

# PROBING PRIMORDIAL FEATURES WITH THE STOCHASTIC GWs BACKGROUND

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## OUTLINE

- STOCHASTIC BACKGROUND OF GRAVITATIONAL WAVES  
&  
INFLATION AT SMALL-SCALES
- FEATURES IN THE PRIMORDIAL POWER SPECTRUM
  - OSCILLATIONS IN THE SCWB

# STOCHASTIC BACKGROUND OF GWS

RANDOM SIGNAL PRODUCED BY MANY WEAK,  
INDEPENDENT AND UNRESOLVED SOURCES.

- **ASTROPHYSICAL**

CBCS, CORE COLLAPSE SUPERNOVAE, EARLY INSPIRALS ETC..

SEARCHES IN GROUND BASED INTERFEROMETERS (LVK)

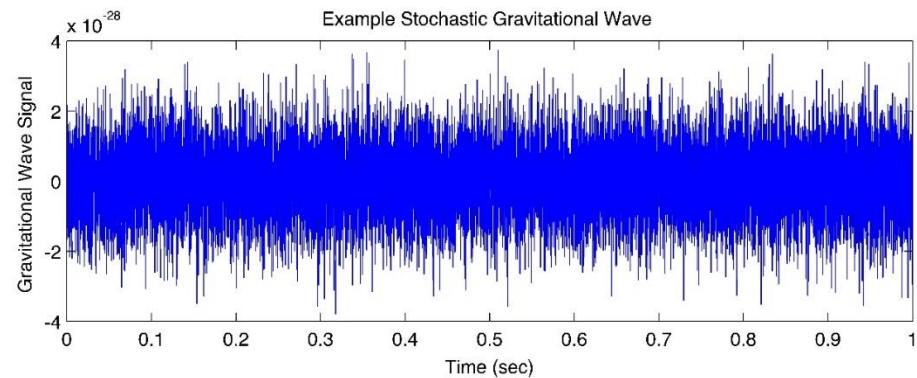
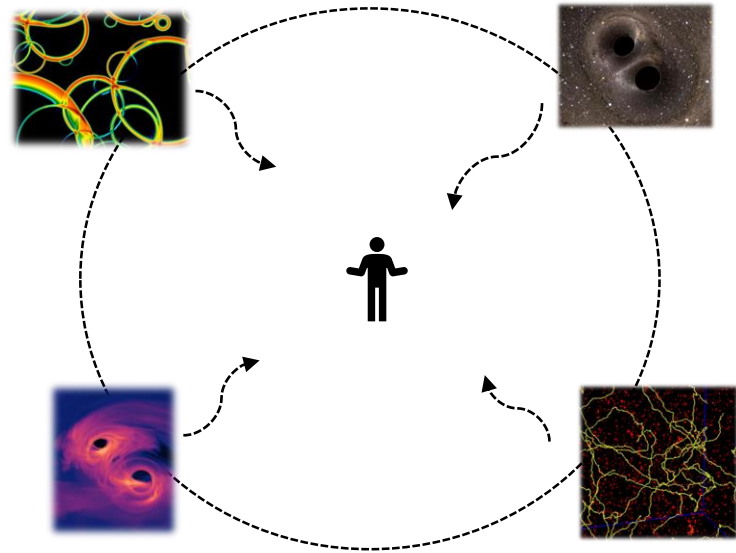
- **COSMOLOGICAL**

EARLY UNIVERSE PROCESSES,

FIRST ORDER PHASE TRANSITIONS, TOPOLOGICAL  
DEFECTS, INFLATION

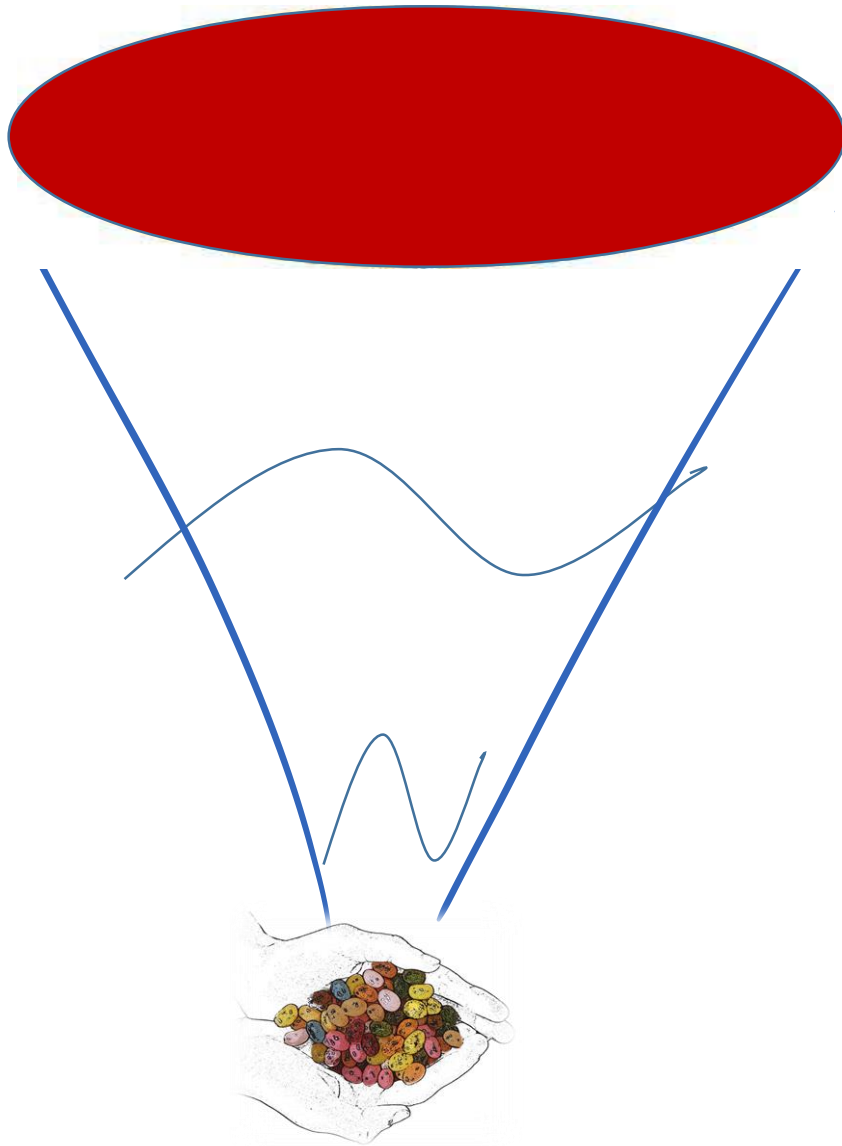
SEARCHES IN GROUND AND FUTURE SPACE  
INTERFEROMETERS (LISA ETC.)

*Caprini and Figueroa '18 for a review*

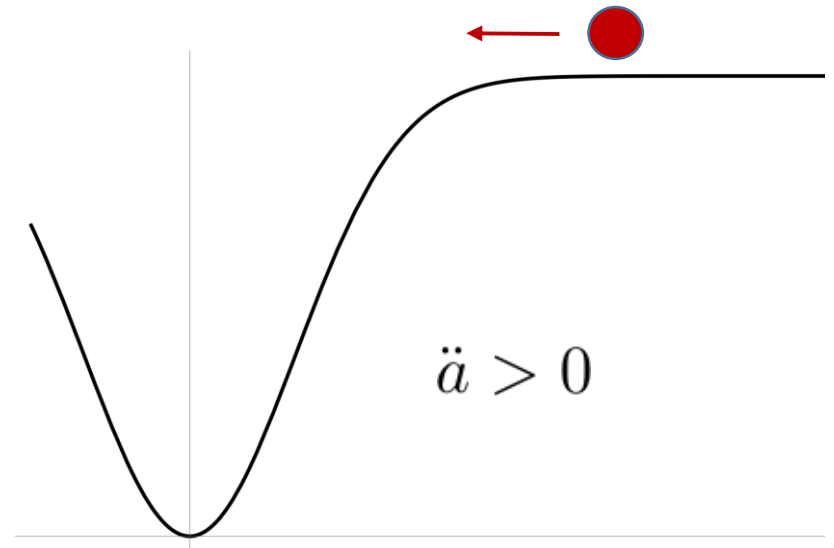


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# COSMIC INFLATION



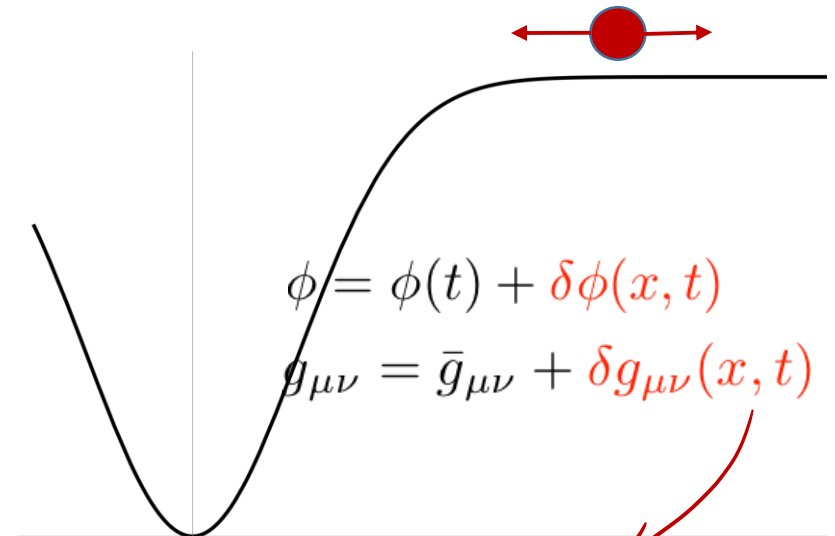
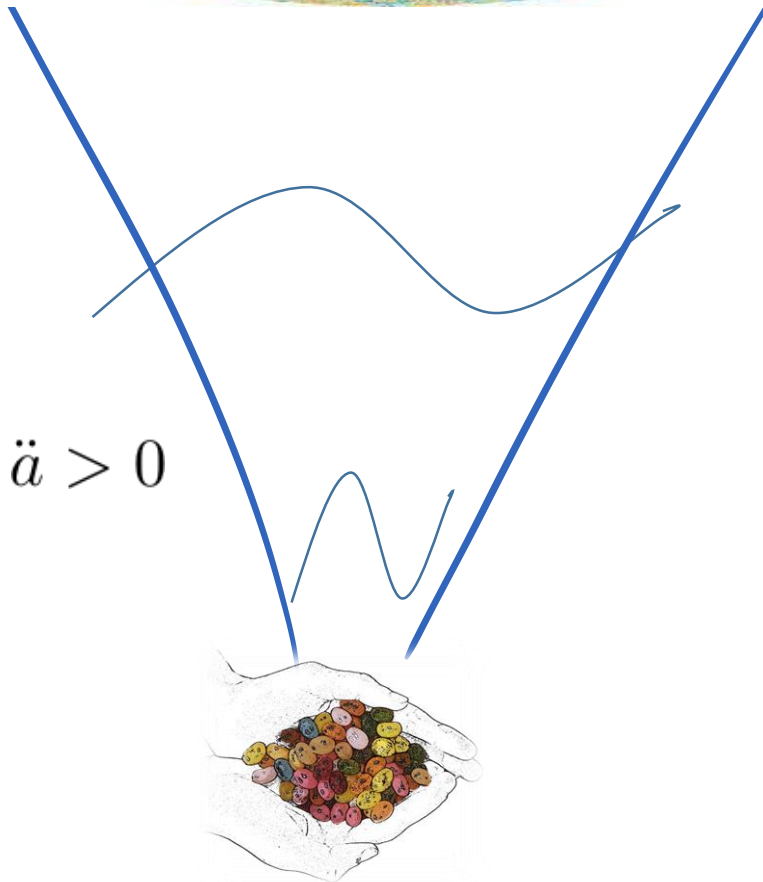
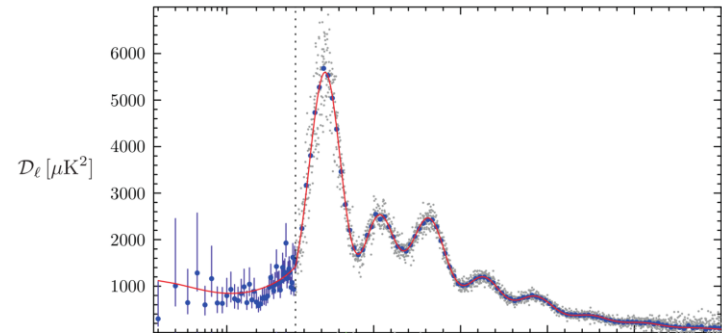
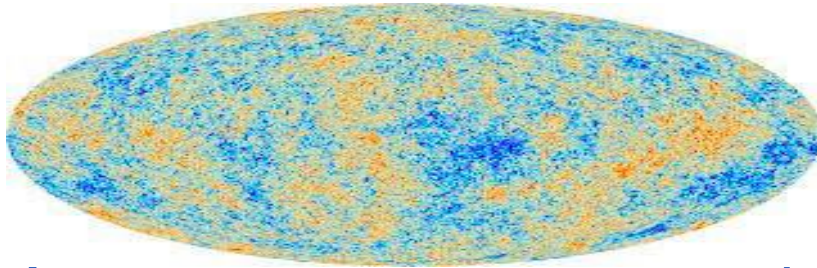
*Toy Single-field*



$$\mathcal{S}_\phi = \text{GR} - \frac{1}{2} \int \sqrt{-g} (g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi - V(\phi))$$

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + a^2(t) [dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2]$$

# COSMIC INFLATION



Comoving curvature  
perturbation

$$\zeta \Rightarrow \delta T$$

# WHY GOING BEYOND THE SIMPLE SCENARIO?

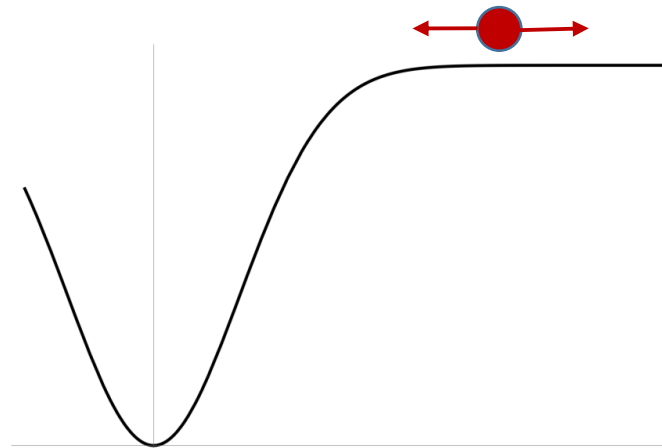
## 2 COMMENTS:

1. **THEORETICALLY:** HARD TO BELIEVE IT IS NOT JUST A PHENOMENOLOGICAL EFFECTIVE DESCRIPTION.

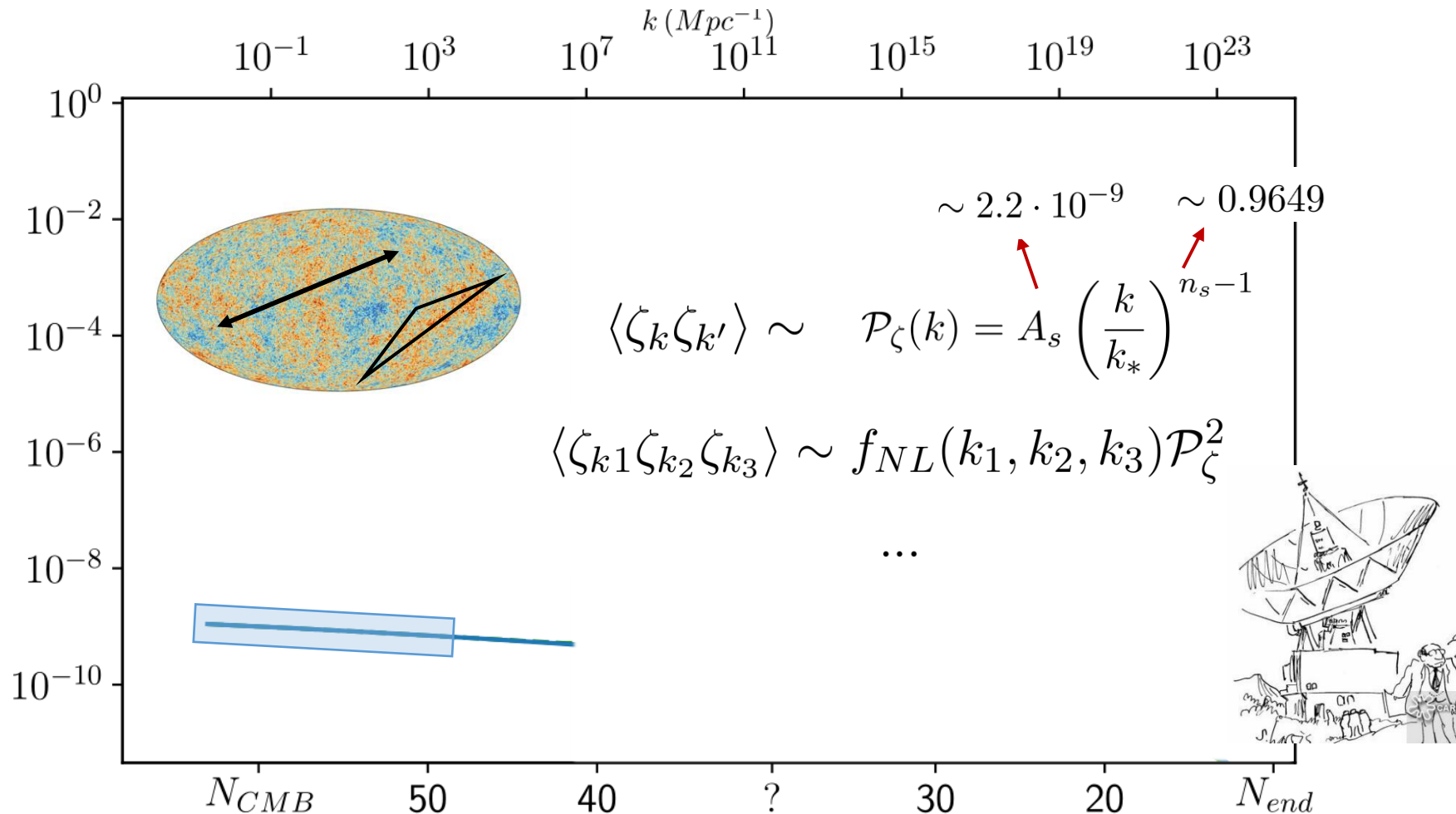
SEVERAL ISSUE WHEN UV EMBEDDING (ETA-PROBLEM, ETC.)

2. **EXPERIMENTALLY:** THE PICTURE IS CONSISTENT WITH DATA **BUT**

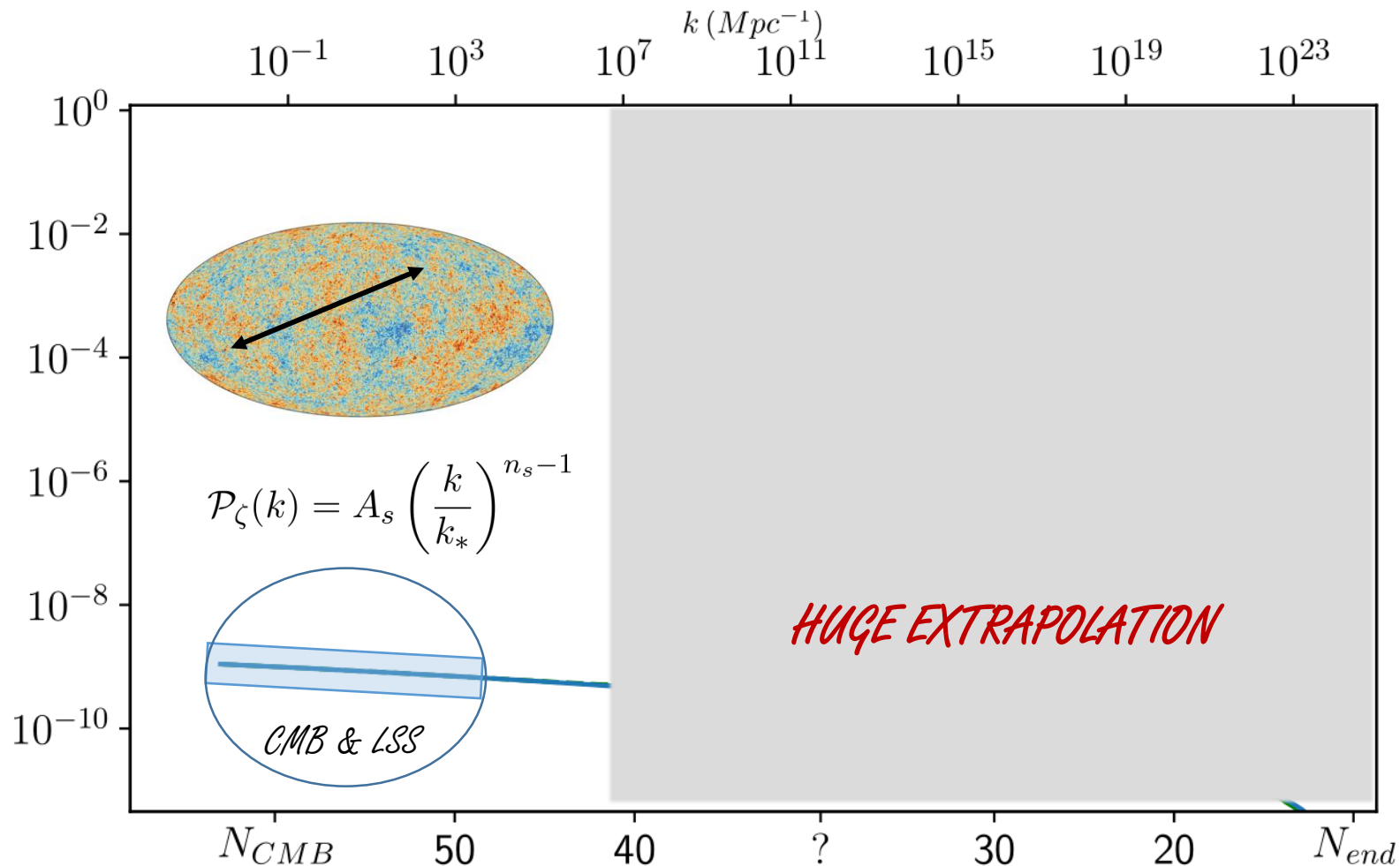
DATA CONSTRAIN ONLY A SMALL PART OF THE INFLATIONARY HISTORY



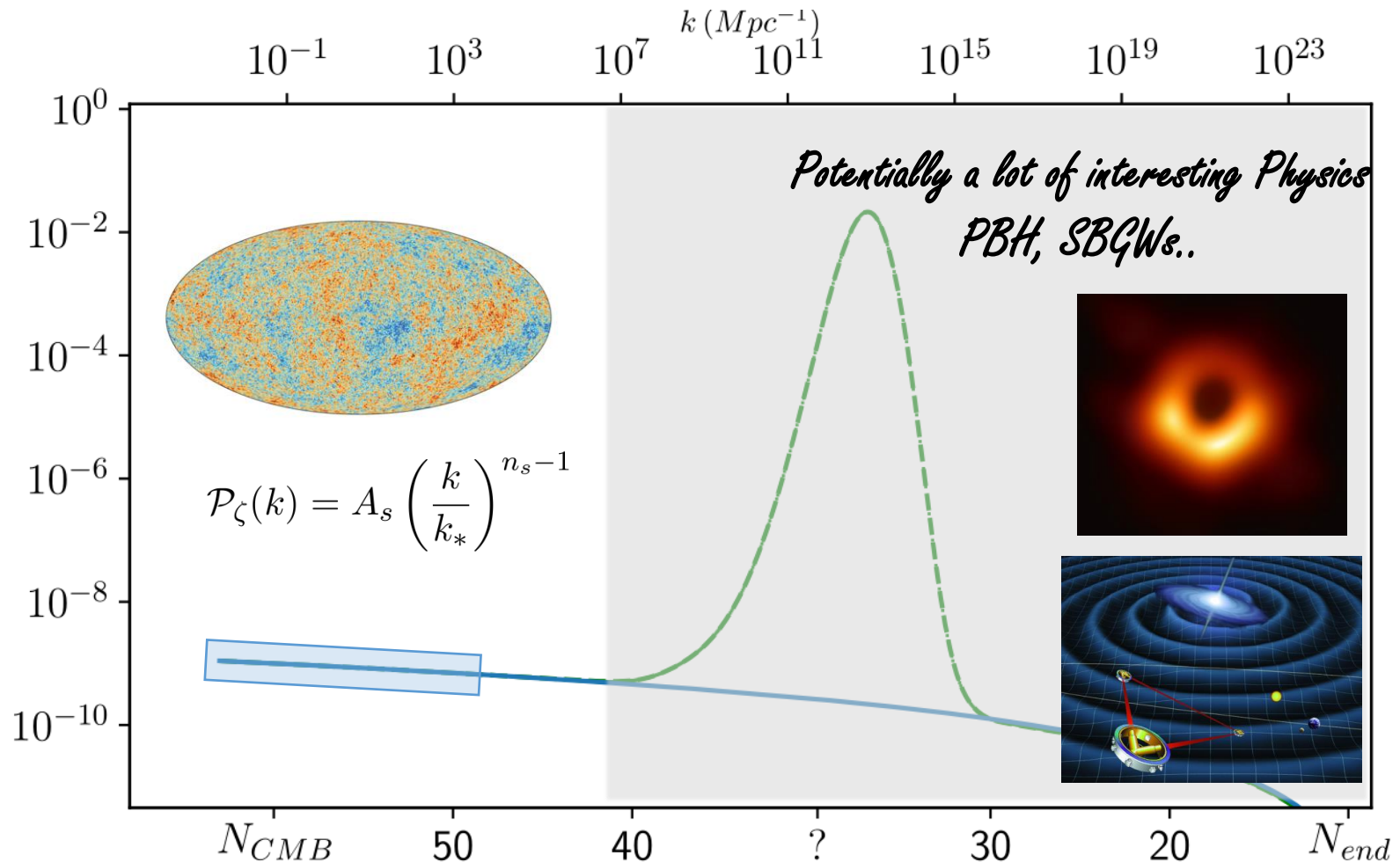
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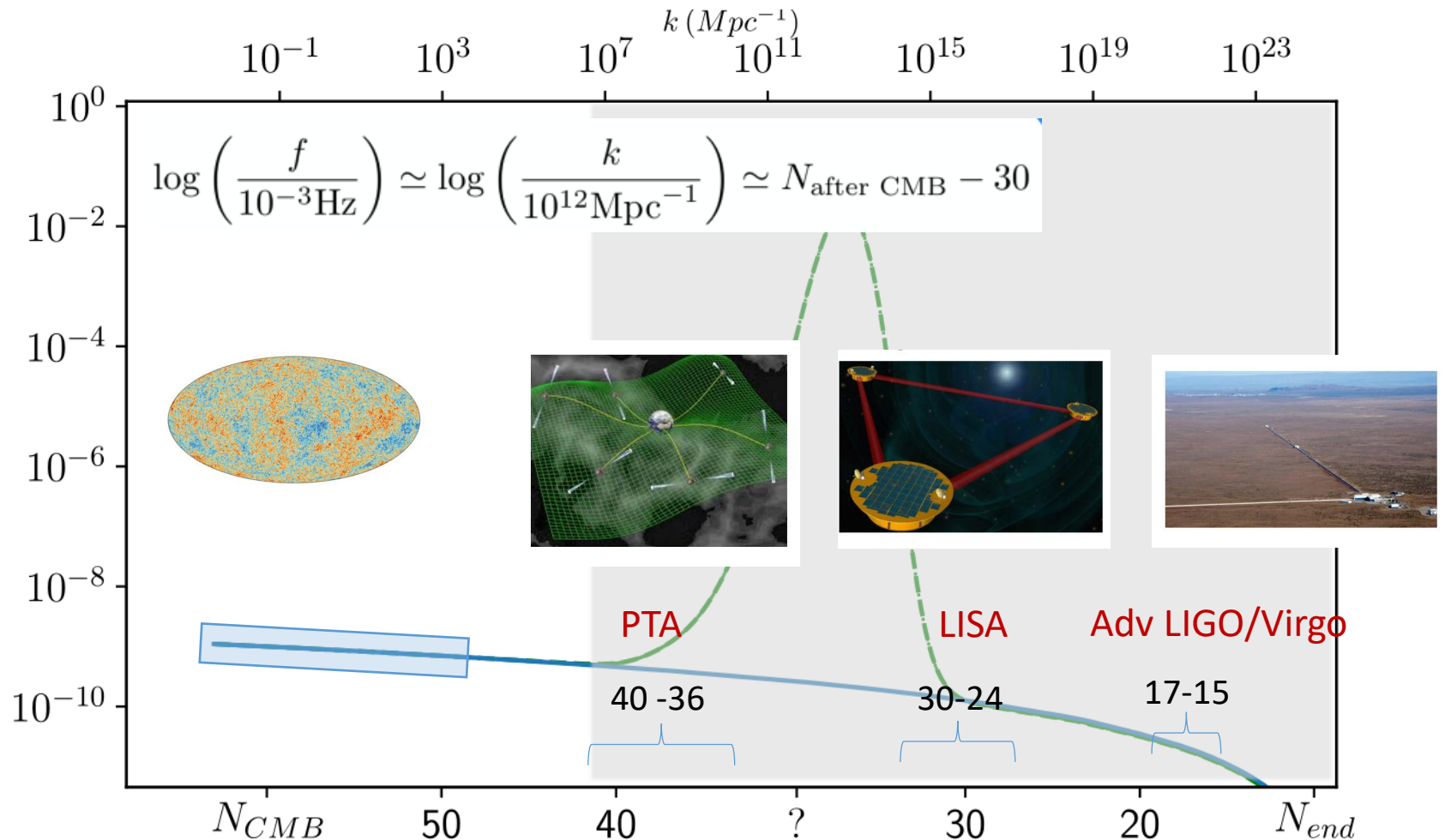
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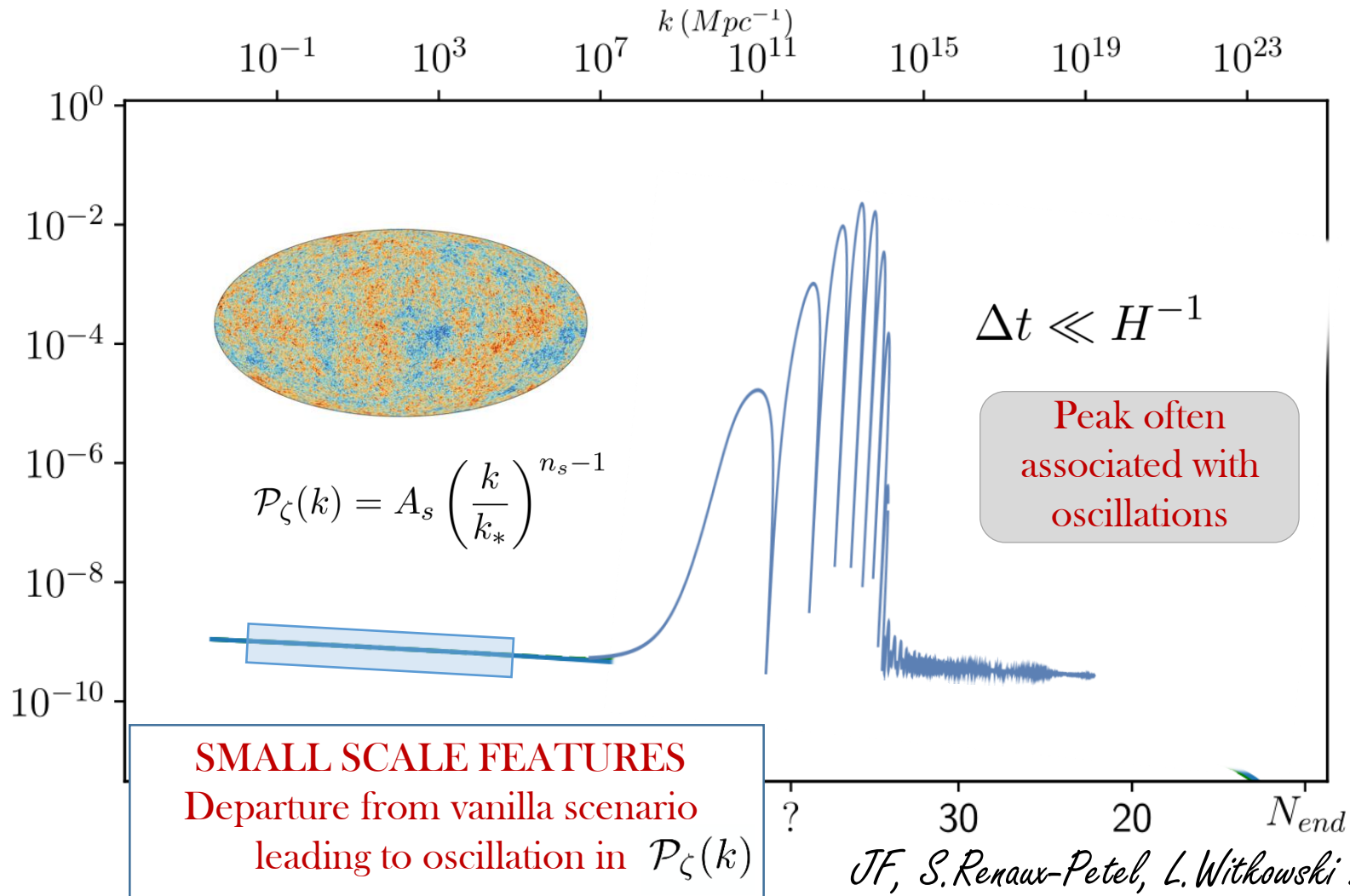
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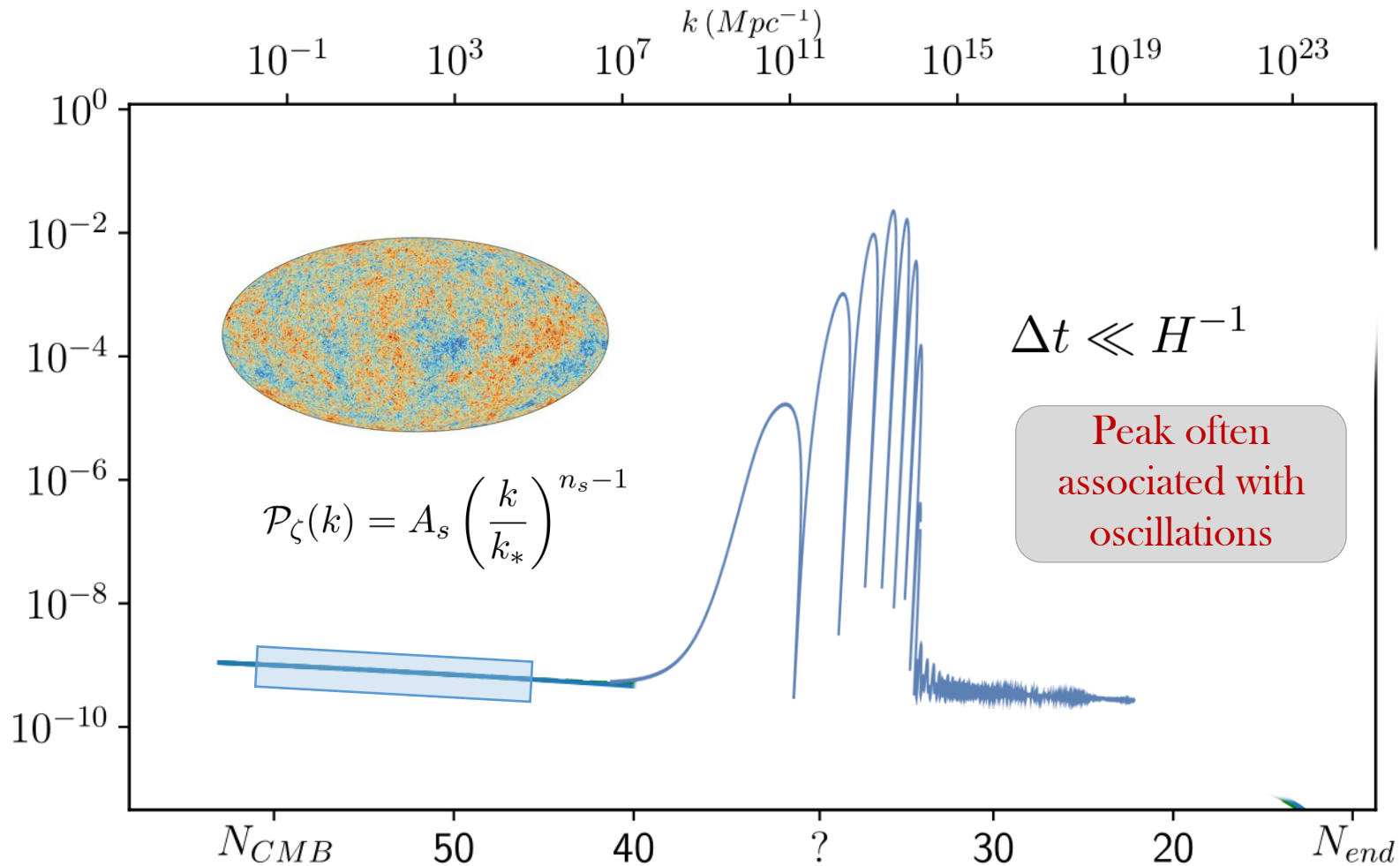
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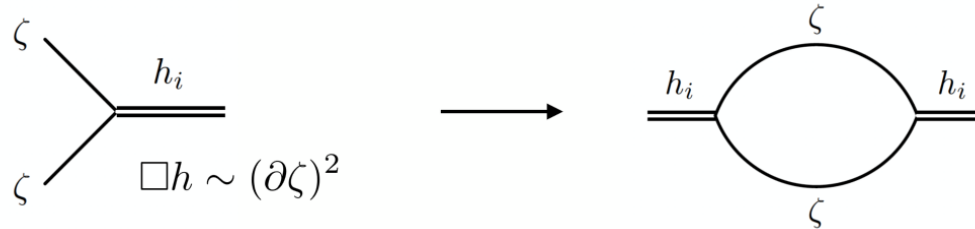
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**DO OSCILLATIONS LEAVE OBSERVATIONAL IMPRINTS IN THE SCWB ?**

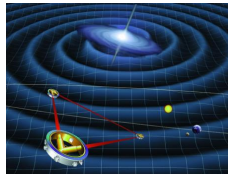
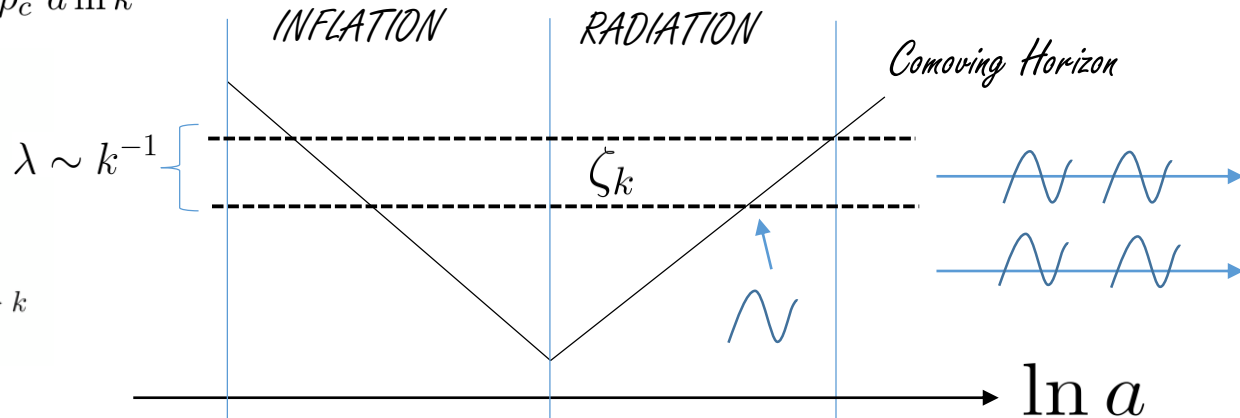
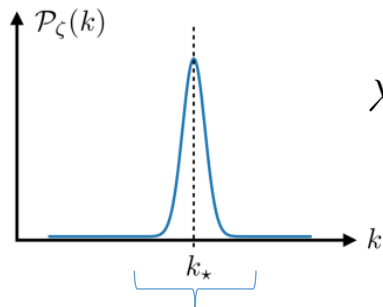
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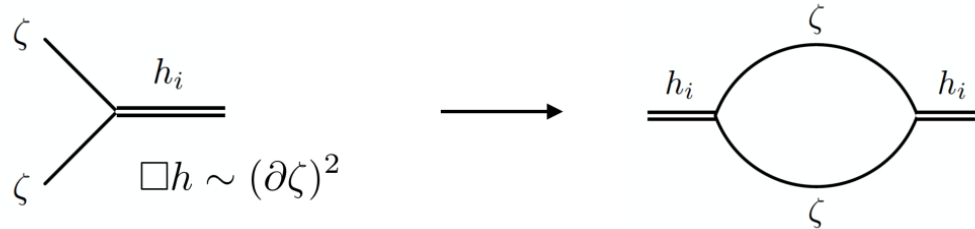
$$\Omega_{\text{GW}}(k) = c_g \Omega_{\text{r},0} \int_0^{\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}} dd \int_{\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}}^{\infty} ds \mathcal{T}_{\text{RD}}(d, s) \mathcal{P}_{\zeta}\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}k}{2}(s+d)\right) \mathcal{P}_{\zeta}\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}k}{2}(s-d)\right)$$

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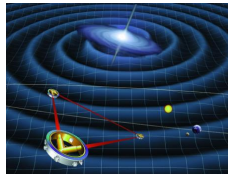
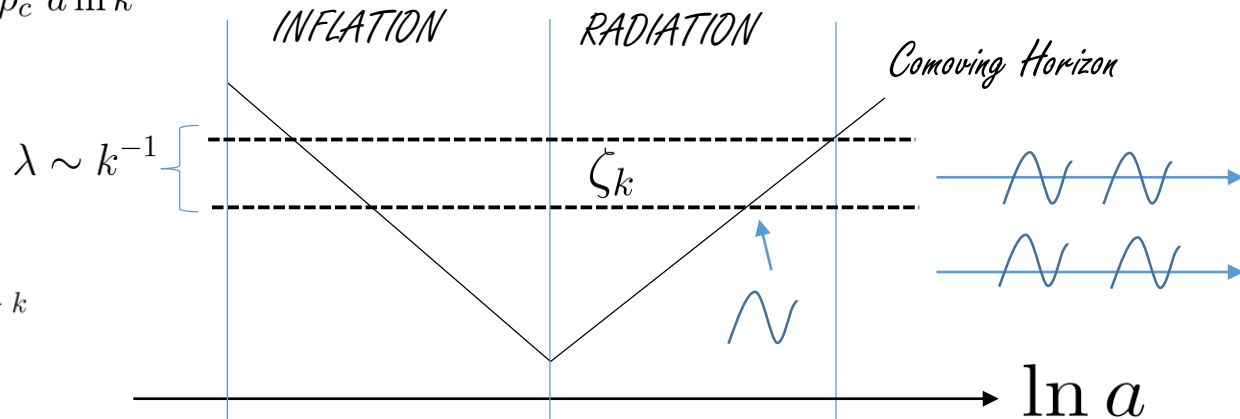
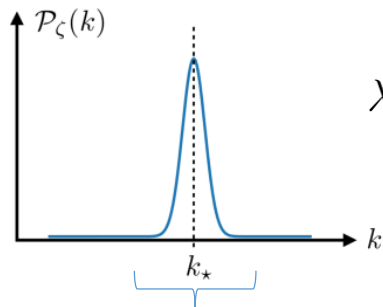
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$$\Omega_{\text{GW}}(k) \simeq 10^{-5} \mathcal{P}^2 \implies \mathcal{P}/\mathcal{P}_0 \simeq 10^5 - 10^6 \quad \underline{\text{ENHANCEMENT TO BE SEEN IN GWs DETECTORS}}$$

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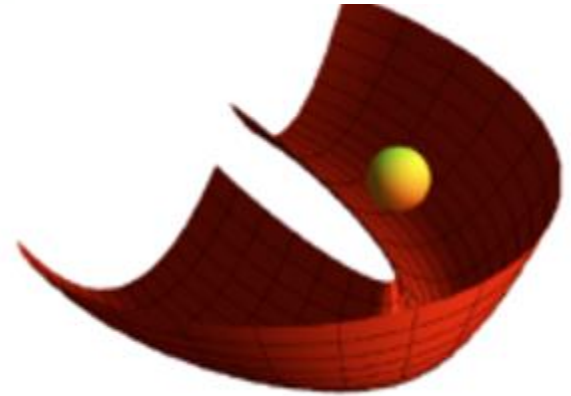
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*(Step in the potential / 2-stage / turn in field-space etc..)*

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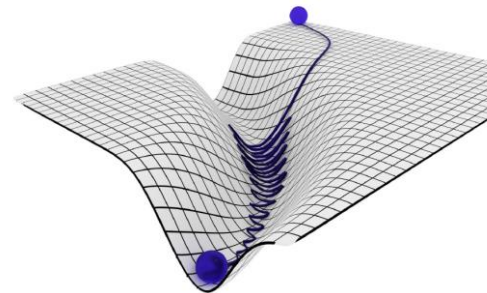
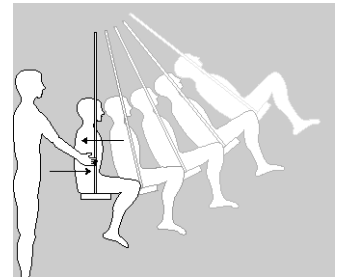
- *RESONANT FEATURE - Oscillations of BkG*

*(Ex. Monodromy inflation, double turn, in-out horizon..)*

$$\mathcal{P}_\zeta(k) = \overline{\mathcal{P}}(k) \left( 1 + A_{\text{log}} \cos(\omega_{\text{log}} \log(k/k_{\text{ref}}) + \phi_{\text{log}}) \right)$$

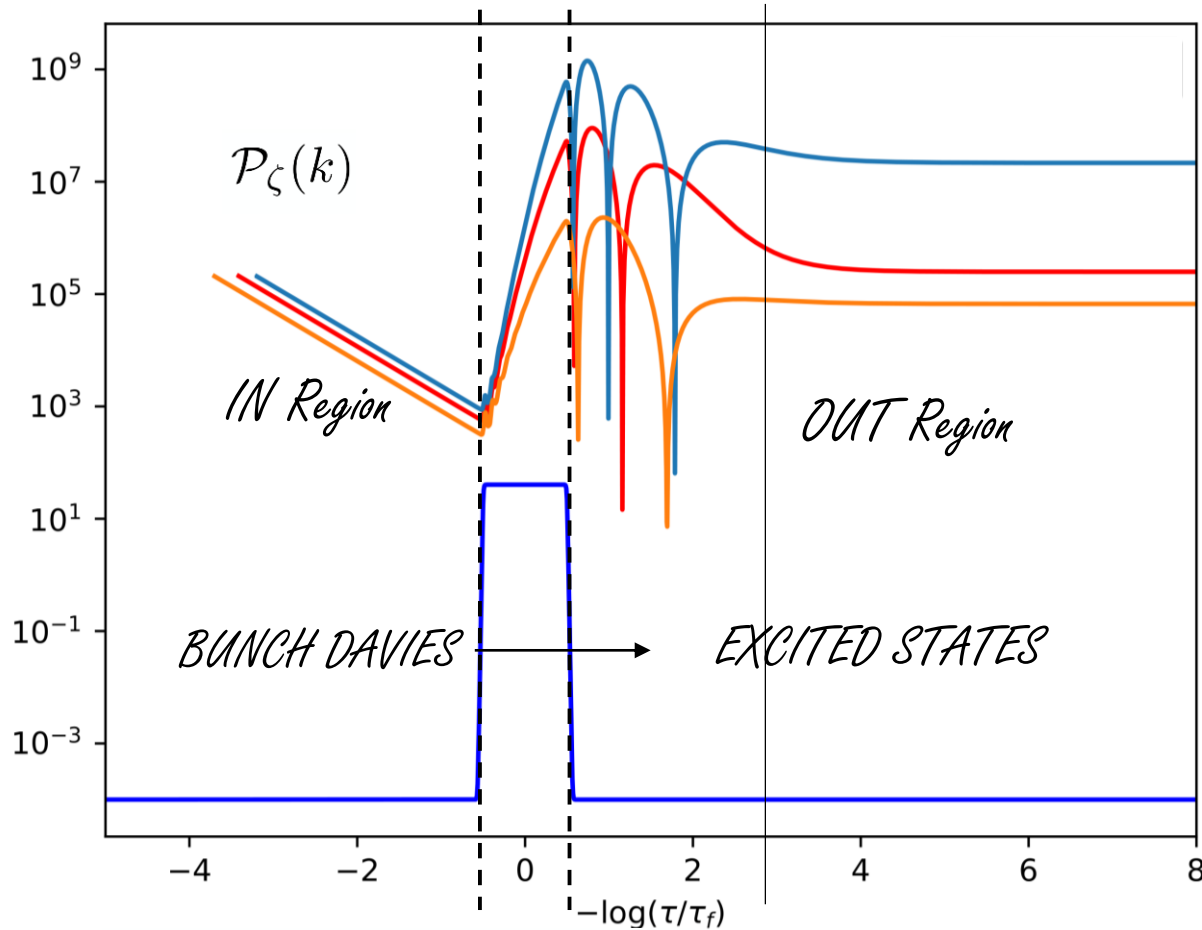


*Log- $\mathcal{K}$  Periodic  $M/H$*



# SHARP FEATURE

(Step in the potential / 2-stage / turn in field-space etc..)



$$\text{ph} \left( \frac{\beta_k}{\alpha_k} \right) \sim e^{2ik/k_f}$$

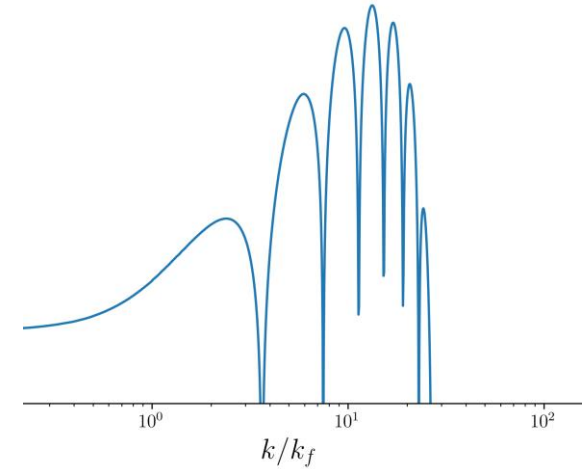
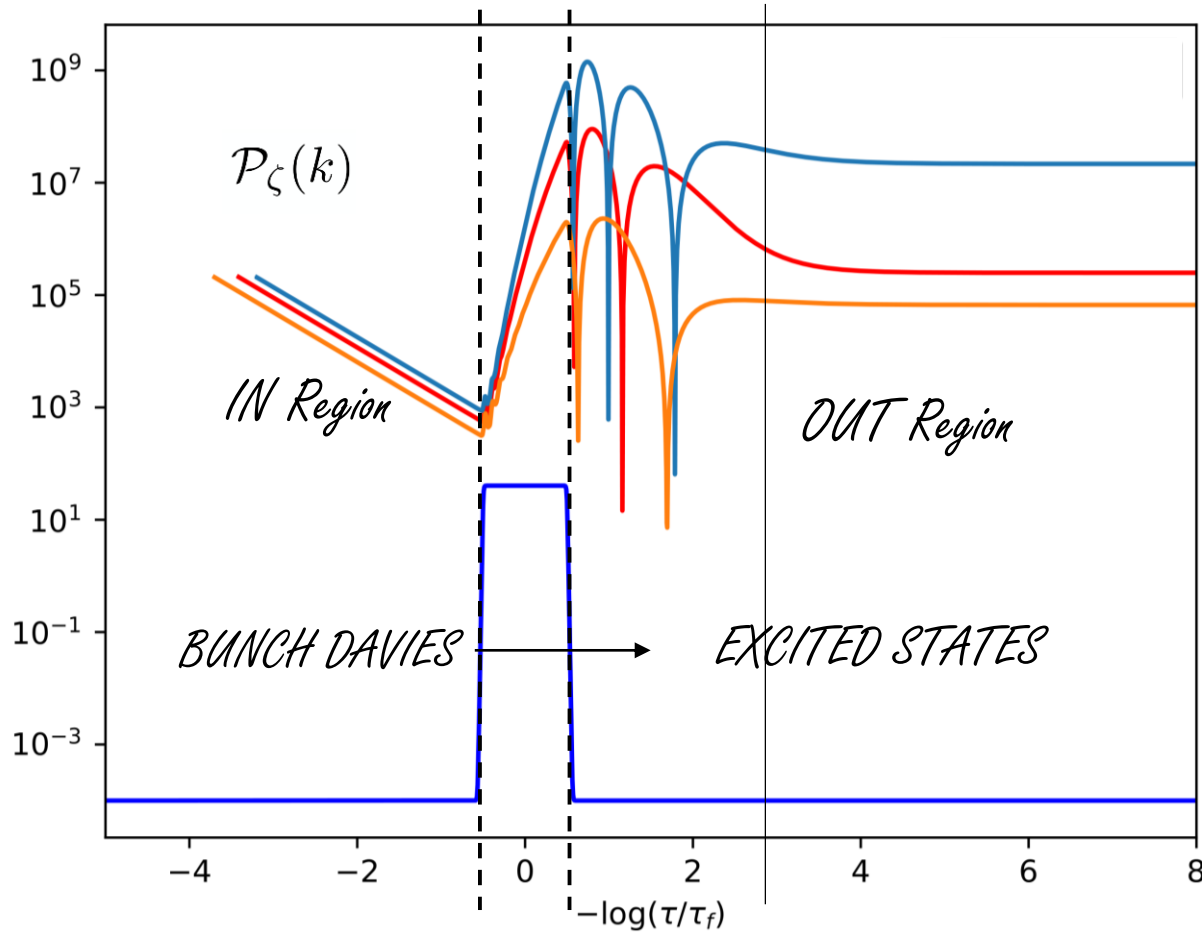
$$\hat{\zeta}_k(\tau) = \zeta_k^{\text{BD}}(\tau) \hat{a}(\mathbf{k}) + \text{h.c.}(-\mathbf{k}) \longrightarrow \hat{\zeta}_k(\tau) = \left[ \alpha_k \zeta_k^{\text{BD}}(\tau) + \beta_k \zeta_k^{*\text{BD}}(\tau) \right] \hat{a}(\mathbf{k}) + \text{h.c.}(-\mathbf{k})$$

$\searrow$ 
 $|\alpha_k|^2 - |\beta_k|^2 = 1$

$$\mathcal{P}_0^{1/2} e^{-ik\tau} (1 + ik\tau)$$

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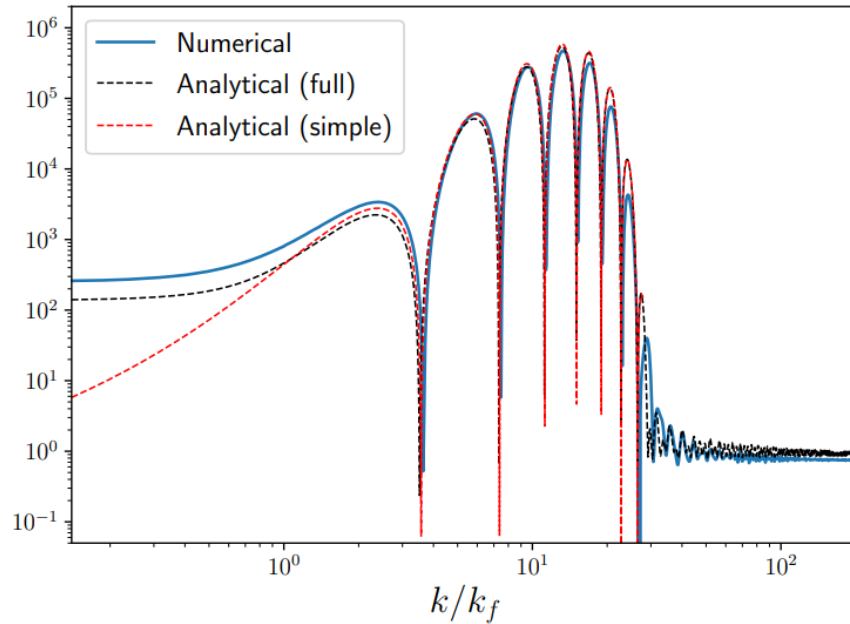
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$$\mathcal{P}_\zeta(k)$$

$$\delta = 0.5, \eta_\perp = 14, \xi = -3$$



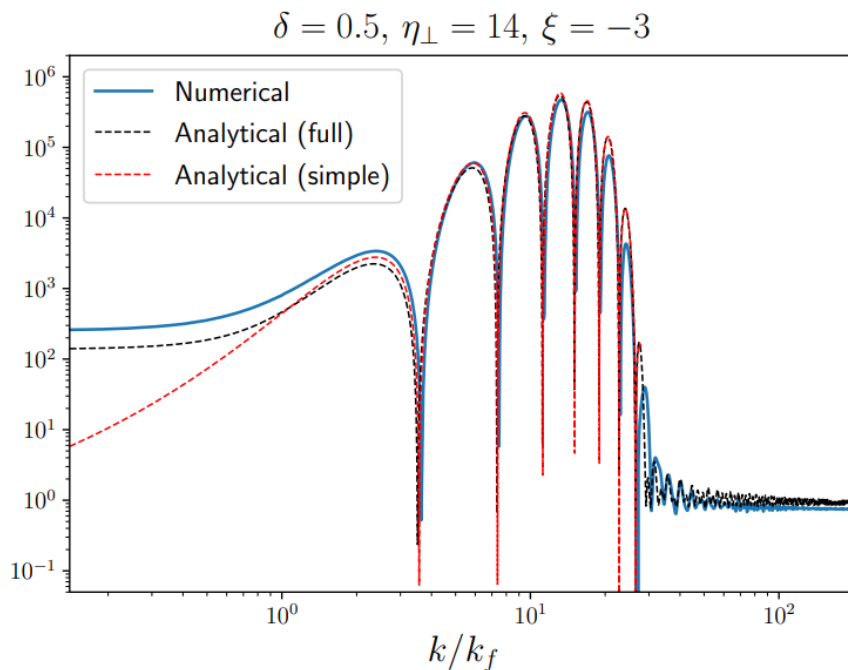
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$N$  - PEAKS IN  $\mathcal{P}_\zeta(k) \implies N(N+1)/2$  PEAKS IN  $\Omega_{\text{GW}}$

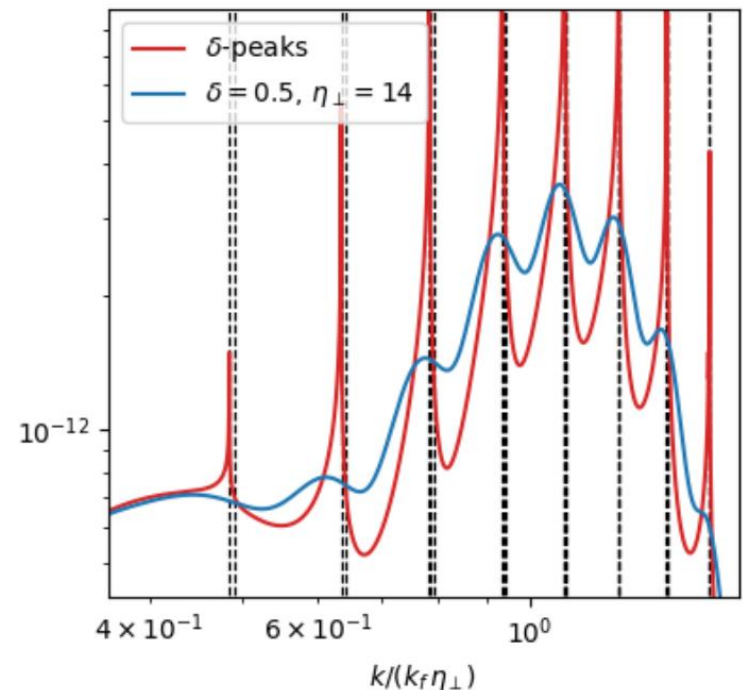
$$k_{\text{max},ij} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(k_{\star i} + k_{\star j}), \quad \text{with} \quad k_{\text{max},ij} > |k_{\star i} - k_{\star j}|$$

*R. Cai, S. Pi, S. Wang, &  
X. Yang '19*

$\mathcal{P}_\zeta(k)$



$\Omega_{\text{GW}}$



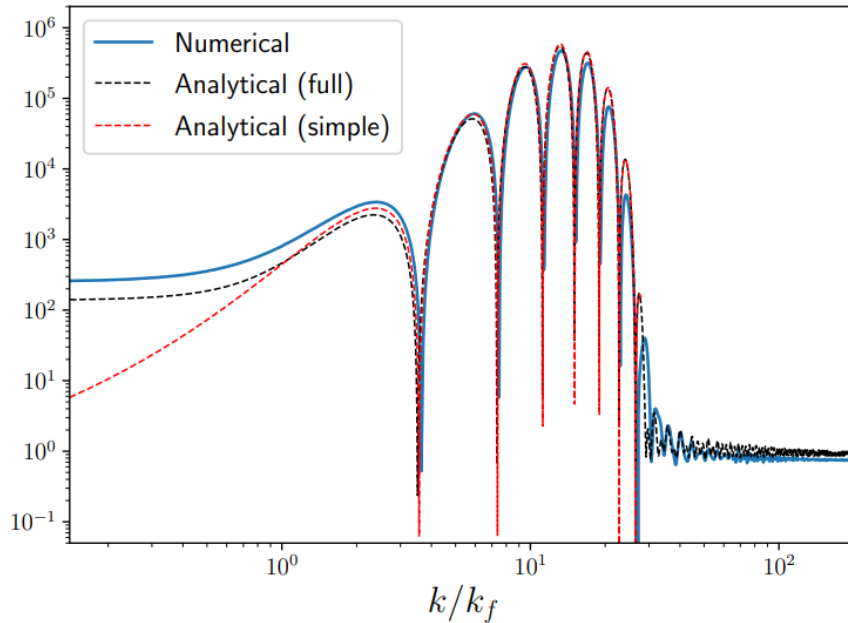
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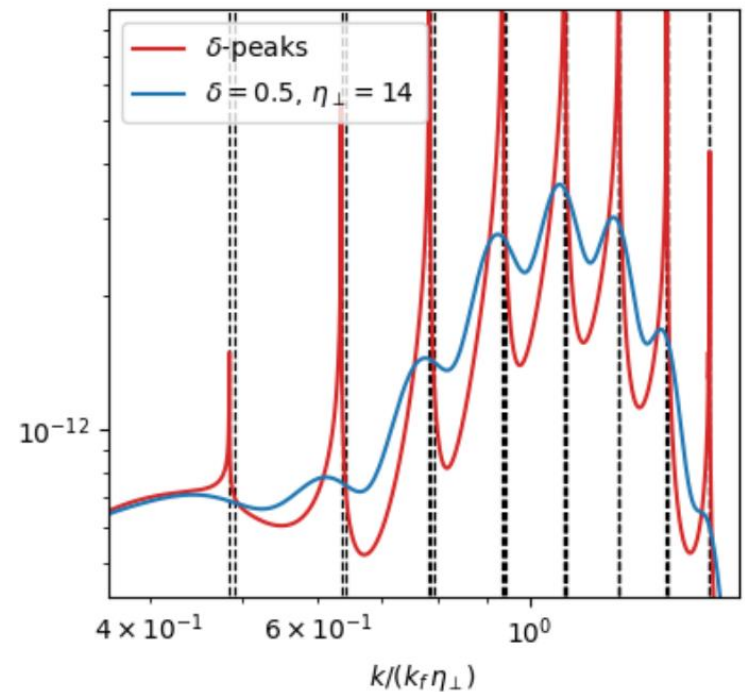
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$$\Omega_{\text{GW}}$$



# SHARP FEATURE - TEMPLATE

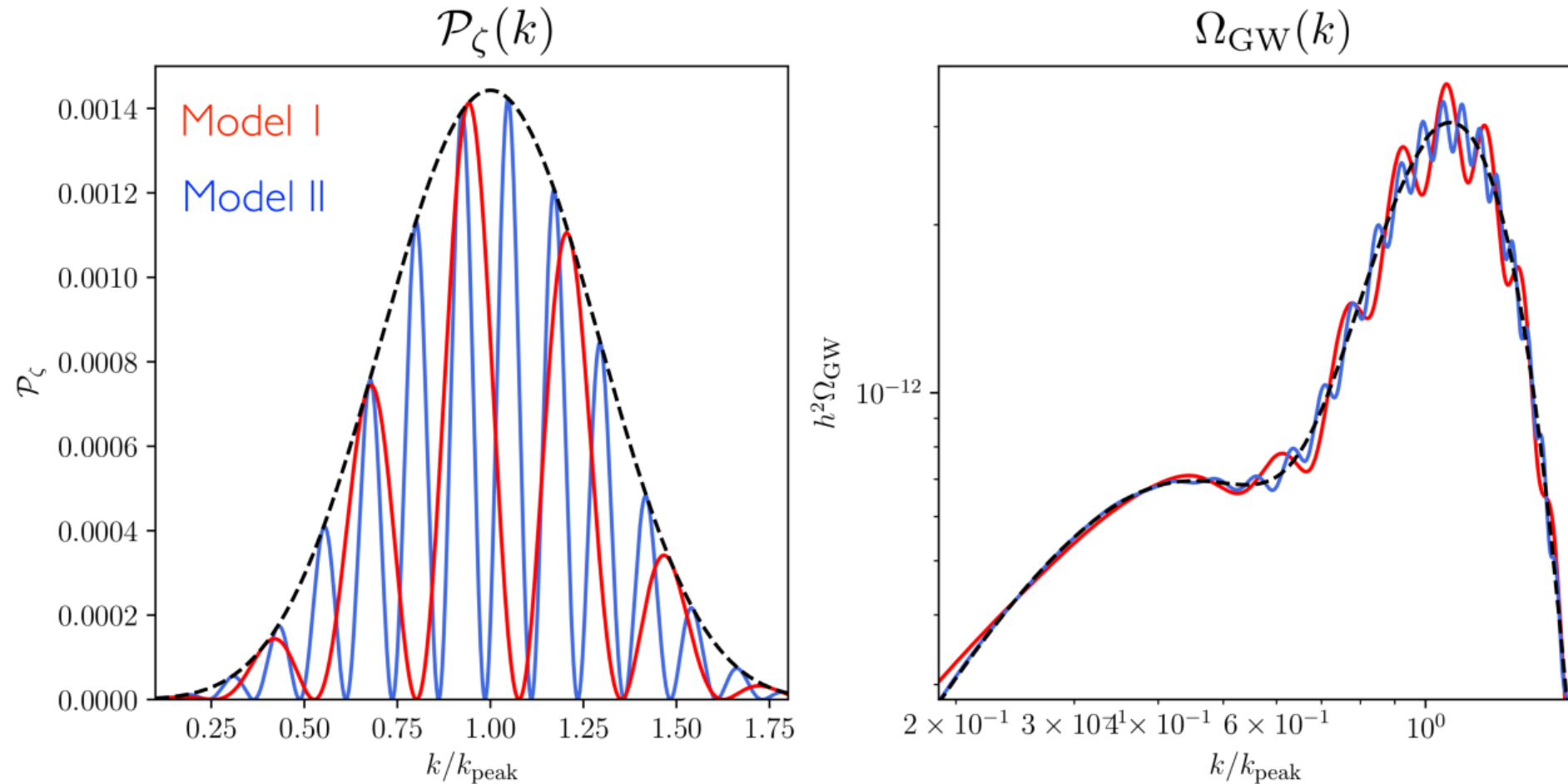
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- OVERALL SHAPE —————> ENVELOPE OF THE POWER SPECTRUM
- PERIODIC STRUCTURE —————> PERIODIC STRUCTURE
- AVERAGING OUT FROM 100% MODULATION TO 10% MODULATION

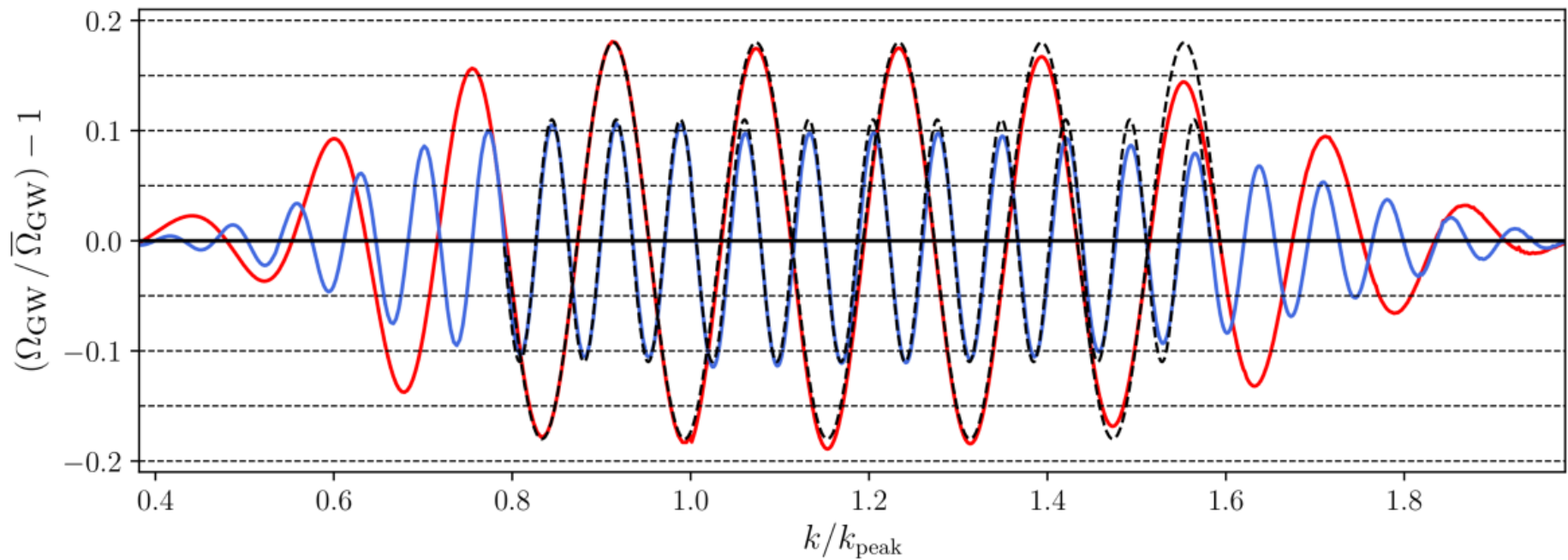
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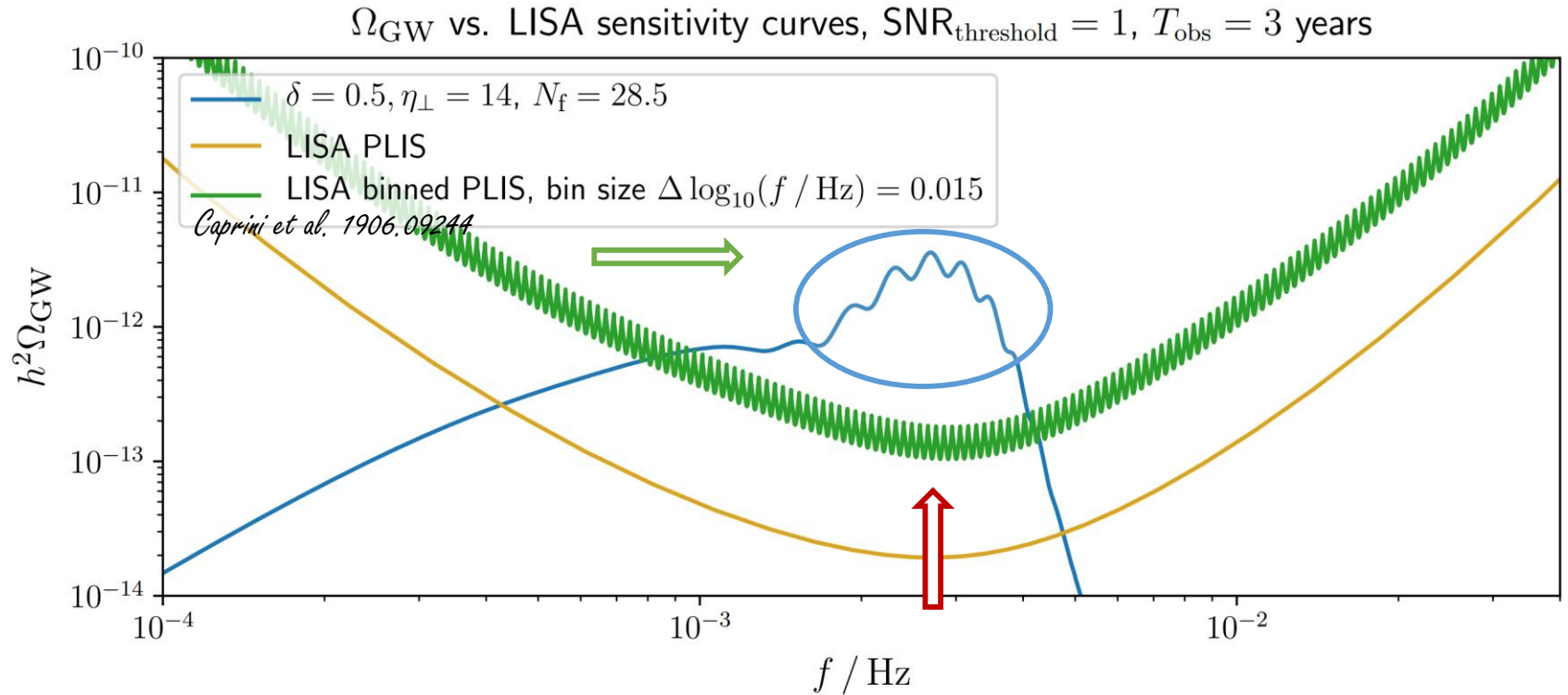
$\overline{\Omega}_{\text{GW}}(k)$ : SMOOTHED QWS SPECTRUM



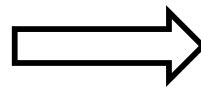
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# POTENTIAL DISCOVERY



- AMPLITUDE
- FREQUENCY PEAK
- OSCILLATIONS PERIOD



- ENERGY SCALE
- WHEN DURING INFLATION?
- FOR HOW LONG?

# RESONANT FEATURE - TEMPLATE

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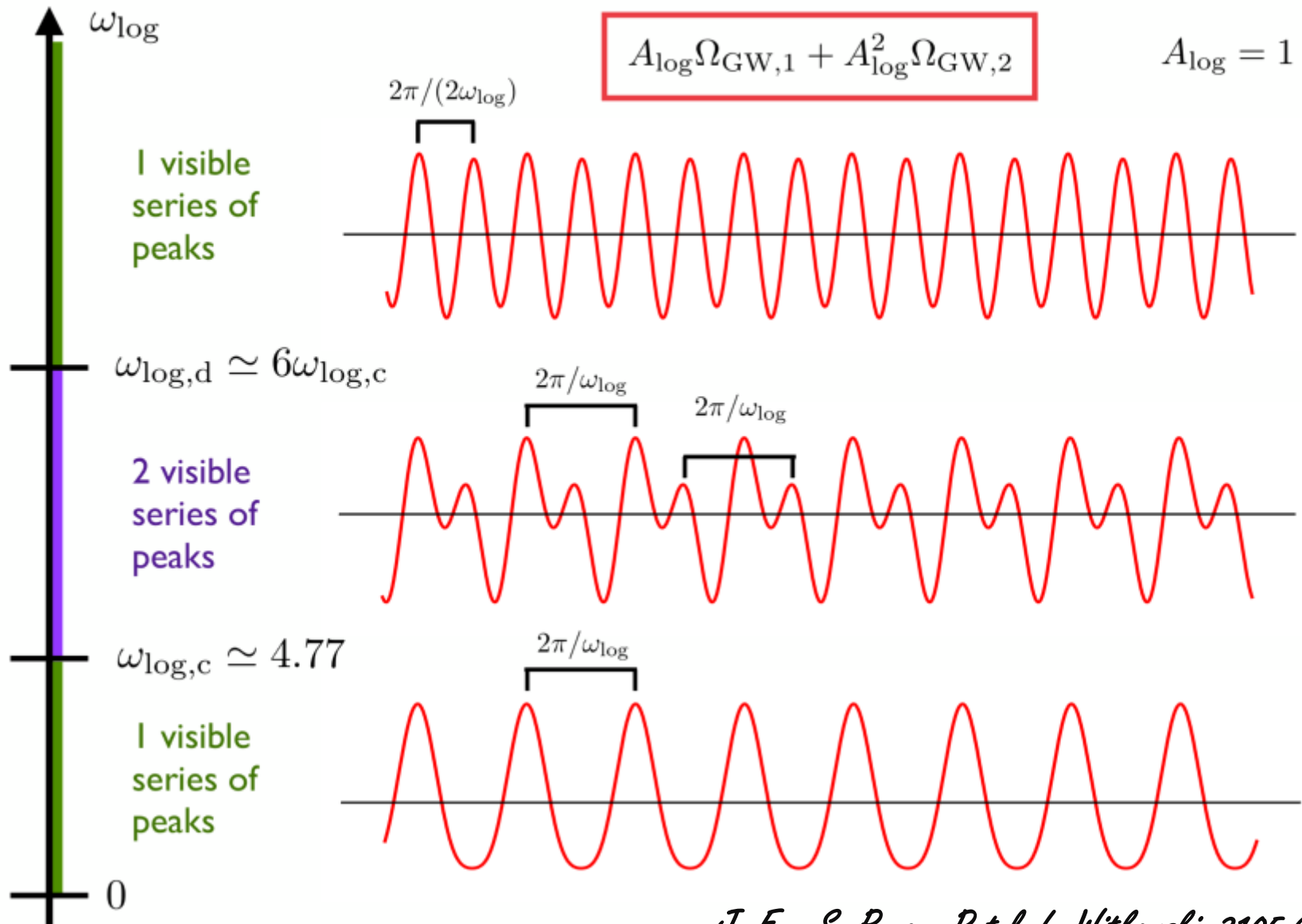
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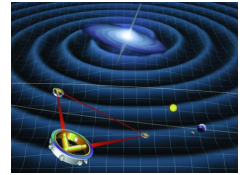
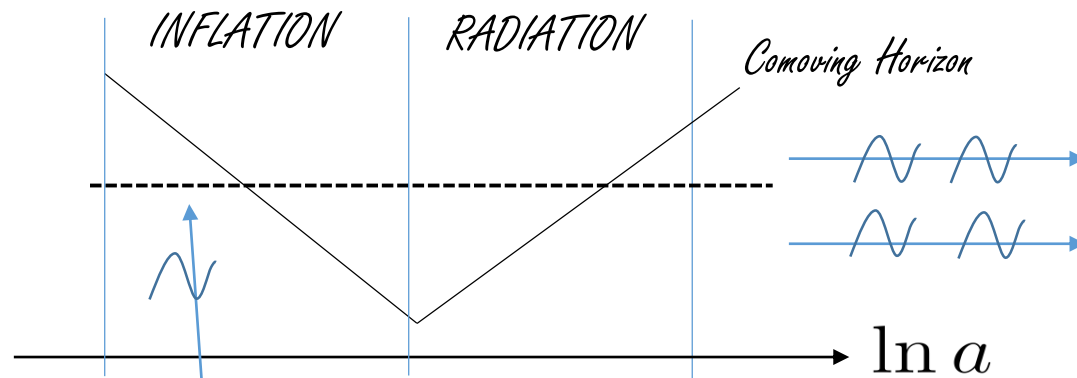
— COMPLICATED PERIODIC STRUCTURE IN  $\log(k)$

— THE TWO CONTRIBUTIONS DROP WITH FREQUENCY BUT AT DIFFERENT RATE

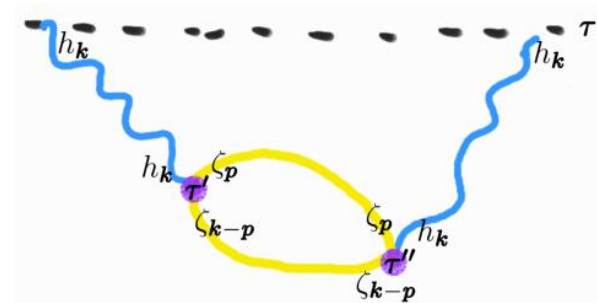
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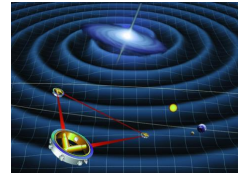
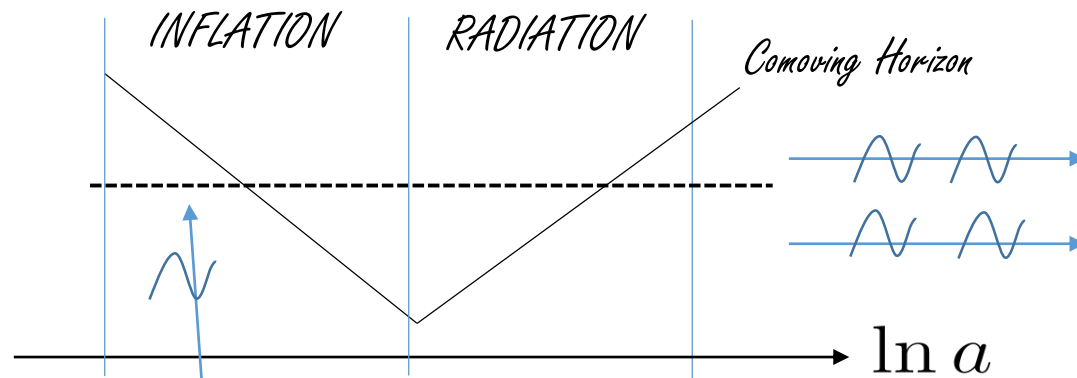


- SOURCE  $\square h_{\mu\nu} \propto (\partial Q)^2 \propto \epsilon (\partial \zeta)^2$   
 $Q$  : Scalar Fluctuation



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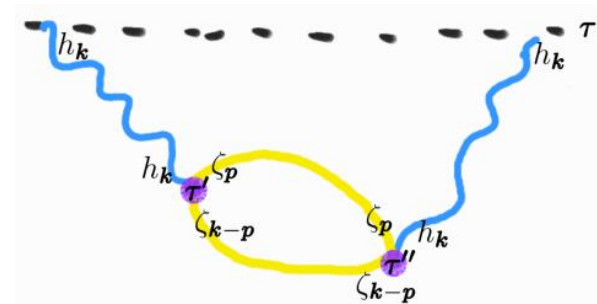
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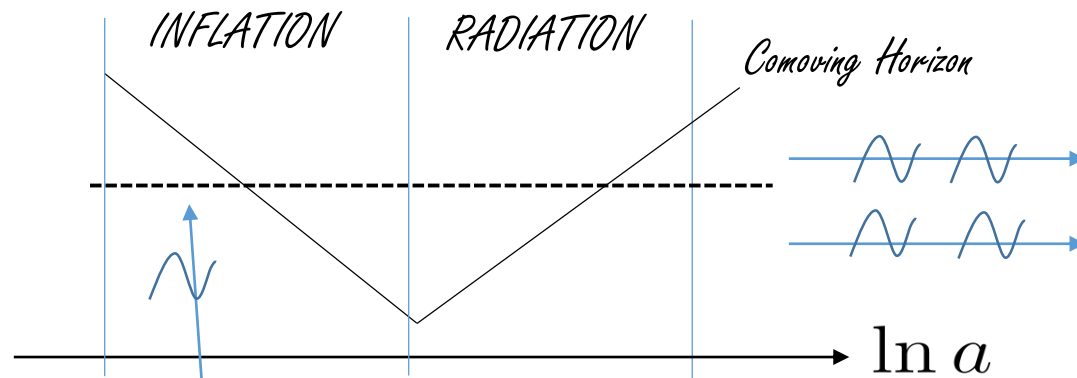
IF TRIVIAL TIME DEPENDENCE ON SUB-HUBBLE SCALES

$$\Omega_{\text{GW}}^{\text{inf}}(k, \tau) \propto \epsilon^2 \int \int \mathcal{P}_{\zeta}^2 \simeq \epsilon^2 \Omega_{\text{GW}}^{\text{rad}}$$



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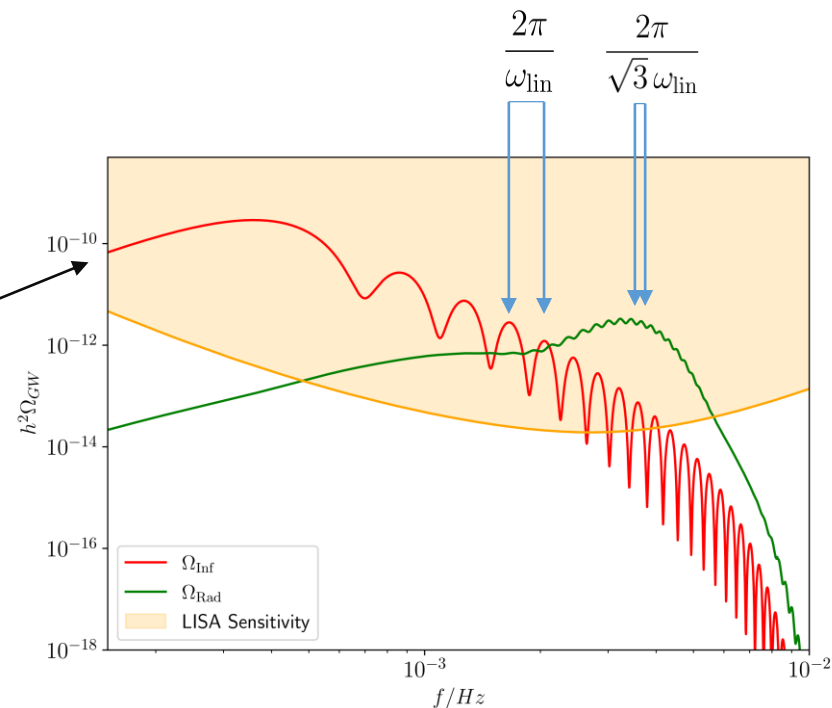


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BUT ENHANCED for EXCITED STATES

$$\frac{\Omega_{\text{Inf}}|_{k_{\text{max}}}}{\Omega_{\text{Rad}}|_{2k_*/\sqrt{3}}} = O(1)\epsilon^2 \left(\frac{k_*}{k_f}\right)^5$$

*JF et al. In preparation*



# SUMMARY

- CMB/LSS PROVIDE INFORMATION ON A LIMITED PART OF THE INFLATIONARY HISTORY
- MANY REASONS TO GO BEYOND THE VANILLA SCENARIO  
(leading to characteristic features in the primordial power spectrum)

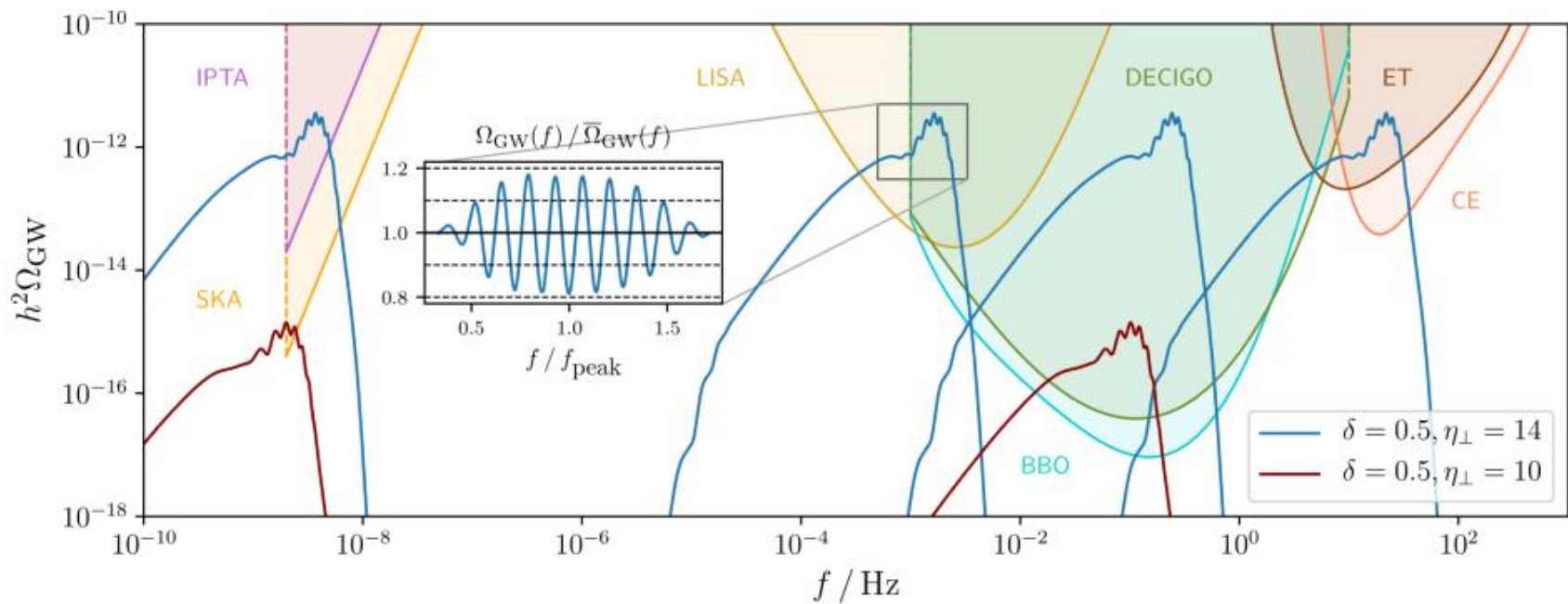
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*Oscillations in primordial  
scalar power spectrum*



*Oscillations in frequency  
profile of GWs*

Probing inflation at small scales



# FUTURE

- DETECTABILITY WITH LISA AND OTHER QWS OBSERVATORIES  
*To what extent we can reconstruct 10% oscillations?*
- STOCHASTIC BACKGROUND NEW WINDOW TO PROBE INFLATION  
*Can be used to differentiate among different early universe scenarios?  
(Single field Vs Multi field inflation, Alternative to inflation, etc.)*
- BACKREACTION/PERTURBABILITY VS DETECTABILITY IN PRESENT AND FUTURE QWS DETECTORS *To constraint scenarios from the theory*
- WAY TO SEPARATE COSMOLOGICAL AND ASTROPHYSICAL BACKGROUND? *(Speculative)*
- NON-GAUSSIANITY *Influence of the Trispectrum??*

*Back up*

# PEAK / PARTICLE PRODUCTION / OSCILLATIONS

$$\mathcal{P}_\zeta(k) \sim \mathcal{P}_0(k) |\alpha_k|^2 \left( 1 + \frac{|\beta_k|^2}{|\alpha_k|^2} + 2 \frac{|\beta_k|}{|\alpha_k|} \cos \left( \frac{2k}{k_f} \right) \right) \quad |\alpha_k|^2 - |\beta_k|^2 = 1$$

✖ ENHANCED POWER SPECTRUM

$$|\alpha_k|^2 \gg 1$$

+

QUANTIZATION CONDITIONS

$$\Rightarrow \left| \frac{\beta_k}{\alpha_k} \right| \simeq 1$$

LARGE AMOUNT OF PARTICLE PRODUCTION  
&  
ORDER ONE OSCILLATIONS

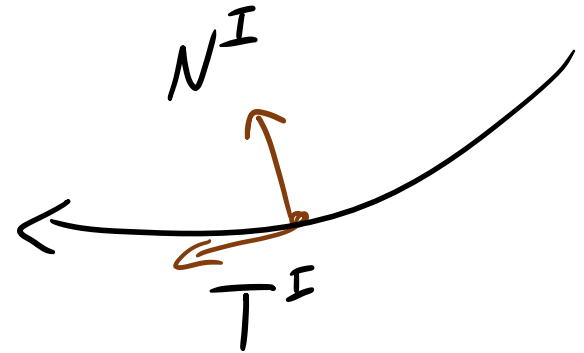
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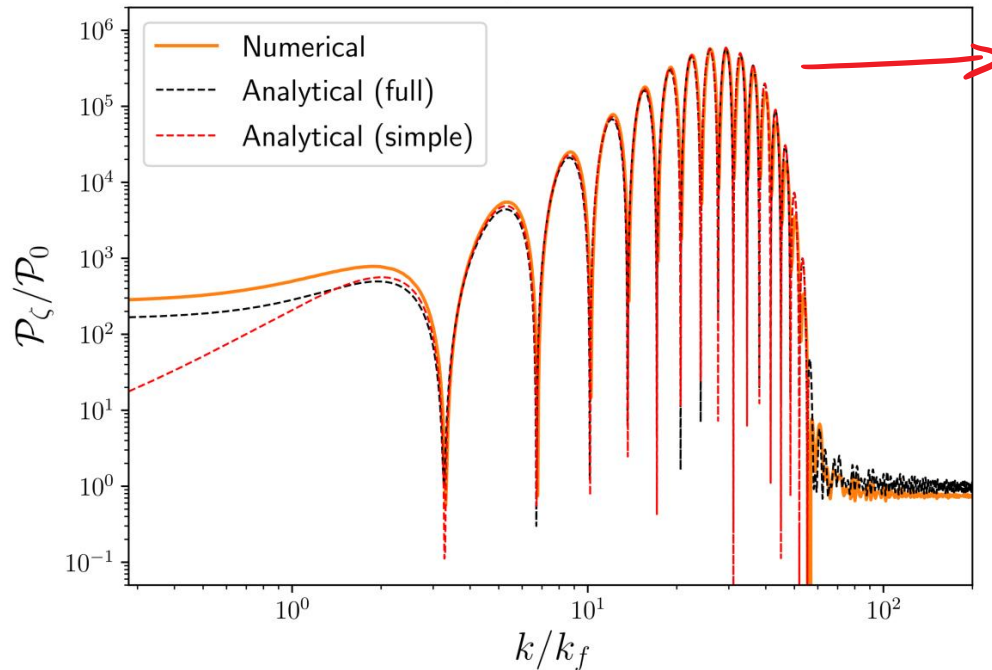
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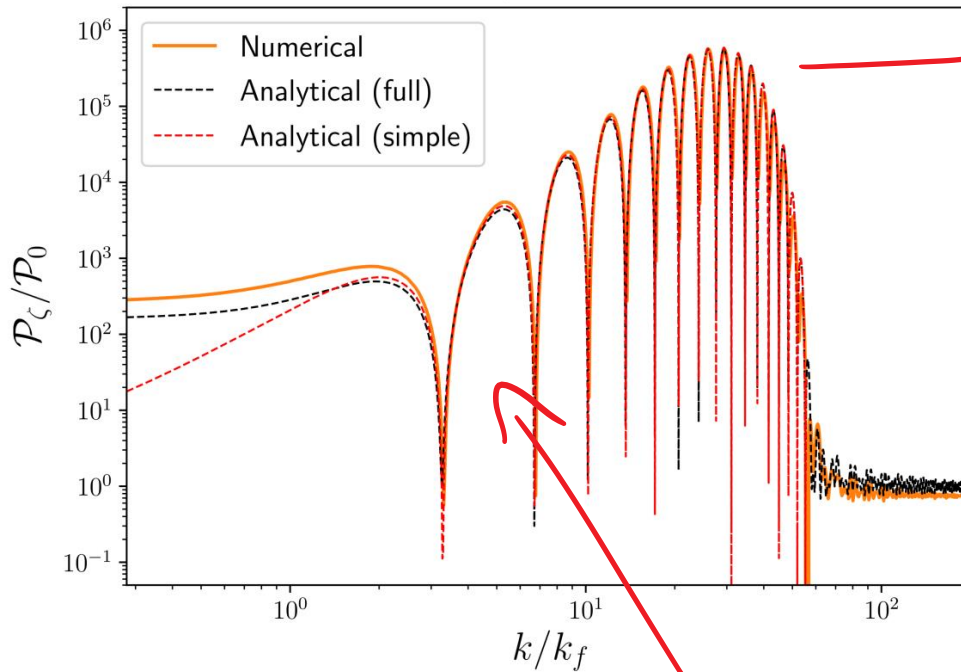
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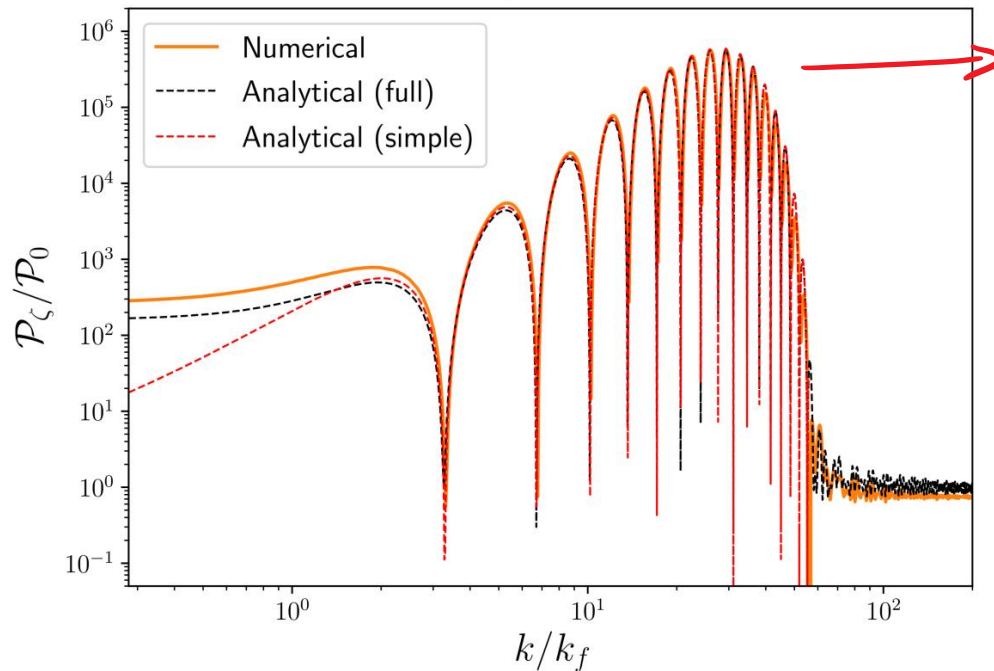
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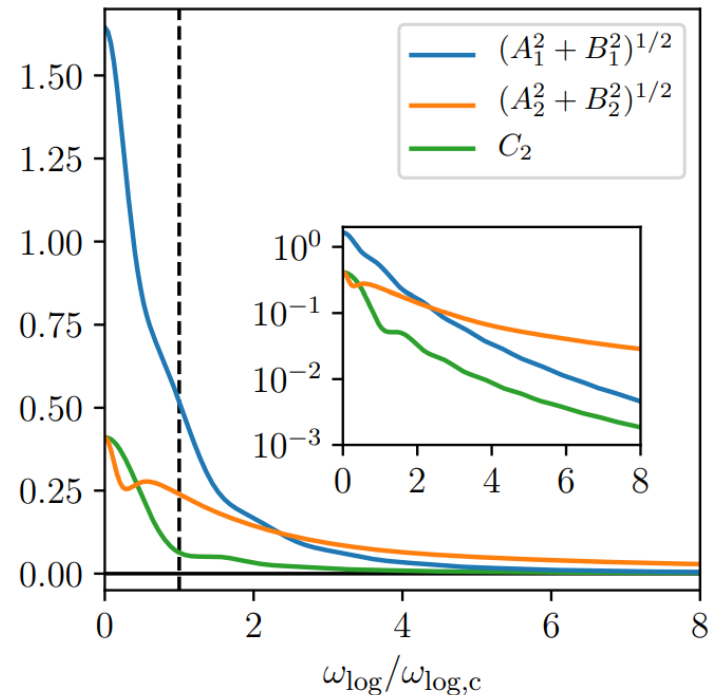
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COMPUTED ONCE FOR ALL



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