

# **Critical Phenomenon in Perturbed Neutron Star Models**

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# Outline

- Introduction to General Relativity (GR)
- General Relativistic Hydrodynamics and its Numerical Methods
- Neutron Stars
- Introduction to Critical Phenomena in GR
- Results
- Conclusion

Newton



Flat, Cartesian Geometry

Space & Time distinct

$$\Delta t, \Delta \vec{r}^2 = \text{constants}$$

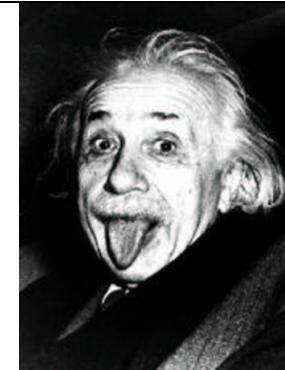
Instantaneous Forces, Signals

$$\vec{F}_{\text{Gravity}} = -m \vec{\nabla} \phi$$

$$\vec{F}_{\text{Gravity}} = m \vec{a}$$

Simple, linear PDE's

Einstein



Curvey Geometry

Space  $\leftrightarrow$  Time

$$\Delta s^2 = \sum_{\mu, \nu} g_{\mu\nu} \Delta x^\mu \Delta x^\nu = \text{constant}$$

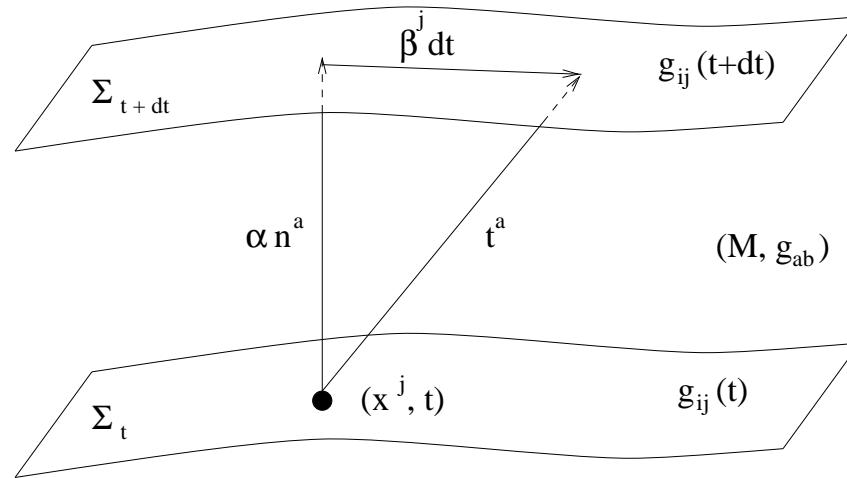
Universe's speed limit =  $c$

No  $\vec{F}_{\text{Gravity}}$ , just free-fall!

$$G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi T_{\mu\nu}$$

Difficult, many nonlinear PDE's,  
in general

# The Arnowitt-Deser-Misner (ADM) 3+1 Formalism



$$ds^2 = (-\alpha^2 + \beta^i \beta_i) dt^2 + 2\beta_i dt dx^i + g_{ij} dx^i dx^j$$

- $\alpha$ , **lapse**, relates coord. time to proper time
- $\beta^j$ , **shift**, how  $x^j$  translates between slices;
- $n^a$ , time-like unit normal vector to  $\Sigma$
- $g_{ij}$ , spatial metric on  $\Sigma$
- $t^a = \alpha n^a + \beta^a$ , time-like tangent to coordinate's world line

## ADM continued

- Spacetime → Space + Time (3+1);
- Provides “time direction” through slices → Initial Value Problem;
- $g_{ij}(t, x^k)$  and  $K_{ij}(t, x^k)$  are the dynamical variables  
where  $K_{ij}$  is a conjugate momentum to  $g_{ij}$
- $g_{\mu\nu} = 10$  “fields”, 4 Coordinate Conditions, 4 Constraints
- $10 - 4 - 4 = 2$  Dynamical degrees of freedom in EQ's  
→ Gravitational Waves!!

## Fluid and Geometry Equations

**Metric:**

$$ds^2 = -\alpha(r, t)^2 dt^2 + a(r, t)^2 dr^2 + r^2(d\theta^2 + \sin^2\theta d\phi^2)$$

**Stress-Energy Tensor:**

$$T_{ab} = (\rho_0 + \rho_0\epsilon + P) u_a u_b + P g_{ab}$$

**Equation of State**

$$P = (\Gamma - 1)\rho_0\epsilon$$

$$D = a\rho \circ W , \quad S = (\rho + P) W^2 v , \quad \tau = S/v - D - P$$

$$v = \frac{au^r}{\alpha u^t} , \quad W^2 = \frac{1}{1 - v^2}$$

**Slicing Condition :**

$$\frac{\alpha'}{\alpha} = a^2 \left[ 4\pi r (Sv + P) + \frac{1}{2r} (1 - 1/a^2) \right]$$

**Hamiltonian Constraint :**

$$\frac{a'}{a} = a^2 \left[ 4\pi r (\tau + D) - \frac{1}{2r} (1 - 1/a^2) \right]$$

**$g_{rr}$  Evolution :**

$$\dot{a} = -4\pi r \alpha a^2 S$$

## Equations of Motion:

$$\nabla_\mu T^\mu_\nu = 0 \quad , \quad \nabla_\mu J^\mu_\nu = 0$$

$$\boxed{\dot{\mathbf{q}} + \frac{1}{r^2} \left( r^2 \frac{\alpha}{a} \mathbf{f} \right)' = \boldsymbol{\psi}}$$

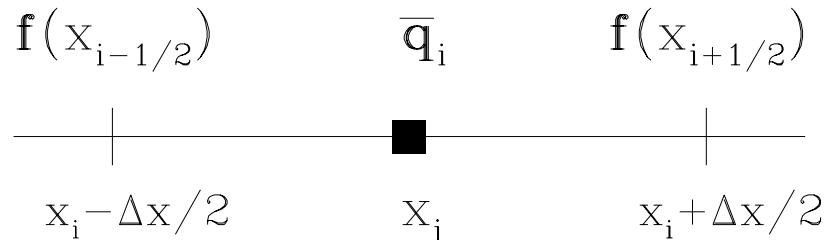
$$\mathbf{q} = \begin{bmatrix} D \\ S \\ \tau \end{bmatrix} \quad , \quad \mathbf{f} = \begin{bmatrix} Dv \\ Sv + P \\ v(\tau + P) \end{bmatrix} \quad , \quad \boldsymbol{\psi} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \Sigma \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad , \quad \mathbf{w} = \begin{bmatrix} \rho_{\circ} \\ v \\ P \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Sigma \equiv \Theta + \frac{2P\alpha}{ra}$$

$$\Theta \equiv \alpha a \left[ (Sv - \tau - D) \left( 8\pi r P + \frac{1}{2r} \left( 1 - 1/a^2 \right) \right) + \frac{P}{2r} \left( 1 - 1/a^2 \right) \right]$$

# Finite Volume Method

- Naturally Conservative and ensures weak solutions are found;
- Can handle discontinuities (shocks);
- Accurately handle highly-relativistic flows;



Take  $\partial_t q + \partial_x f = 0$

- $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} q(x, t) dx =$  a conserved quantity
- $f(x, t) = f(q(x, t))$  flux of  $q$  at  $x, t$
- Cells  $C_i$  centered at  $x_i$  with boundaries at  $x_i - \Delta x/2$  ,  $x_i + \Delta x/2$ .

$$\bar{q}_i(t) = \frac{1}{\Delta x} \int_{x_{i-1/2}}^{x_{i+1/2}} q(x, t) dx$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \int_{x_{i-1/2}}^{x_{i+1/2}} q(x, t) dx = f(q(x_{i-1/2}, t)) - f(q(x_{i+1/2}, t))$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta x (\bar{q}_i(t_2) - \bar{q}_i(t_1)) &= \int_{t_1}^{t_2} f(q(x_{i-1/2}, t)) dt \\ &\quad - \int_{t_1}^{t_2} f(q(x_{i+1/2}, t)) dt \end{aligned}$$

- Define Numerical Flux,  $F$ , as “time average” of  $f$ :

$$F_i^n = \frac{1}{\Delta t} \int_{t^n}^{t^{n+1}} f(q(x_i, t)) dt$$

$$\bar{q}_i^{n+1} = \bar{q}_i^n - \frac{\Delta t}{\Delta x} (F_{i+1/2}^n - F_{i-1/2}^n)$$

where  $t^n = (n - 1)\Delta t$ ;

# Riemann Problem

- Find  $\mathbf{q}(x, t)$  given

$$\partial_t \mathbf{q} + \partial_x \mathbf{f} = 0$$

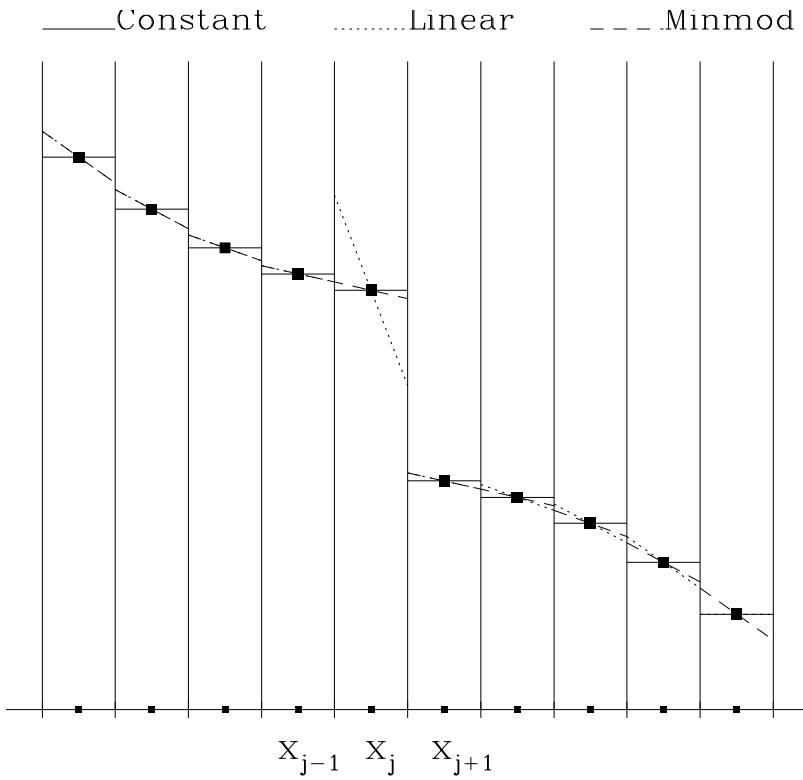
$$\mathbf{q}(x, t = 0) = \begin{cases} \mathbf{q}_L & \text{for } x < 0 \\ \mathbf{q}_R & \text{for } x > 0 \end{cases}$$



- Solution via characteristics of quasi-linear form

$$\mathbf{q}_t + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{q}_x = 0 \quad , \quad \mathbf{A} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{f}}{\partial \mathbf{q}}$$

and via Rankine-Hugoniot jump conditions,  
which tell how discontinuities propagate.

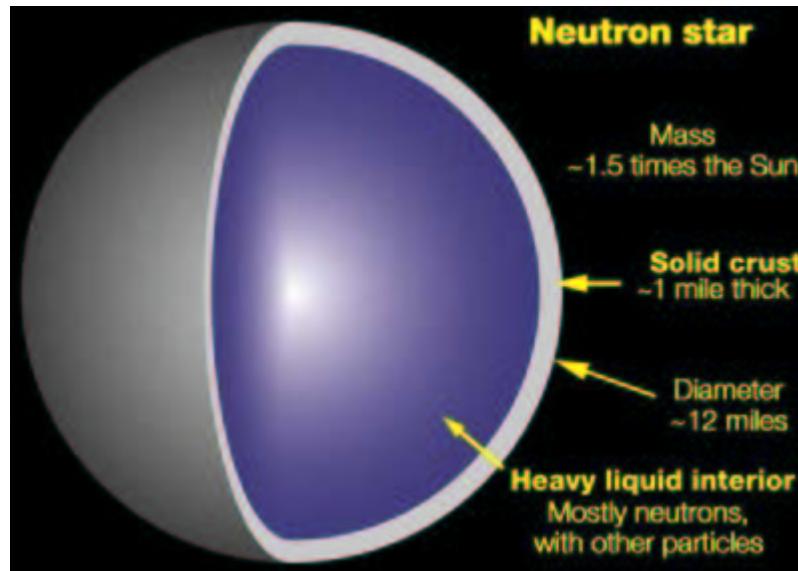


At $x = x_{j+1/2}$	Const.	Linear	Minmod
$\tilde{q}_L =$	$\bar{q}_j$	$\bar{q}_j + s_{j+1/2} \Delta x / 2$	$\bar{q}_j + M(s_{j+1/2}, s_{j-1/2}) \Delta x / 2$
$\tilde{q}_R =$	$\bar{q}_{j+1}$	$\bar{q}_{j+1} - s_{j+3/2} \Delta x / 2$	$\bar{q}_{j+1} - M(s_{j+3/2}, s_{j+1/2}) \Delta x / 2$

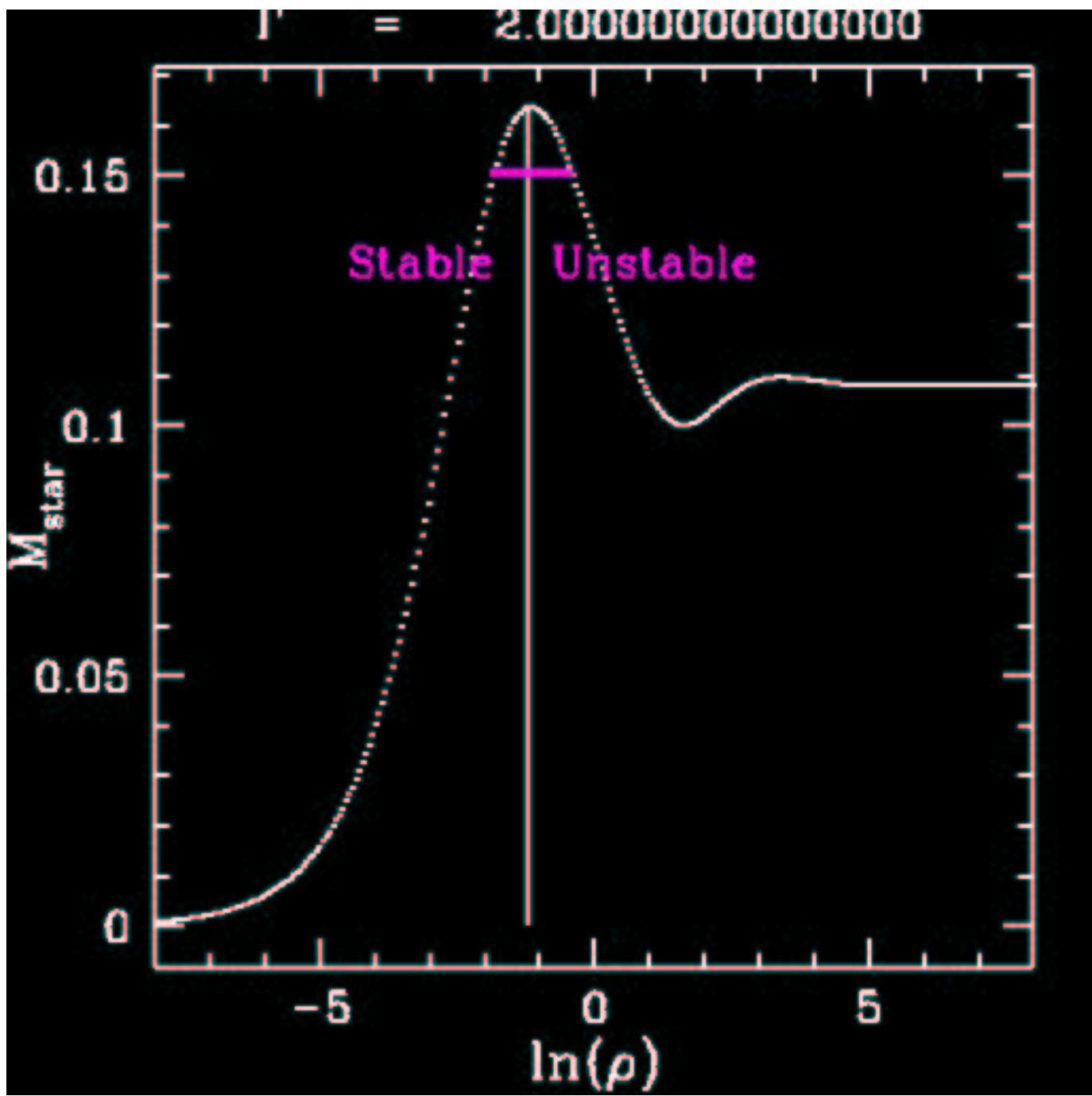
$$s_{j+1/2} \equiv (\bar{q}_{j+1} - \bar{q}_j) / \Delta x$$

$$M(a, b) = \text{Minmod}(a, b) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } ab < 0 \\ a & \text{if } |a| < |b| \quad \text{and} \quad ab > 0 \\ b & \text{if } |b| < |a| \quad \text{and} \quad ab > 0 \end{cases}$$

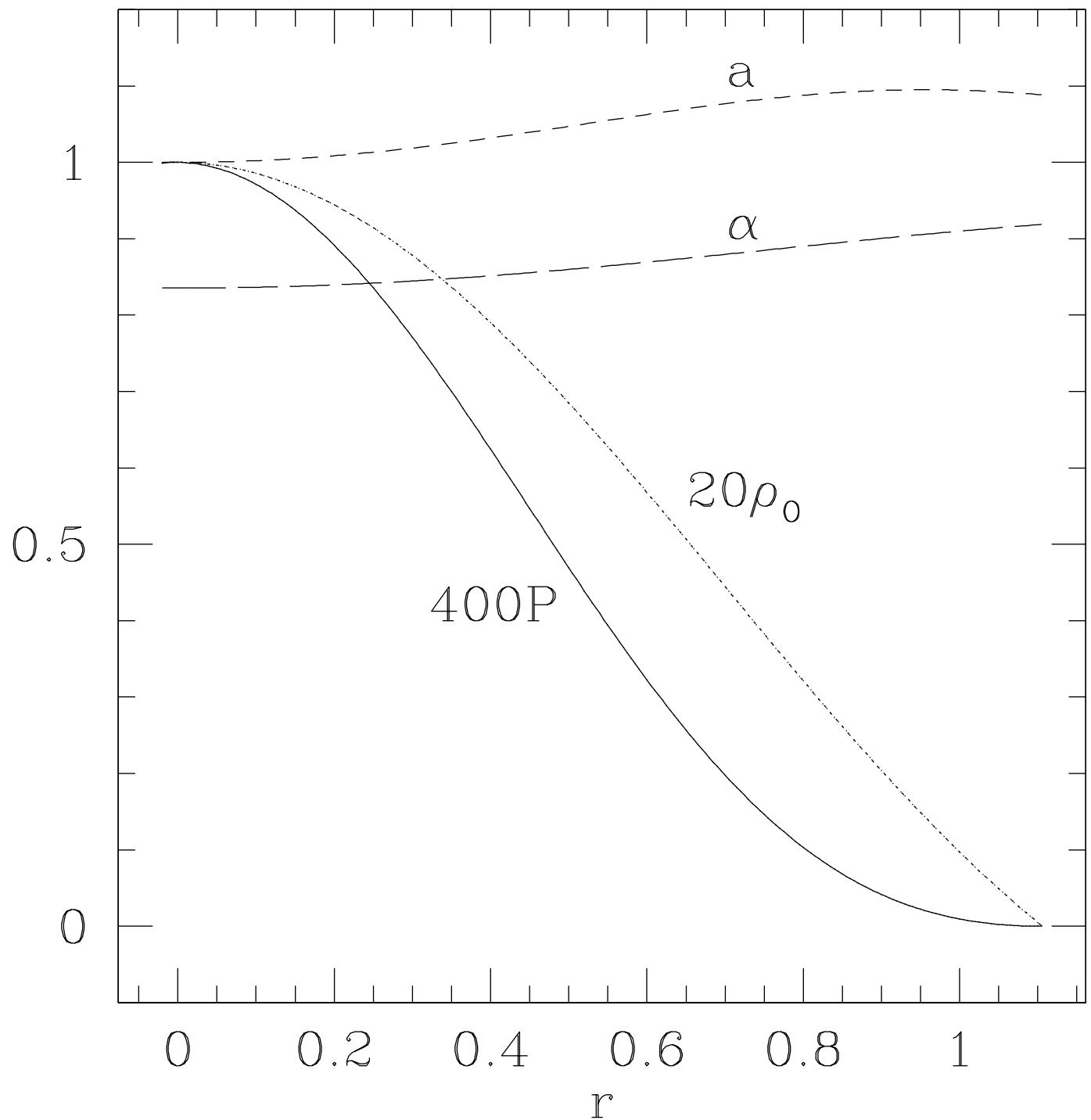
## Neutron Stars



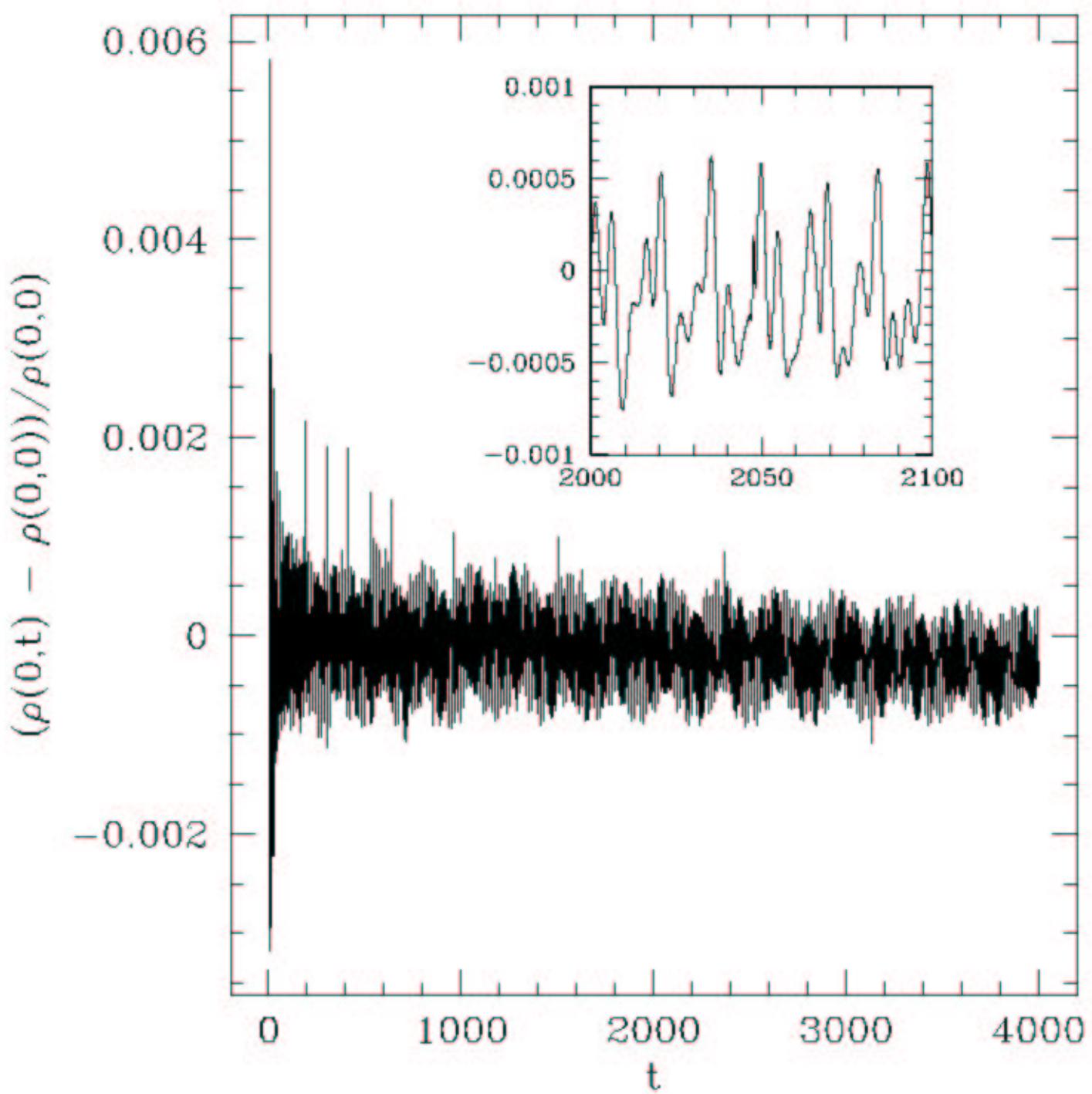
- NS = Big “Nucleus”, Normal matter mostly vacuum;
- Most compact matter (non-BH) object;
- $\rho_{Avg} = 2 \times 10^{18} \text{ kg/m}^3$ ,  $\Rightarrow 1 \text{ km}^3$  of NS =  $M_{\text{Earth}}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Need GR to properly describe;
- Model as static, spherical solution to  $G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi T_{\mu\nu}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Tolman-Oppenheimer-Volkoff equations.



TOV solution,  $\rho_0(r=0) = 0.05$ ,  $\Gamma = 2$



$\Gamma = 2.0, \rho_c = 0.05$



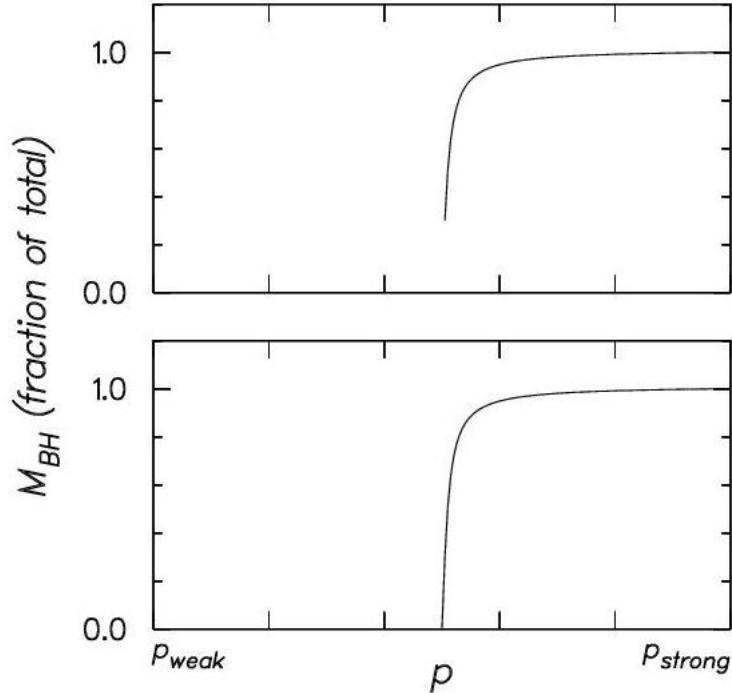
## A Decade of Critical Phenomena

- M. W. Choptuik “Universality and Scaling in Gravitational Collapse of a Massless Scalar Field”, PRL **70**, 1, January 4, 1993.
- Crit. Phen. observed anywhere you have (BH)/(No BH);
- “Tuning” of initial data to Critical Solution  
→ eliminate the 1 unstable mode from solution;
- General feature of gravitational collapse, observed in many different matter models (even w/o matter!)
- Some Crit. Solutions are “Naked Singularities” !

Table 1: Critical collapse in spherical symmetry

Matter	Type	Collapse simulations	Critical solution	Perturbations of crit. soln.
Perfect fluid $p = k\rho$	II	[69, 142]	CSS [69, 138, 142]	[138, 128, 93, 97]
Real scalar field:				
– massless, min. coupled	II	[47, 48, 49]	DSS [89]	[90, 139]
– massive	I	[32]	oscillating [165]	
	II	[49]	DSS [104, 99]	[104, 99]
– conformally coupled	II	[48]	DSS	
– 4+1	II	[16]		
– 5+1	II	[77]		
Massive complex scalar field	I (II)	[110]	[165]	[110]
Massless scalar electrodynamics	II	[117]	DSS [99]	[99]
2-d sigma model				
– complex scalar ( $\kappa = 0$ )	II	[50]	DSS [90]	[90]
– axion-dilaton ( $\kappa = 1$ )	II	[101]	CSS [67, 101]	[101]
– scalar-Brans-Dicke ( $\kappa > 0$ )	II	[136, 133]	CSS, DSS	
– general $\kappa$ including $\kappa < 0$	II		CSS, DSS [115]	[115]
$SU(2)$ Yang-Mills	I	[53]	static [12]	[131]
	II	[53]	DSS [92]	[92]
	“III”	[55]	colored BH [17, 173]	[168, 172]
$SU(2)$ Skyrme model	I	[19]	static [19]	[19]
	II	[22]	static [22]	
$SO(3)$ Mexican hat	II	[134]	DSS	
Vlasov	I?	[160, 148]	[141]	

Dismiss



Type I

Type II

Discontinuous “Phase” Transition

$$M_{BH} \rightarrow M^* > 0$$

Continuous “Phase” Transition

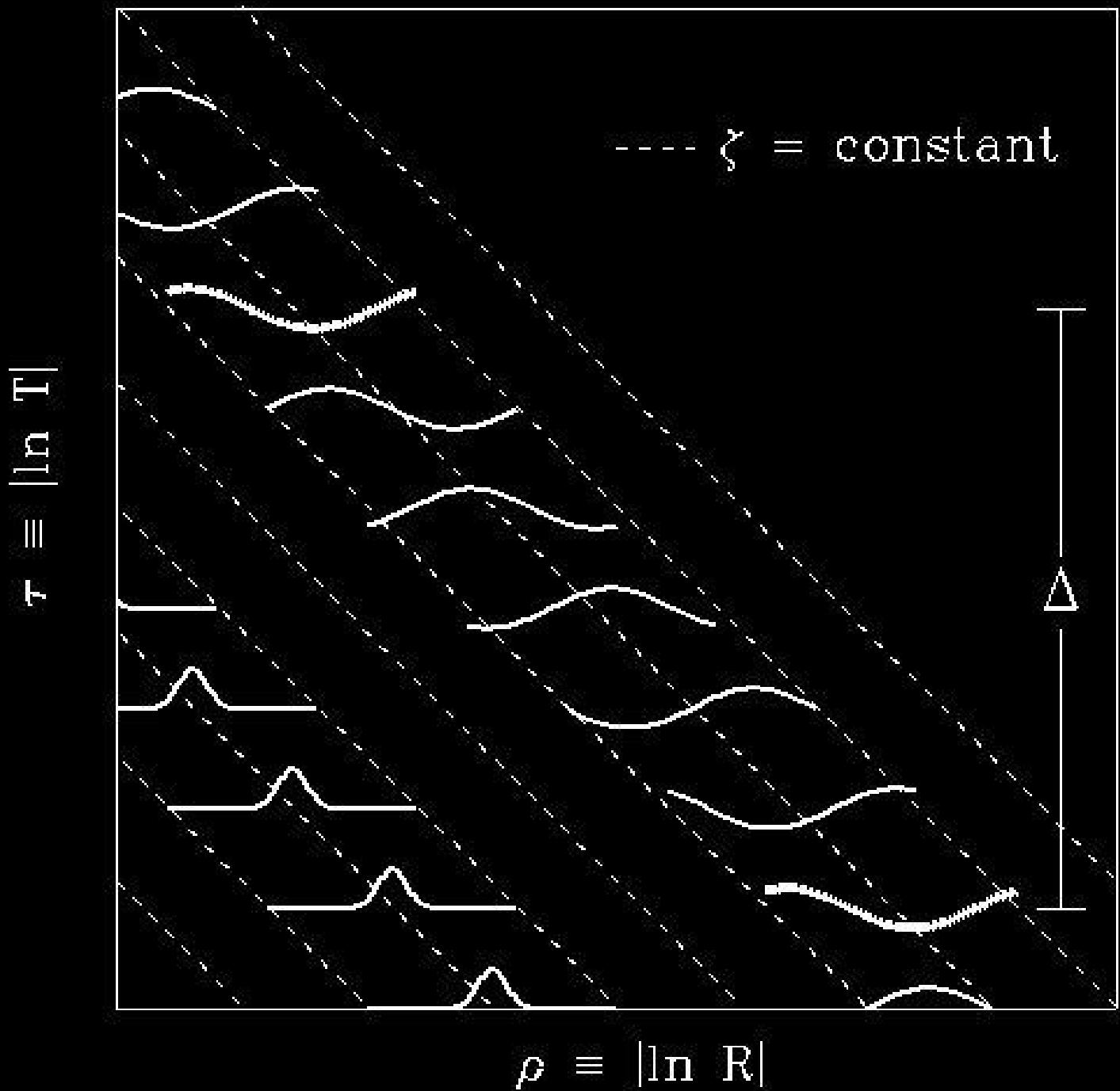
$$M_{BH} \rightarrow 0$$

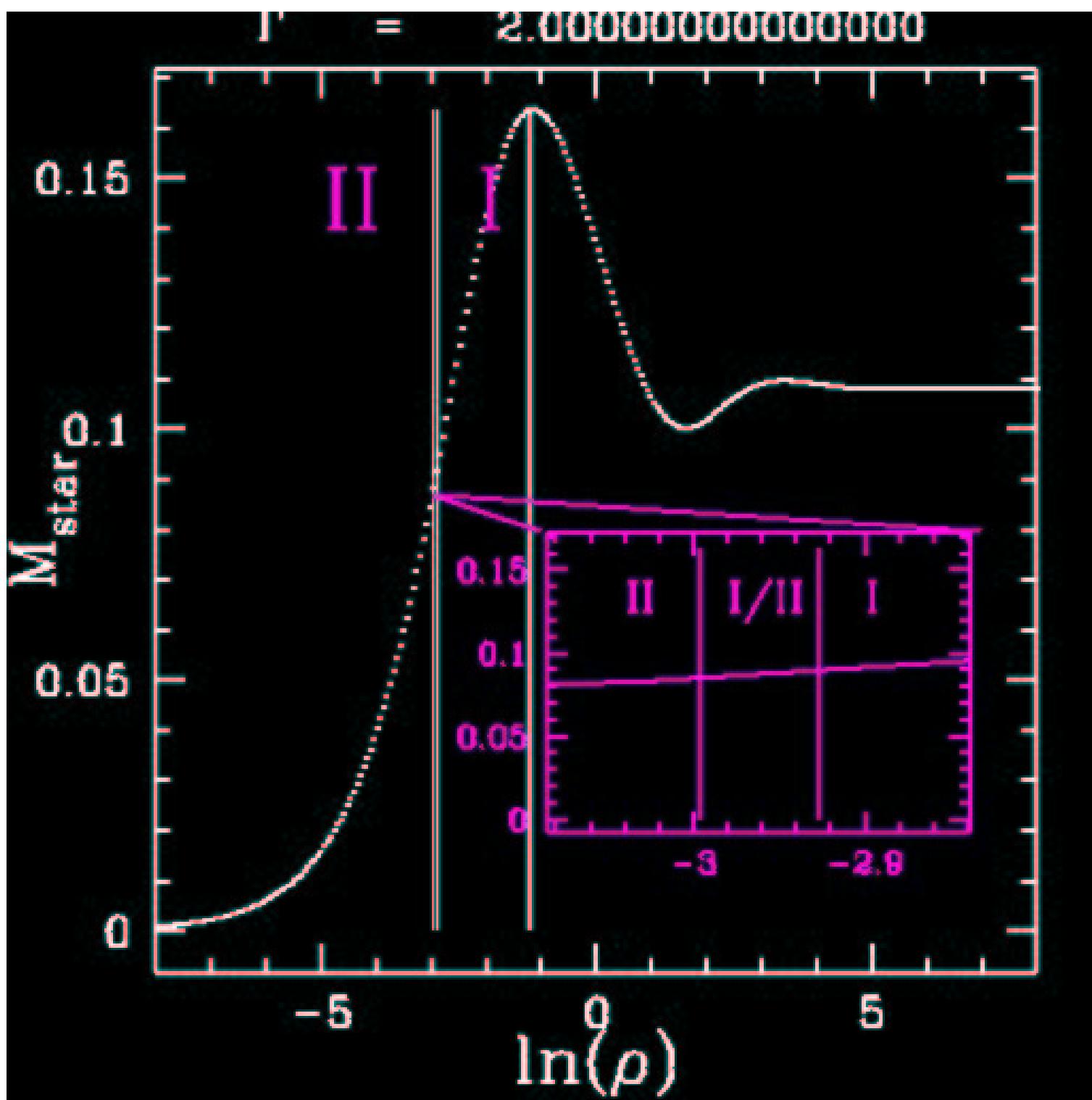
Static or Oscillatory

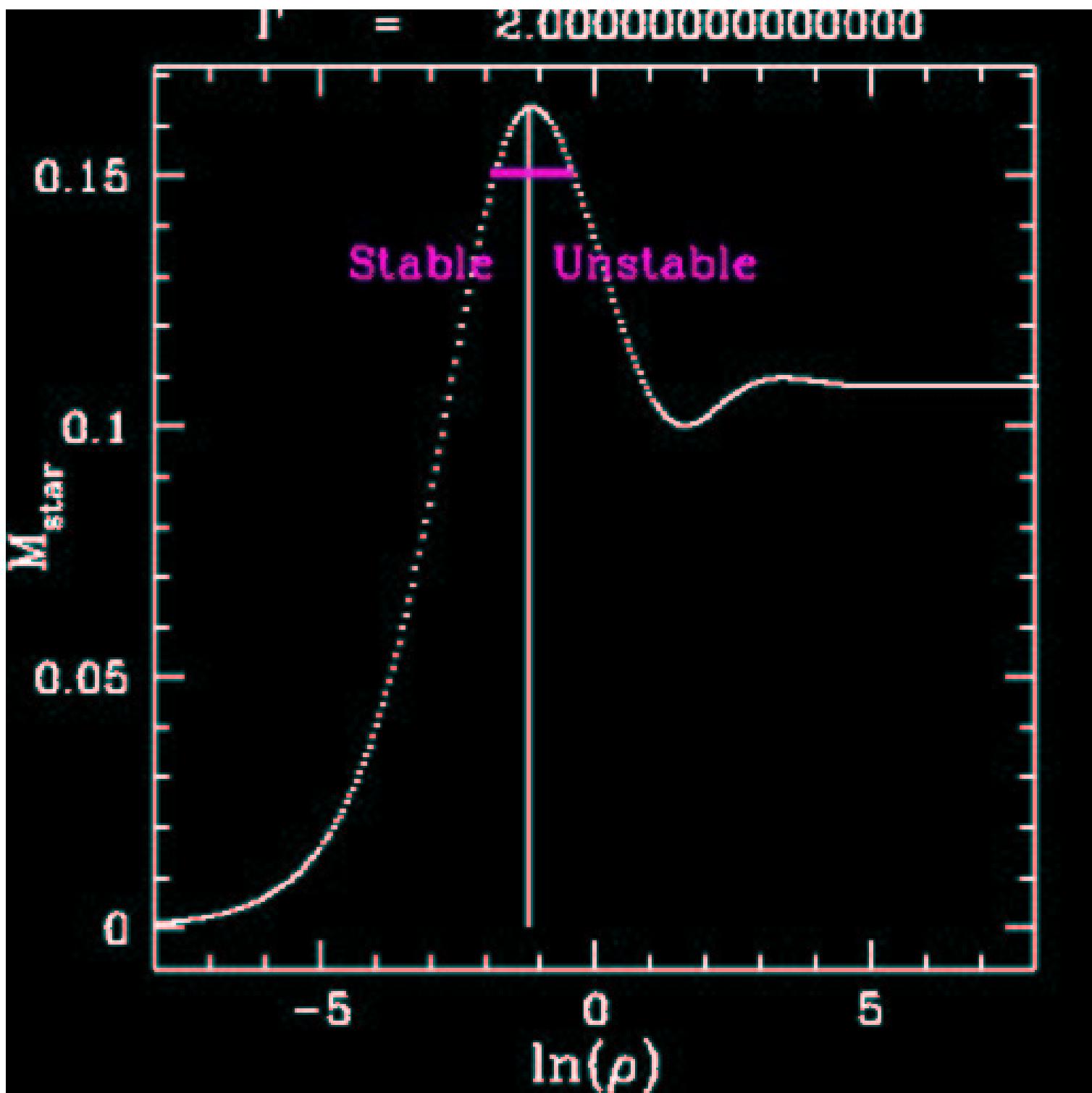
Cont. or Discretely Self-similar

$$t_{\text{hang}} \propto |p - p^*|^{-\gamma}$$

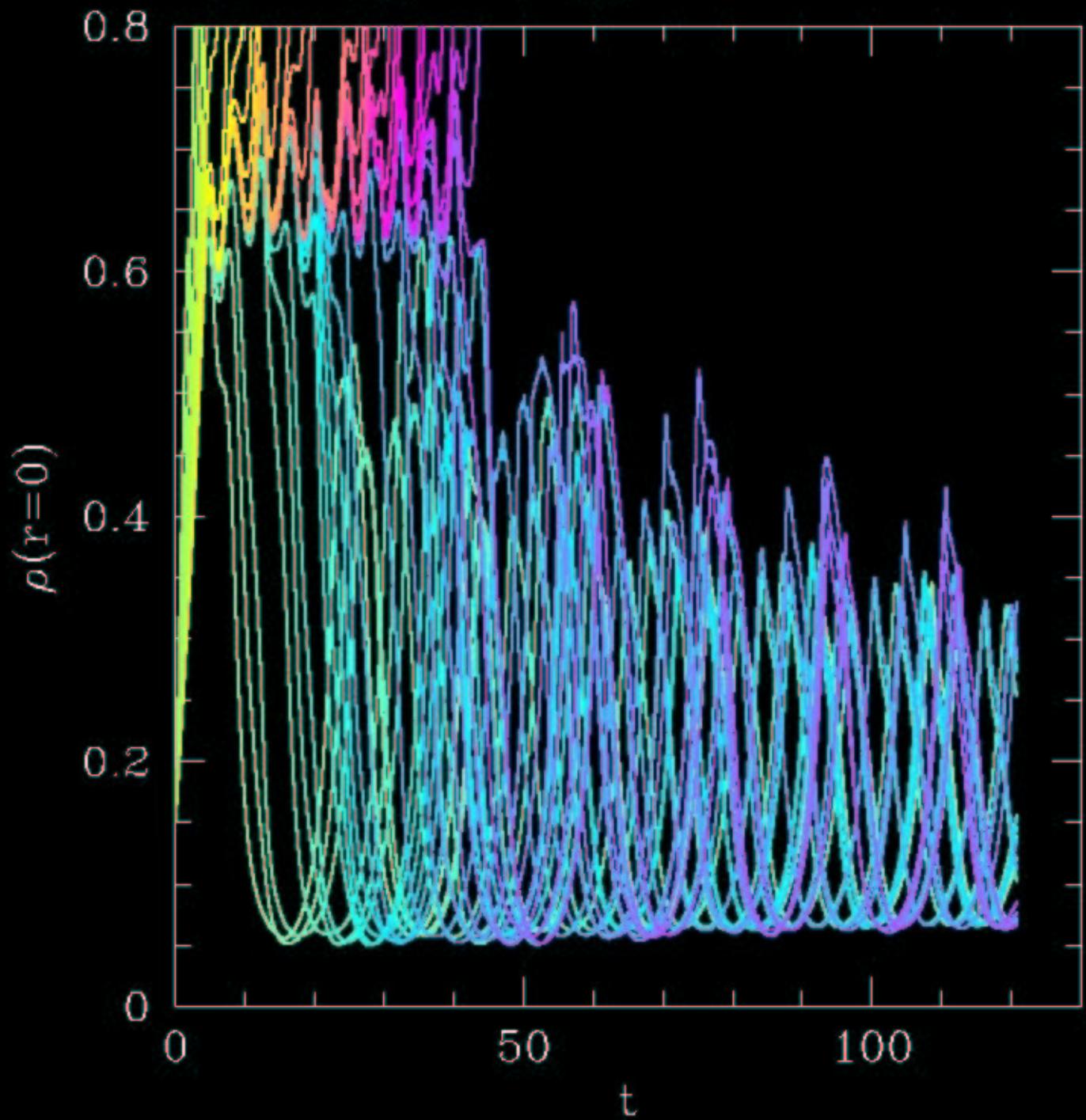
$$M_{BH} \propto |p - p^*|^{\gamma}, T_{\max} \propto |p - p^*|^{2\gamma}$$



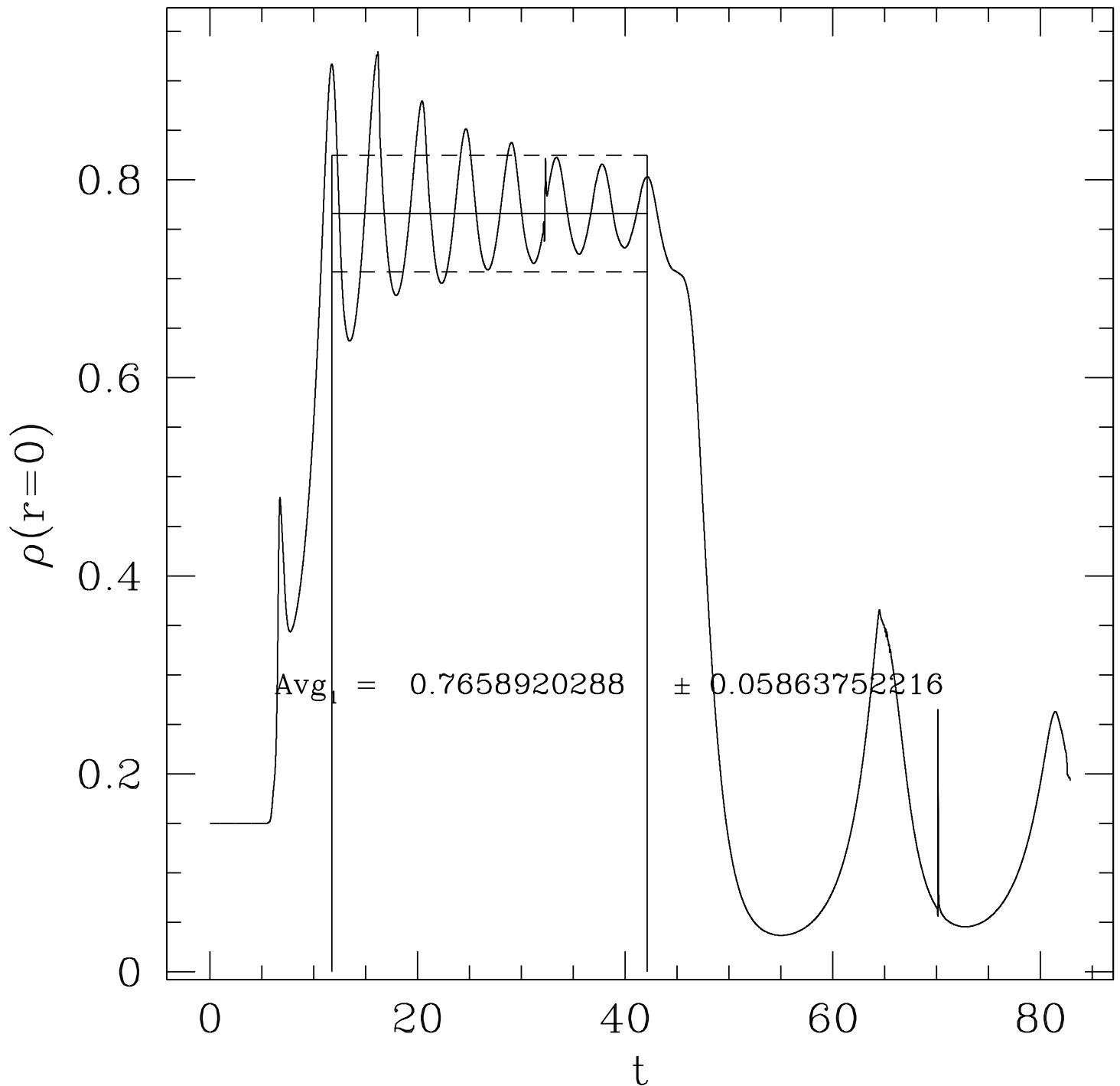


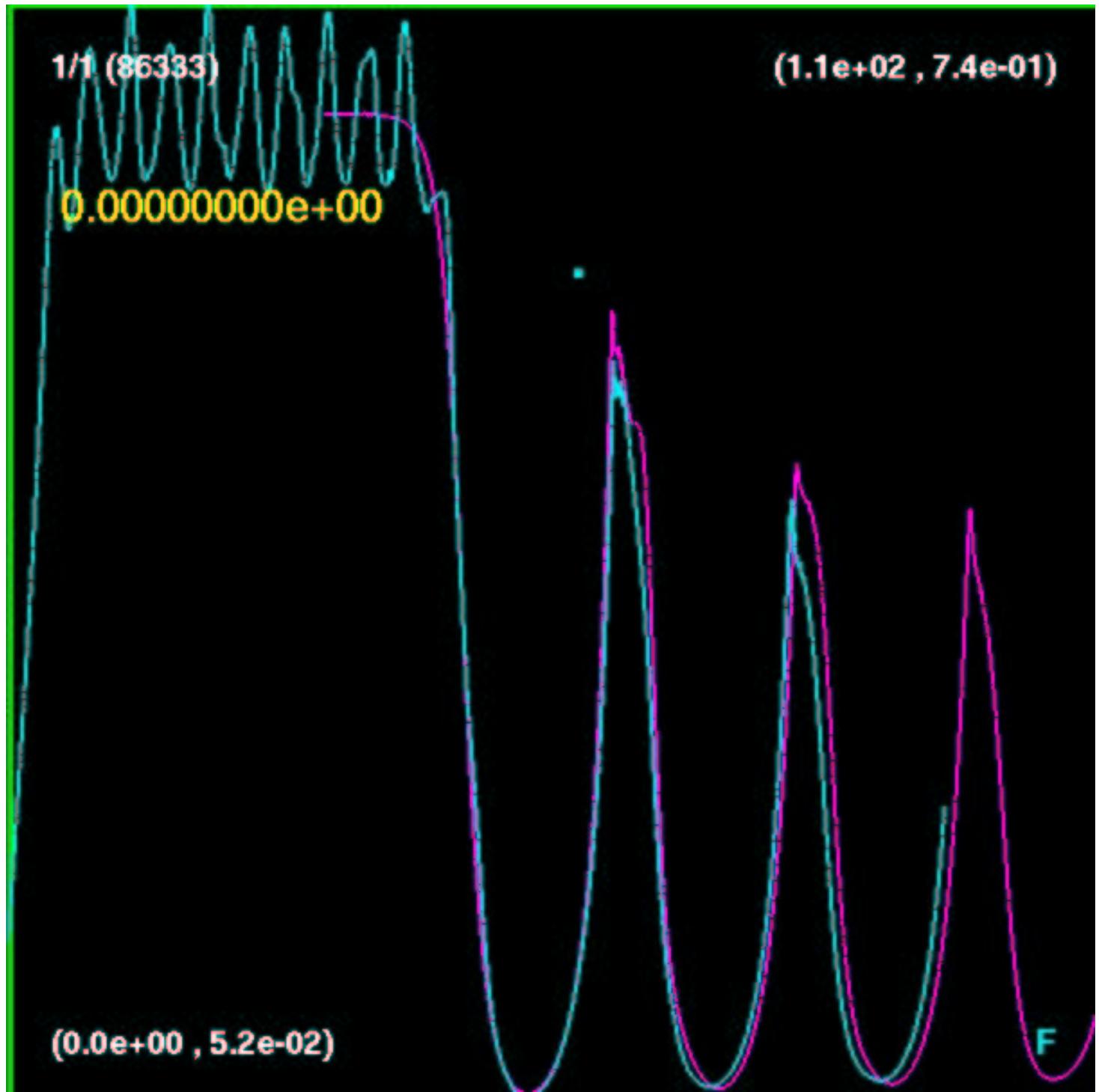


$\Gamma = 2.0$  |  $\rho_c = 0.15$  |  $U_{\text{Amp}} = 0.11375$  to  $0.365$



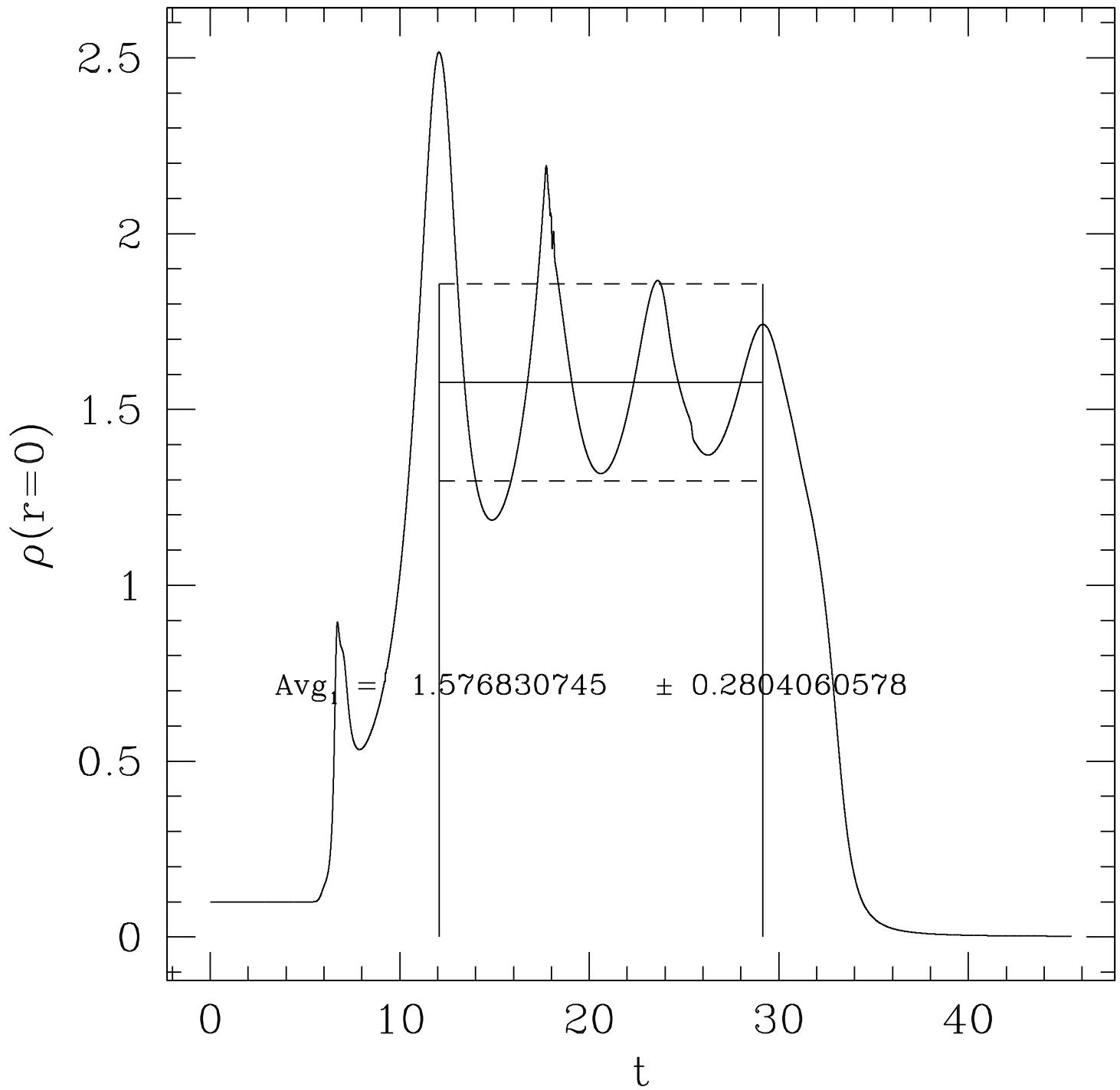
Scalar Perturb.,  $K = 1.0$ ,  $\rho_c = 0.15$ ,  $\Gamma = 2$



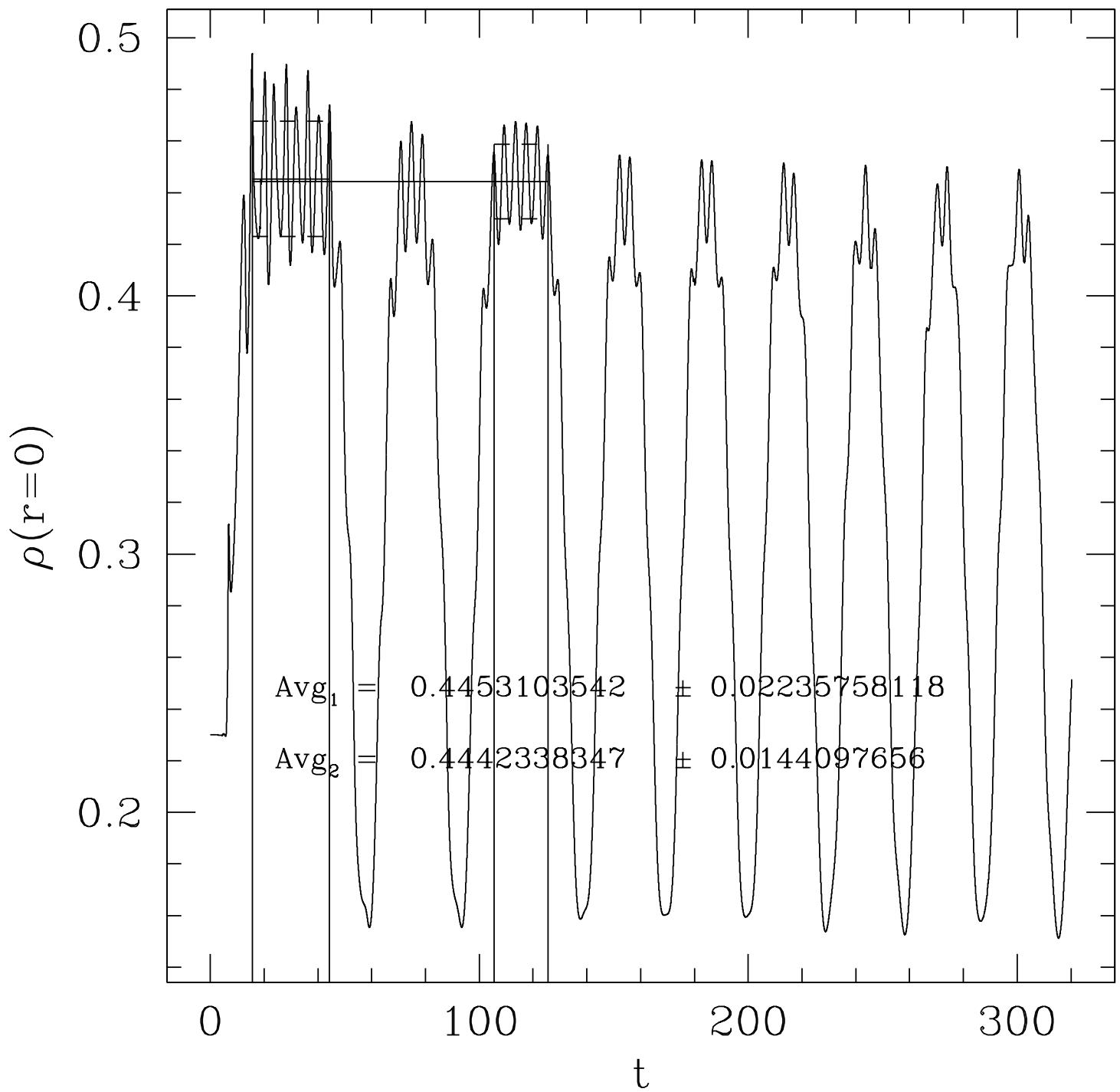


**Movie #1 : NearCrit.mpg**

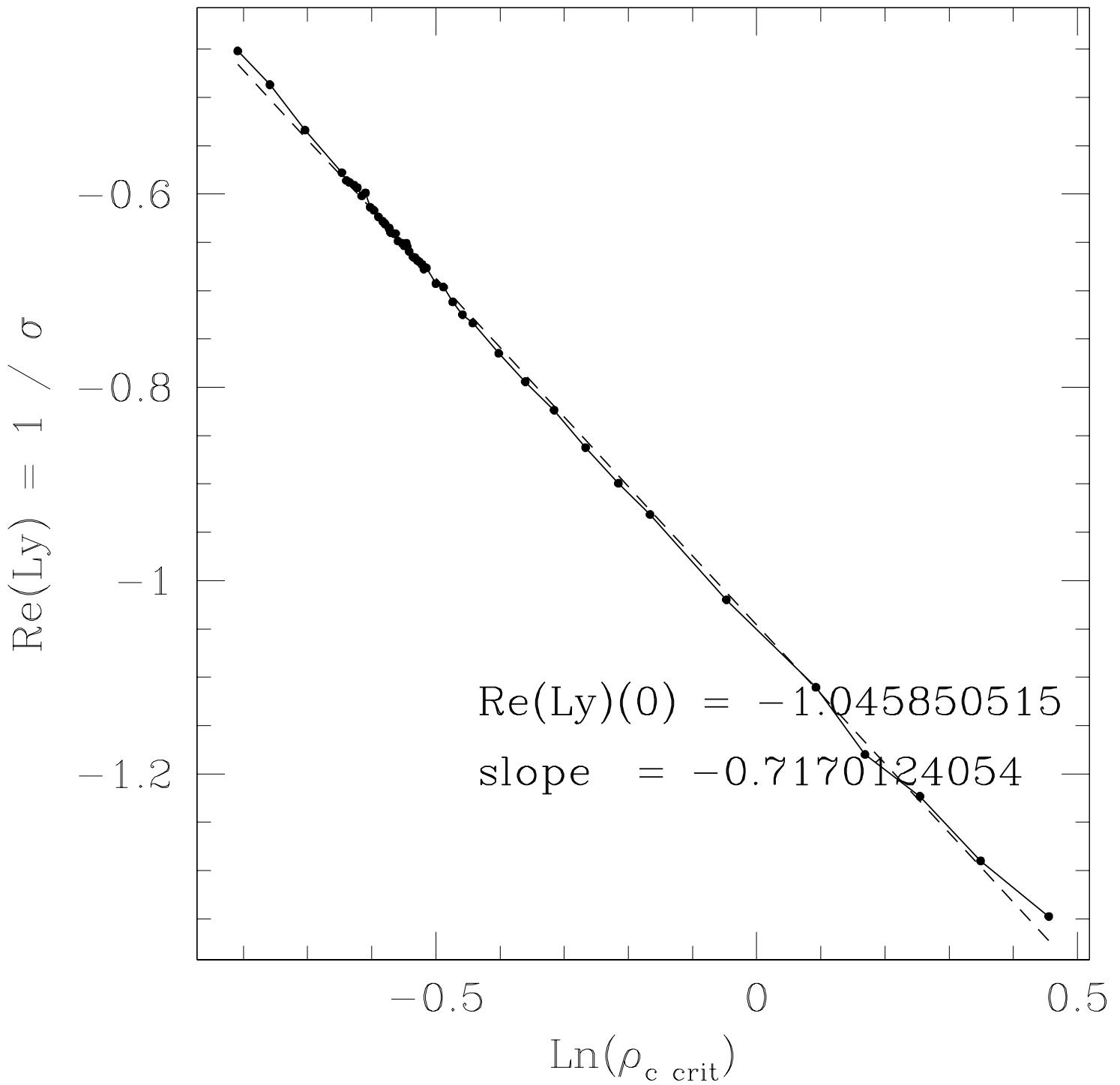
Scalar Perturb.,  $K = 1.0$ ,  $\rho_c = 0.1$ ,  $\Gamma = 2$

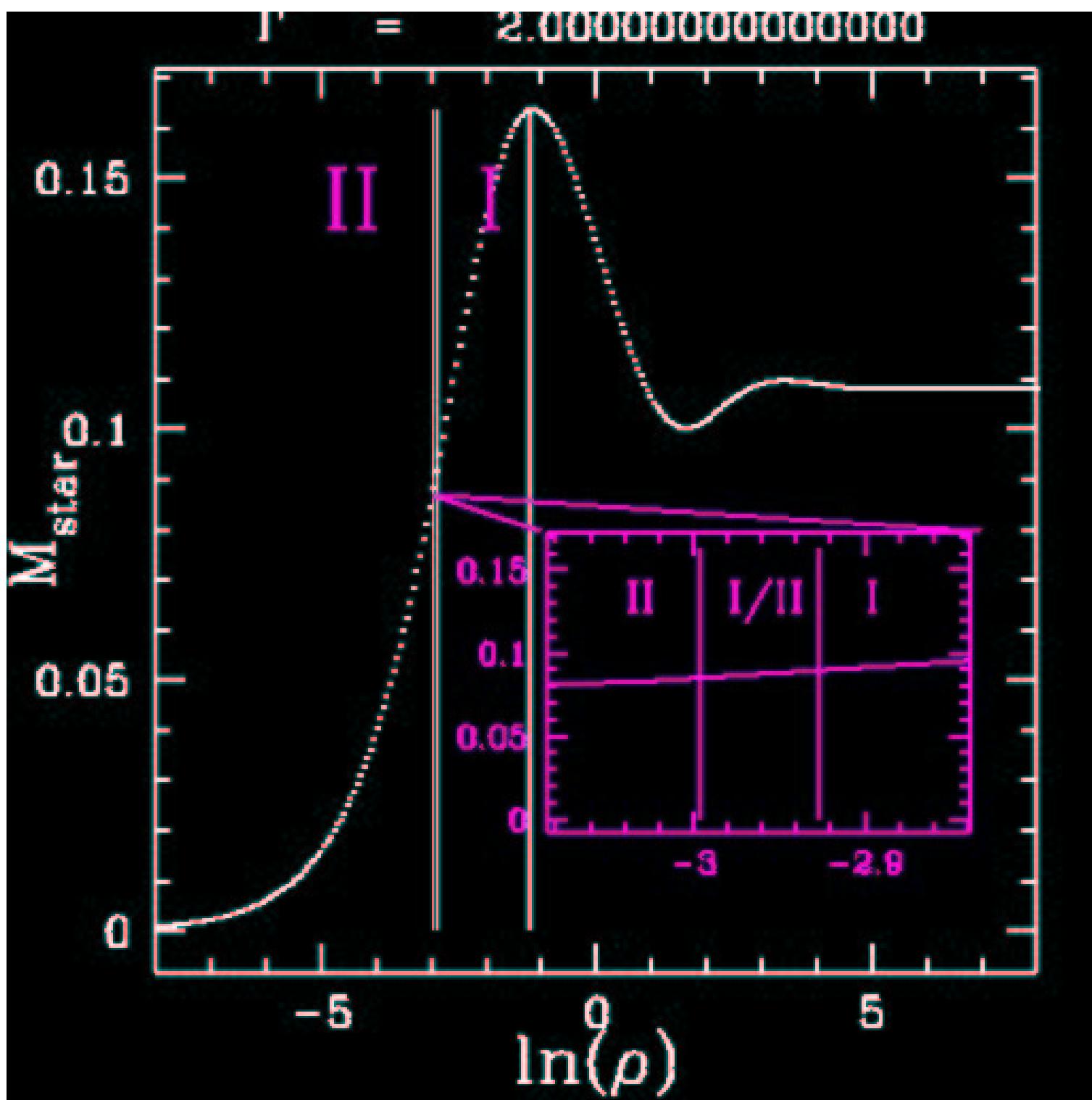


Scalar Perturb.,  $K = 1.0$ ,  $\rho_c = 0.23$ ,  $\Gamma = 2$



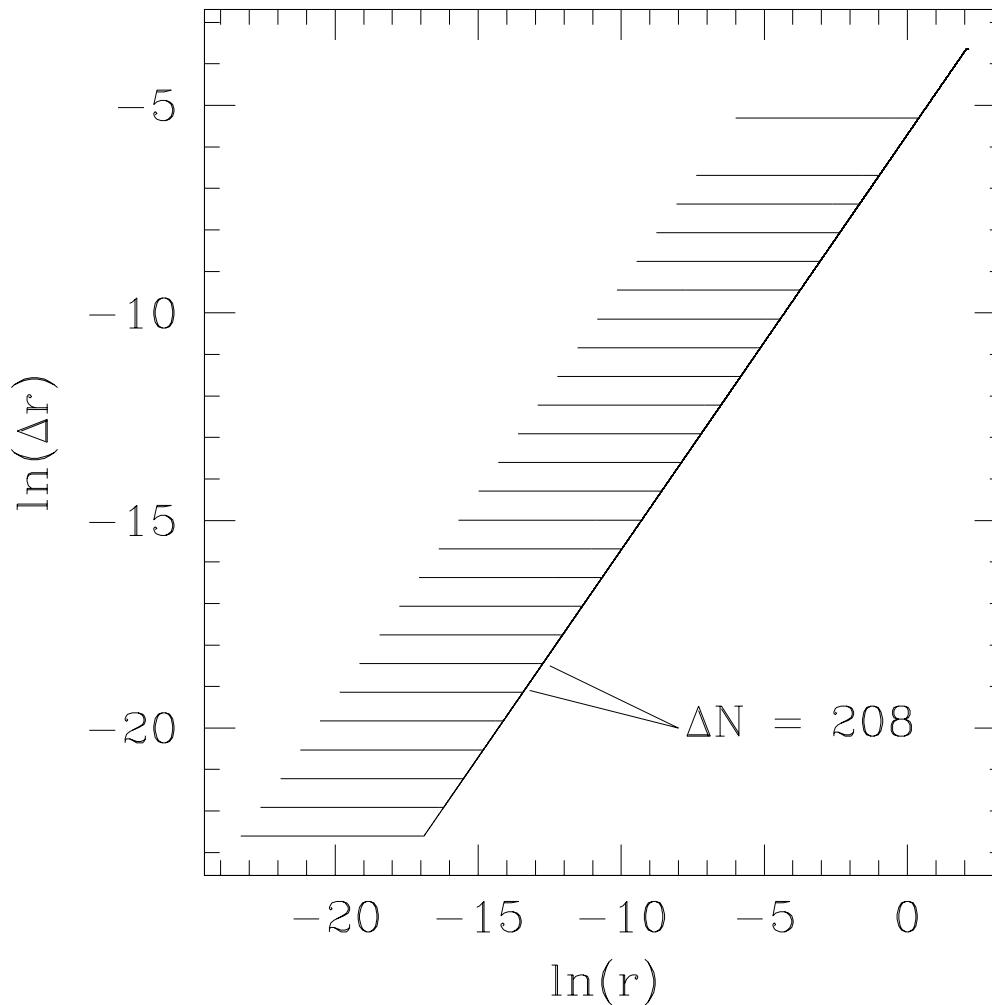
$K = 1.0$  ,  $\Gamma = 2$  , Using  $\rho(r=0)$  at 1st Peak





**Movie #2 : v\_crit\_physcoords.mpg**

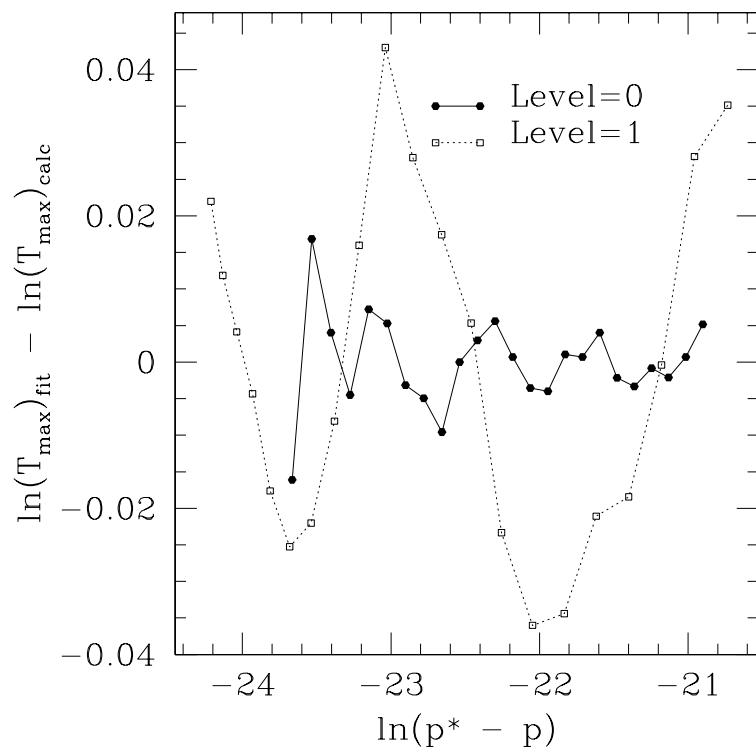
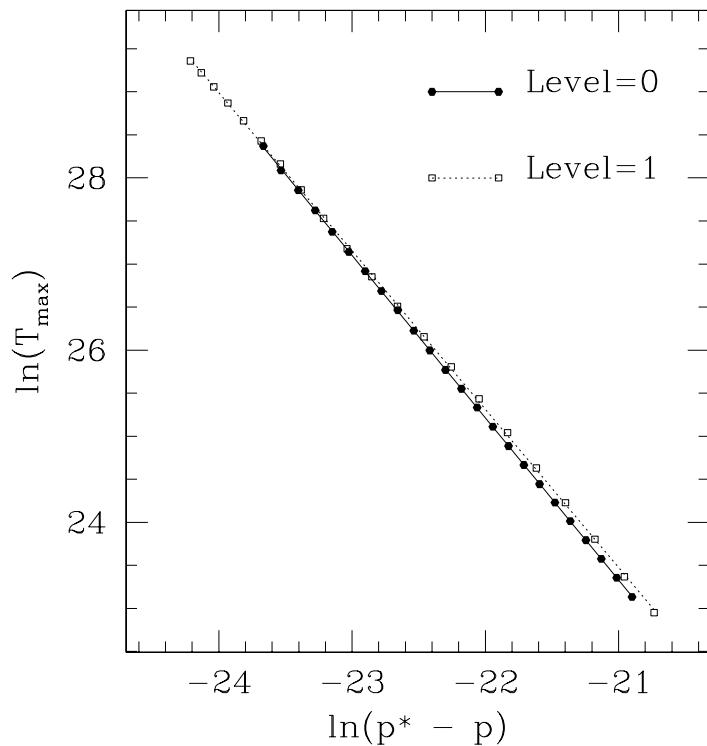
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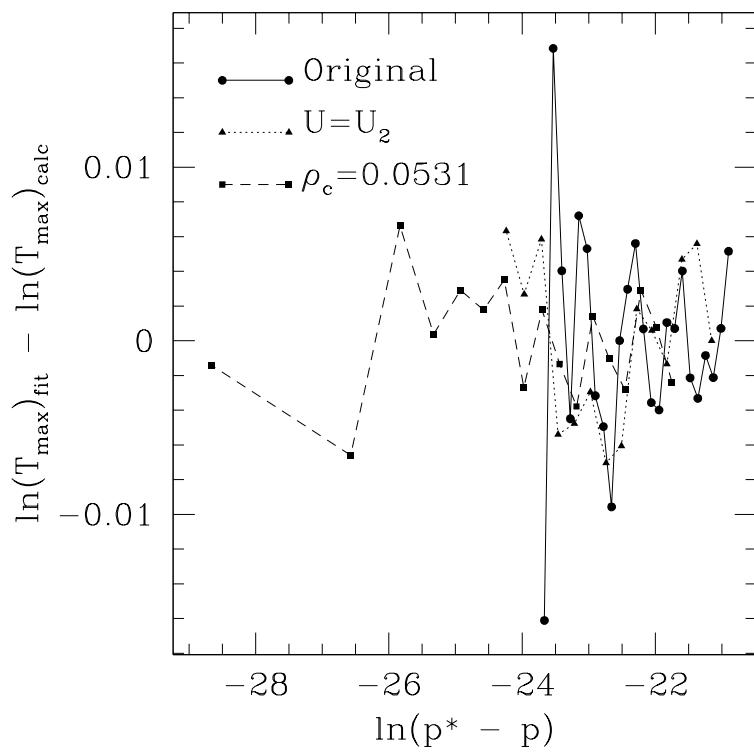
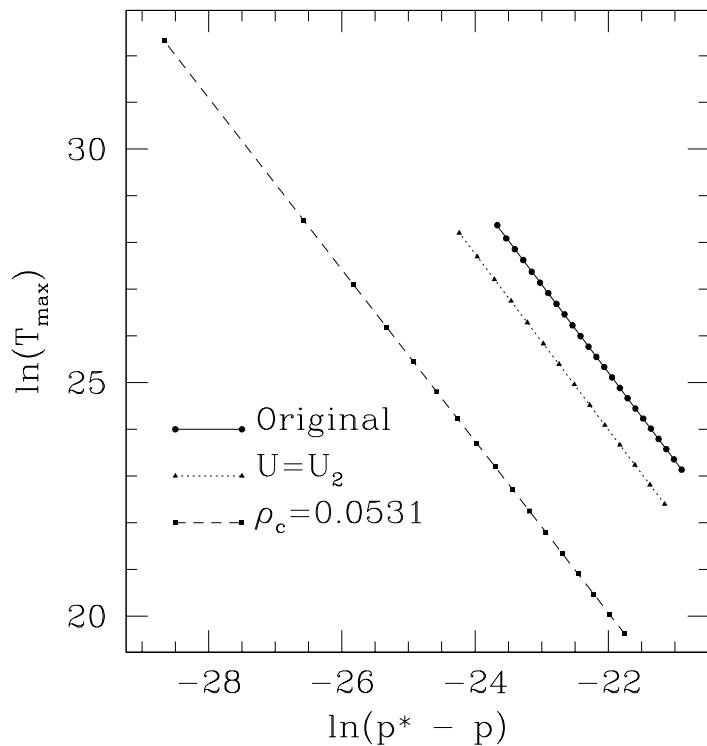


- Adds points near origin
- Tracks features of the solution to determine refinement;

**Movie #3 : v\_crit.mpg**

**Movie #4 : v\_ultra\_crit.mpg**





## Universality of Type-II Scaling Behavior

$\rho_c$	$l$	$U$	$\gamma$	$p^*$
0.05	0	$U_1$	0.94272	0.4687536738322
0.0531	0	$U_1$	0.918693	0.448204742983571
0.05	1	$U_1$	.9191	0.468290309415
0.05	0	$U_2$	0.94234392	0.42990315097513

## Conclusions

- Type-I and Type-II Phen. observed in TOV solutions;
- Some evidence for overlap in param. space of Type-I/Type-II;
- Type-I Crit. Sol'n = Unstable Sol'n w/ same mass;
- Type-II Crit. Sol'n = Crit. Sol'n of Self-similar EOS fluid;