

# Rapid-Turn Multi-Field Inflation

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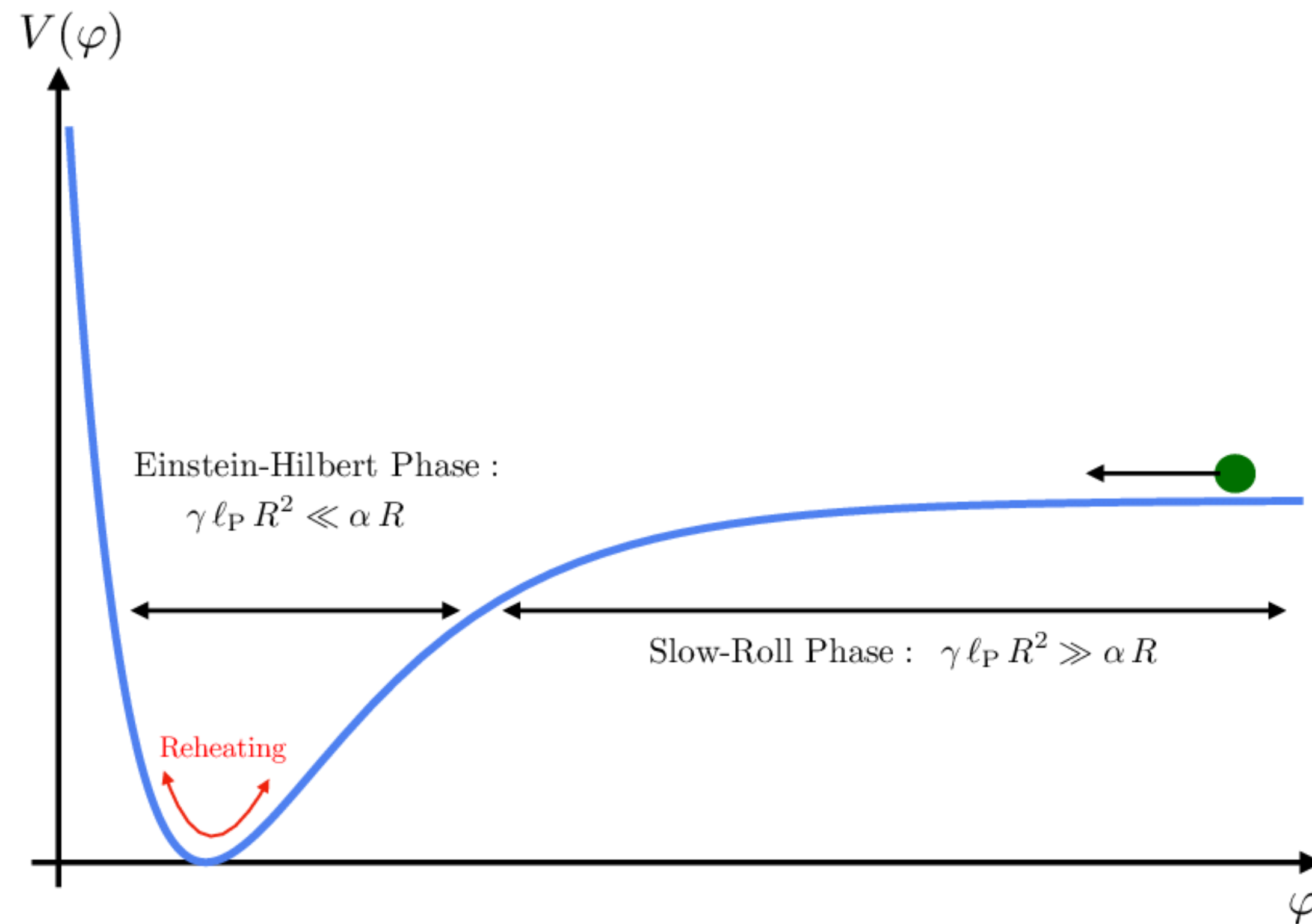


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# WHY: Multi-Field Inflation



$$H \sim \text{constant}$$

$$\epsilon \equiv -\frac{\dot{H}}{H^2} \ll 1$$

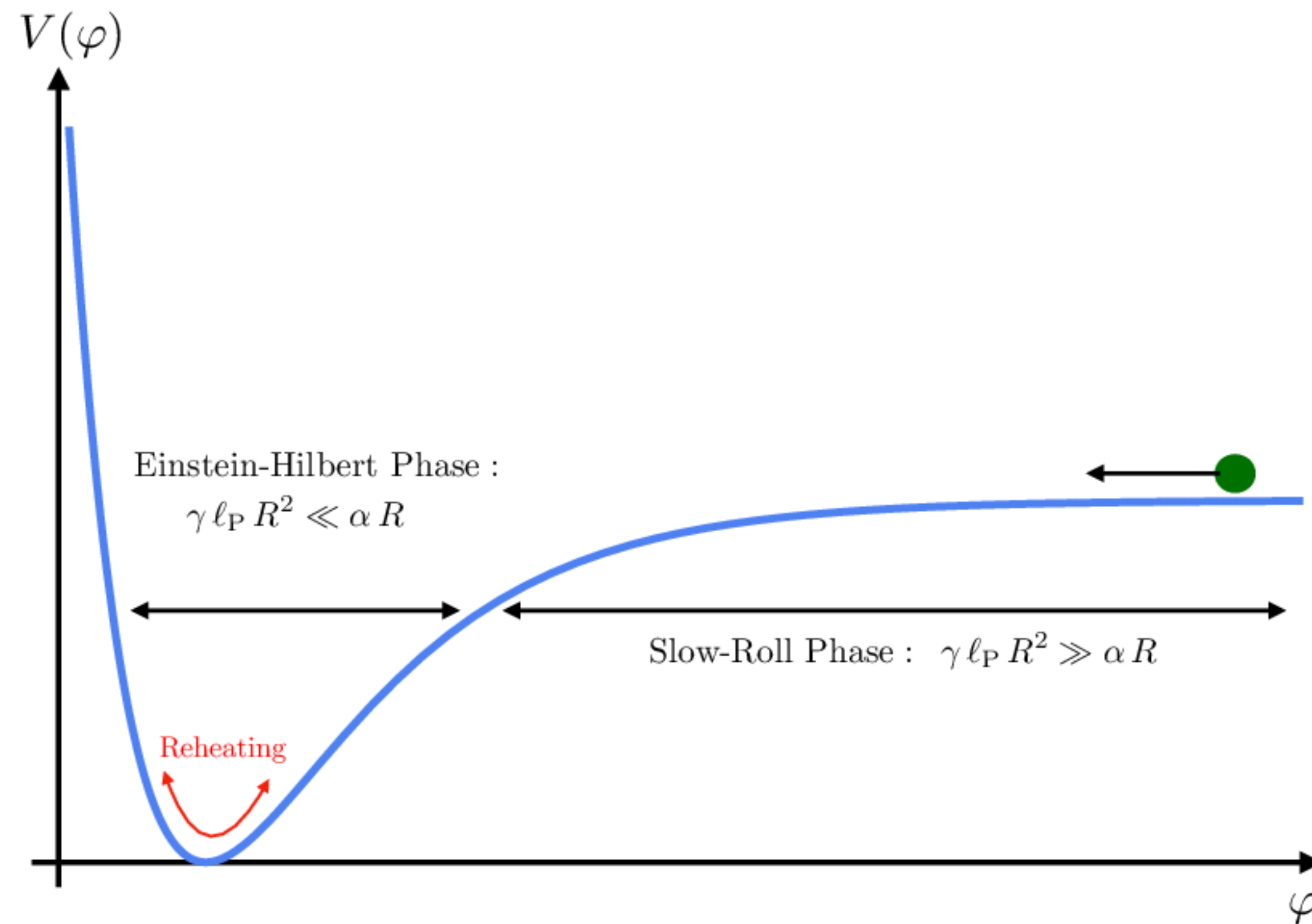
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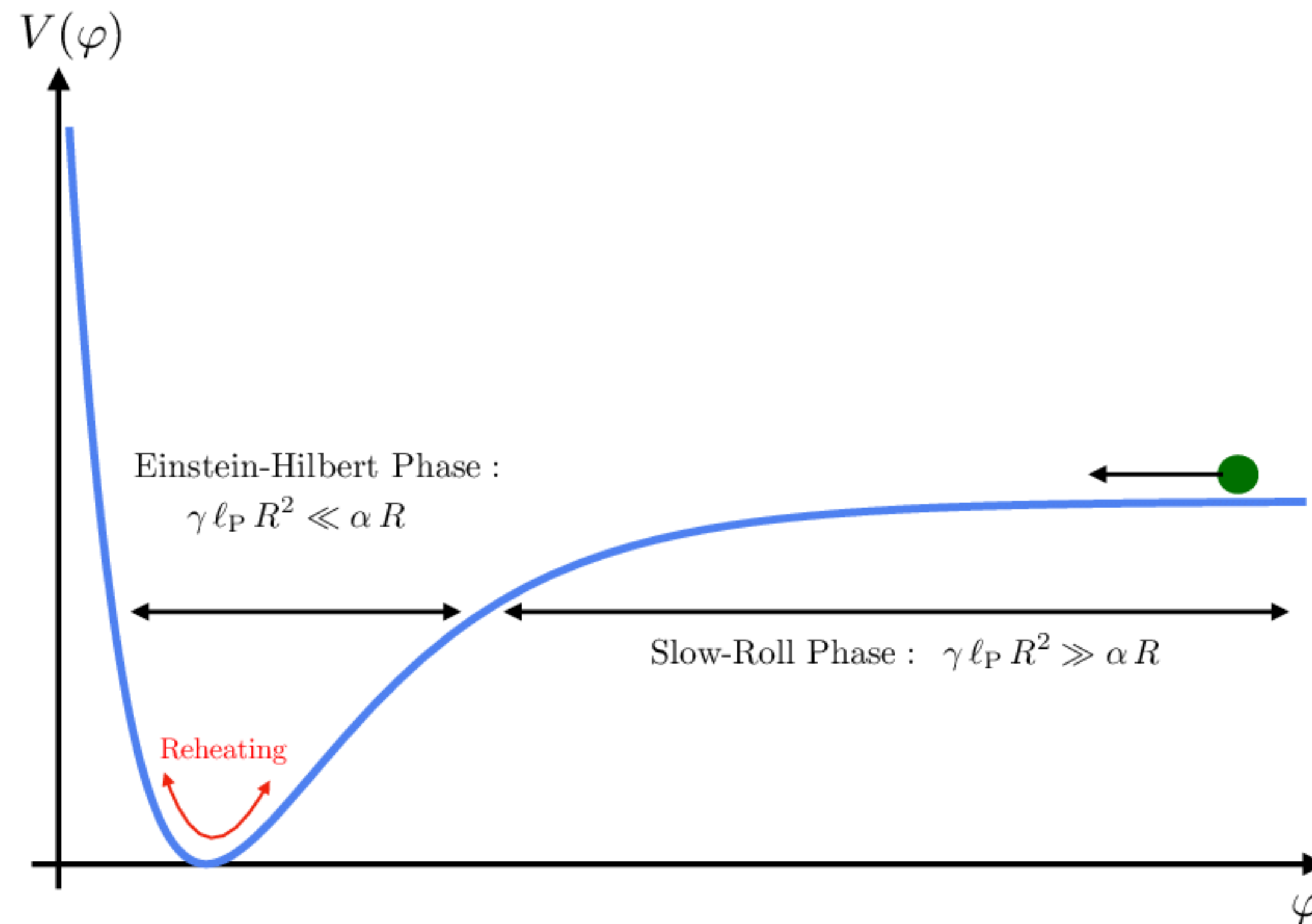
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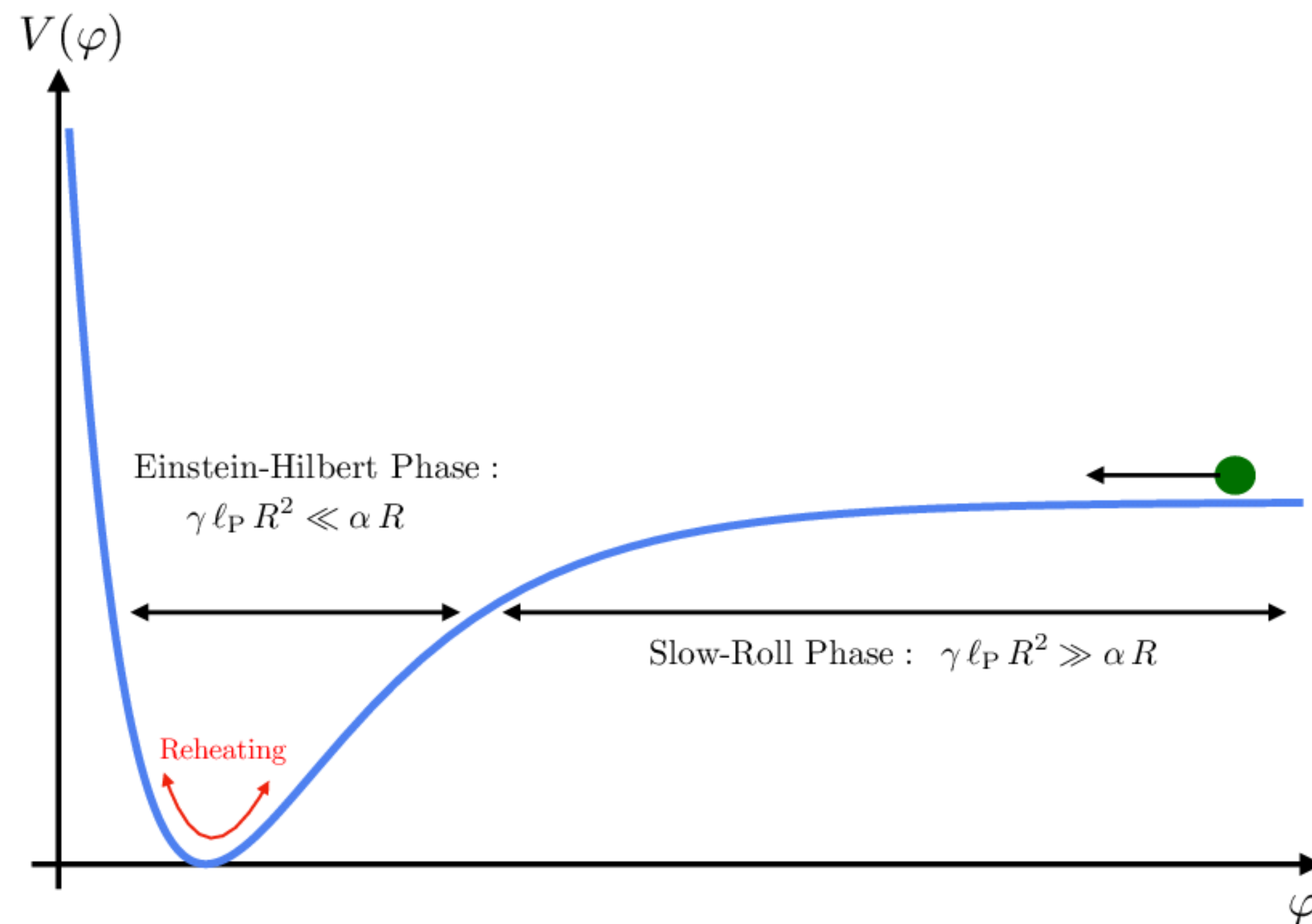
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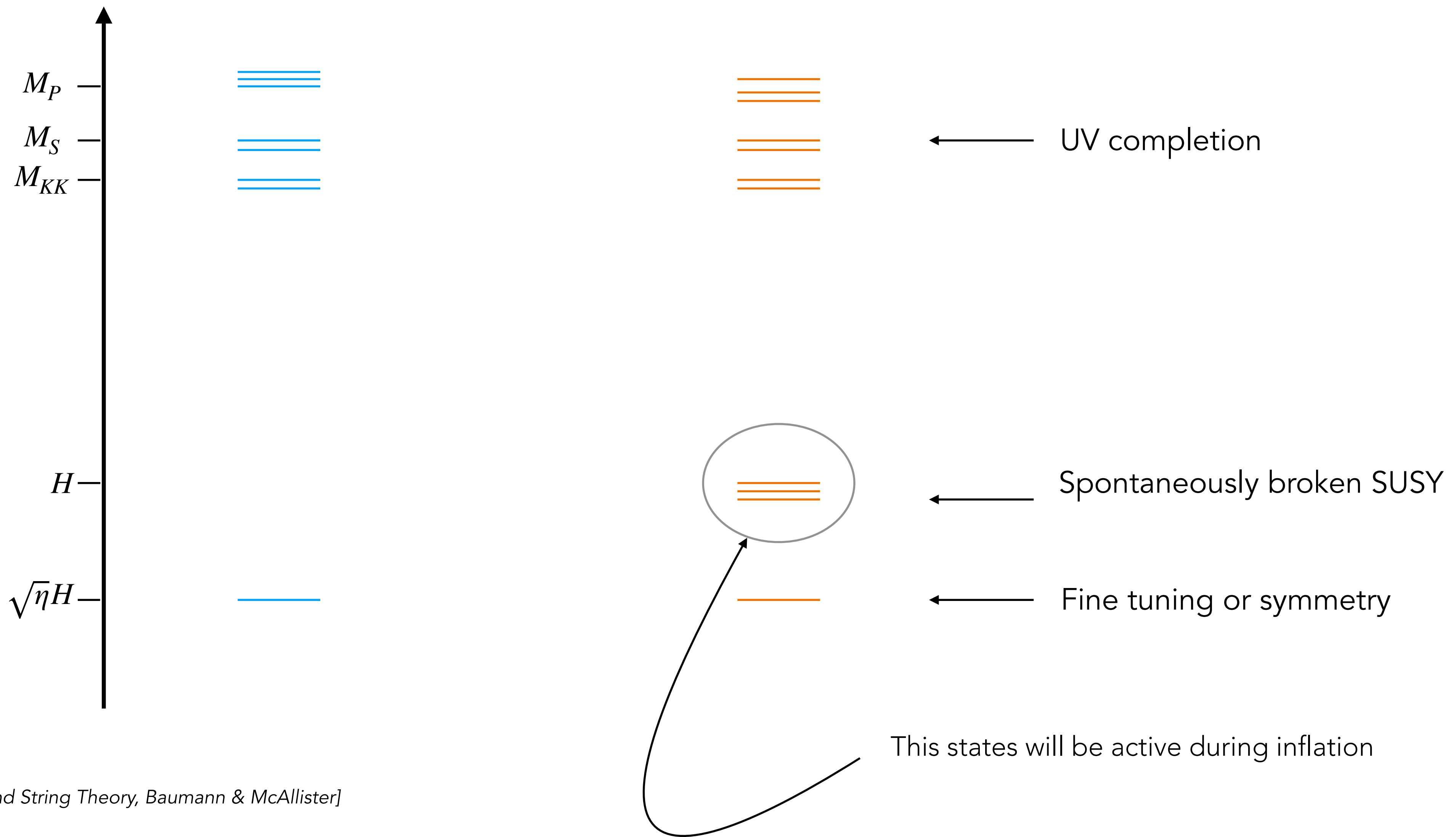


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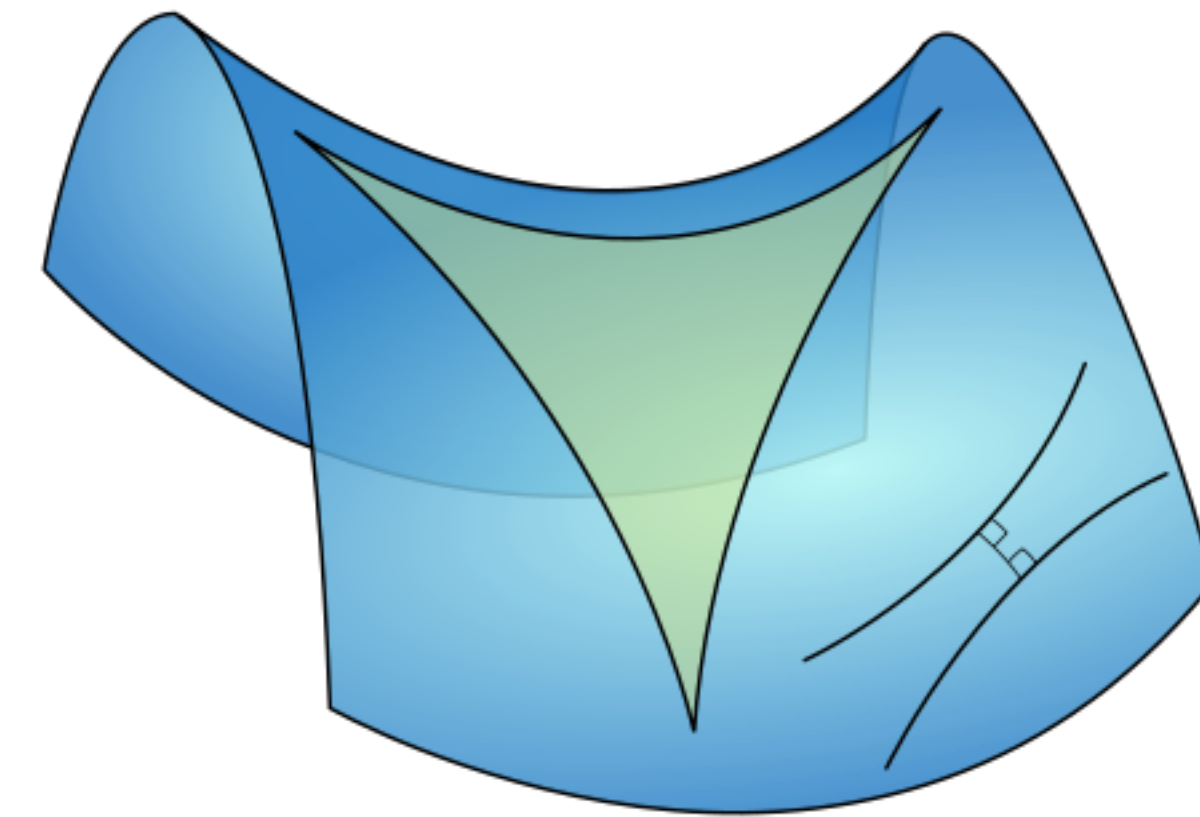
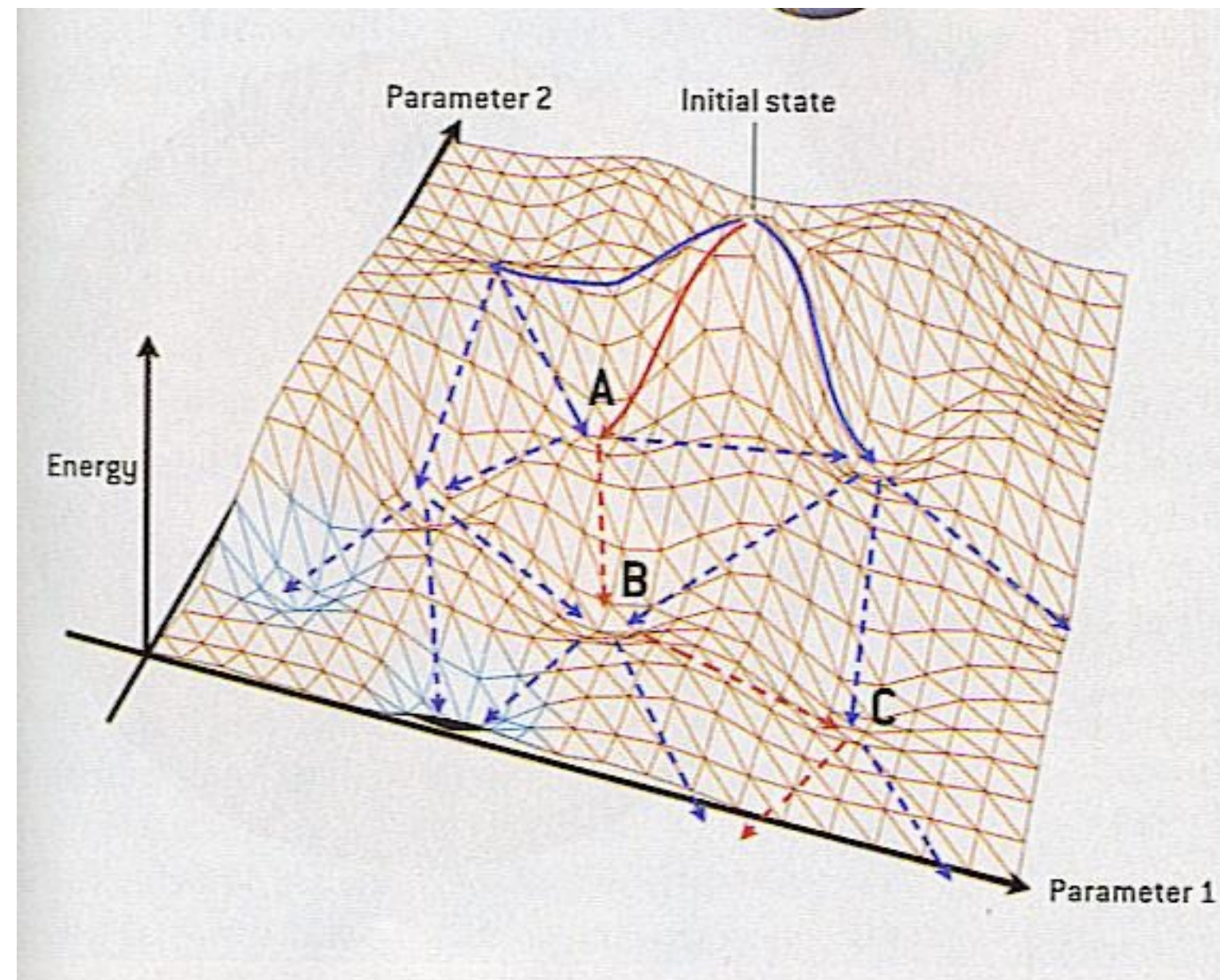
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- Fields with masses  $m \lesssim H$  are classically and quantum mechanically active during inflation.



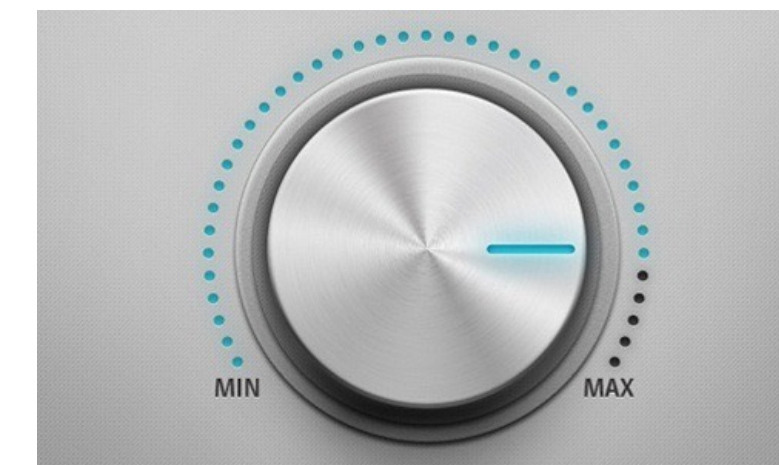
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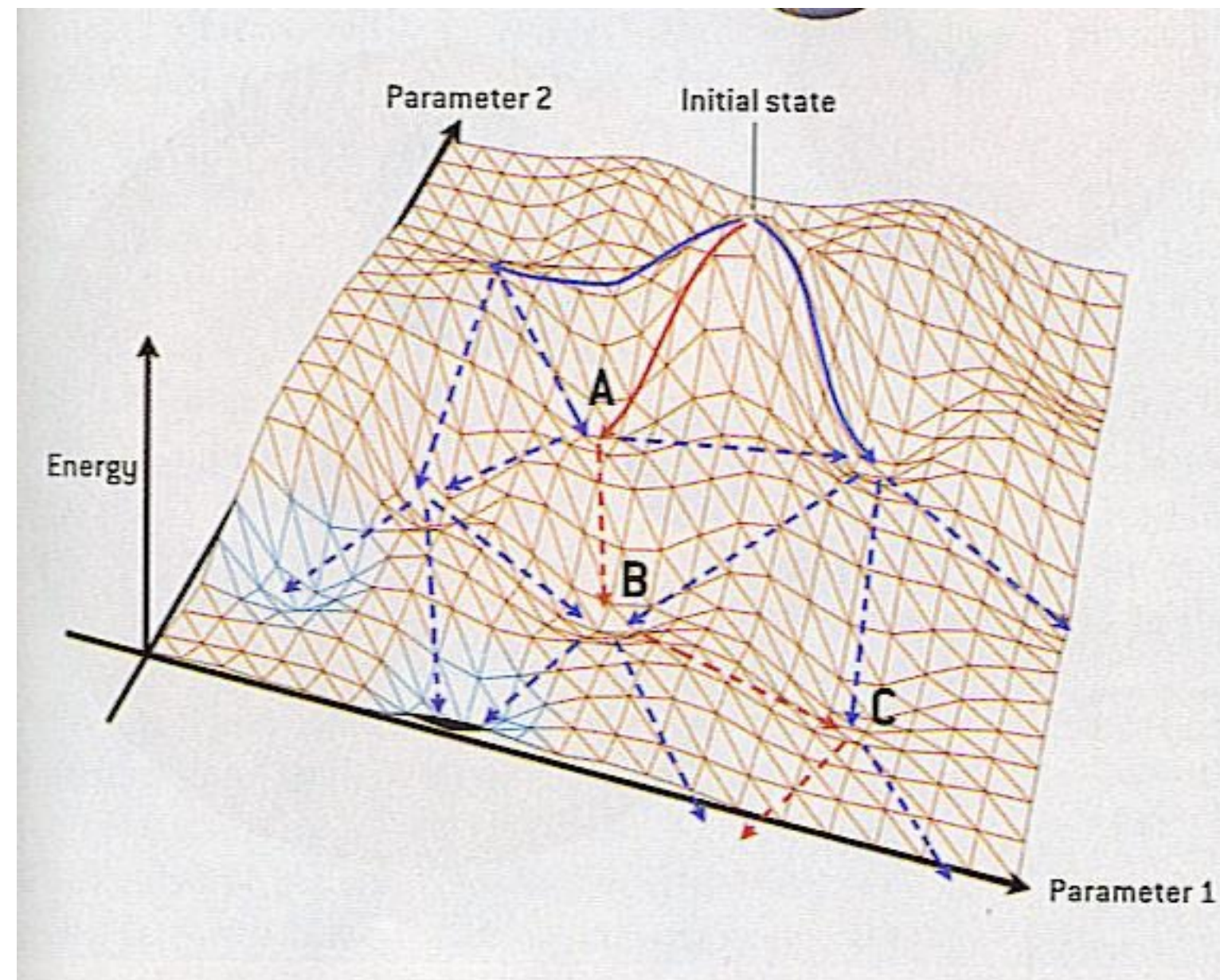
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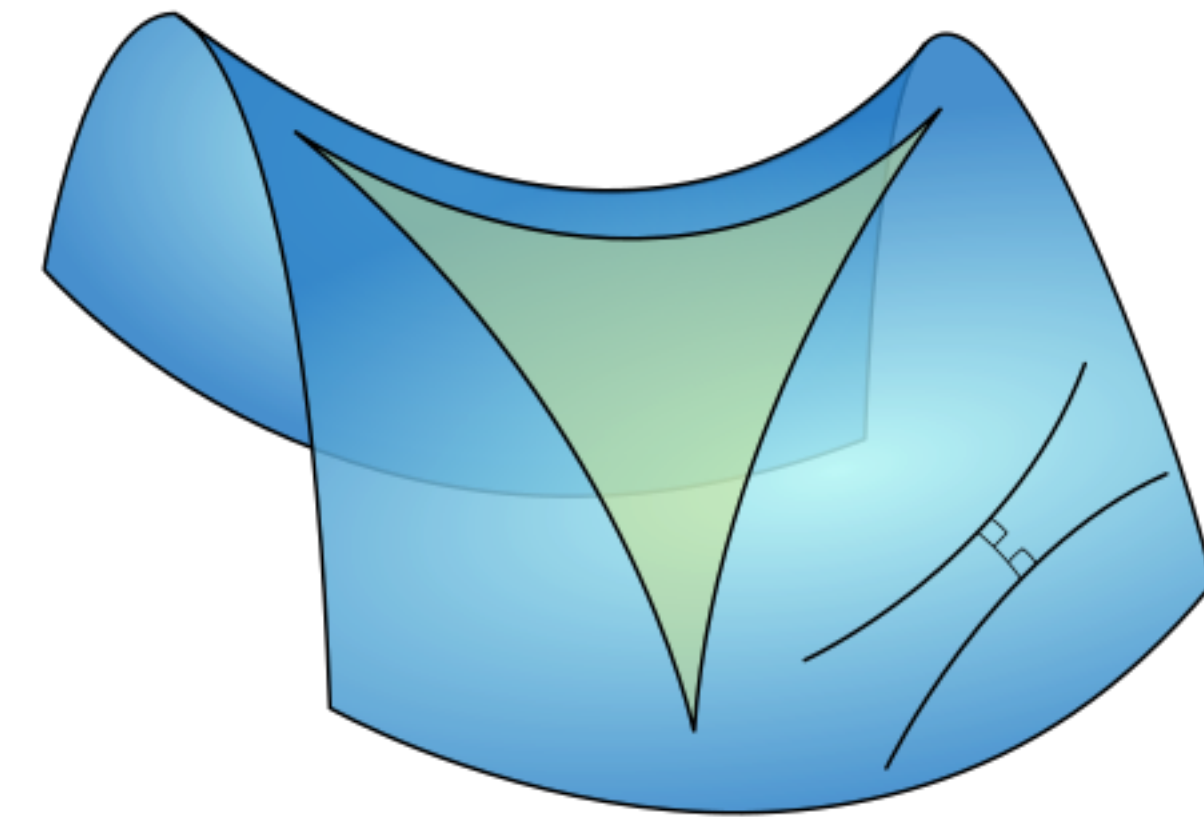
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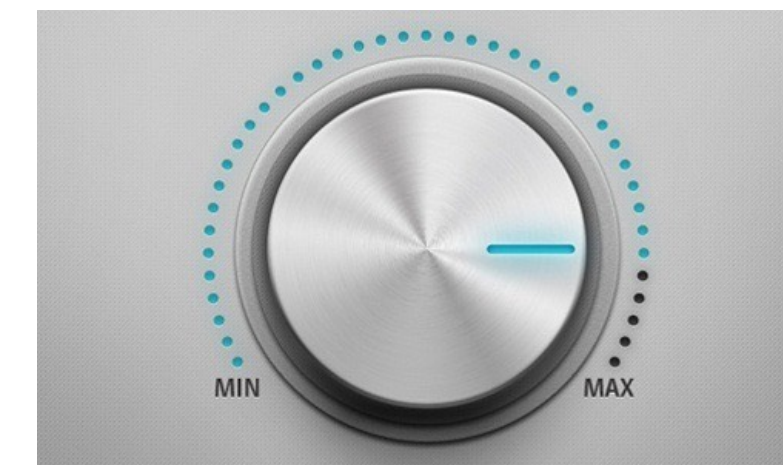
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$$\ddot{\phi}^I + 3H\dot{\phi}^I + \Gamma_{JK}^I \dot{\phi}^J \dot{\phi}^K + \frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi^I} = 0$$



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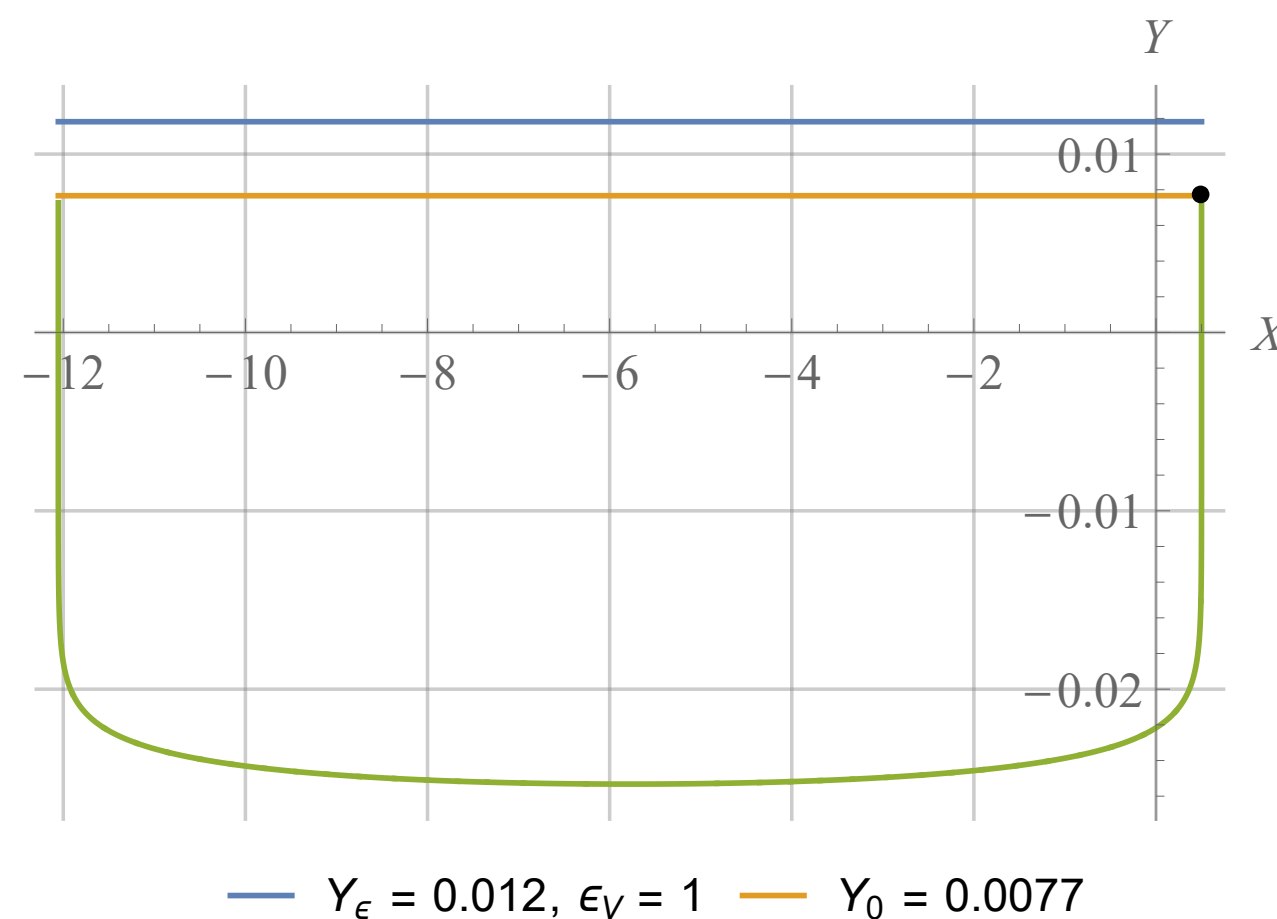
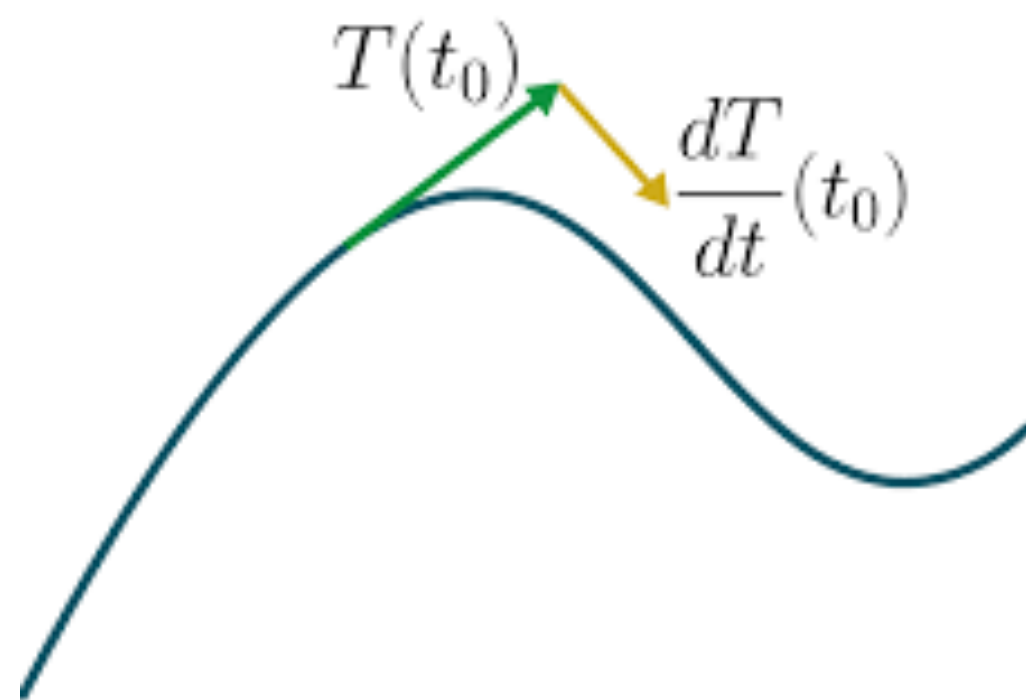
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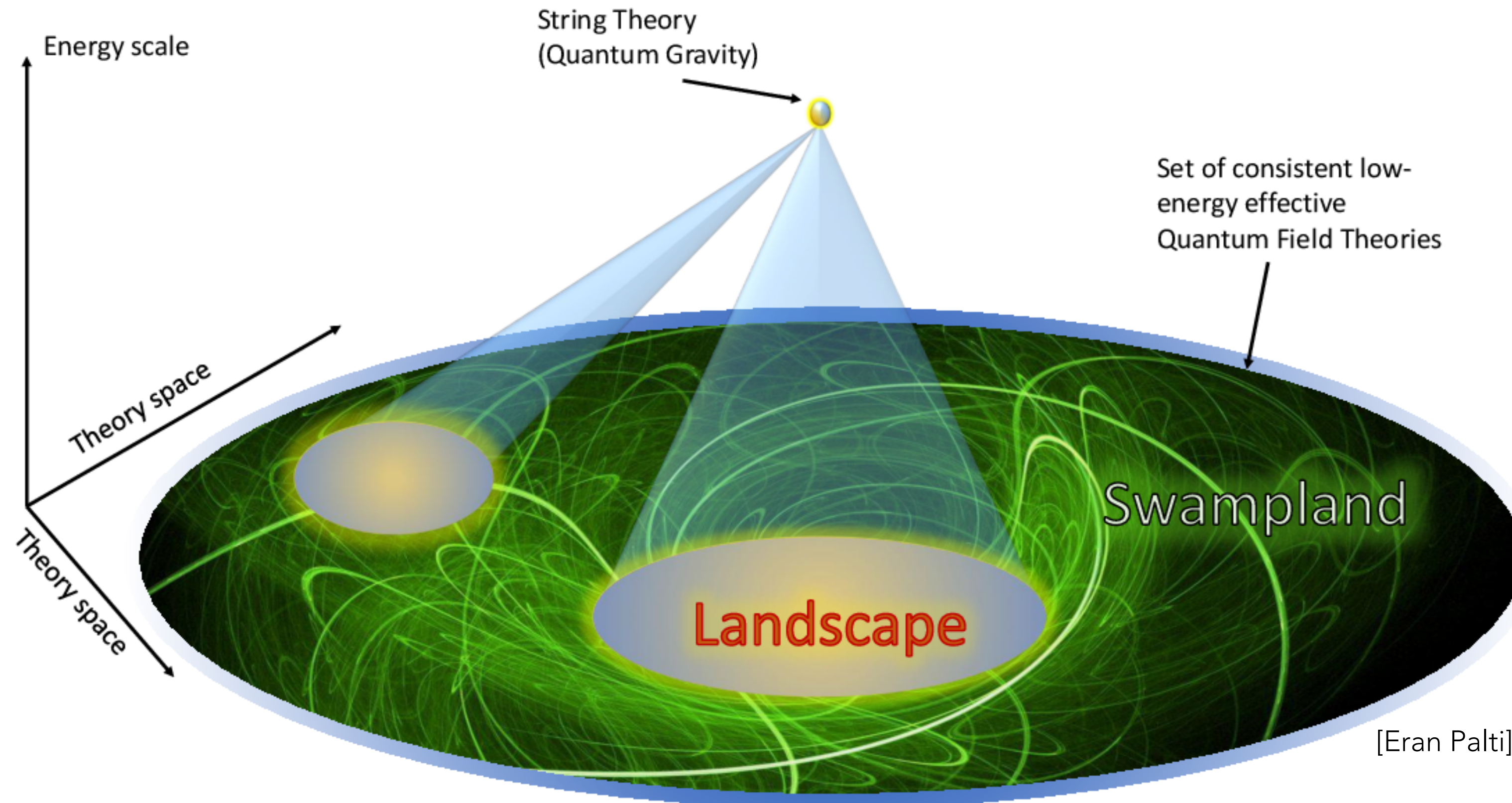
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String Theory is our motivation to look into multi-field models. What else does string theory imply?



# The Swampland Conjectures

[Ooguri, Vafa '06; Obied, Ooguri, Spodyneiko, Vafa '18; Ooguri, Palti, Shiu, Vafa '18; Androit, Roupec'18; Garg, Krishnan '18; Denef, Hebecker, Wrase '18]

- Asymptotic dS conjecture: Scalar field potentials arising from a consistent theory of quantum gravity satisfy that either

$$|\nabla V| > \frac{\mathcal{O}(1)}{M_{Pl}} V \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{\min(V_{,IJ})}{V} < -\frac{\mathcal{O}(1)}{M_{Pl}^2}$$

[Hertzberg, Tegmark, Kachru, Shelton, Ozcan '07; Flauger, SP, Robbins, Wrase '08]

- Distance conjecture: if a scalar field moves a distance  $|\Delta\phi| \geq \mathcal{O}(1)$  in Planck units, a tower of light states emerges that invalidates the EFT.

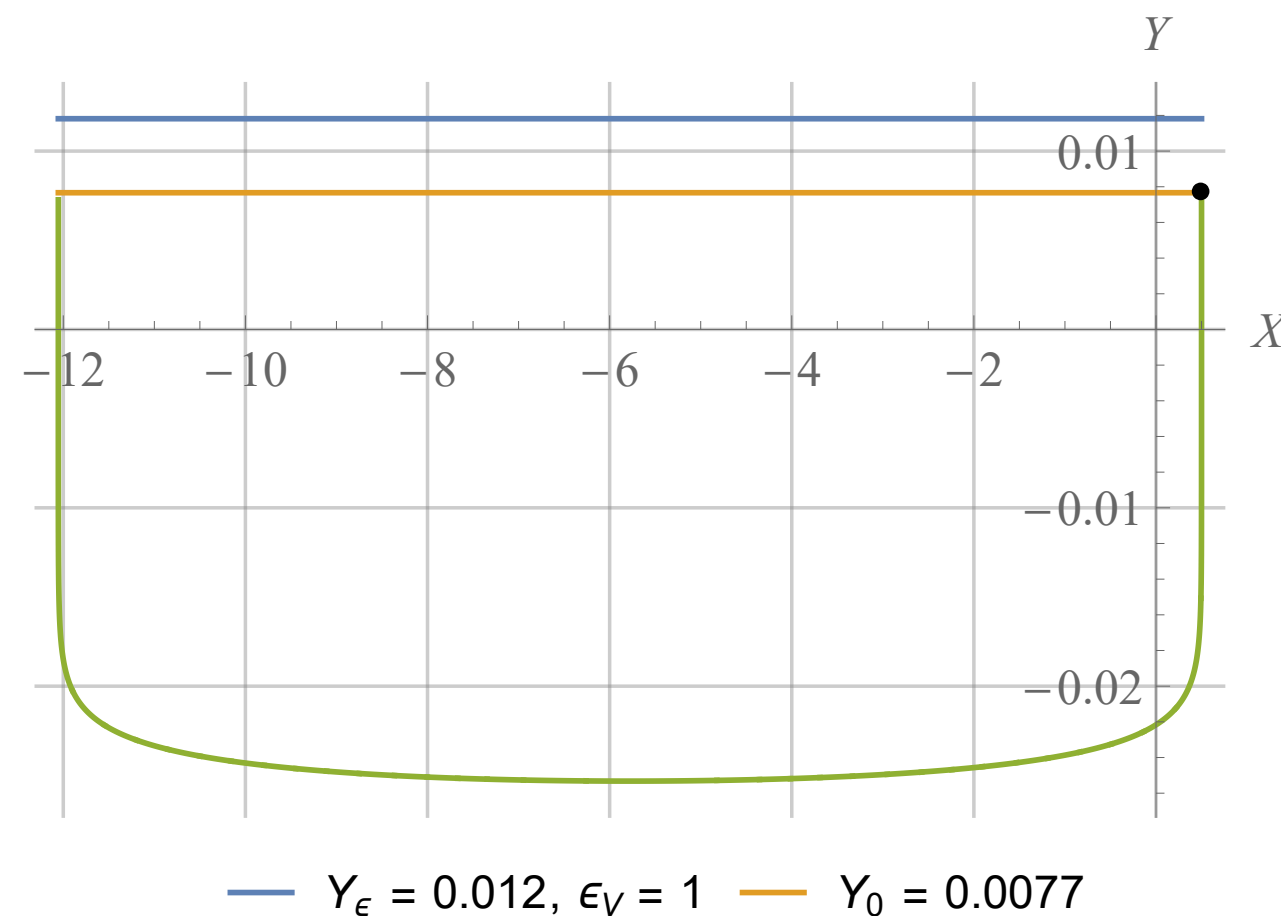
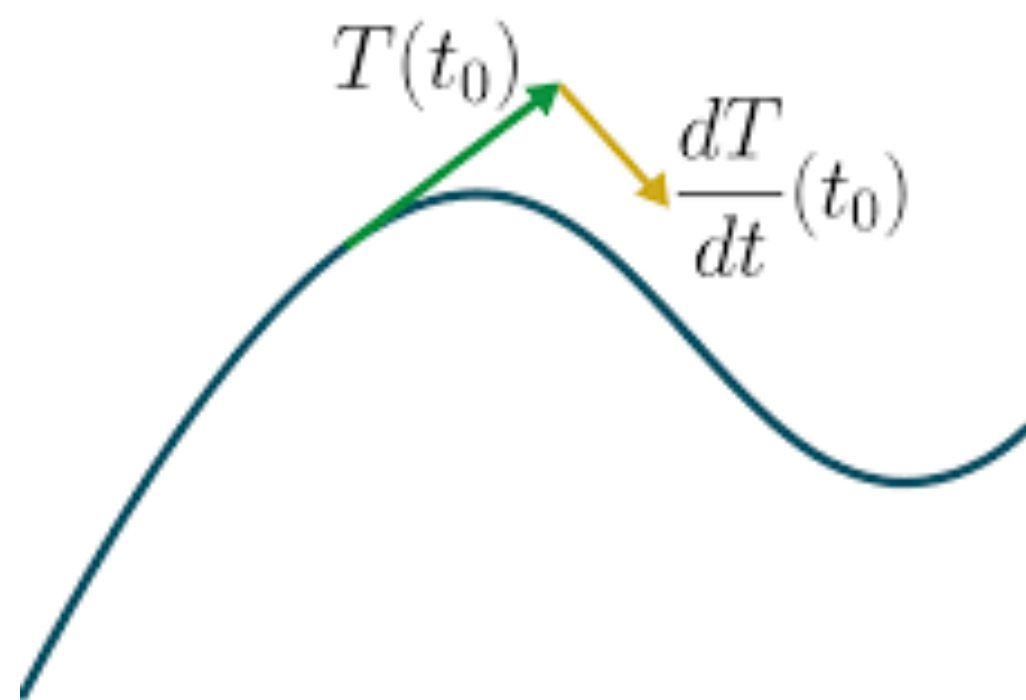
**Disclaimer:** We are agnostic about the Swampland conjectures. We want to understand their implications for inflation.

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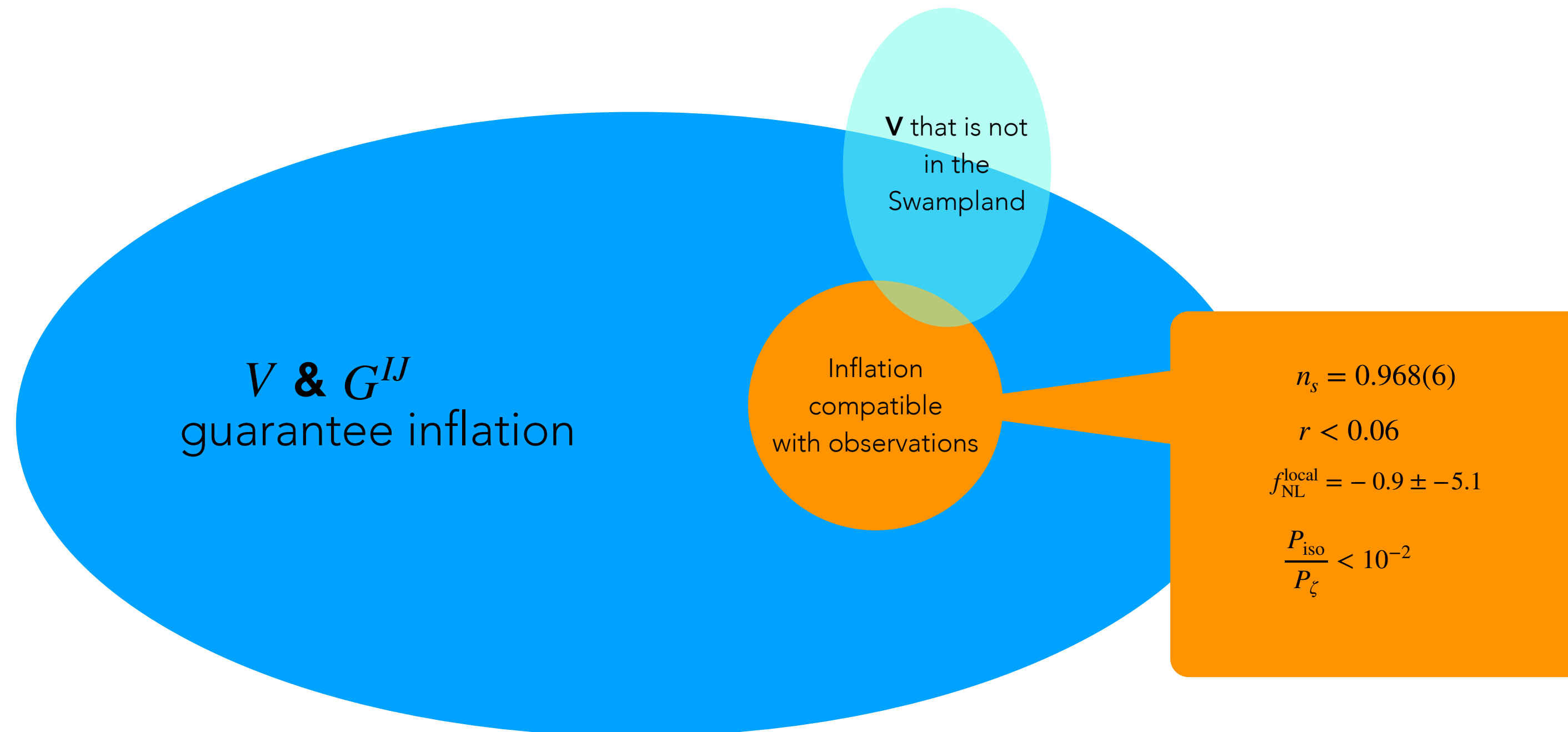
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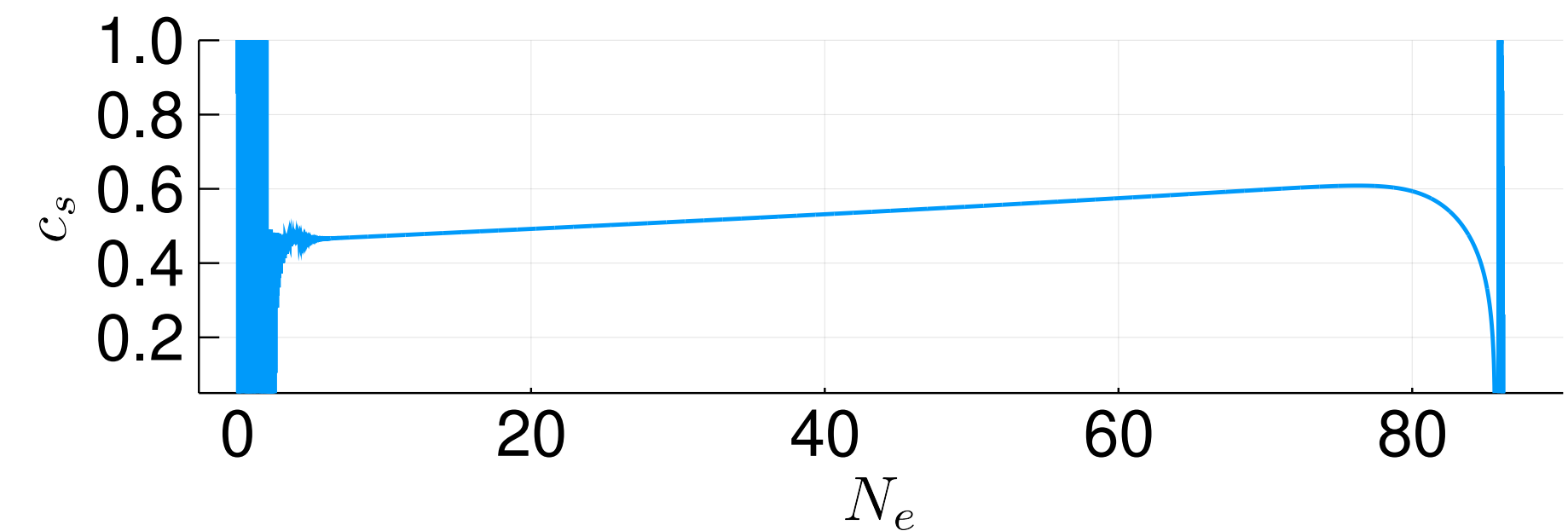
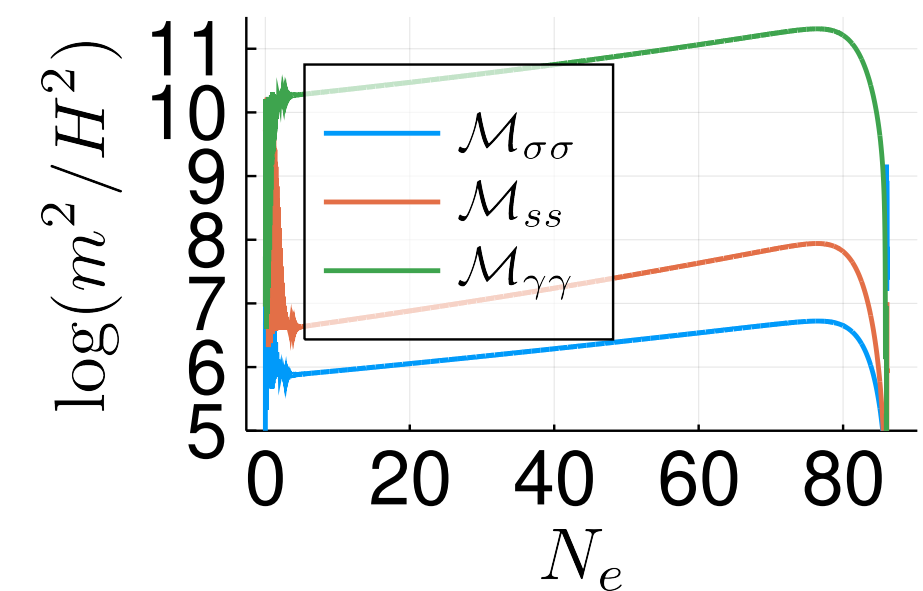
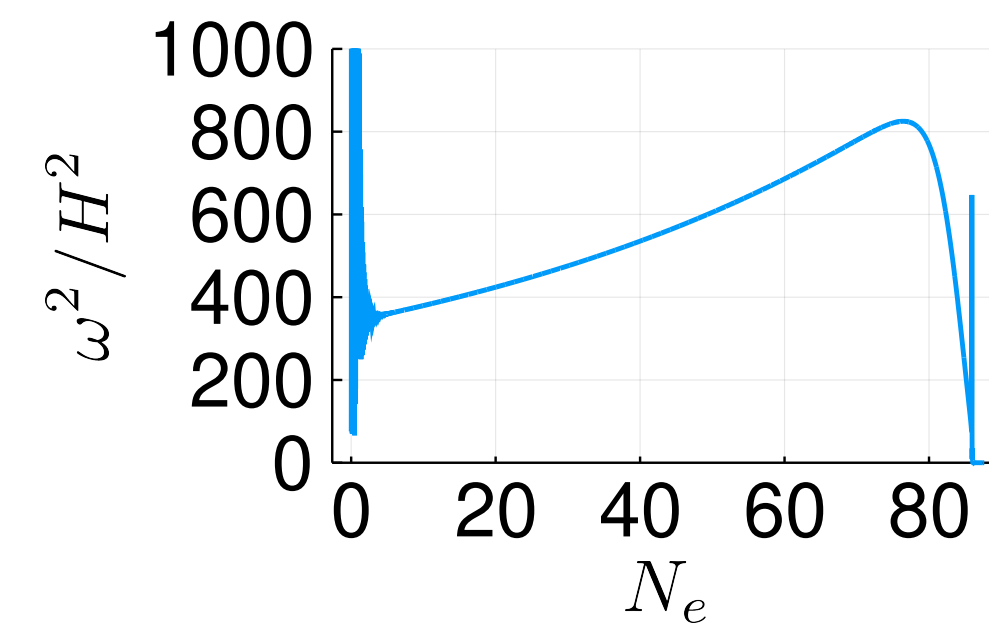
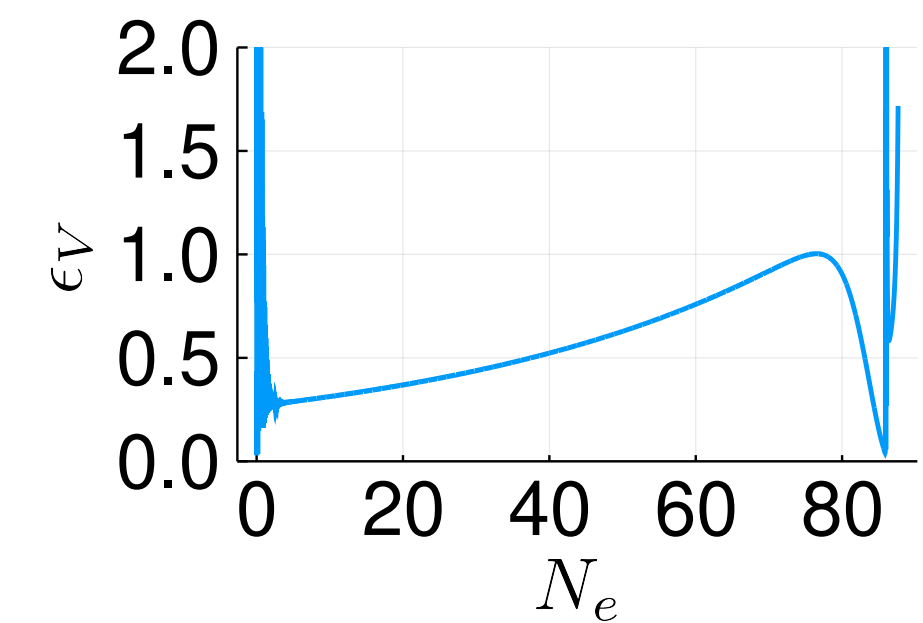
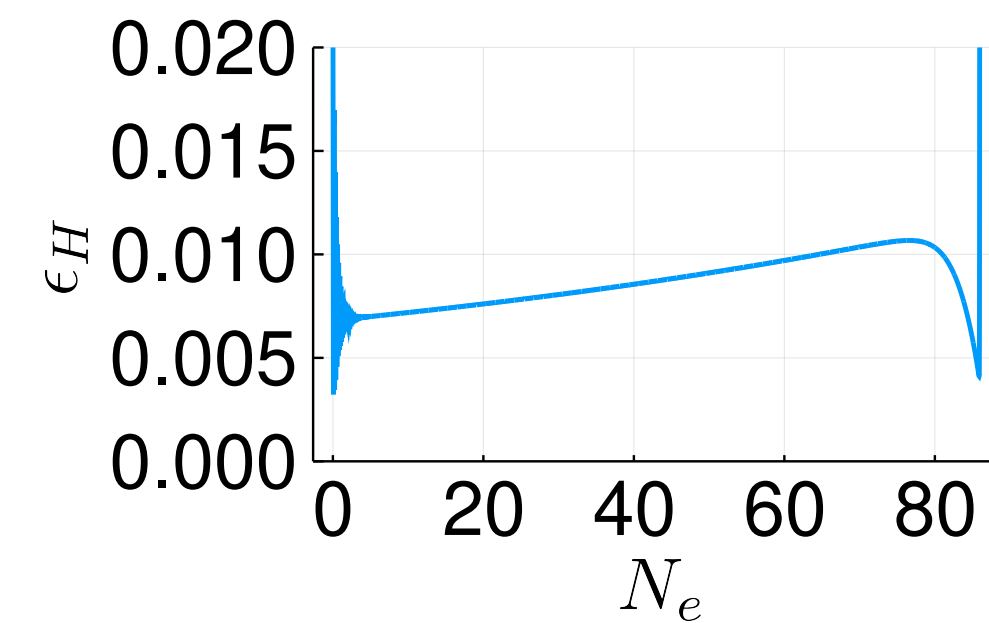
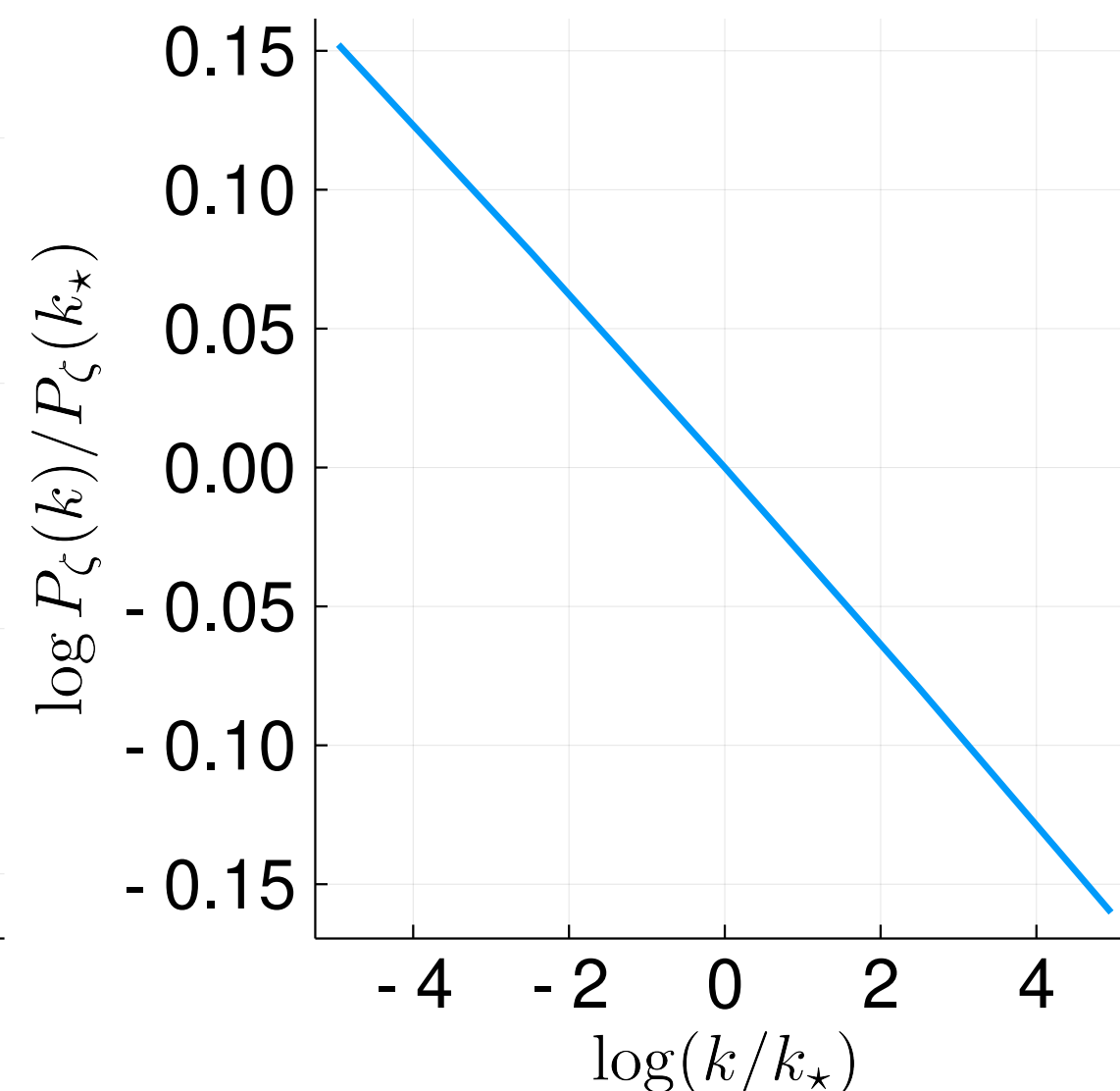
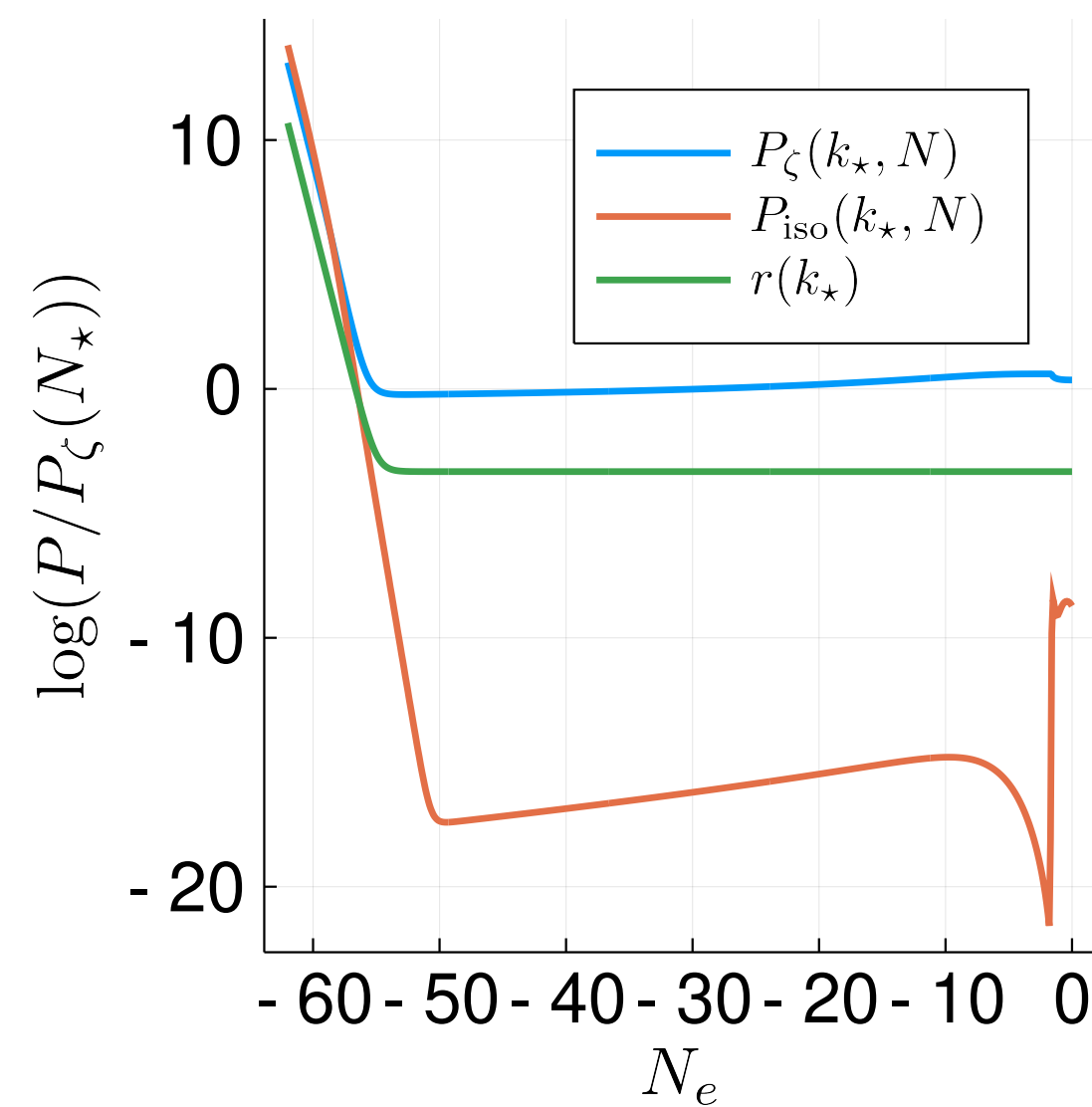


# Two Examples of potentials with Rapid-turning and good phenomenology

Aragam, SP, Rosati: ArXiv:1905.07495

- Three fields, flat metric and potential

$$V = \Lambda^4 \left( e^{z/R} + \Delta \left( 1 - \exp \left[ \frac{-(x - A \cos z/f)^2 - (y - A \sin z/f)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right] \right) \right)$$



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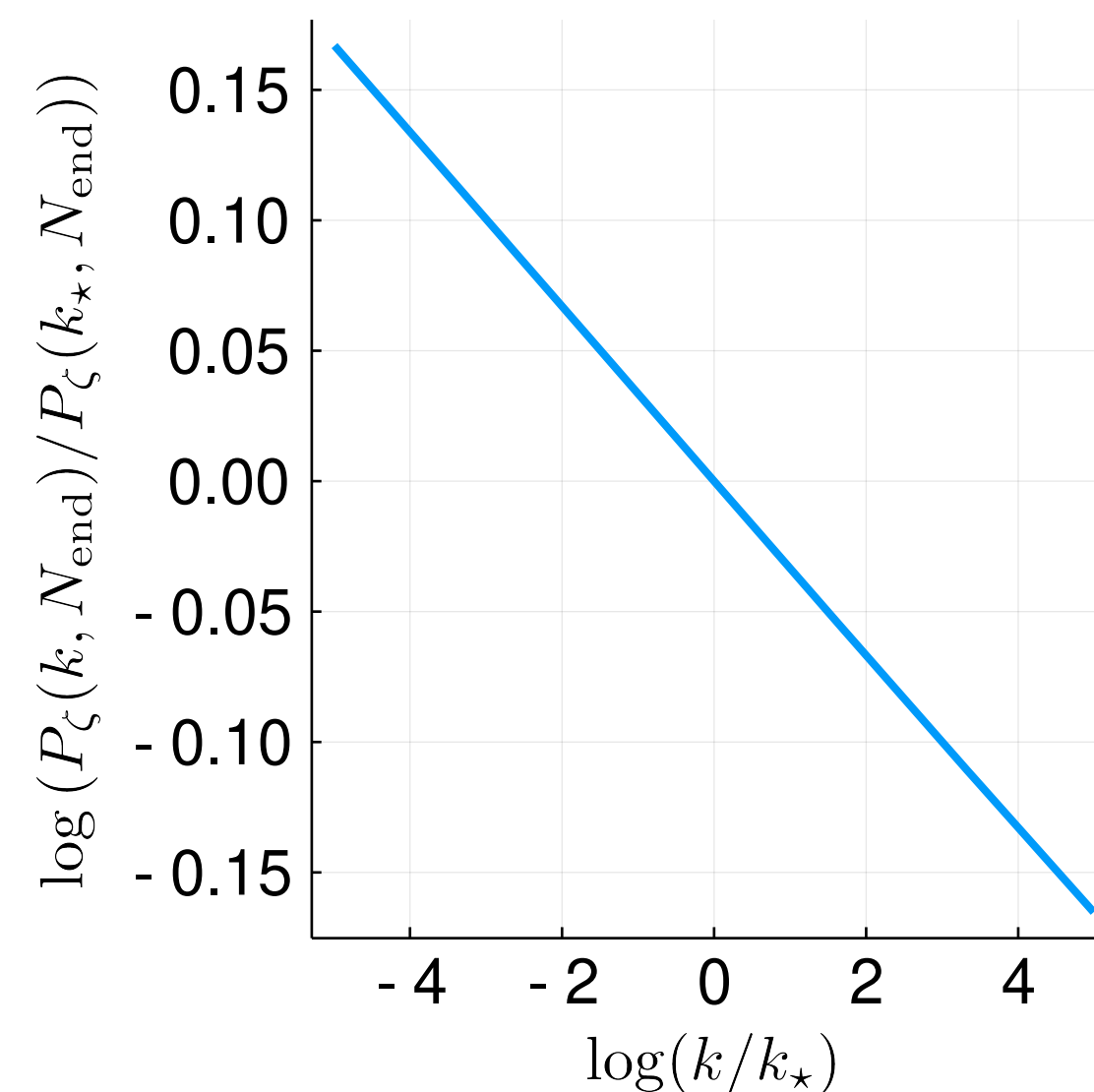
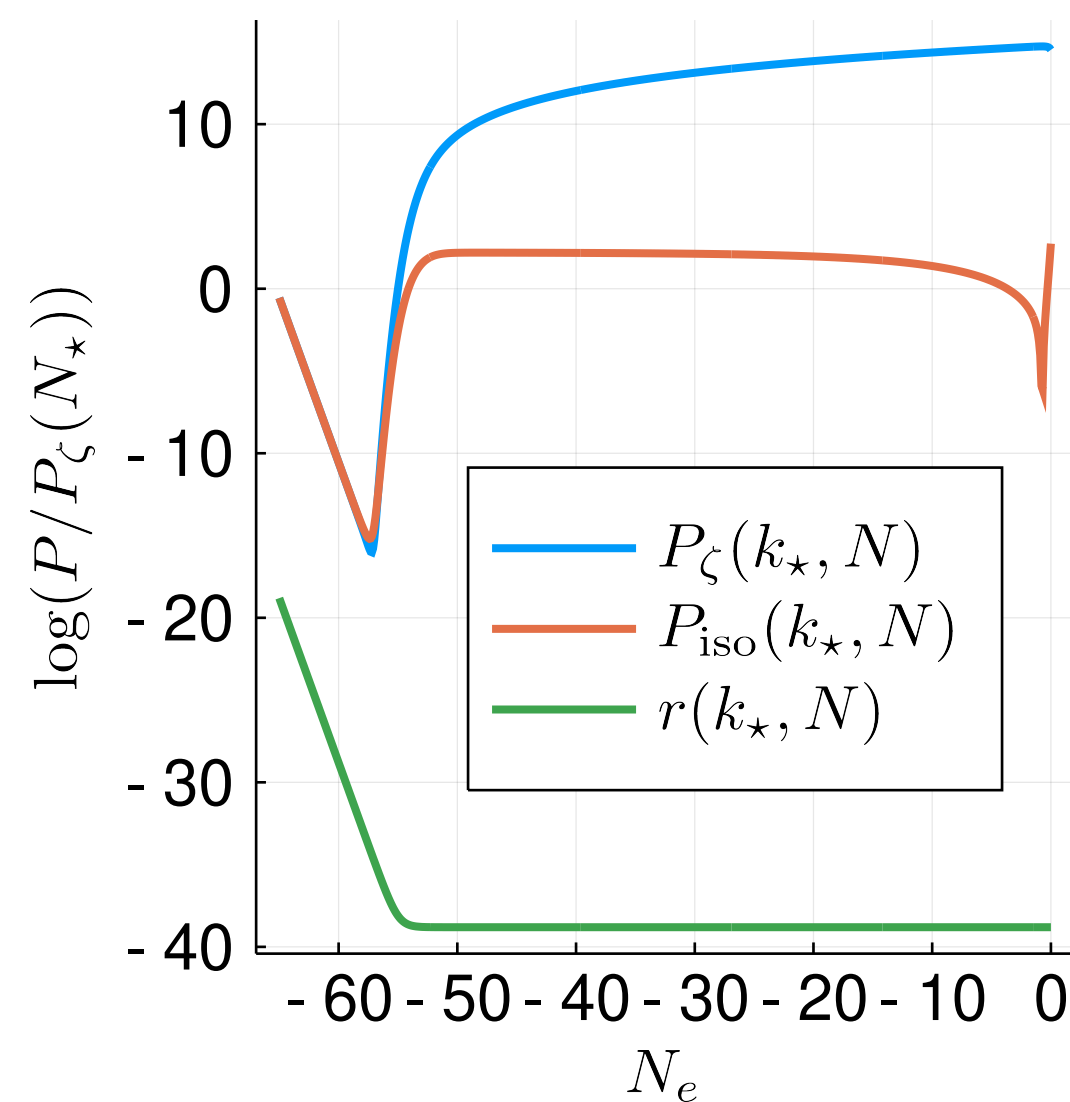
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- Two fields, with metric and potential (Orbital Inflation) [Achúcarro, Welling 1907.02020]

$$G_{IJ} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{2Y/R_0} & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$V(X, Y) = 3W^2 - 2G^{IJ}W_{,I}W_{,J}.$$

$$W(X) = Ae^{X/R_1} \left[ \tanh\left(\frac{X}{R_2}\right) + 1 \right].$$



- Scalar:  $n_s = 0.966$

- Didn't compute  $f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{local}}$

[Bjorkmo, Ferreira, Marsh: ArXiv:1908.11316]

showed that rapid-turn only produces mild NG.

- Notice that  $r \sim 10^{-17}$



(Quantum Difference)

$$\mathcal{L}^{(2)} = a^3 \left[ M_P^2 \epsilon \left( \dot{\zeta}^2 - \frac{(\partial\zeta)^2}{a^2} \right) + 2\dot{\phi} \omega \dot{\zeta} Q_s + \frac{1}{2} \left( \dot{Q}_s^2 - \frac{(\partial Q_s)^2}{a^2} - m_s^2 Q_s^2 \right) \right]$$

$$m_s^2 = V_{;ss} - H^2 \omega^2 + \epsilon H^2 M_P^2 R_{fs}$$

$$V_{;NN} \equiv N^I N^J V_{;IJ}; \quad T^I \equiv \frac{\dot{\phi}^I}{\dot{\phi}}; \quad D_t T^I = H \omega N^I$$

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Bjorkmo, Marsh ArXiv:1901.08603; Bjorkmo: ArXiv:1902.10529; Aragam, SP, Rosati: ArXiv:2010.15933

$$\frac{\omega}{H} = \frac{3V_{vv}}{V_{v\perp}} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$

$$\frac{\omega^2}{H^2} = \frac{V_{\perp\perp}}{H^2} - \frac{V_{v\perp}^2}{V_{vv}H^2} - 9 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$$

$$\perp^a \equiv \dot{\phi}_{\perp}^a / \dot{\phi}_{\perp}$$

$$v^I \equiv \frac{V^I}{|V^I|}$$

$$V_{\perp b} \equiv \perp^a V_{;ab}$$

- We quantify a limit, which we dub *extreme turning*, in which rapid-turn solutions may be found efficiently and develop methods to do so. In particular, simple results arise when the covariant Hessian of the potential has an eigenvector in close alignment with the gradient -- a situation we find to be common and we prove generic in two-field hyperbolic geometries.
- A sufficient condition is to have *fat inflation*: All fields heavier than  $H$ . It solves the  $\eta_V$ -problem.

$\eta_V$ -*Problem*: Quantum corrections tend to drive scalar masses to the cutoff scales, unless the fields are protected by symmetries.

$$\Delta m^2 \sim \Lambda_{\text{cutoff}}^2$$

$$\eta_V = \frac{M_P^2}{2} \frac{|V''|}{V}$$

$$\eta_V \equiv \left| \text{min eigenvalue}\{\mathbb{M}\} \right| \quad \mathbb{M} = \frac{M_P^2}{V} \begin{pmatrix} V_{TT} & V_{TN} \\ V_{NT} & V_{NN} \end{pmatrix}$$

How generic are the potentials and field-space metrics in SUGRA?

- Rapid-turn inflation in supergravity is rare and tachyonic
- Large turning rates can be generated in a wide class of models, at the cost of high field space curvature.

Aragam, Chiovloni, SP, Rosati, Zavala: ArXiv:2110.05516

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ M_P^2 \frac{R}{2} - K_{i\bar{j}} \partial_\mu \Phi^i \partial^\mu \bar{\Phi}^{\bar{j}} - V(\Phi^k, \bar{\Phi}^{\bar{k}}) \right]$$

$$K = -3\alpha M_P^2 \log[(\Phi + \bar{\Phi})/M_P] + S\bar{S},$$

$$V = \frac{M_P^{3\alpha} |F|^2}{(\Phi + \bar{\Phi})^{3\alpha}}$$

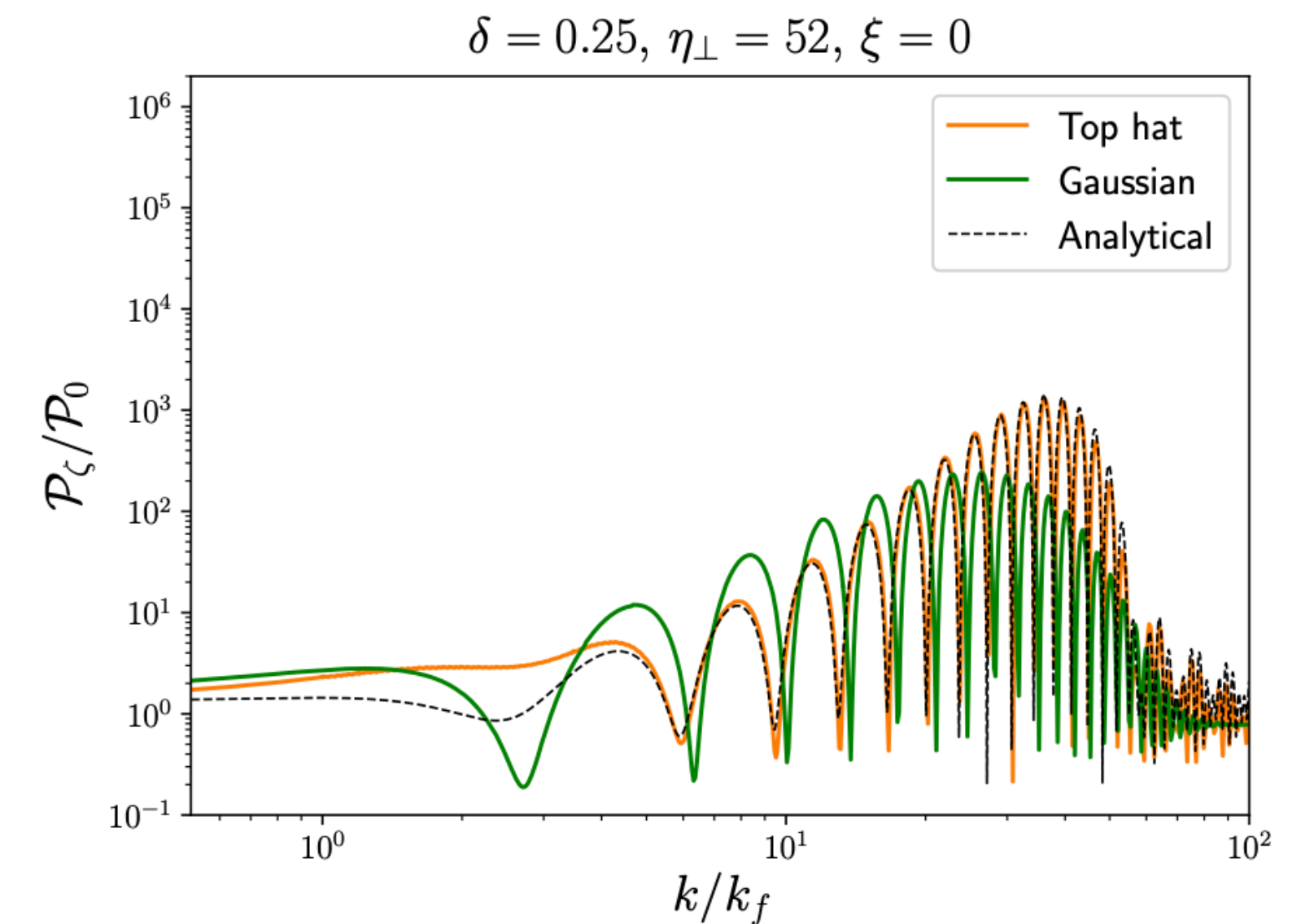
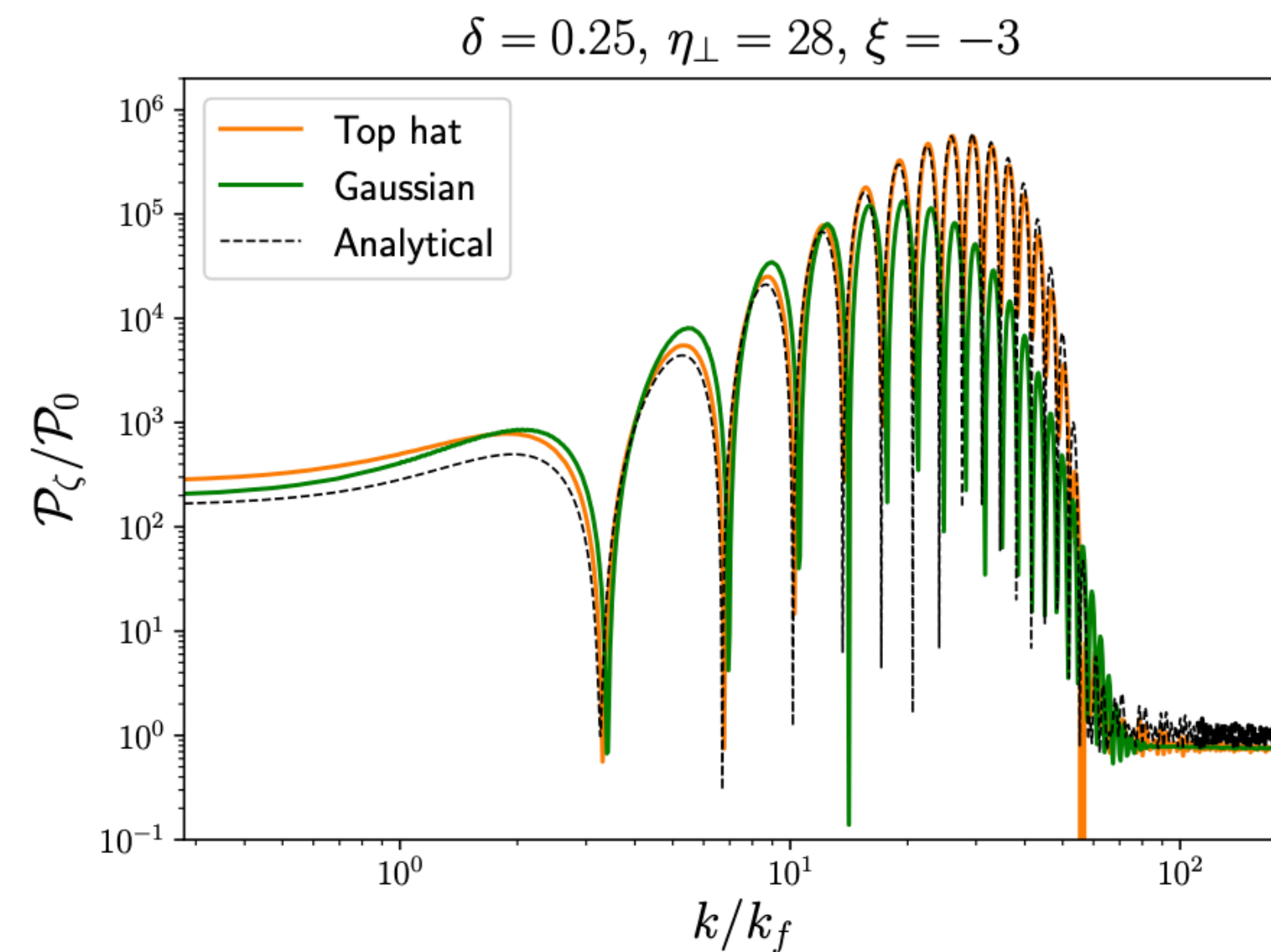
$$\mathcal{R} = -4/(3\alpha)$$

$$\frac{\omega}{H} \simeq \frac{2\sqrt{\epsilon}}{\sqrt{3\alpha}}$$

In the ‘large’ regime (large volume, large complex structure, weak coupling) this coefficient is certainly  $\alpha \sim O(1)$ , but its value is unclear away from this limit —A. Lukas

- Sustained turning is hard to achieve, but sporadic turning is pretty common. This, in turn, generates features in the spectrum.
- Observed scale invariance  $10^{-4} \text{Mpc}^{-1} \lesssim k \lesssim 10^{-1} \text{Mpc}^{-1}$
- PBHs if feature with  $k \gtrsim 10^8 \text{Mpc}^{-1}$  and amplification of  $10^7$  larger than CMB. Palma, Sypsas, Zenteno ArXiv:2004.06106
- Generation of SGWB, possibly visible at LISA

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For a specific choice of masses,

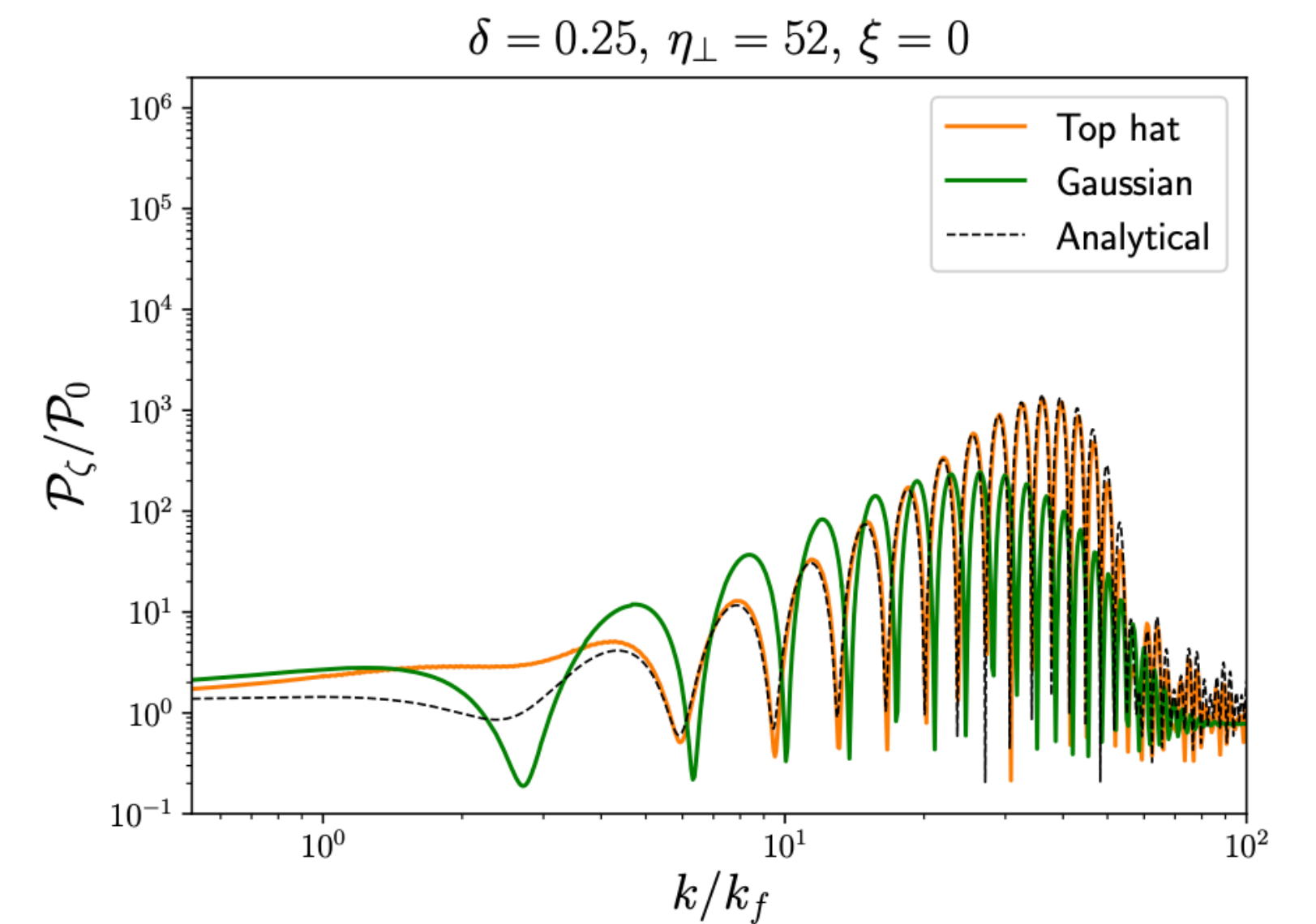
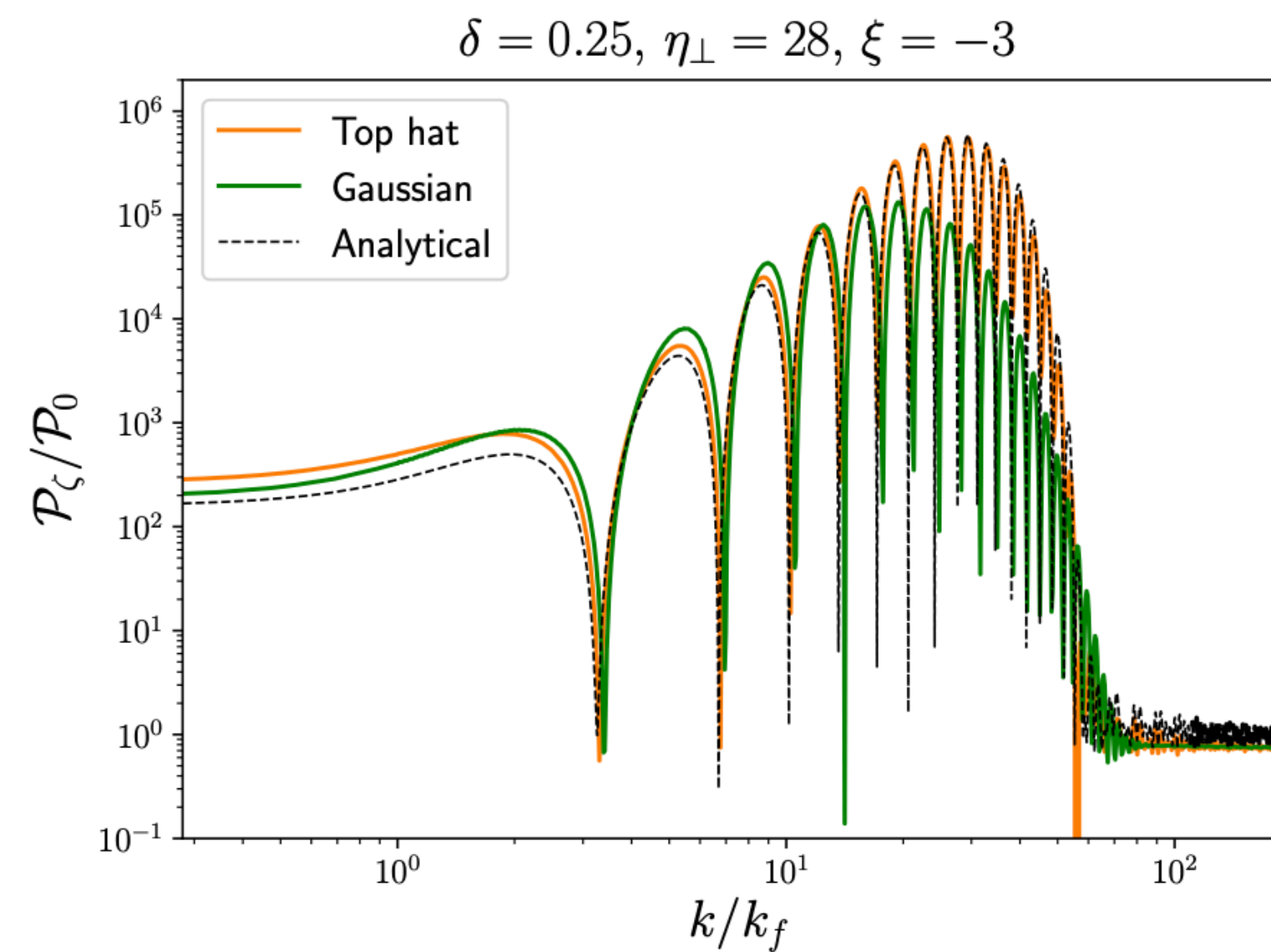
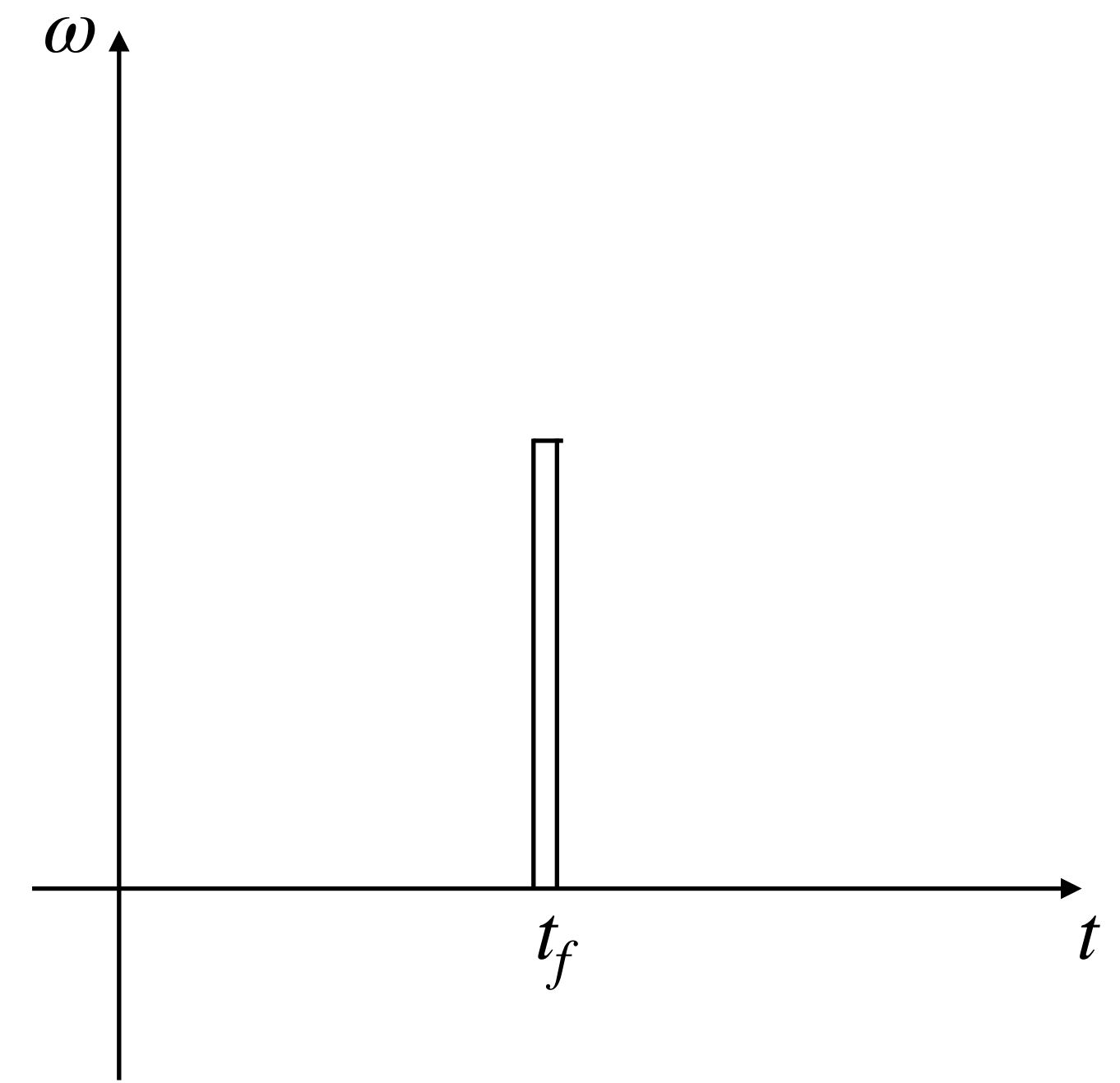
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$$D_t \dot{Q}_s + 3HD_t Q_s + \frac{k^2}{a^2} Q_s = -2\omega D_t \zeta_c$$

During a top-hat feature:

$$\frac{q_{\pm}}{H} = \sqrt{\frac{k^2}{k_f^2} \pm 2\frac{\omega}{H} \frac{k}{k_f}}$$

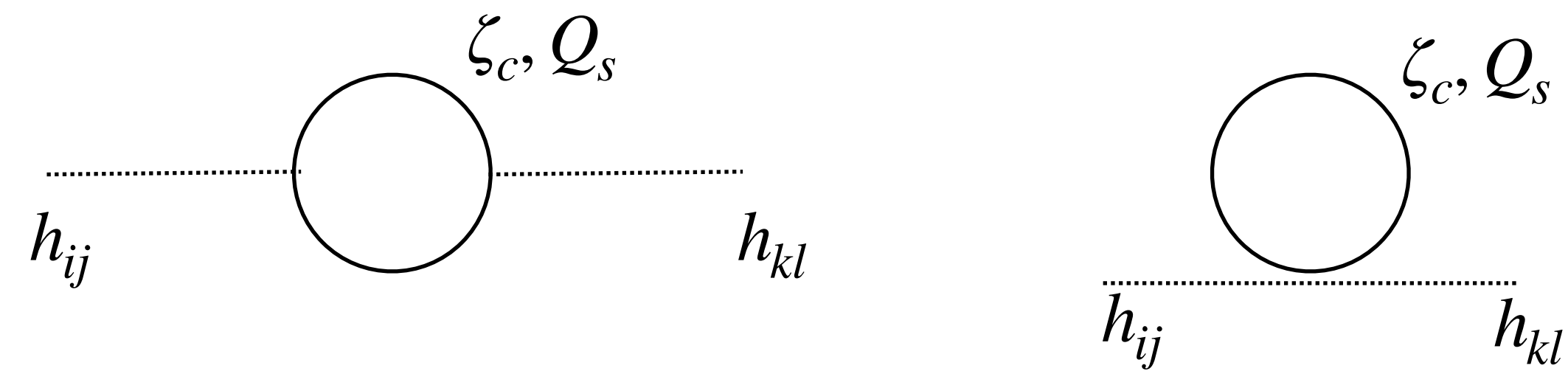
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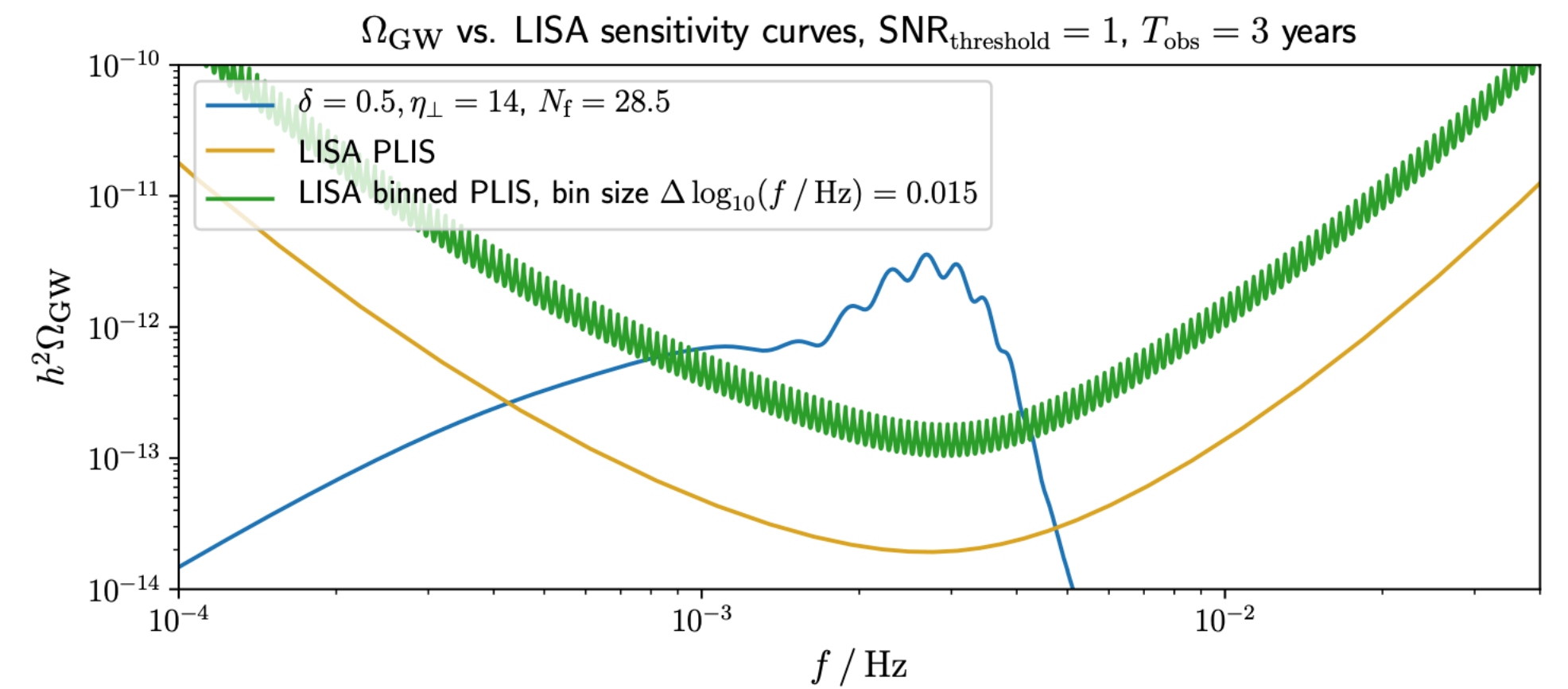
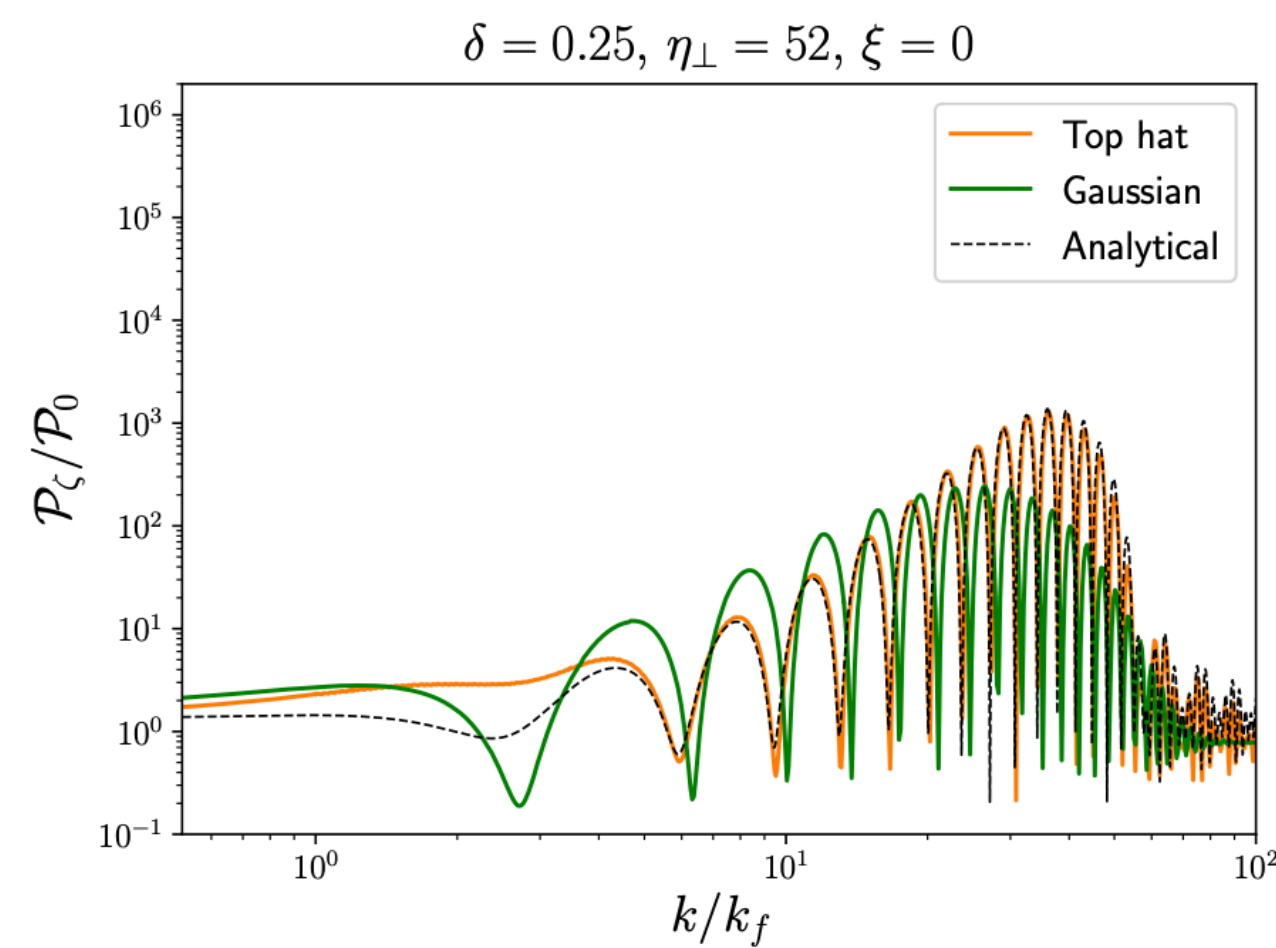
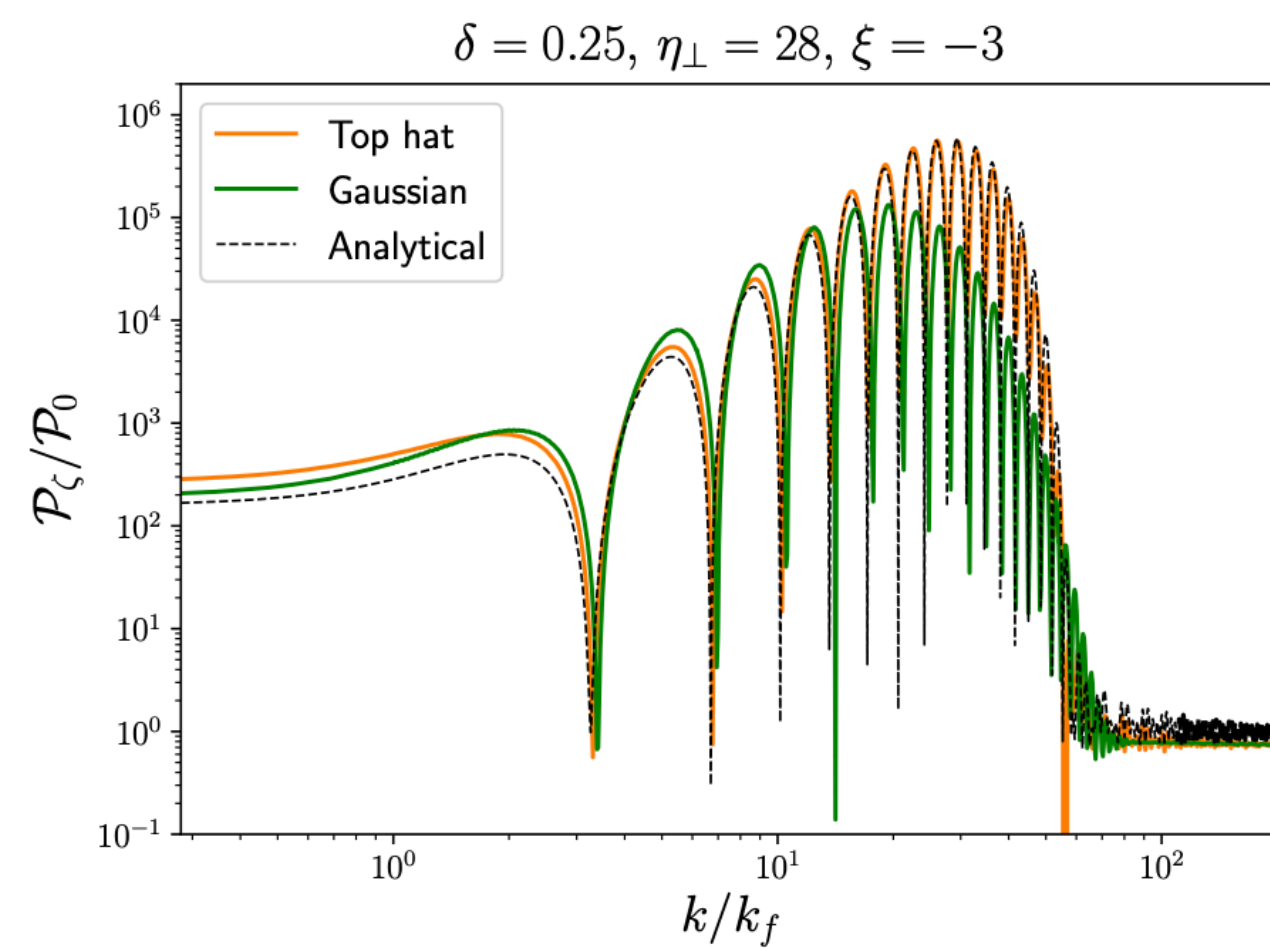
# SGWB

- Primordial scalar perturbations induce a gravitational wave spectrum.

Baumann, Steinhardt, Takahashi, Ichiki, hep-th/0703290



$$\Omega_{\text{GW}} \sim 10^{-5} P_{\zeta}^2$$



Fumagalli, Renaux-Petel, Witkowski: ArXiv:2012.02761

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*Thank you for your attention.*



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