

Nonperturbative infrared finiteness in super-renormalisable scalar quantum field theory

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Papers

- [Nonperturbative infrared finiteness in super-renormalisable scalar quantum field theory, Phys.Rev.Lett. 126 \(2021\) 22, 221601](#)
- Renormalisation of the energy-momentum tensor in three-dimensional scalar SU(N) theories using the Wilson flow, [Phys.Rev.D 103 \(2021\) 11, 114501](#)

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- [Henrique Bergallo Rocha, Wed 14:15-30](#)
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Motivation: Cosmology

Problems in standard cosmology solved by inflation:

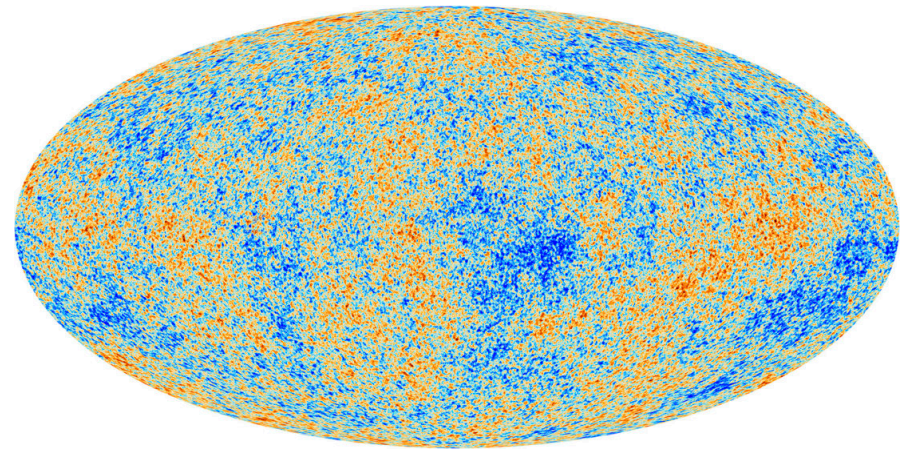
- Horizon problem
- Flatness problem
- Formation of structure

The particle physics interpretation of inflation seems ad hoc:

- Fine tuning of inflation potential and inflaton
- Initial conditions
- EFT — what about UV completion towards the very early universe (initial singularity)?

Famous testable prediction in many models of inflation:

power-law primordial power spectrum



ESA and the Planck Collaboration

Holographic Cosmology

Idea: Quantum gravity description of early universe in terms of Holographic dual QFT

Cosmological observables are mapped to correlation functions of the dual QFT

Witten (2001) [Strominger (2001) (dS/CFT correspondence)
Maldacena (2002) (wavefunction of the universe)
McFadden and Skenderis (2009) (Holographic Cosmology)

Dual theory is 3d QFT with large- N scaling with massless scalars, fermions and gauge fields

Start with study of simplest model

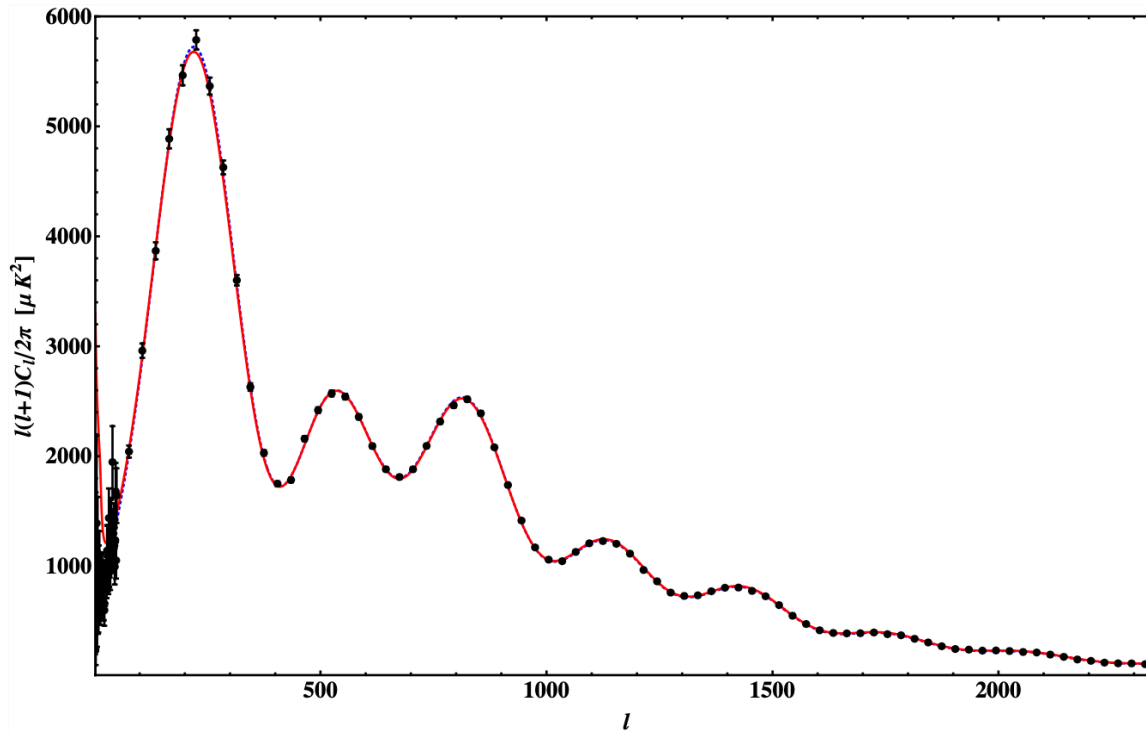
massless 3d scalar SU(N) matrix ϕ^4 theory

$$\phi(x) = \phi^a(x)T^a$$

$$S = \frac{N}{g} \int d^3x \text{Tr} \left((\partial_\mu \phi(x))^2 + \phi^4(x) \right)$$

- $[\phi] = 1, [g] = 1$
- Mass UV divergent
- With each order in PT UV(IR) deg. of. div. decreases(increases)
- IR divergent in PT
- $N = 2$ model equivalent to $O(3)$ vector model

Start with study of simplest model



Model studied in PT at 2-loop

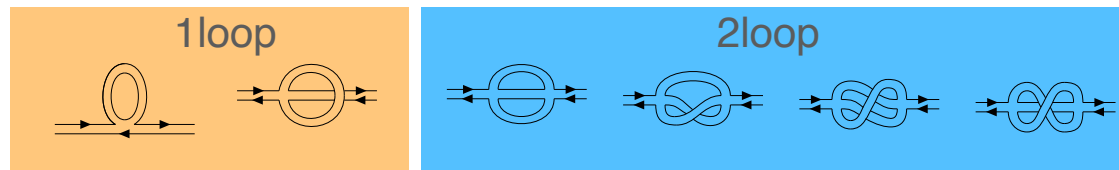
Coriano, Delle Rose, Skenderis EPJC 81 (2021) 2, 174

- $g_{\text{eff}}^2 > 1$ for $l < 260$
- For $l > 260$ model fits better than ΛCDM

Understanding the low- l region better requires a non-perturbative study
→ lattice study

Massless point — perturbatively

$$S = \frac{a^3 N}{g} \sum_{x \in \Lambda^3} \text{Tr} \left((\delta_\mu \phi(x))^2 + (m^2 - m_c^2) \phi^2(x) + \phi^4(x) \right)$$



$$Z_0 = 0.252731 \dots$$

$$\frac{Z_0}{a} = \int_{-\pi/a}^{\pi/a} \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{\hat{p}^2}$$

$$D(p) = \int_{-\pi/a}^{\pi/a} \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{d^3 q}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{\hat{k}^2 \hat{q}^2 \hat{r}^2} \quad (r = -k - q - p)$$

$$m_c^2 = -g \frac{Z_0}{a} \left(2 - \frac{3}{N^2} \right) + g^2 D(p = \Lambda_{\text{IR}}) \left(1 - \frac{6}{N^2} + \frac{18}{N^4} \right)$$

M. Laine and A. Rajantie, Nucl. Phys. B 513, 471 (1998),
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IR behaviour

Log divergent
power divergences at higher
orders

$$D(ap) \stackrel{p \rightarrow 0}{=} -\frac{\log(ap)^2}{(4\pi)^2}$$

Lüscher, Weisz, *NPB* 445 (1995) 429-450
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IR divergence would render theory and therefore
whole idea of Holographic Cosmology useless

It is however expected that theory non-perturbatively IR-finite
and the dimensional coupling g plays the roles of the IR regulator

Jackiw, Templeton PRD 23 1981,
Applequist, Pisarski PRD 23 1981

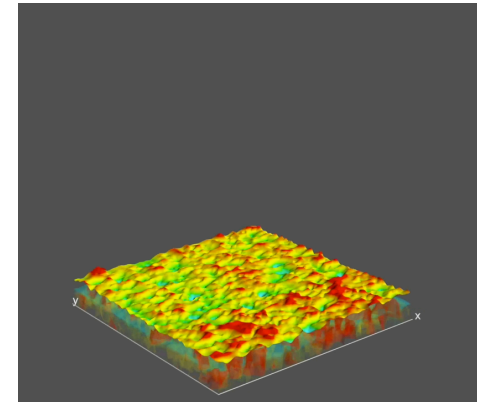
HERE: address question of IR finiteness and study critical properties

Lattice study of scalar SU(N) matrix QFT

- Theory and observables implemented in Grid
- Ensemble generation on SKL cluster (STFC  Distributed Research utilizing Advanced Computing and U. of Southampton Iridis5)
- O(100k) trajectories per ensemble

Simulation parameters:

N	2,4
g	0.1,0.2,0.3,0.5,0.6
L	8,16,32,48,64,96,128
m^2	many masses in vicinity of 2-loop



Data and analysis code on Zenodo

Data

DOI [10.5281/zenodo.4266114](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.4266114)

Analysis code

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Guidance for lattice study from finite-volume EFT

Interpretation of lattice results guided
by effective theory of magnetisation

$$M = \frac{1}{L^3} \int d^3x \phi(x)$$

$$S_{\text{eff}} = \frac{L^3 N}{g} [(m^2 - m_c^2) \text{Tr}[M^2] + \text{Tr}[M^4]]$$

Quantisation

$$\langle O[M] \rangle = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}_{\text{eff}}} \int_{\text{su}(N)} dM O[M] \exp(-S_{\text{eff}}[M])$$

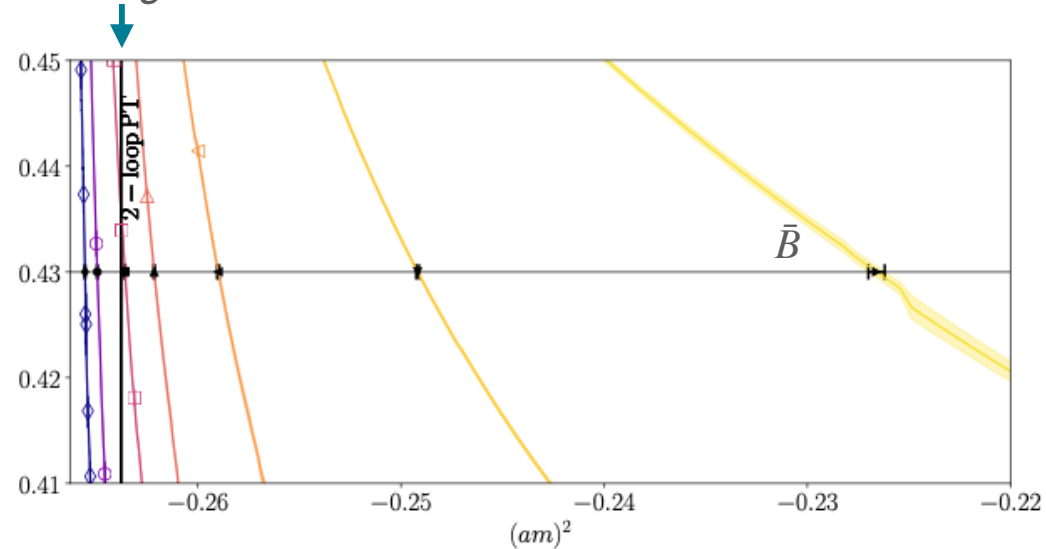
Analytical result for exp.val.: $\langle \text{Tr}(M^k)^l \rangle = \left(\frac{g}{L^3 N} \right)^{\frac{kl}{4}} \frac{\Psi_{kl} \left(m^2 \sqrt{\frac{NL^3}{g}} \right)}{\Psi_{00} \left(m^2 \sqrt{\frac{NL^3}{g}} \right)}$

Finite-size scaling study

Binder cumulant

$$B = 1 - \frac{N}{3} \frac{\langle \text{Tr}(M^4) \rangle}{\langle \text{Tr}(M^2) \rangle^2}$$

PT with g as IR cutoff



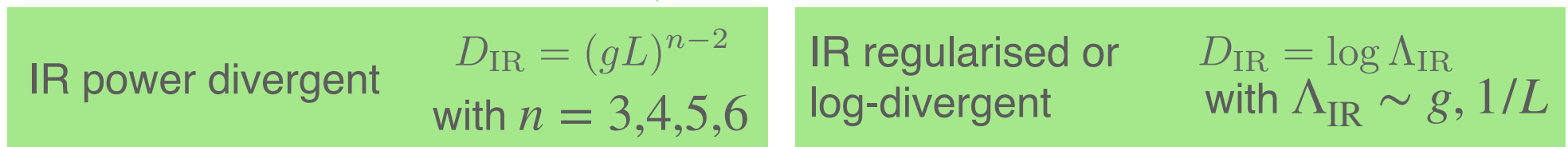
- Reweighted lattice data
- monitor crossing with choice of \bar{B}
- scaling according to EFT:

$$f \left[\frac{\sqrt{N}}{g^2} [\bar{m}^2(L) - m_c^2] (gL)^{1/\nu} \right] = \bar{B} .$$

Finite size scaling study

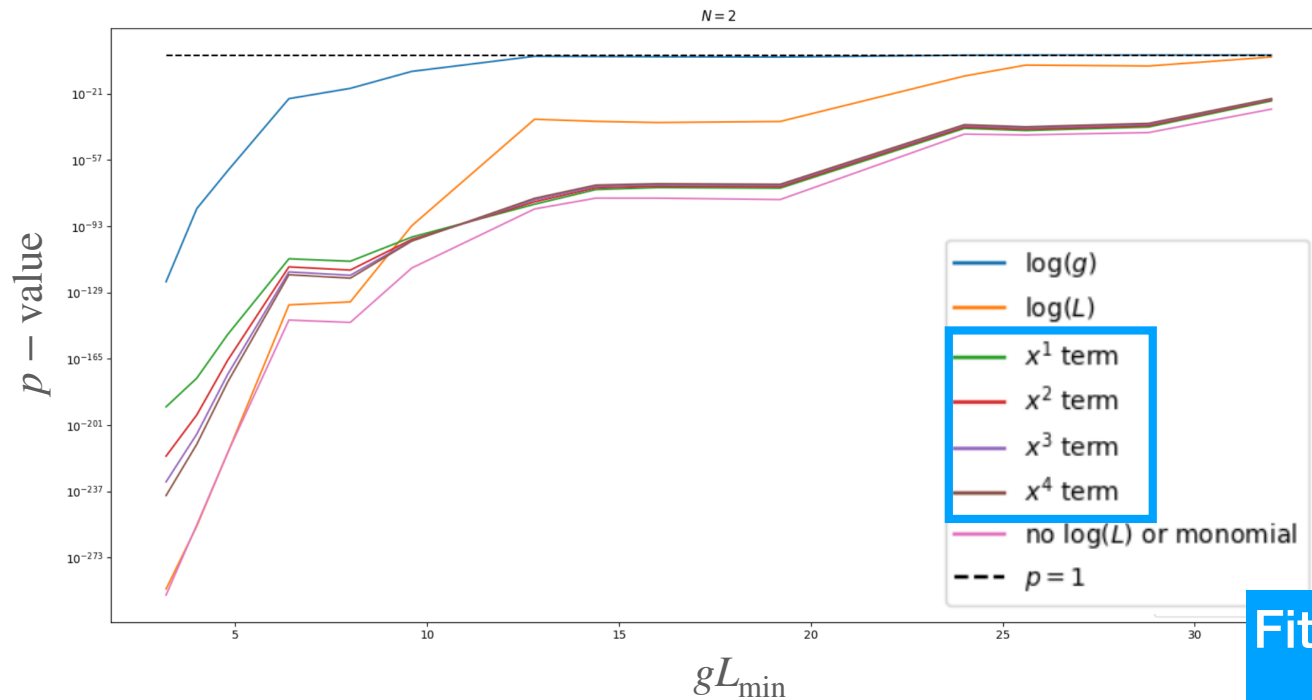
The EFT motivates the global (g, L) FSS fit-ansatz:

$$\overline{m}^2(\bar{B}, g, L) = \underbrace{m_c^2(g)|_{1\text{-loop}}}_{\substack{\text{NLO PT} \\ \text{(lin. divergence)}}} + g^2 \alpha + g^2 \left(\underbrace{(gL)^{-1/\nu} \frac{\bar{B} - f_0}{f_1}}_{\text{finite-size scaling}} + \underbrace{\beta D_{\text{IR}}(\Lambda_{\text{IR}})}_{\text{IR term}} \underbrace{\mathcal{N}(N)}_{\text{color factor}} \right)$$



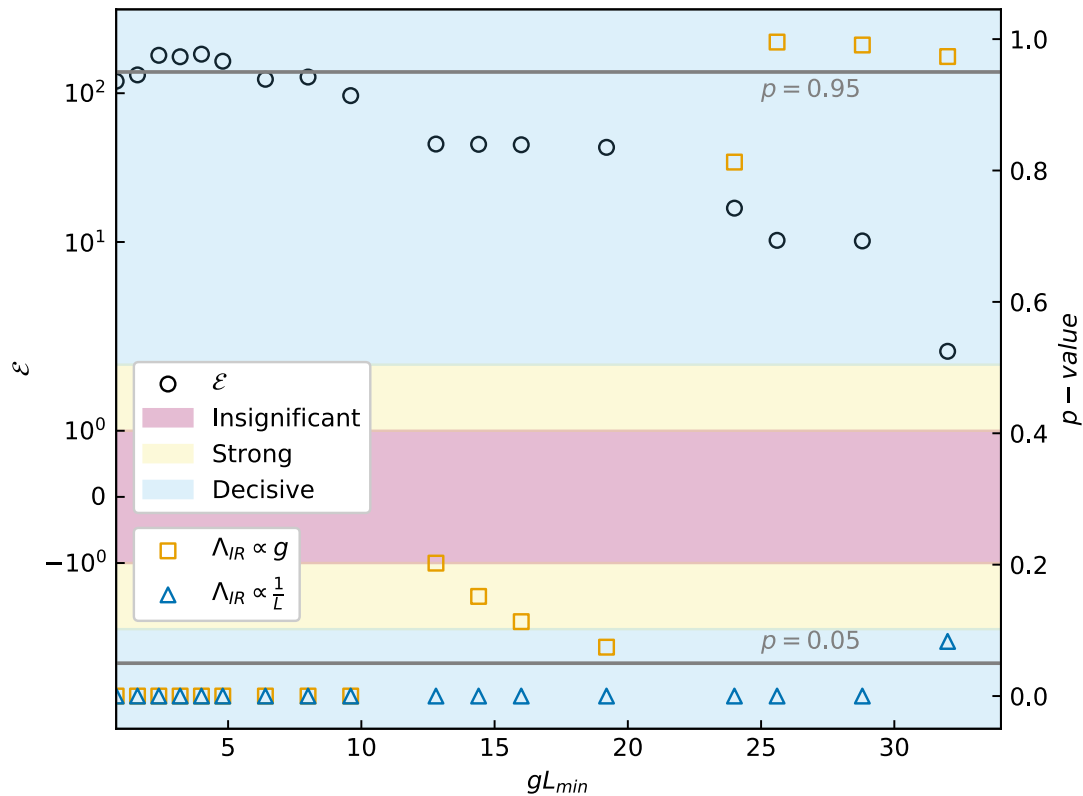
Test which IR-scaling is manifest in the theory by testing on simulation data

Global fits assuming IR power divergence



Fits suggest NO IR power divergences
— vanishing p -value

Global fits assuming IR behaviour $\sim \log(1/L)$ or $\sim \log(g)$



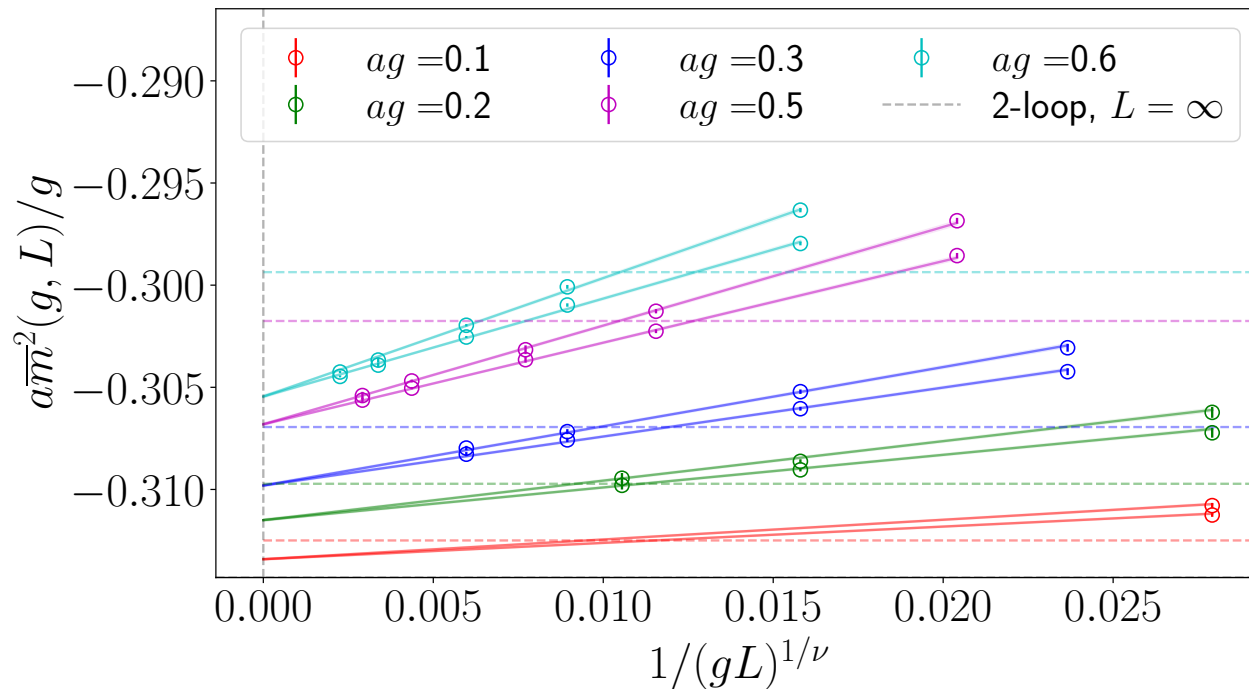
Left axis: Bayesian evidence \mathcal{E}
 positive: $\Lambda_{IR} \sim g$
 negative: $\Lambda_{IR} \sim 1/L$

Right axis: p -value

Horizontal axis: values with $gL > gL_{min}$
 Included in the fit

Evidence for IR-finiteness of the theory based on both Bayesian and Frequentist analysis

Central fit - nonperturbative results



- Only ansatz capable of the data is with $\log(g)$
- p -value 0.21
($\chi^2/dof = 1.2$, $dof = 31$)
- Good agreement with 2-loop result with $\Lambda_{\text{IR}} \sim g$



Conclusions

- Exciting project that covers the entire range of lattice QFT, Holography, theoretical and observational Cosmology
- Dual QFT has non-perturbative regime, requires lattice QFT
- **We have shown IR finiteness of the 3d QFT with implications for holographic cosmology**

Really looking forward to see
Lattice contributing to cosmology in this
novel and falsifiable way!

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