

# **COSMOLOGICAL GRAVITATIONAL WAVES** **(AN INTRODUCTION)**

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# Cosmology with GWs

- \* Late Universe: Hubble diagram from Binaries
- \* Early Universe: High Energy Particle Physics

**Can we really probe High Energy Physics using Gravitational Waves (GWs) ? How ?**



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**Motivation ?**

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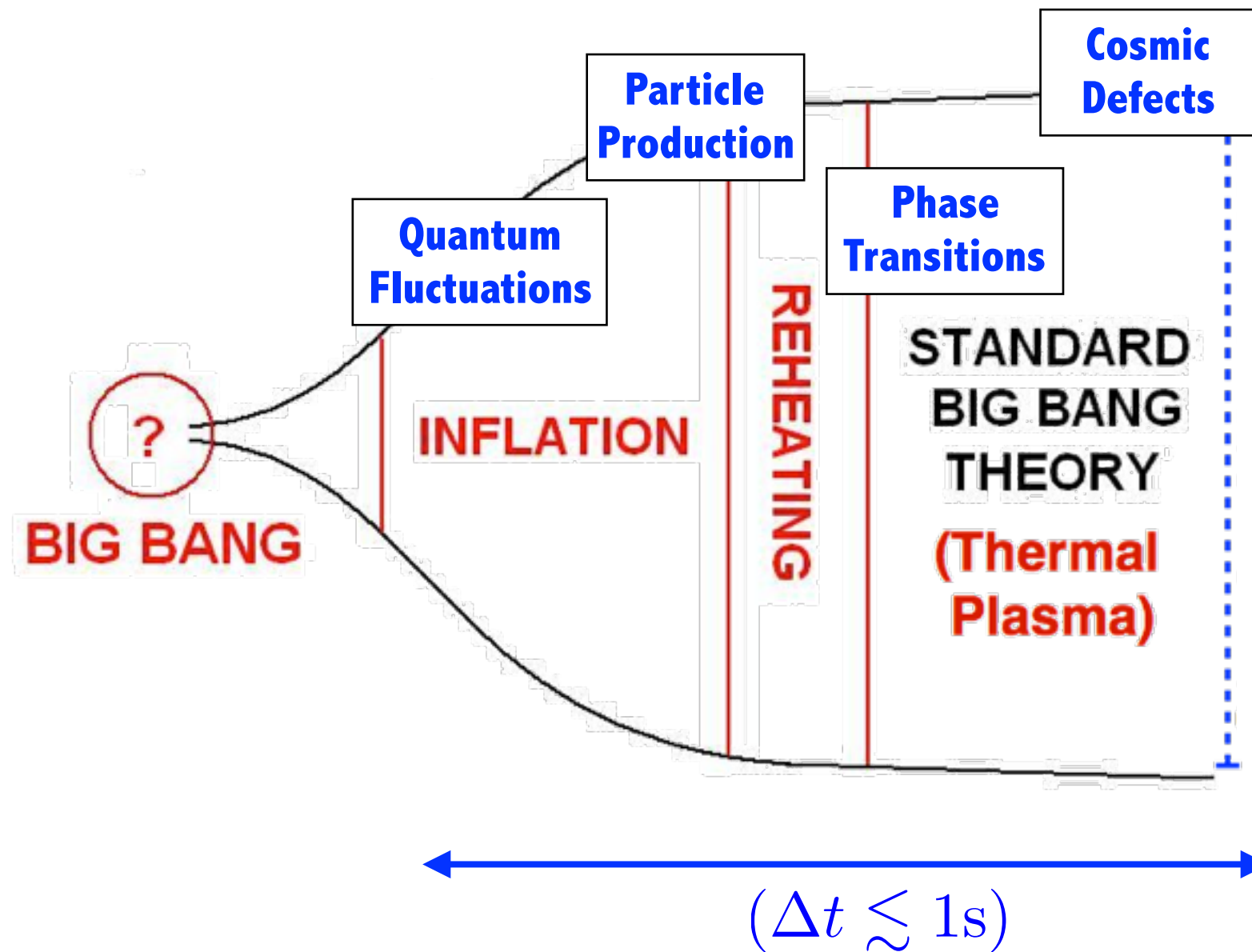
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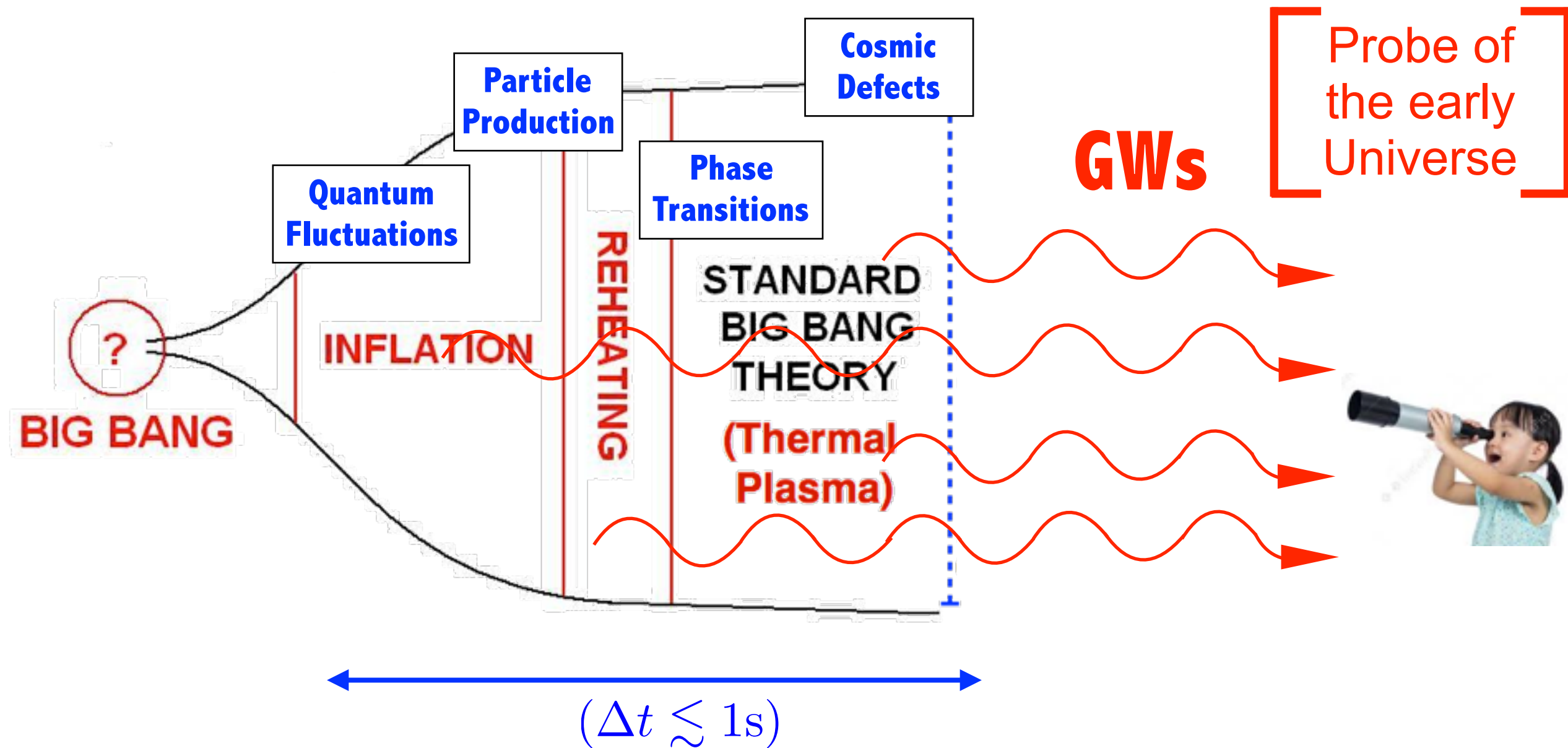
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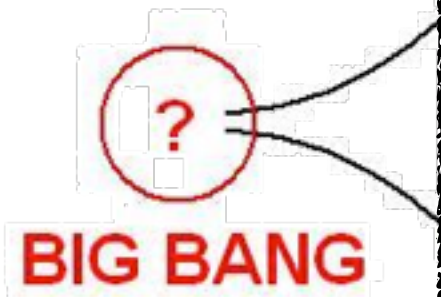
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## *'Holy Grail' of Stochastic GW Backgrounds*

(N. Christensen, Moriond'19)



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$$(\Delta t \lesssim 1\text{s})$$



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**GW Source(s):** ( SCALARS , VECTOR , FERMIONS )

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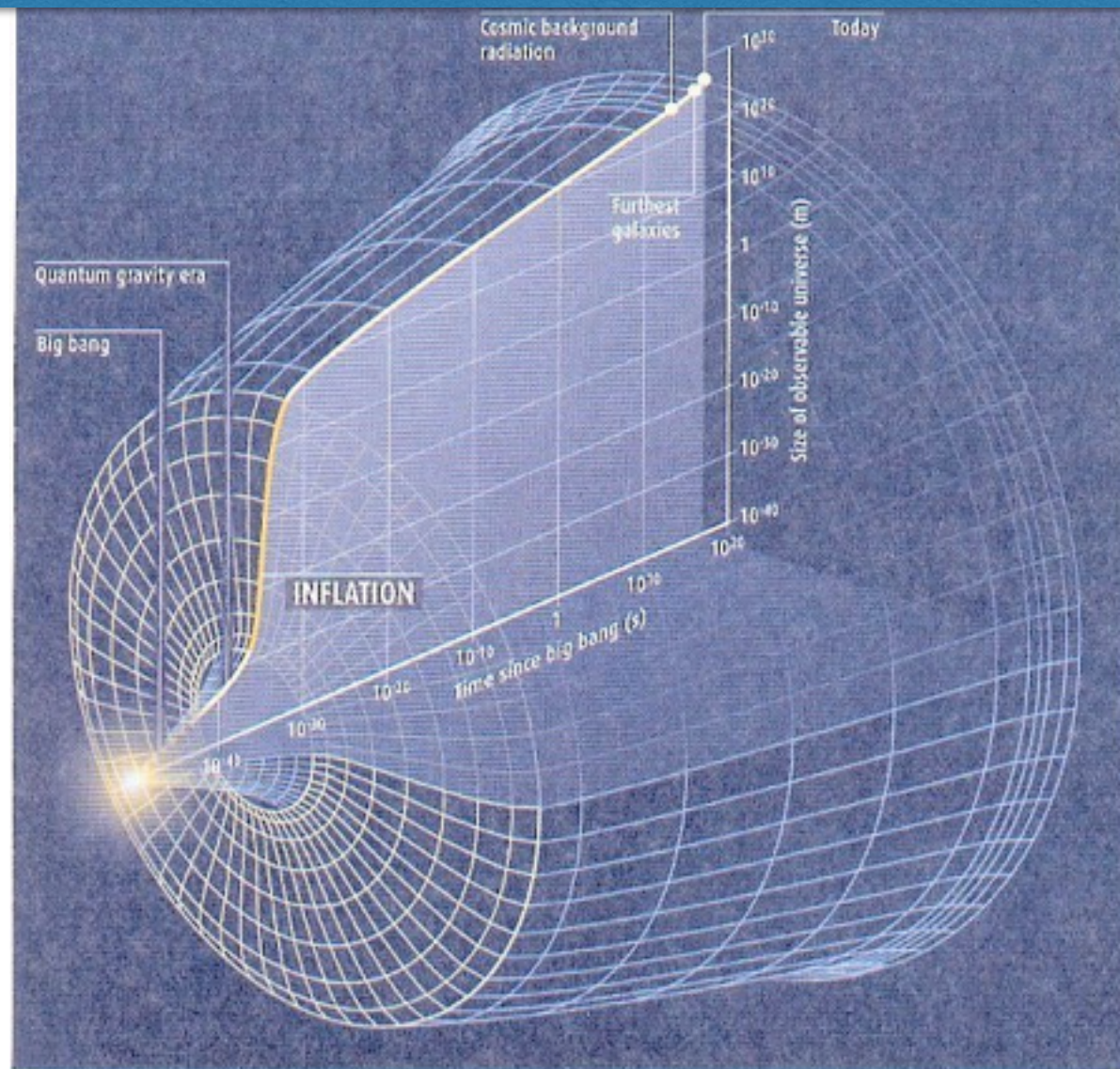
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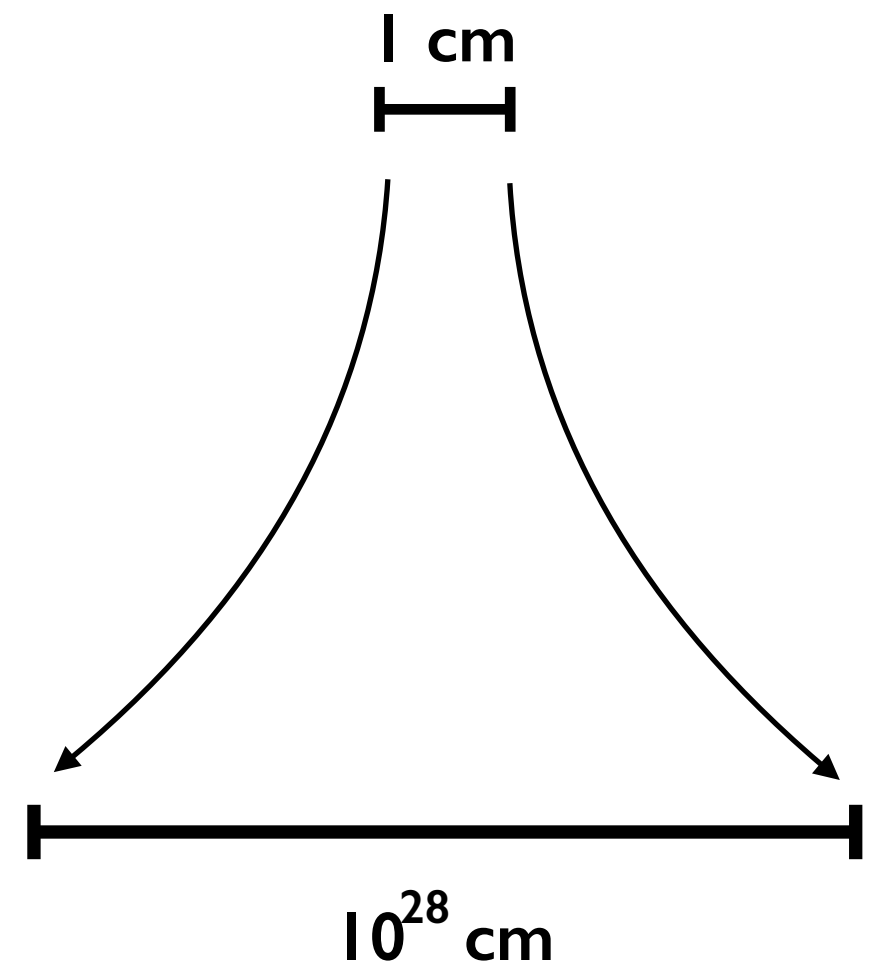
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## COSMIC INFLATION



Needed for **Consistency** of the  
Big Bang theory

$$a \sim e^{H_* t} \gtrsim e^{60}$$



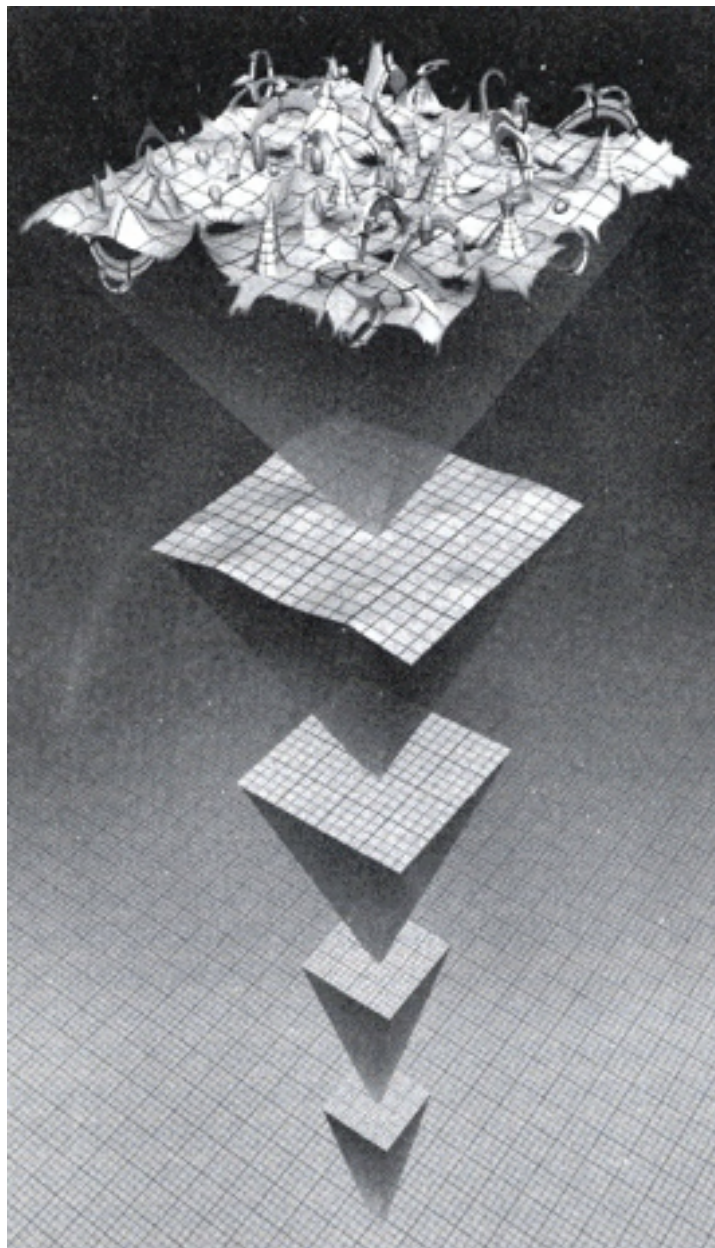
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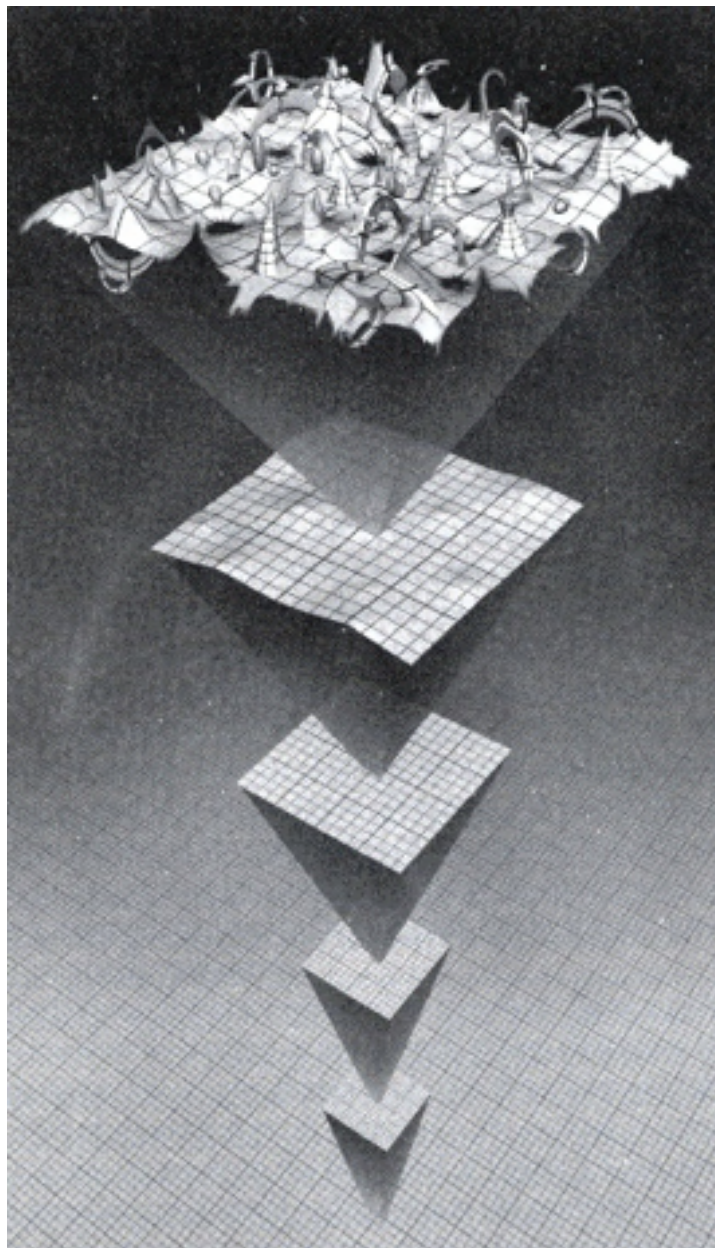
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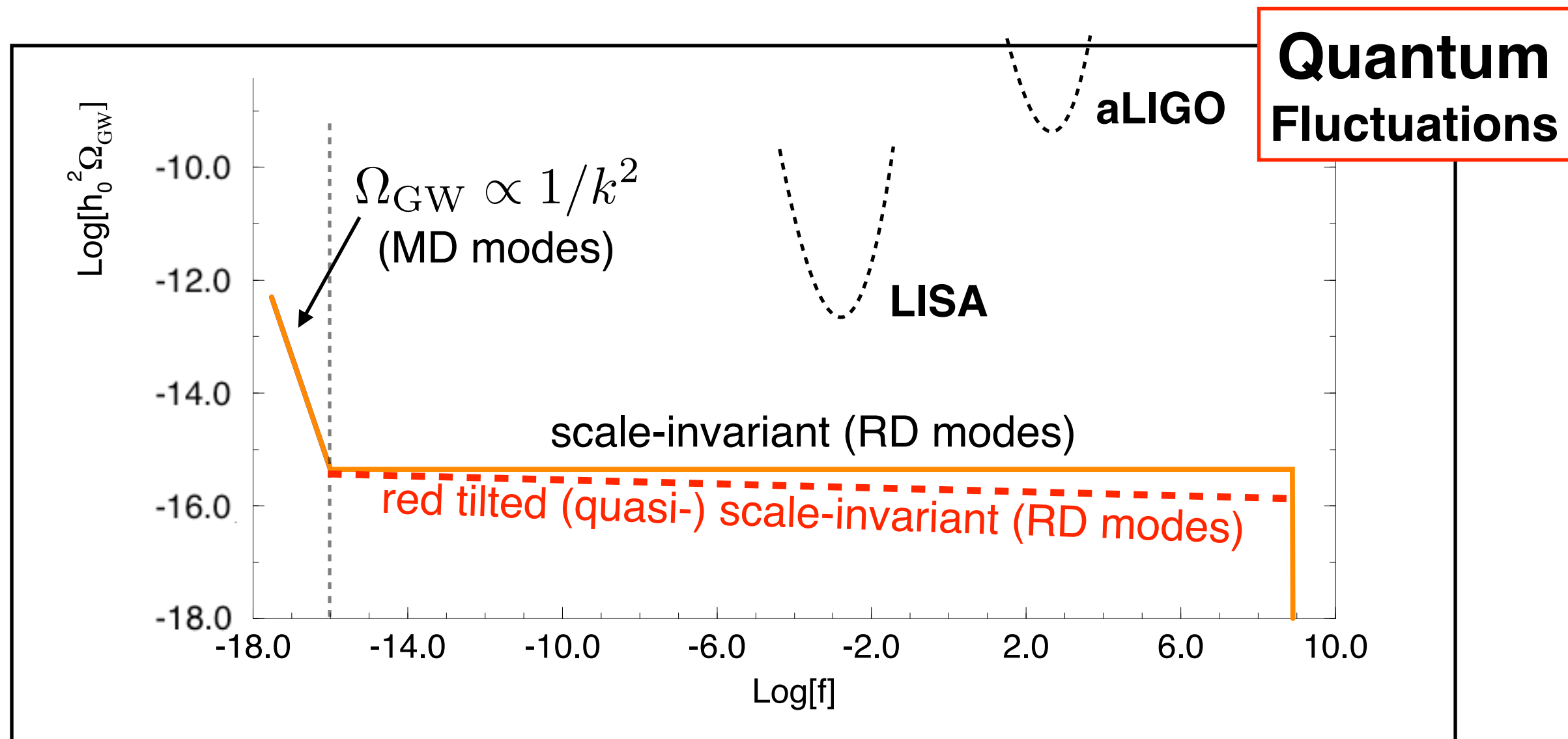
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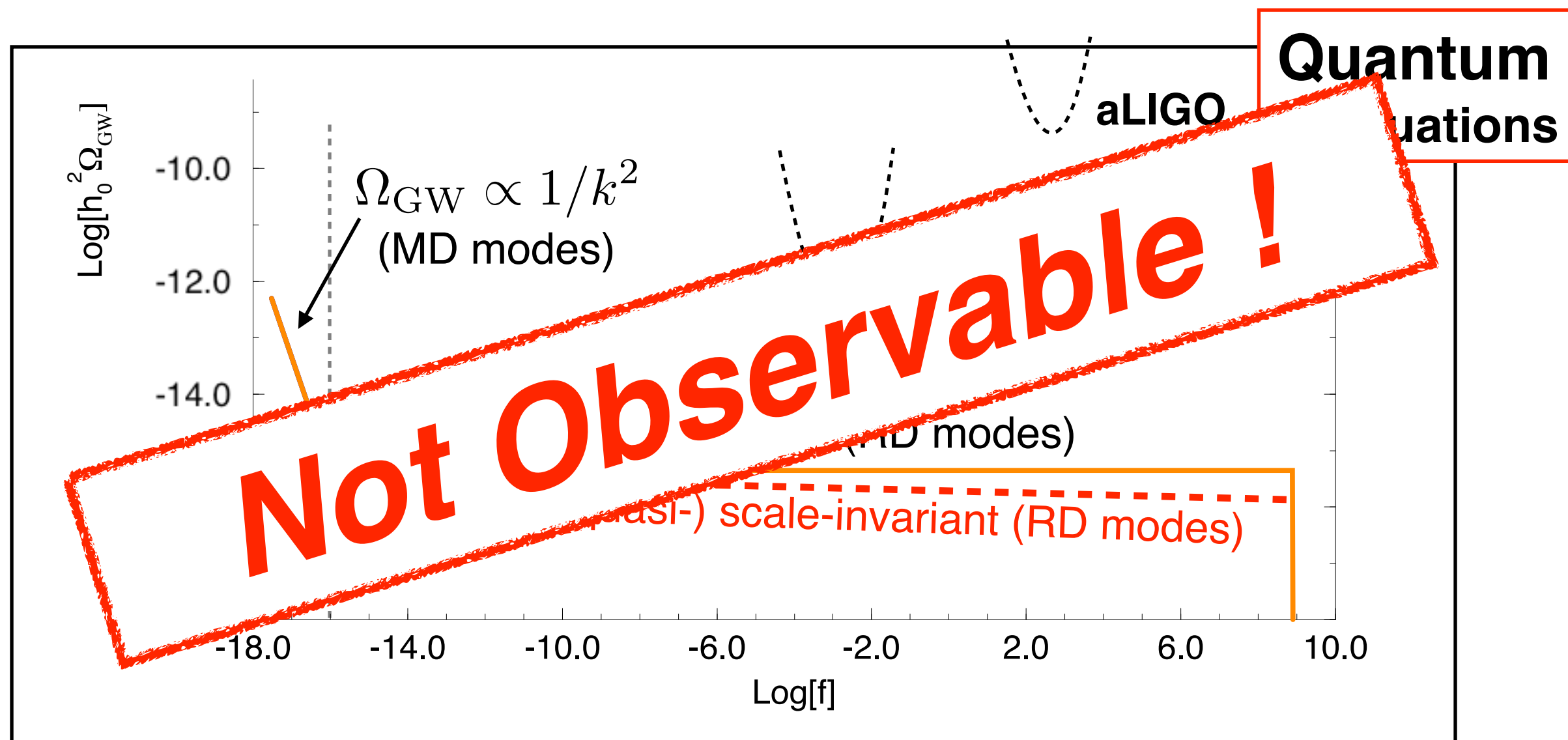
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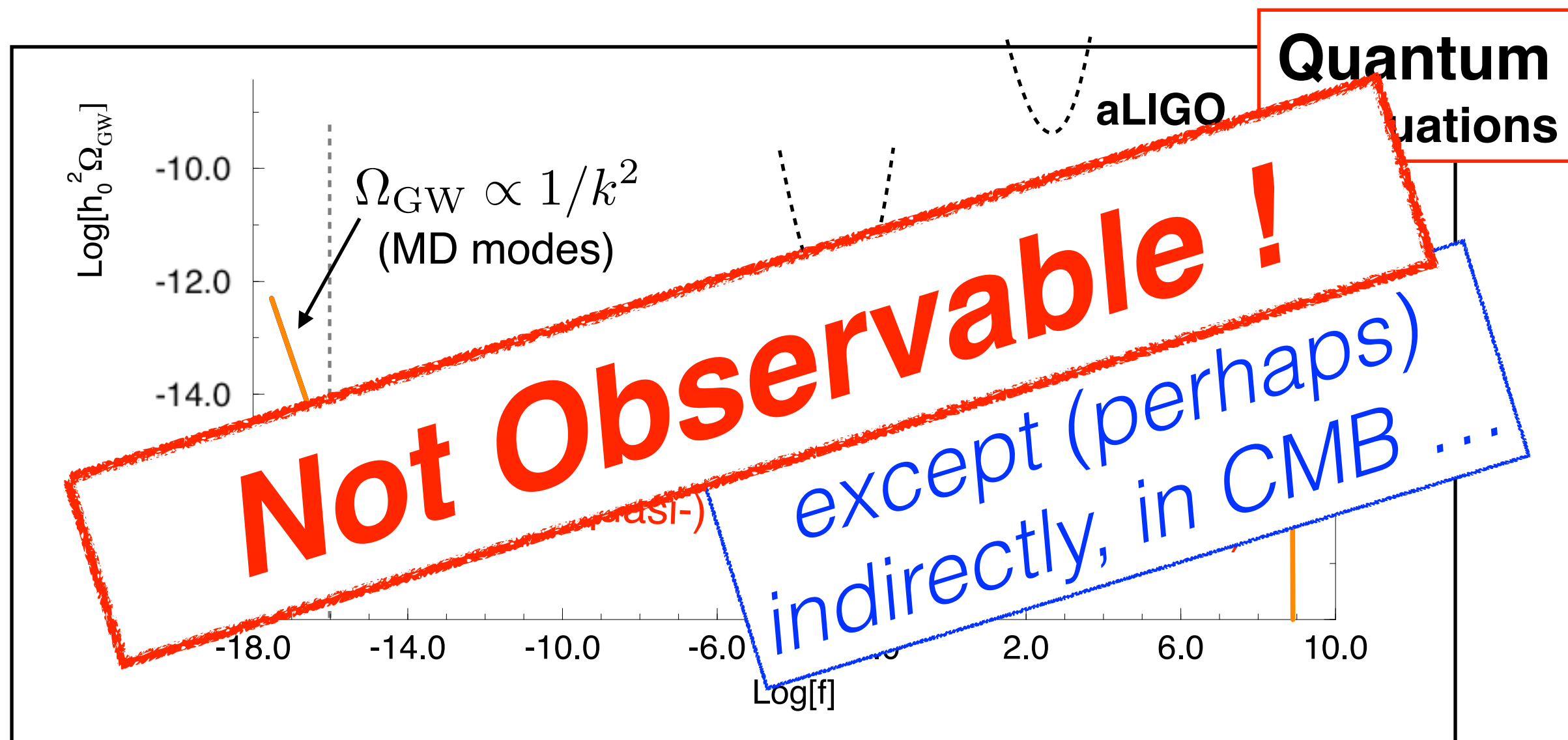
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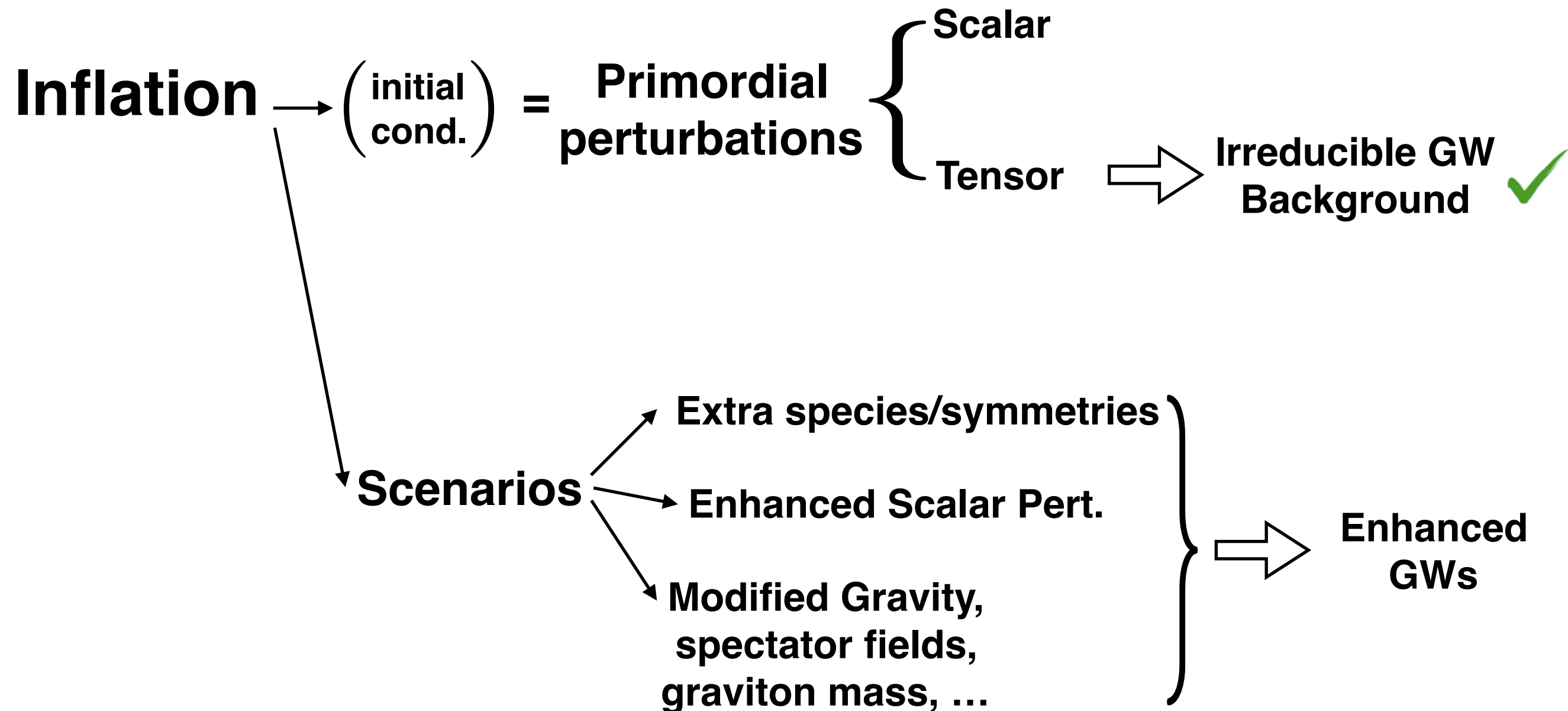
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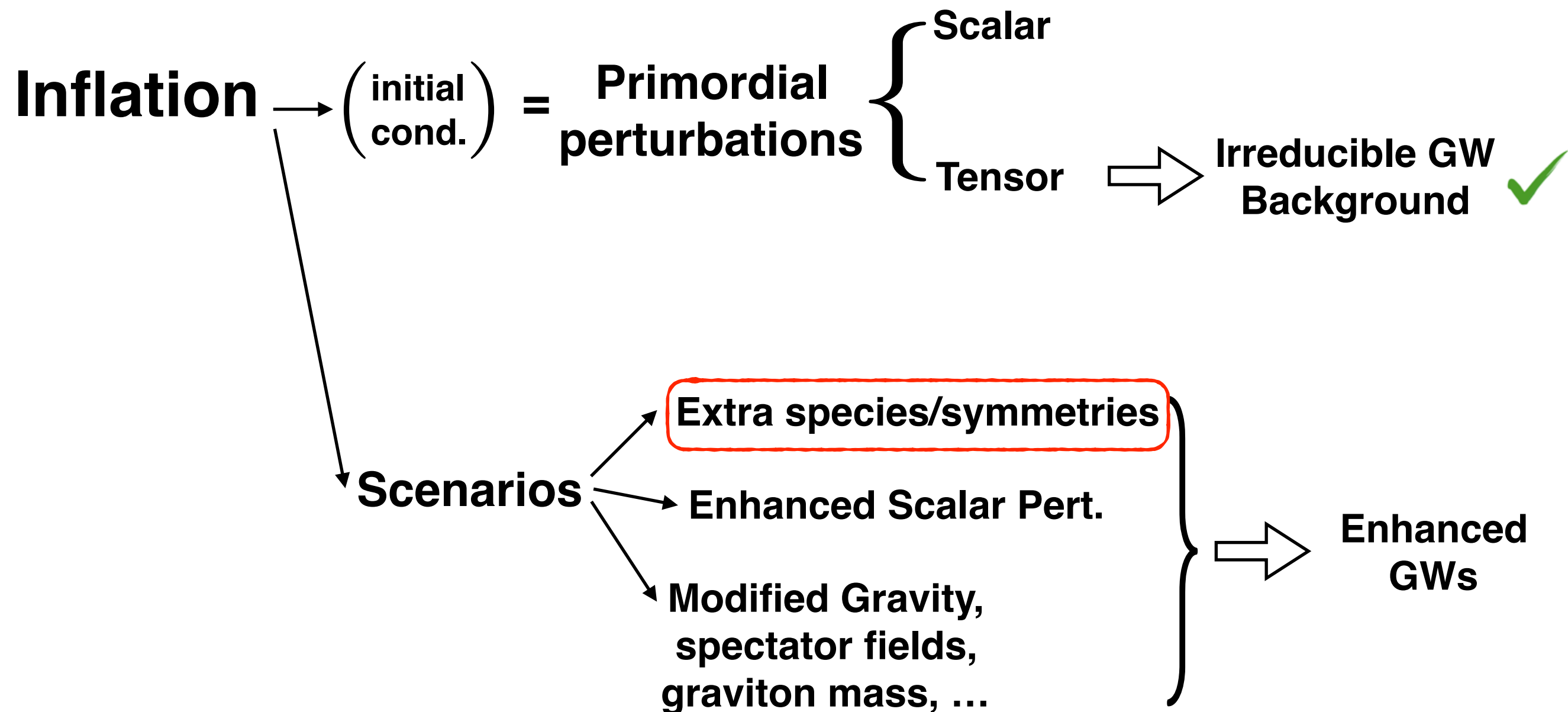
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[J. Cook, L. Sorbo (arXiv:1109.0022)]

[N. Barnaby, E. Pajer, M. Peloso (arXiv:1110.3327)]

Photon:  
2 helicities

$$\left[ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \tau^2} + k^2 \pm \frac{2k\xi}{\tau} \right] A_{\pm}(\tau, k) = 0,$$

$$\xi \equiv \frac{\dot{\varphi}}{2fH}$$

**Chiral  
instability**

$$A_+ \propto e^{\pi\xi}, \quad |A_-| \ll |A_+|$$

**$A_+$  exponentially amplified,**

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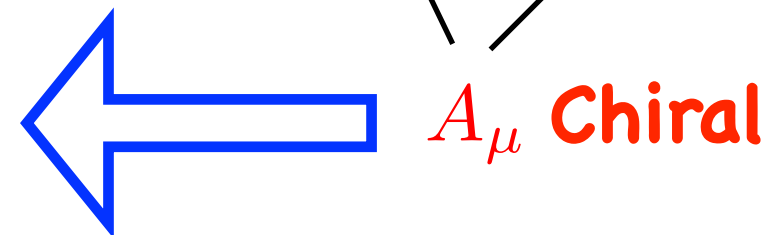
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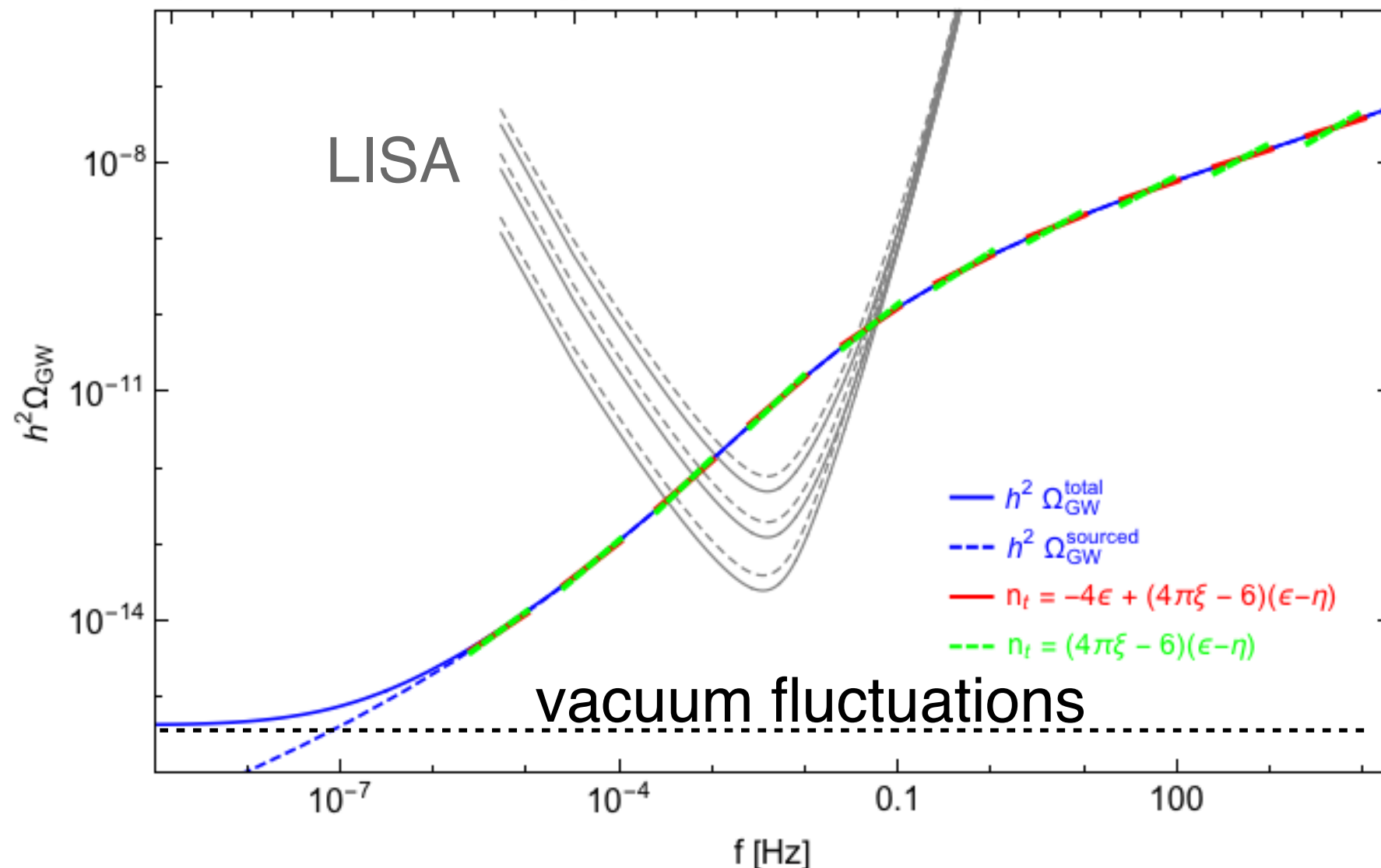
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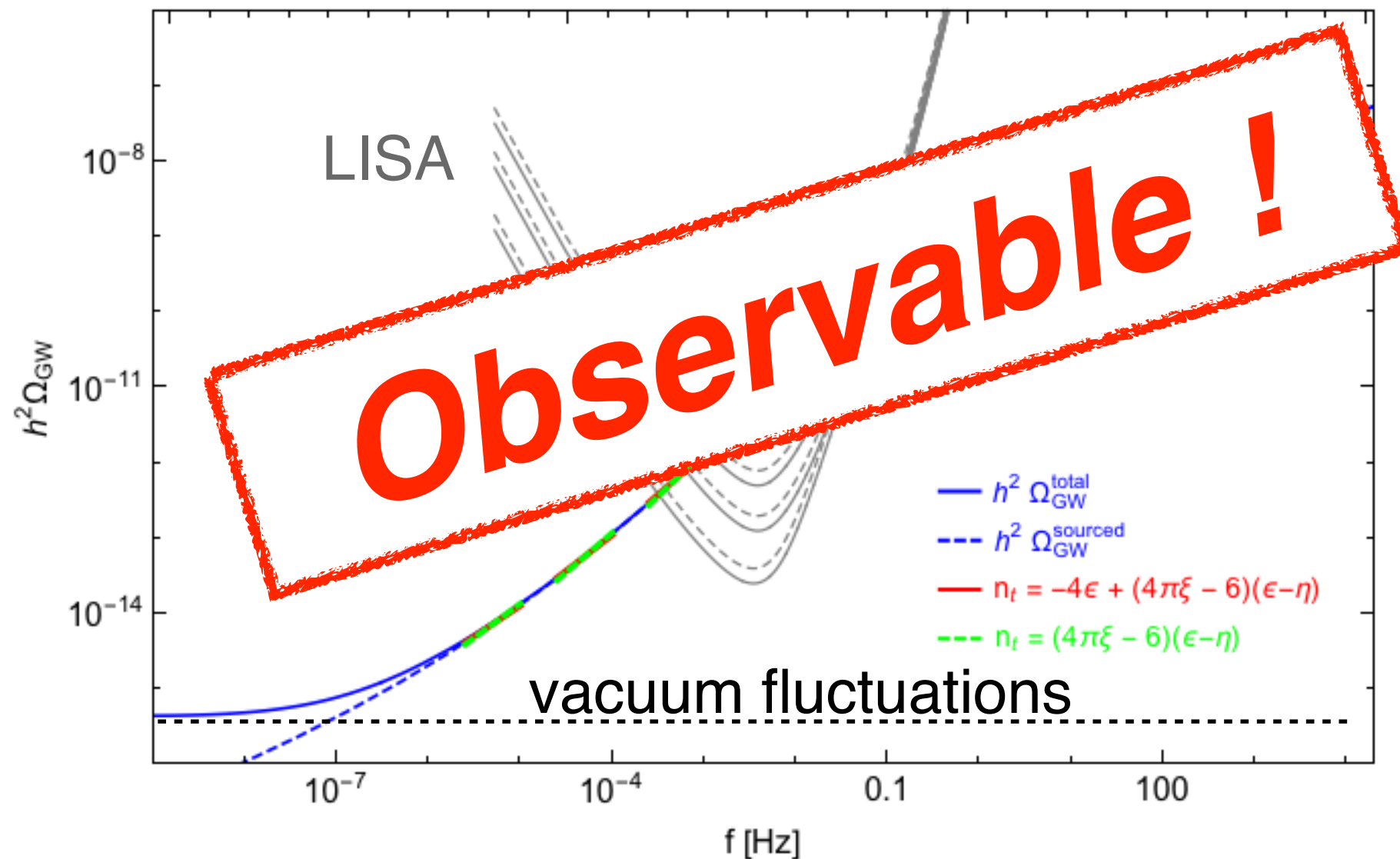
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**Scalar Fld**

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**Fermion Fld**

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} - |(\partial_\mu - gA_\mu)\Phi|^2 - V(\Phi^\dagger\Phi) \quad \textbf{Gauge Fld } (\Phi = \phi e^{i\theta})$$

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All 3 cases:

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$$n_k = \text{Exp}\{-\pi(k/\mu)^2\}$$

**Non-adiabatic field excitation (particle creation)**

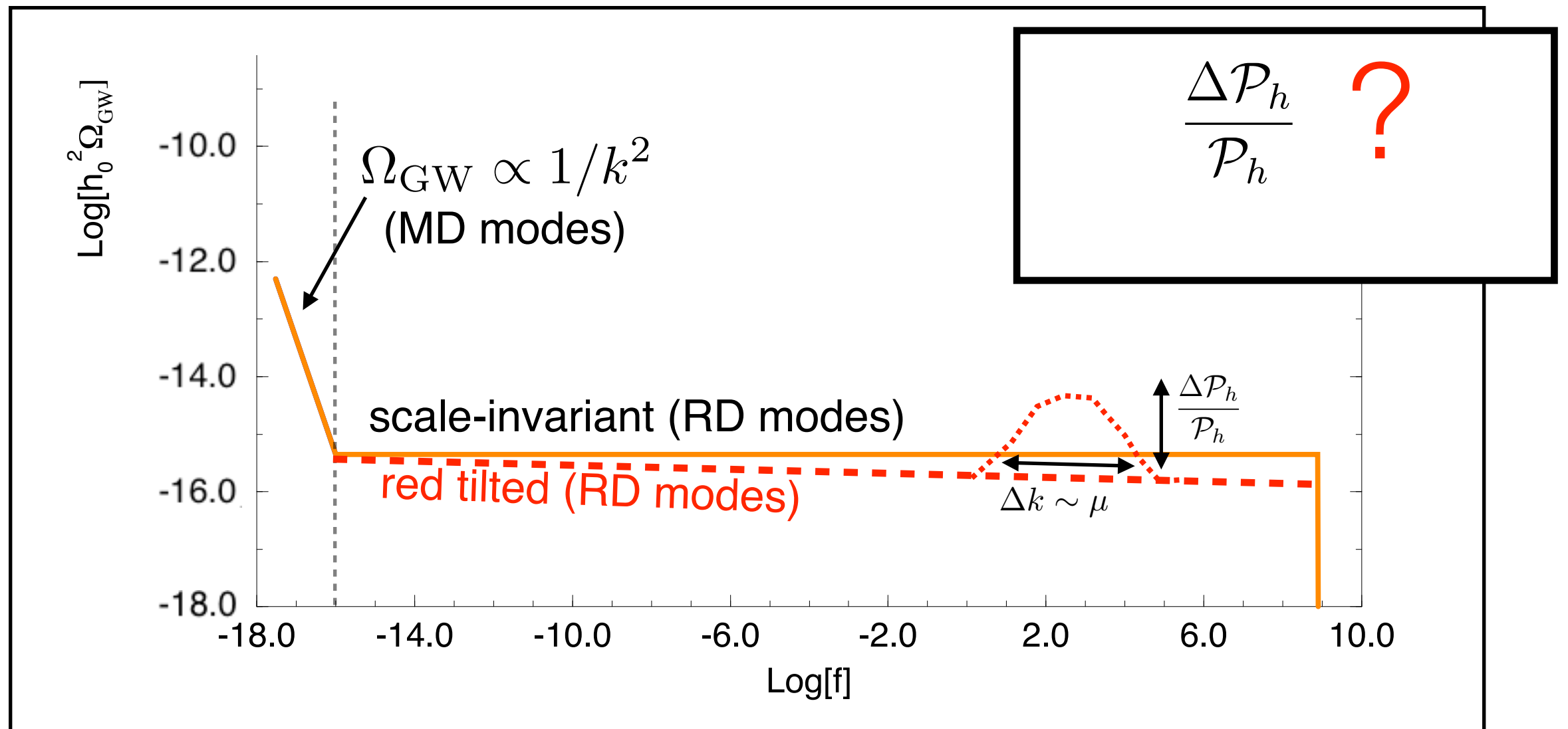
  
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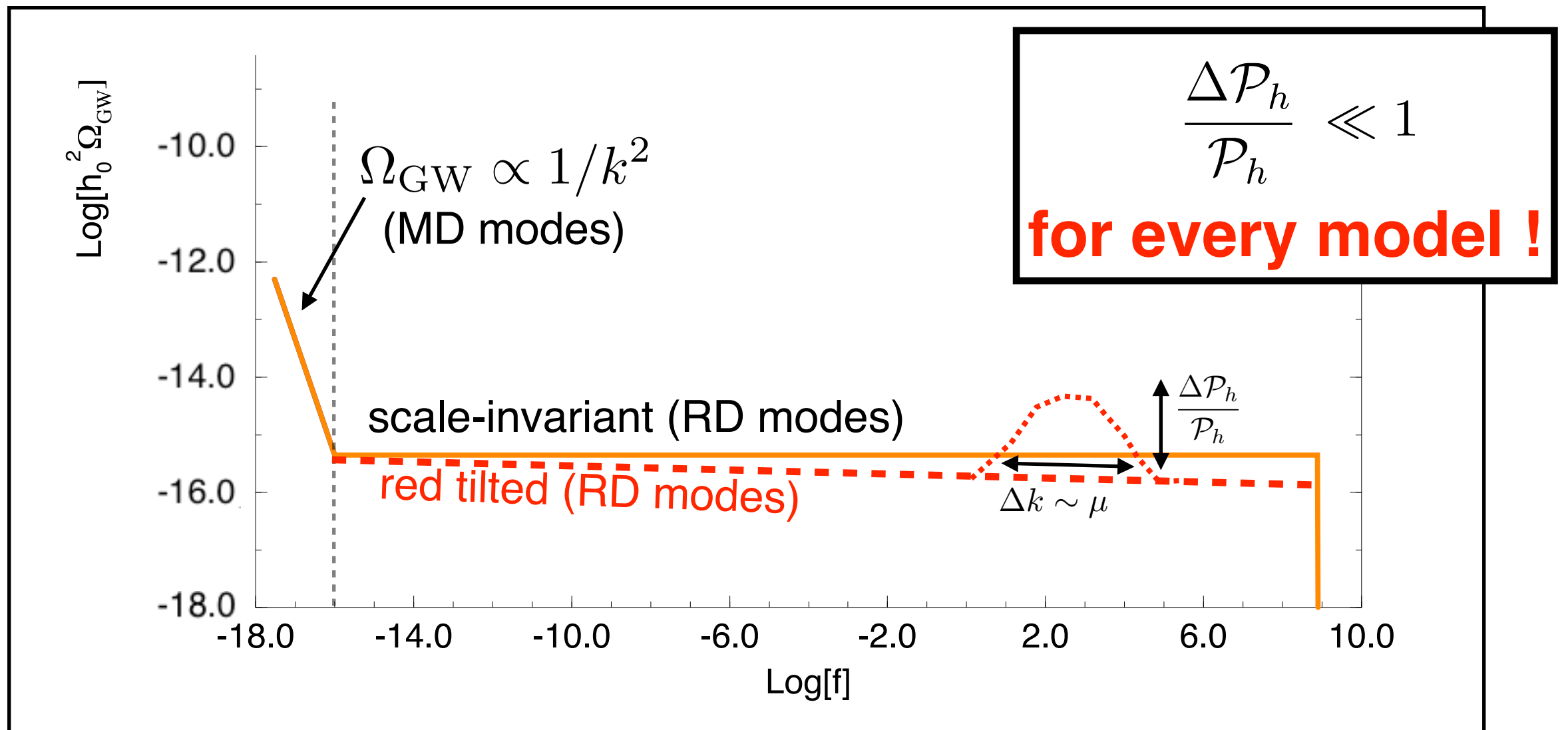


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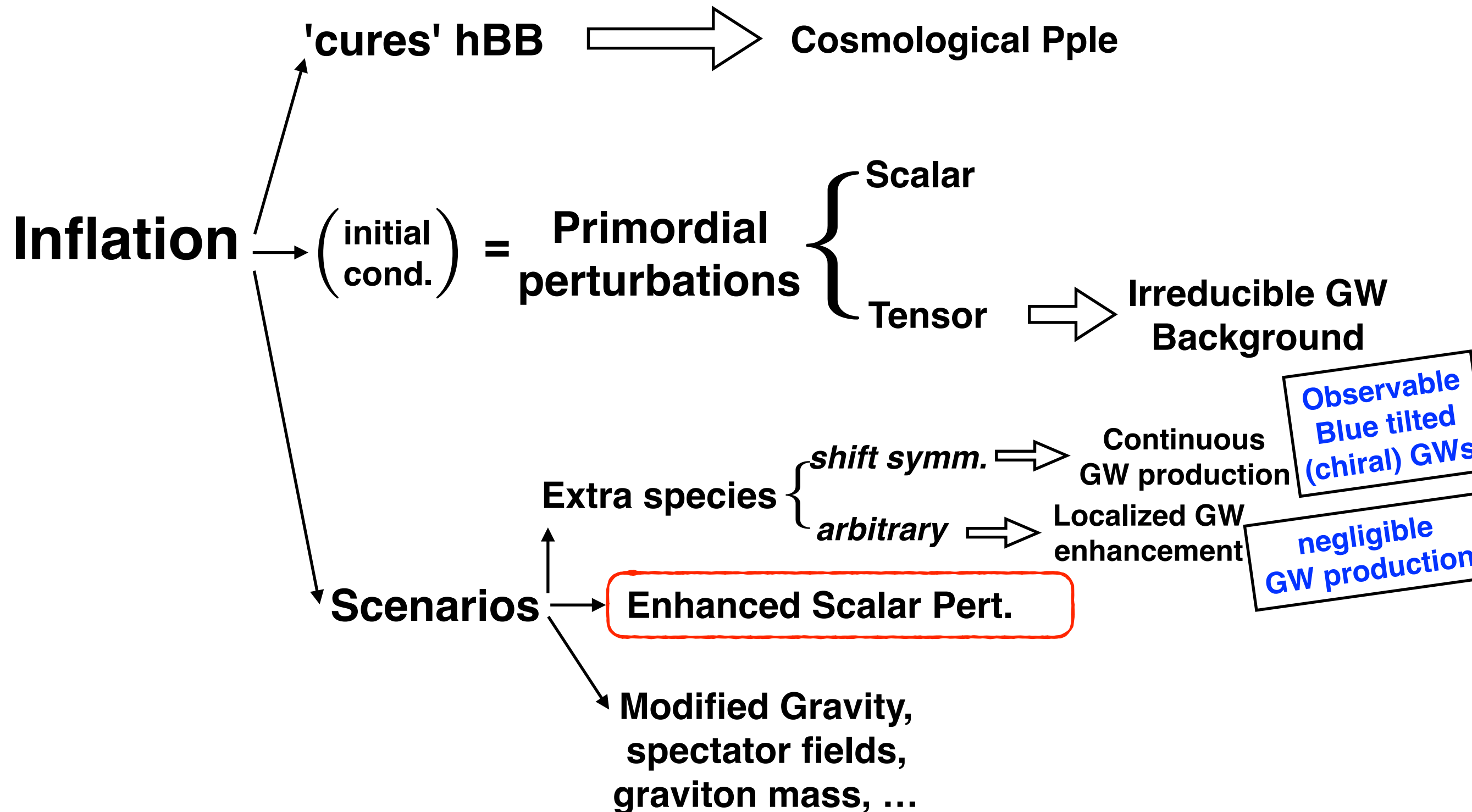
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PELOSO's talk !

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**PTA**  $\Omega_{gw,0} < 4 \times 10^{-8} \longrightarrow \Delta_{\mathcal{R}}^2 < 5 \times 10^{-3}$

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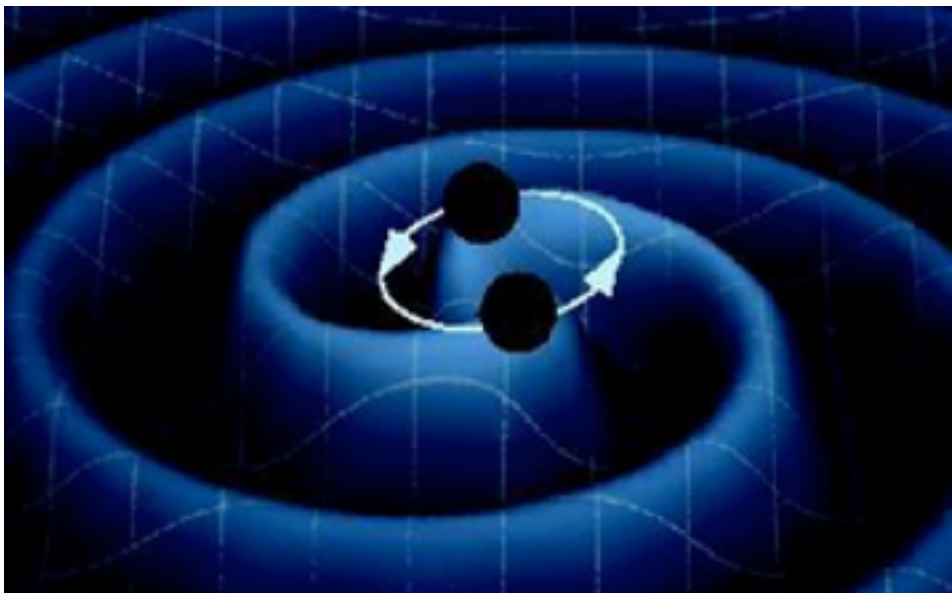
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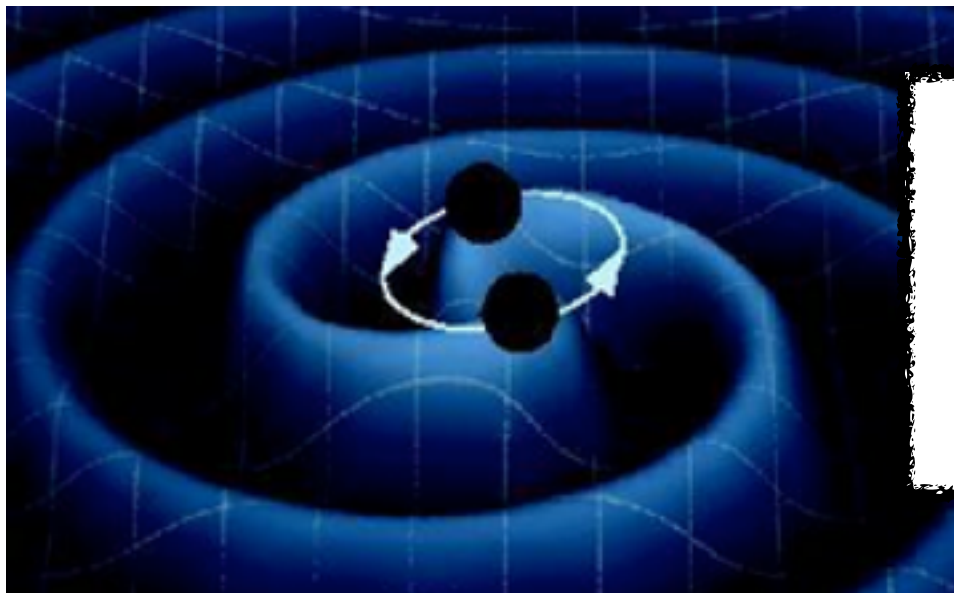


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***‘We will know soon, determining mass/spin distributions’***  
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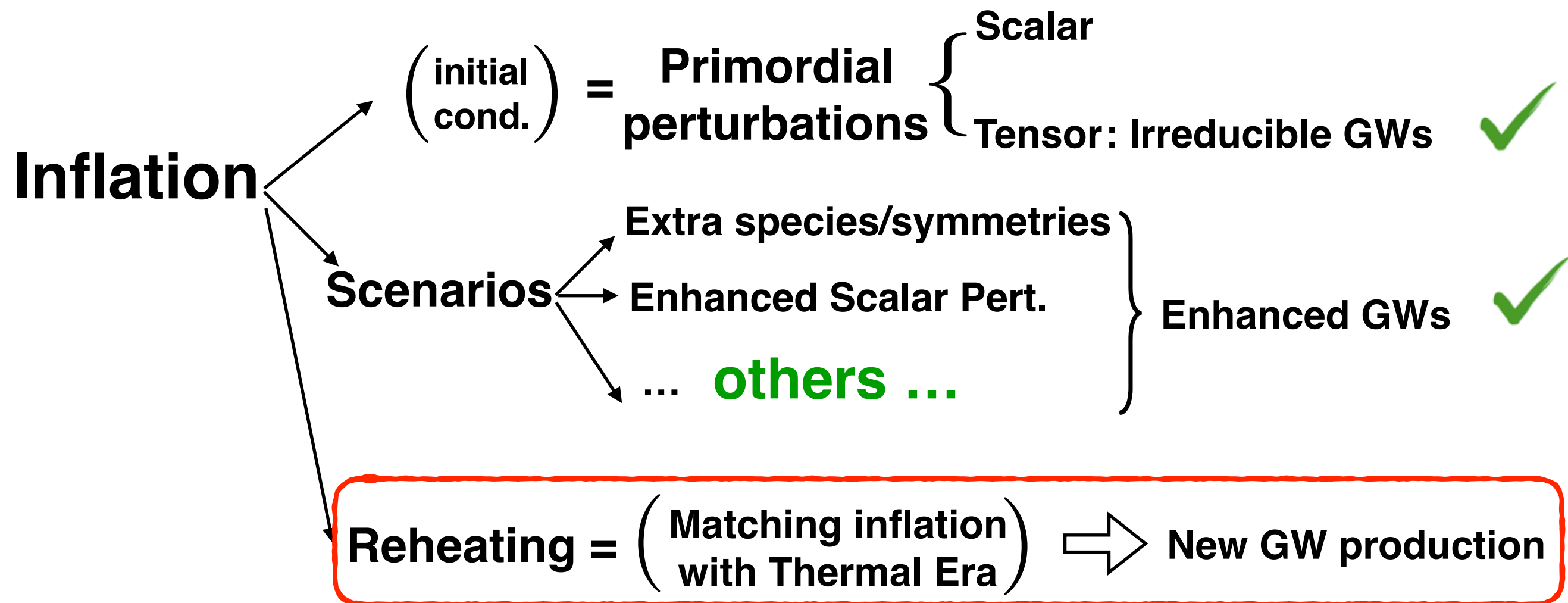
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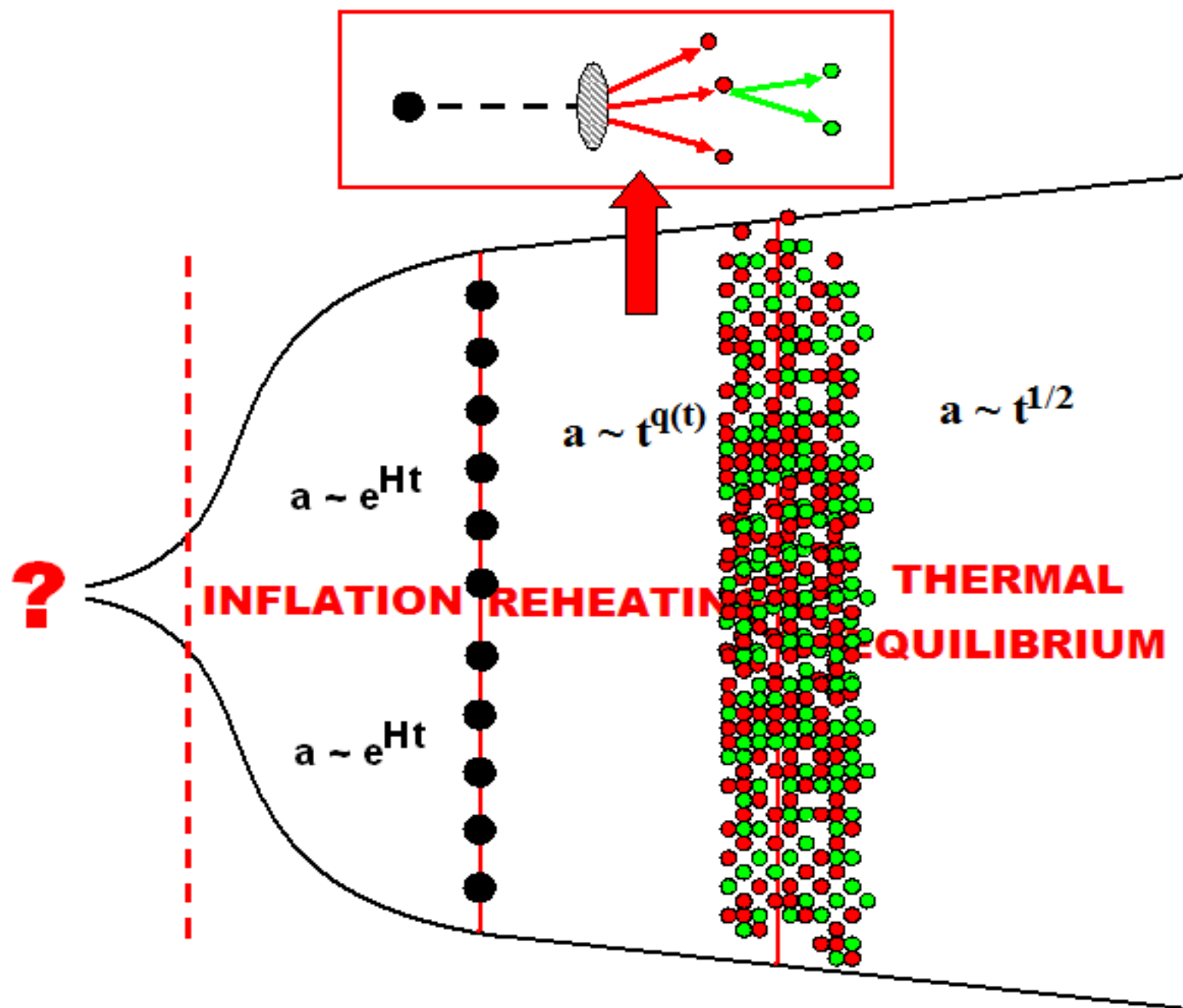
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# GWs from (p)Reheating

INFLATION  $\longrightarrow$  REHEATING  $\longrightarrow$  BIG BANG THEORY

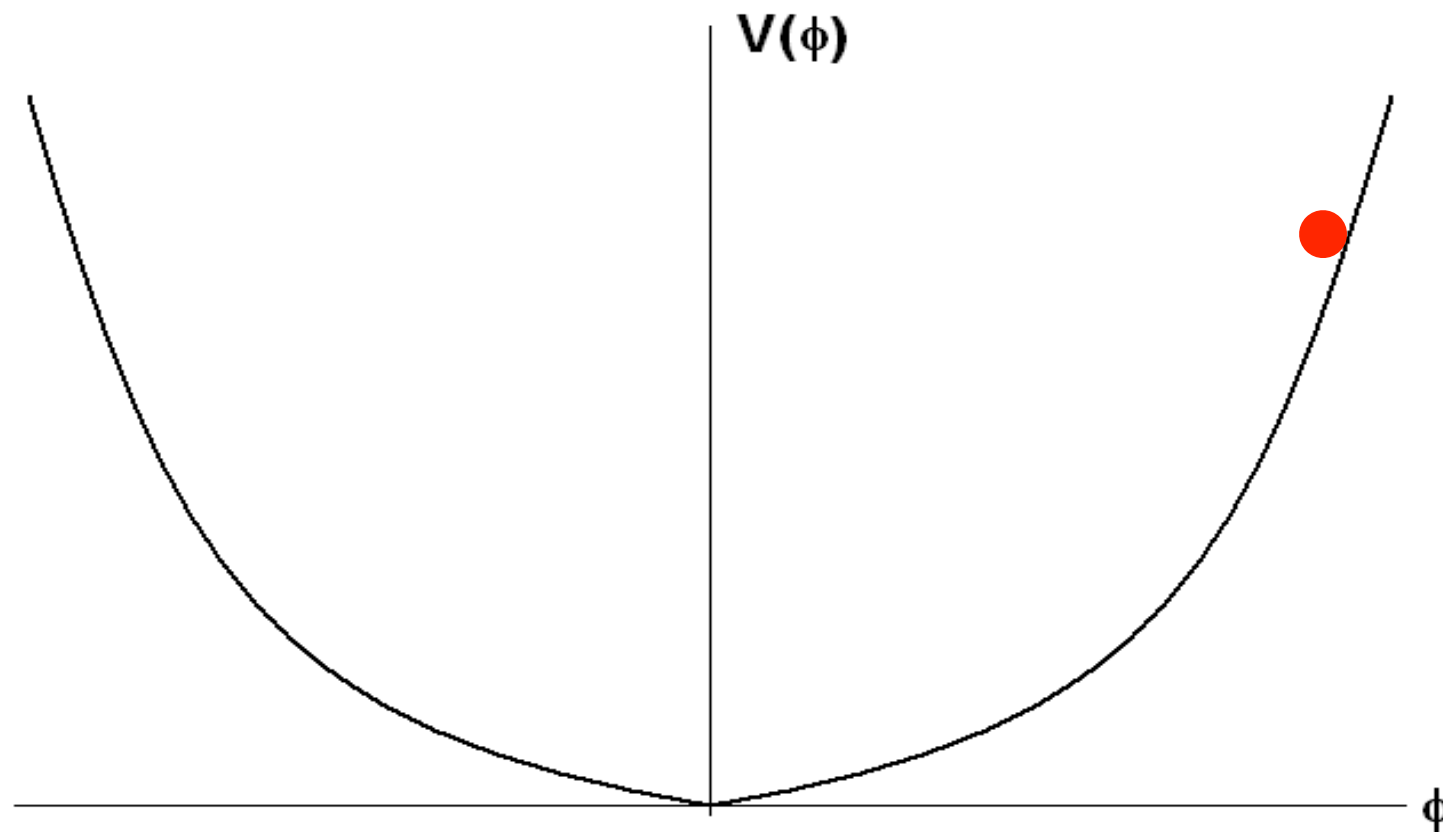


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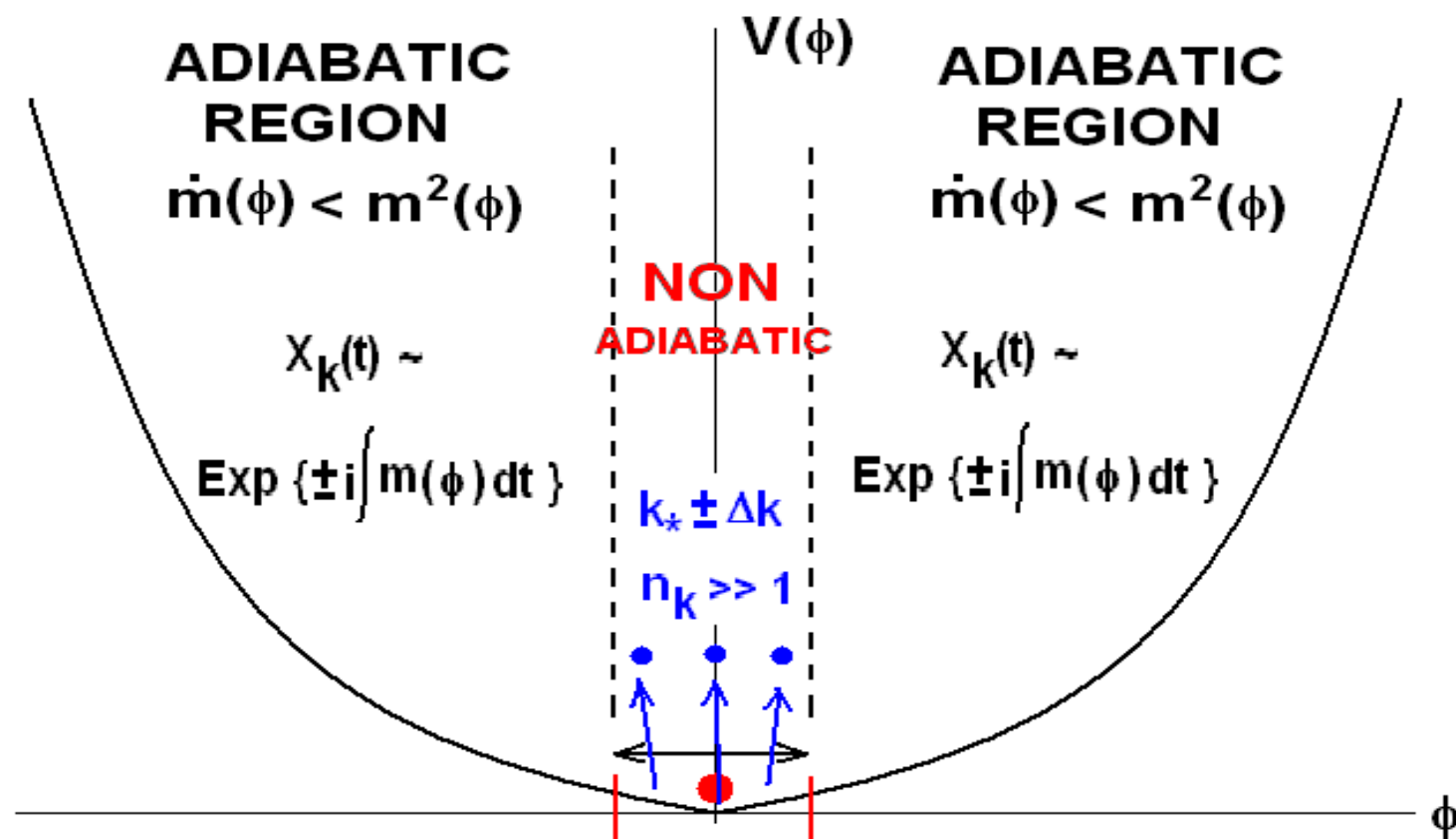


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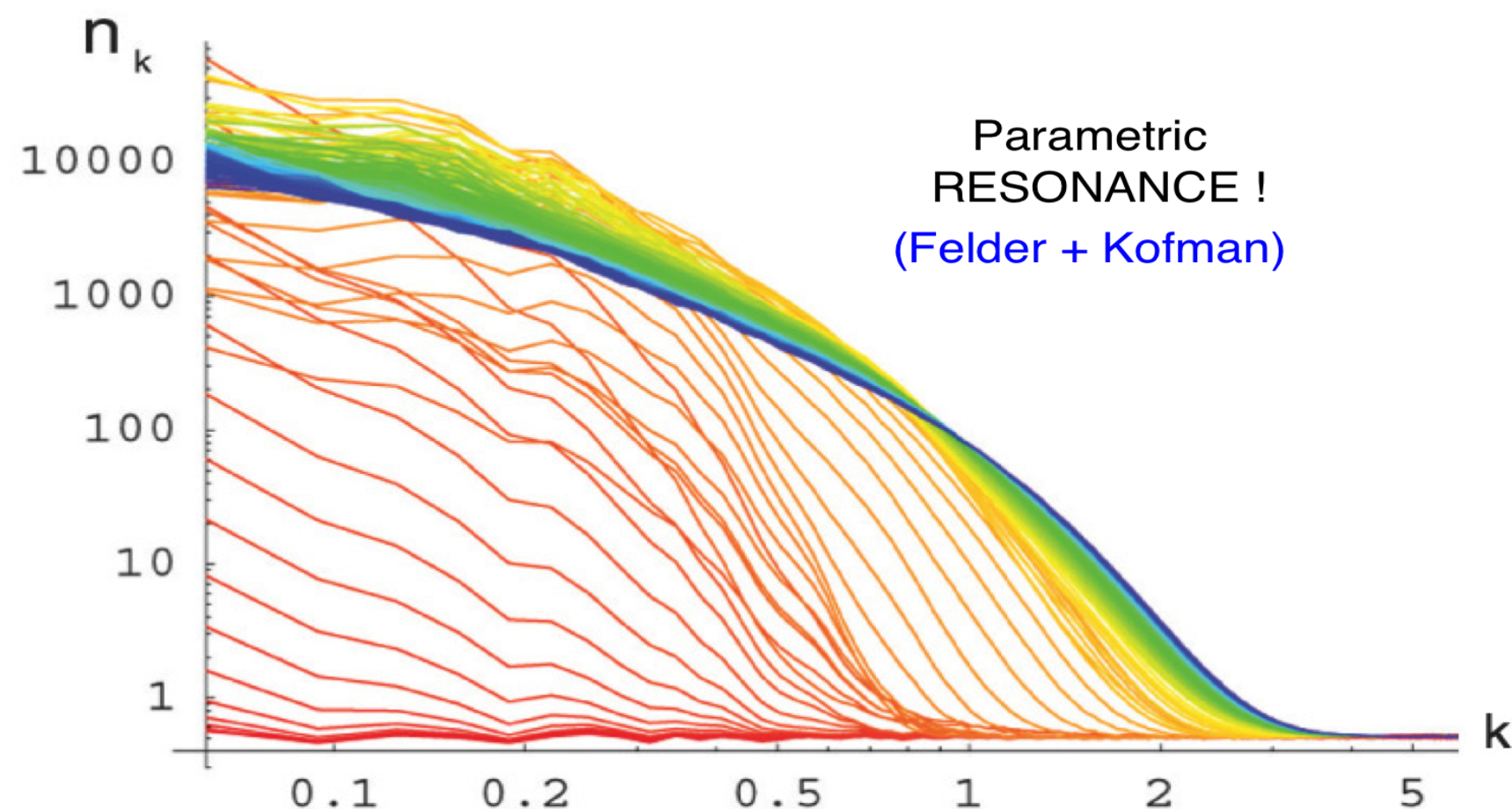


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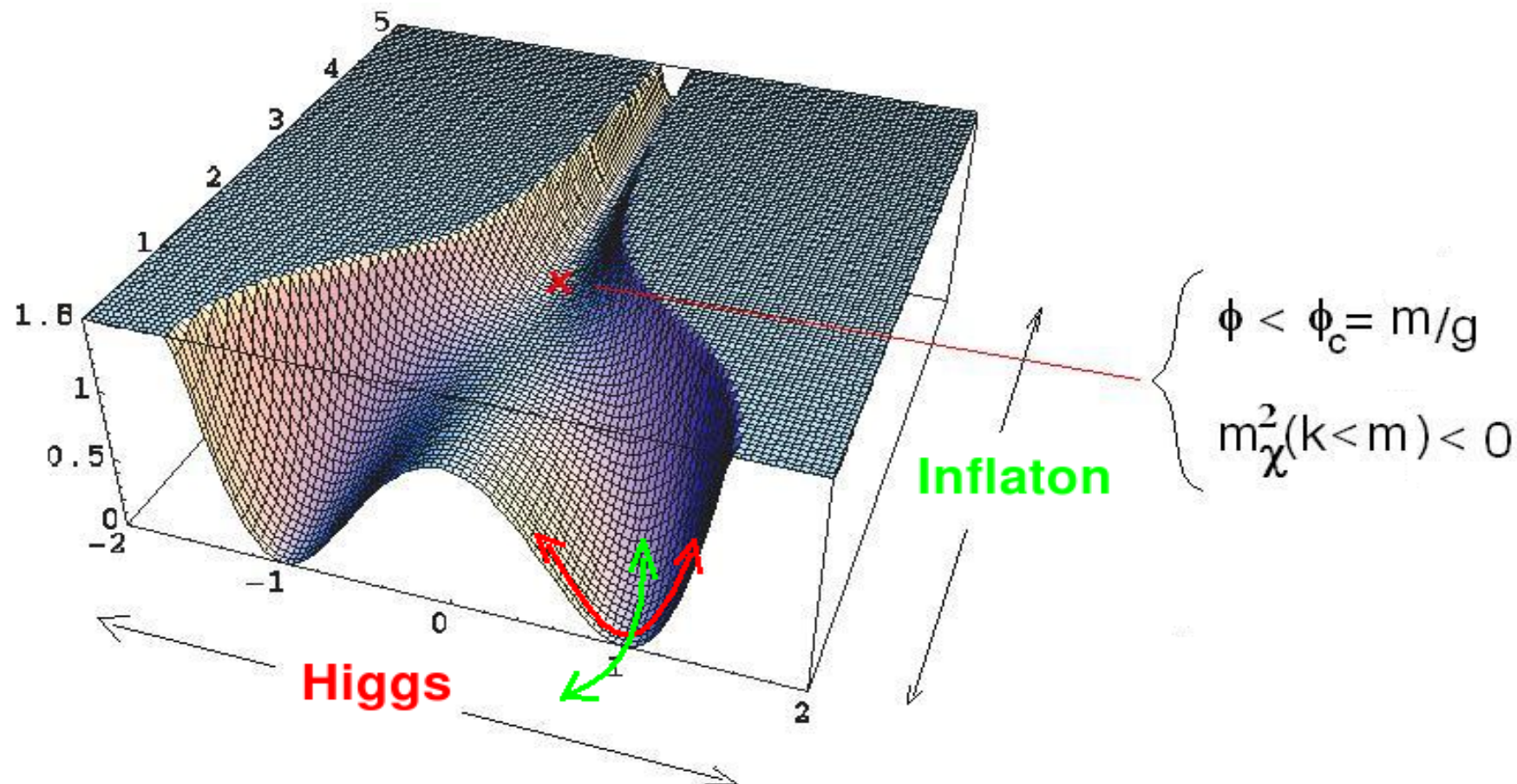
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$$\ddot{\chi}_k + \left(k^2 + m^2 \left(\frac{\phi^2}{\phi_c^2} - 1\right) + \lambda|\chi|^2\right)\chi_k = 0$$

$$(k < m = \sqrt{\lambda}v)$$

$$\chi_k, n_k \sim e^{\sqrt{m^2 - k^2}t}$$

Hybrid Preheating



# INFLATIONARY PREHEATING

Physics of (p)REHEATING:  $\ddot{\varphi}_k + \omega^2(k, t)\varphi_k = 0$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{Hybrid Preheating :} & \omega^2 = k^2 + m^2(1 - V t) < 0 \quad (\text{Tachyonic}) \\ \text{Chaotic Preheating :} & \omega^2 = k^2 + \Phi^2(t) \sin^2 \mu t \quad (\text{Periodic}) \end{array} \right.$$

$$\text{At } \mathbf{k}_i: \quad \varphi_{k_i}, n_{k_i} \sim e^{\mu(k,t)t} \Rightarrow \text{Inhomogeneities:} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} L_i \sim 1/k_i \\ \delta\rho/\rho \gtrsim 1 \\ v \approx c \end{array} \right.$$

**Preheating: Very Effective GW generator !**

Easter, Giblin, Lim '06-'08  
DGF, Ga-Bellido, et al '07-'10  
Kofman, Dufaux et al '07-'09

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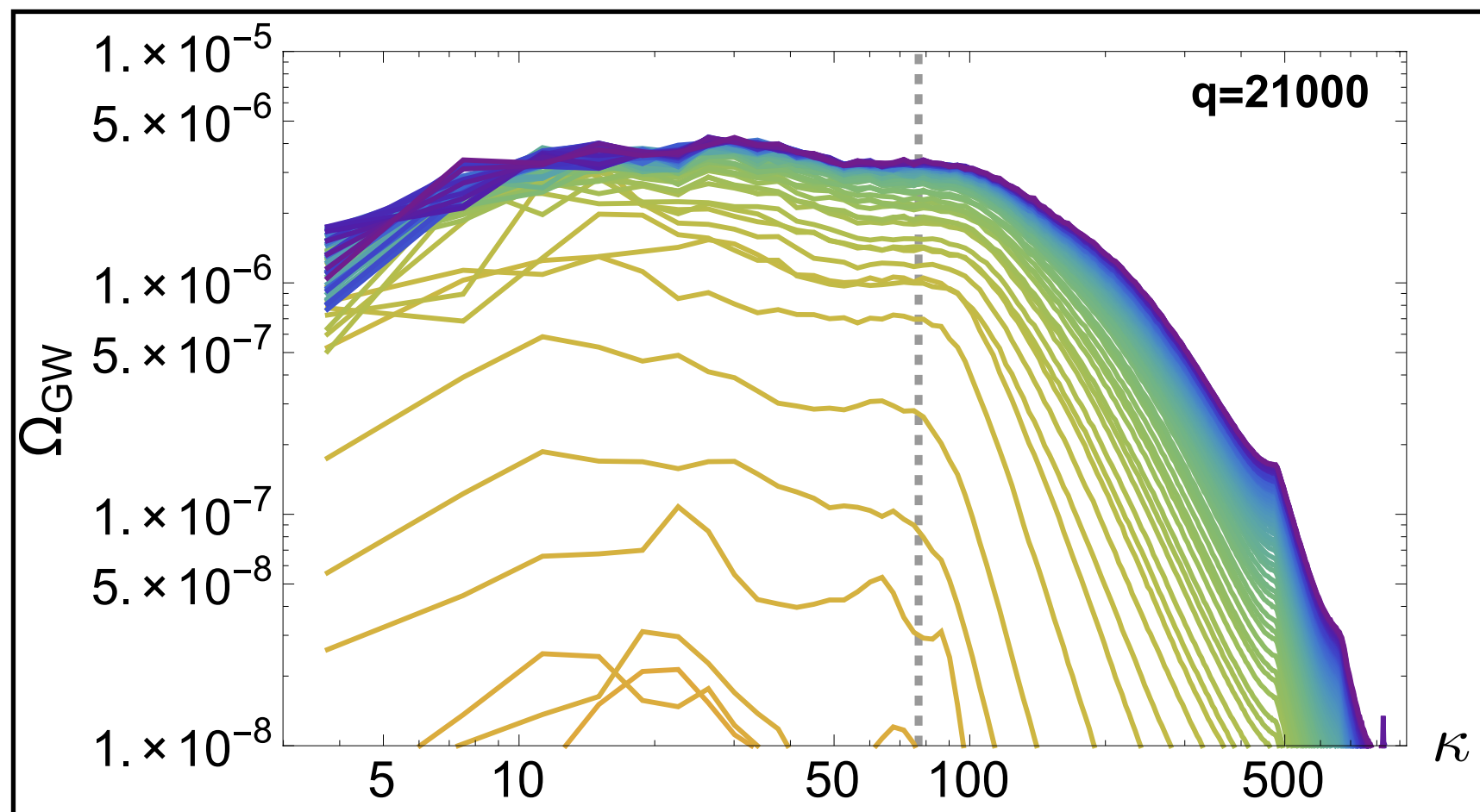
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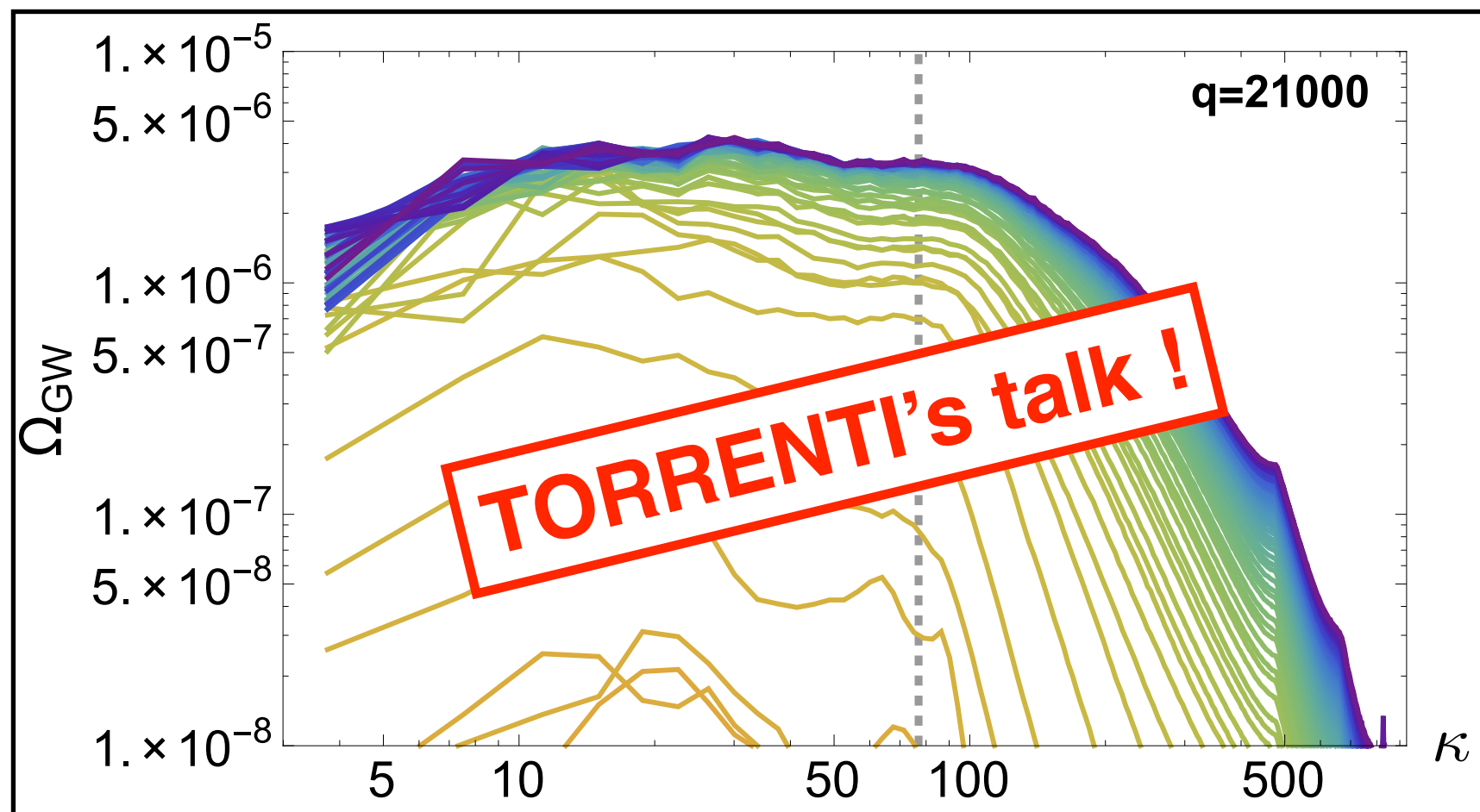
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**What physics can we probe ?**



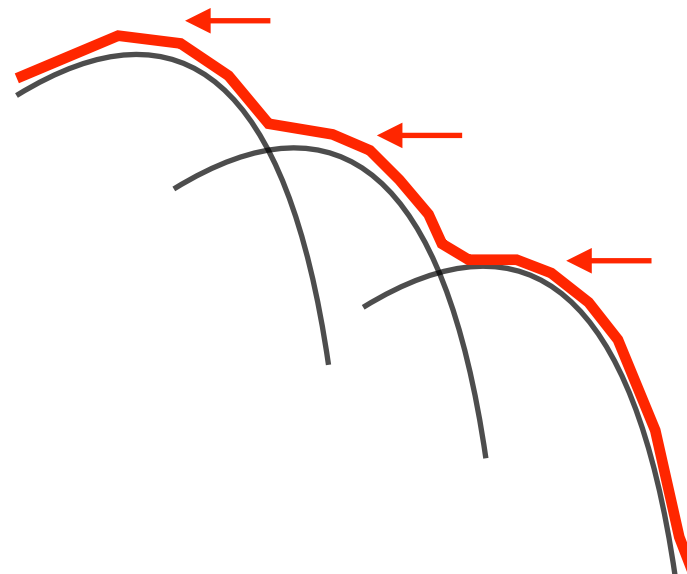
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$\Omega_{\text{GW}} \propto q^{-1/2} \longrightarrow$  **Spectroscopy of particle couplings !**



**different couplings  
... different peaks !**



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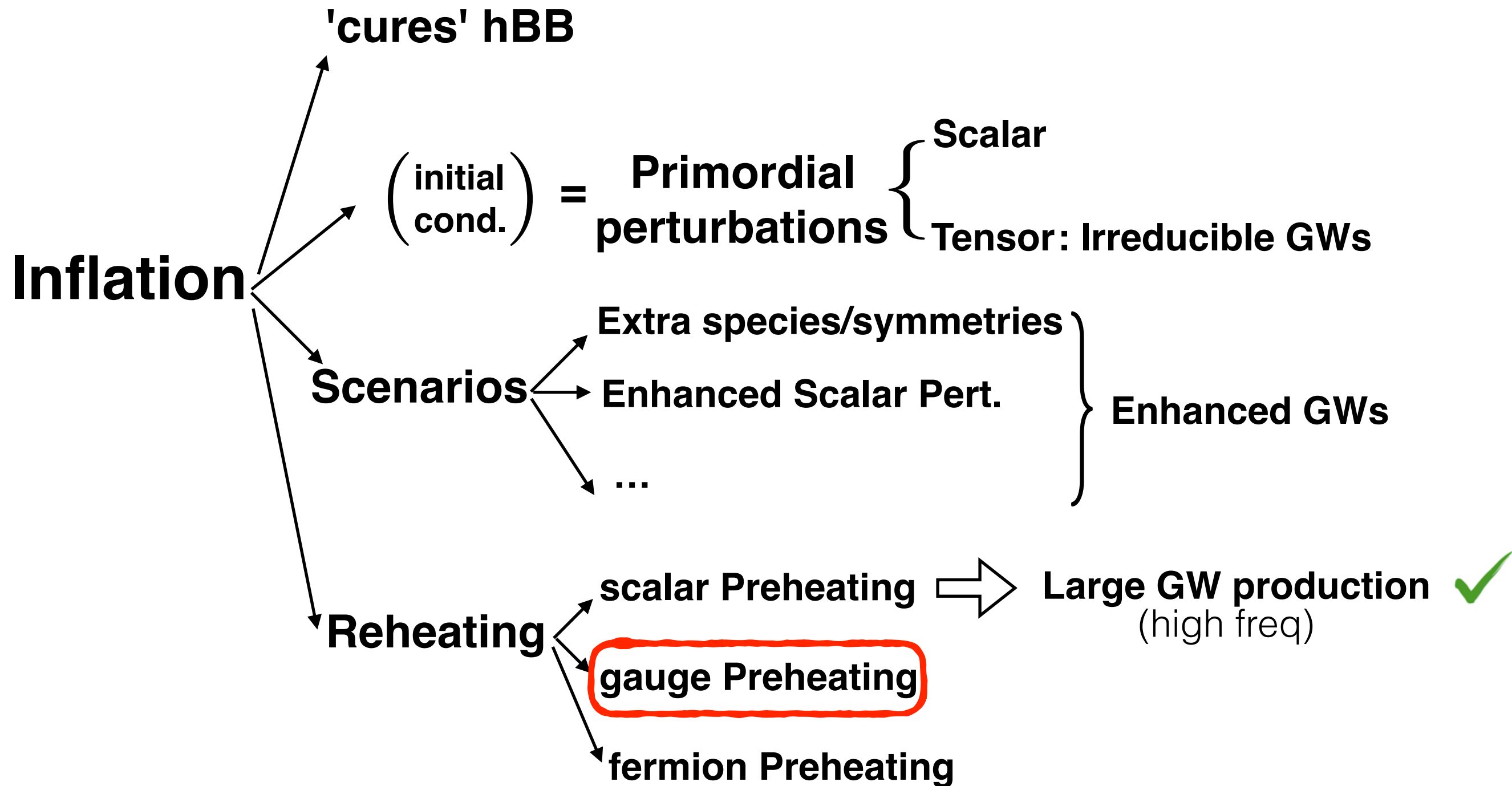
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# GAUGE (P)REHEATING

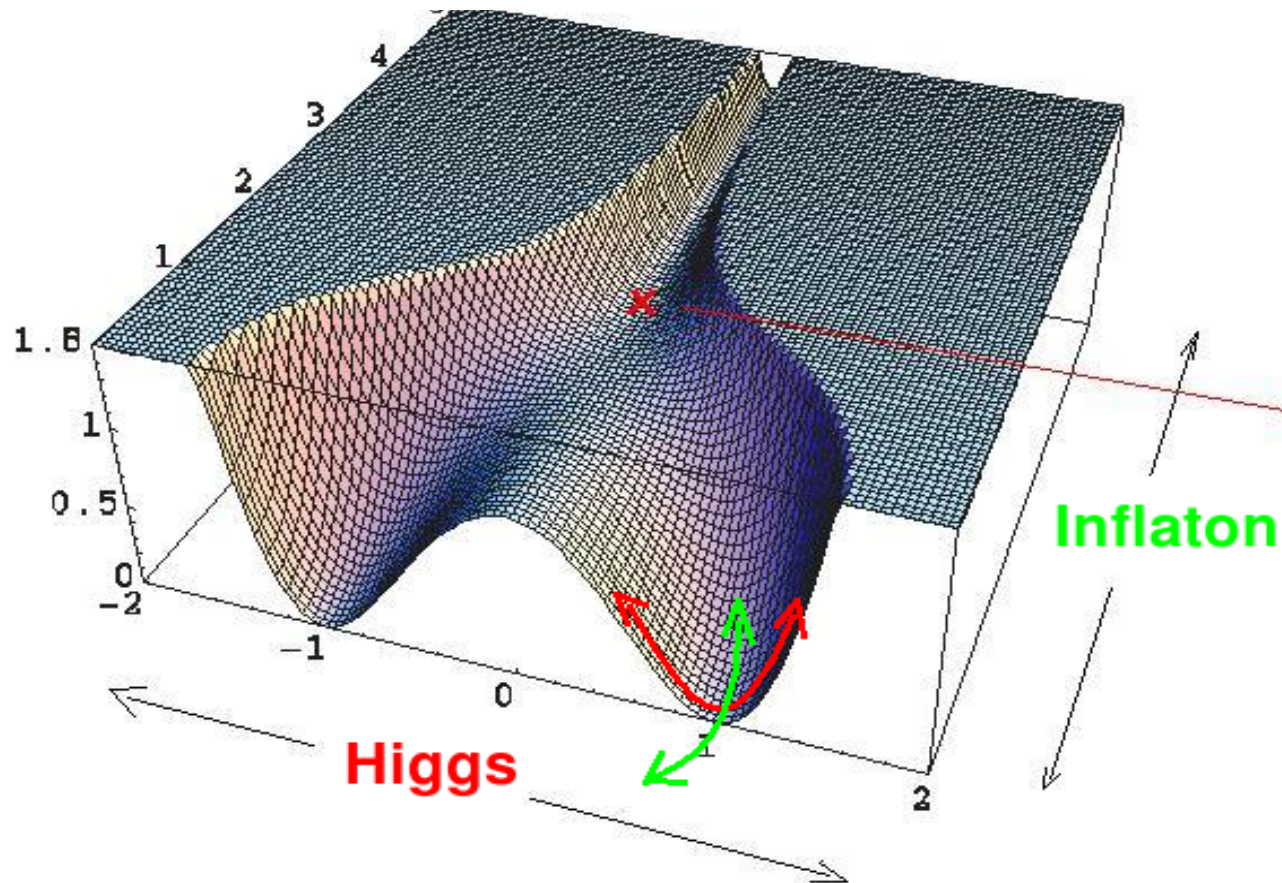
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... but now there are gauge field(s) !

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EOM:  $\begin{cases} \text{Minkowski,} \\ \text{Temporal Gauge } (A_0 = 0) \end{cases}$

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{\varphi} - D_i D_i \varphi + V_{,\varphi^*} &= 0 & \longrightarrow & \text{SCALARS eom} \\ \ddot{A}_i - \partial_j \partial_j A_i + \partial_i \partial_j A_j &= 2e^2 \text{Im} [\varphi^* D_i \varphi] & \longrightarrow & \text{VECTORS eom} \\ \partial_i \dot{A}_i &= 2e^2 \text{Im} [\varphi^* \dot{\varphi}] & \longrightarrow & \text{GAUSS law} \end{aligned}$$

GW EOM

$$\ddot{h}_{ij} - \partial_k \partial_k h_{ij} = 16\pi G \Pi_{ij}^{\text{TT}}$$

$$\Pi_{ij}^{\text{TT}} = [\partial_i \chi \partial_j \chi + 2 \text{Re} [D_i \varphi (D_j \varphi)^*] - B_i B_j - E_i E_j]^{\text{TT}}$$

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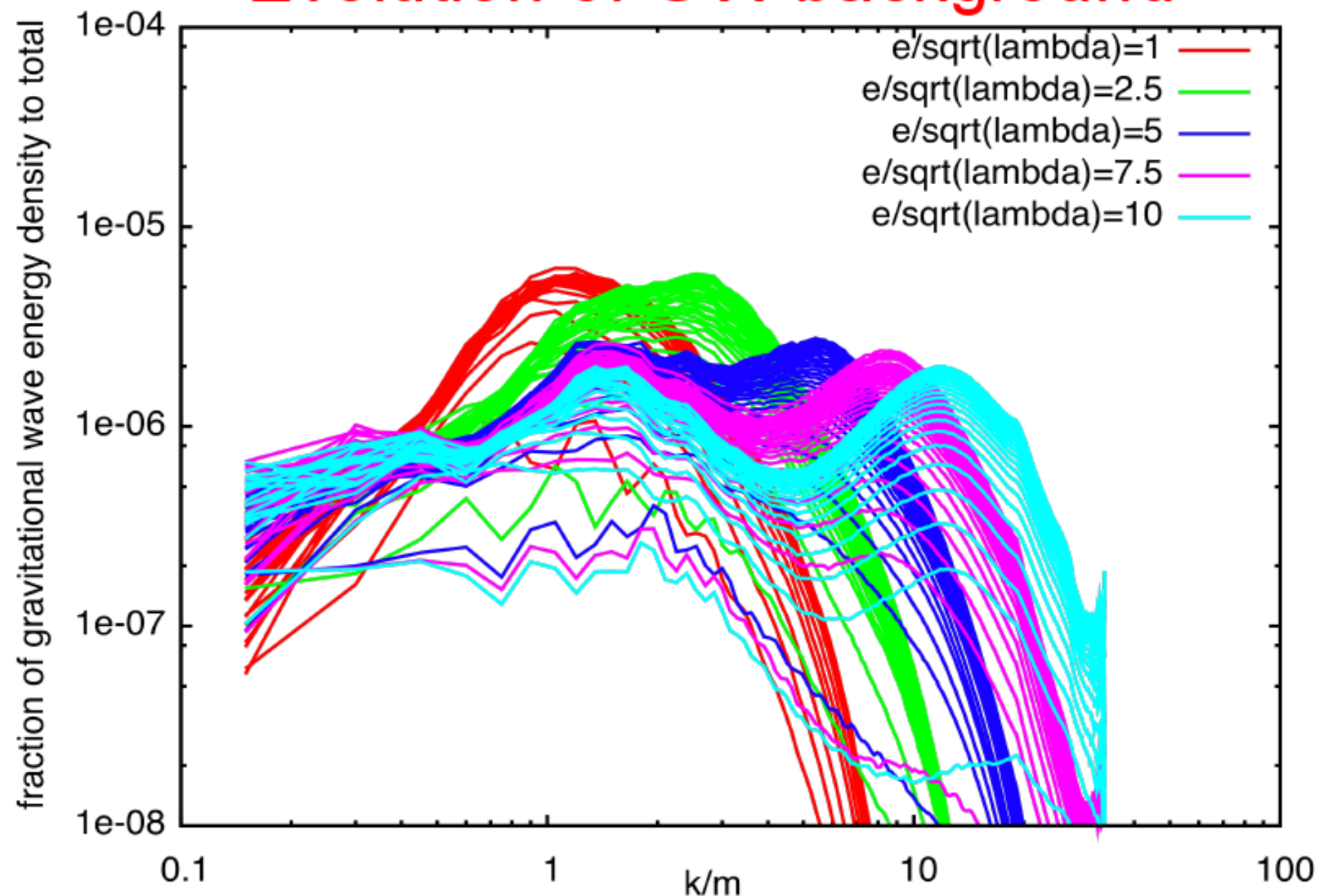


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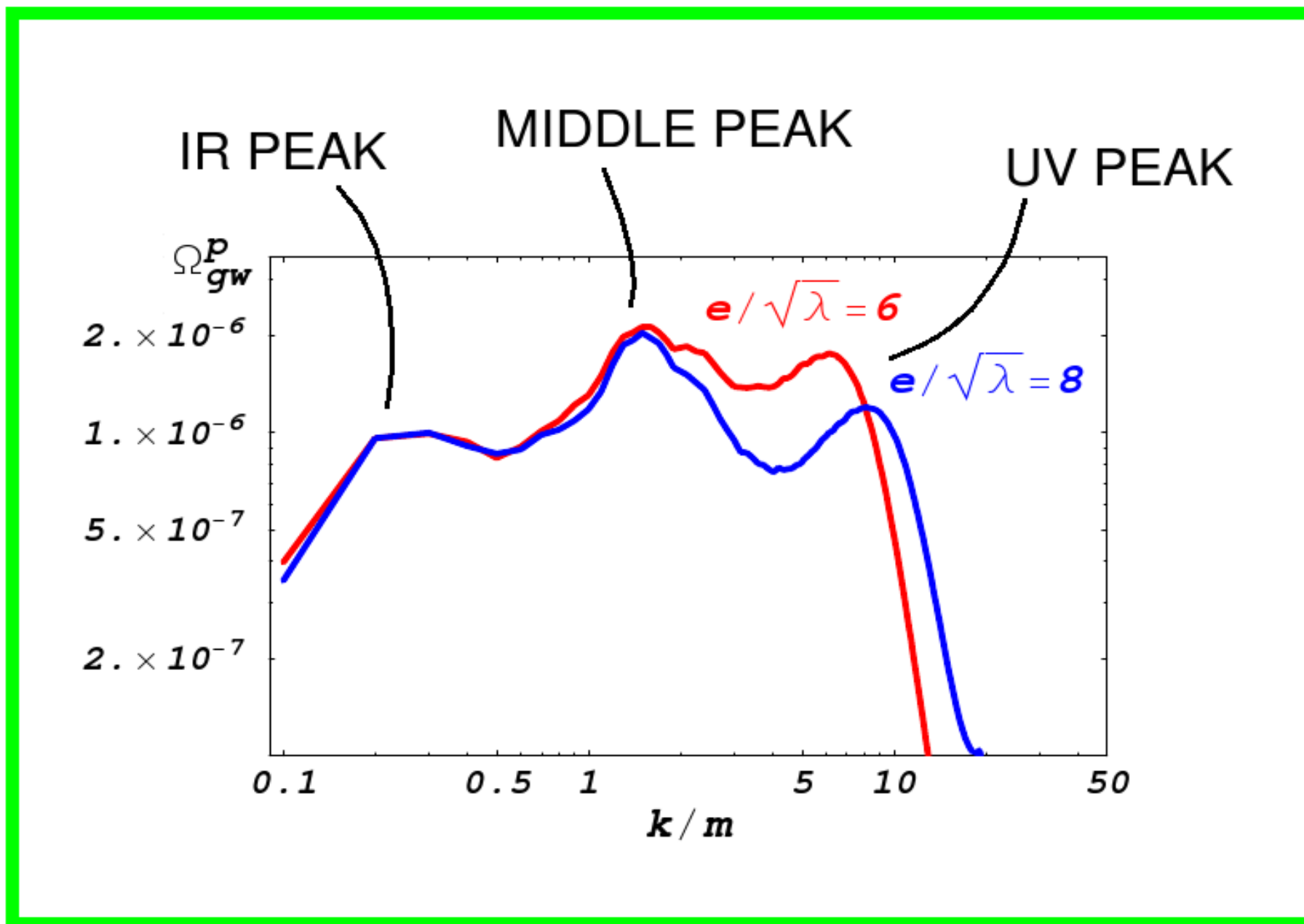
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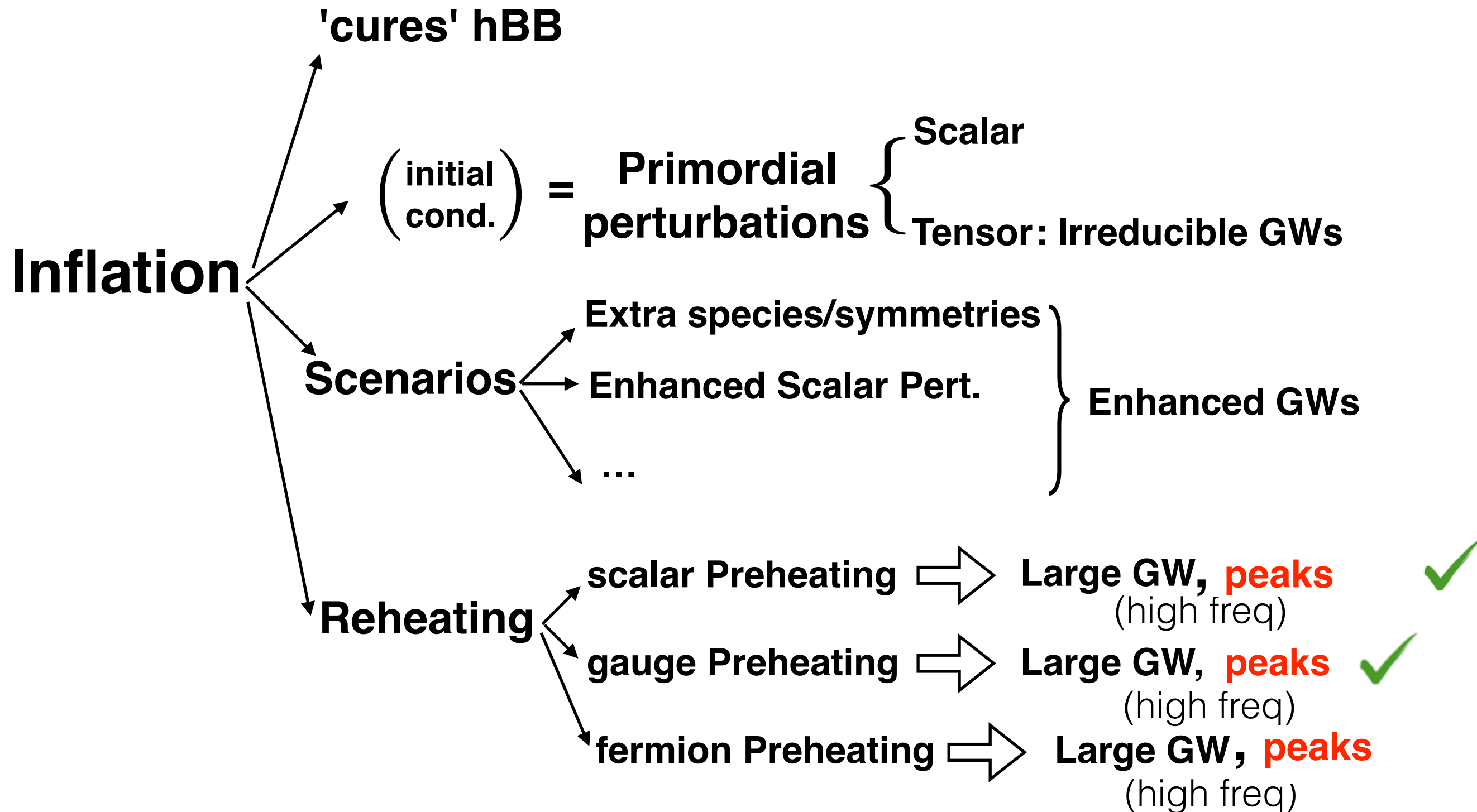
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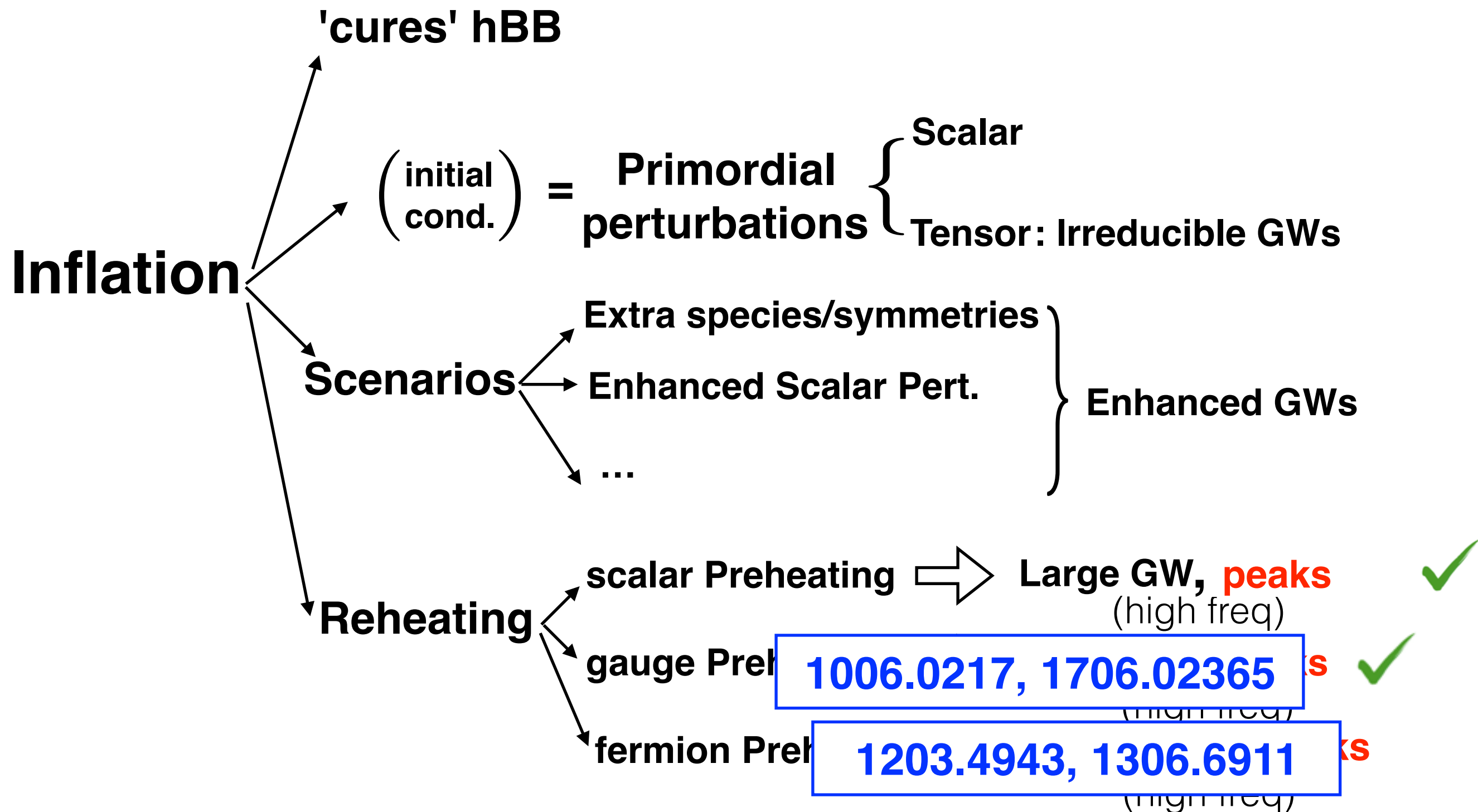


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# Gravitational Waves as a probe of the early Universe

## OUTLINE

0) GW definition 

1) GWs from Inflation

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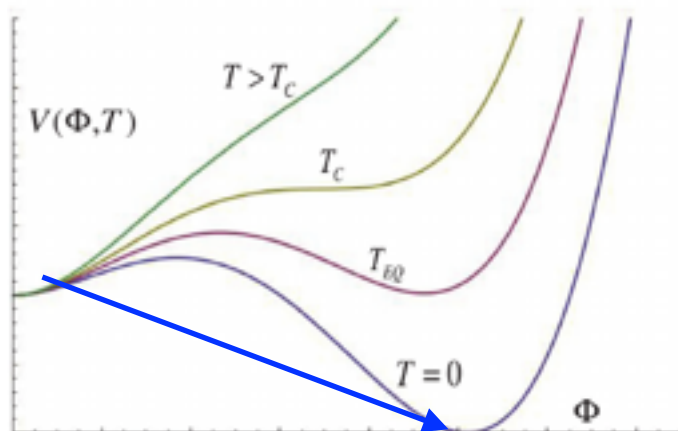
**Early  
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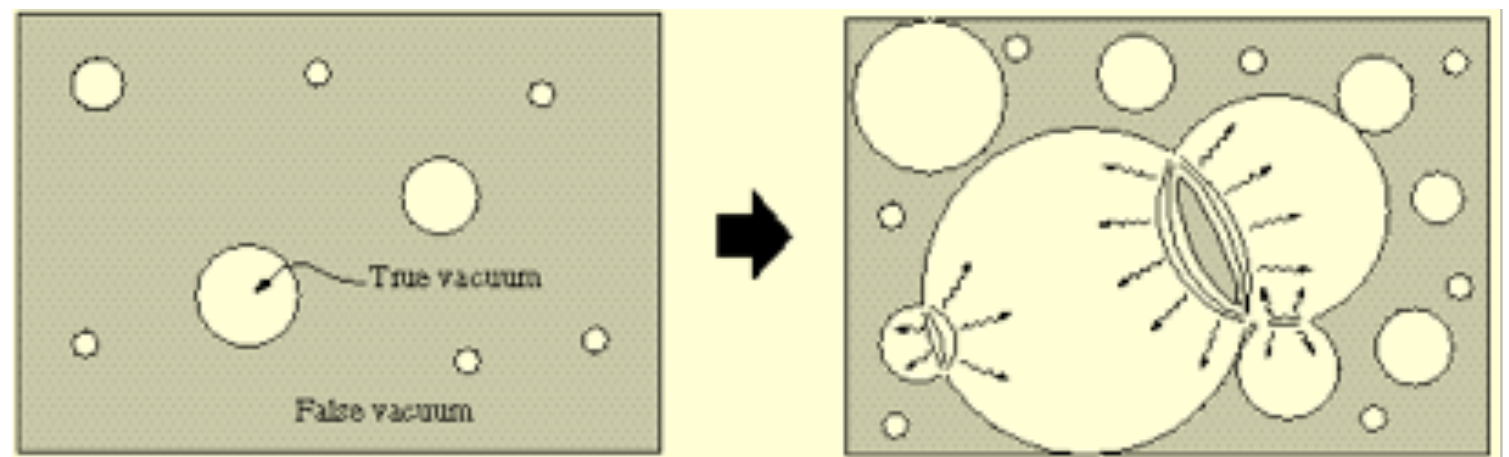
# First order phase transitions

Universe expands,  $T$  decreases: **phase transition triggered !**

**true** and **false** vacua



**bubble nucleation**



source:  $\Pi_{ij}$   
anisotropic stress

$$\Pi_{ij} \sim \partial_i \phi \partial_j \phi \quad (\text{Bubble wall collisions})$$

$$\Pi_{ij} \sim \gamma^2 (\rho + p) v_i v_j \quad (\text{Sound waves/Turbulence})$$

$$\Pi_{ij} \sim \frac{(E^2 + B^2)}{3} - E^i E^j - B^i B^j \quad (\text{MHD})$$

# What is the freq. in 1st Order PhT's ?

$$f_c = f_* \frac{a_*}{a_0} = \frac{2 \cdot 10^{-5}}{\epsilon_*} \frac{T_*}{1 \text{ TeV}} \text{ Hz}$$

**GW generation  $\longleftrightarrow$  bubbles properties**

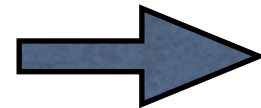
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$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \beta^{-1} : \text{duration of PhT} \\ v_b \leq 1 : \text{speed of bubble walls} \end{array} \right] \rightarrow R_* = v_b \beta^{-1} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{size of bubbles} \\ \text{at collision} \end{array}$$

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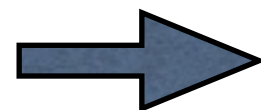
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$$\frac{\rho_s^*}{\rho_{\text{tot}}^*} = \frac{\kappa \alpha}{1 + \alpha}$$

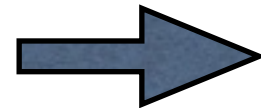
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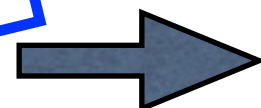


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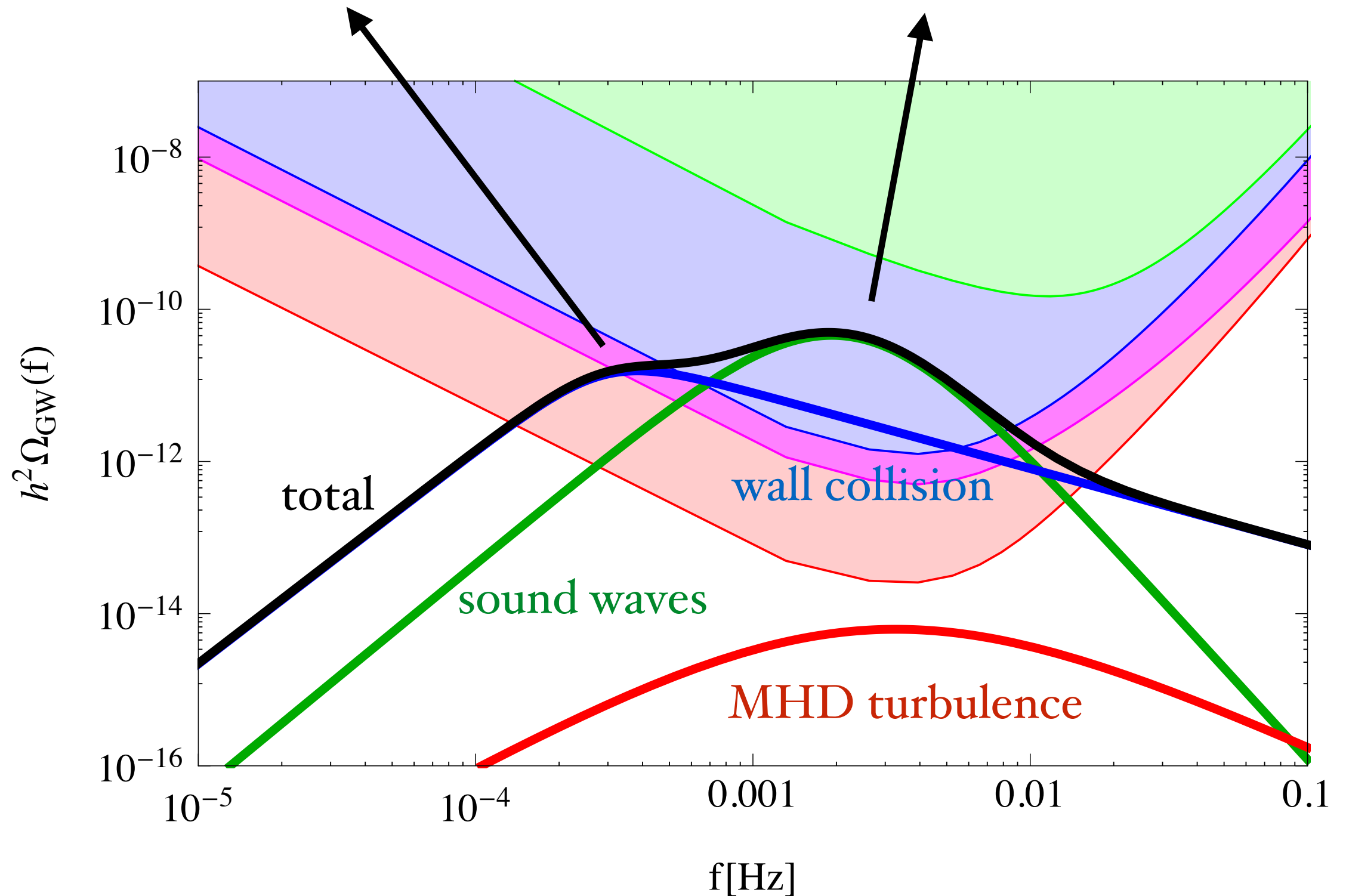
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# Example of spectrum

peak of bubble collisions

peak of fluid-related processes





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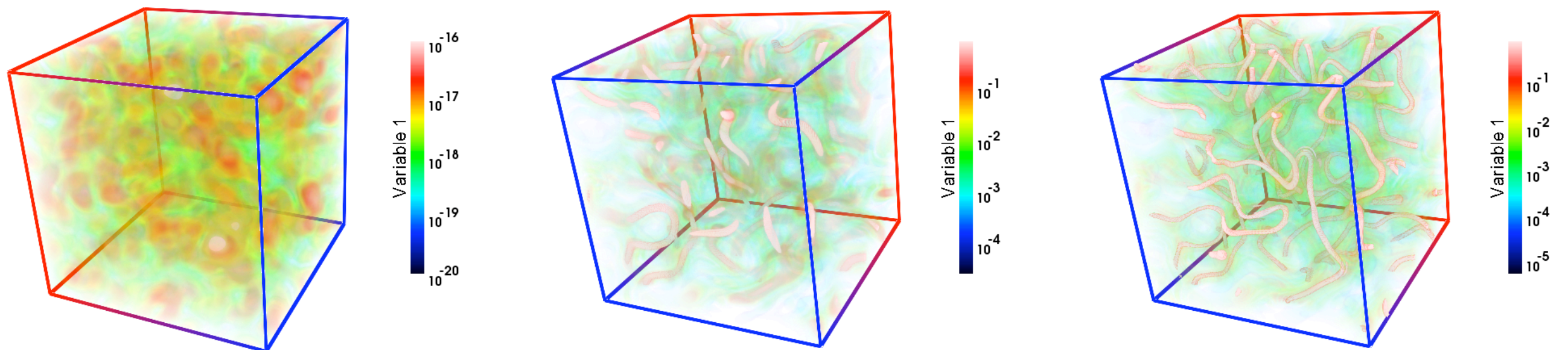
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# What about Cosmic Defects ? (aftermath products of a PhT)



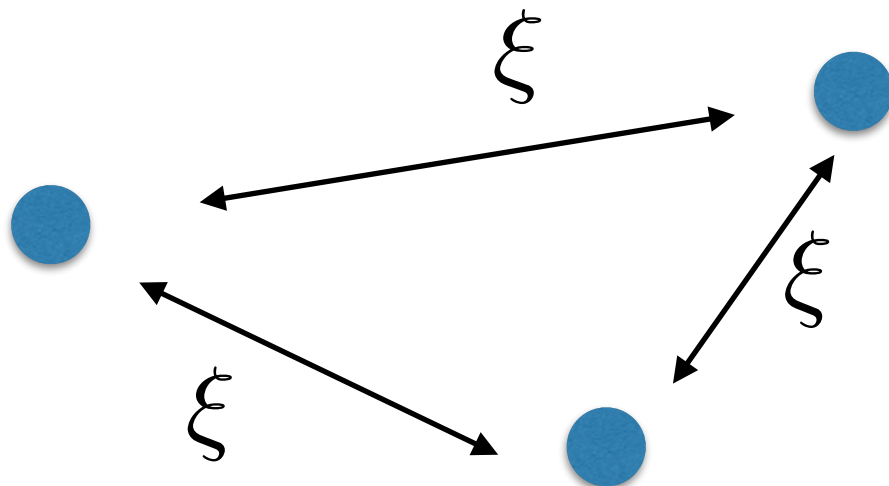
**U(1) Breaking (after Hybrid Inflation): Mag. Fields**

*Dufaux et al, 2010*

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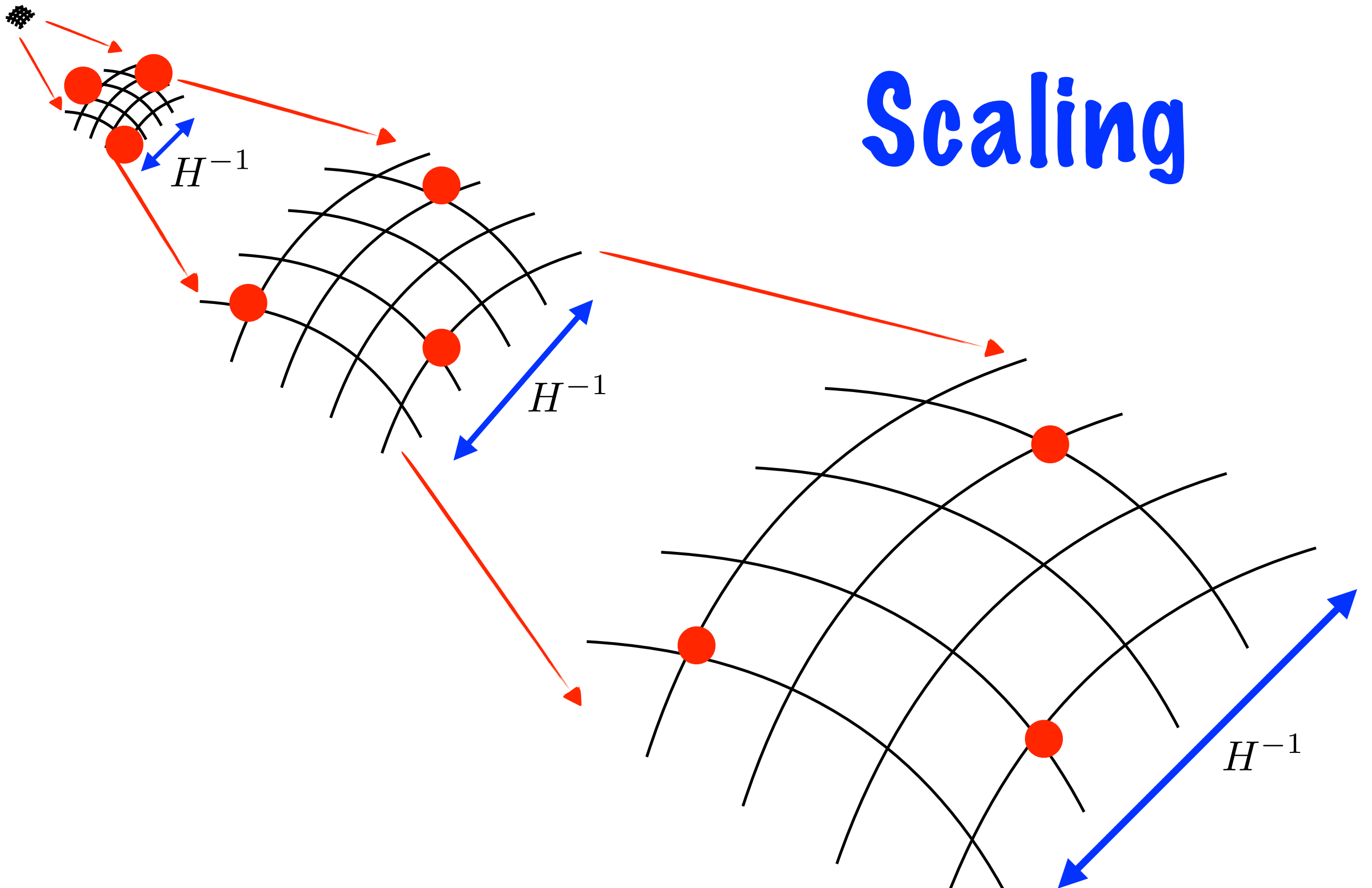
(Kibble' 76)

SCALING:  $\lambda(t) = \text{const.} \rightarrow \lambda \sim 1 \Rightarrow k/\mathcal{H} = kt$   
 $\swarrow \searrow$   
comoving momentum conformal time



# Cosmic Defects

Scaling



# GWs from a scaling network of cosmic defects

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(Unequal Time Correlator)

GW spectrum:

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UTC

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SCALING

$$F_U \sim \text{Const. (Dimensionless)}$$

# GWs from a scaling network of cosmic defects

GW today:

VEV

Scaling @ RD

$$\Omega_{GW}^{(o)} \equiv \frac{1}{\rho_c^{(o)}} \left( \frac{d\rho_{GW}}{d \log k} \right)_o = \frac{32}{3} \left( \frac{v}{M_p} \right)^4 \Omega_{\text{rad}}^{(o)} F_U, \quad (\text{SCALE INV.!!})$$

Defect type

$$F_U \equiv \int_0^x dx_1 dx_2 \sqrt{x_1 x_2} \cos(x_1 - x_2) U(x_1, x_2)$$

$\forall$  PhT (1st, 2nd, ...),  $\forall$  Defects (top. or non-top.)

# GWs from a scaling network of cosmic defects

**Total GW Spectrum**

energy scale

constants

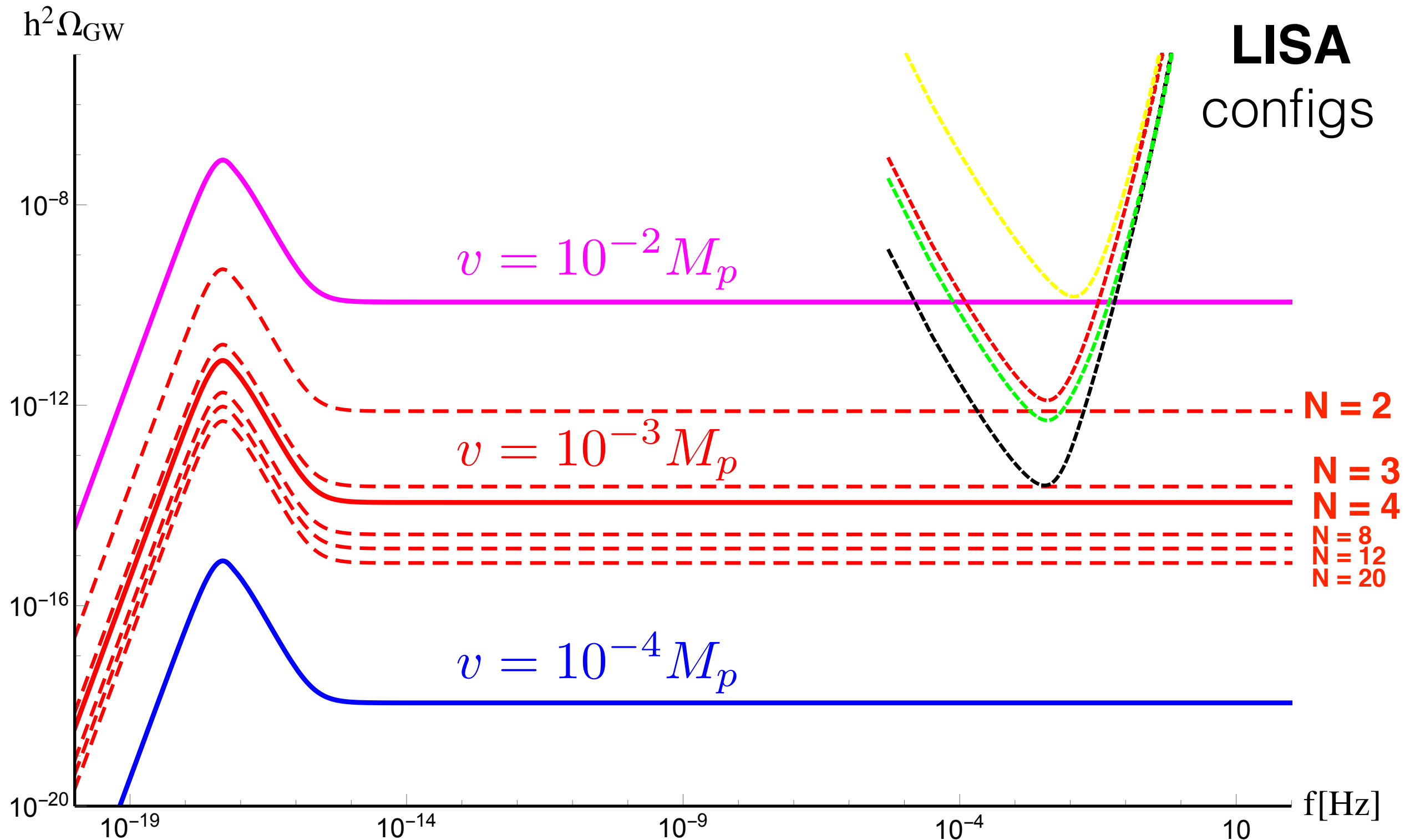
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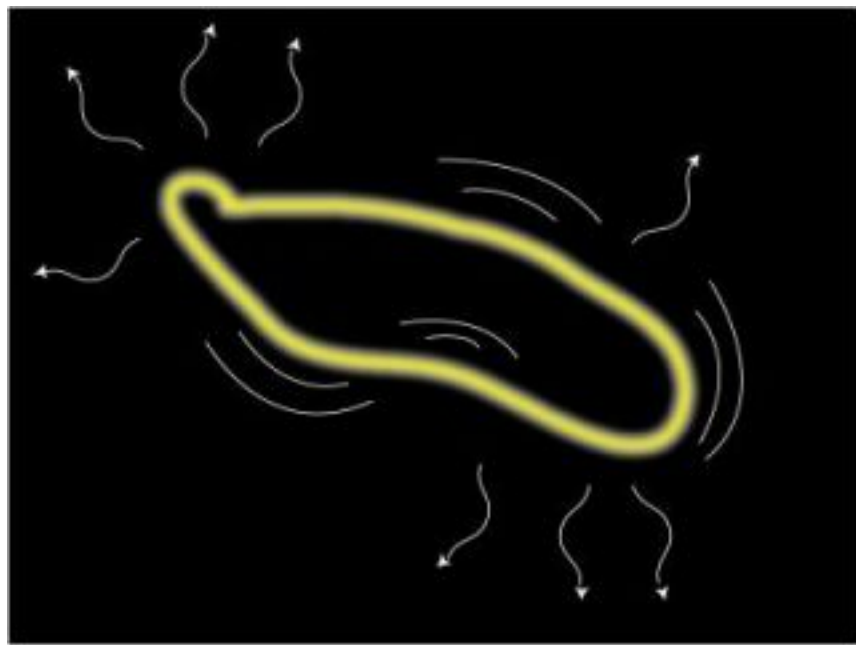


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**Gravitational Waves emitted !**  
(releasing the loops' tension)

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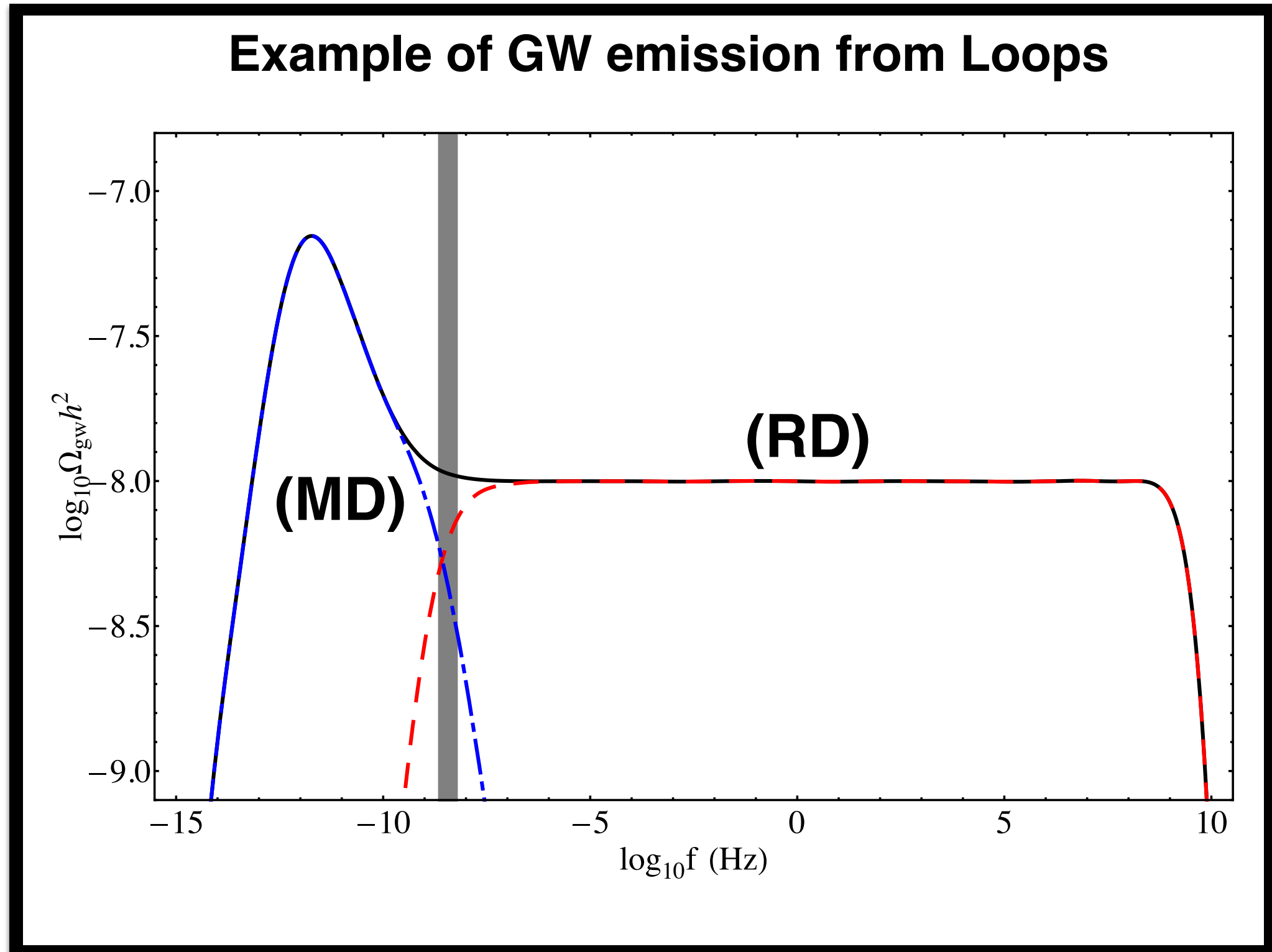
expansion history

length

number density

GW power emission  
 $\propto 1/(f l)^{q+1}$   
features (kinks, cusps,...)

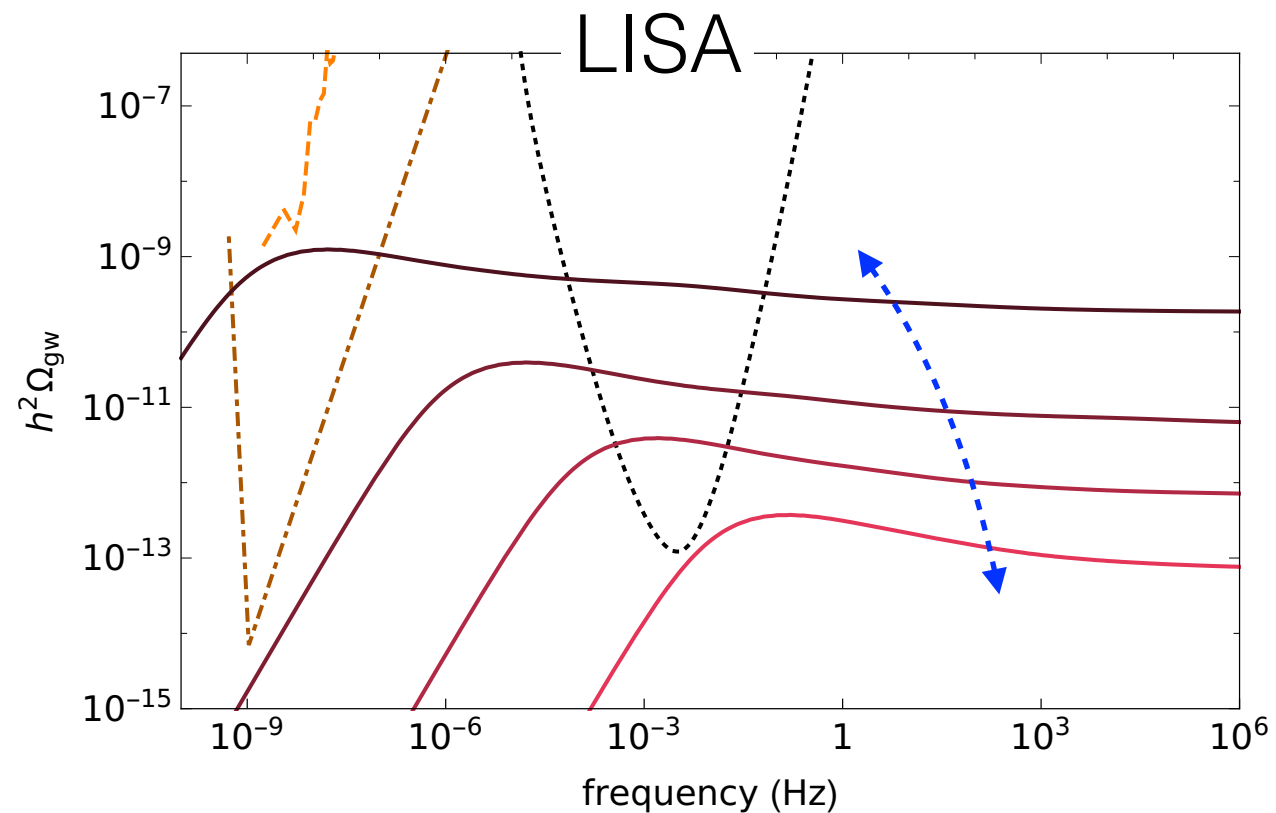
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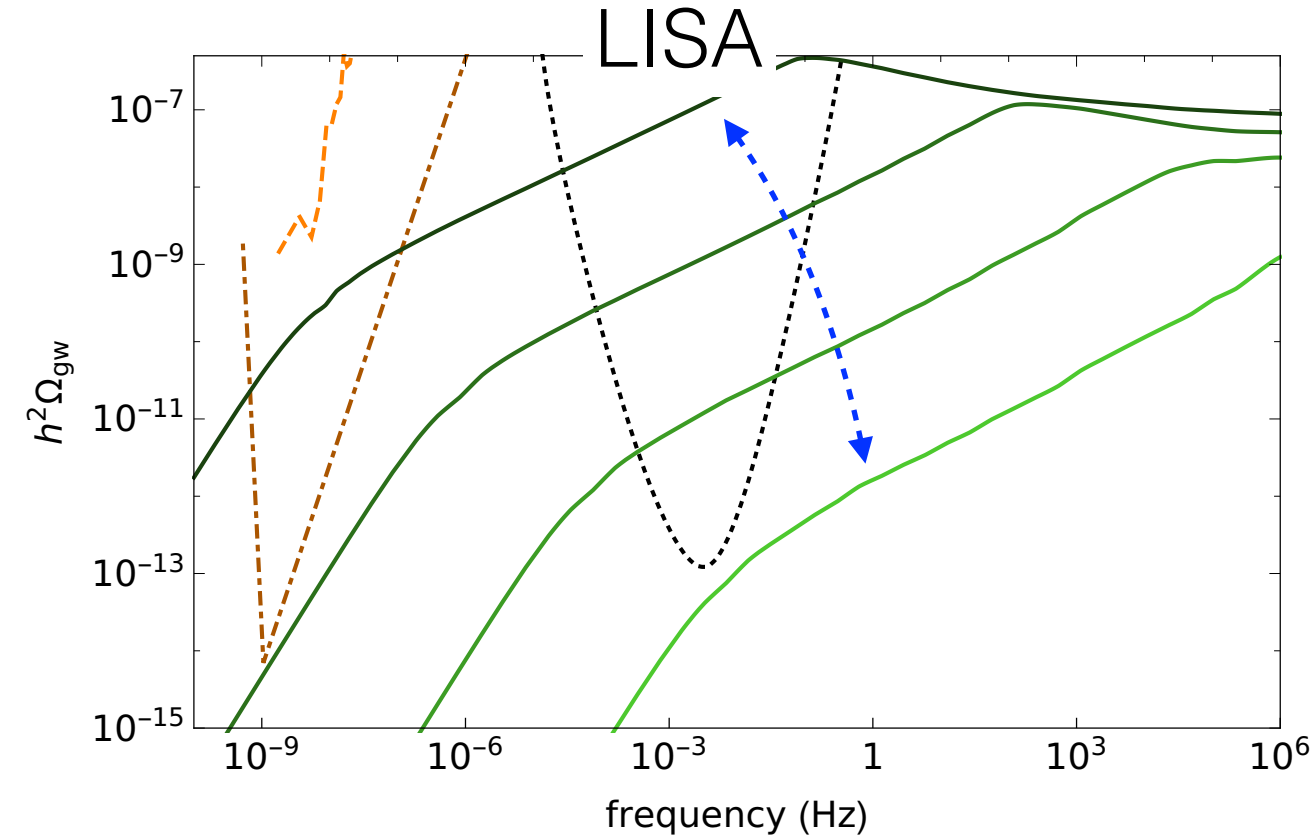
e.g. Sanidas 2012

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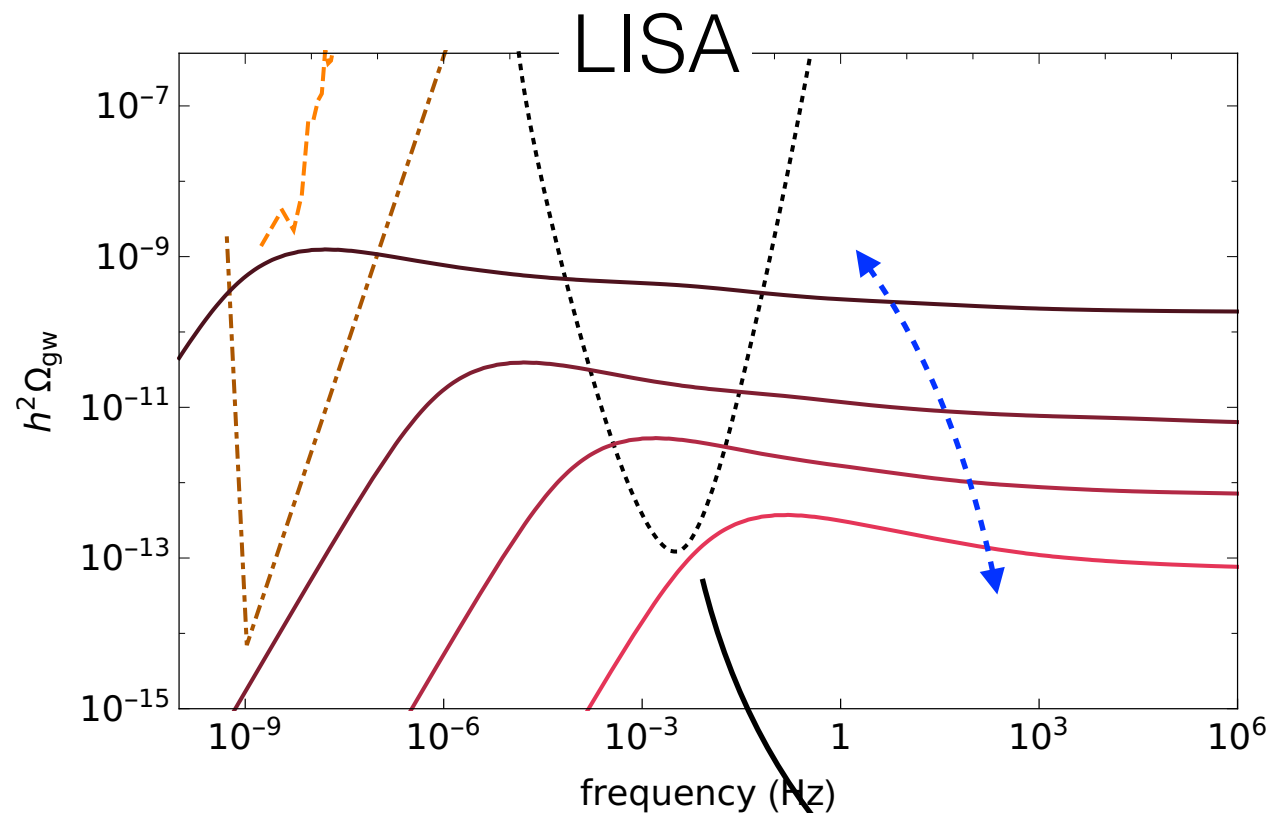
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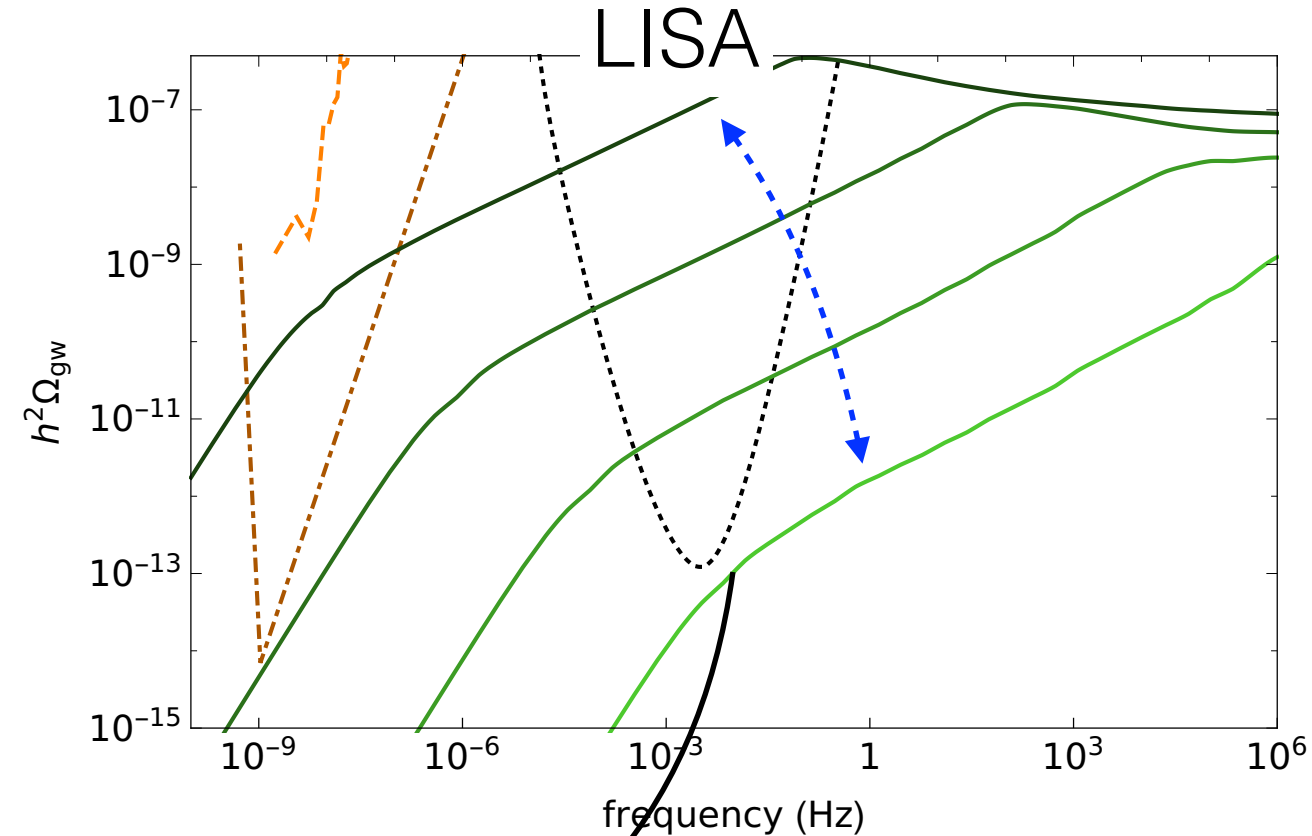
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# GW background constrained by LISA

$$G\mu \gtrsim 10^{-17} \quad (v \gtrsim 10^{10} \text{ GeV})$$

CMB

PTA (today)

PTA (future)

$$G\mu \sim 10^{-7}$$

$$G\mu \sim 10^{-11}$$

$$G\mu \sim 10^{-14}$$

LISA improve:

$$\mathcal{O}(10^{10})$$

$$\mathcal{O}(10^6)$$

$$\mathcal{O}(10^3)$$

**LISA** {  
\* **Best constraints on Cosmic Strings**  
\* **(actually only way to obtain them)**  
\* **Discovery, or stringent constraints**

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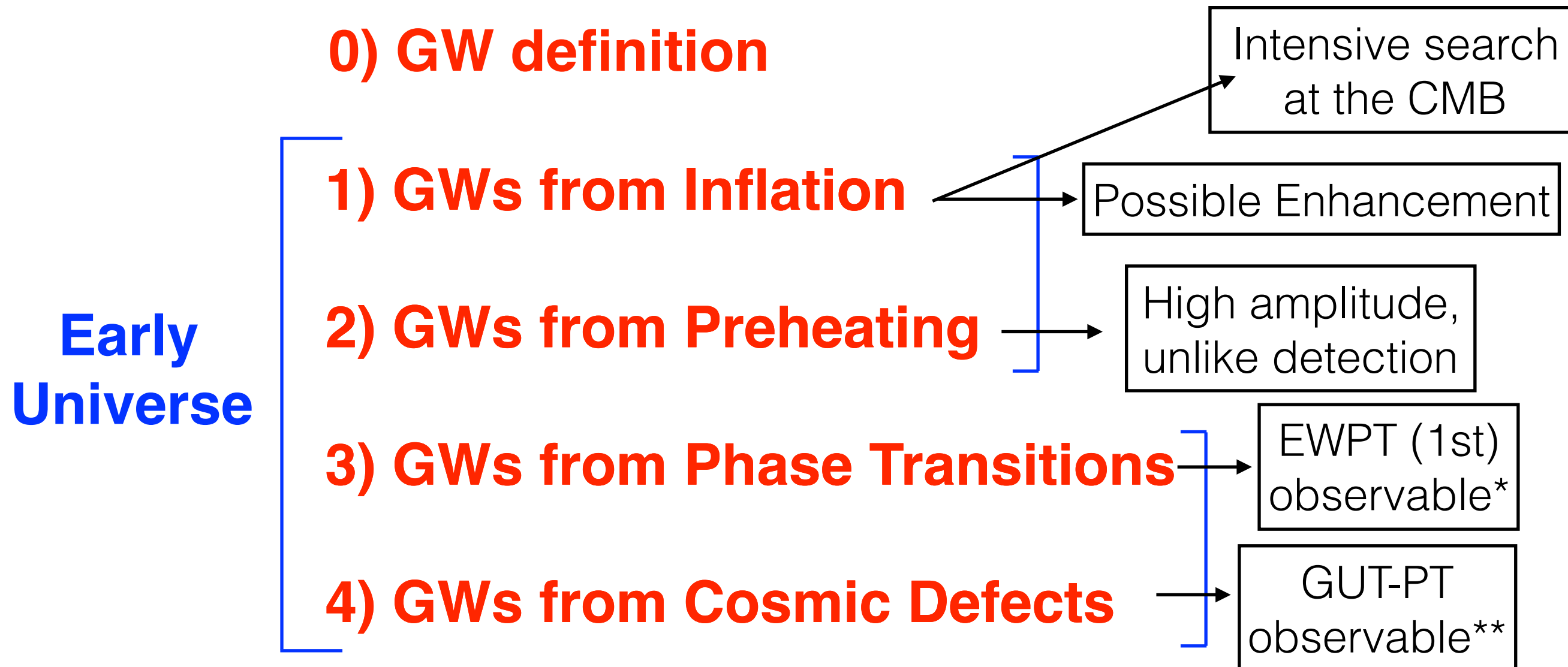
Possible Enhancement

High amplitude,  
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[\*At LISA if EWPT is strong 1st order]

[\*\*By PTA/LISA, If large loops present]

# Sources I did not cover ...

- \* OSCILLONS
- \* FLAT-DIRECTIONS
- \* MODIFIED GRAVITY
- \* SPECTATOR FIELDS ( $c_s \ll 1$ )
- \* STIFF ERA
- \* .....  
.....
- \* YOUR FAVOURITE MODEL

# Propaganda, Part I

## Review on Cosmological Gravitational Wave Backgrounds

**Caprini & Figueroa**

**arXiv:1801.04268**

# Propaganda, Part II

# Almost Nothing

**Première Sept 28th 2018, @ CERN Globe**



# DISCUSSION

# INFLATION

# PREHEATING

- \* Wide Freq. Range
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- \* EWPhT @ LISA / GUT-PhT GHz

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# PHASE TRANSITIONS

# TOPOLOGICAL DEFECTS



# QUESTIONS

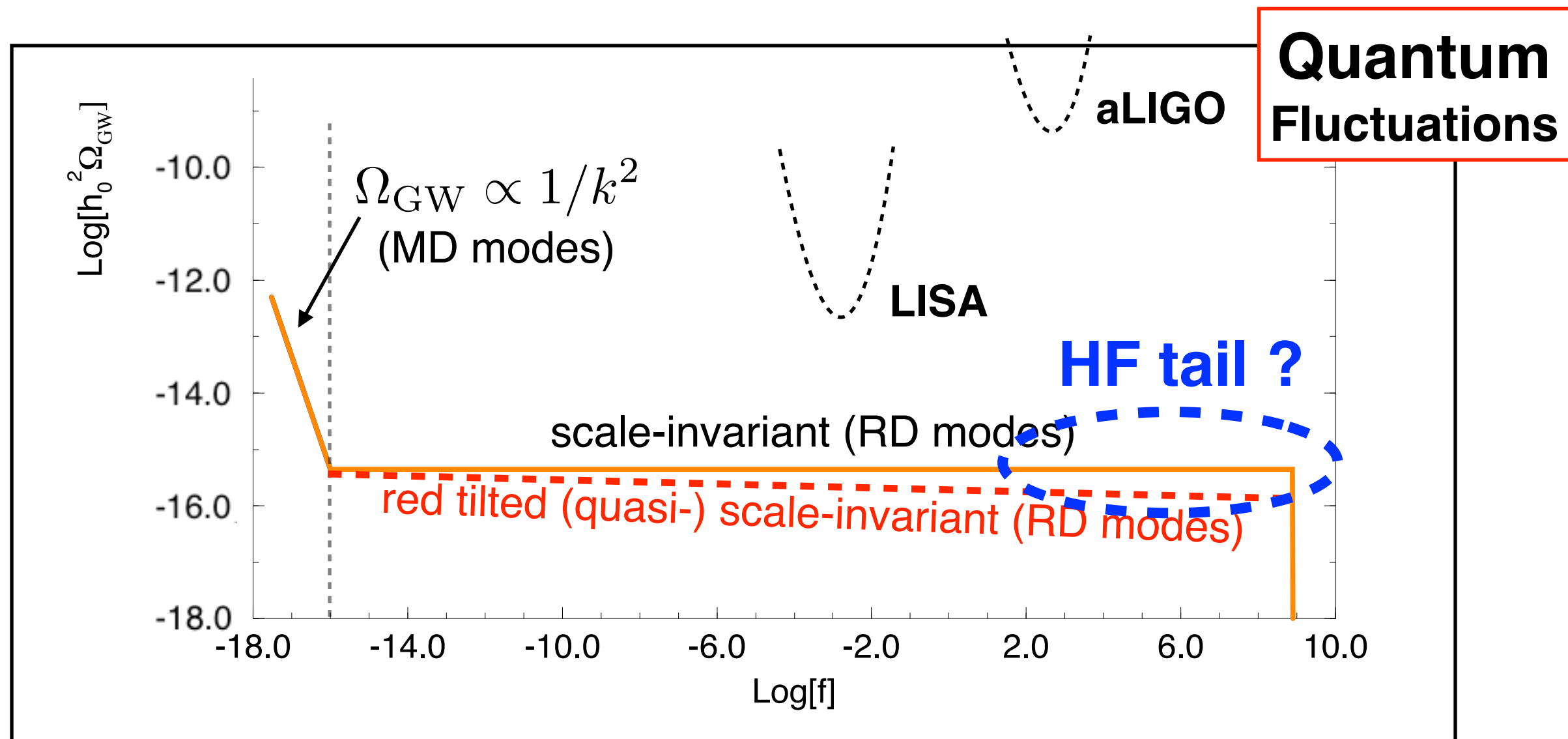
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$$\Delta_h^2(k) = \frac{2}{\pi^2} \left( \frac{H}{m_p} \right)^2 \left( \frac{k}{aH} \right)^{n_t}$$

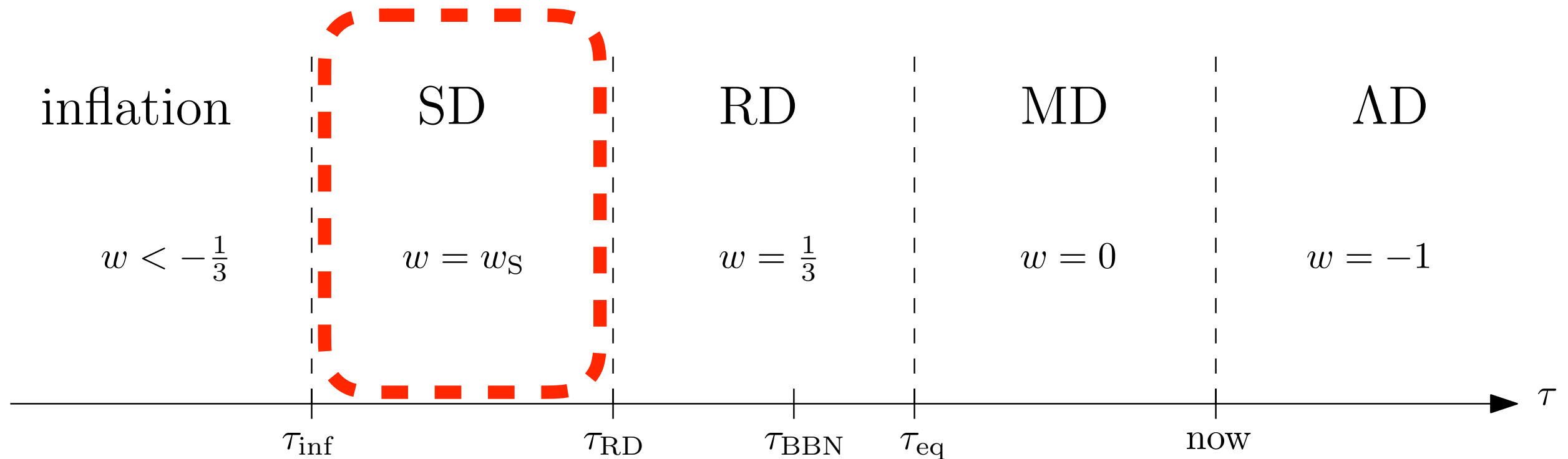
energy scale

$$n_t \equiv -2\epsilon$$



# **STIFF EQ of STATE SLIDES**

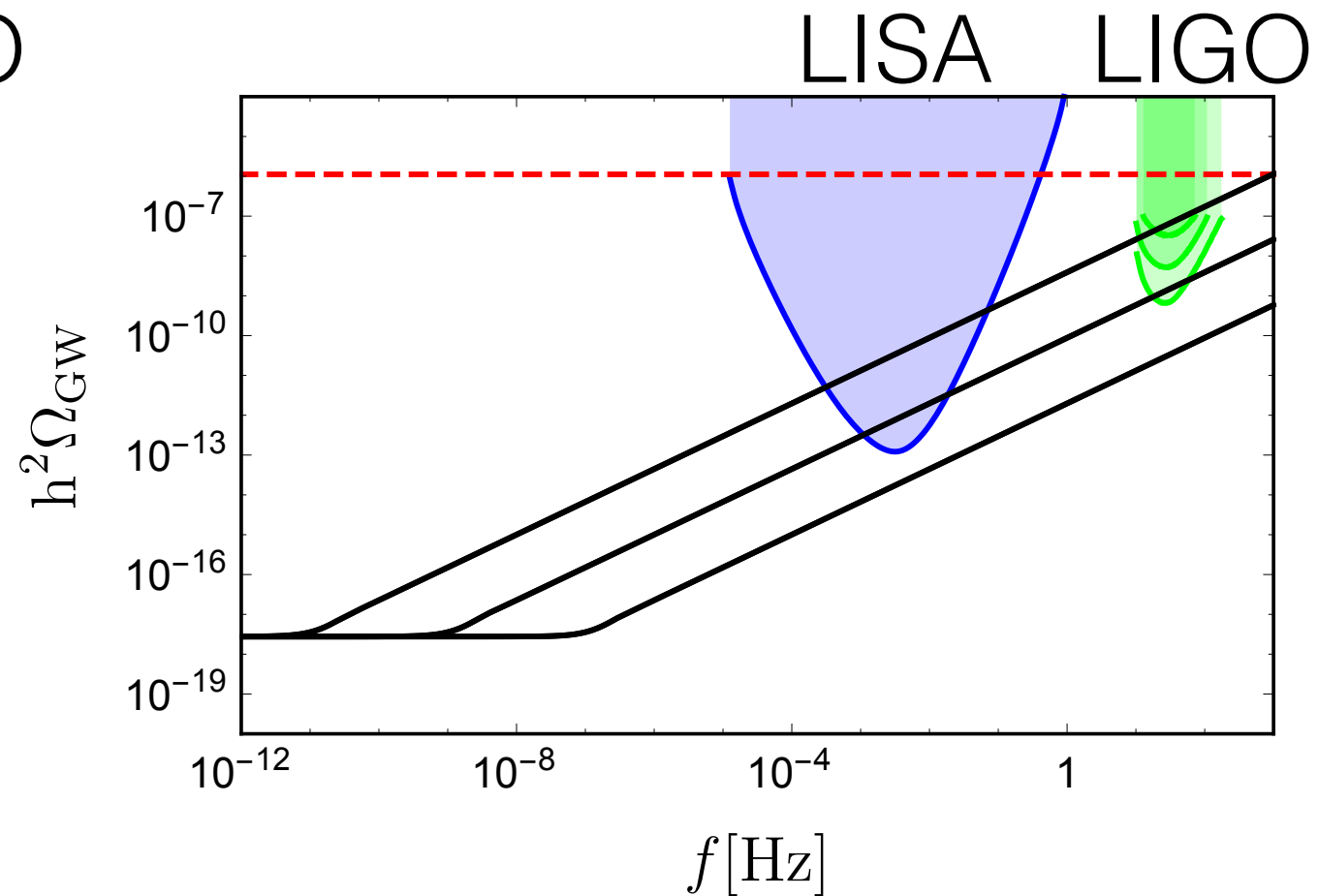
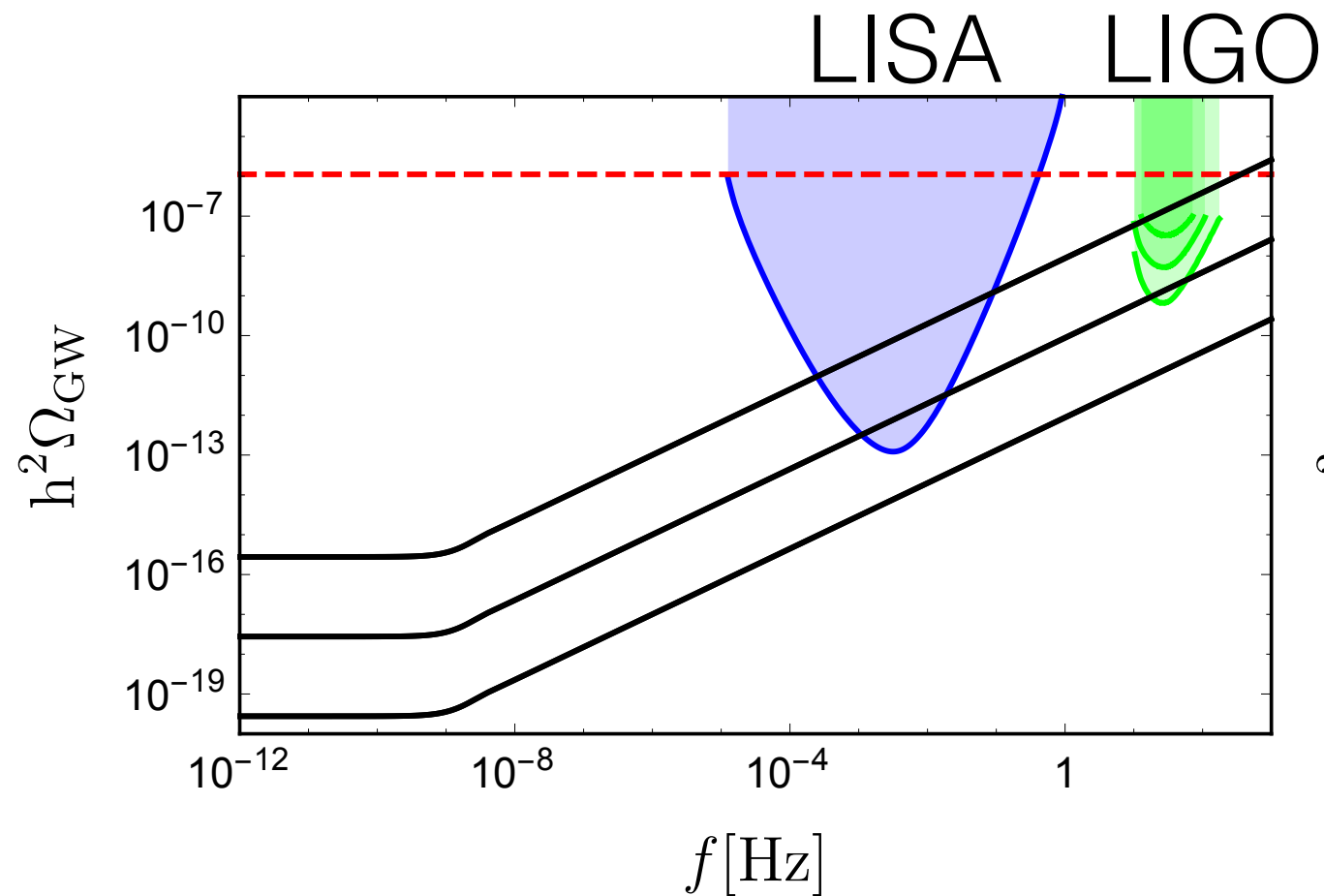
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**Figure 1.**  $\Lambda$ CDM+inflation expansion history with a stiff epoch.

$$SD : \frac{1}{3} < w_s \lesssim 1$$

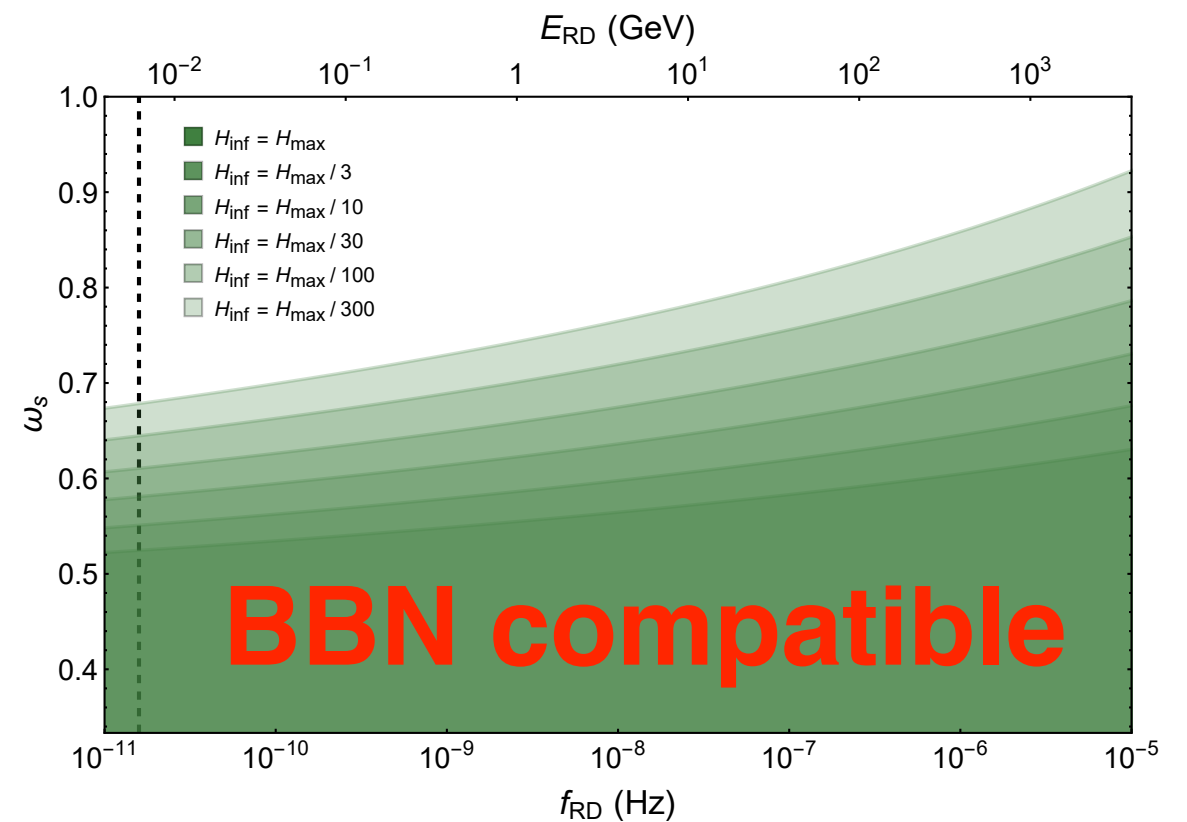
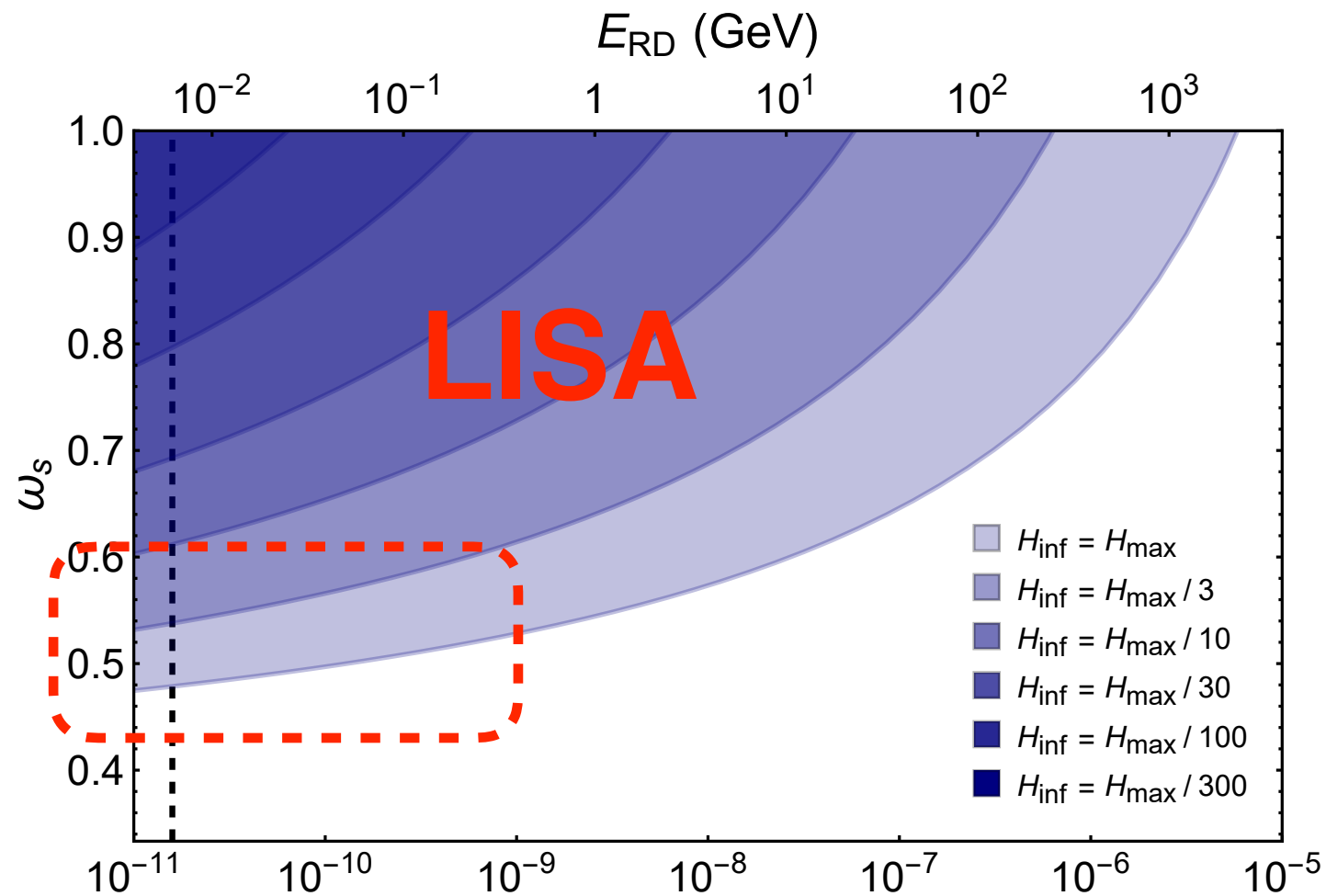
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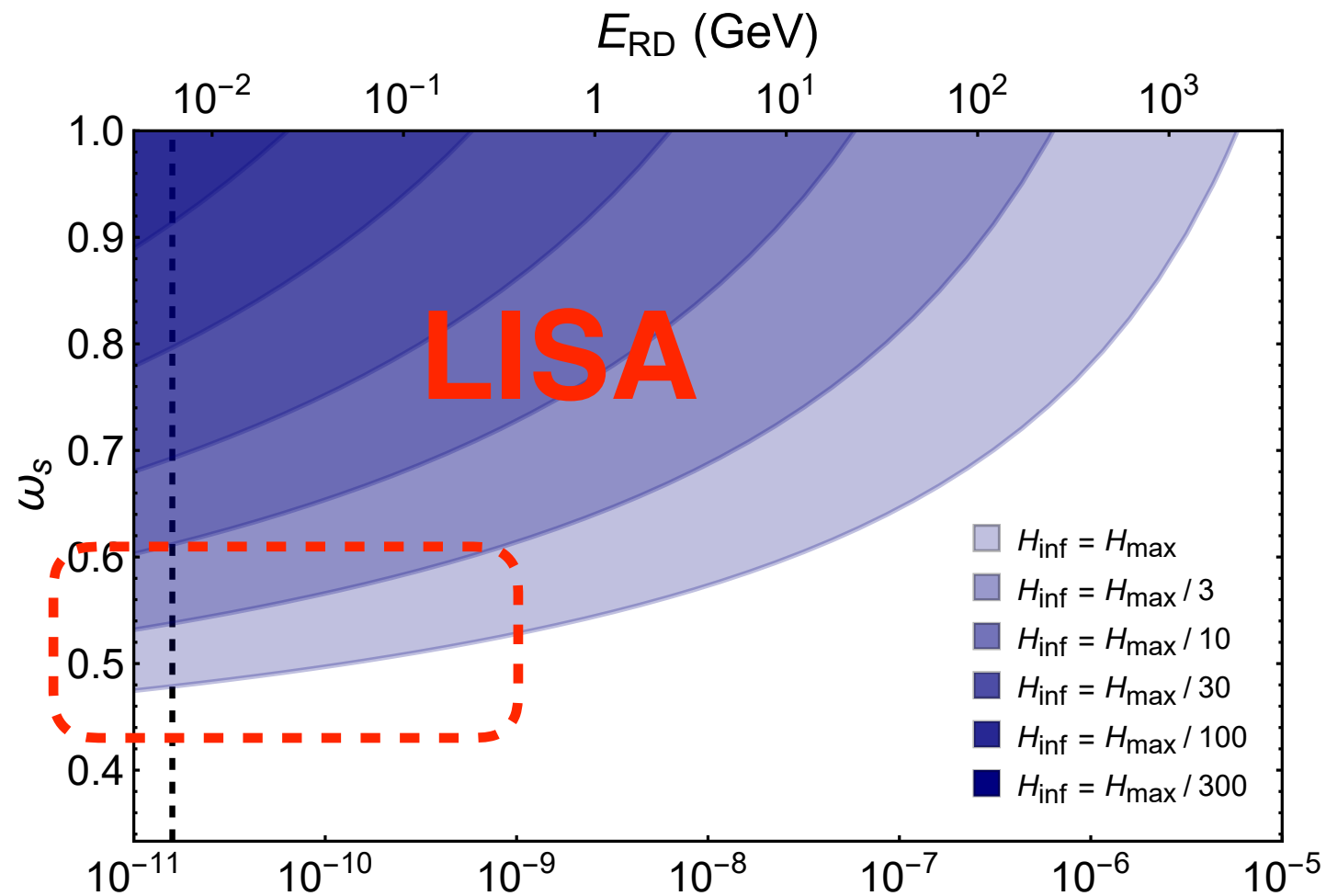
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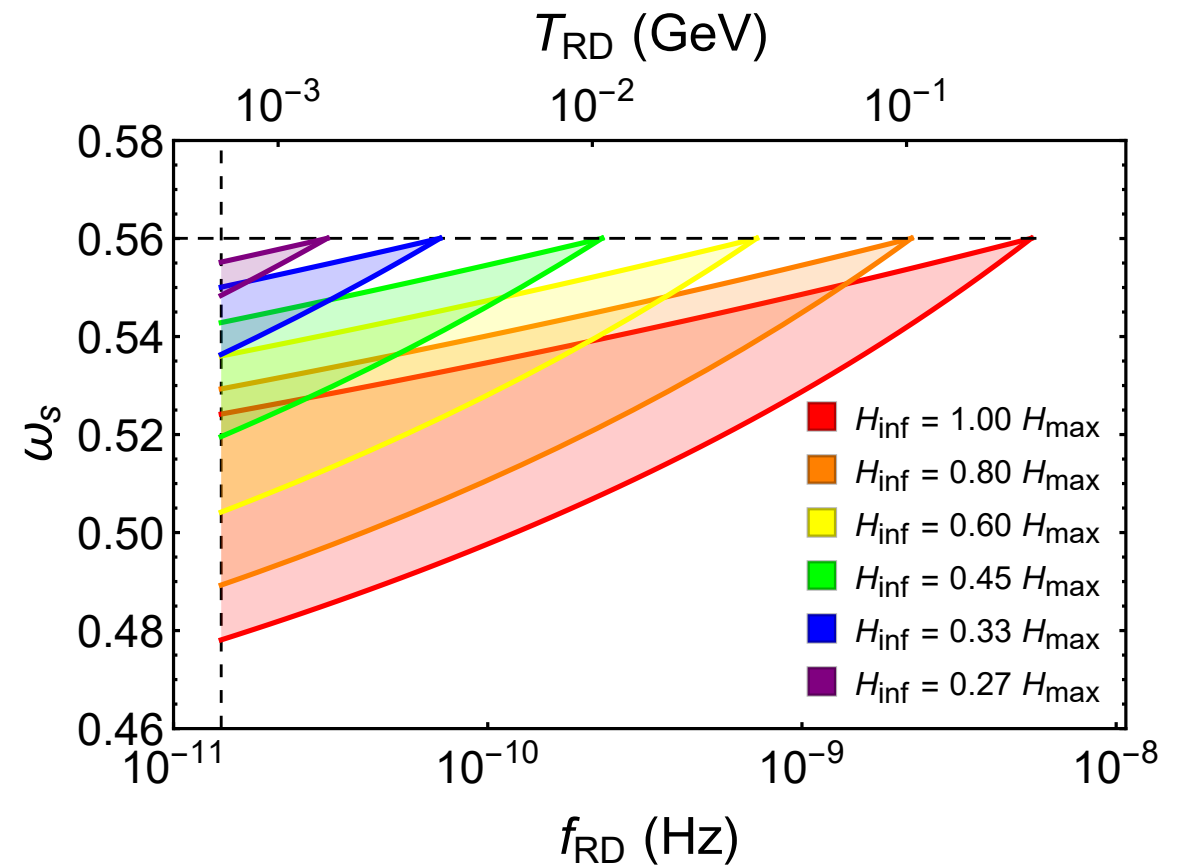
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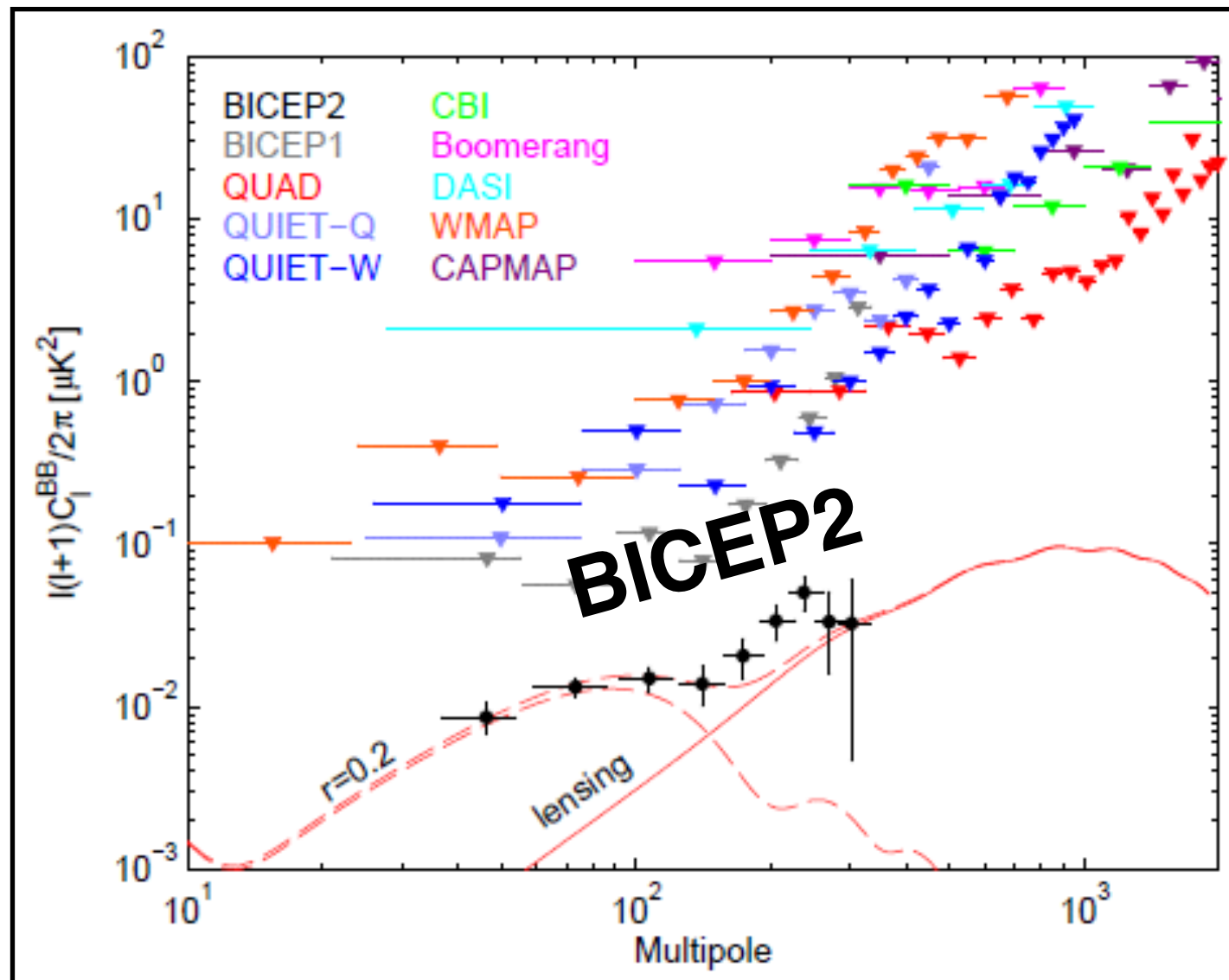
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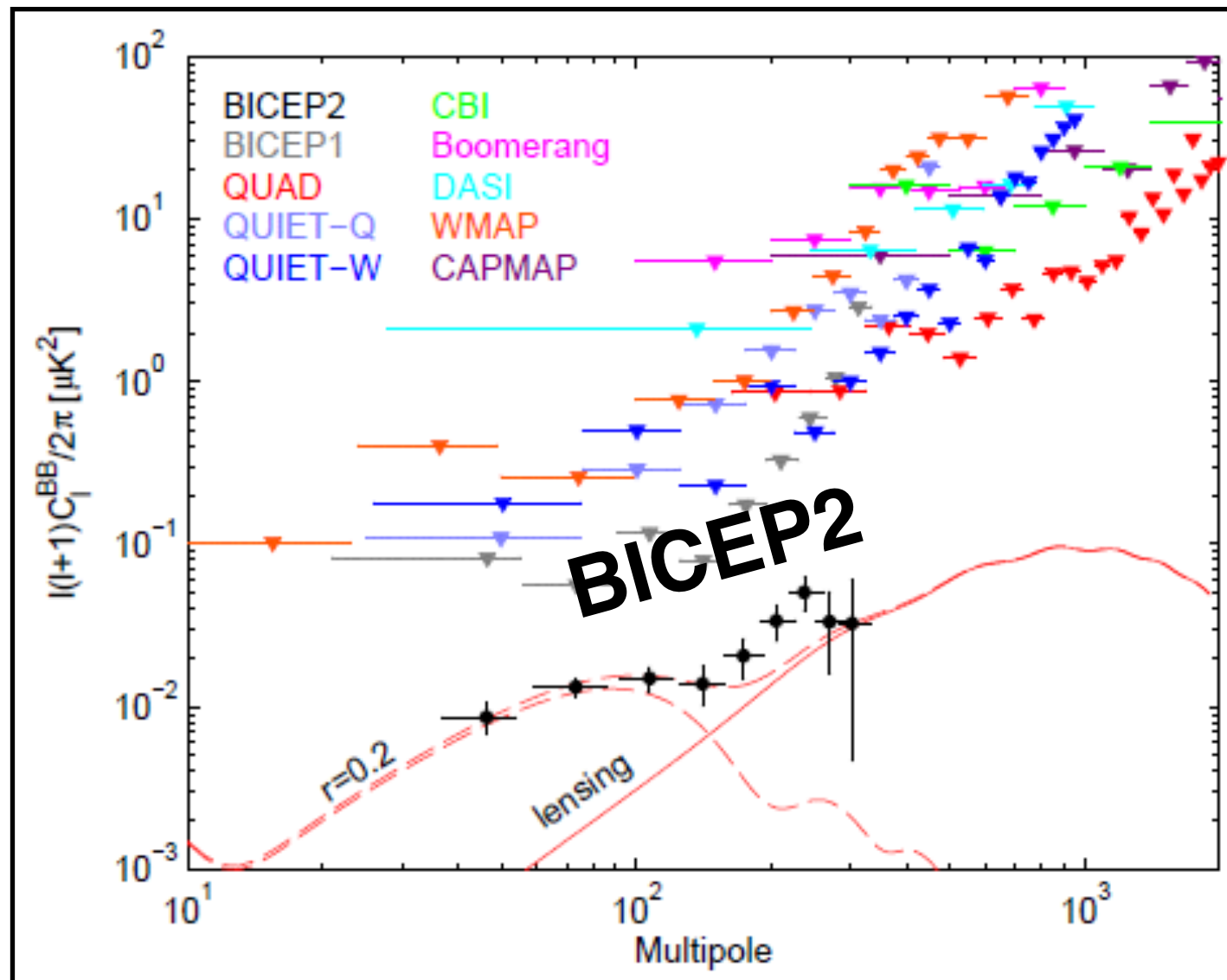
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**Dashed Line Theoretical  
Inflation Expectation**

**Planck/Keck**

$$r \equiv \Delta_t^2 / \Delta_s^2 < 0.07 \quad (2\sigma)$$

$$r \sim 10^{-2} - 10^{-3} \Rightarrow E_* \sim 5 \cdot 10^{15} \text{ GeV} (!!)$$

**next goal**

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(mHZ)
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  - direct coupling of Higgs to scalars (Kozackuz et al 2013)
  - SM + dimension six operator (Grojean et al 2004)
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**Cosmology and Particle Physics interplay!**  
**Connections with baryon asymmetry & dark matter**

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**LISA → new probe of BSM physics!  
(complementary to particle colliders)**

PT

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# Can we really detect a 1st-O Ph-T ?

- \* LISA can, but LHC pressures typical BSM extensions to promote EW-PhT into First Order
- \* Assuming LHC does not rule out models before, LISA can detect/constrain significant fraction of Param Space
- \* Predictions depend on many assumptions (particularly in sound waves), so is our modelling correct?
- \* Even if we detect it, then we infer  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , but what BSM model is behind? **not univocal !**

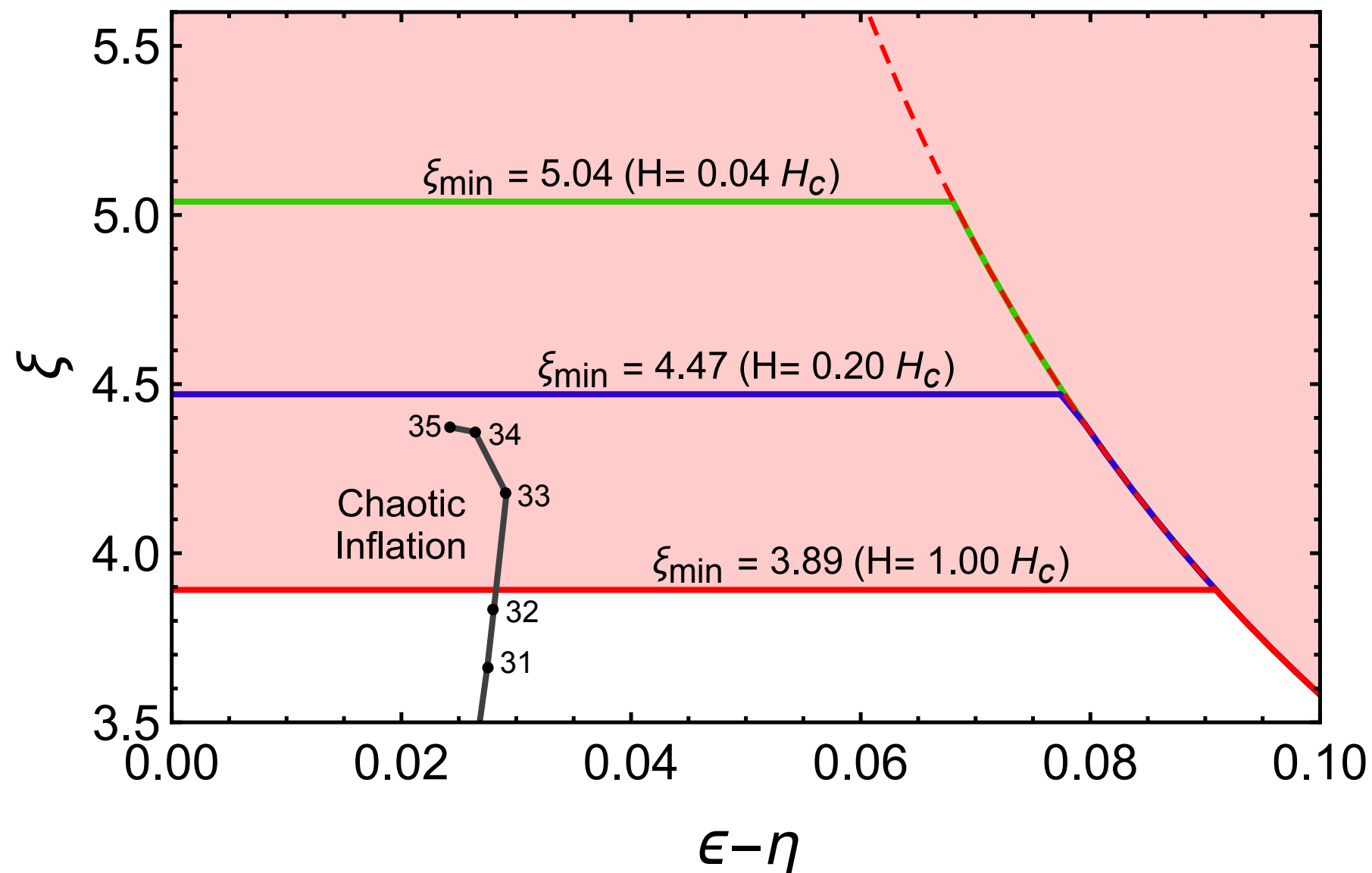


# **AXION INFLATION SLIDES**

# INFLATIONARY MODELS

## Axion-Inflation

### LISA ability



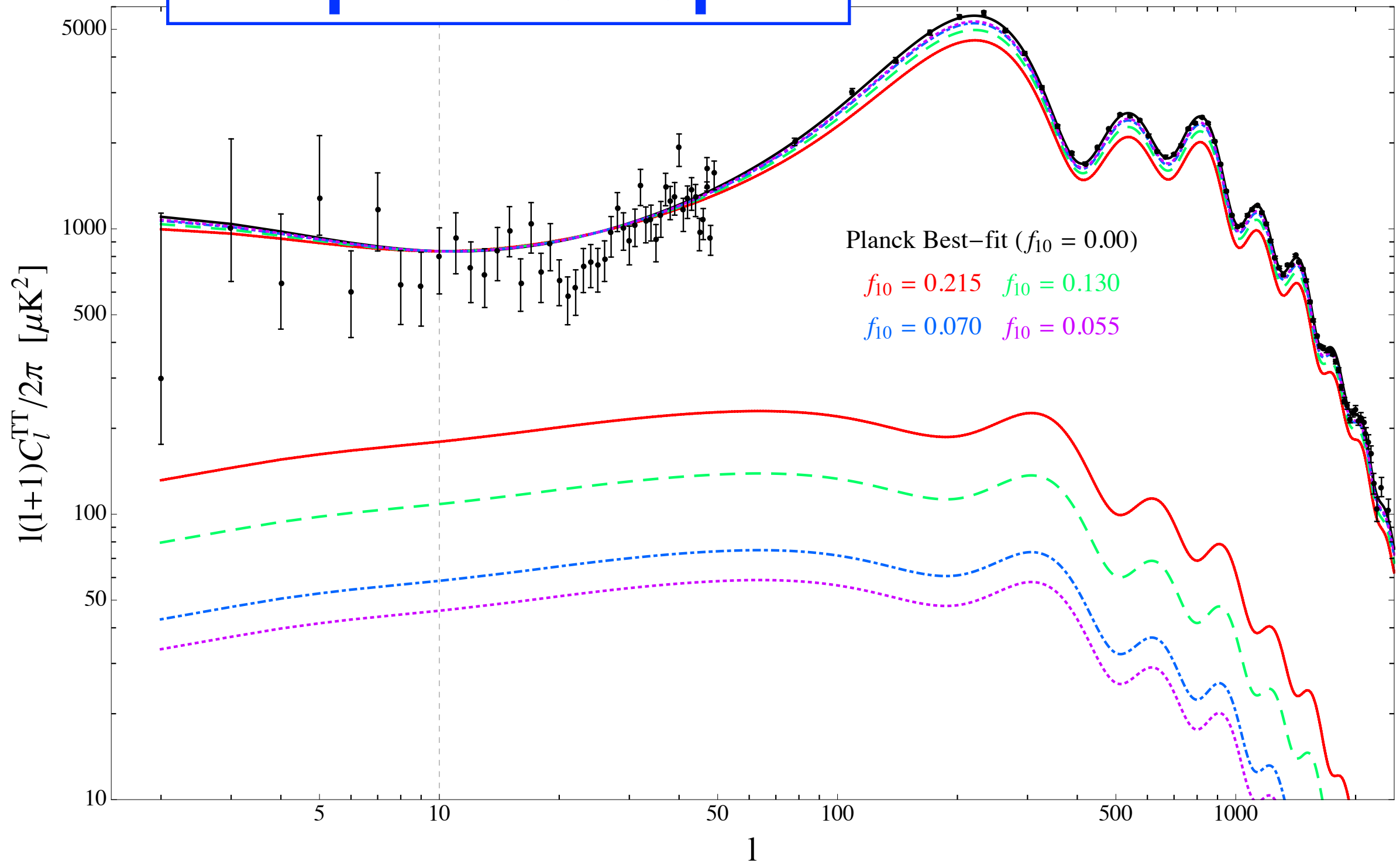
$$\xi \equiv \frac{\alpha \dot{\phi}}{2fH}$$

Bartolo et al '16, 1610.06481

# **CMB & COSMIC DEFECTS SLIDES**

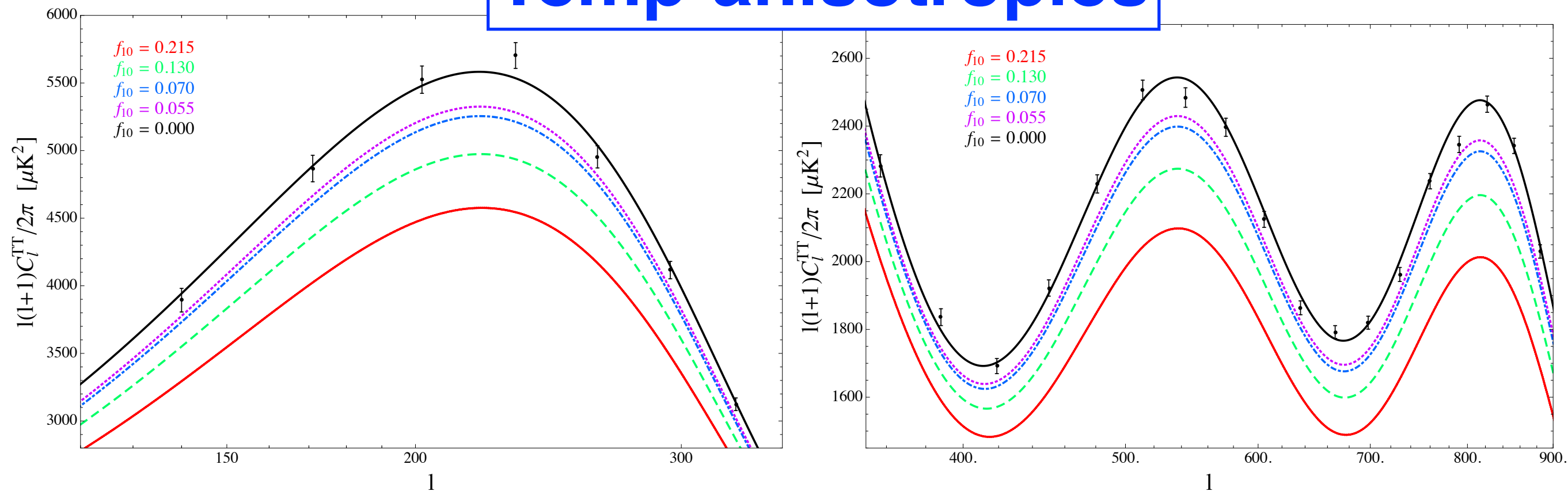
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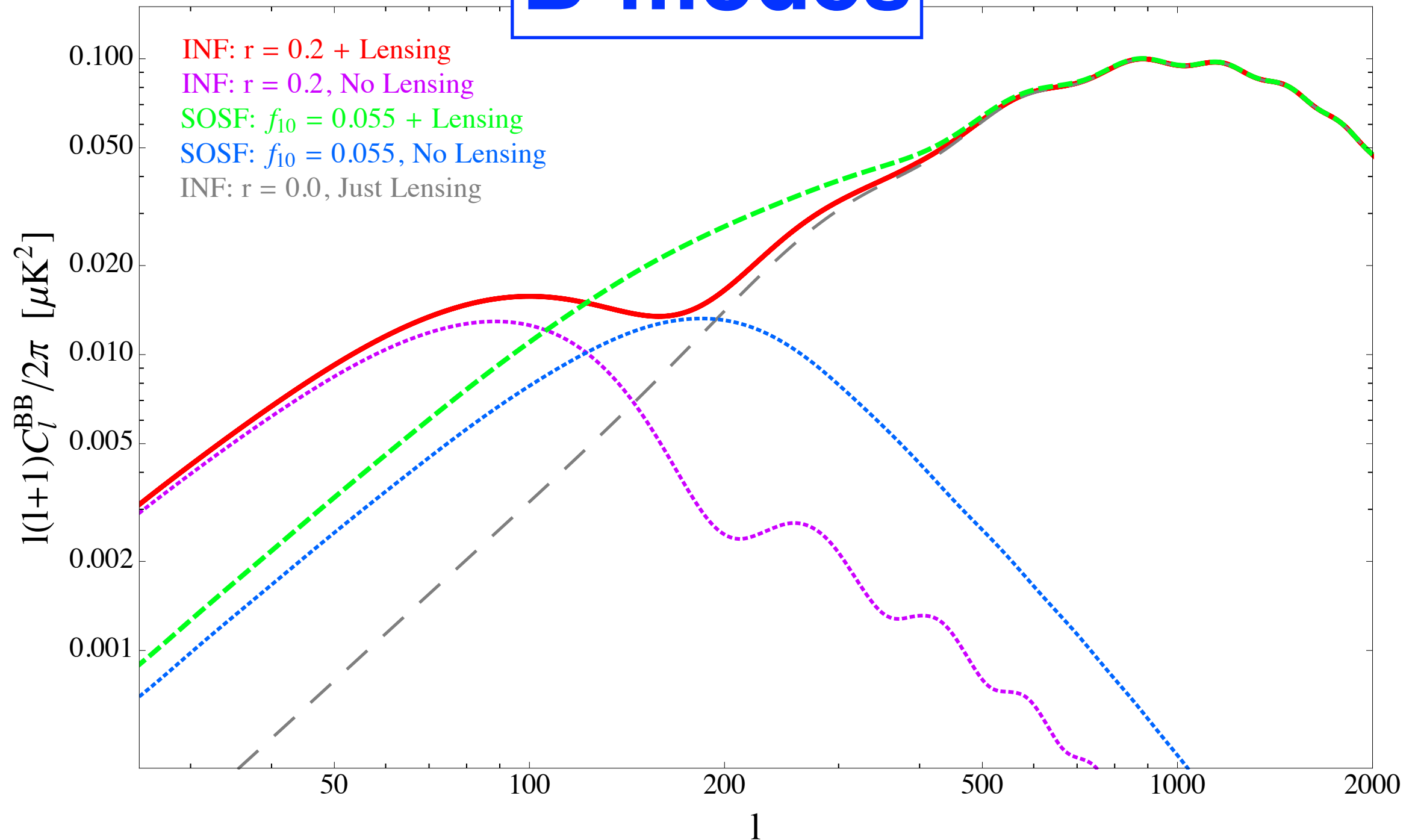
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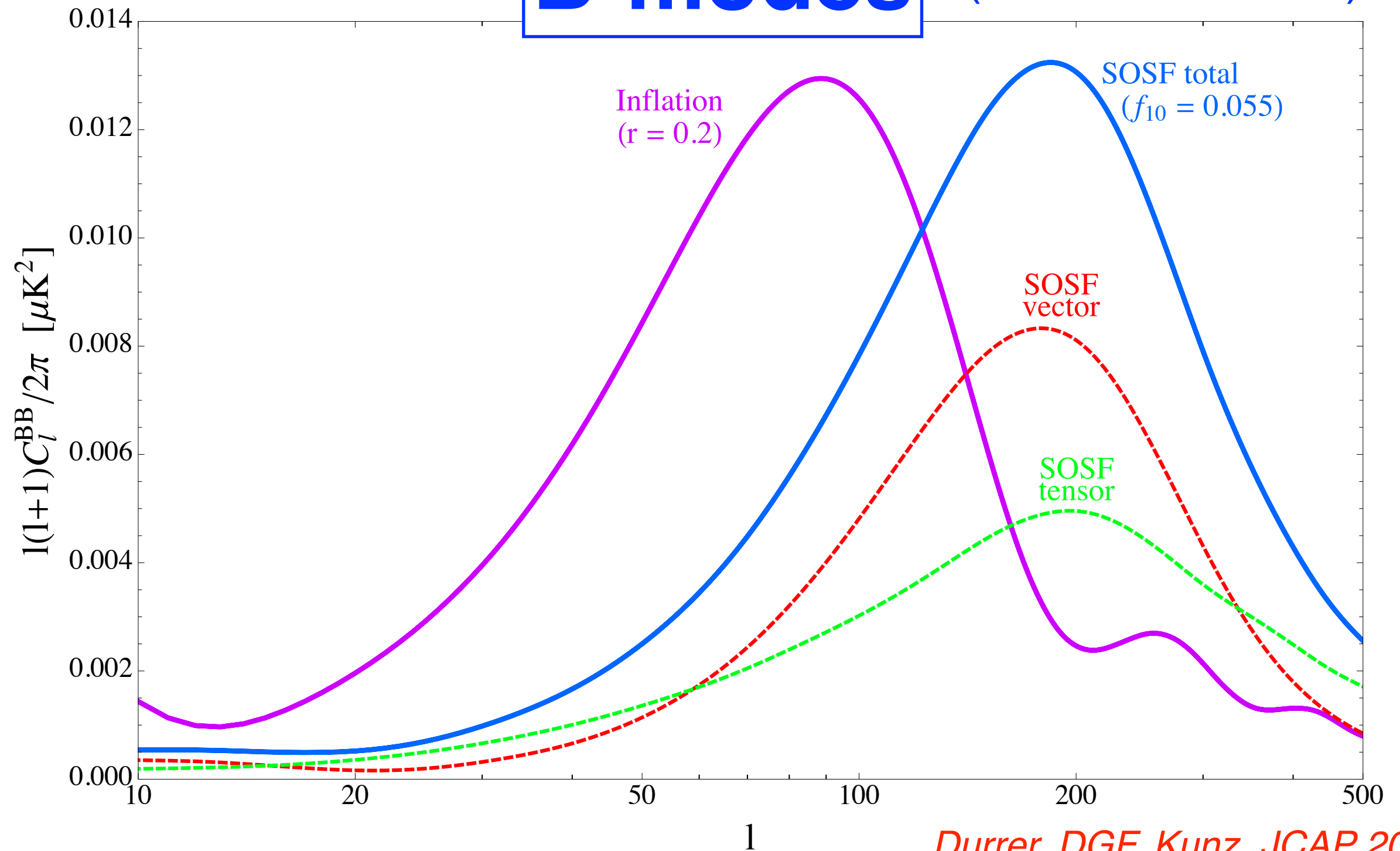
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*Durrer, DGF, Kunz, JCAP 2014*