

Random Fields in Early Universe Cosmology

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What was the Universe made of & how was it distributed?

Are there primordial non-Gaussian components - subdominant inflation-induced, preheating-induced or cosmic-string induced?

THEN: coherent inflaton / "vacuum" energy + **zero-point fluctuations** in all fields (*Gaussian RF*) & then preheat via mode coupling to incoherent cascade to thermal equilibrium soup

very early U early to middle to now U **very late U**

string theory/landscape/higher dimensions

inflation cyclic

$$V_{\text{eff}}(\psi_{\text{inf}}) ?$$

$$K_{\text{eff}}(\psi_{\text{inf}}) ?$$

trajectory
probability

$$-d \ln \rho_{\text{tot}} / d \ln a \quad / 2$$

$$= \mathcal{E}(k) = 1 + q, \quad k \sim H a$$

baryogenesis dark matter BBN γ dec

dark energy

$$V_{\text{eff}}(\psi_{\text{inf}}) ?$$

$$K_{\text{eff}}(\psi_{\text{inf}}) ?$$

cosmic mysteries

$$n_b/n_\gamma \quad \rho_{\text{dm}}/\rho_b \quad z_{\text{eq}}/z_{\text{rec}} \quad \rho_{\text{curv}} \quad \rho_{\text{de}}/\rho_{\text{dm}} \quad \rho_{\text{de}} \sim H^2 M_{\text{Planck}}^2 \quad \rho_{\text{mv}}/\rho_{\text{stars}}$$

INFLATION

Inflaton Drifts & stochastic kicks @ $k=H a$
 \Rightarrow structure (x,t)

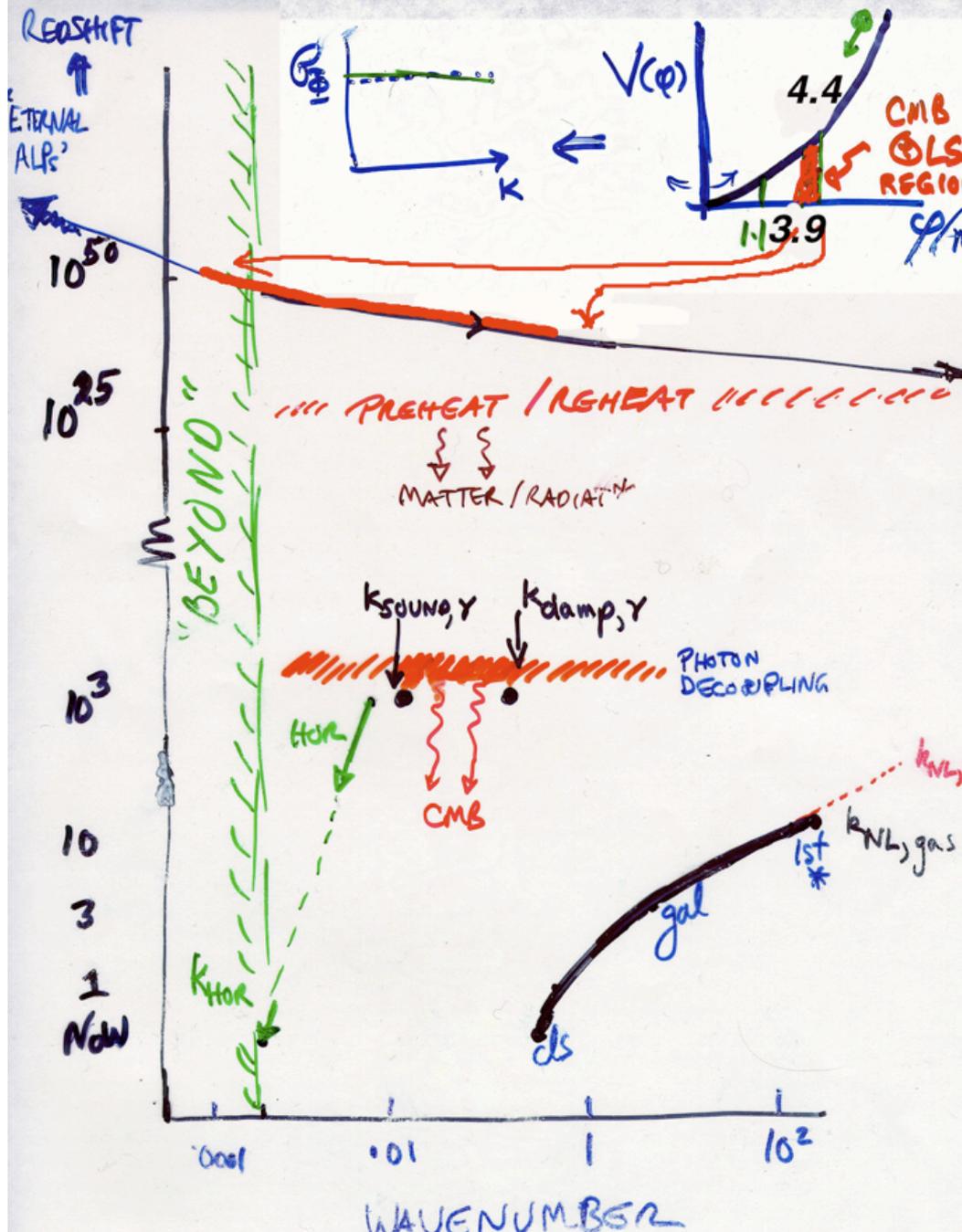
our Hubble patch: smooth + Gaussian fluctuations
 observable scales are a narrow window on potential surface \Rightarrow

featureless (?) P_Φ & P_{GW}

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non-Gaussian
 "eternal alps"

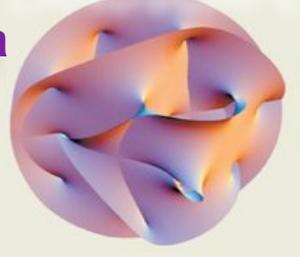
a very **VERYBIG U**



Old view: Theory prior = delta function of THE correct one and only theory

New: Theory prior = probability distribution of late-flows on an energy LANDSCAPE

6/7 tiny extra dimensions



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R^2 -inflation

Old Inflation

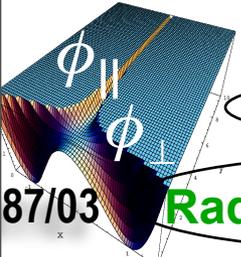
Chaotic inflation

New Inflation

Double Inflation

Power-law inflation

SUGRA inflation



87/03

Radical BSI inflation

variable M_p inflation

Extended inflation

1990

Natural pNGB inflation

Hybrid inflation

SUSY F-term inflation

SUSY D-term inflation

Assisted inflation

Brane inflation

2000

SUSY P-term inflation

Super-natural Inflation

K-flaton

2003 KKL

N-flaton

D3,D7 brane inflation

DBI inflation

ekpyrotic/cyclic

moving brane separations

Racetrack inflation

Tachyon inflation

Warped Brane inflation

moduli fields

monodromy

Roulette inflation Kahler moduli/axion

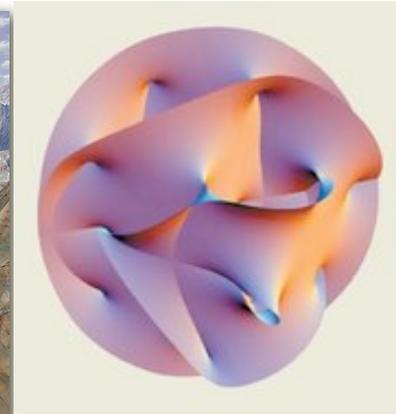


Old view: Theory prior = delta function of THE correct one and only theory

New view: Theory prior = probability distribution on an energy landscape whose features are at best only glimpsed,

huge number of potential minima, inflation the late stage flow in the low energy structure toward these minima. Critical role of collective coordinates in the low energy landscape:

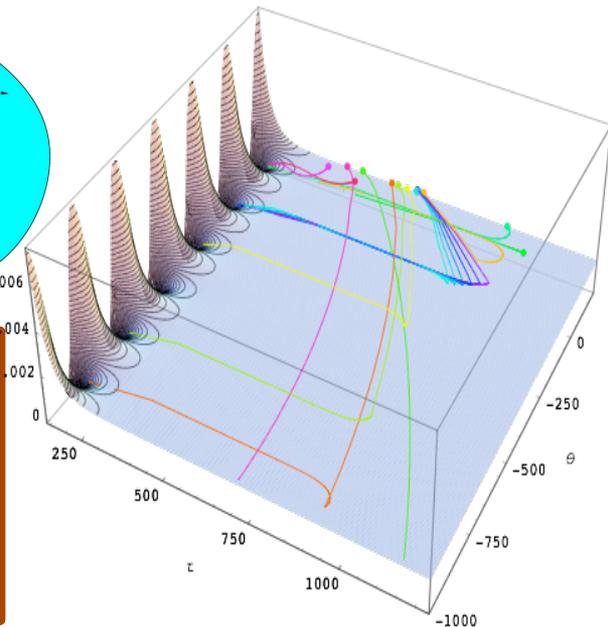
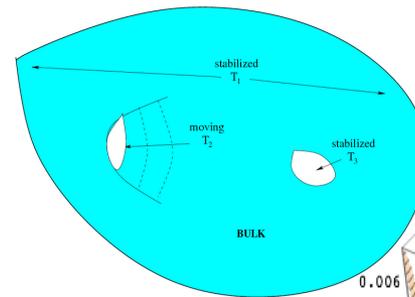
moving brane/antibrane separations (D3,D7) moduli fields, sizes and shapes of geometrical structures such as holes in a dynamical extra-dimensional (6D) manifold approaching stabilization



Roulette inflation Kahler moduli/axion

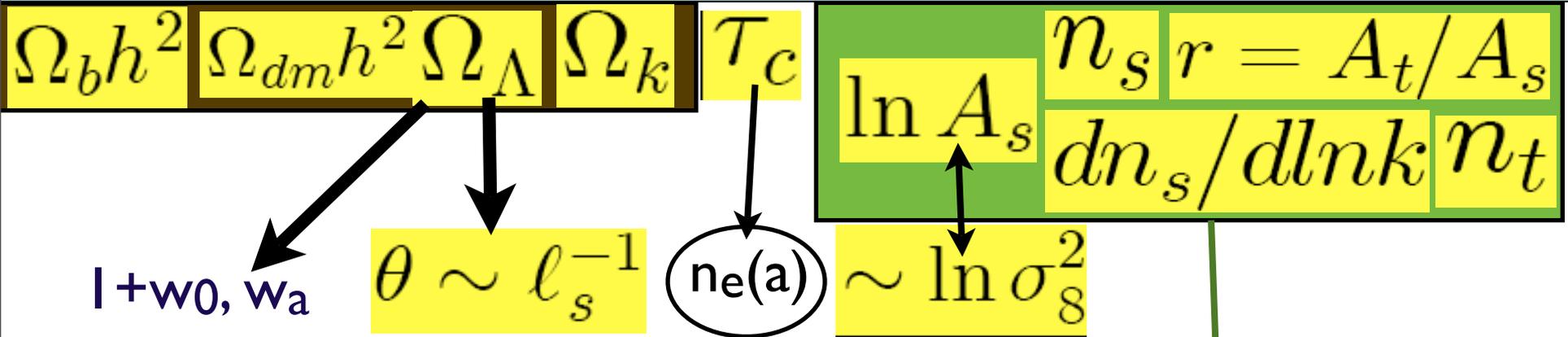
The 'house' does not just play dice with the world.

{Number of Efolds: 29, 211, 4, 12, 2, 285, 105, 8, 11, 18, 30, 53, 106, 0, 0, 0}



theory prior ~ probability of trajectories given potential parameters of the collective coordinates
X probability of the potential parameters X
probability of initial conditions

Standard Parameters of Cosmic Structure Formation



primordial non-Gaussianity
 $\Phi(\mathbf{x}) = \Phi_G(\mathbf{x}) + \mathbf{f}_{NL} (\Phi_G^2(\mathbf{x}) - \langle \Phi_G^2 \rangle)$
 local smooth

DBI inflation: non-quadratic kinetic energy
 cosmic/fundamental strings/defects
 from end-of-inflation & preheating

$\Phi(\mathbf{x}) = \Phi_G(\mathbf{x}) + F_{NL}(\chi_b) - \langle F_{NL} \rangle$
 resonant preheating

$\ln P_s(\ln k)$ & $\ln P_t(\ln k)$
 & $r(k_p)$

+ subdominant
 isocurvature/ cosmic
 string/ tSZ ...

INFLATION THEN

PROBES NOW

“standard inflation space”: n_s $dn_s/d\ln k$ r @k-pivots

$$n_s(k_p) = .962 \pm .013 \text{ (+-.005 Planck1)} \quad .959 \pm .011 \text{ all data}$$

$$r = P_t/P_s(k_p) < 0.40_{\text{cmb}} \text{ 95\% CL (+-.03 P1, +- .01 Spider+P2.5)}$$

$$dn_s/d\ln k(k_p) = -.016 \pm .019 \text{ (+-.005 Planck1)}$$

(partially) blind trajectories e.g., $n_s(k)$ and $r(k_p)$, are better

local quadratic non-G constraint: $-9 < f_{NL} < 111 \Rightarrow -4 < f_{NL} < 80$ WMAP5 ($\pm 5-10$ Planck1yr)

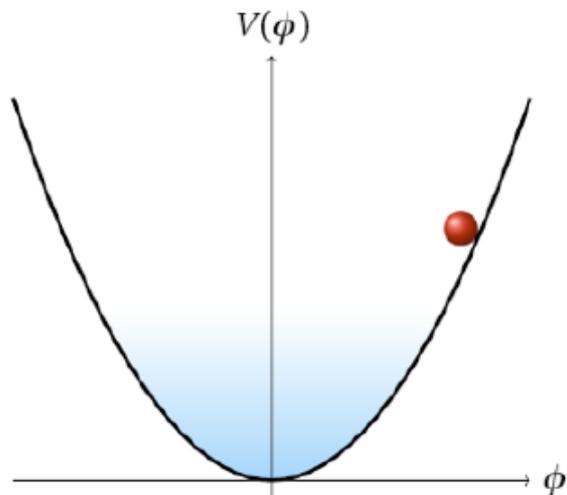
preheating

Parametric resonance

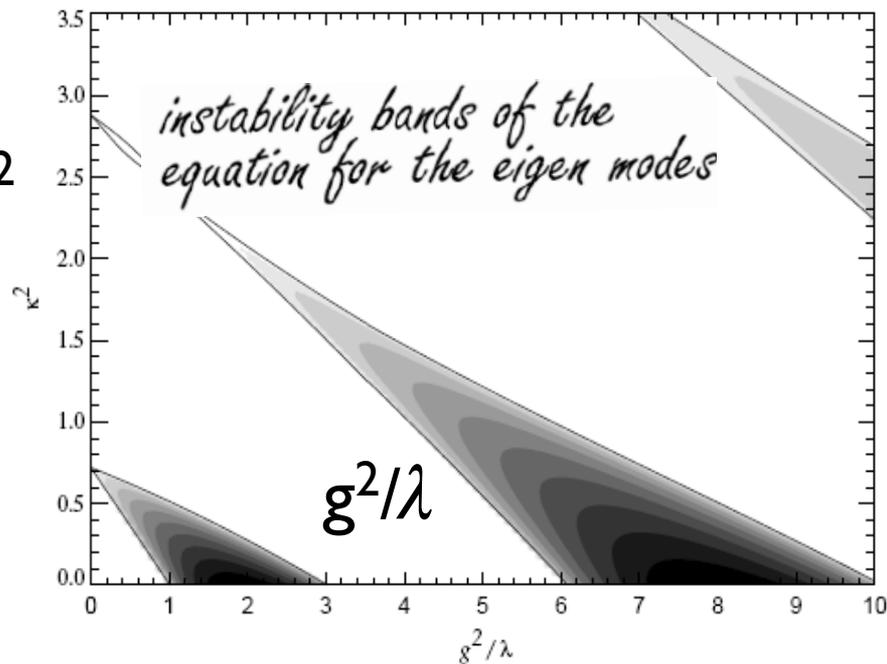
$$V(\phi, \chi) = 1/4 \lambda \phi^4 + 1/2 g^2 \phi^2 \chi^2$$

90s Kofman, Linde, Starobinsky, ..., Greene, Felder, Frolov, ... 00s

$$\ddot{\chi}_k + 3 \frac{\dot{a}}{a} \dot{\chi}_k + \left(\frac{k^2}{a^2} + g^2 \phi^2 \right) \chi_k = 0$$



$\sim k^2$

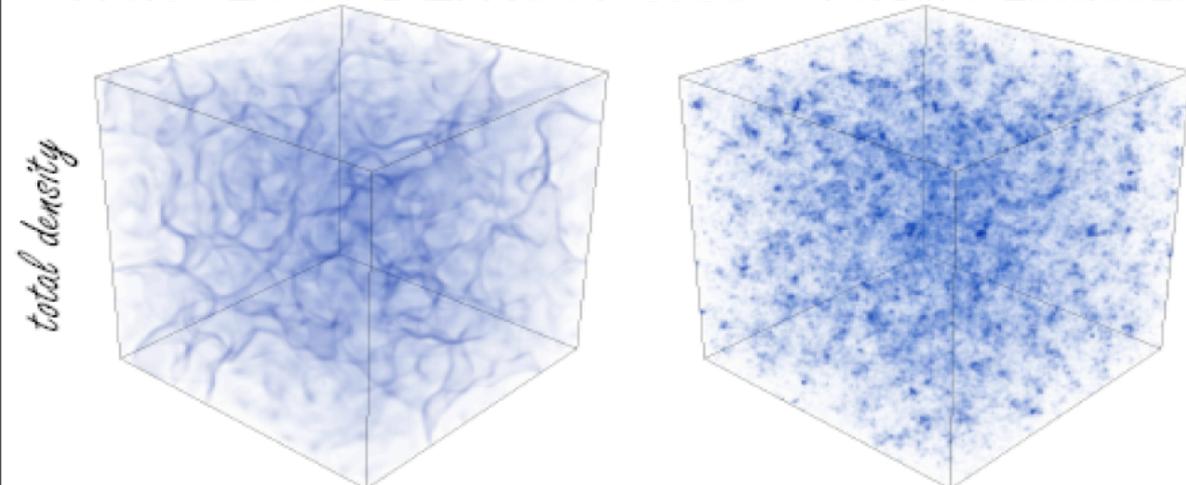
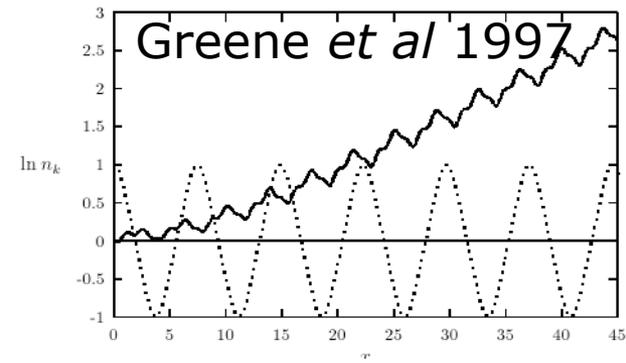


The oscillating inflaton modulates the mass of the fields coupled to it, and becomes unstable through parametric resonance.

Formation of Structure

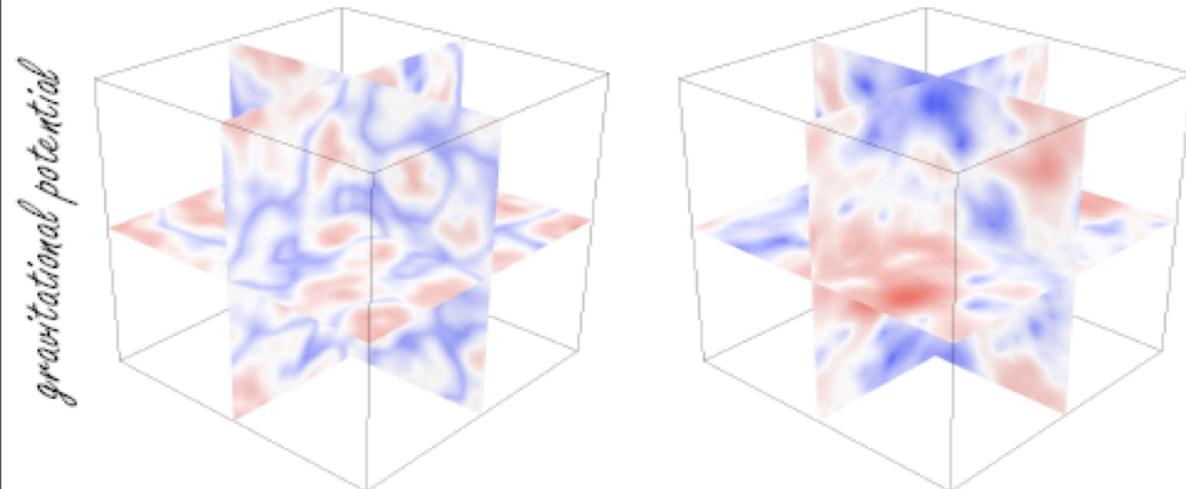
*Linear instability amplifies seed fluctuations and creates structure;
its non-linear evolution looks like LSS but is driven by repulsion!*

Frolov 2008 DEFROST code \approx Felder's LatticeEasy



bubbles form...

... then break into blobs



potential traces dense bubble walls and empty interiors...

... the structure grows larger due to repulsive field interactions

Bond, Andrei Frolov, Zhiqi Huang, Kofman 09:

results depend upon the input value of a uniform χ_b , a random Gaussian variable with variance $\sim H_b/2\pi$

(uncorrelated with inflaton $\delta\phi \sim H_b/2\pi$ fluctuations)

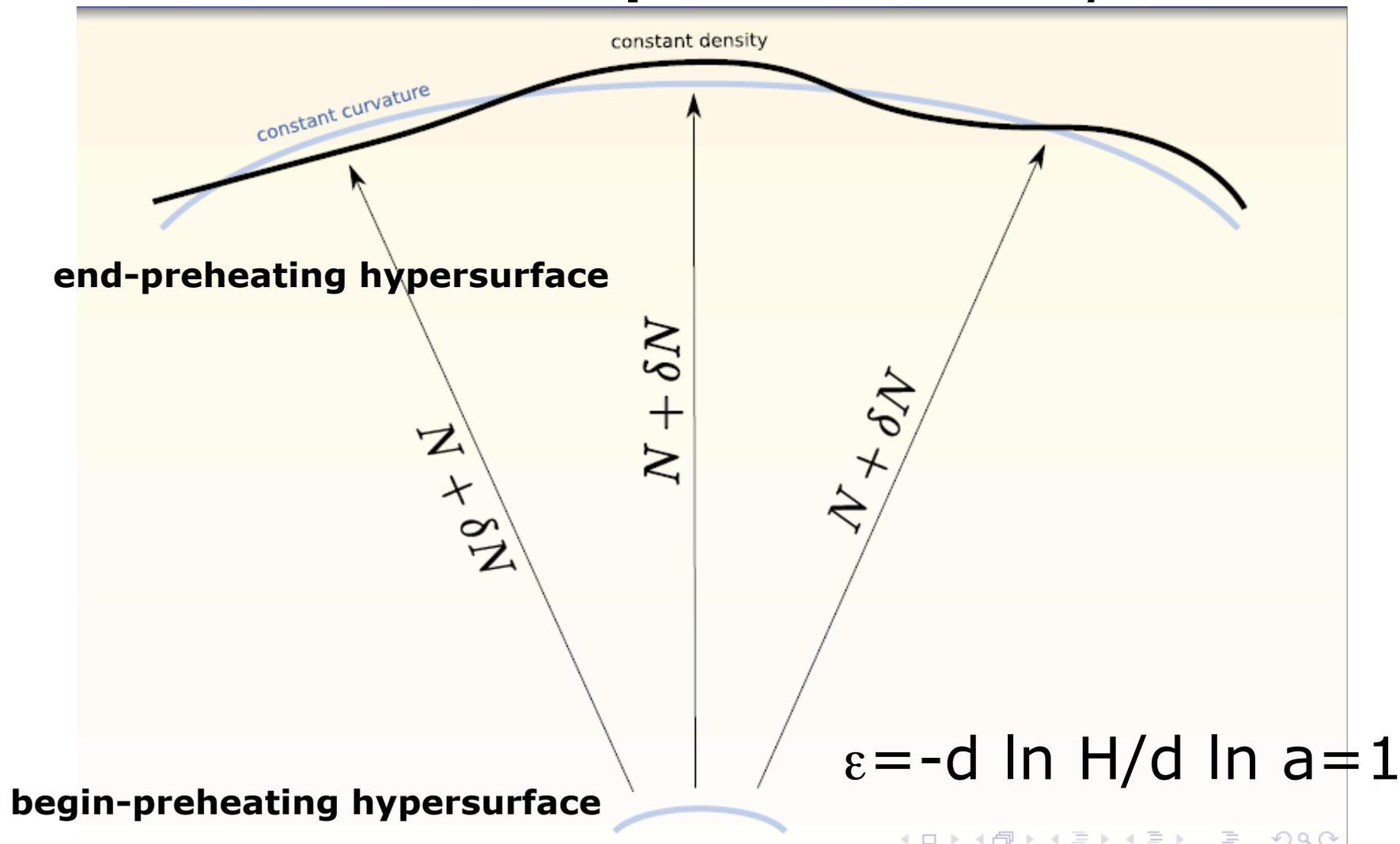


non-Gaussianity from preheating

$$\chi_b(x,t) + \chi_f$$

calculate how the time from the end of accelerated expansion (end of inflation) to the onset of thermal equilibrium depends on $\chi_b(\mathbf{x}, t)$

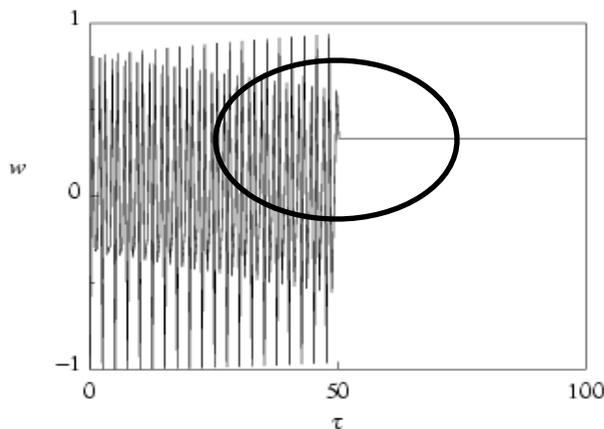
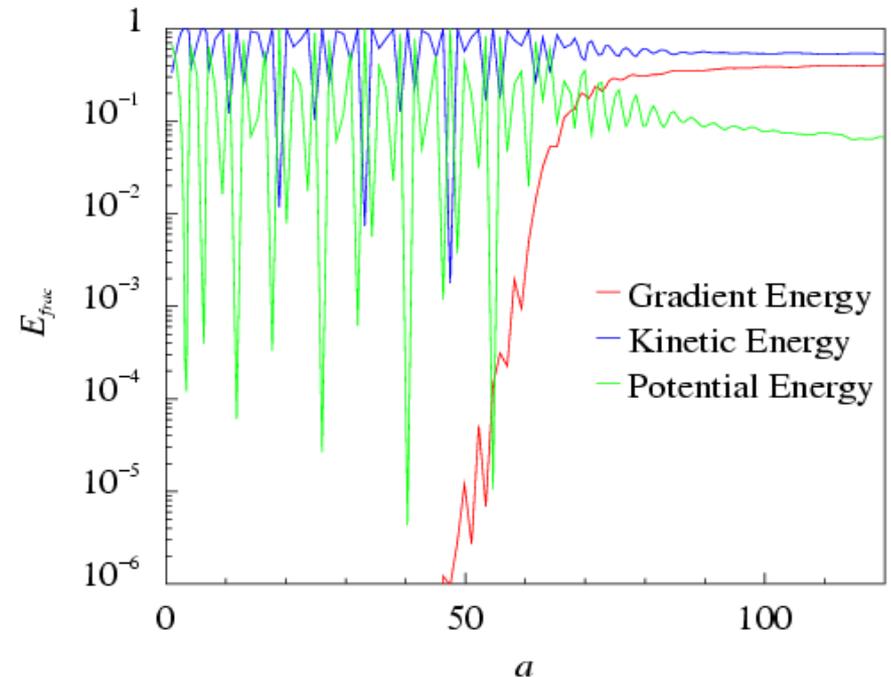
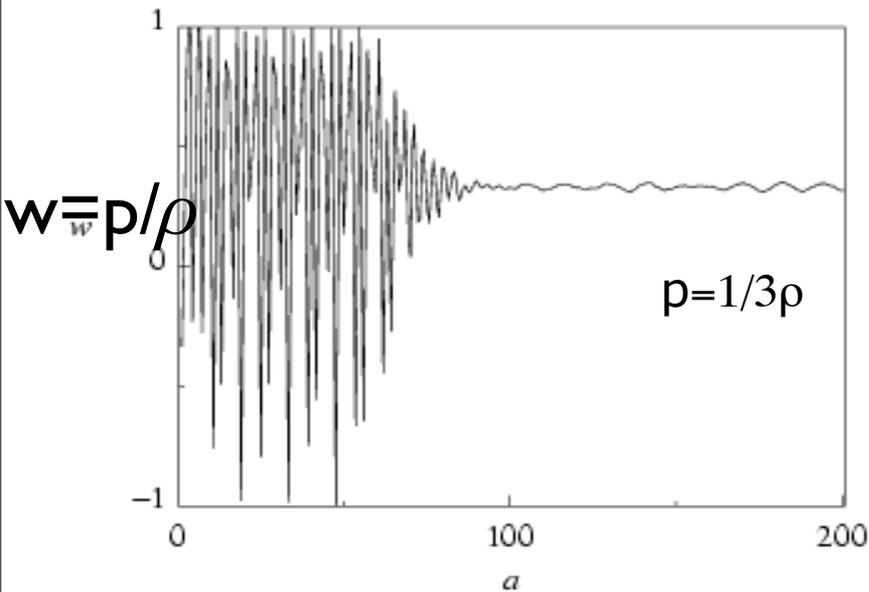
$$-\delta N = \delta \ln a|_H = \text{curvature fluctuation}$$



equation of state evolution via simulation: pass from $w \approx -1$ potential-dominated coherence via oscillation & mode cascade to $w=1/3$ thermal equilibrium

simulation size 128^3

$\chi_b = 0$



We search for ppm effects

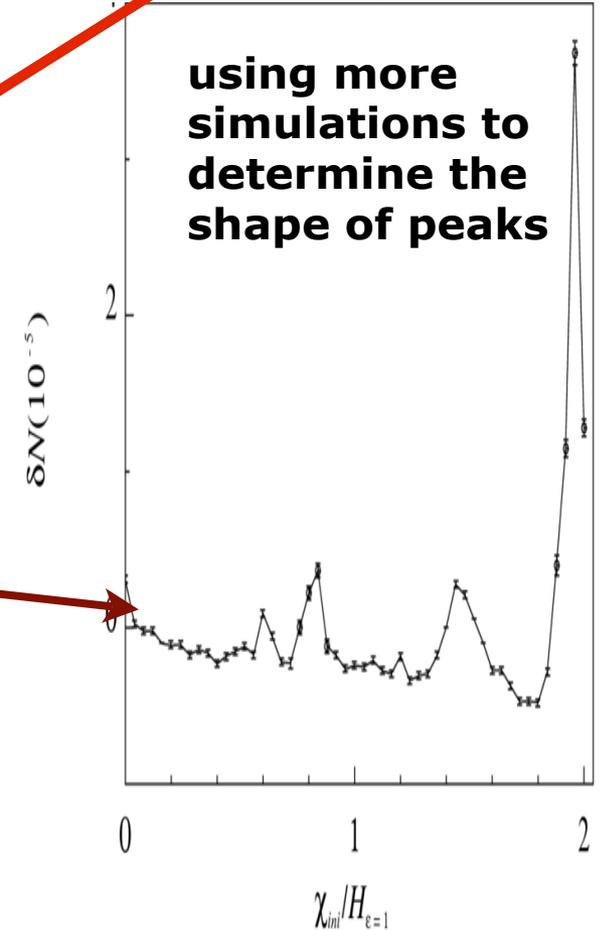
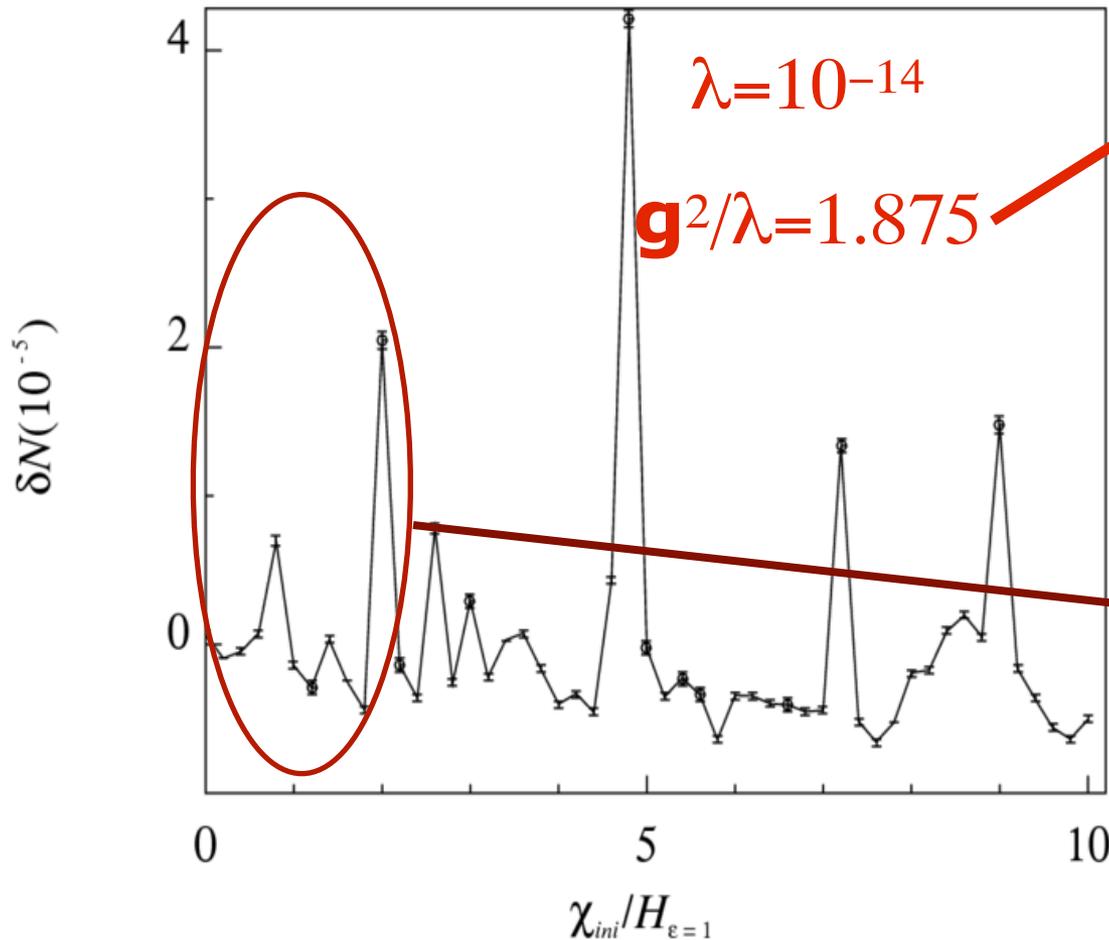
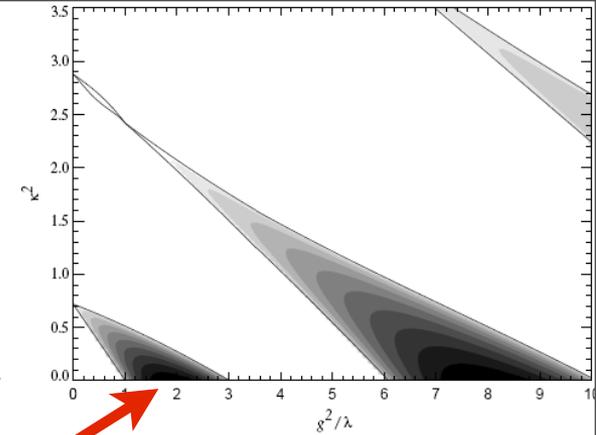
\Rightarrow Symplectic DEFROST:

energy conservation $\sim 10^{-13}$ level!!

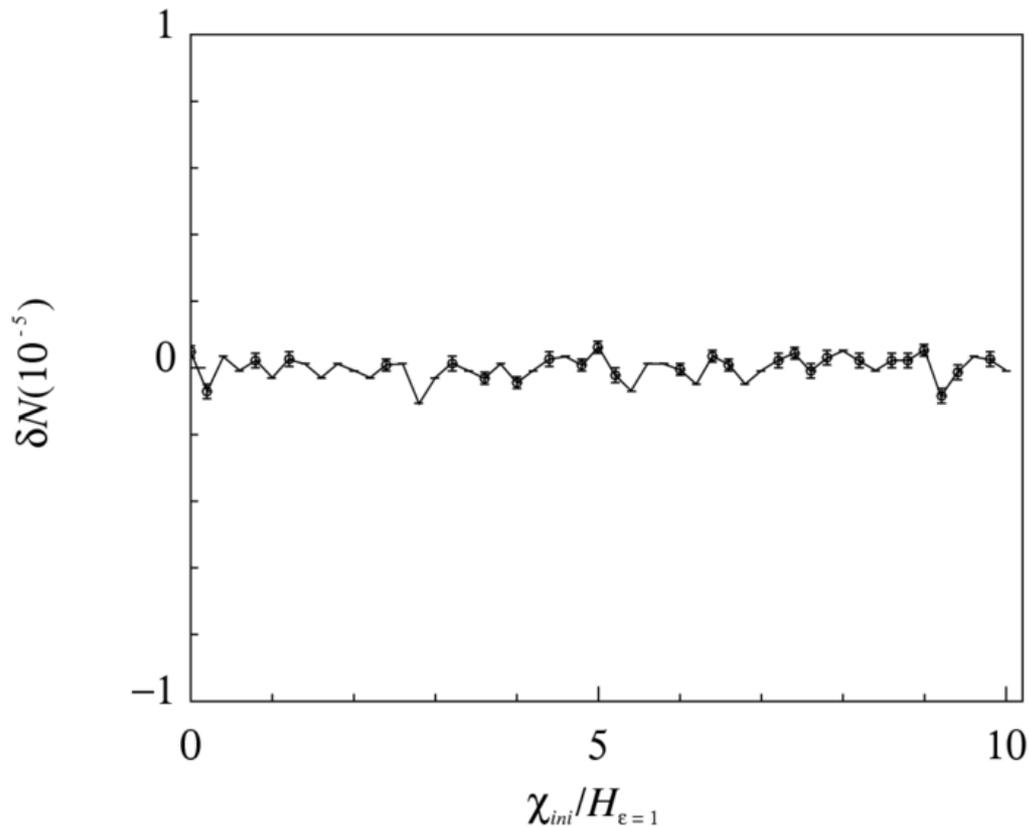
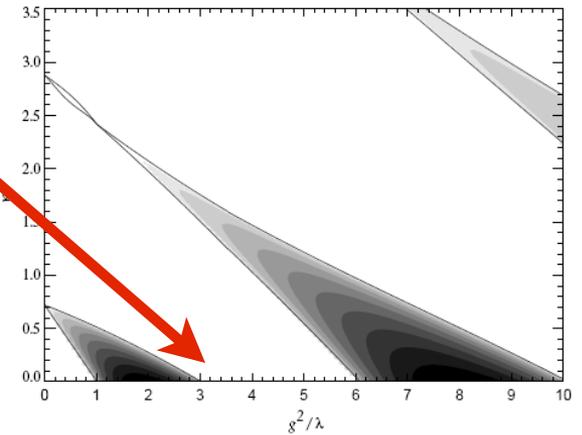
cf. DEFROST $\sim 10^{-5}$ level & Felder's LatticeEasy

$\sim 10^{-4}$ level.

$\delta \ln a(\chi_b)$ modulation: response to varying $\chi_b(x, t_e)$



if the $k=0$ mode is not in the parametric resonance bands ($g^2/\lambda=3$ example)
then $\delta \ln a$ is not modulated by χ_b



Other tests: UV and IR cutoffs ok →

Observables and conclusions

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$$\Rightarrow \Phi(\mathbf{x}) = \Phi_G(\mathbf{x}) + F_{\text{NL}}(\chi_b) - \langle F_{\text{NL}} \rangle$$

resonant preheating form

modulated curvature fluctuations from preheating are superimposed on the usual curvature fluctuations from the inflaton

the peak values have $\delta \ln a \sim 10^{-5} \Rightarrow$ comparable to standard Gaussian

temperature fluctuations, but spiky $F_{\text{NL}} \Rightarrow$ non-Gaussian?

As long as $g^2/\lambda \leq O(1)$, the χ field has very long wavelength perturbations (similar to, but uncorrelated with, the inflaton field)

Large Scale Structure statistics of spiky F_{NL} mapping: under investigation

Rich possibilities in theory space & on the sky

e.g., $F_{\text{NL}}(\chi) \sim \sum_p F_p \exp(-(\chi_p - \chi)^2 / 2\gamma_p^2) \Rightarrow$ e.g., $\langle \delta F_{\text{NL}} | \chi_{\text{LF}} \rangle \sim \sum_p \beta_p \chi_{\text{LF}}$,
but non-G is possible.

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