

Gravitational wave induced baryon acoustic oscillations

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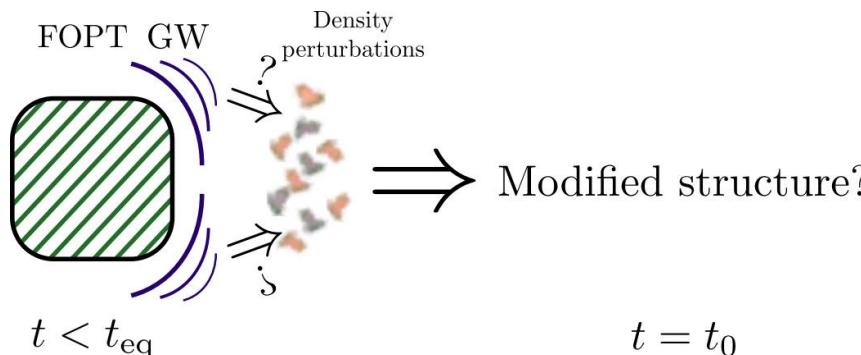
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Question: Can GWs from FOPTs impact structure formation?
If so, can we infer bounds on the FOPT parameters from SF?



Motivation

- Many models beyond the standard model predict first order phase transitions (FOPT)
- Thinking about: What else than gravitational waves can we do?
- How do these events speak/interact with other event/processes in the early universe?

Overview

- Short review of cosmological first order phase transitions (FOPT) and gravitational waves (GWs)
- Short review on structure formation (SF)
- Physical idea
- Methods
- Results
- Summary

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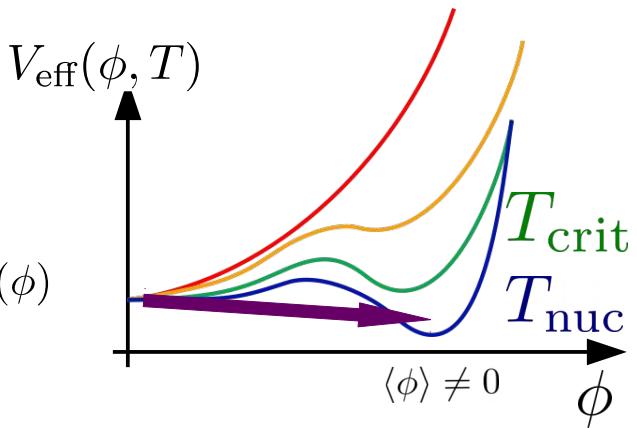
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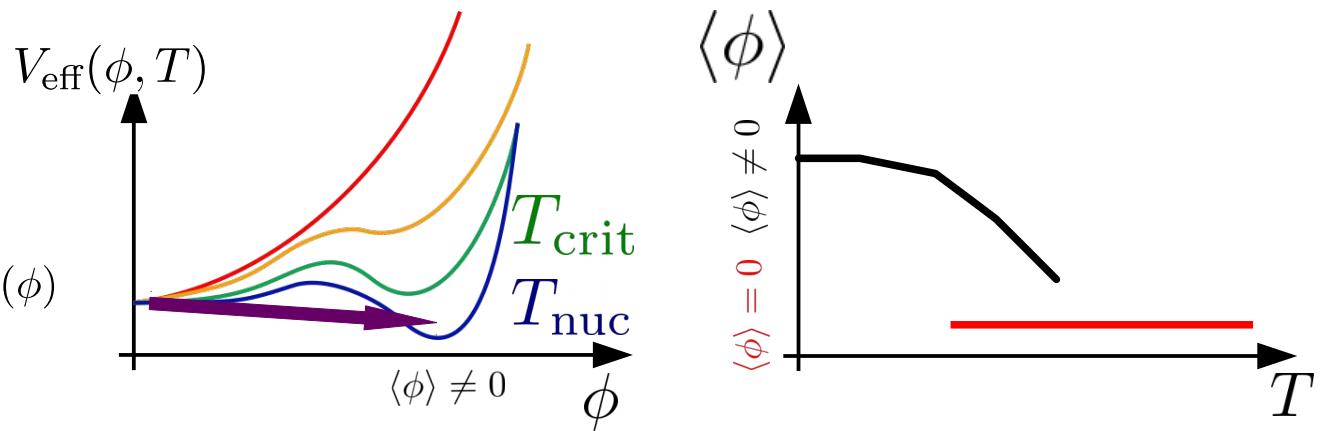


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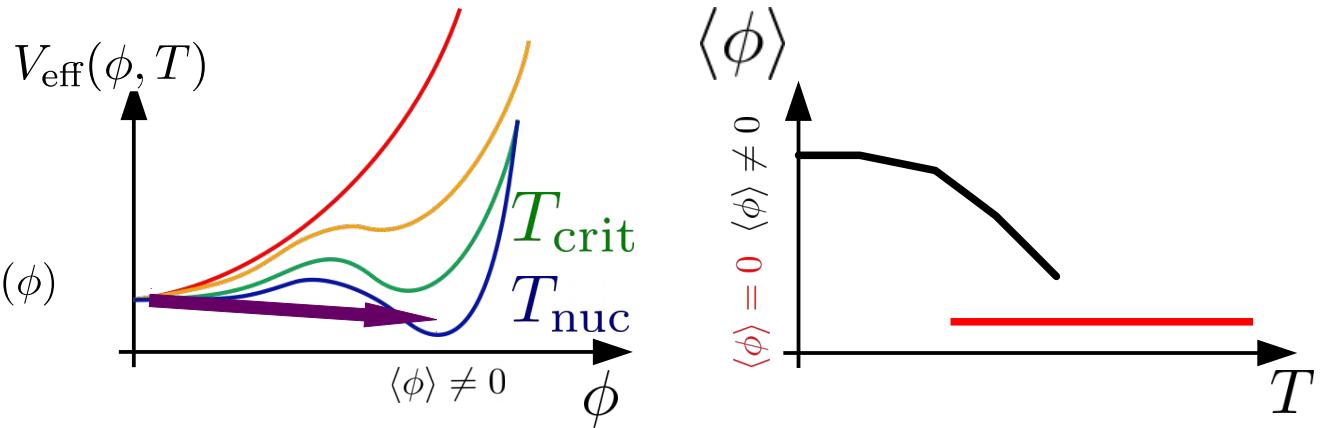


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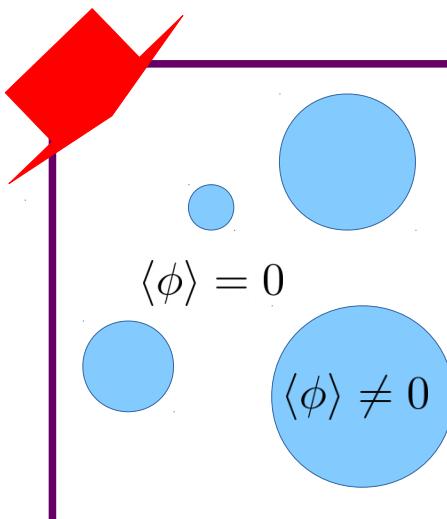
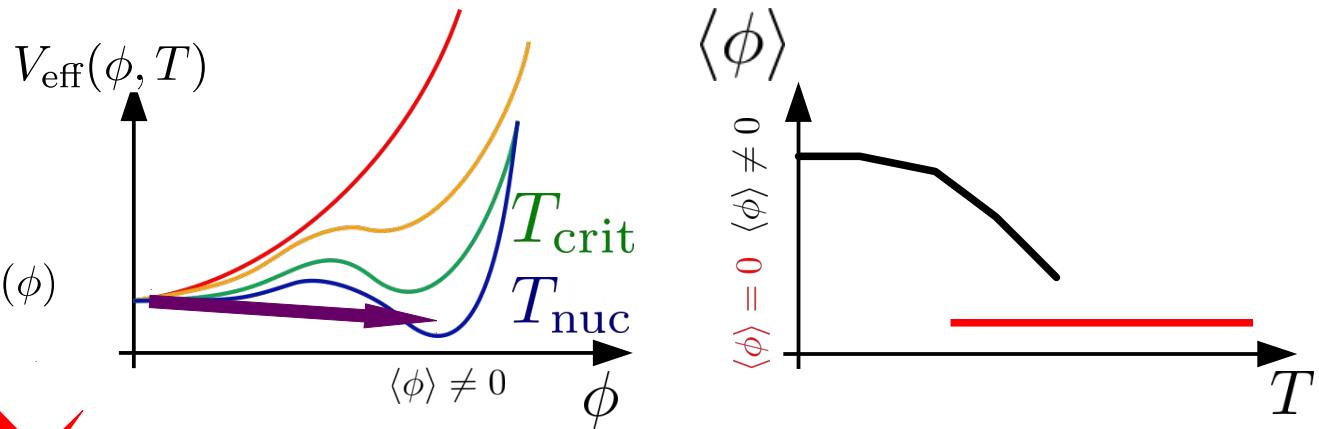


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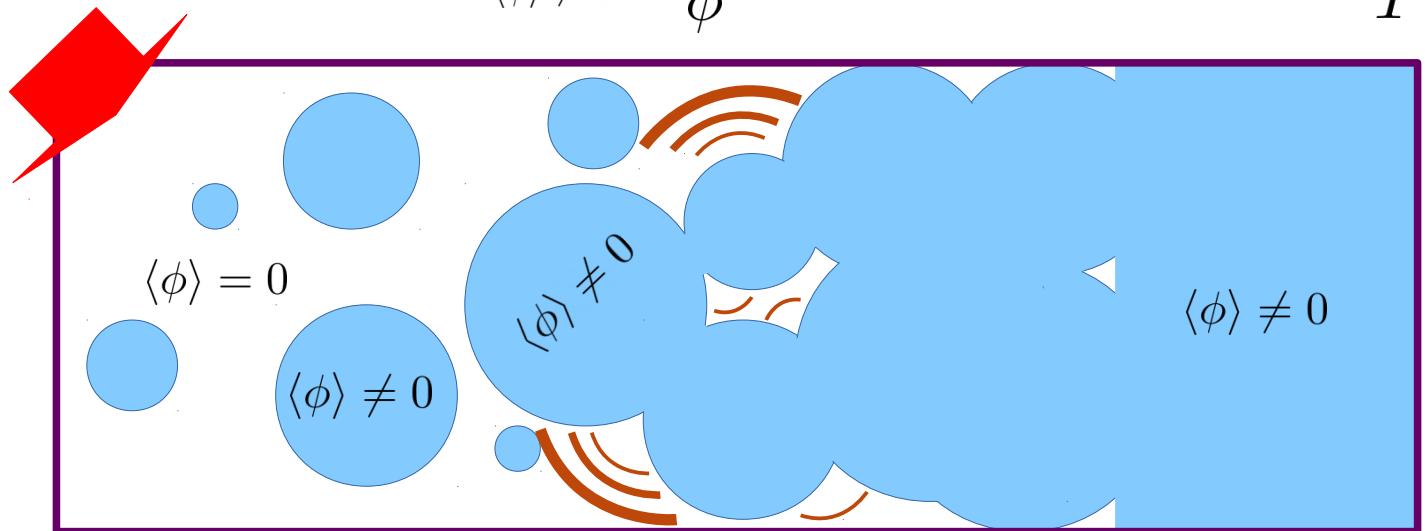
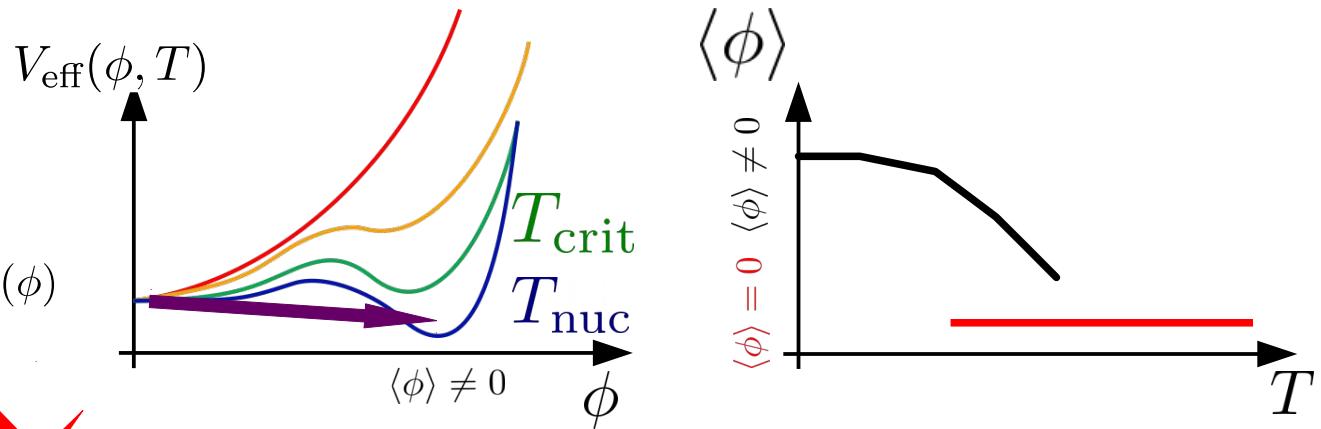


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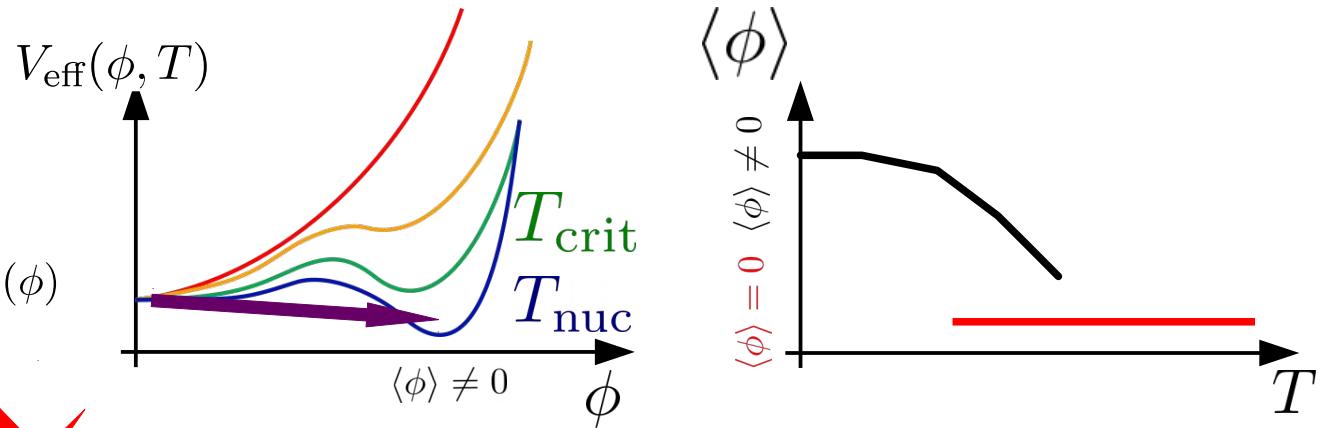


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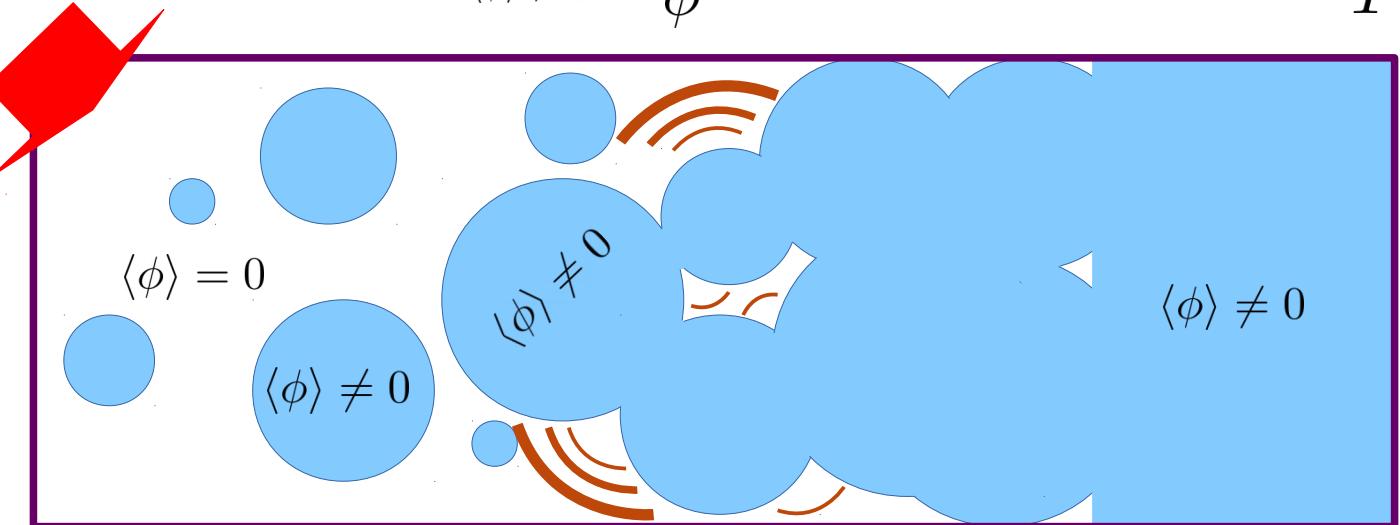
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- Strength
- Duration
- Scale/Temperature T_{nuc}/T_*

$$\alpha := \frac{\rho_{\text{vac}}}{\rho_{\text{rad}}}$$

$$\beta^{-1}$$



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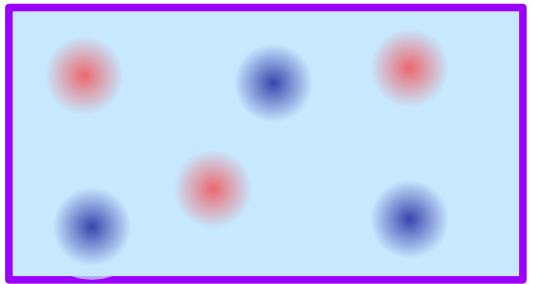
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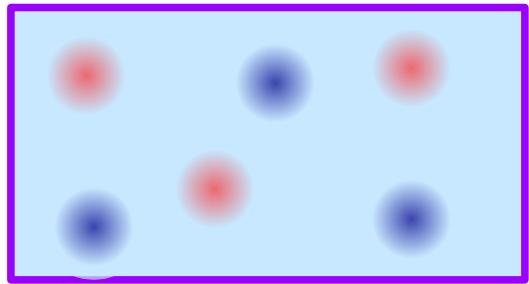
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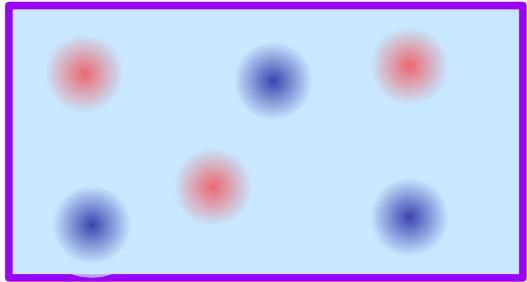


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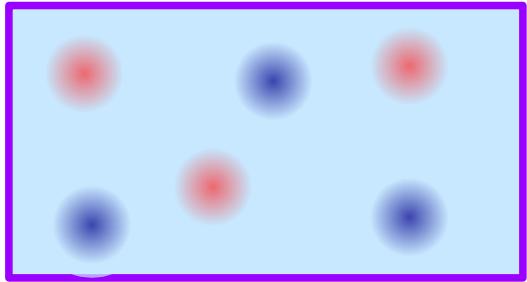
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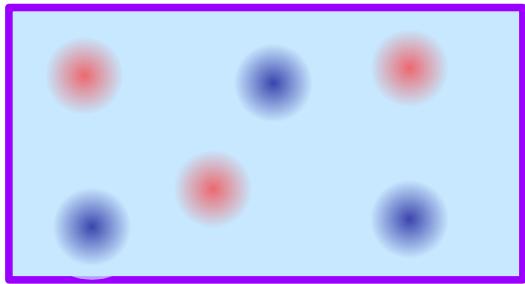
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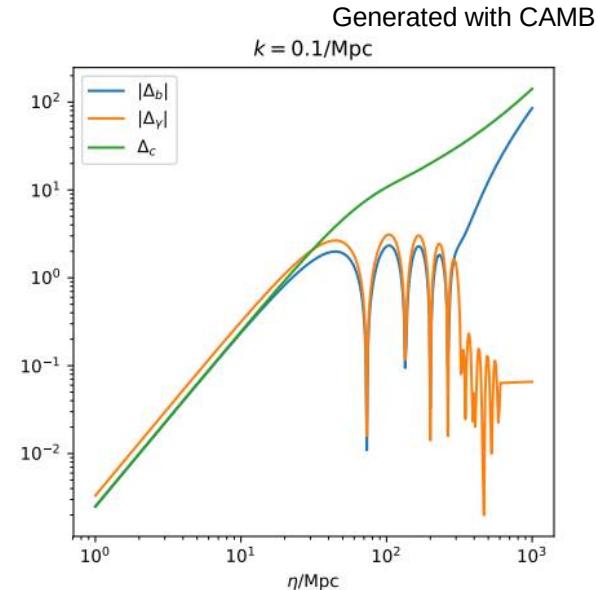
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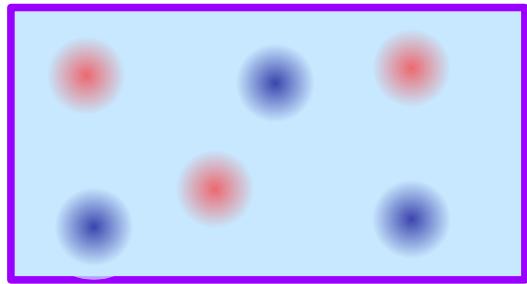
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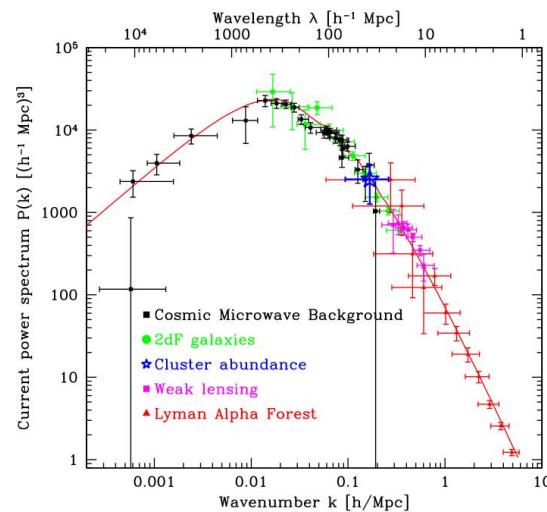
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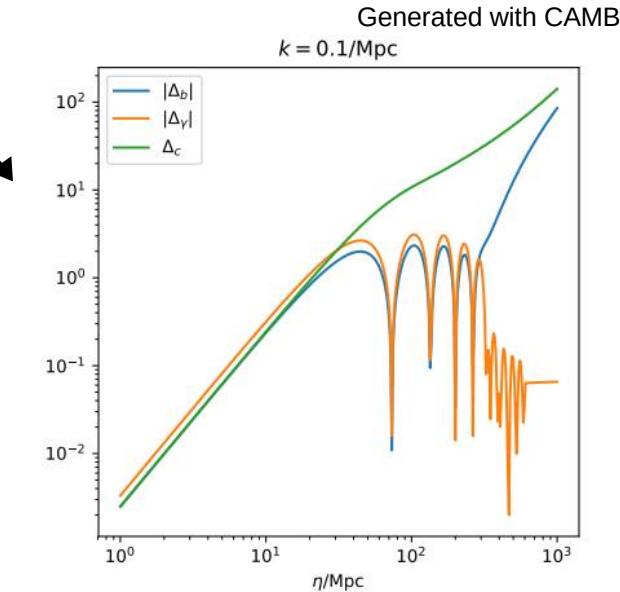


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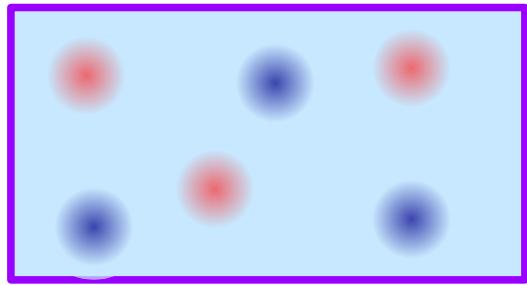
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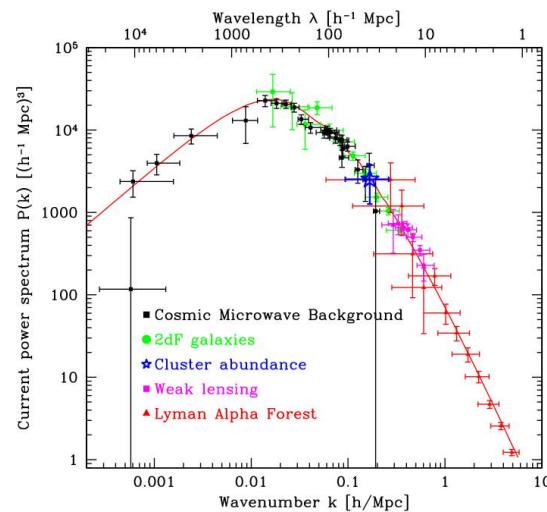
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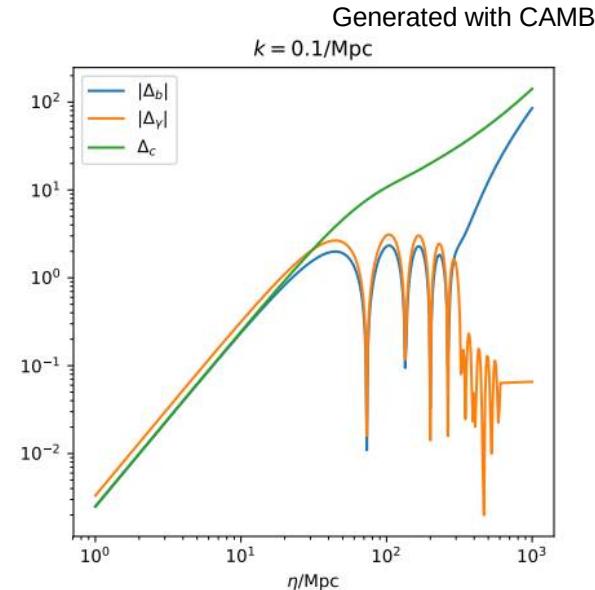


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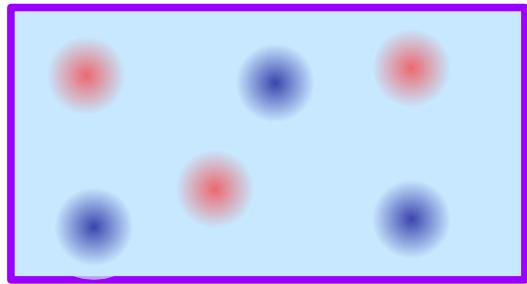
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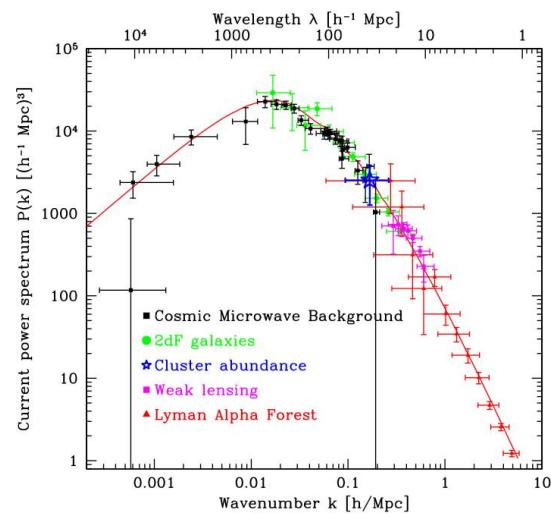
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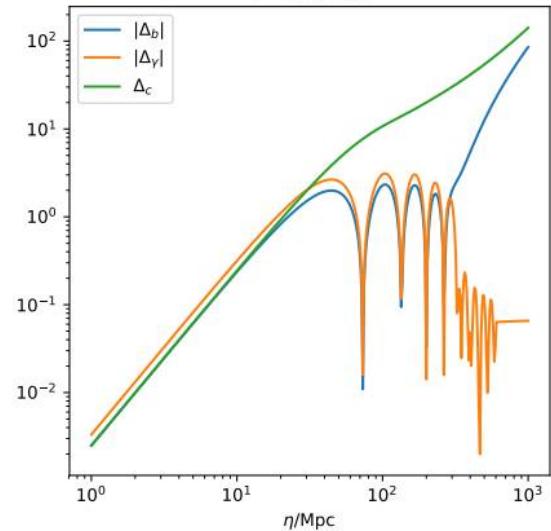
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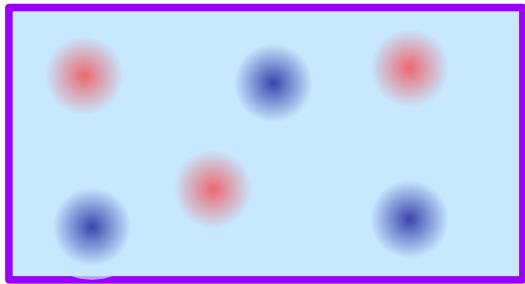
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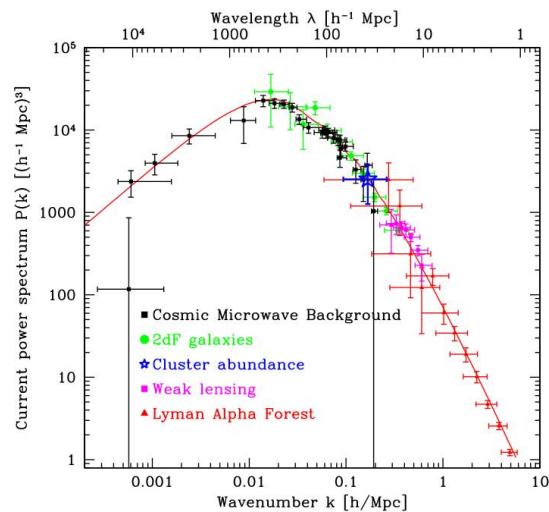
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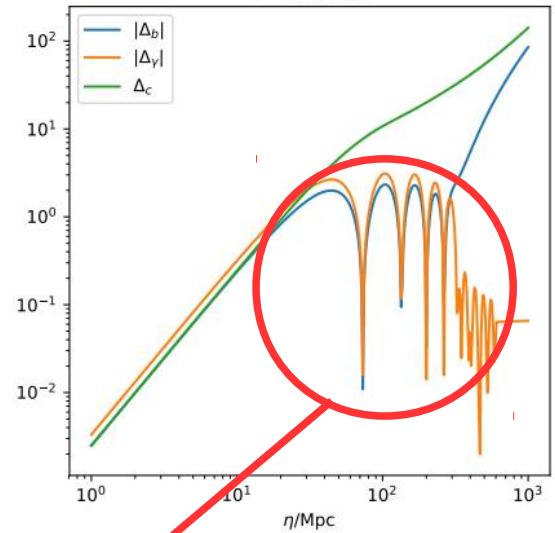
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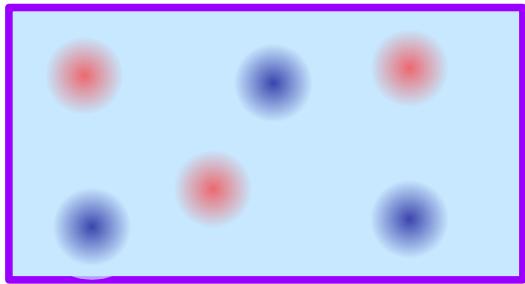
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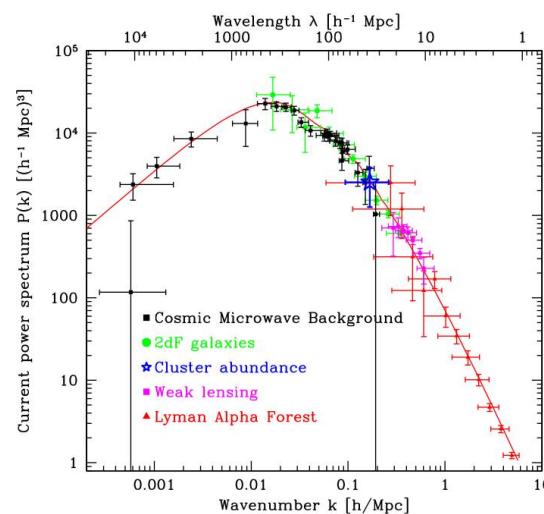
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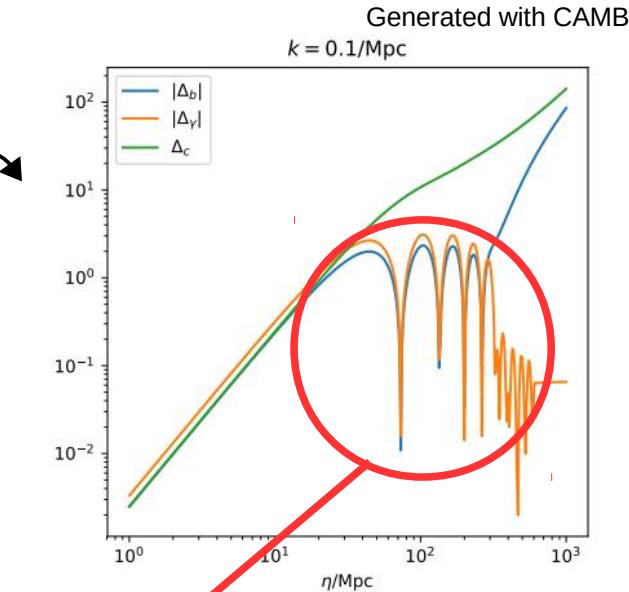
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Baryon acoustic oscillations (BAOs)

$$\ddot{\delta}_\gamma + c_s^2 \frac{k^2}{a^2} \delta = \frac{4}{3} 4\pi G \left(\rho_d^{(0)} \delta_d + \rho_b^{(0)} \delta_b \right)$$

→ wiggles on MP spectrum

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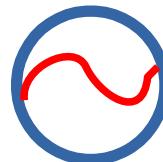
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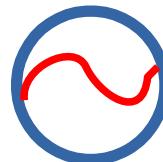
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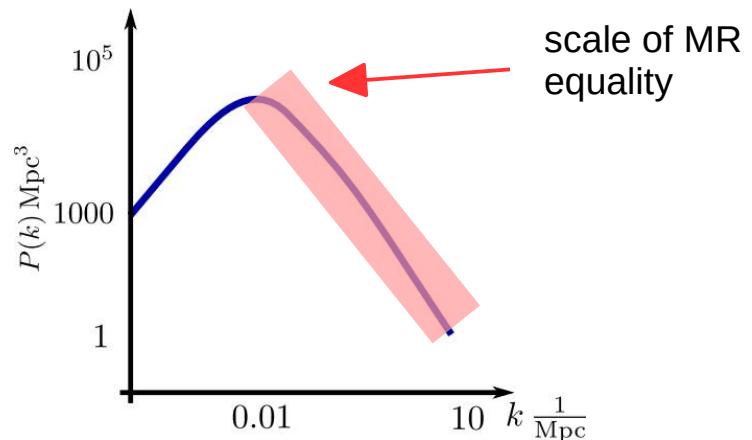
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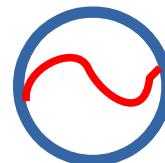
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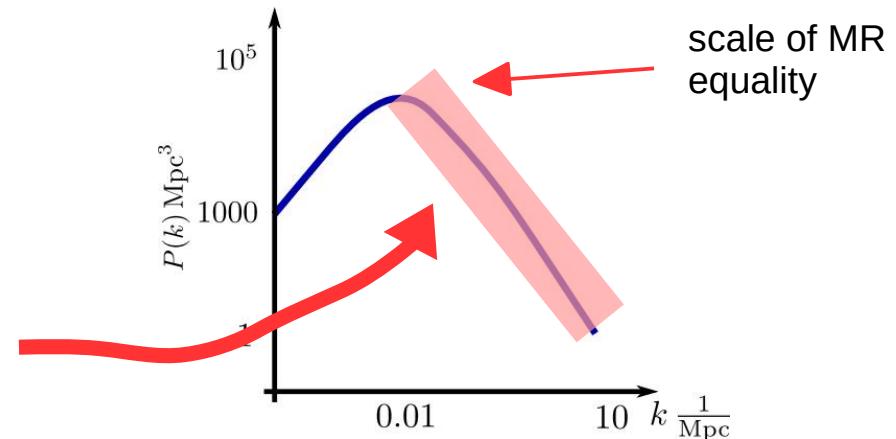
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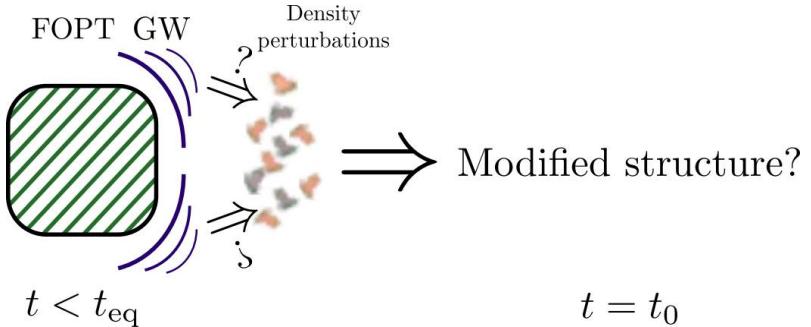
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FOPT needs to occur at *late times*:
 $t_* : 10^6 \text{ s} - 10^{12} \text{ s}$
 $T \sim (100 - 1) \text{ eV}$



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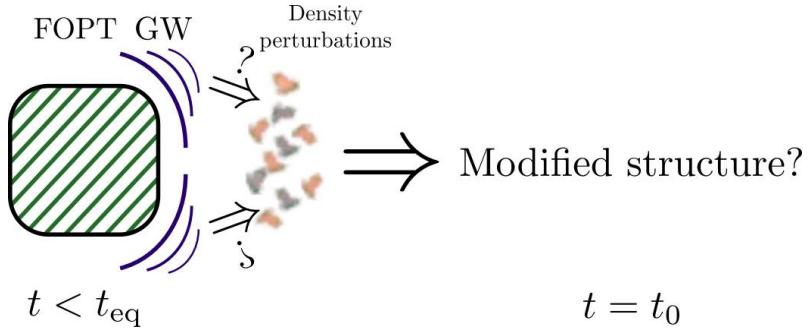
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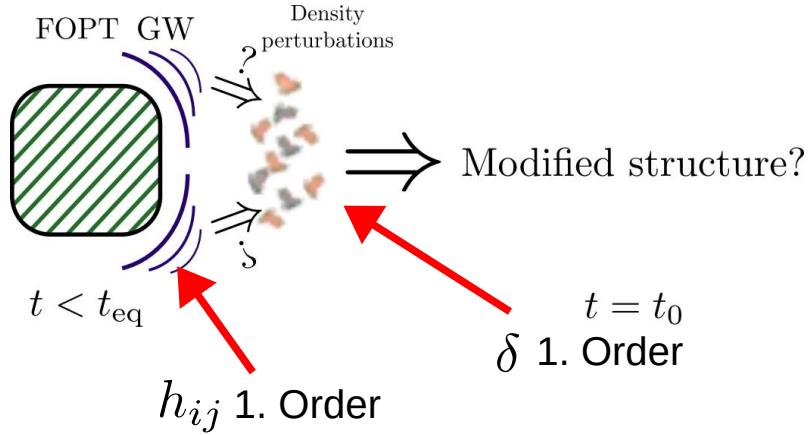


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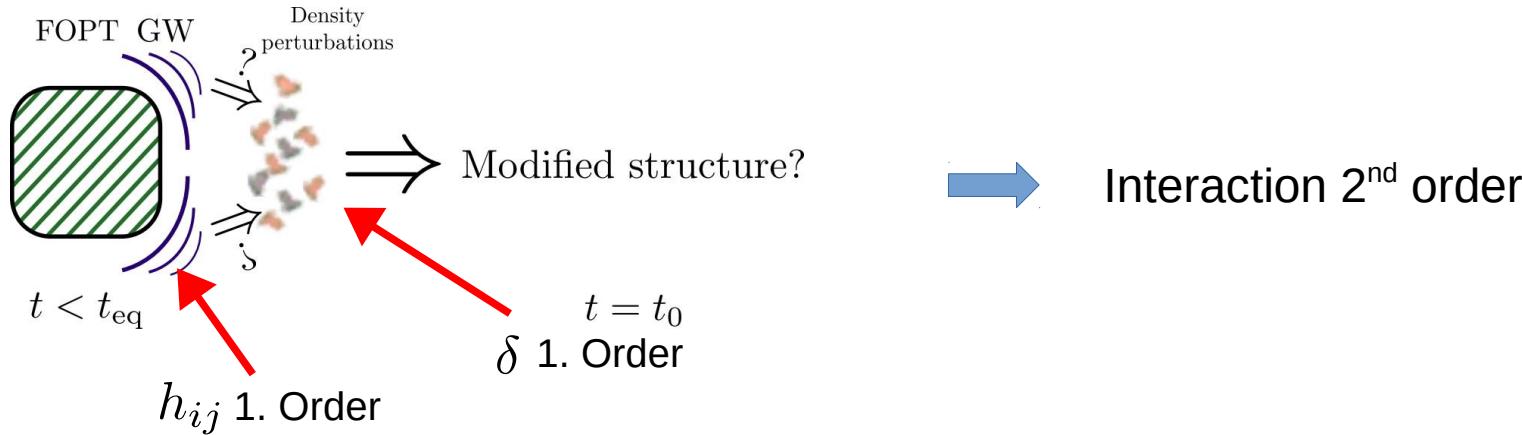
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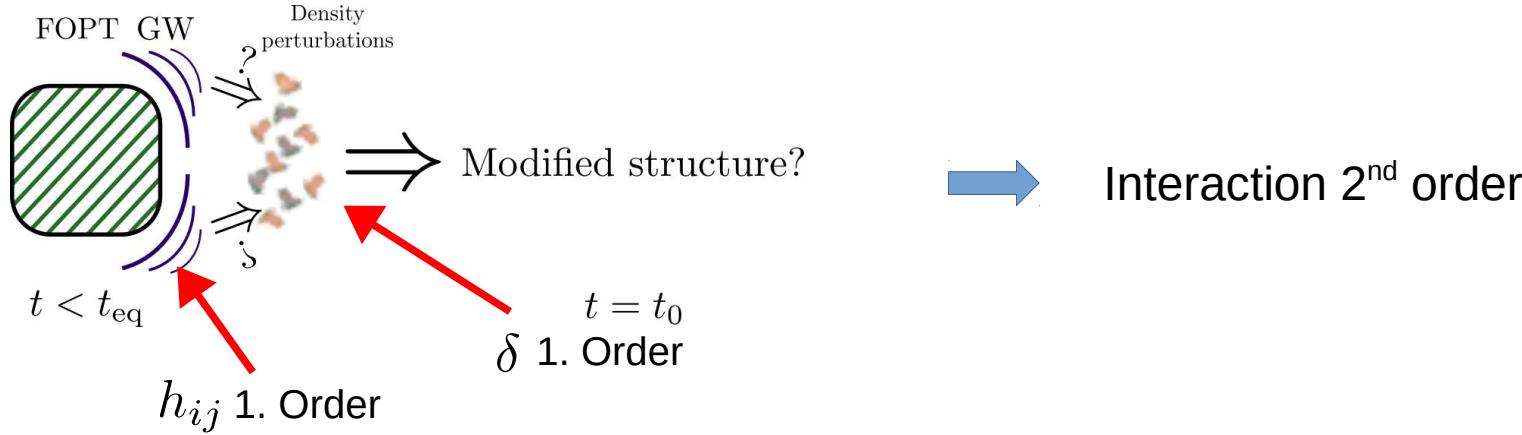
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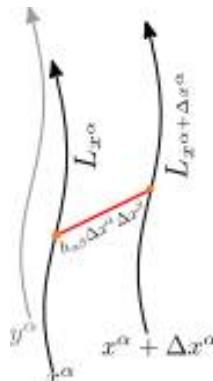
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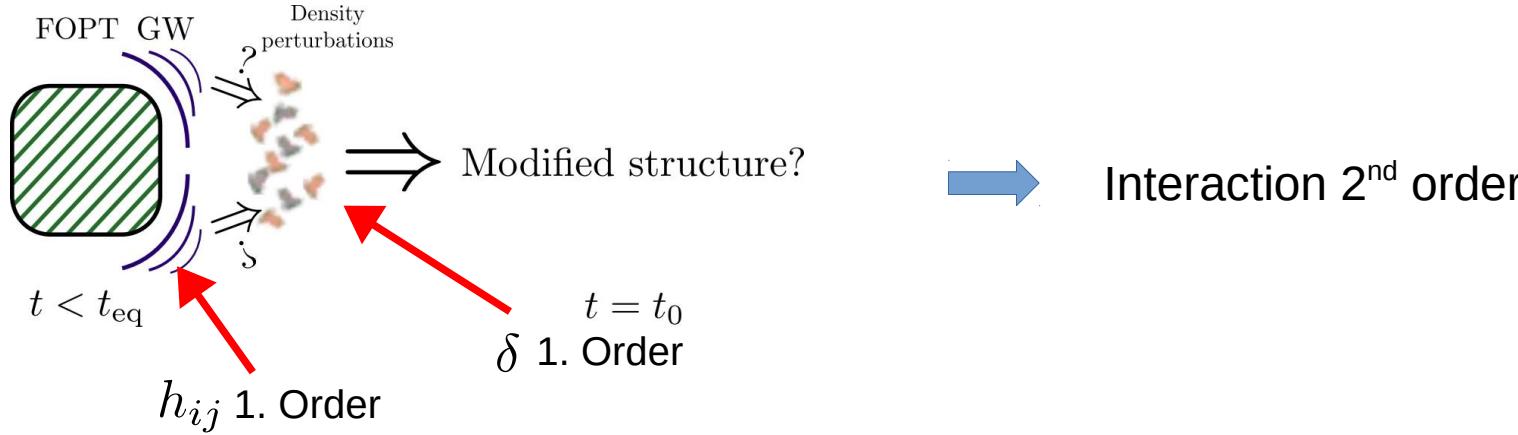
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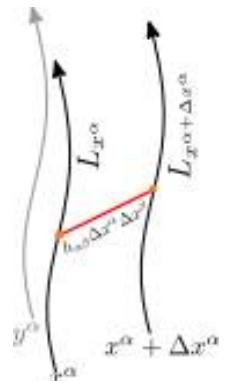
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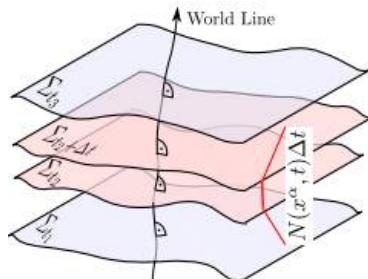
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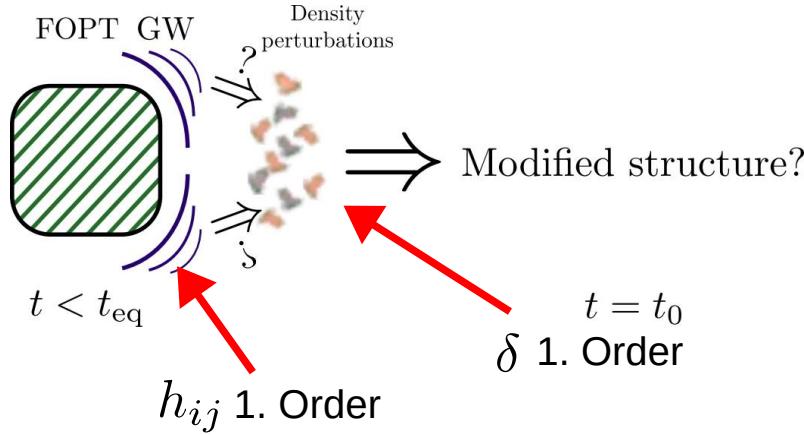


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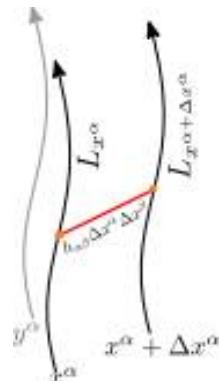
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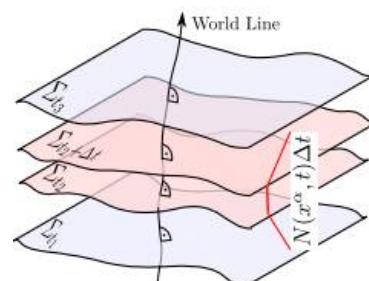
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Interaction 2nd order

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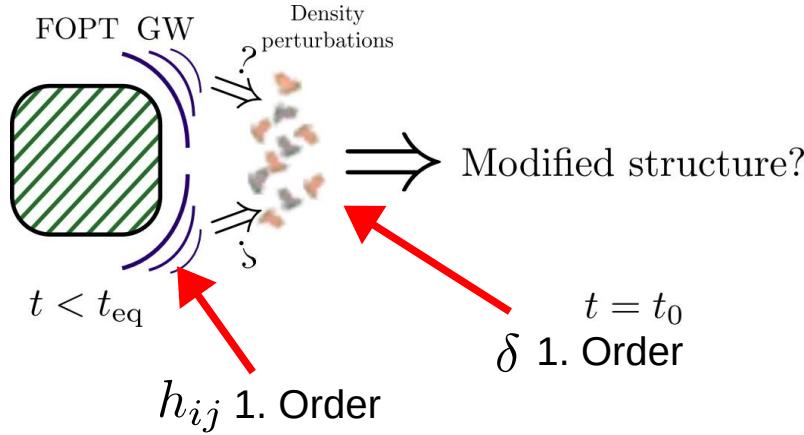
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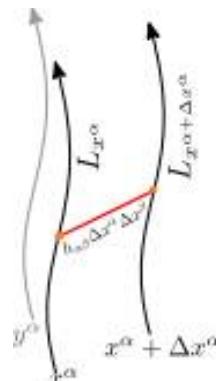
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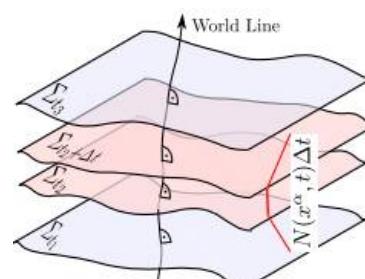
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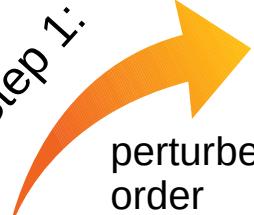
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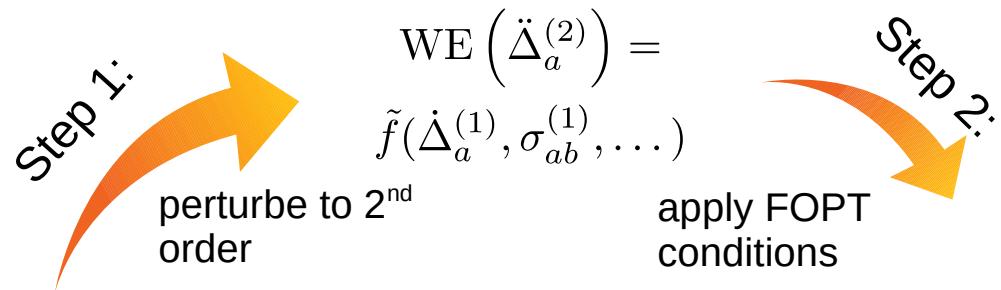
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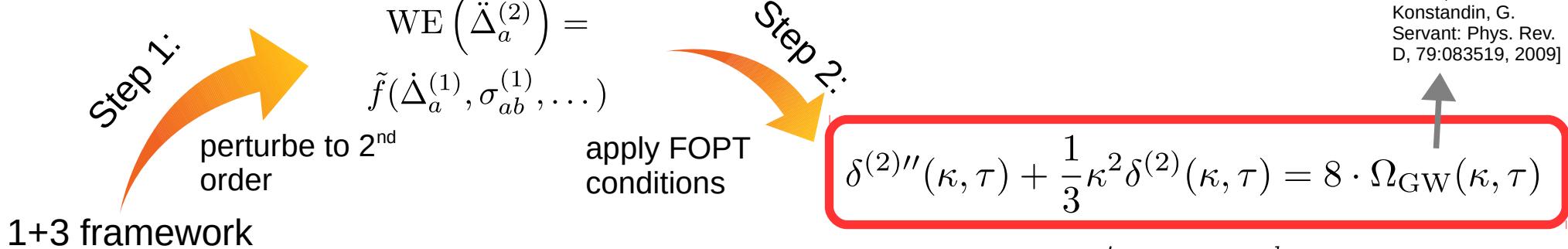
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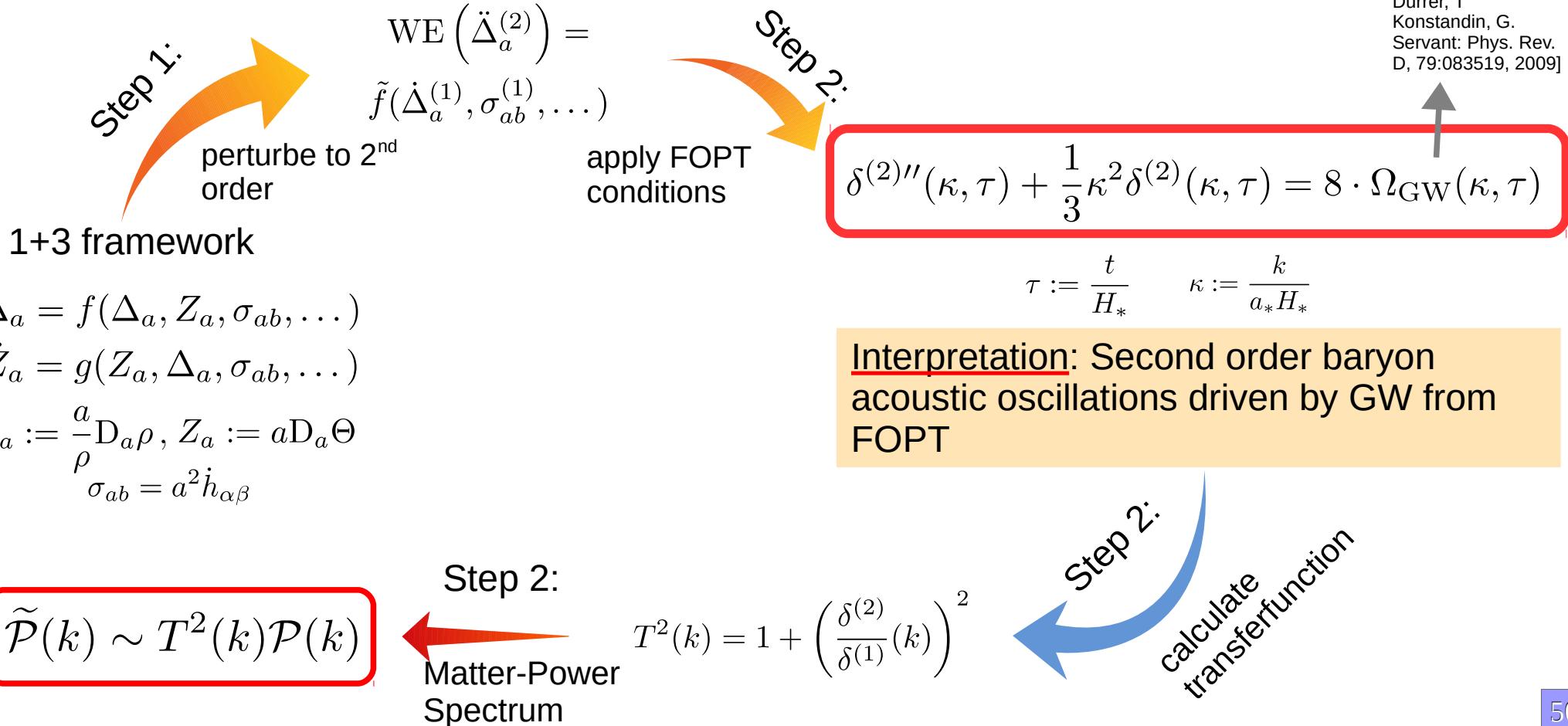
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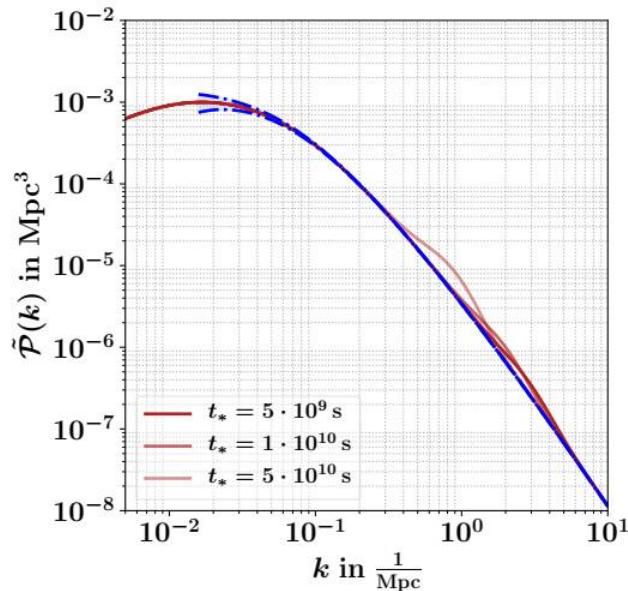
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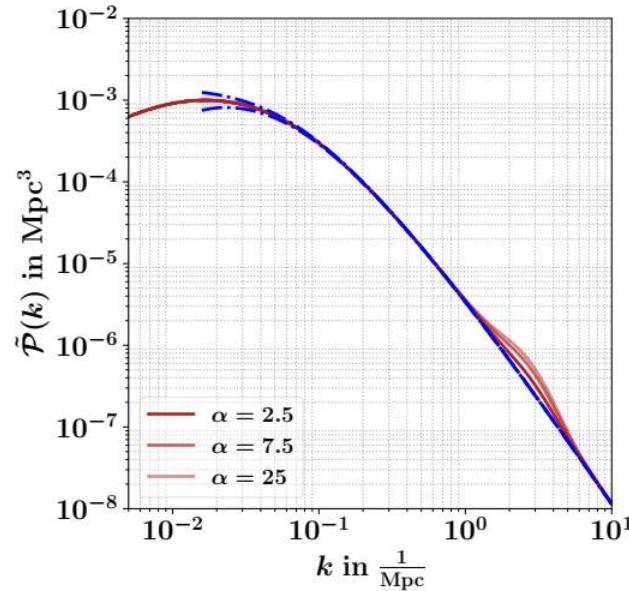
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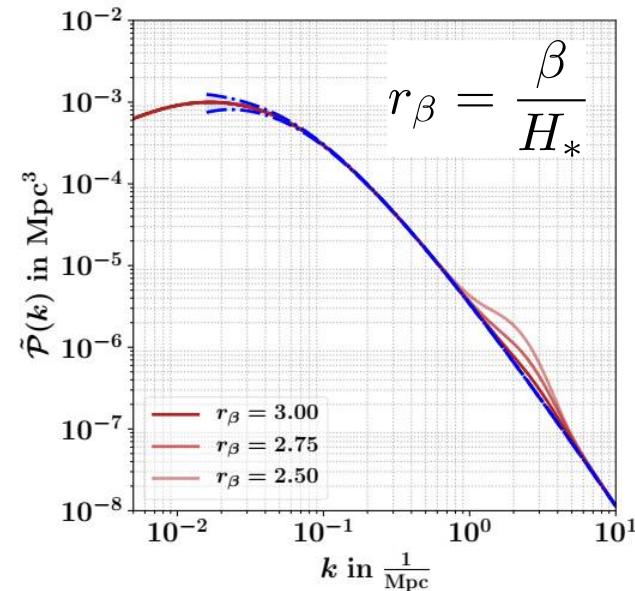
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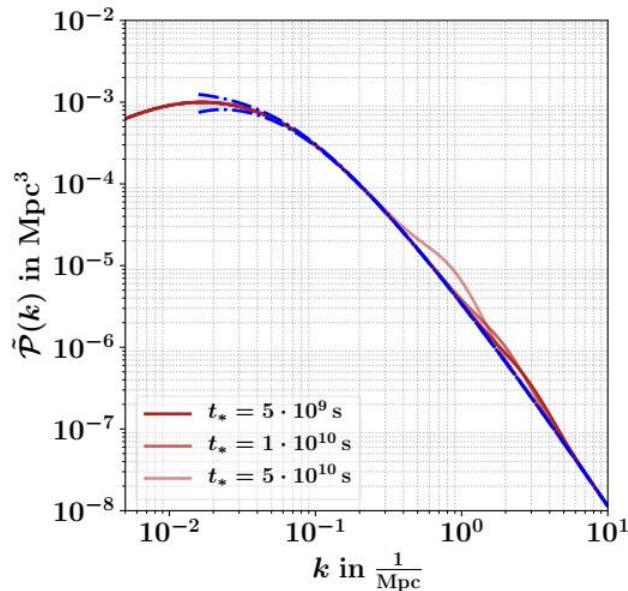
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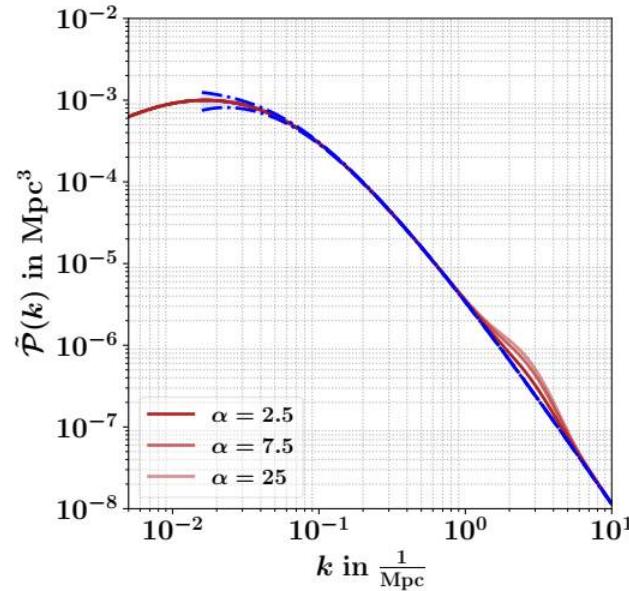
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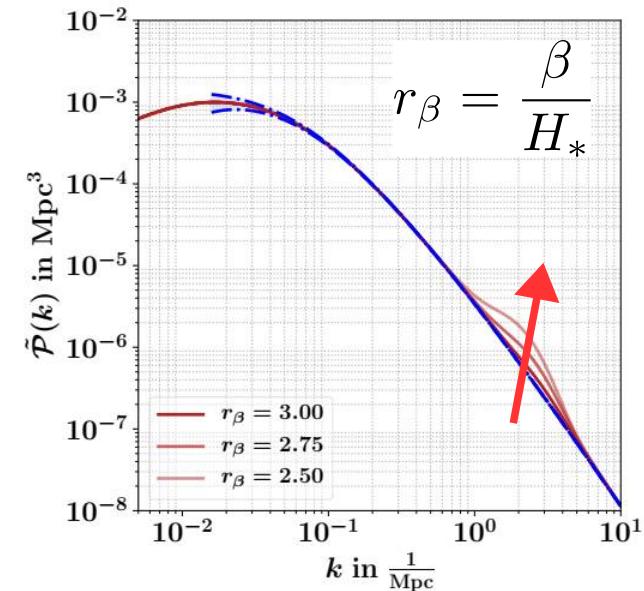
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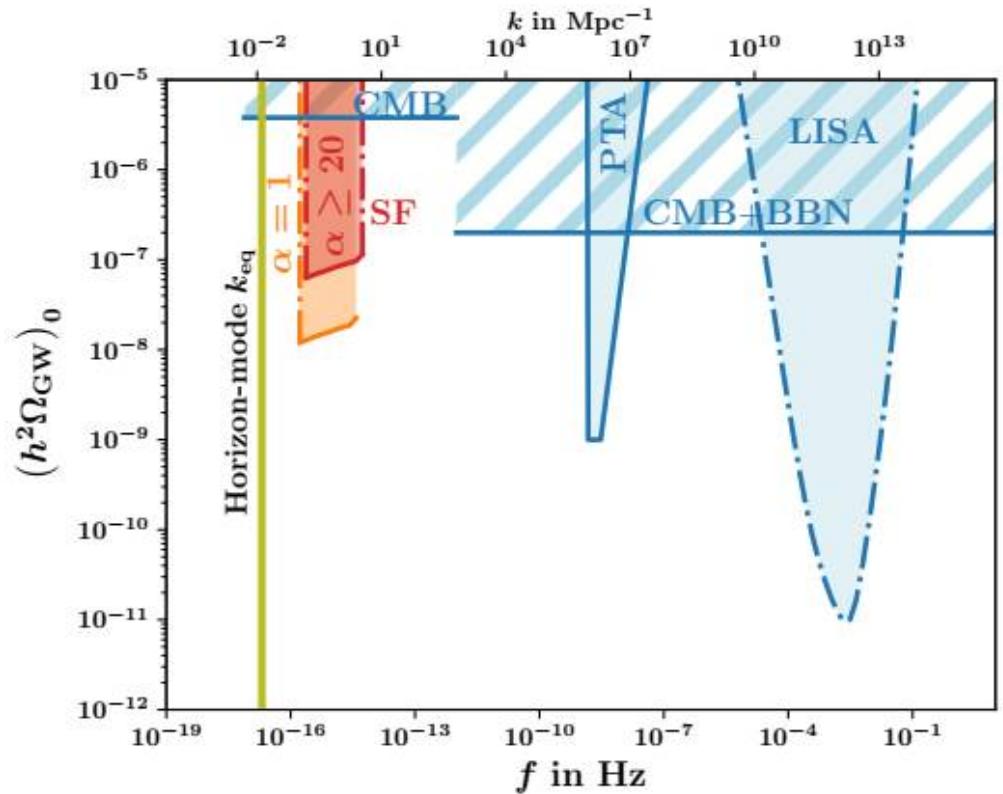
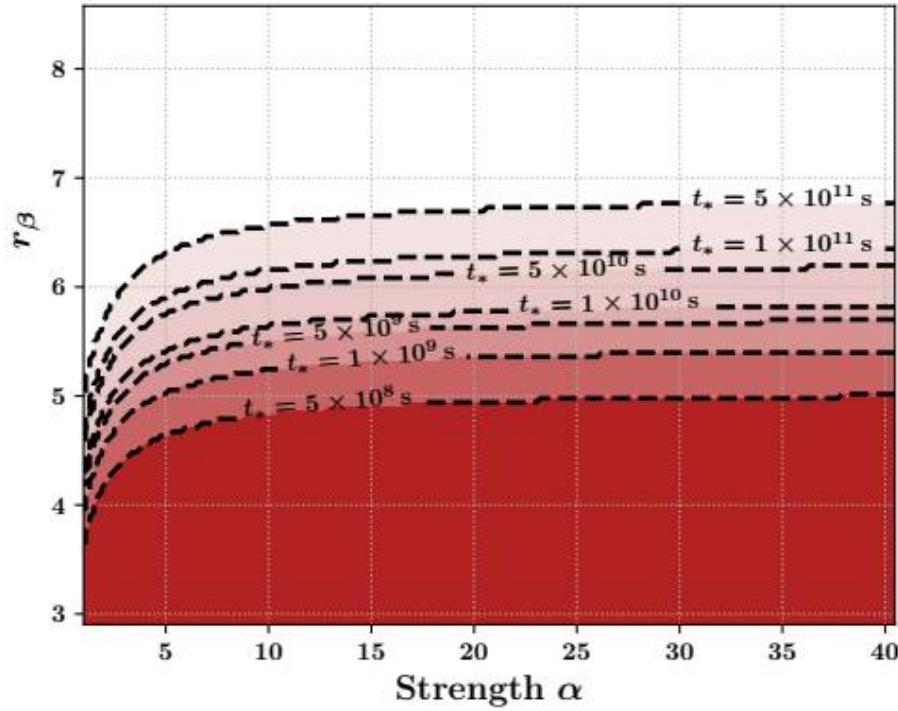
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Limits from cosmic variance



Particle models that can achieve this: e.g. conformal models

Summary

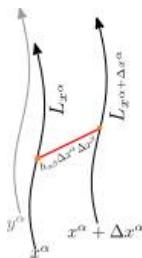
- GWs from FOPTs can seed density perturbations at second order
- Effect is bound to the scale at which the FOPT occurs → late FOPTs
- Only very strong and long FOPTs can have significant impact
- Cosmic variance bound leads to new limit on very small GW frequencies

Backup slides

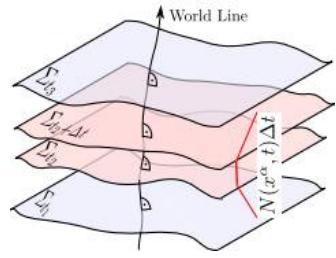
1+3 Decomposition

Spacetime decomposition:

$$u^a = \frac{dx^a}{d\tau} \quad h_{ab} := g_{ab} + u_a u_b$$



1+3 approach



3+1 approach

Motion of test particle

volume expansion

$$\nabla_b u_a = \sigma_{ab} + \omega_{ab} + \frac{1}{3} \Theta h_{ab} - A_a u_b$$

shear vorticity acceleration

density perturbation

$$\Delta_a : \frac{a}{\rho} D_a \rho$$

volume gradient

$$Z_a := a D_a \Theta$$

$$a D_b \Delta_a = \frac{1}{3} \Delta h_{ab} + \Delta_{\langle ab \rangle} + \Delta_{[ab]}$$

Stewart & Walker Lemma:

$$S^{(1)} \rightarrow S^{(1)} + \epsilon \mathcal{L}_\xi S^{(0)}$$

Gauge invariant
if zero

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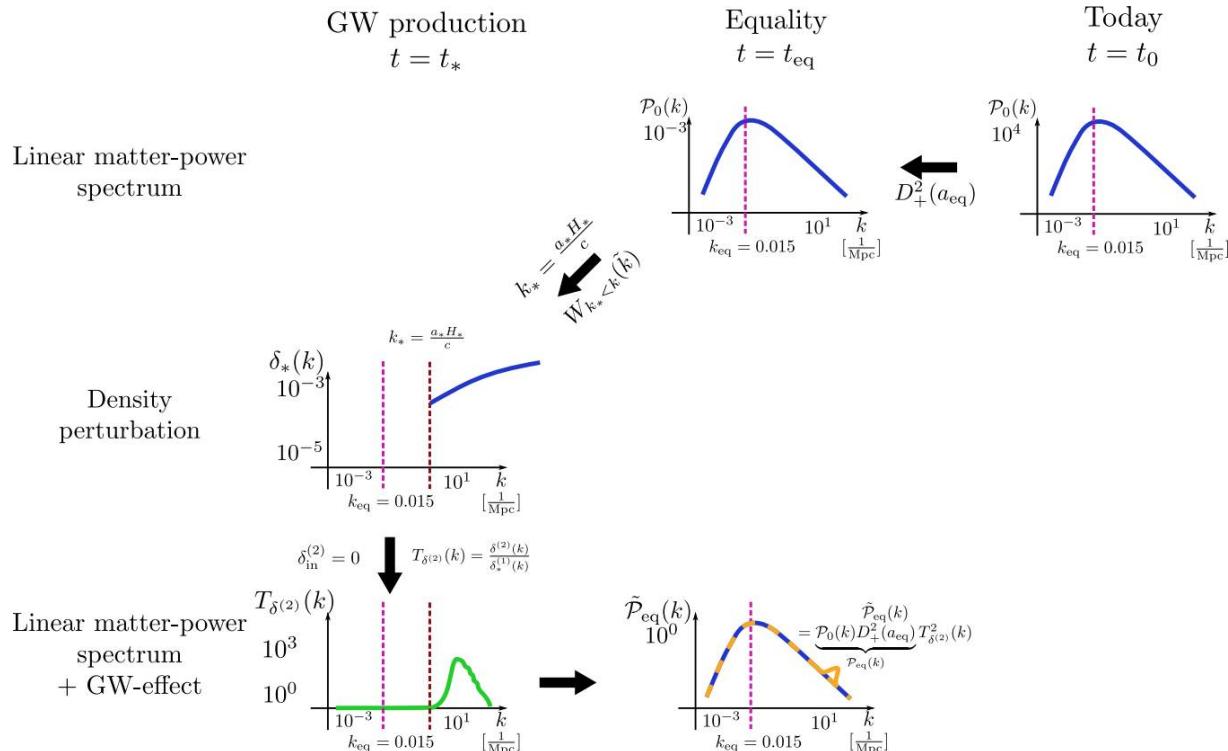
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Evolution equations

$$\begin{aligned}
 \dot{\Delta}_{\langle a \rangle} &= \frac{p}{\rho} \Theta \Delta_a - \left(1 + \frac{p}{\rho}\right) Z_a + a \frac{\Theta}{\rho} \left(\dot{q}_{\langle a \rangle} + \frac{4}{3} \Theta q_a \right) - \frac{a}{\rho} {}_a^b q_b + a \frac{\Theta}{\rho} {}^b \pi_{ab} \\
 &\quad - (\sigma^b{}_a + \omega^b{}_a) \Delta_b - \frac{a}{\rho} {}_a (2A^b q_b + \sigma^{bc} \pi_{bc}) + a \frac{\Theta}{\rho} (\sigma_{ab} + \omega_{ab}) q^b + a \frac{\Theta}{\rho} \pi_{ab} A^b \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{\rho} ({}^b q_b + 2A^b q_b + \sigma^{bc} \pi_{bc}) (\Delta_a - a A_a) \\
 \dot{Z}_{\langle a \rangle} &= -\frac{2}{3} \Theta Z_a - \frac{1}{2} \kappa \rho \Delta_a - \frac{3}{2} \kappa a_a p - a \left[\frac{1}{3} \Theta^2 + \frac{1}{2} \kappa (\rho + 3p) - \Lambda \right] A_a + a_a^b A_b \\
 &\quad - (\sigma^b{}_a + \omega^b{}_a) Z_b - 2a_a (\sigma^2 - \omega^2) + 2a A_a^b A_b \\
 &\quad - a [2 (\sigma^2 - \omega^2) - {}^b A_b - A^b A_b] A_a
 \end{aligned}$$

Transferfunction

Estimating the linear density perturbation from the linear MP spectrum:



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