

# Preheating with backreaction effects in theories with light fields

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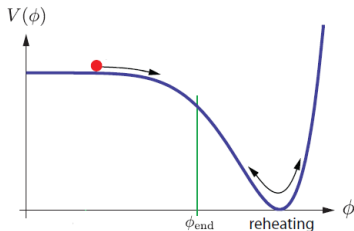
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# Post-inflationary particle production



Example of an inflaton potential,  
D.Baumann "TASI Lectures on Inflation".

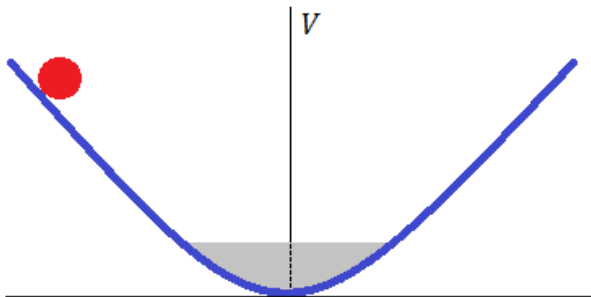
- accelerated expansion (**inflation**), when  $V(\phi) \gg \frac{1}{2}\dot{\phi}^2$
- the end of inflation, when  $V(\phi) \sim \frac{1}{2}\dot{\phi}^2$
- **reheating**, when the energy density of the inflaton is converted into radiation - highly non-thermal and cold Universe gets defrosted and thermalised

**Preheating** - non-adiabatic and non-perturbative stage of coherent oscillations right after the end of inflation

- **non-adiabaticity**: the occupation number of the homogeneous part of the inflaton is very large at the end of inflation - it behaves as a classical field, an external force acting on the quantum fields coupled to inflaton and their masses change very rapidly in time
- **non-perturbativity**: particles with masses larger than the inflaton mass can be produced

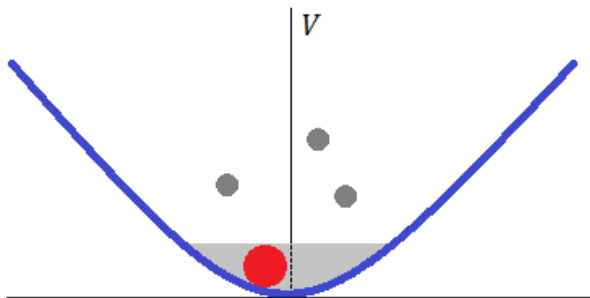
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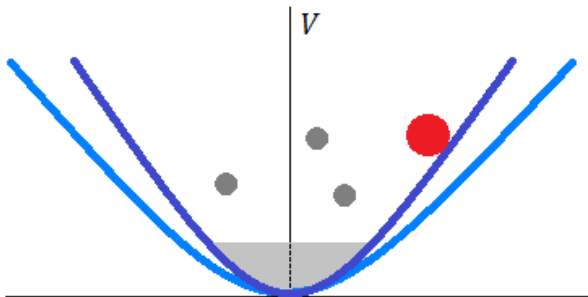
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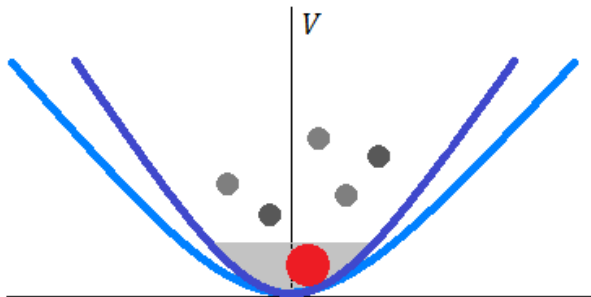
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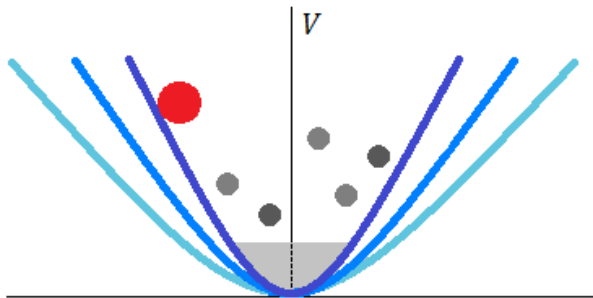
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# Models with light fields

## Our goal

to investigate the particle production in the models with light fields indirectly coupled to inflaton including backreaction:

I) two scalar system:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial\phi)^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\partial\chi)^2 - \frac{1}{2}m_\phi^2\phi^2 - \frac{1}{2}m_\chi^2\chi^2 - \frac{1}{4}g^2\phi^2\chi^2$$

II) system with the additional light sector:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial\phi)^2 + \frac{1}{2}(\partial\chi)^2 - \frac{1}{2}m_\phi^2\phi^2 - \frac{1}{2}m_\chi^2\chi^2 - \frac{1}{4}g^2\phi^2\chi^2 \\ + \sum_n \frac{1}{2}(\partial\xi_n)^2 - \sum_n \frac{1}{2}m_\xi^2\xi_n^2 - \sum_n \frac{1}{4}v^2\chi^2\xi_n^2$$

$\phi$  - inflaton,  $\langle 0^{\text{in}} | \phi | 0^{\text{in}} \rangle = \langle \phi(t) \rangle$

$\chi$  - another scalar field coupled directly to  $\phi$ ,  $m_\phi \gg m_\chi$ ,  $\langle \chi \rangle = 0$

$\xi_n$  -  $N$  light or massless fields not coupled to  $\phi$ ,  $m_\phi \gg m_\xi$ ,  $\langle \xi_n \rangle = 0$

$\chi$  particles are produced resonantly and  $\xi_n$  through the interactions with  $\chi$ .

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L. R. W. Abramo, R. H. Brandenberger, V. F. Mukhanov: 9704037  
L. Kofman, A. Linde, A. Starobinsky: 9704452  
L. Kofman et al.: 0403001  
R. Brandenberger, R. Costa, G. Franzmann: 1504.00867  
D. Roest, M. Scalisi, P. Werkman: 1607.08231  
...



# Numerical results for multi-scalar systems

We are interested in time-evolution of particle number density for each species:

$$n(t) = \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{\langle N_{\mathbf{k}} \rangle}{V}$$

$$N_k(t) = \frac{1}{2\omega_k} \left( \dot{\hat{\phi}}_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger \dot{\hat{\phi}}_{\mathbf{k}} + \omega_k^2 \hat{\phi}_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger \hat{\phi}_{\mathbf{k}} \right) + \frac{i}{2} \left( \hat{\phi}_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger \dot{\hat{\phi}}_{\mathbf{k}} + \dot{\hat{\phi}}_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger \hat{\phi}_{\mathbf{k}} \right)$$

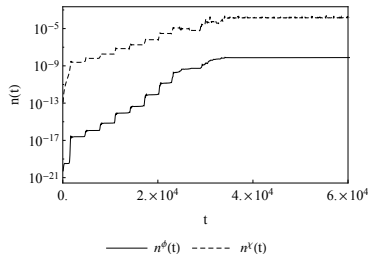
- solve eoms for all the species for  $t_{ini}$  and calculate their number density
- do the same for  $t_{ini} + \Delta t$  taking into account the backreaction of previously produced states on the evolution of the background (given by the induced potential coming from non-zero energy density)
- repeat it till you reach  $t_{fin}$

# Two scalar system

According to [L. Kofman et al.: 0403001](#) the first production of  $\chi$  particles results in the number density

$$n_{\chi}^{(1)} \sim \frac{[gm_{\phi}\langle\phi(0)\rangle]^{3/2}}{(2\pi)^3} \sim 4 \cdot 10^{-9}$$

**we are in agreement!**



$$g = 0.1, m_{\phi} = 0.001M \\ (M \sim 0.04M_{PL}, M_{PL} \sim 1.22 \cdot 10^{19} \text{ GeV})$$

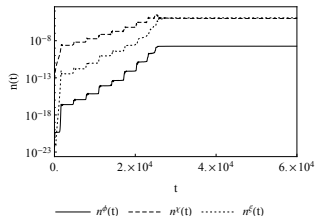
# System with the additional light sector

- all the states are produced abundantly
- for  $n_\xi \sim n_\chi$ : quenching of the preheating (due to enhancement of the backreaction effects:  $n_\xi \uparrow$ )
- expectation: most of the energy would be transferred to  $\xi_n$  fields as they are very light but:  $N \uparrow \Leftrightarrow |\langle \phi \rangle|^{final} \uparrow$ , energy transfer to  $\xi \downarrow$

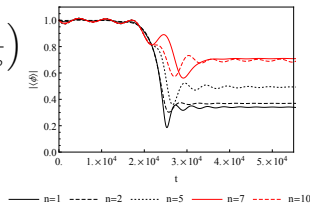
The physical mass of  $\chi$

$$M_\chi^2 = m_\chi^2 + \frac{1}{2}g^2\langle\phi\rangle^2 + \frac{1}{2}g^2 \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \left( \frac{1}{V}\langle\hat{\phi}_\mathbf{p}^\dagger\hat{\phi}_\mathbf{p}\rangle - \frac{1}{2\omega_{\phi p}} \right) + \frac{1}{2}y^2 \sum_n \left( \frac{1}{V}\langle\hat{\xi}_{n\mathbf{p}}^\dagger\hat{\xi}_{n\mathbf{p}}\rangle - \frac{1}{2\omega_{\xi p}} \right) + \mathcal{O}(y^4, y^2g^2, g^4)$$

Once  $\phi$  or  $\xi_n$  are produced they also generate  $\chi$ 's effective mass which results in particle production area becoming narrower:  $n_\chi \downarrow$ .



$$g = 0.1, \gamma = 1, N = 1, m_\phi = 0.001M$$



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Thank you for your attention.

## Back-up slides

# Instant preheating

*"We describe a new efficient mechanism of reheating. Immediately after rolling down the rapidly moving inflaton field  $\phi$  produces particles  $\chi$ , which may be either bosons or fermions. This is a nonperturbative process which occurs almost instantly; no oscillations or parametric resonance is required. (...) When the particles  $\chi$  become sufficiently heavy, they rapidly decay to other, lighter particles. (...)"*

G. Felder, L. Kofman, A. Linde: 9812289

- three fields - background  $\phi$ ,  $\chi$  interacting with  $\phi$  and some other field  $\psi$  not coupled to  $\phi$
- $\chi$  particles produced within one-time oscillation of  $\phi$  decay immediately to  $\psi$  before the next oscillation of  $\phi$
- $\psi$  states can be also produced even though there is no direct interaction between  $\phi$  and  $\psi$

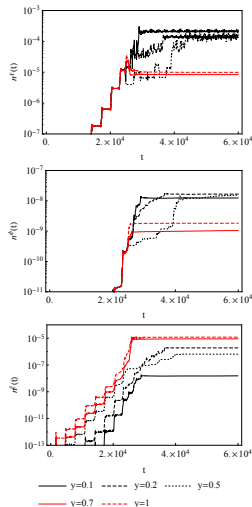
	our work	instant preheating
inflaton's behaviour	oscillations	no oscillations
mechanism of production	the quantum corrections	decay
origin of the quenching	backreaction	rapid decay

# Varying $\gamma$ with fixed $g$

$$\frac{1}{4}g^2\phi^2\chi^2 \quad \sum_n \frac{1}{4}y^2\chi^2\xi_n^2$$

produced states	effect of varied $\gamma$
$\chi, \phi$	does not influence the initial stage of preheating
	influences the final $n_\chi$ and $n_\phi$ :
	$y \uparrow \Leftrightarrow n_\chi^{final} \downarrow, n_\phi^{final} \downarrow$
$\xi_n$	both initial and final stages are strongly influenced
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For  $n_\xi^{final} \sim n_\chi^{final}$ : quenching of the preheating  
( $y = 0.7$  and  $y = 1$ )



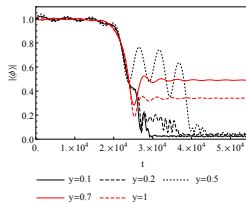
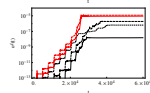
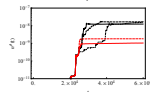
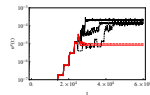
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# The new method vs the old one

old

S. Enomoto, O. Fuksińska, Z. Lalak: 1412.7442

massless background  
asymptotic approximation  
artificial infinite growth  
for massless states  
(secularity)

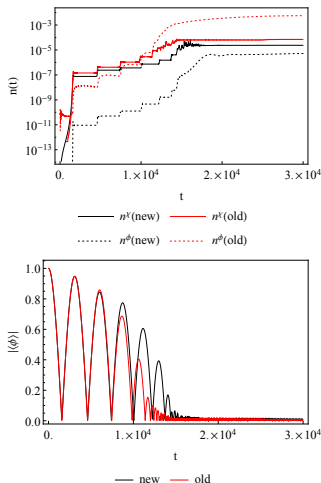
new

O. Czerwińska, S. Enomoto, Z. Lalak: 1701.00015

massive background  
interacting field theory  
no secularity

However:

the old results with secularity are still applicable  
at the early stages of particle production process.



$$g = 1, m_\phi = 0.001M$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle \hat{\phi}_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} \dot{\hat{\phi}}_{\mathbf{k}} \rangle &= \langle \dot{\hat{\phi}}_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} \hat{\phi}_{\mathbf{k}} \rangle + \langle \hat{\phi}_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} \dot{\hat{\phi}}_{\mathbf{k}} \rangle \\
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 &= \langle \dot{\hat{\phi}}_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} \dot{\hat{\phi}}_{\mathbf{k}} \rangle - \omega_k^2 \langle \hat{\phi}_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} \hat{\phi}_{\mathbf{k}} \rangle - \langle \hat{\phi}_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} \hat{J}_{\mathbf{k}} \rangle \\
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 &= -\omega_k^2 (\langle \dot{\hat{\phi}}_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} \hat{\phi}_{\mathbf{k}} \rangle + \langle \hat{\phi}_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} \dot{\hat{\phi}}_{\mathbf{k}} \rangle) - \langle \dot{\hat{\phi}}_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} \hat{J}_{\mathbf{k}} \rangle - \langle \hat{J}_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} \dot{\hat{\phi}}_{\mathbf{k}} \rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\hat{J}_{\mathbf{k}} \equiv \int d^3x e^{-\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}} J(t, \mathbf{x}).$$

Physical mass of  $\phi$  is determined by the relation:

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= \langle \hat{\phi}_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} \hat{J}_{\mathbf{k}} \rangle = (m^2 - M^2) \langle \hat{\phi}_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} \hat{\phi}_{\mathbf{k}} \rangle \\
 &\quad + \int d^3x e^{-i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}} \left\langle \hat{\phi}_{\mathbf{k}}^{\dagger} \frac{dV(x)}{d\phi} \right\rangle
 \end{aligned}$$

to remove the infinite part of the mass correction.

# Expansion of the universe

we neglect the expansion of the universe  $\Leftrightarrow$  we assume that the mean time the trajectory spends in the non-adiabatic region is smaller than the Hubble time

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{g\nu}} < \frac{2}{3H(w+1)}$$

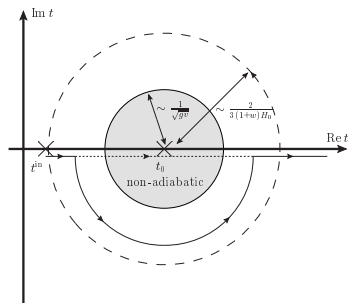
Following [K. Enqvist, M. Sloth: 0109214](#) the number density of produced particles in the expanding universe is

$$n_{\chi}^{(j)} \sim n_{\chi}^{(1)} \cdot 3^{j-1} \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^{3/2} \frac{1}{j^{5/2}}$$

$j$  - the number of oscillations.

For  $j \sim 10$  and  $n_{\chi}^{(10)} \sim 1 \times 10^{-6}$ , the oscillation phase finishes when  $\frac{1}{2}m_{\phi}^2 \langle \phi_j \rangle^2 \sim \rho_{\chi}^{(j)} \sim g \langle \phi_j \rangle n_{\chi}^{(j)}$ :

**we are in agreement!**



# Bogoliubov transformation (L.E. Parker & D.J. Toms, N. D. Birrell & P. C. W. Davies, ...)

These two sets of operators act in the same Hilbert space so we can express one using another

$$\begin{aligned}a_k^{\text{out}} &= \alpha_k a_k^{\text{in}} + \beta_k a_k^{\text{in} \dagger} \\ a_k^{\text{out} \dagger} &= \alpha_k^* a_k^{\text{in} \dagger} + \beta_k^* a_k^{\text{in}}\end{aligned}$$

and calculate commutation relation in the new basis

$$[a_k^{\text{out}}, a_k^{\text{out} \dagger}] = [\alpha_k a_k^{\text{in}} + \beta_k a_k^{\text{in} \dagger}, \alpha_k^* a_k^{\text{in} \dagger} + \beta_k^* a_k^{\text{in}}] = \dots = (|\alpha_k|^2 - |\beta_k|^2) [a_k^{\text{in}}, a_k^{\text{in} \dagger}]$$

Commutation relation is fixed so we obtain the **normalization condition** for **Bogoliubov coefficients** in case of the scalar field

$$|\alpha_k|^2 - |\beta_k|^2 = 1.$$

For fermions:  $|\alpha_k|^2 + |\beta_k|^2 = 1$  because of the different form of commutation relation.

**Occupation number** of produced particles

$$n_k \equiv \langle 0^{\text{in}} | N_k | 0^{\text{in}} \rangle = \langle 0^{\text{in}} | a_k^{\text{out} \dagger} a_k^{\text{out}} | 0^{\text{in}} \rangle = V |\beta_k|^2.$$

It seems that if  $\beta_k = 0$  particles are not produced.