# **Pulsar timing arrays and Primordial Black Holes**

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## Primordial inflation

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## Audible axion

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SR bound  $f_a \simeq M_{\rm pl}$   $m_a \simeq 3 \times 10^{-11} \, {\rm eV}$ 

## Large curvature perturbation **Overproduce PBH**

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First-order phase transition NG12.5+ 2104.13930 Bringmann+ 2306.09411









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## What is the source of the PTA GW signal?

John Ellis,  $1, 2, 3, \alpha$  Malcolm Fairbairn,  $2, \beta$  Gabriele Franciolini,  $4, 5, \gamma$  Gert Hütsi,  $1, \delta$  Antonio Iovino,  $4, 5, 1, \epsilon$ Marek Lewicki,  $6, \zeta$  Martti Raidal,  $1, \eta$  Juan Urrutia,  $1, 7, \theta$  Ville Vaskonen,  $1, 8, 9, \iota$  and Hardi Veermäe,  $1, \kappa$ 



See also NG15+ 2306.16219 (NANOGrav 15 yr Data Set: Search for Signals from New Physics) Mitridate+ 2306.16377 (PTArcade)

*f* [Hz]








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#### **PBH formation**

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#### **PBH** formation

#### in presence of large inhomogeneities:

δρ/ρ ~ 1
horizon size



Hawking (1971)





Kodama, Sasaki, Sato (1982)

YG, Volansky 2305:04942

Old vacuum-dominated region (outside bubbles)









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### **Radiation-dominated**

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 $H^{-1}$ 

# $\delta \rho / \rho \gtrsim 0.45.$

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if

#### then



Old vacuum-dominated region (outside bubbles)

New radiation-dominated region (inside bubbles)

PBH









































Spontaneous breaking of  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ 



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Press, Ryden, Spergel 1989 (3D simulation)

# Scaling regime : $\langle R \rangle \simeq t$



#### Energy density








#### **DW-domination**

Y. B. Zeldovich, I. Y. Kobzarev, and L. B. Okun (1974)





















Vacuum energy bias























 $t \frac{\text{super-horizon } t}{R(t)} = t$ 





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## $\langle R(t) \rangle \simeq t$ but not $R(t) \simeq t$





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 $t_{\rm dom}$ 





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Annihilation

DW domination 1)  $\delta \rho / \rho \sim 1$ 







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Annihilation

DW domination 1)  $\delta \rho / \rho \sim 1$ 2) horizon size

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Annihilation phase

DW domination 1)  $\delta \rho / \rho \sim 1$ 2) horizon size

 $\uparrow R \lesssim R_{\rm sch} \uparrow$ 

 $t_{\rm dom}$ 





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Probability of a spherical false vacuum domain of size R:  $\mathscr{P} \sim \exp\left(-4\pi (R/t)^3/3\right)$ 



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m ann}$ energy fraction fit NG15 **10<sup>-1</sup>** 

10<sup>-5</sup> 10<sup>-2</sup> 10

















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