Non-Gaussianities with next generation CMB experiments: challenges and new observables Daan Meerburg







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• Somewhere in between; Take away, not good/great. Worse then mode-counting for all

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Are there other ways to probe the 'primary modes' with the CMB? Possibly....

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