

Primordial black holes as cosmic expansion accelerators

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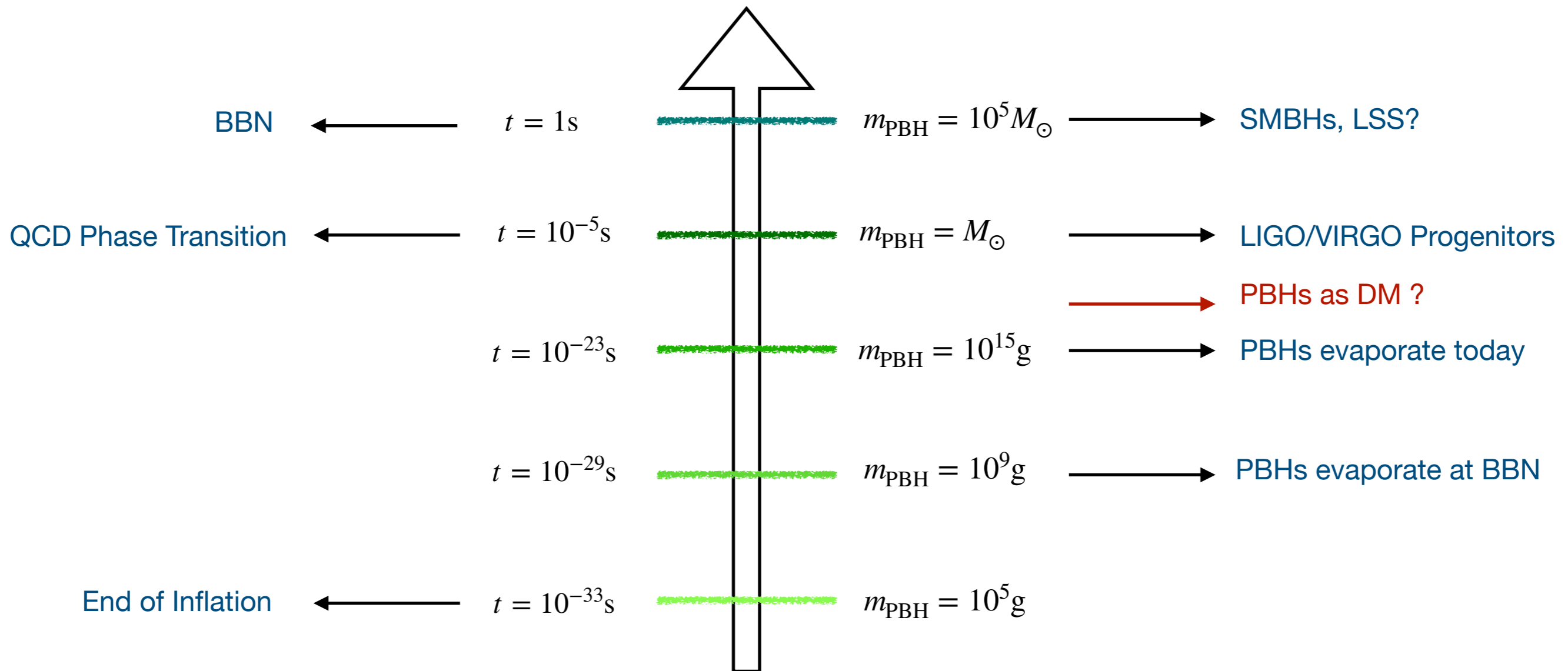
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Why to study PBHs?

- Primordial Black Holes (PBHs) form in the early universe out of the **collapse of enhanced energy density perturbations**, $\delta \equiv \frac{\delta\rho}{\rho_b} > \delta_c (w \equiv p/\rho)$ [Carr - 1975].

$$m_{\text{PBH}} = \gamma M_{\text{H}} \propto H^{-1} \text{ where } \gamma \sim \text{O}(1)$$



See for reviews in [Carr et al.- 2020, Sasaki et al - 2018, Clesse et al. - 2017]

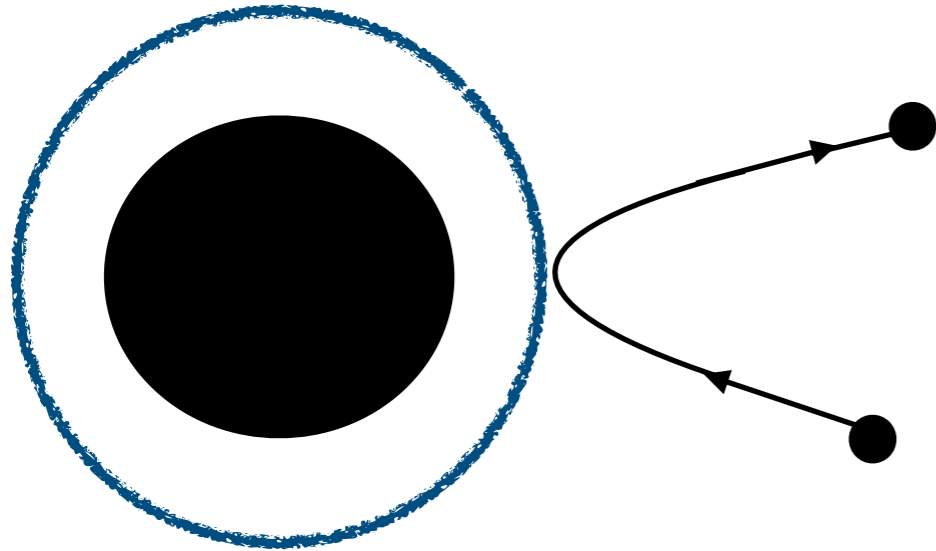
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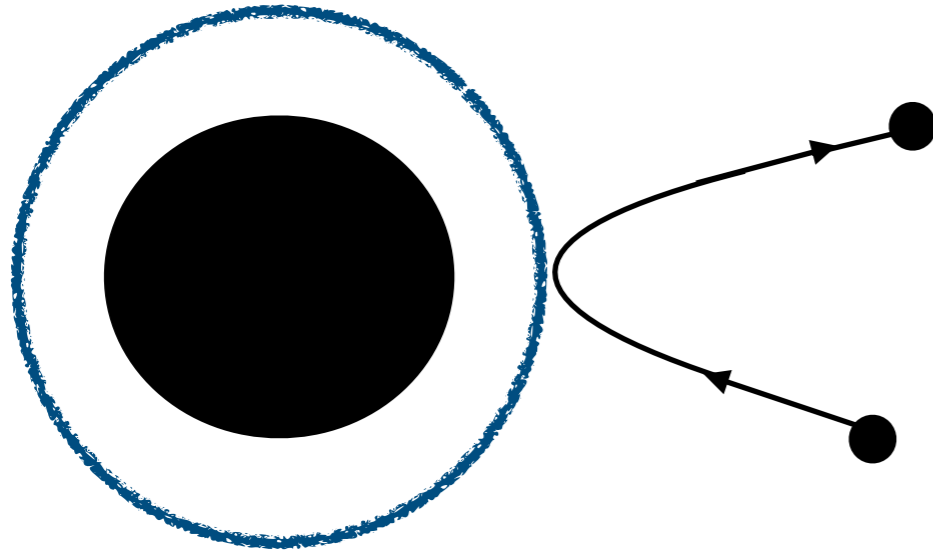
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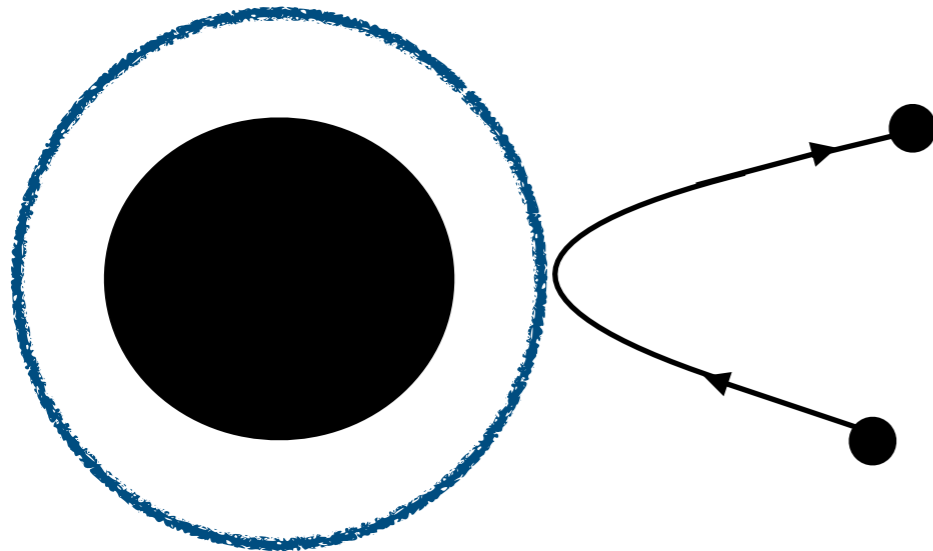


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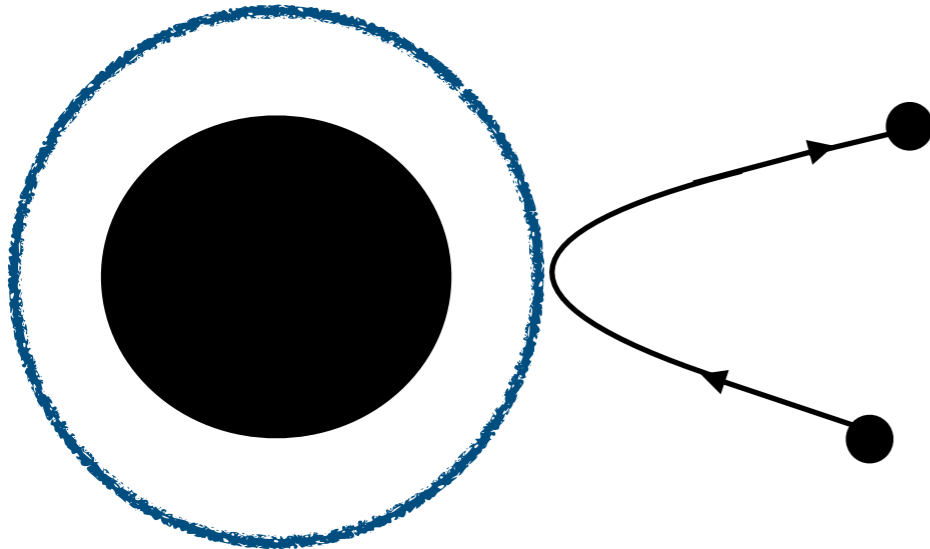
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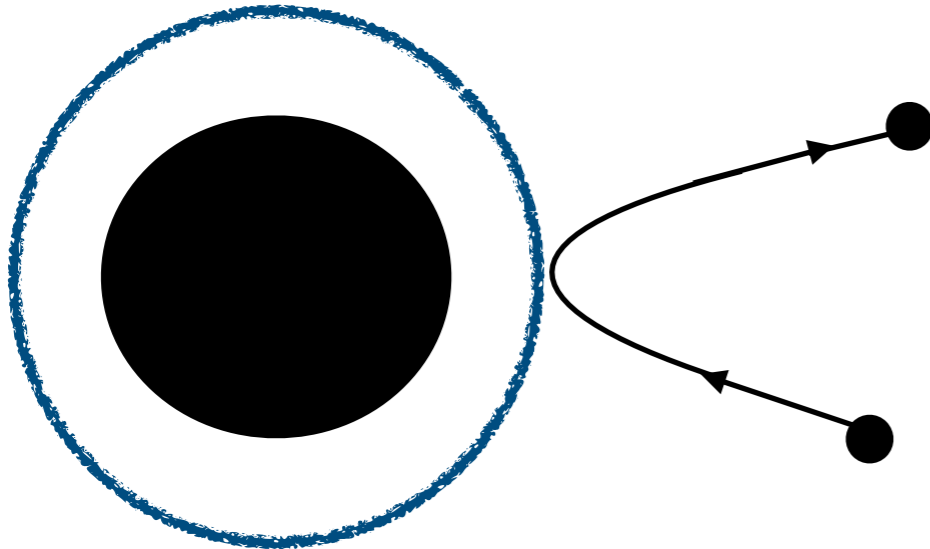
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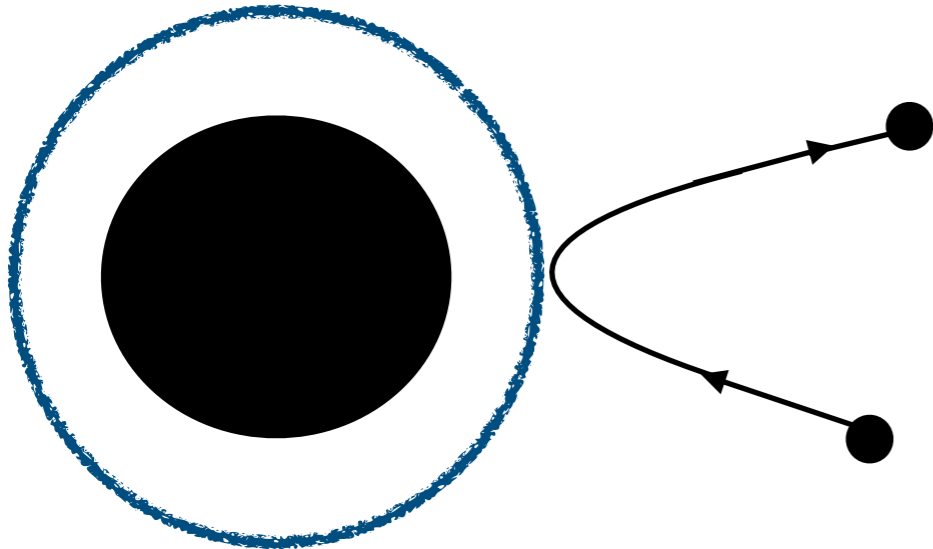
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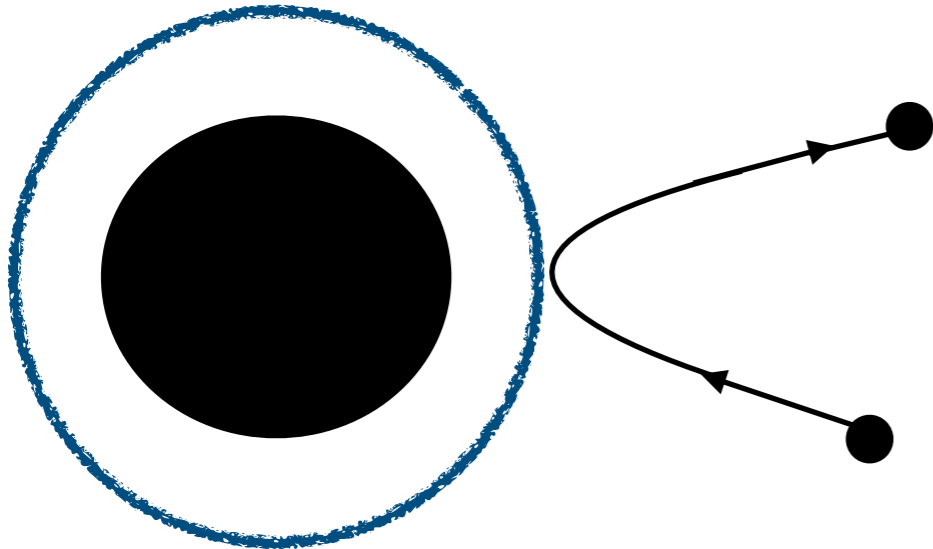
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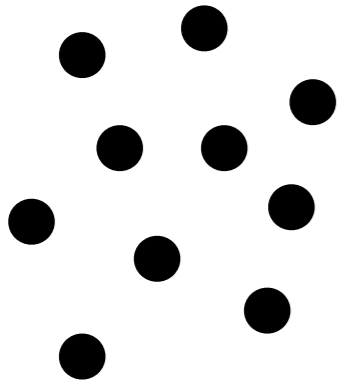
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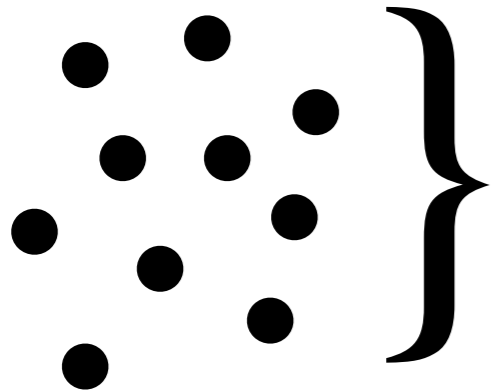
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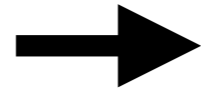
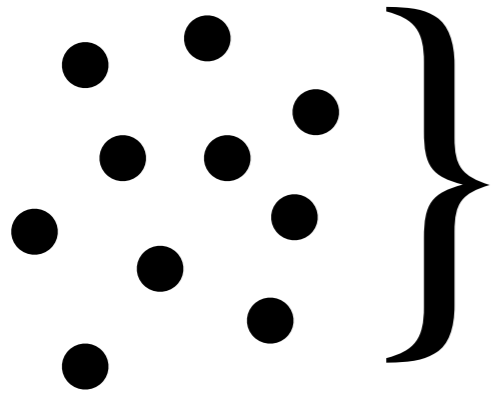


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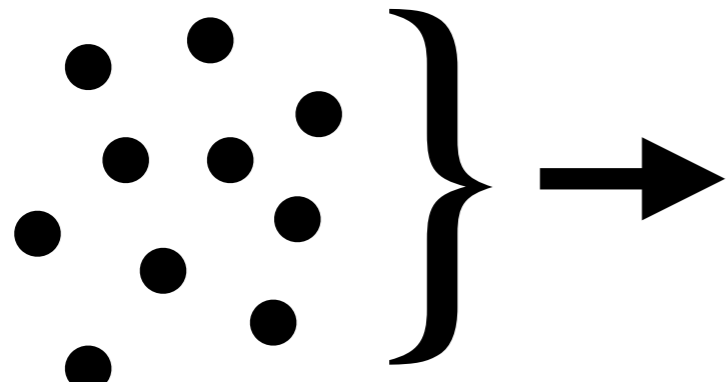



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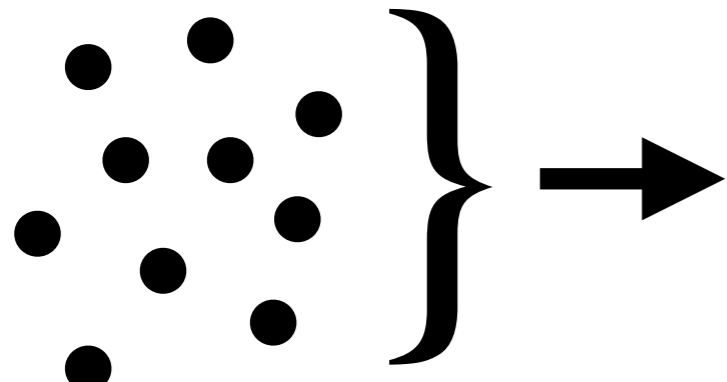


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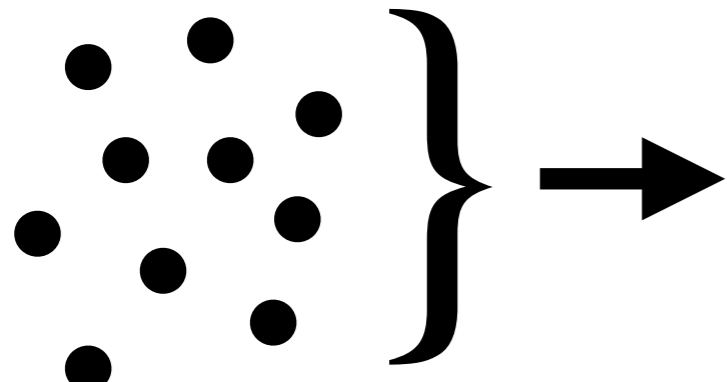

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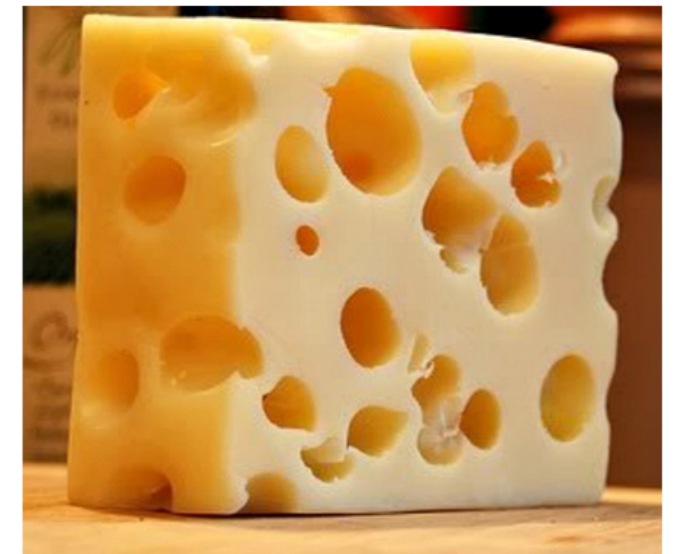
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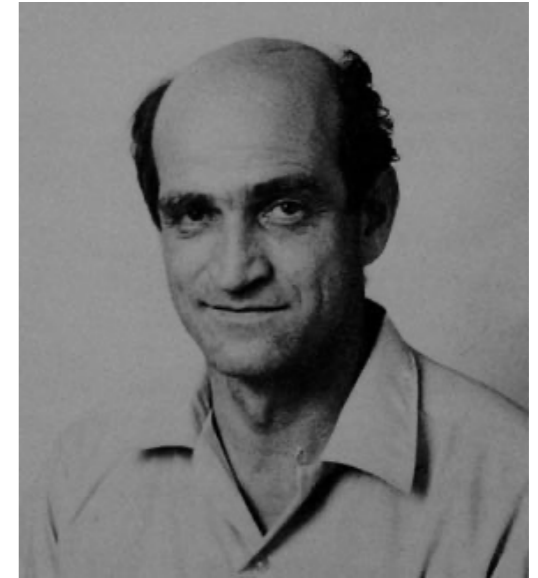
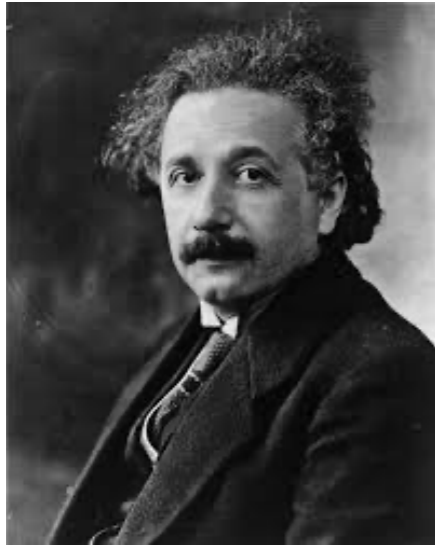
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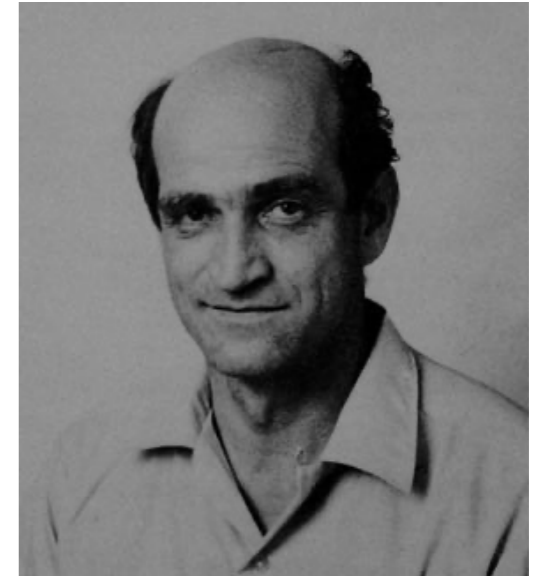
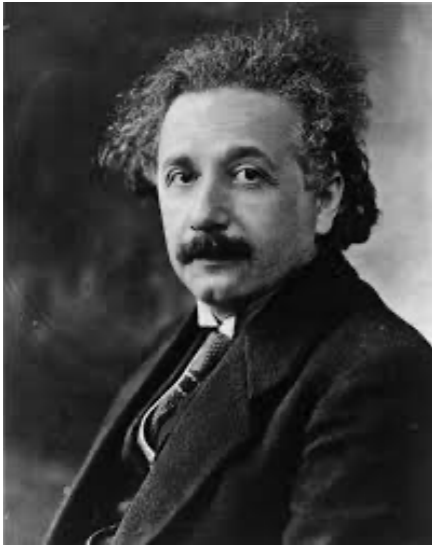
Cosmic Expansion Dynamics

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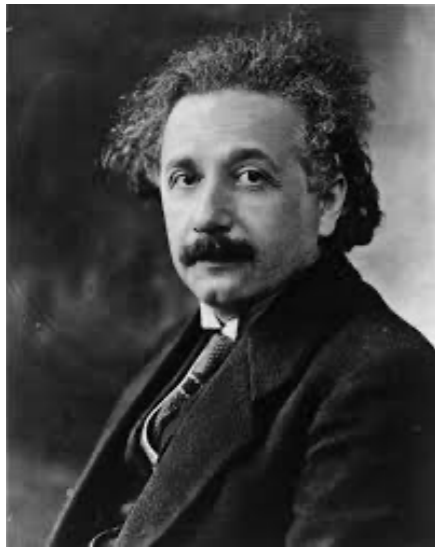
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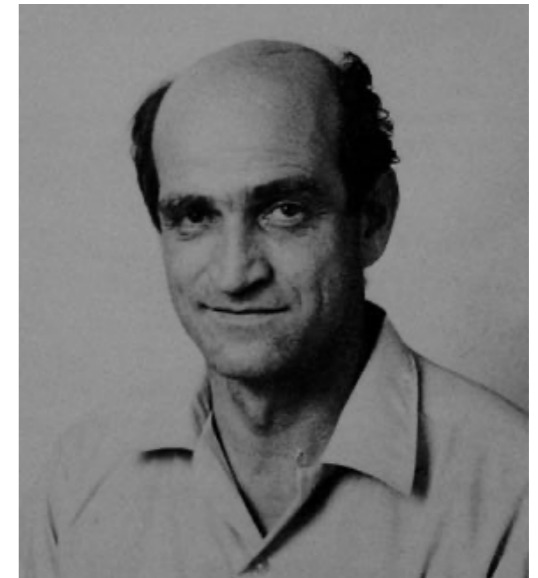


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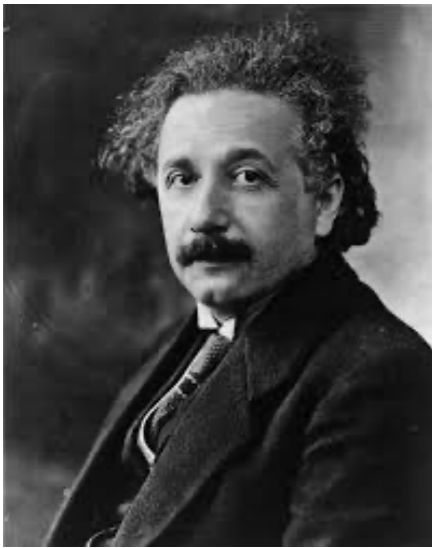


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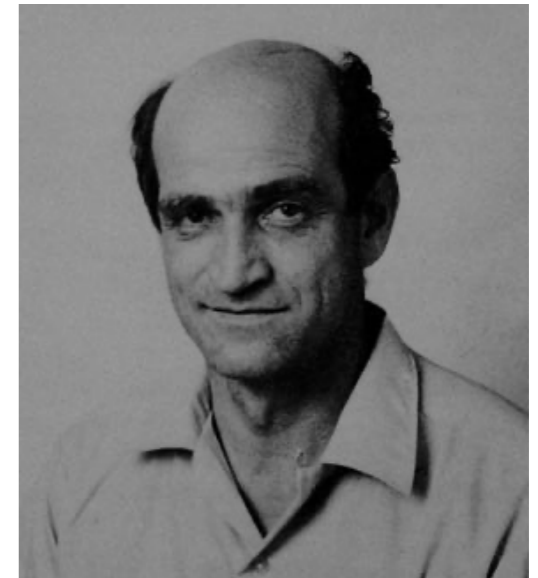


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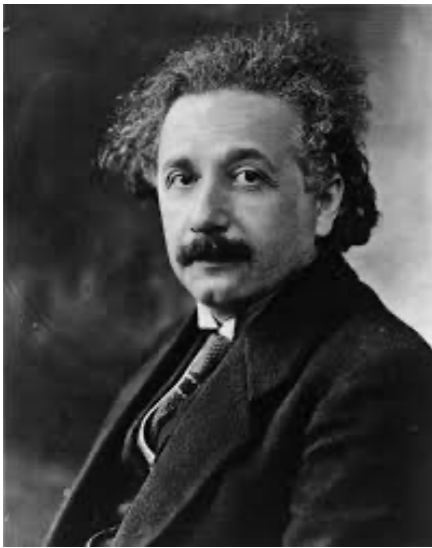
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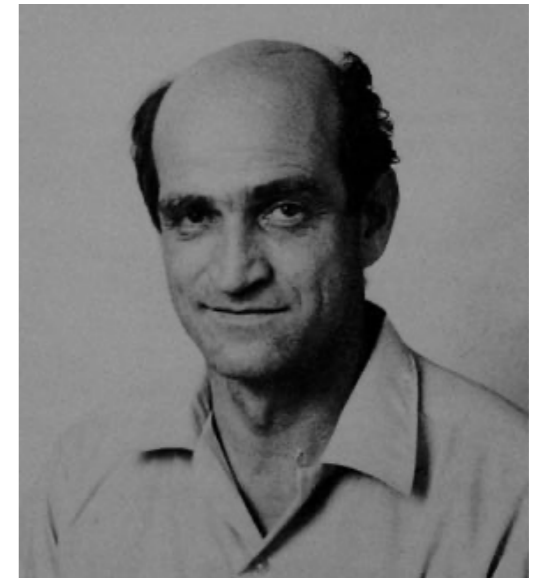
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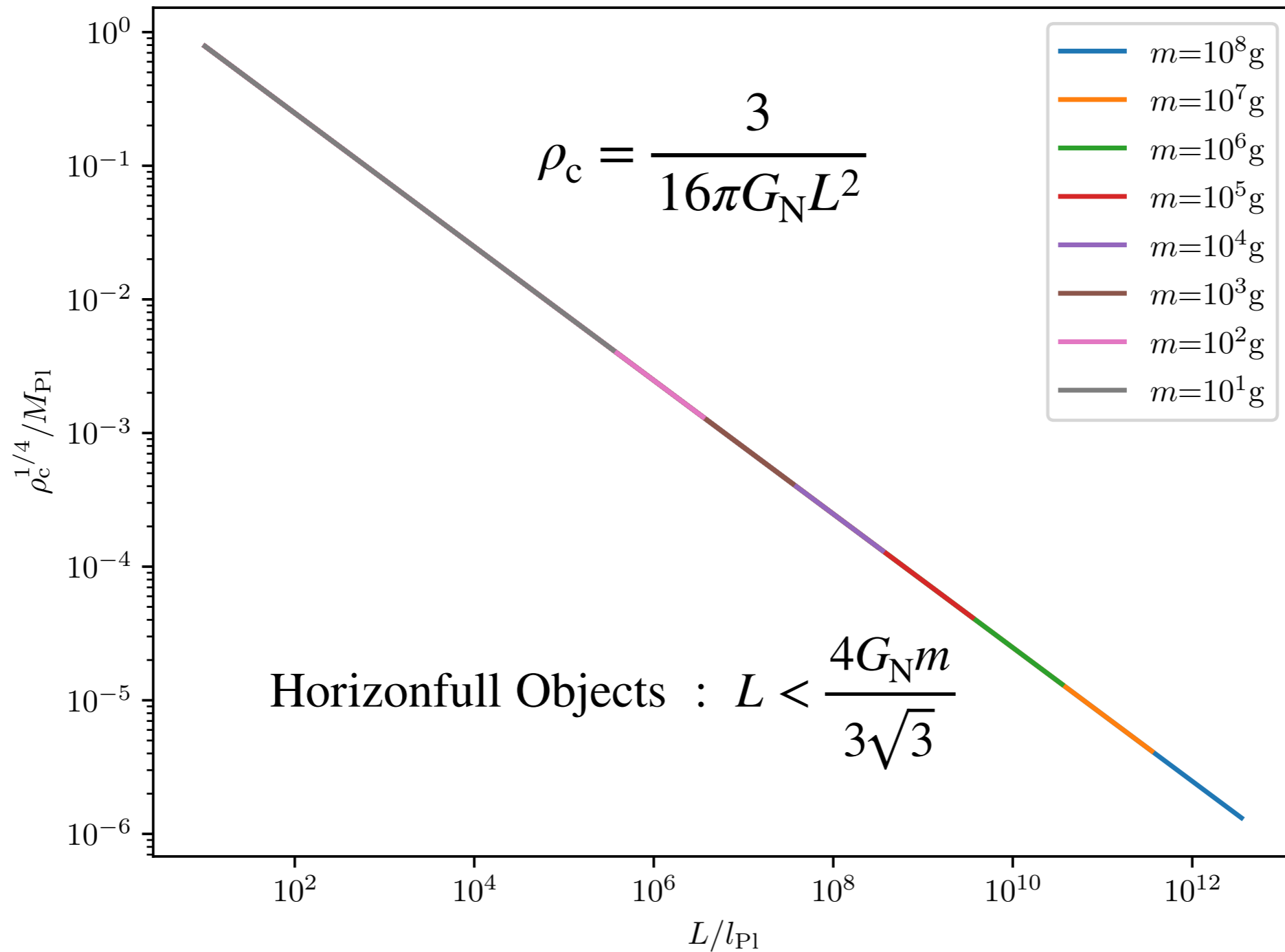
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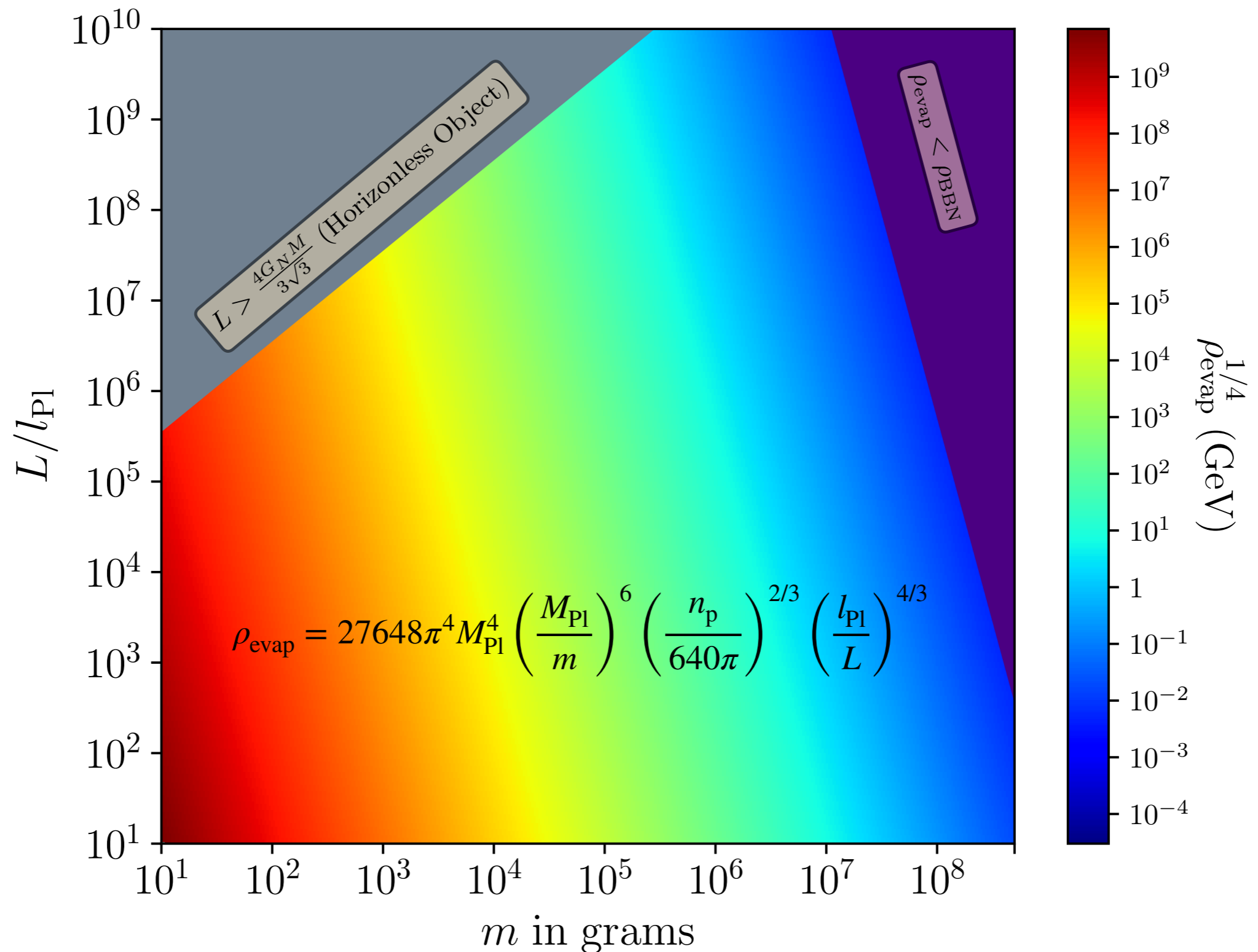
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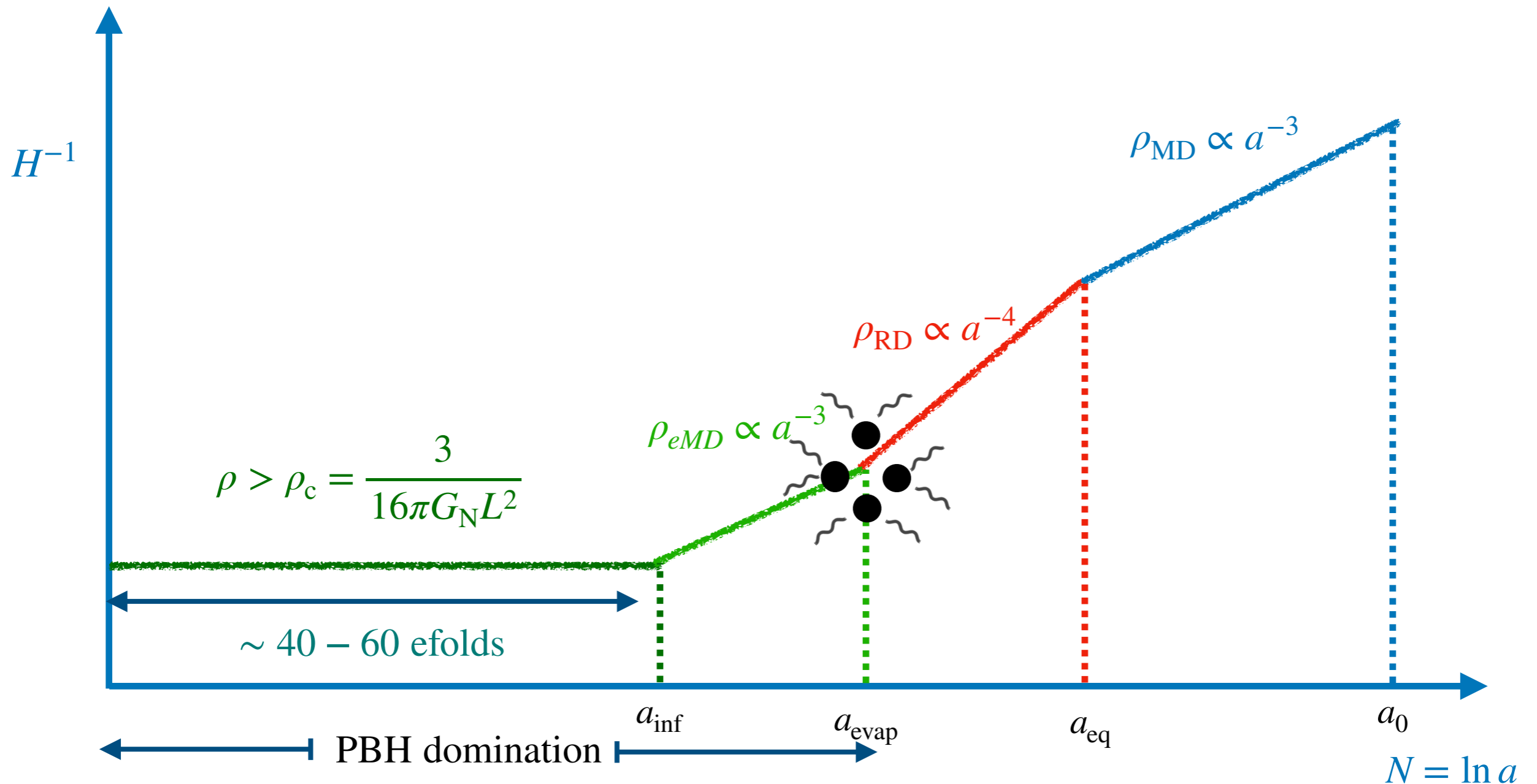


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Inflation and Reheating

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- We studied the **PBH dominated Universe** within the context of “**Swiss-Cheese**” cosmology considering **black holes with "repulsive-like" behaviour**.
- Focusing on the **Hayward regular black hole spacetime**, we derived the modified cosmic expansion dynamics finding ultimately **an exponential de Sitter-like inflationary cosmic expansion for very high energies**.
- Within our “Swiss-Cheese” framework, the phase of **cosmic acceleration ends** at an **energy scale characteristic to the black hole parameters** or due to **black hole evaporation**, while **reheating** proceeds through PBH evaporation.
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**Thank you for your
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Appendix

- **The Bardeen metric**

$$ds^2 = -F(R) dt^2 + \frac{1}{F(R)} dR^2 + R^2 d\Omega^2, \text{ with } f(R) = 1 - \frac{2G_N m R^2}{(R^2 + l_0^2)^{3/2}}$$

$$H^2 = \frac{2G_N m}{\left[\left(\frac{3m}{4\pi\rho}\right)^{2/3} + l_0^2\right]^{3/2}}, \quad \frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = \frac{G_N m \left[2l_0^2 - \left(\frac{3m}{4\pi\rho}\right)^{2/3}\right]}{\left[\left(\frac{3m}{4\pi\rho}\right)^{2/3} + l_0^2\right]^{5/2}} \Rightarrow \rho_c = \frac{3}{\pi} 2^{-7/2} m l_0^{-3}$$

- **The Dymnikova metric**

$$f(R) = 1 - \frac{\mu}{r} \left(1 - e^{-\frac{r^3}{\alpha\mu}}\right) \text{ where } \mu = 2G_N m \text{ and } \alpha = 3/\Lambda$$

This solution coincides with the Schwarzschild black hole for $r \gg (\alpha\mu)^{1/3}$, while for $r \ll (\alpha\mu)^{1/3}$ it behaves like the de Sitter solution.

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Schwarzschild-De Sitter (SdS) metric

$$ds^2 = - \left(1 - \frac{2G_N m}{R} - \frac{1}{3} \Lambda R^2 \right) dT^2 + \frac{dR^2}{1 - \frac{2G_N m}{R} - \frac{1}{3} \Lambda R^2} + R^2 (d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\varphi^2)$$

The SdS spacetime has two horizons if $0 < y < 1/27$, where $y \equiv \frac{G_N^2 m^2}{l^2}$ where $l^2 \equiv \frac{3}{\Lambda}$.

$$\text{Black hole horizon: } r_h = \frac{2G_N m}{\sqrt{3y}} \cos \frac{\pi + \tau}{3}$$

$$\text{Cosmological horizon: } r_c = \frac{2G_N m}{\sqrt{3y}} \cos \frac{\pi - \tau}{3}, \text{ with } \tau \equiv \cos^{-1}(3\sqrt{3y}).$$

One has that $r_h < r_c \Rightarrow y < 1$. In the limit $y \ll 1$, one gets $r_h \rightarrow 2G_N m$ and $r_c \rightarrow l$.

$$H^2 = \frac{8\pi G_N}{3} \rho + \frac{\Lambda}{3}$$

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} \Rightarrow For $\Lambda > 4\pi G_N \rho \Rightarrow$ Endless Acceleration stopped by PBH evaporation!

Matter Power Spectrum

$$a \propto e^{t/L} \Rightarrow \epsilon_1 \equiv -\dot{H}/H^2 \ll 1 \text{ and } \epsilon_2 \equiv \frac{1}{\epsilon_1} \frac{d\epsilon_1}{dN} \ll 1 \Rightarrow n_s = 1 - 2\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_2 \simeq 1$$



Nearly scale invariant power-spectrum

- Structure Formation: eMD eras, such the ones driven by PBHs, **facilitate the growth of early structures**. This is expected from the fact that subhorizon energy density fluctuations during an eMD era grow linearly with the scale factor, i.e. $\frac{\delta\rho}{\rho} \propto a$, leading potentially to the **formation of halos or virialised objects** [Eggemeier et al. - 2021, Hidalgo et al. - 2022, Domenech et al. - 2023].
- **GWs from PBH isocurvature** [Papanikolaou et al. - 2020, Domenech et al. - 2020], **GWs from Hawking radiated gravitons** [Dong et al. - 2020, Ireland et al. - 2022], **GWs from the collapse of early structures** [Dalianis et al. - 2021, Fernandez et al. - 2023]