

# Cosmological Correlators under the Analytic Lamppost



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**C**osmology **B**eyond the **A**nalytic **L**amppost

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# An appetizer: Roots of a higher-degree polynomial?

We learned from kindergarten how to solve a linear equation

$$ax + b = 0 \qquad x = -b/a$$

and a quadratic equation:

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0 \qquad x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

Later we also learned roots of cubic and quartic equations

$$x^3 + px + q = 0 \qquad x = \sqrt[3]{-\frac{q}{2} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{q}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{p}{3}\right)^3}} + \sqrt[3]{-\frac{q}{2} - \sqrt{\left(\frac{q}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{p}{3}\right)^3}}, \quad \dots$$

What about a quintic equation?

# Roots of a quintic equation

- We all learned from Galois that quintic roots are not algebraically expressible, but this is not the story I'm going to tell today
- After all, the root must be a well-behaved function of coefficients of the quintic polynomial. [What is this function?](#)

# Roots of a quintic equation

Let me find the quintet root for you with elementary calculus:  $x^5 + x + t = 0$

Define  $f(x) = x^5 + x$  Then we only need to invert  $f(x) = -t$

Can be done with Lagrange inversion formula:

$$x = f^{(-1)}(-t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{5k}{k} \frac{(-1)^{k+1} t^{4k+1}}{4k+1}$$

The series can be summed:

$$x = -t \times {}_4F_3 \left[ \begin{matrix} \frac{1}{5}, \frac{2}{5}, \frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5} \\ \frac{2}{4}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{5}{4} \end{matrix} \middle| -5 \left( \frac{5t}{4} \right)^4 \right]$$

Likewise, general sextic roots also expressible in hypergeometric functions, but with 2 variables (Kampé de Fériet function)



# Hypergeometric functions

- Hypergeometric functions can be defined by series:

$${}_pF_q \left[ \begin{matrix} a_1, a_2, \dots, a_p \\ b_1, b_2, \dots, b_q \end{matrix} \middle| z \right] \equiv \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a_1)_n (a_2)_n \cdots (a_p)_n}{(b_1)_n (b_2)_n \cdots (b_q)_n} \frac{z^n}{n!}. \quad (a)_n = a(a+1) \cdots (a+n-1)$$

They are very general and very powerful. A lot of functional identities!

## §15.4(i) Elementary Functions

The following results hold for principal branches when  $|z| < 1$ , and by analytic continuation elsewhere. Exceptions are (15.4.8) and (15.4.10), that hold for  $|z| < \pi/4$ , and (15.4.12), (15.4.14), and (15.4.16), that hold for  $|z| < \pi/2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} 15.4.1 \quad & F(1, 1; 2; z) = -z^{-1} \ln(1-z), \\ 15.4.2 \quad & F\left(\frac{1}{2}, 1; \frac{3}{2}; z^2\right) = \frac{1}{2z} \ln\left(\frac{1+z}{1-z}\right), \\ 15.4.3 \quad & F\left(\frac{1}{2}, 1; \frac{3}{2}; -z^2\right) = z^{-1} \arctan z, \\ 15.4.4 \quad & F\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; \frac{3}{2}; z^2\right) = z^{-1} \arcsin z, \\ 15.4.5 \quad & F\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}; \frac{3}{2}; -z^2\right) = z^{-1} \ln(z + \sqrt{1+z^2}), \\ 15.4.6 \quad & F(a, b; a; z) = (1-z)^{-b}, \\ & F(a, b; b; z) = (1-z)^{-a}, \end{aligned}$$

where the limit interpretation (15.2.6), rather than (15.2.5), has to be taken when the third parameter is a nonpositive integer. See the final paragraph in §15.2(ii).

$$\begin{aligned} 15.4.7 \quad & F\left(a, \frac{1}{2} + a; \frac{1}{2}; z^2\right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( (1+z)^{-2a} + (1-z)^{-2a} \right), \\ 15.4.8 \quad & F\left(a, \frac{1}{2} + a; \frac{1}{2}; -\tan^2 z\right) = (\cos z)^{2a} \cos(2az), \\ 15.4.9 \quad & F\left(a, \frac{1}{2} + a; \frac{3}{2}; z^2\right) = \frac{1}{(2-4a)z} \left( (1+z)^{1-2a} - (1-z)^{1-2a} \right), \\ 15.4.10 \quad & F\left(a, \frac{1}{2} + a; \frac{3}{2}; -\tan^2 z\right) = (\cos z)^{2a} \frac{\sin((1-2a)z)}{(1-2a)\sin z}, \\ 15.4.11 \quad & F\left(-a, a; \frac{1}{2}; -z^2\right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \left( \sqrt{1+z^2} + z \right)^{2a} + \left( \sqrt{1+z^2} - z \right)^{2a} \right), \\ 15.4.12 \quad & F\left(-a, a; \frac{1}{2}; \sin^2 z\right) = \cos(2az). \end{aligned}$$

## §15.9(i) Orthogonal Polynomials

For the notation see §§18.3 and 18.19.

### Jacobi

$$15.9.1 \quad P_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x) = \frac{(\alpha+1)_n}{n!} F\left(\begin{matrix} -n, n+\alpha+\beta+1 \\ \alpha+1 \end{matrix}; \frac{1-x}{2}\right).$$

### Gegenbauer (or Ultraspherical)

$$\begin{aligned} 15.9.2 \quad & C_n^{(\lambda)}(x) = \frac{(2\lambda)_n}{n!} F\left(\begin{matrix} -n, n+2\lambda \\ \lambda+\frac{1}{2} \end{matrix}; \frac{1-x}{2}\right), \\ 15.9.3 \quad & C_n^{(\lambda)}(x) = (2x)^n \frac{(\lambda)_n}{n!} F\left(\begin{matrix} -\frac{n}{2}, \frac{n}{2}(1-n) \\ 1-\lambda-n \end{matrix}; \frac{1}{x^2}\right), \\ 15.9.4 \quad & C_n^{(\lambda)}(\cos \theta) = e^{in\theta} \frac{(\lambda)_n}{n!} F\left(\begin{matrix} -n, \lambda \\ 1-\lambda-n \end{matrix}; e^{-2i\theta}\right). \end{aligned}$$

### Chebyshev

$$\begin{aligned} 15.9.5 \quad & T_n(x) = F\left(\begin{matrix} -n, n \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{matrix}; \frac{1-x}{2}\right), \\ 15.9.6 \quad & U_n(x) = (n+1) F\left(\begin{matrix} -n, n+2 \\ \frac{3}{2} \end{matrix}; \frac{1-x}{2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

### Legendre

$$15.9.7 \quad P_n(x) = F\left(\begin{matrix} -n, n+1 \\ 1 \end{matrix}; \frac{1-x}{2}\right).$$

## §15.8(i) Linear Transformations

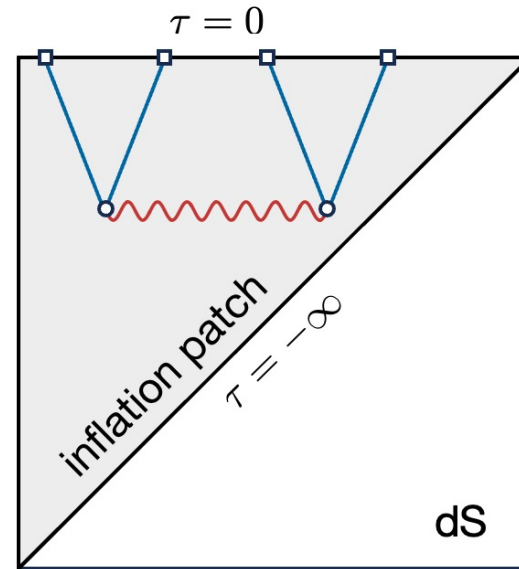
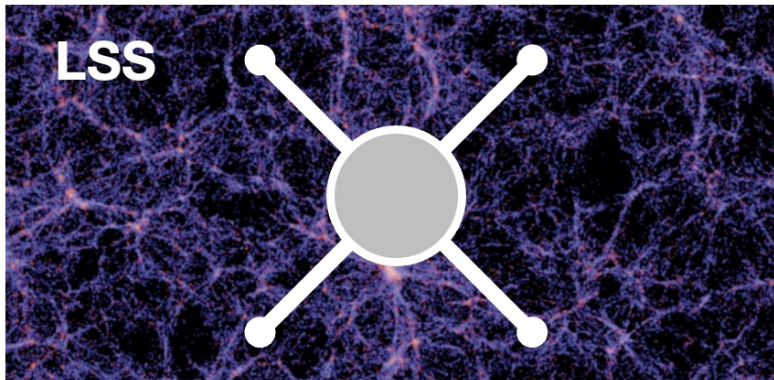
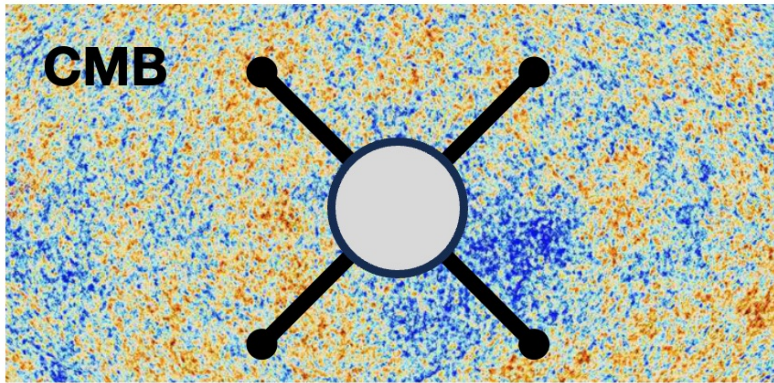
All functions in this subsection and §15.8(ii) assume their principal values.

$$\begin{aligned} 15.8.1 \quad & F\left(\begin{matrix} a, b \\ c \end{matrix}; z\right) = (1-z)^{-a} F\left(\begin{matrix} a, c-b \\ c \end{matrix}; \frac{z}{z-1}\right) = (1-z)^{-b} F\left(\begin{matrix} c-a, b \\ c \end{matrix}; \frac{z}{z-1}\right) \\ & = (1-z)^{c-a-b} F\left(\begin{matrix} c-a, c-b \\ c \end{matrix}; z\right), \quad |\operatorname{ph}(1-z)| < \pi, \\ 15.8.2 \quad & \frac{\sin(\pi(b-a))}{\pi} F\left(\begin{matrix} a, b \\ c \end{matrix}; z\right) = \frac{(-z)^{-a}}{\Gamma(b)\Gamma(c-a)} F\left(\begin{matrix} a, a-c+1 \\ a-b+1 \end{matrix}; \frac{1}{z}\right) - \frac{(-z)^{-b}}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(c-b)} F\left(\begin{matrix} b, b-c+1 \\ b-a+1 \end{matrix}; \frac{1}{z}\right), \quad |\operatorname{ph}(1-z)| < \pi, \\ 15.8.3 \quad & \frac{\sin(\pi(b-a))}{\pi} F\left(\begin{matrix} a, b \\ c \end{matrix}; z\right) = \frac{(1-z)^{-a}}{\Gamma(b)\Gamma(c-a)} F\left(\begin{matrix} a, c-b \\ a-b+1 \end{matrix}; \frac{1}{1-z}\right) - \frac{(1-z)^{-b}}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(c-b)} F\left(\begin{matrix} b, c-a \\ b-a+1 \end{matrix}; \frac{1}{1-z}\right), \quad |\operatorname{ph}(-z)| < \pi, \\ 15.8.4 \quad & \frac{\sin(\pi(c-a-b))}{\pi} F\left(\begin{matrix} a, b \\ c \end{matrix}; z\right) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(c-a)\Gamma(c-b)} F\left(\begin{matrix} a, b \\ a+b-c+1 \end{matrix}; 1-z\right) - \frac{(1-z)^{c-a-b}}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} F\left(\begin{matrix} c-a, c-b \\ c-a-b+1 \end{matrix}; 1-z\right), \quad |\operatorname{ph} z| < \pi, |\operatorname{ph}(1-z)| < \pi, \\ 15.8.5 \quad & \frac{\sin(\pi(c-a-b))}{\pi} F\left(\begin{matrix} a, b \\ c \end{matrix}; z\right) = \frac{z^{-a}}{\Gamma(c-a)\Gamma(c-b)} F\left(\begin{matrix} a, a-c+1 \\ a+b-c+1 \end{matrix}; 1-\frac{1}{z}\right) - \frac{(1-z)^{c-a-b} z^{a-c}}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} F\left(\begin{matrix} c-a, 1-a \\ c-a-b+1 \end{matrix}; 1-\frac{1}{z}\right), \quad |\operatorname{ph} z| < \pi, |\operatorname{ph}(1-z)| < \pi. \end{aligned}$$

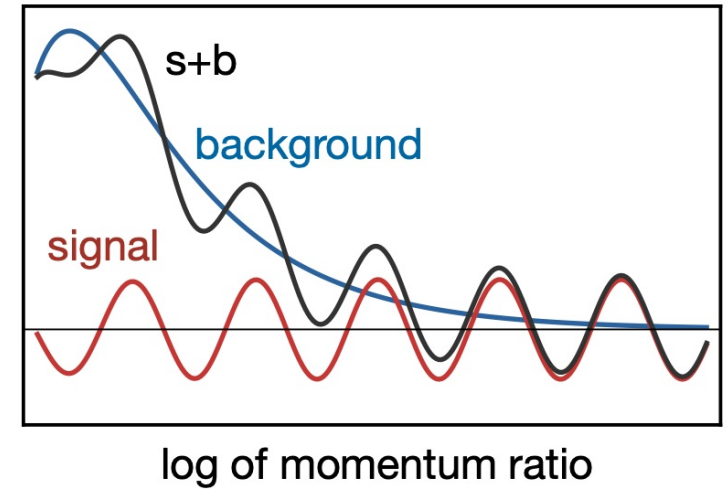
<https://dlmf.nist.gov/> in case you are interested 😊

# A Cosmological collider program

[Chen, Wang, 0911.3380; Arkani-Hamed, Maldacena, 1503.08043 and many more]



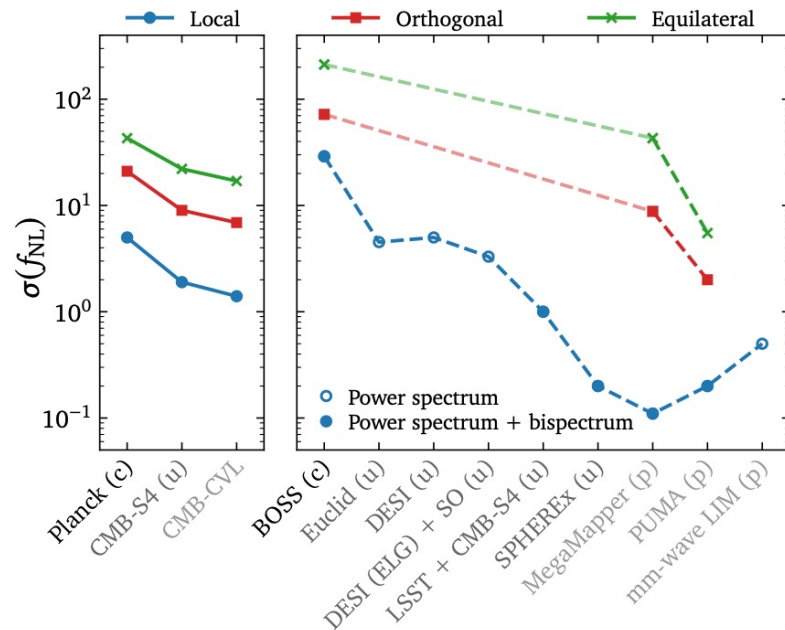
Inflation  $\sim$  dS  
particle production  
mass  $\sim 10^{14}$  GeV



superhorizon resonance  
mass, spin, coupling, etc  
amplitude nonanalyticity

# Data are coming in!

- ~ 2 orders in near future; ~ 4 ultimately with 21cm



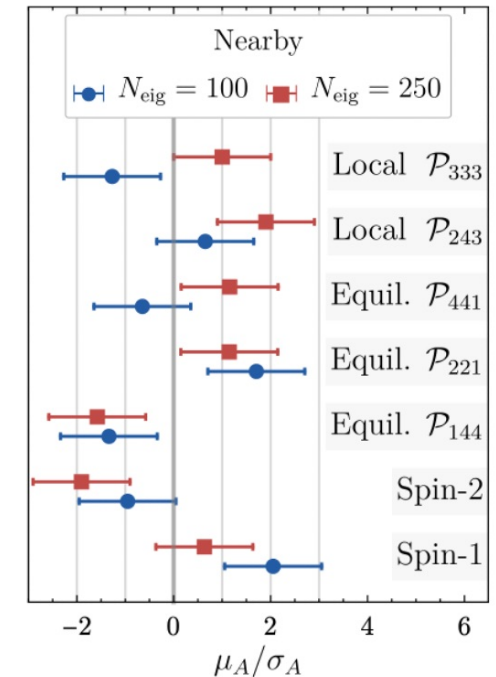
[Snowmass 2021: 2203.08128]

- Searches from CMB [Sohn et al. 2404.07203] and LSS data [Cabass et al. 2404.01894]

- Realistic particle models

- Parity violation [Bao, Wang, ZX, Zhong, 2504.02931]

- Quasi-single field inflation meets CMB [Kumar, Lu, ZX, Zhang, to appear]



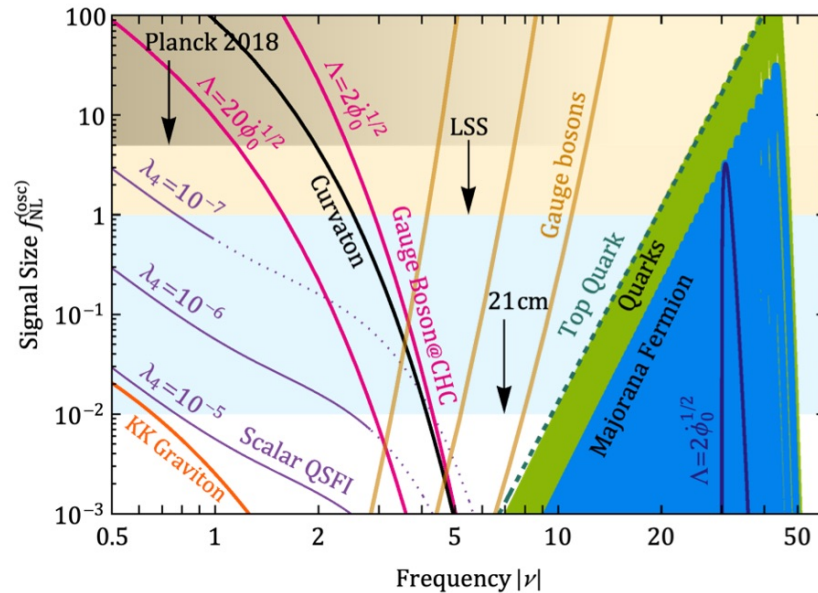
[Bao et al., 2504.02931]

# Big questions

- Cosmological collider signals are cool, but:
  - Can they be true?
  - How to find them?



# Can they be true? --- Particle Phenomenology



[Lian-Tao Wang, ZX, 1910.12876]

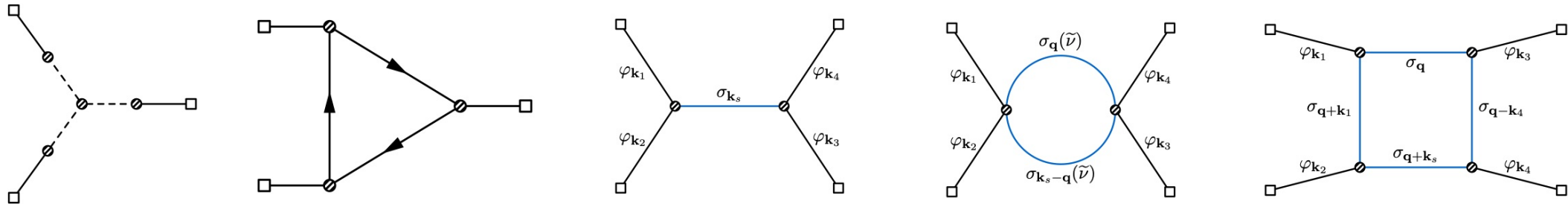
Over the years, many particle models identified in SM/BSM, with **naturally** large signals

Many fascinating stories which are still ongoing

The CC signals can be there, and deserve to be treated seriously

# How to find them? --- Theory templates

- Behind the CC signals are “simple” Feynman graphs in the inflationary background:



- To look for CC signals in real data, we need a template bank
- Not a kinematic point, but the full shape; not for a parameter; but a multi-dim parameter grid
- We'd better compute them with **precision** and **efficiency**
- They may be hard, but let's not complain; Let's do it, **analytically**
- Developing fast! Many computations considered impossible a few years ago are now done

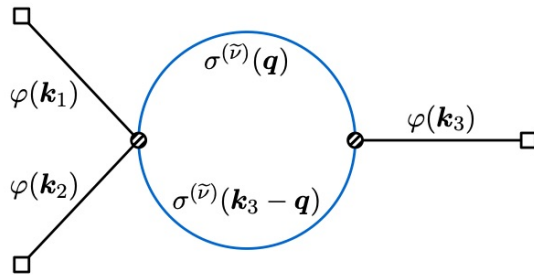
# Why analytic?

- Data-wise: good analytical strategy speeds up numerical computation

Example: 3pt massive bubble: numerical  $[O(10^5) \text{ CPU hrs}]$  vs. analytical  $[O(10s) \text{ @ laptop}]$

[Wang, ZX, Zhong, 2109.14635]

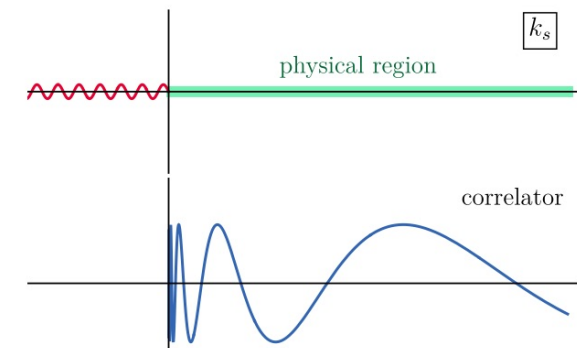
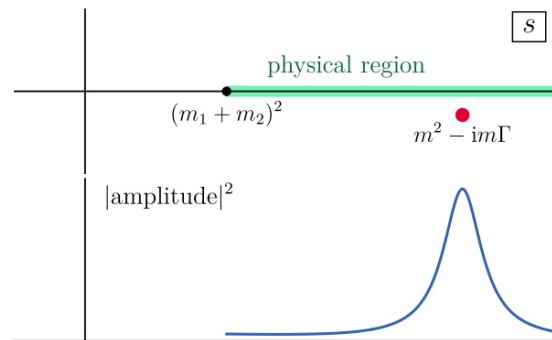
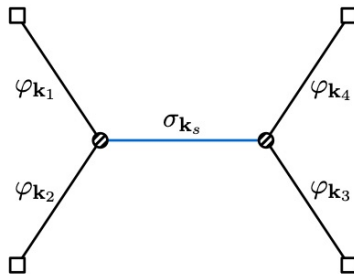
[Liu, Qin, ZX, 2407.12299]



$$\mathcal{J}^{0,-2}(u) = Cu^3 - \frac{u^4}{128\pi \sin(2\pi i\tilde{\nu})} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(3 + 4i\tilde{\nu} + 4n)(1 + n)_{\frac{1}{2}}(1 + 2i\tilde{\nu} + n)_{\frac{1}{2}}}{(\frac{1}{2} + i\tilde{\nu} + n)_{\frac{1}{2}}(\frac{3}{2} + i\tilde{\nu} + n)_{\frac{1}{2}}} \\ \times \left\{ {}_2\mathcal{F}_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} 2 + 2i\tilde{\nu} + 2n, 4 + 2i\tilde{\nu} + 2n \\ 4 + 4i\tilde{\nu} + 4n \end{matrix} \middle| u \right] u^{2n+2i\tilde{\nu}} - {}_3\mathcal{F}_2 \left[ \begin{matrix} 1, 2, 4 \\ 1 - 2n - 2i\tilde{\nu}, 4 + 2n + 2i\tilde{\nu} \end{matrix} \middle| u \right] \right\} \\ + (\tilde{\nu} \rightarrow -\tilde{\nu})$$

- Theory-wise: good lessons about QFT in dS from analytical structures of correlators

Whenever a correlator becomes singular, there is a physical reason

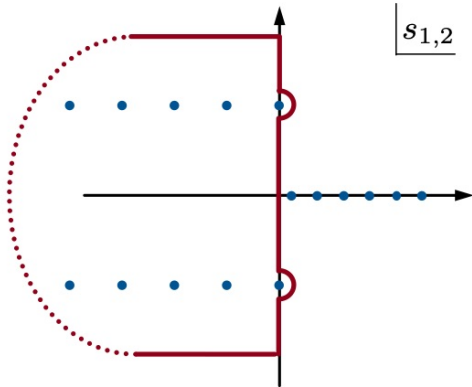


[Qin, ZX, 2308.14802]



# Analytical methods

Partial Mellin-Barnes representation [Resolve!]



• Differential equations [Pinch!]

$$\mathcal{D}_{K_\alpha/E_i} \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram with vertices } p_i, p_j \text{ and edges } E_i, E_j, K_\alpha, \tilde{\nu}_\alpha \end{array} \right) = \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram with vertex } p_{ij+4} \text{ and edges } E_{ij} \end{array}$$

Family tree decomposition [Flip!]

$$\tau_1 \xrightarrow{\quad} \tau_2 + \tau_1 \xleftarrow{\quad} \tau_2 = \tau_1 \text{---} \tau_2$$

• Dispersion relations [Glue!]

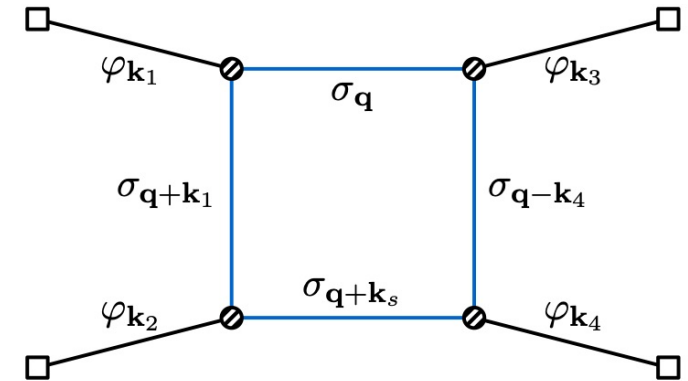
$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram with wavy line } r \end{array} = \int \frac{dr'}{2\pi i} \frac{1}{r' - r} \times \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram with wavy line } r' \end{array} \times \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram with wavy line } r' \end{array} \right)$$

# Massive inflation correlators

[See Chen, Wang, ZX, 1703.10166 for a review]

$$\mathcal{T}(\{\mathbf{k}\}) \sim \underbrace{\int d\tau}_{\text{vertex int}} \underbrace{\int d^d \mathbf{q}}_{\text{loop int}} \times (-\tau)^p \times e^{iE\tau} \times \underbrace{H_{i\tilde{\nu}} \left[ -K(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{k})\tau \right]}_{\text{ext line}} \times \underbrace{\theta(\tau_i - \tau_j)}_{\text{bulk line}}$$

- Massless / conformal external lines + (principal) massive internal lines
- Challenges:
  - Mode functions (Hankel, Whittaker, ...)
  - Loop momentum integrals
  - Nested time integrals
- Complexity increases with # of loops and # of vertices



# Partial Mellin-Barnes representation

[Qin, ZX, 2205.01692, 2208.13790]

MB rep for all **bulk lines**; Resolving special functions into power functions

For example: Massive scalar propagator [Hankel function]

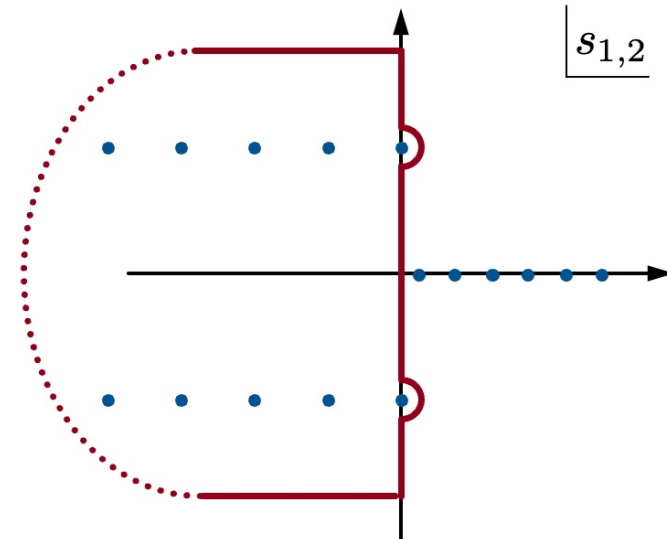
$$H_{\nu}^{(1)}(-k\tau) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-i\infty}^{i\infty} \frac{ds}{2\pi i} \left(\frac{k}{2}\right)^{-2s} (-\tau)^{-2s} e^{(2s-\nu-1)\pi i/2} \Gamma\left[s - \frac{\nu}{2}, s + \frac{\nu}{2}\right]$$

Expanding in dilatation eigenmode, but no **dilatation or boost symmetry required**

**Time and loop momentum integrals factorized, enabling separate treatments**

$$\mathcal{T}(\{\mathbf{k}\}) \sim \int ds \times \mathcal{G}(s) \times \left[ \int d^d \mathbf{q} K(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{k})^\alpha \right] \quad \text{Loop int}$$

$$\times \left[ \int d\tau e^{iE\tau} \times (-\tau)^\beta \times \theta(\tau_i - \tau_j) \right] \quad \text{Time int}$$



[See also Sleight 1907.01143 etc.]

# Family tree decomposition

[ZX, Zang, 2309.10849]

**Family tree decomposition:** flip the directions such that all graphs are partially ordered

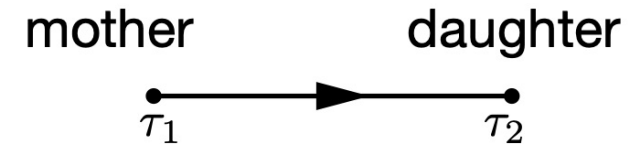
$$\theta(\tau_1 - \tau_2) + \theta(\tau_2 - \tau_1) = 1$$



**Partial order:**

A mother can have any number of daughters

but a daughter must have only one mother



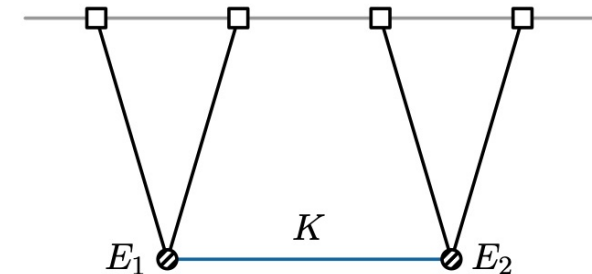
Every resulting nested graph can be interpreted as a **maternal family tree**

A notation for FTs:  $\left[ \overset{\text{sisters}}{\underset{\text{mother-daughter}}{12(34 \cdots)(5 \cdots)}} \right] = \int_{-\infty}^0 \prod_{i=1}^N \left[ d\tau_i (-\tau_i)^{q_i-1} e^{i\omega_i \tau_i} \right] \theta_{21} \theta_{32} \theta_{52} \theta_{43} \cdots$

$$[\mathcal{P}(\hat{1}2 \cdots N)] = \frac{(-i)^N}{(i\omega_1)^{q_1 \cdots N}} \sum_{n_2, \dots, n_N=0}^{\infty} \Gamma(q_1 \cdots N + n_2 \cdots N) \prod_{j=2}^N \frac{(-\omega_j / \omega_1)^{n_j}}{(\tilde{q}_j + \tilde{n}_j) n_j!}$$

# What can PMB + FTD do?

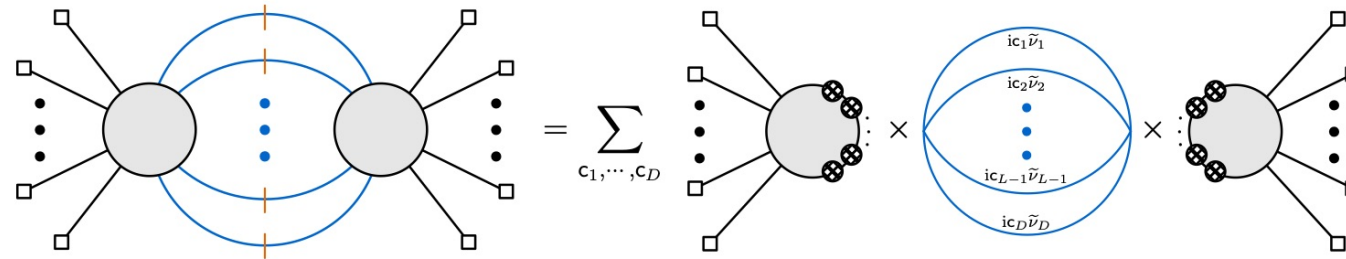
- Tree level: A trivial procedure to get analytical results for all trees [solved]  
PMB => FTD => Collecting MB poles => Solutions in hypergeo series [ZX, Zang, 2309.10849]
- A byproduct: complete analytical answer for all conformal scalar tree amplitudes in power-law FRW space [automatically solve the kinematic flow diff eqs] [Fan, ZX, 2403.07050]
- Beyond tree level: Full computation remains challenging  
However, very useful for studying analytical structure of arbitrary loop graphs
- Generally, a (tree or loop) correlator can exhibit singular behavior (branch point) at:
  - Nonlocal signal branch points (soft momentum limit)  
 $K \rightarrow 0$
  - Local signal branch points (hard energy limit)  
 $E_1 \rightarrow \infty$  or  $E_2 \rightarrow \infty$
  - Partial energy branch points (zero energy sum limit)  
 $E_1 + K \rightarrow 0$  or  $E_2 + K \rightarrow 0$  or  $E_1 + E_2 \rightarrow 0$





# Singularity structure / factorization theorems / cutting rules

- Take the nonlocal signal as an example (very relevant to CC pheno)
- The nonlocal signal is factorized (and thus cut) and computable to the leading order in the soft momentum but to all loop orders [Qin, ZX, 2304.13295; 2308.14802]



$$\mathfrak{M}_{c_1 \dots c_D}(P) \equiv \frac{P^{3(D-1)}}{(4\pi)^{(5D-3)/2}} \Gamma \left[ \begin{matrix} -\sum_{i=1}^D c_i i \tilde{\nu}_i - \frac{3}{2}(D-1) \\ \frac{3}{2}D + \sum_{i=1}^D c_i i \tilde{\nu}_i \end{matrix} \right] \prod_{\ell=1}^D \left\{ \Gamma \left[ \frac{3}{2} + c_\ell i \tilde{\nu}_\ell, -c_\ell i \tilde{\nu}_\ell \right] \left( \frac{P}{2} \right)^{2i c_\ell \tilde{\nu}_\ell} \right\}$$

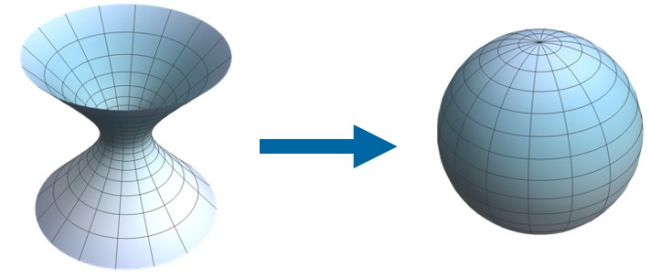
- Similar factorization and cutting rules hold for the local signal [Qin, ZX, to appear] and partial-energy limit [Wu, ZX, Zhang, to appear]
- In a sense, the nonanalytic part is always “simpler” than the analytic part

# Spectral decomposition of loops

[ZX, Zhang, 2211.03810; Zhang, to appear]

Loops greatly simplified with new strategies in certain cases: **spectral decomposition**

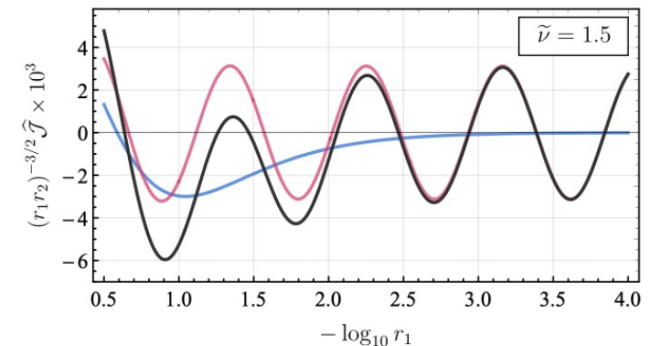
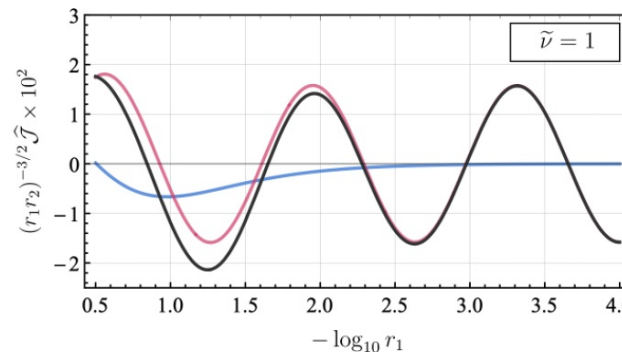
$$\begin{array}{c} \square \\ \varphi_{\mathbf{k}_1} \\ \diagdown \\ \circ \\ \varphi_{\mathbf{k}_2} \\ \diagup \\ \square \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \sigma_{\mathbf{q}}(\tilde{\nu}) \\ \text{---} \text{blue circle} \text{---} \\ \sigma_{\mathbf{k}_s - \mathbf{q}}(\tilde{\nu}) \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \diagup \\ \varphi_{\mathbf{k}_4} \\ \square \\ \varphi_{\mathbf{k}_3} \\ \diagdown \\ \square \end{array} = \int d\tilde{\nu}' \frac{\tilde{\nu}'}{\pi i} \rho_{\tilde{\nu}}(\tilde{\nu}') \left( \begin{array}{c} \square \\ \varphi_{\mathbf{k}_1} \\ \diagdown \\ \circ \\ \varphi_{\mathbf{k}_2} \\ \diagup \\ \square \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \sigma_{\mathbf{k}_s}(\tilde{\nu}') \\ \text{---} \text{pink line} \text{---} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \diagup \\ \varphi_{\mathbf{k}_4} \\ \square \\ \varphi_{\mathbf{k}_3} \\ \diagdown \\ \square \end{array} \right)$$



Rewrite bubble 1-loop as linear superposition of tree graphs with all possible masses.

The spectral density obtainable by  
Wick-rotating dS to sphere or AdS

With spectral method, we get the first and hitherto only known complete analytical result for massive 1-loop processes



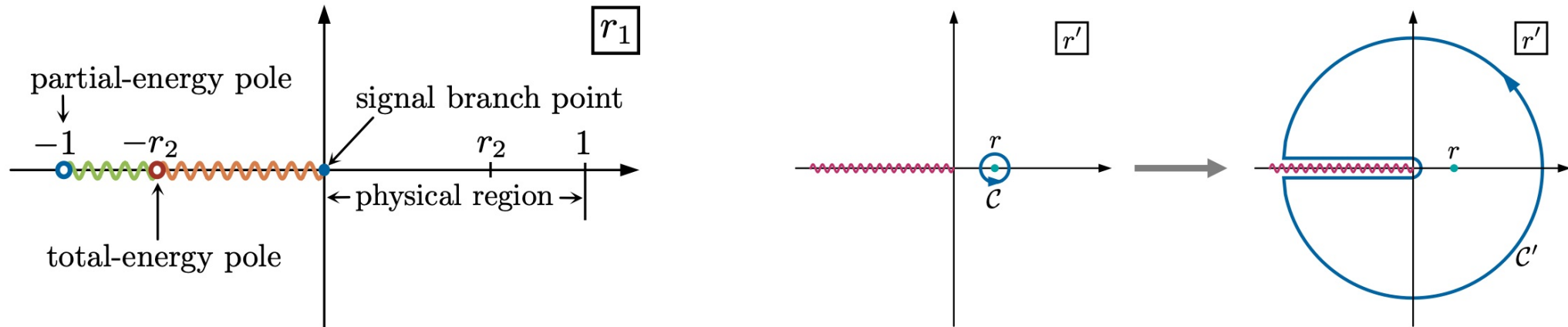


# A dispersive bootstrap

[Liu, Qin, ZX, 2407.12299; Liu, Qin, Wu, ZX, Zhang, to appear]

The study of analyticity allows us to locate all singularities on the complex plane

=> Bootstrapping complex graphs by gluing simpler ones. The glue: dispersion integral



Dispersion integrals are insensitive to UV (local) physics

New and much simplified analytical expression for loops; UV and IR neatly separated

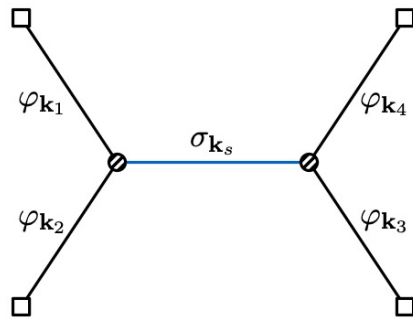
In particular: we identify an “**irreducible background**” demanded by analyticity

Lesson: UV div/regularization artificial and avoidable; but renormalization physical

[See also: Werth, 2409.02072]

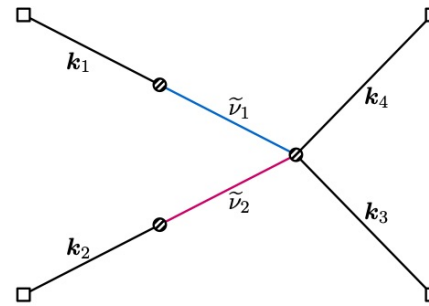
# Differential equations

- “Old” technique, first used in cosmo correlators as a “bootstrap” equation
- However, much easier to derive and to generalize in the bulk



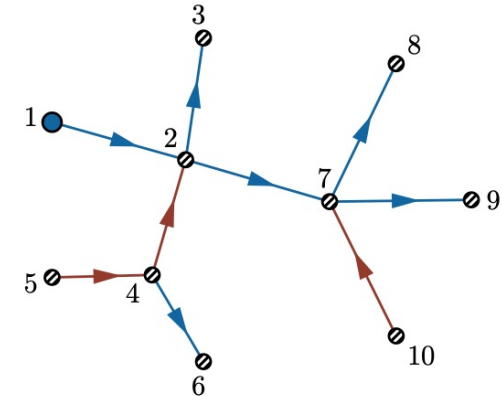
1 exchange (2018)

“Cosmological bootstrap”  
[Arkani-Hamed, Baumann,  
Lee, Pimentel, 1811.00024]



2 exchanges (2024)

[ZX, Zang, 2309.10849]  
[Aoki, Pinol, Sano, Yamaguchi,  
Zhu, 2404.09547]



Arbitrary exchanges (2023)

Partial Mellin-Barnes  
[Qin, ZX, 2205.01692, 2208.13790]  
Family tree [ZX, Zang, 2309.10849]

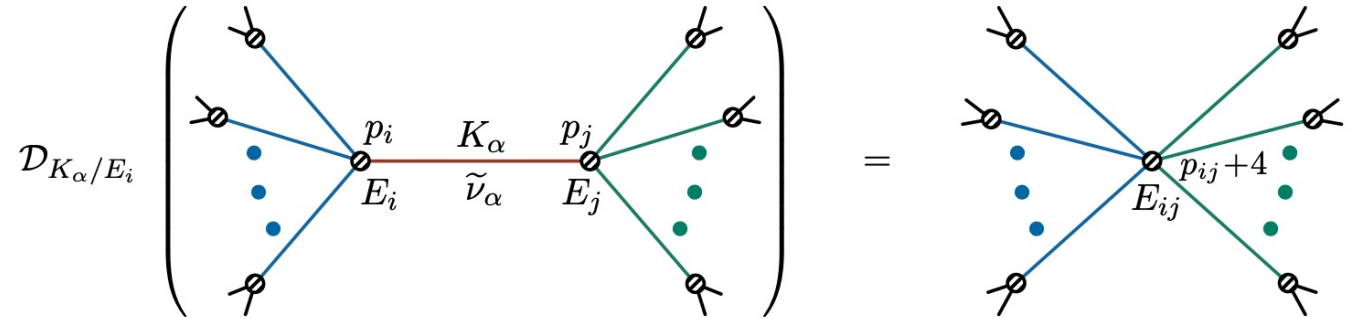
- **Partial Mellin-Barnes + family-tree decomposition** reduce all analytical computation to a trivial but tedious routine; The results involve too many layers of summations
- **It'd be good to have a rule to write down the results without doing any computation**

[See also Pimentel, Wang, 2205.00013, Qin, ZX, 2208.13790, 2301.07047, Jazayeri, Renaux-Petel, 2205.10340, Qin, Renaux-Petel, Tong, Werth, Zhu, 2506.01555, etc]

# Differential equations for arbitrary massive trees

[Liu, ZX, 2412.07843]

- An internal line (bulk propagator) is collapsed to 0 or  $\delta$  by a Klein-Gordon operator
- The KG operator can be pulled out of the integral with IBP at a given vertex
- We obtain a 2nd order diff eq for the graph by picking up a line + one of its two endpoint
- There are a total of  $2I$  choices  $\Rightarrow 2I$  diff eqs for  $2I$  indep energy ratios. A complete set!



$$\mathcal{D}_{(\alpha i)} \mathcal{G} = \frac{r_{(\alpha i)}^{p_j+4} r_{(\alpha j)}^{p_i+4}}{[r_{(\alpha i)} + r_{(\alpha j)}]^{p_{ij}+5}} \mathcal{C}_\alpha[\mathcal{G}],$$

$$\mathcal{D}_{(\alpha i)} \equiv \left( \vartheta_{(\alpha i)} - \frac{3}{2} \right)^2 + \tilde{\nu}_\alpha^2 - r_{(\alpha i)}^2 (\vartheta_{\{i\}} + p_i + 2) (\vartheta_{\{i\}} + p_i + 1)$$

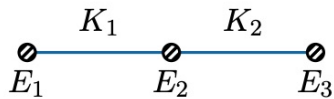
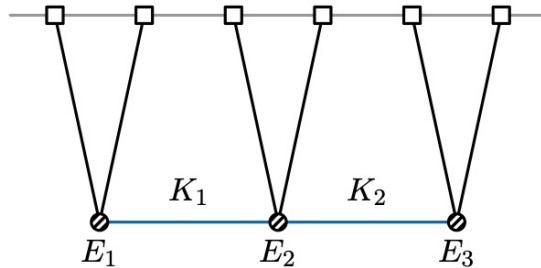
$$r_{(\alpha i)} = \frac{K_\alpha}{E_i} \quad \vartheta_{(\alpha i)} \equiv r_{(\alpha i)} \frac{\partial}{\partial r_{(\alpha i)}} \quad \vartheta_{\{i\}} \equiv \sum_{\beta \in \mathcal{N}(i)} \vartheta_{(\beta i)}$$

# Complete solution

[Liu, ZX, 2412.07843]

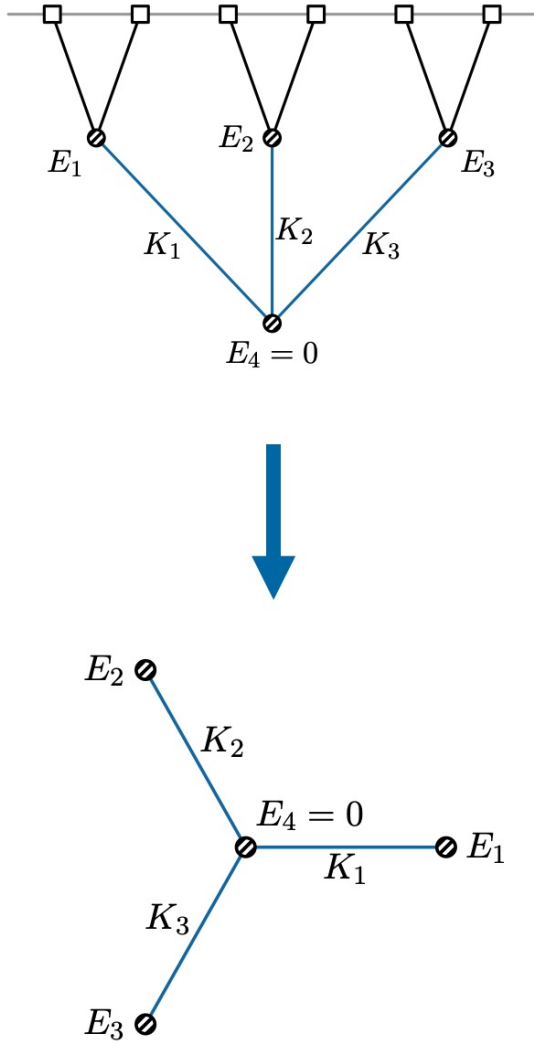
$$\mathcal{G} = \sum_{i \in 2^K} C_i^{\text{ut}} [\mathcal{G}]$$

- The complete solution to arbitrary massive tree is the sum of the CIS (completely inhom sol) and all of its cuts.
- CIS => massive family tree
- Cuts => “tuned” (# or ♭) massive family trees



$$\begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{c} \textcircled{\times} \xrightarrow{K_1} \textcircled{\times} \xrightarrow{K_2} \textcircled{\times} \\ E_1 \quad E_2 \quad E_3 \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \textcircled{\times} \xrightarrow{\text{blue}} \textcircled{\times} \xrightarrow{\text{red}} \textcircled{\times} \\ \textcircled{\times} \xrightarrow{\text{blue}} \textcircled{\times} \xrightarrow{\text{red}} \textcircled{\times} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \textcircled{\times} \xrightarrow{\text{blue}} \textcircled{\times} \xrightarrow{\text{red}} \textcircled{\times} \\ \textcircled{\times} \xrightarrow{\text{blue}} \textcircled{\times} \xrightarrow{\text{red}} \textcircled{\times} \end{array} \\ + \begin{array}{c} \textcircled{\times} \xrightarrow{\text{blue}} \textcircled{\times} \xrightarrow{\text{red}} \textcircled{\times} \\ \textcircled{\times} \xrightarrow{\text{blue}} \textcircled{\times} \xrightarrow{\text{red}} \textcircled{\times} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \textcircled{\times} \xrightarrow{\text{blue}} \textcircled{\times} \xrightarrow{\text{red}} \textcircled{\times} \\ \textcircled{\times} \xrightarrow{\text{blue}} \textcircled{\times} \xrightarrow{\text{red}} \textcircled{\times} \end{array} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{G}_3 = & \llbracket 123 \rrbracket + \llbracket 1^{\sharp 1} \rrbracket \left( \llbracket 2^{\sharp 1} 3 \rrbracket + \llbracket 2^{\flat 1} 3 \rrbracket \right) + \llbracket 12^{\sharp 2} \rrbracket \left( \llbracket 3^{\sharp 2} \rrbracket + \llbracket 3^{\flat 2} \rrbracket \right) \\ & + \llbracket 1^{\sharp 1} \rrbracket \left( \llbracket 2^{\sharp 1 \sharp 2} \rrbracket + \llbracket 2^{\flat 1 \sharp 2} \rrbracket \right) \left( \llbracket 3^{\sharp 2} \rrbracket + \llbracket 3^{\flat 2} \rrbracket \right) + \text{shadows} \end{aligned}$$



$$\mathcal{G}'_4 = \text{CIS} [\mathcal{G}'_4] + \sum_{\alpha=1}^3 \text{Cut}_{K_\alpha} [\mathcal{G}'_4] + \sum_{\alpha \neq \beta} \text{Cut}_{K_\alpha, K_\beta} [\mathcal{G}'_4] + \text{Cut}_{K_1, K_2, K_3} [\mathcal{G}'_4]$$

$$\text{CIS} [\mathcal{G}'_4] = \llbracket 1\cancel{A}(2)(3) \rrbracket,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\alpha=1}^3 \text{Cut}_{K_\alpha} [\mathcal{G}'_4] &= \llbracket 1^{\#1} \rrbracket \left( \llbracket 2\cancel{A}^{\#1} 3 \rrbracket + \llbracket 2\cancel{A}^{b1} 3 \rrbracket \right) + \llbracket 1\cancel{A}^{\#2} 3 \rrbracket \left( \llbracket 2^{\#2} \rrbracket + \llbracket 2^{b2} \rrbracket \right) \\ &\quad + \llbracket 1\cancel{A}^{\#3} 2 \rrbracket \left( \llbracket 3^{\#3} \rrbracket + \llbracket 3^{b3} \rrbracket \right) + \text{shadows}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\alpha \neq \beta} \text{Cut}_{K_\alpha, K_\beta} [\mathcal{G}'_4] &= \llbracket 1^{\#1} \rrbracket \llbracket 2^{\#2} \rrbracket \left( \llbracket 3\cancel{A}^{\#1\#2} \rrbracket + \llbracket 3\cancel{A}^{b1\#2} \rrbracket + \llbracket 3\cancel{A}^{\#1b2} \rrbracket + \llbracket 3\cancel{A}^{b1b2} \rrbracket \right) \\ &\quad + \llbracket 1^{\#1} \rrbracket \left( \llbracket 2\cancel{A}^{\#1\#3} \rrbracket + \llbracket 2\cancel{A}^{b1\#3} \rrbracket \right) \left( \llbracket 3^{\#3} \rrbracket + \llbracket 3^{b3} \rrbracket \right) \\ &\quad + \llbracket 1\cancel{A}^{\#2\#3} \rrbracket \left( \llbracket 2^{\#2} \rrbracket + \llbracket 2^{b2} \rrbracket \right) \left( \llbracket 3^{\#3} \rrbracket + \llbracket 3^{b3} \rrbracket \right) + \text{shadows}, \end{aligned}$$

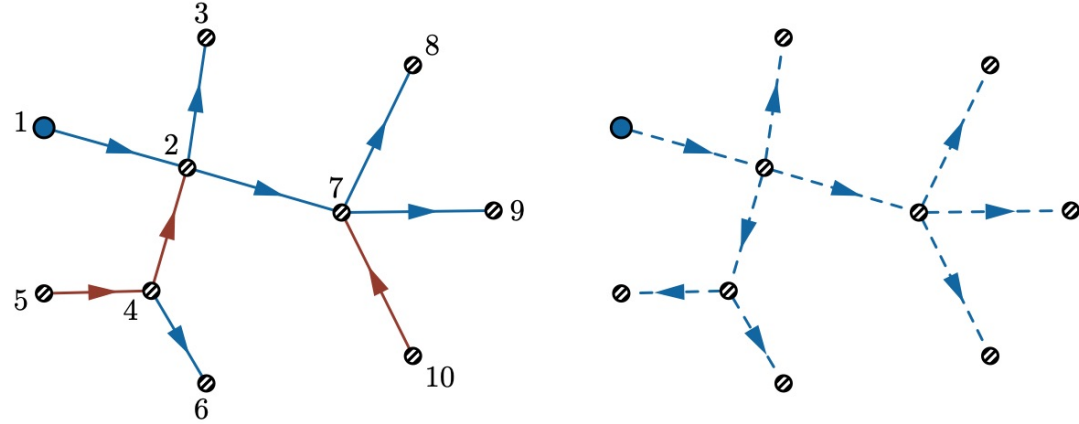
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Cut}_{K_1, K_2, K_3} [\mathcal{G}'_4] &= \llbracket 1^{\#1} \rrbracket \llbracket 2^{\#2} \rrbracket \llbracket 3^{\#3} \rrbracket \left( \llbracket \cancel{A}^{\#1\#2\#3} \rrbracket + \llbracket \cancel{A}^{b1\#2\#3} \rrbracket + \llbracket \cancel{A}^{\#1b2\#3} \rrbracket + \llbracket \cancel{A}^{\#1\#2b3} \rrbracket \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \llbracket \cancel{A}^{b1b2\#3} \rrbracket + \llbracket \cancel{A}^{b1\#2b3} \rrbracket + \llbracket \cancel{A}^{\#1b2b3} \rrbracket + \llbracket \cancel{A}^{b1b2b3} \rrbracket \right) + \text{shadows} \end{aligned}$$



# Completely inhomogeneous solution: massive family trees

- Quite remarkably, the CIS has a direct hypergeo rep:  $\text{CIS} [\mathcal{G}_V] = \llbracket \mathcal{P}(1 \cdots V) \rrbracket$
- The solution expanded in the largest vertex energy ( $1/E_1$ ), indep of the order of other energies
- Picking up a largest energy automatically generates a partial order: **massive family tree**  
 $q$ : a “family parameter” encoding the tree structure:

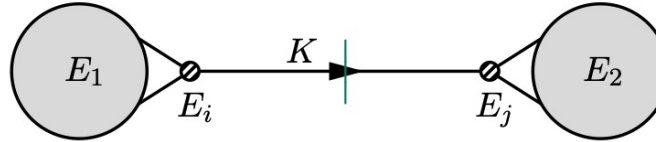
$$q_i \equiv \tilde{\ell}_i + 2\tilde{m}_i + \tilde{p}_i + 4N_i$$



$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket 1 \cdots V \rrbracket &= \sum_{\{\ell, m\}} 2^V \cos(\pi p_1 \cdots p_V / 2) \Gamma(q_1 + p_1 + 1) \\ &\times \prod_{i=2}^V \frac{(-1)^{\ell_i}}{\ell_i! \left( \frac{\ell_i + q_i + p_i}{2} + \frac{5}{4} \pm \frac{i\tilde{\nu}_i}{2} \right)_{m_i+1}} \left( \frac{K_i}{2E_1} \right)^{2m_i+3} \left( \frac{E_i}{E_1} \right)^{\ell_i + p_i + 1} \end{aligned}$$

# Homogeneous solutions: cuts of massive family trees

- The homogeneous solutions are obtained by executing appropriate cuts:



$$\text{Cut}_{K_\alpha} [\tilde{\mathcal{G}}_V] = \llbracket \hat{1} \dots i^\# \dots V_1 \rrbracket \left\{ \llbracket (V_1 + 1) \dots j^\# \dots V \rrbracket + \llbracket (V_1 + 1) \dots j^\flat \dots V \rrbracket \right\} + \text{c.c.}$$

- The cut involves certain dressings of massive family trees: augmentation and flattening:

$$\llbracket \dots i^\# \dots \rrbracket \equiv \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{\Gamma(-m - i\tilde{\nu}_\alpha)}{m!} \left( \frac{K_\alpha}{2E_i} \right)^{2m+i\tilde{\nu}_\alpha+3/2} \llbracket \dots i \dots \rrbracket_{p_i \rightarrow p_i+2m+i\tilde{\nu}_\alpha+3/2} ,$$

$$\llbracket \dots i^\flat \dots \rrbracket \equiv \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{\Gamma(-m + i\tilde{\nu}_\alpha)}{m!} \left( \frac{K_\alpha}{2E_i} \right)^{2m-i\tilde{\nu}_\alpha+3/2} \left\{ \frac{\cos \left[ \frac{\pi(p_{\text{tot}}+2i\tilde{\nu}_\alpha)}{2} \right]}{\cos \left( \frac{\pi p_{\text{tot}}}{2} \right)} \llbracket \dots i \dots \rrbracket \right\}_{p_i \rightarrow p_i+2m-i\tilde{\nu}_\alpha+3/2}$$



# Where are we now?

- Massive tree graphs: solved; WYSIWYG solutions, in hypergeo series
- Loop level: simple 1-loop graphs (massive bubbles) computed, also in hypergeo series
- Analytical structures largely known for all trees and many loops: only poles / branch points of finite degrees
- **Conjecture:** Any graphic contribution to a renormalized massive cosmological correlator is a multivariate hypergeometric function with only power-law singularities (finite-deg poles or branch points)
- Most of these hypergeo functions are not yet named, and are like “black boxes”
- Then what does the analytical calculation mean other than giving correlators names?
- Why  $pF_q$  / Appell / Lauricella look like black boxes to us, but sine and cosine do not?

# What is analytical computation?

- Using series solutions to define, identify, and represent family trees (hypergeo functions)
- Using the flexibility of FTD to link different reps of family trees => Analytical continuation!

$$\begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \tau_1 \end{array} \xrightarrow{\quad} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \tau_2 \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \tau_1 \end{array} \xleftarrow{\quad} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \tau_2 \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \tau_1 \end{array} \text{-----} \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \tau_2 \end{array}$$

$$[12] = [12] \quad \frac{1}{\omega_1^{q_{12}}} {}_2\mathcal{F}_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} q_2, q_{12} \\ q_2 + 1 \end{matrix} \middle| -\frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1} \right] = \frac{\Gamma[q_2]}{\omega_{12}^{q_{12}}} {}_2\mathcal{F}_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} 1, q_{12} \\ q_2 + 1 \end{matrix} \middle| \frac{\omega_2}{\omega_{12}} \right]$$

$$[12] + [21] = [1][2] \quad \frac{1}{\omega_1^{q_{12}}} {}_2\mathcal{F}_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} q_2, q_{12} \\ q_2 + 1 \end{matrix} \middle| -\frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1} \right] + \frac{1}{\omega_2^{q_{12}}} {}_2\mathcal{F}_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} q_1, q_{12} \\ q_1 + 1 \end{matrix} \middle| -\frac{\omega_1}{\omega_2} \right] = \frac{\Gamma[q_1, q_2]}{\omega_1^{q_1} \omega_2^{q_2}}$$

$$[123] + [2(1)(3)] = [1][23] \quad \frac{1}{\omega_1^{q_{123}}} {}^{2+1}\mathcal{F}_{1+1} \left[ \begin{matrix} q_{123}, q_{23} \\ q_{23} + 1 \end{matrix} \middle| \begin{matrix} -, q_3 \\ -, q_3 + 1 \end{matrix} \middle| -\frac{\omega_2}{\omega_1}, -\frac{\omega_3}{\omega_1} \right] + \frac{1}{\omega_2^{q_{123}}} \mathcal{F}_2 \left[ \begin{matrix} q_{123} \\ q_1 + 1, q_3 + 1 \end{matrix} \middle| -\frac{\omega_1}{\omega_2}, -\frac{\omega_3}{\omega_2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{\Gamma[q_1]}{\omega_1^{q_1} \omega_2^{q_{23}}} {}_2\mathcal{F}_1 \left[ \begin{matrix} q_3, q_{32} \\ q_3 + 1 \end{matrix} \middle| -\frac{\omega_3}{\omega_2} \right]$$

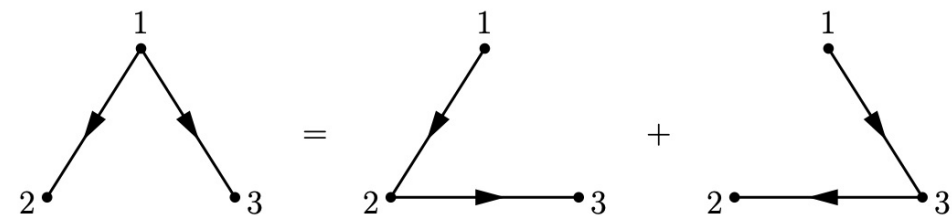
- We are currently able to find hypergeo series reps for any family trees at all of their singular points [Fan, ZX, 250X.XXXXXX]

Family trees are further decomposable  
into chains [Fan, ZX, 2403.07050; 250X.XXXXX]

$$\theta_{21}\theta_{31}(\theta_{32} + \theta_{23}) = \theta_{32}\theta_{21} + \theta_{23}\theta_{31}$$

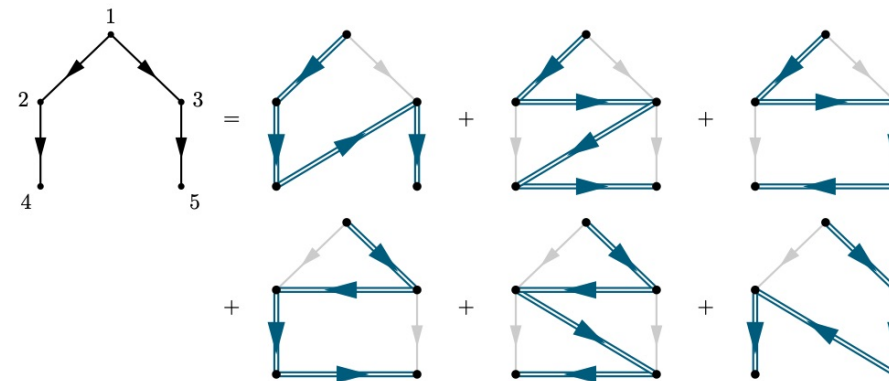
Shuffle product:

$$ab \sqcup cd = abcd + acbd + acdb \\ + cabd + cadb + cdab$$



Practically: taking shuffle product  
recursively among all subfamilies

$$\begin{aligned} [1(24)(35)] &= \{1(24) \sqcup (35)\} \\ &= \{12435\} + \{12345\} + \{12354\} \\ &\quad + \{13245\} + \{13254\} + \{13524\} \end{aligned}$$



Family chain: standard iterated integrals; Hopf algebra; transcendental weight;  
Higher weight functions cannot be fully reduced to lower weight functions

# Final thoughts and outlooks

- We have found simple rules to identify & write down all hypergeo sols for any tree graphs
- Straightforward generalizations:
  - degenerate limits □ boost-breaking dispersion □ loop integrands [ongoing]
- However, we have to deal with unfamiliar hypergeo functions. Two bold programs:
  - Charting out all singularity structure of cosmological correlators
  - Obtaining hypergeo series reps at all singularities (at least for trees)
- In the meantime, many classic pheno examples remain challenging (triple exchange / strong mixing / chemical potential loops), even numerically. We should work harder
- Thinking pheno-wise: all computations must be initiated analytically and finished numerically, the only question being where to execute the analytical-to-numerical transition
- We hope that some of the analytical progress can provide new insights and better answers!

**Thank you!**