Seeing highly anisotropic gravitational wave backgrounds from phase transitions

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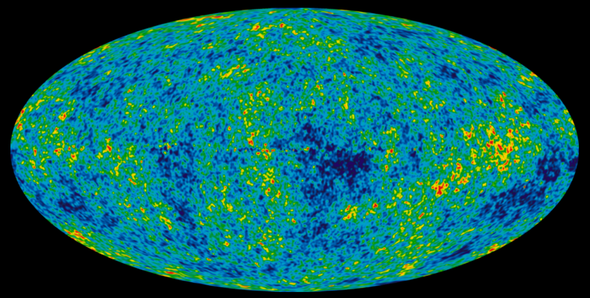

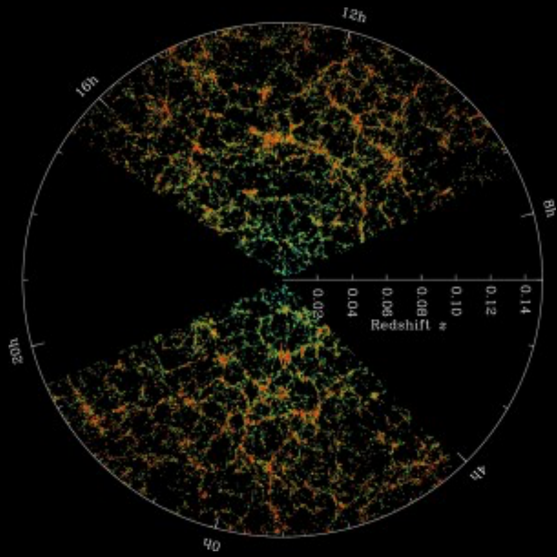
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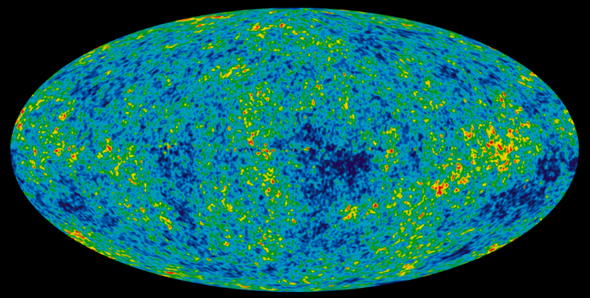

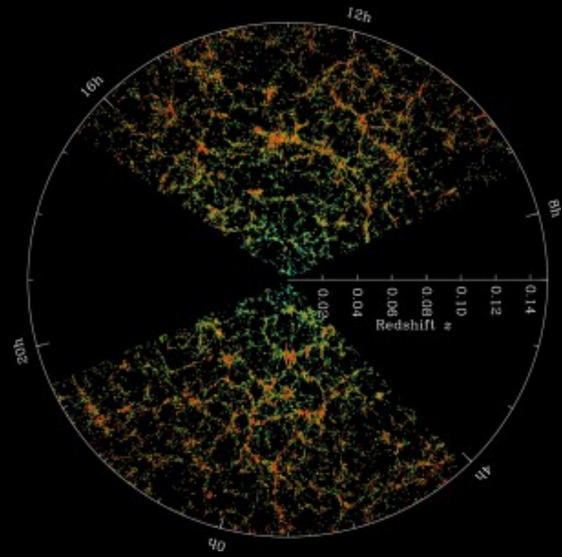

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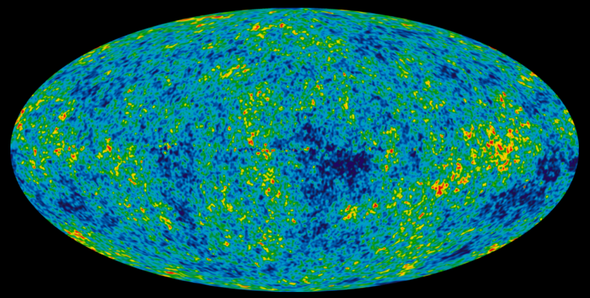

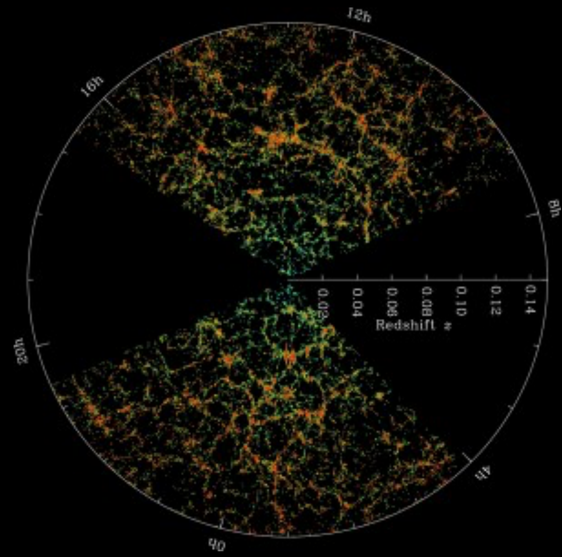

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Anisotropy maps are windows into inflationary physics

Common origin of known datasets

- Current observations tell us that density perturbations in all Standard Model (SM) species and Dark Matter (DM) originate from the same inflationary fluctuation (e.g. the inflaton).

  Planck,1807.06211

- Current observations (CMB) already constrain the prospect of seeing new inflationary physics in future datasets based on SM and DM species (line-intensity, large scale structure).

- Can we think of a fluctuation map that could be very different from the CMB?

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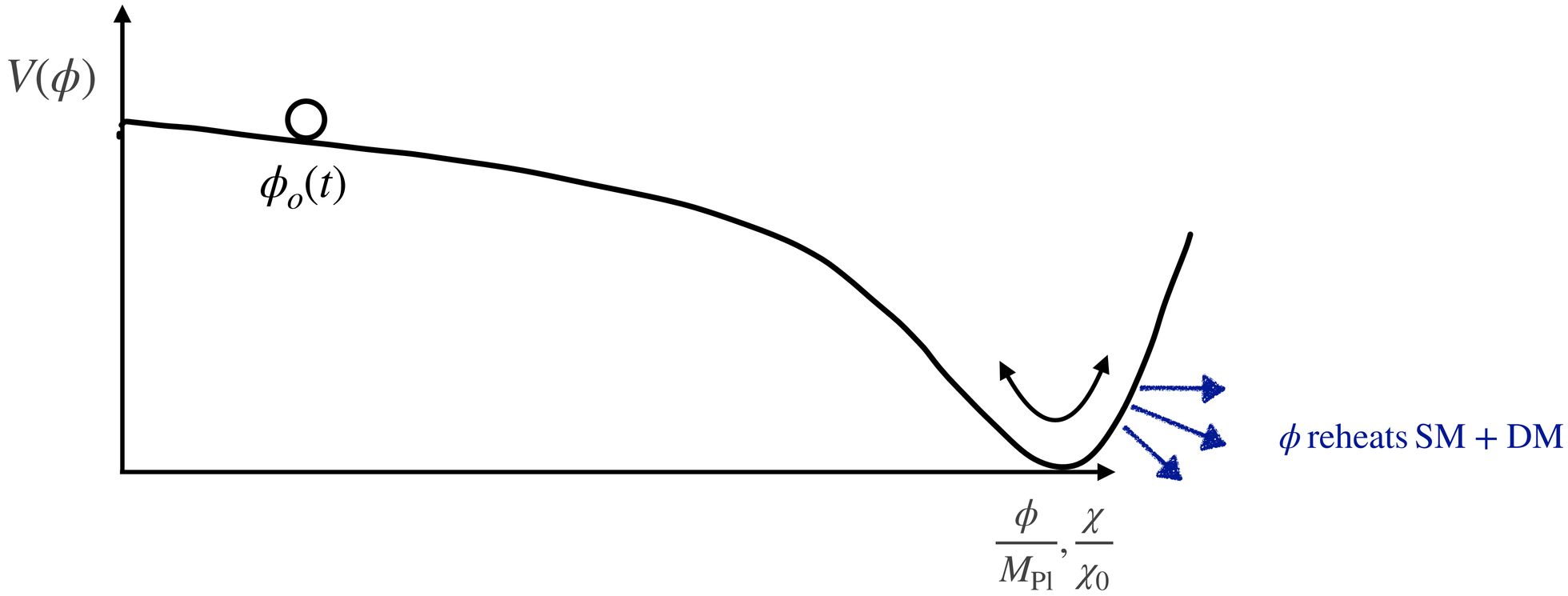

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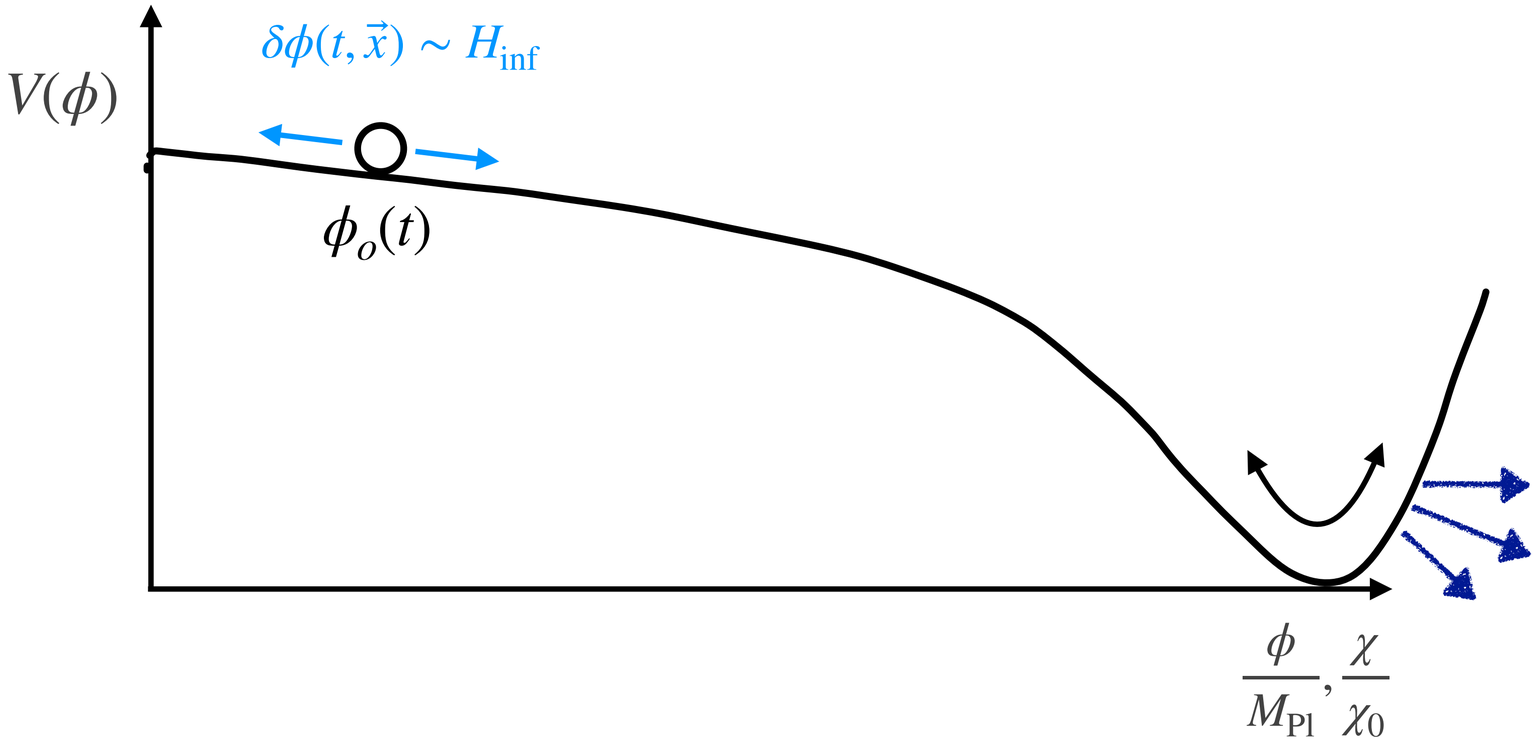

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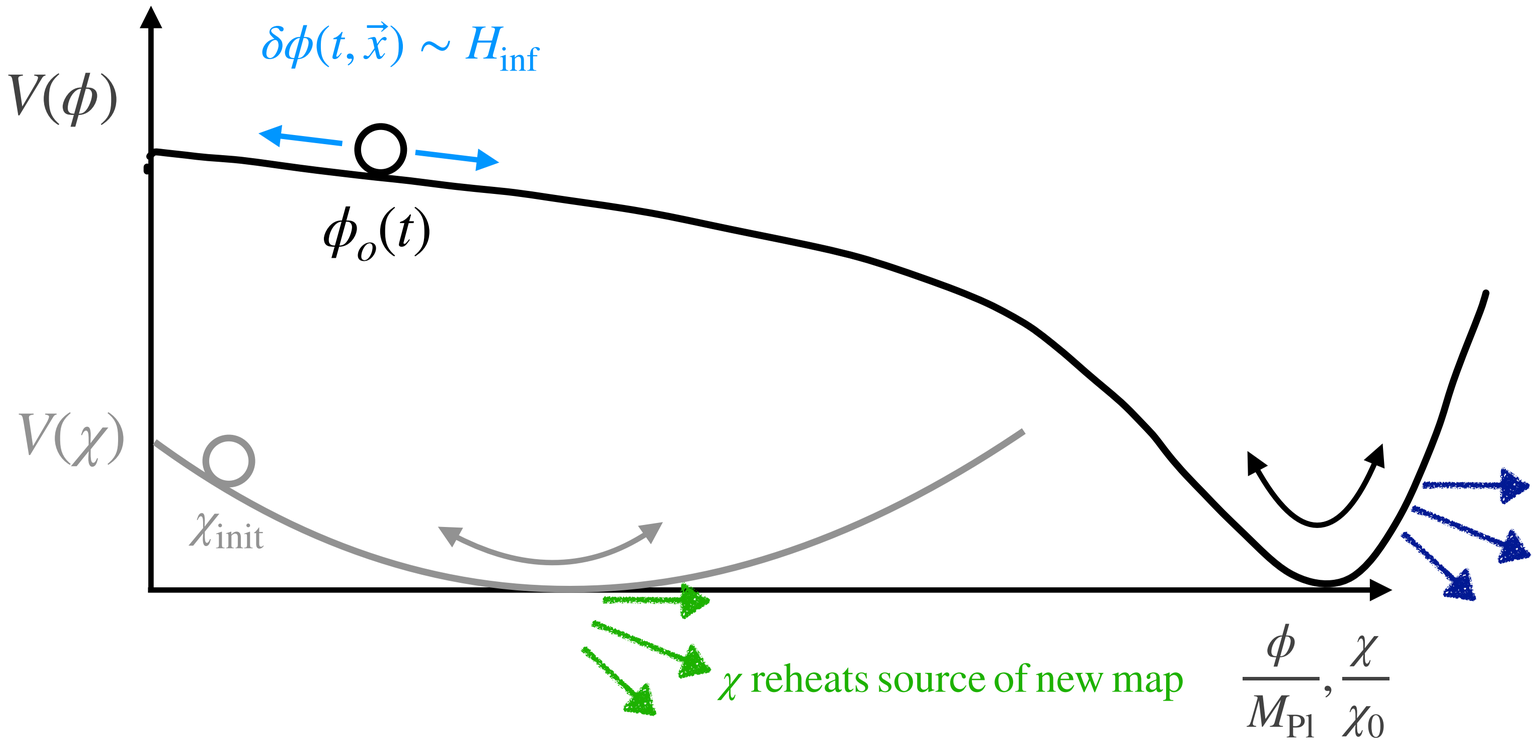

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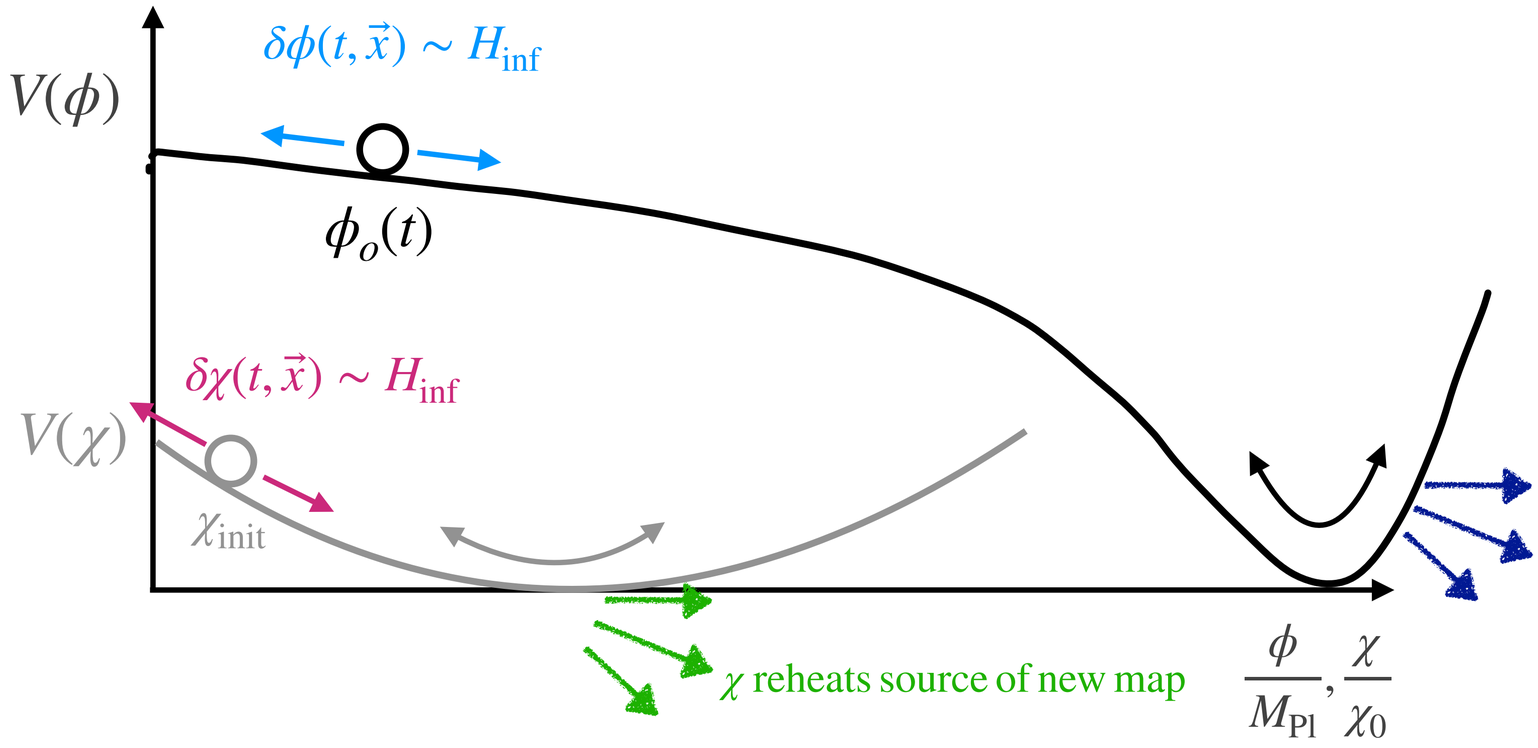

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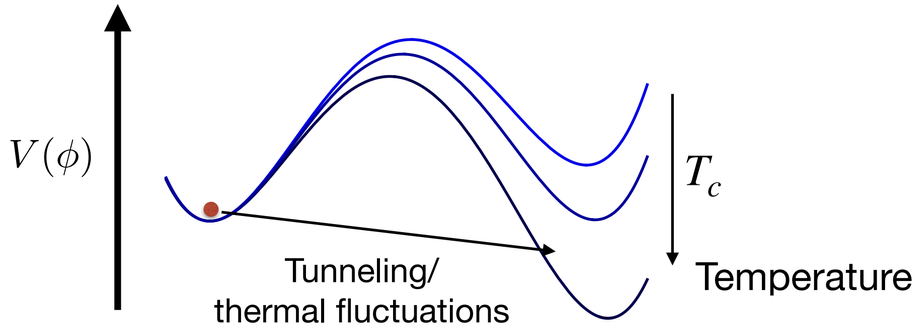
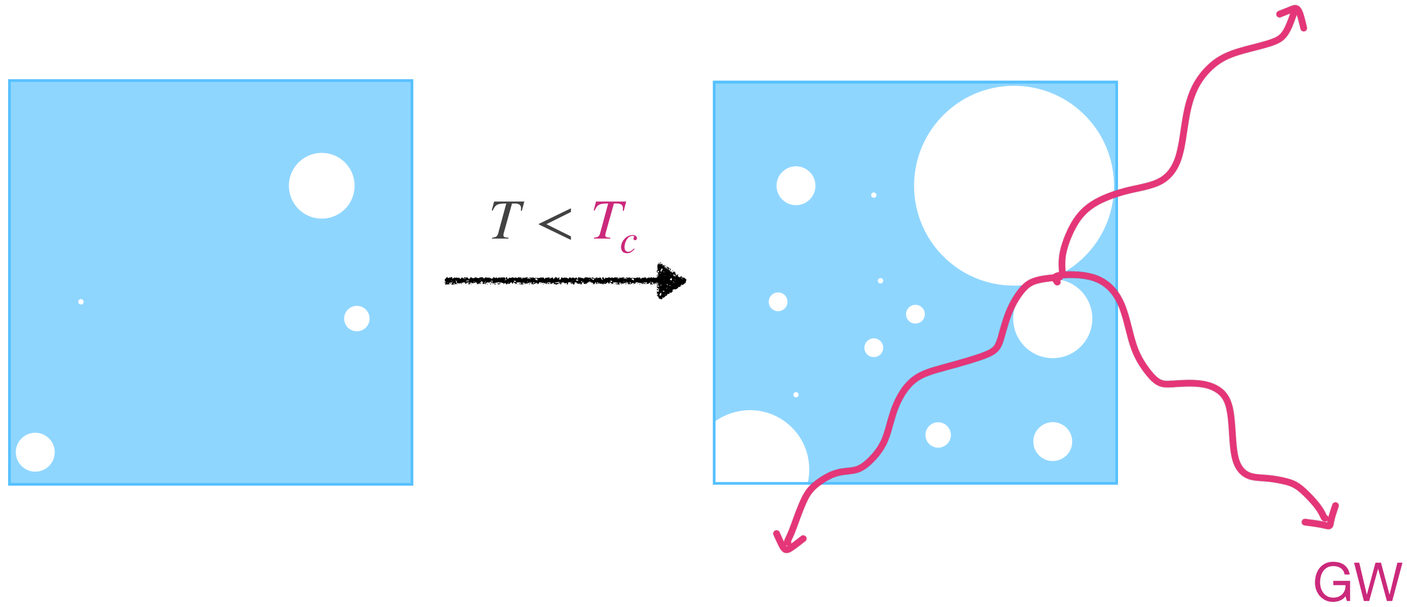
Gravitational waves!

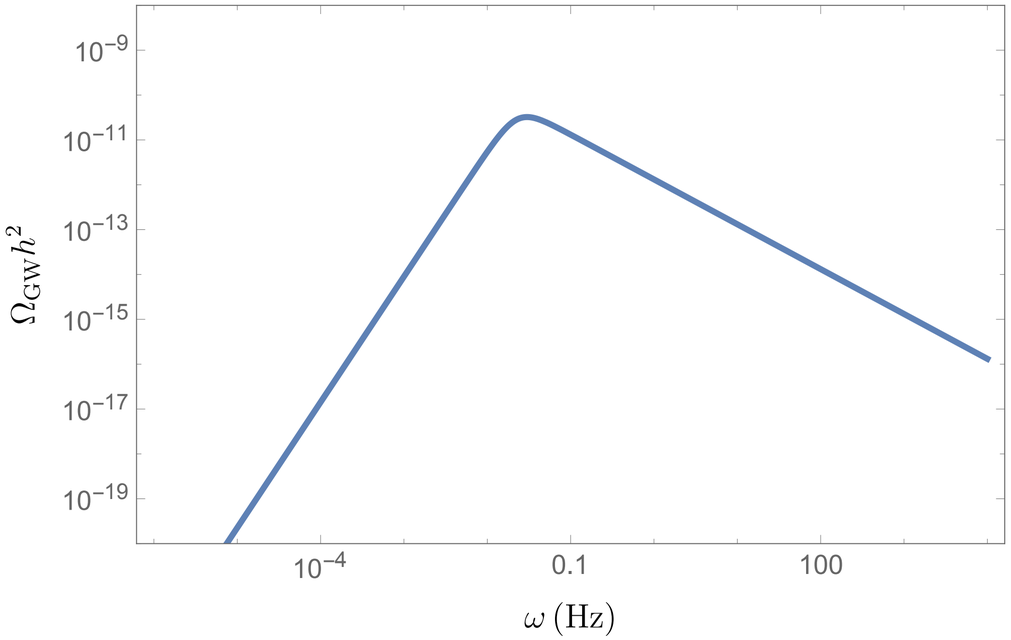
Case 1: Gravitational waves from a phase transition





- Many extensions of SM have PTs at $T_c \sim 1 - 1000$ TeV. Frequency of GW from such PTs would be redshifted to $10^{-4} - 10^{-1}$Hz today, which is the target frequency range of many proposed space-based experiments such as LISA, BBO, etc.

Frequency spectrum



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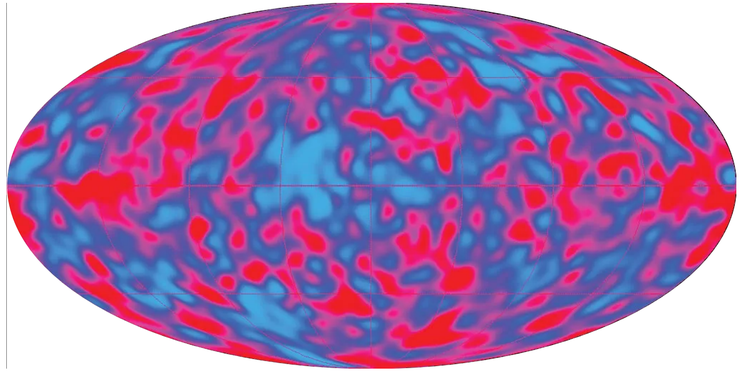

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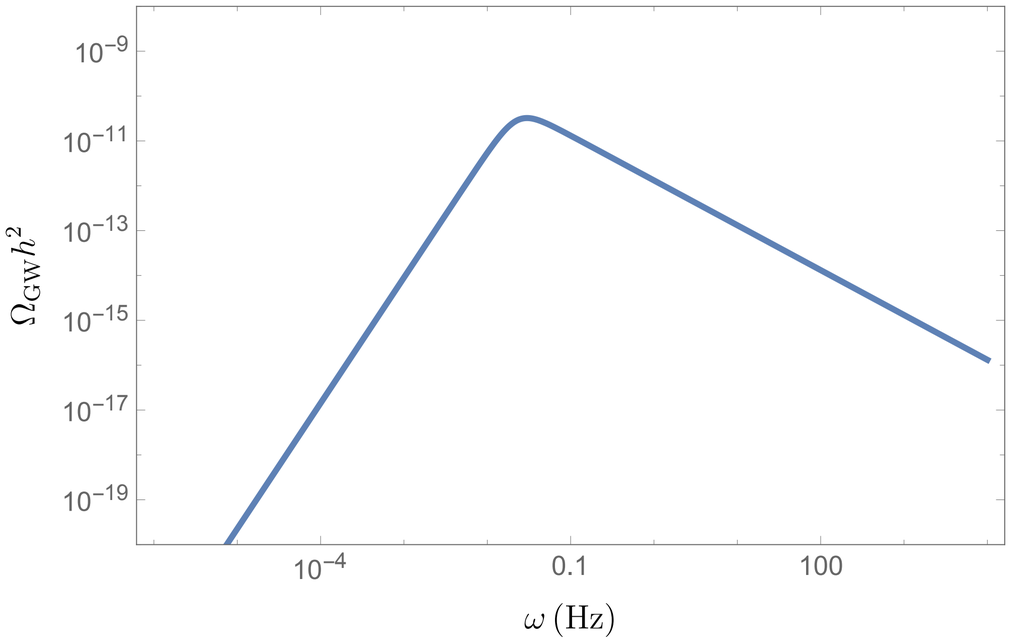

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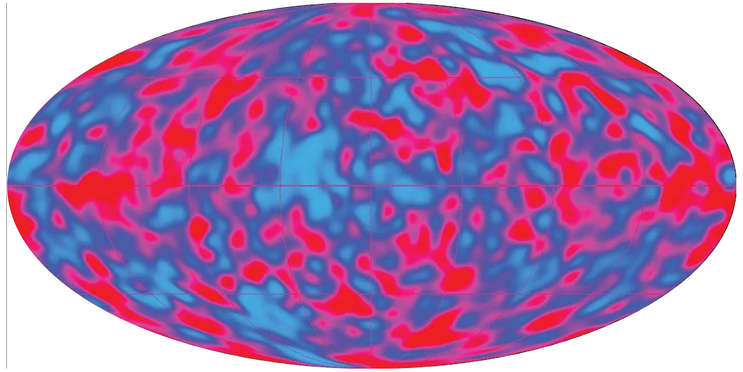

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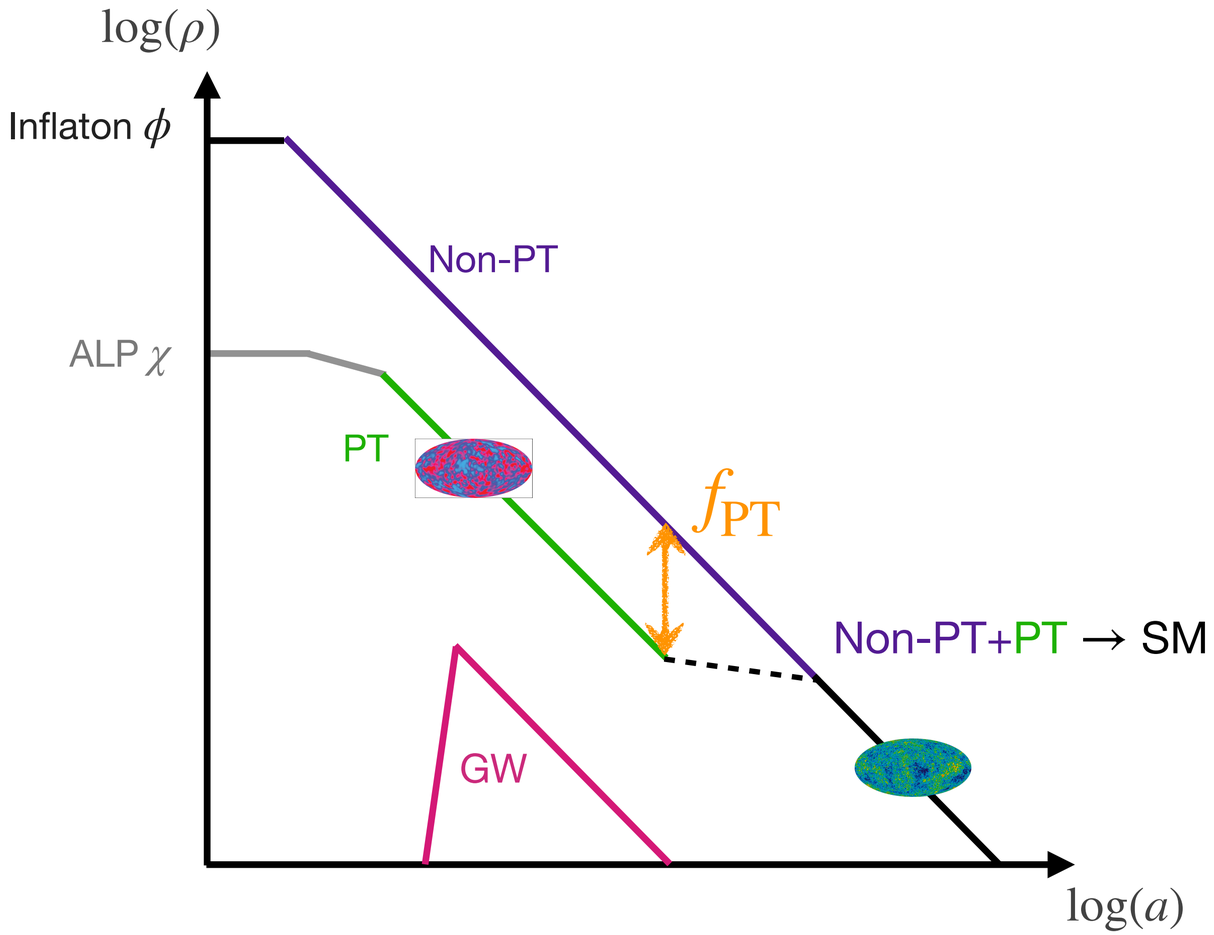

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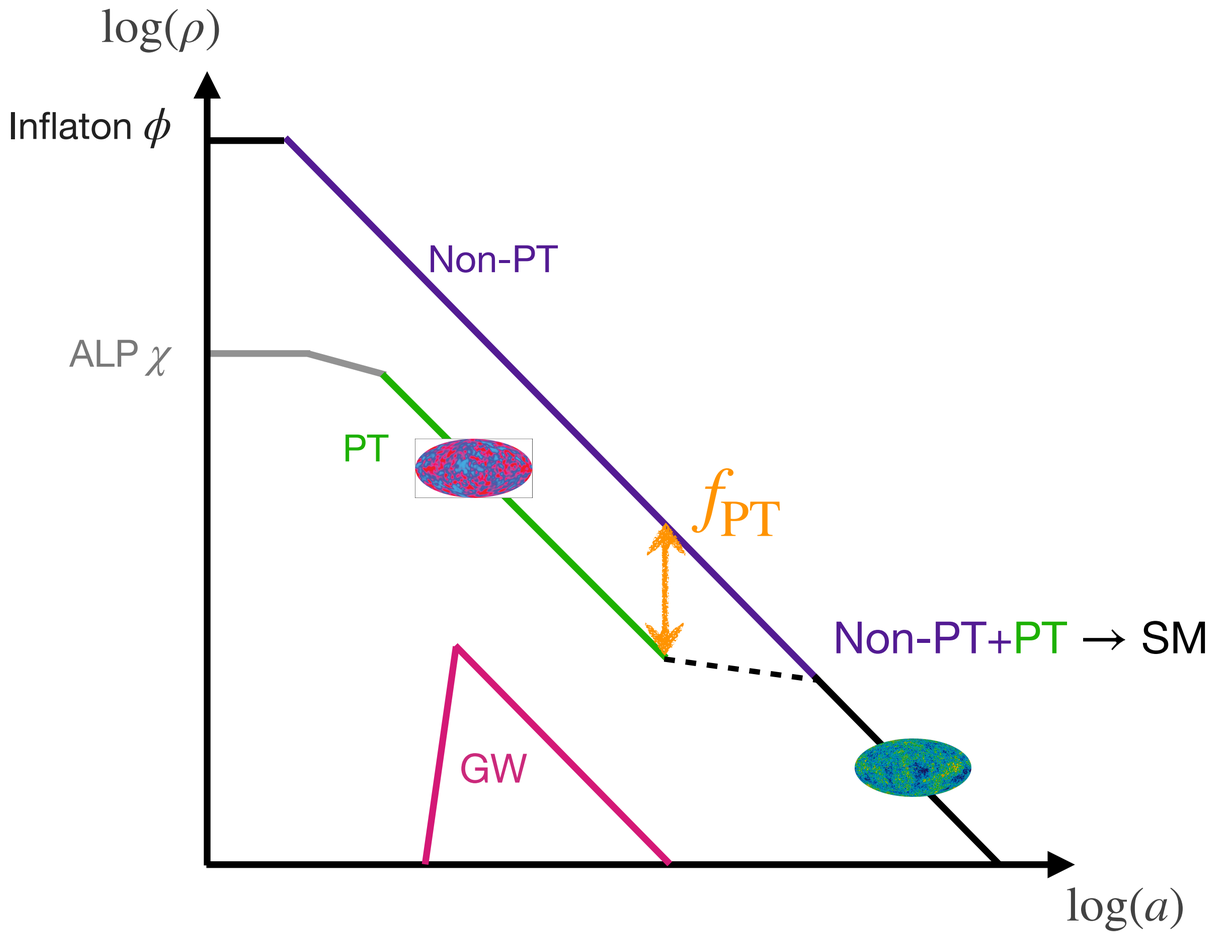

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Sachs-Wolfe contribution $\sim 10^{-5}$

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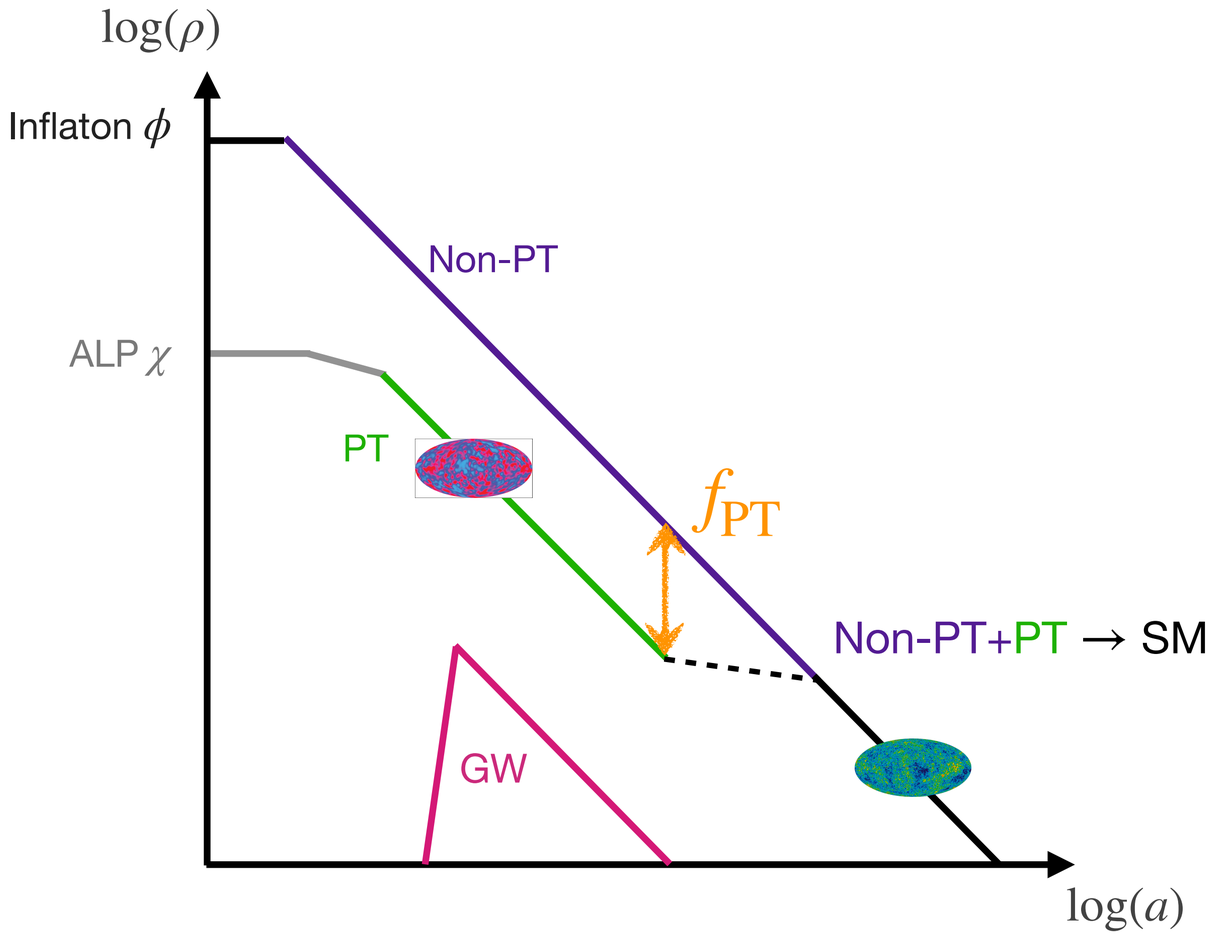

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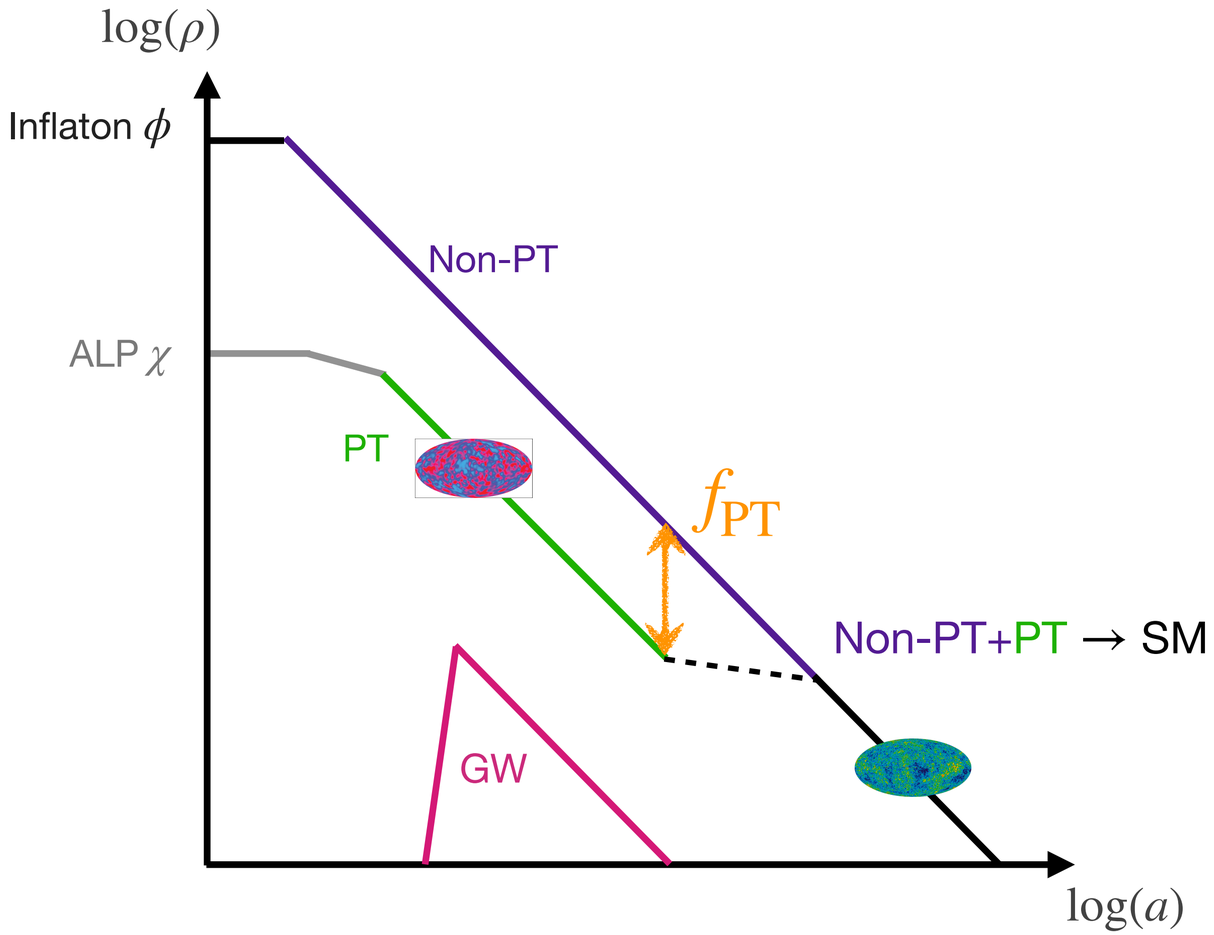

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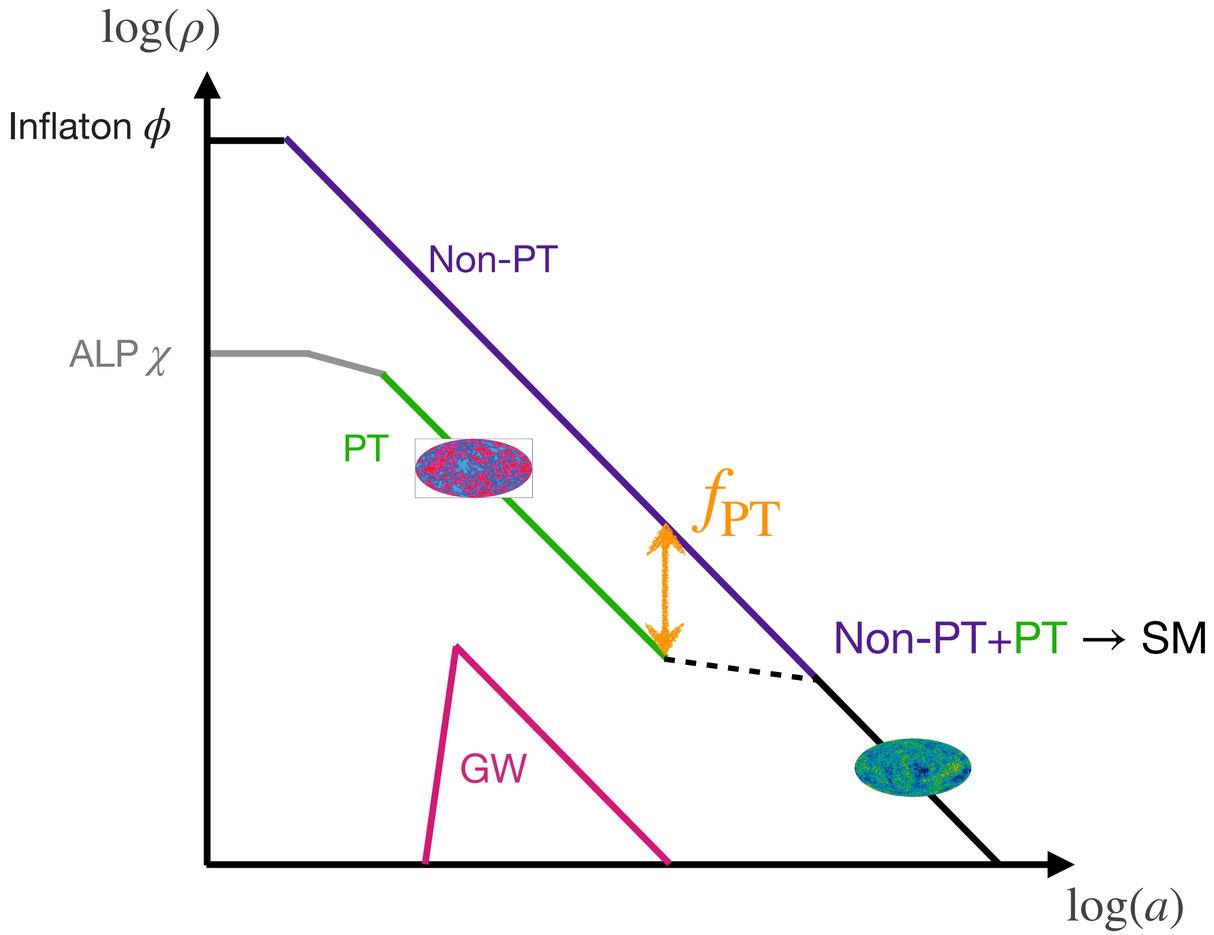

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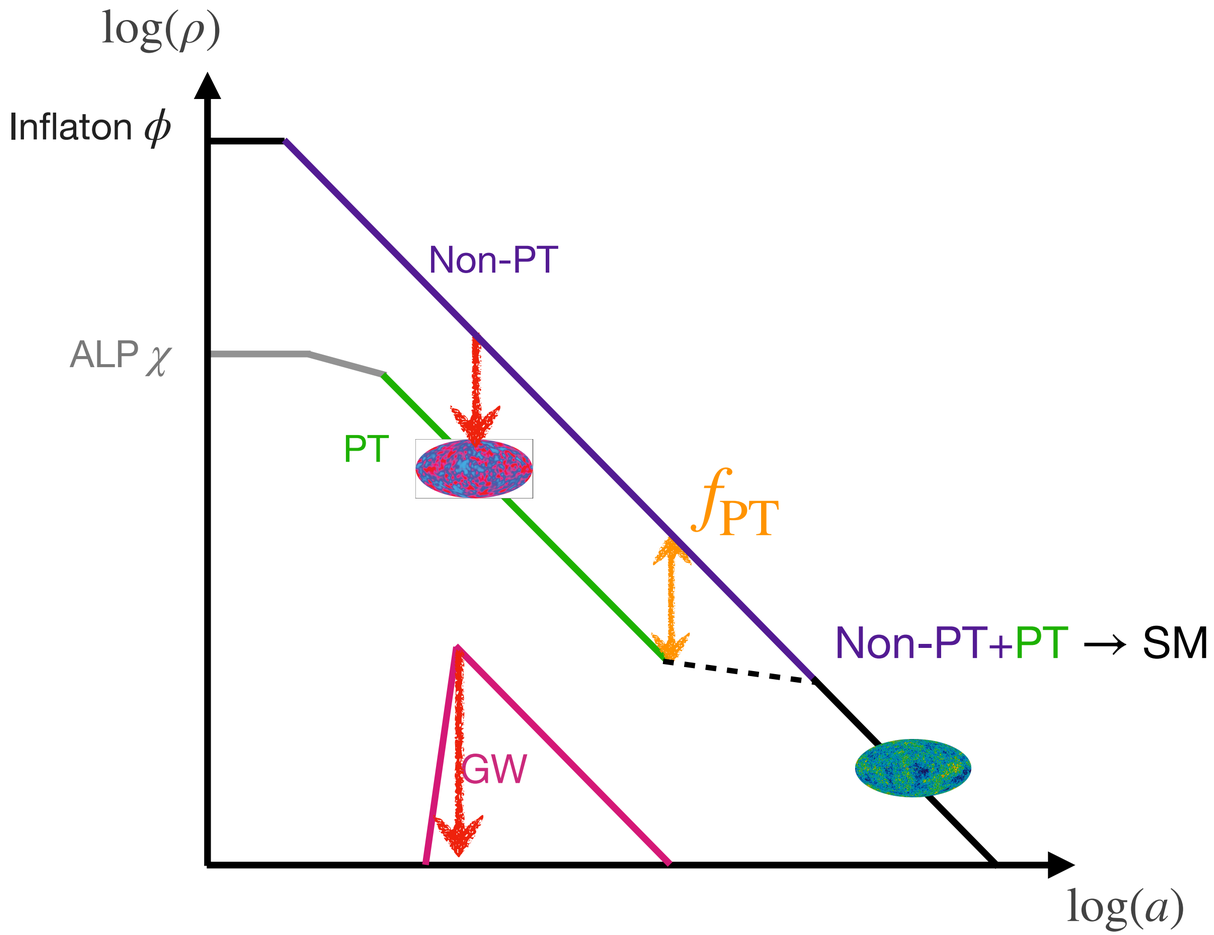
- $\delta_\chi \sim \dfrac{H_{\rm inf}}{\chi_{\rm init}} \rightarrow$ in high-scale inflation

  $H_{\rm inf} \sim 10^{-5} M_{\rm Pl}$, any sub-Planckian misalignment $\chi_{\rm init}$ gives $\delta_\chi > 10^{-5}$

The tradeoff



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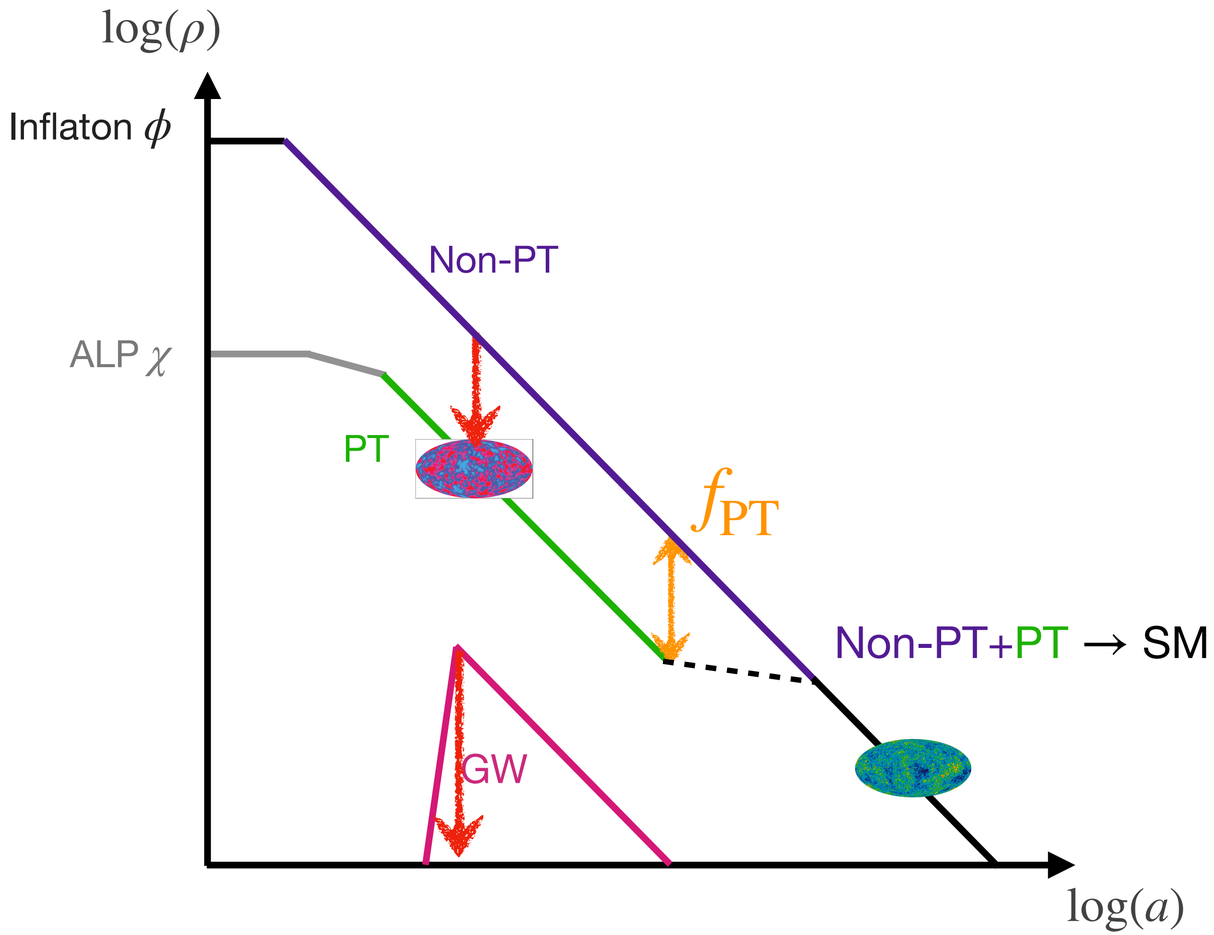

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Can the PT sector be dominant during phase transition?

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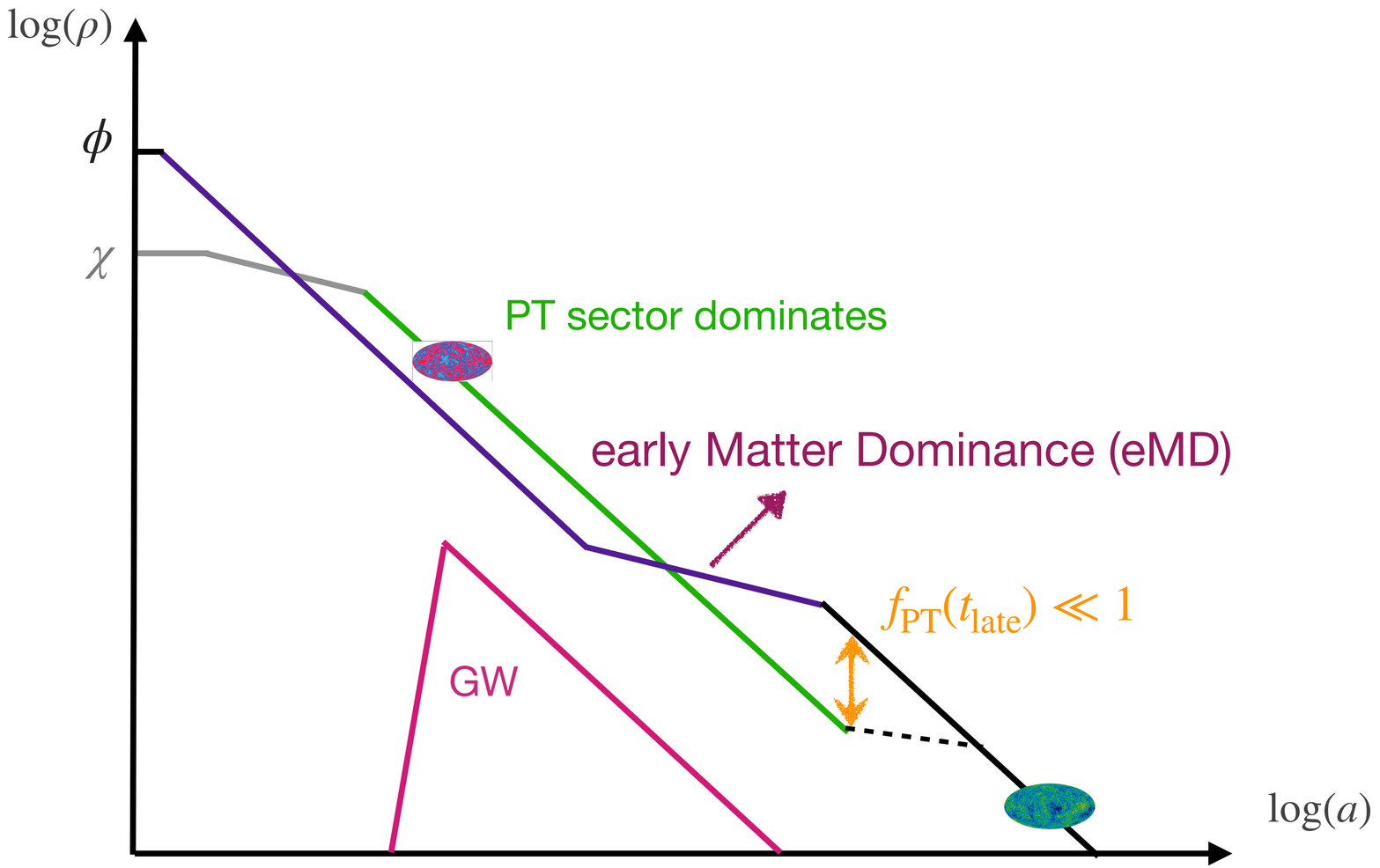
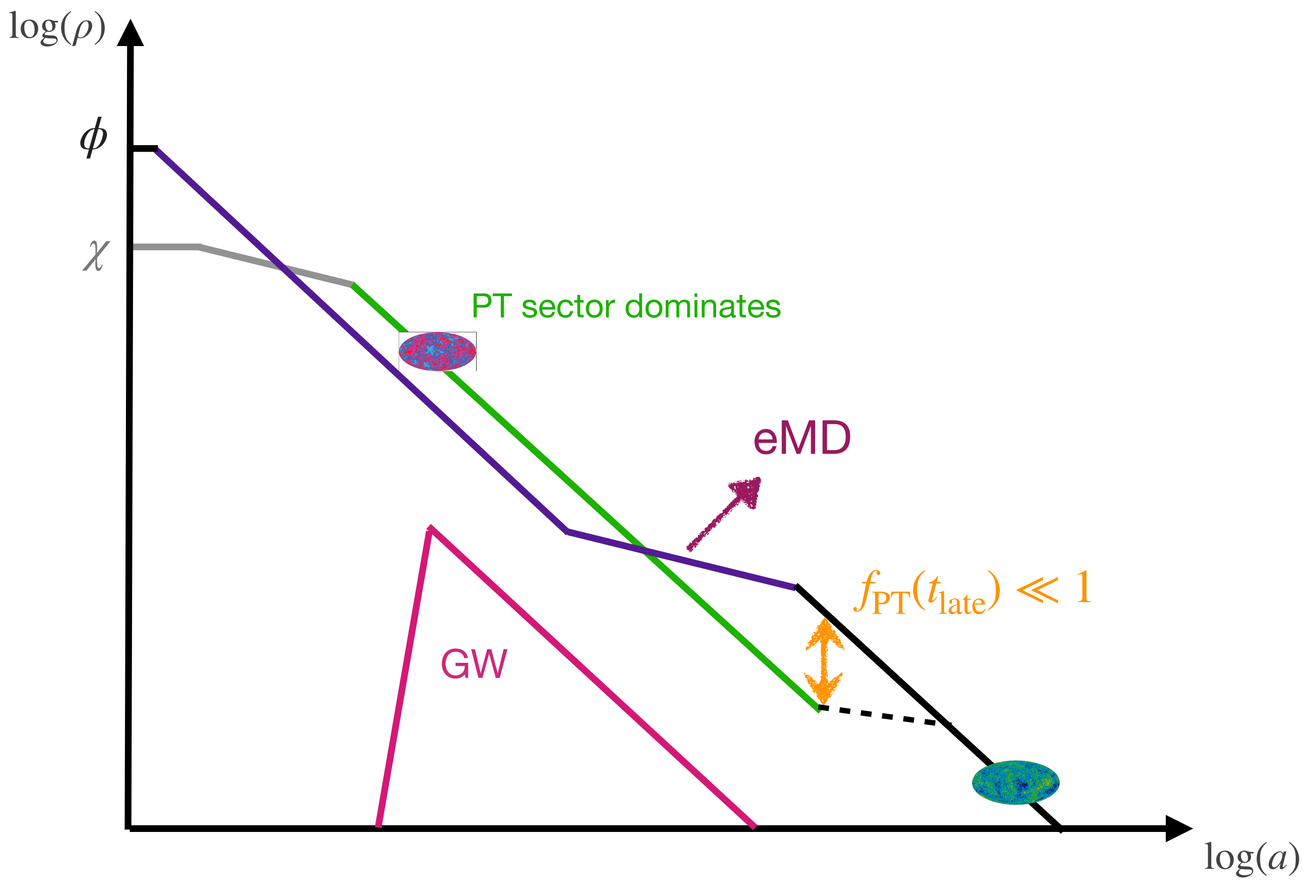


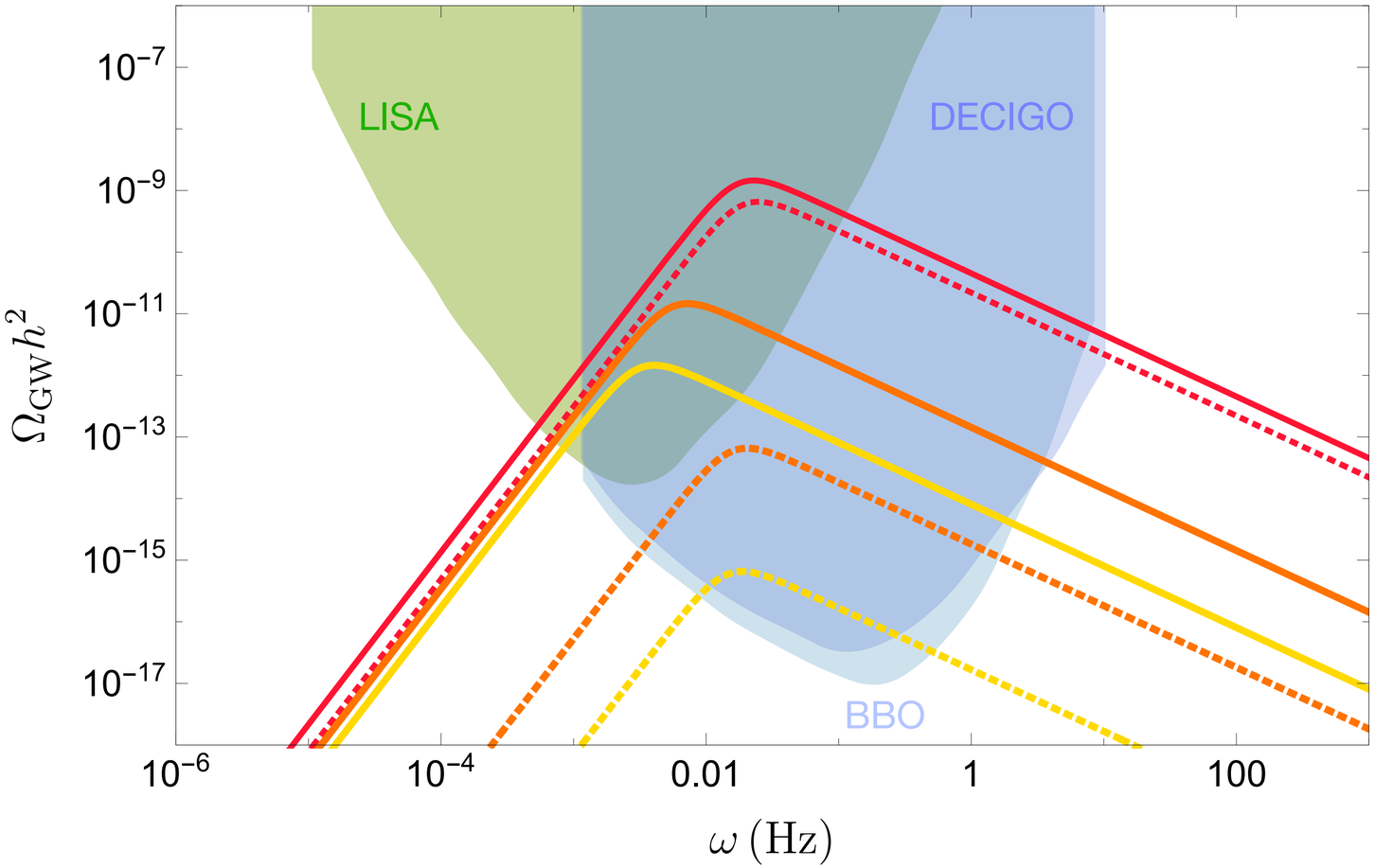


No suppression at production

Relative dilution from eMD

$$\Omega_{\rm GW}^{\rm today} \propto f_{\rm PT} \text{ instead of } f_{\rm PT}^2$$

Improvement in the GWB signal



Dashed lines: Simple model

Solid lines: eMD model

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Another possibility

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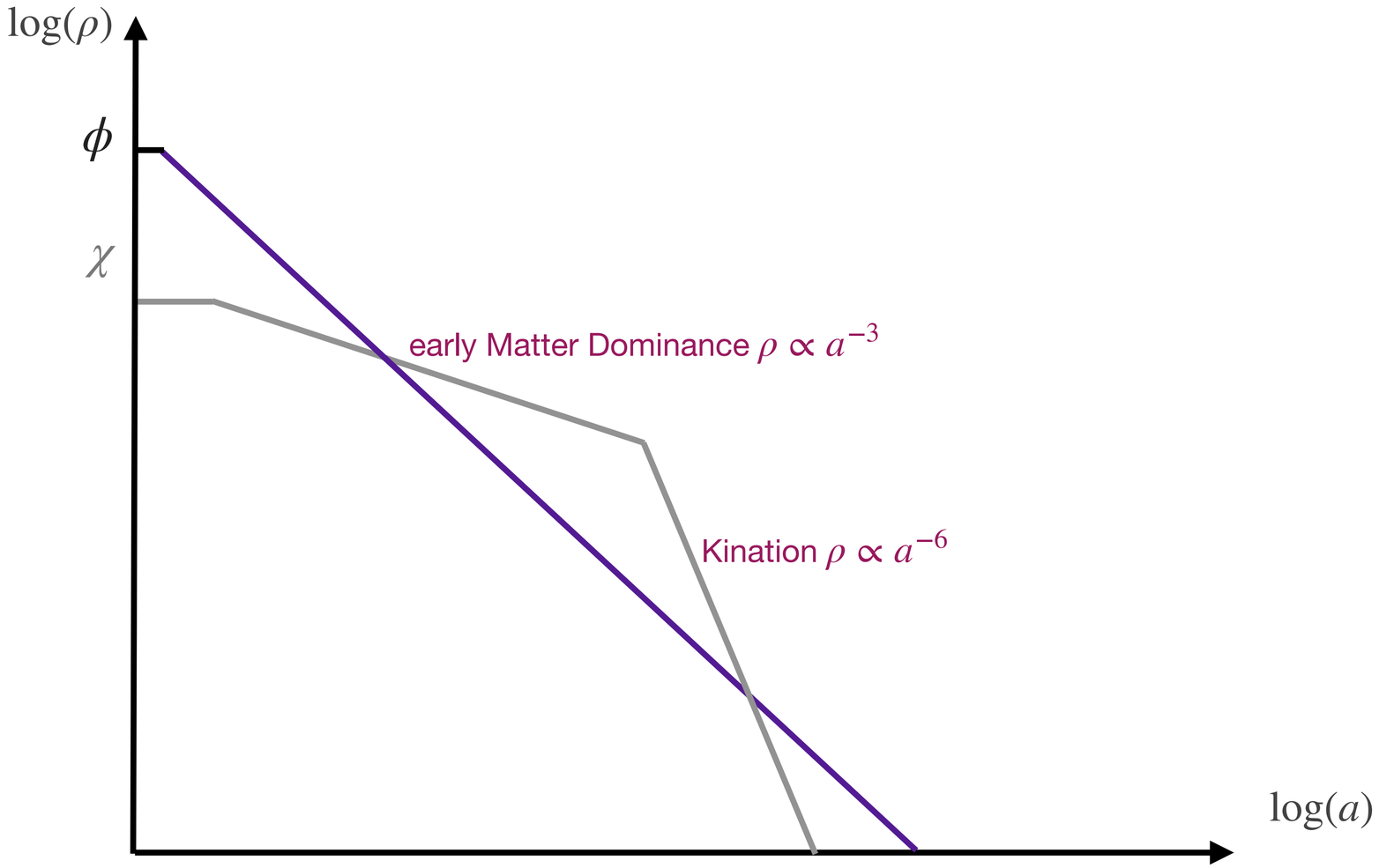

Rotating axial field

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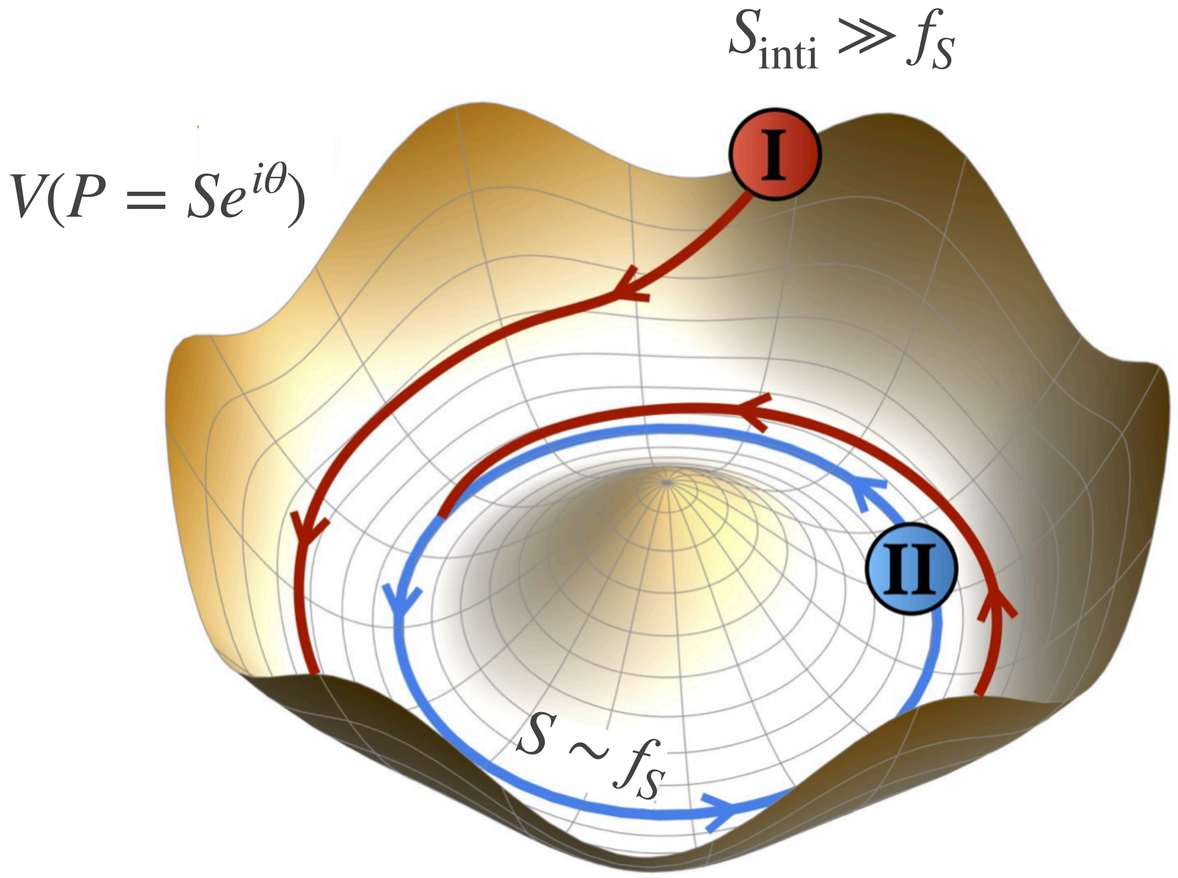

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Case 2: Induced secondary-GW

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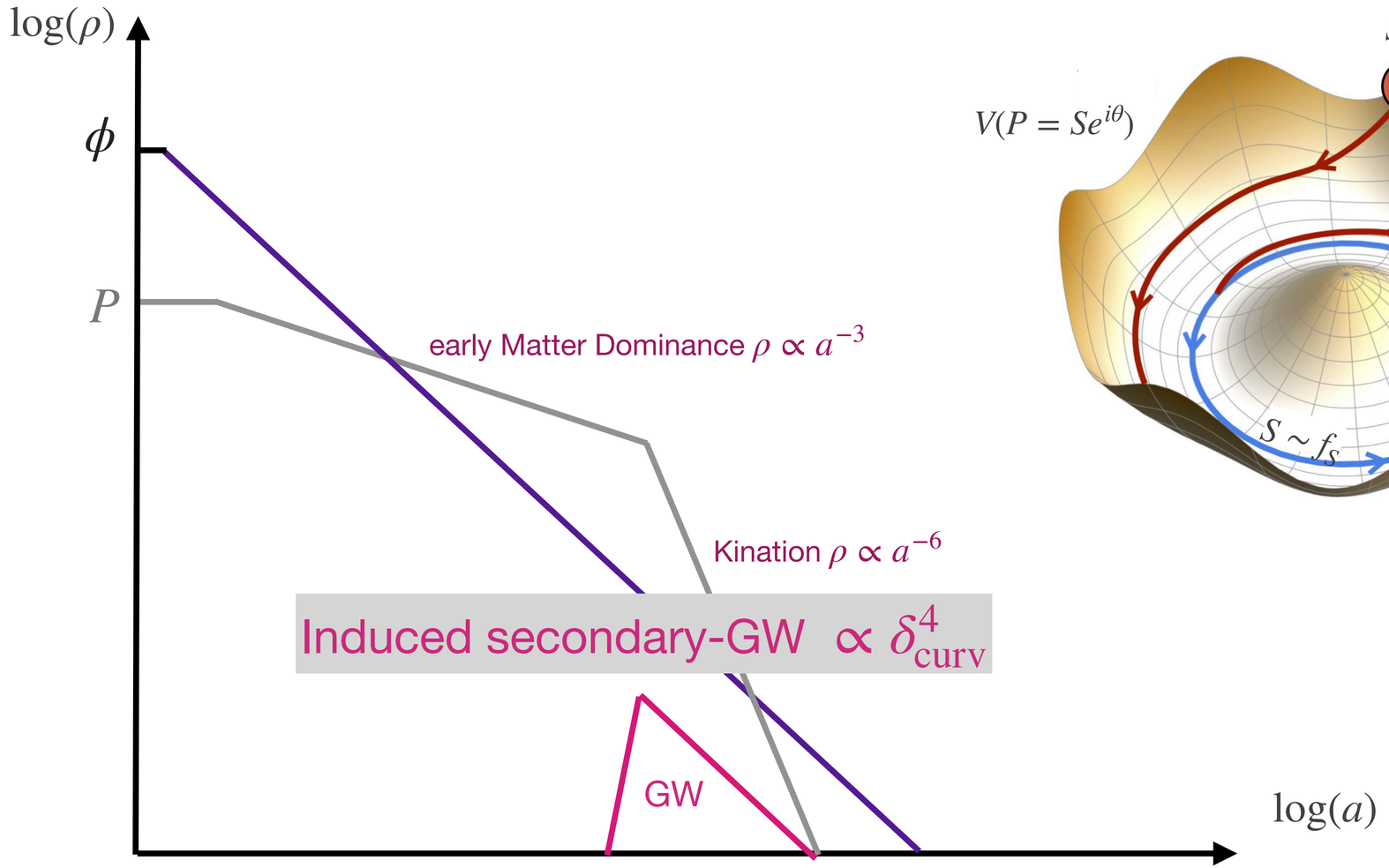

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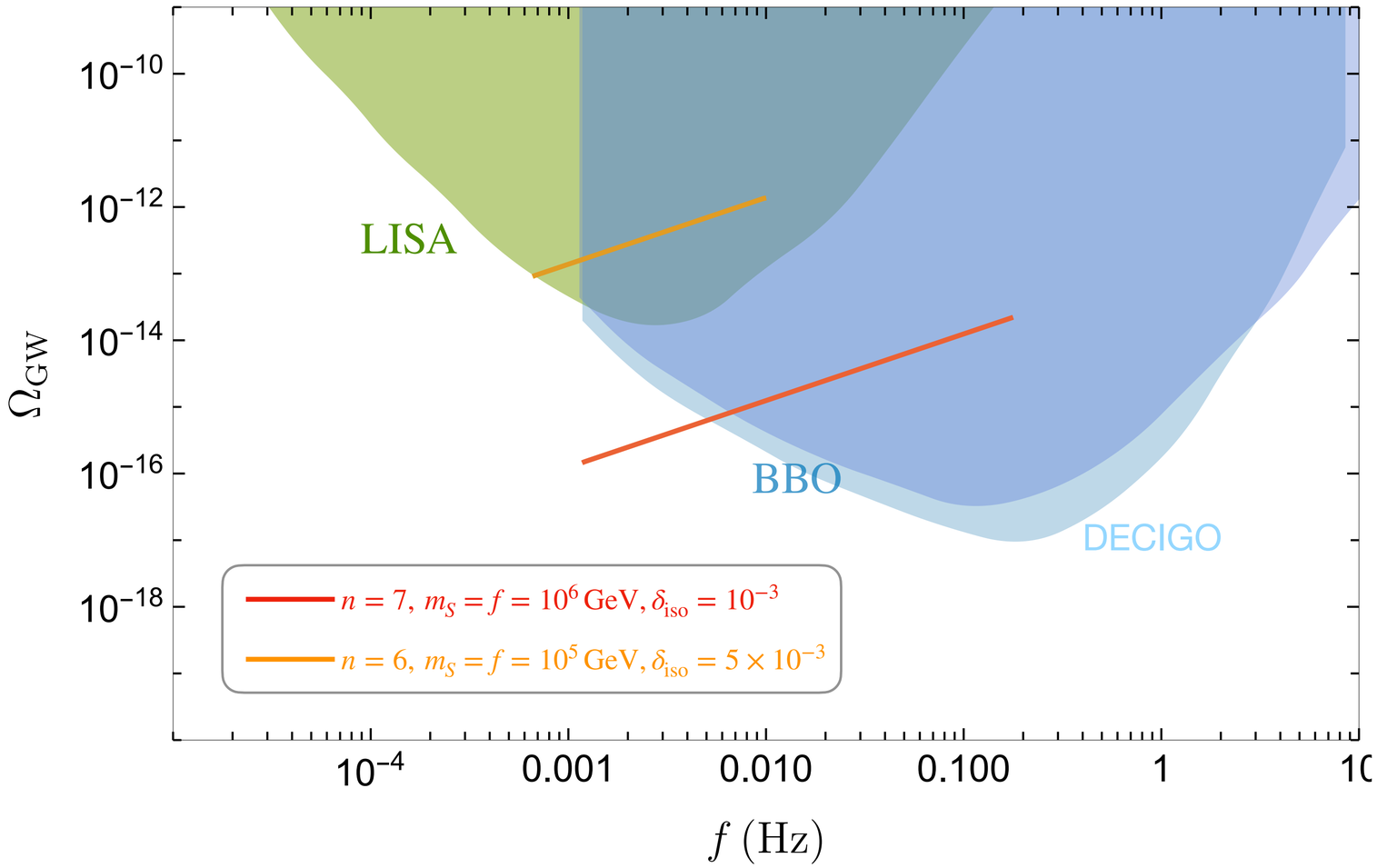

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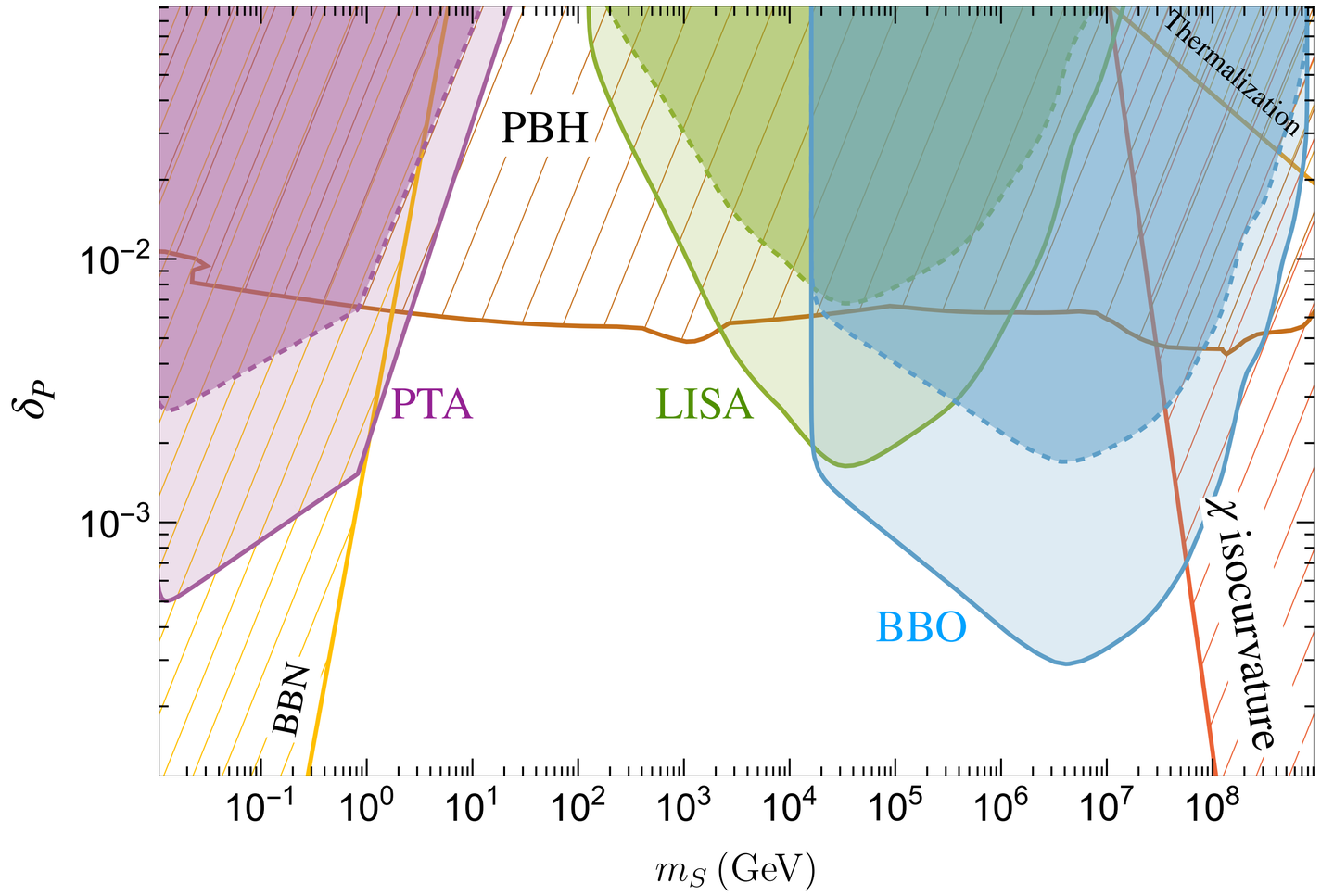
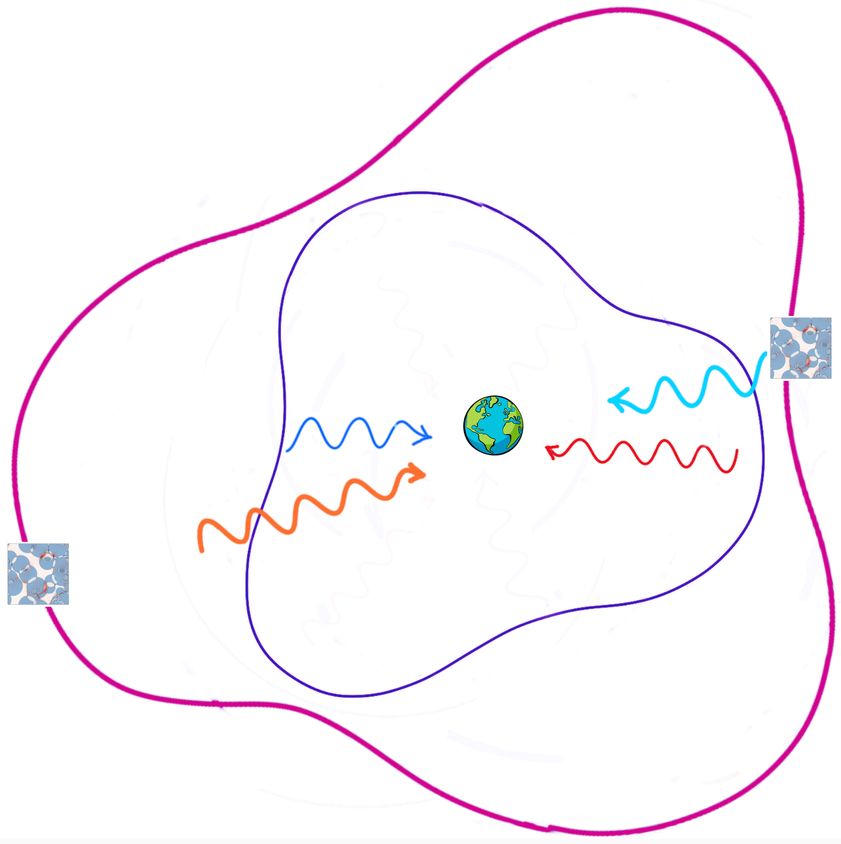


Summary

- There can be new cosmological fluctuation maps significantly different from CMB.
- Such maps can be realized in GWB (first-order phase transition, induced secondary-GW).
- GWB with large (large scale) fluctuations are interesting both experimentally and theoretically.
- Modified post-inflationary cosmologies play an important role in the observability of these highly anisotropic GWB.

Back-up slides

Bubbles are unresolvable



Caution: Zoomed in!

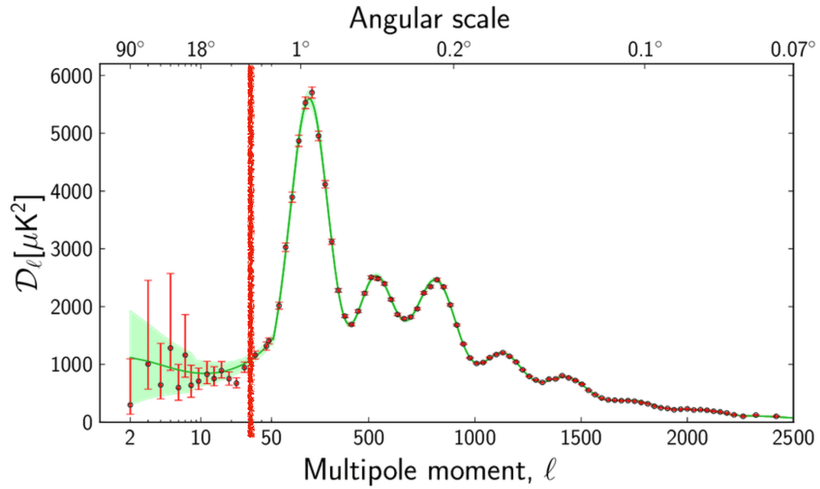
$> 10^{18}$ bubble collisions/arcsec^2

$\Longrightarrow$ Bubbles are unresolvable sources : getting a course grained picture of GWB

GWB is a “pristine” map

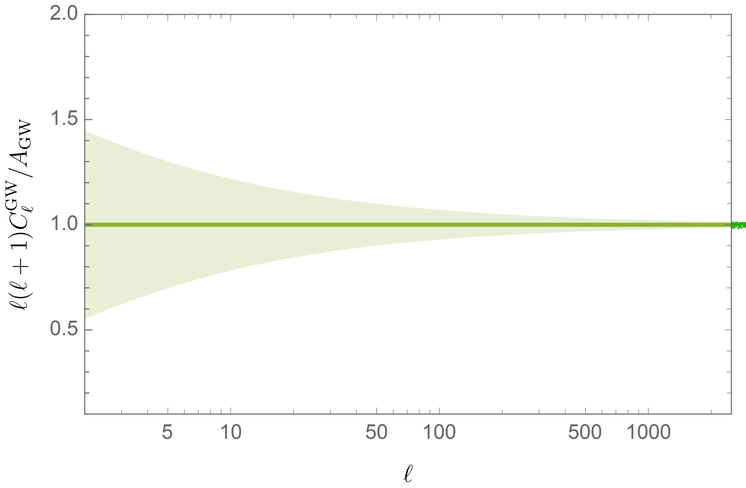
Earlier production + free-streaming of GW → large range of scales is unaltered by sub-horizon physics

CMB



Planck

GWB



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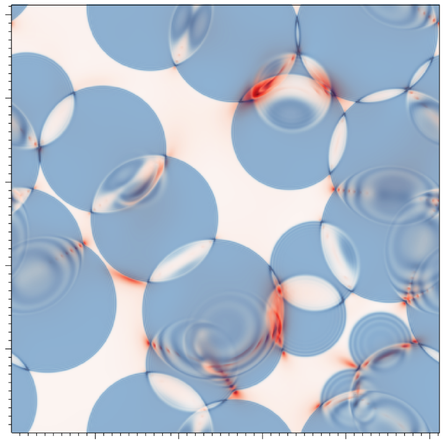
Energy density in GWB from PT (2)



Power released in bubble collision

$$\frac{dE_{\rm GW}}{dt} \sim G_N \left(\frac{d^3 Q}{dt^3} \right)^2$$

Quadrapole moment

$$Q \sim \rho_{\rm lat} r^5 \rightarrow \frac{d^3 Q}{dt^3} \sim \rho_{\rm lat} \frac{r^5}{(\Delta t_{\rm PT})^3}$$

Typical time scale /length scale (Duration of the PT)

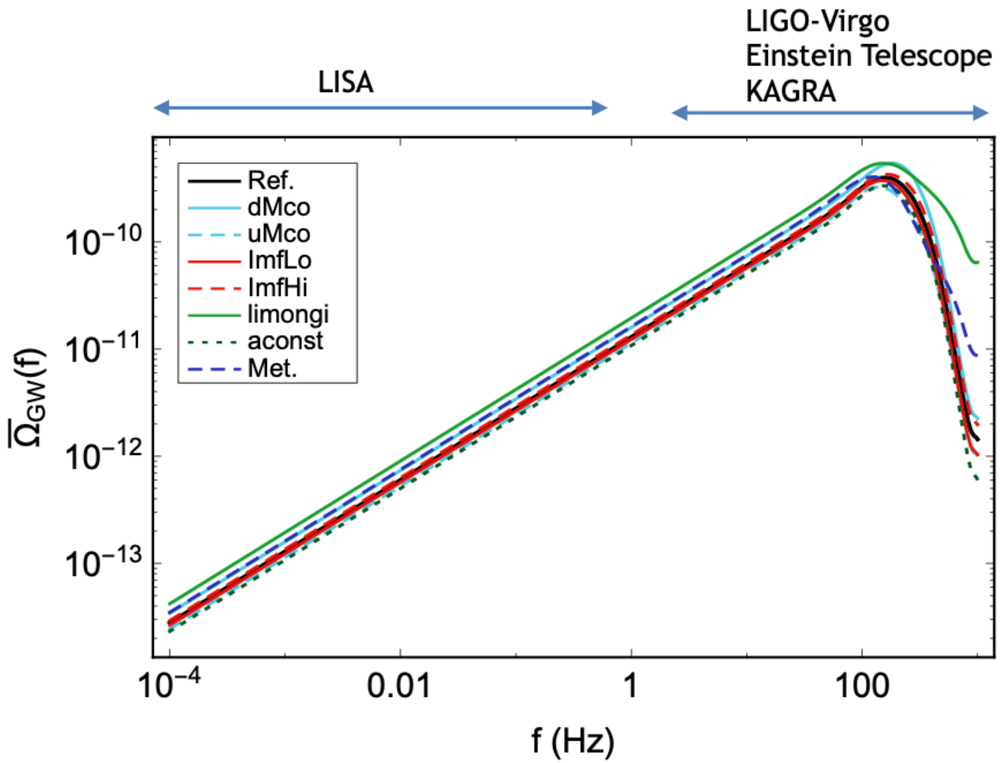
$$r \sim \Delta t_{\rm PT} \equiv \beta^{-1}$$

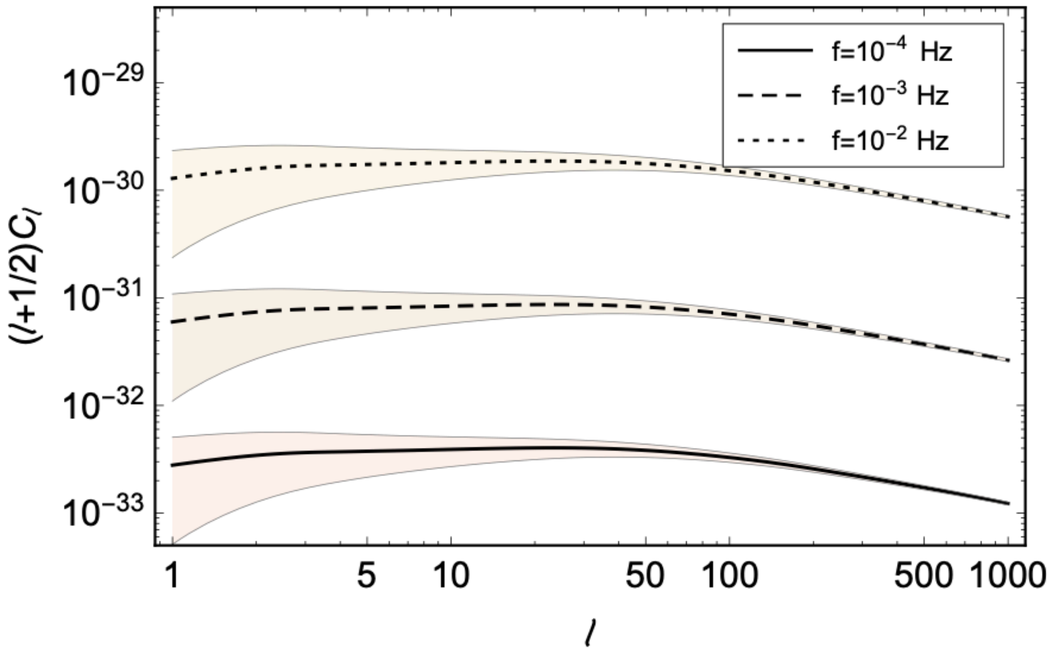
GW energy density released in bubble collision

$$\rho_{\rm GW} \sim \frac{dE_{\rm GW}}{dt} \frac{\Delta t_{\rm PT}}{r^3} \sim \frac{G_N \rho_{\rm lat}^2}{\beta^2} \xrightarrow{G_{\rm N}\, \rho_{\rm total} \sim H^2} \boxed{\rho_{GW} \sim \left(\frac{H}{\beta} \right)^2 \left(\frac{\rho_{\rm lat}}{\rho_{\rm total}} \right)^2 \rho_{\rm total}}$$

Astrophysical foregrounds in mHz range

Inspiraling stellar-mass BH





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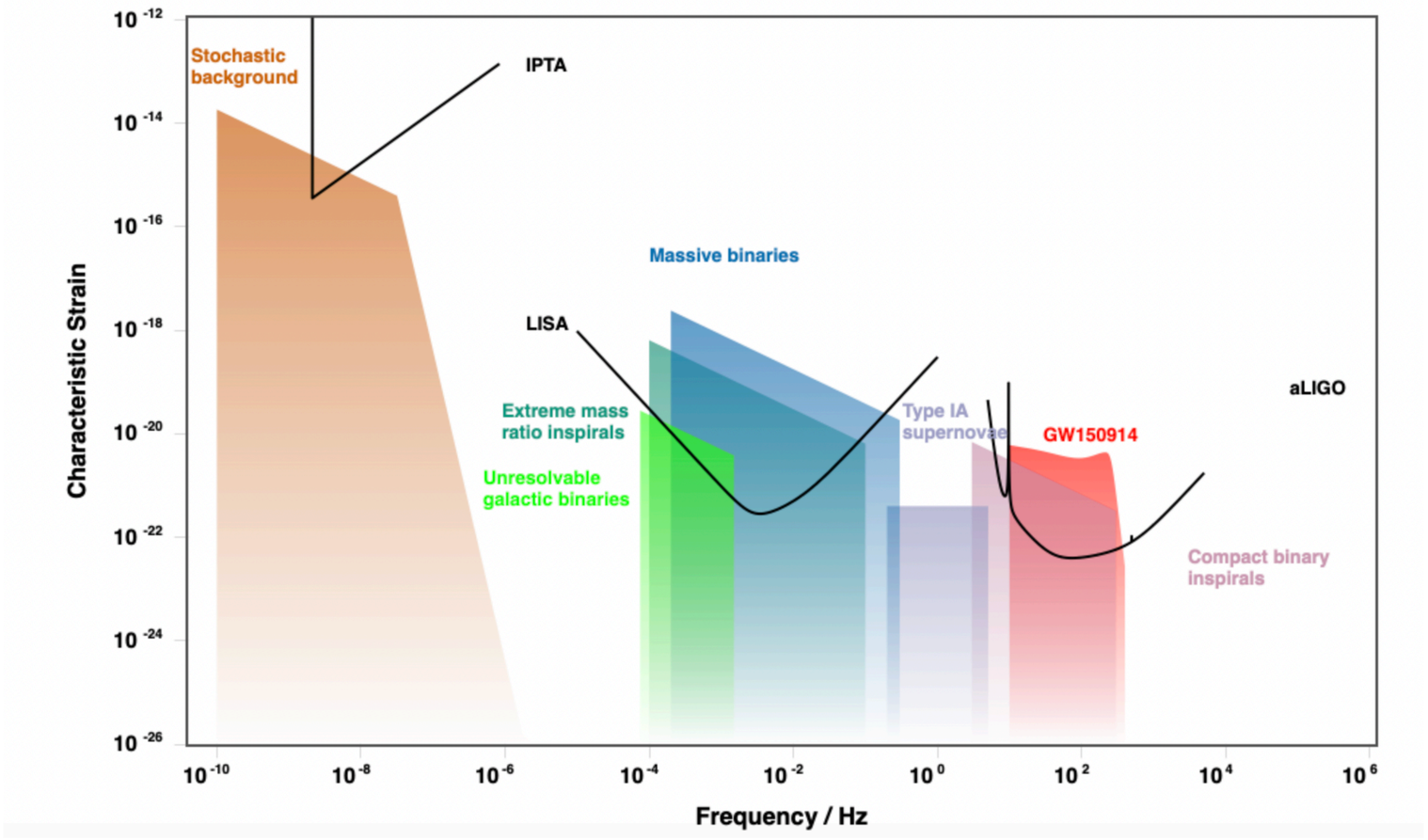

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