



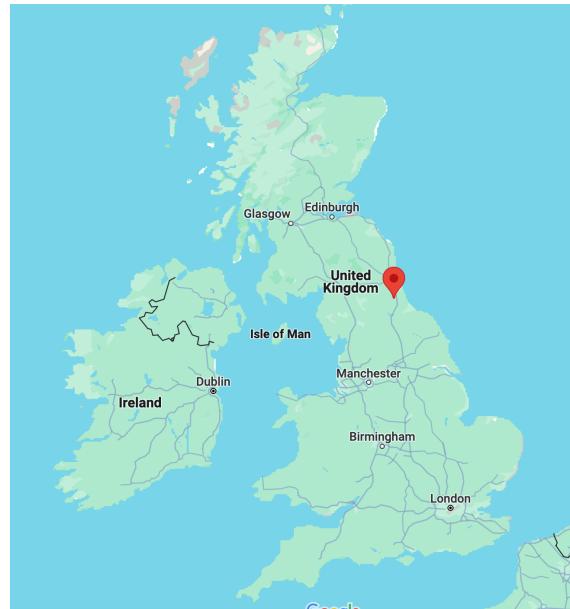
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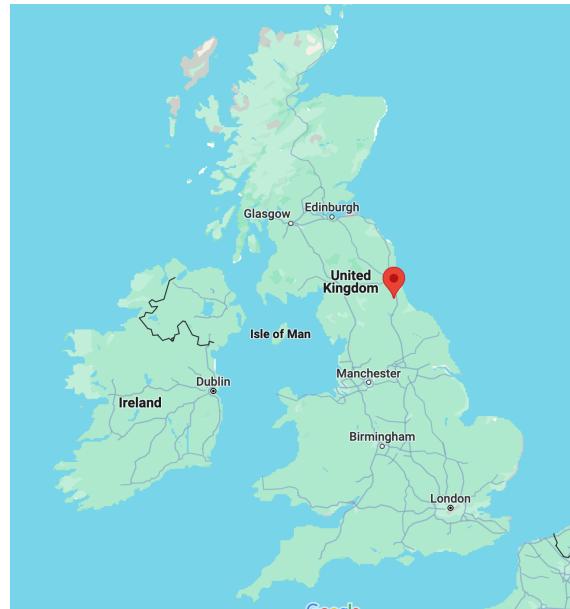
Addressing the Hubble tension with scalar fields

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Scaling solutions as Early Dark Energy resolutions to the Hubble tension

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Hubble Tension?

What is the Hubble Tension?

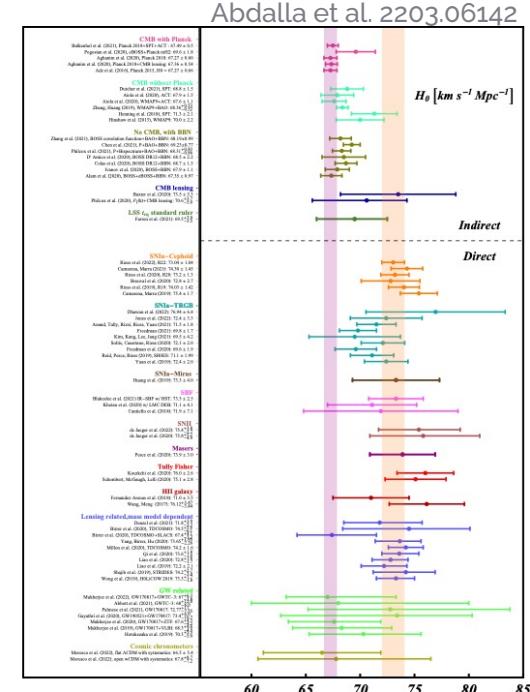
Disagreement between measurements of the current expansion of the universe, H_0

Direct: $73.0 \pm 1.0 \text{ km sec}^{-1}\text{Mpc}^{-1}$

Observation from cepheids and supernovae

Indirect: $67.4 \pm 0.5 \text{ km sec}^{-1}\text{Mpc}^{-1}$

Using CMB data and ΛCDM (plus SM)



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Direct Measurement SHoES Team

Just need redshift and distance from standard candles

$$D = \frac{cz}{H_0} \left\{ 1 - \left[1 + \frac{q_0}{2} \right] z + \left[1 + q_0 + \frac{q_0^2}{2} - \frac{j_0}{6} \right] z^2 + O(z^3) \right\}$$

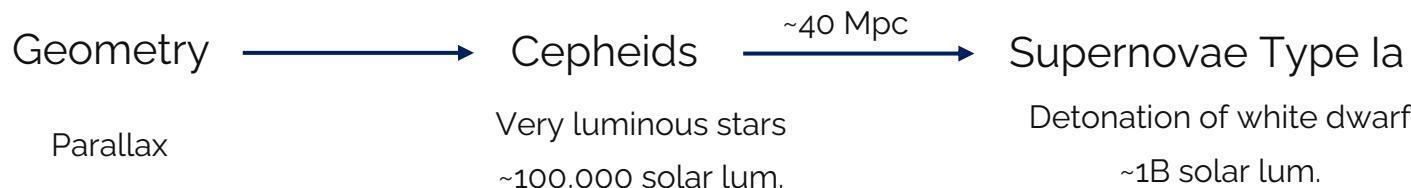
D: Distance

z: redshift

$$q(t) = -\frac{d^2 a}{dt^2} \frac{H(t)^{-2}}{a}$$

$$j(t) = -\frac{d^3 a}{dt^3} \frac{H(t)^{-3}}{a}$$

Distance Ladder:



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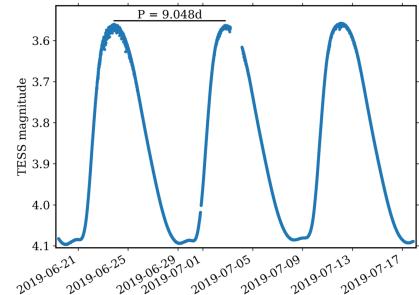
Distance Ladder: Cepheids

Most consistently calibrated standard candle

Easy to identify due to their oscillatory brightness

The periodicity of the oscillations is closely related to the brightness of the star

Using geometry (parallax) we can find that relation



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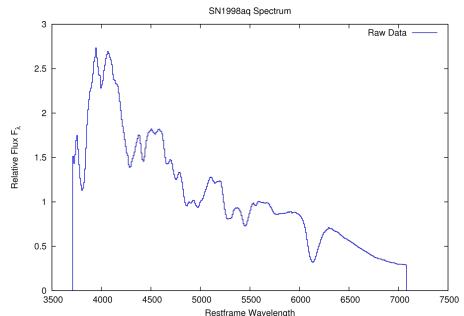
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Distance Ladder: SN Ia

Not very abundant, so cannot use parallax

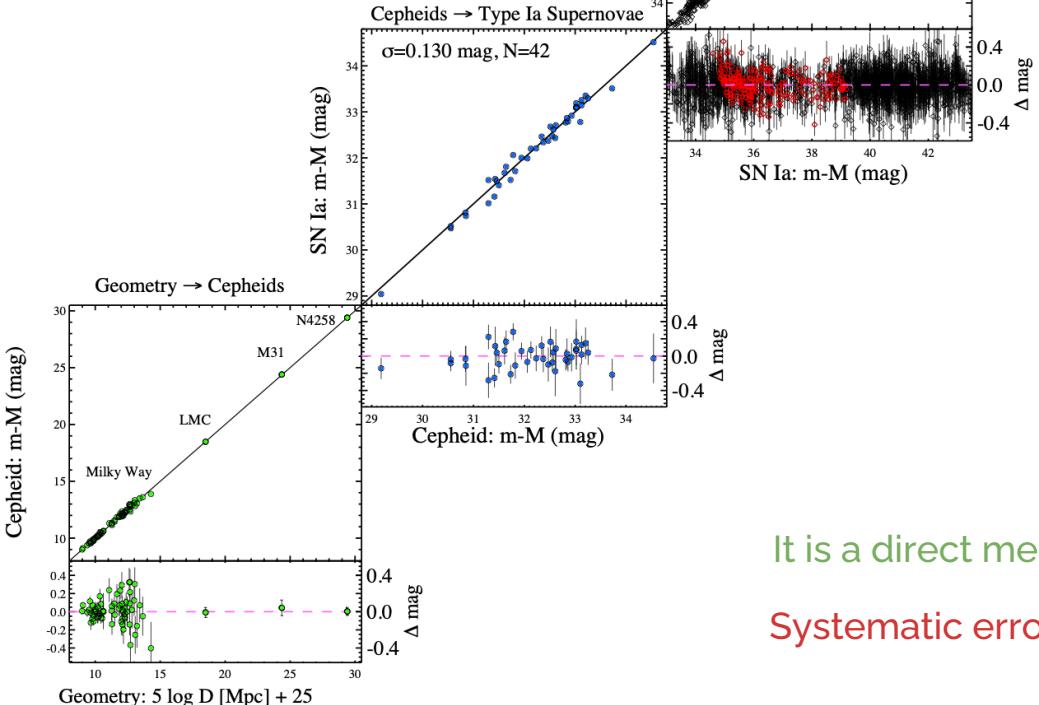
Brightness-to-distance ratio being defined with nearby cepheids

Close relation between the speed of luminosity evolution and total brightness



Direct Measurement

Distance Ladder:



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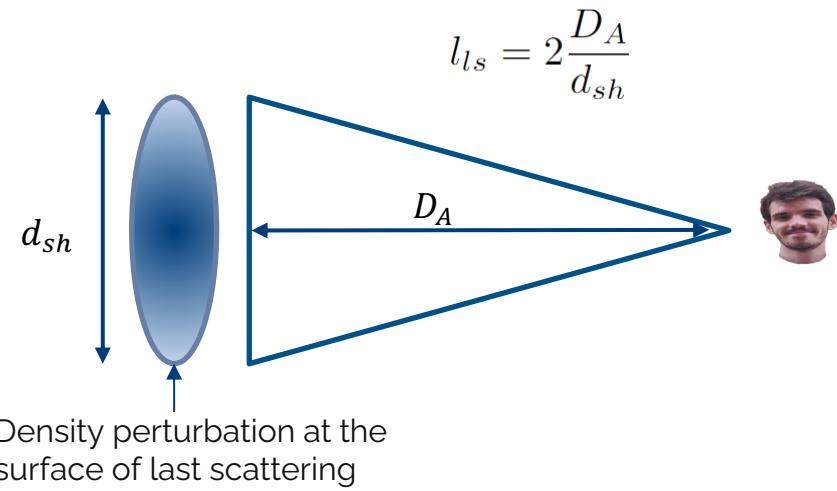
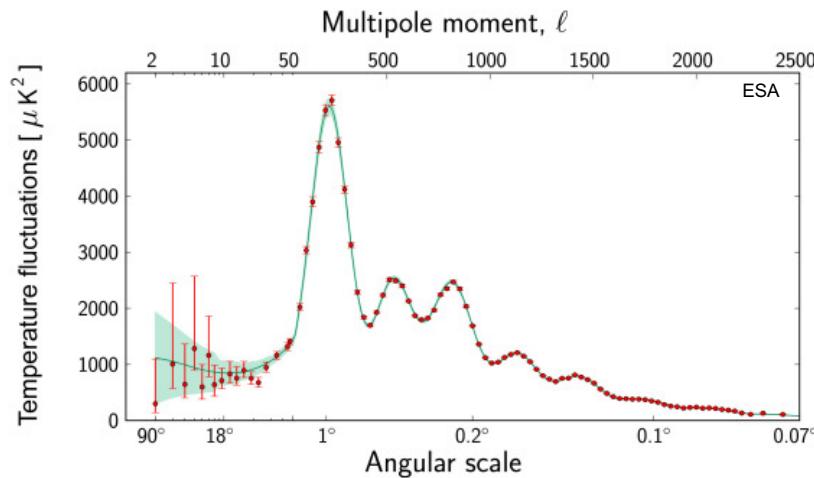
It is a direct measurement

Systematic errors when calibrating SN Ia?

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Indirect Measurement

To infer H_0 from the CMB we need to take the first peak of its power spectrum



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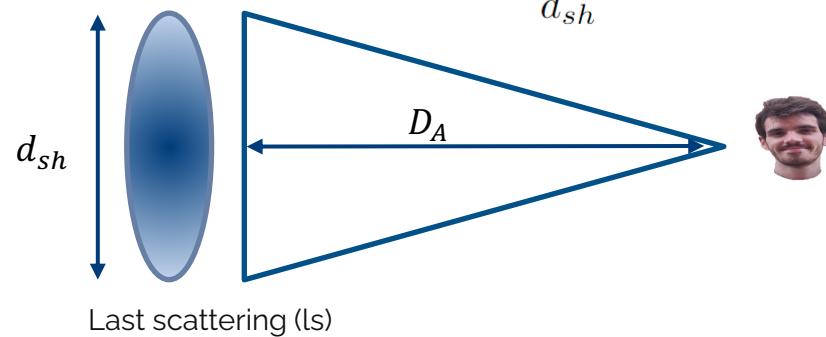
Indirect Measurement

Distance travelled by light from CMB

$$D_A = \int_0^{z_{ls}} \frac{c dz}{H(z)} = \frac{c}{H_0} \int_0^{z_{ls}} \frac{dz}{\sqrt{\rho(z)/\rho_0}}$$

Density perturbation at the surface of last scattering

$$l_{ls} = 2 \frac{D_A}{d_{sh}}$$



Hubble Tension?

Indirect Measurement

Growth of a point-like perturbation up to last scattering
(sound horizon)

$$l_{ls} = 2 \frac{D_A}{d_{sh}}$$

Big Bang



Density perturbation at the surface of last scattering

$$d_{sh} = \int_{z_{ls}}^{\infty} \frac{c_s(z) dz}{H(z)} = \frac{c}{\sqrt{3} H_{ls}} \int_{z_{ls}}^{\infty} \frac{dz}{\sqrt{\rho(z)/\rho(z_{lh}) \sqrt{1+R}}}$$

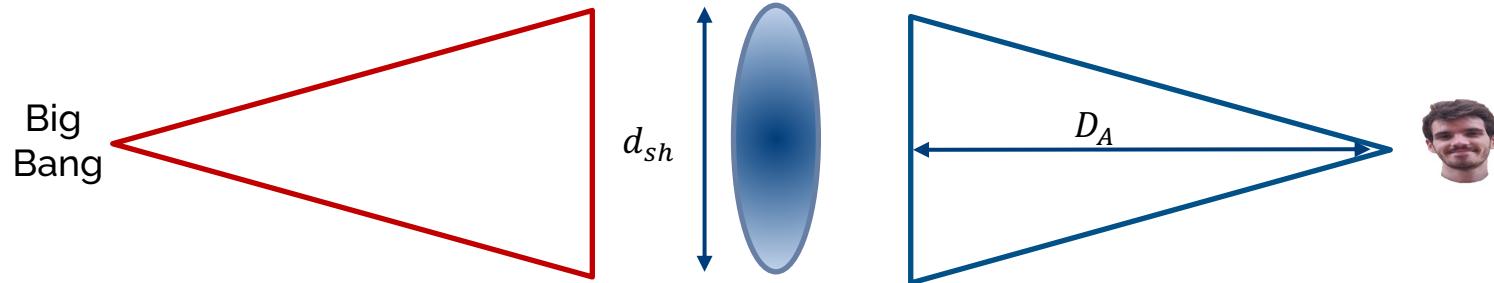
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Indirect Measurement

Combining everything...

Density perturbation at the surface of last scattering

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Hubble Tension?

Possible solution:

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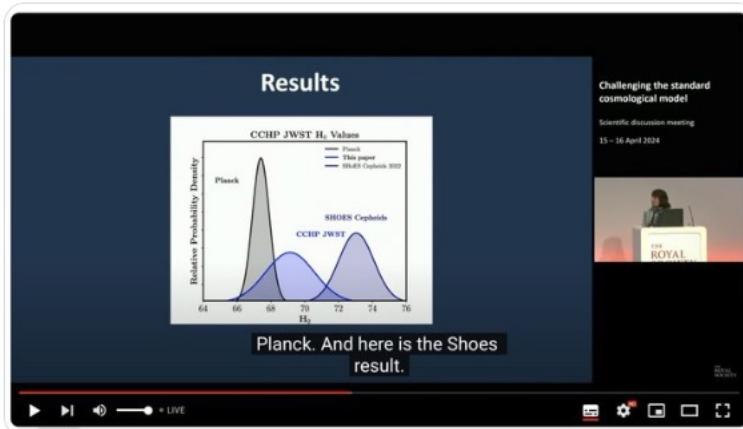
Early-time solution: Early Dark Energy, but highly constraint (clustering + additional perturbations)

Hubble Tension?



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From Wendy Freedman talk at the Royal Society this morning. H_0 tension dead?



Still waiting for a paper...



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H_0 🔎

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Concluding Remarks

Challenging the standard cosmological model

Scientific discussion meeting

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- JWST has ushered in a new era of accuracy in our measurement of H_0 , similar to what HST did three decades ago.
- Cepheids, the TRGB, JAGB/carbon stars are providing an increasingly precise and accurate means of measuring distances in the local universe.
- A combined analysis for the three methods gives $H_0 = 69.1 \pm 1.5 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$
- These new JWST H_0 results do not require adding new physics to Λ CDM.

Small Magellanic Cloud Cepheids Observed with the Hubble Space Telescope Provide a New Anchor for the SH0ES Distance Ladder

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ABSTRACT

We present photometric measurements of 88 Cepheid variables in the core of the Small Magellanic Cloud (SMC), the first sample obtained with the *Hubble Space Telescope* (*HST*) and Wide Field Camera 3, in the same homogeneous photometric system as past measurements of all Cepheids on the SH0ES distance ladder. We limit the sample to the inner core and model the geometry to reduce errors in prior studies due to the non-trivial depth of this Cloud. Without crowding present in ground-based studies, we obtain an unprecedentedly low dispersion of 0.102 mag for a Period-Luminosity relation in the SMC, approaching the width of the Cepheid instability strip. The new geometric distance to 15 late-type detached eclipsing binaries in the SMC offers a rare opportunity to improve the foundation of the distance ladder, increasing the number of calibrating galaxies from three to four. With the SMC as the only anchor, we find $H_0 = 74.1 \pm 2.1 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$. Combining these four geometric distances with our *HST* photometry of SMC Cepheids, we obtain $H_0 = 73.17 \pm 0.86 \text{ km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$. By including the SMC in the distance ladder, we also double the range where the metallicity ([Fe/H]) dependence of the Cepheid Period-Luminosity relation can be calibrated, and we find $\gamma = -0.22 \pm 0.05 \text{ mag dex}^{-1}$. Our local measurement of H_0 based on Cepheids and Type Ia supernovae shows a 5.8σ tension with the value inferred from the CMB assuming a Λ CDM cosmology, reinforcing the possibility of physics beyond Λ CDM.

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Still wait

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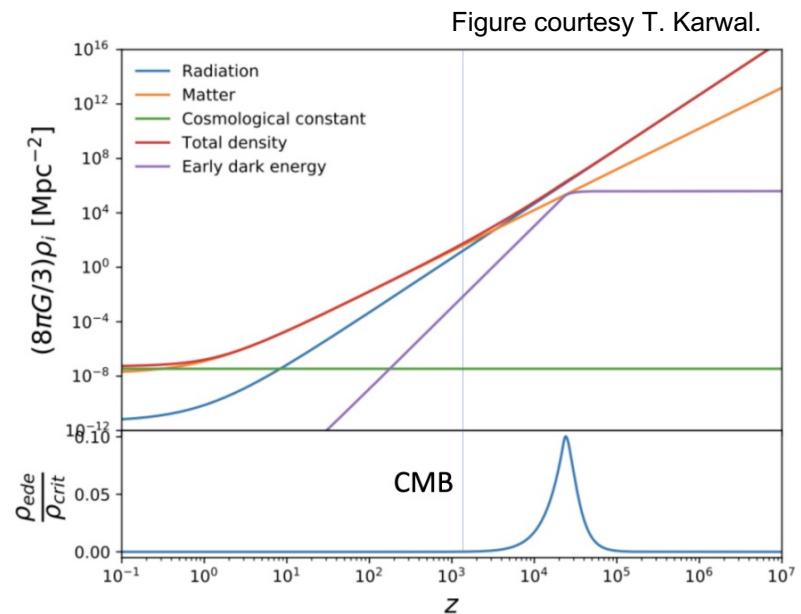
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Hubble Tension?

Early Dark Energy (EDE):

EDE must create a peak in the energy density of the universe just before recombination

There are ways to induce a kick into the field (Sakstein and Trodden)



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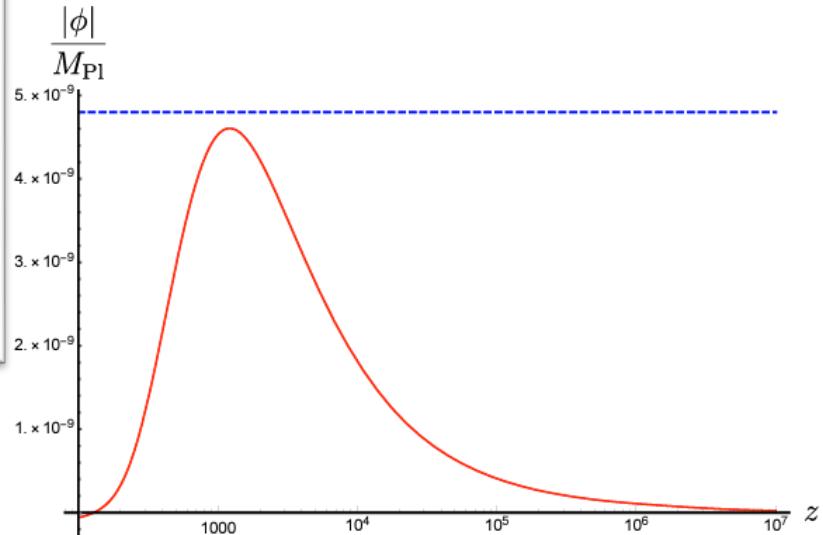
Early dark energy from massive neutrinos — a natural resolution of the Hubble tension

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The Hubble tension can be significantly eased if there is an early component of dark energy that becomes active around the time of matter-radiation equality. Early dark energy models suffer from a coincidence problem—the physics of matter-radiation equality and early dark energy are completely disconnected, so some degree of fine-tuning is needed in order for them to occur nearly simultaneously. In this paper we propose a natural explanation for this coincidence. If the early dark energy scalar couples to neutrinos then it receives a large injection of energy around the time that neutrinos become non-relativistic. This is precisely when their temperature is of order their mass, which, coincidentally, occurs around the time of matter-radiation equality. Neutrino decoupling therefore provides a natural trigger for early dark energy by displacing the field just before matter-radiation equality. We discuss various theoretical aspects of this proposal, potential observational signatures, and future directions for its study.

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{M_{\text{pl}}^2 R(g)}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \nabla_\mu \phi \nabla^\mu \phi - V(\phi) + i \bar{\nu} \gamma^\mu \nabla_\mu \nu + m_\nu \left(1 + \beta \frac{\phi}{M_{\text{pl}}} + \dots \right) \bar{\nu} \nu \right],$$





Hubble Tension?

Today's plan:

I will show that using standard Scalar fields we can generate such a peak

- Quintessence (Exponential potentials)

- Quintessence (Any potential)

- K-essence (Exponential potentials)

How well can we relax the Hubble tension??

Quintessence

Exponential case:

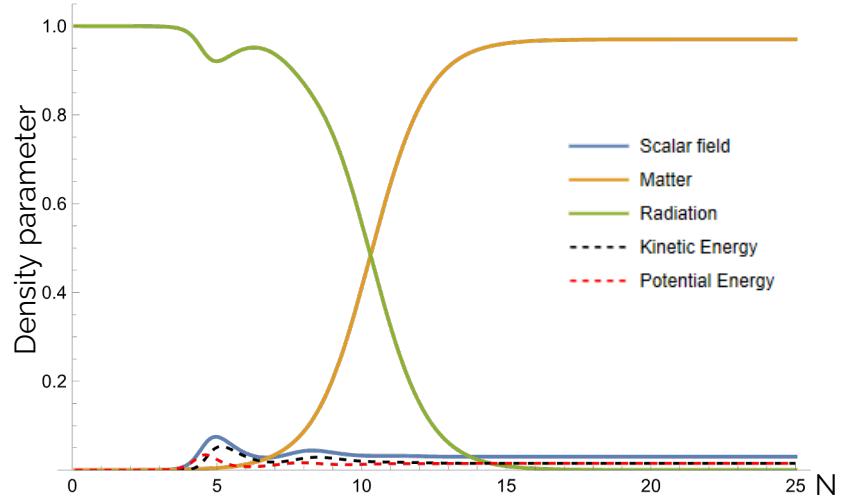
$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}\dot{\phi}^2 - V(\phi) \quad V(\phi) = A_0 e^{-\kappa\lambda\phi}$$

One finds the following equations of motion:

$$H^2 = \frac{\kappa^2}{3} \left(\rho_\gamma + \rho_m + \frac{\dot{\phi}^2}{2} + V(\phi) \right)$$

$$\dot{\rho}_\gamma = -3H\gamma_r\rho_\gamma$$

$$\dot{\rho}_m = -3H\gamma_m\rho_m$$





Quintessence

Exponential case:

To study the evolution of each density, it is useful to parametrise them as

$$x = \frac{\kappa \dot{\phi}}{\sqrt{6}H} \quad y = \frac{\kappa \sqrt{V(\phi)}}{\sqrt{3}H} \quad z = \frac{\kappa \sqrt{\rho_\gamma}}{\sqrt{3}H}$$

Which constraints one of the densities through the Friedman equation

$$\Omega_m \equiv \frac{\kappa^2 \rho_m}{3H^2} = 1 - (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)$$

Quintessence

Exponential case:

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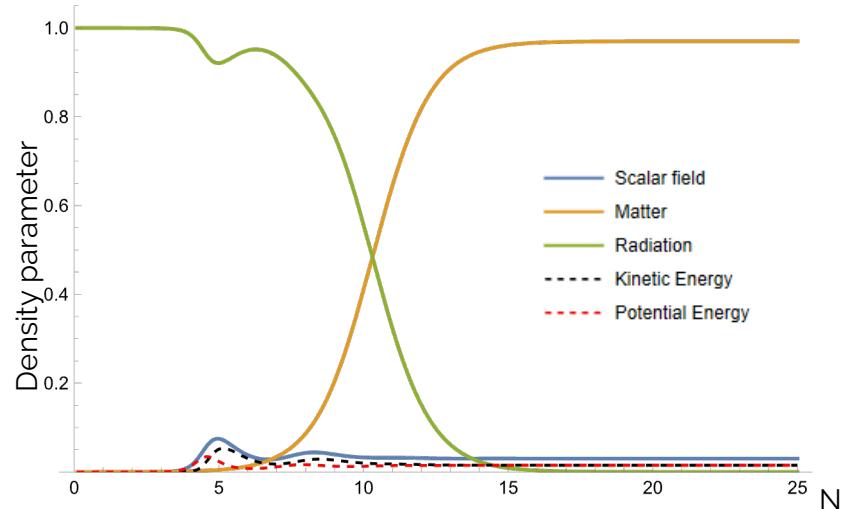
Leading to the following evolution of each parameter

$$x' = +\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\lambda y^2 - \frac{x}{2}(3 - 3x^2 + 3y^2 - z^2),$$

$$y' = -\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\lambda xy + \frac{y}{2}(3 + 3x^2 - 3y^2 + z^2),$$

$$z' = -\frac{z}{2}(1 - 3x^2 + 3y^2 - z^2).$$

(using $\gamma_r = 4/3$, $\gamma_m = 1$)



Quintessence

Exponential case:

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$$y = \frac{\kappa \sqrt{V(\phi)}}{\sqrt{3}H}$$

$$z = \frac{\kappa \sqrt{\rho_\gamma}}{\sqrt{3}H}$$

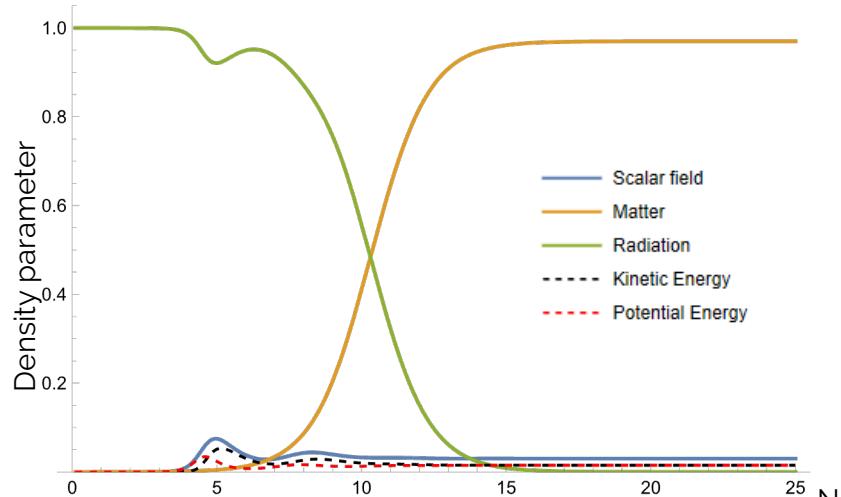
To make the equations more intuitive, use instead of z

$$\gamma_{\text{eff}} = 1 + \frac{p_\gamma + p_m}{\rho_\gamma + \rho_m} = 1 + \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{z^2}{1 - x^2 - y^2} \right)$$

$$x' = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \lambda y^2 + \frac{3x}{2} (-2 + 2x^2 + \gamma_{\text{eff}}(1 - x^2 - y^2)),$$

$$y' = -\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \lambda xy + \frac{3y}{2} (2x^2 + \gamma_{\text{eff}}(1 - x^2 - y^2)),$$

$$\gamma'_{\text{eff}} = (\gamma_{\text{eff}} - 1)(3\gamma_{\text{eff}} - 4).$$





Quintessence

Exponential case:

$$x = \frac{\dot{\kappa\phi}}{\sqrt{6}H} \quad y = \frac{\kappa\sqrt{V(\phi)}}{\sqrt{3}H}$$

Since (Copeland, Liddle and Wands) we know the late time attractors of these equations

$$\lambda \geq \sqrt{3\gamma_{\text{eff}}}$$

$$x_{\text{sc}} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{\gamma_{\text{eff}}}{\lambda}$$

$$y_{\text{sc}} = \left(\frac{3}{2} \frac{\gamma_{\text{eff}}(2 - \gamma_{\text{eff}})}{\lambda^2} \right)^{1/2}$$

$$\Omega_{\phi_{\text{sc}}} = x_{\text{sc}}^2 + y_{\text{sc}}^2 = \frac{3\gamma_{\text{eff}}}{\lambda^2}$$

$$\gamma_\phi = \gamma_{\text{eff}}$$

$$\lambda \leq \sqrt{3\gamma_{\text{eff}}}$$

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$$x_d = \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{6}}$$

$$y_d = \left(1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{6}\right)^{1/2}$$

$$\Omega_{\phi_d} = x_d^2 + y_d^2 = 1$$

$$\gamma_\phi = \frac{\lambda^2}{3}$$

Scaling solution

Scalar domination

Quintessence

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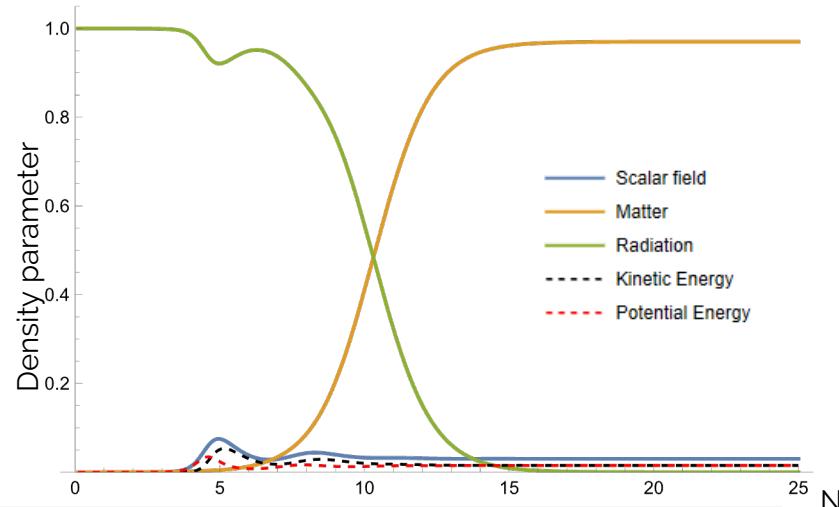
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Scaling solution

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However, we want to understand the evolution, not the final attractor

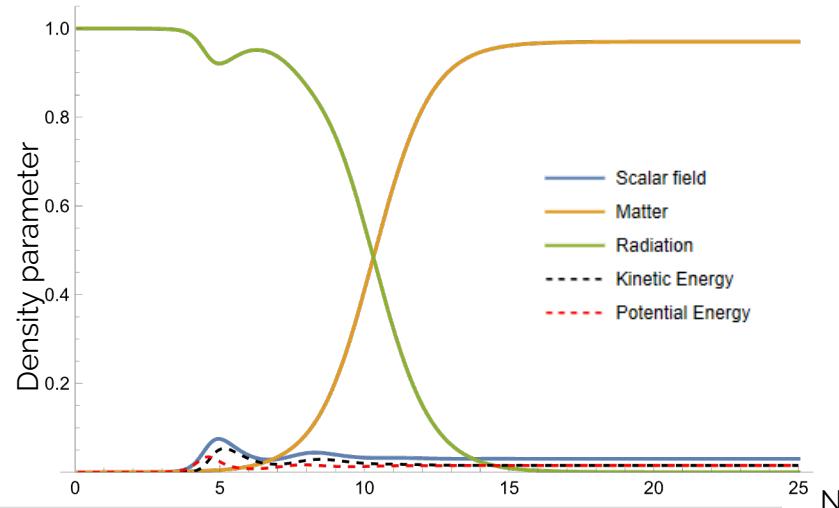
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Quintessence

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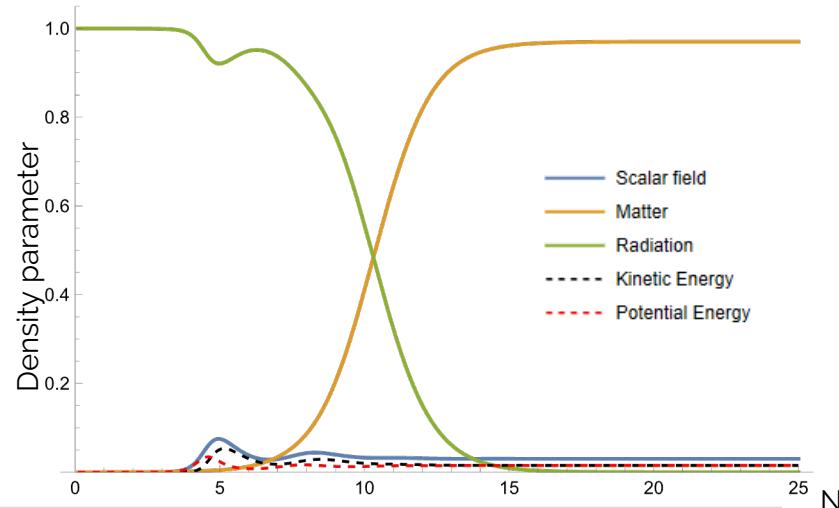
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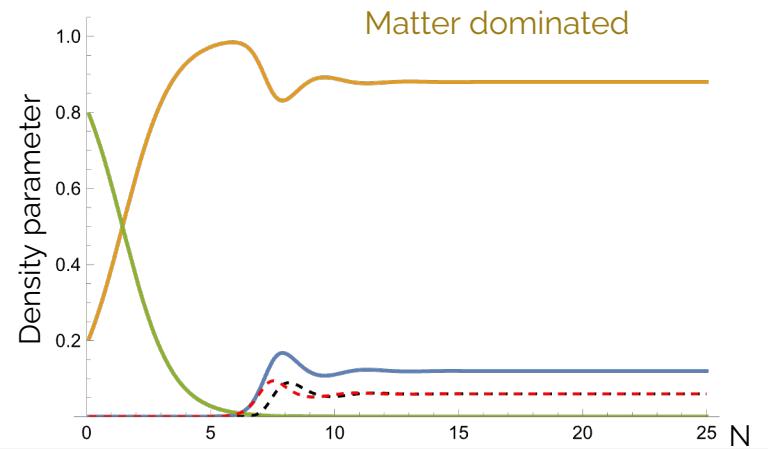
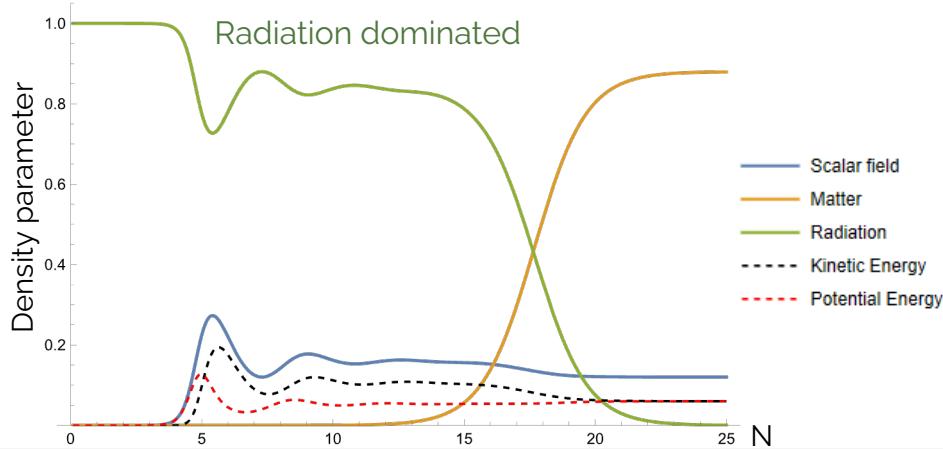


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The second approximation has to do with the effective global attractor:



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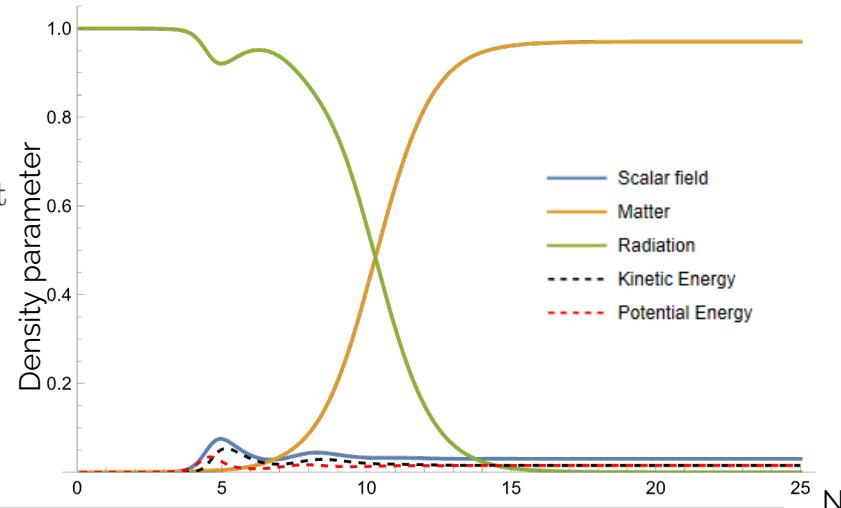
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- 1) Given that $\Omega_\phi^{\text{sc}} = \frac{3\gamma_{\text{eff}}}{\lambda^2}$, we can assume that $x, y \ll 1$
- 2) For the local evolution of the field, we can take γ_{eff} constant

$$\boxed{x' \approx \left(\frac{3}{2}\gamma_{\text{eff}} - 3 \right)x + \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\lambda y^2, \\ y' \approx \frac{3}{2}\gamma_{\text{eff}}y - \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\lambda xy,}$$

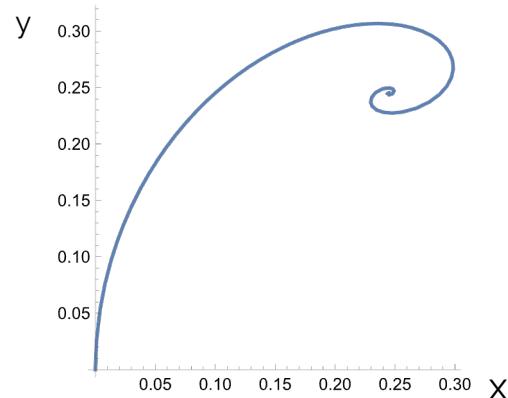
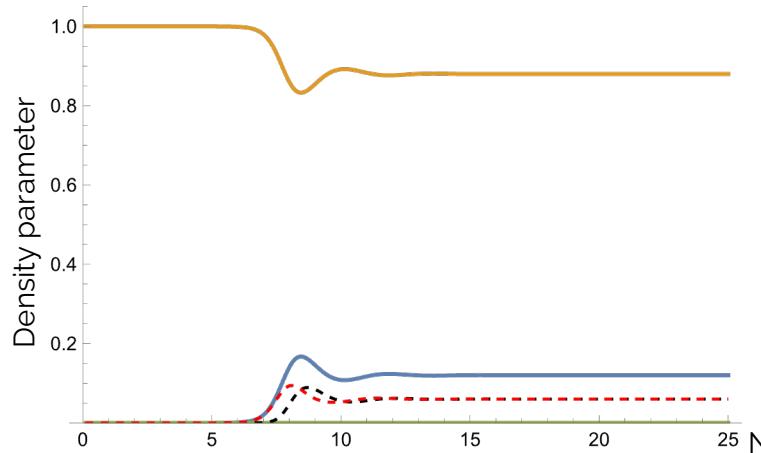


Quintessence

Exponential case: Why?

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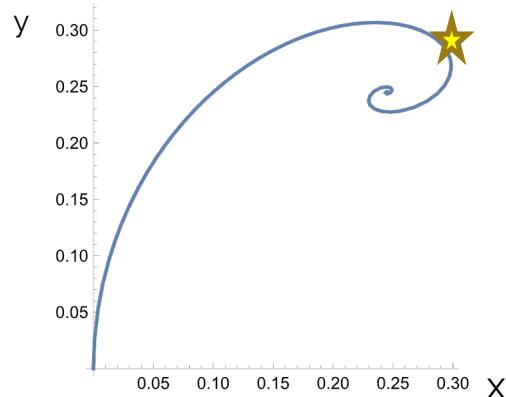
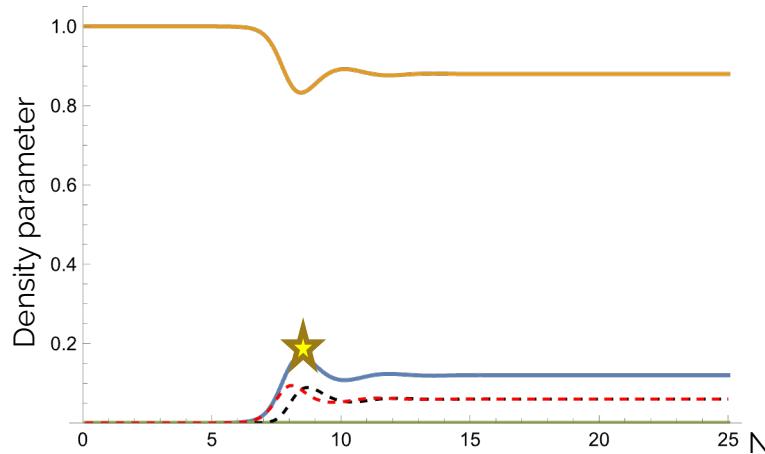


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Exponential case: Why?

$$x = \frac{\dot{\phi}}{\sqrt{6}H} \quad y = \frac{\kappa\sqrt{V(\phi)}}{\sqrt{3}H}$$

Analysing the stability of the **scaling** fixed point we find the eigenvalues:

$$E_{\pm} = -\frac{3(2 - \gamma_{\text{eff}})}{4} \left(1 \pm \sqrt{1 - \frac{8\gamma_{\text{eff}}}{2 - \gamma_{\text{eff}}}} \right)$$

Which is complex for both matter and radiation!

Quintessence

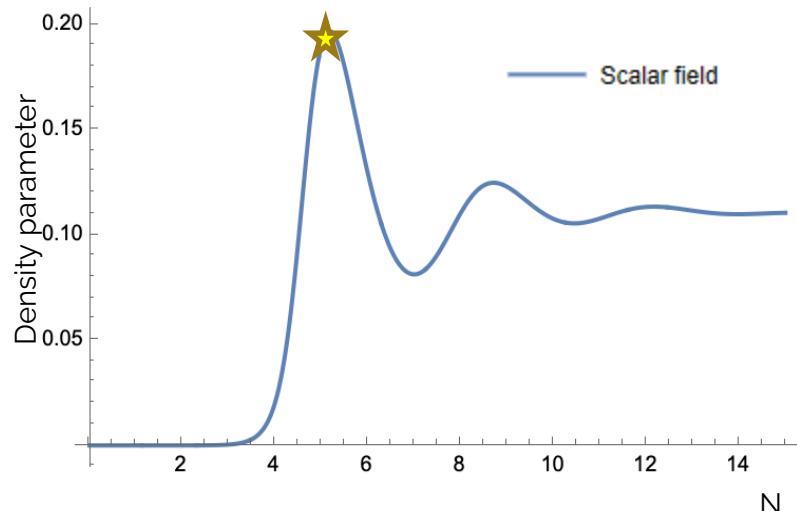
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Quintessence

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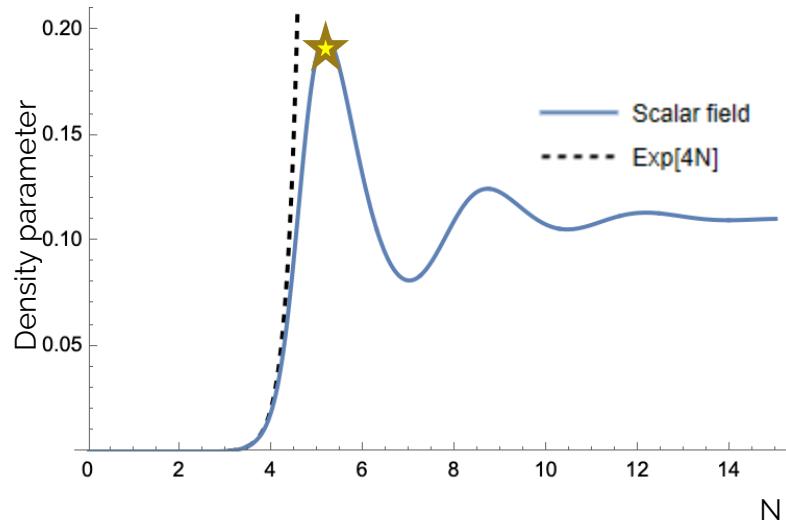
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$$x_{\text{early}}(N) \approx (x_i - a_i) e^{-\Delta N_i} + a_i e^{4\Delta N_i},$$

$$y_{\text{early}}(N) \approx y_i e^{2\Delta N_i},$$

$$x = \frac{\dot{\kappa\phi}}{\sqrt{6}H} \quad y = \frac{\kappa\sqrt{V(\phi)}}{\sqrt{3}H}$$



Quintessence

Exponential case: When?

At early times, when $x \ll \lambda, y \ll \lambda$

$$x_{\text{early}}(N) \approx (x_i - a_i)e^{-\Delta N_i} + a_i e^{4\Delta N_i},$$

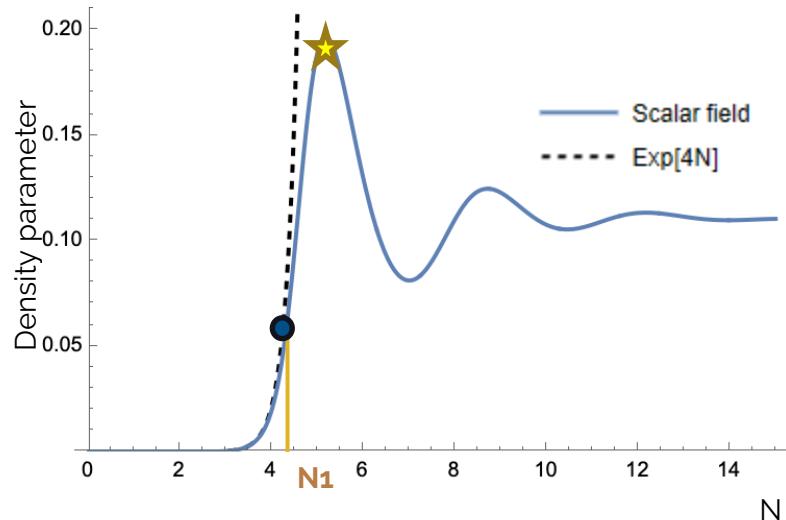
$$y_{\text{early}}(N) \approx y_i e^{2\Delta N_i},$$

Because of Hubble friction y will lead the peak

$$y_{\text{early}}(N_1) \approx \sqrt{\Omega_\phi^{(\text{sc})}/2}.$$

$$N_1 \approx N_i + \frac{1}{2} \log \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}\gamma_{\text{eff}}}{y_i \lambda \sqrt{2}} \right)$$

$$x = \frac{\kappa \dot{\phi}}{\sqrt{6}H} \quad y = \frac{\kappa \sqrt{V(\phi)}}{\sqrt{3}H}$$

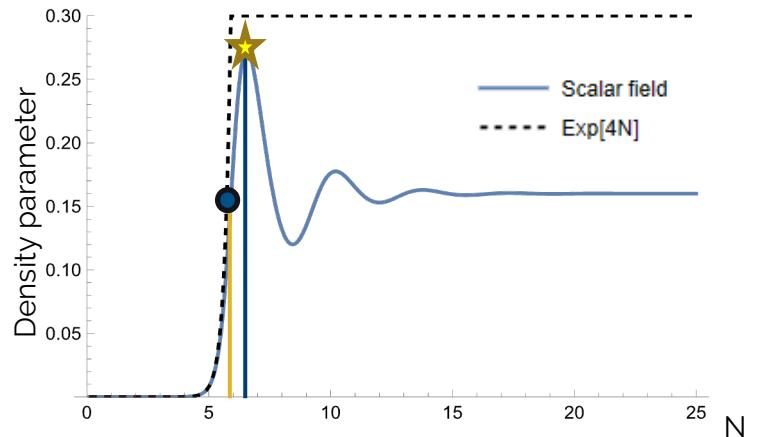


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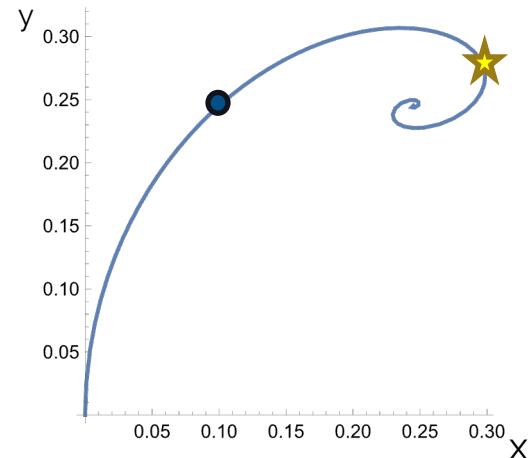
Exponential case: Height

$$x = \frac{\kappa\dot{\phi}}{\sqrt{6}H} \quad y = \frac{\kappa\sqrt{V(\phi)}}{\sqrt{3}H}$$

We know that the peak cannot be bigger than twice the height of the late time attractor



Can we do better?





Quintessence

Exponential case: Height

$$x = \frac{\kappa \dot{\phi}}{\sqrt{6}H} \quad y = \frac{\kappa \sqrt{V(\phi)}}{\sqrt{3}H}$$

Using the eigenvalues, we can get a perturbative equation around the peak

$$x(N) = x_{\text{early}}(N_1) + A_x \exp(E_+ \Delta N_1) + B_x \exp(E_- \Delta N_1)$$

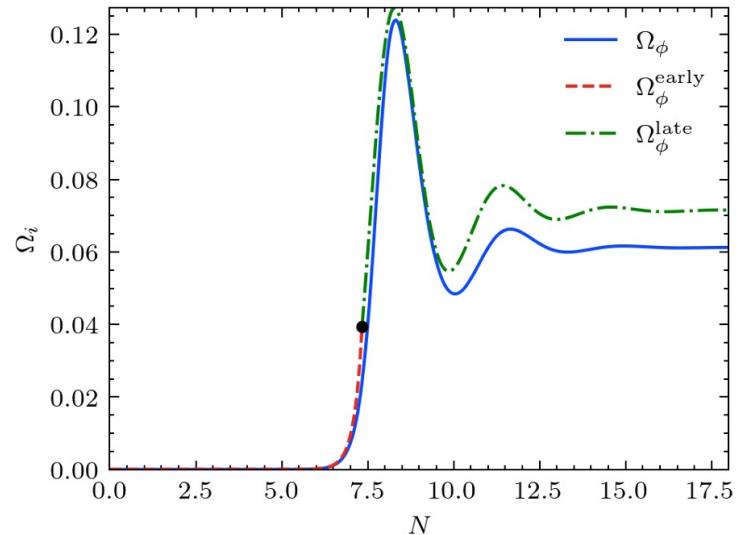
$$y(N) = y_{\text{early}}(N_1) + A_y \exp(E_+ \Delta N_1) + B_y \exp(E_- \Delta N_1).$$

Assuming the peak to be at the other side of the orbit, we can get the height

Quintessence

Exponential case: Height

$$x = \frac{\kappa\dot{\phi}}{\sqrt{6}H} \quad y = \frac{\kappa\sqrt{V(\phi)}}{\sqrt{3}H}$$



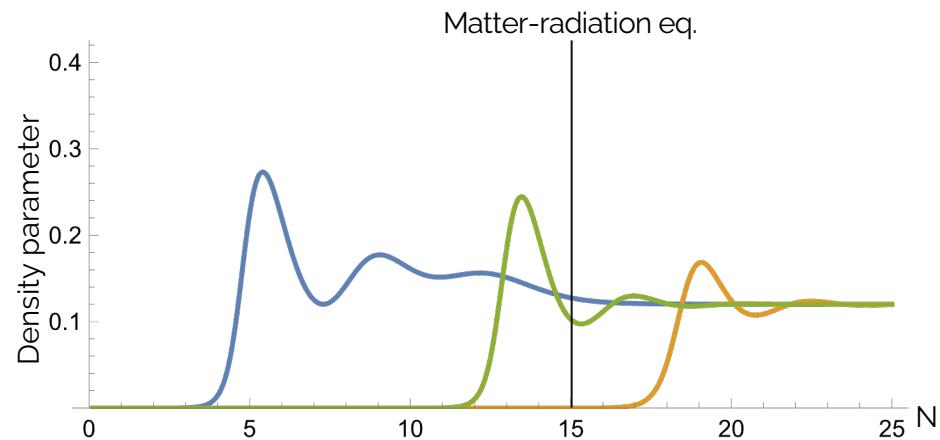
Quintessence

Exponential case: Height?

Depending on the background, we will have different peak heights

For matter-radiation equality, we have

$$\gamma_{\text{eff}} = 7/6$$



Quintessence

Exponential case:

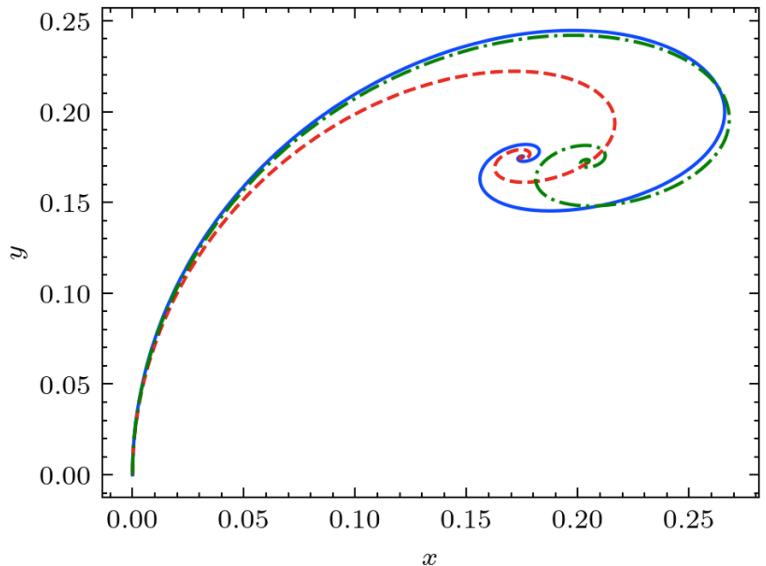
What we have learnt:

Why? Spiral nature of **scaling solution**

When? When the exponential increase of y matches the effective stable fixed-point height

Height? Given by the linearising around the effective stable fixed-point at the time of the peak

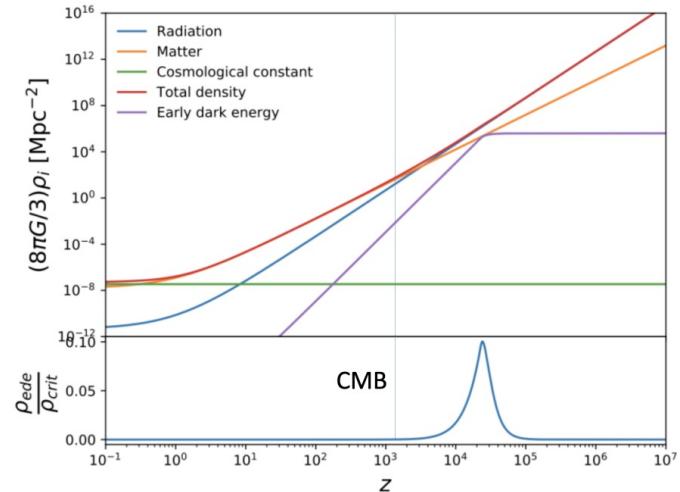
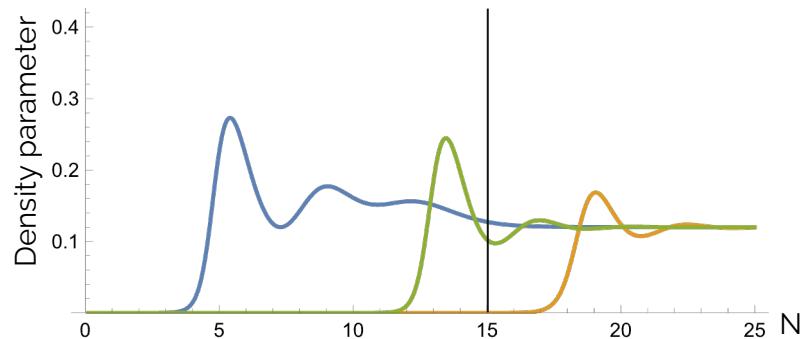
Late time? The system will end up in the true global attractor eventually



Quintessence

Exponential case: Drama

However, even for that case, to have a 0.1 peak, we will get a 0.05 late dark energy with matter equation of state

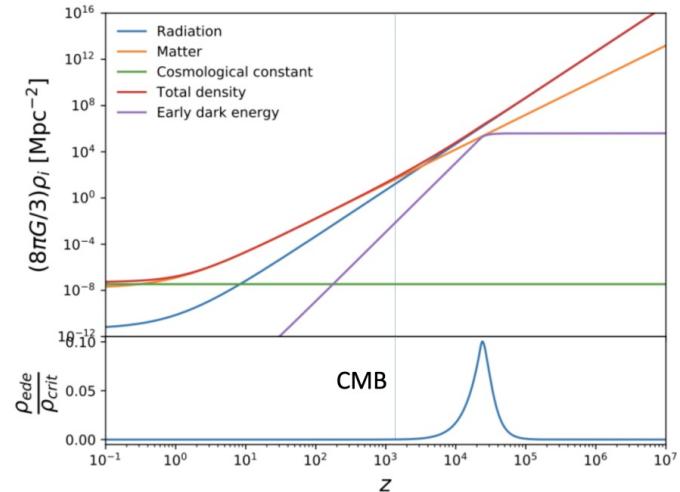
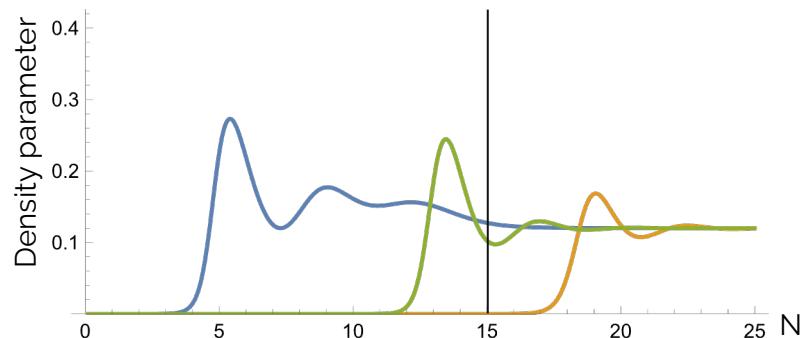


Is there a way of having the peak and then vanishing energy density?

Quintessence

Exponential case: Drama

However, even for that case, to have a 0.1 peak, we will get a 0.05 late dark energy with matter equation of state



Is there a way of having the peak and then vanishing energy density? YES!



Quintessence

Generic potentials!

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}\dot{\phi}^2 - V(\phi)$$

Equations of motion:

$$H^2 = \frac{\kappa^2}{3} \left(\rho_\gamma + \rho_m + \frac{\dot{\phi}^2}{2} + V(\phi) \right)$$

$$\dot{\rho}_\gamma = -3H\gamma_r\rho_\gamma$$

$$\dot{\rho}_m = -3H\gamma_m\rho_m$$

Reparametrisation: $x = \frac{\kappa\dot{\phi}}{\sqrt{6}H}$ $y = \frac{\kappa\sqrt{V(\phi)}}{\sqrt{3}H}$ $z = \frac{\kappa\sqrt{\rho_\gamma}}{\sqrt{3}H}$

$$\Omega_m \equiv \frac{\kappa^2 \rho_m}{3H^2} = 1 - (x^2 + y^2 + z^2)$$

Quintessence

$$\Gamma = \frac{V_{,\phi\phi} V}{V_{,\phi}^2} \quad \tilde{\lambda} = -\frac{V_{,\phi}(\phi)}{\kappa V(\phi)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}x' &= \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\tilde{\lambda}y^2 - \frac{x}{2}(3 - 3x^2 + 3y^2 - z^2), \\y' &= -\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\tilde{\lambda}xy + \frac{y}{2}(3 + 3x^2 - 3y^2 + z^2), \\z' &= -\frac{z}{2}(1 - 3x^2 + 3y^2 - z^2), \\\tilde{\lambda}' &= -\sqrt{6}\tilde{\lambda}^2(\Gamma - 1)x,\end{aligned}$$

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 x' &= \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\tilde{\lambda}y^2 - \frac{x}{2}(3 - 3x^2 + 3y^2 - z^2), \\
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 \tilde{\lambda}' &= -\sqrt{6}\tilde{\lambda}^2(\Gamma - 1)x,
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Gamma = \frac{V_{,\phi\phi} V}{V_{,\phi}^2} \quad \tilde{\lambda} = -\frac{V_{,\phi}(\phi)}{\kappa V(\phi)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 x' &= +\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\lambda y^2 - \frac{x}{2}(3 - 3x^2 + 3y^2 - z^2), \\
 y' &= -\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\lambda xy + \frac{y}{2}(3 + 3x^2 - 3y^2 + z^2), \\
 z' &= -\frac{z}{2}(1 - 3x^2 + 3y^2 - z^2).
 \end{aligned}$$

Generic quintessence is equivalent to exponential potentials with a time-varying Lambda!

Quintessence

Fang Model:

$$x = \frac{\dot{\phi}}{\sqrt{6}H} \quad y = \frac{\kappa\sqrt{V(\phi)}}{\sqrt{3}H}$$

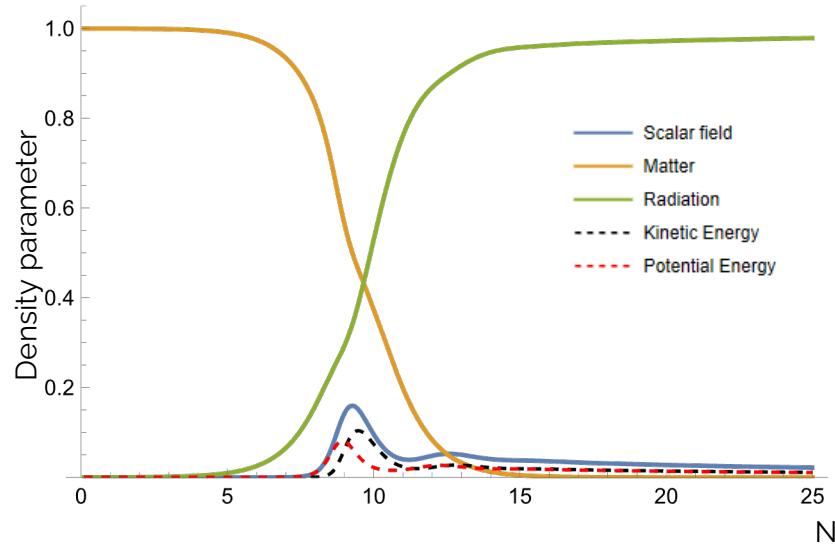
The Fang model has the following potential

$$V = V_0 e^{\alpha\phi(\phi+\beta)/2}$$

$$\lambda = -\frac{V_{,\phi}(\phi)}{\kappa V(\phi)}$$

$$\Gamma = \frac{V_{,\phi\phi} V}{V_{,\phi}^2}$$

$$\lambda = \alpha(2\phi + \beta)/2, \quad \Gamma = 1 + \frac{\alpha}{\lambda^2},$$



Quintessence

Fang Model:

Leading to the equations

$$x' = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\tilde{\lambda}y^2 + \frac{3x}{2}(-2 + 2x^2 + \gamma_{\text{eff}}(1 - x^2 - y^2)),$$

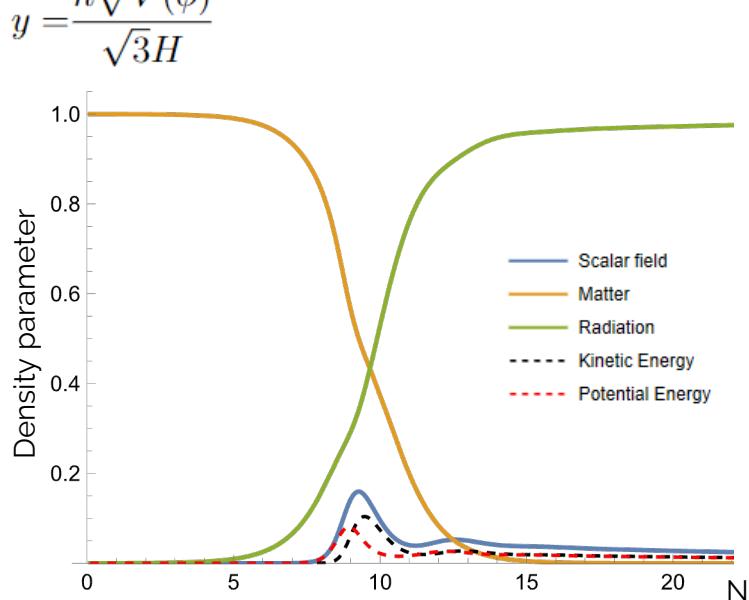
$$y' = -\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\tilde{\lambda}xy + \frac{3y}{2}(2x^2 + \gamma_{\text{eff}}(1 - x^2 - y^2)),$$

$$\gamma'_{\text{eff}} = (\gamma_{\text{eff}} - 1)(3\gamma_{\text{eff}} - 4),$$

$$\tilde{\lambda}' = -\sqrt{6}\tilde{\alpha}x$$

With fixed points at:

$$x_{\text{sc}} = 0, \quad y_{\text{sc}} = 0, \quad \tilde{\lambda}_{\text{sc}} \rightarrow \infty$$



Quintessence

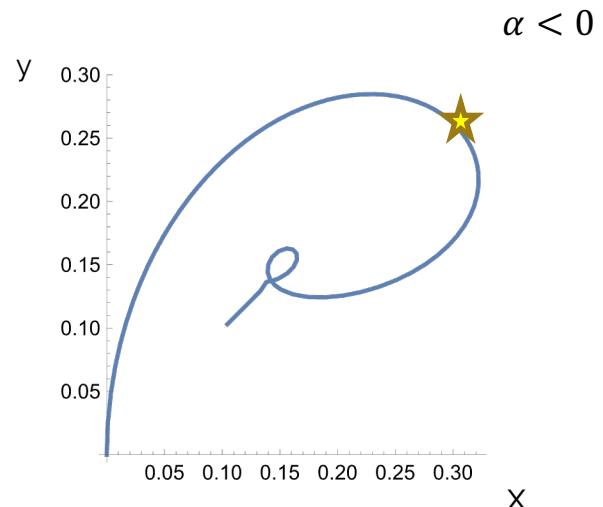
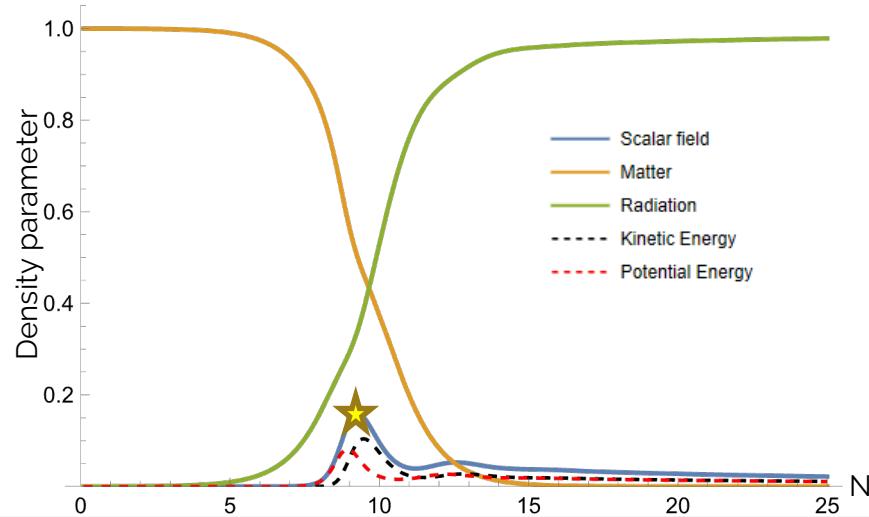
Fang Model:

$$x_{sc} = 0,$$

$$y_{sc} = 0,$$

$$\tilde{\lambda}_{sc} \rightarrow \infty$$

How can this give a peak if the stable point is at zero?



Quintessence

Fang Model:

$$x = \frac{\kappa \dot{\phi}}{\sqrt{6}H} \quad y = \frac{\kappa \sqrt{V(\phi)}}{\sqrt{3}H}$$

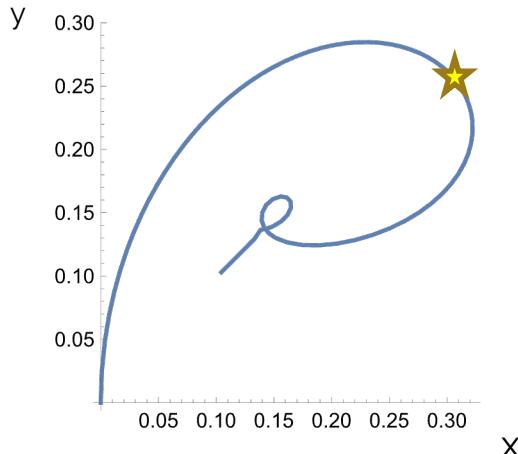
Before the peak, lambda is frozen, so the evolution of the system should be described by the exponential case

$$x' = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\tilde{\lambda}y^2 + \frac{3x}{2}(-2 + 2x^2 + \gamma_{\text{eff}}(1 - x^2 - y^2)),$$

$$y' = -\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\tilde{\lambda}xy + \frac{3y}{2}(2x^2 + \gamma_{\text{eff}}(1 - x^2 - y^2)),$$

$$\gamma'_{\text{eff}} = (\gamma_{\text{eff}} - 1)(3\gamma_{\text{eff}} - 4),$$

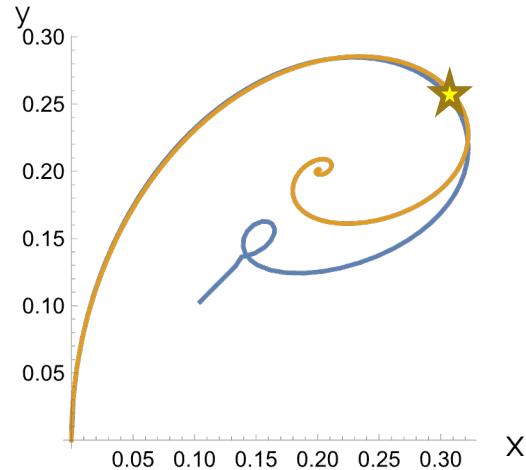
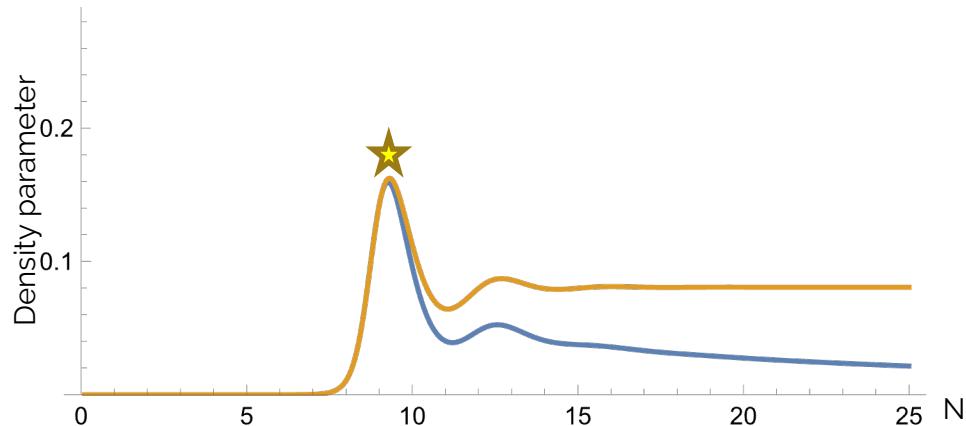
$$\tilde{\lambda}' = -\sqrt{6}\tilde{\alpha}x$$



Quintessence

Fang Model:

We should always find an exponential case that matches the peak (as long as it doesn't take place too quickly)



Quintessence

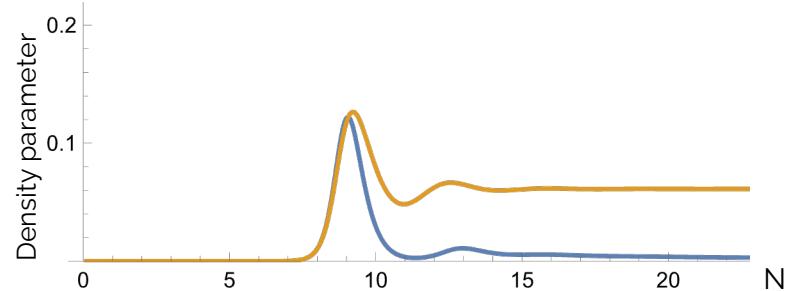
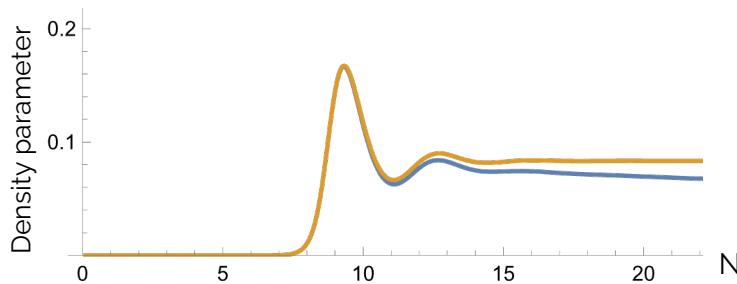
Fang Model:

It gets worse for higher lambda but gives us still a good estimate if we find the correct lambda!

$$\tilde{\lambda}' = -\sqrt{6}\tilde{\alpha}x$$

$$\alpha = -0.1, \quad \lambda_i = 6, \quad \lambda_p = 6$$

$$\alpha = -10, \quad \lambda_i = 6, \quad \lambda_p = 7$$



Quintessence

Fang Model:

We can understand the Fang model by finding its corresponding exponential case!

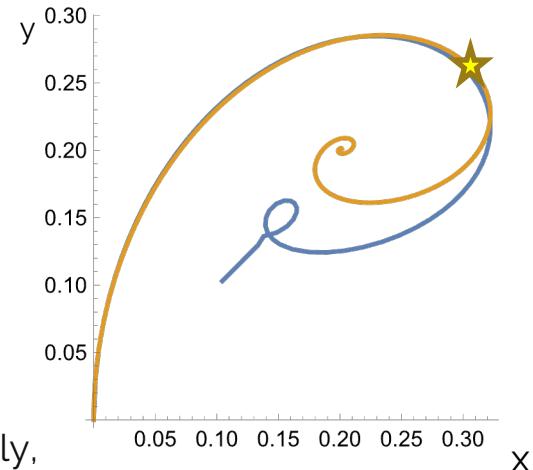
What we have learnt:

Why? Spiral nature of **scaling solution** of the frozen exponential case

When? When the exponential increase of y matches the effective stable fixed-point height of the frozen exponential case

Height? Use the frozen exponential case analytics

Late time? The system will end up in the true global attractor eventually, given by the unfrozen lambda



Quintessence

A good peak?

To have generic Quintessence providing a good peak, we need:

Before the peak: A frozen lambda of order 10

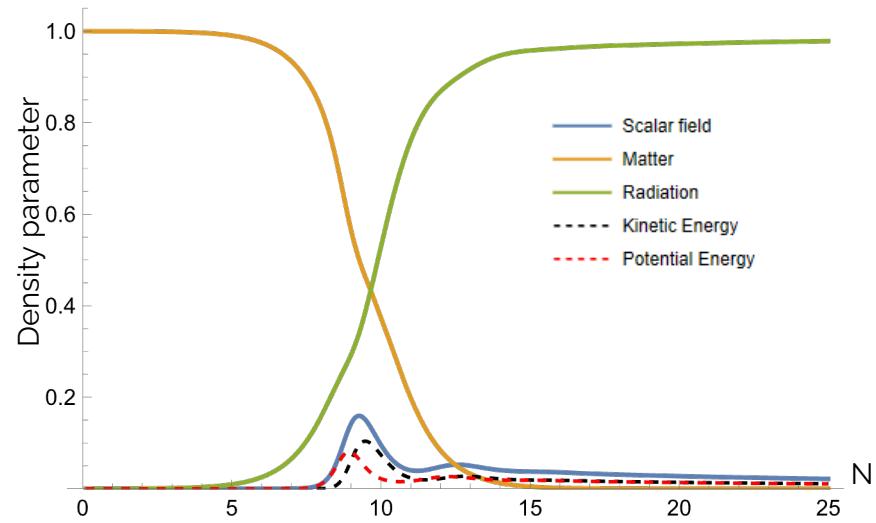
During the peak: Lambda not changing too rapidly

After the peak: Lambda goes to infinity

$$x_{sc} = 0,$$

$$y_{sc} = 0,$$

$$\tilde{\lambda}_{sc} \rightarrow \infty$$



K-essence

We can extend this even further! Let's consider non-canonical fields such as

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{X(\dot{\phi})^n}{M^{4(n-1)}} - V(\phi)$$

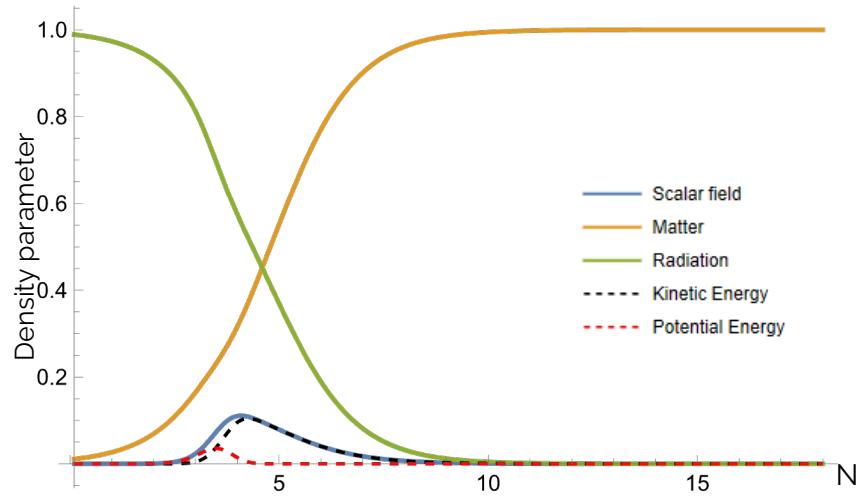
$$X(\dot{\phi}) \equiv \frac{1}{2}\dot{\phi}^2$$

With an exponential potential

$$V(\phi) = A_0 e^{-\kappa\lambda\phi}$$

Sound speed:

$$c_s^2 = \frac{1}{2n-1}$$



K-essence

In this case, we have the following equations of motion:

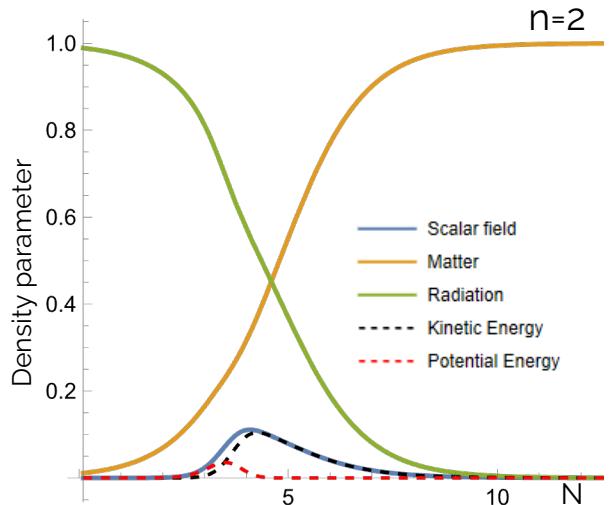
$$H^2 = \frac{\kappa^2}{3} \left(\rho_r + \rho_m + \frac{2n-1}{2^n M^{4(n-1)}} (\dot{\phi}^2)^n + V(\phi) \right)$$

The evolution equations are

$$\dot{\rho}_r = -3H\gamma_r\rho_r,$$

$$\dot{\rho}_m = -3H\gamma_m\rho_m,$$

$$\frac{n(2n-1)}{2^{n-1}M^{4(n-1)}} \dot{\phi}^{2n-2} \ddot{\phi} + \frac{3Hn}{2^{n-1}M^{4(n-1)}} \dot{\phi}^{2n-1} + V_{,\phi}(\phi) = 0$$



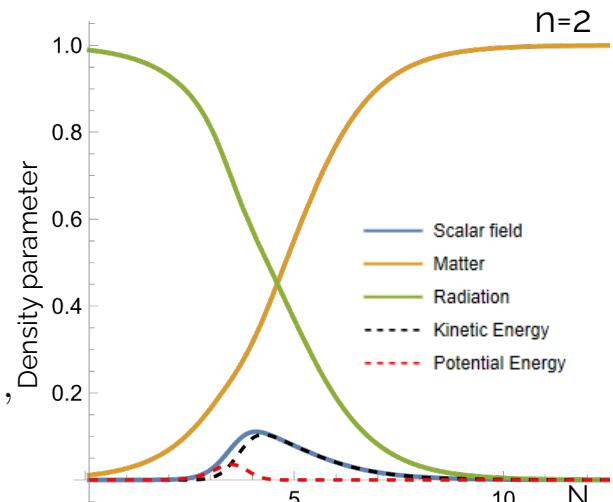
K-essence

Making the following reparametrisation:

$$x = \frac{\kappa\sqrt{2n-1}}{2^{n/2}M^{4(n-1)}} \frac{\dot{\phi}^n}{\sqrt{3}H}, \quad y = \frac{\kappa\sqrt{V}}{\sqrt{3}H}, \quad z = \frac{\kappa\sqrt{\rho_r}}{\sqrt{3}H},$$

We find:

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{M^{4(n-1)} \lambda y^2}{(2n-1)^{\frac{1}{2n}}} \left(\frac{\kappa}{\sqrt{3}Hx} \right)^{1-\frac{1}{n}} + \frac{x}{2} \left(\frac{3x^2 - 3}{2n-1} - 3y^2 + z^2 \right), \\ y' &= -\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{M^{4(n-1)} \lambda xy}{(2n-1)^{\frac{1}{2n}}} \left(\frac{\kappa}{\sqrt{3}Hx} \right)^{1-\frac{1}{n}} + \frac{y}{2} \left(3 + \frac{3x^2}{2n-1} - 3y^2 + z^2 \right), \\ z' &= \frac{z}{2} \left(-1 + \frac{3x^2}{2n-1} - 3y^2 + z^2 \right), \end{aligned}$$





K-essence

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$$x' = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{M^{4(n-1)} \lambda y^2}{(2n-1)^{\frac{1}{2n}}} \left(\frac{\kappa}{\sqrt{3} H x} \right)^{1-\frac{1}{n}} + \frac{3x}{2} \left(\frac{2n(x^2 - 1)}{2n-1} + \gamma_{\text{eff}}(1 - x^2 - y^2) \right),$$

$$y' = -\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{M^{4(n-1)} \lambda x y}{(2n-1)^{\frac{1}{2n}}} \left(\frac{\kappa}{\sqrt{3} H x} \right)^{1-\frac{1}{n}} + \frac{3y}{2} \left(\frac{2nx^2}{(2n-1)} + \gamma_{\text{eff}}(1 - x^2 - y^2) \right),$$

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$$x' = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \tilde{\lambda} y^2 + \frac{3x}{2} (-2 + 2x^2 + \gamma_{\text{eff}}(1 - x^2 - y^2)),$$

$$y' = -\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \tilde{\lambda} x y + \frac{3y}{2} (2x^2 + \gamma_{\text{eff}}(1 - x^2 - y^2)),$$



K-essence

K-essence

$$x' = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\eta y^2 + \frac{3x}{2} \left(\frac{2n(x^2 - 1)}{2n - 1} + \gamma_{\text{eff}}(1 - x^2 - y^2) \right)$$

$$y' = -\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\eta xy + \frac{3y}{2} \left(\frac{2nx^2}{(2n - 1)} + \gamma_{\text{eff}}(1 - x^2 - y^2) \right)$$

$$\eta' = \eta(n - 1) \left(\frac{3}{2n - 1} - \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{\eta y^2}{nx} \right)$$

Quintessence

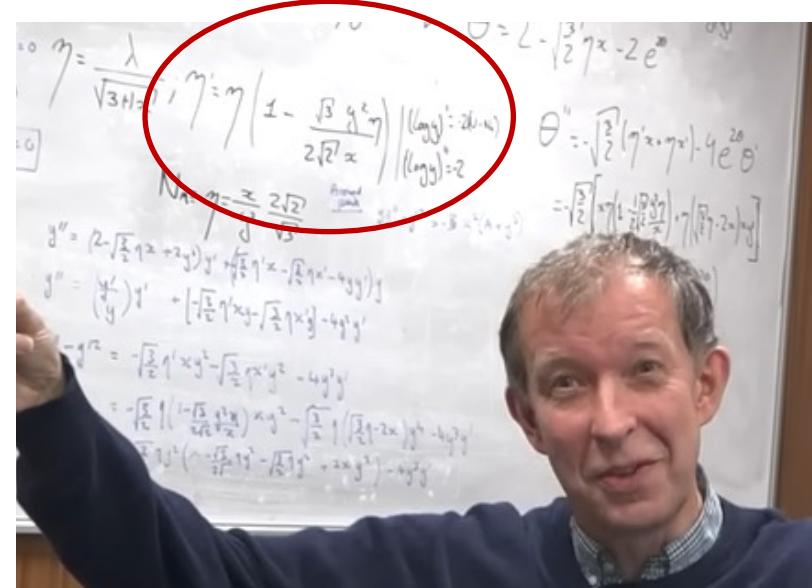
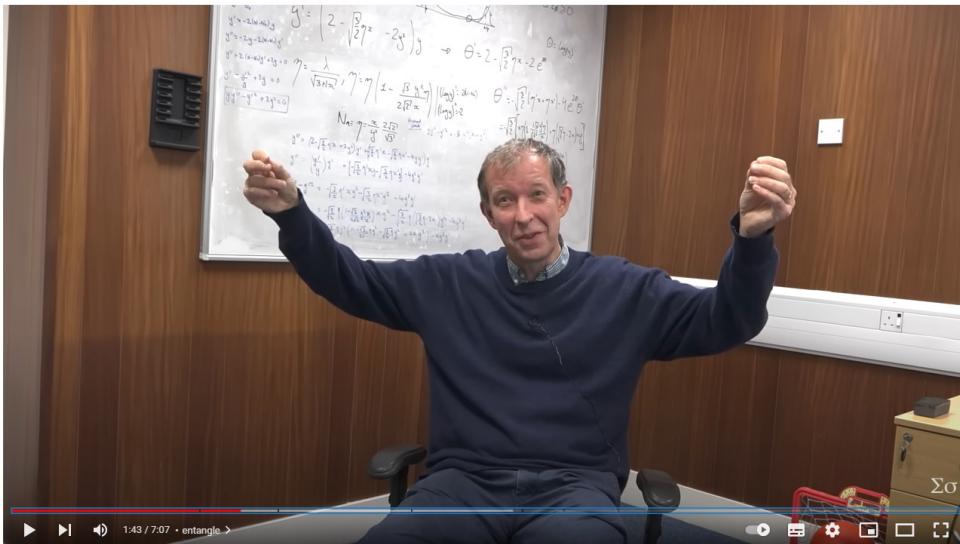
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$$y' = -\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\tilde{\lambda}xy + \frac{3y}{2}(2x^2 + \gamma_{\text{eff}}(1 - x^2 - y^2)),$$

$$\tilde{\lambda}' = -\sqrt{6}\tilde{\lambda}^2(\Gamma - 1)x$$

K-essence

We can use the same quintessence techniques on K-essence!



K-essence

$$x = \frac{\kappa\sqrt{2n-1}}{2^{n/2}M^{4(n-1)}} \frac{\dot{\phi}^n}{\sqrt{3H}}, \quad y = \frac{\kappa\sqrt{V}}{\sqrt{3H}},$$

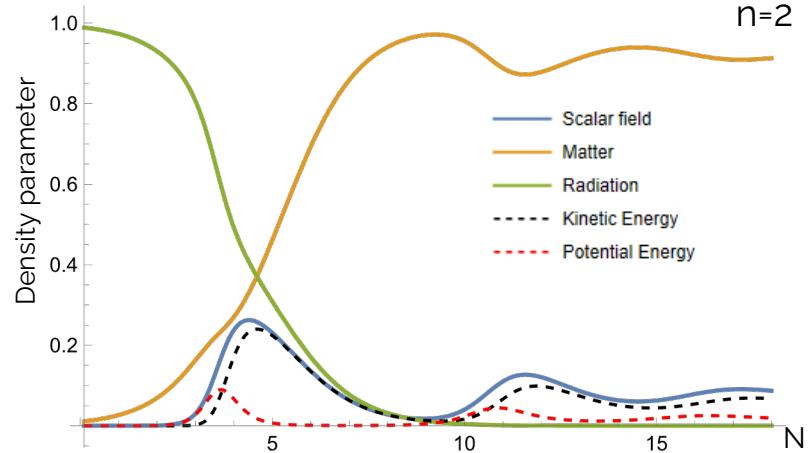
Let's take for a moment the constant η case. It is not phenomenologically relevant, but interesting!

$$x' = \left(\frac{3}{2}\tau - 2\right)x + \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\eta y^2,$$

$$y' = \frac{3}{2}\tau y - \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\eta xy,$$

The stable points are now:

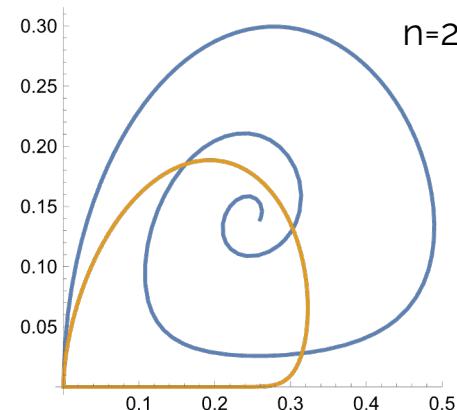
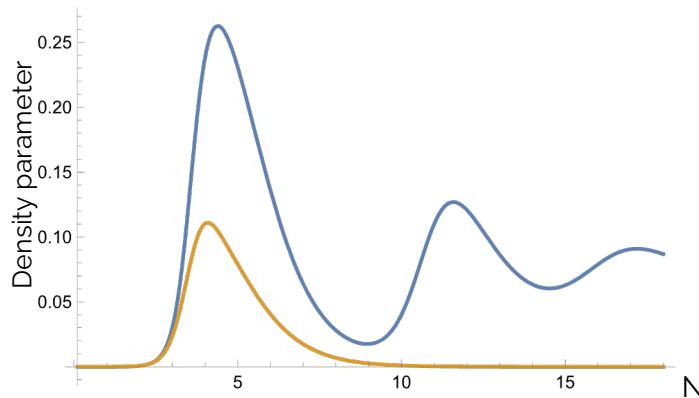
$$x_{(\text{sc})} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{\gamma_{\text{eff}}}{\eta_c}, \quad y_{(\text{sc})} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{\sqrt{\gamma_{\text{eff}}}}{\eta_c} \sqrt{\frac{2n}{(2n-1)} - \gamma_{\text{eff}}},$$



K-essence

$$x = \frac{\kappa\sqrt{2n-1}}{2^{n/2}M^{4(n-1)}} \frac{\dot{\phi}^n}{\sqrt{3H}}, \quad y = \frac{\kappa\sqrt{V}}{\sqrt{3H}},$$

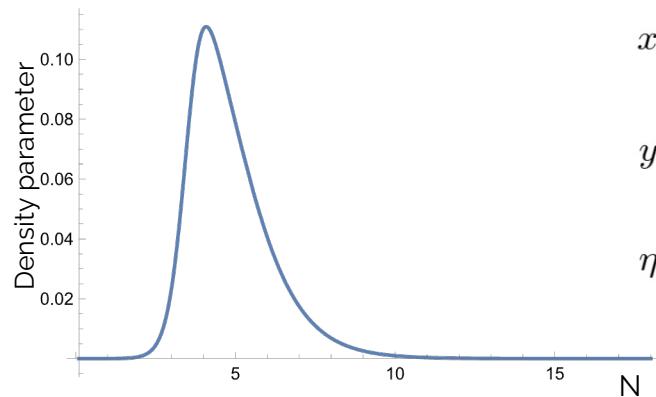
Very similar to Quintessence, where constant η corresponds to exponential case



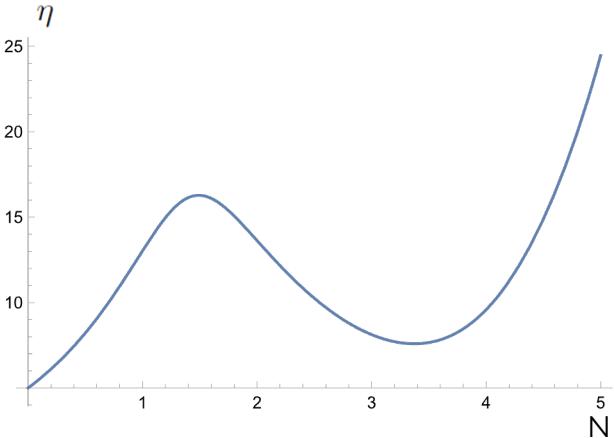
However, we need to know the value for η at the time of the peak, which is difficult to get for the equation

K-essence

Given that x and y are much smaller than η up to the peak, it won't affect their dynamics



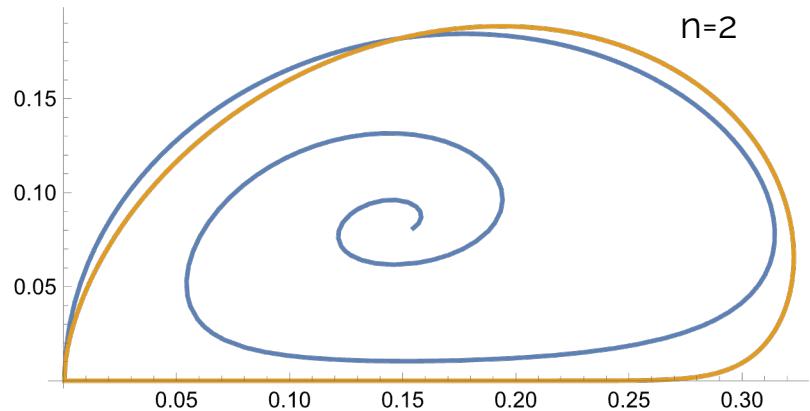
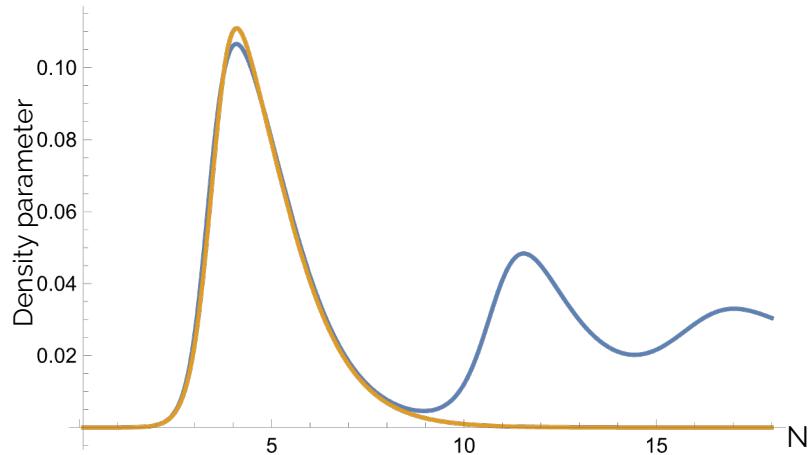
$$\begin{aligned}x' &= \left(2 - \frac{3n}{2n-1}\right)x + \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\eta y^2, \\y' &= 2y - \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\eta xy, \\ \eta' &= \eta(n-1) \left(\frac{3}{2n-1} - \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}\frac{\eta y^2}{nx}\right),\end{aligned}$$



η can vary a lot until the peak, is there a way of finding this value?

K-essence

$$\eta_1 = \eta_i \left(\frac{x_i}{y_i} \right)^{\frac{n-1}{n}} \left(\frac{10}{3} \sqrt{\frac{n}{\gamma_{\text{eff}}(2n-1)}} \right)^{\frac{n-1}{n}}$$



K-essence

So far, we have kept n constant, can we constrain that?

The equation of state is

$$\gamma_\phi = \frac{2nx^2}{(2n-1)(x^2+y^2)}$$

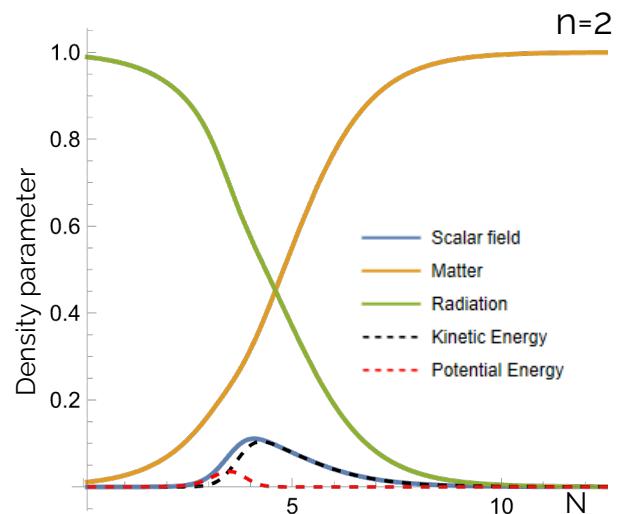
Meaning that after the peak takes place, it decays as ($y=0$)

$$\gamma_\phi = \frac{2n}{(2n-1)}$$

Therefore,

Canonical quintessence limit $1 \leq n \leq 2$ Decays slower than radiation

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{\dot{X(\phi)}^n}{M^{4(n-1)}} - V(\phi)$$



K-essence

Reparametrizing $H(t)$ into η and setting it to a constant allows us to find the stable fixed points that the system tracks when giving the peak

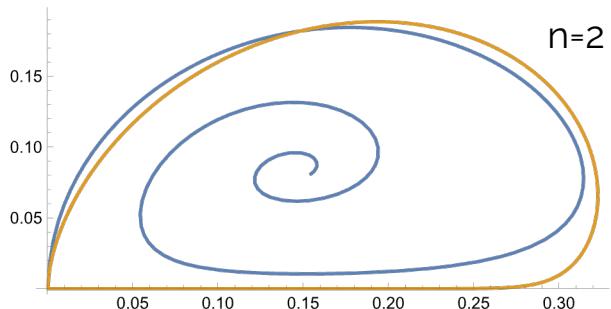
What we have learnt:

Why? Spiral nature of **scaling solution** of the constant η case

When? When the exponential increase of y matches the effective stable fixed-point height of the constant η case

Height? Given by equivalent arguments to the ones applied in quintessence (perturbing around fixed point)

Late time? The system will end up vanishing due to $H(t)$ increasing exponentially



Check against data

We used CAMB, which solves for the perturbed field equations

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\rho_\phi}{d\tau} &= -3\mathcal{H}\gamma_\phi\rho_\phi, \\ \frac{d\delta_\phi}{d\tau} &= -\left[ku_\phi + \frac{\gamma_\phi}{2}\frac{dh}{d\tau}\right] - 3\mathcal{H}(c_s^2 - \gamma_\phi - 1)\left(\delta_\phi + 3\mathcal{H}\frac{u_\phi}{k}\right) - 3\mathcal{H}\frac{1}{\gamma_\phi}\frac{d\gamma_\phi}{d\tau}\frac{u_\phi}{k}, \\ \frac{du_\phi}{d\tau} &= -(1 - 3c_s^2)\mathcal{H}u_\phi + \frac{1}{\gamma_\phi}\frac{d\gamma_\phi}{d\tau}u_\phi + kc_s^2\delta_\phi,\end{aligned}$$

Where

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From
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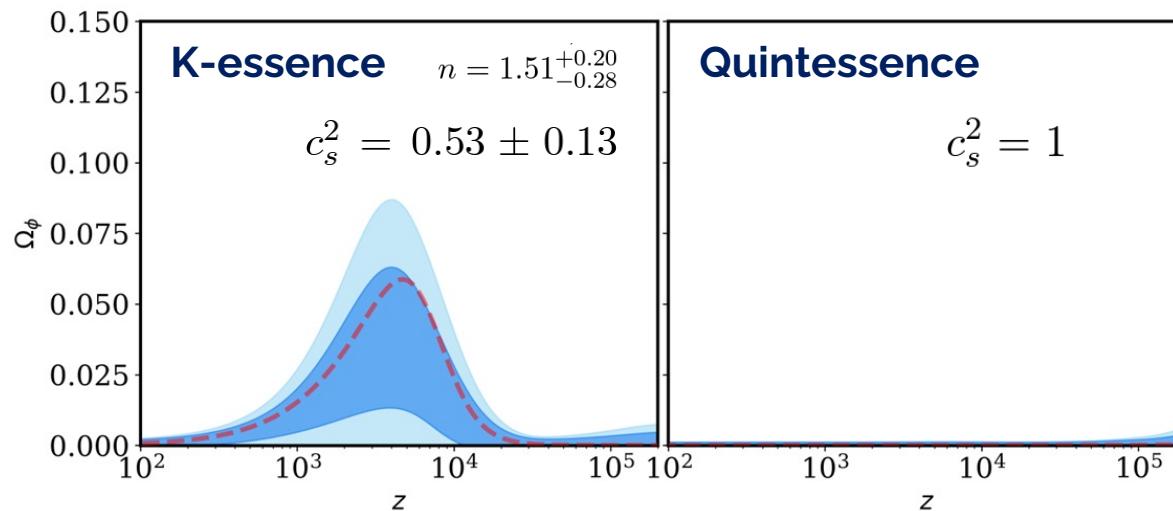
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Best fit for scalar fields



Data shows the importance of sound speed when addressing the Hubble tension



Summary

EDE can relax the Hubble tension as long as it doesn't have an impact at other epochs

Scalar Fields can relax the tension due to their oscillating behaviour around the scaling fixed point

We can approximate Quintessence and K-Essence to a corresponding exponential case

In particular, we found that no Quintessence can solve the Hubble tension in this procedure

However, K-essence is a good candidate as it provides $c_s^2 = 0.53 \pm 0.13$



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Thank you for listening!

Any questions?

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