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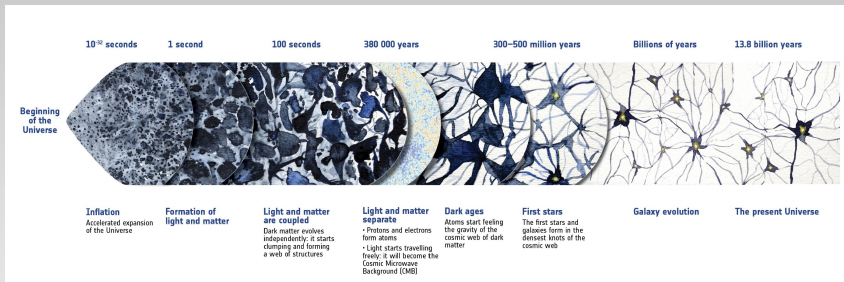


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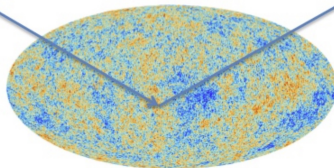
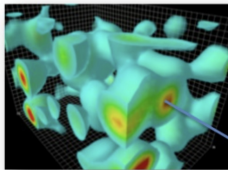


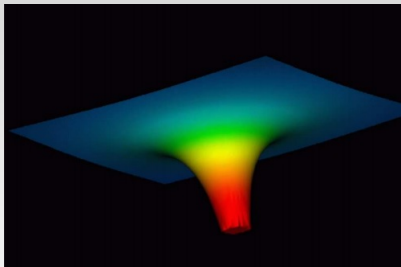
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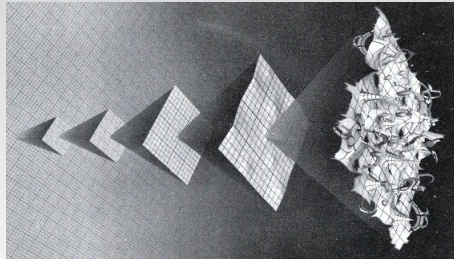
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Inflation as an open EFT: Non-unitarity & non-Markovianity

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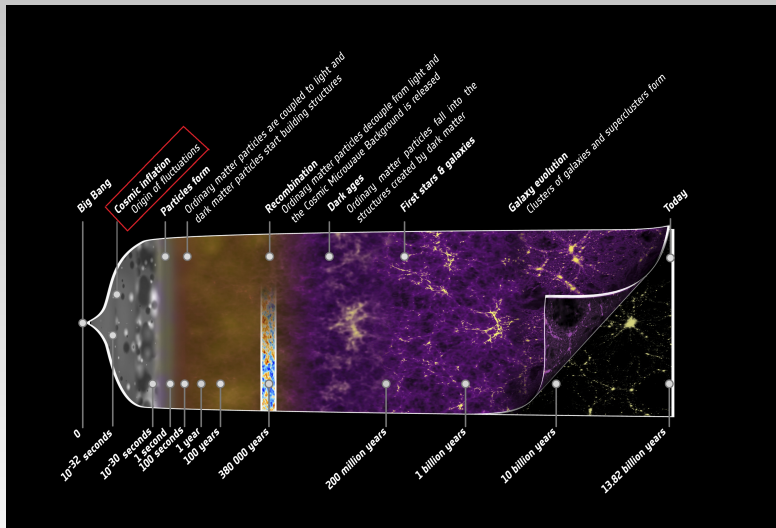


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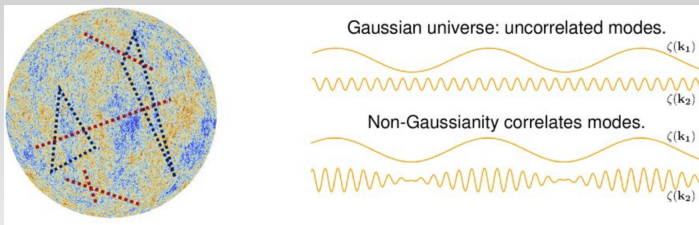


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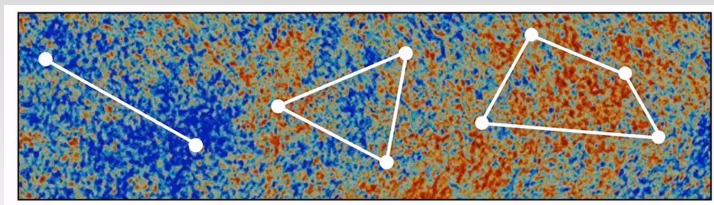


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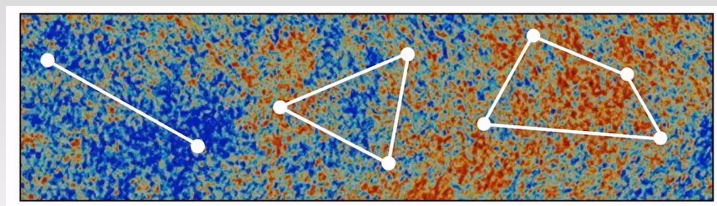


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- Cosmological Collider Physics/**Cosmological Bootstrap**



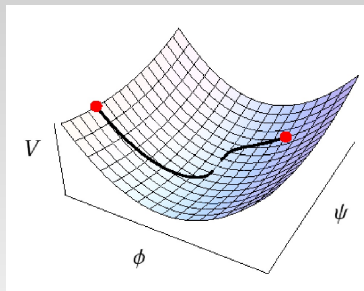
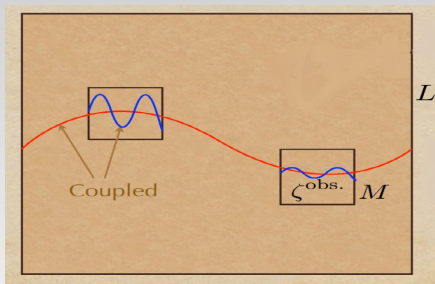
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WI **assumes** thermal eq while cold models **ignore** dissipation. [Berera, ...]

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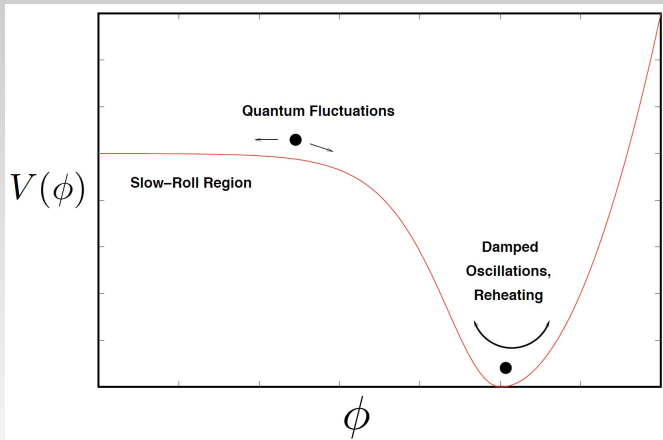
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★ Open EFT techniques **not exclusive** to **inflation** → **Ekpyrosis**: upper bound on E_{bounce} . [Brandenberger, S.B. & Wang, 2009.12653 (JCAP)]

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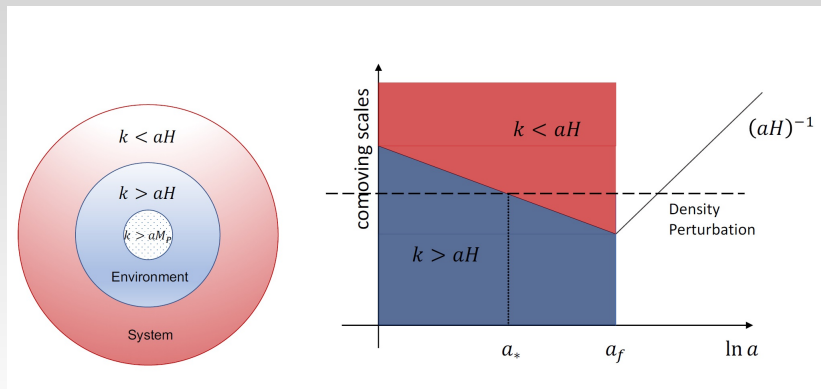
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✓ Any **additional** field will lead to extra couplings & lead to **more entanglement**, magnifying our findings. Any specifically **stronger interactions** (such as DBI, non-minimal coupling, multi-field etc.) will also **enhance** our result.

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★ **Observable** signature of entanglement → *Smoking gun* signal for **quantum origin** of inflation or for **alternate paradigms** and **distinguish** between them. **Very hard problem!**

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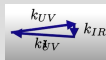
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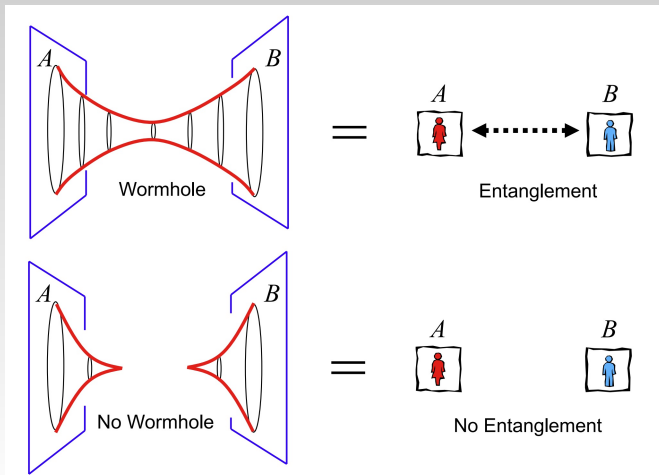
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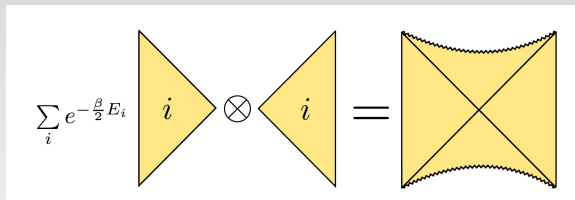


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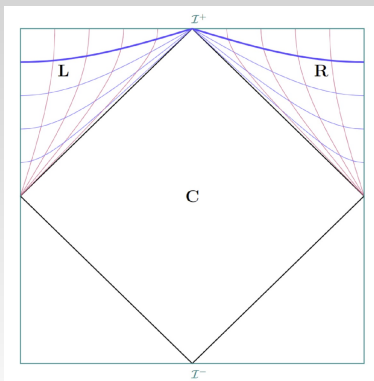
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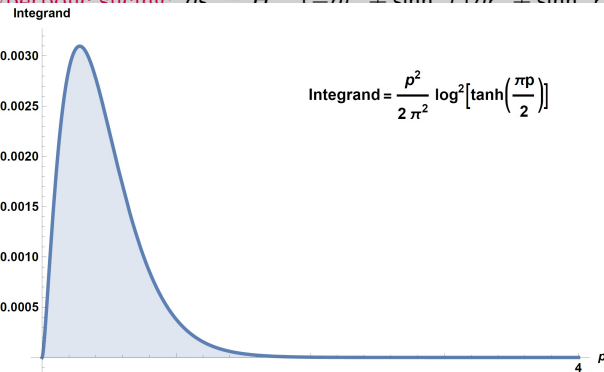
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The density matrix after tracing out R patch is:

$$\rho_L = \left(1 - |\gamma_p|^2\right) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |\gamma_p|^{2n} |n; p\ell m\rangle \langle n; p\ell m|$$

Thus the Euclidean vacuum can also be written as:

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where we need to identify $|\gamma_p|^n = \exp(-\beta E_n/2)$.

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