

The Bispectrum Beyond Slow-Roll in the Unified EFT of Inflation

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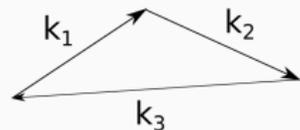


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Bispectrum is a test of the *Physics* of Inflation

Size and shape of bispectrum probes **inflaton interactions**

$$\langle \hat{\mathcal{R}}_{\mathbf{k}_1} \hat{\mathcal{R}}_{\mathbf{k}_2} \hat{\mathcal{R}}_{\mathbf{k}_3} \rangle = (2\pi)^3 \delta^3(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3) B_{\mathcal{R}}(k_1, k_2, k_3)$$



$$f_{\text{NL}}(k_1, k_2, k_3) \equiv \frac{5}{6} \frac{B_{\mathcal{R}}(k_1, k_2, k_3)}{P_{\mathcal{R}}(k_1)P_{\mathcal{R}}(k_2) + \text{perm.}}$$

Planck: $f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{squeeze.}} \sim 1 \pm 5$, $f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{equil}} \sim 0 \pm 40$, $f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{ortho.}} \sim -30 \pm 20$.

Constraints will **improve**

Slow-roll violating models produce **new discovery modes**.

In This Talk

**Simple expressions for the bispectrum for any*
single-field model even when slow-roll is violated**

**This enables precision tests of individual models and of
the single-field paradigm**

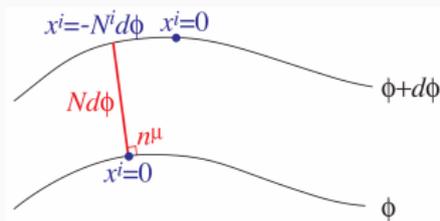
Deriving the interactions

The Unified EFT of Inflation

- EFT of inflation: **Explicitly break time diffs** in action.
- **Extended** to gravitational operators in **Dark Energy context**.
- Motohashi & Hu 2017 studied these operators in **inflationary power spectra**.

We use this framework to compute bispectrum for general models.

Work directly in 3+1 Split



$$S = \int d^4x N \sqrt{h} L(N, K^i_j, R^i_j, t),$$

- Easily connects to **model space** and to **observables**
- **Perturb around FLRW** up to **cubic order** .
- Only \mathcal{R} dynamical. Enforce **standard dispersion relation**

$$\partial^2 \mathcal{R} = \frac{1}{a Q c_s^2} \frac{d}{dt} (a^3 Q \dot{\mathcal{R}})$$

Third-Order Action for Perturbations

After **integration by parts** and use of the **equation of motion**

$$\begin{aligned} S_3 = \int d^3x dt & \left[a^3 F_1 \mathcal{R} \dot{\mathcal{R}}^2 + a F_2 \mathcal{R} (\partial \mathcal{R})^2 \right. \\ & + a^3 F_3 \dot{\mathcal{R}}^3 + a^3 F_4 \dot{\mathcal{R}} \partial_a \mathcal{R} \partial_a \partial^{-2} \dot{\mathcal{R}} + a^3 F_5 \partial^2 \mathcal{R} \left(\partial \partial^{-2} \dot{\mathcal{R}} \right)^2 \\ & + \frac{F_6}{a} \dot{\mathcal{R}} \partial^2 \mathcal{R} \partial^2 \mathcal{R} + \frac{F_7}{a^3} (\partial_a \partial_b \mathcal{R})^2 \partial^2 \mathcal{R} \\ & \left. + \frac{F_8}{a^3} \partial^2 \mathcal{R} \partial^2 \mathcal{R} \partial^2 \mathcal{R} + \frac{F_9}{a} \partial^2 \mathcal{R} (\partial_a \partial_b \mathcal{R}) \left(\partial_a \partial_b \partial^{-2} \dot{\mathcal{R}} \right) \right], \end{aligned}$$

- **k-Inflation**, **Horndeski+GLPV**, **EFT**

Consistency Relation Problem?

$$S_3^{\text{squeeze}} = \int d^3x dt \left[a^3 F_1 \mathcal{R} \dot{\mathcal{R}}^2 + a F_2 \mathcal{R} (\partial \mathcal{R})^2 \right]$$

- $F_1, F_2 \supset$ **EFT coefficients not in power spectrum.**
- Trick (extended from Creminelli et al. 2011, Adshead et al. 2013):

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{F \mathcal{R} \mathcal{H}_2}{H} \right) = \text{Terms that do not contribute to squeeze}$$

+ Consistency Relation Terms

+ Terms that cancel

Cubic Action

$$\begin{aligned} S_3 \Rightarrow \int d^3x dt & \left[a^3 Q \frac{d}{dt} \left(\epsilon_H + \frac{3}{2} \sigma + \frac{q}{2} \right) \mathcal{R}^2 \dot{\mathcal{R}} \right. && \text{SR suppressed} \\ & - \frac{d}{dt} \left[\frac{a^3 Q}{2} (\mathbf{1} - \mathbf{n}_s) \Big|_{\text{SR}} \mathcal{R}^2 \dot{\mathcal{R}} \right] && \text{gives consistency} \\ & + (\sigma + \epsilon_H) \mathcal{R} (\mathcal{H}_2 + 2\mathcal{L}_2) && \text{SR suppressed} \\ & + (1 - F) \frac{\dot{\mathcal{R}} \mathcal{L}_2}{H} && \text{no squeeze} \\ & + (F_3 \text{ through } F_9 \text{ terms}) && \text{no squeeze} \end{aligned}$$

- **Manifestly preserves consistency relation** in slow-roll.

Bispectrum Beyond Slow-Roll

In-In Formalism

$$\langle \hat{\mathcal{R}}_{\mathbf{k}_1}(t_*) \hat{\mathcal{R}}_{\mathbf{k}_2}(t_*) \hat{\mathcal{R}}_{\mathbf{k}_3}(t_*) \rangle = \text{Re} \left[-i \left\langle \hat{\mathcal{R}}_{\mathbf{k}_1}^I(t_*) \hat{\mathcal{R}}_{\mathbf{k}_2}^I(t_*) \hat{\mathcal{R}}_{\mathbf{k}_3}^I(t_*) \int_{-\infty(1+i\epsilon)}^{t_*} dt H^I(t) \right\rangle \right]$$

- $H^I \simeq -\int d^3x \mathcal{L}_3^I$ at this order
- \mathcal{R}^I satisfy quadratic-order equation of motion.

Generalized Slow-Roll

No general analytic solution to the equation of motion

$$\partial^2 \mathcal{R} = \frac{1}{aQc_s^2} \frac{d}{dt} (a^3 Q \dot{\mathcal{R}})$$

GSR is an iterative solution for the modefunctions

$$y(x) = y_0(x) - \int_x^\infty \frac{dw}{w^2} g(\ln \tilde{s}) y(w) \operatorname{Im} [y_0^*(w) y_0(x)],$$

$$y_0(x) = \left(1 + \frac{i}{x}\right) e^{ix}.$$

Where $y \propto \mathcal{R}$, and orders are suppressed by

$$g = (f'' - 3f')/f^2, \text{ where } \frac{1}{f^2} \sim \Delta^2.$$

We compute to first-order in GSR.

GSR Bispectrum Results

Each operator i gives j (~ 5) **shape-independent** integrals

$$I_{ij}(K) = S_{ij}(\ln s_*)W_{ij}(Ks_*) + \int_{s_*}^{\infty} \frac{ds}{s} S'_{ij}(\ln s)W_{ij}(Ks).$$

- S_{ij} are **sources** $\propto F_i$
- W_{ij} are **windows**, e.g. $\cos(x)$

Combine with a few **shape-dependent** terms and get

$$B_{\mathcal{R}}(k_1, k_2, k_3) = \frac{(2\pi)^4}{4} \frac{\Delta_{\mathcal{R}}(k_1)\Delta_{\mathcal{R}}(k_2)\Delta_{\mathcal{R}}(k_3)}{k_1^2 k_2^2 k_3^2} \\ \times \left\{ \sum_{ij} T_{ij} I_{ij}(K) + \sum_{i=2}^9 [T_{iB} I_{iB}(2k_3) + \text{perm.}] \right\}.$$

- T_{ij} are k -weights for triangle shapes, e.g. $\frac{k_1 k_2 k_3}{(k_1 + k_2 + k_3)^3}$

Consistency Relation Revisited: Beyond Slow-Roll

Beyond SR, no new interactions contribute to squeeze

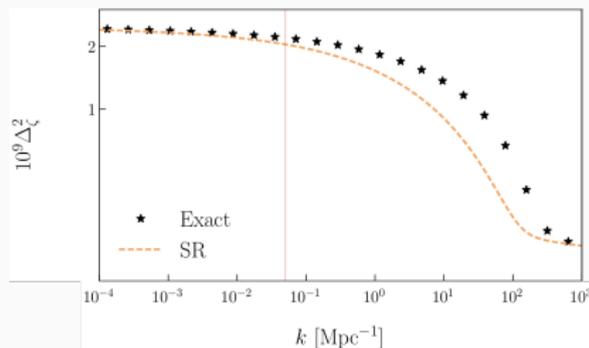
Analytically show GSR consistency relation enforced when:

1. the expansion at first-order is valid (i.e. $g \gg g^2$)
2. No large power spectrum evolution between k_S and k_L freeze-out .

We return to these conditions shortly

Example: transient G-inflation

Slow-Roll Violation in transient G-inflation



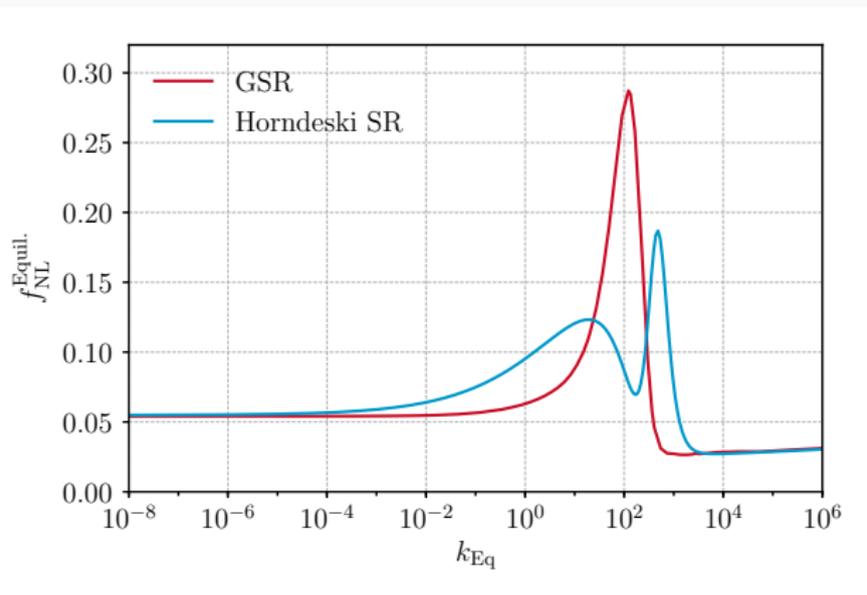
- Transition from Horndeski G-Inflation (Kobayashi et al. 11, Ohashi & Tsujikawa 12) to Chaotic Inflation.

$$\mathcal{L} \supset f_3(\phi) \frac{X}{2} \square \phi$$

- $f_3(\phi)$ tanh step.

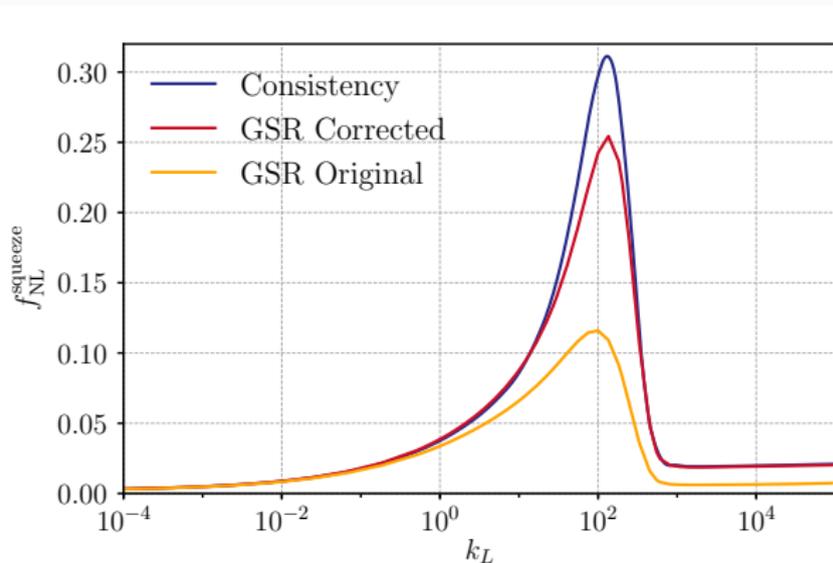
SR Violation: good test of our approach.

Equilateral bispectrum



GSR properly handles the transition.

Squeeze-Limit Consistency Relation



- Correction: Modefunction evolution between freezeout epochs. (see Miranda et al. 2015 for ways to avoid)
- Residual error: Next-order GSR needed, $g^2 \sim g$.

Conclusions

Take-Home Messages

Our computation of **bispectrum beyond slow-roll** enables precision model tests.

Expressions are **easy to use**: a few 1-D integrals.

Consistency relation explicitly holds beyond slow-roll!