

Three Dimensional Quantum Bubble Collisions

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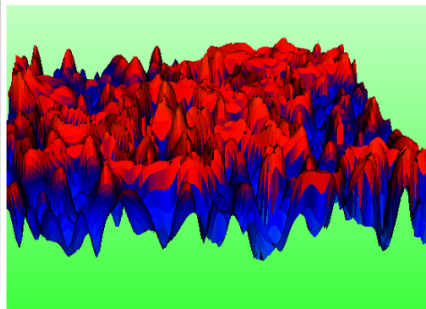
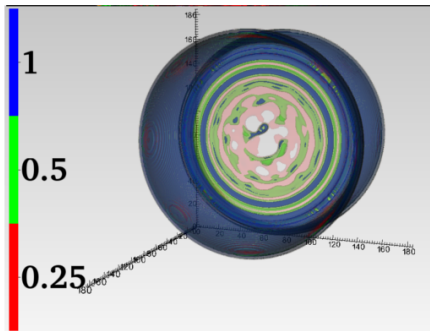
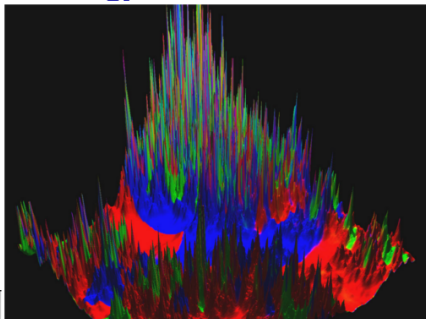
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Inhomogeneous Nonlinear Cosmology



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- **First order phase transitions** (this talk)
- Conversion of isocurvature modes into intermittent density perturbations in preheating [JB, Bond, Frolov, Huang]
 - ▶ Caustic formation in chaotic long wavelength dynamics
 - ▶ Generalized form of local nonGaussianity with localized spatial properties
- Entropy production in highly inhomogeneous nonlinear field theories (such as the end of inflation) [JB, Bond]
- Strongly inhomogeneous and nonlinear initial conditions for cosmology [JB, Peiris, Johnson, Aguirre (in progress)]

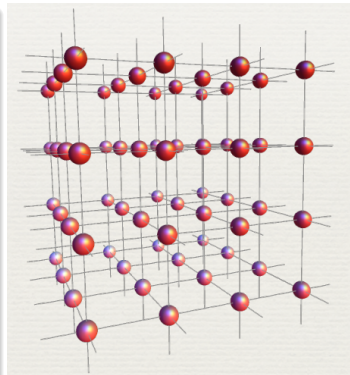
Numerical Approach is Essential

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 Pseudospectral (OpenMP)
- Optional absorbing boundaries
- Quantum fluctuations \rightarrow realization of random field

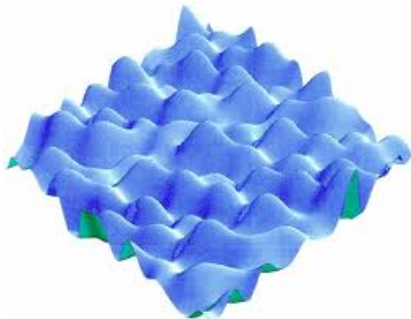
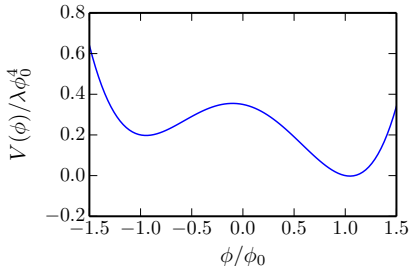


- Energy conservation $\mathcal{O}(10^{-9} - 10^{-14})$

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
- Application to Planar Domain Walls
- Implications for Cosmology/Observations

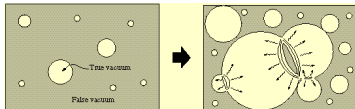
The Bubbly Universe



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

[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, **Gobbetti**
- Easter, Giblin, Lim, Lau
- **Johnson**, Lehner, **Peiris**,... (GR)
- ...

Observations

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

Assume (Spacetime) Symmetries

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

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

$\delta\phi$ 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

Initial Conditions - Improved Calculation of the Bounce

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

SO(4) Bounce Equation

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

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

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

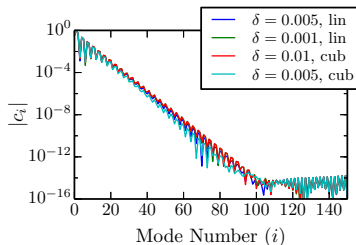
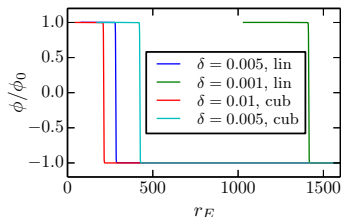
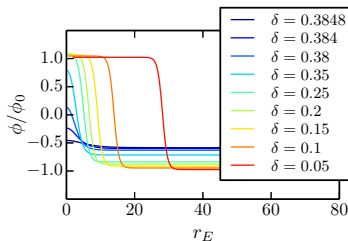
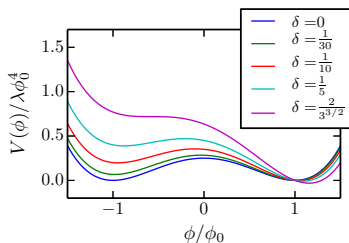
L : \sim radius of bubble

d : \sim width / radius

Extendable to ...

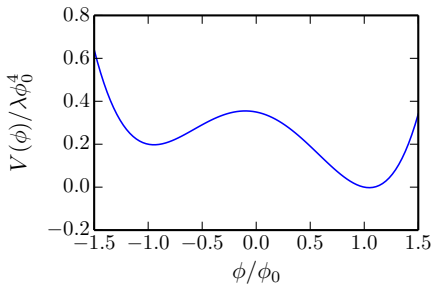
- dynamical metric
- multiple fields (shooting hard)
- PDEs (shooting breaks)

Versatile and Accurate (Even for Very Thin Walls)



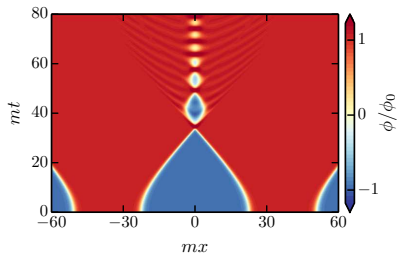
Collision Dynamics

Collisions in a Double Well Potential



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

Exactly $SO(2,1)$ Invariant Collision

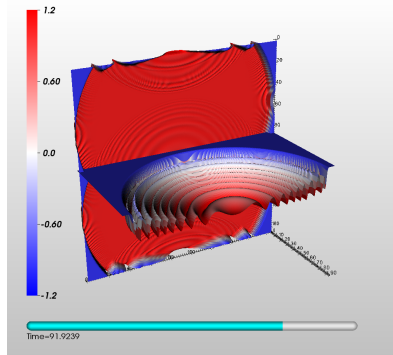
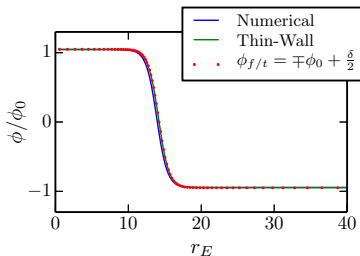


$$s^2 = t^2 - y^2 - z^2$$

Numerical Test : Exact Instanton Initial Conditions

SO(2,1) Invariant Initial Condition

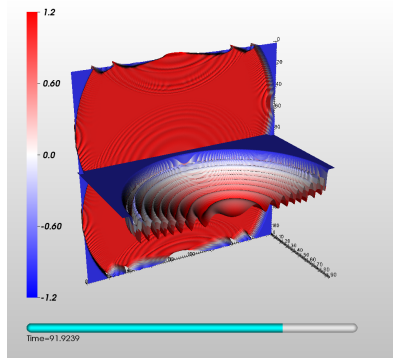
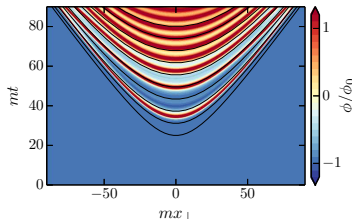
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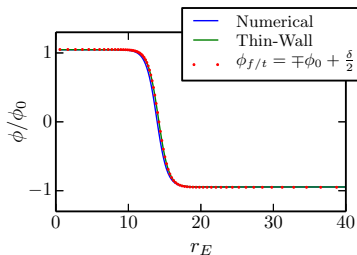
$$\delta\phi = 0$$



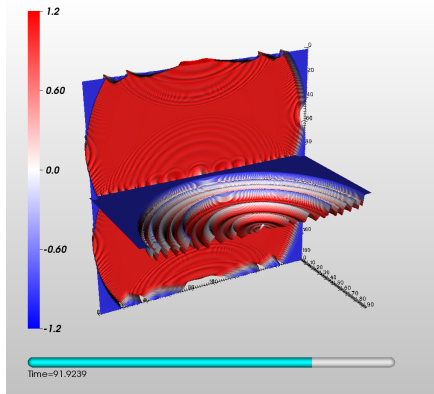
Thin-Wall Approximation

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Break boost invariance of time-evolved solution



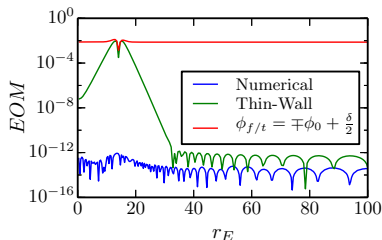
$$\phi_{tw} = \phi_0 \tanh\left(\frac{m(r - R_0)}{\sqrt{2}}\right) + \frac{\delta}{2}$$



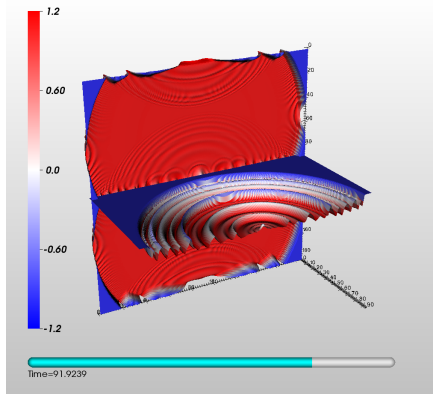
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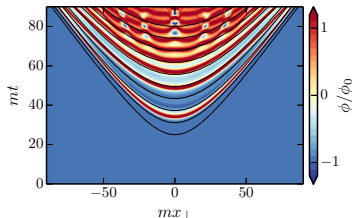
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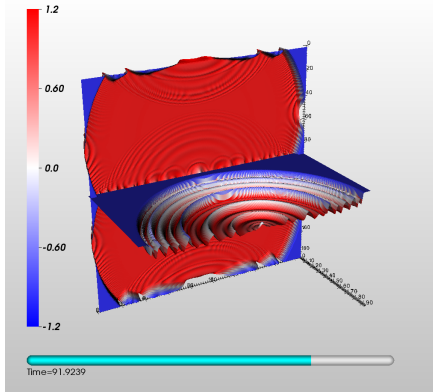
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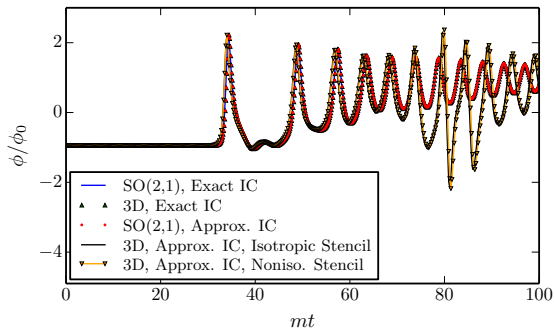


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Comparison with One-Dimensional Simulation

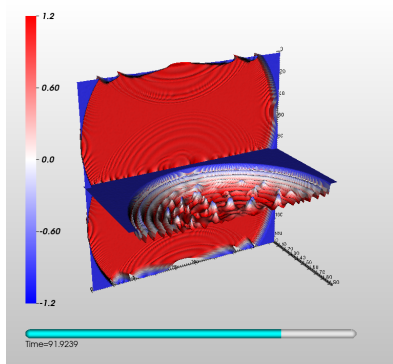
This Effect is Missed by Assuming SO(2,1)



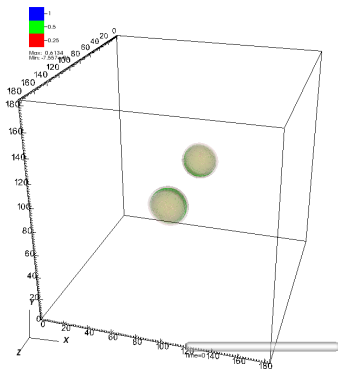
Field Evolution with Fluctuations ...

Bulk Vacuum Fluctuations

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without Hubble



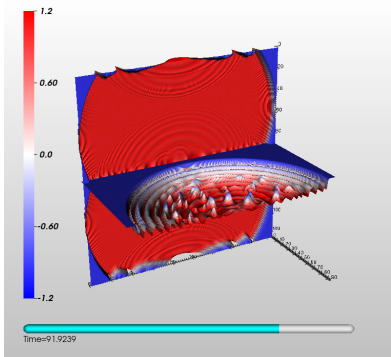
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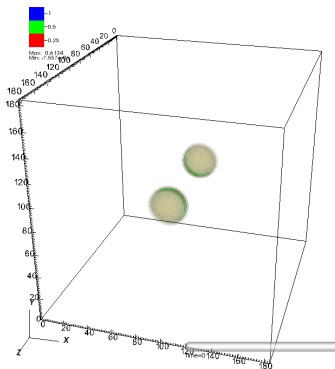
Bulk Vacuum Fluctuations

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

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



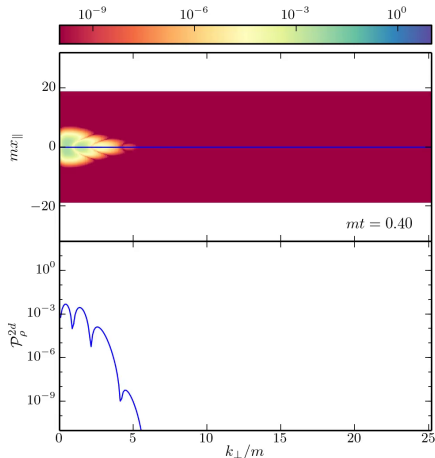
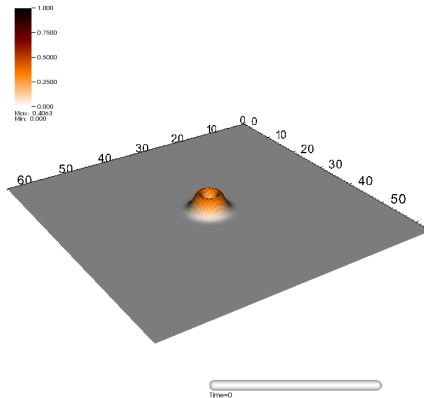
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... Produces Oscillons

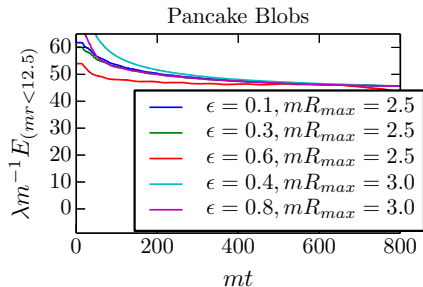
[Bogulubsky and Makhanov],[Gleiser,Copeland,et al][Guth,Farhi,et al][Amin,Easter,Finkel,Shirokoff][Hertzberg],...



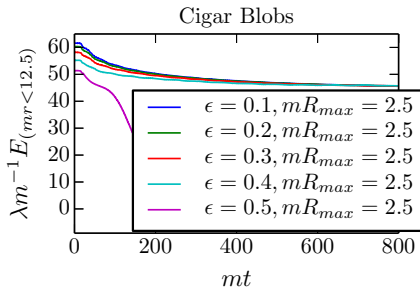
Oscillons Form from Asymmetric Blobs

Initial Blob of Field

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

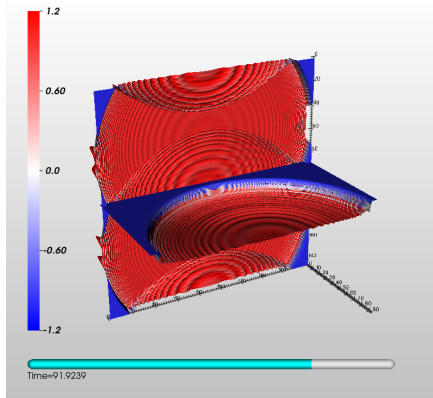
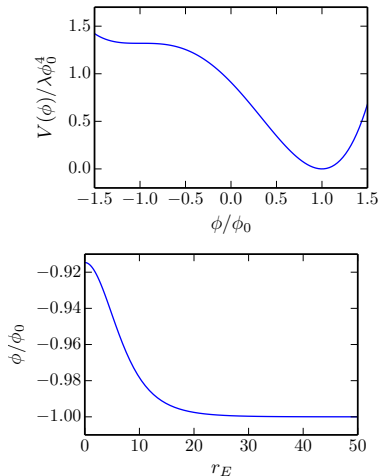


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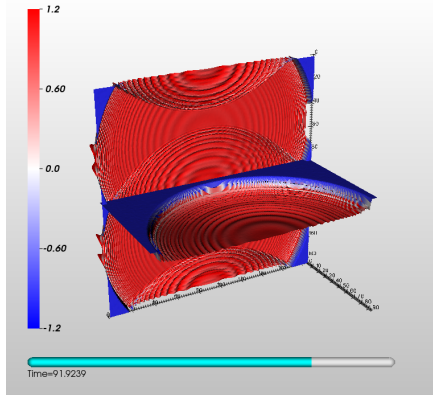
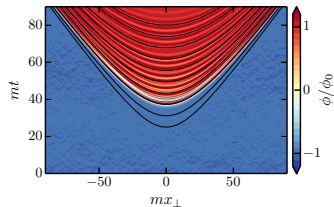


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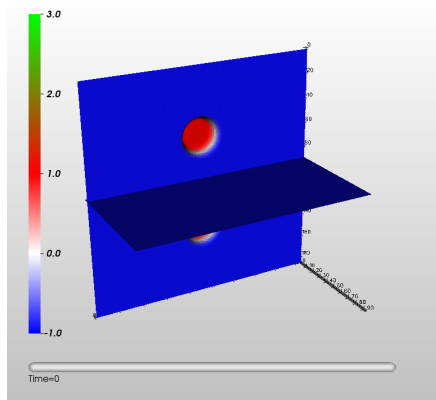
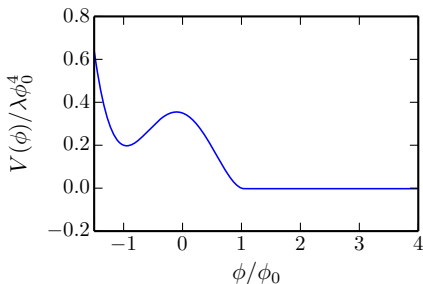
A Model without Amplification



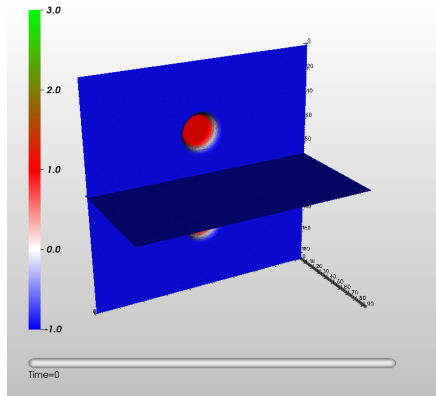
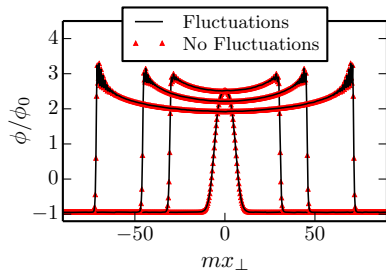
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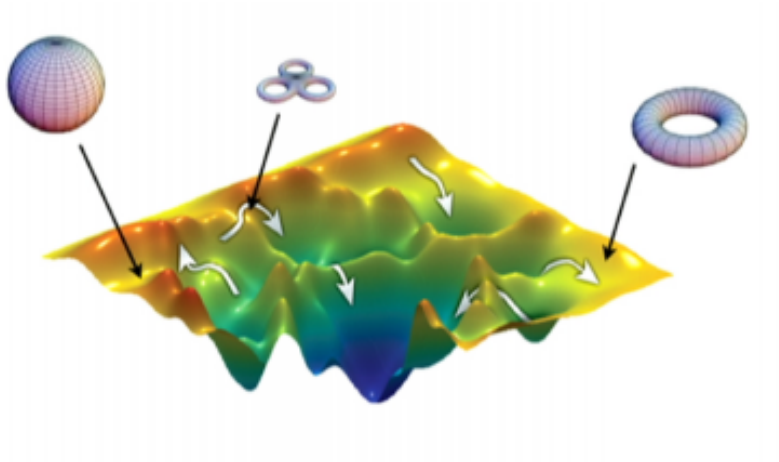
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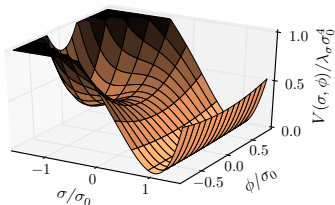
The landscape is not one-dimensional



An Inflationary Model with Oscillons

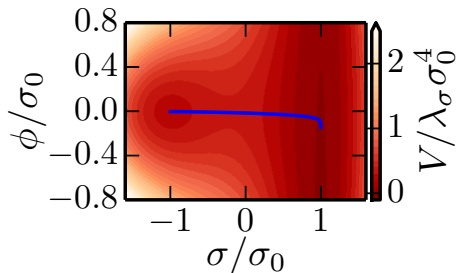
Two Field Model

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

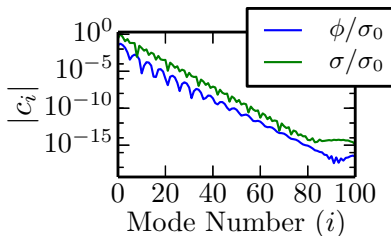
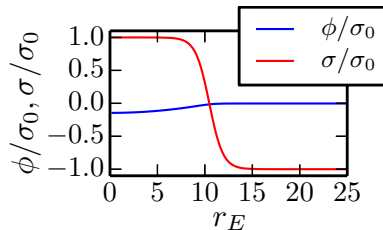


$$V(\sigma, \phi) = V_{\text{tunnel}}(\sigma) \\ + V_{\text{coupling}}(\sigma, \phi) \\ + V_{\text{inflation}}(\phi)$$

Instanton in Two-Field Model

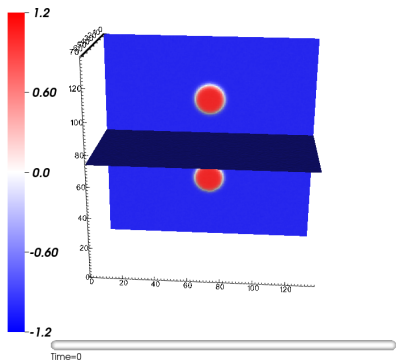


This solution has only a single negative eigenmode in the $O(4)$ symmetric sector

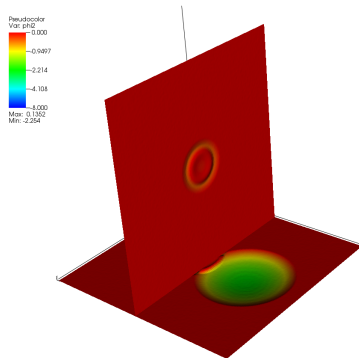


Field Evolution in Two-Field Model

σ Evolution



ϕ Evolution



Theory of Linear Fluctuations - Parametric Resonance in Inhomogeneous Backgrounds

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

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

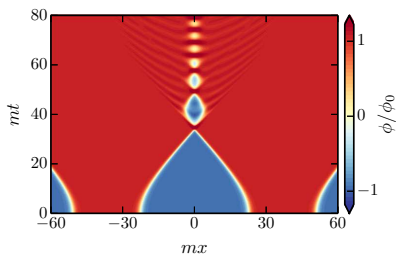
$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi_{bg}}{\partial t^2} - \frac{\partial^2 \phi_{bg}}{\partial x^2} + V'(\phi_{bg}) = 0$$

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

Planar Limit

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

Form of V''



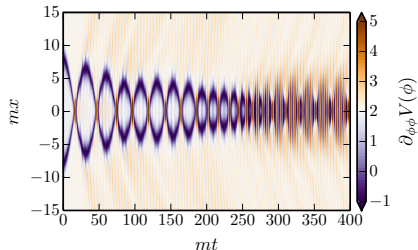
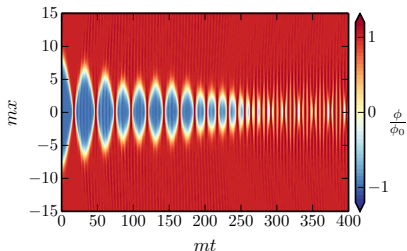
Oscillating Background \rightarrow Floquet Theory

Exactly Periodic Effective Mass

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

Details in Braden et al arXiv:1412.5591

Form of V''



Two wells that repeatedly annihilate

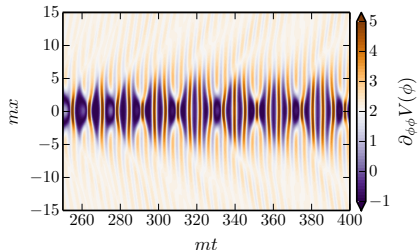
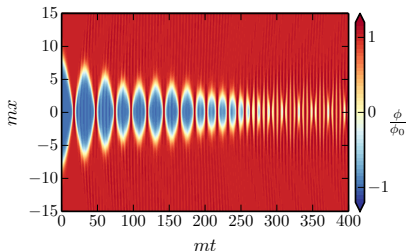
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One well oscillating up and down

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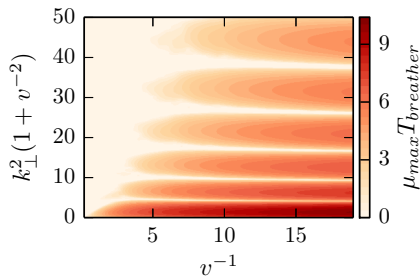
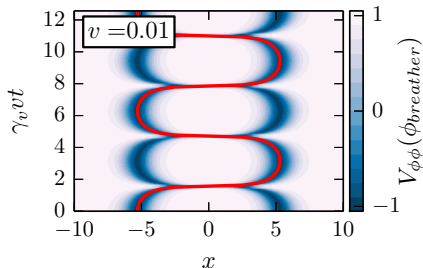
Details in Braden et al arXiv:1412.5591

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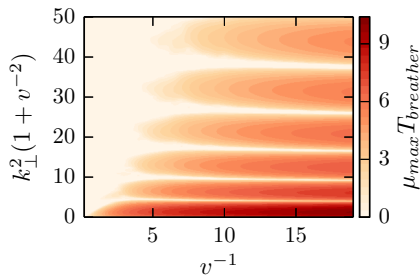
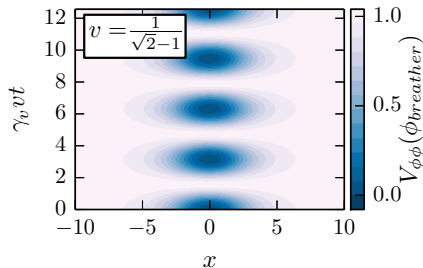


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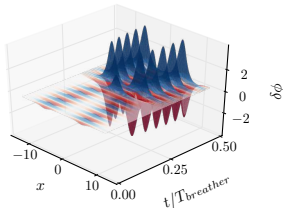
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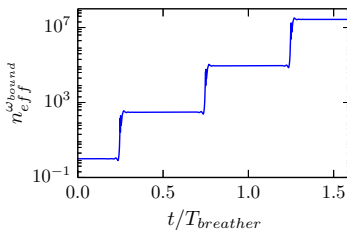
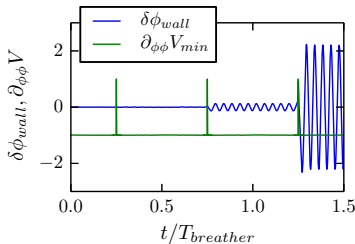
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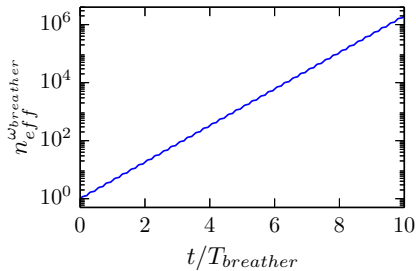
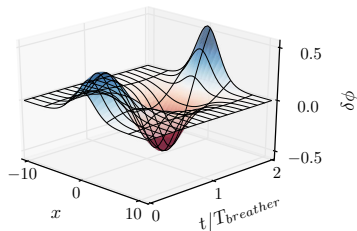
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$$n_{eff}^{\omega_{bound}} + \frac{1}{2} = \int dx \frac{1}{2k_\perp} (k_\perp^2 \delta\phi_{k_\perp}^2 + \delta\dot{\phi}_{k_\perp}^2)$$

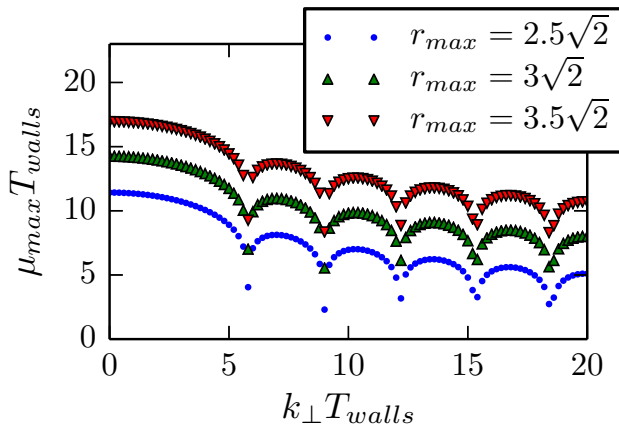


Weak Resonance : Oscillating Blob



$$n_{\text{eff}}^{(\omega_{\text{breather}})} + \frac{1}{2} \equiv \frac{1}{2\omega_{\text{breather}}} \int dx \left(\delta\dot{\phi}^2 + \omega_{\text{breather}}^2 \delta\phi^2 \right)$$

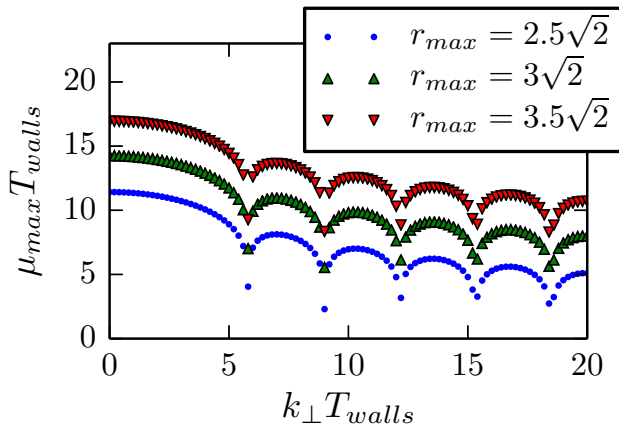
Resonance in Double Well (with approximate backgrounds)



Collisions of Walls

$$\frac{\phi_{bg}}{\phi_0} = -\tanh\left(\frac{\gamma}{\sqrt{2}}(x - r(t))\right) + \tanh\left(\frac{\gamma}{\sqrt{2}}(x + r(t))\right) - 1$$

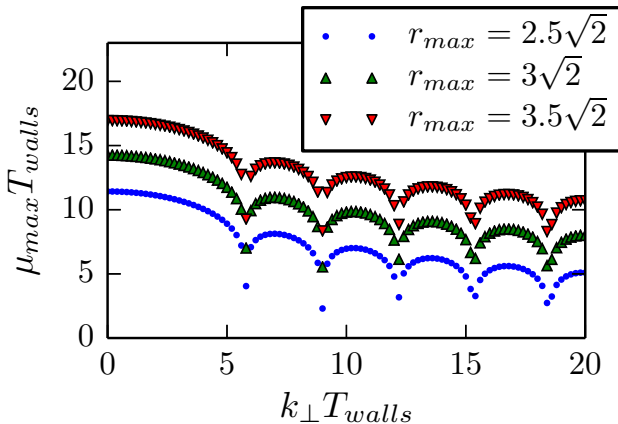
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$$r(t) = r_{max} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \log \left(\cos^2 \left(\frac{\pi t}{T_{walls}} \right) + e^{-2\sqrt{2}(r_{max}-r_{min})} \right)$$

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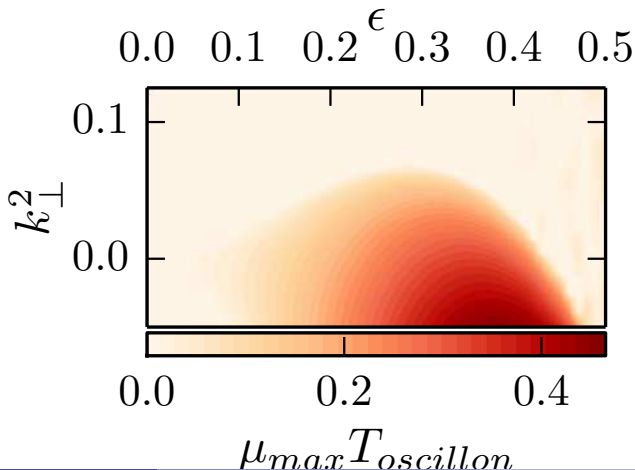
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$$T_{walls} = \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{6}} e^{\sqrt{2}r_{max}}$$

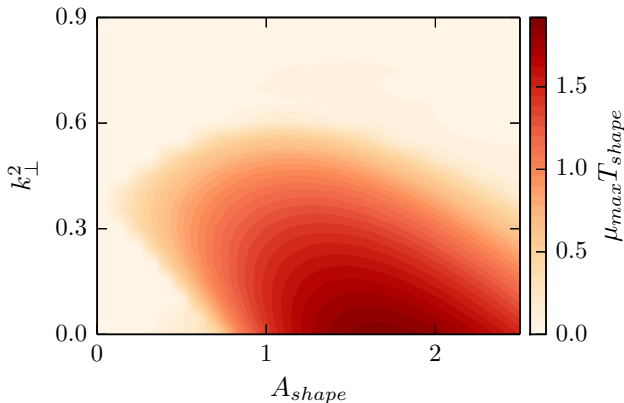
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Oscillating Blob

$$\frac{\phi_{bg}}{\phi_0} = 1 + \frac{4\epsilon}{\sqrt{\alpha}} \text{sech}(\sqrt{2}\epsilon mx) \cos(\sqrt{2}\sqrt{1-\epsilon^2}mt)$$



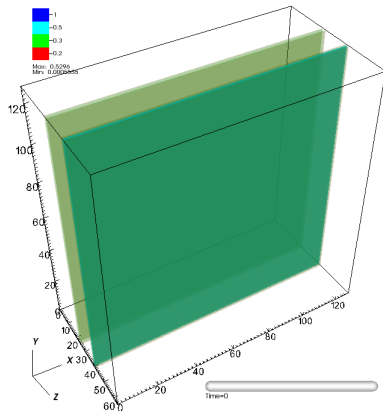
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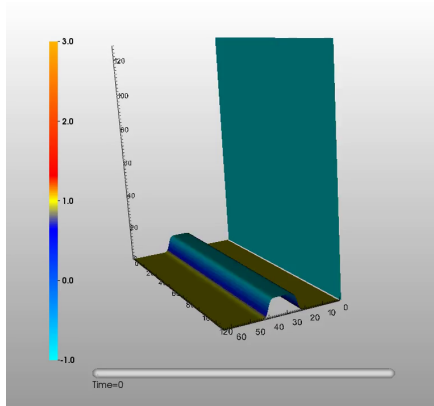
Oscillating Wall Width

$$\frac{\phi_{bg}}{\phi_0} = \tanh\left(\frac{mx}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \left(1 + A_{shape} \operatorname{sech}\left(\frac{mx}{\sqrt{2}}\right) \sin\left(\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}mt\right)\right)$$

Demonstration in Full Lattice Simulation

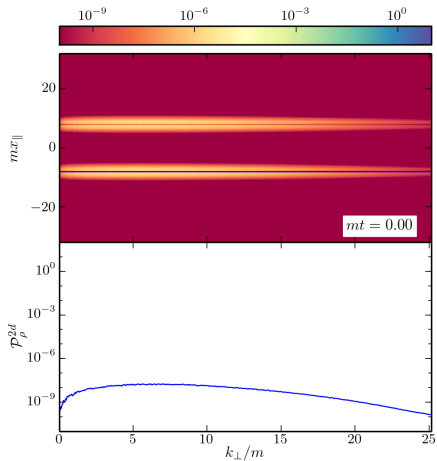


Contours of $\rho/\lambda\phi_0^4$

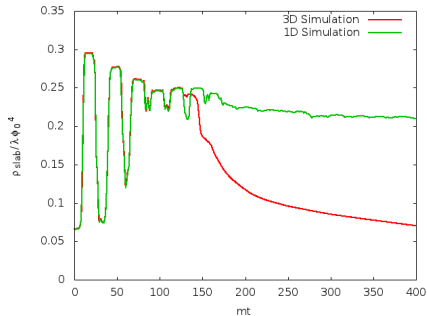


Evolution of ϕ

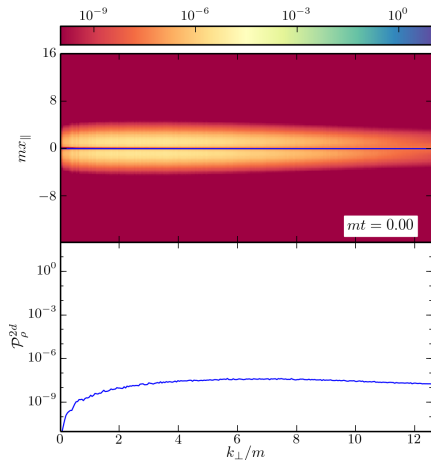
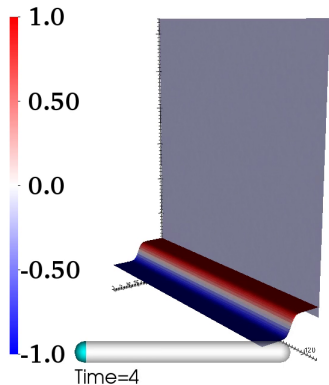
Spectrum of Growing Instabilities



Distribution of Energy



Resonance on a Single Wall



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
- Sign of $\zeta = \delta \ln(a)$ in one field versus two field model

Qualitative conclusions don't depend on inflationary scenario

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

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