

Hierarchies from landscape probability gradients and critical boundaries

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Plan

- "Dynamical" solutions to hierarchy problems
- Probability gradients and critical boundaries
- Volume - weighed probabilities
- Local probabilities

Introduction

Gauge Hierarchy problem:

$$\delta m_h^2 \propto \Lambda^2 \leftarrow \text{any physics that Higgs interacts with}$$

$$\text{e.g. } \frac{m_P^2}{m_h^2} \sim 10^{34}$$

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Single vacuum* approaches:

$$\delta m_h^2 = 0 \Lambda^2 + \mathcal{O}(100 GeV)$$



supersymmetry

compositeness

extra dimensions

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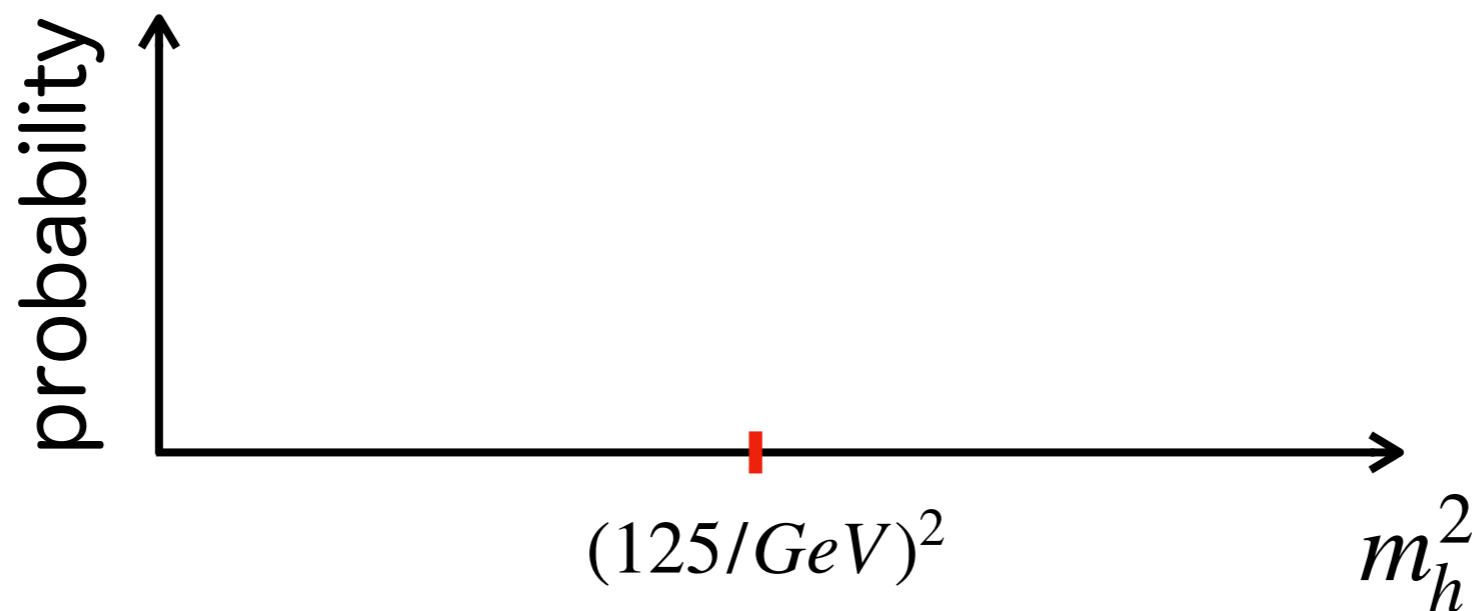
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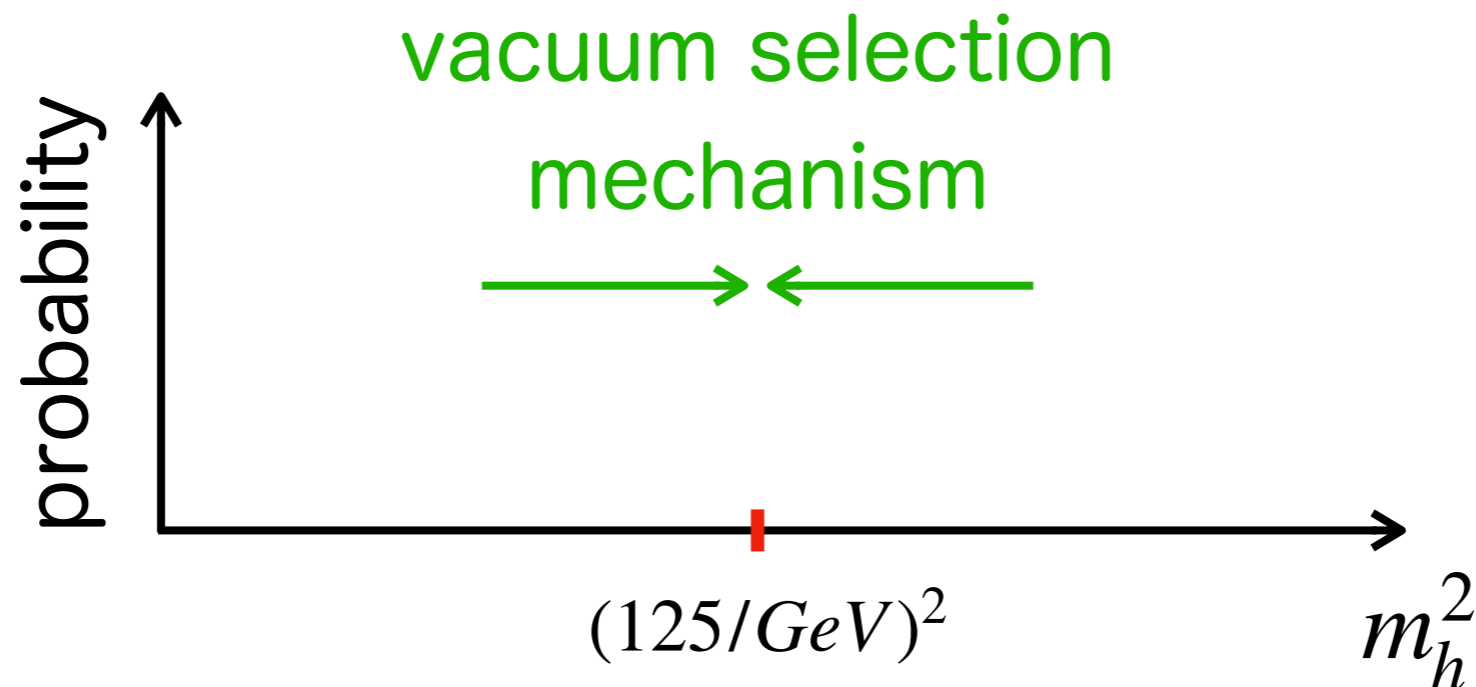
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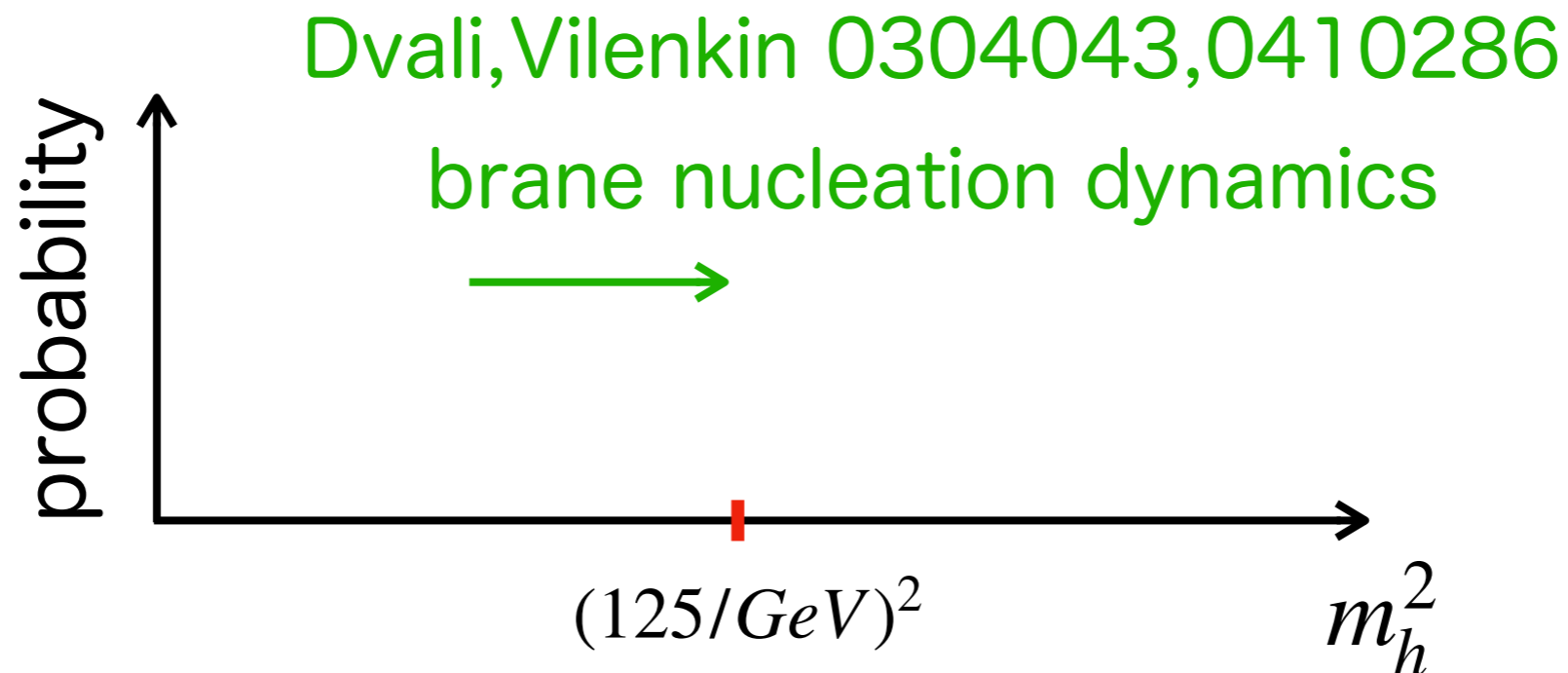
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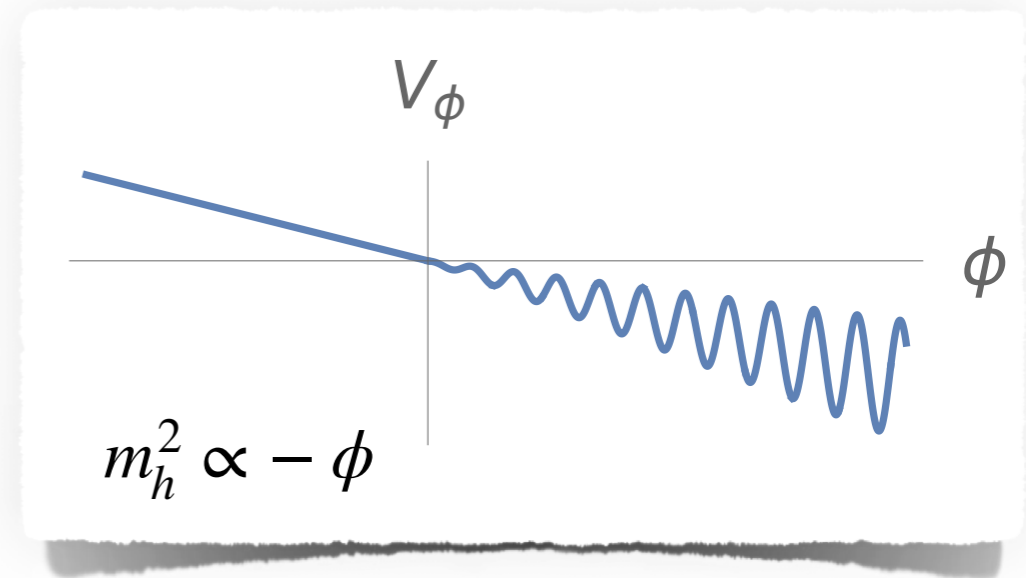
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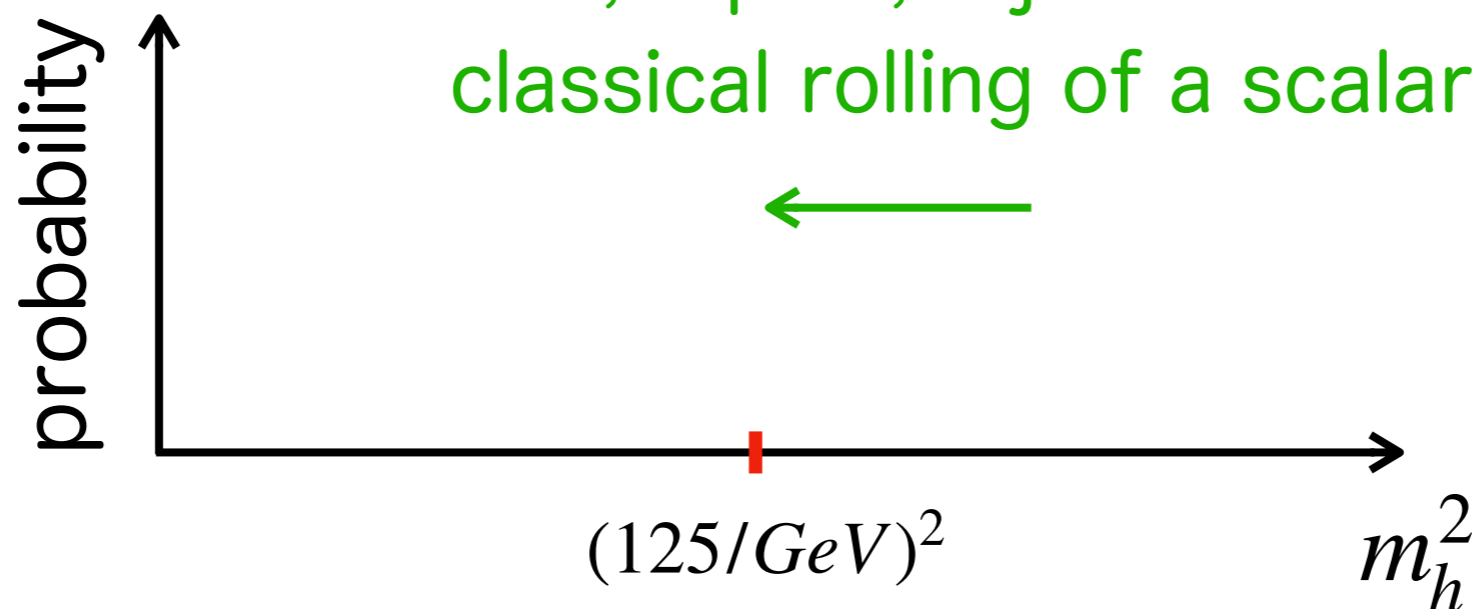
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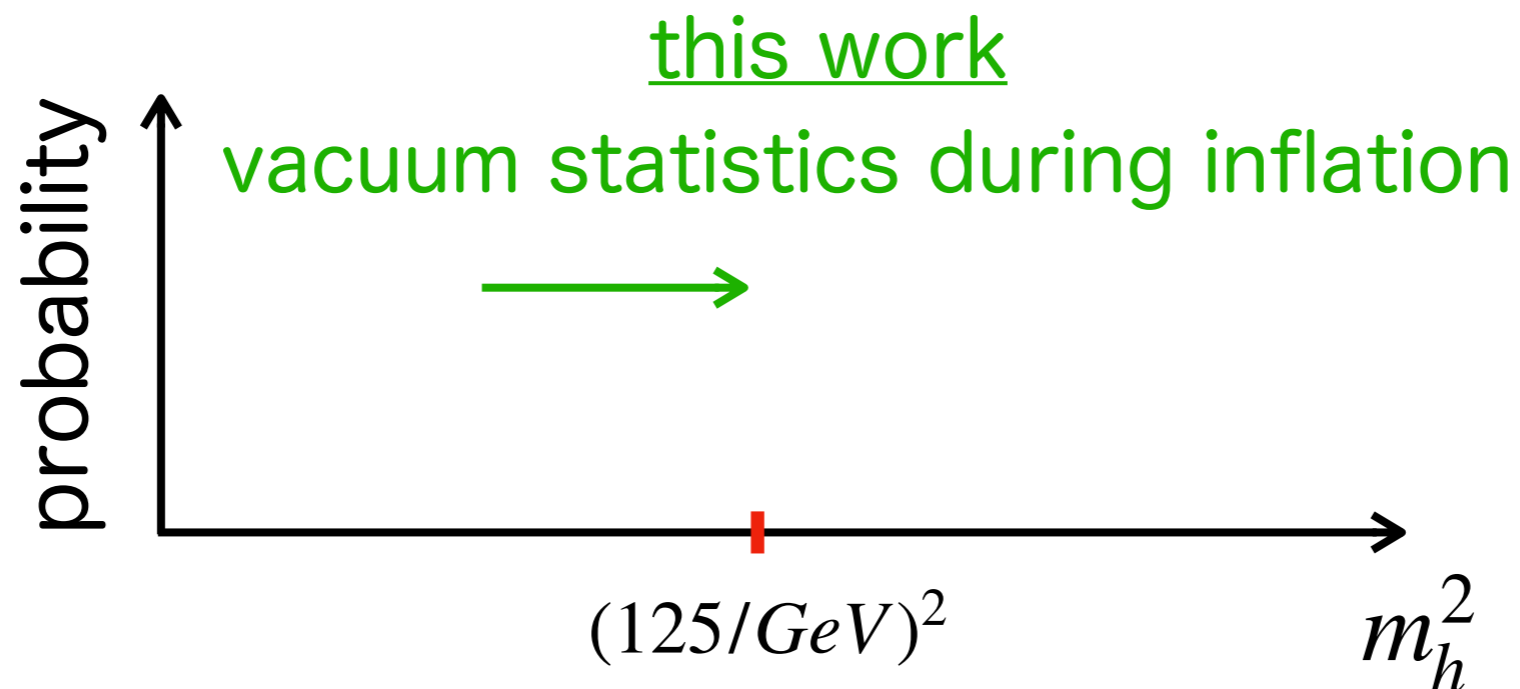
Graham, Kaplan, Rajendran 1504.07551
classical rolling of a scalar



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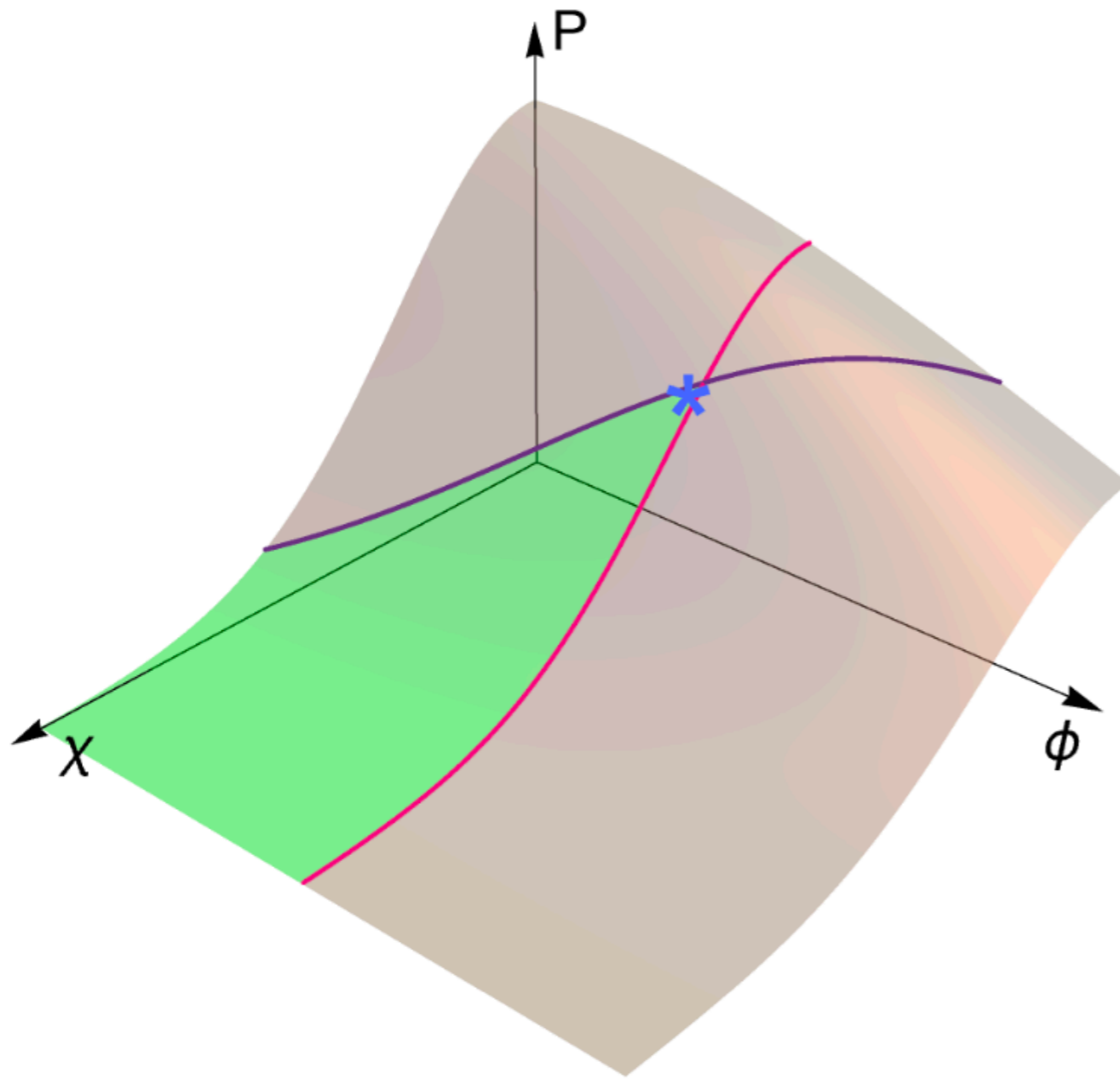
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- $\frac{m_P^4}{\Lambda_{cc}(obs)} \sim 10^{120}$
- most straightforward approach to the smallness of CC is landscape + anthropics
- dynamics of the two landscapes generically interfere hence it is natural to consider them together

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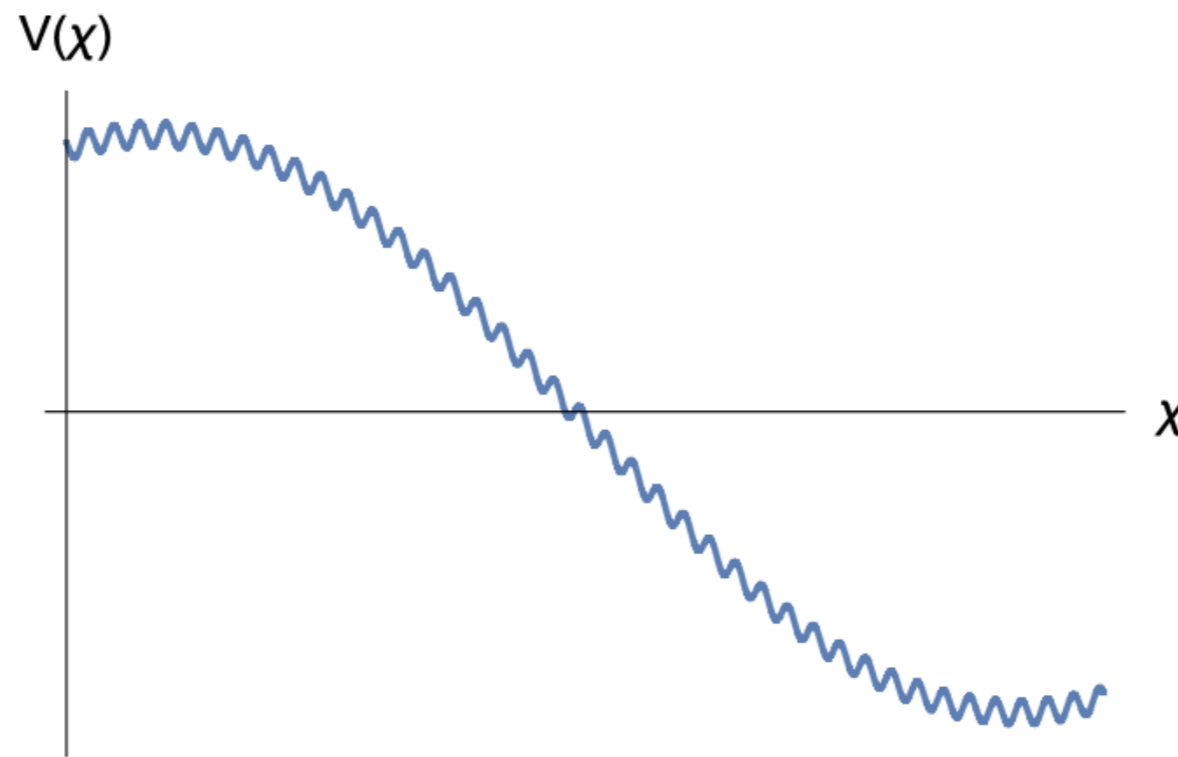
$$P \propto \exp[-\#\phi] \times \exp[-\#\chi]$$

$$m_h^2 \propto \phi$$

$$\Lambda_{cc} \propto \phi + \chi$$

Probability measures

What are the probabilities to observe different vacua?



$\chi \propto$ some fundamental parameter,
e.g. mH

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1. standard volume-weighted measure

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2. local measures

R. Bousso, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **97**, 191302 (2006), hep-th/0605263.

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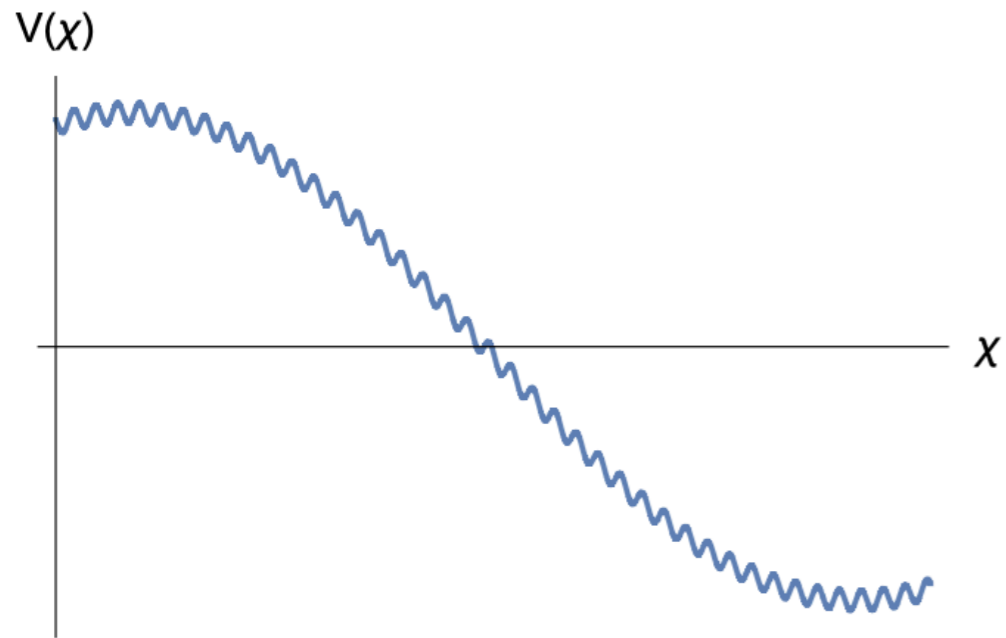
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*Youngness paradox: assumed to be solved by the
stationary measure prescription

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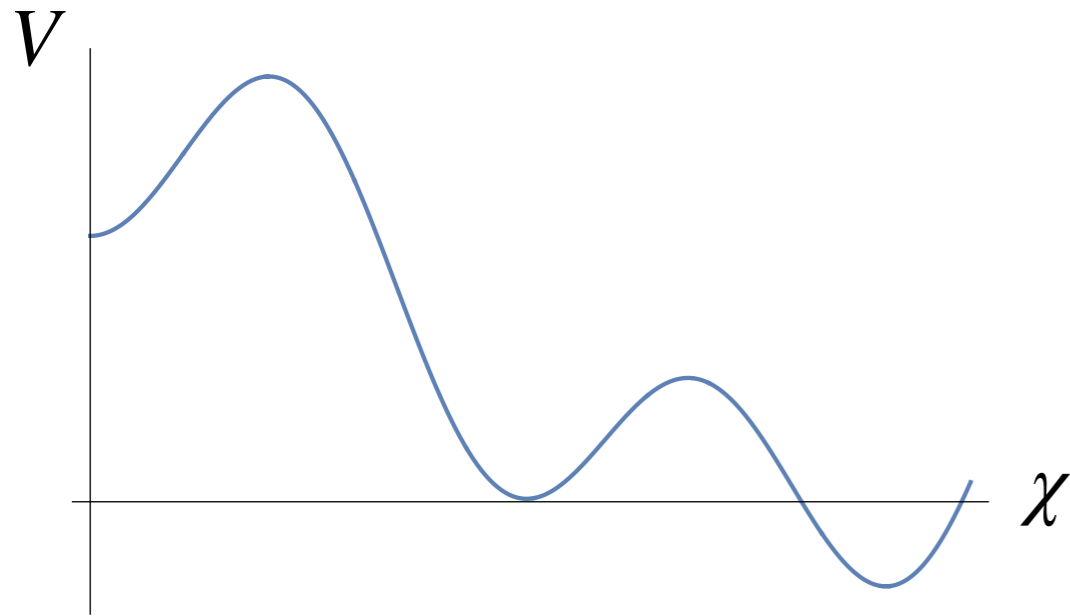
Probability gradients



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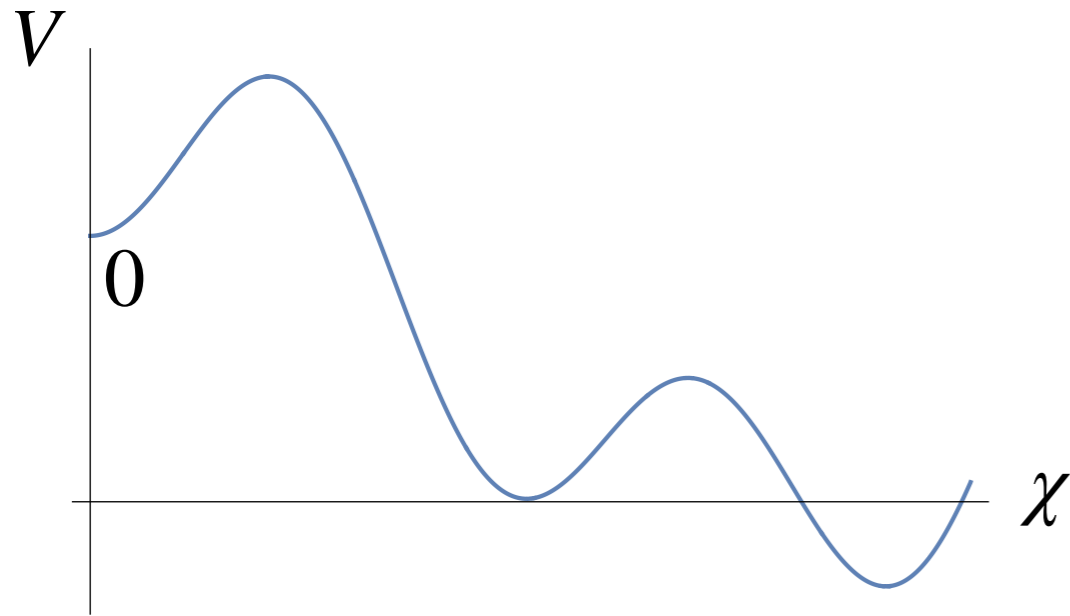
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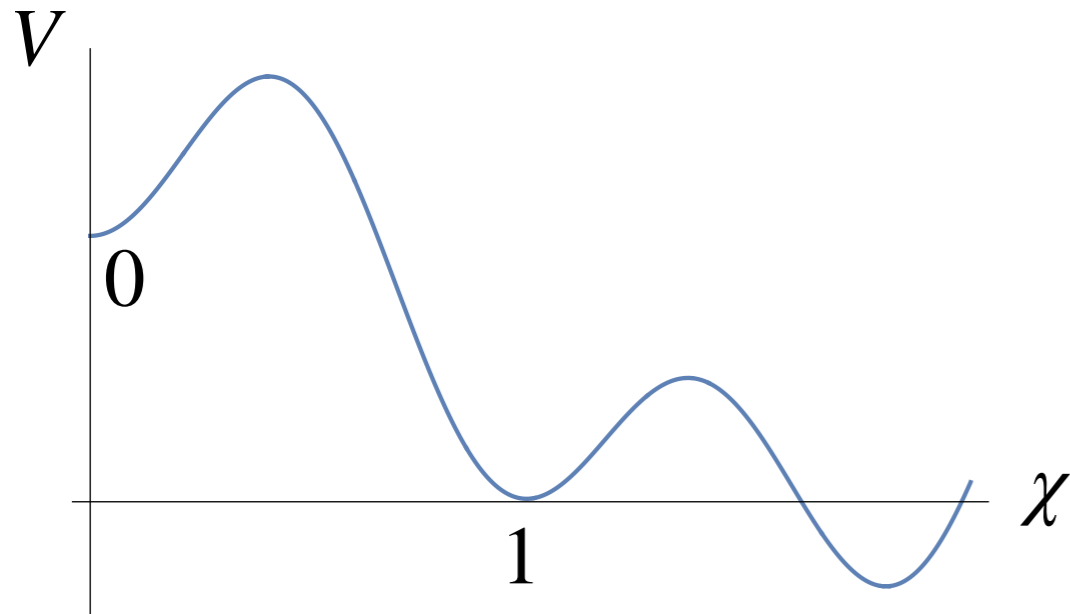
stationary inflation:

$$\dot{P}_0 \simeq 3H_0 P_0 \quad \longrightarrow$$

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- Lower vacuum:

$$\dot{P}_1 \simeq 3H_1 P_1 + P_0 \Gamma_{0 \rightarrow 1} \longrightarrow$$

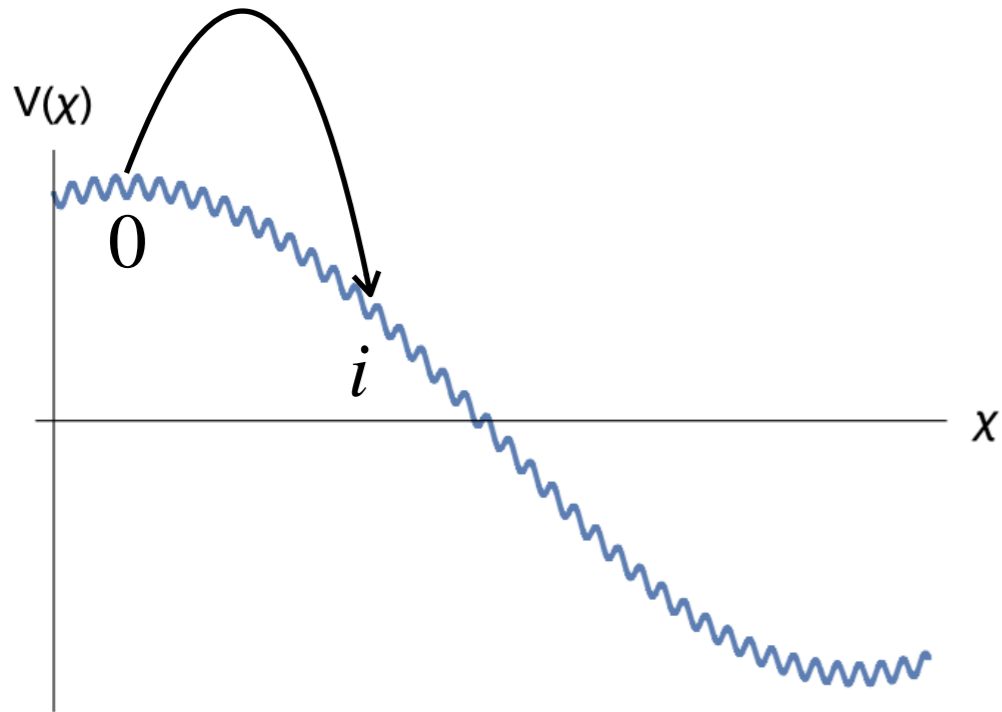
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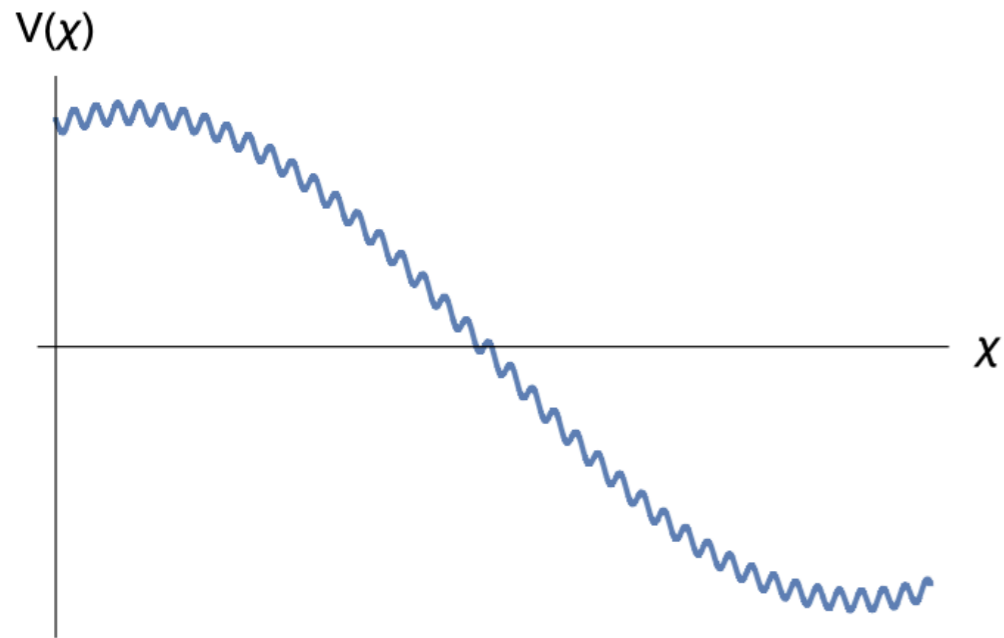
$$P_i = \left[\prod_{j=1}^i \frac{\Gamma_{\downarrow}}{3(H_0 - H_j)} \right] C_0 e^{3H_0 t}$$

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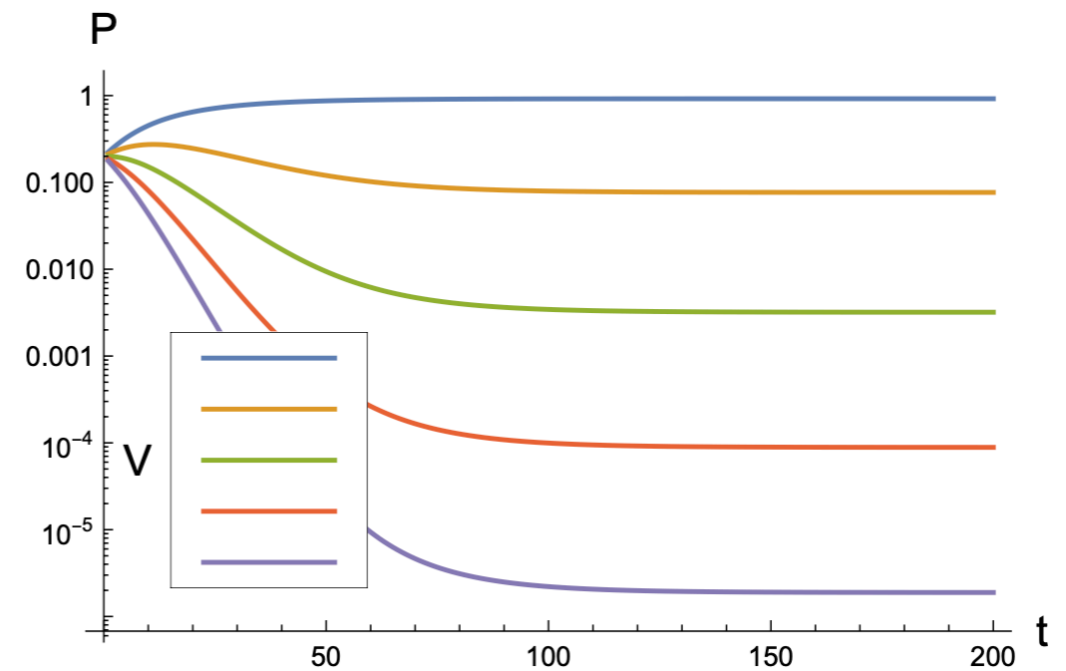
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numeric evol.



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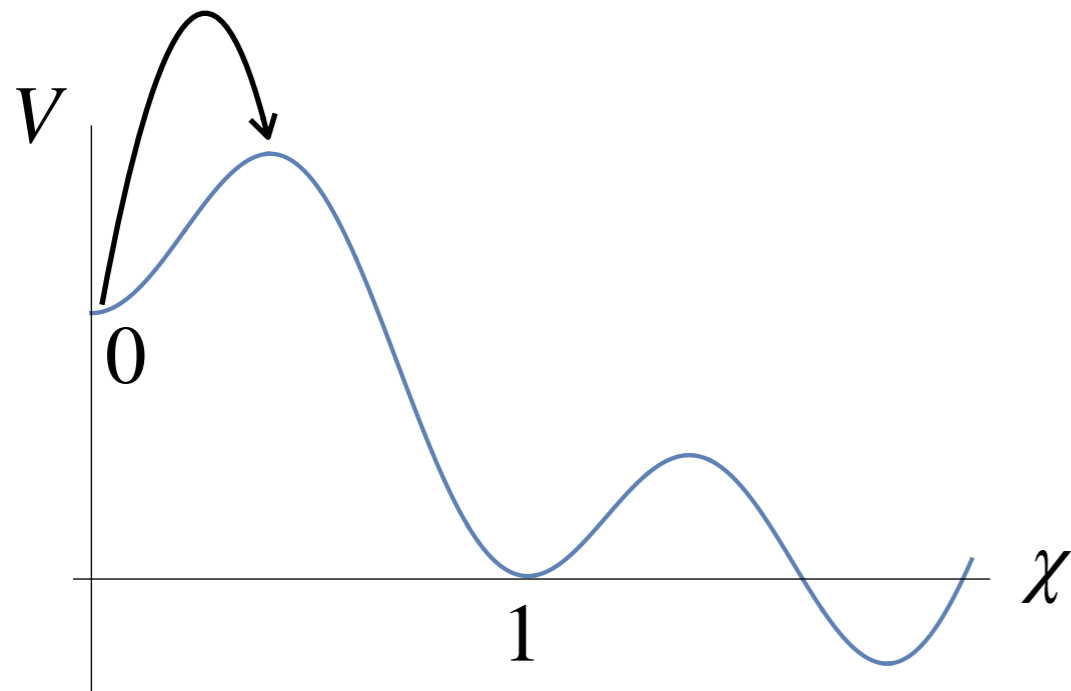
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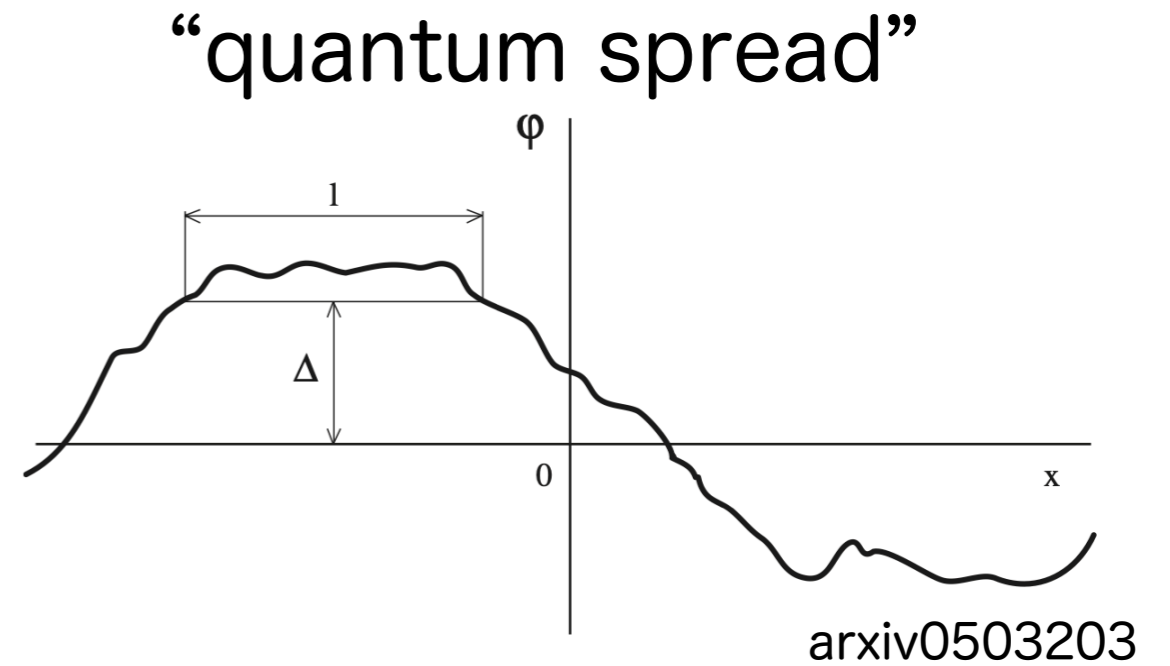
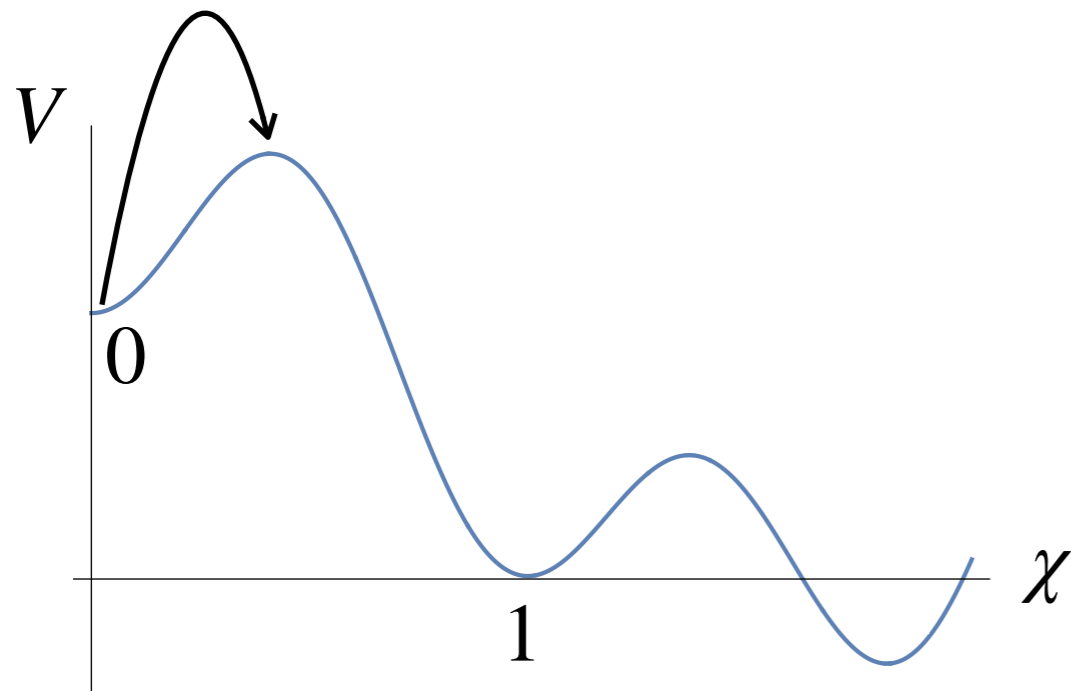


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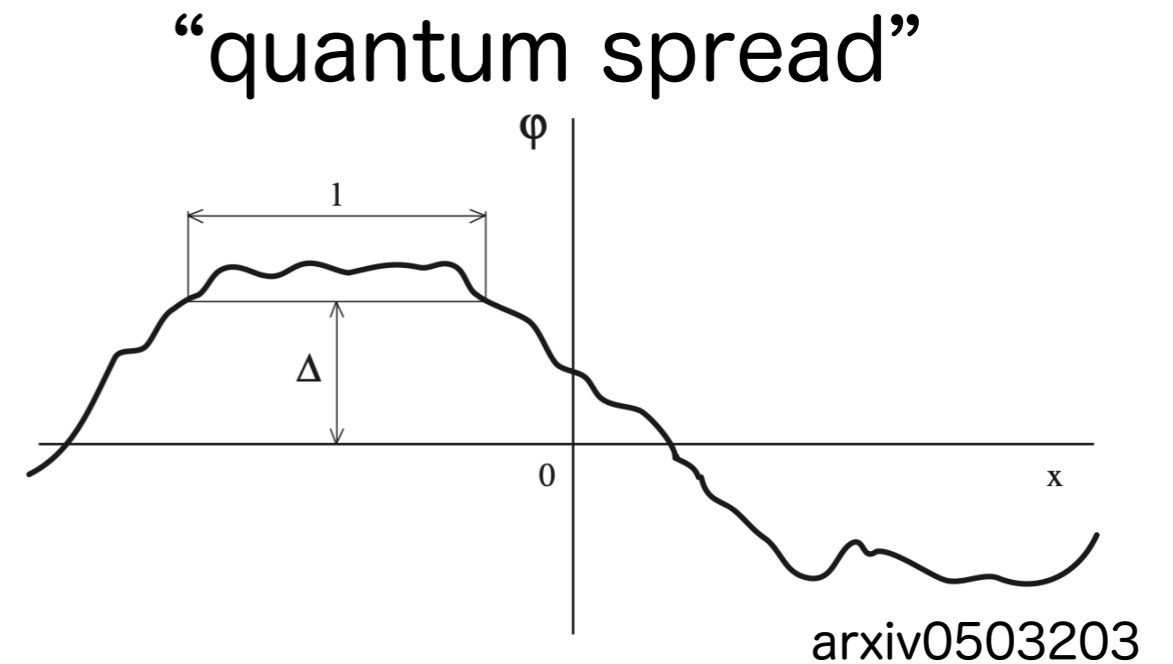
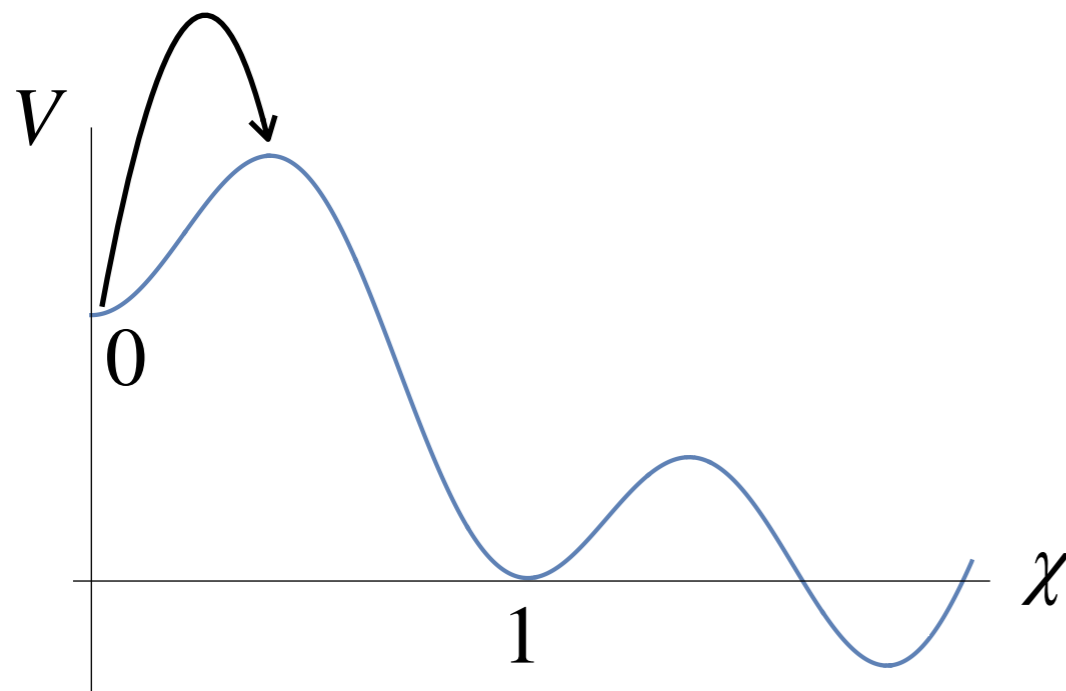
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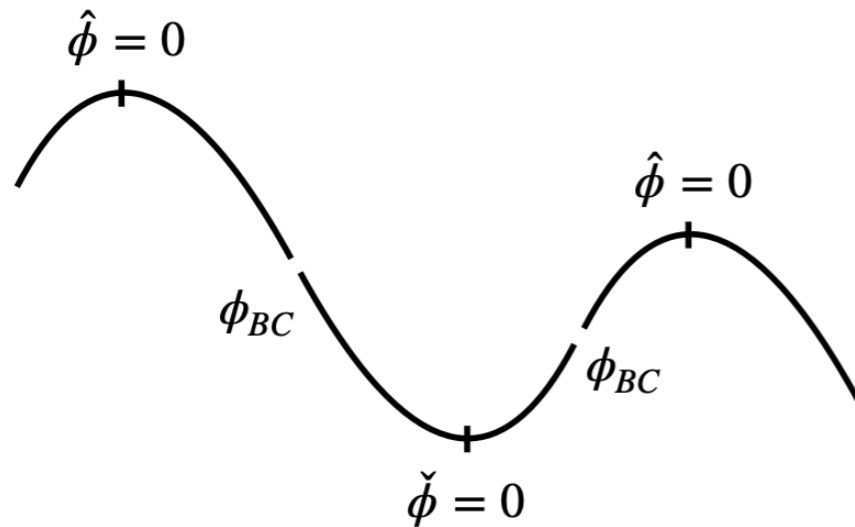


$$P(\chi_i) \rightarrow P(\chi)$$

$$\dot{P} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \left(\frac{H^{3(1-\beta)}}{8\pi^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} (H^{3\beta} P) \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \left(\frac{V'}{3H} P \right) + 3HP$$

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$$V = \Lambda + \frac{1}{2}m^2\phi^2$$

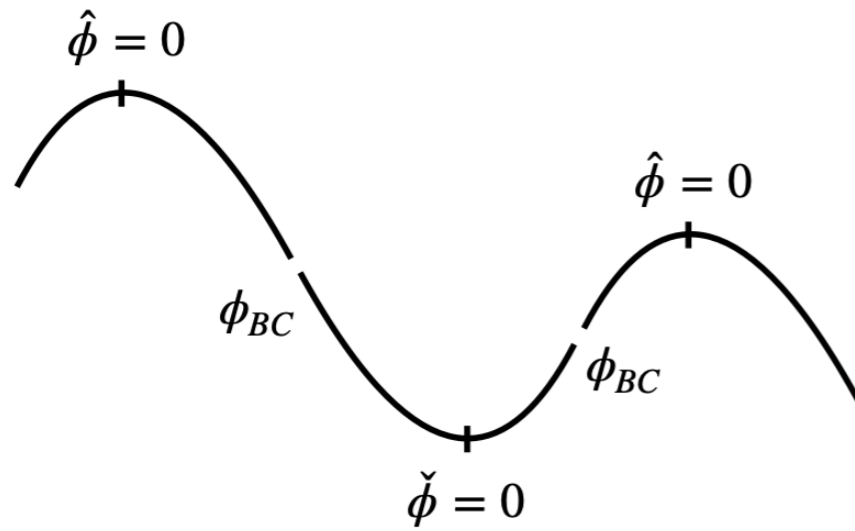
general solution:

$$P_\nu = \exp[-A\phi^2] \{ \mathbf{c}_+ D_\nu [B\phi] + \mathbf{c}_- D_\nu [-B\phi] \}$$

eigenmodes of $\nu \propto -H_s^2 + \dots$

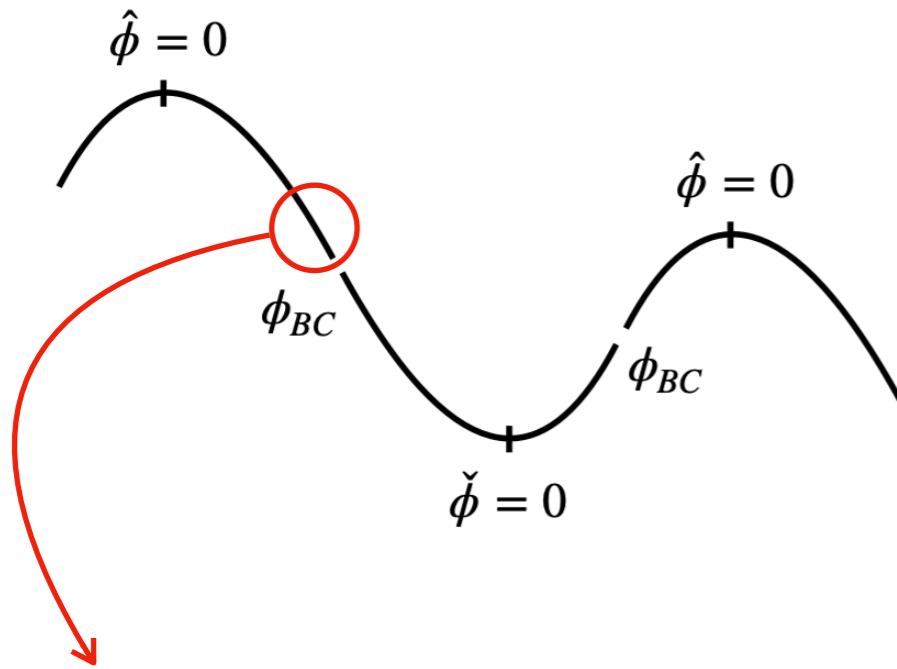
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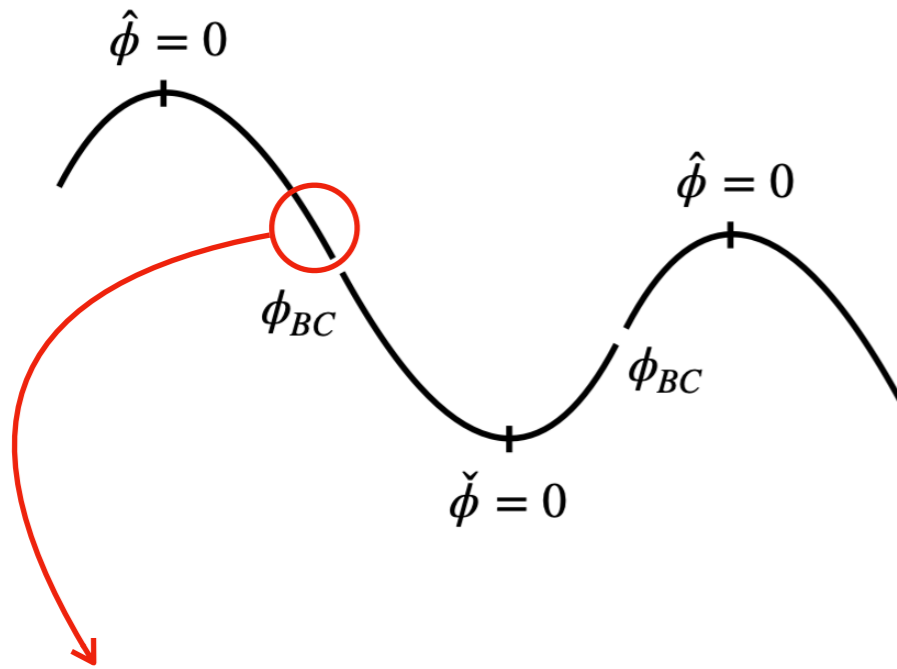
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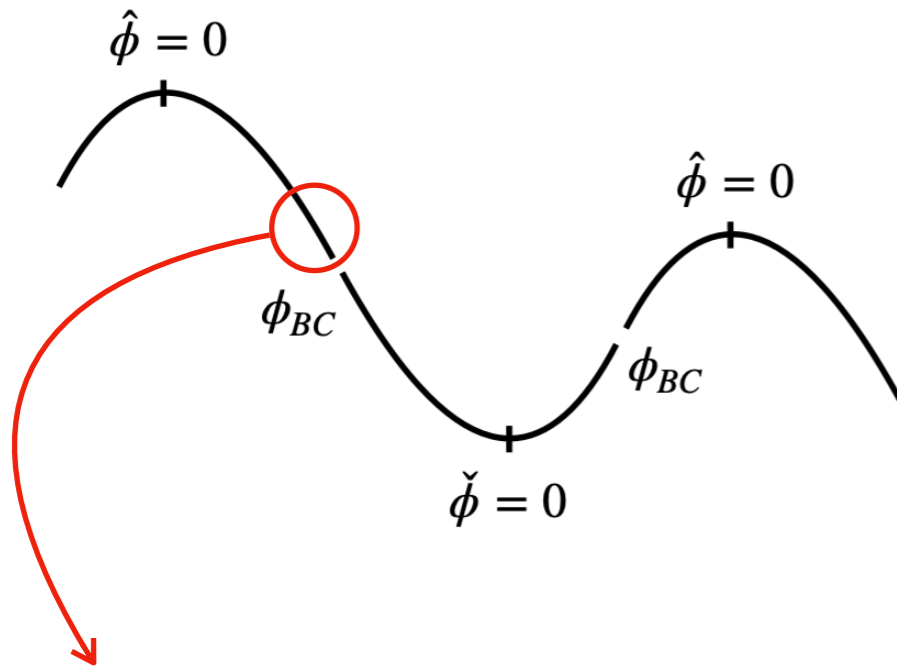
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$$B\phi \rightarrow \infty$$

$$(B\phi)^2 \propto \frac{8\pi^2}{3} \frac{\Delta V_B}{H^4}$$

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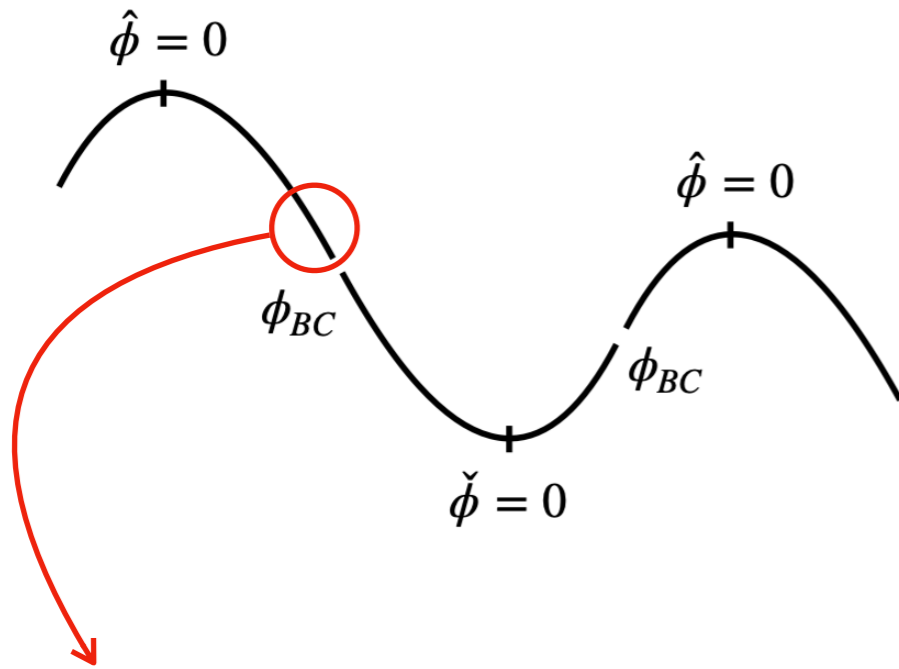
P and P' not tunable unless

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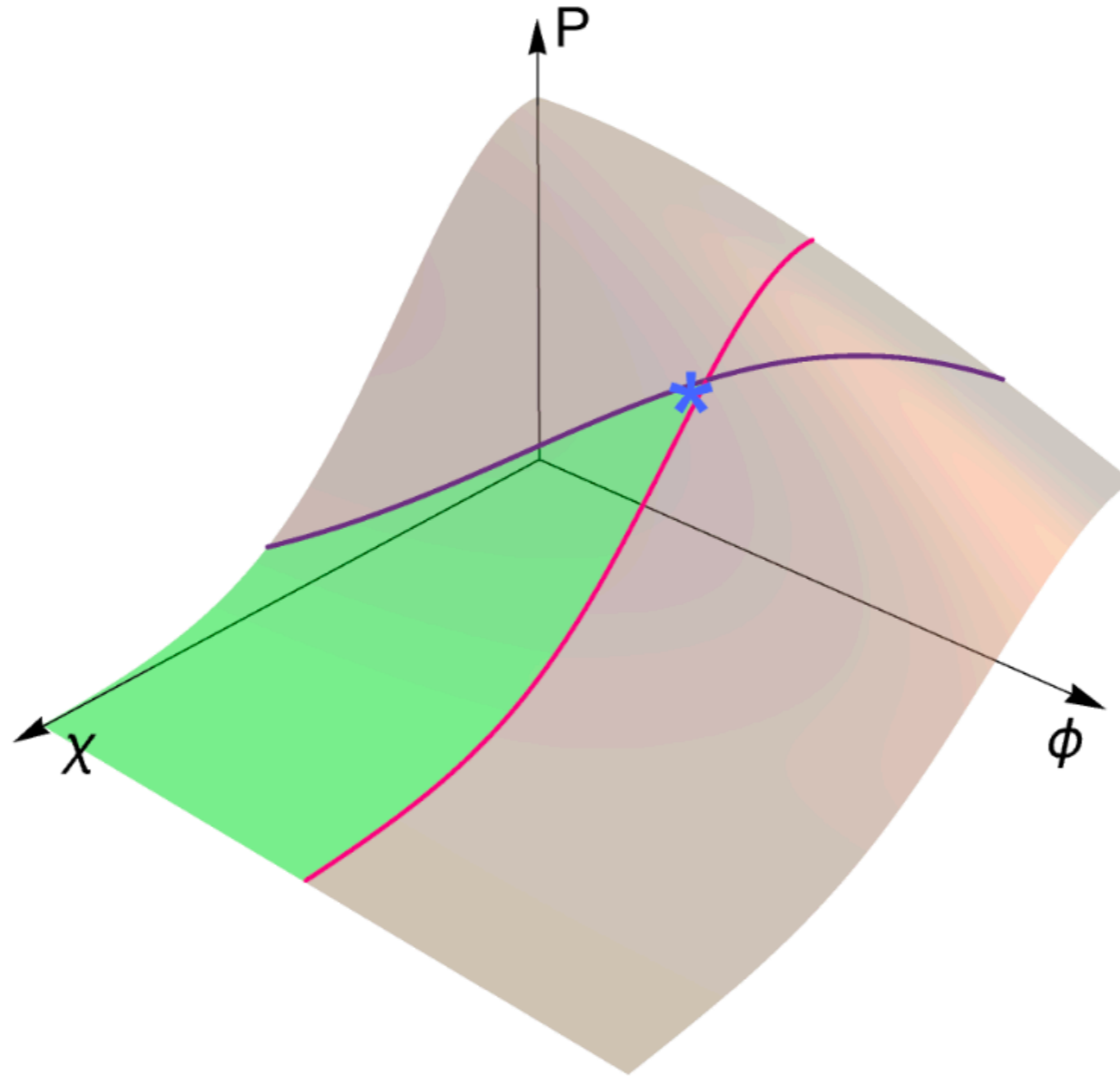
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$$\frac{\check{P}_{i+1}(0)}{\check{P}_i(0)} \simeq \frac{\Gamma[-\hat{\nu}_i] \Gamma[-\check{\nu}_{i+1}]}{2\pi} |B\phi_{BC}|^{2(\check{\nu}_i + \hat{\nu}_i + 1)} e^{-\frac{8\pi^2}{3} \frac{\Delta V_B}{H^4} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)} \quad \left(\epsilon \sim \frac{H^4}{m_p^2 m^2} \right)$$

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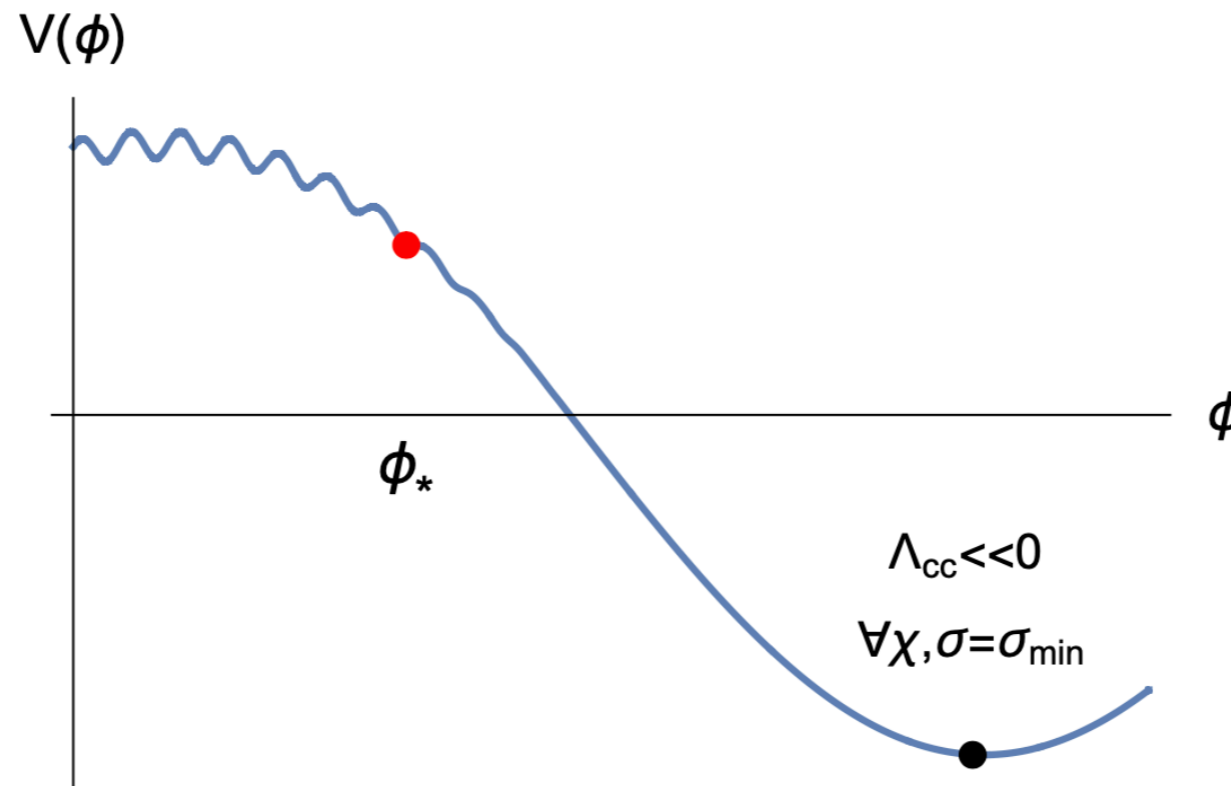
We got the gradients



We need to scan mH and introduce the boundaries

mH and CC from gradients & boundaries

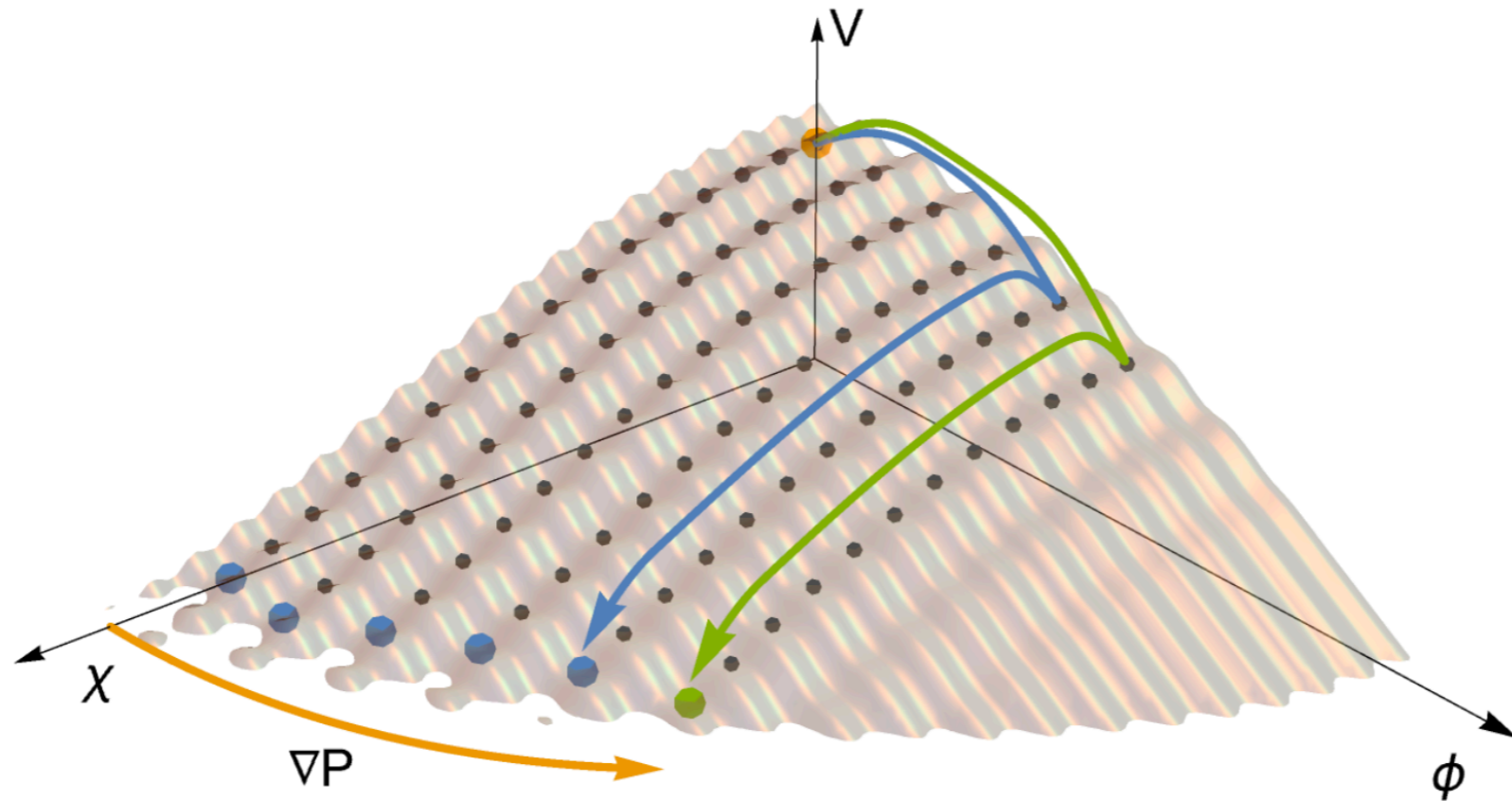
Higgs-VEV dependent critical boundary



$$V(\phi, h) = M_\phi^4 \cos \phi / F_\phi - c_1 M_\phi^2 h^2 \cos \phi / F_\phi - c_2 M_\phi^2 h^2 + \frac{1}{4} \lambda_h h^4 + \mu_\phi^2 h^2 \cos \phi / f_\phi$$

$$m_h^2 \simeq -2c_2 M_\phi^2 - 2c_1 M_\phi^2 \cos \phi / F_\phi$$

mH and CC from gradients & boundaries



factorization:

$$P(\phi, \chi) \simeq P(\phi) P(\chi)$$

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$$\frac{P_{\bullet\text{green}}}{P_{\bullet\text{blue}}} \sim \frac{\Gamma_{\phi}}{\Gamma_{\chi}} \gg 1$$

Armadillo

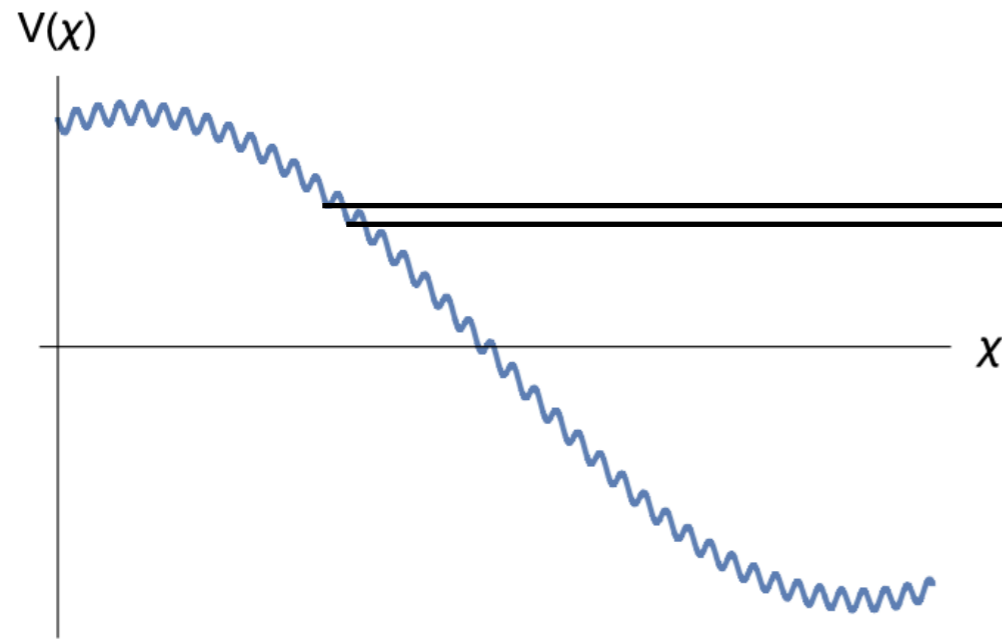


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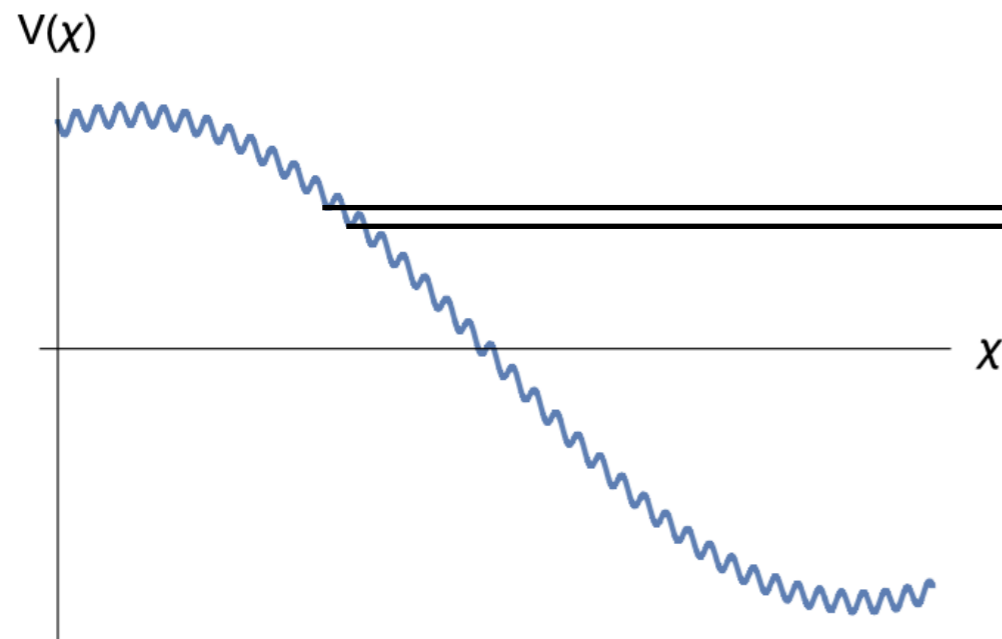
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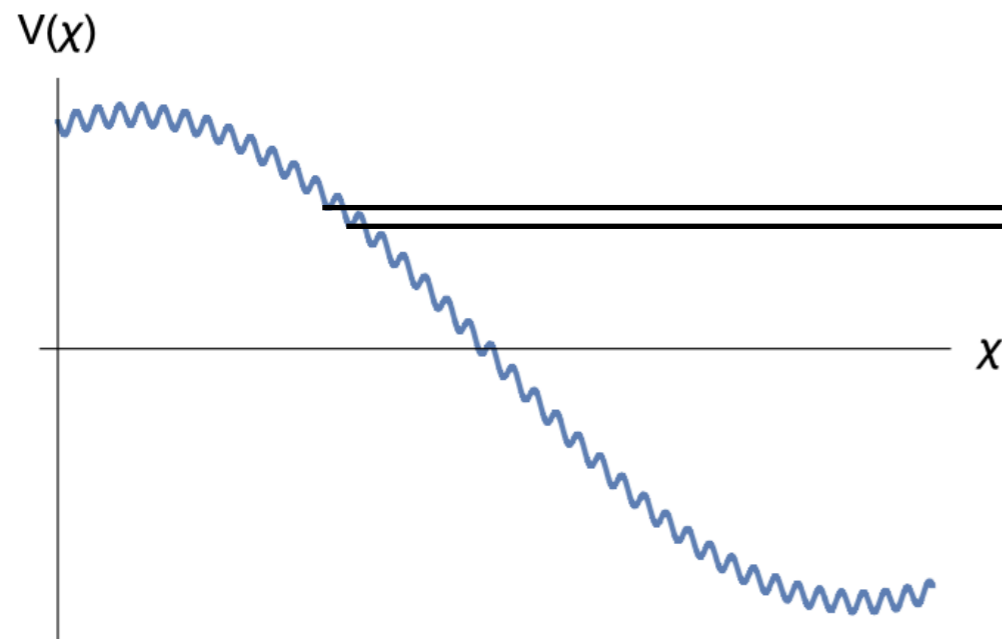
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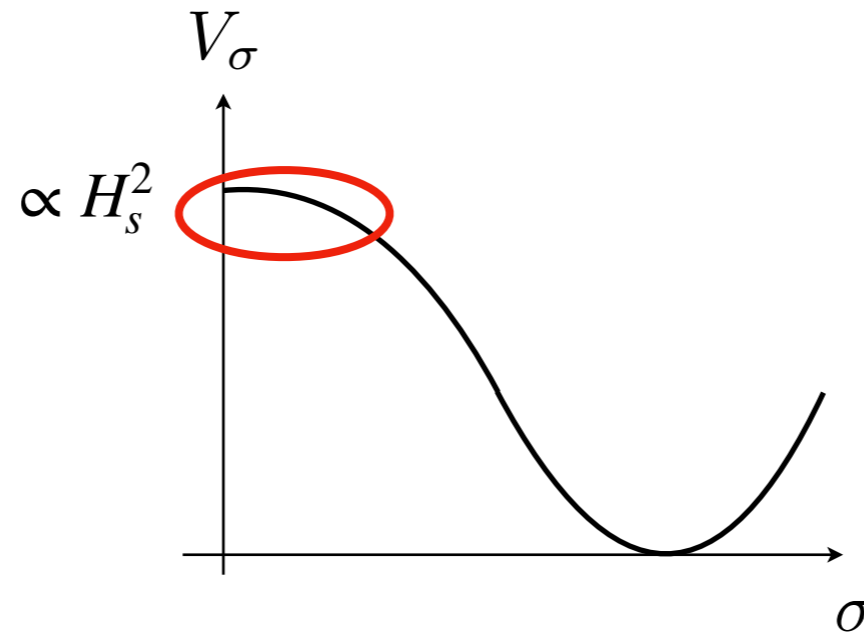
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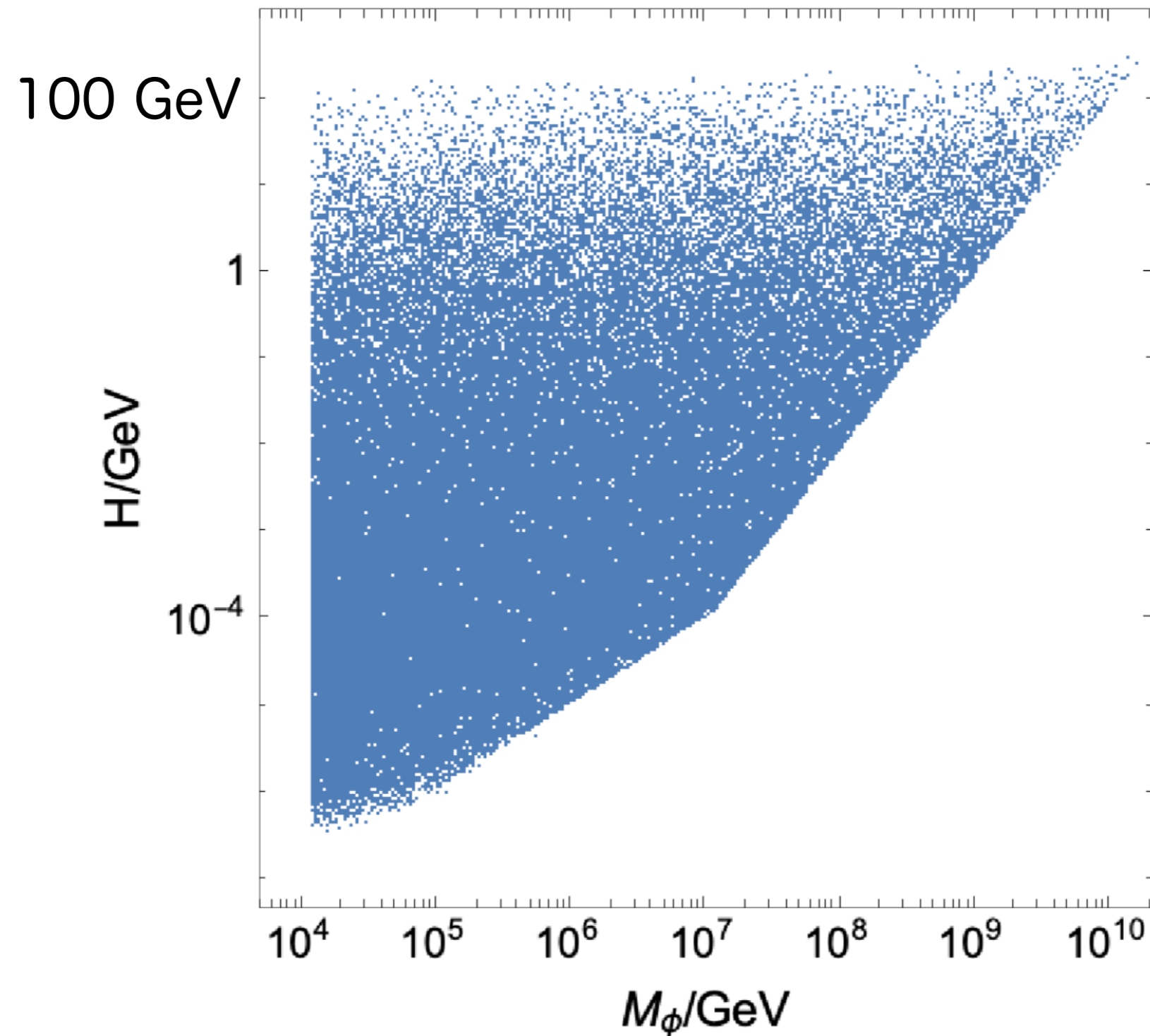
Slow-roll inflation



We assume some slow-roll inflation in the background, responsible for eternal inflation at a scale H_s

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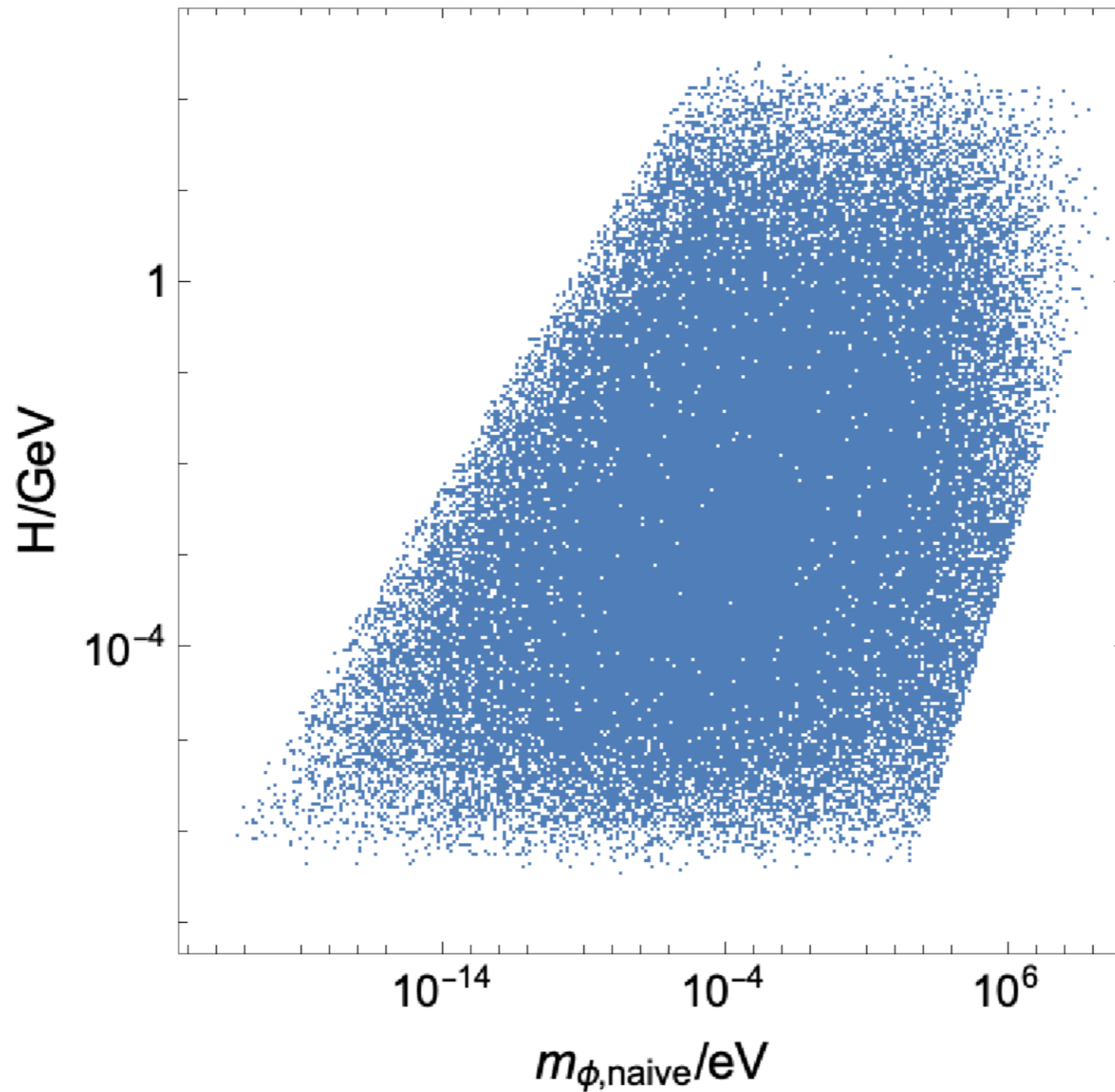
Parameter space



where EW physics is

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- Hierarchical suppression over ϕ landscape requires

$$\Gamma_\phi \sim \exp\left[-\frac{8\pi^2}{3} \frac{\Delta V_B}{H^4}\right] \ll 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad H \lesssim \Delta V_B^{1/4} \sim \sqrt{\mu_\phi v_{SM}} \lesssim v_{sm}$$

I'm too restrictive here!

- Landscape energy contribution is subdominant in H_s

$$M_\phi \lesssim \sqrt{m_P H} \lesssim \sqrt{m_P v_{sm}}$$

Local measures

Motivation

Extrapolation of black hole complementarity to inflationary space.

The physically meaningful description of the universe should be confined to a region of space accessible to some hypothetical observer.

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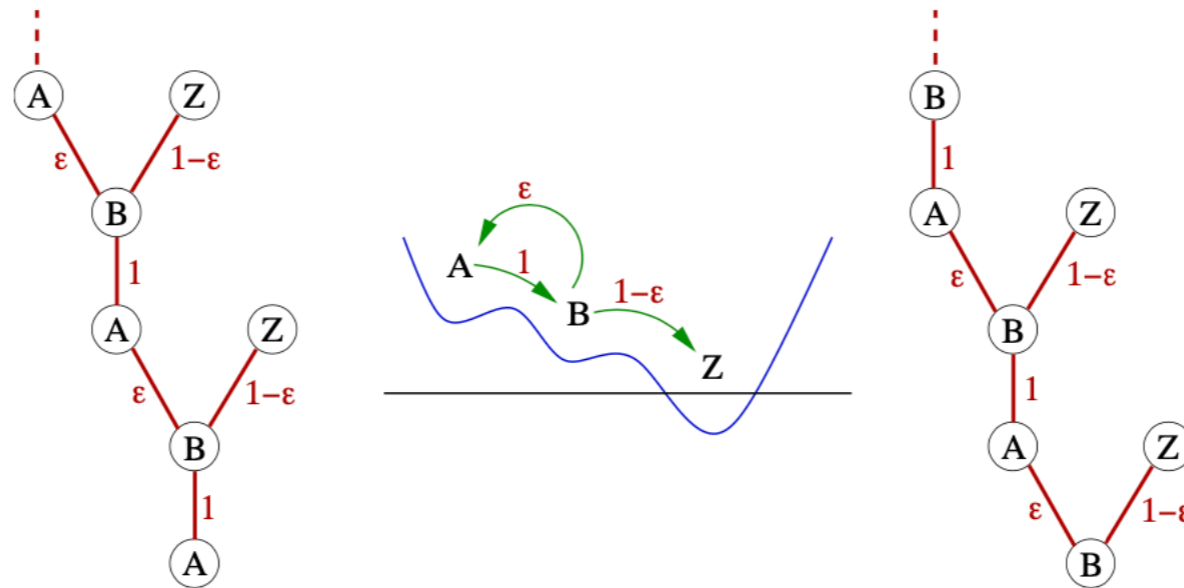
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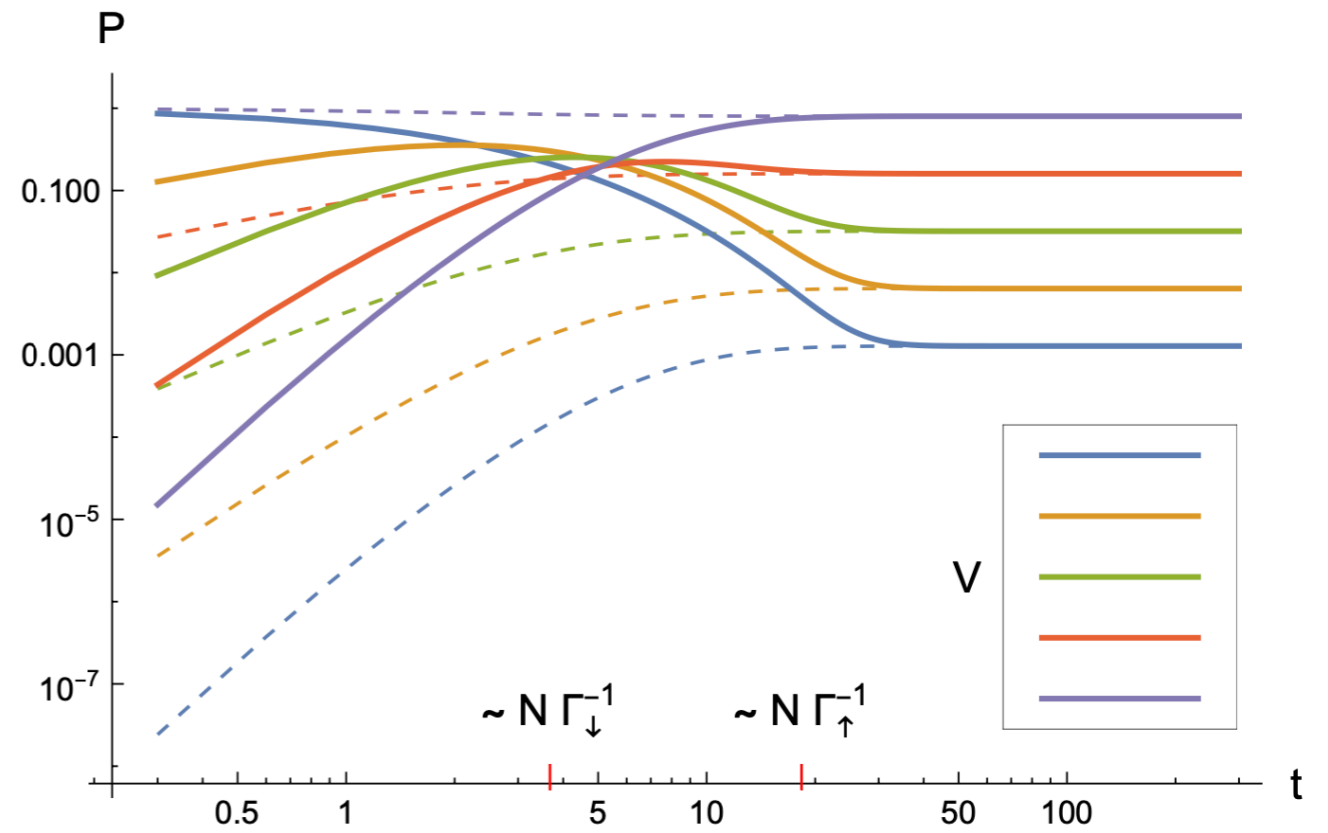
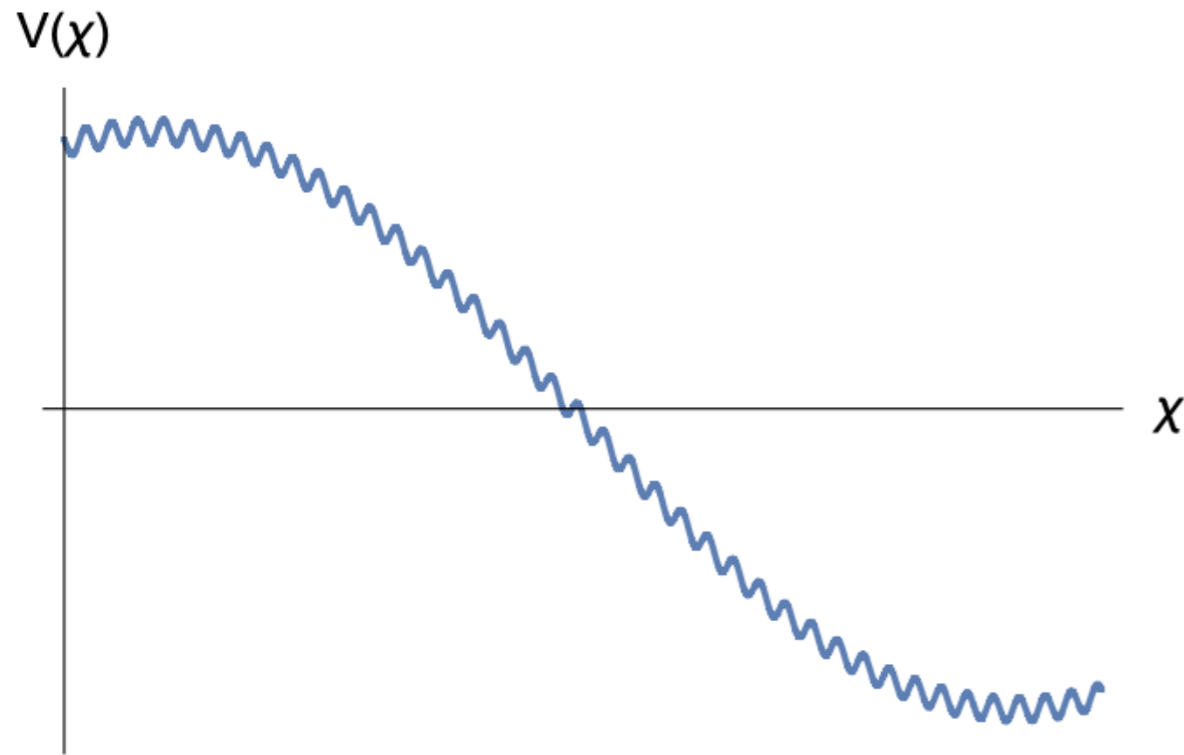
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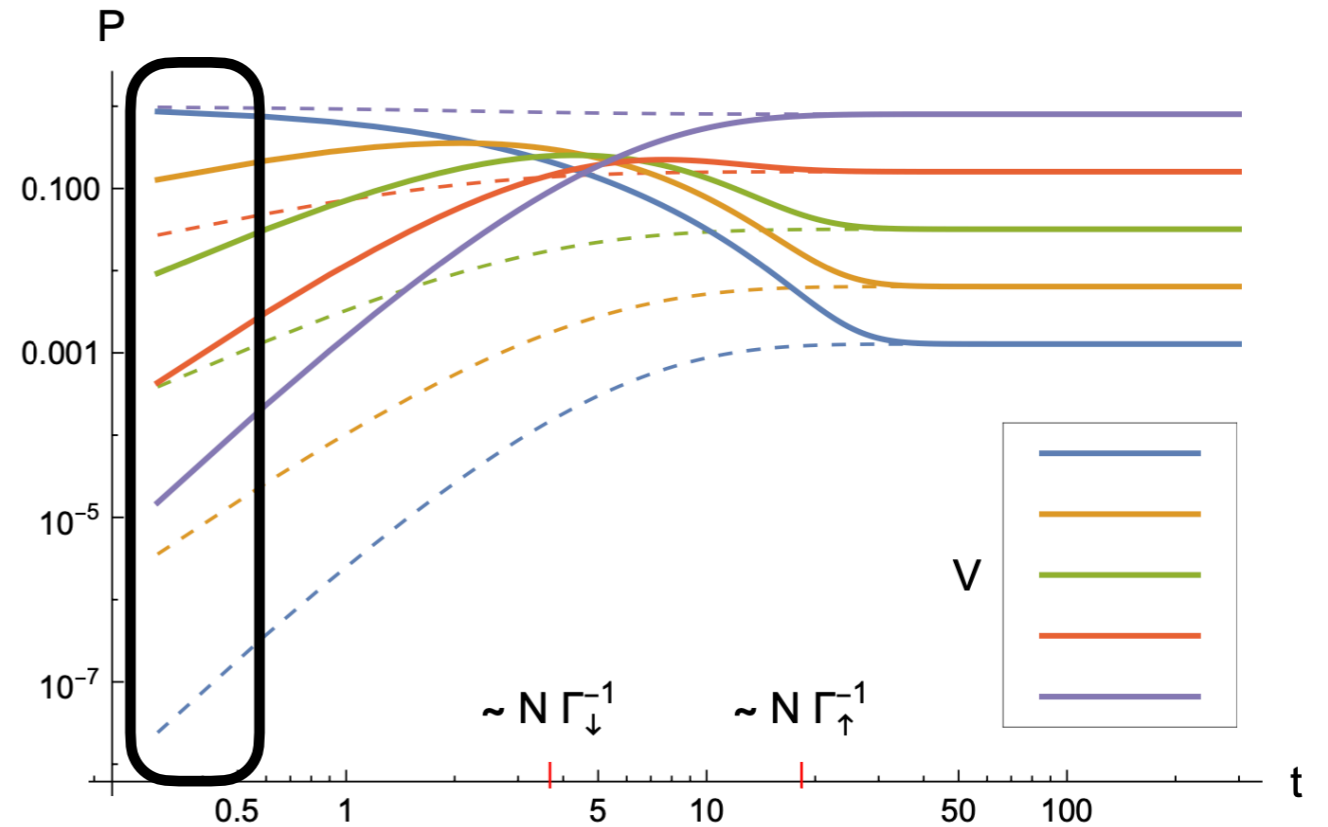
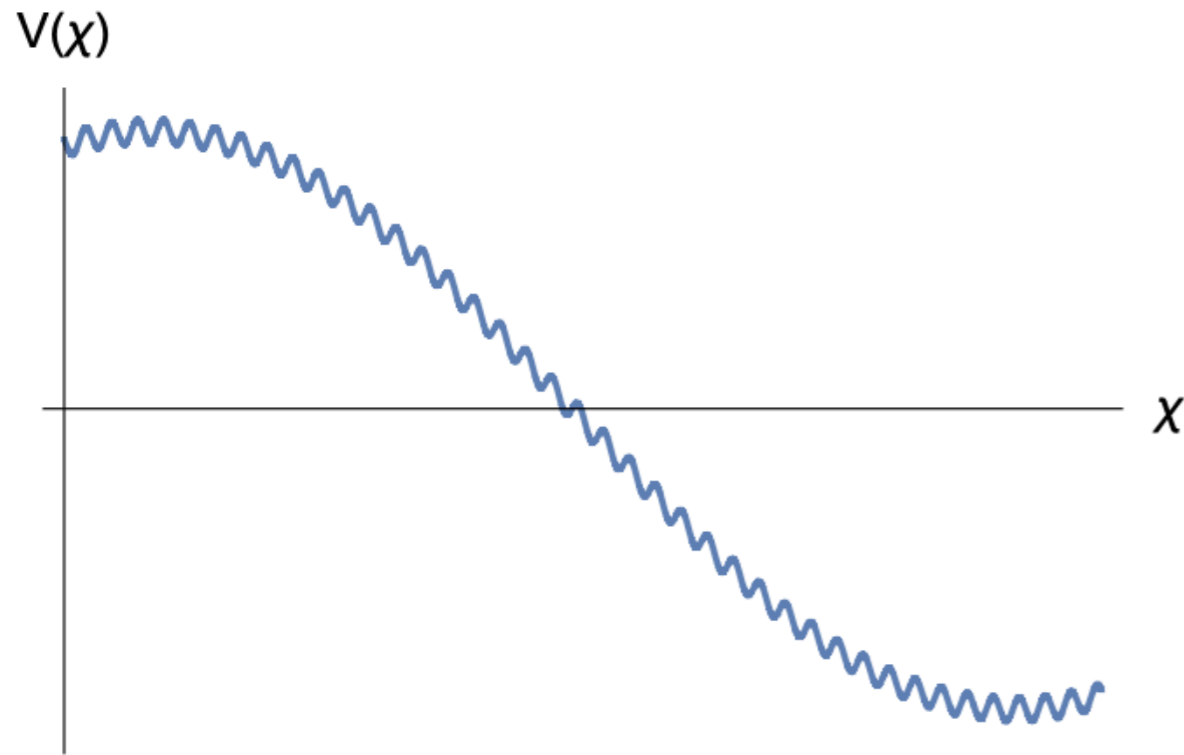
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1. Dominated by initial conditions

e.g. “quantum creation of the universe”

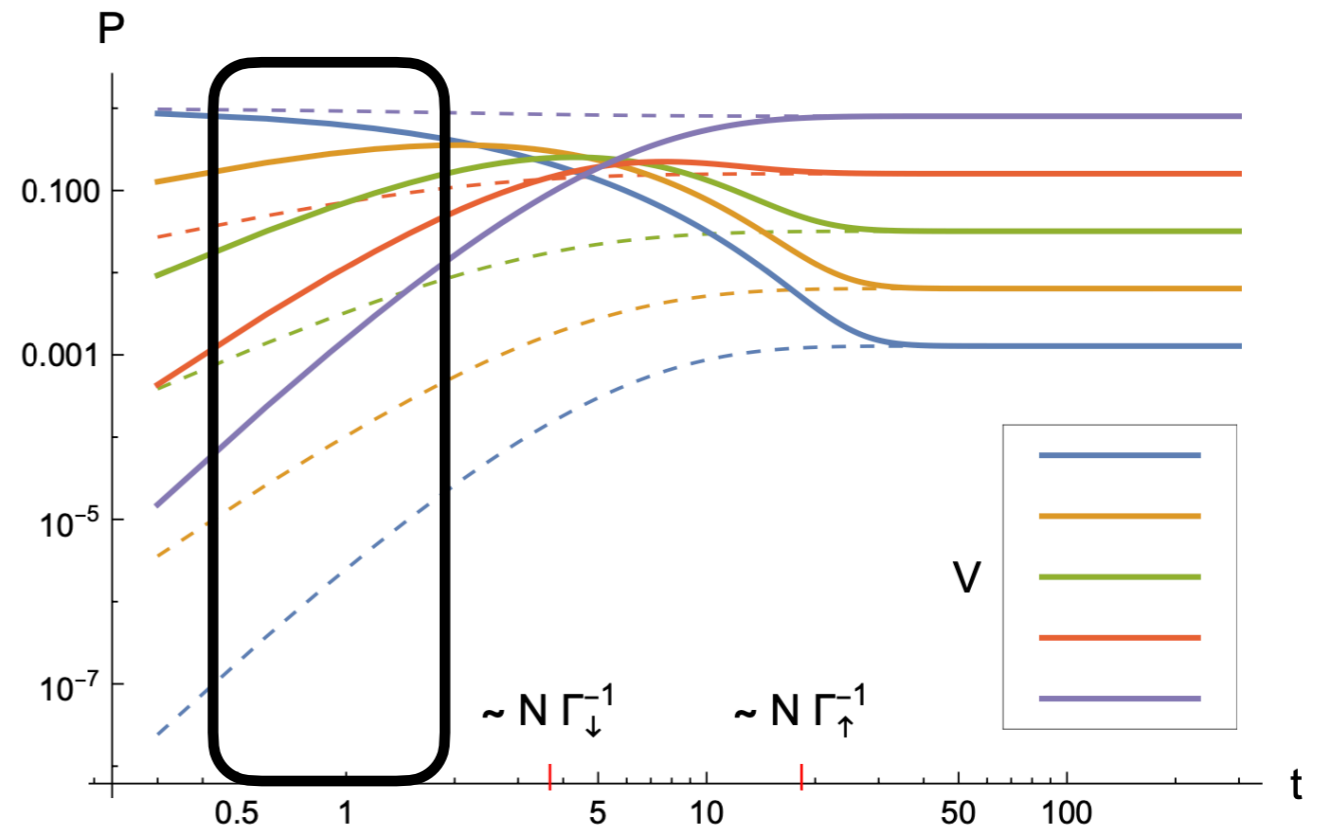
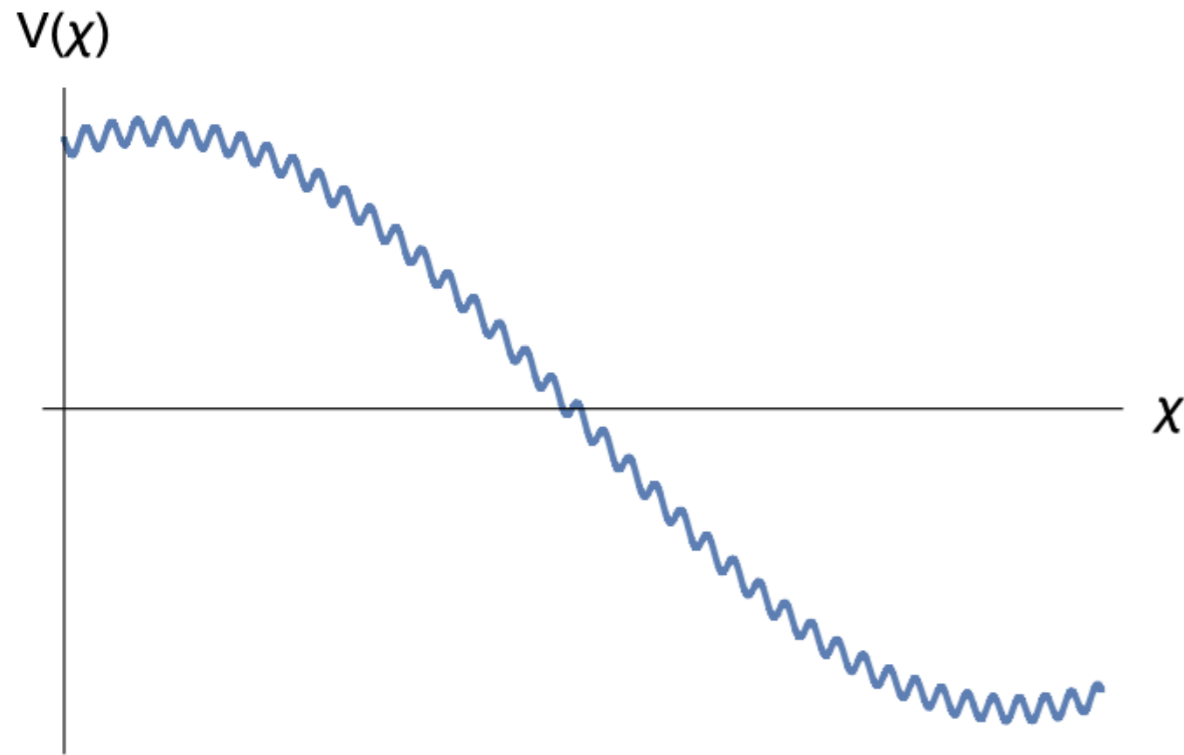
$$P(t = 0) \propto \exp \left[-\frac{3}{8} \frac{m_P^4}{V(\chi)} \right] \propto \exp \left[\frac{8\pi^2}{3} \frac{V(\chi)}{H^4} \right]$$

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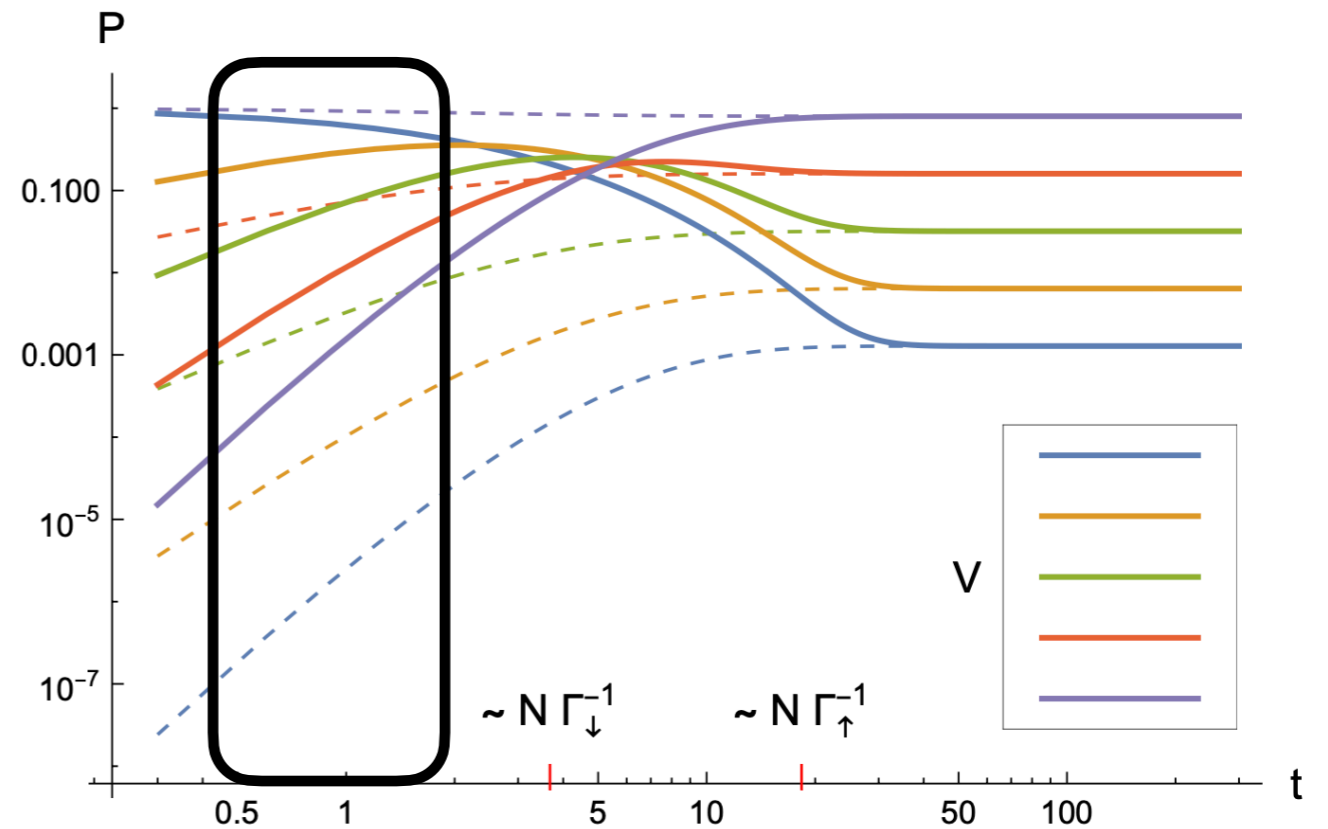
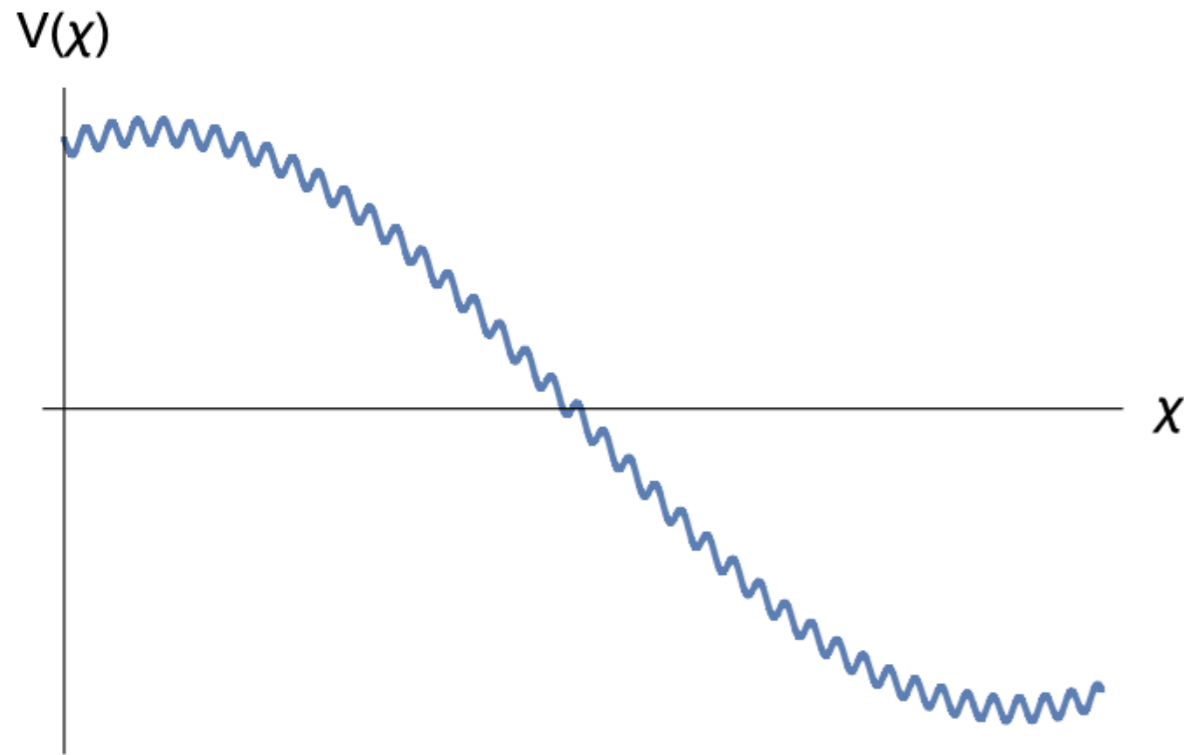


2. I.C. + Dynamics

$$P = \exp[\kappa t] P_{t=0}, \text{ with } \kappa_{ij} = \Gamma_{j \rightarrow i} - \delta_{ij} \sum_k \Gamma_{j \rightarrow k}$$

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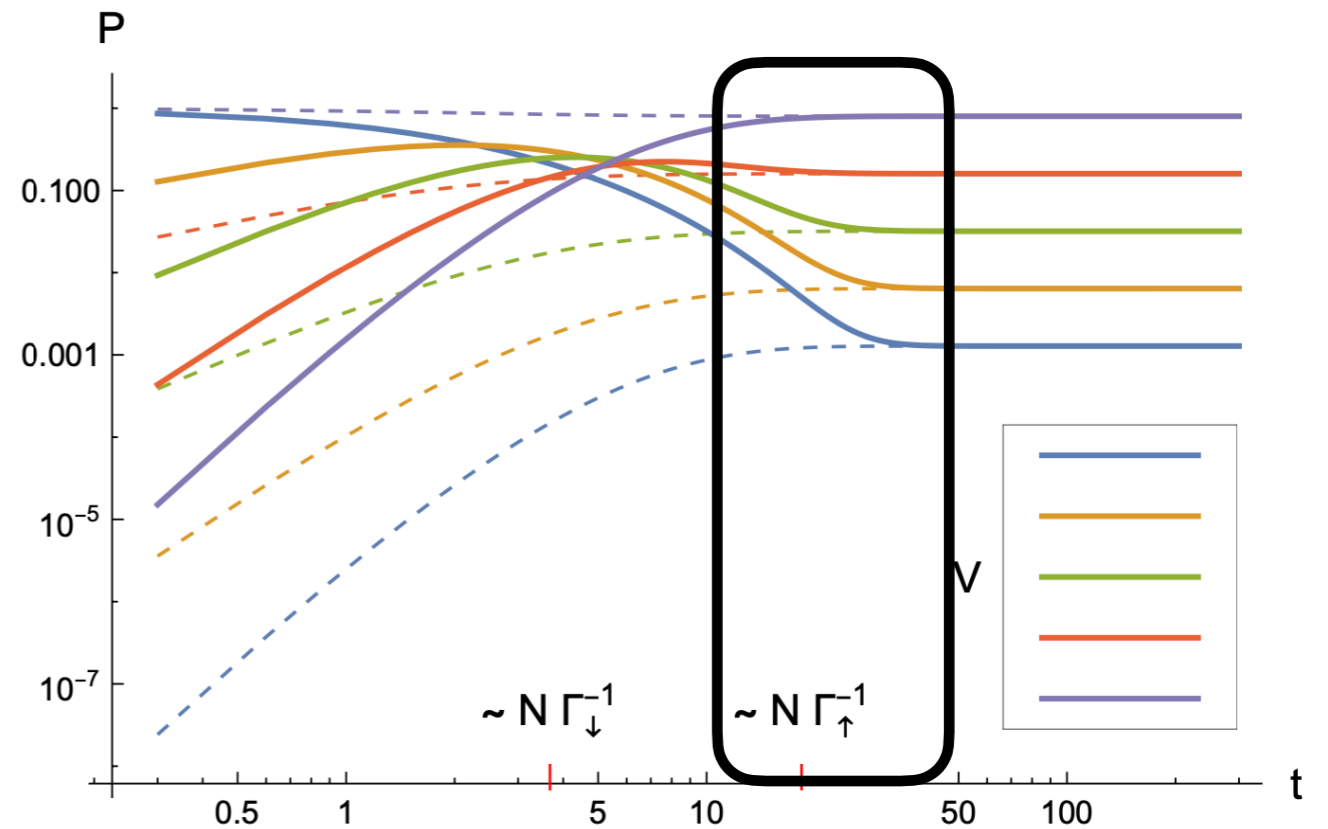
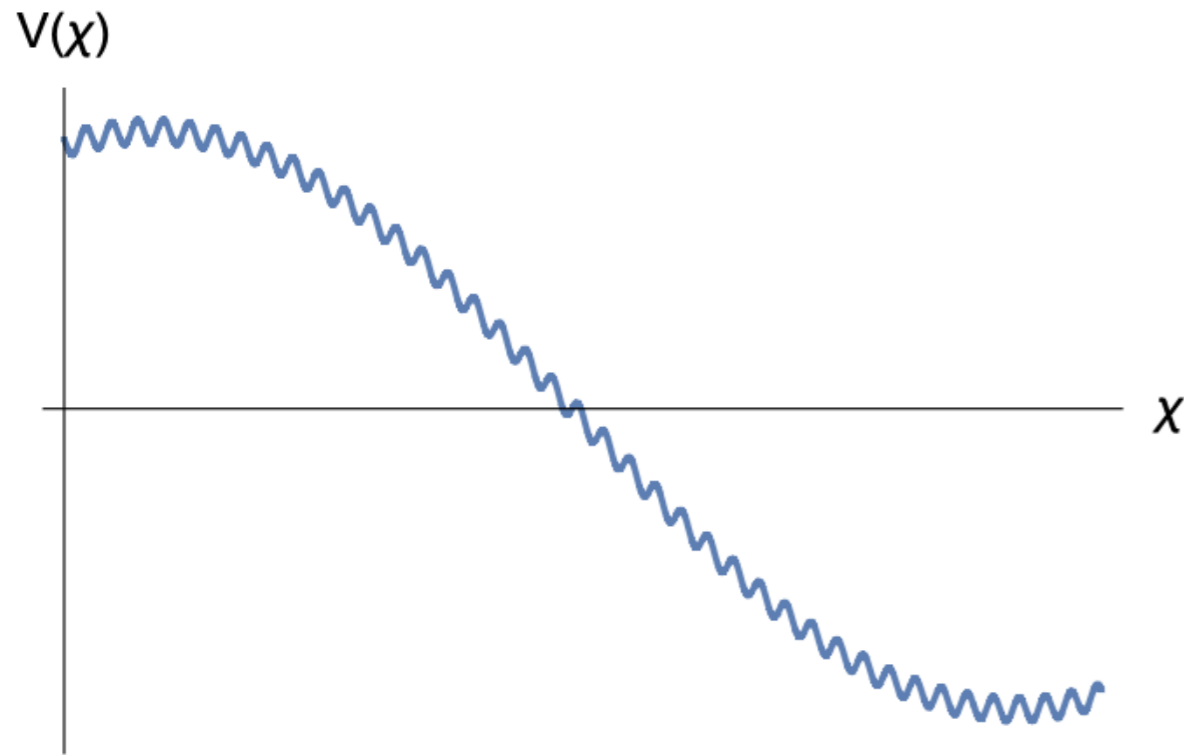


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$$P_i \simeq \frac{1}{i!} (\kappa t)^i P_{t=0} \simeq \frac{1}{i!} (\Gamma_{\downarrow} t)^i$$

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3. Equilibrium independent of I.C.
(if no sinks)

$$P_i \propto \exp \left[\frac{3}{8} \frac{m_P^4}{V(\chi_i)} \right] \propto \exp \left[-\frac{8\pi^2}{3} \frac{V(\chi_i)}{H^4} \right]$$

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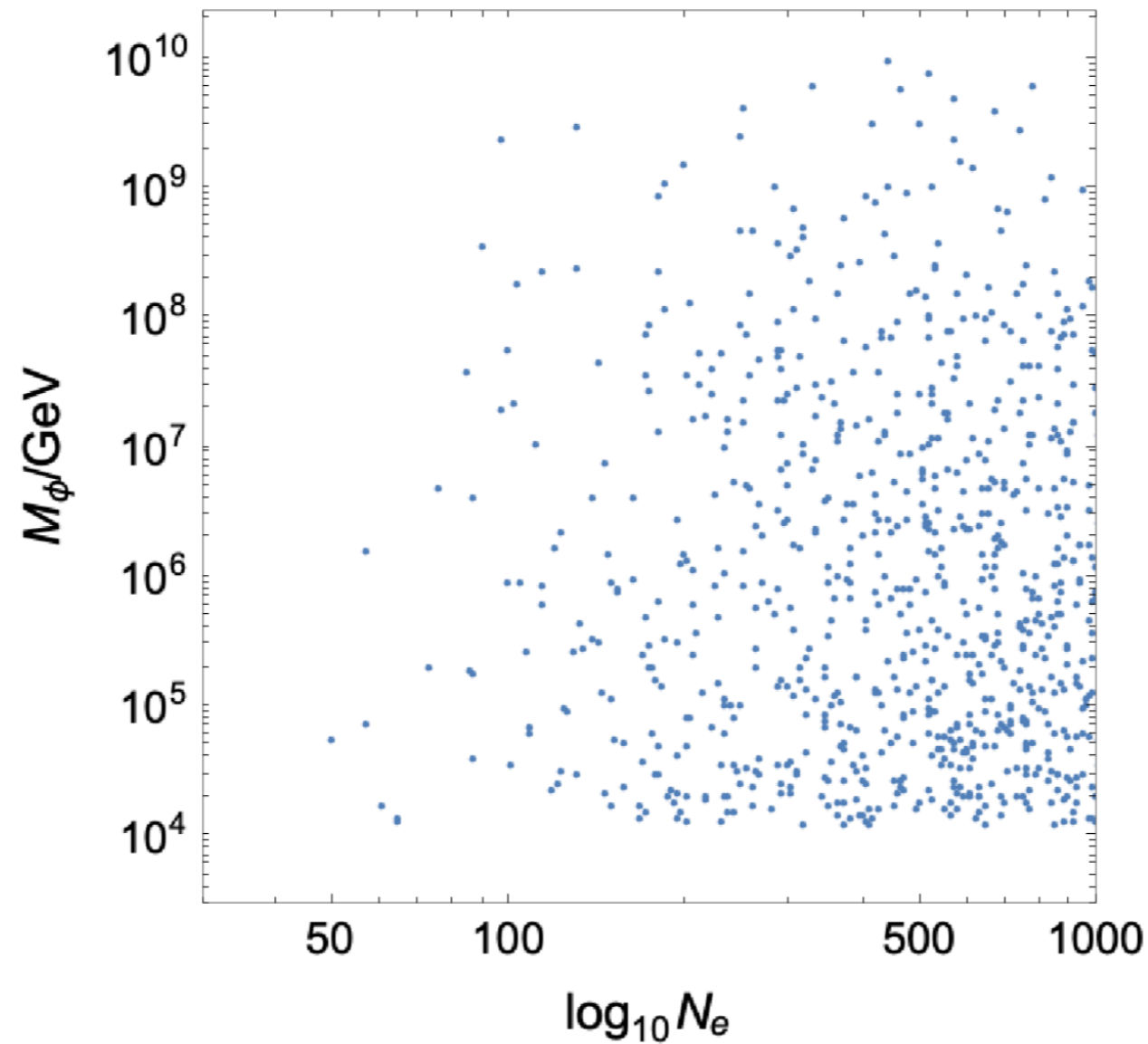
3 regimes, end of slow-roll picks the time of sampling.

Regime 2 has no probability-vacuum energy degeneracy.

* Although the degeneracy can be broken e.g. by changing slope after inflation.

Local measures

Parameter space:



(Other params similar to volume-weighted)

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Parameter space:

Main bounds on N_e :

1) domain walls

2) requirement to erase V -dependent
initial conditions

$$\frac{1}{n_\phi!} [\Gamma_{\phi\downarrow} t_R]^{n_\phi} > \exp \left[-\frac{8\pi^2}{3} \frac{V(0) - V(n_\phi)}{H^4} \right]$$

Experimental tests

All the pheno associated with the relaxation.
(although param. space is somewhat different)

Conclusions

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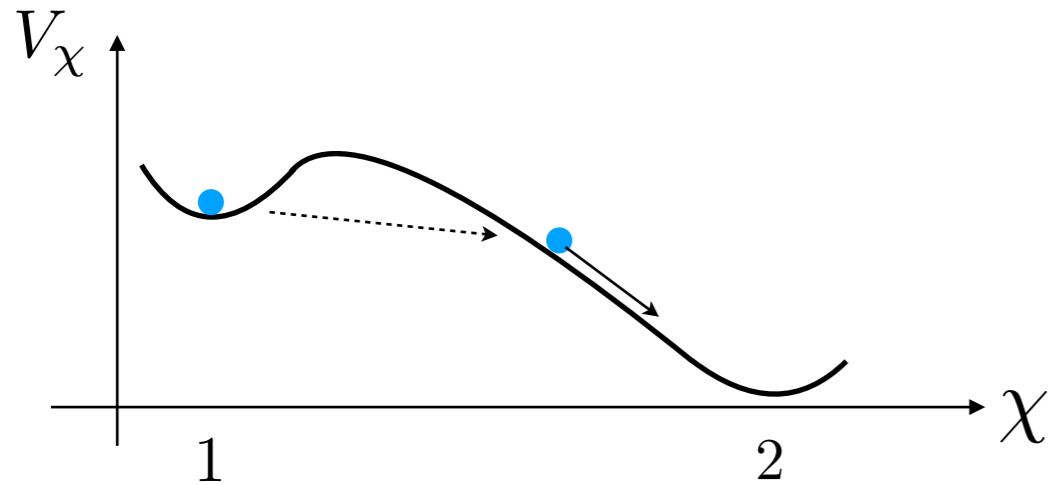
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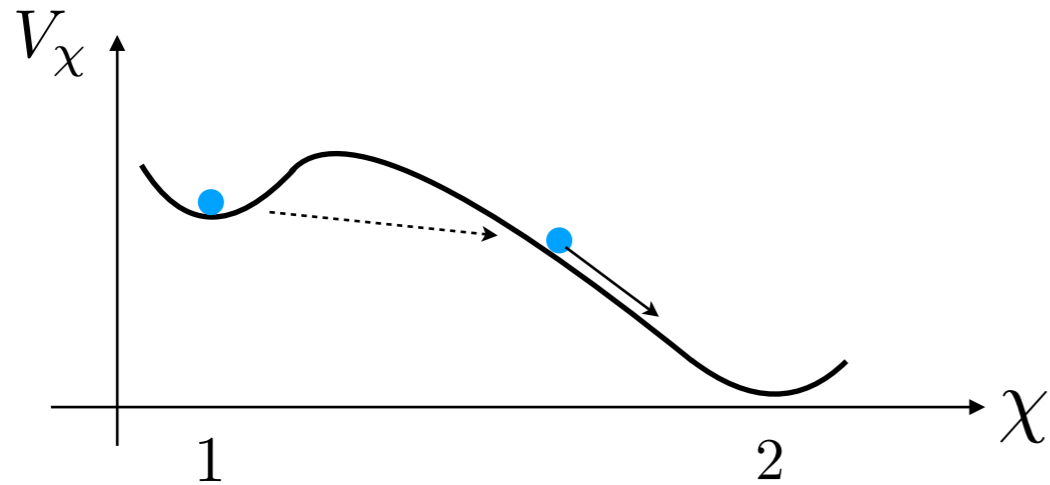
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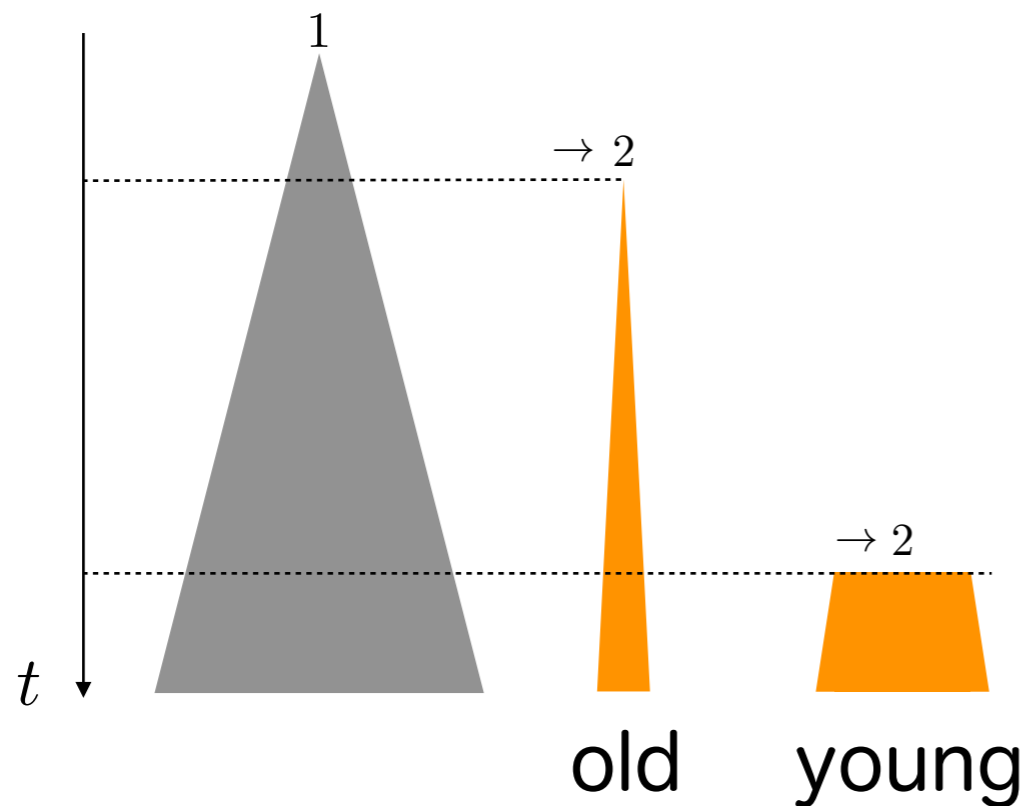
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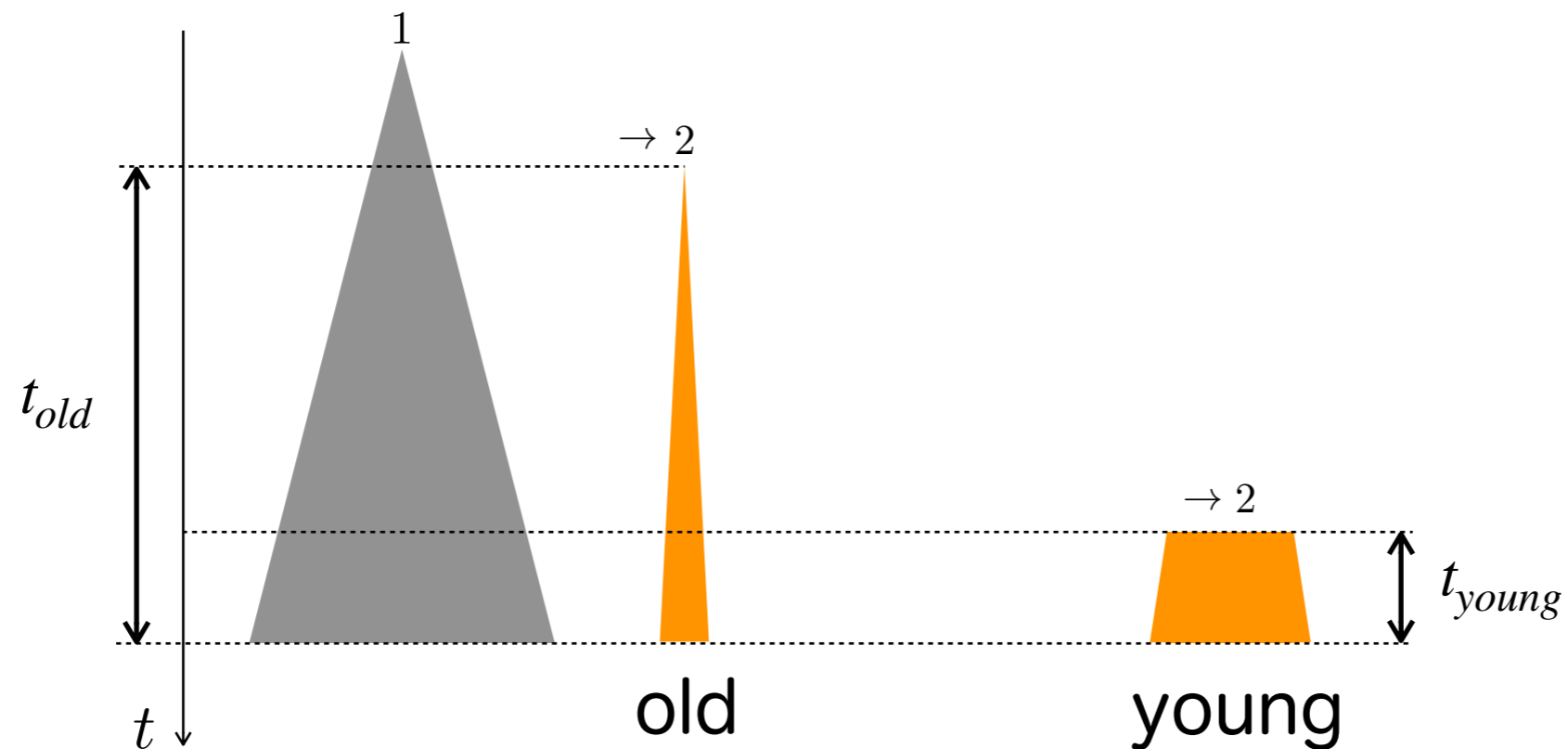
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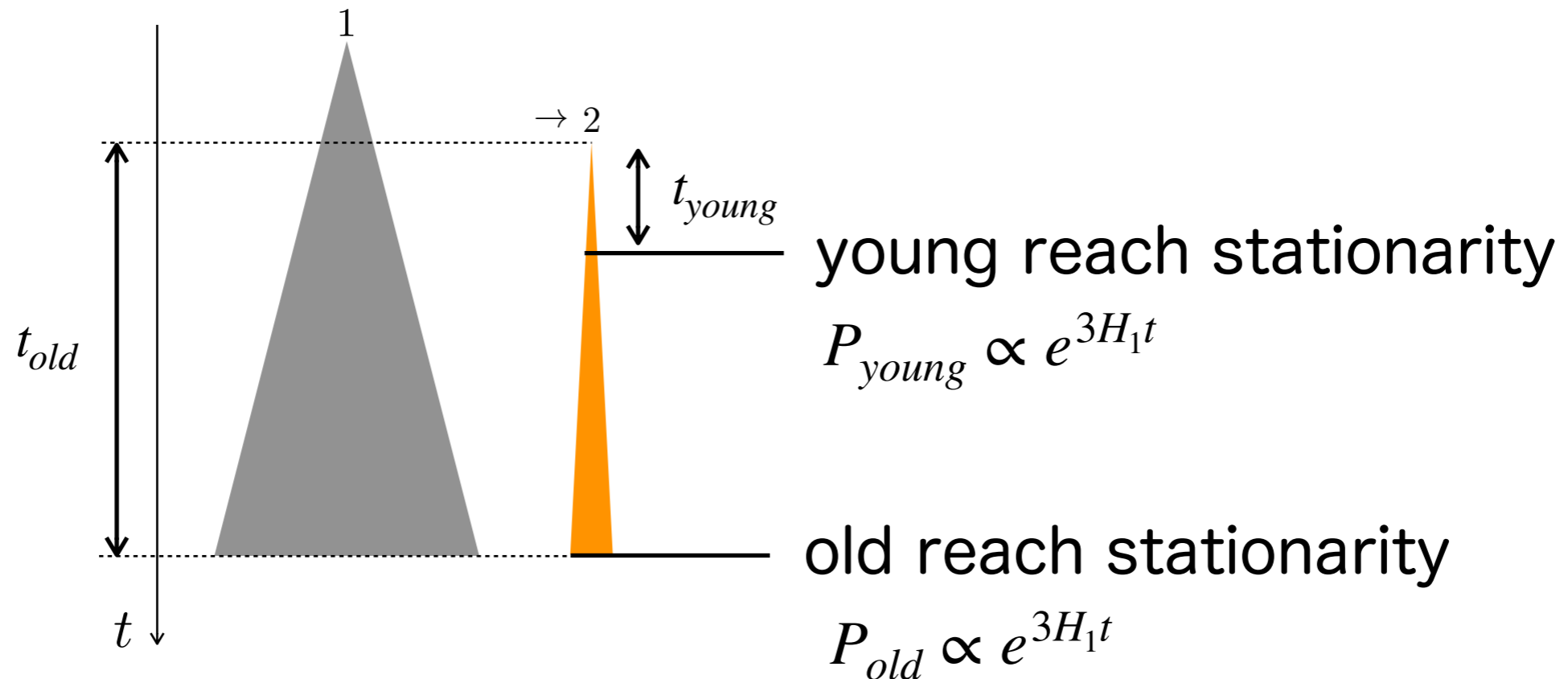
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gist: P are compared at the time of reaching stationarity



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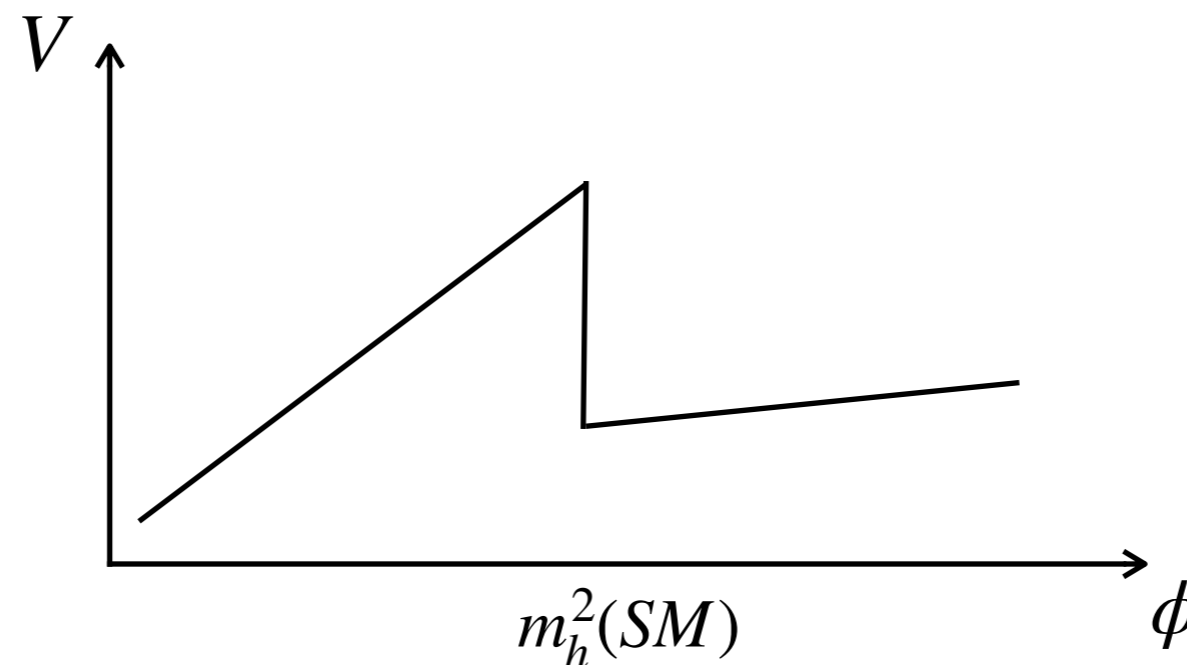
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Stochastic approach

$$V = \Lambda + \frac{1}{2} m^2 \phi^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad P_\nu = \exp[-A\phi^2] \{ \mathbf{c}_+ D_\nu [B\phi] + \mathbf{c}_- D_\nu [-B\phi] \}$$

$$A\phi^2 = \frac{4\pi^2}{3} \frac{V(\phi) - V(0)}{H(0)^4},$$

$$B\phi = \left\{ 4 \frac{4\pi^2}{3} \frac{|V(\phi) - V(0)|}{H(0)^4} \sqrt{1 - \frac{9}{\pi} \frac{H(0)^4}{m^2 m_P^2}} \right\}^{1/2} \text{sign}[\phi]$$

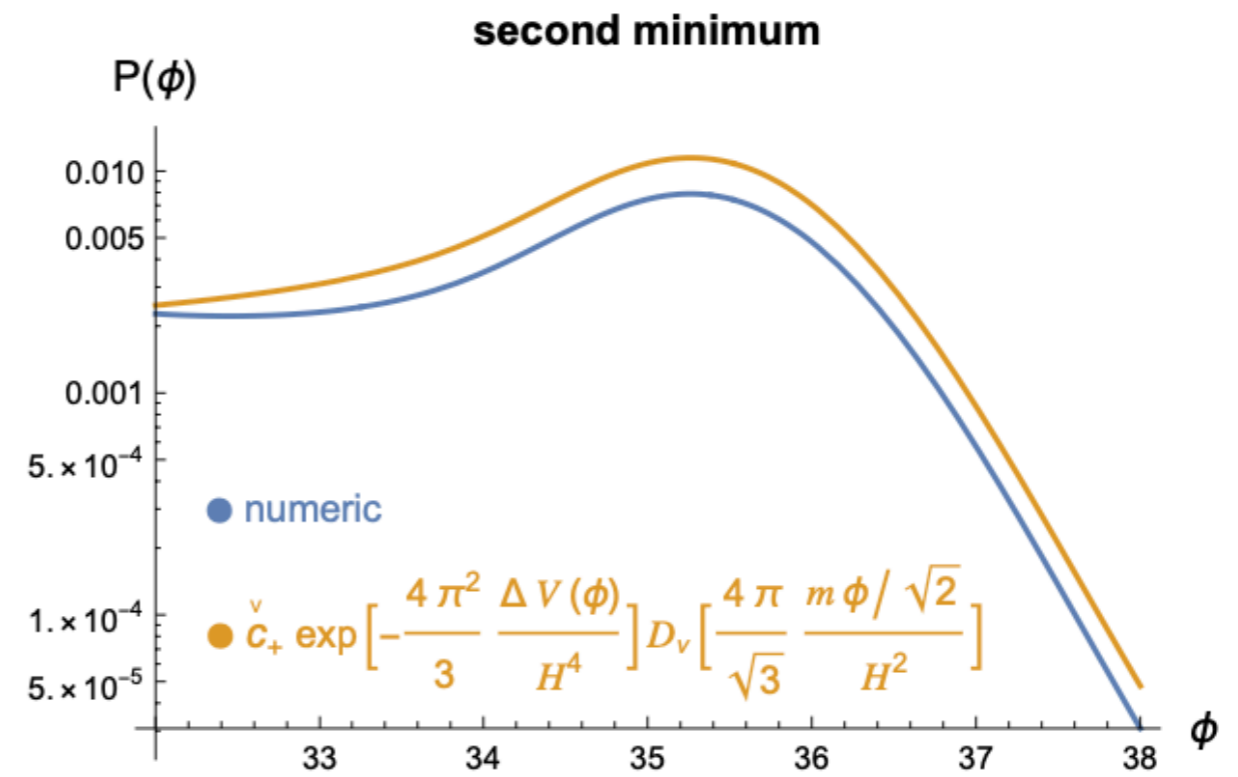
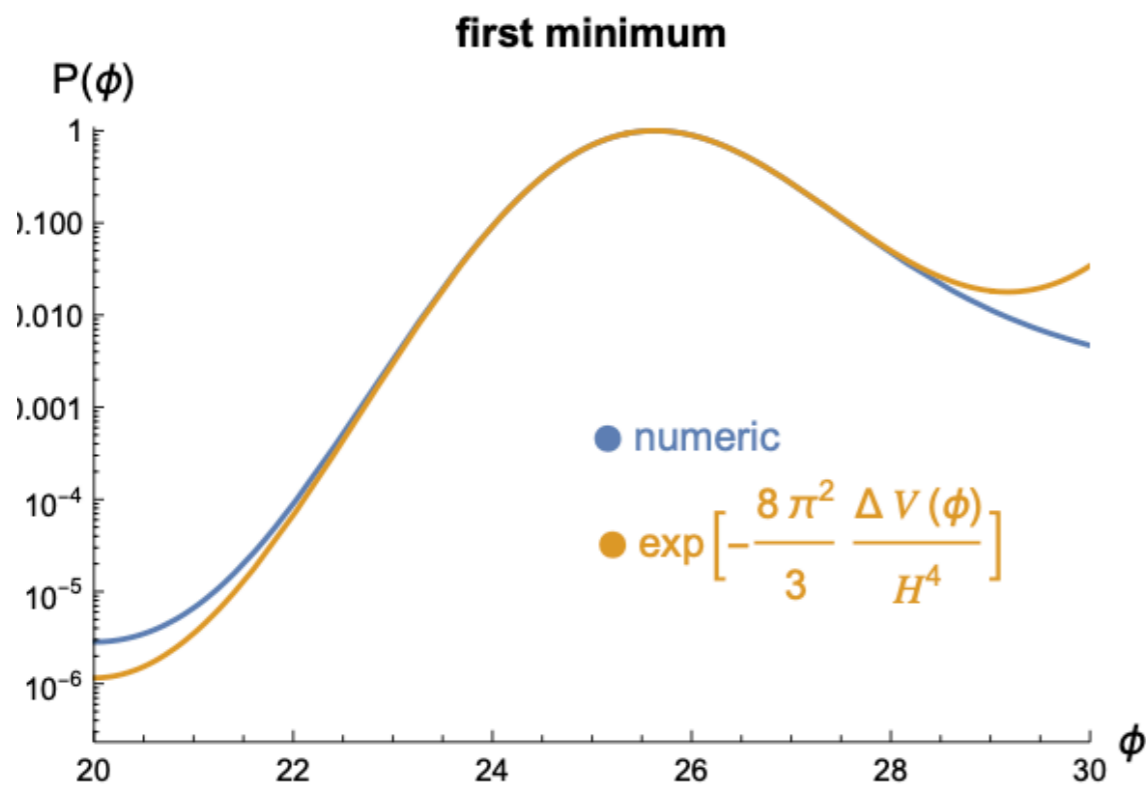
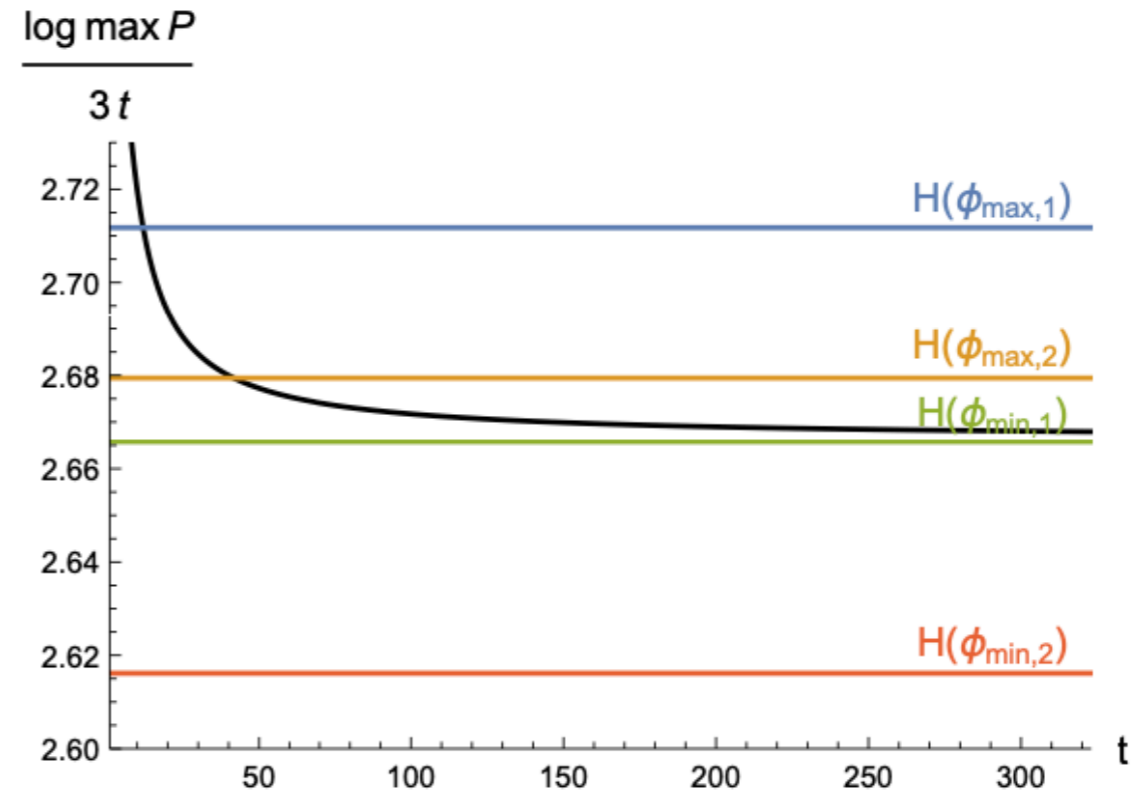
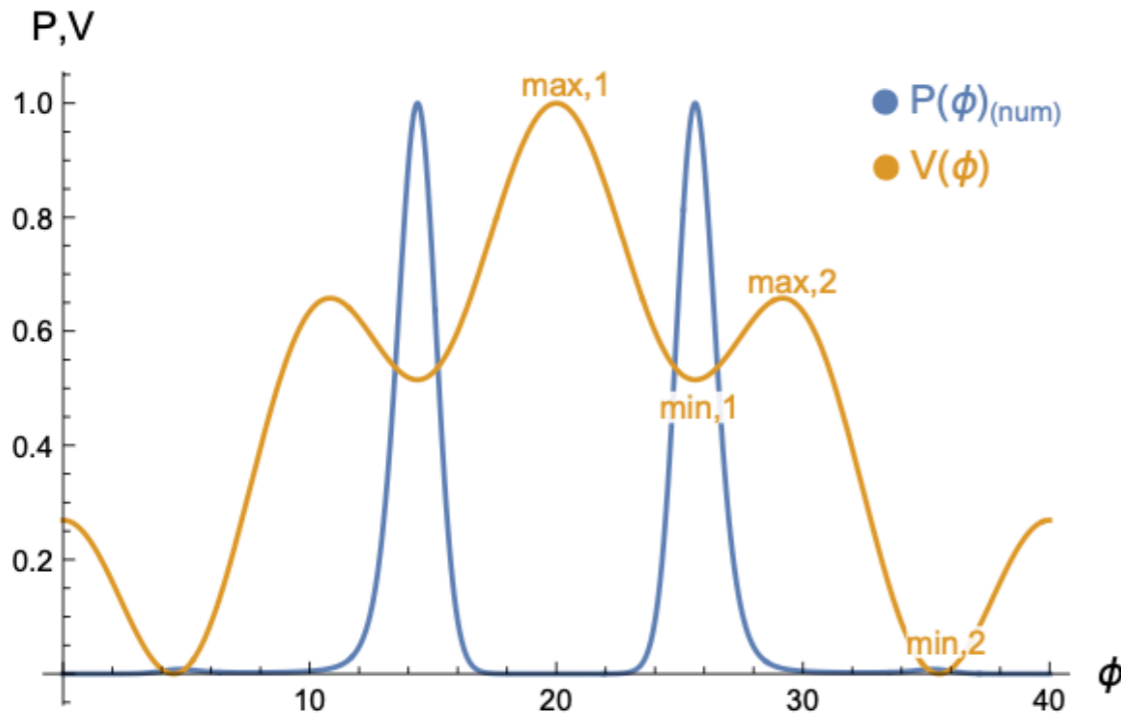
$$\nu = \frac{9(H(0)^2 - H_s^2) + m^2}{2|m^2| \sqrt{1 - \frac{9}{\pi} \frac{H(0)^4}{m^2 m_P^2}}} - \frac{1}{2}.$$

asymptote: $D_\nu(x) \xrightarrow{x \rightarrow \infty} |x|^\nu e^{-x^2/4}$

$$\xrightarrow{x \rightarrow -\infty} (-1)^\nu |x|^\nu e^{-x^2/4} + \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{\Gamma[-\nu]} |x|^{-\nu-1} e^{x^2/4}$$

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mH and CC from gradients & boundaries

FPV: $\dot{P}_{n_\phi, n_\chi} = \Gamma_{\downarrow\phi} P_{n_\phi-1, n_\chi} + \Gamma_{\downarrow\chi} P_{n_\phi, n_\chi-1} + 3H_{n_\phi, n_\chi} P_{n_\phi, n_\chi}$

factorization: $P_{n_\phi, n_\chi} = \left[\prod_{i=1}^{n_\phi} \frac{\Gamma_{\downarrow\phi}}{3i\Delta H_\phi} \right] \left[\prod_{j=1}^{n_\chi} \frac{\Gamma_{\downarrow\chi}}{3j\Delta H_\chi} \right] C_0 e^{3H_s t}$

anthropic line:

$$n_\chi|_{V(\text{today})=0} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{F_\chi}{f_\chi} \arccos \left(\text{const} - (M_\phi/M_\chi)^4 \cos(2\pi n_\phi f_\phi / F_\phi) \right) \simeq -\kappa n_\phi + \text{const.}$$

P on anthropic line:

$$P(\phi, \chi)|_{V=0} \propto \left(\frac{\Gamma_\phi}{3(n_\phi/e)\Delta H_\phi} \right)^{n_\phi} \left(\frac{\Gamma_\chi}{3(n_\chi/e)\Delta H_\chi} \right)^{n_\chi} \propto \left(\frac{e\Gamma_\phi}{3n_\phi\Delta H_\phi} \left(\frac{3n_\chi\Delta H_\chi}{e\Gamma_\chi} \right)^\kappa \right)^{n_\phi}$$

peaked at correct mh if:

$$\frac{e\Gamma_\phi}{3n_\phi\Delta H_\phi} \left(\frac{3n_\chi\Delta H_\chi}{e\Gamma_\chi} \right)^\kappa > 1 \quad \text{where} \quad \kappa = \frac{N_\chi}{N_\phi} \frac{M_\phi^4 \sin \phi_0}{M_\chi^4 \sin \chi_0}, \quad N_\phi = \frac{F_\phi}{f_\phi}, \quad N_\chi = \frac{F_\chi}{f_\chi}$$