Is the cosmic no-hair conjecture valid in conformal-violating Maxwell models?

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Motivations

- Inflation = A rapid expansion in a very short time.
- Cosmic inflation was firstly proposed by Guth [PRD23(1981)347] as a solution to several important problems in cosmology such as flatness, horizon, and magnetic monopole problems, due to its rapid expansion. [See Pryke's talk for more details].
- Cosmic inflation also predicts many properties of early universe through the cosmic microwave background (CMB), which have been well confirmed by the recent high-tech satellites of the WMAP and Planck collaborations.
- The other pioneers of the cosmic inflation paradigm are Starobinsky, PLB91(1980)99; Linde, PLB108(1982)389, PLB129(1983)177; Albrecht & Steinhardt, PRL48(1982)1220, and many others.



The 2014 Kavli Prize Laureates in Astrophysics: A. Guth, A. Linde, and A. Starobinsky for pioneering the theory of cosmic inflation (Source: Kavliprize.org).

Motivations



Two CMB anomalous features, the hemispherical asymmetry and the Cold Spot, hinted by Planck's predecessor, NASA's WMAP, are confirmed in the new high precision data from Planck, **both are not predicted by standard inflationary models**. (Information source and picture credit: ESA and the Planck Collaboration).

Cosmic no-hair conjecture: basic ideas

- Anomalies imply that the early universe might be slightly anisotropic. What is the state of our current universe ? Is it isotropic or still slightly anisotropic ?
- It has been widely assumed that the current universe is just homogeneous and isotropic such as the flat FLRW (or de Sitter) spacetime:

$$ds^{2} = -dt^{2} + a^{2}(t) (dx^{2} + dy^{2} + dz^{2}).$$

- If this assumption is the case, how did the universe transform from an anisotropic state in the early time to an isotropic state in the late time ?
- A cosmic no-hair conjecture proposed by Hawking and his colleagues might provide an important hint to this question. It claims that all classical hairs of the early universe [anisotropy and/or homogeneity] will disappear at the late time [Gibbons & Hawking, PRD15(1977)2738; Hawking & Moss, PLB110(1982)35].



From left to right: S. W. Hawking, G. W. Gibbons, and I. G. Moss (Source: Internet).

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Cosmic no-hair conjecture: (incomplete) proofs

- This conjecture was partially proven by Wald [PRD28(1983)2118] for the Bianchi spacetimes, which are homogeneous but anisotropic, using energy conditions approach.
- Kleban & Senatore, JCAP10(2016)022; East, Kleban, Linde & Senatore, JCAP09(2016)010: try to extend the Wald's proof to inhomogeneous and anisotropic spacetimes.
- Carroll & Chatwin-Davies, PRD97(2018)046012: try to prove the conjecture in a difference approach using the idea of maximum entropy of de Sitter spacetime.
- There are several claimed (Bianchi) counterexamples to the cosmic no-hair conjecture, e.g., Kaloper, PRD44(1991)2380; Barrow & Hervik, PRD73(2006)023007, PRD81(2010)023513; Kanno, Soda & Watanabe (KSW), PRL102(2009)191302, JCAP12(2010)024.
- Some claimed counterexamples have been shown to be unstable by stability analysis, e.g., Kao & Lin, JCAP01(2009)022, PRD79(2009)043001, PRD83(2011)063004; Chang, Kao & Lin, PRD84(2011)063014, meaning that they do not really violate the cosmic no-hair conjecture.

Kanno-Soda-Watanabe model

• It seems to be the first counterexample to the cosmic no-hair conjecture [Kanno, Soda & Watanabe, PRL102(2009)191302, JCAP12(2010)024].

$$S_{\text{KSW}} = \int d^4 x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{M_{\rho}^2}{2} R - \frac{1}{2} \partial_{\mu} \phi \partial^{\mu} \phi - V(\phi) - \frac{1}{4} f^2(\phi) F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \right],$$

with $F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_{\mu}A_{\nu} - \partial_{\nu}A_{\mu}$ the field strength of the electromagnetic (Maxwell) field A_{μ} .

• The Bianchi type I metric (BI):

$$ds^{2} = -dt^{2} + \exp\left[2\alpha(t) - 4\sigma(t)\right] dx^{2} + \exp\left[2\alpha(t) + 2\sigma(t)\right] \left(dy^{2} + dz^{2}\right).$$

- $\sigma(t)$ stands for a deviation from the isotropy determined by $\alpha(t)$, i.e., $\sigma(t) \ll \alpha(t)$.
- The vector and scalar fields: $A_{\mu} = (0, A_{x}(t), 0, 0)$ and $\phi = \phi(t)$.
- Solution of $A_x(t)$: $\dot{A}_x(t) = f^{-2}(\phi) \exp[-\alpha 4\sigma] p_A$.

KSW model: few main points

• The following set of field equations:

$$\begin{split} \dot{\alpha}^2 &= \dot{\sigma}^2 + \frac{1}{3M_p^2} \left[\frac{1}{2} \dot{\phi}^2 + V\left(\phi\right) + \frac{1}{2} f^{-2}\left(\phi\right) \exp\left[-4\alpha - 4\sigma\right] p_A^2 \right], \\ \ddot{\alpha} &= -3\dot{\alpha}^2 + \frac{1}{M_p^2} V\left(\phi\right) + \frac{1}{6M_p^2} f^{-2}\left(\phi\right) \exp\left[-4\alpha - 4\sigma\right] p_A^2, \\ \ddot{\sigma} &= -3\dot{\alpha}\dot{\sigma} + \frac{1}{3M_p^2} f^{-2}\left(\phi\right) \exp\left[-4\alpha - 4\sigma\right] p_A^2, \\ \ddot{\phi} &= -3\dot{\alpha}\dot{\phi} - \frac{\partial V\left(\phi\right)}{\partial \phi} + f^{-3}\left(\phi\right) \frac{\partial f\left(\phi\right)}{\partial \phi} \exp\left[-4\alpha - 4\sigma\right] p_A^2. \end{split}$$

• Choose the potentials of the exponential forms:

$$V(\phi) = V_0 \exp\left[rac{\lambda}{M_p}\phi
ight]; \ f(\phi) = f_0 \exp\left[rac{
ho}{M_p}\phi
ight].$$

along with the following forms of scale factors and scalar field:

$$\alpha = \zeta \log (t); \sigma = \eta \log (t); \frac{\phi}{M_p} = \xi \log (t) + \phi_0.$$

KSW model: few main points

• The following solution is

$$\zeta = \frac{\lambda^2 + 8\rho\lambda + 12\rho^2 + 8}{6\lambda(\lambda + 2\rho)}; \ \eta = \frac{\lambda^2 + 2\rho\lambda - 4}{3\lambda(\lambda + 2\rho)}.$$

- For an inflationary universe, $\alpha \gg \sigma \rightarrow \zeta \gg \eta$. If $\rho \gg \lambda$ then $\zeta \simeq \rho/\lambda \gg \eta \simeq 1/3$.
- This solution can be shown to be stable and attractive by converting the field equations into the autonomous equations of dynamical variables:

$$\boldsymbol{X} = \frac{\dot{\sigma}}{\dot{\alpha}}; \ \boldsymbol{Y} = \frac{\dot{\phi}}{M_{p}\dot{\alpha}}; \ \boldsymbol{Z} = \frac{1}{f_{0}M_{p}\dot{\alpha}} \exp\left[-\frac{\rho}{M_{p}}\phi - 2\alpha - 2\sigma\right] p_{A}.$$

• Autonomous equations:

$$\frac{dX}{d\alpha} = \frac{1}{3}Z^{2}(X+1) + X\left\{3(X^{2}-1) + \frac{1}{2}Y^{2}\right\},\$$

$$\frac{dY}{d\alpha} = (Y+\lambda)\left\{3(X^{2}-1) + \frac{1}{2}Y^{2}\right\} + \frac{1}{3}YZ^{2} + \left(\rho + \frac{\lambda}{2}\right)Z^{2},\$$

$$\frac{dZ}{d\alpha} = Z\left[3(X^{2}-1) + \frac{1}{2}Y^{2} - \rho Y + 1 - 2X + \frac{1}{3}Z^{2}\right].$$

KSW model: few main points

• Anisotropic fixed point as solutions of $dX/d\alpha = dY/d\alpha = dZ/d\alpha = 0$:

$$X = \frac{2(\lambda^2 + 2\rho\lambda - 4)}{\lambda^2 + 8\rho\lambda + 12\rho^2 + 8}; Y = -\frac{12(\lambda + 2\rho)}{\lambda^2 + 8\rho\lambda + 12\rho^2 + 8},$$
$$Z^2 = \frac{18(\lambda^2 + 2\rho\lambda - 4)(-\lambda^2 + 4\rho\lambda + 12\rho^2 + 8)}{(\lambda^2 + 8\rho\lambda + 12\rho^2 + 8)^2}.$$

- This fixed point is equivalent to the anisotropic power-law solution.
- Taking exponential perturbations: δX , δY , $\delta Z \sim \exp[\omega \alpha]$. Can show that all $\omega < 0$, e.g., the fixed point is stable. It can also shown to be attractive.



Attractor behavior of the anisotropic fixed point with $\rho = 50$, $\lambda = 0.1$ [taken from JCAP12(2010)024].

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Noncanonical extensions of KSW model: DBI model

 Action of Dirac-Born-Infeld model [Silverstein & Tong, PRD70(2004)103505; Alishahiha, Silverstein & Tong, PRD70(2004)123505; Do & Kao PRD84(2011)123009]:

$$S_{\rm DBI} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{1}{2}R + \frac{1}{\tilde{f}(\phi)} \frac{\gamma - 1}{\gamma} - V(\phi) - \frac{1}{4}f^2(\phi)F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} \right].$$

• The Lorentz factor $\gamma = 1/\sqrt{1 + \tilde{f}(\phi) \, \partial_{\mu} \phi \partial^{\mu} \phi} \geq 1.$

• Power-law solution with the choice $\tilde{f}(\phi) \sim \exp[-\lambda\phi]$:

$$\zeta = \frac{\lambda^2 + 8\rho\lambda + 12\rho^2 + 8\gamma_0}{6\lambda\left(\lambda + 2\rho\right)}; \ \eta = \frac{\lambda^2 + 2\rho\lambda - 4\gamma_0}{3\lambda\left(\lambda + 2\rho\right)}$$

• The corresponding fixed point:

$$X = \frac{2 \left[\hat{\gamma}_{0} \lambda \left(\lambda + 2\rho\right) - 4\right]}{\hat{\gamma}_{0} \left(\lambda^{2} + 8\lambda\rho + 12\rho^{2}\right) + 8}; \quad Y = -\frac{12 \hat{\gamma}_{0} \left(\lambda + 2\rho\right)}{\hat{\gamma}_{0} \left(\lambda^{2} + 8\lambda\rho + 12\rho^{2}\right) + 8};$$
$$Z^{2} = \frac{18 \left[\hat{\gamma}_{0} \lambda \left(\lambda + 2\rho\right) - 4\right] \left[\hat{\gamma}_{0} \left(-\lambda^{2} + 4\lambda\rho + 12\rho^{2}\right) + 8\right]}{\left[\hat{\gamma}_{0} \left(\lambda^{2} + 8\lambda\rho + 12\rho^{2}\right) + 8\right]^{2}}; \quad \hat{\gamma}_{0} = \gamma_{0}^{-1}.$$

Non-canonical extensions of KSW model: DBI model The attractor behavior of anisotropic fixed point with $\rho = 50$, $\lambda = 0.1$:



Noncanonical extensions of KSW model: SDBI model

• Action of supersymmetric DBI (SDBI) model [Sasaki, Yamaguchi & Yokoyama, PLB718(2012)1; Do & Kao, CQG33(2016)085009]:

$$\begin{split} S_{\rm SDBI} &= \int d^4 x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{1}{2} R + \frac{1}{\tilde{f}\left(\phi\right)} \frac{\gamma - 1}{\gamma} - \Sigma_0^2 \ V\left(\phi\right) - \frac{1}{4} f^2(\phi) F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \right],\\ \Sigma_0(\gamma) &= \left[(\gamma + 1)/(2\gamma) \right]^{1/3} \le 1. \end{split}$$

Power-law solution:

$$\begin{split} \zeta &= \frac{N - \sqrt{N^2 - 4MP}}{2M}; \ \eta = -\zeta + \frac{\rho}{\lambda} + \frac{1}{2}, \\ M &= 18\lambda^2 \left(\gamma_0^2 - 1\right) \ge 0, \\ N &= 3\lambda \left(\gamma_0 + 1\right) \left[\lambda \left(5\gamma_0 + 1\right) + 6\rho \left(\gamma_0 + 1\right)\right] \ge 0, \\ P &= \left(\gamma_0 + 1\right) \left[\lambda^2 \left(2\gamma_0 + 1\right) + 2\lambda\rho \left(5\gamma_0 + 7\right) + 12\rho^2 \left(\gamma_0 + 2\right)\right] \\ &+ 8\gamma_0 \left(5\gamma_0 + 1\right) \ge 0. \end{split}$$

Noncanonical extensions of KSW model: SDBI model

• During the inflationary phase with $\rho \gg \lambda$:

$$\zeta \simeq (1{+}\delta)rac{
ho}{\lambda}; \ \eta \simeq rac{1}{2}{-}rac{
ho}{\lambda}\delta; \ \gamma_0 = 1{+}3\delta.$$

 Constraint for δ (or for γ₀) (related to the positivity of potential) :

$$\delta < rac{\lambda}{3
ho} o \gamma_0 - 1 = 3\delta < rac{\lambda}{
ho} \ll 1.$$

• Note that γ_0 can arbitrarily be larger than 1 in DBI model. This is a main difference between DBI and SDBI models.

Attractor behavior of the anisotropic fixed point in SDBI model ($\rho = 50$, $\lambda = 0.1$, $\gamma = 1.0001$).



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Noncanonical extensions of KSW model: covariant Galileon model

Action of covariant Galileon model [Deffayet, Esposito-Farese & Vikman, PRD79(2009)084003; Kobayashi, Yamaguchi & Yokoyama, PRL105(2010)231302; Do & Kao, PRD96(2017)023529]:

$$S_{\rm G} = \int d^4 x \sqrt{g} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} R + k_0 \exp\left[\tau\phi\right] X - \frac{g_0 \exp\left[\lambda\phi\right] X \Box\phi}{-\frac{f_0^2}{4} \exp\left[-2\rho\phi\right] F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}} \right\}.$$



Attractor behavior of the anisotropic fixed point (purple) in the Galileon model $(\rho = 50, \lambda = 0.1, k_0 = -3\rho^2/2).$

The conformal-violating Maxwell theory

• The conformal-violating Maxwell theory [Dolgov, PRD48(1993)2499; Bamba & Sasaki, JCAP02(2007)030; Demozzi, Mukhanov & Rubinstein, JCAP08(2009)025]:

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{1}{2} R + X - V(\phi) - \frac{1}{4} I(\phi, R, X, \ldots) F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \right]$$

• $I(\phi, R, X, ...)$ a function of any field of interest.

• The Maxwell theory with l = 1 is conformally invariant:

$$\begin{split} & x \to x': \ g'_{\mu\nu}(x') = \Omega(x)g_{\mu\nu}(x) \\ & \to \int d^4x' F'_{\mu\nu}(x')F'^{\mu\nu}(x') = \int d^4x F_{\mu\nu}(x)F^{\mu\nu}(x) \sim \text{invariant } !. \end{split}$$

- It is known that the conformal invariance must be broken to generate non-trivial large-scale galactic electromagnetic fields [Drummond & Hathrell, PRD22(1980)343; Turner & Widrow, PRD37(1988)2743; Ratra, AJ391(1992)L1; Dolgov, PRD48(1993)2499].
- The appearance of non-trivial function *I* does break the conformal invariance since *I*'[φ(x'), *R*(x'), *X*(x'),...] ≠ *I*[φ(x), *R*(x), *X*(x),...].
- For example, $I = \exp[\phi]$ was proposed by Ratra AJ391(1992)L1 as a natural origin of large-scale galactic electromagnetic field in the present universe.

Quick Observations

- The KSW model acts as a subclass of the conformal-violating Maxwell theory with $I = f^2(\phi)$.
- The cosmic no-hair seems to be violated generally in the KSW model, even when the scalar field ϕ is non-canonical, due to the existence of the unusual coupling $f^2(\phi)F^{\mu\nu}F_{\mu\nu}$.
- A close relation exists between the stable spatial anisotropy of inflationary universe and the broken conformal invariance? The mechanism of the broken conformal invariance should induce both non-trivial magnetic field and a stable spatial anisotropy of spacetime during an inflationary phase?

A proposed model: $J^2(X)F^2$ model

• Propose a subclass of conformal-violating Maxwell theory with $I = J^2(X)$ [Do & Kao, EPJC78(2018)360; see also Holland, Kanno & Zavala, PRD97(2018)103534]

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{R}{2} + X - V(\phi) - \frac{1}{4} J^2(X) F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \right]$$

with $X \equiv -\partial_{\mu}\phi\partial^{\mu}\phi/2$.

Potentials:

$$V(\phi) = V_0 \exp \left[\lambda\phi\right]; \ J(X) = J_0 X^n.$$

Power-law solution:

$$\zeta = \frac{6n^2 + 3n - 1}{12n} + \frac{\sqrt{\lambda^2 (36n^4 + 36n^3 + 5n^2 - 2n + 1) + 32n}}{12\lambda n},$$

$$\eta = \frac{6n^2 + 3n + 1}{12n} - \frac{\sqrt{\lambda^2 (36n^4 + 36n^3 + 5n^2 - 2n + 1) + 32n}}{12\lambda n}.$$

• For expanding solutions with $\zeta + \eta > 0$ and $\zeta - 2\eta > 0$:

$$n > (\sqrt{5} - 1)/4 \approx 0.309.$$

• For inflationary solutions with $\zeta + \eta \gg 1$ and $\zeta - 2\eta \gg 1$:

$$n \gg 1 \rightarrow \zeta \simeq n \gg 1.$$

 $J^2(X)F^2$ model: comparison with $f^2(\phi)F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}$ model

• Choose n = 40 and $\lambda = 1$ vs $\rho = 40$ and $\lambda = 1$

 $\zeta \simeq$ 40.4974, $\eta \simeq$ 0.0026 vs $\zeta_{\rm KSW}$ = 40.1831, $\eta_{\rm KSW}$ = 0.3169.

• While $\zeta \simeq \zeta_{\rm KSW}$, the anisotropy parameter in the proposed model is much smaller than that of the KSW model

$$\frac{\eta_{\rm KSW}}{\eta} \simeq 122.$$

The anisotropic inflation model with the coupling J²(X)F² seems to be more consistent with the observational data than the KSW model with the coupling f²(φ)F². [See also Holland, Kanno & Zavala, PRD97(2018)103534]

$J^{2}(X)F^{2}$ model: Stability during inflationary phase

• Consider the power-law perturbations:

$$\delta \alpha = A_{\alpha} t^m, \ \delta \sigma = A_{\sigma} t^m, \ \delta \phi = A_{\phi} t^m.$$

• Perturbation equations:

$$\mathcal{D}\left(egin{array}{c} \mathcal{A}_{lpha}\ \mathcal{A}_{\sigma}\ \mathcal{A}_{\phi}\end{array}
ight)\equiv\left[egin{array}{c} \mathcal{A}_{11}&\mathcal{A}_{12}&\mathcal{A}_{13}\ \mathcal{A}_{21}&\mathcal{A}_{22}&\mathcal{A}_{23}\ \mathcal{A}_{31}&\mathcal{A}_{32}&\mathcal{A}_{33}\end{array}
ight]\left(egin{array}{c} \mathcal{A}_{lpha}\ \mathcal{A}_{\sigma}\ \mathcal{A}_{\phi}\end{array}
ight)=0,$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} A_{11} &= \left(\lambda nv - \frac{6}{\lambda}\right)m - 4\lambda nv\left(\zeta + 4\eta - 4n - 1\right); \ A_{12} &= 4\lambda nvm - 4\lambda nv\left(\zeta + 4\eta - 4n - 1\right), \\ A_{13} &= -\left[\frac{\lambda^2 vn}{2}(4n + 1) - 1\right]m^2 \\ &\quad -\lambda^2 v\left[8n^3 - 2\left(\zeta + 4\eta - 2\right)n^2 - \frac{1}{2}\left(\zeta + 4\eta - 1\right)n - \frac{1}{\lambda^2 v}\left(3\zeta - 1\right)\right]m + \lambda^2 u, \\ A_{21} &= m^2 + (6\zeta - 1)m + \frac{2v}{3}\left(6n + 1\right); \ A_{22} &= \frac{2v}{3}\left(6n + 1\right); \ A_{23} &= -\frac{\lambda nv}{3}\left(6n + 1\right)m - \lambda u, \\ A_{31} &= 3\eta m + \frac{4}{3}v; \ A_{32} &= m^2 + (3\zeta - 1)m + \frac{4}{3}v; \ A_{33} &= -\frac{2\lambda}{3}nvm. \end{aligned}$$

$J^{2}(X)F^{2}$ model: Stability during inflationary phase

• Nontrivial solutions exist only when det $\mathcal{D} = \mathbf{0}$, or equivalently,

$$mf(m) \equiv m\left(a_6m^5 + a_5m^4 + a_4m^3 + a_3m^2 + a_2m + a_1\right) = 0.$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a}_{6} &= -\frac{1}{2} \left(4\lambda^{2} \mathbf{v} n^{2} + \lambda^{2} \mathbf{v} n - 2 \right), \\ \mathbf{a}_{1} &= 2\lambda^{2} u \mathbf{v} \left[8 \left(3\zeta - 3\eta - 1 \right) n^{2} - 2 \left(3\zeta^{2} + 9\zeta \eta - 12\eta^{2} - 7\zeta + 2\eta + \mathbf{v} + 2 \right) n \right. \\ &\left. + 5\zeta - \eta - 1 - \frac{4}{\lambda^{2}} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

 During the inflationary phase, a₆ < 0 and a₁ > 0 → f(m) = 0 has at least one positive root → the anisotropic inflationary solution is unstable → consistent with the cosmic no-hair conjecture (in contrast to the KSW model).

$J^{2}(X)F^{2}$ model: Stability during slowly expanding phase



The red region represents the λ -*n* domain for the existence of stable slowly expanding solutions, in which all real parts of the five roots of f(m) = 0 are non-positive, i.e., $\text{Re}(m_i) \leq 0$.

 $J^{2}(X)F^{2}$ model: Stability during slowly expanding phase

• Dynamical variables:

$$\hat{\mathbf{X}} = \frac{\dot{\sigma}}{\dot{\alpha}}; \ \mathbf{Y} = \frac{\dot{\phi}}{\dot{\alpha}}; \ \mathbf{Z} = \frac{J_0^{-1} p_A}{\dot{\alpha}} \left(\frac{\dot{\phi}^2}{2}\right)^{-n} \exp\left[-2\alpha - 2\sigma\right].$$

• Fixed point:

$$\begin{split} \hat{X} &= -\frac{\lambda^2 \left(2n+1\right) \left(18n^2+9n-1\right)+16}{2 \left[\lambda^2 \left(2n+1\right)+8\right]} \\ &- \frac{3\lambda \left(2n+1\right) \sqrt{\lambda^2 \left(36n^4+36n^3+5n^2-2n+1\right)+32n}}{2 \left[\lambda^2 \left(2n+1\right)+8\right]}, \\ Y &= -\frac{4 \left(\hat{X}+1\right)}{\lambda \left(2n+1\right)}, \\ Z^2 &= -3\hat{X} \left[\frac{2(\hat{X}+1)}{2n+1}-3\right]. \end{split}$$

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$J^{2}(X)F^{2}$ model: Stability during slowly expanding phase



The attractor behavior of the anisotropic fixed point with the field parameters chosen as $\lambda = 1.25$ and n = 1.

Conclusions

• **Q**: Is the cosmic no-hair conjecture valid in conformal-violating Maxwell models?

A: NO. It seems that the cosmic no-hair conjecture is generally violated in conformal-violating Maxwell models.

- A close relation exists between the stable spatial anisotropy of inflationary universe and the broken conformal invariance. The mechanism of the broken conformal invariance should induce both non-trivial magnetic field and a stable spatial anisotropy of spacetime during an inflationary phase.
- What if the cosmic no-hair conjecture is violated in other sub-classes of the conformal-violating Maxwell theory, e.g., I = I(R), $I = I(R_{\mu\nu})$, I = I(G)?
- Which subclass of the conformal-violating Maxwell theory is mostly consistent with observational data of Planck and WMAP?
- Observational signatures of anisotropic inflation in CMB, e.g., TB and EB correlations? [Watanabe, Kanno, & Soda, arXiv:1003.0056; Chen, Emami, Firouzjahi, & Wang, arXiv:1404.4083]

Thank you all for your attention !

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