

Stability and Instability of Relativistic Fluids in Slowly Expanding Spacetimes

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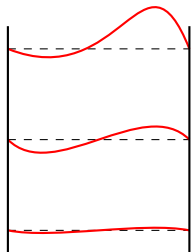
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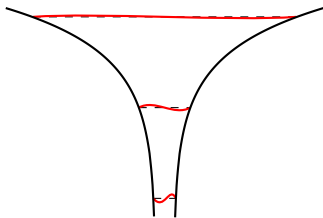
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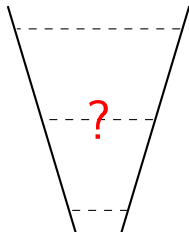
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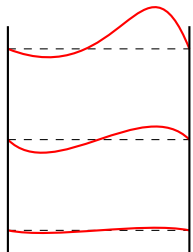


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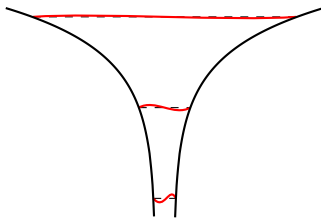
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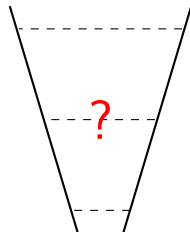
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Recent developments

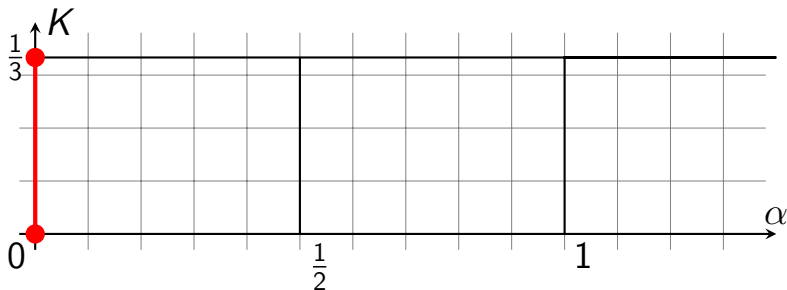
- ▶ [Christodoulou, 2007]
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- ▶ [Rodnianski and Speck, 2013]
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 - Various stability results for accelerated expansion ($a(t) > t$) and a sharp instability result for radiation at $a(t) = t$.
- ▶ Many more works by Hadžić, Oliynyk, Friedrich, Valiente-Kroon, ...

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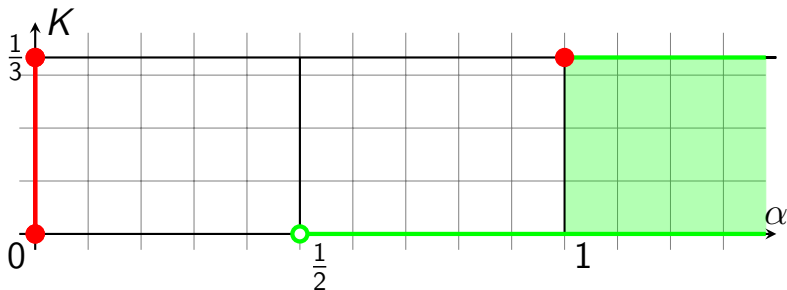


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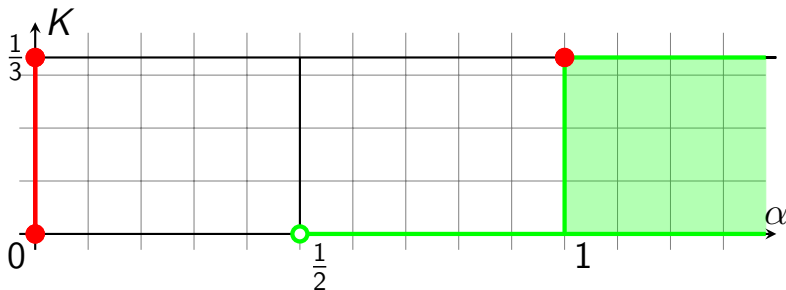


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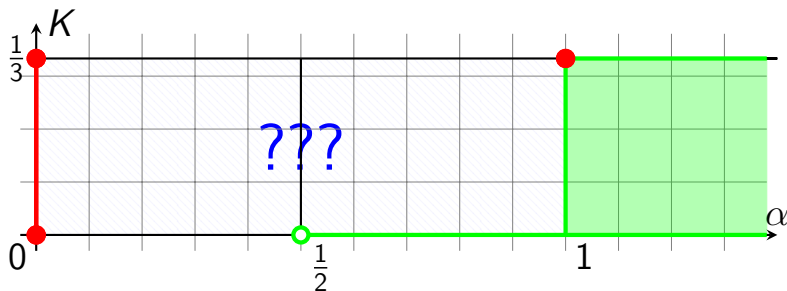


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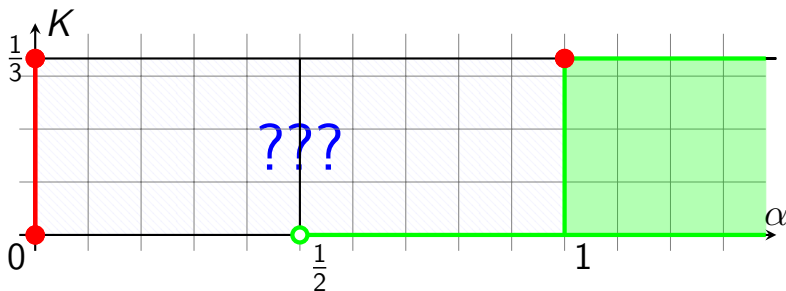
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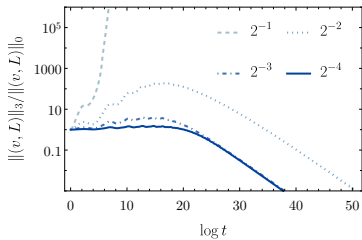
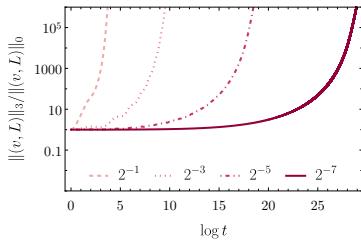
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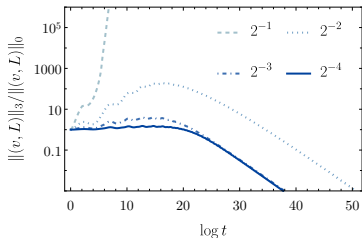
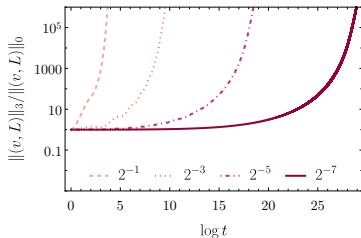
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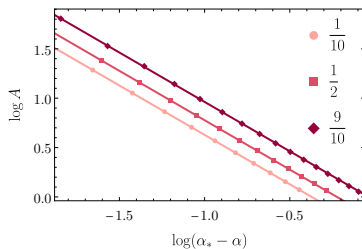
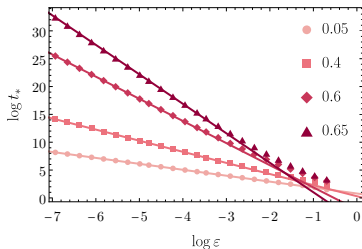


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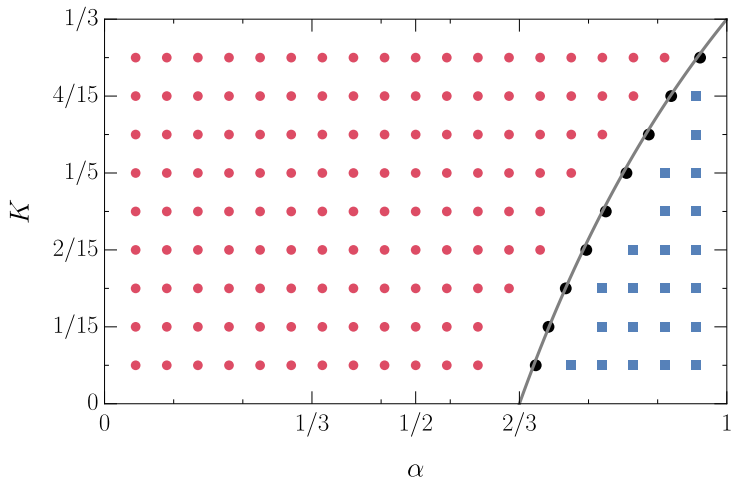
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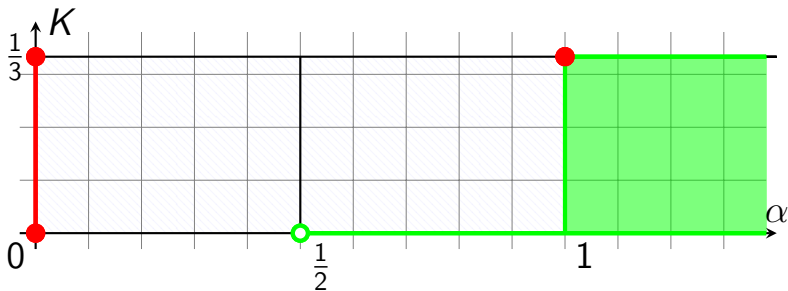


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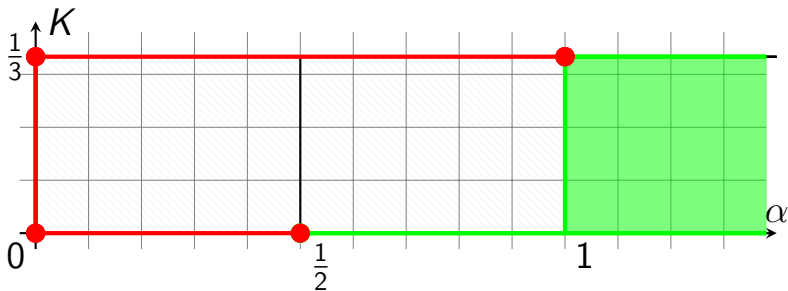
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