

# Analytic derivation of gravitational wave spectrum from expanding string loop on domain wall

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# Domain wall

- remnant of breaking of discrete sym.

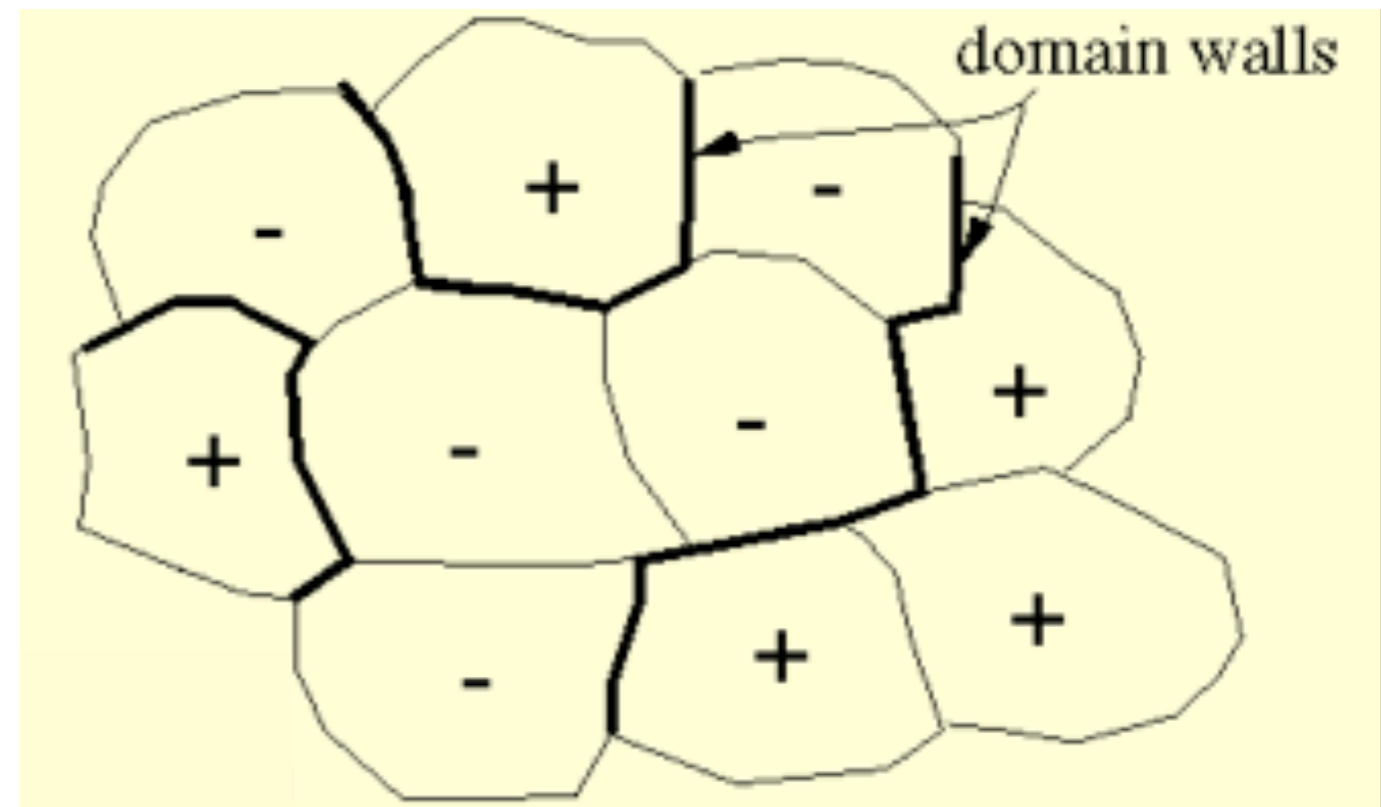
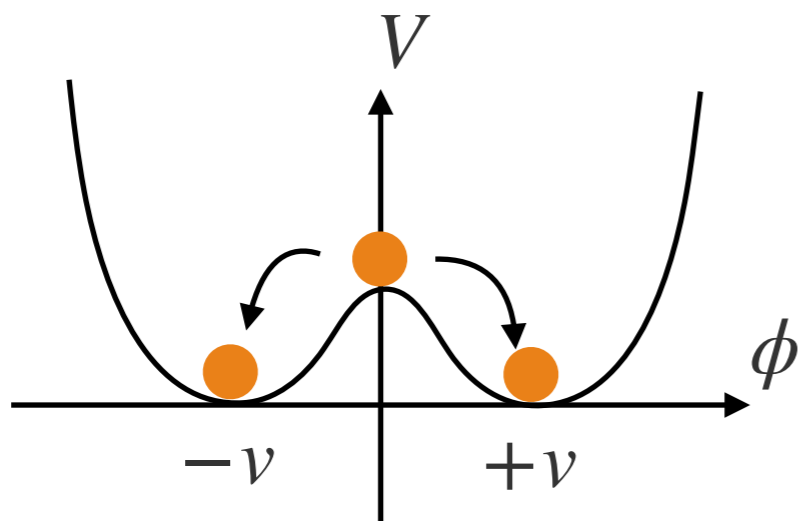


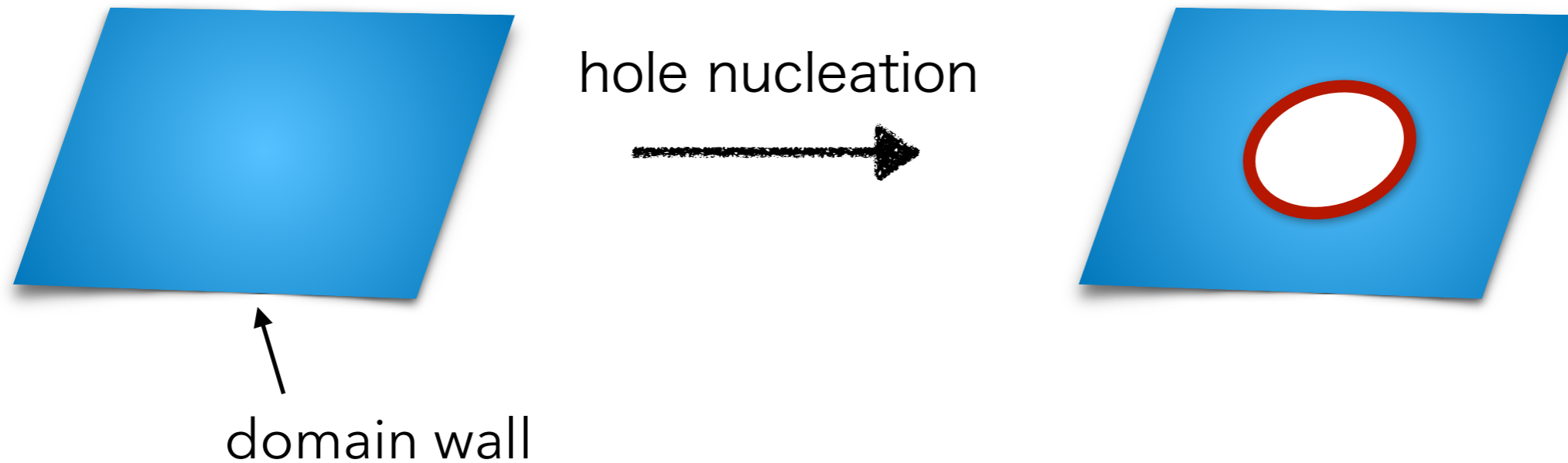
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- easily dominates energy density of universe
  - dangerous object in cosmological sense
  - need to decay!

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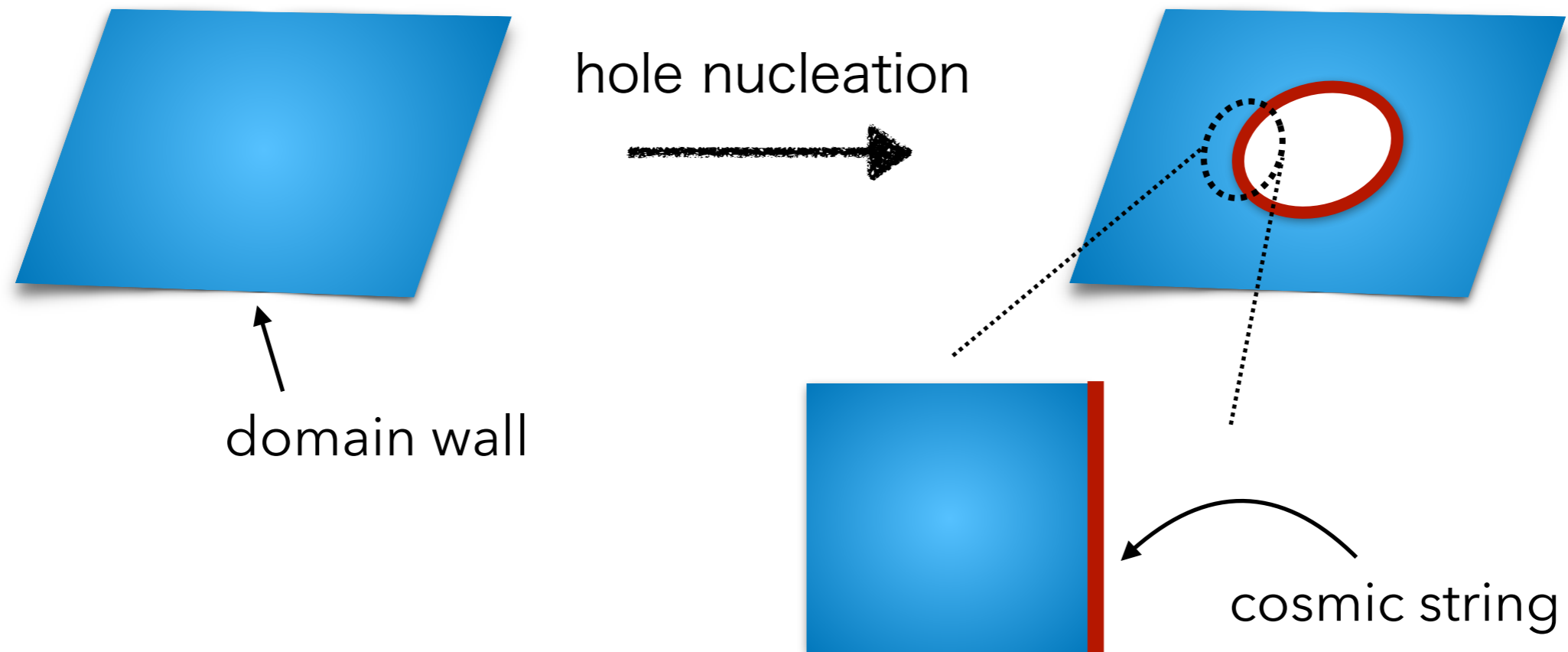
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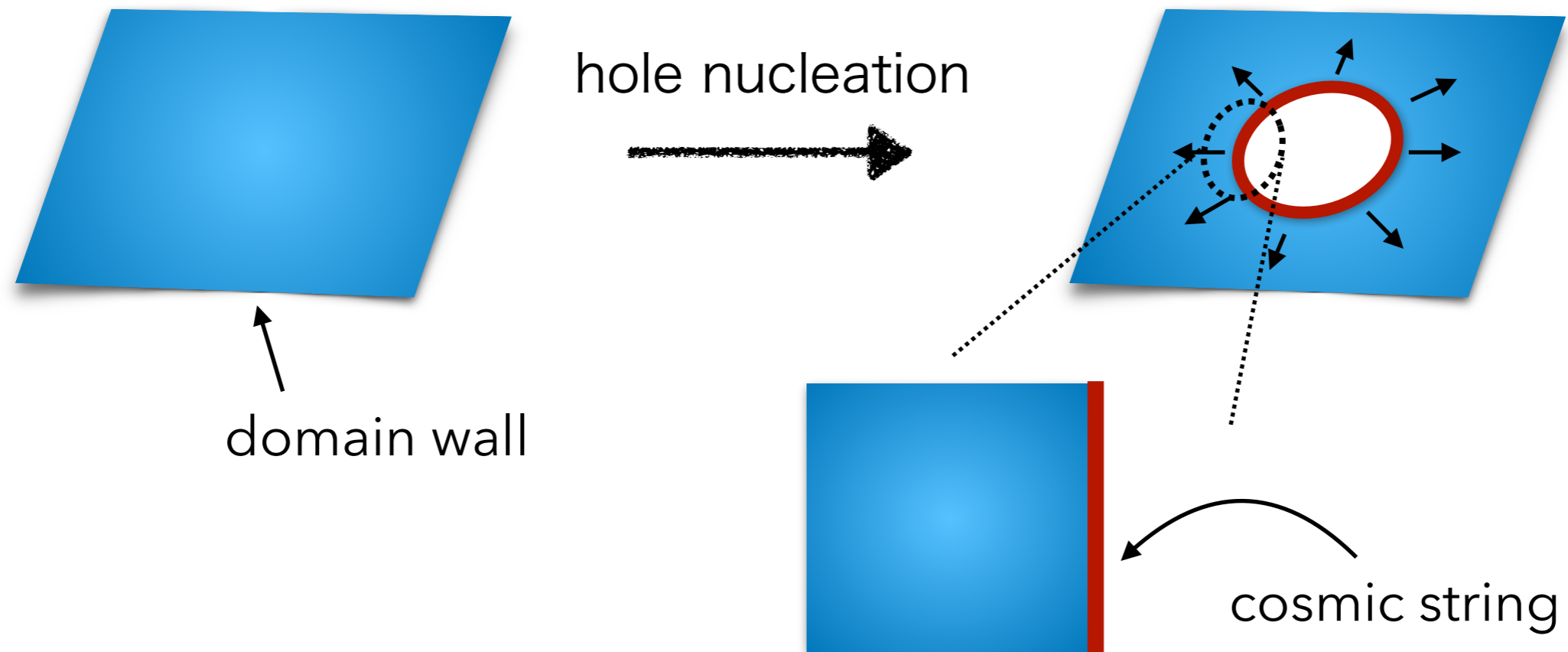
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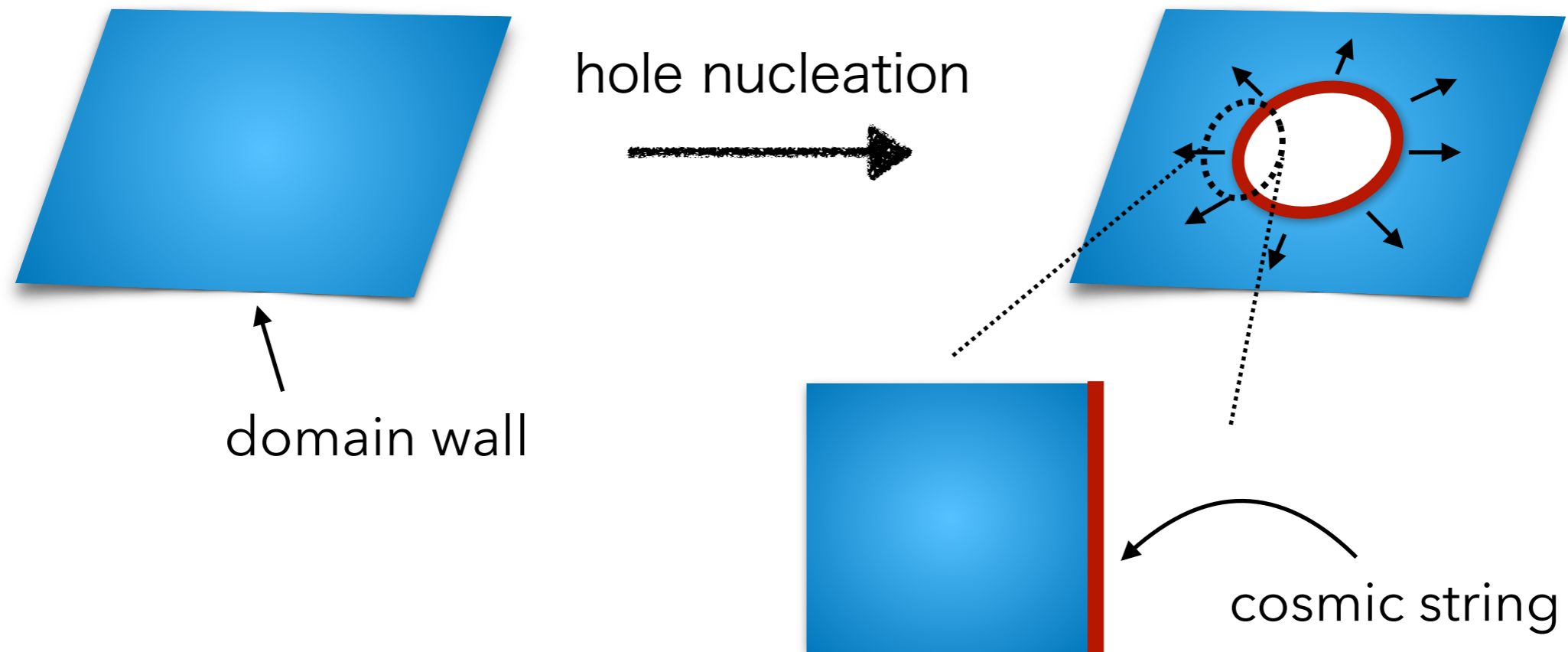
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- seems like **2D ver of bubble nucleation in 1st-order phase tr.**

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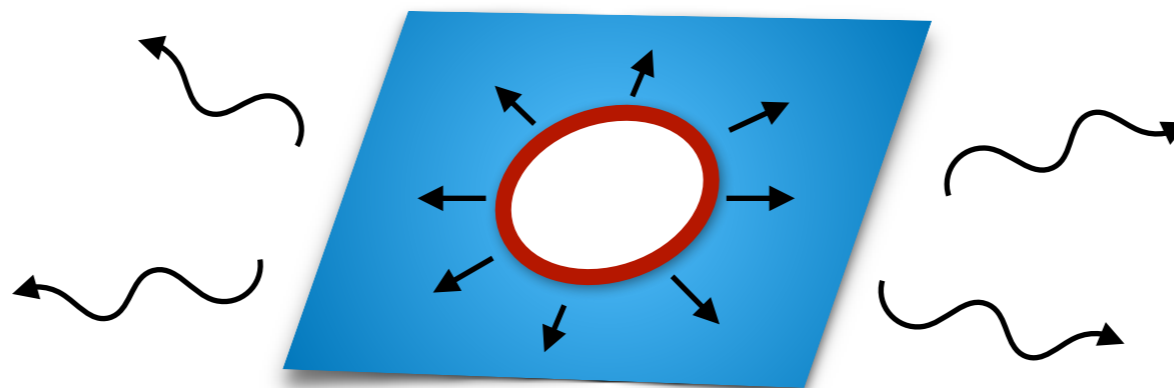
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**point:**

The loops do radiate GWs even when they are circular-shape before collision!



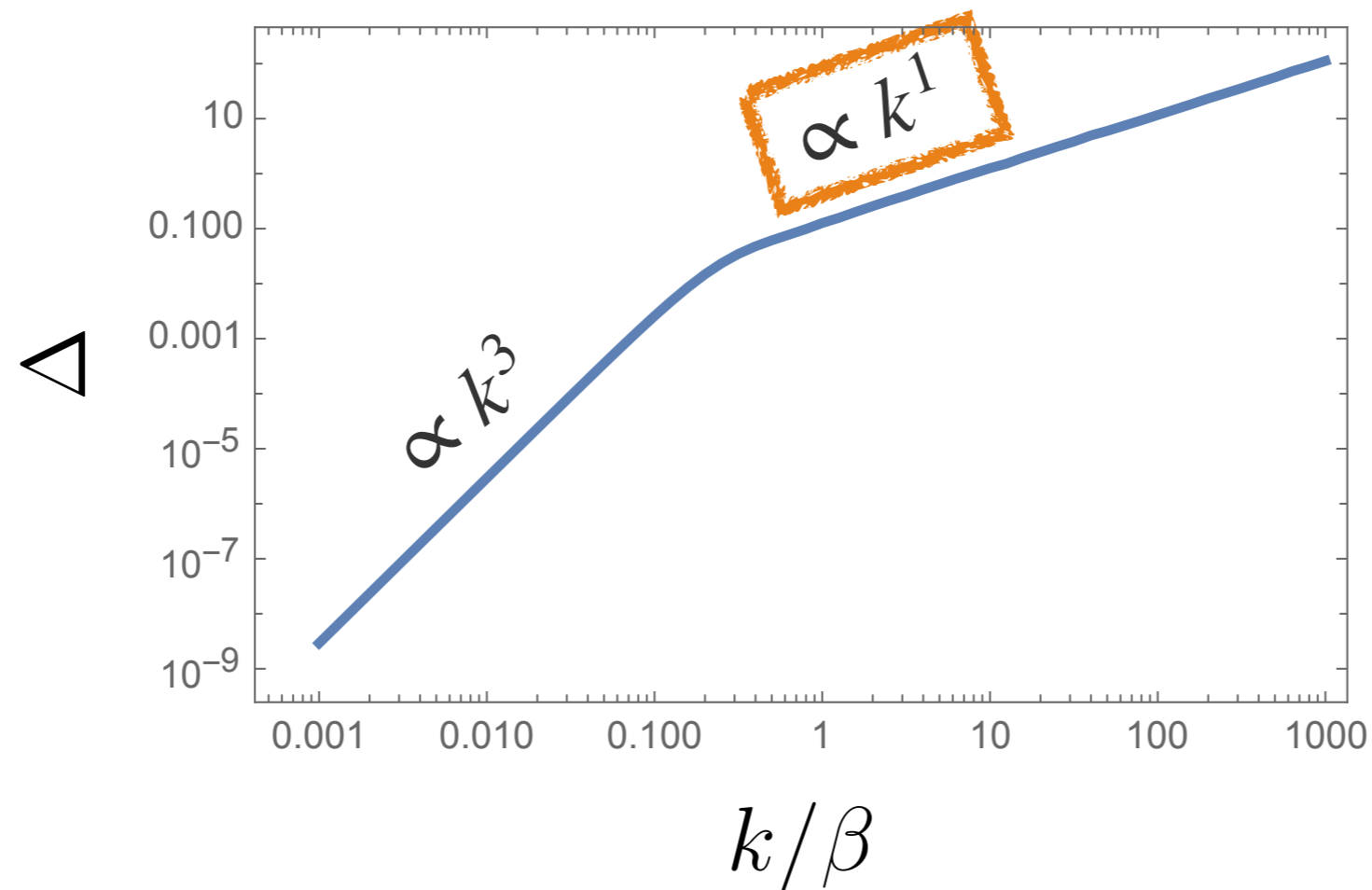


# Result of GW spectrum $\Delta(k/\beta)$

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$$\Omega_{\text{GW}}(t_*, k_*) \propto \Delta(k_*/\beta)$$

see our paper for analytic expression of  $\Delta$ !



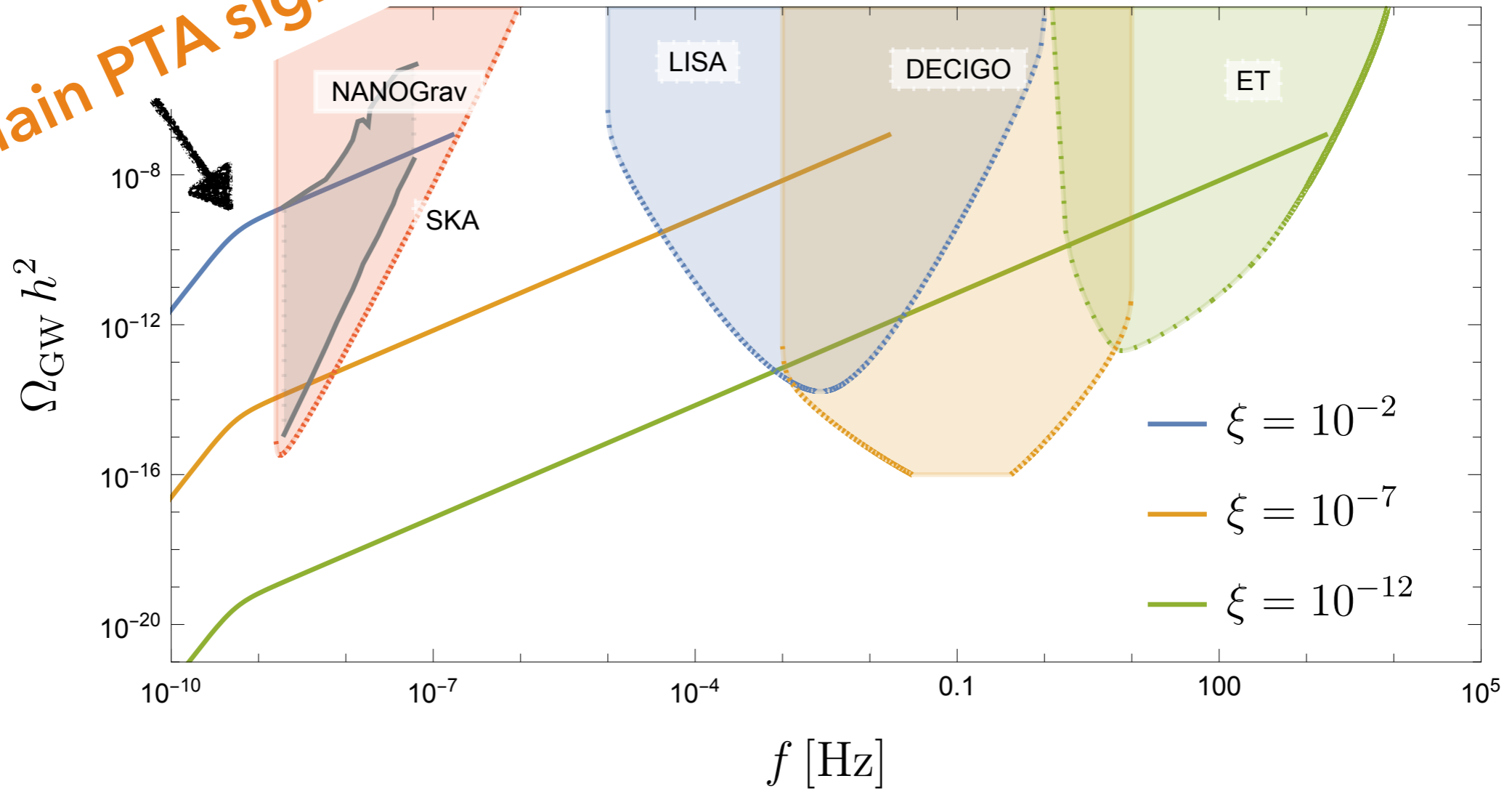
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# Present GW spectrum

[YH-Nakano 2405.09599]

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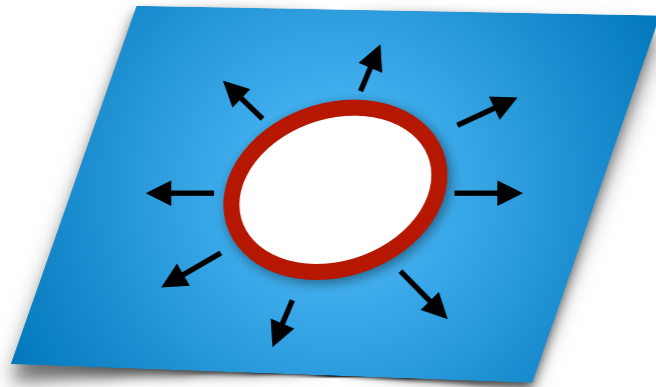
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- Assumptions:
  - non-thermal production of DW,  $d_{\text{walls}} = d_H \Big|_{\text{wall prod.}}$
  - DW not in scaling regime,  $N_{\text{walls}} = d_{H_*} / d_{\text{walls}}$  per Hubble

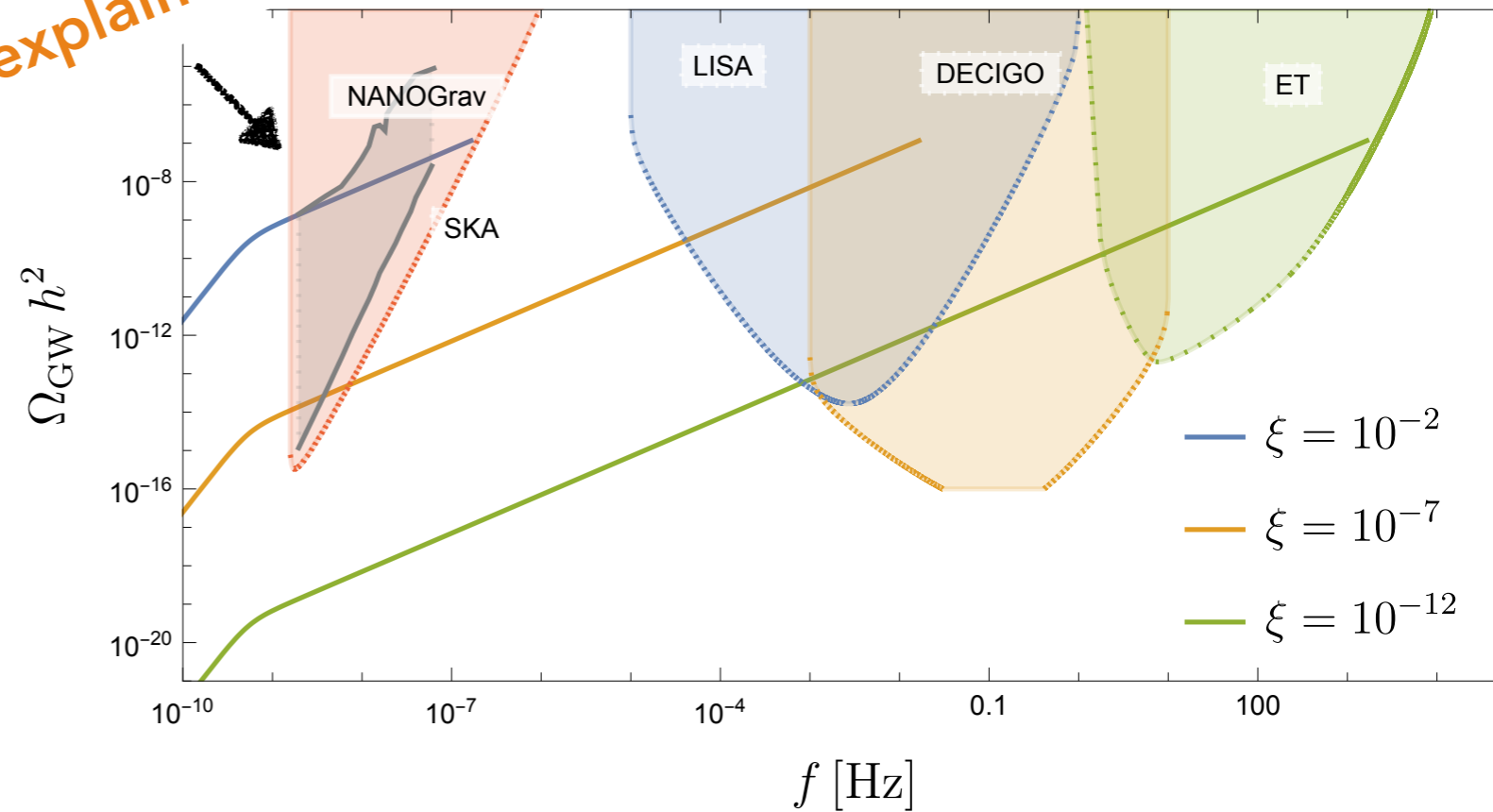
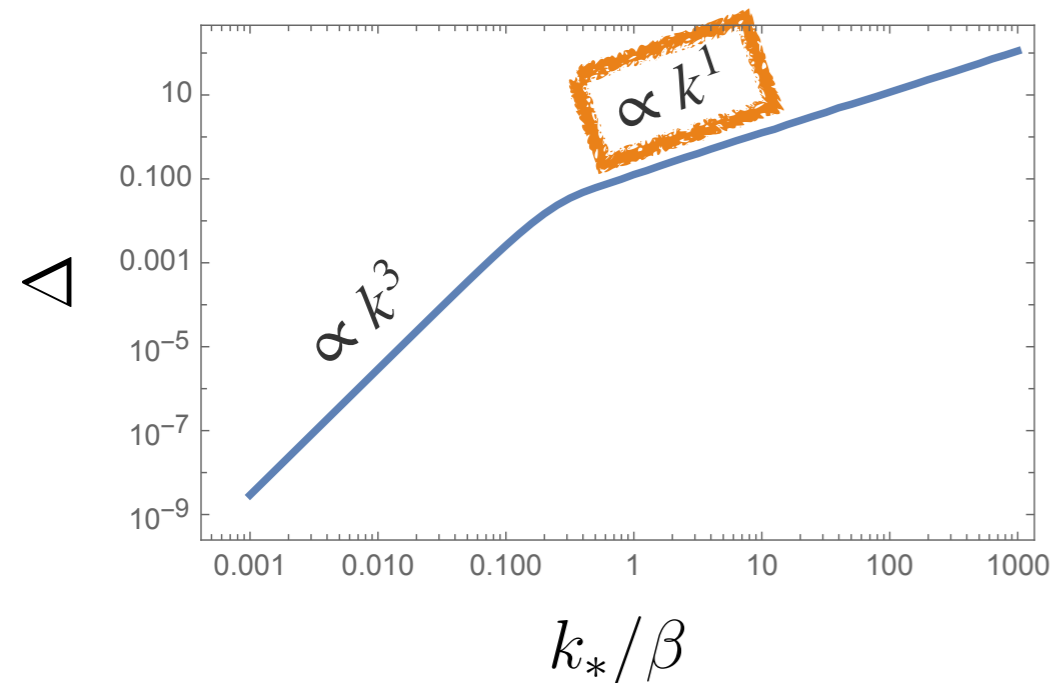
# Summary

Expanding string loop on DW radiate GW with strange spectrum!



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**Backup**

# Quadrupole moment

- For single loop nucleated at  $t = 0$  on the DW ( $y = 0$ ):

$$Q_{ij} = \int d^3x \rho^s(x) \left[ x_i x_j - \frac{1}{3} \delta_{ij} |\vec{x}|^2 \right]$$

$$= \frac{\kappa \rho_{re}}{2} d_{DW} t^4 \begin{pmatrix} +\frac{1}{6} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & +\frac{1}{6} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Quadrupole formula:

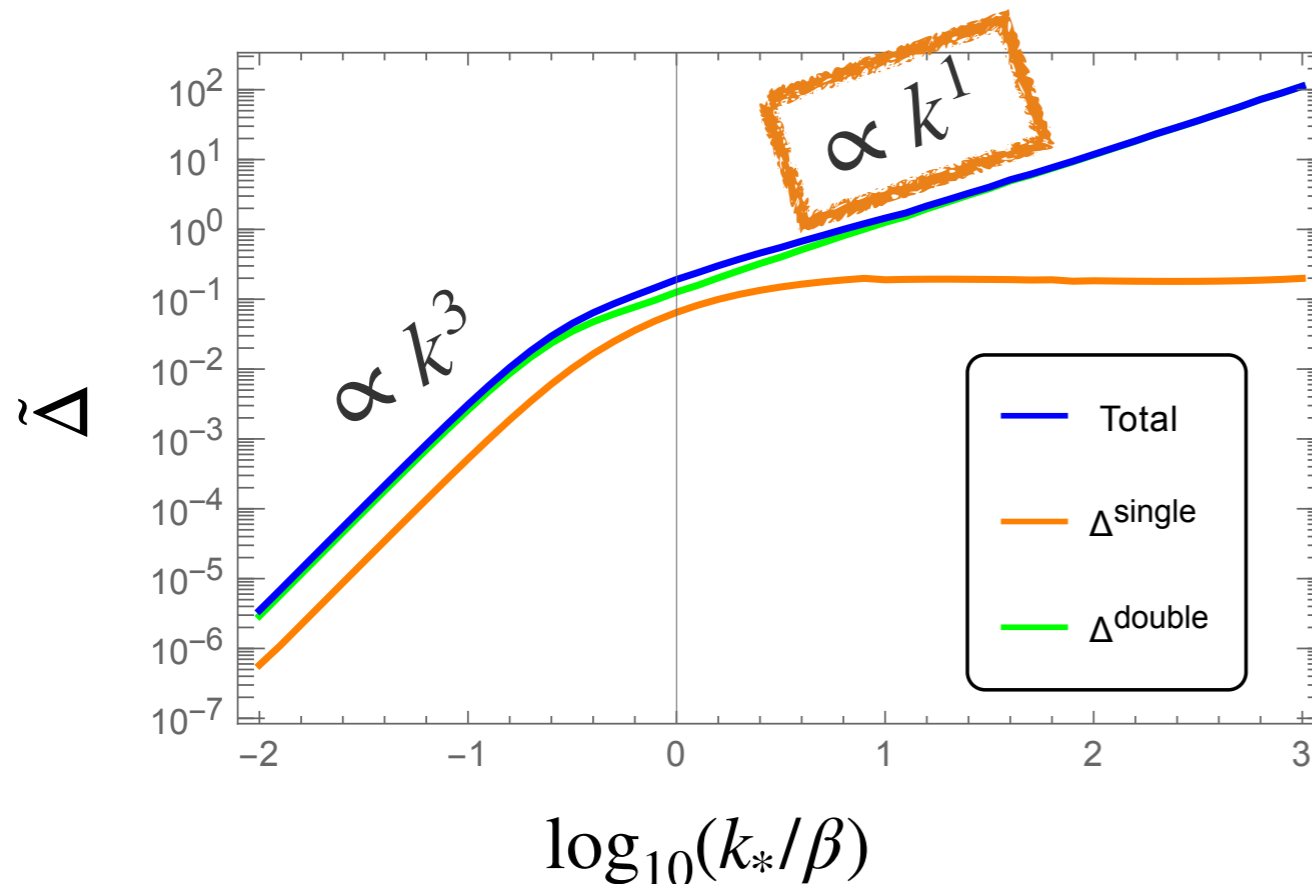
$$\frac{dE_{GW}}{dt} = \frac{G}{5} (\ddot{Q}_{ij})^2 \quad \Delta E_{GW} \sim \frac{G}{\beta} (\kappa \rho_{re} d_{DW} t)^2$$

# Result of GW spectrum

[YH-Nakano 2405.09599]

- GW energy density see our paper for analytic expression of  $\tilde{\Delta}$ !

$$\Omega_{\text{GW}}(t_*, k_*) = 10^{-5} \kappa^2 \left( \frac{H_*}{\beta} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\alpha(t_*)}{1 + \alpha(t_*)} \right)^2 N_{\text{walls}} d_{\text{DW}}^2 H_* \beta \tilde{\Delta}(k_*/\beta)$$



$\beta^{-1}$  : time duration of nucleation

$d_{\text{DW}}$  : width of DWs       $\kappa$  : efficiency

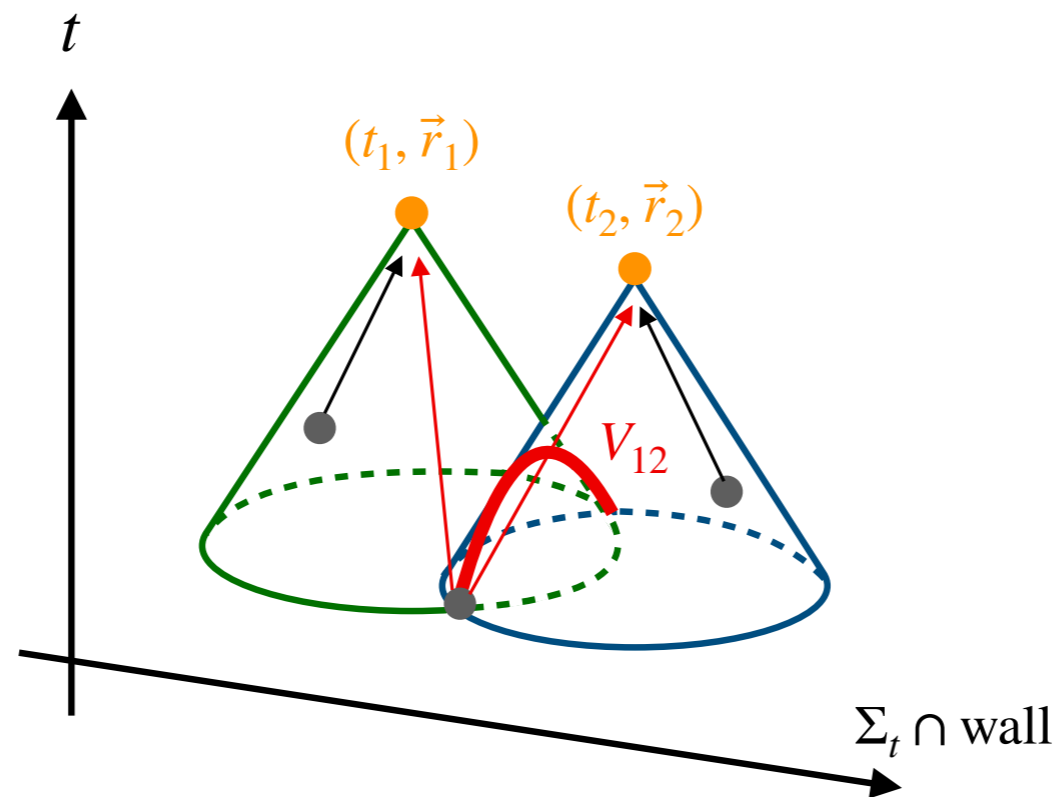
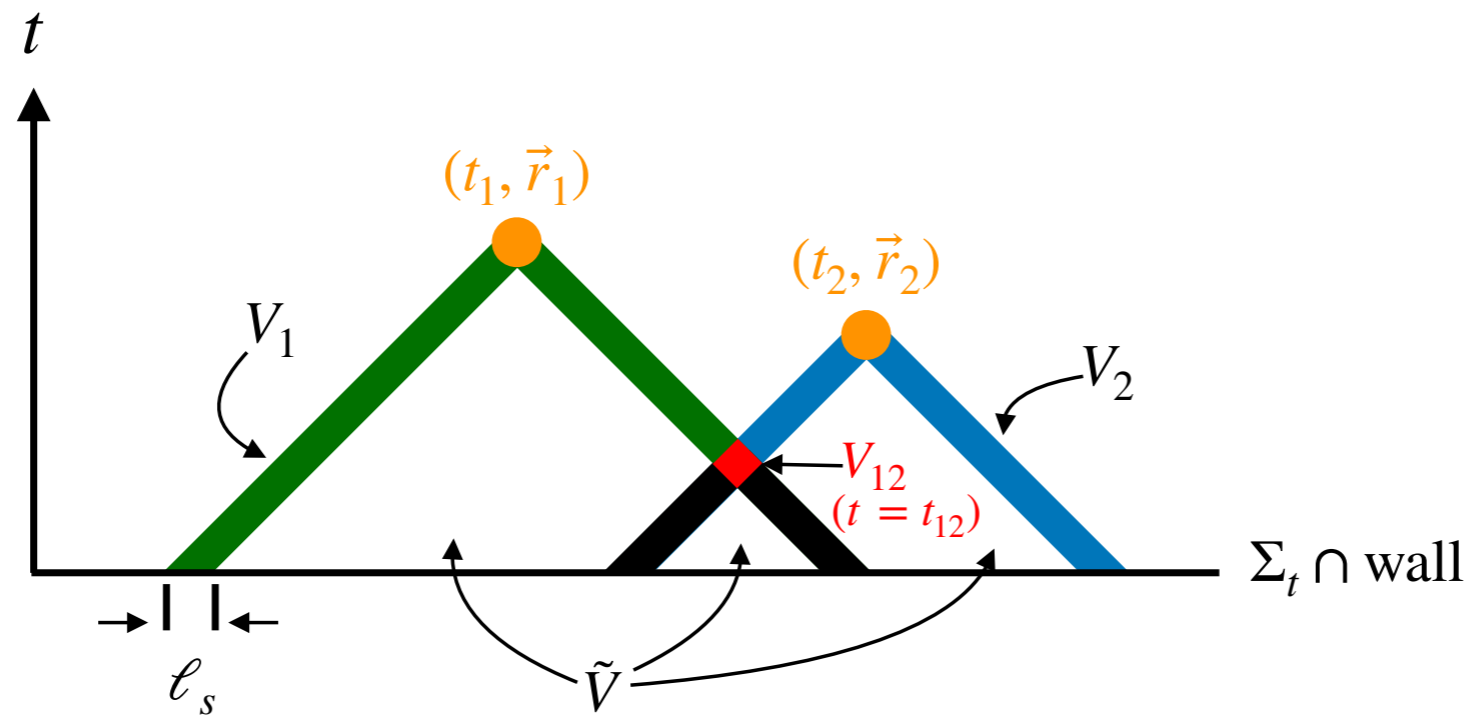
$N_{\text{walls}}$  : # of walls in Hubble patch

$\alpha_*$  : energy fraction of walls to plasma

$H_*$  : Hubble parameter

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# Light cone structure



# Analytic formula of GW spectrum

[YH-Nakano 2405.09599]

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta^{\text{double}}(k/\beta) &= \frac{3}{64\pi} \beta k^3 \int_0^\infty dt_d \cos(kt_d) \int_{t_d}^\infty dr \frac{r^2 C_{\text{DW}}(r)}{\mathcal{I}(r, t_d)^2} \\
 &\times \left[ \left( j_0(kr) - 2 \frac{j_1(kr)}{kr} + 3 \frac{j_2(kr)}{(kr)^2} \right) \right. \\
 &\quad \times (g''_{a,\text{ov}}(r, t_d) + g''_{a,\text{non}}(r, t_d)) (g''_{a,\text{ov}}(r, -t_d) + g''_{a,\text{non}}(r, -t_d)) \\
 &\quad + \left( j_0(kr) - 2 \frac{j_1(kr)}{kr} - 5 \frac{j_2(kr)}{(kr)^2} \right) \\
 &\quad \times [(g''_{a,\text{ov}}(r, t_d) + g''_{a,\text{non}}(r, t_d)) g''_{b,\text{ov}}(r, -t_d) + g''_{b,\text{ov}}(r, t_d) (g''_{a,\text{ov}}(r, -t_d) + g''_{a,\text{non}}(r, -t_d))] \\
 &\quad \left. + \left( j_0(kr) - 2 \frac{j_1(kr)}{kr} + 19 \frac{j_2(kr)}{(kr)^2} \right) g''_{b,\text{ov}}(r, t_d) g''_{b,\text{ov}}(r, -t_d) \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

$$C_{\text{DW}}(r) = N_{\text{walls}} \frac{d_{\text{DW}}^2}{2rd_H}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{I}(r, t_d) &= \frac{1}{2\beta^3} \left[ 8\pi \cosh\left(\frac{\beta t_d}{2}\right) + \beta^2 r \sqrt{r^2 - t_d^2} K_1\left(\frac{\beta r}{2}\right) \right] \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{4} \int_{-\infty}^{-r/2} dt_T e^{\beta t_T} \left[ (2t_T - t_d)^2 \left( \pi - \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{r^2 - 2t_d t_T}{r(2t_T - t_d)}\right) \right) \right. \\
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 g''_{b,\text{ov}}(r, t_d) &= \int_{-\infty}^{-r/2} dt_{1T} e^{\beta t_{1T}} g'_b(r, t_d, t_{1T}) \\
 &= \frac{\sqrt{r^2 - t_d^2}}{\beta} \left[ r K_1\left(\frac{\beta r}{2}\right) + t_d K_2\left(\frac{\beta r}{2}\right) \right],
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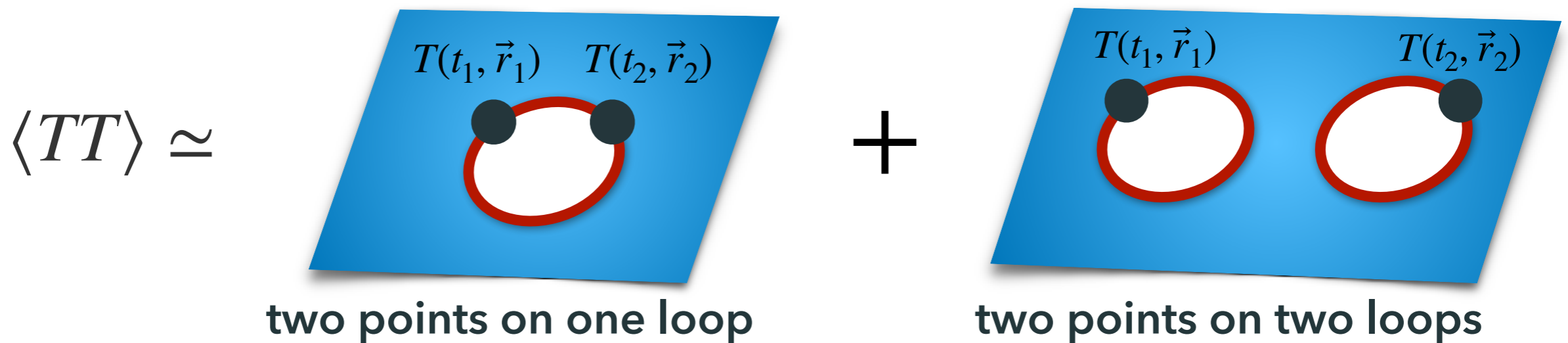
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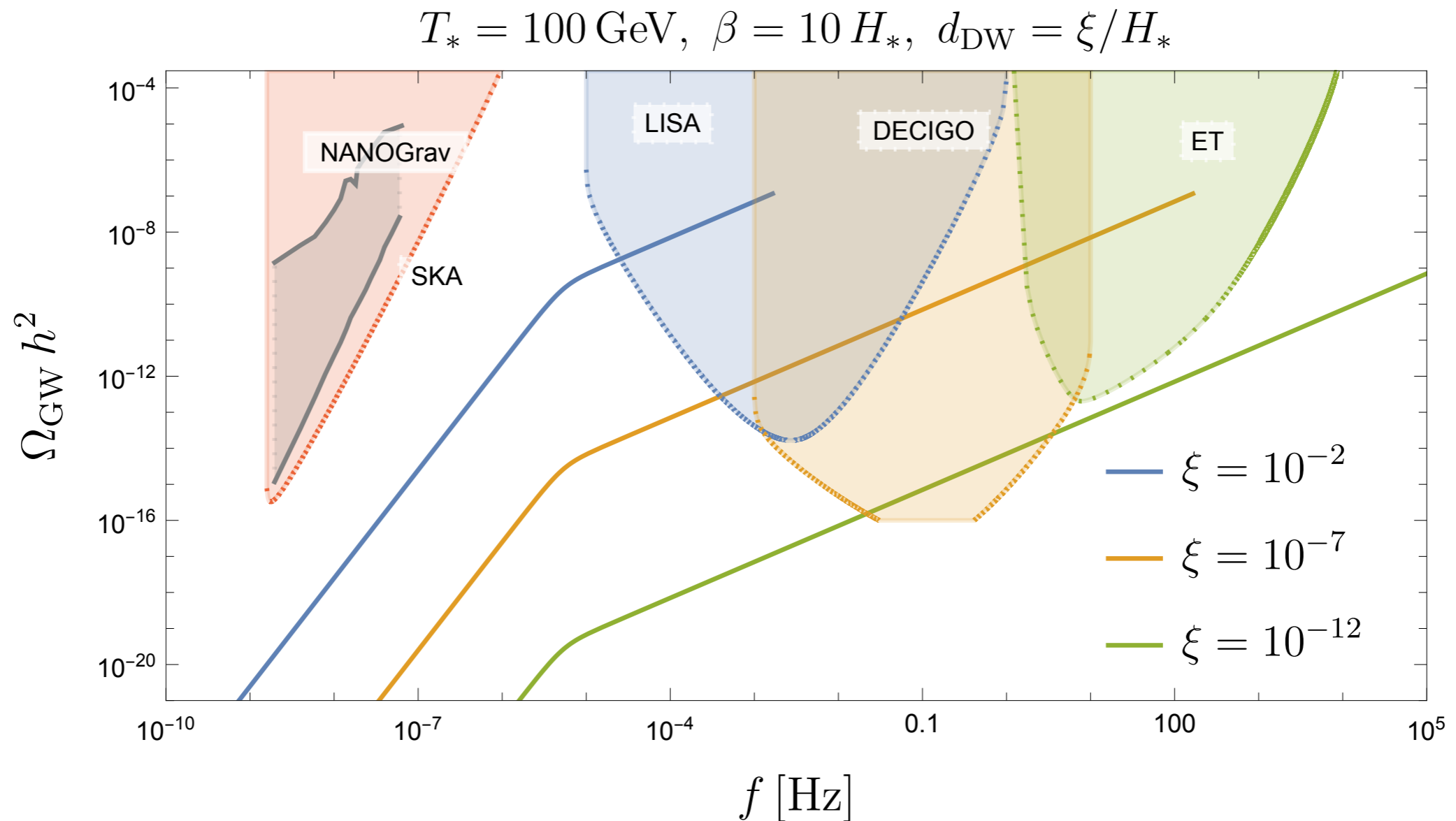
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