

# Parity-violating scalar trispectrum from helical primordial magnetic fields

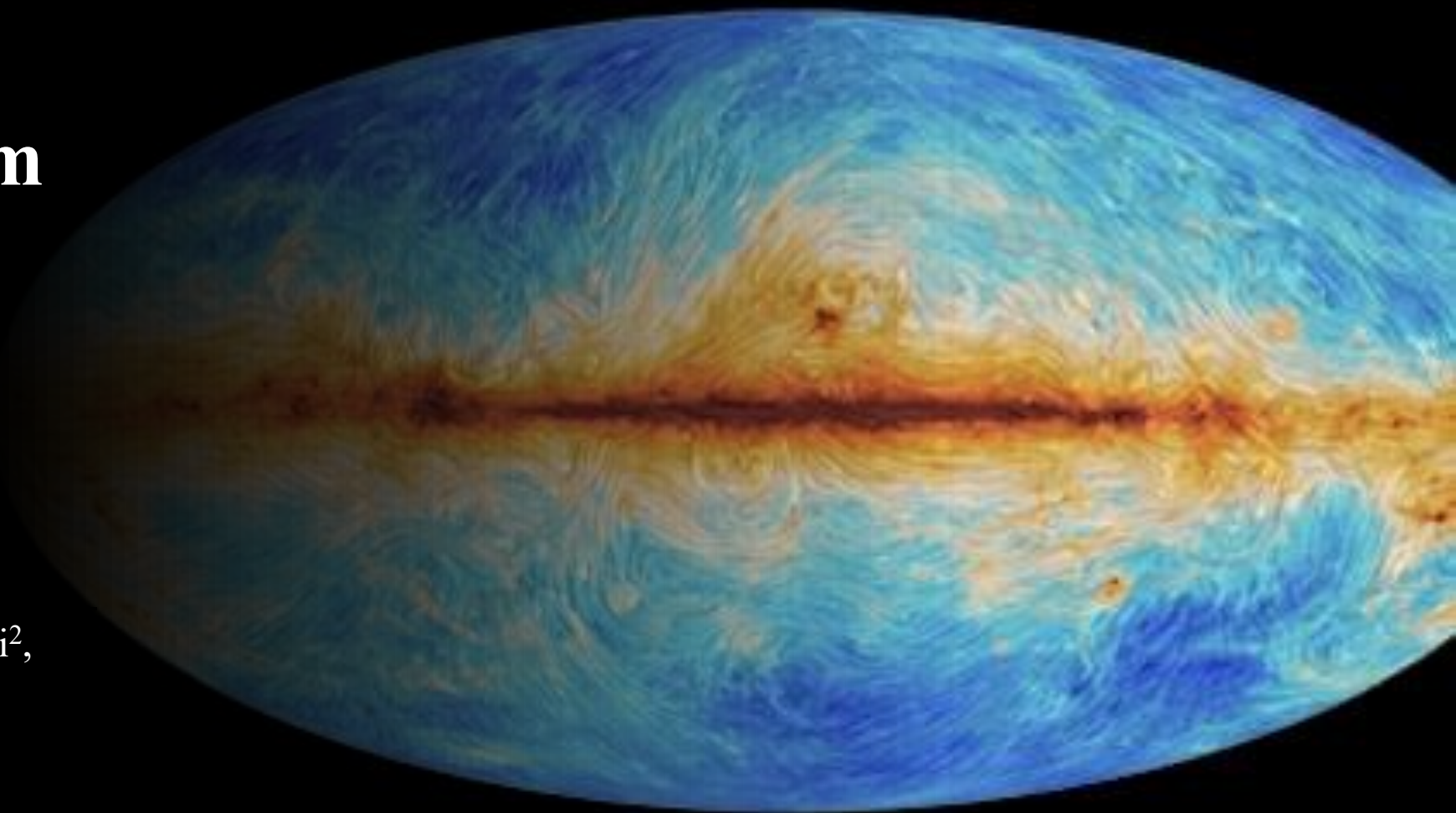
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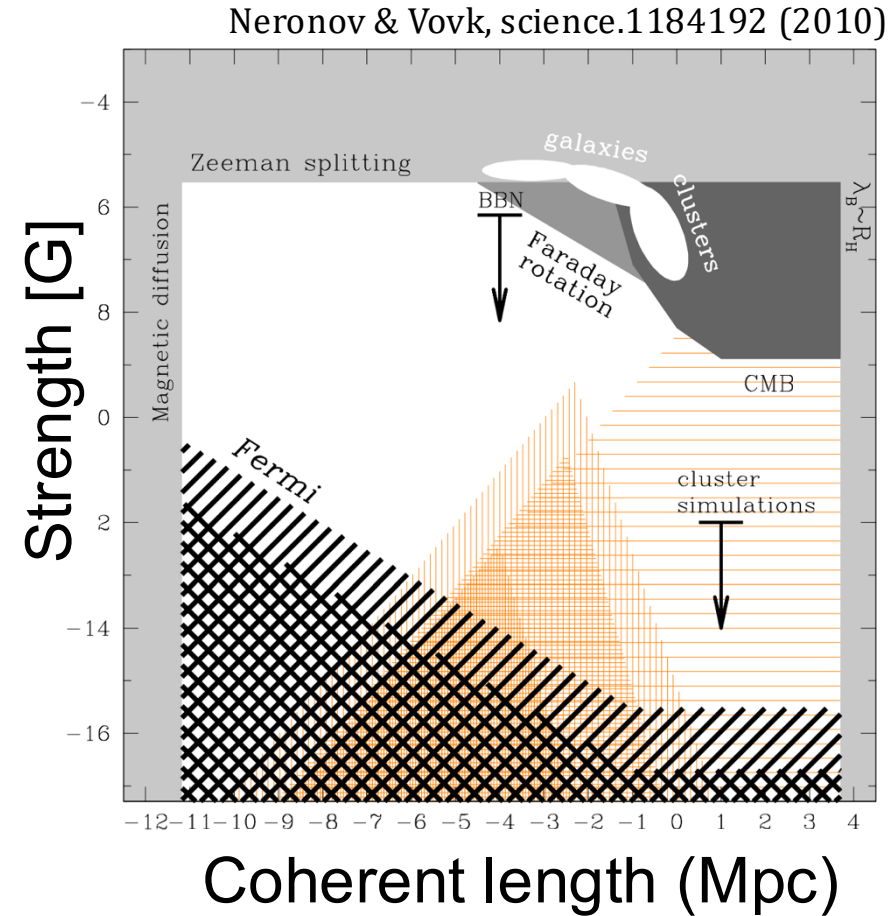
# Origin of Cosmic Magnetic Fields

Magnetic fields of  $\mathcal{O}(\mu\text{G})$  are observed in galaxies and galaxy clusters

Void regions :  $B \geq 3 \times 10^{-16} \text{G}$

**Mechanism** A seed field is amplified by dynamo

- ❑ Astrophysical origin (Biermann battery)
  - generated in the plasma during the primordial galaxy formation
  - small coherence
- ❑ **Cosmological origin (Primordial magnetic fields; PMFs)**
  - generated in the early universe (e.g., inflation)
  - large coherent length



# Generation of Helical PMFs

Helical magnetic field : Parity-odd part of magnetic field

*Ratra model*

*Axion-like coupling (parity-odd coupling)*

$$\mathcal{L} = I^2(\tau) \left( -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\gamma}{8} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\lambda} F^{\mu\nu} F^{\rho\lambda} \right)$$

$$I(\tau) = a^n(\tau)$$

Chiara Caprini & Lorenzo Sorbo, JCAP10(2014)056

Tomohiro Fujita & Ruth Durrer, JCAP09(2019)008

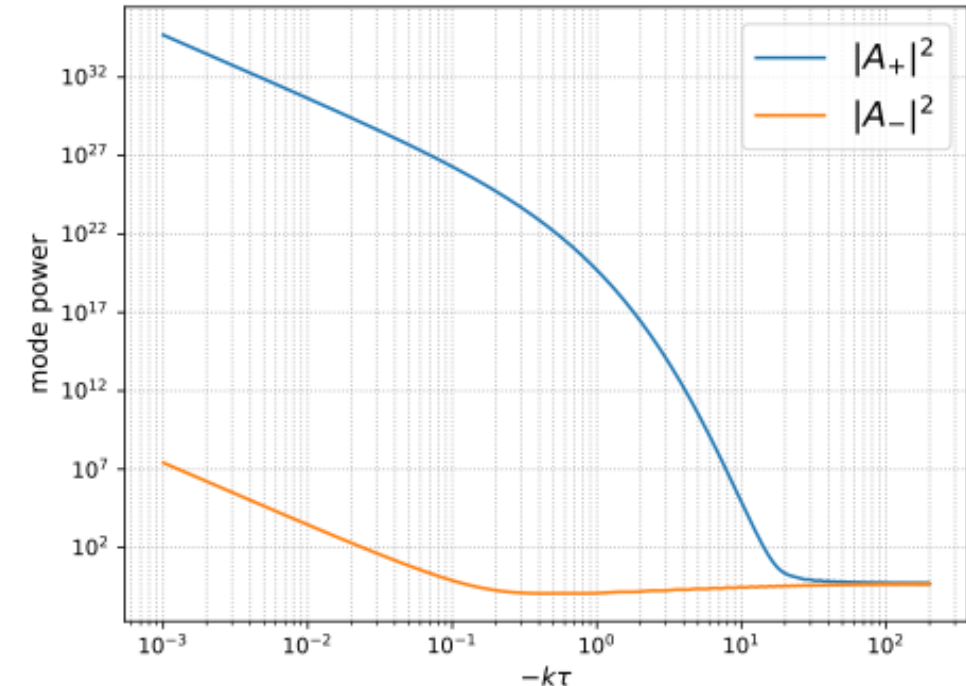
EoM of gauge field

$$\tilde{A}''_{\pm} + \left( k^2 \pm 2\xi \frac{k}{\tau} - \frac{n(n+1)}{\tau^2} \right) \tilde{A}_{\pm} = 0$$

→ Only one helicity mode grows exponentially

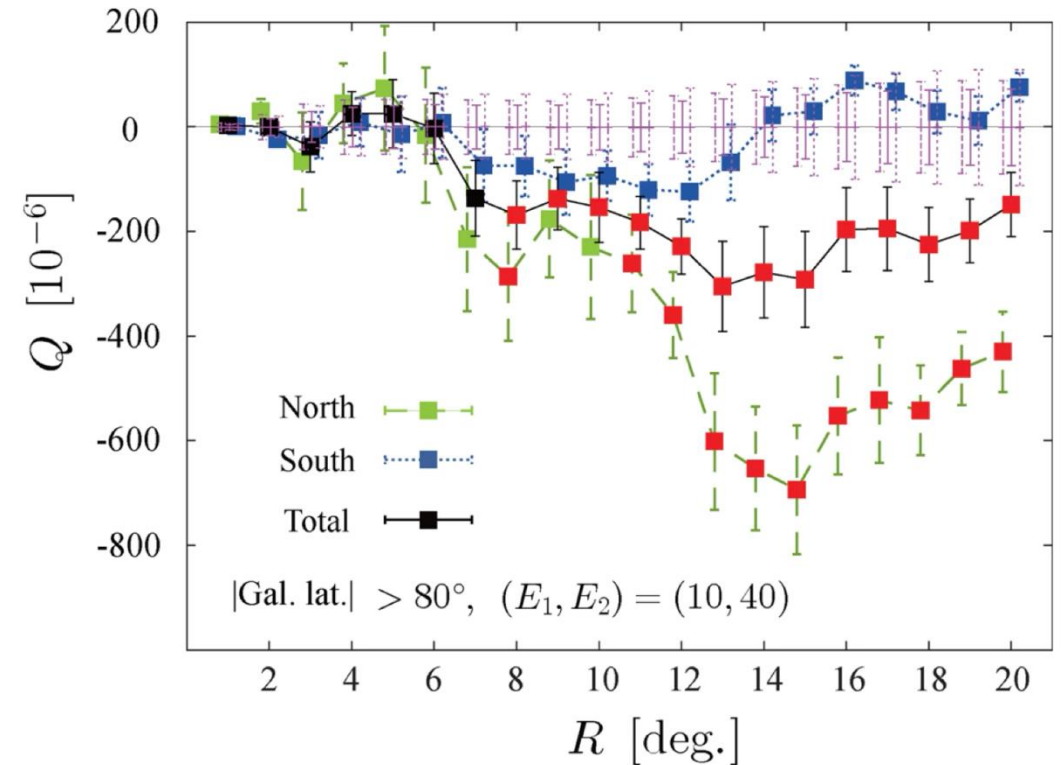
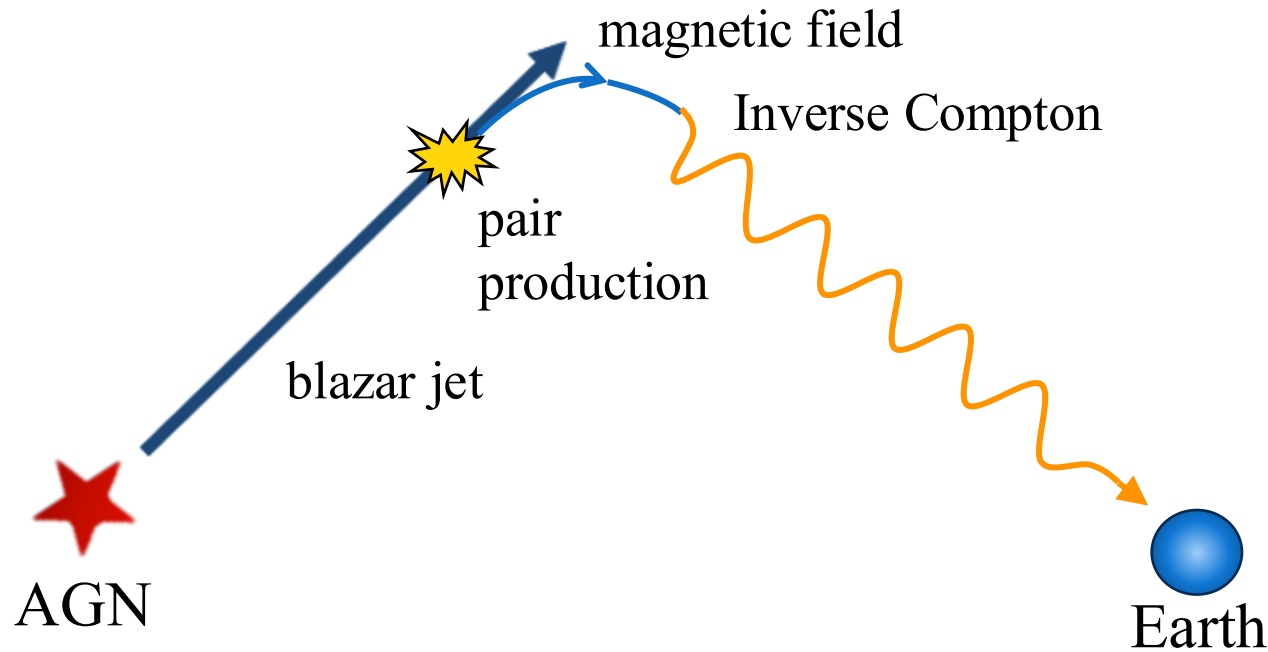
- ✓ *Ratra* : adjust the tilt of magnetic fields
- ✓ *Axion-like coupling* : inject the helicity to PMFs

Helical PMFs enables us to approach the PMF generation & parity violation



# Observational Implication of Helical PMF

Hiroyuki Tashiro et al., MNRASL 445, L41-L45 (2014)



Implication of the possibility  
that extragalactic magnetic field is helical

**Non-zero  $Q$  with  $\gtrsim 3\sigma$  significance**

➡ Is the origin of magnetic field in void helical?

**Aim** Explore helical PMFs phenomenologically thorough parity violation

# Passive scalar mode

J. Richard Shaw & Antony Lewis, Phys. Rev. D 81, 043517 (2010)

## Energy momentum tensor from PMF

$$T_j^i \supset \frac{1}{4\pi a^4} \left( \frac{1}{2} B^2(\mathbf{x}) \delta_j^i - B^i(\mathbf{x}) B_j(\mathbf{x}) \right) \propto a^{-4} \Pi_{B j}^i$$

anisotropic stress

## Curvature perturbation from PMF anisotropic stress

$$\zeta(\tau) = \zeta(\tau_B) - \frac{1}{3} R_\gamma \Pi_B(\mathbf{k}) \left[ \ln(\tau/\tau_B) + \frac{\tau_B}{2\tau} - \frac{1}{2} \right]$$

$R_\gamma$  : Energy density ratio between photon and relativistic particles

Curvature perturbation on superhorizon scale

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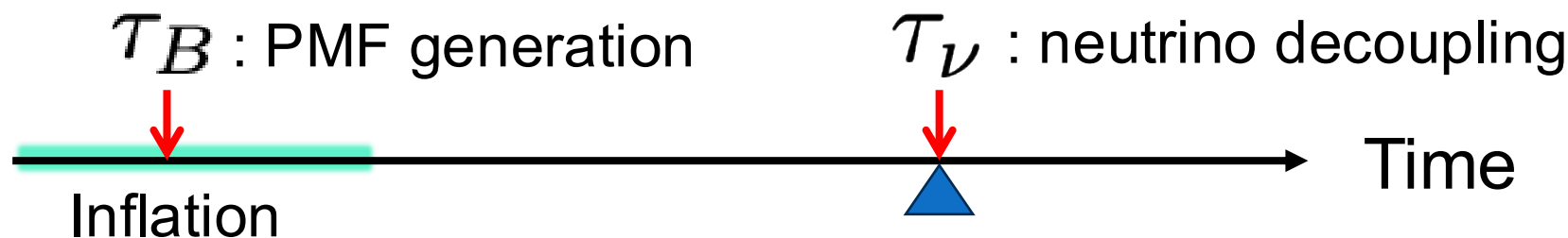
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Neutrino anisotropic stress compensates PMF anisotropic stress

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[After neutrino decoupling]

Passive scalar mode:

$$\zeta_B(\mathbf{k}) \simeq -\frac{1}{3} R_\gamma \Pi_B(\mathbf{k}) \ln \left( \frac{\tau_\nu}{\tau_B} \right)$$
$$\equiv \mathcal{T} \Pi_B(\mathbf{k})$$

# Scalar Observable Sensitive to Parity Violation

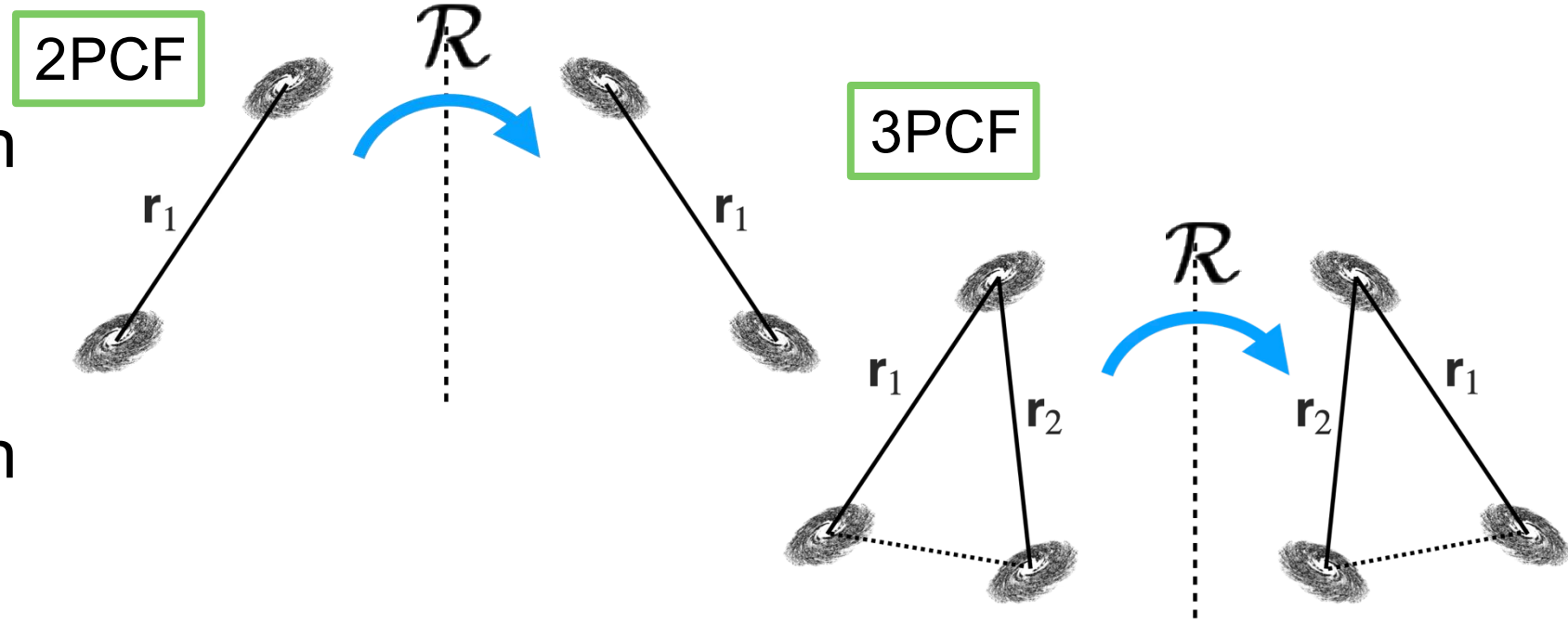
**Parity symmetry** : physical law is invariant under spatial inversion

- 2-pt correlation function (2PCF) :

Parity = Rotation

- 3-pt correlation function (3PCF) :

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2PCF & 3PCF are not statistics sensitive purely to parity violation

# 4-Point Correlation Function

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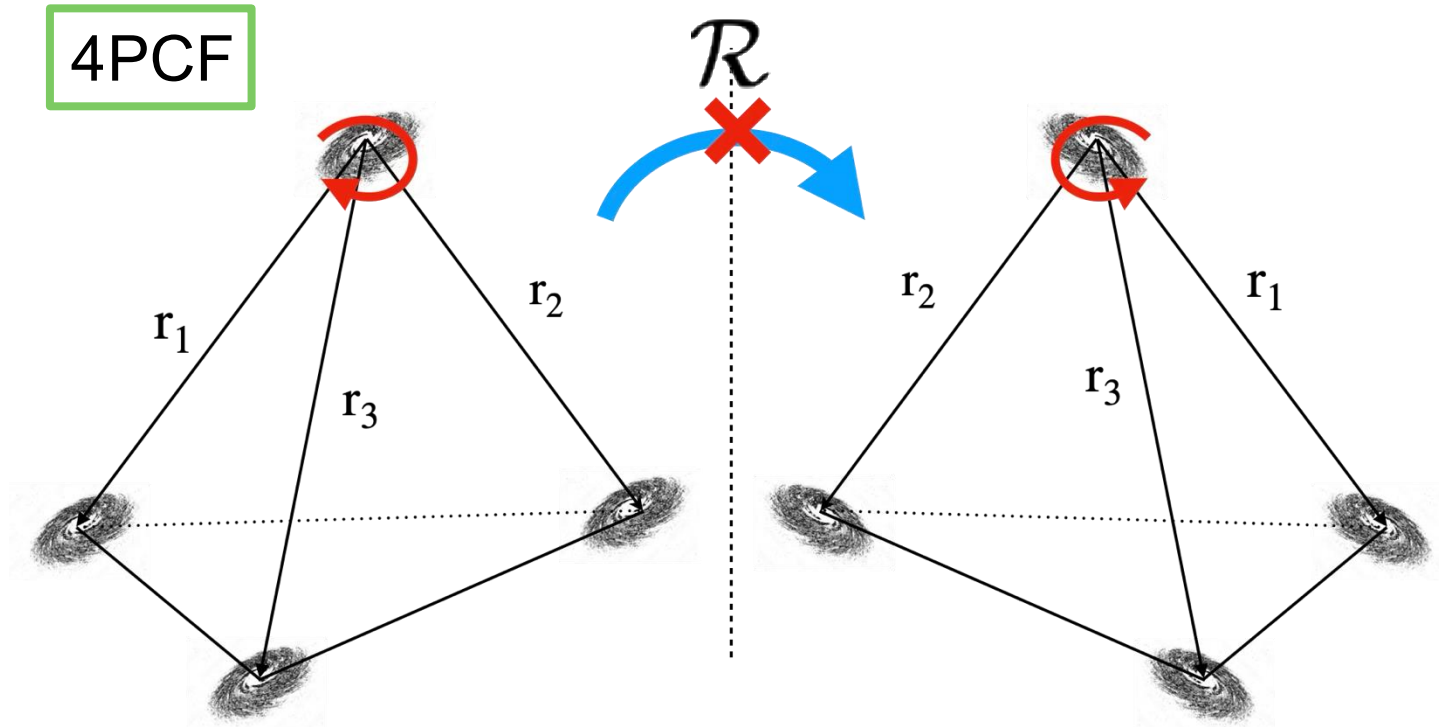
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- 3-pt correlation function (3PCF) :

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- 4-pt correlation function (4PCF) :

Parity  $\neq$  Rotation



Tetrahedron cannot be rotated into its mirror image

**4PCF (Trispectrum)** : the lowest order statistic sensitive to parity violation for scalar fields

# Observational Searches for Parity-Odd 4PCF

## Parity-odd 4PCF has been measured in CMB&LSS

**CMB** Planck : constraints on the amplitude of 4PCF

$$10^{-4} \tau_{\text{NL}}^{1,\text{odd}} = -1.5 \pm 1.6 \quad (95\% \text{C.L.})$$

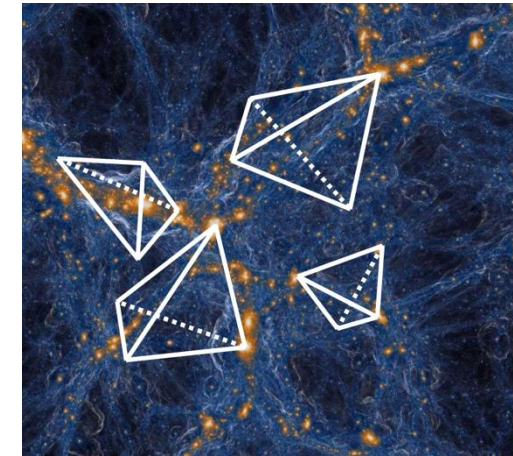
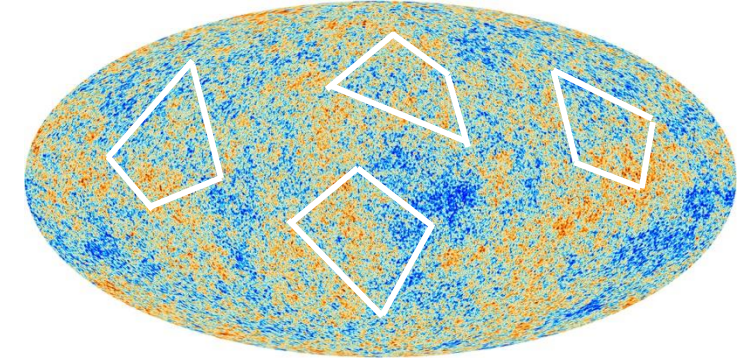
**LSS** ➤ BOSS : maximally  $7.1\sigma$  for parity-odd modes

➤ DESI :  $2\sigma$ ,  $\sim 4 - 10\sigma$  (systematics-limited)

### Physical model of parity-violating trispectrum

- axion inflation / spectator axion  
(Matthew A. Reinhard et al. (2024), Tomohiro Fujita et al. (2024))
- Chiral scalar-tensor theory of gravity  
(Tommaso Moretti et al. (2025))

Jiamin Hou et al., MNRAS, 522.5701H (2023)  
Oliver H. E. Philcox, PRL 131.181001 (2023)  
Oliver H. E. Philcox, PRD 111, 123534 (2025)  
Zachary Slepian et al., arXiv:2508.09133 (2025)  
Jiamin Hou et al., arXiv:2512.20132 (2025)



# Parity Transformation of Trispectrum

General formalism of the passive scalar mode trispectrum

$$\langle \zeta_B(\mathbf{k}_1)\zeta_B(\mathbf{k}_2)\zeta_B(\mathbf{k}_3)\zeta_B(\mathbf{k}_4) \rangle_c \equiv (2\pi)^3 \delta_D(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3 + \mathbf{k}_4) \mathcal{T}^4 T_{\Pi_B}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3, \mathbf{k}_4)$$

**Parity transformation in Fourier space : Inversion of wave vectors**

Reality condition for curvature perturbation

$$\zeta_B(-\mathbf{k}) = \zeta_B^*(\mathbf{k})$$

 Parity transformation of the trispectrum

$$T_{\Pi_B}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3, \mathbf{k}_4) \rightarrow T_{\Pi_B}(-\mathbf{k}_1, -\mathbf{k}_2, -\mathbf{k}_3, -\mathbf{k}_4) = (T_{\Pi_B}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3, \mathbf{k}_4))^*$$

- ✓ Real part of the trispectrum  $\text{Re}[T_{\Pi_B}] \rightarrow$  Parity-even
- Imaginary part of the trispectrum  $\text{Im}[T_{\Pi_B}] \rightarrow$  Parity-odd

**Parity violation for scalar quantity appears in  
“imaginary part of the trispectrum”**

# Statistical Properties of PMF

## Anisotropic stress of PMFs

$$\Pi_{B_{ij}}(\mathbf{k}) = -\frac{1}{4\pi\rho_{\gamma,0}} \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3} B_i(\mathbf{k}') B_j(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}')$$

## PMFs power spectrum

$$\begin{aligned} \langle B_i(\mathbf{k}) B_j(\mathbf{k}') \rangle &= \frac{(2\pi)^3}{2} \delta_D(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{k}') \left[ P_{ij}(\hat{\mathbf{k}}) P_B(k) + i \epsilon_{ijl} \hat{k}_l P_H(k) \right] \\ &\equiv \frac{(2\pi)^3}{2} \delta_D(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{k}') \mathcal{P}_{ij}(\mathbf{k}) \end{aligned}$$

Non-helical Helical

Levi-Civita tensor

## Assumption: Power-law

$$P_B(k) = A_B k^{n_B}, \quad P_H(k) = r_H A_B k^{n_H}$$

Helical-to-non-helical ratio

$$\begin{aligned} |r_H| &\leq 1 \\ A_B &= \frac{4\pi^2 r^{n_B+3} B_r^2}{\Gamma\left(\frac{n_B+3}{2}\right)} \end{aligned}$$

# Analytic formalism of the trispectrum

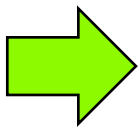
## Analytic expression of passive scalar mode trispectrum

$$T_{\Pi_B}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3, \mathbf{k}_4) = \frac{1}{(4\pi\rho_{\gamma,0})^4} O_{ab}^{(0)}(\hat{\mathbf{k}}_1) O_{cd}^{(0)}(\hat{\mathbf{k}}_2) O_{ef}^{(0)}(\hat{\mathbf{k}}_3) O_{gh}^{(0)}(\hat{\mathbf{k}}_4) \\ \times \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}'_1}{(2\pi)^3} \left[ \mathcal{P}_{ac}(\mathbf{k}'_1) \mathcal{P}_{be}(\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}'_1) \mathcal{P}_{dg}(\mathbf{k}'_1 + \mathbf{k}_2) \mathcal{P}_{fh}(-\mathbf{k}'_1 - \mathbf{k}_2 - \mathbf{k}_4) \right. \\ \left. + \mathcal{P}_{ac}(\mathbf{k}'_1) \mathcal{P}_{bg}(\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}'_1) \mathcal{P}_{de}(\mathbf{k}'_1 + \mathbf{k}_2) \mathcal{P}_{fh}(\mathbf{k}'_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3) \right. \\ \left. + \mathcal{P}_{ae}(\mathbf{k}'_1) \mathcal{P}_{bg}(\mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}'_1) \mathcal{P}_{ch}(\mathbf{k}'_1 - \mathbf{k}_1 - \mathbf{k}_4) \mathcal{P}_{df}(-\mathbf{k}'_1 - \mathbf{k}_3) \right]$$

$$\Pi_B(\mathbf{k}) \equiv O_{ij}^{(0)}(\hat{\mathbf{k}}) \Pi_{Bij}(\mathbf{k}), \quad O_{ij}^{(0)}(\hat{\mathbf{k}}) \equiv \frac{\delta_{ij}}{3} - \hat{k}_i \hat{k}_j$$



Many arguments & k-Integral  $\rightarrow$  Numerical calculation is challenging



1. Perform k-integral analytically using an approximation
2. Consider the simplified configuration of wave vectors

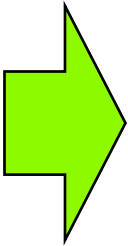
# Pole Approximation

Assuming nearly scale-invariant power spectrum :  $n_B = n_H = -2.9$

→ Dominant contribution:  $k' \sim 0$

✓ Pole approximation enables us to perform k-integrals **analytically**

Trispectrum after pole approximation


$$T_{\Pi_B}(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3, \mathbf{k}_4) \simeq \frac{\mathcal{A}_B}{(4\pi\rho_{\gamma,0})^4} O_{ab}^{(0)}(\hat{\mathbf{k}}_1) O_{cd}^{(0)}(\hat{\mathbf{k}}_2) O_{ef}^{(0)}(\hat{\mathbf{k}}_3) O_{gh}^{(0)}(\hat{\mathbf{k}}_4) \\ \times \left[ \delta_{ac} \mathcal{P}_{be}(\mathbf{k}_1) \mathcal{P}_{dg}(\mathbf{k}_2) \mathcal{P}_{fh}(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_3) + (11 \text{ perms.}) \right]$$

$$\int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}'}{(2\pi)^3} \mathcal{P}_{ab}(\mathbf{k}') = \mathcal{A}_B \delta_{ab}, \quad \mathcal{A}_B \equiv \frac{2}{3} \int \frac{k^2 dk'}{2\pi^2} P_B(k) = \frac{A_B}{6\pi^2} k_*^{n_B+3} \Gamma\left(\frac{n_B+3}{2}\right)$$

# Exact Equilateral Configuration

Tomohiro Fujita et al., JCAP05 (2024) 127

Momentum conservation :

$$\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3 + \mathbf{k}_4 = \mathbf{0}$$

4 wave vectors

$$\mathbf{k}_1 = k(\cos \theta, \sin \theta, 0)$$

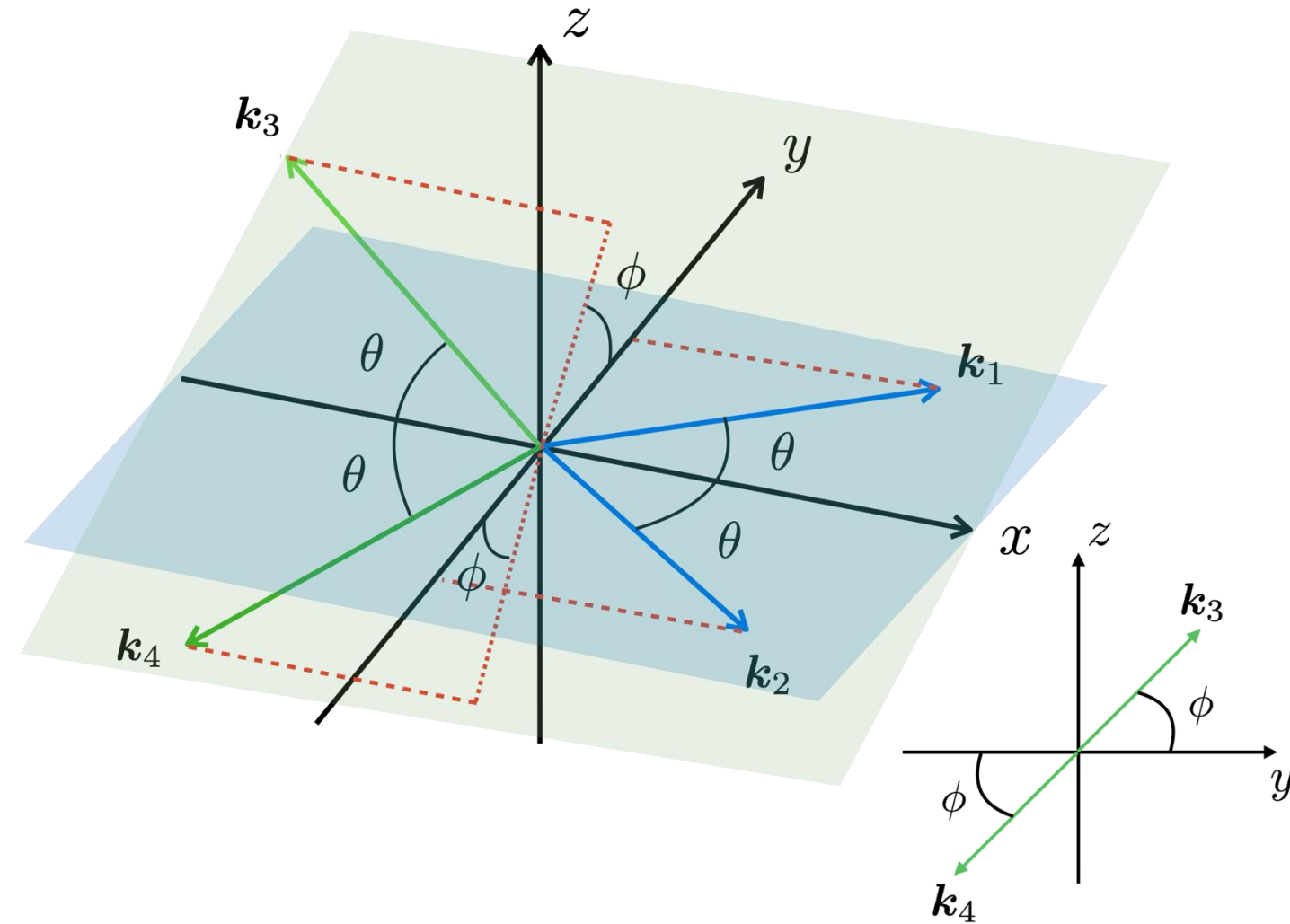
$$\mathbf{k}_2 = k(\cos \theta, -\sin \theta, 0)$$

$$\mathbf{k}_3 = k(-\cos \theta, \sin \theta \cos \phi, \sin \theta \sin \phi)$$

$$\mathbf{k}_4 = k(-\cos \theta, -\sin \theta \cos \phi, -\sin \theta \sin \phi)$$

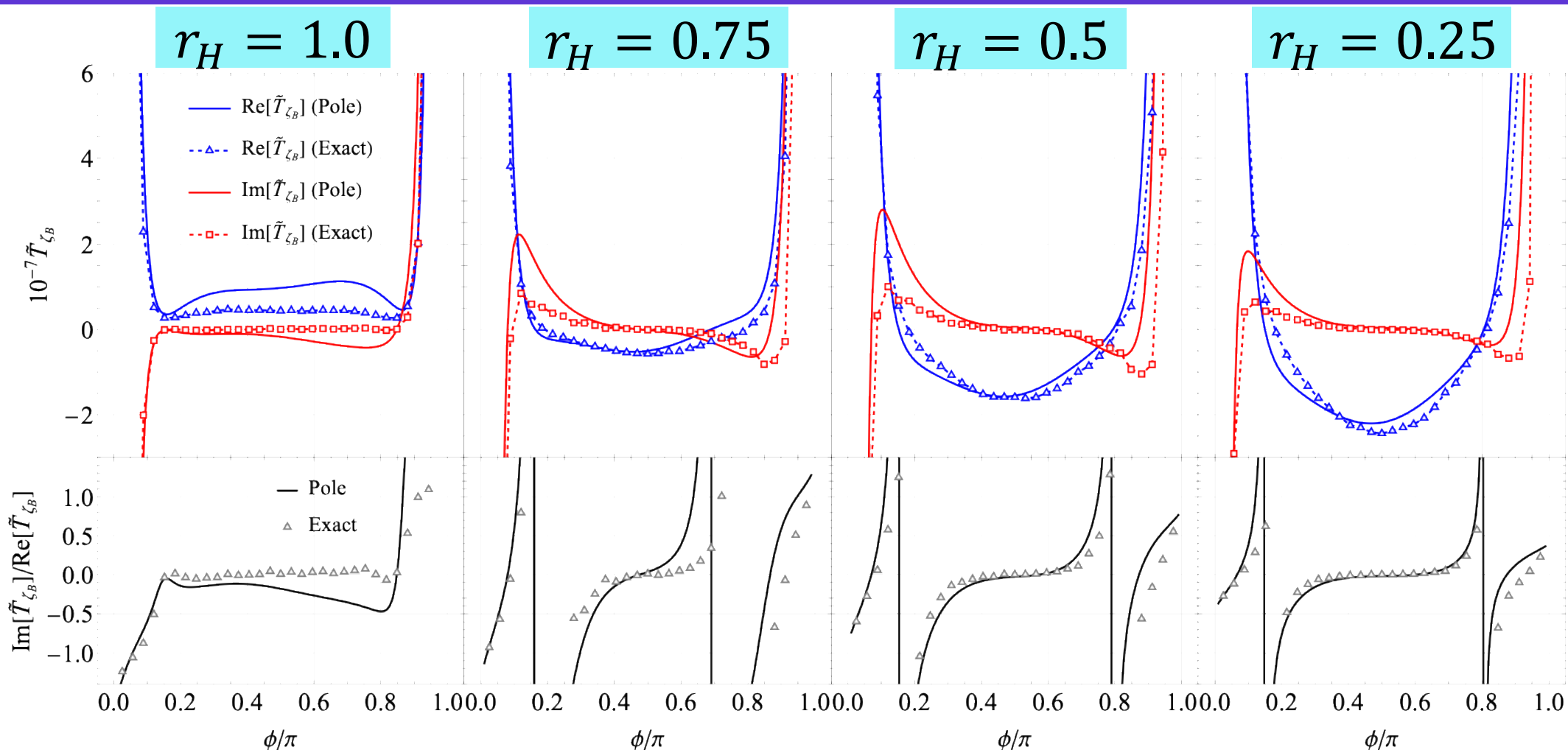
$$0 < \theta < \pi/2, \quad 0 \leq \phi < \pi$$

Parameters :  $\{k, \theta, \phi\}$

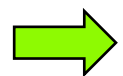


How the trispectrum depends on tetrahedral shape?

# Pole Approximation Trispectrum ( $\phi$ dependence)

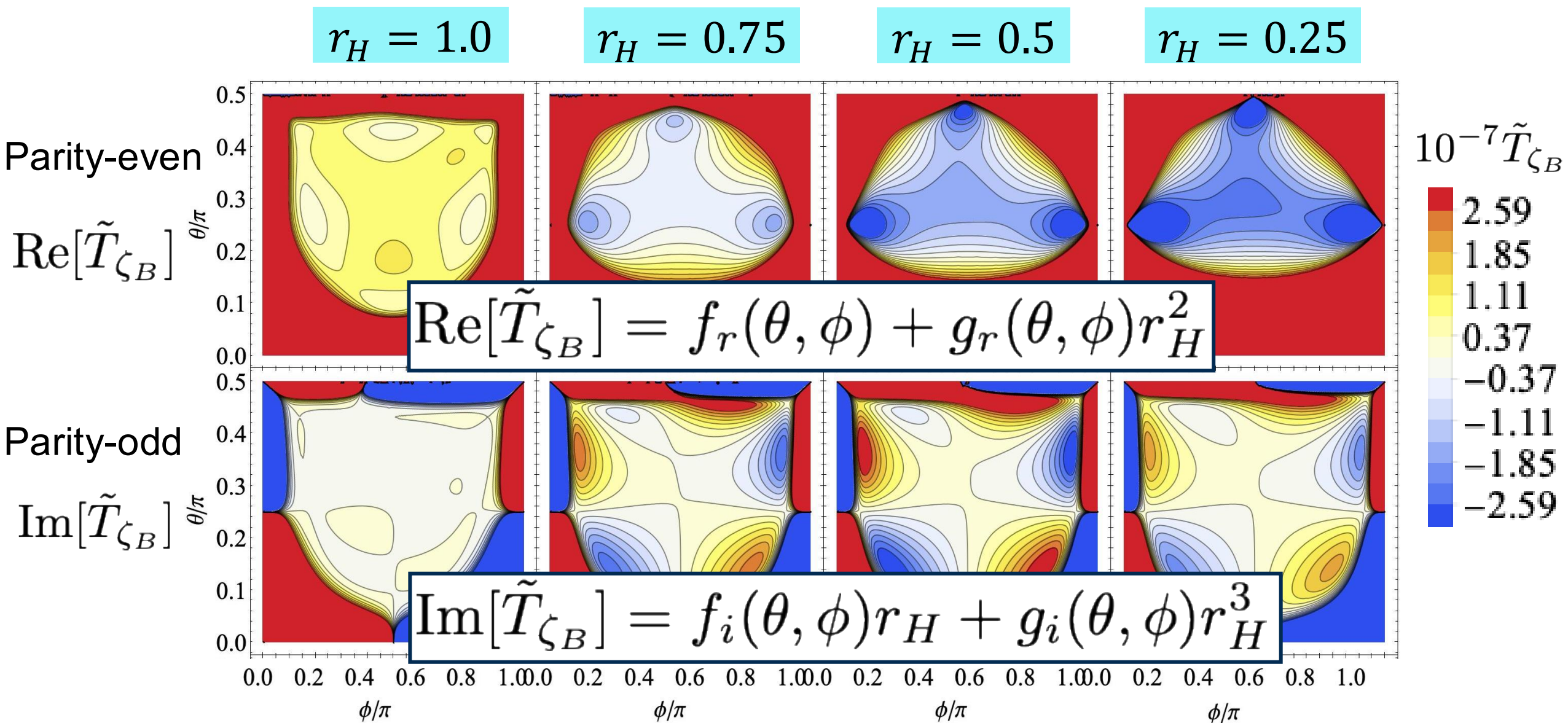


Trispectrum has the peak in collapsed limit ( $\phi \rightarrow 0, \pi$ )  $|\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_4| \ll k_1, k_2, k_3, k_4$



**Pole approximation reproduce the peak in collapsed limit**

# Pole Approximation Trispectrum Shape



# Ratio of Imaginary to Real Part of Trispectrum

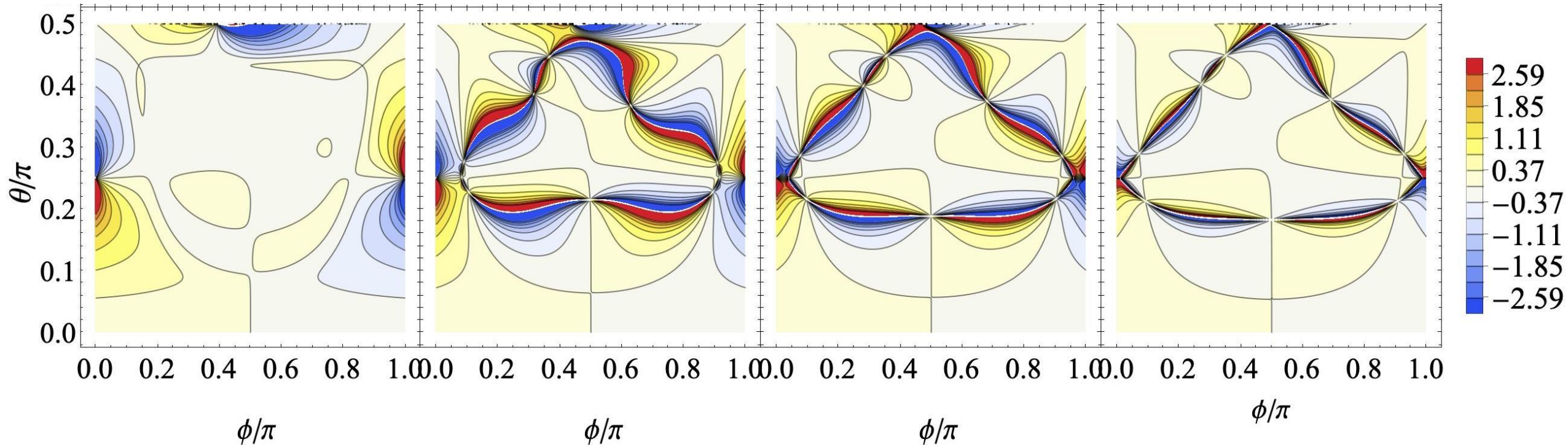
Imaginary/Real

$r_H = 1.0$

$r_H = 0.75$

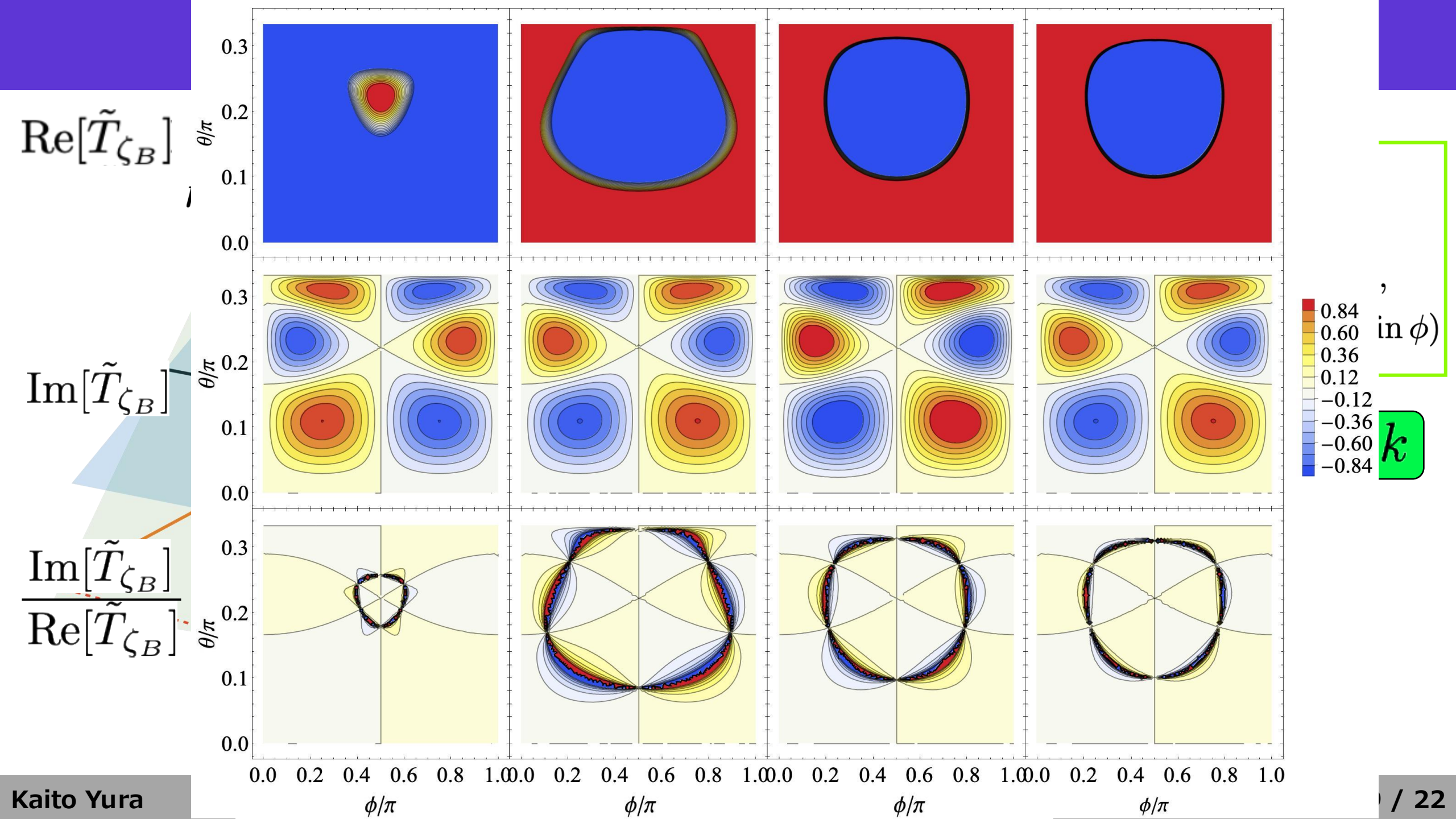
$r_H = 0.5$

$r_H = 0.25$

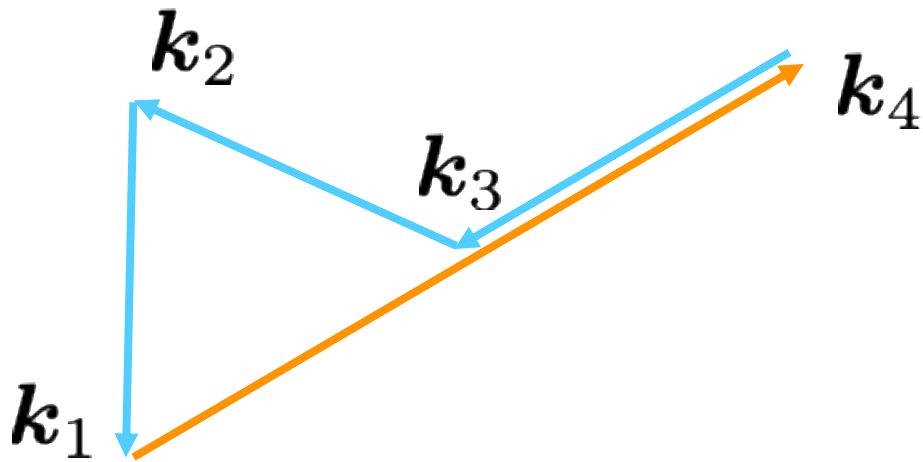


Qualitative change in the structure from  $r_H = 1.0$  to 0.75

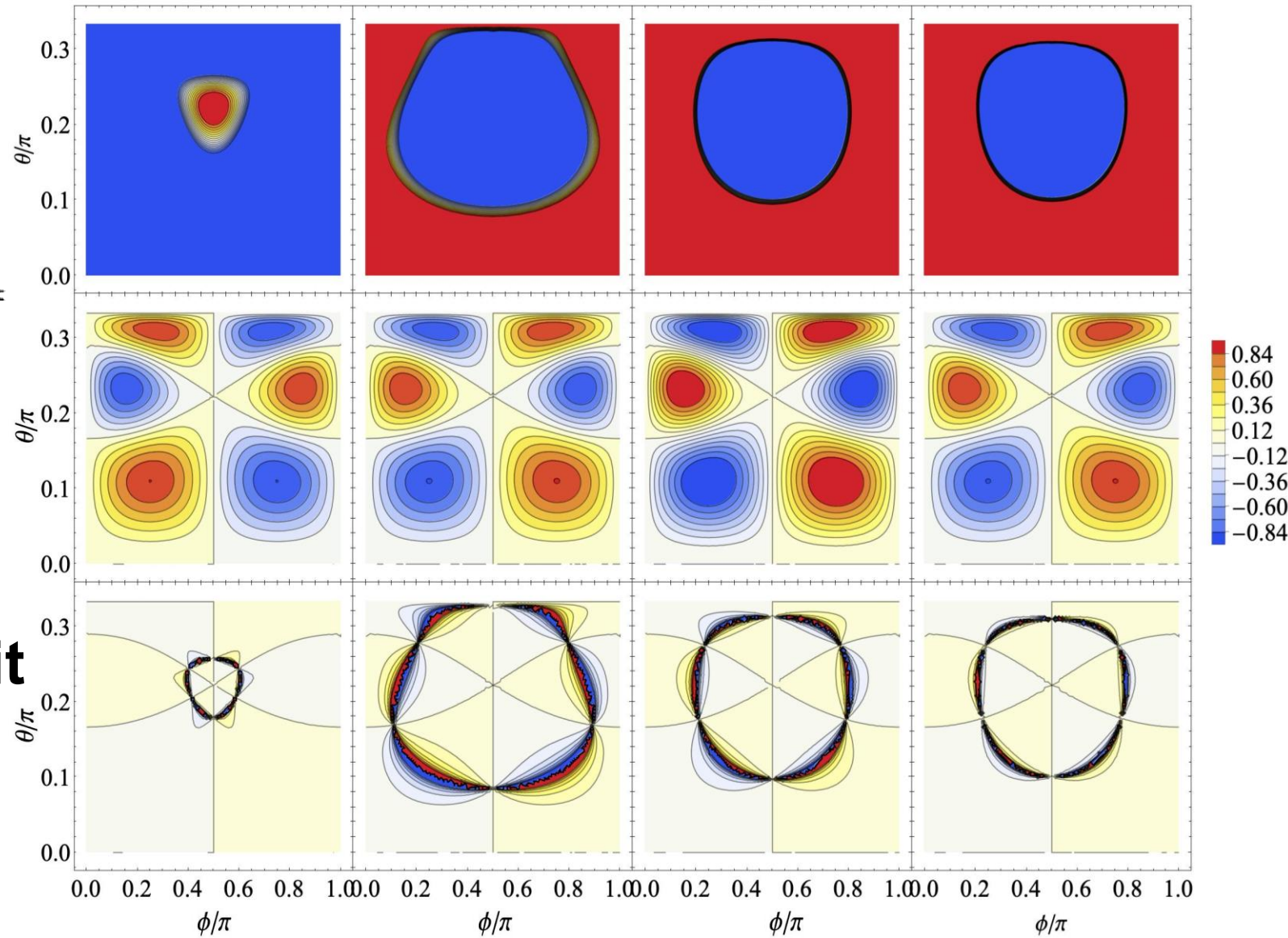
**Triangle-like structure is the feature of scale-invariant helical PMF**



# Quasi Equilateral Configuration



Cannot take collapsed limit



# Implication from CMB Trispectrum

## Template of trispectrum

M. Shiraishi, Phys.Rev.D 94 (2016) 083503  
O.H.E. Philcox, Phys.Rev.D 111 (2025) 123534

$$[T_\zeta(\mathbf{k}_1, \mathbf{k}_2, \mathbf{k}_3, \mathbf{k}_4)]_{d_1^{\text{odd}}} \supset -i \left\{ \hat{\mathbf{k}}_{12} \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{k}}_1 \times \hat{\mathbf{k}}_3) \right\} \left[ -(\hat{\mathbf{k}}_1 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}}_{12}) + (\hat{\mathbf{k}}_3 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}}_{12}) + (\hat{\mathbf{k}}_1 \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}}_3) \right] \\ \times d_1^{\text{odd}} P_\zeta(k_1) P_\zeta(k_3) P_\zeta(k_{12})$$

## Ratio to our template

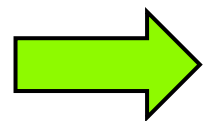
$$|d_1^{\text{odd}}| = \mathcal{T}^4 \frac{\mathcal{A}_B}{(4\pi\rho_{\gamma,0})^4} \frac{1}{81} |r_H| \frac{P_B(k_1) P_B(k_3) P_B(k_{12})}{P_\zeta(k_1) P_\zeta(k_3) P_\zeta(k_{12})}$$

$$\approx 10 |r_H| \left( \frac{B_r}{\text{nG}} \right)^8$$

$$P_\zeta(k) = 2\pi^2 A_s k^{-3}$$

## Constraints from *Planck*

$$|d_1^{\text{odd}}| \lesssim 10^3$$



$$B_{1 \text{ Mpc}} = 5 \text{ nG}$$

$$|r_H| \lesssim 10^{-4}$$

# Summary

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- Derived an analytic formulation of the trispectrum of passive scalar mode induced by helical PMF by **pole approximation**
- Found pole approximation is useful for nearly scale-invariant PMF
- Predicted the **parity-odd signal of the trispectrum** under the different helical-to-non-helical ratio in the exact equilateral configuration and quasi equilateral configuration
- Presented the observational implication of helical-to-non-helical ratio  $r_H \lesssim 10^{-4}$  with  $B_{1 \text{ Mpc}} = 5 \text{ nG}$  from CMB trispectrum

## Prospects

- Calculation of the CMB trispectrum in multipole space and estimation of S/N for future experiments (e.g., Simons Observatory, LiteBIRD)
- Computation of the trispectrum of galaxy shape generated by the passive mode from helical PMFs

# Appendix

# What is Parity?

- Parity transformation = Inversion of all spatial coordinates  
Mirror reflection + Rotation
- **Parity symmetry** of physical states :  
Physical law is invariant  
under the parity transformation

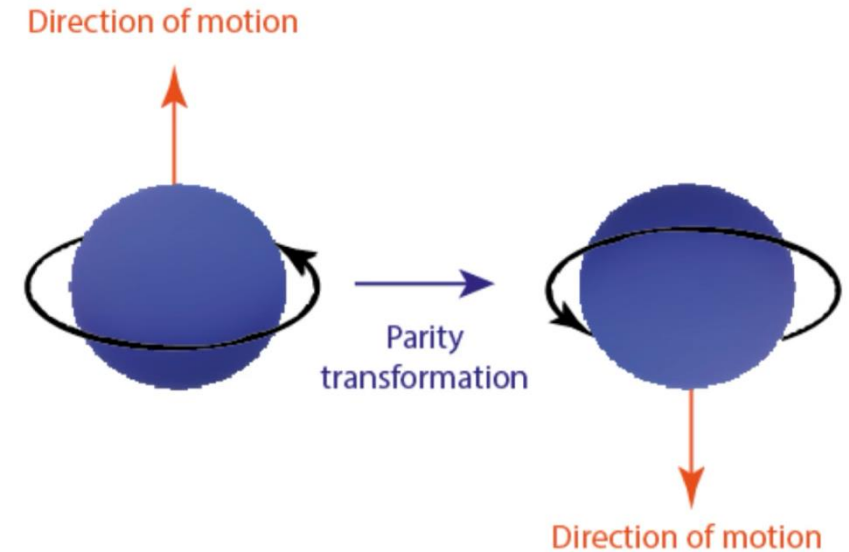
GR conserves parity symmetry

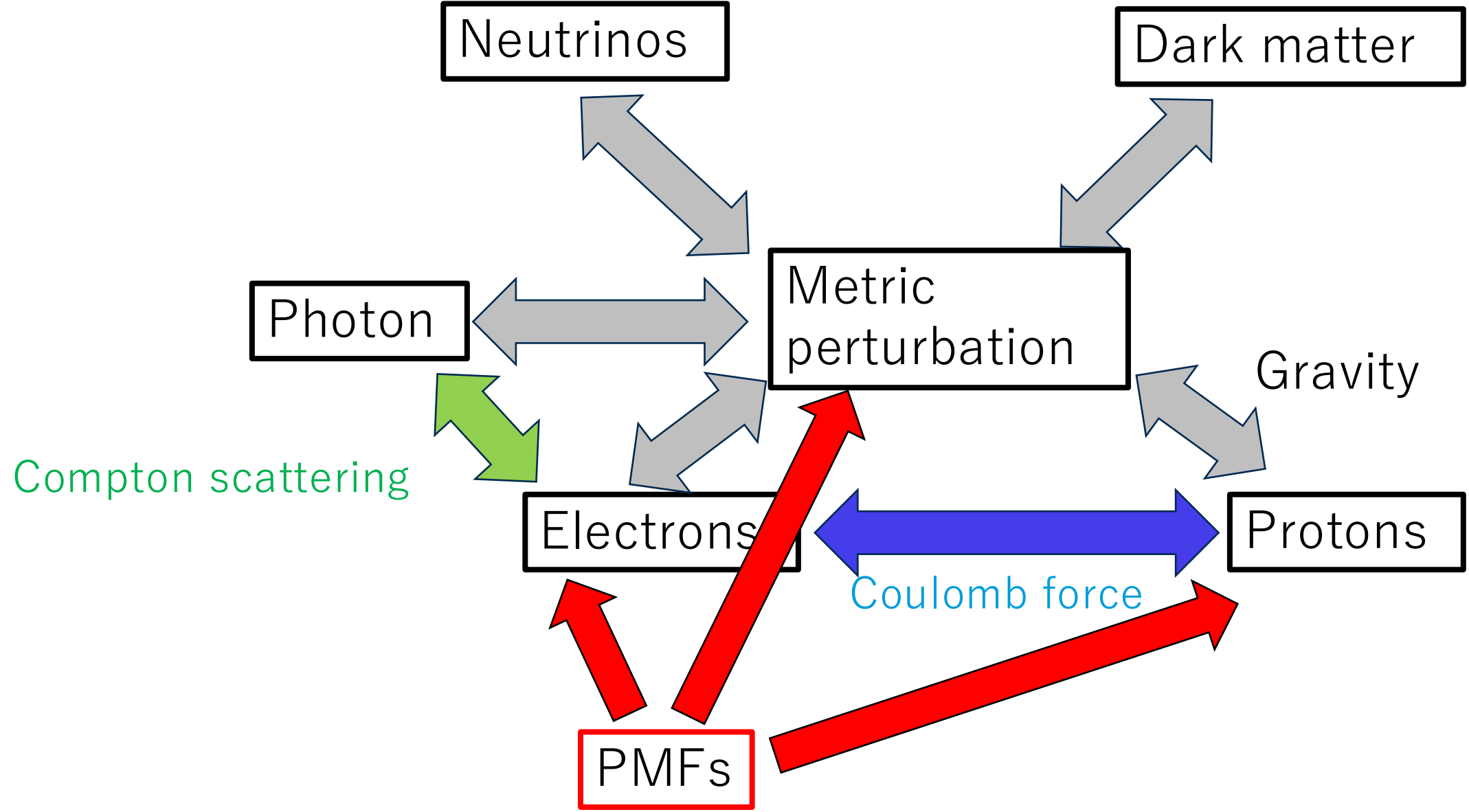


Some parity-violating theories:

- Axion-like coupling:  $\mathcal{L}_{int} = g(\chi) F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$
- Chern-Simons-like interaction:  $\mathcal{L}_{int} = f(\Phi) R_{\sigma\mu\nu}^{\lambda} \tilde{R}_{\lambda}^{\sigma\mu\nu}$

**Is our universe parity-symmetric?**





# Exact Trispectrum

Pattern A

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \langle \Pi_{Bab}(\mathbf{k}_1) \Pi_{Bcd}(\mathbf{k}_2) \Pi_{Bef}(\mathbf{k}_3) \Pi_{Bgh}(\mathbf{k}_4) \rangle_A \\
 &= \frac{1}{(4\pi\rho_{\gamma,0})^4} \left( \prod_{i=1}^4 \int d^3\mathbf{k}'_i \right) \delta_D(\mathbf{k}'_2 + \mathbf{k}'_1 - \mathbf{k}_1) \delta_D(\mathbf{k}'_3 + \mathbf{k}'_4 - \mathbf{k}_2) \delta_D(-\mathbf{k}'_2 - \mathbf{k}'_4 - \mathbf{k}_3) \delta_D(-\mathbf{k}'_1 - \mathbf{k}'_3 - \mathbf{k}_4) \\
 & \quad \times \frac{1}{2^4} \left[ \mathcal{P}_{ac}(\mathbf{k}'_1) \mathcal{P}_{be}(\mathbf{k}'_2) \mathcal{P}_{dg}(\mathbf{k}'_3) \mathcal{P}_{fh}(\mathbf{k}'_4) + (a \leftrightarrow b \text{ or } c \leftrightarrow d \text{ or } e \leftrightarrow f \text{ or } g \leftrightarrow h) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

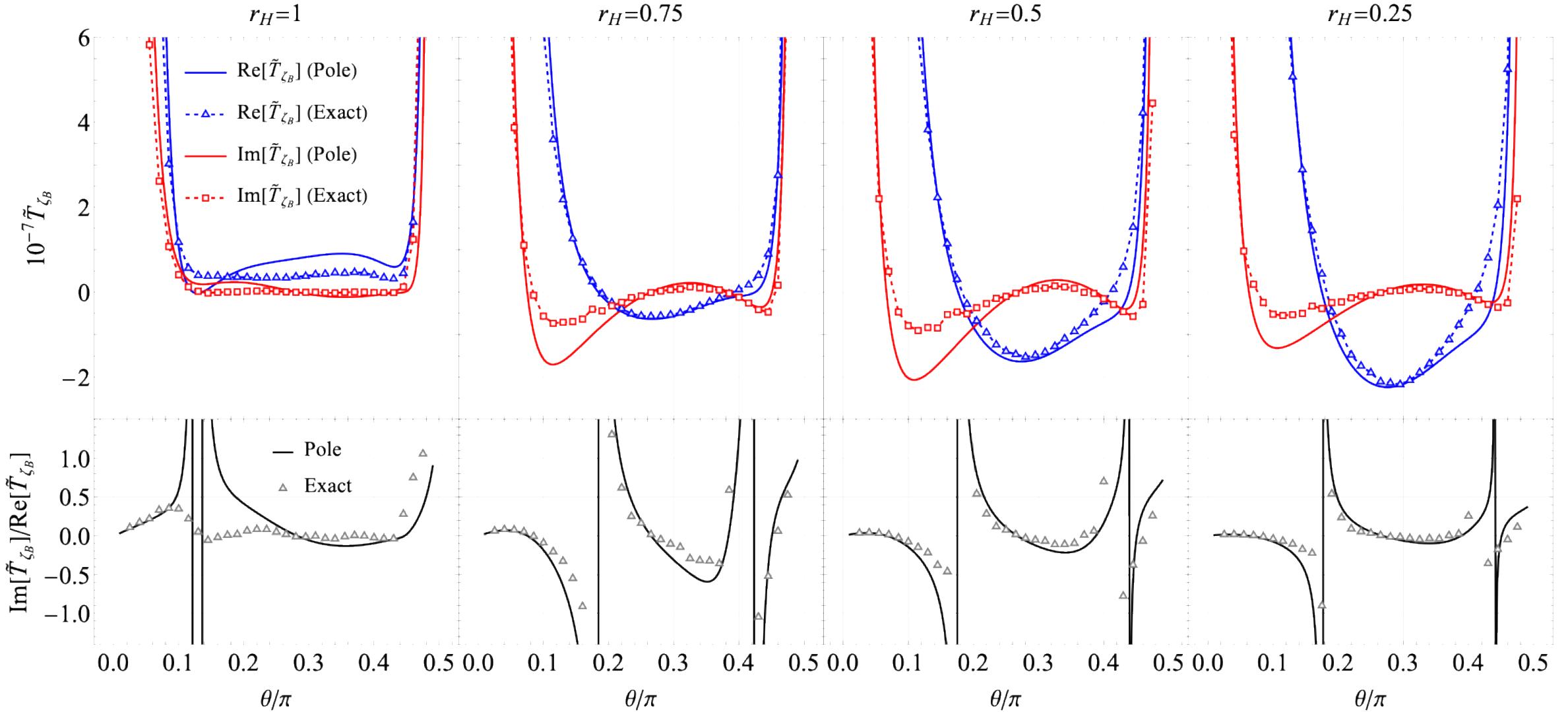
Pattern B

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \langle \Pi_{Bab}(\mathbf{k}_1) \Pi_{Bcd}(\mathbf{k}_2) \Pi_{Bef}(\mathbf{k}_3) \Pi_{Bgh}(\mathbf{k}_4) \rangle_B \\
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Pattern C

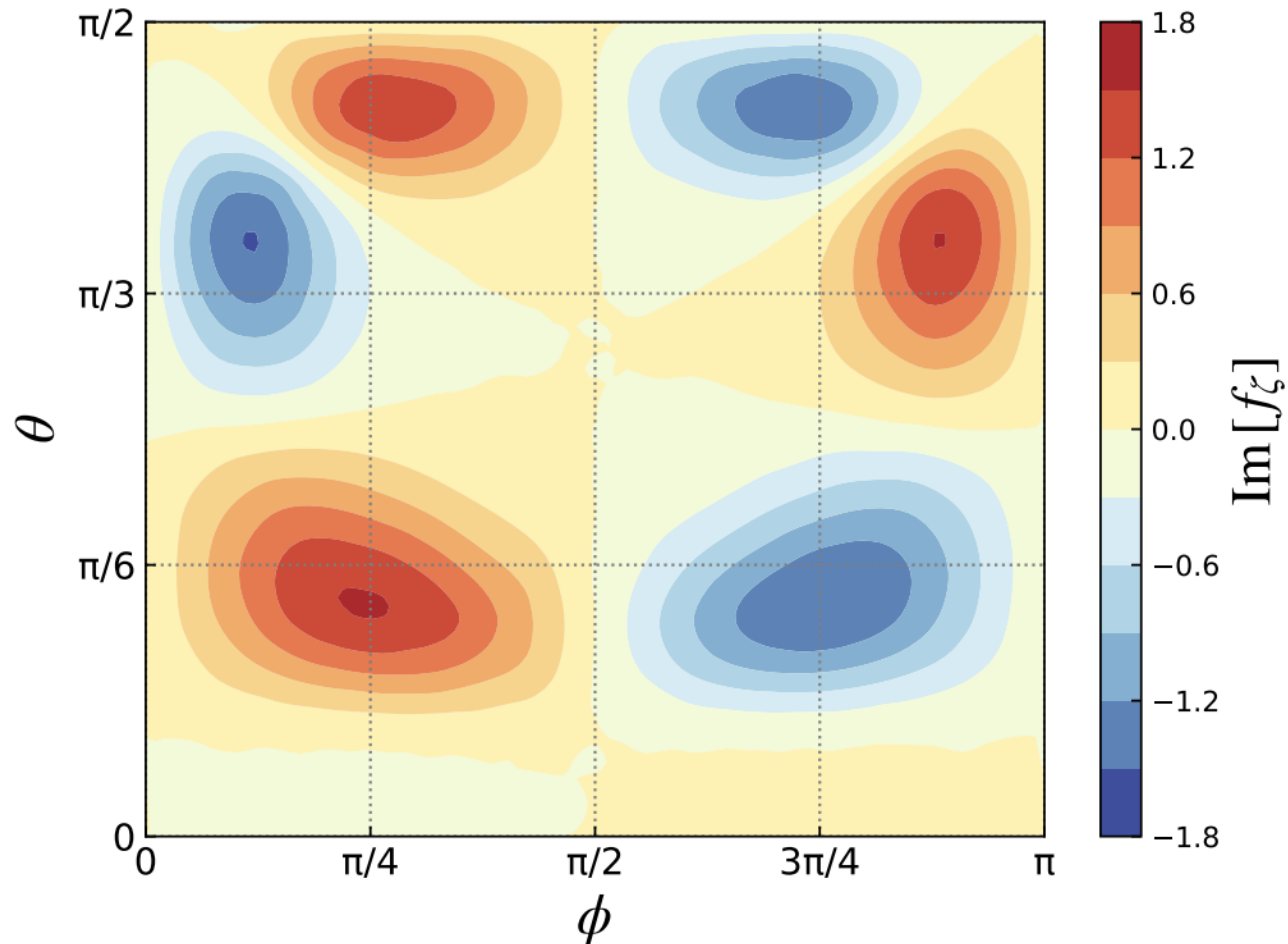
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 & \langle \Pi_{Bab}(\mathbf{k}_1) \Pi_{Bcd}(\mathbf{k}_2) \Pi_{Bef}(\mathbf{k}_3) \Pi_{Bgh}(\mathbf{k}_4) \rangle_C \\
 &= \frac{1}{(4\pi\rho_{\gamma,0})^4} \left( \prod_{i=1}^4 \int d^3\mathbf{k}'_i \right) \delta_D(\mathbf{k}'_2 + \mathbf{k}'_1 - \mathbf{k}_1) \delta_D(\mathbf{k}'_3 + \mathbf{k}'_4 - \mathbf{k}_2) \delta_D(-\mathbf{k}'_1 - \mathbf{k}'_4 - \mathbf{k}_3) \delta_D(-\mathbf{k}'_2 - \mathbf{k}'_3 - \mathbf{k}_4) \\
 & \quad \times \frac{1}{2^4} \left[ \mathcal{P}_{ae}(\mathbf{k}'_1) \mathcal{P}_{bg}(\mathbf{k}'_2) \mathcal{P}_{ch}(\mathbf{k}'_3) \mathcal{P}_{df}(\mathbf{k}'_4) + (a \leftrightarrow b \text{ or } c \leftrightarrow d \text{ or } e \leftrightarrow f \text{ or } g \leftrightarrow h) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

# Pole approx. vs Exact Integration $\sim \theta$ dependence $\sim$

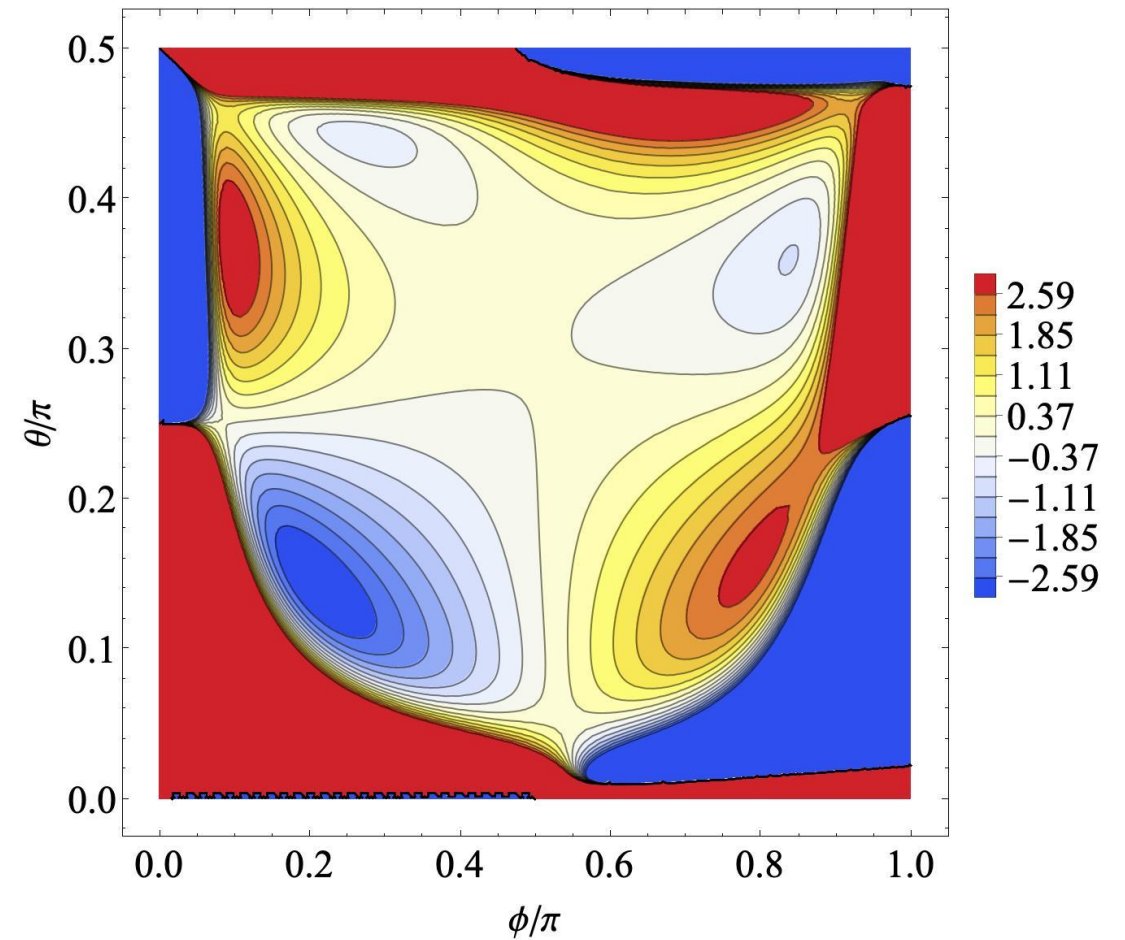


# Comparison of Rolling axion model

## Rolling axion model



## Our helical PMF model

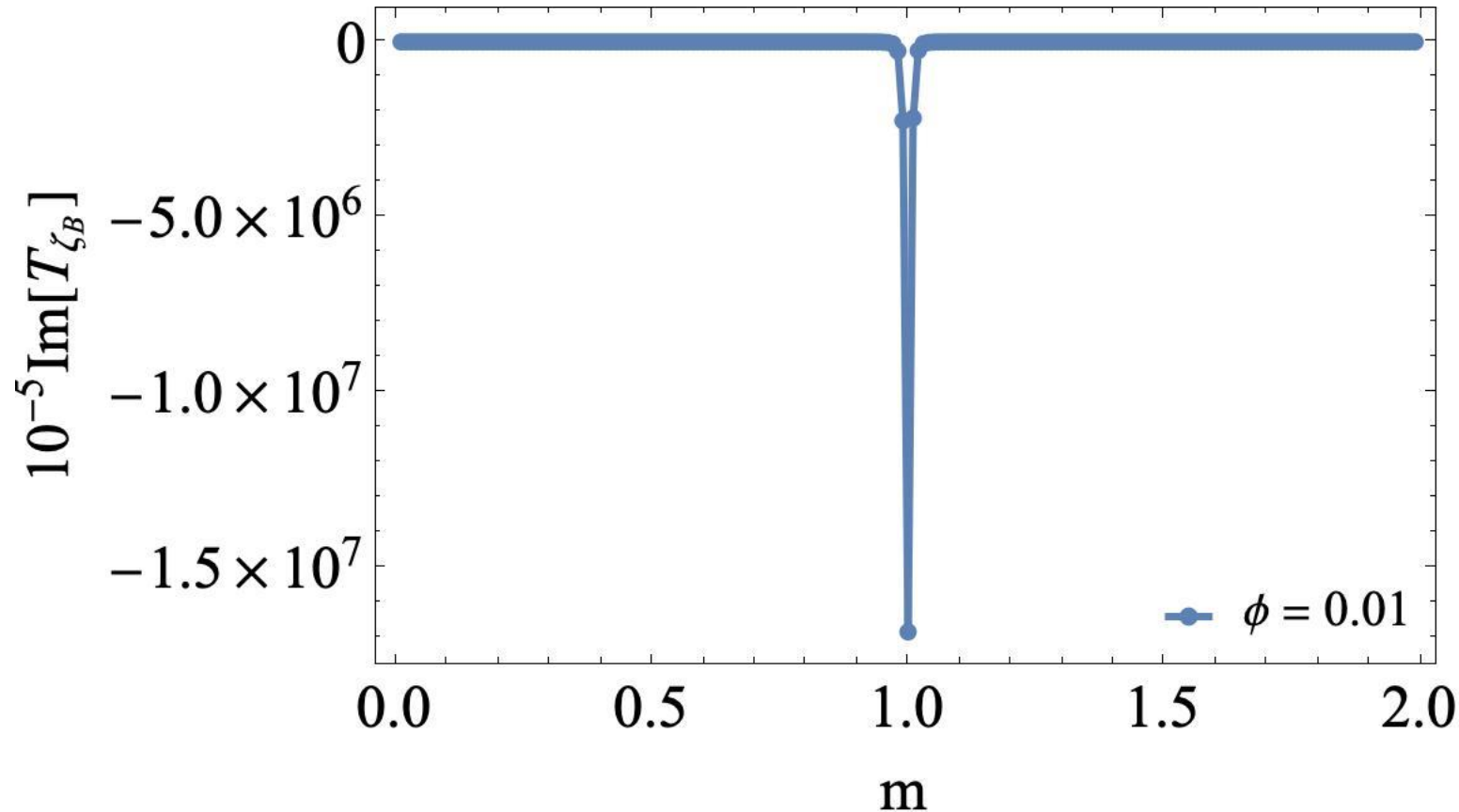


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# Quasi Equilateral Configuration

$$k_4 = mk$$

$$\phi = 0.01$$



$m \neq 1 \rightarrow$  The trispectrum has no peak in collapsed limit

# Quasi Equilateral Configuration

