

(Some) **Non-Equilibrium phenomena** in the **Early Universe**

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I shall be talking about ...

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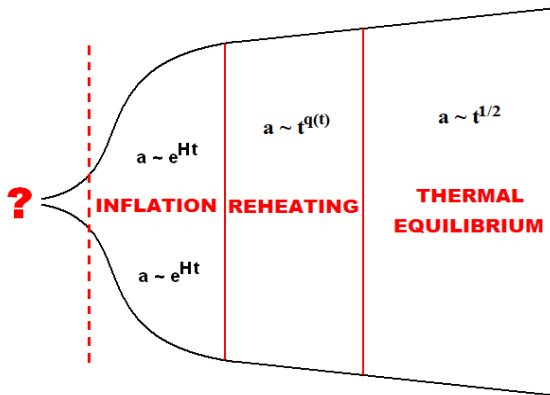
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INFLATION \rightarrow **REHEATING** \rightarrow **THERMAL ERA**
(Particle Production,
PhTs, Cosmic Defects, ...)



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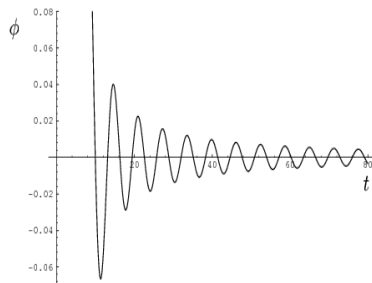
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Scalar field (condensate) after Inflation:

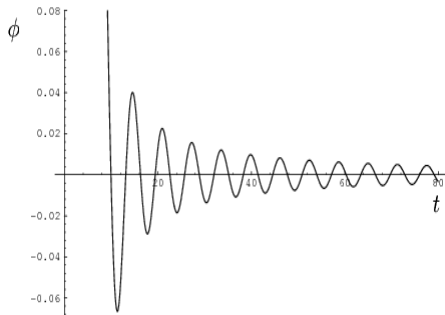
Coherent Oscillations: $\phi(t) \approx \Phi(t)f(t)$, $f(t+T) = f(t)$



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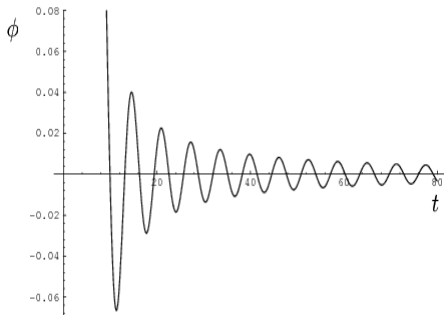
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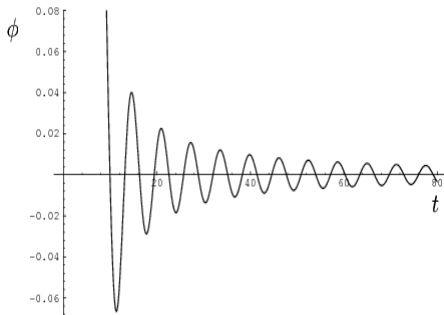
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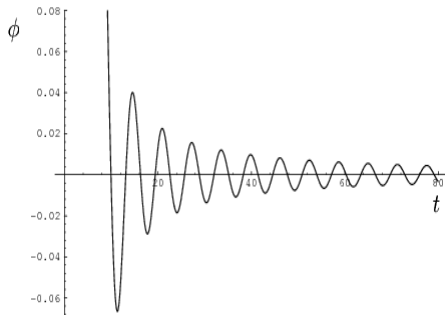
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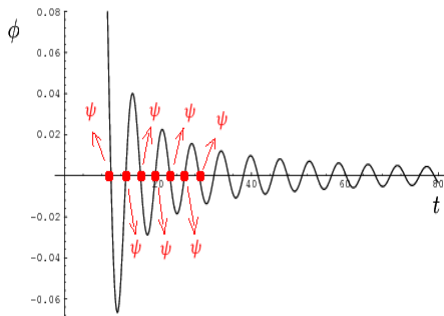
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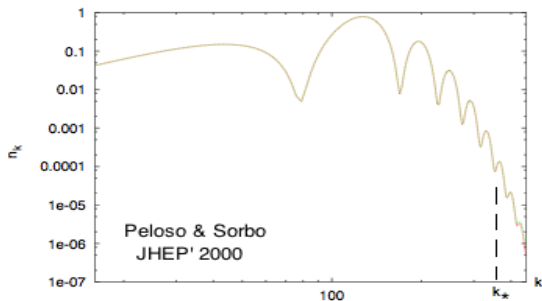
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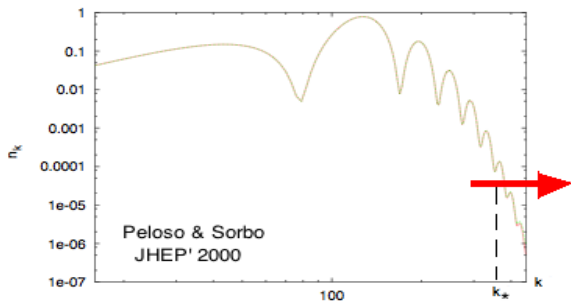
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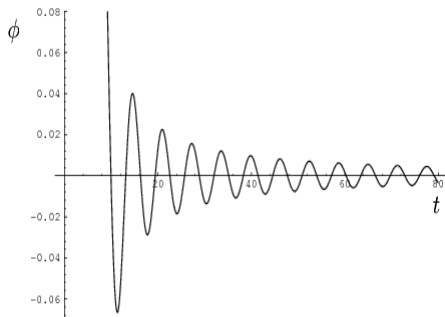
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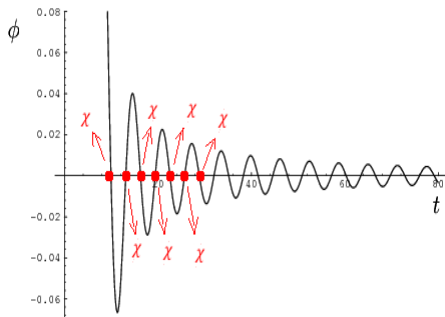
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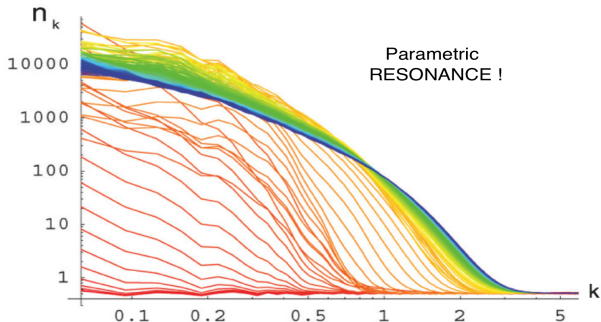
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but... 'who' is ϕ ?

"Traditionally" $\rightarrow \phi$: Inflaton \Rightarrow (p)reheating!... but ...

... only known scalar field $\rightarrow \phi$: SM higgs, so ...

... Option 1: SM higgs = inflaton? (\Rightarrow Higgs-Inflation), or ...

... Option 2: SM higgs decoupled from Inflation? (\Rightarrow Higgs-spectator)

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End of Inflation: $\varphi_* \neq 0$ ($V \propto \varphi^4$) \Rightarrow **Higgs Oscillations (!)**

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Fermions:

$$y_j \varphi \bar{\psi}_j \psi_j : \frac{d^2}{d\tau^2} u_{k,\pm}^{(j)} + (\kappa^2 + q_j (a\varphi)^2 \pm i\sqrt{q_j} \frac{d}{d\tau} (a\varphi)) u_{k,\pm}^{(j)} = 0, \quad q_j \equiv \frac{y_j^2}{\lambda_I}$$

$$j = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \{t, b, c, s, u, d\} \\ \{e, \mu, \tau\} \end{array} \right\}$$

DGF 2014

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Bosons (Vectors):

$$g_j^2 \varphi A_\mu A^\mu : \quad \frac{d^2}{d\tau^2} u_k^{(j)} + (\kappa^2 + q_j (a\varphi)^2) u_k^{(j)} = N.L., \quad q_j \equiv \frac{g_j^2}{\lambda_I}$$

$$j = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \{W_\mu^{1,2,3}, B_\mu\} \\ (\{W_\mu^\pm, Z_\mu\}) \end{array} \right\}$$

Enqvist et al 2013-2014, DGF et al 2014 (coming)

SM Fermions & Gauge Bosons Out-of-Eq \rightarrow GWs !

$$\text{IR-Sphere: } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} n_k(k \lesssim k_*) \neq 1 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \lesssim 1(F), \\ \gg 1(B) \end{array} \right\} \\ n_k(k \gg k_*) \rightarrow 0 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow T_{**}^{(j)}, \sim \bar{\psi} \gamma \partial \psi, \partial A \partial A$$
$$\left[\left(T_{\mu\nu}^{(j)} \right)^{\text{TT}} \rightarrow \text{GW Source !} \right]$$

$$\text{GWs: } \frac{d\rho_{\text{GW}}}{d \log k}(k, t) \propto \frac{Gk^3}{a^4(t)} \int_0^t \int_0^t dt_1 dt_2 \mathcal{G}(k, t_2 - t_1) \Pi^2(k, t_1, t_2)$$

$$\text{UTC: } \langle T_{ij}^{\text{TT}}(\mathbf{k}, t_1) T_{ij}^{\text{TT}}(\mathbf{k}', t_2) \rangle \equiv (2\pi)^3 \Pi^2(k, t_1, t_2) \delta^{(3)}(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}')$$

DFG & Meriniemi 2013, DGF 2014 (F), DGF et al 2014 (B) [coming]

Higgs Osc. \rightarrow SM Ψ 's, A_μ 's (Param. Exc.) \rightarrow GWs

$$j = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} F : \{u, d\}, \{l^\pm\} \\ B : \{W^\pm, Z\} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \Omega_{\text{GW}}^{(j)}(k) \equiv \frac{1}{\rho_c} \frac{d\rho_{\text{GW}}}{d\log k}(k; \mathbf{q}_j),$$
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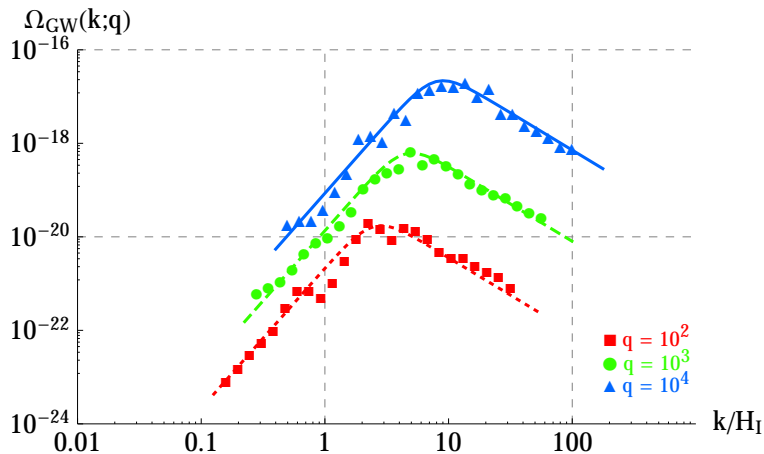
Bosons: Similar analysis !

$$n_k^{(j)}(k \lesssim k_*^{(j)}) \rightarrow \Omega_{\text{GW}}^{(j)}(k), \quad j = W^\pm, Z$$

... numerical results only for Fermions (for Bosons coming!)

SM Ψ 's Param. Exc. \rightarrow GWs (Numerical Results)

From Fermions:

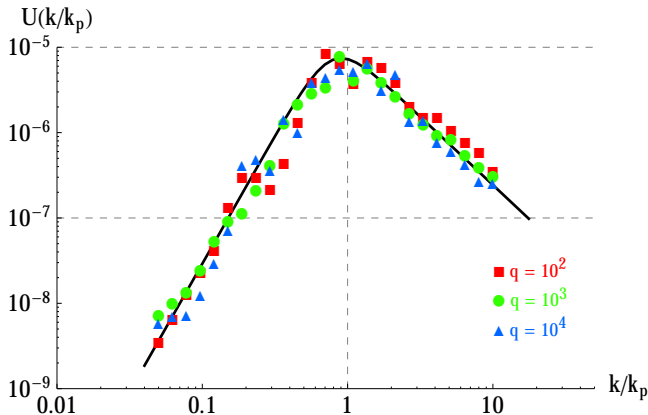


SCALING (Universal Shape) :

$$\Omega_{\text{GW}}(k; q_j) = (H_{\text{I}}/M_{\text{p}})^4 (a_{\text{I}}/a_{\text{F}})^{1-3w} \times q_j^{1.55} \mathcal{U}(k/k_p)$$

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$$\mathcal{U}(x) \equiv \mathcal{U}_1 \frac{x^3}{(\alpha + \beta x^{4.5})}, \quad \begin{cases} \mathcal{U}_1 \equiv \mathcal{U}(1) [\sim 10^{-5}(\text{RD}), \sim 10^{-6}(\text{MD})] \\ \alpha + \beta = 1 [\alpha = 0.25, \beta = 0.75 (\text{RD, MD})] \end{cases}$$



Total GWs :

$$h^2 \Omega_{\text{GW}}^{(0)}(f) \simeq \epsilon_{\text{I}} 10^{-6} (H_{\text{I}}/M_p)^4 \sum_j q_j^{1.55} \mathcal{U}(q_j^{-1/4}(k/H_{\text{I}}))$$

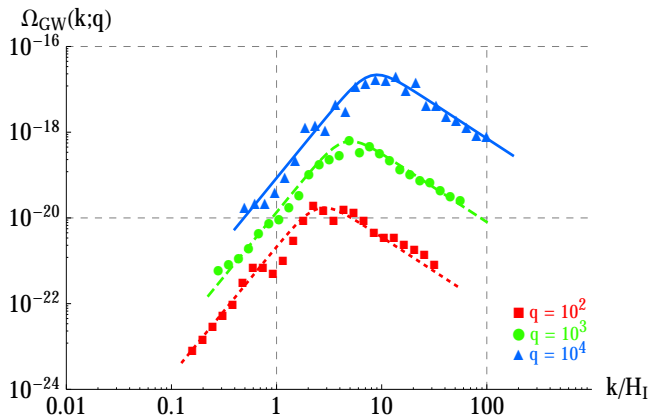
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SM Yukawa Couplings : $y_t > y_b > y_\tau > y_c > y_\mu \gtrsim y_s > y_d > y_u > y_e$

$$h^2 \Omega_{\text{GW}}^{(0)}(f) \propto q^{3/2} \propto y^3 \Rightarrow \text{Top Quark dominates (!)}$$

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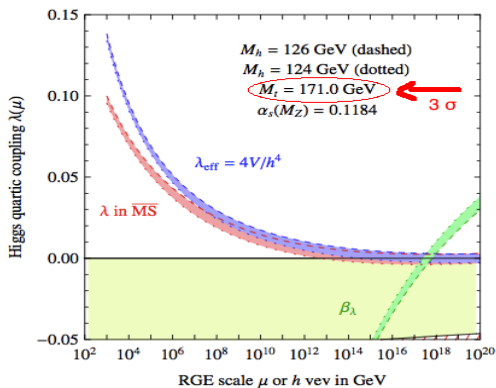


Top Quark GW Peak Today:
($H_* \sim 10^{14}$ GeV, $y_t \sim 0.5$)

Today: $f_p^{(t)} \sim 10^7$ Hz, $h^2 \Omega_{\text{GW}}^{(p)}|_t \sim 10^{-30} \lambda_I^{-1.55}$

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$$\lambda_I \lesssim 10^{-7}, 10^{-10}, 10^{-11.5} \Rightarrow h^2 \Omega_{\text{GW}}^{(p)}|_t \gtrsim 10^{-20}, 10^{-15}, 10^{-12.5}$$



(Degrassi et al, 2012)

SM A_μ 's Param. Resonance. \rightarrow GWs (Enhancement?)

Bosonic Enhancement? Ohh Yes!

$$\Omega_{\text{GW}}(k) \propto \sum_F q_F^{1.5+\delta_F} \mathcal{U}_F(k; q_F) + \sum_B q_B^{1.5+\delta_B} \mathcal{U}_B(k; q_B)$$

$$A \equiv \frac{\mathcal{U}_B(k; q)}{\mathcal{U}_F(k; q)} \gg 1 \Rightarrow \Omega_{\text{GW}}^{\text{tot}}(k) \sim \Omega_{\text{GW}}^{(t)} + \Omega_{\text{GW}}^{(W,Z)} \sim A \times \Omega_{\text{GW}}^{(t)} \gg \Omega_{\text{GW}}^{(t)}$$

including also gauge bosons ...

If Param. Resonance of W_μ, Z_μ included... IS THIS ALL?? **NO!**

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THEN...

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MUST BE INCLUDED!**

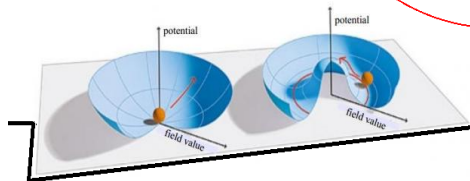
Need: Kurkela & Moore thermalization like-studies!!

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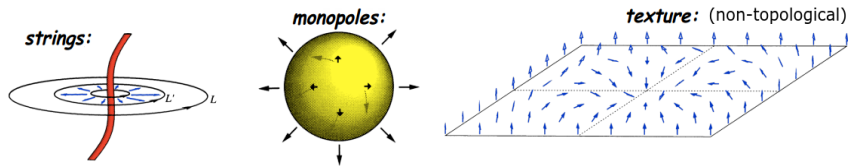
3. SYMMETRY BREAKING → COSMIC DEFECTS

$$V = \frac{\lambda}{4} (|\Phi|^2 - v^2)^2 + V_{\text{int}}(\Phi, \chi, T) \quad (\text{1}^{\text{st}} \text{ Order, 2}^{\text{nd}} \text{ Order, Cross-Over})$$

$$V_{\text{int}} \sim \begin{cases} g_T^2 |\Phi|^2 T^2 & (\text{THERMAL}) \\ g^2 |\Phi|^2 \chi^2 & (\text{FIELD INT.}) \end{cases}$$



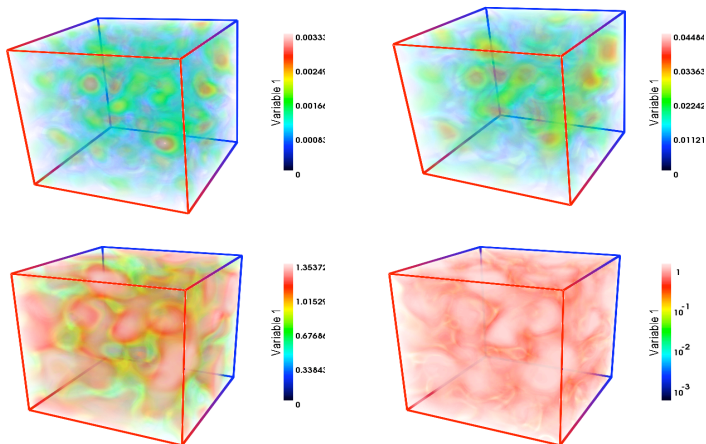
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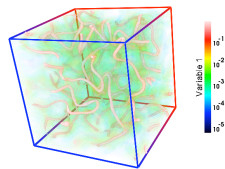
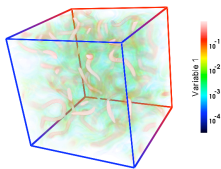
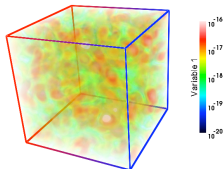
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DYNAMICS OF THE HIGGS: Hybrid Preheating (Abelian-Higgs)
[Dufaux et al 2010]



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MAGNETIC FIELD DYNAMICS: Hybrid Preheating (Abelian-Higgs)
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Cosmic Defects not observed \Rightarrow constraints !

CMB Temperature constraints:

$v \lesssim (5 - 10) \times 10^{15}$ GeV [Strings, O(4)-textures] [PLANCK team 2013]

CMB Polarization constraints (BICEP2): $v \lesssim 5 \cdot 10^{15}$ GeV

[Lizarraga et al 2014 (local strings), Durrer et al 2014 (Global largeN)]

Let me focus on ...

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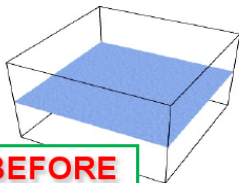
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Felder et al
PRD 2001

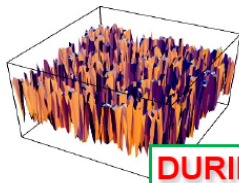
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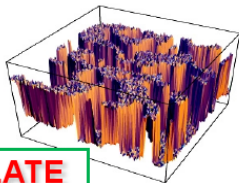
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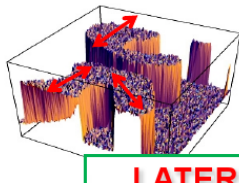
BEFORE



DURING



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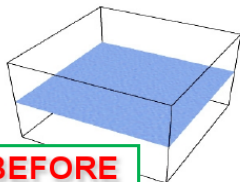
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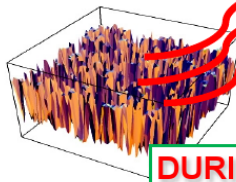
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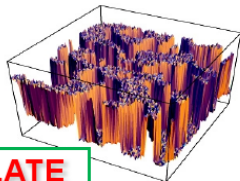
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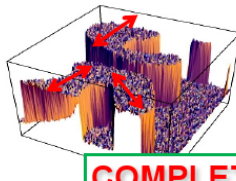
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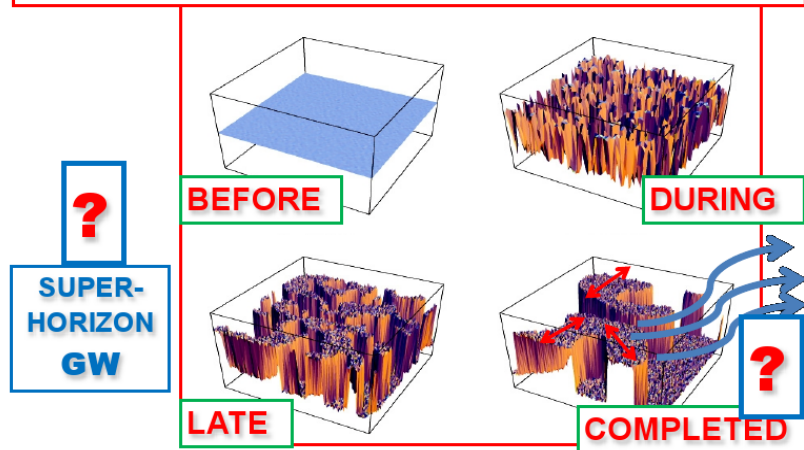
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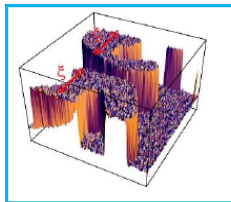
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Dufaux et al

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GLOBAL Phase Transition (with non-topological Defects)

After **the** PHASE TRANSITION (**NON-Linear** SIGMA MODEL)



UNIVERSE EXPANDING
(**CAUSAL HORIZON**)

FIELD SELF-ORDERS
($\xi \uparrow \uparrow$, $\xi < 1/H$)

$$\mathbf{O}(N) \rightarrow \mathbf{O}(N-1): \left[\begin{array}{l} \sum_a \phi_a^2 = v^2 \text{ (CONSTRAINT)} \\ \square \phi_a + V'(\phi_a) = 0 \text{ (EOM)} \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \square \phi_a + (\partial_\mu \phi_b \cdot \partial^\mu \phi_b) \phi_a = 0$$

LARGE-N LIMIT:
($N \geq 4$)

$$\phi_a(\mathbf{k}, \eta) = (k\eta)^{\frac{1}{2}-\gamma} C_1(\mathbf{k}) J_{\gamma+1}(k\eta) \quad (a = \eta^\gamma)$$

($k\eta_* < 1$, Super-Horizon Scales)

GLOBAL Phase Transition (with non-topological Defects)

GRAVITATIONAL WAVE BACKGROUND



$$\rho_{\text{GW}} = \frac{\langle \dot{h}_{\mu\nu} \dot{h}^{\mu\nu} \rangle}{16\pi G} = \int \frac{d\rho_{\text{GW}}(k, \eta)}{d \log k} d \log k \longrightarrow \Omega_{\text{GW}}(k, \eta) \equiv \frac{1}{\rho_c} \frac{d\rho_{\text{GW}}(k, \eta)}{d \log k}$$

TECHNICALLY

$$\langle \phi_a(\mathbf{k}, \eta) \phi_a(\mathbf{k}, \eta) \rangle \longrightarrow \langle \Pi_{\mu\nu}^{\text{TT}}(\phi_a) \Pi_{\mu\nu}^{\text{TT}}(\phi_a) \rangle \longrightarrow \langle \dot{h}_{\mu\nu} \dot{h}^{\mu\nu} \rangle$$

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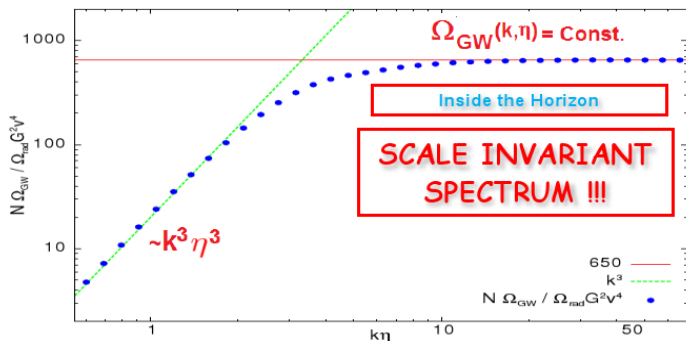
$$\phi_a(\mathbf{k}, \eta) \longrightarrow T_{\mu\nu}(\phi_a) \longrightarrow \Pi_{\mu\nu}^{\text{TT}}(\phi_a) \longrightarrow \square h_{\mu\nu} = 16\pi G \Pi_{\mu\nu}^{\text{TT}}$$

FIELD
FLUCTUATIONS

STRESS
tensor

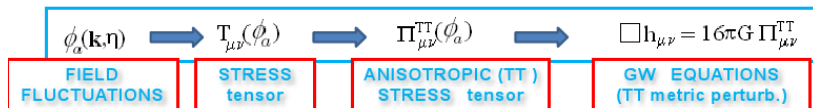
ANISOTROPIC (TT)
STRESS tensor

GW EQUATIONS
(TT metric perturb.)



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SCALE INVARIANT SPECTRUM !!!
(FREQ. INDEPENDENT)

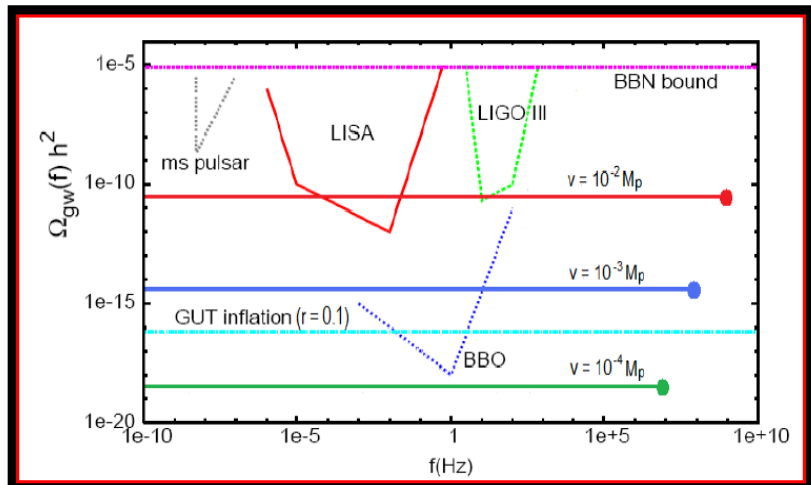
$$\Omega_{\text{GW}}(k, \eta_0) \simeq \frac{651}{N} \Omega_{\text{rad}} \left(\frac{v}{M_{\text{Pl}}} \right)^4$$

$$\mathcal{R} \equiv \frac{\Omega_{\text{GW}}(k, \eta_0)}{\Omega_{\text{GW}}^{(\text{inf})}(k, \eta_0)} \simeq \frac{356}{N}$$

Jones-Smith et al, 2008

Fenu, DGF, Durrer, Garcia-Bellido 2009

GRAVITATIONAL WAVE BACKGROUND



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(Kibble' 76)

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GW spectrum ($kt \gg 1$): $(x_i \equiv kt_i)$ R.D. and SCALING

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Scaling Network of Cosmic Defects \Rightarrow GW

GW today: [\forall PhT (1st, 2nd, ...), \forall Defects (top. or non-top.)]

$$\Omega_{GW}^{(o)} \equiv \frac{1}{\rho_c^{(o)}} \left(\frac{d\rho_{GW}}{d \log k} \right)_o = \frac{32}{3} \left(\frac{V}{M_p} \right)^4 \Omega_{\text{rad}}^{(o)} F_U, \quad (\text{SCALE INV.!!})$$

$$\frac{\Omega_{GW}^{\text{Sim}(N)}}{\Omega_{GW}^{\text{(Analytics)}}} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1.3, \quad (N = 12) \\ 1.8, \quad (N = 8) \\ 3.9, \quad (N = 4) \\ 7.3, \quad (N = 3) \\ 130, \quad (N = 2) \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{LATTICE SIMULATIONS!} \\ \text{GLOBAL SYM. BREAKING} \\ 1024^3 \rightarrow U(x_1, x_2) \rightarrow F_U \\ \\ \text{[DGF, Hindmarsh, Urrestilla '13]} \end{array}$$

$$V = M_I, \text{ Strings: } \frac{\Omega_{GW}^{(o)}}{\Omega_{GW}^{(\text{inf})}} \sim \mathcal{O}(10^3) !$$

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"This is the end, my only friend, the end, ...", The Doors

THANKS YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!!!

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