Linear Perturbations, Stability, and Calibration of the Matter-Dynamics Rate χ_{MDR}

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This represents a damped harmonic oscillator with damping term $3H$ and (undamped) mode frequency

$$\omega_k^2 \;=\; \frac{k^2}{a^2} + m_{\mathrm{eff}}^2.$$

Original Solution Form (Source):

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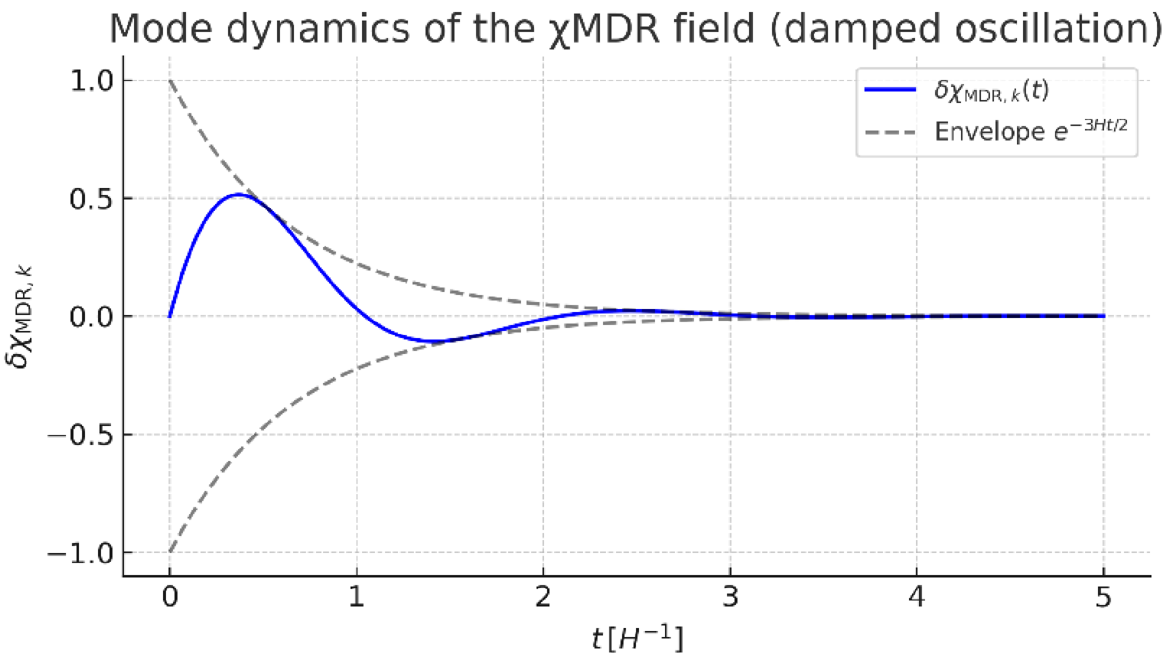

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Potential Forms and Equation of Motion (Calibration Framework)

For calibration, the variational equation is integrated in the background:

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1. Linear-Drift Potential

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Calibration Results and Residuals

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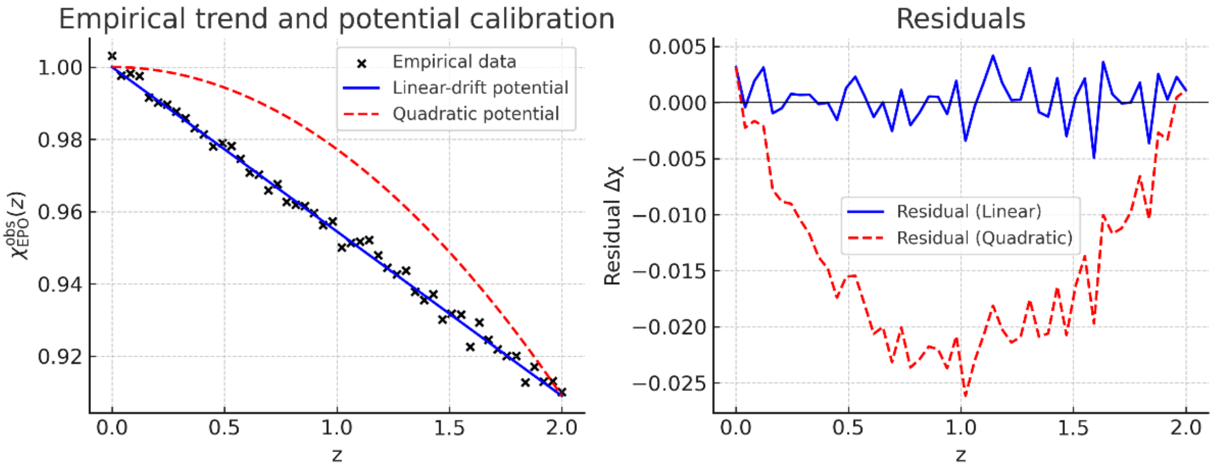

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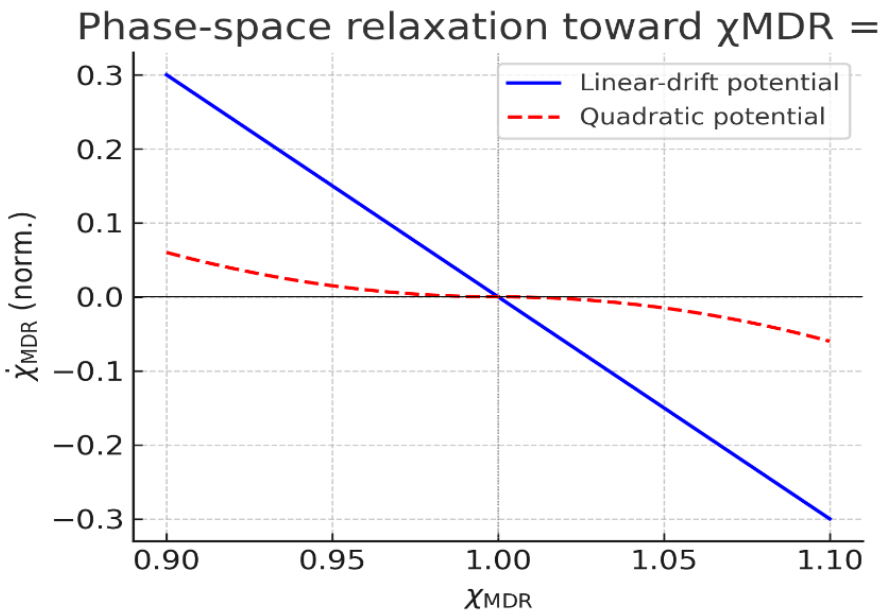

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Consolidated Interpretation

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