## GRAVITATIONAL WAVES FROM EARLY UNIVERSE TURBULENT SOURCES AT THE QCD SCALE

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## EARLY UNIVERSE MAGNETIC FIELDS

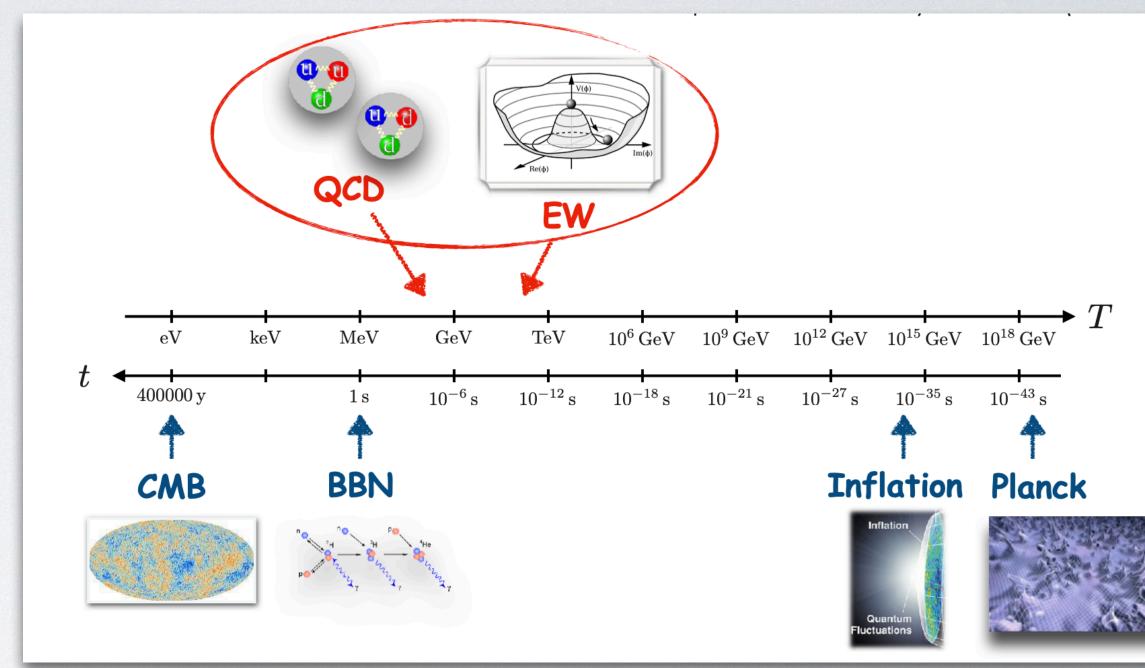
### **Primordial magnetogenesis**

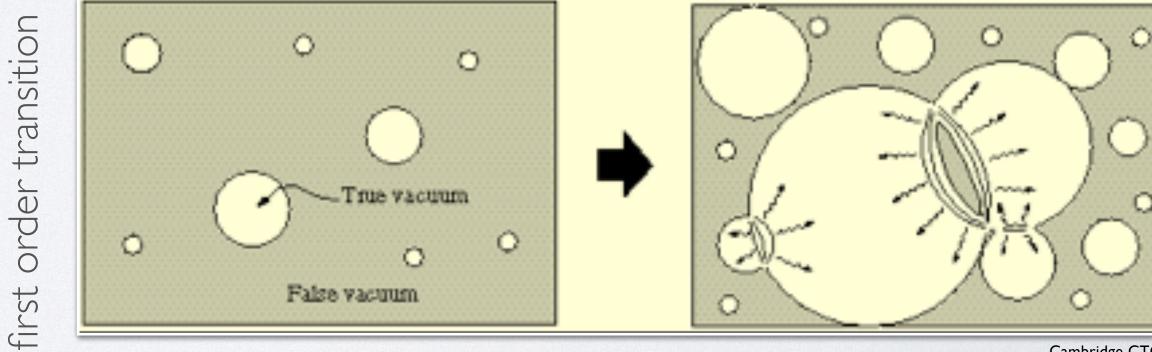
- Inflation (Turner & Widrow 1998; Ratra 1992)
  - coupling of inflaton field to electromagnetic field
- Phase Transitions
  - Electroweak (EW).T ~ 100 GeV
  - QCD.T ~ 150 MeV
  - Types: 1st order (bubble collisions, Hogan 1983), Crossover

### **Magnetic Helicity**

$$H_M = \int_V d^3 \mathbf{r} \, \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}$$

- related to parity violating process and beyond-SM physics
- P and CP violation can be related to processes giving rise to baryogenesis (Vachaspati 2001; Long, Sabancilar, Vachaspati 20|4)
- leads to polarized GWs

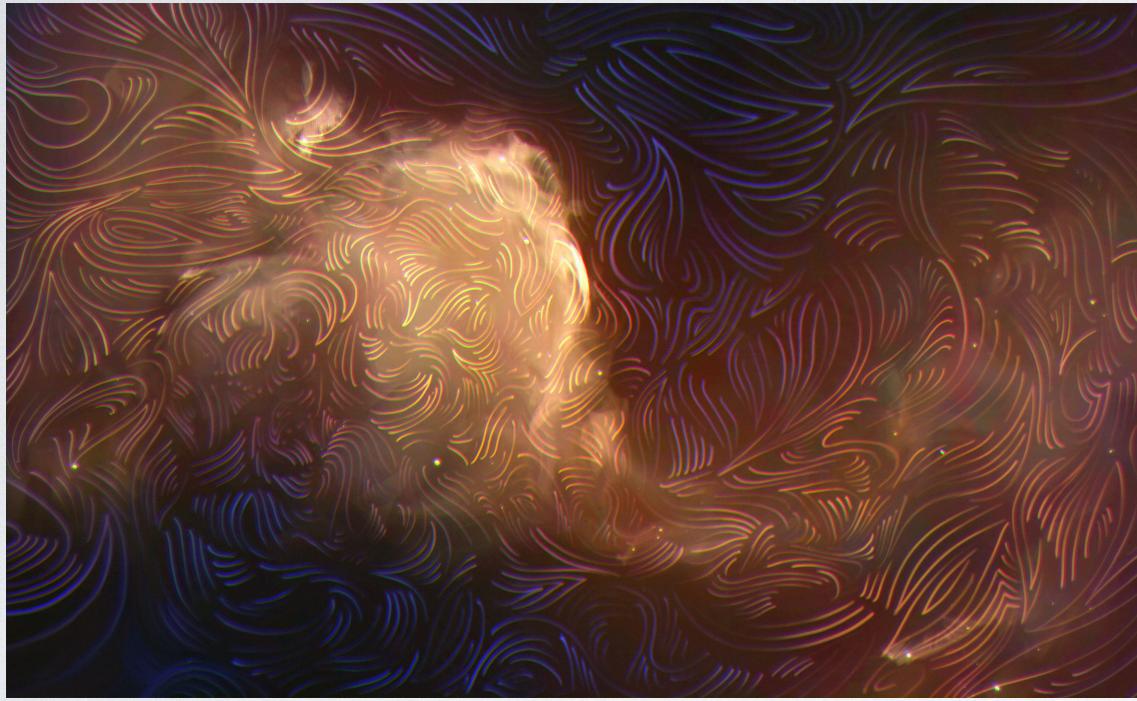




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### GRAVITATIONAL WAVES



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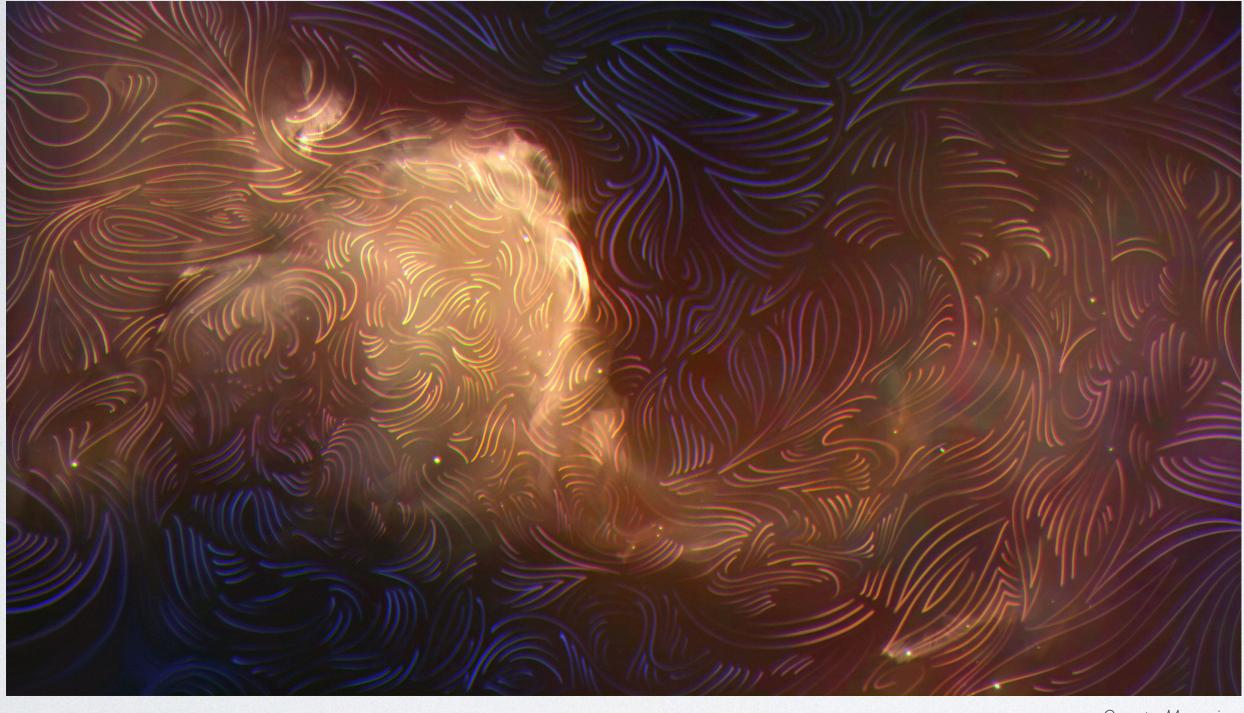
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$$(a^2 + 3Ha) = \nabla^2 + b^{\text{phys}} = 16\pi GT$$



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stochastic source (turbulence)



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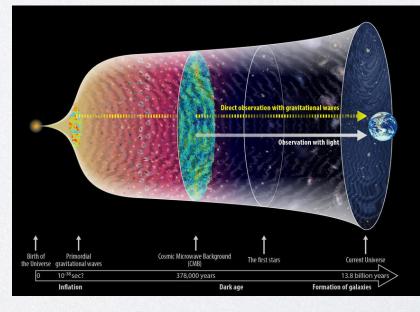
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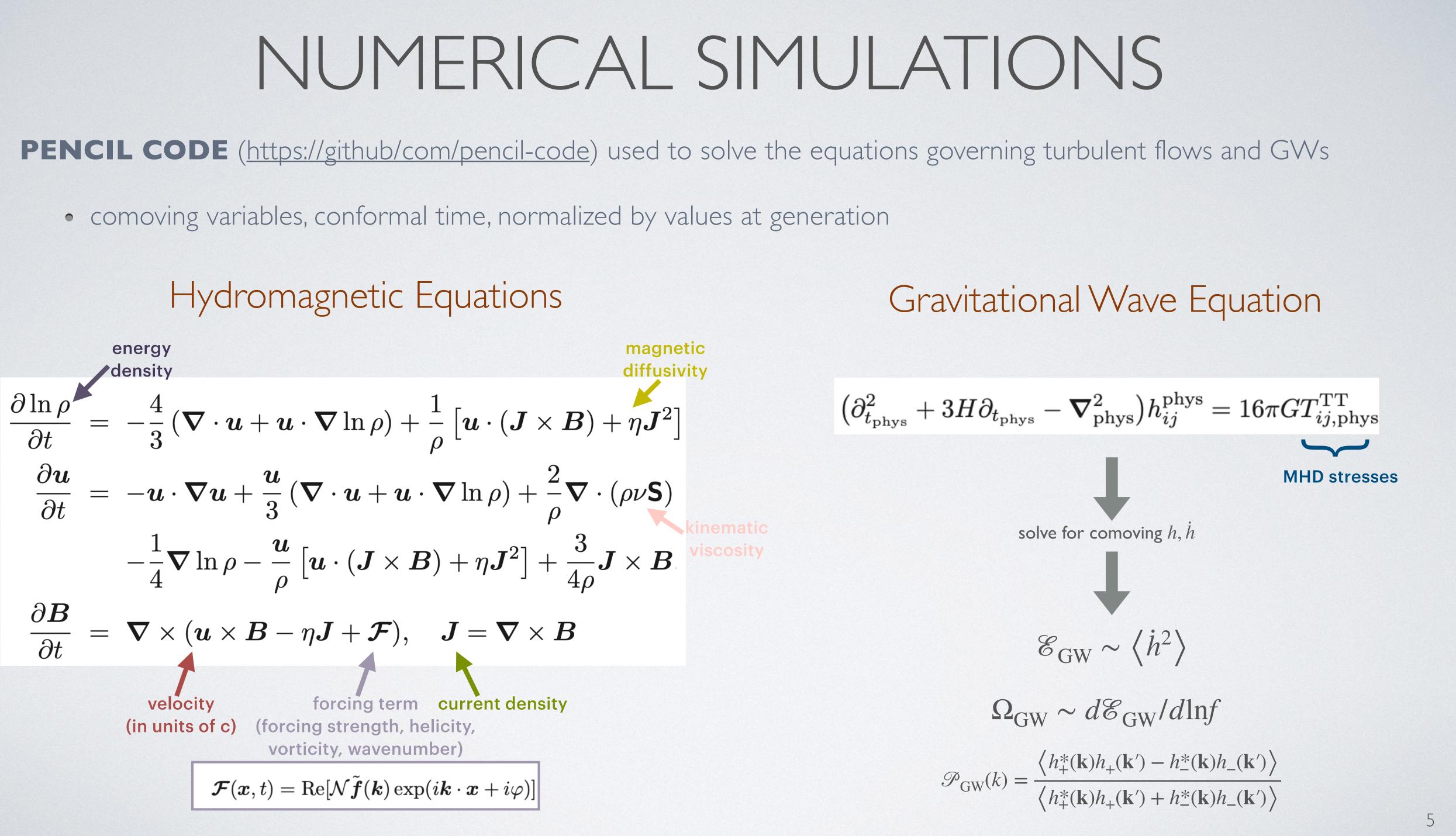
### stochastic background of gravitational waves

$$\Omega_{\rm GW}(f) = \frac{1}{\mathscr{E}_{\rm crit}(t)} \frac{\mathrm{d}\mathscr{E}_{\rm GW}}{\mathrm{d} \mathrm{ln} f}$$



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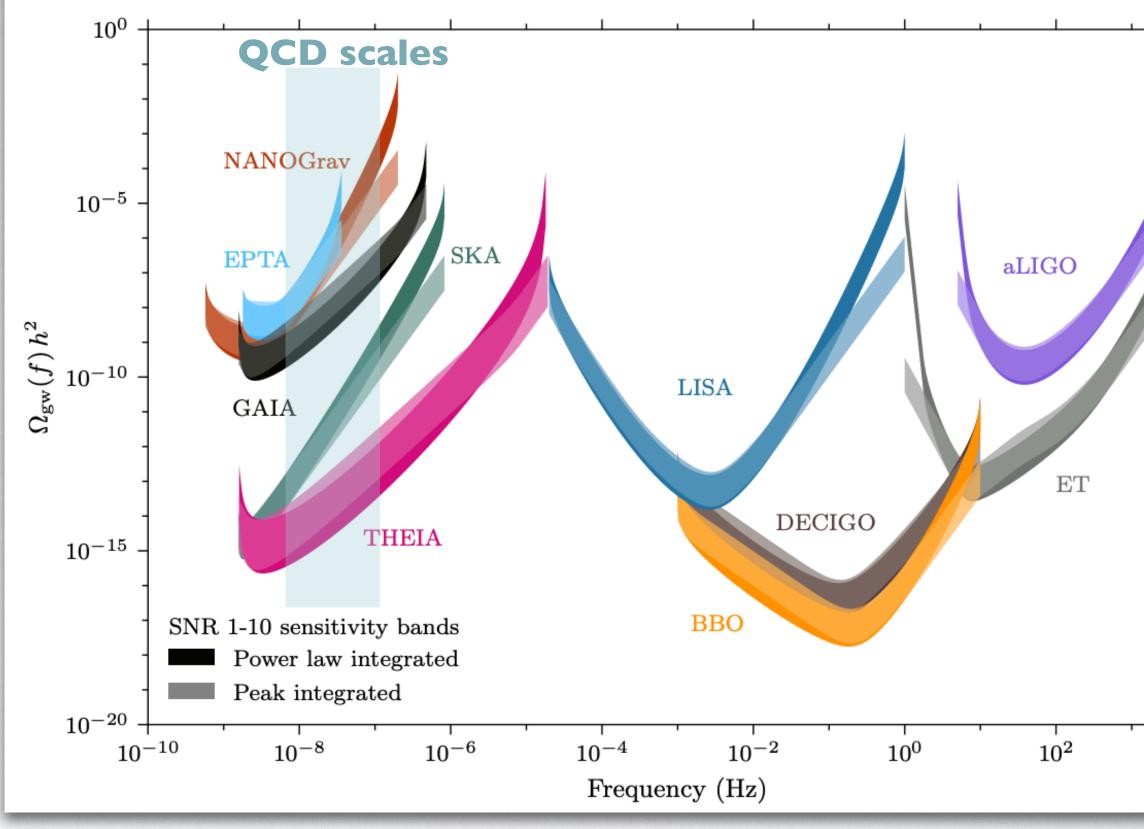




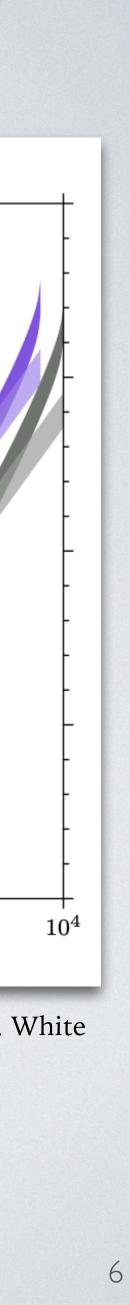
- Cosmological QCD transition: quarkgluon plasma (high temperature) to hadronic phase (lower temperature)
- Transition temperature  $T_*$ about 150-200 MeV
- Degrees of freedom  $g(T_*) \simeq$  $g_S(T_*) \simeq 15$

• 
$$f_* = \frac{a_*H_*}{a_0} \simeq (1.8 \times 10^{-8} \text{ Hz}) \left(\frac{g_*}{15}\right)^{1/6} \left(\frac{T_*}{150 \text{ MeV}}\right)$$
  
 $\rightarrow$  For small number of domains,  
frequency is in the sensitivity range of  
PTAs and astrometric missions

## QCD SCALE



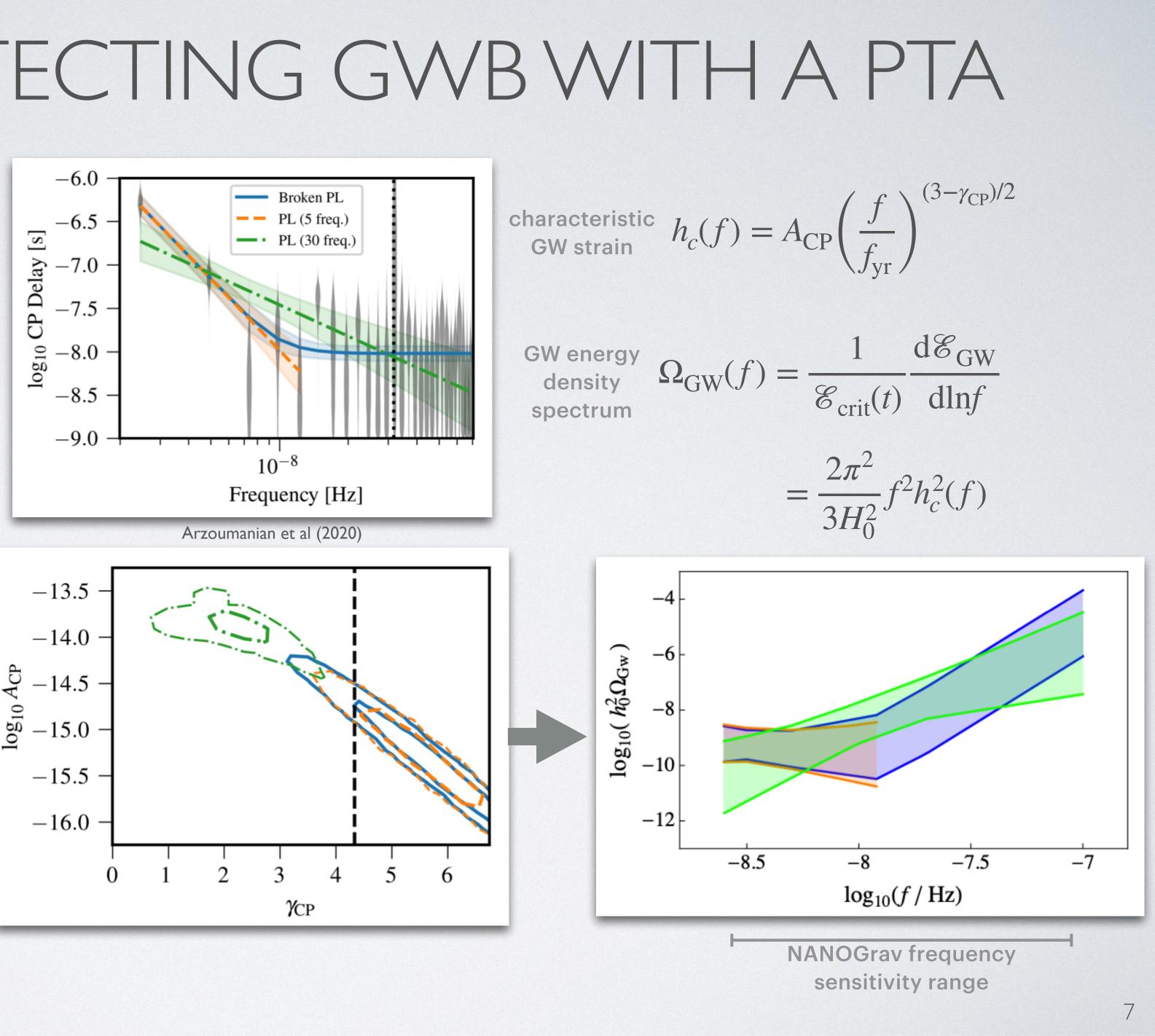
Garcia-Bellido, Murayama, White



common spectrum process V quadrupolar spatial correlations ?

### 12.5yr results

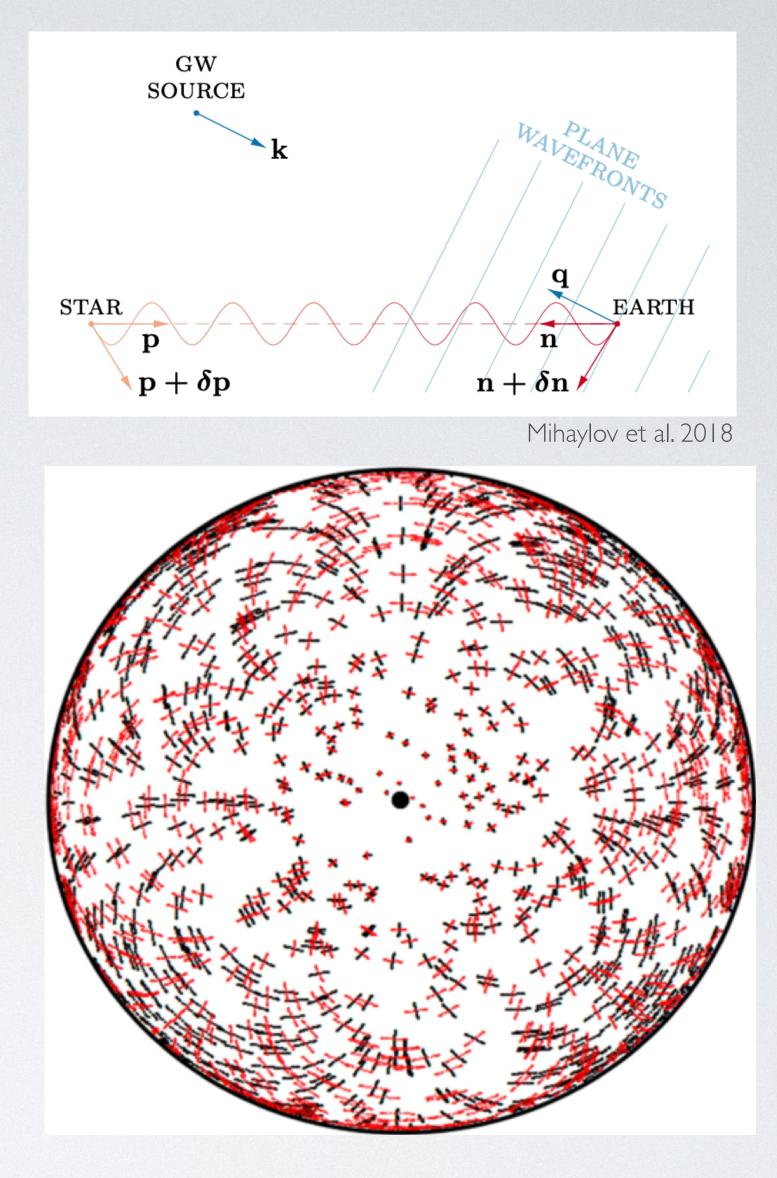




### NANOGRAV: DETECTING GWBWITH A PTA

## ASTROMETRY

- Astrometry: measuring the apparent positions of stars
- GAIA: large surveys of stars, monitor position of sources in the sky
- Detecting GWs:
  - GWs affect the propagation of light causing the apparent position of objects on the sky to change with time
  - GWs affect the apparent position of a star: multiple subsequent measurements of the same star can be used to turn GAIA into a GW observatory
- GAIA might complement PTAs at high galactic latitudes as well as high frequencies



Astrometric response to a GW coming from the sky location marked with the black dot (center). GW causes stars to oscillate at the GW frequency. The black (red) lines show movement tracks for a linearly plus (cross) polarised GW. (Moore et al. 2017)



# MAGNETIC FIELD BOUNDS

<u>Correlation length</u> of magnetic field  $\xi_{M^*} \leq \lambda_{H^*} = (a_*H_*)^{-1}$ 

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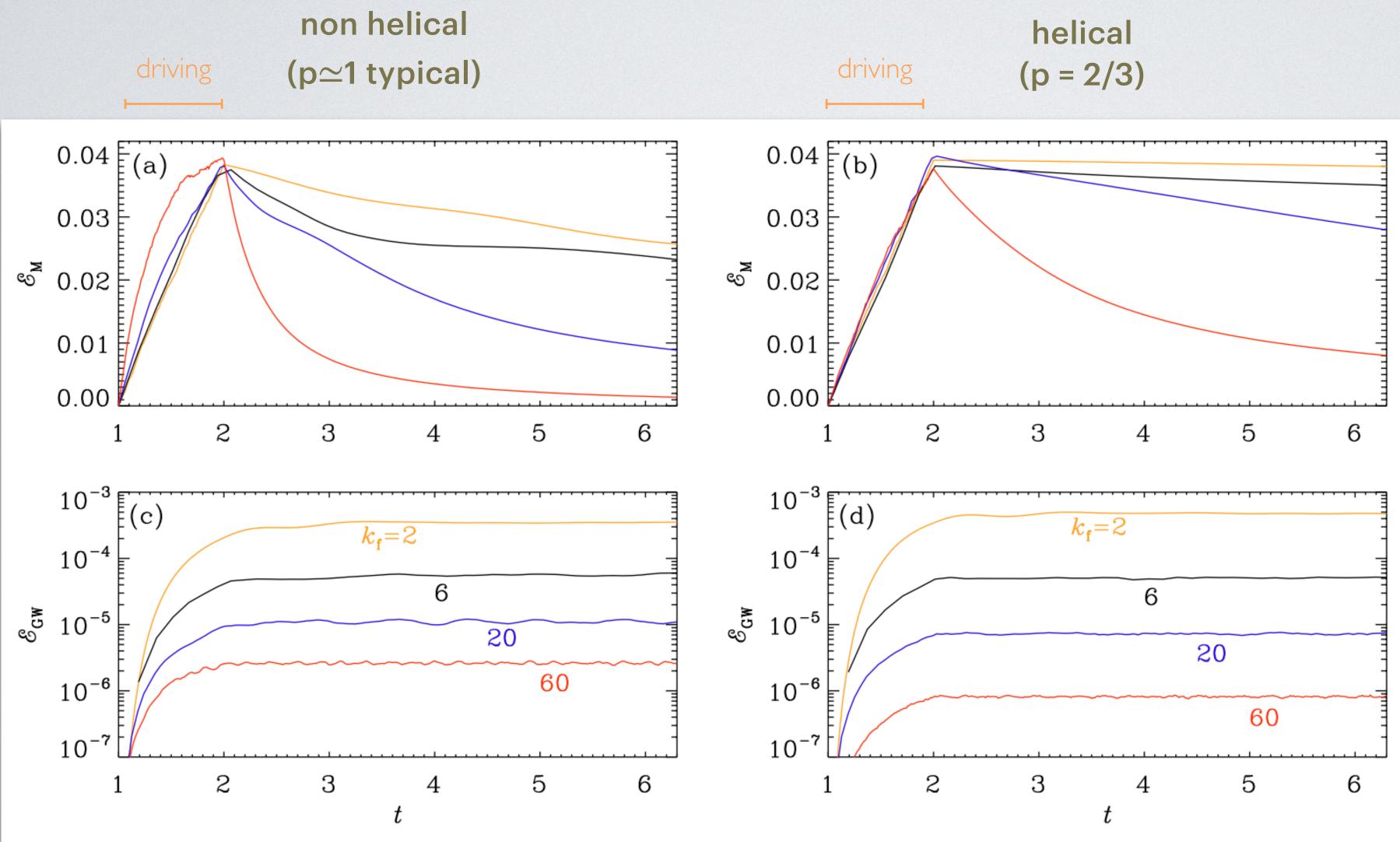
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### ENERGY DENSITY



magnetic energy density

$$\mathscr{E}_{\mathrm{M}} \sim \left\langle \mathbf{B}^2 \right\rangle$$

peak value  $\mathscr{E}_{M}^{max}$ 

turbulent decay

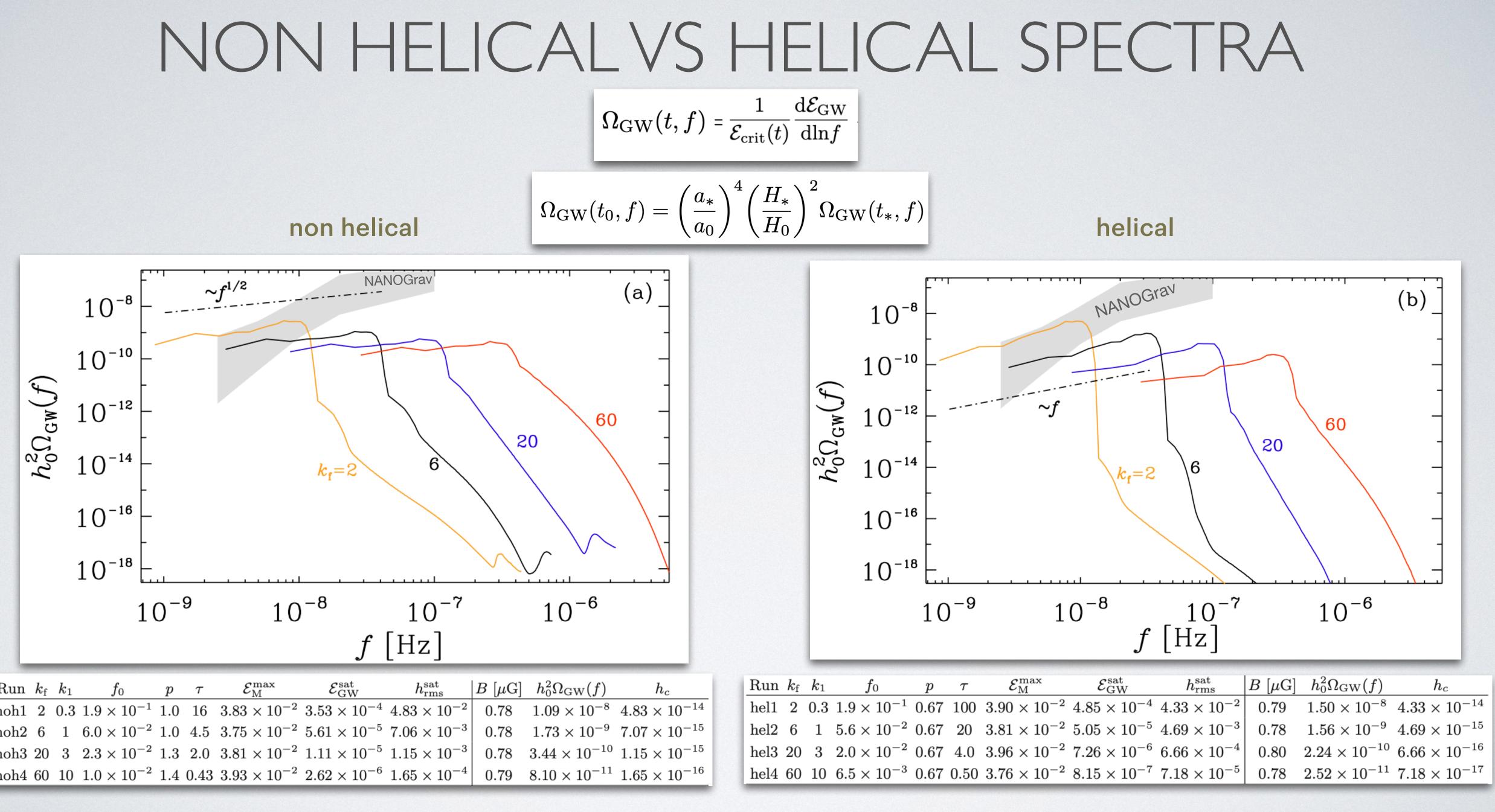
$$\mathscr{E}_{\mathrm{M}}(t) \sim t^{-p}$$

energy density carried by GWs

$$\mathcal{E}_{\rm GW} \sim \left< \dot{h}^2 \right>$$

saturates at  $\mathscr{E}_{\mathrm{GW}}^{\mathrm{sat}}$ 





Run	$k_{ m f}$	$k_1$	$f_0$	p	au	$\mathcal{E}_{\mathrm{M}}^{\mathrm{max}}$	${\cal E}_{ m GW}^{ m sat}$	$h_{ m rms}^{ m sat}$	$ B [\mu G]$	$h_0^2\Omega_{ m GW}(f)$	$h_c$
noh1	<b>2</b>	0.3	$1.9\times10^{-1}$	1.0	16	$3.83\times 10^{-2}$	$3.53\times10^{-4}$	$4.83\times 10^{-2}$	0.78	$1.09\times 10^{-8}$	$4.83 \times 10^{-10}$
noh2	6	1	$6.0\times 10^{-2}$	1.0	4.5	$3.75\times 10^{-2}$	$5.61\times 10^{-5}$	$7.06\times10^{-3}$	0.78	$1.73\times10^{-9}$	$7.07 \times 10^{-1}$
noh3	20	3	$2.3\times10^{-2}$	1.3	2.0	$3.81\times 10^{-2}$	$1.11\times 10^{-5}$	$1.15\times 10^{-3}$	0.78	$3.44\times10^{-10}$	$1.15 \times 10^{-5}$
noh4	60	10	$1.0 \times 10^{-2}$	1.4	0.43	$3.93\times10^{-2}$	$2.62\times 10^{-6}$	$1.65\times10^{-4}$	0.79	$8.10\times10^{-11}$	$1.65 \times 10^{-1}$

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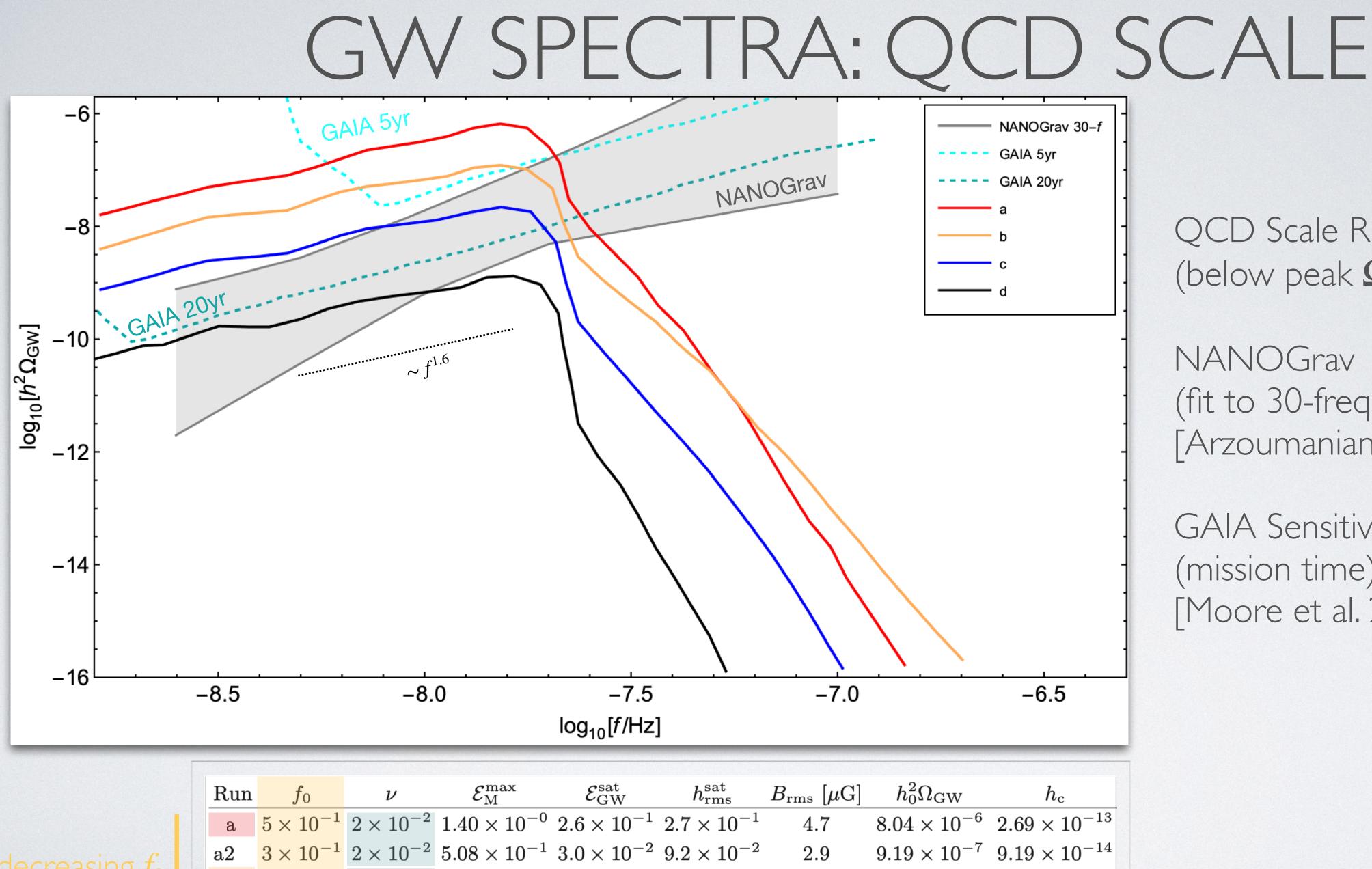
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$$T_{\text{BBN}}$$

 $= 6.2 \times 10^{-7}$ G and turbulence decay allows  $B_*^{\text{max}} > B_{\text{BBN}}^{\text{max}}$ 





Run	$f_0$	ν	$\mathcal{E}_{\mathrm{M}}^{\mathrm{max}}$	$\mathcal{E}_{\mathrm{GW}}^{\mathrm{sat}}$	$h_{ m rms}^{ m sat}$	$B_1$
a	$5 \times 10^{-1}$	$2\times 10^{-2}$	$1.40  imes 10^{-0}$	$2.6\times10^{-1}$	$2.7 \times 10^{-1}$	
a2	$3 \times 10^{-1}$	$2\times 10^{-2}$	$5.08\times10^{-1}$	$3.0\times10^{-2}$	$9.2\times10^{-2}$	
b	$3 \times 10^{-1}$	$5\times 10^{-3}$	$9.40\times10^{-1}$	$5.4\times10^{-2}$	$1.4 \times 10^{-1}$	
С	$2 \times 10^{-1}$	$5\times 10^{-3}$	$4.26\times10^{-1}$	$9.4\times10^{-3}$	$5.7  imes 10^{-2}$	
d	$1 \times 10^{-1}$	$5 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.09 \times 10^{-1}$	$5.5 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.4 \times 10^{-2}$	

 $1.66 \times 10^{-6}$   $1.36 \times 10^{-13}$ 3.9 $2.90 \times 10^{-7}$   $5.73 \times 10^{-14}$ 2.6 $1.71 \times 10^{-8}$   $1.38 \times 10^{-14}$ 1.3

QCD Scale Runs: a-d (below peak  $\Omega_{\rm GW} \sim f^{1.6}$ )

NANOGrav 12.5-yr Results (fit to 30-frequency bins) [Arzoumanian et al. 2020]

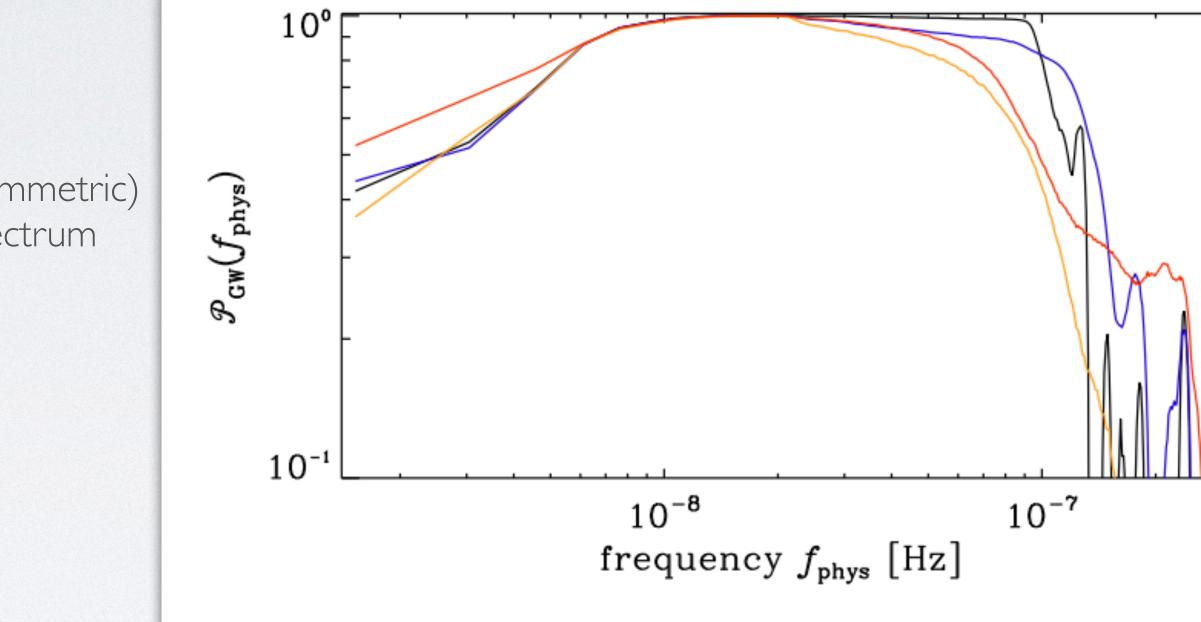
GAIA Sensitivity Curves (mission time) [Moore et al. 2017]



## GW POLARIZATION SPECTRA

$$\frac{\operatorname{circular polarization degree}}{\mathscr{P}(k) = \frac{\left\langle h_{+}^{*}(\mathbf{k})h_{+}(\mathbf{k}') - h_{-}^{*}(\mathbf{k})h_{-}(\mathbf{k}')\right\rangle}{\left\langle h_{+}^{*}(\mathbf{k})h_{+}(\mathbf{k}') + h_{-}^{*}(\mathbf{k})h_{-}(\mathbf{k}')\right\rangle} = \frac{\mathscr{H}(k)}{H(k)} \underbrace{\mathcal{H}(k)}_{\text{energy spectrum}} + \underbrace{\mathcal{H}(k)}_{\text$$

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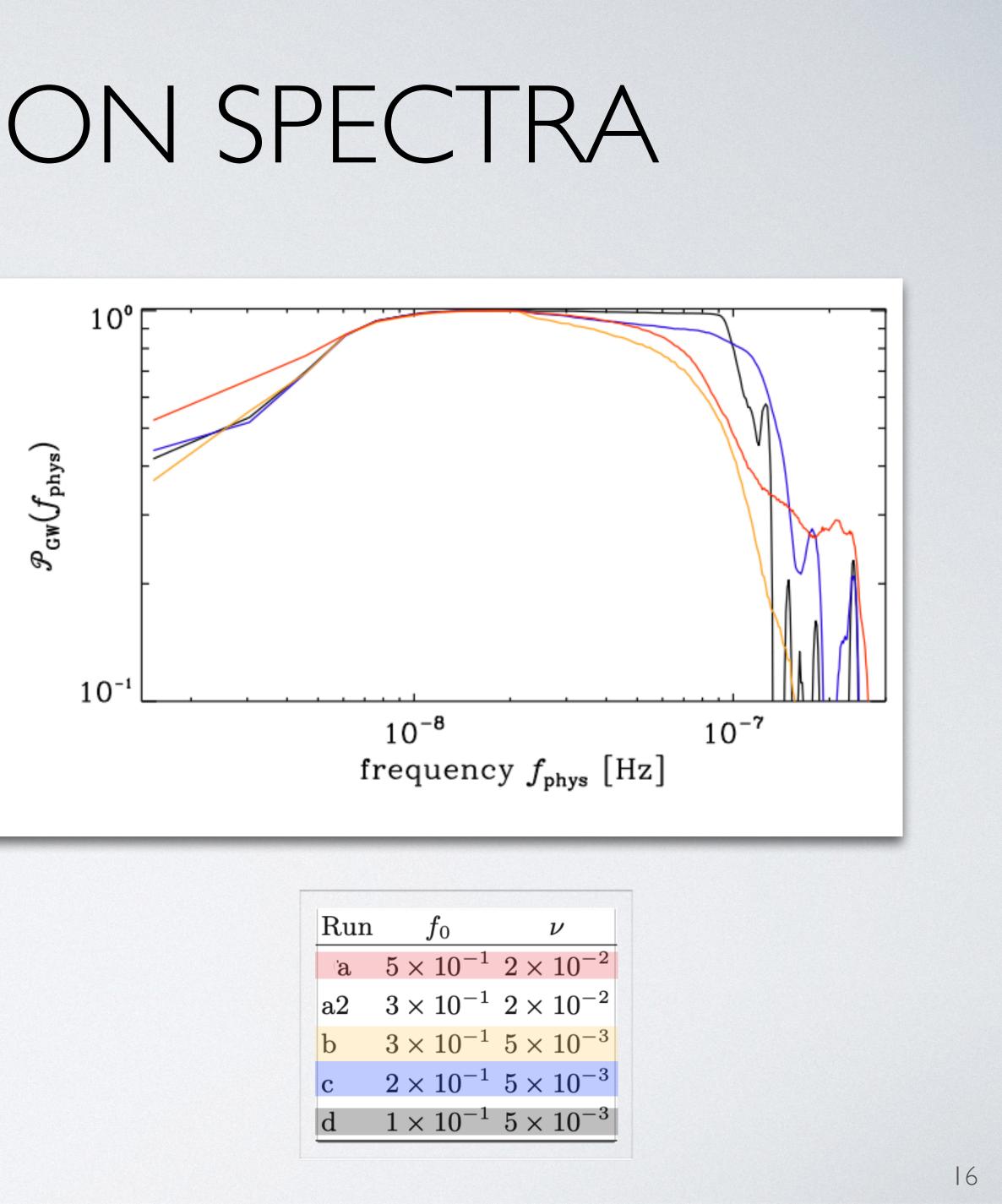
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### GW POLARIZATION SPECTRA

### Detection

- <u>PTAs</u>: more pulsars (  $\geq 100$ ),  $SNR( \geq 400)$  (Belgacem + Kamionkowski 2021); solar system proper motion (Seto 2006+2007; applied to LISA in Domcke et al 2020)
- Astrometry: project with Deyan Mihaylov & Guotong Sun



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## CONCLUSIONS

- · Magnetic stress from hydrodynamic and MHD turbulence with scales comparable to the cosmological horizon scale at the QCD transition can drive GWs in the range accessible to existing detectors including PTAs and astrometric missions.
- universe.
  - The **peak** (amplitude and frequency) of the GW energy density is related to the maximum magnetic energy density and the wave number of the turbulent forcing.
  - expected based on earlier analytical calculations.
  - Above the peak frequency, the GW spectrum has a sharp drop.
- information about magnetogenesis and parity violation at the time of generation.

### **GW** spectrum observation could constrain the nature of the underlying turbulence in the early

Below the break frequency, the GW spectrum from QCD scale parameters is shallower in the non-helical case than helical ( ~  $f^{1/2}$  vs ~ f) and both scalings are shallower than what was

**GW polarization** degree is determined by the helical properties of the source and could provide





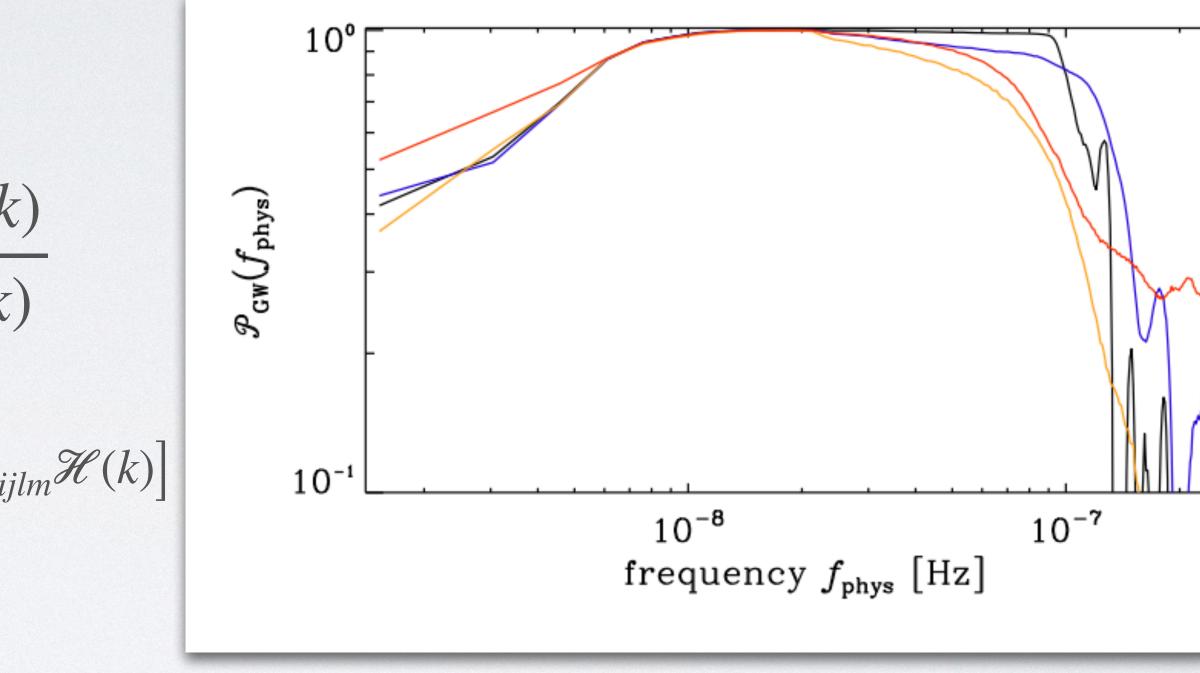
## SUPPLEMENTARY SLIDES

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- $\left\langle h_{ii}^{*}(\mathbf{k})h_{lm}(\mathbf{k}')\right\rangle/(2\pi)^{3} = \delta^{(3)}(\mathbf{k}-\mathbf{k}')\left[\mathcal{M}_{ijlm}H(k)+i\mathcal{A}_{ijlm}\mathcal{H}(k)\right]$
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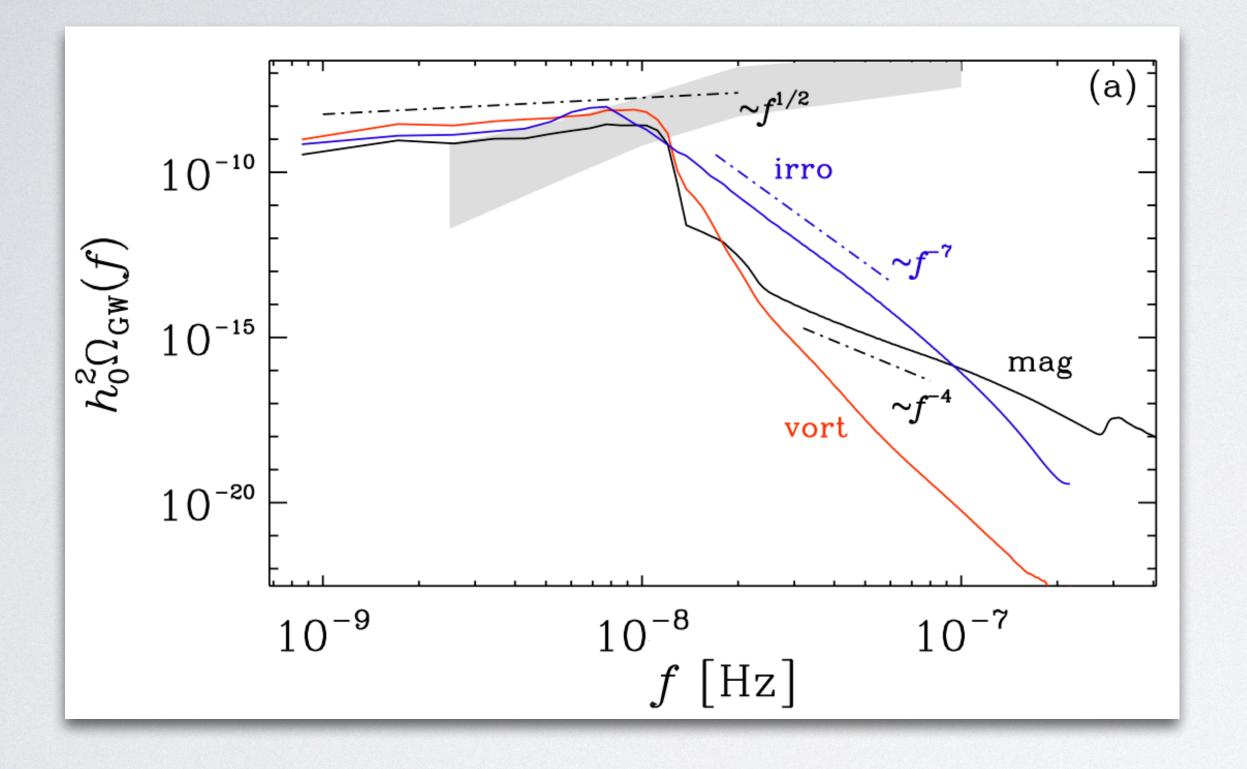


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### MAGNETIC VS HYDRODYNAMIC TURBULENCE



Type	$f_{ m O}$	u	$\mathcal{E}_{\mathrm{M}}^{\mathrm{max}}$	$\mathcal{E}_{\mathrm{GW}}^{\mathrm{sat}}$	$h_{ m rms}^{ m sat}$	$B \ [\mu G]$	$h_0^2\Omega_{ m GW}(f)$	$h_c$
magnetic	$1.9\times 10^{-1}$	$5.0\times10^{-5}$	$3.83\times 10^{-2}$	$3.53\times 10^{-4}$	$4.83\times10^{-2}$	0.78	$1.09\times 10^{-8}$	$4.83\times10^{-14}$
vortical	$3.8 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.0\times 10^{-2}$	$4.21\times 10^{-2}$	$8.81\times 10^{-4}$	$8.26\times 10^{-2}$	0.82	$2.73\times10^{-8}$	$8.27\times10^{-14}$
irrotational	$7.0  imes 10^{-1}$	$2.0\times 10^{-2}$	$4.26\times 10^{-2}$	$8.30\times10^{-4}$	$7.95\times10^{-2}$	0.83	$2.57\times 10^{-8}$	$7.96\times10^{-14}$

- MHD turbulence
  - vortical, non helical (`mag')
  - $\tau = (v_A k_f)^{-1}$  with  $v_A = \sqrt{3\mathscr{E}_M/2}$  and  $\mathscr{E}_M = \langle \mathbf{B}^2 \rangle/2$
- Hydrodynamic turbulence
  - vortical (divergence-free) forcing (`vort')
  - irrotational (curl-free) forcing (`irro')

• 
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### AXION MAGNETOGENESIS

### Miniati et al 2018

Consider a smooth QCD crossover

> pressure gradients result from different charge density, energy density, and equation of state of the quark and lepton components

> thermoelectric fields arise at pressure gradients

> magnetic field may be generated by interaction of thermoelectric field with a pseudo-scalar axion field Axion coupling to the electromagnetic field (via Primakoff mechanism)

Lagrangian term:  $\mathscr{L}_{int} = -g_{a\gamma} \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B}a$  where  $g_{a\gamma}$  is the axion-photon coupling (depends on the specific axion model considered), *a* is the axion field

> Write Maxwell's equations in comoving coordinates considering this term:

 $n = 3\zeta(3)g^*R^3T^3/4\pi^2$  the coming density,  $\epsilon$  accounts for the strength of the field only being a fraction of the usual baroclinic term )

Ampere's Law (again with 0 initial magnetic field) yields: Substitute result for current into Ohm's law to find:

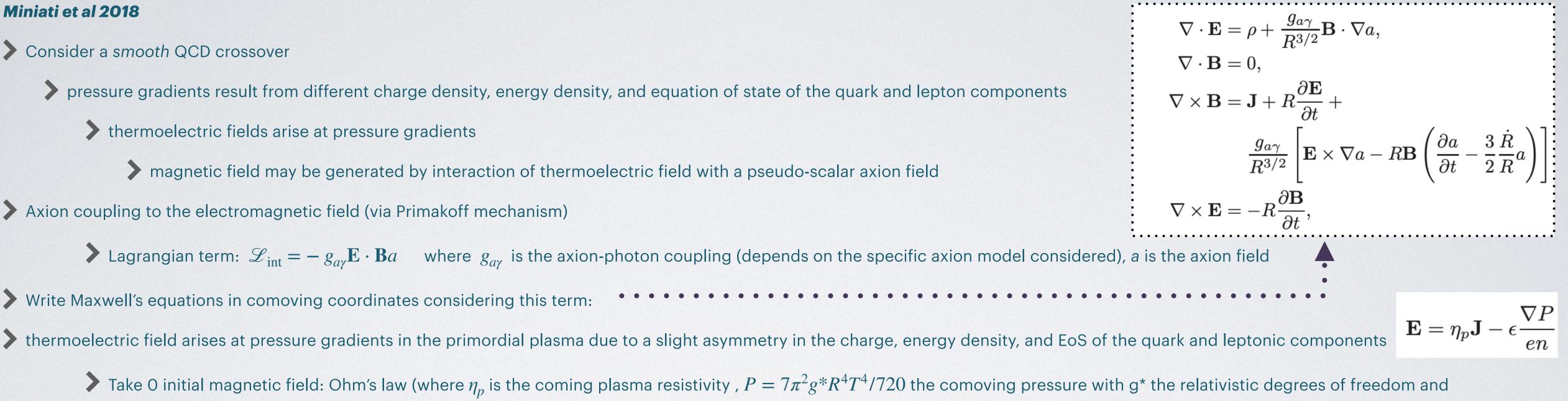
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> If the axion field gradient and the thermoelectric field are not exactly aligned, an electric current is driven in the primordial plasma through their interaction.

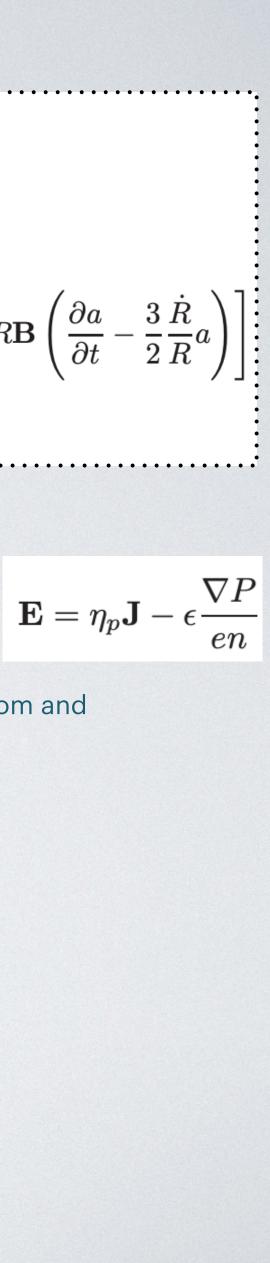
Magnetic seed field generated in this process

> Pressure gradient that gives rise to the thermoelectric fields will generally **drive large scale plasma motion** 

> initiates turbulent cascade which can lead to significant amplification of the initial seed by turbulent dynamo action

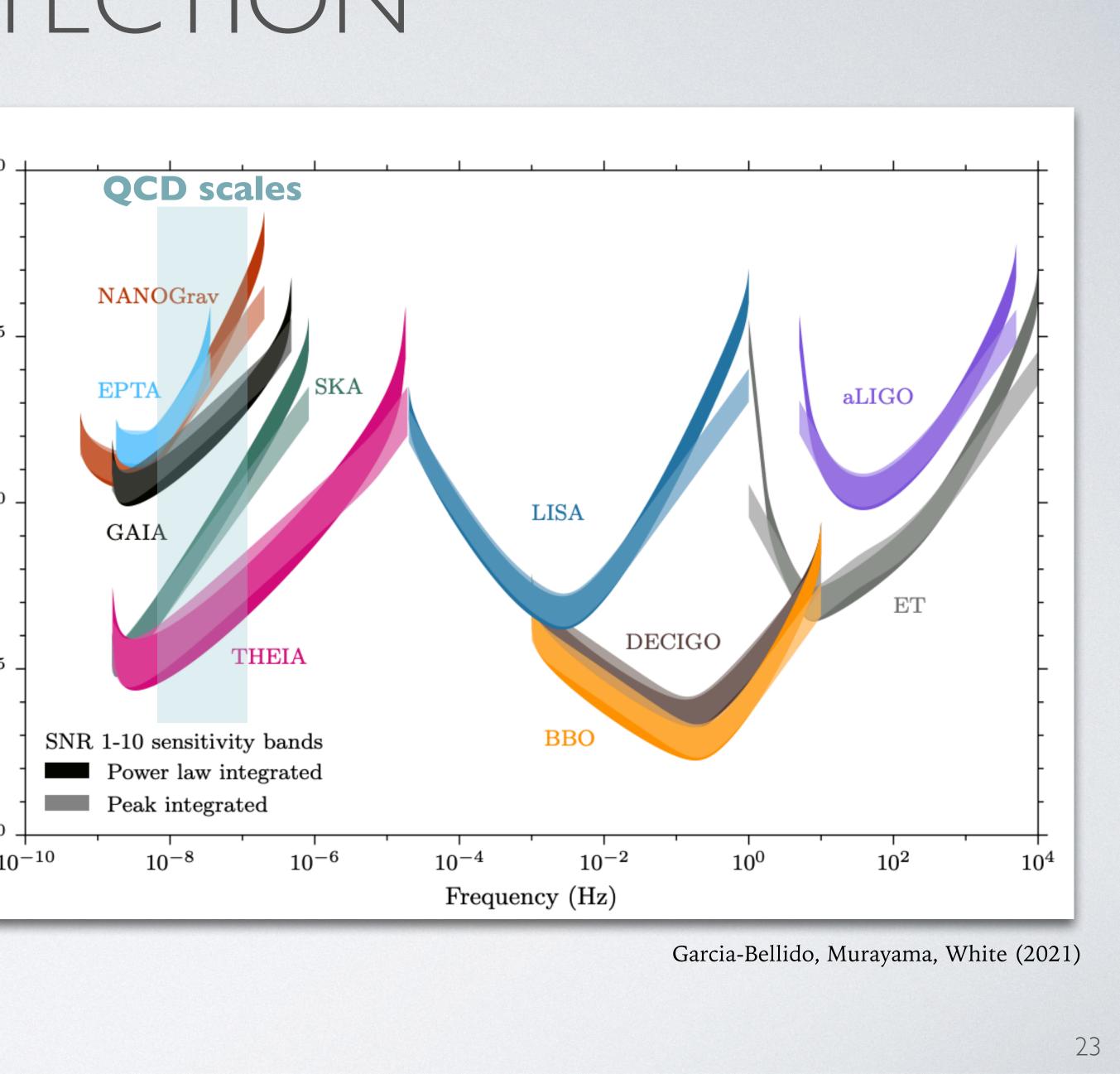


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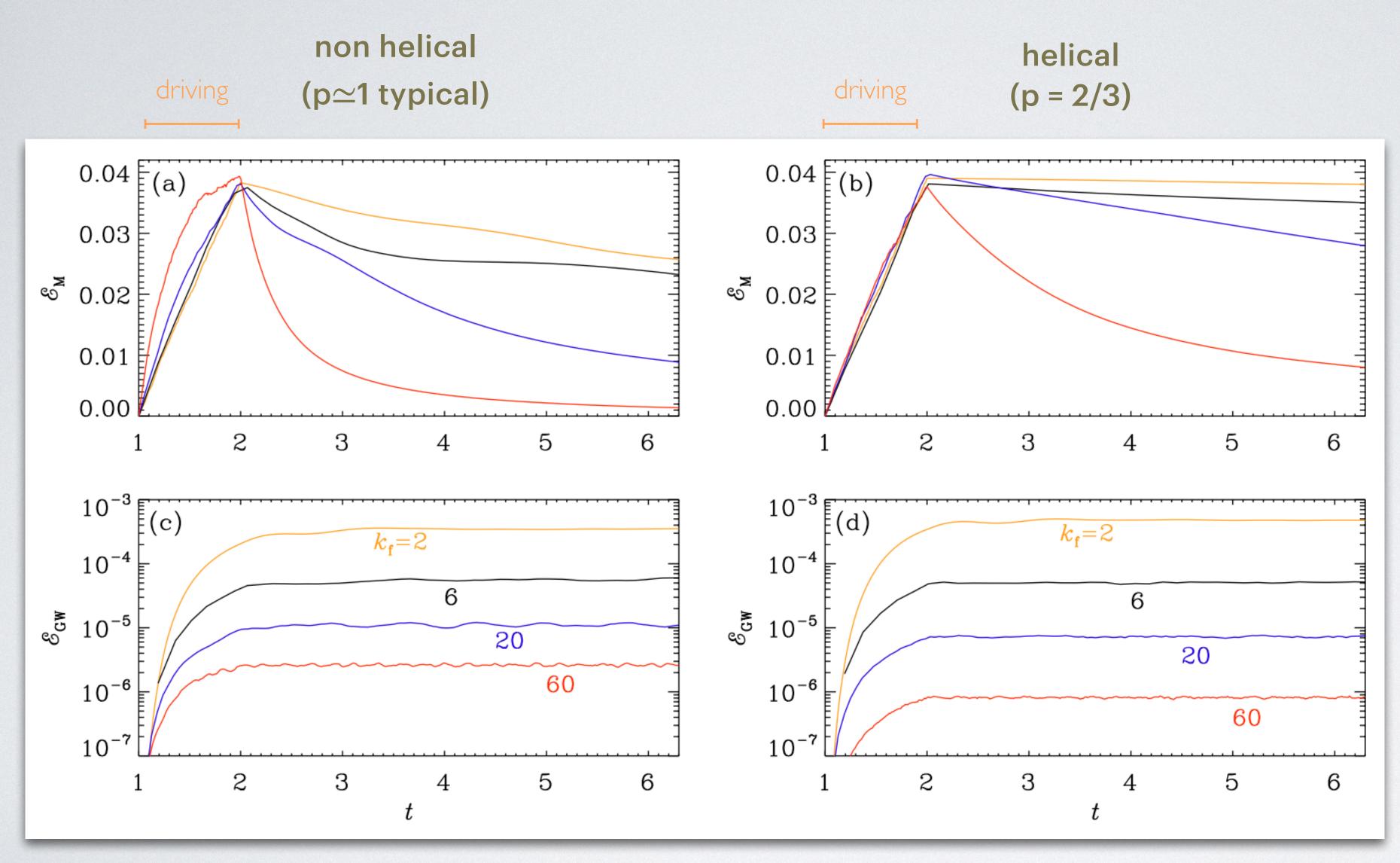


## GW DETECTION

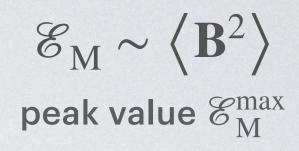
•	PTAs in nHz range:	10 <sup>0</sup> -
	• NANOGrav: 1 nHz - 1µHz	
	• SKA (Square Kilometer Array)	E E
	• EPTA	$10^{-5}$ -
•	Ground-based interferometers:	$h^2$
	• aLIGO: 10 Hz - 1000 Hz	$\Omega_{ m gw}(f) h^2$ .
	• ET (proposed)	
•	(Future) Space-based Interferometers:	$10^{-15}$ .
	• LISA: 0.1 mHz - 1 Hz	
	• DECIGO: 0.1 Hz - 10 Hz	$10^{-20}$ -
•	Astrometry: GAIA + THEIA: nHz range	10
	(between PTA and LISA)	



### ENERGY DENSITY



magnetic energy density



turbulent decay  $\mathscr{C}_{M}(t) \sim t^{-p}$ 

energy density carried by GWs

$$\mathcal{E}_{\rm GW}\sim\left<\dot{h}^2\right>$$

saturates at  $\mathscr{C}_{GW}^{sat}$ 

$$\mathscr{E}_{\text{GW}}^{\text{sat}} = (q \mathscr{E}_{\text{M}}^{\text{max}} / l q)$$
  
with  $q = l$ 



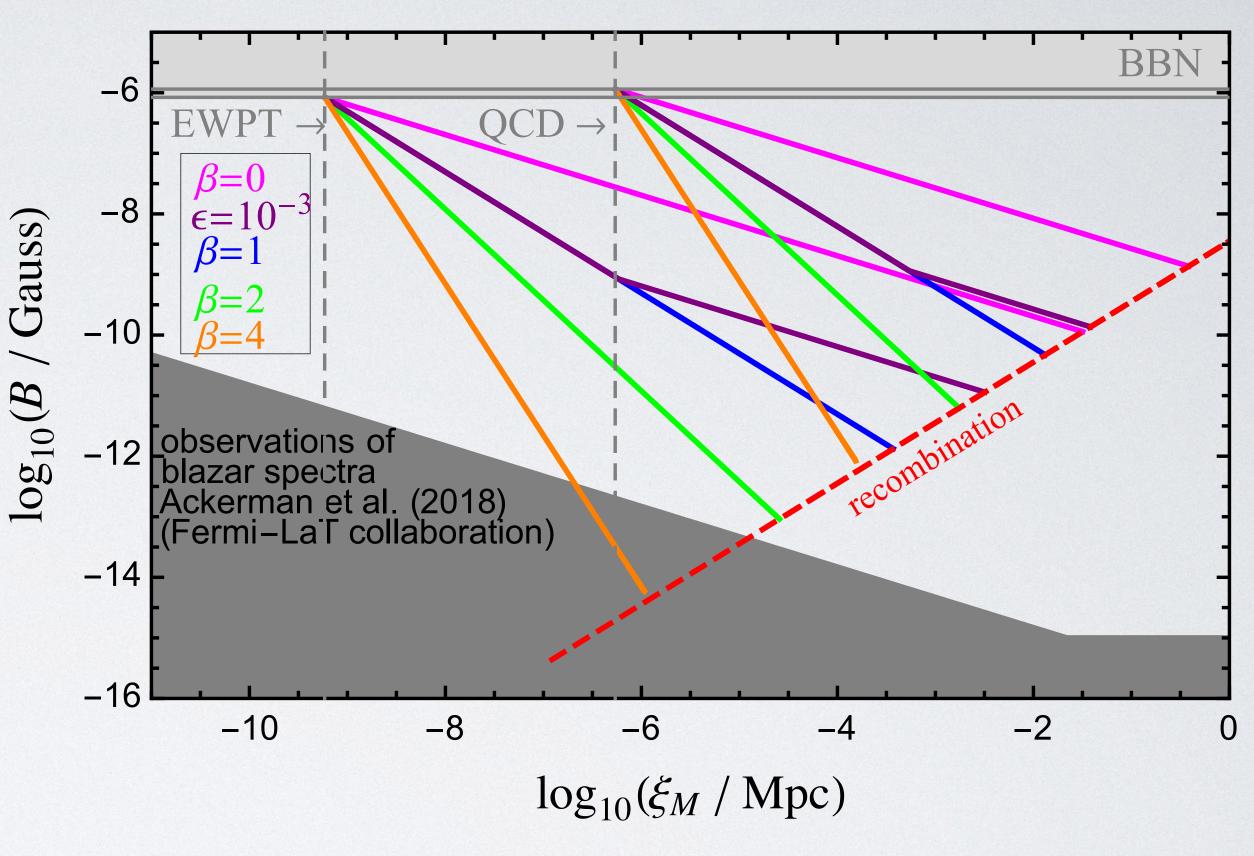
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  - Generated at time  $\eta_*$
  - Strength  $B_*$  BBN upper limit
  - <u>Maximum correlation length</u>  $\xi_{M^*} \leq \lambda_{H^*}$  (Hubble horizon)
- Scaling Exponents: p, q
  - depend on the properties of the turbulence
  - determined/verified by numerical simulations (Brandenburg & Kahniashvili 2017)
  - $p = (\beta + 1)q$
- Fractional helicity: ratio of the magnetic helicity to its maximal value

$$\epsilon_{M}(\eta) = \frac{\xi_{M}^{\min}(\eta)}{\xi_{M}(\eta)} = \frac{\mathscr{H}_{M}(\eta)}{2\xi_{M}(\eta)\mathscr{E}_{M}(\eta)} \leq 1$$

• Evolution

$$\xi_M = \xi_{M^*} \left(\frac{\eta}{\eta_*}\right)^q \qquad \qquad B = B_* \left(\frac{\eta}{\eta_*}\right)^{-p/2}$$



	p	$q, n_{\xi}$
fully helical ( $\beta = 0$ )	2/3	2/3
nonhelical ( $\beta = 1$ )	1	1/2
nonhelical ( $\beta = 2$ )	6/5	2/5
nonhelical ( $\beta = 4$ )	10/7	2/7

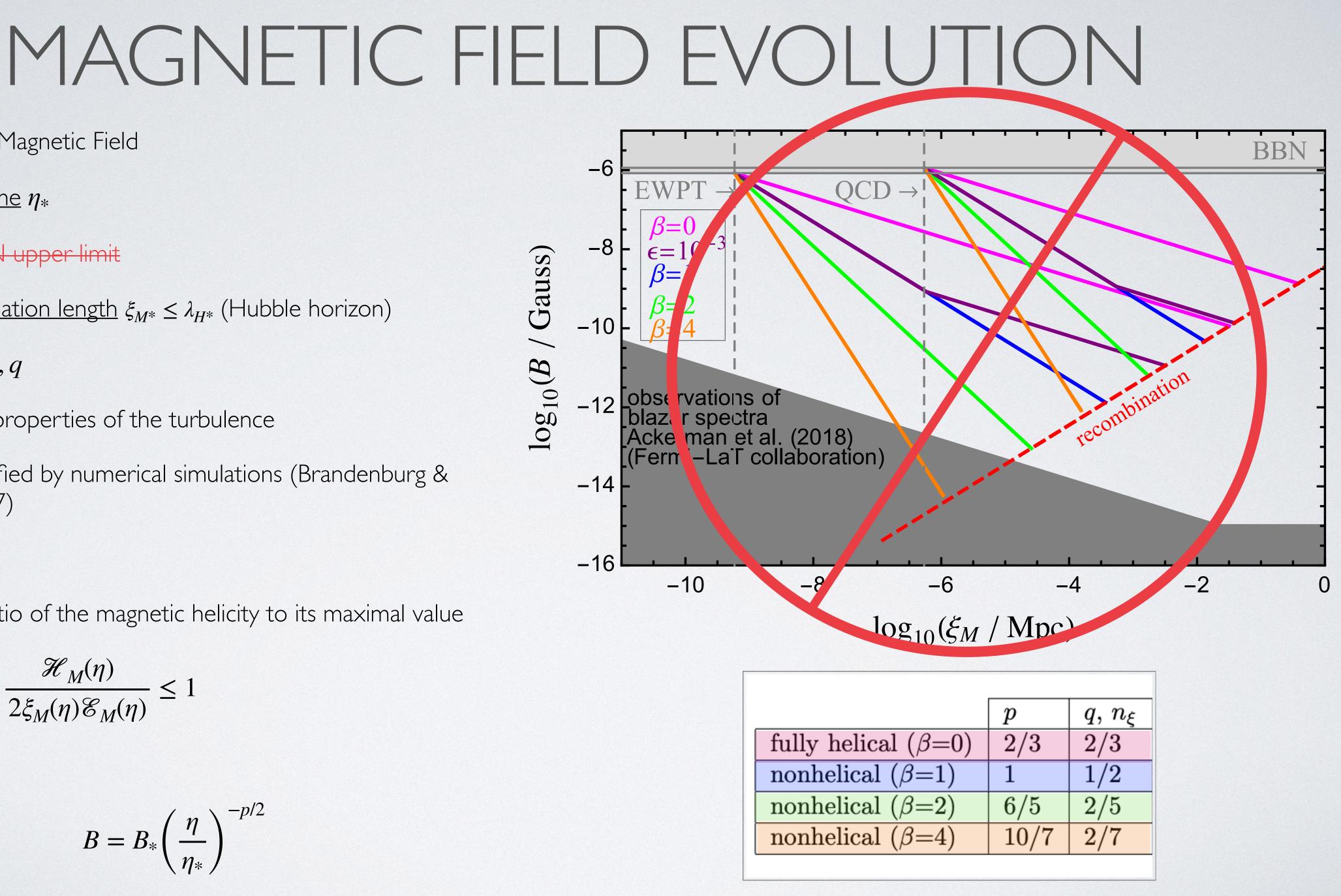


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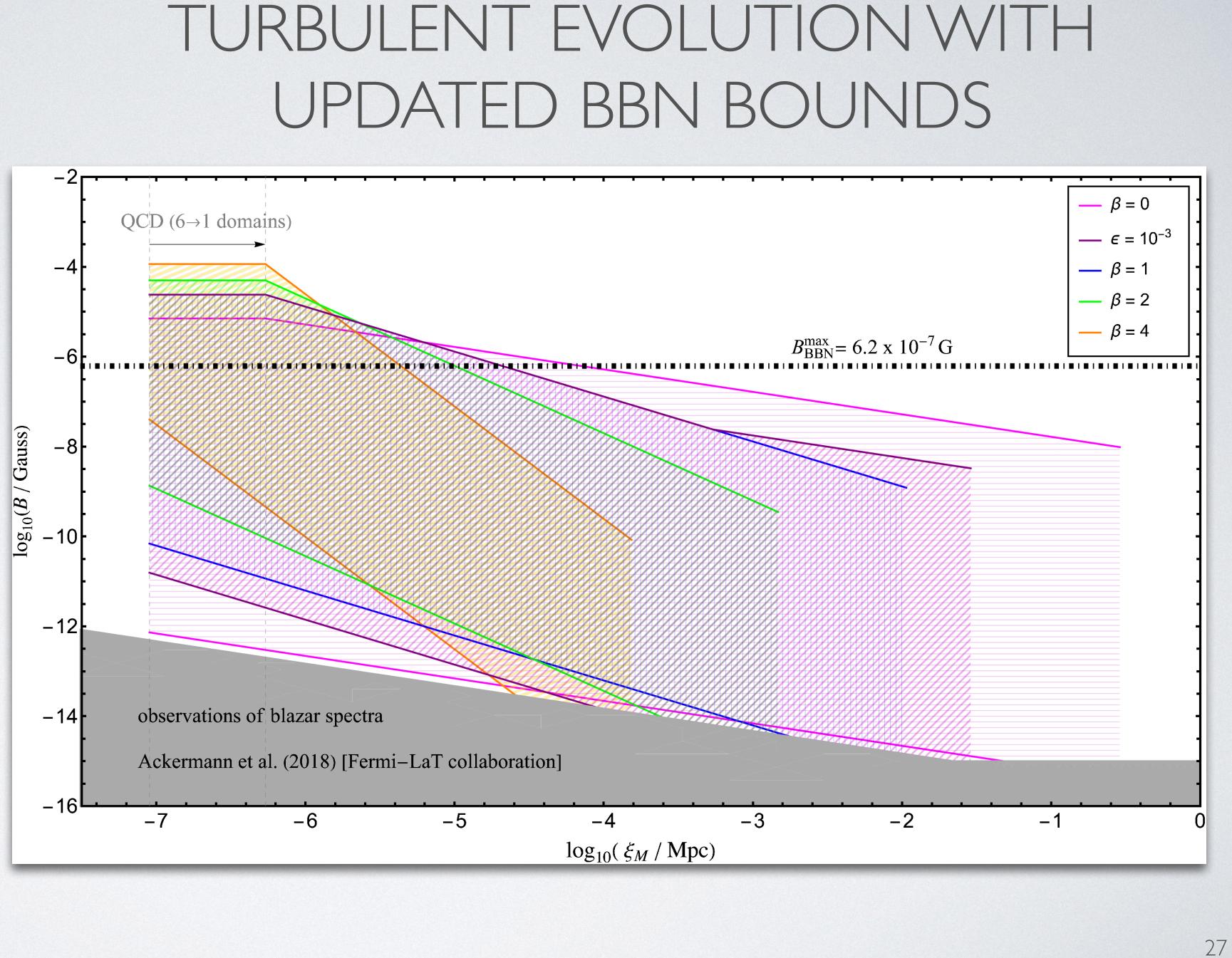
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- New bounds: apply BBN bound at BBN  $T_{\rm BBN}$ 
  - Field strength decays  $B \sim t^{-p/2}$
- Correlation length grows  $\xi_M \sim t^q$ 
  - Maximum correlation length  $\xi_{M^*} \leq \lambda_{H^*}$ (Hubble horizon)
  - consider up to 6 at QCD
- Trajectories end at recombination (0.25 eV)
- $p = (\beta + 1)q$
- $\beta, p, q$  depend on on turbulence properties
- fractional helicity:  $\epsilon_{M}(\eta) = \frac{\xi_{M}^{\min}(\eta)}{\xi_{M}(\eta)} = \frac{\mathscr{H}_{M}(\eta)}{2\xi_{M}(\eta)\mathscr{E}_{M}(\eta)} \leq 1$

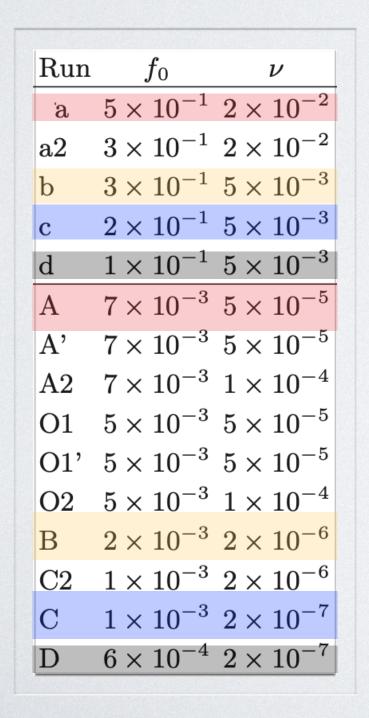
p	$q,n_{m{\xi}}$
2/3	2/3
1	1/2
6/5	2/5
10/7	2/7
	2/3 1 6/5

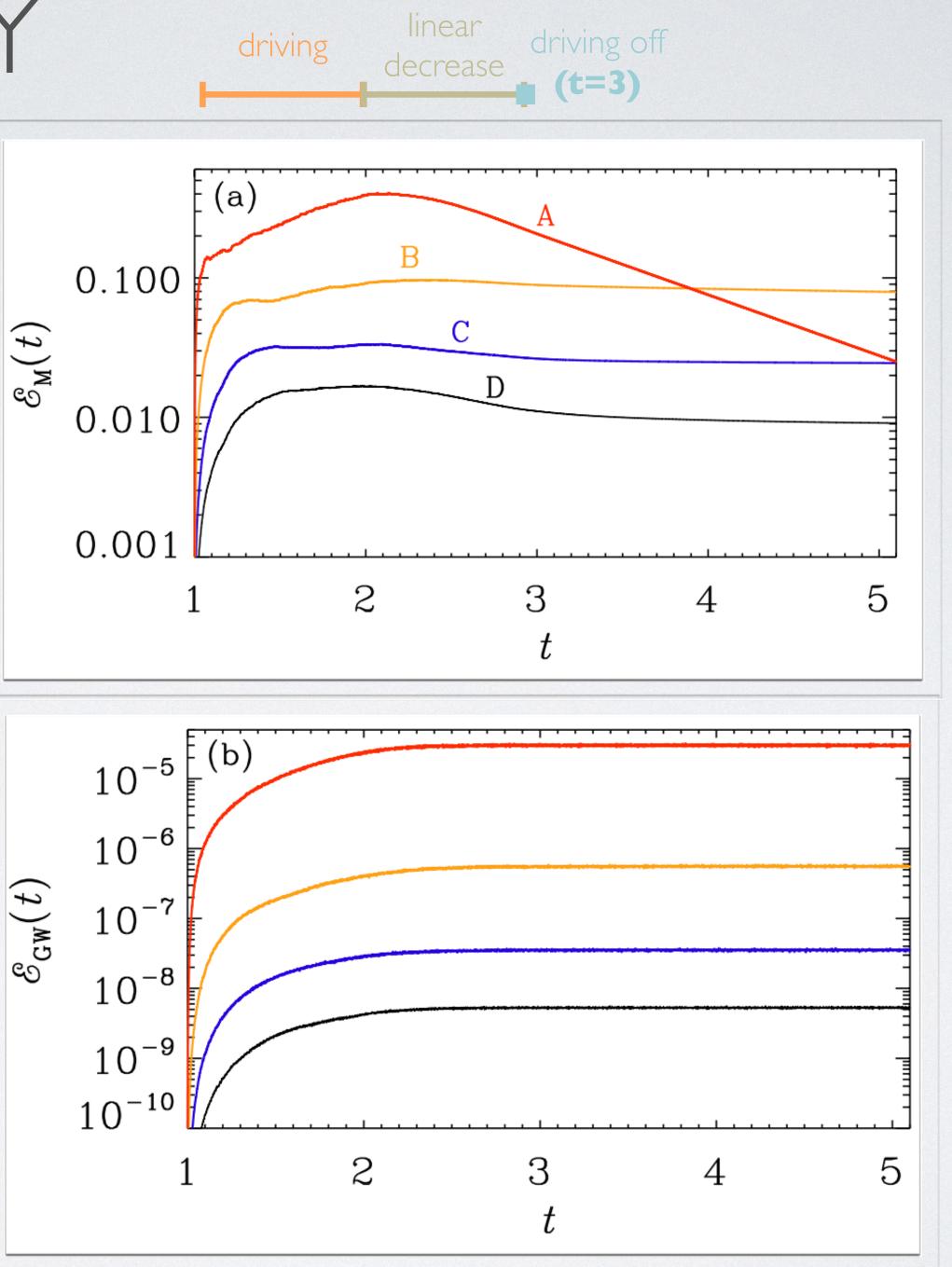


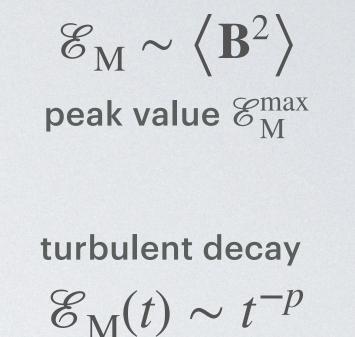
### ENERGY DENSITY

• <u>EW scale</u>: Runs A-D

- forcing and viscosity decrease  $A \rightarrow D$
- <u>QCD scale</u>: Runs a-d







energy density carried by GWs

$$\mathcal{E}_{\rm GW}\sim\left<\dot{h}^2\right>$$

saturates at  $\mathscr{C}_{GW}^{sat}$ 

$$\mathscr{E}_{\text{GW}}^{\text{sat}} = (q \mathscr{E}_{\text{M}}^{\text{max}} / l q)$$
  
with  $q = 1$ 

