

Bubble wall velocity in cosmological phase transitions: electroweak baryogenesis and gravitational waves

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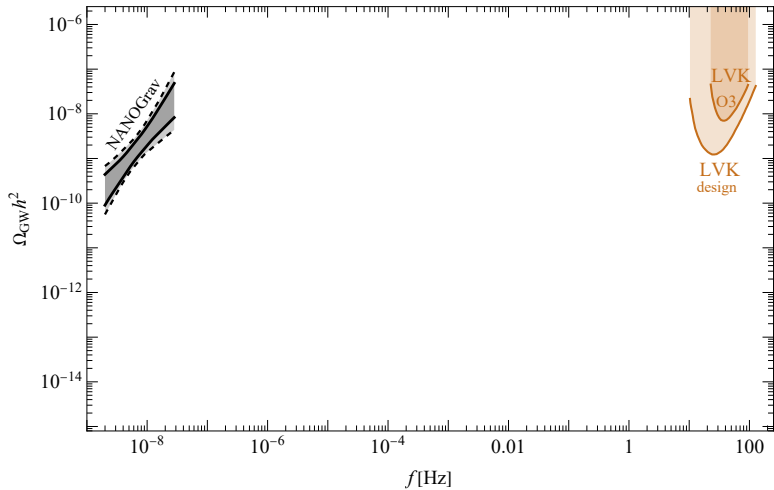
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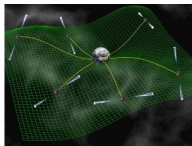
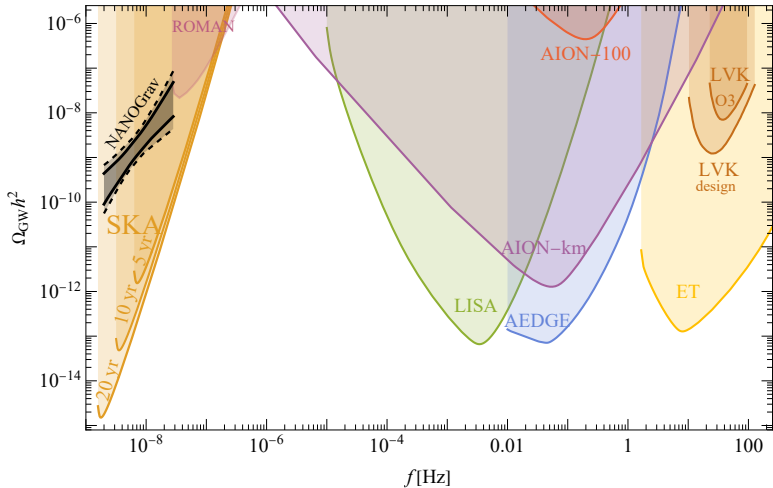


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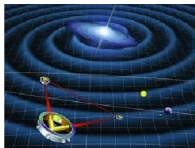
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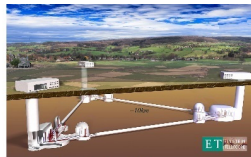
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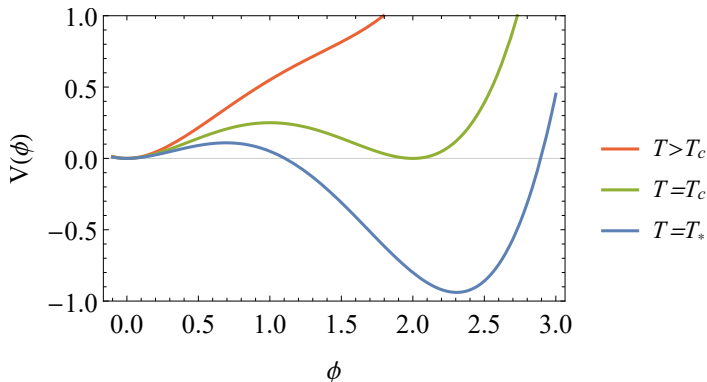
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First Order Phase Transition

- Simple high temperature expansion

$$V(\phi, T) = \frac{g_m^2}{24} (T^2 - T_0^2) \phi^2 - \frac{g_m}{12\pi} T \phi^3 + \lambda \phi^4, \quad T_0^2 > 0$$



First Order Phase Transition: bubble nucleation

- Temperature corrections to the potential

$$V(\phi, T) = \frac{g_m^2}{24} (T^2 - T_0^2) \phi^2 - \frac{g_m}{12\pi} T \phi^3 + \lambda \phi^4$$

- EOM \rightarrow bubble profile

$$\frac{d^2\phi}{dr^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{d\phi}{dr} - \frac{\partial V(\phi, T)}{\partial \phi} = 0,$$

$$\phi(r \rightarrow \infty) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \dot{\phi}(r=0) = 0.$$

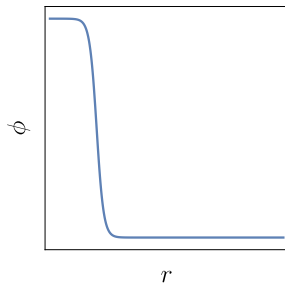
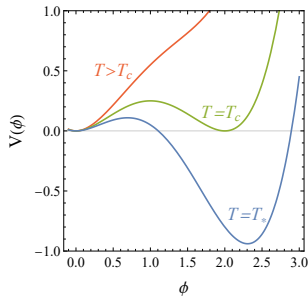
- $\mathcal{O}(3)$ symmetric action

$$S_3(T) = 4\pi \int dr r^2 \left[\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{d\phi}{dr} \right)^2 + V(\phi, T) \right].$$

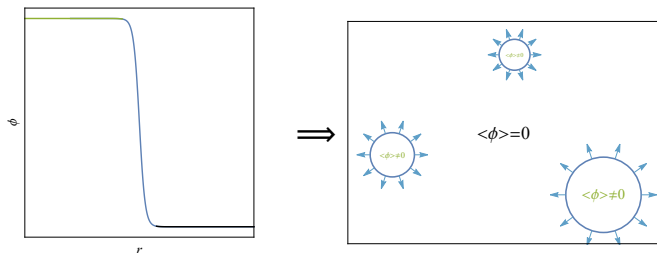
- nucleation temperature

$$\frac{\Gamma}{H^4} \approx \left(\frac{T}{H} \right)^4 \exp\left(-\frac{S_3(T)}{T}\right) \approx 1$$

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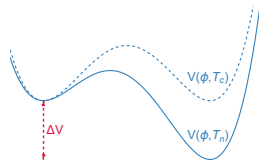


Phase transition parameters



- Strength of the transition

$$\alpha \approx \frac{\Delta V - \frac{T}{4} \frac{\partial \Delta V}{\partial T}}{\rho R} \Bigg|_{T=T_*}, \quad \Delta V = V_f - V_t$$



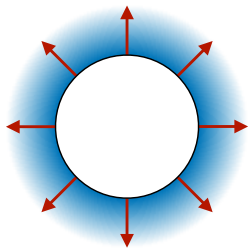
- Characteristic scale

$$\Gamma \propto e^{-\frac{S_3(T)}{T}} = e^{\beta(t-t_0)} \implies \frac{\beta}{H} = T \frac{d}{dT} \left(\frac{S_3(T)}{T} \right) \Bigg|_{T=T_*} = \frac{(8\pi)^{\frac{1}{3}}}{HR_*}$$

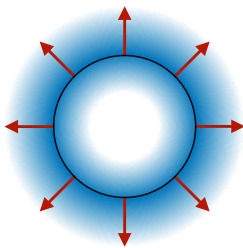
- Bubble wall velocity: v_w

Expansion of bubbles

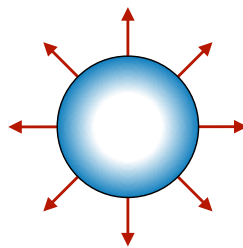
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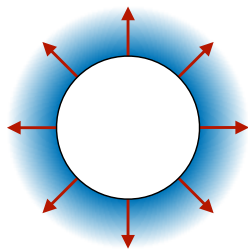
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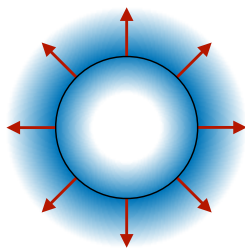
with speed of sound $c_s = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ and the Jouget velocity $c_J = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \frac{1 + \sqrt{3\alpha^2 + 2\alpha}}{1 + \alpha}$.

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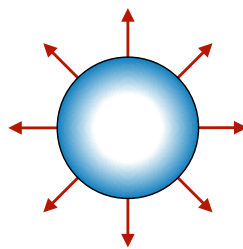
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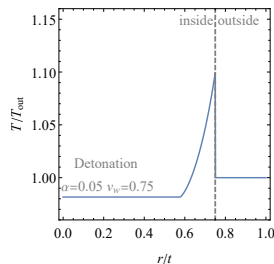
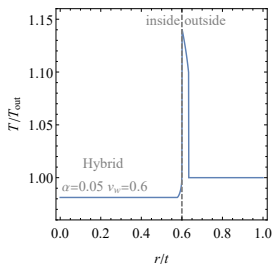
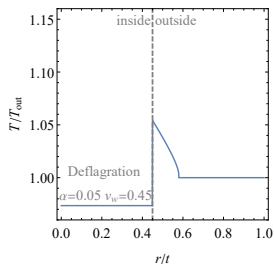
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- Simulation of a scalar coupled to the plasma

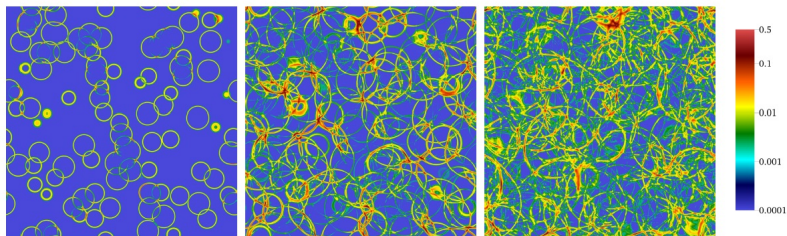


FIG. 4. Slices of fluid kinetic energy density E/T_c^4 at $t = 500 T_c^{-1}$, $t = 1000 T_c^{-1}$ and $t = 1500 T_c^{-1}$ respectively, for the $\eta/T_c = 0.15$, $N_b = 988$ simulation.

- Fit to the GW spectrum

$$\Omega_{\text{gw}} \propto \left(\frac{f}{f_p}\right)^3 \left(\frac{7}{4 + 3(f/f_p)^2}\right)^{\frac{7}{2}}$$

Hindmarsh, Huber, Rummukainen, Weir, arXiv: 1504.03291, 1704.05871

- Sound shell model

arXiv: 1608.04735 1909.10040, 2106.05984, 2308.12916, 2308.12943

- Higgsless simulation of the plasma

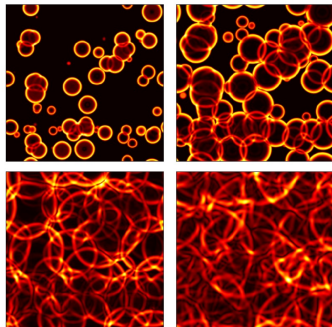
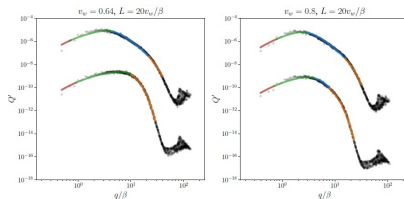


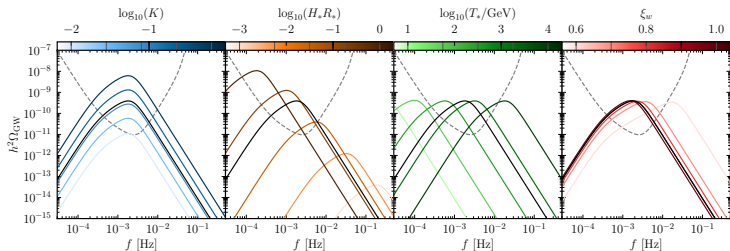
Figure 4: Kinetic energy v^3 in different simulation snapshots: $t = 2.7/\beta$ (top left), $5.4/\beta$ (top right), $10.8/\beta$ (bottom left) and $20.1/\beta$ (bottom right). We use box size $L = 40v_w/\beta$, weak transitions and $v_w = 0.8$.



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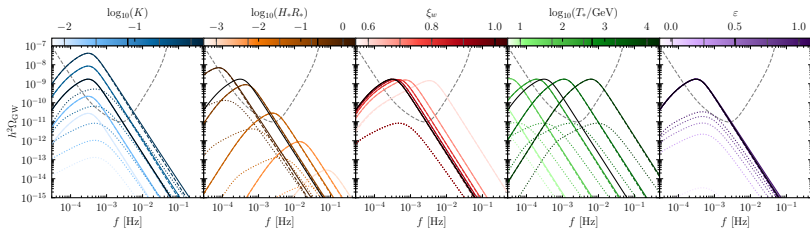
$$\Omega_{\text{gw}} \propto \frac{(f/f_1)^3}{1 + (f/f_1)^2[1 + (f/f_2)^4]}, \quad f_2/f_1 \approx 1/\xi_{\text{shell}}$$

- sound waves



black line: $K = \left(\frac{\kappa \alpha}{\alpha + 1} \right) = 0.1$, $H_* R_* = 0.1$, $\xi_w = 0.9$, $T_* = 1\text{TeV}$

- sound waves (solid) + turbulence (dotted)



black line: $K = \left(\frac{\kappa \alpha}{\alpha + 1} \right) = 0.08$, $H_* R_* = 0.25$, $\xi_w = 1$, $T_* = 500\text{GeV}$, $\epsilon = 0.5$

Dynamics of the steady state expansion

Integrated EoM of the growing bubble:

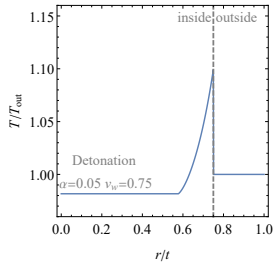
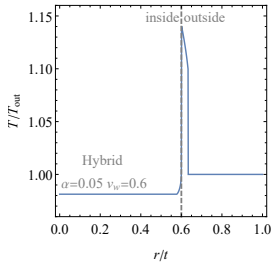
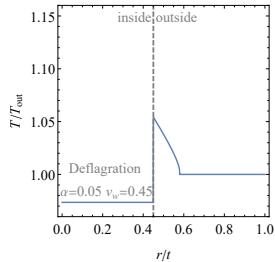
$$\int dz \frac{d\phi}{dz} \left(\square\phi + \frac{\partial V_{\text{eff}}}{\partial\phi} + \sum_i \frac{dm_i^2(\phi)}{d\phi} \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3 2E_i} \delta f_i(p, x) \right) = 0$$

$$\left| \frac{d\phi}{dz} \frac{\partial V_{\text{eff}}}{\partial\phi} = \frac{dV_{\text{eff}}}{dz} - \frac{\partial V_{\text{eff}}}{\partial T} \frac{dT}{dz} \right.$$

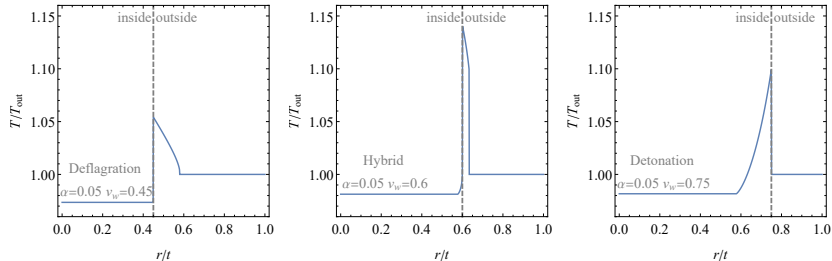
$$\Delta V_{\text{eff}} = \int dz \frac{\partial V_{\text{eff}}}{\partial T} \frac{dT}{dz} - \sum_i \int d\phi \frac{dm_i^2(\phi)}{d\phi} \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3 2E_i} \delta f_i(p, x)$$

driving force = hydrodynamic backreaction + non-equilibrium friction

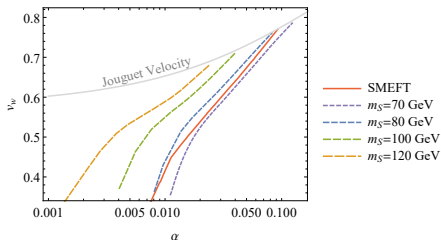
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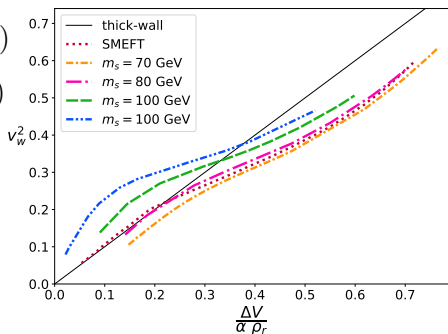
- No solutions found beyond $c_J = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \frac{1 + \sqrt{3\alpha^2 + 2\alpha}}{1 + \alpha}$.



Wall Velocity analytic approximation

$$v_w = \begin{cases} \sqrt{\frac{\Delta V}{\alpha \rho_R}} & \text{for } \sqrt{\frac{\Delta V}{\alpha \rho_R}} < v_J(\alpha) \\ 1 & \text{for } \sqrt{\frac{\Delta V}{\alpha \rho_R}} \geq v_J(\alpha) \end{cases}$$

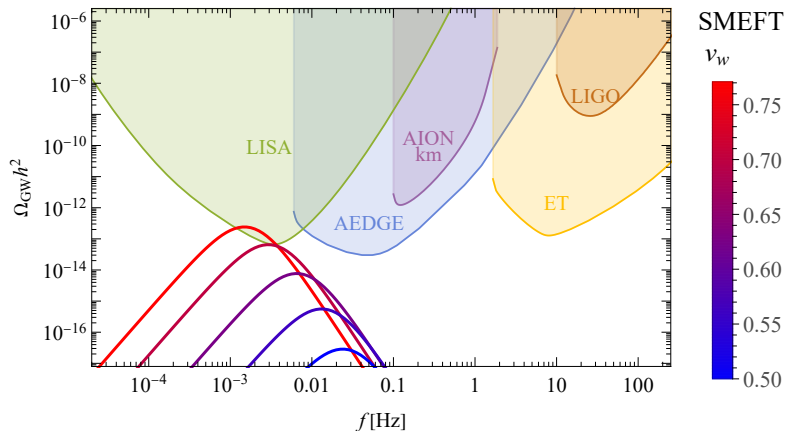
- Here: $\alpha = \frac{1}{\rho_R} \left(\Delta V - \frac{T}{4} \frac{\partial \Delta V}{\partial T} \right)$
- Formula does not require solving transport equations
- Only the form of the potential is important



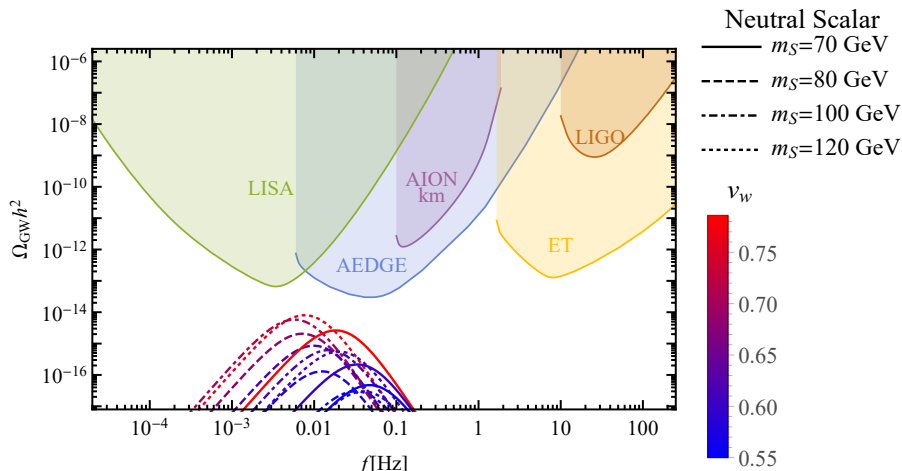
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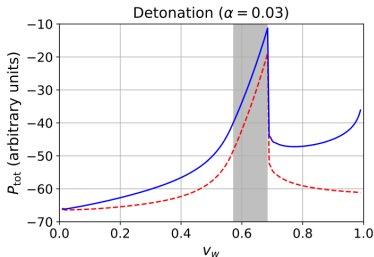
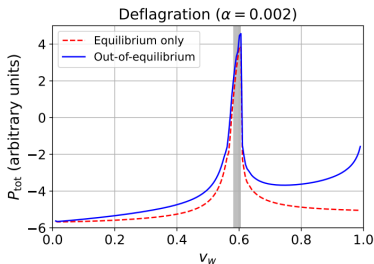
Gravitational wave signals



Gravitational wave signals



- Impact of out-of-equilibrium effects is small



Benoit Laurent, James Cline arXiv:2204.13120

- LTE approximation ($\delta f = 0$)

$$v_w = \left(\left| \frac{3\alpha + \Psi - 1}{2(2 - 3\Psi + \Psi^3)} \right|^{\frac{p}{2}} + \left| v_{\text{CJ}} \left(1 - a \frac{(1 - \Psi)^b}{\alpha} \right) \right|^{\frac{p}{2}} \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

with $a = 0.2233$, $b = 1.704$, $p = -3.433$ and $\Psi = \frac{w_t}{w_f}$

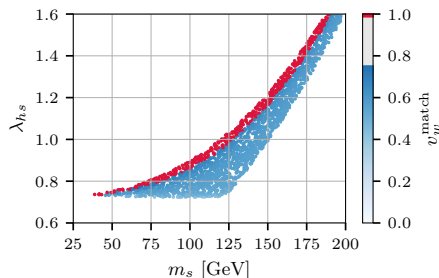
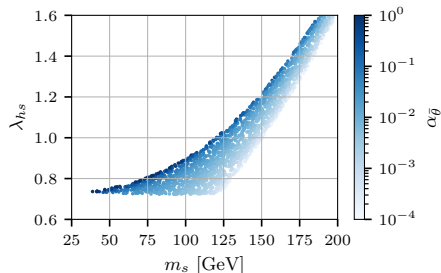
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Scalar singlet extension

- Standard Model with an additional singlet scalar

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- Scan of the parameter space with $\lambda_s = 1$.
- Wall velocity determined analytically with **matching conditions** assuming **LTE**.



Lattice realisation

- The energy-momentum tensor for the field and the fluid:

$$T_{\text{field}}^{\mu\nu} = \partial^\mu \phi \partial^\nu \phi - g^{\mu\nu} \left(\frac{1}{2} \partial_\alpha \phi \partial^\alpha \phi \right)$$

$$T_{\text{fluid}}^{\mu\nu} = w u^\mu u^\nu + g^{\mu\nu} p$$

- effective coupling of the fluid and scalar:

$$\nabla_\mu T_{\text{field}}^{\mu\nu} = -\nabla_\mu T_{\text{fluid}}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{\partial V(\phi, T)}{\partial \phi} \partial^\nu \phi + \eta u^\mu \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\nu \phi$$

- Equation of state

$$p(\phi, T) = -V(\phi, T),$$

$$e(\phi, T) = V(\phi, T) - T \frac{dV(\phi, T)}{dT},$$

$$w(\phi, T) = -T \frac{dV(\phi, T)}{dT}.$$

- EoM for scalar fields assuming **LTE** $\eta = 0$

$$-\partial_t^2 h + \frac{1}{r^2} \partial_r (r^2 \partial_r h) - \frac{\partial V}{\partial h} = 0$$

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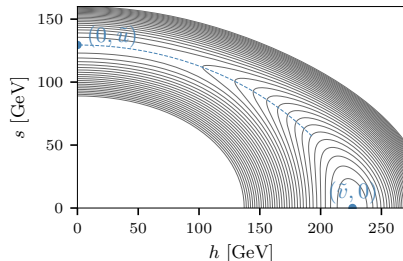
- EoM for plasma assuming **LTE** $\eta = 0$

$$\partial_t \tau + \frac{1}{r^2} \partial_r (r^2 (\tau + p) v) = \frac{\partial V_{\text{eff}}}{\partial h} \partial_t h + \frac{\partial V_{\text{eff}}}{\partial s} \partial_t s$$
$$\partial_t Z + \frac{1}{r^2} \partial_r (r^2 Z v) + \partial_r p = -\frac{\partial V_{\text{eff}}}{\partial h} \partial_r h - \frac{\partial V_{\text{eff}}}{\partial s} \partial_r s$$

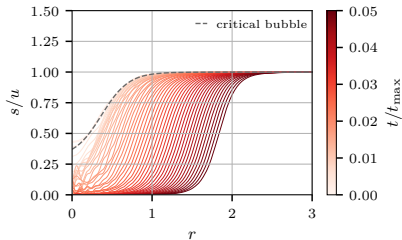
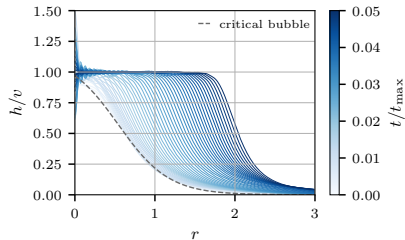
where $Z := w\gamma^2 v$ and $\tau := w\gamma^2 - p$

Evolution: early stages

- Initial $h(r)$ and $s(r)$ profiles corresponding to the critical bubble.

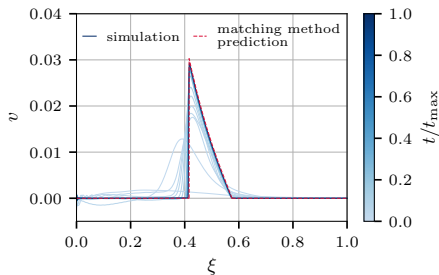


- Plasma initially at rest $v(r) = 0$ with nucleation temperature $T(r) = T_n$



Evolution: late stages

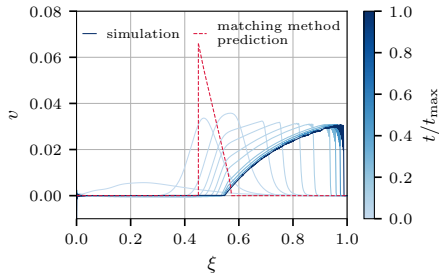
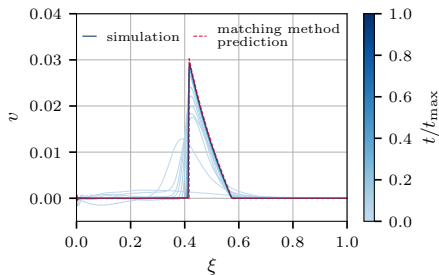
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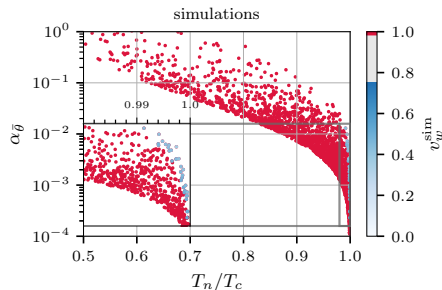
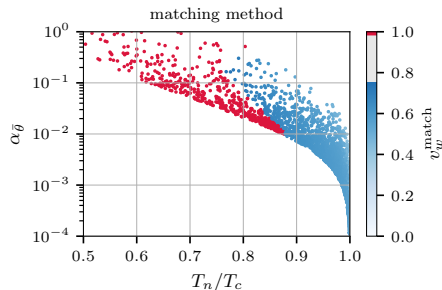
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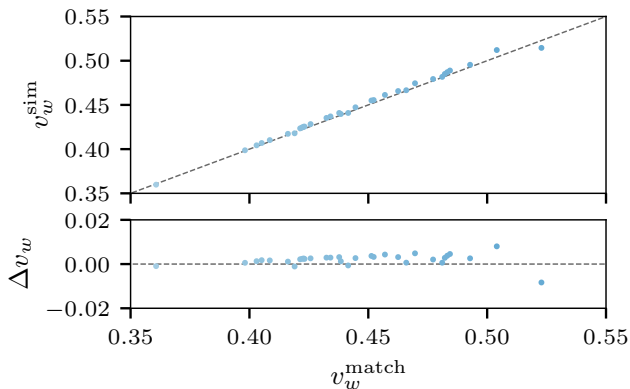
Analytical treatment vs real-time simulations



- **Matching equations** predict significant number of stationary deflagrations and hybrids.

- **Real-time simulations** predict only a few points evolve towards a stationary state.

Analytical treatment vs real-time simulations



If the stationary state is achieved for a given model, bubble-wall velocity is very accurately predicted by the matching equations.

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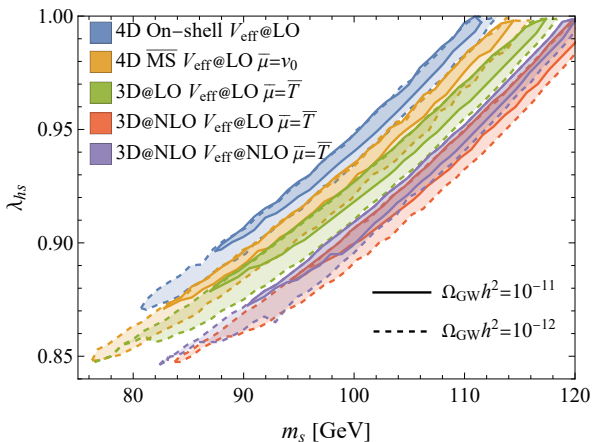
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Backup Slides

Theoretical uncertainty on the parameter space

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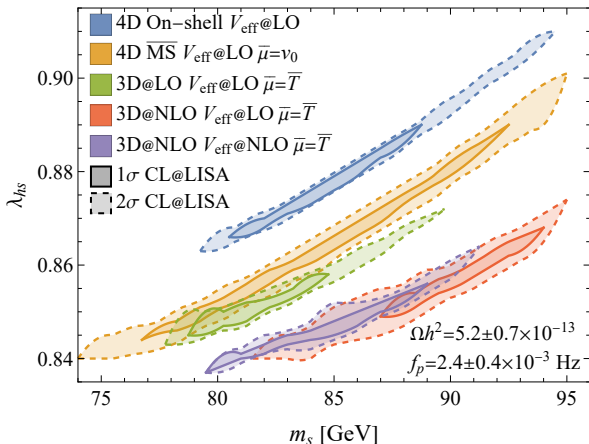
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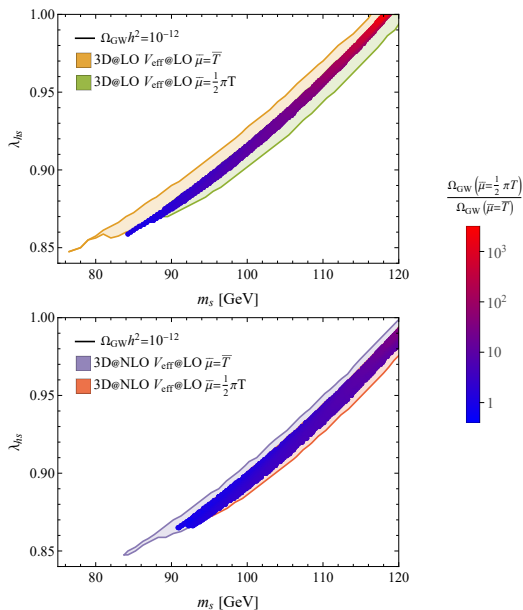
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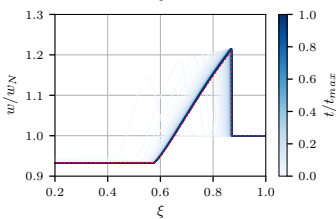
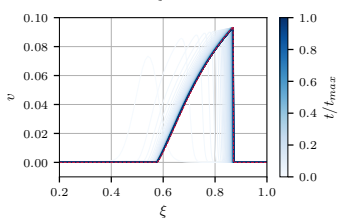
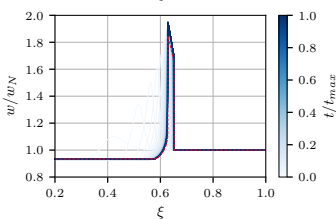
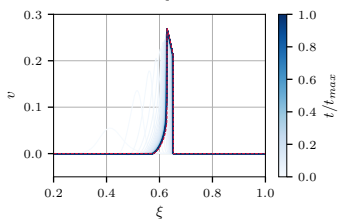
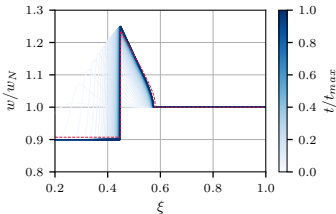
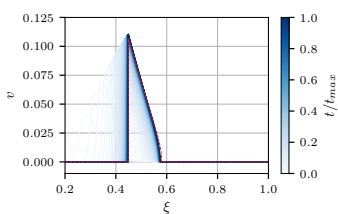


Theoretical uncertainty on the parameter space

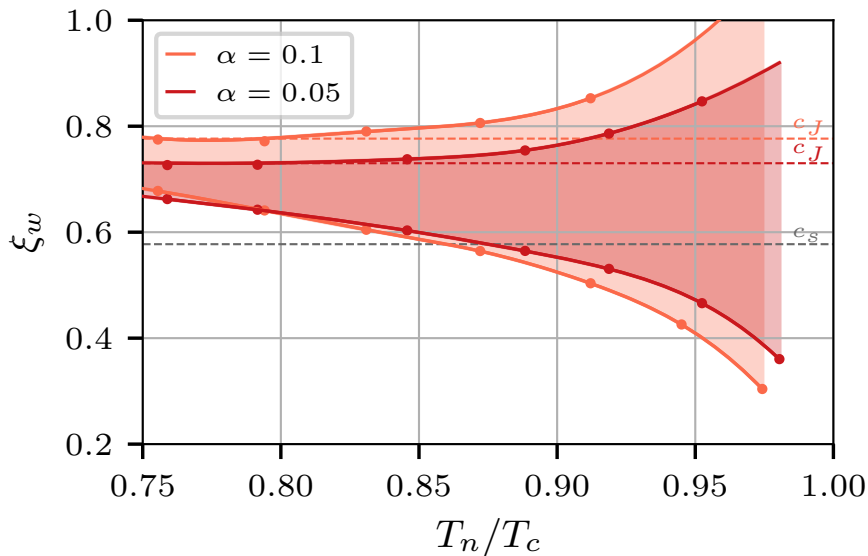


Conclusions II

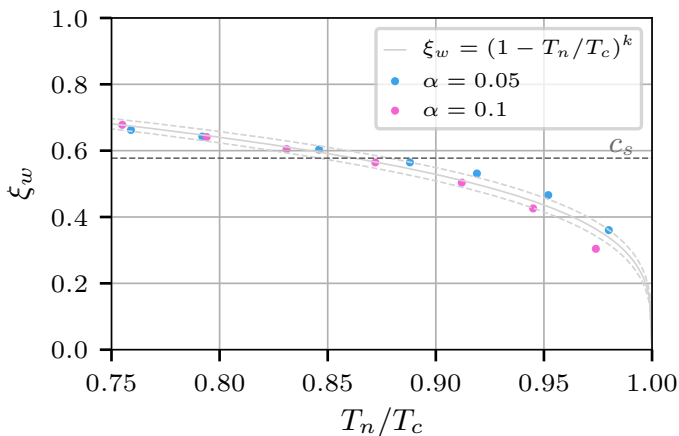
- Large errors on the GW spectra for individual parameter points corresponds to small $O(1\%)$ error on the reconstructed model parameters
- These small reconstruction errors would still dominate the experimental uncertainties for any detectable spectra



Hydrodynamical obstruction: can all v_w be realised?



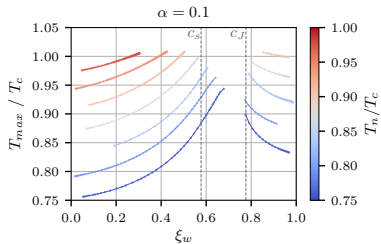
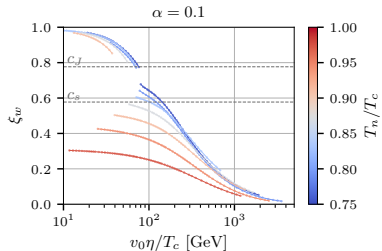
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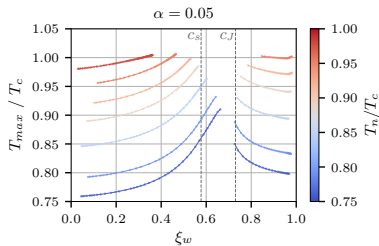
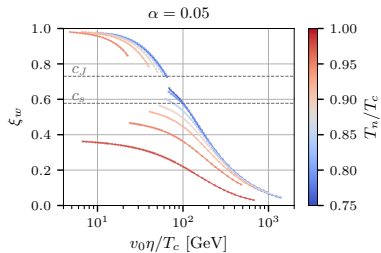
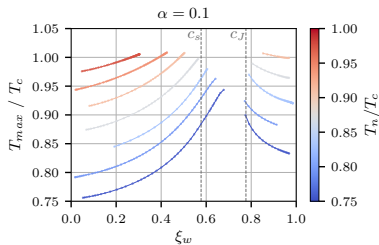
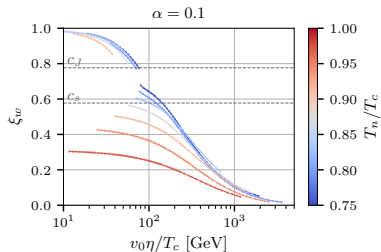
- Simple numerical fit accurate for relatively strong PTs

$$v_w = \left(1 - \frac{T_n}{T_c}\right)^k, \quad \text{with } k = 0.2768 \pm 0.0055$$

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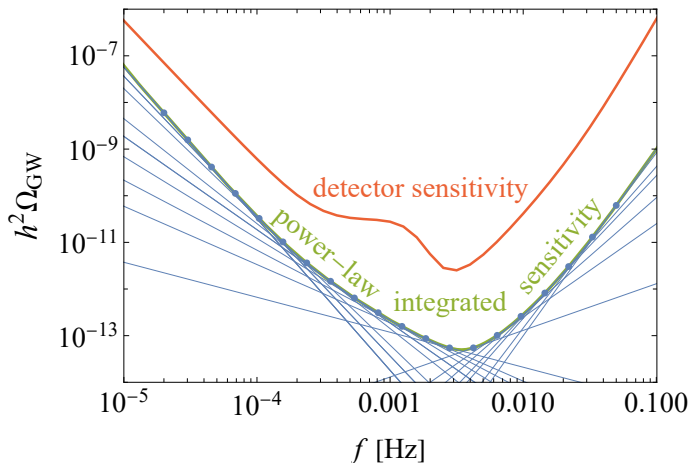


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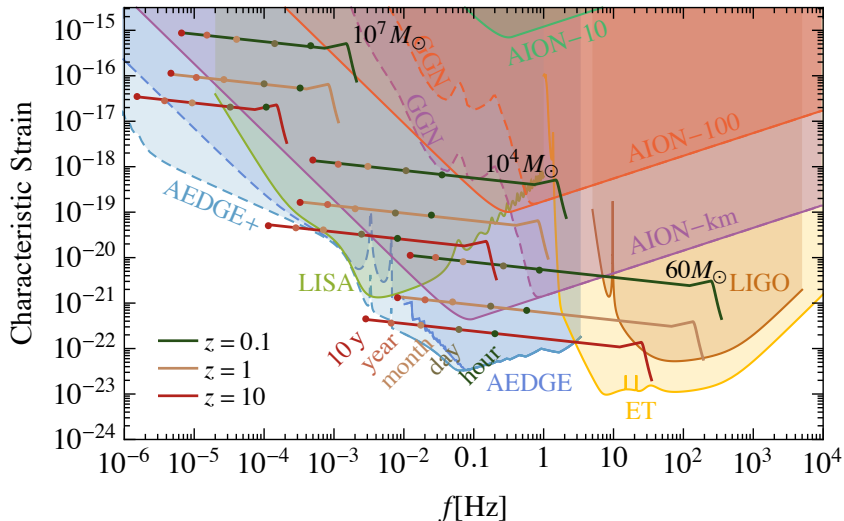


Power-law integrated sensitivity

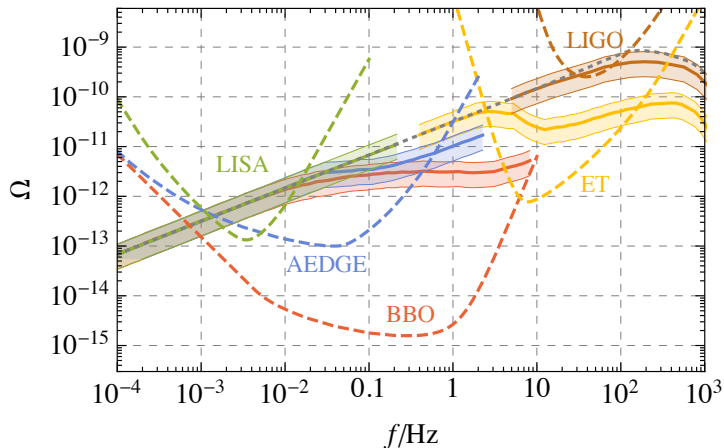
$$\Omega_{\text{GW}}^{\text{noise}} = \frac{2\pi}{3} \frac{f^3 h_c^2}{H_0^2}, \quad \text{SNR} = \sqrt{\mathcal{T} \int df \left(\frac{\Omega_{\text{GW}}^{\text{signal}}}{\Omega_{\text{GW}}^{\text{noise}}} \right)^2}, \quad \Omega_{\text{GW}}^{\text{signal}} = \Omega \left(\frac{f}{f_{\text{ref}}} \right)^\alpha$$



Sensitivity to binary mergers



Foreground from LIGO-Virgo binaries

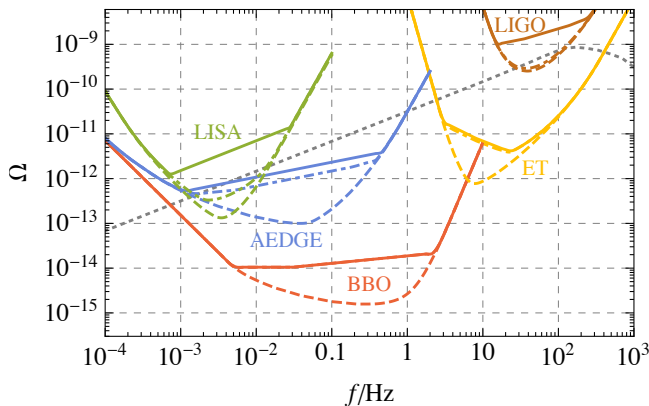


- Dashed gray line: total foreground from LIGO-Virgo binaries
- Thick lines: foreground without individually observable binaries

Improved sensitivities from Fisher analysis

- assuming power-law signal as in PI sensitivity

$$\Omega_{\text{GW}}(f) = \Omega \left(\frac{f}{f_{\text{ref}}} \right)^\alpha + A \langle \Omega_{\text{BBH}}(f) \rangle + \Omega_{\text{BWD}}(f) + \Omega_{\text{instr}}(f)$$



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Bodeker '17 Gouttenoire '21

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- Next-To-Leading order plasma contribution with resummation

Hoche '20

$$P = \Delta V - P_{1 \rightarrow 1} - \gamma^2 P_{1 \rightarrow N} \approx \Delta V - 0.04 \Delta m^2 T^2 - 0.005 g^2 \gamma^2 T^4.$$