

# Gravitational wave induced baryon acoustic oscillations

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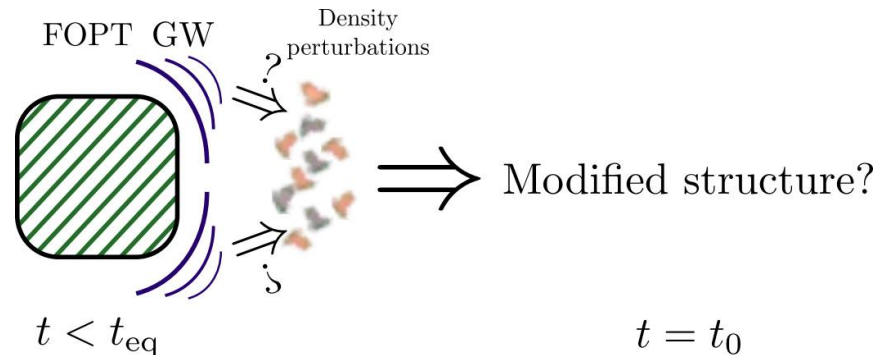
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**Question:** Can GWs from FOPTs impact structure formation?  
If so, can we infer bounds on the FOPT parameters from SF?



# Motivation

- Many models beyond the standard model predict first order phase transitions (FOPT)
- Thinking about: What else than gravitational waves can we do?
- How do these events speak/interact with other event/processes in the early universe?

- Short review of cosmological first order phase transitions (FOPT) and gravitational waves (GWs)
- Short review on structure formation (SF)
- Physical idea
- Methods
- Results
- Summary

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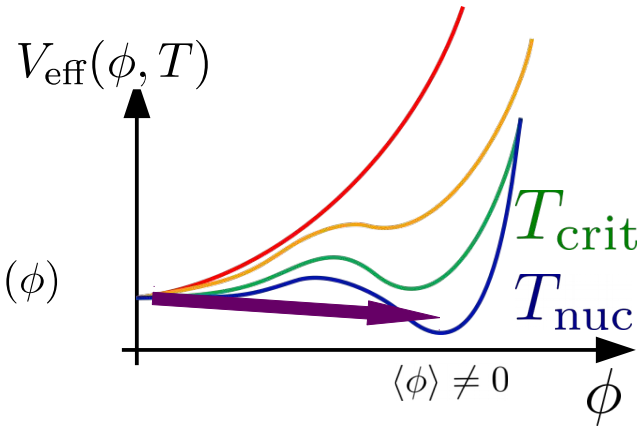
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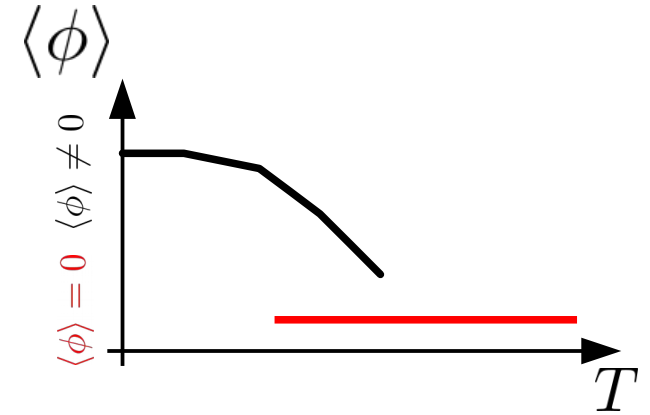
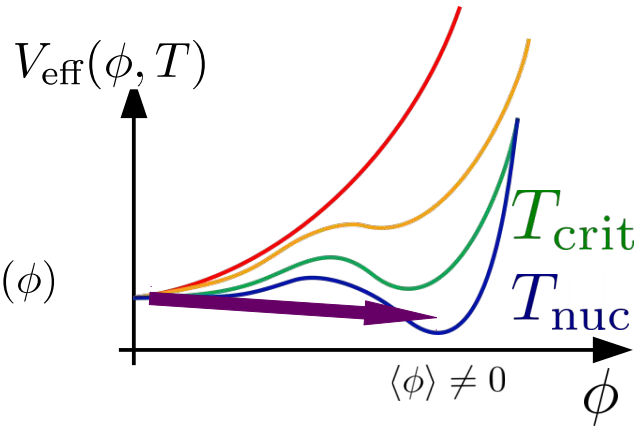


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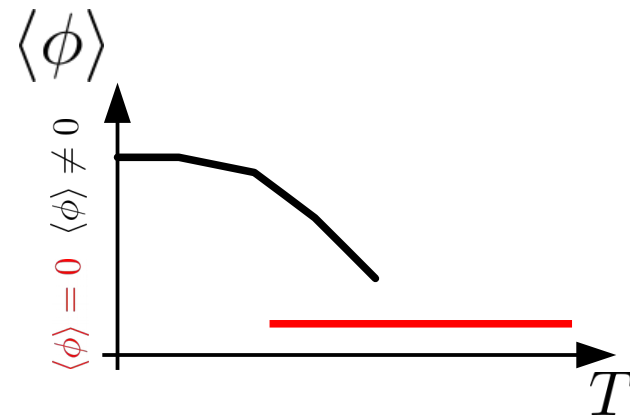
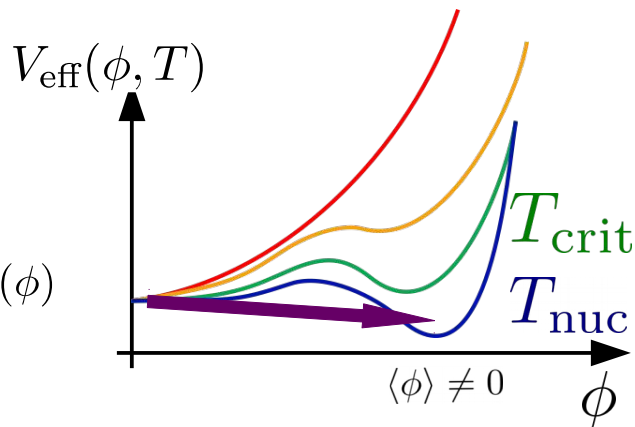


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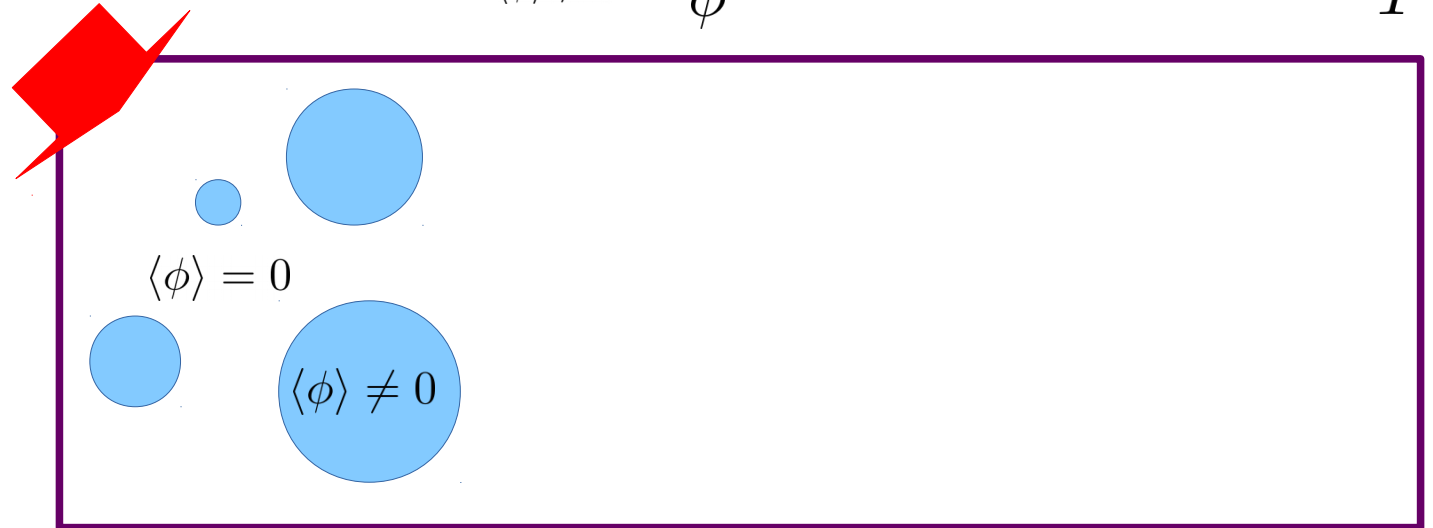
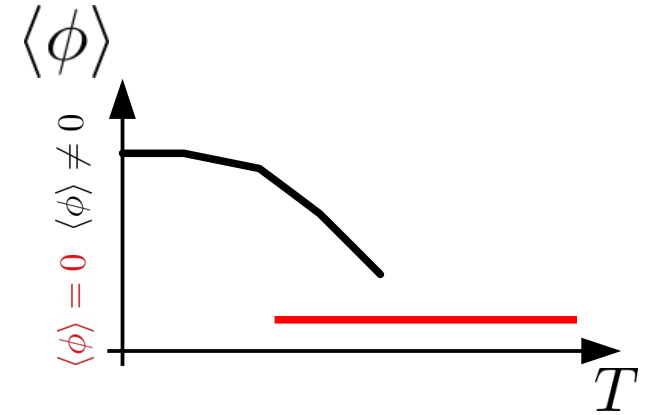
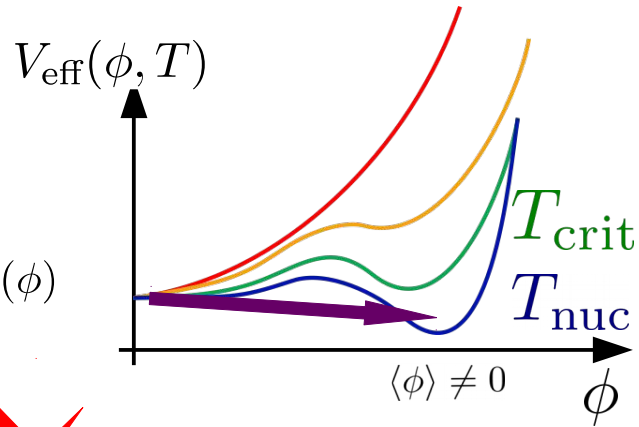


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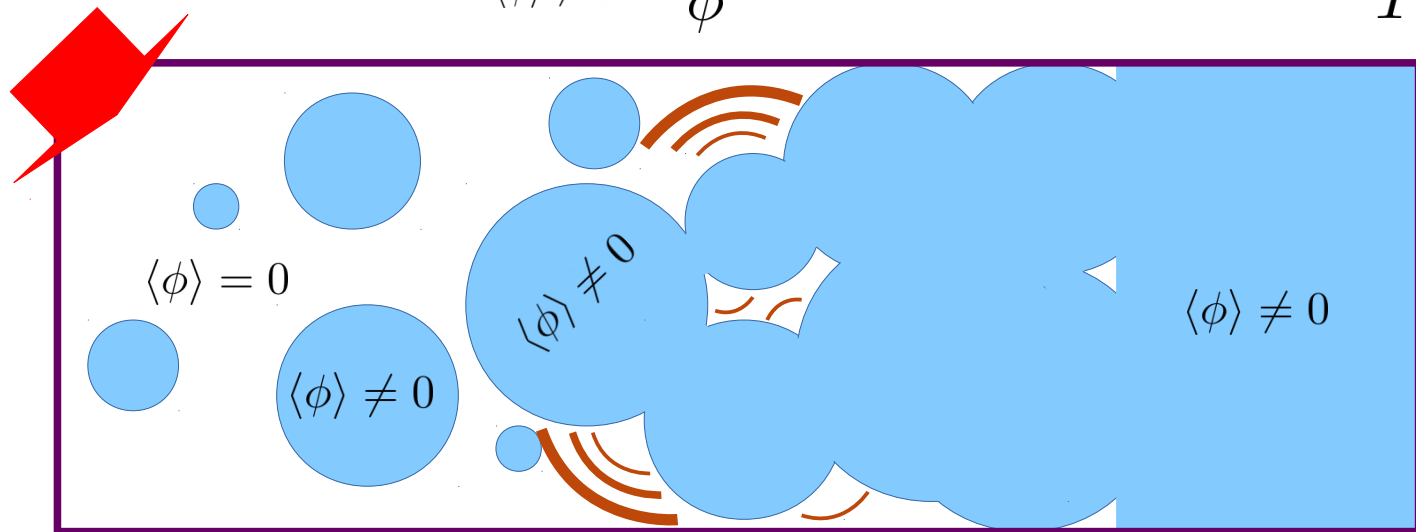
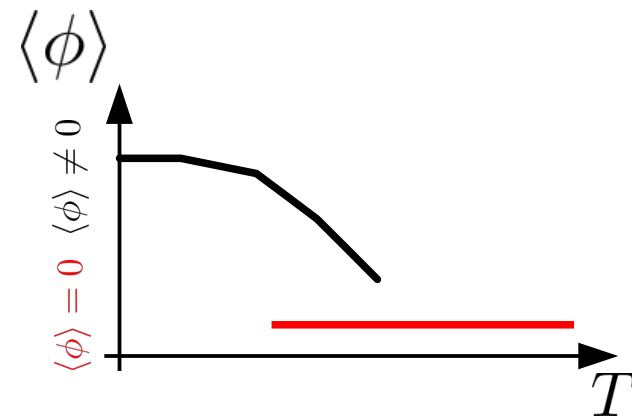
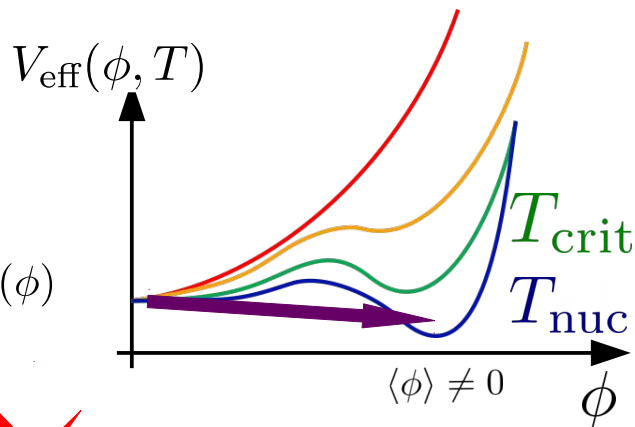


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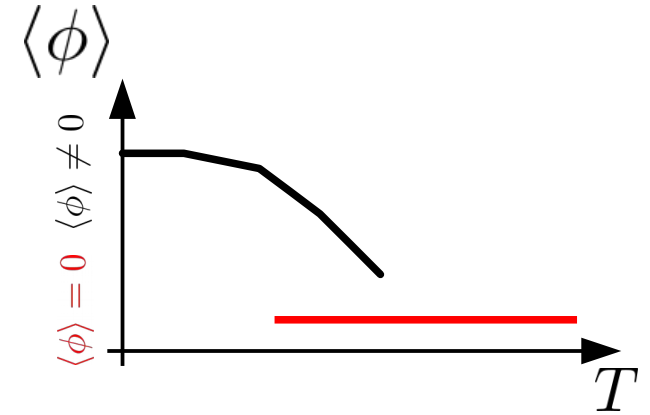
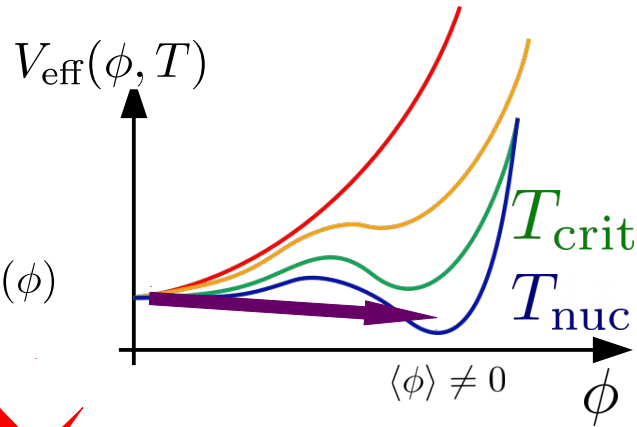


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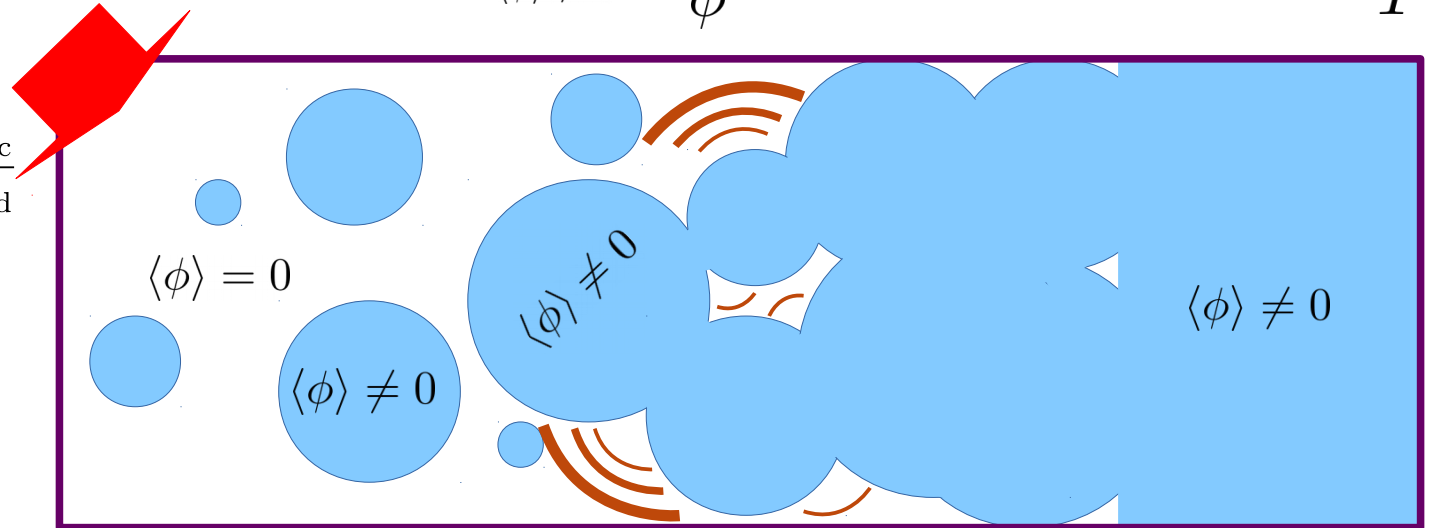
- Strength

$$\alpha := \frac{\rho_{\text{vac}}}{\rho_{\text{rad}}}$$

- Duration

$$\beta^{-1}$$

- Scale/Temperature  $T_{\text{nuc}}/T_*$



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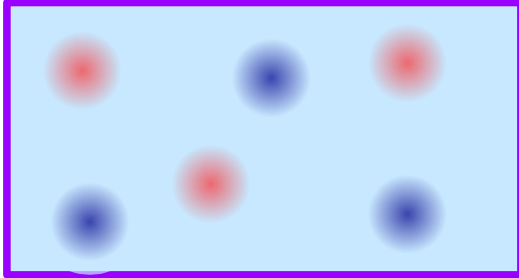
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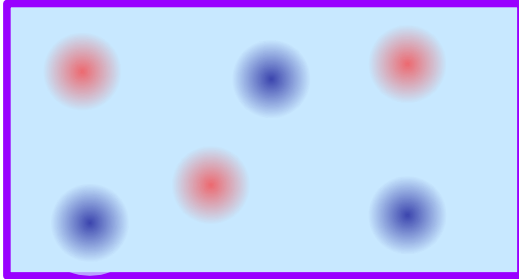
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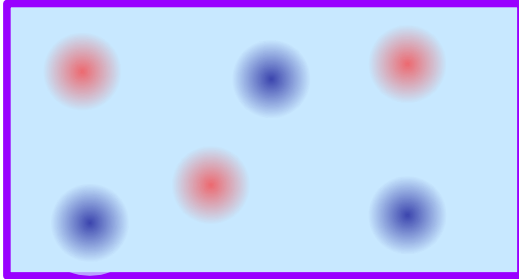
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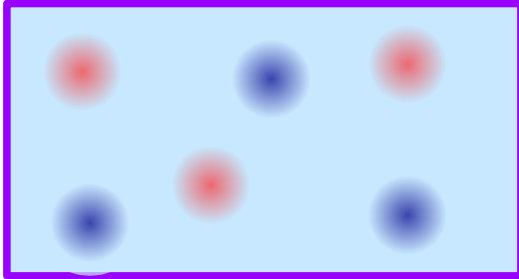
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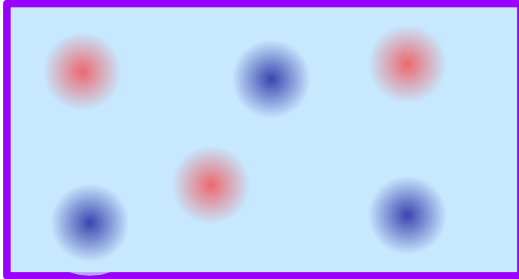
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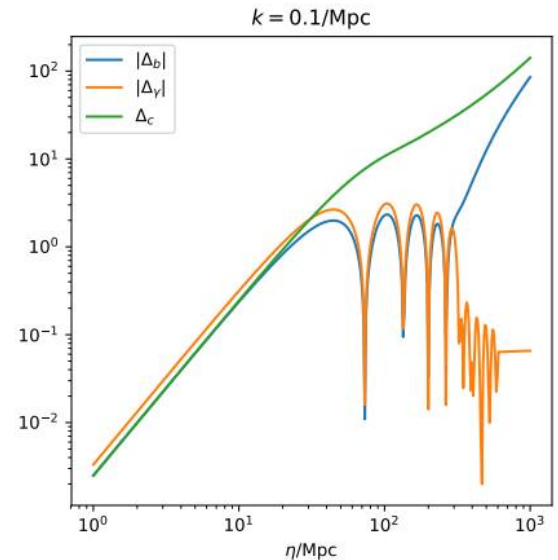
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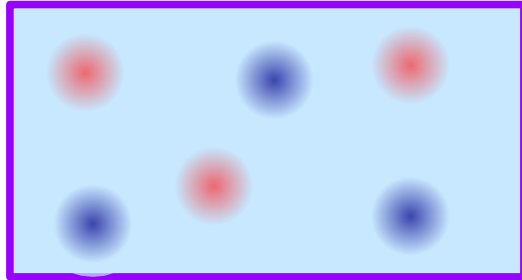
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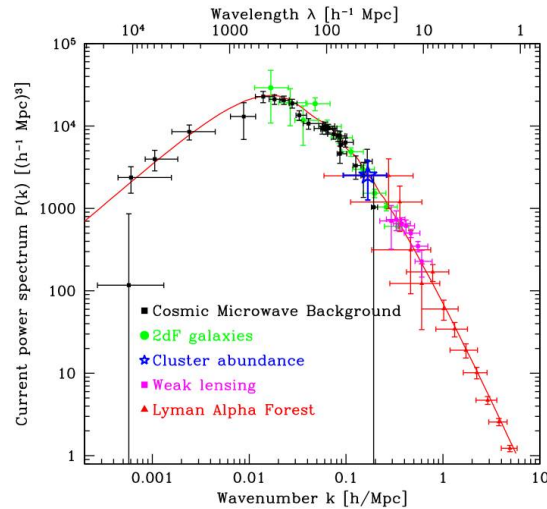
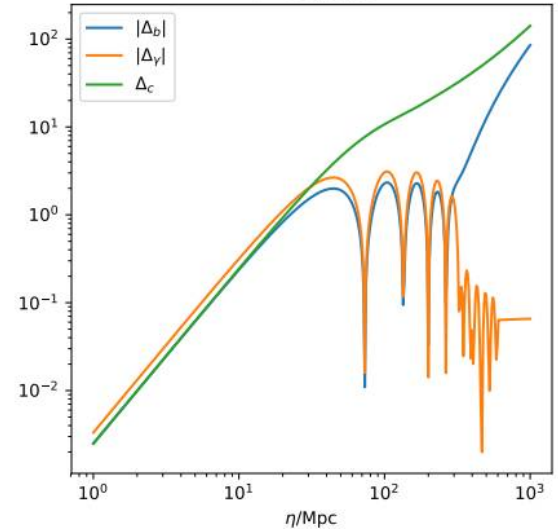
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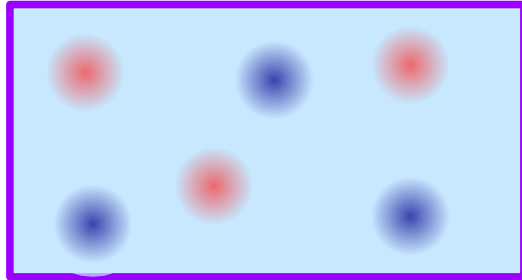
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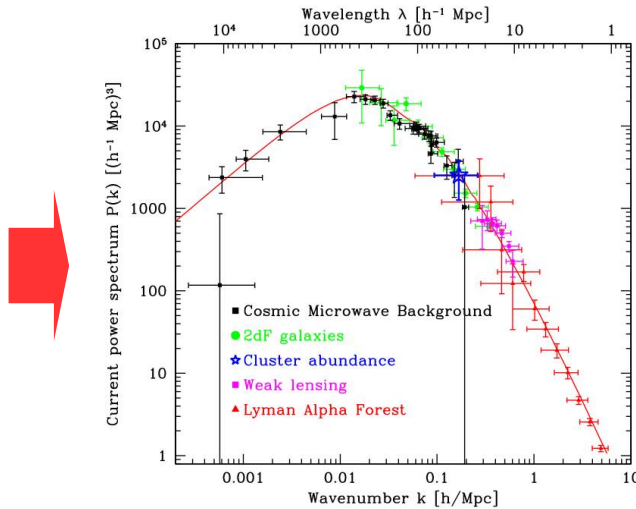
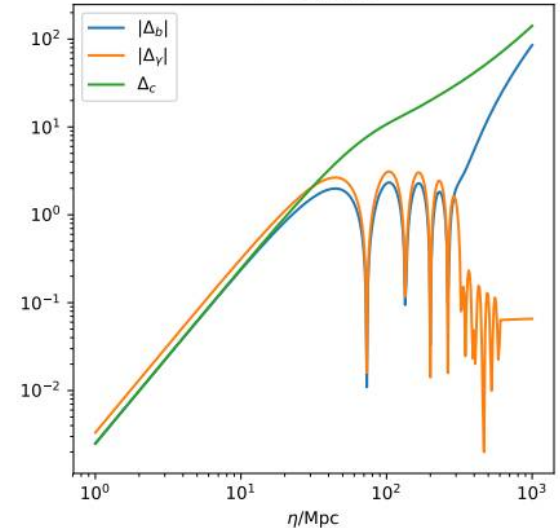
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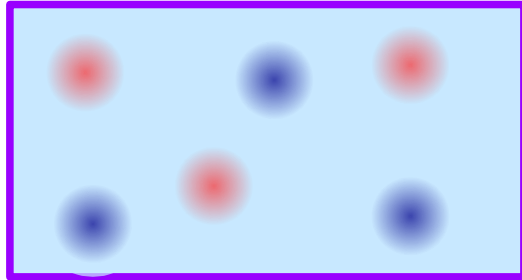
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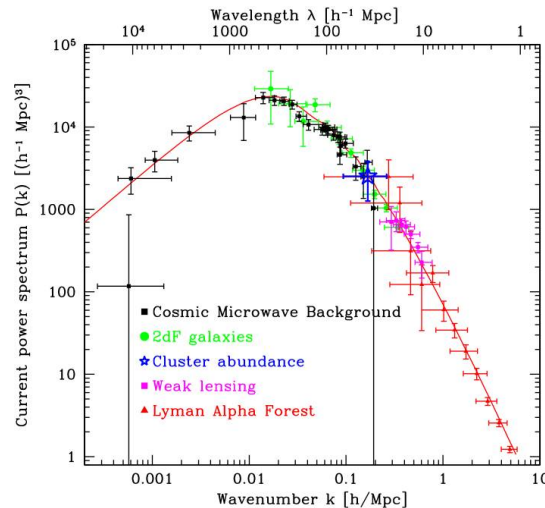
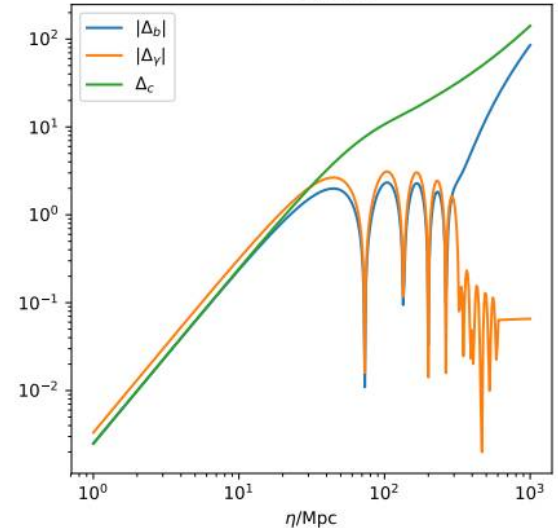
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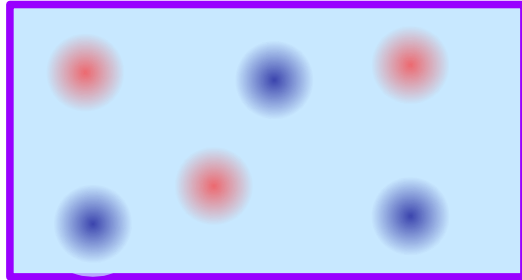
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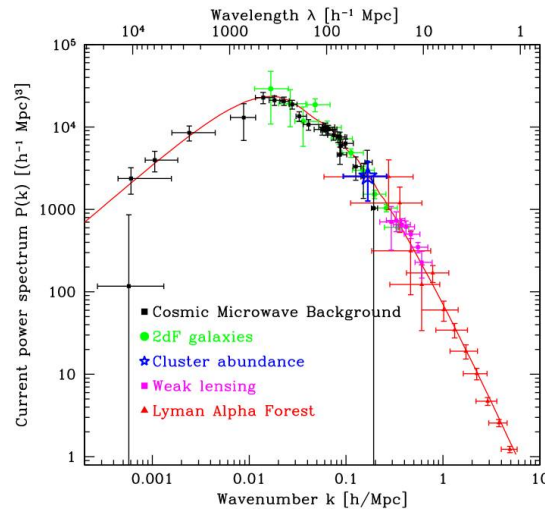
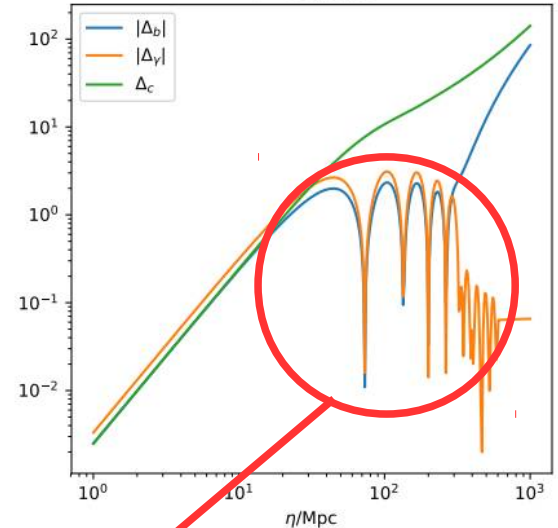
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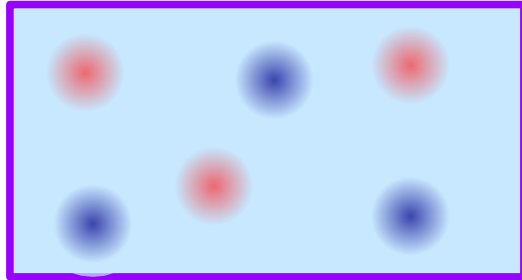


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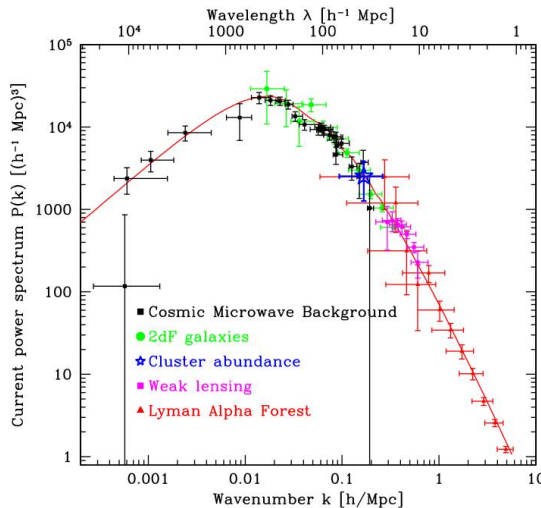
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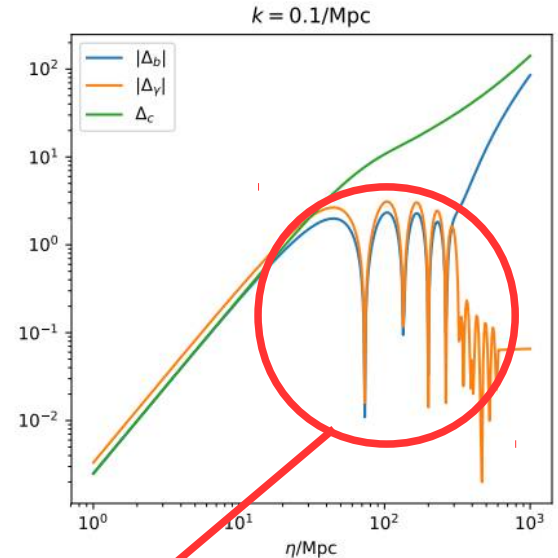
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Baryon acoustic oscillations (BAOs)

$$\ddot{\delta}_\gamma + c_s^2 \frac{k^2}{a^2} \delta = \frac{4}{3} 4\pi G \left( \rho_d^{(0)} \delta_d + \rho_b^{(0)} \delta_b \right)$$

wiggles on MP spectrum

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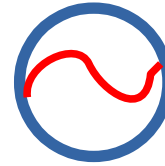
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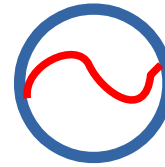


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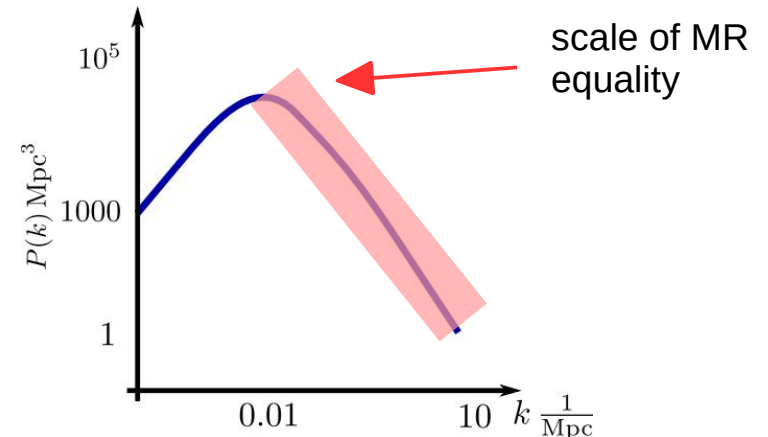


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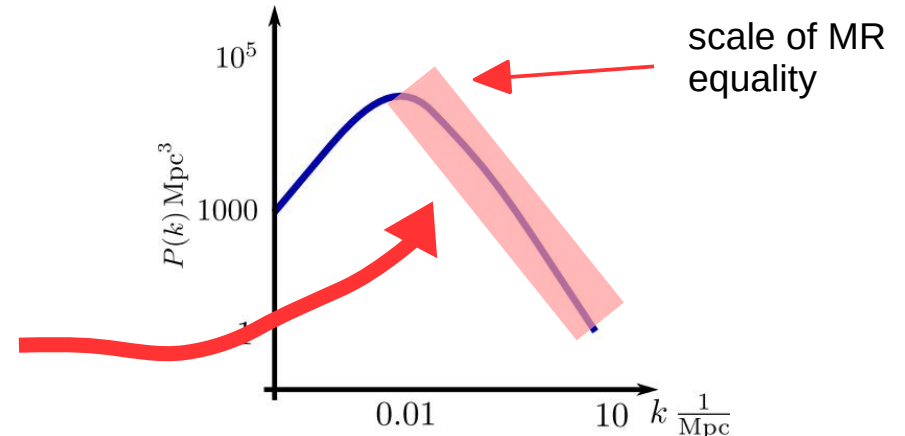
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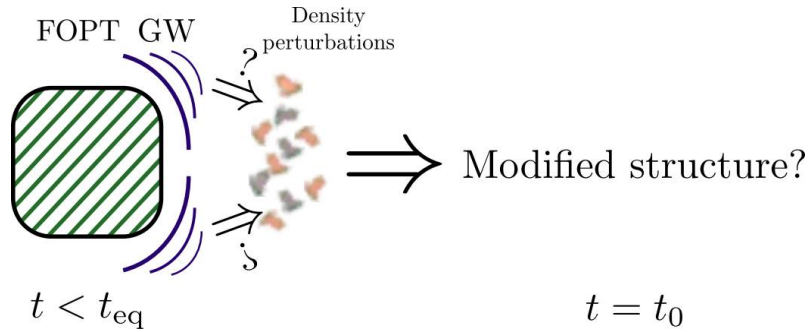
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FOPT needs to occur at *late times*:  
 $t_* : 10^6 \text{ s} - 10^{12} \text{ s}$   
 $T \sim (100 - 1) \text{ eV}$



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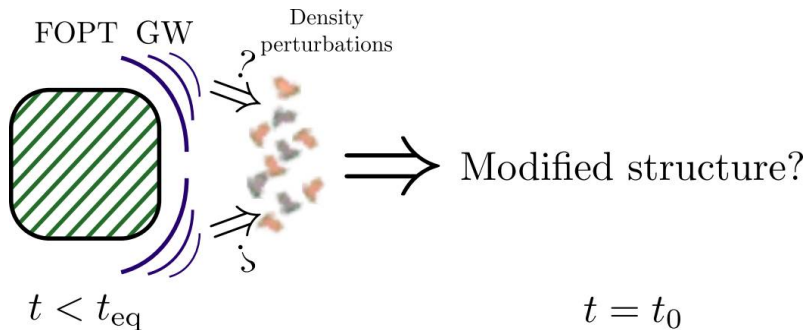




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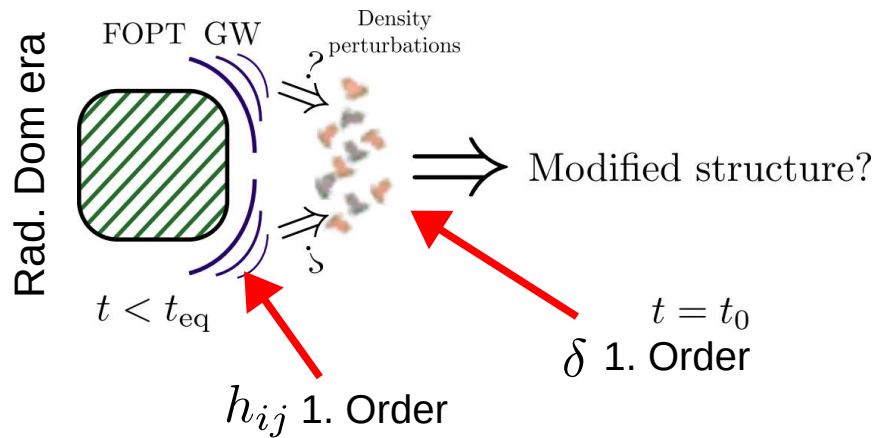
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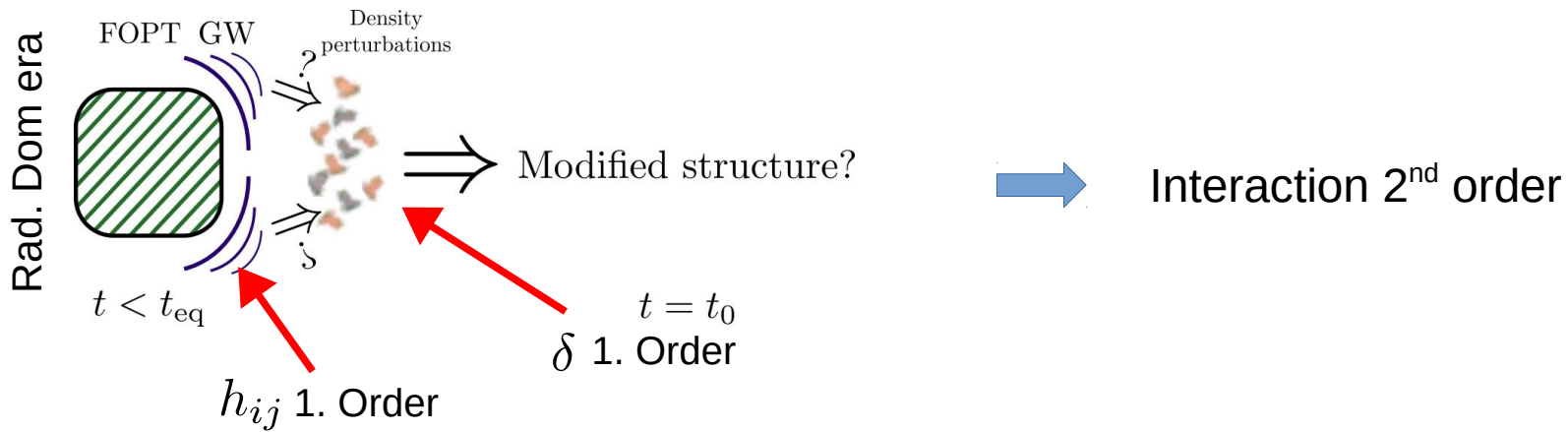
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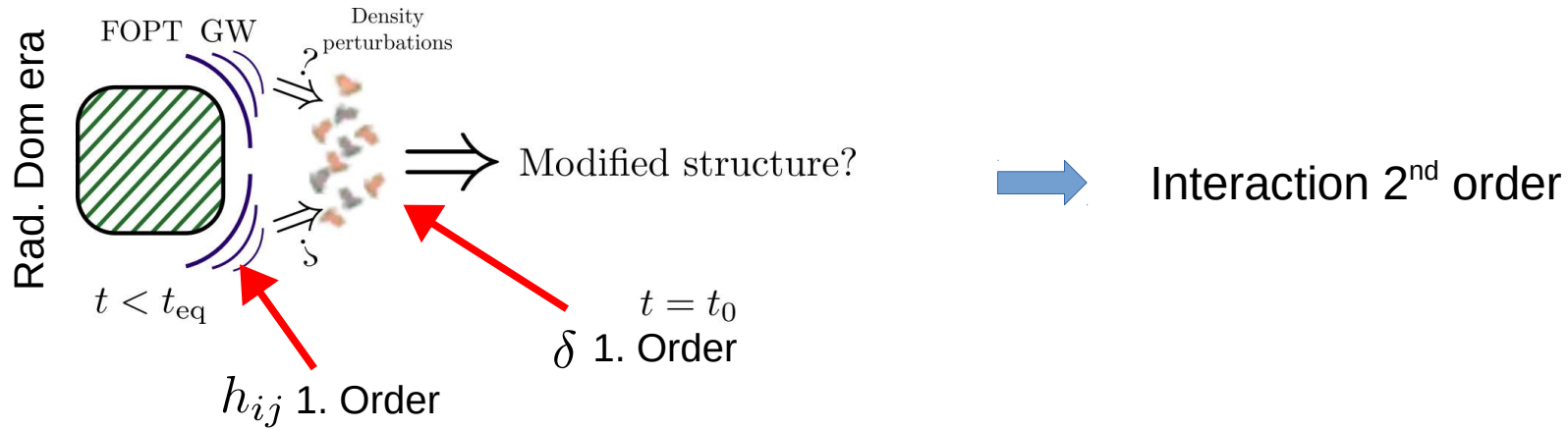
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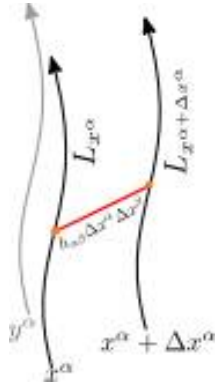


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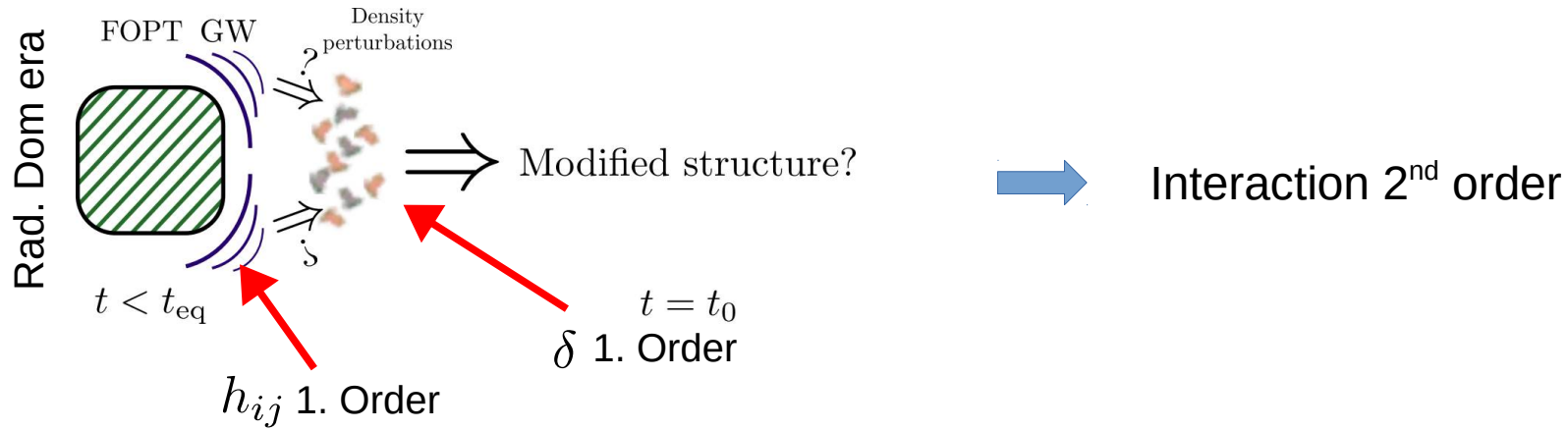


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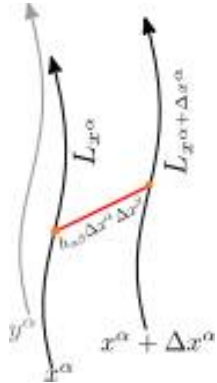


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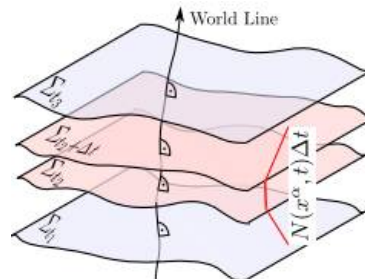


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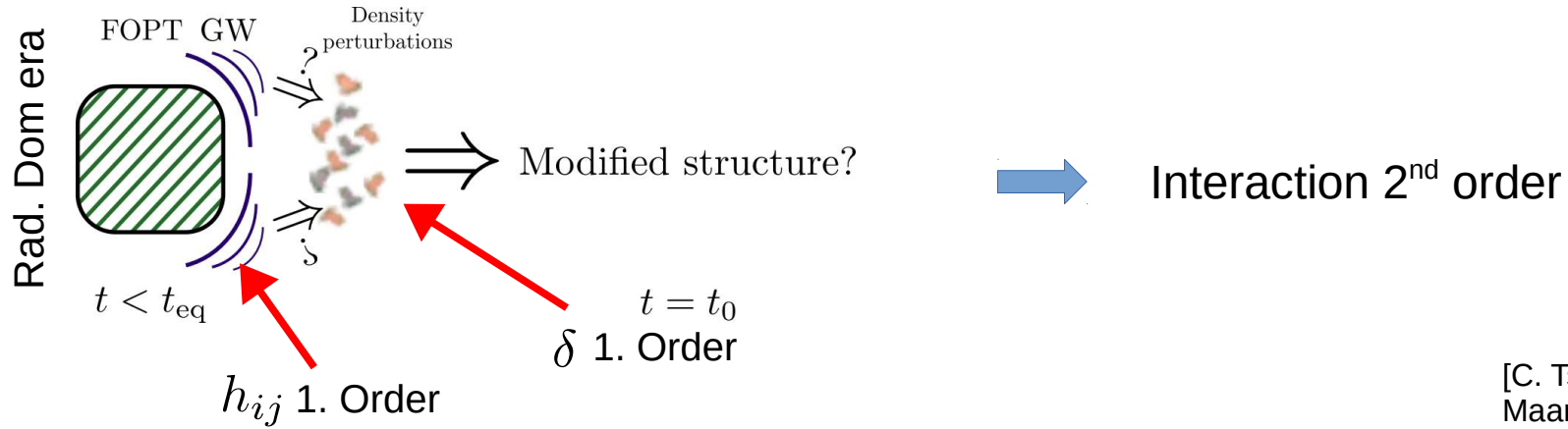
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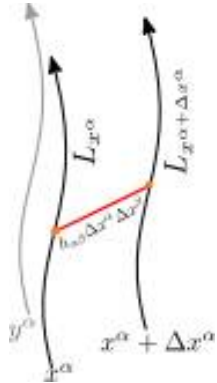




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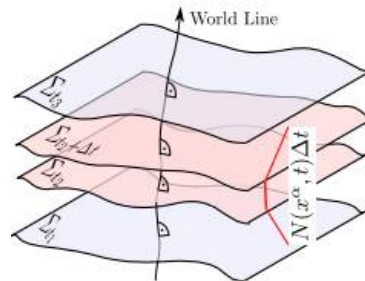


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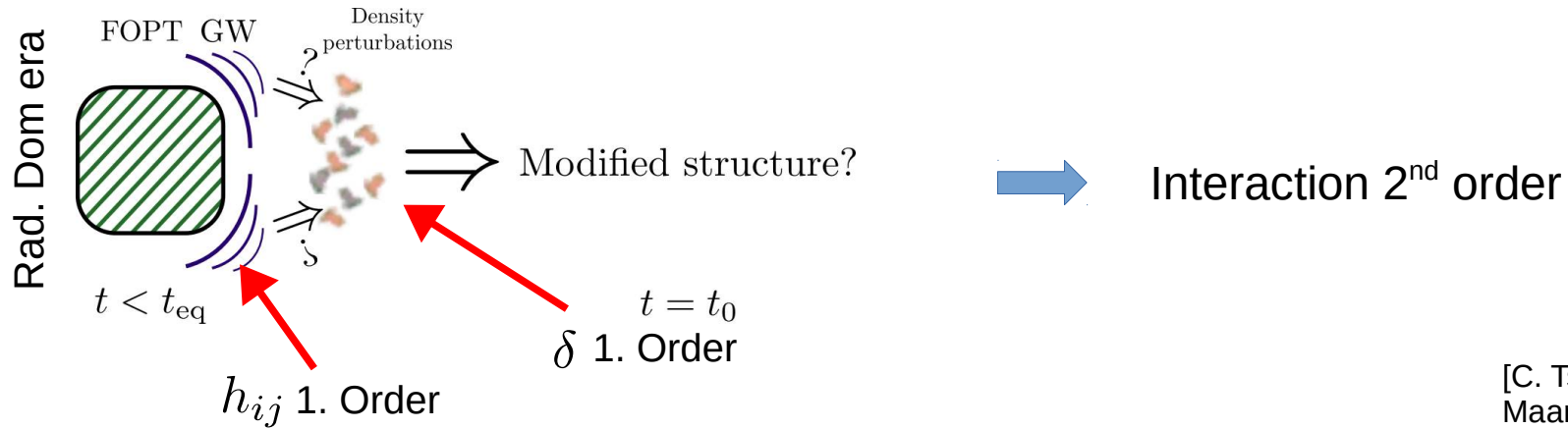


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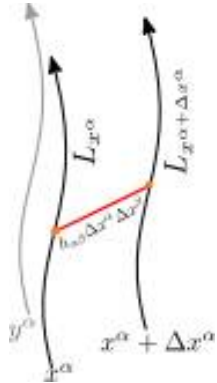
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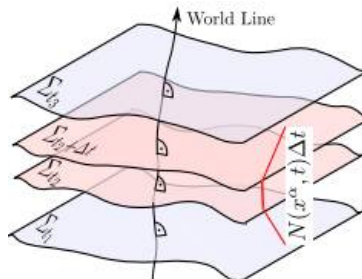
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1+3 framework

$$\dot{\Delta}_a = f(\Delta_a, Z_a, \sigma_{ab}, \dots)$$

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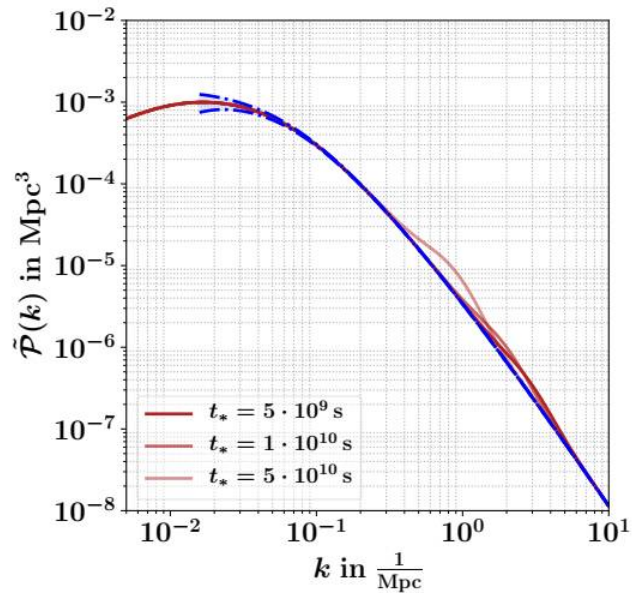
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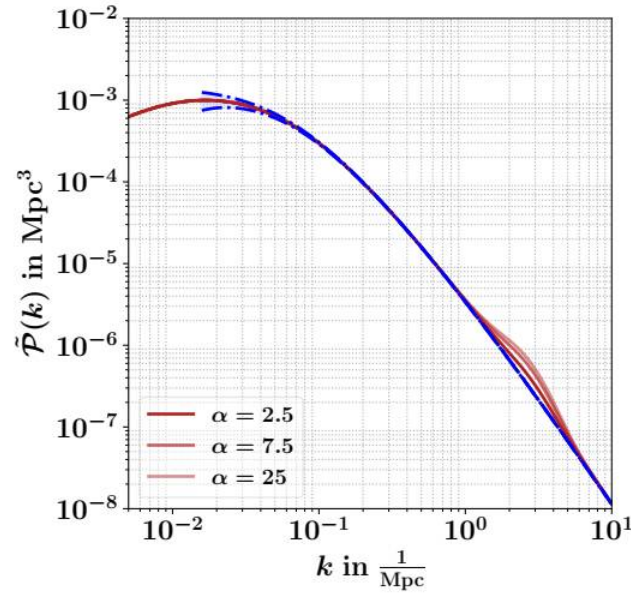
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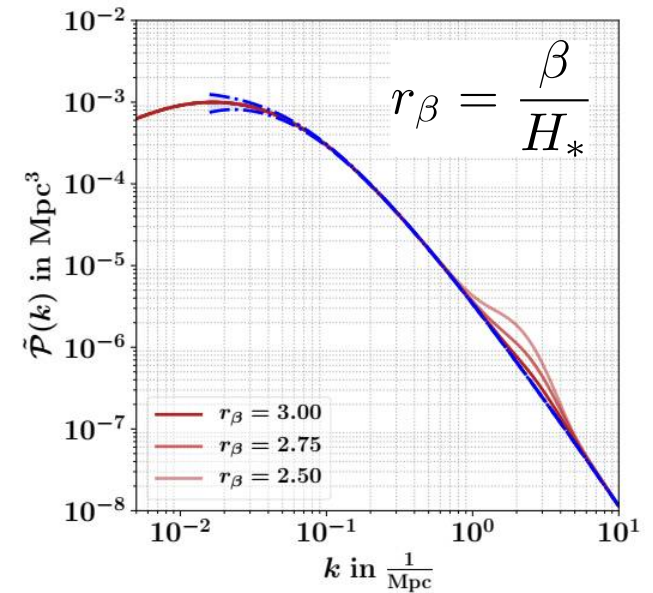
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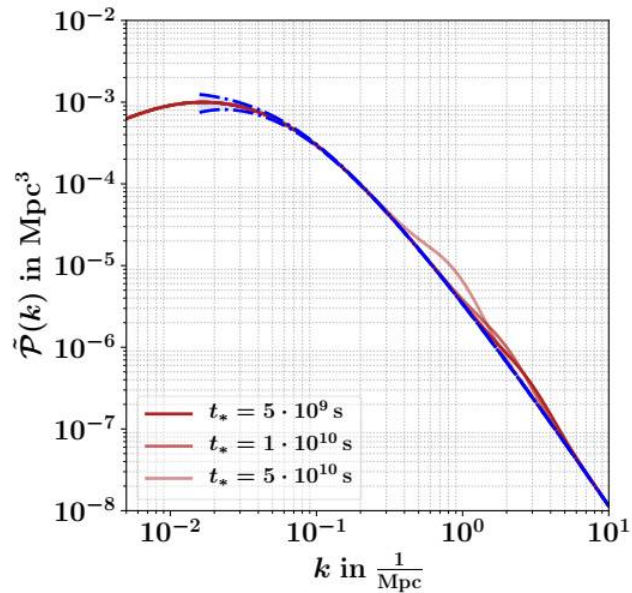
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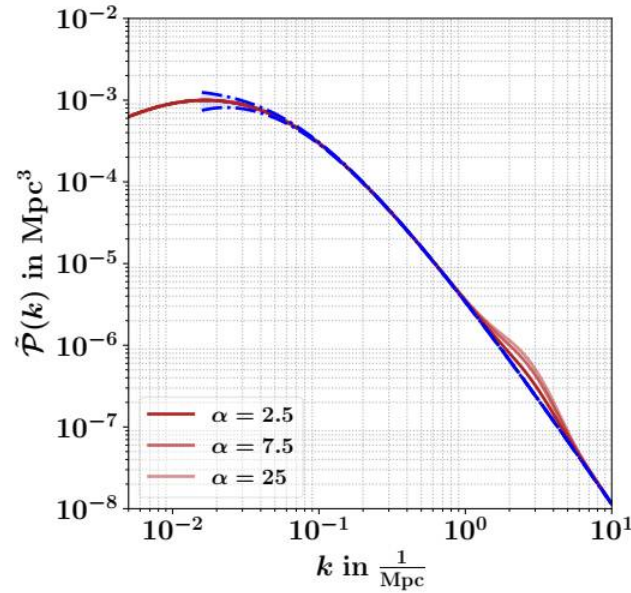
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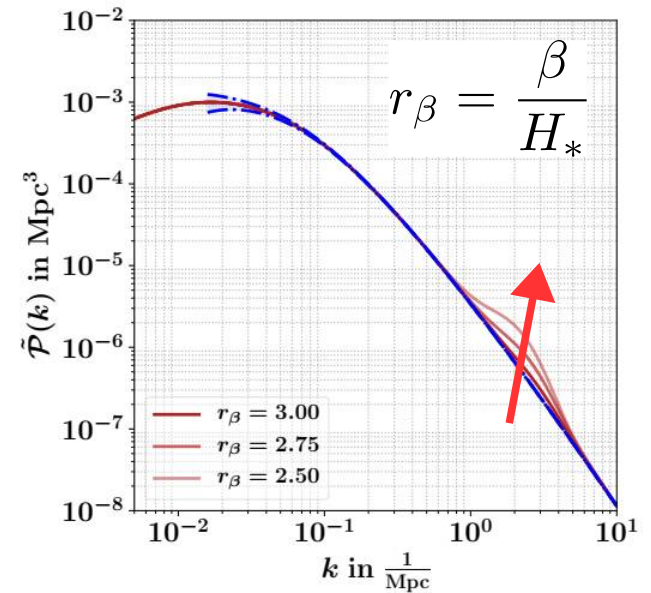
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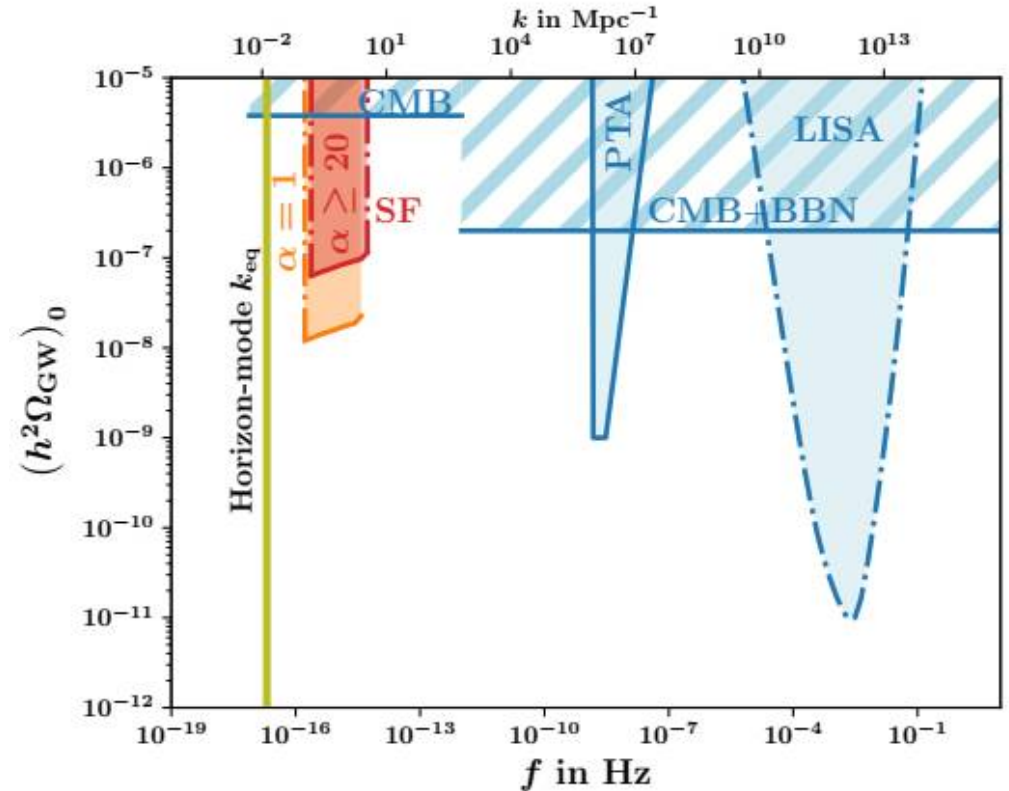
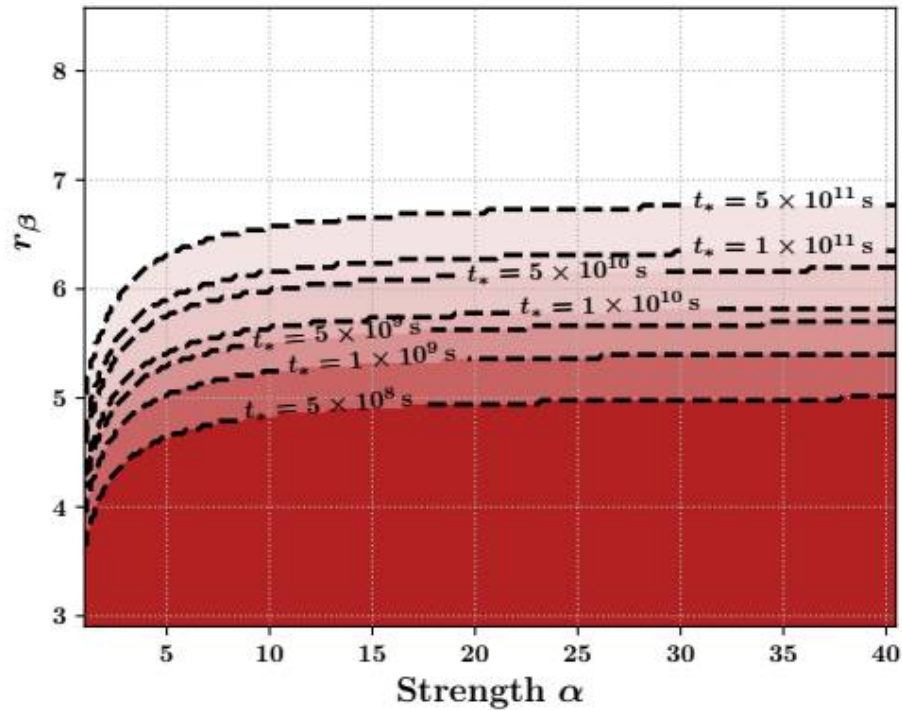


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# Limits from cosmic variance



Particle models that can achieve this: e.g. conformal models

# Summary

- GWs from FOPTs can seed density perturbations at second order
- Effect is bound to the scale at which the FOPT occurs → late FOPTs
- Only very strong and long FOPTs can have significant impact
- Cosmic variance bound leads to new limit on very small GW frequencies

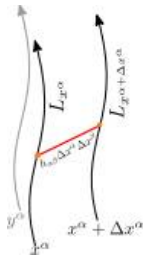


# Backup slides

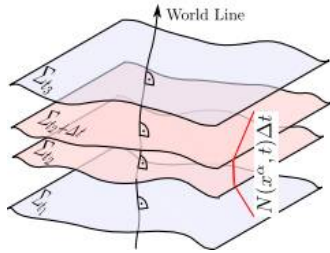
# 1+3 Decomposition

Spacetime decomposition:

$$u^a = \frac{dx^a}{d\tau} \quad h_{ab} := g_{ab} + u_a u_b$$



1+3 approach



3+1 approach

Motion of test particle

volume expansion

$$\nabla_b u_a = \sigma_{ab} + \omega_{ab} + \frac{1}{3} \Theta h_{ab} - A_a u_b$$

shear vorticity

acceleration

density perturbation

volume gradient

$$\Delta_a := \frac{a}{\rho} D_a \rho$$

$$Z_a := a D_a \Theta$$

$$a D_b \Delta_a = \frac{1}{3} \Delta h_{ab} + \Delta_{\langle ab \rangle} + \Delta_{[ab]}$$

Stewart & Walker Lemma:

$$S^{(1)} \rightarrow S^{(1)} + \epsilon \mathcal{L}_\xi S^{(0)}$$

Gauge invariant  
if zero

J. M. Stewart, M. Walker, Proc. R. Soc. Lond. A 341 no. 49, (1974)

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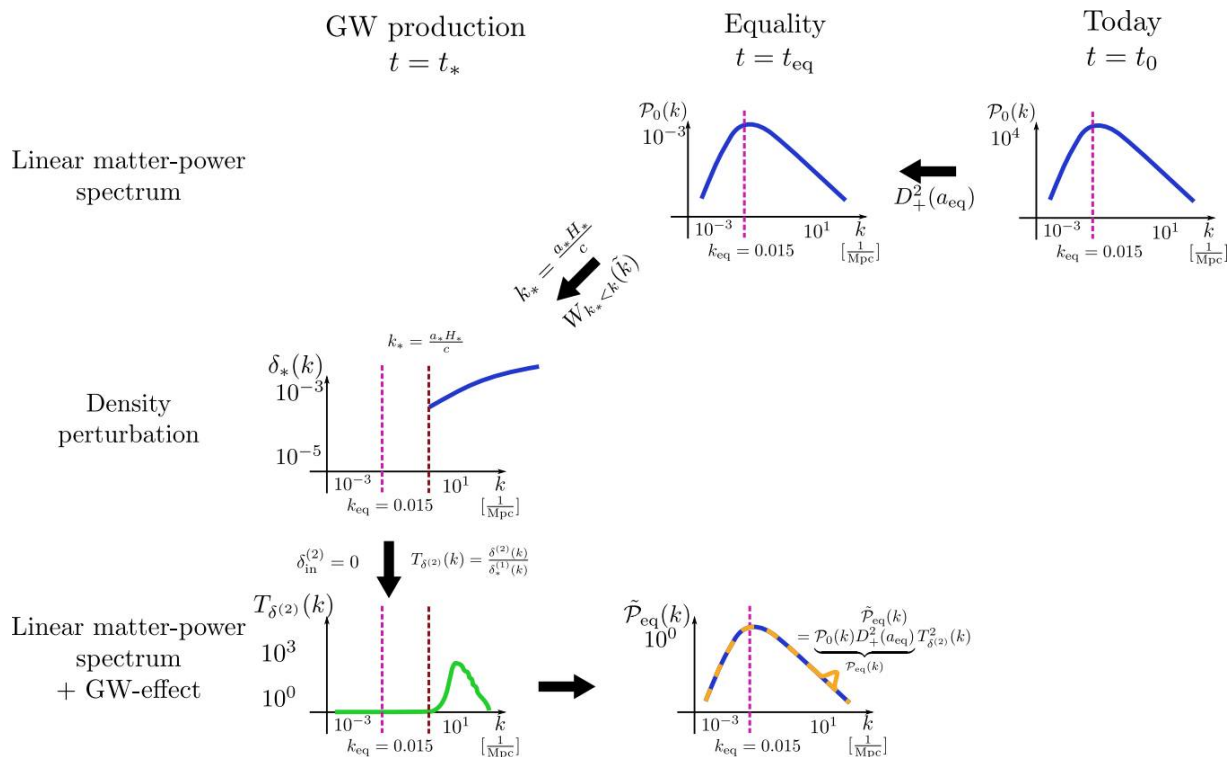
# Evolution equations

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\Delta}_{\langle a \rangle} &= \frac{p}{\rho} \Theta \Delta_a - \left(1 + \frac{p}{\rho}\right) Z_a + a \frac{\Theta}{\rho} \left(\dot{q}_{\langle a \rangle} + \frac{4}{3} \Theta q_a\right) - \frac{a}{\rho} {}^b_a q_b + a \frac{\Theta}{\rho} {}^b \pi_{ab} \\ &- (\sigma^b_a + \omega^b_a) \Delta_b - \frac{a}{\rho} {}_a (2A^b q_b + \sigma^{bc} \pi_{bc}) + a \frac{\Theta}{\rho} (\sigma_{ab} + \omega_{ab}) q^b + a \frac{\Theta}{\rho} \pi_{ab} A^b \\ &+ \frac{1}{\rho} ({}^b q_b + 2A^b q_b + \sigma^{bc} \pi_{bc}) (\Delta_a - a A_a)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{Z}_{\langle a \rangle} &= -\frac{2}{3} \Theta Z_a - \frac{1}{2} \kappa \rho \Delta_a - \frac{3}{2} \kappa a_a p - a \left[ \frac{1}{3} \Theta^2 + \frac{1}{2} \kappa (\rho + 3p) - \Lambda \right] A_a + a {}^b_a A_b \\ &- (\sigma^b_a + \omega^b_a) Z_b - 2a_a (\sigma^2 - \omega^2) + 2a A_a^b A_b \\ &- a [2 (\sigma^2 - \omega^2) - {}^b A_b - A^b A_b] A_a\end{aligned}$$

# Transferfunction

Estimating the linear density perturbation from the linear MP spectrum:



# Examples for late PTs

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