Cosmology at IPhT

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Standard cosmological model



Goals of cosmology today

Answer these questions:

- How did the Universe begin (inflation, one or many fields, etc.) and what is its history (expansion history, thermal history, etc.)
- What is it made of (usual matter, dark matter, dark energy, neutrinos, etc.)
- What are its physical laws (general relativity, modified gravity, etc.)











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• Metric perturbations created from inflation:

$$g_{ij} = a^2(t)e^{2\zeta(\vec{x})}\delta_{ij}$$

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$$\langle \zeta \zeta \zeta \rangle = f_{\rm NL} \langle \zeta \zeta \rangle^2$$

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The long mode



In a universe where everything originates from the same field, a long-wavelength metric perturbation redefines the background = to re-scaling of the coordinates:

$$g_{ij}dx^i dx^j = a^2(t)e^{2\zeta_L(\vec{x})}d\vec{x}^2 = a^2(t)d\tilde{\vec{x}}^2 \implies \tilde{k} = ke^{-\zeta_L}$$

rescaling of momenta

$$\langle \zeta_{\vec{k}_L} \zeta_{\vec{k}_S} \zeta_{\vec{k}'_S} \rangle = \langle \zeta_{\vec{k}_L} \langle \zeta_{\vec{k}_S} \zeta_{\vec{k}_{S'}} \rangle_{\zeta_L} \rangle \approx -\frac{\mathrm{d} \ln \langle \zeta_{\vec{k}_S} \zeta_{-\vec{k}_S} \rangle}{\mathrm{d} \ln k_S} \langle \zeta_{\vec{k}_S} \zeta_{-\vec{k}_S} \rangle \langle \zeta_{\vec{k}_L} \zeta_{-\vec{k}_L} \rangle$$

 \vec{k}_L

Maldacena '02

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 $f_{\rm NL} \ll 1$

• Argument does not apply in multi-field models:

Multi-field models can generically predict larger non-Gaussianity '02 $f_{\rm NL}\gtrsim 1$

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| Single field prediction | Window of opportunity | Excluded by CMB exp. | L L |
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• Solving coupled Boltzmann and Einstein equations up to 2nd order '08:

$$\frac{df_I}{d\eta} = C_I[f_I], \quad I = \gamma, \nu, b, \text{CDM} \quad \& \quad G_{ij} = 8\pi G \sum_I T_{ij}^{(I)}$$

Integration of the photon temperature along the line of sight



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Agreement between full calculation and analytic expression '12



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- Challenges: nonlinearities, baryonic physics, bias, galaxy formation and merging, etc... Much more difficult than CMB.

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• Exploring theory space and modelling the phenomenology of new physics on cosmological scales (long and strong tradition at IPhT)



The long mode, again

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Consistency relations of the LSS

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$$\left\langle \delta_{\vec{k}_{L}}(t)\delta_{\vec{k}_{1}}(t_{1})\delta_{\vec{k}_{2}}(t_{2})\right\rangle' \simeq \left\langle \delta_{\vec{k}_{L}}(t)\delta_{-\vec{k}_{L}}(t)\right\rangle' \frac{\vec{k}_{L}\cdot\vec{k}_{1}}{k_{L}^{2}} \left[\frac{D(t_{1})}{D(t)}\left\langle \delta_{\vec{k}_{1}}(t_{1})\delta_{-\vec{k}_{1}}(t_{1})\right\rangle' - \frac{D(t_{2})}{D(t)}\left\langle \delta_{\vec{k}_{2}}(t_{2})\delta_{-\vec{k}_{2}}(t_{2})\right\rangle'\right]$$

Valid for any tracers, hold nonlinearly in the short modes, after shell crossing, including baryonic physics and bias '13 - '17

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$$\langle \delta_{\vec{k}_L}(t) \delta^A_{\vec{k}_1}(t) \delta^B_{\vec{k}_2}(t) \rangle' \simeq 0$$

if Equivalence Principle holds

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$$\langle \delta_{\vec{k}_L}(t) \delta^A_{\vec{k}_1}(t) \delta^B_{\vec{k}_2}(t) \rangle' \simeq \epsilon \langle \delta_{\vec{k}_L}(t) \delta_{-\vec{k}_L}(t) \rangle' \frac{\vec{k}_L \cdot \vec{k}}{k_L^2} \langle \delta^A_{\vec{k}}(t) \delta^B_{-\vec{k}}(t) \rangle'$$

if Equivalence Principle is violated '13

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Modified gravitational wave propagation

Modified gravity spontaneously breaks Lorentz Invariance. Acts like a medium, where gravitons are absorbed and dispersed. Effects accumulate on long time-scale.





Generalized scalar-tensor theories

$$\mathcal{L} = G_{4}(\phi, X)R + G_{2}(\phi, X) + G_{3}(\phi, X)\Box\phi \qquad \Box\phi \equiv \phi_{;\mu}^{;\mu} \quad X \equiv g^{\mu\nu}\phi_{;\mu}\phi_{;\nu} \\ - 2G_{4,X}(\phi, X) \Big[(\Box\phi)^{2} - (\phi_{;\mu\nu})^{2} \Big] \\ + G_{5}(\phi, X)G^{\mu\nu}\phi_{;\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{3}G_{5,X}(\phi, X) \Big[(\Box\phi)^{3} - 3\Box\phi(\phi_{;\mu\nu})^{2} + 2(\phi_{;\mu\nu})^{3} \Big] \\ - F_{4}(\phi, X)\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho}{}_{\sigma}\epsilon^{\mu'\nu'\rho'\sigma}\phi_{;\mu}\phi_{;\mu'}\phi_{;\nu\nu'}\phi_{;\rho\rho'} \\ - F_{5}(\phi, X)\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}\epsilon^{\mu'\nu'\rho'\sigma'}\phi_{;\mu}\phi_{;\mu'}\phi_{;\nu\nu'}\phi_{;\rho\rho'}\phi_{;\sigma\sigma'}$$

Self-acceleration and screening: large classical scalar field nonlinearities



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The future

