

Stochastic particle production in the early universe

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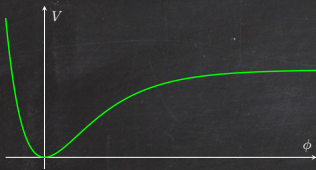
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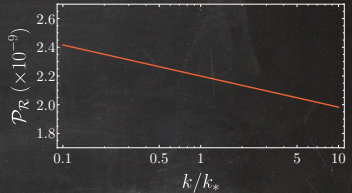
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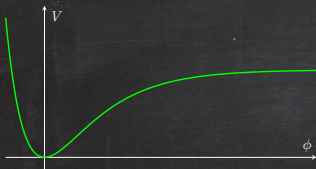


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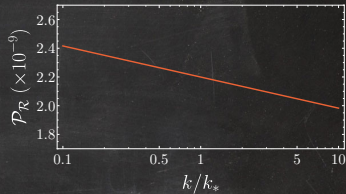


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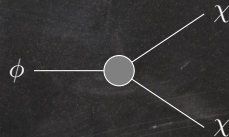
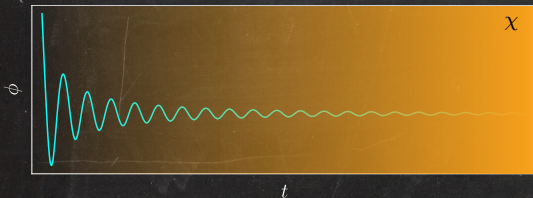
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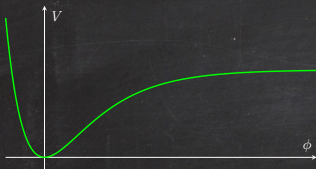


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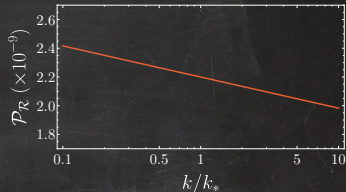


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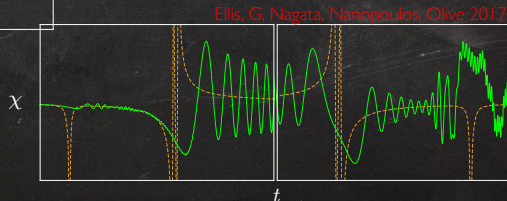
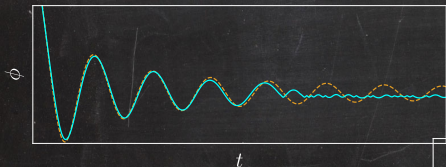
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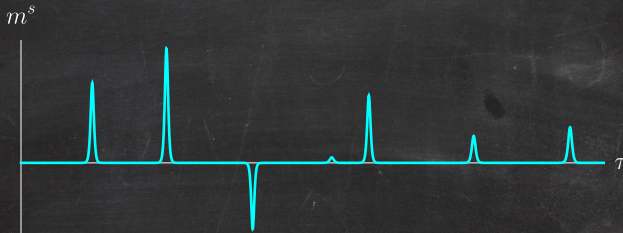
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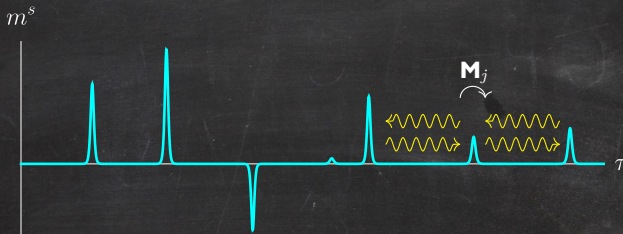
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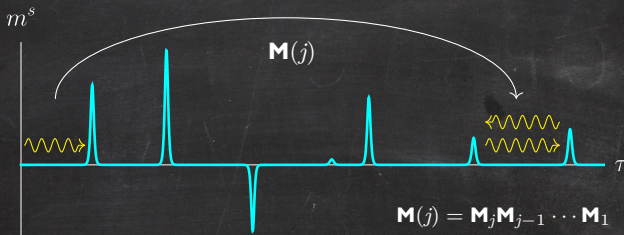
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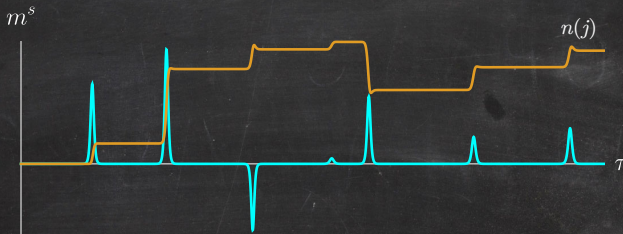
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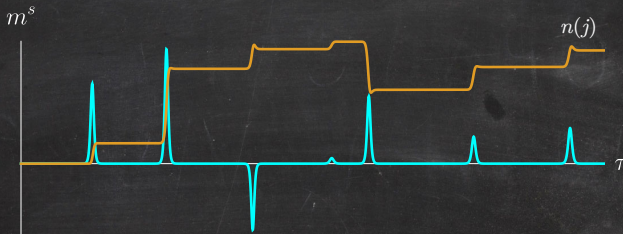
A random walk (with drift) for the occupation number

$$n_a(j) = \frac{1}{2\omega_a} \left(|\dot{\chi}_j^a|^2 + \omega_a^2 |\chi_j^a|^2 \right) - \frac{1}{2} = |\beta_j^a|^2$$

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Randomness and non-adiabaticity are encoded in $\mathbf{M} \Rightarrow$ define $P(\mathbf{M}; \tau)$

$$\partial_\tau P(\mathbf{M}; \tau) = -\partial_{\mathbf{M}} \left[\frac{\langle \delta \mathbf{M} \rangle_{\mathbf{M}_2}}{\delta \tau} P(\mathbf{M}; \tau) \right] + \frac{1}{2!} \partial_{\mathbf{M}}^2 \left[\frac{\langle \delta \mathbf{M}^2 \rangle_{\mathbf{M}_2}}{\delta \tau} P(\mathbf{M}; \tau) \right]$$

A general transfer matrix can be parametrized as

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Assume the building block P maximizes the Shannon entropy

$$S[P] = - \int P(\mathbf{M}; \delta\tau) \ln P(\mathbf{M}; \delta\tau) d\mathbf{M}$$

subject to the constraints:

- The local mean particle production rate is known and fixed, $\mu_j \equiv \frac{1}{N_f} \frac{\langle n_j \rangle \delta\tau}{\delta\tau}$
- Coarse-grained continuity, $\mathbf{M}_{\tau+\delta\tau} \xrightarrow{\delta\tau \rightarrow 0} \mathbf{M}_{\tau}$

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Then (Mello, Pereyra, Kumar 1988; Amin, Baumann 2016),

- P is flat (Haar) wrt \mathbf{u} , $dP(\{\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{n}, \mathbf{v}\}) = P(\{\mathbf{n}, \mathbf{v}\}) d\mu(\mathbf{u})$
- A closed set of equations for the moments of $n = \sum_a n_a$ is obtained,

$$\partial_\tau \langle \ln(1+n) \rangle \xrightarrow{\tau \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2N_f}{N_f + 1} \mu$$

i.e. exponential growth

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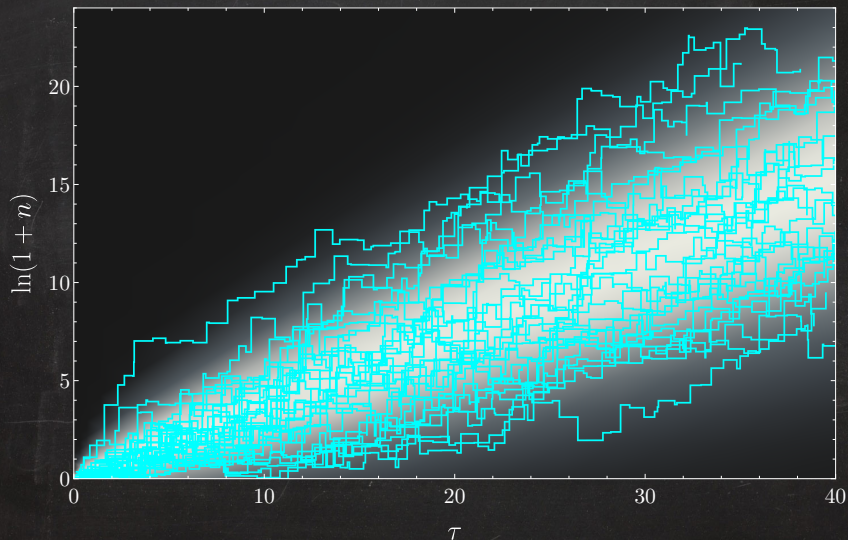
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with solution ($n \gg 1$)

$$P(n; \tau) dn = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi\sigma^2\tau}} \exp \left[-\frac{(\ln n - \sigma^2\tau)^2}{4\sigma^2\tau} \right] d \ln n$$

$$\Rightarrow n = e^{\sigma^2\tau} - 1$$



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$$\langle (\Lambda_{11})^2 \rangle_{\delta\tau} = \sigma_1^2, \quad \langle (\Lambda_{22})^2 \rangle_{\delta\tau} = \sigma_2^2, \quad \langle (\Lambda_{12})^2 \rangle_{\delta\tau} = \langle (\Lambda_{21})^2 \rangle_{\delta\tau} = \sigma_{\perp}^2.$$

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$$\langle \delta \theta^{(1)} \delta \rho^{(1)} \rangle = \frac{1}{4\Delta Y} \left[\left(\tilde{f}_1 \frac{\tilde{f}_2}{\tilde{f}_1} - \tilde{f}_2 \frac{\tilde{f}_1}{\tilde{f}_2} \right) (\sigma_1^2 - \sigma_2^2) \sin \theta + 4 \left(\tilde{f}_1 \frac{\tilde{f}_2}{\tilde{f}_1} + \tilde{f}_2 \frac{\tilde{f}_1}{\tilde{f}_2} \right) \sin(2\psi) \right]$$

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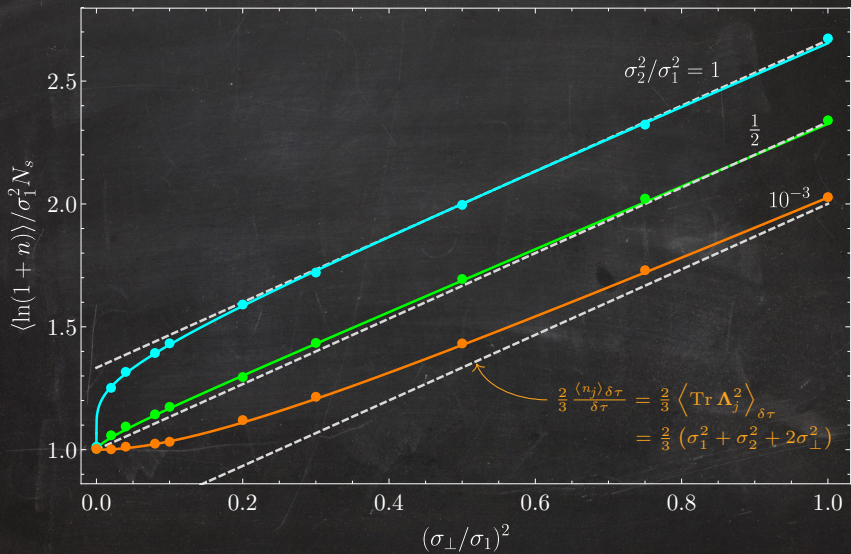
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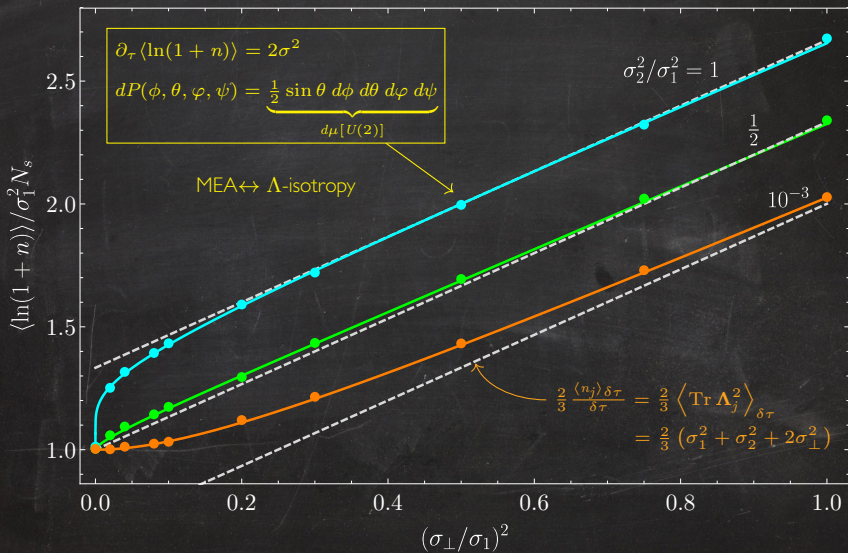
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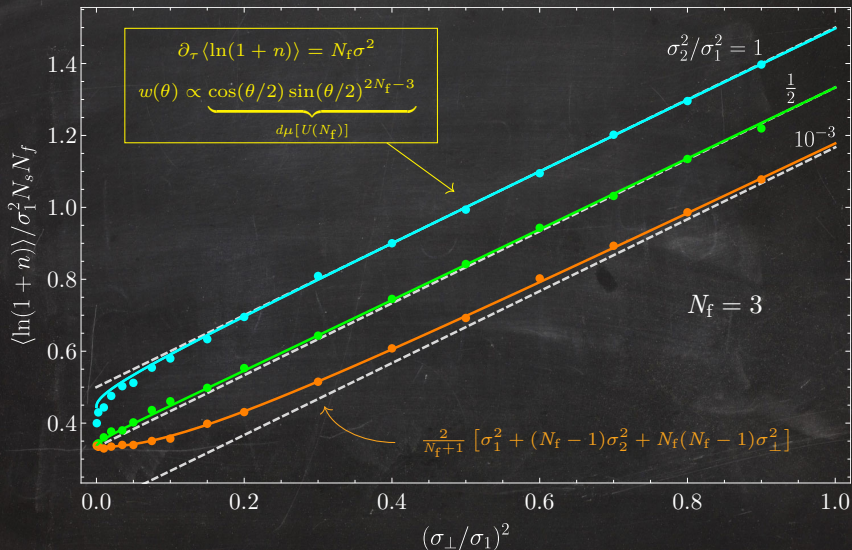
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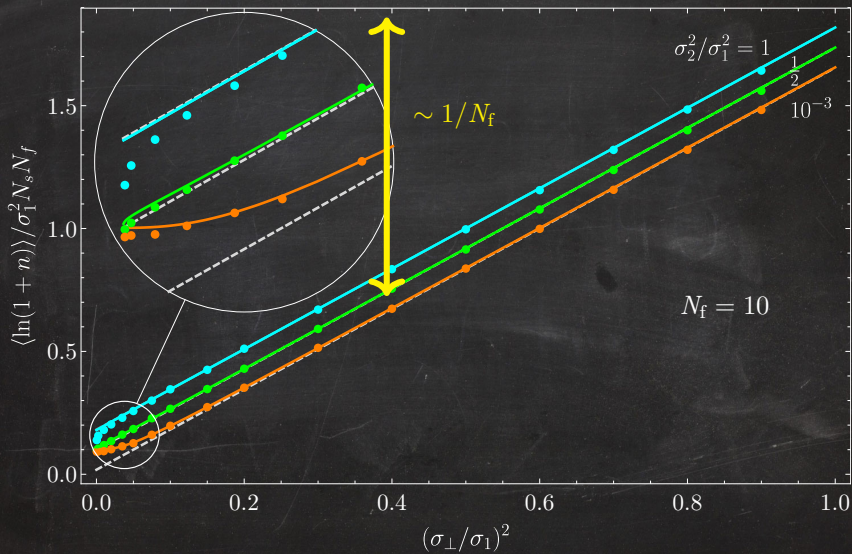
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