

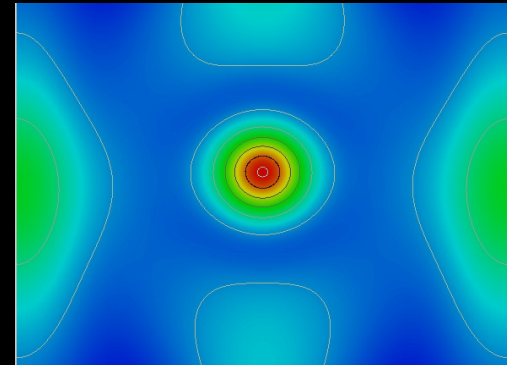


Graviational Waves from the inhomogeneous pre-inflationar Era:

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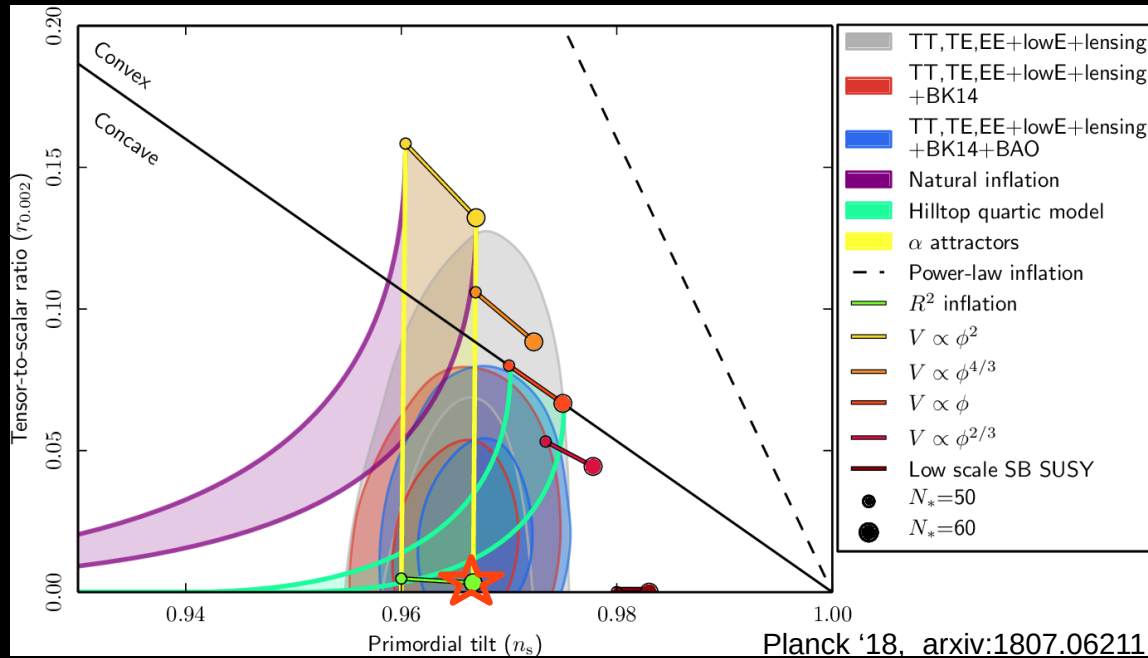


Our main Goals

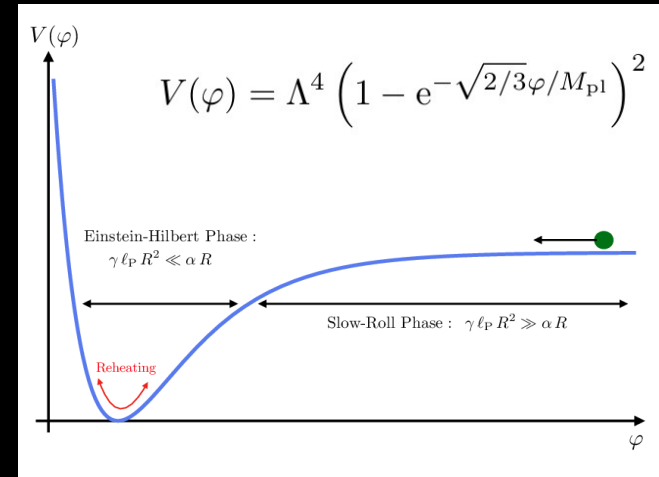
- Check the robustness of inflation to its initial conditions.
- Explore the non-linear dynamics from highly inhomogeneous cosmologies. While considering only a single scalar field.
- Learn and derive some conclusions from it.

[Disclaimer]

- There are many models of inflation, we didn't test them all.
[e.g. see Encyclopædia Inflationaris, arXiv: 1303.3787]



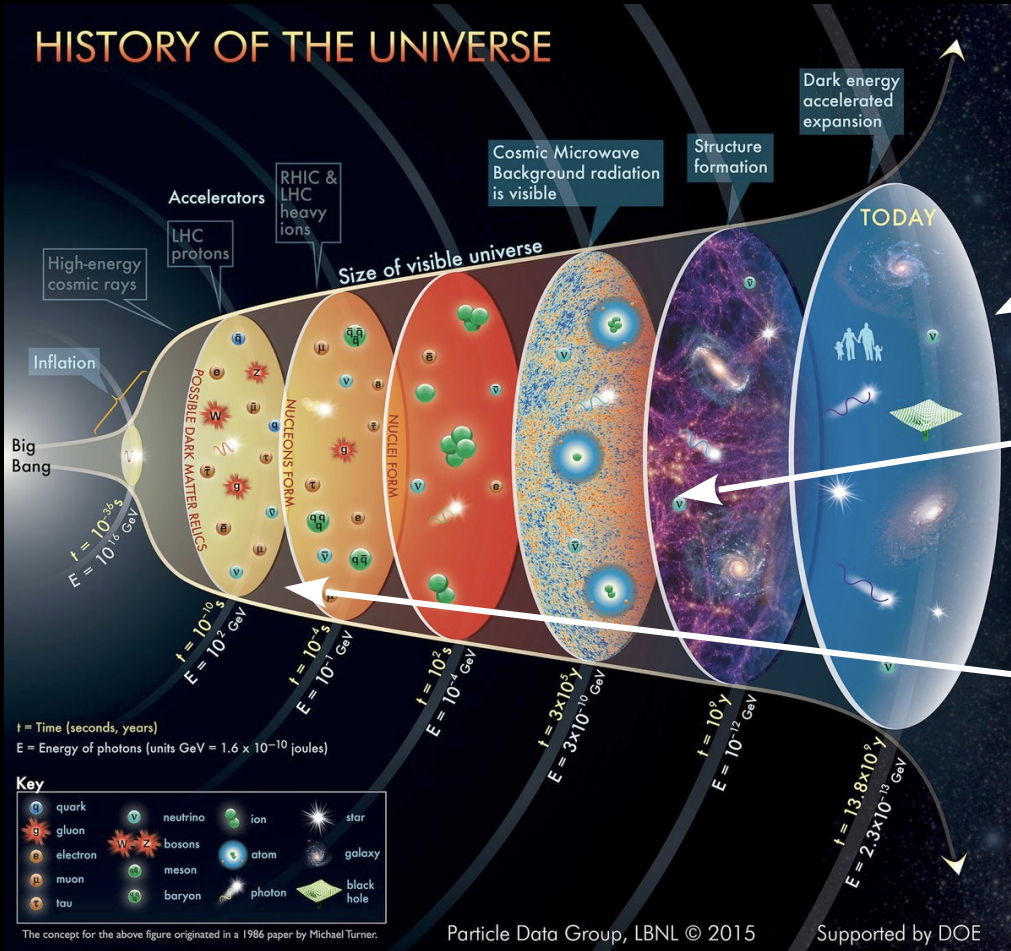
Starobinsky Inflation



Outline

- Brief introduction to inflation
- How we simulate it?
- Results
- Future prospects

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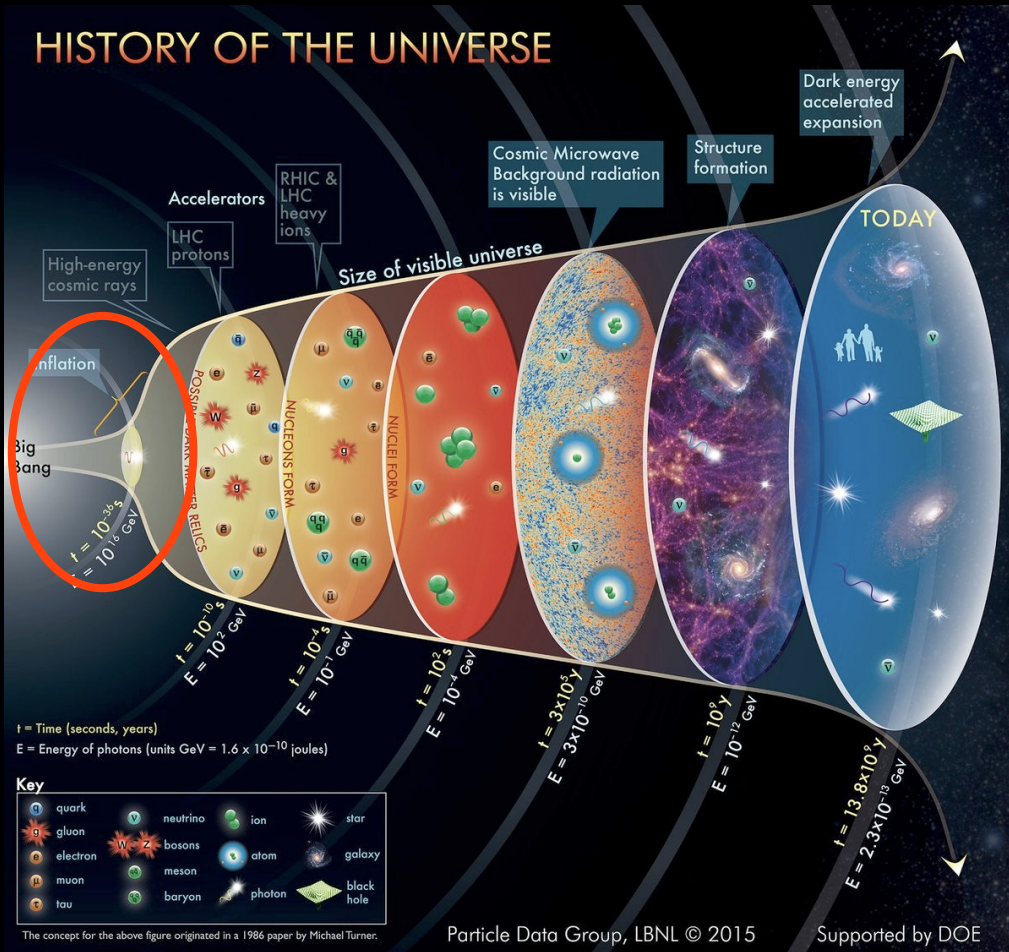


Today: Vacuum (DE) domination

Matter domination

Radiation domination

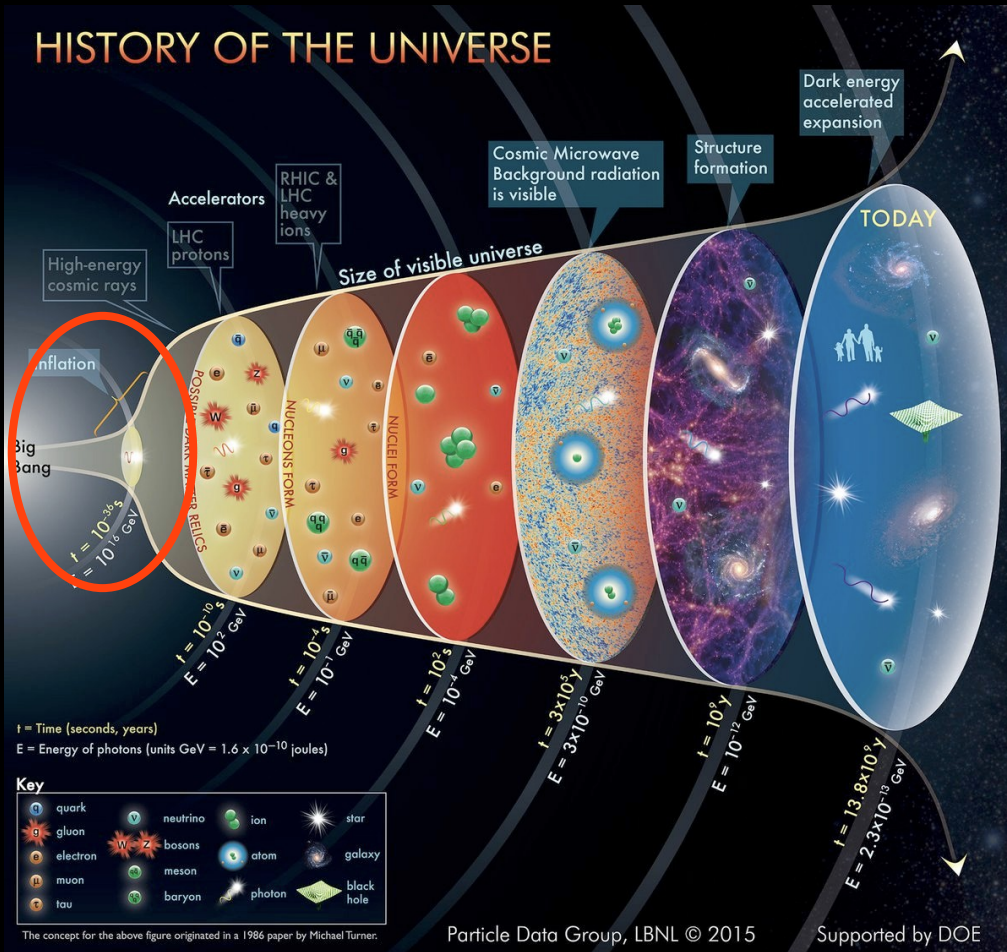
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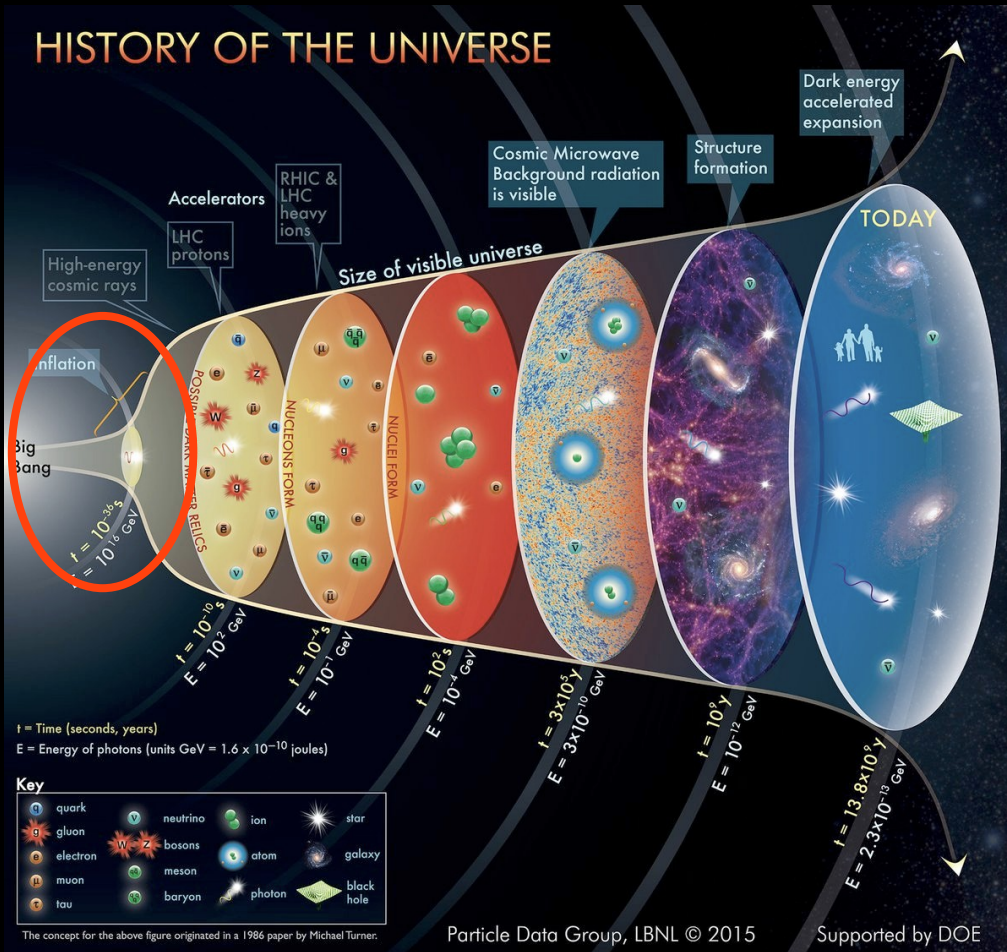
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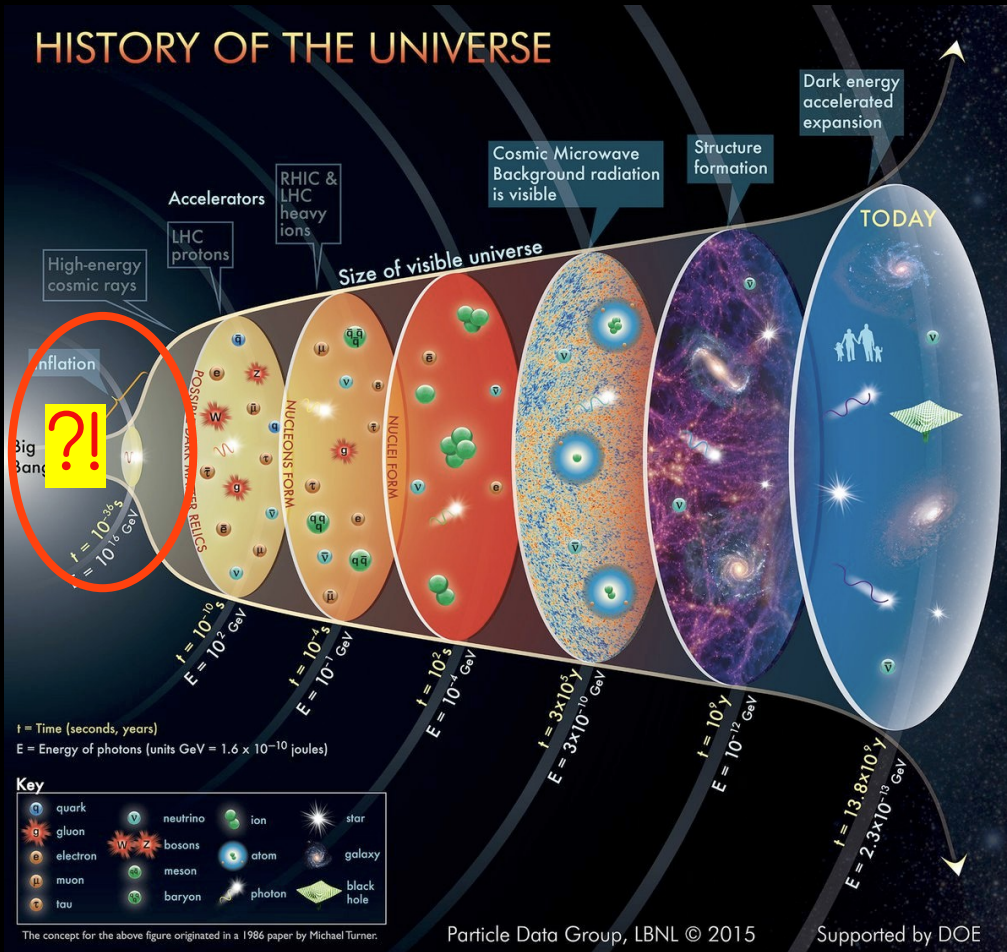
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IF (!) Inflation is natural.

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What if not in FLRW?
i.e. gradients?
kinetics?
Unforeseen GR effects?
Fine-tuned?

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YES!

It's basically unavoidable.



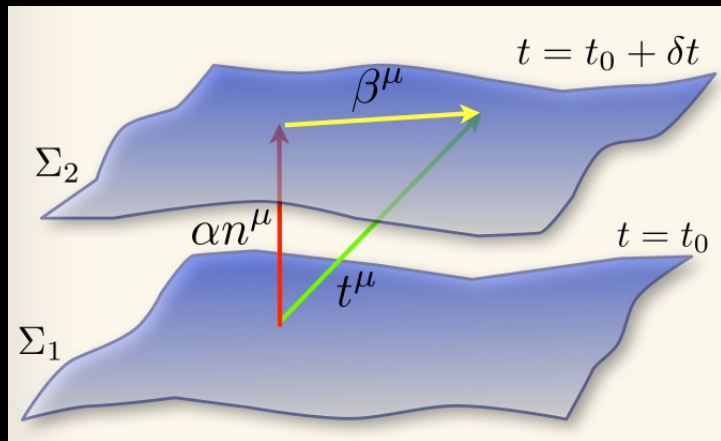
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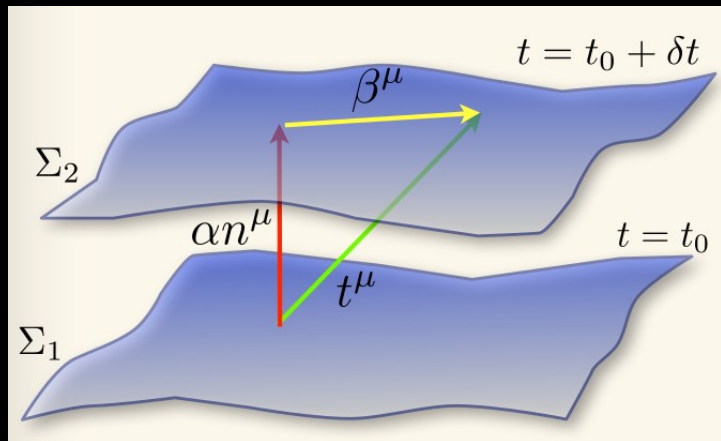


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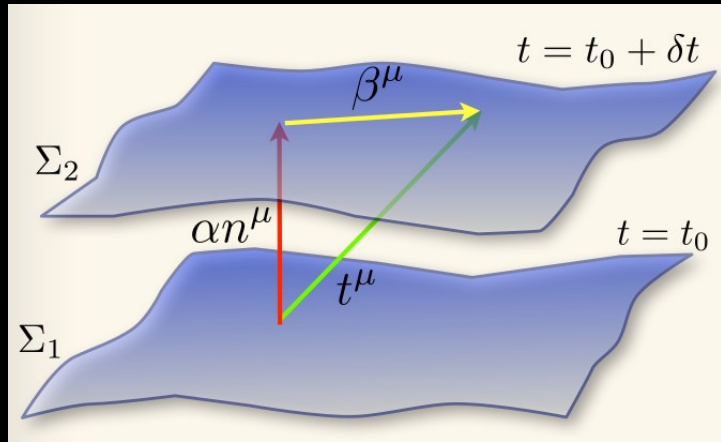
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Full GR code!



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→ The necessary conditions for an accelerated expansion of the universe :

$$\omega_\varphi < -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$\mathcal{N} < \left| 12\pi\rho \left(\frac{1}{3} + \omega_\varphi \right) \right|$$

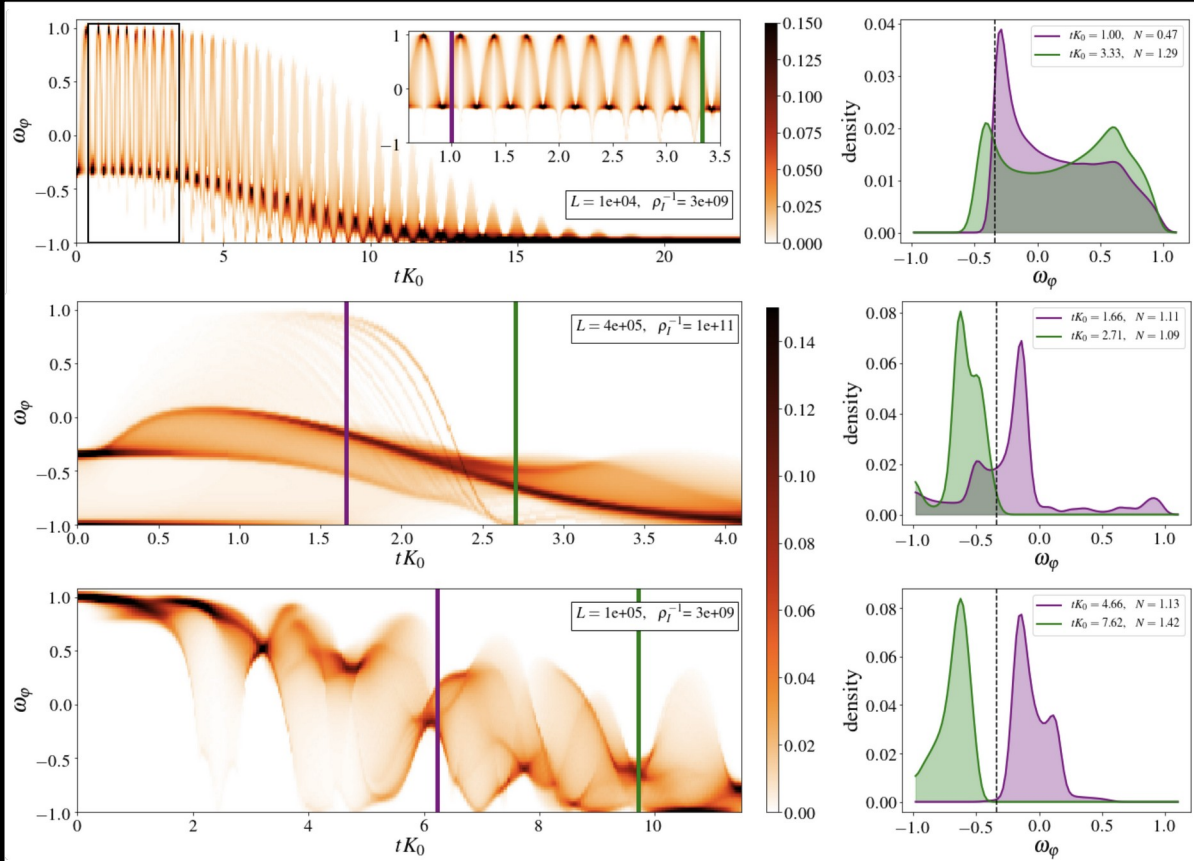
Energy density
of the metric

$$\mathcal{N} \propto \dot{h}_{ij}\dot{h}_{ij}$$

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- Dynamical Equation of State :

$$\omega_\varphi(t) \simeq \begin{cases} 1 & \rightarrow \rho \simeq \rho_{\text{kin}} \\ -1/3 & \rightarrow \rho \simeq \rho_{\text{grad}} \\ -1 & \rightarrow \rho \simeq \rho_V \end{cases}$$



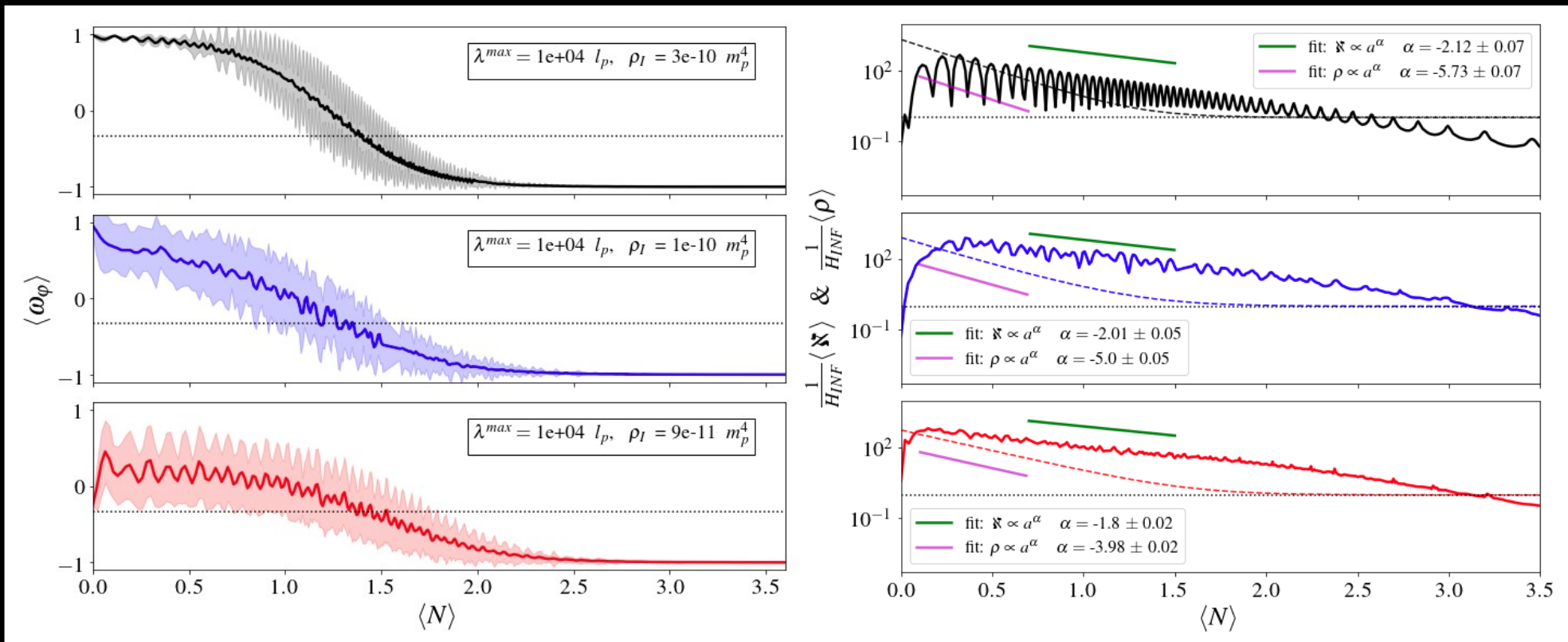
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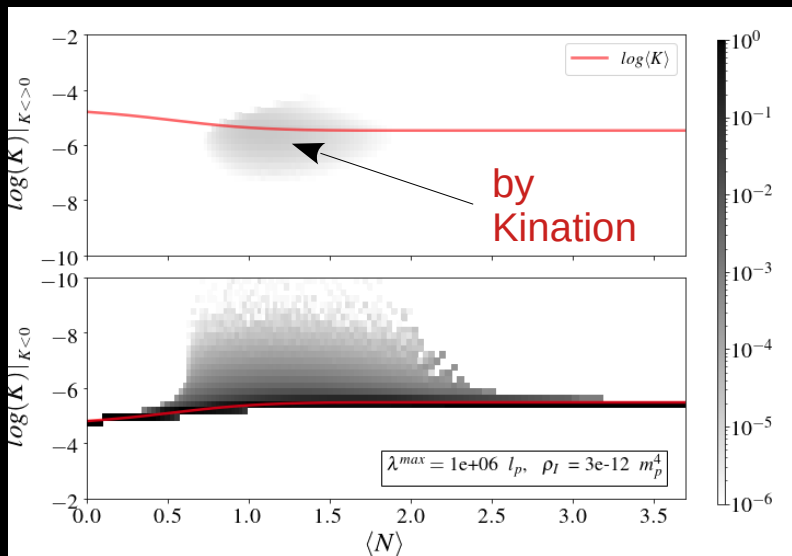
- Evolution of ω_φ , ρ , \aleph (ECMs) :



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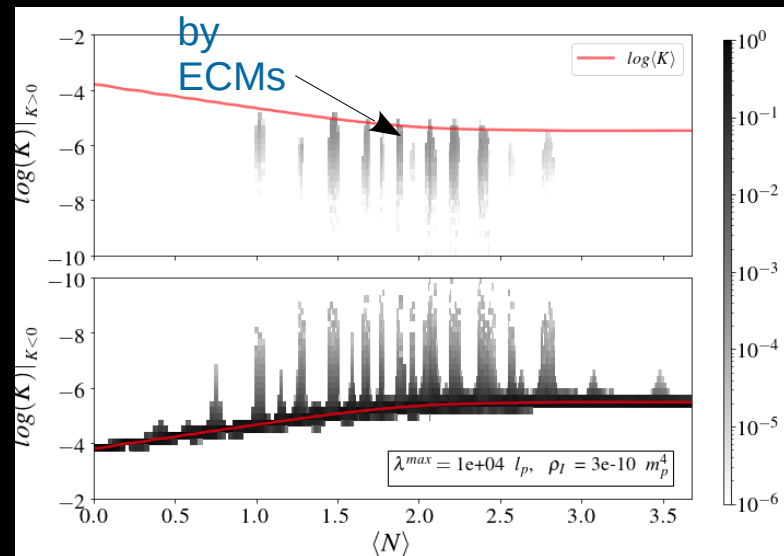
- Pre-Inflation BHs

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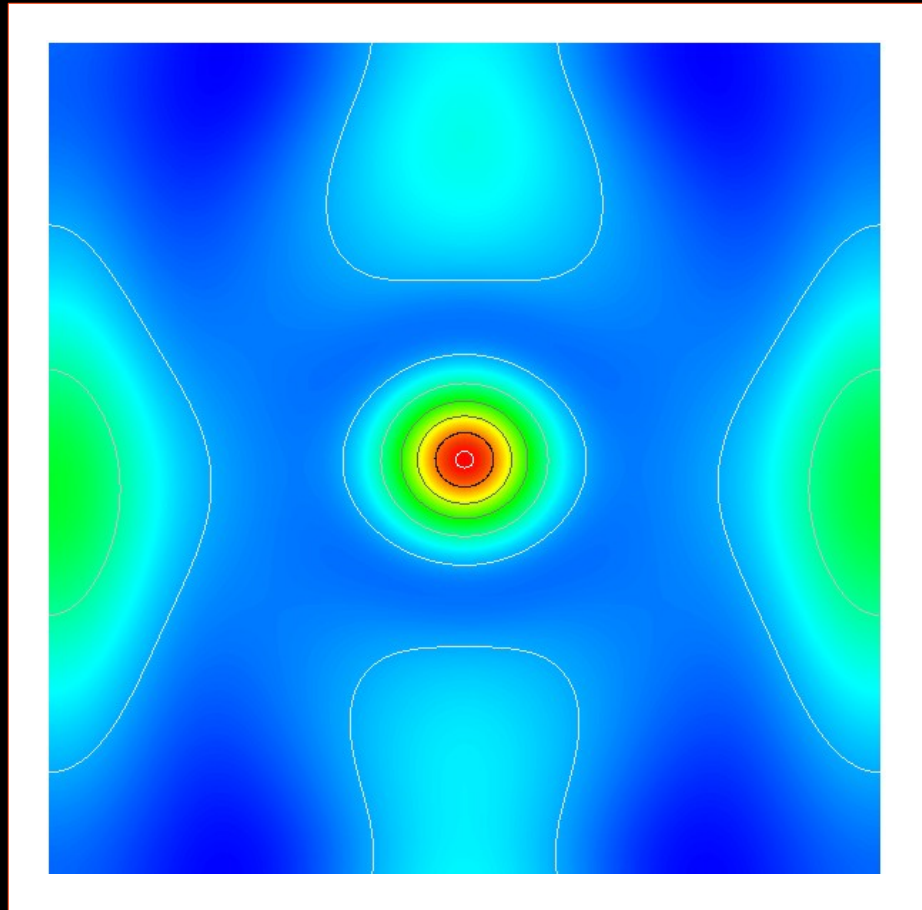
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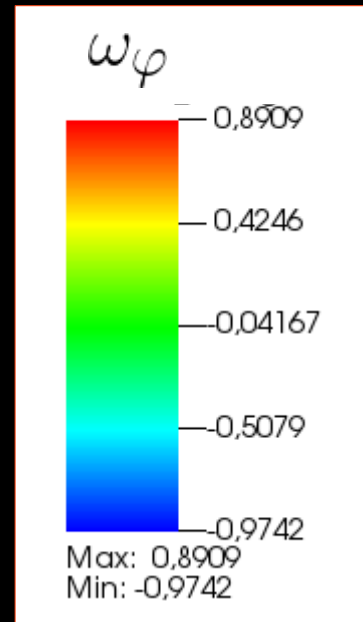
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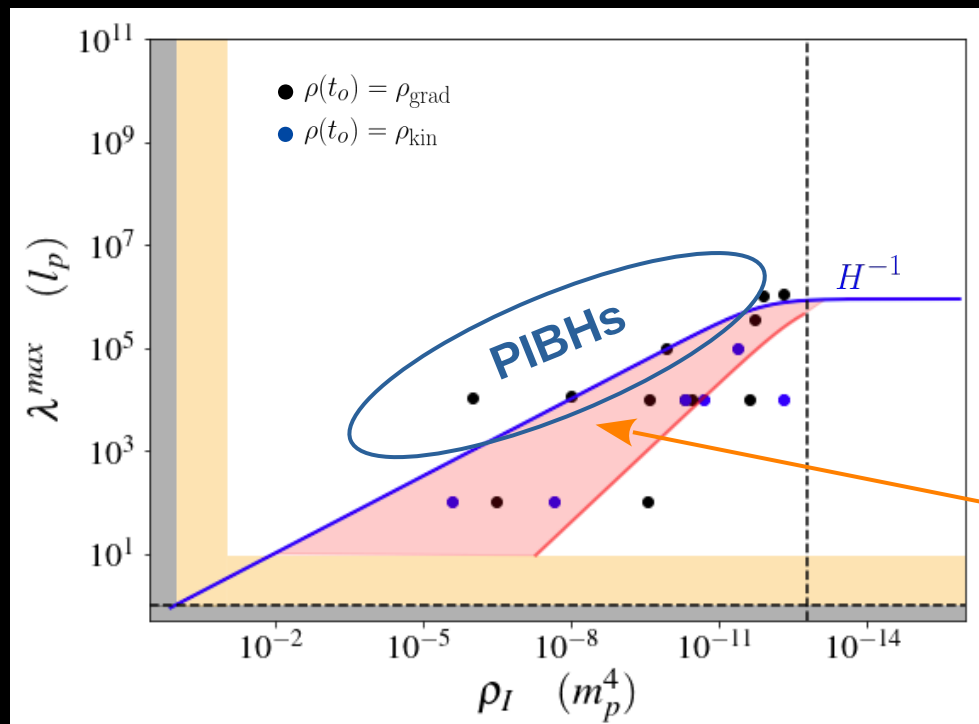
$$M_{BH} \approx 2 \cdot 10^4 M_P$$



Do PIBHs
facilitate
inflation onset?

Take home message

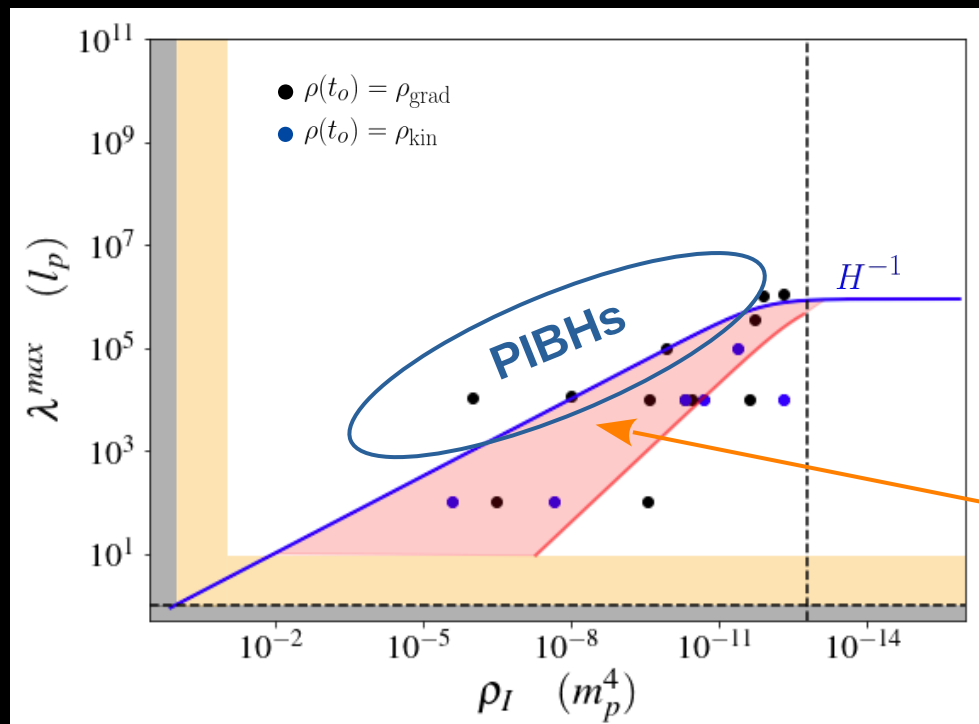
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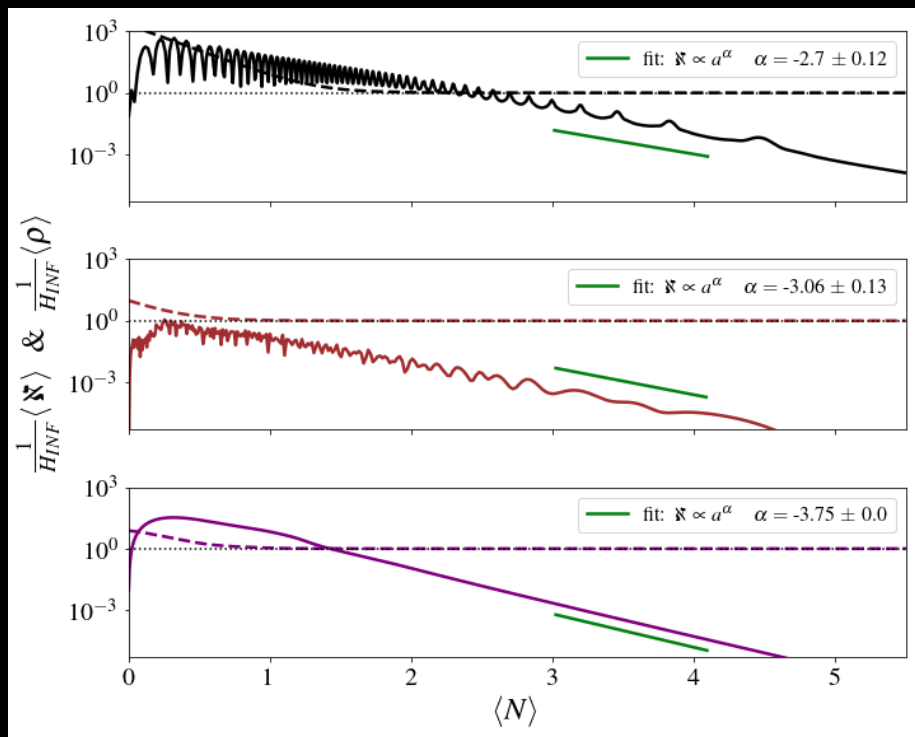
→ Inflation is robust

→ Formation of ECMs and PIBHS

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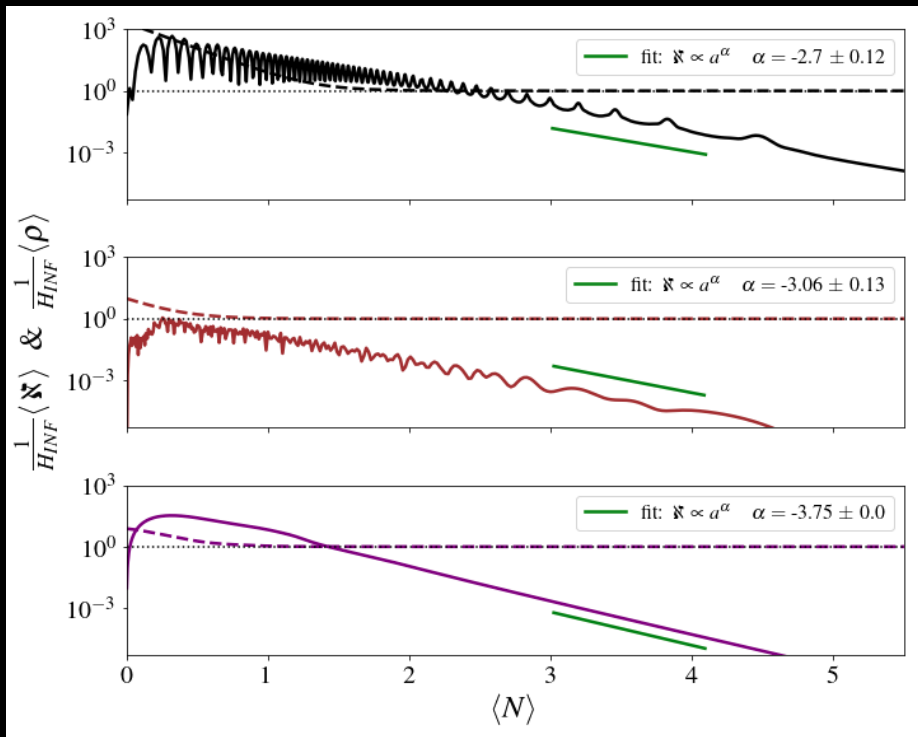
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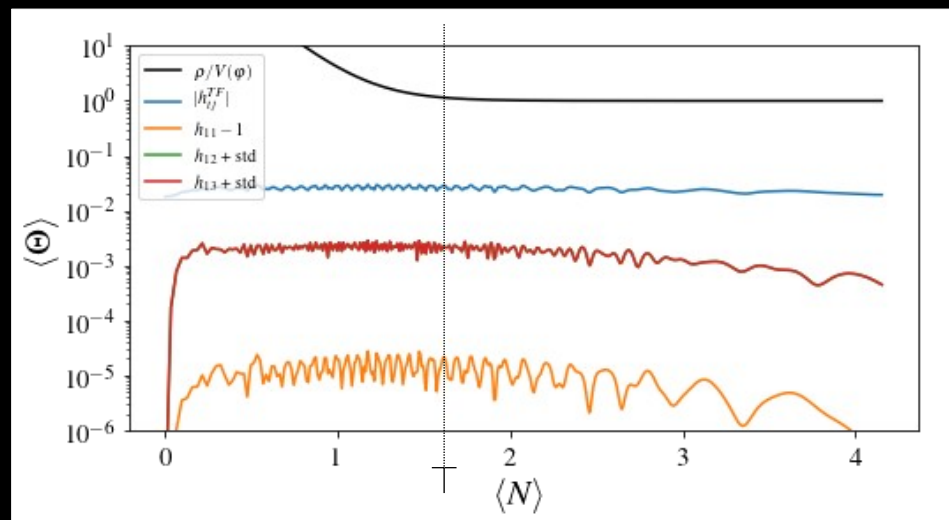


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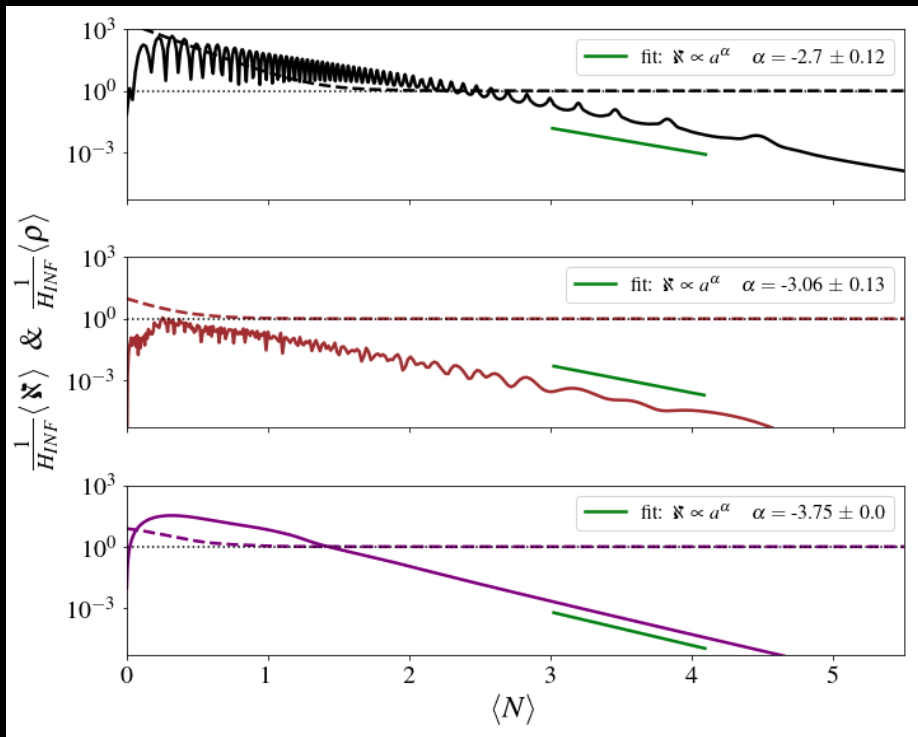


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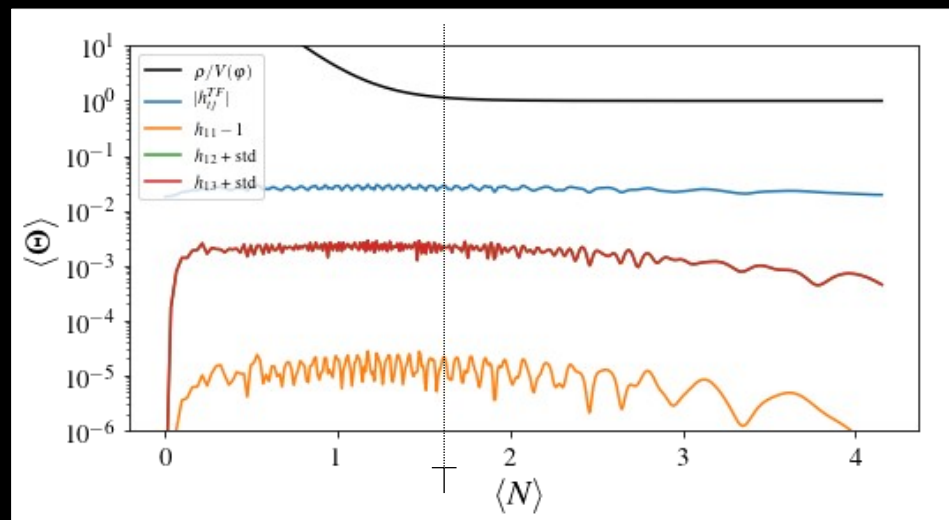


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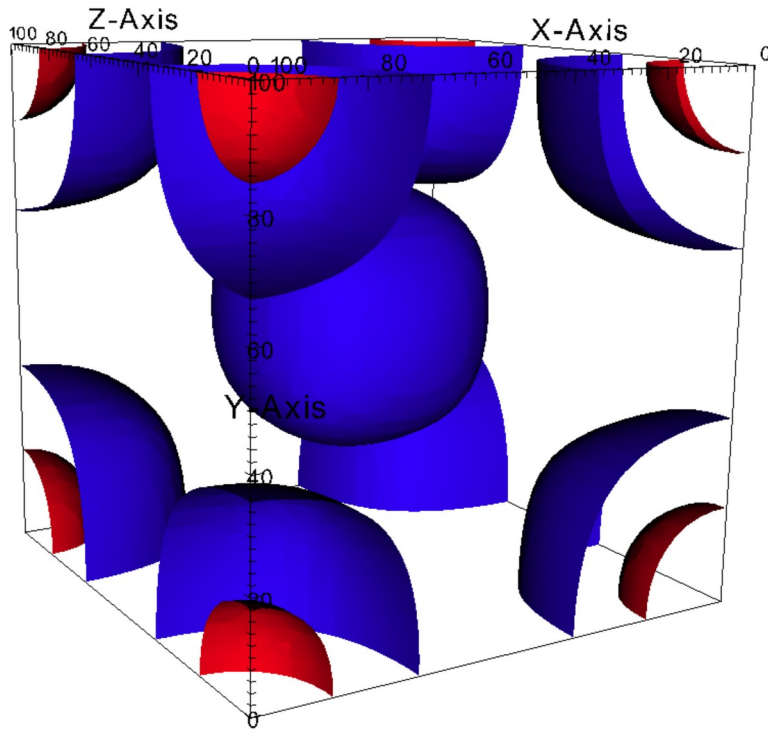
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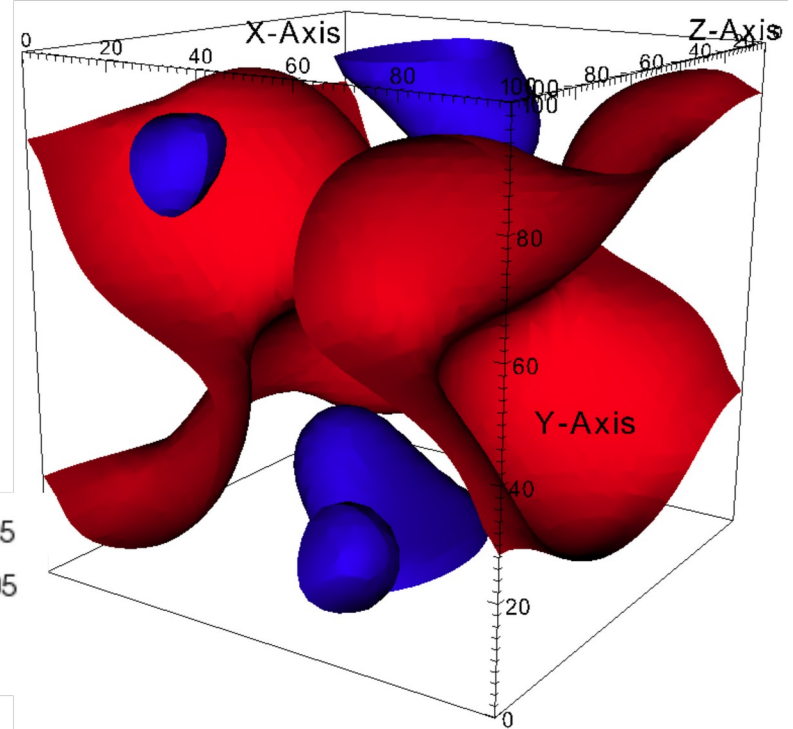


If inflation last just
 $N \sim 60$ efolds! Maybe!



shear
 $h_{11} + h_{22} + h_{33} - 3$
 6.498e-05
 4.132e-05
 Max: 7.680e-05
 Min: 2.949e-05

tensor
 $h_{11} - h_{22}$
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 4.558e-05
 Max: 0.0001391
 Min: -6.610e-05



I.C. for inflation: Summary (key points)

- We extended the analysis on the initial conditions for Starobinsky/Higgs inflation (and alike)
- We simulated various plausible configurations of the pre-inflationary era. Including Kination domination.
- Large perturbation in the scalar field induce perturbations in the metric sector (ECMs) and may produce PIBHs.
- Inflation prevails robust!
ECMs and PIBHs may give as a more complex picture of the Pre-inflationary era!

A paper is coming very soon!

- Late October/ Beginning of November...

Inhomogeneous initial conditions for inflation: A wibbly-wobbly timey-wimey path to Salvation

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We use of the 3+1 formalism of numerical relativity to investigate the robustness of Starobinsky and Higgs inflation to inhomogeneous initial conditions, in the form of either field gradient or kinetic energy density. Sub-Hubble and Hubble-sized fluctuations generically lead to inflation after an oscillatory phase between gradient and kinetic energies. Hubble-sized inhomogeneities also produce contracting regions that end up in the formation of primordial black holes, subsequently diluted by inflation. We analyse the dynamics of the pre-inflation era and the generation of vector and tensor fluctuations. Our analysis further supports the robustness of inflation to any size of inhomogeneity, in the field, velocity or equation-of-state. The pre-inflation dynamics only marginally depends on the field potential and it is expected that such a behaviour is universal and applies to any inflaton potential of plateau-type, favored by CMB observations after Planck.

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I. INTRODUCTION

In the inflationary paradigm, the Universe undergoes an

density fluctuations certainly do not prevent the onset of inflation [4, 5]. But dealing with the fully relativistic non-linear dynamics of large inhomogeneities, including the backreaction on the Universe, remains an open

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Thank you !



Back up

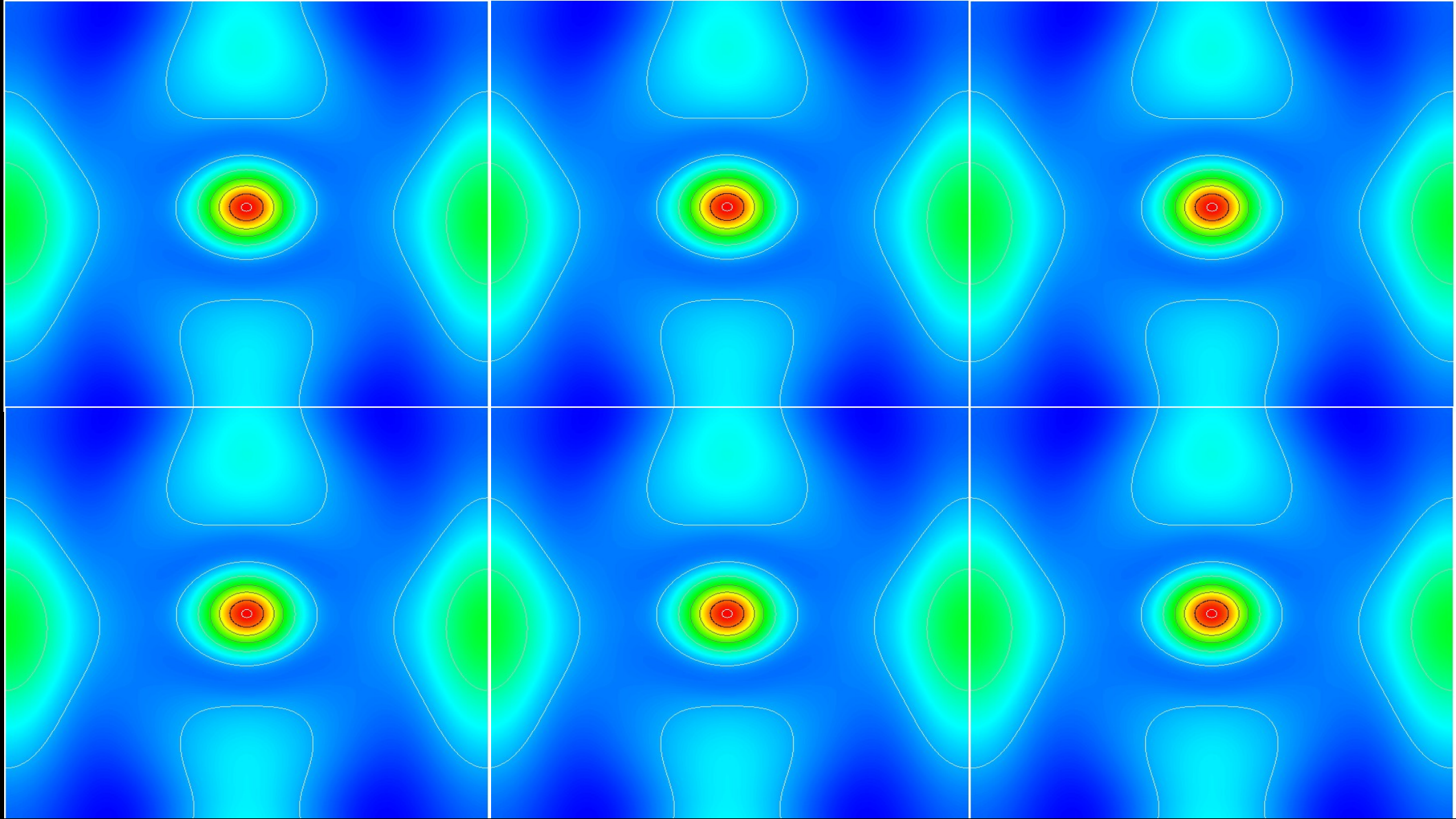
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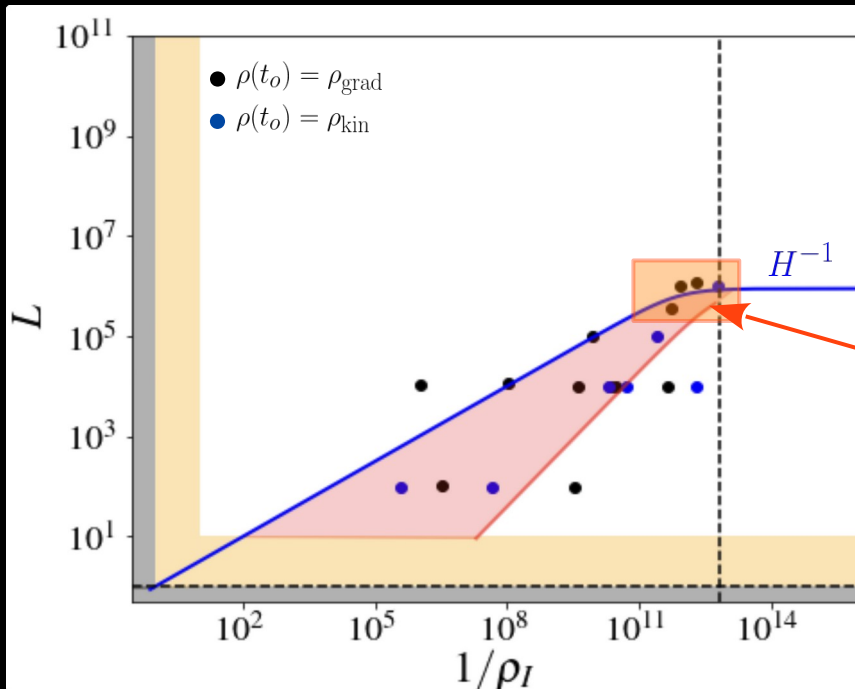
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I.C. for inflation: Initial data

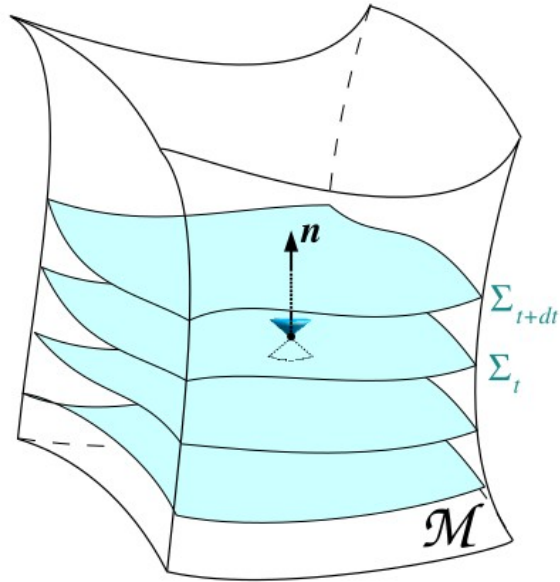
- ICs in terms of energy scale (ρ_I) & perturbation length (L):



$$\rho_i(\partial_i\varphi, \dot{\varphi}, a) = \rho - V(\varphi)$$

$L \leftarrow$ grid size

In previous works



$$ds^2 = -\alpha^2 dt^2 + \gamma_{ij} (d\beta^i dt + dx^i) (d\beta^j dt + dx^j)$$

$$\partial_t \gamma_{ij} - \mathcal{L}_\beta \gamma_{ij} = -2\alpha K_{ij}$$

Conformal decomposition:

$$\gamma_{ij} = e^{4\phi} \tilde{\gamma}_{ij} \quad \& \quad K_{ij} = e^{4\phi} \tilde{A}_{ij} + \frac{1}{3} \gamma_{ij} K$$

The (3+1) decomposition of the Einstein equation raises four constrain equations, given by

$$0 = \mathcal{H} = R + \frac{1}{8}\tilde{A}_{ij}\tilde{A}^{ij} - \frac{1}{12}K^2 + 2\pi\rho \quad (3)$$

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(with $R = e^{-5\phi}\tilde{\gamma}^{ij}\tilde{D}_i\tilde{D}_je^\phi - \frac{1}{8}e^{-4\phi}\tilde{R}$)

$$\partial_t \chi = \frac{2}{3} \alpha \chi K - \frac{2}{3} \chi \partial_k \beta^k + \beta^k \partial_k \chi ,$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \tilde{\gamma}_{ij} = & -2 \alpha \tilde{A}_{ij} + \tilde{\gamma}_{ik} \partial_j \beta^k + \tilde{\gamma}_{jk} \partial_i \beta^k \\ & - \frac{2}{3} \tilde{\gamma}_{ij} \partial_k \beta^k + \beta^k \partial_k \tilde{\gamma}_{ij} , \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t K = & -\gamma^{ij} D_i D_j \alpha + \alpha \left(\tilde{A}_{ij} \tilde{A}^{ij} + \frac{1}{3} K^2 \right) \\ & + \beta^i \partial_i K + 4\pi \alpha (\rho + S) , \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \tilde{A}_{ij} = & [-D_i D_j \alpha + \chi \alpha (R_{ij} - 8\pi S_{ij})]^{\text{TF}} \\ & + \alpha (K \tilde{A}_{ij} - 2 \tilde{A}_{il} \tilde{A}^l_j) \\ & + \tilde{A}_{ik} \partial_j \beta^k + \tilde{A}_{jk} \partial_i \beta^k \\ & - \frac{2}{3} \tilde{A}_{ij} \partial_k \beta^k + \beta^k \partial_k \tilde{A}_{ij} , \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t \tilde{\Gamma}^i = & 2 \alpha \left(\tilde{\Gamma}_{jk}^i \tilde{A}^{jk} - \frac{2}{3} \tilde{\gamma}^{ij} \partial_j K - \frac{3}{2} \tilde{A}^{ij} \frac{\partial_j \chi}{\chi} \right) \\ & - 2 \tilde{A}^{ij} \partial_j \alpha + \beta^k \partial_k \tilde{\Gamma}^i \\ & + \tilde{\gamma}^{jk} \partial_j \partial_k \beta^i + \frac{1}{3} \tilde{\gamma}^{ij} \partial_j \partial_k \beta^k \\ & + \frac{2}{3} \tilde{\Gamma}^i \partial_k \beta^k - \tilde{\Gamma}^k \partial_k \beta^i - 16\pi \alpha \tilde{\gamma}^{ij} S_j , \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = -\frac{\alpha}{3} \left(\frac{\dot{\alpha}}{\alpha} K - D^i D_i \alpha + \alpha (\aleph + 4\pi T) \right)$$

$$T \equiv \rho + S = 3\rho \left(\frac{1}{3} + \omega_\varphi \right)$$

$$\aleph \equiv \tilde{A}_{ij} \tilde{A}^{ij}$$

$$\omega_\varphi(t) \simeq \begin{cases} 1 & \rightarrow \rho \simeq \rho_{\text{kin}} \\ -1/3 & \rightarrow \rho \simeq \rho_{\text{grad}} \\ -1 & \rightarrow \rho \simeq \rho_V \end{cases}$$

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- **Flatness Problem:** The big bang model doesn't explain why the Universe seems so flat. ($|\Omega_{k,0}| < 0.005$)

$$\Omega_k = -\frac{k}{\dot{a}^2}$$

$$\dot{\Omega}_k = H\Omega_k(1 + 3\omega)$$

$$\Omega_k = 0 \rightarrow \text{unstable}$$

$$\Omega_{k,BBN} \sim 10^{-18}$$

$$\Omega_{k,Planck} \sim 10^{-63}$$