Collisions of Vacuum Bubbles with Quantum Fluctuations

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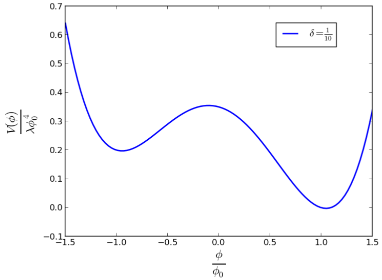
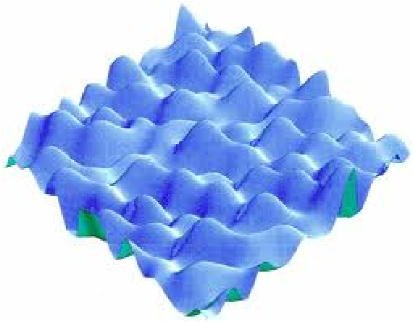
Outline

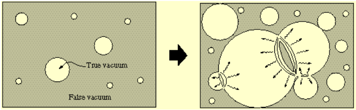
- Bubbly Overview and Review of SO(2,1) Framework
- Setting Initial Conditions (solution of bounce equation)
- Full Nonlinear 3D Dynamics
  1. double-well with slightly broken Z_2 (symmetry breaks)
  2. double-well with strongly broken Z_2 (symmetry remains)
  3. single-well with plateau (symmetry remains)
  4. two-field potential supporting inflation (symmetry breaks)
- Linear Fluctuation Analysis
- Implications for Observations

The Bubbly Universe





$$N_{col} \sim \sqrt{\Omega_k}\left(\frac{H_{false}}{H_{inflation}}\right)^2 \frac{\Gamma}{\mathcal{V}} H_{false}^{-4}$$



[Aguirre,Johnson],[Freivogel,Kleban,Nicolis,Sigurdson]

$$\frac{\Gamma}{\mathcal{V}} \sim B^2 |det(\delta^2 S)|^{-1/2} e^{-B}$$

What are the dynamics of individual collisions?

Large Body of Past Work

Single Instantons

- Coleman, deLuccia
- Hawking, Moss
- **Turok**
- Sasaki, Linde, Tanaka, Yamamoto
- Garriga, Vilenkin, Montes, Garcia-Bellido
- Guth, Guven
- Freese, Adams
- Susskind et al
- ...

Vacuum Bubble Collisions

- Hawking, Moss, Stewart
- Kosowski, Turner, Watkins, Kamionkowski
- **Johnson**, Aguirre, Tysanner, Larfors
- Chang, Kleban, Levy, Sigurdson
- Easther, Giblin, Lim, Lau (3D, but symmetric IC's)
- **Johnson**, **Lehner**, Peiris,. . . (GR)
- ...

Observations

- **Johnson**, Peiris, Mortlock, McEwan, Feeney,...
- **Smith**, Senatore, Osborne

Assume (Spacetime) Symmetries

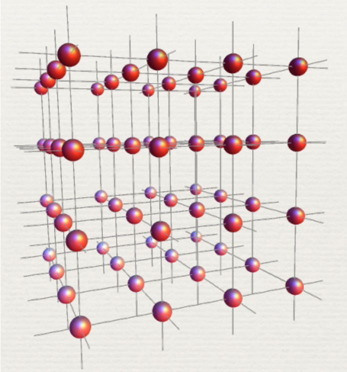
Numerical Approach

Massively Parallel Lattice Simulation

- Solve field equation (e.g.)

$$\ddot{\phi}_i + 3\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\dot{\phi}_i - \frac{\nabla^2\phi_i}{a^2} + V'(\vec{\phi}) = 0$$

- 10th order Gauss-Legendre integration (general) or 8th order Yoshida (nonlinear sigma models)
- Finite-difference (fully parallel) or Spectral (OpenMP, but MPI version in the works)
- Optional absorbing boundaries
- Quantum fluctuations → realization of random field



- Energy conservation $\mathcal{O}(10^{-9} - 10^{-14})$

Standard Framework SO(2,1) Symmetry [Hawking,Moss,Stewart],many others

- *Most likely* bubble has SO(3,1) symmetry
- Second bubble breaks
  - Boosts along axis connecting centers
  - Rotations about any axis in plane orthogonal to axis connecting centers
- Preserve SO(2,1)

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Should We Trust This When Quantum Fluctuations are Included?

Effect of Fluctuations on the Collision

Dilute Gas Initial Conditions

$$\phi_{init} = \sum_{\mathbf{r_i}} \phi_{bounce}(|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{r_i}|) - (N_{bub} - 1)\phi_{false} + \delta\phi(x, y, z)$$

$\delta\phi$ is not SO(2,1) symmetric and **must** be included in quantum theory

- The bubbles nucleate
- Inflation amplifies subhorizon fluctuations

Is $\delta\phi$ dynamically important?

Need simulations with more than one spatial dimension

Setting Initial Conditions : Instantons [Coleman],[Coleman,DeLuccia]

SO(4) Bounce Equation

$$\frac{\partial^2\phi}{\partial r_E^2} + \frac{3}{r_E}\frac{\partial\phi}{\partial r_E} - V'(\phi) = 0$$

$$\phi(r_E = \infty) = \phi_{false} \qquad \frac{\partial\phi(r_E = 0)}{\partial r_E} = 0$$

Pseudospectral Solution

$$\phi(r_E) = \sum_i c_i B_{2i}\left(h\left(\frac{r_E}{\sqrt{r_E^2 + L^2}}\right)\right)$$

$$h(x) \equiv \frac{1}{\pi}\tan^{-1}\left(d^{-1}\tan\left(\pi\left[x - \frac{1}{2}\right]\right)\right) + \frac{1}{2}$$

Global Expansion $\rightarrow$ Extremely Accurate

Mapping Parameters

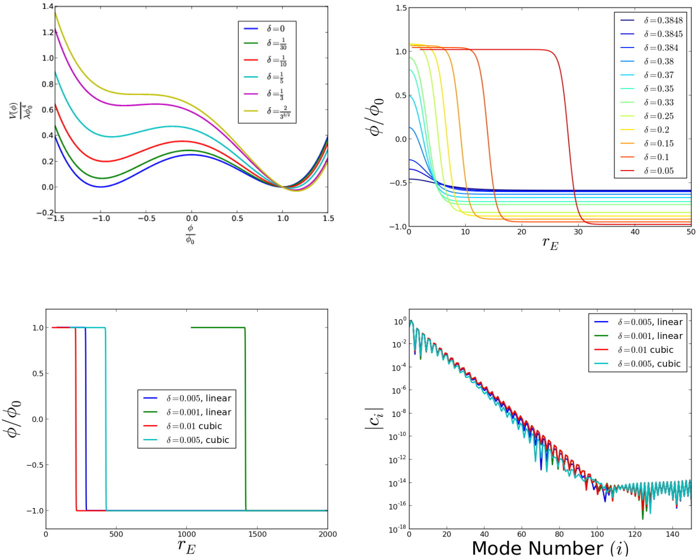
L : $\sim$ radius of bubble

d : $\sim$ width / radius

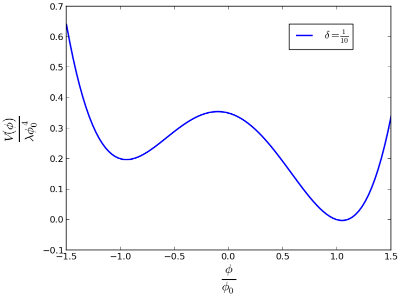
Extendable to . . .

- dynamical metric
- multiple fields (shooting hard)
- PDEs (shooting breaks)

Versatile and Accurate (Even for Very Thin Walls)

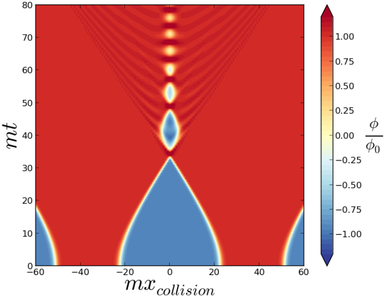


Collisions in a Double Well Potential



$$V(\phi) = \frac{\lambda}{4}\left(\phi^2 - \phi_0^2\right)^2 - \delta\lambda\phi_0^3(\phi - \phi_0)$$

Exactly SO(2,1) Invariant Collision



$$s^2 = t^2 - y^2 - z^2$$

Numerical Test : Exact Instanton Initial Conditions

SO(2,1) Invariant Initial Condition

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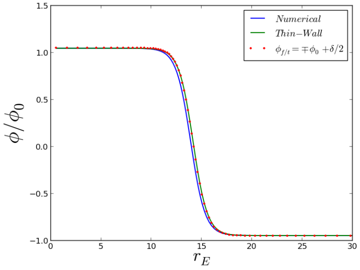

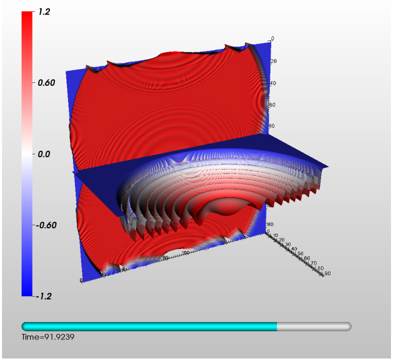

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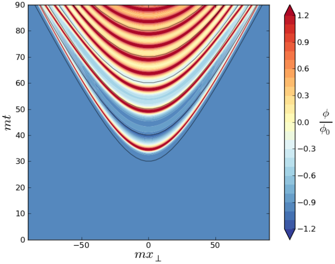
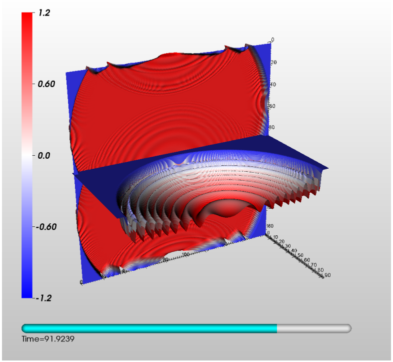
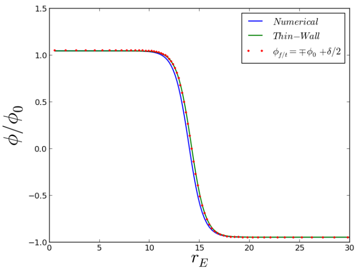




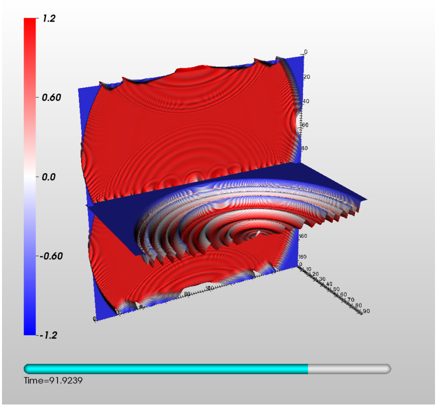
Thin-Wall Approximation

$$\phi_{init} = \sum_{\mathbf{r_i}} \phi_{tw}(|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{r_i}|) - (N_{bub} - 1)\phi_{false}$$

Break boost invariance of time-evolved solution



$$\phi_{tw} = \phi_0 \tanh\left(\frac{m(r - R_0)}{\sqrt{2}}\right) + \frac{\delta}{2}$$



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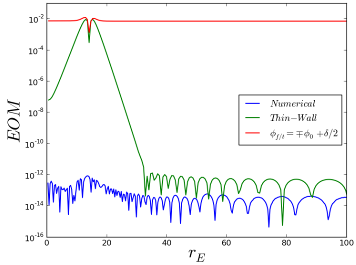

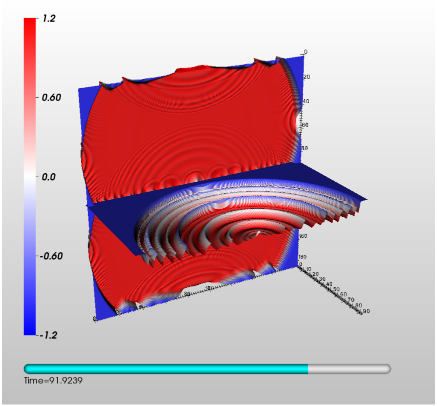

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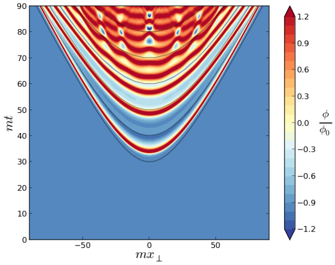

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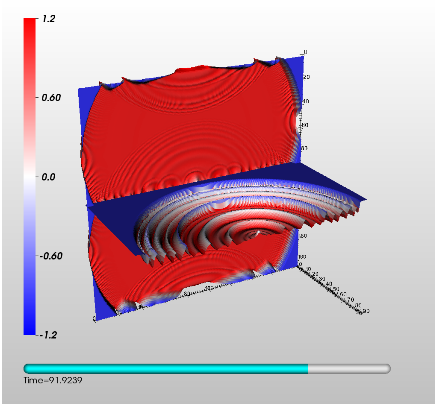
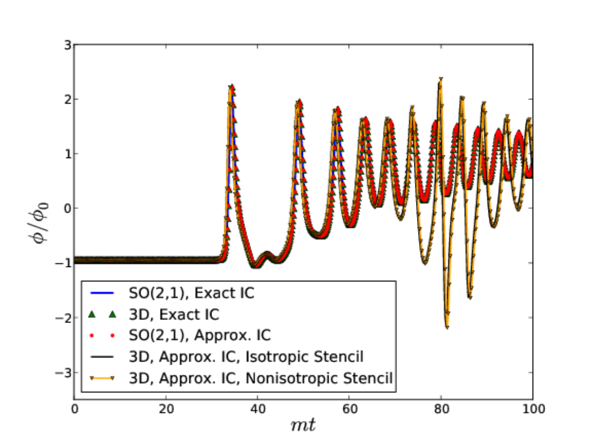


Comparison with One-Dimensional Simulation

This Effect is Missed by Assuming SO(2,1)



Field Evolution with Fluctuations ...

Bulk Vacuum Fluctuations

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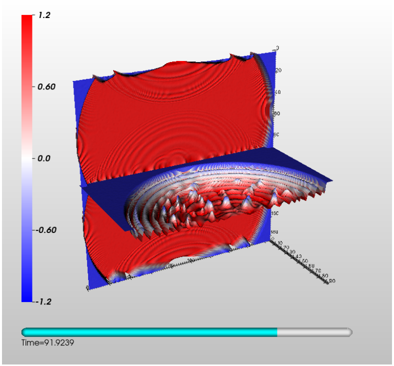

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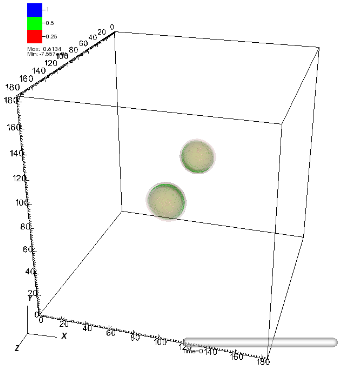

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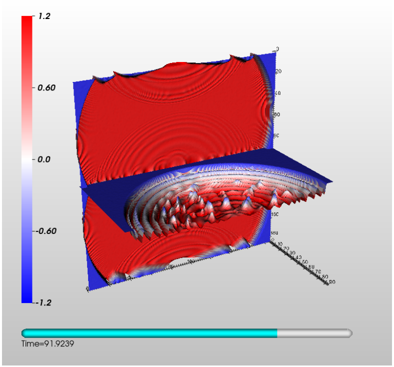
$$\delta\tilde{\phi}_{\mathbf{k}} \sim \frac{a_k}{\sqrt{k^2 + V''(\phi_{false})}} \qquad \delta\dot{\tilde{\phi}}_{\mathbf{k}} \sim b_k\sqrt{k^2 + V''(\phi_{false})}$$



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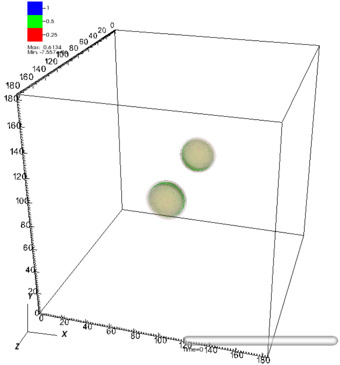

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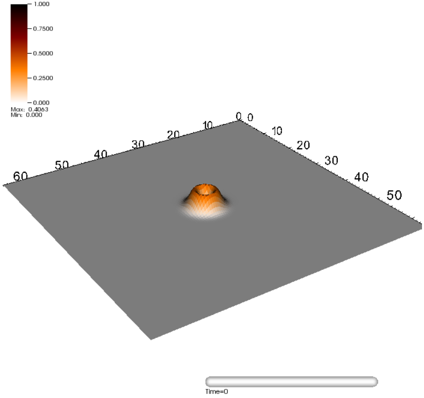
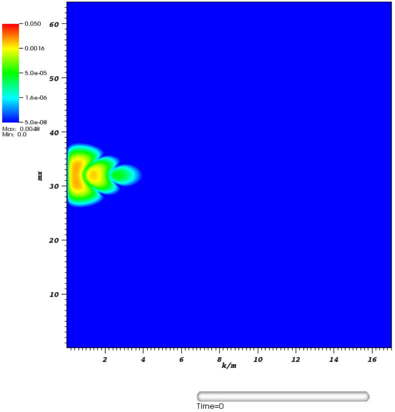
... Produces Oscillons

[Bogolubsky and Makhanov],[Gleiser,Copeland,et al][Guth,Farhi,et al][Amin,Easther,Finkel,Shirokoff][Hertzberg],...

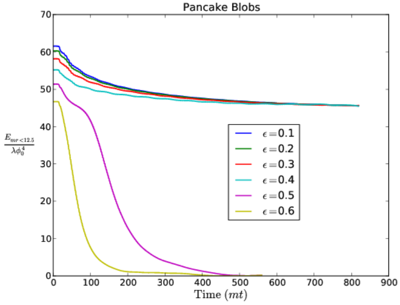


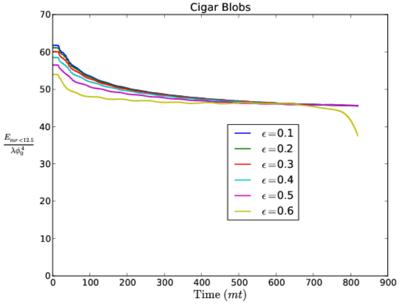


Oscillons Form from Asymmetric Blobs

Initial Blob of Field

$$\phi_{init} = \phi_{true} + (\phi_{false} - \phi_{true}) exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2 + z^2}{b^2}\right)$$

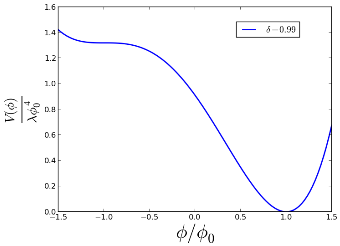


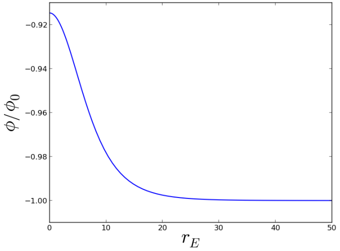


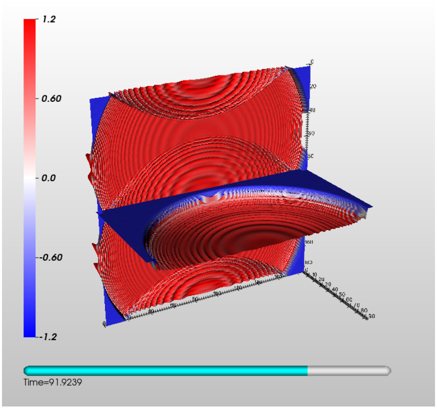
$a^2 < b^2$

$a^2 > b^2$

A Model without Amplification







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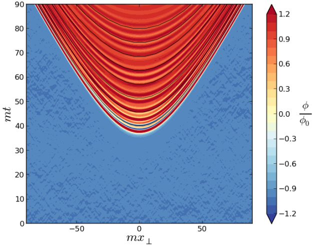

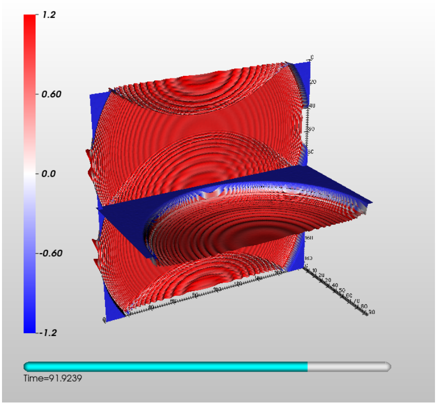

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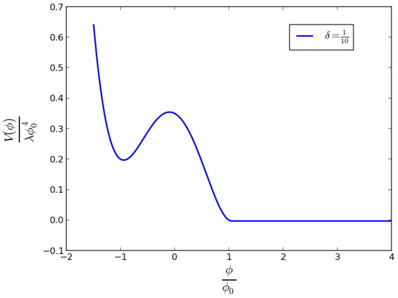

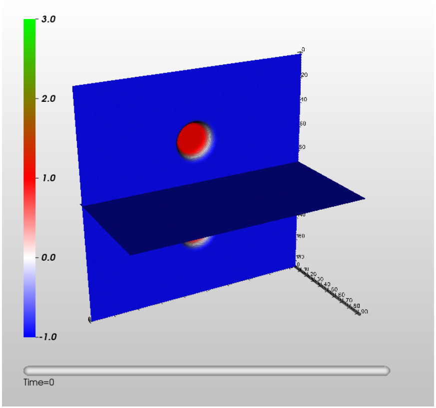

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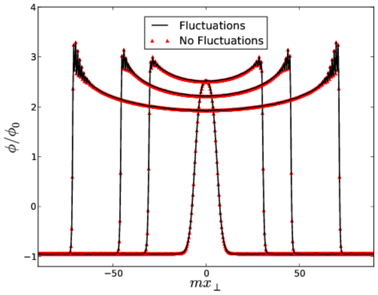
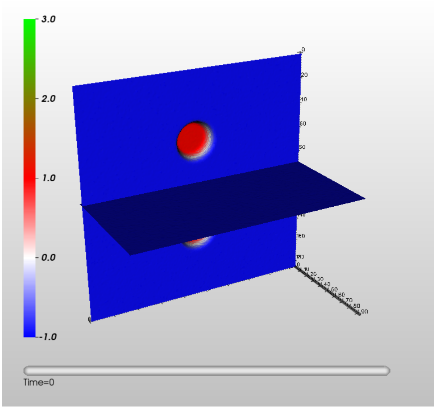
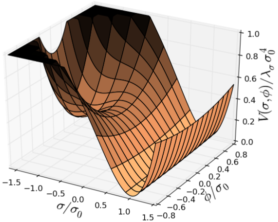




An Inflationary Model with Oscillons

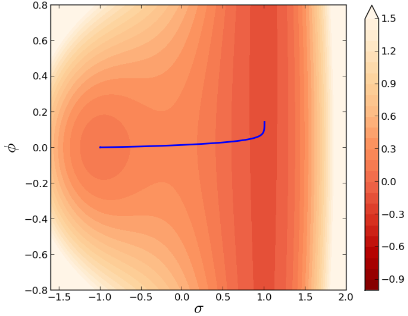
Two Field Model

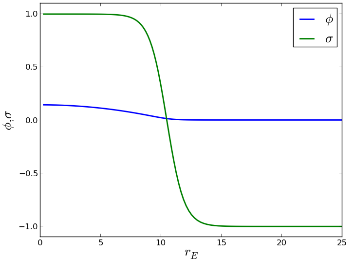
$$V(\sigma,\phi) = \lambda_\sigma\sigma_0^4\left[\frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{\sigma^2}{\sigma_0^2}-1\right)^2 + \delta\left(\frac{\sigma^3}{3\sigma_0^3}-\frac{\sigma}{\sigma_0}+\frac{2}{3}\right)\right] + \frac{g^2\lambda_\sigma\sigma_0^2}{2}(\sigma-\sigma_0)^2\phi^2 + \lambda\sigma_0^3\epsilon\phi + V_0$$

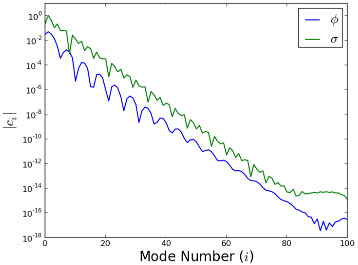


$$V(\sigma,\phi) = V_{tunnel}(\sigma) + V_{coupling}(\sigma,\phi) + V_{inflation}(\phi)$$

Instanton in Two-Field Model







This solution has only a single negative eigenmode in the O(4) symmetric sector

Field Evolution in Two-Field Model

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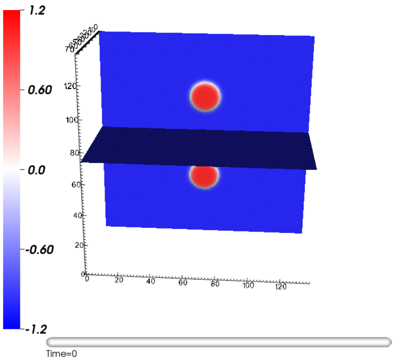

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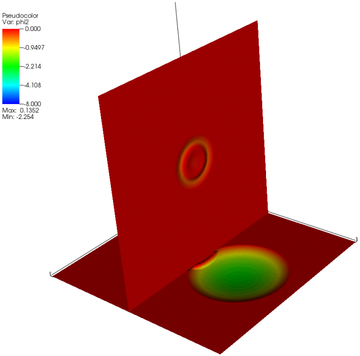


Parametric Resonance for Linear Fluctuations

Linear Fluctuations Around SO(2,1) Solution

$$\phi(s,x,\psi,\theta) = \phi_{bg}(s,x) + \delta\phi(s,x,\psi,\theta)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2\phi_{bg}}{\partial s^2} + \frac{2}{s}\frac{\partial\phi_{bg}}{\partial s} - \frac{\partial^2\phi_{bg}}{\partial x^2} + V'(\phi_{bg}) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial s^2}(s\delta\phi_\kappa) - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}(s\delta\phi_\kappa) + \left(\frac{\kappa^2}{s^2} + V''(\phi_{bg})\right)(s\delta\phi_\kappa) = 0$$

Parametric Resonance for Linear Fluctuations

Linear Fluctuations Around Planar Solution

$$\phi(t,x,y,z) = \phi_{bg}(t,x) + \delta\phi(t,x,y,z)$$

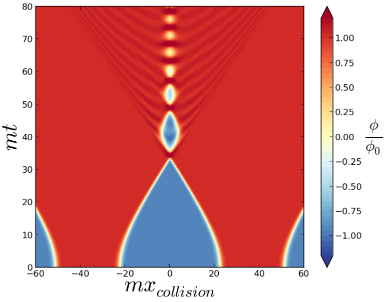
$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi_{bg}}{\partial t^2} - \frac{\partial^2 \phi_{bg}}{\partial x^2} + V'(\phi_{bg}) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2}\left(\delta\phi_{k_\perp}\right) - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}\left(\delta\phi_{k_\perp}\right) + \left(k_\perp^2 + V''(\phi_{bg})\right)\left(\delta\phi_{k_\perp}\right) = 0$$

Planar Limit

- $s \gg 1$
- Time scales much shorter than s
- $\kappa^2 \gg s^2$

Form of V''



Oscillating Background $\rightarrow$ Floquet Theory

Exactly Periodic Effective Mass

$$\delta\phi_{Floquet} = P(x,t)e^{\mu t} \qquad P(x,t+2T) = P(x,t) \qquad P \in \mathbb{R}$$

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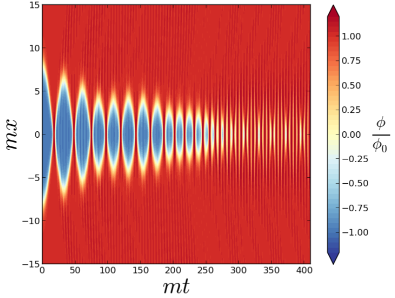

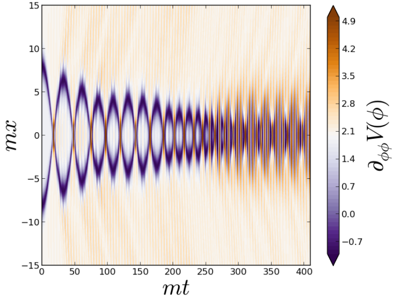

Two wells that repeatedly annihilate

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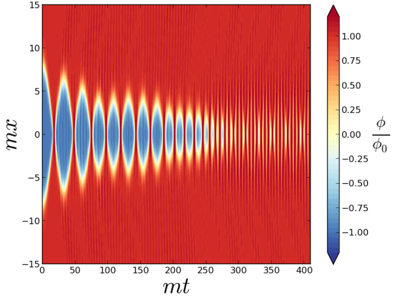

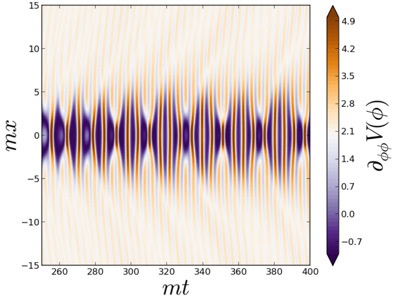

One well oscillating up and down

Oscillating Background $\rightarrow$ Floquet Theory

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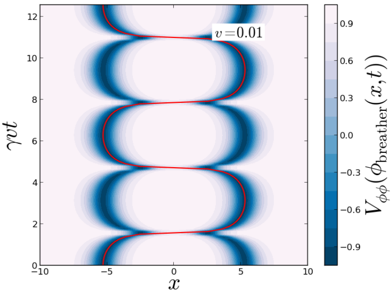

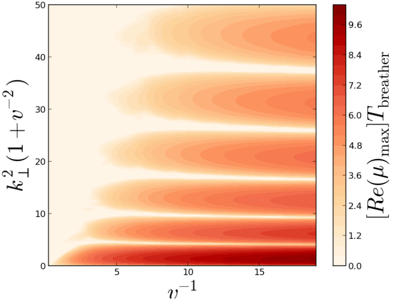

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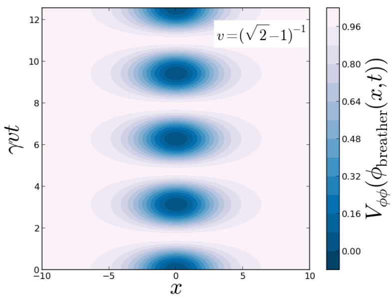

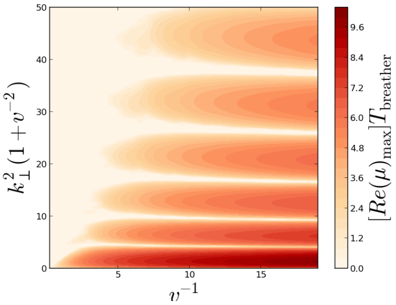

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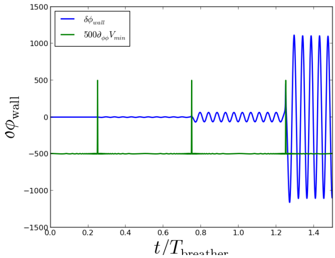

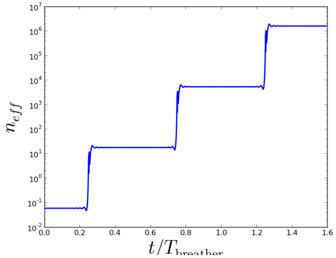

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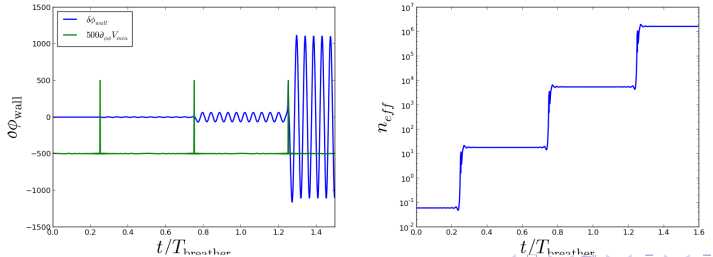
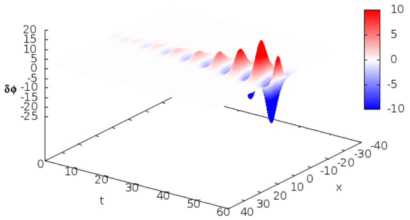
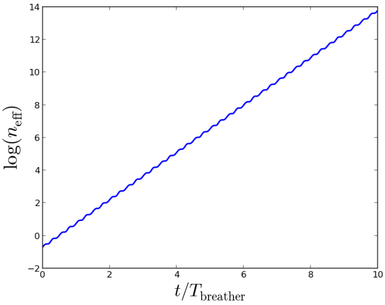


Weak Resonance : Oscillating Blob





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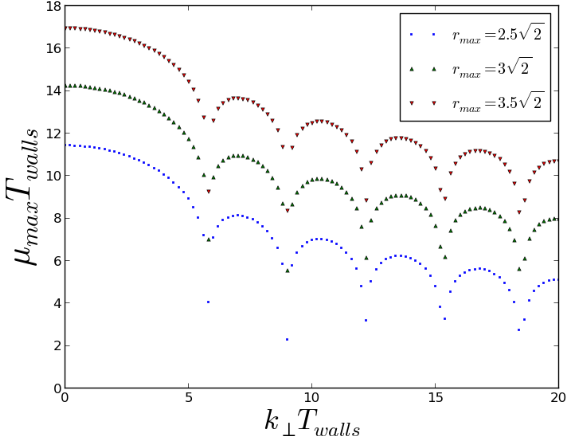

Collisions of Walls

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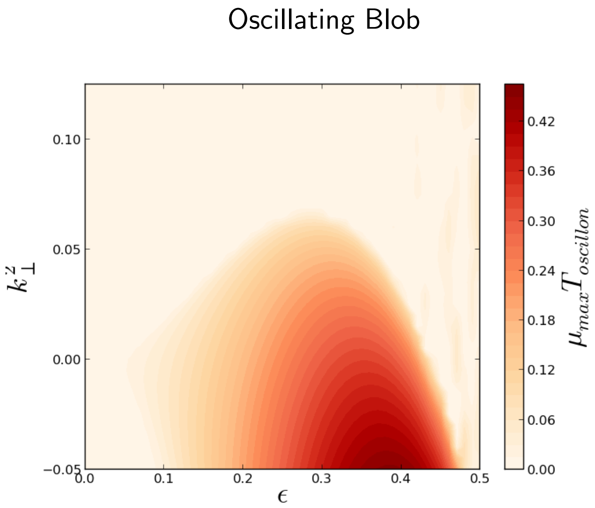

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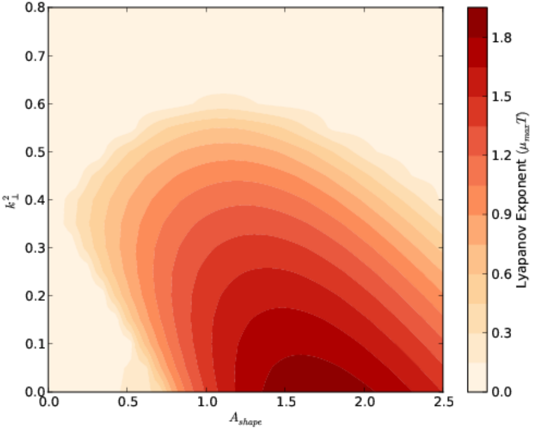
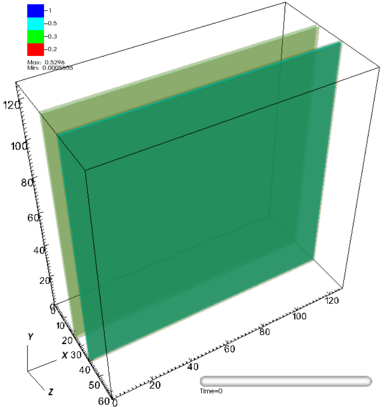
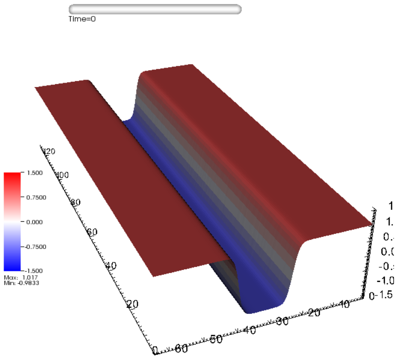


Oscillating Wall Width

Demonstration in Full Lattice Simulation

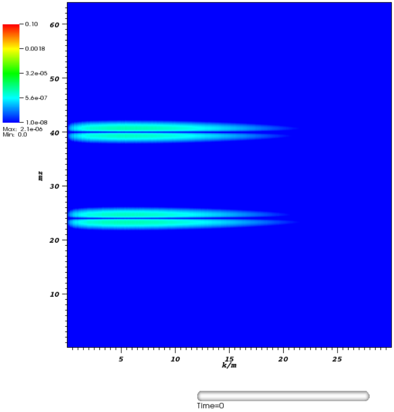


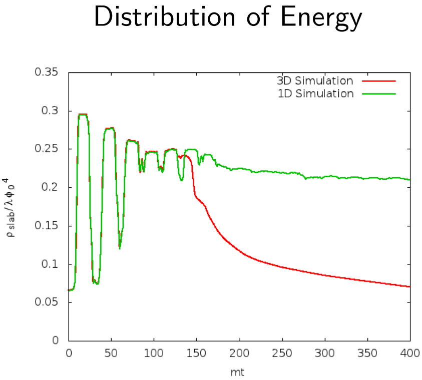
Contours of $\rho/\lambda\phi_0^4$



Evolution of ϕ

Spectrum of Growing Instabilities





Review of Mechanism

SO(2,1) symmetry can be badly broken by amplified quantum fluctuations

1. Initial state evolves as a piece that preserves SO(2,1) plus a small perturbation that doesn't
2. Perturbations are unstable in the evolving symmetric background
3. Grow ripples and bumps on the bubble walls
4. Large ripples and bumps lead to a random field with blobs whose characteristic size is determined by linear instability
5. Nonlinearities condense these blobs into oscillons

Can have oscillons and inflation in multifield models

Implications

SO(2,1) symmetry can be badly broken

Observables don't necessarily have azimuthal symmetry

- Beam smoothing versus inhomogeneity scale
- Tensor modes are produced by fracturing of walls
- Distribution of energy density is different than w/ SO(2,1)
- Sign of $\zeta = \delta \ln(a)$ in one field versus two field model

Analysis doesn't depend on eternal inflation scenario

- Oscillons as nonequilibrium environment for baryogenesis?
- Oscillons dilute as $a^{-3} \rightarrow$ perturbed EOS during phase transition?
- Application to braneworlds with colliding walls

These signals are spatially **intermittent**...

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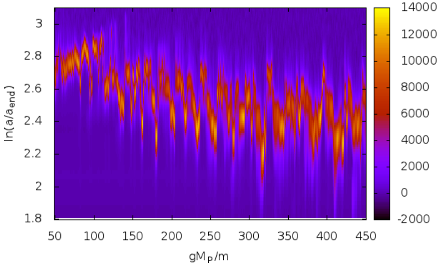

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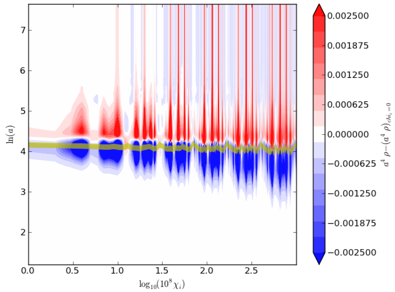

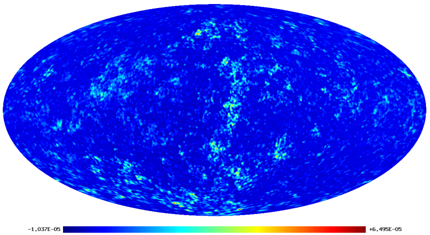

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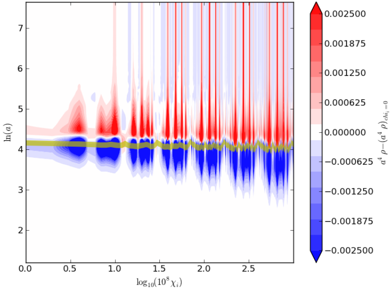

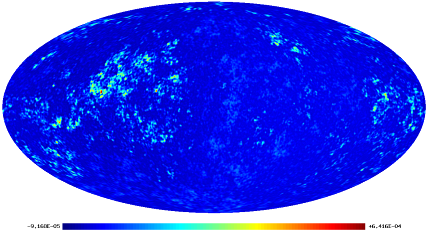

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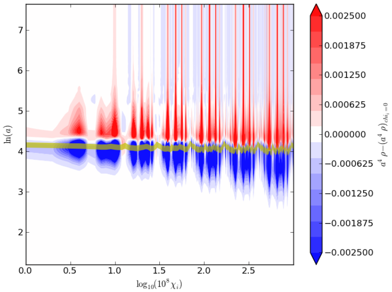

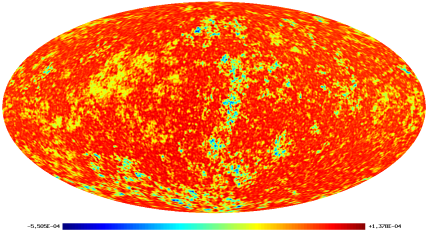

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