

# Vacuum Bubble Stabilization

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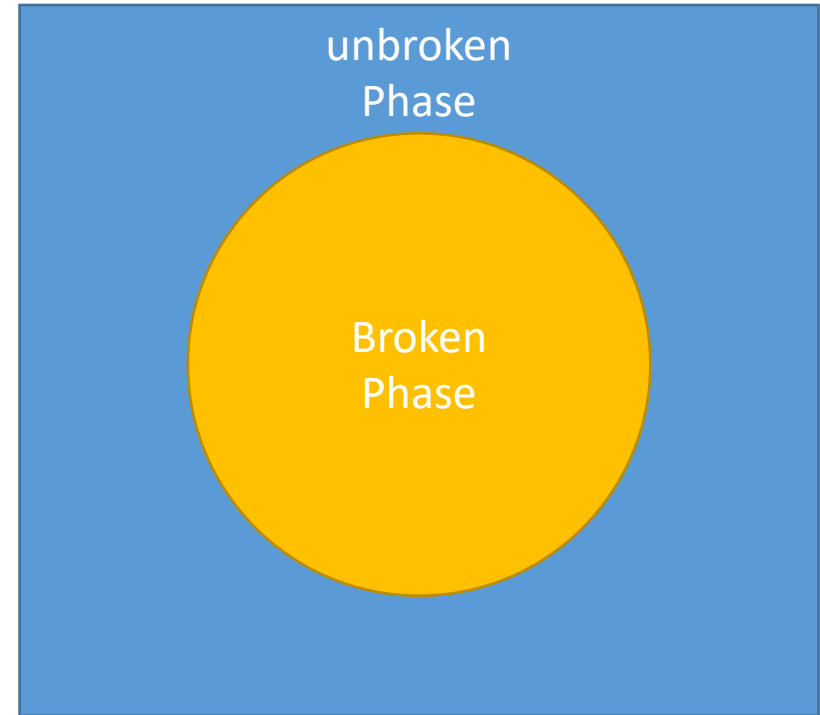
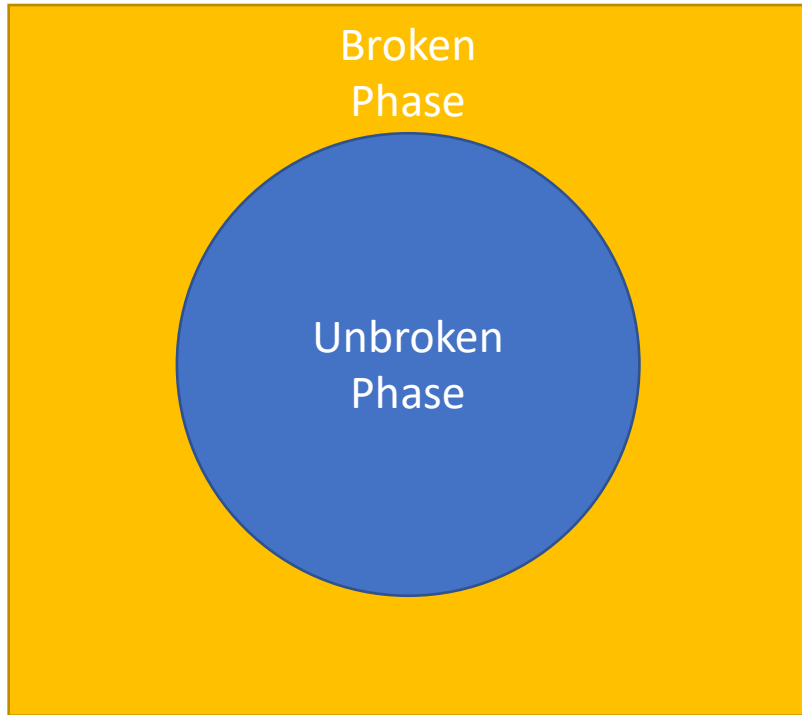
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# Vaccum Bubbles



# Model of a saturon as a vacuum bubble

- Lets consider a theory of a scalar field  $\phi$  in the adjoint representation of  $SU(N)$ .
- $\phi_{\alpha}^{\beta}$  is a  $N \times N$  traceless Hermitian matrix with  $\alpha, \beta = 1, \dots, N$ .
- The Lagrangian density is given by

$$L = \frac{1}{2} \text{tr} [(\partial_{\mu}\phi)(\partial^{\mu}\phi)] - V[\phi],$$

with potential

$$V[\phi] = \frac{\alpha}{2} \text{tr} \left[ \left( f\phi - \phi^2 + \frac{I}{N} \text{tr} [\phi^2] \right)^2 \right],$$

where  $I$  is the unit  $N \times N$  matrix.

# Model of a saturon as a vacuum bubble

The vacuum equations

$$f\phi_{\alpha}^{\beta} - (\phi^2)_{\alpha}^{\beta} + \frac{\delta_{\alpha}^{\beta}}{N} \text{Tr}\phi^2 = 0,$$

have many degenerate solutions. They correspond to the breaking

$$SU(N) \rightarrow SU(N - K) \times SU(K) \times U(1)$$

with  $0 < K < N$ .

We consider the breaking with  $K = 1$ .

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Lets consider the ansatz

$$\phi_{\beta}^{\alpha} = \frac{\varphi(x)}{\sqrt{N(N-1)}} \text{diag} ((N-1), -1, \dots, -1).$$

The potential becomes

$$V[\phi] = \frac{\alpha}{2} \text{tr} \left[ \left( f\phi - \phi^2 + \frac{I}{N} \text{tr} [\phi^2] \right)^2 \right]$$
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$$V[\varphi] = \frac{\tilde{\alpha}}{2} \varphi^2 (\tilde{f} - \varphi)^2$$

where

$$\tilde{\alpha} = \frac{(N - 2)^2}{N(N - 1)} \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} \alpha$$

$$\tilde{f} = \frac{f \sqrt{N(N - 1)}}{(N - 2)} \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} f$$

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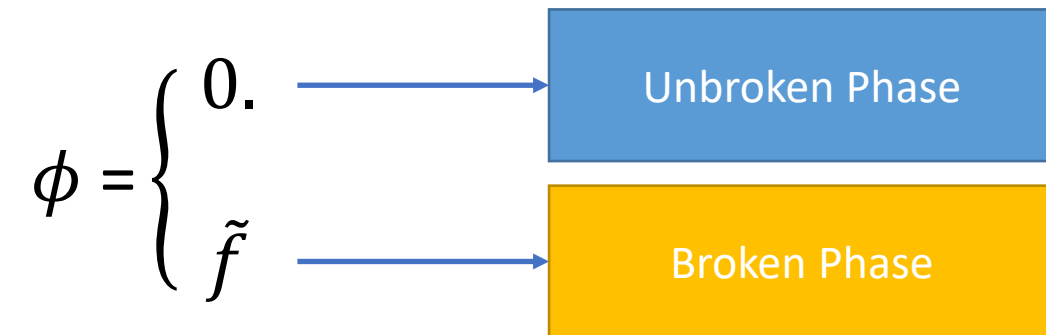
is minimized by

$$\phi = \begin{cases} 0. \\ \tilde{f} \end{cases}$$

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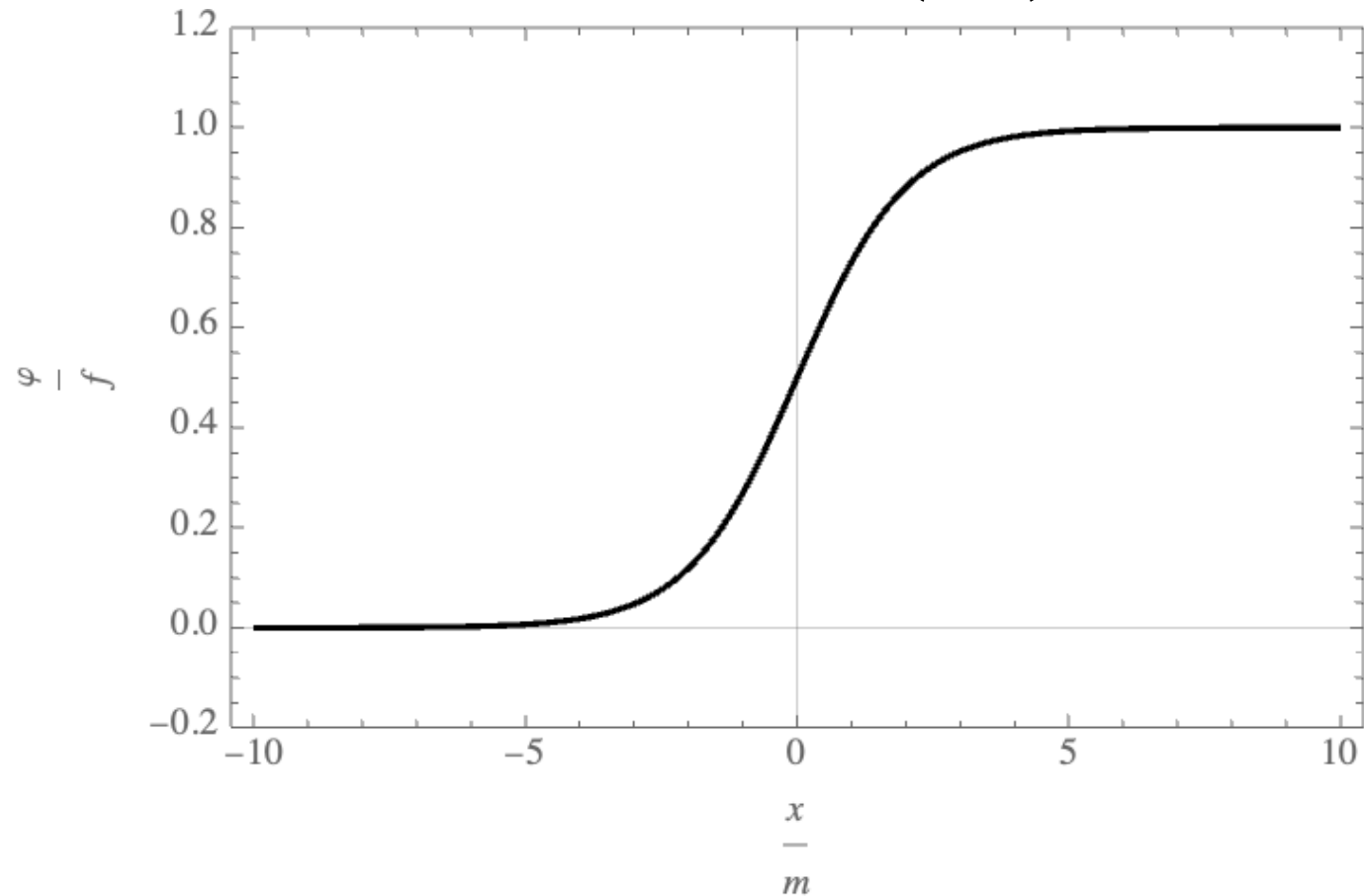
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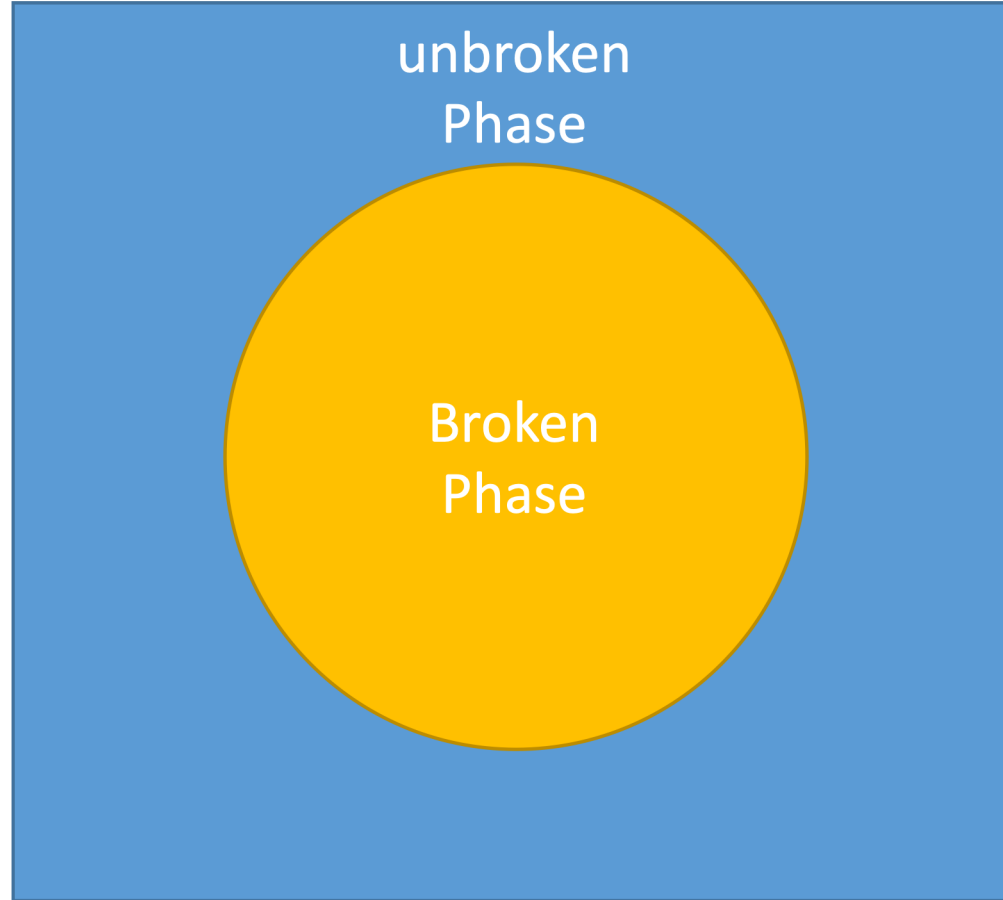
# Domain wall profile

$$\varphi(x) = \frac{\tilde{f}}{2} \left( 1 + \tanh \left( \frac{mx}{2} \right) \right)$$



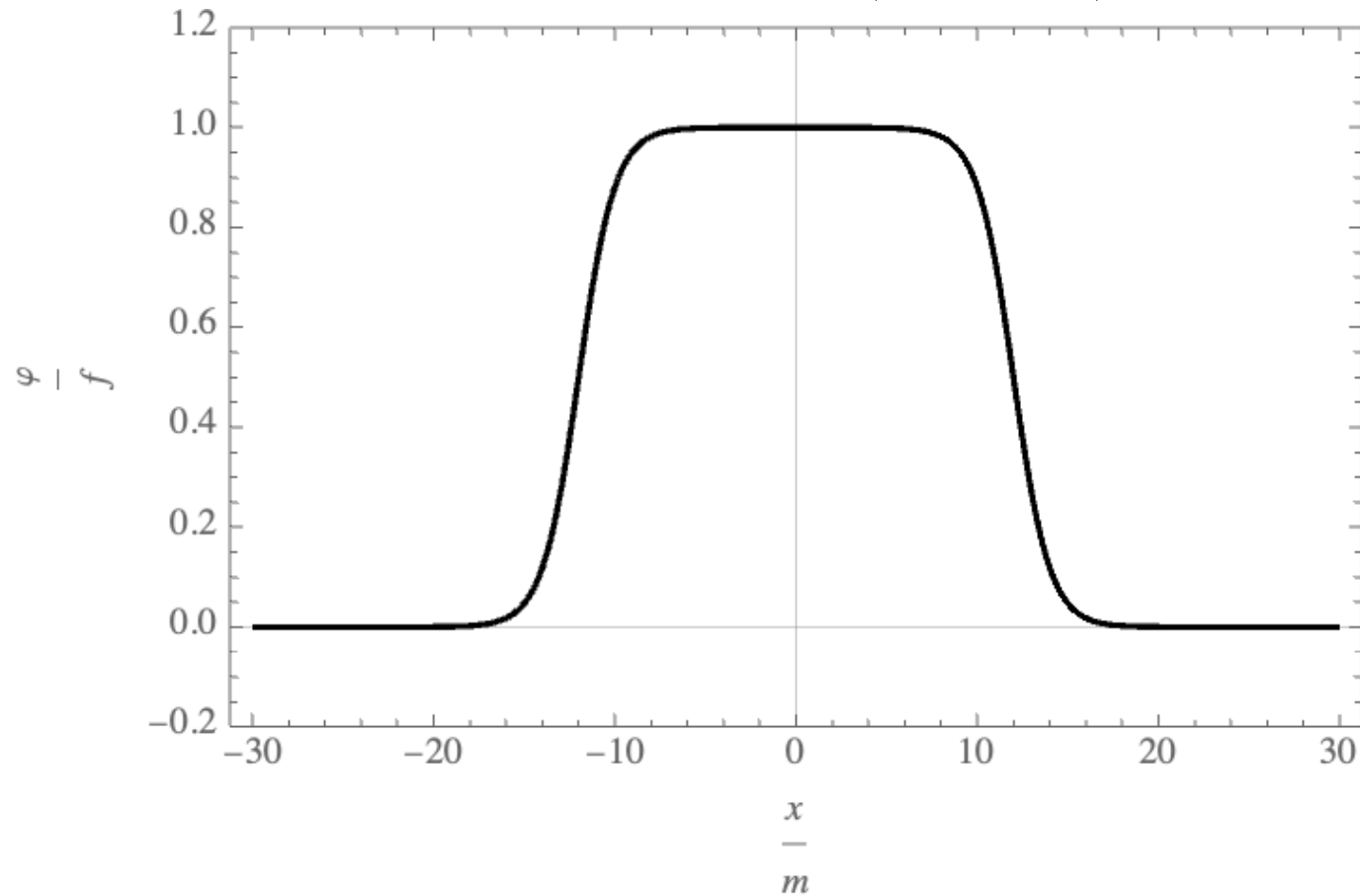
$$m = \sqrt{\tilde{\alpha}} \tilde{f} = \sqrt{\alpha} f$$

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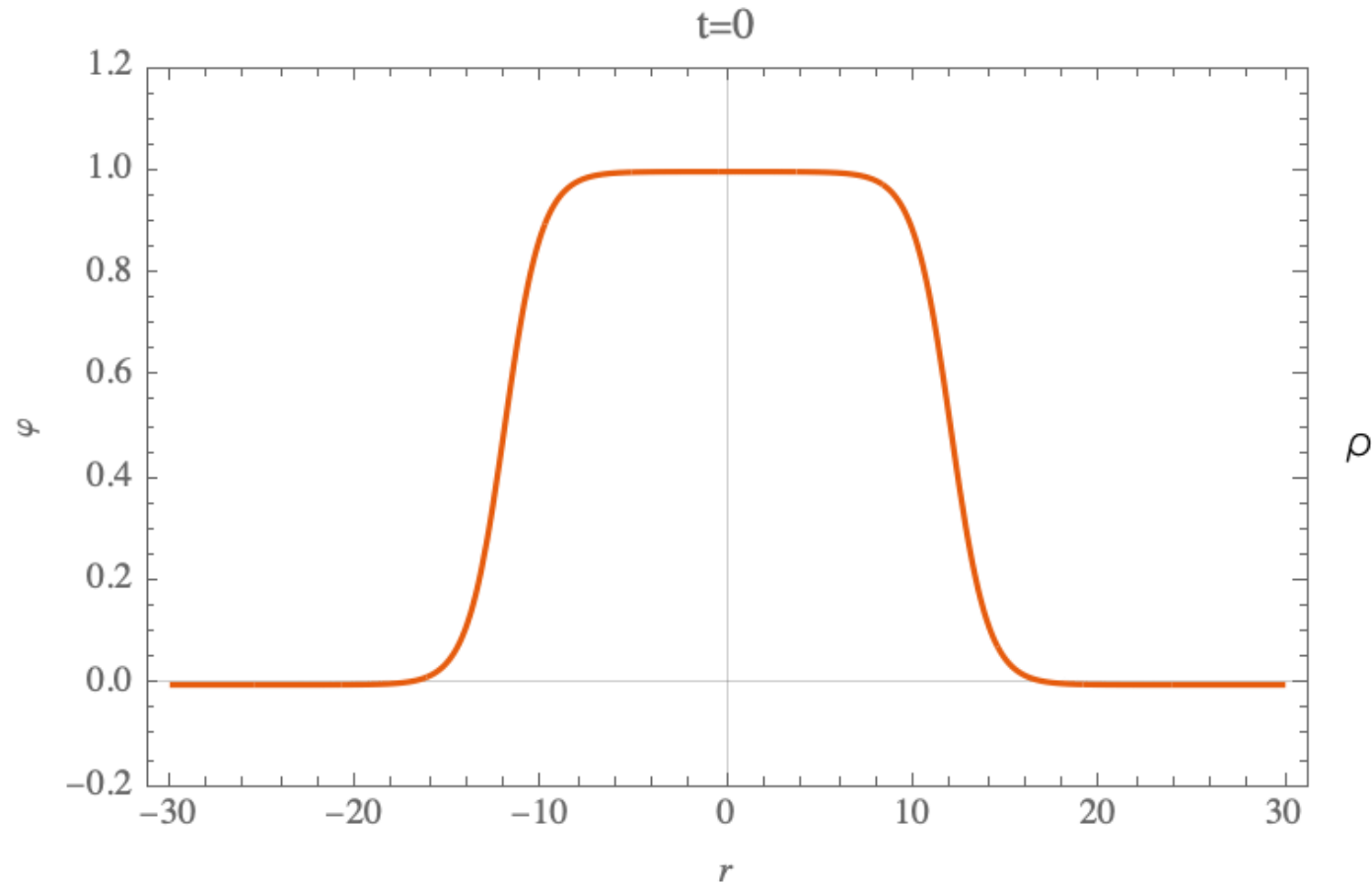


# Vaccum Bubbles

$$\varphi(x) = \frac{\tilde{f}}{2} \left( 1 + \tanh \left( \frac{m(r-x)}{2} \right) \right)$$



# Vacuum Bubbles Decay



$$m = 1$$
$$r = 12$$

# Vacuum Bubbles Micro-states

Due to  $SU(N) \rightarrow SU(N-1) \times U(1)$  SSB, the broken vacuum contains

$$N_{Gold} = 2(N-1)$$

massless Goldstone bosons Localized within the bubble.

These gapless Goldstone modes give rise to an exponential number of bubble micro-states  $n_{st}$ , which scales as<sup>[1]</sup>

$$n_{st}(r) \sim \left(1 + \frac{2N}{s(r)}\right)^{s(r)} \left(1 + \frac{s(r)}{2N}\right)^{2N}$$

[1]G. Dvali, Entropy Bound and Unitarity of Scattering Amplitudes, JHEP03(2021) 126, arXiv:2003.05546.

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$$n_{st}(r) \sim \left(1 + \frac{2N}{s(r)}\right)^{s(r)} \left(1 + \frac{s(r)}{2N}\right)^{2N}$$

Here  $s(r)$  is the time-averaged space integral of  $\varphi^2(x)$ .

For large bubbles ( $r \gg m$ ), making use of the thin wall approximation, it is given by

$$s(r) \approx \frac{4\pi (rm)^3}{3\alpha}$$

whereas for small ( $r \sim m^{-1}$ ) bubbles it scales as

$$s(r) \sim \frac{1}{\alpha}$$

# Vaccum Bubbles Stabilization

These micro-states, in their turn, contribute to the corresponding micro-state entropy of the bubble

$$S = \ln(n_{st}).$$

In [1] it was suggested that the high entropy of the bubble stabilizes it. That is, the occupied Goldstone modes prevent the bubble from collapsing or spreading out. This is argued to occur due *to the memory burden effect* [2,3].

[2] G. Dvali, A Microscopic Model of Holography: Survival by the Burden of Memory, arXiv:1810.02336.

[3] G. Dvali, L. Eisemann, M. Michel, and S. Zell, Universe's Primordial Quantum Memories, JCAP03 (2019) 010, arXiv:1812.08749.

## Memory Burden Effect

Large amount of  
Memory patterns

Stored quantum  
information.

Slowdown of the  
system's evolution

## Vaccum Bubbles Stabilization

Large amount of  
Bubble micro-states

Excitations of the  
Goldstone modes

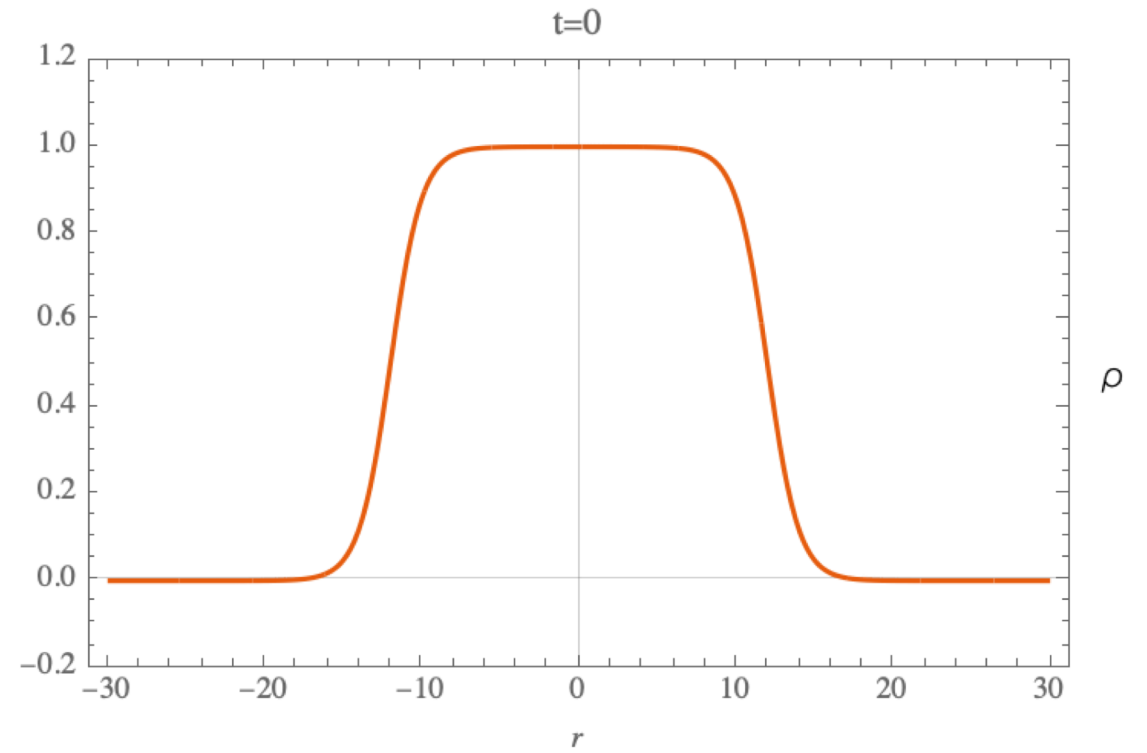
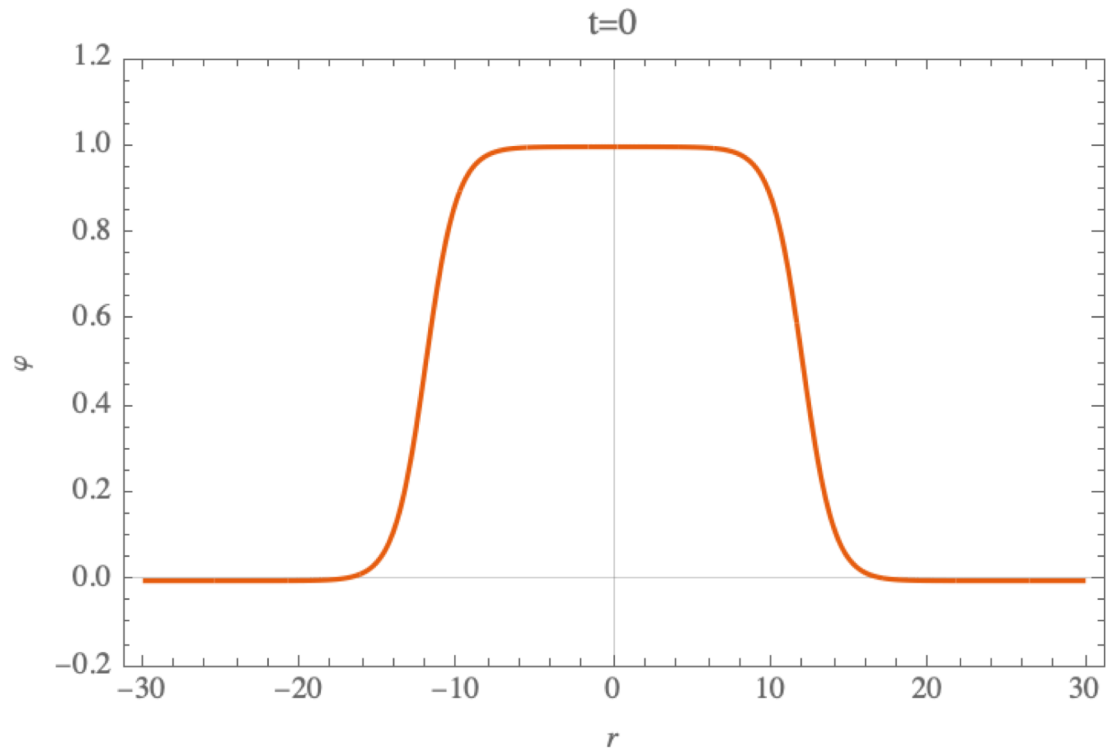
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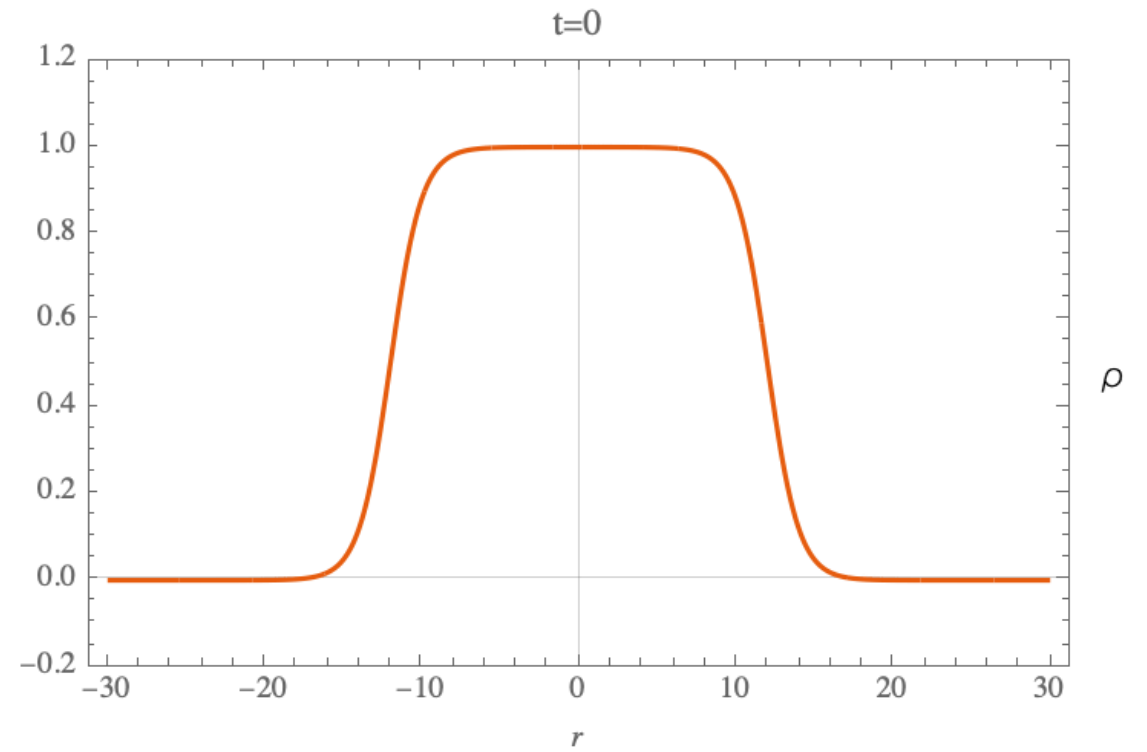
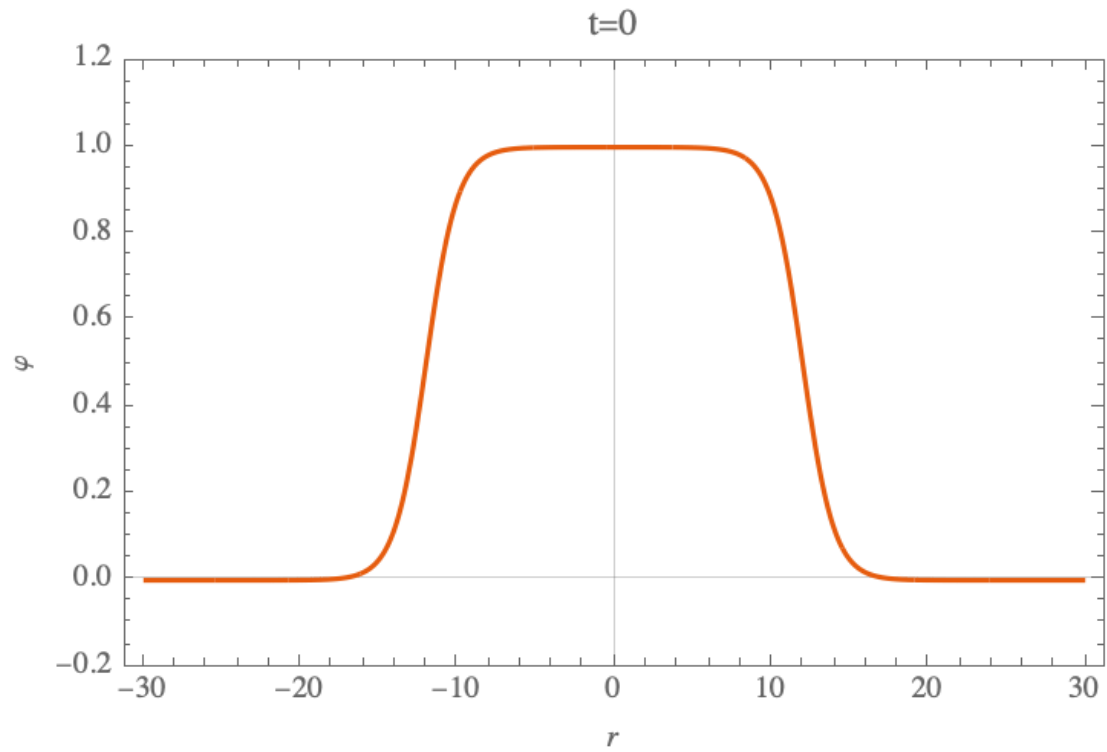
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- Below we test this proposition and consider a classical analogue of the memory burden effect where the Goldstone mode occupation number is macroscopic.

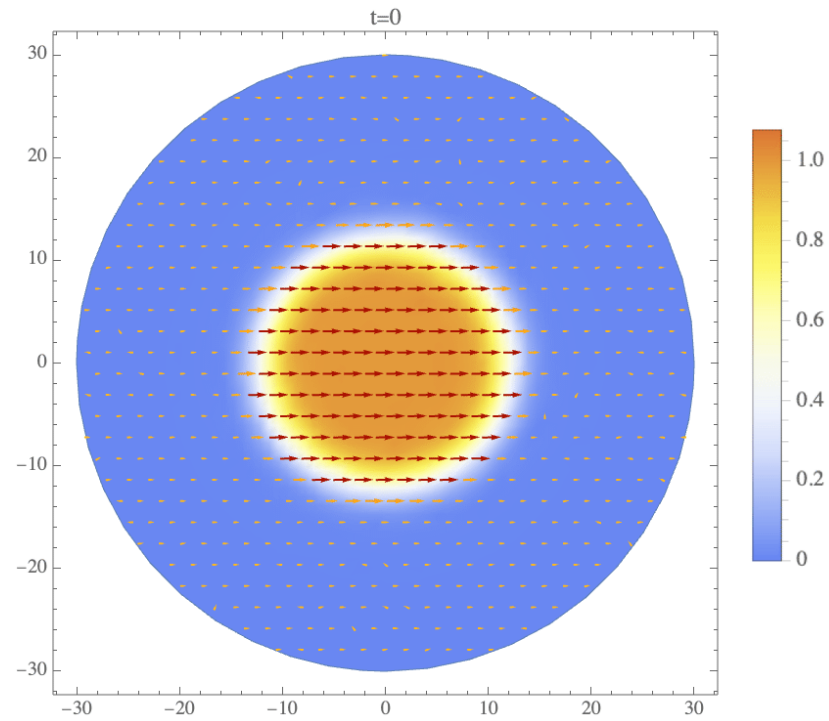
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Lets consider the following ansatz

$$\Phi_{\beta}^{\alpha} = \frac{\varphi(x)}{\sqrt{N(N-1)}} \text{diag}((N-1), -1, \dots, -1).$$

$$\phi_{\beta}^{\alpha} = (U^{\dagger} \Phi U)_{\beta}^{\alpha},$$

$$U = \exp[-i\theta^a T^a]$$

and choose (for simplicity)  $\theta^a = \theta(t, x)\delta^{a1}$

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta/2) & -i \sin(\theta/2) & & & \\ -i \sin(\theta/2) & \cos(\theta/2) & & & \\ & & 1 & & \\ & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

# Vacuum Bubbles Stabilization

- The Lagrangian becomes

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \varphi) (\partial^\mu \varphi) + \frac{N}{4(N-1)} \varphi^2 (\partial_\mu \theta) (\partial^\mu \theta) - \frac{\tilde{\alpha}}{2} \varphi^2 (\tilde{f} - \varphi)^2,$$

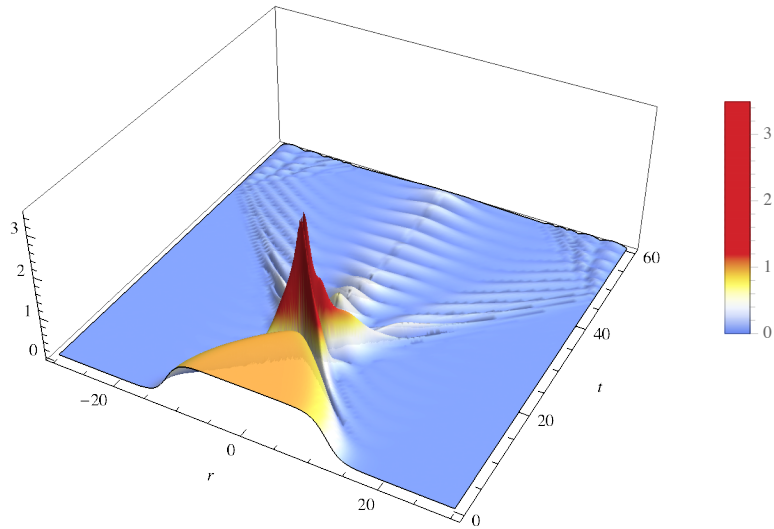
- We solve the field equations considering the following initial conditions

$$\varphi(t, r)|_{t=0} = \frac{\tilde{f}}{2} \left[ 1 \pm \tanh \left( \frac{m(R_0 - r)}{2} \right) \right],$$

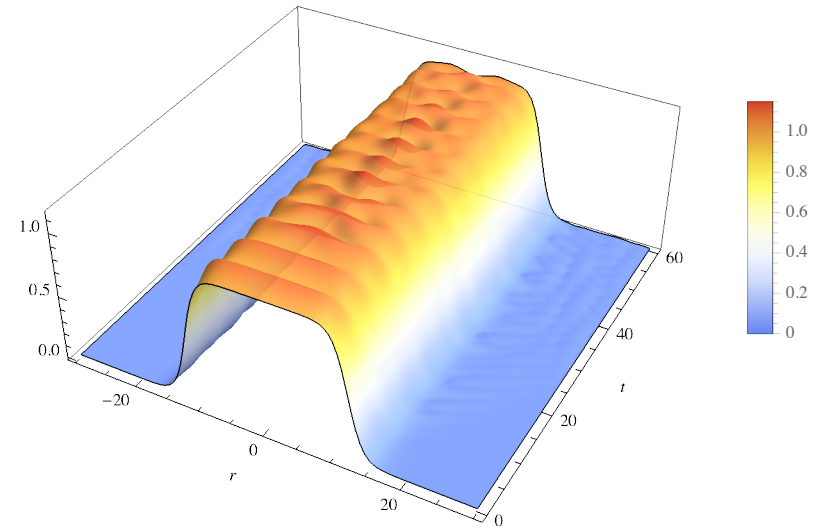
$$\dot{\theta} \equiv \partial_t \theta(t, r)|_{t=0} = \sqrt{\frac{2(N-1)}{N}} \frac{\tilde{\omega}}{\tilde{f}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}(N-2)}{N} \frac{\tilde{\omega}}{f},$$

# Vacuum Bubble

**Decay**  
 $(\dot{\theta} = 0)$

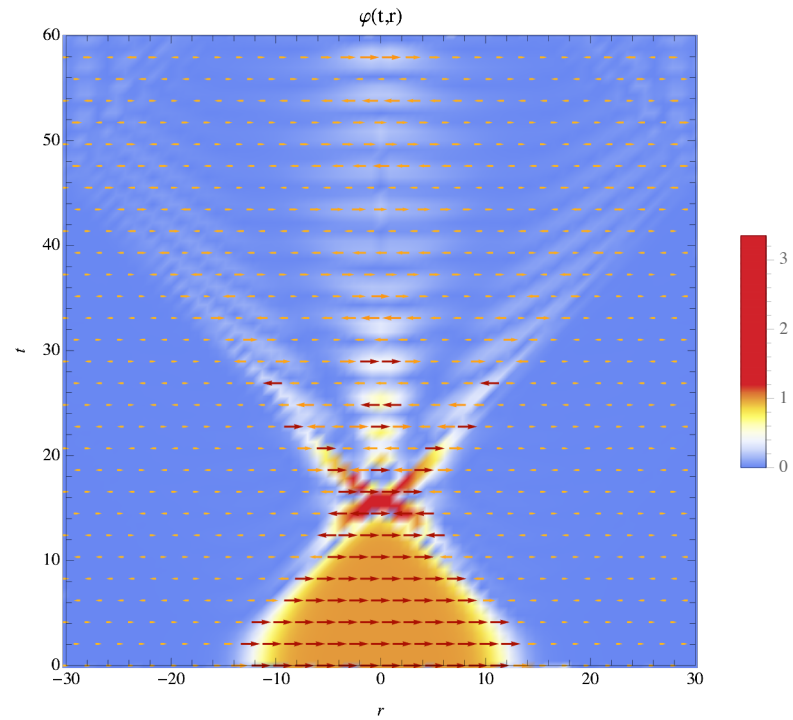


**Stabilization**  
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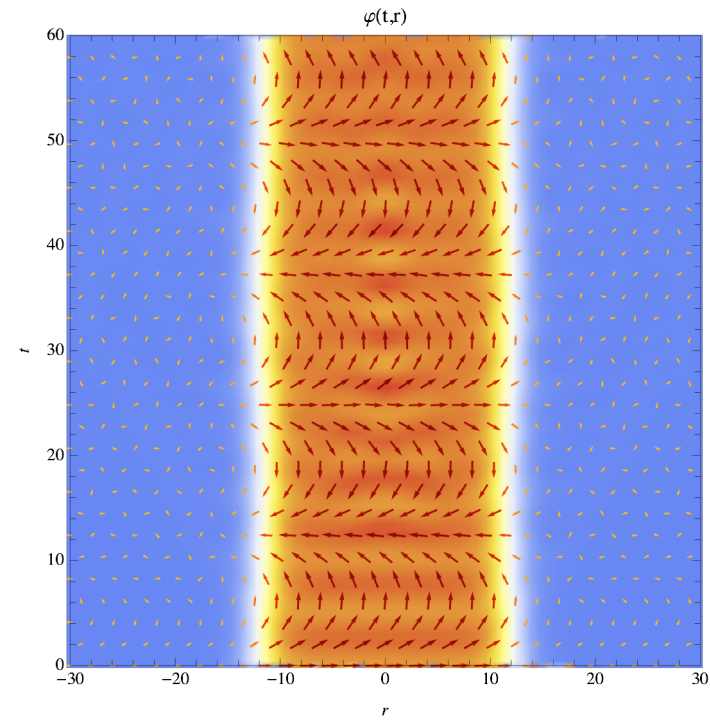


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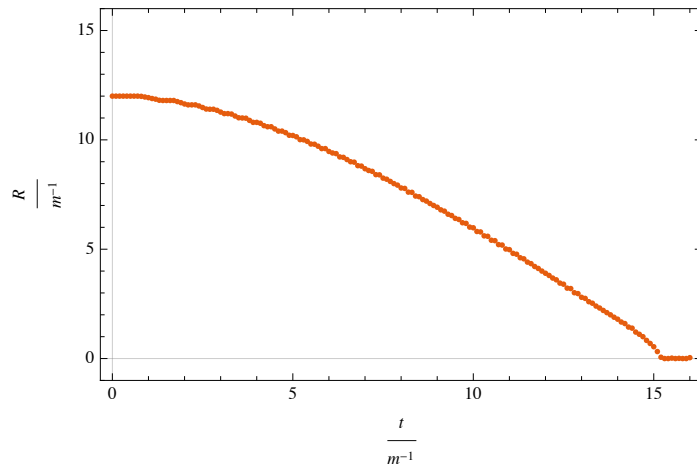
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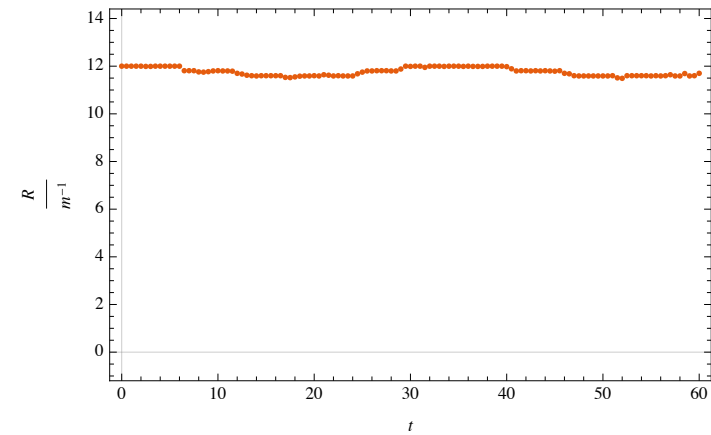


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**Decay**  
 $(\dot{\theta} = 0)$



**Stabilization**  
 $(\dot{\theta} \neq 0)$



# Critical Frequency $\dot{\theta}_c$

- We observed in the numerical simulations that at a certain critical frequency we get the bubble to stabilize
- Below and above  $\dot{\theta}_c$ , the bubble oscillates respect to a smaller or bigger radius, respectively, but does not decay during the simulated time.
- We estimated  $\dot{\theta}_c$  using the thin wall approximation, for a bubble of initial radius  $R_0$ , to be

$$\frac{2(N-2)}{\sqrt{3N(N-1)}} \sqrt{\frac{\alpha}{mR_0}}$$

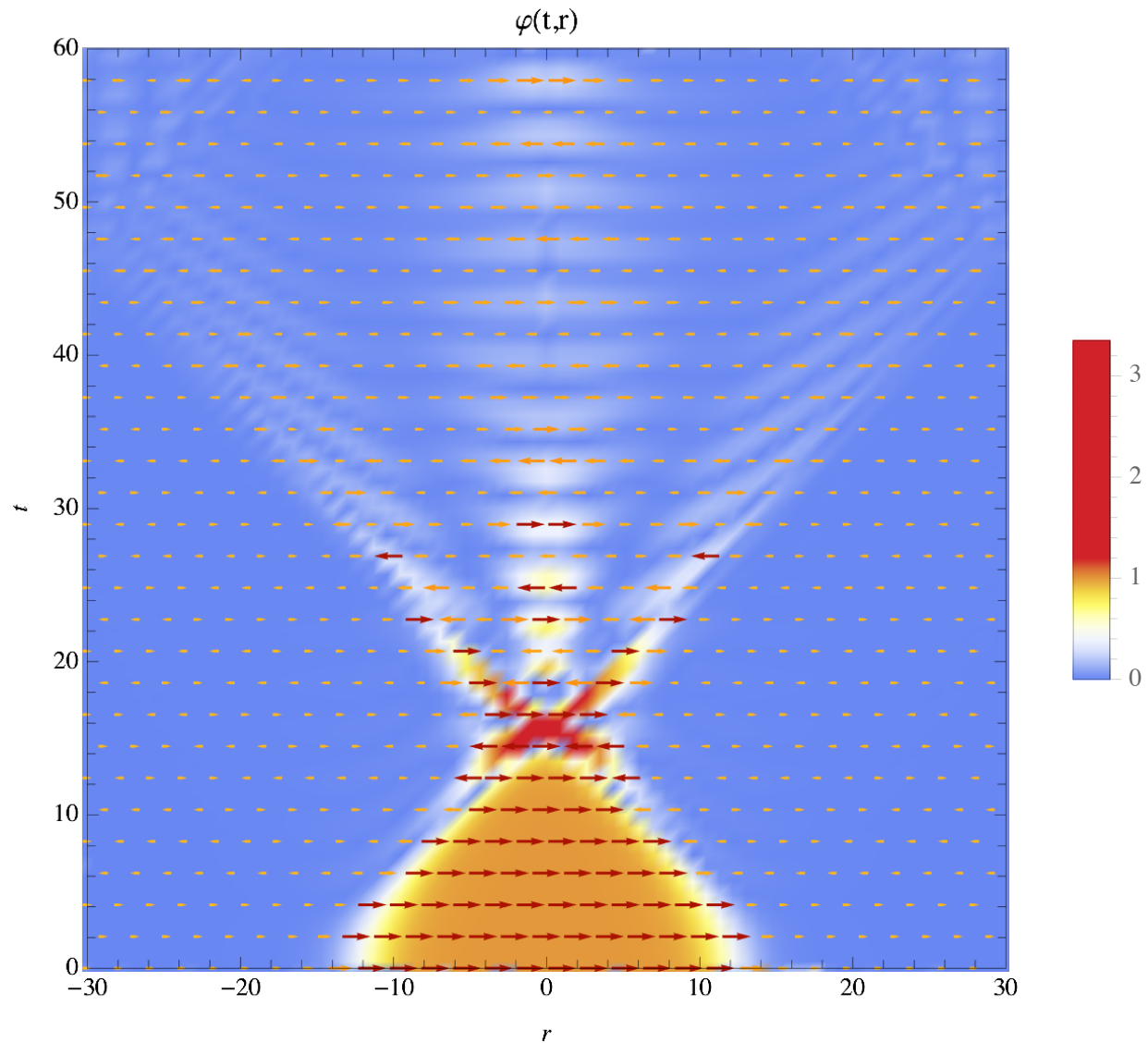
# Conclusions and outlook

- We have shown an explicit classical analog of the memory burden effect
- The macroscopic occupation number of the Goldstone modes, parametrized by  $\dot{\theta}$ , not only slows down the vacuum bubble decay as it increases, but there is a critical frequency  $\dot{\theta}_c$  at which the bubble stabilizes.
- We are now considering frequencies above and below  $\dot{\theta}_c$ , and studying the bubble dynamics.
- What about small bubbles? In this case quantum effects become important, reason why we need to include them in our analysis.

Thank you

Appendix

# Vacuum bubble Decay



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