#### Two-minute meeting 2013

Department of Theoretical Particle Physcis and Cosmology The Niels Bohr Institute University of Copenhagen

September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013

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#### Group Info

New group members since last meeting

- Professor: Subir Sarkar, Oxford University.
- Visiting Professors: Jenni Adams, University of Canterbury, New Zealand.
- Long-term staff: Guido Festuccia (Princeton IAS), Ciaran Williams (Fermilab)
- Postdocs: Assaf Ben-David (Tel-Aviv)
- PhD students: Jeppe Trøst (NBI), Amel Durakovic (NBI)
- Master students: 10 (at least)

Upcoming events

 Nordic Meeting on Strings, Fields and Branes, Nov. 7-9th, NORDITA, Stockholm (Main Speakers: B. Craps, G. Festuccia and S. Rychkov (tbc).)

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Scientific Group Activities

- Seminars (Organizers: Tristan Dennen, Jelle Hartong)
- Journal club (Organizer: Troels Harmark)
- PhD meetings (Organizer: Lisa Glaser)

Group secretary:

• Anna Maria Rey (Mo-Thu) in FB8A.

(F-building is the building of the canteen, B first floor, C second floor)

Utility items

- "Lounge" FB6 for discussions, journal club, other social activities, coffee
- Two group bikes (Pick up the key and note your name on the sheet in the kitchen of the FC floor).
- Group homepage, face-book page, mailing lists (→ Timothy Budd)

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#### Our group website http://het.nbi.dk

- \* Event announcements (new: google calendar!)
- \* Personal pages (Check whether the info is up to date!)

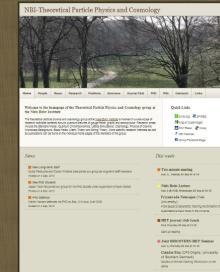
#### **Mailing lists**

#### \* het-seminars@nbi.ku.dk

For all group members and other people interested in the seminars and other events.

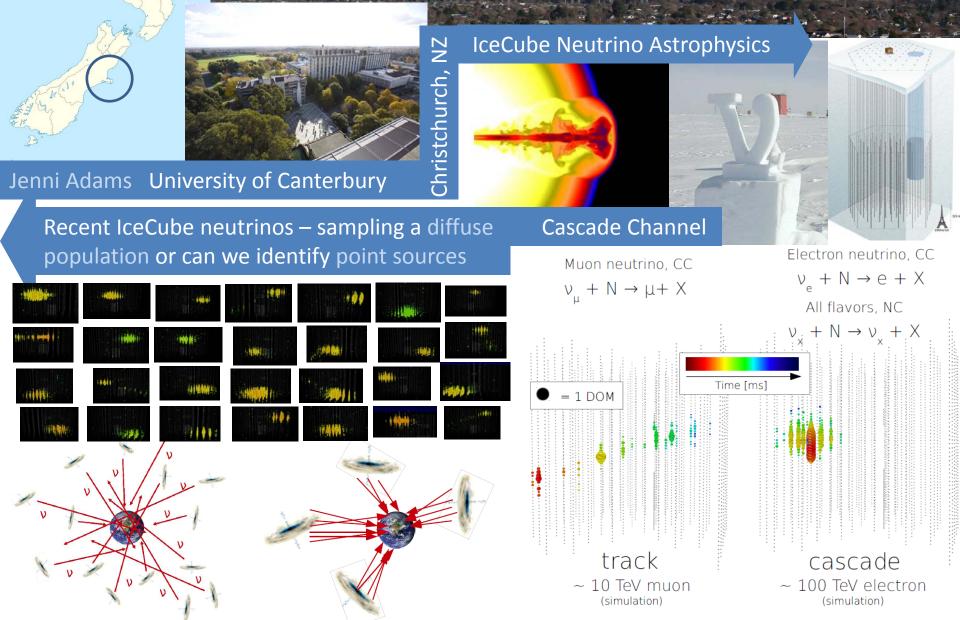
#### \* hetcosmo-all@nbi.ku.dk

All group members (but not MSc students). Any member can post to this list.



Niele Bohr Institute; Copenhagen University, Bilegdamovej 17, 2100 Copenhagen B, Denmark

#### Any updates/suggestions? —> Timothy (budd@nbi.dk)



Children and the Real of

DT: Dynamical Triangulations. A lattice regularization of the path integral over geometries. CDT: Causal Dynamical Triagulations. DT with a time foliation.

#### General present theme: quantum geometry

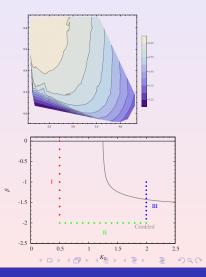
4d CDT renormalization group.

4d DT extended phase diagram.

CDT transfer matrix project

CDT coupled to matter project.

Construction of a measure on 2d geometries



#### Holger Bech Nielsen

Standard Model Structure from "Small representations" Why just the Standard Model? We propose that requiring the smallest possible representations, F say, in the sense of maximizing the ratio  $C_A/C_F$  or  $e_A^2/e_F^2$  for Abelian part of the gauge group, or rather avereged weighted with the dimension of the invariant subgroups (in a logarithmic way) we are led to the Standard Model!

#### Novel String Field Theory

Ninomiya and I establish that it indeed gives e.g. the Veneziano model.

#### Fine Tuning( Multiple Point Principle) Dark Matter and Tunguska Event(s), Kimberlites w. C.D.Froggatt,...

#### Some other subjects:

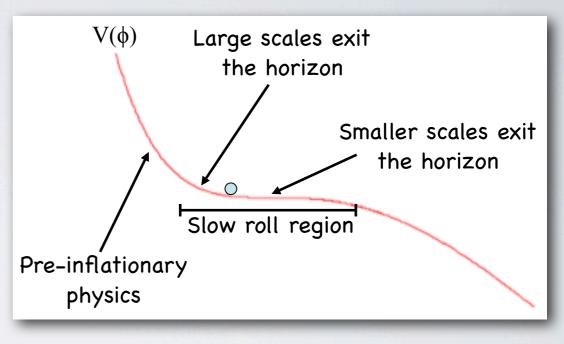
Homolumogap, Fermionization, Plebanski gravity and weak unification, Weyl anomaly.

H.B. Nielsen, København

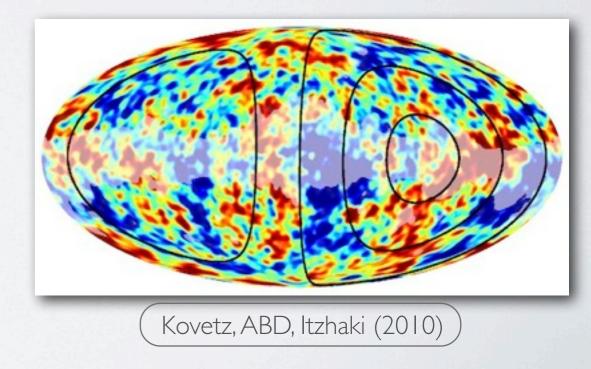
Two minutes Talk 2013

# Pre-Inflationary Physics and Large Scale Observations

- Short inflation is theoretically preferred.
- Pre-inflationary physics affect the largest scales.
- Indeed, there are several large scale anomalies in the CMB (  $\sim 3\sigma$ ).
- Could be foregrounds, systematics, statistical flukes or cosmological.
- Search for imprints of pre-inflationary physics in the data. Can be connected to known anomalies?
- Examples:
  - Pre-inflationary particle.
  - Non-Euclidean topology of the universe.



Assaf Ben-David





# Emil Bjerrum-Bohr

NBIA & DISCOVERY & Lundbeck Foundation Junior Group Leader ~ *Computation of Amplitudes Group (CAMP)* 

Office, Bb.1

# Research interests:

# Field theory and String Theory ~ Gauge and Gravity theories

- What can we learn about Field Theory in the low energy limit of String Theory.
- Kawai Lewellen Tye relations (KLT), e.g. New KLT forms.
- Monodromy and BCJ relations between gauge amplitudes.

## Amplitudes and Spinor-Helicity / Twistor formalism

- New computational methods.
- Amplitudes relevant for LHC using Twistorial/Spinor-Helicity formalism.

## Quantum gravity as an Effective Field Theory

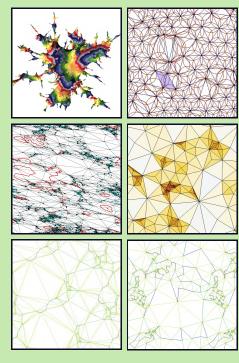
- Leading quantum corrections to General Relativity.
- Use of "amplitude inspired techniques" in EFT computations.

#### **Timothy Budd** Fb-11, budd@nbi.dk

(Causal) Dynamical triangulations

- \* Geometry of 2D quantum gravity
  - Fractal dimensions
  - Matter coupling
  - Conformal geometry
  - Relation to Liouville gravity & non-critical strings

Both analytical & numerical



## Poul Henrik Damgaard

## **Current research interests:**

- QCD amplitude calculations (two loops!)
- Broken conformal invariance and anomalous dimensions
- $\mathcal{N}=4$  Super Yang Mills theory on the lattice
- $\bullet$  Fluctuations and statistics of multiplicity distributions in p-p and heavy ion collisions

## Interested in moving more towards:

- Astroparticle physics and cosmology
- Particle physics phenomenology (data!)

# **Tristan Dennen**

♦ UV Divergences in N=4 Supergravity

helicity	-2	$-\frac{3}{2}$	-1	$-\frac{1}{2}$	0	$+\frac{1}{2}$	+1	$+\frac{3}{2}$	+2
state count	1	4	6	4	2	4	6	4	1

- ♦ Global symmetry SU(4)xSU(1,1)
- ♦ Scalars parameterise coset space SU(1,1)/U(1)
  - ♦ U(1) is anomalous

♦ UV finite through three loops

UV divergent at four loops

Bern, Davies, Dennen, Huang (2012)

Bern, Davies, Dennen, Smirnov, Smirnov (2013)

$$\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{N}=4}^{4\text{-loop}}\Big|_{\text{div}} = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^8} st A_{\mathcal{N}=4}^{\text{tree}} \left(\frac{\kappa}{2}\right)^{10} \frac{1-264\zeta_3}{288\epsilon} \left(\mathcal{O}^{--++} + 3\mathcal{O}^{-+++} + 60\mathcal{O}^{++++}\right)$$

- $\diamond$  Integration of Feynman integrals
  - ♦ Mellin-Barnes techniques
  - ♦ Integration-by-parts identities

#### Work in progress

Paolo Di Vecchia

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Work in progress

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- High energy scattering in the Regge limit on a stack of Dp-branes: derivation of the eikonal operator from string first principles [G. D'Appollonio, R. Russo and G. Veneziano].
- Study of the dependence on the θ angle useful for physics beyond the Standard Model
   [F. Sannino]

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## Thomas Døssing – current research projects

#### Sonoluminescence:

(with Mogens Levinsen)

Investigate competing theories of the emission of light from the compressed heated gas in the collapsed bubble:

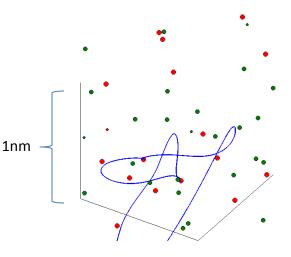
bremsstrahlung – bound-free molecular transitions – line broadening – black body radiation

Bremsstrahlung in dilute gas: spectrum in radically different from black-body spectrum.

In dense gas including **coherent multiscattering** : bremsstrahlung and black body spectra become similar.

## Phase transitions in excited nuclei (with Sven Åberg et. al)

Comprehensive calculations of nucleon excitations in a well described mean field: Superfluid -> normal Loss of orientational correlation Melting of shel I structure



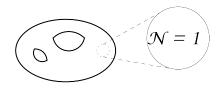
#### **GUIDO FESTUCCIA**

#### Dynamics of Quantum Field Theories.

- Semiclassical methods
- gauge string duality
- exact methods

Recently: Understand SUSY gauge theories on curved manifolds.

- Which manifolds allow SUSY
- How do observables change as geometry is varied
- Applications to QFT in the nonperturbative regime

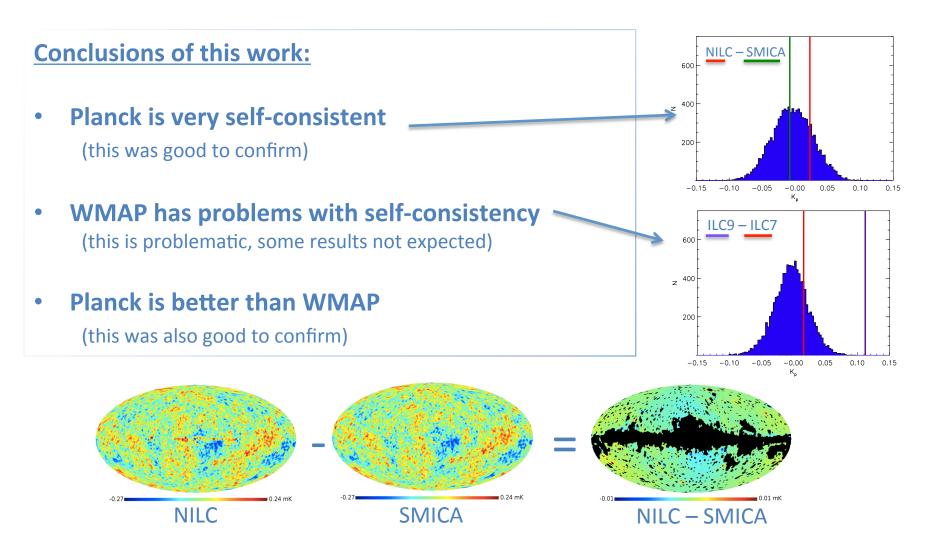


## STUDYING THE COSMIC MICROWAVE BACKGROUND

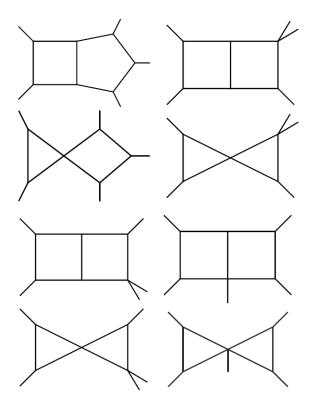
ANNE METTE FREJSEL, PHD STUDENT

# **Consistency tests of Planck and WMAP**

JCAP 06(2013)005, arXiv:1305.4033



# Hjalte Frellesvig





24 Sept. 2013

Jakob Gath Ph.D. student, supervisor Niels Obers

Ph.D. Defense Thursday 3. Oct. 2013.

Research:

Effective descriptions of gravity: (Fluid/Solid/Gravity)

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#### Lisa Glaser

#### 3rd year Ph.D. student with Jan Ambjørn

#### Causal dynamical triangulations

- worked on: multicritical CDT, simulations of euclidean dynamical triangulations with a measure, connection to Hořava-Lifshitz
- → collaborated with: Jan Ambjørn, Andrzej Görlich, Yuki Sato, ...

#### Causal sets

- → worked on: d'Alembertian operator, defining locality
- → collaborated with: Fay Dowker, Sumati Surya
- Quantum Gravity in general, especially
  - → Tensor models, Shape dynamics
  - ➔ problem of time, implications of causality, black holes

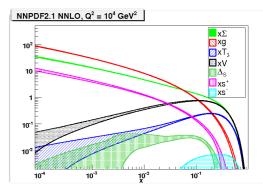
# 2-Minute Meeting 2013 A. Guffanti

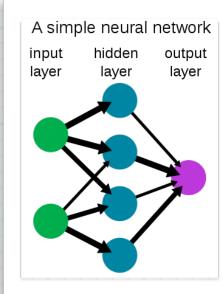
# LHC phenomenology

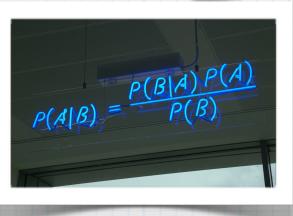
- Parton Distribution Functions determination (NNPDF)
  - Monte Carlo methods for uncertainties estimation
  - $\Rightarrow$  Neural Networks as interpolating functions
- Bayesian Inference techniques for theoretical uncertainties estimation

# Cosmology

Unbiased determination of cosmological parameters from measurements (recently started collaboration with S. Sarkar)









# **Troels Harmark**

Current research projects:

- Hagedorn temperature in AdS/CFT: w/ Orselli						
Confinement/deconfinement temperature	Hagedorn temperature of tree-level type IIB string theory on AdS5 x S <sup>5</sup>					
Challenge: Interpolation from weak to strong coupling Previous work: Successful interpolation near critical point						
Current project: Get full interpolating Hagedorn temperature from TBA equations (Y-systems, T-systems, and all that)						
<ul> <li>Effective description of brane dynamics in gravity/s using blackfold formalism</li> </ul>	string theory					
Compare open sector description (DBI action, gau closed string description (Blackfolds, gravity) for D electromagnetic field						
Leads to a generalized AdS/CFT corresponde	ence					
Study effective action for blackfolds at second orde	er w/Armas					
Review of blackfold formalism w/ Obers						

# HET journal club lunch

- Thursdays 12.30 in FB6
- We meet 2-3 times a month
- Send me an email if you like to be on the mailing list
- Topics are tentatively: Black holes, AdS/CFT and Quantum Gravity

First meeting on thursday

# HET journal club seminar

- -Wednesdays 13.15 in FB6
  - Seminar next wednesday Oct. 2: G. Grignani

# - By Christine Hartmann

# I.QCD

Supervision: P.H. Damgaard and R. Ball at NBI:

Generalize relations between anomalous dimensions associated with the evolution of parton distribution and fragmentation functions, respectively.

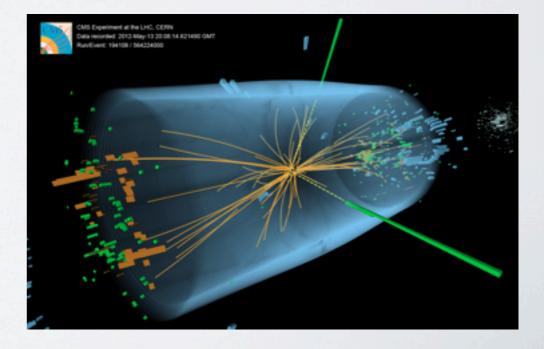
These are connected with the deep inelastic scattering and annihilation, as seen to the right.

# 2. Higgs physics beyond the standard model

Supervision: C. Grojean at CERN:

BSM contributions to the renormalization of the  $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$  decay from dimension 6 scalar operators are found.

# Results could help shed light on the compositeness of the Higgs.



## Jelle Hartong

- Holography for Lifshitz Space-Times with Morten Christensen, Niels Obers, Blaise Rollier.
- The NSVZ beta function from anomaly matching in an  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  effective field theory with field dependent couplings, together with Jean–Pierre Derendinger.

Future:

- AdS/CMT: Lifshitz hydrodynamics, holographic zero temperature ground states for finite density systems.
- Subtracted geometry: putting black holes in a 'box' (AdS type confining potential) and hidden conformal symmetry, Kerr/CFT.
- Seminar organizer together with Tristan Dennen.

## Matti Herranen

## Background

- PhD at the University of Jyväskylä, Finland, 2006 2009
- Postdoc at the RWTH Aachen University, Germany, 2009 2012
- Postdoc at the NBIA since October 2012

## **Research Interests**

- Particle physics of the early Universe:
  - Baryogenesis and Leptogenesis (origin for the observed baryon asymmetry of the Universe)

$$\frac{n_B}{n_{\gamma}} = (6.19 \pm 0.15) \times 10^{-10}$$

- Quantum dynamics of cosmological inflation

- Quantum field theory...
  - In and out of thermal equilibrium
    - In curved spacetime
    - Schwinger-Keldysh formalism 2PI
    - Quantum transport

<u>Rijun Huang</u> PhD student huang@nbi.dk

Supervisor: Poul Henrik Damgaard Emil Bjerrum-Bohr

Research Interests: ) Loop amplitude calculation with modern methods ) Gravity Amplitude&Yang-Mills Amplitude ) Maybe...more phenomenological problems ) Mathematical description

#### Asger C. Ipsen

PhD student (since July 2012), advisor Jan Ambjørn.

Interests (physics related, in arbitrary order) Quantum gravity: CDT, DT (so far in 2D) Solvable models Foundations of QFT Quantum information theory

I have previously worked on random matrix theory in the context of QCD with imaginary isospin chemical potential.

# Laura Jenniches – two-minute-meeting 2013

# Perturbative QCD

- Theoretical uncertainty estimates with Bayesian statistics for observables both with and without initial-state hadrons
- Result: asign degree of belief to uncertainty intervals, posterior distributions

# Soft collinear effective theory & Supersymmetry

- Distinguish hard, collinear & soft contributions
- Identification of resonant & non-resonant regions
- × 4-point function at NLO

# Anomalous couplings in diboson physics

Effective Field Theory approach

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \sum_{i} rac{c_i}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_i + \cdots$$

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 $f(c_{k+1}|c_1,...,c_k)$ 

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40

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#### Charlotte Fløe Kristjansen

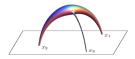
#### Integrability in the AdS/CFT correspondence:

The spectral problem of N = 4 SYM, ABJM and ABJ theory, integrable spin chains and their Bethe equations, Wilson loops, giant gravitons, amplitudes



Beyond integrability of the AdS/CFT correspondence:

Nonplanar effects, three-point functions, one point functions in defect conformal field theories.



#### Quantum Hallography

A holographic model of graphene, holographic quantum Hall effect.

- Hao Liu, Post Doctor, Planck data analysis, Room FB4
- Working on:
  - Curvaton field & large scale anomalies (JCAP, arxiv:1302.6080).
  - Ecliptic emission in the Planck sky maps, the relation to oddeven parity asymmetry (Paper done, waiting for co-authors).
  - Ecliptic emission in the Planck sky maps, detailed emission type and spectrum analysis and removal.
  - The impact of the ecliptic emission on the polarization data.
- Working with: Pavel Naselsky, Anne Mette Frejsel, Martin Kirstejn Hansen.



#### Symmetries in Gauge Theories

4d  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  super Yang–Mills theory 3d  $\mathcal{N} = 6$  super Chern–Simons theory

#### Scattering Amplitudes

• How to use integrability efficiently?

#### **Conformal Structure Constants**

- What can we learn from the spectral problem?
- Recursion relations in the loop order?

#### Gauge Theory Integrability

- Underlying mathematical structure?
- Relation to condensed matter models?



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Yuri Makeenko (ITEP, Moscow)



## **Current research interest:**

- Large N QCD
- QCD string
- fundamental string

## Recent progress due to

- inspiration from  $\mathcal{N} = 4$  SYM
- effective string at large distances
- Liouville modes make string consistent



## QCD with $\mu \neq 0$ and related theories

Joyce Myers

Problems of QCD with  $\mu \neq 0$ 

- No conventional lattice simulations (sign problem)
- No conventional perturbation theory unless  $\mathcal{T} 
  ightarrow \infty$  or  $\mu 
  ightarrow \infty$

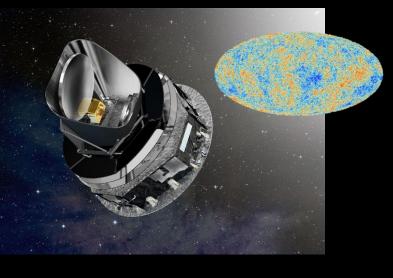
Possible ways to calculate

- Hadron resonance gas model, lattice strong coupling expansion (with Kim Splittorff and Jeff Greensite)
- At large  $N_c$ , lattice QCD with heavy quarks from the strong coupling expansion related to continuum QCD on  $S^1 \times S^3$  with  $S^3 \ll \Lambda_{QCD}^{-1}$  (with Tim Hollowood, Alex Christensen, and Pete Pedersen).

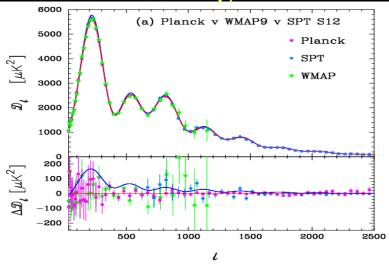
Future

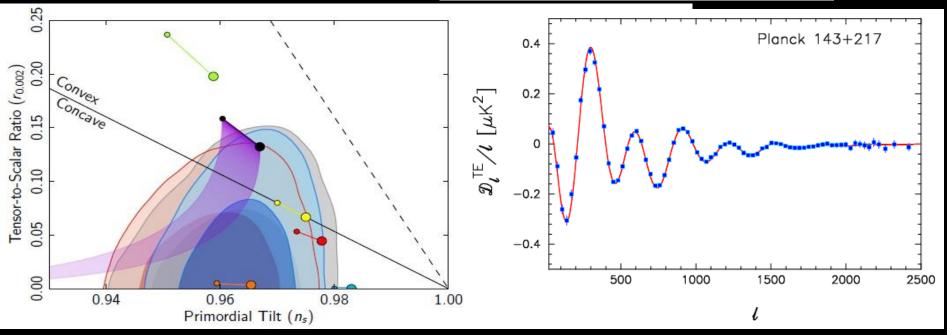
• Formulation of other non-abelian gauge theories from the lattice strong coupling expansion?

## PLANCK view at the inflationary Universe



## Pavel Naselsky,





Research interests, Niels Obers (2 min. meeting 2013)

Blackfolds: dynamics of black holes in gravity and string theory

- black holes as "fluids" and "materials"
- transport and response coefficients for charged branes
- time-dependence + stability
- flux backgrounds and cosmology

Aspects of the holography

- Lifshitz holography and applications (e.g. AdS/CMT)
- Lifshitz black holes/branes in string theory/supergravity
- thermal Giant Gravitons and bubbling black holes
- fluid/gravity correspondence
- subtracted black hole geometries

## Wishlist

- entanglement entropy and AdS/CFT
- Partition functions and localization techniques in QFT/ST





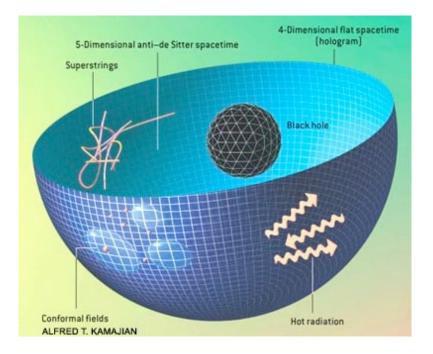


With:

Jay Armas (Bern), Troels Harmark, Jelle Hartong, Jan de Boer (Amsterdam), Elias Kiritsis (Crete), Vasilis Niarchos (Crete), Blaise Rollier (Amsterdam), Kostas Siampos (Mons)

Jakob Gath (soon: Ecole Polytechnique), Andreas Vigand Pedersen (PhDs): Marco Sanchioni (new PhD from SISSA)

Morten Holm Christensen (finished MSc), Isak Buhl-Mortensen, Svavar Gunnar Gunnarsson (MSc)



## Chris Pethick (Nordita and NBIA)

- Properties of crusts of neutron stars (Important for neutron star cooling and oscillations) Neutrons between nuclei can make crystal lattice unstable With Dmitry Kobyakov (Ph. D. student in Umeaa)
- Neutrino processes in stellar collapse With A. Schwenk and A. Bartl (Darmstadt) and P. Saugmann (master student in Copenhagen)
- Neutron star models With A. Schwenk, J. Lattimer (Stony Brook) and K. Hebeler (Ohio State)

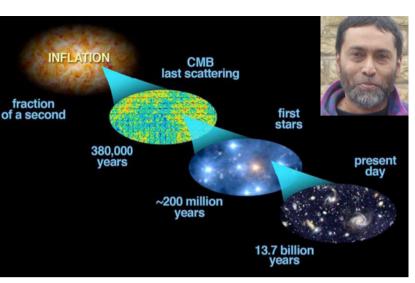
## Subír Sarkar

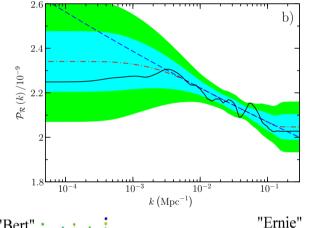
50% at NBIA (2013-18) + 50% at Oxford Univ. where I am head of the Particle Theory Group ... setting up astroparticle physics group @ NBI (in collaboration with DISCOVERY & DARK Centres) Students: Jeppe Trøst Nielsen (PhD) + Amel Durakovic (PhD) + Rasmus Rasmussen (MSc)

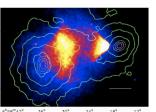
Early universe: Reconstructing the primordial spectrum of density fluctuations (arXiv:1308.2317) ... we find possible features suggestive of non-trivial dynamics during 'inflation' 
rightarrow now testing with Planck data to check if the features are real

**High energy neutrinos:** Participation in *IceCube* expt: seen events of cosmic origin (PRL 111:021103,2013) + neutrino oscillations (PRL 111:081801,2013) → PINGU

Dark matter: Testing for self-interactions using observations of colliding clusters (arXiv:1308.3419)







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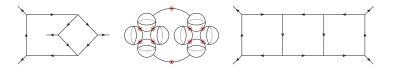
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### **Research interests**

Computation of multiloop scattering amplitudes in gauge theories by means of multivariate complex analysis and algebraic geometry; Bern-Carrasco-Johansson color-kinematics duality between gauge and gravity theories.



"One of the most remarkable discoveries of elementary particle physics has been that of the existence of the complex plane," - Julian Schwinger

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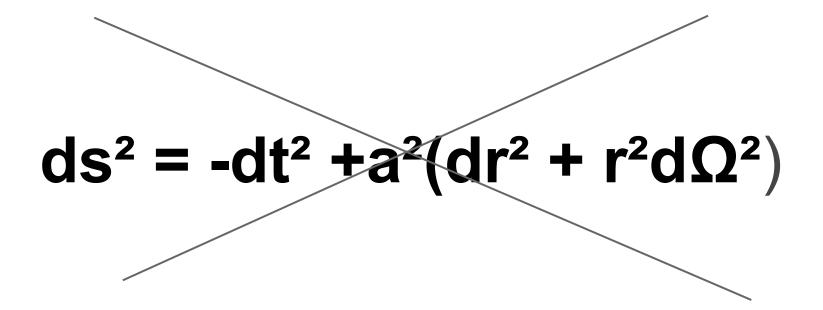
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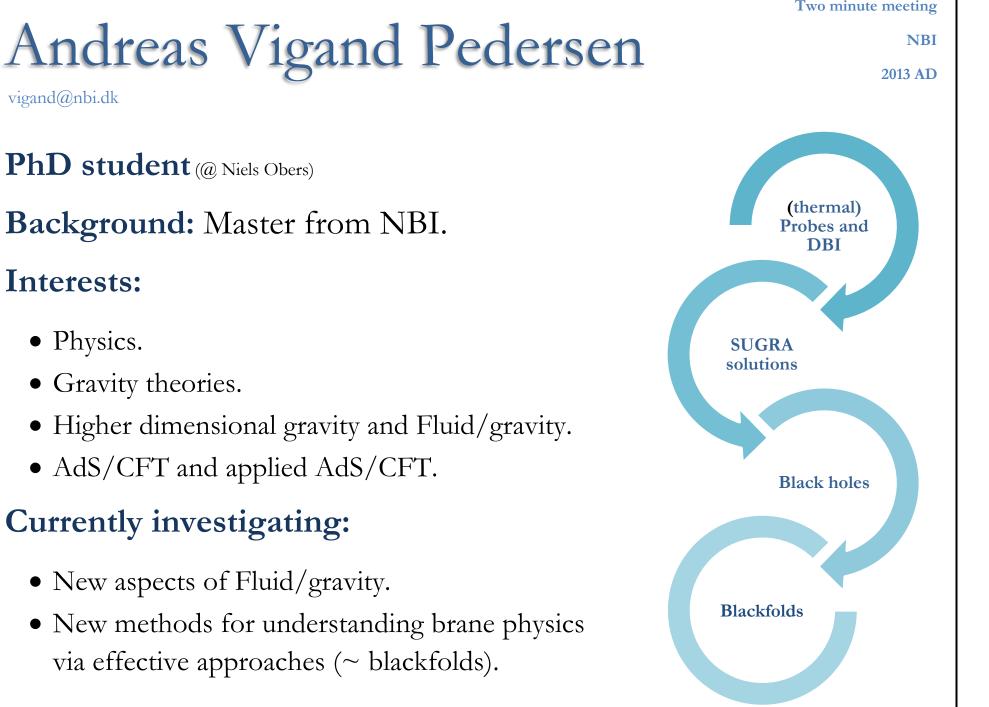
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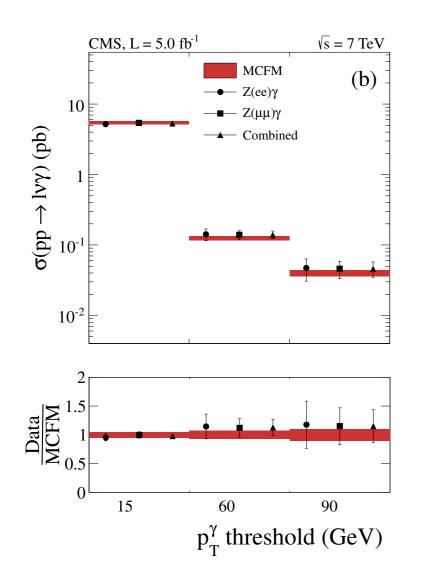


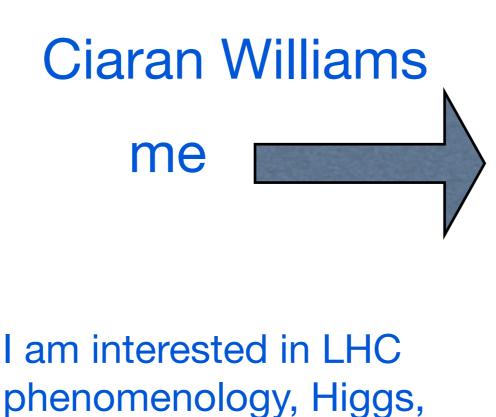
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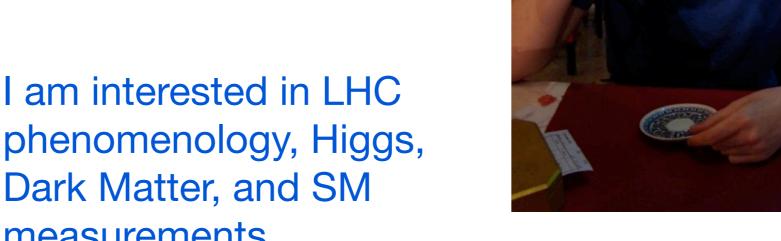
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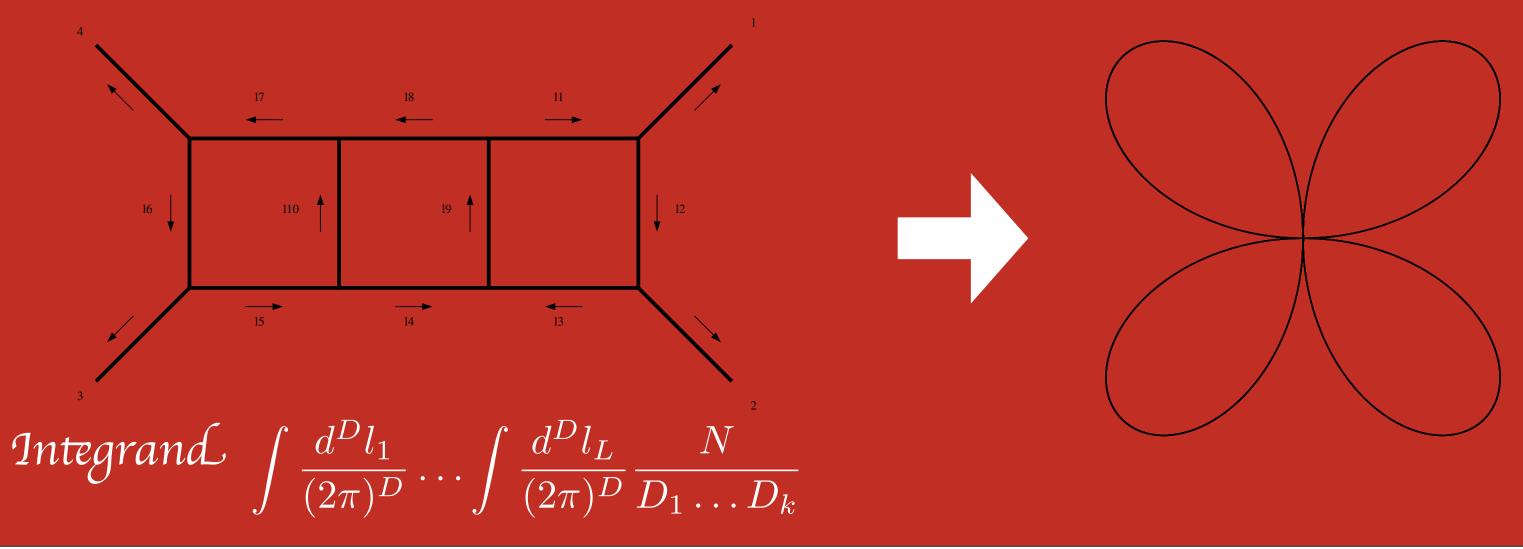
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Primary Decomposition  $I = \cap_i I_i$ 

Groebner Basís

$$N = \sum_{j} f_j g_j + r$$