

# **Gravitational Collapse of a Massless Scalar Field in a Periodic Box**

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# Introduction

# Grav. Collapse in the Universe

◎ **The Universe is expanding**

◎ **Gravitational collapse in an expanding background**

- E.g., Primordial black hole formation

◎ **Gravitational collapse with periodic boundaries**

- Expansion is automatically induced by the integrability condition

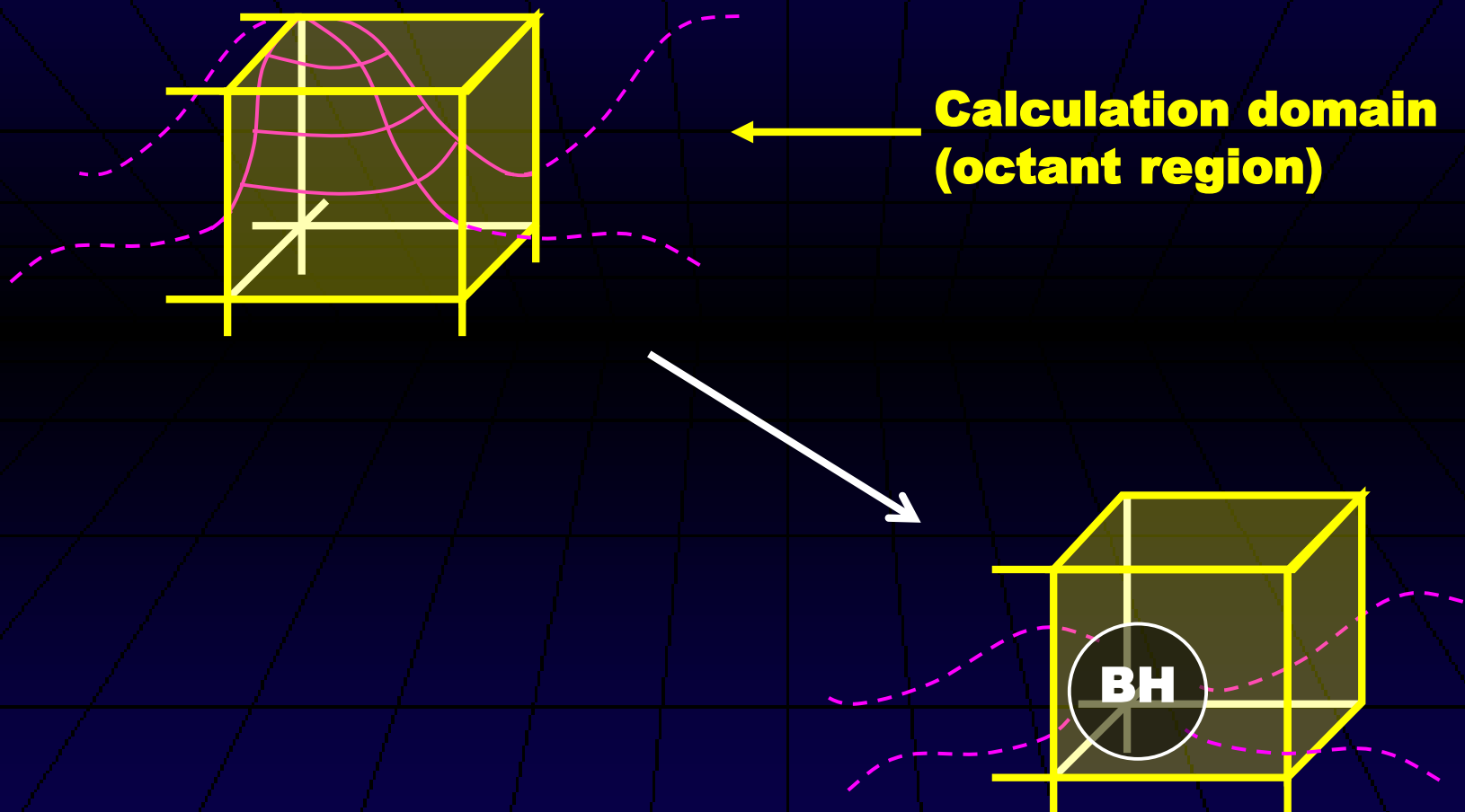
- Overall expansion law would be dependent on the dynamics

◎ **Massless scalar field**

- The simplest matter

- Preliminary practice for gravitational collapse of gravitational waves

# Grav. Collapse in a Box



# Contents

© **Initial data construction**

© **Time evolution starting from small initial amplitude**

© **Black hole formation and its evolution**

© **Expansion law  $a(t) \propto t^{2/3}$  (matter) or  $a(t) \propto t^{1/2}$  (radiation)**

# Initial Data Construction

# Setting

## ©Scalar field

$$\nabla^\mu \nabla_\mu \phi = 0$$

**momentum:**  $\Pi := -n^\mu \nabla_\mu \phi$

## ©Constraint equations

$$\mathcal{R} + K^2 - K_{ij}K^{ij} = 16\pi\rho$$

$$D_j K_i^j - D_i K = 8\pi j_i = -8\pi \Pi \partial_i \phi$$

**©Assumption1:**  $K_{ij}^{\text{TL}} = 0, D_i K = 0, \Pi = 0$

**⇒ make mom. constraint trivial**

**©Assumption2: conformally flat**  $dl^2 = e^{4\psi} \delta_{ij} dx^i dx^j$

## ©Hamiltonian constraint

$$\Delta\psi + \delta^{ij} \partial_i \psi \partial_j \psi - \frac{1}{12} K^2 e^{4\psi} = -2\pi\rho e^{4\psi} = -\pi \delta^{ij} \partial_i \phi \partial_j \phi$$

# Scalar Field Profile

## © Hamiltonian constraint

$$\Delta\psi + \delta^{ij}\partial_i\psi\partial_j\psi - \frac{1}{12}K^2e^{4\psi} = -\pi\delta^{ij}\partial_i\phi\partial_j\phi$$

## © Scalar field profile

$$\phi(r) = A \exp\left[-\frac{r^2}{\sigma^2}\right] W(r; r_{\text{in}}, L)$$

amplitude

Gaussian

↓  
window function for smoothing the tail of the Gaussian on the boundary

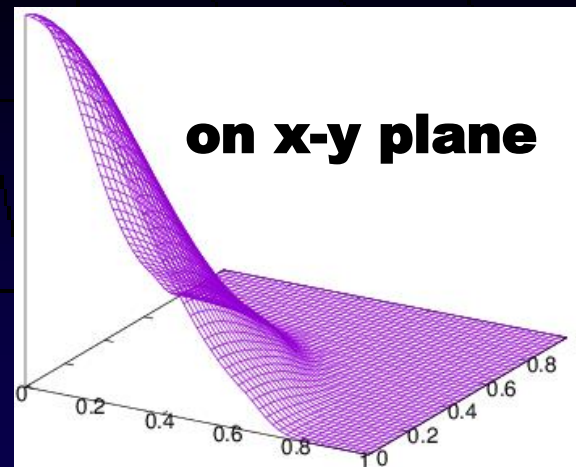
## © Parameters

$$\sigma = 3/10 L$$

where  $L$ : box size

$A = 0.05 - 100$  for initial data

$A = 0.1$  and  $10$  for evolution





# Integrability Cond.

## © Hamiltonian constraint

$$\Delta\psi + \delta^{ij}\partial_i\psi\partial_j\psi - \frac{1}{12}K^2e^{4\psi} = -\pi\delta^{ij}\partial_i\phi\partial_j\phi$$

## © Integral with no boundary(periodic)

$$\int dV \left( \cancel{\partial_t\psi} - \frac{1}{12}K^2e^{4\psi} \right) = -\int dV \left( (\partial\psi)^2 + \pi(\partial\phi)^2 \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow K^2 = \underline{12 \frac{\int dV((\partial\psi)^2 + \pi(\partial\phi)^2)}{\int dV e^{4\psi}}}$$

**integrability cond.**

## © Finite value of $-\frac{K}{3} \sim H$ : expansion rate

**Expansion is induced by the boundary cond.**

# Scale-up Coordinates (1)

© **Numerical domain**( $X, Y, Z$ : **Cartesian coordinates**)

$$0 < X, Y, Z < L$$

© **New coordinates:**  $(x, y, z)$

$$(X, Y, Z) \rightarrow (x, y, z) = (F^{-1}(X), F^{-1}(Y), F^{-1}(Z))$$

$$\text{i.e., } X = F(x) := x - \frac{S}{1+S} \frac{L}{\pi} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{L} x\right)$$

▪ **compatible with the boundary condition**

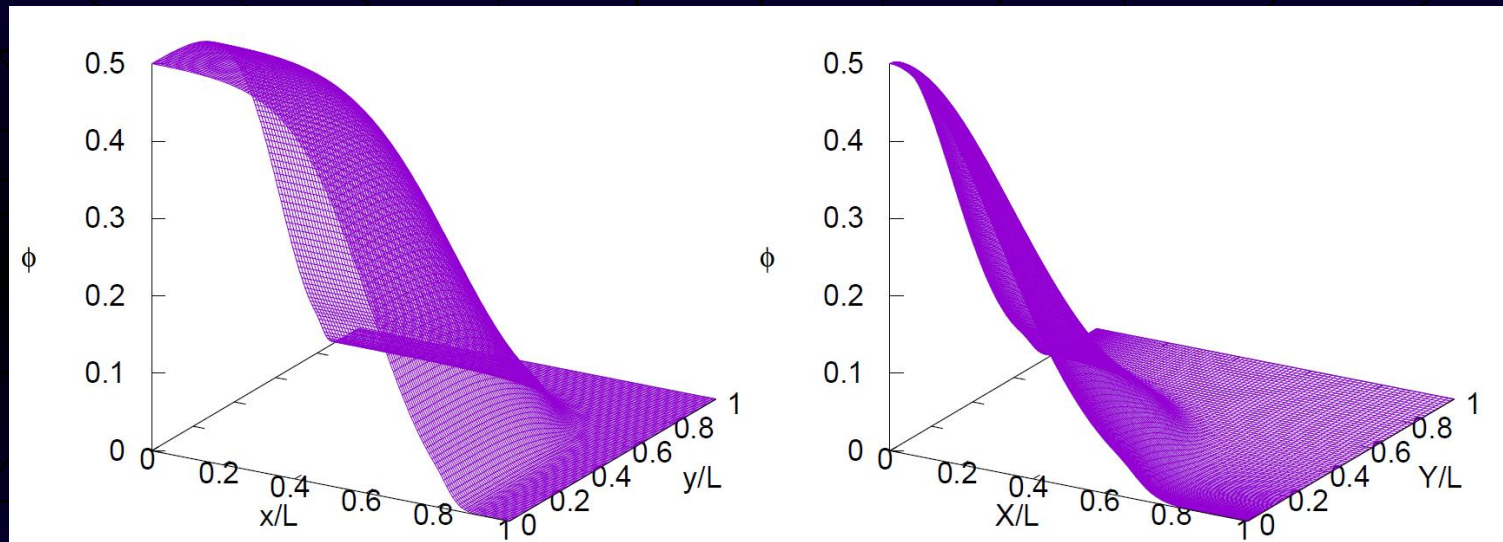
▪  **$x = 0$  at  $X = 0$  and  $x = L$  at  $X = L$**

$$\text{▪ } \left(\frac{\Delta X}{\Delta x}\right)_{x=L} = (1 + 2S) \left(\frac{\Delta X}{\Delta x}\right)_{x=0}$$

- **The central region is scaled up by the factor  $1 + 2S$  in this coordinates**

# Scale-up Coordinates (2)

©Profile of  $\phi$  in the new coordinates



**Scale-up coord.**

**Cartesian coord.**

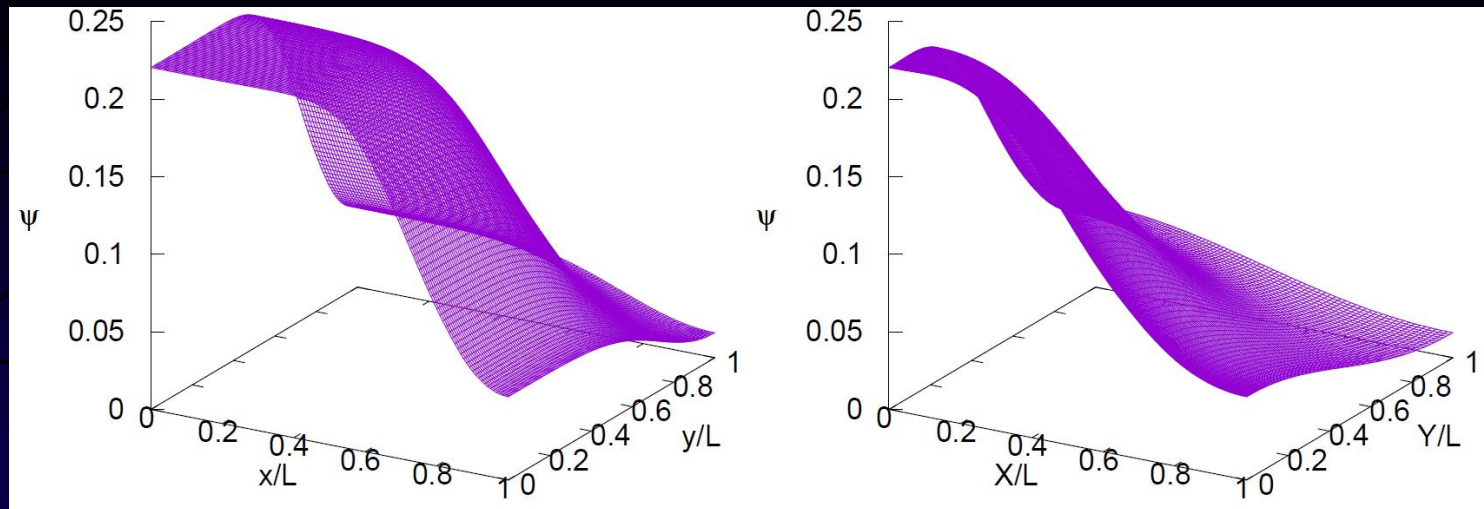
# Numerical Integration

## © Hamiltonian constraint

$$\Delta\psi + \delta^{ij}\partial_i\psi\partial_j\psi - \frac{1}{12}K^2e^{4\psi} = -\pi\delta^{ij}\partial_i\phi\partial_j\phi$$

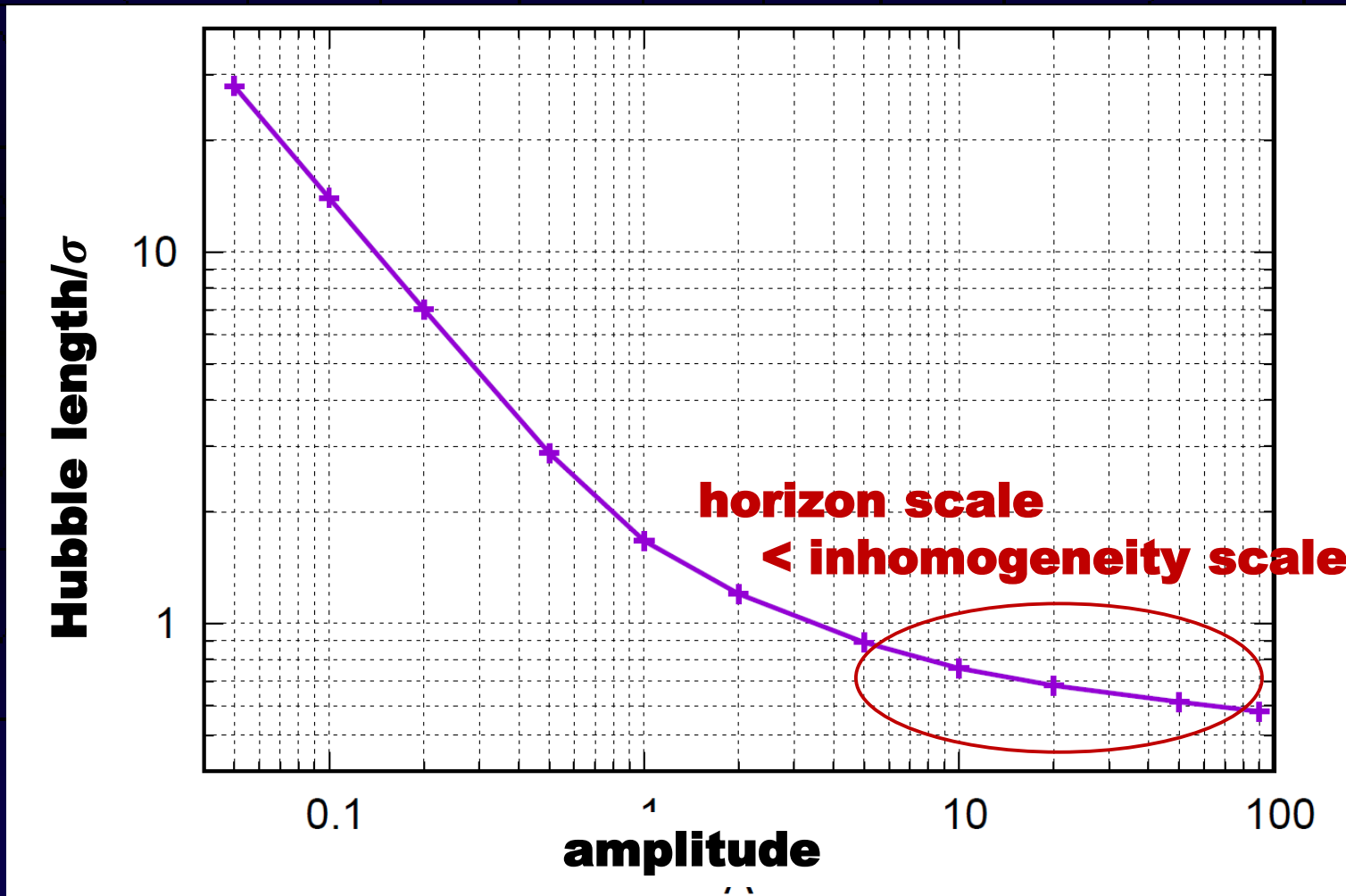
## © Overview

- Replace the Laplacian by finite differences
- Use iterative method(Successive-Over-Relaxation method)
- Update the value of  $K$  at each step



# Amplitude - $1/(H\sigma)$

©Super-horizon inhomogeneity?



# Time Evolution with small initial amplitude

# Simulation Scheme

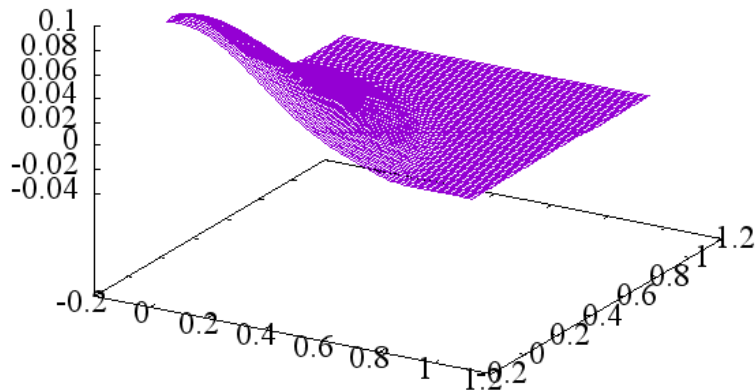
- © **4th order Runge-Kutta with BSSN**
- © **Dynamical slice for lapse(modified 1+log slice)**
- © **Gamma driver for shift**
- © **Uni-grid with Cartesian coordinates for small amplitude**

# Time Evolution(1)

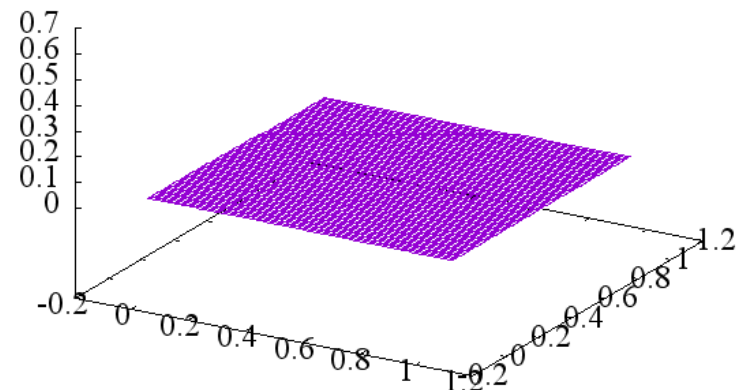
◎ Small initial amplitude ( $A=0.1$ )

- Diffusion  $\rightarrow$  small oscillation : effective radiation fluid

$\phi$  on x-y plane



$\psi$  on x-y plane

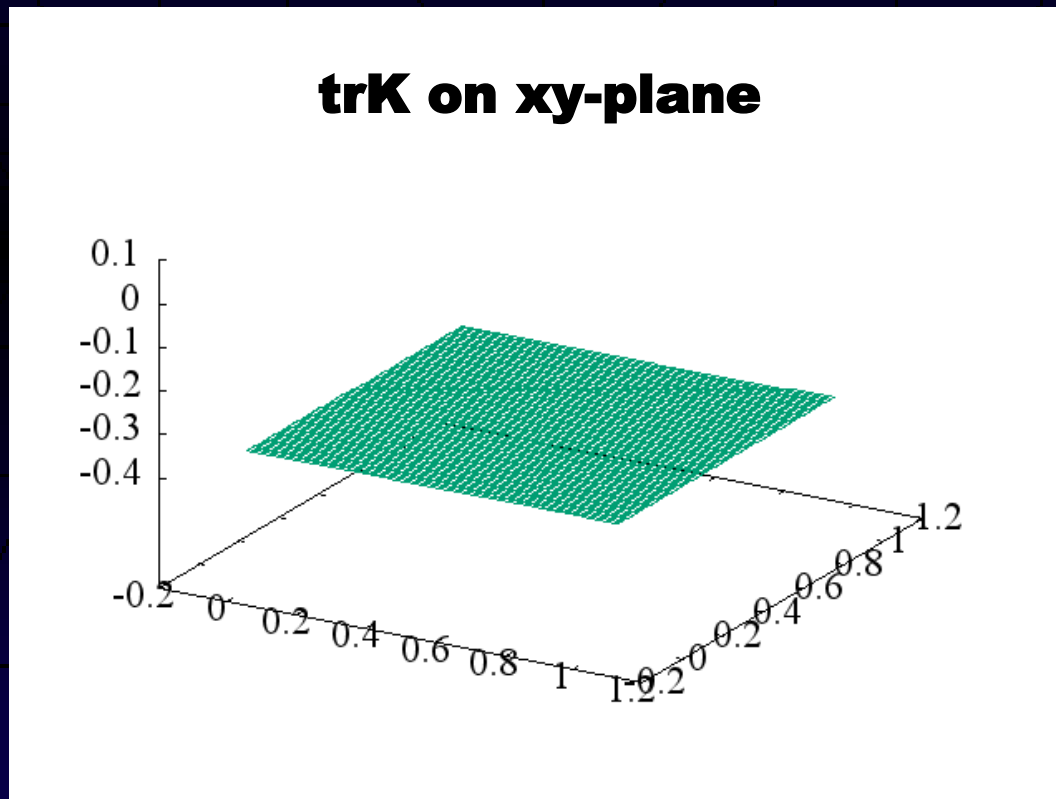




# Time Evolution(2)

©trK

- Expansion → the absolute value gets smaller with time

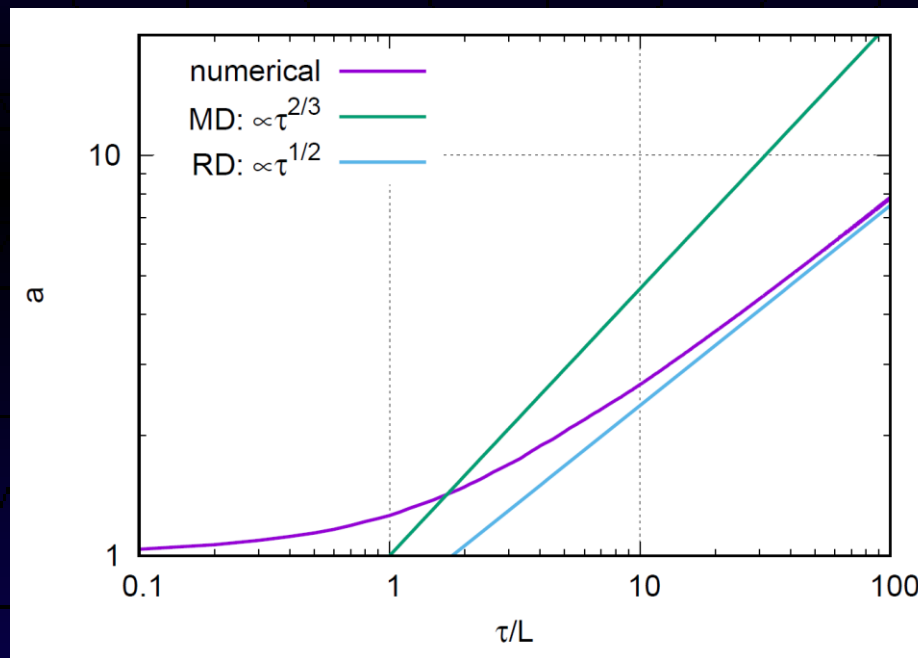


# Expansion Law

## © Effective scale factor $a(\tau)$

- Surface area of the cubic box  $\mathcal{A}$  on the constant proper time slice

-  $a(\tau) := \sqrt{\mathcal{A}(\tau)/(24L^2)}$



© The expansion law approaches to rad. dom. universe

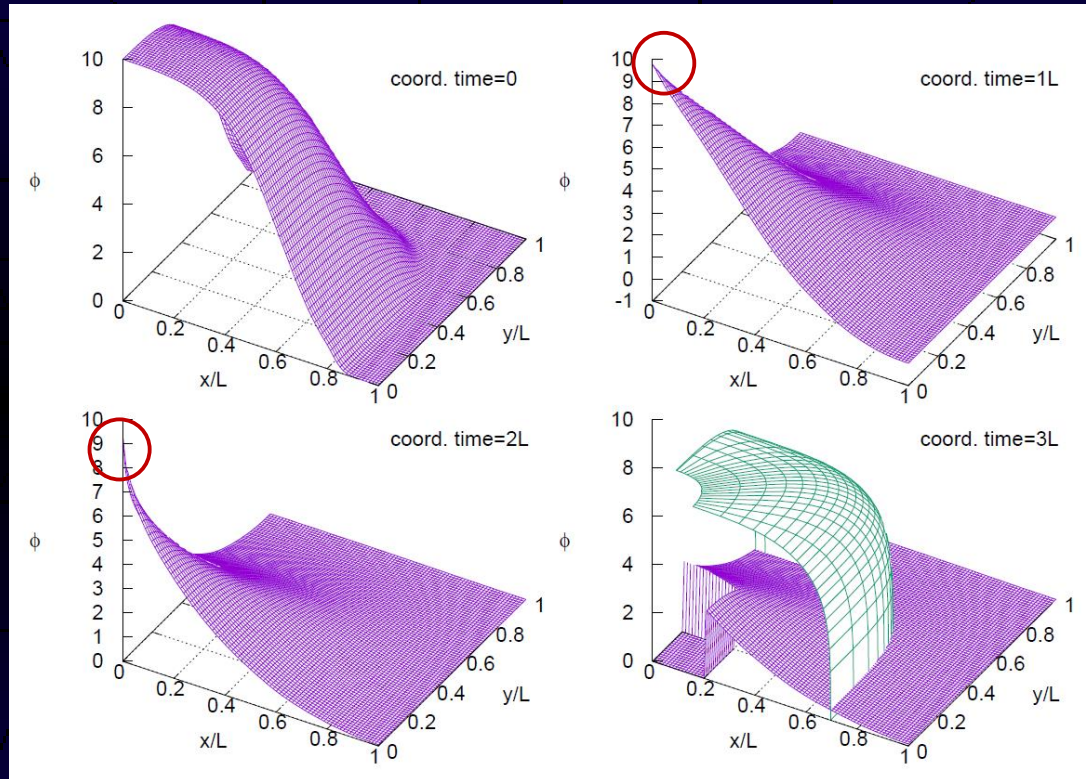
# Time Evolution with large initial amplitude

# Simulation Scheme

- © **4th order Runge-Kutta with BSSN**
- © **Dynamical slice for lapse(modified 1+log slice)**
- © **Gamma driver for shift**
  
- © **Scale-up coordinate**
  
- © **Excision of a black hole interior region**

# Evolution of $\phi$

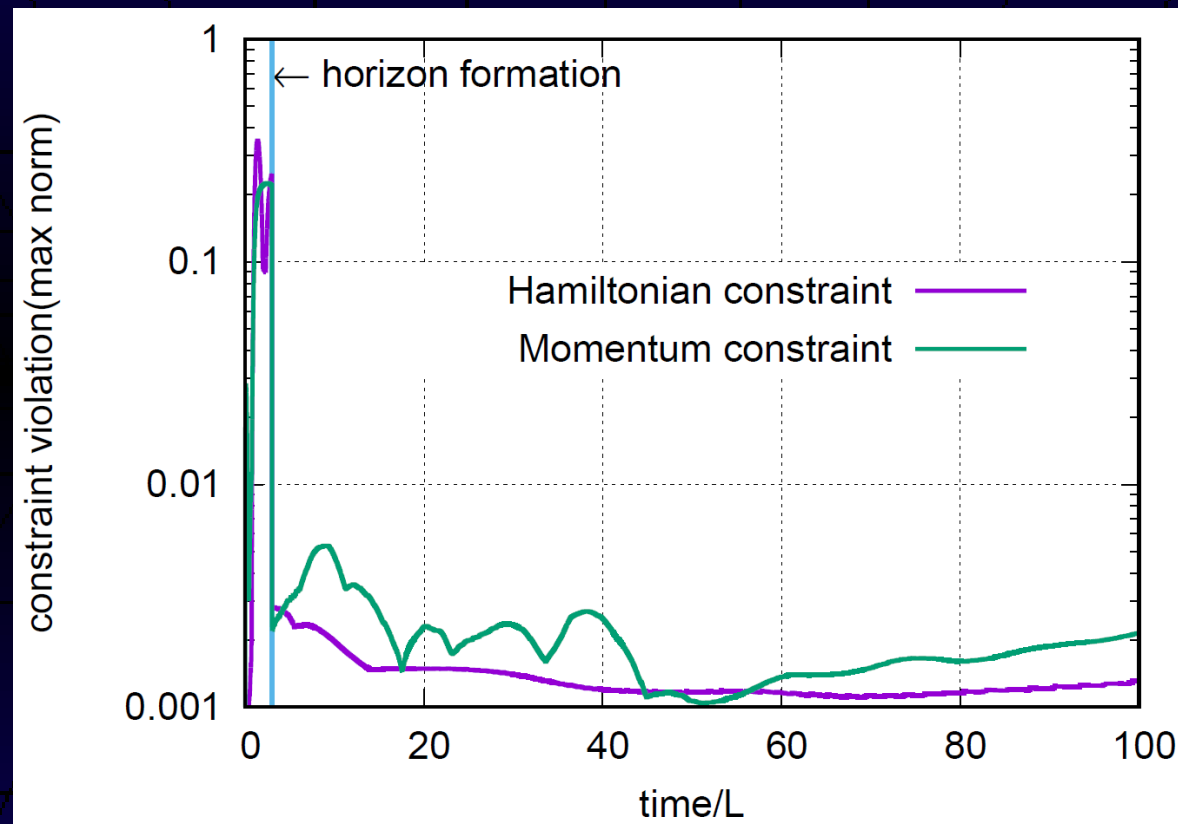
© on  $z = 0$  surface



© Constraints are violated near the cusp at the center  
 But, we ignore it because not likely to be causally  
 connected to the outside

# Constraint Violation

©Max norm of the violation

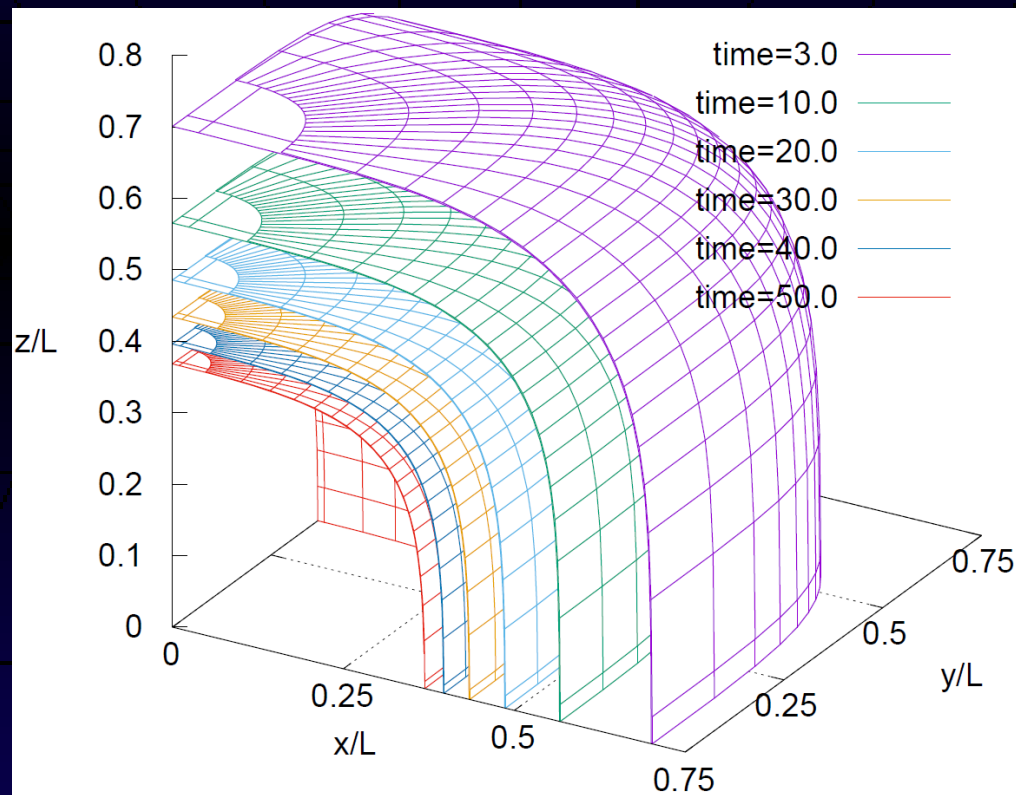


©The violation is acceptably small outside the horizon

# BH Formation

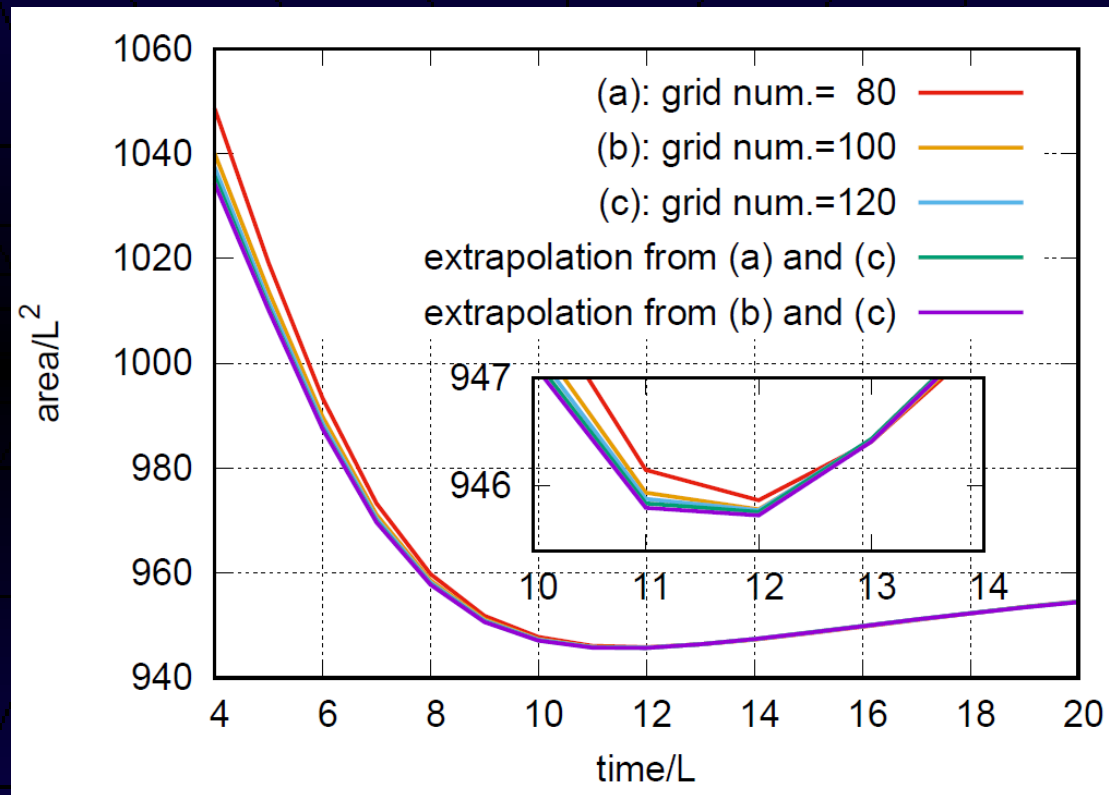
© Large initial amplitude ( $A=10$ )

© The coordinate radius shrinks with time



# Horizon Area

©Initially decreasing, and begin to increase



©Contradict the area law...?



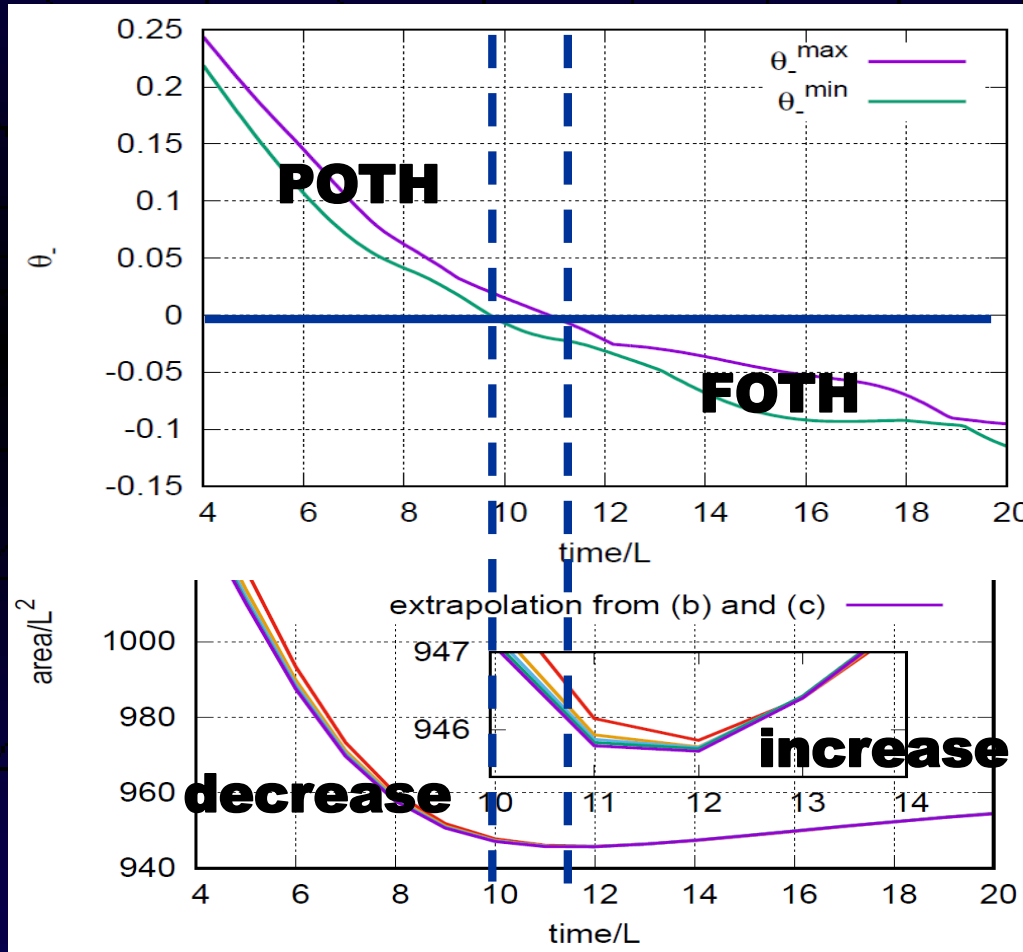
# Trapping Horizons

[Hayward(1994)]

- ◎ **null expansion**  $\theta_{\pm} := \pm D_i s^i + K_{ij} s^i s^j - K$ , where  
**tetrad**  $n^{\mu}, s^{\mu}, e_A^{\mu} \rightarrow$  **null vectors**  $(n^{\mu} \pm s^{\mu})/\sqrt{2}$   
 $\rightarrow$  **associated null expansion**  $\theta_{\pm}$
- ◎ **FOTH(POTH): future(past) outer trapping horizon**  
 $\theta_+ = 0$  and  $\theta_- < 0$  for **FOTH**  
 $\theta_+ = 0$  and  $\theta_- > 0$  for **POTH**
- ◎ **Theorem[Hayward(1994)]:**  
**“Area of FOTH(POTH) increases(decreases) with time”**
- ◎ **Only possibility is the transition from POTH to FOTH**
- ◎ **The transition has been found in a spherical system**  
[Harada,Carr(2005)]

# POTH → FOTH

© max. and min. of the null expansion  $\theta_-$  on the horizon

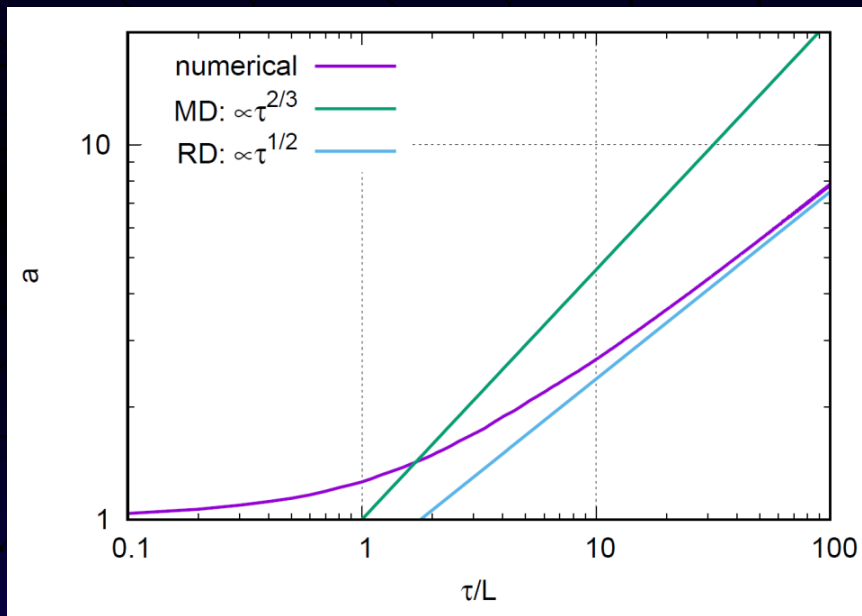


**Roughly consistent**

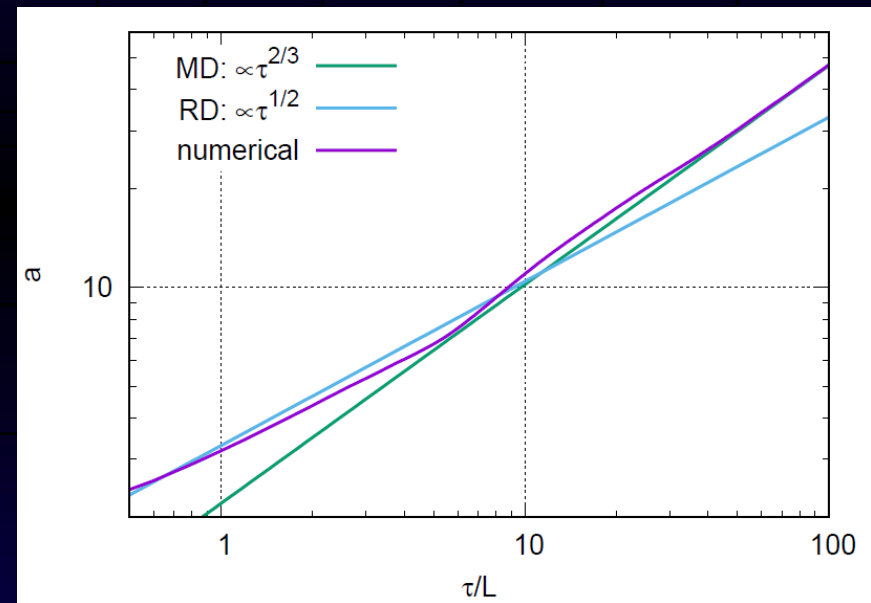
# Scale Factor Evolution

© **Definition of the scale factor:**  $\sqrt{\text{area of the boundary}}$

**Small amplitude(no BH)**



**Large amplitude(BH)**



© **Small amplitude:**  $a \propto \tau^{1/2}$ , **large amplitude:**  $a \propto \tau^{2/3}$

# Summary

© **Sequence of the initial data is given**

© **The threshold for BH formation exists**

© **The asymptotic expansion law depends on the fate of gravitational collapse**

$a(t) \propto t^{2/3}$  **(MD)** for BH formation

$a(t) \propto t^{1/2}$  **(RD)** for scalar field diffusion

© **Transition from POTH to FOTH is found**

**Thank you  
for your attention!**