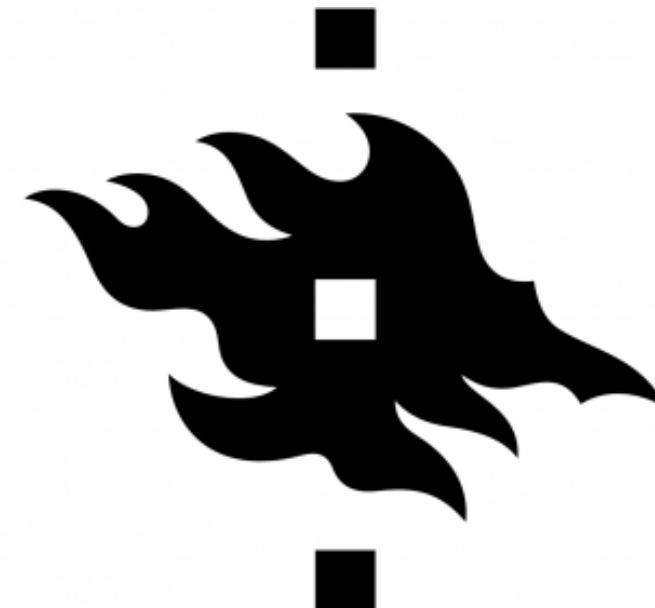


# First-order phase transitions with large bubbles: beyond conformal fluid and flat spacetime

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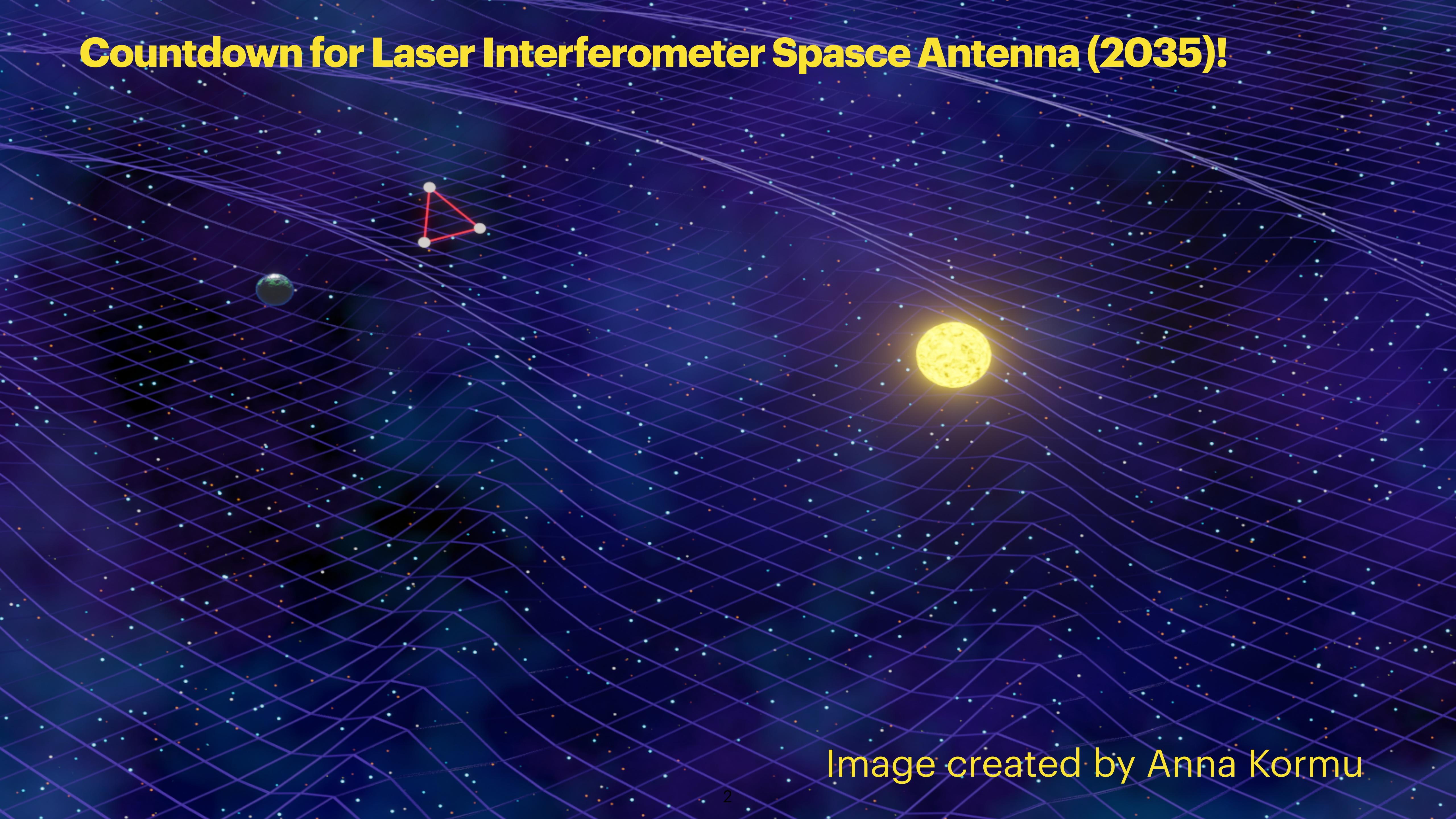
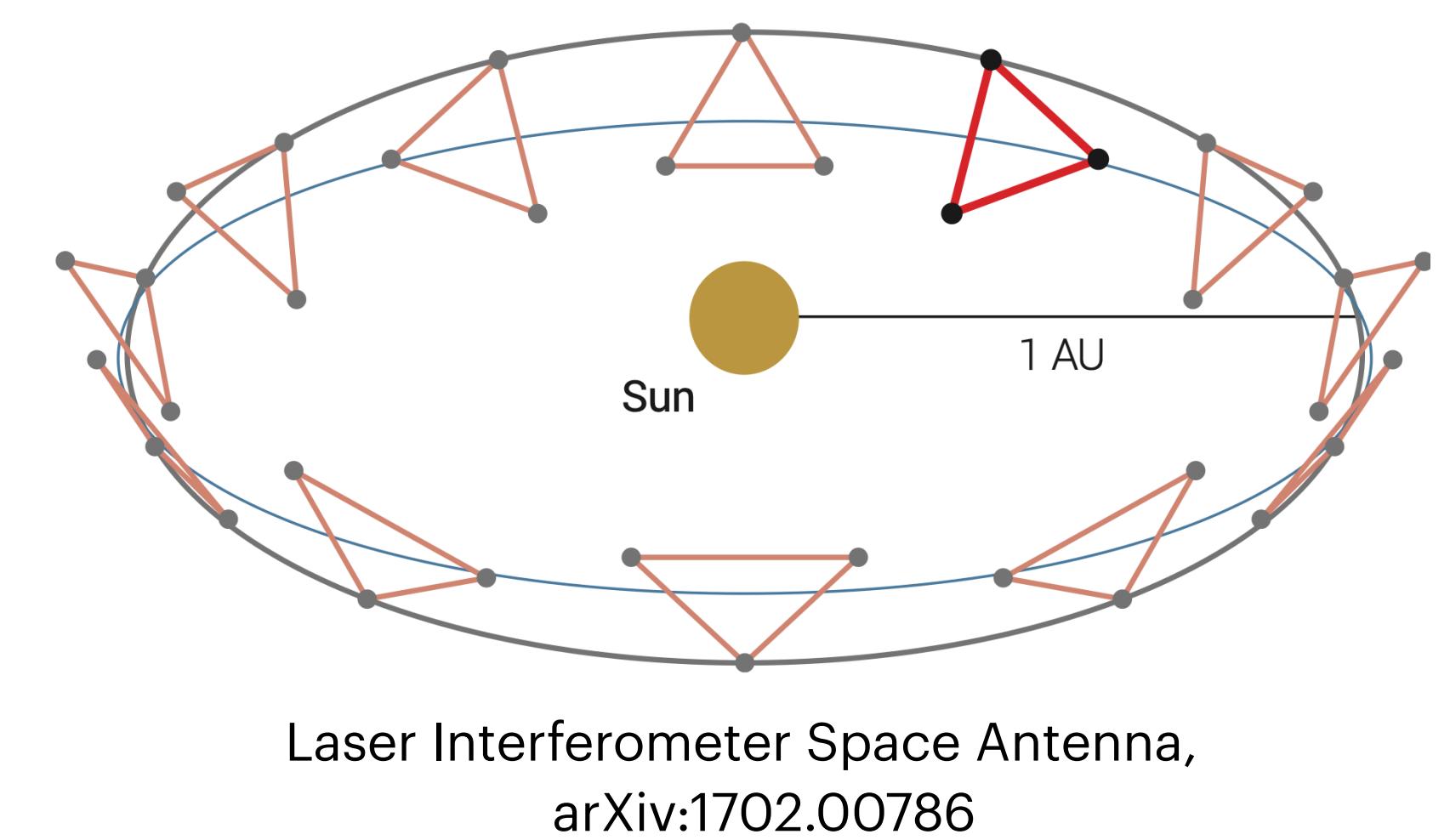
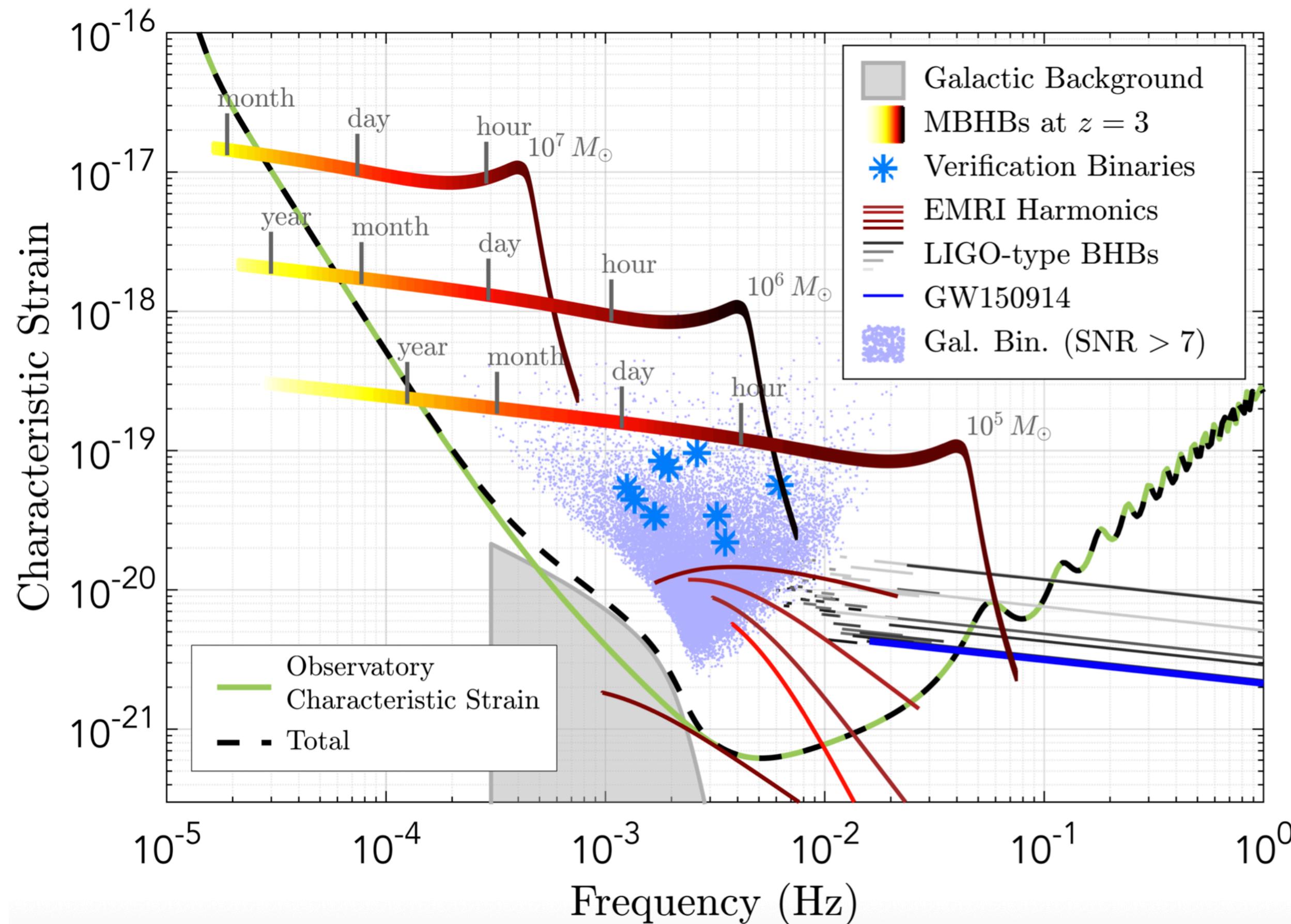


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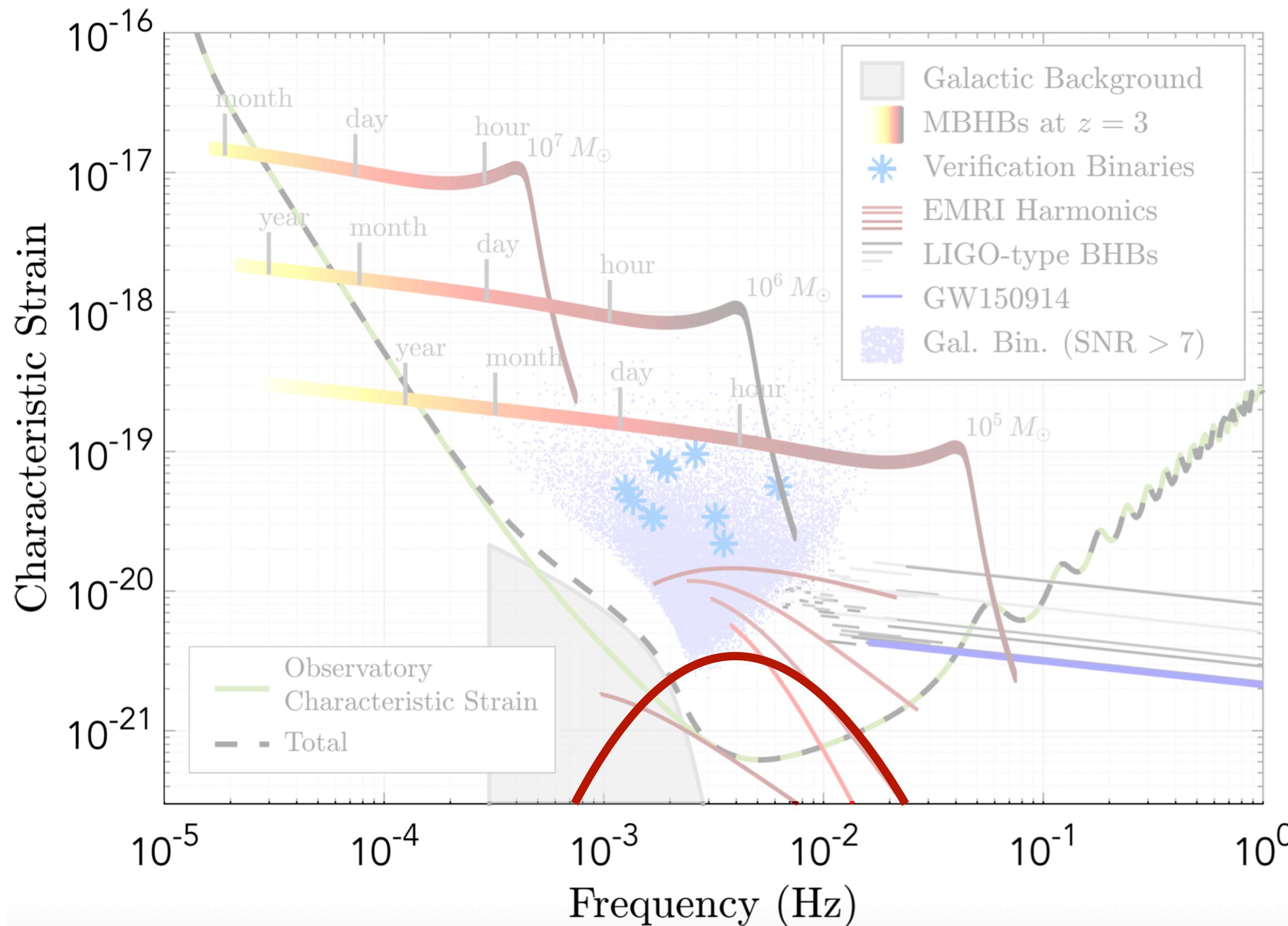
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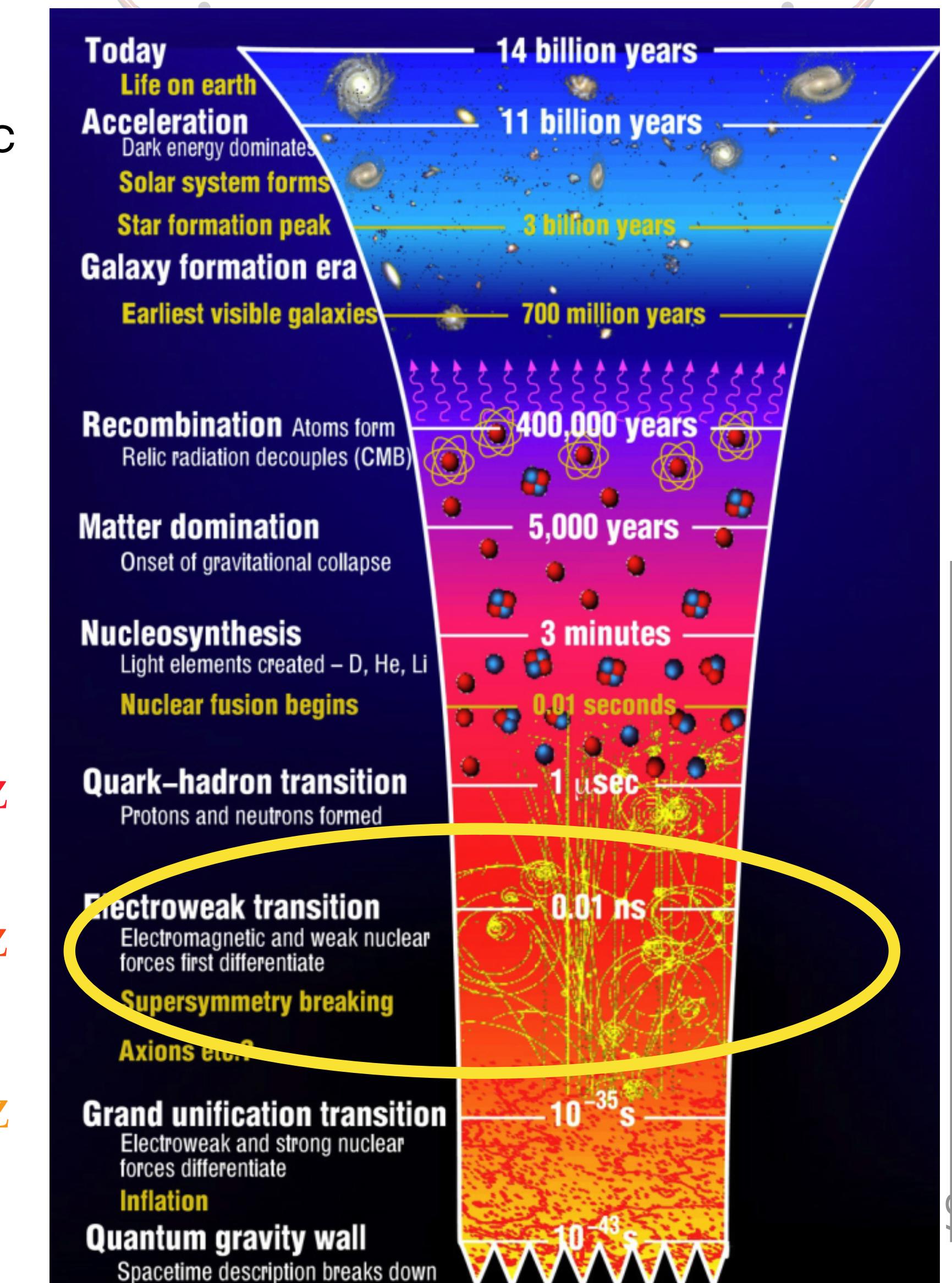
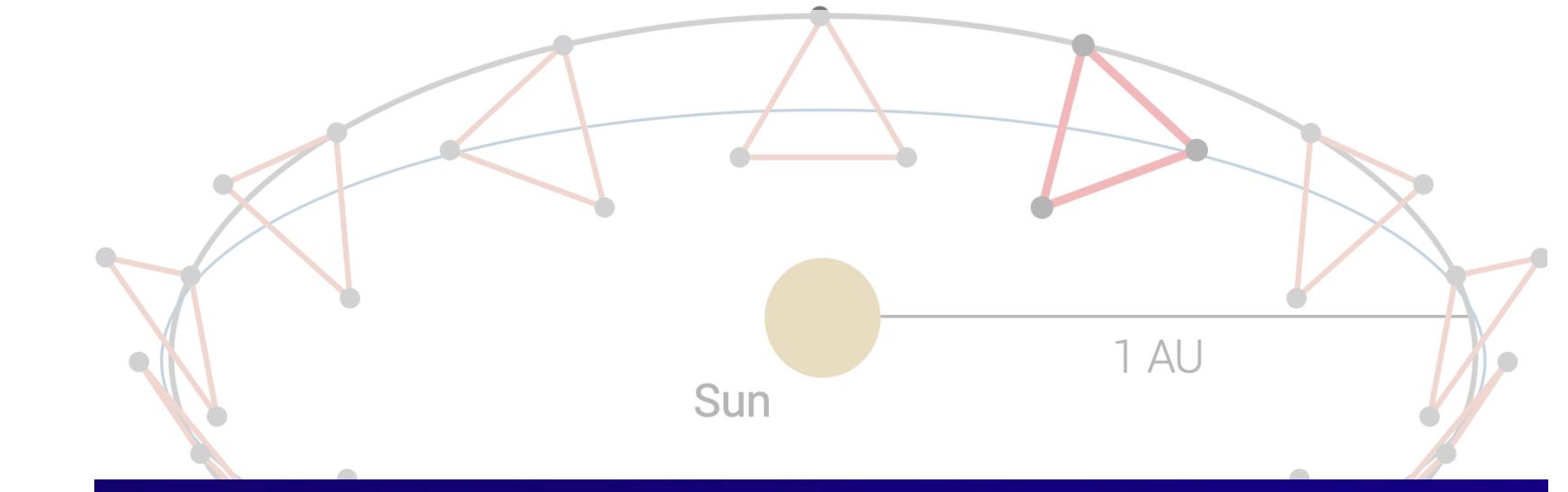


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frequency  
redshifted to  
today

$\sim 10^{-6}$  Hz

$\sim 10^{-3}$  Hz

$\gtrsim 10^8$  Hz



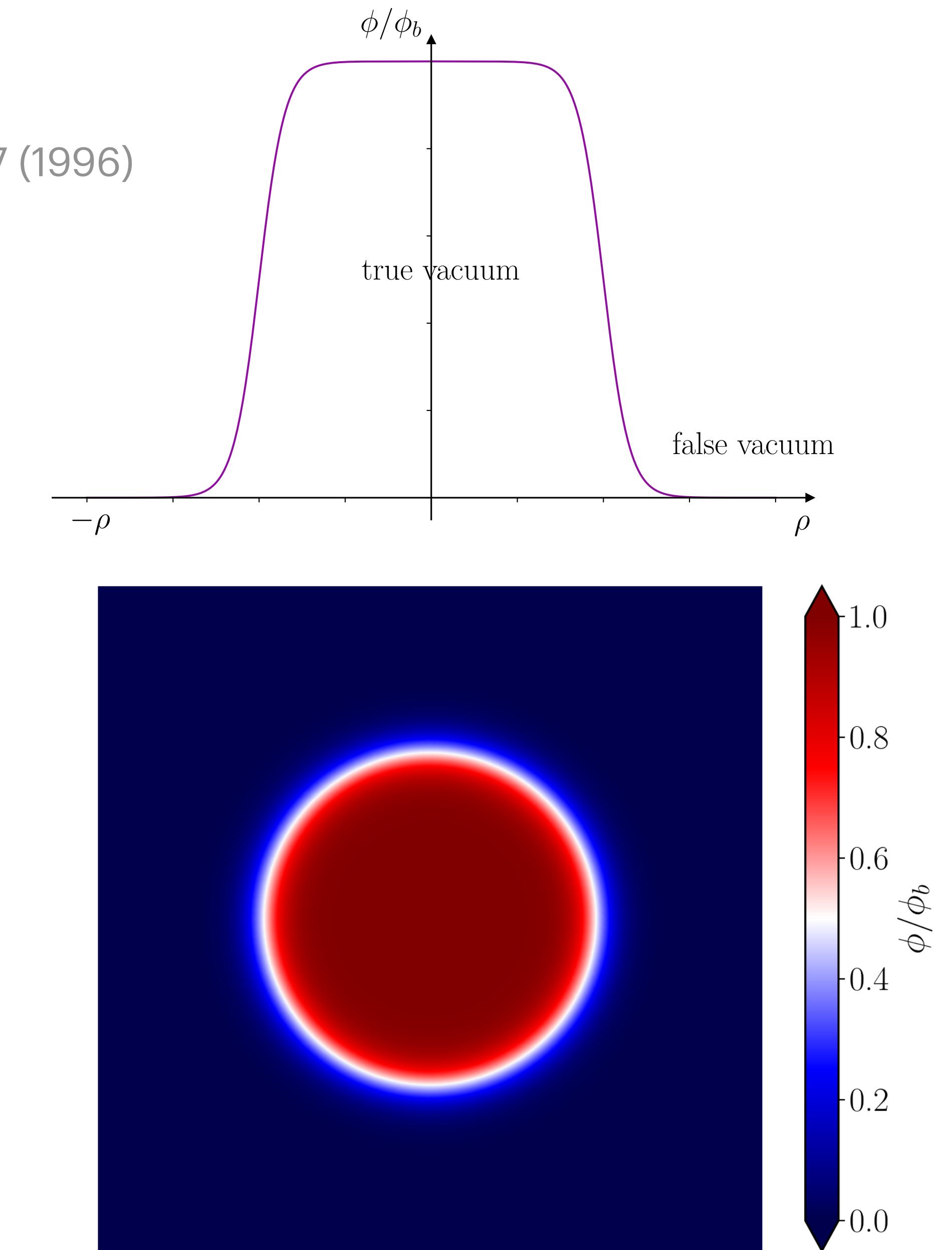
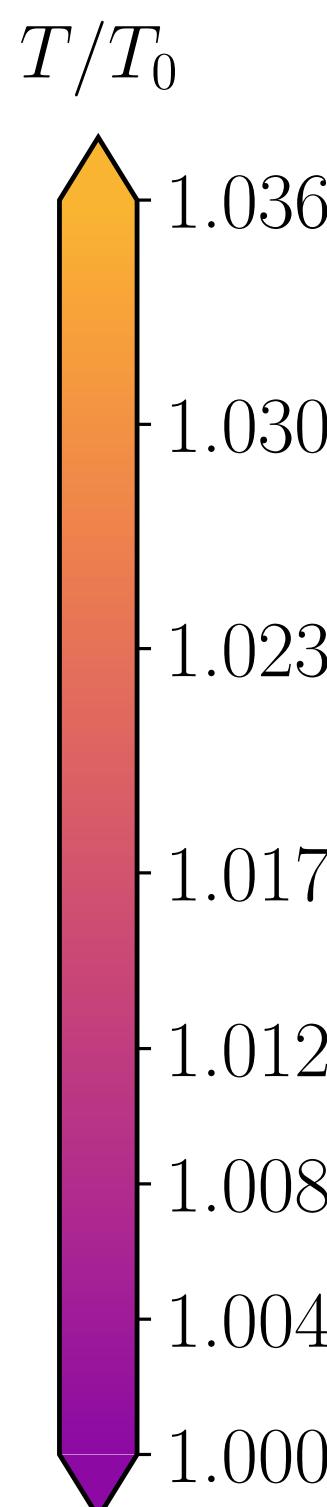
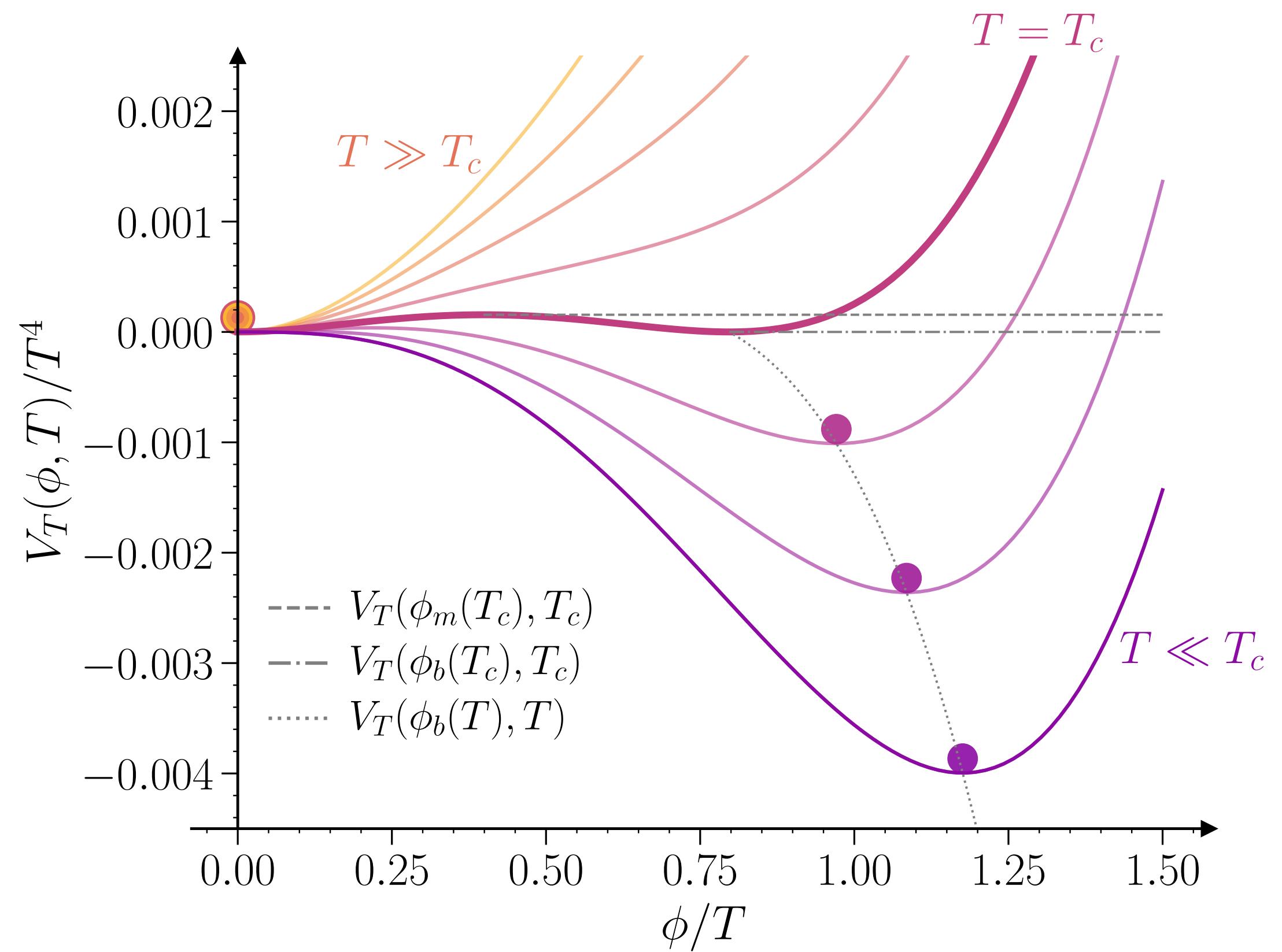
# First-order phase transitions in particle theories

Kirzhnits 1972, Kirzhnits & Linde 1972, Dine et al. 1992, Coleman, 1977, Linde 1983

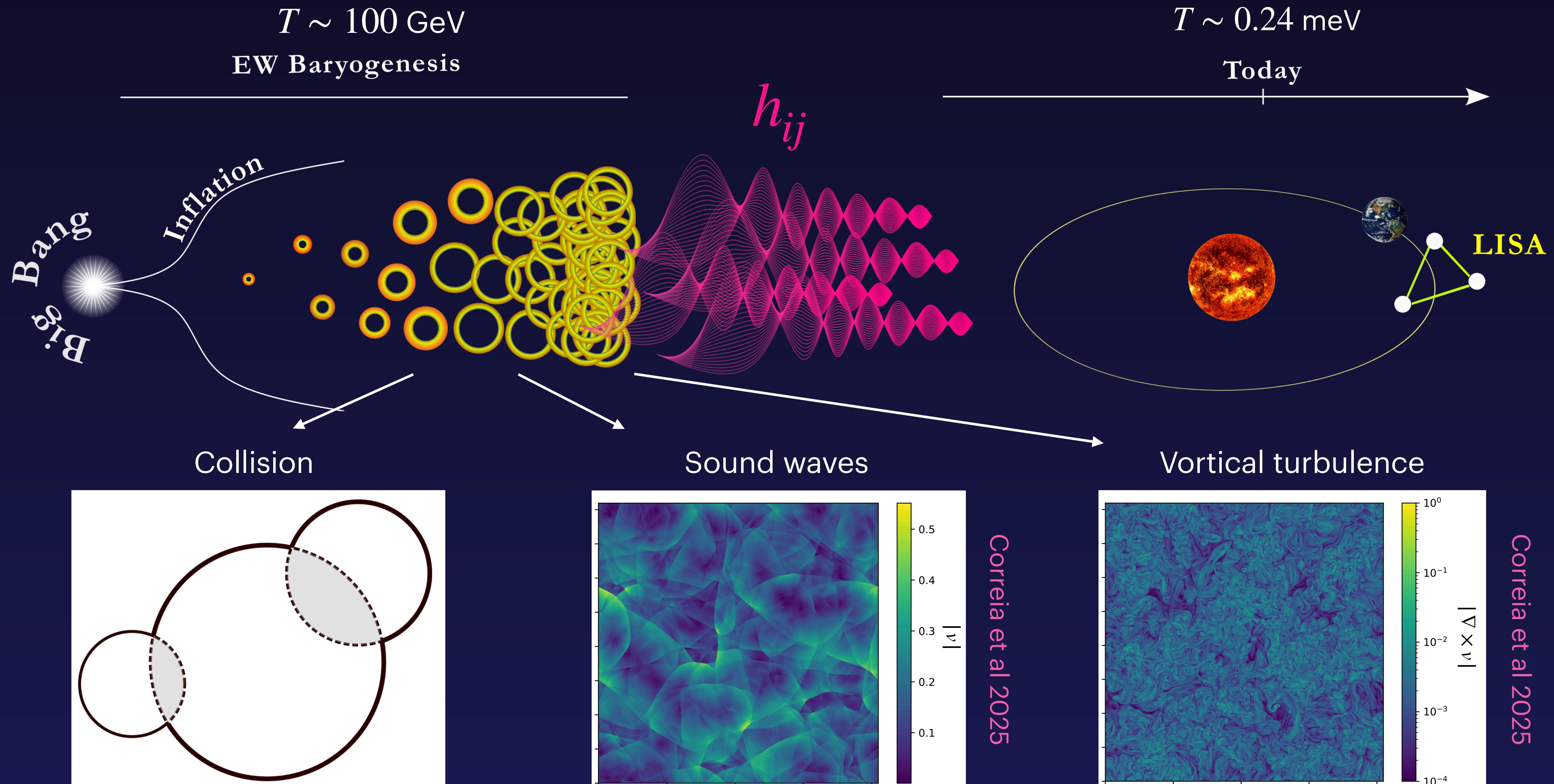
Electroweak phase transition is:

- Crossover in the Standard Model Kajantie et al., Phys.Rev.Lett. 77 (1996)
- First order in many theories beyond the Standard Model

Test for physics beyond the Standard Model

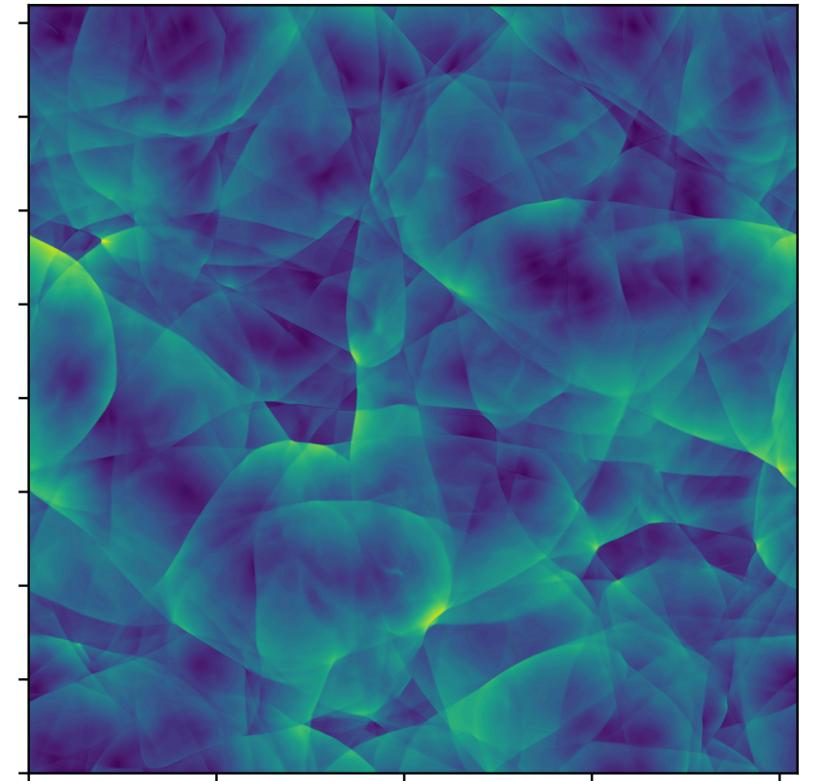


# First order phase transitions in a snapshot



# Numerical simulations

Hindmarsh et al. 2013, 2015, 2017, Cutting et al. 2019, Caprini et al 2024, Correia et al 2025.



Correia et al., arXiv: 2505.17824 [astro-ph.CO]

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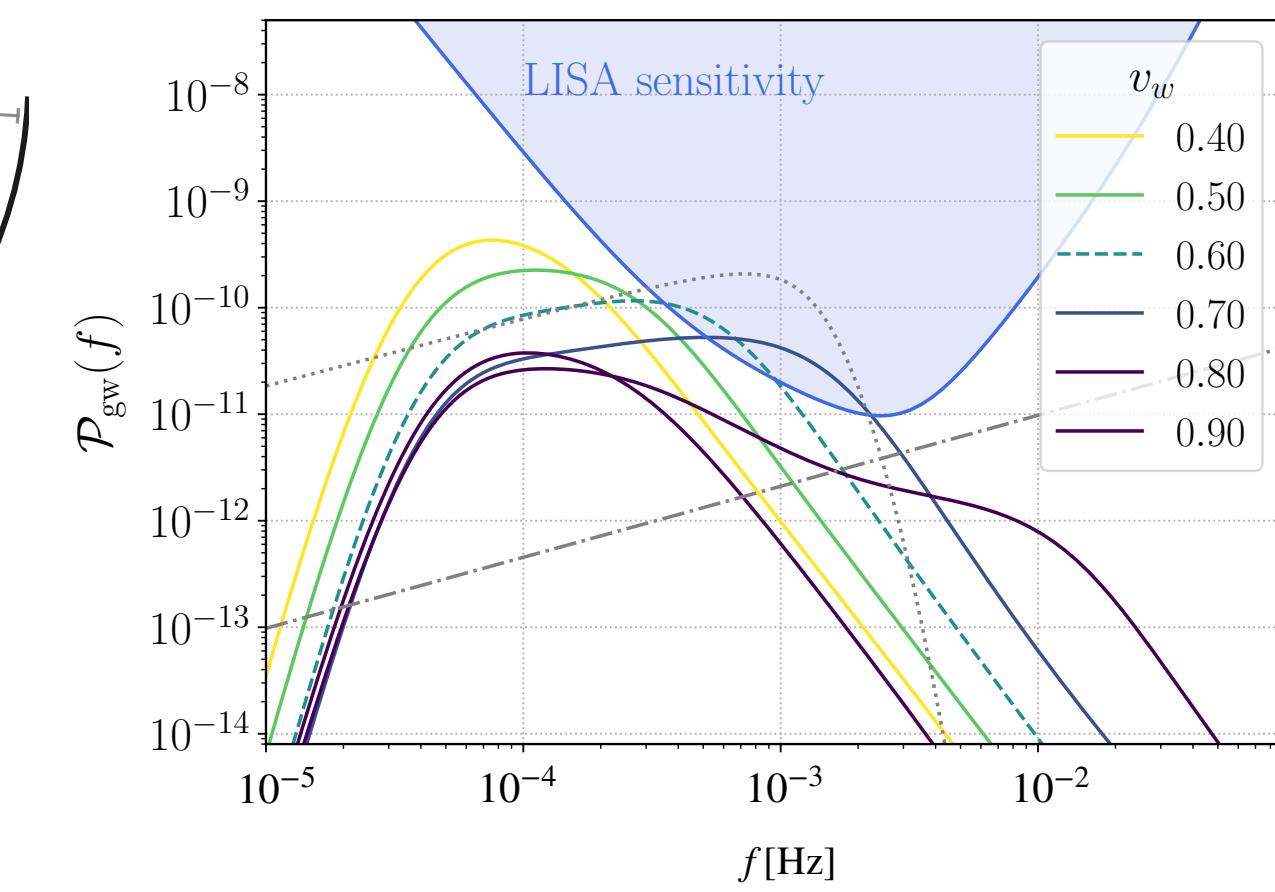
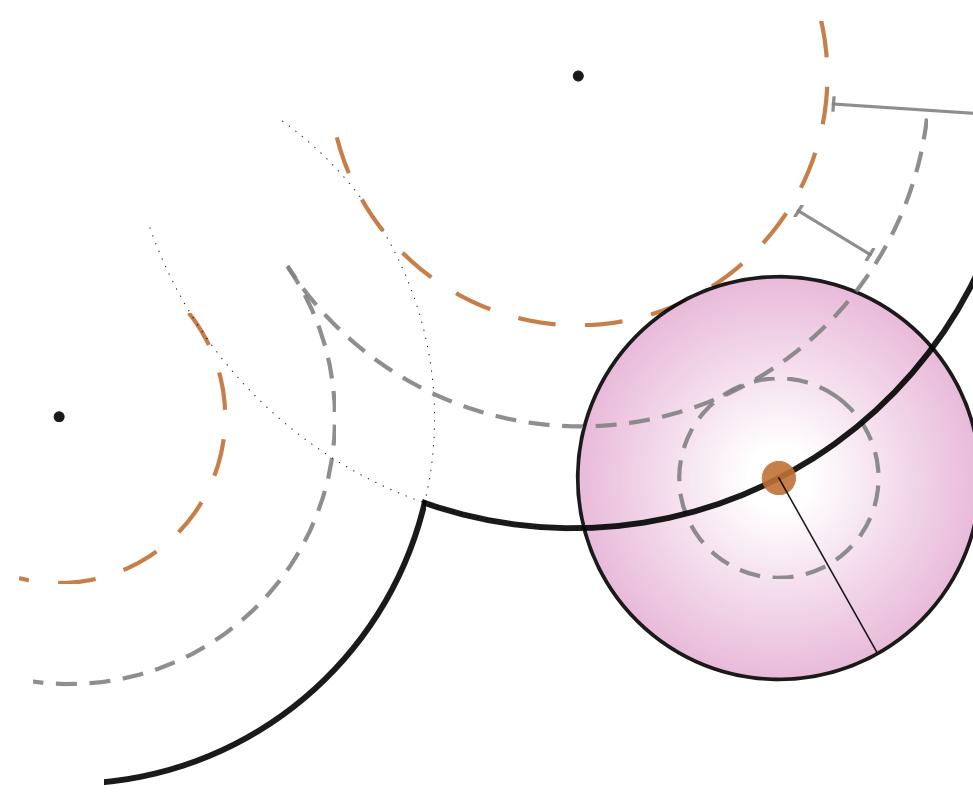
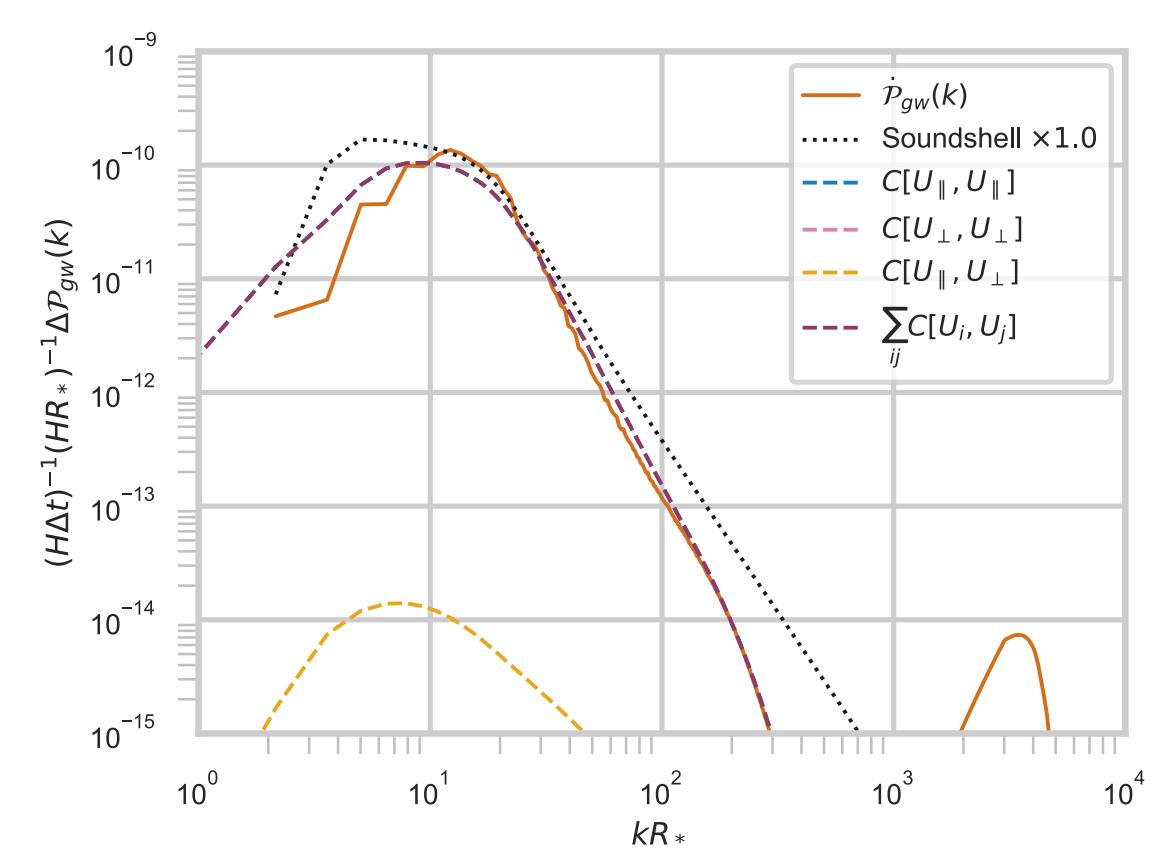


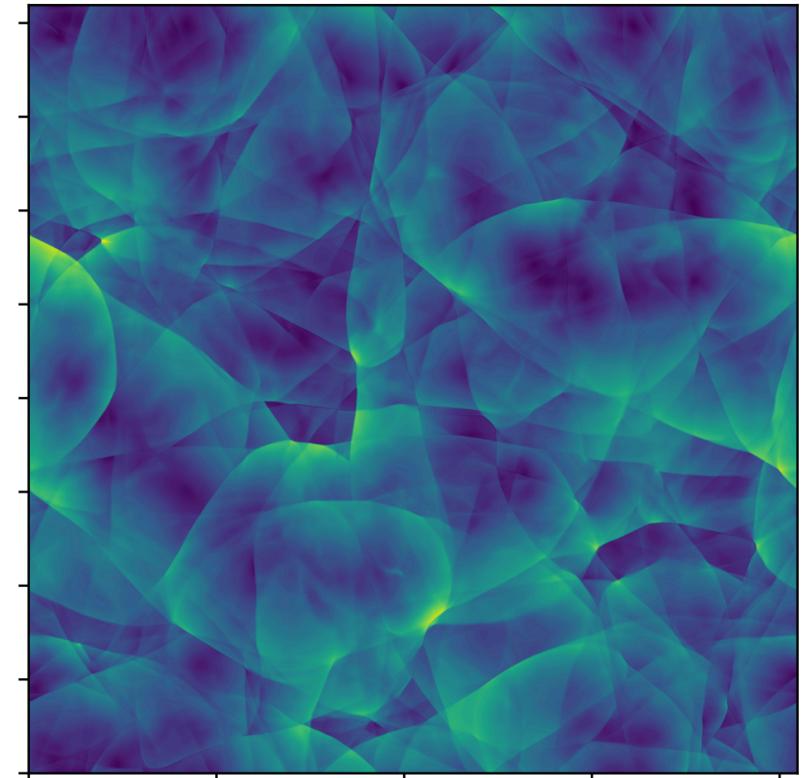
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- Most accurate
- Computationally expensive

- Faster and cheaper
- Study the transition in limits not achievable by simulations:
  - Large scales (wavenumber)
  - Universe expansion
  - Other effects

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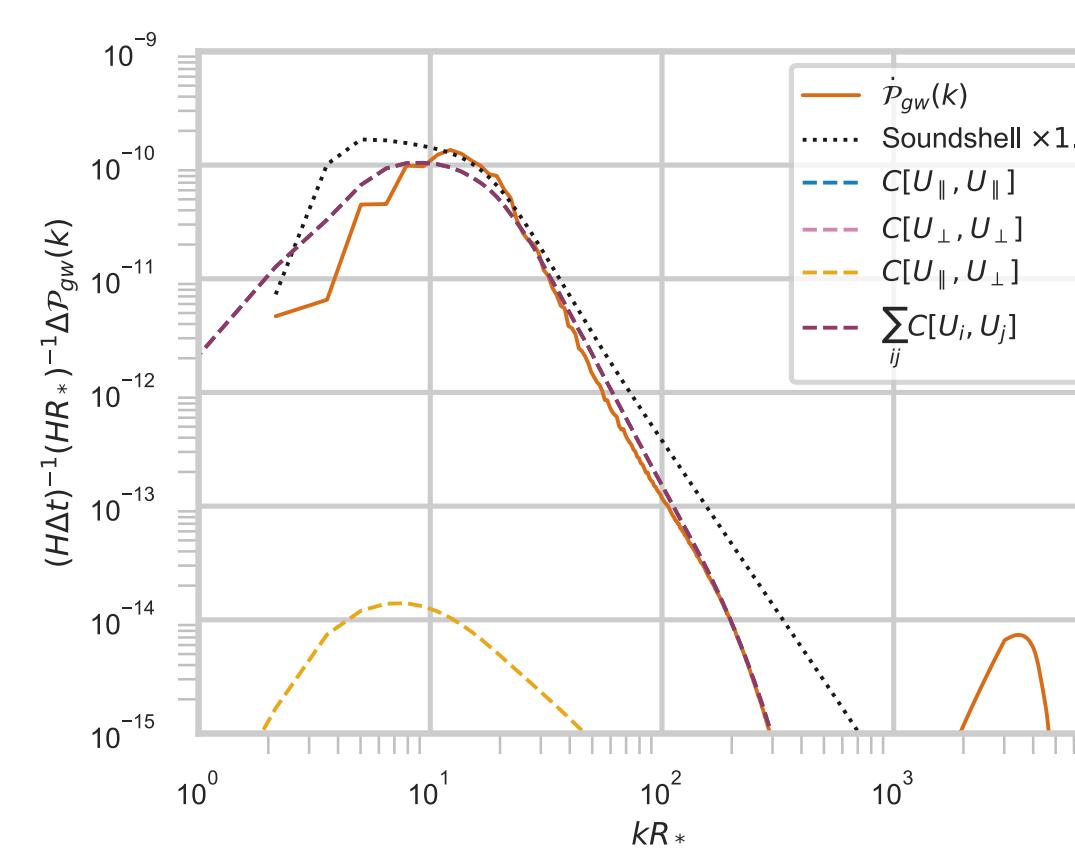


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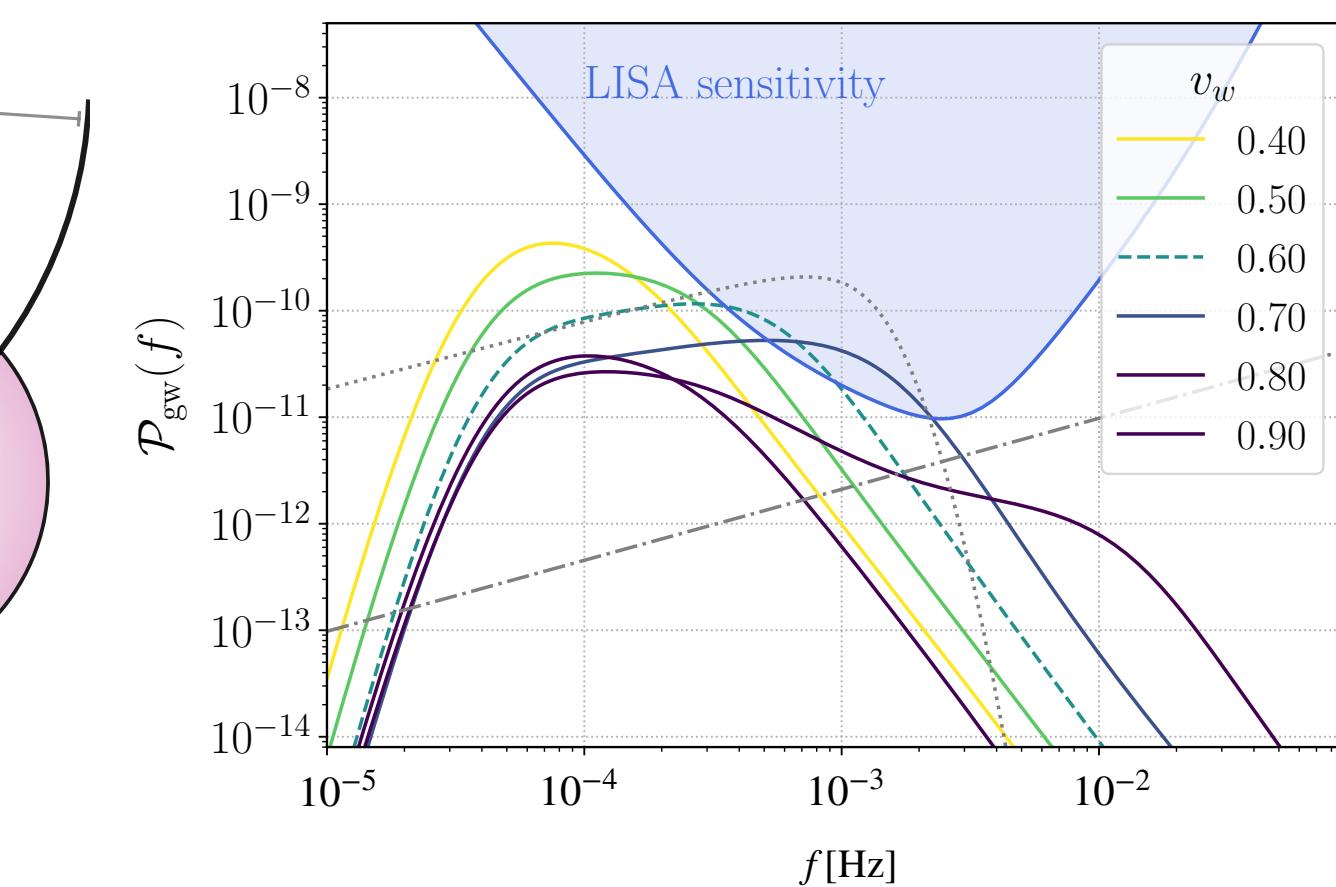
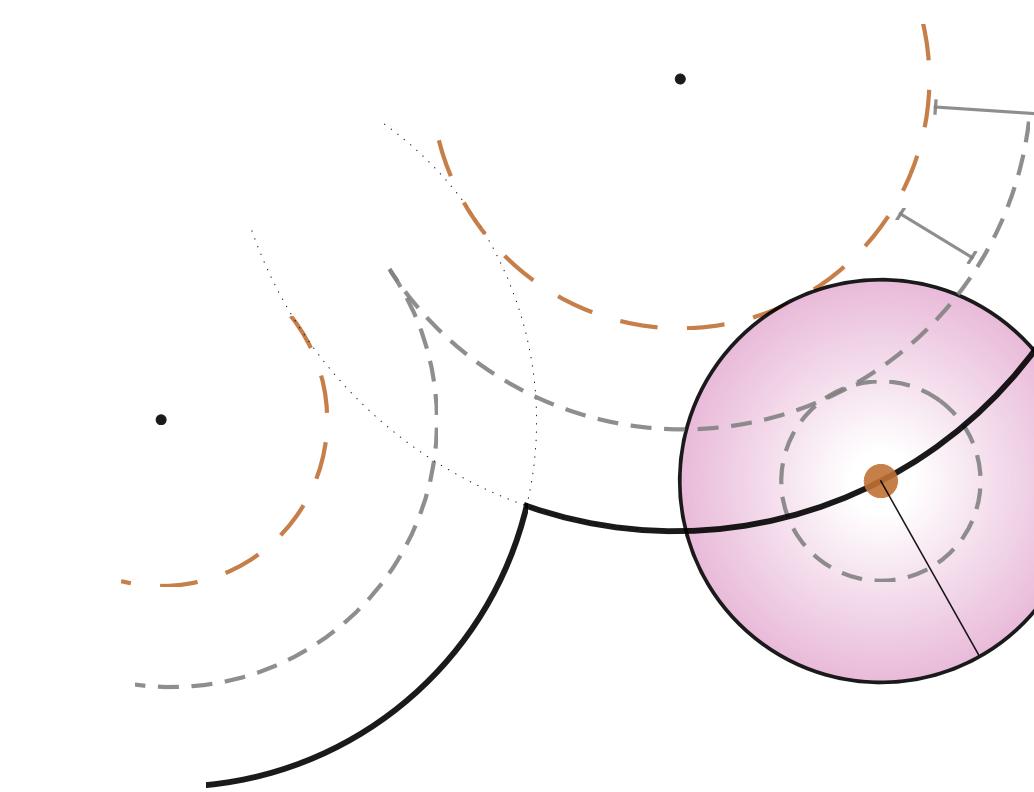
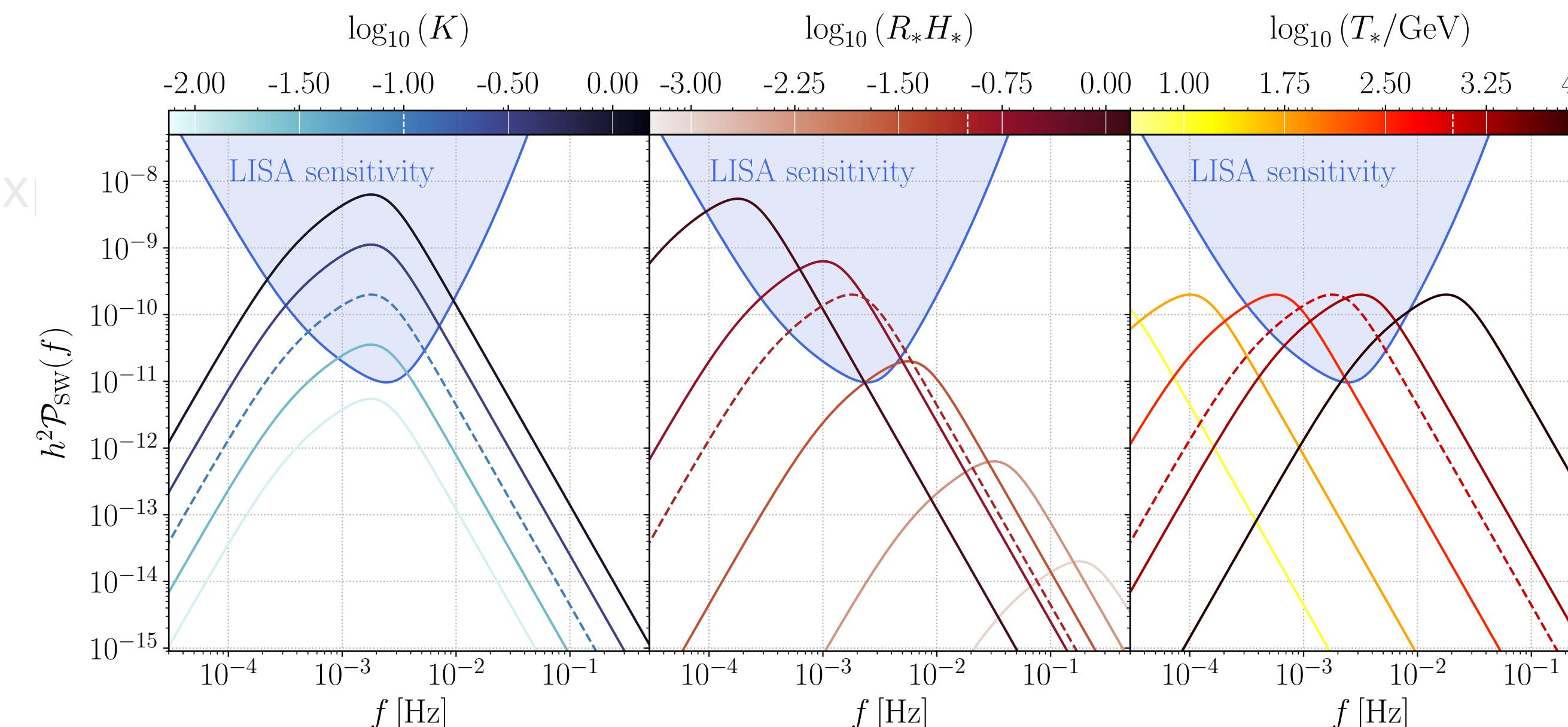


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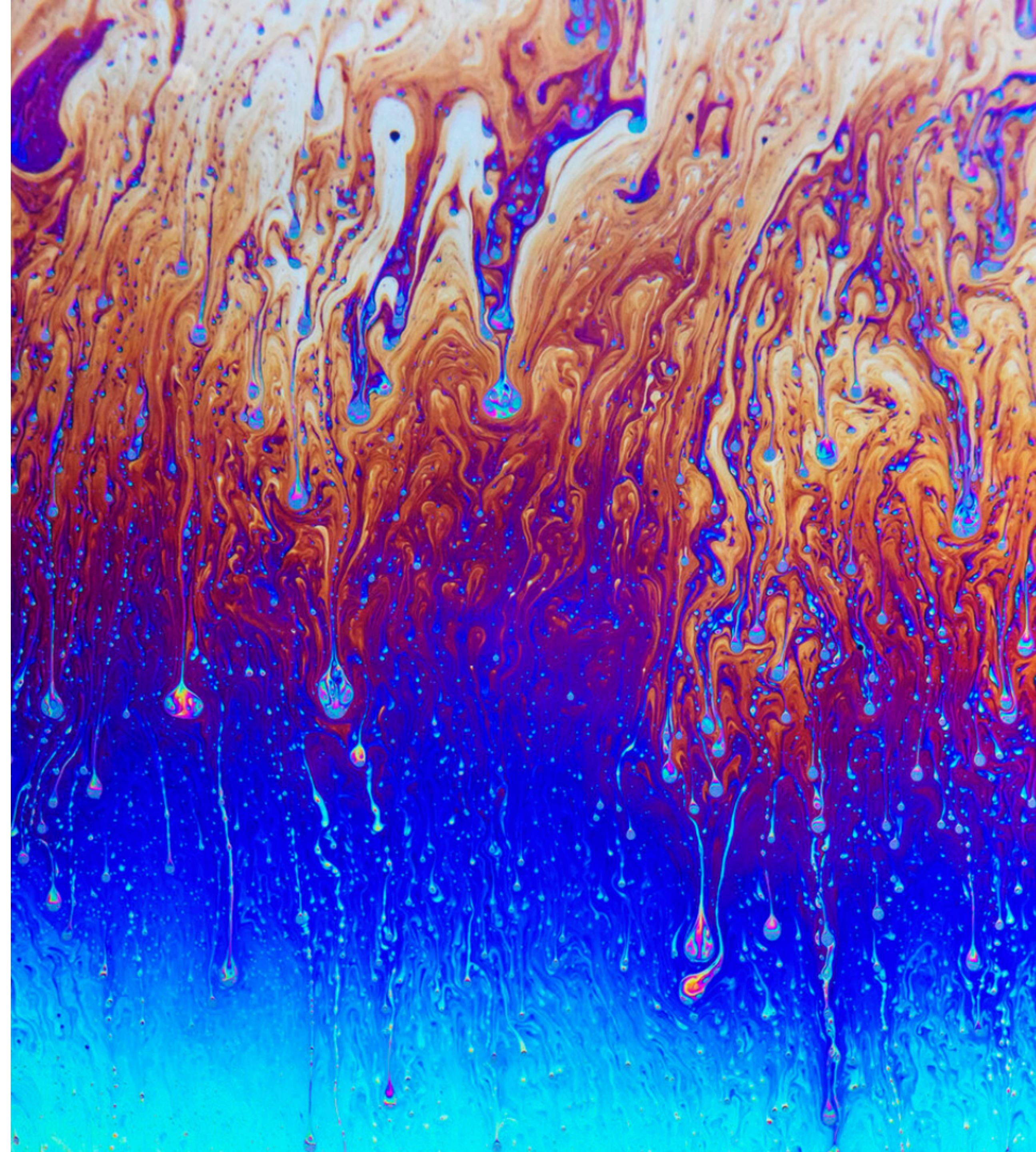
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# I. Sound waves and the sound shell model for the acoustic source

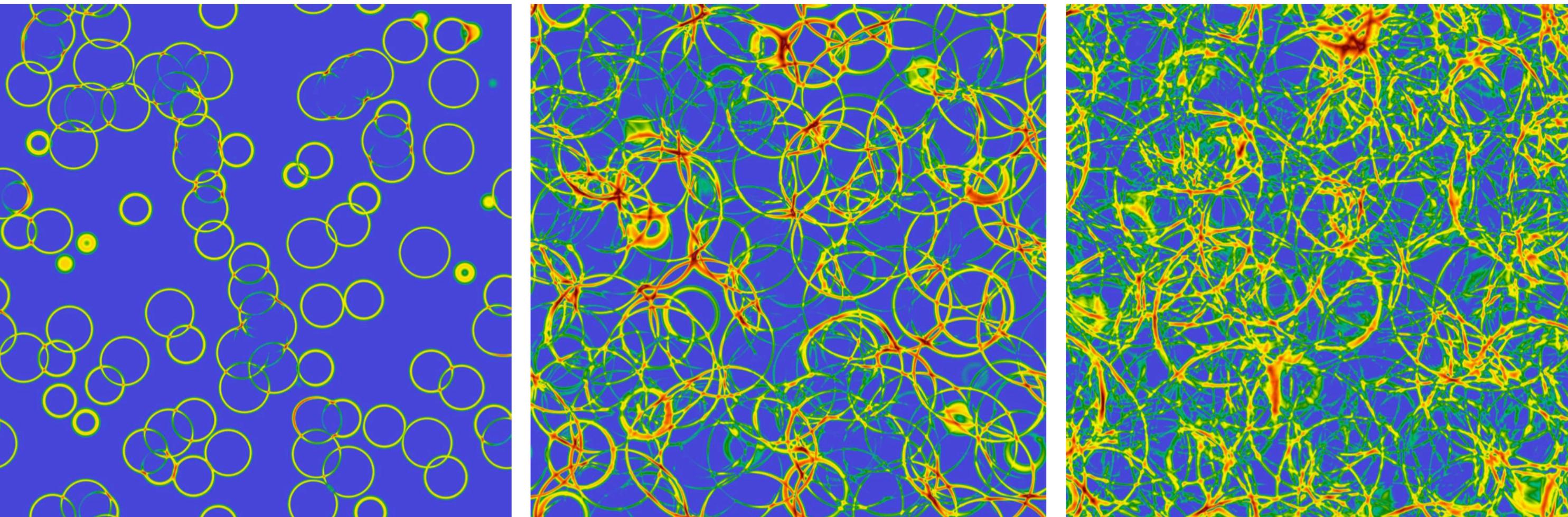
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Picture from [PetaPixel](#)



# Sound waves in the plasma

Hindmarsh et al Phys.Rev.Lett. 112 (2014), Phys.Rev.D 92 (2015), Phys.Rev.D 96 (2017)

- Non-linear dynamics  $\longrightarrow$  Numerical simulations



Hindmarsh et al., Phys.Rev.D 92 (2015)

- Non-relativistic flow

$$|\vec{v}| \ll 1$$



- Weak phase transition

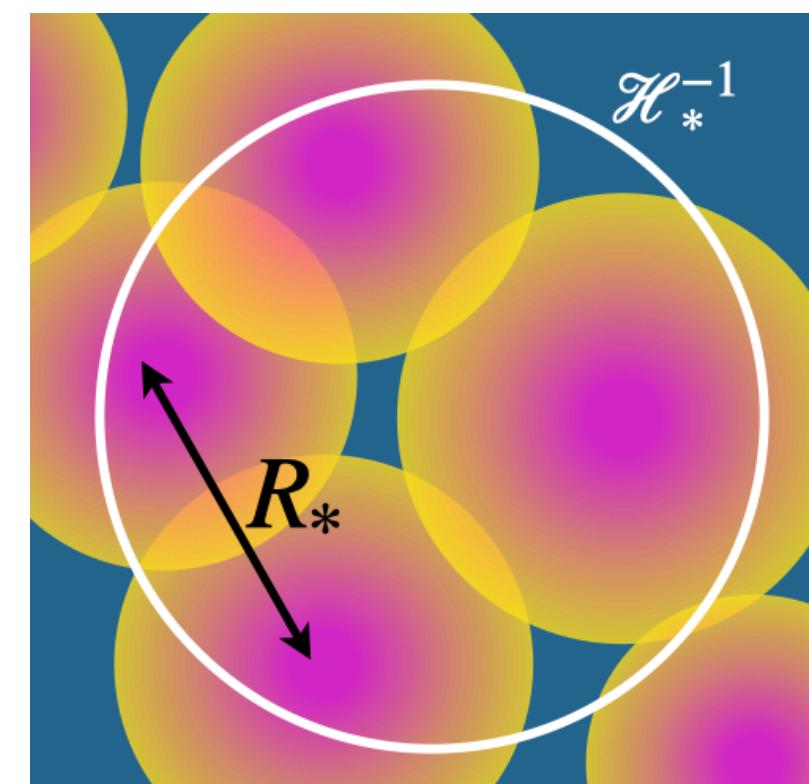
$$\alpha \ll 1$$

Fluid flow dominated by  
linear compressional motion

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{v} = 0$$

Shocks in the plasma form after

$$\tau_{sh} \sim \frac{R_*}{\langle \vec{v} \rangle}$$

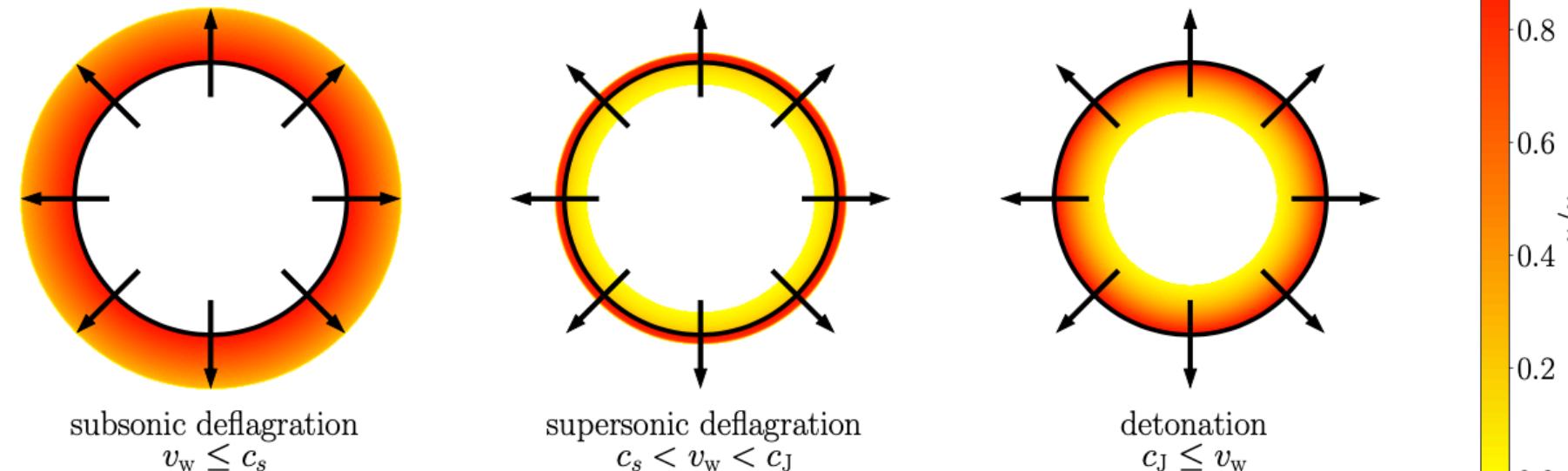


Energy of sound waves  
dissipates into turbulence

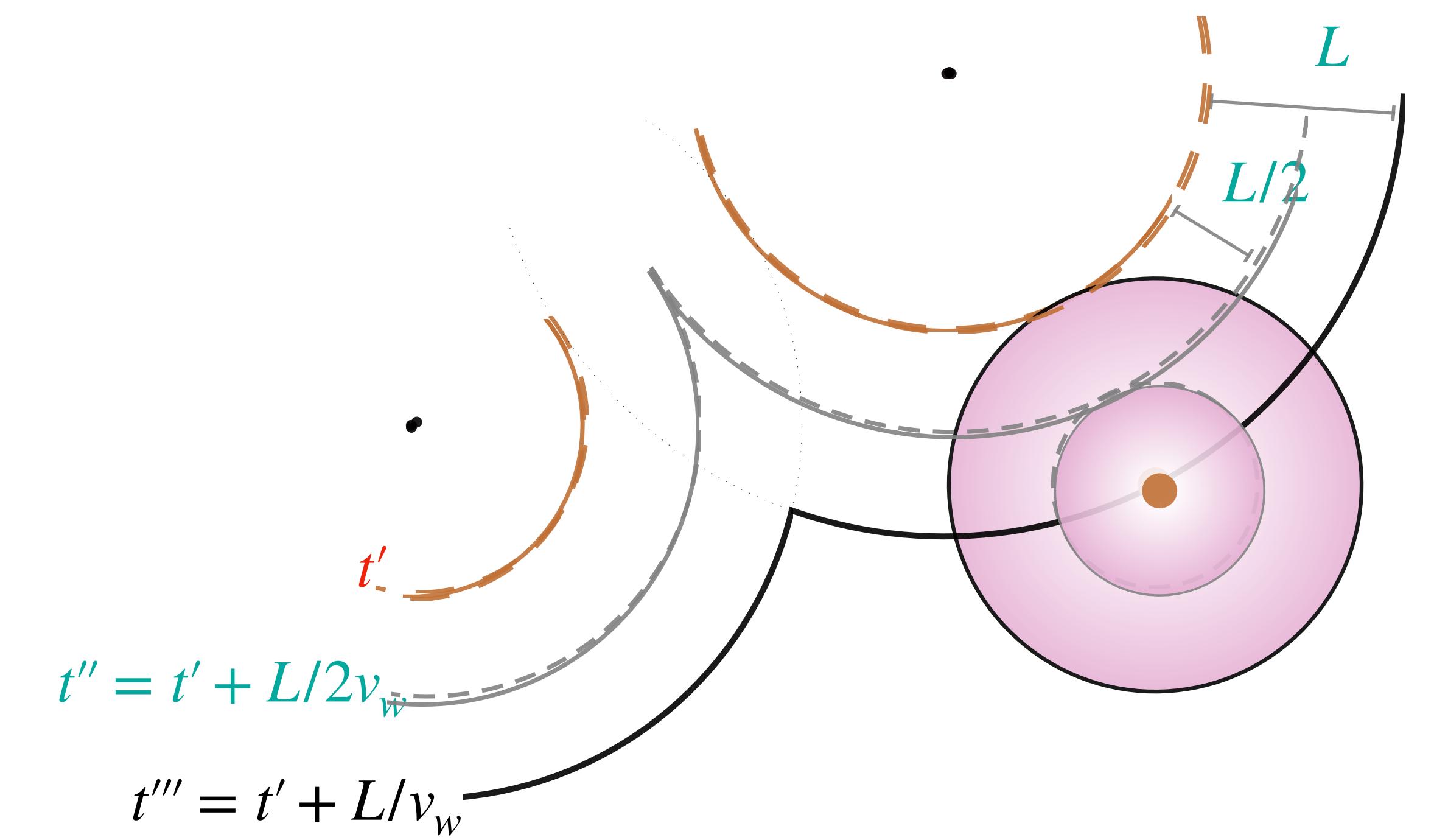
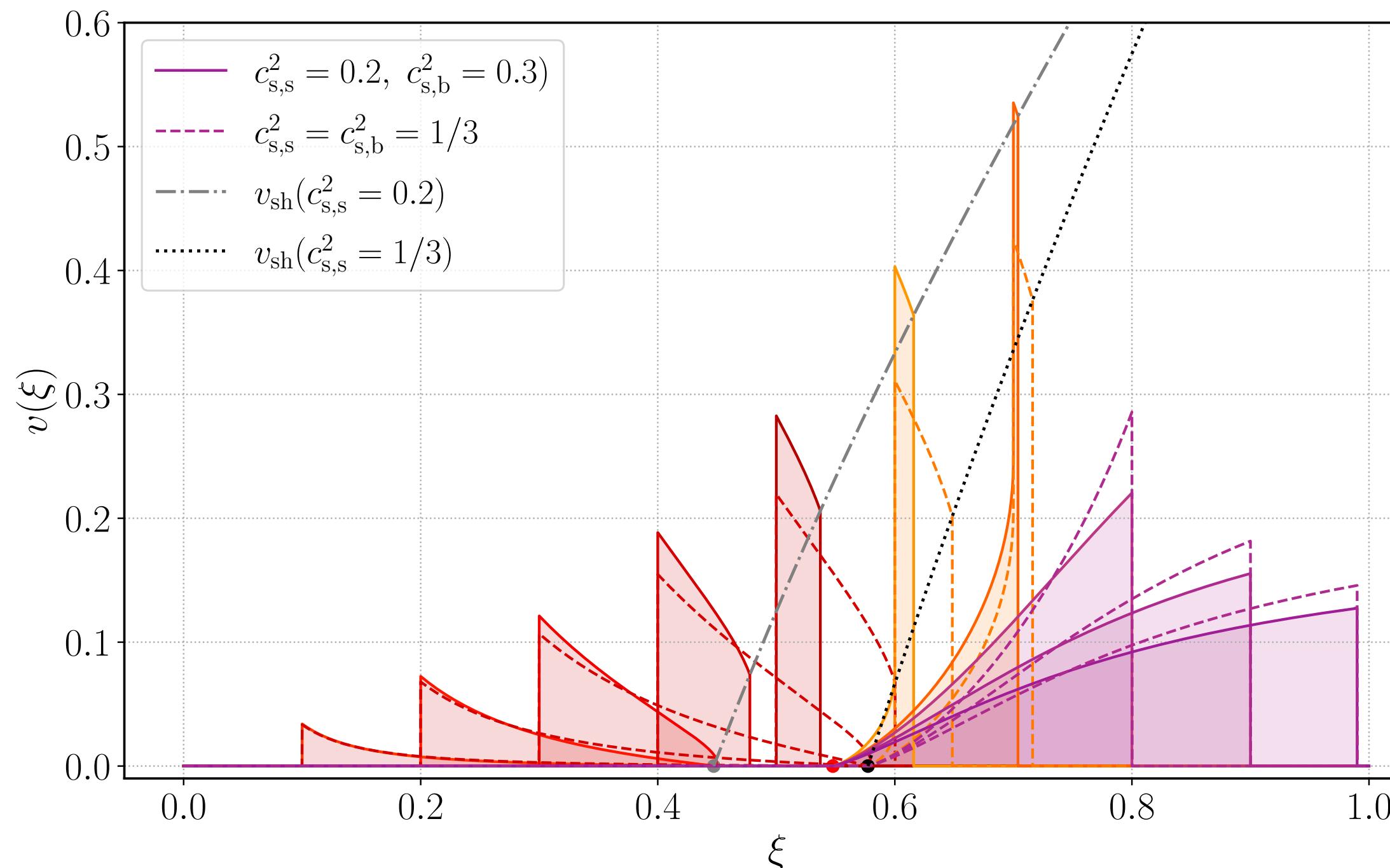
# The Sound Shell Model

Hindmarsh Phys.Rev.Lett. 120 (2018), Hindmarsh & Hijazi JCAP 12 (2019)

Universal self-similar profile,  $\xi = |\vec{x}|/t$



Hindmarsh et al., SciPost Phys.Lect.Notes 24 (2021)



Linear superposition of contributions  
from individual bubbles

$$v_i(\vec{x}, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{N_b} \frac{x_i - x_i^{(n)}}{|x_i - x_i^{(n)}|} v_{ip}(\xi)$$

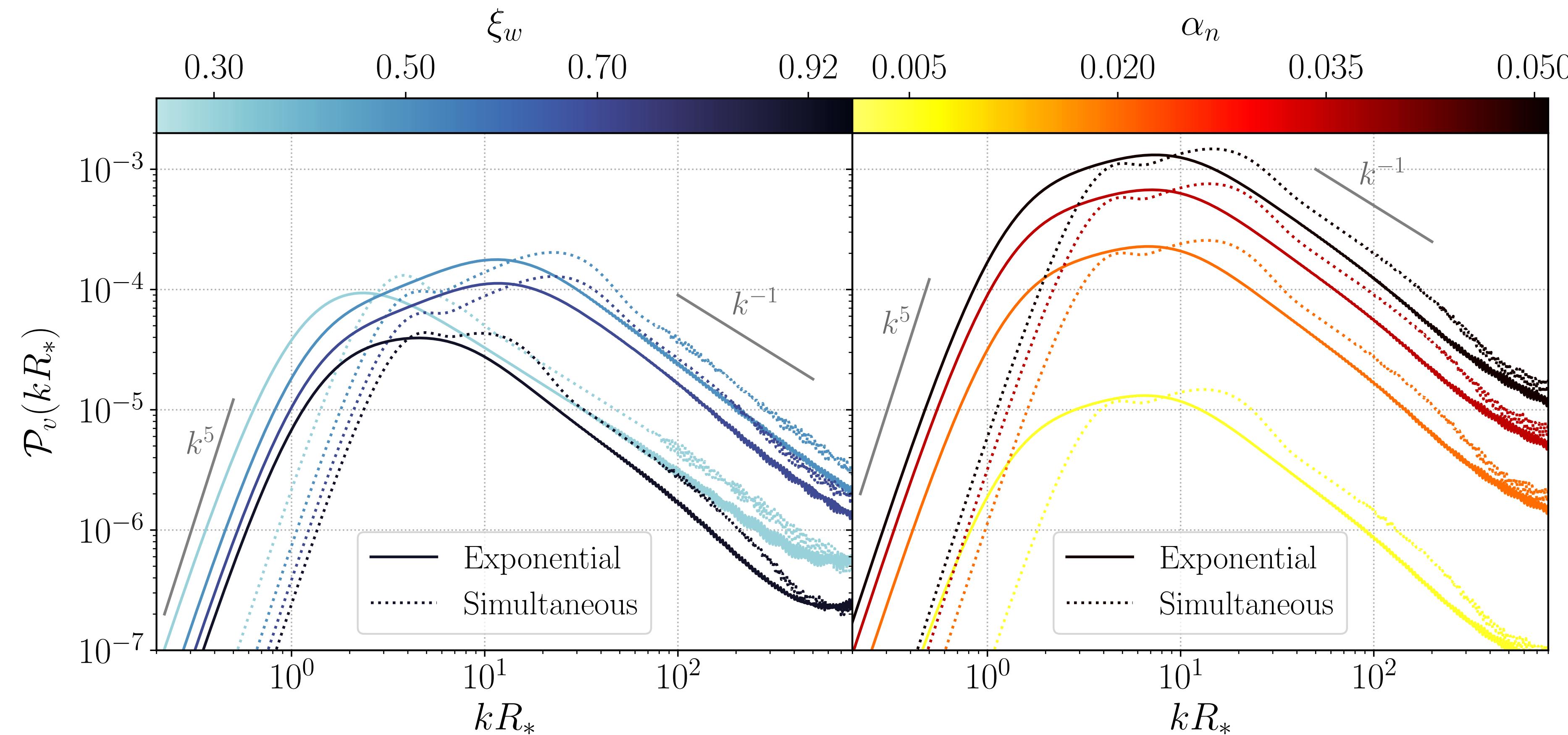
# The Sound Shell Model: spectral density of plane wave amplitudes

Hindmarsh Phys.Rev.Lett. 120 (2018), Hindmarsh & Hijazi JCAP 12 (2019)

- Gaussian  $\langle v_q^i \rangle = 0$ ,  
 $\langle v_{q_1}^i v_{q_2}^{*j} \rangle \sim P_v(q_1) \delta(\vec{q}_1 - \vec{q}_2)$

Average over:

- nucleation sites  $x^{(n)}$
- bubbles lifetime  $T_i$



Plot obtained with PTtools <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.15268219>

# The Sound Shell Model: spectral density of gravitational waves

Hindmarsh Phys.Rev.Lett. 120 (2018), Hindmarsh & Hijazi JCAP 12 (2019)

- Assume the transition is much faster than Hubble rate  $H_* R_* \ll 1$
- Linearised General Relativity

$$\ddot{h}_{ij} - \nabla^2 h_{ij} = 16\pi G \mathcal{S}_{ij}$$

$$\mathcal{S}_{ij} = (e + p)v_i v_j$$

- Energy density of gravitational waves & power spectrum

$$e_{\text{gw}} = T_{\text{gw}}^{00} = \frac{\langle \nabla^0 h_{ij} \nabla^0 h^{ij} \rangle}{32\pi G}$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{gw}}(k, t) \equiv \frac{1}{\bar{e}} \frac{de_{\text{gw}}}{d \ln k} \sim (16\pi G)^2 \frac{k^3}{2\pi^2} \iint_0^t dt_1 dt_2 \dot{G}_k(t, t_1) \dot{G}_k(t, t_2) \Lambda_{ij,kl}(\vec{k}) \langle \mathcal{S}_{ij}(k, t_1) \mathcal{S}_{kl}(k, t_2) \rangle$$

Green's function of  $h_{ij}$

Un-Equal Time  
of shear stress

4-dimensional  
integration

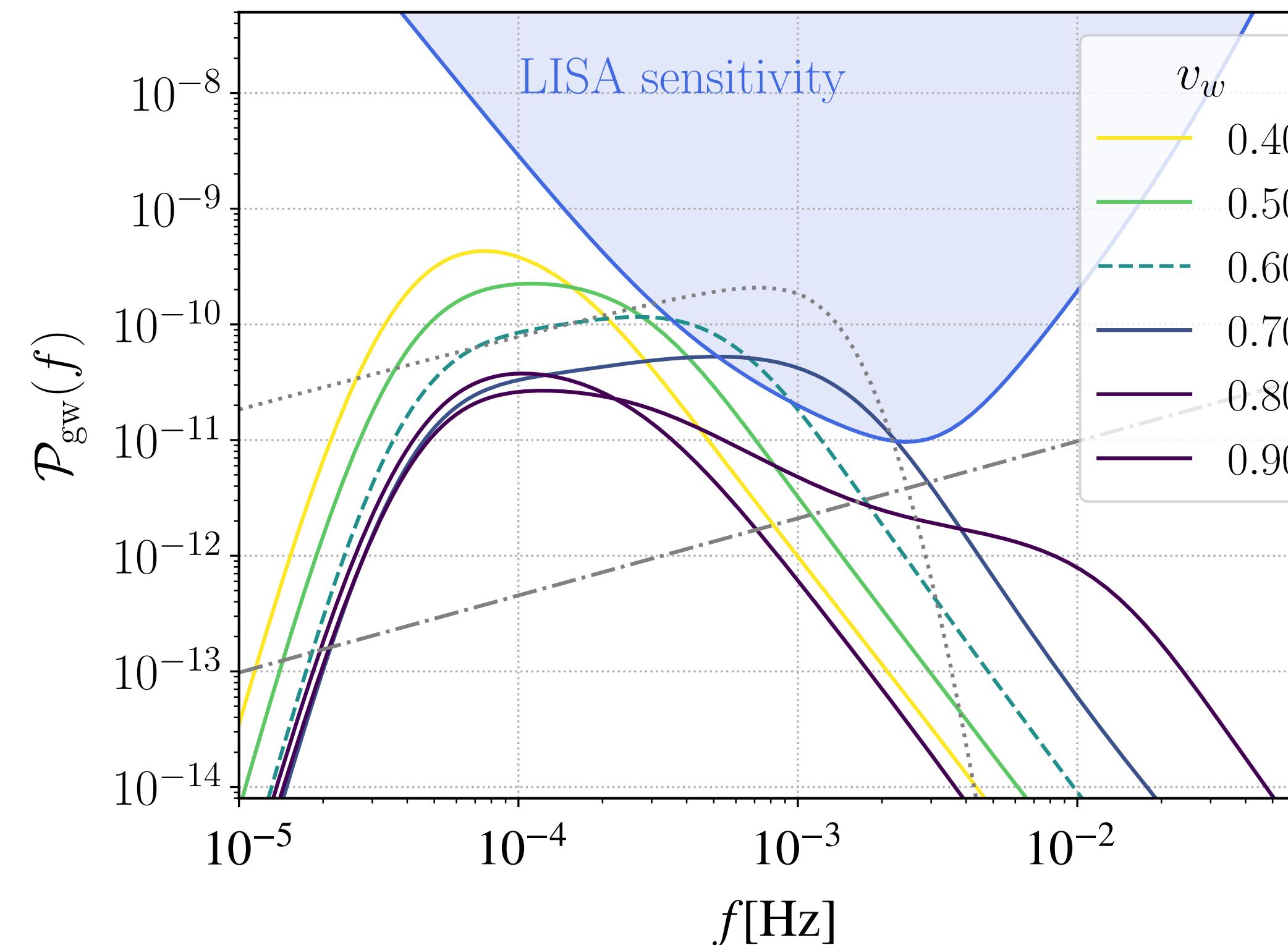
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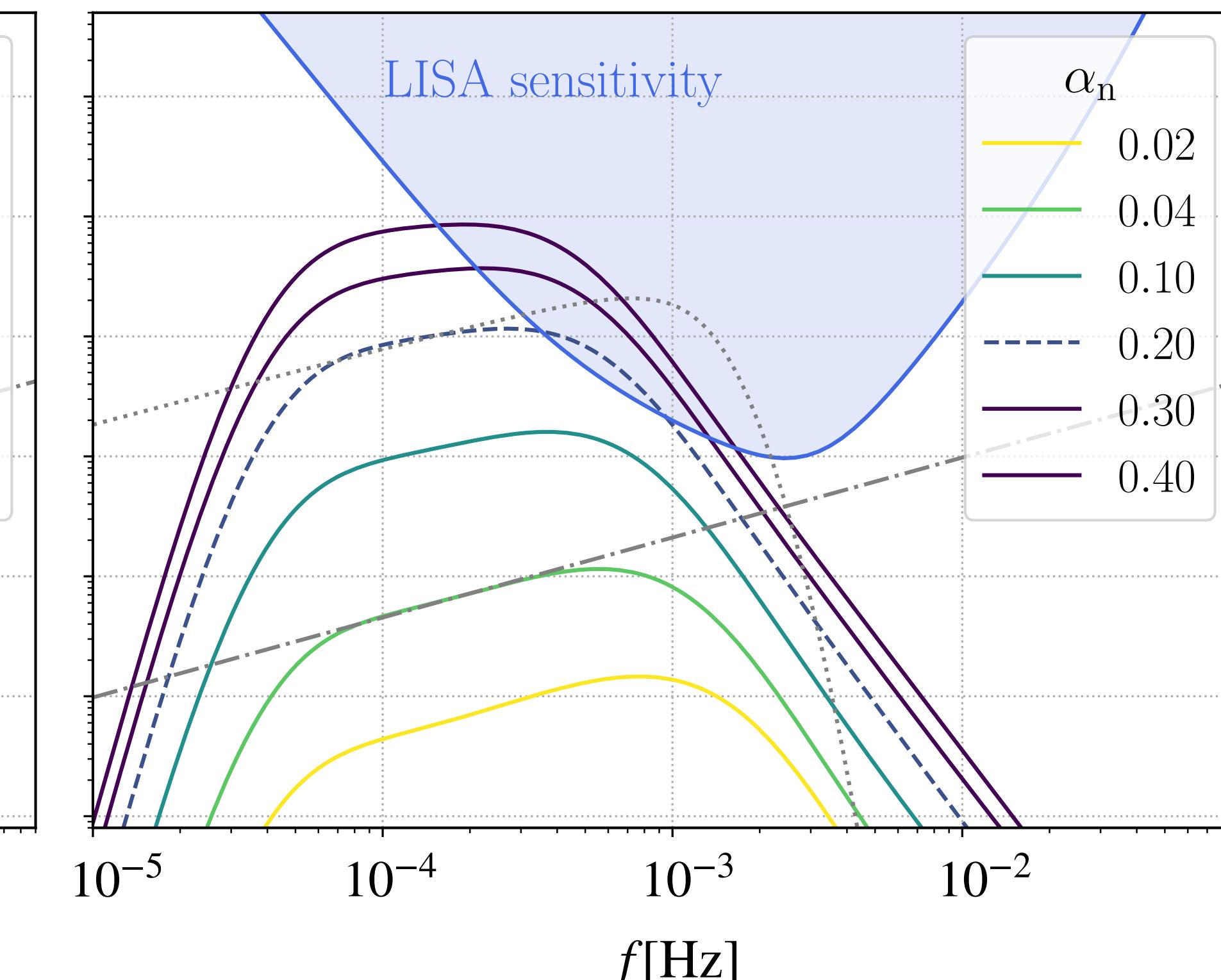
- Stationary sound waves  $\tau_v \gg \tau_{ac} \sim k^{-1}$   $\rightarrow \int_0^t dt_1 dt_2 \dots \rightarrow \int_0^t dt_- \dots \quad t_- = t_1 - t_2$
- High frequency approximation  $kR_* \gtrsim 1 \rightarrow \int_0^t dt_- \dots \rightarrow \delta(k - c_s p - c_s q)$

**1-dimensional  
integration**

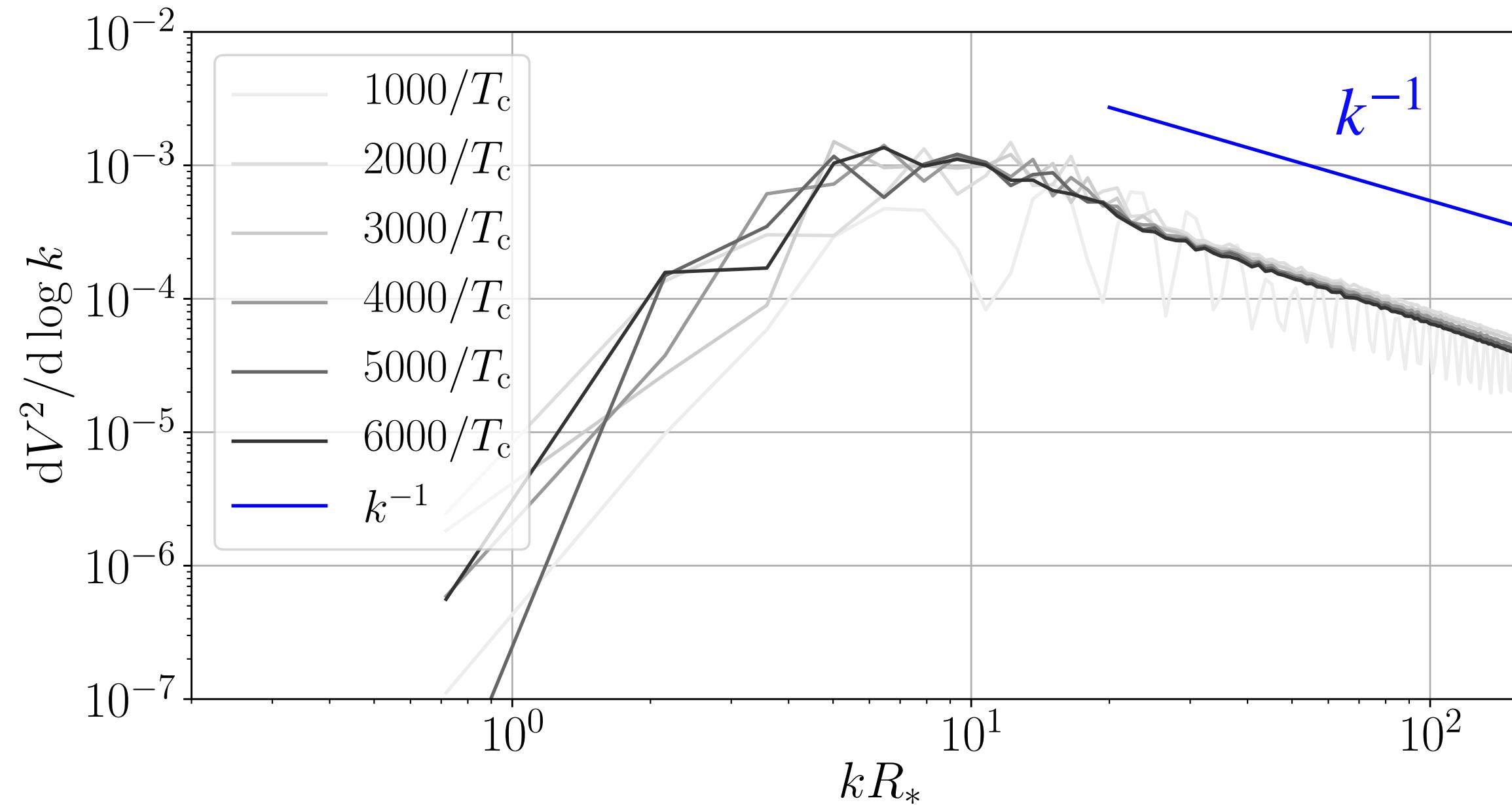
$$\alpha_n = 0.2, R_* H_* = 0.1, T_n = 100 \text{ GeV}$$



$$v_w = 0.6, R_* H_* = 0.1, T_n = 100 \text{ GeV}$$



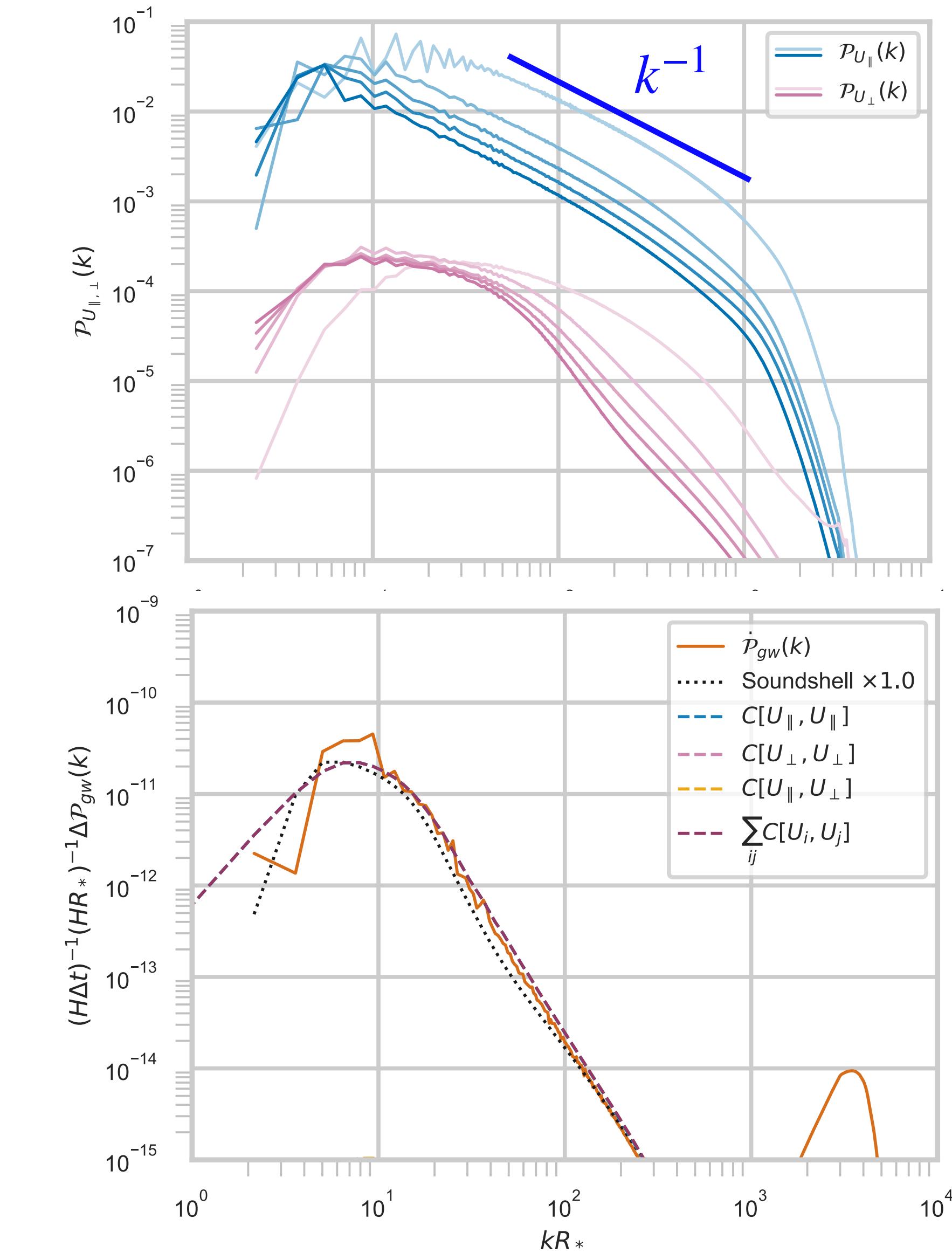
# The Sound Shell Model: comparison to numerical simulations



Hindmarsh et al., Phys.Rev.D 96 (2017)

- Ansatz (fit to simulations):

$$P_V \sim KR_*^2 \frac{(kR_*)^2}{1 + (kR_*)^6} \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \propto k^2, & k \ll R_* \text{ causality} \\ \propto k^{-4}, & k \gg R_* \text{ shocks} \end{array} \right.$$



Correia et al., arXiv: 2505.17824 [astro-ph.CO]

# Shortcomings of the Sound Shell Model

**Long wavelengths**  $kR_* \lesssim 1$

High frequency approximation  
only for  $kR_* \gtrsim 1$

Roper Pol et al, *Phys.Rev.D* 109 (2024)

Sharma et al *JCAP* 12 (2023)

## Universe expansion

- Conformal fluid  $c_s = 1/\sqrt{3}$

Guo et al. *JCAP* 01 (2021),  
Roper Pol et al, *Phys.Rev.D* 109 (2024),  
Sharma et al *JCAP* 12 (2023)

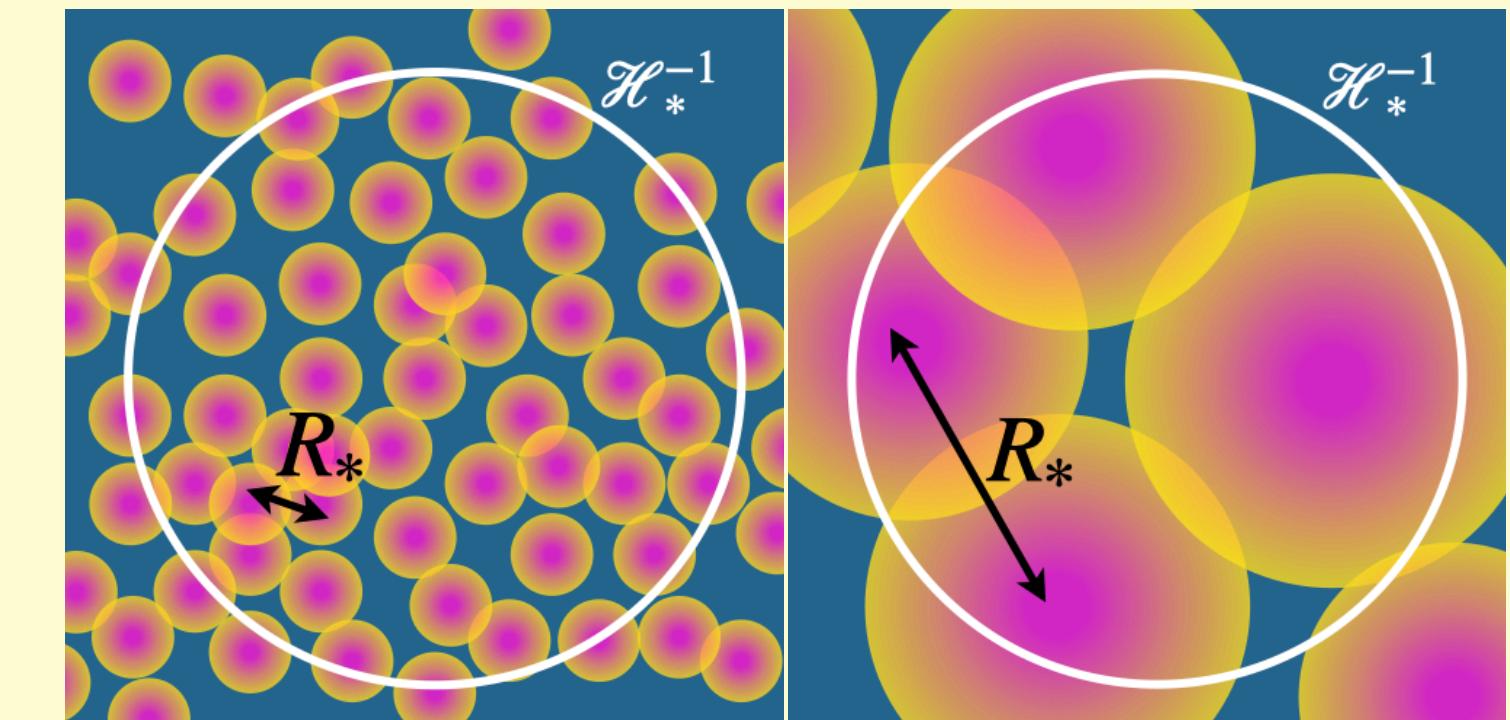
- Pressureless fluid  $c_s = 0$

Guo et al. *JCAP* 01 (2021)

- Non conformal fluid  $0 \leq c_s \leq 1/\sqrt{3}$  ?

## Slow transitions or large bubbles

$$H_* R_* \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$$



- Loud signal regime

LISA CosmoWG, *JCAP* 10 (2024)

- General relativistic effects  
beyond Universe expansion?

## II. Role of the speed of sound on the gravitational wave power spectrum

Macro photography of a soap bubble  
Ingredients: detergent 80%, glycerine 20%, water to taste.  
Picture from [Canon Ireland](#)



# Softening of the equation of state

Leitao et al. Nucl.Phys.B 891 (2015), Tenkanen & van de Vis JHEP 08 (2022)

- Phase transition is accompanied by a change in the equation of state (EoS)
- Bag EoS:** Ultra-relativistic plasma + vacuum energy  $V_0(\phi)$

$$c_s = 1/\sqrt{3}$$

Universe at EW scale  
(clearly)

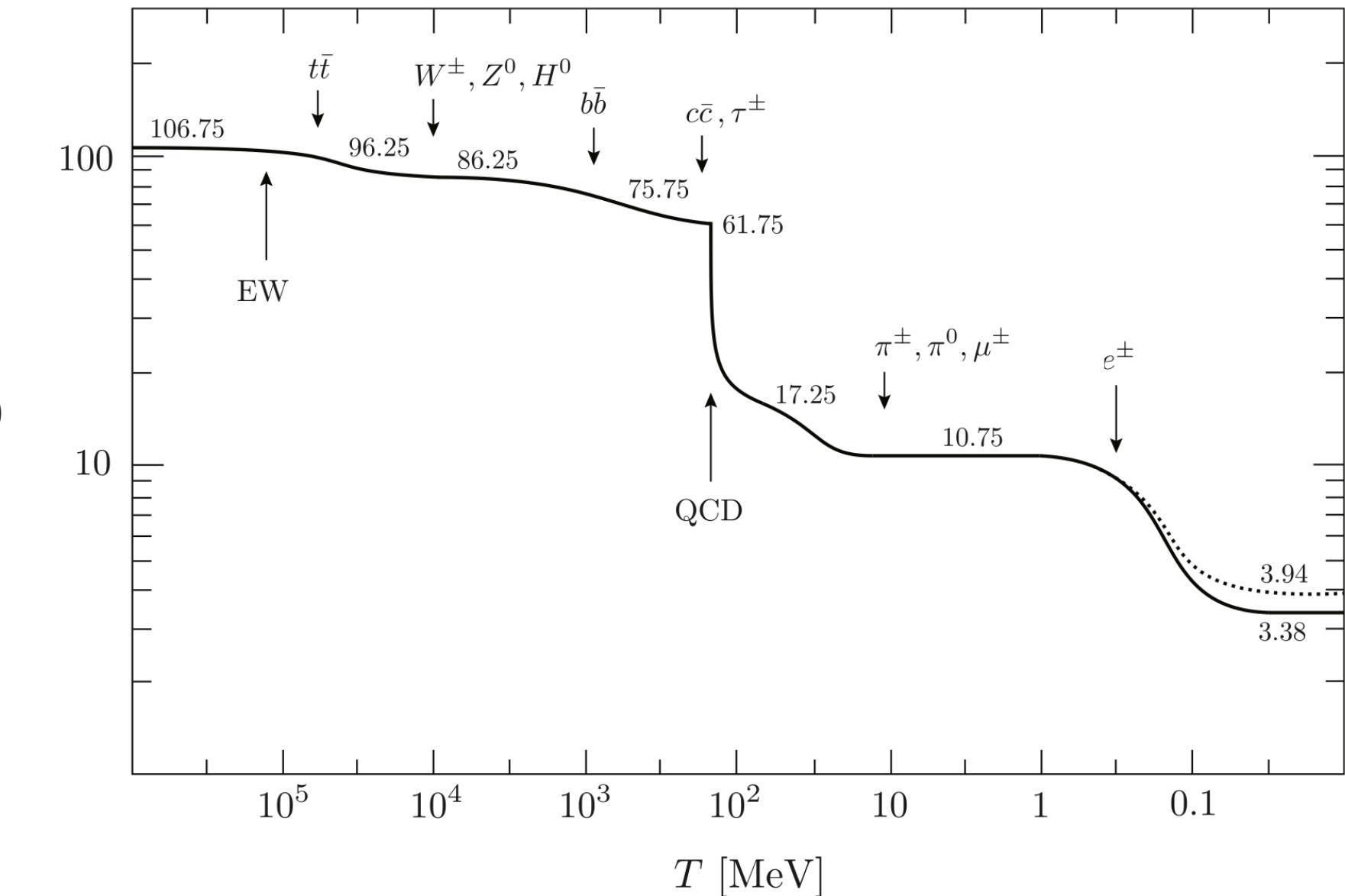


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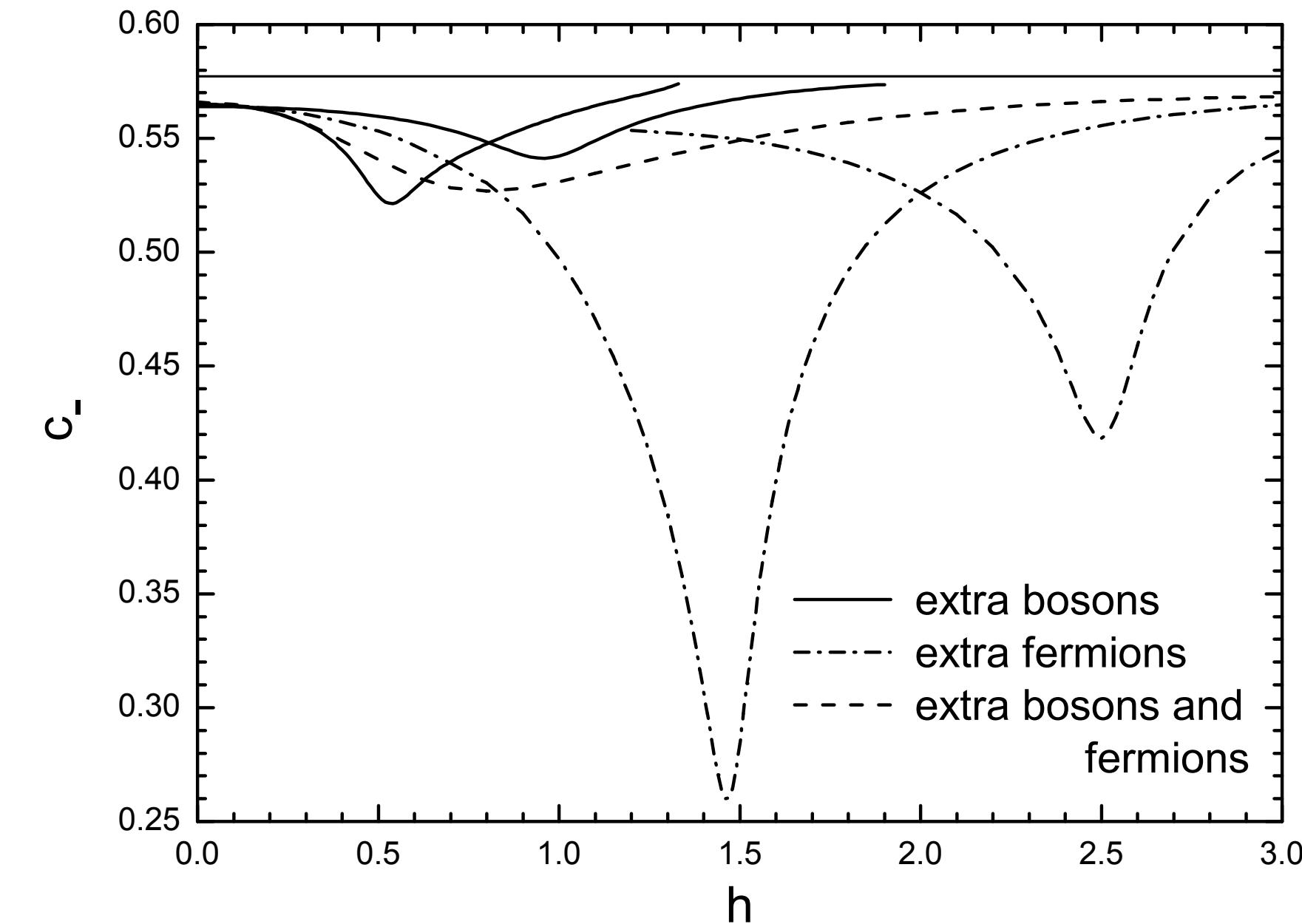
- + Relativistic particles
- + Vacuum energy
- + Massive particles  $m \sim T$

- Massive species  $m \sim T \longrightarrow c_s = c_s(T) \lesssim 1/\sqrt{3}$
- If  $T \sim T_n \longrightarrow$  **Constant speed of sound EoS**

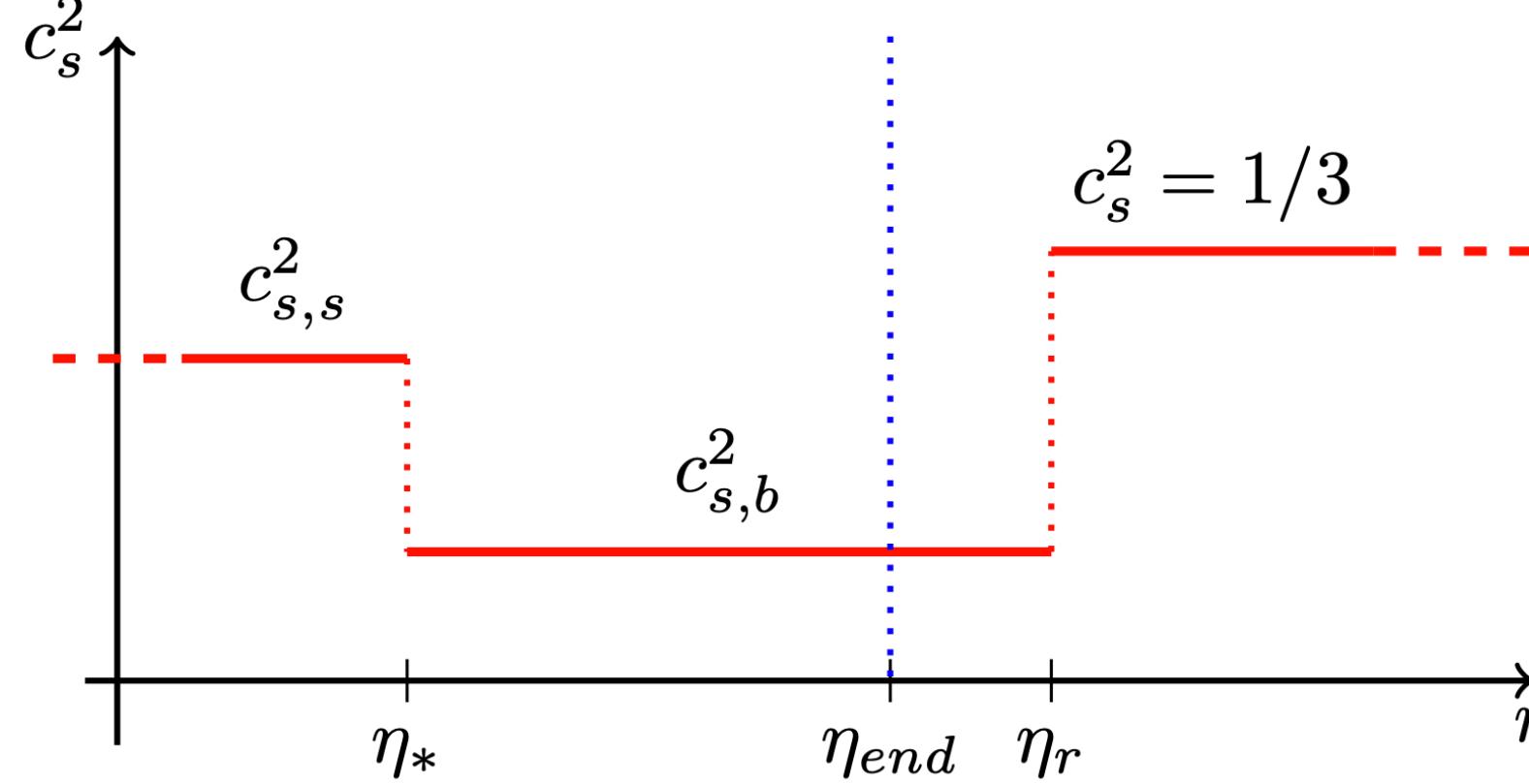
$$0 \leq c_s \leq 1/\sqrt{3}$$



(Baumann, <https://cmb.wintherscoming.no>)



# Effects of a softer equation of state



$$\text{Consider } p = c_s^2 e$$

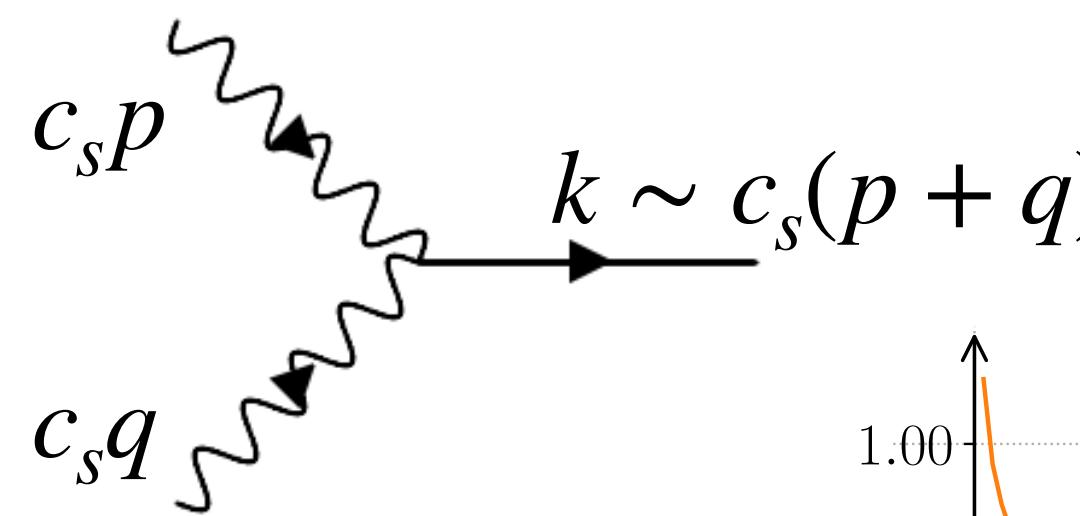
$\eta_*$  : begin acoustic phase

$\eta_{end}$  : end acoustic phase

$\eta_r$  : begin radiation domination

$$\nu = \frac{1 - 3c_s^2}{1 + 3c_s^2}$$

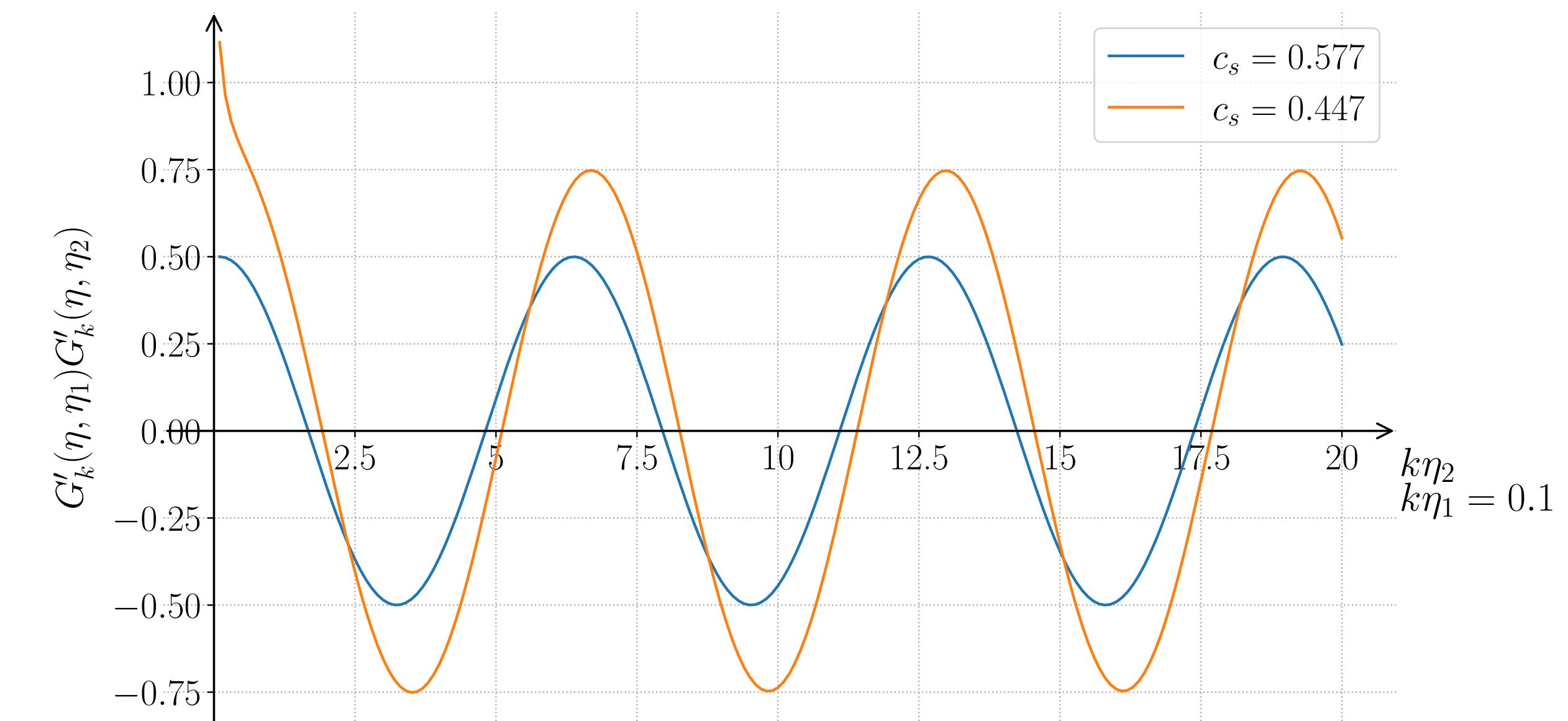
- Sound wave frequency  $c_s p$



- Sound wave damping

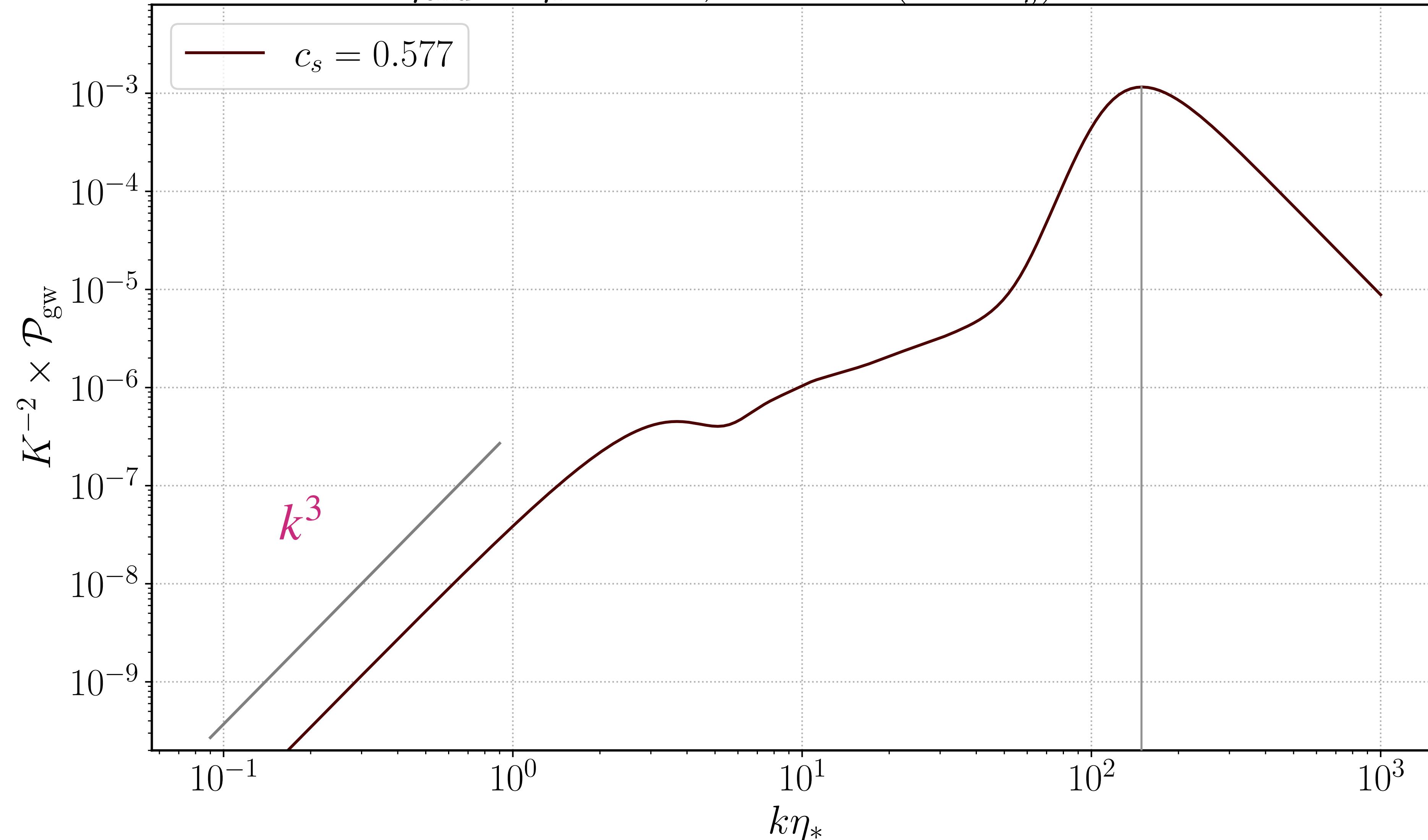
$$\tilde{v}_p^i(\eta) = \left(\frac{\eta_*}{\eta}\right)^\nu \left[ v_p^i e^{-ic_s p \eta} + v_p^{*i} e^{ic_s p \eta} \right]$$

- Hubble friction on propagation of  $h_{ij}$



# Effects of a softer equation of state

$$\eta_{\text{end}} = \eta_r = 2.15, \quad R_* \mathcal{H}_*(1 + 3c_s^2) = 0.13$$

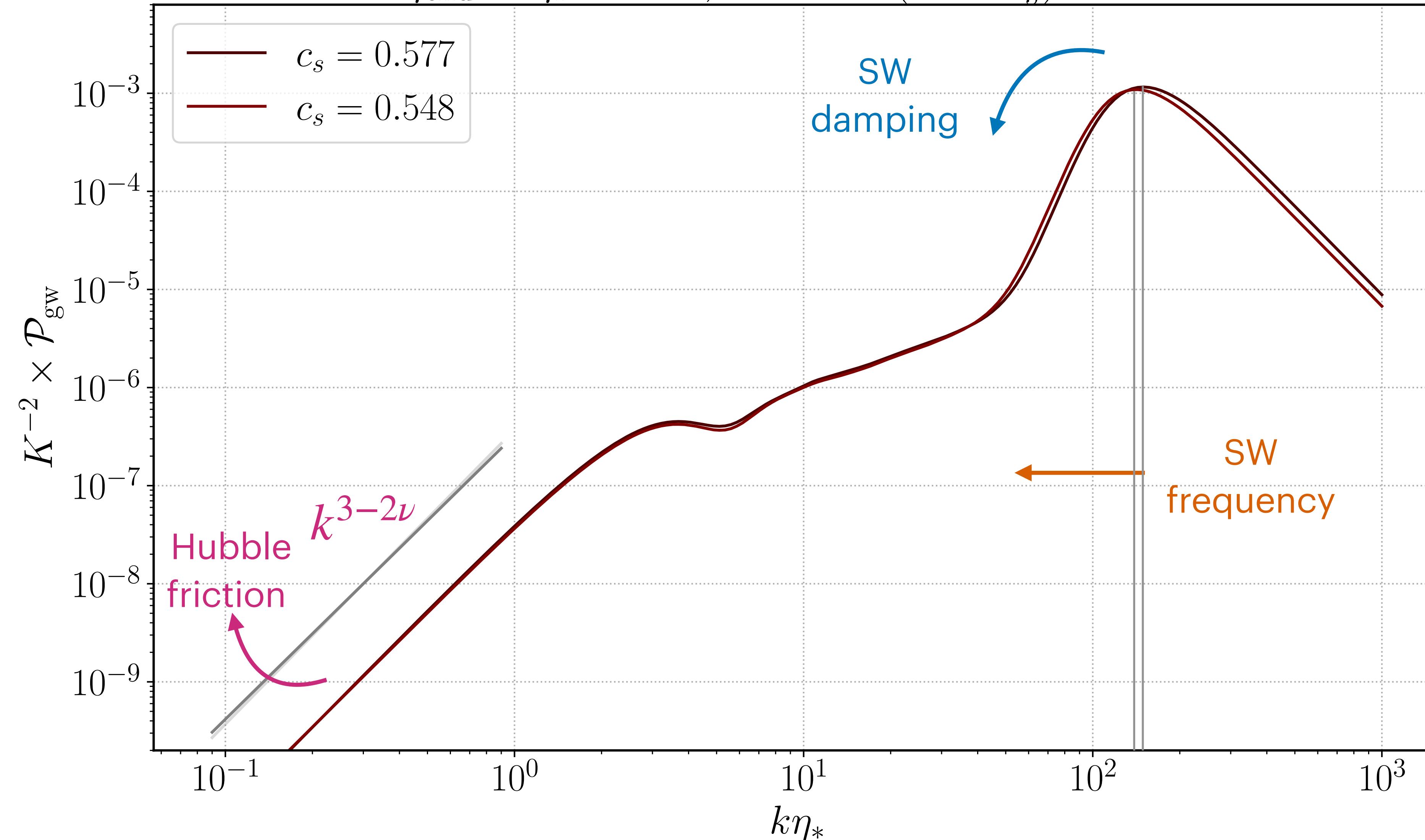


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$\nu \approx 0.052$

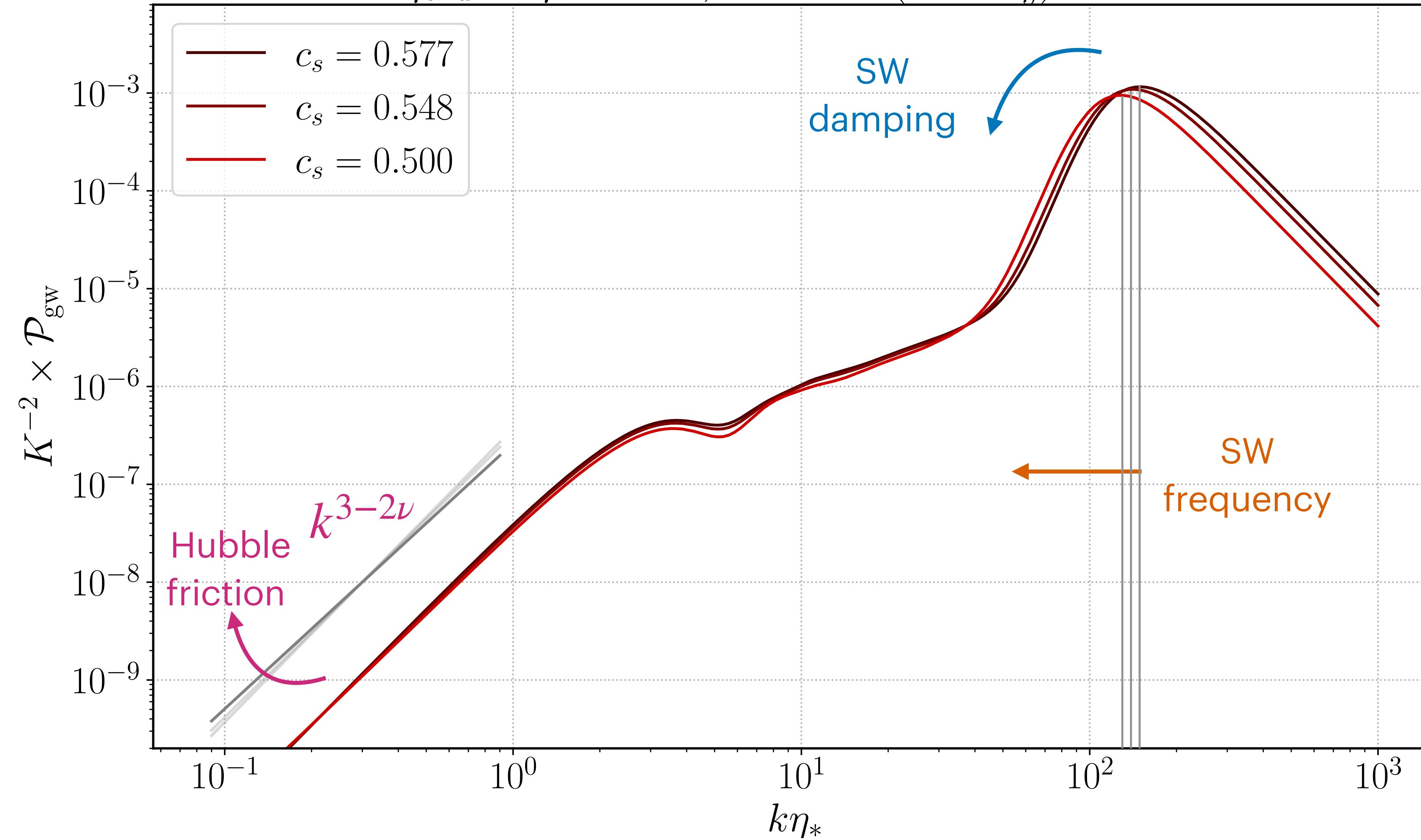


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$$\nu \approx 0.143$$

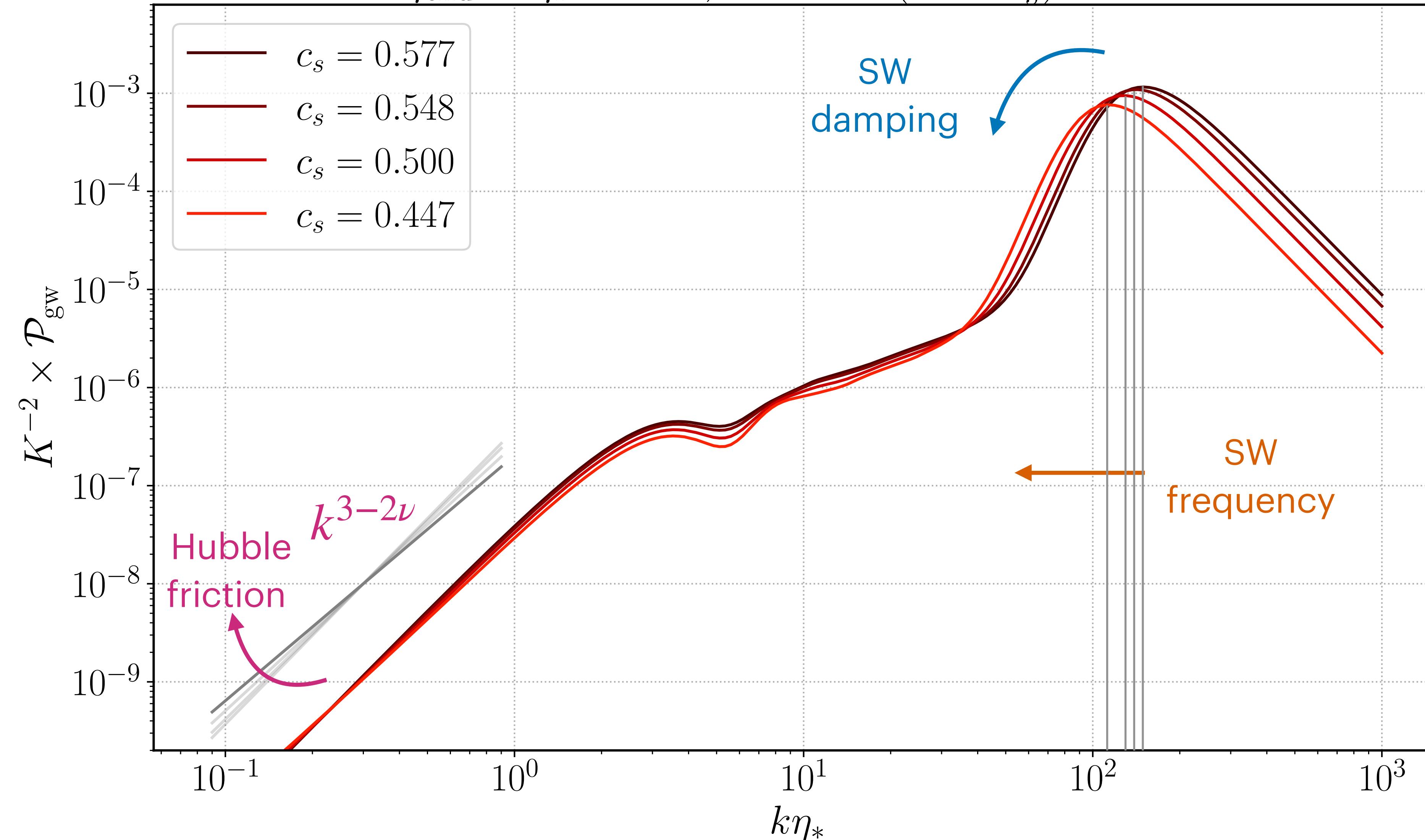


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$$\nu \approx 0.250$$

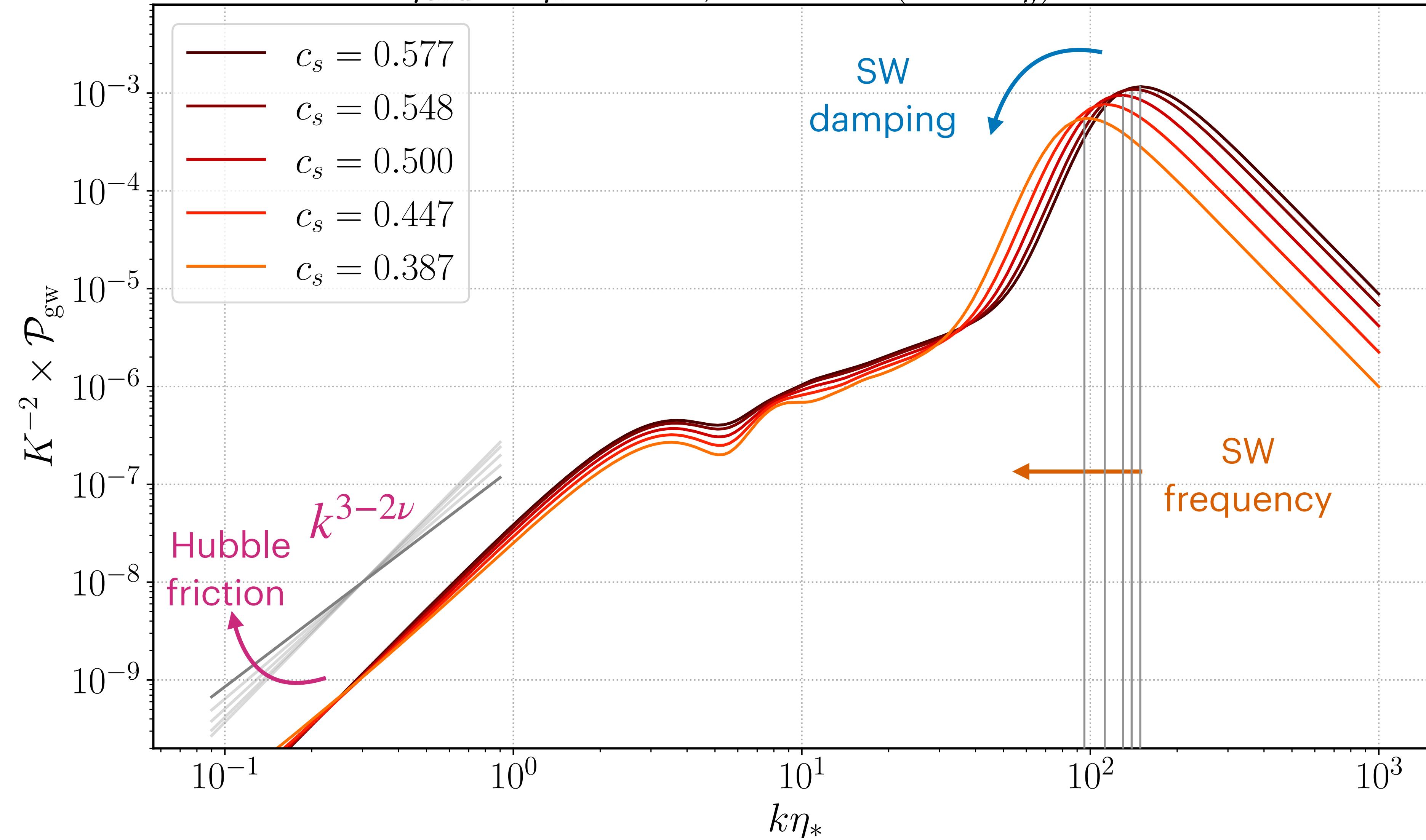


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$$\nu \approx 0.380$$

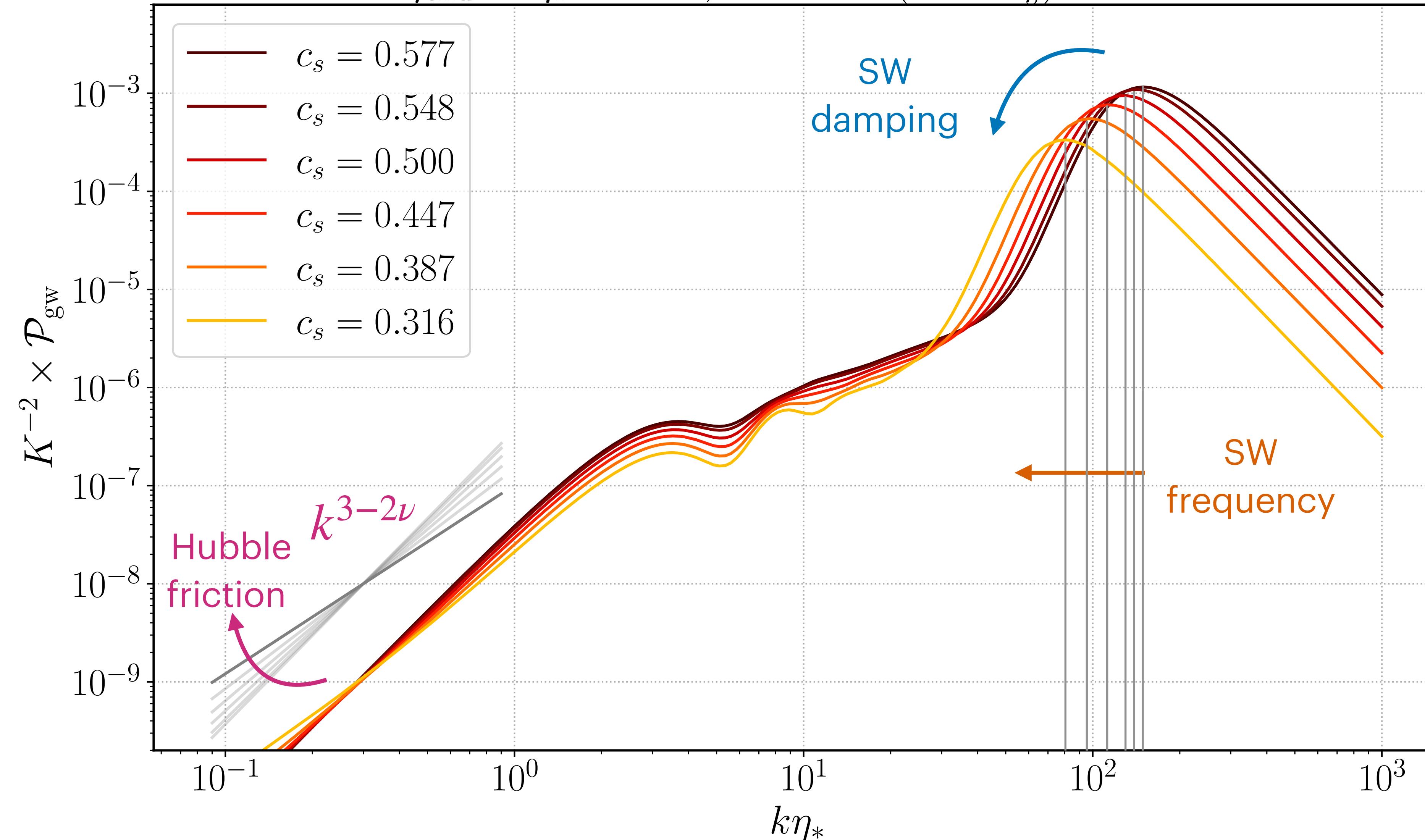


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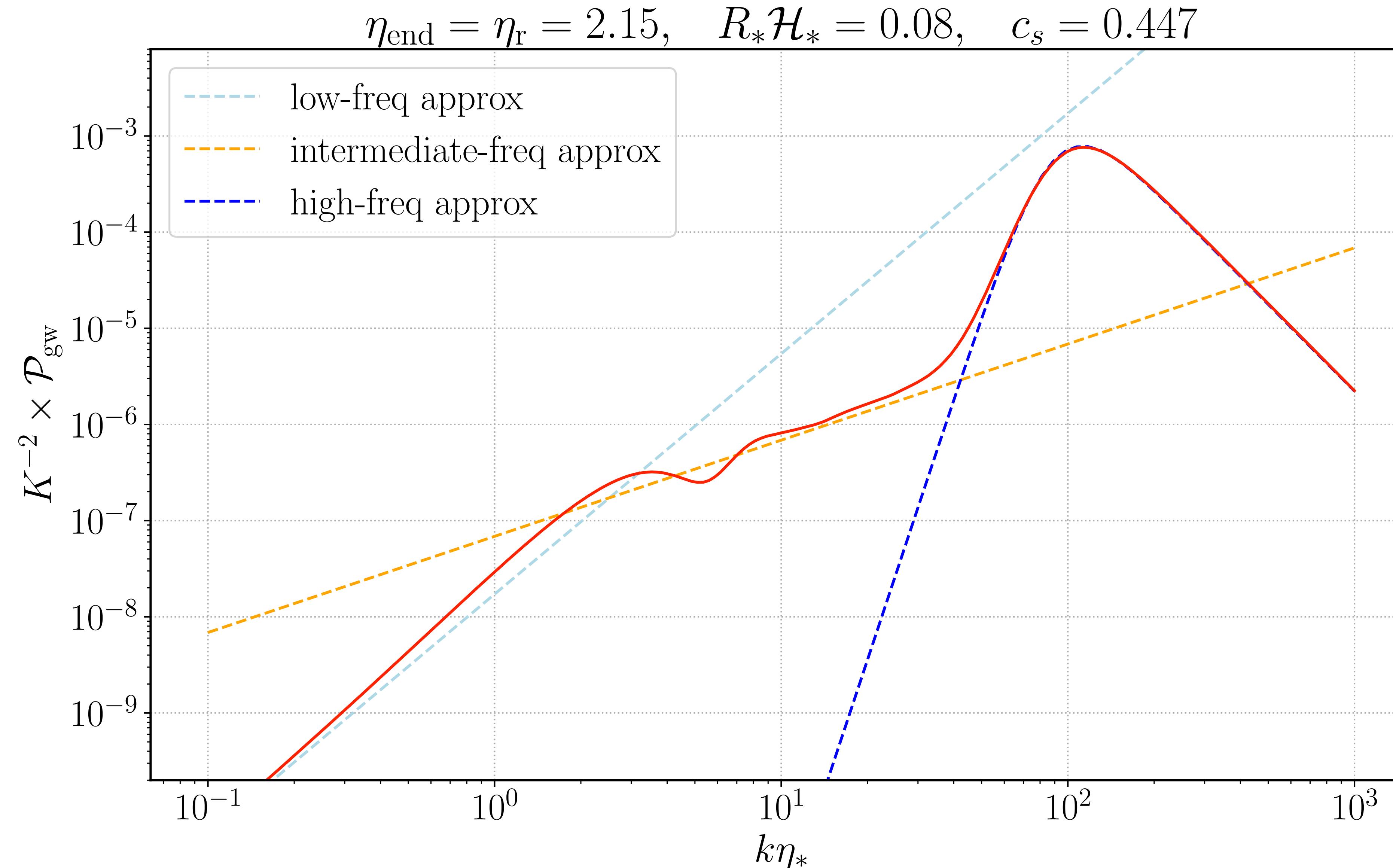
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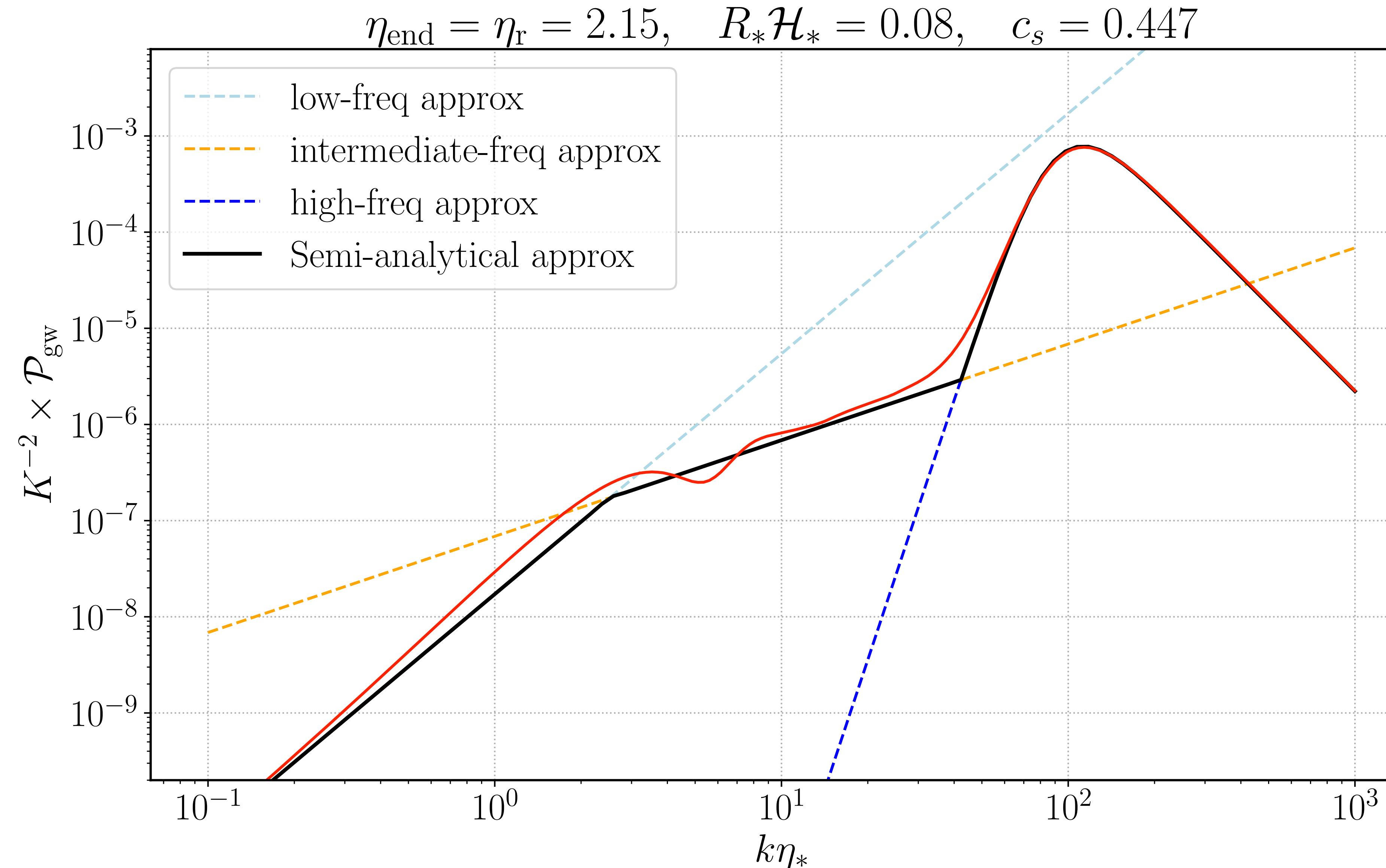
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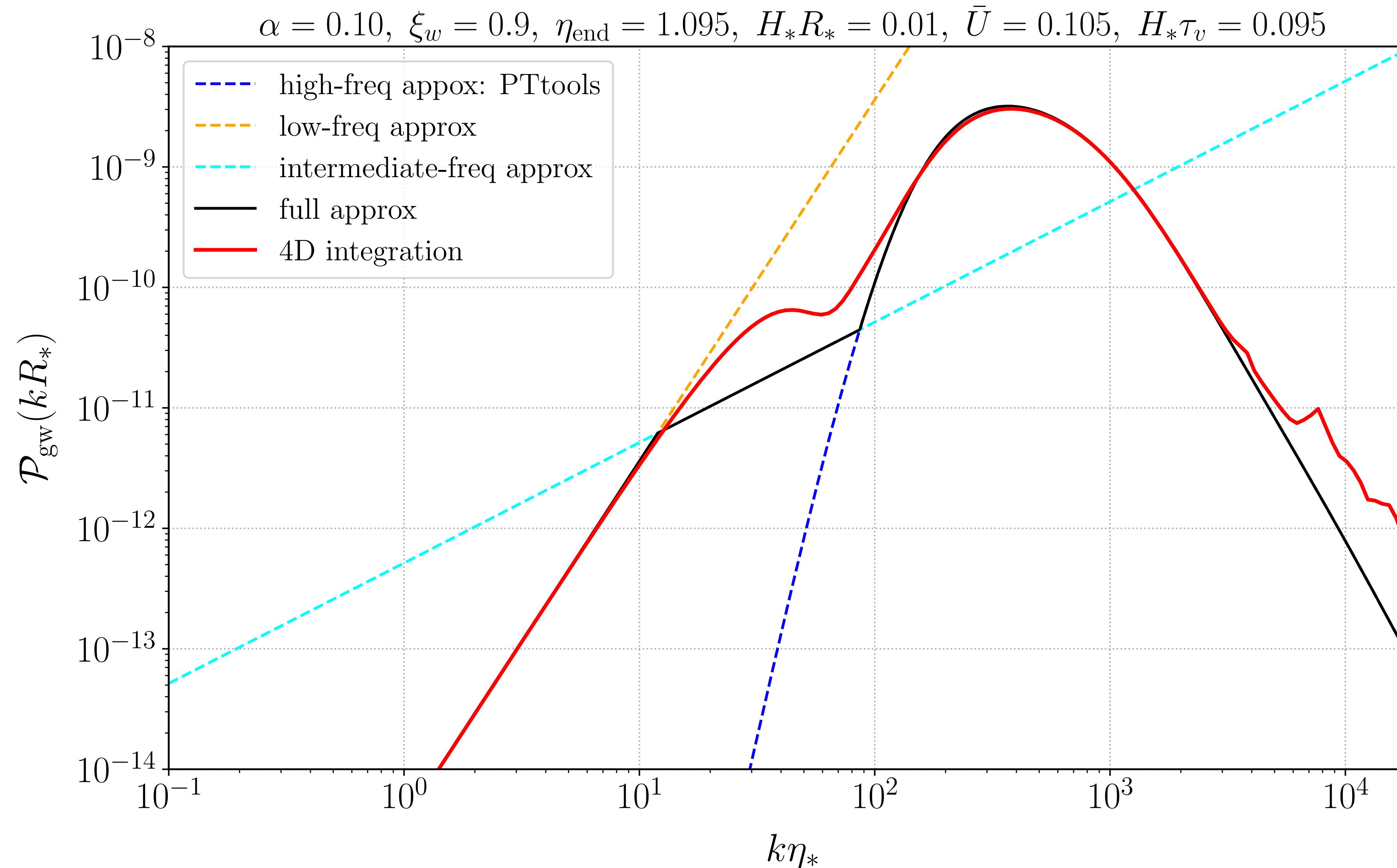
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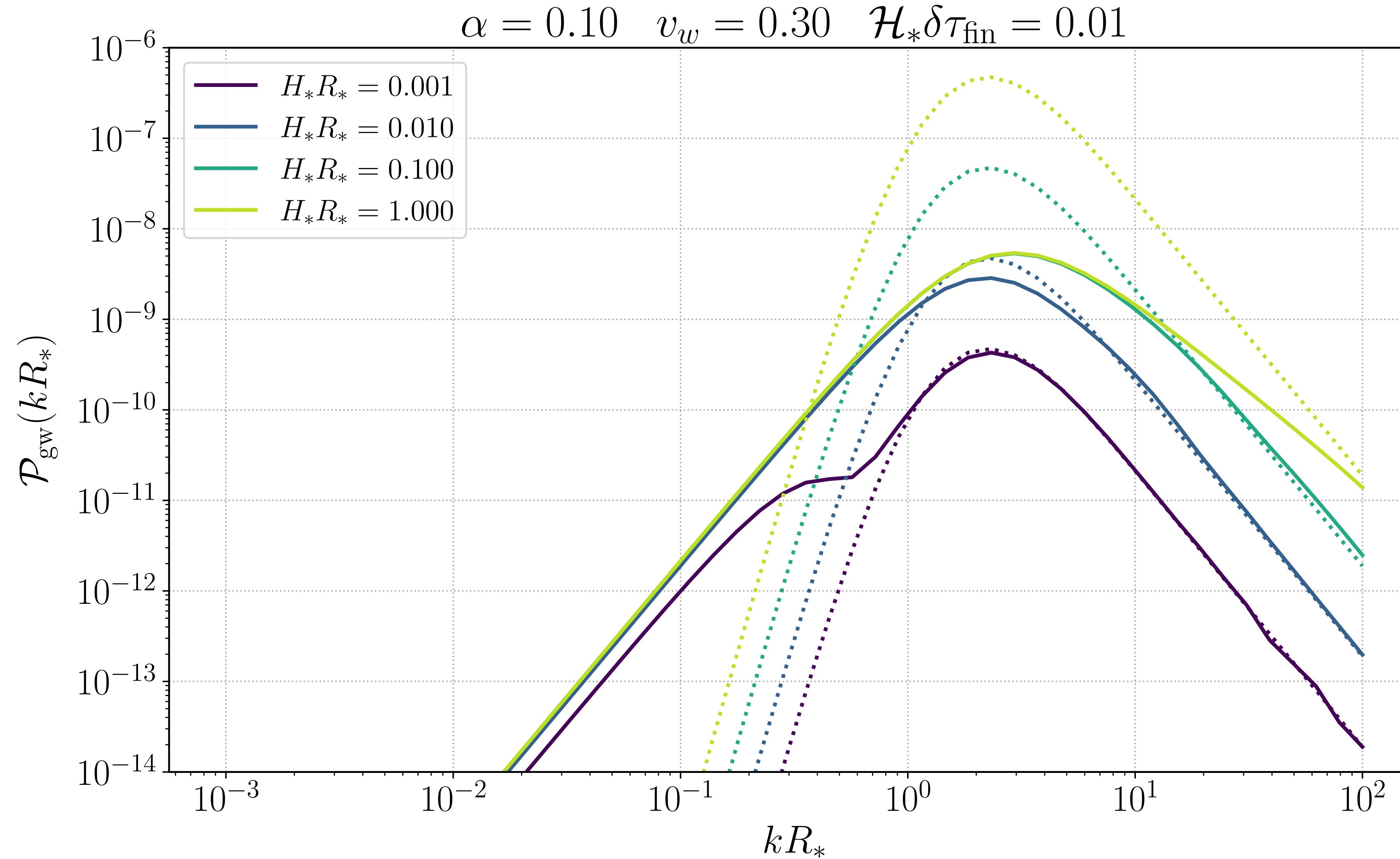


# GW power spectrum in the Sound Shell Model



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A. Roper Pol et al, *Phys.Rev.D* 109 (2024)



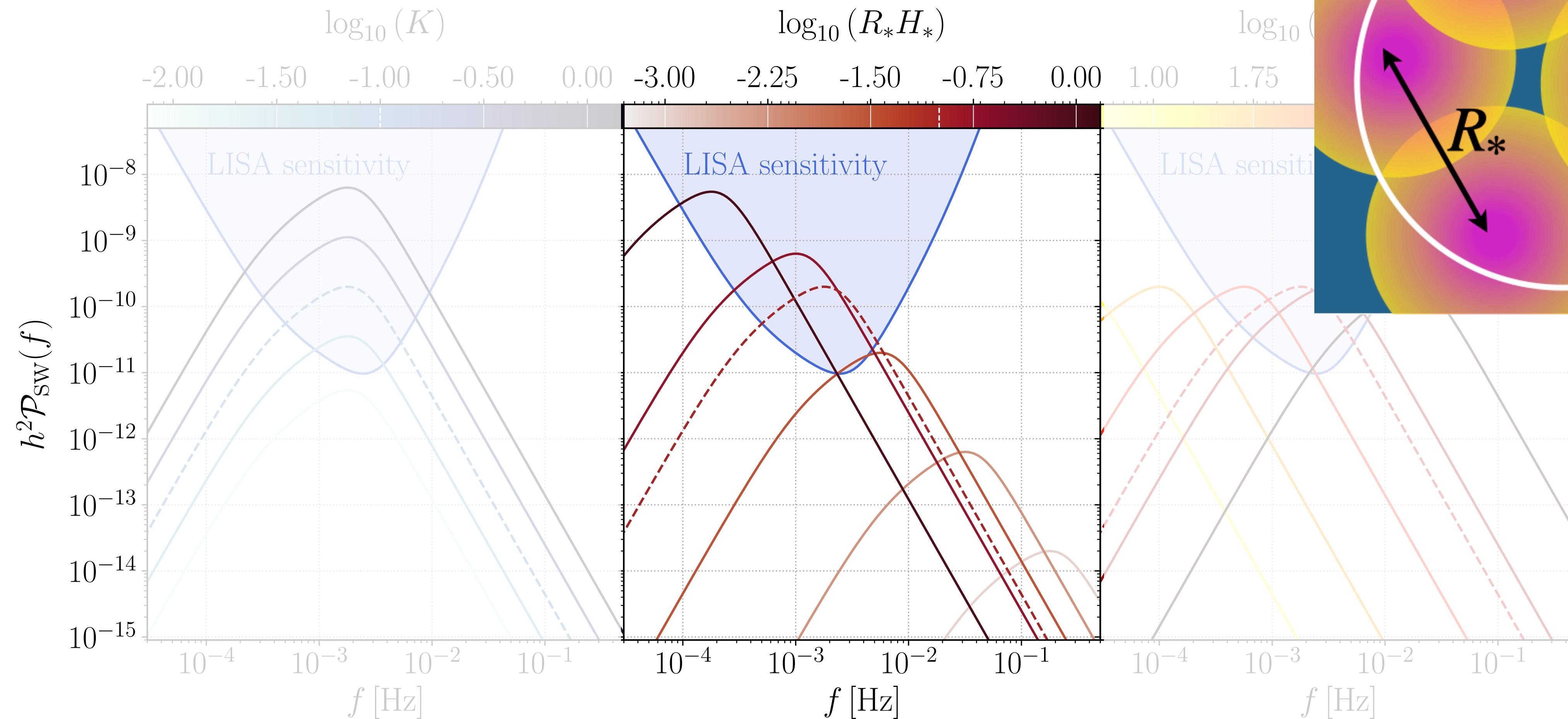
### III. Gravitational effects on the production of gravitational wave

Macro photography of a soap bubble  
Ingredients: 3 parts water, 1 part soap, 1 ts glycerine.  
Picture from [Tom Bol Photography](#)



# The larger the better

Caprini et al. LISA CosmoWG, JCAP 10 (2024)

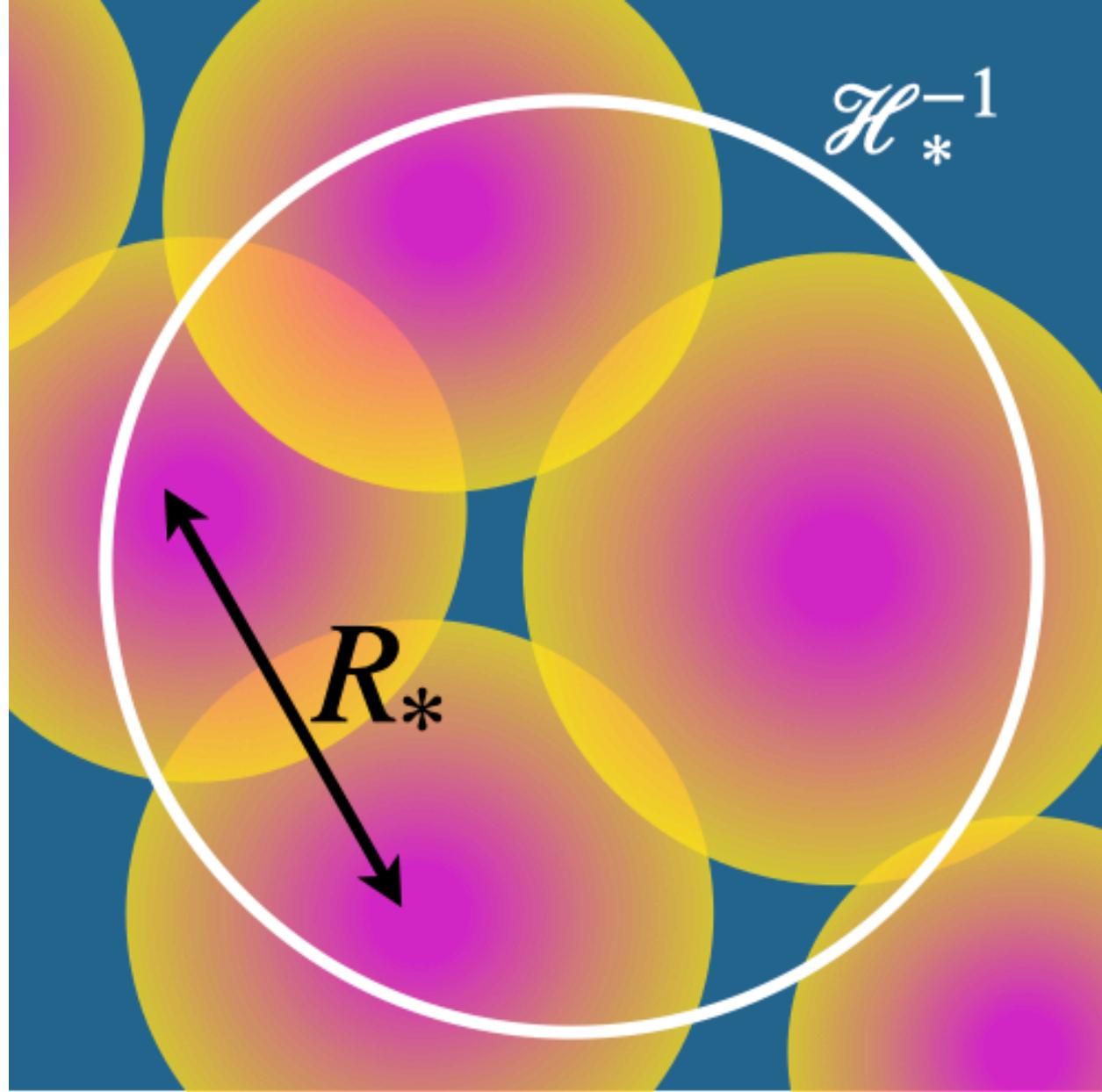


- Large bubble models will be the first one to be tested by LISA
- How large can we get?

# Bubble mean center spacing: Large bubbles

$$R_* H_* = (8\pi)^{1/3} v_w \left( \frac{\beta}{H_*} \right)^{-1}$$

$\beta$  : Inverse phase transition duration



## Theoretical bounds

- Primordial black hole abundance

Lewicki et al [JHEP 09 \(2023\)](#), [Phys.Rev.Lett. 133 \(2024\)](#), arXiv:[2412.10366](#)

Franciolini et al. arxiv:[2503.01962](#)

$$\beta/H_* \lesssim 3.8$$

$$\begin{aligned}\beta/H_* &\gtrsim 3.8 \\ R_* H_* &\lesssim 0.77 v_w\end{aligned}$$

## Large bubbles are most likely in

- Strongly supercooled detonations  $v_w \approx 1$
- Subsonic deflagrations (thermal suppression of nucleation rate)

(Ajmi & Hindmarsh 2022)

## Are current models ready for large bubbles?

### Gravitational effects

- Fluid self-gravity?
- Universe expansion ( $c_s^2 \neq 1/3$ )?
- Curvature perturbations?

# Semi-analytic model of acoustic gravitational wave production

Compressional modes around bubbles generate scalar and tensor perturbations

$$ds^2 = a^2(\eta) \left\{ - (1 + 2\Phi^{(1)} + 2\Phi^{(2)}) d\eta^2 + \left[ (1 - 2\Psi^{(1)} - 2\Psi^{(2)}) \delta_{ij} + h_{ij} \right] dx^i dx^j \right\}$$

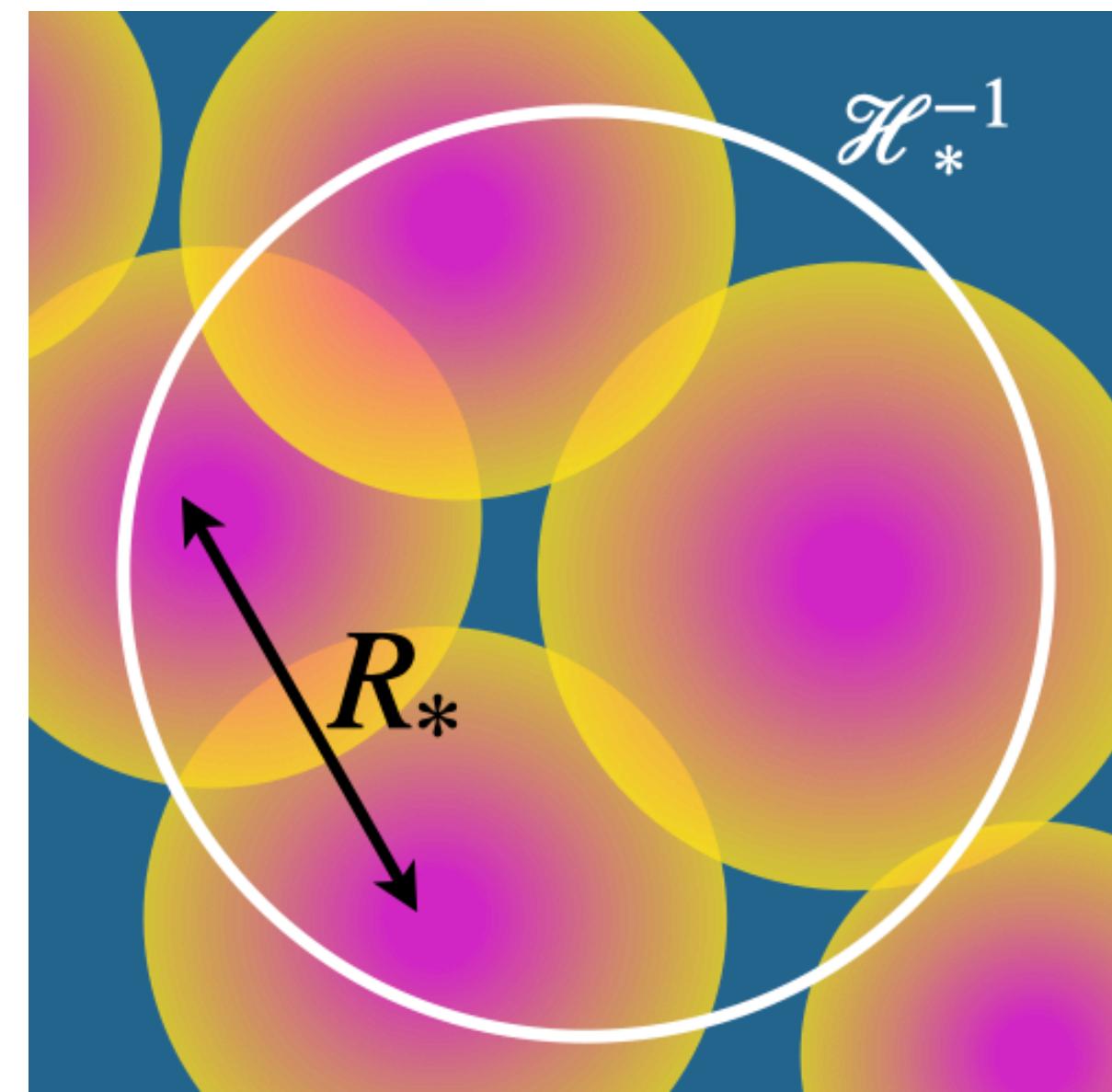
$$h''_{ij} + 2\mathcal{H}h'_{ij} - \nabla^2 h_{ij} = \mathcal{S}_{ij} \longrightarrow \begin{aligned} &\bullet \text{ Primary source of gravitational waves} \\ &\bullet \text{ Secondary source of gravitational waves} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} v_i \\ \Phi^{(1)} = \Psi^{(1)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{S}_{ij} = v_i^{(1)} v_j^{(1)} + \frac{1}{4\pi G a^2 \bar{w}} \partial_i \Psi^{(1)} \partial_j \Psi^{(1)} \sim v^2 + (R_* \mathcal{H}_*)^2 \left( \frac{\delta e}{\bar{e}} \right)^2$$

- We include curvature fluctuations  $\Psi$  perturbatively

Short sound wave wavelength expansion  $R_* \mathcal{H}_* \lesssim \mathcal{O}(1)$

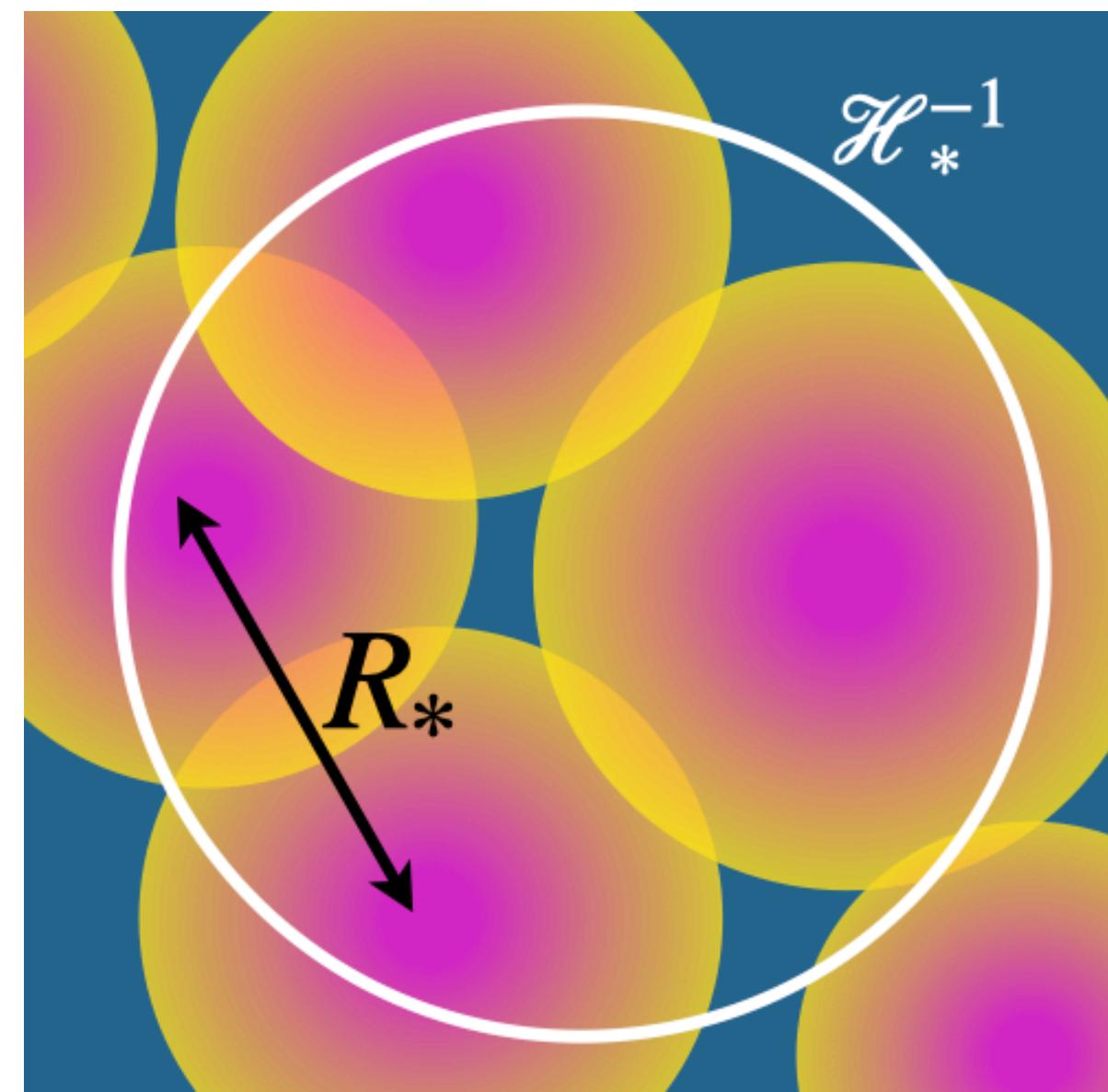


# General relativistic corrections at NLO in $R_* \mathcal{H}_* \lesssim \mathcal{O}(1)$

$$e_{\text{gw}} \sim \langle h'_{ij} h'_{ij} \rangle \sim \iint d\eta_1 d\eta_2 \dots \langle \tilde{S}_{ij}(k, \eta_1) \tilde{S}_{ij}(k, \eta_2) \rangle$$
$$\tilde{S}_{ij} \sim \int_p \tilde{v}_p^i \tilde{v}_q^j + \hat{p}^i \hat{q}^j (R_* \mathcal{H}_*)^2 \tilde{\delta}_p \tilde{\delta}_q \Big|_{q=p-k}$$

$$\tilde{v}_p^i(\eta) = v_p^i [1 + \mathcal{O}(R_* \mathcal{H}_*)] e^{-ic_s p \eta} + h.c.$$

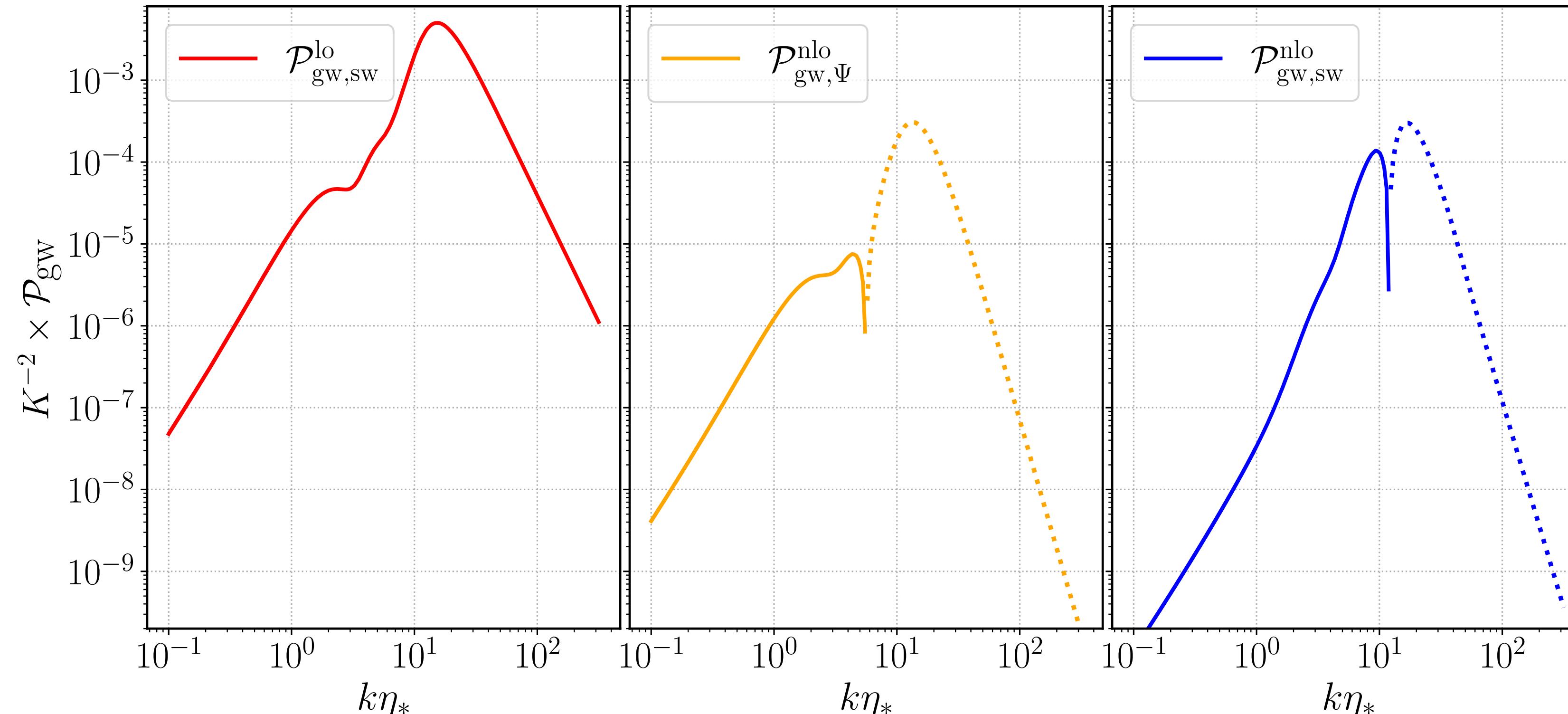
$\langle \tilde{v}_p \tilde{v}_q \rangle \langle \tilde{v}_p \tilde{v}_q \rangle$	$+ (R_* \mathcal{H}_*)^2 \langle \tilde{v}_p \tilde{\delta}_q \rangle \langle \tilde{v}_q \tilde{\delta}_p \rangle$	$+ (R_* \mathcal{H}_*)^2 \langle \tilde{v}_p \tilde{v}_q \rangle \langle \tilde{v}_p \tilde{v}_q \rangle$	$+ (R_* \mathcal{H}_*)^4 \langle \tilde{\delta}_p \tilde{\delta}_q \rangle \langle \tilde{\delta}_q \tilde{\delta}_p \rangle$
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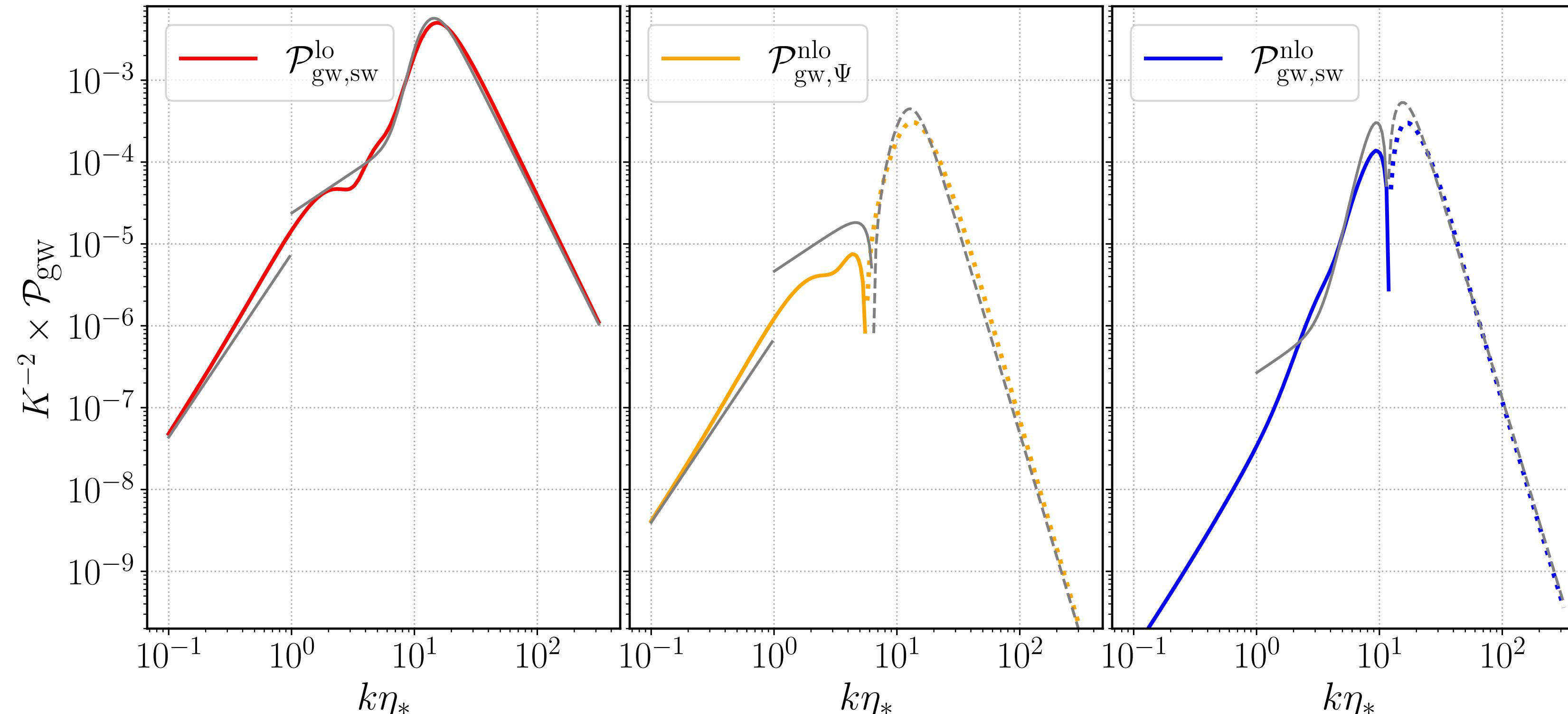


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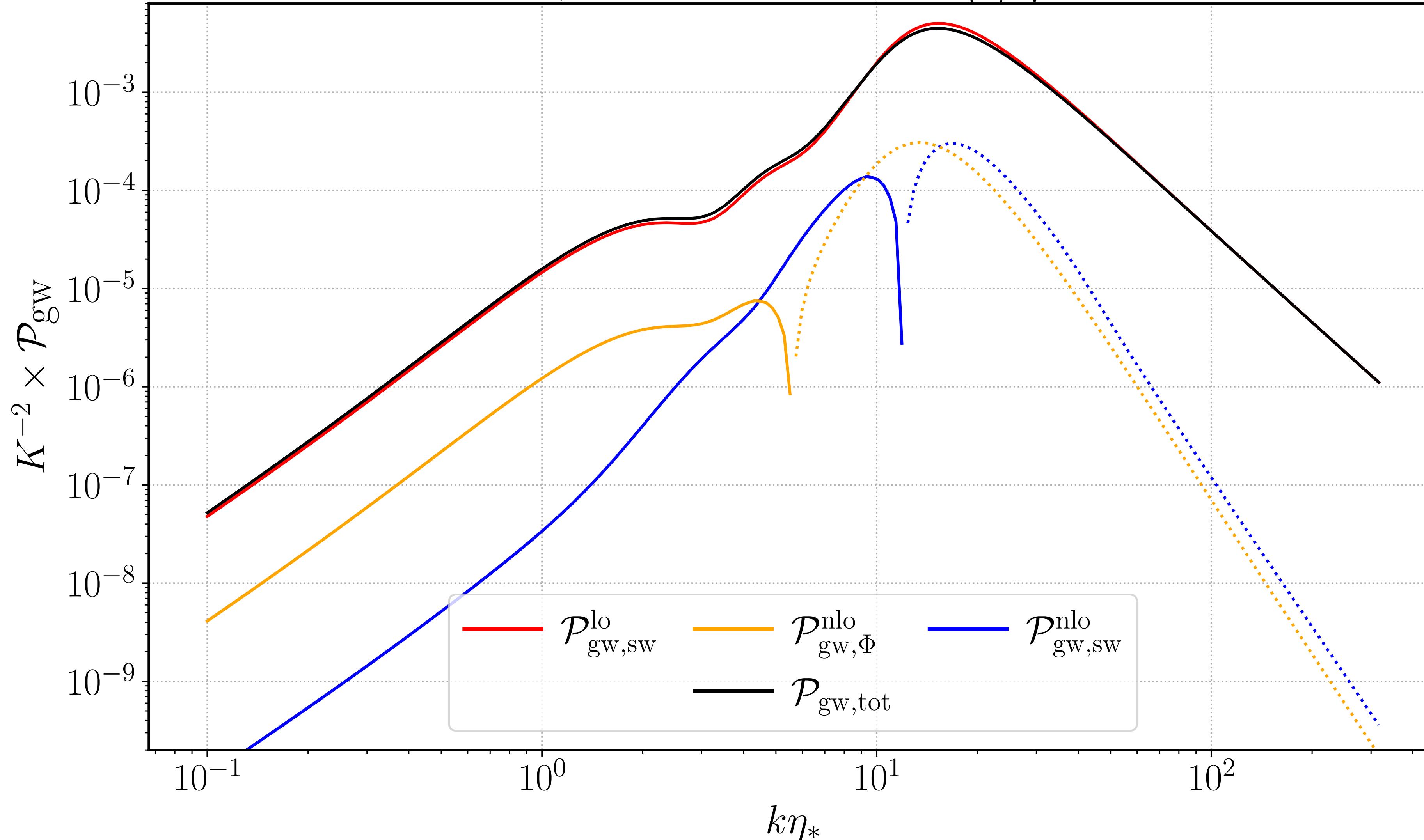
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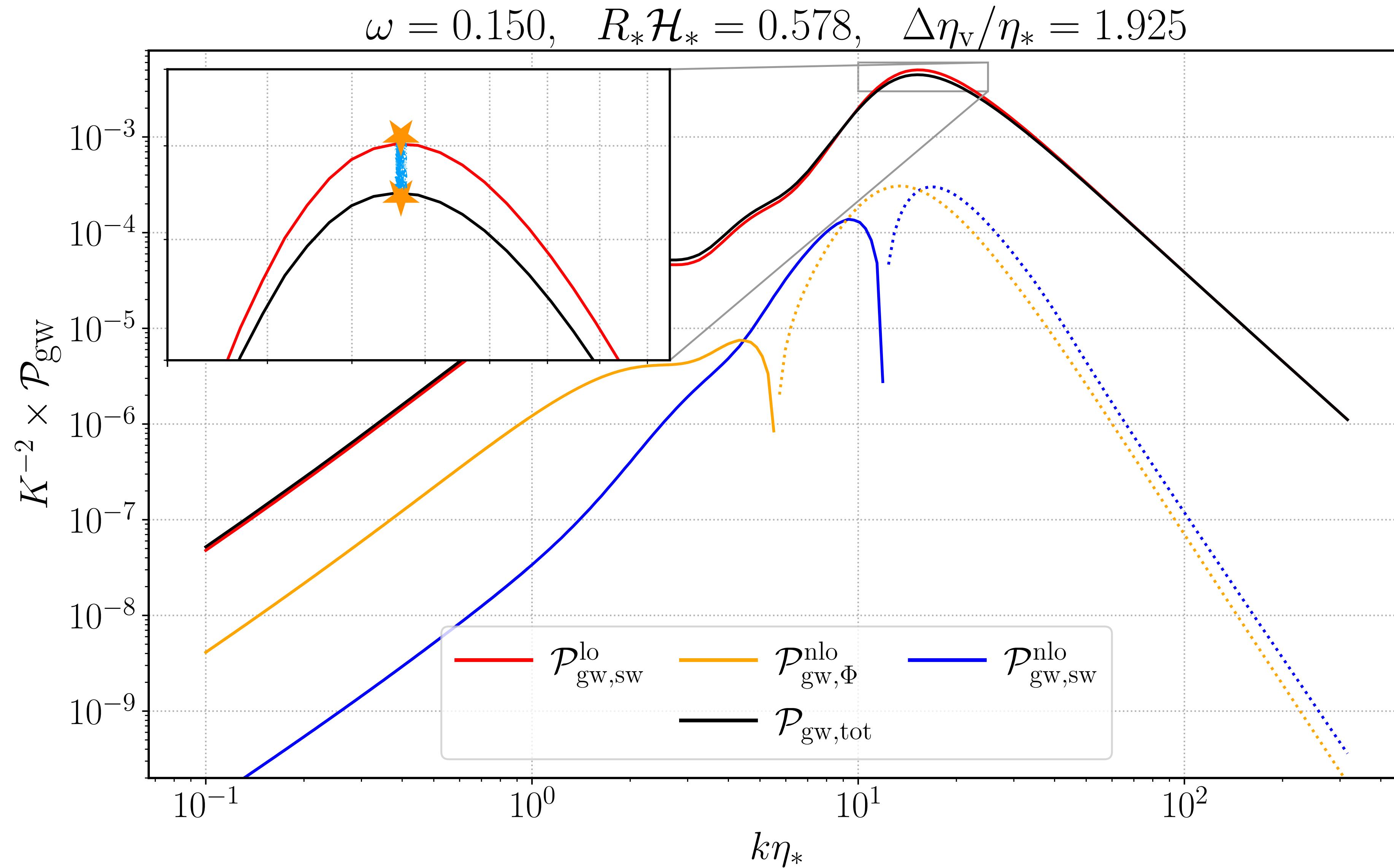


# Gravitational effects beyond Universe expansion

$$\omega = 0.150, \quad R_* \mathcal{H}_* = 0.578, \quad \Delta \eta_v / \eta_* = 1.925$$



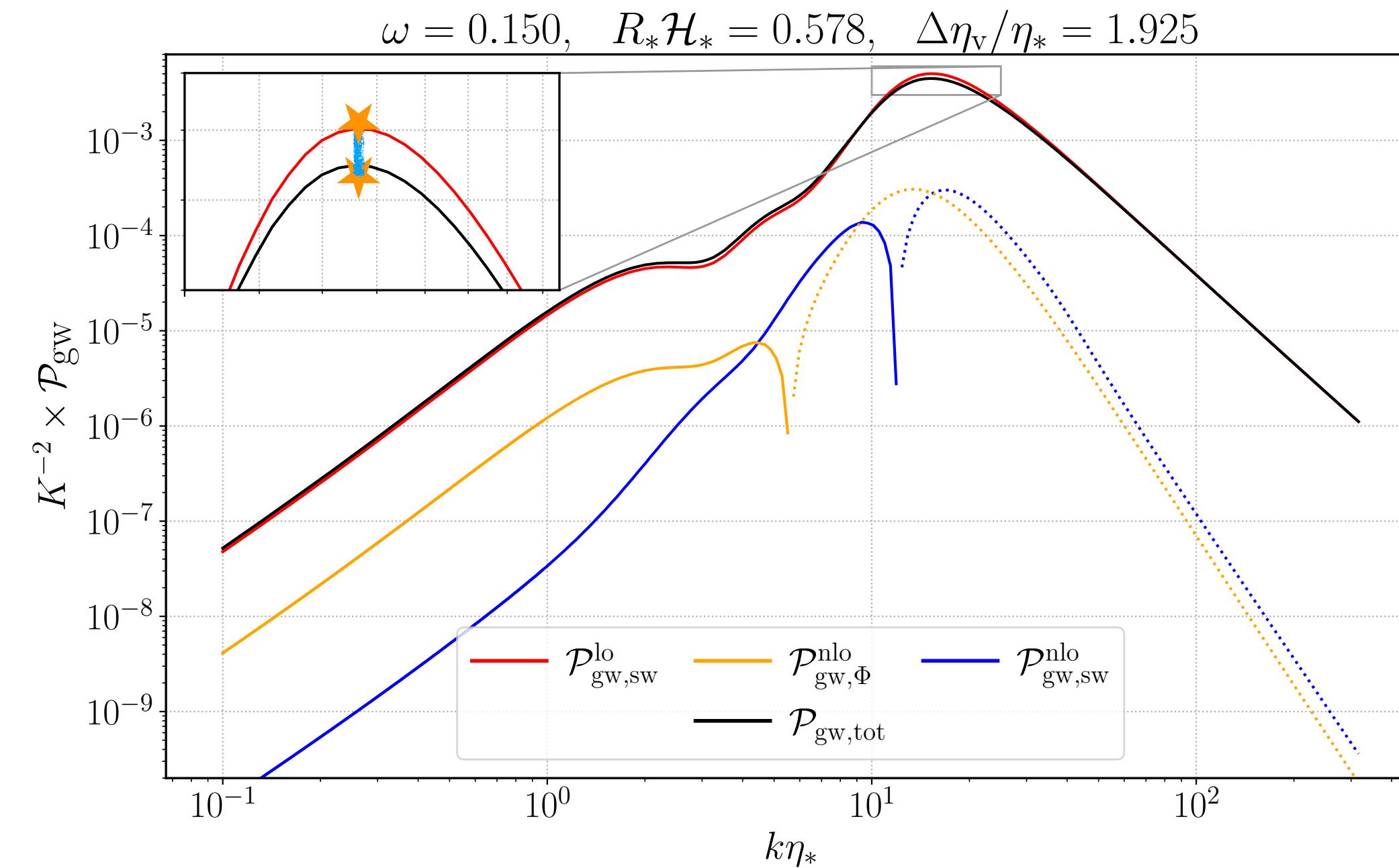
# GR effects: should you care?



Suppression at energy injection scale

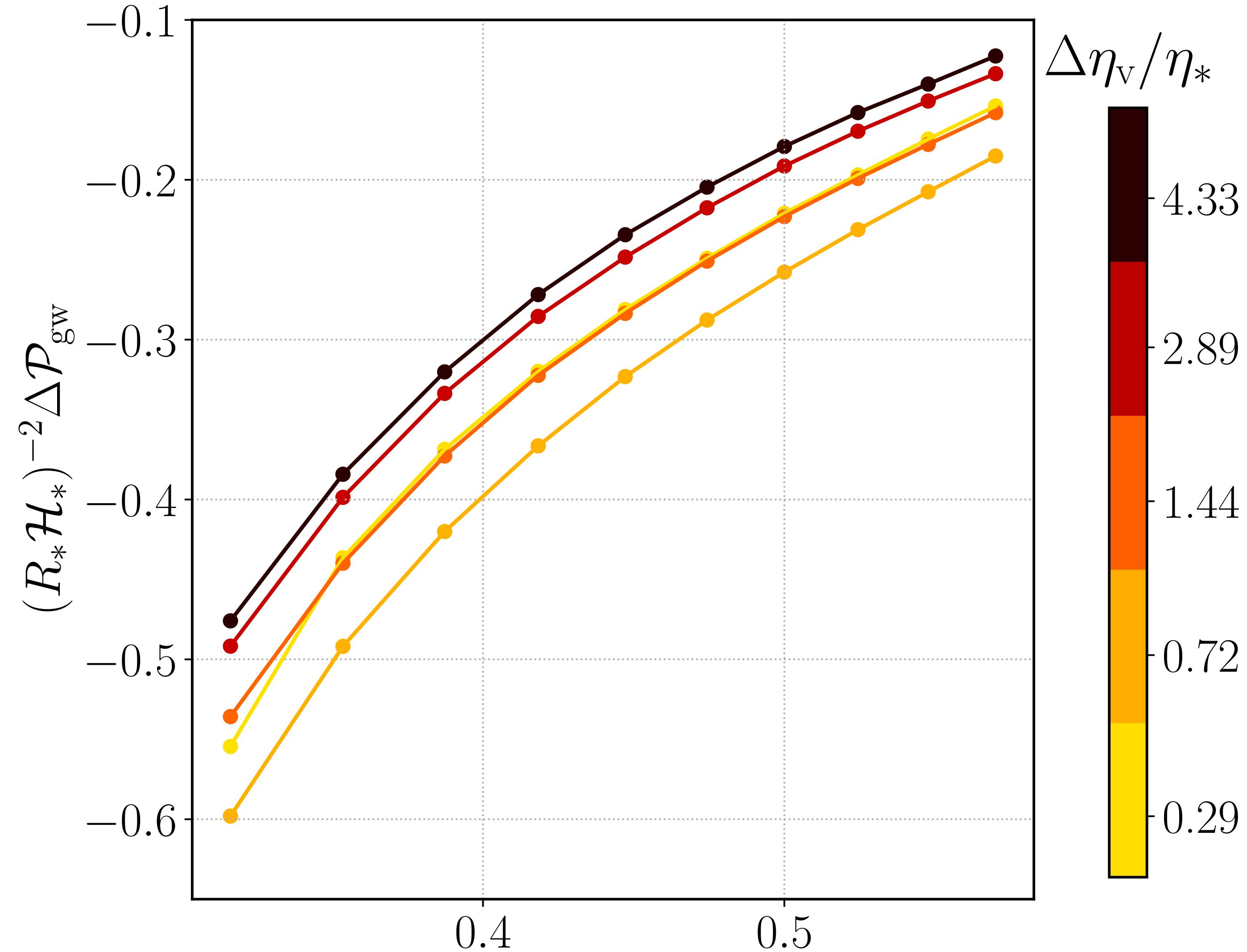
$$\Delta \mathcal{P}_{\text{gw}} = \frac{\mathcal{P}_{\text{tot}} - \mathcal{P}_{\text{gw,sw}}^{\text{lo}}}{\mathcal{P}_{\text{gw,sw}}^{\text{lo}}} \Big|_{k=k_p}$$

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$\Delta \mathcal{P}_{\text{gw}} \sim 5\% \text{ to } 15\%$  if  $R_* \mathcal{H}_* \approx 0.5$

# SUMMARY (part 1)

Macro photography of a soap bubble  
Picture from [Philippe's blog](#)

- Speed of sound changes the shape of the gravitational wave power spectrum

$$k_{\text{peak}} \propto c_s 2\pi / R_*$$

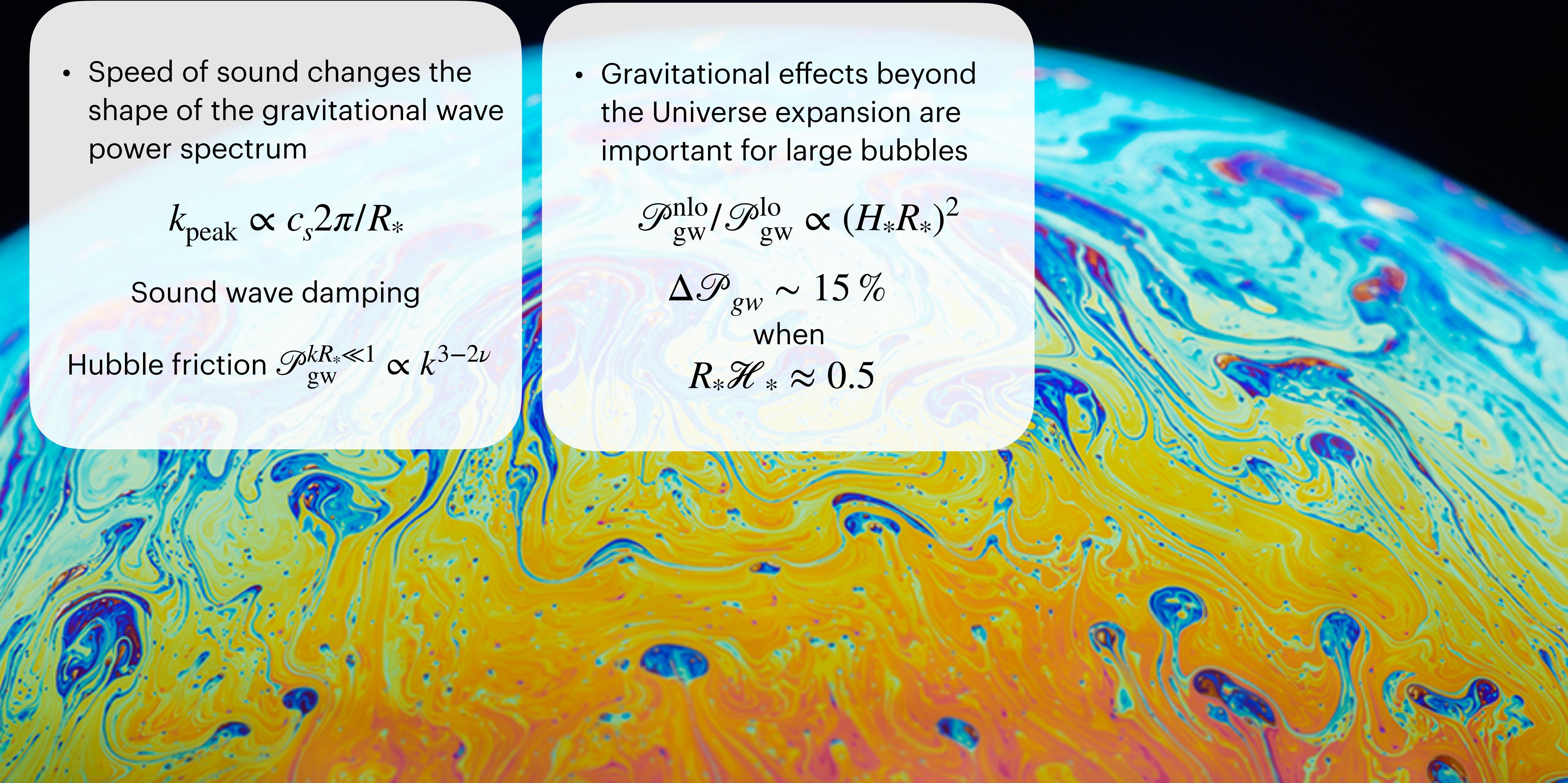
Sound wave damping

Hubble friction  $\mathcal{P}_{\text{gw}}^{kR_* \ll 1} \propto k^{3-2\nu}$

- Gravitational effects beyond the Universe expansion are important for large bubbles

$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{gw}}^{\text{nlo}} / \mathcal{P}_{\text{gw}}^{\text{lo}} \propto (H_* R_*)^2$$

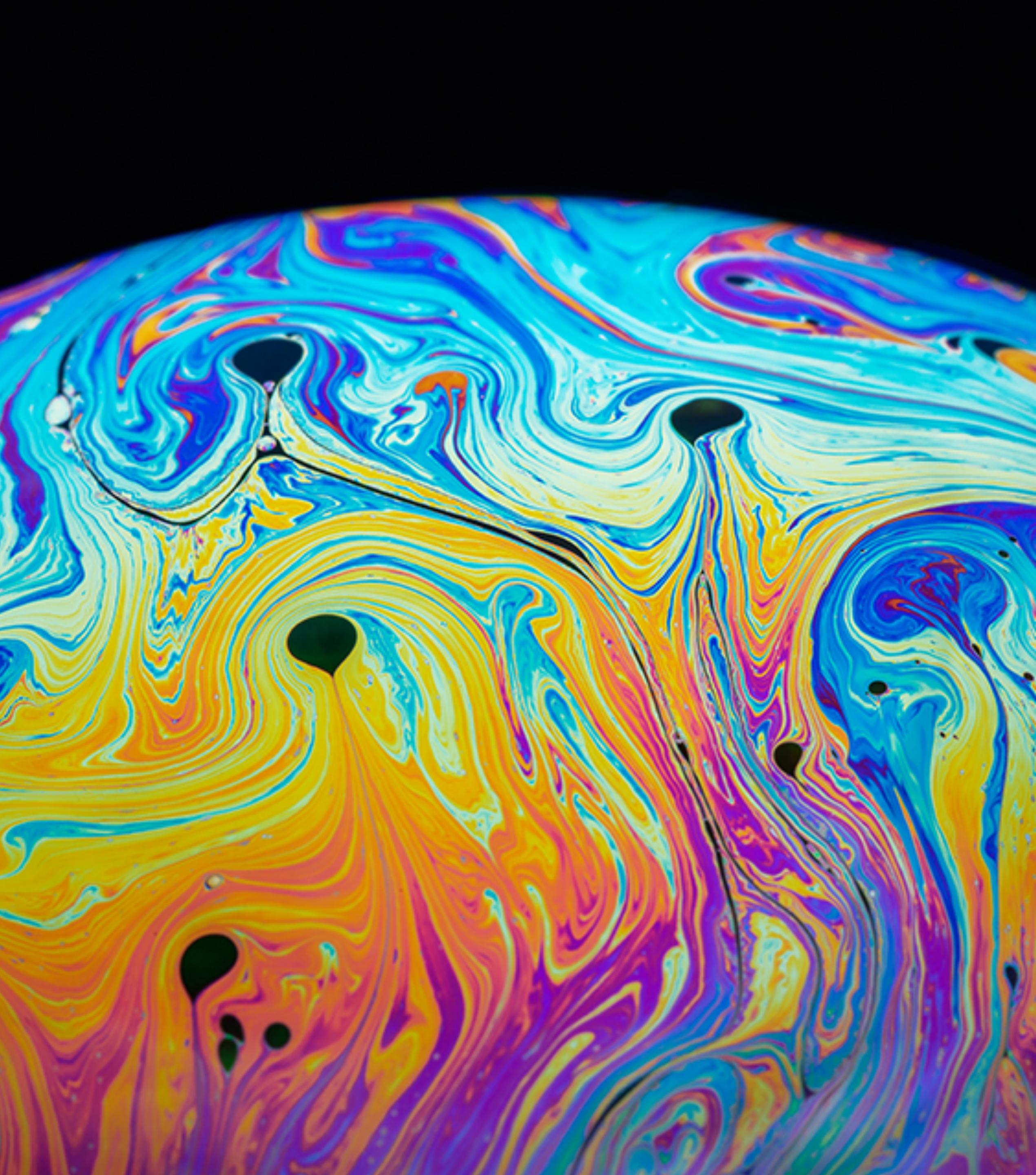
$$\Delta \mathcal{P}_{\text{gw}} \sim 15\% \quad \text{when} \\ R_* \mathcal{H}_* \approx 0.5$$



# IV. Gravitational effects in the bubble hydrodynamics

Macro photography of a soap bubble  
Ingredients: 1 part water, 1 part dishwashing soap,  
1 part bubble liquid for kid, glycerine to taste.

Picture from [Philippe's blog](#)



# Modelling the source with large bubbles

- Ansatz  
(fit simulations)

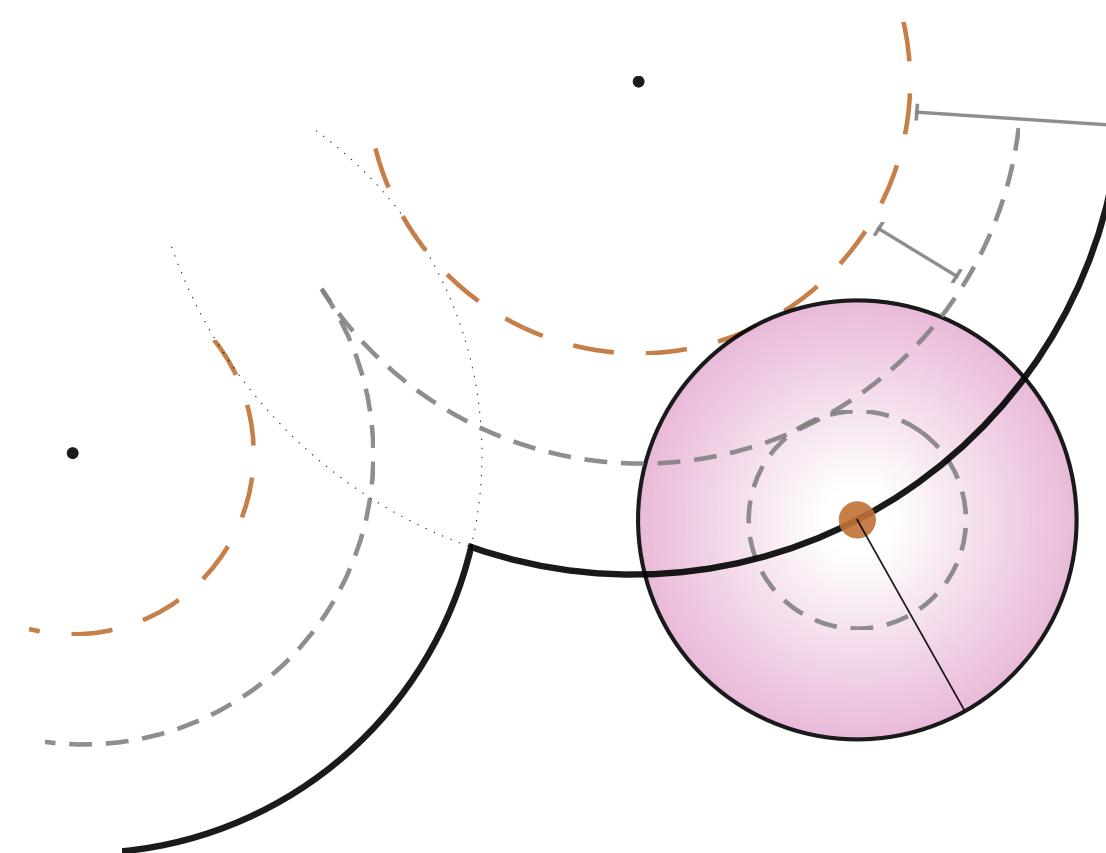
$$P_\nu \sim \frac{(kR_*)^2}{1 + (kR_*)^6} \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \propto k^2, & k \ll R_* \\ \propto k^{-4}, & k \gg R_* \end{array} \right. \begin{array}{l} \text{causality} \\ \text{shocks} \end{array}$$

We do not have  
simulations on  
large bubbles

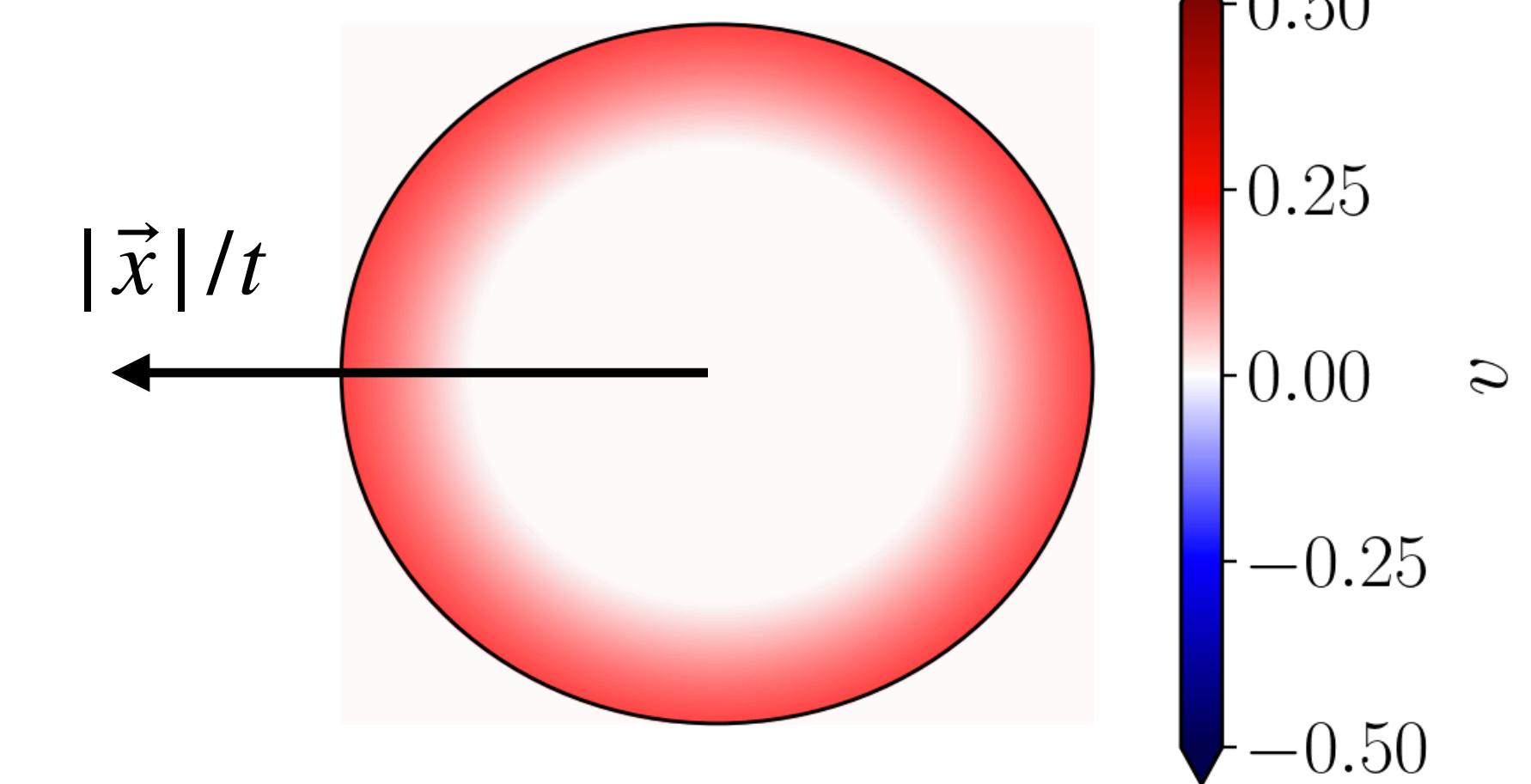
- **Sound shell model:** incoherent sum of contributions from each individual bubble

Hindmarsh Phys.Rev.Lett. 120 (2018)

$$\nu_i(\vec{x}, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{N_b} \nu_i^{(n)}(\vec{x}, t)$$



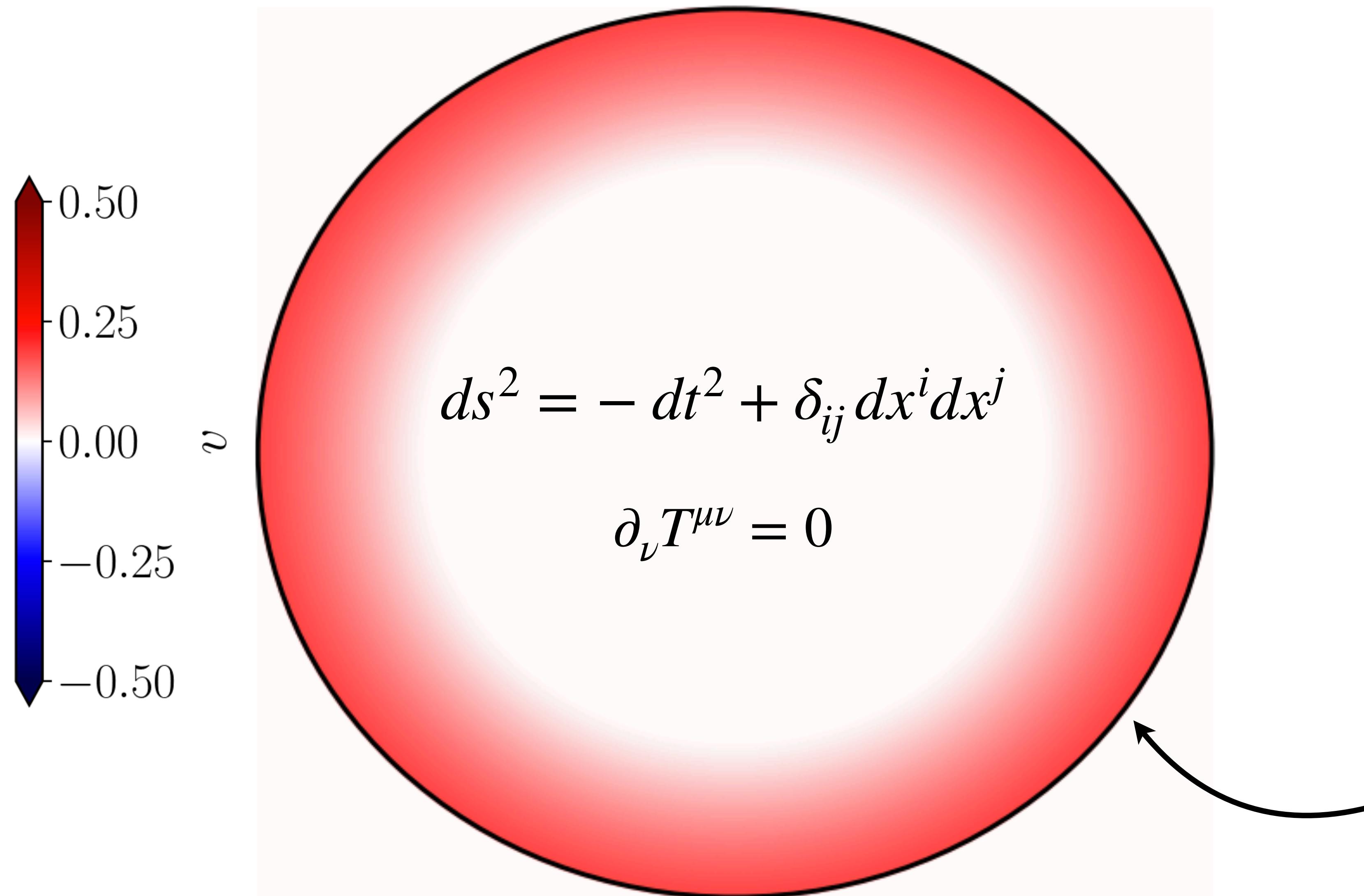
Assumes  $R_* H_* \ll 1$



Can we do this with large bubbles?

# Non-gravitating bubble

H. Kurki-Suonio and M. Laine, Phys.Rev.D 54 (1996)



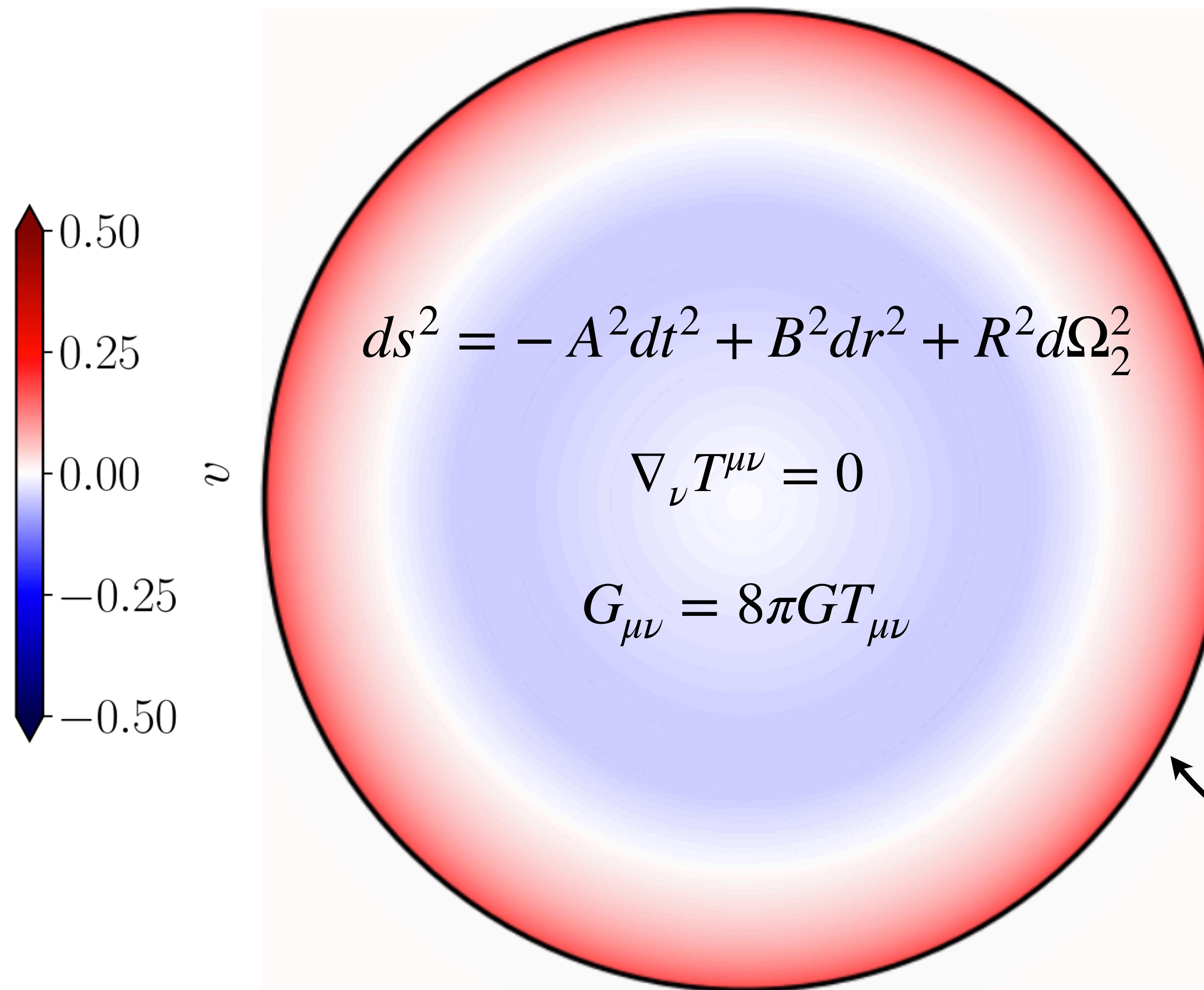
$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + \delta_{ij} dx^i dx^j$$

$$\partial_\nu T^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

Junction conditions

$$T_{\text{in}}^{\mu\nu} = T_{\text{out}}^{\mu\nu}$$

# Self-gravitating bubble



Friedmann Lemaître Robertson Walker

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + a^2(t)[dr^2 + r^2d\Omega_2^2]$$

$$\nabla_\nu T^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

$$G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu}$$

Junction conditions:  
**Israel junction conditions**

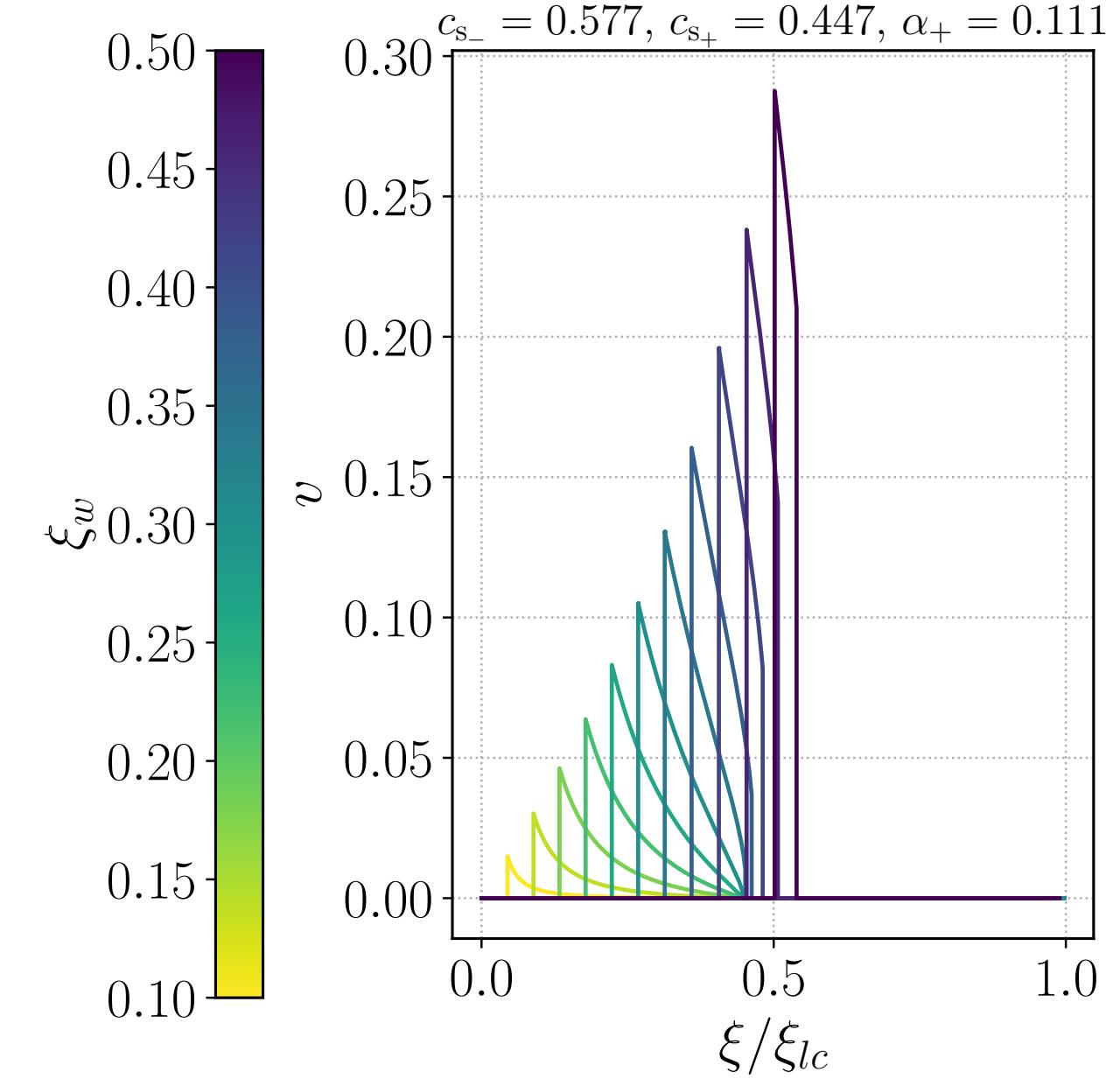
# Modelling the source with large bubbles

- **Non-perturbative self-gravitating fluid**

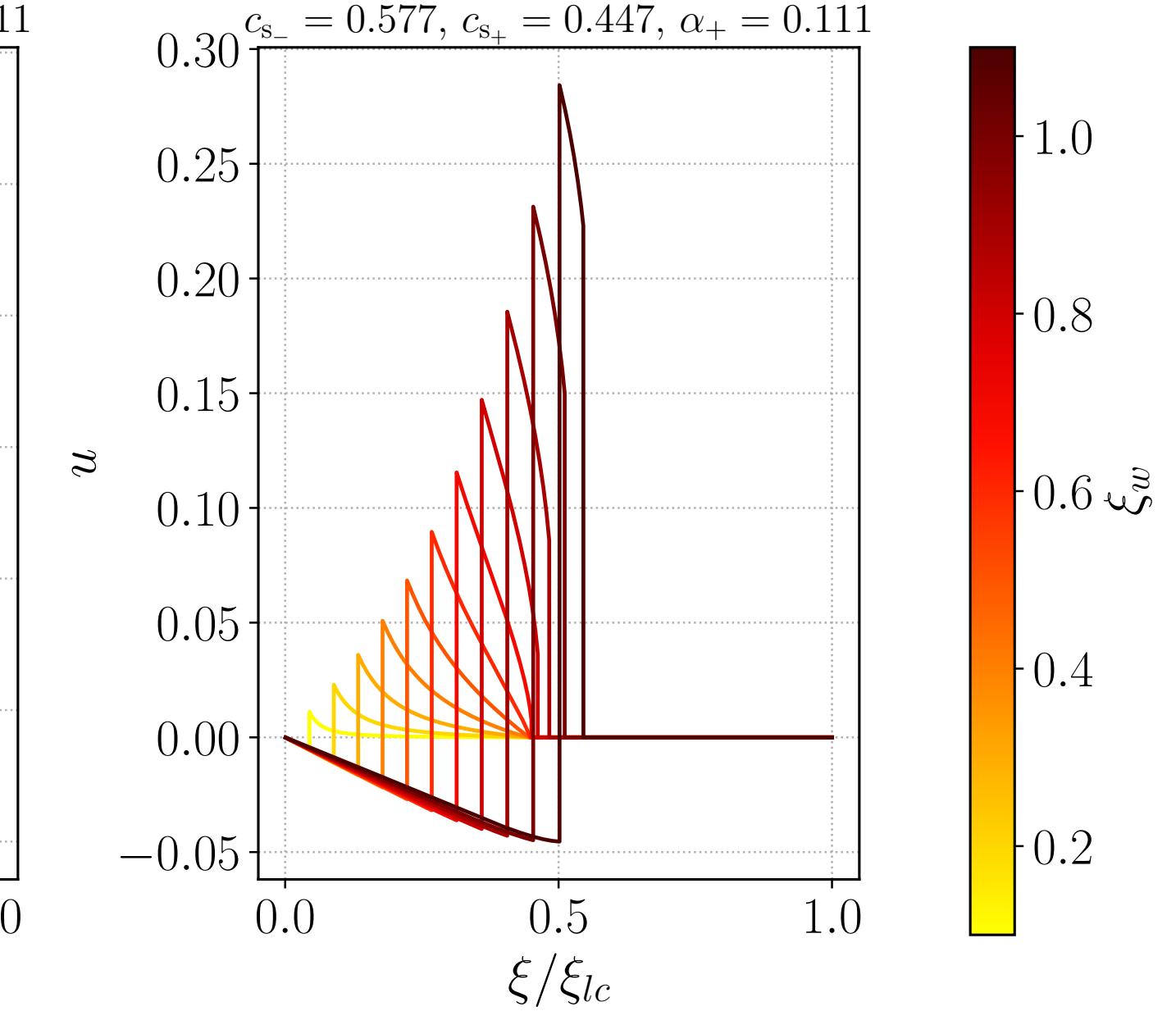
LG & Hindmarsh *JCAP* 03 (2024) 059

- + Fluid self gravity
- + Non perturbative
- Difficult interpretation of velocity
- Self similar

Giese et al. *JCAP* 01 (2021) 072  
Non-gravitating solutions



LG & Hindmarsh 2024  
Gravitating solutions



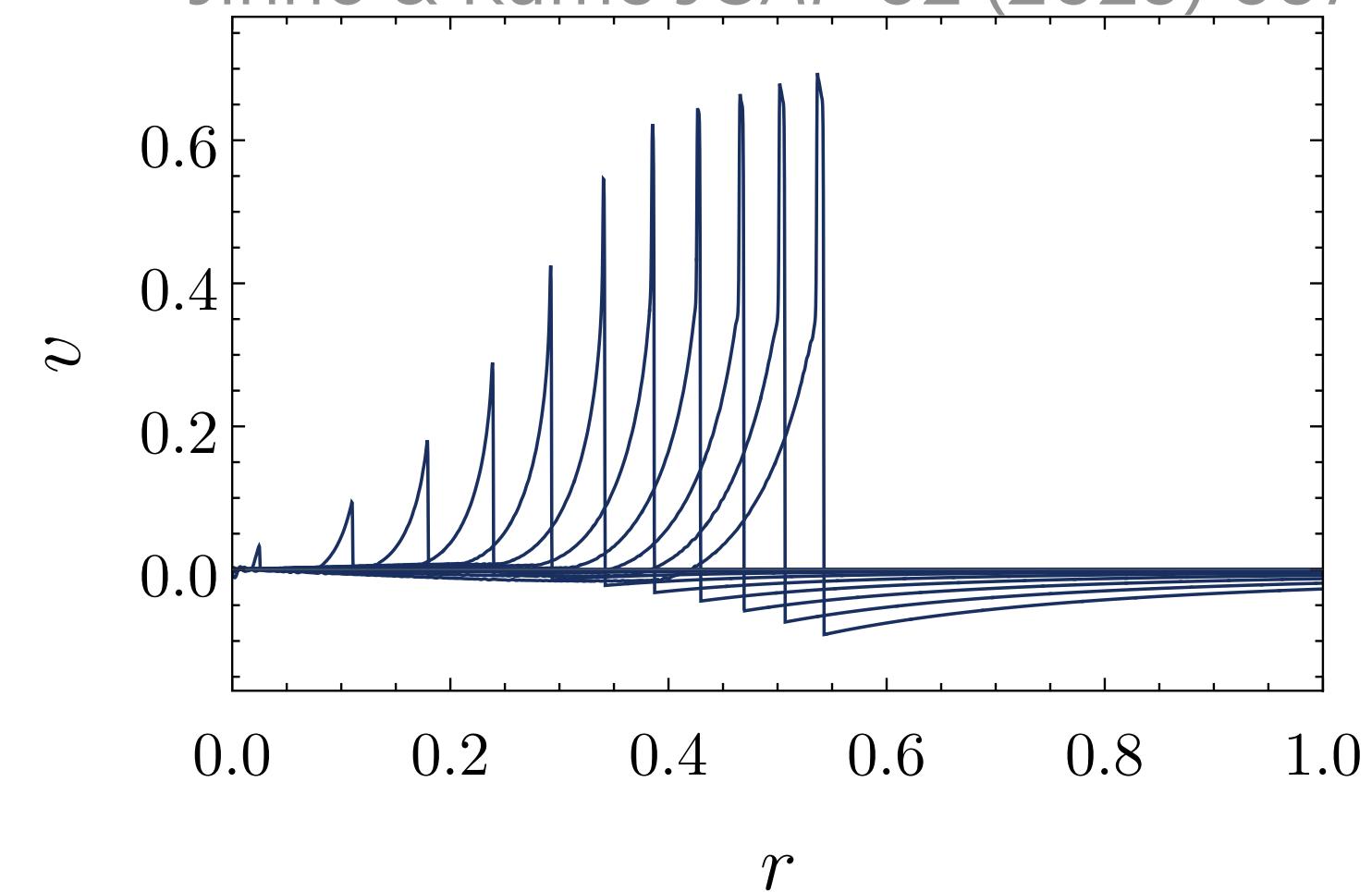
- **Cosmological perturbations around FLRW**

Jinno & Kume *JCAP* 02 (2025) 057

- +  $v$  is the peculiar velocity for “uniformly-expanding” observers
- + Non self-similar
- Small gravitational back-reaction

$$\Phi, \Psi \ll 1$$

Jinno & Kume *JCAP* 02 (2025) 057



# SUMMARY (part 2)

Macro photography of a soap bubble  
Picture from [Philippe's blog](#)

$$k_{\text{peak}} \propto c_s$$

$$R_* \mathcal{H}_* \approx 0.5$$

- Self-gravity in the bubble hydrodynamics is far from understood
  - Non-self similar solutions
  - Non spherical solutions (many bubbles)

## Consequences of self-gravitating bubble solutions

- Collapsing bubbles?

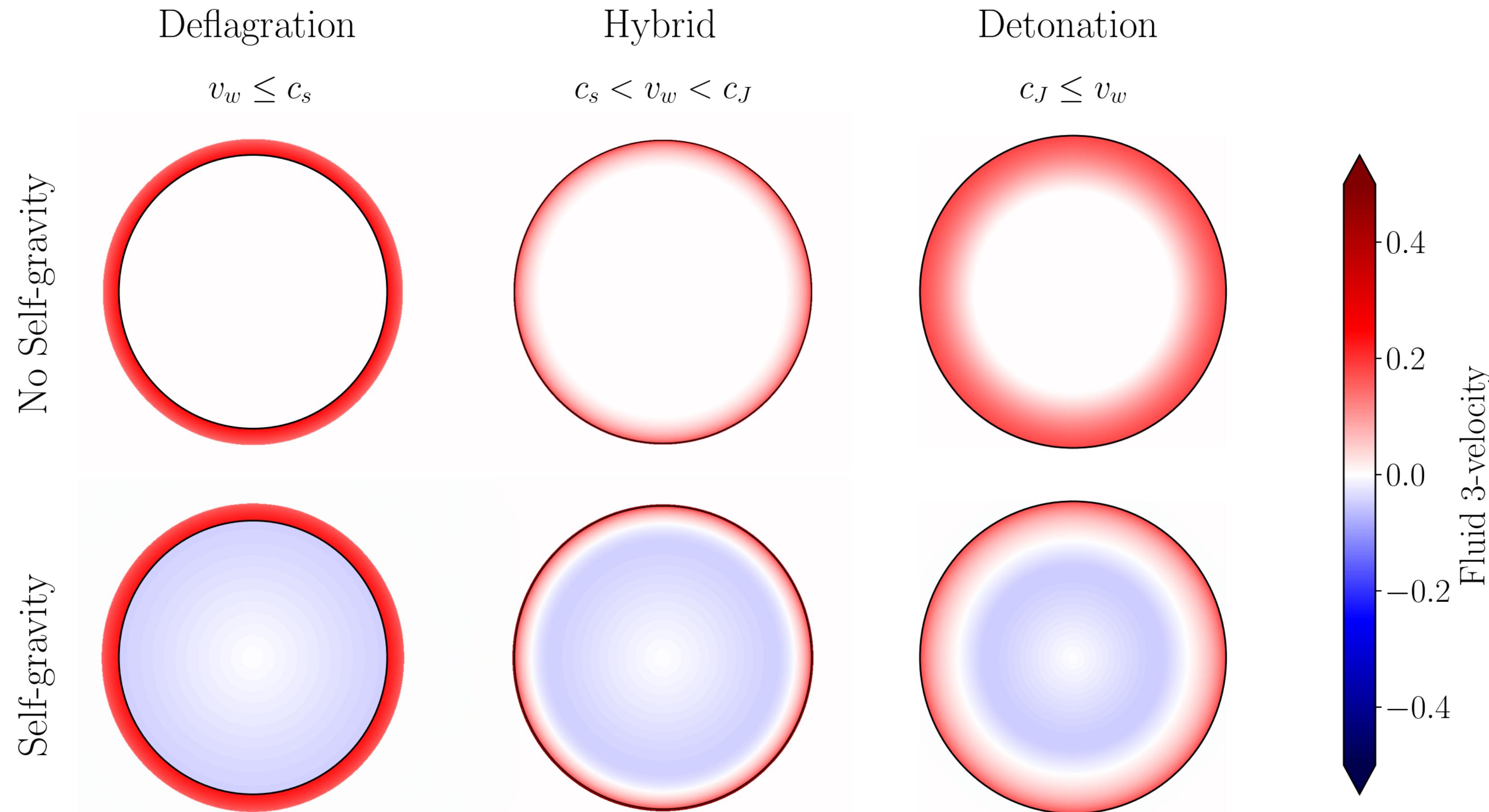
- Colliding bubbles?

- Black holes?

# **Backup slides**

# Comparison to gravitating solutions

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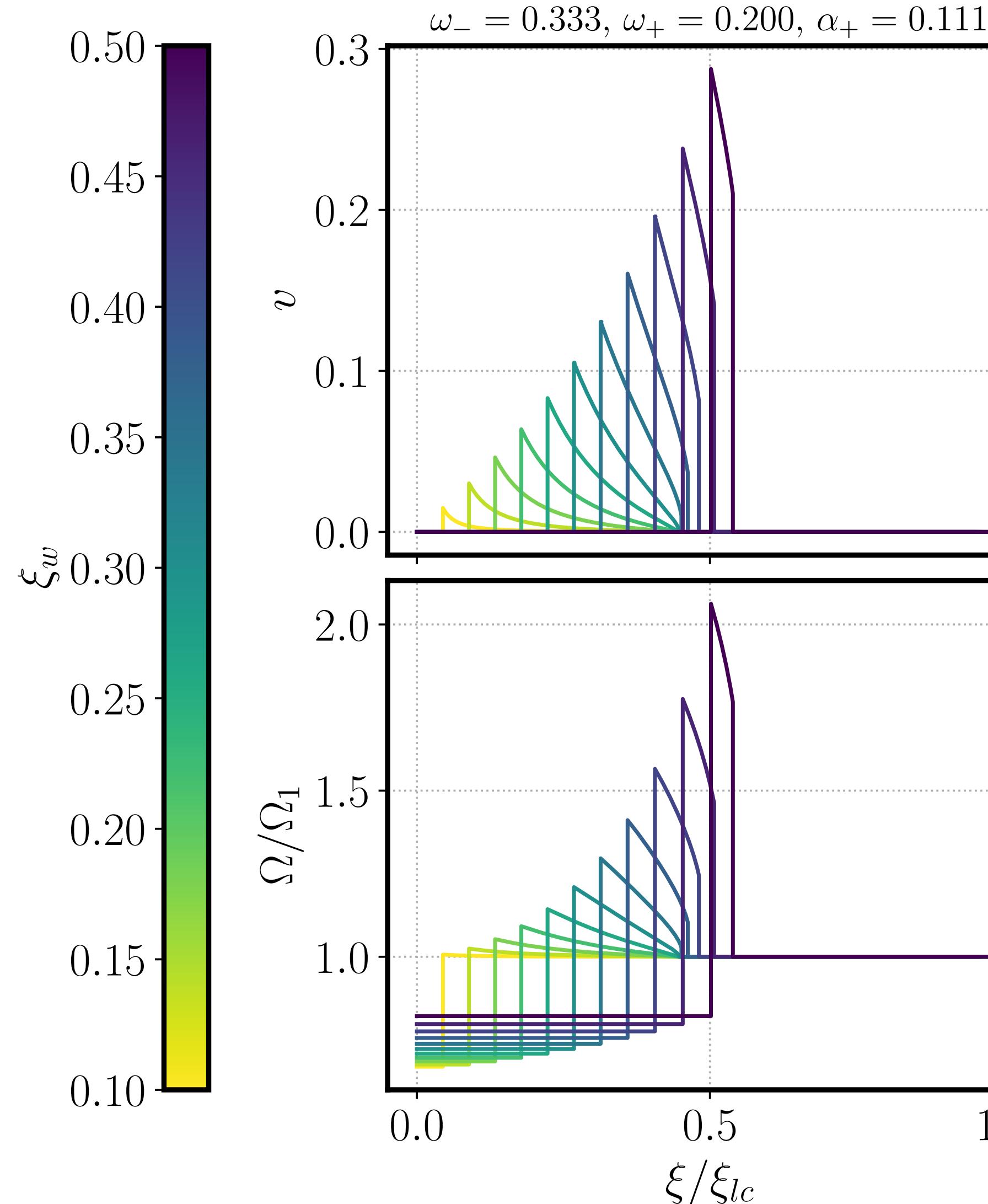


$$\langle v_{q_1}^i v_{q_2}^{*j} \rangle \sim P_v(q_1) ?$$

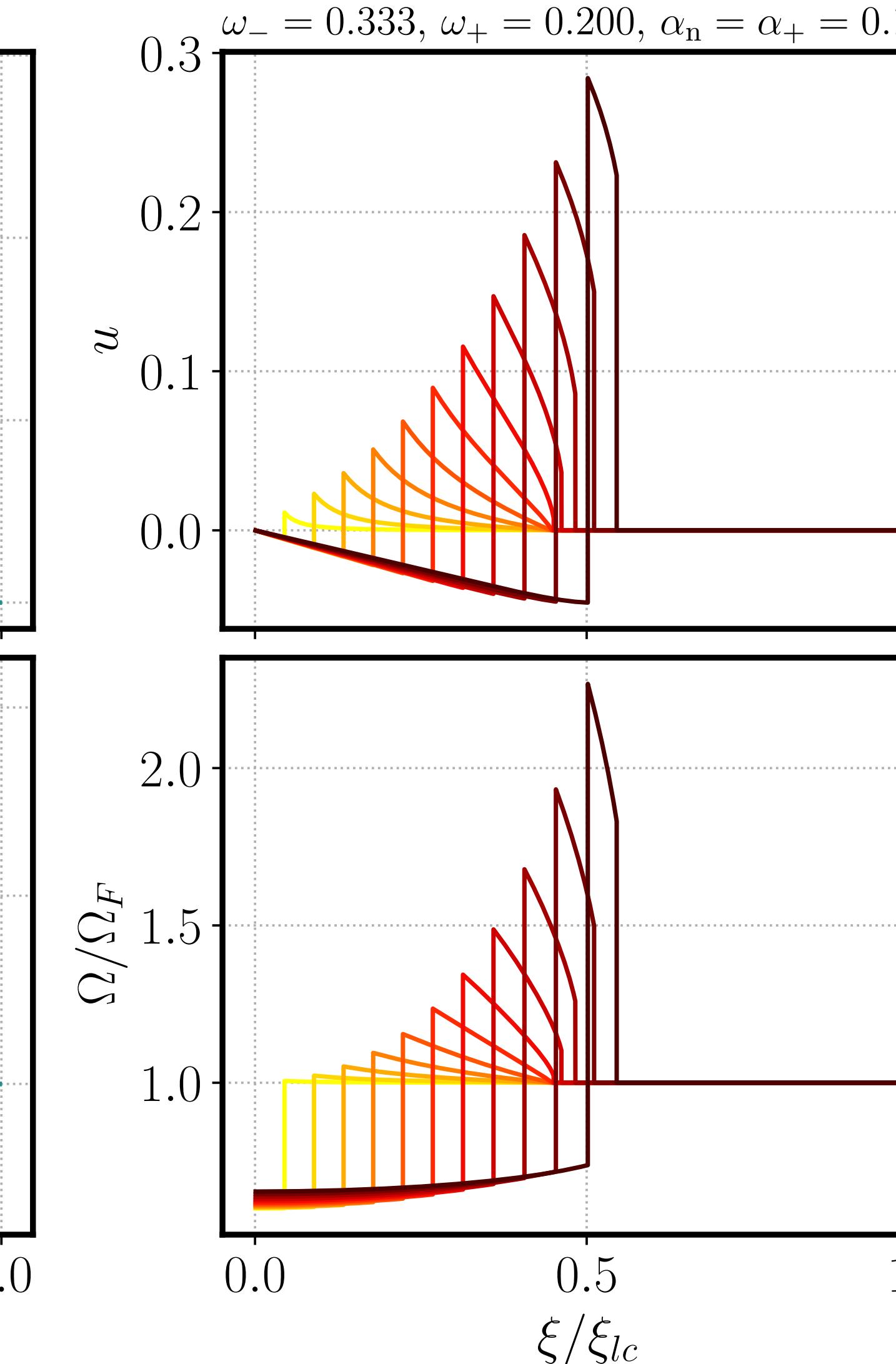
# Comparison to non-gravitating solutions $v(\xi_w)_{-} < c_{s_{-}}$

(Giese et al. 2010)

Non-gravitating solutions



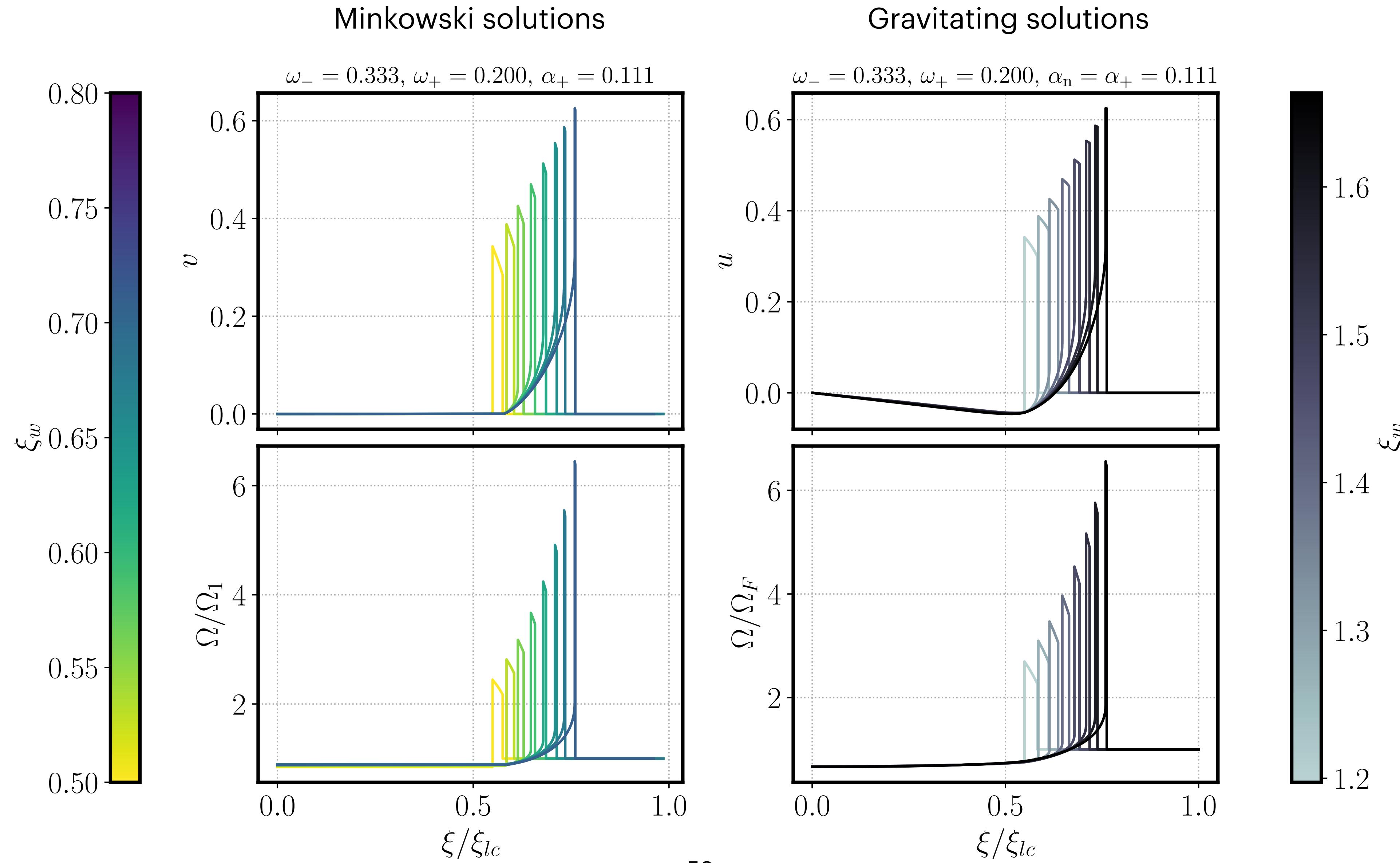
Gravitating solutions



$u$   
fluid speed  
measured in  
the rest  
frame of the  
outer FLRW  
fluid

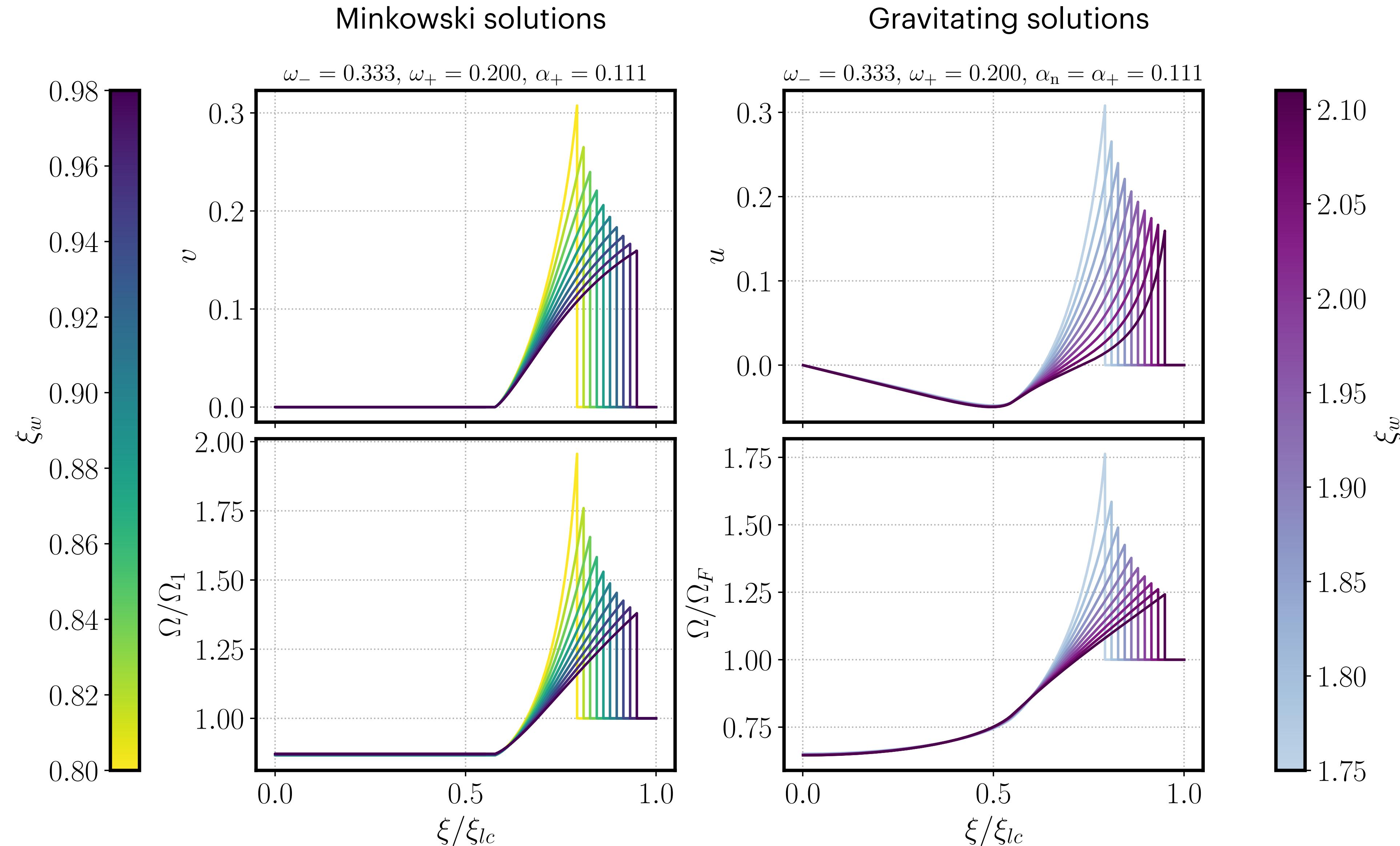
# Comparison to non-gravitating solutions $v(\xi_w)_+ = c_{s_-}$

(Giese et al. 2010)



# Comparison to non-gravitating solutions $v(\xi_w)_+ > c_{s_-}$

(Giese et al. 2010)



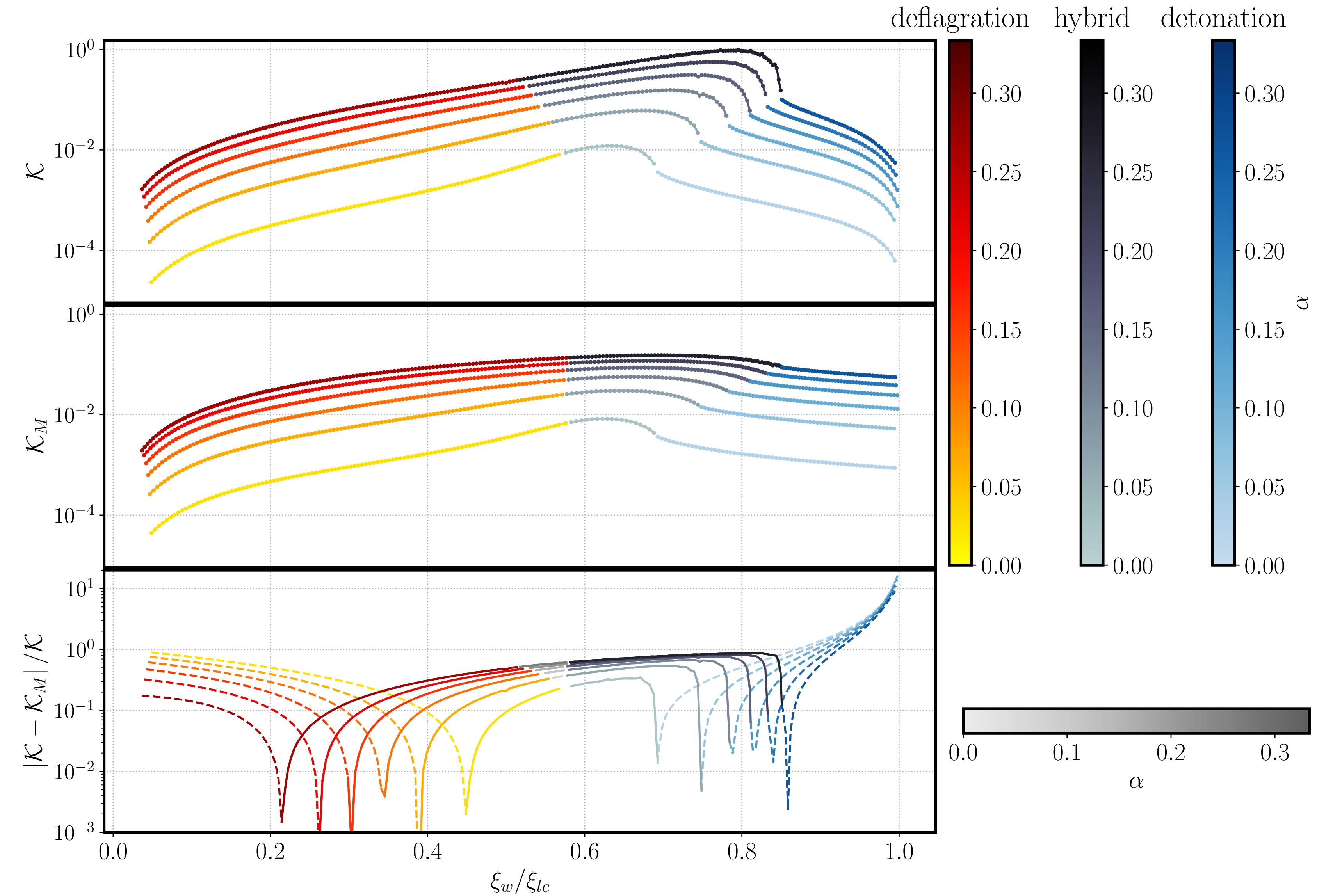
# Kinetic energy fraction

$$\mathcal{P}_{\text{gw}} = 3K^2(\mathcal{H}_*R_*)(\mathcal{H}_*\tau_v) \frac{(kR_*)^3}{2\pi^2} \tilde{P}_{\text{gw}}$$

$$K \equiv \frac{E_K}{E_b}$$

$E_K$  : Kinetic energy of the fluid

$E_b$  : Total energy in the bubble



# Newtonian potential

Projection tensor

$$\tilde{h}_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu} + u_\mu u_\nu$$

Expansion tensor

$$\theta = \tilde{h}_\mu^\alpha \tilde{h}^{\beta\mu} \nabla_\alpha u_\beta$$

$$R_M^{(3)} \sim 6H^2 \underline{\delta}$$

F. Giese et al.,  
ArXiv:2010.09744

