

Charting new particle physics with primordial GWs

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based on
1912.02569 Cosmic-string GW (model-independent)
1912.03245 Cosmic-string GW probes heavy & unstable particles
2108.10328, 2111.01150
Primordial GWs probe kination era and axion physics.

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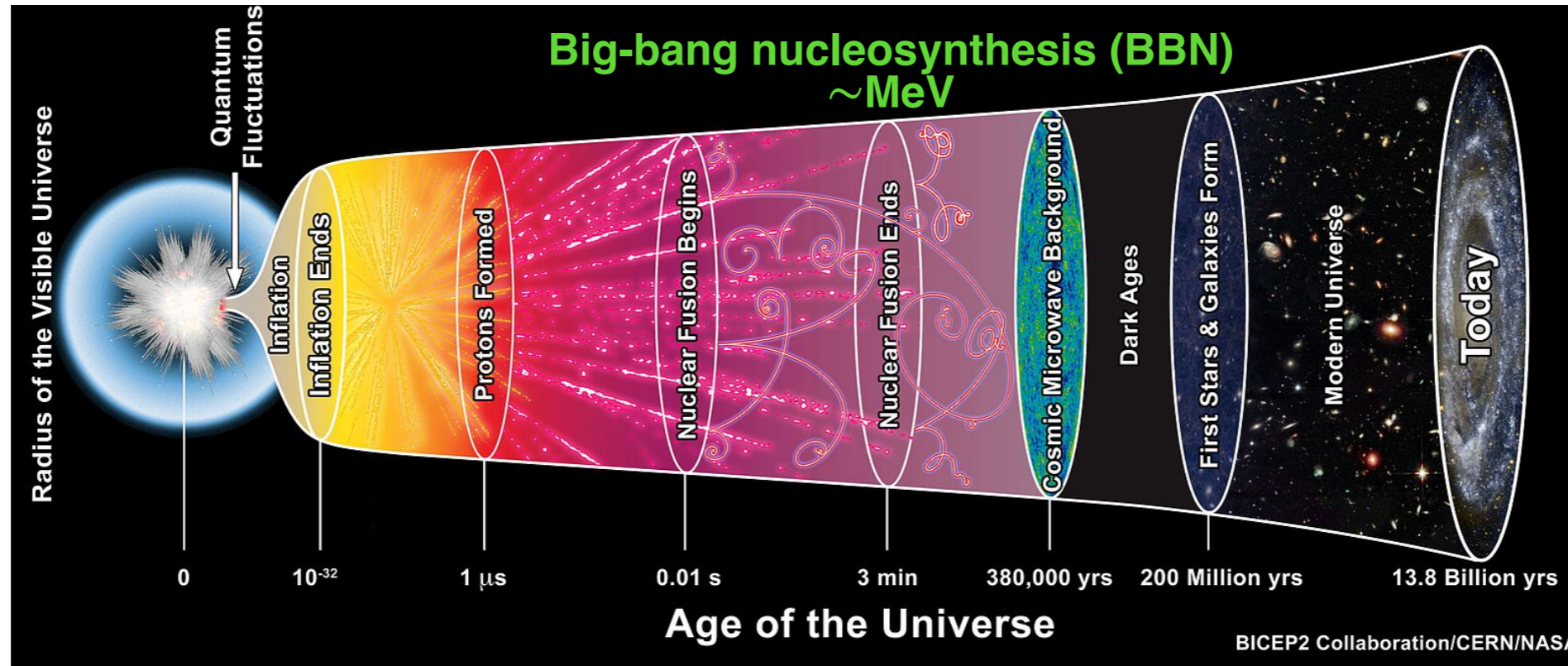


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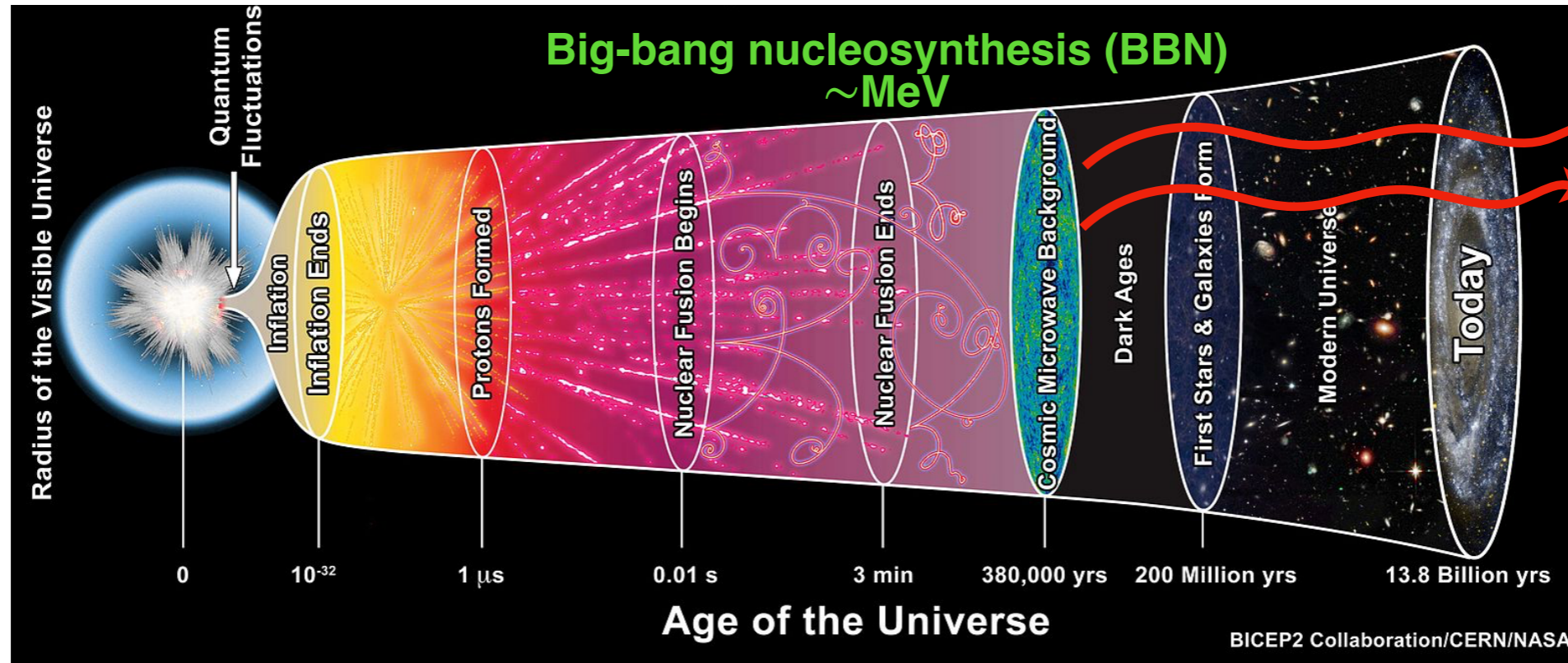
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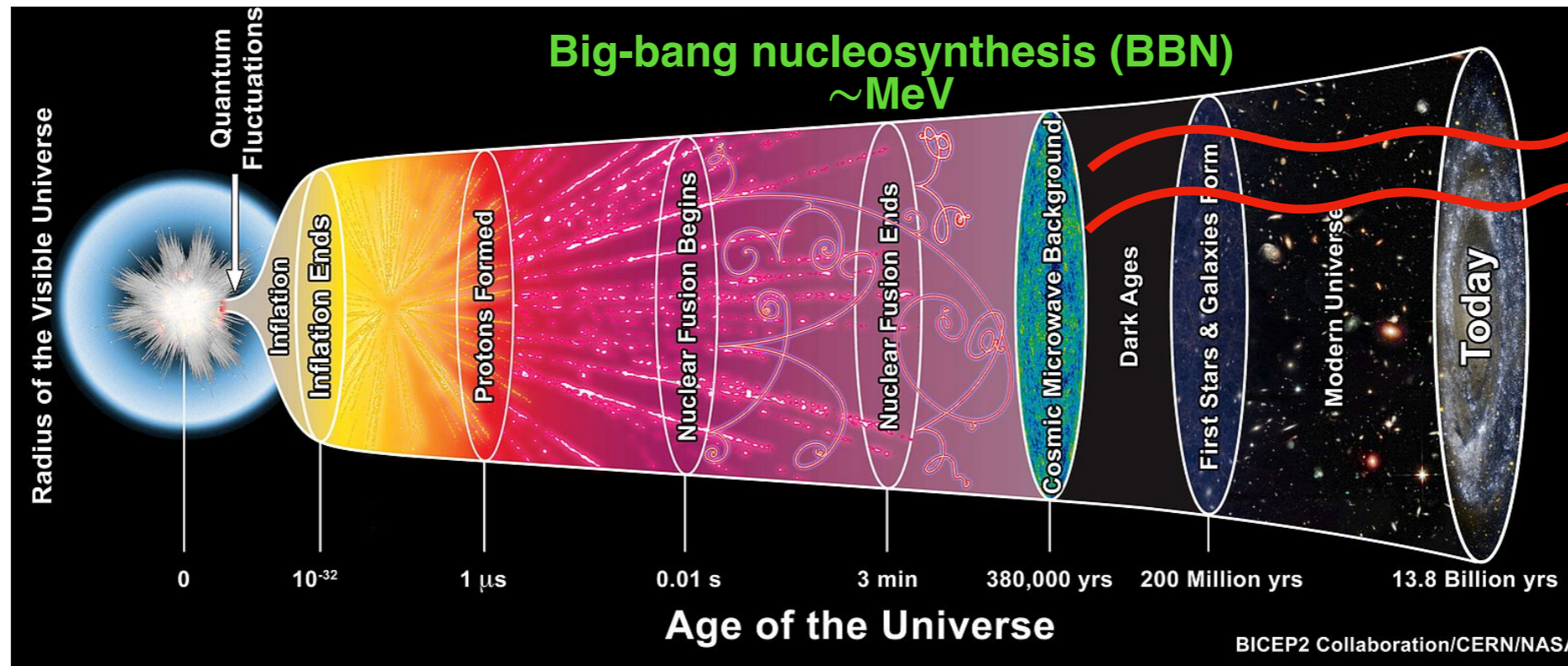


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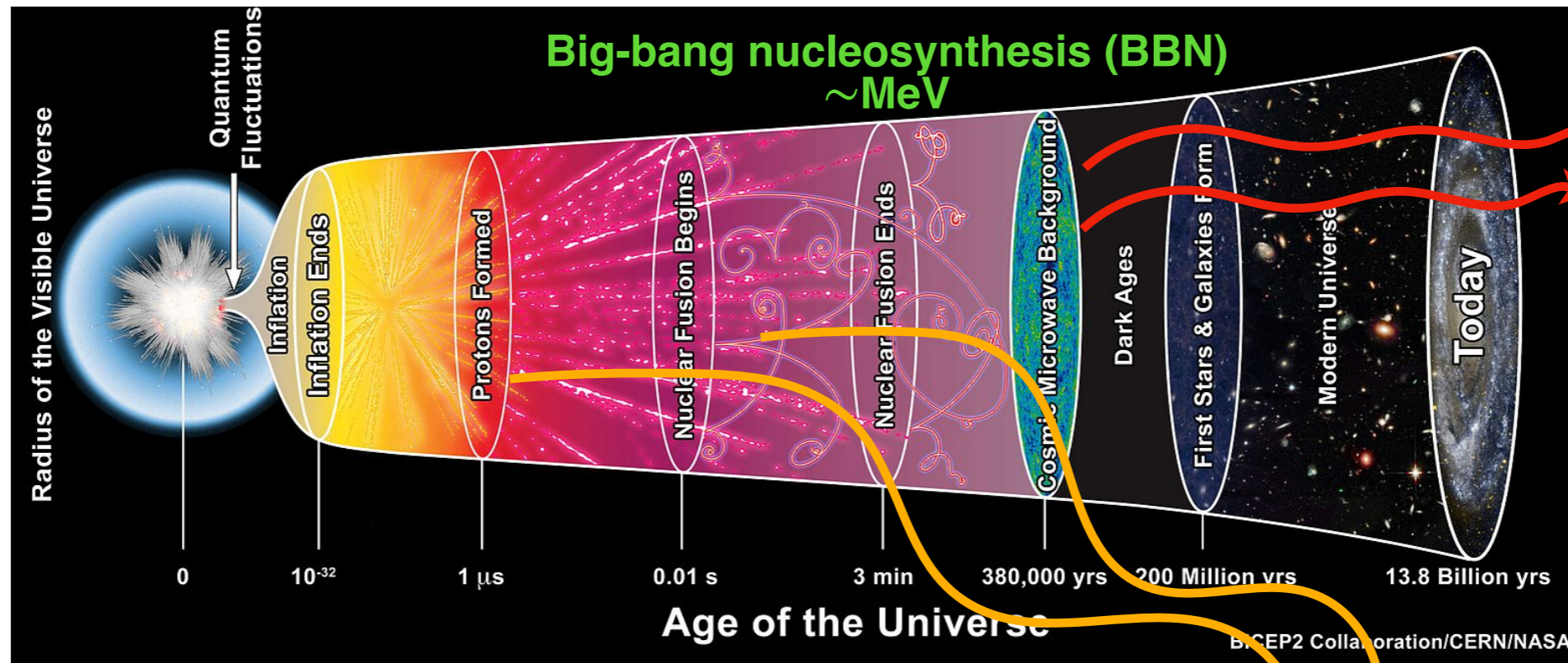
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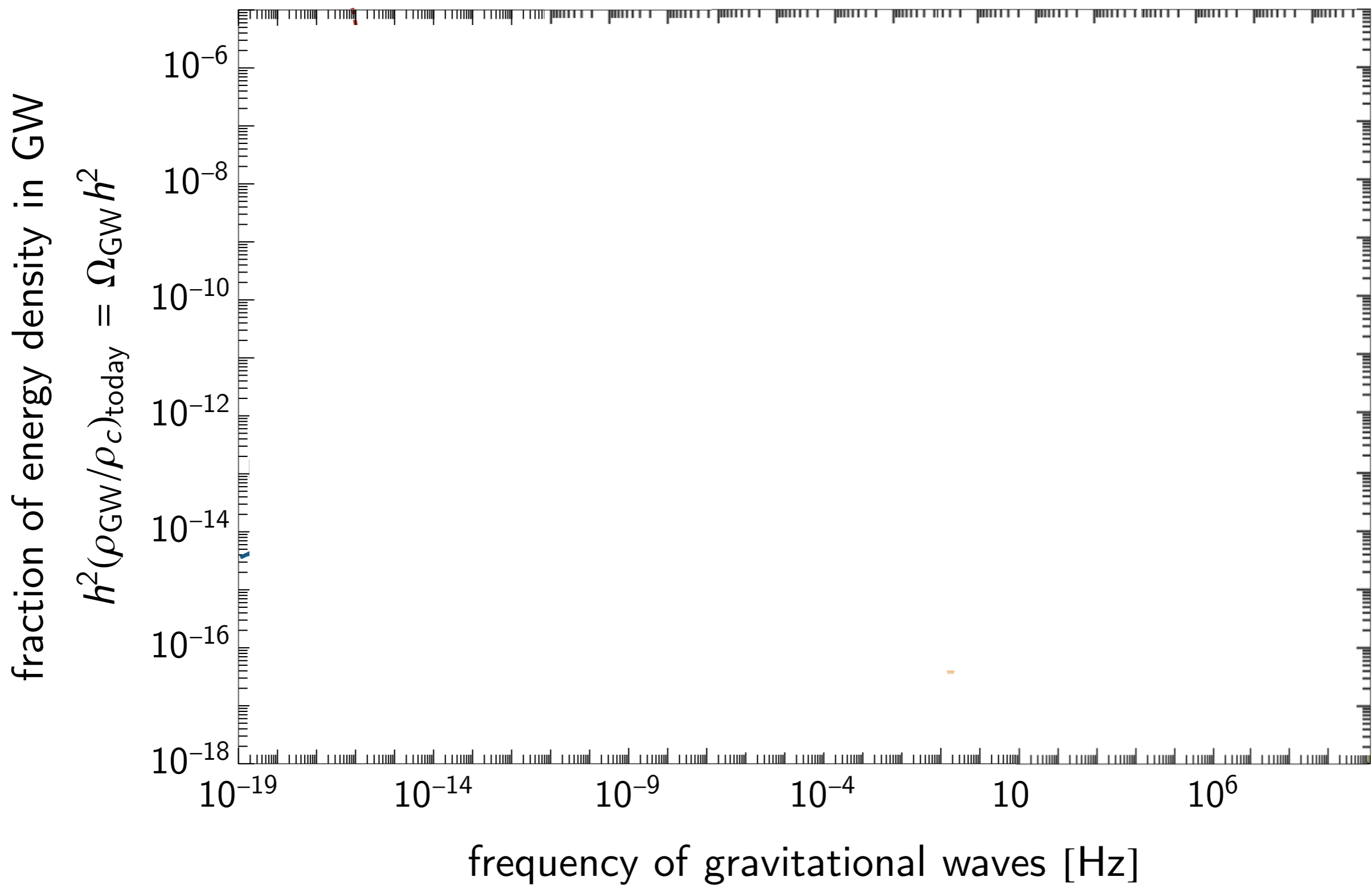
Primordial GW

(propagates freely after production)

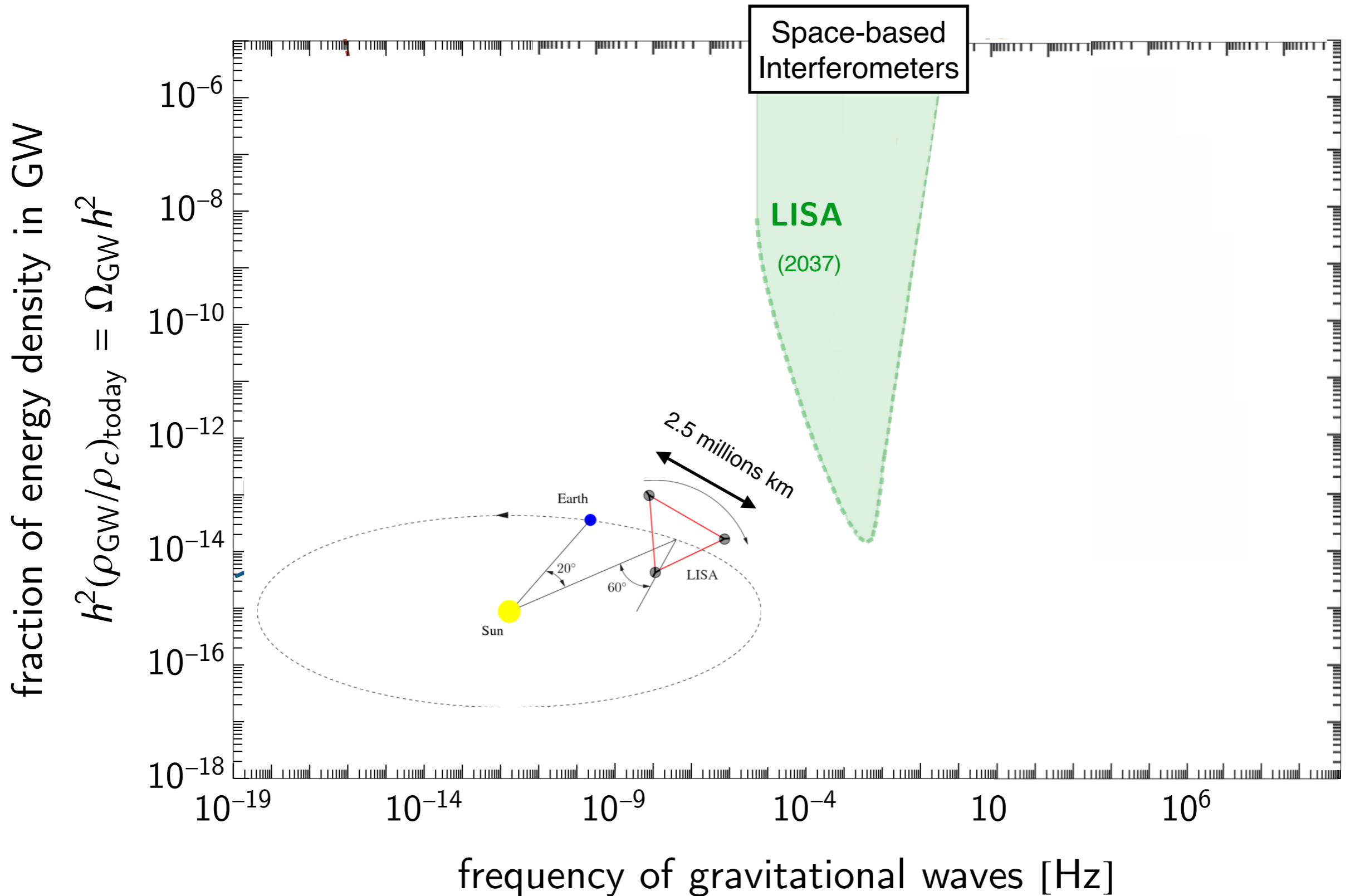
$$\frac{\Gamma_{\text{GW}}(T)}{H(T)} \sim \frac{G^2 T^5}{T^2/M_{\text{pl}}} = \left(\frac{T}{M_{\text{pl}}}\right)^3$$

GW as probes of pre-BBN Universe ($T \gtrsim \text{MeV}$).

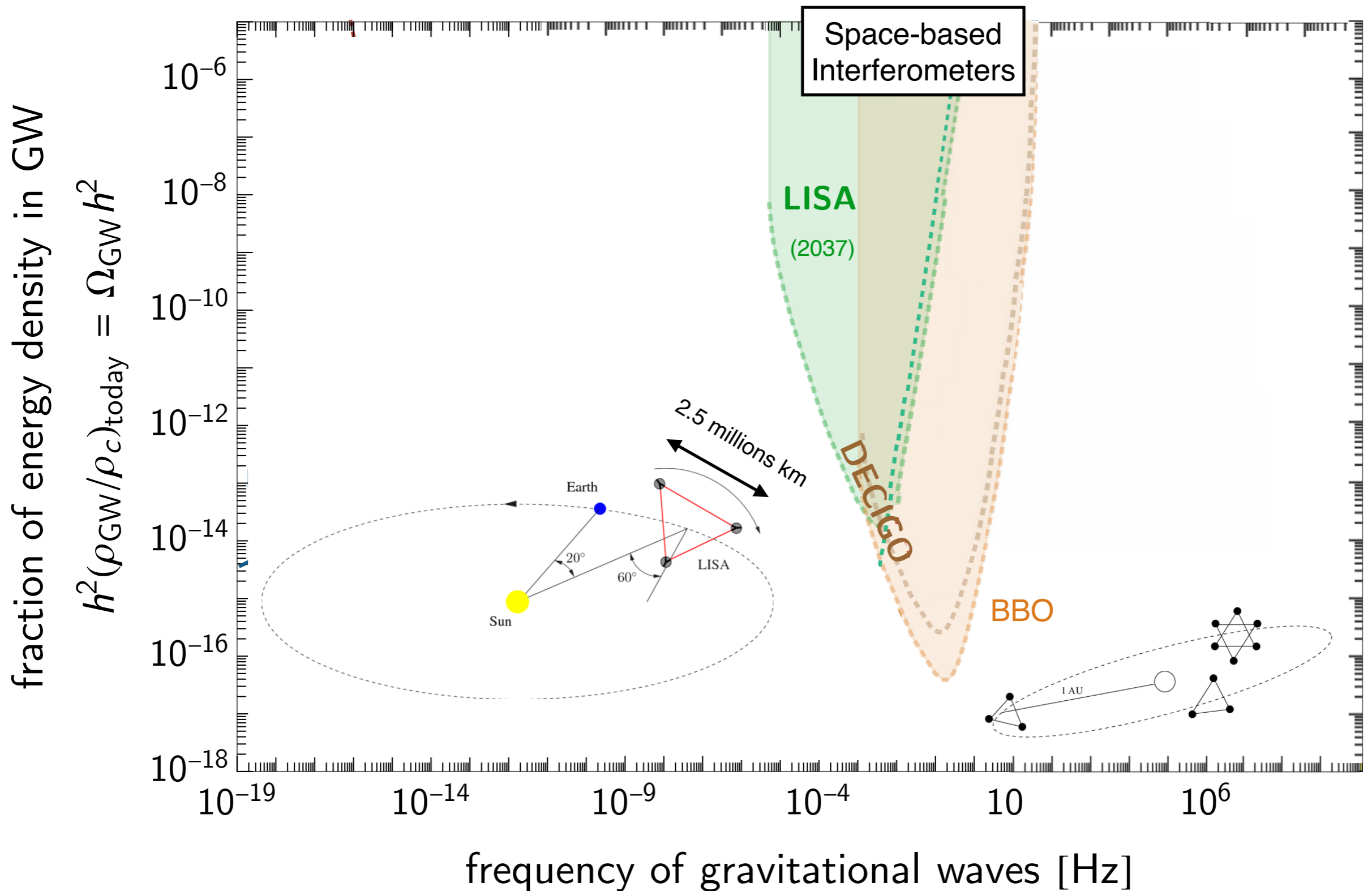
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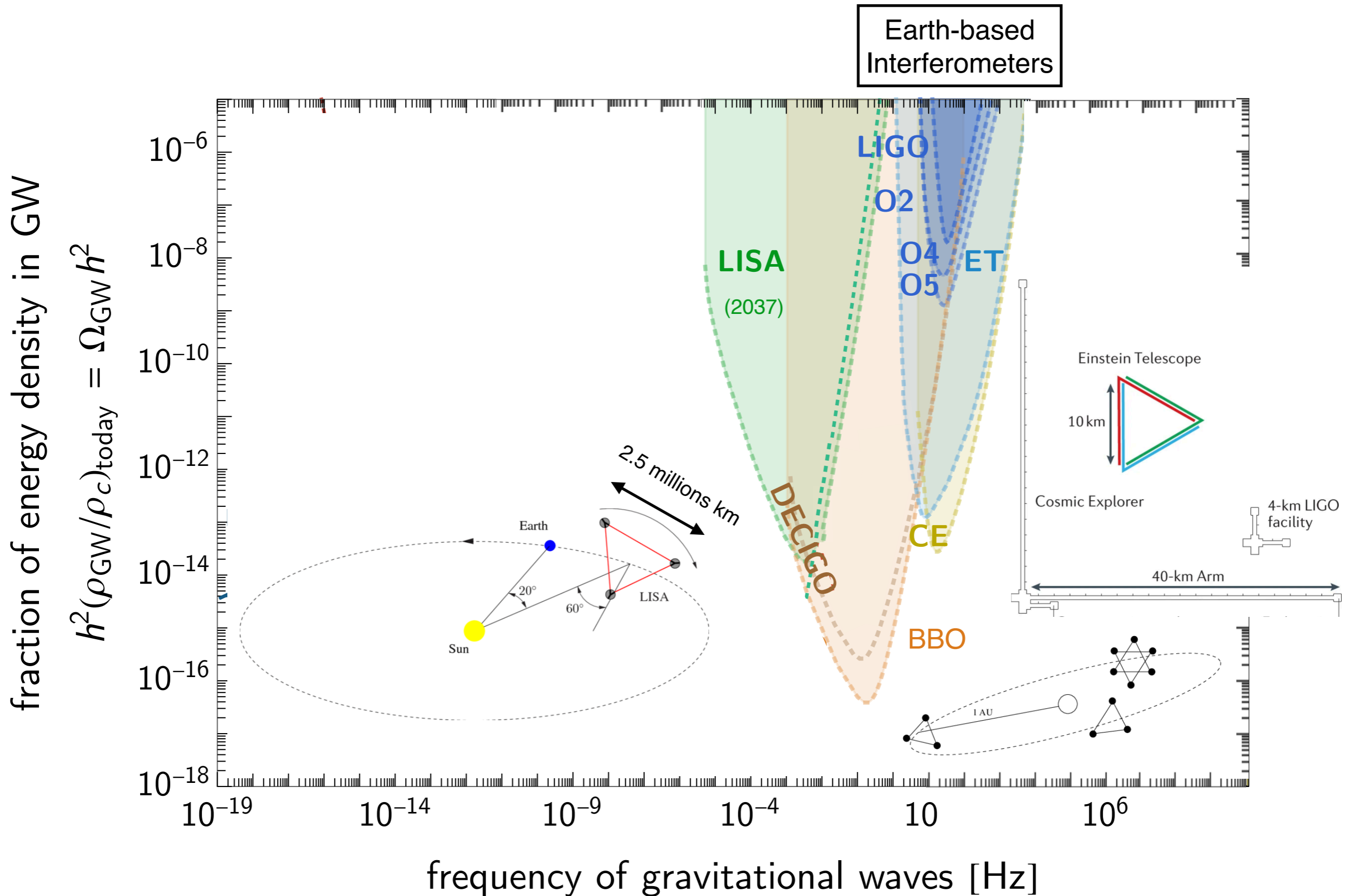
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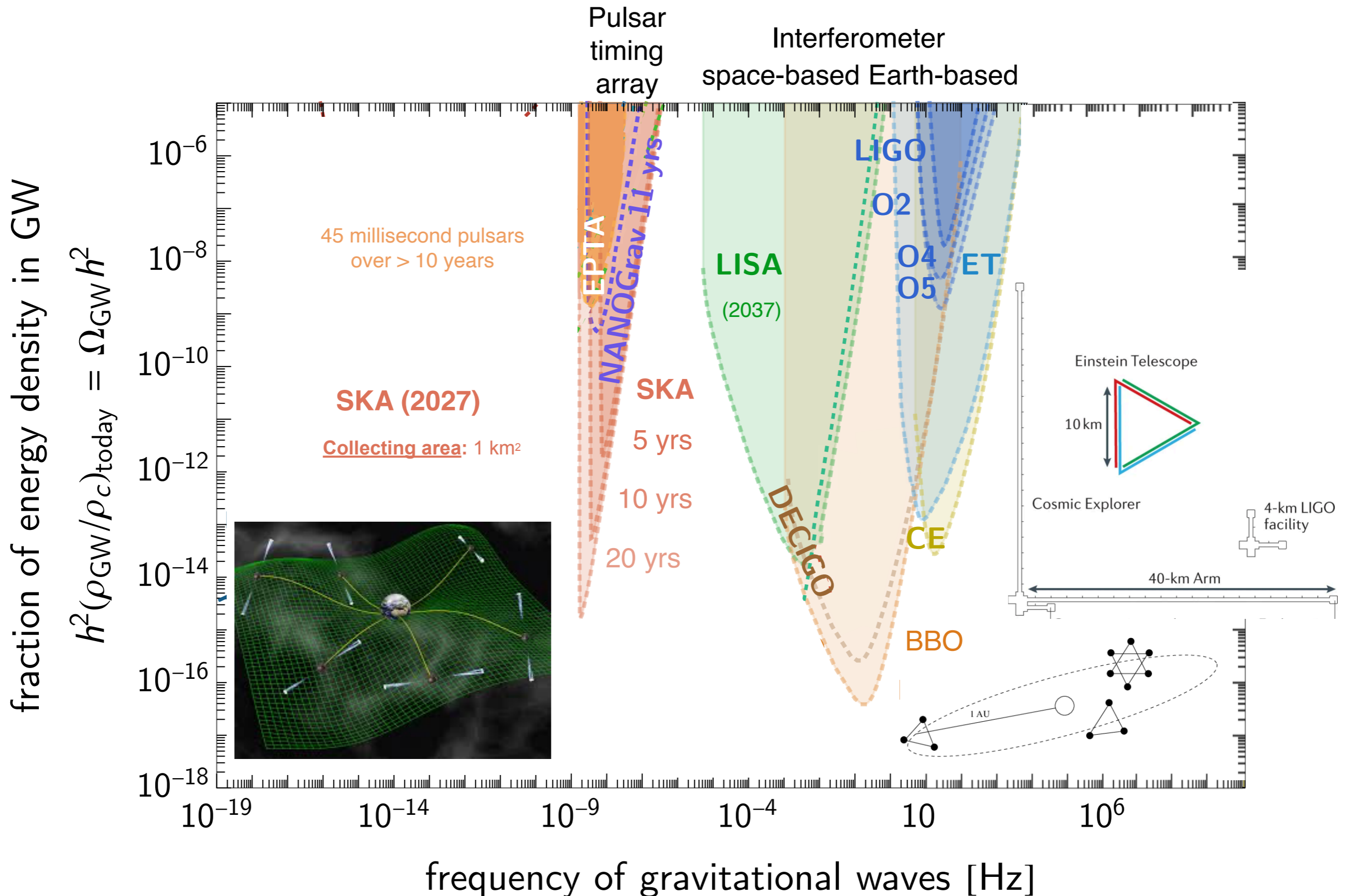
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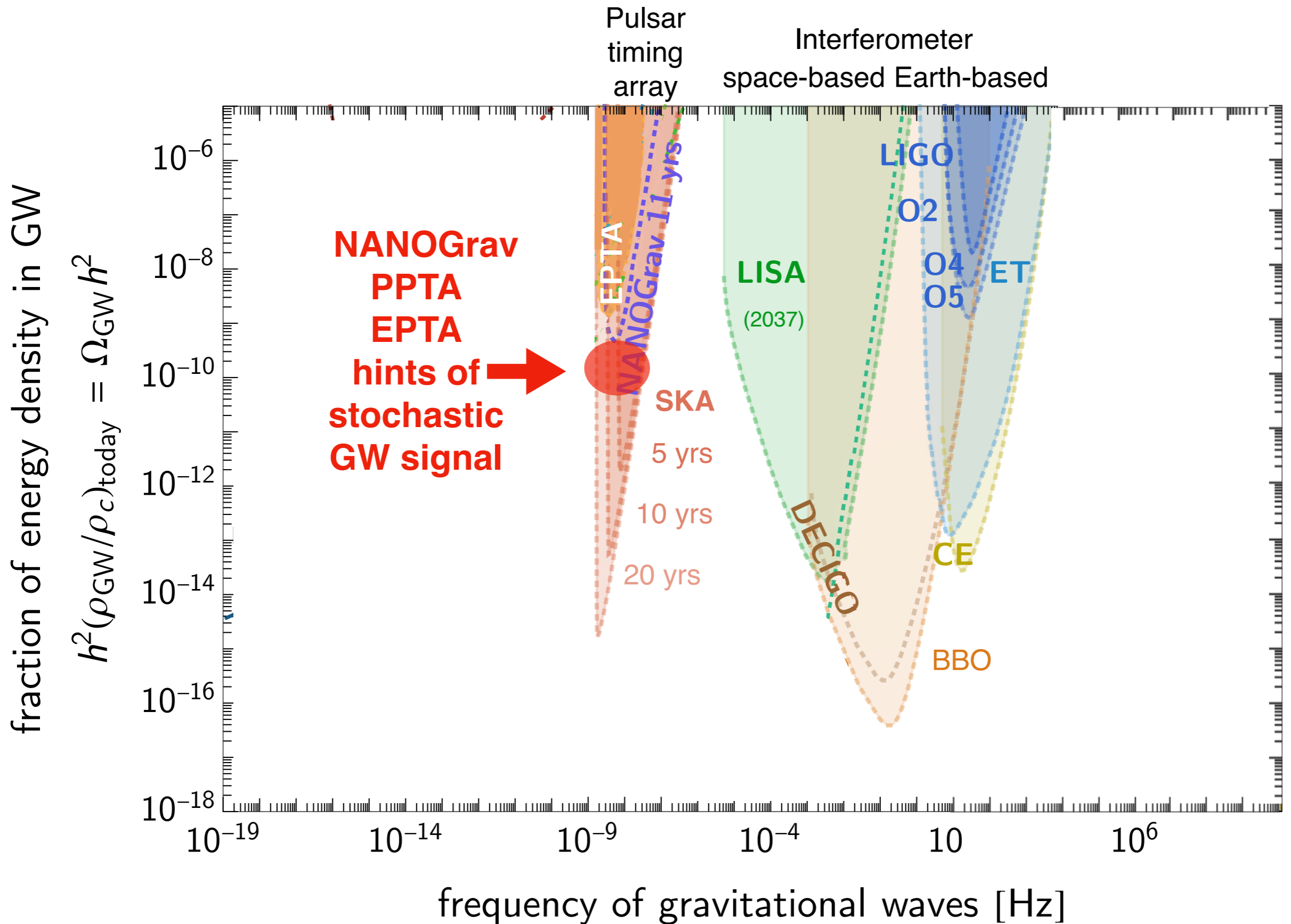
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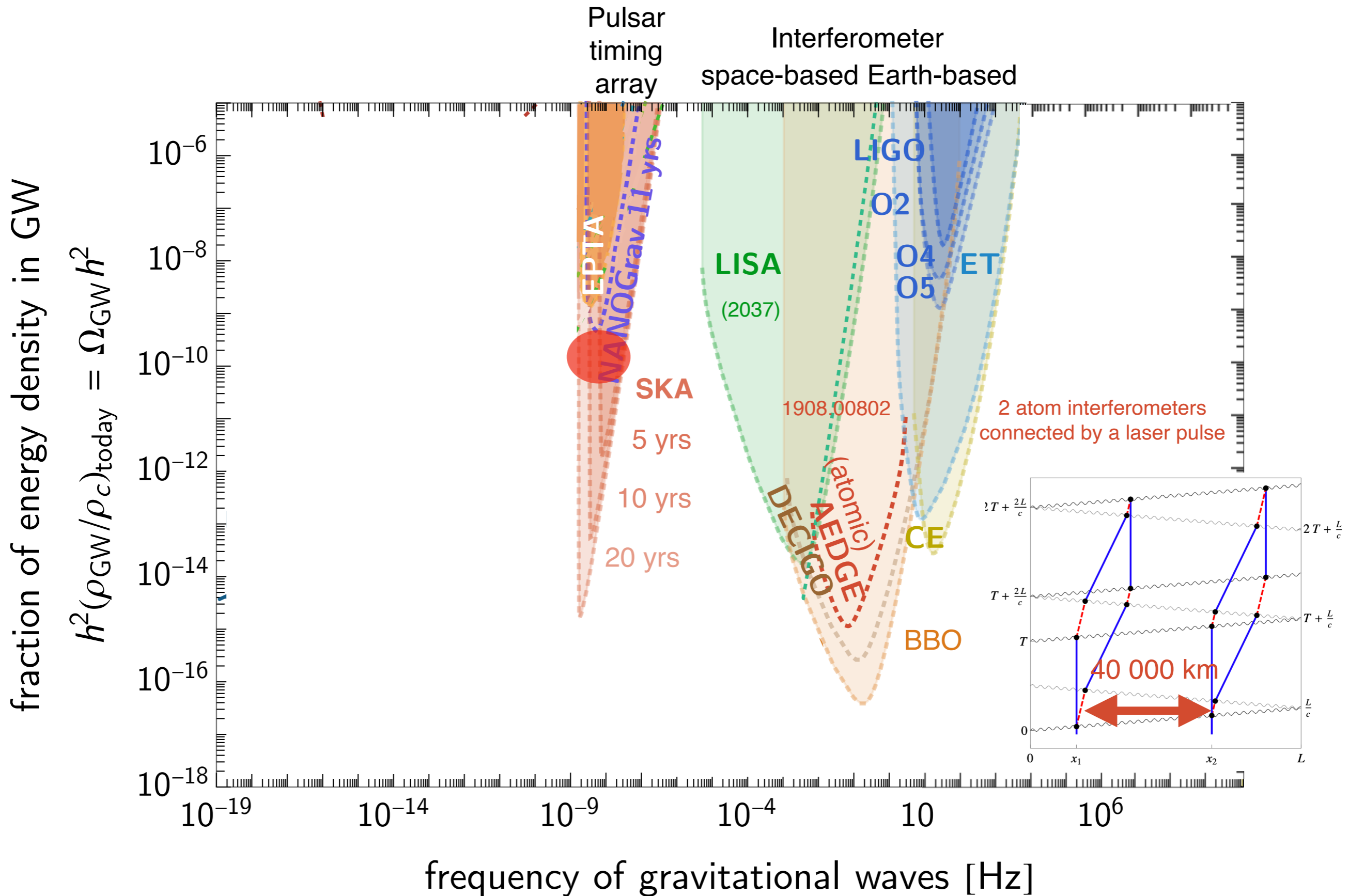
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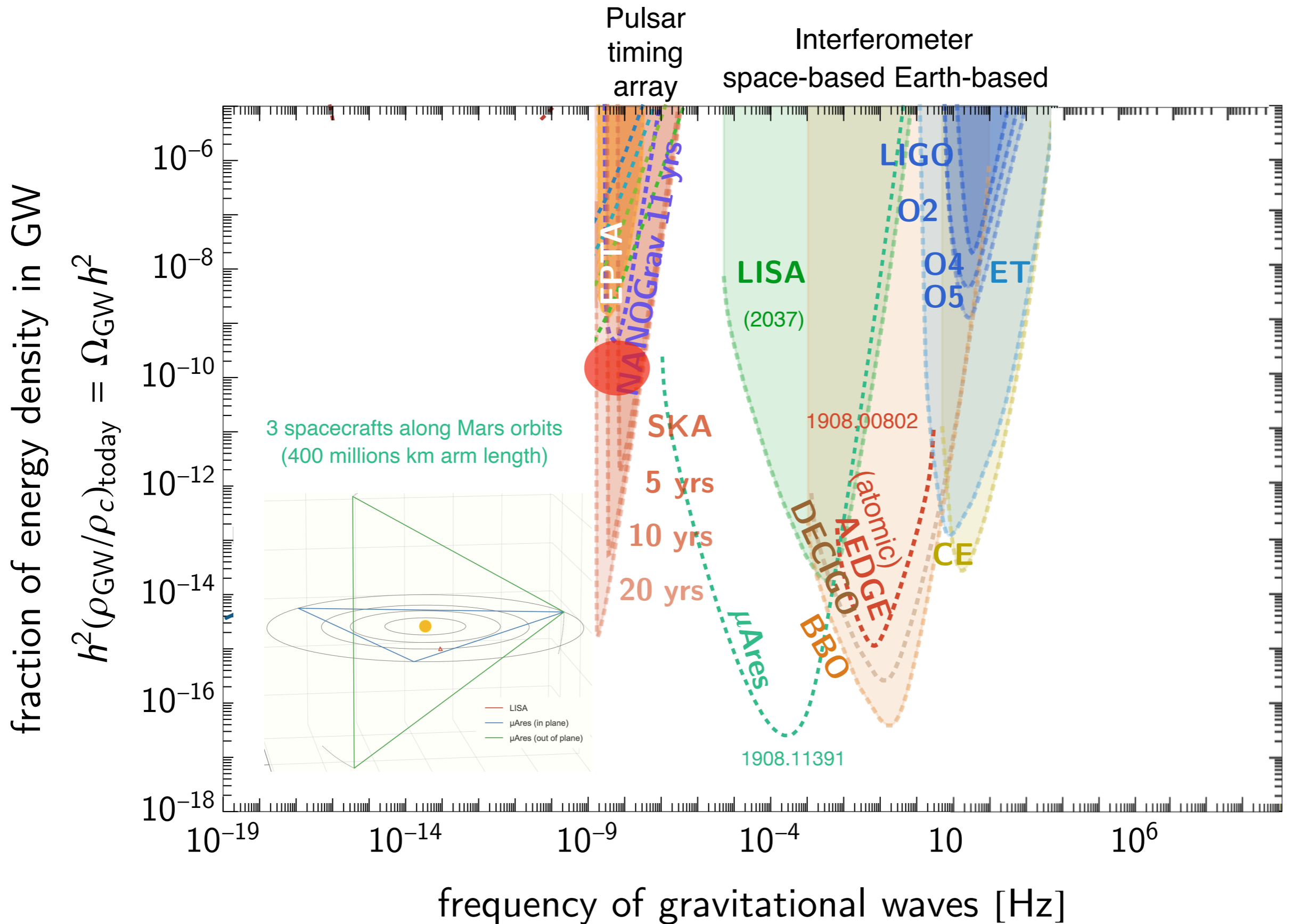
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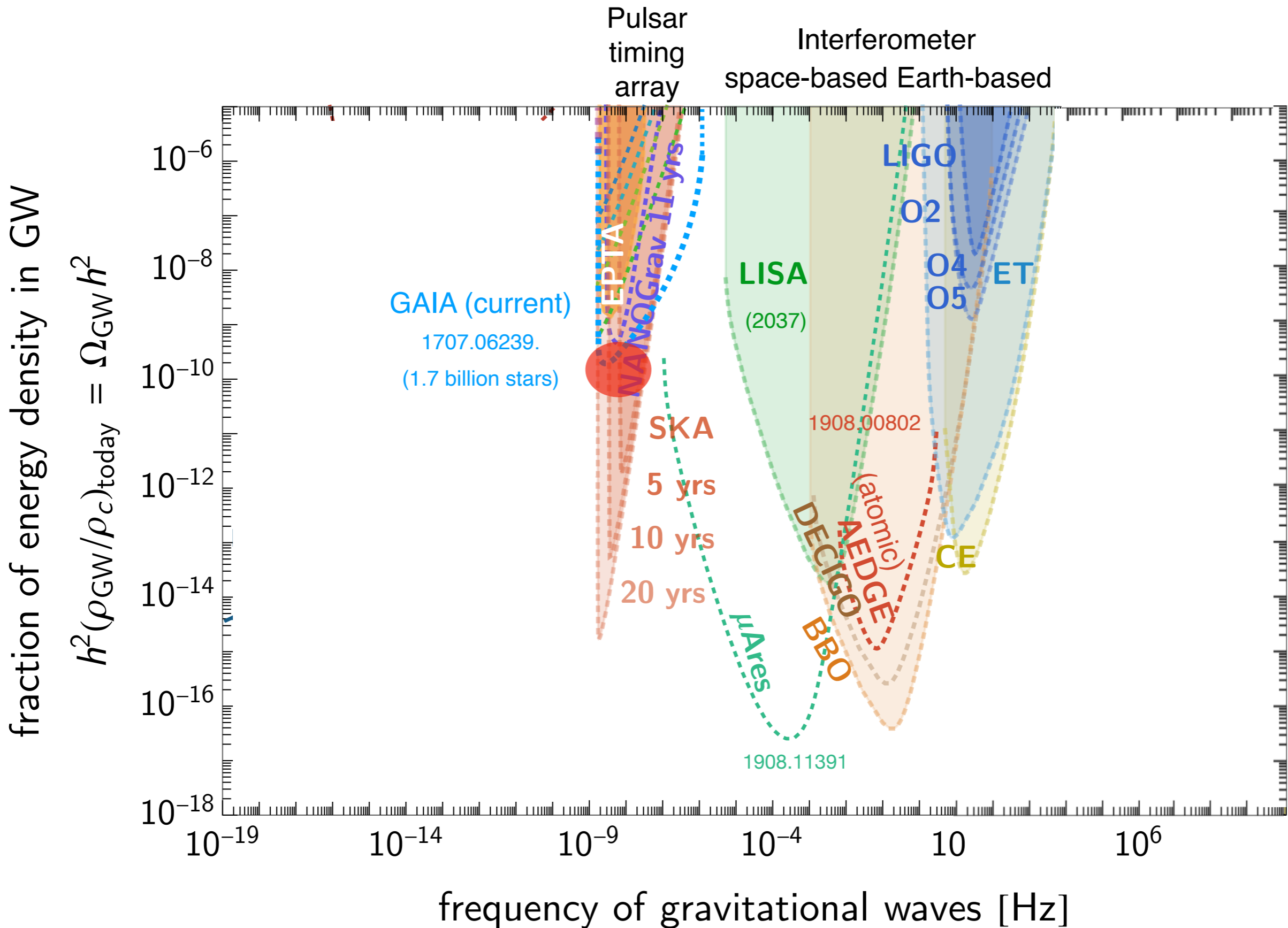
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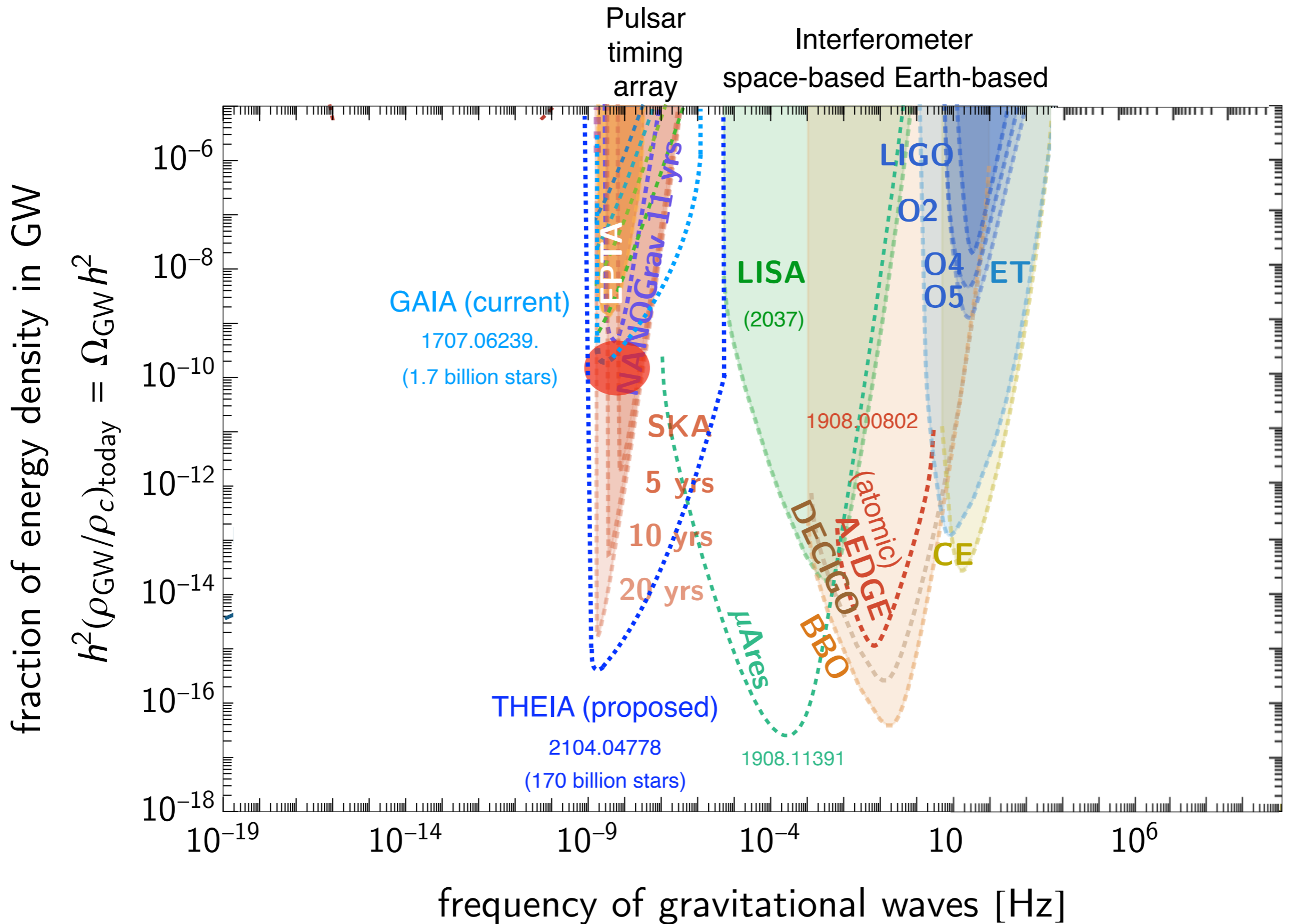
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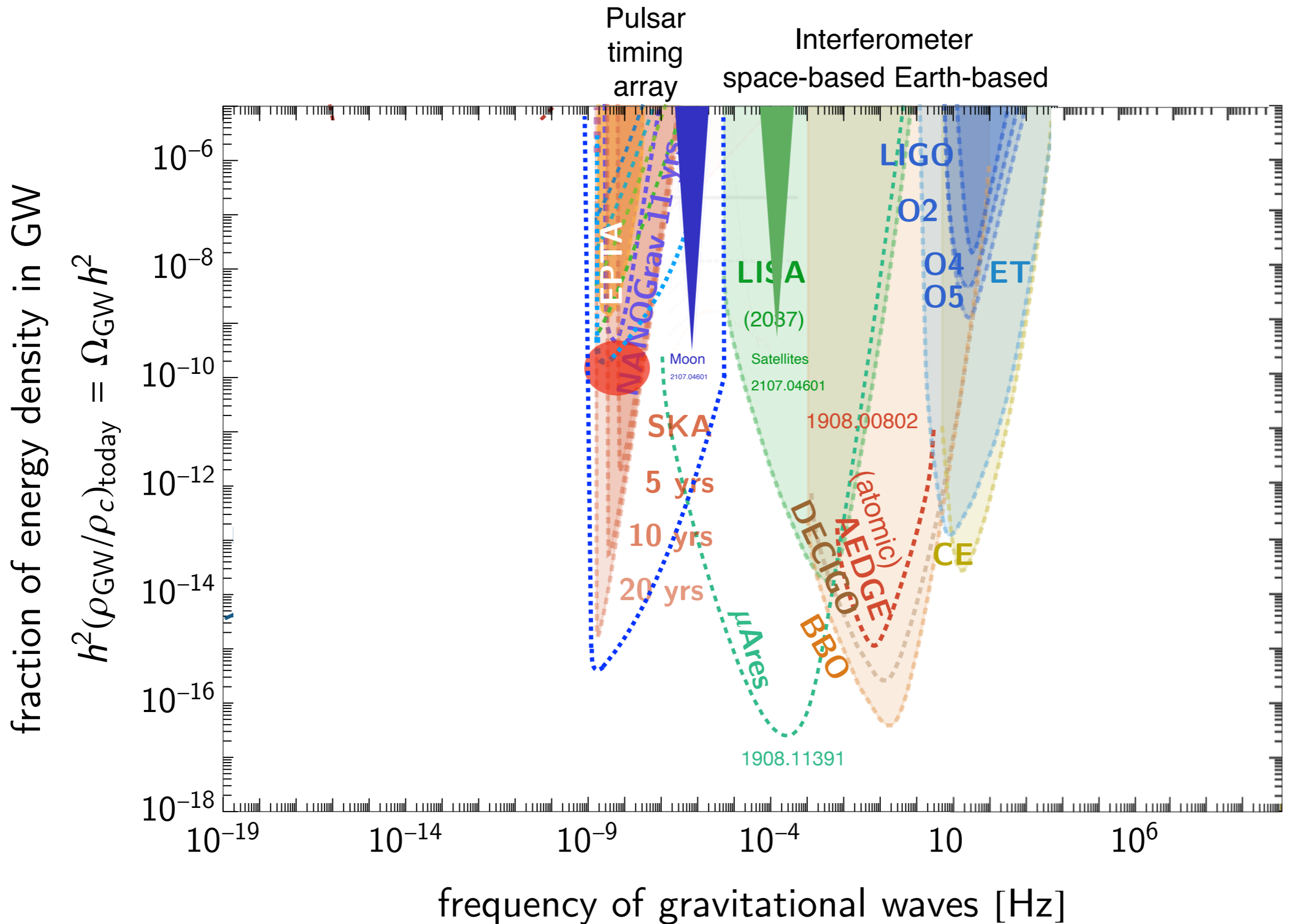
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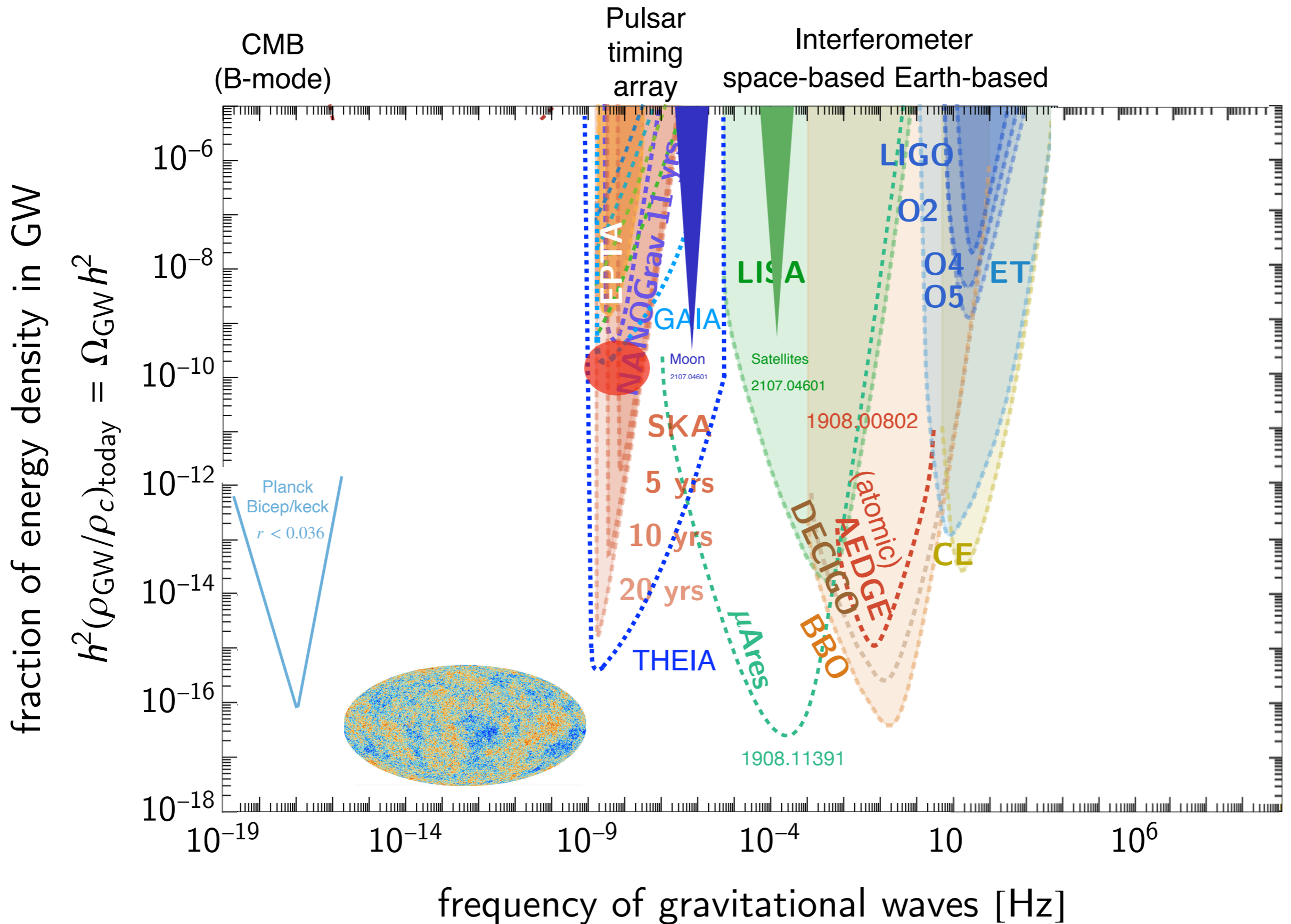
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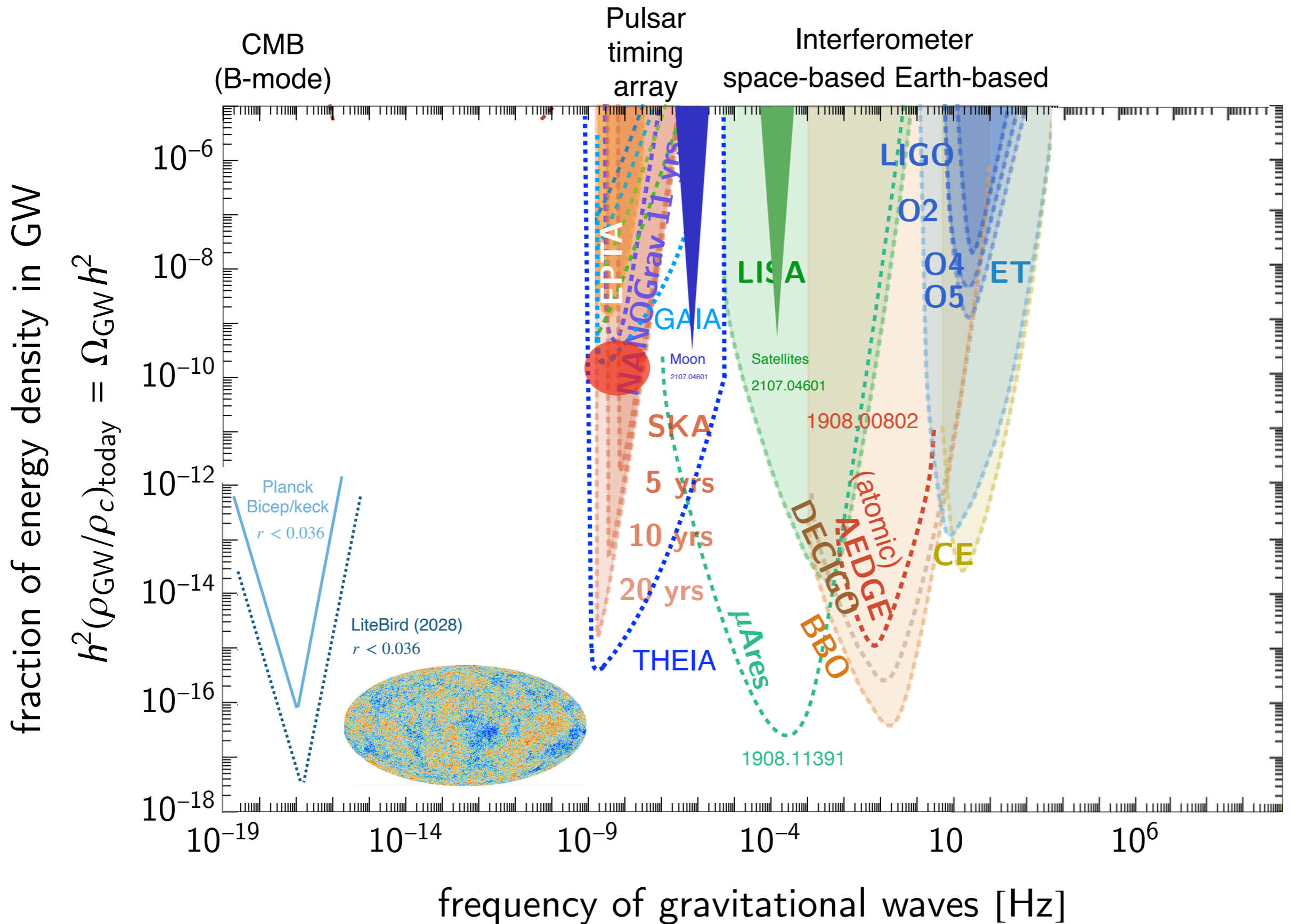
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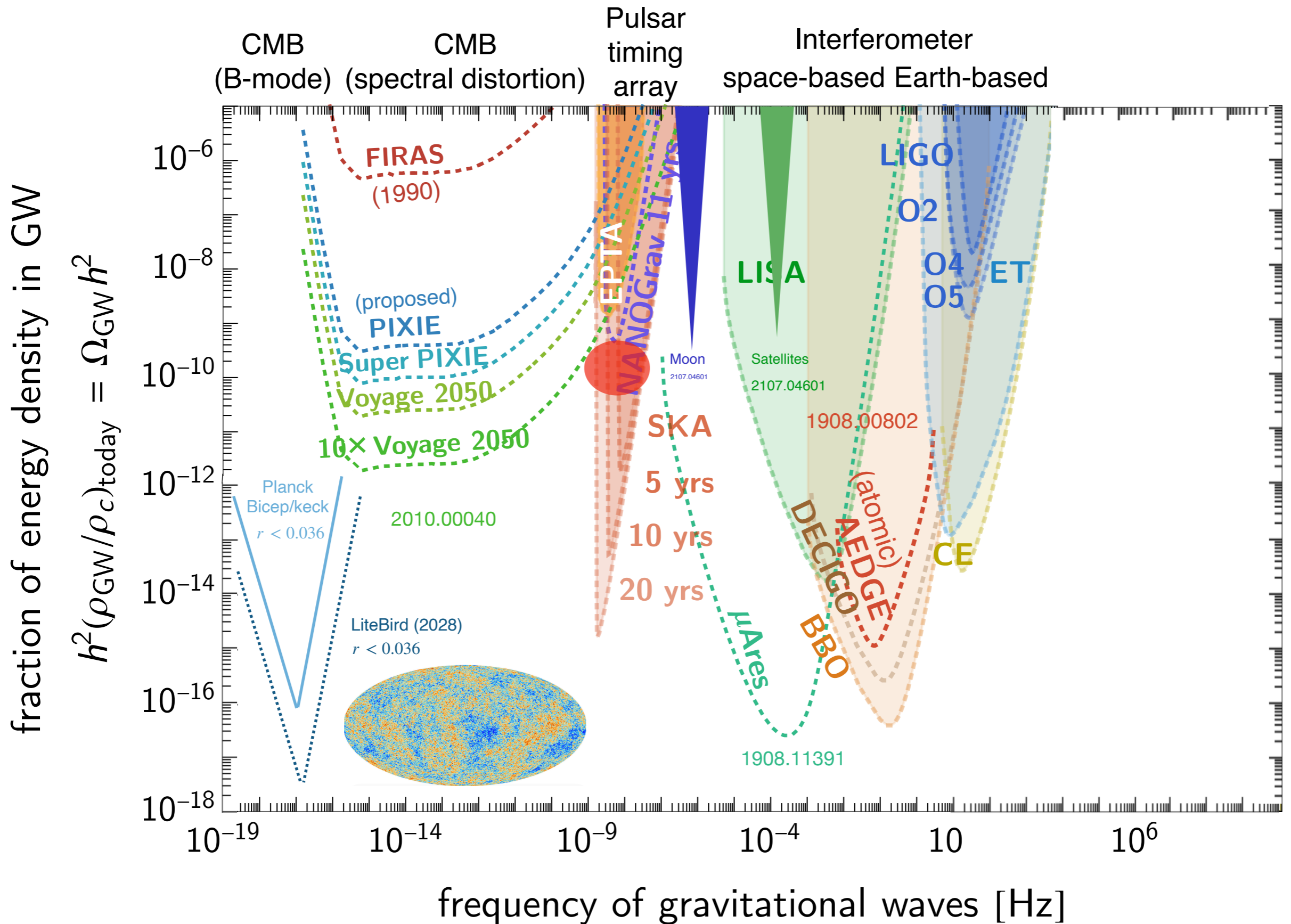
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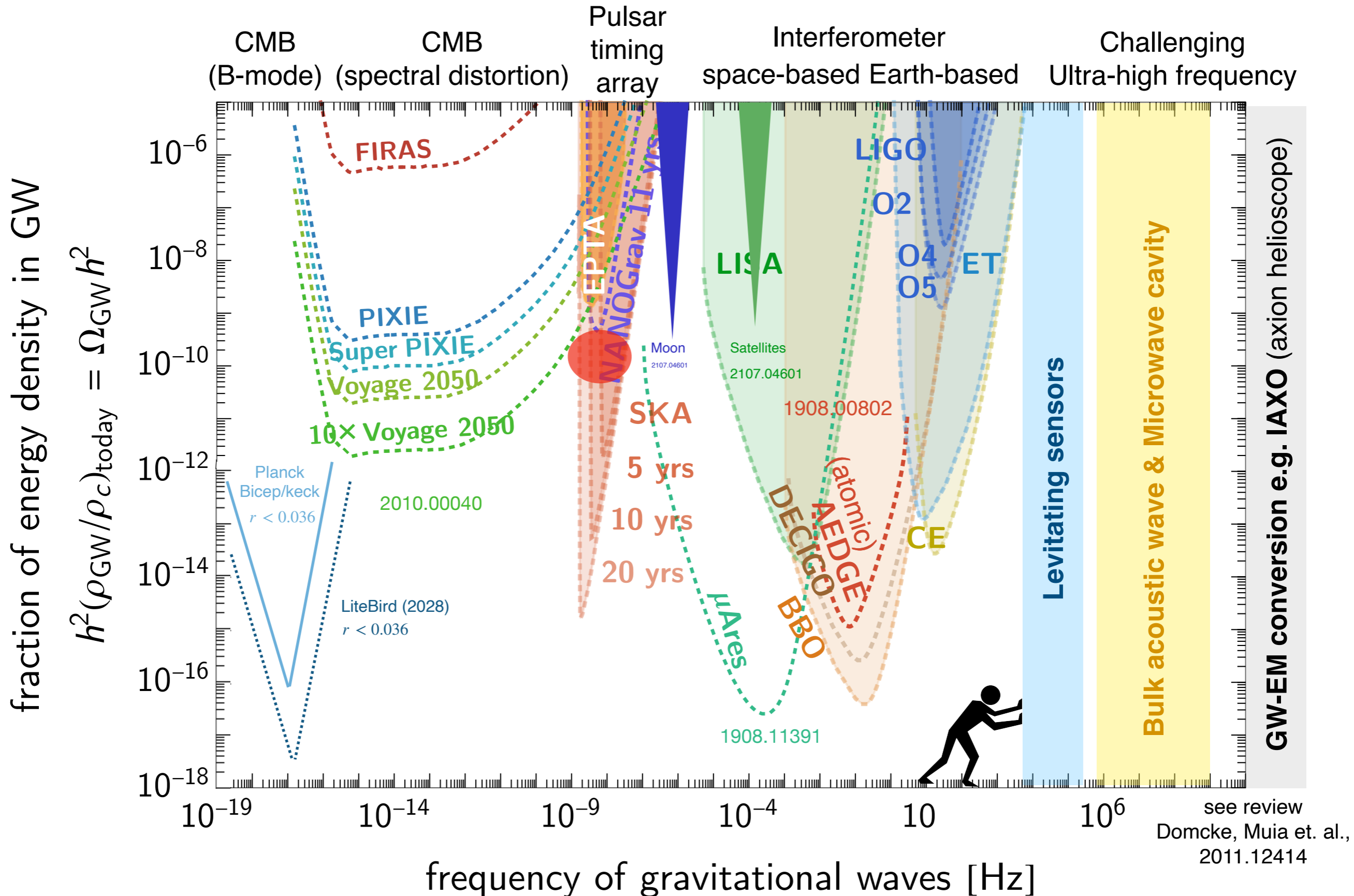
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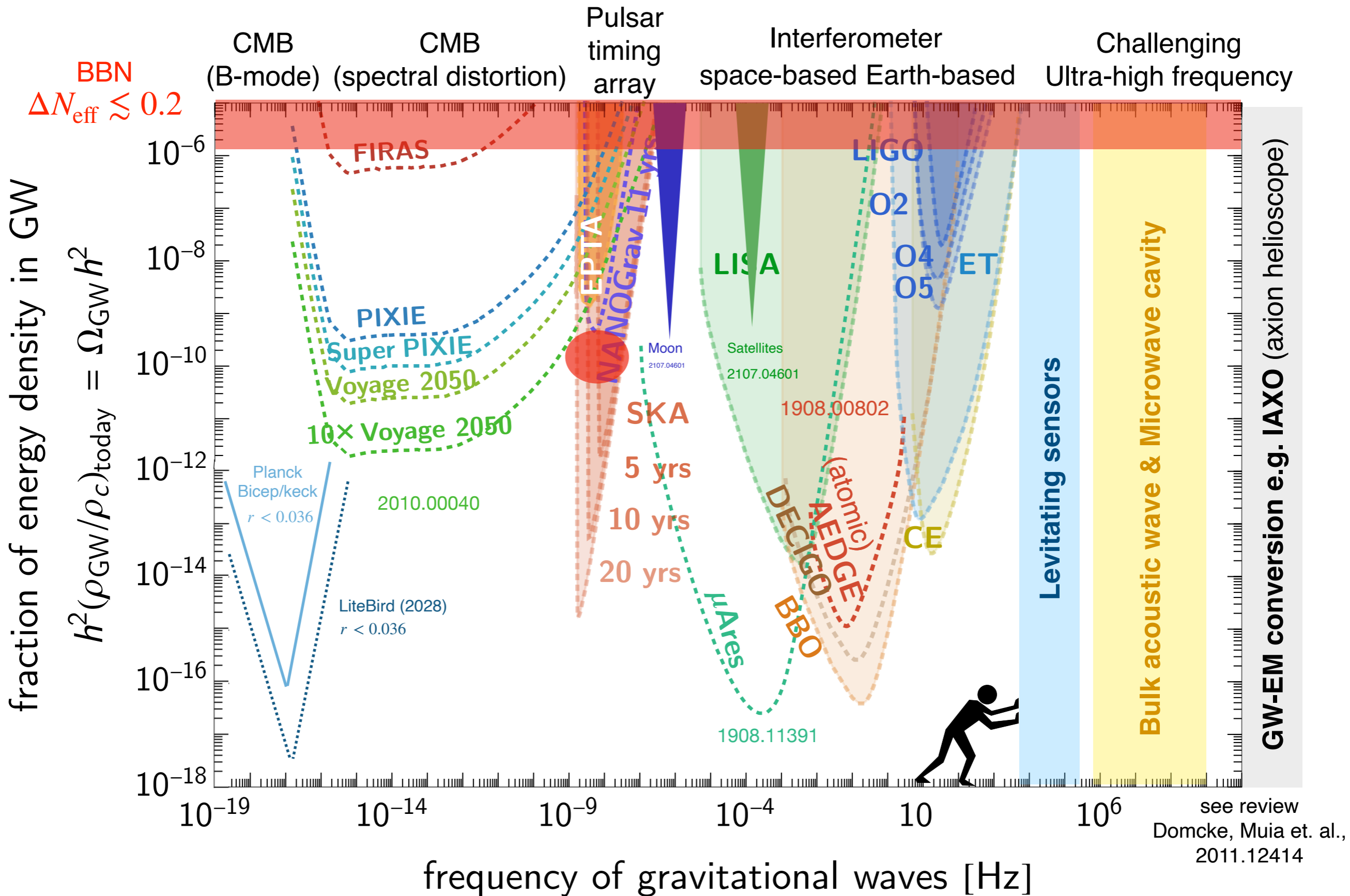
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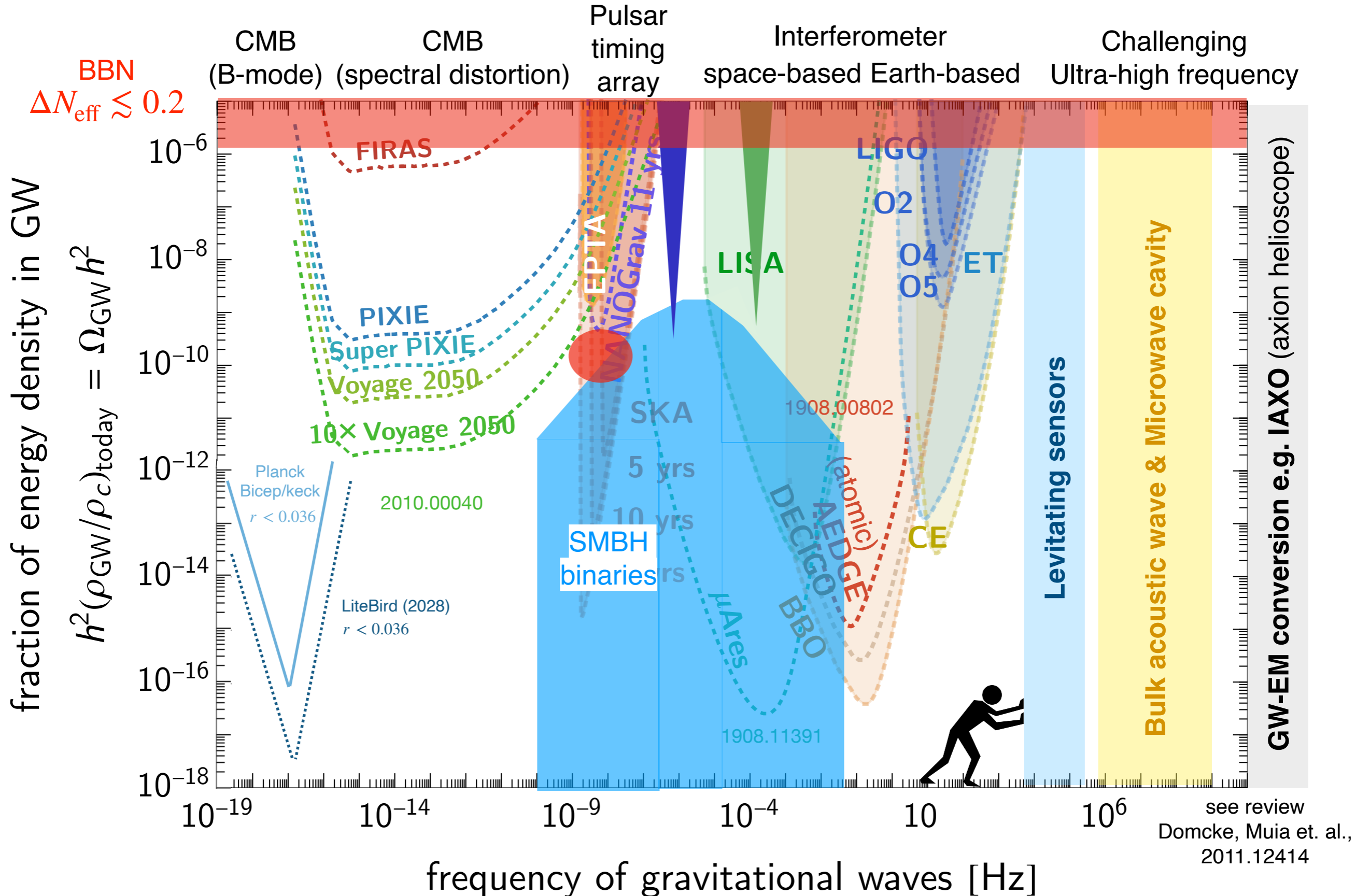
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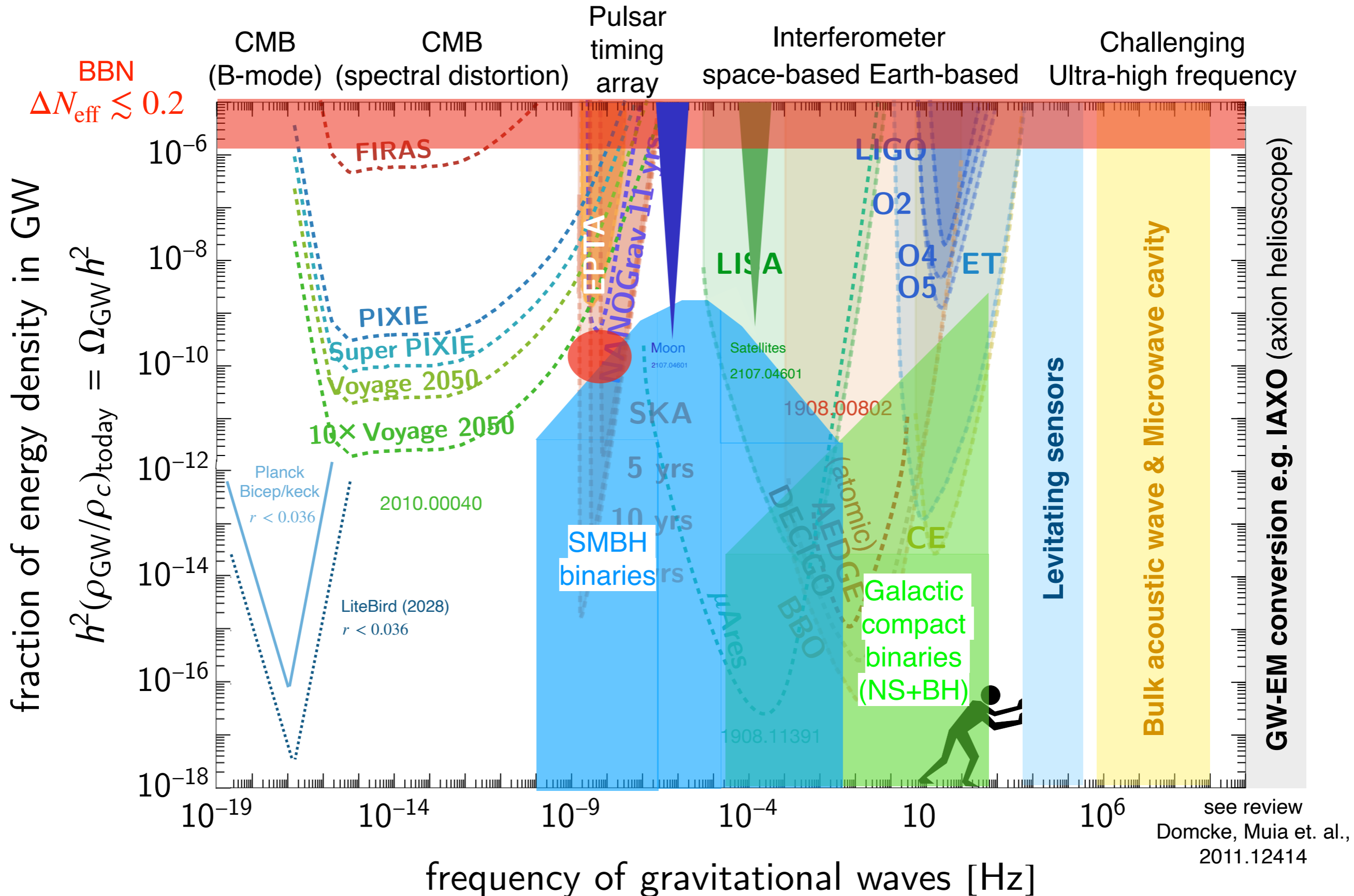
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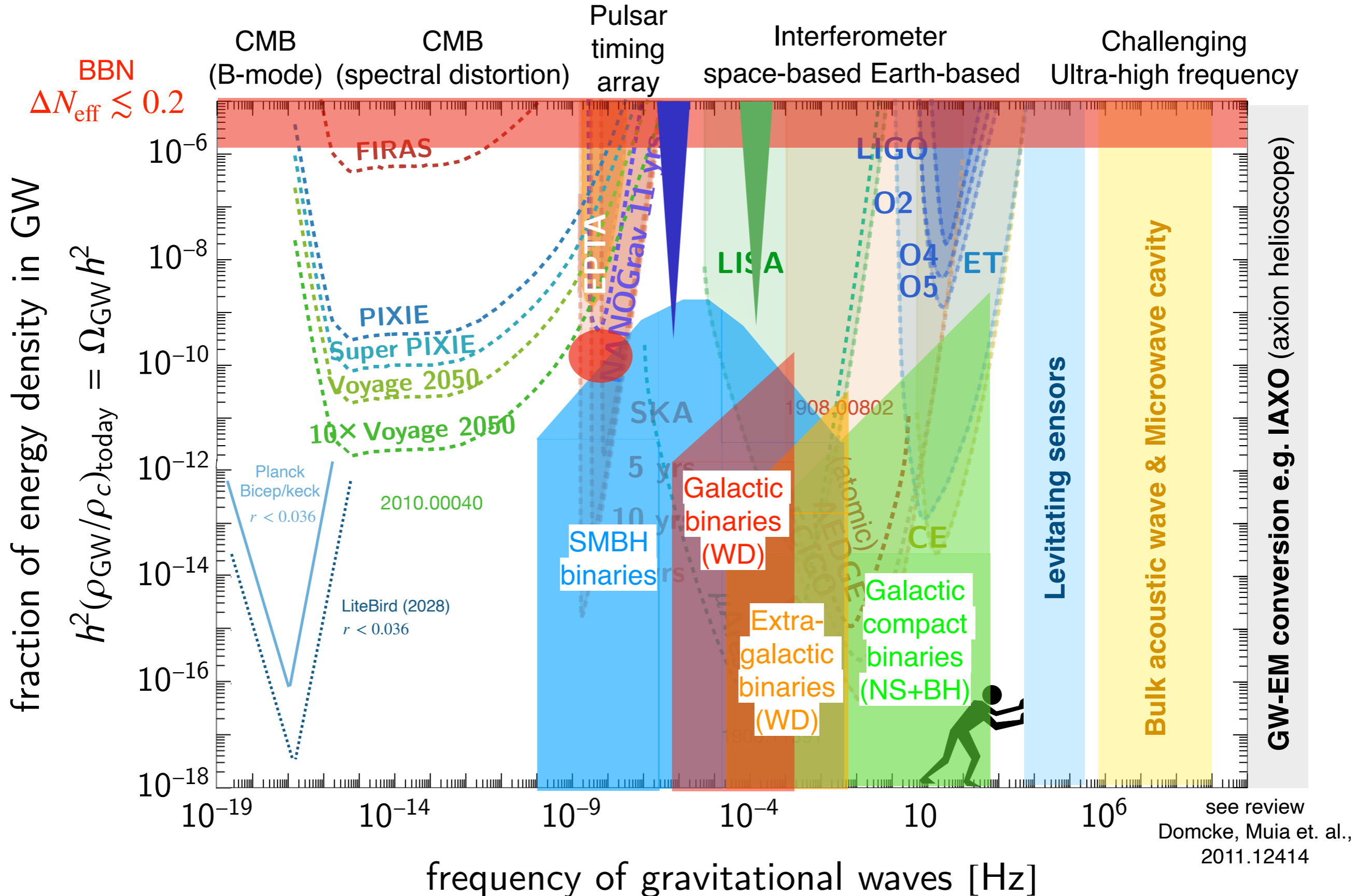
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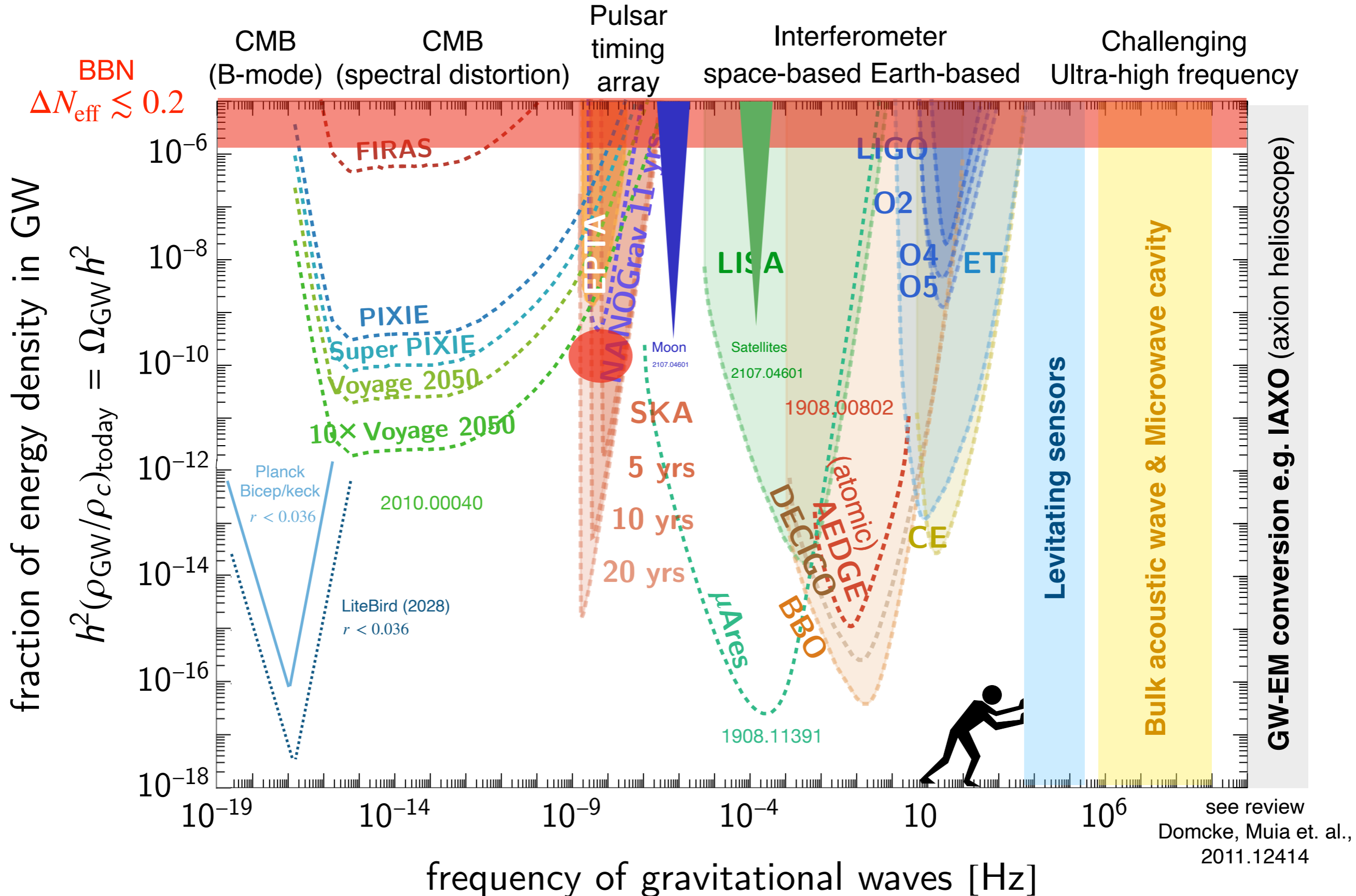
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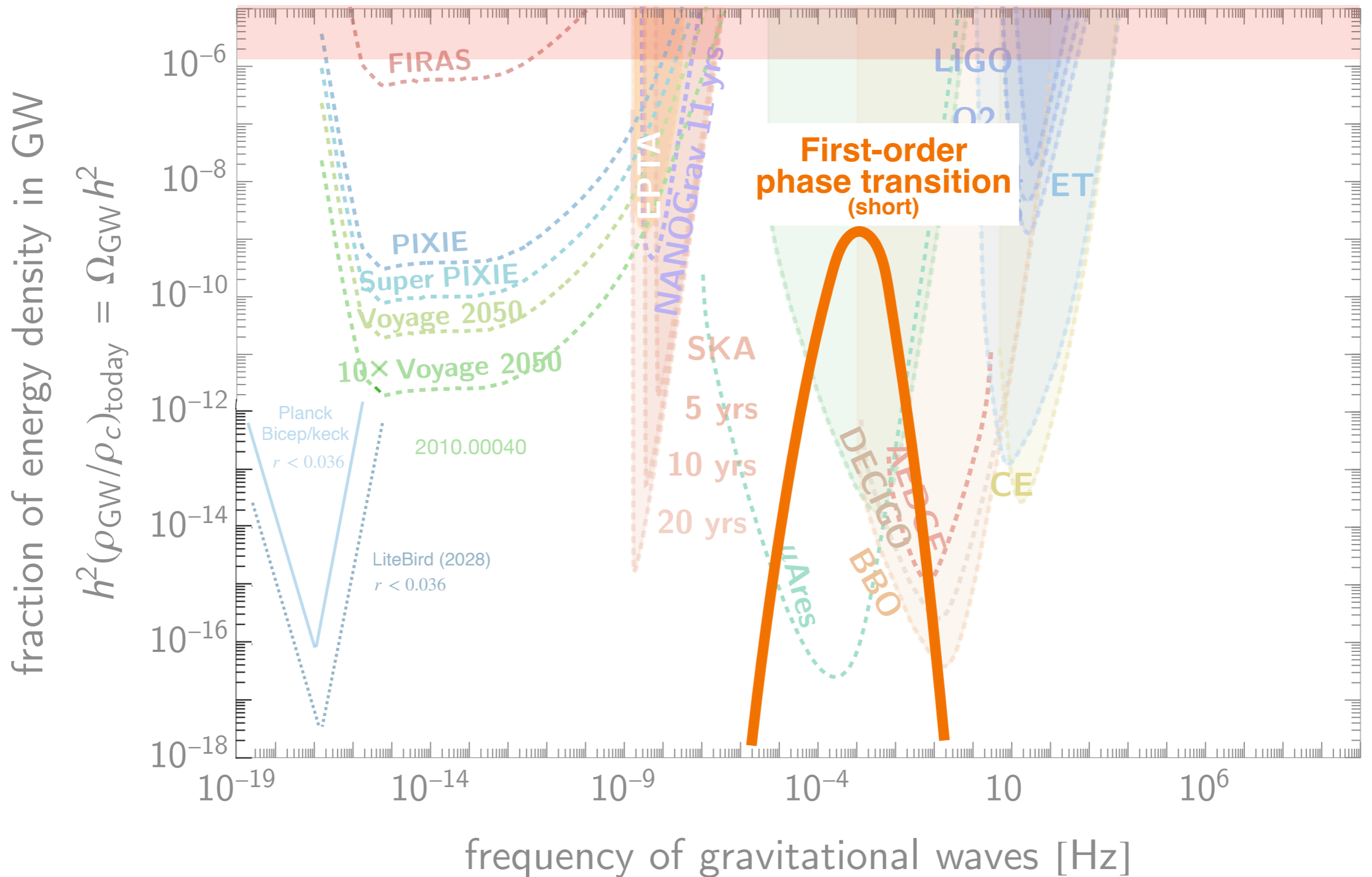
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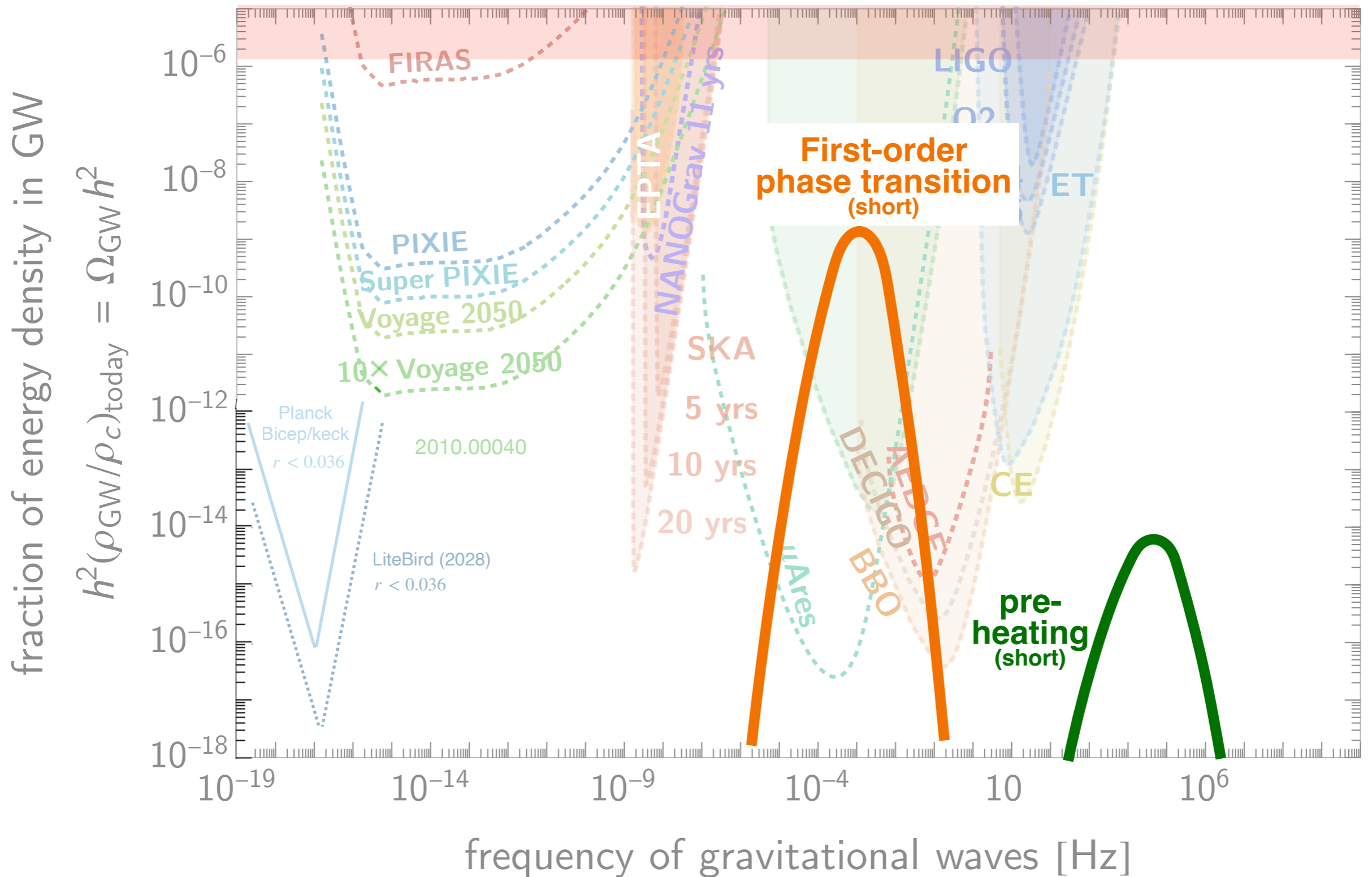
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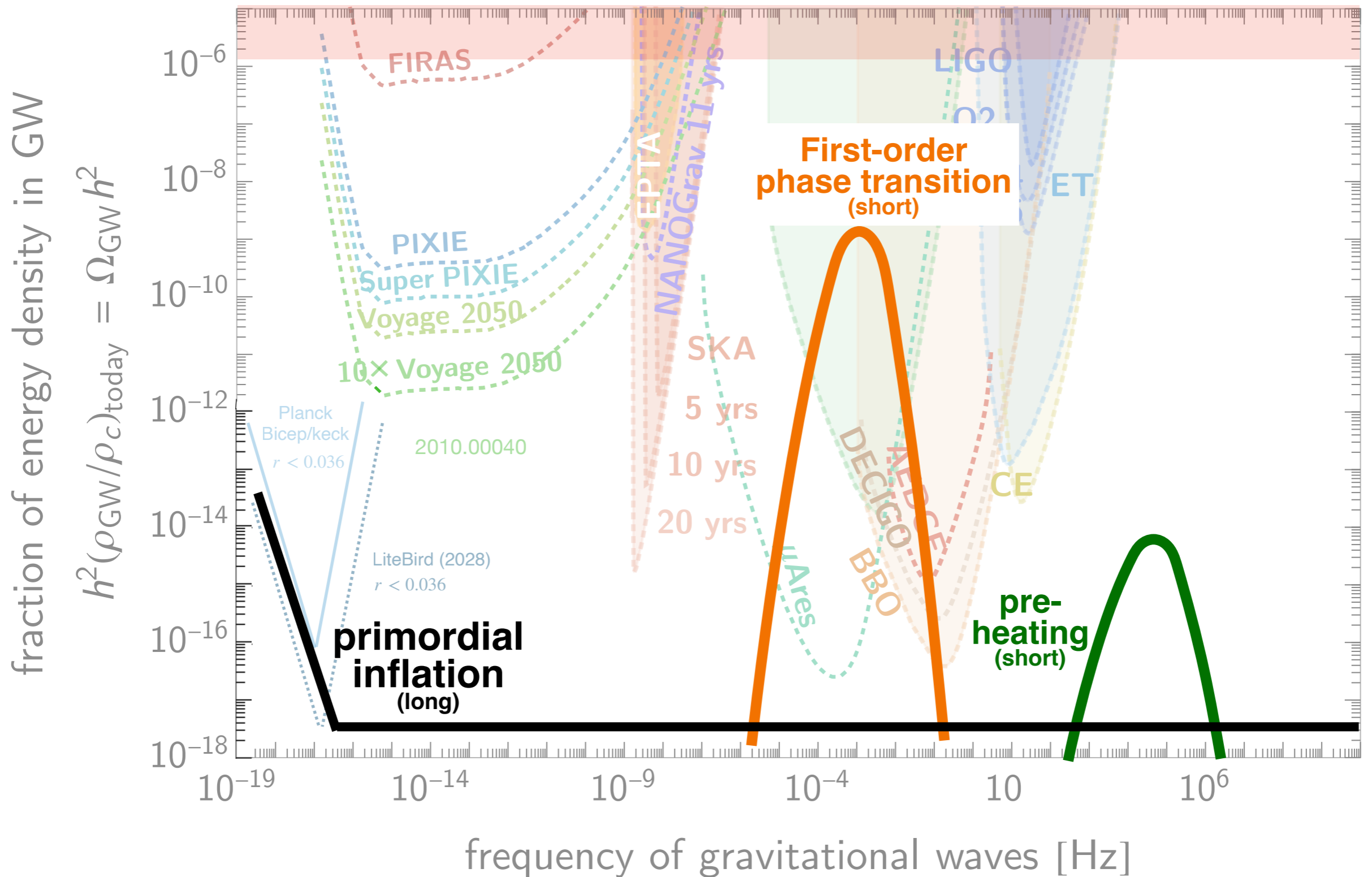
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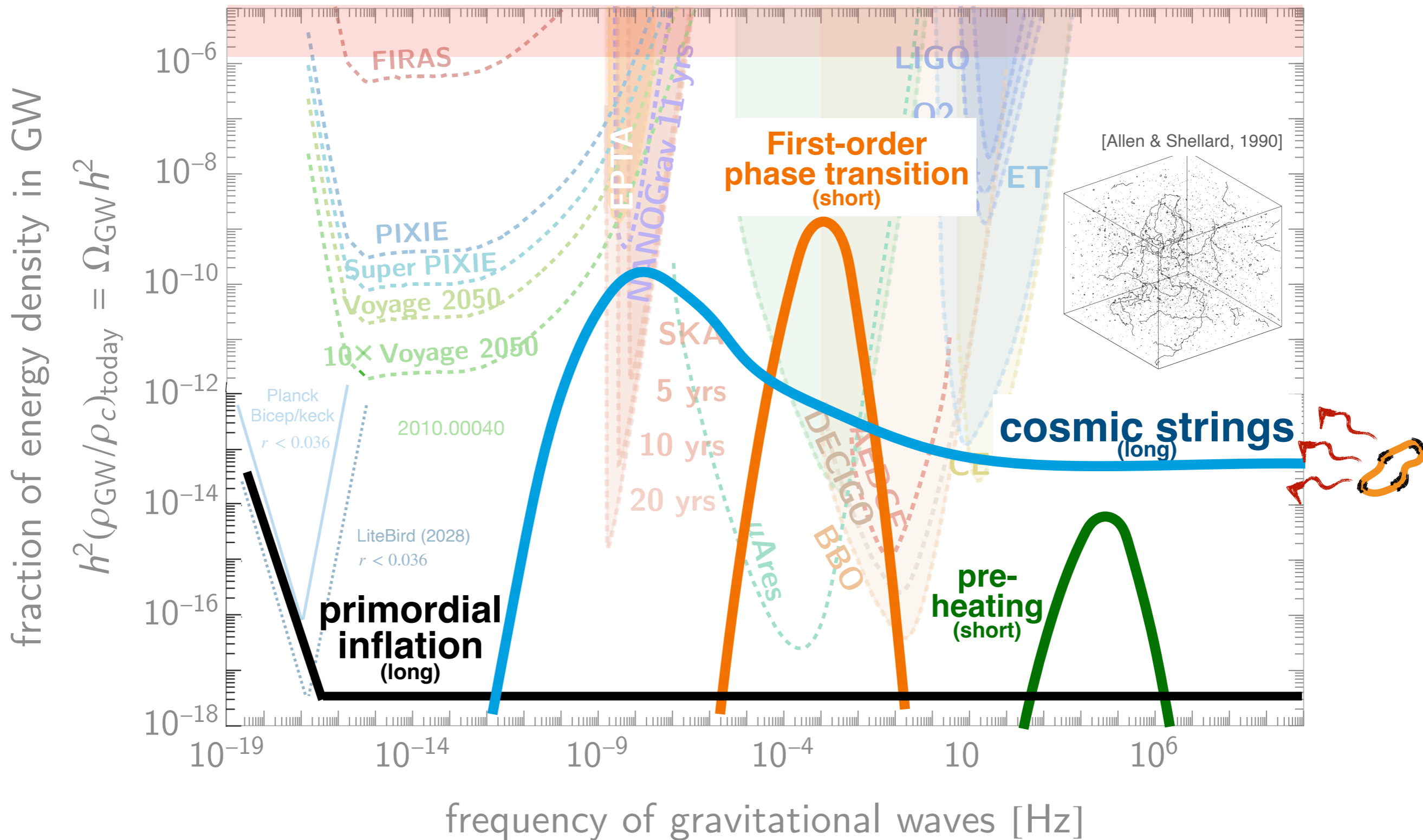
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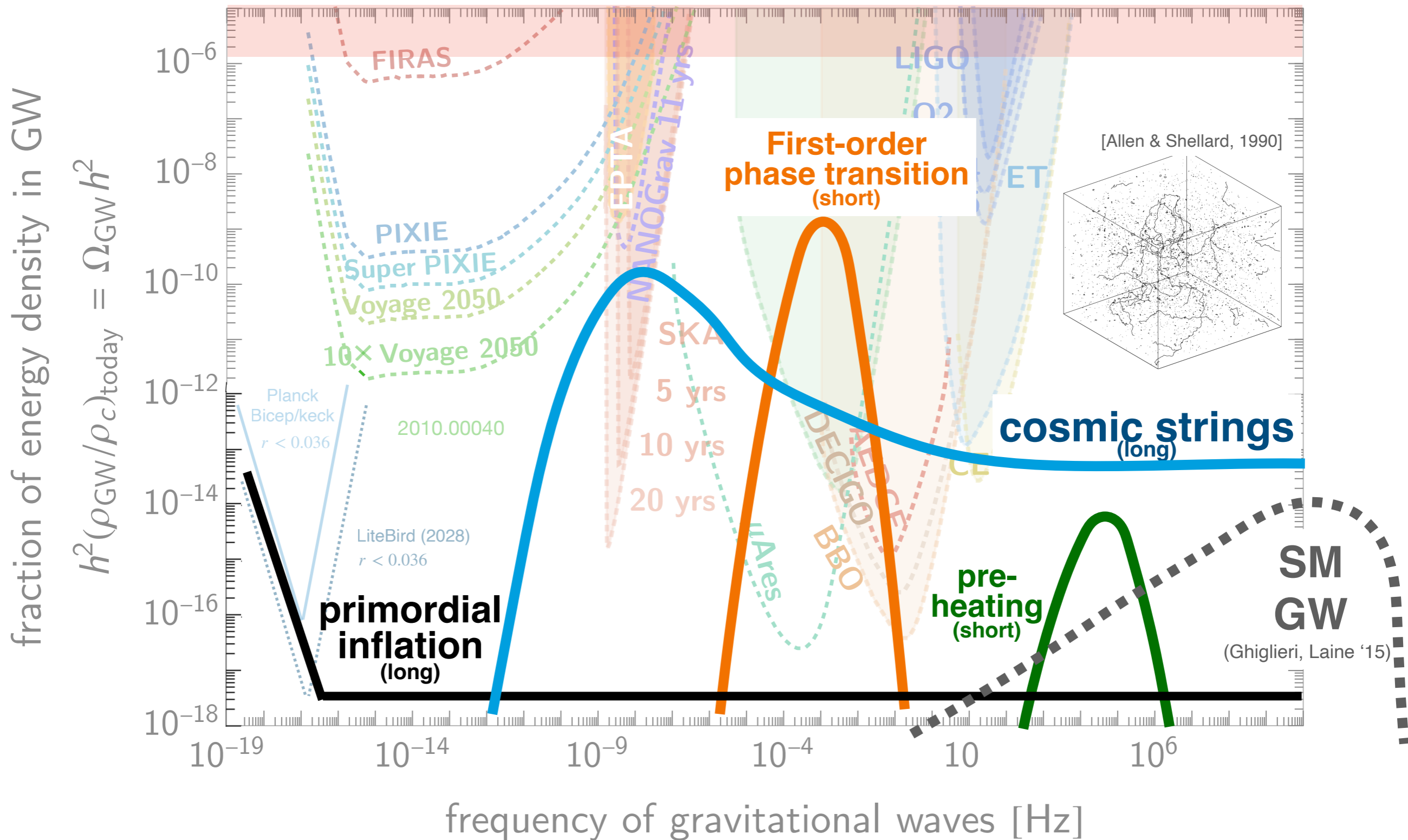
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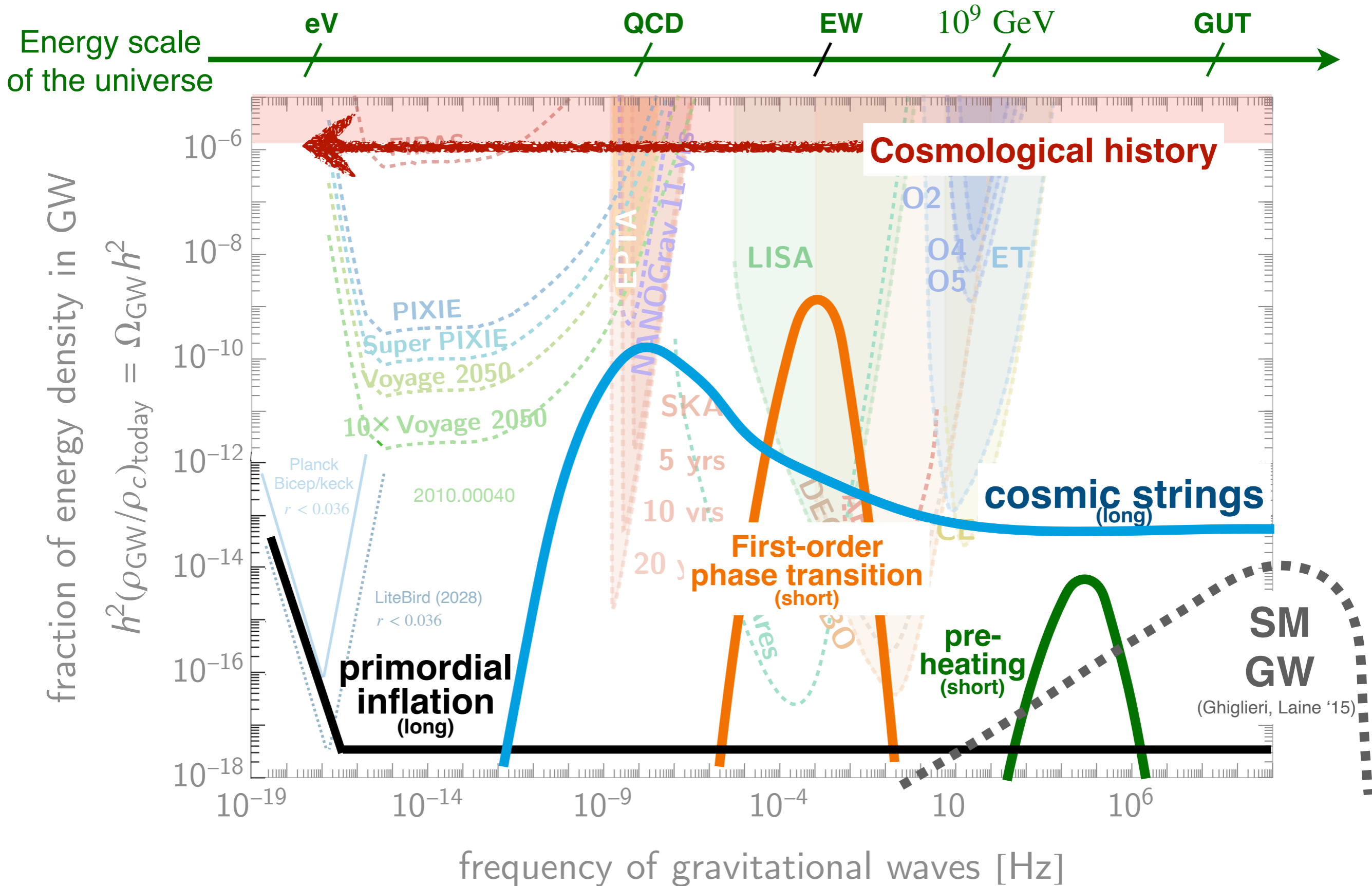
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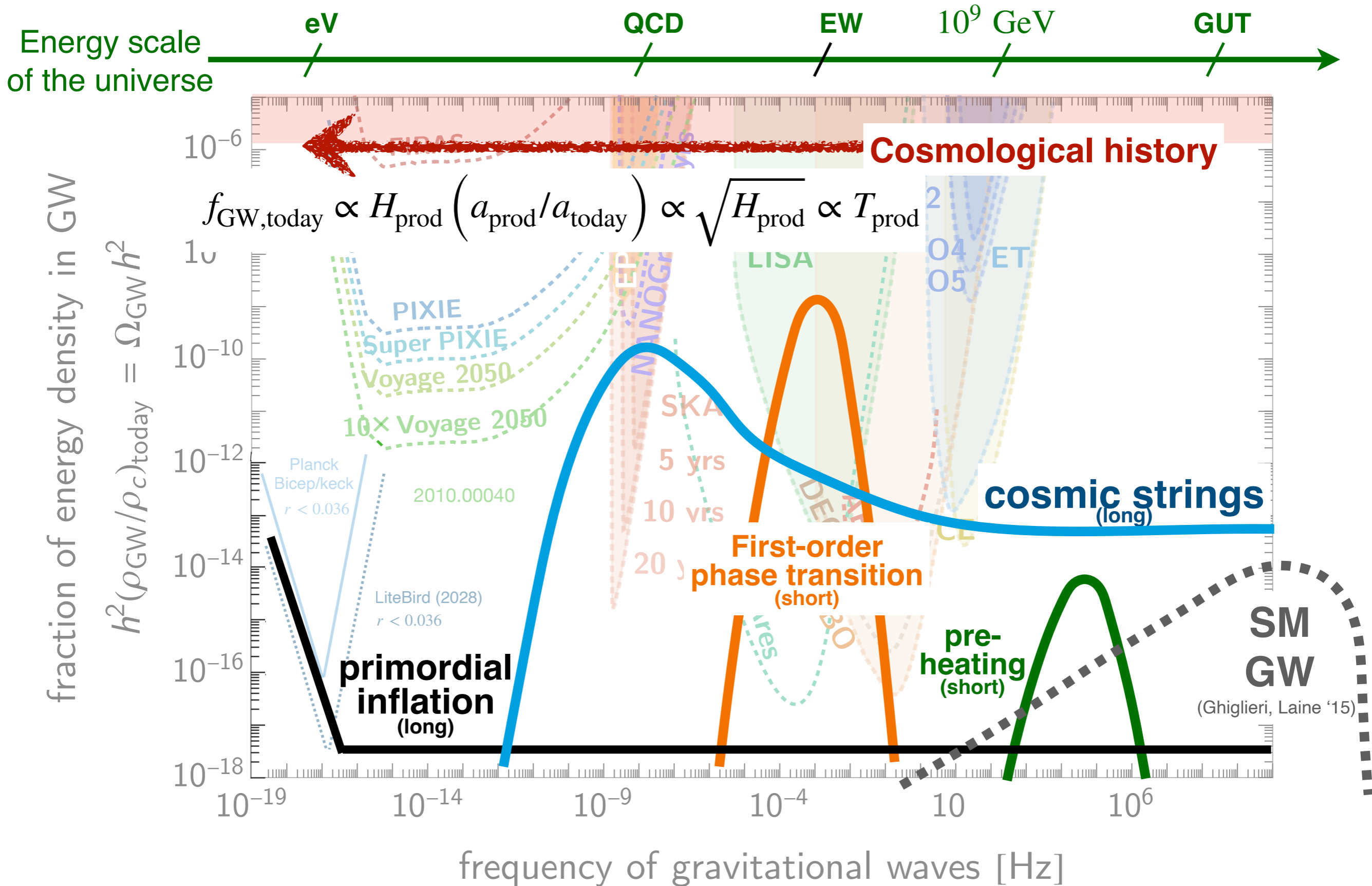
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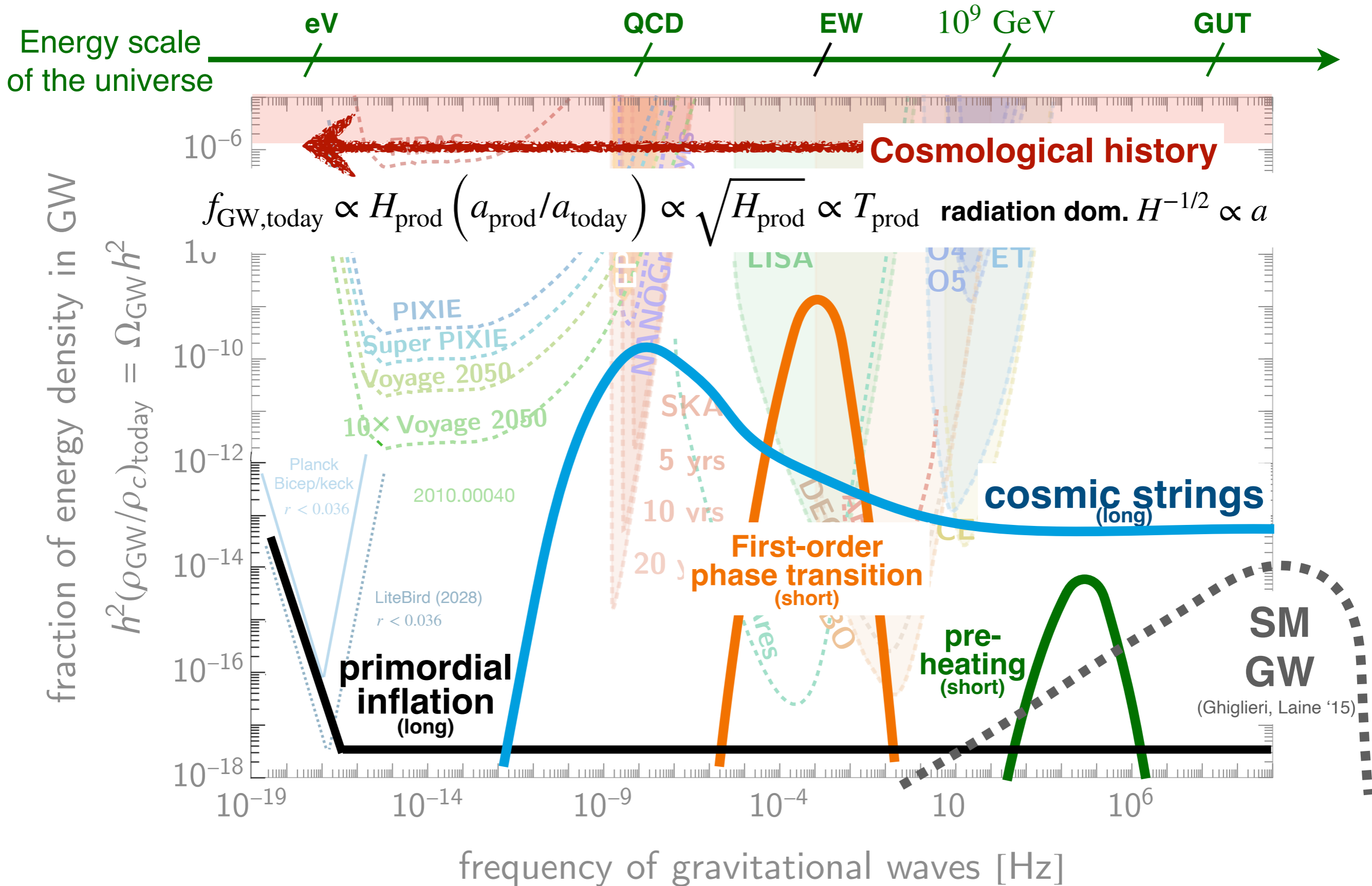
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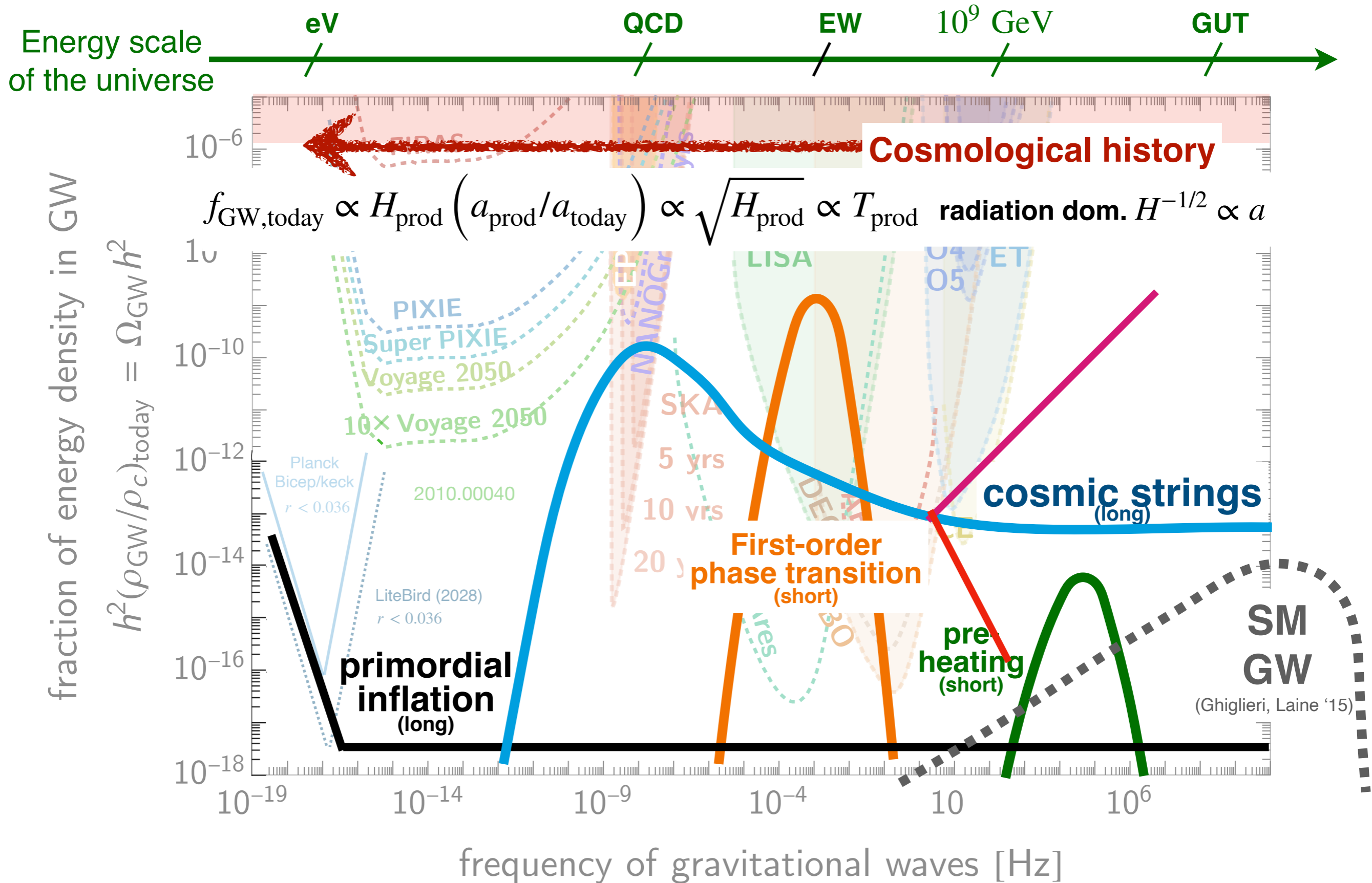
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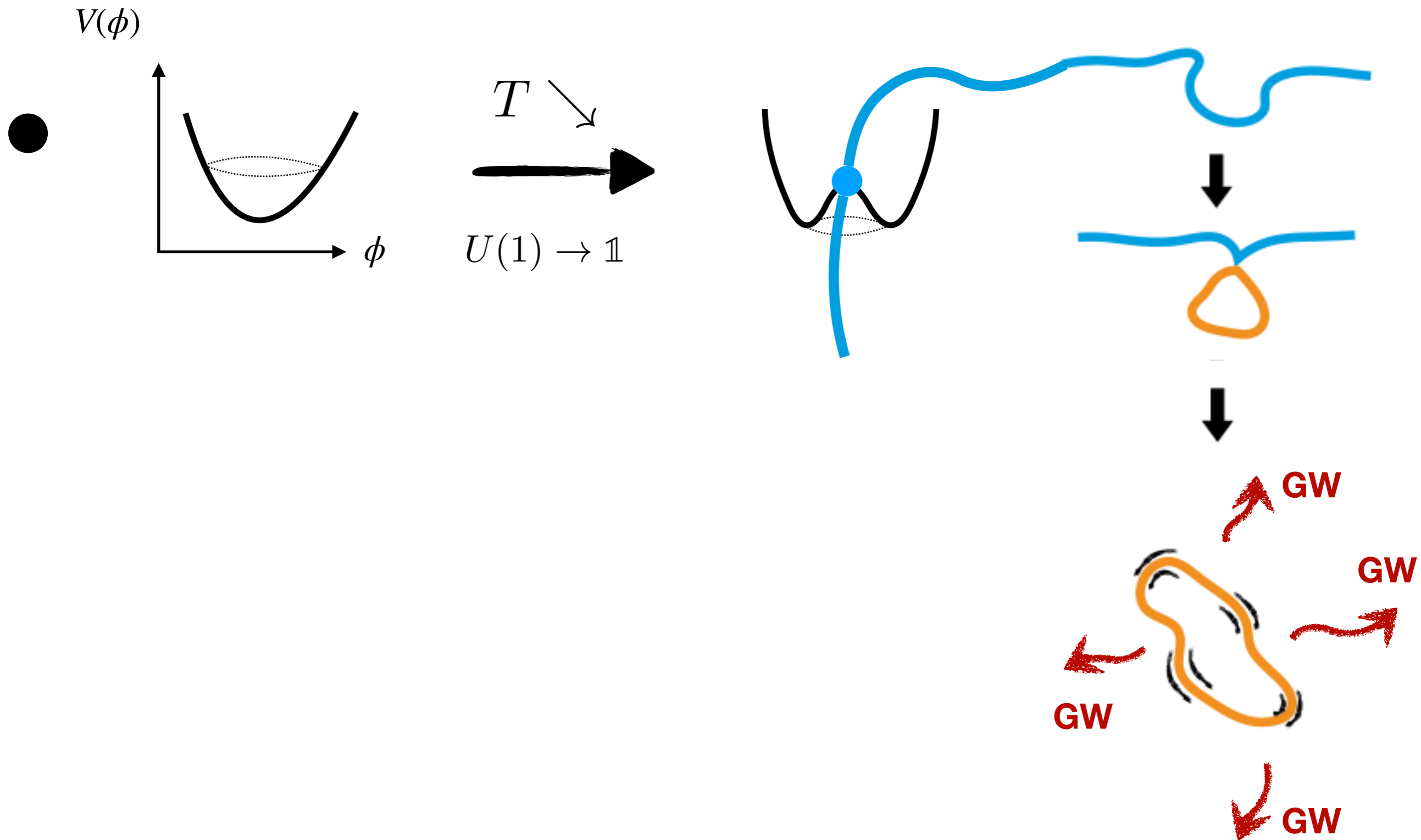
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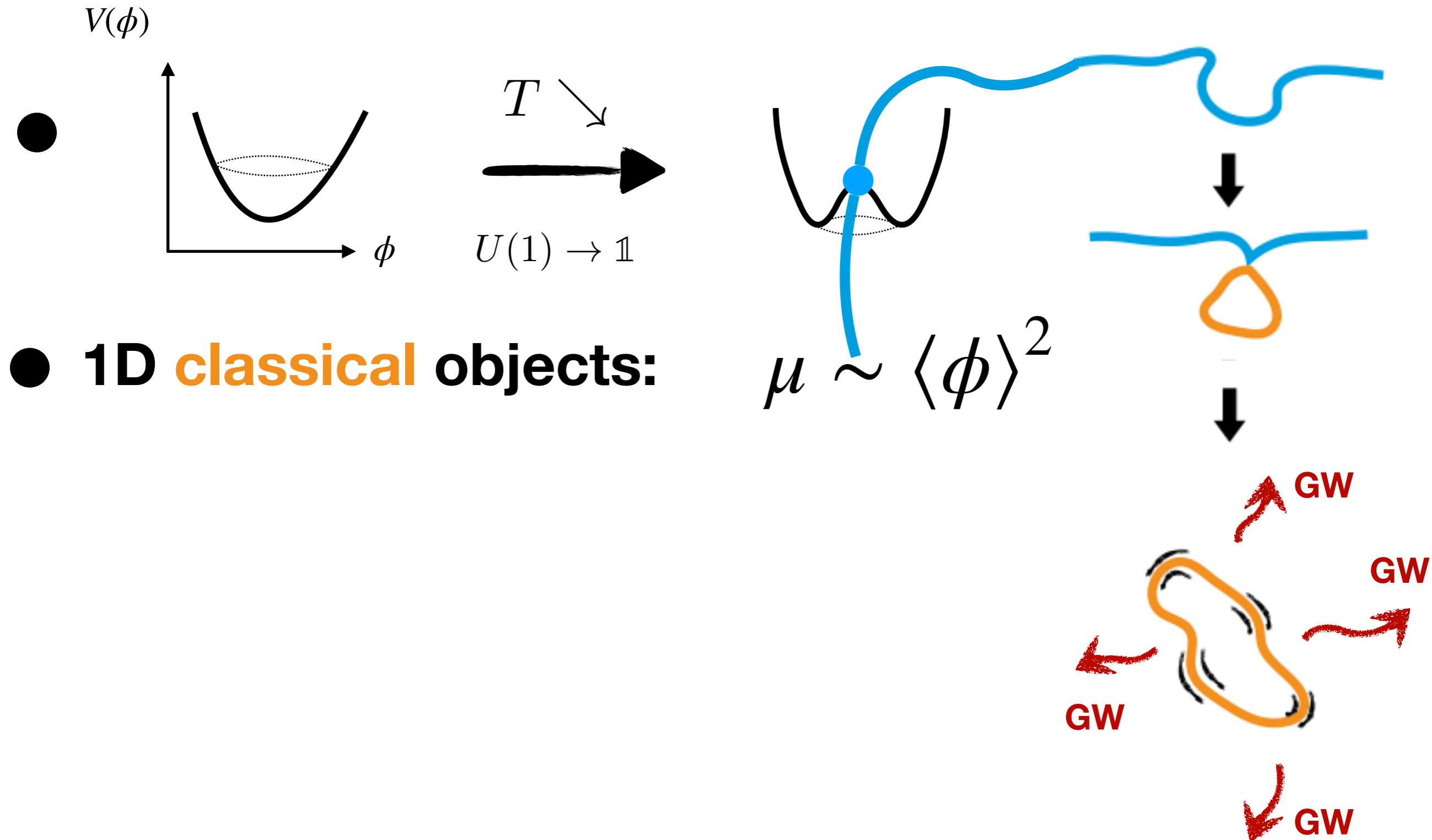
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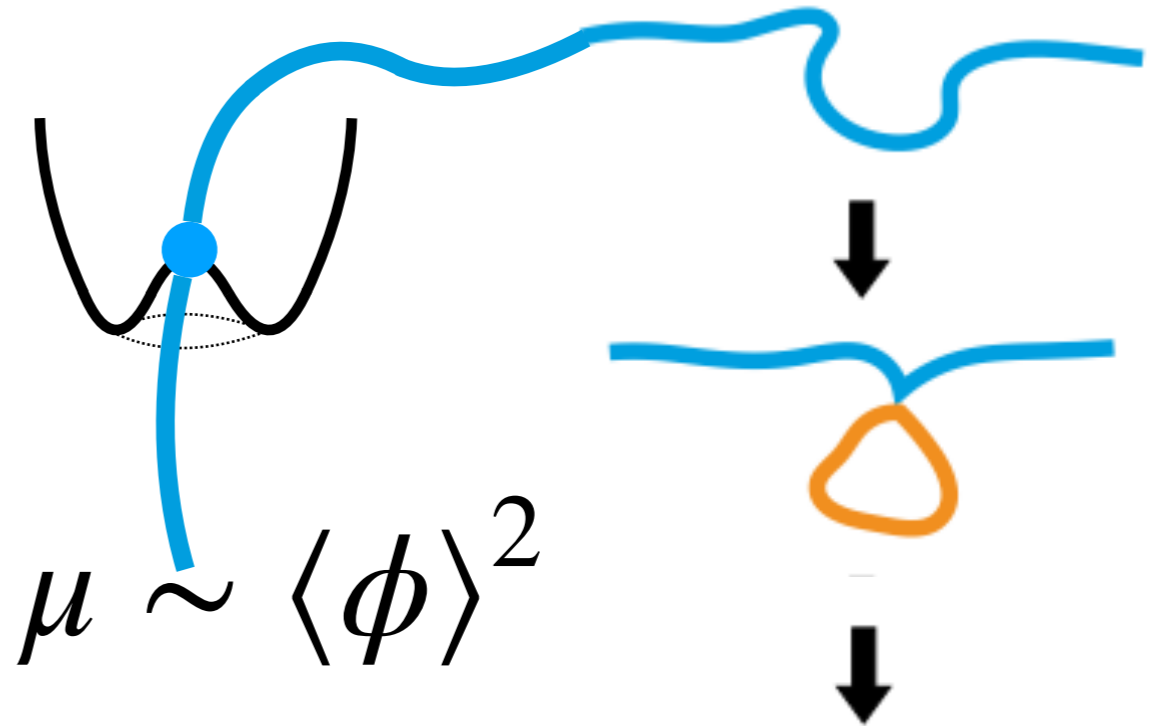
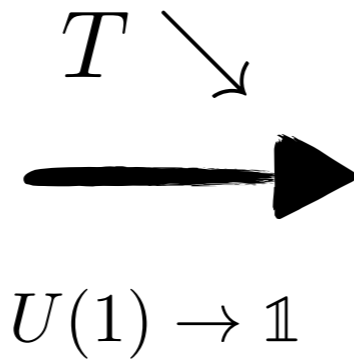
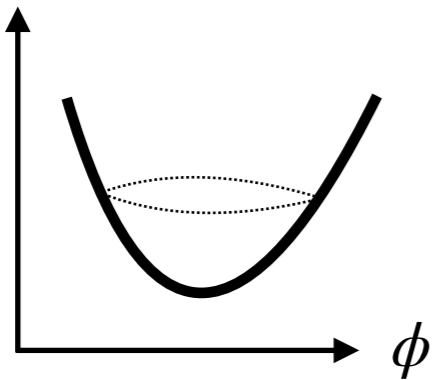


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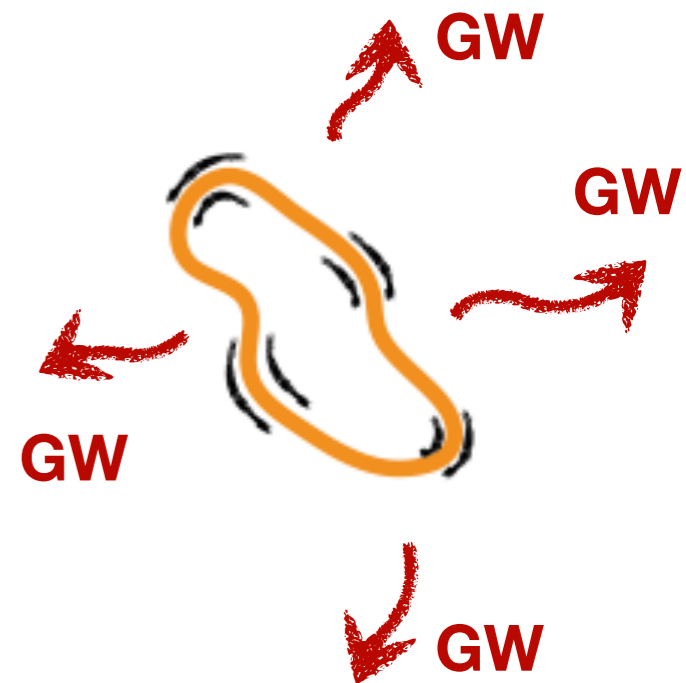
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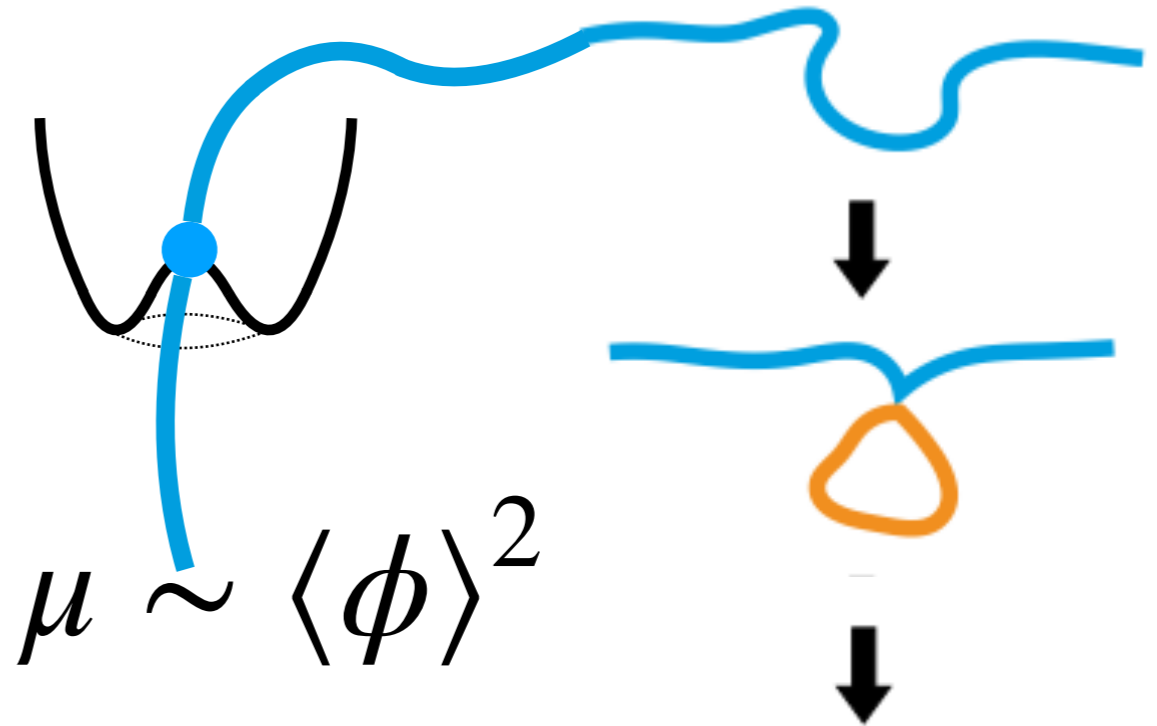
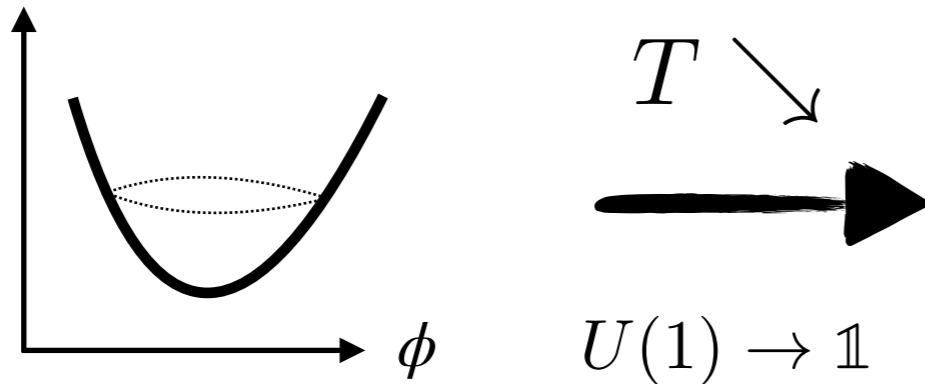
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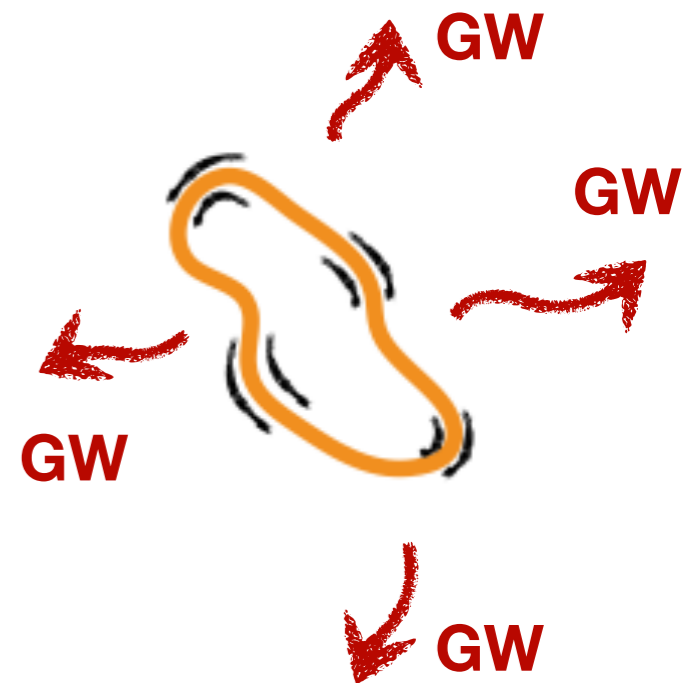
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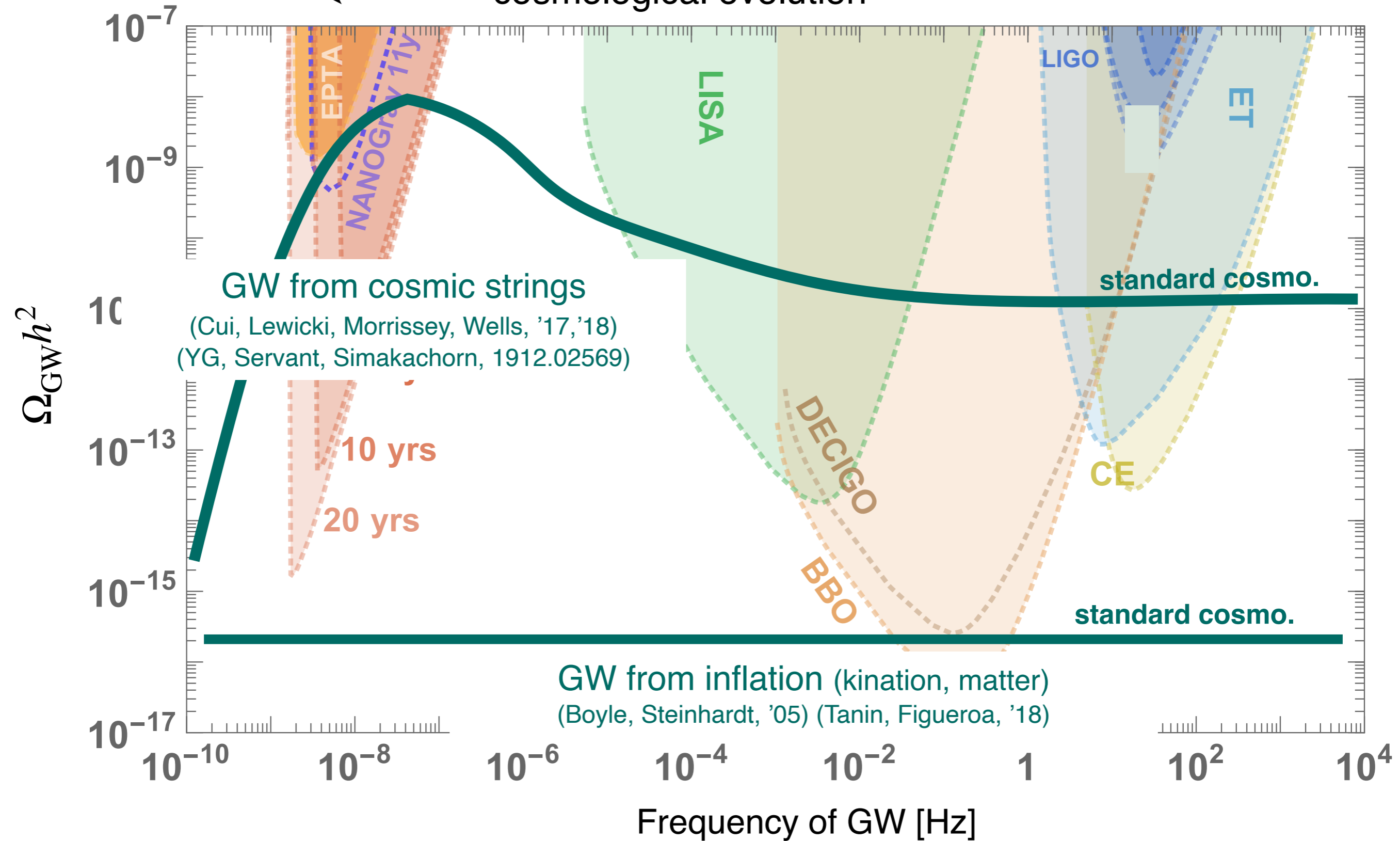
- **Scaling regime:** $L \propto t$

- ➔ $\Omega_{\text{CS}} \simeq \text{constant}$



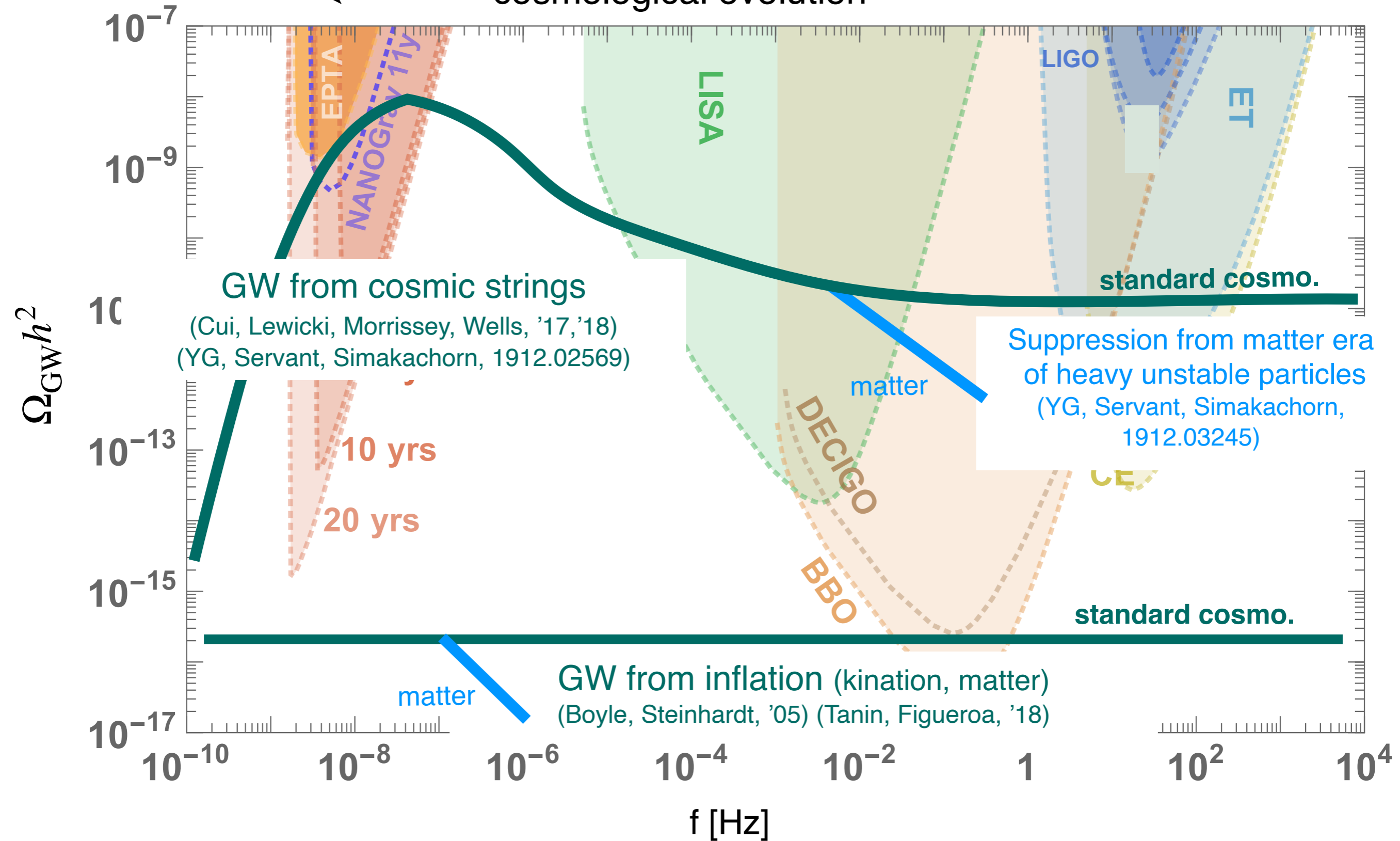
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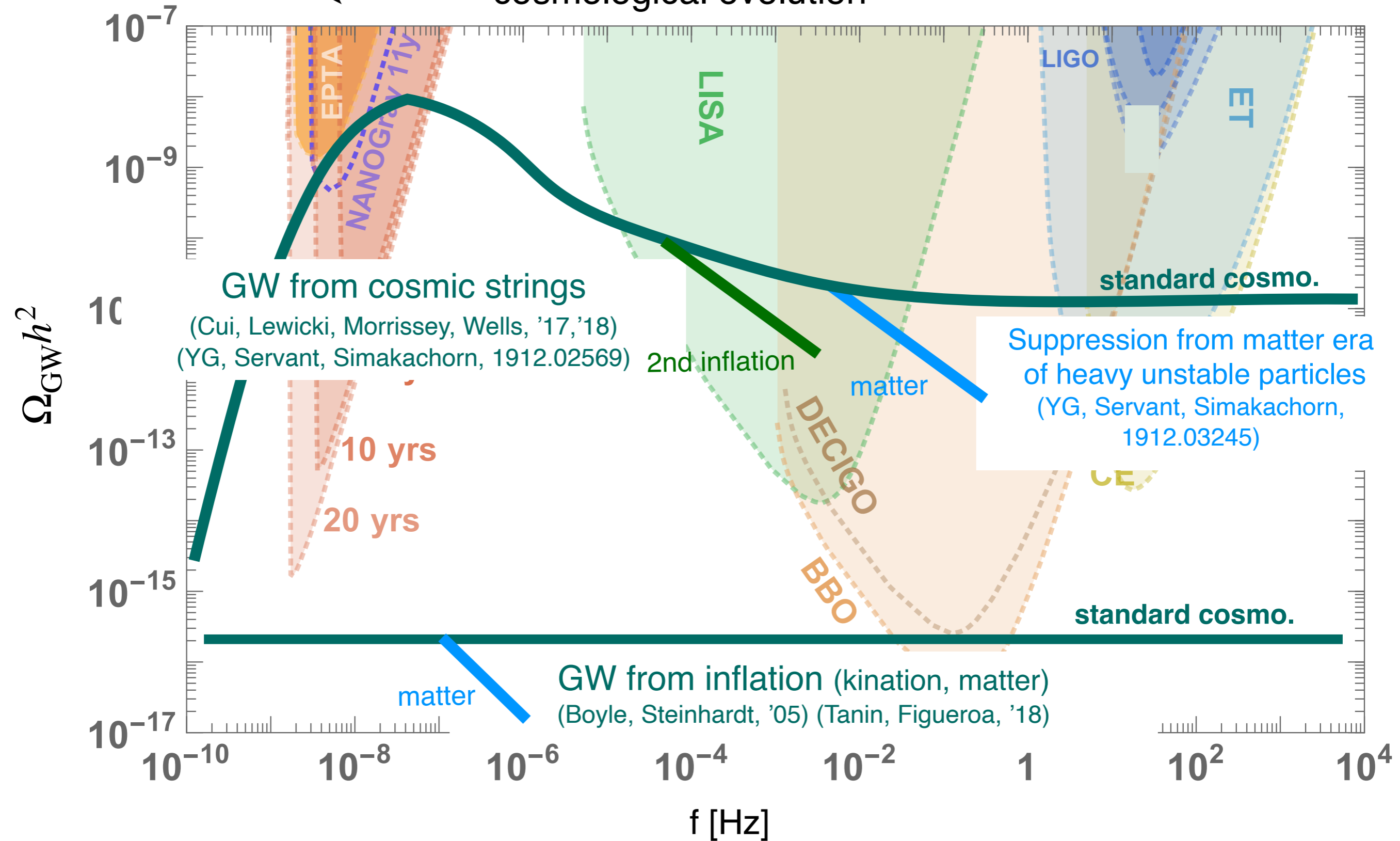
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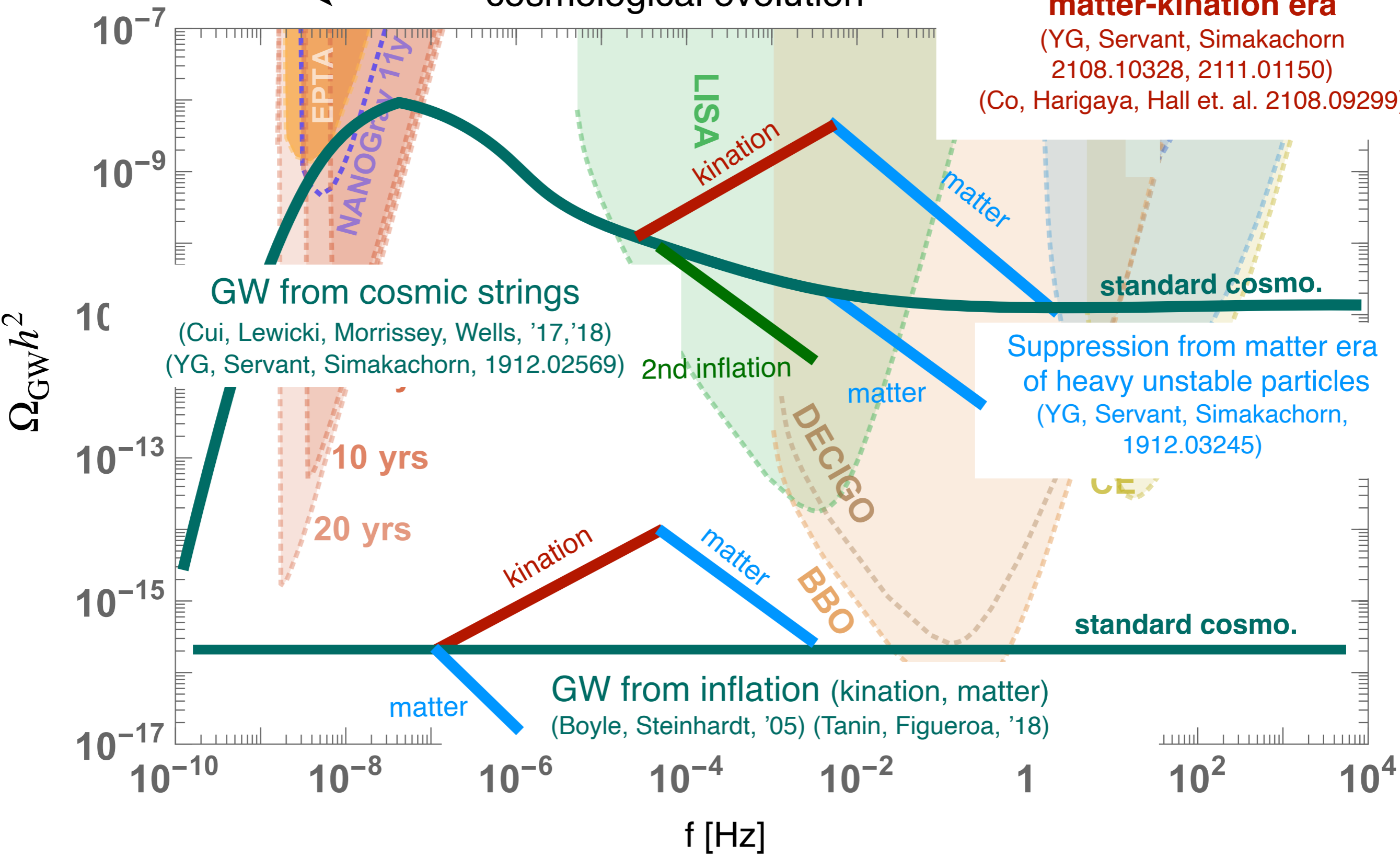
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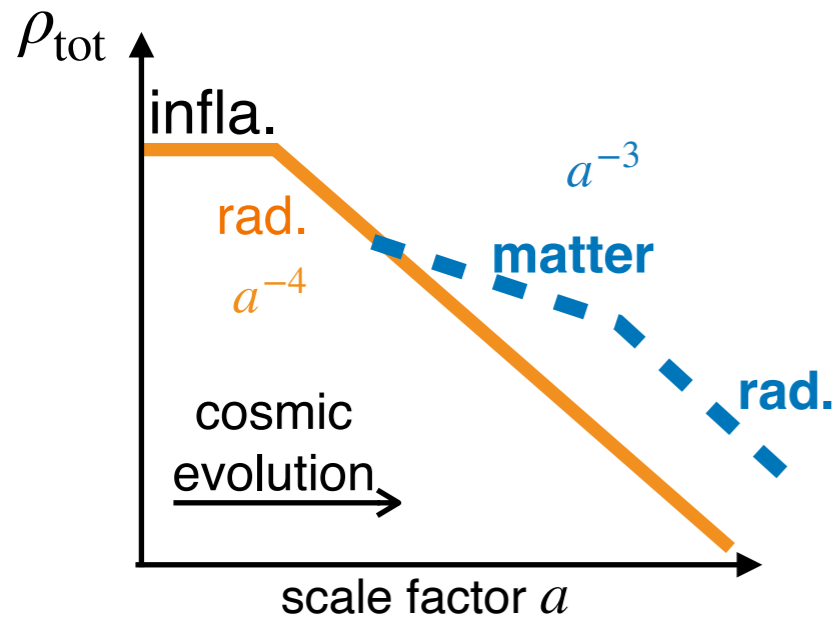
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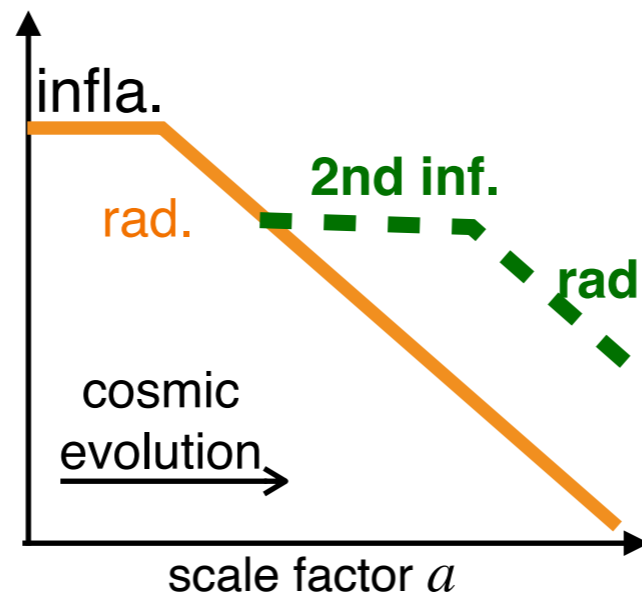
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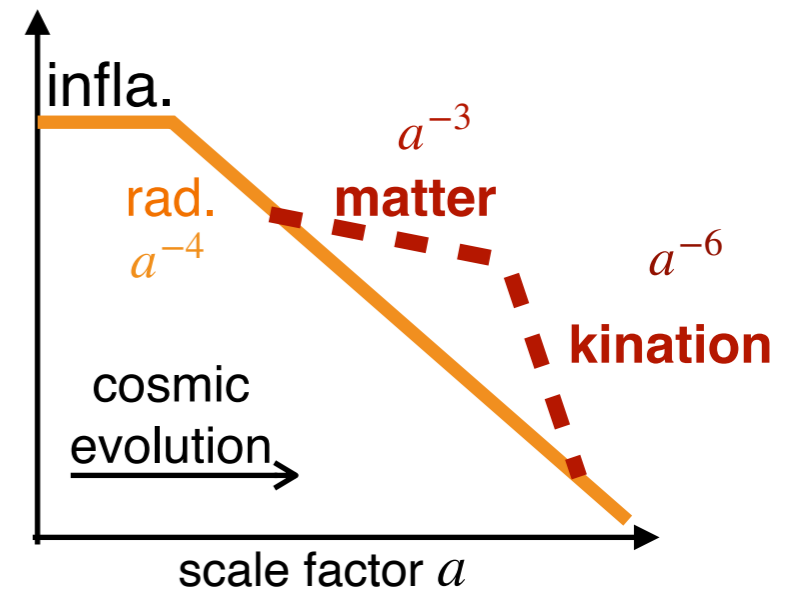
Non-standard cosmological eras



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**Rotating field
(Affleck-Dine)**

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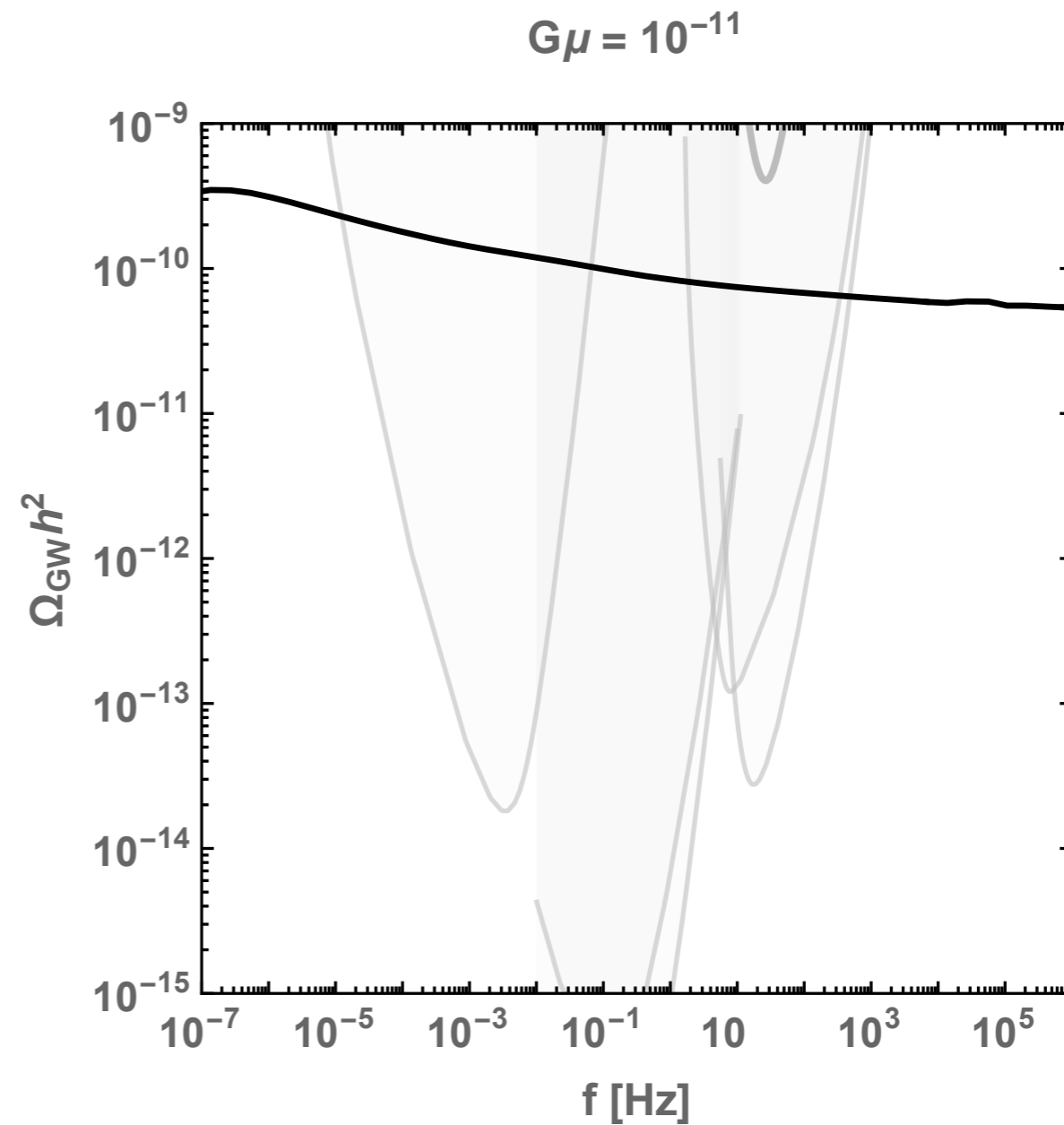
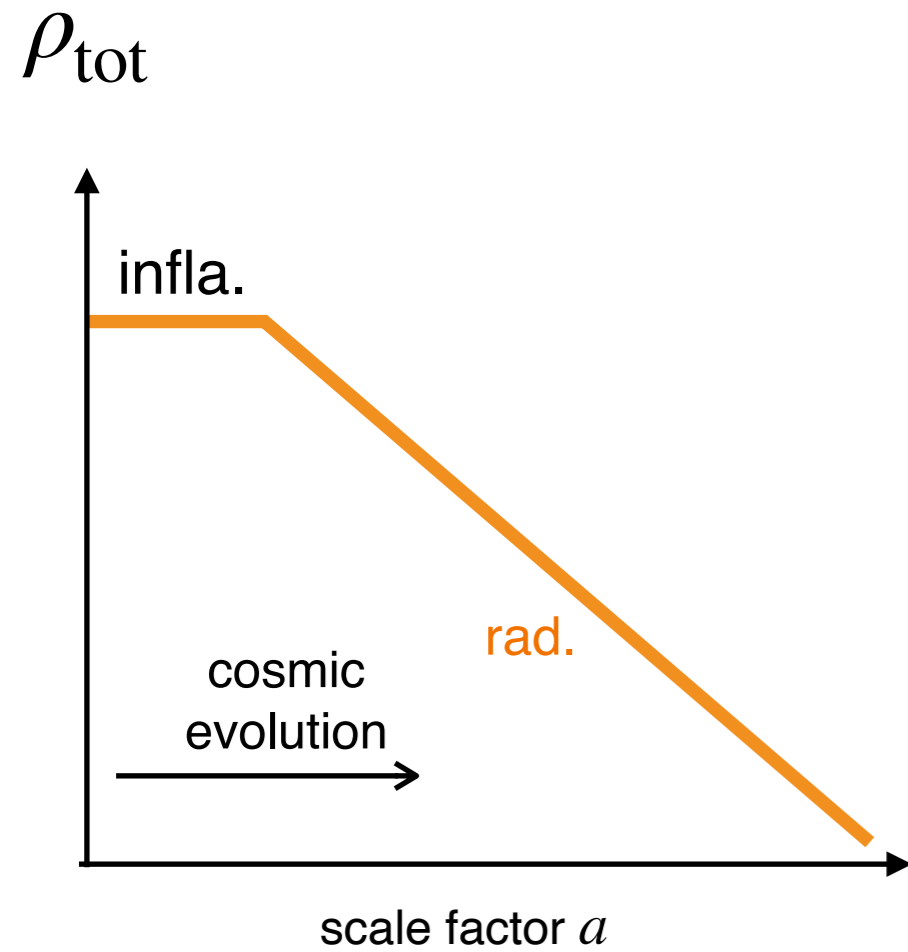
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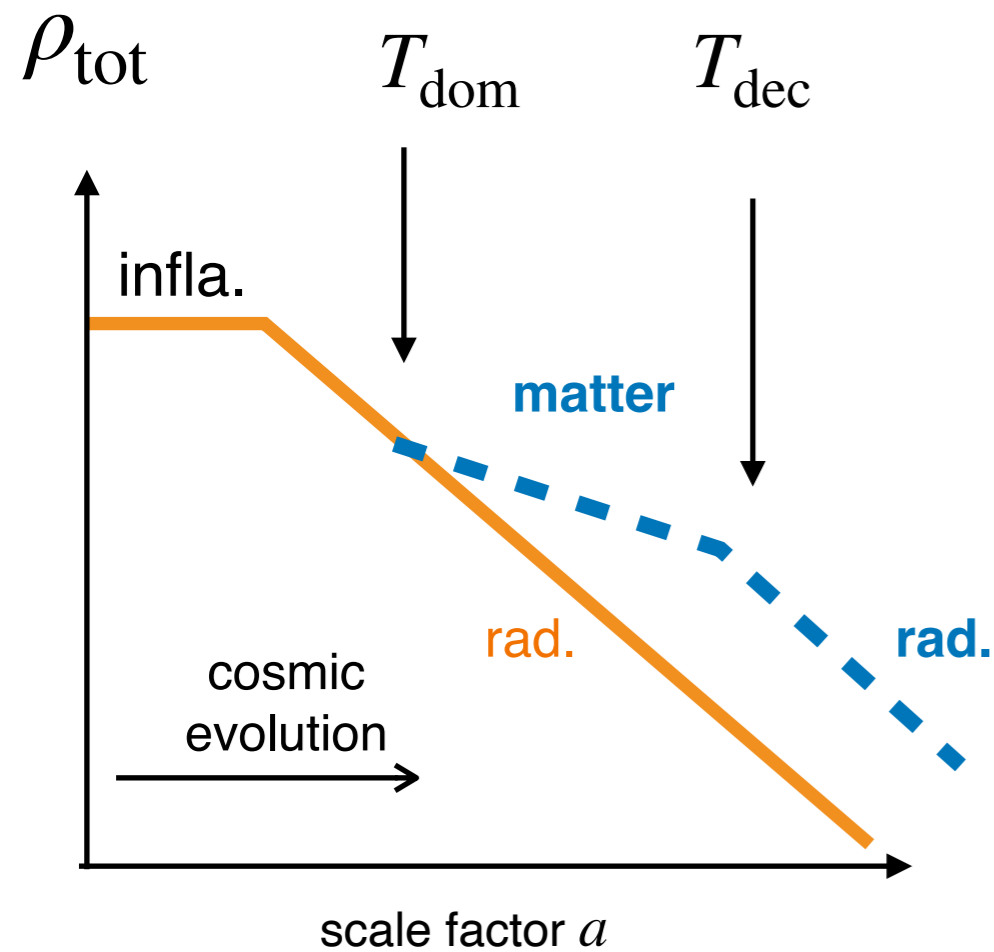
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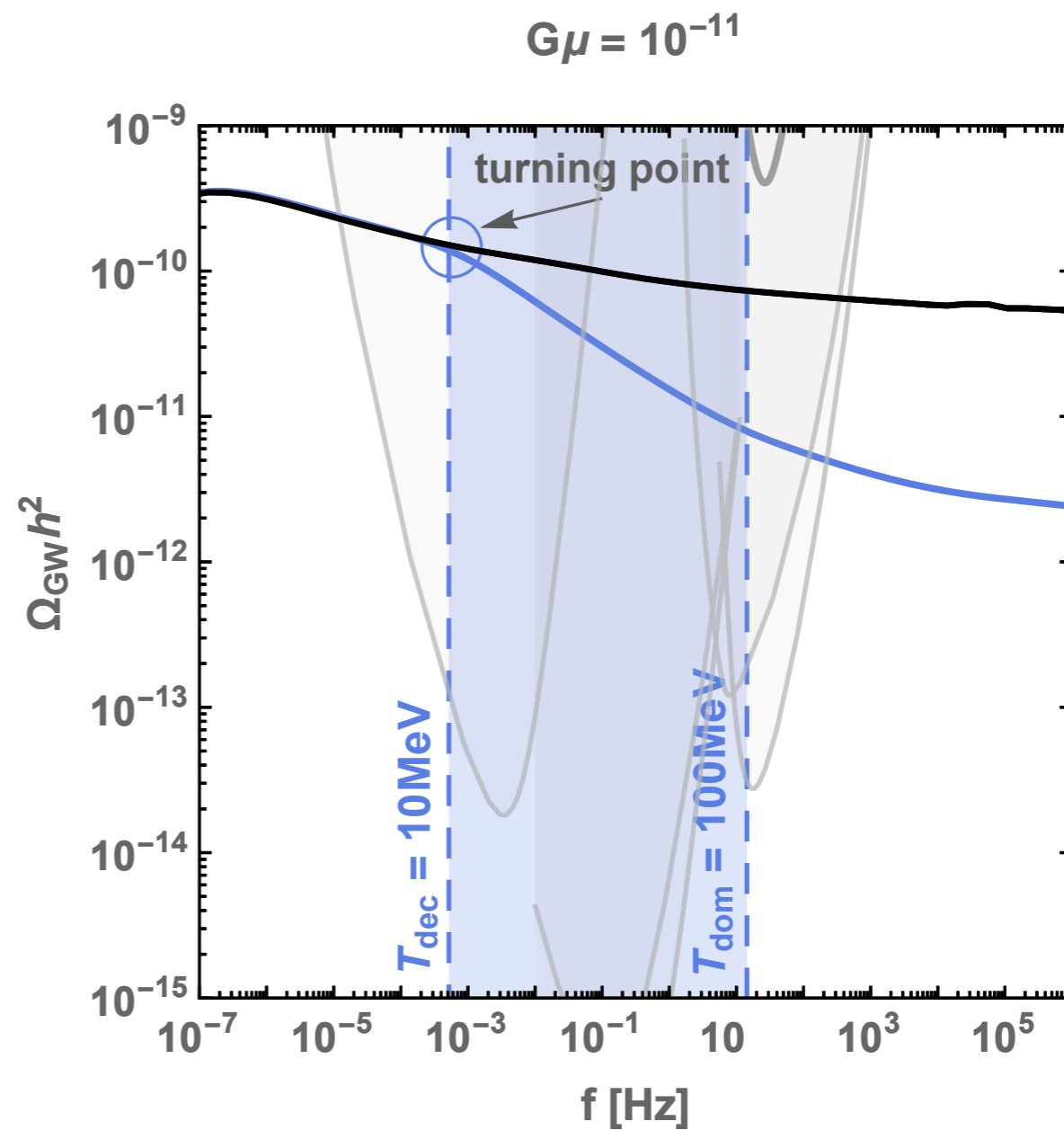


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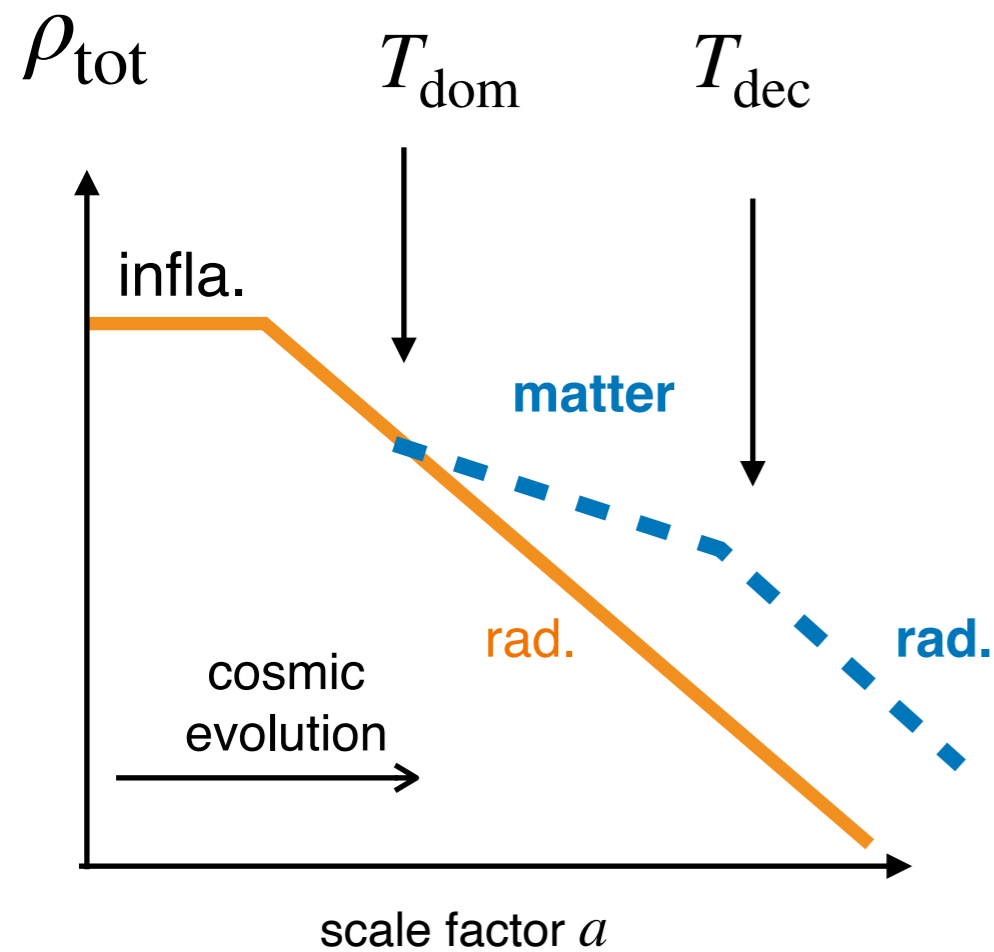


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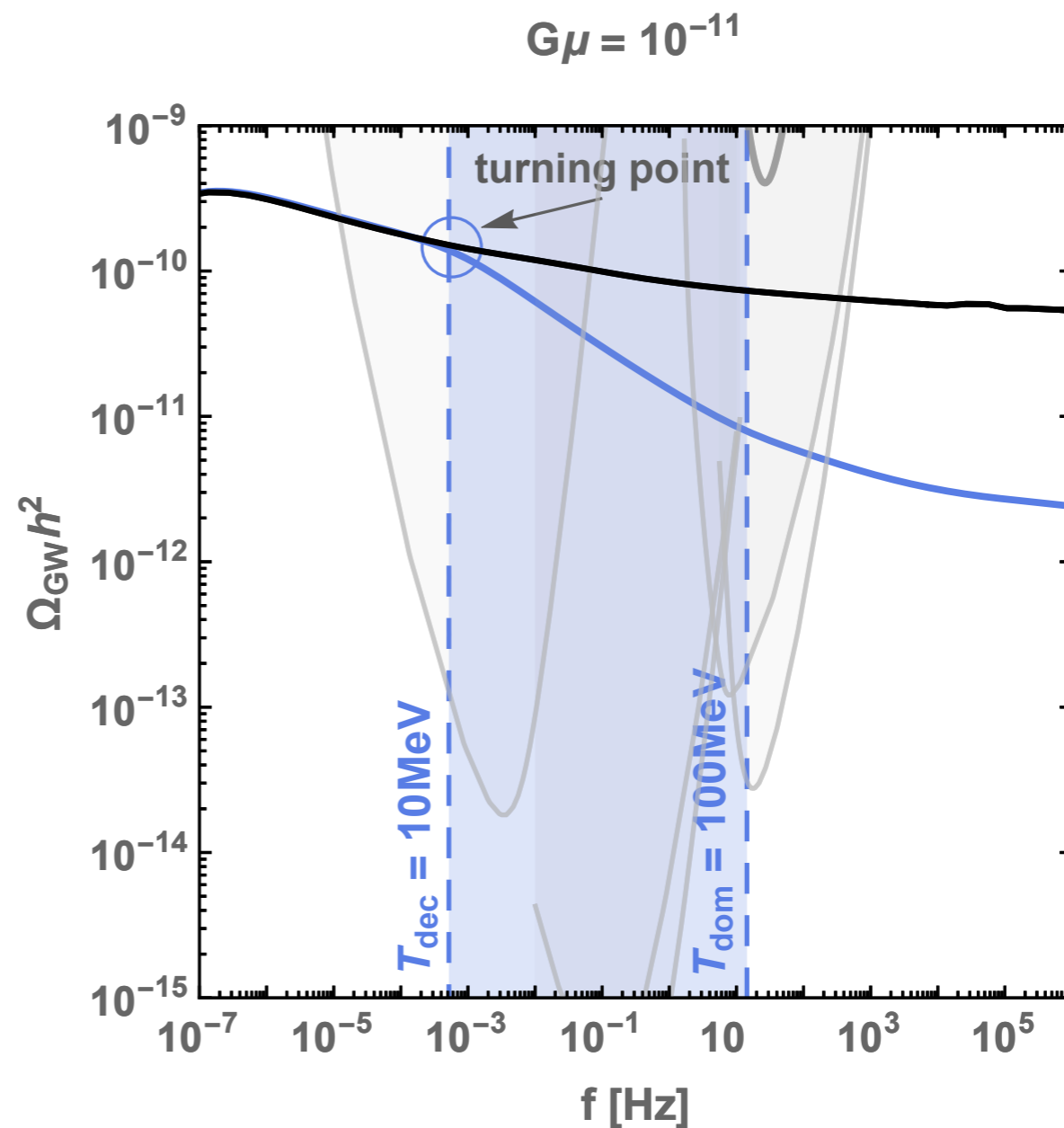
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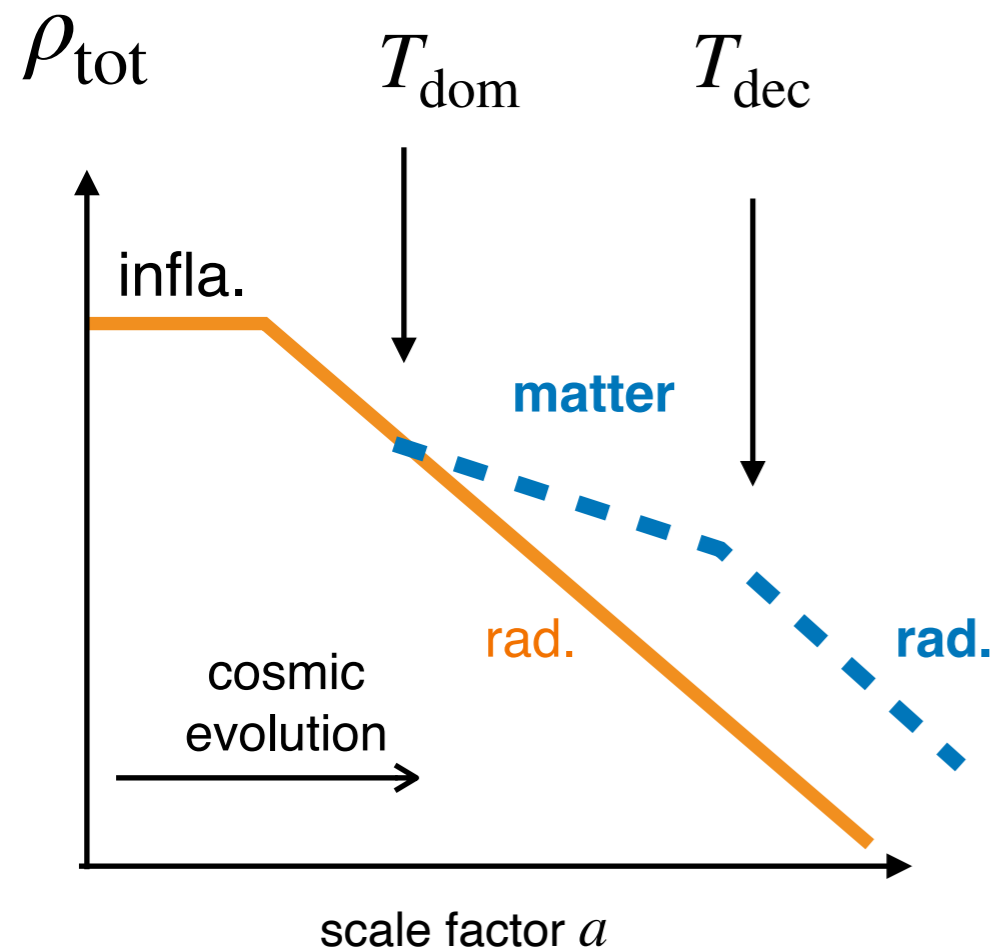
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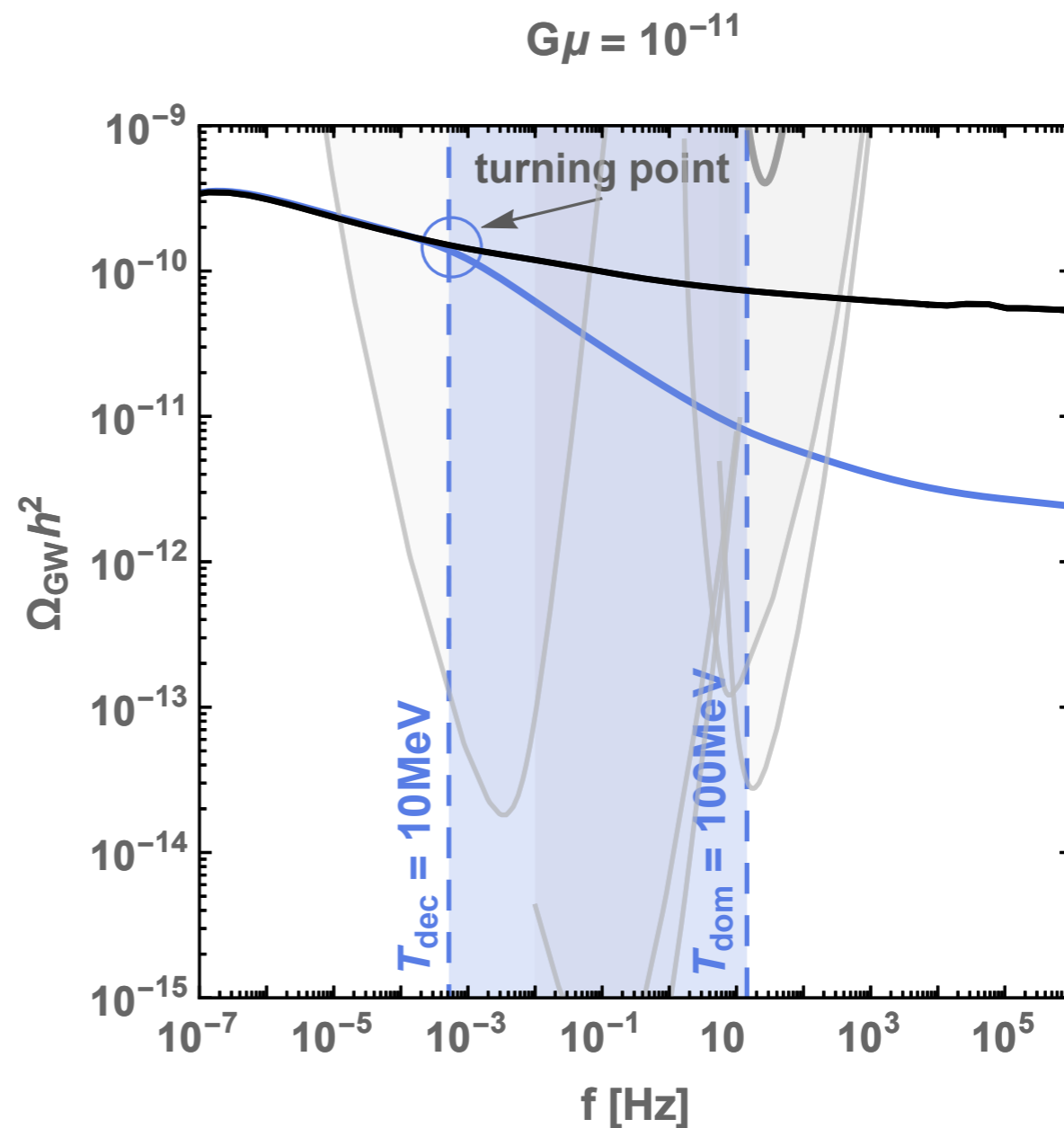
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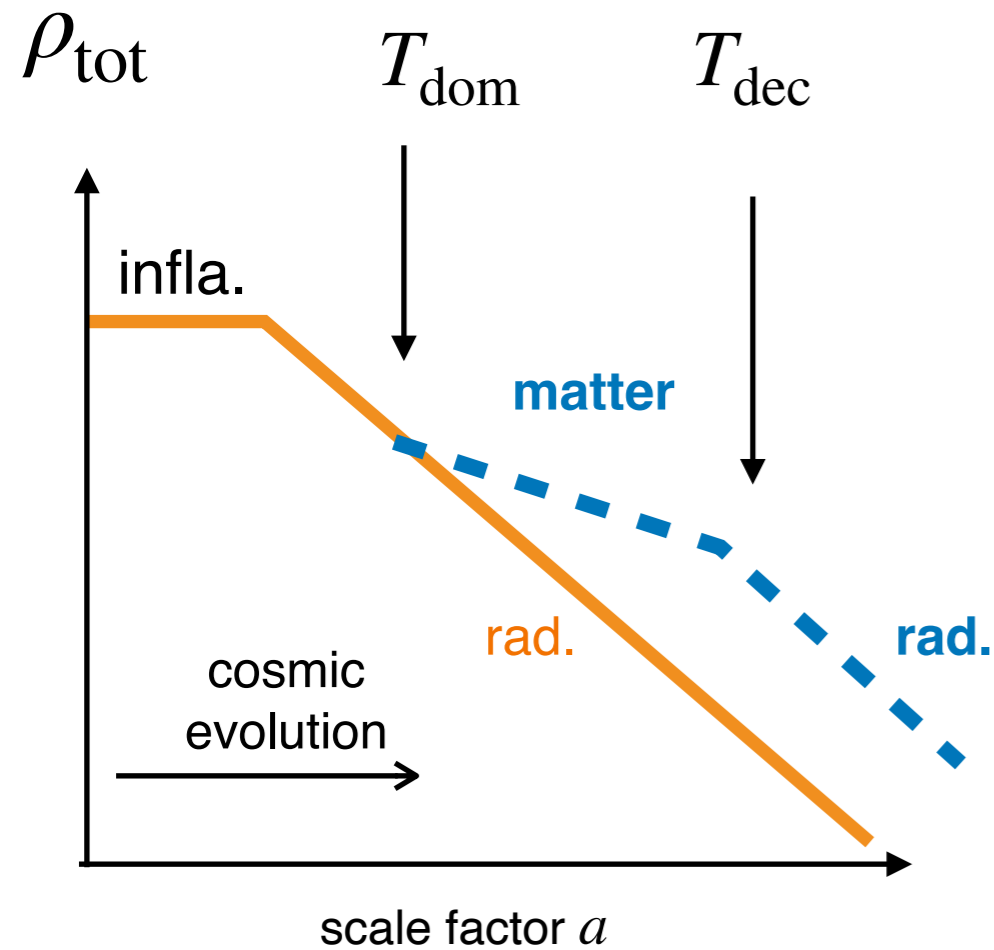
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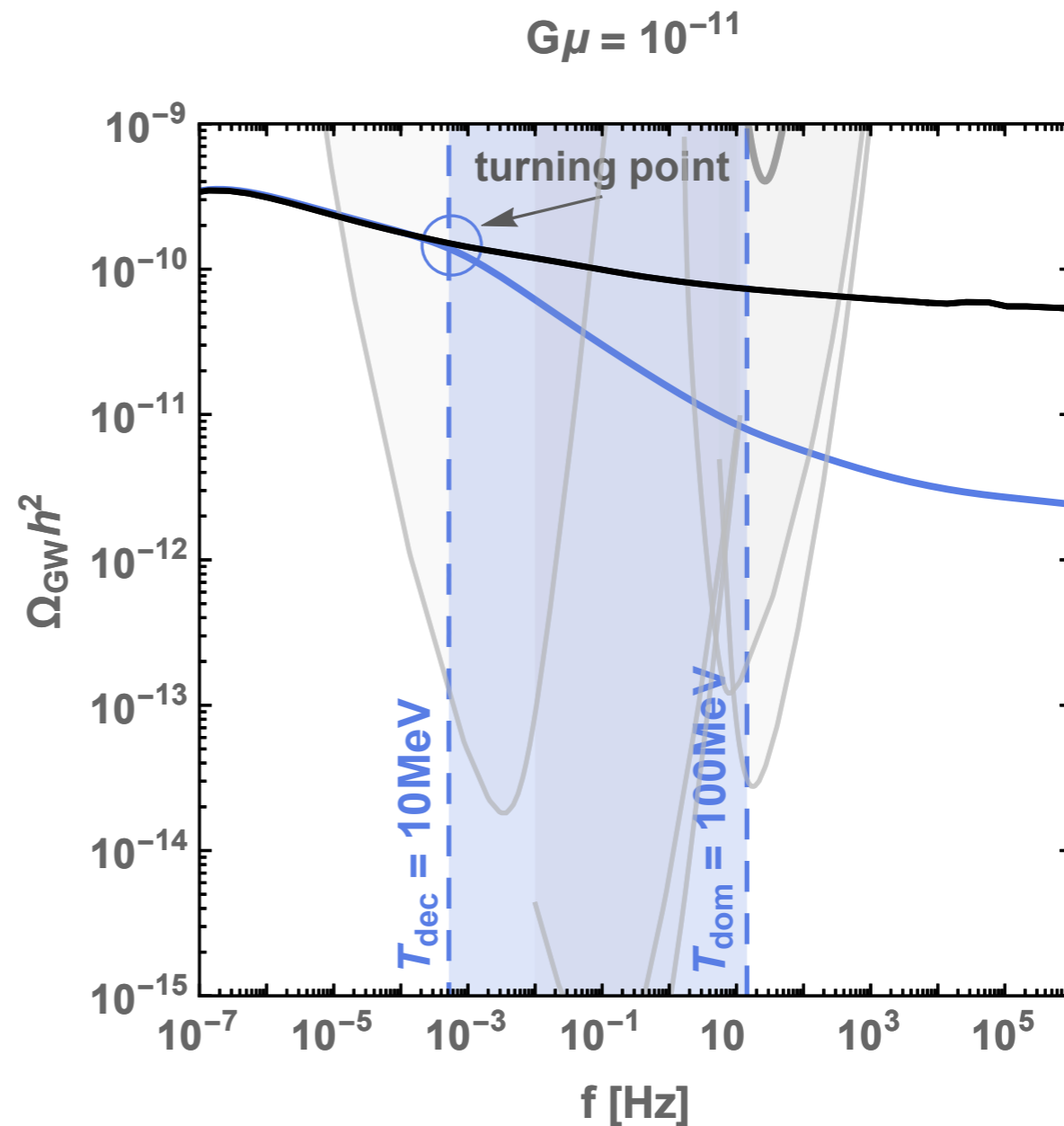
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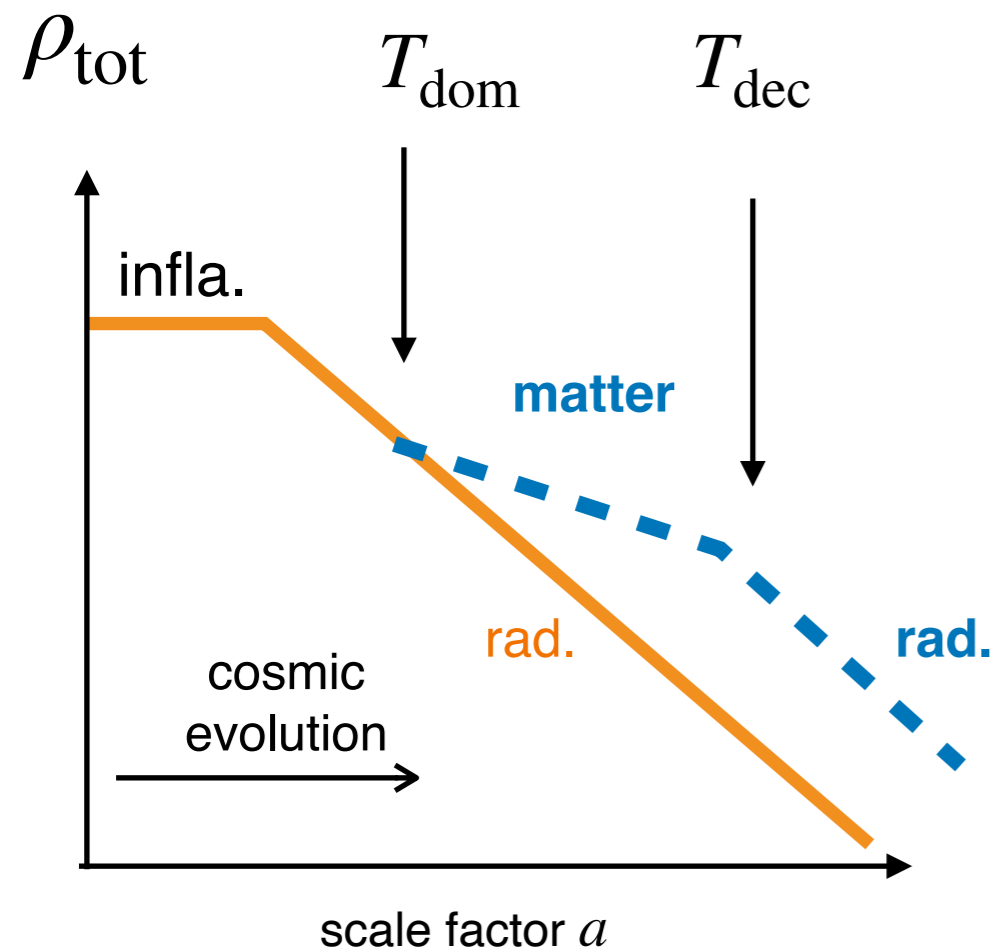
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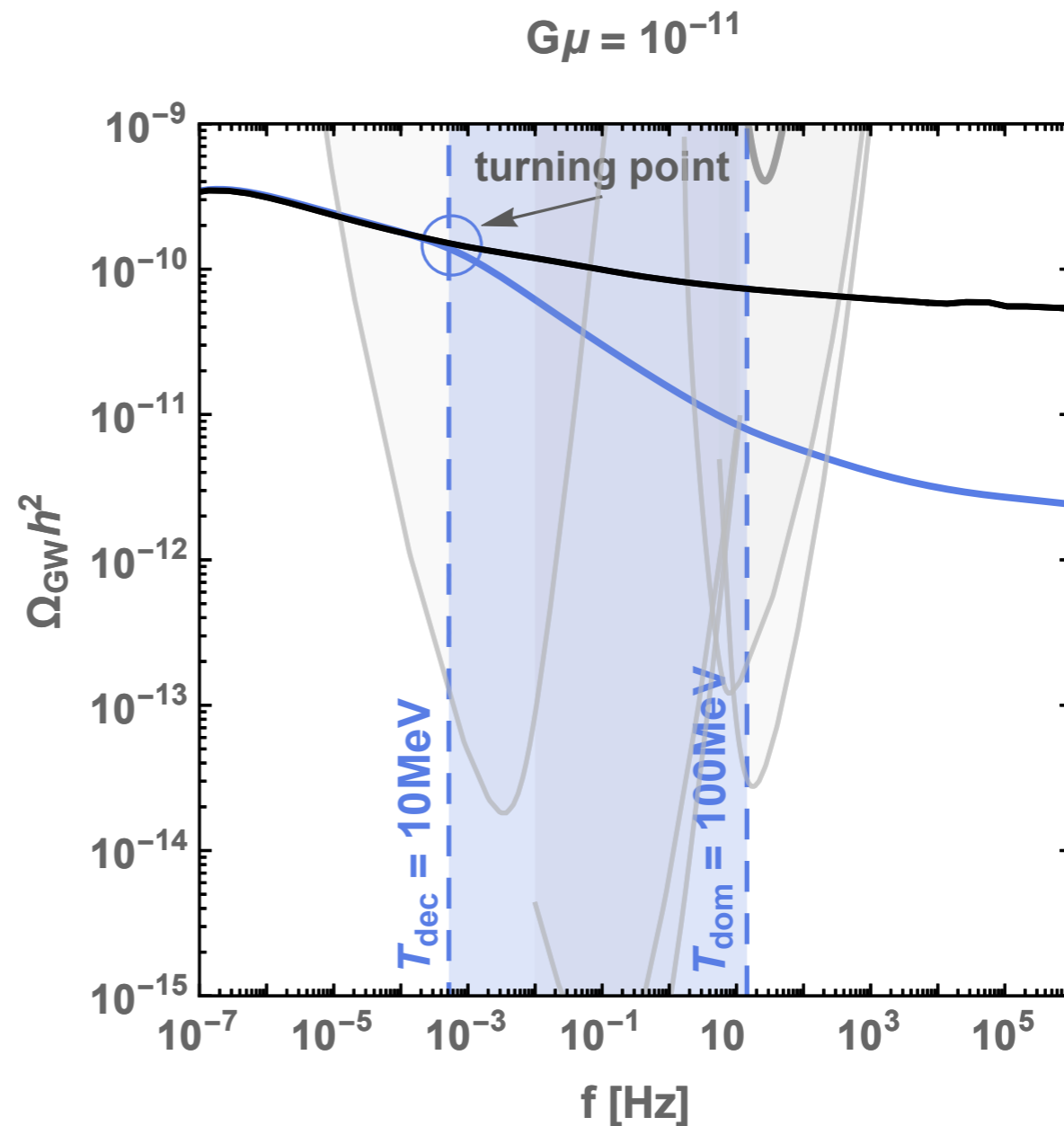


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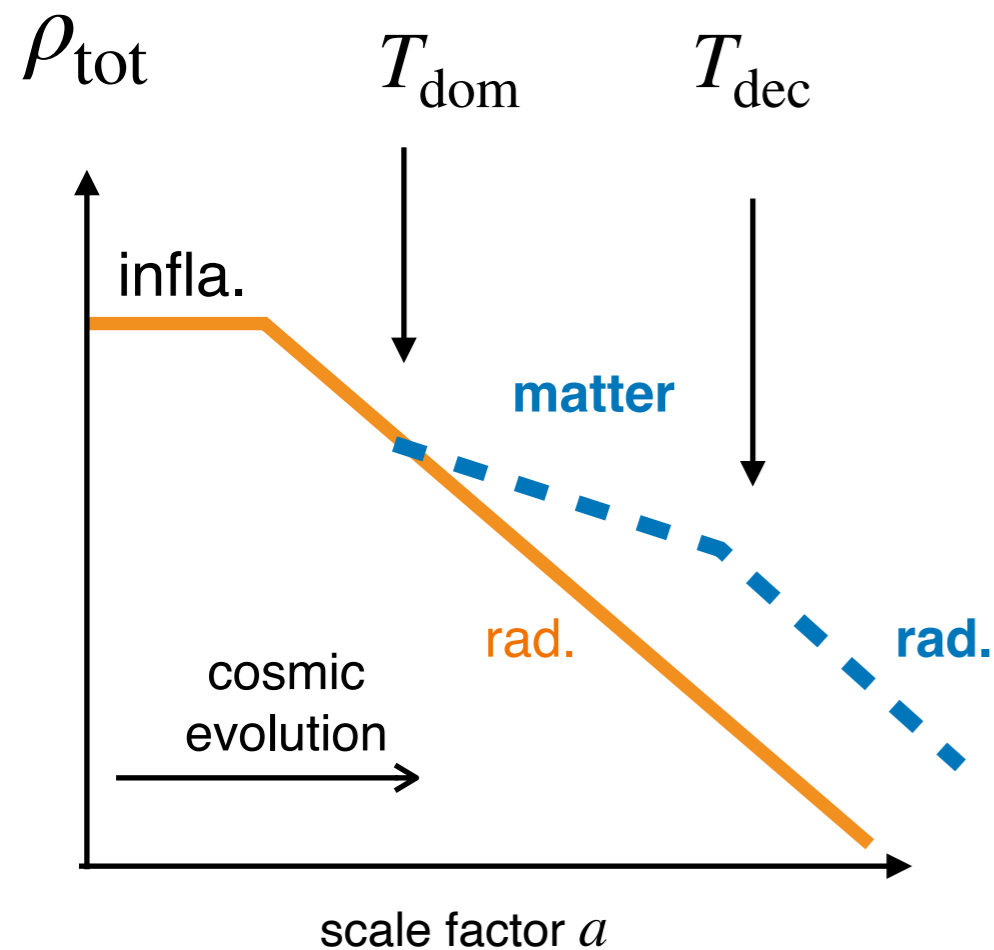
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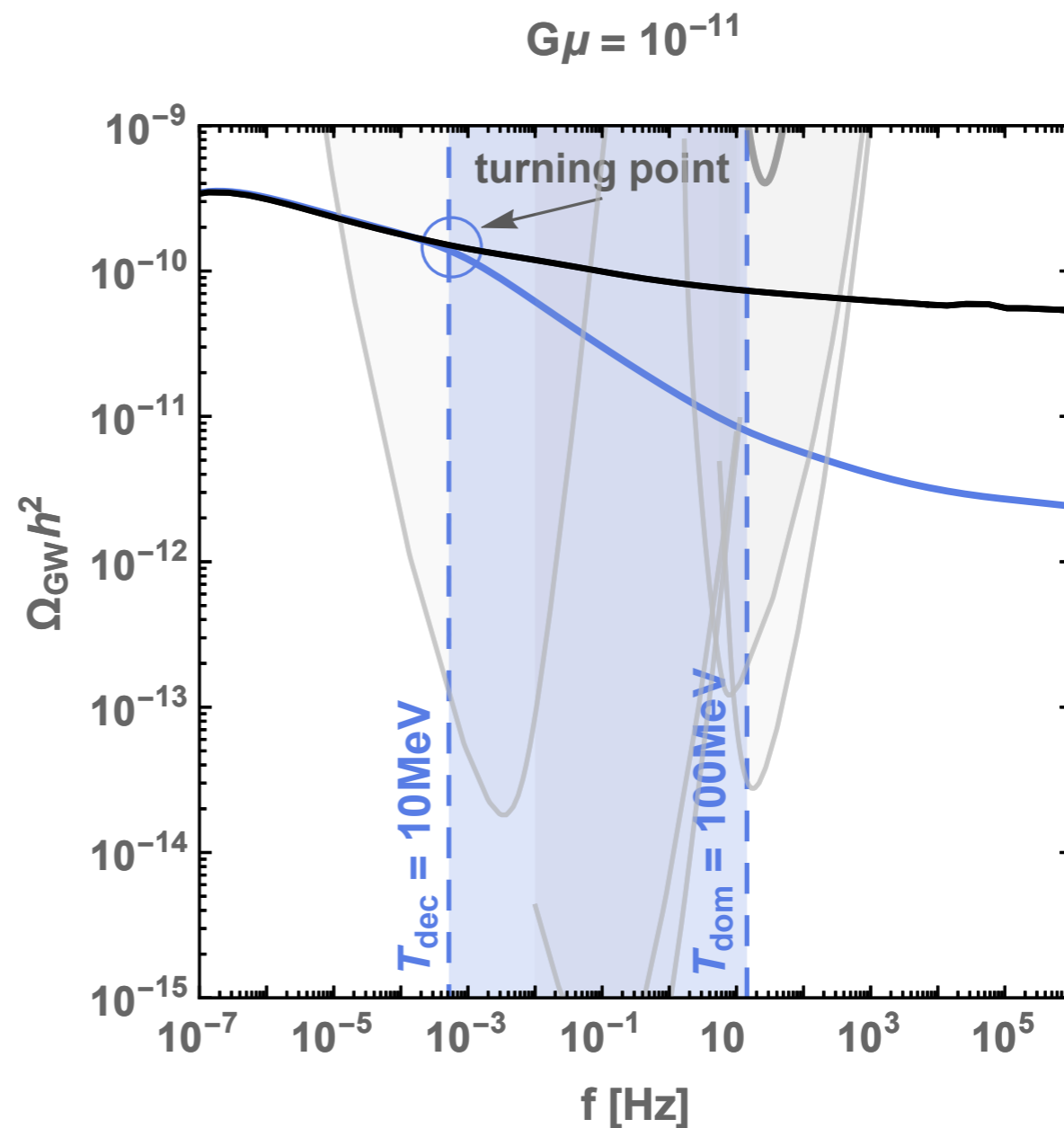
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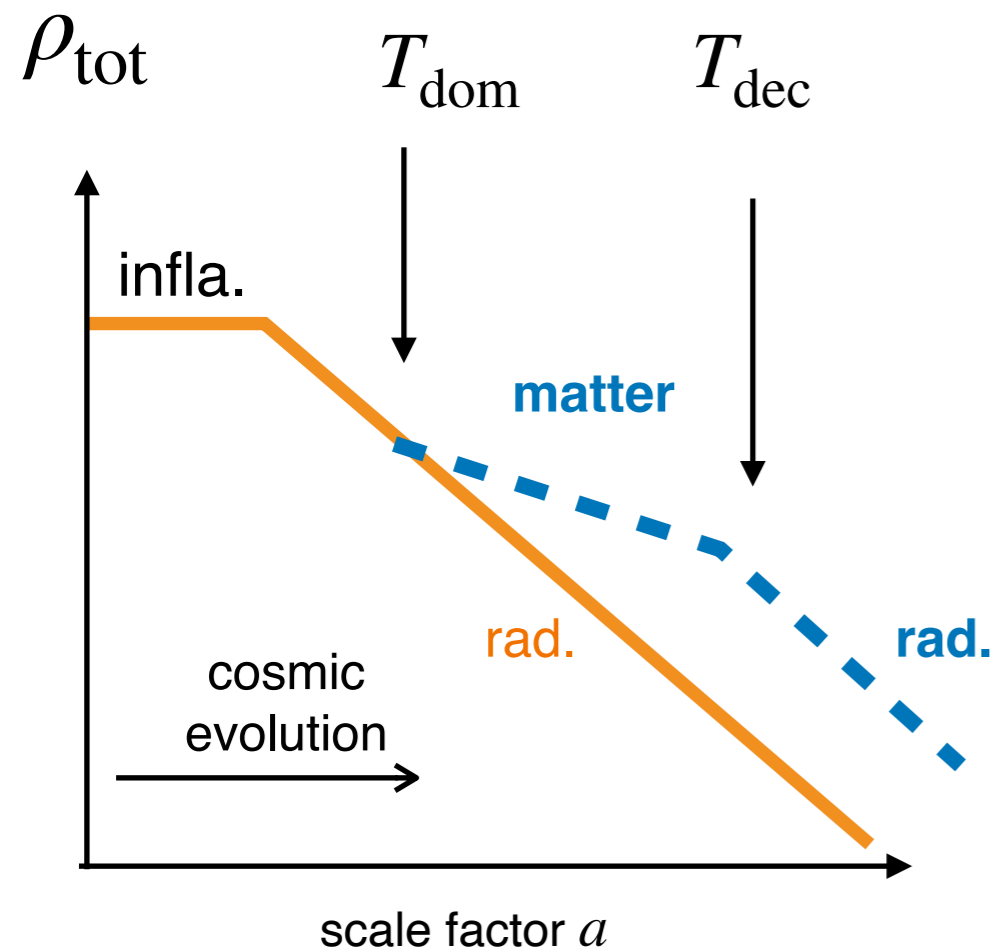
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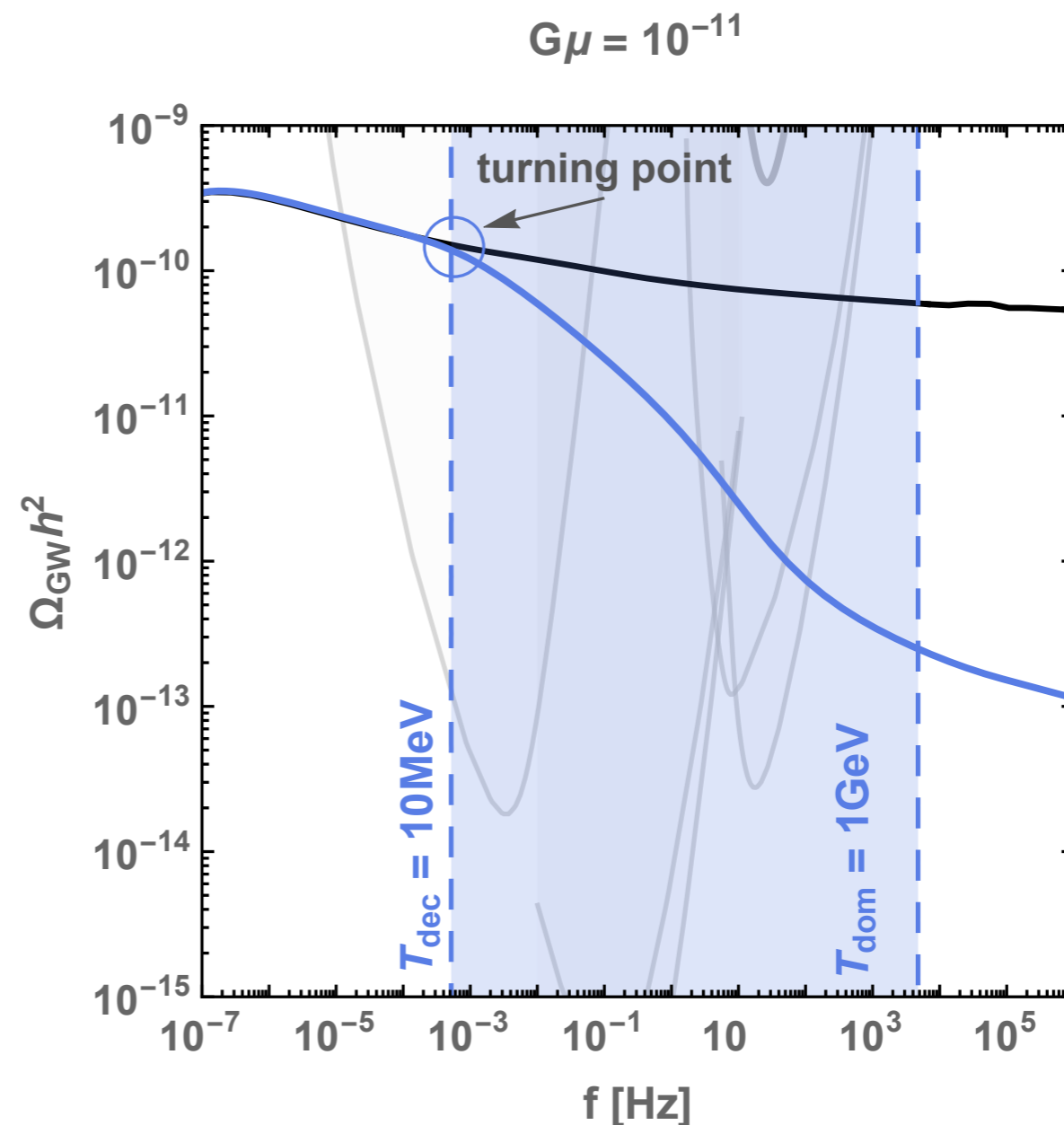
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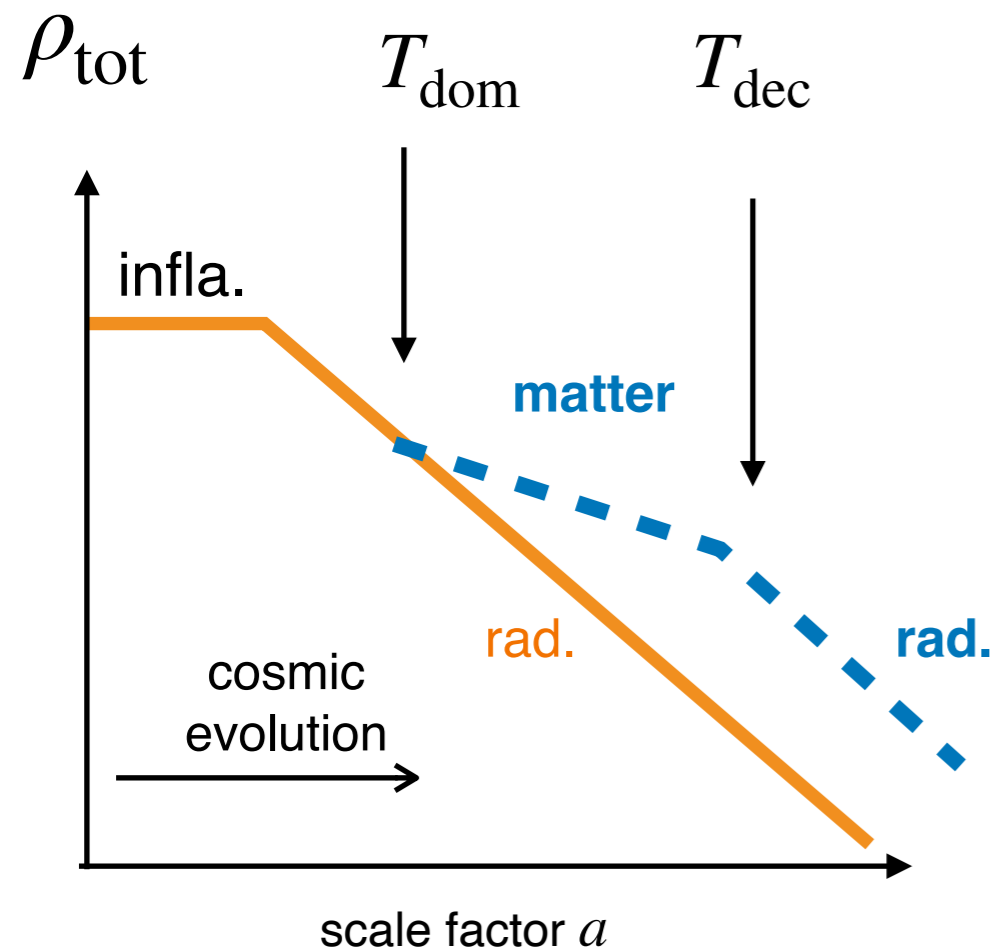
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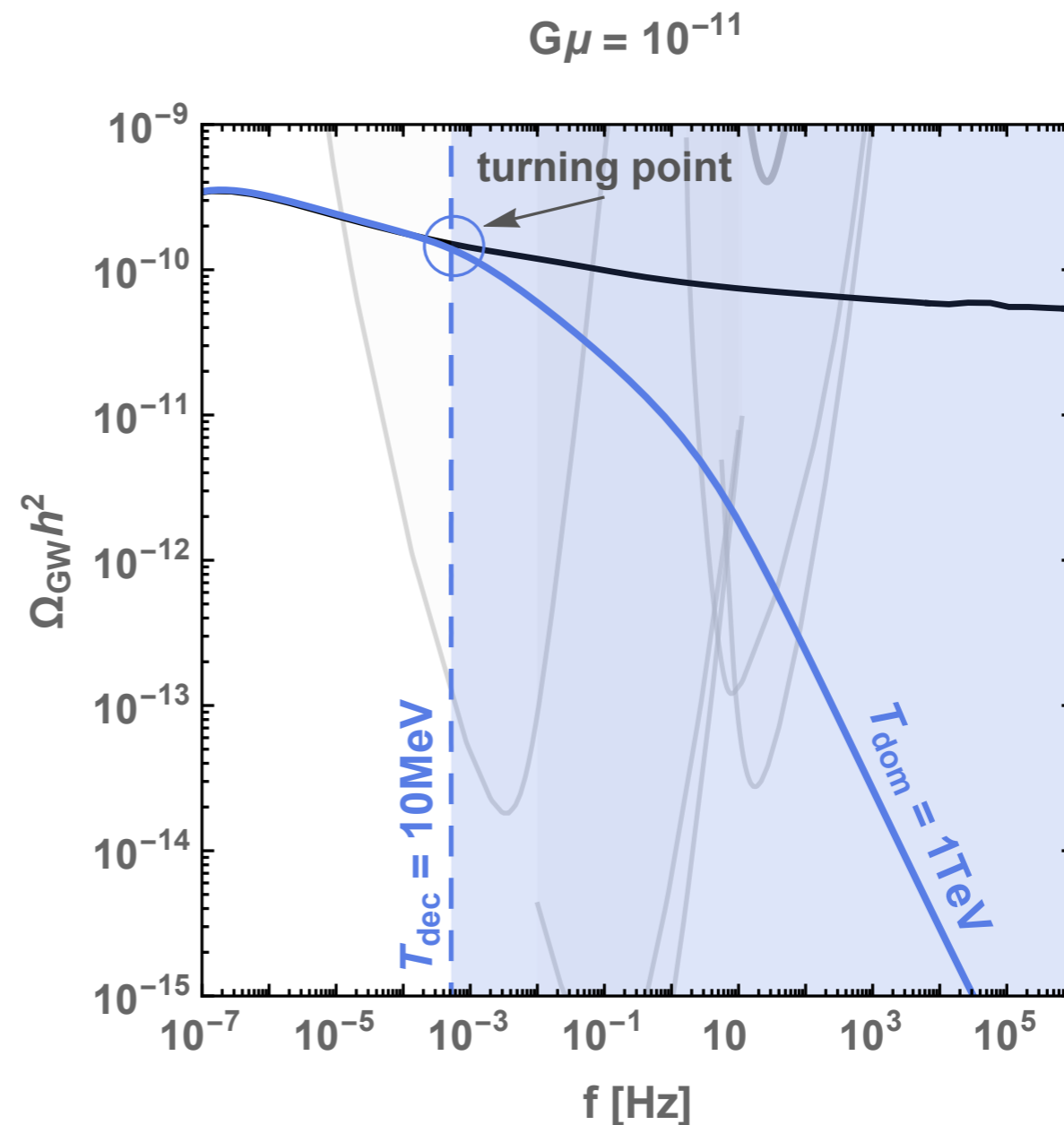
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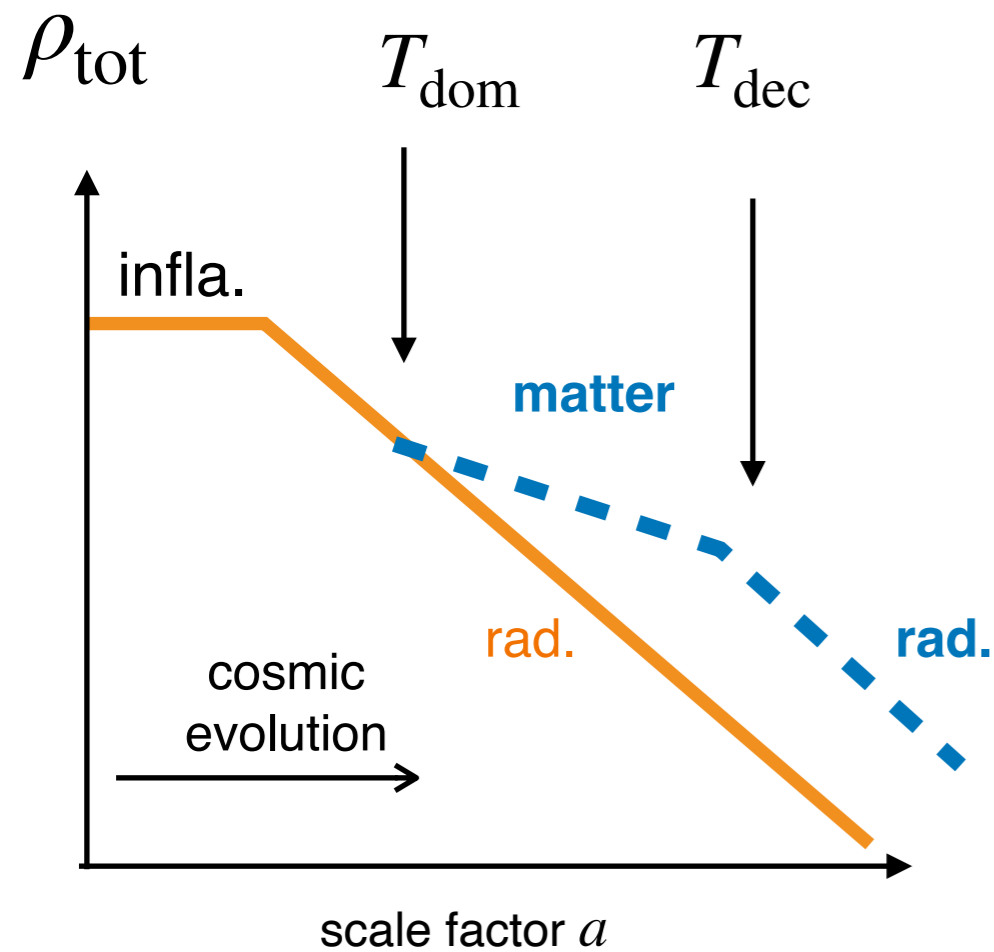
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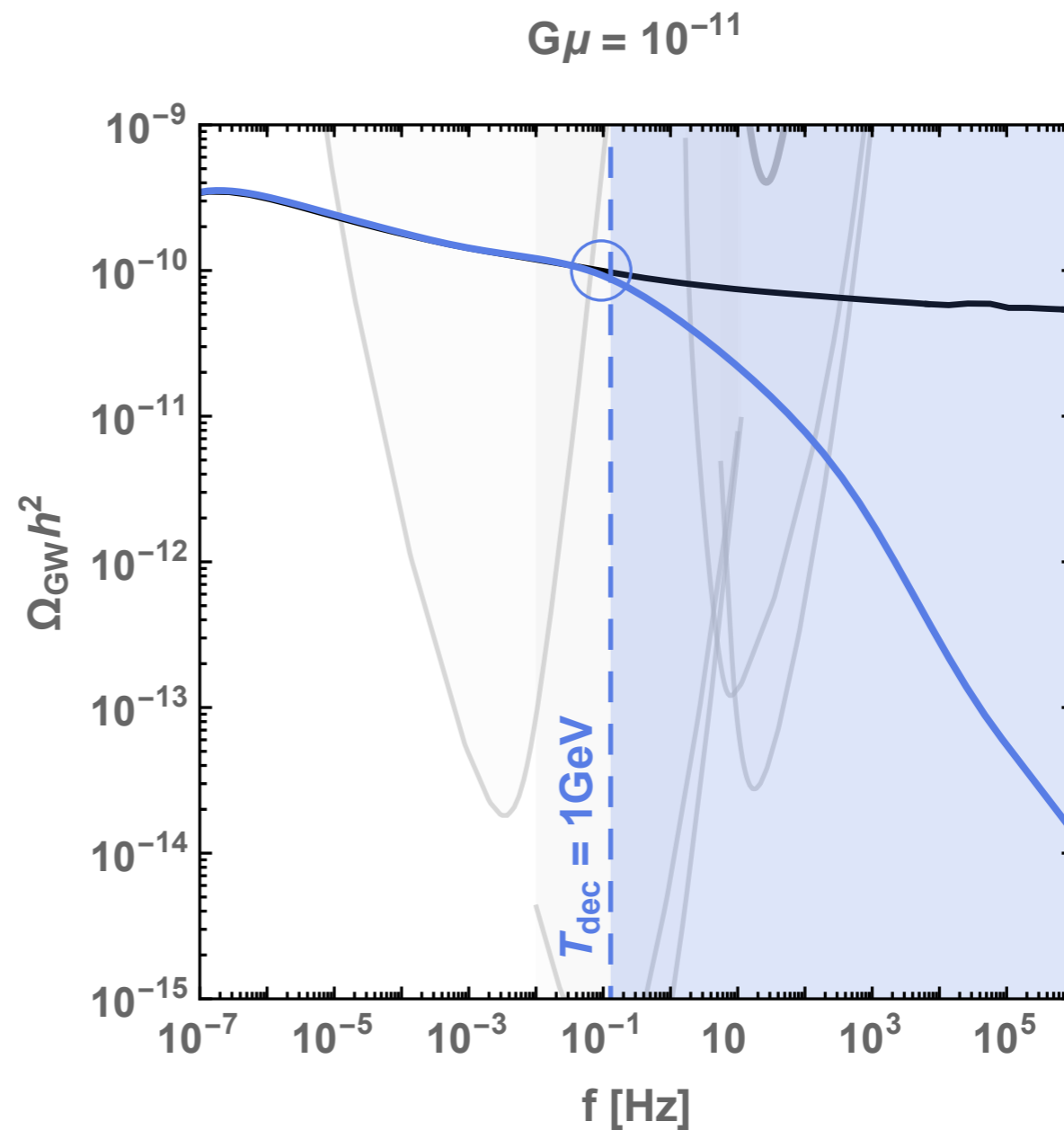
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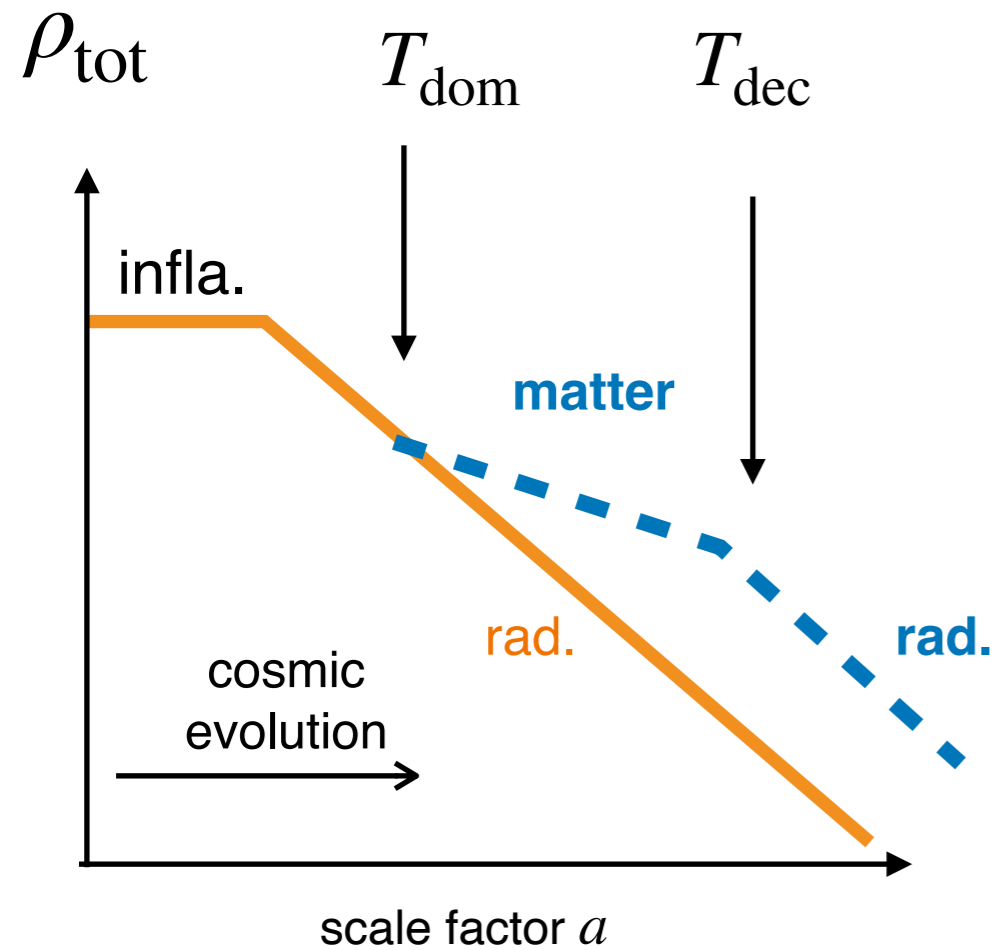
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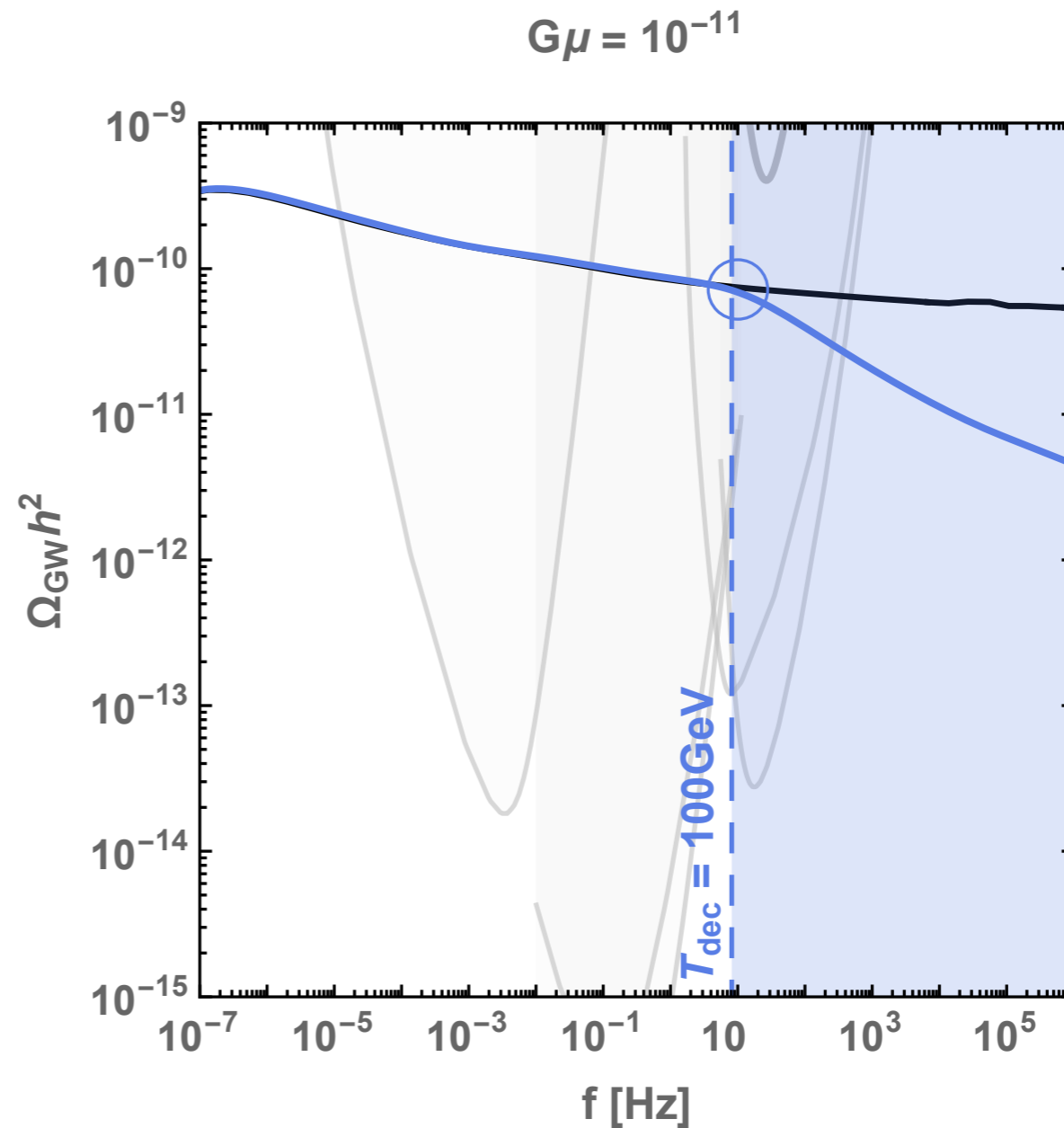
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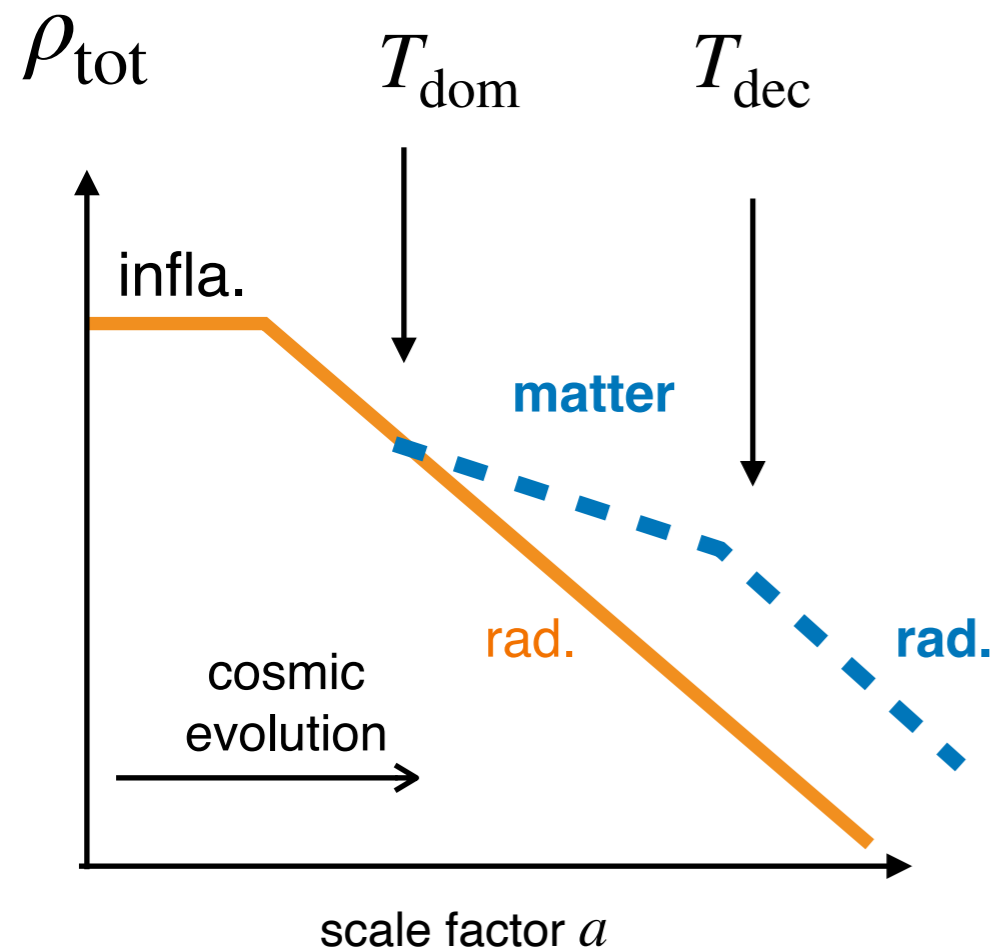
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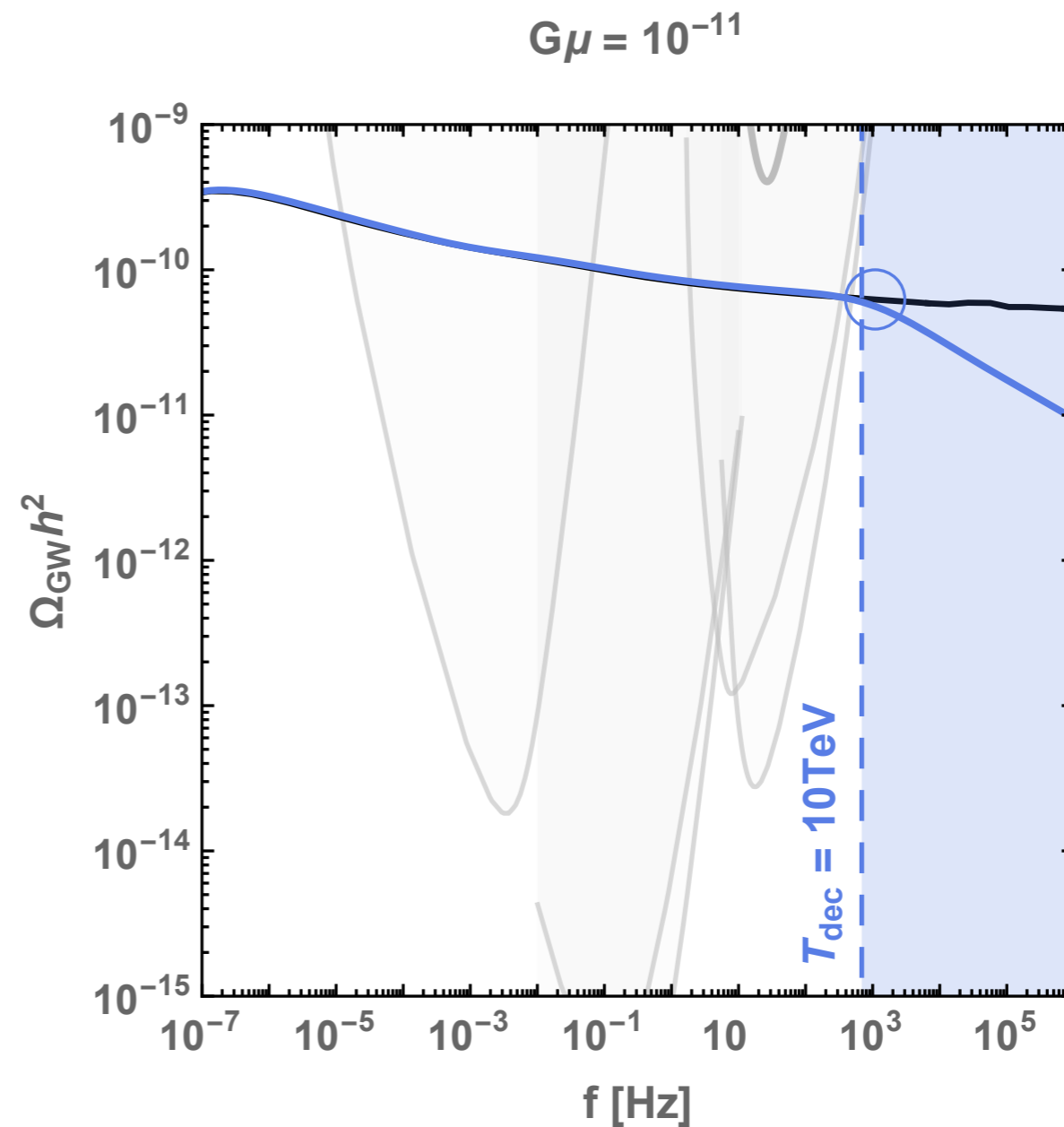
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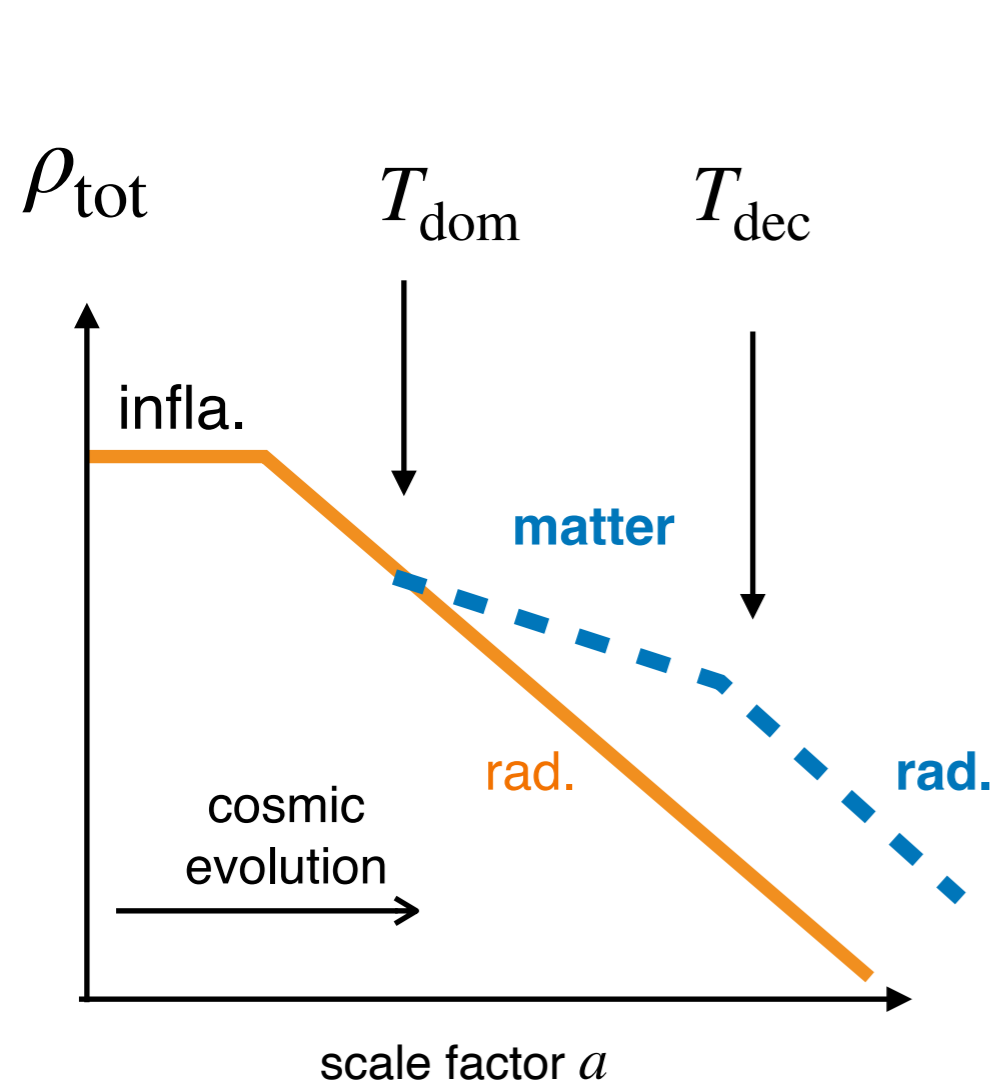
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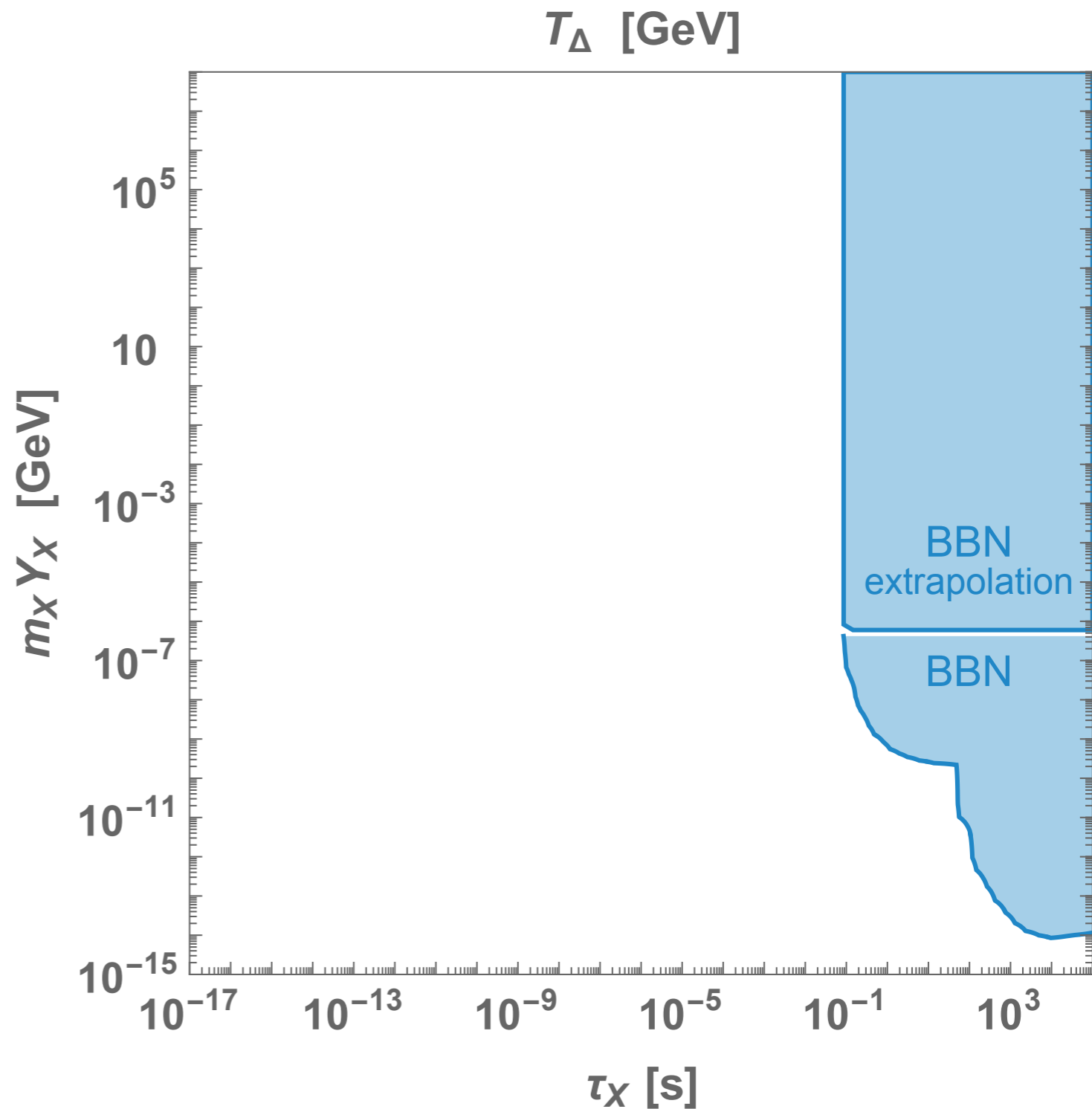
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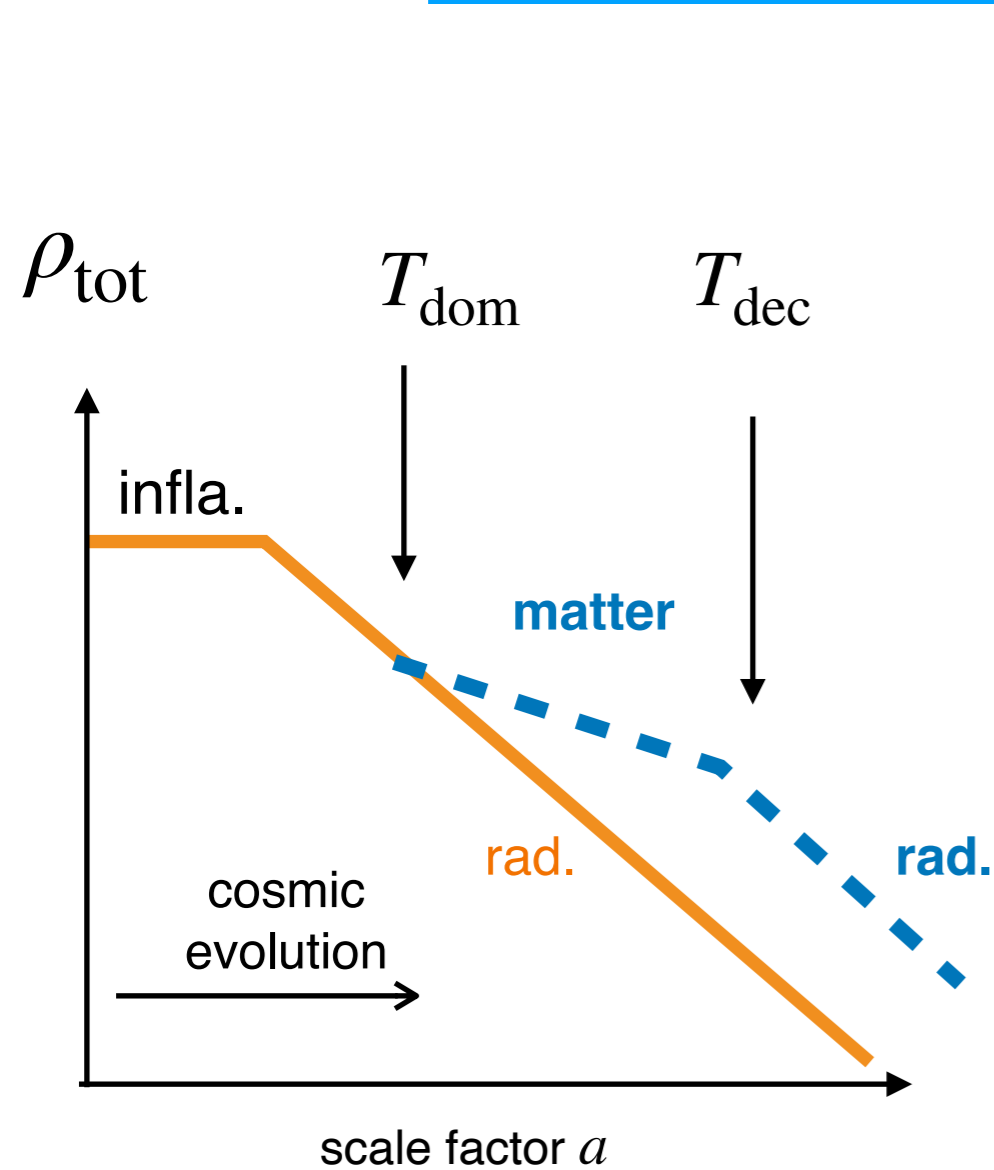
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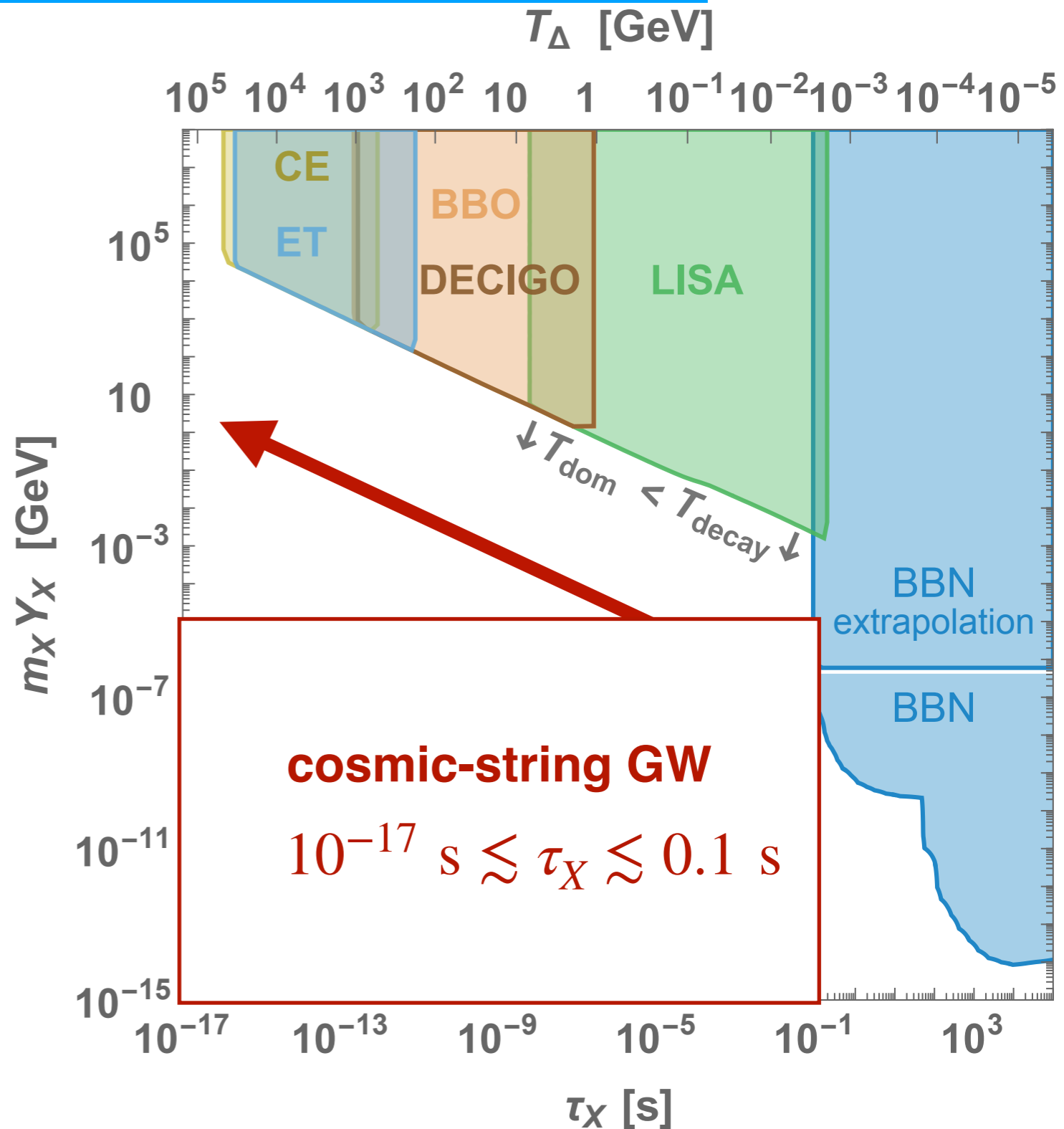
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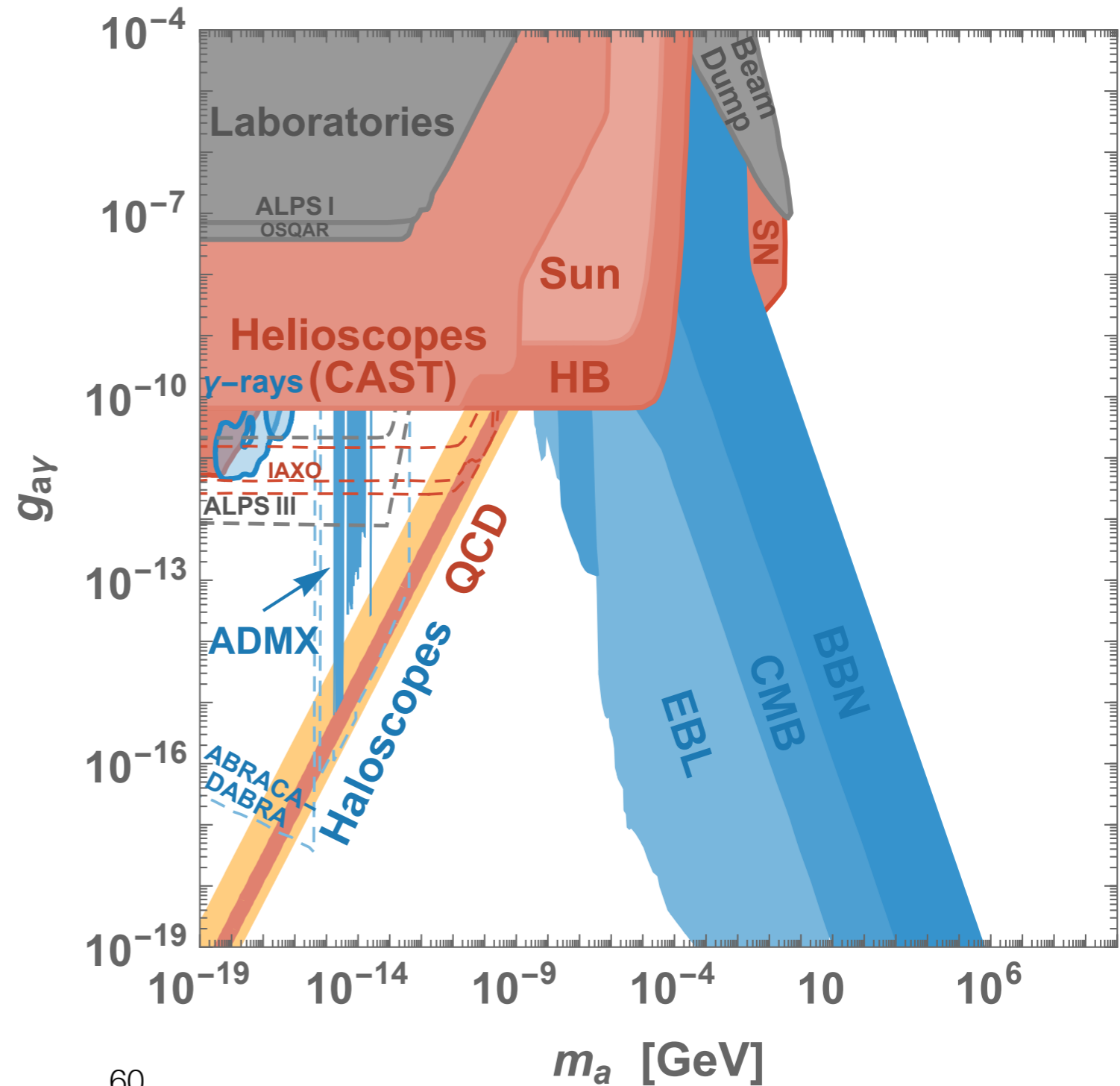
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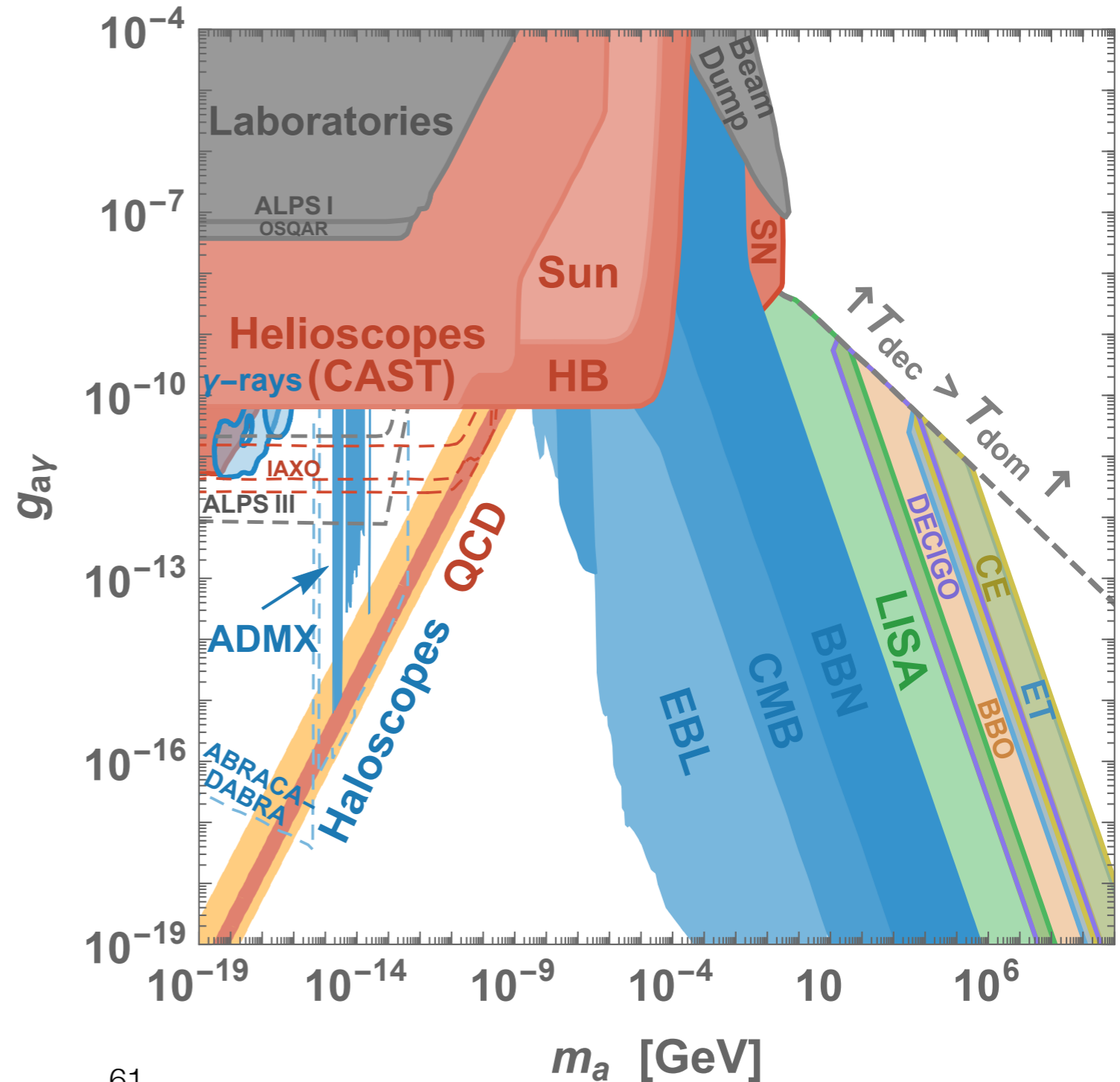
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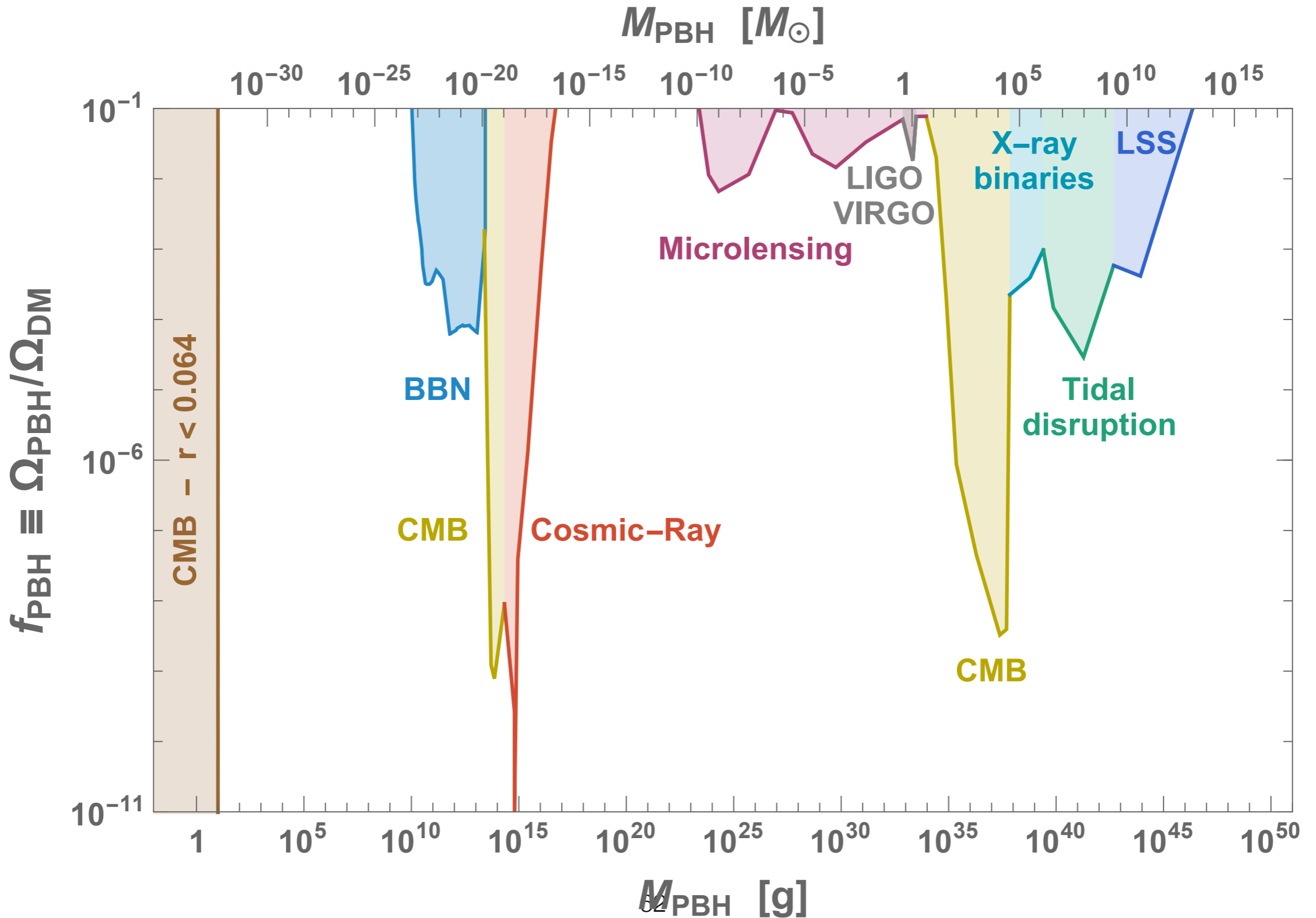
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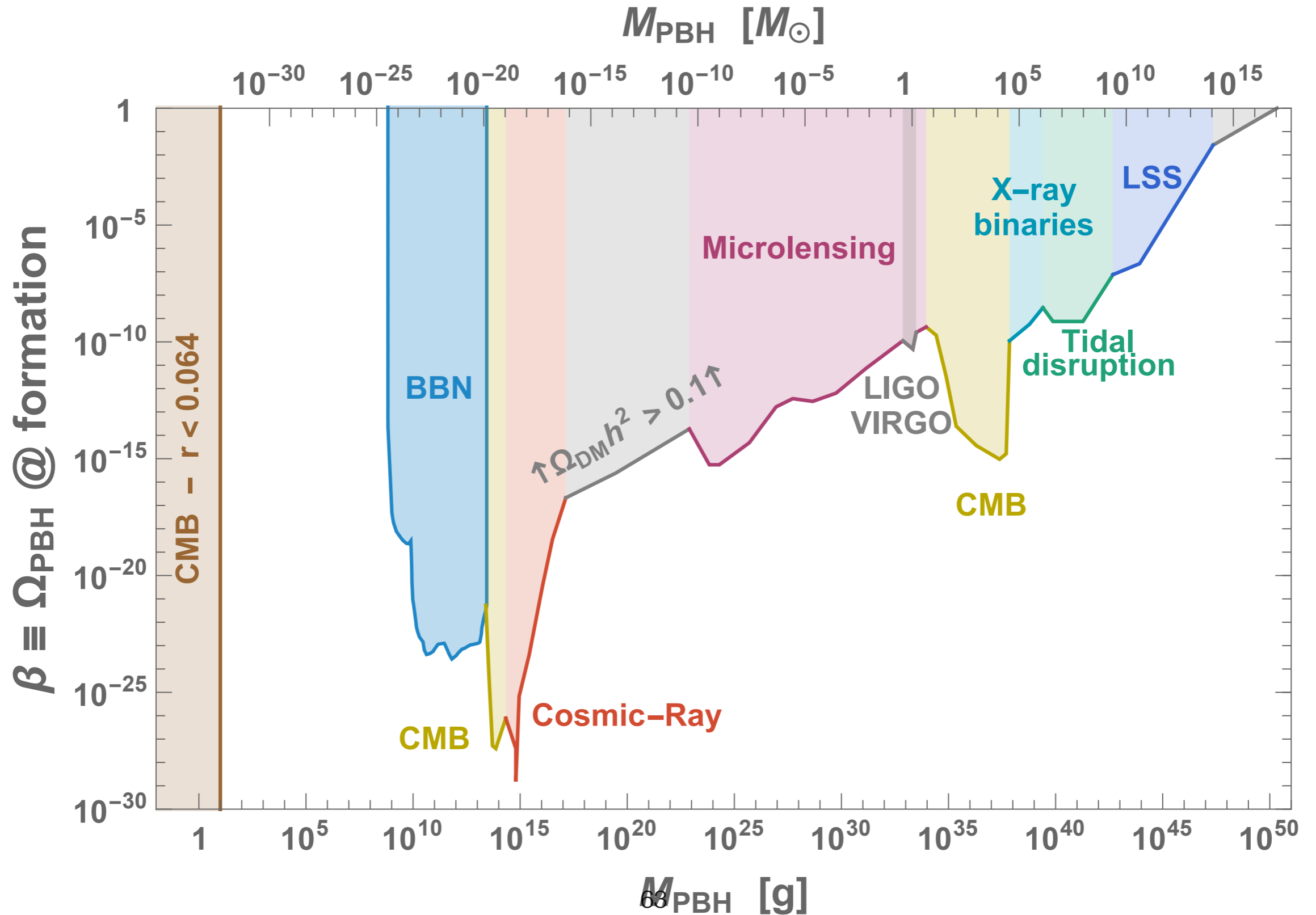
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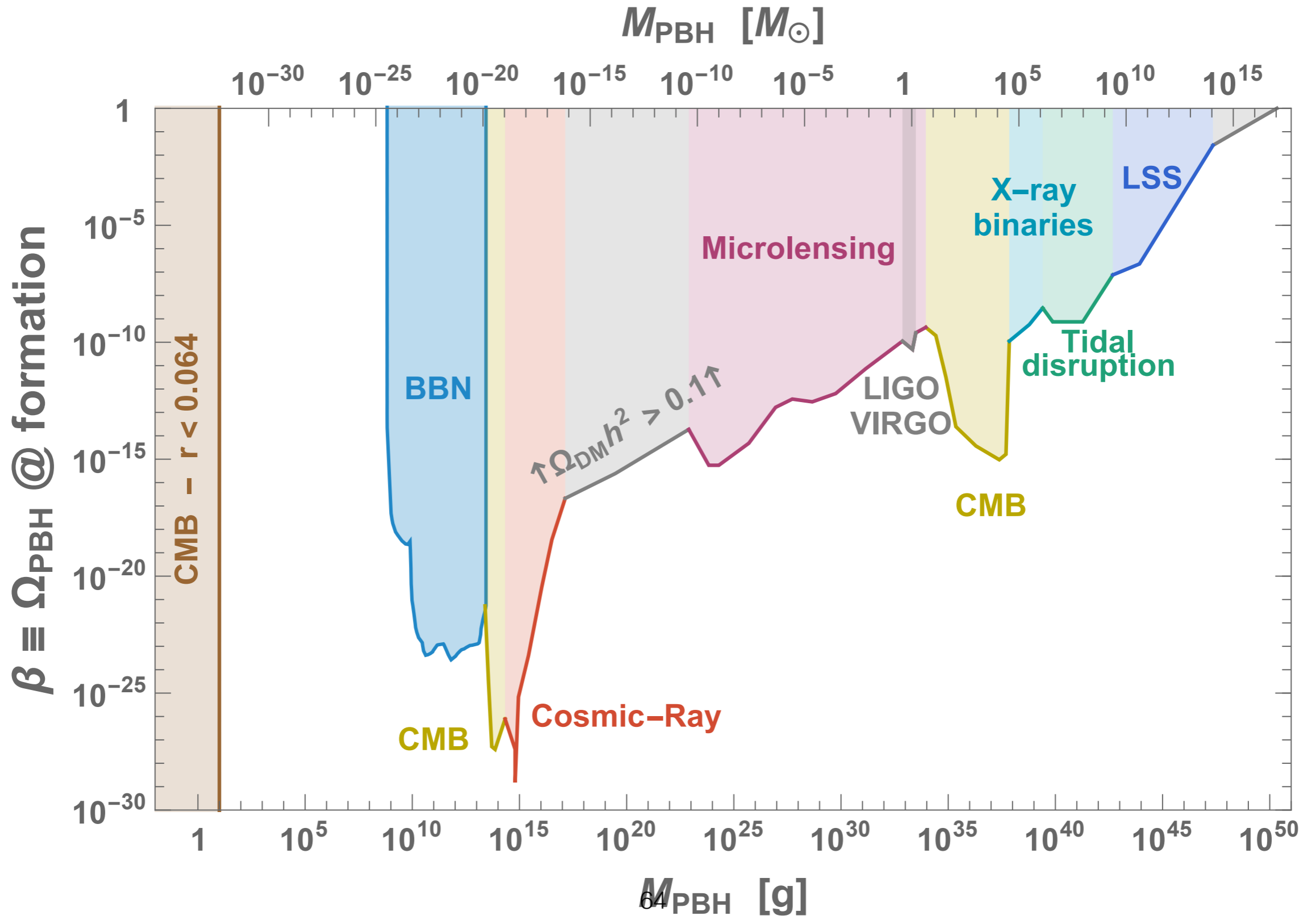
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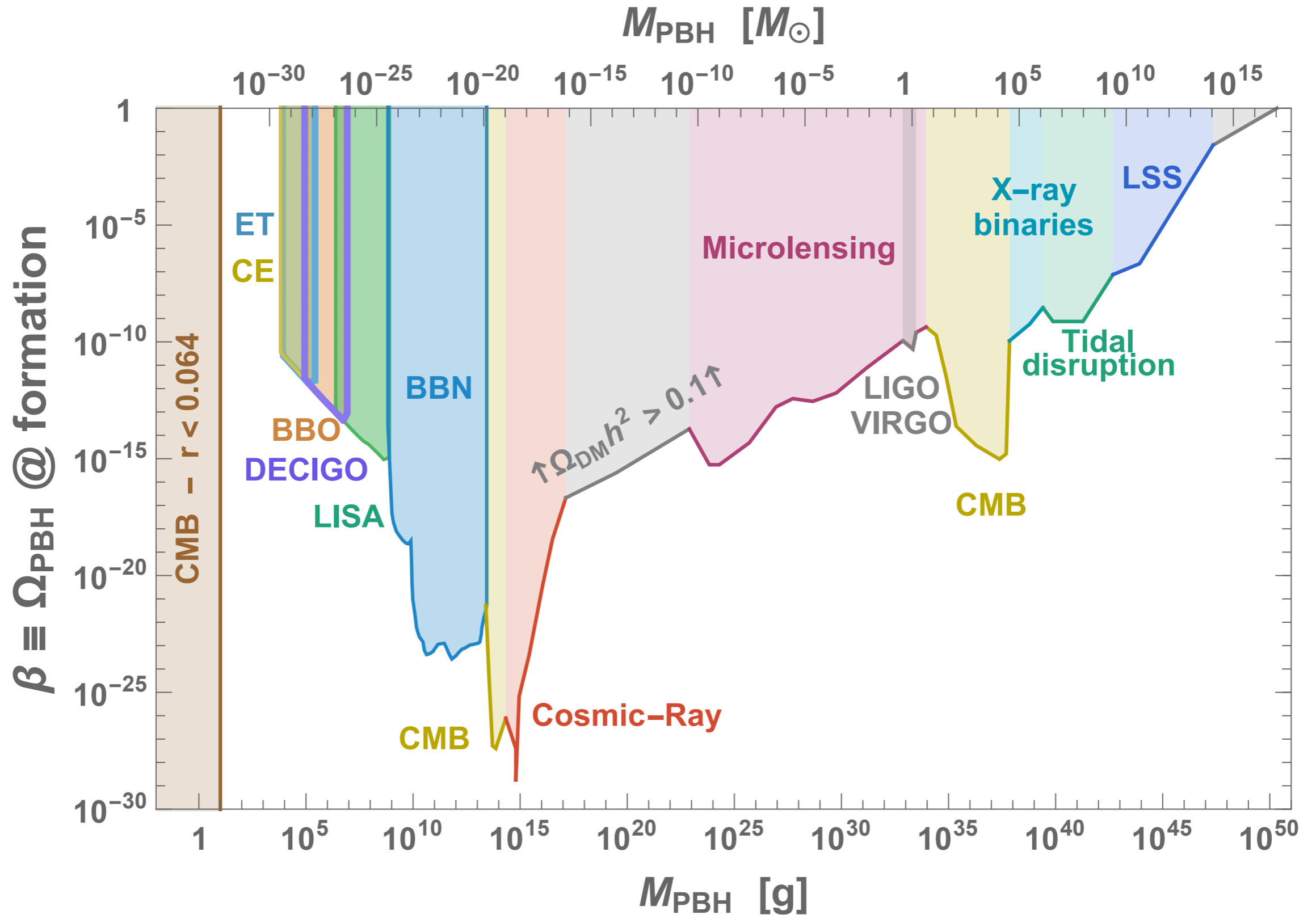
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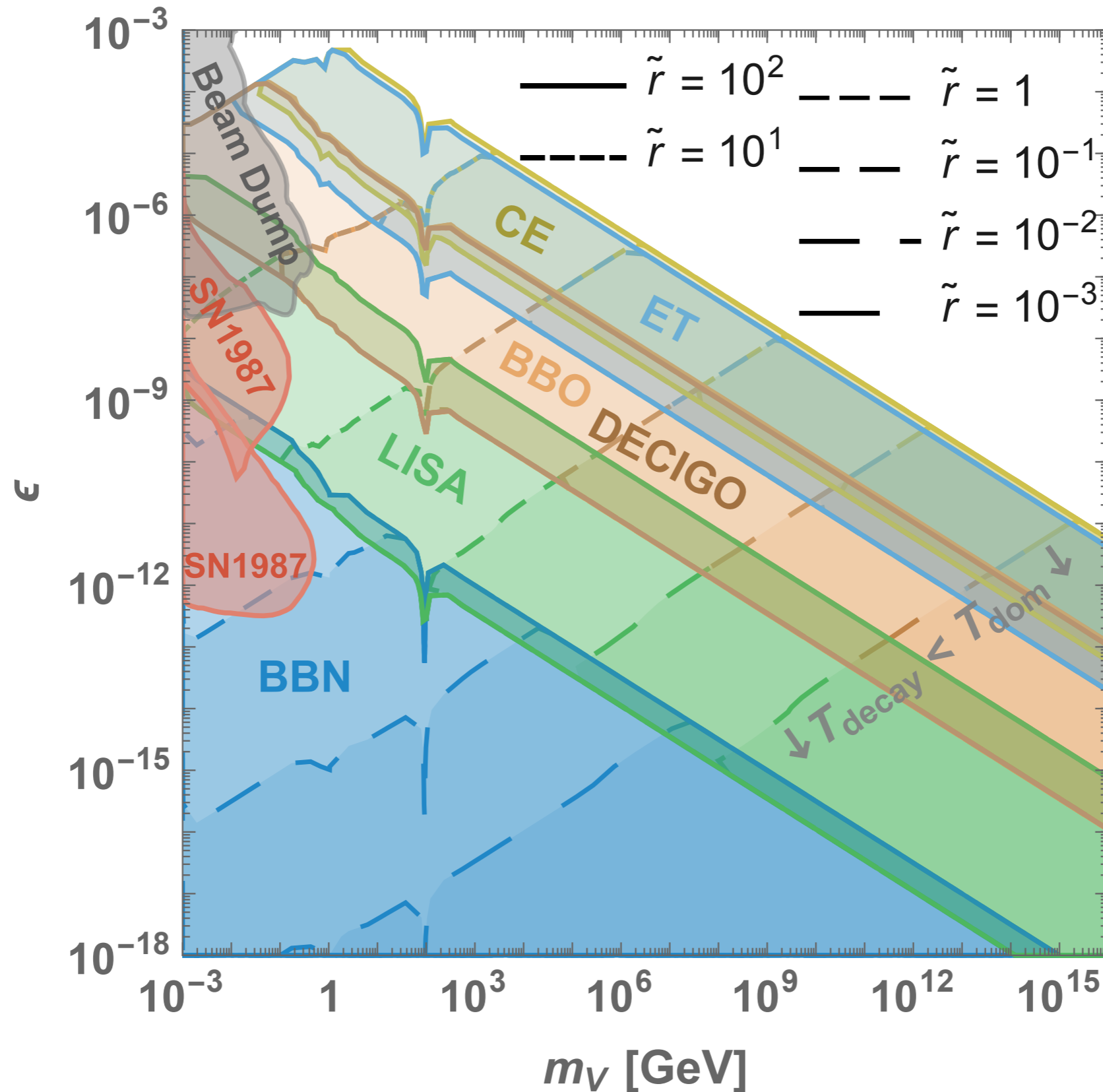
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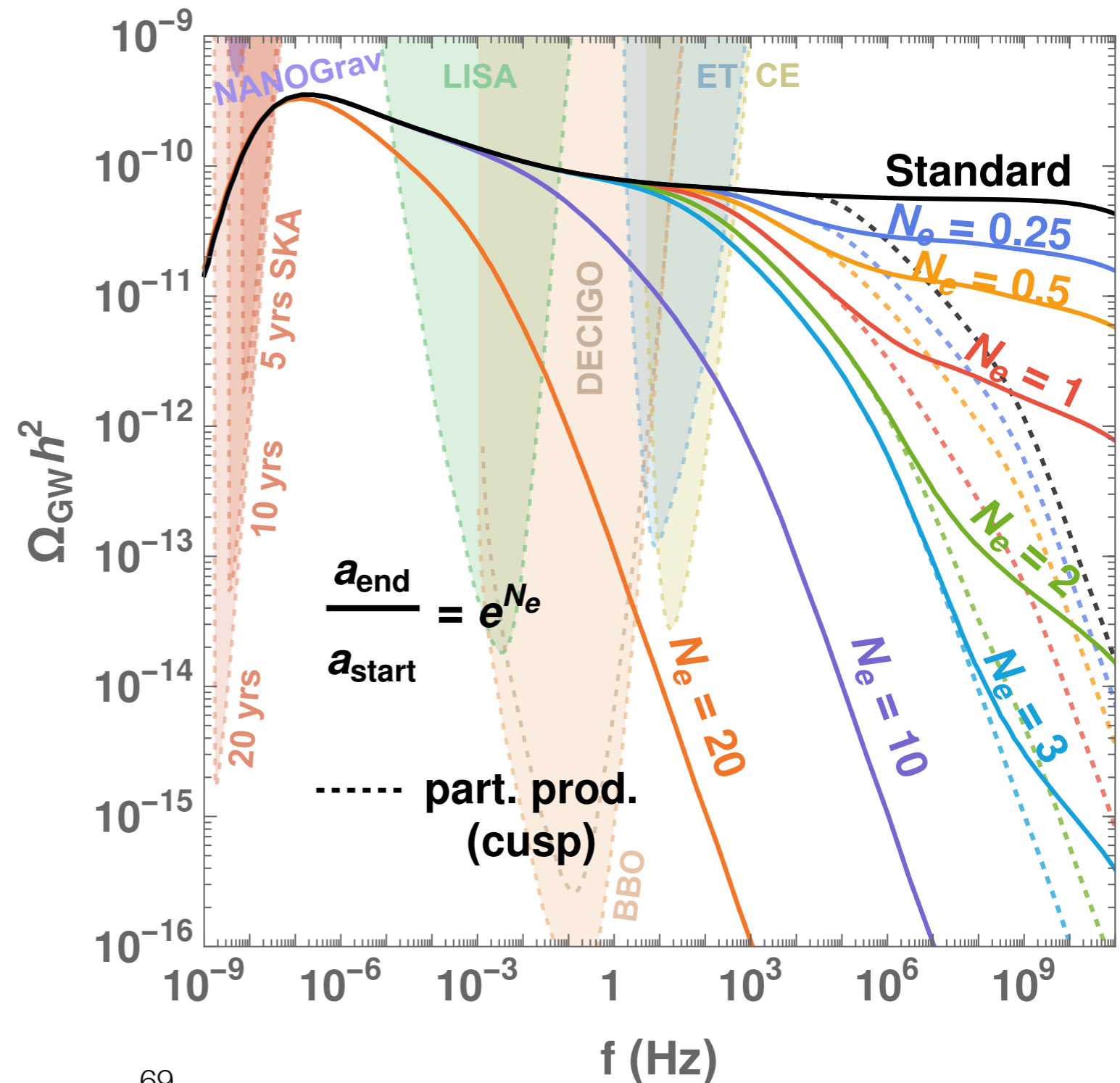
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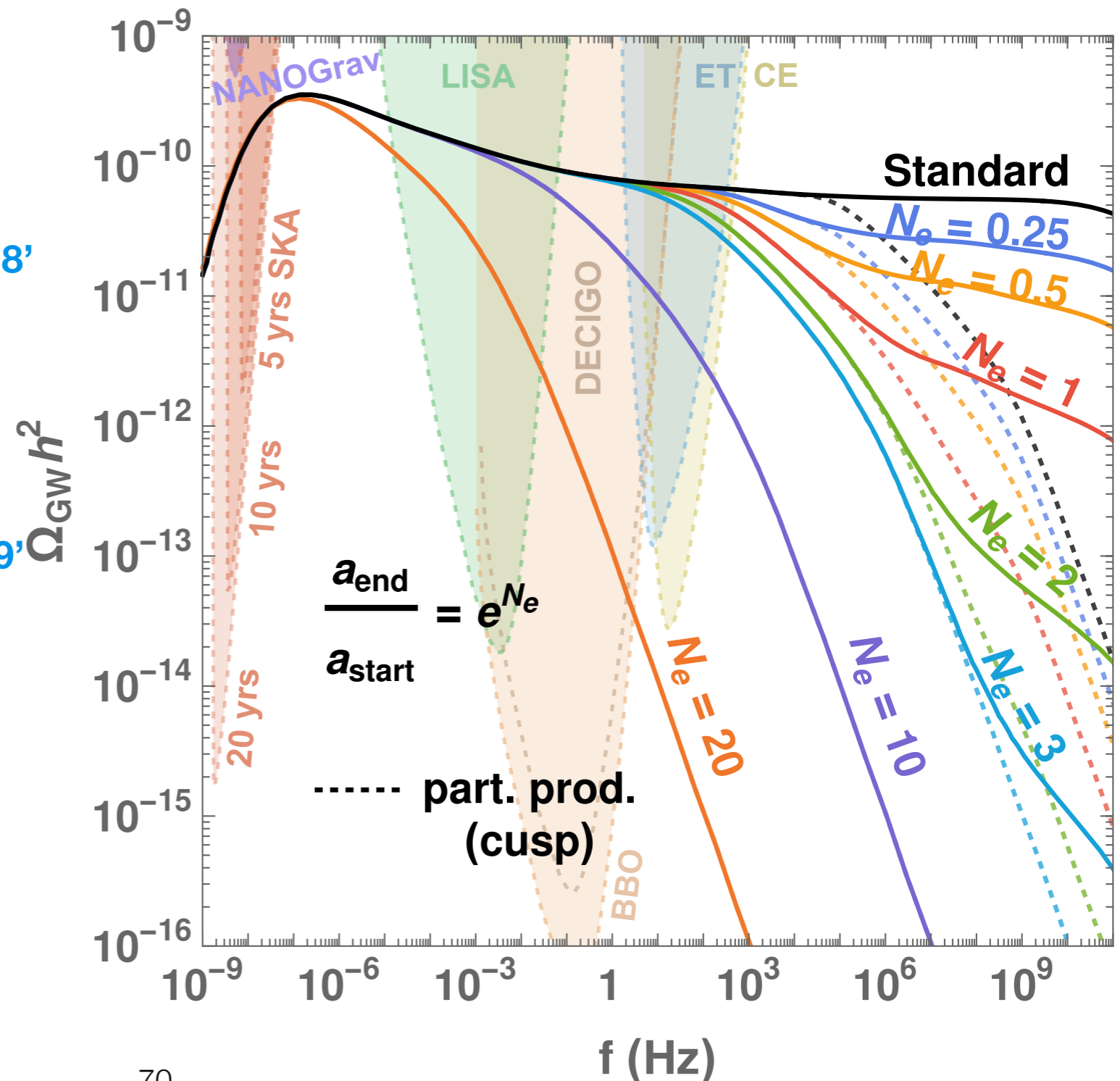
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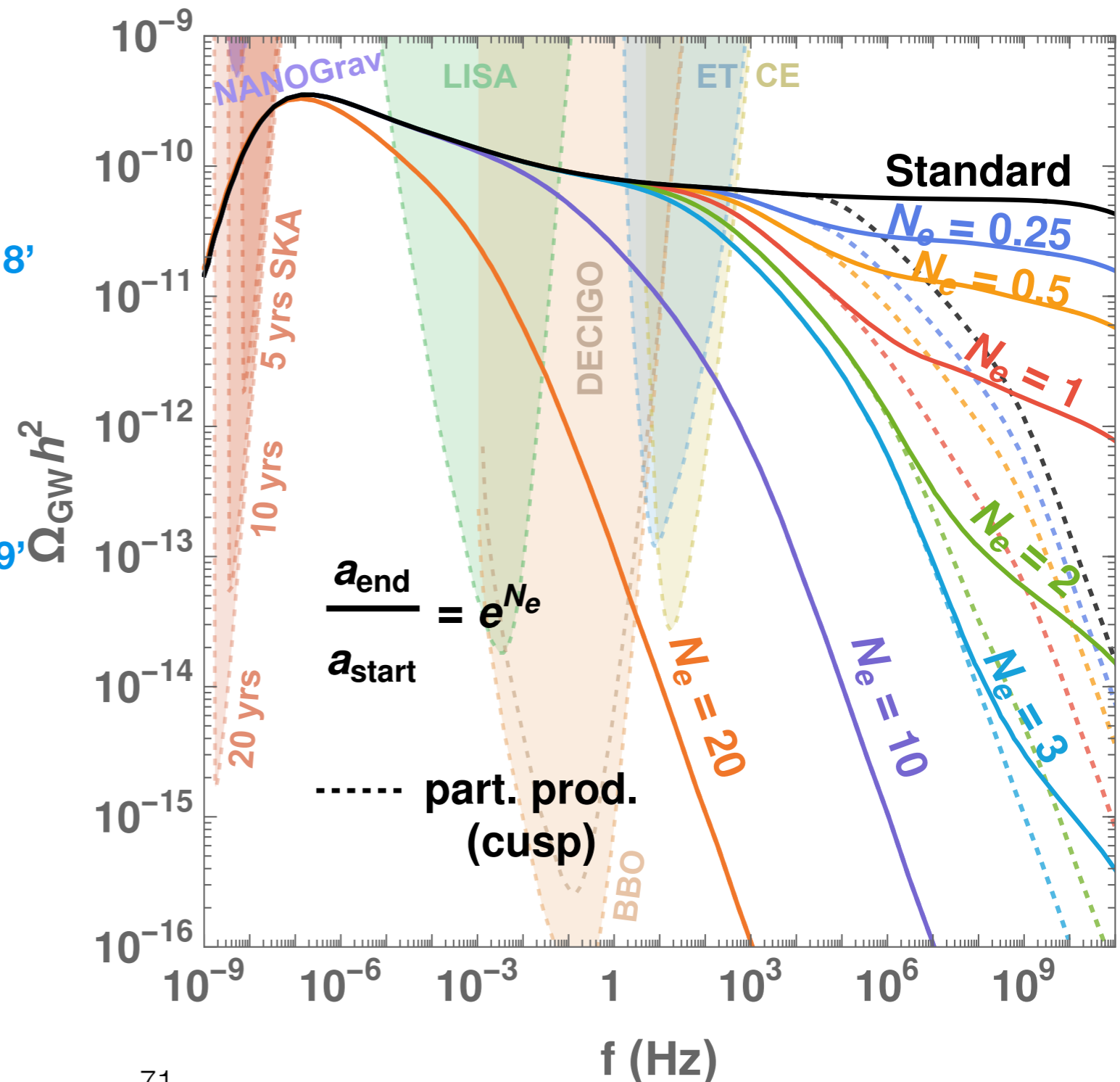
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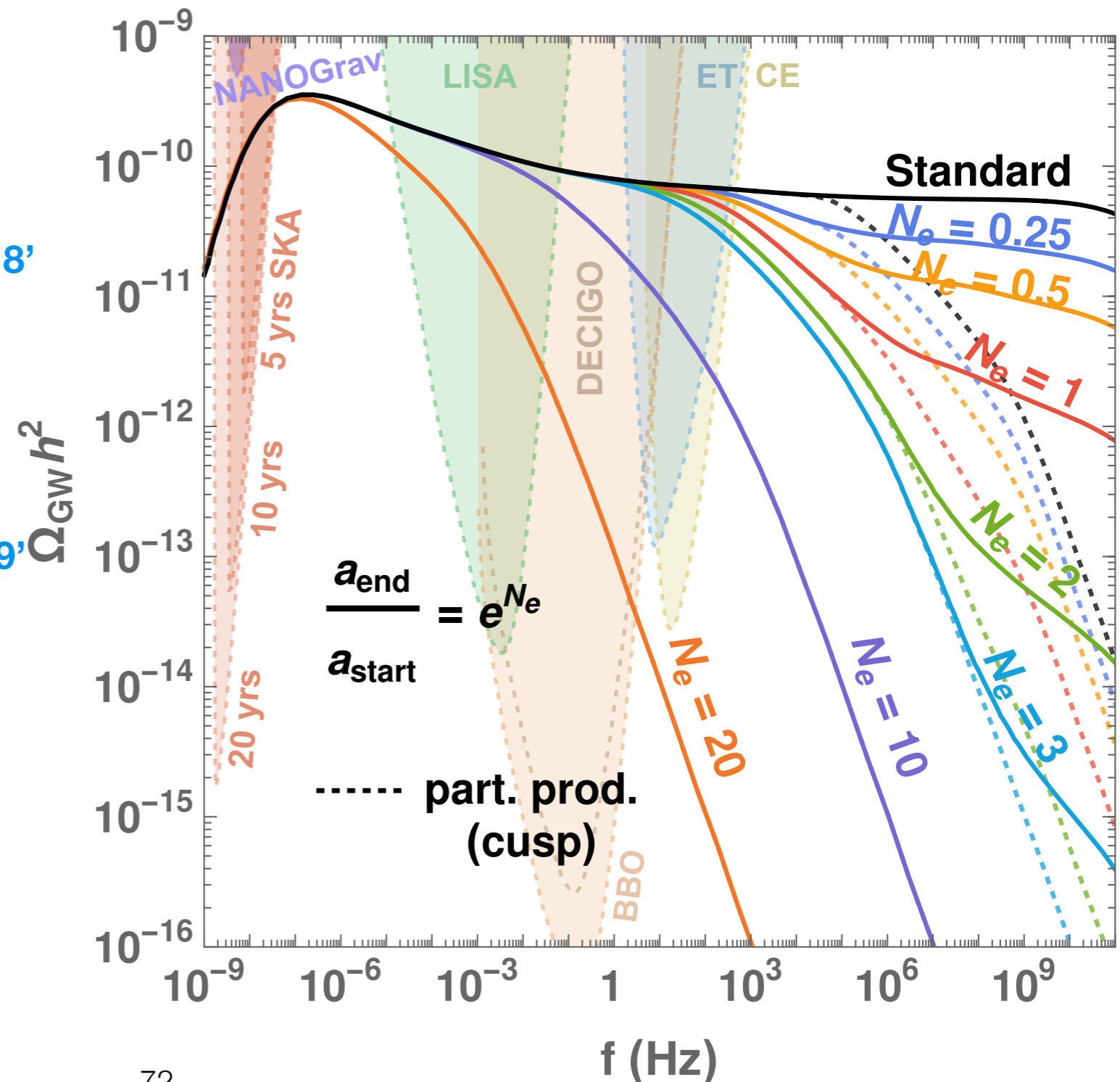
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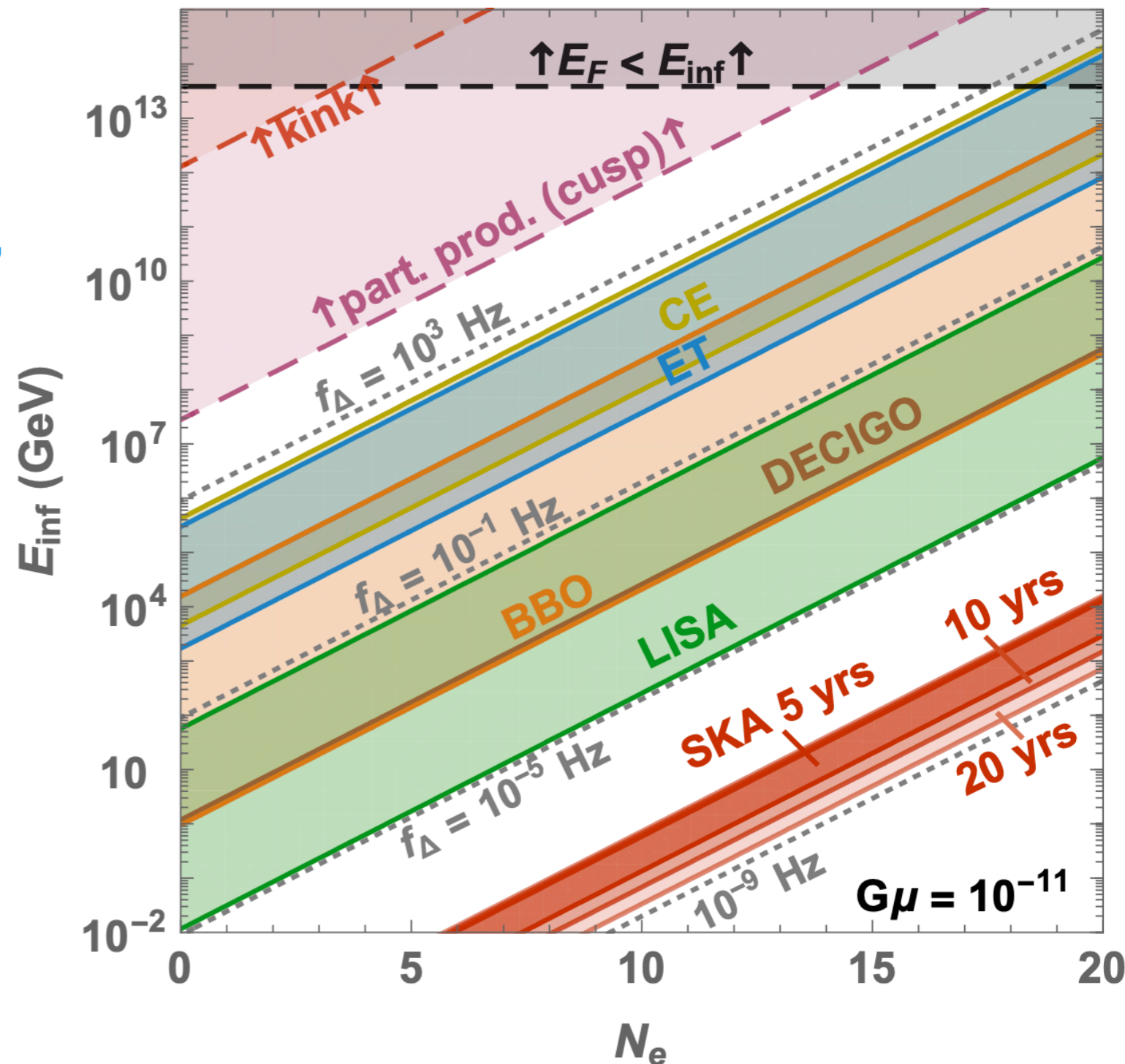
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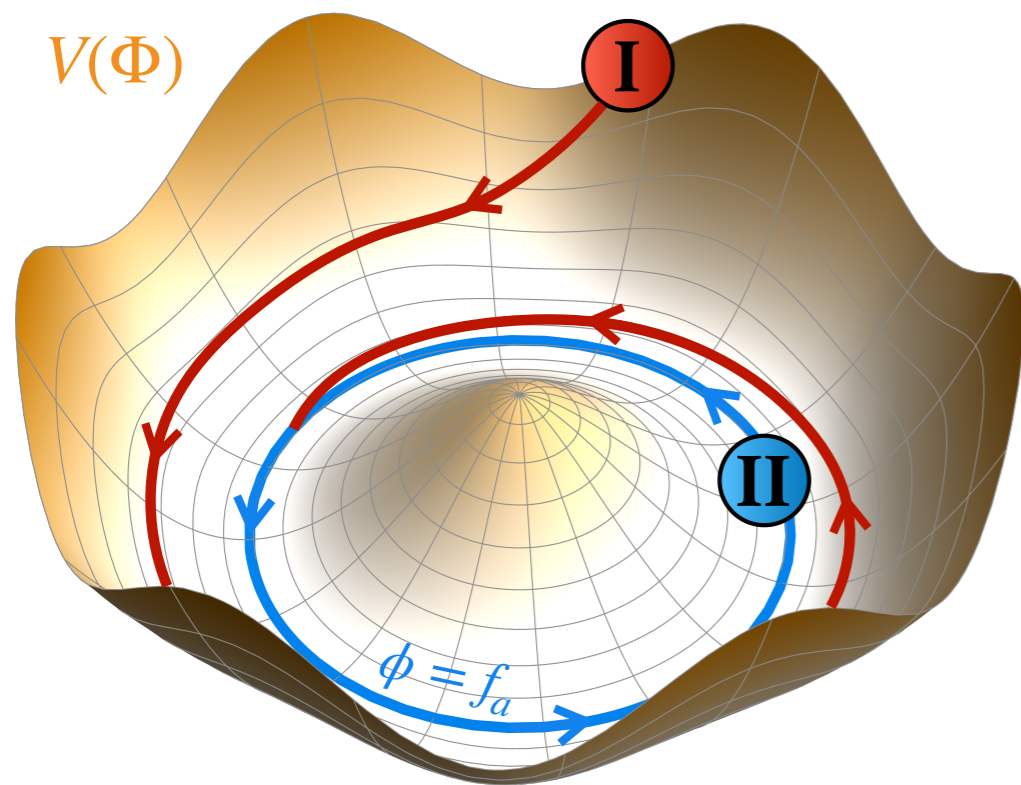
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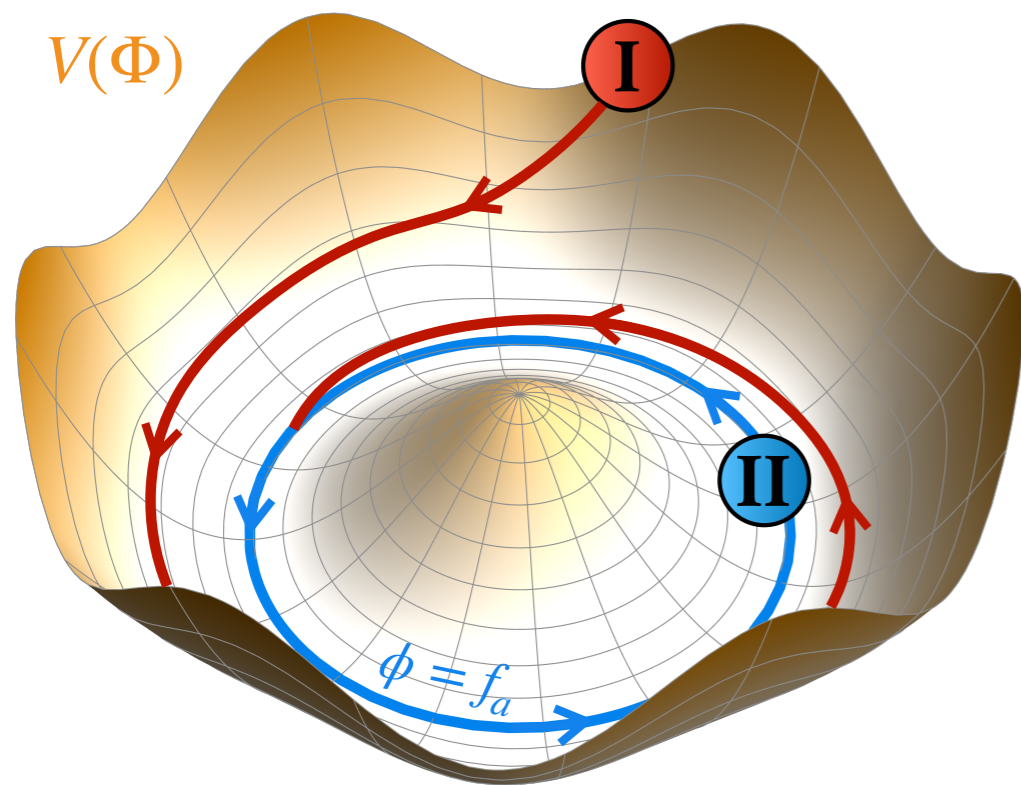
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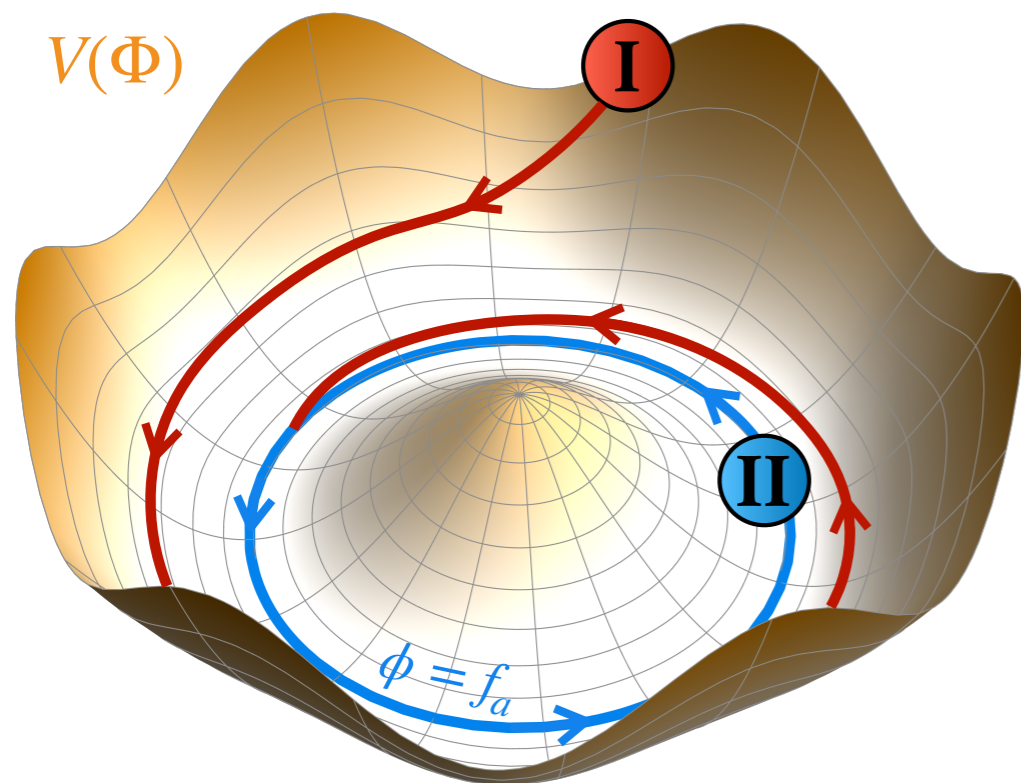


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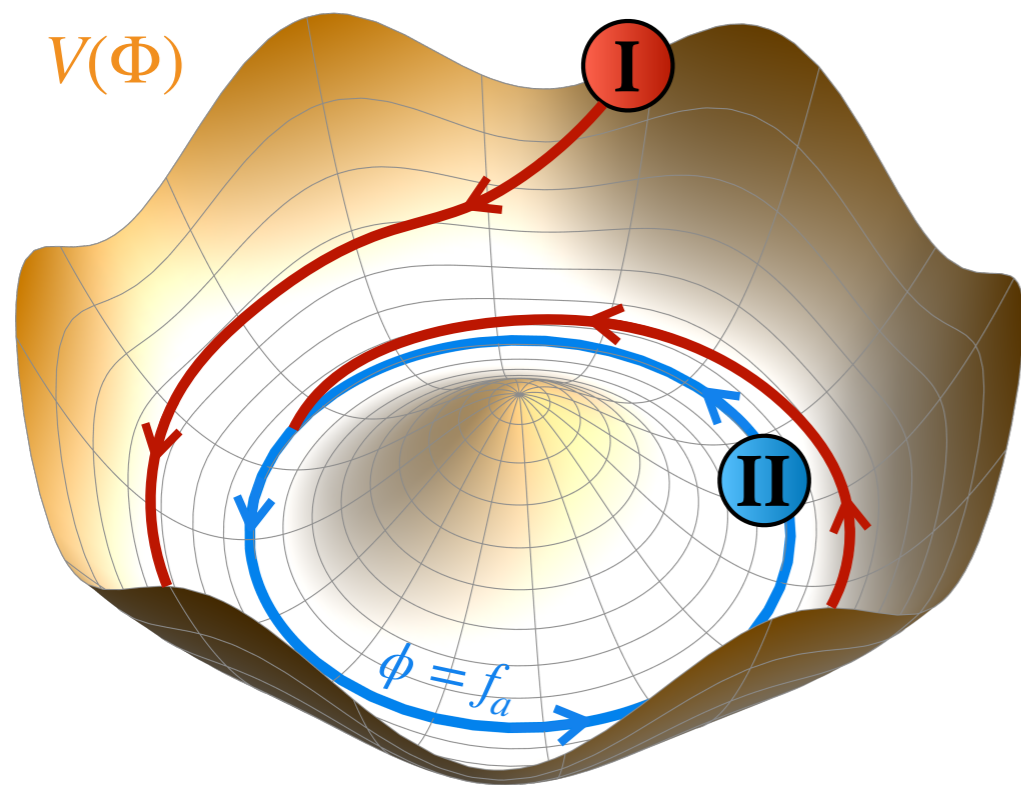
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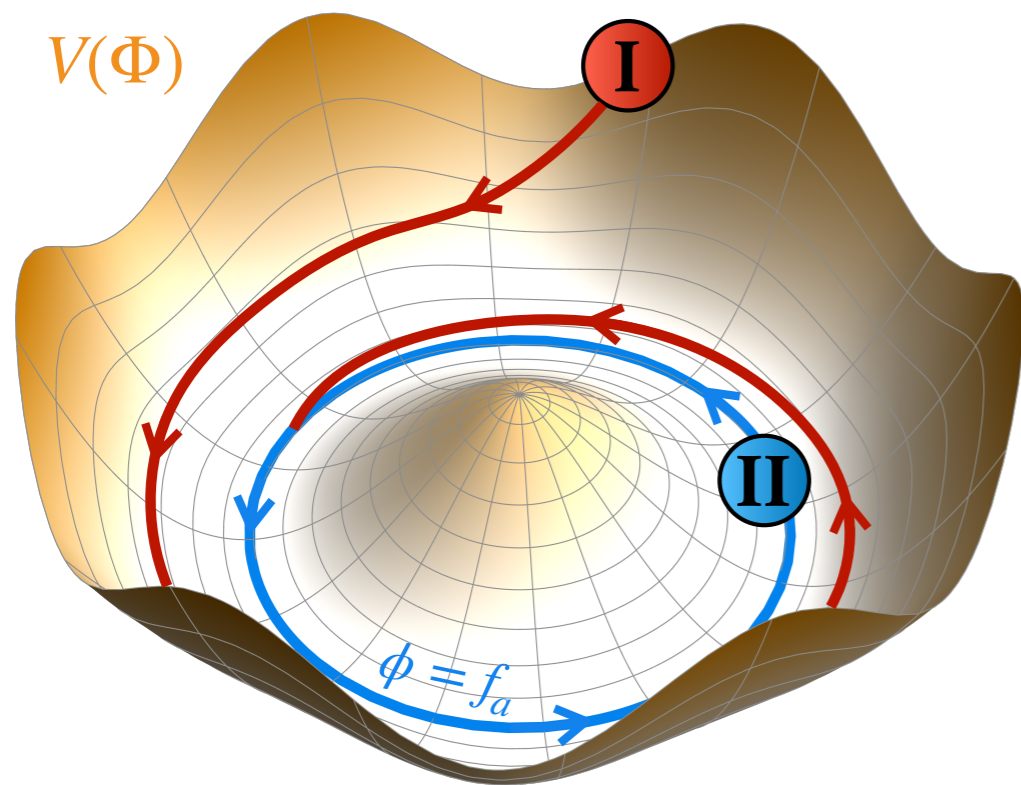
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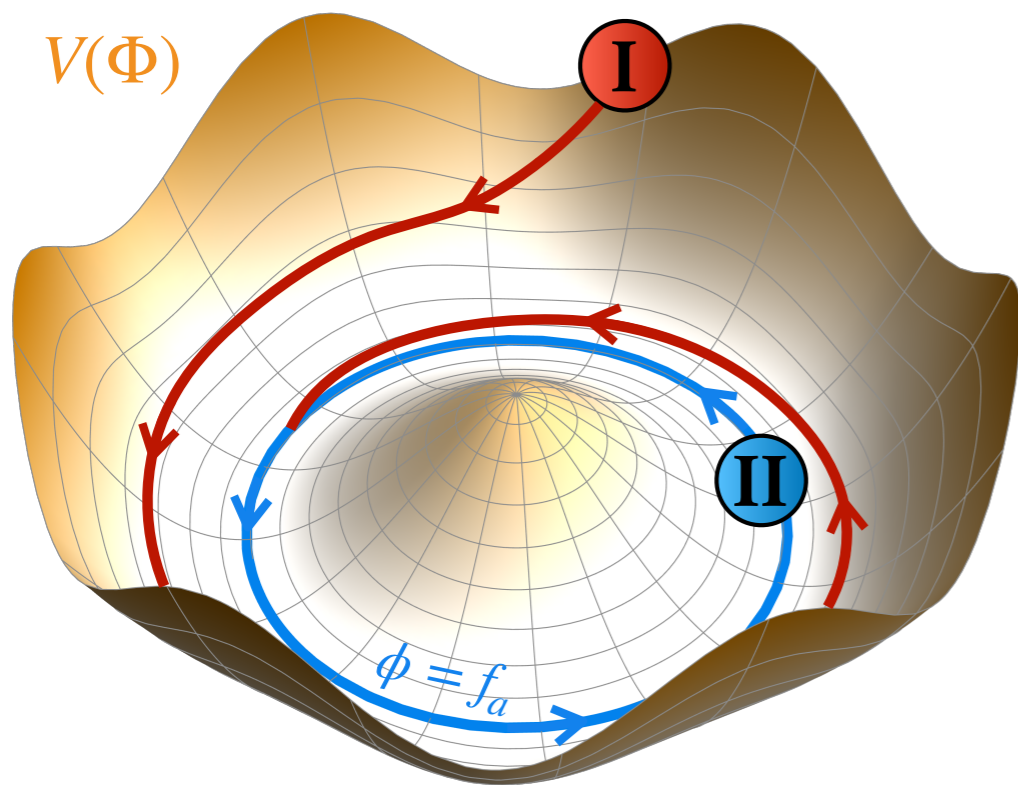
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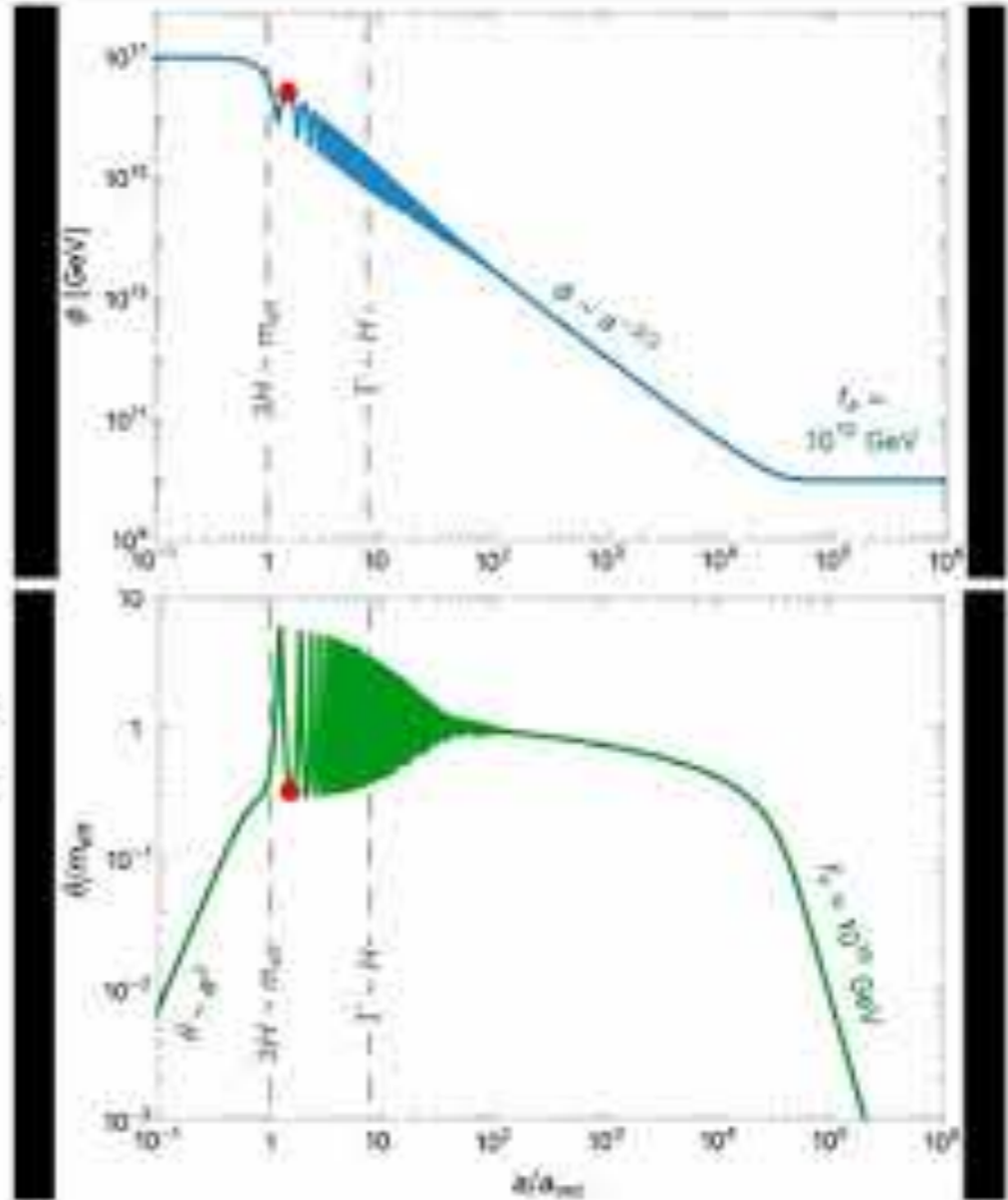
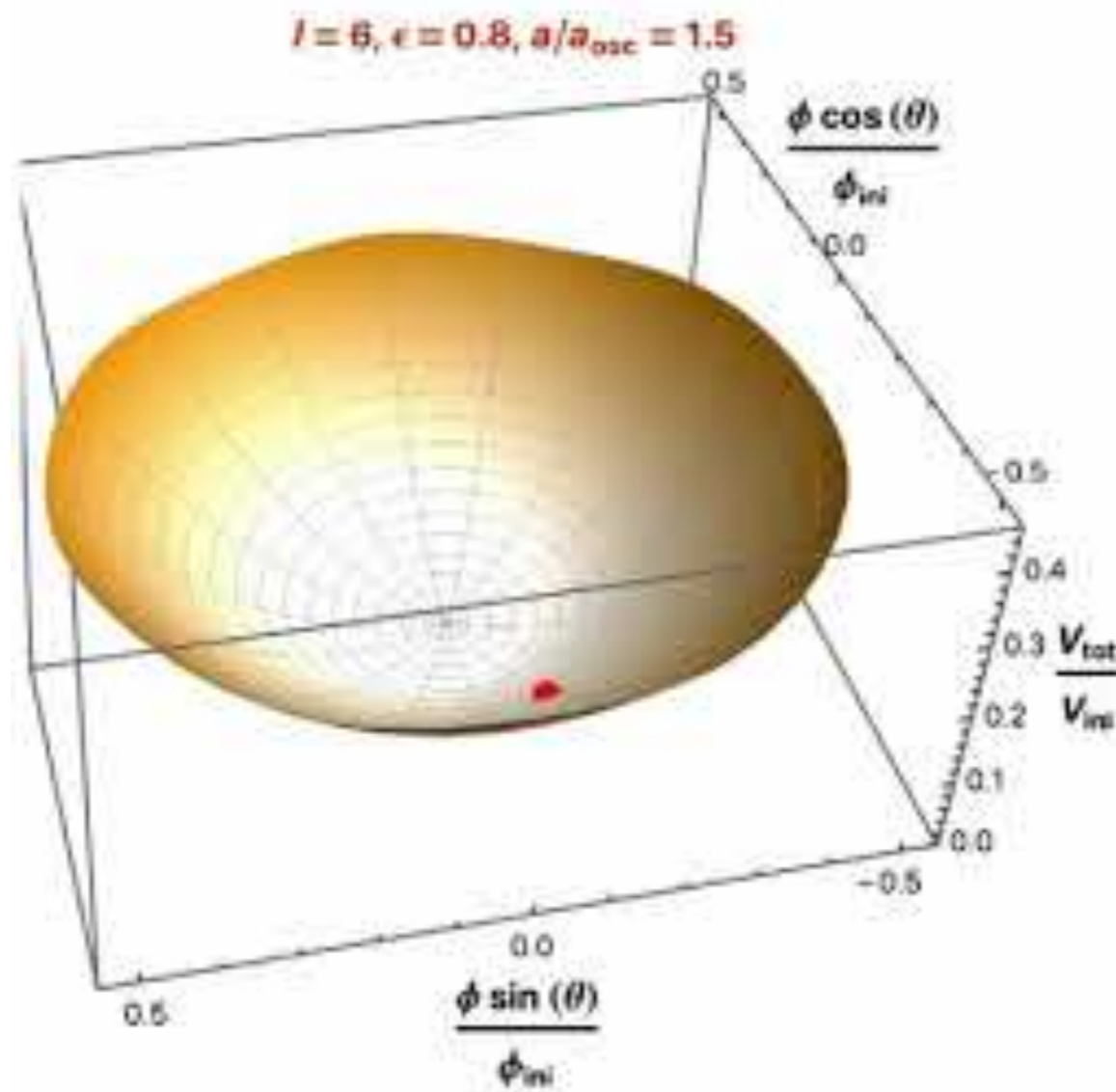
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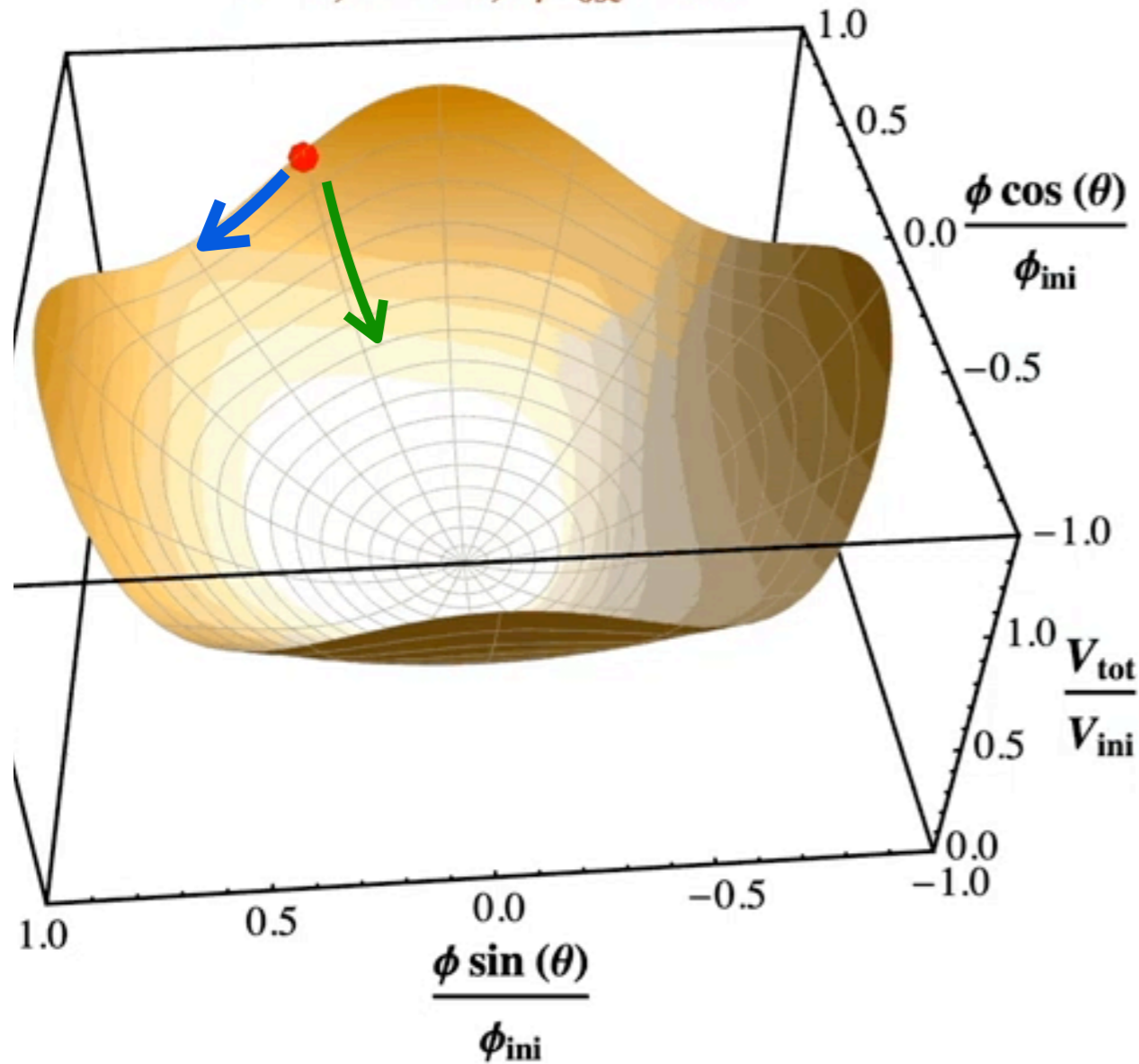


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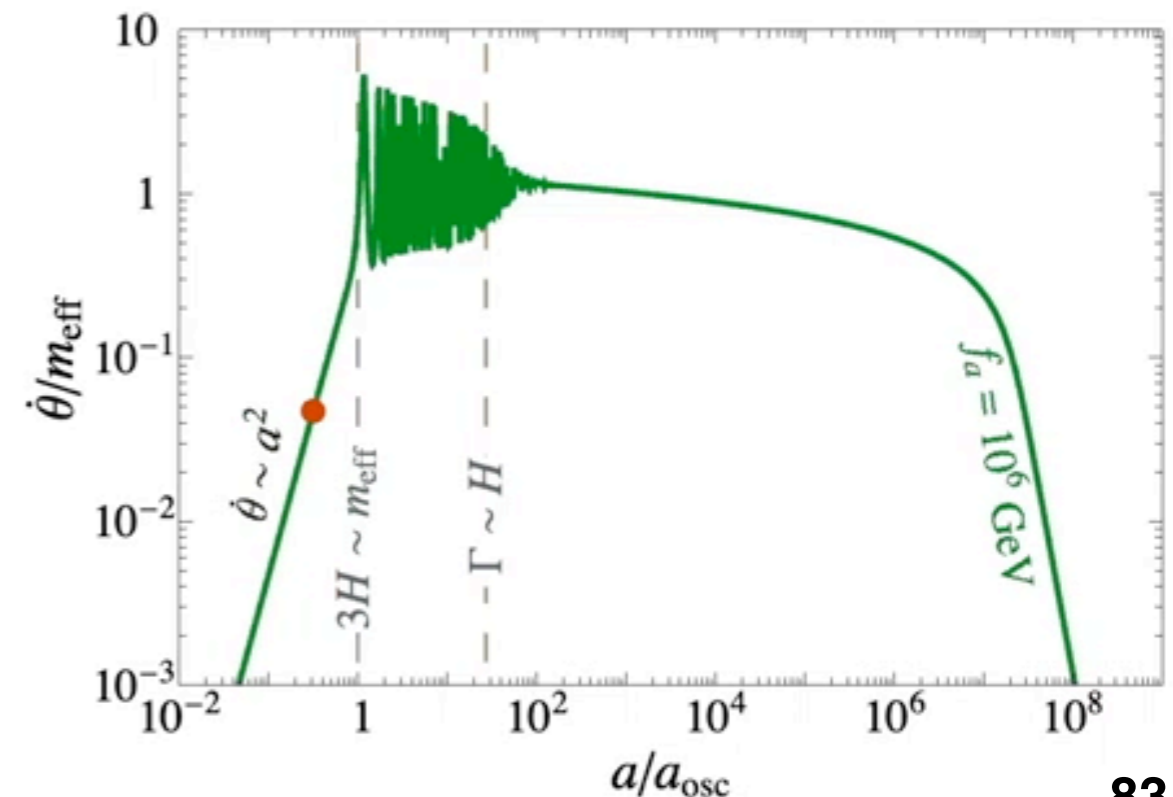
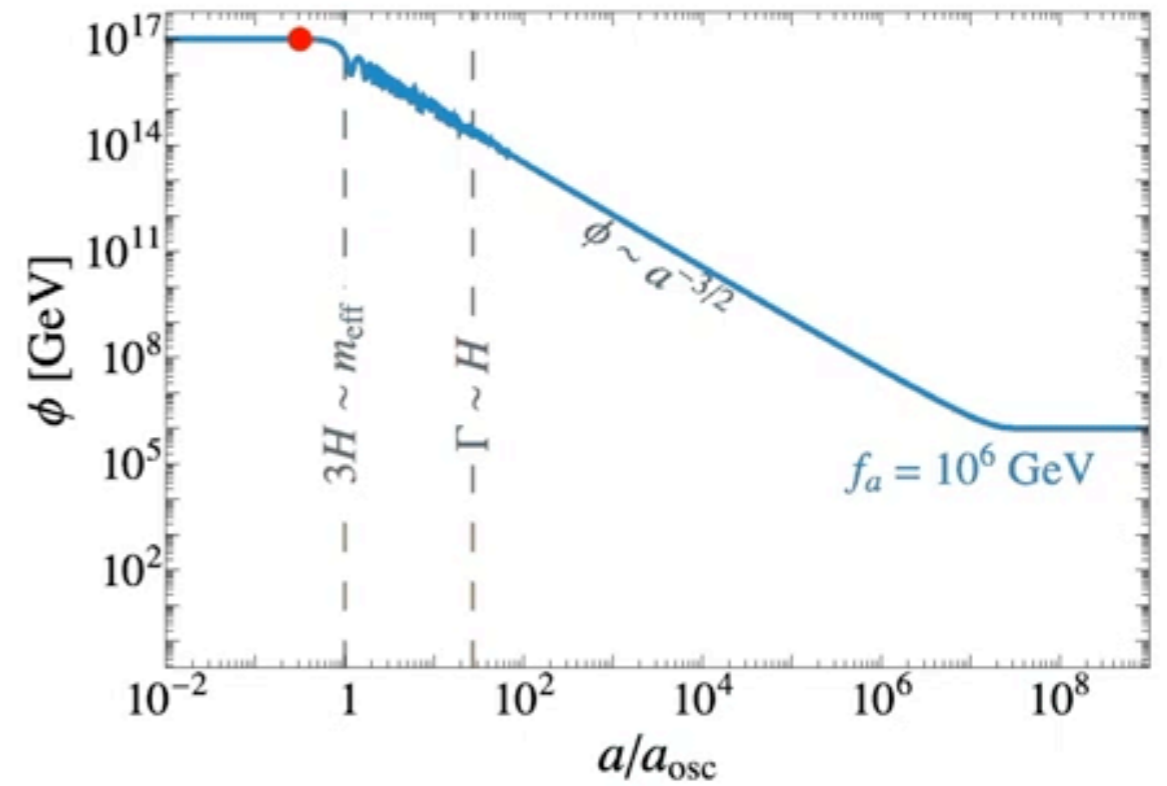
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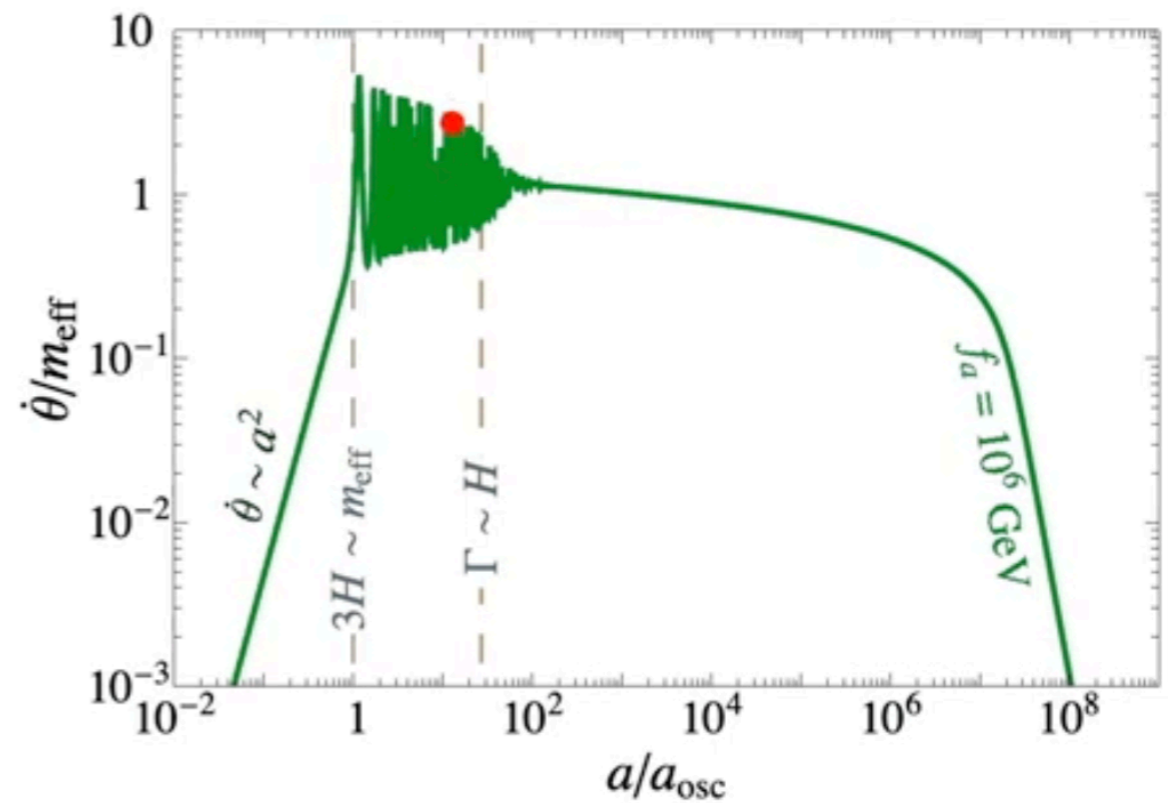
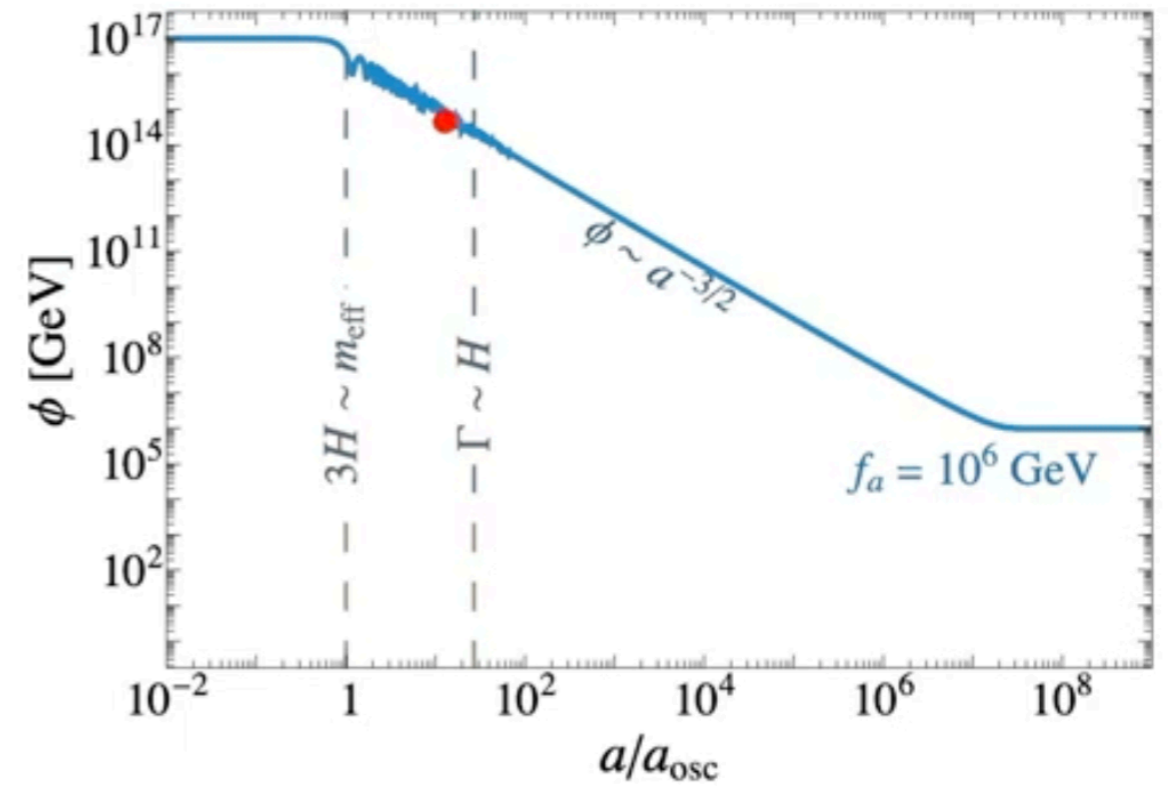
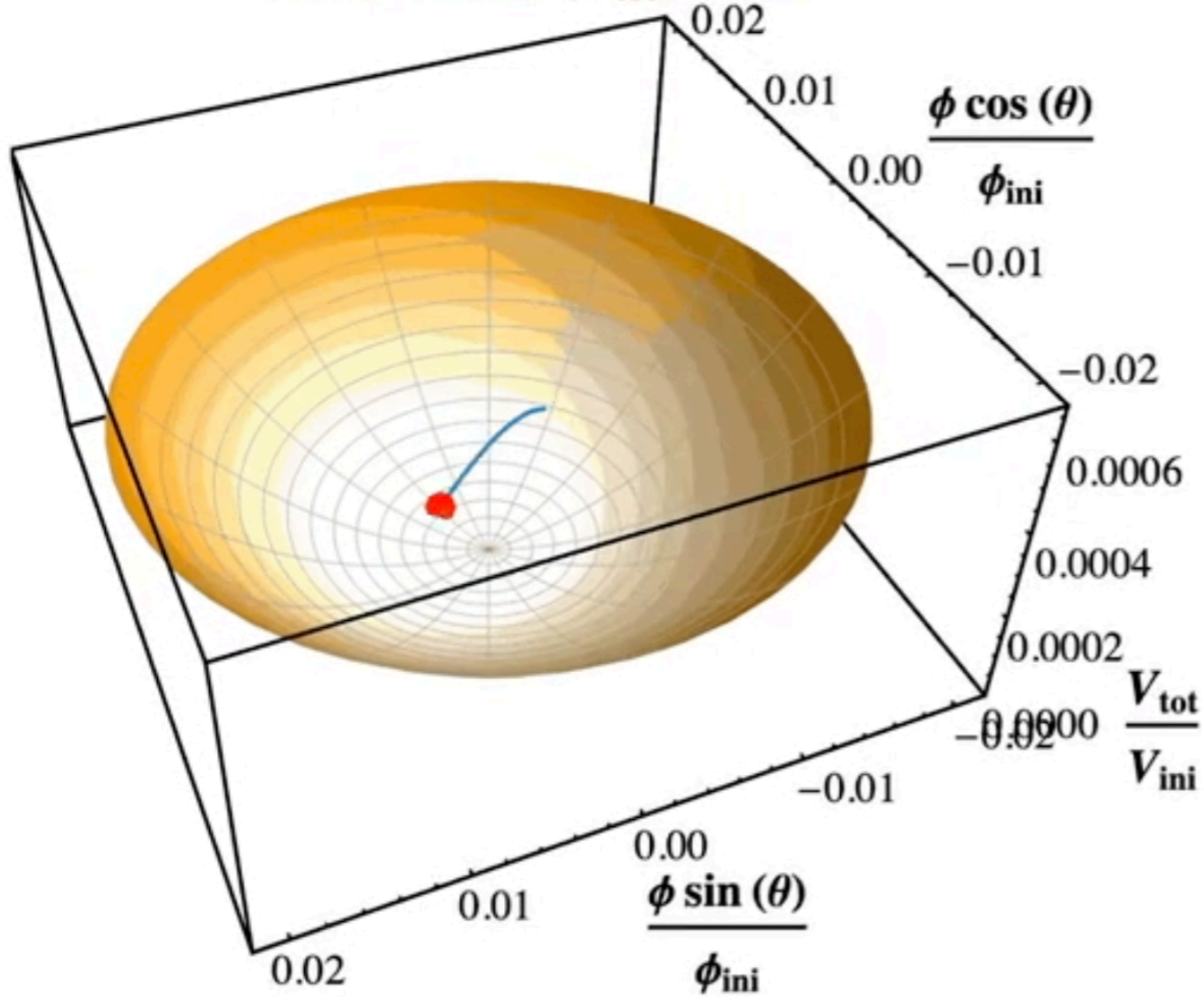


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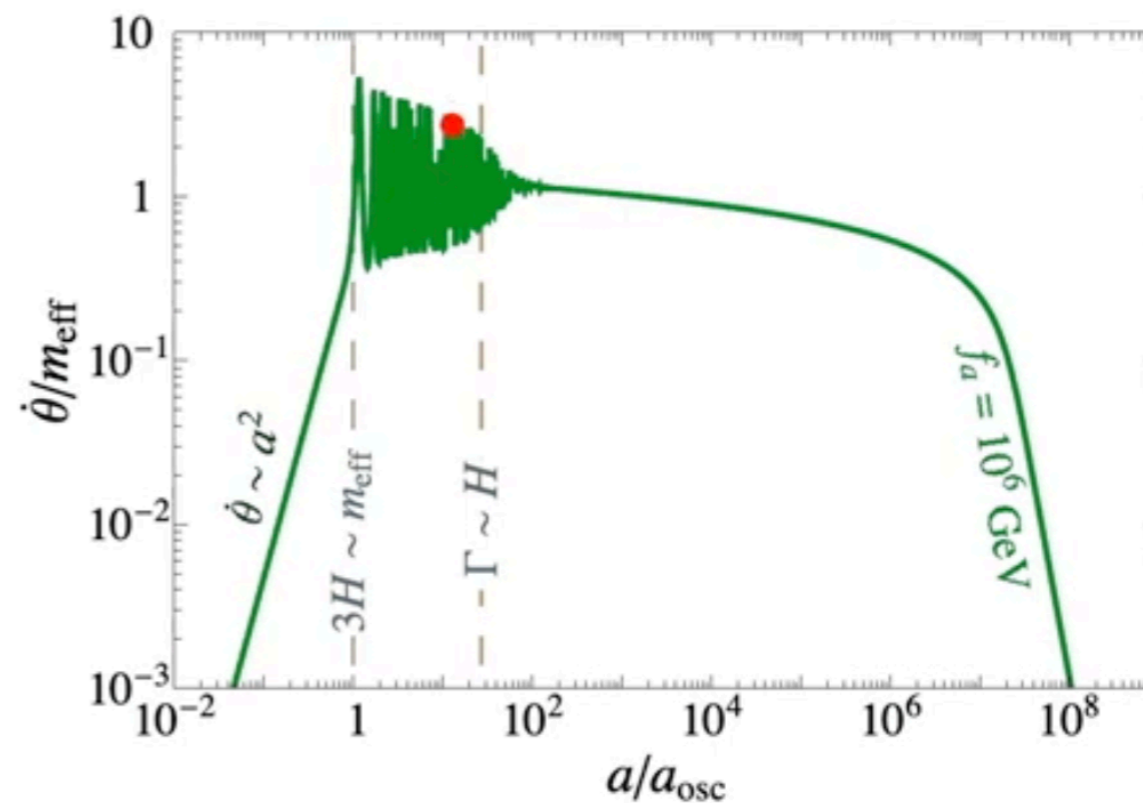
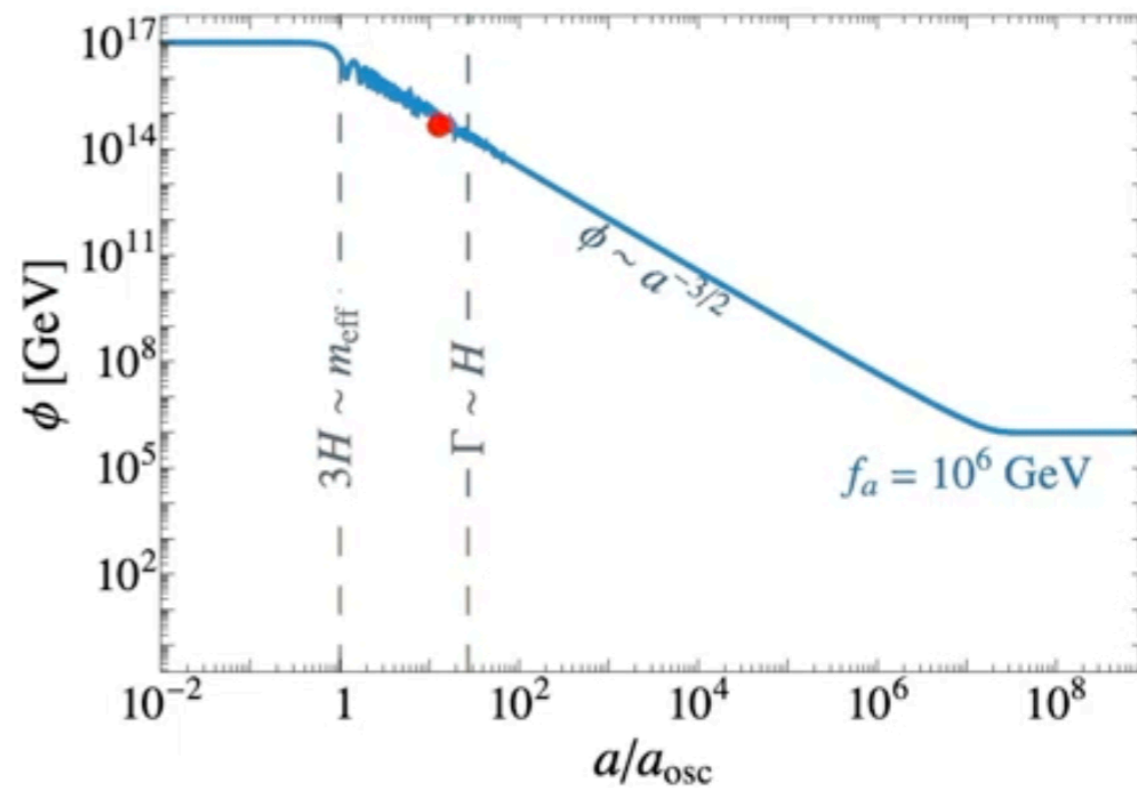
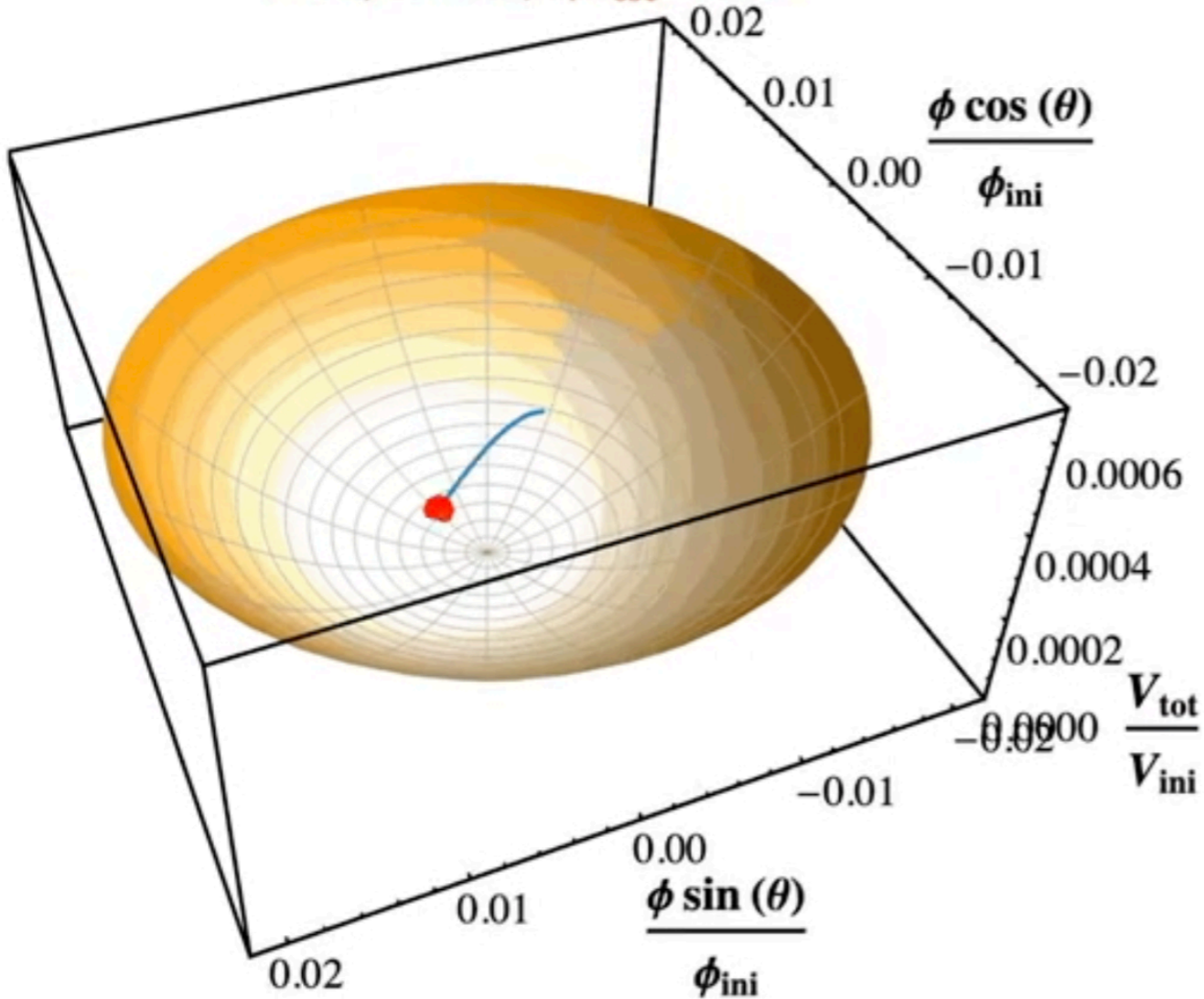
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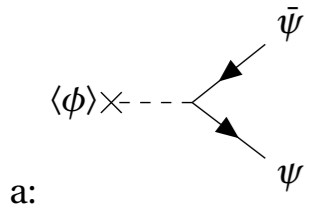
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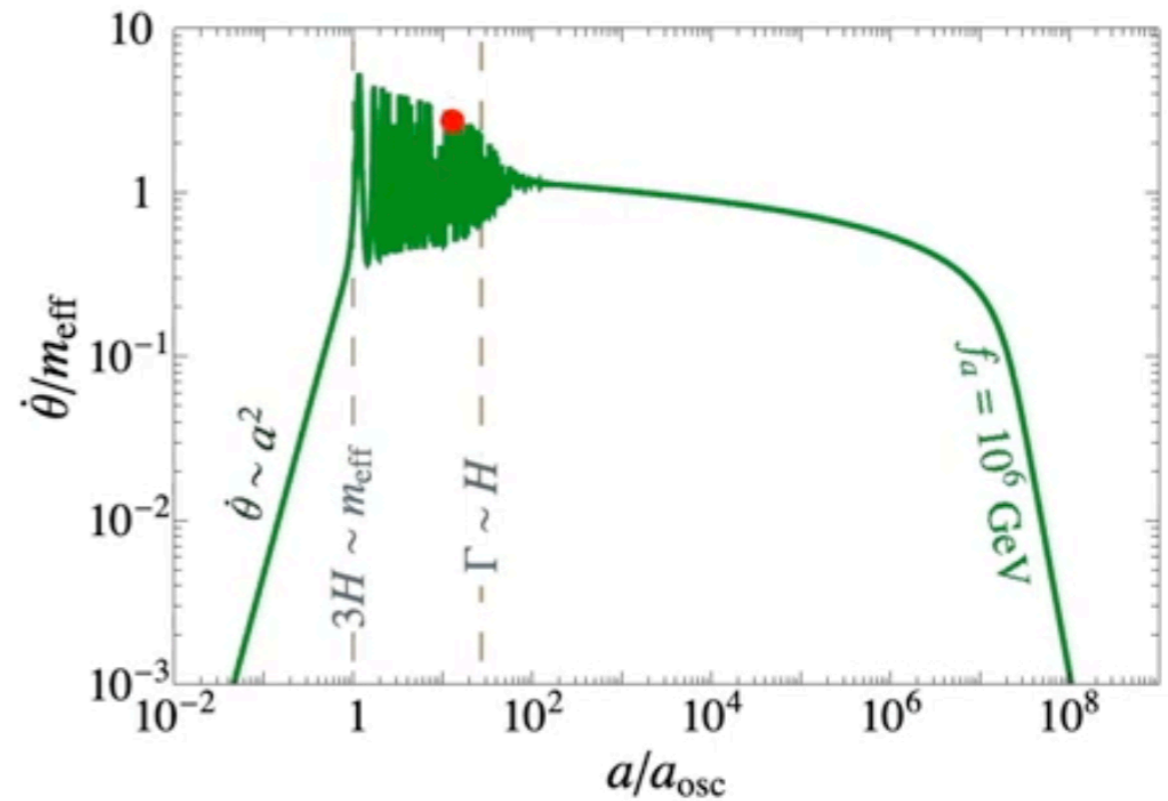
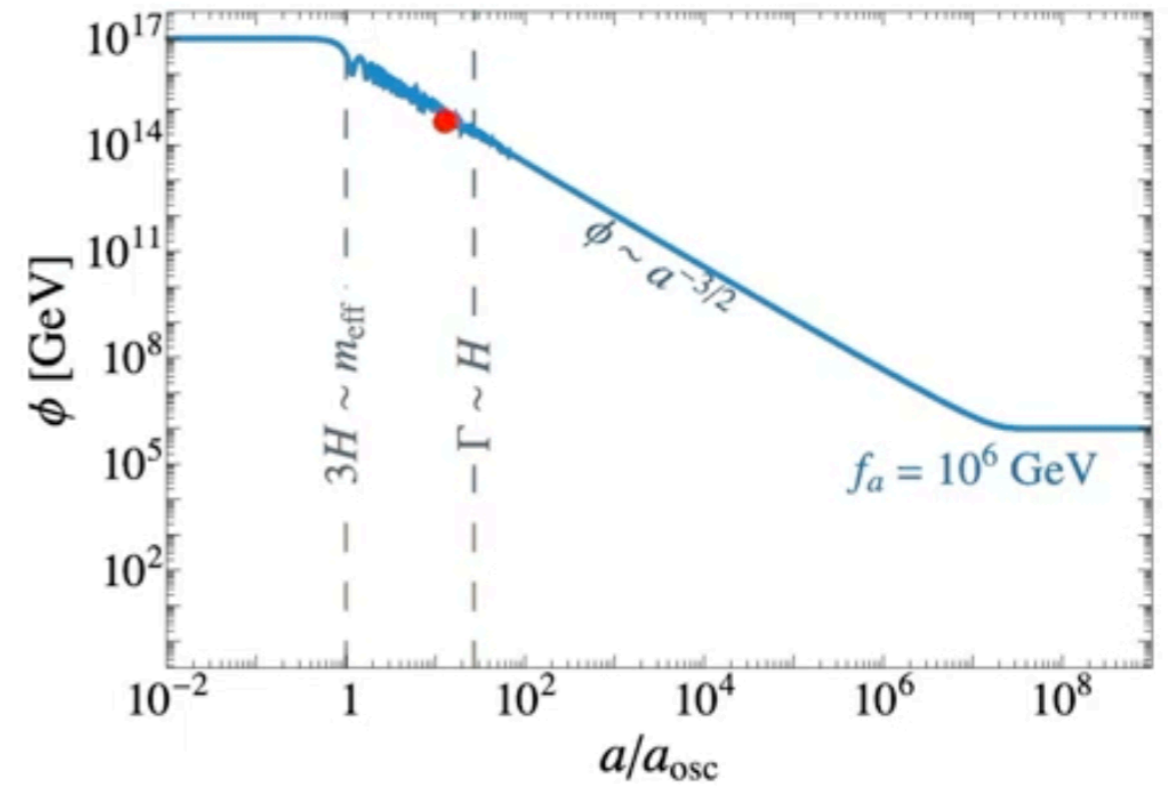
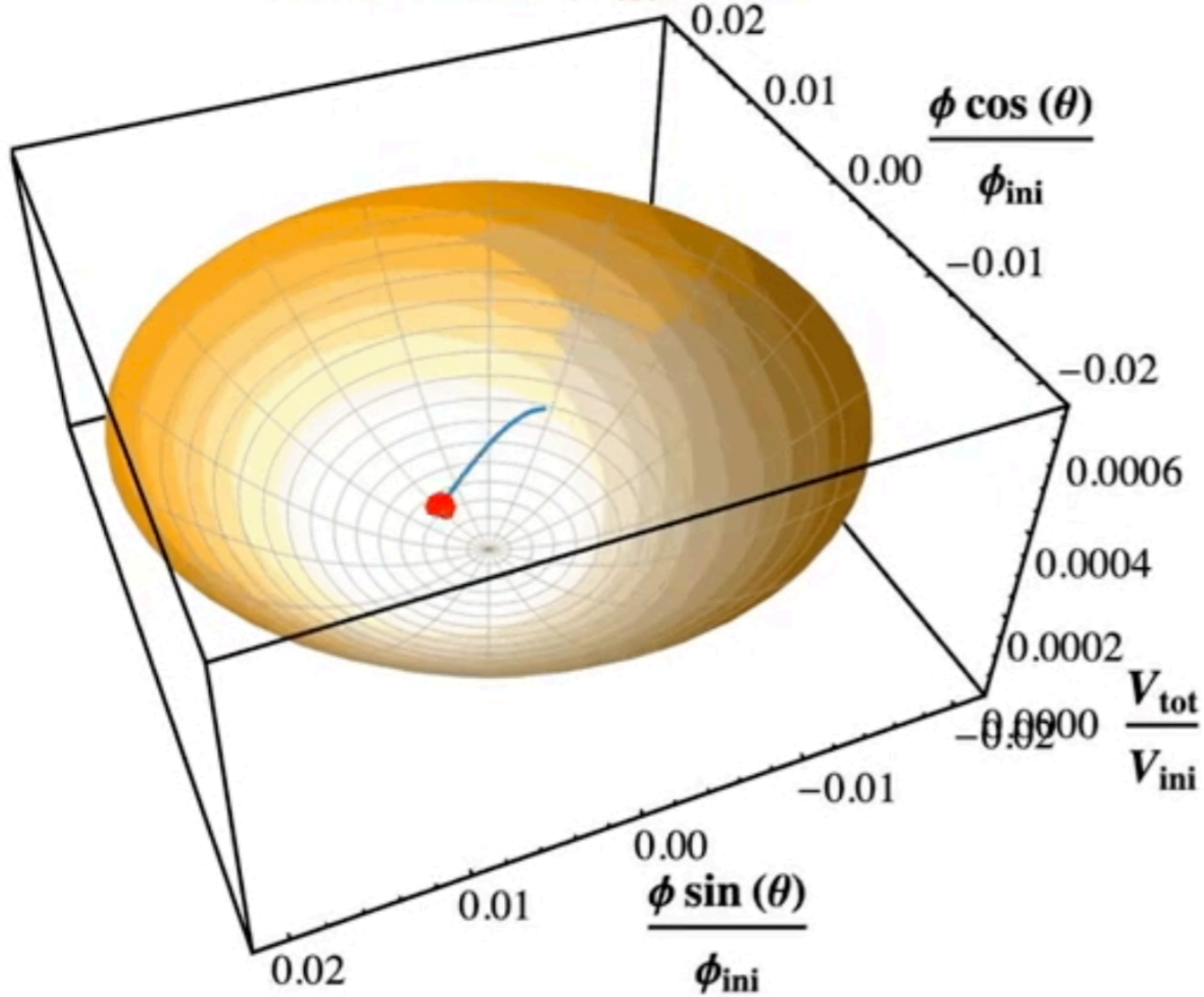


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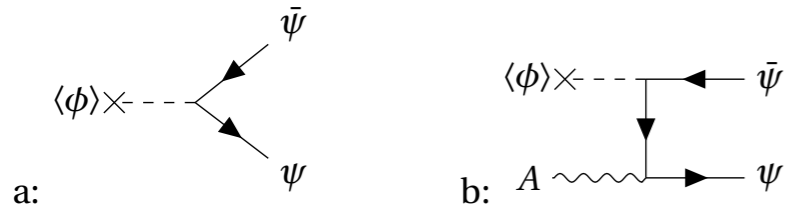


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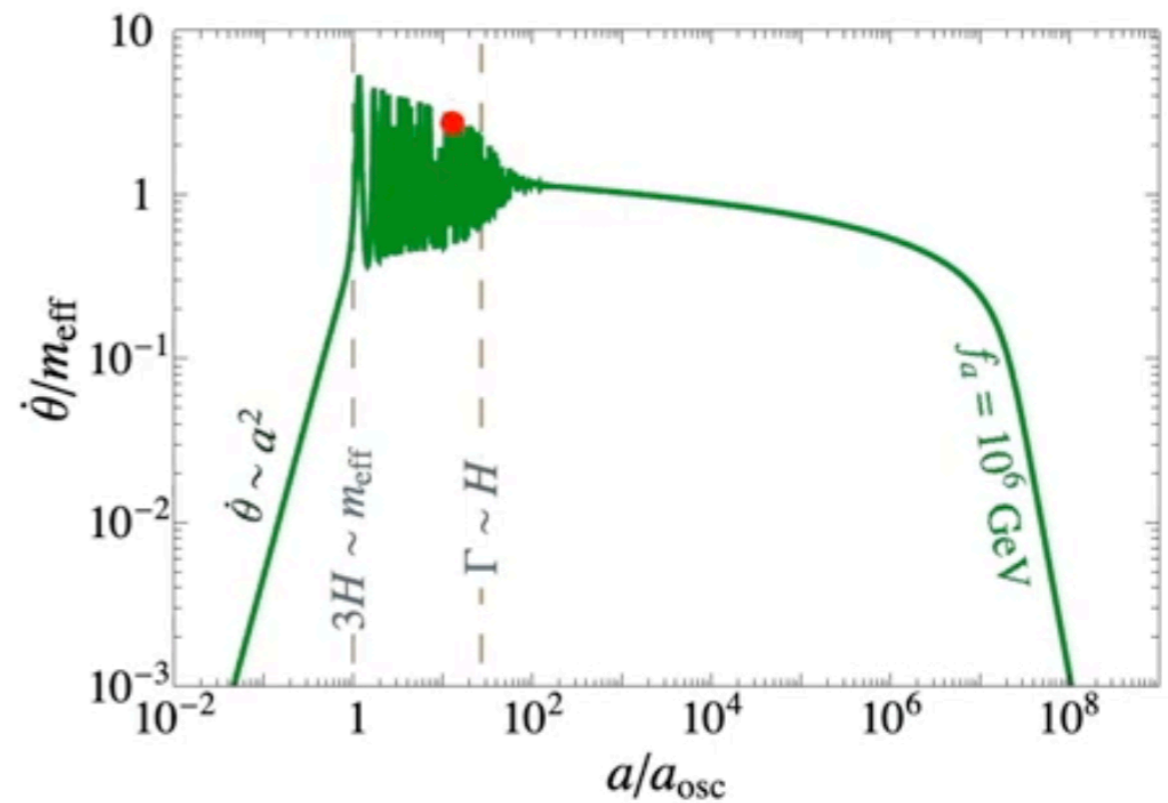
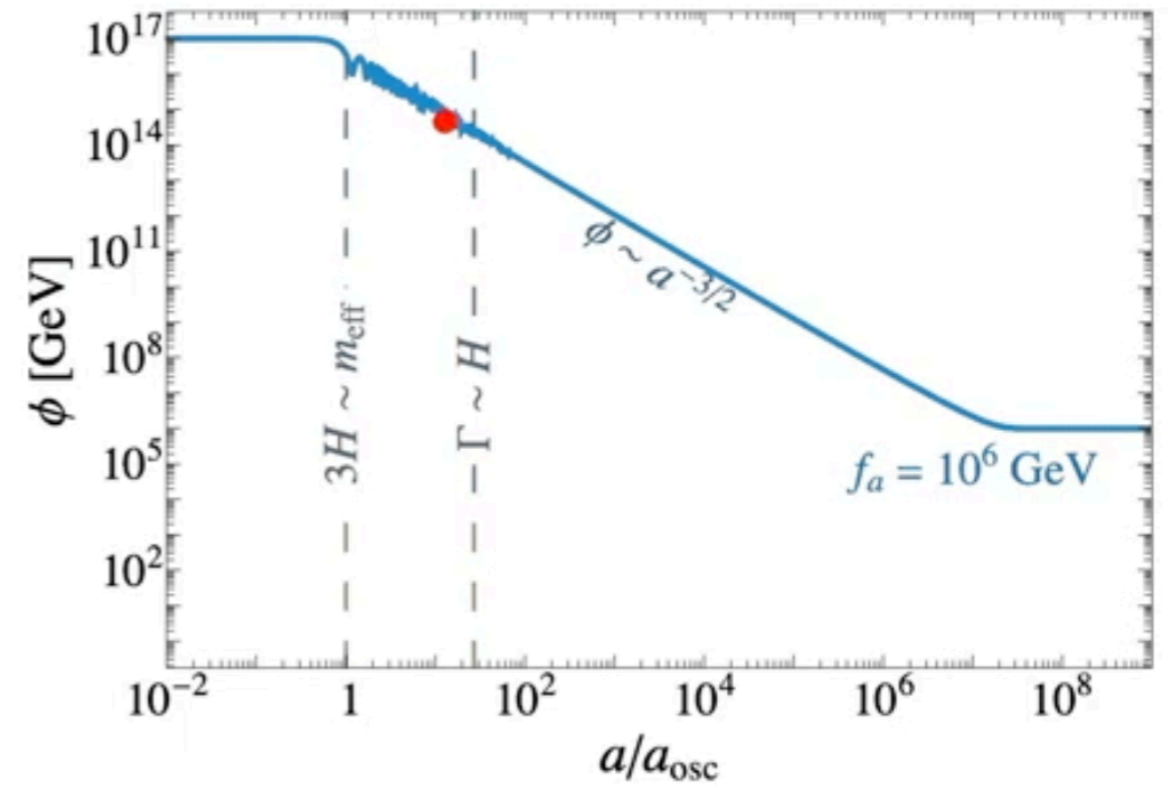
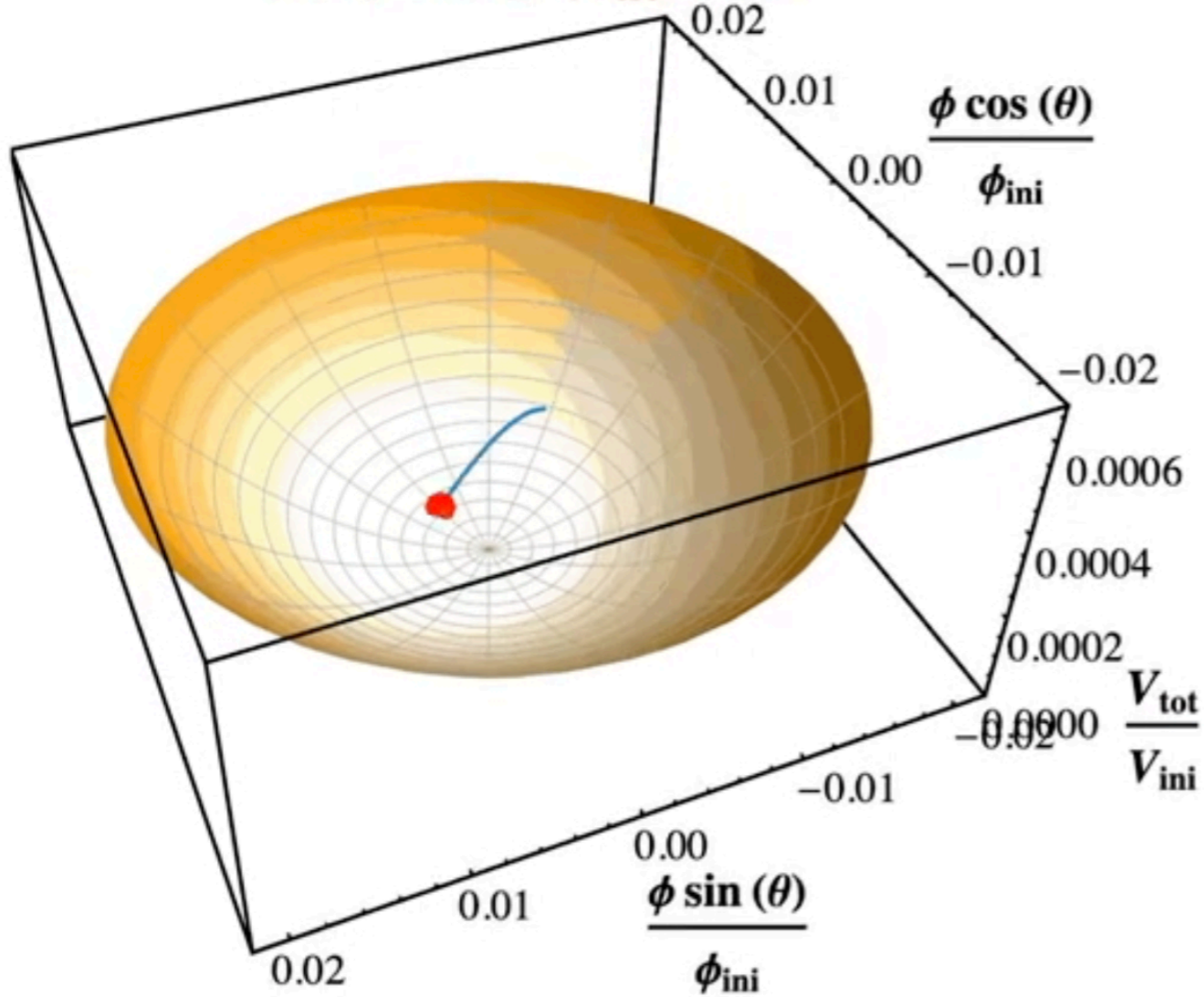


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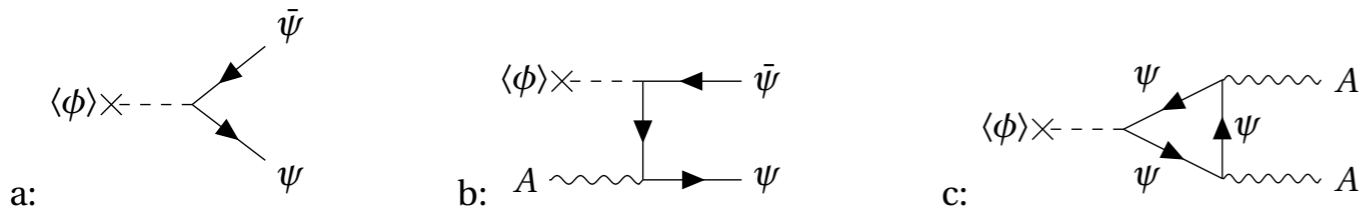


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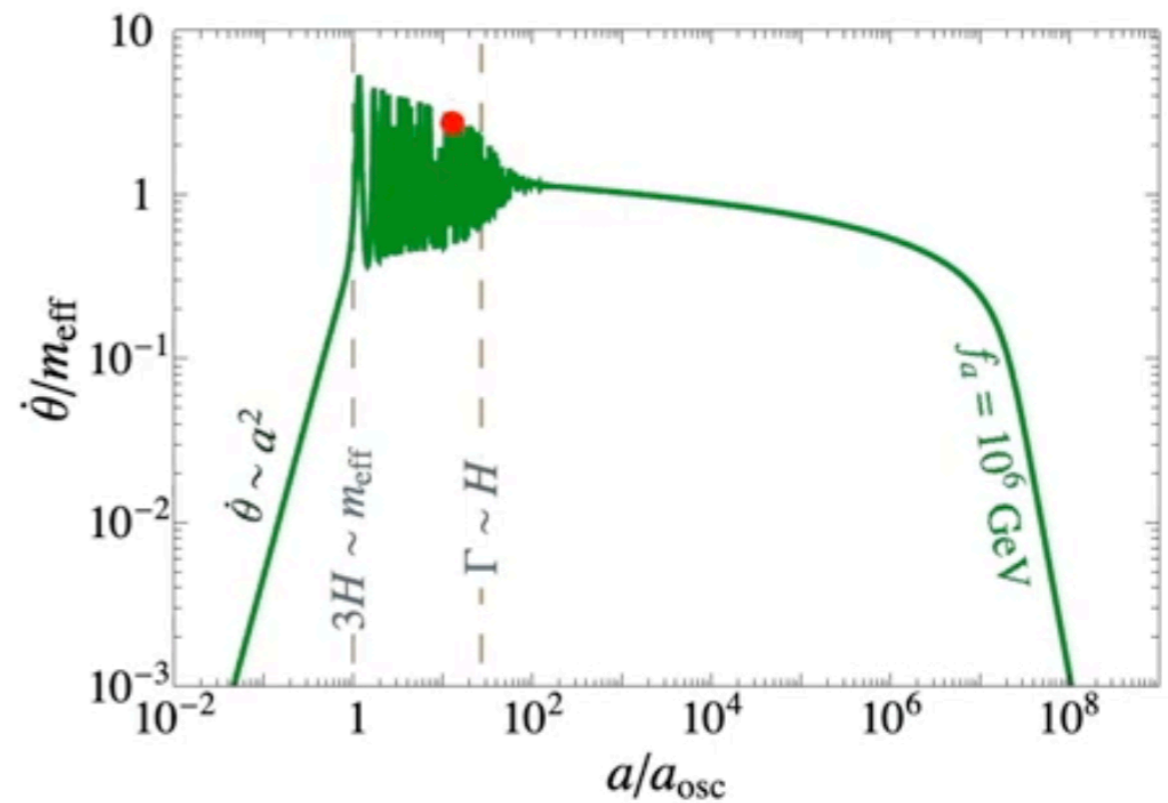
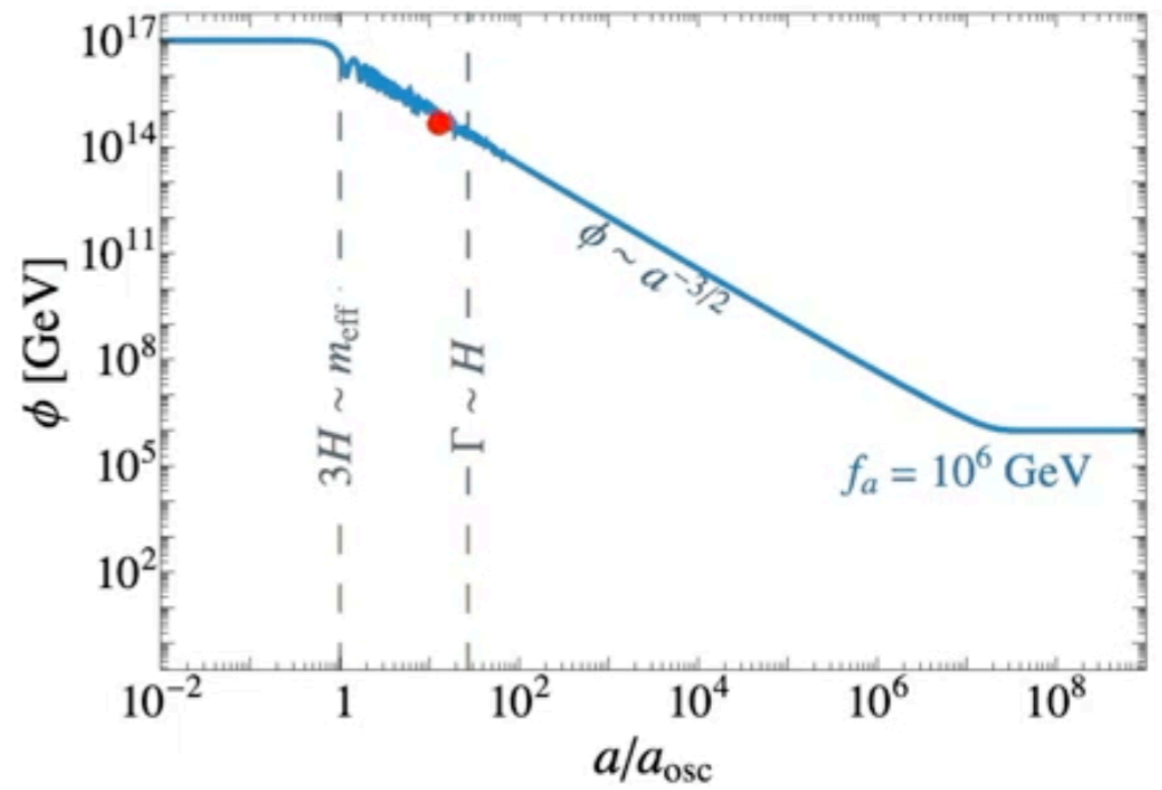
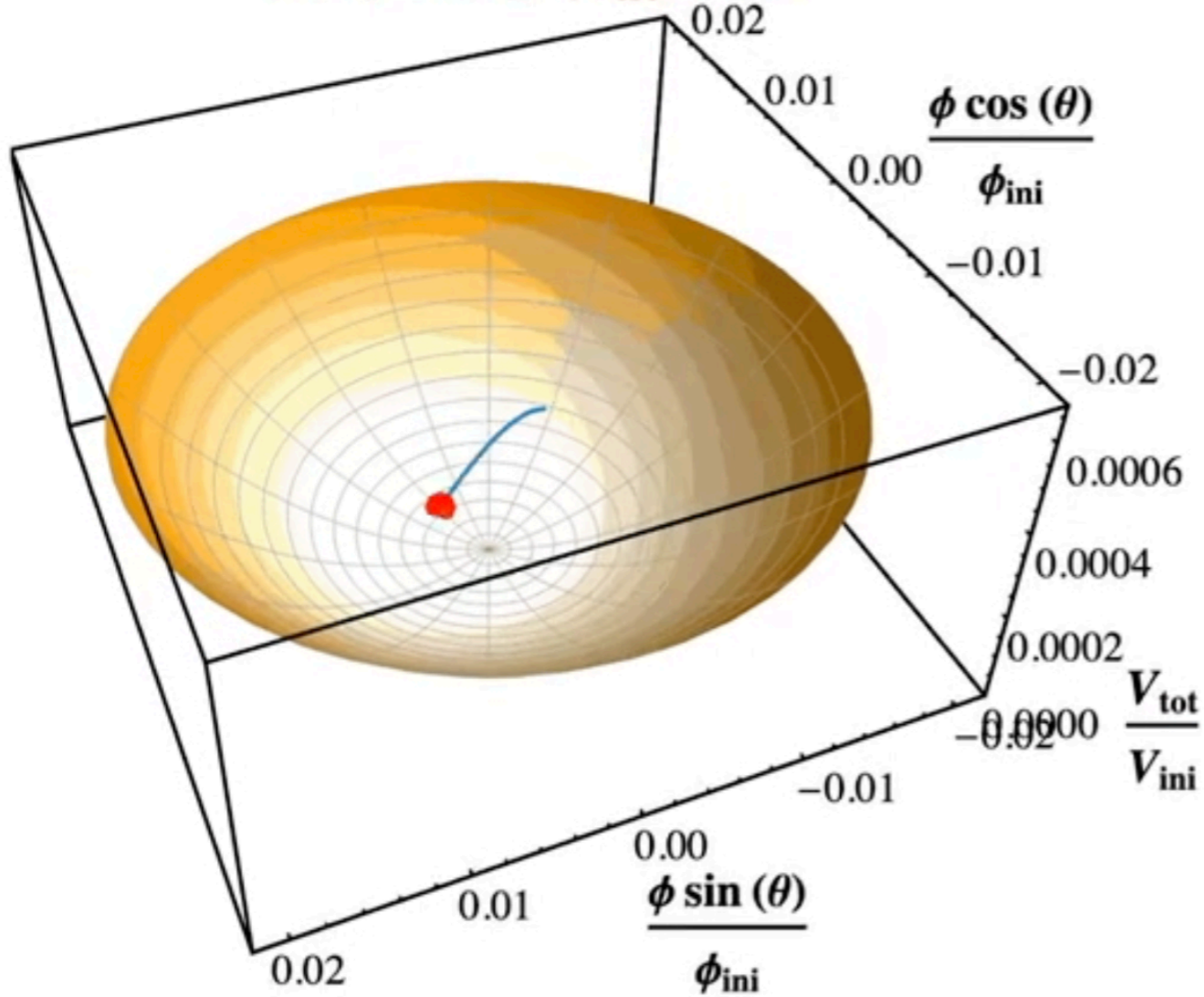


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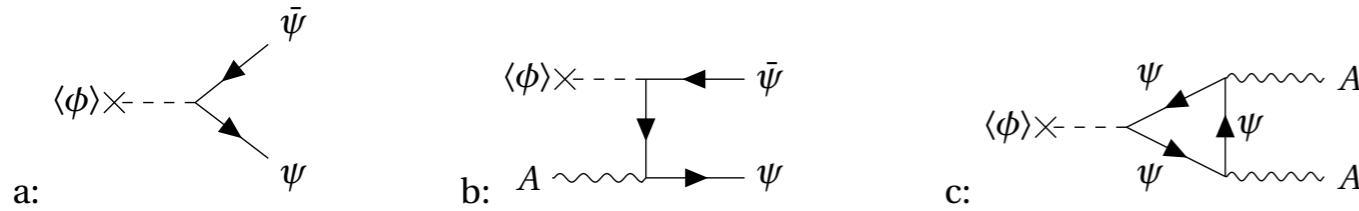


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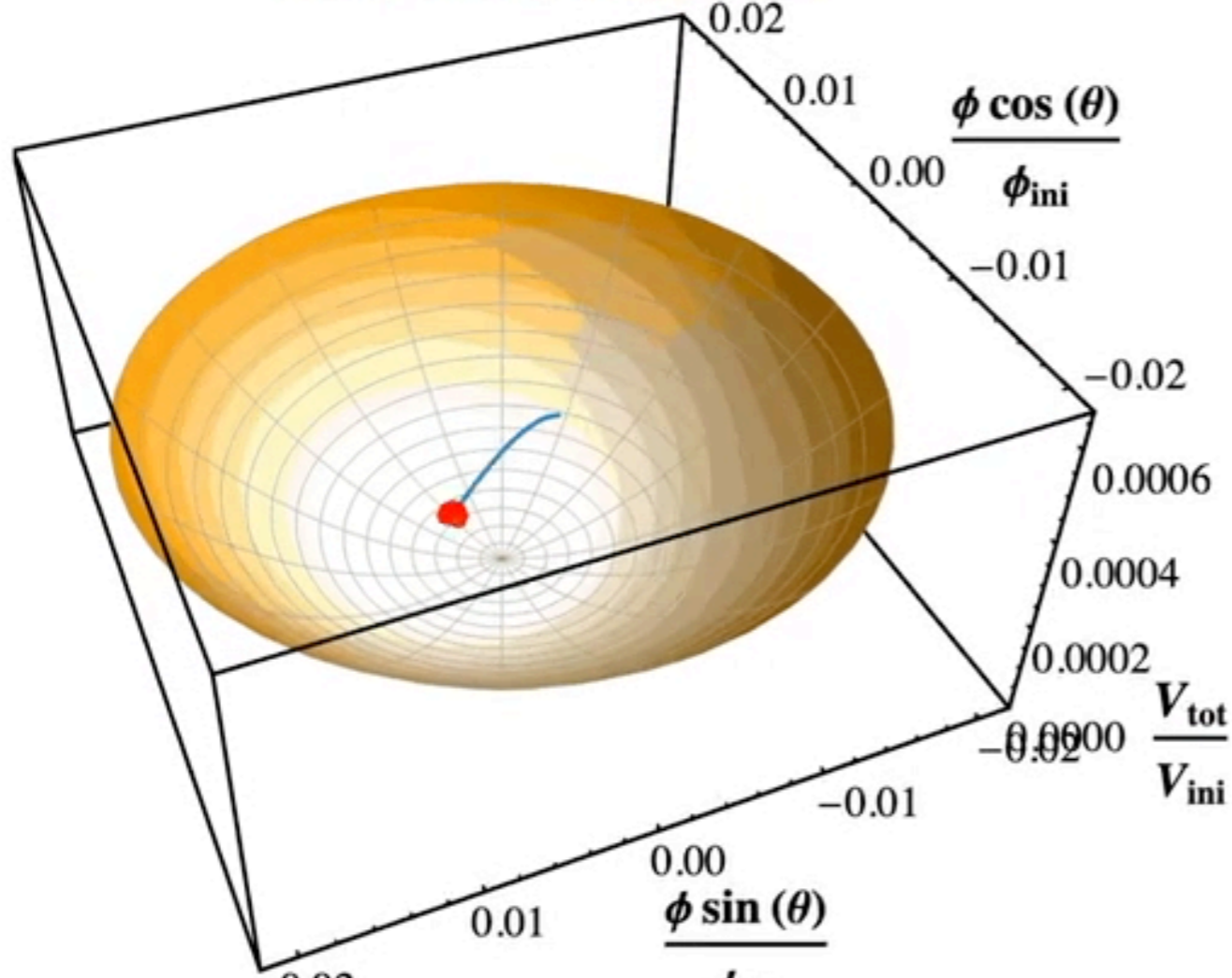


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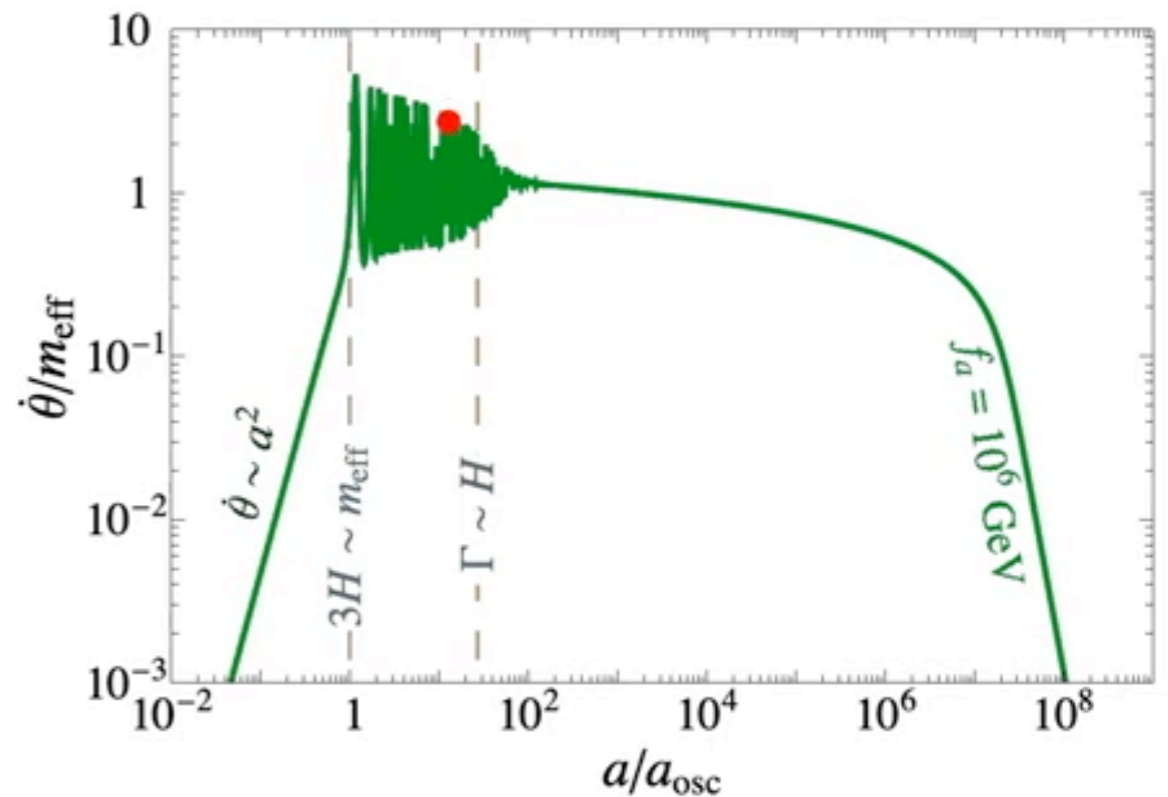
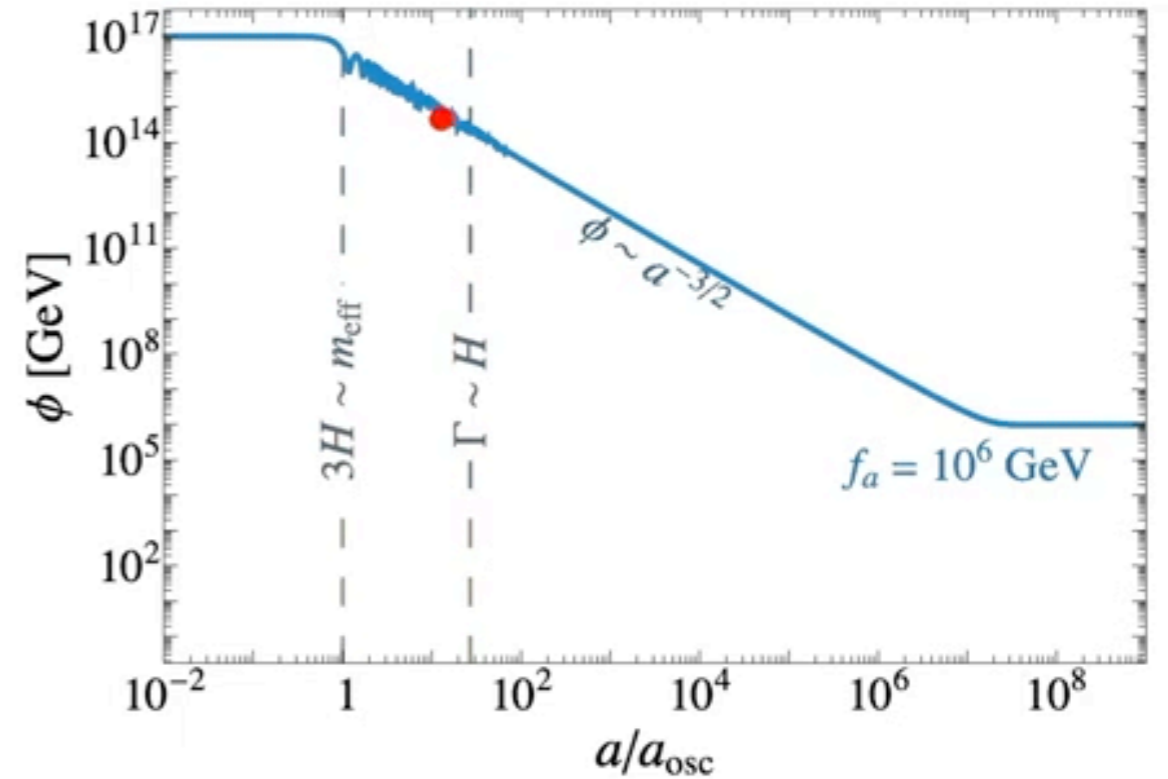
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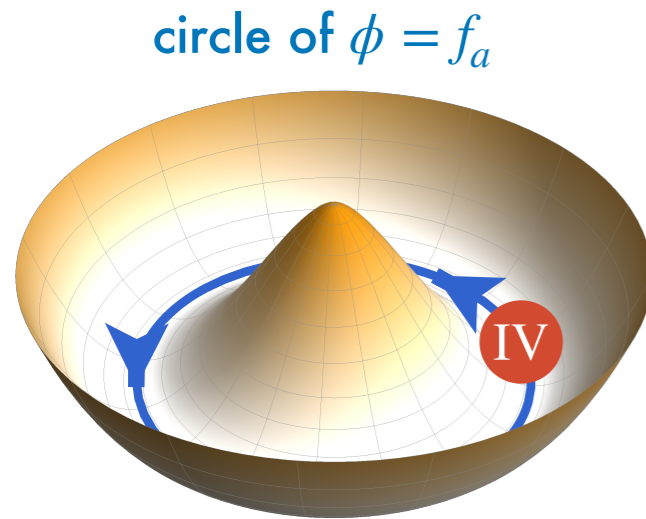
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($\rho \supset \mu n$ with $\mu = n/T^2$ and $n = \phi^2 \dot{\theta}$)

If $\phi \gg T \implies U(1)$ charge remains in the condensate



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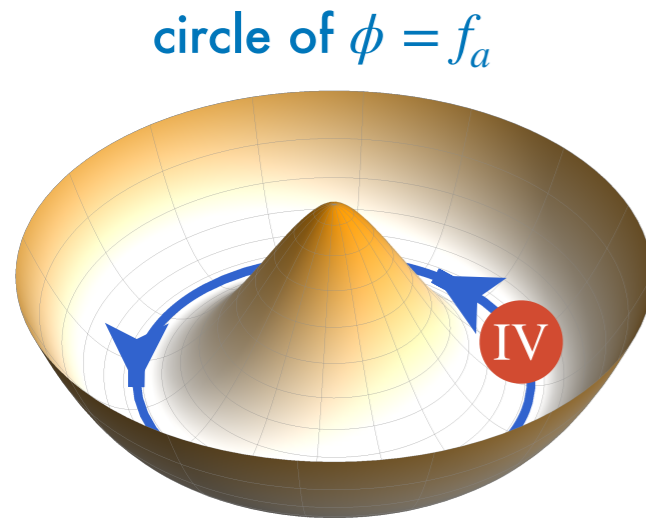
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$$\frac{d}{dt}(a^3 \phi^2 \dot{\theta}) = 0 \Rightarrow \dot{\theta} \propto a^{-3}$$

Kinetic energy dominates

$\rho_{\Phi} = KE \propto \dot{\theta}^2 \propto a^{-6}$
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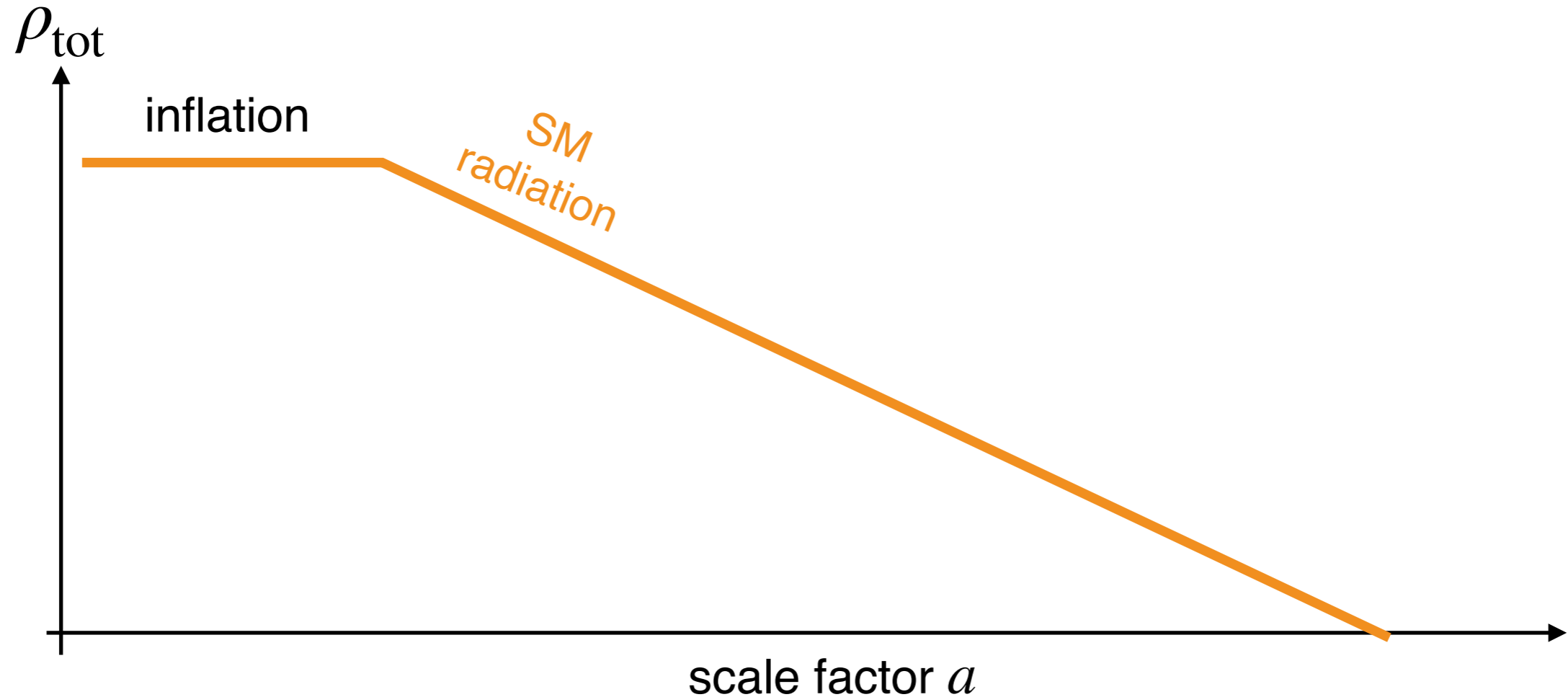


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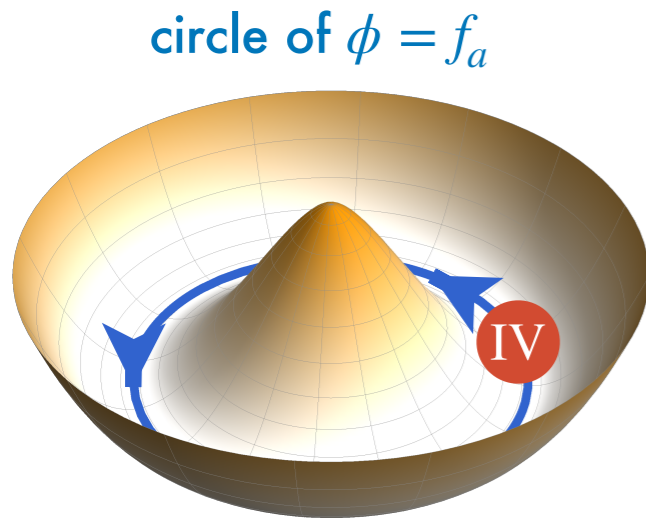
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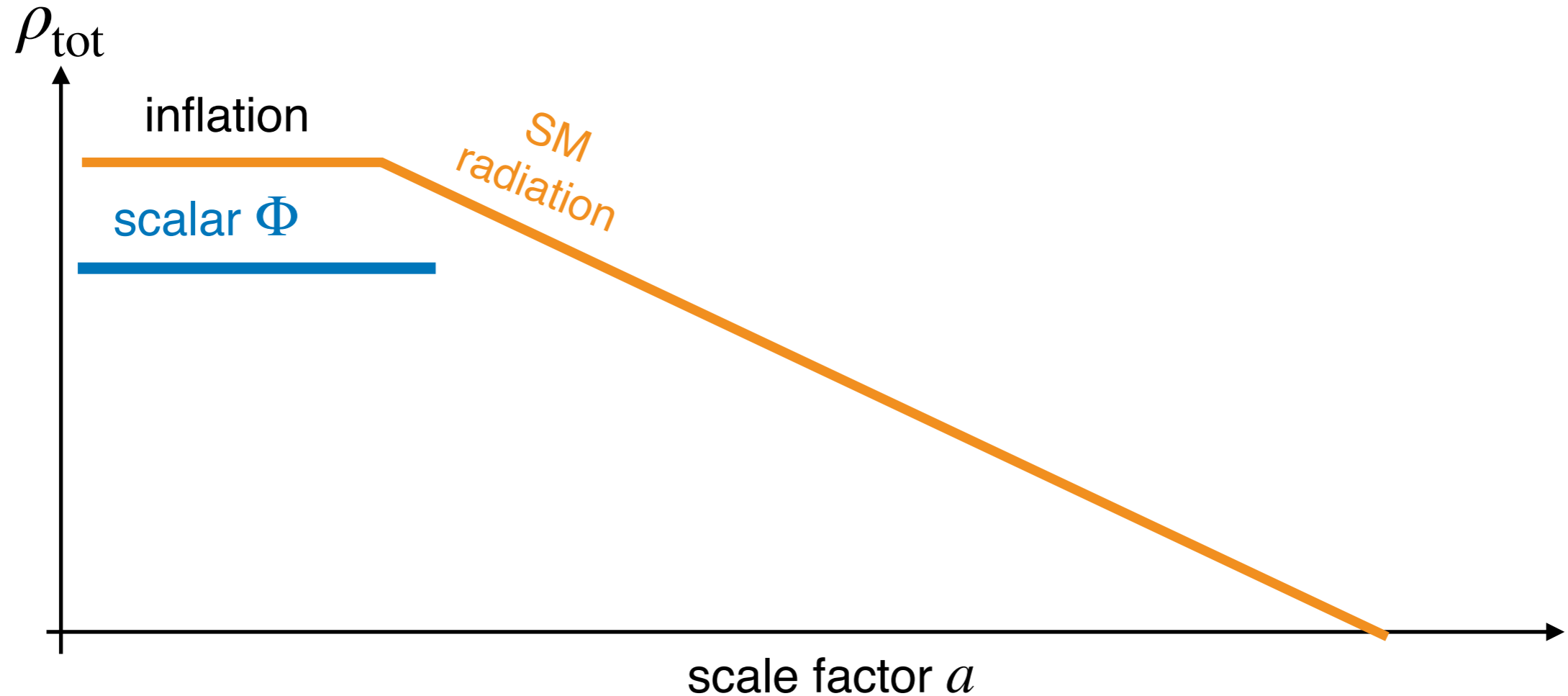


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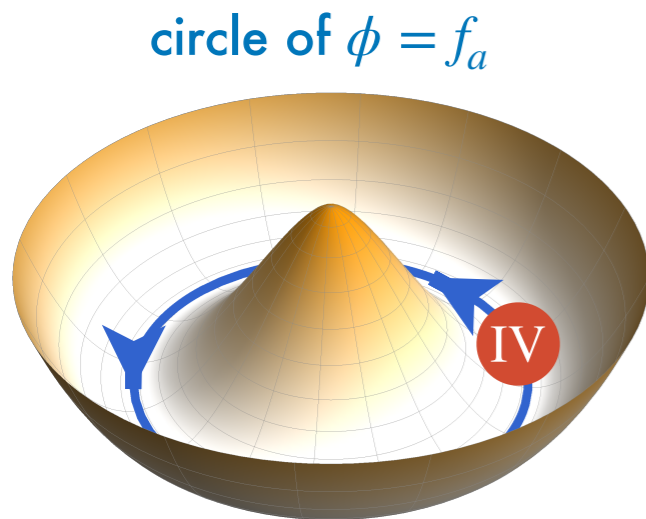
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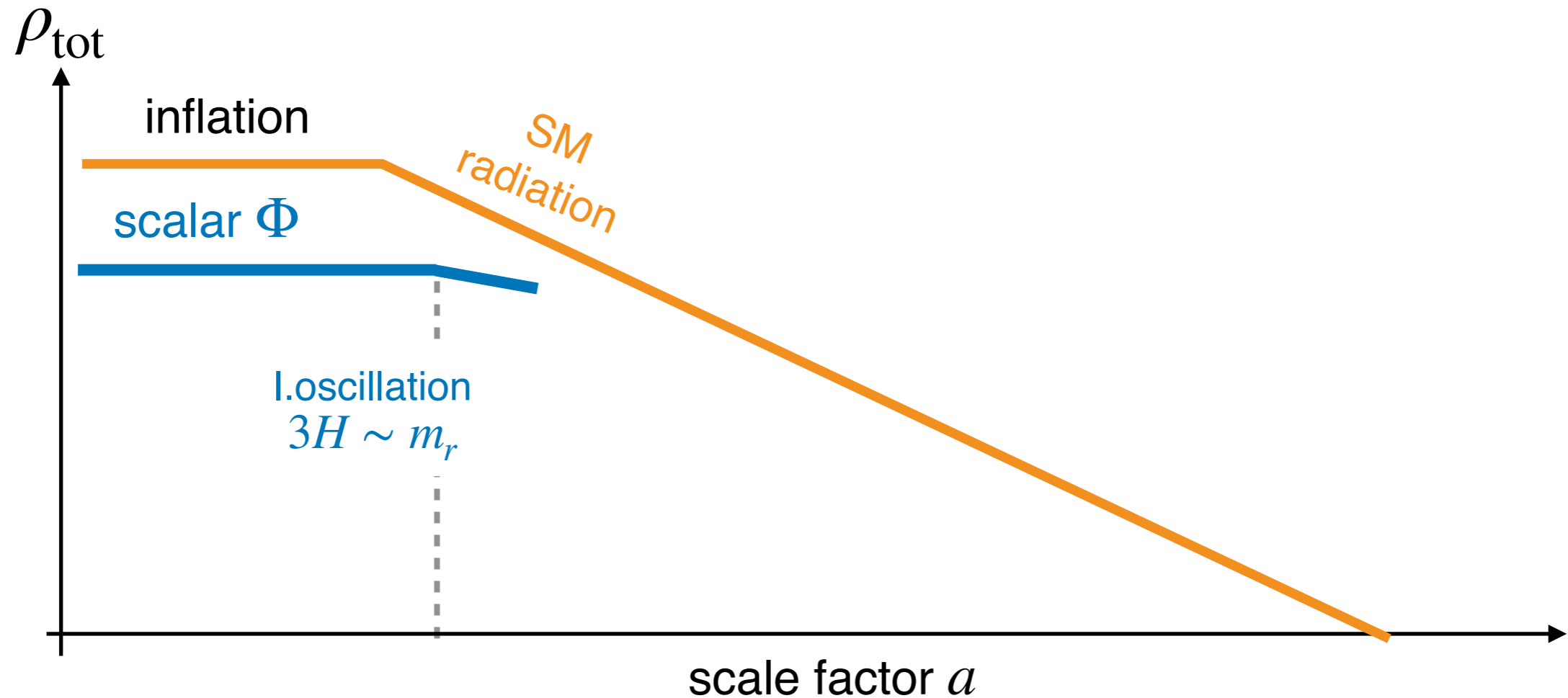
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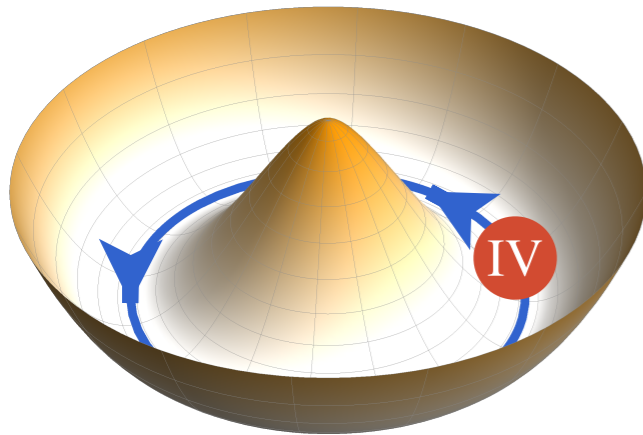
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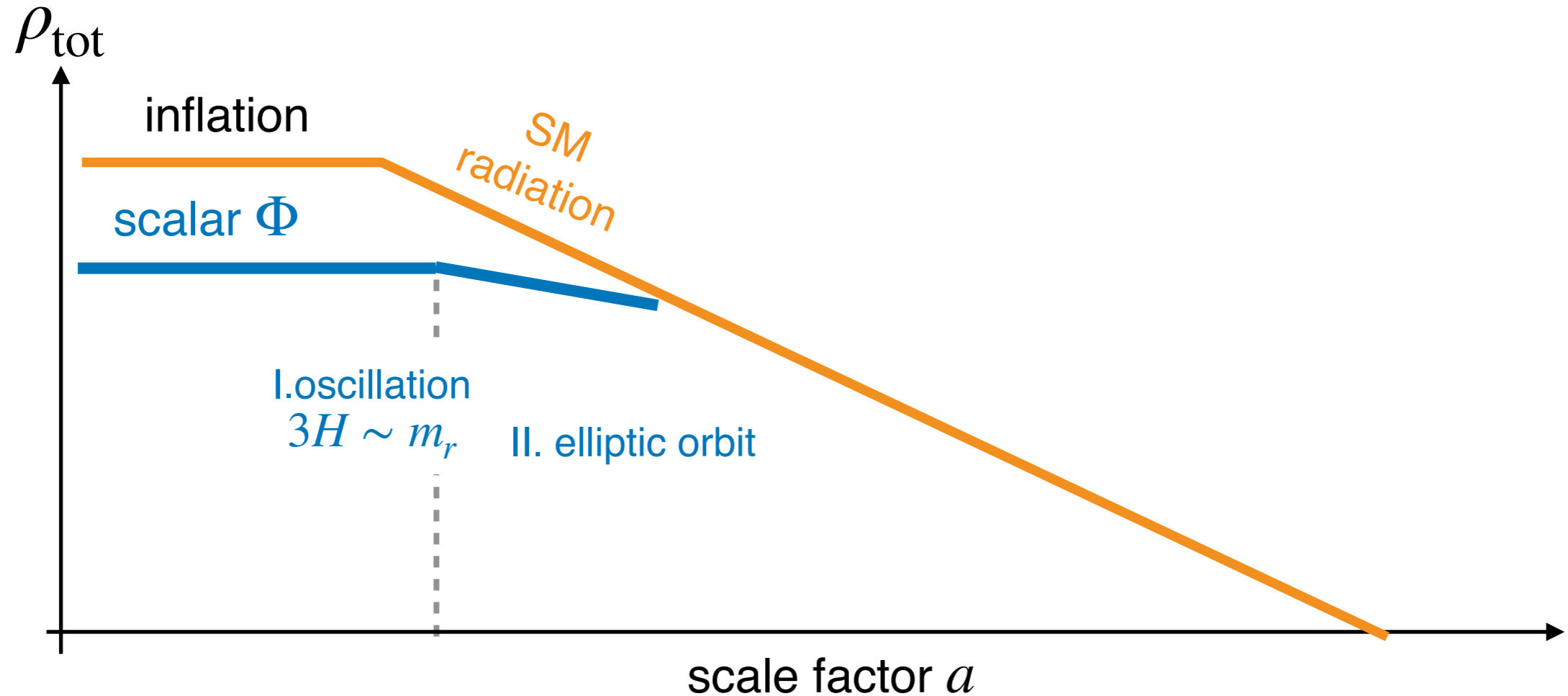
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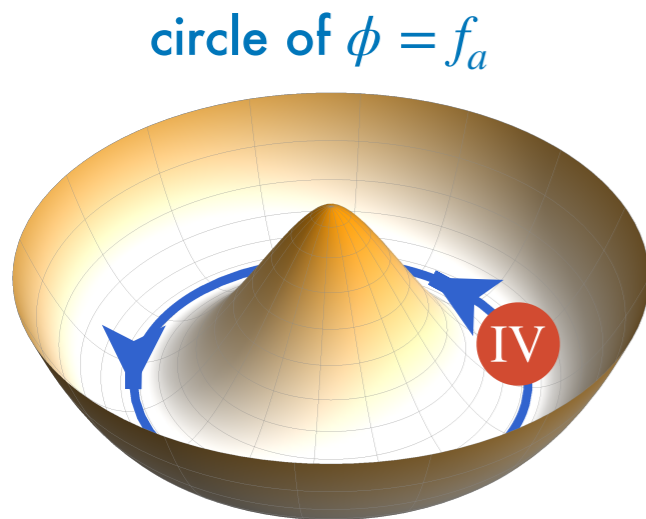
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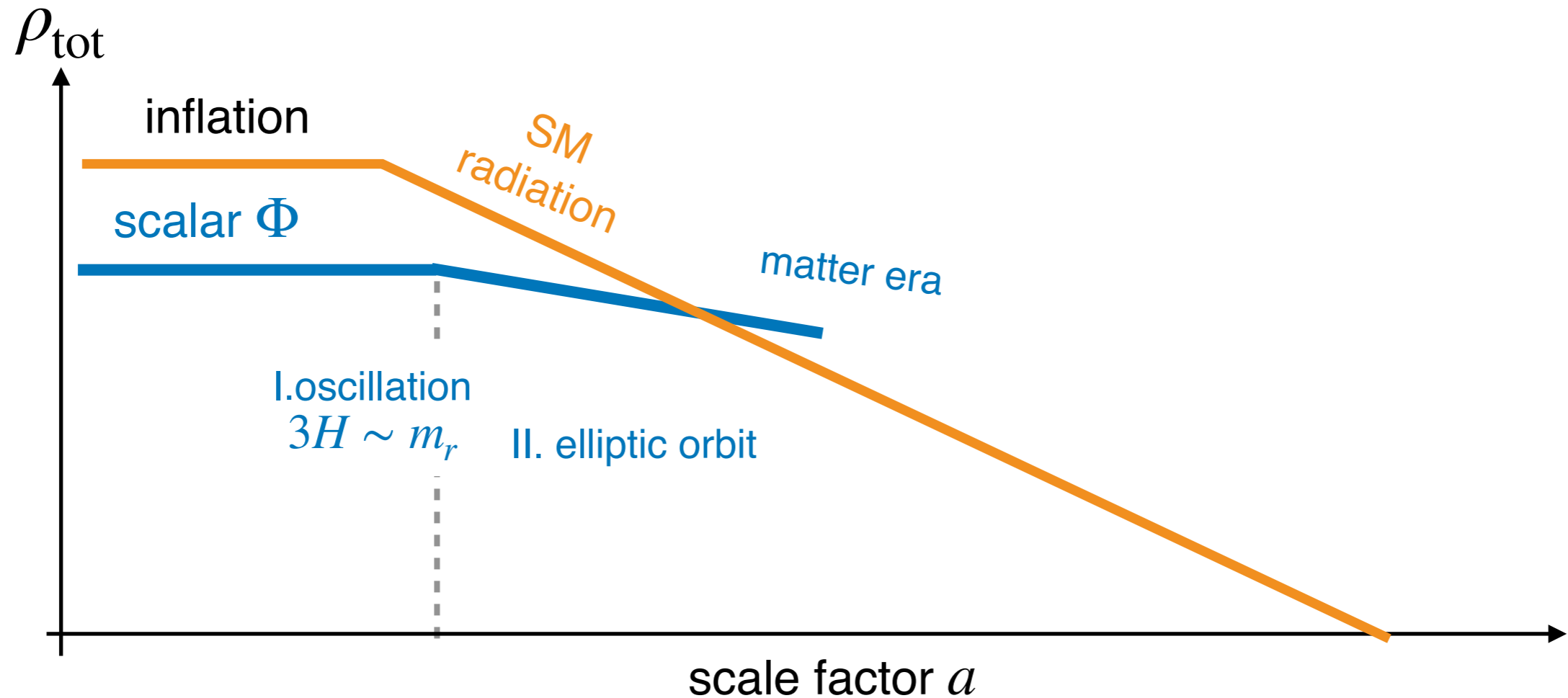
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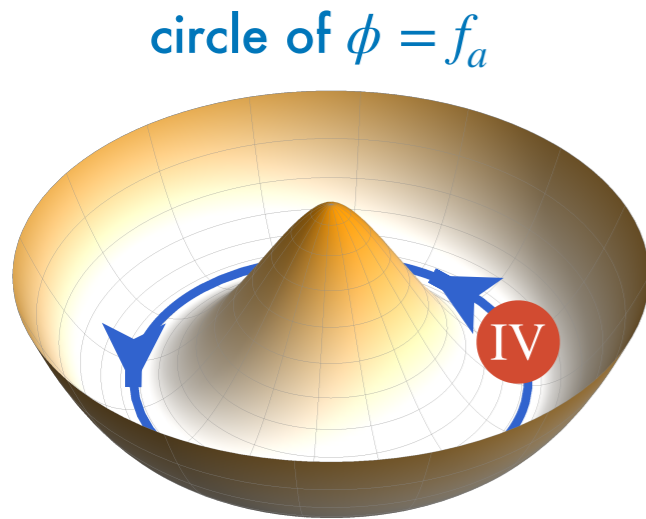
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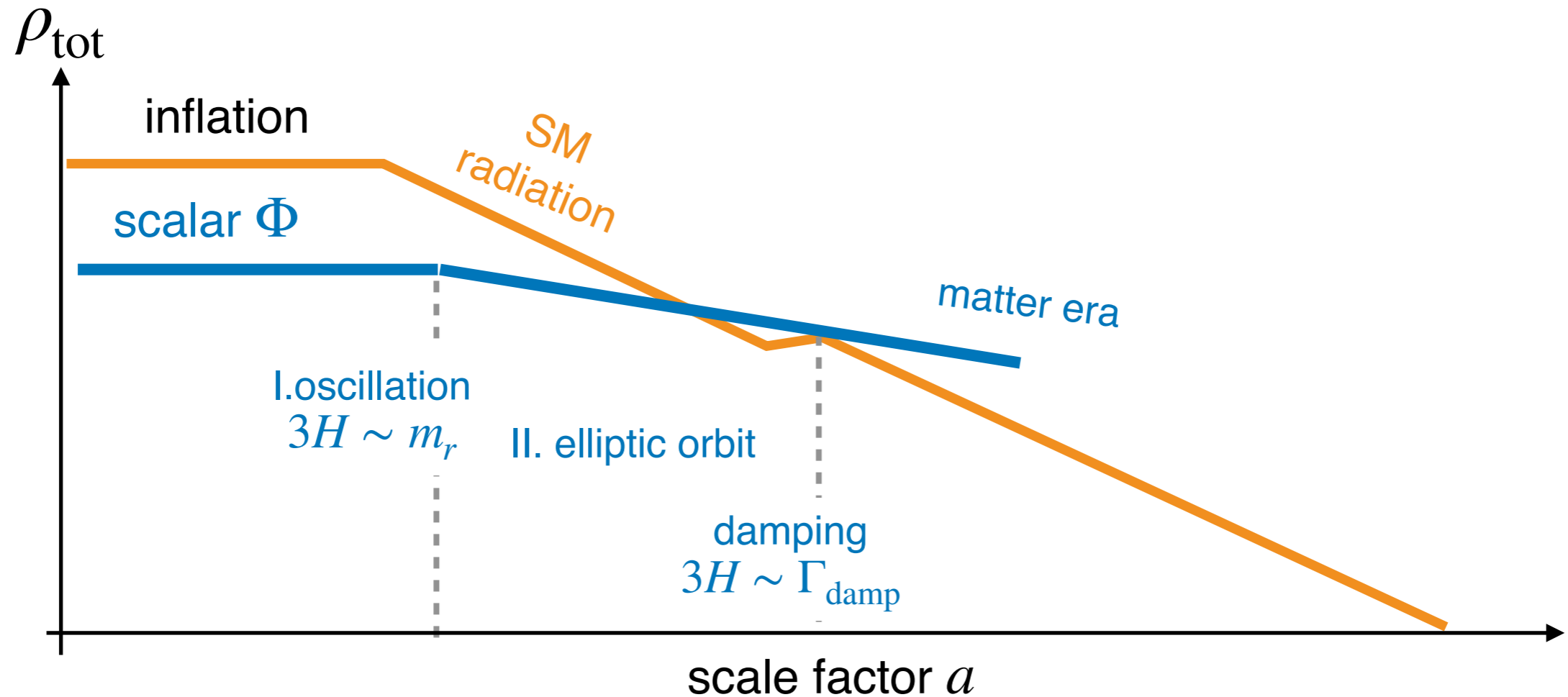
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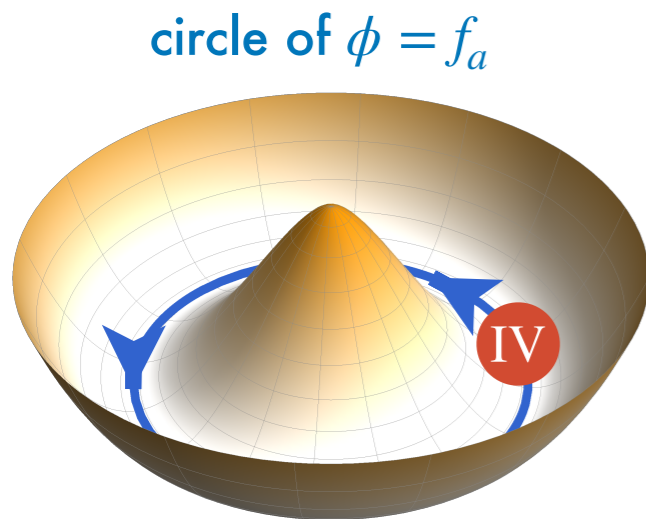
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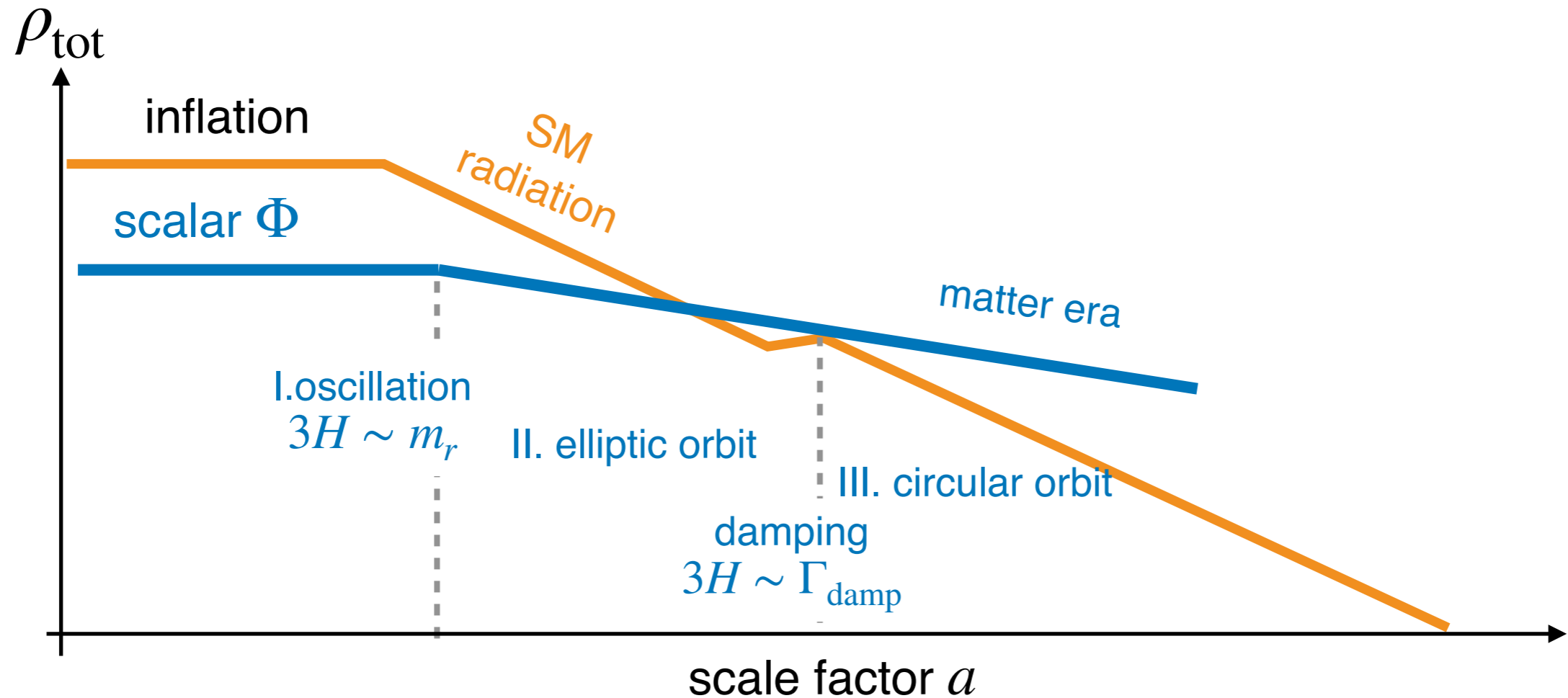
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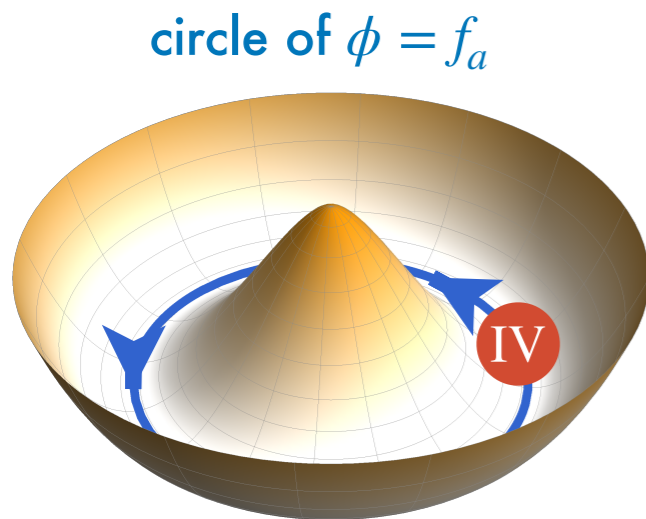
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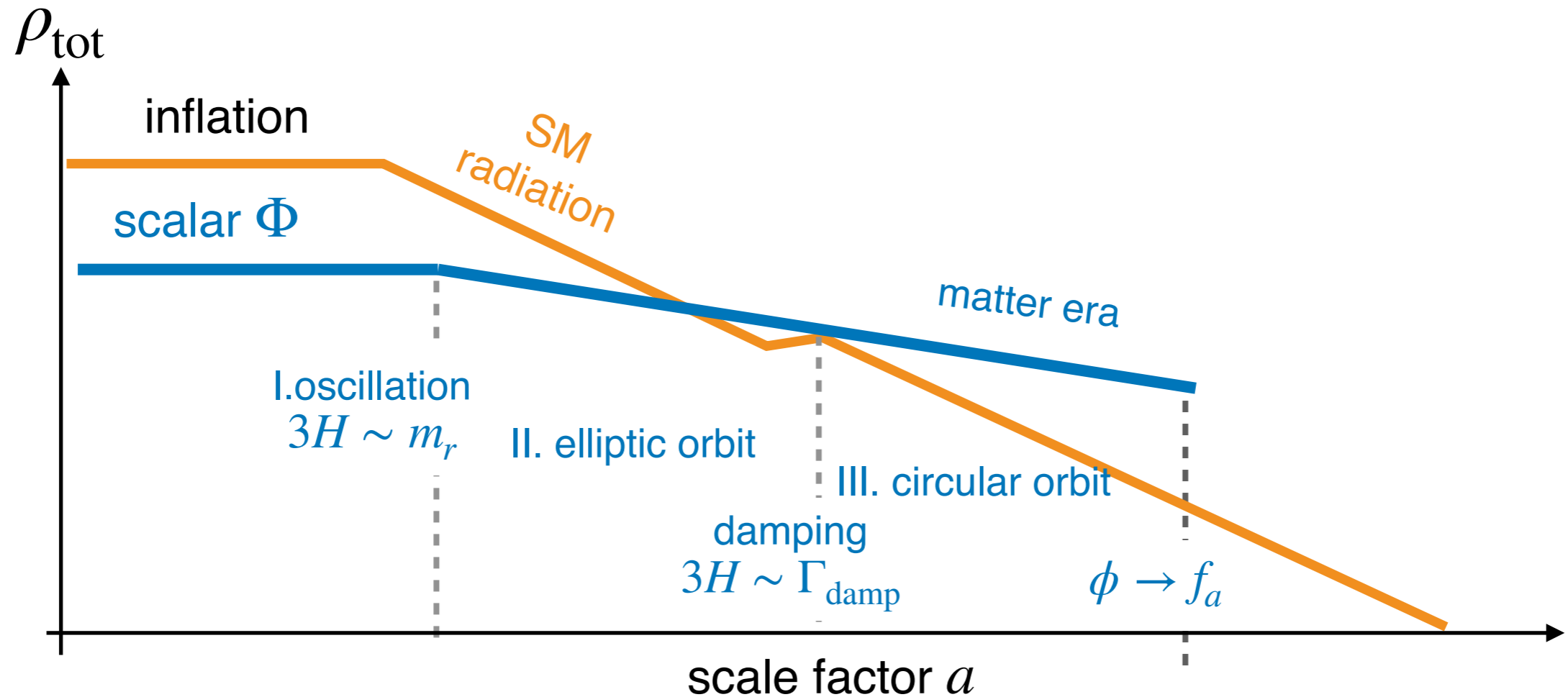
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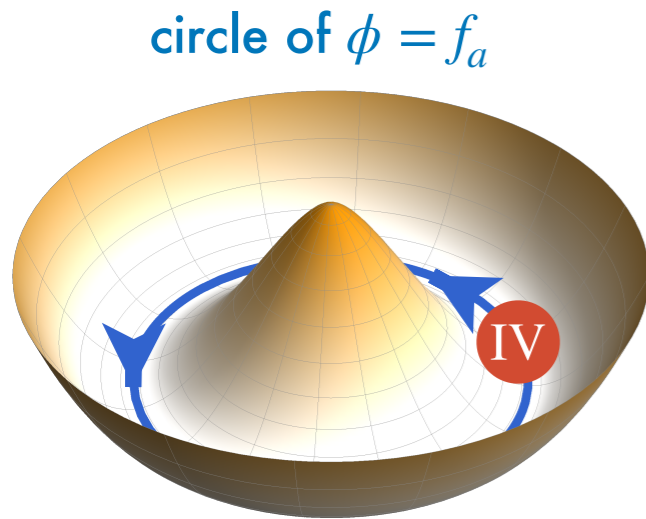
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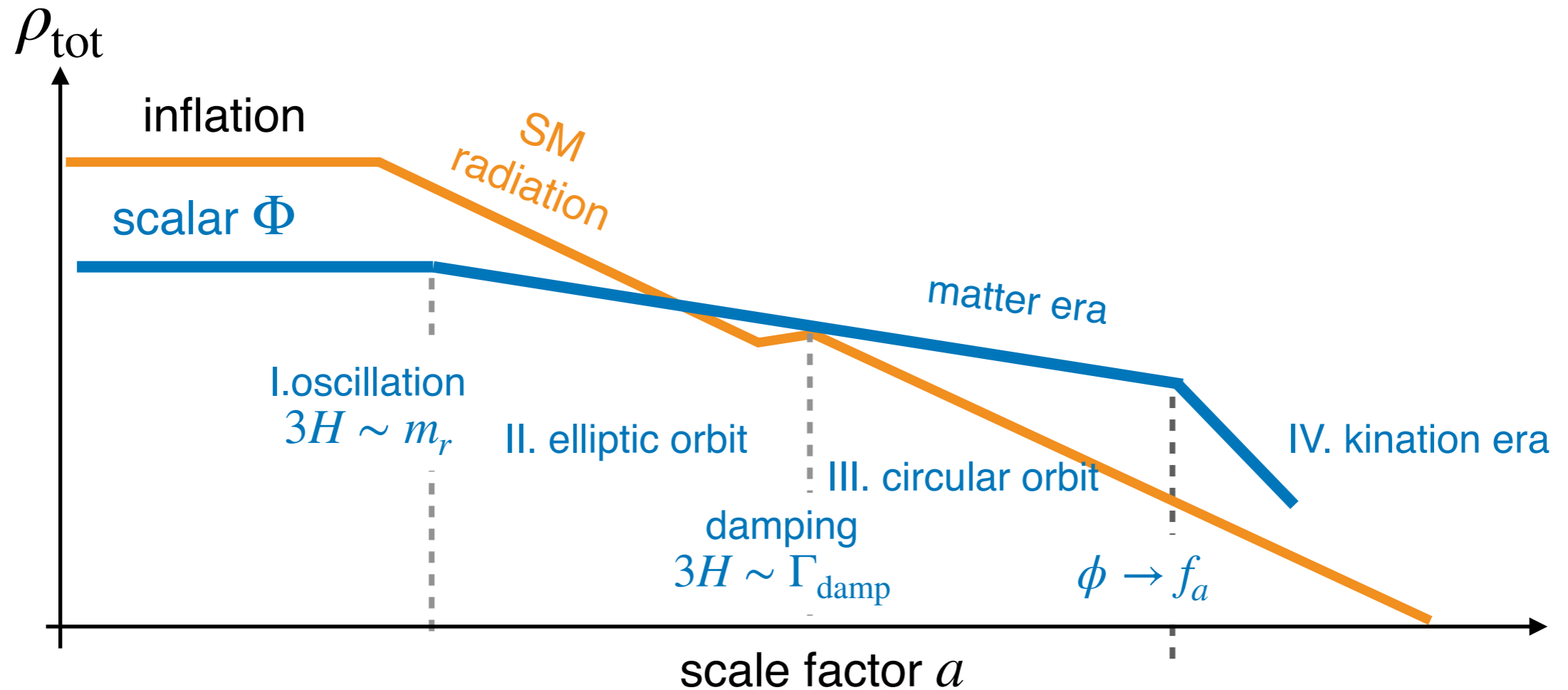
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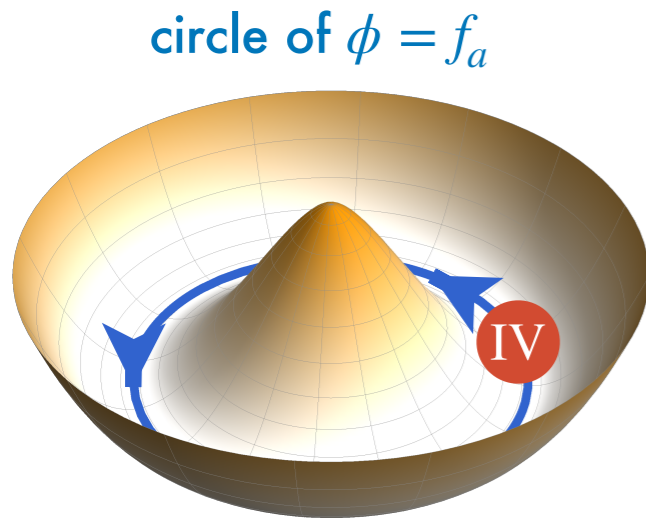
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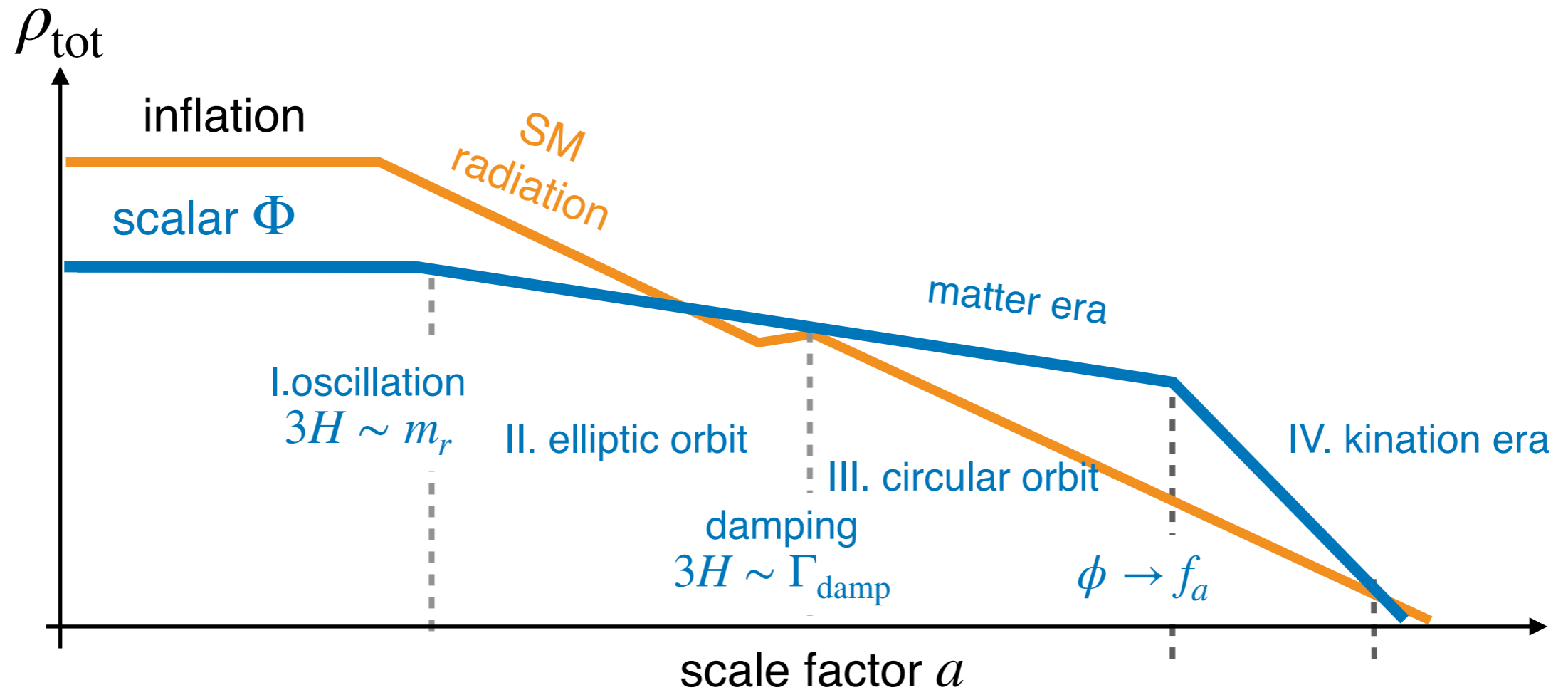
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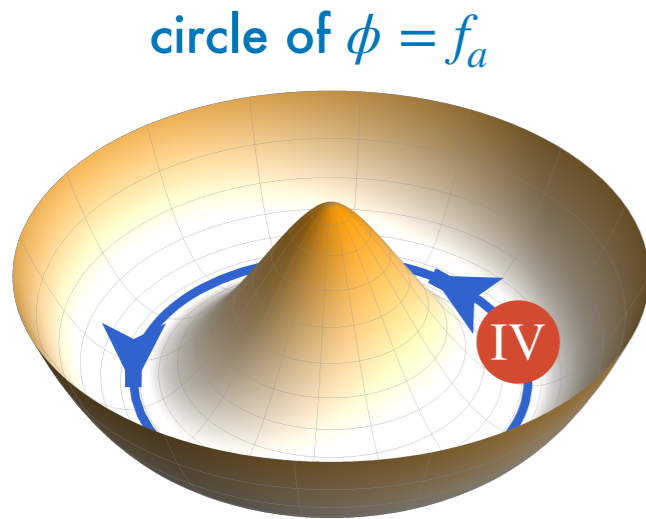
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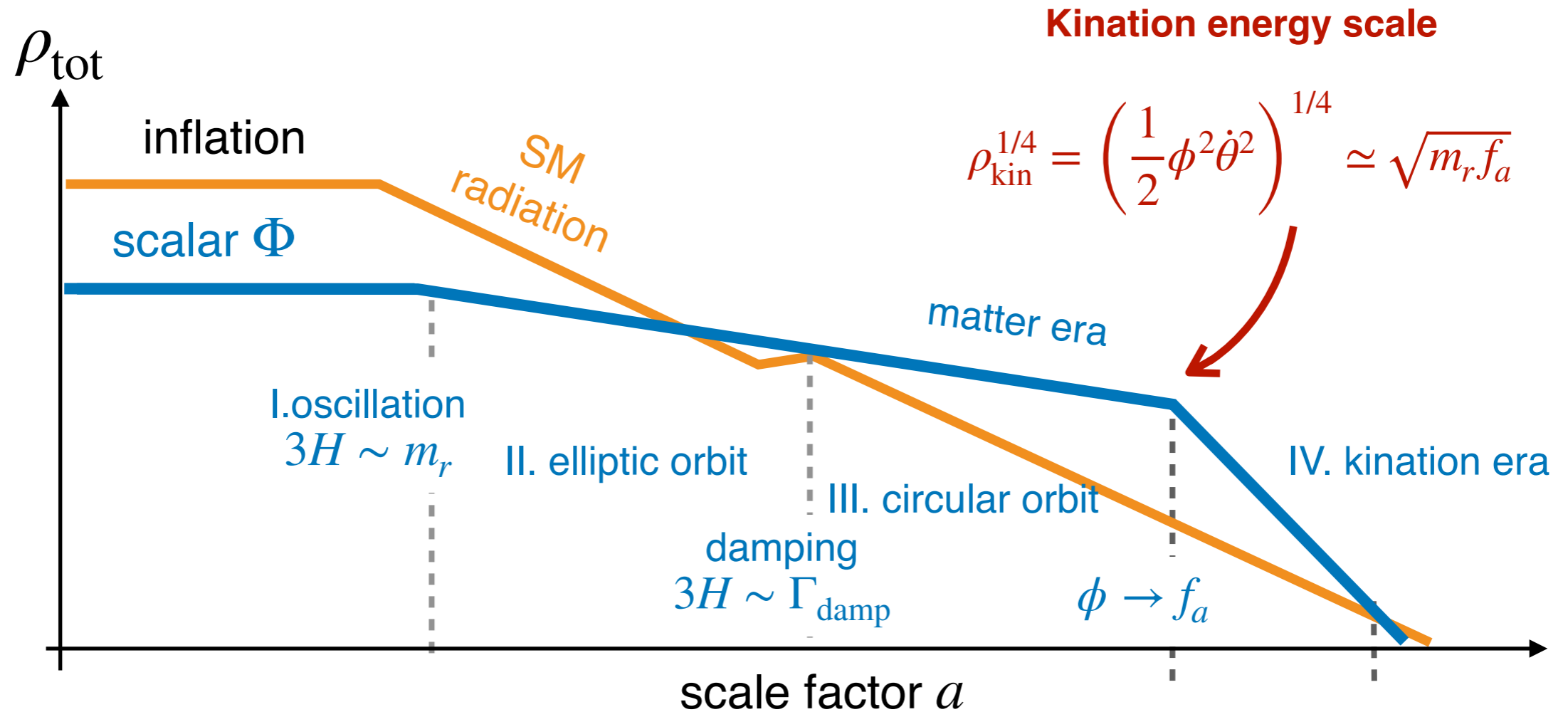
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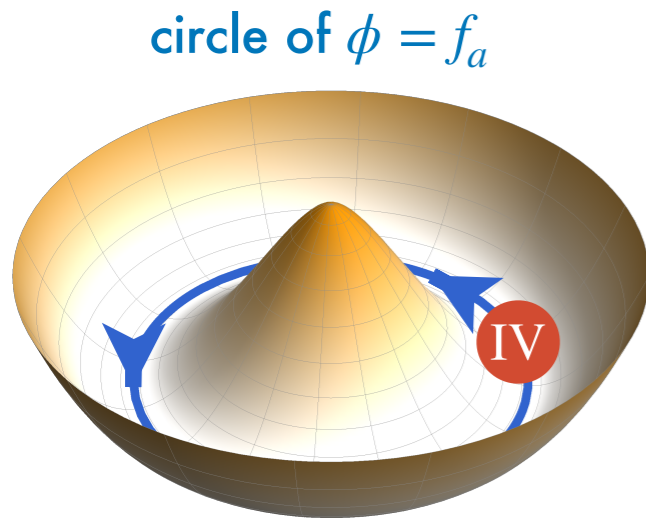
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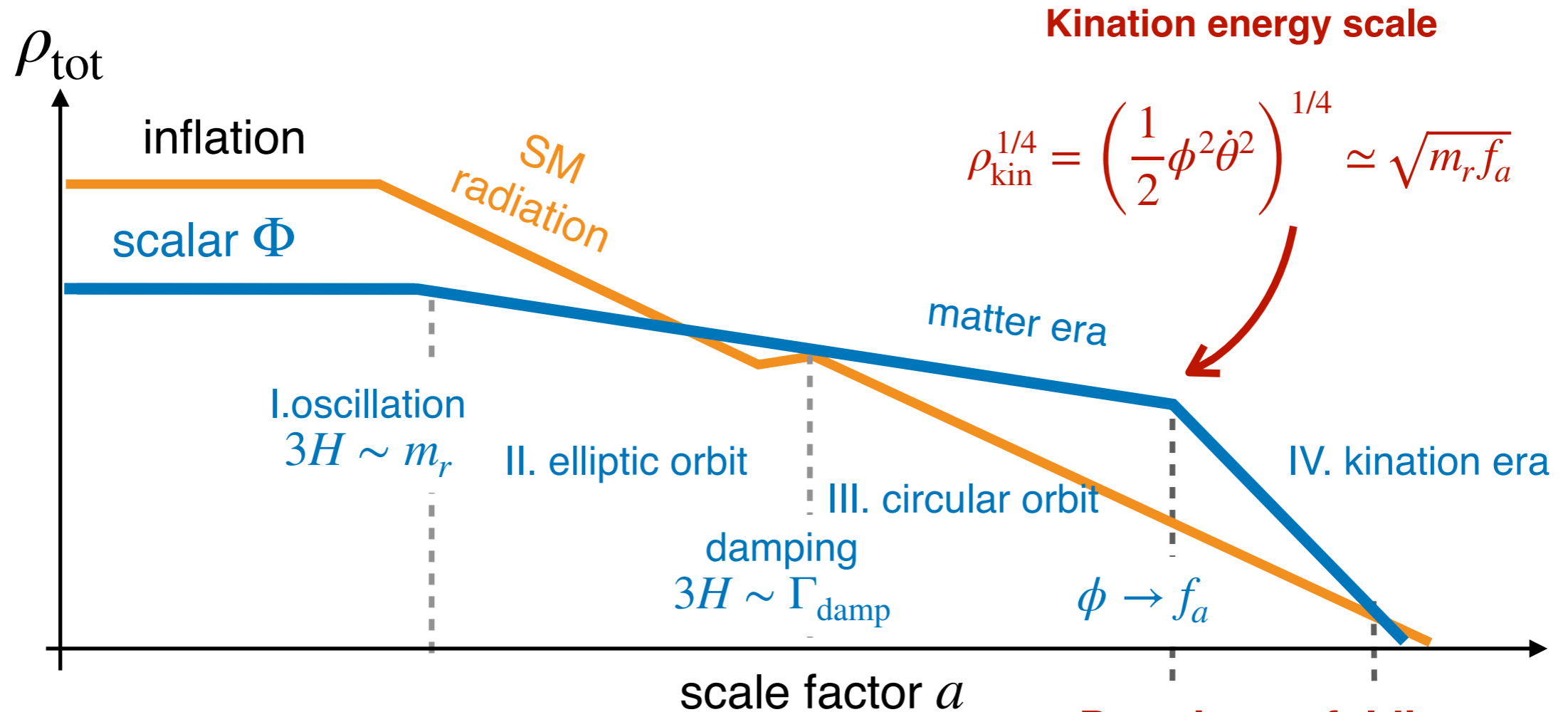
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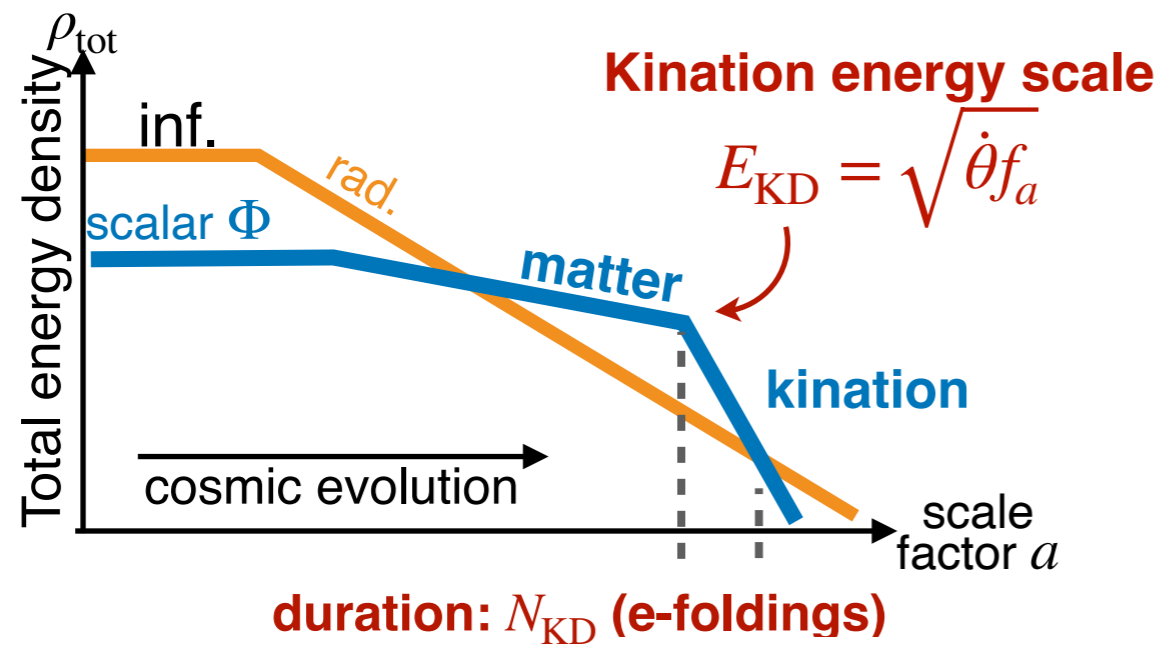
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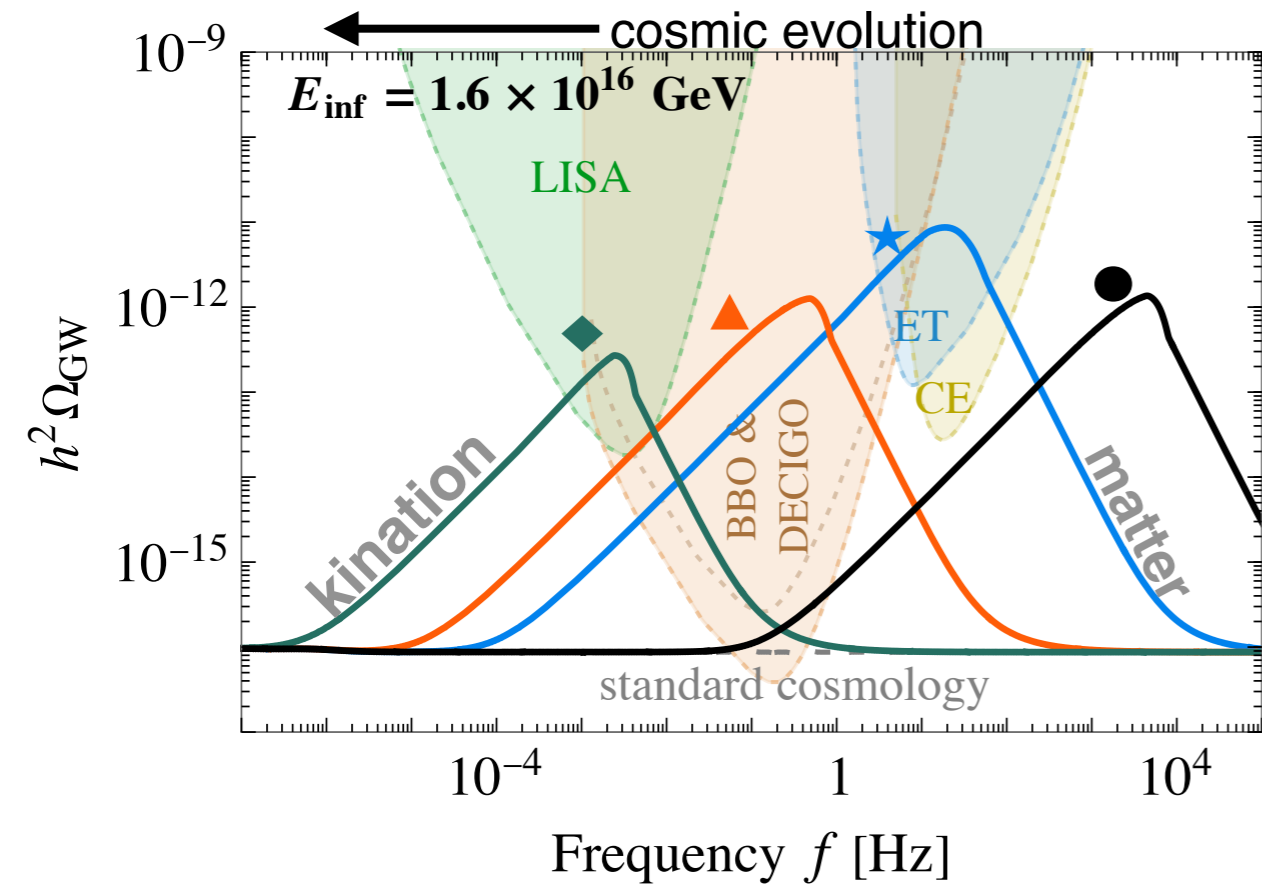
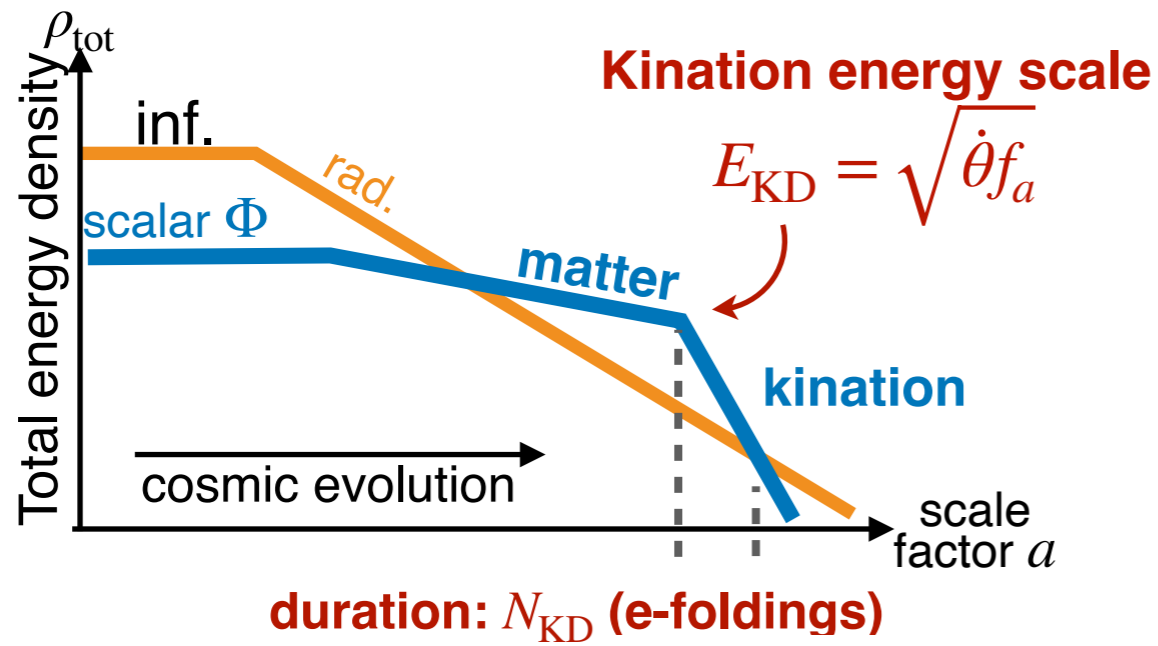
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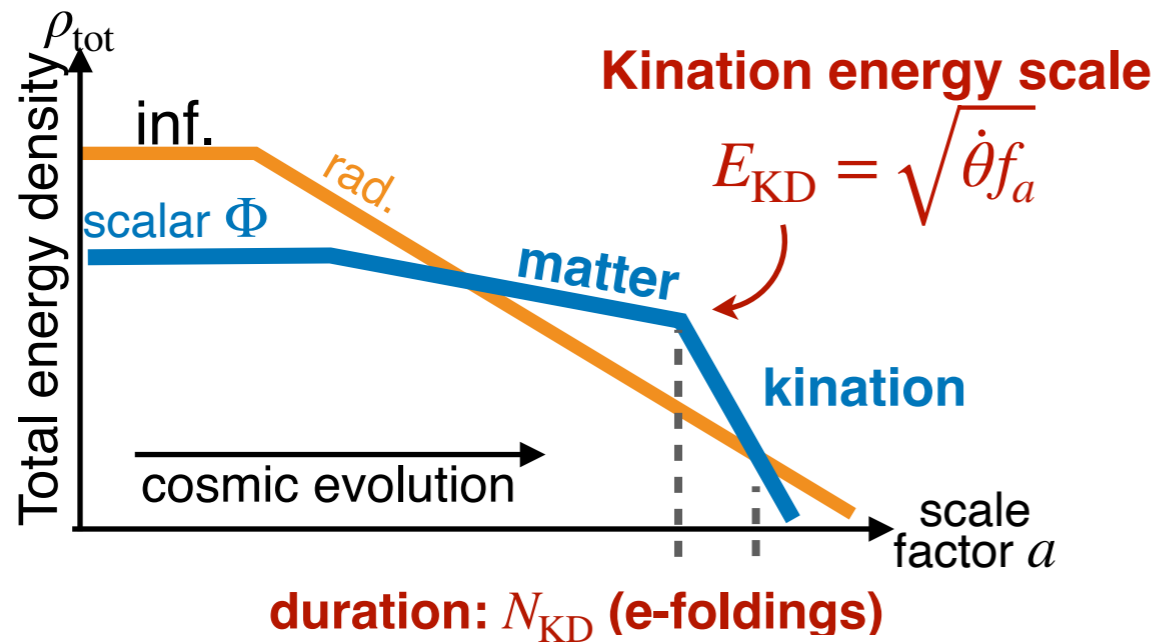
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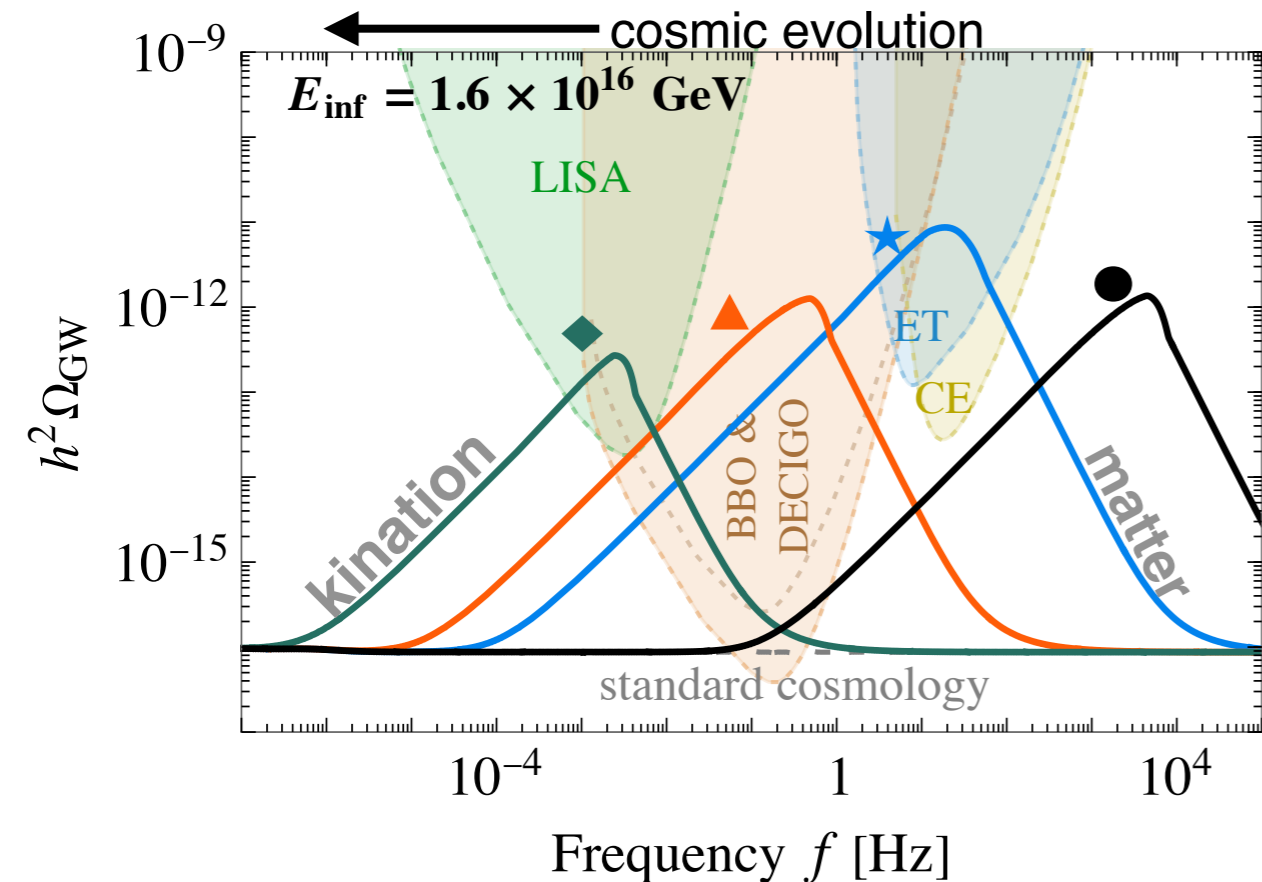
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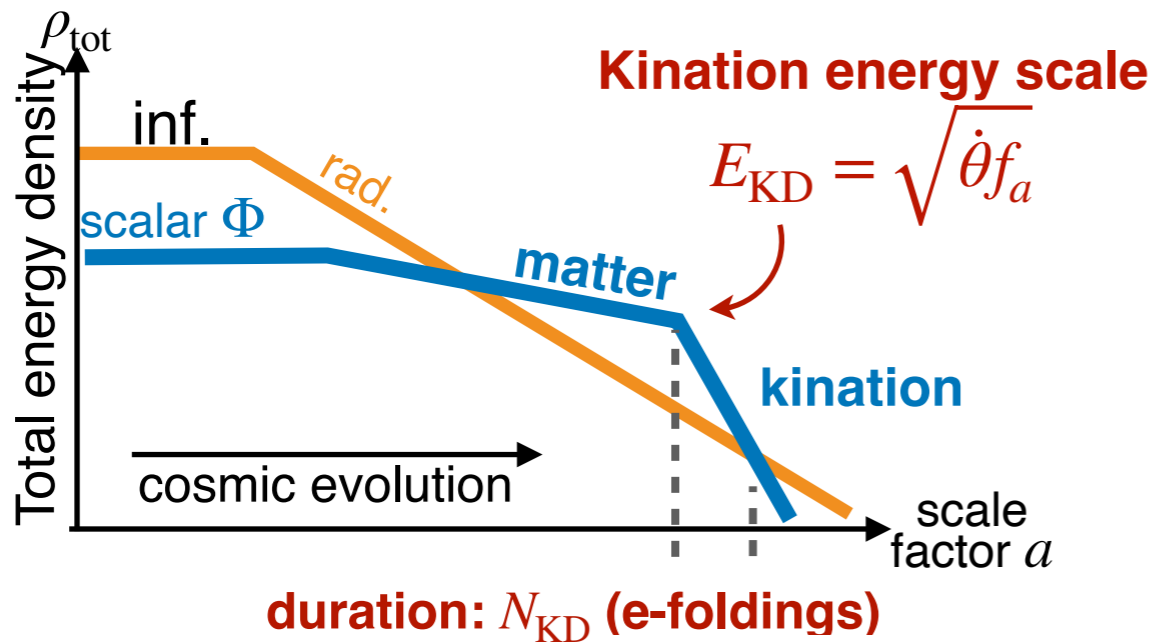
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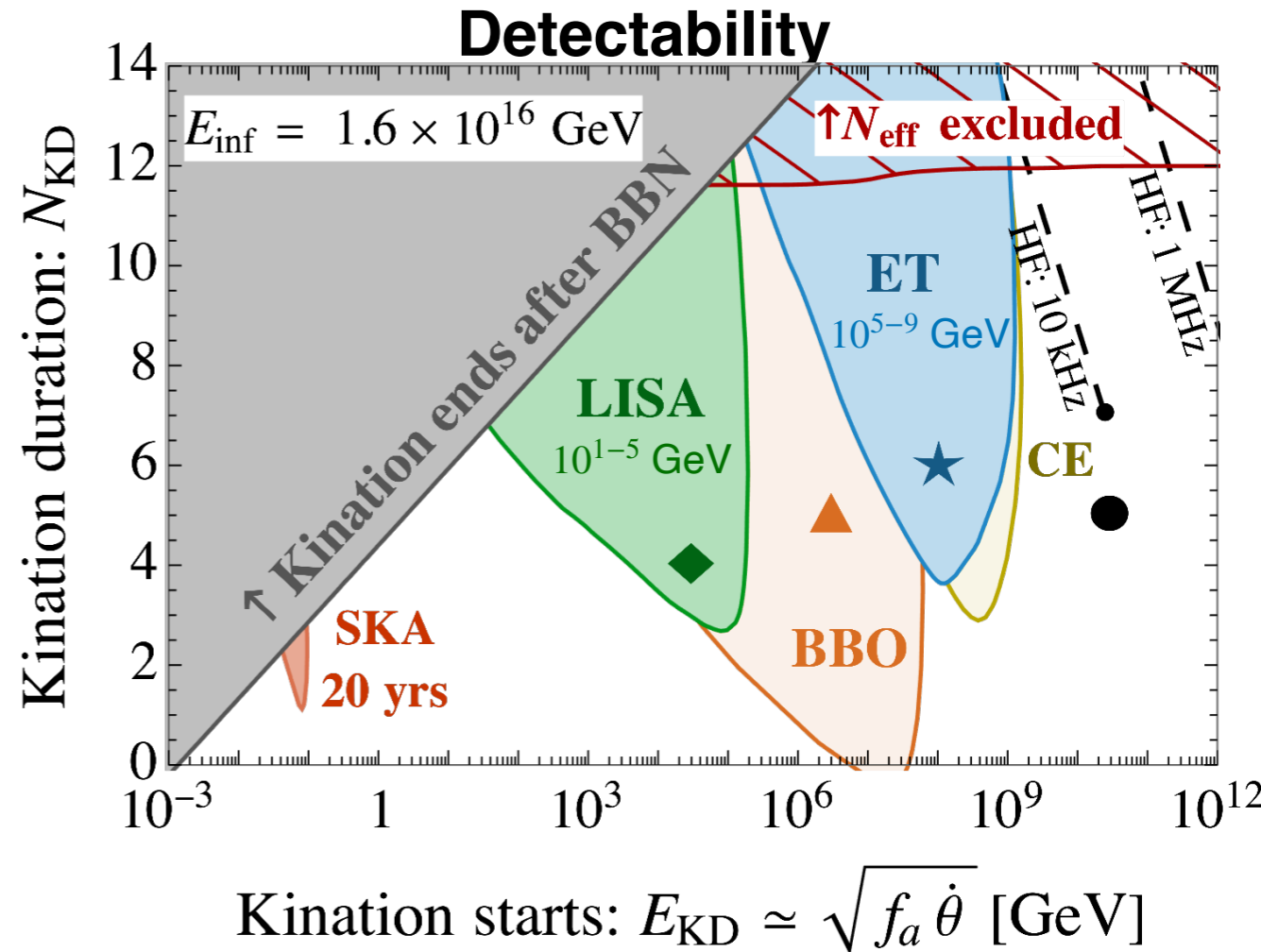
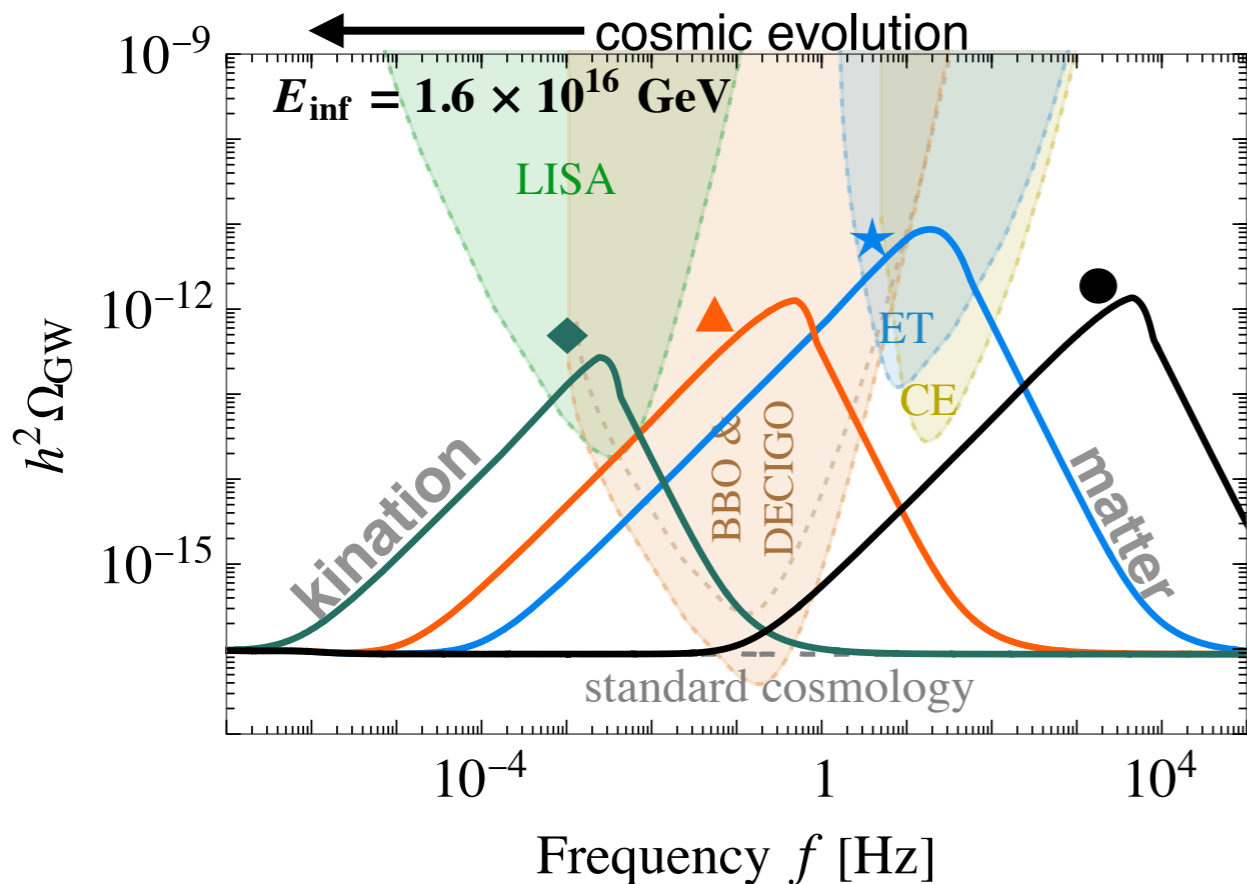
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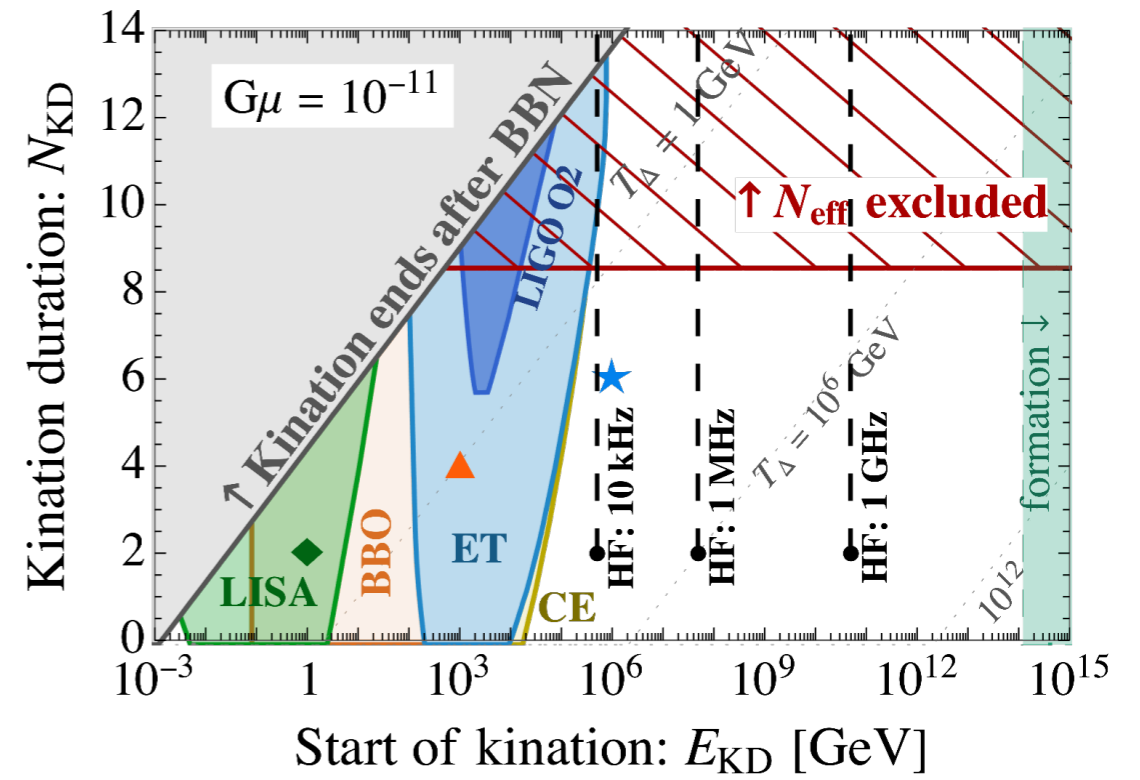
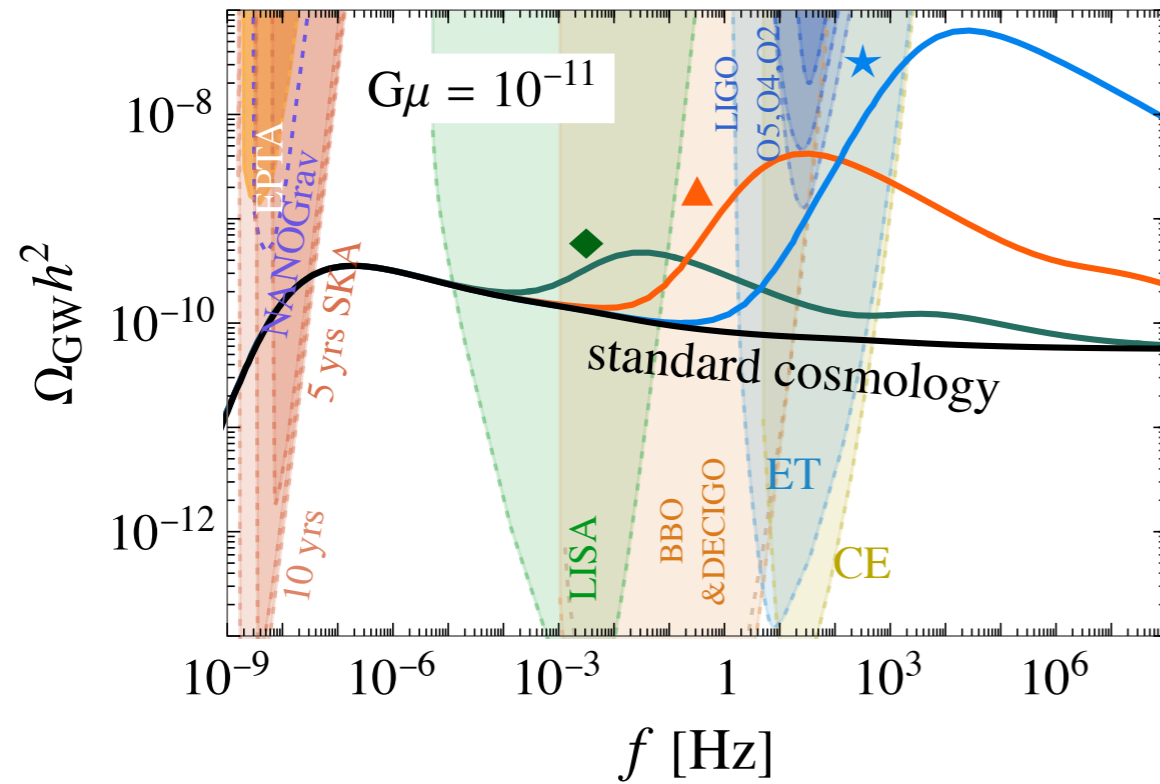
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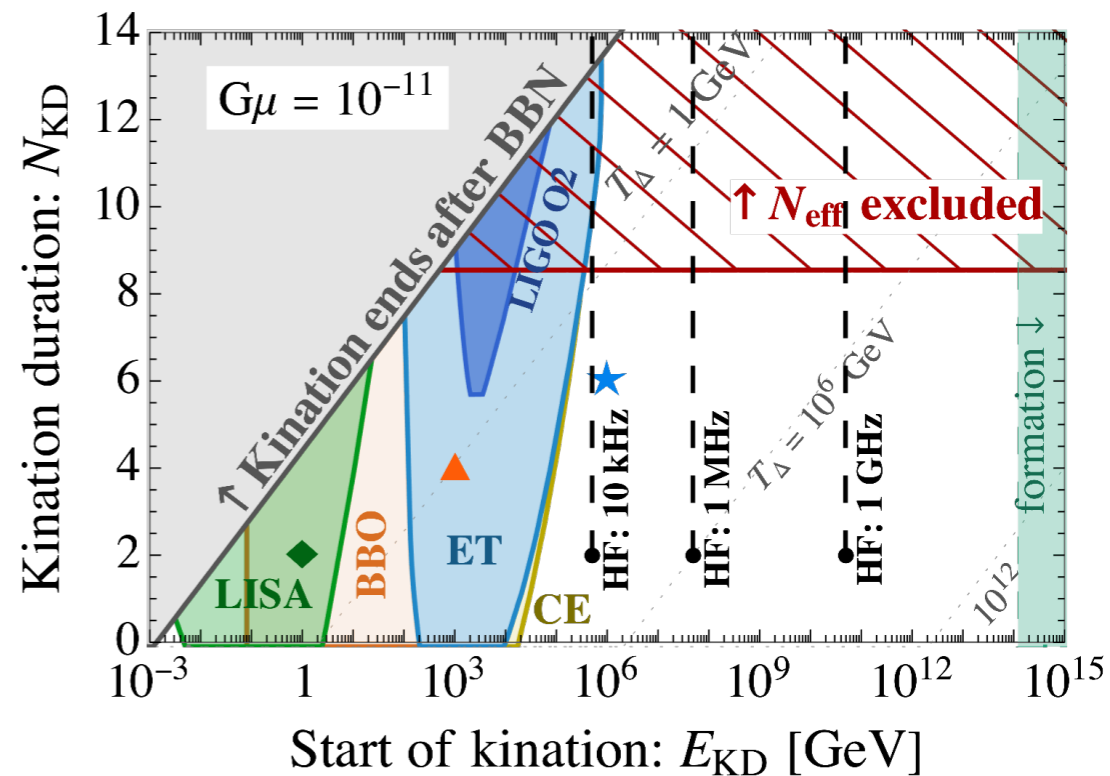
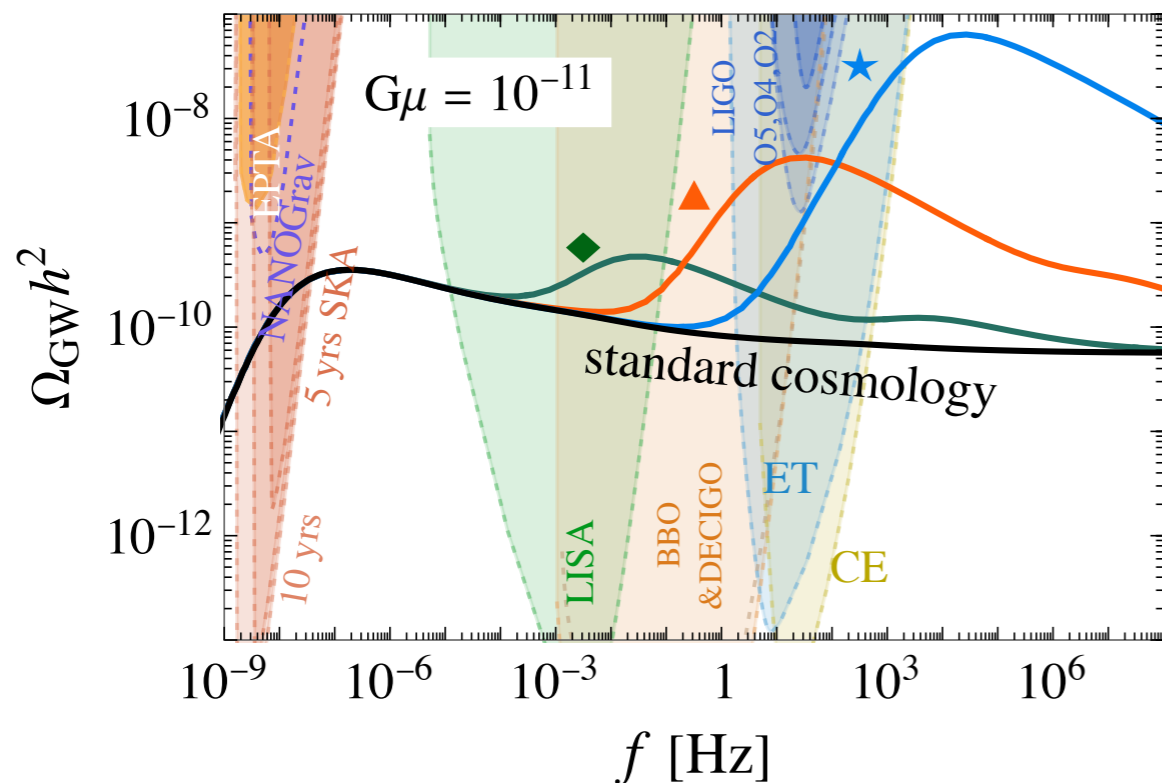
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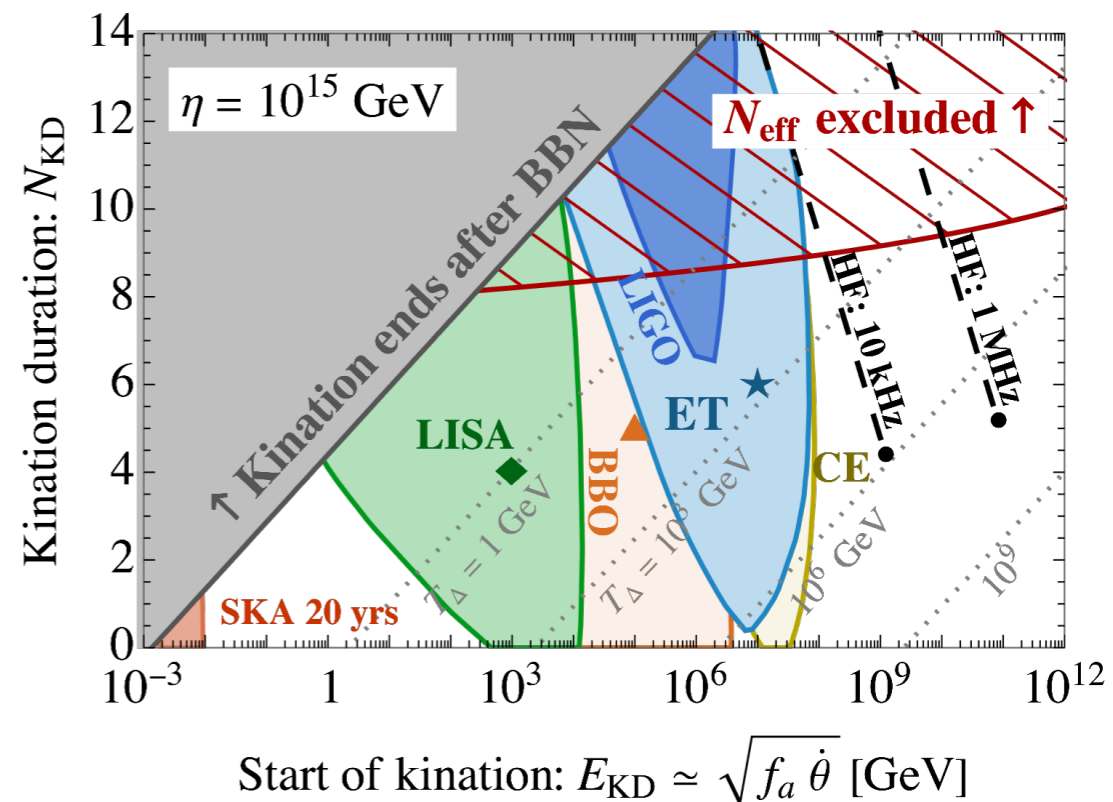
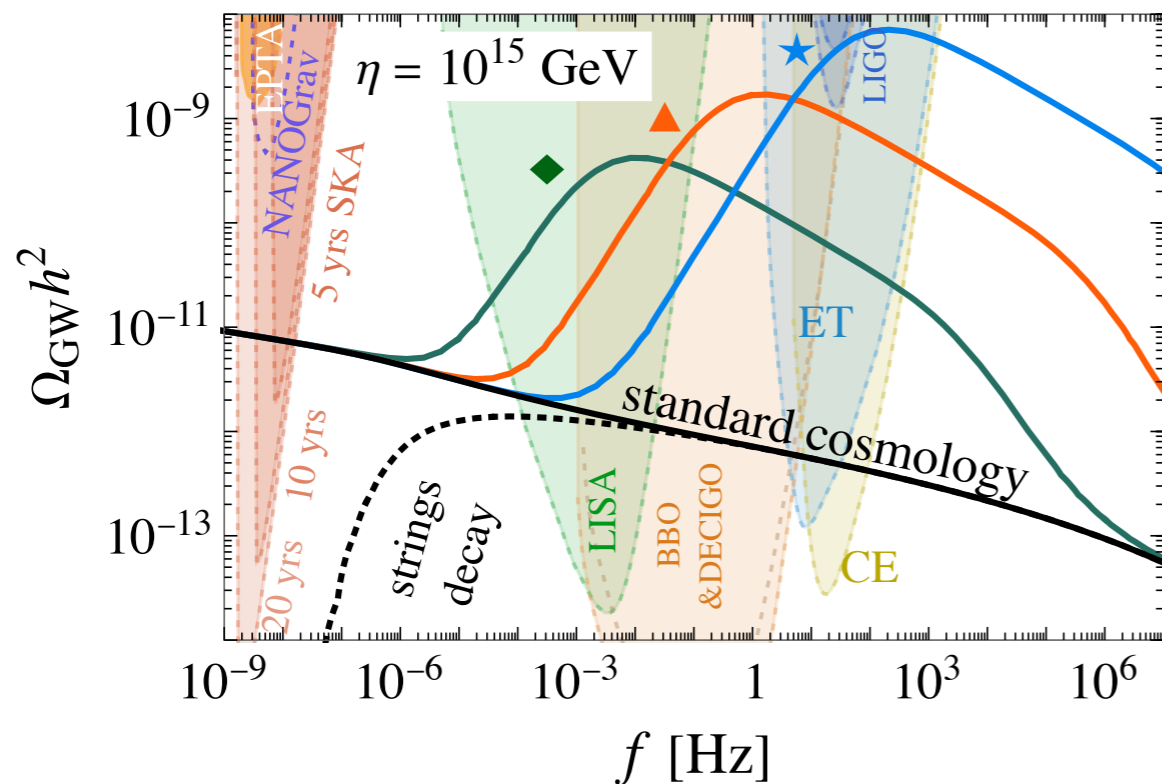


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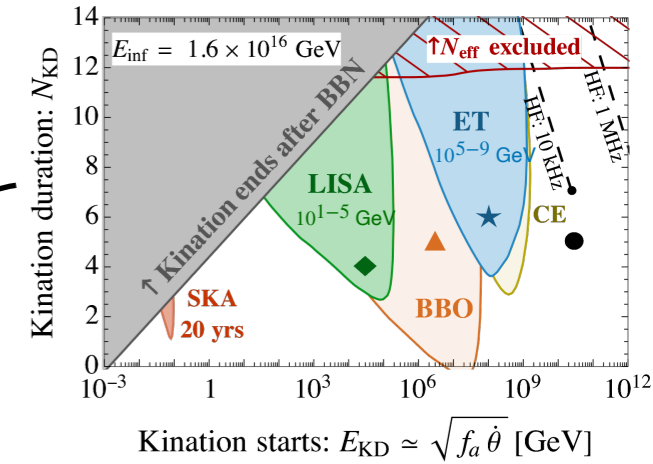
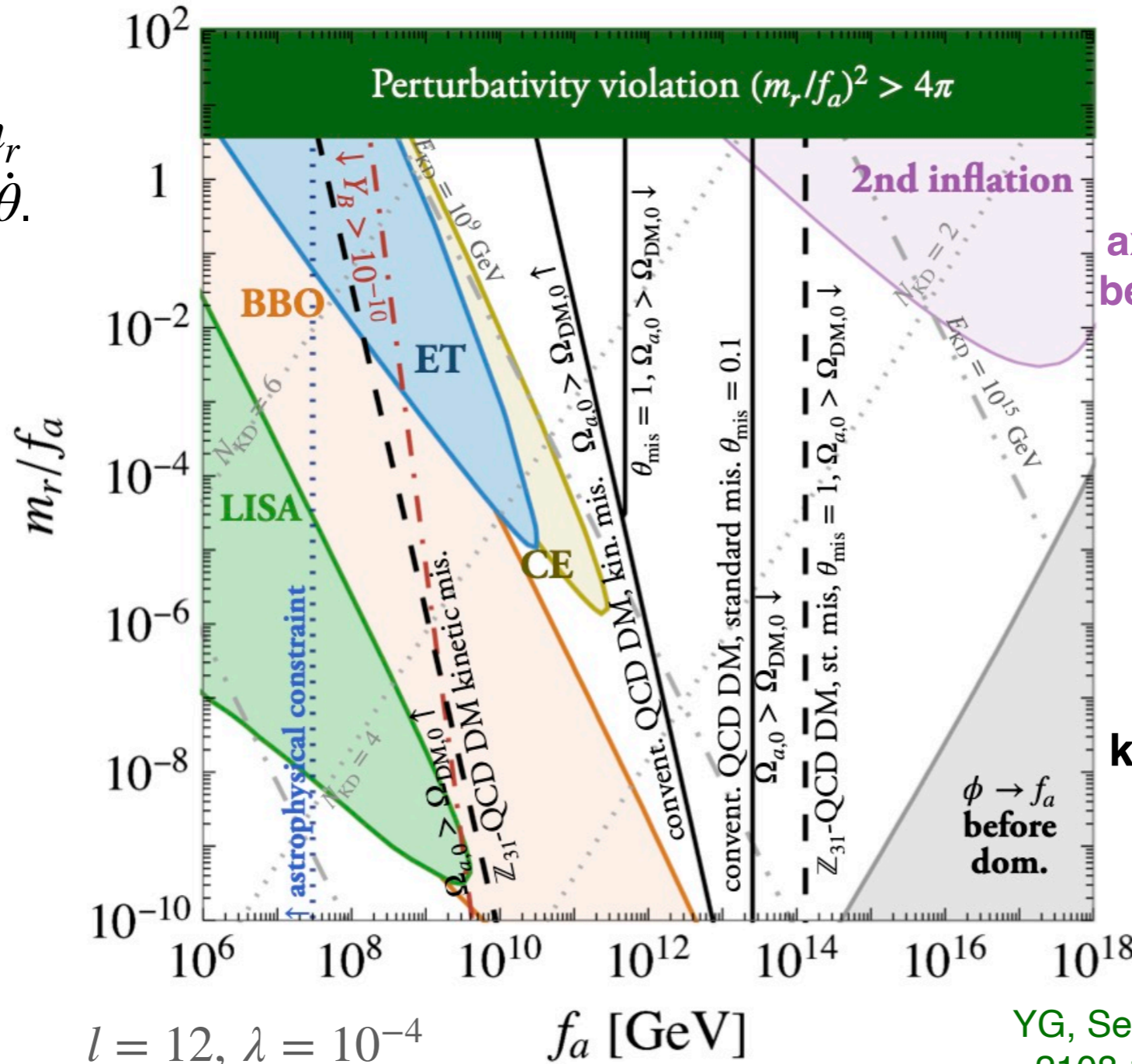


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In terms of model parameters

Radial mode mass m_r controls axion speed $\dot{\theta}$.



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no kination

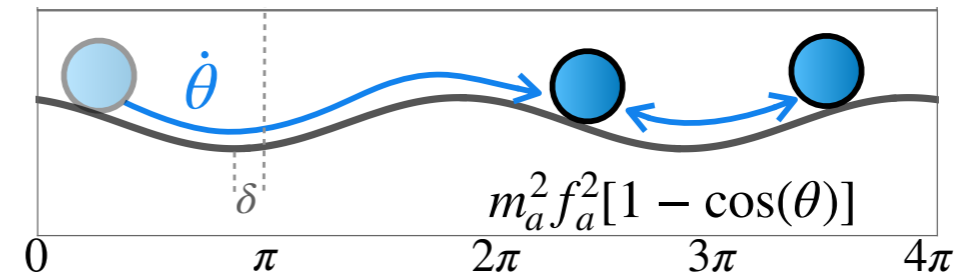
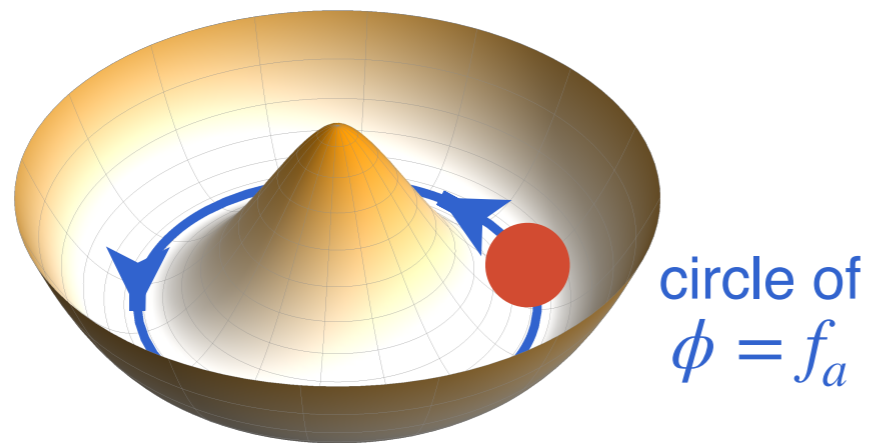
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Axion Dark Matter



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PQ charge in the spinning axion transfers to the **axion number density** via **kinetic misalignment & axion fragmentation**

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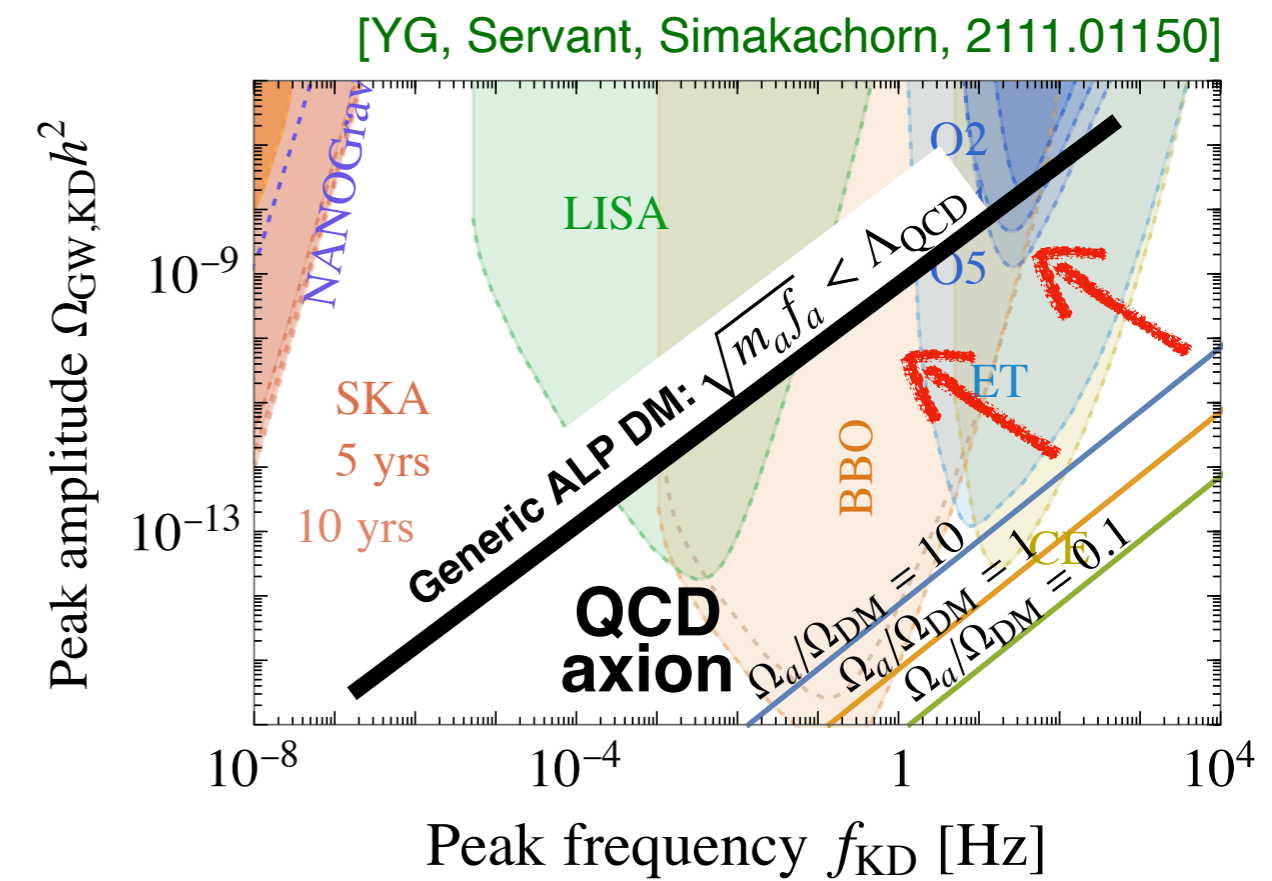
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The conventional QCD axion DM has no observable peak, except BBO or HF experiments.

Observable signals for generic ALP DM and QCD axion DM with lighter mass, e.g., from the \mathbb{Z}_N -axion.

[Hook, '18] & [Di Luzio, Gavela, Quilez, Ringwald, '21]

Conclusion

Cosmic archeology with GW from **primordial inflation** and **cosmic strings**

Early matter era

Heavy & unstable particles

$$1 \text{ s} \gtrsim \tau_X \gtrsim 10^{-17} \text{ s}$$

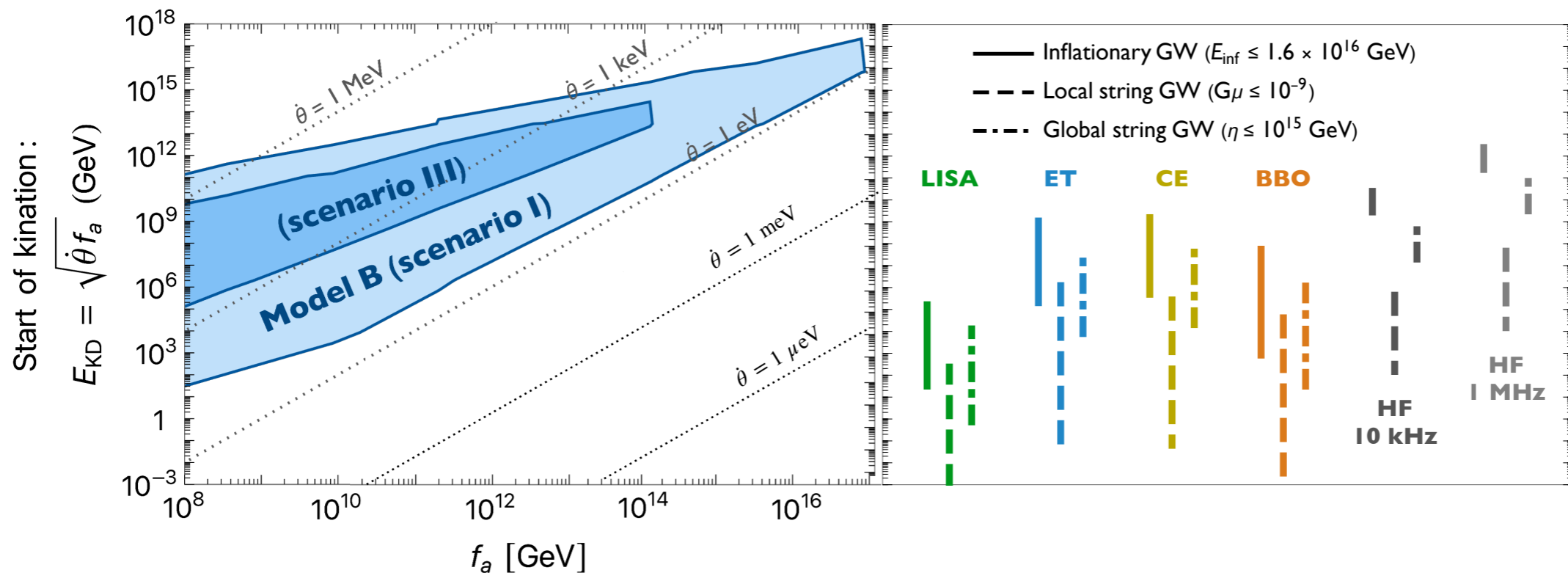
2nd inflation era

Supercool 1st-order phase transition

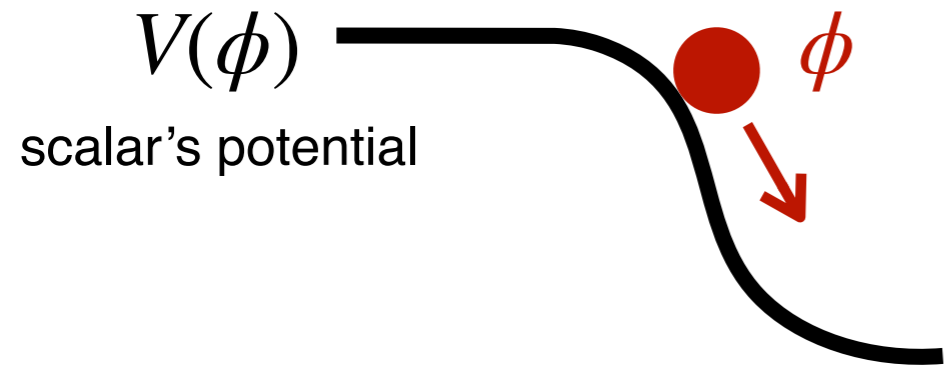
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Intermediate kination era

Spinning axion



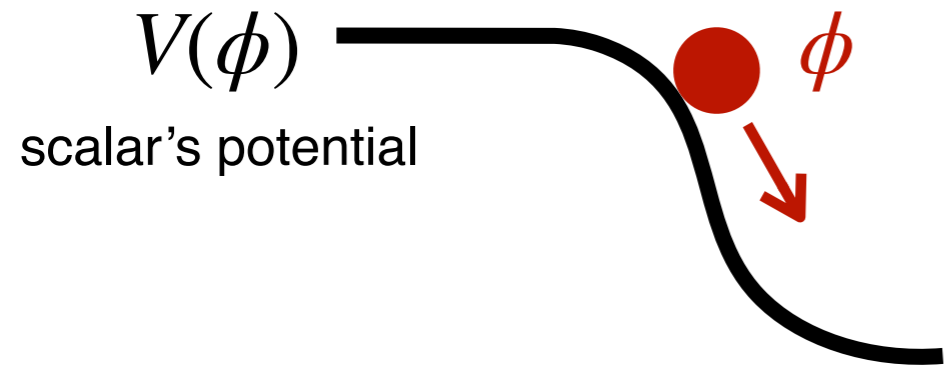
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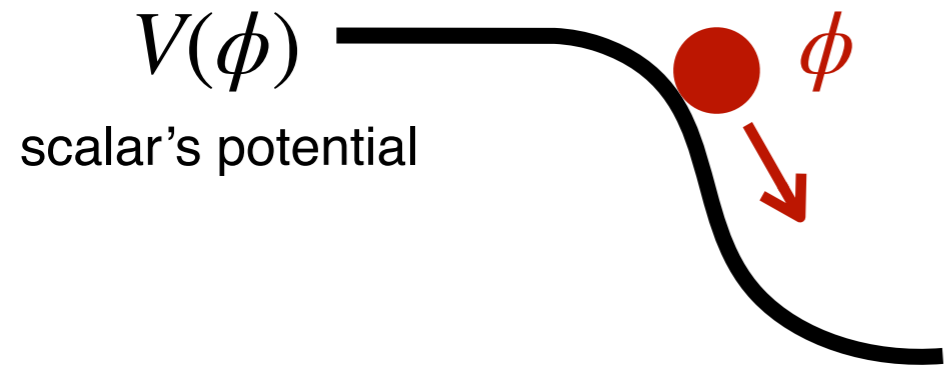
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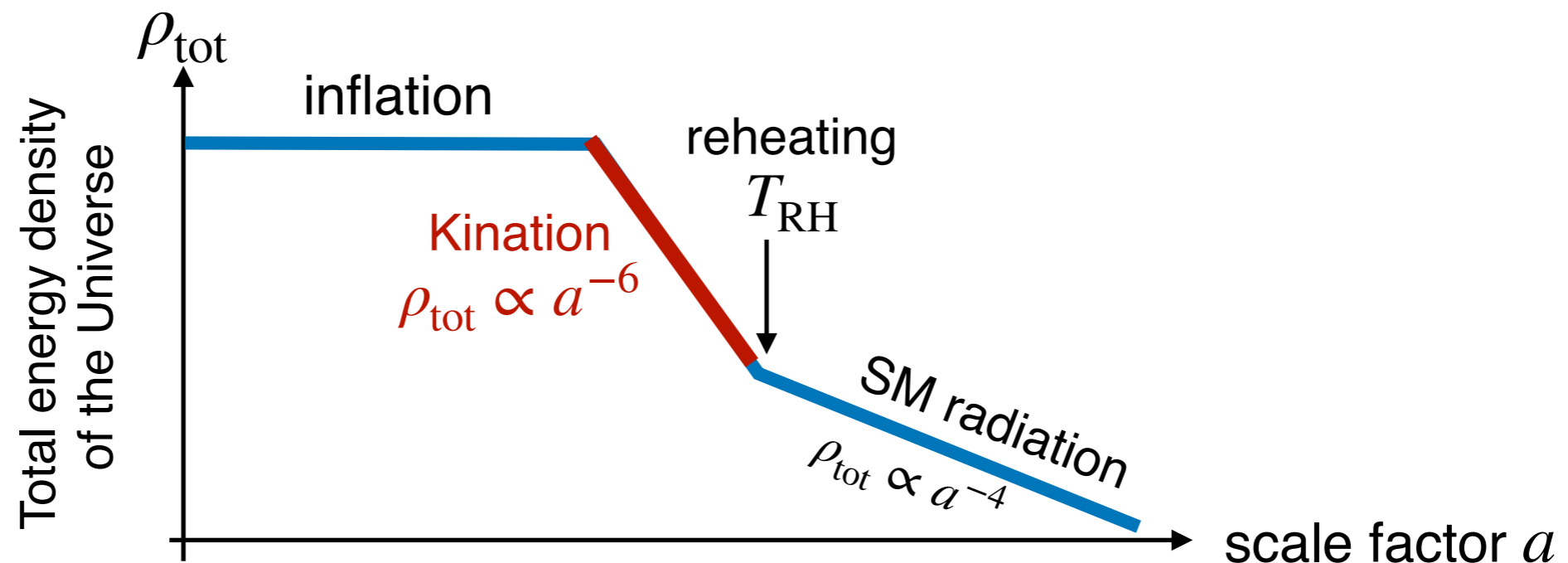
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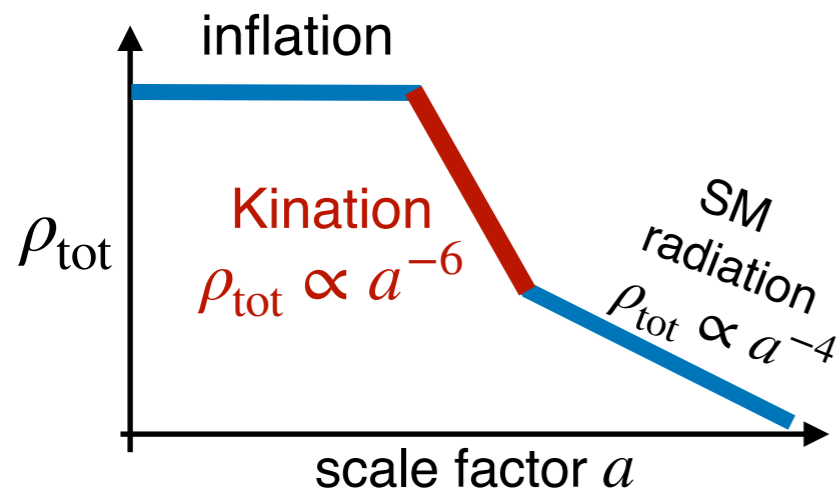
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Example: **quintessential** inflation

Peebles and Vilenkin 1998



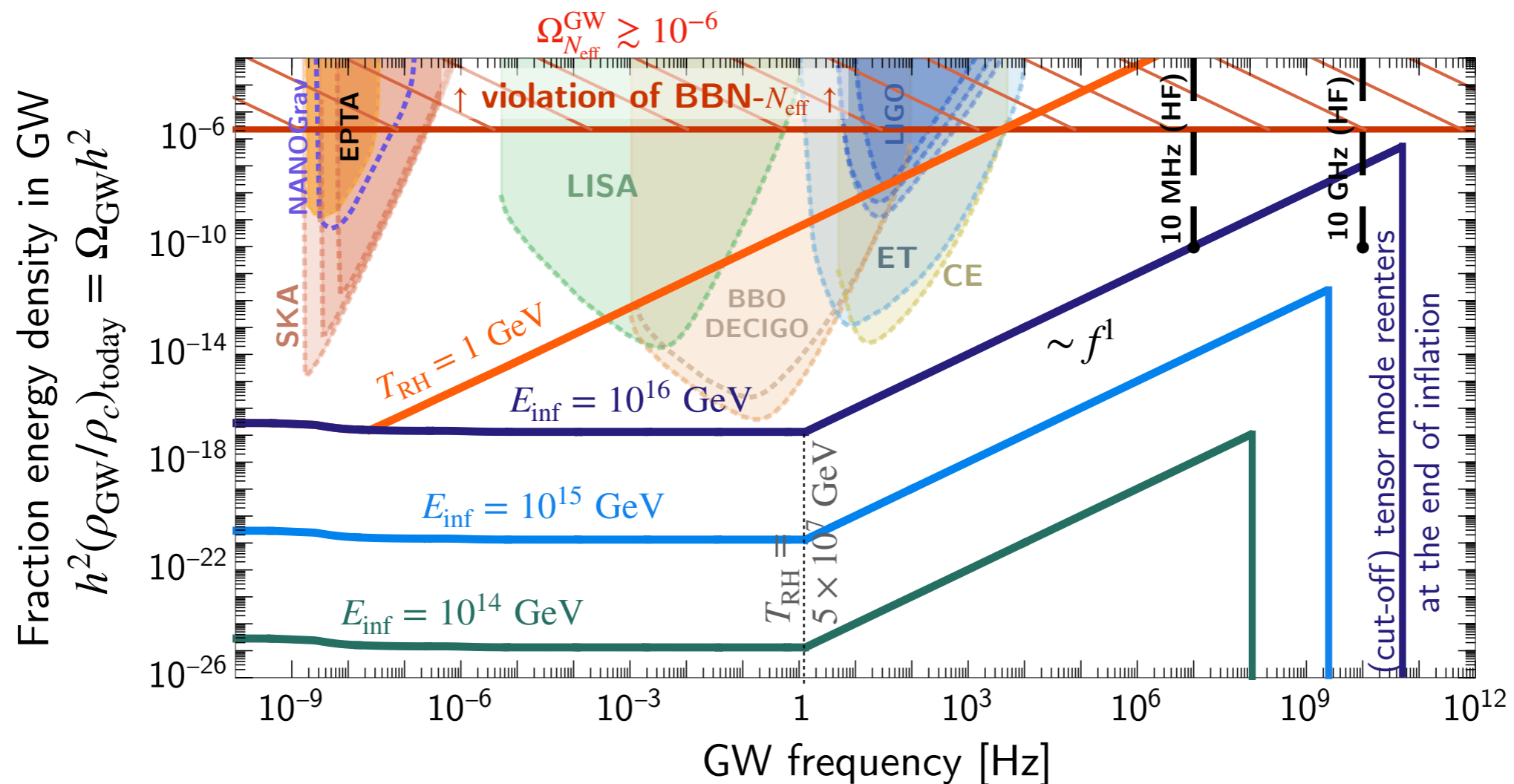


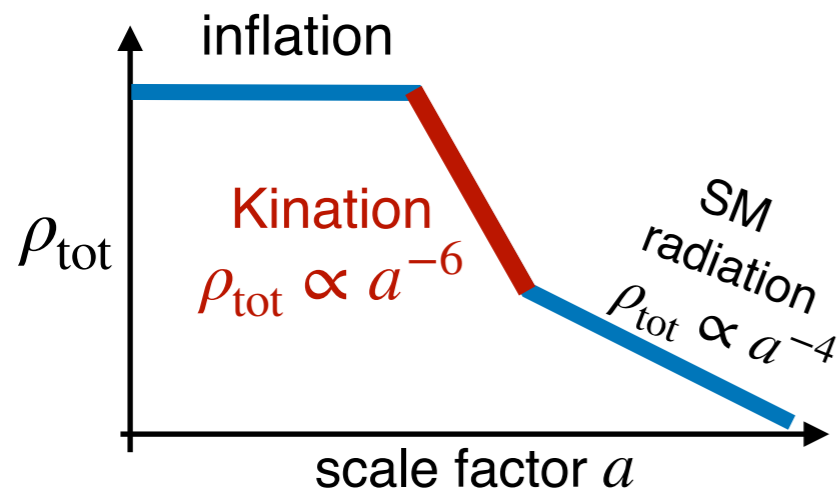
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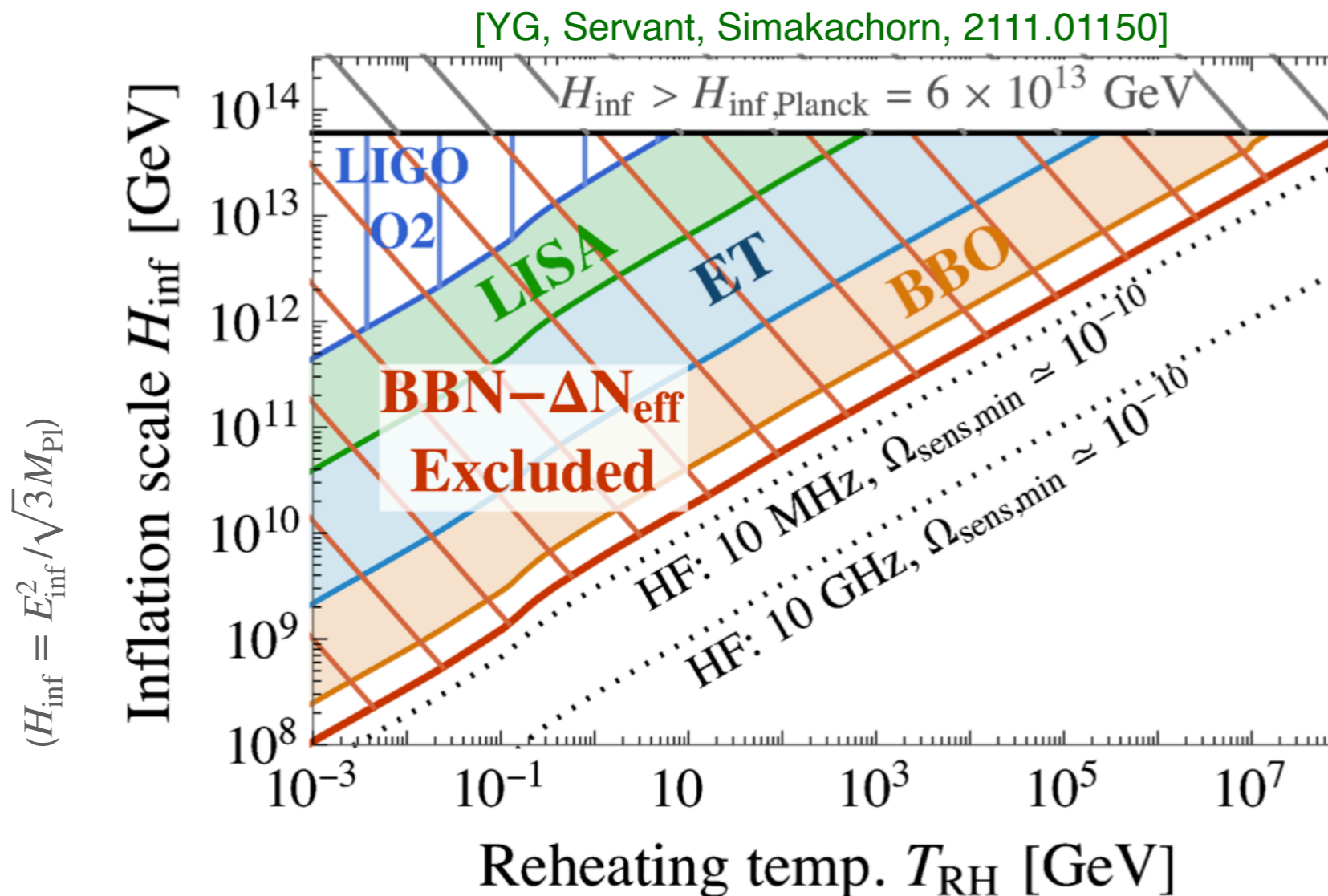


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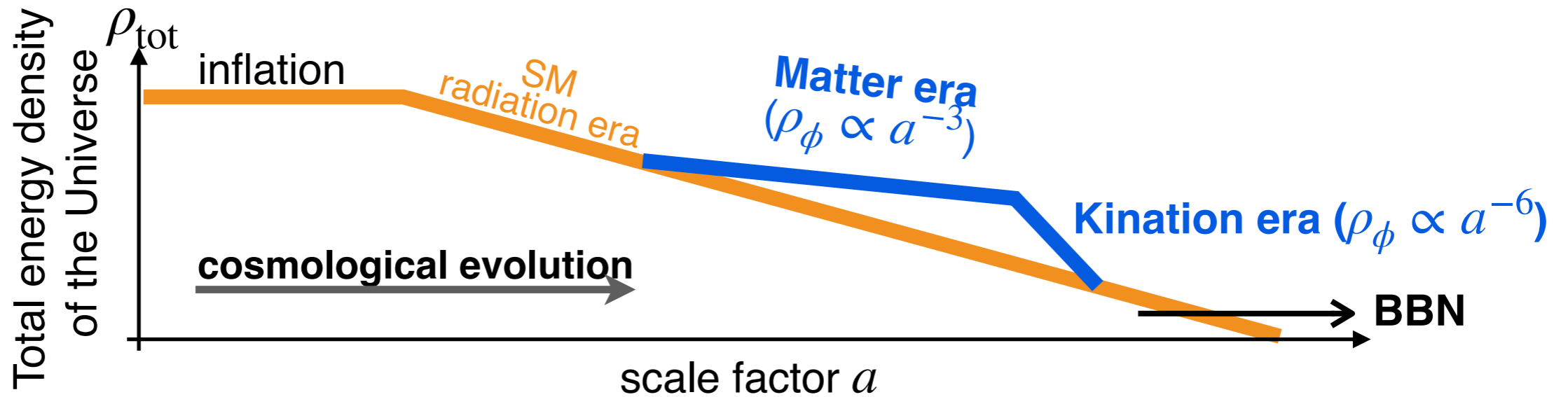
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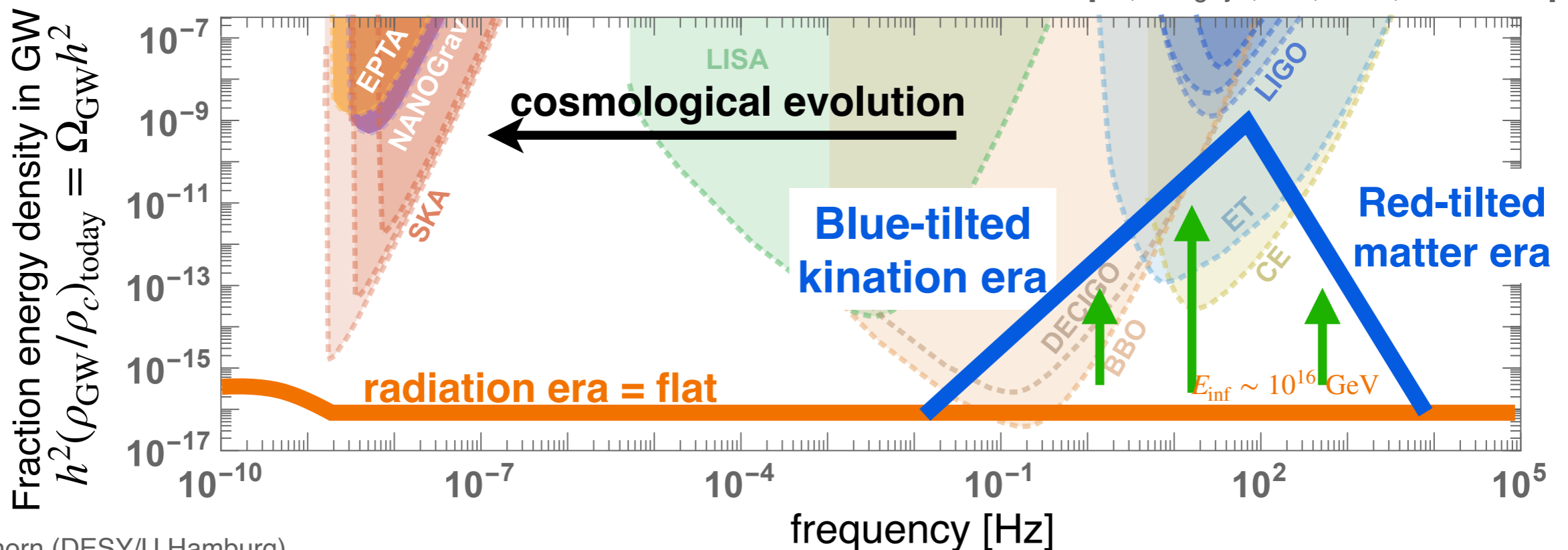


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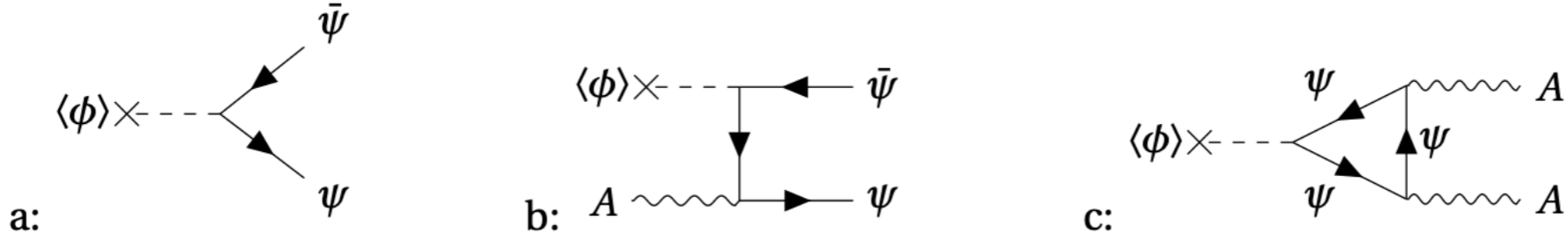
Peaked GW signature



Number of e-folds of kination

$$\epsilon = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{m_{r,\text{eff}}(f_a)}{m_{r,\text{eff}}(\phi_{\text{ini}})} l \sin l\theta_{\text{ini}}, & \text{if } c > l-1, \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\frac{c}{l-1}} \frac{m_{r,\text{eff}}(f_a)}{m_{r,\text{eff}}(\phi_{\text{ini}})} l \sin l\theta_{\text{ini}}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad \phi_{\text{ini}} = M_{\text{pl}} \left(\sqrt{c} \frac{m_{r,\text{eff}}(\phi_{\text{ini}})}{\lambda \sqrt{2l-2} M_{\text{pl}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{l-2}}.$$

$$\Gamma_\phi \simeq \begin{cases} \text{for } y_\psi \phi < T: \begin{cases} \text{for } m_{\psi,\text{th}} = gT > m_\phi/2, & \frac{y_\psi^2 \alpha T}{2\pi^2}, \\ \text{for } m_{\psi,\text{th}} = gT < m_\phi/2, & \frac{y_\psi^2 m_\phi}{8\pi}, \end{cases} \\ \text{for } y_\psi \phi > T: & b\alpha^2 \frac{\text{Max}[T, m_\phi]^3}{\phi^2} + \frac{y_\psi^2 m_\phi}{8\pi} \Theta(2m_\phi - y_\psi \phi). \end{cases} \quad (\text{E5})$$



$$e^{N_{\text{KD}}} = \left(\frac{\min(\rho_{\text{dom}}, \rho_{\text{damp}})}{\rho_{\text{KD},i}} \right)^{1/6} = \begin{cases} \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \left(\frac{m_{r,\text{eff}}(\phi_{\text{ini}})}{m_{r,\text{eff}}(f_a)} \frac{M_{\text{pl}}}{f_a} \right)^{1/3} \left(\frac{\phi_{\text{ini}}}{M_{\text{pl}}} \right)^{4/3} e^{2/3}, & \text{if } \rho_{\text{damp}} > \rho_{\text{dom}}, \\ \left(\frac{6M_{\text{pl}}^2 \Gamma_{\text{damp}}^2}{f_a^2 m_{r,\text{eff}}^2(f_a)} \right)^{1/6} e^{2/3}, & \text{if } \rho_{\text{damp}} < \rho_{\text{dom}}. \end{cases} \quad (8.28)$$

$$\rho_{\text{damp}} > \rho_{\text{dom}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad e^{N_{\text{KD}}} \simeq e^{8.2} e^{2/3} \left(\frac{10^9 \text{ GeV}}{f_a} \right)^{1/3} \left(\frac{m_{r,\text{eff}}(\phi_{\text{ini}})}{5m_{r,\text{eff}}(f_a)} \right)^{1/3} \left(\frac{\phi_{\text{ini}}}{M_{\text{pl}}} \right)^{4/3},$$

Baryogenesis from a spinning axion

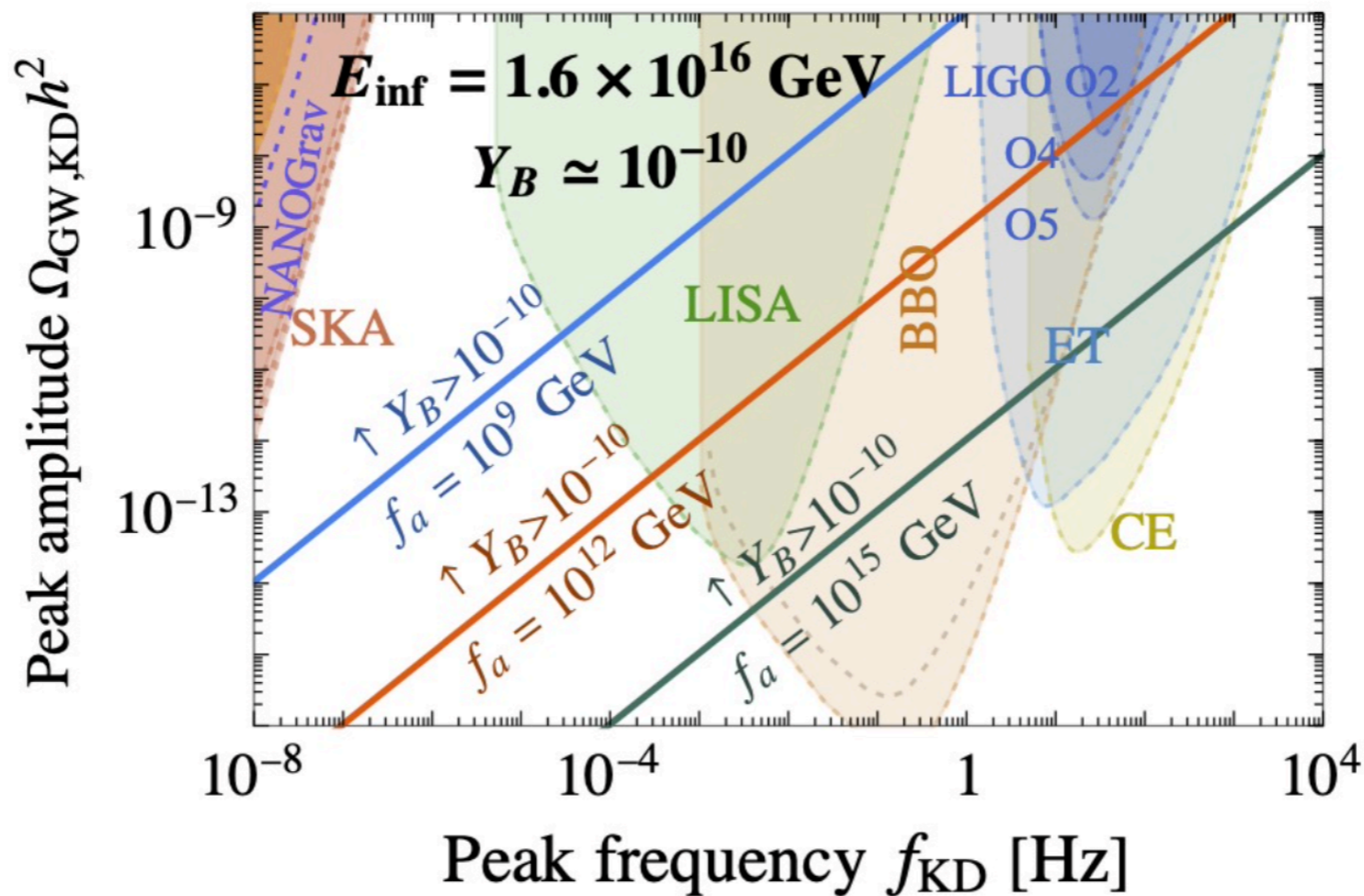
Standard “Axiogenesis” [Co, Harigaya, '19]

$U(1)_{\text{PQ}}$ -charge transfers to baryon number via $SU(3)_c$ and $SU(2)_L$ sphaleron.

$$Y_\theta = 692 \left(\frac{0.1}{c_B} \right) \left(\frac{130 \text{ GeV}}{T_{\text{ws}}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{f_a}{10^8 \text{ GeV}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{Y_B}{10^{-10}} \right).$$

$$E_{\text{KD}} = (74 \text{ TeV}) G^{3/4}(T_{\text{KD}}) \left(\frac{c_B}{0.1} \right) \left(\frac{T_{\text{ws}}}{130 \text{ GeV}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{10^8 \text{ GeV}}{f_a} \right) \left(\frac{10^{-10}}{Y_B} \right) \exp\left(\frac{3N_{\text{KD}}}{2}\right).$$

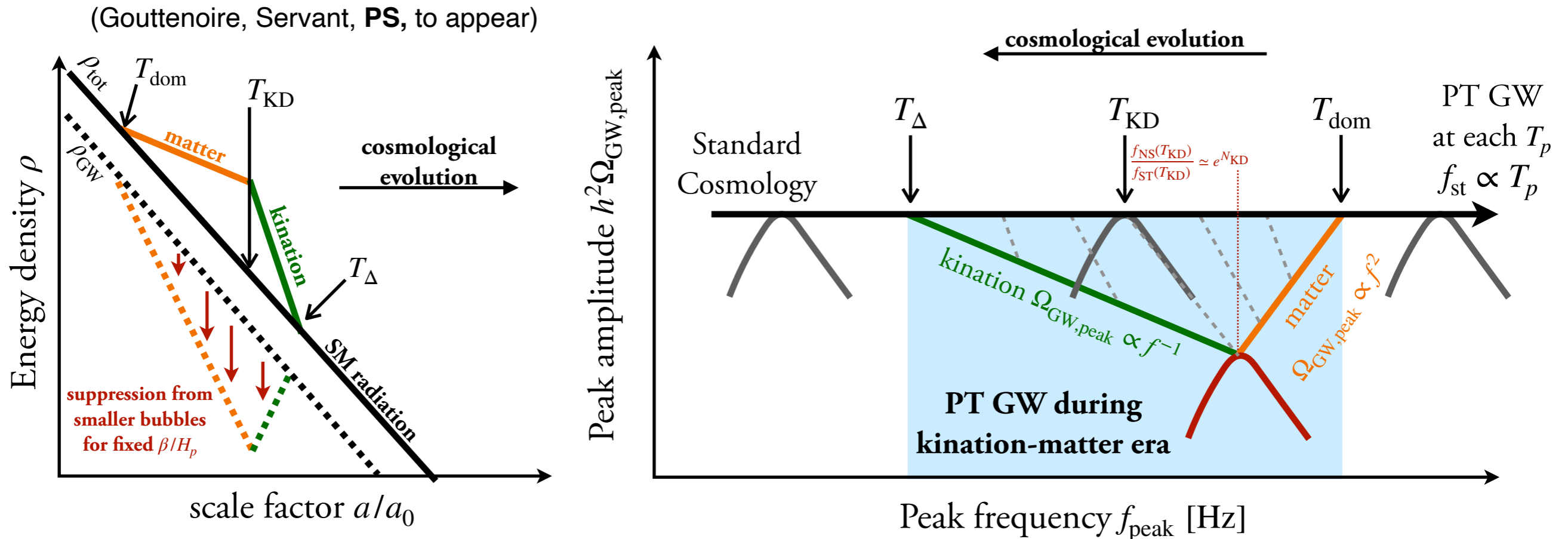
Gravitational waves from primordial inflation



Effect on short-lasting GW

e.g. first-order phase transition

Thermal phase transition where the source of GW is the thermal plasma cannot have the enhancement.



Super simplified argument: For fixed β/H_p ,

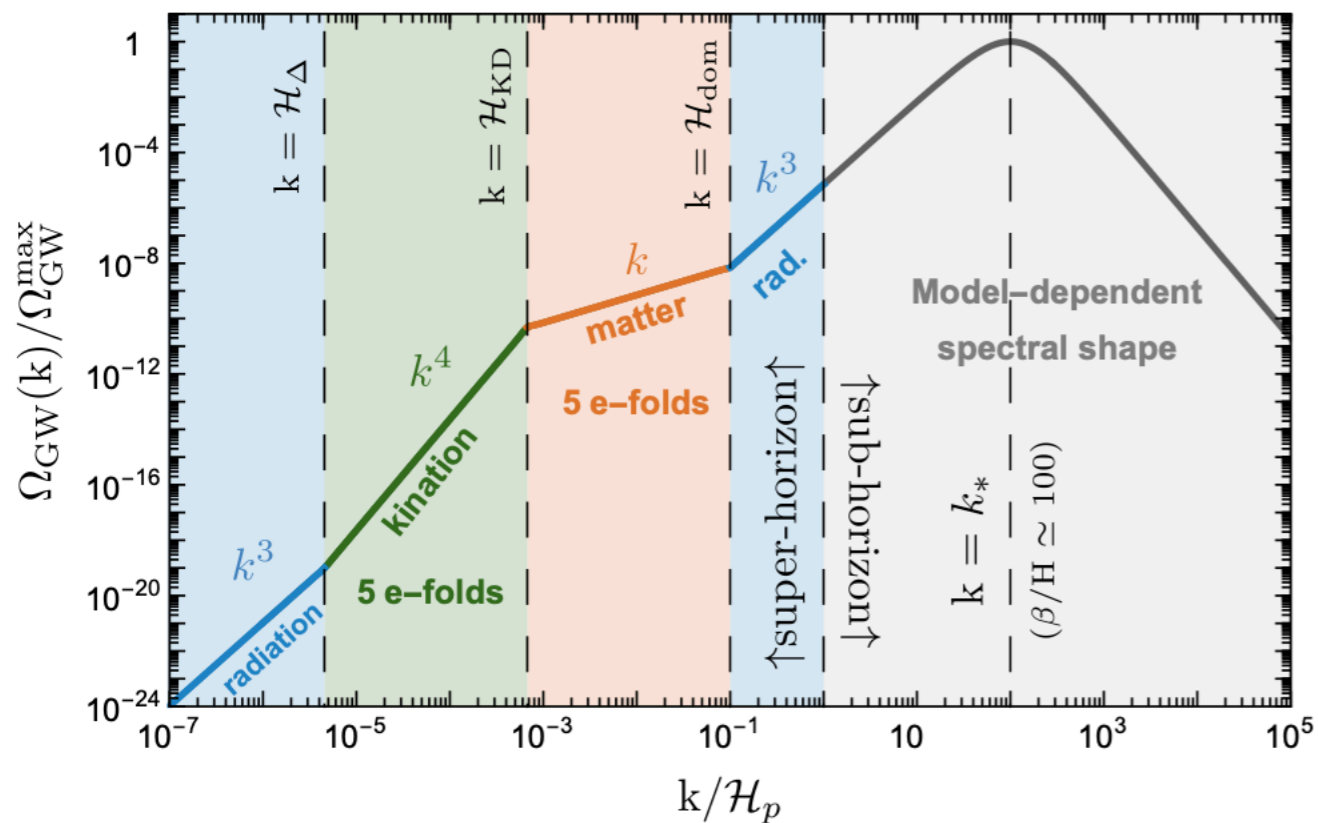
the bubble size is fixed to be some fraction of Hubble horizon.

During the matter-kination era, Universe has smaller size, smaller bubbles, and thus weaker GW.

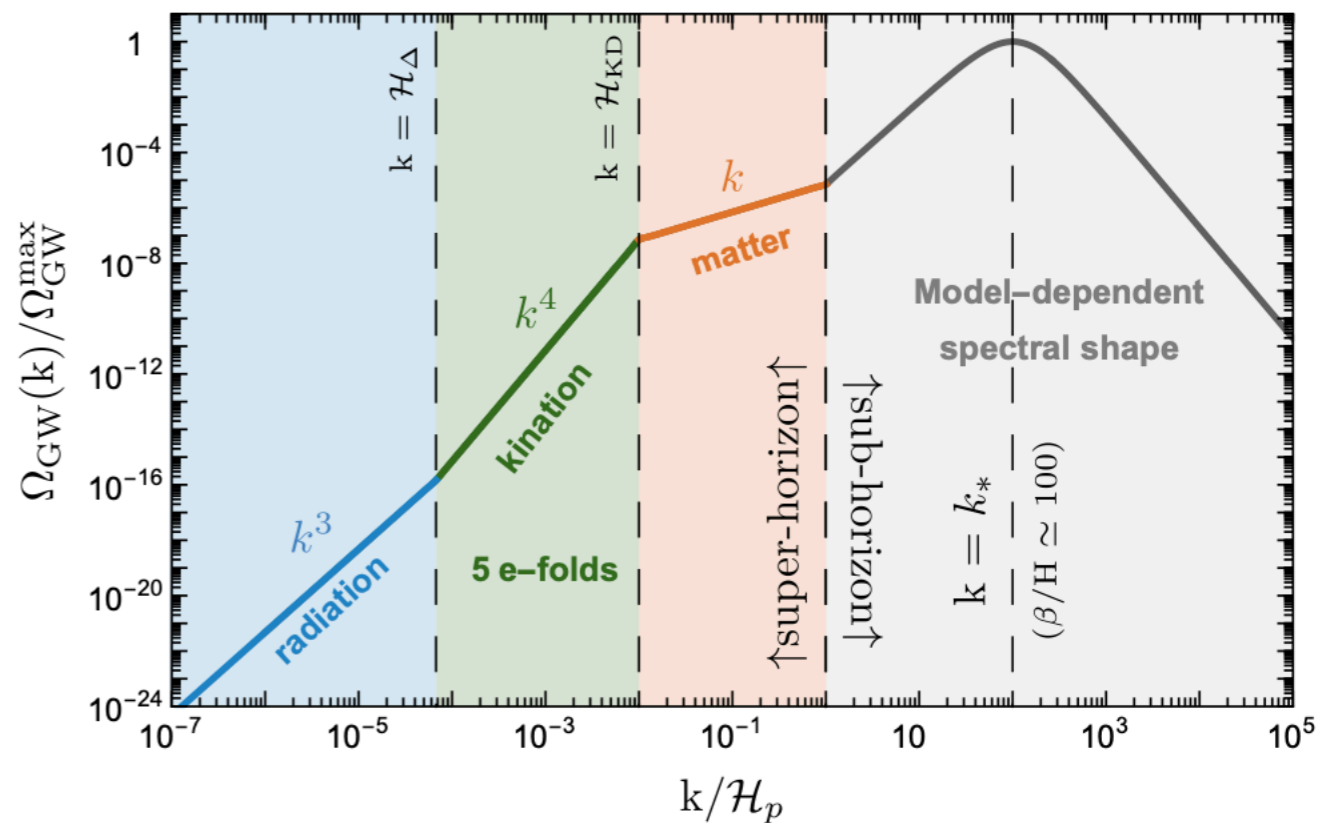
Other spectral distortions, e.g. causality tail [Hook, Marques-Tavares, Racco, '20]

GW from phase transition

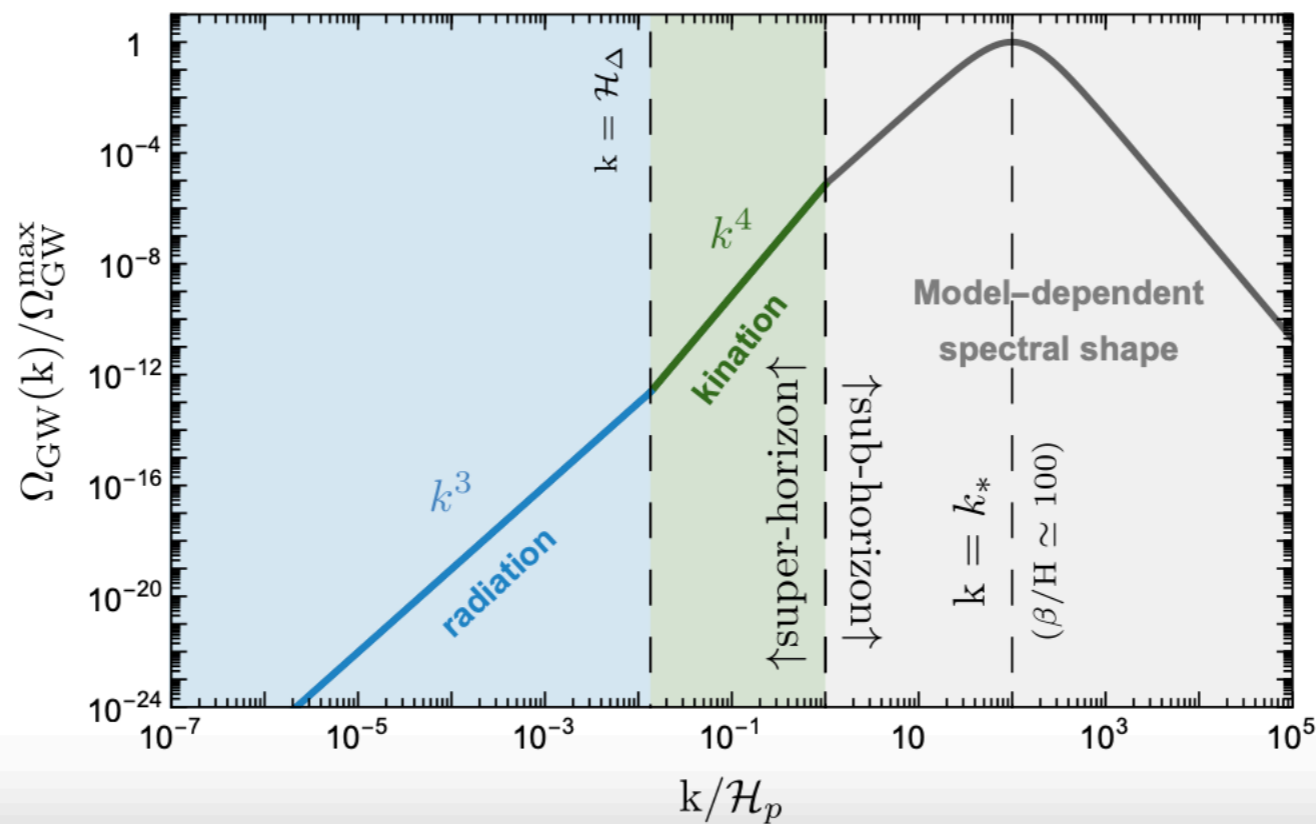
PT occurring before matter-kination era



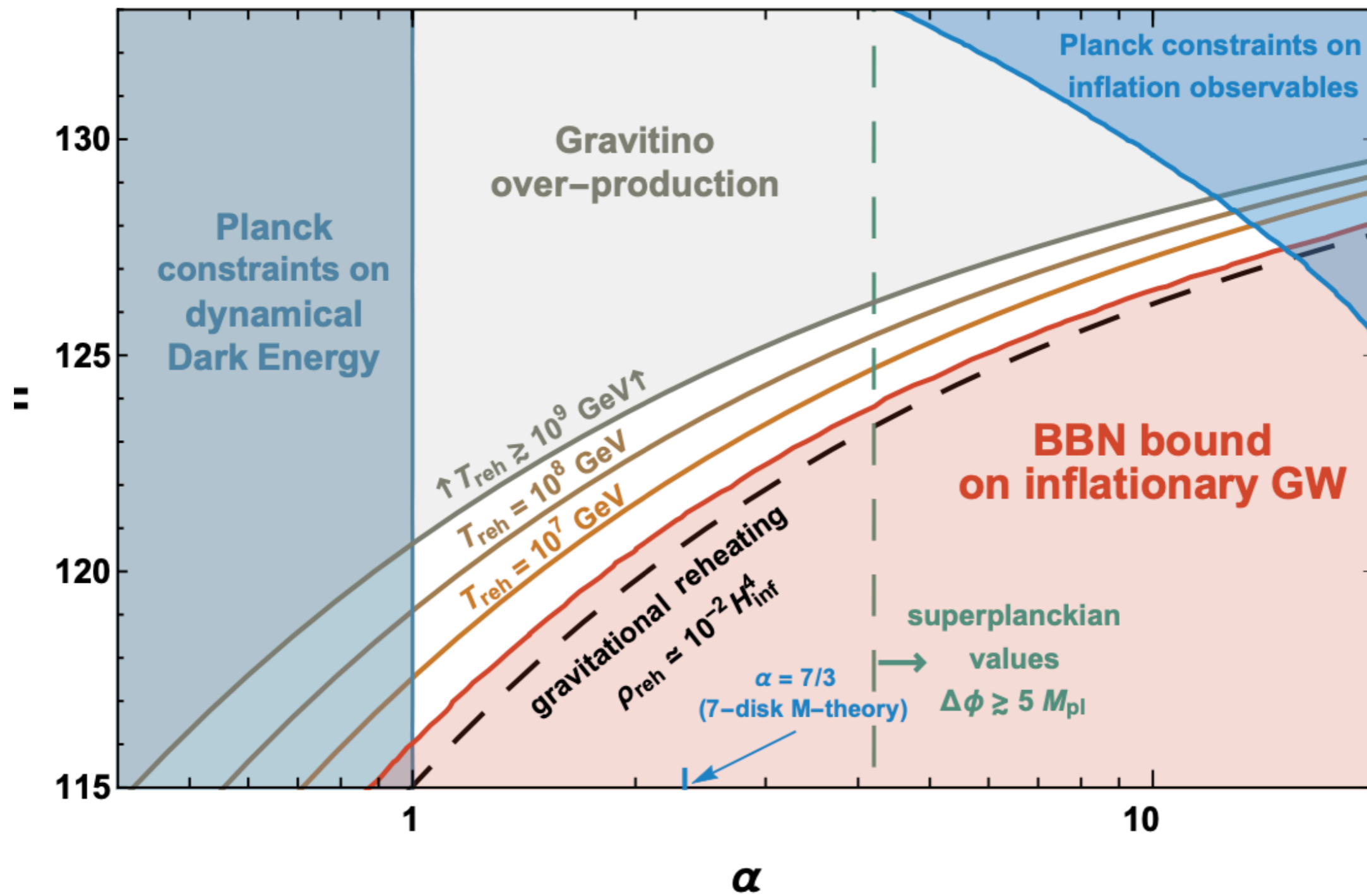
PT occurring during matter era



PT occurring during kination era



Quintessential inflation with α -attractor

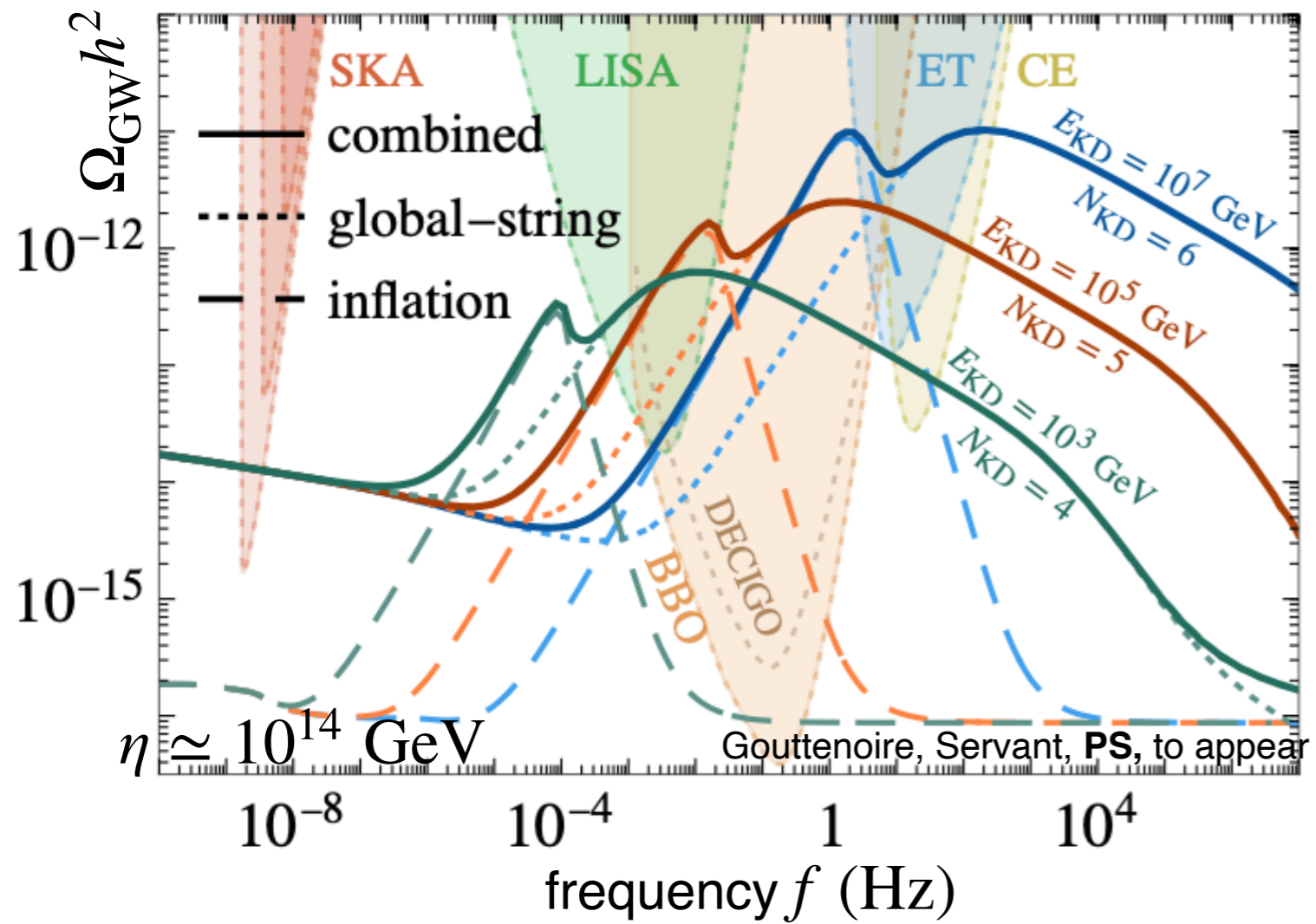


Inflation + global cosmic strings

String network formed at energy scale η
 continuously produces loops which decay into GW (and also particles.)

E.g. Axionic strings from PQ symmetry breaking with $\eta \sim f_a$.

Peak amplitude from global strings: $\Omega_{\text{peak}}^{\text{glob}} h^2 \approx 10^{-14} \left(\frac{\eta}{10^{15} \text{ GeV}} \right)^4 \left[\frac{\exp(2N_{\text{KD}})}{10^4} \right] \log^3(\dots)$



Fixed peak separation

$$f_{\text{inf}}/f_{\text{glob}} = \mathcal{O}(10^{-2})$$

[for loops' size: $(0.1)H^{-1}$]

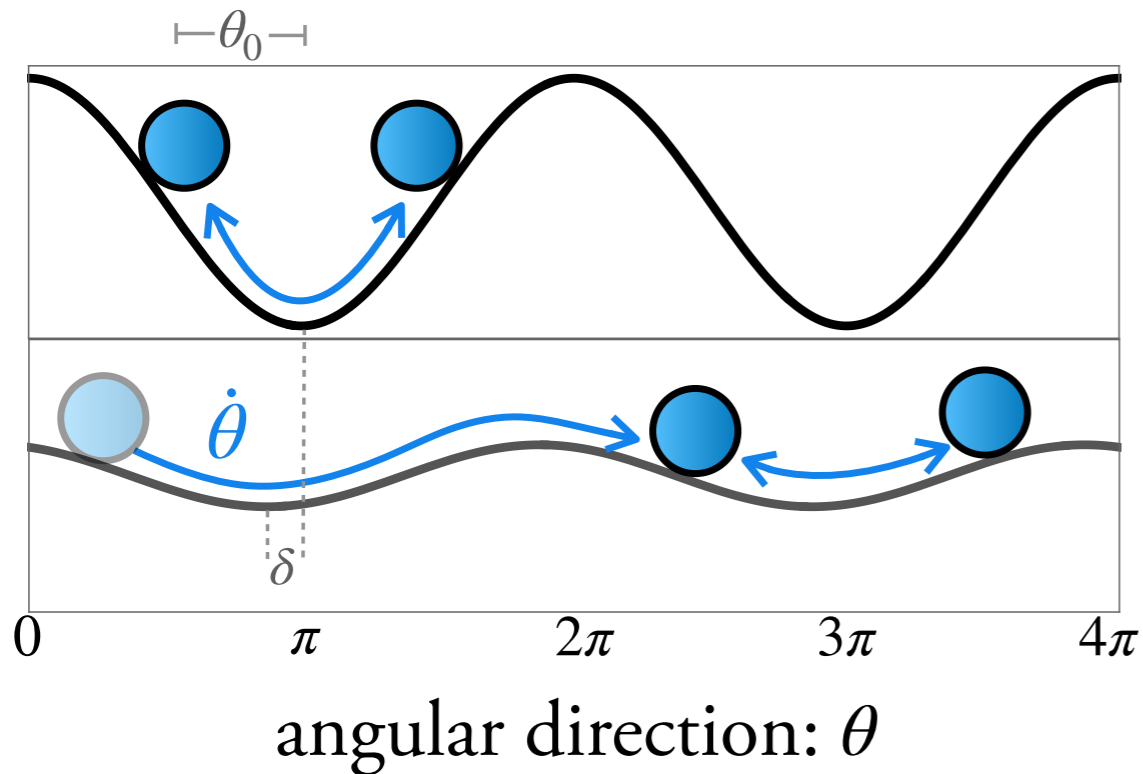
With $E_{\text{inf}} \sim 10^{16} \text{ GeV}$,

two-peak signature

$$\text{for } 10^{12} \lesssim \frac{\eta}{\text{GeV}} \lesssim 10^{15}.$$

Model A: trapped misalignment

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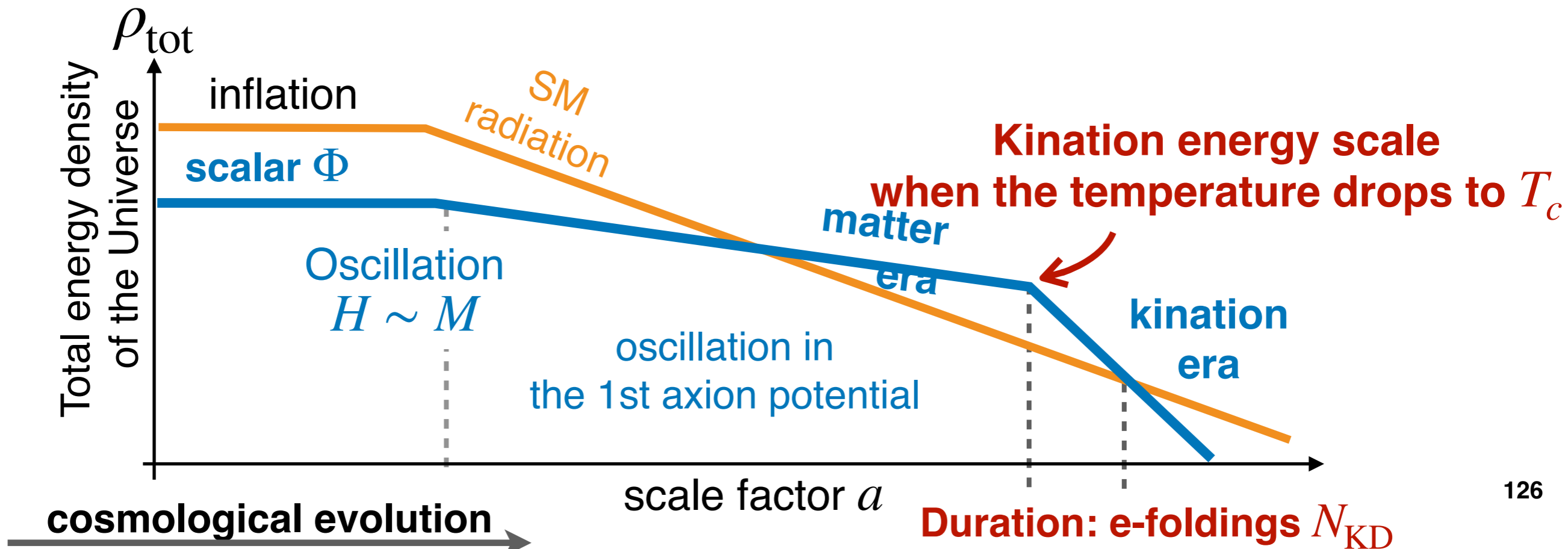


For $T \gtrsim T_c$, $V_{\text{high}} \sim M^2 f_a^2 \cos(\theta)$
 axion oscillates and behaves as **matter**.

For $T \lesssim T_c$, $V_{\text{low}} \sim m_a^2 f_a^2 \cos(\theta)$ with $M \gg m_a$

Axion rolls freely with **large initial speed** at T_c

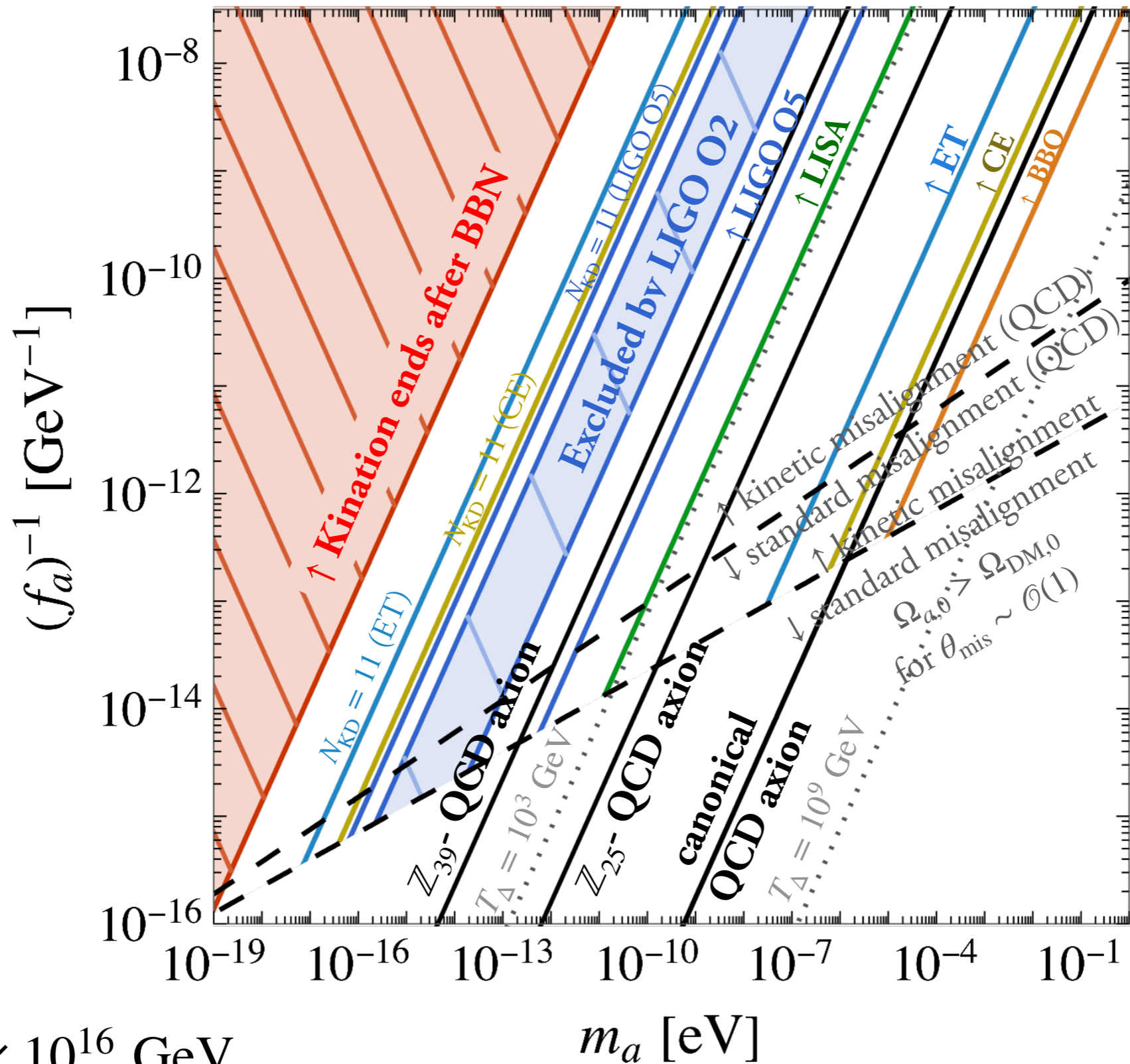
$$\dot{\theta}_c \sim \frac{T_c^{3/2} M^{1/4}}{M_{\text{Pl}}^{3/4}} \text{ and generates kination era.}$$



Detectability in axion parameter spaces

$$\Omega_{a,0} = \Omega_{\text{DM},0}$$

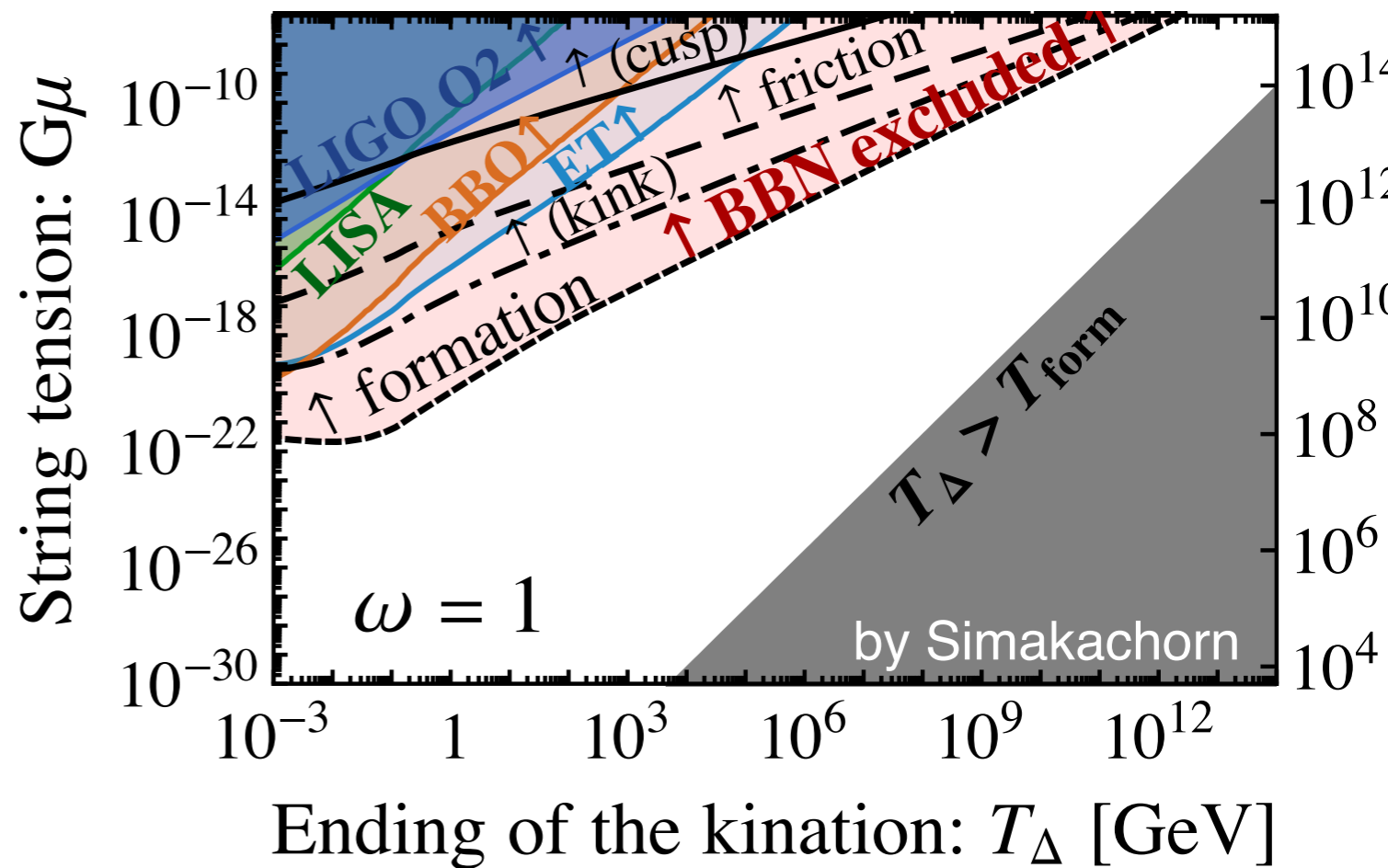
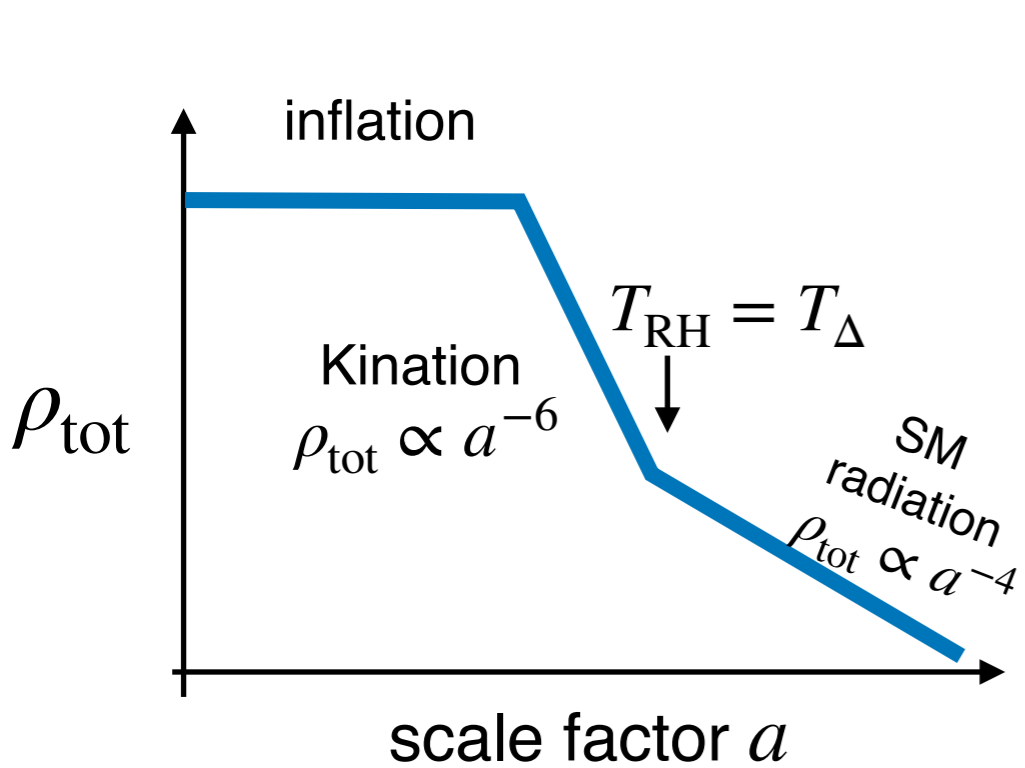
(Gouttenoire, Servant, **PS**, to appear)



$$E_{\text{inf}} = 1.6 \times 10^{16} \text{ GeV}$$

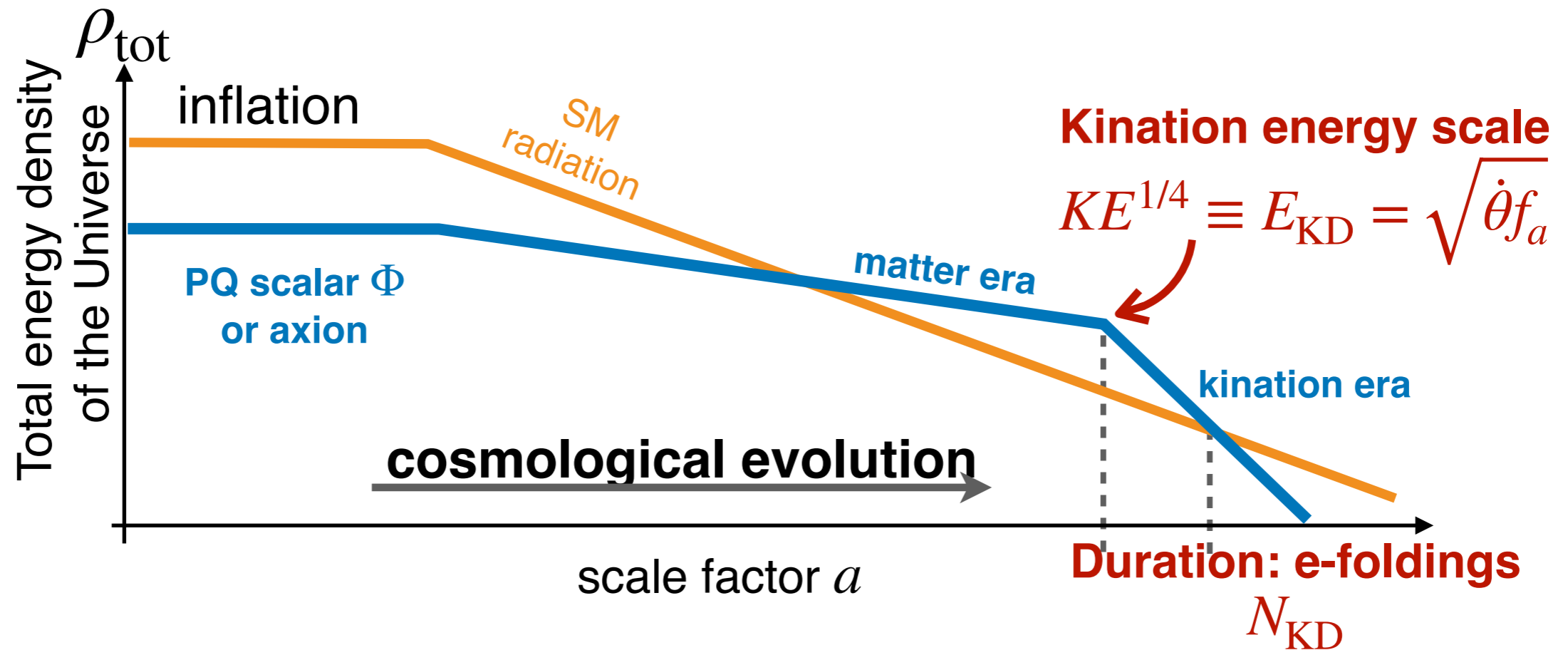
Long Kination \Rightarrow too much GW

GW from local cosmic strings



The cut-off of the cosmic-string GW is crucial for the BBN constraint.
No well-motivated model that generates cosmic strings during kination ?

Model-independent kination from spinning axion



are characterized by

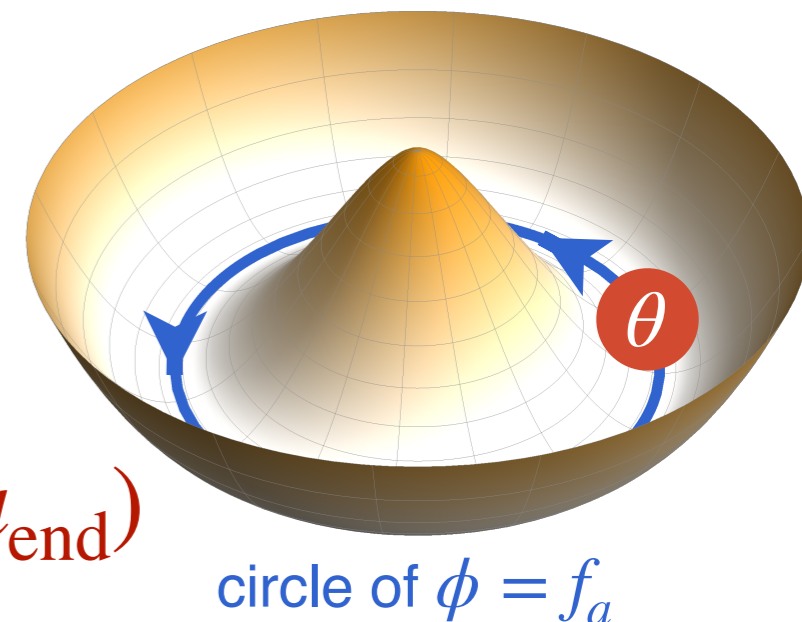
(given the spontaneous symmetry-breaking scale f_a)

1. **kination energy scale** $E_{\text{KD}} = \sqrt{\dot{\theta} f_a}$

(the **spinning speed** of axion $\dot{\theta}$ when kination starts)

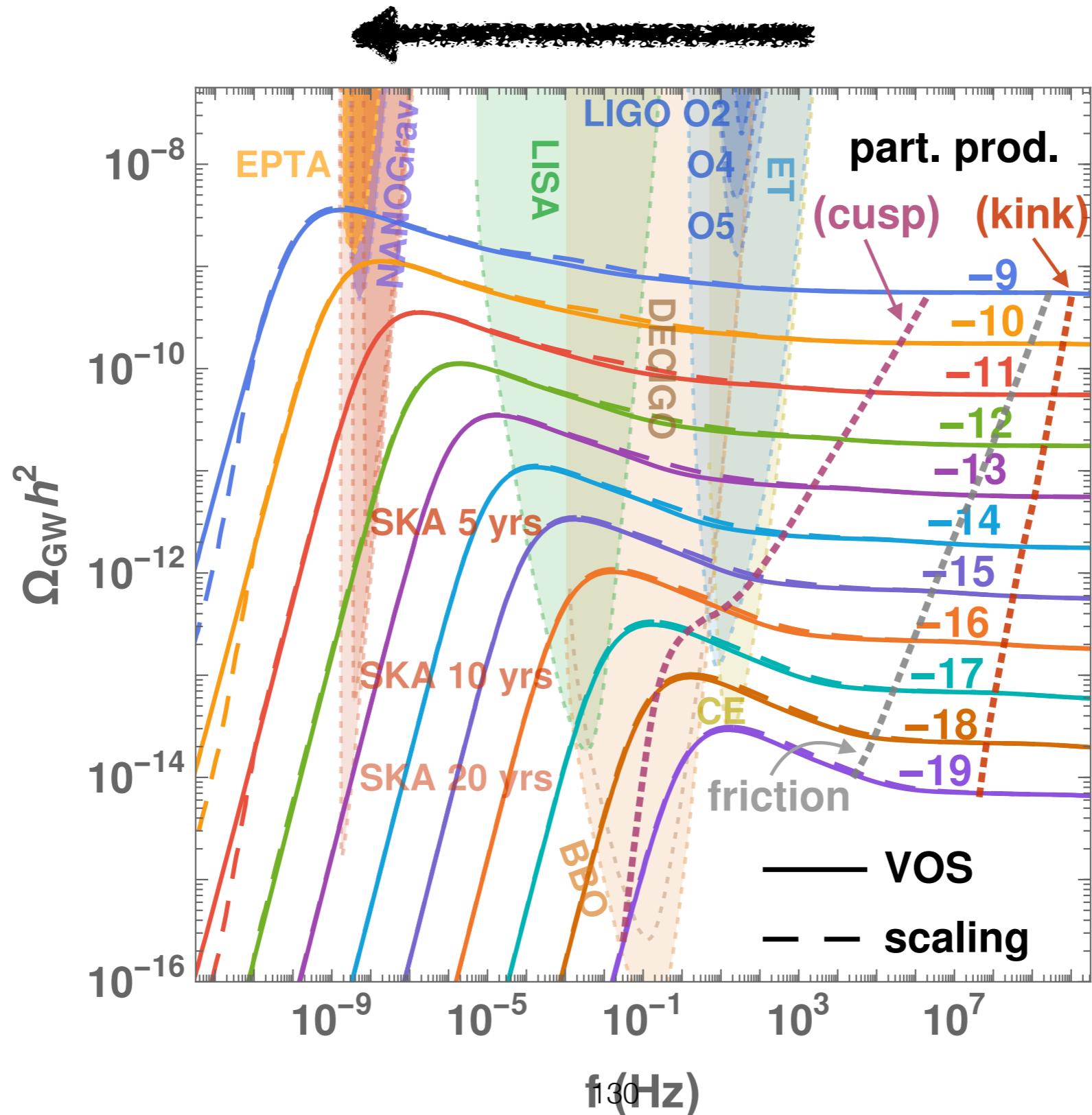
2. **the duration of kination era** $N_{\text{KD}} = \log(a_{\text{start}}/a_{\text{end}})$

(related to the beginning of the matter era)



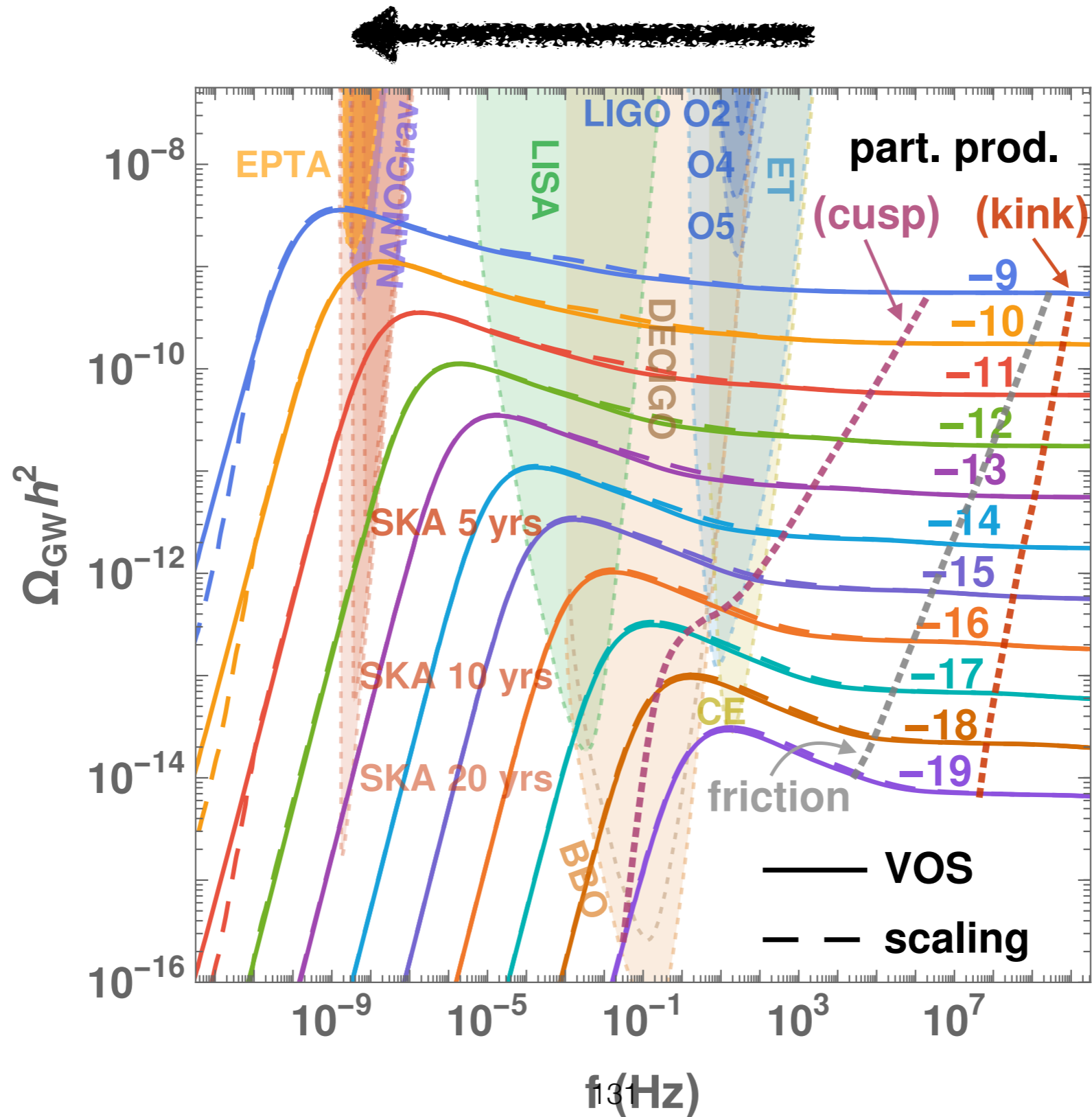
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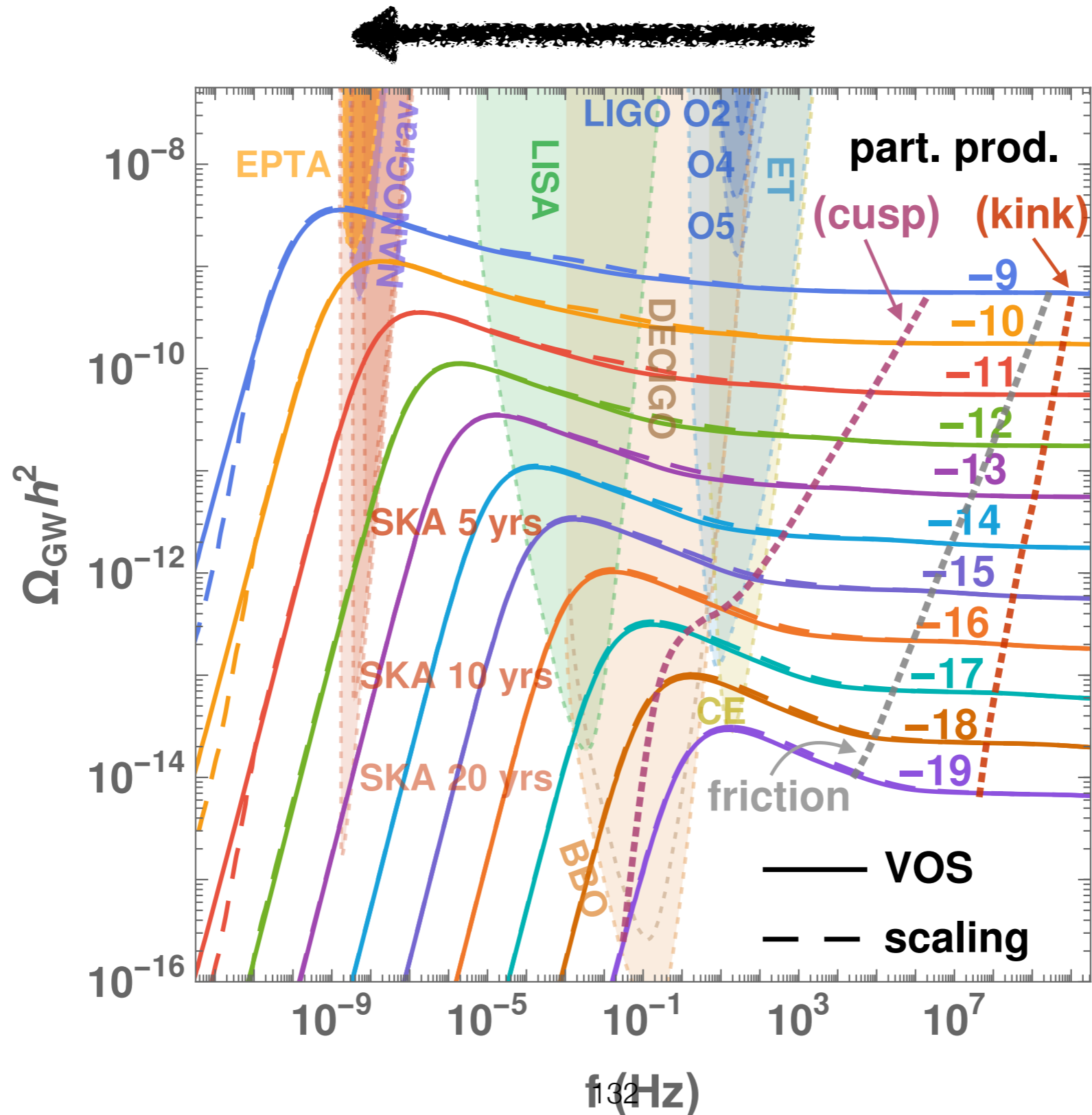
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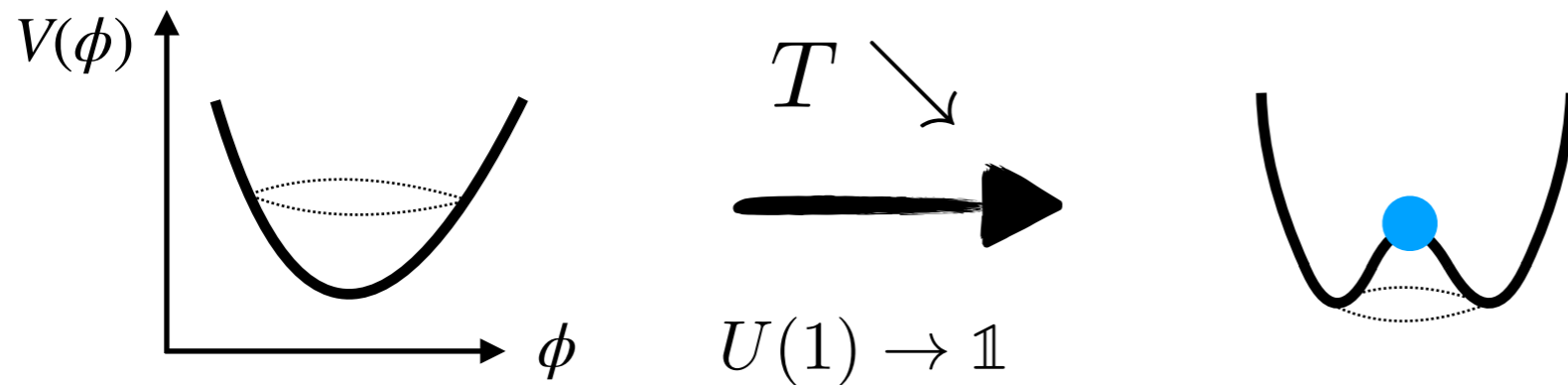
→ $\sqrt{\mu} \sim 10^9$ GeV

String network formation

- **Topological defects generated during spontaneous-symmetry-breaking with $\pi_1(G/H) \neq 1$**

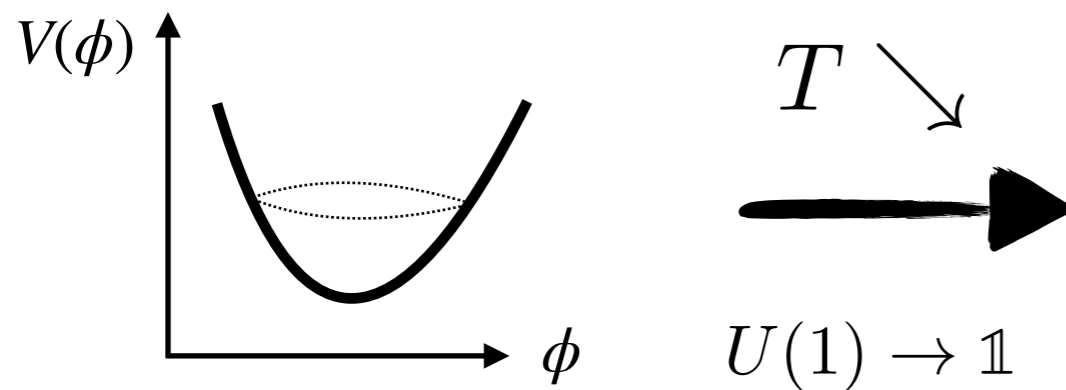
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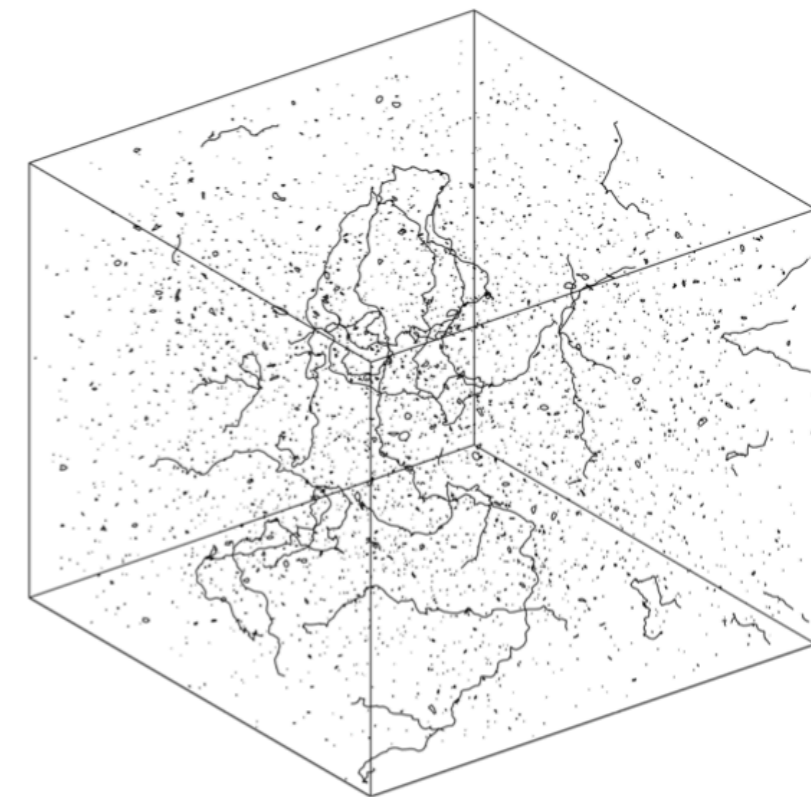
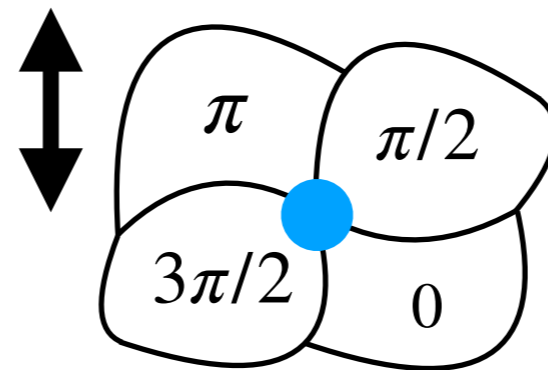
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correlation length L

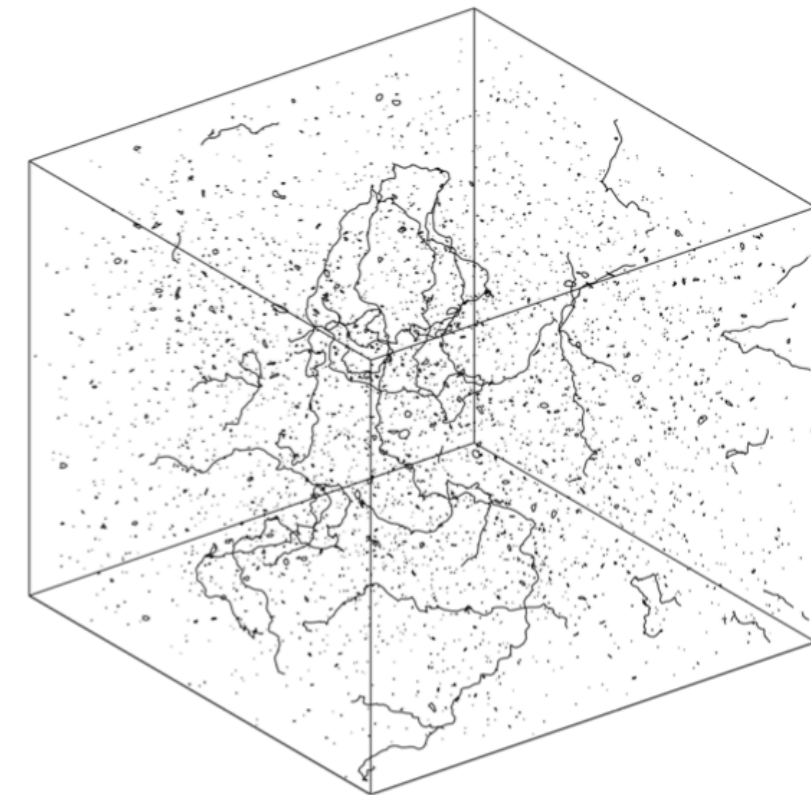
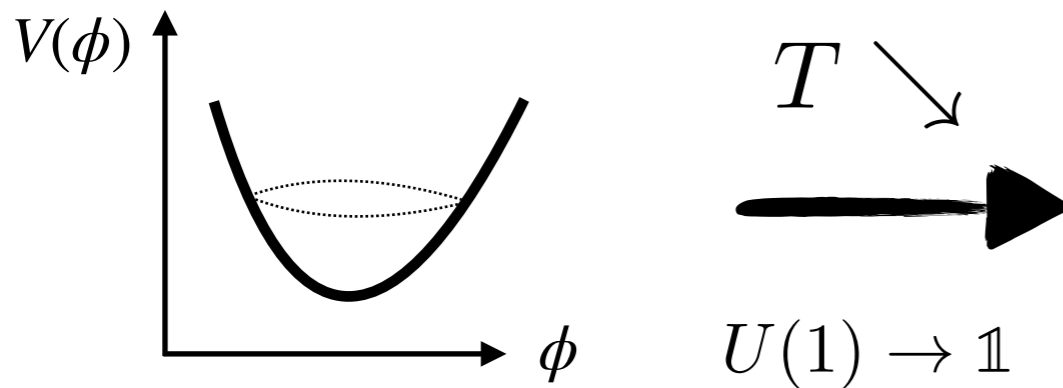
[Kibble 1976]



[Allen & Shellard 1990]

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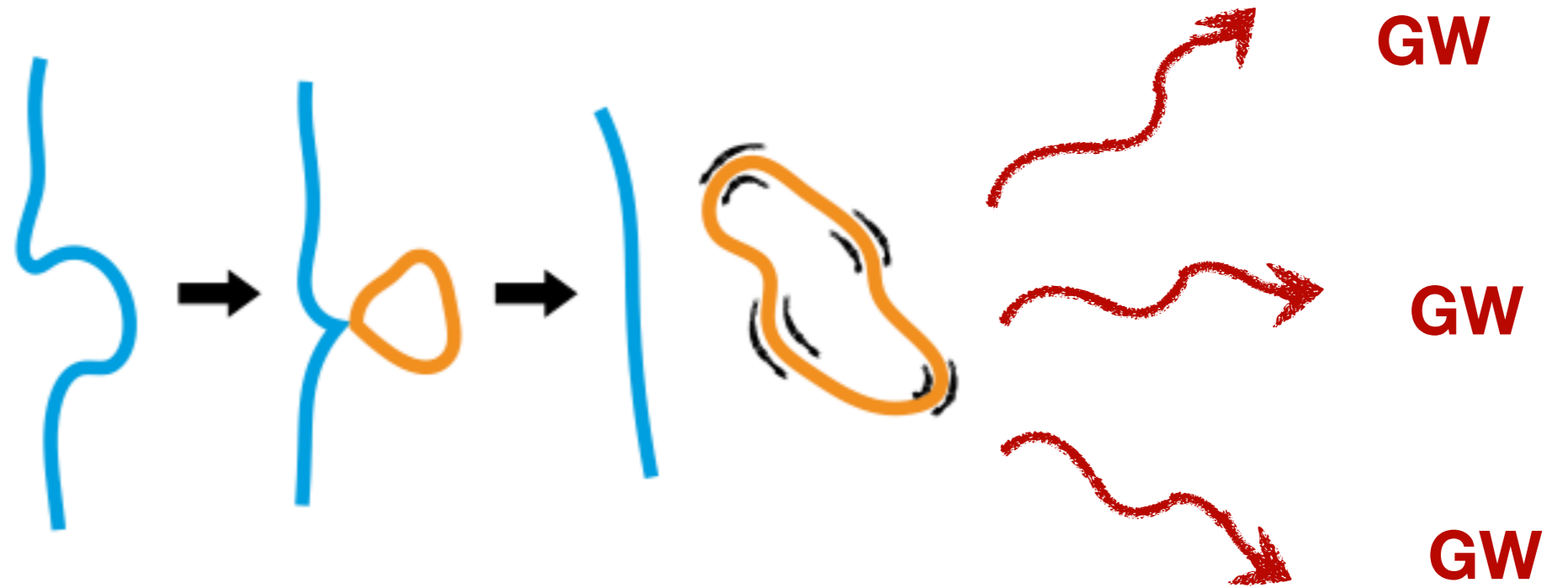
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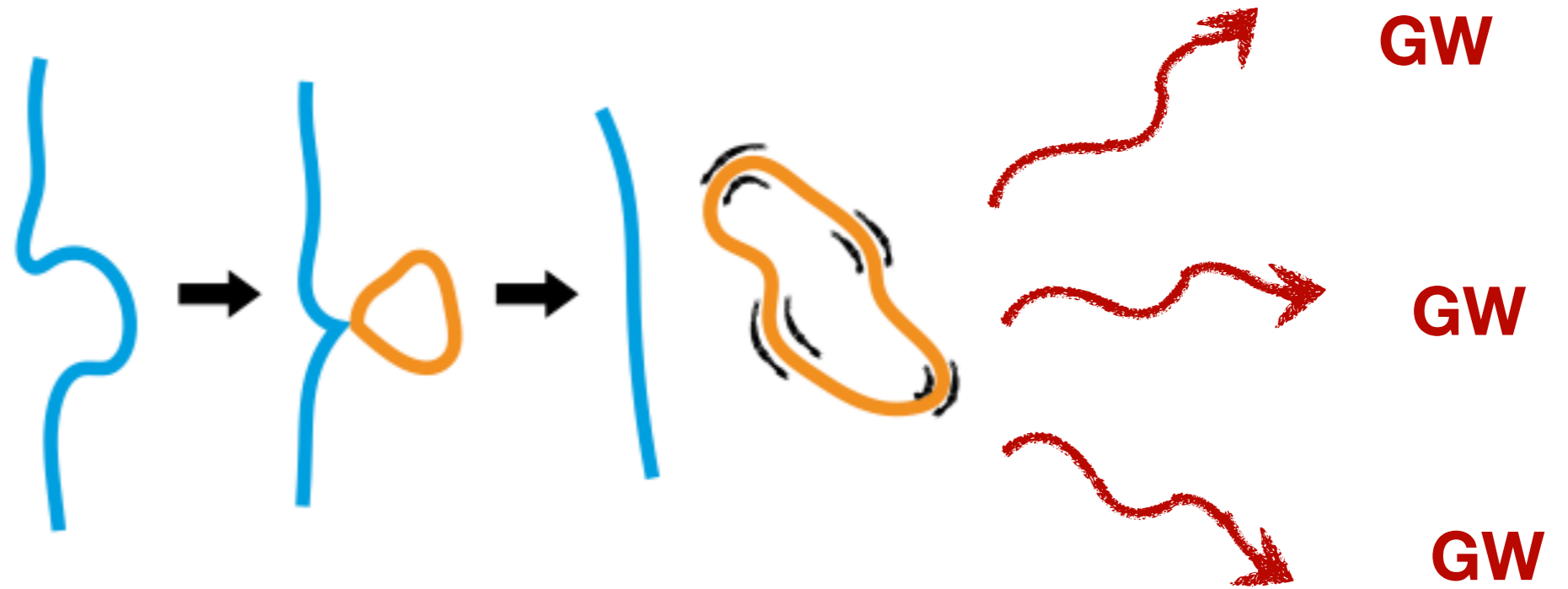
- **Nambu-Goto approximation**

→ 1D classical objects with tension: $\mu \sim \langle \phi \rangle^2$

● **GW spectrum generated by string loops**

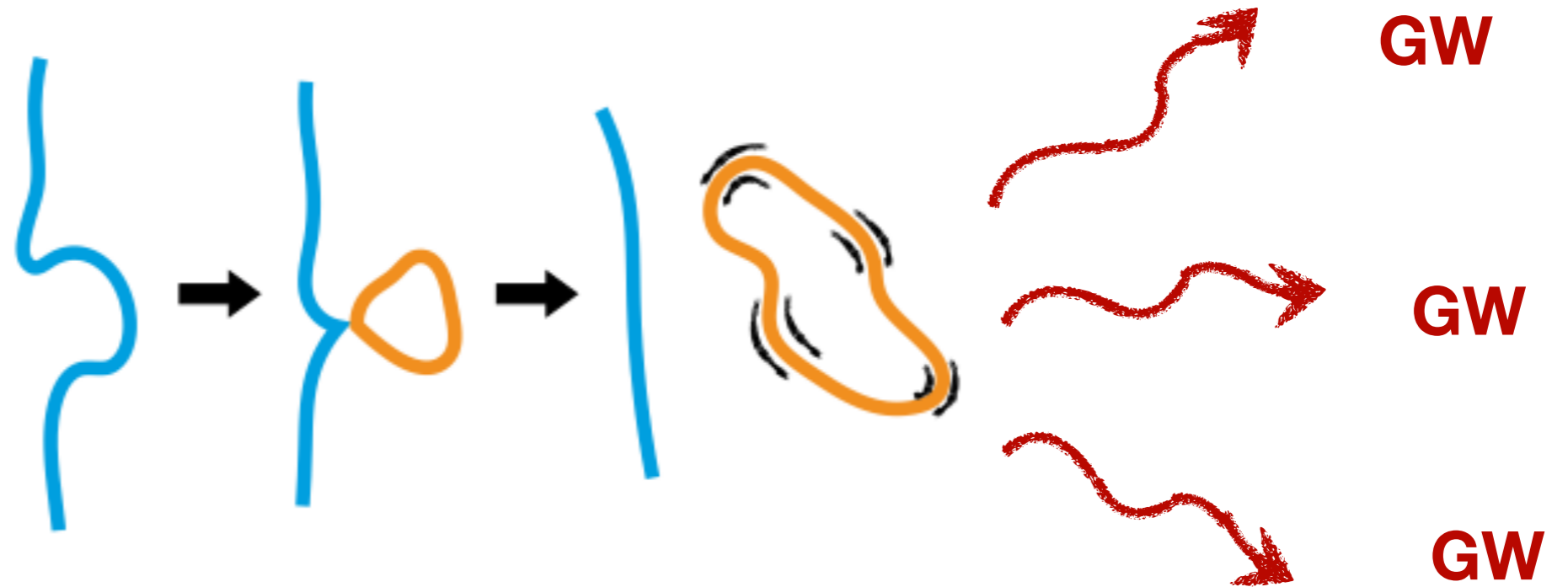


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● **Assume LOCAL strings**

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- **GOAL: Use GW from string as a probe of the Early Universe**