

Features in the stochastic gravitational wave background from two-field inflationary models

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Based on

- [2005.02895 MB](#), D. K. Hazra, F. Finelli, G. F. Smoot, L. Sriramkumar, A. A. Starobinsky (MB1)
- [2012.05821 MB](#), X. Chen, D. K. Hazra (MB2)

Outline

- The two-field model and its background evolution
- Amplification of curvature perturbations
- Signatures in the Stochastic Gravitational Wave Background (SGWB)
- Detectability of these features

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Starobinsky, Tsujikawa, Yokoyama 2001 - Di Marco, Finelli, Brandenberger 2002 - Lalak, Langlois, Pokorski, Turzynski 2007

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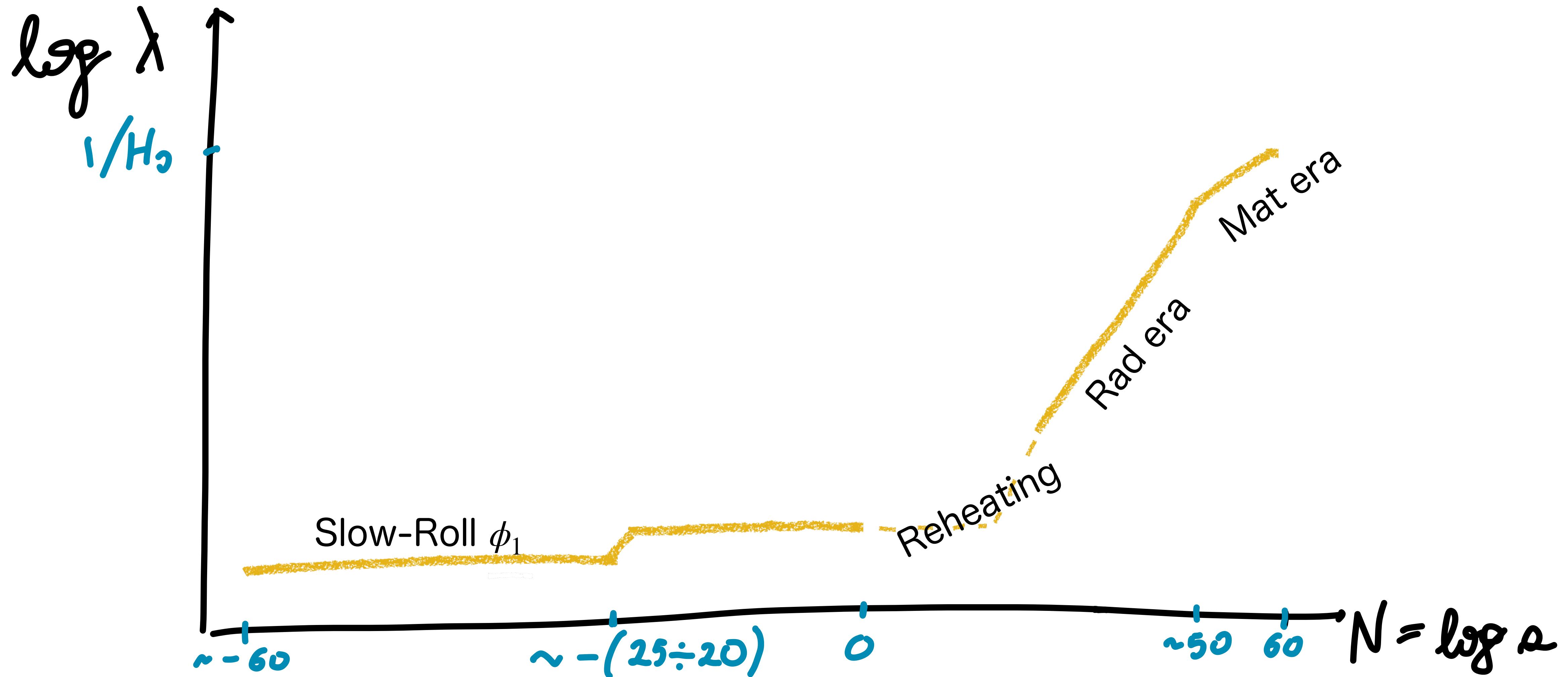
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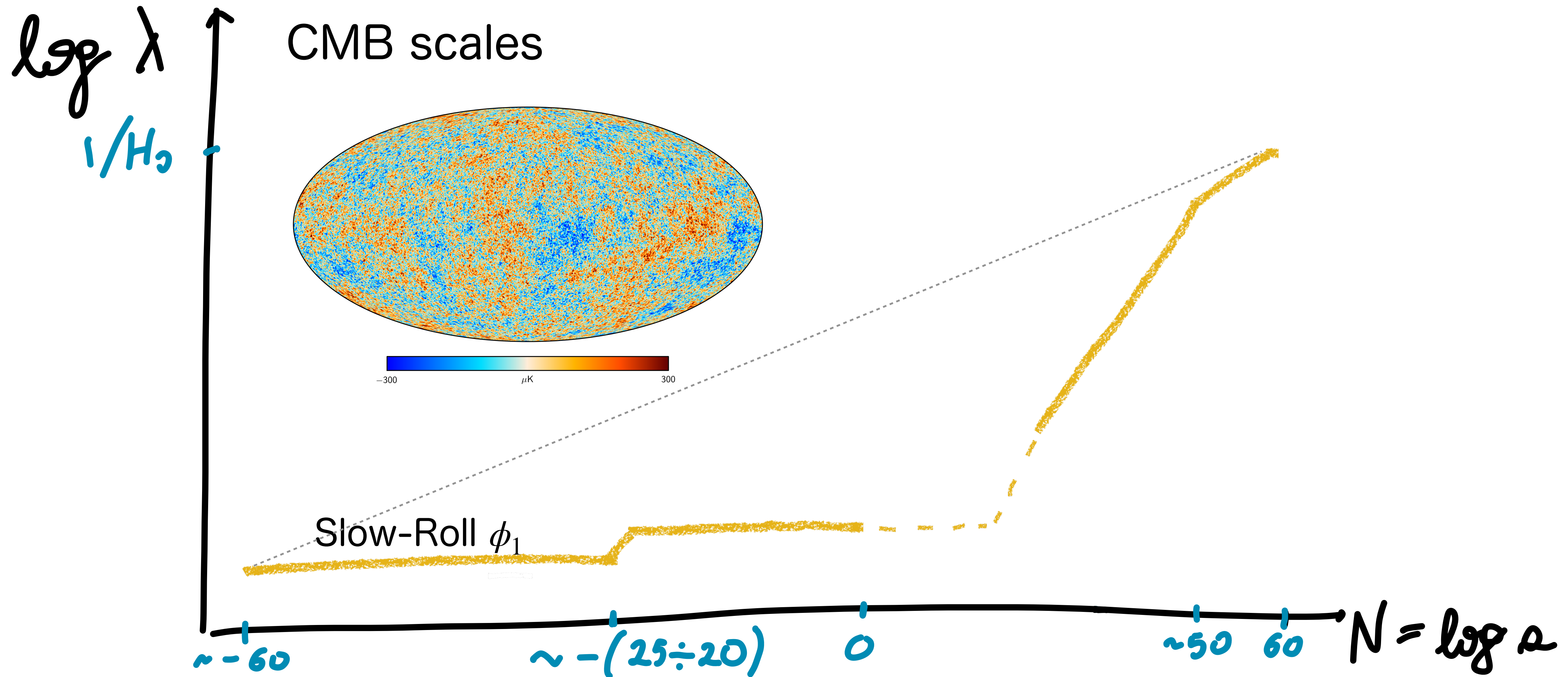
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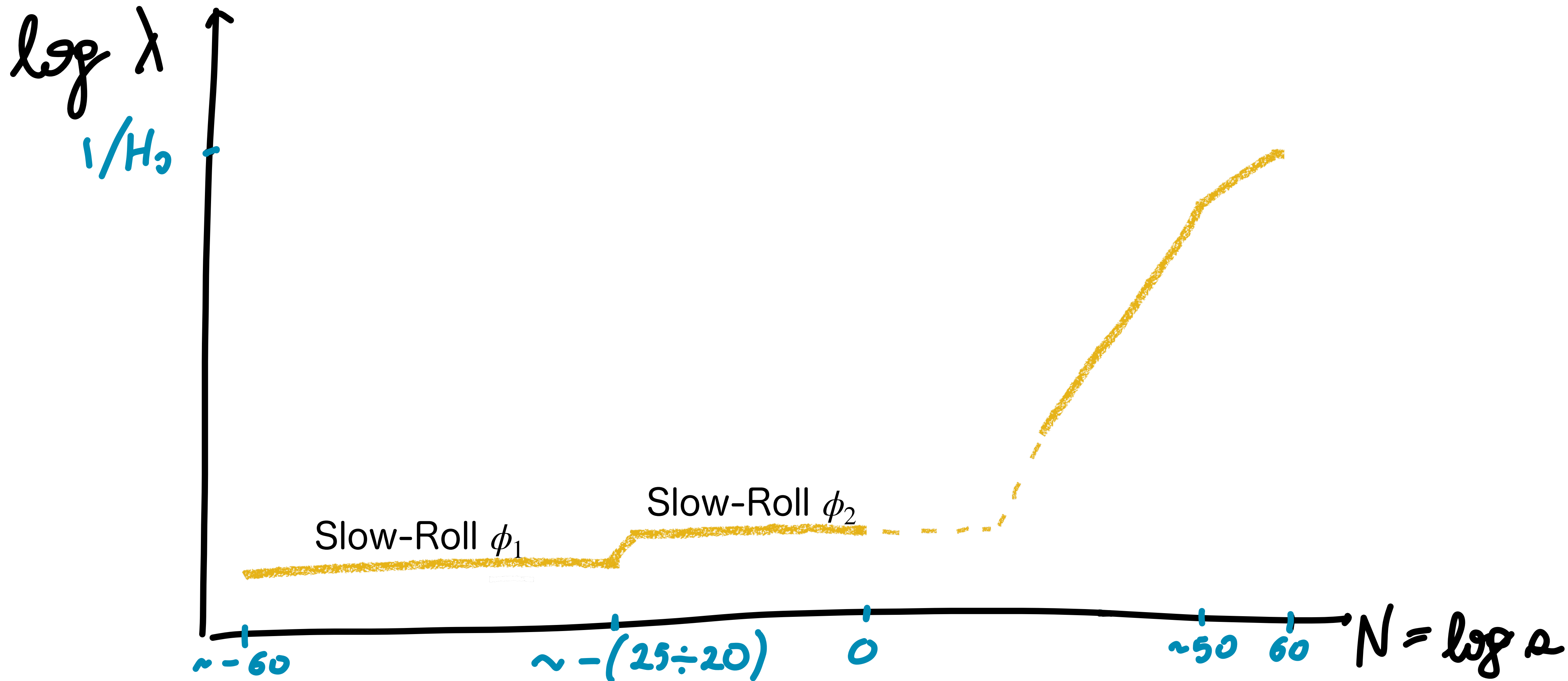
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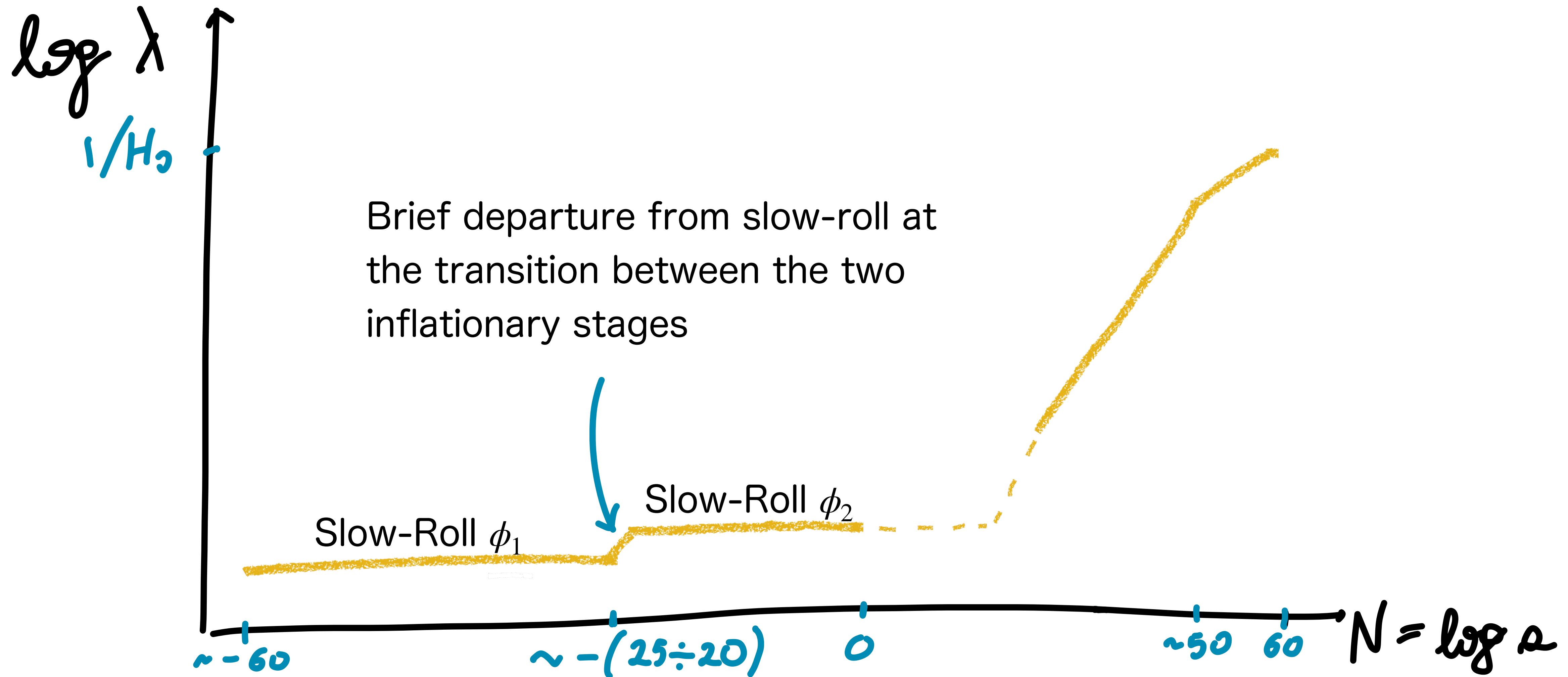
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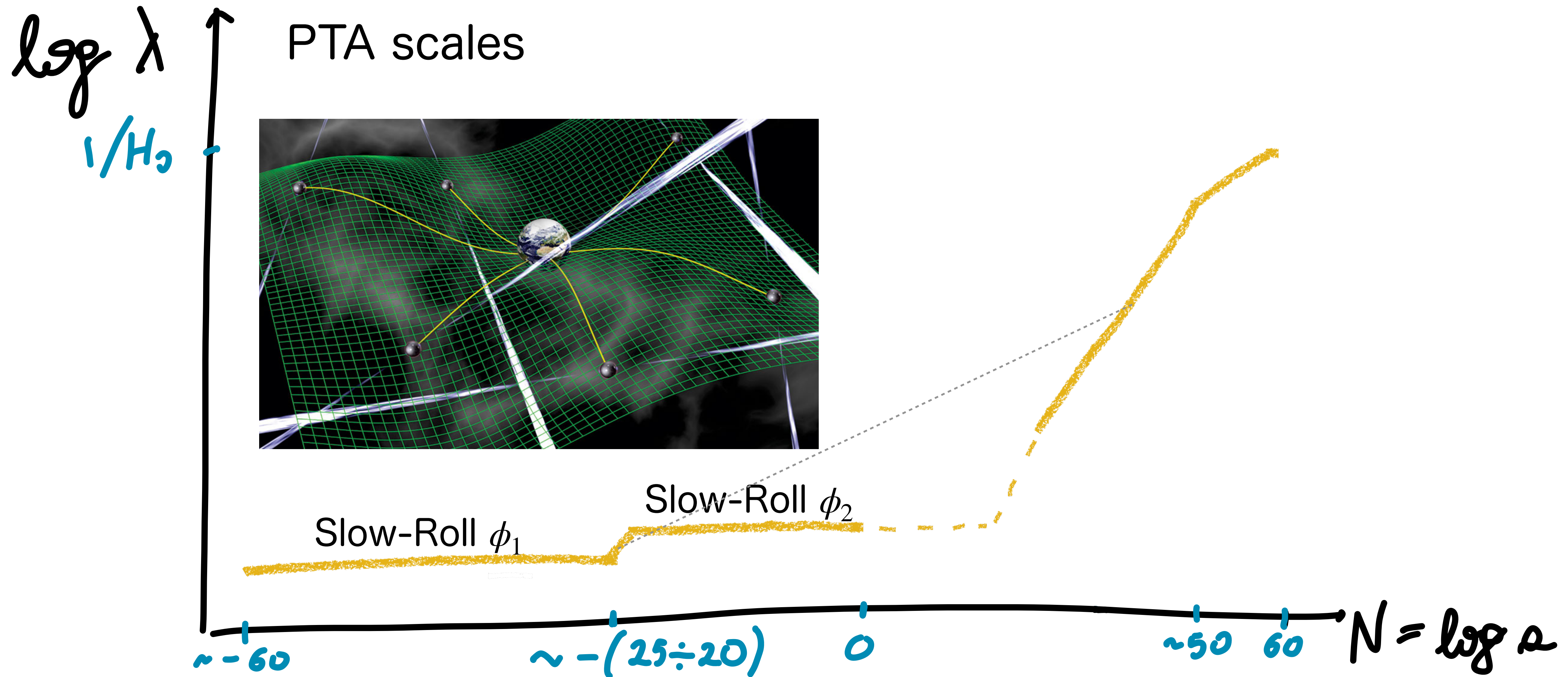
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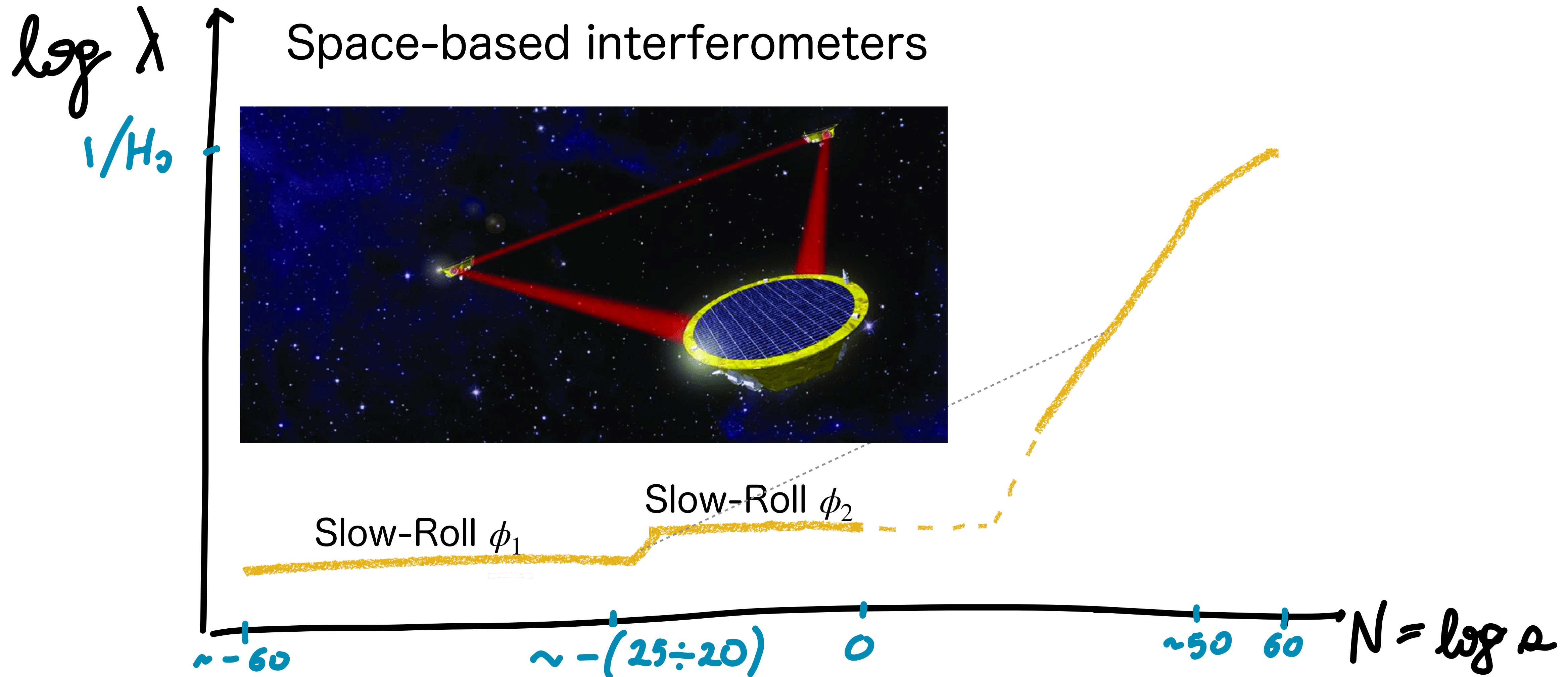
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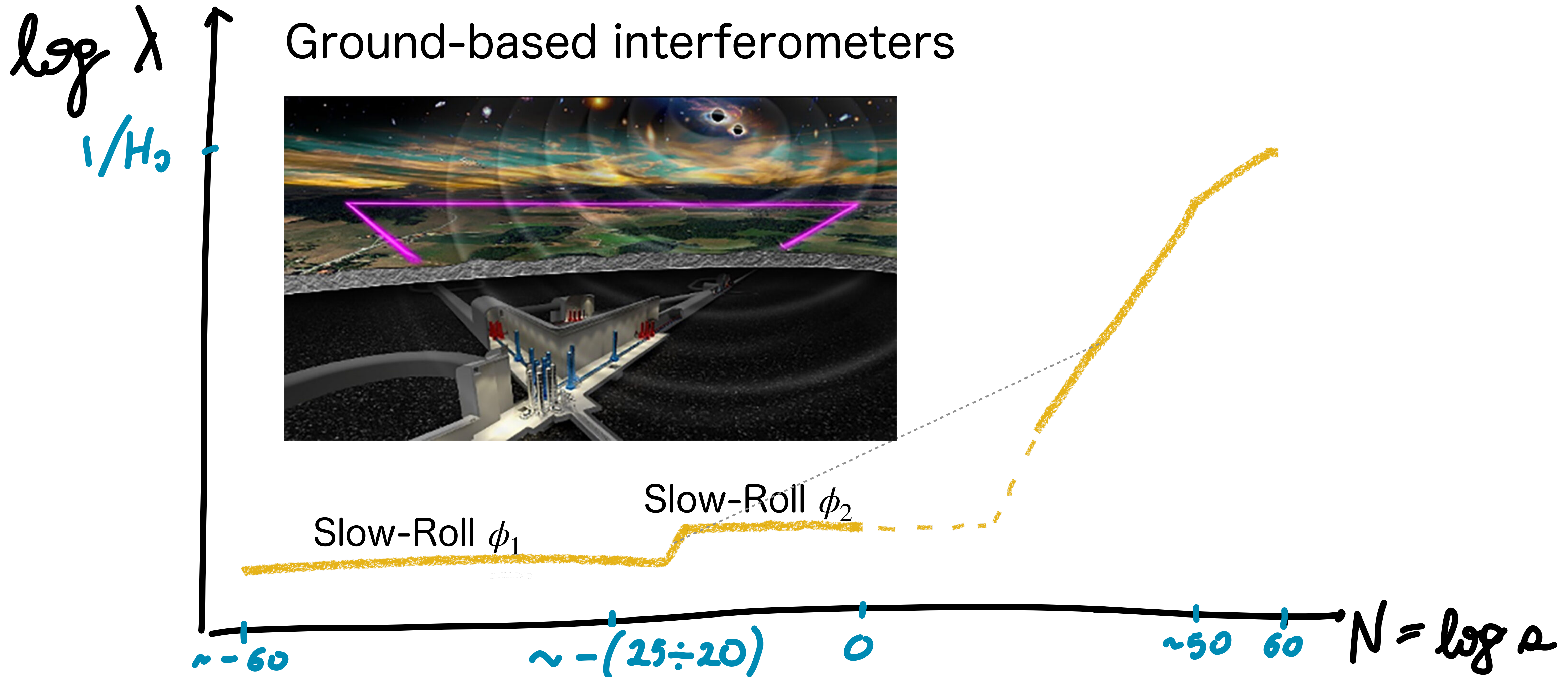
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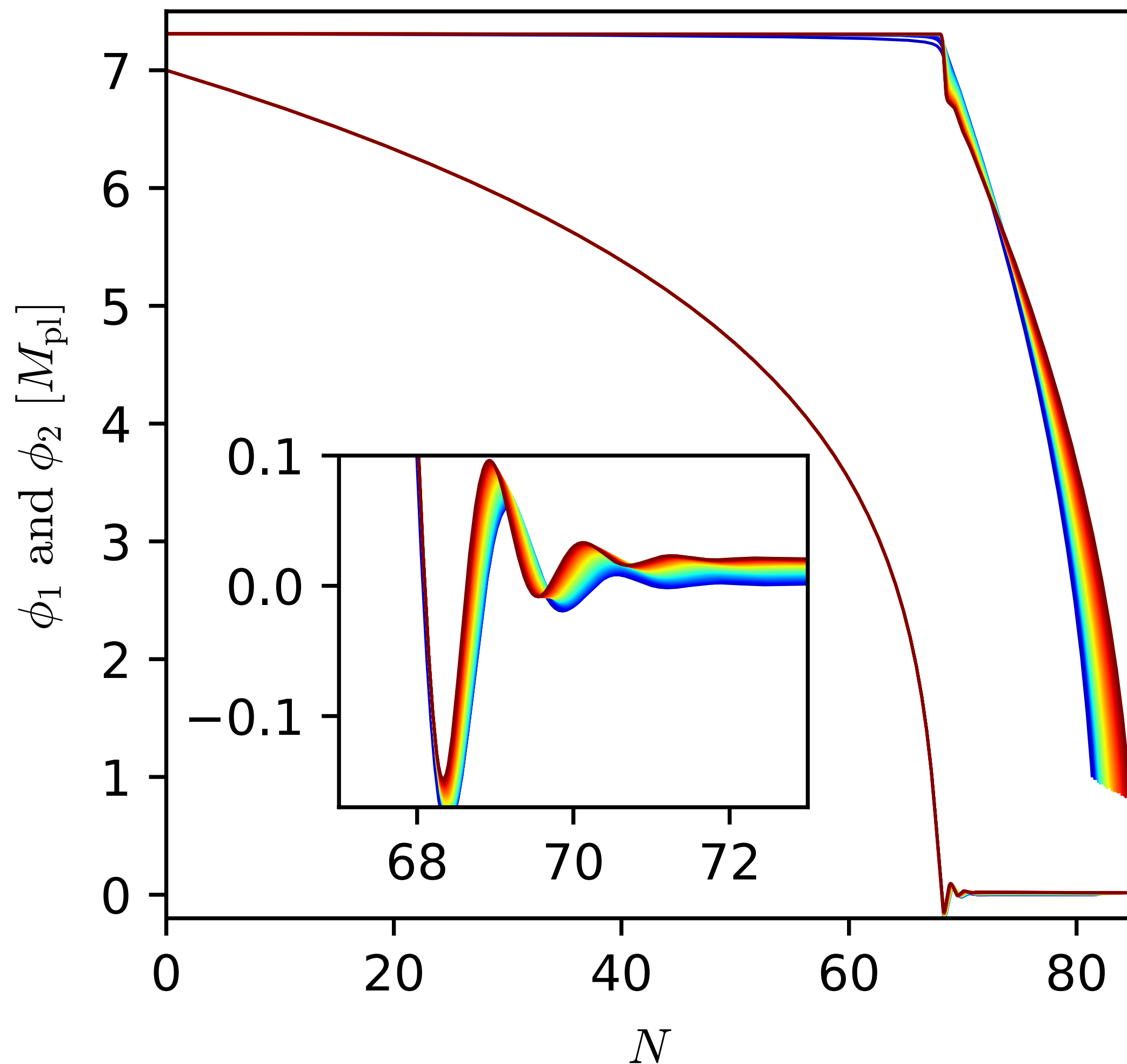
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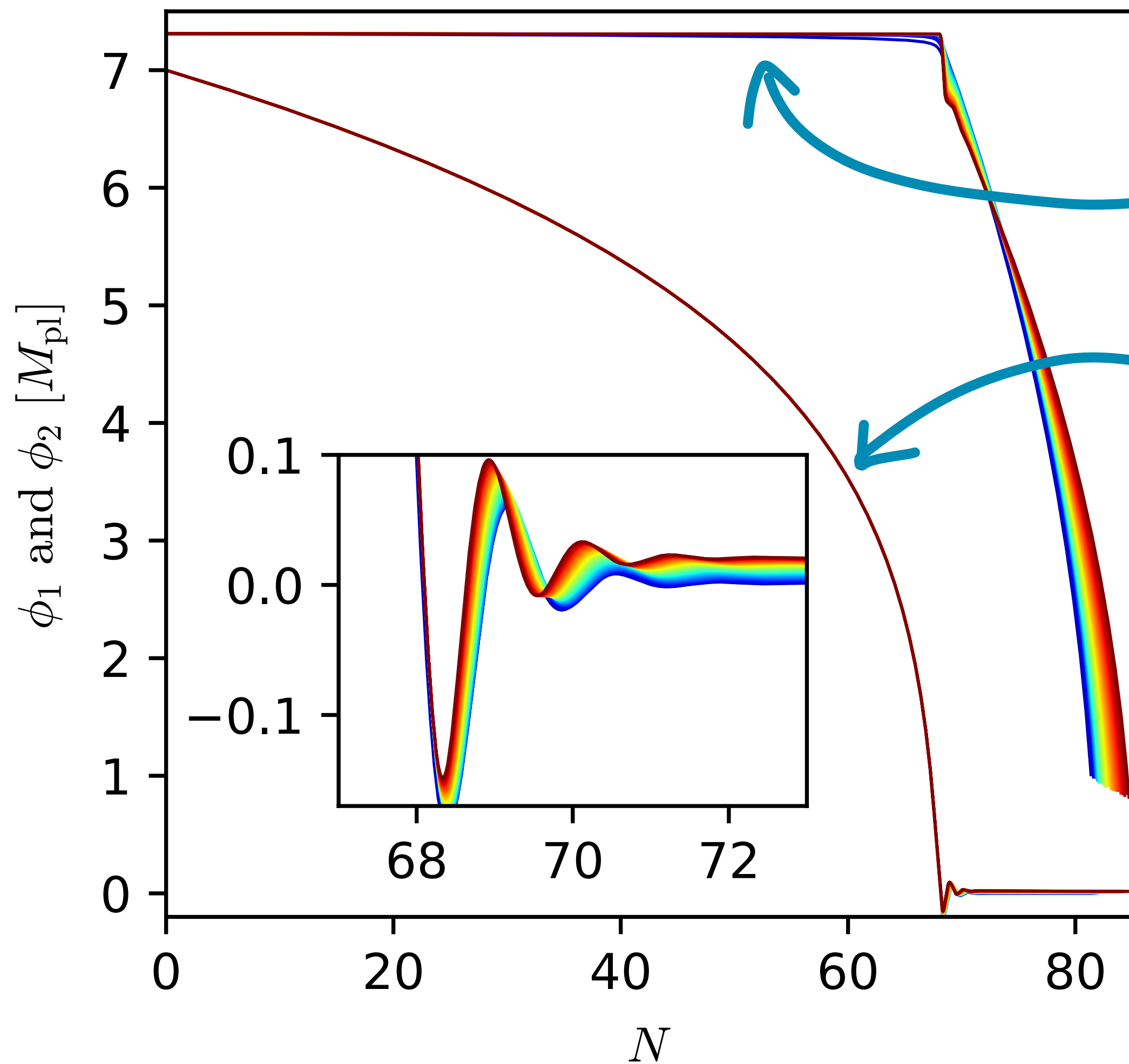
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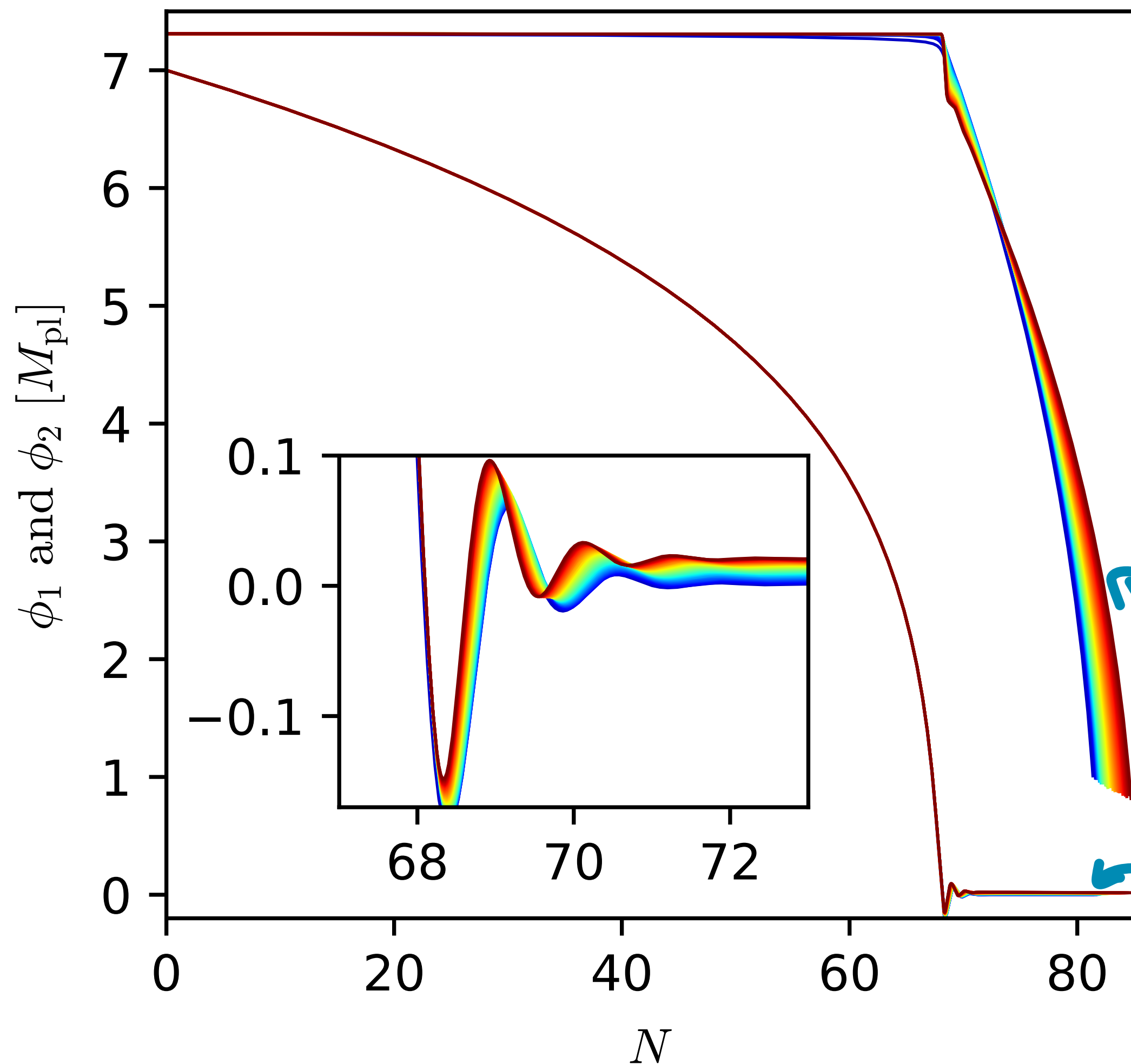
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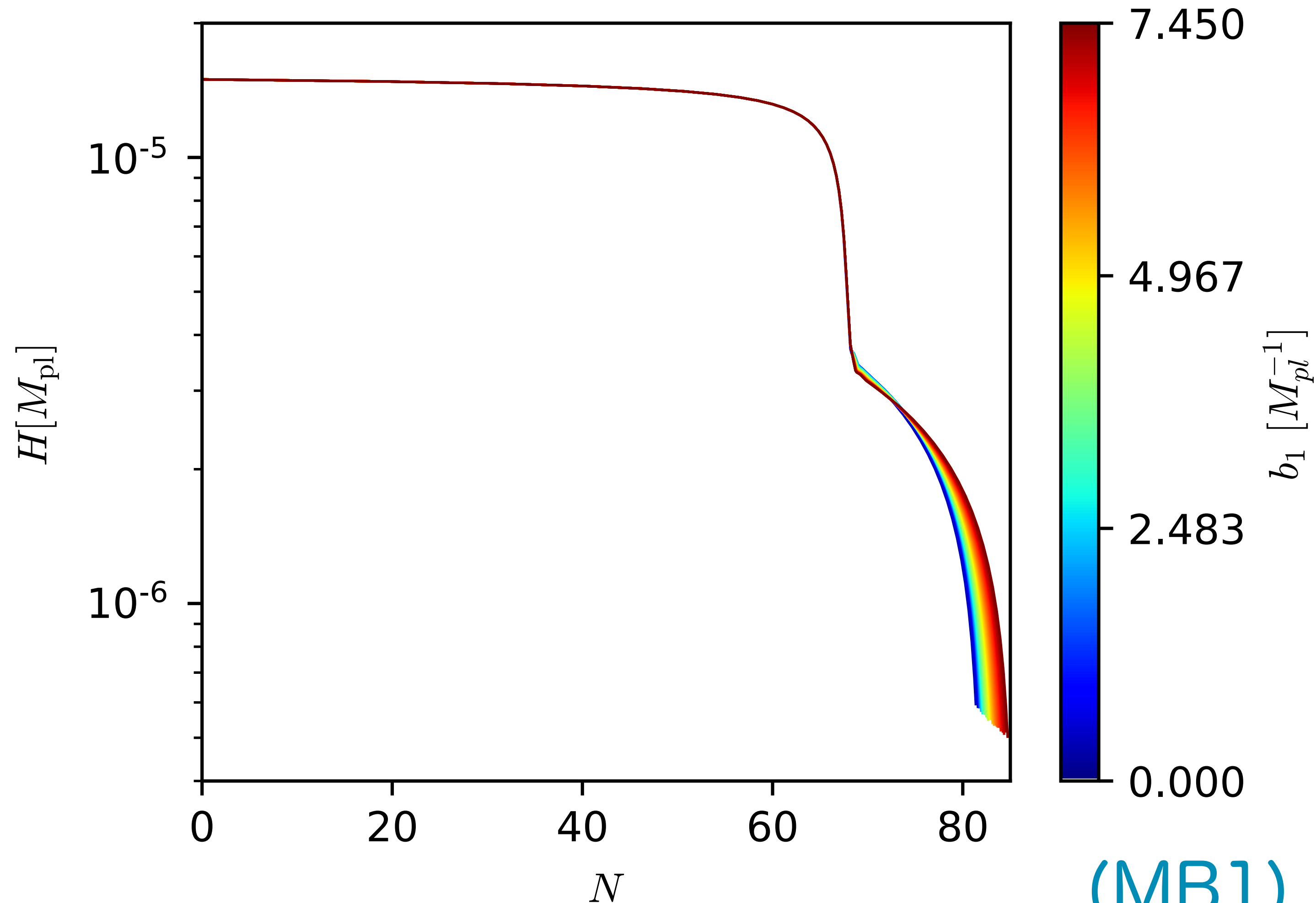
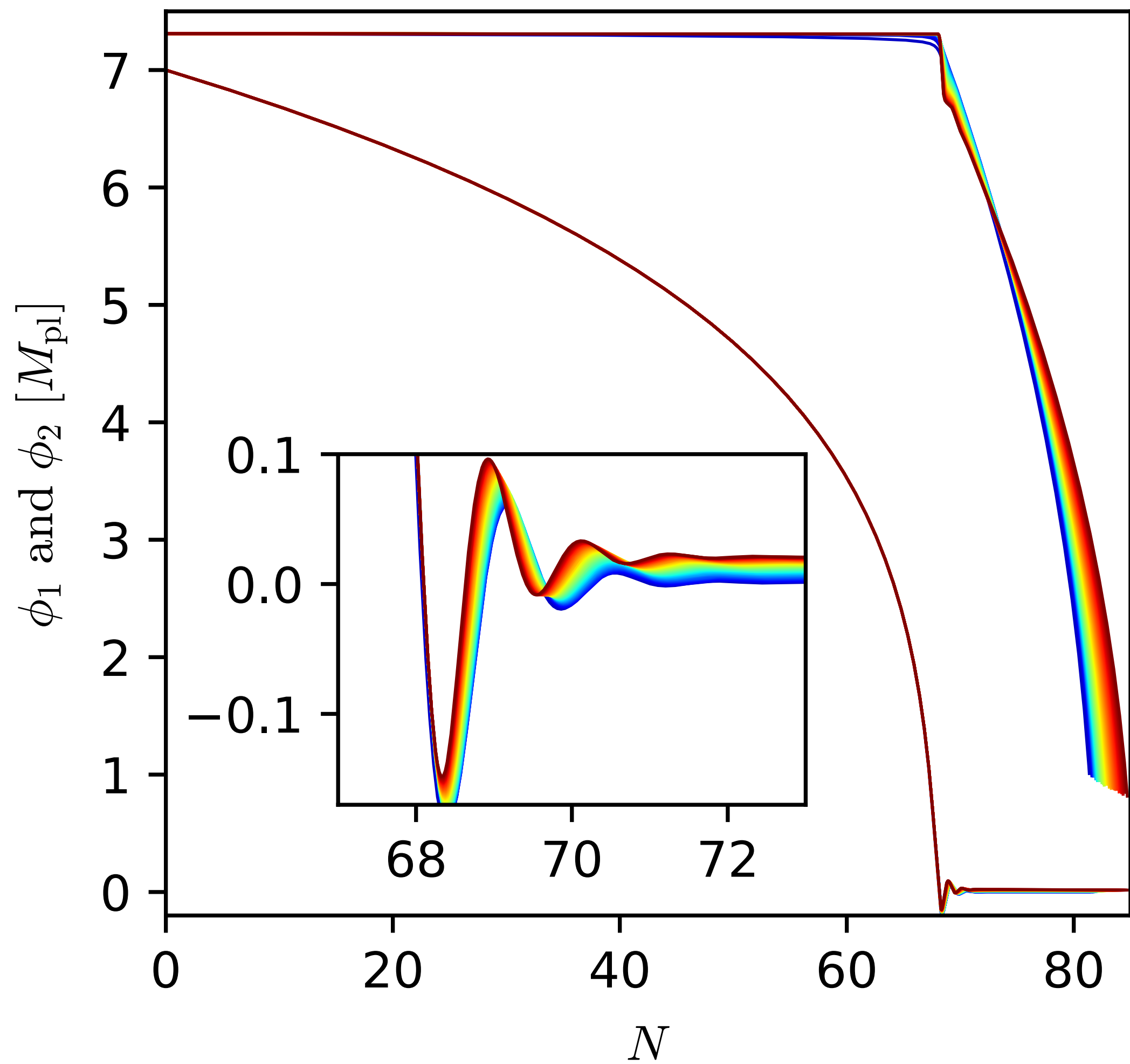
Second stage of inflation:

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$$\phi_1 \simeq b_1 m_2^2 \phi_f^2 / 3$$

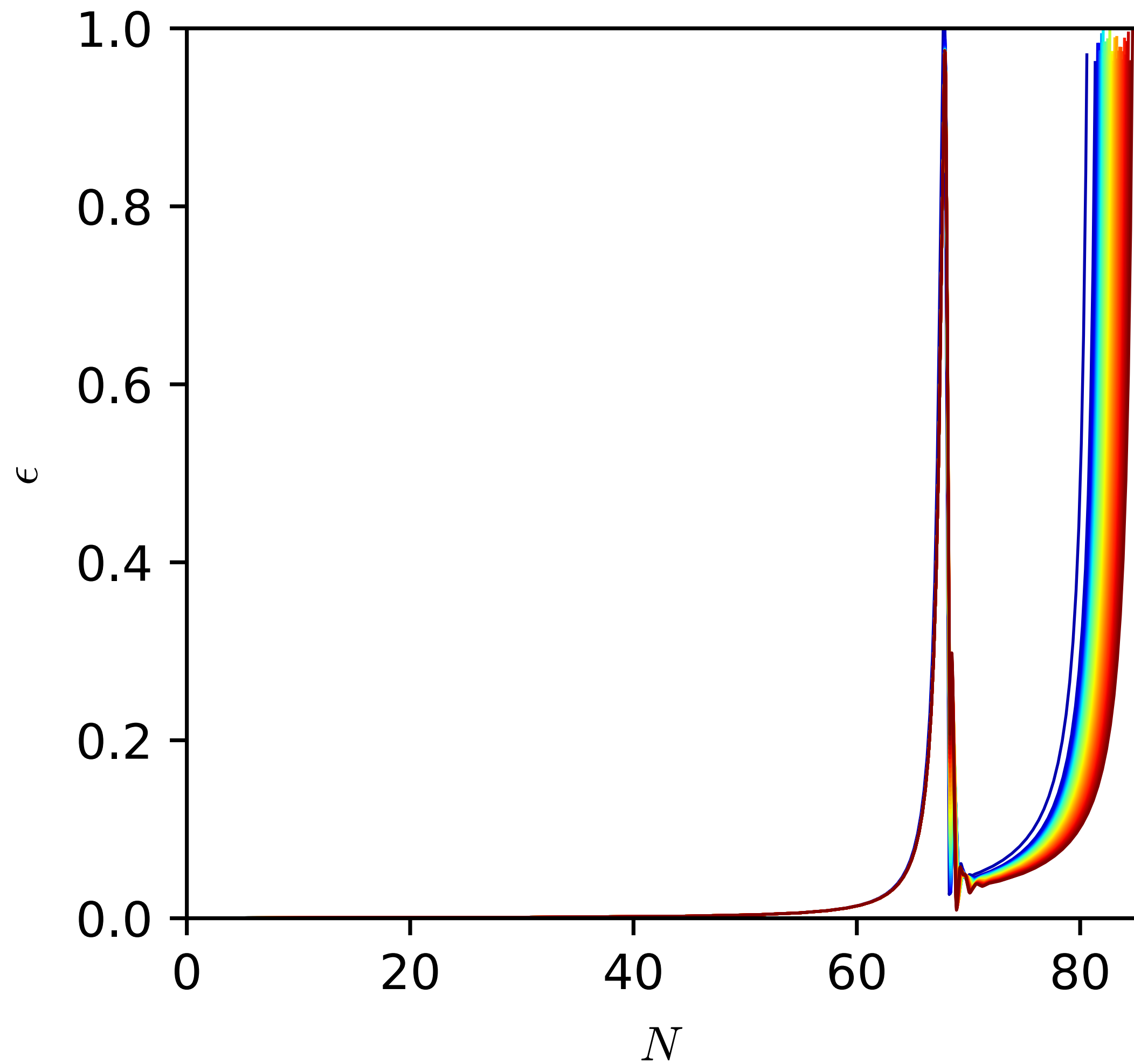
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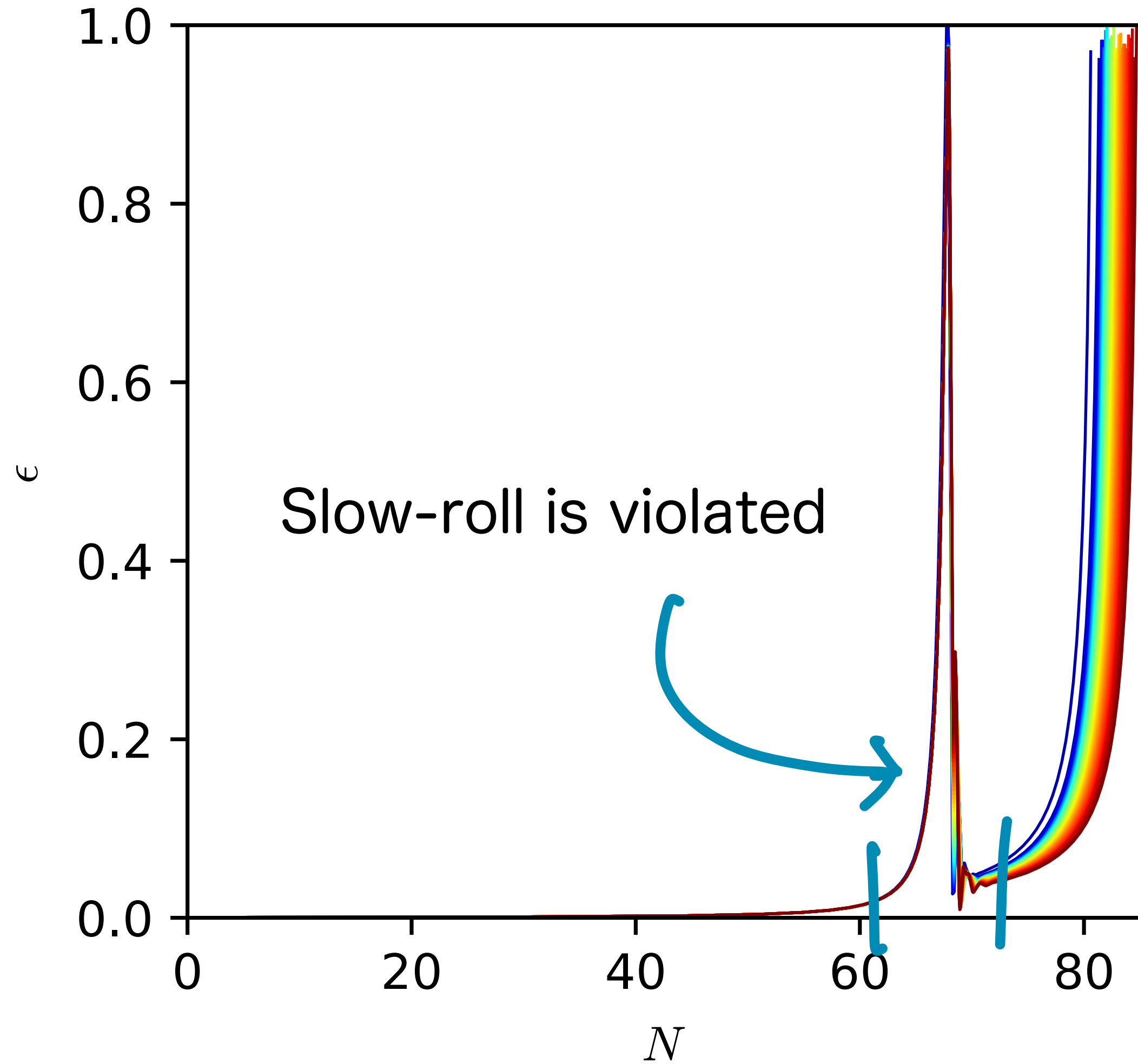
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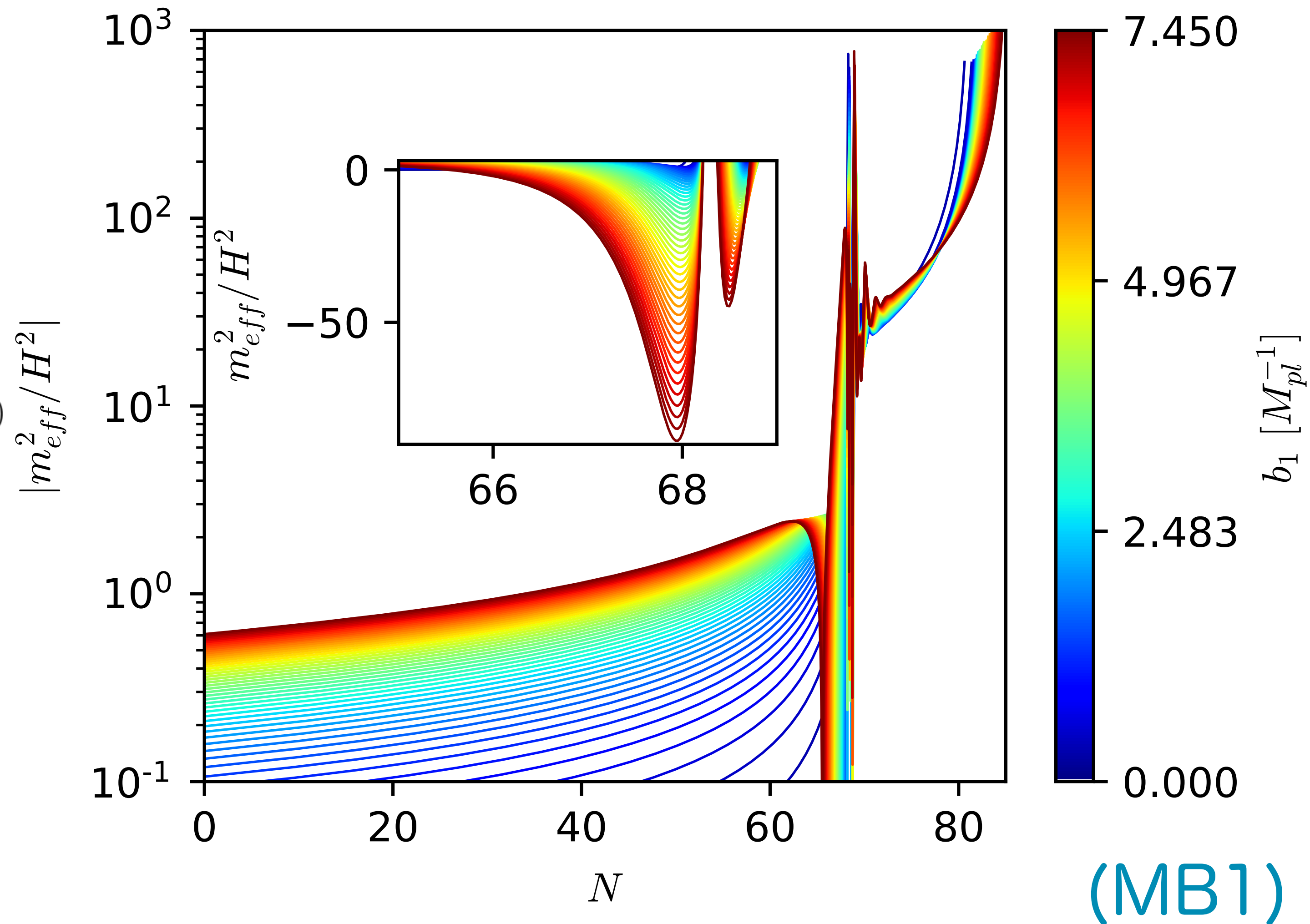
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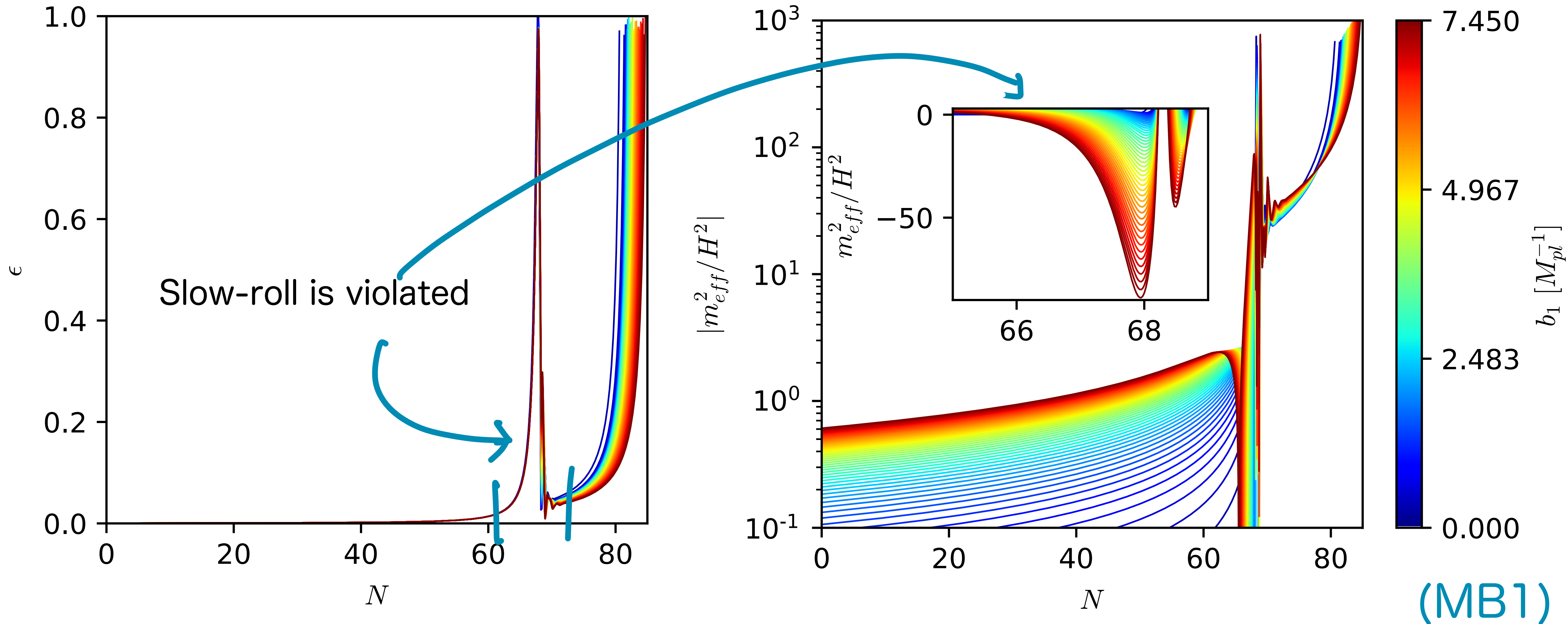
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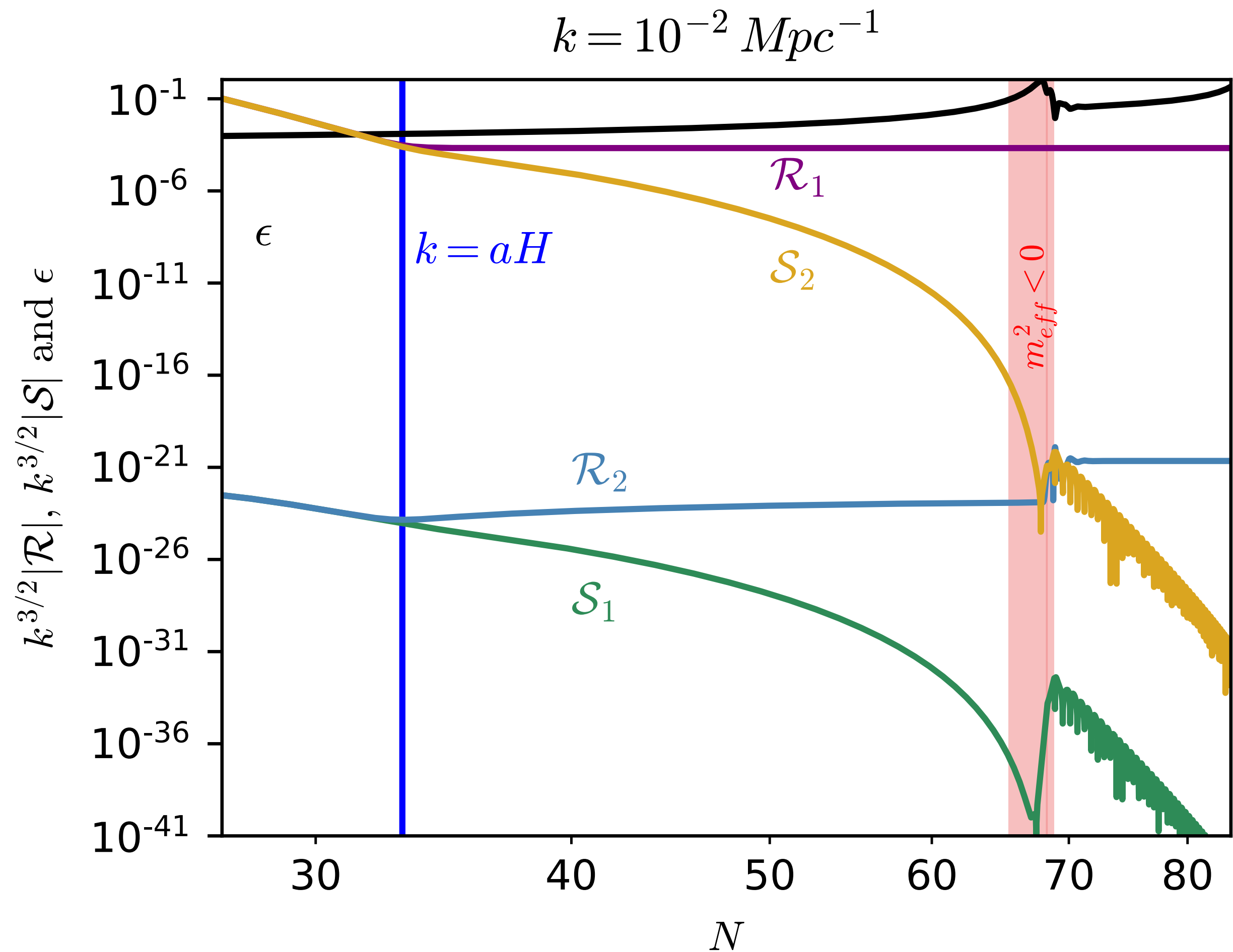


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No amplification of curvature modes



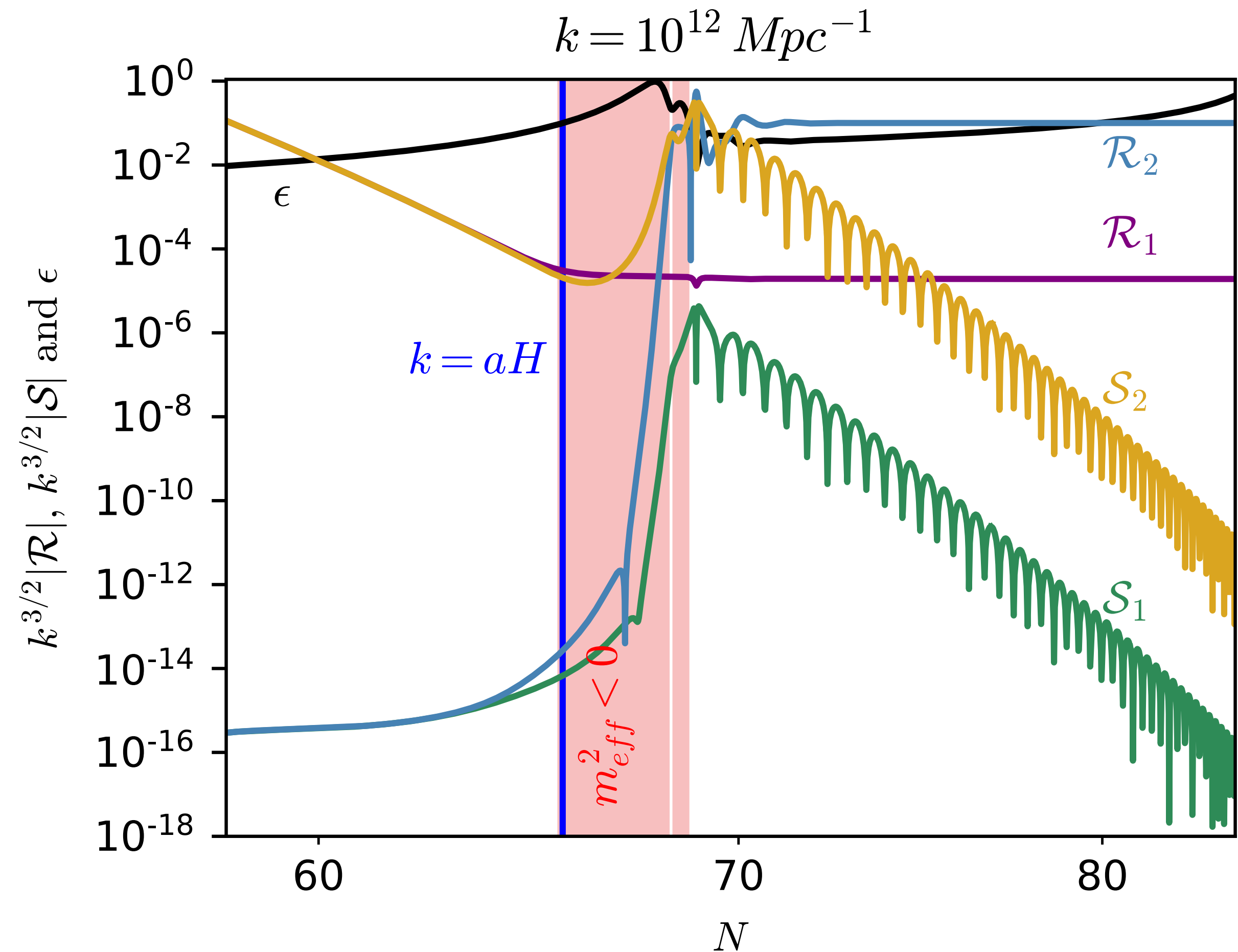
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Horizon crossing **around** the time of the transition:

Isocurvature modes experience a temporary growth

Sizeable amplification of curvature modes

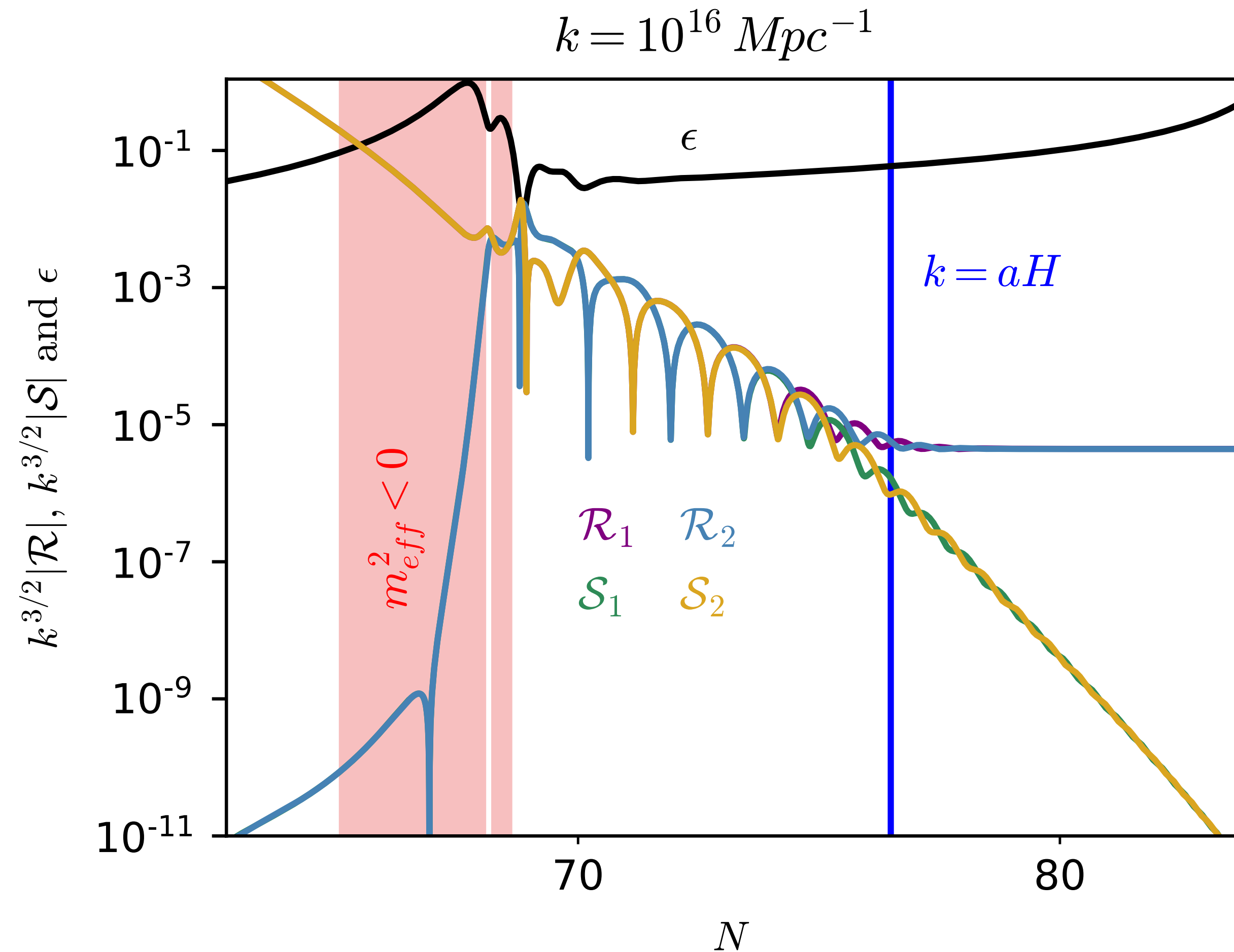


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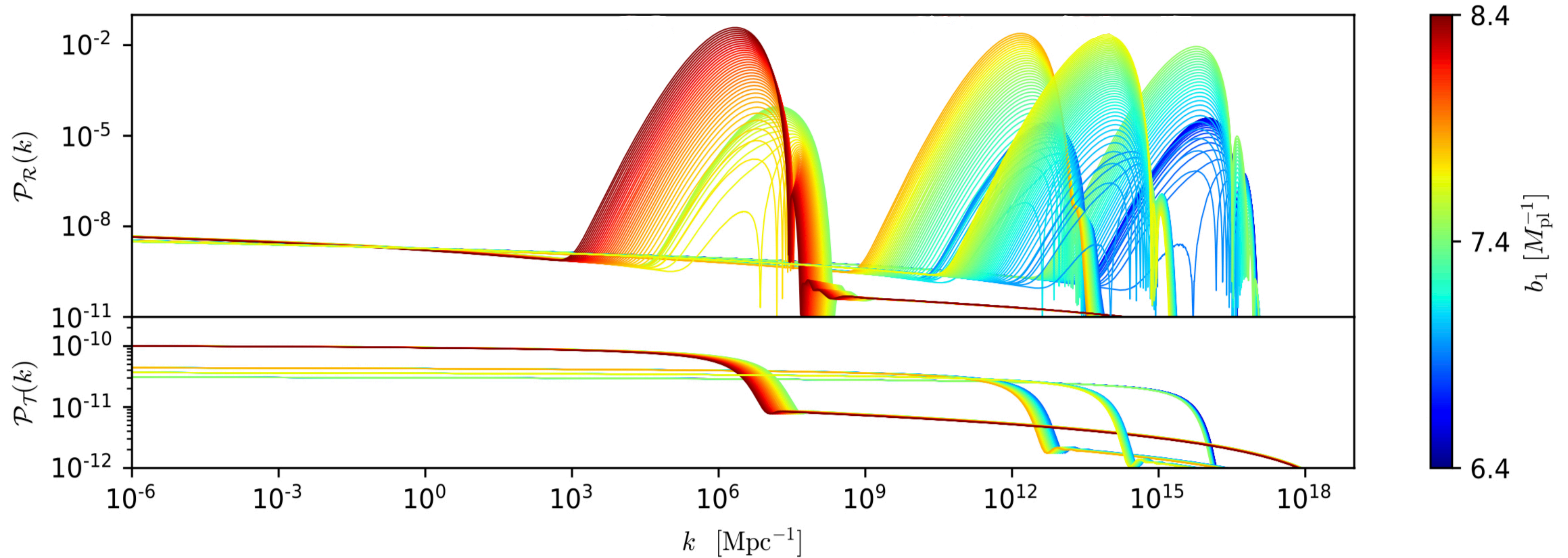
Horizon crossing **long after** the transition:

Isocurvature modes are inside the horizon when their mass becomes negative

No resulting amplification of curvature modes



Primordial power spectra



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Second order SGWB

Large scalar perturbations act as a source of gravitational waves when they re-enter the horizon during radiation era

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Transfer functions that depend on the dominating fluid at the time of horizon re-entry

Domènech 2019, Domènech, Pi, Sasaki 2020

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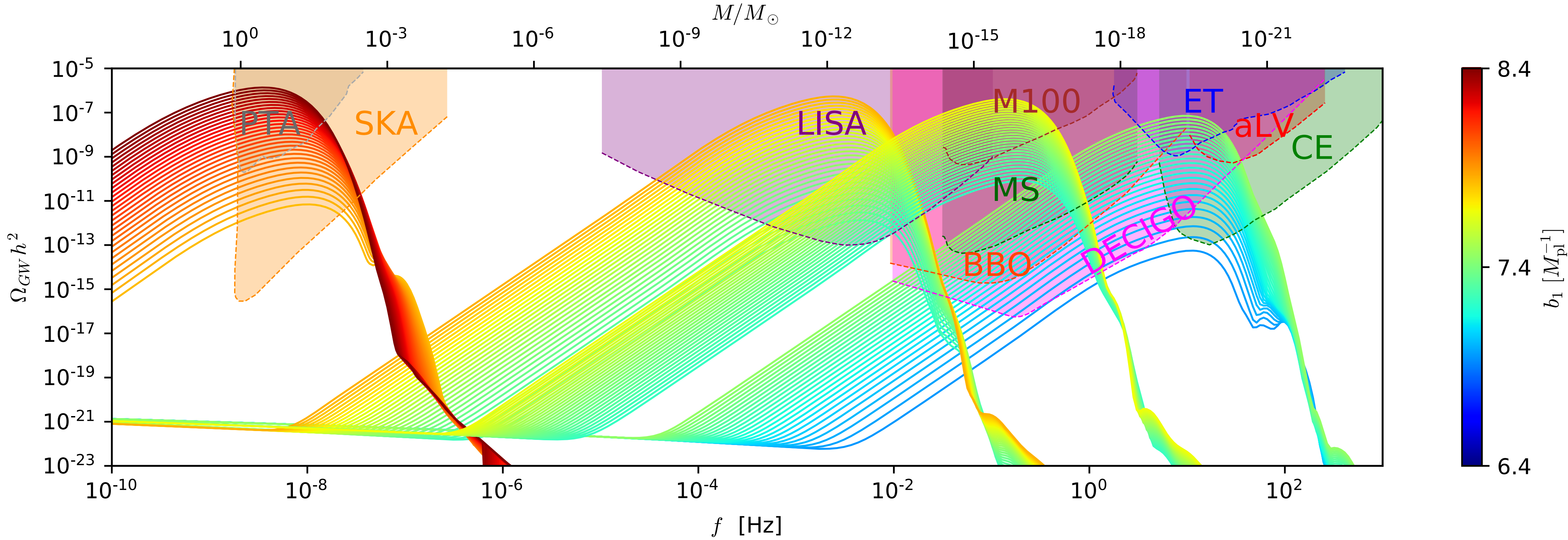
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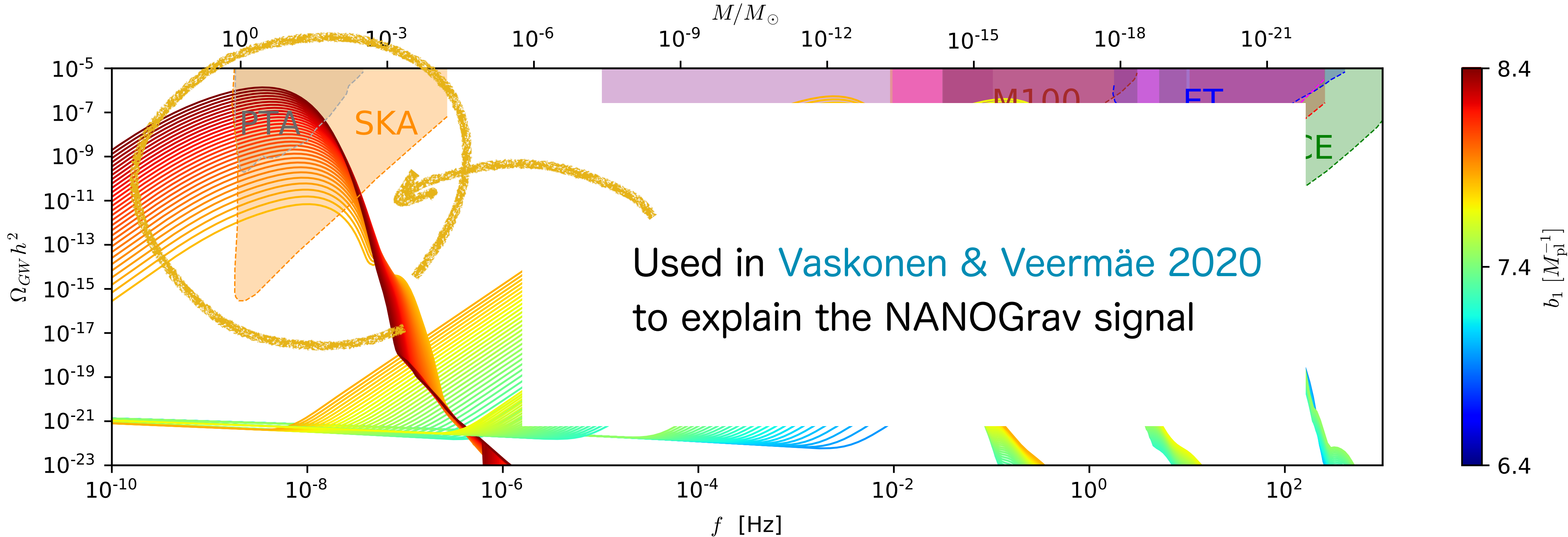
$$T(z) = \frac{9}{z^2} \left[\frac{\sin(z/\sqrt{3})}{z/\sqrt{3}} - \cos(z/\sqrt{3}) \right] \quad \text{Radiation dominated era}$$

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(See talk by Shi Pi for other interpretations)

NANOGrav 12.5-yr result and induced gravitational waves Shi Pi

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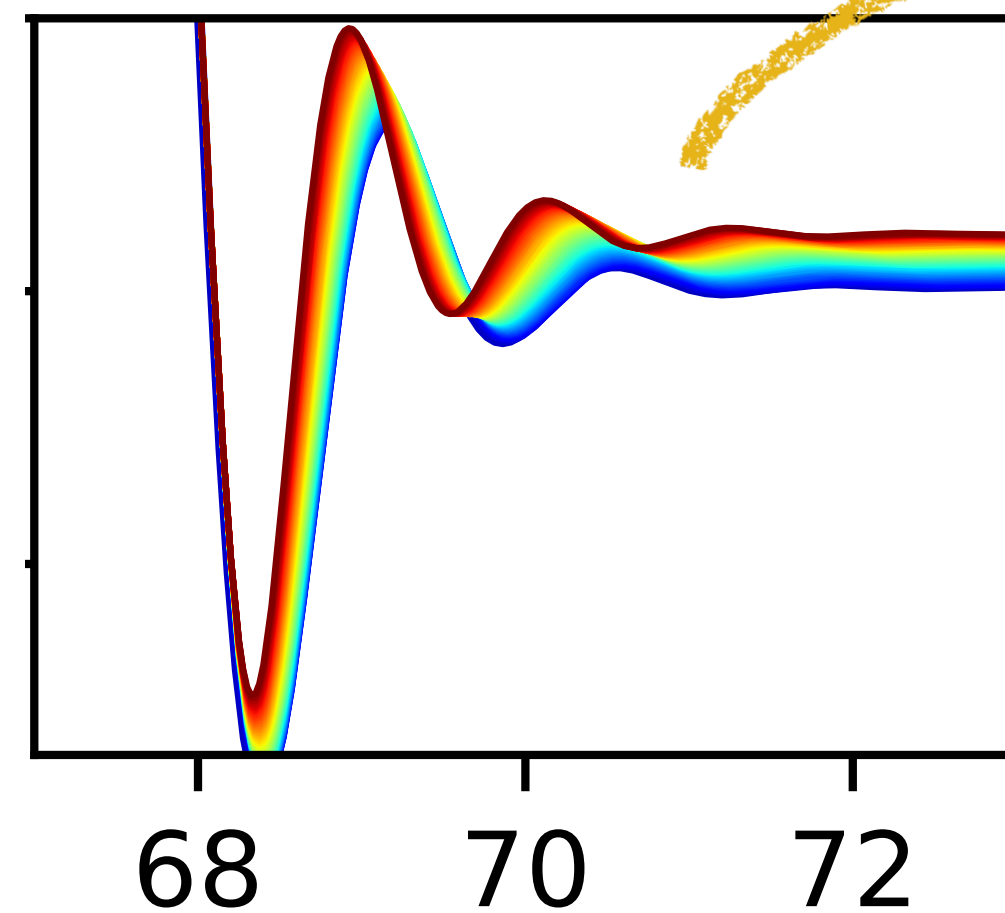
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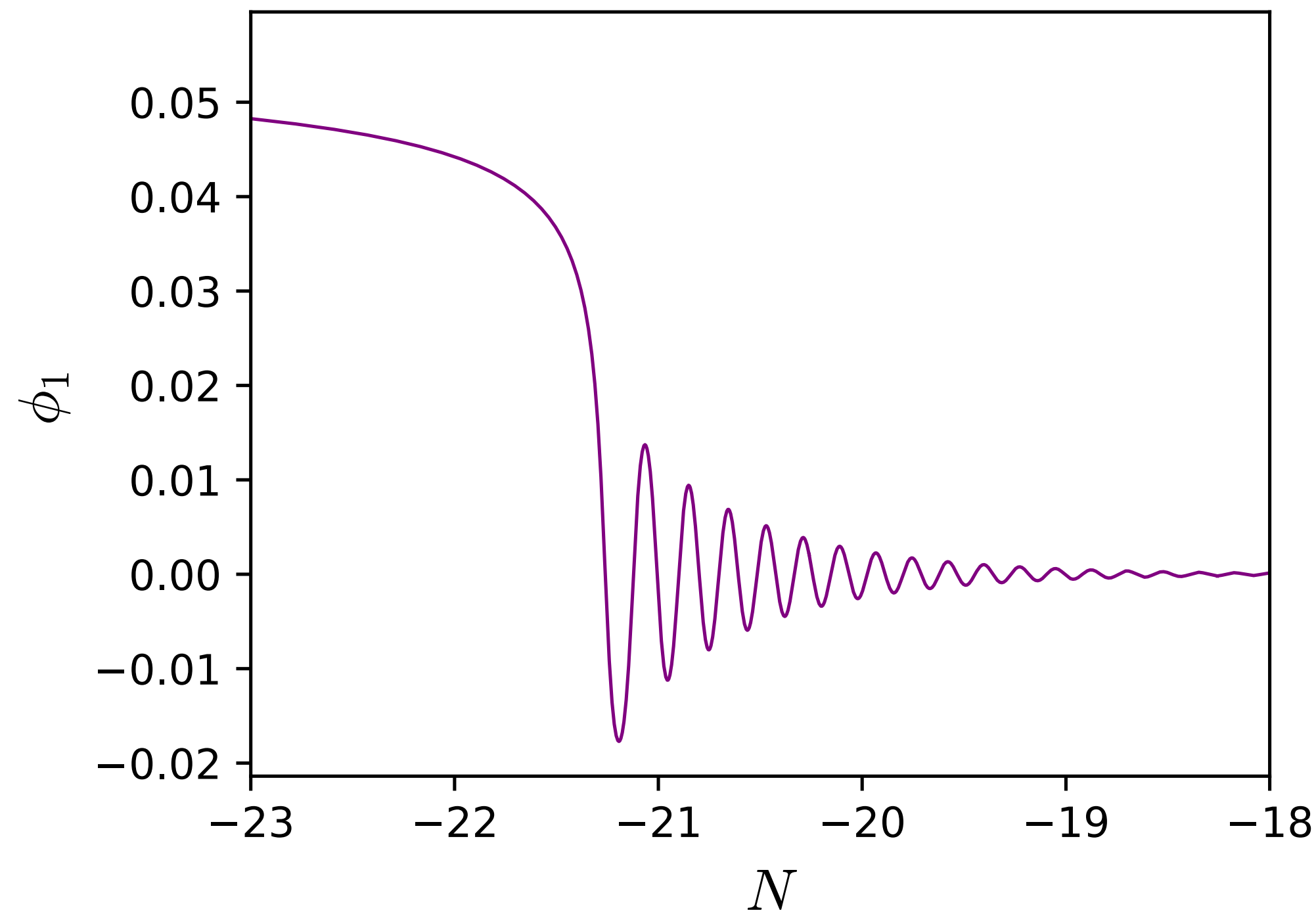
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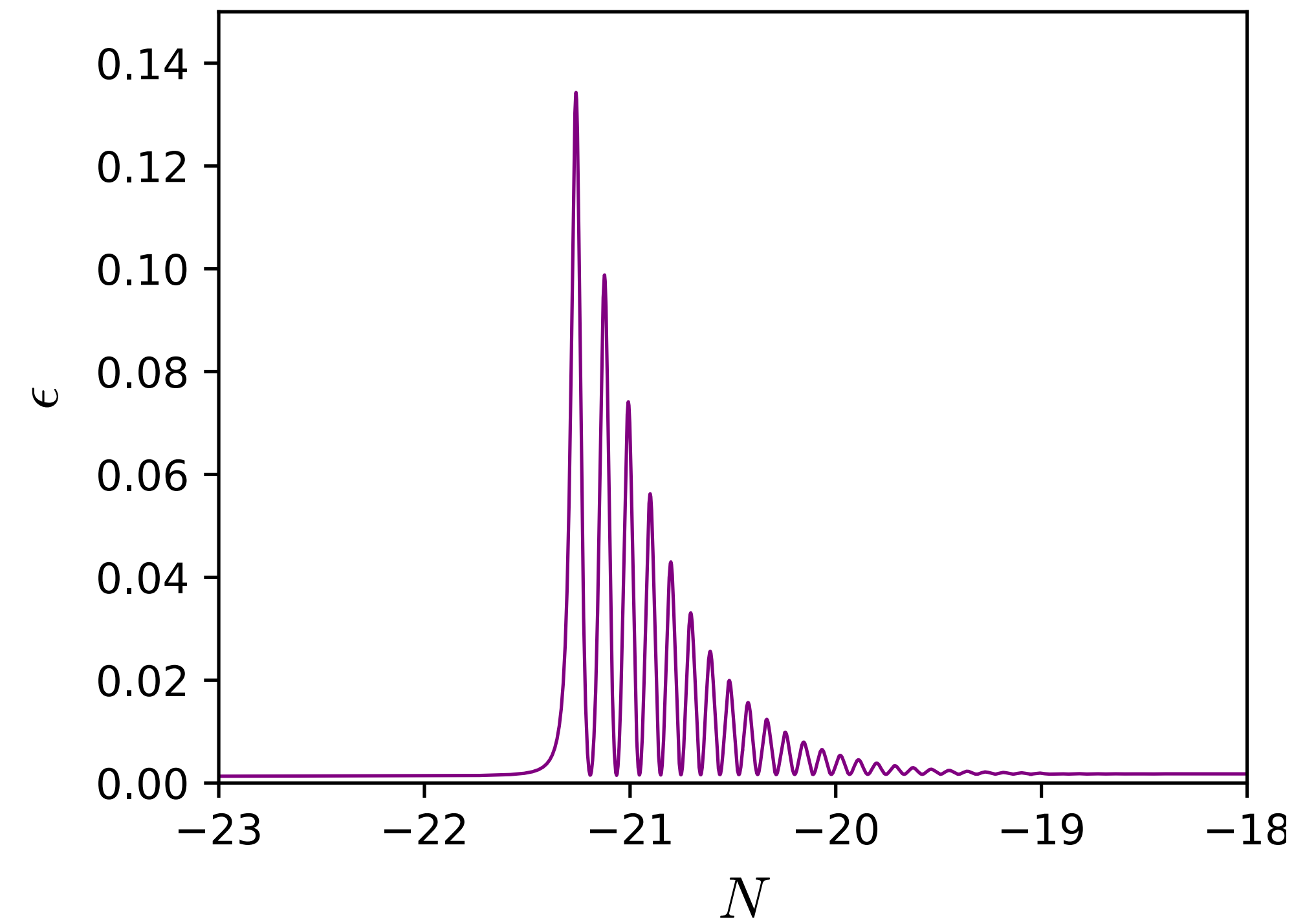
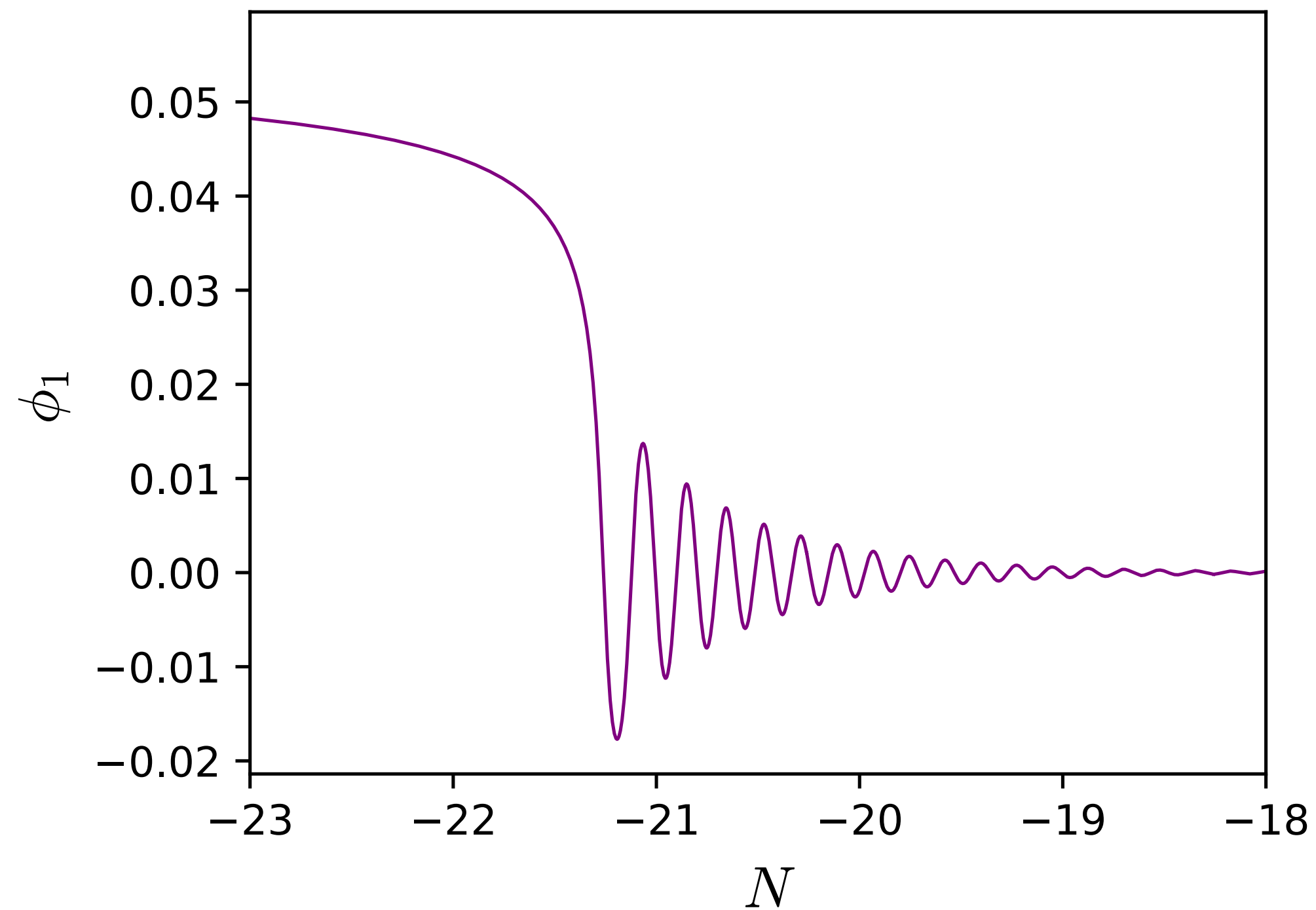
The frequency of the oscillations is proportional to

$$\frac{1}{H} \left. \frac{d^2 V}{d\phi_1^2} \right|_{\phi_1=0} \approx \frac{\sqrt{6C_1}}{\phi_f}$$

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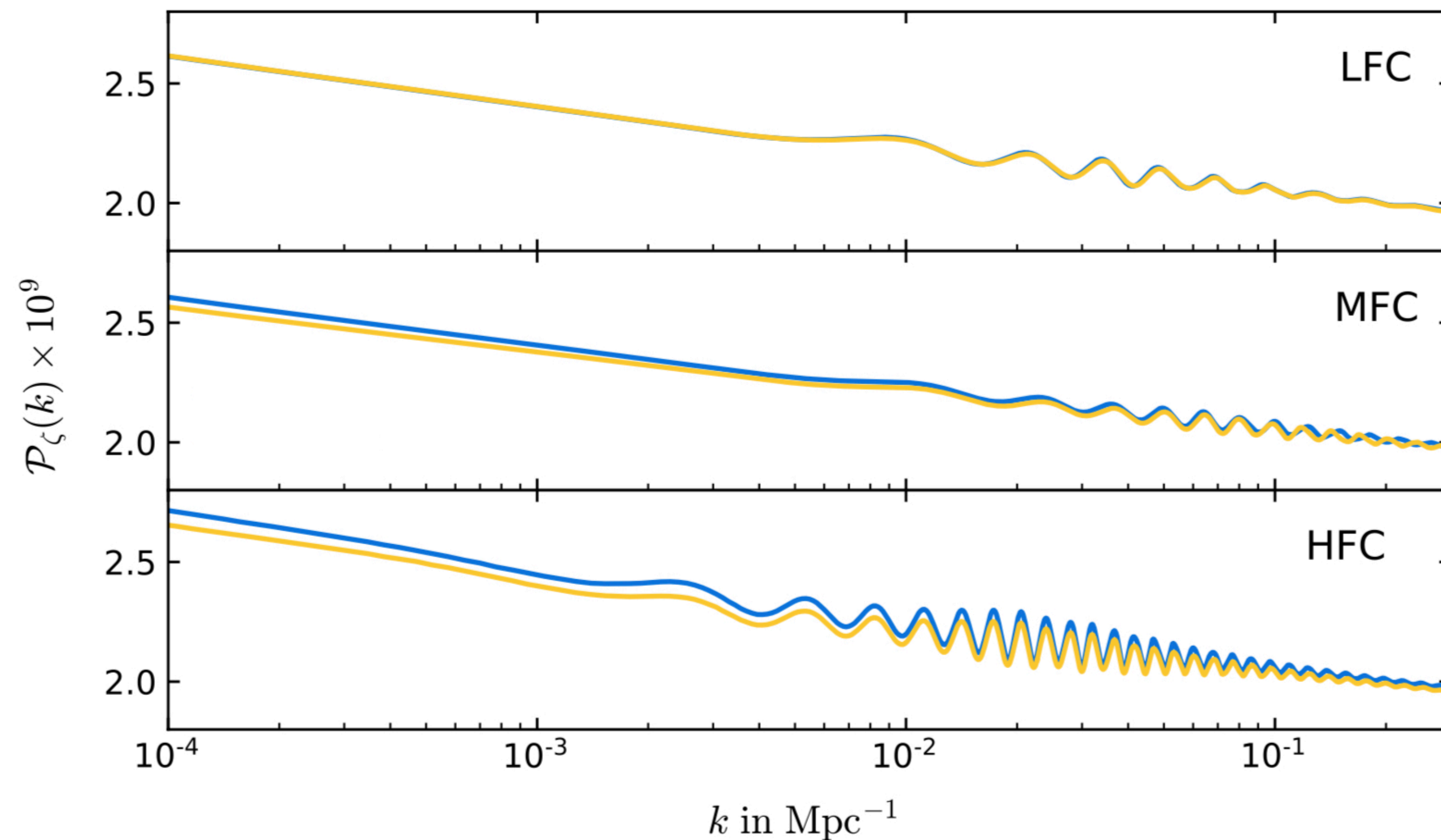
- **Sharp feature signal**: caused by the mechanism exciting the clock field oscillations. Oscillatory modulation of the PPS with sinusoidal dependence on the wavenumber.
- **Resonance feature signal**: generated by the classical oscillations of the massive clock field. Oscillatory modulation of the PPS with sinusoidal dependence on the logarithm of the wavenumber

(See also talk by Lukas)

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Plot from MB, Chen, Hazra 2021

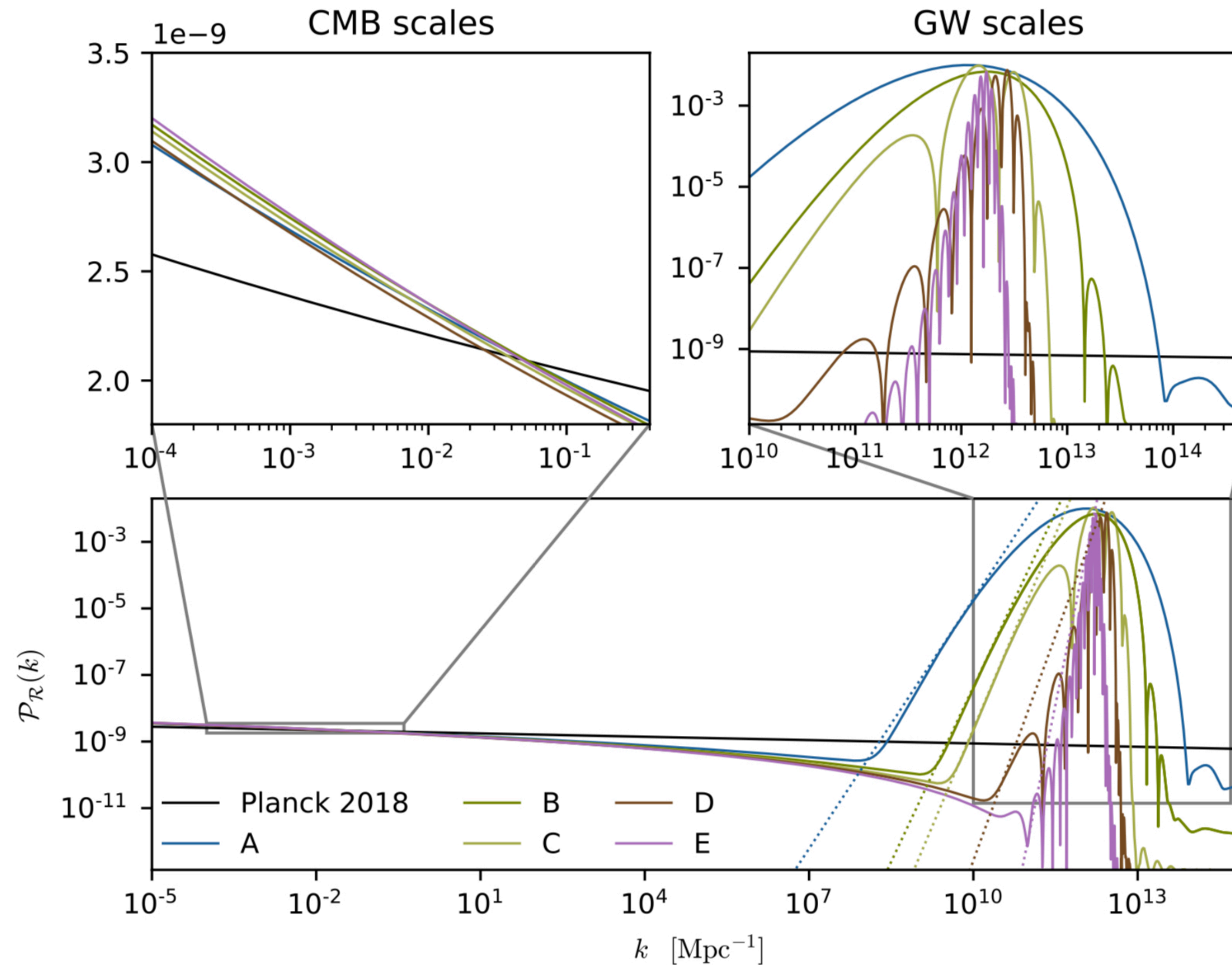
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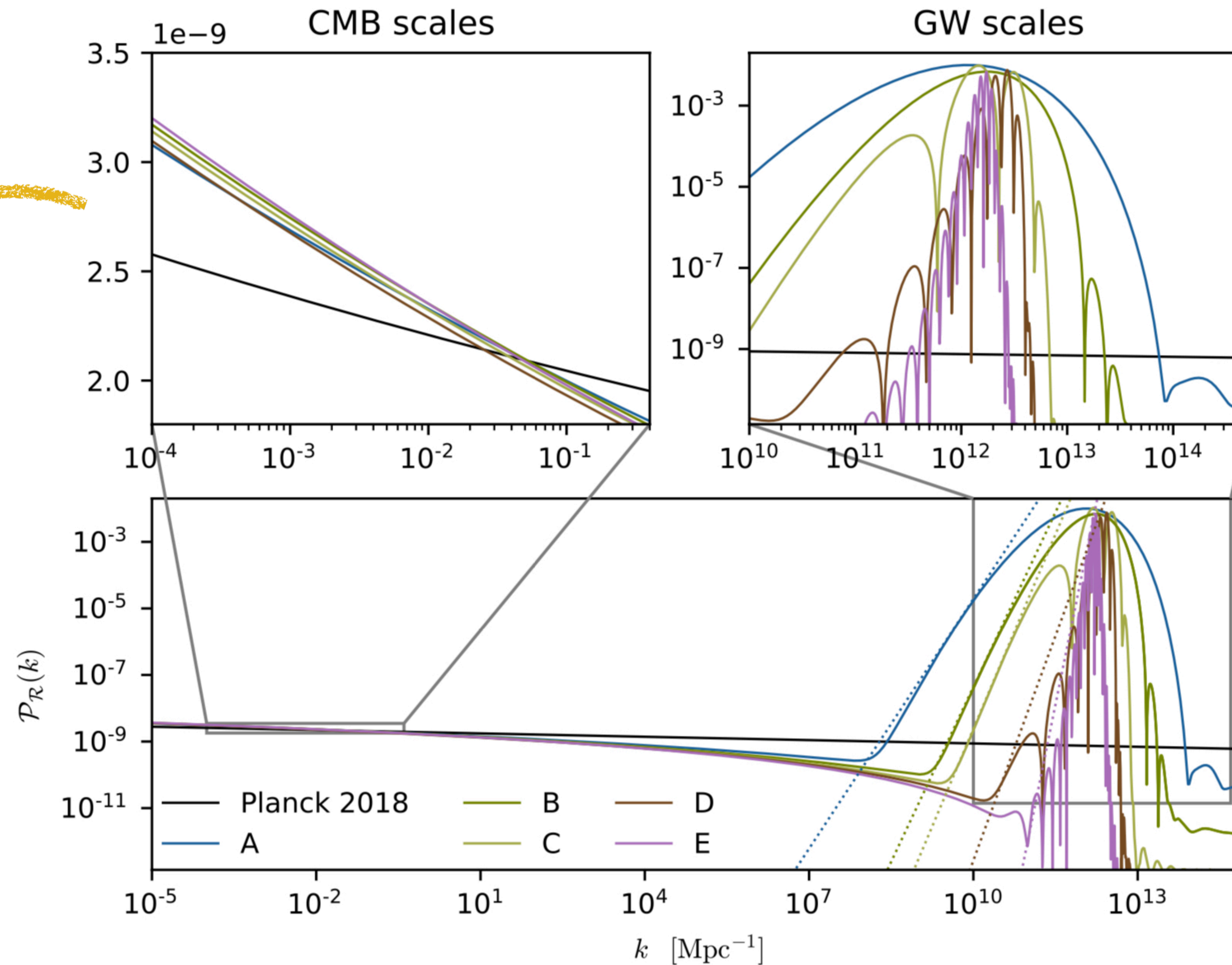
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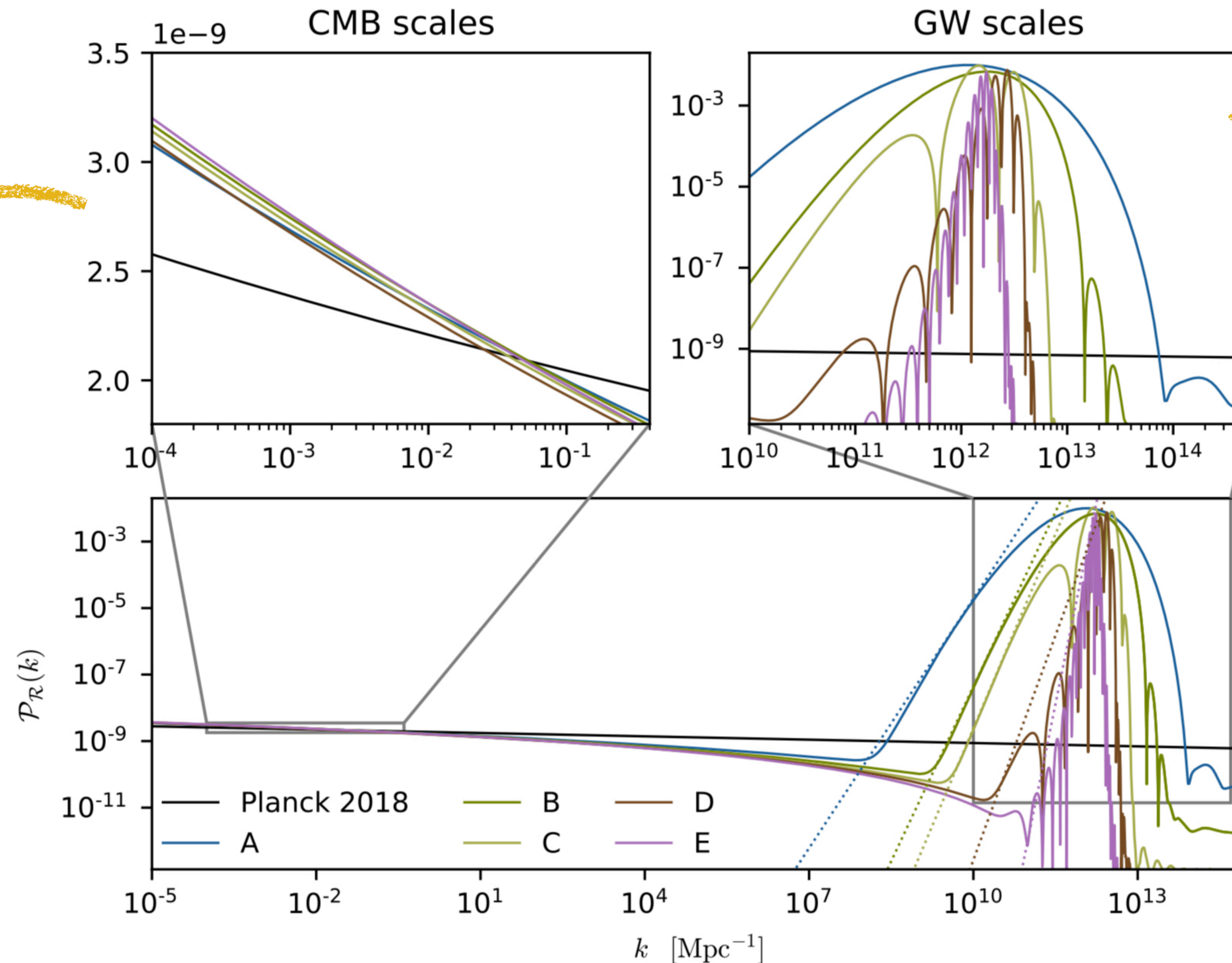
Some tension with Planck



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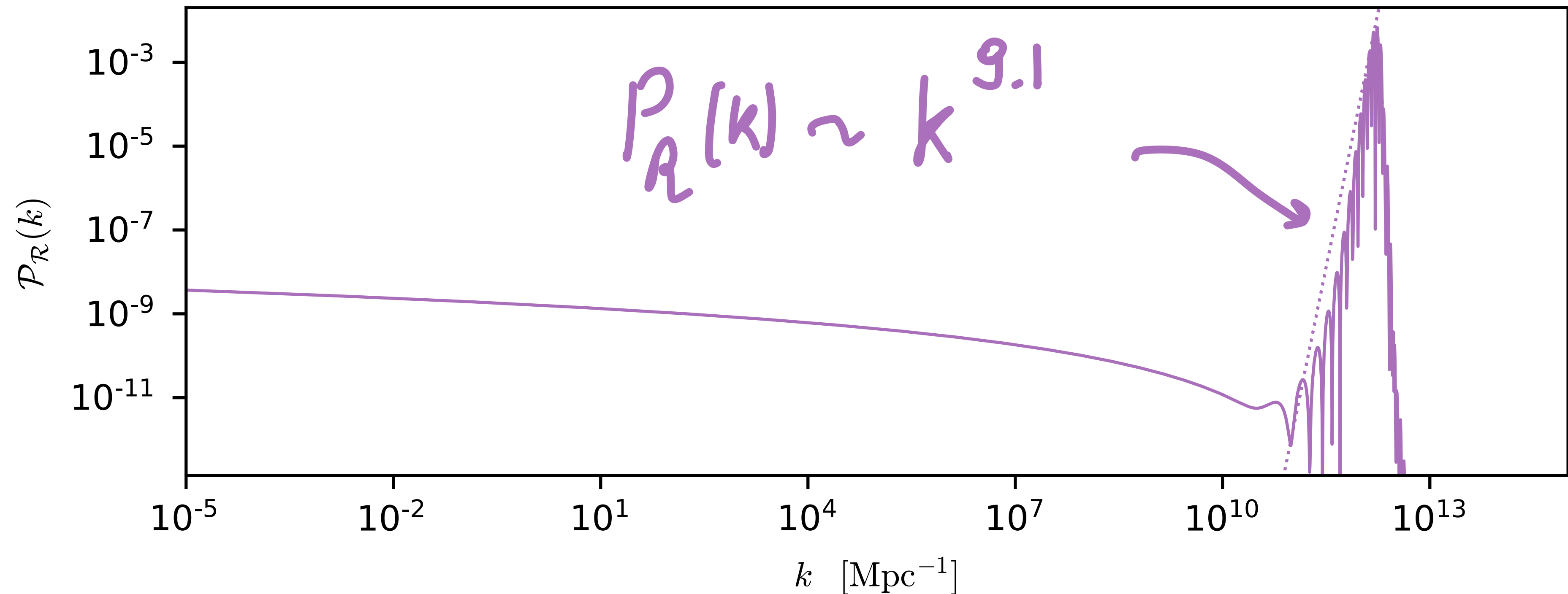
Increasing m_{ϕ_1}/H the peak becomes more narrow and shows oscillations

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Models of the primordial standard clock (1)

The PPS can grow faster than in single field inflation for which the steepest possible growth is k^4

Byrnes, Cole, Patil 2018
Carrilho, Malik, Mulryne 2019,
Özsoy, Tasinato 2019,
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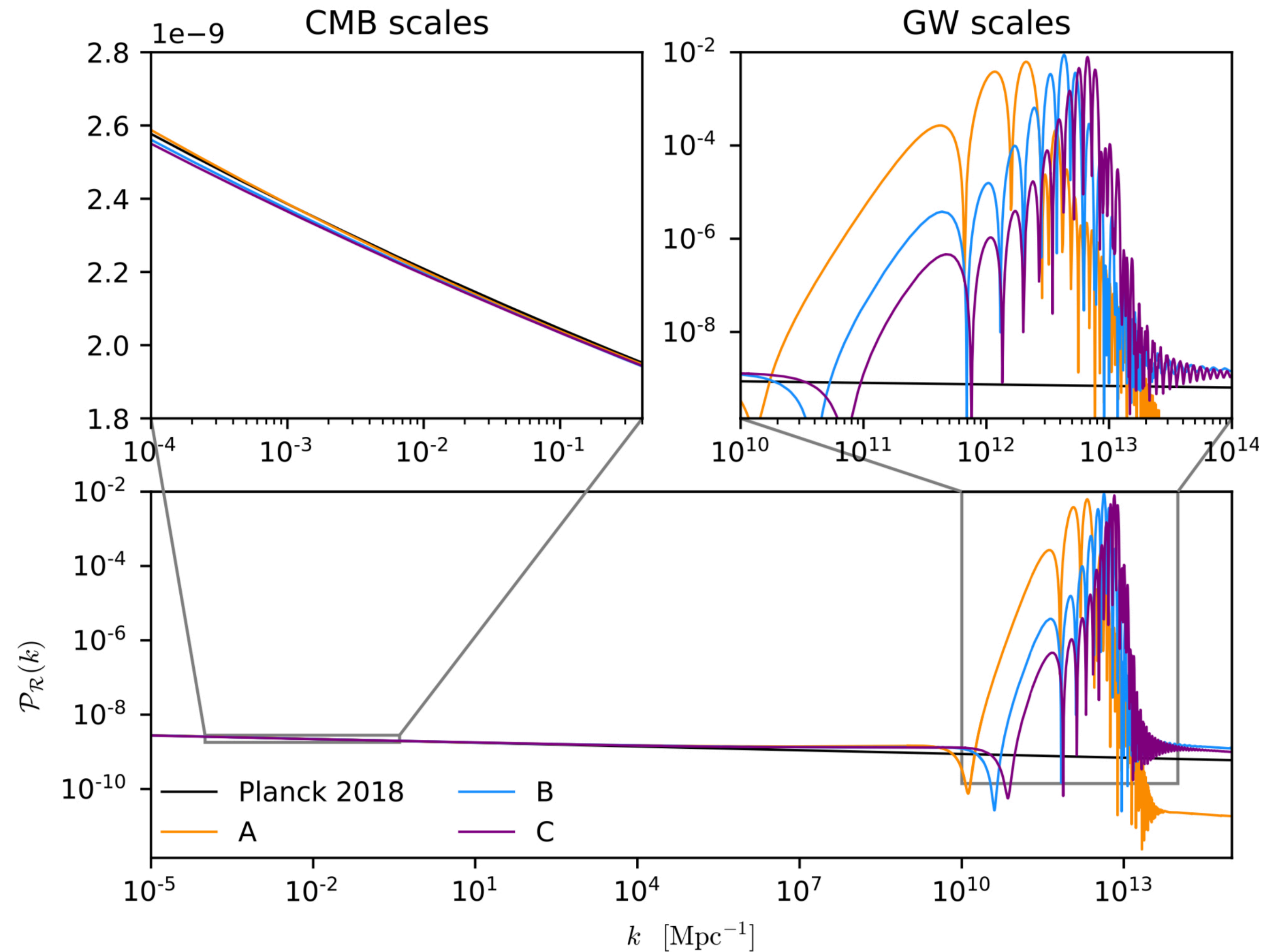
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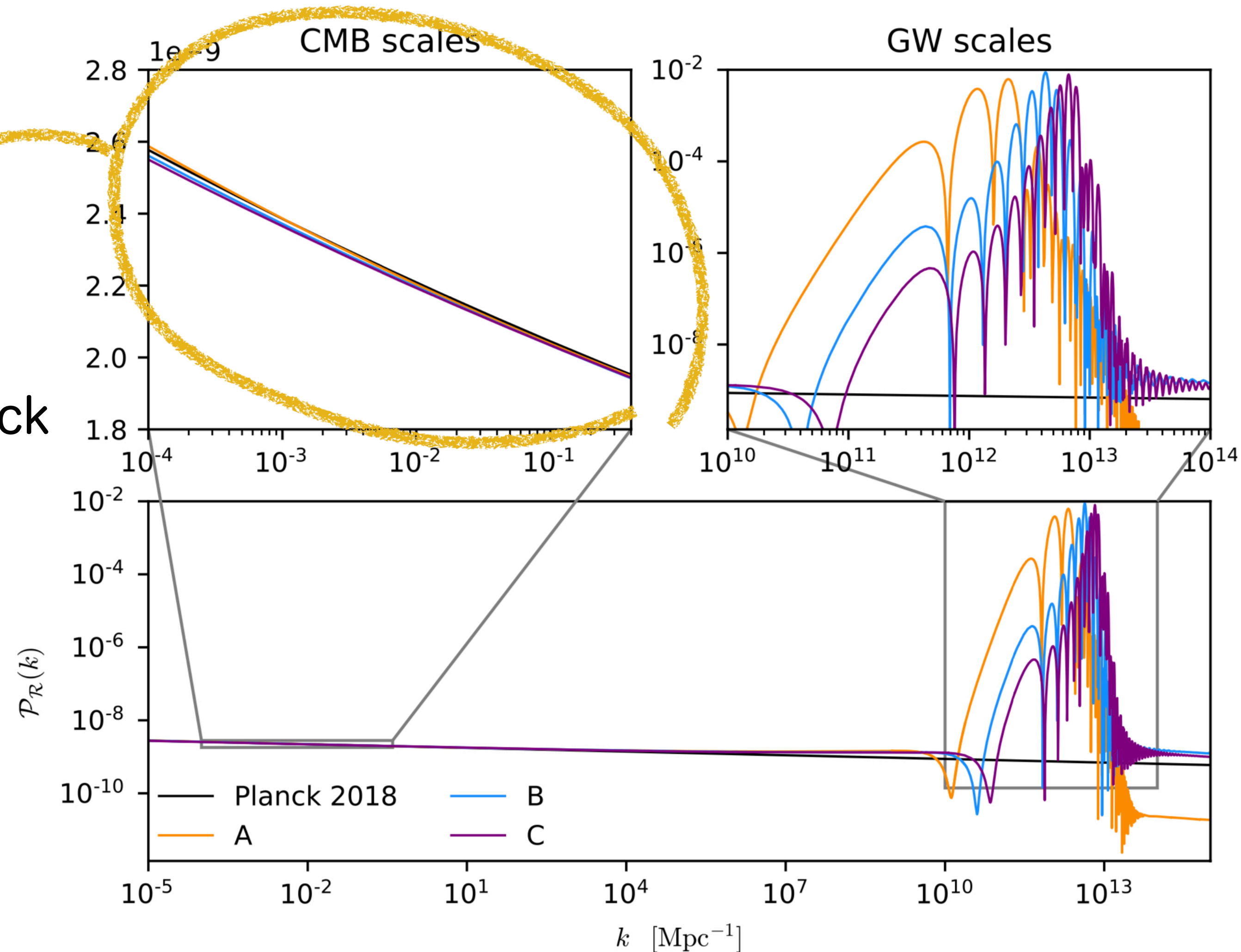
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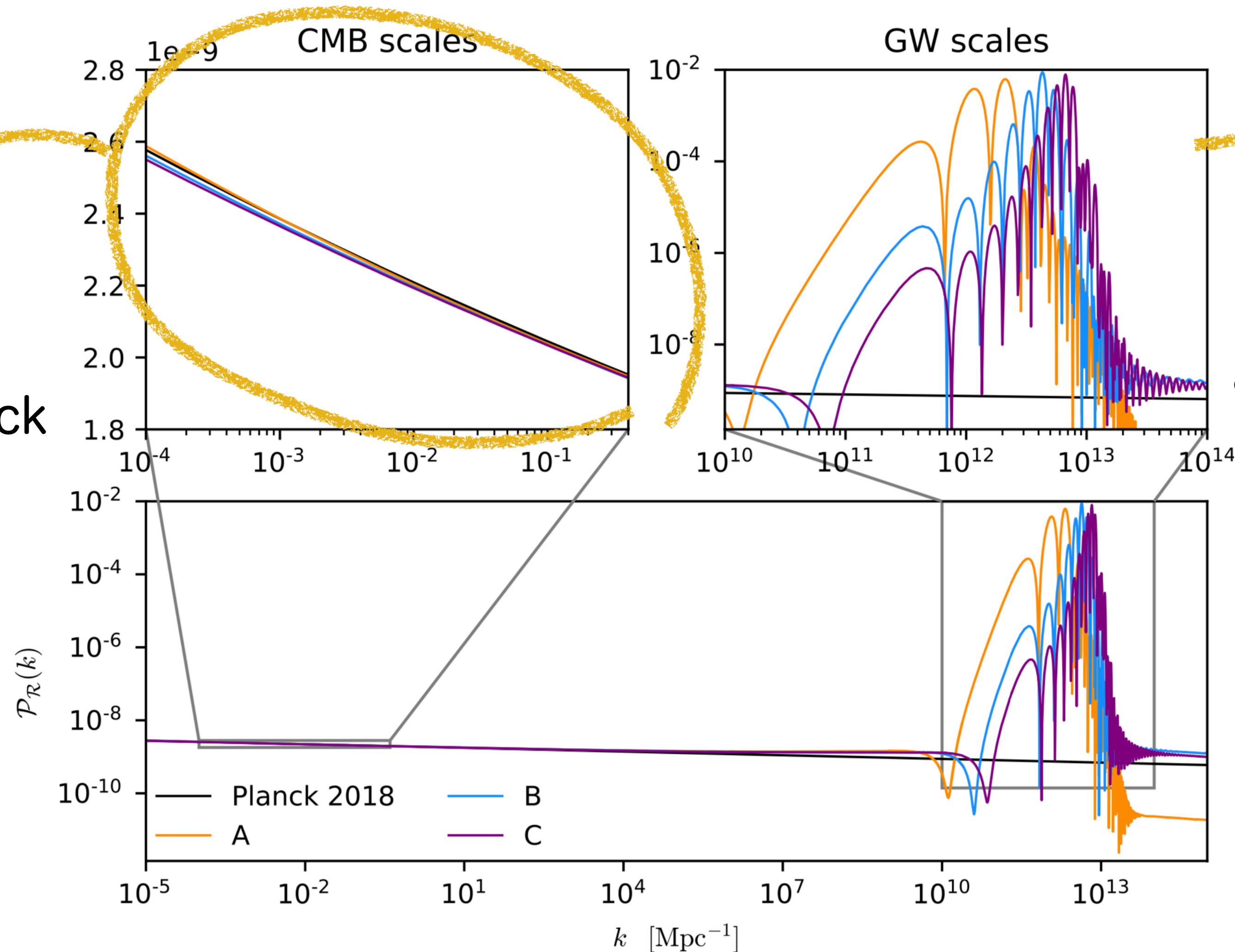
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Different pattern of oscillations before and around/after the peak. Mixture of sinusoidal and logarithmic oscillations.

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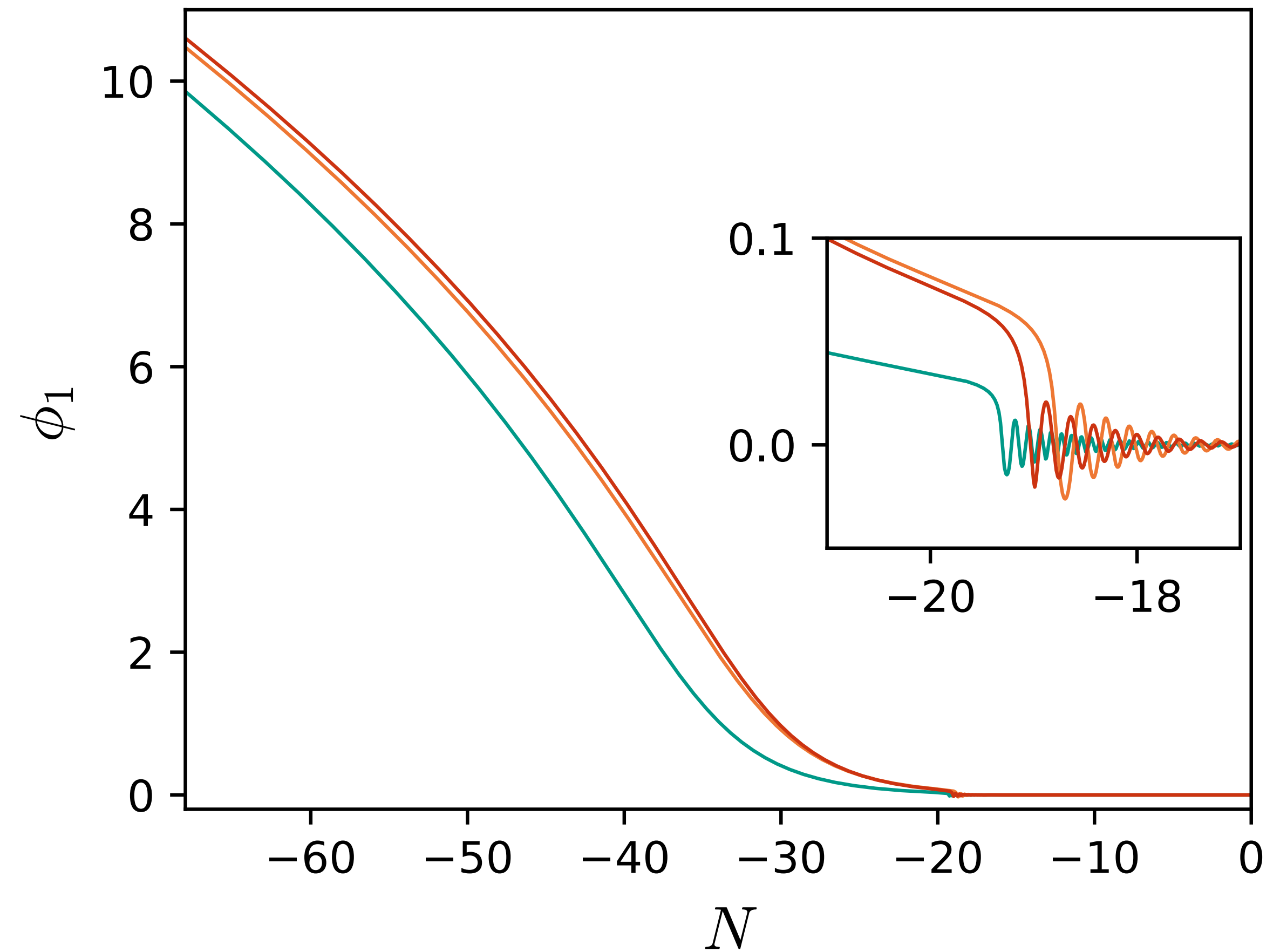
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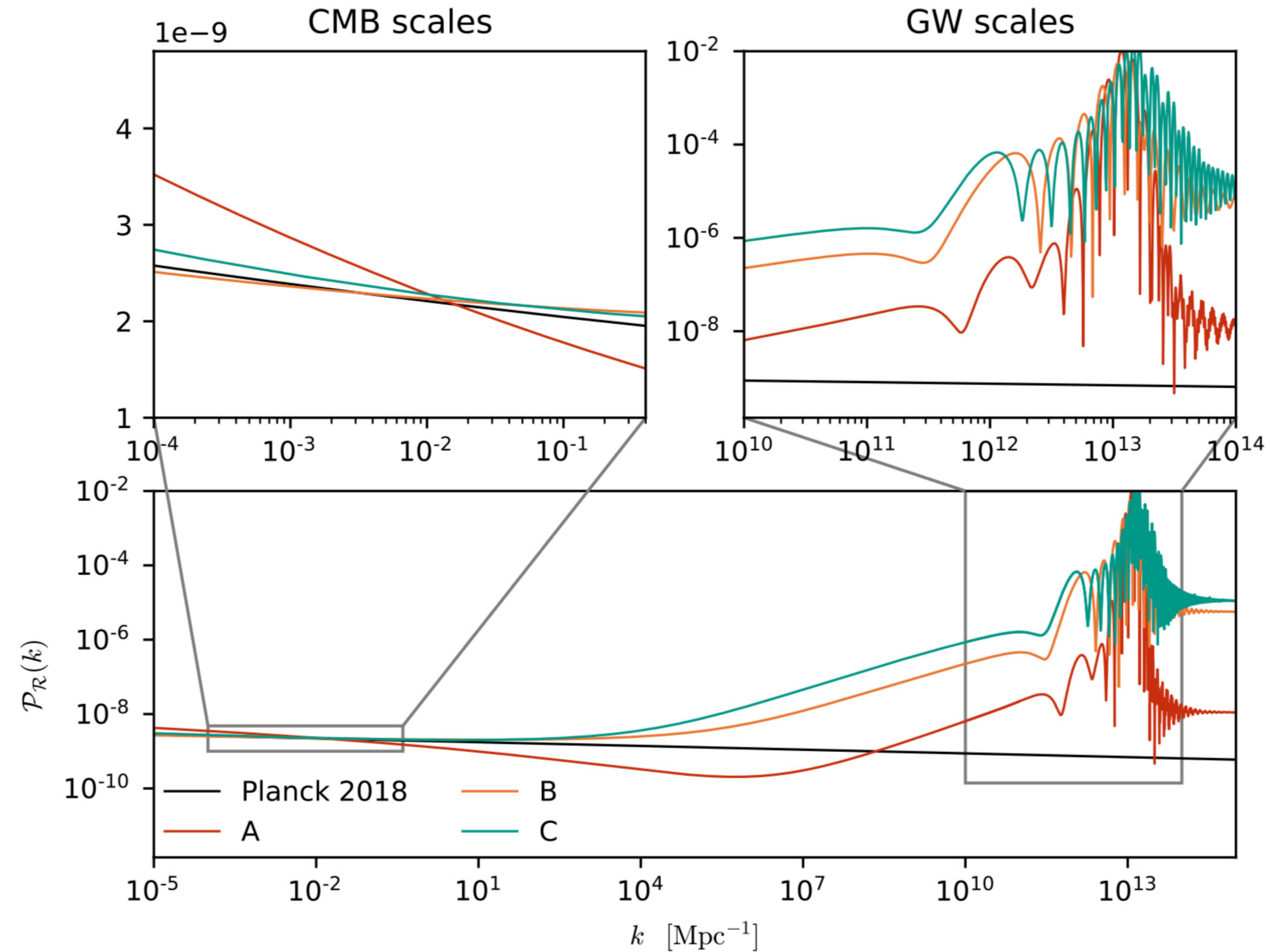
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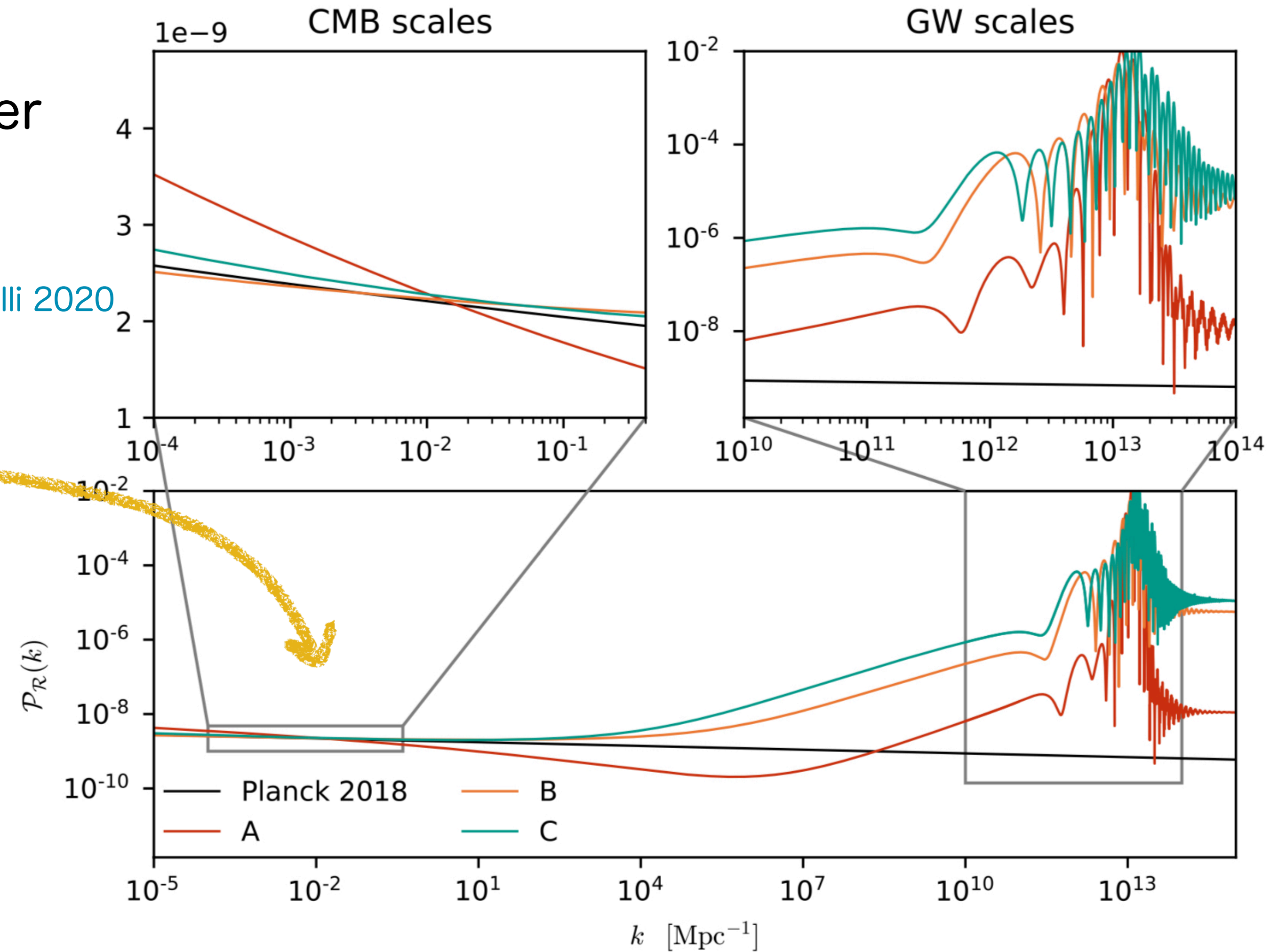
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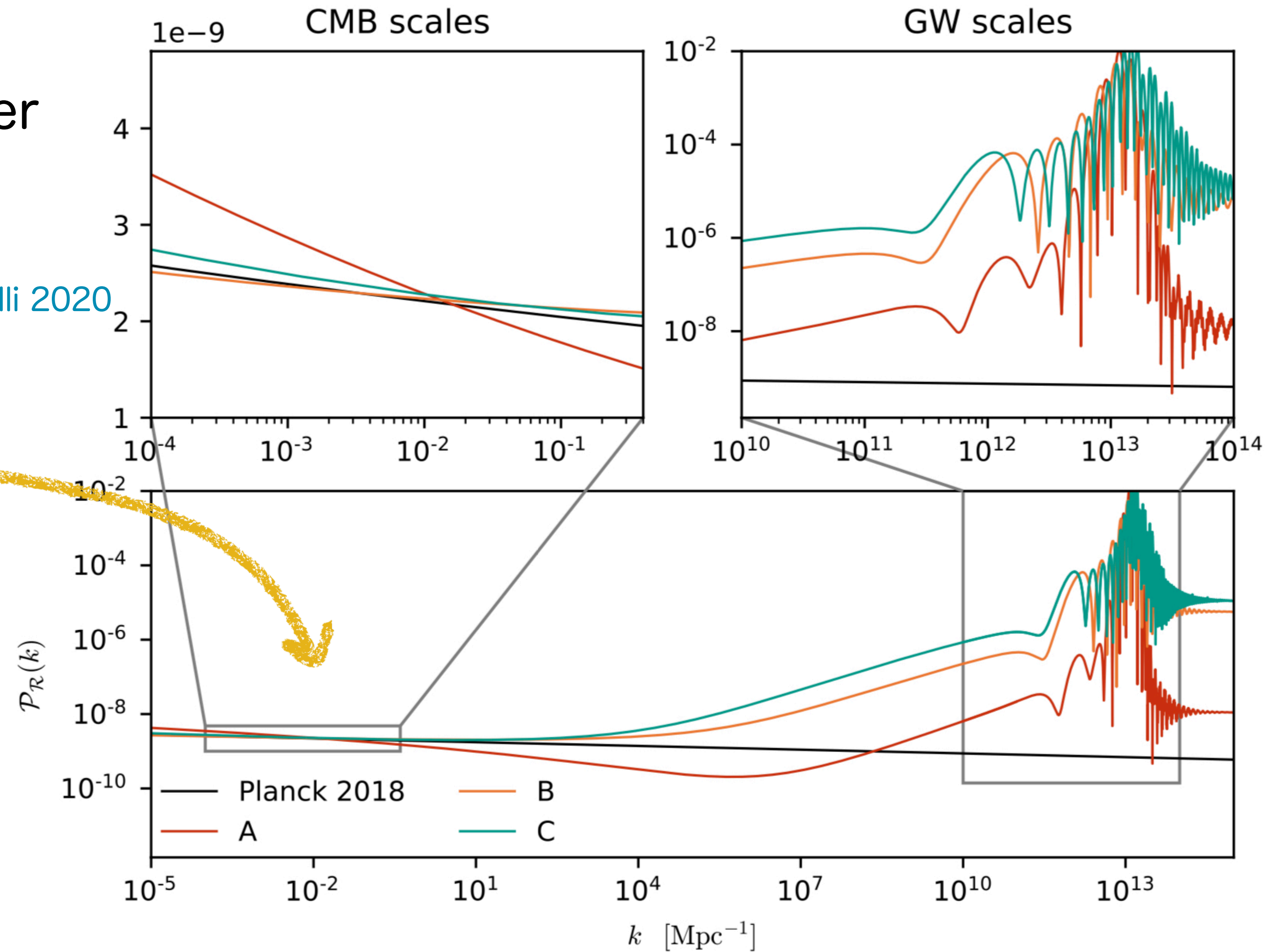
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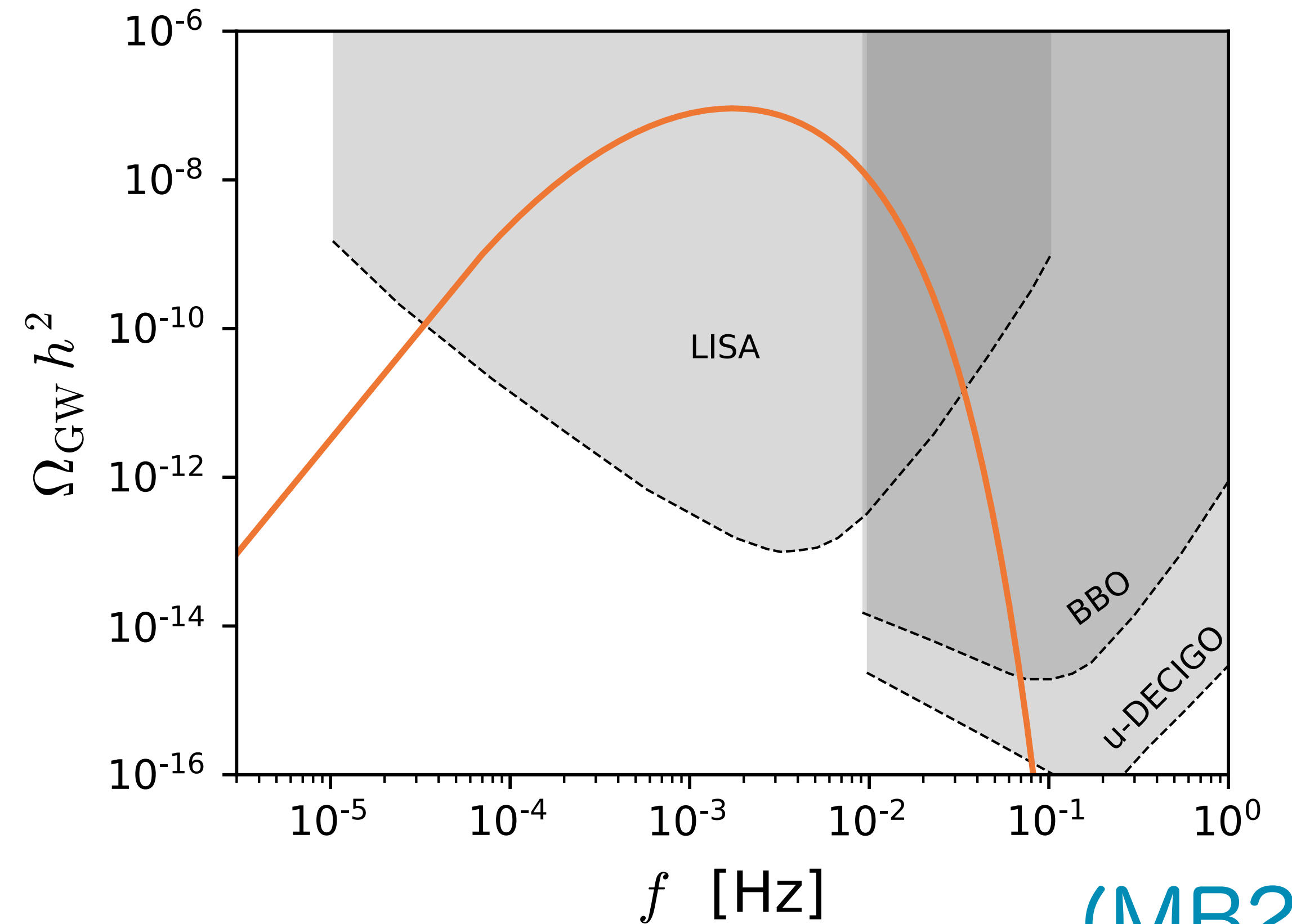
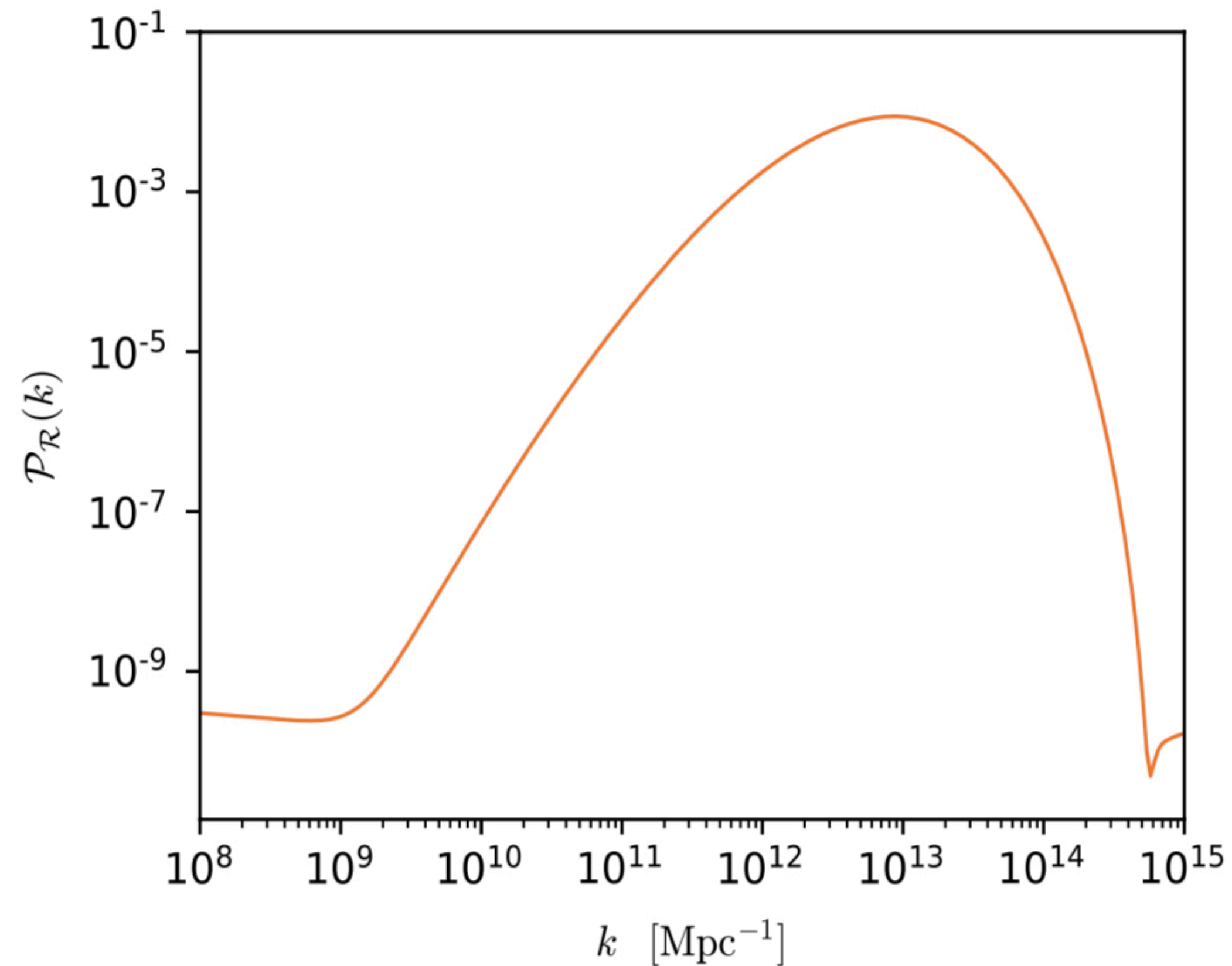
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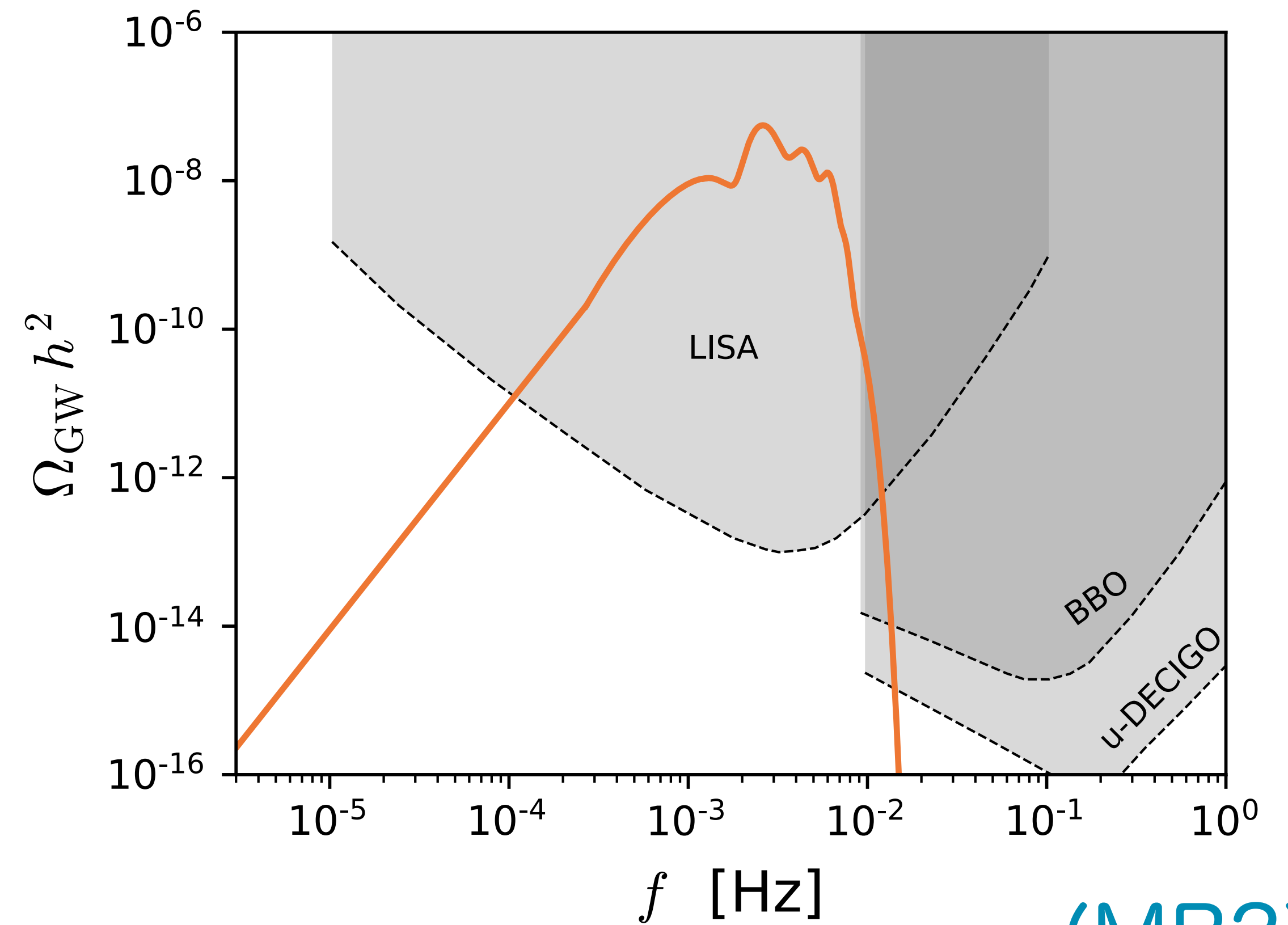
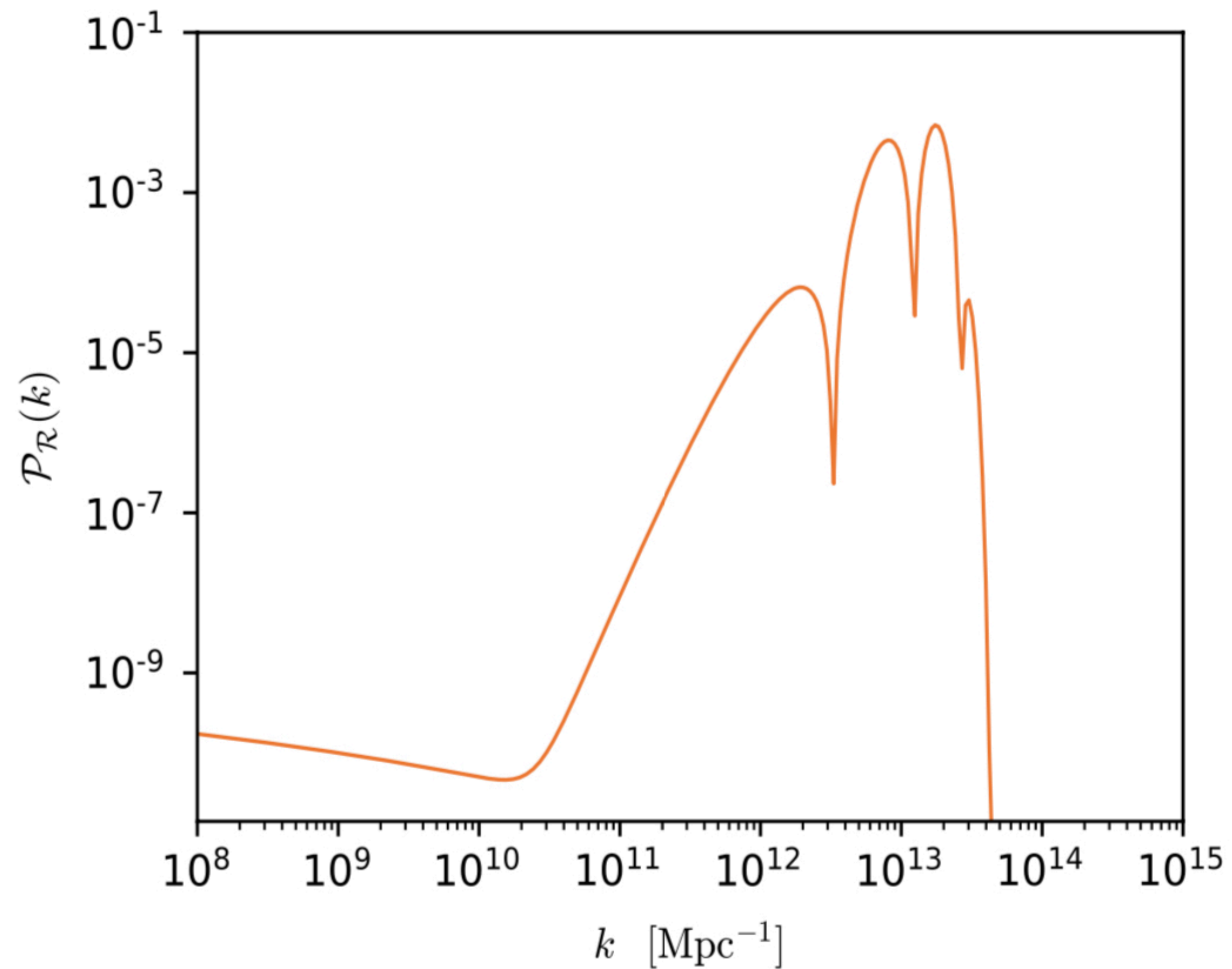
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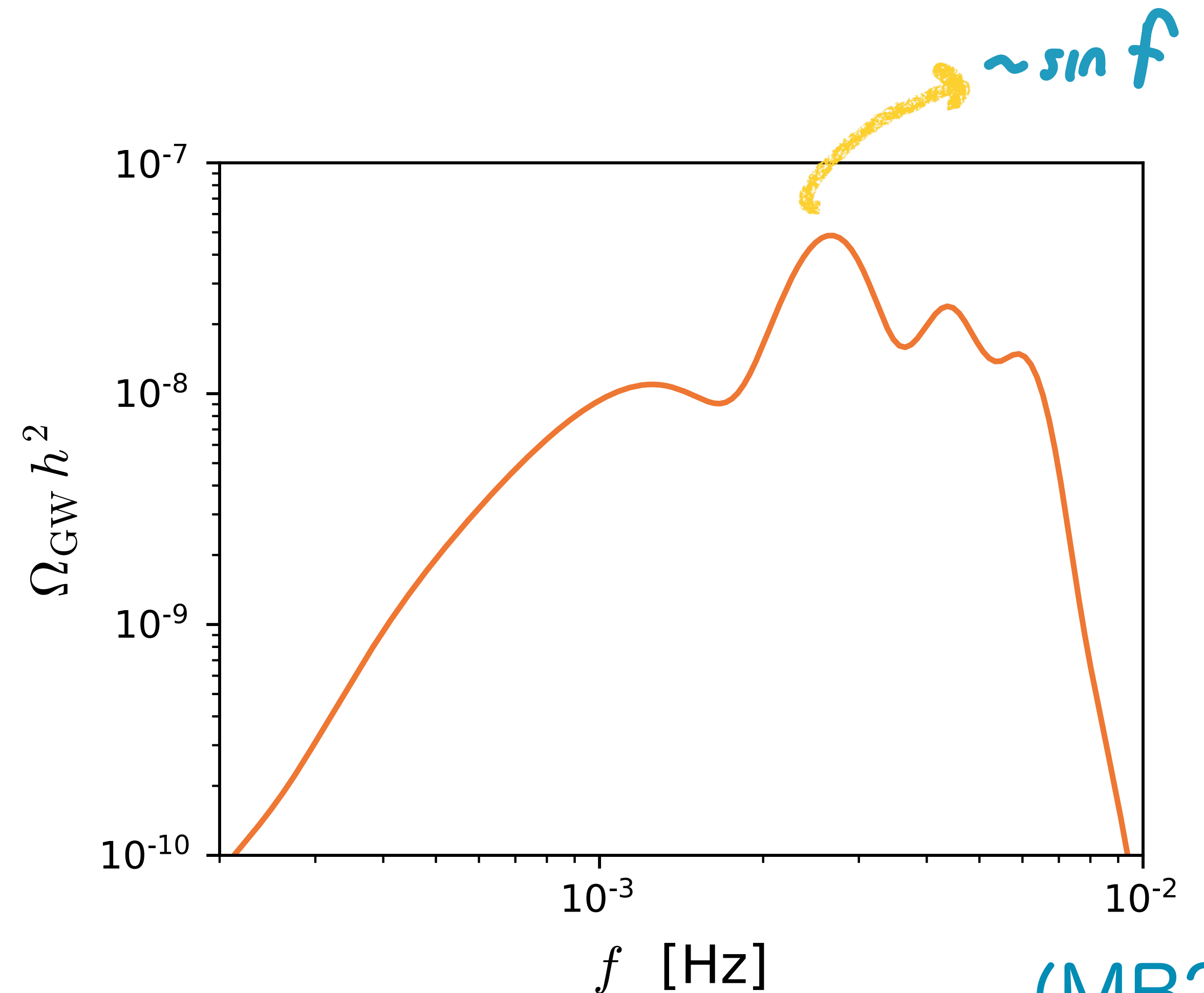
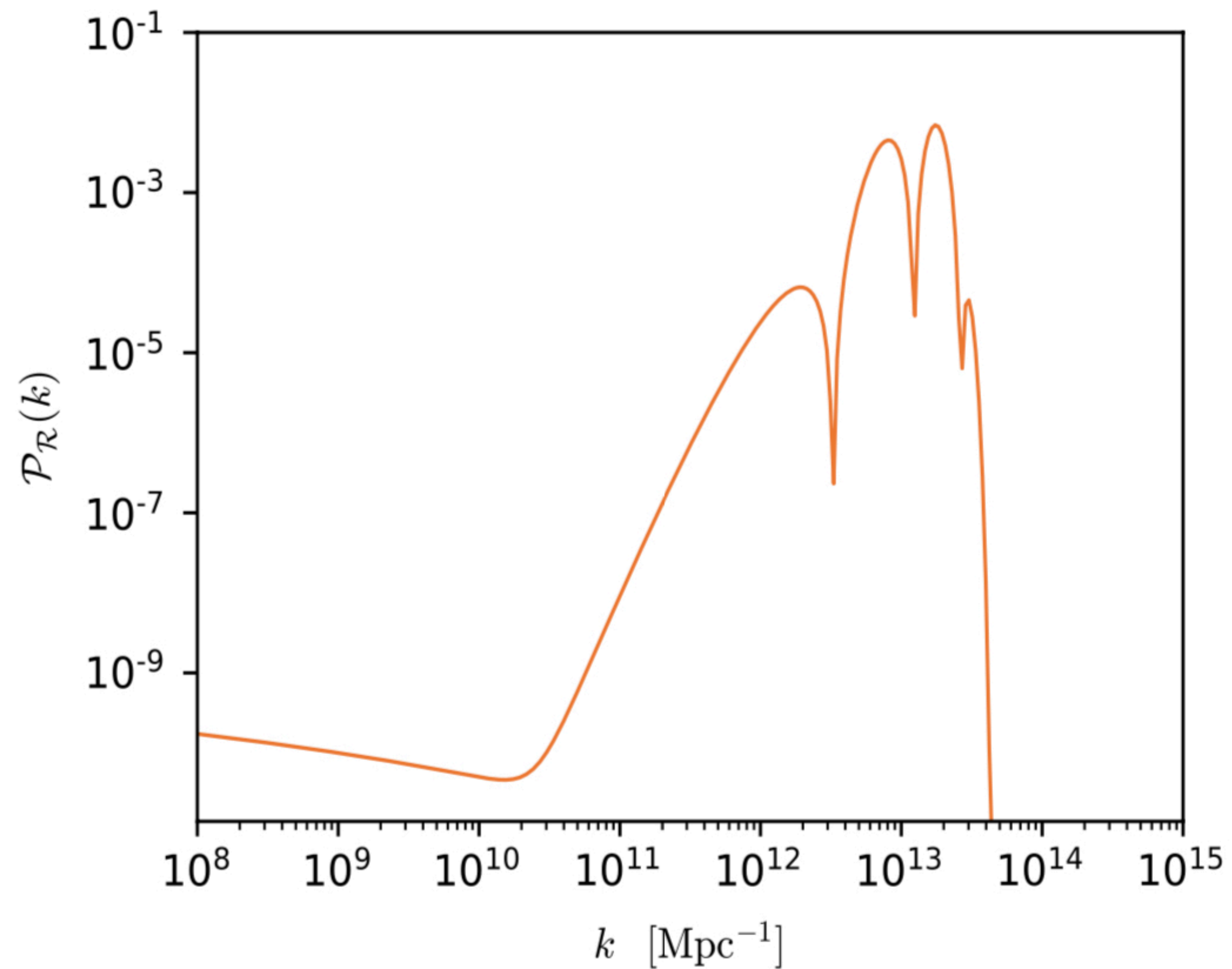
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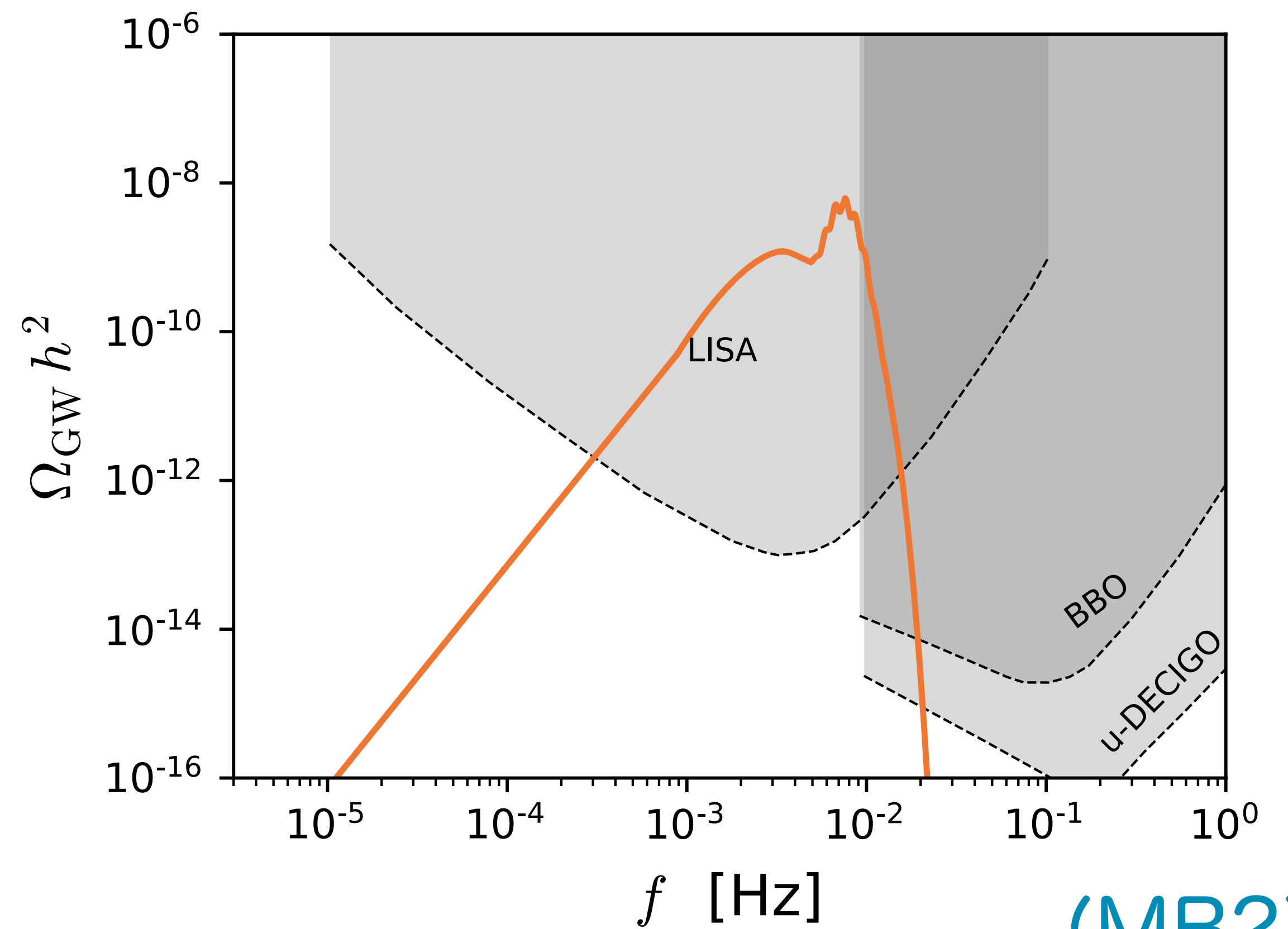
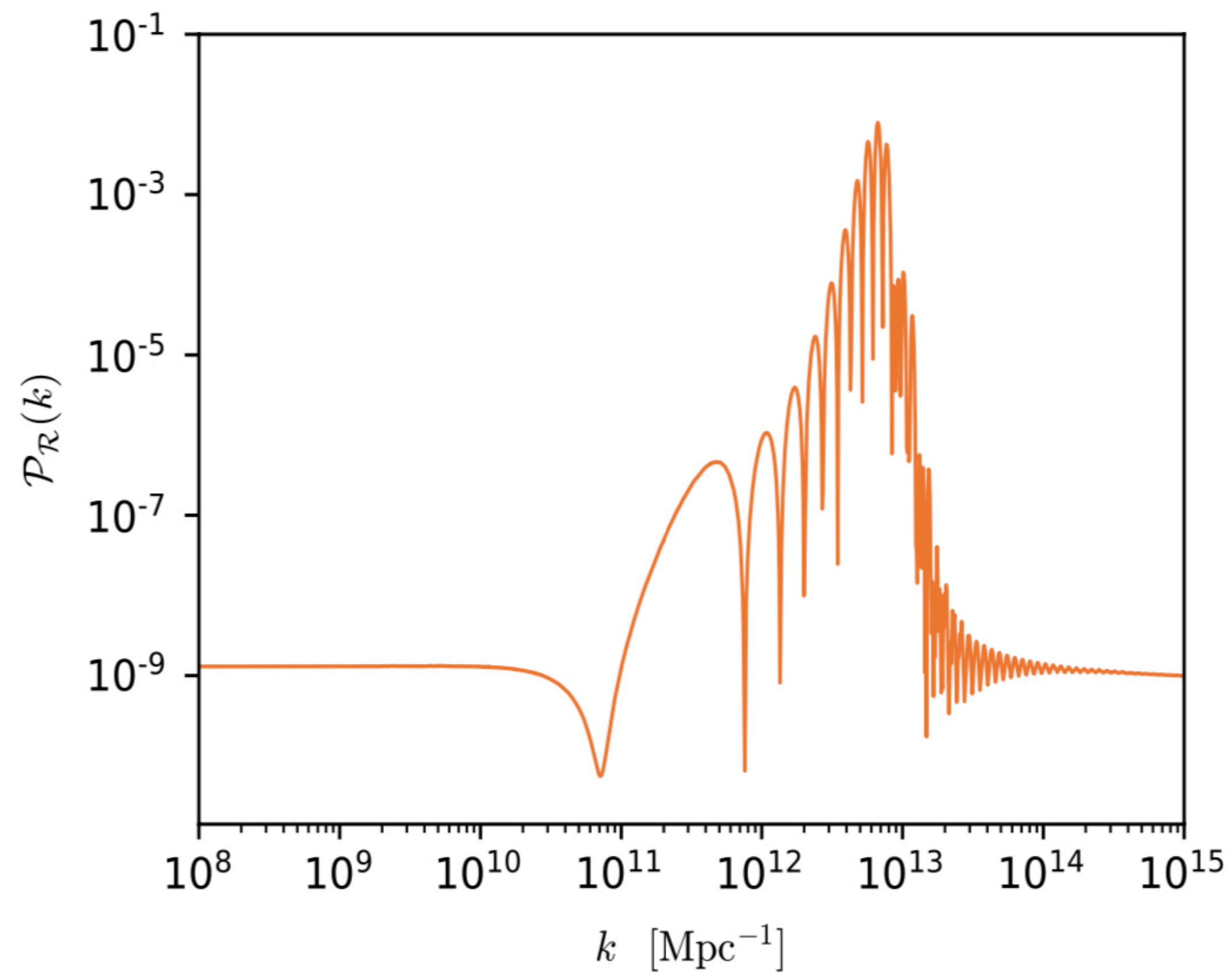
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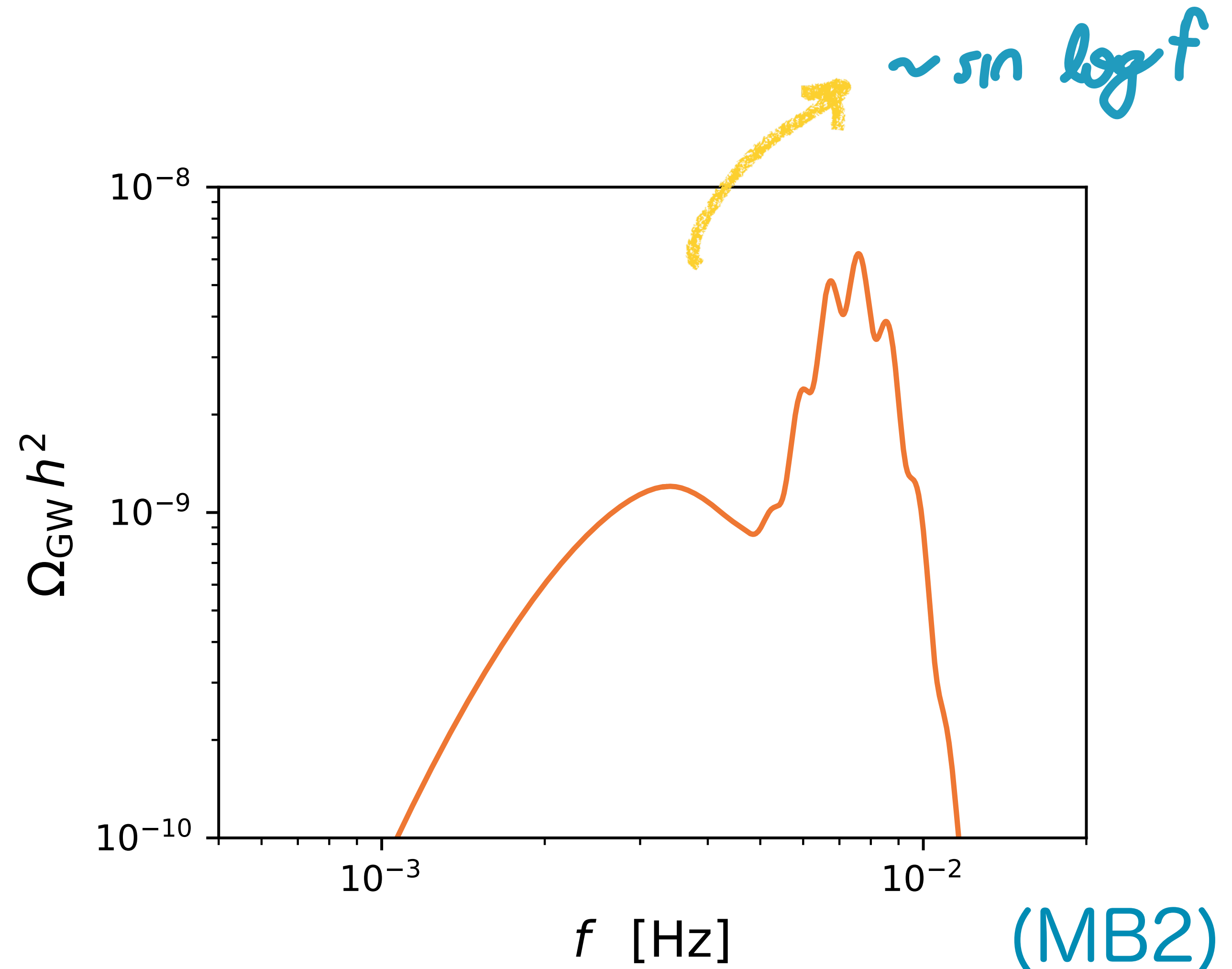
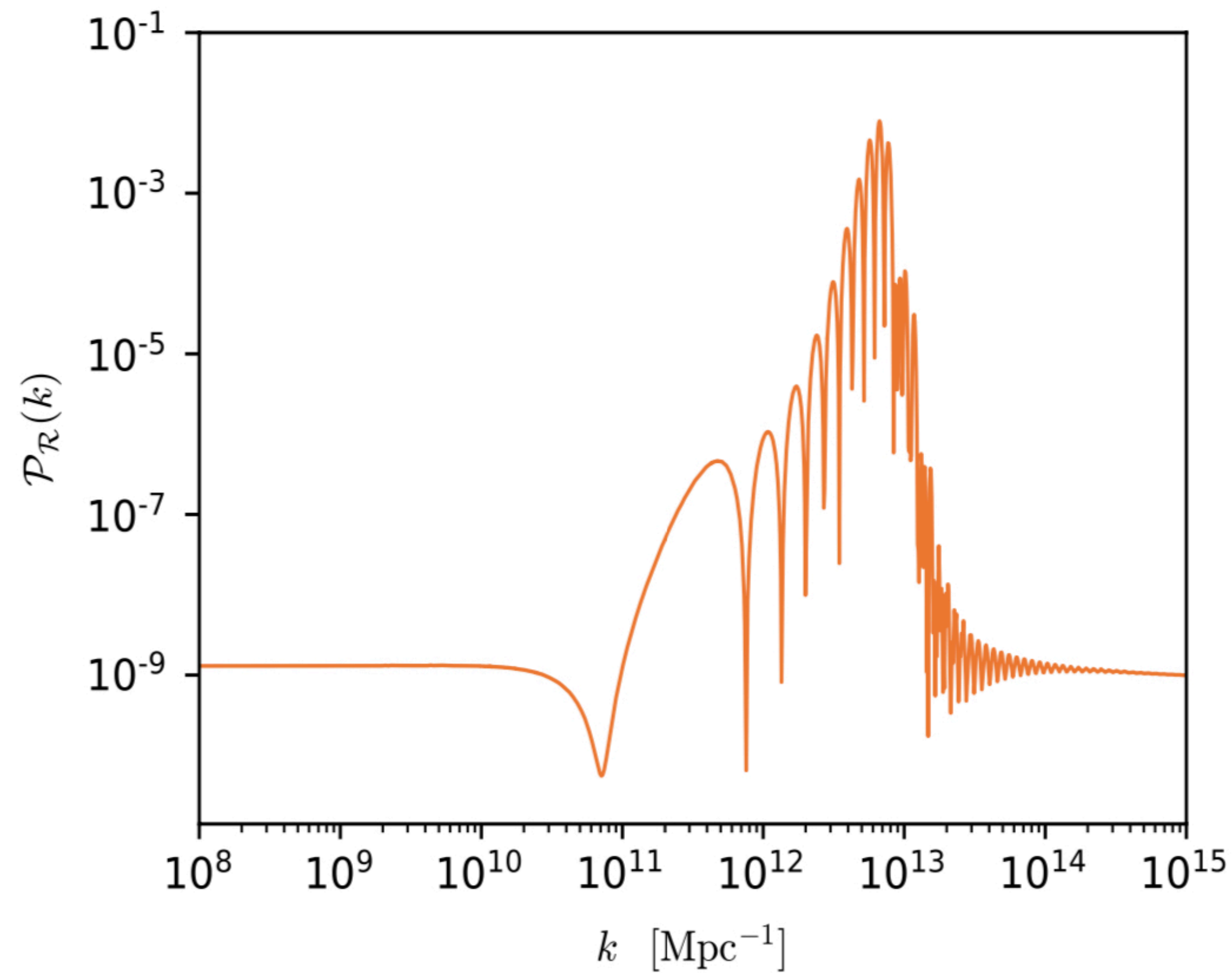
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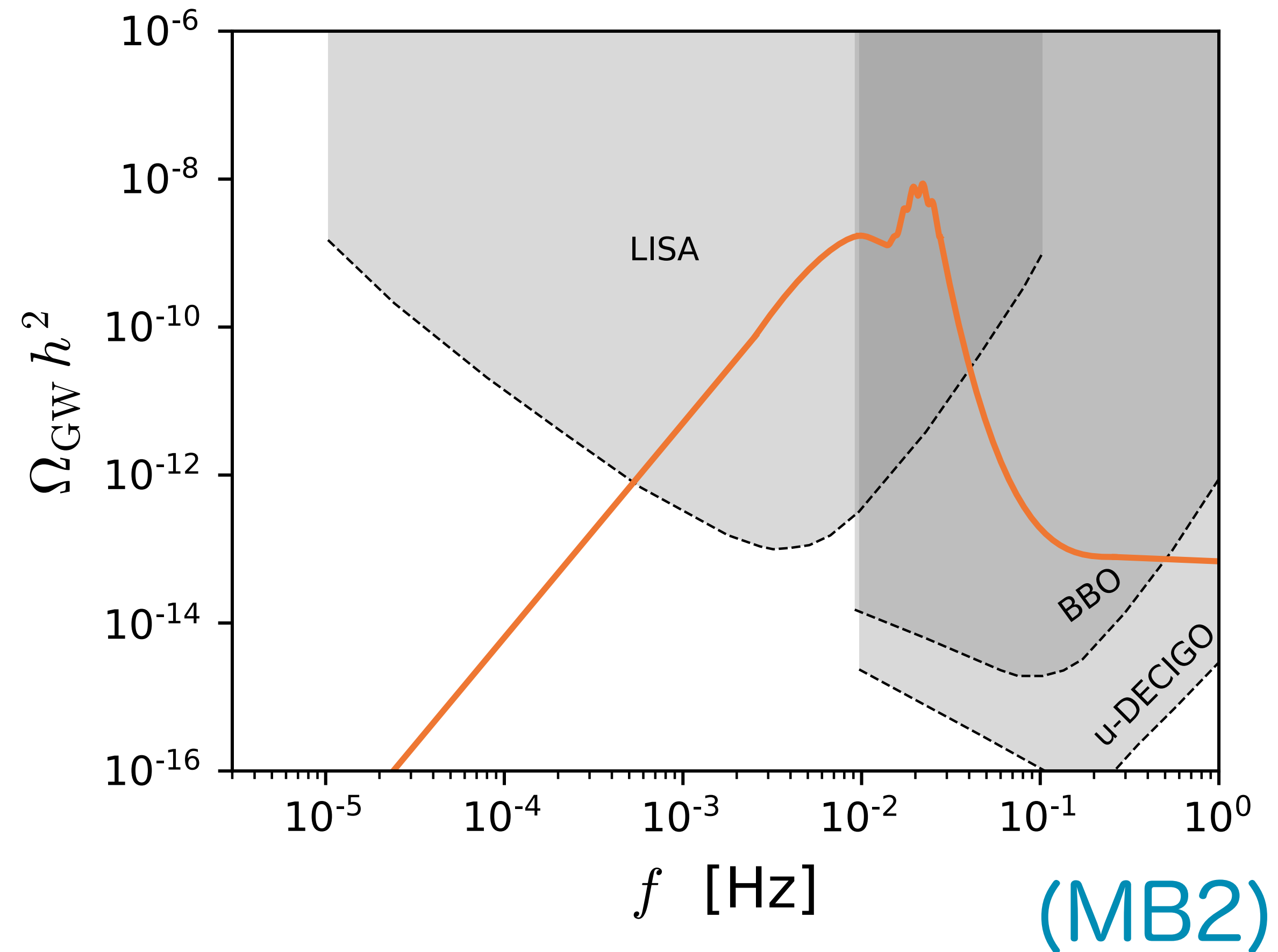
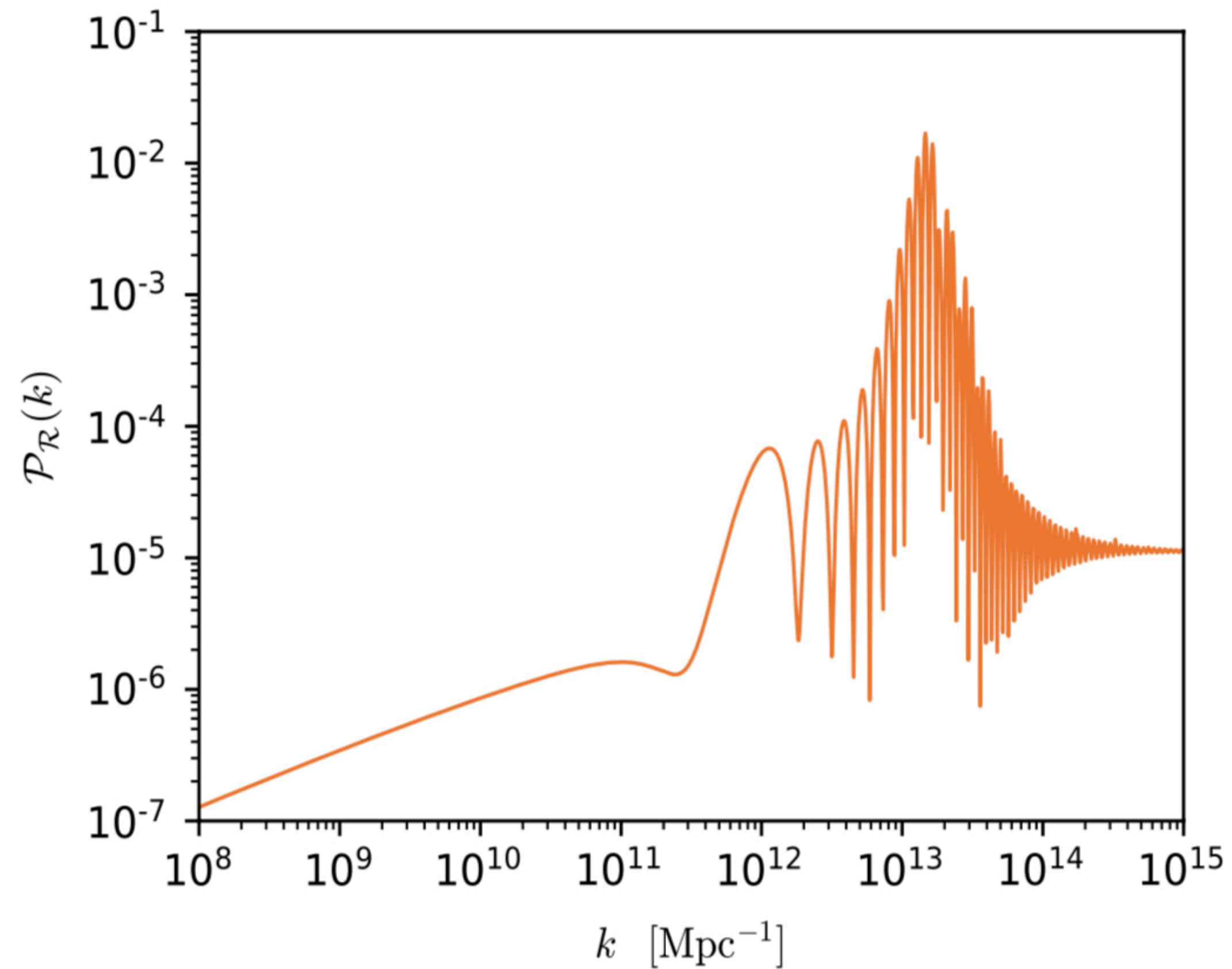
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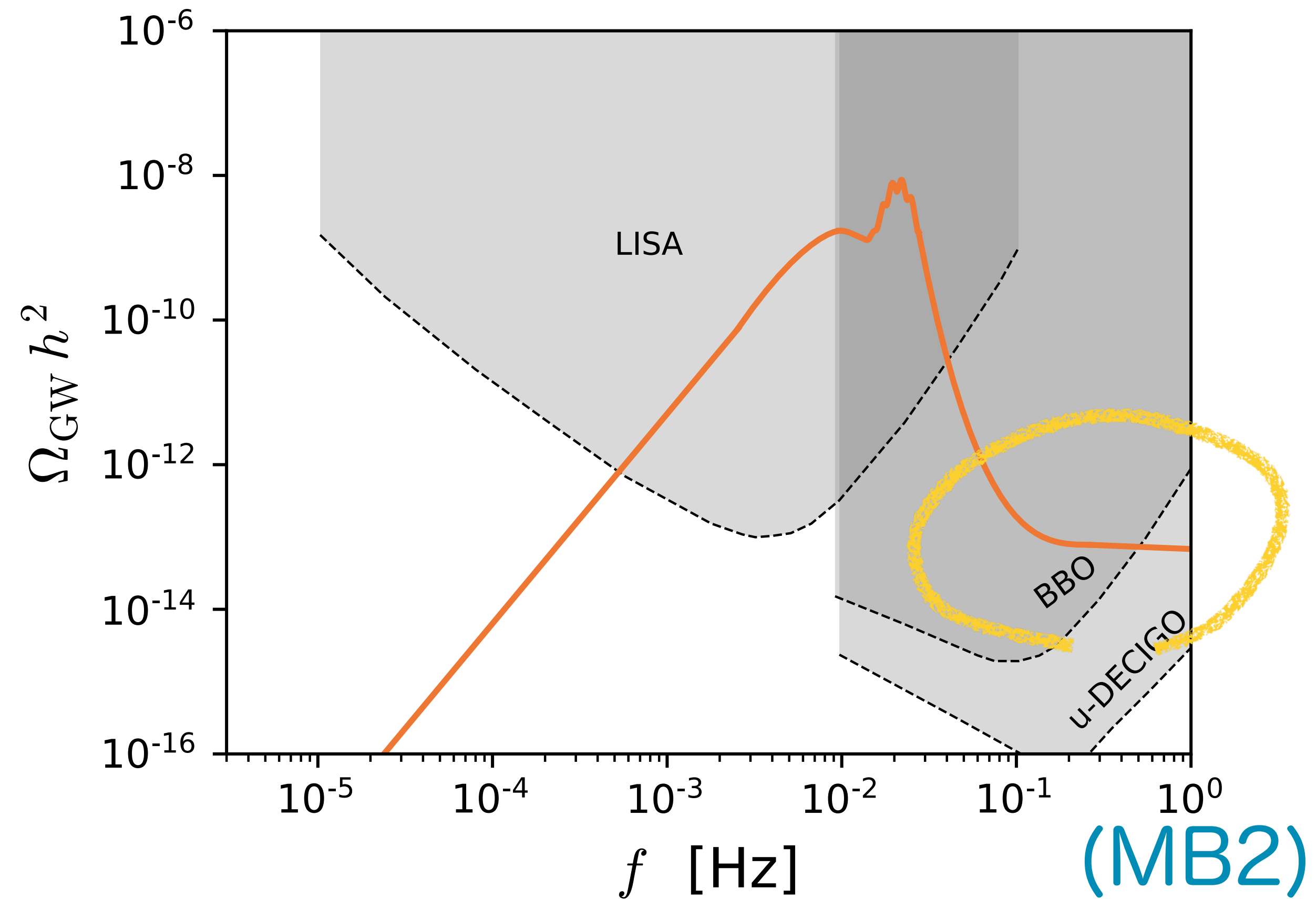
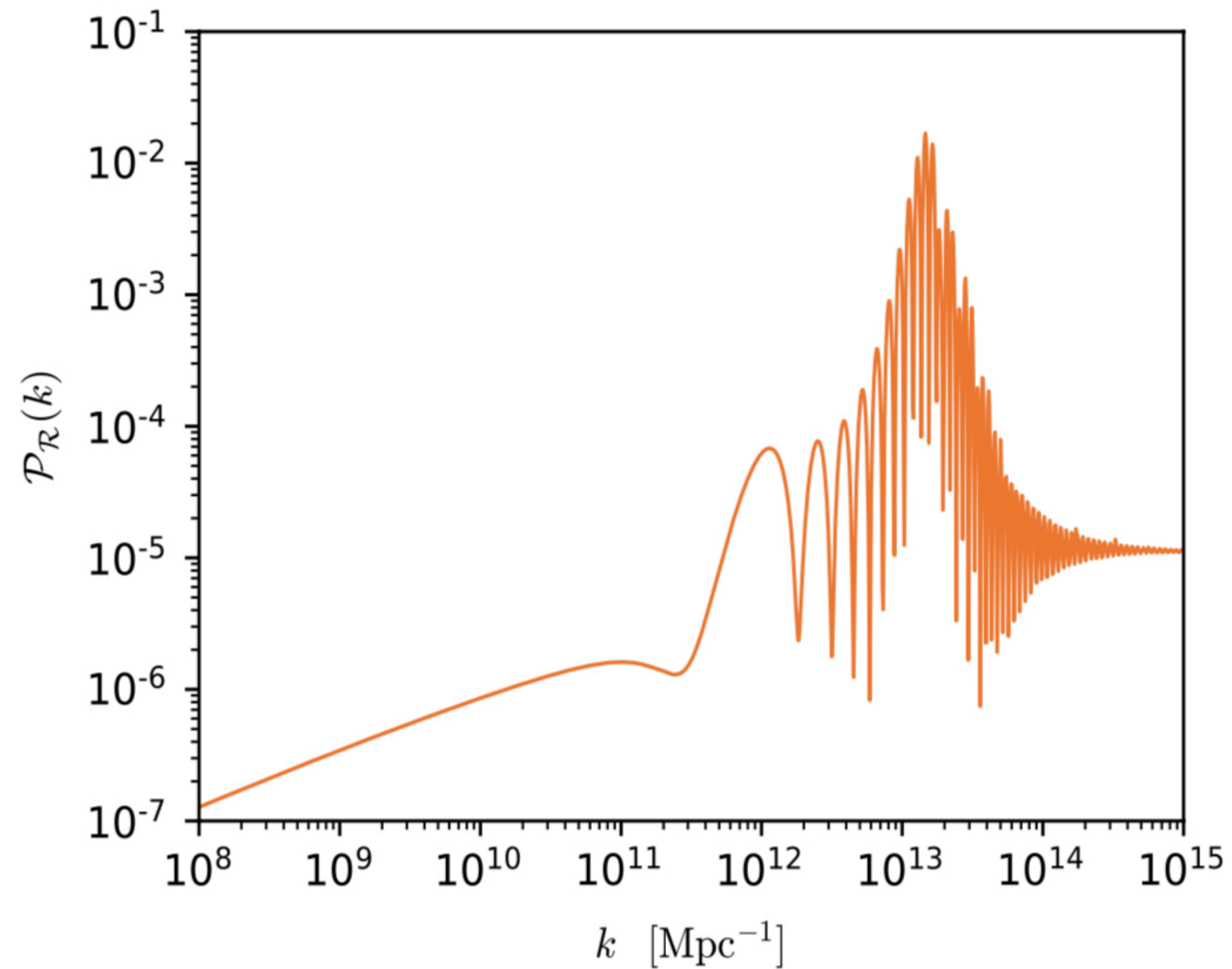
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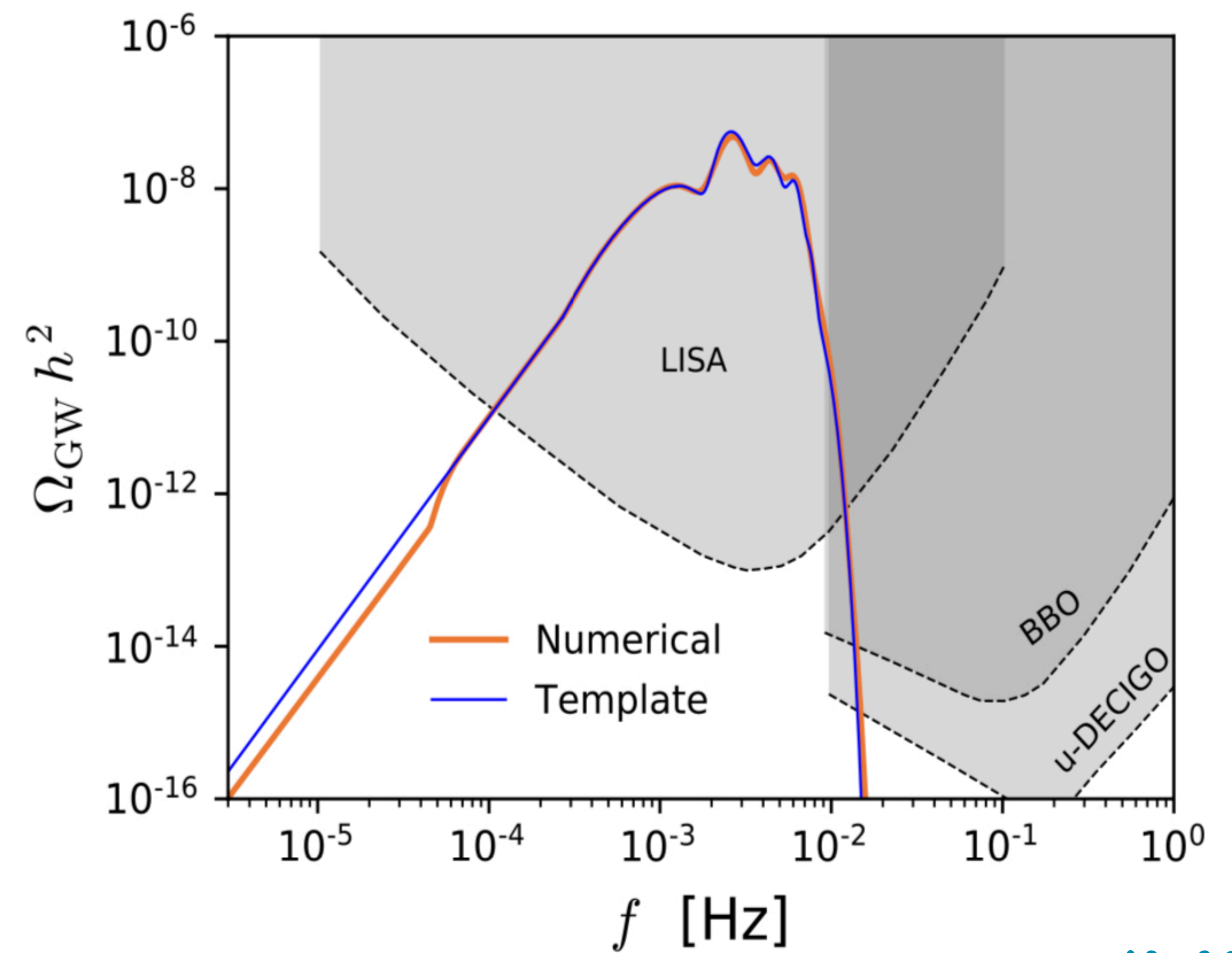
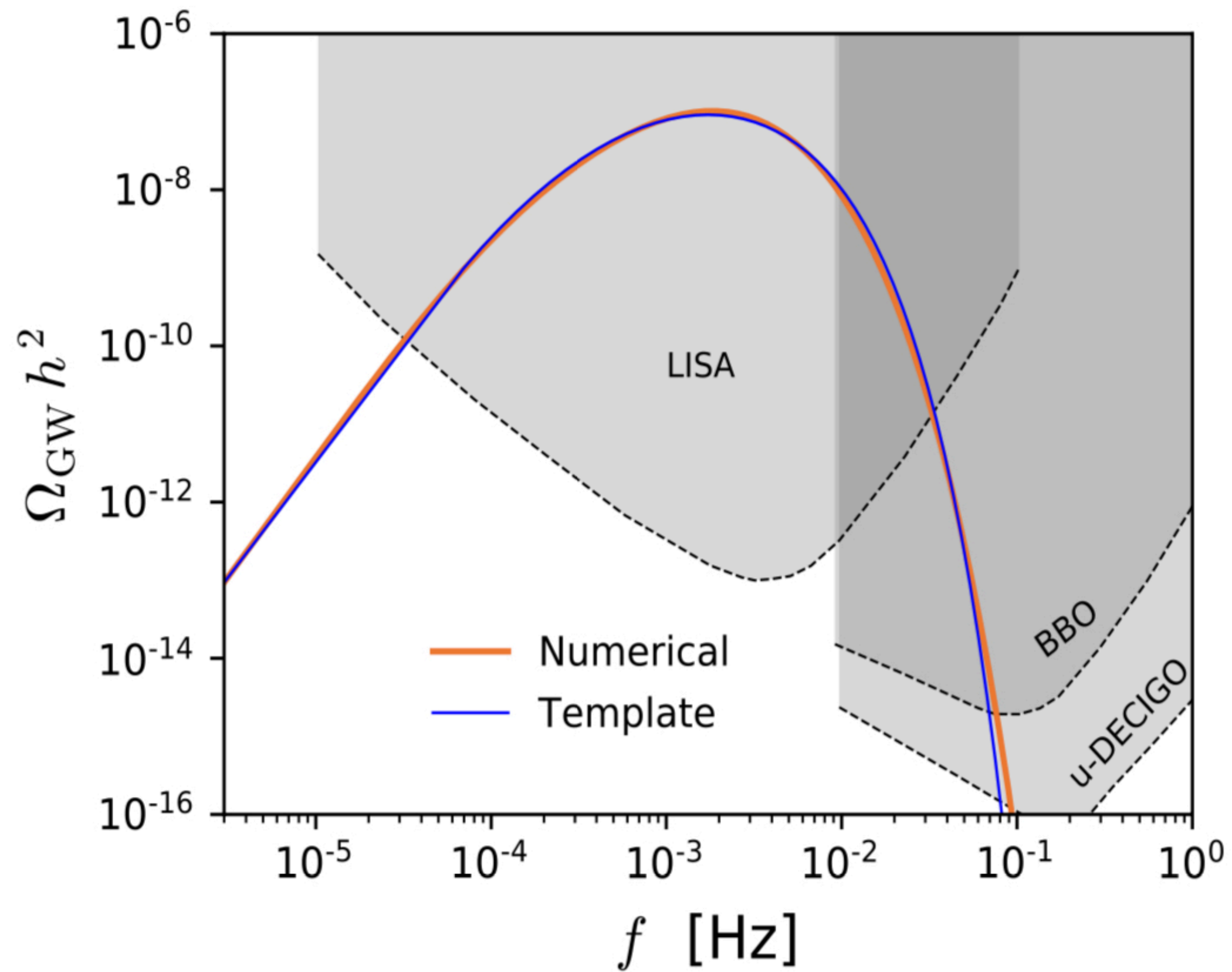
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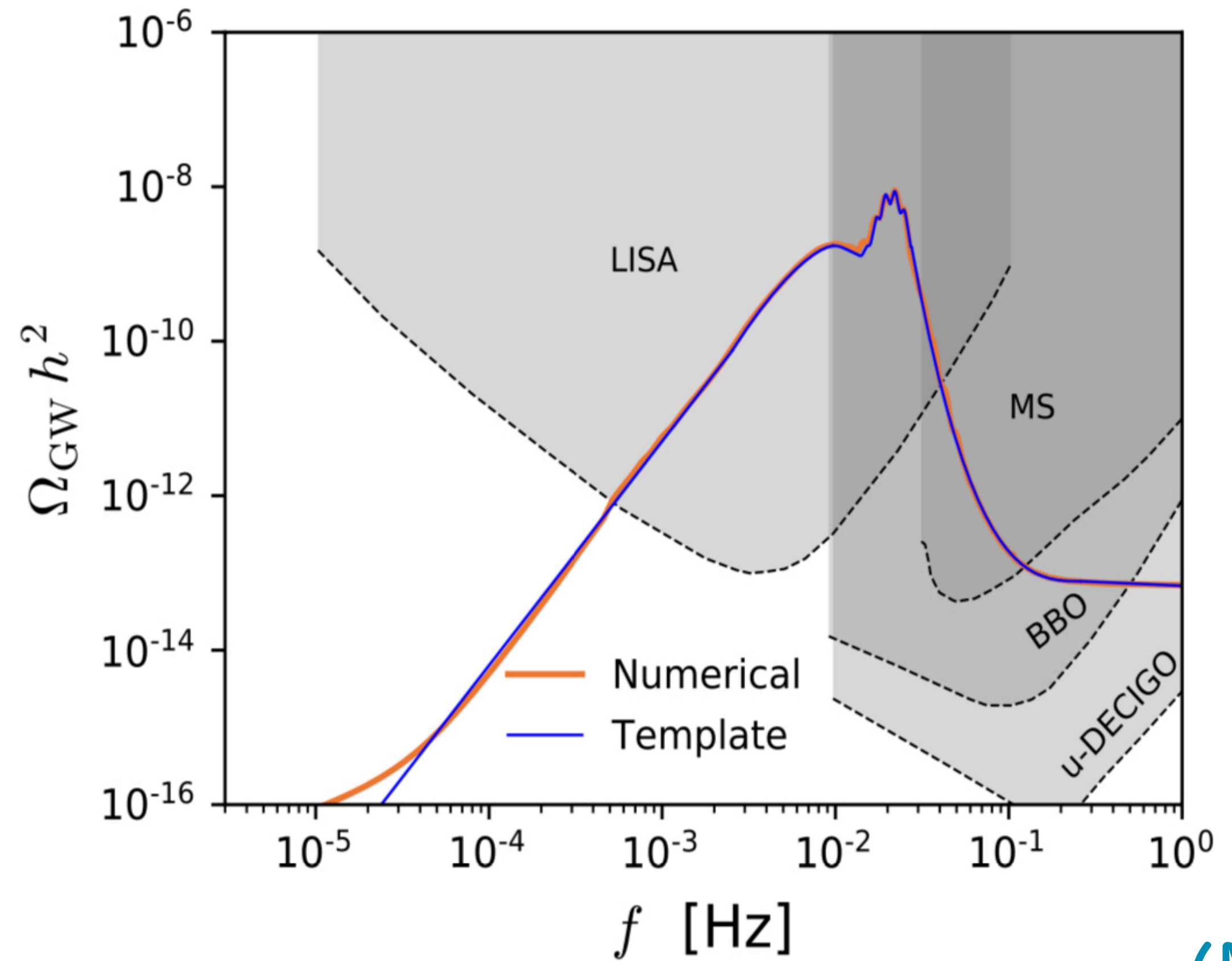
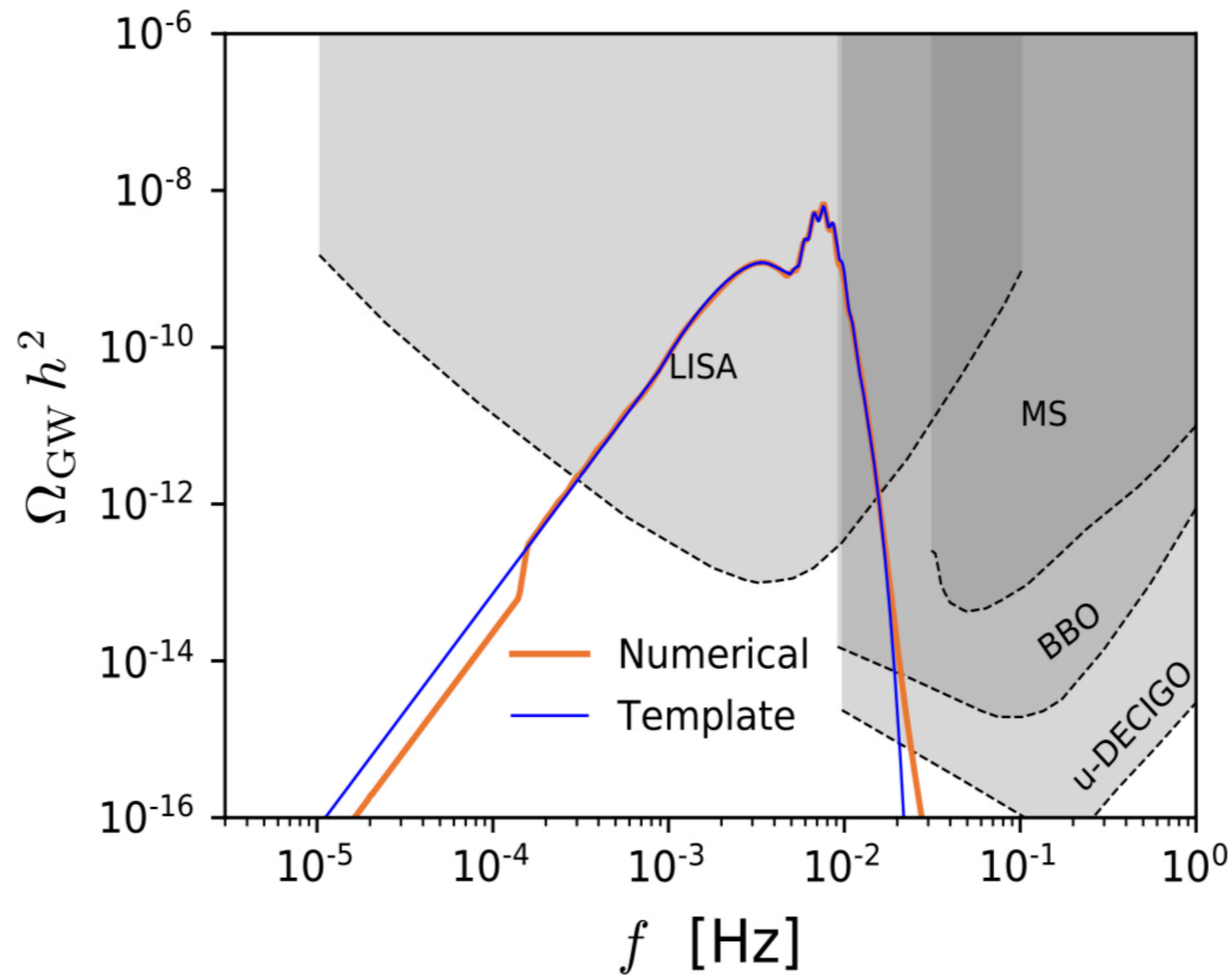
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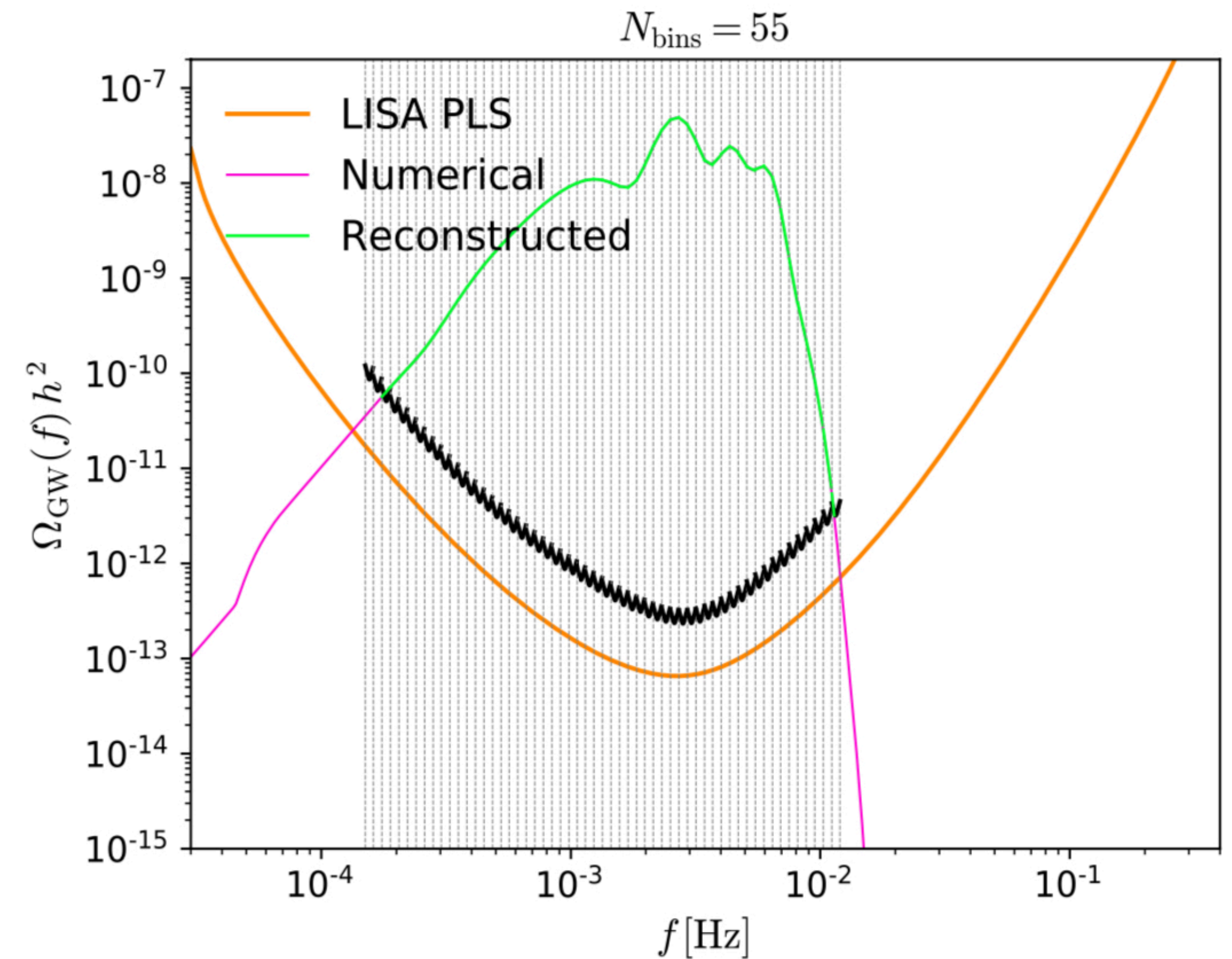
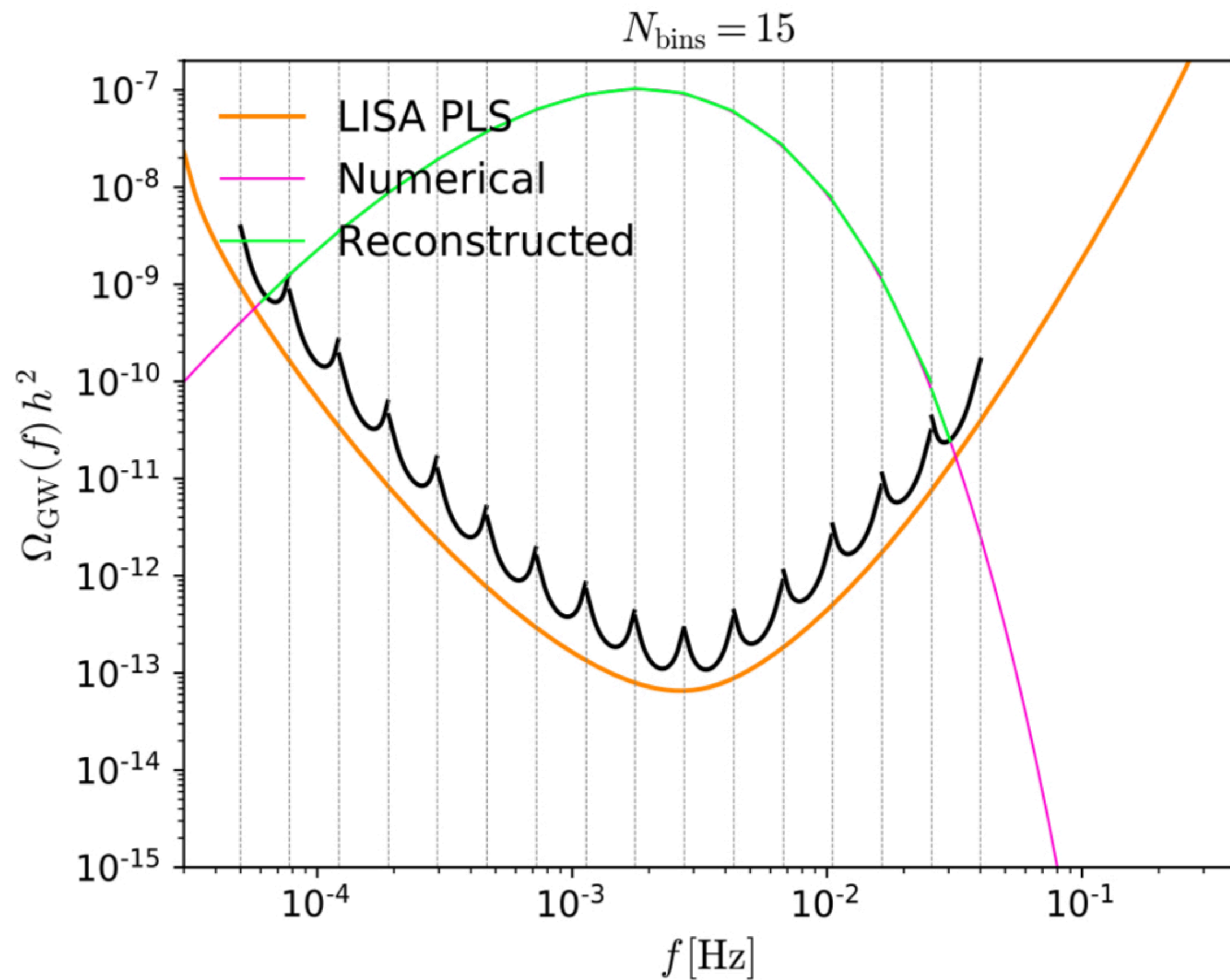
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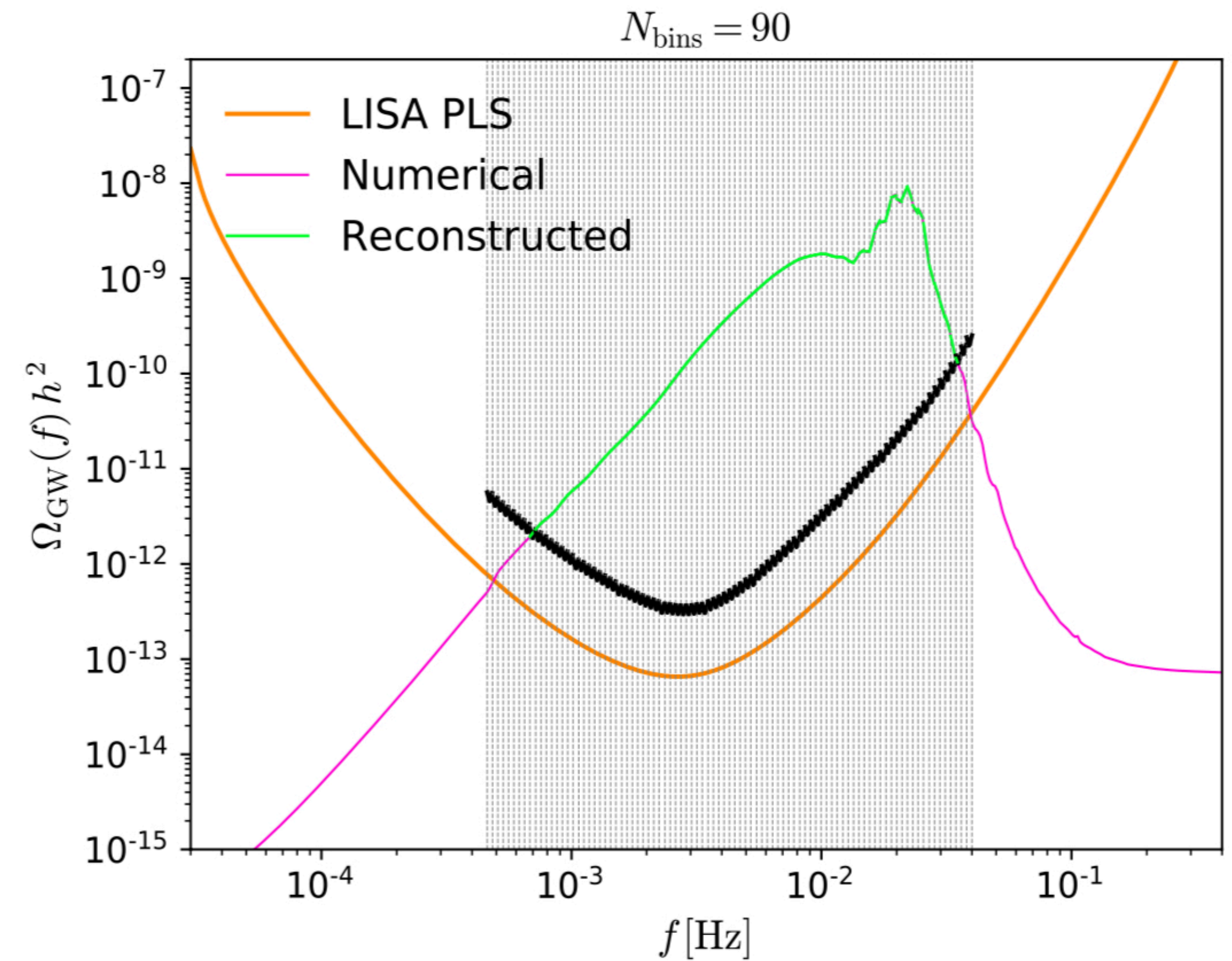
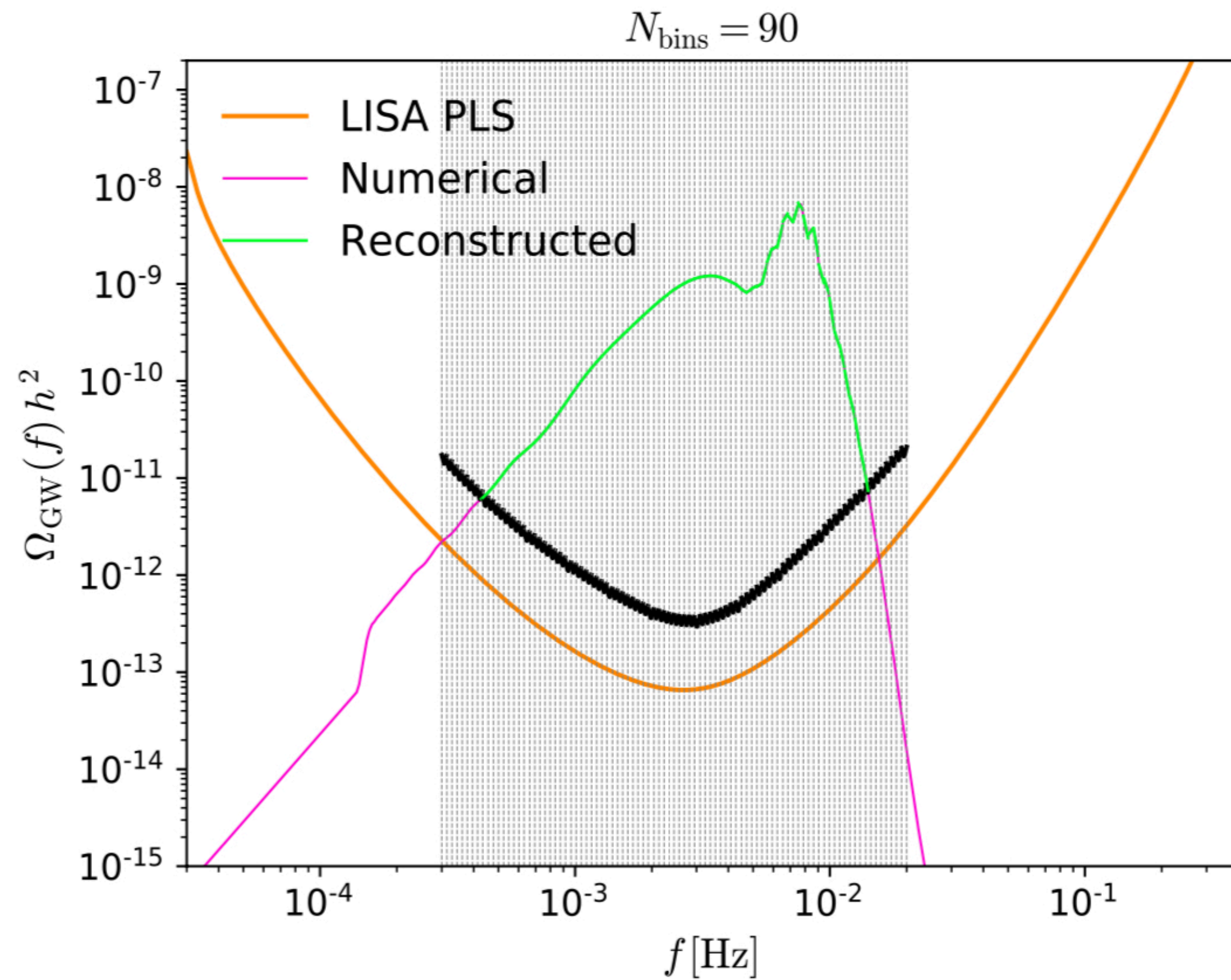
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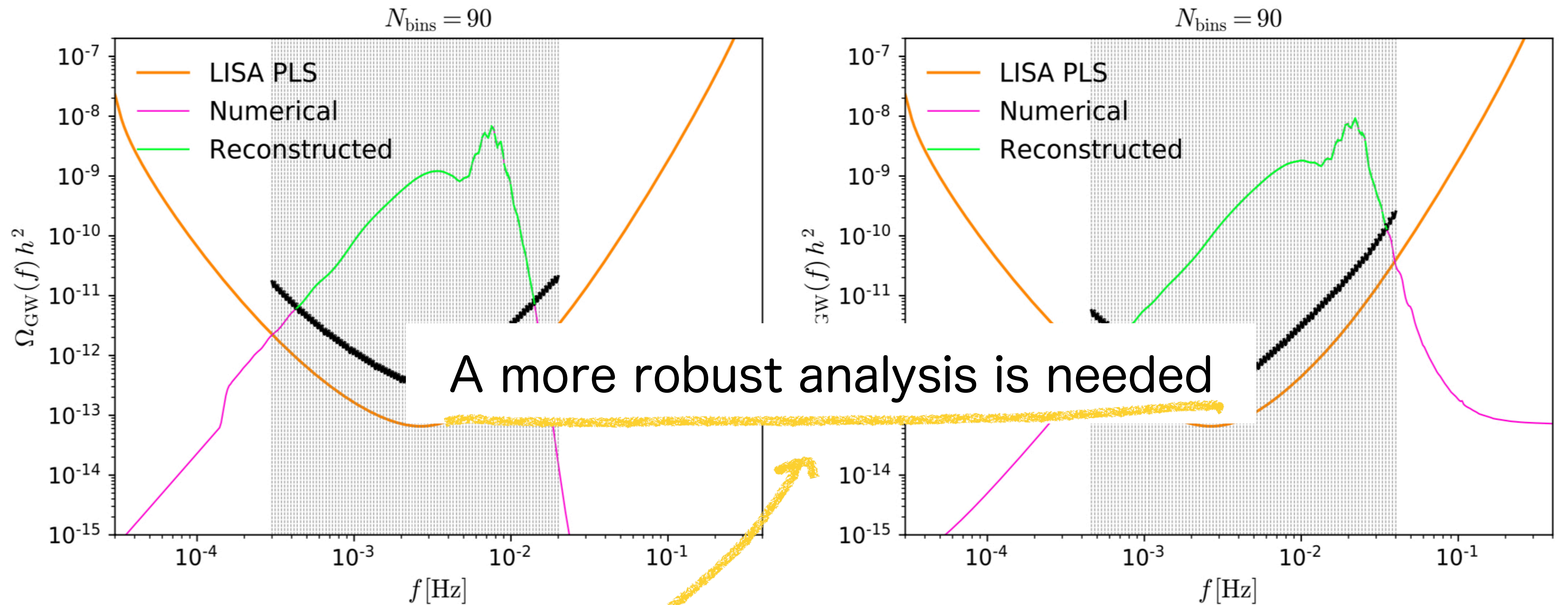
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