

Signatures of Loop Quantum Gravity in Primordial Black Hole cosmologies

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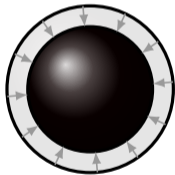
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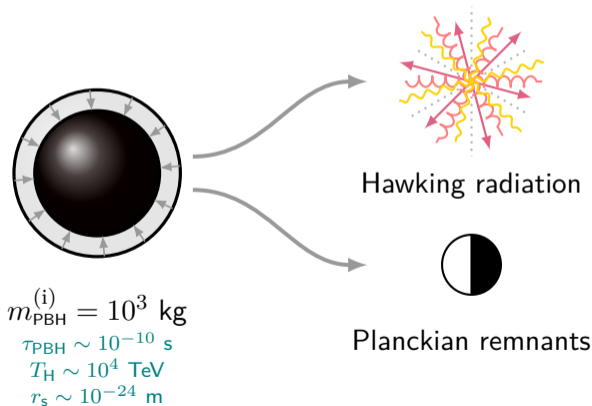
$$\tau_{\text{PBH}} \sim 10^{-10} \text{ s}$$

$$T_{\text{H}} \sim 10^4 \text{ TeV}$$

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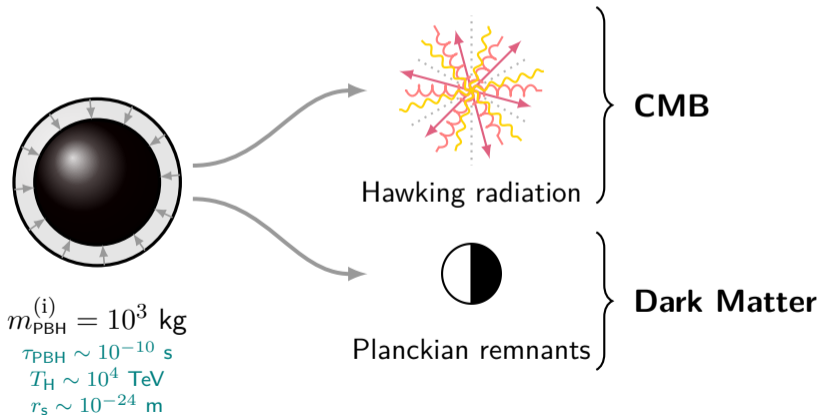


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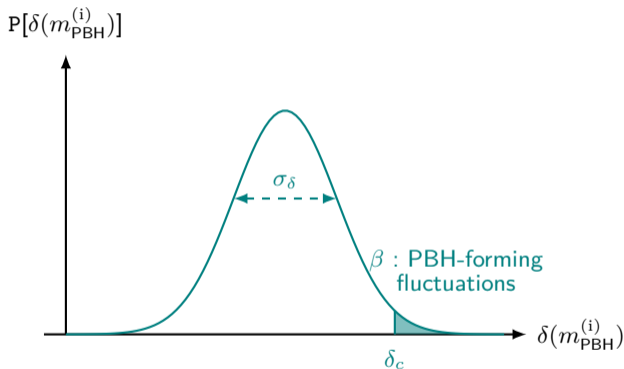
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densities upon horizon re-entry.

- Form after the end of inflation.
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mass at $t_{\text{formation}}$:

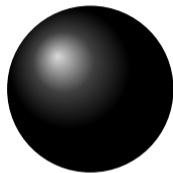
$$m_{\text{PBH}}^{(i)} \approx m_{\text{H}}^{(i)} \sim \frac{1}{H} \sim t$$



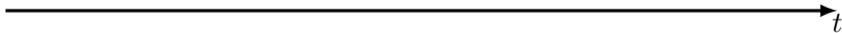
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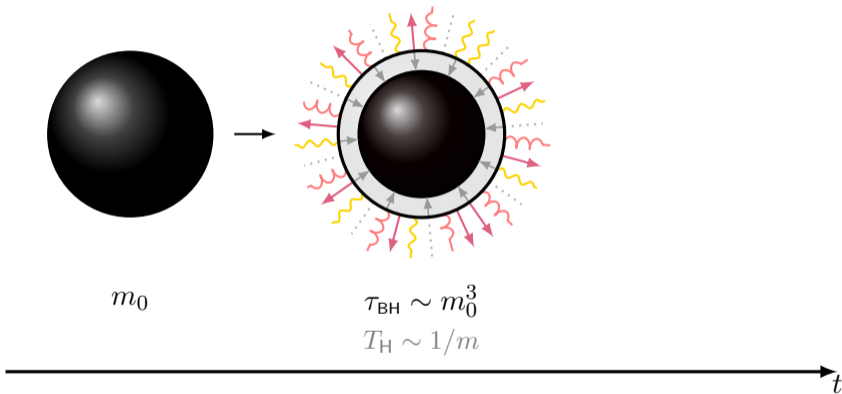
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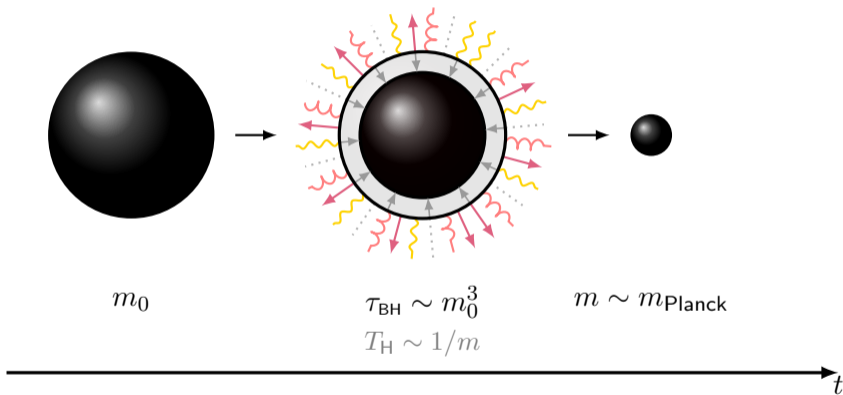
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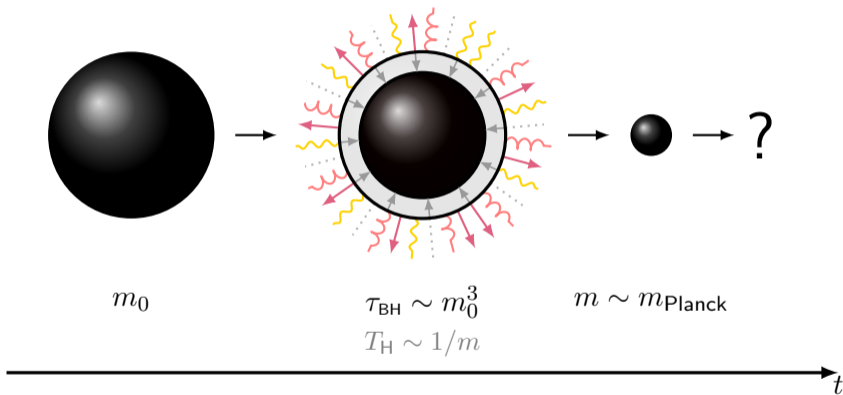
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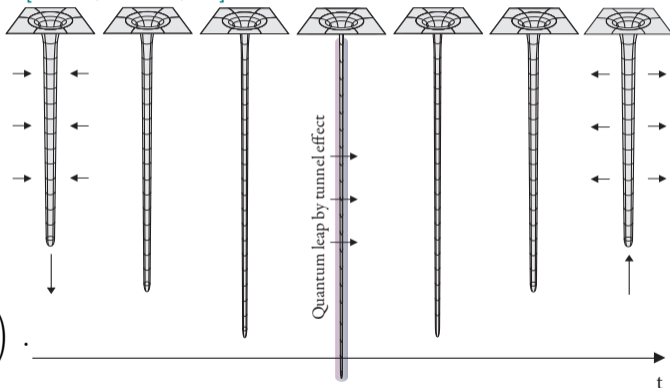
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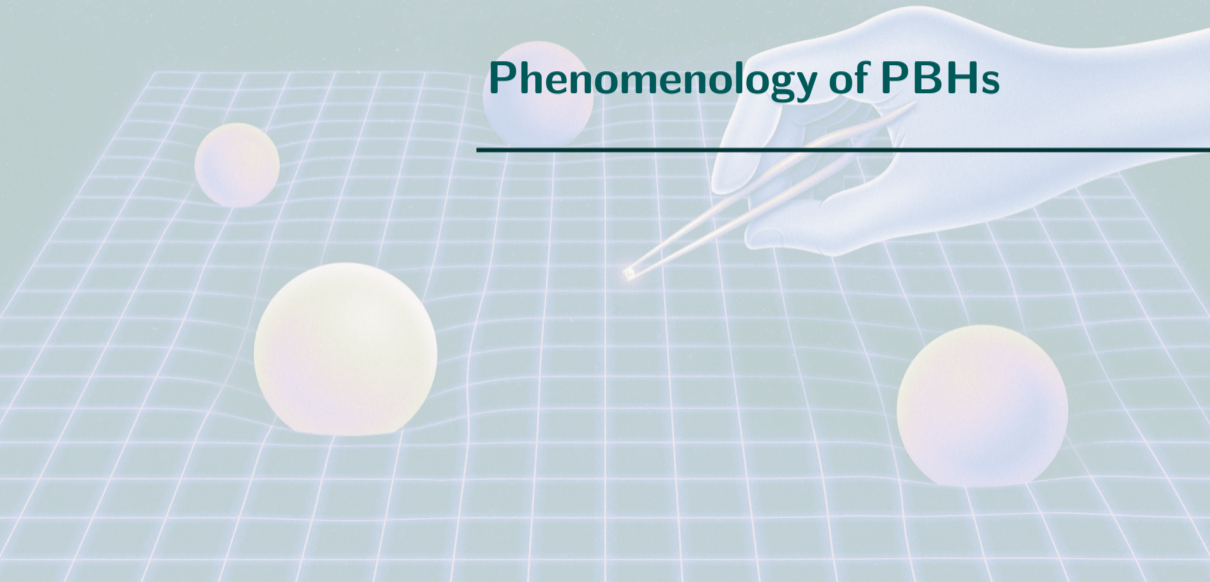
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- Cartoon picture of the quantum-corrected geometry :

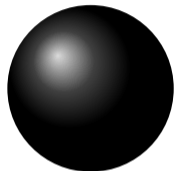
[Rovelli, Vidotto, ...]



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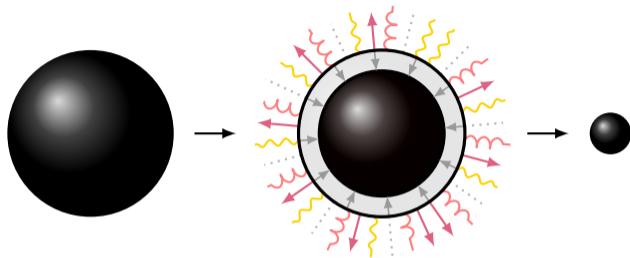
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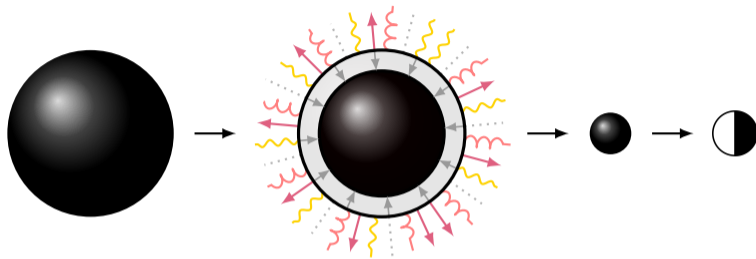
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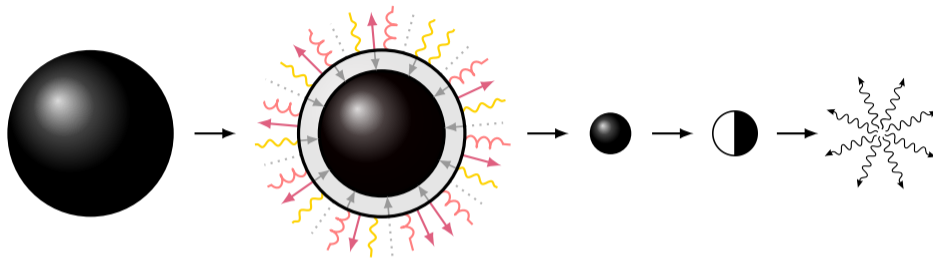
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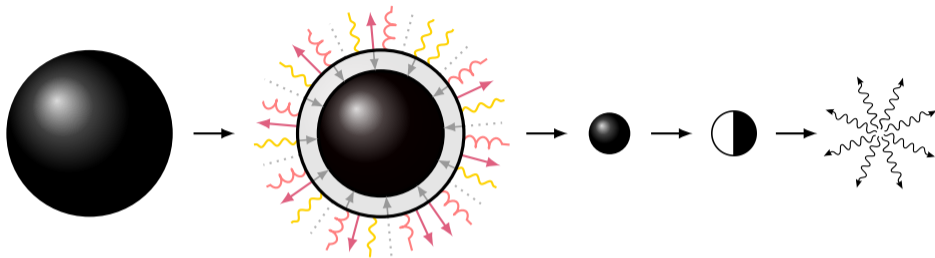
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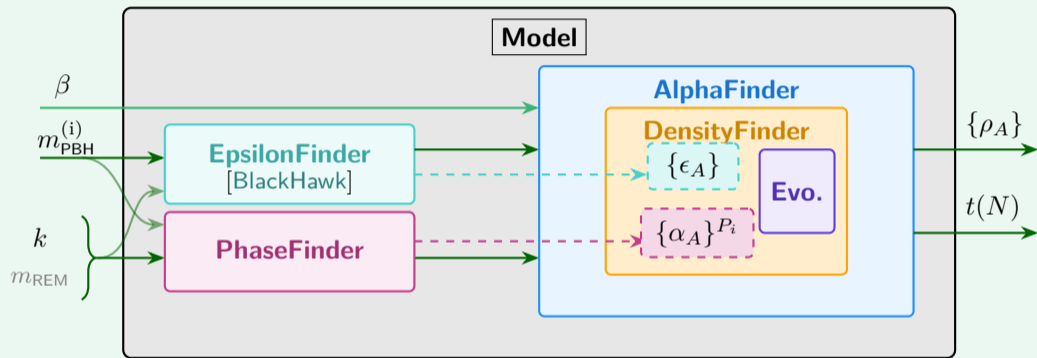
Initial conditions parameterized by α_A :

$$\rho_A(N_i^-) = \alpha_A \rho_A^{\text{obs}} e^{-3(1+\omega_A)N_i} ,$$

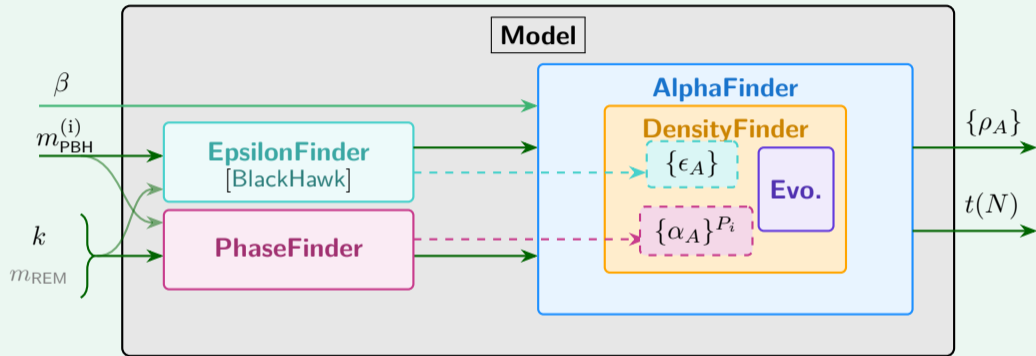
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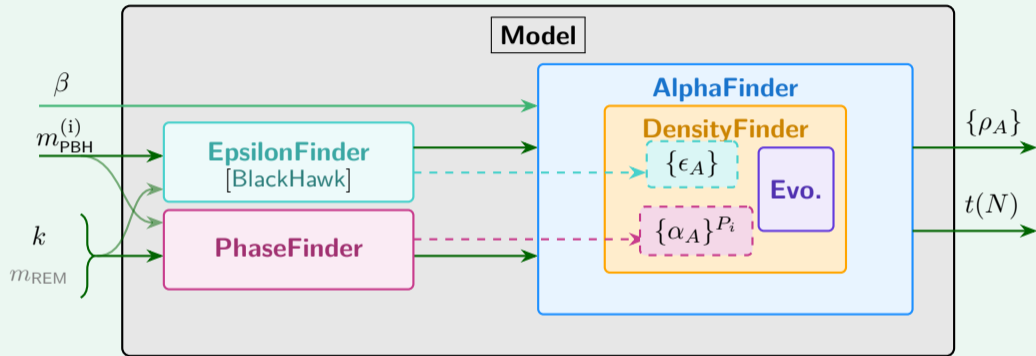
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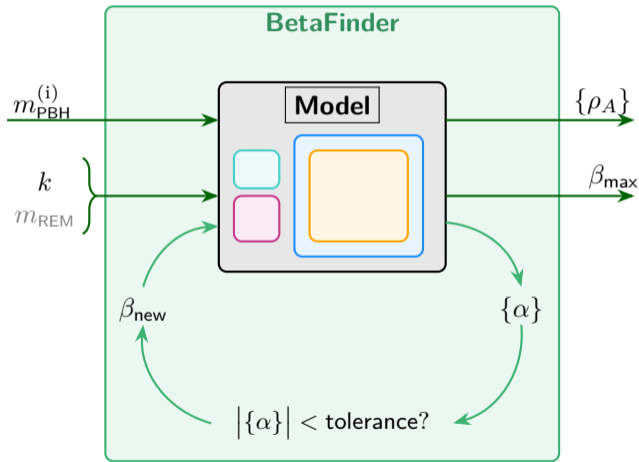
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- $t(N)$: cosmic time as a function of the scale factor

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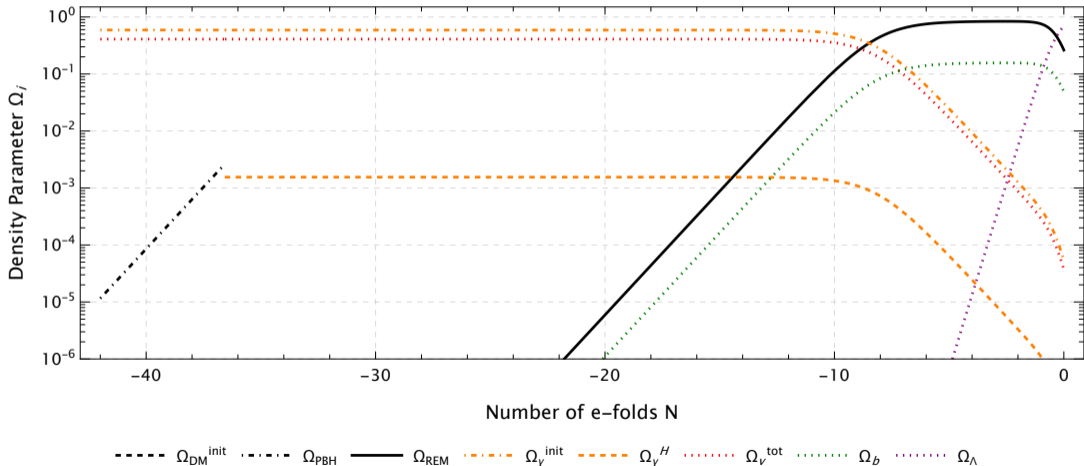
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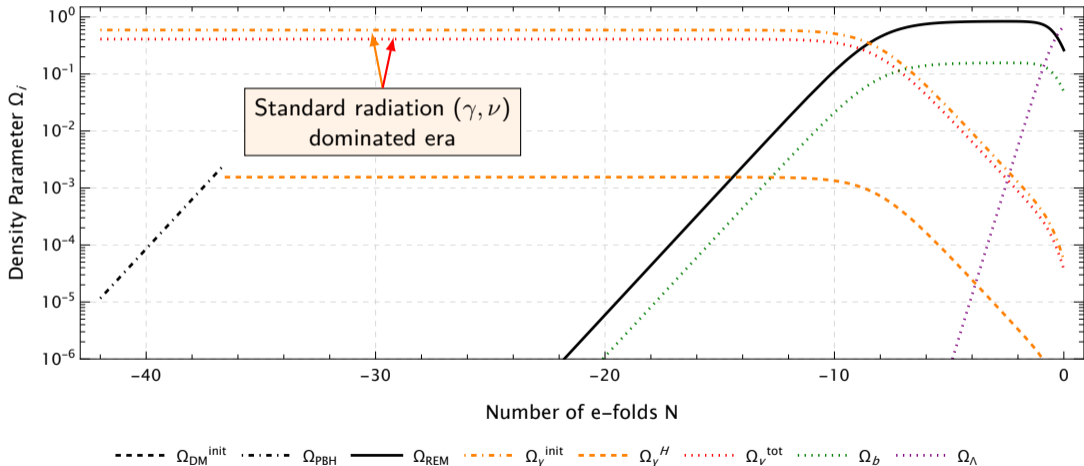
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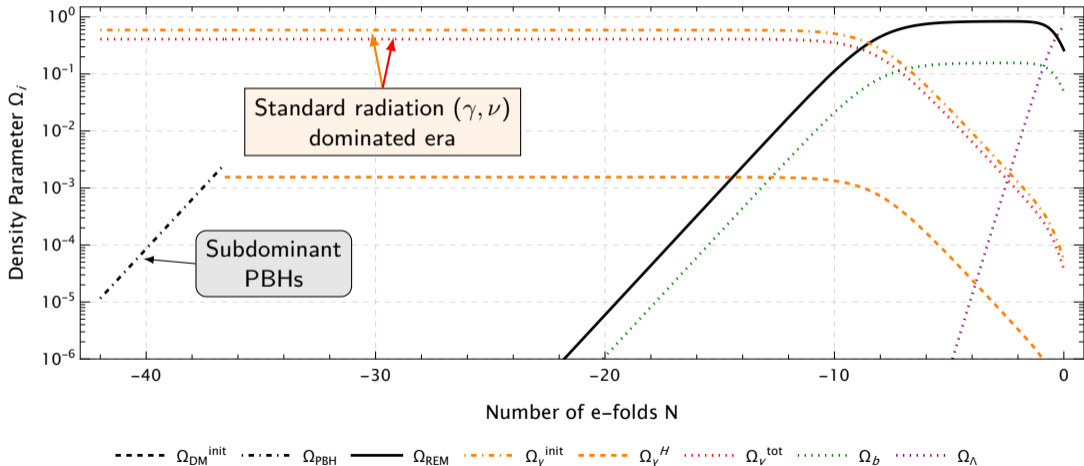
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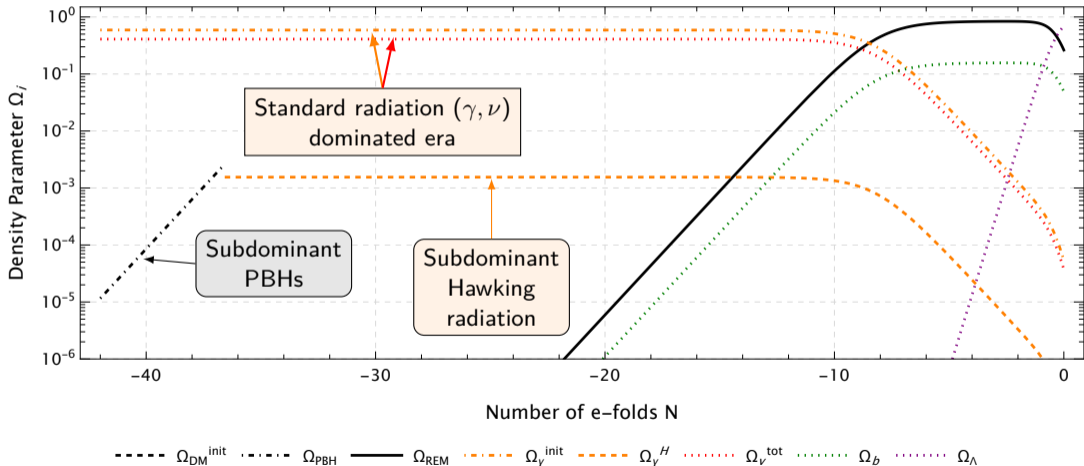
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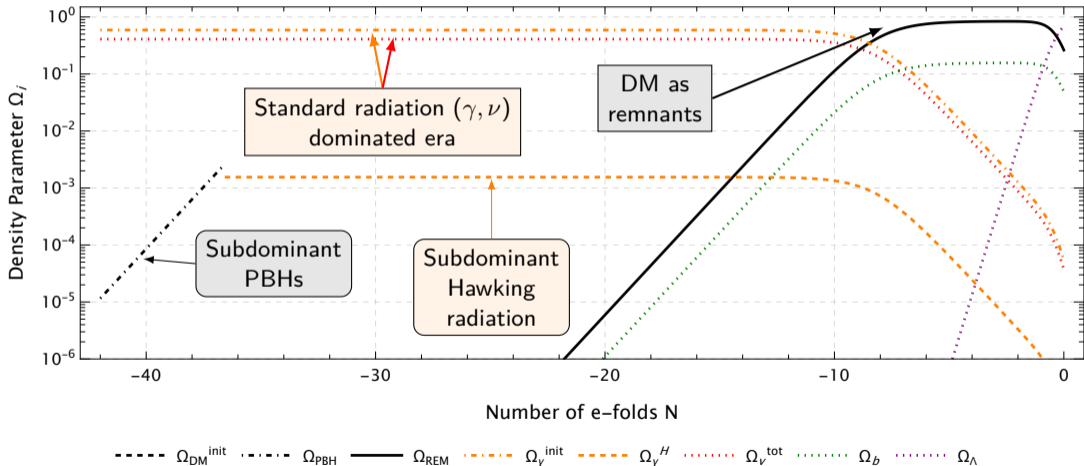
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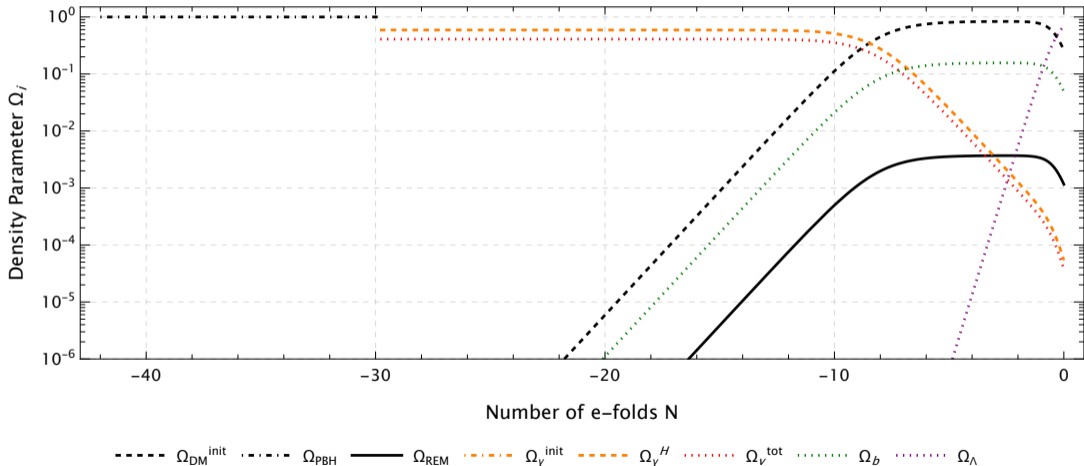
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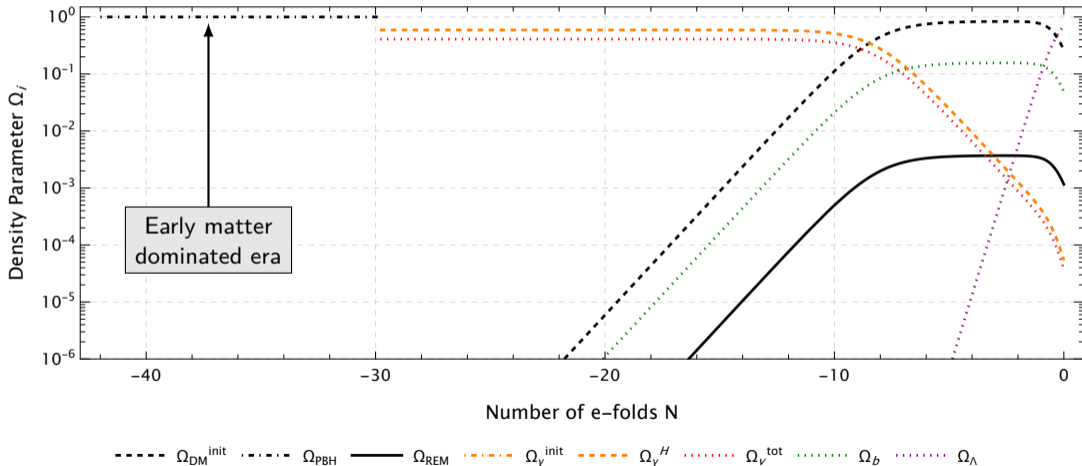
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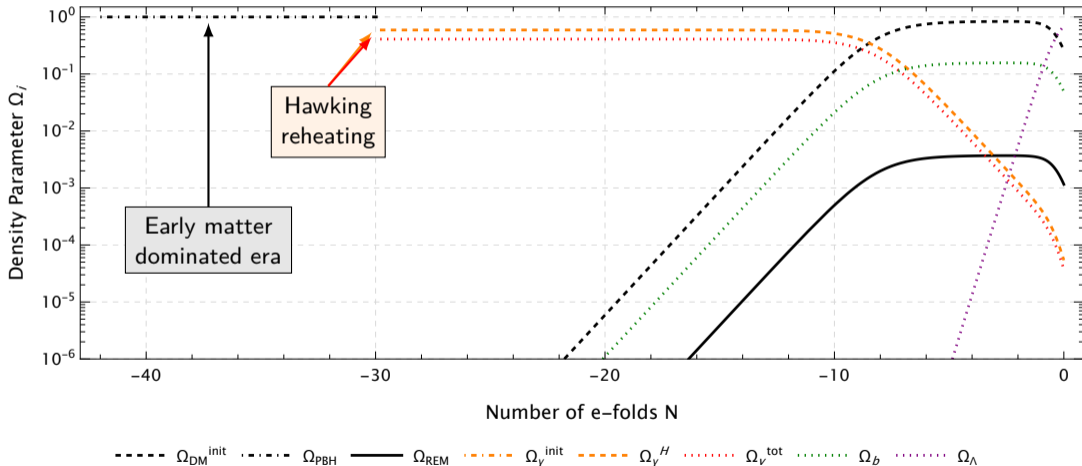
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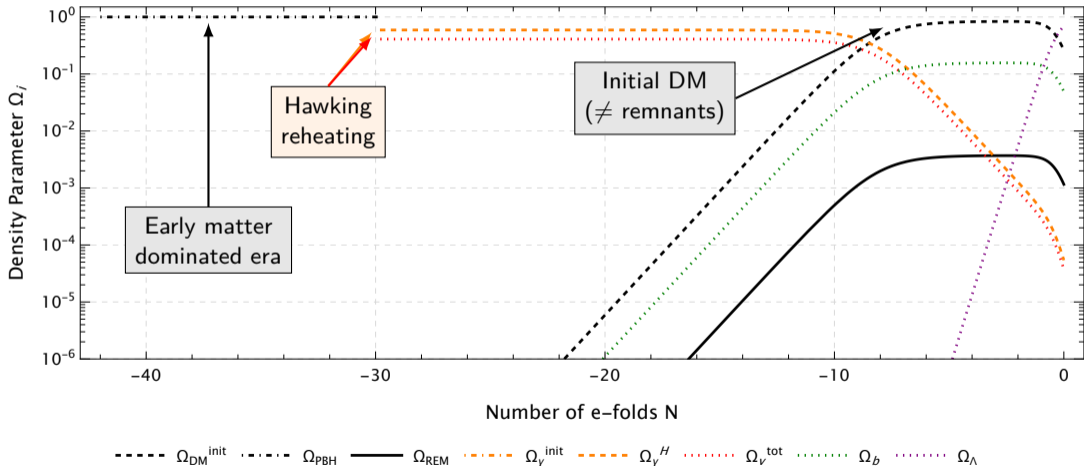
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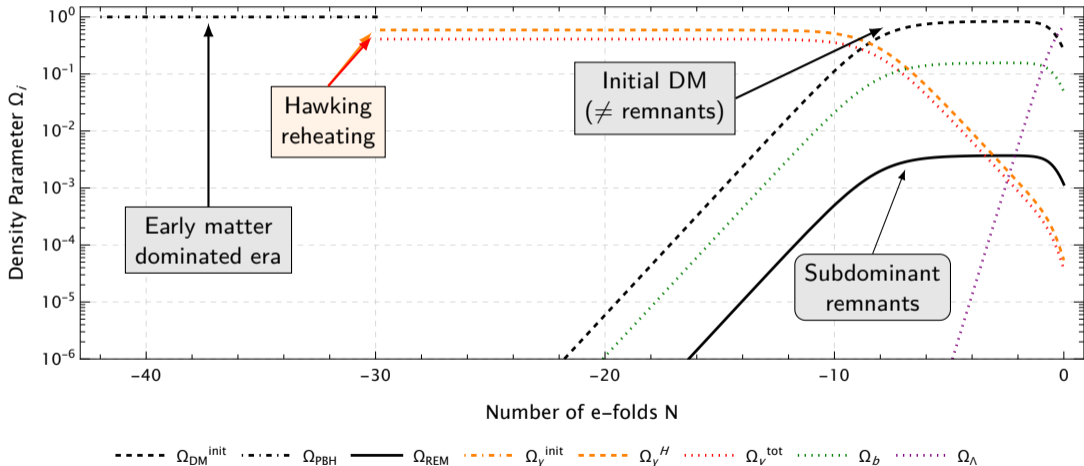
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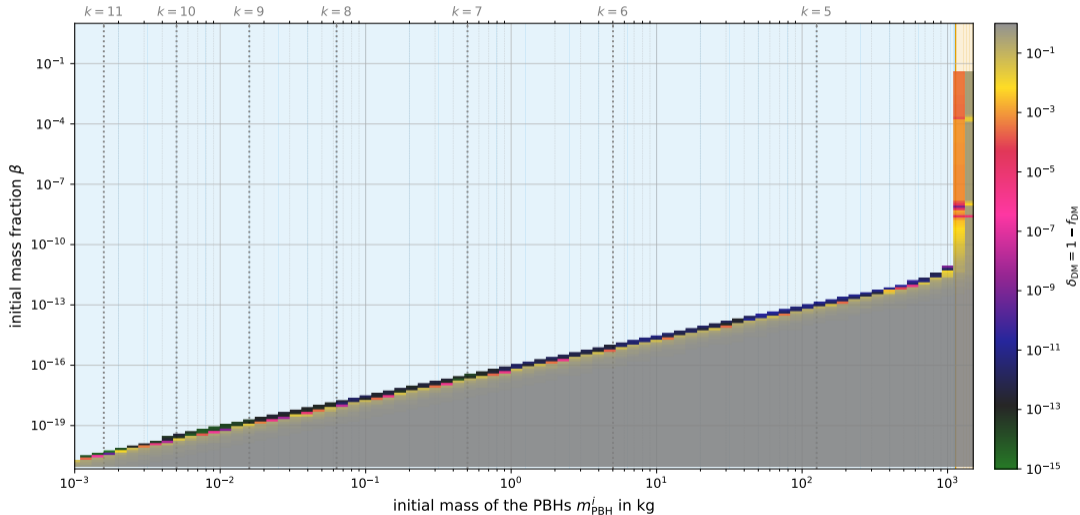
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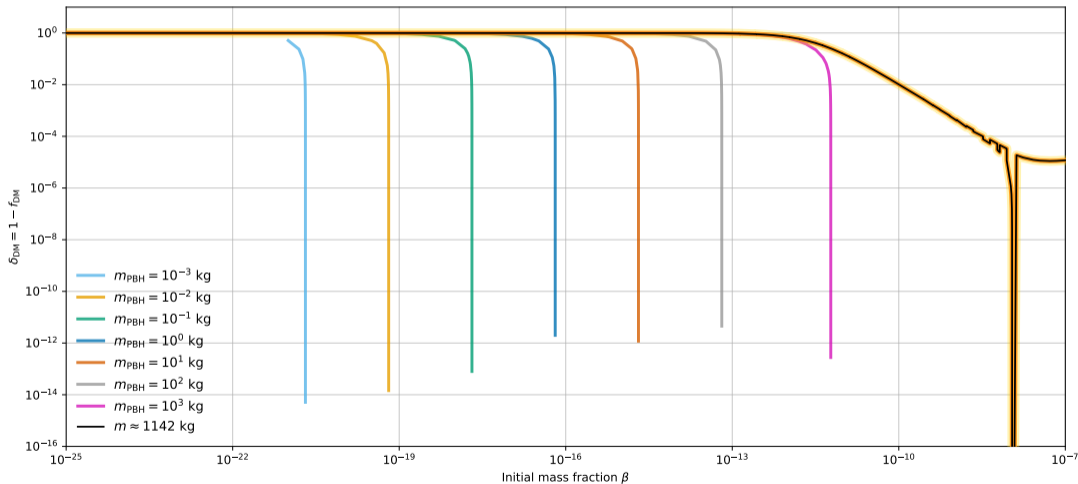
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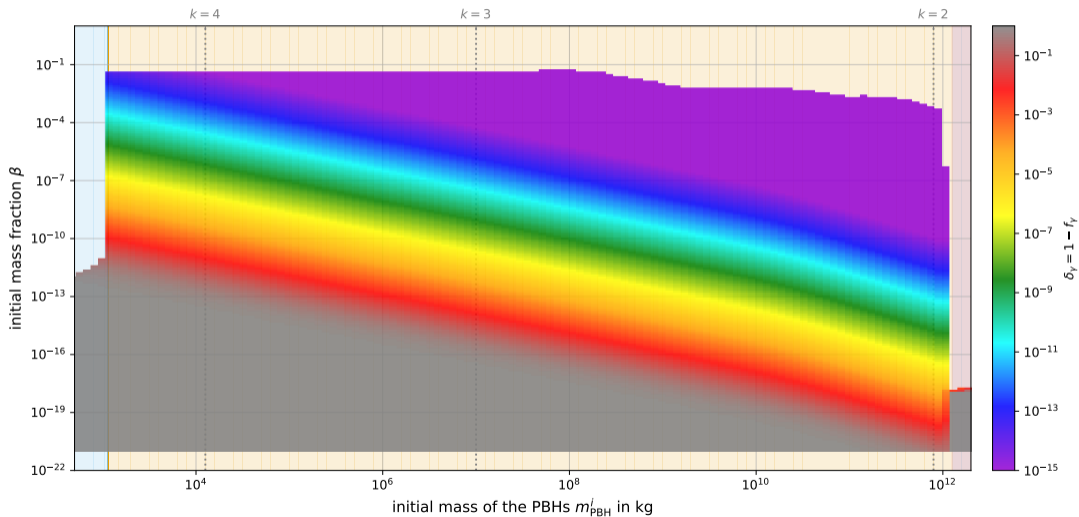
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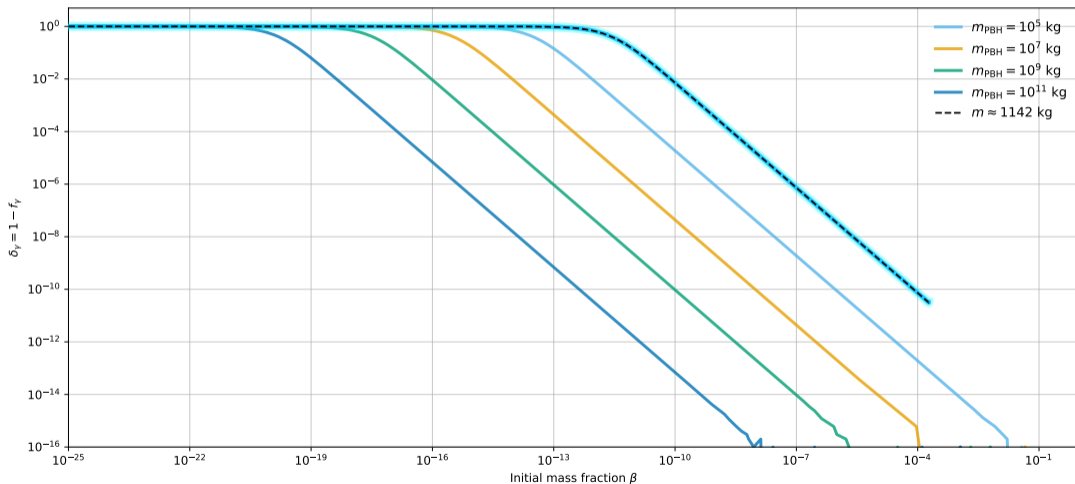
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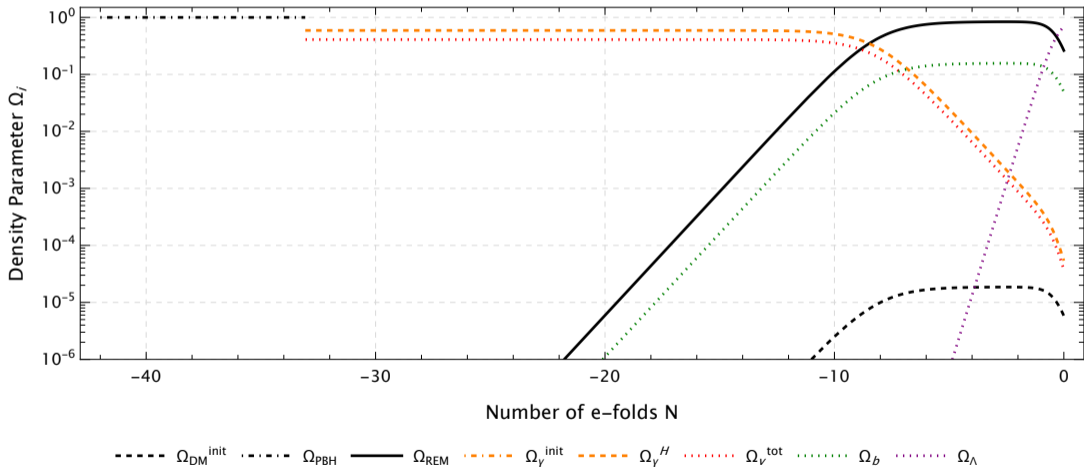


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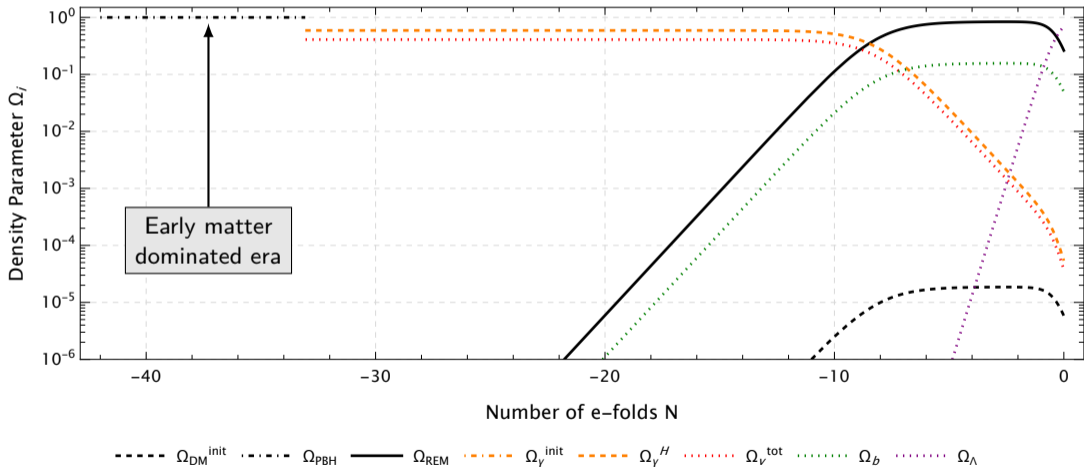
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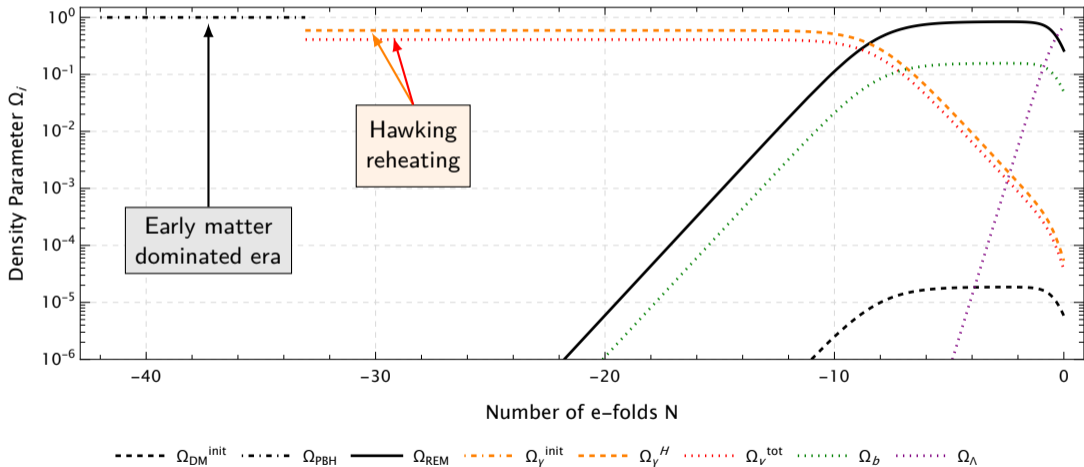
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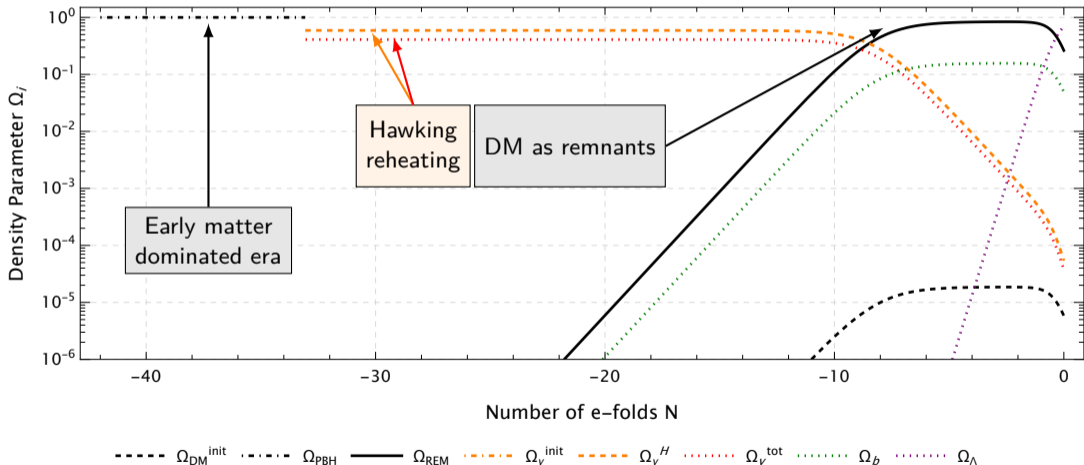
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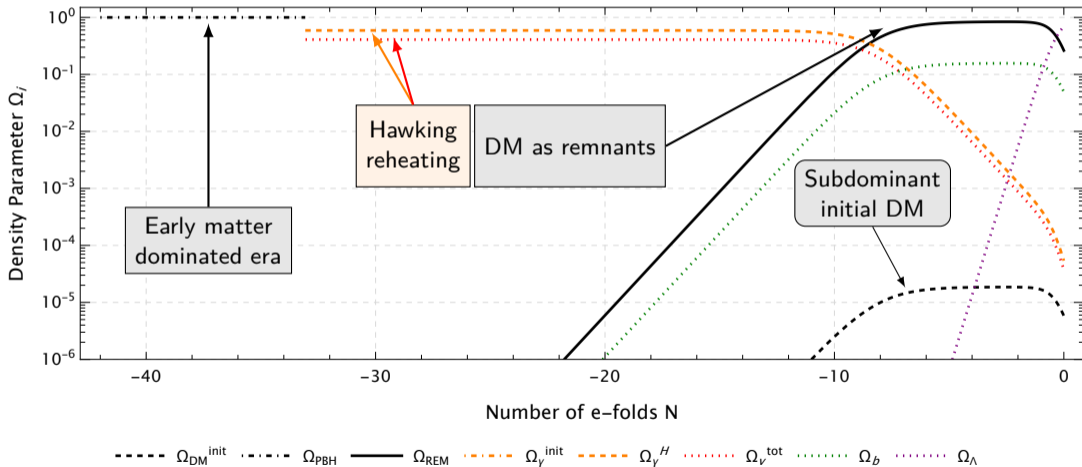
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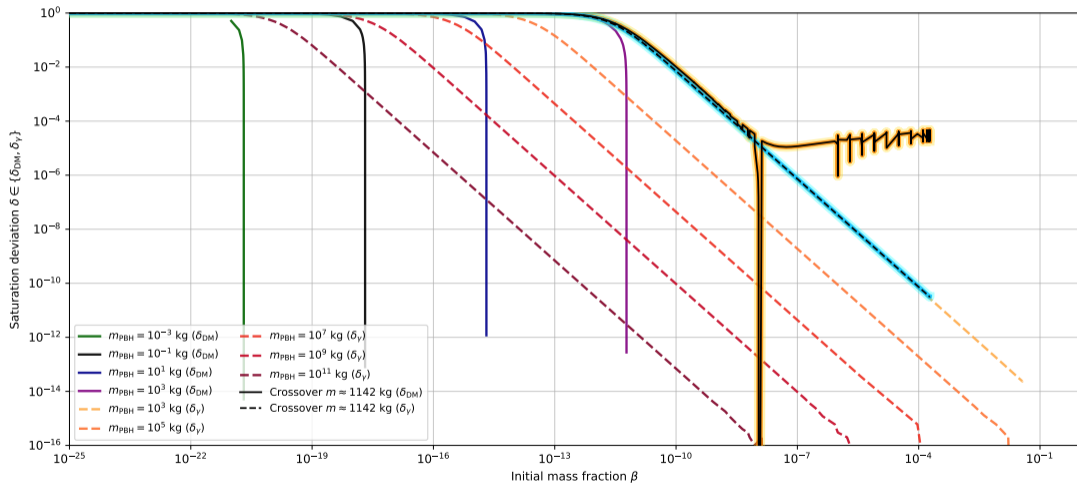
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Observational signatures

Observational signatures : Overview



- **Scalar-Induced Gravitational Waves** : large primordial scalar perturbations.
- **Poisson fluctuations** : if EMD.
- **The Poltergeist mechanism** : if monochromatic mass spectrum.
- **Dark radiation** : from (i) non-thermalized neutrinos (ii) Hawking gravitons.

Observational signatures : scalar-induced GWs



Large primordial scalar perturbations \implies tensor fluctuations $\mathcal{O}(\delta^2)$.

(LISA not sensitive for small PBHs)

SIGW background = dark radiation, bounded by ΔN_{eff} :

$$\Delta N_{\text{eff}} \approx 8.3 \cdot 10^4 \Omega_{\text{GW},0} .$$

Using the Press-Schechter formalism to get $\beta = \beta(\sigma)$, the limits on ΔN_{eff} constrain the initial PBH abundance :

- Current bounds ($\Delta N_{\text{eff}} < 0.15$ [Planck, BBN, BAO]) :

$$\beta \lesssim 0.14 .$$

- Future sensitivity ($\Delta N_{\text{eff}} < 0.03$ [CMB-S4, LiteBird, ...]) :

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Observational signatures : Poisson fluctuations



If PBHs dominate the energy density (EMD era), their discrete distribution generates **Poisson fluctuations**.

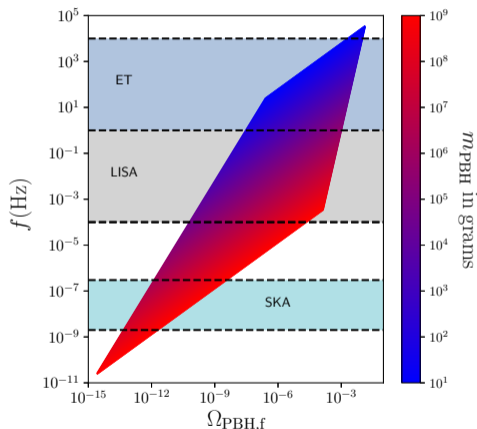
These source a distinct GW background [Papanikolaou, Vennin, Langlois; 21].

Imposing that

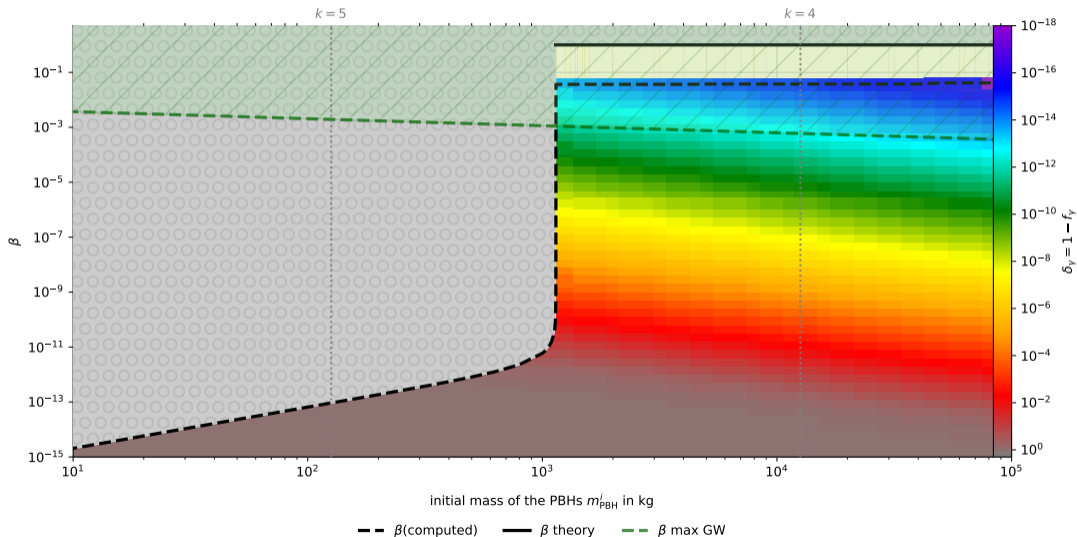
$$\Delta N_{\text{eff}} < 0.15 \implies \Omega_{\text{GW},0} \leq 1.8 \cdot 10^{-8}$$

constrains β :

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Monochromatic mass distribution \rightarrow almost instantaneous transition from the EMD era to a RD era.

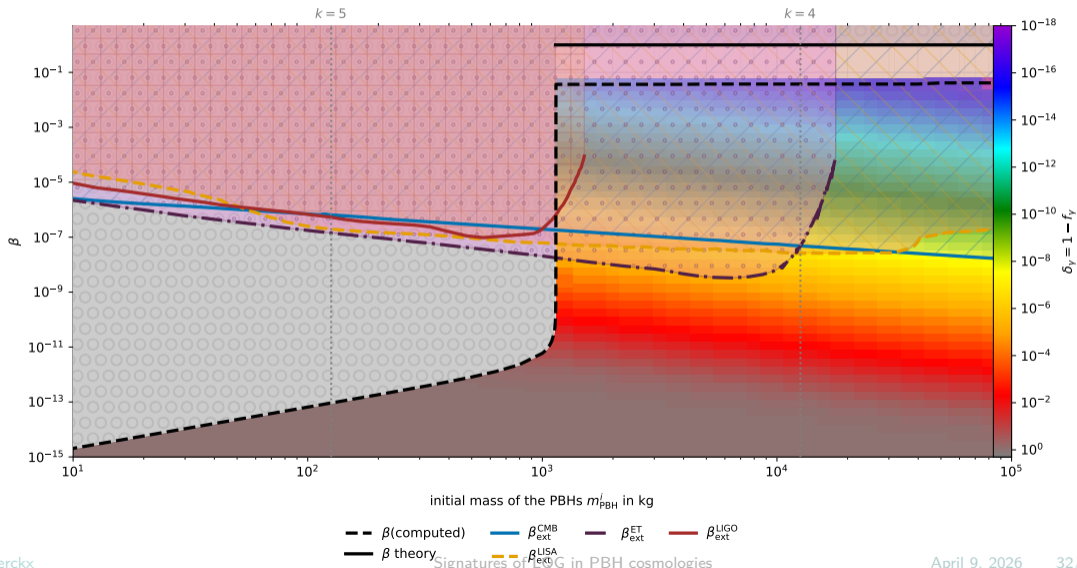
This sudden transition heavily amplifies the SIGW spectrum (**Poltergeist mechanism**).

This amplifies the characteristic double-peak structure :

1. Primordial fluctuations.
2. Poisson fluctuations.

Constraints have been derived in [Bhaumik, Ghoshal, Jain, Lewicki ; 22], and are reproduced hereafter.

Observational signatures : the Poltergeist mechanism



Temperature and reheating





Temperature of a relativistic thermal bath follows :

$$\rho_{\text{rad}} = \frac{\pi^2}{30} g_*(T) T^4 ,$$

where $g_*(T)$ is the temperature-dependent effective number of relativistic degrees of freedom.

Given ρ_{rad} , the background temperature T_{bath} is obtained by inverting the above relation.

Temperature : PBH in a thermal bath



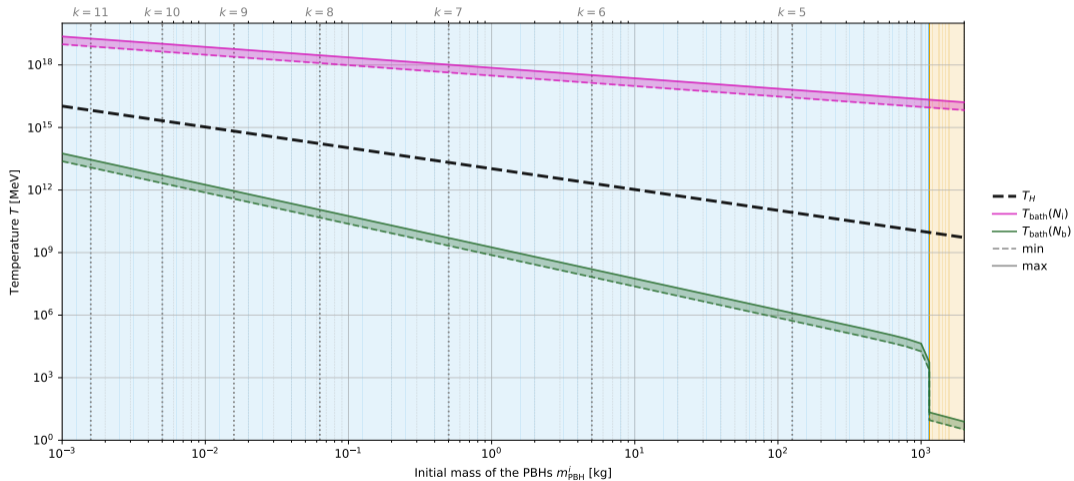
BHs have a negative heat capacity :

$$C = \frac{\partial m}{\partial T} \sim -m^2 < 0$$

BHs cannot be in stable thermal equilibrium with a heat bath at temperature T_{bath} .

1. If $T_H > T_{\text{bath}}$, **emission** dominates. Semi-classical $\dot{m} \sim -m^{-2}$ rate.
2. If $T_H < T_{\text{bath}}$, **absorption** dominates. Classical $\dot{m} \sim m^2 T_{\text{bath}}^4$ rate.
Enhanced evaporation rate [Kalita, Maity, Chatterjee ;25]

Temperature : PBH in a thermal bath



Temperature : Hawking reheating



In Regime II, evaporation reheats the universe by injecting a radiation density $\rho_{\text{rad}}^{\text{H}} = \rho_{\gamma}^{\text{H}} + \rho_{\nu}^{\text{H}}$ at N_{b} . Assuming instantaneous thermalization,

$$T(\rho_{\text{rad}}^{\text{H}}, g_*) \gtrsim T_{\text{reheat}}^{\text{min}} .$$

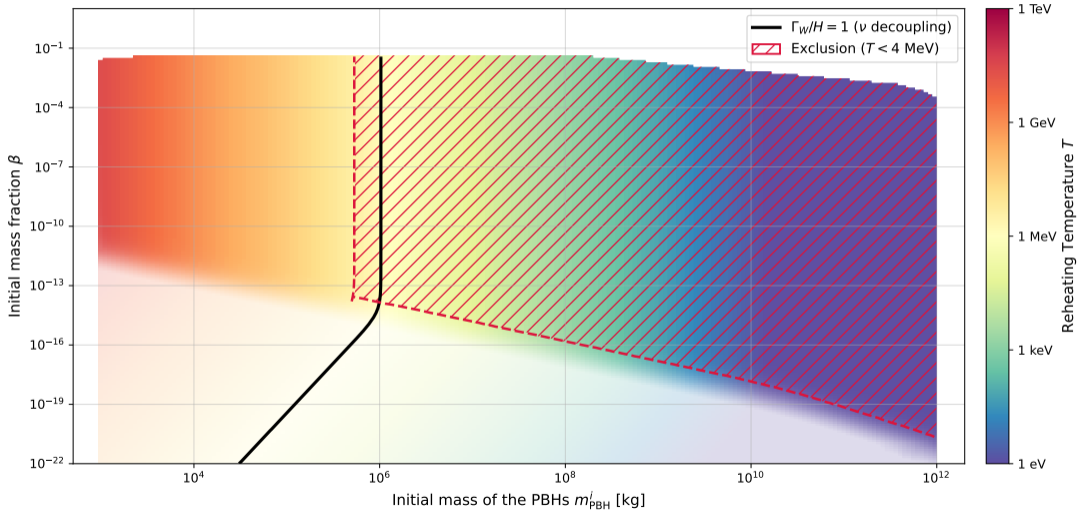
Requiring $T_{\text{reheat}}^{\text{min}} \gtrsim 4 \text{ MeV}$ [Hannestad,04] excludes a region of the $(m_{\text{PBH}}^{(i)}, \beta)$ parameter space.

Thermal equilibrium requires the weak interaction rate to exceed the Hubble expansion :

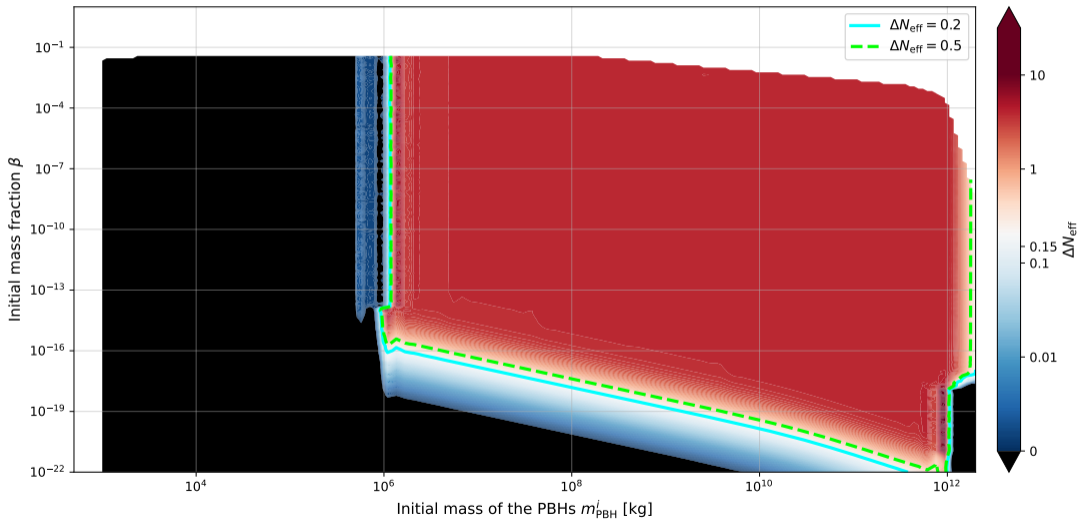
$$\frac{\Gamma_W}{H} \gtrsim 1$$

Once $\Gamma_W/H < 1$, ν decouple \implies source ΔN_{eff} .

Temperature : Hawking reheating



Temperature : ΔN_{eff}



Summary and outlook





Main results

Light PBHs evaporating into stable Planckian remnants offer an alternative DM candidate and reheating mechanism.

1. **Regime I** ($m_{\text{PBH}}^{(i)} \leq 10^3 \text{ kg}$) : remnants can account for 100% of DM ($f_{\text{DM}} \approx 1$), requiring $k \geq 4$.
2. **Regime II** ($10^3 \text{ kg} \leq m_{\text{PBH}}^{(i)}$) : PBHs induce an EMD era ($f_\gamma \approx 1$).

→ At $m_{\text{PBH}}^{(i)} \approx 10^3 \text{ kg}$, PBHs simultaneously generate the entire DM abundance and the background radiation content, without requiring strict fine-tuning for the initial fraction β .



- Extended mass functions : model dependent signatures.
- Finer thermal history : treatment of non-thermalized species, baryogenesis, ...
- Explore bouncing cosmologies.
- Formation mechanisms for 10^3 kg PBHs.
- ...

The background of the slide is a microscopic image of plant tissue, showing a dense network of cells with thick, dark cell walls. The cells are roughly polygonal and arranged in a somewhat regular pattern, typical of a vascular bundle or a similar plant structure. The overall color palette is muted, with shades of teal, light blue, and pale pink.

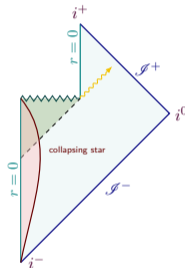
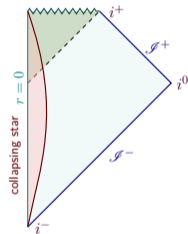
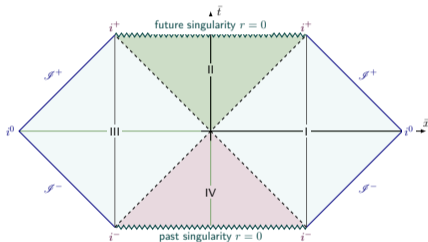
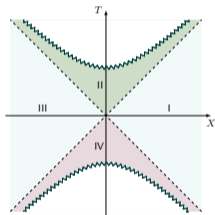
Backup slides

Unruh effect *vs* Hawking radiation

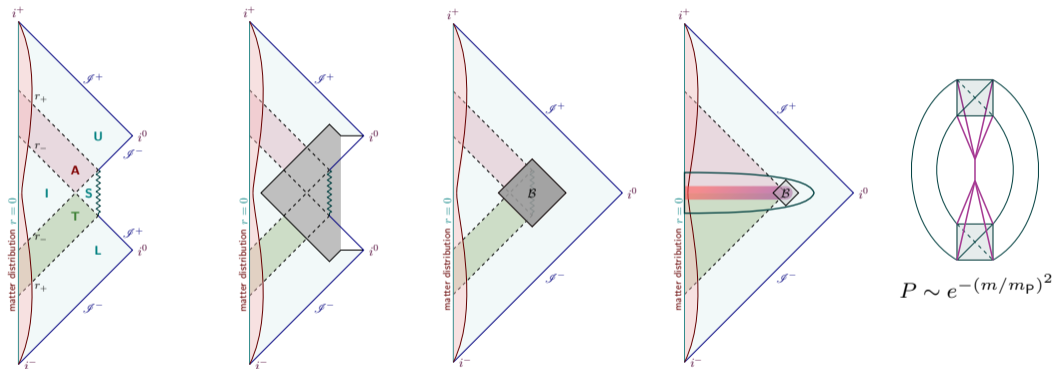


	Unruh effect	Hawking radiation
Framework	QFT in flat spacetime; uniformly accelerated observer with proper acceleration \tilde{a} .	QFT in curved spacetime; observer near the event horizon with surface gravity κ .
Plane waves related by $\hat{b}_p = \int dk(\alpha_{pk}\hat{a}_k - \beta_{pk}\hat{a}_k^\dagger)$		
Vacua	Minkowski vacuum $\hat{a}_k 0\rangle_M = 0$ vs Rindler vacuum $\hat{b}_p 0\rangle_R = 0$ avec $ \alpha_{pk} ^2 = e^{\frac{2\pi p}{\tilde{a}}} \beta_{pk} ^2$.	Kruskal vacuum $\hat{a}_k 0\rangle_K = 0$ vs Boulware vacuum $\hat{b}_p 0\rangle_B = 0$ avec $ \alpha_{pk} ^2 = e^{\frac{2\pi p}{\kappa}} \beta_{pk} ^2$.
Temperatures	$T_U = \frac{\tilde{a}}{2\pi}$ (comoving observer).	$T_H = \frac{\kappa}{2\pi} = \frac{1}{8\pi m}$ (static observer at infinity).
Diagrams		

(loop) Quantum black holes : “old” diagrams



(loop) Quantum black holes : “new” diagrams



→ Prediction of a Planckian remnant when the black hole evaporates to Planckian mass.

Implementation - Analytical Part



Initial conditions parameterized by $\alpha_A : \rho_A(N = N_i^-) = \alpha_A \rho_A^{\text{obs}} e^{-3(1+\omega_A)N_i}$.

So that $\rho_A^{\text{model}} = \rho_A^{\text{obs}}$, $\alpha_A = \alpha_A(\beta, N_i, \dots)$.

Phase P1

$$\alpha_b^{\text{P1}} = \frac{1}{1-\beta}, \quad \alpha_\gamma^{\text{P1}} = \frac{1}{1-\beta},$$

$$\alpha_c^{\text{P1}} = 1 - \frac{\beta}{1-\beta} \frac{\rho_b^{\text{obs}} + \rho_\gamma^{\text{obs}}(1 + C_{\nu\gamma})e^{-N_i}}{\rho_{\text{DM}}^{\text{obs}}}.$$

Phase P2

$$\alpha_b^{\text{P2}} = \frac{1}{1-\beta},$$

$$\alpha_c^{\text{P2}} = \frac{1}{1-\beta} + \frac{\beta\epsilon}{(\beta-1)\rho_{\text{DM}}^{\text{obs}}} \frac{e^{N_i}(\rho_b^{\text{obs}} + \rho_{\text{DM}}^{\text{obs}}) + (1 + C_{\nu\gamma})\rho_\gamma^{\text{obs}}}{e^{N_i}(1-\beta[1-\epsilon]) + e^{N_b}\beta(1 + C_{\nu\gamma})(1-\epsilon)\epsilon_\gamma},$$

$$\alpha_\gamma^{\text{P2}} = \frac{e^{N_i}}{(\beta-1)\rho_\gamma^{\text{obs}}} \frac{\rho_\gamma^{\text{obs}}(1-\beta[1-\epsilon]) - e^{N_b}\beta(1-\epsilon)\epsilon_\gamma(\rho_b^{\text{obs}} + \rho_{\text{DM}}^{\text{obs}})}{e^{N_i}(-1 + \beta[1-\epsilon]) - (1 + C_{\nu\gamma})e^{N_b}\beta(1-\epsilon)\epsilon_\gamma}.$$

Phase P3

$$\alpha_b^{\text{P3}} = \frac{1}{1-\beta}, \quad \alpha_c^{\text{P3}} = \frac{1}{1-\beta},$$

$$\alpha_\gamma^{\text{P3}} = \frac{e^{N_i}}{(1-\beta)\rho_\gamma^{\text{obs}}} \frac{(1-\beta)\rho_\gamma^{\text{obs}} - (\rho_b^{\text{obs}} + \rho_{\text{DM}}^{\text{obs}})\beta(e^{N_r}\epsilon + e^{N_b}[1-\epsilon]\epsilon_\gamma)}{e^{N_i}(1-\beta) + (1 + C_{\nu\gamma})\beta(e^{N_r}\epsilon + e^{N_b}[1-\epsilon]\epsilon_\gamma)}.$$

Implementation - maximizing β



$$\alpha_A \left(\beta^{(A)}, m_{\text{PBH}}^{(i)} \right) = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \beta = \beta_A \left(m_{\text{PBH}}^{(i)} \right) .$$

For α_c^{P1} , $\alpha_\gamma^{\text{P2}}$ and α_c^{P2} , one gets :

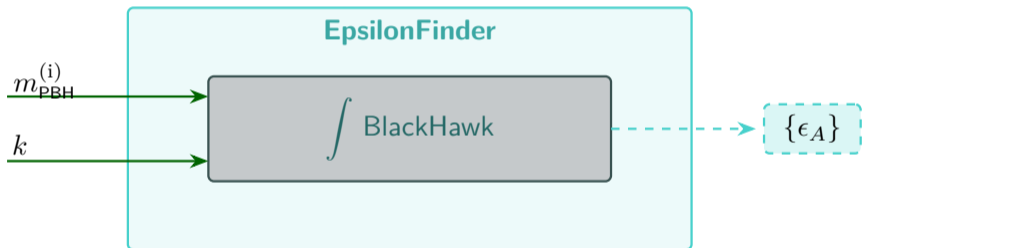
$$\beta_c^{\text{P1}} = \frac{\rho_{\text{DM}}^{\text{obs}}}{\rho_b^{\text{obs}} + \rho_{\text{DM}}^{\text{obs}} + (1 + C_{\nu\gamma}) e^{N_i} \rho_\gamma^{\text{obs}}} , \quad \beta_\gamma^{\text{P2}} = \frac{\rho_\gamma^{\text{obs}}}{(1 - \epsilon) (e^{N_b} \epsilon_\gamma [\rho_b^{\text{obs}} + \rho_{\text{DM}}^{\text{obs}}] + \rho_\gamma^{\text{obs}})} ,$$

$$\beta_c^{\text{P2}} = \frac{\rho_{\text{DM}}^{\text{obs}}}{\rho_{\text{DM}}^{\text{obs}} + \epsilon \rho_b^{\text{obs}} - (1 + C_{\nu\gamma}) e^{N_b - N_i} (1 - \epsilon) \epsilon_\gamma \rho_{\text{DM}}^{\text{obs}} + e^{-N_i} (1 + C_{\nu\gamma}) \epsilon \rho_\gamma^{\text{obs}}} .$$

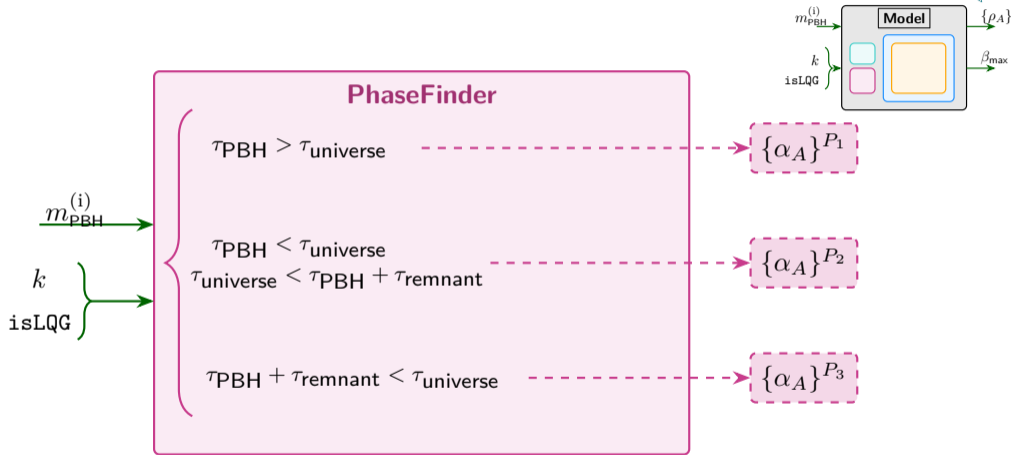
If one let $\alpha_A = \delta_A$ with $\delta_A \ll 1$, one can get $\beta_A(\delta)$:

$$\beta_\gamma^{(\delta)} = \frac{- (1 + C_{\nu\gamma}) e^{N_b} \delta (1 - \epsilon) \epsilon_\gamma \rho_\gamma^{\text{obs}} - e^{N_i} (e^{N_b} [1 - \epsilon] \epsilon_\gamma [\rho_b^{\text{obs}} + \rho_{\text{DM}}^{\text{obs}}] + [1 - 2\delta] \rho_\gamma^{\text{obs}} - [1 - \delta] \epsilon \rho_\gamma^{\text{obs}})} + \sqrt{4 e^{N_i} (1 - \delta) \delta (1 - \epsilon) (e^{N_i} - [1 + C_{\nu\gamma}] e^{N_b} \epsilon_\gamma) \rho_\gamma^{\text{obs}2} + \left(e^{N_i} [-\{1 - \epsilon\} + \delta\{2 - \epsilon\}] \rho_\gamma^{\text{obs}} - e^{N_b + N_i} [1 - \epsilon] \epsilon_\gamma [\rho_b^{\text{obs}} + \rho_{\text{DM}}^{\text{obs}}] - [1 + C_{\nu\gamma}] e^{N_b} \delta [1 - \epsilon] \epsilon_\gamma \rho_\gamma^{\text{obs}} \right)^2}}{2\delta(1 - \epsilon) (e^{N_i} - [1 + C_{\nu\gamma}] e^{N_b} \epsilon_\gamma) \rho_\gamma^{\text{obs}}}$$

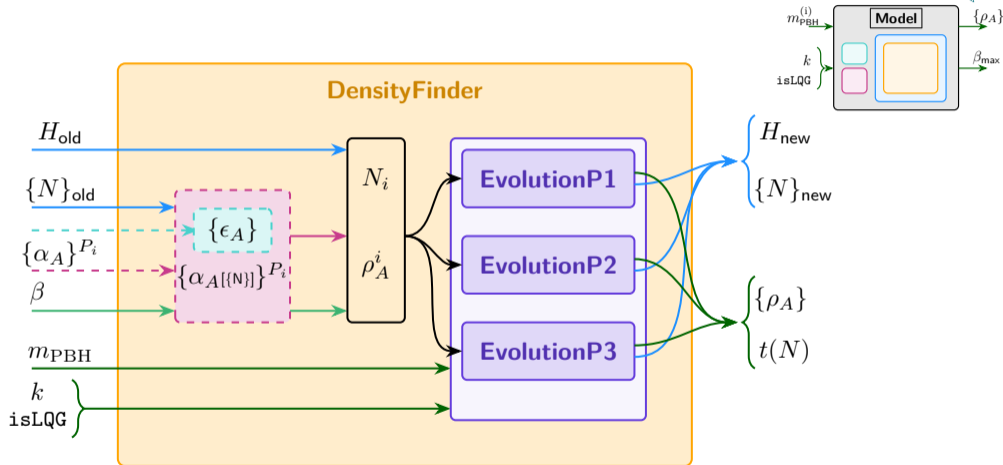
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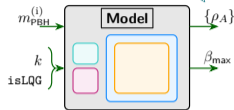
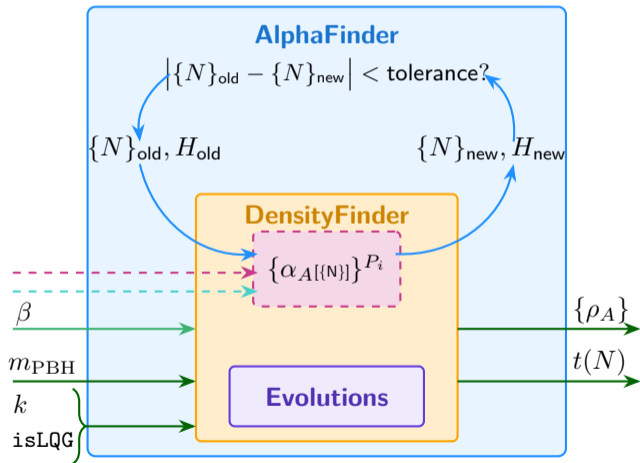
Model description - PhaseFinder



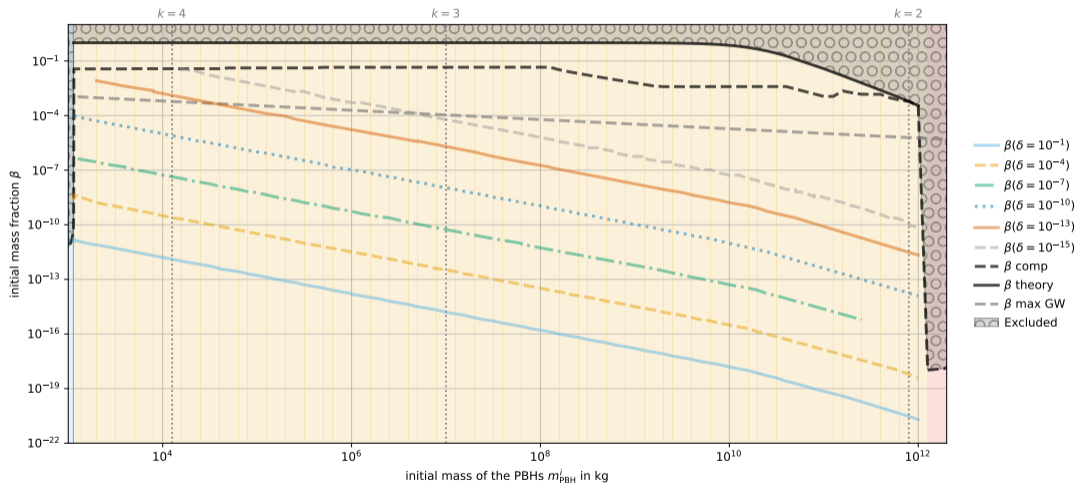
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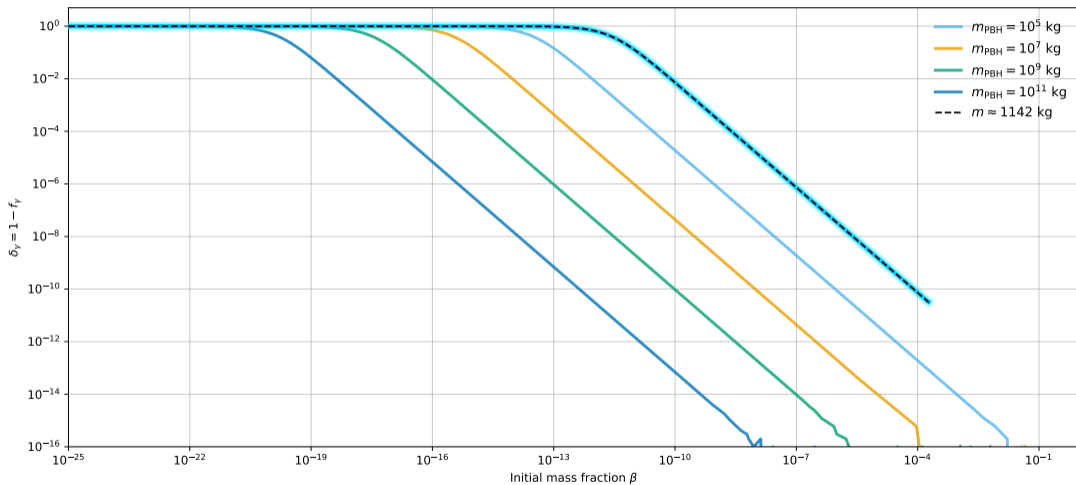
Model description - AlphaFinder



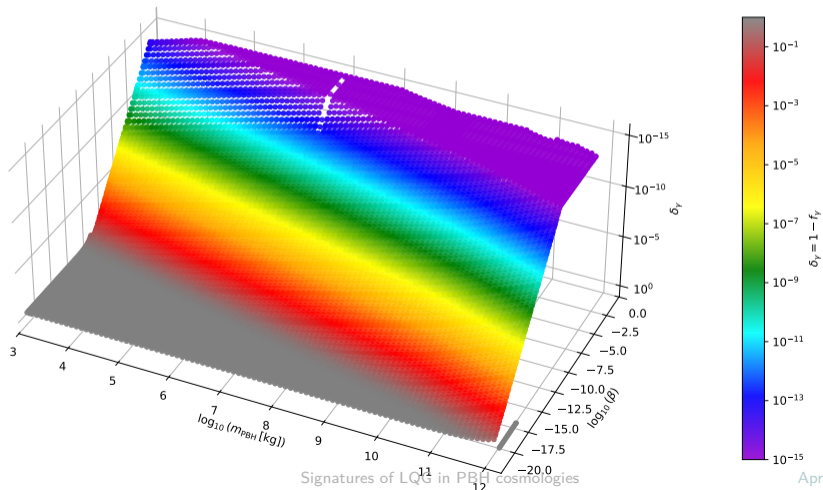
Genericity of β in the regime II



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Genericity of β in the regime II

- Ratio of PBH to initial radiation at formation epoch (N_i) :

$$\frac{\rho_{\text{PBH}}(N_i)}{\rho_{\gamma}^i(N_i)} \approx \frac{\beta}{1-\beta} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \frac{\rho_{\text{PBH}}(N_b)}{\rho_{\gamma}^i(N_b)} \approx \frac{\beta}{1-\beta} e^{N_b - N_i} .$$

- Hawking injection defines the radiation deficit parameter δ_{γ} :

$$\frac{\rho_{\gamma}^{\text{H}}(N_b)}{\rho_{\gamma}^i(N_b)} = \frac{1 - \delta_{\gamma}}{\delta_{\gamma}}$$

- Equating $\rho_{\gamma}^{\text{H}}(N_b) \approx \rho_{\text{PBH}}(N_b)$ in the saturation limit isolates β :

$$\beta \approx \left(1 + \frac{\delta_{\gamma}}{1 - \delta_{\gamma}} e^{N_b - N_i} \right)^{-1}$$

Consequence : At the background level, the initial fraction β is highly degenerate with the EMD duration $\Delta N = N_b - N_i$.



Goal : relate β and ΔN_{eff} from scalar-induced GWs.

Press-Schechter formalism for the probability density function :

$$\beta = \text{erfc} \left(\frac{\delta_c}{\sqrt{2}\sigma} \right) \approx \frac{\sqrt{2}\sigma}{\sqrt{\pi}\delta_c} e^{-\frac{\delta_c^2}{2\sigma^2}} ,$$

with $\delta_c \approx 0.45$ and $\sigma^2 \approx (2/3)^2 \mathcal{P}_p$ (for $\beta \ll 1$) is the variance of primordial density fluctuations. Inverting the above relation gives $\mathcal{P}_p(\beta)$ the power spectrum of the curvature perturbations, which can be related to the one of the tensor fluctuations h by :

$$\mathcal{P}_h(k, t_k) = \frac{\mathcal{P}_p^2}{16\pi} \frac{9k^2(k^2 - 4k_p^2)^2 |k^2 - 2k_p^2|}{k_p^4(3k^2 + k_p^2)^2 |k^2 - k_p^2|} \Theta(2k_p - k) ,$$

where k_p is the position of the peak. Today's GW spectrum is related to $\mathcal{P}_h(k, t_k)$ by :

$$\Omega_{\text{GW},0} = \frac{a_0 k^2}{a_{\text{eq}} k_{\text{eq}}} T^2(k, t_0) \mathcal{P}_h(k, t_k) \approx \frac{a_{\text{eq}}}{a_0} \mathcal{P}_h(k, t_k) \approx 3.1 \cdot 10^{-4} \mathcal{P}_p^2 .$$



The relation between N_{eff} and $\Omega_{\text{GW},0}$ is extracted from :

$$\rho_\gamma + \rho_\nu + \rho_{\text{GW}} = \frac{\pi^2}{15} T_\gamma^4 + \frac{7\pi^2}{120} T_\nu^4 N_{\text{eff}} ,$$

where $N_{\text{eff}} = 3.046 + \Delta N_{\text{eff}}$.

This gives $\Delta N_{\text{eff}} \approx 8.3 \cdot 10^4 \Omega_{\text{GW},0}$. For $\Delta N_{\text{eff}} < 0.15$ [Planck, BBN, BAO], we get $\beta \lesssim 0.14$.

Future measurements [CMBs4, LiteBird, ...] could bring $\Delta N_{\text{eff}} < 0.03 \implies \beta \lesssim 2 \cdot 10^{-4}$.

EMD era : GW plateau constrain



In case of an PBH-dominated era, the **Poisson fluctuations** of the PBH distribution source a GW background. For a monochromatic distribution, the following relation holds

[Papanikolaou, Vennon, Langlois; 21] :

$$\Omega_{\text{GW},0} = \Omega_{\text{rad},0} \mu (\kappa - \ln(\beta_{\text{GW}})) \beta_{\text{GW}}^{16/3} ,$$

where

$$\mu = \frac{1}{16} \left(\frac{45}{2} m_{\text{PBH}}^{(i)} \right)^{4/3} \left(\frac{g_{\text{eff}}}{100} \right)^{-2/3} , \quad \kappa = \frac{4}{3\sqrt{5}\pi} + \frac{3}{2} \ln(2) .$$

Solving for β_{GW} while imposing $\Omega_{\text{GW},0} \leq 1.8 \cdot 10^{-8}$ gives the following constraint on β :

$$\beta \leq \left(-\frac{3}{16} \frac{\Omega_{\text{rad},0}}{\Omega_{\text{GW},0}} \mu W_{(-)} \left[-\frac{16}{3} \frac{\Omega_{\text{GW},0}}{\mu \Omega_{\text{rad},0}} e^{-16\kappa/3} \right] \right)^{-3/16}$$

Evaporation density : Independence from β



Objective : Show $\rho_{\text{PBH}}(N_b)$ (and thus final ρ_γ) is independent of initial fraction β .

1. Initial setup (PBH scaling as matter from N_i) :

$$\rho_{\text{PBH}}(N_b) \approx \beta \underbrace{3M_{\text{P}}^2 H_i^2}_{\rho_{\text{tot}}(N_i)} e^{-3(N_b - N_i)}$$

2. Two-phase expansion : $N_i \xrightarrow{\text{RD}} N_{\text{dom}} \xrightarrow{\text{EMD}} N_b$

- **RD** ($N_i \rightarrow N_{\text{dom}}$) : PBH domination condition ($\beta e^{\Delta N} = 1$)

$$e^{-3(N_{\text{dom}} - N_i)} = \beta^3 \implies H_{\text{dom}}^2 \approx H_i^2 \beta^4$$

- **EMD** ($N_{\text{dom}} \rightarrow N_b$) : Matter-like scaling ($H^2 \propto a^{-3}$)

$$e^{-3(N_b - N_{\text{dom}})} \approx \frac{H_b^2}{H_{\text{dom}}^2} \approx \frac{H_b^2}{H_i^2 \beta^4}$$

3. Recombination :

$$\rho_{\text{PBH}}(N_b) \approx \beta (3M_{\text{P}}^2 H_i^2) \left[\beta^3 \left(\frac{H_b^2}{H_i^2 \beta^4} \right) \right] = 3M_{\text{P}}^2 H_b^2$$

\implies **Exact cancellation of β .** Final density strictly fixed by H_b (PBH mass).

Baryogenesis mechanisms : Schematic overview



- **GUT baryogenesis** [Hooper, Krnjaic; '20]

$$T_{\text{Hawking}} \nearrow \implies M_{\text{GUT}} \text{ emission} \xrightarrow{\text{CPV decay}} \Delta B \neq 0$$

- **Hot spot leptogenesis** [Gunn et al.; '24]

Local T_{H} heats plasma \implies EW restored locally \implies RHN emission

- **Exploding PBH shocks** [Klipfel; '26]

Terminal $\dot{M} \rightarrow \infty \implies$ Ultrarelativistic shocks \implies Chiral charge

- **Asymmetric evaporation** [Juan et al.; '25]

Horizon curvature \implies Chemical potential $\mu \implies$ Biased emission

- **Spontaneous (USR)** [Balaji; '26]

Inflaton velocity $\dot{\phi} \implies$ Effective $\mu \implies$ Plasma bias

- **Wash-in leptogenesis** [Schmitz, Xu; '26]

Thermal equilibrium \implies Pre-existing charge transfer

Viability at $m_{\text{PBH}}^{(i)} \approx 10^3 \text{ kg}$



Target regime : $f_{\text{DM}} = 1$ and $f_{\gamma} = 1$.

1. Mass-excluded

- Wash-in $(m_{\text{PBH}}^{(i)} \leq 1 \text{ kg})$
- Asymmetric $(m_{\text{PBH}}^{(i)} \leq 10^{-3} \text{ kg})$
- Spontaneous $(m_{\text{PBH}}^{(i)} > 10^{12} \text{ kg})$

2. Mass-compatible

- **GUT** : Post-EWPT decay.
- **Hot Spot** : Local sphalerons.
- **Shocks** : Mass fits