

# Search for new physics through primordial gravitational waves

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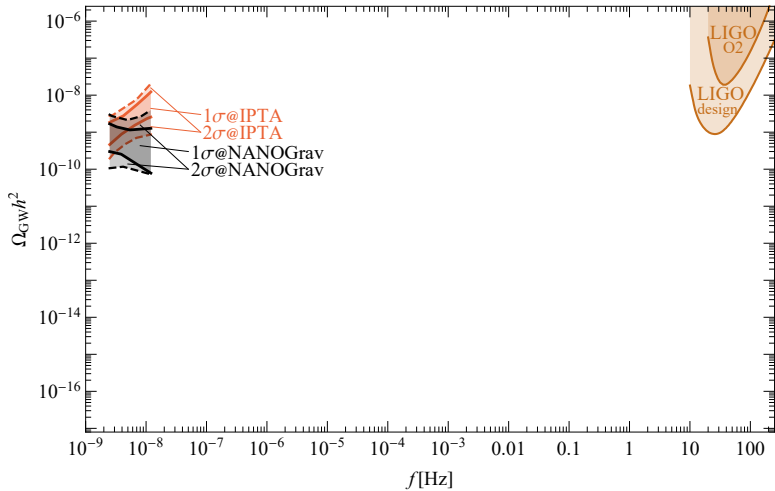


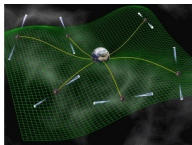
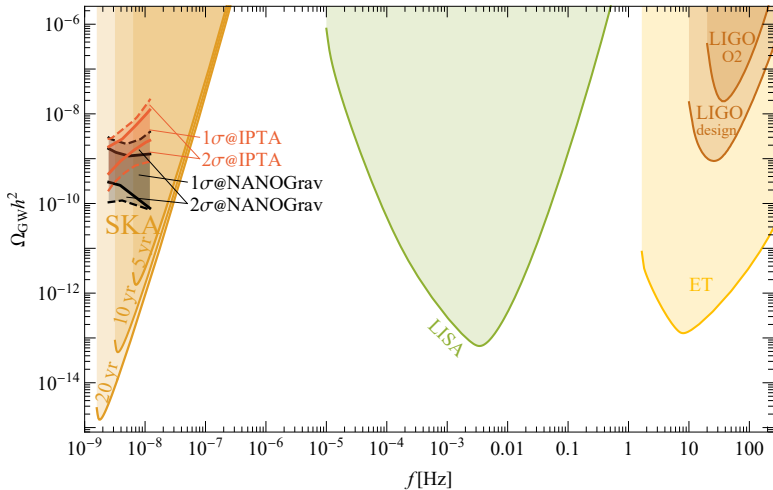
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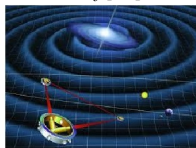
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- Astrophysical sources and their Stochastic GW foreground
- First-order phase transitions and their GW spectra
- GW background from Cosmic Strings and NANOGrav data
- Cosmic Archaeology
- Conclusions





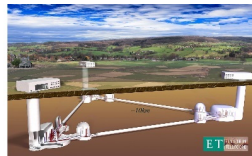
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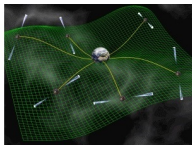
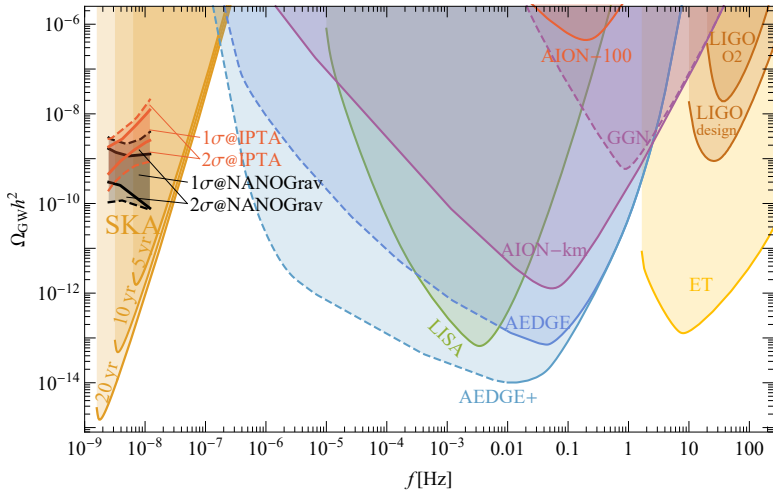
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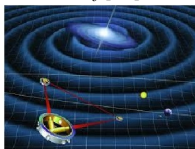
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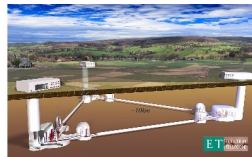
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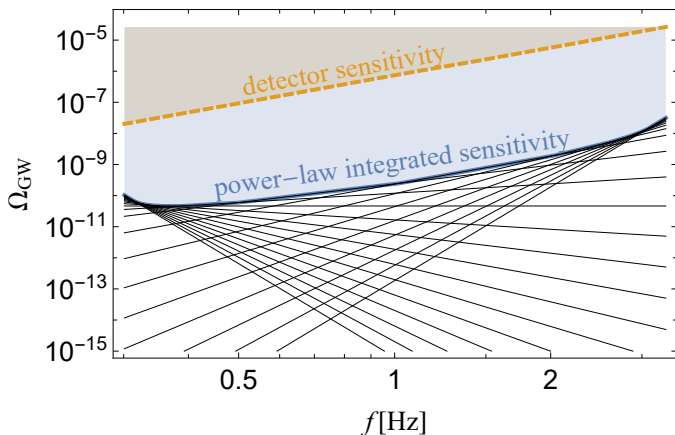


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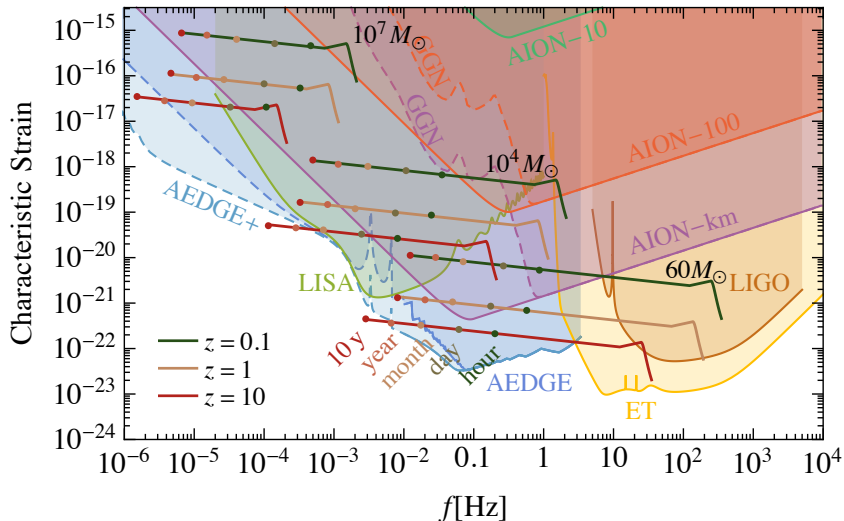
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# Power-law integrated sensitivity

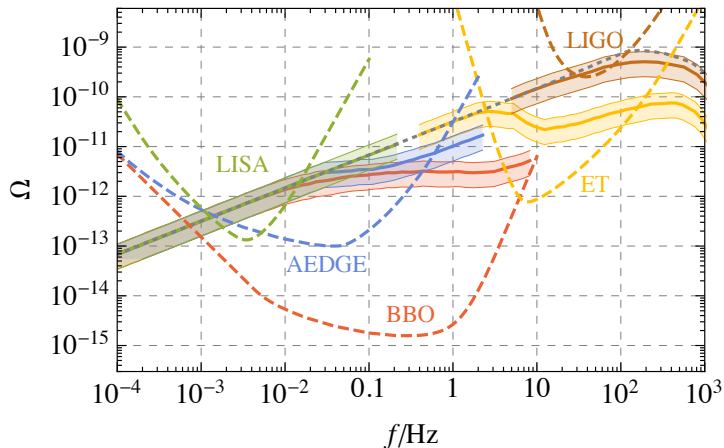
$$\Omega_{\text{GW}}^{\text{noise}} = \frac{2\pi}{3} \frac{f^3 S_h^2}{H_0^2}, \quad \text{SNR} = \sqrt{\mathcal{T} \int df \left( \frac{\Omega_{\text{GW}}^{\text{signal}}}{\Omega_{\text{GW}}^{\text{noise}}} \right)^2}, \quad \Omega_{\text{GW}}^{\text{signal}} = \Omega \left( \frac{f}{f_{\text{ref}}} \right)^\alpha$$



# Sensitivity to binary mergers



# Foreground from LIGO-Virgo binaries



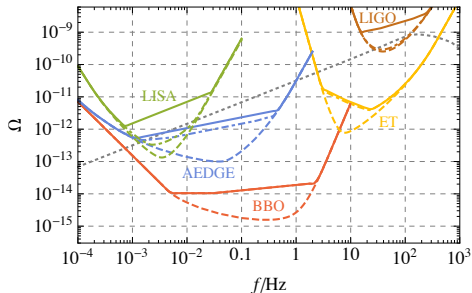
- Dashed gray line: total foreground from LIGO-Virgo binaries
- Thick lines: foreground without individually observable binaries



# Improved sensitivities from Fisher analysis

- assuming power-law signal as in PI sensitivity

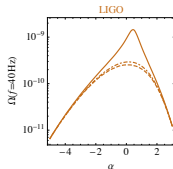
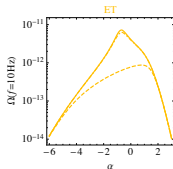
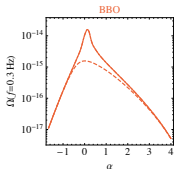
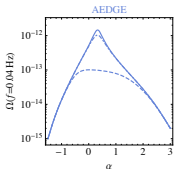
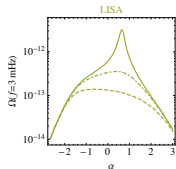
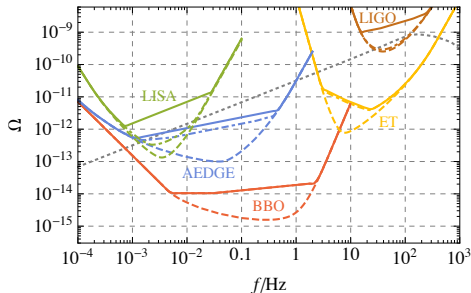
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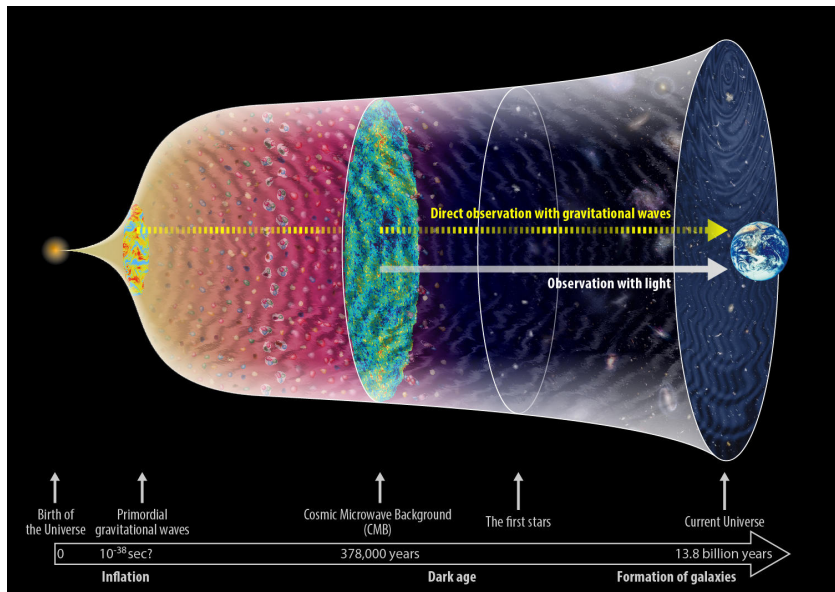
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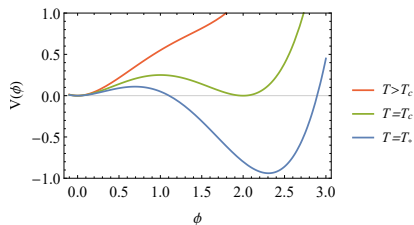


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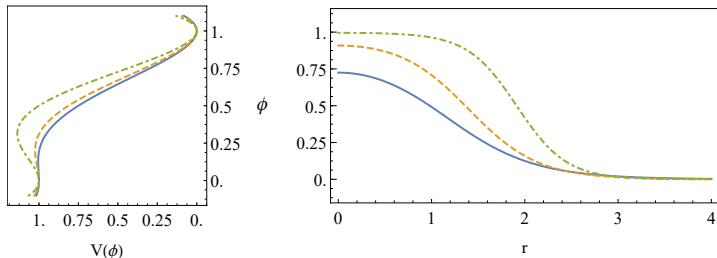
# First Order Phase Transition

- Simple high temperature expansion

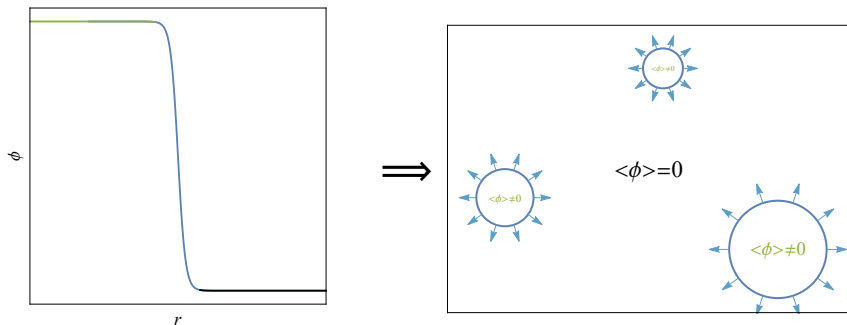
$$V(\phi, T) = \frac{g_m^2}{24} (T^2 - T_0^2) \phi^2 - \frac{g_m}{12\pi} T \phi^3 + \lambda \phi^4, \quad T_0^2 > 0$$



- Eventually the barrier becomes small enough that bubbles can nucleate



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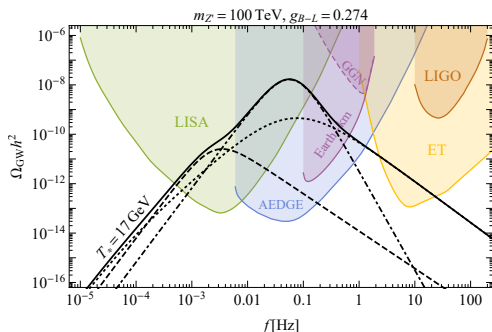
- Strength of the transition

$$\alpha \approx \left. \frac{\Delta V}{\rho R} \right|_{T=T_*}, \quad \Delta V = V_f - V_t$$

- Characteristic scale

$$HR_* = (8\pi)^{\frac{1}{3}} \left( \frac{\beta}{H} \right)^{-1}$$

# Gravitational waves from a PT



- Signals are produced by three main mechanisms:

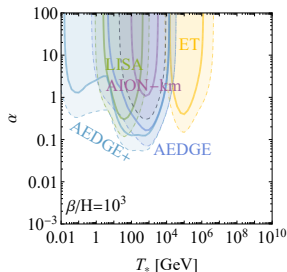
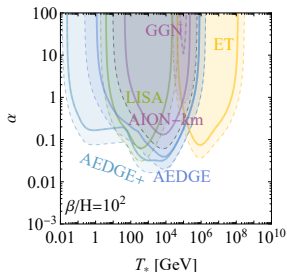
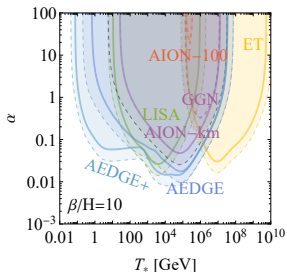
- collisions of bubble walls  $\Omega_{\text{col}} \propto \left( \kappa_{\text{col}} \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1} \right)^2 (HR_*)^2$   
Kamionkowski '93, Huber '08, Hindmarsh '18 '20 Lewicki '19 '20,
- sound waves  $\Omega_{\text{sw}} \propto \left( \kappa_{\text{sw}} \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1} \right)^2 (HR_*) (H\tau_{\text{sw}})$   
Hindmarsh '13 '15 '17 '19 '21, Ellis '18 '19 '20, Jinno '20
- turbulence  $\Omega_{\text{turb}} \propto \left( \kappa_{\text{sw}} \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1} \right)^2 (HR_*) (1 - H\tau_{\text{sw}})$   
Caprini '06 '09 '20, Brandenburg '10 '12 '17, Roper-Pol '17 '19 '21, Ellis '19 '20

# Reach of upcoming experiments

- Position of the peak

$$\Omega_{\text{peak}} \propto \left( \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + 1} \right)^2 (HR_*)^2, \quad f_{\text{peak}} \propto T_* (HR_*)^{-1}$$

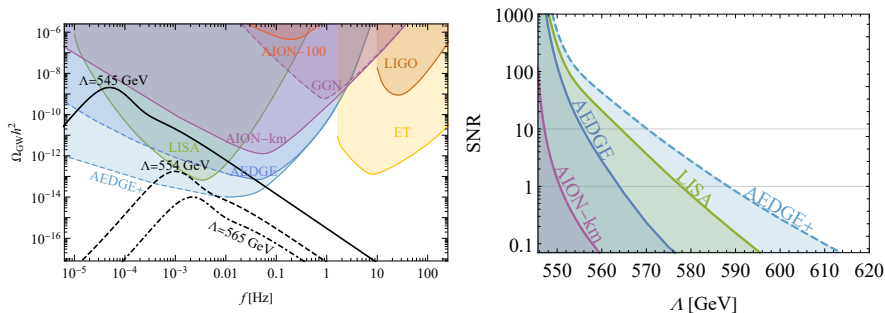
- Detectability assuming plasma related sources



# Plasma related GW sources

- Standard Model supplemented with a non-renormalisable operator

$$V(H) = -m^2|H|^2 + \lambda|H|^4 + \frac{1}{\Lambda^2}|H|^6$$

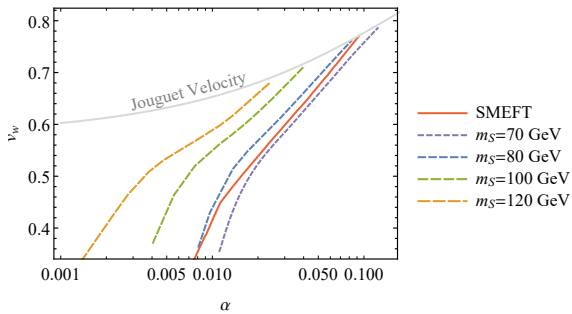


- Connection with baryogenesis

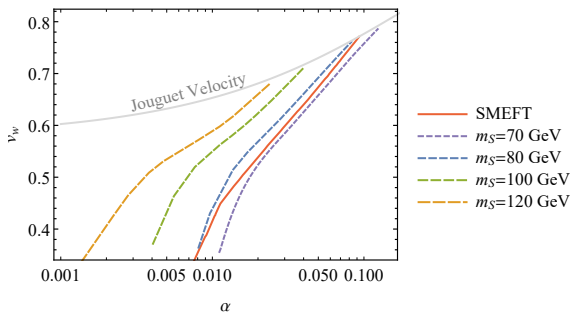
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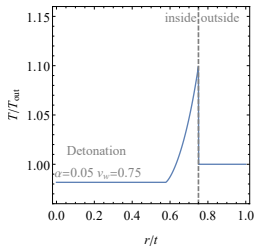
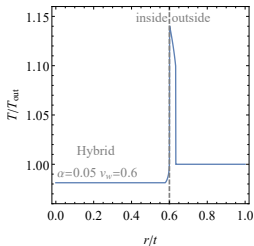
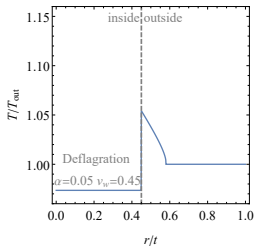
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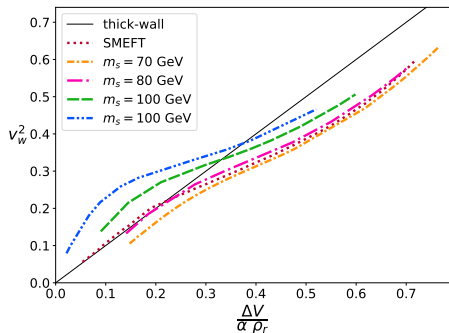
- No solutions found beyond  $v_J = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \frac{1 + \sqrt{3\alpha^2 + 2\alpha}}{1 + \alpha}$ .



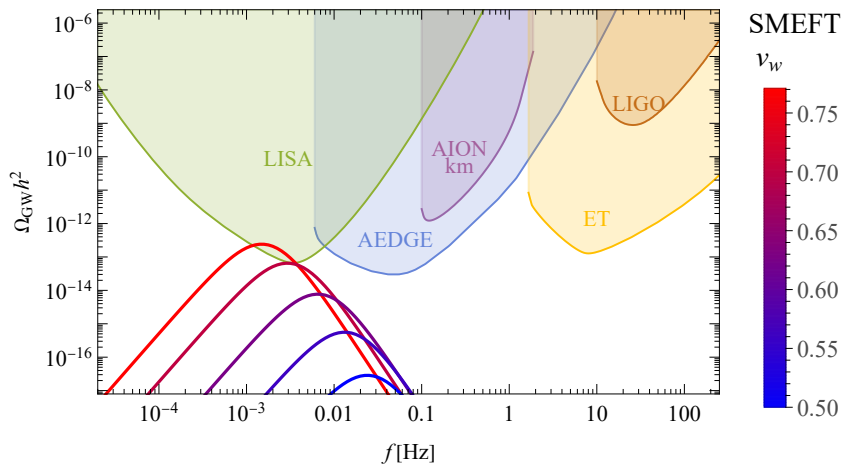
# bubble wall analytic results

$$v_w = \begin{cases} \sqrt{\frac{\Delta V}{\alpha \rho_r}} & \text{for } \sqrt{\frac{\Delta V}{\alpha \rho_r}} < v_J(\alpha) \\ 1 & \text{for } \sqrt{\frac{\Delta V}{\alpha \rho_r}} \geq v_J(\alpha) \end{cases}$$

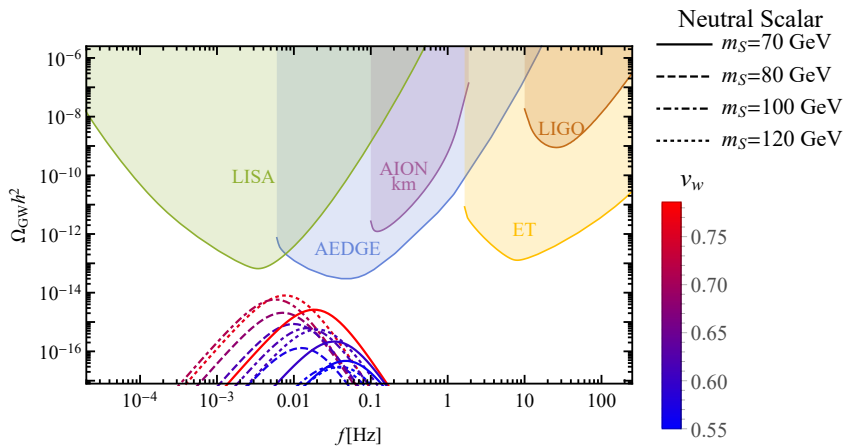
- Simple arguments of thermal equilibrium imply the relation  $v_w^2 \sim \Delta p / \Delta \rho$ :
- Formula does not require solving transport equations
- Only the form of the potential is important



# Gravitational wave signals



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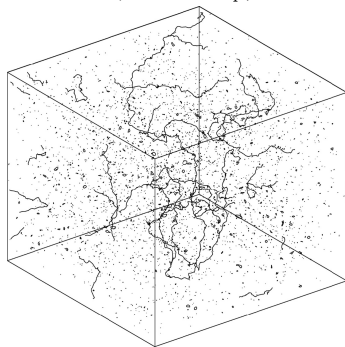
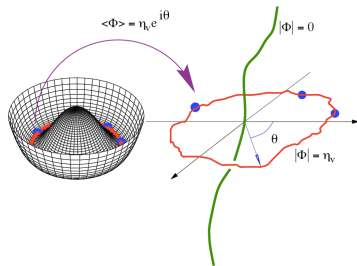


# Cosmic Strings

- Charged complex scalar field

$$V = \lambda \left( \Phi^\dagger \Phi - \frac{v^2}{2} \right)^2$$

- Horizon size at early time (high temperature)  $d_H \propto M_p/T^2$

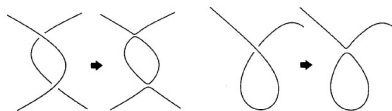


# Cosmic String network evolution

- Static string network would red-shift as

$$\rho_{\infty} \propto a^{-2}$$

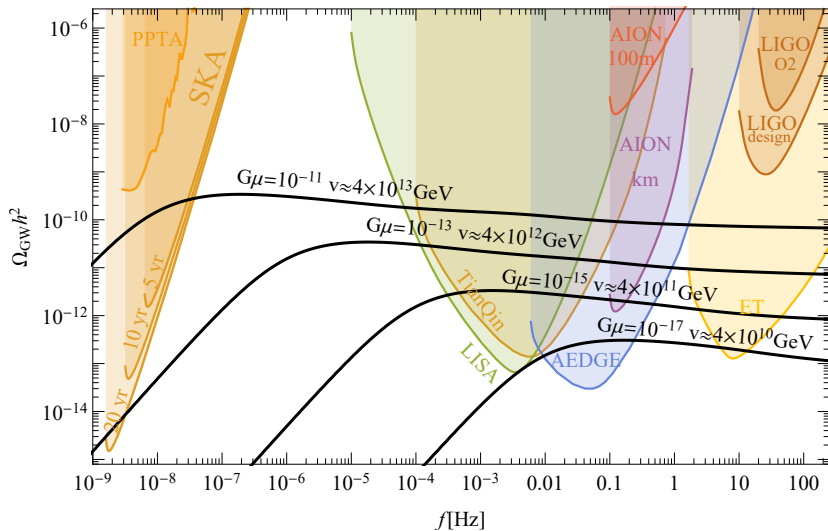
- strings intercommute on collision



- overall energy density of the network scales with total energy density

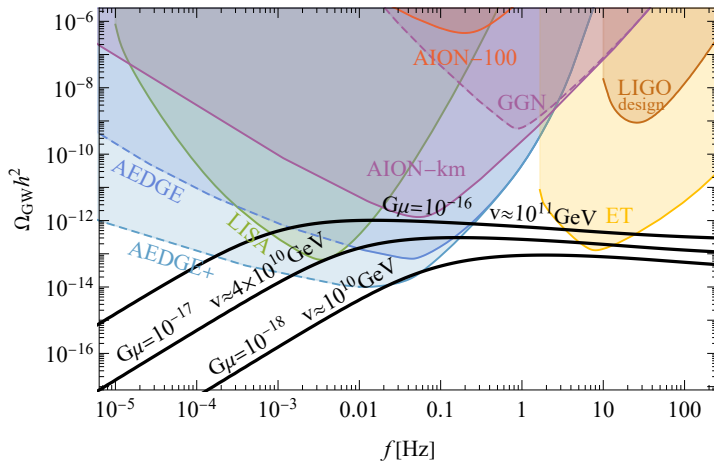
$$\frac{\rho_{\infty}}{\rho_{\text{tot}}} \propto G\mu \propto \frac{v^2}{M_p^2}$$

# Stochastic GW background from Cosmic Strings

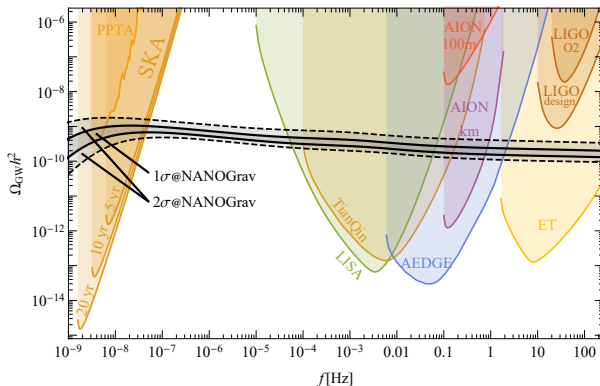




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# Cosmic String fit to NANOGrav data



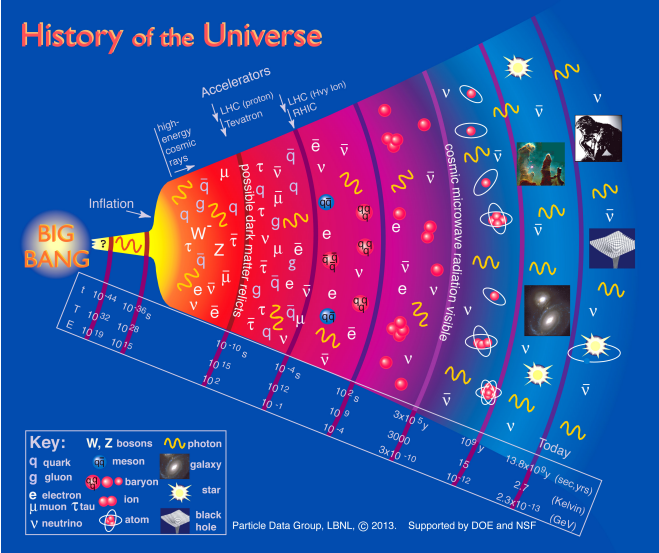
- results within the 68% CL

$$G\mu \in (4 \times 10^{-11}, 10^{-10})$$

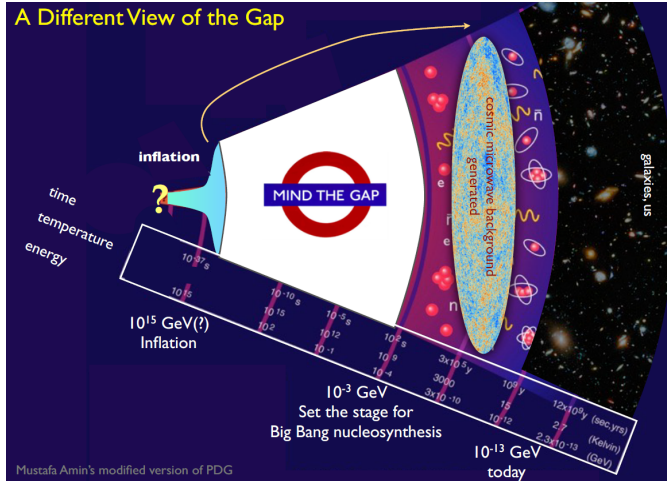
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$$G\mu \in (2 \times 10^{-11}, 3 \times 10^{-10})$$

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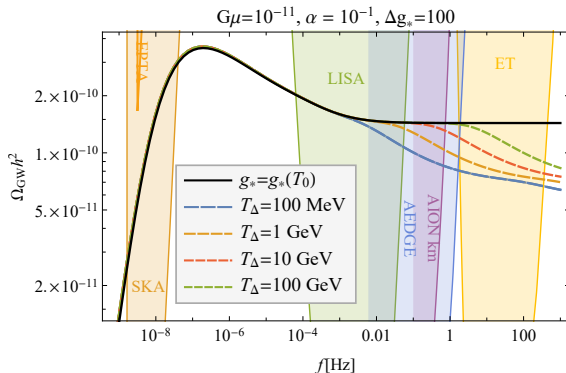
Mustafa Amin's modified version of PDG

# Cosmic Strings GW signal and expansion history

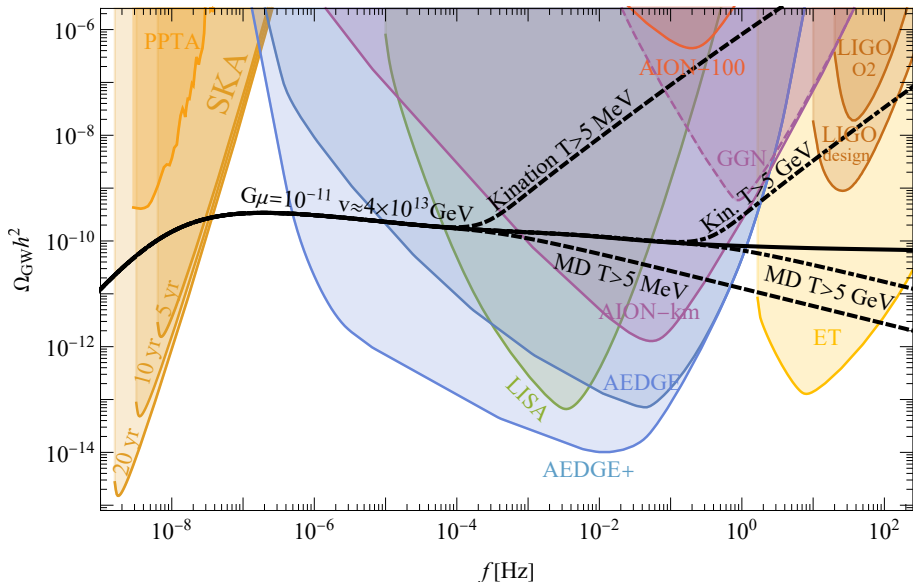
- We add  $\Delta g_*$  new degrees of freedom at  $T_\Delta$

$$g_*(T) = \begin{cases} g_*(T_0) & \text{for } T < T_\Delta \\ g_*(T_0) + \Delta g_* & \text{for } T > T_\Delta \end{cases}$$

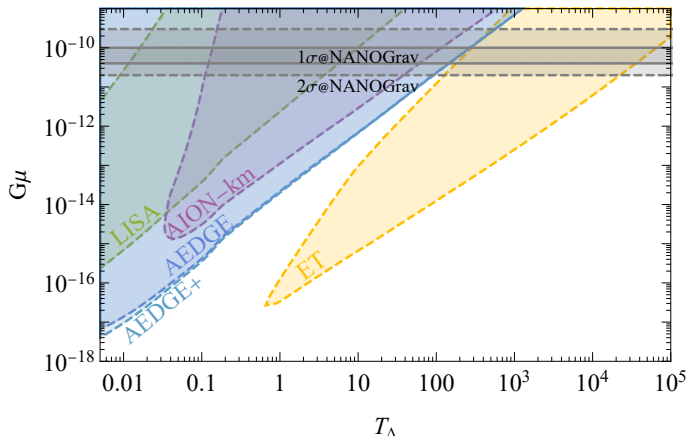
- An example with  $\Delta g_* = 100$



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# Detection capabilities



- frequency of the modification

$$f_{\Delta} = (8.67 \times 10^{-9} \text{ Hz}) \frac{T_{\Delta}/\text{GeV}}{\sqrt{\alpha G\mu}} \left( \frac{g_*(T_{\Delta})}{g_*(T_0)} \right)^{\frac{8}{6}} \left( \frac{g_S(T_0)}{g_S(T_{\Delta})} \right)^{-\frac{7}{6}}$$

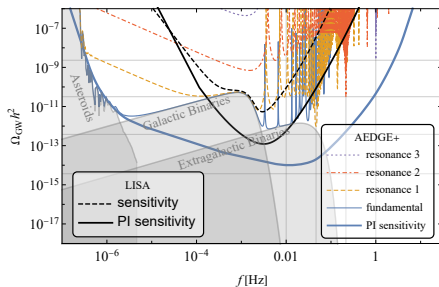
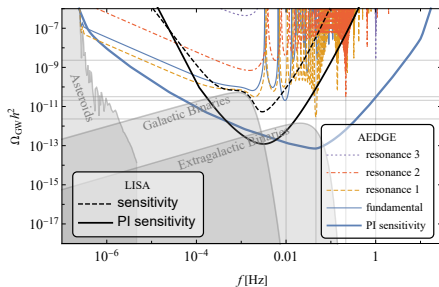
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## Conclusions:

- Gravitational wave foreground from astrophysical objects will have a significant impact on searches for primordial signals.
- The next generation of experiments will allow us to probe phase transitions in a wide range of temperatures provided only they are strong enough.
- Cosmic strings are a viable explanation for recent observations of pulsar timing experiments. If this possibility is realised probing the evolution of the Universe via GW signals from cosmic strings would allow to measure the expansion rate up to temperatures  $10^7$  larger than the currently available data.



# AEDGE noise sources



- Thin lines: instantaneous sensitivity of operation modes
- Thick lines: Power-Law integrated sensitivities

- Energy of the bubble

$$\mathcal{E} = 4\pi R^2 \sigma \gamma - \frac{4\pi}{3} R^3 p, \quad \gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \dot{R}^2}}$$

- Vacuum pressure on the wall  
Coleman '73

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Bodeker '09 Caprini '09

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- Next-To-Leading order plasma contribution  
Bodeker '17

$$p = \Delta V - \Delta P_{\text{LO}} - \gamma \Delta P_{\text{NLO}} \approx \Delta V - \frac{\Delta m^2 T^2}{24} - \gamma g^2 \Delta m_V T^3.$$

- Next-To-Leading order plasma contribution with resummation  
Hoche '20

$$P = \Delta V - P_{1 \rightarrow 1} - \gamma^2 P_{1 \rightarrow N} \approx \Delta V - 0.04 \Delta m^2 T^2 - 0.005 g^2 \gamma^2 T^4.$$

- terminal velocity  $\gamma$  factor and the value in absence of friction

$$\gamma_{\text{eq}} = \sqrt{\frac{\Delta V - P_{1 \rightarrow 1}}{P_{1 \rightarrow N}}} \simeq \sqrt{\frac{\Delta V - 0.04 \Delta m^2 T^2}{0.005 g^2 T^4}}, \quad \gamma_* \equiv \frac{2}{3} \frac{R_*}{R_0},$$

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- Amount of energy stored in the wall

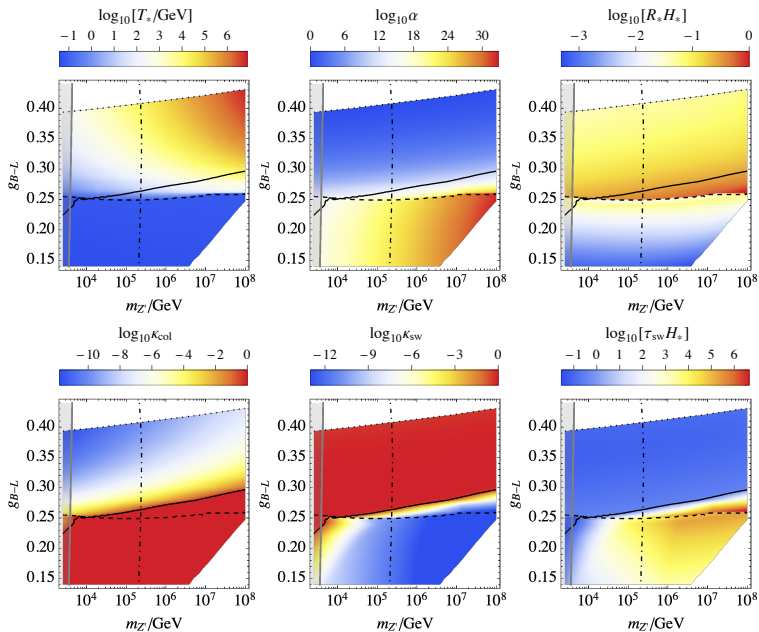
$$E_{\text{wall}} = \frac{4\pi R^2}{3} \int_0^R dR' [\Delta V - P_{1 \rightarrow 1} - \gamma^2(R') P_{1 \rightarrow N}],$$

- Finally the efficiency factors read

$$\kappa_{\text{col}} = \frac{E_{\text{wall}}}{E_V} = \begin{cases} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{\gamma_*}{\gamma_{\text{eq}}} \right)^2 \right] \left[ 1 - \frac{P_{1 \rightarrow 1}}{\Delta V} \right], & \gamma_* < \gamma_{\text{eq}}, \\ \frac{2}{3} \frac{\gamma_{\text{eq}}}{\gamma_*} \left[ 1 - \frac{P_{1 \rightarrow 1}}{\Delta V} \right], & \gamma_* > \gamma_{\text{eq}}, \end{cases}$$

$$\kappa_{\text{sw}} = \frac{\alpha_{\text{eff}}}{\alpha} \frac{\alpha_{\text{eff}}}{0.73 + 0.083 \sqrt{\alpha_{\text{eff}}} + \alpha_{\text{eff}}}, \quad \text{with } \alpha_{\text{eff}} = \alpha(1 - \kappa_{\text{col}}).$$

# $U(1)_{B-L}$ Example



# Purely thermal transition: no $T = 0$ potential barrier

- Simple polynomial potential

$$V(\phi) = m^2\phi^2 - a\phi^3 + \lambda\phi^4$$

- Has a semi-analytical solution

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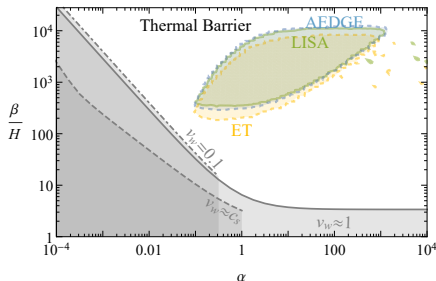
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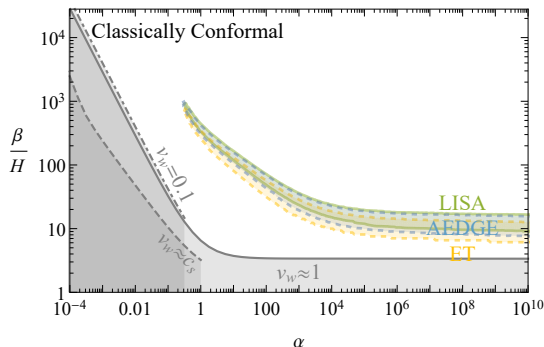
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# Classically scale-invariant CW-like potential

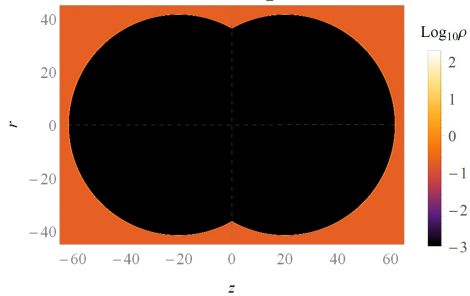
- Generic classically scale-invariant potential

$$V(\phi, T) = g^2 T^2 \phi^2 + \frac{3g^4}{4\pi^2} \phi^4 \left( \log \left( \frac{\phi^2}{v^2} \right) - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{g^2 T^2}{2v^2} \right)$$



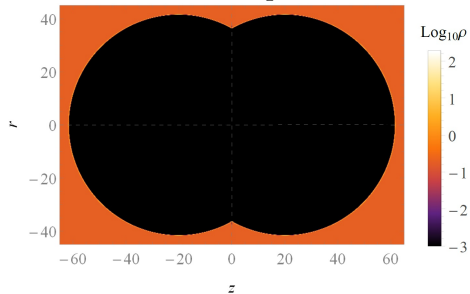
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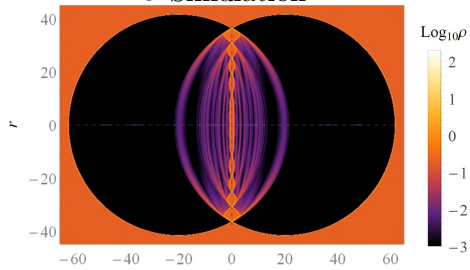


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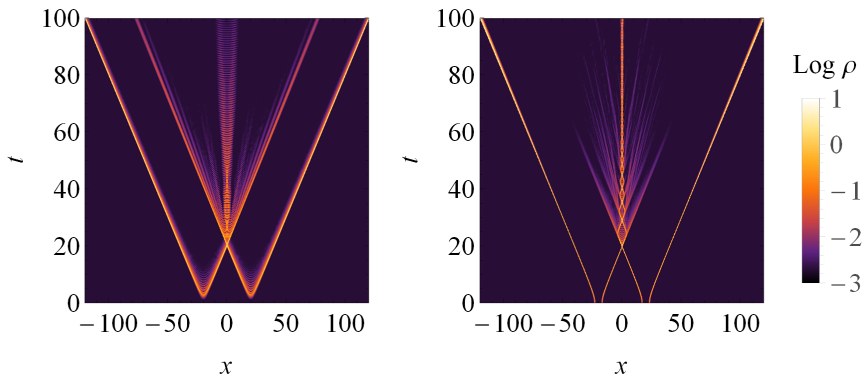
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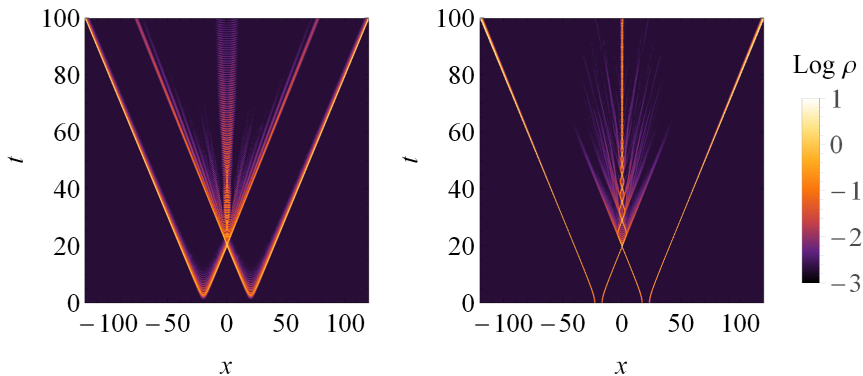
• Simulation



# Vacuum Trapping



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• scale-invariant vs. polynomial

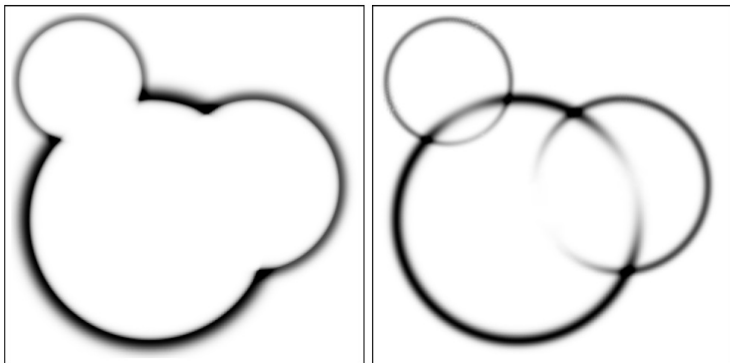
• can also be verified analytically:

R. Jinno, T. Konstandin and M. Takimoto: 1906.02588

# Computation of the GW spectrum

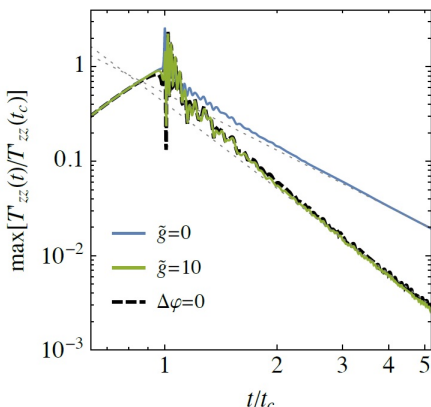
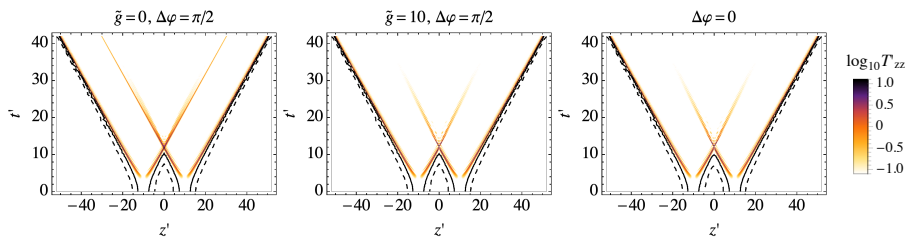
- Bulk Flow model:  $E \propto R^{-2}$

R. Jinno and M. Takimoto 1707.03111, T. Konstandin 1712.06869



- We follow a similar approach using scaling from lattice simulations

# Abelian Higgs Model: Energy Scaling



- scaled gauge coupling:

$$\tilde{g} = \frac{gv^2}{\sqrt{\Delta V}}$$

- Global Symmetry breaking:

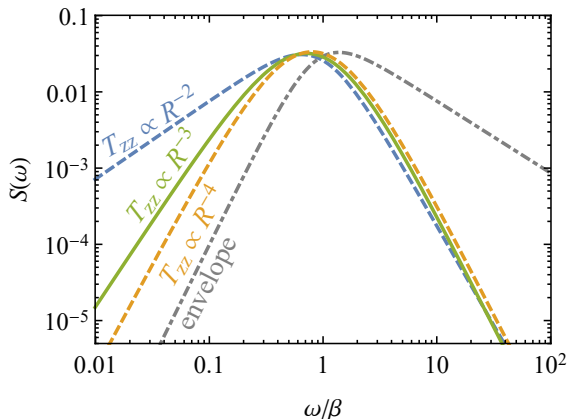
$$T_{zz} \propto R^{-2}$$

- Gauge Symmetry breaking:

$$T_{zz} \propto R^{-3}$$



# Bubble Collision Spectrum



- Global Symmetry breaking:

$$T_{zz} \propto R^{-2}$$

- Gauge Symmetry breaking:

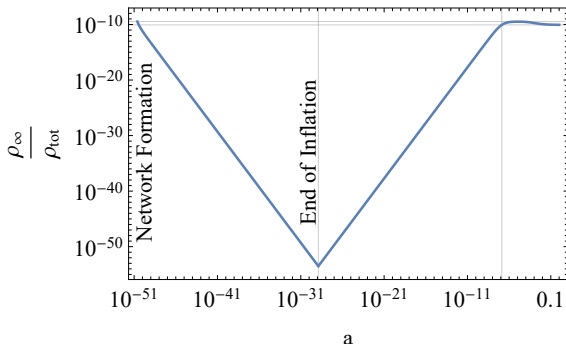
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- Resulting spectrum:

$$S(\omega) = \frac{\bar{S} (a+b)^c}{\left[ b \left( \frac{\omega}{\bar{\omega}} \right)^{-a/c} + a \left( \frac{\omega}{\bar{\omega}} \right)^{b/c} \right]^c}$$

	$100\bar{S}$	$\bar{\omega}/\beta$	$a$	$b$	$c$
$T_{zz} \propto R^{-2}$	$3.1 \pm 0.1$	$0.64 \pm 0.01$	$1.00 \pm 0.01$	$2.61 \pm 0.06$	$1.5 \pm 0.1$
$T_{zz} \propto R^{-3}$	$3.2 \pm 0.1$	$0.71 \pm 0.01$	$2.25 \pm 0.02$	$2.94 \pm 0.02$	$3.5 \pm 0.1$
$T_{zz} \propto R^{-4}$	$3.3 \pm 0.1$	$0.80 \pm 0.01$	$2.78 \pm 0.02$	$2.91 \pm 0.02$	$3.9 \pm 0.1$
env.	$3.3 \pm 0.1$	$1.38 \pm 0.03$	$3.01 \pm 0.01$	$0.94 \pm 0.03$	$1.5 \pm 0.1$

# Strings diluted by inflation



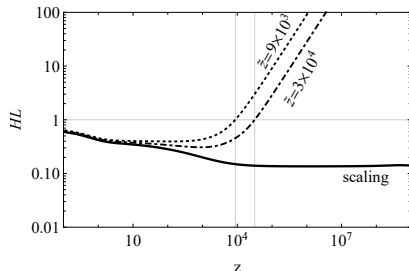
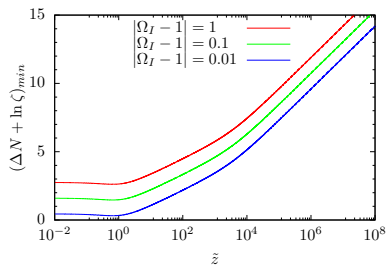
- When loop production is inefficient energy density network scales as

$$\rho_\infty \propto a^{-2}$$

- How many e-folds of dilution ?

$$\Delta N \geq 2.7 + \frac{1}{2} \ln(|\Omega_I - 1|) + \frac{1}{2} \ln [\Omega_\Lambda (1 + \tilde{z})^{-2} + \Omega_m (1 + \tilde{z}) + \Omega_r (1 + \tilde{z})^2]$$

# Strings diluted by inflation



- Initial overdensity has a similar effect

$$L_f = \frac{1}{\zeta H_I} \rightarrow \rho_\infty \propto \zeta^2$$

- How many efolds of dilution or initial overdensity ?

$$\Delta N + \ln \zeta \geq 2.7 + \frac{1}{2} \ln(|\Omega_I - 1|) + \frac{1}{2} \ln [\Omega_\Lambda (1 + \tilde{z})^{-2} + \Omega_m (1 + \tilde{z}) + \Omega_r (1 + \tilde{z})^2]$$

# Strings diluted by inflation

- Stochastic background as sum of bursts

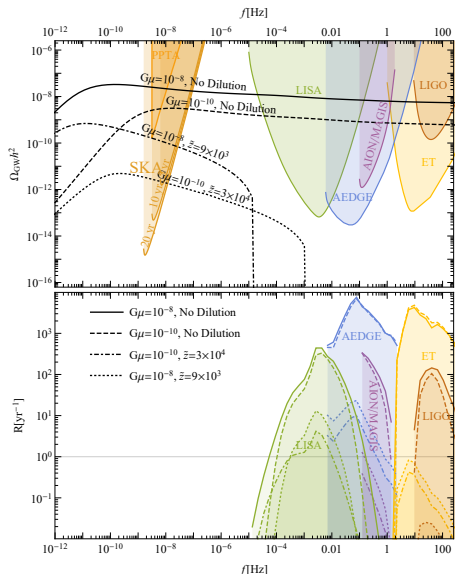
$$\Omega_{\text{GW}}(f) = \frac{4\pi^2 f^3}{3H_0^2} \int_{z_*}^{\infty} dz \int_{h_{\min}}^{h_{\max}} dh h^2 \frac{d^2 R}{dz dh}(h, z, f)$$

- With individually observable bursts excluded

$$f = \int_0^{z_*} dz \int_{h_{\min}}^{h_{\max}} dh \frac{d^2 R}{dz dh}(h, z, f).$$

- Rate of individually observable bursts

$$R_{\text{exp}}(f) = \int_0^{z_*} dz \int_{\max(h_{\min}, h_{\text{exp}})}^{h_{\max}} dh \frac{d^2 R}{dz dh}(h, z, f)$$



# Strings diluted by inflation parameter space

