Overview of non-Gaussian models

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Inflation as the origin of structure



 $\delta \phi_{inflaton}$



 δT_{CMB} $\delta \rho_{matter}$

 $\delta n_{\text{galaxies}}$

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reminder: simplest option, Gaussian

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two-point function:

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v)> v)> z)>

Φcurvature

single-field, slow-roll inflation predicts this

observations suggest IC's are nearly Gaussian

BUT small departures may exist and could provide one of few observational handles on physics of inflation

Example mildly non-Gaussian initial conditions



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here, δσ is a Gaussian field. the non-linear terms in δσ make Φ non-Gaussian this map completely specifies Φ statistics

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Those were the non-Gaussian (1-point) probability distributions functions

but

more generally, non-Gaussianity introduces non-trivial multi-point correlation functions (or polyspectra)

Bispectrum:

$\langle \Phi(\mathbf{k})\Phi(\mathbf{k}')\Phi(\mathbf{k}'')\rangle = 2\mathbf{f}_{NL} \left(P_{\Phi}(\mathbf{k}) P_{\Phi}(\mathbf{k}') + \ldots \right) (2\pi)^{3} \delta(\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{k}'+\mathbf{k}'')$

function of triangle

largest in	the 🖵	k ,
"squeezed"	limit	k'

K"

(Φ=primordial gravitational potential)

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+ 2 T_{NL} (P_{ϕ}(k) P_{ϕ}(k') P_{ϕ}(|k+k"|) + . . .) (2 π)³ δ (k+k'+k"+k"')

function of a quadrilateral

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, so g_{NL} and τ_{NL} different ``shape" trispectra

 $(\Phi=primordial gravitational potential)$

Helpful to consider how polyspectra couple different physical scales scales

 $(\Phi=primordial gravitational potential)$

Slosar, Hirata, Seljak, Ho, Padmanabhan 2008

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These are cartoon examples but these types of initial conditions can arise from real models

For instance

potential ~ $V(\phi,\sigma)$ $\delta\phi$

inflaton dominates energy density, drives exponential expansion $H^2 = 8\pi G/3 (1/2 \dot{\phi}^2 + V(\phi))$

δσ

σ**∽** curvaton

curvaton is an additional light (m_{curv.} << H) field that gets excited and eventually generates curvature perturbations Φ

Linde and Mukhanov 1997; Lyth and Wands 2002

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curvature perturbations from curvaton can be non-Gaussian " f_{NL} " $\Phi \sim \delta\sigma + \delta\sigma^2$ " g_{NL} " $\Phi \sim \delta\sigma + \delta\sigma^3 + \dots$ " T_{NL} " $\Phi \sim \delta\phi + \delta\sigma + \delta\sigma^2 + \dots$

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" f_{NL} " $\Phi \sim \delta\sigma + \delta\sigma^2$ " g_{NL} " $\Phi \sim \delta\sigma + \delta\sigma^3 + \dots$ "local" in position space " T_{NI} " $\Phi \sim \delta\varphi + \delta\sigma + \delta\sigma^2 + \dots$

But <u>local</u> models (i.e. $\Phi_{NG}(x)=F(\sigma_G(x))$) of non-Gaussianity is not the only option

Single-field inflation with strong self-interactions can also generate detectable non-Gaussianity

see Babich, Creminelli, Zaldarriaga 2004; Chen, Huang, Kachru, Shiu 2006; Senatore, Smith, Zaldarriaga 2011 (e.g. Dirac-Born-Infeld inflation, k-inflation, ghost inflation, inflation w dissipation)

Alishahiha, Silverstein, Tong 2004; Armendariz-Picon, Damour, Mukhanov 1999; Arkani-Hamed, Creminelli, Mukohyama, Zaldarriaga 2004; Nacir, Porto, Senatore, Zaldarriaga 2012 Single-field inflation with strong self-interactions can also generate detectable non-Gaussianity

skewness, bispectrum amplitude $\langle \Phi^3 \rangle \qquad \langle \Phi(\mathbf{k}) \Phi(\mathbf{k}') \Phi(\mathbf{k}'') \rangle \propto 1/c_s^2$

largest in the "equilateral" limit

BUT vanish in the "squeezed" limit where, vanish means 0+0(k_L²/k_s²)

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k'

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a single-field that violates slow-roll can also generate observable non-Gaussianity

V(φ)_

V(φ)

skewness, bispectrum amplitude $\langle \Phi^3 \rangle \quad \langle \Phi(\mathbf{k}) \Phi(\mathbf{k}') \Phi(\mathbf{k}'') \rangle \propto \text{local}$ feature in k

Φ

shape complicated!

φ

 k_2/k_1

/ k"

 k_3/k_1

Chen, Easther, Lim 2006; Chen, Easther, Lim 2008; Flauger & Pajer 2010 (e.g. Axion monodromy: McAllister, Silverstein, Westphal 2008; Flauger, McAllister, Pajer, Westphal, Xu 2009)

> still vanish in the "squeezed" limit

single-field with modified initial vacuum state generates observable non-Gaussianity

k"

skewness, bispectrum amplitude $\langle \Phi^3 \rangle \qquad \langle \Phi(\mathbf{k}) \Phi(\mathbf{k}') \Phi(\mathbf{k}'') \rangle \propto \beta_k \sim e^{-k^2/k_{cut-off}^2}$

shape

Holman and Tolley 2008

largest in "flattened" configuration

still vanish in the "squeezed" limit **k**

k'

but, may have non-vanishing contributions in a limited, observable k-range

Agullo & Shandera 2012; Ganc & Komatsu 2012

In fact:

single-field inflation predicts $\approx f_{NL}$ $\langle \Phi(\mathbf{k})\Phi(\mathbf{k}')\Phi(\mathbf{k}''-->0) \rangle \approx (n_s-1)(2\pi)^3 \, \delta(\mathbf{k}+\mathbf{k}') \, P_{\Phi}(\mathbf{k}) \, P_{\Phi}(\mathbf{k}'')$ \mathbf{k}'' \mathbf{k}'' where $n_s = dlnP_{\Phi}(\mathbf{k})/dln\mathbf{k} + 4 \approx 1$

the so called "consistency relation" so $f_{NL} \gtrsim few$ rules it out

Acquaviva, Bartolo, Matarrese, Riotto 2003; Maldacena 2003; Creminelli & Zaldarriaga 2004 (see also Tanaka, Urakawa 2011)

Note: single-field consistency relation $f_{NL} \approx \frac{\partial \ln k^3 P_{\Phi}}{\partial \ln k} = (n_s - 1)$ also applies to g_{NL} and T_{NL} $g_{NL} \approx \frac{\partial \ln k^6 B_{\Phi}}{\partial \ln k} = n_{NG}$ $T_{\rm NL} \approx (n_{\rm s}-1)^2$ e.g. Chen, Huang, Shiu 2008; Leblond & Pajer 2011

(see also Tanaka, Urakawa 2011) in terms of physical observables these are strictly zero also have,

 $|T_{NL} \geq f_{NL}^2|$

Suyama & Yamaguchi 2008; Sugiyama, Komatsu, Futamase 2011; Smith, ML, Zaldarriaga 2011 Single-field models <u>do not</u> generate such extreme couplings of perturbations on short and long length scales

 $\langle \Phi(k_{S})\Phi(-k_{S}-k_{L})\Phi(k_{L})\rangle \sim \langle P_{\Phi}(k_{S})\Phi(k_{L})\rangle \sim f_{NL} k_{S}^{-3} k_{L}^{-3}$

Mother fields >> H ----> single-field $\langle \Phi(k_s)\Phi(-k_s-k_L)\Phi(k_L) \rangle \sim 0$

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intermediate scalings possible!

$$v \sim \sqrt{9/4} - m^2/H^2$$

How does primordial non-Gaussianity show up in large-scale structure?

(n)

inflaton

V(φ,σ) •

σ

curvaton

HALO ABUNDANCE

dark matter halos form in peaks of the density field

non-Gaussianity changes the number density of peaks

no skewness, positive kurtosis

Gaussian

positive skewness

Lucchin & Matarrese 1988; Chiu, Ostriker, Strauss 1998; Robinson, Gawiser, Silk 2000

HALO ABUNDANCE

$\rightarrow \frac{dn_{NG}}{dM} / \frac{dn_{G}}{dM}$

seems to work in comparison to N-body!

(with caveats about how you approximate the PDF)

see also Dalal, Dore, Huterer, Shirokov 2007; Grossi et al 2009; Kang, Norberg, Silk 2009; Pillepich, Porciani, Hahn 2009 ; Desjacques and Seljak 2010; Wagner, Verde, Boubekeur 2010

ML & Smith 2010

HALO ABUNDANCE

Pros: ingredients just $\langle \delta_M^2 \rangle$, $\langle \delta_M^3 \rangle$, $\langle \delta_M^4 \rangle$ -insensitive to "shape" of bispectrum trispectrum. in principle $\langle \delta_M^3 \rangle$, $\langle \delta_M^4 \rangle$ effects not degenerate in dn/dM

Cons: cosmology with cluster abundance is really hard (mass-observable, degeneracy with σ_8 etc)

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so the number of halos fluctuates depending on δ_l

 $\delta n = \frac{\partial n}{\partial \delta} \delta_1 ...$

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δρ/ρ΄

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bias depends on Fourier scale k

Desjacques & Seljak 2009; Smith, Ferraro, ML 2011

<u>local</u> non-Gaussianity $\Phi(x)=\Phi_G(x)+f_{NL}(\Phi_G(x)^2-\langle\Phi_G^2\rangle)+g_{NL}(\Phi_G(x)^3-\Phi_G\langle\Phi_G^2\rangle)$

→ scale dependent halo bias b_{fNL,gNL} (k) ~ b + <u>f_{NL},g_{NL} × consta</u>nt k²

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> observational systematics may be hard! precise values of f_{NL}, g_{NL} will require care -- but seeing 1/k² is the most exciting part Smith, Ferraro, ML 2011 (Desjacques and Seljak 2010; Desjacques, Jeong, Schmidt 2011; Scoccimarro et al 2012

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bias coefficient for g_{NL} in terms of mass $b_{gNL}(k) = b + \frac{3g_{NL}\partial lnn(M)}{k^2} \frac{\partial f_{NL}}{\partial f_{NL}}$

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but! exact 1/k² not necessarily expected!

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generalized local ansatz

 $\langle \Phi(k_{\rm S})\Phi(-k_{\rm S}-k_{\rm L})\Phi(k_{\rm L})\rangle \sim \xi_{\sigma}(k_{\rm S})k_{\rm S}^{-3} k_{\rm L}^{-3}$ $\langle \Phi(k_{\rm S})\Phi(-k_{\rm S}-k_{\rm L})\Phi(k_{\rm L})\rangle \sim \xi_{\sigma\phi}(k_{\rm S}) \xi_{\sigma\phi}(k_{\rm L})k_{\rm S}^{-3} k_{\rm L}^{-3}$

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quasi-single field models?

 $\langle \Phi(k_{\rm S})\Phi(-k_{\rm S}-k_{\rm L})\Phi(k_{\rm L})\rangle \sim \langle P_{\Phi}(k_{\rm S})\Phi(k_{\rm L})\rangle \sim f_{\rm NL} k_{\rm S}^{-3} k_{\rm L}^{-3} \left(\frac{k_{\rm L}}{k_{\rm S}}\right)^{3/2-\nu}$

 $f_{NL}(M) \sim f_{NL} k_s^{-3/2+\nu} k_s \sim (\rho/M)^{1/3}$

 $b(k) \sim k^{-2+3/2-\nu}$

 $0 \leq v \leq 3/2$

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and, it's one that vanishes in single-field models

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Summary

Lots of different kinds of non-Gaussian initial conditions

- qualitatively different shapes & scalings of non-Gaussianity from qualitatively different models
- ${\it @}$ halo abundance sensitive to local statistics of δ_{M}
- halo clustering (scale-dep bias) probes squeezed limits of bispectrum, trispectrum -- power to rule out singlefield inflation
- analytic description for the halo mass function looks good compared with N-body so far
- Analytic descriptions of halo bias agree well with sims

First theory breakout session summary:

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"squeezed" limit k_s k_s k_s - k_L k_s - k_L k_s - k_L

> Every bispectrum has a squeezed limit It just might be very small.....

Seeing anything in scale-dep. bias/squeezed limit is indicative of new physics incredibly exciting

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First theory breakout session summary: Since every bispectrum (i.e. models other than f_{NL} local) has a squeezed limit, scale dependent bias constrains a broad space of theories.

<u>However</u>, scale-dependent bias in other theories will not have the usual form: $b_0+2\delta_c f_{NL}(b_0-1)/k^2$

more powerful to fit:

$b(k)=b_0+f(M)/k^{\alpha}$

where f(M) is a function of mass (that can be calculated from a non-Gaussian model) that is proportional to the amplitude of non-Gaussianity (e.g. $\propto f_{NL}$, g_{NL}) and it's probably safe to assume $0 \le \alpha \le 3$

special values of α :

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0 ≤ α ≤ 2 : quasi-single-field

α = 2 : exact local model (f<sub>NL</sub>, g<sub>NL</sub>)

α = 2 ± ε : two fields contributing to primordial perturbations

α = 3: modified initial state
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First theory breakout session summary: AGAIN, seeing anything in scale-dep. bias/squeezed limit is indicative of new physics incredibly exciting

<u>A detection would mean there are other signatures to go</u> after and help distinguish between models <u>the current limits are already interesting</u>

There are non-Gaussian models that have vanishingly small squeezed limits (and therefore vanishingly small scale-dep bias) BUT detectably large signals in other, non-squeezed configurations. SO we should continue to explore other observables (e.g. galaxy bispectrum in non-squeezed configurations)