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Gravitational Waves from Cosmic Phase Transitions and Cosmic Strings

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Radius of the Visible Universe

Quantum
Fluctuations

Inflation

Inflation Ends

Protons Formed

Nuclear Fusion Begins

Nuclear Fusion Ends

Cosmic Microwave Background

Dark Ages

First Stars & Galaxies Form

Modern Universe

Today

0

10^{-32}

$1 \mu\text{s}$

0.01 s

3 min

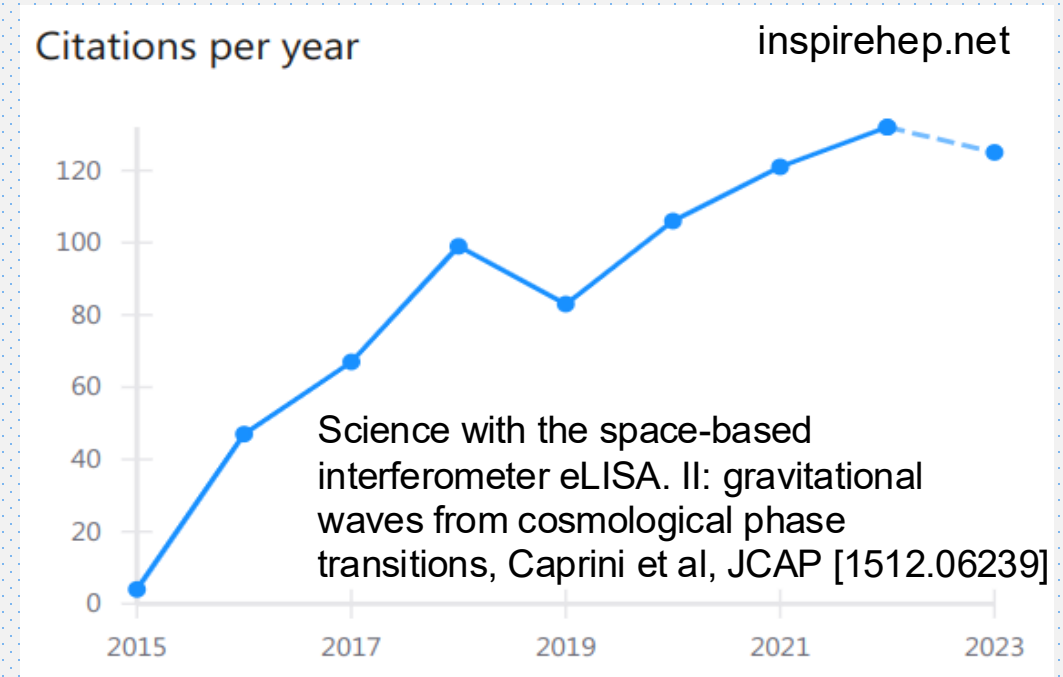
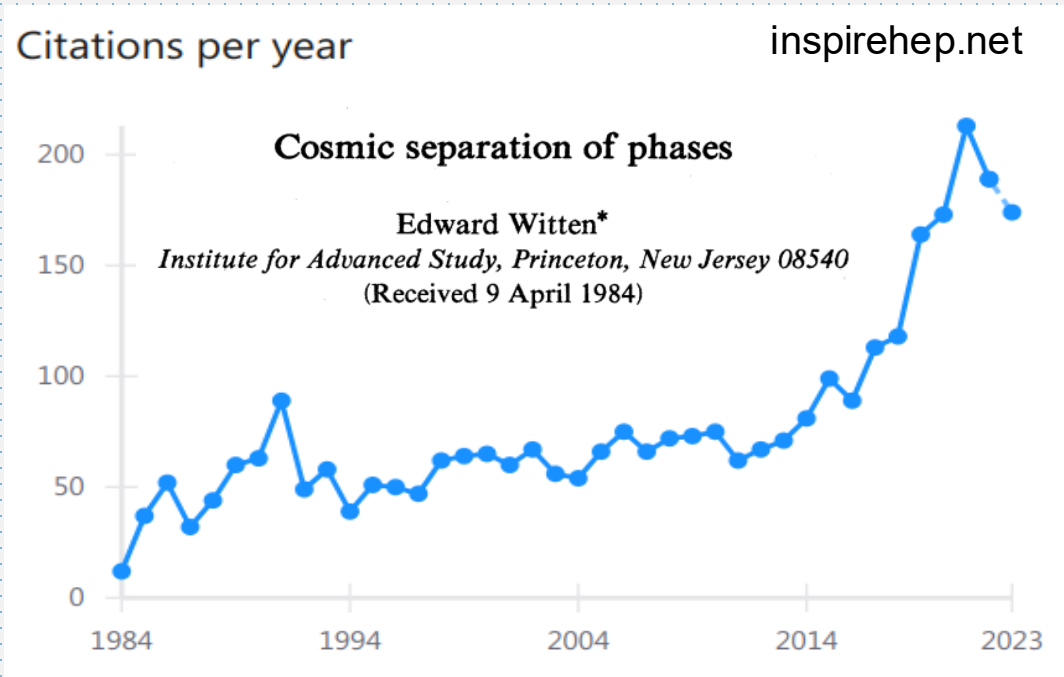
380,000 yrs

200 Million yrs

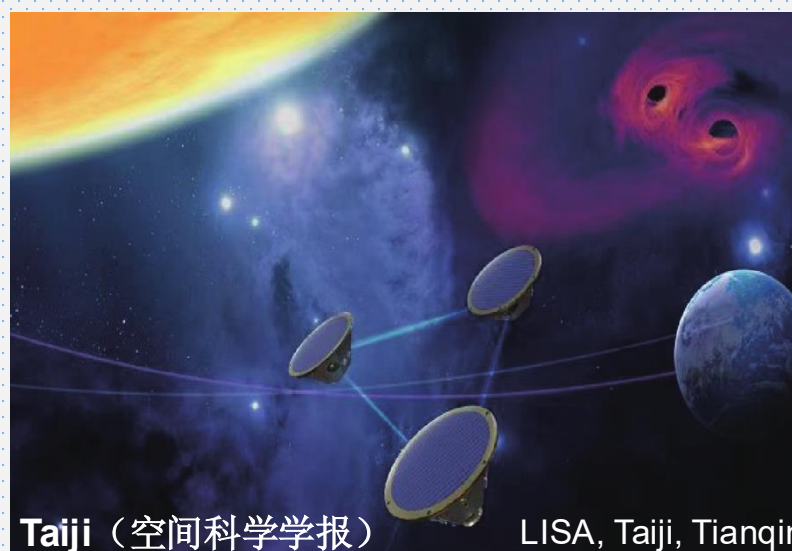
13.8 Billion yrs

Age of the Universe

BICEP2 Collaboration/CERN/NASA



中国脉冲星测时阵列 (CPTA)

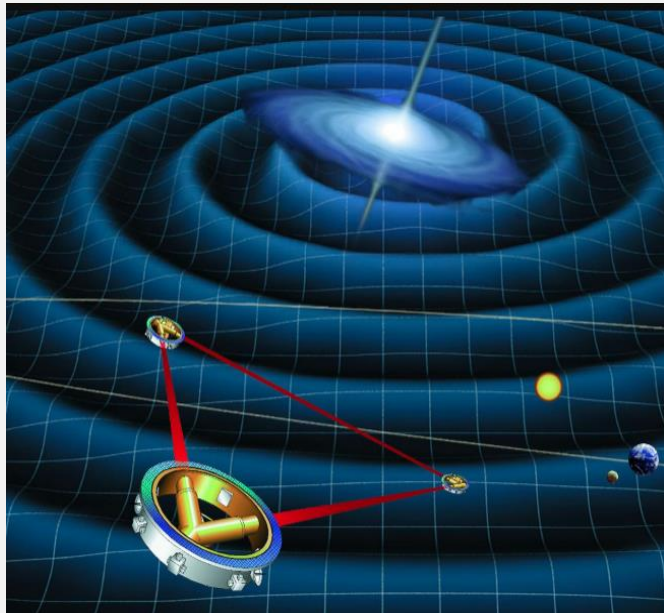


LISA, Taiji, Tianqin

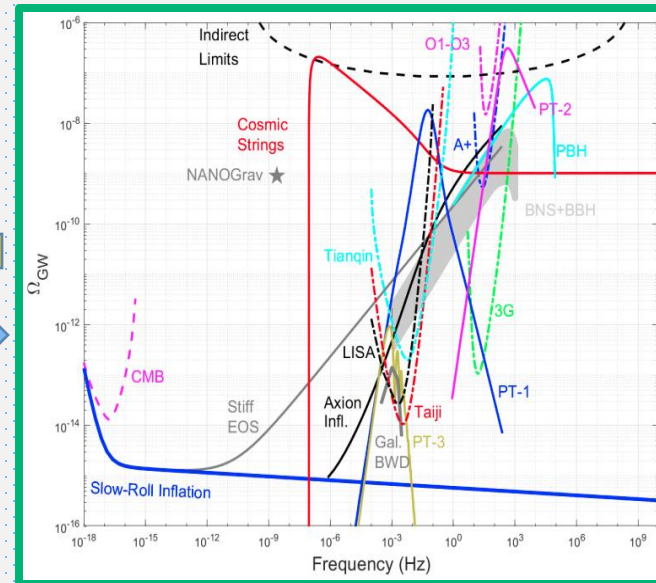


From Theory to Experiment

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LIGO, LISA/Taiji/Tianqin, PTA, ...



Gravitational Wave Spectrum

α
 β
 v_w
 T_*
 g_s
...

Phase Transition Parameters

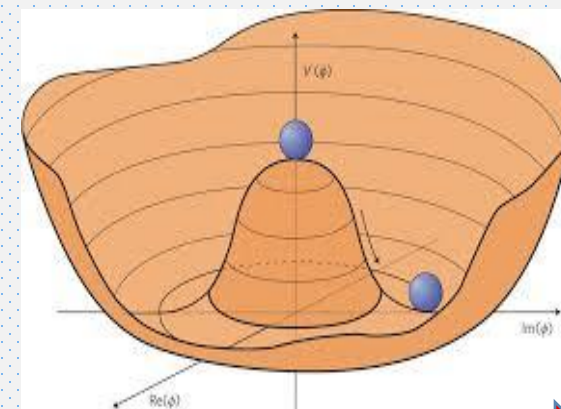
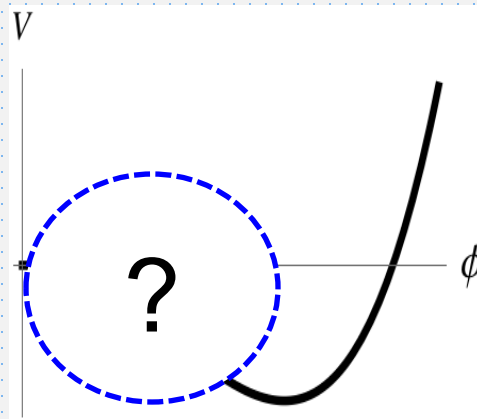
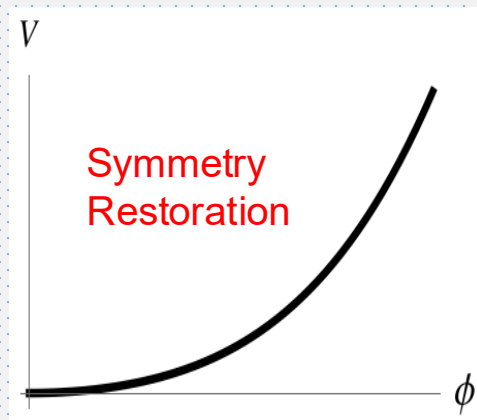
Standard Model of Elementary Particles					
three generations of matter (fermions)			interactions / force carriers (bosons)		
I	II	III			
mass charge spin					
$\approx 2.2 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ $\frac{2}{3}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	$\approx 1.28 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ $\frac{2}{3}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	$\approx 173.1 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ $\frac{2}{3}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	0 0 1	0 0 0	$\approx 124.97 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ 0 0 0
u up	c charm	t top	g gluon	H higgs	
$\approx 4.7 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ $-\frac{2}{3}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	$\approx 96 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ $-\frac{2}{3}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	$\approx 4.18 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ $-\frac{2}{3}$ $\frac{1}{2}$	0 0 1	0 0 1	
d down	s strange	b bottom	γ photon	Z Z boson	
$\approx 0.511 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\approx 105.66 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\approx 1.7768 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ -1 $\frac{1}{2}$	0 0 1	$\approx 91.19 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ 0 0 1	
e electron	μ muon	τ tau	W W boson		
$< 1.0 \text{ eV}/c^2$ 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	$< 0.17 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	$< 18.2 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	$\approx 80.39 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ ± 1 1		
ν_e electron neutrino	ν_μ muon neutrino	ν_τ tau neutrino			

Particle Physics Model

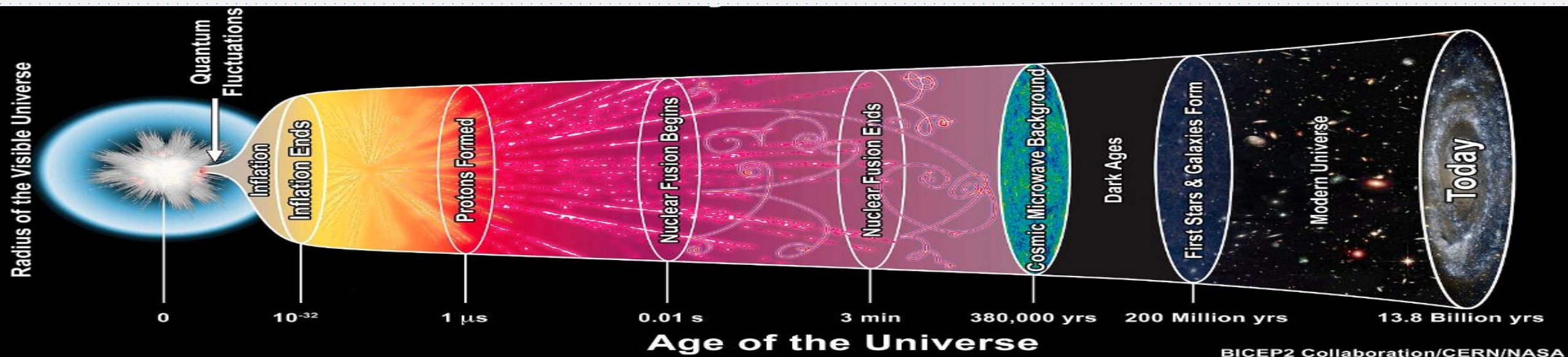


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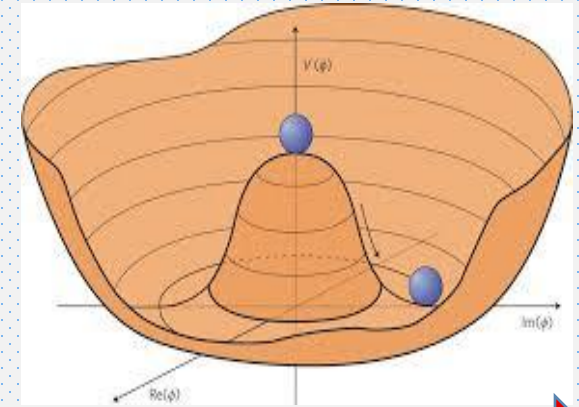
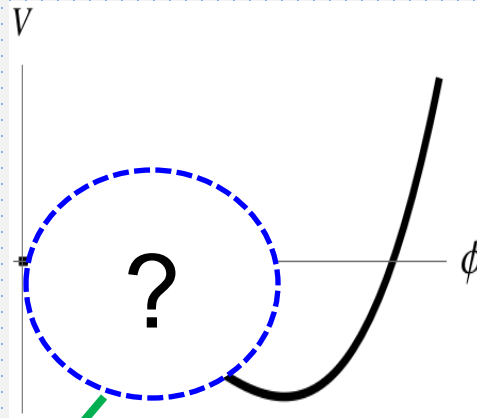
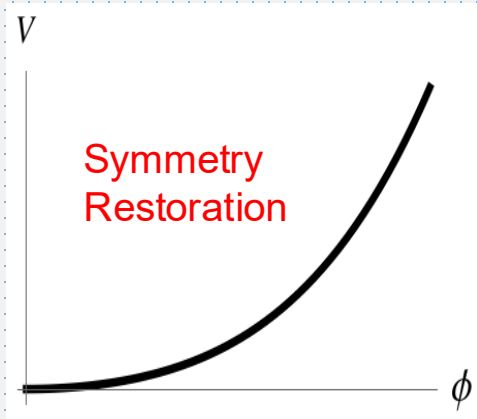
Electroweak Phase Transition



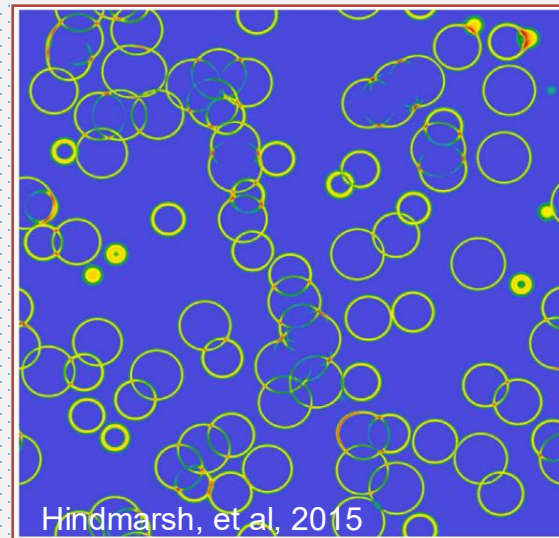
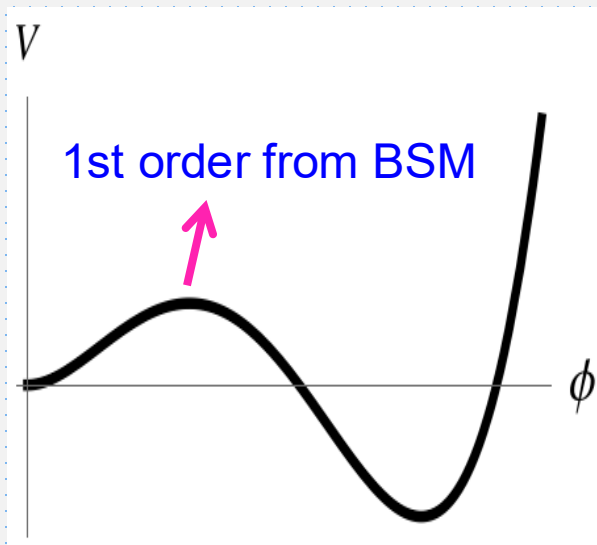
Temperature drops



Electroweak Phase Transition



Temperature drops



Electroweak Baryogenesis

- Modified Higgs potential (Higgs physics, GW)
- Extra CP-violation (EDM, LHC)
- New particles, symmetries (LHC, GW)

Trodden, Rev.Mod.Phys [9803479]

Phenomenological Studies

Detection of early-universe gravitational-wave signatures and fundamental physics

[Robert Caldwell](#), [Yanou Cui](#), [Huai-Ke Guo](#) , [Vuk Mandic](#), [Alberto Mariotti](#), [Jose Miguel No](#), [Michael J. Ramsey-Musolf](#), [Mairi Sakellariadou](#) , [Kuver Sinha](#), [Lian-Tao Wang](#), [Graham White](#), [Yue Zhao](#), [Haipeng An](#), [Ligong Bian](#), [Chiara Caprini](#), [Sebastien Clesse](#), [James M. Cline](#), [Giulia Cusin](#), [Bartosz Fornal](#), [Ryusuke Jinno](#), [Benoit Laurent](#), [Noam Levi](#), [Kun-Feng Lyu](#), [Mario Martinez](#), [Andrew L. Miller](#), [Diego Redigolo](#), [Claudia Scarlata](#), [Alexander Sevrin](#), [Barmak Shams Es Haghi](#), [Jing Shu](#), [Xavier Siemens](#), [Danièle A. Steer](#), [Raman Sundrum](#), [Carlos Tamarit](#), [David J. Weir](#), [Ke-Pan Xie](#), [Feng-Wei Yang](#) & [Siyi Zhou](#) — Show fewer authors

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High Energy Physics - Phenomenology

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Probing the Electroweak Phase Transition with Exotic Higgs Decays

Marcela Carena, Jonathan Kozaczuk, Zhen Liu, Tong Ou, Michael J. Ramsey-Musolf, Jessie Shelton, Yikun Wang, Ke-Pan Xie

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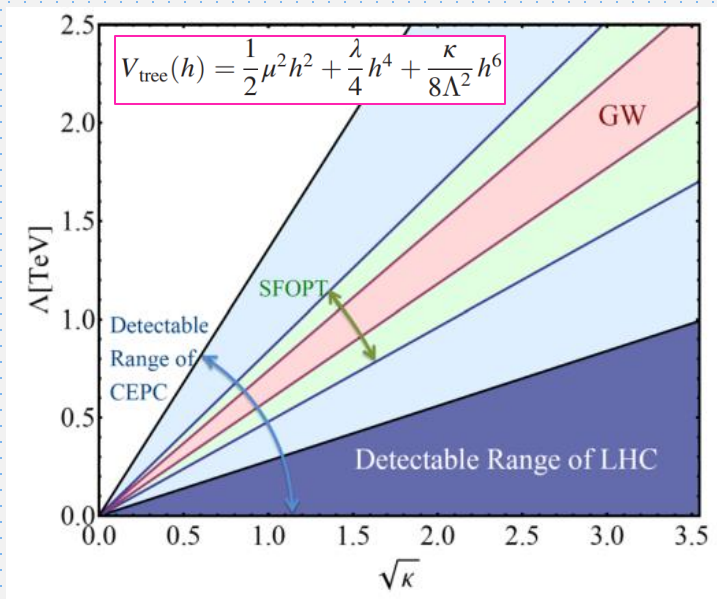
Scalar-mediated dark matter model at colliders and gravitational wave detectors -- A White paper for Snowmass 2021

Jia Liu, Xiao-Ping Wang, Ke-Pan Xie

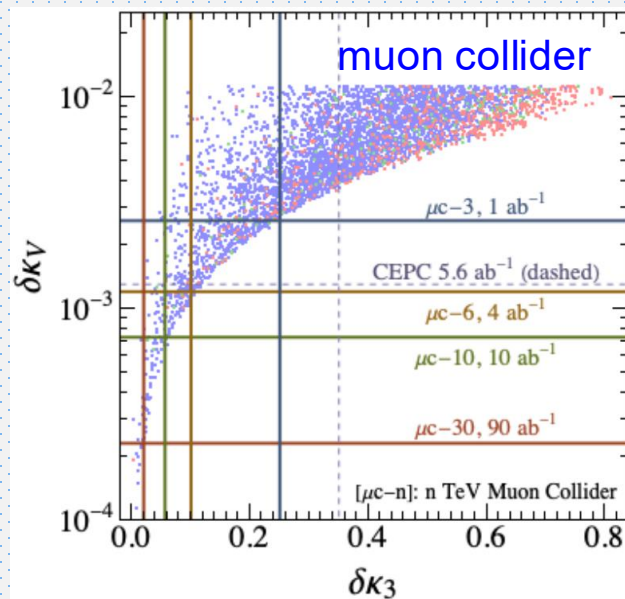
Snowmass 2021 White papers

Models	Strong 1 st order phase transition	GW signal	Cold DM	Dark Radiation and small scale structure
SM charged				
Triplet [20–22]	✓	✓	✓	✗
complex and real Triplet [23] (Georgi-Machacek model)	✓	✓	✓	✗
Multiplet [24]	✓	✓	✓	
2HDM [25–30]	✓	✓		✗
MLRSM [31]	✓	✓	✗	✗
NMSSM [32–36]	✓	✓	✓	✗
SM uncharged				
S_τ (xSM) [37–49]	✓	✓	✗	✗
2 S_τ 's [50]	✓	✓	✓	✗
S_c (cxSM) [49, 51–54]	✓	✓	✓	✗
$U(1)_D$ (no interaction with SM) [55]	✓	✓	✓	✗
$U(1)_D$ (Higgs Portal) [56]	✓	✓	✓	
$U(1)_D$ (Kinetic Mixing) [57]	✓	✓	✓	
Composite $SU(7)/SU(6)$ [58]	✓	✓	✓	
$U(1)_L$ [59]	✓	✓	✓	✗
$SU(2)_D \rightarrow$ global $SO(3)$ by a doublet [60–62]			✓	✗
$SU(2)_D \rightarrow U(1)_D$ by a triplet [63–65]			✓	✓
$SU(2)_D \rightarrow Z_2$ by two triplets [66]			✓	✗
$SU(2)_D \rightarrow Z_3$ by a quadruplet [67, 68]			✓	✗
$SU(2)_D \times U(1)_{B-L} \rightarrow Z_2 \times Z_2$ by a quintuplet and a S_c [69]			✓	✗
$SU(2)_D$ with two dark Higgs doublets [70]	✓	✓	✗	✗
$SU(3)_D \rightarrow Z_2 \times Z_2$ by two triplets [62, 71]			✓	✗
$SU(3)_D$ (dark QCD) (Higgs Portal) [72, 73]	✓	✓	✓	
$G_{SM} \times G_{D,SM} \times Z_2$ [74]	✓	✓	✓	
$G_{SM} \times G_{D,SM} \times G_{D,SM} \cdots$ [75]	✓	✓	✓	
Current work				
$SU(2)_D \rightarrow U(1)_D$ (see the text)	✓	✓	✓	✓

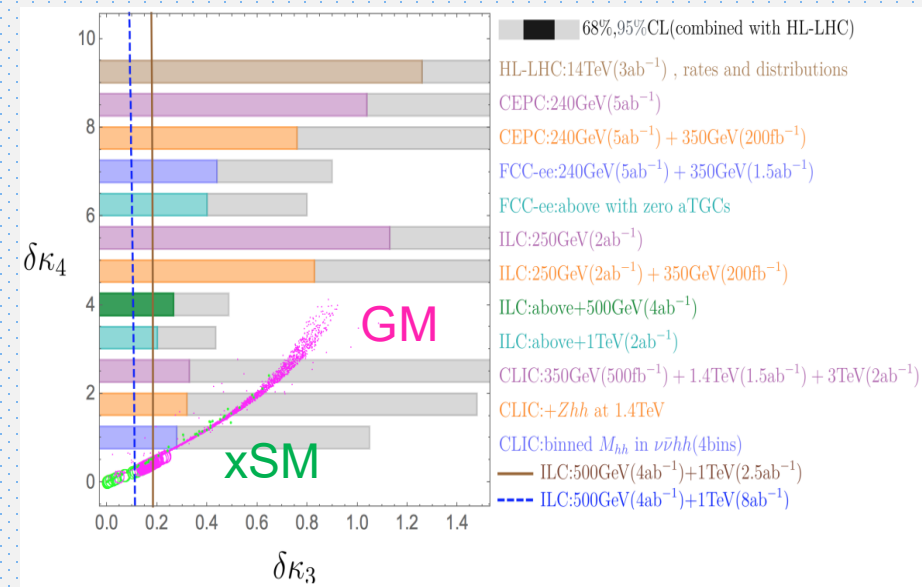
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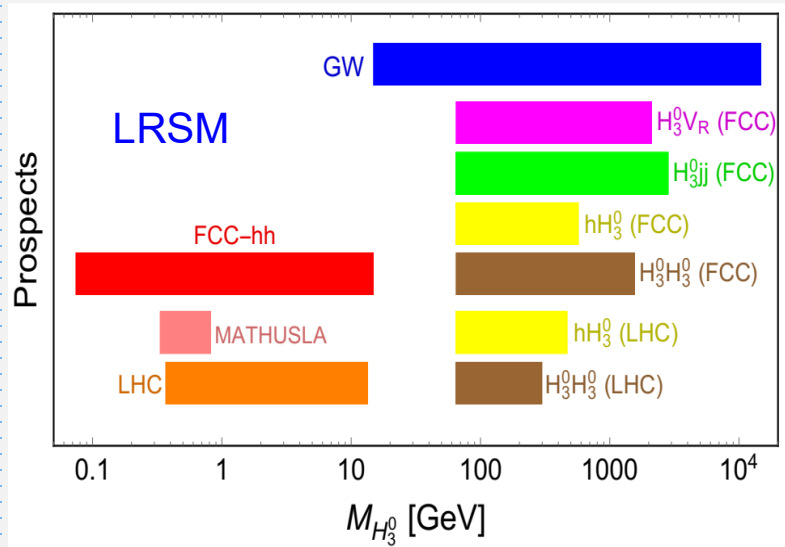
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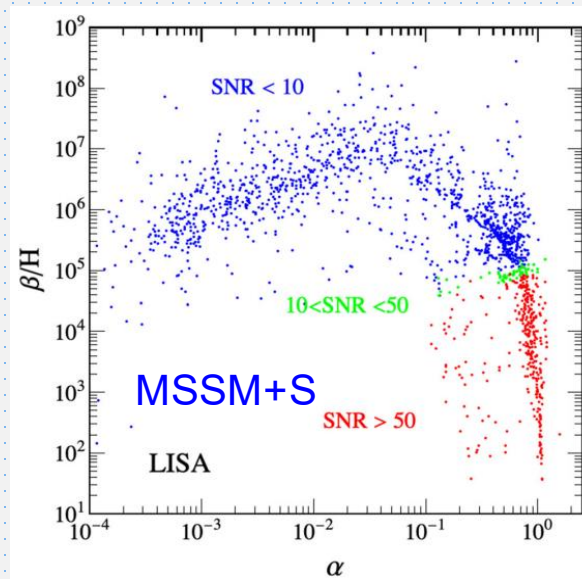
Wei Liu, Ke-Pan Xie, JHEP [2101.10469]



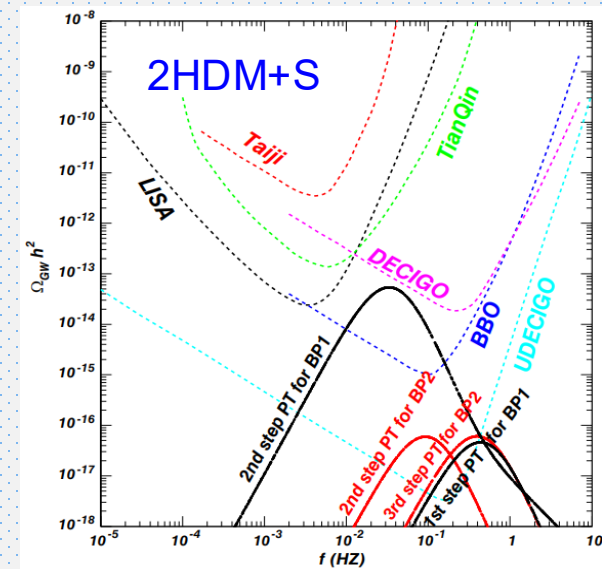
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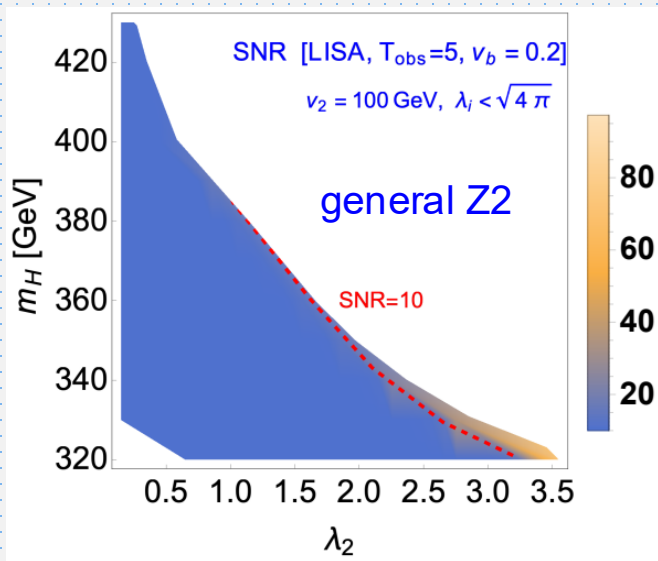
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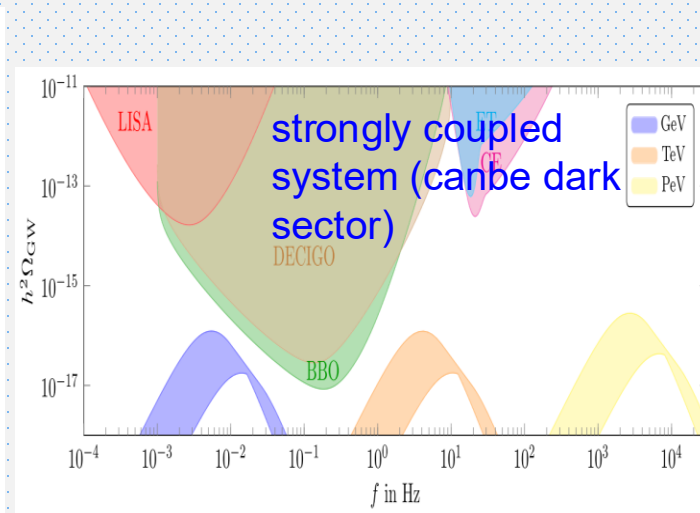
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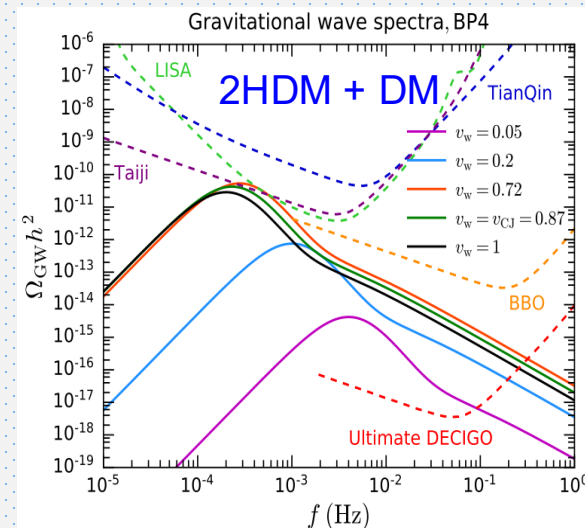
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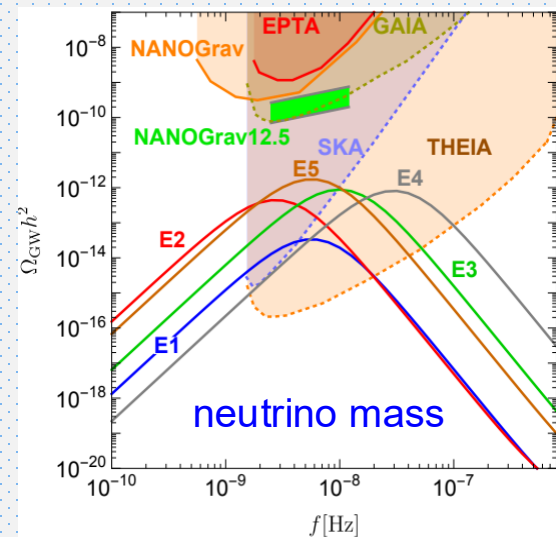
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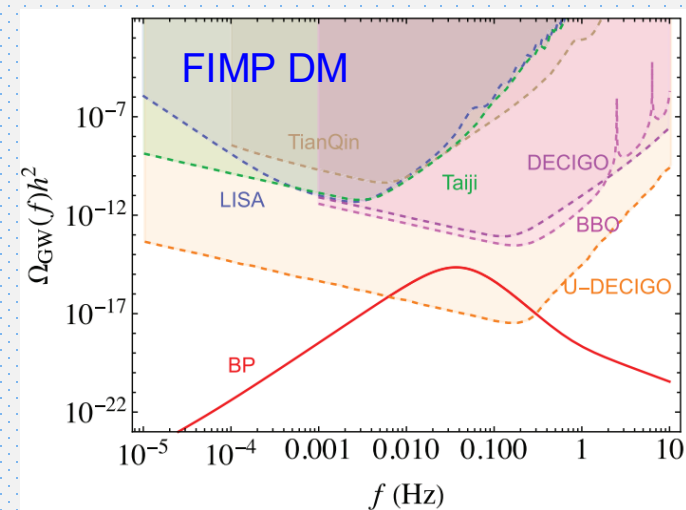
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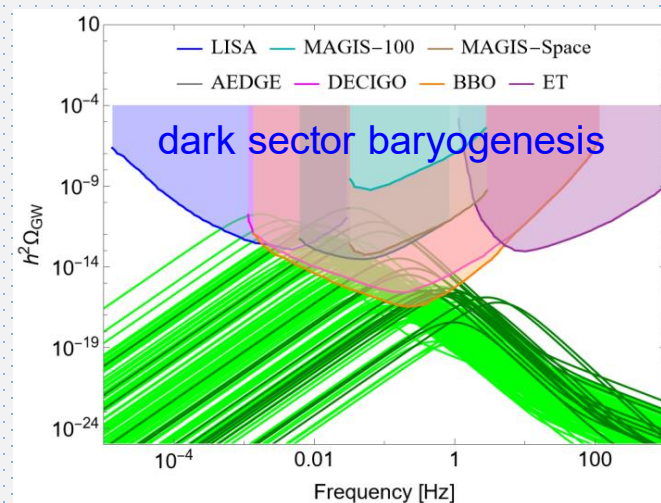
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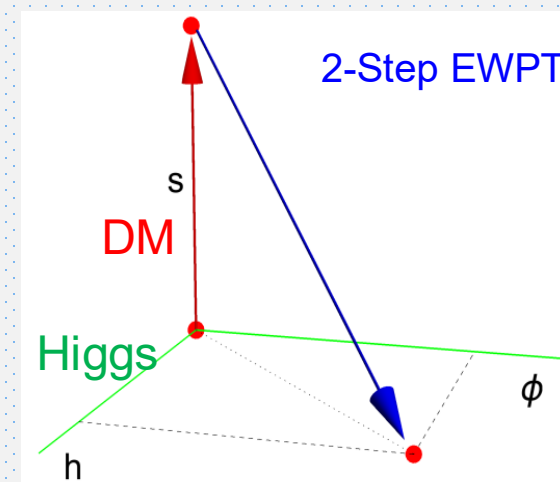
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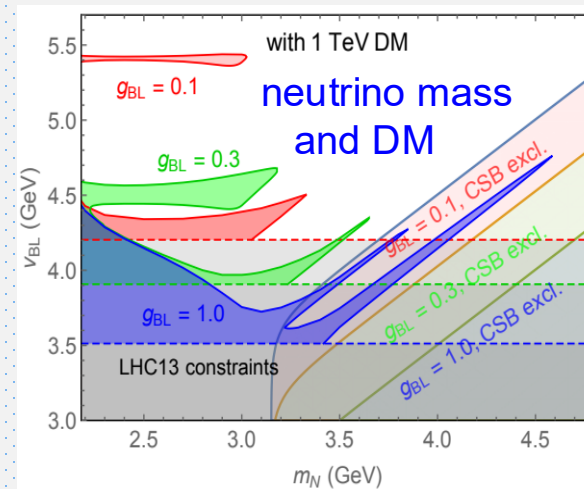
Xuwen Liu, Shu-Yuan Guo, Bin Zhu, Ying Li, Sci.Bull. [2022.06.011]



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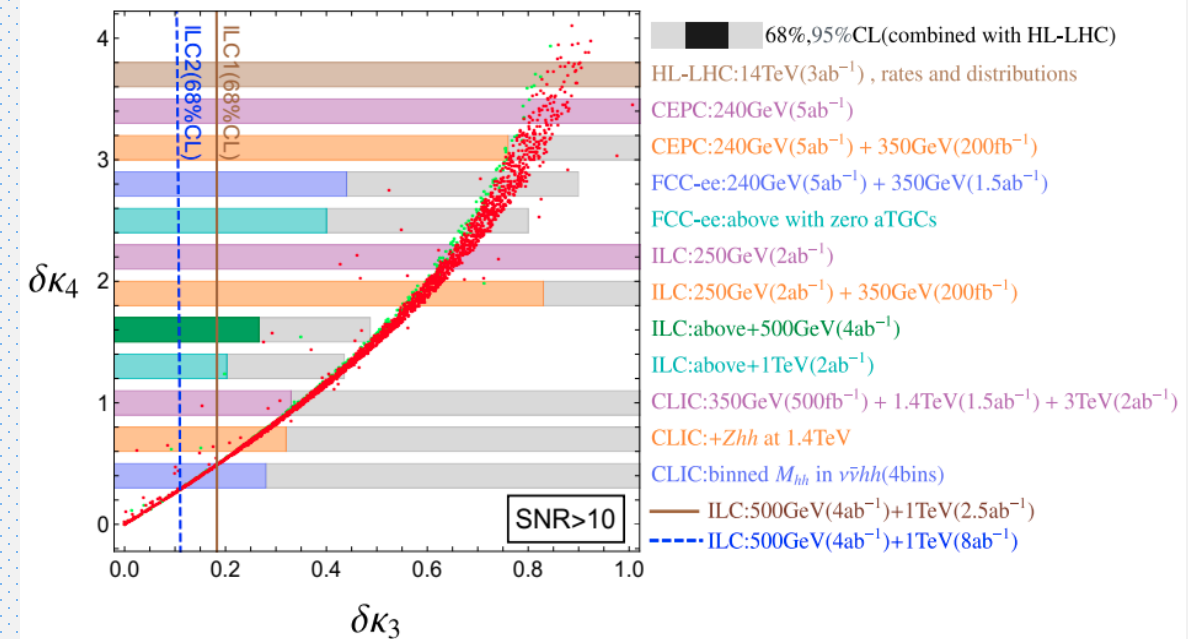
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Collider and GW Complementarity

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Alves, Ghosh, [HG](#), Sinha, Vagie, JHEP [1812.09333]

Simplest model: xSM (SM + S)

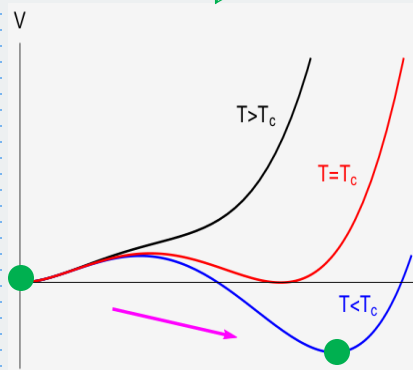
$$\Delta\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{m_{h_1}^2}{v} (1 + \delta\kappa_3) h_1^3 - \frac{1}{8} \frac{m_{h_1}^2}{v^2} (1 + \delta\kappa_4) h_1^4$$

Nucleation Rate: Perturbative Method

The Usual Method (Tree + Coleman-Weinberg + Daisy Resummation)

$$V_T = V_{\text{tree}} + V_{\text{CW}} + \frac{T^2}{24} \sum_i c_i M_i^2(\phi) - \frac{T}{12\pi} \sum_j d_j [M_j^2(\phi)]^{3/2}$$

$$V(\phi, T) = D(T^2 - T_0^2)\phi^2 - ET\phi^3 + \frac{\lambda}{4}\phi^4$$



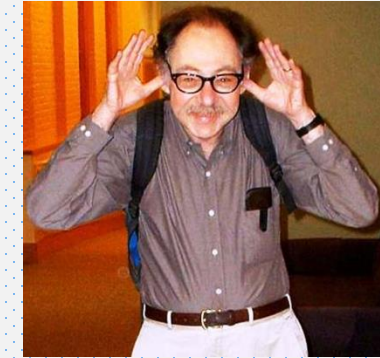
- Infrared problem (Linde, 1980)
- Gauge invariance (ok for high-T expansion) (Patel, Ramsey-Musolf, JHEP [1101.4665])

Nucleation rate

$$p = p_0 \exp \left[-\frac{S_{3,b}(T)}{T} \right]$$

fluctuations

critical bubble



Sidney Coleman



Andrei Linde

Gauge-invariant method proposed

Löfgren, Ramsey-Musolf, et al, PRL [2112.05472], JHEP [2112.08912]

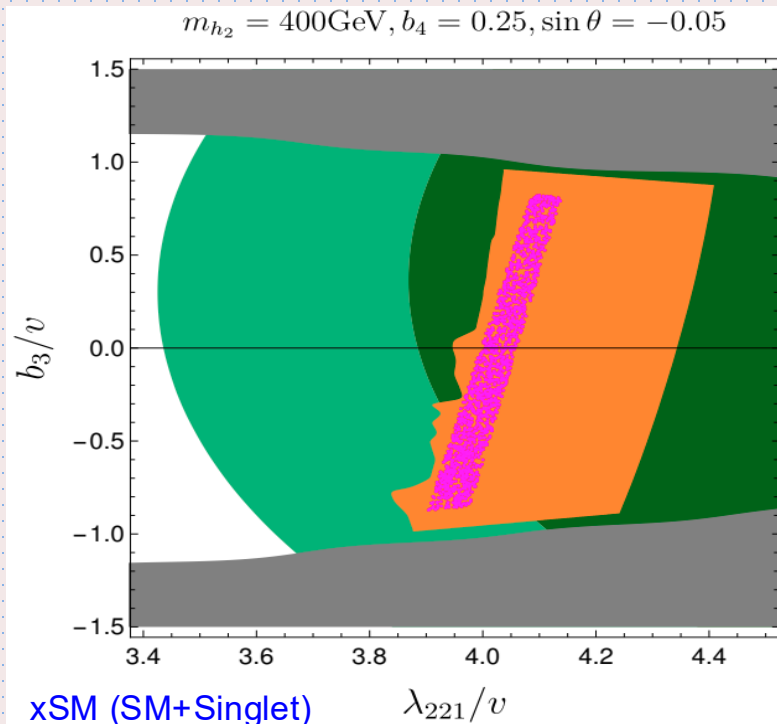
$$S_3 = a_0 g^{-3/2} + a_1 g^{-1/2} + \Delta$$

$$-\frac{1}{T} S_3[\phi_b] = -\frac{1}{T} \int d^3x \left[V_{\text{LO}}^{\text{eff}}(\phi_b) + V_{\text{NLO}}^{\text{eff}}(\phi_b) + \frac{1}{2} [1 + Z_{\text{NLO}}(\phi_b, T)] (\partial_i \phi_b)^2 + \dots \right]$$

Nucleation Rate: Non-Perturbative Method

- Non-perturbative method overcomes these problems
- But yet quite limited in BSM studies

perturbative vs non-perturbative

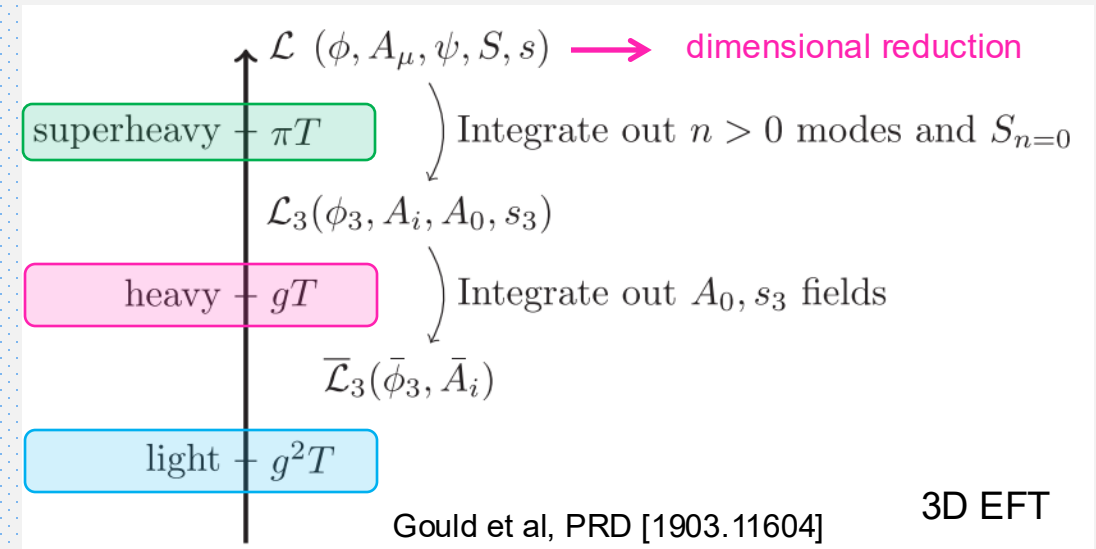


perturbative
(high-T, gauge independent)

non-perturbative
(high-dim operator needed)

perturbative (full one-loop)

Alves, Goncalves, Ghosh, HG, Sinha, JHEP [1909.05268]



Dimensional Reduction (Status)		
SM	✓	Farakos, Kajantie, Rummukainen, Shaposhnikov (1994)
MSSM	✓	Cline, Kainulainen (1996), Losada (1996), Laine (1996)
xSM (SM + Singlet)	✓	Brauner, Tenkanen, Tranberg, Vuorinen, Weir, JHEP [1609.06230]
Σ SM (SM + Triplet)	✓	Niemi, Patel, Ramsey-Musolf, Tenkanen, Weir, PRD [1802.10500]
2HDM	✓	Gorda, Helset, Niemi, Tenkanen, Weir, JHEP [1802.05056]

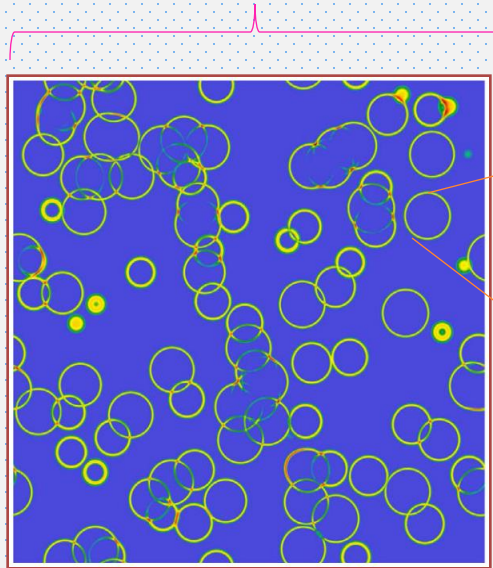
The Picture

Precise calculation of PT parameters:

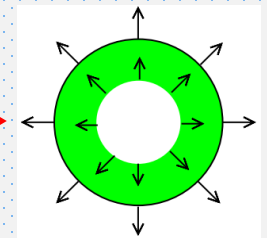
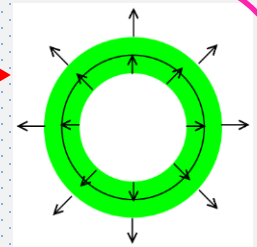
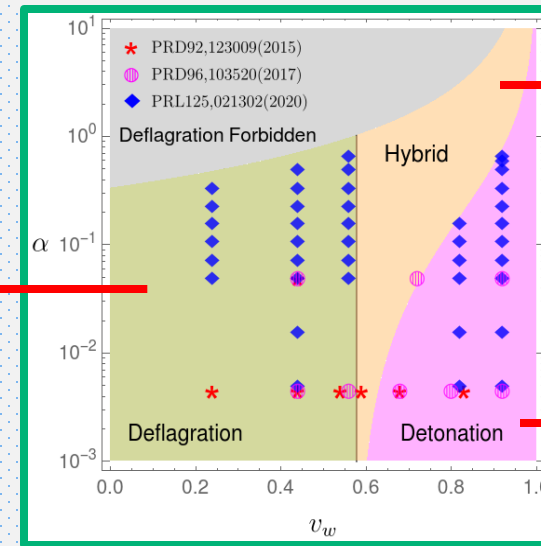
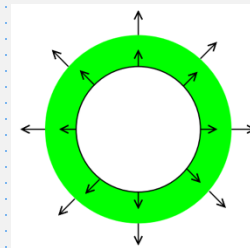
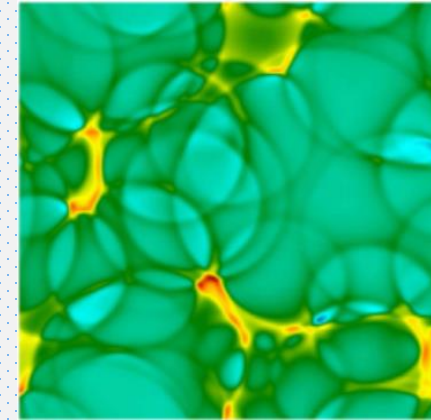
Minkowski spacetime: Hindmarsh,Hijazi, JCAP [1909.10040]

Expanding universe: HG,Sinha,Vagie,White, JCAP [2007.08537], JHEP [2103.06933]

- False Vacuum Fraction
- Unbroken Wall Area
- Bubble Lifetime Distribution
- Bubble Number Density



Hindmarsh et al, 2015



Espinosa,Konstandin,No,Servant JCAP [1004.4187]

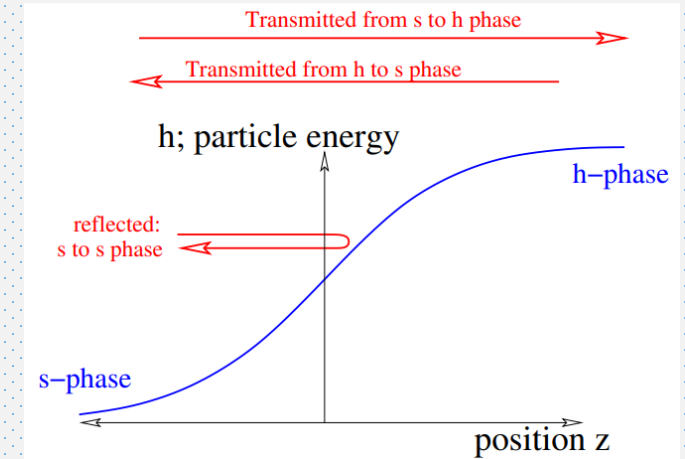
Wall Velocity: v_w

Usually chosen as fixed value in baryon asymmetry and GW studies

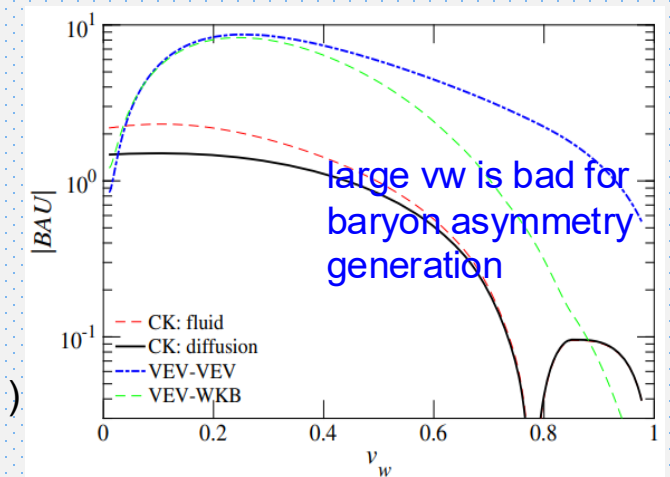
But, significant advances in recent years (driven by GW studies)

$$\square\phi + V'_T(\phi) + \sum \frac{dm^2}{d\phi} \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3 2E} \delta f(p, x) = 0$$

- Friction from out-of-equilibrium (Moore, Prokopec, PRL [9503296]; PRD [9506475])
- Transition radiation (Bodeker, Moore, JCAP [1703.08215])
- All orders resummation (Höche et al, JCAP [2007.10343])
- Lineared distribution or not (Laurent, Cline, PRD [2007.10935]; PRD [2204.13120])
- Singularity or not (Dorsch, Huber, Konstandin, JCAP [2112.12548], Laurent, Cline)
- Hydrodynamic (Cai, Wang, JCAP [2011.11451], Wang, Yuwen, PRD [2205.02492], 2310.07691)



Bodeker, Moore, JCAP [1703.08215]



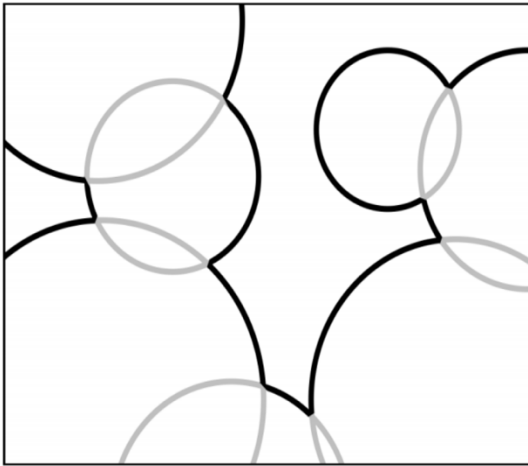
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Gravitational Wave Sources

The current understanding:

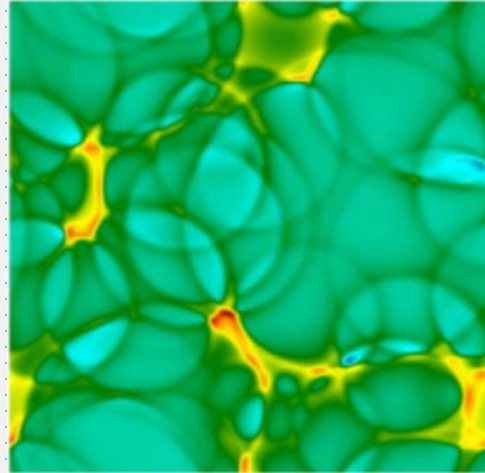
$$\square \bar{h}_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{16\pi G}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu}$$

energy near the wall



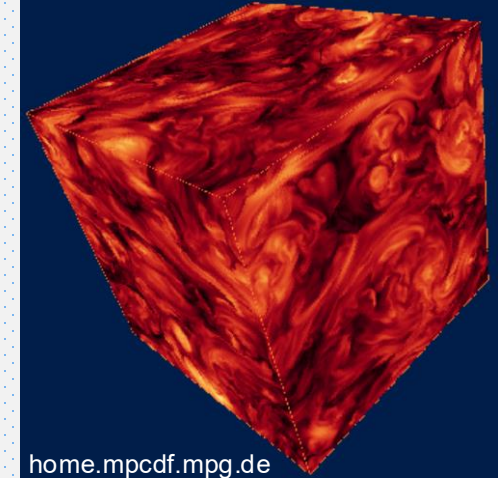
Bubble Collisions

fluid kinetic energy



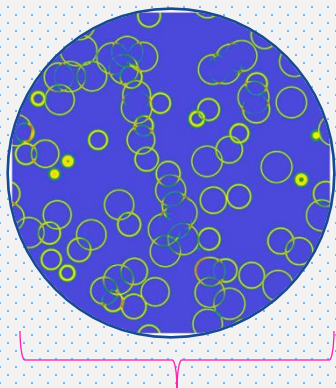
Sound Waves

turbulent fluid + magnetic field



Magnetohydrodynamic Turbulence

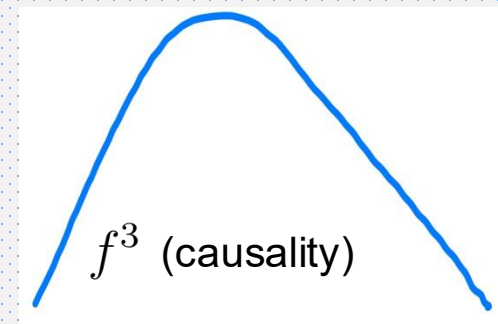
Basic Properties



Hubble size: $1/H^*$

$$f_{\text{now}} = 1.65 \times 10^{-5} \left(\frac{f_{\text{PT}}}{\beta} \right) \left(\frac{\beta}{H_*} \right) \left(\frac{T_*}{100 \text{ GeV}} \right) \left(\frac{g_*}{100} \right)^{1/6} \text{ Hz}$$

~100-1000



Cai, Pi, Sasak, PRD [1909.13728]

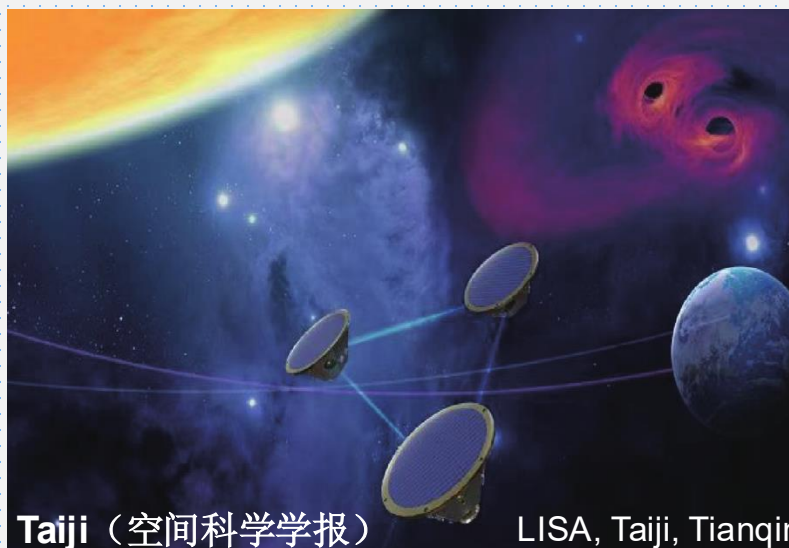
nHz (~100MeV) QCD scale

~mHz : (~100GeV) weak scale

~100Hz (~PeV - EeV) high scale



中国脉冲星测时阵列 (CPTA)



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LISA, Taiji, Tianqin



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Multiband Searches

NANOGrav, ApJL [2306.16219]

EPTA [2306.16227]

Xue, Bian, Shu, Yuan, Zhu, et al, PRL [2110.03096]

Bian et al [2307.02376]

Wu, Chen, Huang [2307.03141]

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Boileau et al, MNRAS [2105.04283]

LISA: Caprini et al [2403.03723]

Network: Wang, Han, PRD [2108.11151] ...

TDI optimization: Wang, Li, Xu, Fan, PRD [2201.10902]

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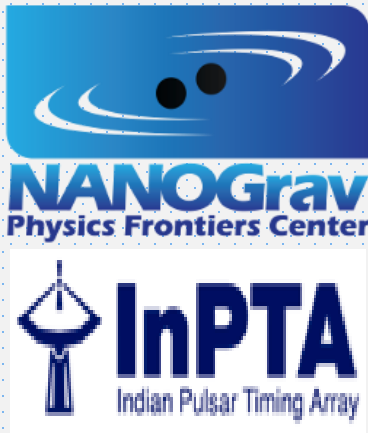
Romero, Martinovic, Callister, [HG](#), Martínez, Sakellariadou, Yang, Zhao, PRL [2102.01714]

Badger, ..., [HG](#), ..., PRD [2209.14707]

Jiang, Huang, JCAP [2203.11781]

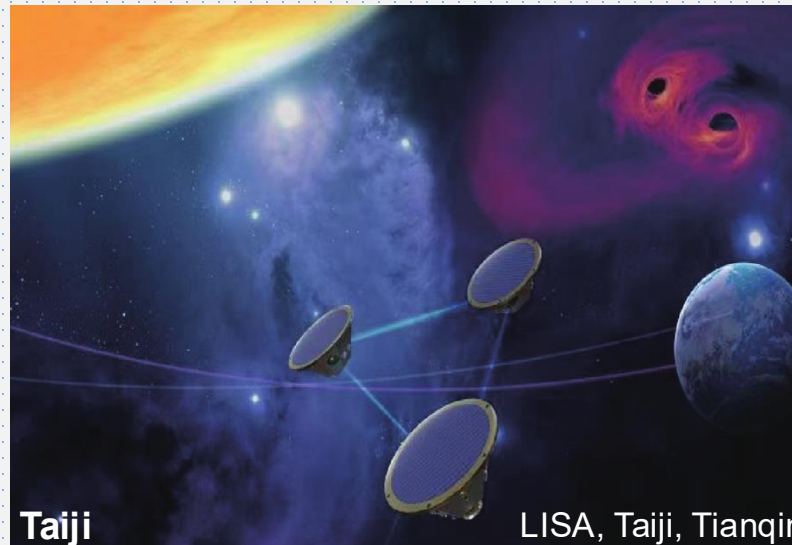
Yu, Wang, PRD [2211.13111]

nHz (~ 100 MeV) QCD scale



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$\sim$ mHz : (~ 100 GeV) weak scale



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~ 100 Hz ($\sim$ PeV - EeV) high scale



Bubble Collisions

Envelope approximation:

Kosowsky, Turner, Watkins, Kamionkowski,
PRL69,2026(1992), PRD45,4514(1992), PRD47,4372(1993), PRD [9310044]

$$h^2 \Omega_{\text{BC}}(f) = 1.67 \times 10^{-5} \left(\frac{100}{g_*} \right)^{1/3} \Delta(v_w) \left(\frac{H_n}{\beta} \right)^2 \left(\frac{\kappa_\phi \alpha}{1 + \alpha} \right)^2 S_{\text{env}}(f)$$

simulation

analytical

$$\Delta = \frac{0.11 v_w^3}{0.42 + v_w^2},$$

$$\frac{f_*}{\beta} = \frac{0.62}{1.8 - 0.1 v_w + v_w^2},$$

$$S_{\text{env}} = \left[\frac{3.8 (f/f_{\text{env}})^{2.8}}{1 + 2.8 (f/f_{\text{env}})^{3.8}} \right]$$

Huber, Konstandin, JCAP [0806.1828]

Chiara Caprini et al JCAP [1512.06239]

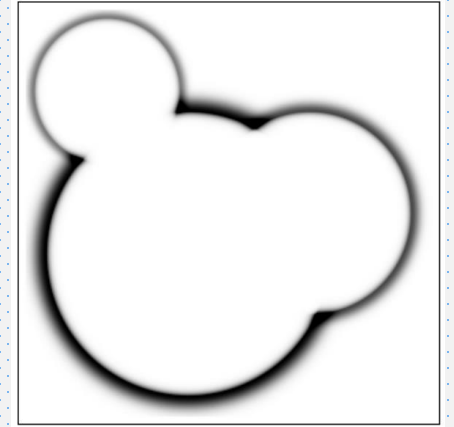
$$\Delta = \frac{0.48 v_w^3}{1 + 5.3 v_w^2 + 5 v_w^4},$$

$$\frac{f_*}{\beta} = \frac{0.35}{1 + 0.069 v_w + 0.69 v_w^4},$$

$$S_{\text{env}} = \left[c_l \left(\frac{f}{f_{\text{env}}} \right)^{-3} + (1 - c_l - c_h) \left(\frac{f}{f_{\text{env}}} \right)^{-1} + c_h \left(\frac{f}{f_{\text{env}}} \right) \right]^{-1}$$

$$(c_l = 0.064, \quad c_h = 0.48)$$

Jinno, Takimoto, PRD [1605.01403]



thin shell of uncollided walls

$$\Omega_{\text{BC}}(f \gtrsim f_{\text{peak}}) \propto f^{-1}$$

$$\Omega_{\text{BC}}(f \lesssim f_{\text{peak}}) \propto f^3$$

Bubble Collisions: Recent Development

- Wall thickness (probe effective potential)

Cutting et al, PRD [2005.13537], Gould et al, PRD [2107.05657], Mégevand, Membiela, JCAP [2302.13349]

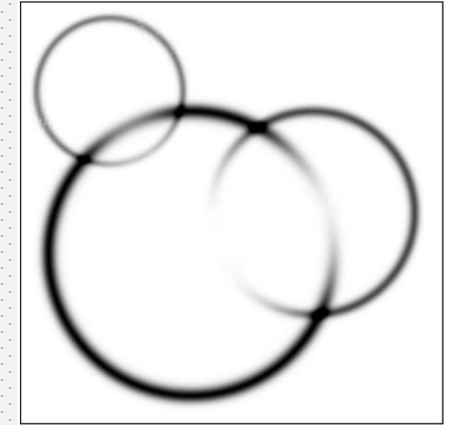
- Duration and Expanding Universe

Zhong, Gong, Qiu, JHEP [2107.01845]

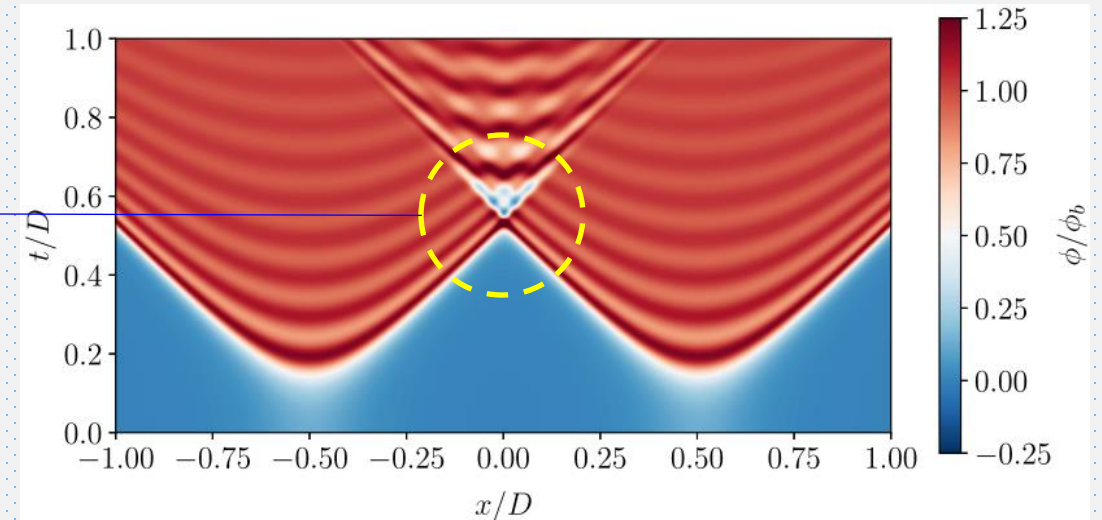
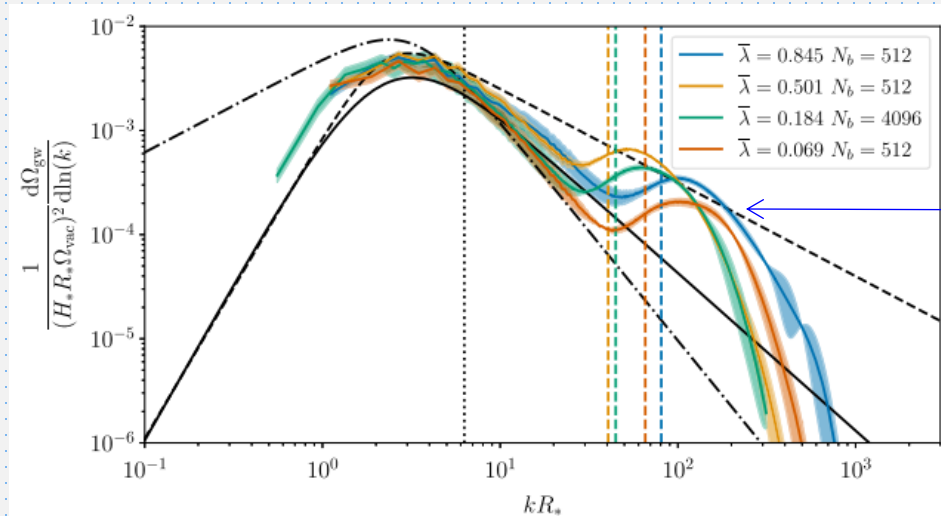
- Scalar + Gauge

Di, Wang, Zhou, Bian, Cai, Liu, PRL [2012.15625], Yang, Bian, PRD [2102.01398],
Lewicki, Vaskonen, EPJC [2007.04967]

Bulk flow model



Jinno, Takimoto, JCAP [1707.03111],
Konstandin, JCAP [1712.06869]



Sound Waves

Hindmarsh, Huber, Rummukainen, Weir, PRL [1304.2433]

$$T^{ij} \propto (p + e)v^i v^j$$

$$h^2 \Omega_{\text{sw}}(f) = 2.65 \times 10^{-6} \left(\frac{100}{g_*} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \left(\frac{H_*}{\beta} \right) \left(\frac{\kappa_{\text{sw}} \alpha}{1 + \alpha} \right)^2 v_w S_{\text{sw}}(f) \Upsilon(\tau_{\text{sw}})$$

$$S_{\text{sw}}(f) = \left(\frac{f}{f_{\text{sw}}} \right)^3 \left[\frac{7}{4 + 3(f/f_{\text{sw}})^2} \right]^{7/2} \quad f_* = \frac{2\beta}{\sqrt{3}v_w} \approx \frac{3.4}{R_*}$$

Hindmarsh, Huber, Rummukainen, Weir, PRD [1504.03291]

$$\Omega_{\text{SW}}(f \gtrsim f_{\text{peak}}) \propto f^{-4}$$

$$\Omega_{\text{SW}}(f \lesssim f_{\text{peak}}) \propto f^3$$

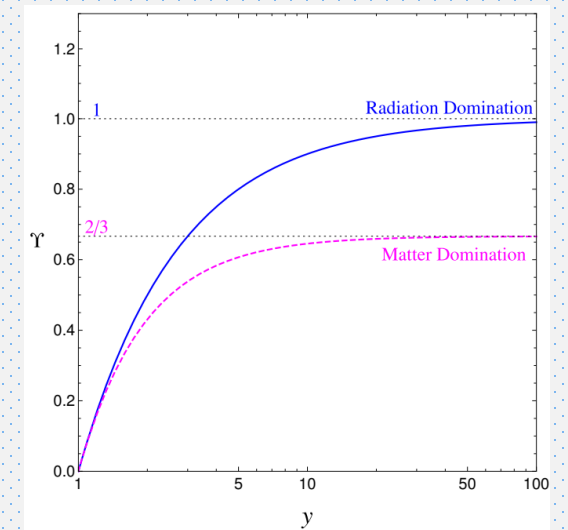
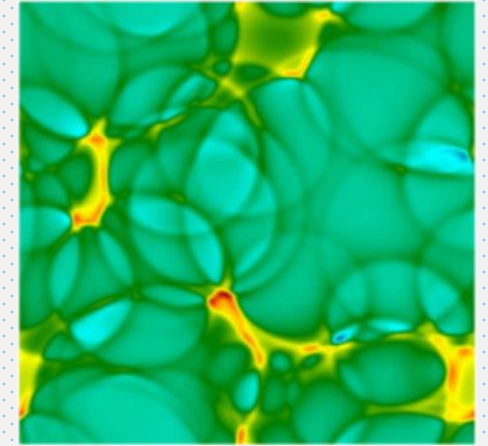
Slight different fit obtained by the same group, PRD [1704.05871]

$$\Upsilon = 1 - (1 + 2\tau_{\text{sw}} H_{\text{pt}})^{-1/2} \quad (\text{radiation domination})$$

HG, Sinha, Vagie, White, JCAP [2007.08537]

$$\Upsilon = \frac{2[1 - y^{3(w-1)/2}]}{3(1-w)}$$

HG, Yang Xiao, ... [2410.23666]



Sound Waves: Recent Development

Analytical Modelling

- Refine the sound shell model
- Synergy with simulations

Sound Shell Model

Hindmarsh, PRL [1608.04735]

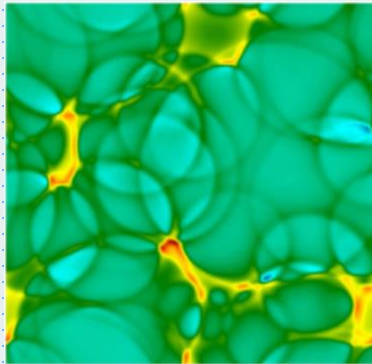
Hindmarsh, Hijazi, JCAP [1909.10040]

HG, Sinha, Vagie, White, JCAP [2007.08537]

Cai, Wang, Yuwen, PRD Letter [2305.00074]

Pol, Procacci, Caprini [2308.12943]

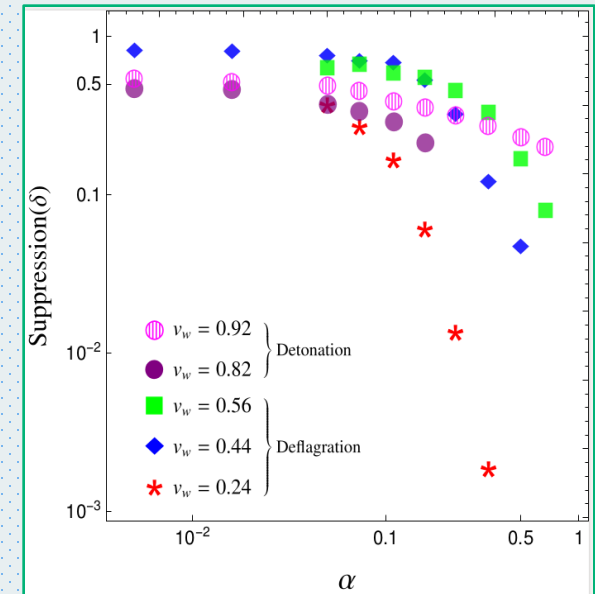
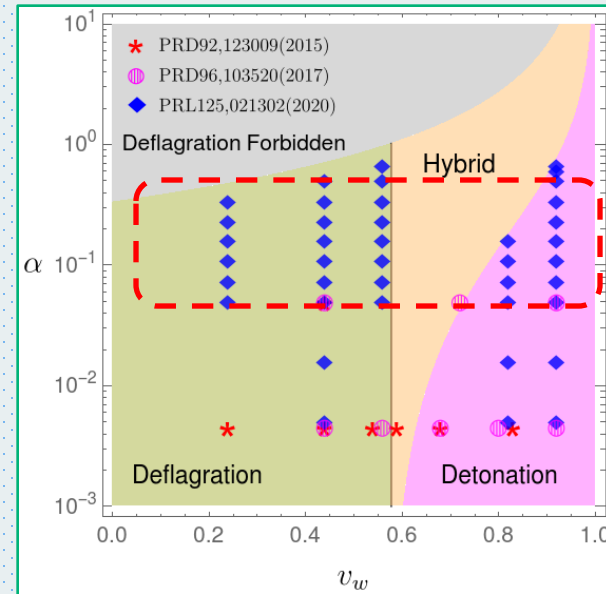
$$v_{\mathbf{q}}^i = \sum_{n=1}^{N_b} v_{\mathbf{q}}^{i(n)}$$



Numerical Simulation

- Suppression found for strong transitions with small v_w
- Need to cover more parameter space (very strong PT)

$$h^2 \Omega_{\text{sw}}(f) = 2.65 \times 10^{-6} \left(\frac{100}{g_*} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \left(\frac{H_*}{\beta} \right) \left(\frac{\kappa_{\text{sw}} \alpha}{1 + \alpha} \right)^2 v_w S_{\text{sw}}(f) \Upsilon(\tau_{\text{sw}})$$



Cutting, Hindmarsh, Weir, PRL [1906.00480]

Magnetohydrodynamic Turbulence

Earlier studies based on Kolmogorov spectrum:

Kamionkowski, Kosowsky, Turner, PRD [9310044]

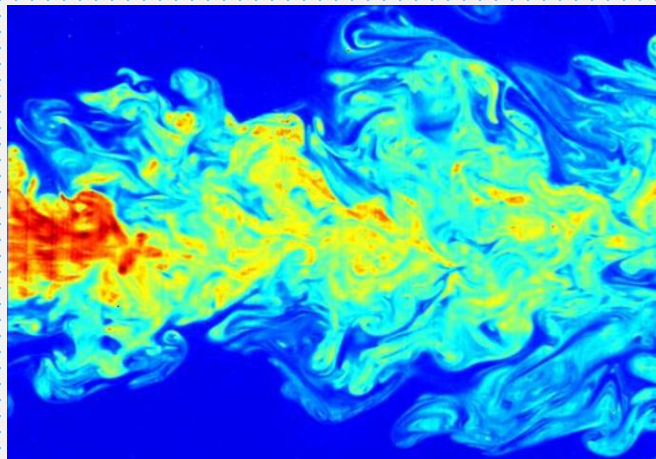
Kosowsky, Mack, Kahniashvili, PRD [0111483]

Gogoberidze, Kahniashvili, Kosowsky, PRD [0705.1733]

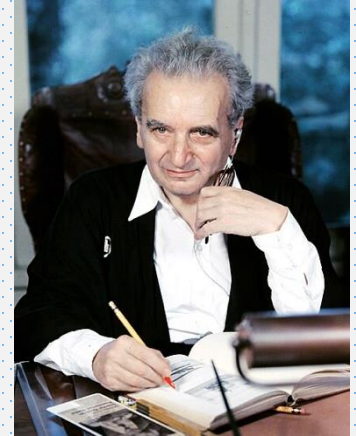
$$T^{ij} \sim (p + e)v^i v^j - B_i B_j$$

$$h^2 \Omega_{\text{turb}}(f) = 3.35 \times 10^{-4} \left(\frac{H_*}{\beta} \right) \left(\frac{\kappa_{\text{turb}} \alpha}{1 + \alpha} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \left(\frac{100}{g_*} \right)^{1/3} v_w S_{\text{turb}}(f)$$

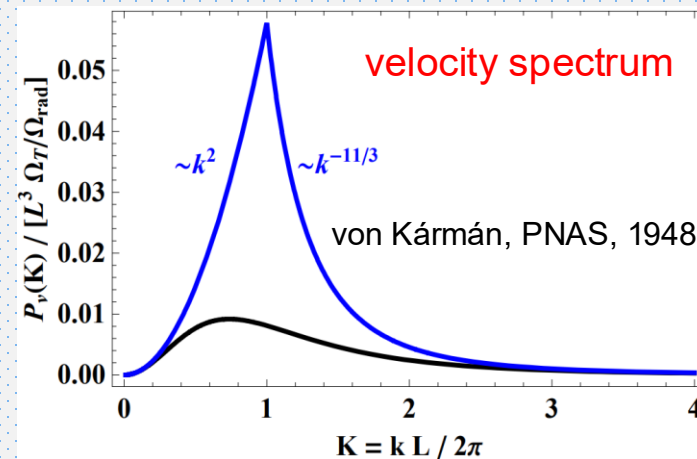
Caprini, Durrer, Servant, JCAP [0909.0622] (used von Kármán's spectrum)



Andrey Nikolaevich Kolmogorov



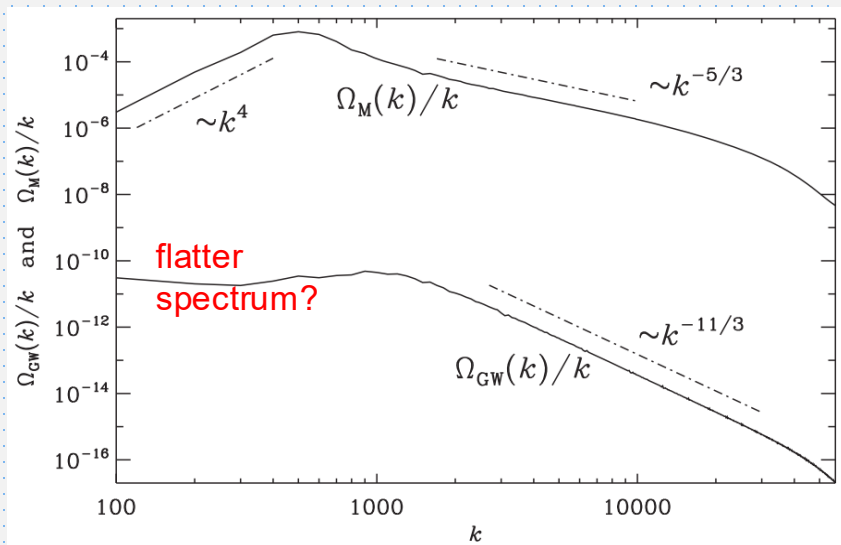
Theodore von Kármán



Magnetohydrodynamic Turbulence: Recent Development

Progress on **numerical** simulations, and **analytical** modellings

- Strong dependence on initial conditions
- Flatter spectrum at low frequency (violate causality?)



Pol et al, PRD [1903.08585]

Modelling: Sharma, Brandenburg, PRD [2206.00055]

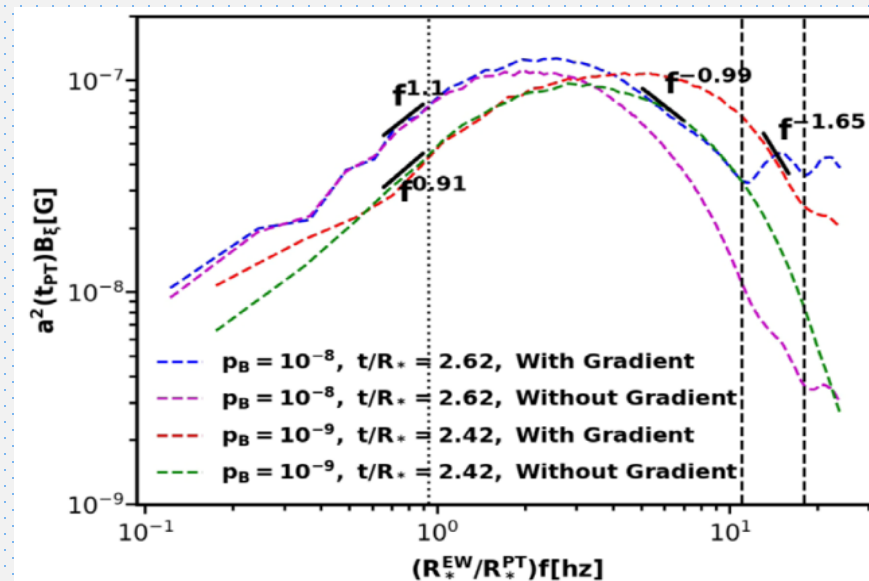
Time decorrelation: Auclair et al, JCAP [2205.02588]

Decay, viscosity: Dahl et al, PRD [2112.12013]

Polarization: Pol et al, JCAP [2107.05356]

← as initial conditions?

Magnetic Field Generation (simulation)

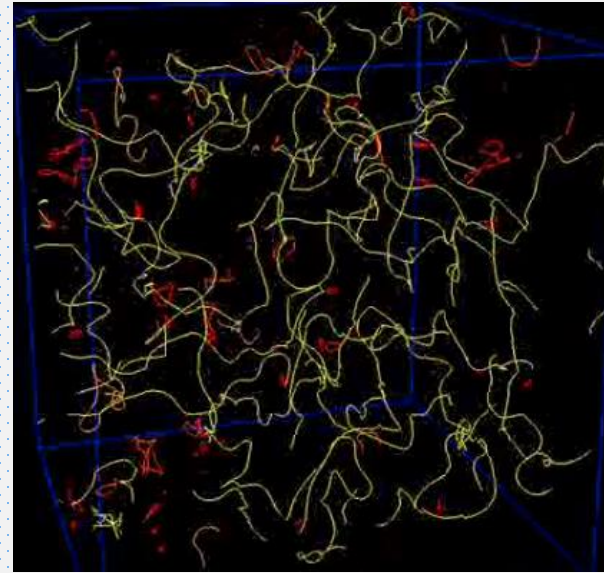


Di,Wang,Zhou,Bian,Cai, PRL [2012.15625]

Yang,Bian,PRD [2102.01398]

Cosmic Strings

- Formed in the early universe (GUT, etc)
- Topological defects in 1D
- Formed in the early universe (GUT, etc)
- Thin, described by the Nambu-Goto action

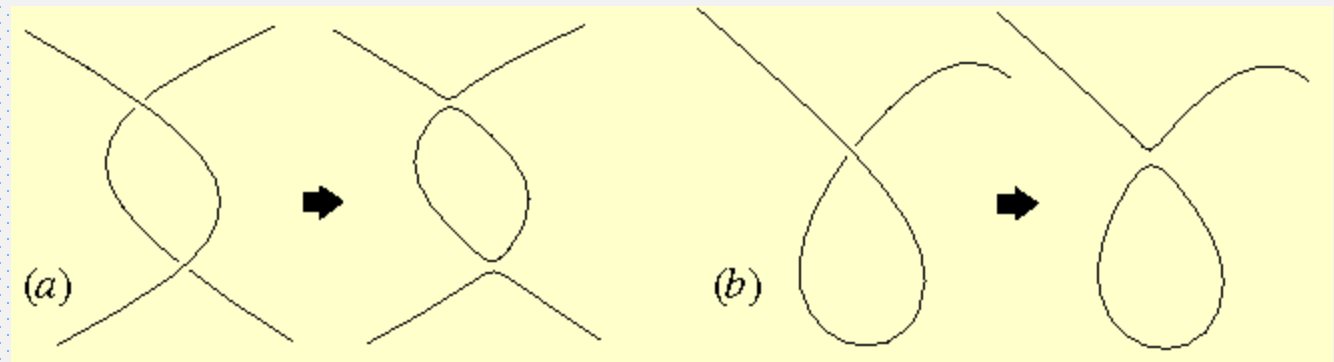


Simulations

Yellow: long strings
Red: loops

loop distribution

- Long strings interconnect to **form** loops
- Loops oscillate and radiate GWs (and **shrink**)
- Scaling loop distributions reached in RD and MD



Gravitational Wave Production

Burst types: **cusps**, **kinks** and **kink-kink collisions**
(Damour, Vilenkin, PRL 85,3671, PRD 64, 064008).

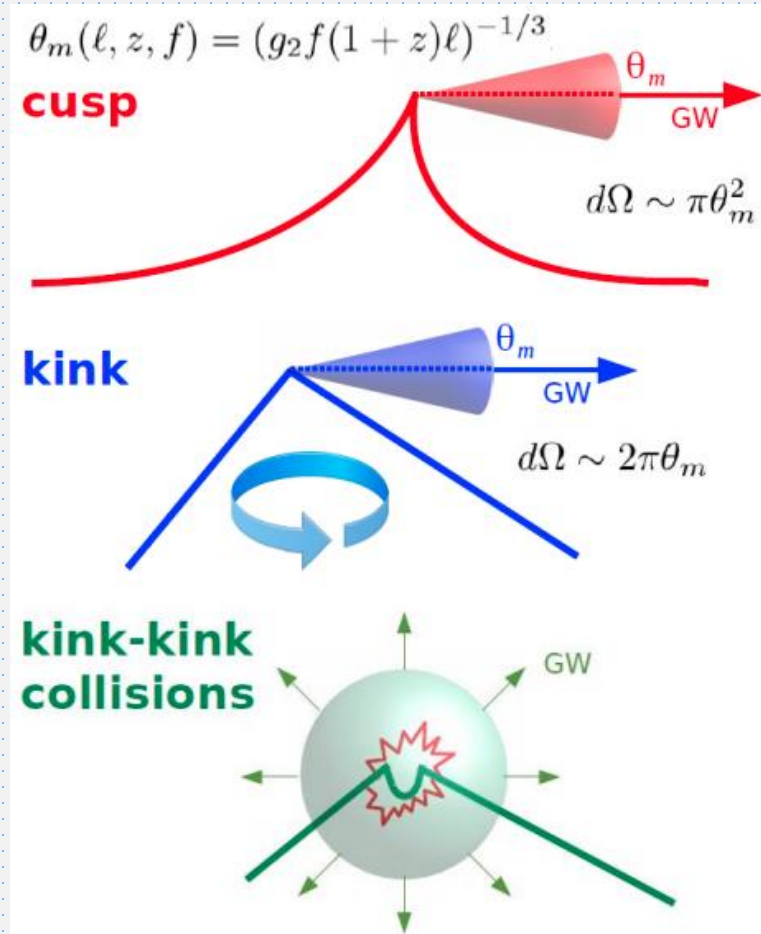


Image credit: Florent Robinet

simple waveforms in frequency domain

$$h_i(\ell, z, f) = A_i(\ell, z) f^{-q_i}$$

$$A_i(\ell, z) = g_{1,i} \frac{G\mu \ell^{2-q_i}}{(1+z)^{q_i-1} r(z)}$$

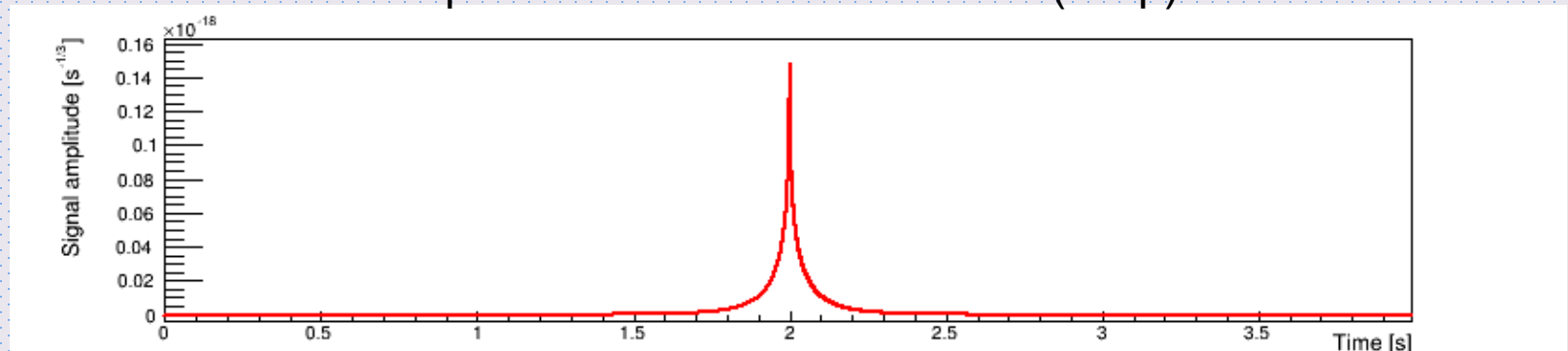
$q = 4/3, 5/3, 2$ for cusp, kink, and kk

scale

$$G\mu \sim (\eta/M_{\text{Pl}})^2$$

particle physics model
dependence

example waveform in time domain (cusp)



<https://www.ligo.org/science/Publication-S5S6CosmicStrings>

Gravitational Waves

1. Stochastic gravitational wave background (stochastic GW search)

$$\Omega_{\text{GW}}(f) = \frac{4\pi^2}{3H_0^2} f^3 \sum_i \int dz \int d\ell h_i^2 \times \boxed{\frac{d^2 R_i}{dz d\ell}}$$

cusp, kink, kk

parameters: $G\mu, N_c = 1, N_k, N_{kk} \approx N_k^2/4$

Burst Rate

smaller than
horizon size

$$\frac{dR_i}{dz} = \frac{\varphi_V(z)}{H_0^3(1+z)} \int_{\ell_{\min}}^{\ell_{\max}} d\ell \frac{2N_i}{\ell} \boxed{n(\ell, t)} \Delta_i$$

loop distribution function

f larger than
fundamental
frequency (2/l)

2. Individual burst, if strong enough, can also be detected (burst search).

Loop Distribution Function

3 models considered

- Model A: (Blanco-Pillado et al., PRD 89,023512) (simulations)
- Model B: Lorentz et al., JCAP 10 (2010) 003 (analytical modelling, matched onto simulation result)
- Model C: Auclair et al., JCAP 06 (2019) 015 (interpolation between above 2)

C-1 (C-2) reproduces LDF of Model A (B) in the radiation era
and LDF of Model B (A) in the matter era

Large N_c or N_k does not necessarily lead
to large signal (loops decays faster)

$$\gamma_d = \Gamma_d G\mu$$

$$\Gamma_d \equiv \frac{P_{\text{gw}}}{G\mu^2} = \sum_i \frac{P_{\text{gw},i}}{G\mu^2}$$

dimensionless decay constant

$$= N_c \frac{3\pi^2 g_{1,c}^2}{(2\delta)^{1/3} g_2^{2/3}} + N_k \frac{3\pi^2 g_{1,k}^2}{(2\delta)^{2/3} g_2^{1/3}} + \boxed{N_{kk} 2\pi^2 g_{1,kk}^2}$$

↓

cusp

↓

kink

↓

kink-kink collision

modelling loop distribution (F, dimensionless)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} [a^3 F(l, t)] = a^3 \mathcal{P}(l, t) + a^3 \gamma_d \frac{\partial}{\partial t} F(l, t)$$

production from long strings

decay due to GW radiation