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# Outline

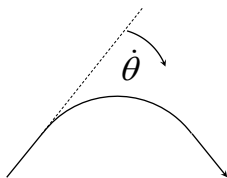
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# Effects of heavy physics as non-trivial $c_s$

Effects of heavy physics in “speed of sound”

$$c_s^{-2} \equiv 1 + \frac{4\dot{\theta}^2}{M_{\text{eff}}^2} \quad (\dot{\theta}: \text{angular velocity of traj})$$



Single field theory with non-trivial  $c_s^2$ : Footprint of heavy physics

(Achucarro et al. 2012a)

$\mathcal{F}$  borrows kinetic energy of  $\mathcal{R} \rightarrow$  propagation speed  $c_s$  reduced

- EFT in  $\square/M_{\text{eff}}^2$ : universal footprint of heavy physics
- Many scalar fields in BSM, e.g. moduli
- New observables poorly constrained  $\rightarrow$  to be tested in next decades

# Splitting canonical action

EFT = canonical ( $c_s = 1$ ) + (**occasional**) departure from  $c_s = 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 S &= \underbrace{\int d^4x a^3 \epsilon m_{\text{Pl}}^2 \left[ \frac{\dot{\mathcal{R}}^2}{c_s^2} - \frac{(\nabla \mathcal{R})^2}{a^2} \right]}_{= S_2, \text{ "free" part}} + S_3 + \dots \\
 &= \underbrace{S_{2, \text{canonical}}}_{c_s=1 \text{ part}} + \underbrace{\int d^4x a^3 \epsilon m_{\text{Pl}}^2 \left( \frac{1}{c_s^2} - 1 \right) \dot{\mathcal{R}}^2}_{\equiv S_{2, \text{int}}} + S_3 + \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

- Well known, accurate Green's function

(For example, [JG & Stewart 2001](#), [Choe, JG & Stewart 2004](#))

- Interaction valid for a **limited interval** (c.f. [Chen & Wang 2010](#))

c.f. Using  $dy \equiv c_s d\tau = c_s dt/a$ ,  $q^2 \equiv a^2 \epsilon / c_s$  and  $v = \sqrt{2} q \mathcal{R}$  ([Baumann, Senatore & Zaldarriaga 2011](#))

$$S_2 = \int d^4x \frac{m_{\text{Pl}}^2}{2} \left[ (v')^2 - (\nabla v)^2 + \frac{q''}{q} v^2 \right]$$

But see later parts of this presentation

# Features in the power spectrum

Interaction Hamiltonian at quadratic order

$$H_{\text{int}}^{(2)}(t) = \int d^3x \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}^{(2)}}{\partial \dot{\mathcal{R}}} \dot{\mathcal{R}} - \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}^{(2)} \right) = \int d^3x a^3 \epsilon m_{\text{Pl}}^2 \underbrace{\left( \frac{1}{c_s^2} - 1 \right)}_{\equiv -u(t)} \dot{\mathcal{R}}^2$$

Features in the power spectrum

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \hat{\mathcal{R}}_{\mathbf{k}}(\tau) \hat{\mathcal{R}}_{\mathbf{q}}(\tau) \rangle &= -i \int_{\tau_{\text{in}}}^{\tau} a(\tau') d\tau' \langle 0 | \left[ \hat{\mathcal{R}}_{\mathbf{k}}(\tau) \hat{\mathcal{R}}_{\mathbf{q}}(\tau), H_{\text{int}}^{(2)}(\tau') \right] | 0 \rangle = (2\pi)^3 \delta^{(3)}(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{q}) \frac{2\pi^2}{k^3} \Delta \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}} \\ \rightarrow \frac{\Delta \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}}}{\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}}} &= \kappa \int_0^{\infty} dt u(t) \sin(2\kappa t) \quad \text{with} \quad \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}} = \frac{H^2}{8\pi^2 m_{\text{Pl}}^2 \epsilon}, t \equiv \frac{\tau}{\tau_{\star}}, \kappa \equiv \frac{k}{k_{\star}} \end{aligned}$$

Inverting this relation to write  $u$  in terms of observable  $\Delta \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}} / \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}}$

$$u(t) = \frac{2i}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\kappa}{\kappa} \frac{\Delta \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}}}{\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}}} \left( \frac{\kappa}{2} \right) e^{i\kappa \tau}$$

Correlated bispectrum and power spectrum:  $B_{\mathcal{R}} = \int(\dots \Delta \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}} / \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}})$

# Leading bispectrum for varying $c_s$

Leading order action in terms of  $u(t)$

$$S_3 \supset \int d^4x a^3 m_{\text{Pl}}^2 \epsilon \left[ 3u \dot{\mathcal{R}}^2 \mathcal{R} - (u + 2s) \mathcal{R} (\nabla \mathcal{R})^2 \right] \quad \left( s \equiv \frac{\dot{c}_s}{H c_s} \right)$$

Assumption:  $H$ ,  $\epsilon$  and  $\eta_{\parallel}$  approximately **constant** ( $K \equiv k_1 + k_2 + k_3$ )

$$B_{\mathcal{R}}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3) = 2\Re \left\{ 2i \hat{\mathcal{R}}_{k_1}(0) \hat{\mathcal{R}}_{k_2}(0) \hat{\mathcal{R}}_{k_3}(0) \left[ 3\epsilon \frac{m_{\text{Pl}}^2}{H^2} \int_{-\infty}^0 d\tau \frac{u}{\tau^2} \frac{d\hat{\mathcal{R}}_{k_1}^*(\tau)}{d\tau} \frac{d\hat{\mathcal{R}}_{k_2}^*(\tau)}{d\tau} \hat{\mathcal{R}}_{k_3}^*(\tau) + 2 \text{perm} \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. + \epsilon \frac{m_{\text{Pl}}^2}{H^2} (\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \mathbf{k}_2 + 2 \text{perm}) \int_{-\infty}^0 d\tau \frac{u + 2s}{\tau^2} \hat{\mathcal{R}}_{k_1}^*(\tau) \hat{\mathcal{R}}_{k_2}^*(\tau) \hat{\mathcal{R}}_{k_3}^*(\tau) \right] \right\} \\ = \frac{(2\pi)^4 \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}}^2}{(k_1 k_2 k_3)^3} \left[ \frac{3}{2} (k_1 k_2)^2 \left\{ \frac{1}{K} \frac{\Delta \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}}}{\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}}} \left( \frac{K}{2k_{\star}} \right) - k_3 \frac{d}{dk} \left[ \frac{1}{k} \frac{\Delta \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}}}{\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}}} \left( \frac{k}{2k_{\star}} \right) \right] \right|_{k=K} \right\} + 2 \text{perm} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{k}_1 \cdot \mathbf{k}_2 + 2 \text{perm}) \left\{ \frac{K^2 - (k_1 k_2 + 2 \text{perm})}{K} \frac{\Delta \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}}}{\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}}} \left( \frac{K}{2k_{\star}} \right) + k_1 k_2 k_3 \frac{d}{dk} \left[ \frac{1}{k} \frac{\Delta \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}}}{\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}}} \left( \frac{k}{2k_{\star}} \right) \right] \right|_{k=K} \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. - (k_1 k_2 + 2 \text{perm}) \frac{d}{dk} \left[ \frac{\Delta \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}}}{\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}}} \left( \frac{k}{2k_{\star}} \right) \right] \right|_{k=K} + k_1 k_2 k_3 \frac{d^2}{dk^2} \left[ \frac{\Delta \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}}}{\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}}} \left( \frac{k}{2k_{\star}} \right) \right] \right|_{k=K} \right\} \right]$$

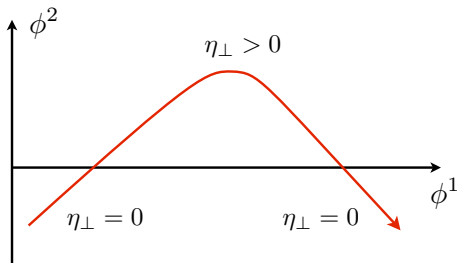
(Achucarro, [JG](#), Palma & Patil, to appear)

**Correlation between spectra is manifest!**



# Modeling curvilinear trajectory

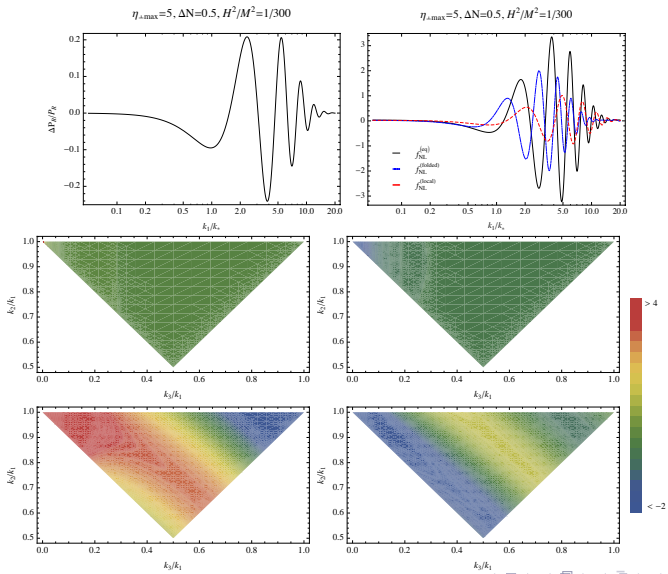
A **cosh turn** in otherwise straight trajectory in 2-field system



$$\eta_{\perp} = \frac{\dot{\theta}}{H} = \frac{\eta_{\perp, \text{max}}}{\cosh^2 [2(N - N_{\star}) / \Delta N]}$$

(Equations of motion: see Achucarro et al. 2011)

# Features from smooth curvilinear trajectory



# General slow-roll approximation

- $\widehat{\mathcal{R}}_k(\tau)$  = de Sitter piece + **higher order corrections**
- **No guarantee** for the hierarchy between slow-roll parameters
- Up to 1st order corrections in the standard SR known (Chen et al. 2007)
- Consistent account in more general contexts

Mode equation:  $z^2 \equiv 2a^2 m_{\text{pl}}^2 \epsilon$ ,  $y \equiv \sqrt{2kz} \widehat{\mathcal{R}}_k$ ,  $dx \equiv -kc_s dt/a$ ,  $f \equiv 2\pi xz/k$

$$\underbrace{\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + \left(1 - \frac{2}{x^2}\right) y}_{\text{de Sitter solution}} = \frac{1}{x^2} \underbrace{\frac{f'' - 3f'}{f}}_{\equiv g(\log x)} y \quad \left(f' \equiv \frac{df}{d \log x}\right) \rightarrow y_0(x) = \left(1 + \frac{i}{x}\right) e^{ix}$$

departure from dS

Green's function solution (JG & Stewart 2001)

$$\begin{aligned} y(x) &= y_0(x) + \frac{i}{2} \int_x^\infty \frac{du}{u^2} g(\log u) [y_0^*(u) y_0(x) - y_0^*(x) y_0(u)] y(u) \\ &\equiv y_0(x) + L(x, u) y(u) \\ &= y_0(x) + L(x, u) y_0(u) + L(x, u) L(u, v) y_0(v) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

## 3rd order action reprocessed

$\dot{\mathcal{R}}^3$  and  $\dot{\mathcal{R}}^2 \mathcal{R}$  : cumbersome to compute with many derivatives

$$\int \dot{\mathcal{R}}^3 \sim \int (\dot{y}_0 + \dot{L}y_0 + L\dot{y}_0 + \dots)^3 \sim \odot$$

Using partial int and linear eq to **reduce the # of derivatives**

$$\left. \frac{\delta L}{\delta \mathcal{R}} \right|_1 \equiv \frac{a^3 \epsilon}{c_s^2} \left\{ \ddot{\mathcal{R}} + \underbrace{\left[ \frac{c_s^2}{a^2 \epsilon} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{a^2 \epsilon}{c_s^2} \right) + H \right]}_{\equiv C=H(3+\eta-2s)} \dot{\mathcal{R}} - \frac{\Delta}{a^2} \mathcal{R} \right\}$$

$$\int A \dot{\mathcal{R}}^3 = \int \frac{\ddot{A} - 3\dot{A}\dot{C} - 2A\dot{C} + 2AC^2}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\mathcal{R}^3}{3} \right) + \dots + \left. \frac{\delta L}{\delta \mathcal{R}} \right|_1 \frac{c_s^2}{a^3 \epsilon} \left( \frac{\dot{A} - 2AC}{2} \mathcal{R}^2 + \dots \right)$$

$$\int B \dot{\mathcal{R}}^2 \mathcal{R} = \int \frac{-\dot{B} + BC}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\mathcal{R}^3}{3} \right) + \dots + \left. \frac{\delta L}{\delta \mathcal{R}} \right|_1 \frac{c_s^2}{a^3 \epsilon} \frac{B}{2} \mathcal{R}^2$$

**Field redefinition with more terms involved** ([JG](#), Schalm & Shiu, to appear)

$$S_3 = \int dt d^3x \underbrace{\frac{m_{\text{Pl}}^2}{3} \frac{a^2 \epsilon}{c_s} \left[ -c_s a H \left( 3s + \frac{\epsilon \eta}{2} + \epsilon s + 9us - 2s^2 \right) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\eta}{c_s^2} \right) \right]}_{\equiv \mathcal{C}} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \mathcal{R}^3 \right) + (\text{higher SR terms})$$

# 1st order bispectrum in GSR

“Source” for the bispectrum

$$g_B(\log \tau) = \frac{c_s}{a^2 m_{\text{pl}}^2 \epsilon} \frac{-\tau}{f} \mathfrak{C} = \frac{1}{f} \left[ c_s a H \left( 3s + \frac{\epsilon \eta}{2} + \epsilon s + 9us - 2s^2 \right) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{d \log \tau} \left( \frac{\eta}{s} \right) \right]$$

Window functions constructed from homogeneous solution

$$y_0(k_1 \tau) y_0(k_2 \tau) y_0(k_3 \tau) = W_B(k_1, k_2, k_3; \tau) + iX_B(k_1, k_2, k_3; \tau)$$

$$y_0(k_1 \tau) y_0(k_2 \tau) y_0^*(k_3 \tau) = W_B(k_1, k_2, -k_3; \tau) + iX_B(k_1, k_2, -k_3; \tau) \equiv W_{B3} + iX_{B3}$$

Bispectrum up to 1st correction [i.e.  $\mathcal{O}(g)$ ] (c.f. Adshead et al. 2011)

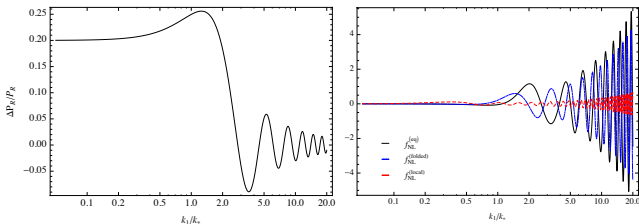
$$\begin{aligned} B_{\mathcal{R}}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3) &= \frac{(2\pi)^4}{4} \frac{\sqrt{\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}}(k_1)}}{k_1^2} \frac{\sqrt{\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}}(k_2)}}{k_2^2} \frac{\sqrt{\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}}(k_3)}}{k_3^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{d\tau}{\tau} g_B(\log \tau) \\ &\times \left\{ \left( d_\tau - 3 \frac{f'}{f} \right) W_B + \frac{1}{3} d_\tau (X_B + X_{B3}) \int_0^\infty \frac{d\bar{\tau}}{\bar{\tau}} g(\log \bar{\tau}) X(k_3 \bar{\tau}) + 2 \text{ perm} \right. \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{3} d_\tau W_{B3} \int_\tau^\infty \frac{d\bar{\tau}}{\bar{\tau}} g(\log \bar{\tau}) W(k_3 \bar{\tau}) - \frac{1}{3} d_\tau X_{B3} \int_0^\tau \frac{d\bar{\tau}}{\bar{\tau}} g(\log \bar{\tau}) X(k_3 \bar{\tau}) + 2 \text{ perm} \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{1}{2} d_\tau (X_B + X_{B3}) \int_\tau^\infty \frac{d\bar{\tau}}{\bar{\tau}} g(\log \bar{\tau}) \left( \frac{1}{k_3 \bar{\tau}} + \frac{1}{k_3^3 \bar{\tau}^3} \right) + 2 \text{ perm} \right\} \left( d_\tau \equiv \frac{d}{d \log \tau} + 3 \right) \end{aligned}$$

# Example: Starobinsky model

**Starobinsky model:** linear  $V(\phi)$  + sudden slope change (Starobinsky 1992)

$$V(\phi) = V_0 \times \begin{cases} \left[ 1 - A(\phi - \phi_0) \right] & \text{for } \phi < \phi_0 \\ \left[ 1 - (A + \Delta A)(\phi - \phi_0) \right] & \text{for } \phi > \phi_0 \end{cases}$$

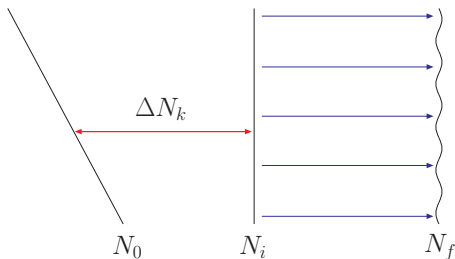
de Sitter approx:  $\frac{f'}{f} = -\frac{\ddot{\phi}}{H\dot{\phi}}$ ,  $g = -3\frac{V''}{V}$ ,  $g_B = \frac{1}{f} \frac{d}{d \log \tau} \left( \frac{\ddot{\phi}}{H\dot{\phi}} \right)$  (Choe, JG & Stewart 2004)



(cf. Arroja & Sasaki 2012)



# Evolution of field fluctuations



- 1  $N_i$ : initial slice (flat) for the  $\delta N$  formalism,  $\delta\phi_{\text{flat}}^a \equiv Q^a$
- 2  $N_f$ : final slice (comoving) for the  $\delta N$  formalism
- 3  $N_0$ : horizon crossing of a mode  $k$

$Q^a(N_0) = \text{Gaussian} \rightarrow Q^a(N_i = N_0 + \Delta N_k) = \text{non-Gaussian}$

$$\Delta N_k = \log\left(\frac{a_i}{a_0}\right) \approx \log\left[\frac{(aH)_i}{k}\right] \rightarrow k\text{-dependence}$$



# Power spectrum and its running

Evolution equation of  $Q^a$  on large scales (Elliston, Seery & Tavakol 2012)

$$D_N Q^a = w^a{}_b Q^b + \frac{1}{2} w^a{}_{bc} Q^b Q^c + \dots$$

$$w_{ab} = u_{(a;b)} + \frac{R_{c(ab)d}}{3} \frac{\dot{\phi}_0^c}{H} \frac{\dot{\phi}_0^d}{H} \quad \left( u_a = -\frac{V_{;a}}{3H^2} \right)$$

$$w_{abc} = u_{(a;bc)} + \frac{1}{3} \left[ R_{(a|de|b;c)} \frac{\dot{\phi}_0^d}{H} \frac{\dot{\phi}_0^e}{H} - 4R_{a(bc)d} \frac{\dot{\phi}_0^d}{H} \right]$$

$$Q^a(N_i = N_0 + \Delta N_k) = Q^a(N_0) + \Delta N_k \left( w^a{}_b Q^b + \frac{1}{2} w^a{}_{bc} Q^b Q^c + \dots \right) + \dots$$

Power spectrum and the spectral index

$$\langle \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{k}}(t_f) \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{q}}(t_f) \rangle = (2\pi)^3 \delta^{(3)}(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{q}) \frac{2\pi^2}{k^3} \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}}(\mathbf{k}) = N_a(t_i) N_b(t_i) \langle Q_{\mathbf{k}}^a(t_i) Q_{\mathbf{q}}^b(t_i) \rangle$$

$$\langle Q_{\mathbf{k}}^a(t_i) Q_{\mathbf{q}}^b(t_i) \rangle = \langle Q_{\mathbf{k}}^a(t_0) Q_{\mathbf{q}}^b(t_0) \rangle + 2\Delta N_k w^a{}_c \langle Q_{\mathbf{k}}^b(t_0) Q_{\mathbf{q}}^c(t_0) \rangle$$

$$\langle Q_{\mathbf{k}}^a Q_{\mathbf{q}}^b \rangle = \frac{H^2}{2k^3} \delta^{(3)}(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{q}) (\gamma^{ab} + \epsilon^{ab})$$

$$n_{\mathcal{R}} - 1 = \frac{D \log \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}}}{d \log k} = -2\epsilon - 2 \frac{N_a N_b w^{ab}}{N_c N^c} \quad (\text{Sasaki \& Stewart 1996})$$

# General formula for the running of $f_{\text{NL}}$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{k}_1}(t_f) \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{k}_2}(t_f) \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{k}_3}(t_f) \rangle &= (2\pi)^3 \delta^{(3)}(\mathbf{k}_{123}) B_{\mathcal{R}}(k_1, k_2, k_3) \\ &= N_a N_b N_c \langle Q_{\mathbf{k}_1}^a Q_{\mathbf{k}_2}^b Q_{\mathbf{k}_3}^c \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \left\{ N_{ab} N_c N_d \langle [Q^a \star Q^b]_{\mathbf{k}_1} Q_{\mathbf{k}_2}^c Q_{\mathbf{k}_3}^d \rangle + 2 \text{ perm} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

- ① 1st term: NL evolution between **horizon crossing & initial slice**

$$\begin{aligned} N_a(t_i) N_b(t_i) N_c(t_i) \langle Q_{\mathbf{k}_1}^a(t_i) Q_{\mathbf{k}_2}^b(t_i) Q_{\mathbf{k}_3}^c(t_i) \rangle \\ = (2\pi)^3 \delta^{(3)}(\mathbf{k}_{123}) N_a(t_i) N_b(t_i) N_c(t_i) \frac{H^4(t_0)}{4k_1^3 k_2^3 k_3^3} w^{abc} \left( k_1^3 \Delta N_{k_1} + 2 \text{ perm} \right) \end{aligned}$$

- ② 2nd term: NL evolution between **initial & final slices**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} N_{ab}(t_i) N_c(t_i) N_d(t_i) \langle [Q^a(t_i) \star Q^b(t_i)]_{\mathbf{k}_1} Q_{\mathbf{k}_2}^c(t_i) Q_{\mathbf{k}_3}^d(t_i) \rangle \\ = (2\pi)^3 \delta^{(3)}(\mathbf{k}_{123}) N_{ab}(t_i) N_c(t_i) N_d(t_i) \frac{H^4(t_0)}{4k_1^3 k_2^3} \left( \gamma^{ac} \gamma^{bd} + 2\Delta N_{k_1} w^{ac} \gamma^{bd} + 2\Delta N_{k_2} \gamma^{ac} w^{bd} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{6}{5} f_{\text{NL}} = \frac{N_{ab} N^a N^b}{(N_c N^c)^2} \left\{ 1 - \Delta N_k \left[ \underbrace{-\frac{N_a N_b N_c w^{abc}}{N_{de} N^d N^e} + 4w^{ab} \left( \frac{N_a N_b}{N_d N^d} - \frac{N_{ac} N_b N^c}{N_{de} N^d N^e} \right)}_{\equiv n_{f_{\text{NL}}}} \right] \right\}$$

# Summary

- General single field inflation
  - ① From multi-field setup: by integrating out heavy field
  - ② **Non-trivial  $c_s$** : footprint of heavy physics
- Features in the power spectrum ( $S_{2,\text{int}}$ ) and bispectrum ( $S_3$ )
  - ① Heavy quanta extract kinetic energy
  - ② **Non-trivial, oscillatory, correlated features**
- General slow-roll scheme
  - ① Terms with more derivatives → **field redefinition**
  - ② More complete 1st order bispectrum
- Running of  $f_{\text{NL}}$ 
  - ① Sensitive probe of early universe physics
  - ② **Non-trivial evolution after horizon crossing**

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