

# Modern Computational Approaches to Early Universe Modeling

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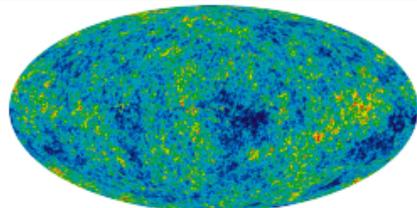
## Conclusions

# Minimal Cosmological Models in Inflationary Universe

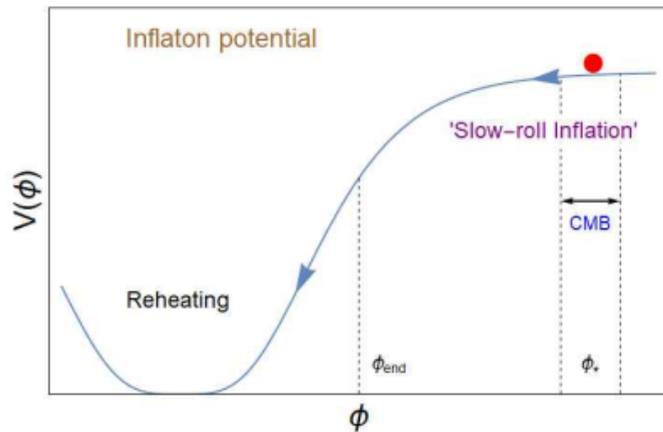
- Inflationary epoch ( $< 10^{-32}$  s)
  - Solution to Horizon & Flatness problem
- Inflaton?
  - Real scalar field
  - Homogeneity & Inhomogeneity

→ Inflationary Cosmology

(1970~1980s, Alexei Starobinsky, Alan Guth, Paul Steinhardt, and Andrei Linde)

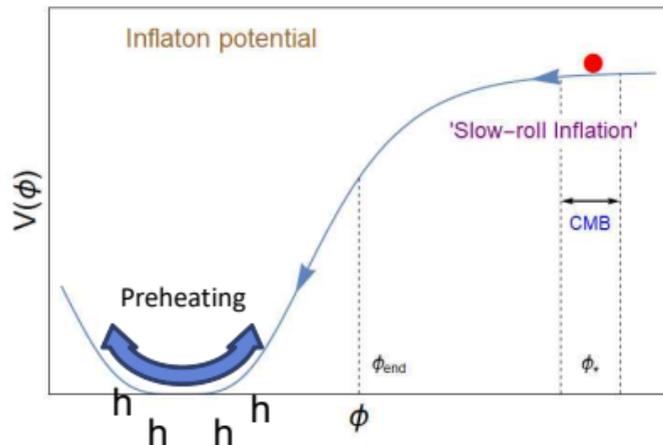
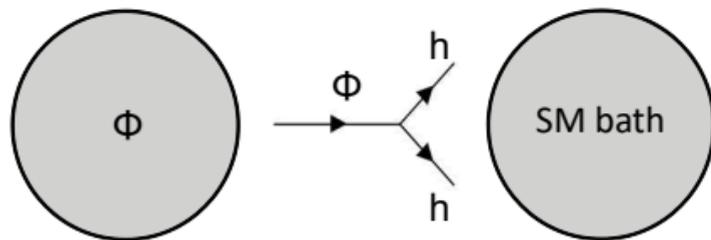


Nine-year Wilkinson Microwave Anisotropy Probe heat map of temperature fluctuations in the CMB



# Minimal Cosmological Models in Inflationary Universe

- Reheating (Inflaton  $\rightarrow$  SM bath)  
(little known: a few MeV  $< T_R < 10^{13}$  GeV)
- Simplest reheating model  
Inflaton quanta  $\rightarrow$  Higgs
- However, the inflaton field oscillates around the minimum of the potential with large field values  
 $\rightarrow$  Turbulent/non-pert. effects  
 $\rightarrow$  Preheating



## Minimal Cosmological Models in Inflationary Universe

- While Inflaton  $\rightarrow$  SM (reheating the universe) in the long run,
- DM is produced during preheating:

Inflaton=DM

Inflaton-DM scattering

Inflaton F.O., decay to DM

Inflaton-DM non-renormalizable couplings

Inflaton-DM via gravity

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# Minimal Cosmological Models in Inflationary Universe

- Inflaton-DM via gravity
- Non-minimal coupling to gravity

$\xi$ : coefficient  
 $R$ : Ricci scalar  
 $\Phi$ : Inflaton field  
 $s$ : scalar DM

$$\mathcal{S} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left( \frac{1}{2} M_{\text{Pl}}^2 R - \frac{1}{2} \xi R s^2 - \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu s \partial_\nu s - \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi - V \right)$$

- $R$  is effectively dominated by  $\Phi$ , so DM can interact with  $\Phi$  via

$$R = -\frac{1}{M_{\text{Pl}}^2} T_\mu^\mu$$

# Minimal Cosmological Models in Inflationary Universe

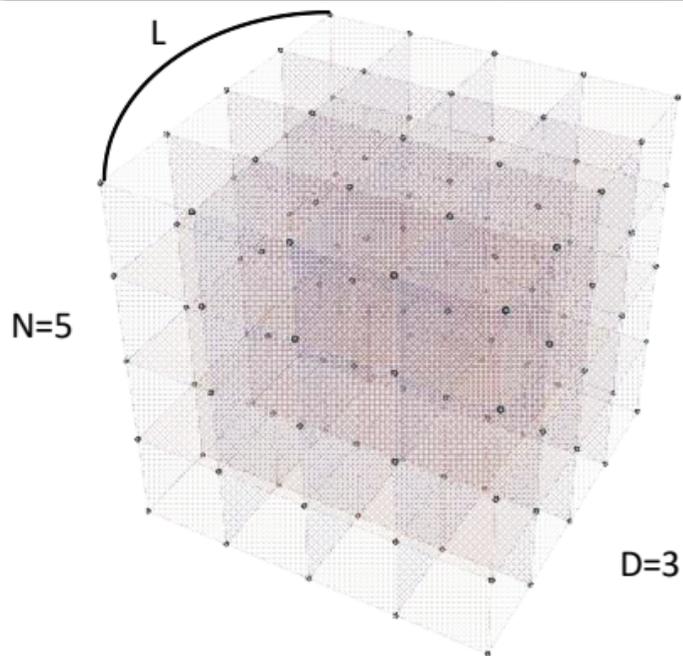
- Equation of motion in momentum space

$$\ddot{Y}_k + \left( k^2 + \xi R a^2 - \frac{\ddot{a}}{a} \right) Y_k = 0$$

$Y_k \equiv a s_k$       a: scale factor  
 $dt = a d\tau$       k: comoving momentum

- Analytic Methods
  - Boundary Matching, Stokes Phenomenon, etc.
  - Resonance Structures (Parametric, Tachyonic, etc.)
- For large  $\xi$ , we treat the system semi-classically and solve it numerically to take into account non-perturbative effects

# Numerical Approaches with High-Performance Computing



$$k_{min} = \frac{2\pi}{L} \quad k_{max} = k_{min} \times \frac{\sqrt{D}}{2} N$$

- Equations of Motion for Particle Production

$$\ddot{f} + 3\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\dot{f} - \frac{1}{a^2}\nabla^2 f + \frac{\partial V}{\partial f} = 0$$

$$\ddot{a} = -\frac{4\pi a}{3}(\rho + 3p)$$

$$\left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 = \frac{8\pi}{3}\rho$$

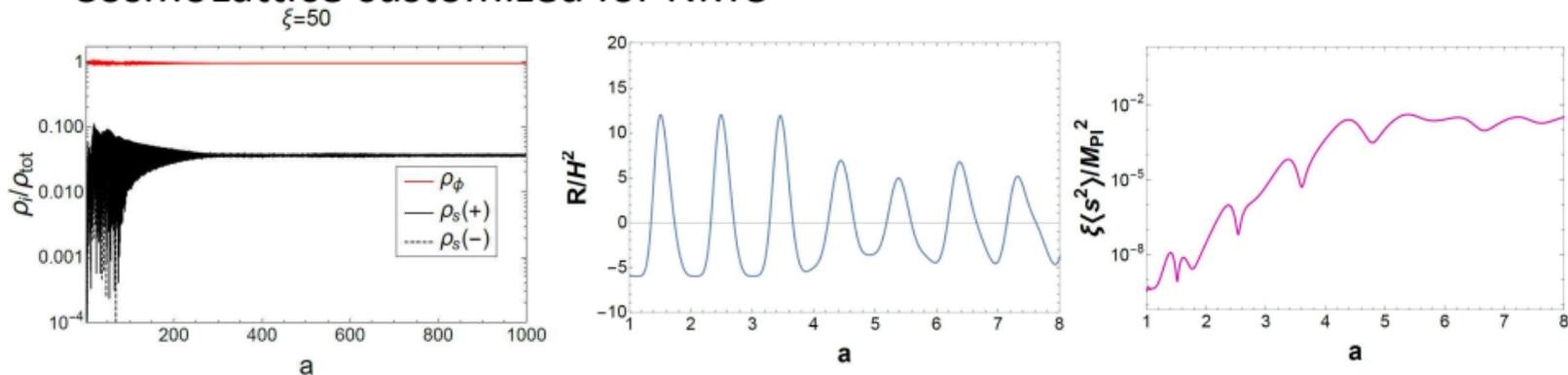
$$\rho = T + G + V ; p = T - \frac{1}{3}G - V$$

$$T = \frac{1}{2}\dot{f}^2 ; G = \frac{1}{2a^2}|\nabla f|^2 .$$



# Numerical Approaches with High-Performance Computing

- CosmoLattice customized for NMC



- Energy distribution, R breakdown, resonant production, etc.
- Simulations provide intuitive insights into events in the early universe

# Numerical Approaches with High-Performance Computing

- DM relic abundance (conserved since reheating)

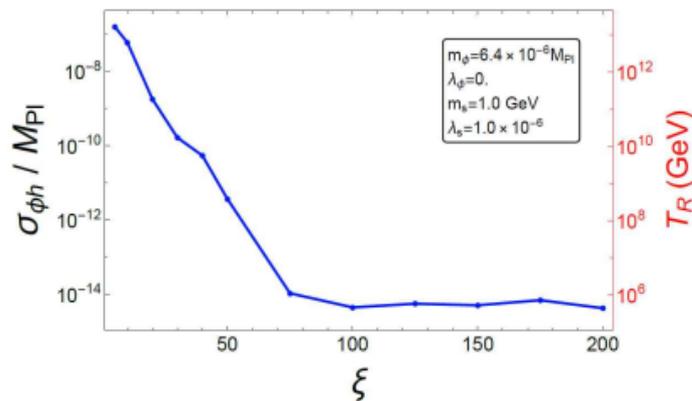
$$Y = \frac{n}{s_{\text{SM}}} \quad , \quad s_{\text{SM}} = \frac{2\pi^2}{45} g_{*s} T^3$$

$$Y_{\infty} = 4.4 \times 10^{-10} \left( \frac{\text{GeV}}{m_s} \right)$$

- Reheating via inflaton decay into Higgs

$$H_R \simeq \Gamma_{\phi \rightarrow hh} \quad , \quad \Gamma_{\phi \rightarrow hh} = \frac{\sigma_{\phi h}^2}{8\pi m_{\phi}} \quad H_R = \sqrt{\frac{\pi^2 g_*}{90}} \frac{T_R^2}{M_{\text{Pl}}}$$

- Early DM production can explain the relic abundance today



$T_R$ : Reheating  
temperature

# Numerical Approaches with High-Performance Computing

- Perturbative Reheating
- Let us consider a simple inflaton potential and reheating channels

$$V(\phi) = \lambda M_P^4 \left( \frac{\phi}{M_P} \right)^k, \quad \phi \ll M_P$$

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \begin{cases} y\phi\bar{f}f & \phi \rightarrow \bar{f}f \\ \mu\phi b\bar{b} & \phi \rightarrow b\bar{b} \\ \sigma\phi^2 b\bar{b} & \phi\phi \rightarrow b\bar{b} \end{cases}$$

- One may derive the time for reheating when  $\rho_\phi(a_{\text{RH}}) = \rho_R(a_{\text{RH}})$

## Numerical Approaches with High-Performance Computing

- During inflation, the energy of the universe is primarily stored in the homogeneous part (condensate) of the inflaton, while the inhomogeneous part (fluctuations) is negligible

$$\phi(t, \vec{x}) = \bar{\phi} + \delta\phi(t, \vec{x})$$

$$\rho_{\delta\phi} \ll \rho_{\bar{\phi}}$$

# Numerical Approaches with High-Performance Computing

- Under such assumptions, we can work with the oscillations of the inflaton and determine the corresponding decay rate
- It allows us to proceed with analytical calculations for reheating

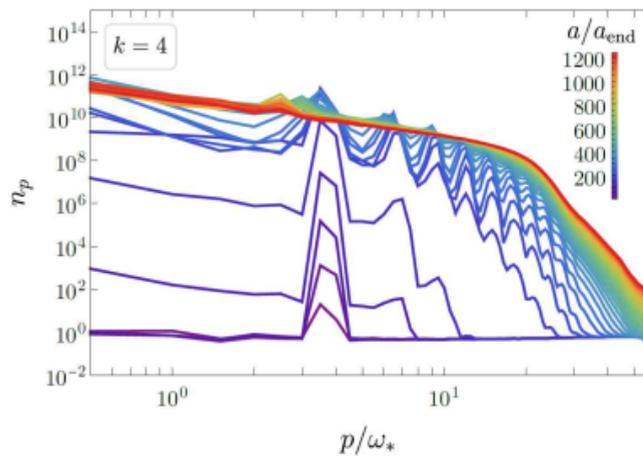
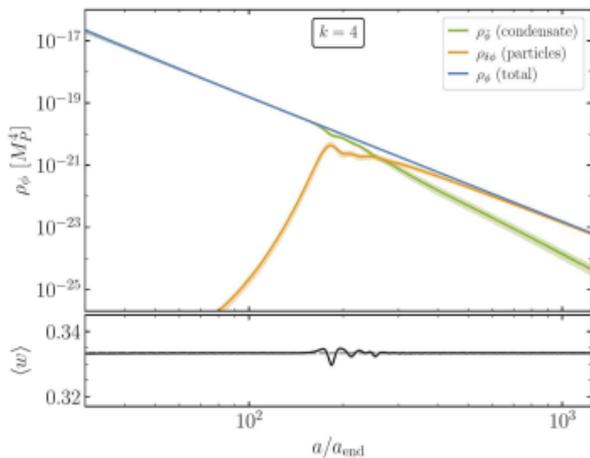
$$\Gamma_\phi = \gamma_\phi \left( \frac{\rho_\phi}{M_P^4} \right)^l \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{a_{\text{RH}}}{a_{\text{end}}} = \left[ \frac{k + 8 - 6kl}{2k} \frac{M_P^{4l-1} \rho_{\text{end}}^{\frac{1}{2}-l}}{\sqrt{3}\gamma_\phi} \right]^{\frac{k+2}{3k-6kl}}$$

$$\rho_\phi(a_{\text{RH}}) = \rho_R(a_{\text{RH}})$$

$$\gamma_\phi = \begin{cases} \frac{\sqrt{k(k-1)}\lambda^{1/k}M_P^2\mu_{\text{eff}}^2}{8\pi}, & \phi \rightarrow \bar{f}f, \\ \frac{\mu_{\text{eff}}^2}{8\pi\sqrt{k(k-1)}\lambda^{1/k}M_P}, & \phi \rightarrow bb, \\ \frac{\sigma_{\text{eff}}^2 M_P}{8\pi[k(k-1)]^{3/2}\lambda^{3/k}}, & \phi\phi \rightarrow bb \end{cases} \quad l = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{k}, & \phi \rightarrow \bar{f}f, \\ \frac{1}{k} - \frac{1}{2}, & \phi \rightarrow bb, \\ \frac{3}{k} - \frac{1}{2}, & \phi\phi \rightarrow bb \end{cases}$$

# Numerical Approaches with High-Performance Computing

- However, Inflaton breaks on its own  
= Inflaton's self-interaction fragments its background  
→ Energy transfer from condensate to particles



## Numerical Approaches with High-Performance Computing

- Event order matters
- Early perturbative reheating
  - Conventional analytic estimates hold
- Early fragmentation
  - Reconsider Reheating via decay of inflaton 'quanta' to SM bath

# Numerical Approaches with High-Performance Computing

- Reheating via fermionic decays  $y\phi\bar{f}f$

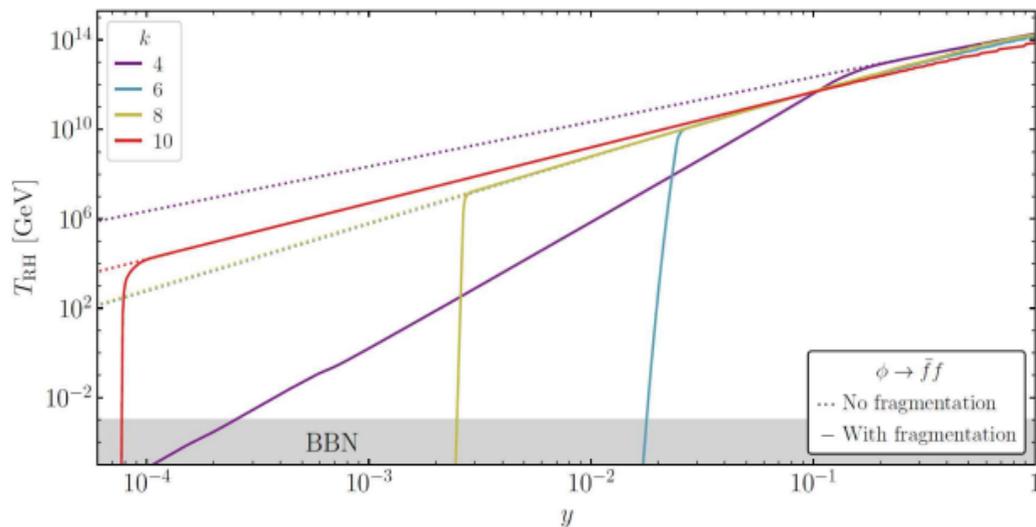
- $y \propto T_{RH}$

- Small  $y \rightarrow$

Fragmentation precedes  
perturbative reheating

$\rightarrow$  Delayed reheating

$\rightarrow$  Excluded by BBN



## Numerical Approaches with High-Performance Computing

- Intense Particle Production  $\rightarrow$  GWB production
- BSM in the early universe: Sterile neutrino, Axion Inflation, Dark energy, Quantum gravity, etc.
- Thermalization

# Beyond Lattice Simulations: Integrating Deep Learning

## The Nobel Prize in Physics 2024

### They used physics to find patterns in information

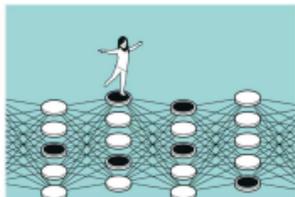
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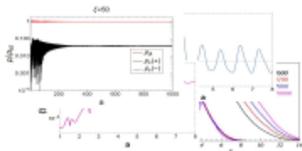
**Popular information: They used physics to find patterns in information**

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- Simulations generate data that can be analyzed by Deep Learning



## Nobel Prize in Physics

### The 2024 physics laureates

The Nobel Prize in Physics 2024 was awarded to Jukka J. Hoggfeld and Geoffrey E. Hinton "for foundational discoveries and inventions that enable machine learning with artificial neural networks."

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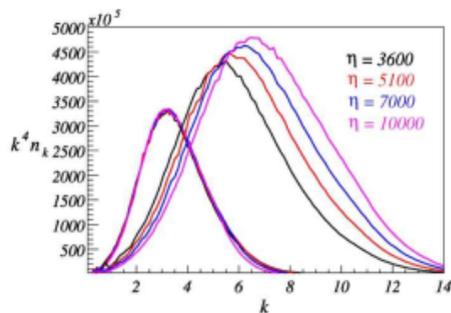
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- LatticeQCD, CMB, LHC, DM Exp., etc. wherever we have data

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# Beyond Lattice Simulations: Integrating Deep Learning

- Late-time preheating dynamics exhibits a universal form:  
Self-similar evolution of self- or gauge interacting field  
→ Implies patterns and trends, which are what DL is all about



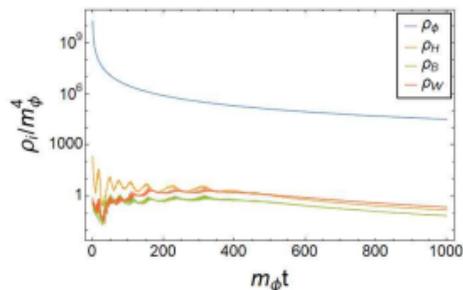
Distribution of  $\Phi$  field in  $\Phi^4$  model

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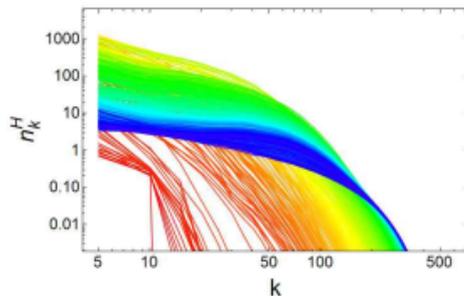
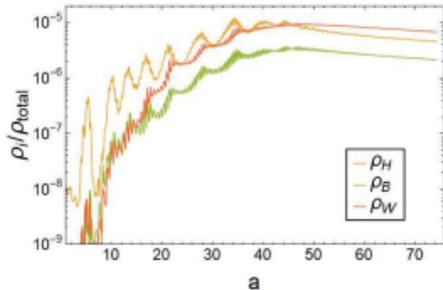
# Beyond Lattice Simulations: Integrating Deep Learning

- Implementation
  - Preheating model involving Higgs
- Minimal reheating scenario + self- and gauge interaction

$$\Delta V = \frac{1}{2}m_\phi^2\phi^2 + \frac{1}{4}\lambda_\phi\phi^4 + \frac{1}{2}\lambda_{\phi h}\phi^2 H^\dagger H + \sigma_{\phi h}\phi H^\dagger H - m_h^2 H^\dagger H + \lambda_h(H^\dagger H)^2$$



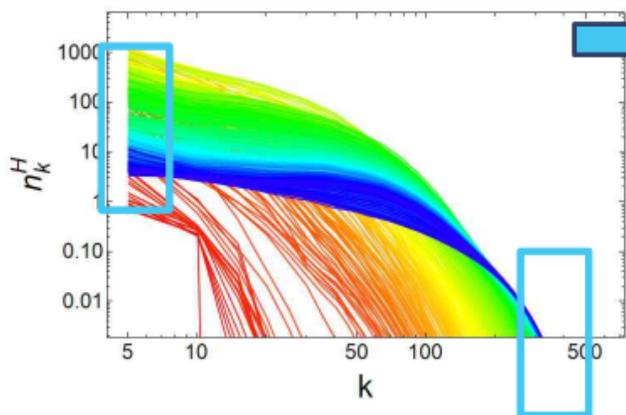
Energy distributions over time/scale factor



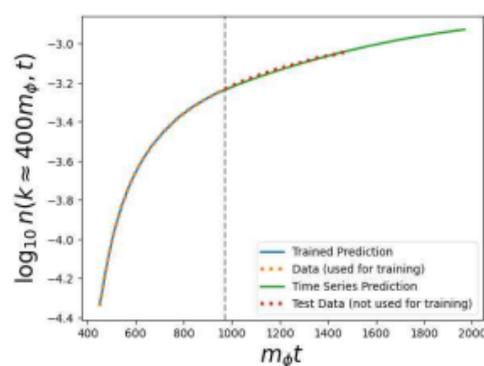
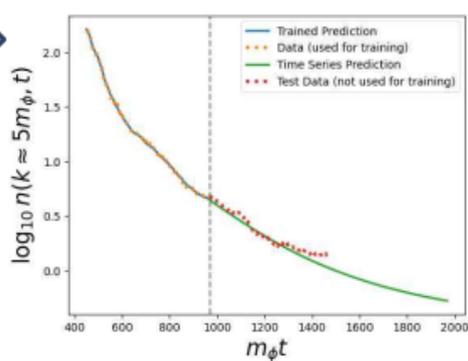
Occupation number of Higgs  $\sim$  distribution function (red to blue over time)

# Beyond Lattice Simulations: Integrating Deep Learning

## • Training DL model



15 k-modes used for training the DL model  
(only two of them are represented here)



CNN-LSTM time series analysis

Managed to extend simulation outcomes with DL

→ Once trained, the DL model's predictions are almost instantaneous

→ Successfully laid the groundwork for future developments

# Conclusions

- We learned about (p)reheating and minimal cosmological models (e.g. DM via gravity)  
→ Preheating effects are often unavoidable and require numerical approaches
- Simulating the early universe with HPC is interesting and useful  
→ Intuitive insights, GW search, DM production, BSM physics, Reheating, etc.
- Deep learning can be applied to late-time self-similar systems in the early universe  
→ It marks the first step toward simulating the entire history of the universe, from the Big Bang to the present