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Preheating The String Axiverse

Non-perturbative production of heavy DM

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Axion - saxion

- $\mathcal{N} = 1$ type IIB compactification on CY_3
- At least 1 Kähler modulus τ + axion θ
→ complexified field $T = \tau + i\theta$

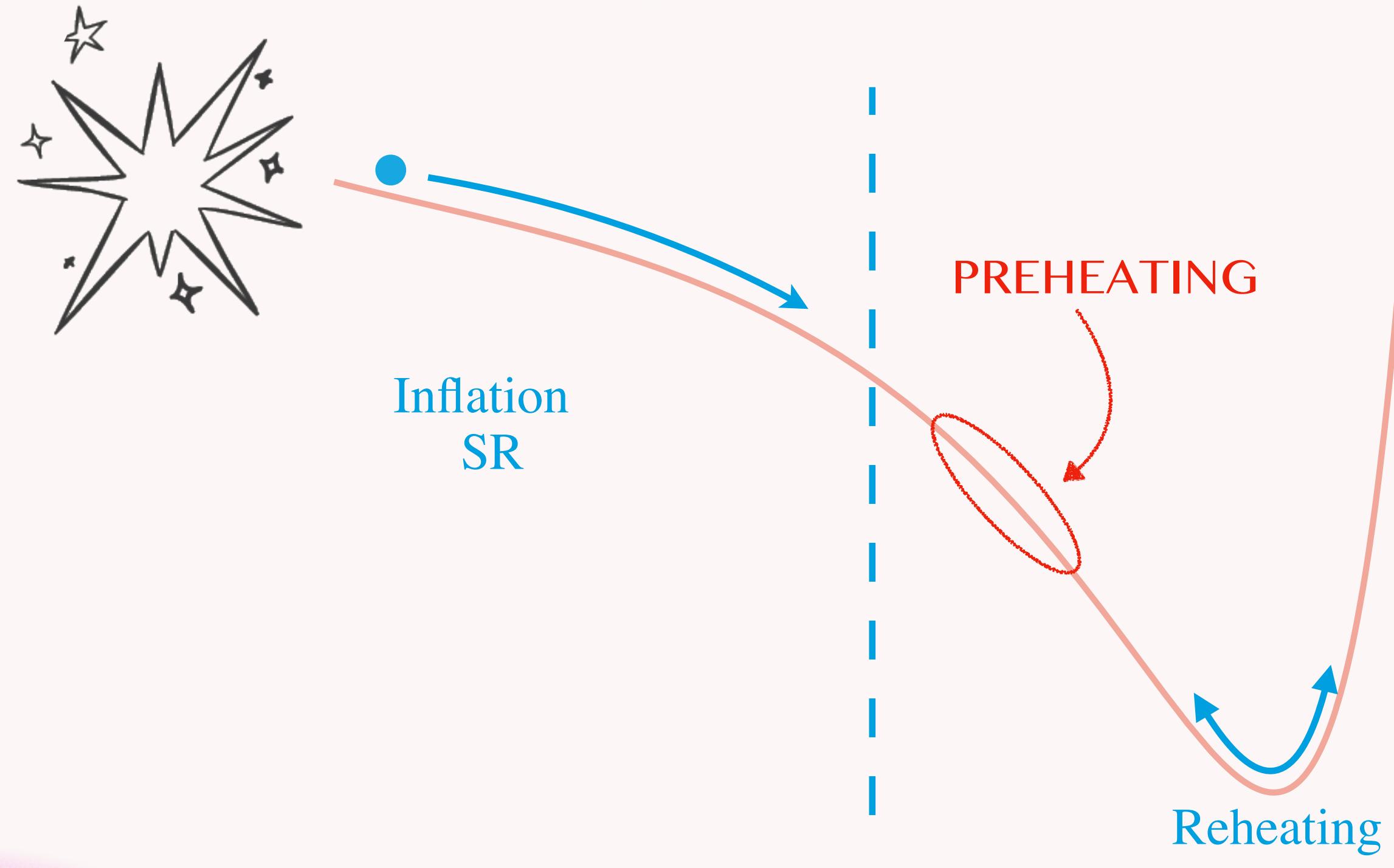
saxion axion

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{L}_{kin} \supset \frac{1}{\tau^2}(\partial\tau)^2 + \frac{1}{\tau^2}(\partial\theta)^2 \\ V \supset \Lambda e^{-a\tau} (1 + \cos(a\theta)) \end{array} \right.$$

⇒ Very simple, but generic!

String Inflation saxion \leftrightarrow inflaton

Preheating



$$\phi \simeq \langle \phi \rangle + \Delta\phi \cos(mt)$$

$$\chi(t, \vec{x}) = \langle \chi \rangle + \delta\chi_k(t, \vec{x})$$

$$\ddot{\chi}_k + (A_k - 2q \cos(mt)) \chi_k = 0$$

$$\chi(t, \vec{x}) \propto e^{\mu_k t}$$

Mathieu equation



$$\tau \simeq \langle \tau \rangle + \Delta\tau \cos(mt)$$

$$\ddot{\chi}_k - 2\beta \frac{\Delta\tau}{\langle \tau \rangle} \dot{\chi}_k \sin(m_\tau t) + \left(k^2 + \underbrace{\Lambda a e^{-a\langle \tau \rangle}}_{\text{resonance parameter } q} (\langle \tau \rangle + \Delta\tau \cos(m_\tau t)) e^{-a\Delta\tau \cos(m_\tau t)} \right) \chi_k = 0$$

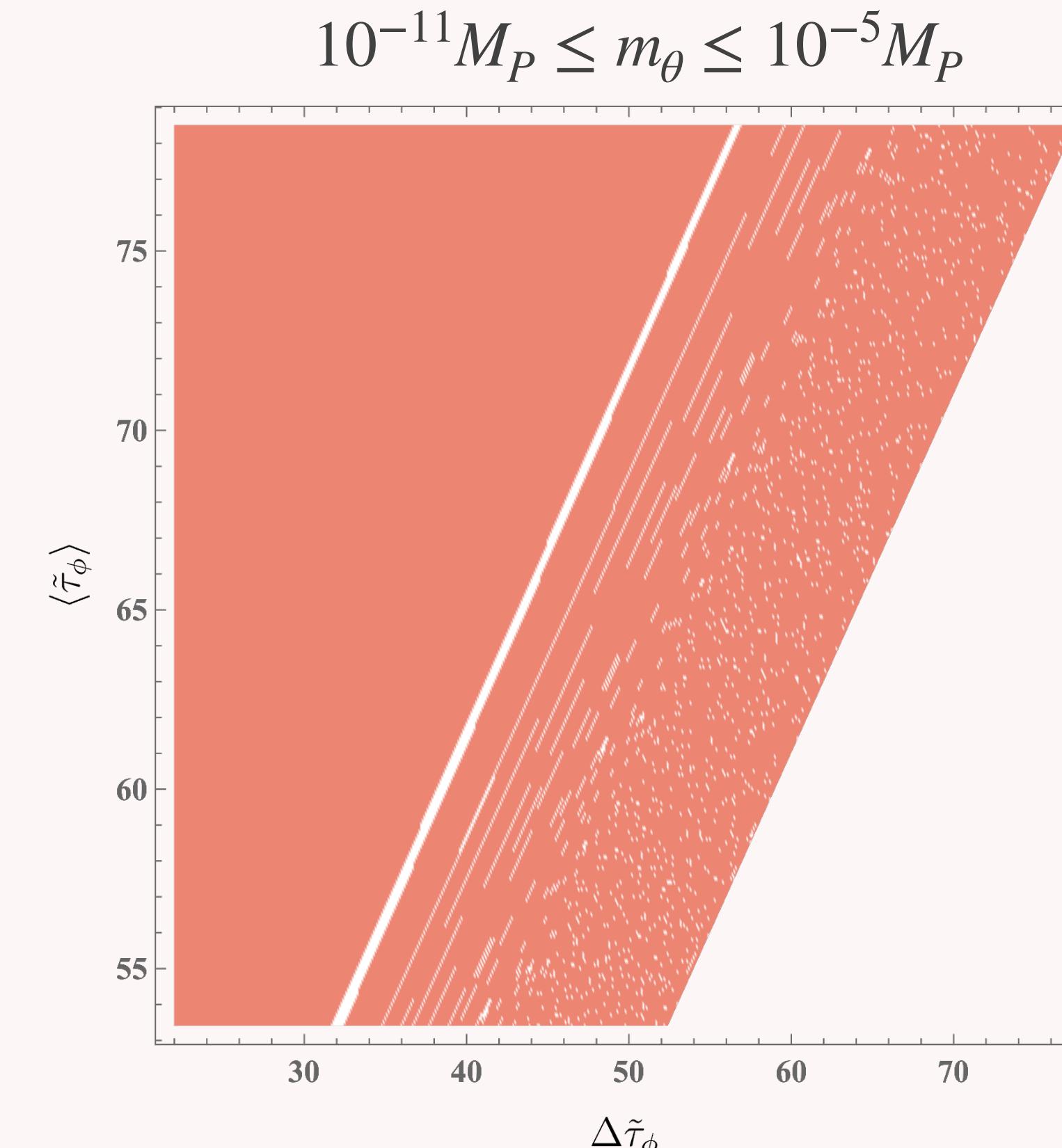
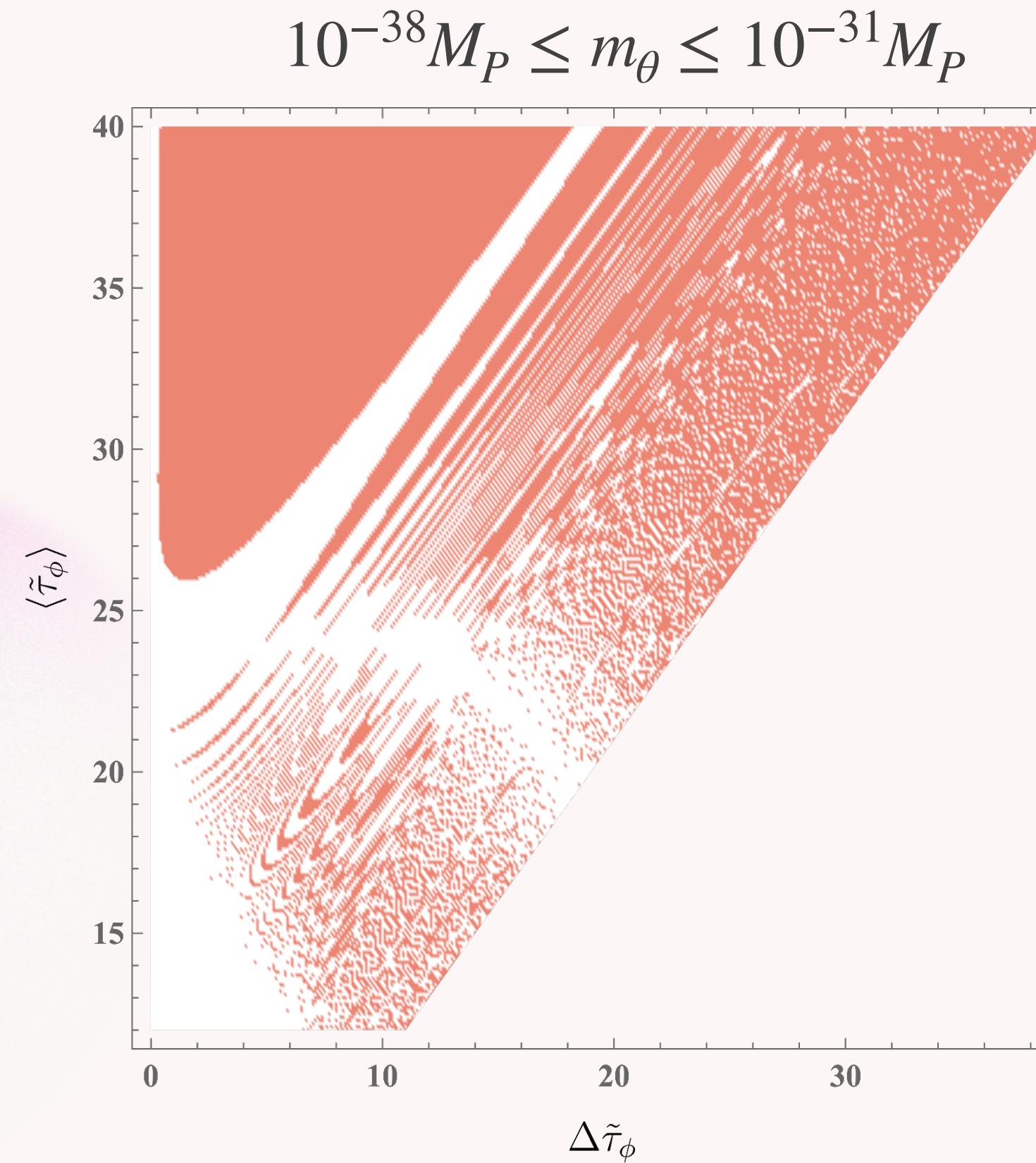
resonance parameter q

$$q = 4a\Delta\tau \frac{m_\theta^2}{m_\tau^2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{a\langle \tau \rangle} \right)$$

Stability charts

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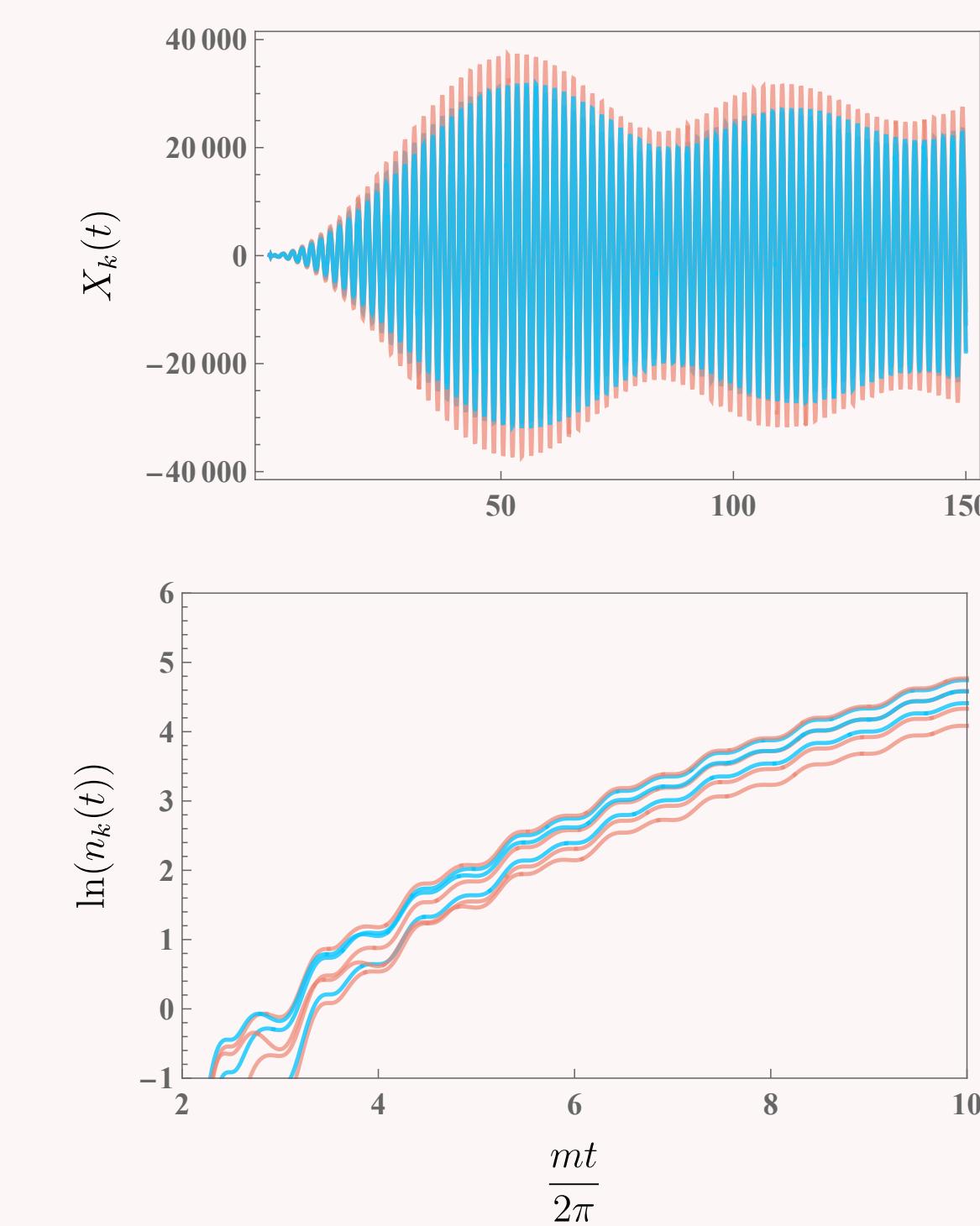
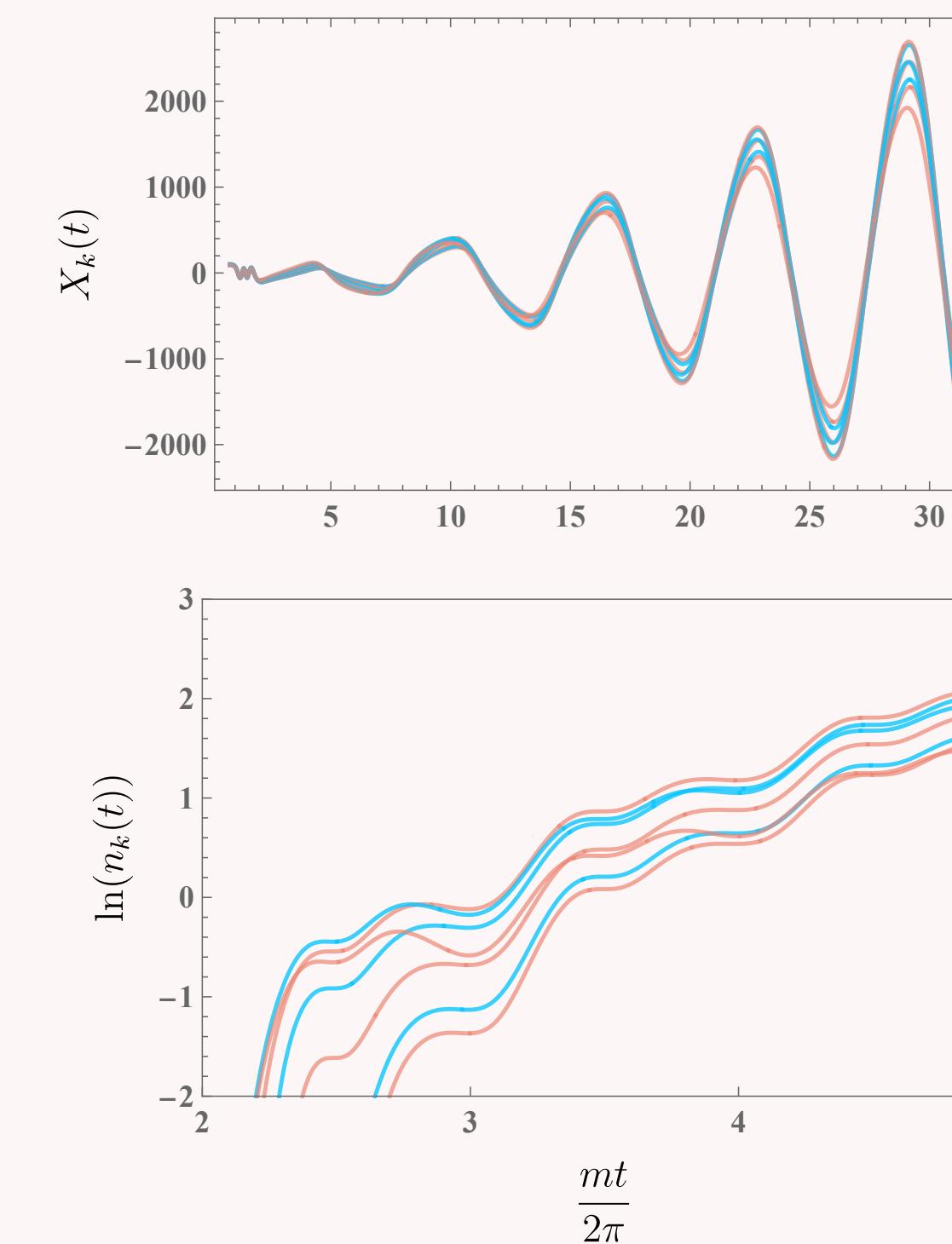
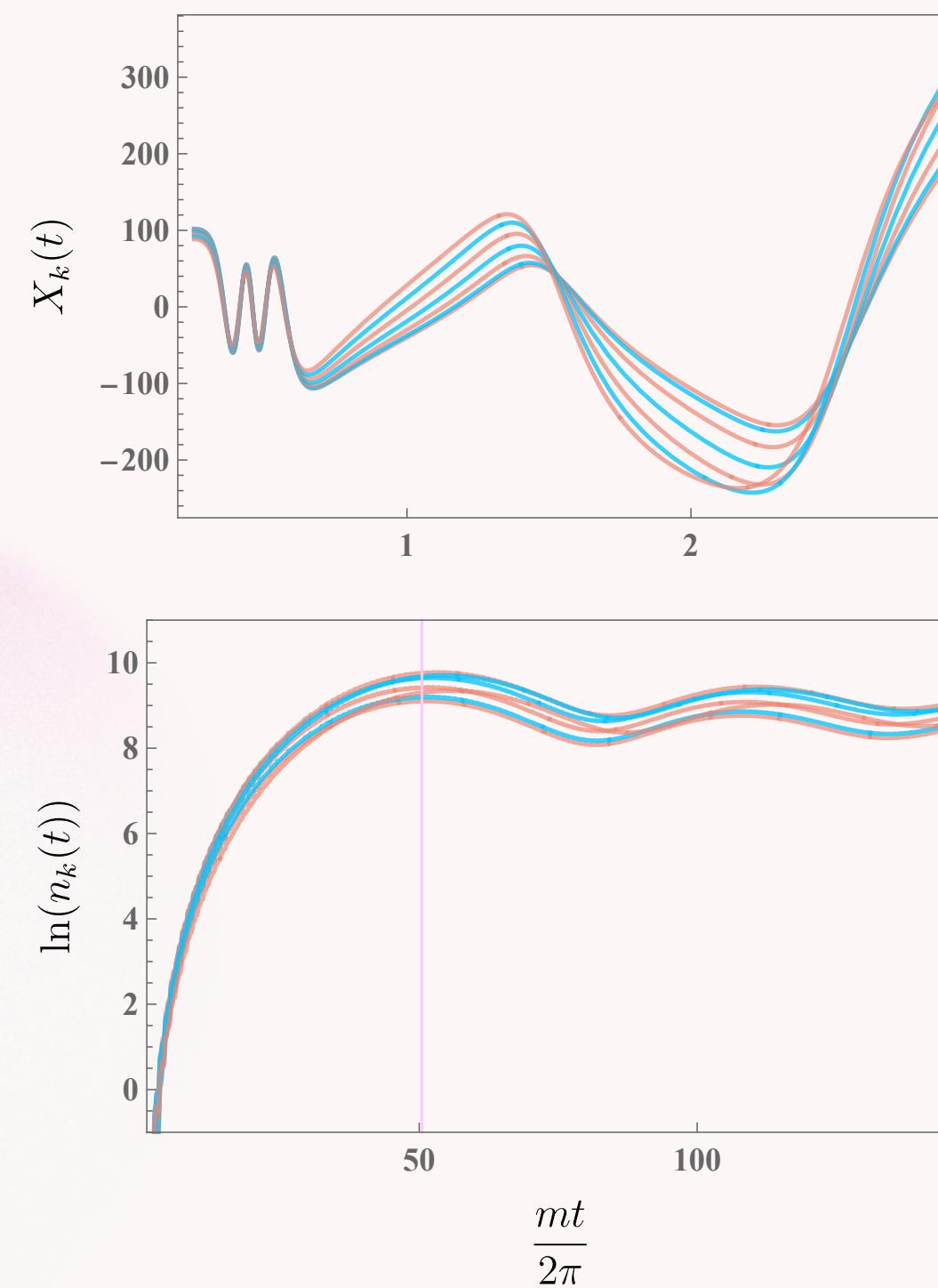
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- ◆ Dark matter: $\Omega_\theta^0 = \frac{m_\theta n_\theta(a_0)}{\rho_c^0}$



Enhanced modes

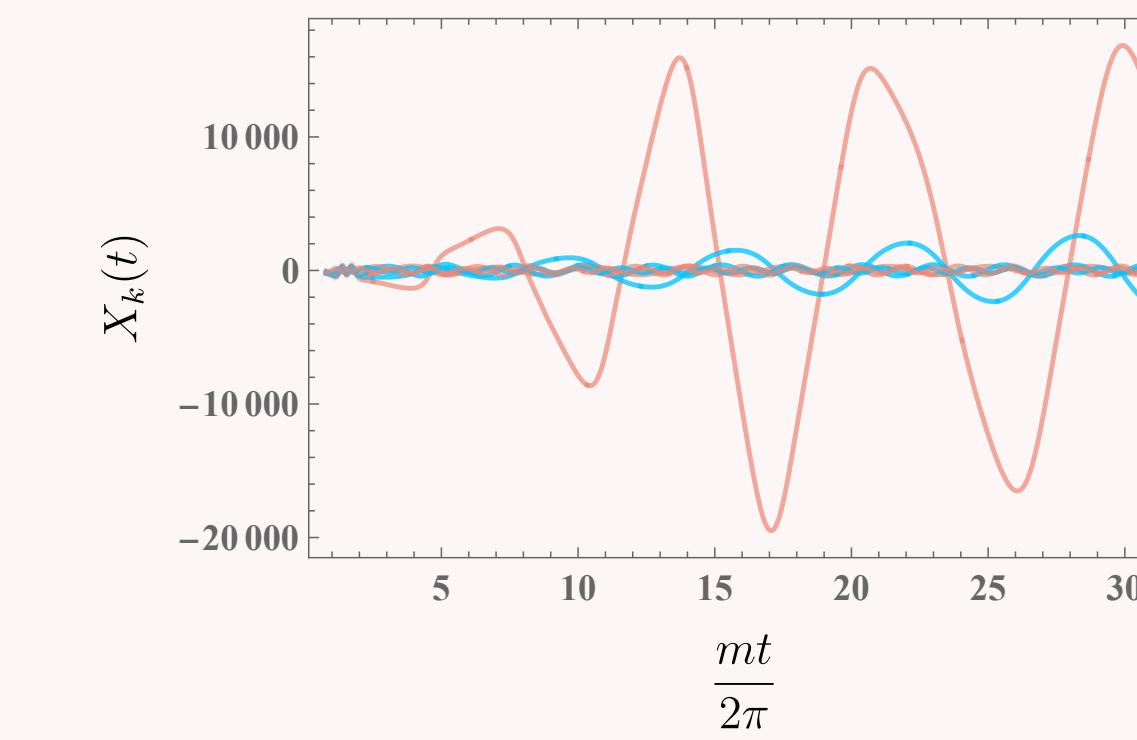
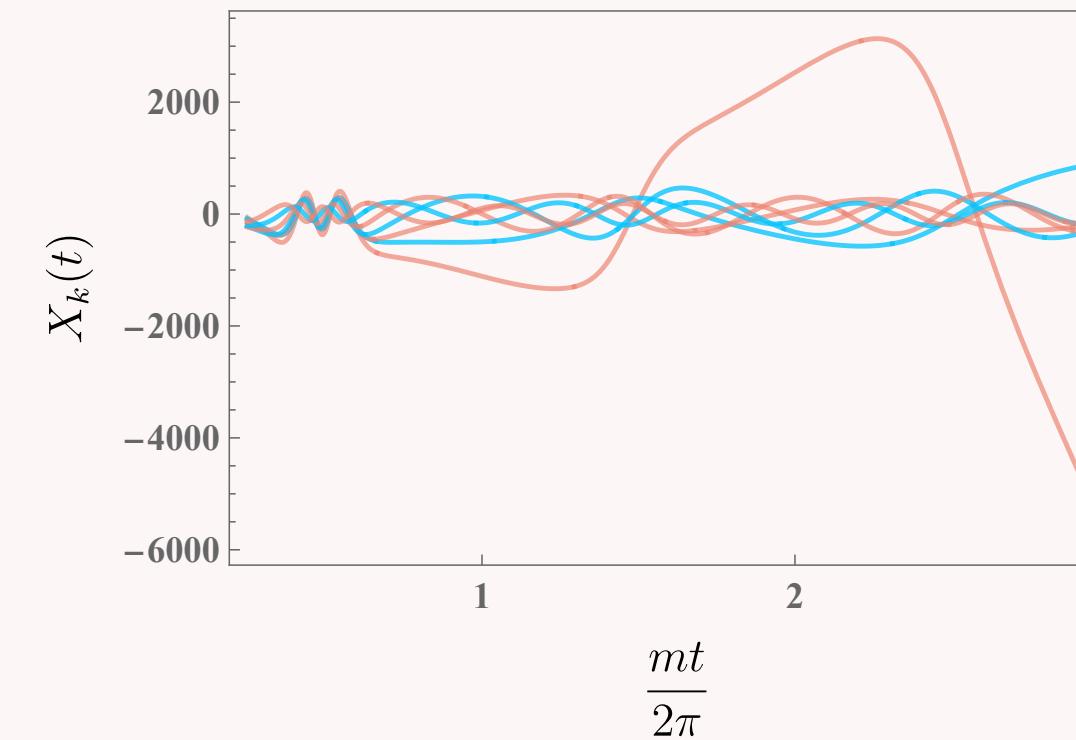
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Application: Fibre inflation

- ◆ Dark radiation: contribution to $\Delta N_{eff} \simeq 10^{-6}$
- ◆ Dark matter: $\Omega_\theta^0 h^2 \gg 0.12$



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