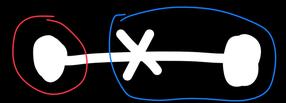
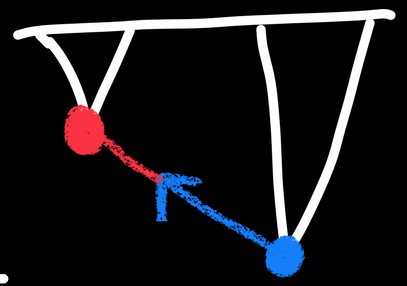
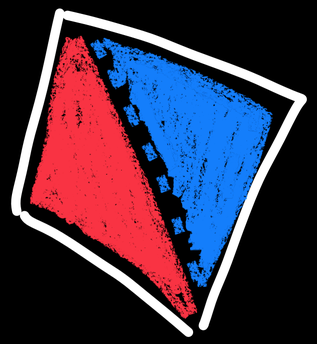
Differential Equations for Cosmological Correlators







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"Kinematic Flow and the Emergence of Time"

"Differential Equations for Cosmological Correlators"

LOTS OF PEOPLE TO ACKNOWLEDGE

(see the papers)

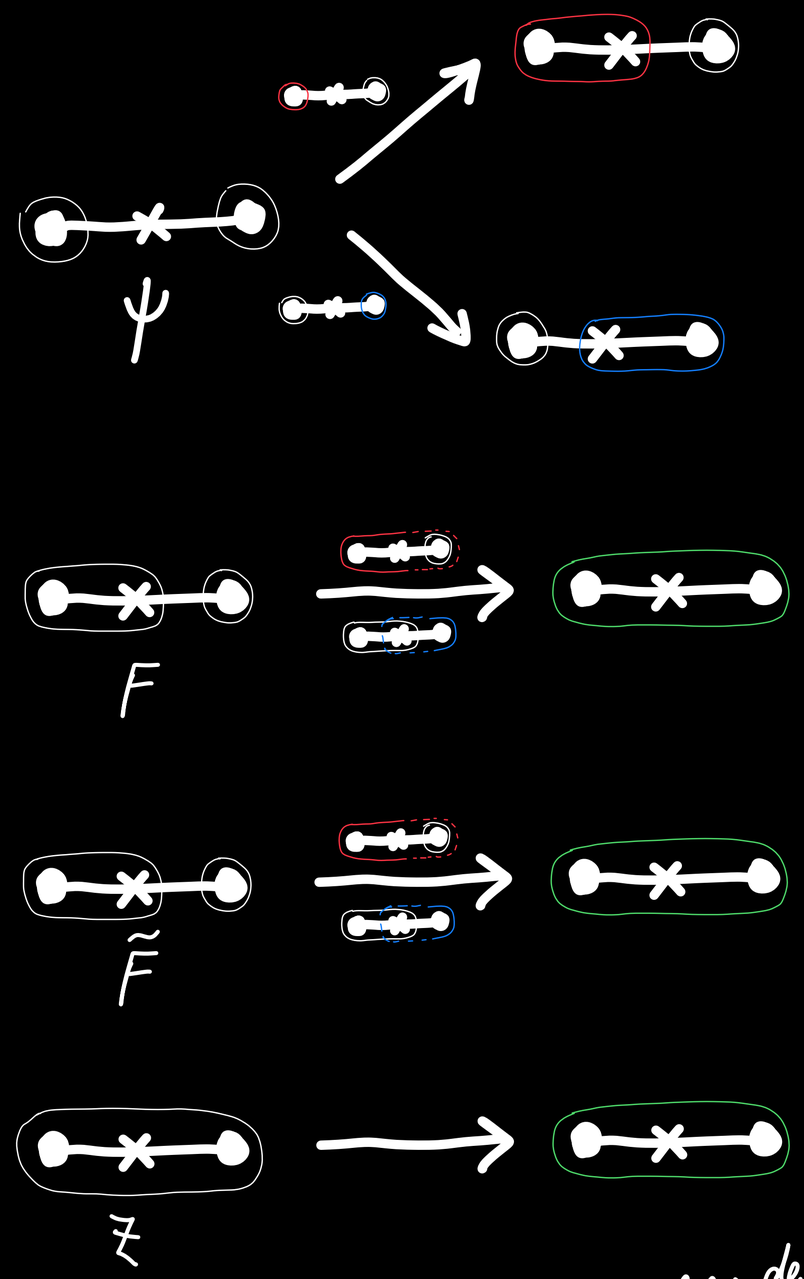
+ LOTS OF PREVIOUS IMPORTANT WORK

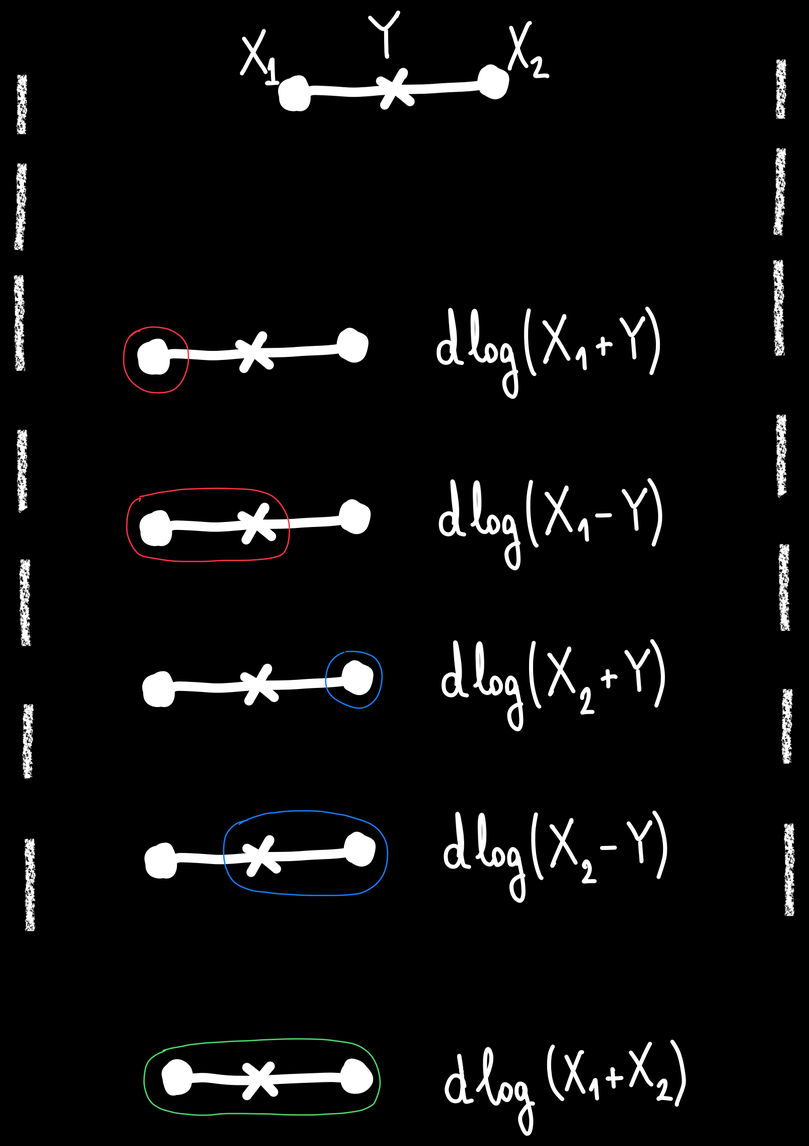
(see the references in the papers)

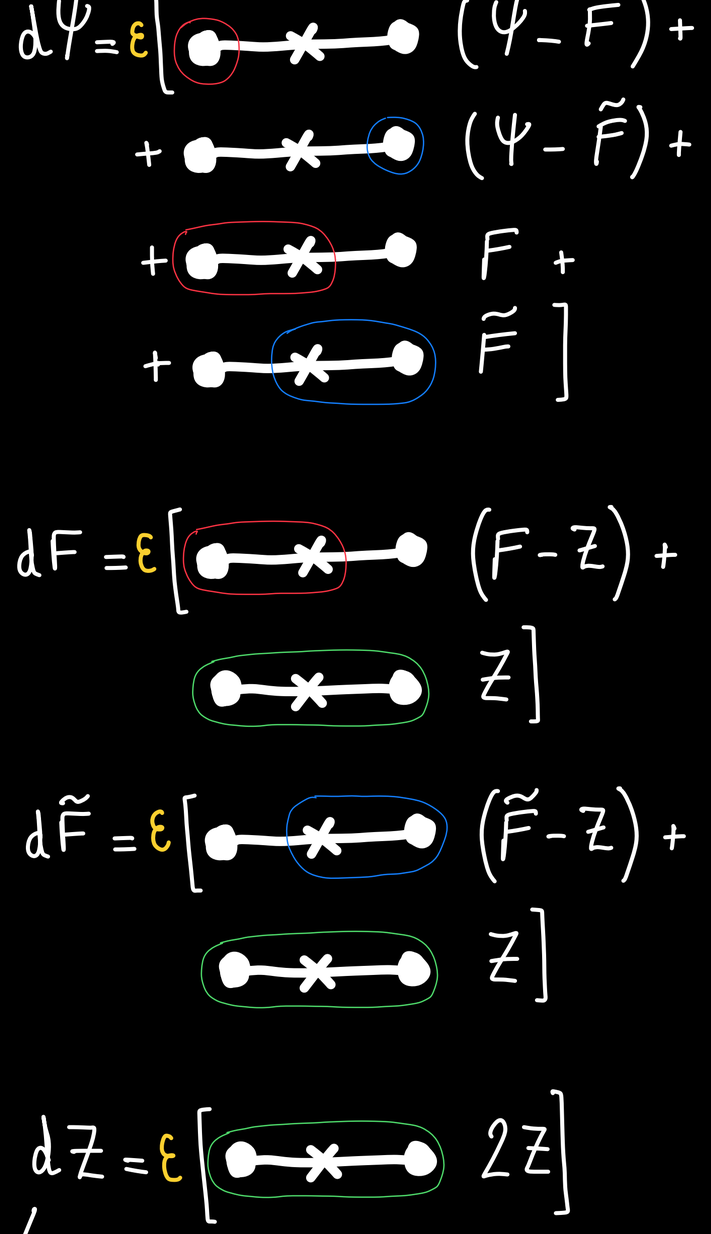
The Main Result

(of short paper)

Kinematic Flow...

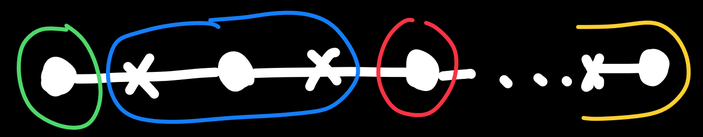


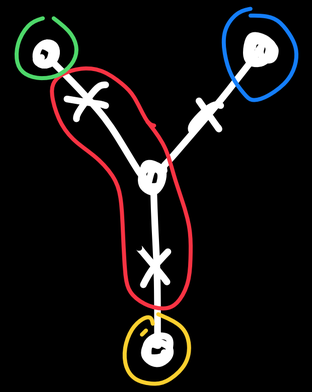


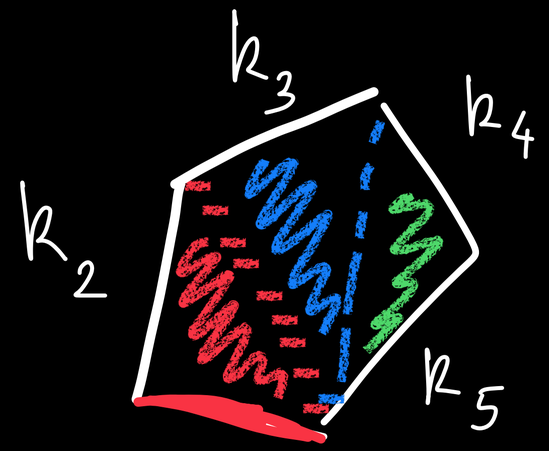


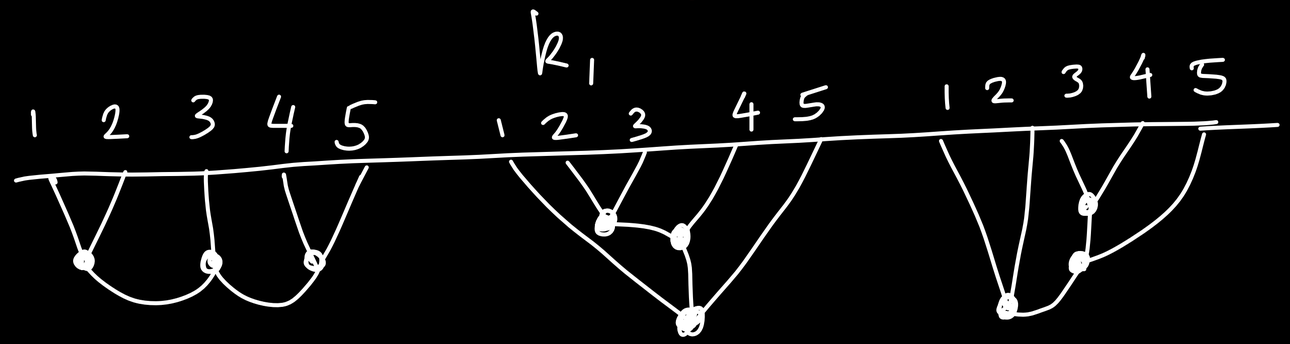
... describes time evolution in power-law cosmology!

Kinematic Flow...

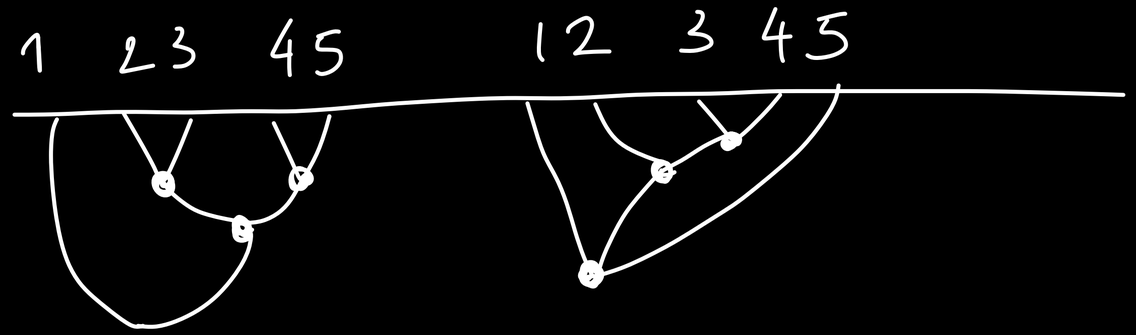






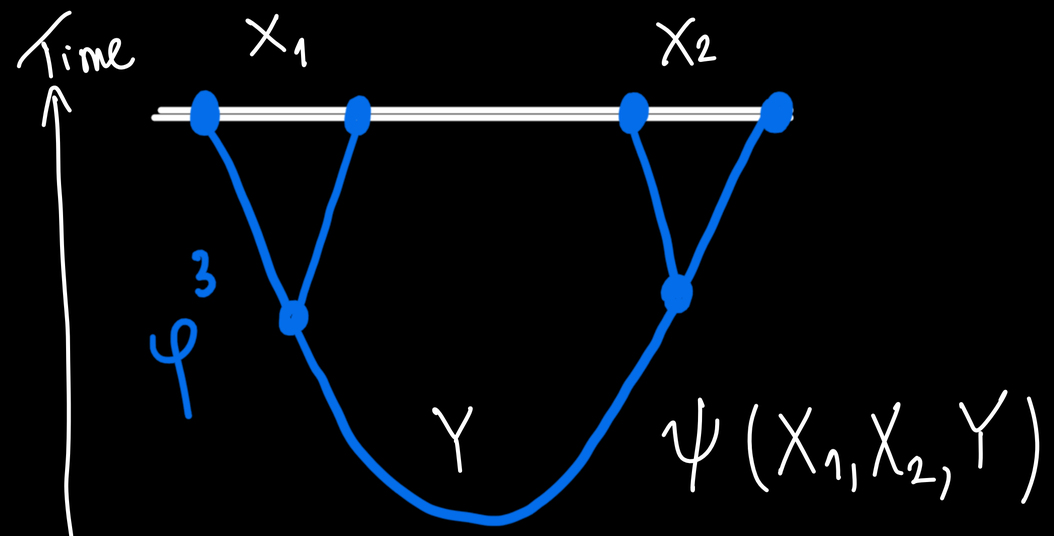


4^{n_v-1} functions



The Main Result

(of long paper)



$\psi(X_1, X_2, Y)$

$a(\eta) = \eta^{-(1+\varepsilon)}$

Gravity

Time integrals

Differential Equation Method

Loop Integrals

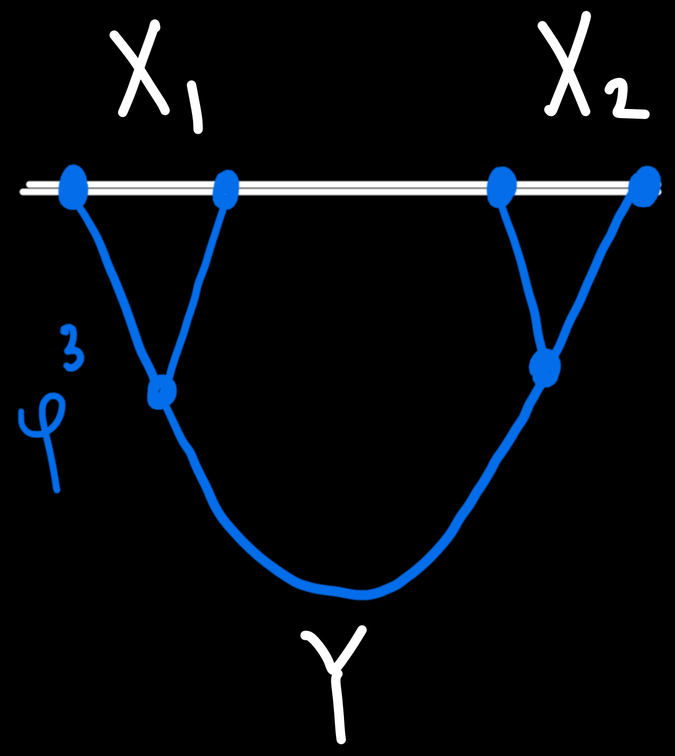
Twisted Cohomology

Master Integrals

Canonical Forms

QCD

$$d\mathcal{I} = \varepsilon A \mathcal{I}$$



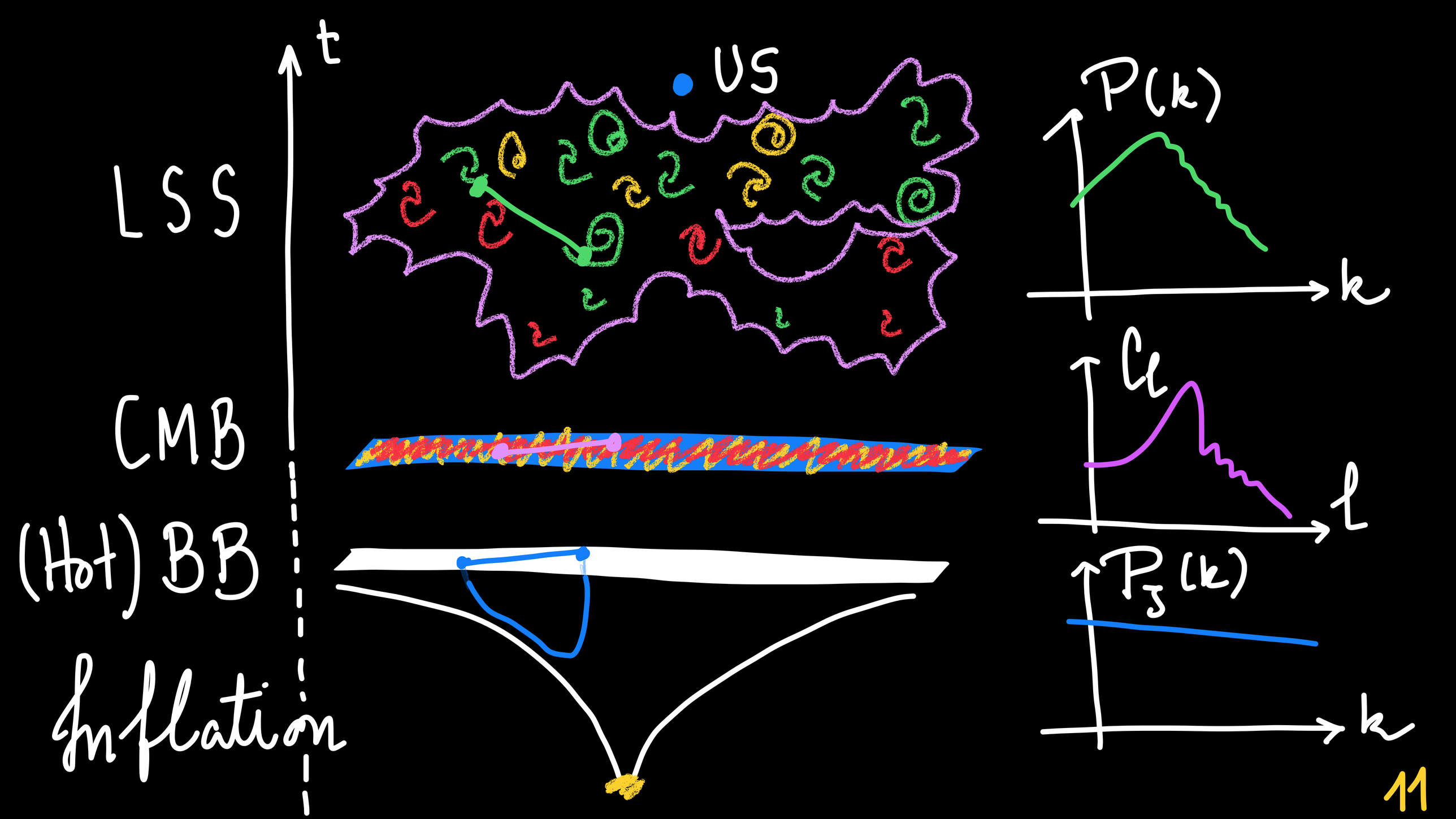
$$= c_1 (Y+X_1)^{\varepsilon} (Y+X_2)^{\varepsilon} + c_2 (X_1+X_2)^{2\varepsilon}$$

$$+ c_3 \, {}_2F_1\left[\begin{matrix} 1, \varepsilon \\ 1-\varepsilon \end{matrix} \middle| \frac{Y-X_2}{Y+X_1}\right] (X_1+X_2)^{2\varepsilon}$$

$$+ c_4 \, {}_2F_1\left[\begin{matrix} 1, \varepsilon \\ 1-\varepsilon \end{matrix} \middle| \frac{Y-X_1}{Y+X_2}\right] (X_1+X_2)^{2\varepsilon}$$

c_i $\begin{cases} \text{\underline{No} folded singularity} \\ \text{factorization} \end{cases}$

Motivation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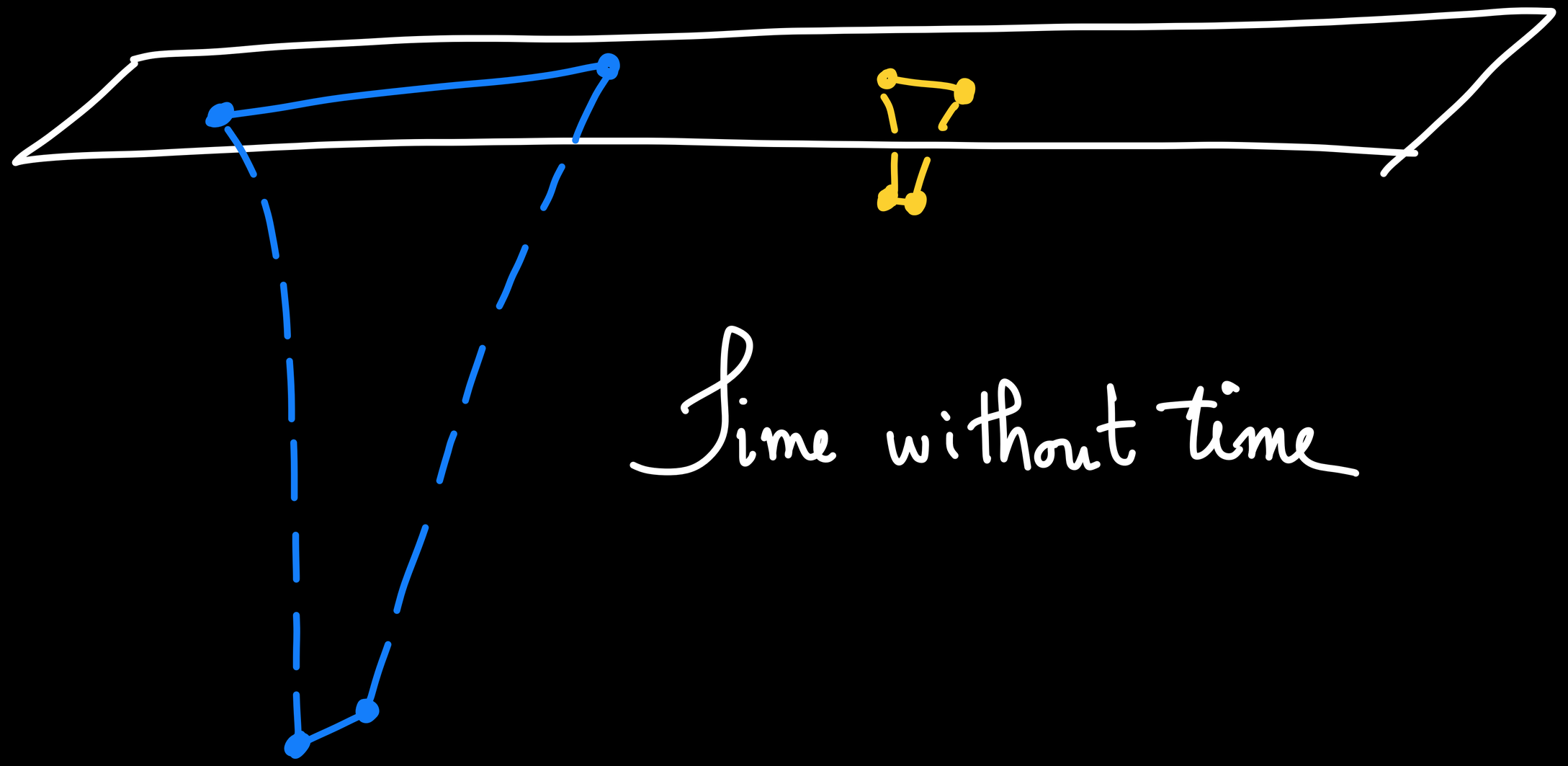
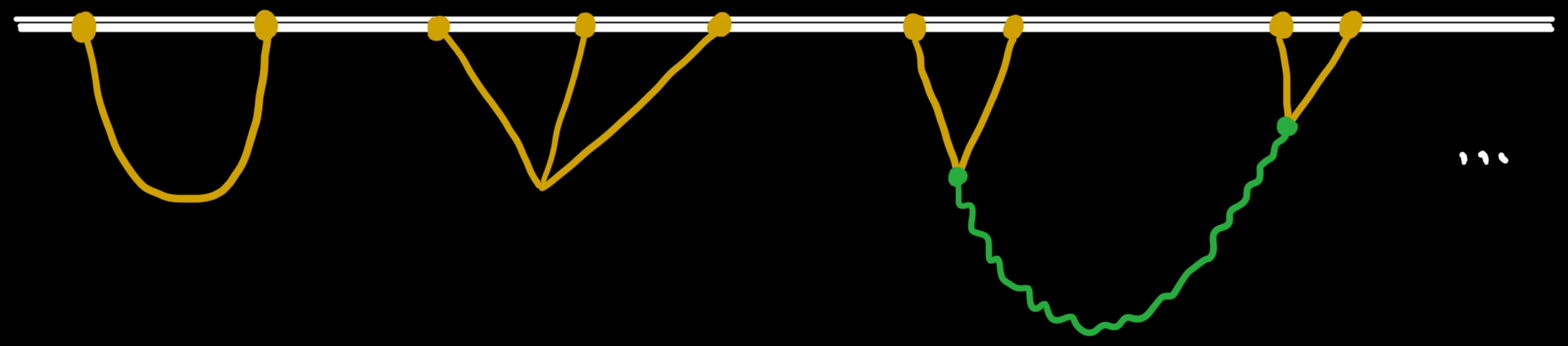
Time Evolution ⇒ Boundary Differential Equation



Time without time

Cosmological Bootstrap



In dS_4 (inflation), with & <u>without</u> boost symmetry

Locality, Unitarity, perturbative & non-perturbative

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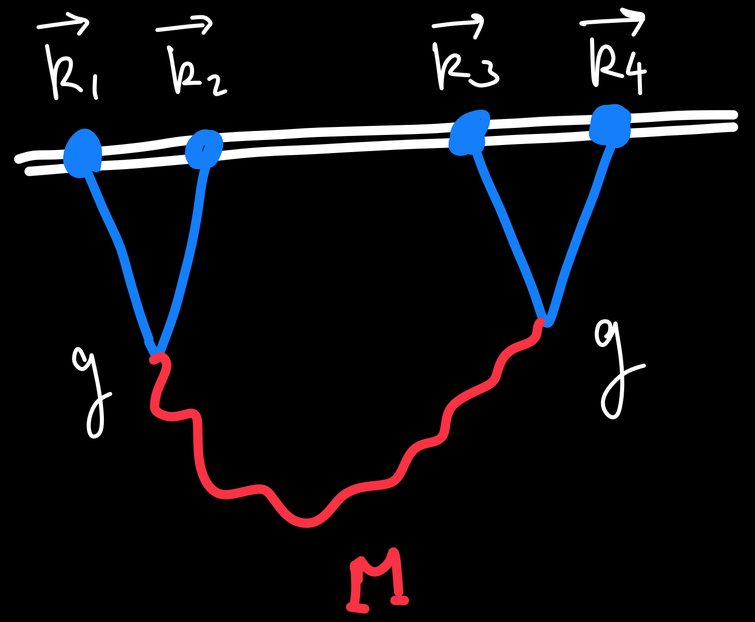
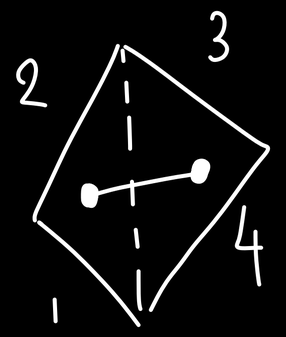


$$\Psi(X_1, X_2, Y)$$

$$\left[\Delta_{X_1} + \left(\frac{M}{H}\right)^2 - 2\right]\Psi = \frac{g^2}{X_1 + X_2}$$

$$\left[\Delta_{X_2} + \left(\frac{M}{H}\right)^2 - 2\right]\Psi = \frac{g^2}{X_1 + X_2}$$



$$X_1 \equiv k_1 + k_2$$

$$X_2 \equiv k_3 + k_4$$

$$Y \equiv |\vec{k}_1 + \vec{k}_2|$$

hypergeometric (2nd order) op.

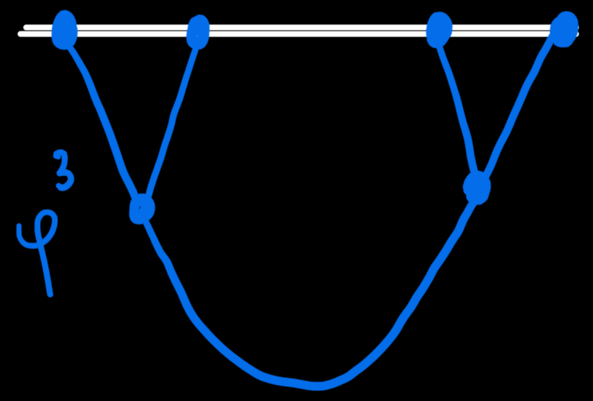
<u>Singular</u> at $\begin{bmatrix} X_1 + Y = 0 \\ X_2 + Y = 0 \\ X_1 + X_2 = 0 \end{bmatrix}$. <u>Shouldn't</u> be at $\begin{bmatrix} X_1 - Y = 0 \\ X_2 - Y = 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Where do the differential equations come from?

Can we derive them (+ solve them) systematically?

Model

PROTOTYPE: CONFORMAL SCALARS (φ) IN POWER LAW (ε) COSMOLOGIES



$$\Psi(X_1, X_2, Y) = \int^{\infty} \frac{(x_1 x_2)^{\varepsilon}\, dx_1\, dx_2}{(x_1 + X_1 + Y)(x_2 + X_2 + Y)(x_1 + x_2 + X_1 + X_2)}$$

$$ds^2 = \eta^{-2\varepsilon}\left[\frac{-d\eta^2 + d\vec{x}^2}{\eta^2}\right] \begin{cases} \varepsilon = 0 & \text{dS} \\ \varepsilon = -1 & \text{Flat} \\ \varepsilon = -2 & \text{Radiation} \\ \varepsilon = -3 & \text{Matter} \end{cases}$$

How to find D.E. for Ψ?

Key Point

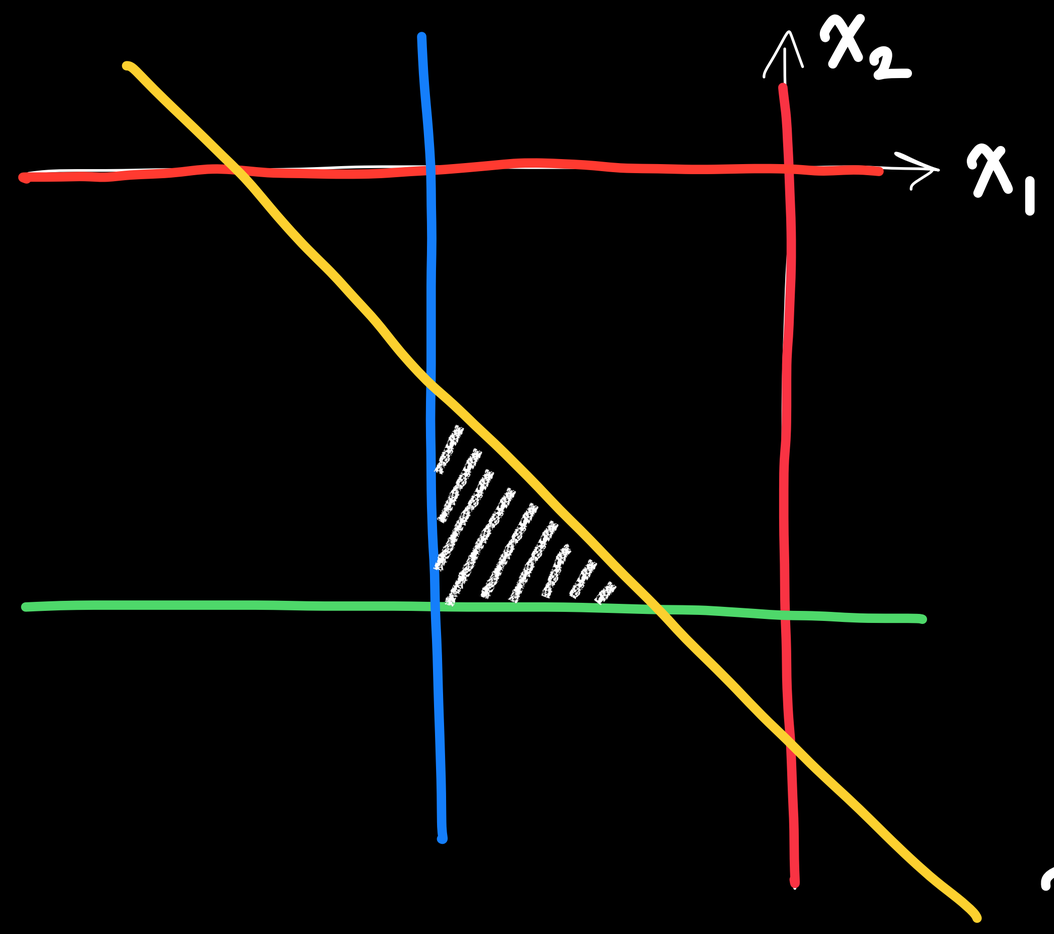
"twist"

$$F = \int (x_1 x_2)^{\varepsilon} \, \Omega$$

Canonical Form for bounded region in (x_1, x_2) plane (Cosmological Polytope)

Strategy: Exploit (twisted) cohomology of integrands

Consider $$F_{n_1,\dots,n_5} = c_{n_1\dots n_5}\int_0^\infty \frac{dx_1\,dx_2\,(x_1x_2)^{\varepsilon}}{T_1^{n_1}T_2^{n_2}L_1^{n_3}L_2^{n_4}L_3^{n_5}}$$



$T_1: x_1$

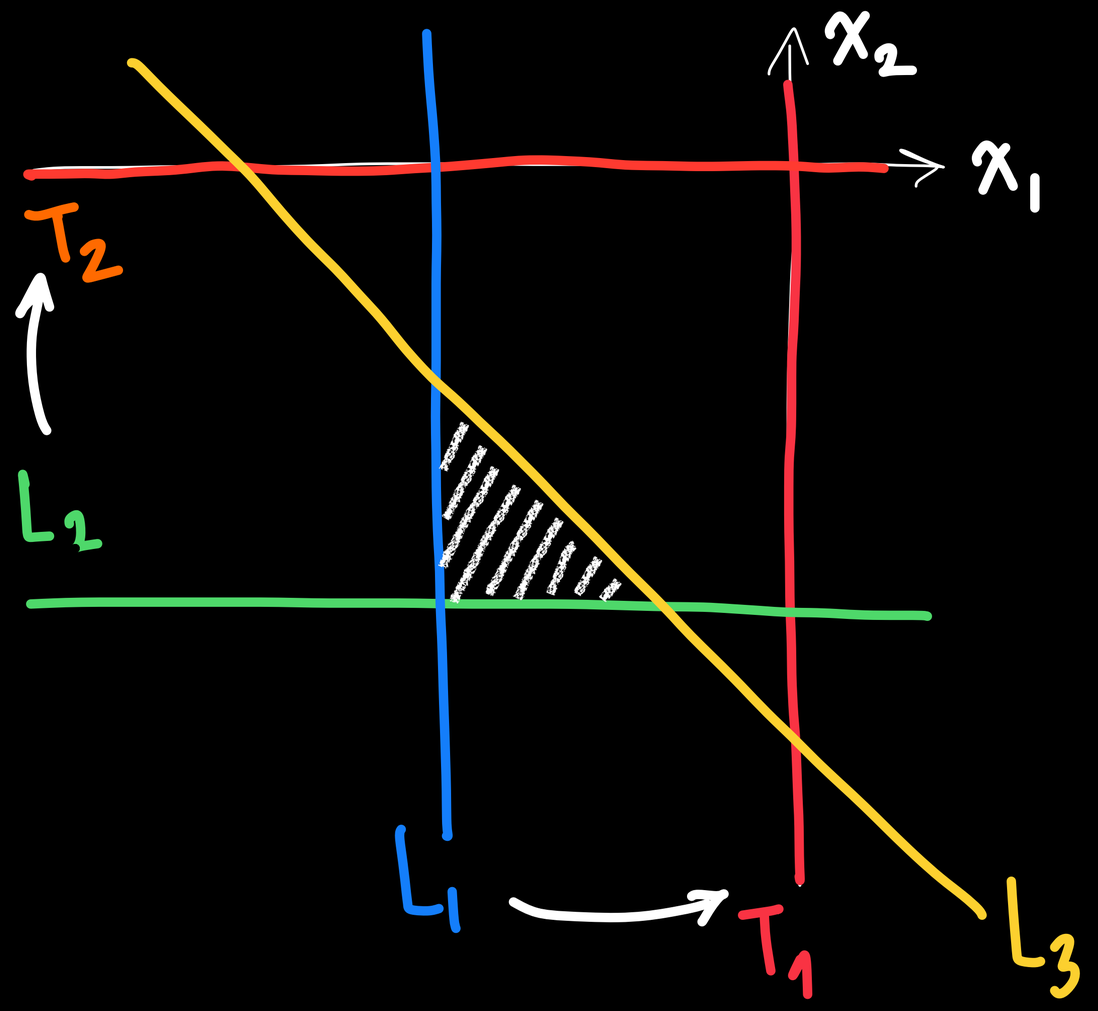
$T_2: x_2$

$L_1: x_1 + X_1 + Y$

$L_2: x_2 + X_2 + Y$

$L_3: x_1 + x_2 + X_1 + X_2$

Basis size: # of bounded regions



$$\begin{tikzcd}
 & F_{T_1 L_2 L_3} \arrow[dr, "L_2 \to T_2"] & \\
\psi_{L_1 L_2 L_3} \arrow[ur, "L_1 \to T_1"] \arrow[dr, "L_2 \to T_2"'] & & Z_{T_1 T_2 L_3} \\
 & \tilde{F}_{L_1 T_2 L_3} \arrow[ur, "L_1 \to T_1"'] &
\end{tikzcd}$$

$$d\begin{bmatrix} \psi \\ F \\ \tilde{F} \\ Z \end{bmatrix} = \varepsilon A \begin{bmatrix} \psi \\ F \\ \tilde{F} \\ Z \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$

A: follows Kinematic Flow!

$d\psi = \varepsilon\Big[$  $(\psi - F) +$

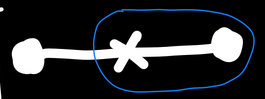
$+$  $(\psi - \tilde{F}) +$

$+$  $F +$

$+$  $\tilde{F}\Big]$

$dF = \varepsilon\Big[$  $(F - Z) +$

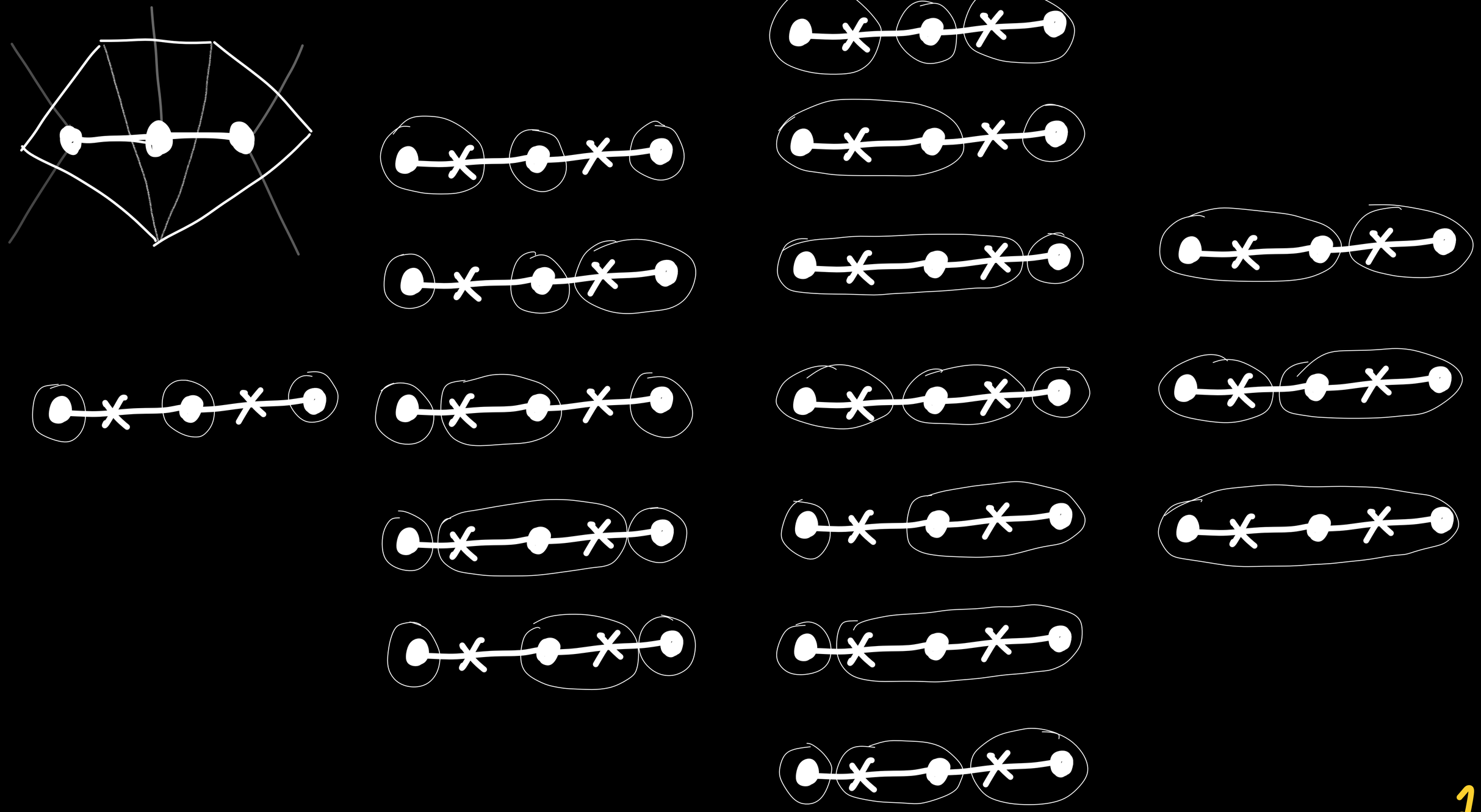
 $Z\Big]$

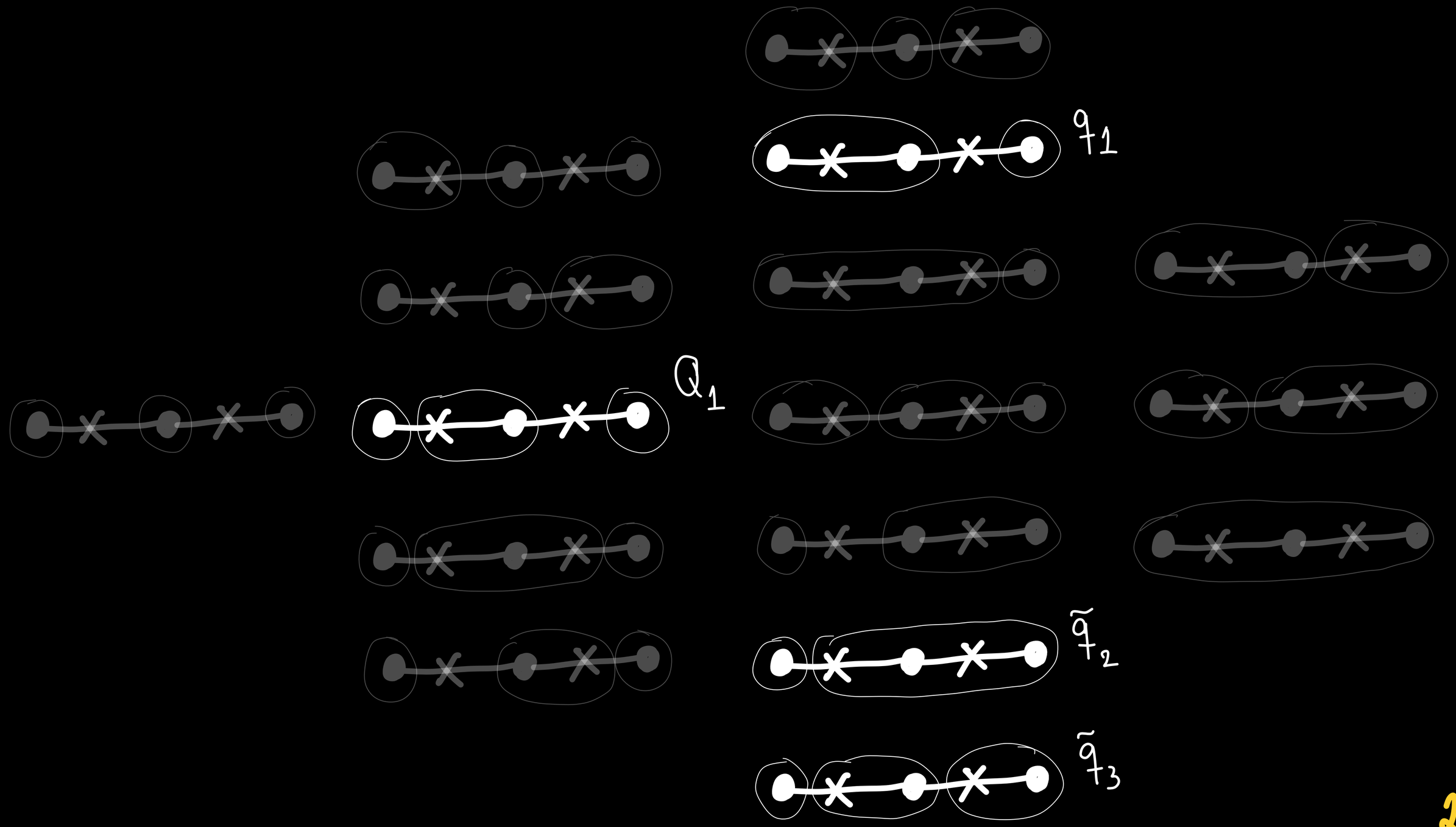
$d\tilde{F} = \varepsilon\Big[$  $(\tilde{F} - Z) +$

 $Z\Big]$

$dZ = \varepsilon\Big[$  $2Z\Big]$

The Rules of the Flow ...

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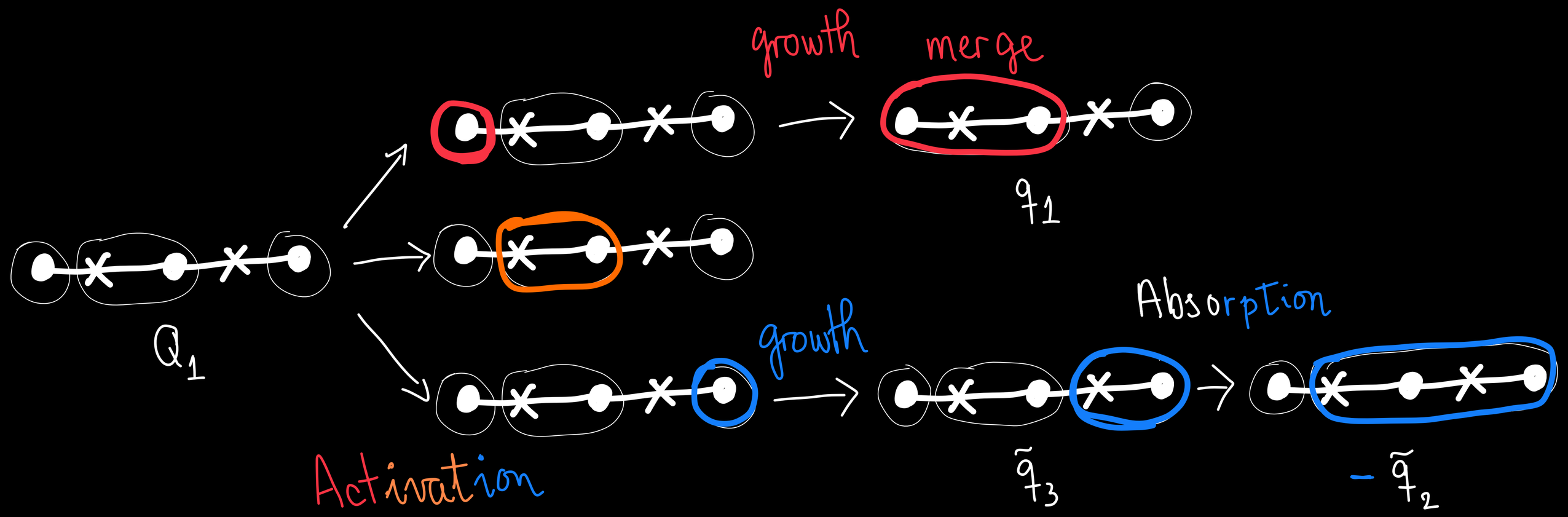
growth
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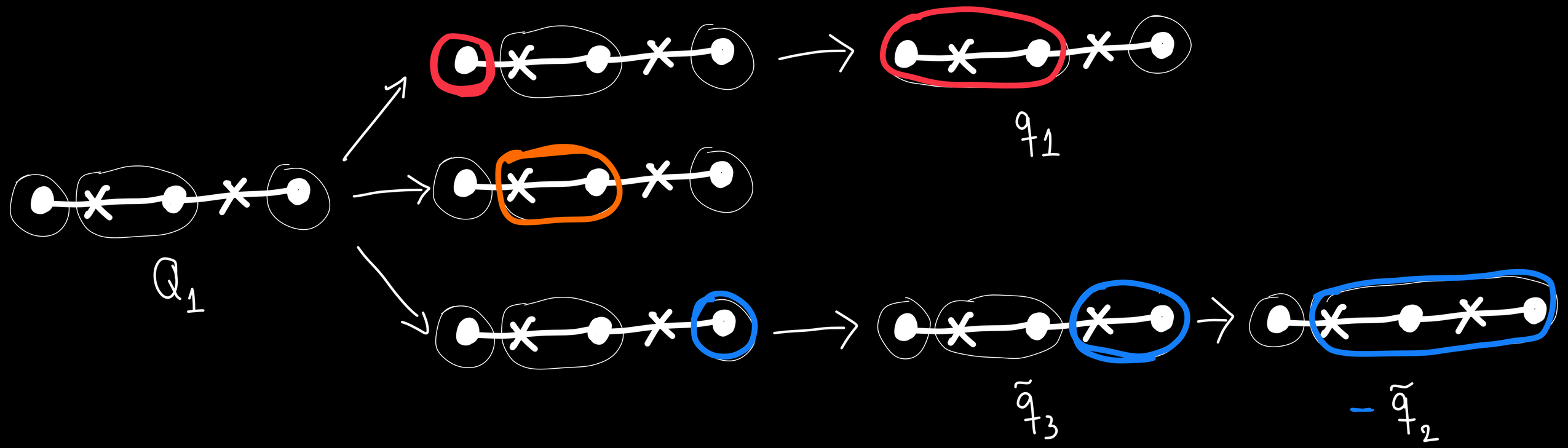


$$d\mathbb{Q}_1 = \varepsilon\Big[(Q_1 - q_1)\ \bullet\!\!-\!\!\times\!\!-\!\!\bullet\!\!-\!\!\times\!\!-\!\!\bullet + Q_1\ \bullet\!\!-\!\!\times\!\!-\!\!\bullet\!\!-\!\!\times\!\!-\!\!\bullet + (Q_1 - \tilde{q}_3)\ \bullet\!\!-\!\!\times\!\!-\!\!\bullet\!\!-\!\!\times\!\!-\!\!\bullet$$

$$+ q_1\ \bullet\!\!-\!\!\times\!\!-\!\!\bullet\!\!-\!\!\times\!\!-\!\!\bullet + (\tilde{q}_3 + \tilde{q}_2)\ \bullet\!\!-\!\!\times\!\!-\!\!\bullet\!\!-\!\!\times\!\!-\!\!\bullet$$

$$- \tilde{q}_2\ \bullet\!\!-\!\!\times\!\!-\!\!\bullet\!\!-\!\!\times\!\!-\!\!\bullet\Big]$$

F.A.Q.

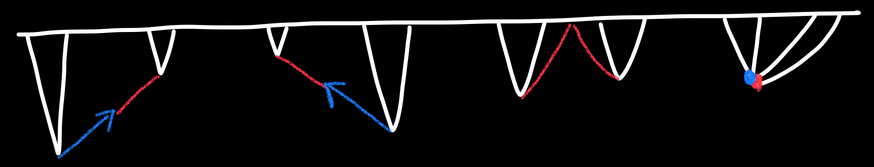
& OUTLOOK

Q: Boundary Conditions?

A: No folded singularity + Single factorization limit

Q: What's the physical interpretation of $\mathcal{I}$?

A: Flow: Bubblings $\to$? Bulk: Breaking propagator in 4 pieces



Q: Can you solve them?

A: To some extent. Beyond my wildest dreams for sure.

Q: What about (mass, spin, loops)?

A: Working on it (with brilliant students)

Works for sums of graphs!

$$g\,\phi^a{}_b\,\phi^b{}_c\,\phi^c{}_a$$

# pts	A naive	A real
4	8	7
5	80	56
6	896	502

Is there some structure that contains A in it???

Differential Equations May Be Entryway To New Framework For Cosmology!

Masses Loops Emergence of Time Stochasticity Unitarity Spins Strong Coupling