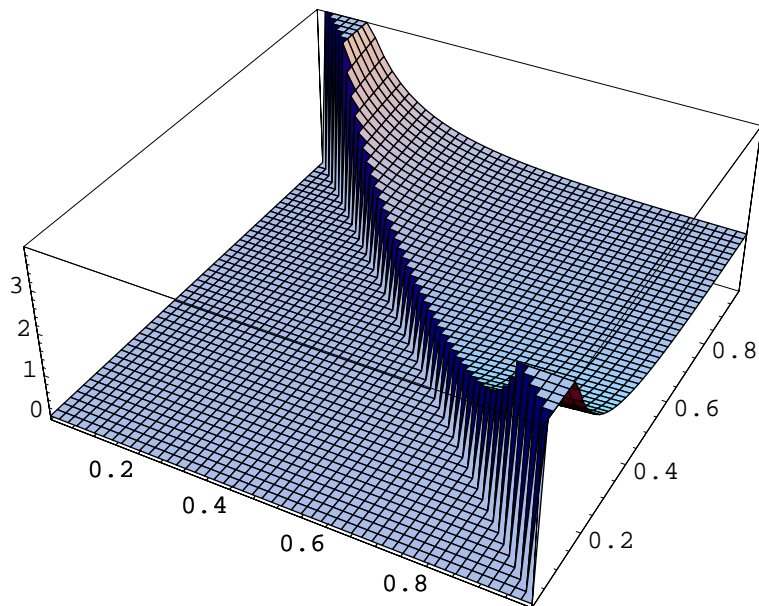


FIG. 3. The shape of $-\mathcal{A}_\epsilon/k_1k_2k_3$

Slow-Roll Inflation

- $c_s \approx 1$ & $\lambda = 0$

In this limit, our formulae recover the slow-roll result:
(Maldacena, 02; Seery & Lidsey, 05)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A} = & - \left(\frac{\epsilon}{3\epsilon_X} s + u \right) \frac{k_1^2 k_2^2 k_3^2}{K^3} \\ & - u \left(-\frac{1}{K} \sum_{i>j} k_i^2 k_j^2 + \frac{1}{2K^2} \sum_{i \neq j} k_i^2 k_j^3 + \frac{1}{8} \sum_i k_i^3 \right) \\ & + \epsilon \left(-\frac{1}{8} \sum_i k_i^3 + \frac{1}{8} \sum_{i \neq j} k_i k_j^2 + \frac{1}{K} \sum_{i>j} k_i^2 k_j^2 \right) \\ & + \eta \left(\frac{1}{8} \sum_i k_i^3 \right) \end{aligned}$$

where, $\epsilon_X \equiv -\frac{\dot{X}}{H^2} \frac{\partial H}{\partial X}$, $u \equiv 1 - \frac{1}{c_s^2} \ll 1$

- In slow-roll inflation, the non-Gaussianity is unobservable, $f_{NL} = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$.

DBI Inflation

- $\frac{2\lambda}{\Sigma} = \frac{1}{c_s^2} - 1$, so the leading order of \mathcal{A}_λ vanishes.

In this limit, our formulae recovers the DBI result:
(Alishahiha, Silverstein & Tong, 04)

$$\mathcal{A}_c = \left(\frac{1}{c_s^2} - 1 \right) \left(-\frac{1}{K} \sum_{i>j} k_i^2 k_j^2 + \frac{1}{2K^2} \sum_{i \neq j} k_i^2 k_j^3 + \frac{1}{8} \sum_i k_i^3 \right)$$

- Non-Gaussianity compatible with current bound, and potentially observable in future experiments:

$$f_{NL} \approx 0.32c_s^{-2} .$$

In the UV model, $c_s^{-1} \approx \sqrt{\frac{2\lambda m M_{\text{Pl}}}{3 \phi^2}}$;

In the IR model, $c_s^{-1} \approx \beta N_e / 3$ ($\beta \sim 1$) .

Possible to have $c_s^2 \ll \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$

\Rightarrow even \mathcal{A}_o becomes observable.

- Running of non-Gaussianity
 \Rightarrow Shape of geometry in extra dimensions. (X.C. 05)

$$\text{Define: } n_{NG} - 1 \equiv \frac{d \ln |f_{NL}|}{d \ln k} \approx -2s .$$

AdS geometry : $n_{NG} - 1 < 0$;

constant warp factor : $n_{NG} - 1 > 0$.

K-inflation

- Another leading shape: (Gruzinov, 04)

$$\mathcal{A}_\lambda = \left(\frac{1}{c_s^2} - 1 - \frac{2\lambda}{\Sigma} \right) \frac{3k_1^2 k_2^2 k_3^2}{2K^3} .$$

- Potentially observable in k-inflation:

$$\mathcal{A}_\lambda = \frac{12}{\gamma} \left(\frac{k_1^2 k_2^2 k_3^2}{K^3} \right) ,$$
$$\mathcal{A}_c = \frac{8}{\gamma} \left(-\frac{1}{K} \sum_{i>j} k_i^2 k_j^2 + \frac{1}{2K^2} \sum_{i \neq j} k_i^2 k_j^3 + \frac{1}{8} \sum_i k_i^3 \right) .$$

$$f_{NL} \approx \frac{2.1}{\gamma}$$

- Sound speed is constant, non-Gaussianity does not run, $n_{NG} - 1 = 0$.

A Probe of Inflationary Vacuum

- Deviation from Bunch-Davis vacuum:

$$u_k = \frac{iH}{\sqrt{4\epsilon c_s k^3}} (C_+(1 + ikc_s\tau)e^{-ikc_s\tau} + C_-(1 - ikc_s\tau)e^{ikc_s\tau})$$

$$C_+ = 1 \quad ; \quad C_- \neq 0, \quad \text{but small .}$$

- Replace one of k_i with $-k_i$:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{A}_\lambda &= \text{Re}(C_-) \left(\frac{1}{c_s^2} - 1 - \frac{2\lambda}{\Sigma} \right) \frac{3k_1^2 k_2^2 k_3^2}{2} \\ &\times \left(\frac{1}{(k_1 + k_2 - k_3)^3} + \frac{1}{(k_1 - k_2 + k_3)^3} + \frac{1}{(-k_1 + k_2 + k_3)^3} \right), \end{aligned}$$

$$\tilde{A}_c = \text{Re}(C_-) \left(\frac{1}{c_s^2} - 1 \right) \sum_{p=1}^3 \left(-\frac{1}{K} \sum_{i>j} k_i^2 k_j^2 + \frac{1}{2K^2} \sum_{i \neq j} k_i^2 k_j^3 + \frac{1}{8} \sum_i k_i^3 \right) |_{k_p \rightarrow -k_p} .$$

- Shape of this non-Gaussianities are distinctive in folded triangle limit,
for example, when $k_1 + k_2 = k_3$.

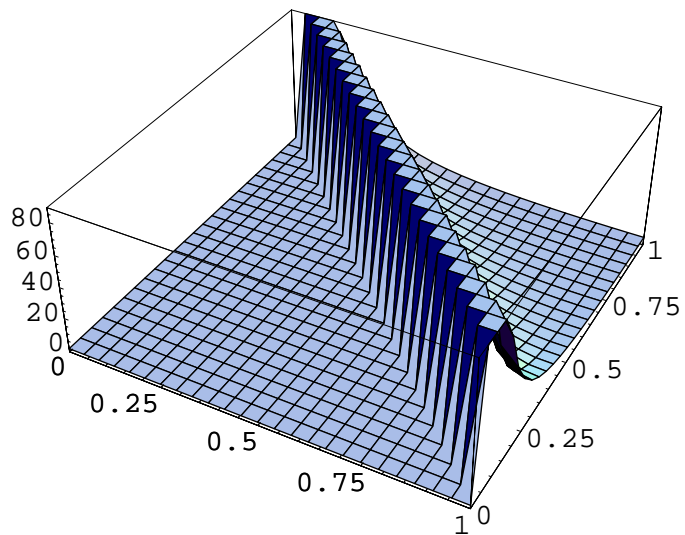


FIG. 4. The shape of $|\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_\lambda|/k_1k_2k_3$

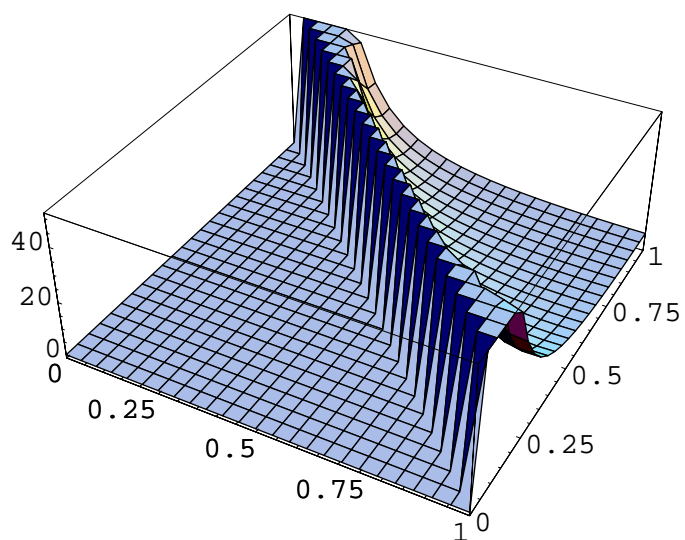


FIG. 5. The shape of $|\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_c|/k_1k_2k_3$

Conclusion and Future Directions

- Results:
 - A full non-Gaussianity specified by 5 parameters;
 - Explicit form of momentum dependence, including a few potentially observable;
 - Recovered all previous known results, and explored unknown regions.
- Future directions:
- Other models with large non-Gaussianities with sensible UV origin;
- Non-Gaussianities in general multi-field inflation;
- Derive non-Gaussianities from symmetry principle, such as those in dS/CFT correspondence;
- Novel features in dual non-gravitational theory for $c_s \ll 1$.