

# Effective field theory for inflation

And to what extent can we push EFT in UV?

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**Einstein's GR is well behaved in IR, but in UV there are corrections which are essential for cosmology**

# **Many have contributed**

**Born, Enfeld, Utiyama, Efimov, Pias, Tseytlin, Siegel,  
Grisaru, Biswas, Krasnov, Ashtekar, Nicolai, Anselmi,  
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Kapusta, Daffayet, Arefeva, Dvali, Arkani-Hamed,  
Koshelev, Conroy, Craps, Sagnotti, Mainheim, Rubakov,  
Wetterich ...**

# Inflation + Curvaton



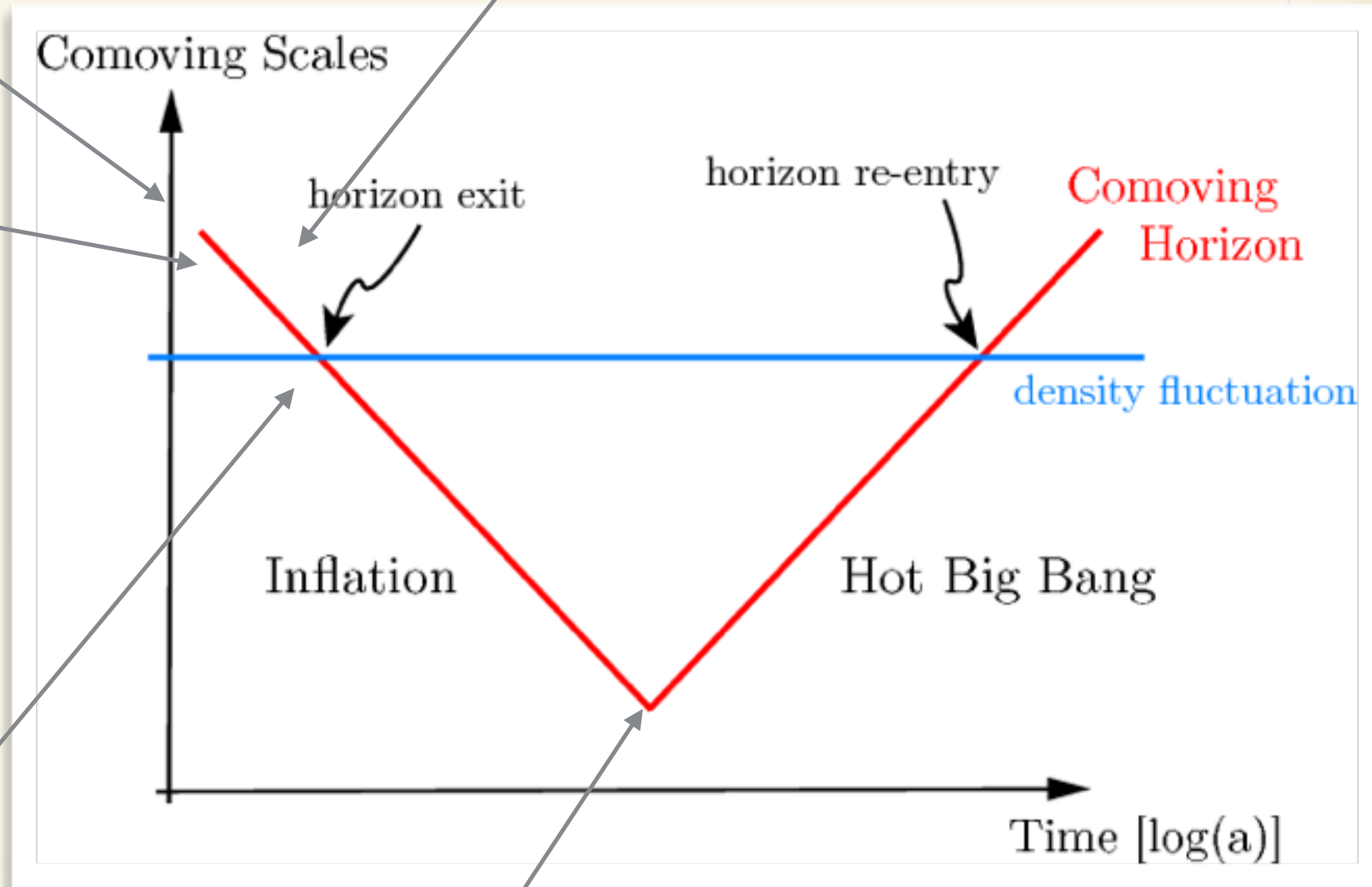
There are many fundamental assumptions we make,  
which we do not justify ...

# Questions & Assumptions: within my causal patch

Why Inflationary patch is homogeneous & isotropic ?

Is there a dynamical attractor solution?

Whether EFT is valid close to the cut-off too ?



Assuming Validity of EFT produces data, i.e. slow roll inflation

How do we produce the SM dof ?

Our key to understand the Early Universe Physics



# Only 3 models which can possibly connect to phenomenology

## Starobinsky

**Needs UV  
completion**

**+**

**Need to  
specify  
the visible  
sector**

## Higgs

**Inlaton VEV  
above  
the cut-off**

**+**

**EFT is invalid**

**+**

**Needs UV  
completion in  
gravity ==>**

**Gravity should  
be scale  
invariant**

## MSSM type inflation

**Sub-Plankian inflation**

**+**

**EFT is under control**

**+**

**Requires SUSY**

**+**

**Low scale SUSY  
requires  
fine tuning**

**+**

**High scale SUSY or  
SUGRA**

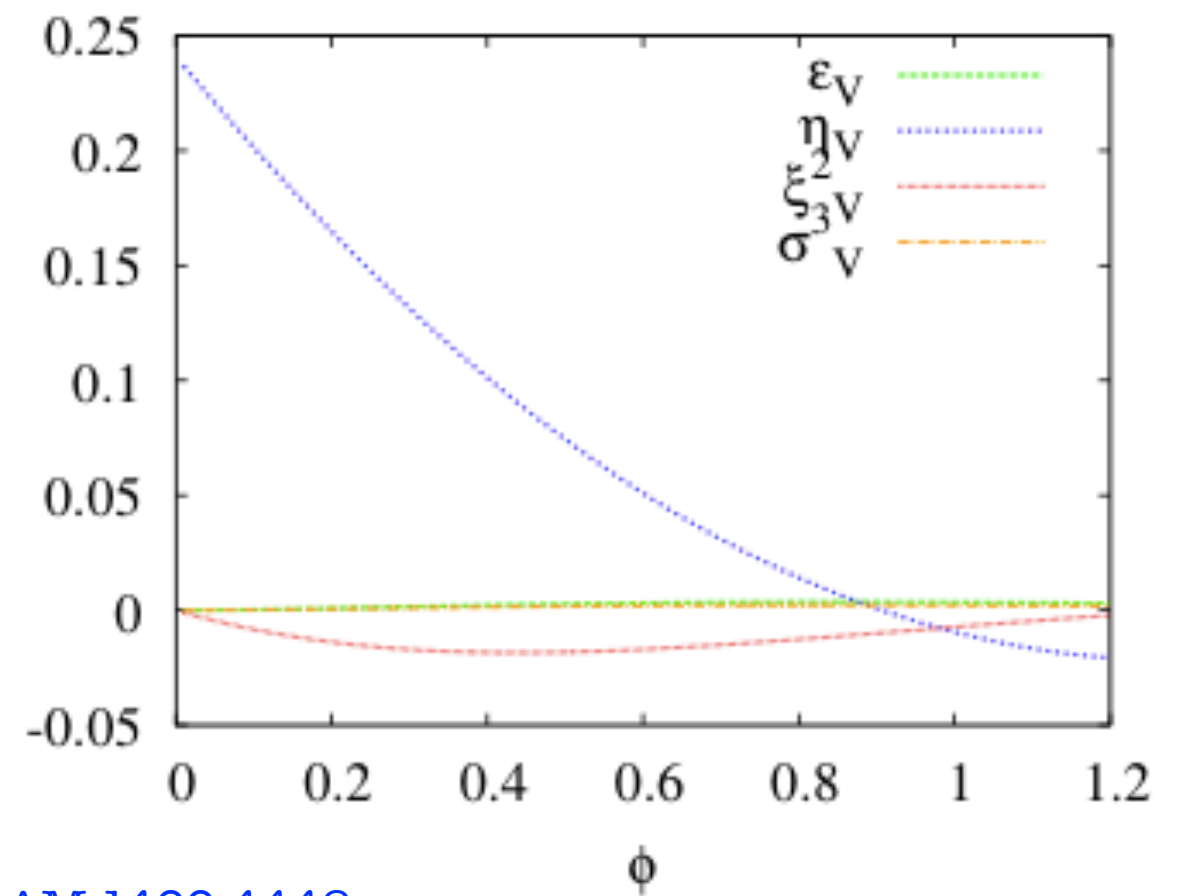
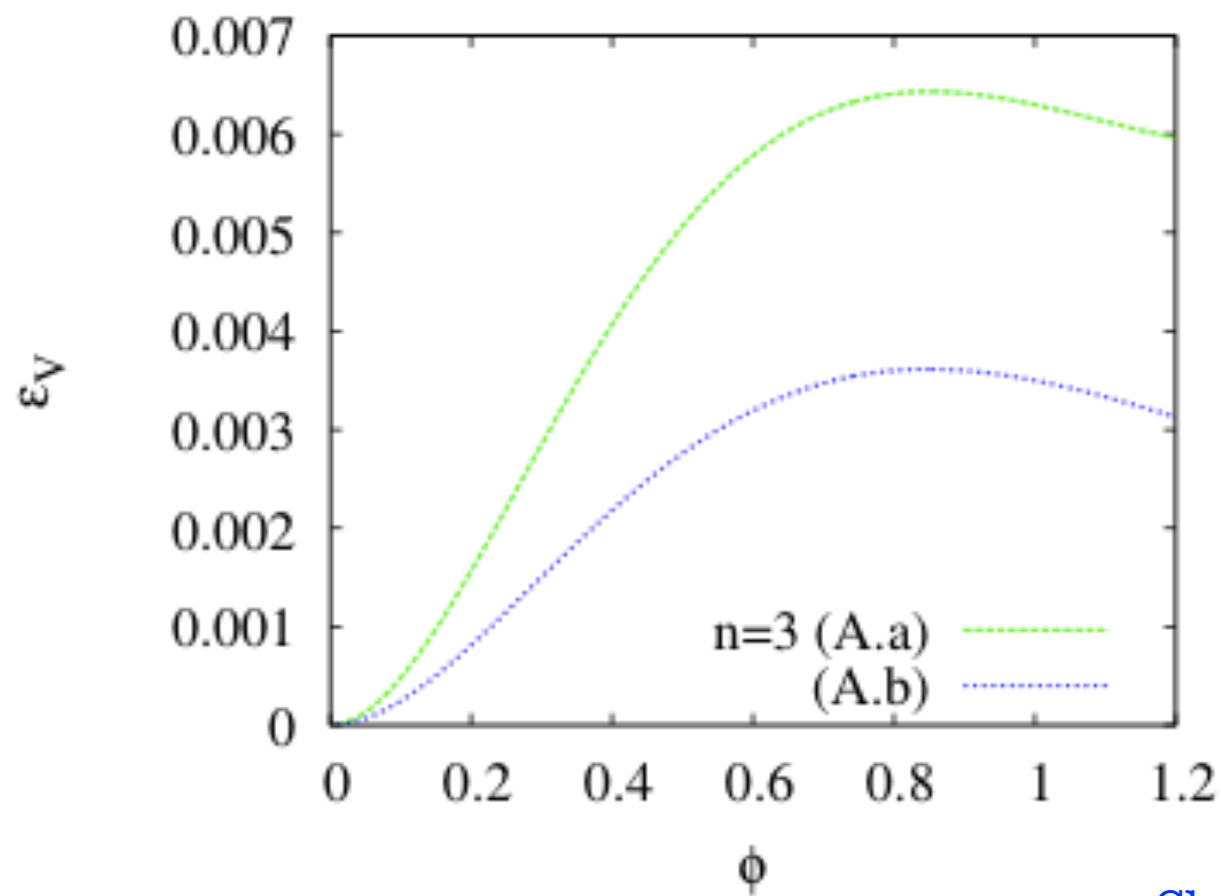
**corrections reduce fine  
tuning**

**I am biased, because I am alive, and I am made up of SM dof.**

# Largest 'r' for sub-Planckian Inflation?

$$V = V_0 + A\phi^2 - B\phi^n + C\phi^{2n-2}$$

$$V(\phi) \approx V_0 + V'(\phi - \phi_0) + V''(\phi - \phi_0)^2 + V'''(\phi - \phi_0)^3 + V''''(\phi - \phi_0)^4 + \dots$$



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**Slow roll parameter evolves non-monotonically**

**Inflection point inflation**

# Largest r for sub-Planckian Inflation?

$$V = V_0 + A\phi^2 - B\phi^n + C\phi^{2n-2}$$

$$n = 3$$

$$\phi = \frac{\tilde{N} + H_u + \tilde{L}}{\sqrt{3}}$$

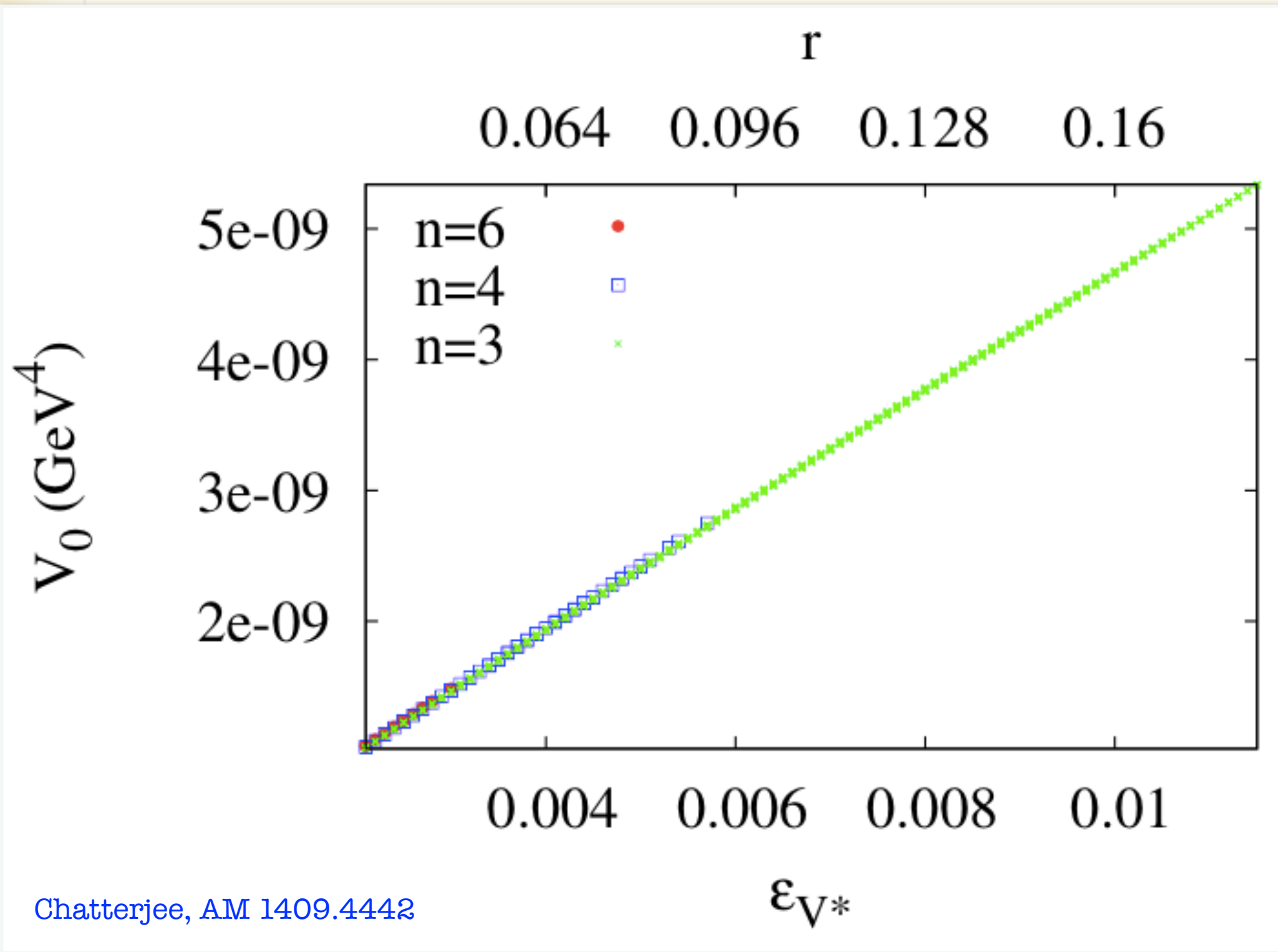
$$n = 4$$

$$\phi = \frac{H_u + H_d}{\sqrt{2}}$$

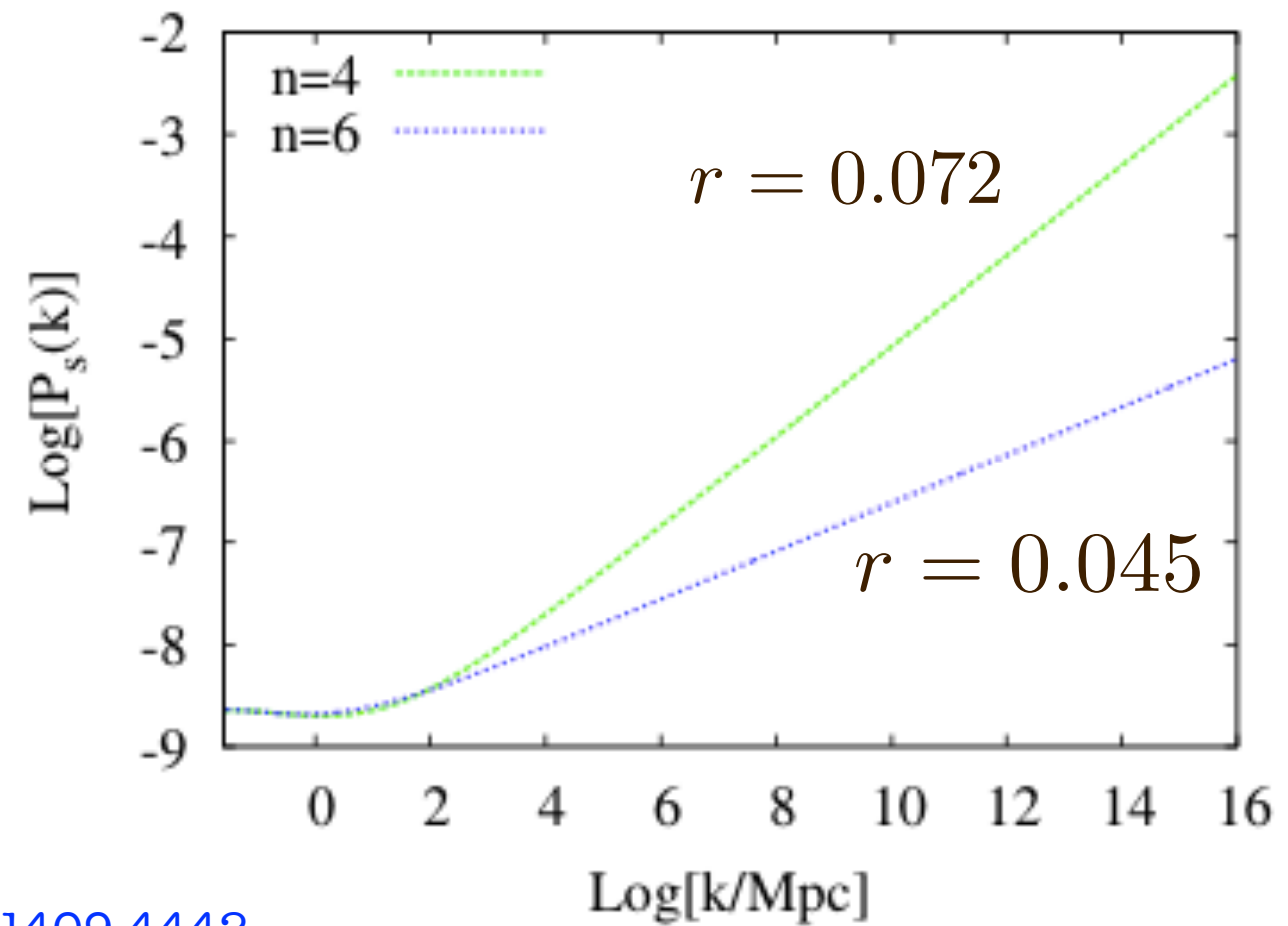
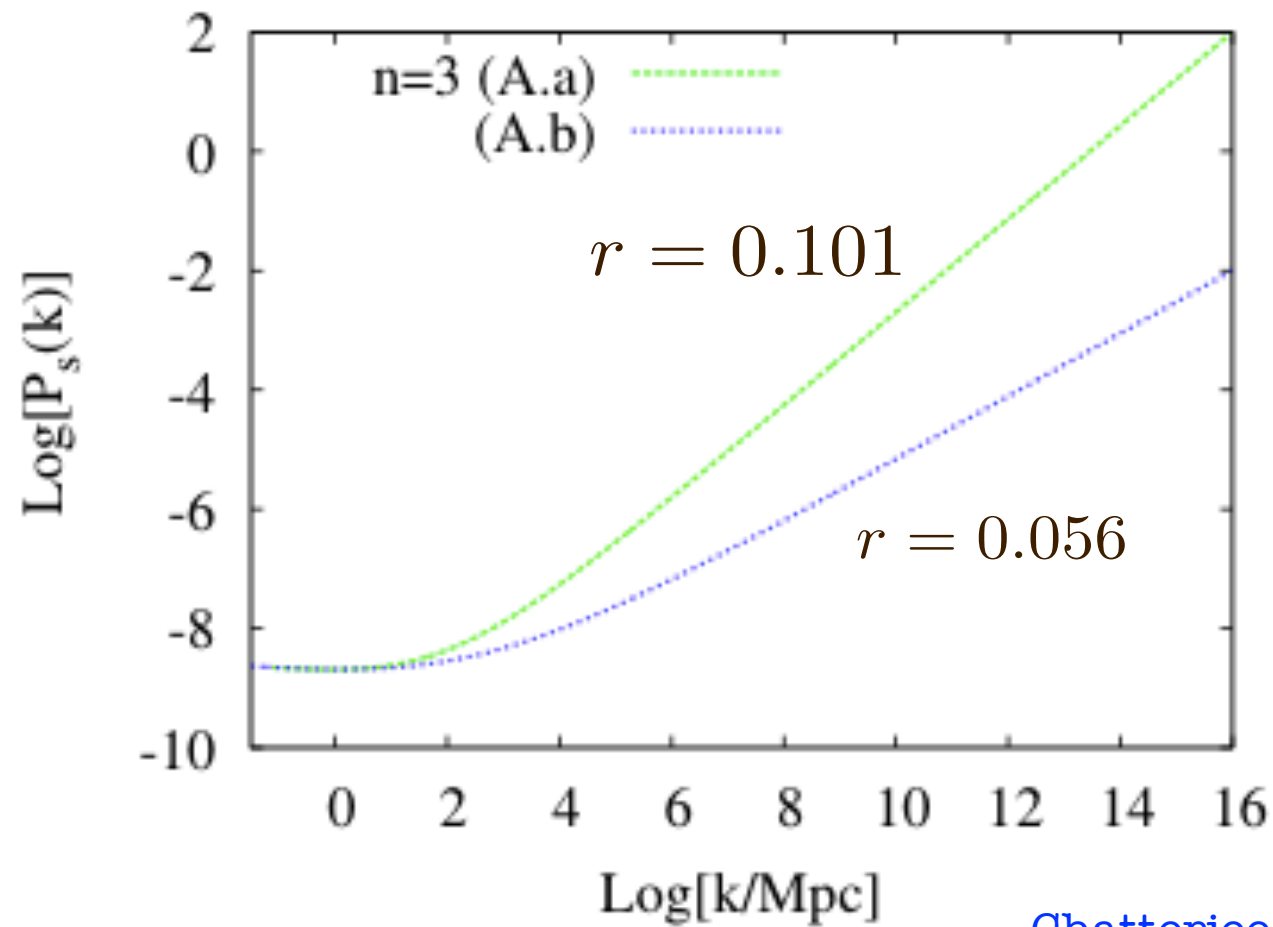
$$n = 6$$

$$\phi = \frac{\tilde{u} + \tilde{d} + \tilde{d}}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\phi = \frac{\tilde{L} + \tilde{L} + \tilde{e}}{\sqrt{3}}$$



# Largest $r$ for sub-Planckian Inflation?



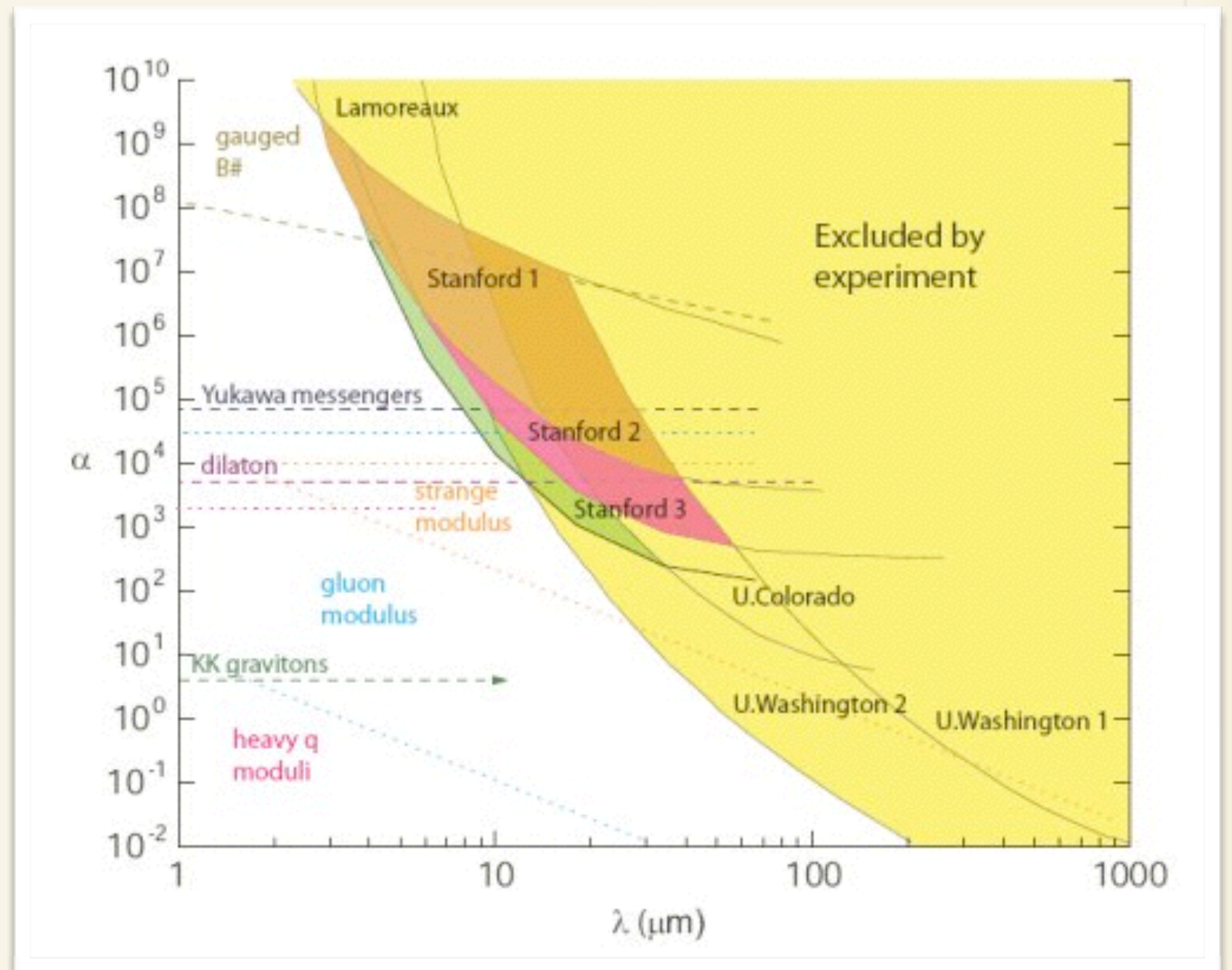
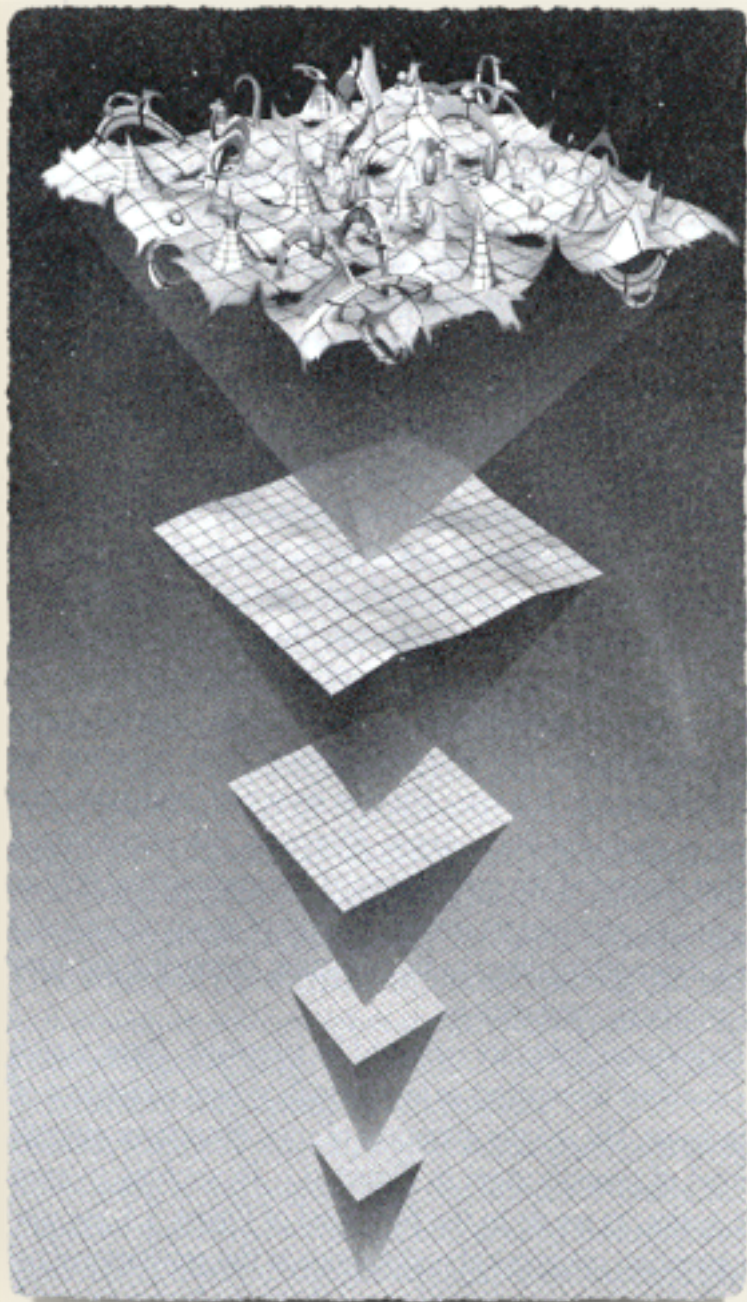
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	$n$	$V_0$	$A$	$B$	$C$	$r$
(A.a)	3	$3.010 \times 10^{-9}$	$5.114 \times 10^{-10}$	$3.126 \times 10^{-10}$	$7.075 \times 10^{-11}$	0.101
(A.b)	3	$1.710 \times 10^{-9}$	$2.061 \times 10^{-10}$	$1.165 \times 10^{-10}$	$2.248 \times 10^{-11}$	0.056
(B)	4	$2.184 \times 10^{-9}$	$2.238 \times 10^{-10}$	$8.301 \times 10^{-11}$	$1.778 \times 10^{-11}$	0.072
(C)	6	$1.388 \times 10^{-9}$	$7.884 \times 10^{-11}$	$1.096 \times 10^{-11}$	$1.712 \times 10^{-12}$	0.045

It would be hard to make:  $r > 0.1$  for sub-Planckian



# In UV there are many scales



To what extent Einstein's Gravity is a good description of nature ?



# 4th Derivative Gravity & Power Counting renormalisability

$$I = \int d^4x \sqrt{g} \left[ \lambda_0 + k R + a R_{\mu\nu} R^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{3} (b + a) R^2 \right]$$

$$D \propto \frac{1}{k^4 + Ak^2} = \frac{1}{A} \left( \frac{1}{k^2} - \frac{1}{k^2 + A} \right)$$

**Massive Spin-0 & Massive Spin-2 ( Ghost ) Stelle (1977)**

Utiyama, De Witt (1961), Stelle (1977)

## Modification of Einstein's GR

Modification  
of Graviton  
Propagator

Extra propagating  
degree of freedom

**Challenge: to get rid of the extra dof**

# Ghosts

**Higher Order Derivative Theory Generically Carry Ghosts ( -ve Residue ) with real “m” ( No-Tachyon )**

$$S = \int d^4x \phi \square (\square + m^2) \phi \Rightarrow \square (\square + m^2) \phi = 0$$

$$\Delta(p^2) = \frac{1}{p^2(p^2+m^2)} \sim \frac{1}{p^2} - \frac{1}{(p^2+m^2)} \quad \text{Propagator with first order poles}$$

**Ghosts cannot be cured order by order, finite terms in perturbative expansion will always lead to Ghosts !!**

$$\square e^{-\square} \phi = 0$$

**No extra states other than the original dof.**

# Higher Derivative Action around Minkowski

$$S = S_E + S_q$$

$$S_q = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} [R \dots \mathcal{O} \dots R \dots + R \dots \mathcal{O} \dots R \dots \mathcal{O} \dots R \dots + R \dots \mathcal{O} \dots R \dots \mathcal{O} \dots R \dots \mathcal{O} \dots R \dots + \dots]$$

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu} \quad R \sim \mathcal{O}(h)$$

$$S_q = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} R_{\mu_1 \nu_1 \lambda_1 \sigma_1} \mathcal{O}_{\mu_2 \nu_2 \lambda_2 \sigma_2}^{\mu_1 \nu_1 \lambda_1 \sigma_1} R^{\mu_2 \nu_2 \lambda_2 \sigma_2}$$

**Unknown Infinite Functions of Covariant Derivatives**

# Redundancies

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_q = & \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} [R F_1(\square) R + R F_2(\square) \nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu R^{\mu\nu} + R_{\mu\nu} F_3(\square) R^{\mu\nu} + R_\mu^\nu F_4(\square) \nabla_\nu \nabla_\lambda R^{\mu\lambda} \\
 & + R^{\lambda\sigma} F_5(\square) \nabla_\mu \nabla_\sigma \nabla_\nu \nabla_\lambda R^{\mu\nu} + R F_6(\square) \nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu \nabla_\lambda \nabla_\sigma R^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} + R_{\mu\lambda} F_7(\square) \nabla_\nu \nabla_\sigma R^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} \\
 & + R_\lambda^\rho F_8(\square) \nabla_\mu \nabla_\sigma \nabla_\nu \nabla_\rho R^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} + R^{\mu_1\nu_1} F_9(\square) \nabla_{\mu_1} \nabla_{\nu_1} \nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu \nabla_\lambda \nabla_\sigma R^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} \\
 & + R_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} F_{10}(\square) R^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} + R_{\mu\nu\lambda}^\rho F_{11}(\square) \nabla_\rho \nabla_\sigma R^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} + R_{\mu\rho_1\nu\sigma_1} F_{12}(\square) \nabla^{\rho_1} \nabla^{\sigma_1} \nabla_\rho \nabla_\sigma R^{\mu\rho\nu\sigma} \\
 & + R_\mu^{\nu_1\rho_1\sigma_1} F_{13}(\square) \nabla_{\rho_1} \nabla_{\sigma_1} \nabla_{\nu_1} \nabla_\nu \nabla_\rho \nabla_\sigma R^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} + R^{\mu_1\nu_1\rho_1\sigma_1} F_{14}(\square) \nabla_{\rho_1} \nabla_{\sigma_1} \nabla_{\nu_1} \nabla_{\mu_1} \nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu \nabla_\rho \nabla_\sigma R^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} [R + R \mathcal{F}_1(\square) R + R_{\mu\nu} \mathcal{F}_2(\square) R^{\mu\nu} + R_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \mathcal{F}_3(\square) R^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}]$$

$$\Delta \mathcal{L} = \sqrt{-g} (\alpha R^2 + \beta R_{\mu\nu}^2 + \gamma R_{\alpha\beta\mu\nu}^2)$$

$$\int d^4x \sqrt{-g} (R^2 - 4R_{\mu\nu}^2 + R_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}^2)$$

**Gauss-Bonnet  
Gravity**

$$= \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ R + R\mathcal{F}_1(\square)R + R_{\mu\nu}\mathcal{F}_2(\square)R^{\mu\nu} + R_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}\mathcal{F}_3(\square)R^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \right]$$

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}$$

$$S_q = - \int d^4x \left[ \frac{1}{2} h_{\mu\nu} a(\square) \square h^{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu}^{\sigma} b(\square) \partial_{\sigma} \partial_{\nu} h^{\mu\nu} \right. \\ \left. + hc(\square) \partial_{\mu} \partial_{\nu} h^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} h d(\square) \square h + h^{\lambda\sigma} \frac{f(\square)}{\square} \partial_{\sigma} \partial_{\lambda} \partial_{\mu} \partial_{\nu} h^{\mu\nu} \right] \quad (3)$$

$$a(\square) = 1 - \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{F}_2(\square) \square - 2\mathcal{F}_3(\square) \square$$

$$b(\square) = -1 + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{F}_2(\square) \square + 2\mathcal{F}_3(\square) \square$$

$$c(\square) = 1 + 2\mathcal{F}_1(\square) \square + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{F}_2(\square) \square$$

$$d(\square) = -1 - 2\mathcal{F}_1(\square) \square - \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{F}_2(\square) \square$$

$$f(\square) = -2\mathcal{F}_1(\square) \square - \mathcal{F}_2(\square) \square - 2\mathcal{F}_3(\square) \square.$$

$$R_{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_{[\lambda} \partial_{\nu} h_{\mu\sigma]} - \partial_{[\lambda} \partial_{\mu} h_{\nu\sigma]})$$

$$R_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_{\sigma} \partial_{(\nu} h_{\mu)}^{\sigma} - \partial_{\nu} \partial_{\mu} h - \square h_{\mu\nu})$$

$$R = \partial_{\nu} \partial_{\mu} h^{\mu\nu} - \square h$$

$$a + b = 0$$

$$c + d = 0$$

$$b + c + f = 0$$

$\mathcal{F}_3(\square)$  is redundant around Minkowski



# Impose Three Conditions

$M_p$

**General Covariance**

$M$   $S = \int \sqrt{-g} d^4x \left( \frac{R}{16\pi G} + \dots \right)$

**Smooth IR limit**

**Tree-level Unitarity**

$$S = \int \sqrt{-g} d^4x \left( \frac{R}{16\pi G} \right)$$

As a starting point these 3 conditions are sufficient

**Fixing the Action up to quadratic in curvature  
around Minkowski,** one can go beyond quadratic also

$$= \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ R + R \mathcal{F}_1(\square) R + R_{\mu\nu} \mathcal{F}_2(\square) R^{\mu\nu} + R_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \mathcal{F}_3(\square) R^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \right]$$

$$\Pi = \frac{1}{a(k^2)} \left[ \frac{P^2}{k^2} - \frac{P^0}{2k^2} \right] = \frac{1}{a(k^2)} \times \text{Propagator of GR}$$

**Should be analytic function and should  
not contain any extra pole**

**“Entire Function”**

**e.g.**

$$a(\square) = e^{\square/M^2}$$

**Simplified action** ( dream will be to push for renormalisability,  
but it is very challenging ... )

$$= \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ R + R \mathcal{F}_1(\square) R + R_{\mu\nu} \mathcal{F}_2(\square) R^{\mu\nu} + R_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \mathcal{F}_3(\square) R^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \right]$$



$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{R}{2} + R \left[ \frac{e^{-\frac{\square}{M^2}} - 1}{\square} \right] R - 2R_{\mu\nu} \left[ \frac{e^{-\frac{\square}{M^2}} - 1}{\square} \right] R^{\mu\nu} \right]$$

## Applications

**Black Hole Singularity, i.e. Schwarzschild Type**

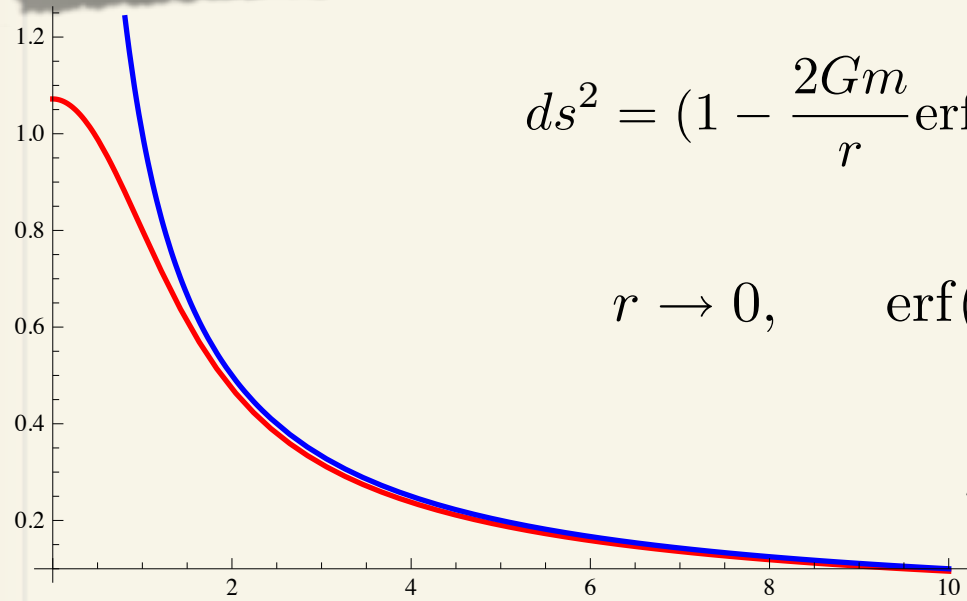
Biswas, Gerwick, Koivisto, AM, PRL (2012)  
(gr-qc/1110.5249)

**Cosmological Singularity, i.e. Big Bang Type**

Biswas, AM, Siegel, JCAP (hep-th/0508194),  
Brandenberger, Biswas, AM, Siegel, JCAP (hep-th/0610274)  
Biswas, AM, Koivisto, JCAP (1005.0590)

# Ameliorating the blackhole & cosmological singularity

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{R}{2} + R \left[ \frac{e^{-\frac{r^2}{M^2}} - 1}{r^2} \right] R - 2R_{\mu\nu} \left[ \frac{e^{-\frac{r^2}{M^2}} - 1}{r^2} \right] R^{\mu\nu} \right]$$

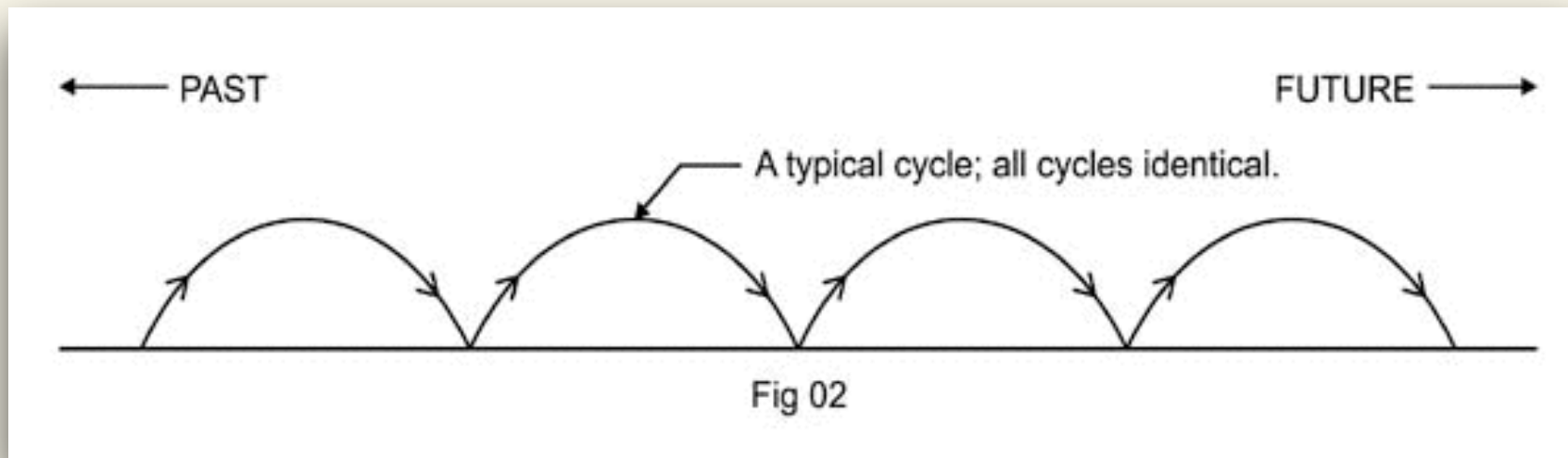


$$ds^2 = \left(1 - \frac{2Gm}{r} \operatorname{erf}(rM/2)\right) dt^2 - \frac{dr^2}{\left(1 - \frac{2Gm}{r} \operatorname{erf}(rM/2)\right)}$$

Valid for  $mM \leq M_p^2$

$$r \rightarrow 0, \quad \operatorname{erf}(r) \rightarrow r \quad \Phi(r) \rightarrow \text{const.}$$

$$r \rightarrow \infty, \quad \operatorname{erf}(r) \rightarrow 1 \quad \Phi(r) \rightarrow \frac{1}{r}$$



$$h \sim \text{diag}(0, A \sin \lambda t, A \sin \lambda t, A \sin \lambda t) \text{ with } A \ll 1$$

# Connection to string theory



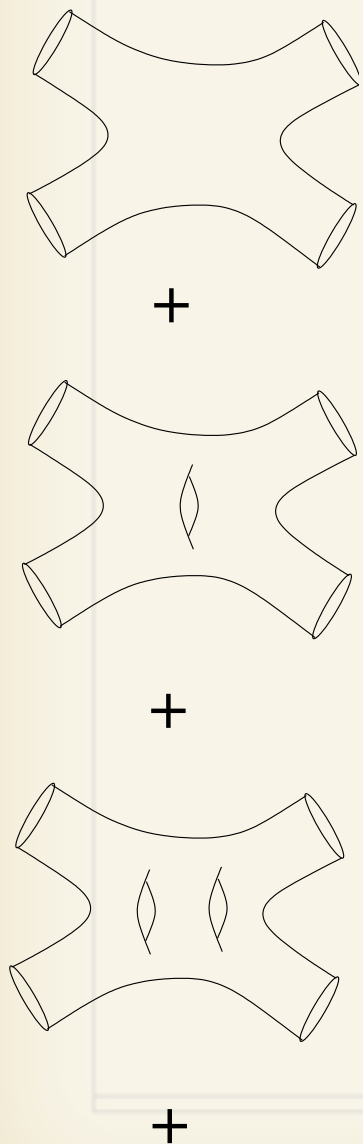
- ~ **String Theory Introduces 2 Parameters**

$$\kappa^2 \approx g_s^2 (\alpha')^{12}$$

- ~ **DBI action ameliorates the Point like Singularity of Coulomb Solution**

$$S = -T_p \int d^{p+1} \zeta \sqrt{-\det(\gamma_{ab} + 2\pi\alpha' F_{ab})}$$

- ~ **DBI Action Provides a Description of Open Strings to All Orders in  $\alpha'$  at One-Loop**



**Challenge for String Theorists:**  
**To Construct a similar Action for Closed Strings with All Orders in  $\alpha'$**



# Remnants of stringy Gravity

$M_p$

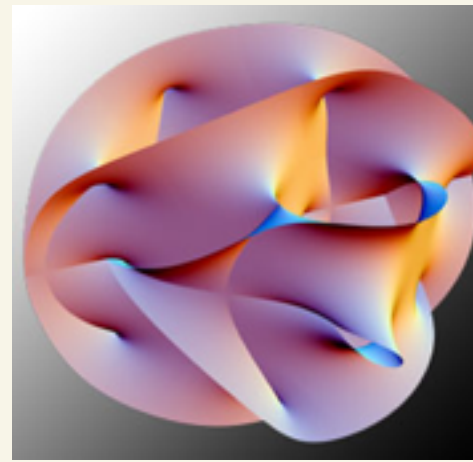
$$\mathcal{L}^{10d} \sim R + R^4 + \dots \quad \kappa^2 = g_s^2 (\alpha')^4$$

Perturbative string theory has  $\alpha'$  &  $g_s$  corrections

For all orders : String field theory

$m_W$

$m_s$



$m_{KK}$

$$\mathcal{L}^{4d} \sim R + \sum_i c_i R \left( \frac{\square}{m_{kk}} \right)^i R + \dots$$

1 – loop in  $g_s$  all orders in  $\alpha'$

**So, if tensor to scalar ratio is large, and if we believe in string theory...**

$M_p$   
 $m_{KK}$

The spectrum is squeezed, we are fighting for factors of  $2\pi$

**Inflation becomes even more**

**interesting : pose new challenges**

During Inflation we may have a small curvature, but we do not know is where the scale of new physics



**Not only have to worry about the matter sector, such as fluxes, string axions, non-perturbative gaugino condensations, etc.**

# Inflation below KK mass

$M_p$

$$H_{inf} \ll m_{KK} \ll m_s \ll M_p$$

$$V(\phi) \ll m_{KK}^4$$

$m_W$

$$m_{KK} < m_s \implies \mathcal{V}_s > (2\pi)^6$$

$m_s$

$$m_s < M_p \implies \mathcal{V}_s > (2\pi)^6 \times \pi g_s^2$$

$$m_{KK} \sim \frac{2\pi}{\mathcal{V}_s^{1/6}} m_s$$

$$r \ll \frac{(2.4 \times 10^8 g_s^4)}{\mathcal{V}_s^{8/3} / (2\pi)^{16}}$$

$$V(\phi)^{1/4} \sim \left(\frac{r}{0.1}\right)^{1/4} \times (8 \times 10^{-3}) M_p$$

**Loop quantum gravity  
or  
Causal set approach**



**Wilson loops**



**Non-local objects**

Whatever I have spoken here perhaps there is a neat connection to loop quantum gravity, but I need to understand it better



# In a time dependent background and in case of large 'r'



**Non-perturbative corrections arising from  
gravity becomes a mammoth ...**

We need to take these gravitational corrections  
especially for Starobinsky type and Higgs inflation, or high scale  
inflation



# Towards understanding the ultraviolet behavior of quantum loops in infinite-derivative theories of gravity

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## Abstract

In this paper we will consider quantum aspects of a non-local, infinite derivative scalar field theory - a *toy model* depiction of a covariant infinite derivative, non-local extension of Einstein's general relativity which has previously been shown to be free from ghosts around the Minkowski background. The graviton propagator in this theory gets an exponential suppression making it *asymptotically free*, thus providing strong prospects of resolving various classical and quantum divergences. In particular, we will find that at 1-loop, the 2-point function is still divergent, but once this amplitude is renormalized by adding appropriate counter terms, the ultraviolet (UV) behavior of all other 1-loop diagrams as well as the 2-loop, 2-point function remains well under control. We will go on to discuss how one may be able to generalize our computations and arguments to arbitrary loops.

# Graviton Propagator

$$a(\square)\square h_{\mu\nu} + b(\square)\partial_\sigma\partial_{(\nu}h_{\mu)}^\sigma + c(\square)(\eta_{\mu\nu}\partial_\rho\partial_\sigma h^{\rho\sigma} + \partial_\mu\partial_\nu h) \\ + \eta_{\mu\nu}d(\square)\square h + \frac{1}{4}f(\square)\square^{-1}\partial_\sigma\partial_\lambda\partial_\mu\partial_\nu h^{\lambda\sigma} = -\kappa\tau_{\mu\nu}$$

$$-\kappa\tau\nabla_\mu\tau_\nu^\mu = 0 = (c + d)\square\partial_\nu h + (a + b)\square h_{\nu,\mu}^\mu + (b + c + f)h_{,\alpha\beta\nu}^{\alpha\beta}$$

**Bianchi Identity**

$$a + b = 0$$

$$c + d = 0$$

$$b + c + f = 0$$

Biswas, Koivisto, AM  
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$$\Pi_{\mu\nu}^{-1\lambda\sigma} h_{\lambda\sigma} = \kappa\tau_{\mu\nu} \quad h = h^{TT} + h^L + h^T$$

$$\Pi = \frac{P^2}{ak^2} + \frac{P_s^0}{(a - 3c)k^2}$$

# Covariant Modification of a Graviton

**Propagator : Only 1 Entire Function**

$$\Pi = \frac{P^2}{ak^2} + \frac{P_s^0}{(a-3c)k^2} = \frac{1}{a} \left[ \frac{P^2}{k^2} - \frac{P_s^0}{2k^2} \right]$$

**Demand:**  $a(k^2) = c(k^2)$

**Recovers GR**  $\lim_{k^2 \rightarrow 0} \Pi^{\mu\nu}{}_{\lambda\sigma} = (P^2/k^2) - (P_s^0/2k^2)$   
 $a(0) = c(0) = -b(0) = -d(0) = 1$

**UV**



**IR**

**ONLY 1 Non-Singular, Analytic functions at  $k=0$ , is required to Ameliorate the UV property of GR**

**‘a’ should be an Entire Function & cannot contain non-local operators, such as  $a(\square) \sim 1/\square$**

# Ghost Free Gravity

$$a(\square) = c(\square) \Rightarrow 2\mathcal{F}_1(\square) + \mathcal{F}_2(\square) + 2\mathcal{F}_3(\square) = 0$$

## Entire Function

$$\Pi = \frac{P^2}{ak^2} + \frac{P_s^0}{(a-3c)k^2} = \frac{1}{a} \left[ \frac{P^2}{k^2} - \frac{P_s^0}{2k^2} \right]$$

$$a(\square) = c(\square) = e^{-\square/M^2}$$

Some function of  $k$  which falls faster than  $1/k^2$

$$a(\square) = e^{-\frac{\square}{M^2}} \text{ and } \mathcal{F}_3 = 0 \Rightarrow \mathcal{F}_1(\square) = \frac{e^{-\frac{\square}{M^2}} - 1}{\square} = -\frac{\mathcal{F}_2(\square)}{2}$$

# Spin projectors

Let us introduce

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{P}^2 &= \frac{1}{2}(\theta_{\mu\rho}\theta_{\nu\sigma} + \theta_{\mu\sigma}\theta_{\nu\rho}) - \frac{1}{3}\theta_{\mu\nu}\theta_{\rho\sigma}, \\ \mathcal{P}^1 &= \frac{1}{2}(\theta_{\mu\rho}\omega_{\nu\sigma} + \theta_{\mu\sigma}\omega_{\nu\rho} + \theta_{\nu\rho}\omega_{\mu\sigma} + \theta_{\nu\sigma}\omega_{\mu\rho}), \\ \mathcal{P}_s^0 &= \frac{1}{3}\theta_{\mu\nu}\theta_{\rho\sigma}, \quad \mathcal{P}_w^0 = \omega_{\mu\nu}\omega_{\rho\sigma}, \\ \mathcal{P}_{sw}^0 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\theta_{\mu\nu}\omega_{\rho\sigma}, \quad \mathcal{P}_{ws}^0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\omega_{\mu\nu}\theta_{\rho\sigma},\end{aligned}\tag{16}$$

where the transversal and longitudinal projectors in the momentum space are respectively

$$\theta_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} - \frac{k_\mu k_\nu}{k^2}, \quad \omega_{\mu\nu} = \frac{k_\mu k_\nu}{k^2}.$$

Note that the operators  $\mathcal{P}^i$  are in fact 4-rank tensors,  $\mathcal{P}_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}^i$ , but we have suppressed the index notation here.

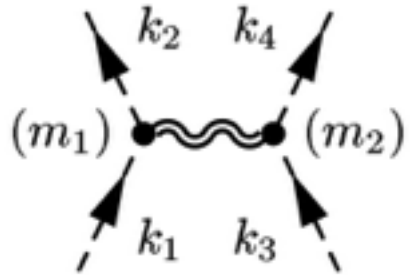
Out of the six operators four of them,  $\{\mathcal{P}^2, \mathcal{P}^1, \mathcal{P}_s^0, \mathcal{P}_w^0\}$ , form a complete set of projection operators:

$$\mathcal{P}_a^i \mathcal{P}_b^j = \delta^{ij} \delta_{ab} \mathcal{P}_a^i \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{P}^2 + \mathcal{P}^1 + \mathcal{P}_s^0 + \mathcal{P}_w^0 = 1,\tag{17}$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{ij}^0 \mathcal{P}_k^0 = \delta_{jk} \mathcal{P}_{ij}^0, \quad \mathcal{P}_{ij}^0 \mathcal{P}_{kl}^0 = \delta_{il} \delta_{jk} \mathcal{P}_k^0, \quad \mathcal{P}_k^0 \mathcal{P}_{ij}^0 = \delta_{ik} \mathcal{P}_{ij}^0,$$



# Newtonian Potential



## Linearized Solution

$$ds^2 = -(1 - 2\Phi)dt^2 + (1 + 2\Psi)dr^2$$

$$(a(\square) - 3c(\square))\square h + (4c(\square) - 2a(\square) + f(\square))\partial_\mu\partial_\nu h^{\mu\nu} = \kappa\rho$$

$$a(\square)\square h_{00} + c(\square)\square h - c(\square)\partial_\mu\partial_\nu h^{\mu\nu} = -\kappa\rho$$

For  $f = 0$  and  $a(\square) = c(\square)$

$$4a(\nabla^2)\nabla^2\Phi = 4a(\nabla^2)\nabla^2\Psi = \kappa\rho = \kappa m\delta^3(\vec{r})$$

$$a(\square) = e^{-\square/M^2} \quad \text{Varying slowly with time} \quad \square \longrightarrow \nabla^2$$

$$\Phi(r) \sim \kappa m \int \frac{dp}{p} e^{-p^2/M^2} \sin(pr) = \kappa \frac{m\pi}{4\pi^2 r} \text{erf}\left(\frac{rM}{2}\right) = \frac{Gm}{r} \text{erf}\left(\frac{rM}{2}\right) = \frac{m}{4\pi M_p^2 r} \text{erf}\left(\frac{rM}{2}\right)$$

$$mM \ll M_p^2 \implies m \ll M_p$$

# Non Singular Solution

**UV limit:**  $r \rightarrow 0,$   $\text{erf}(r) \rightarrow r$   $\Phi(r) \rightarrow \text{const.}$

$$ds^2 = \left(1 - \frac{2Gm}{r} \text{erf}(rM/2)\right) dt^2 - \frac{dr^2}{\left(1 - \frac{2Gm}{r} \text{erf}(rM/2)\right)}$$

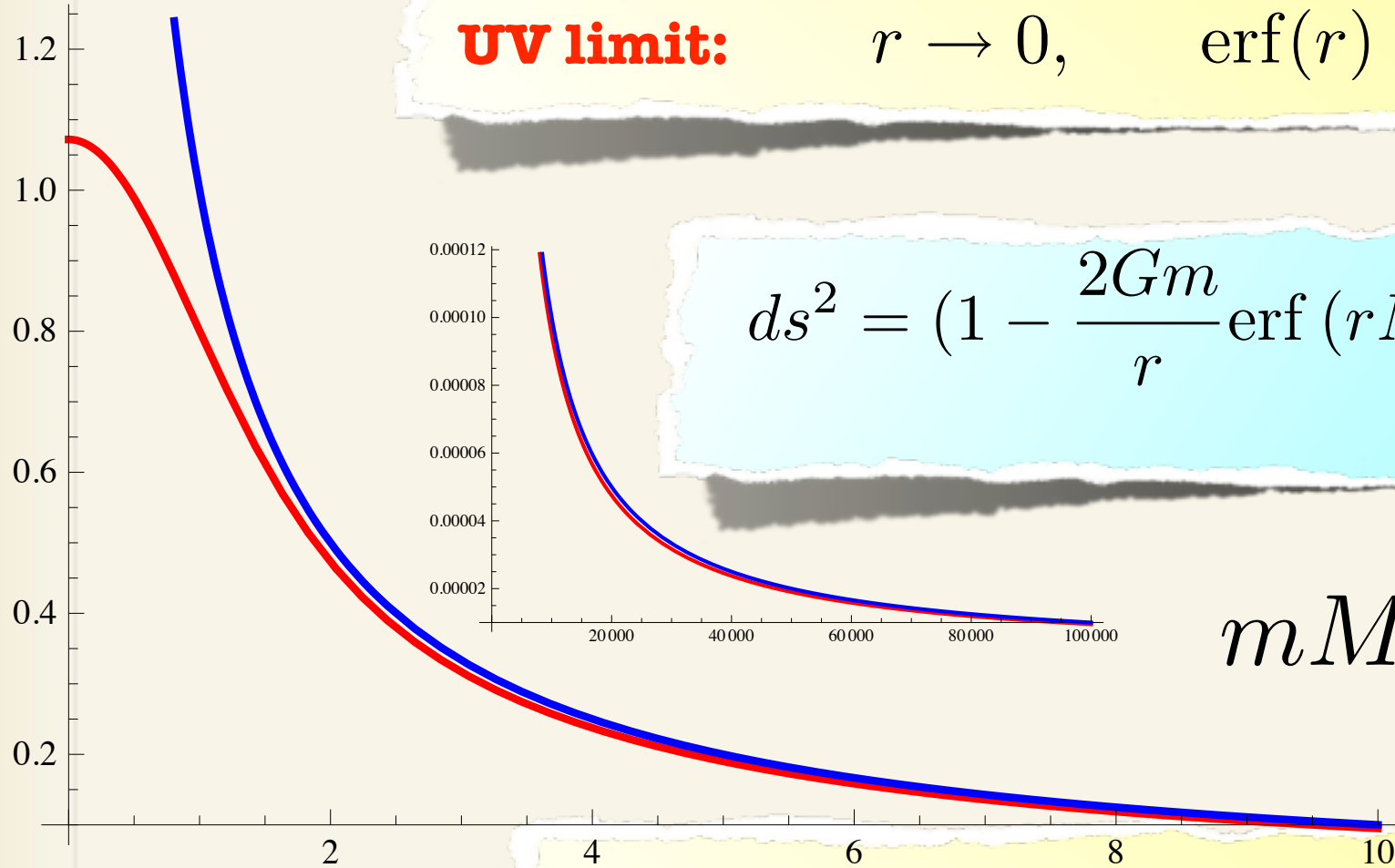
$$mM \ll M_p^2 \implies m \ll M_p$$

**IR limit:**  $r \rightarrow \infty,$   $\text{erf}(r) \rightarrow 1$   $\Phi(r) \rightarrow \frac{1}{r}$

**No Singularity**

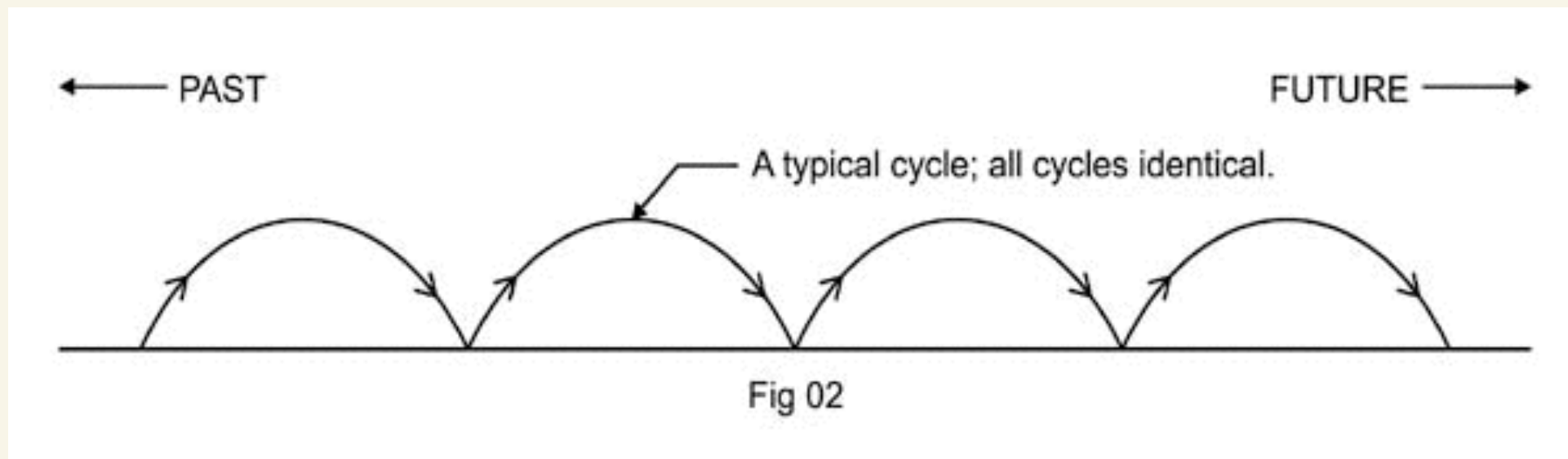


**No Horizon**



# Non-Singular Bouncing Solution

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{R}{2} + R \left[ \frac{e^{-\frac{\square}{M^2}} - 1}{\square} \right] R - 2R_{\mu\nu} \left[ \frac{e^{-\frac{\square}{M^2}} - 1}{\square} \right] R^{\mu\nu} \right]$$



$$h \sim \text{diag}(0, A \sin \lambda t, A \sin \lambda t, A \sin \lambda t) \text{ with } A \ll 1$$

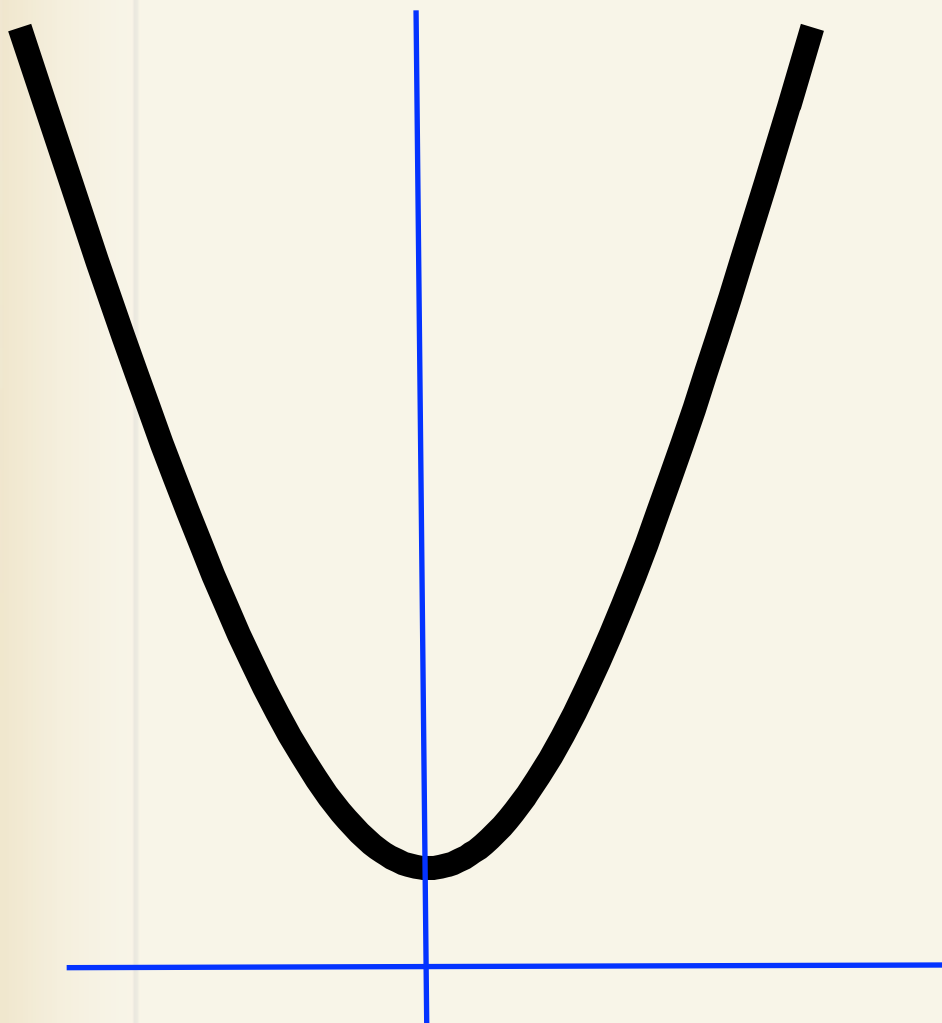
## Non-Singular Bouncing, Homogeneous & Isotropic Universe

**Such a solution is not possible in GR**

Biswas, Gerwick, Koivisto, AM,  
Phys. Rev. Lett. (gr-qc/1110.5249)

# Full Non-Singular Solution

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{R}{2} + R \left[ \frac{e^{-\frac{\square}{M^2}} - 1}{\square} \right] R - 2R_{\mu\nu} \left[ \frac{e^{-\frac{\square}{M^2}} - 1}{\square} \right] R^{\mu\nu} \right]$$



$$\ddot{a} > 0 \implies \Lambda > 0$$

$$\square R = r_1 R + r_2$$

$$\Lambda = -\frac{r_2 M_P^2}{4r_1}$$

$$a(t) = \cosh \left( \sqrt{\frac{r_1}{2}} t \right)$$

**Does Not Contribute to  
Dynamics But to  
Perturbations**



# Conclusions

- **We have constructed a Ghost Free & Singularity Free Theory of Gravity**
- **If we can show higher loops are finite then it is a great news** -- this is what we are working now
- **But, studying singularity theorems, positive energy theorems, Hawking radiation, Non-Singular Bouncing Cosmology , ....., many interesting problems can be studied in this framework**
- **Holography is no longer a property of UV, becomes part of an IR effect. The area law of gravitational entropy will no longer hold true in UV.**

# Implications for Cosmic Inflation

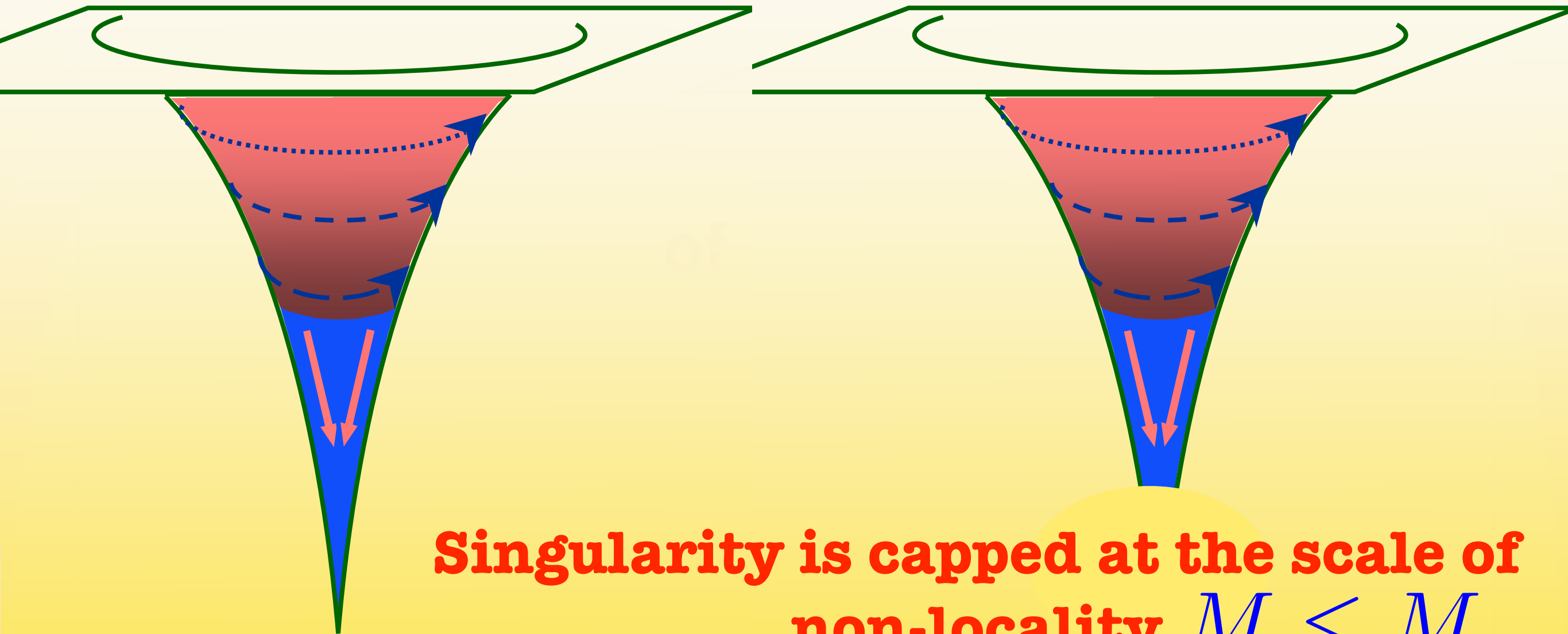
This could be the KK -scale



$$H_{inf} \ll m_{KK} \ll m_s \ll M_p$$

$$\mathcal{L} \sim \frac{1}{2} \phi e^{\frac{\square + m^2}{M^2}} (\square + m^2) \phi + V(\phi)$$

# Where would you expect the modifications?



**Singularity is capped at the scale of non-locality  $M \leq M_p$**

# Revisiting Hawking-Penrose Singularity

## Theorems

$$\theta = \nabla_a N^a \qquad \frac{d\theta}{d\tau} + \frac{1}{2}\theta^2 \leq -R_{ab}N^a N^b$$

### General Relativity

$$R_{ab}N^a N^b = 8\pi T_{ab}N^a N^b \geq 0$$

$$\frac{d\theta}{d\tau} \leq 0 \qquad \rho + p \geq 0$$

### Non-local extension of GR

$$R_{ab}N^a N^b \leq 0, \qquad \frac{d\theta}{d\tau} + \frac{1}{2}\theta^2 \geq 0$$

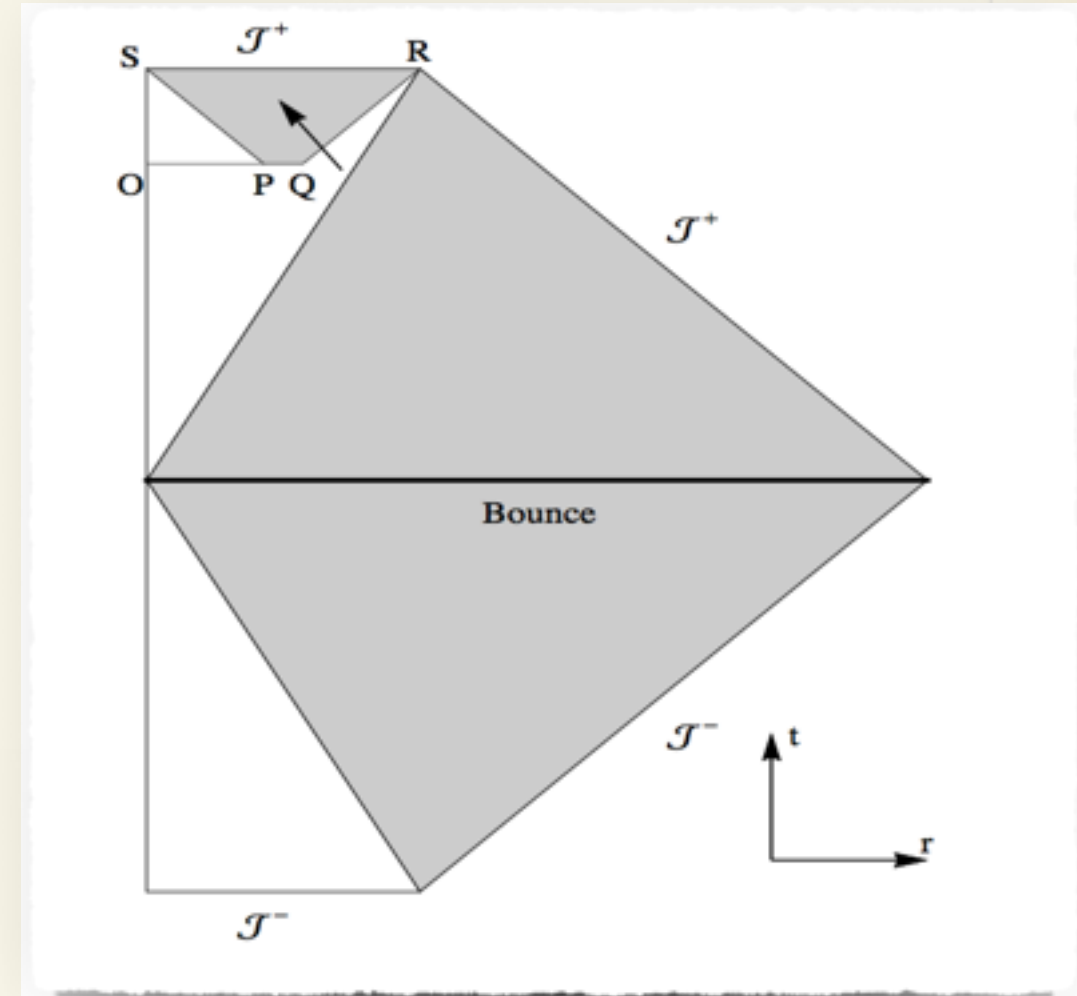
$$R_{ab}N^a N^b \neq 8\pi T_{ab}N^a N^b$$



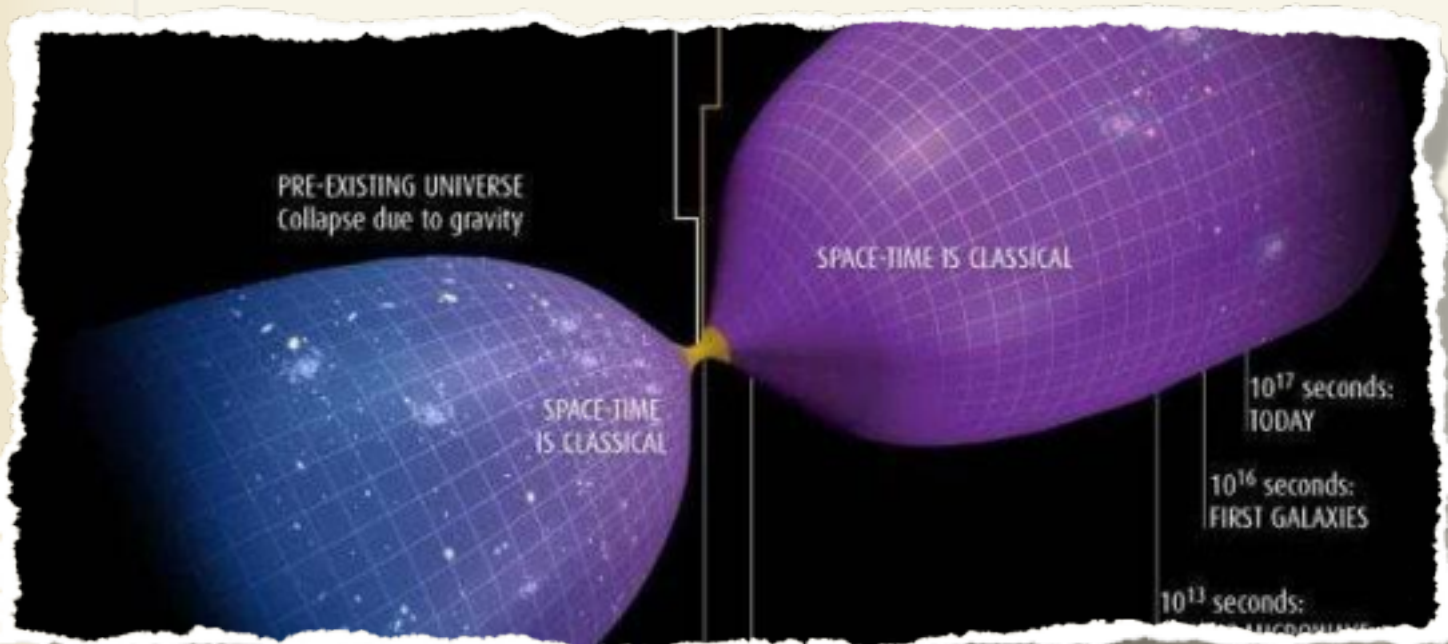
# Revisiting Singularity Theorems

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left( \frac{M_P^2}{2} R + \frac{R\mathcal{F}(\square)R}{2} \right)$$

$$R_{\mu\nu}k^\mu k^\nu = (k^0)^2 \frac{(\rho + p) + 2\partial_t^2(\mathcal{F}(\square)R)}{M_p^2 + 2\mathcal{F}(\square)R}$$



$$R_{\mu\nu}k^\mu k^\nu \leq 0, \quad T_{\mu\nu}k^\mu k^\nu \geq 0 \rightarrow (\rho + p \geq 0)$$



$$\frac{d\theta}{d\tau} + \frac{1}{2}\theta^2 \geq 0$$

Conroy, Koshlev, AM,  
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