

*Curvaton  
with  
double well potential*

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- Density perturbation
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- Summary

# § Introduction

- Inflation  
is an elegant solution to  
horizon, flatness, monopole problem  
and  
provides the seed of density fluctuation of  
adiabatic,  
almost scale invariant,  
Gaussian and  
(if we are lucky) gravitation wave

# Gaussian fluctuation?

- Inflaton in a single field inflation
  - $\approx$  very weakly interacting (slow roll)
  - $\approx$  nearly free field
  - $\approx$  Gaussian quantum fluctuation

nonlinear parameters are of order of  
slow roll parameters;  $f_{\text{NL}} = \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon, \eta)$

Maldacena 2003

# A large non-Gaussianity

- Curvaton is a promising mechanism

Lyth et al 2003

- What is a “curvaton”?

Lyth and Wands, Moroi and Takahashi, Enqvist and Sloth 2001~2

- Not inflaton!
- Scalar field with a flat potential, which condensates during inflation
- Field fluctuation is converted into density fluctuation

# Curvaton models

- Different forms of Potential

- Quadratic [many many...]

$$V = \frac{1}{2} m_{\sigma}^2 \sigma^2$$

- +Quartic [Enqvist et al, Huang,...]
- Cosin type [Kawasaki et al, Huang]
- Double well [Choi and Seto]

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# Why a large non-Gaussianity from curvaton?

- From inflaton
- $\zeta \approx \Phi / (1+w) \approx (1/\varepsilon)(1/H M_{\text{P}}^2) \dot{\phi} \delta\phi$   
 $\approx H \delta\phi / \dot{\phi} + \mathcal{O}(\delta\phi^2/M_{\text{P}}^2)$
- $\text{Second}/(\text{first})^2 \approx \mathcal{O}(\dot{\phi}^2 / H^2 M_{\text{P}}^2) = \mathcal{O}(\varepsilon)$
- From curvaton
- $\zeta \approx \delta\rho/\rho = (1+\delta\sigma/\sigma)^2 - 1 = 2 \delta\sigma/\sigma + (\delta\sigma/\sigma)^2$

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# § A Model

- Double well potential with a large VEV [DW problem] and a small self-coupling [Flatness]

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2}(\partial\sigma)^2 - V(\sigma)$$

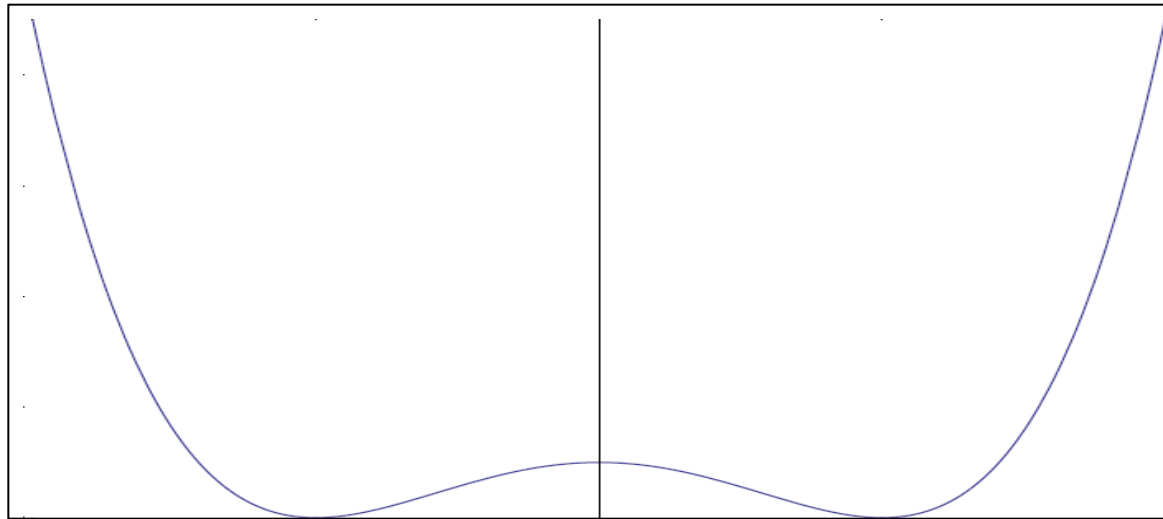
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- Decay rate [saxion-like]

$$\Gamma_\sigma = C \frac{m_\sigma^3}{v^2} = C(2\lambda)^{3/2} v$$

# § § Cosmological evolution

- Rough history



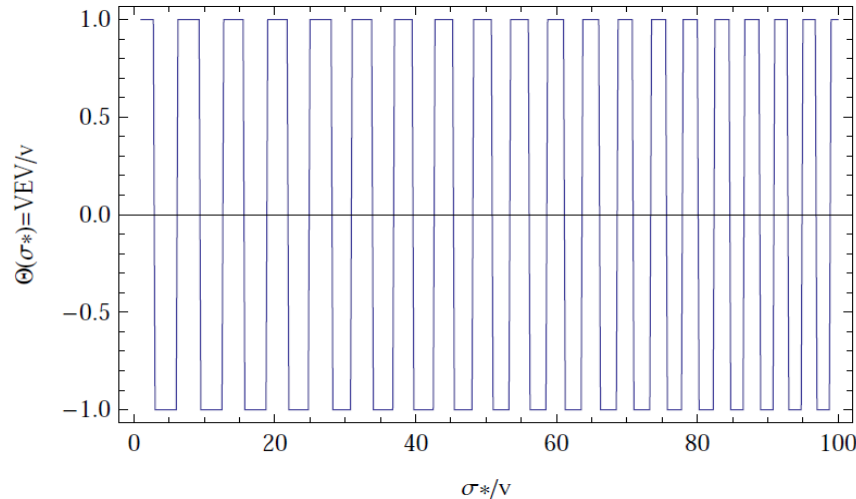
- Quartic to quadratic transition

At the time when the energy density becomes comparable with the height of potential hill

$$\rho_\sigma|_v = \frac{\lambda}{4} (\sigma_v^2 - v^2)^2$$

# § § Cosmological evolution 2

- $+v$  or  $-v$ ?



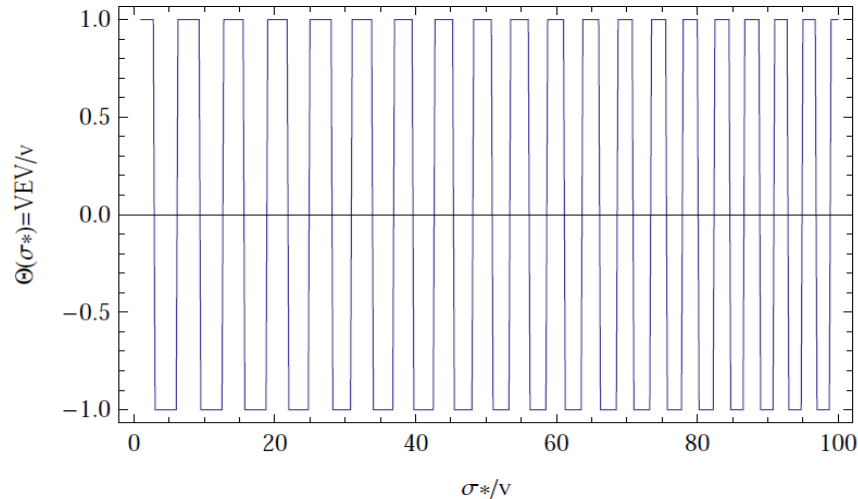
- Analytic solutions from the scaling law

$$\sigma(t) \simeq v\Theta(\sigma_{\text{os}}) + \frac{\sigma_{2\text{os}}}{(m_\sigma t)^{3/4}} \sin m_\sigma t$$

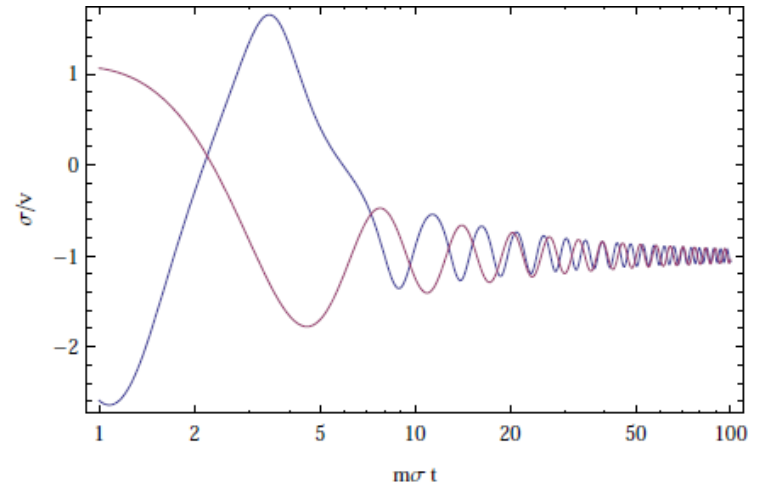
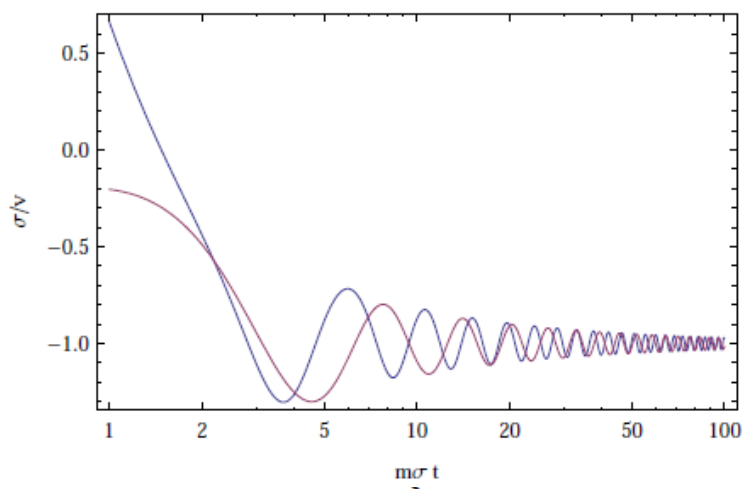
$$\sigma_{2\text{os}} \simeq \begin{cases} (\sigma_v - v) \left( \frac{\rho_\sigma|_{\text{os}}}{\rho_\sigma|_v} \right)^{3/8} \left( \frac{m_\sigma}{2\sqrt{3\lambda\sigma_{\text{os}}^2}} \right)^{3/4}, \\ (\sigma_v - v) \left( \frac{\rho_\sigma|_{\text{os}}}{\rho_\sigma|_v} \right)^{3/8} \left( \frac{H_R}{2\sqrt{3\lambda\sigma_{\text{os}}^2}} \right)^{1/4} \left( \frac{m_\sigma}{2\sqrt{3\lambda\sigma_{\text{os}}^2}} \right)^{3/4} \end{cases}$$

# § § Cosmological evolution 2

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- Analytic solutions fit well!

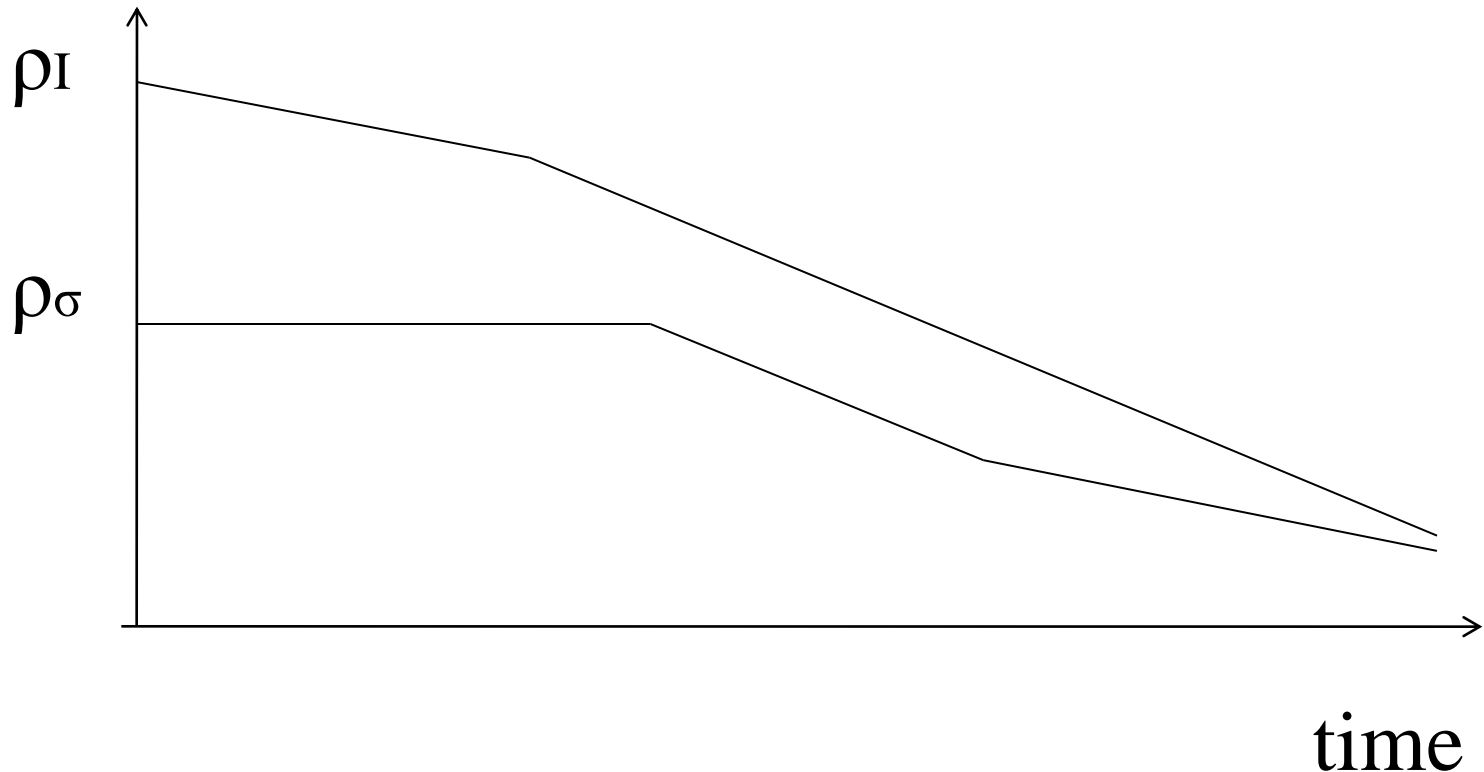


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- Reheating temperature  $T_R$  dependence

energy density

High reheating temperature

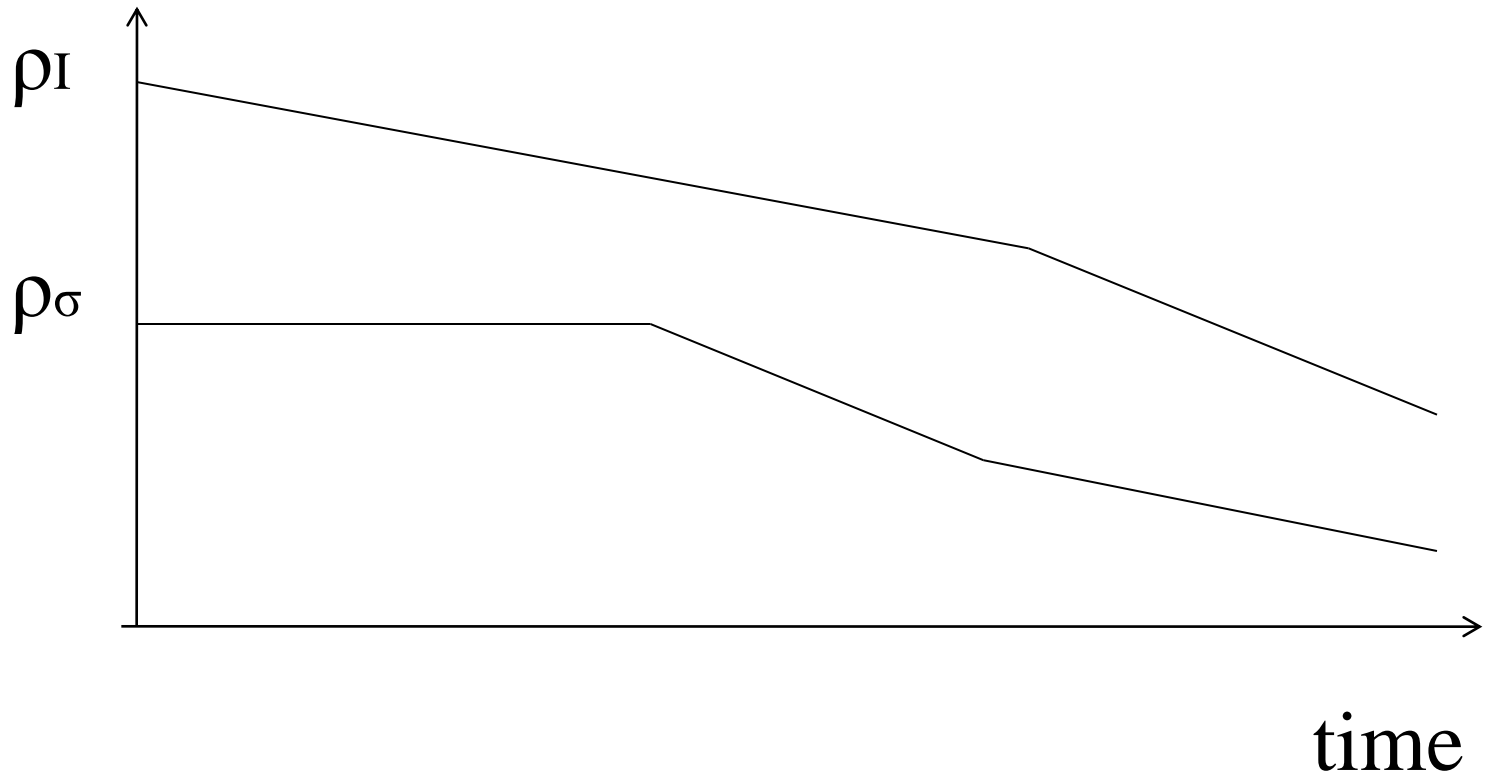


# § § Cosmological evolution 3.2

- Reheating temperature  $T_R$  dependence

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# § Density perturbation

- We estimate power spectrum and non-Gaussianity in terms of nonlinear parameters  $f_{\text{NL}}$  and  $g_{\text{NL}}$
- We impose the constraints from the null detection of tensor mode fluctuation

# § § Formulation 1

- We employ  $\delta N$  formalism for perturbation  
Lyth et al, Sasaki et al

$$\zeta_\sigma = \delta N + \frac{1}{3} \int_{\rho_0(t)}^{\rho(t, \mathbf{x})} \frac{d\tilde{\rho}}{\tilde{\rho} + \tilde{p}}$$

on the uniform curvature density surface.

- Expand this with the late time energy density expression  $\rho_\sigma(t, x) \simeq \frac{m_\sigma^2 \sigma_{2\text{os}}^2(t, x)}{2(mt)^{3/2}}$



## § § Formulation 2

- After the expansion

$$\zeta_\sigma = \zeta_{\sigma 1} + \frac{1}{2}\zeta_{\sigma 2} + \frac{1}{6}\zeta_{\sigma 3} + \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta_{\sigma 1} &= \frac{2\sigma'_{2os}}{3\sigma_{2os}}\delta\sigma_*, \\ \zeta_{\sigma 2} &= -\frac{3}{2}\left(1 - \frac{\sigma_{2os}\sigma''_{2os}}{\sigma'^2_{2os}}\right)\zeta_{\sigma 1}^2 \equiv A_2\zeta_{\sigma 1}^2, \\ \zeta_{\sigma 3} &= \frac{9}{4}\left(2 - 3\frac{\sigma_{2os}\sigma''_{2os}}{\sigma'^2_{2os}} + \frac{\sigma_{2os}^2\sigma'''_{2os}}{\sigma'^3_{2os}}\right)\zeta_{\sigma 1}^3 \equiv A_3\zeta_{\sigma 1}^3. \end{aligned}$$

- Total  $\zeta$   $\zeta = \zeta_1 + \frac{1}{2}\zeta_2 + \frac{1}{6}\zeta_3 + \dots$
- $$R \equiv \frac{3\rho_\sigma}{4\rho_r + 3\rho_\sigma}$$
- $$\zeta_1 = (1 - R)\zeta_{r1} + R\zeta_{\sigma 1},$$
- $$\zeta_2 = (1 - R)\zeta_{r2} + R\zeta_{\sigma 2} + R(1 - R)(3 + R)(\zeta_{r1} - \zeta_{\sigma 1})^2,$$

# § § Formulation 3

- The power spectrum

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$$\tilde{r} \equiv \frac{R^2 \mathcal{P}_{\zeta_\sigma}}{(1 - R)^2 \mathcal{P}_{\zeta_r}}$$

- Non-linear parameters

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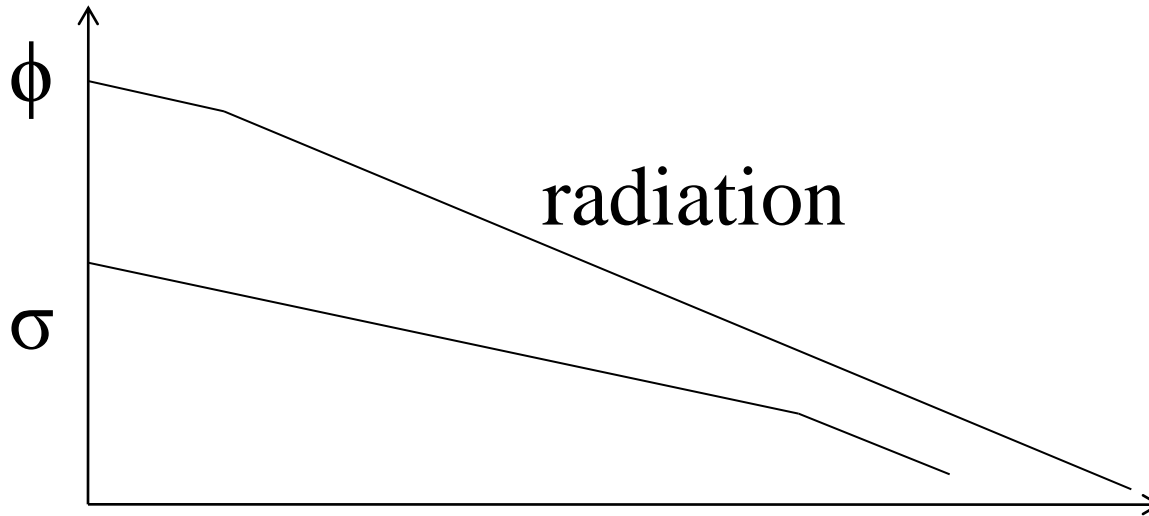
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## Intuitive understanding of $1/R$

- If mainly subdominant curvaton generate  $\delta T/T$



- $\zeta_\sigma$  is diluted,  $\zeta_\sigma \rightarrow \zeta = R \zeta_\sigma$
- $\text{Second}/(\text{first})^2 \approx O(R/R^2) = O(1/R)$

“subdominant curvaton predict a large  $f_{\text{NL}}$ ”

Wands et al, Langlois et al, Enqvist et al,...

# § § Small initial expectation

- Quantities appears in  $\zeta$ s.

$$\sigma'_{2os} = \frac{(m_\sigma/2\sqrt{\lambda})^{3/4}}{(3\sigma_{os}^2 - v^2)^{3/8}} \left( 1 - \frac{9}{4} \frac{\sigma_{os}(\sigma_{os} - v)}{(3\sigma_{os}^2 - v^2)} \right)$$

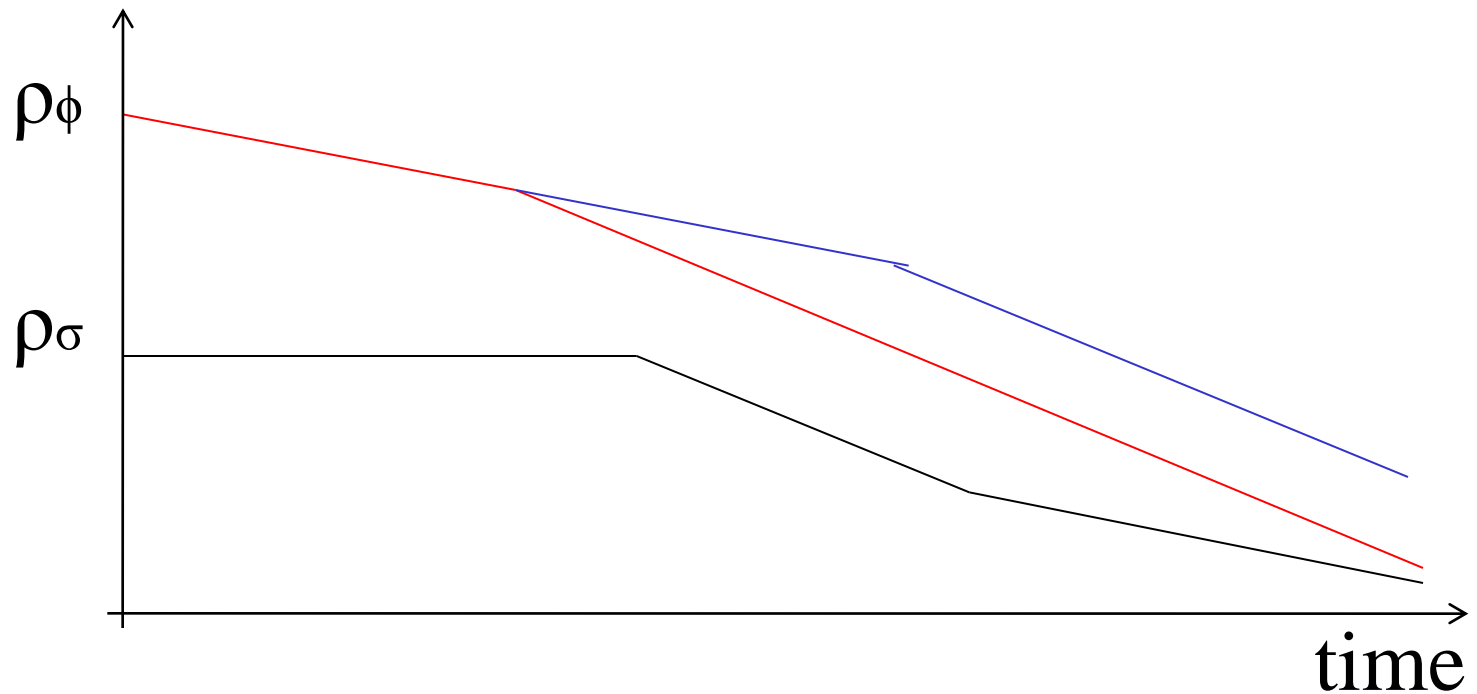
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$$\sigma'''_{2os} = \frac{(m_\sigma/2\sqrt{\lambda})^{3/4}}{(3\sigma_{os}^2 - v^2)^{11/8}} \left( -\frac{27}{4} + \frac{891}{16} \frac{\sigma_{os}^2 + (\sigma_{os} - v)\sigma_{os}}{(3\sigma_{os}^2 - v^2)} - \frac{16929}{64} \frac{(\sigma_{os} - v)\sigma_{os}^3}{(3\sigma_{os}^2 - v^2)^2} \right).$$

- $\sigma_{os} \rightarrow v$  limit, the formula is reduced to that of quadratic model's

# § § Reheating temperature for a large initial amplitude

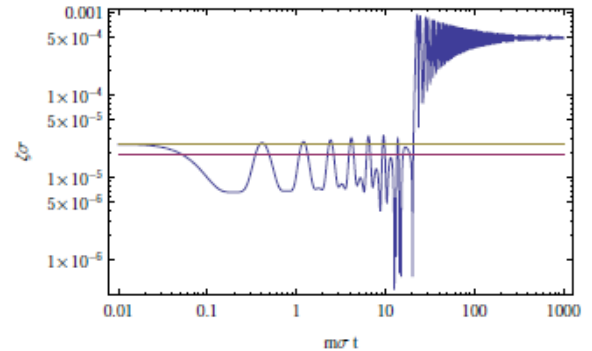
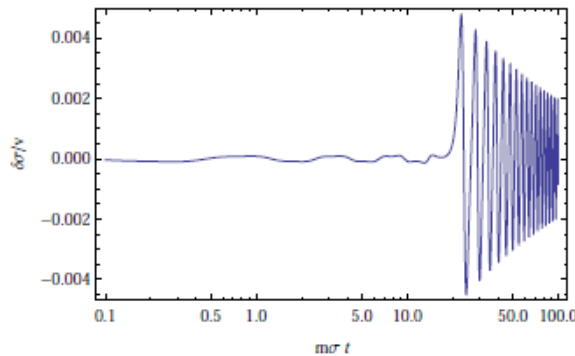
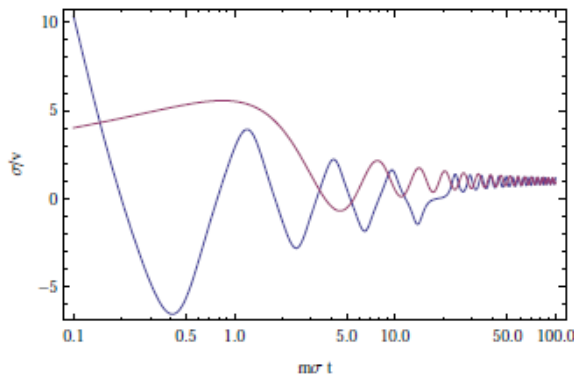
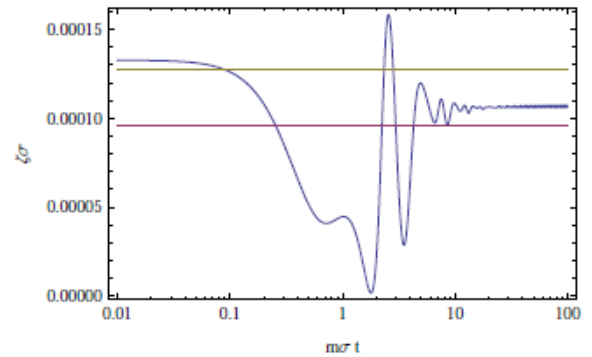
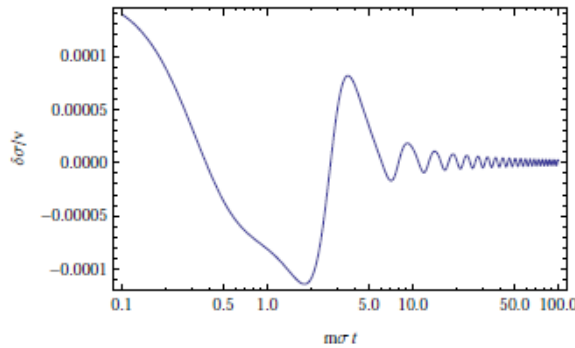
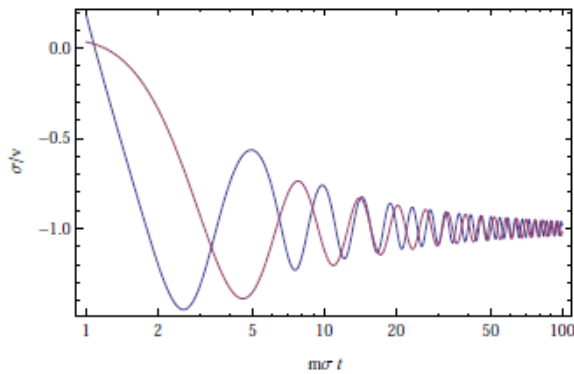
- Reheating temperature  $T_R$  (background evolution) affects parameters somewhat



# § § Large initial expectation 1/5

- Field fluctuation  $\delta\sigma$

$$\ddot{\delta\sigma} + 3H\dot{\delta\sigma} + \lambda(3\sigma^2 - v^2)\delta\sigma = 0$$



# § § Large initial expectation 2/5

- Curvature perturbation  $\zeta$

$$\zeta = (1 - R)\zeta_r + \frac{R}{2} \left( \frac{\delta\sigma_*}{\sigma_*} \right) + \frac{1}{8} \left( \frac{1}{R} - 2 - R \right) R^2 \left( \frac{\delta\sigma_*}{\sigma_*} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{48} \left( -\frac{1}{R^2} - \frac{6}{R} + 2 + 10R + 3R^2 \right) R^3 \left( \frac{\delta\sigma_*}{\sigma_*} \right)^3, \quad \text{for high } T_R,$$

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Absence of inverse power of R

# § § Large initial expectation 3/5

- Resultant nonlinear parameters

$$f_{\text{NL}} = \left( \frac{\tilde{r}}{1 + \tilde{r}} \right)^2 \frac{5}{6} \left( \frac{1}{R} - 2 - R \right) > -2$$

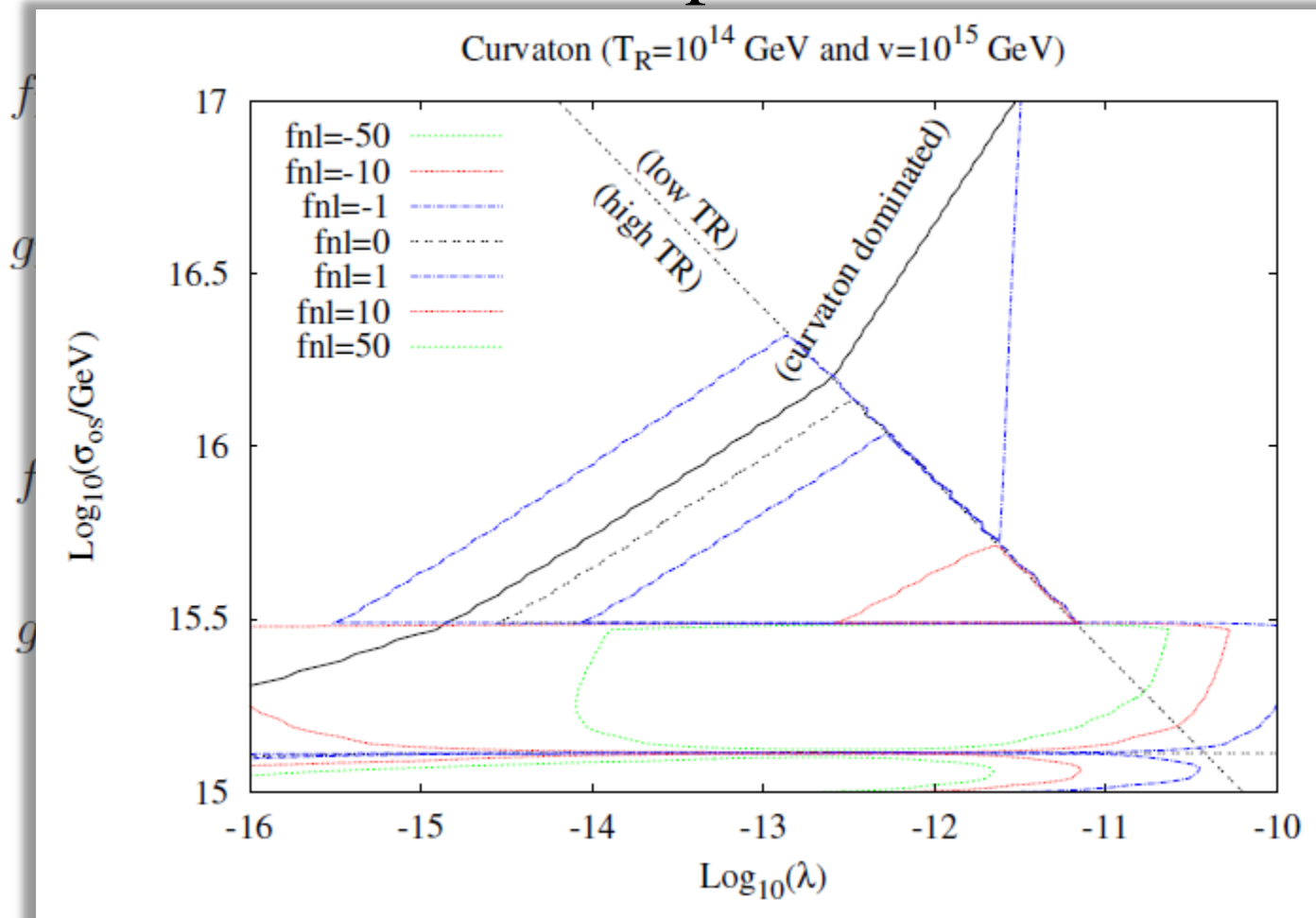
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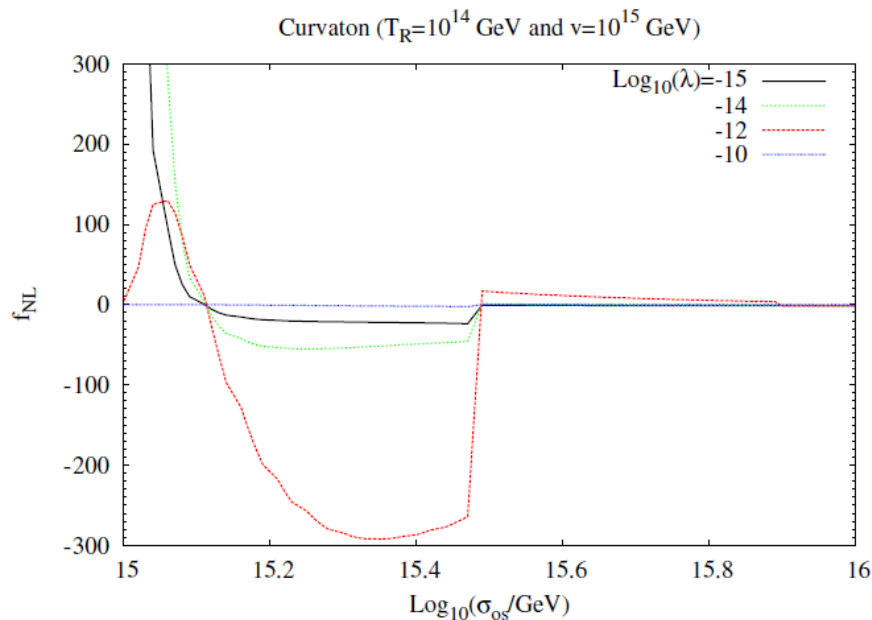
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high  $T_R$ ,

# § § Large initial expectation 4/5

- Another feature of nonlinear parameters



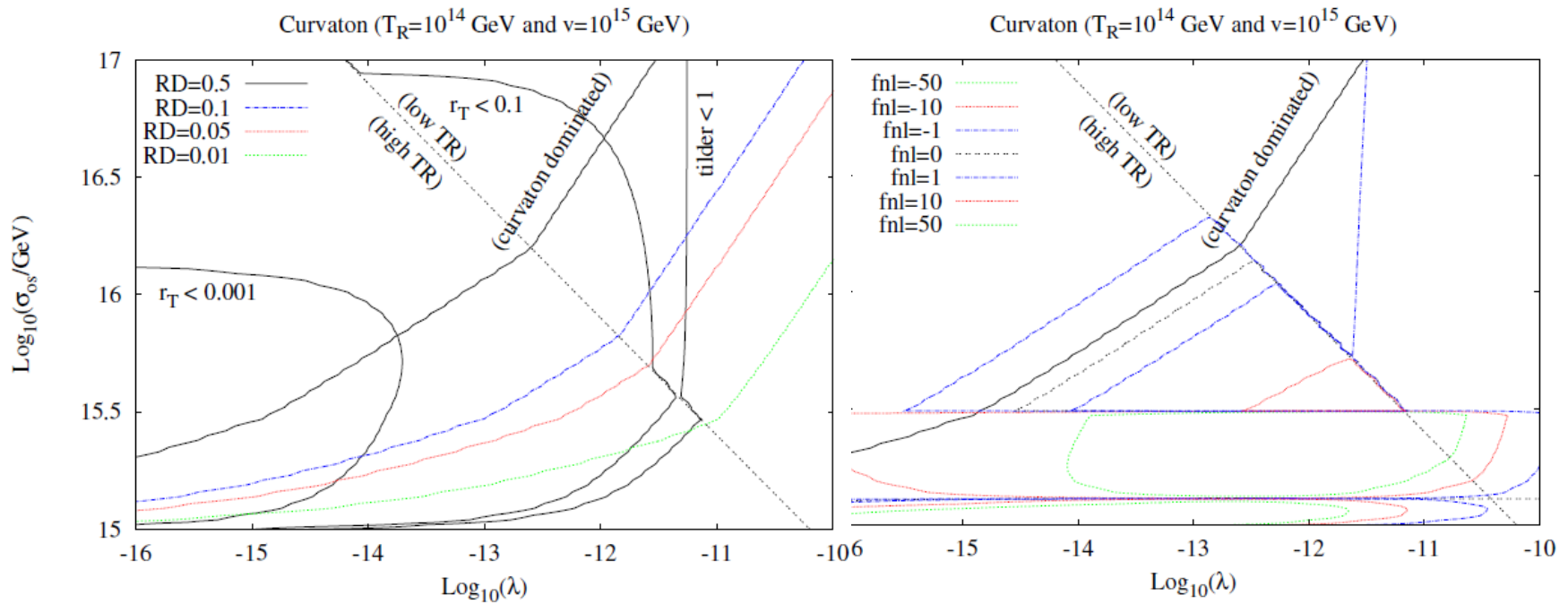
Observation

$$-10 < f_{\text{NL}} < 74$$

- A negative  $f_{\text{NL}}$  is possible, unlike quadratic curvaton.

# § § Large initial expectation 5/5

- Tensor (gravitational wave) modes



# § Summary

We have studied curvaton model which has a double well potential

- **Possible tachyonic amplification**
- **For a low reheating temperature,  $f_{\text{NL}}$  can not be large because of accidental cancellations**

**The statement “a subdominant curvaton predict a large  $f_{\text{NL}}$ ” is not ALWAYS true**

- **Nontrivial initial amplitude dependence of  $f_{\text{NL}}$**