

Beyond the Standard Models with GW from Cosmic Strings

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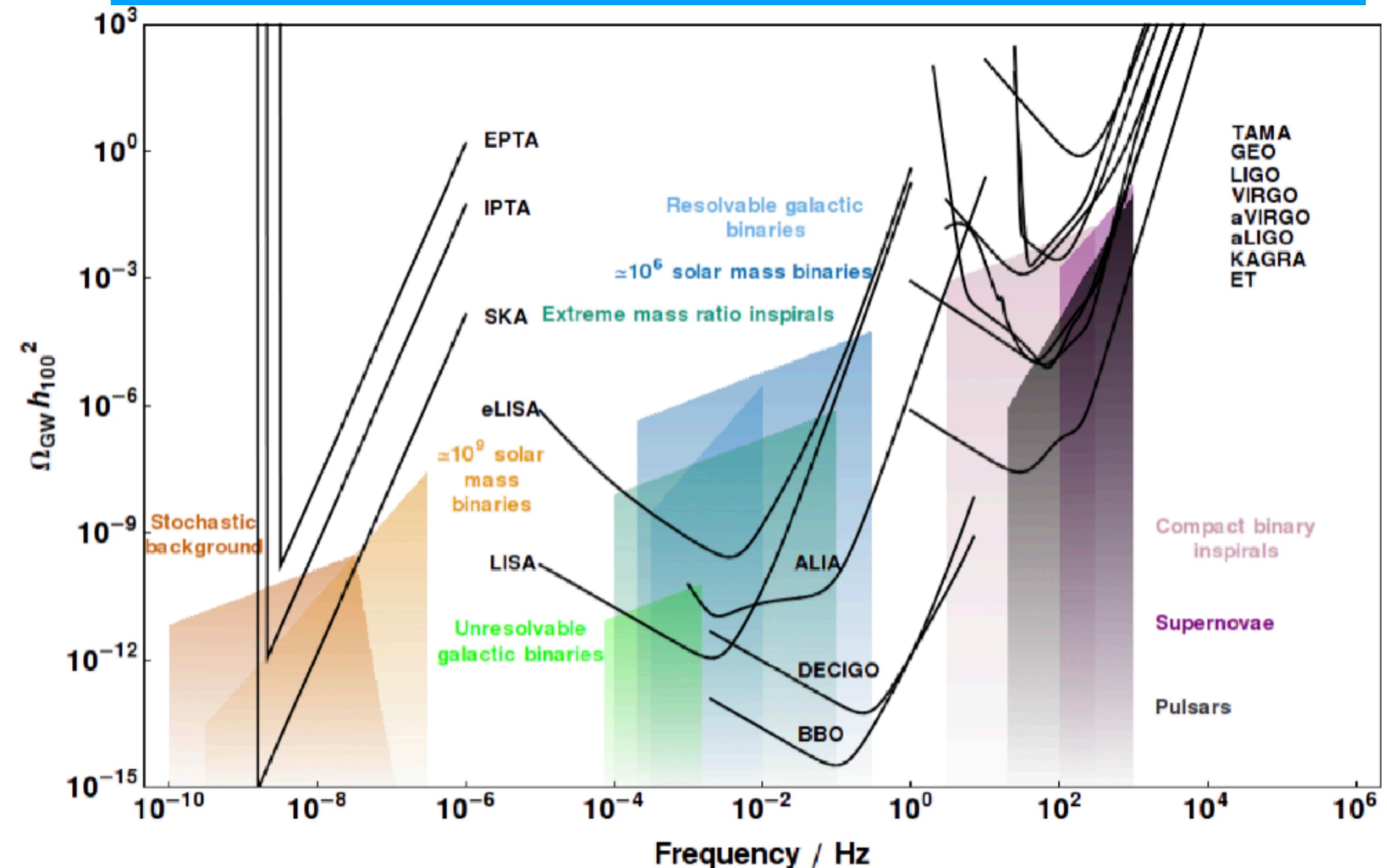


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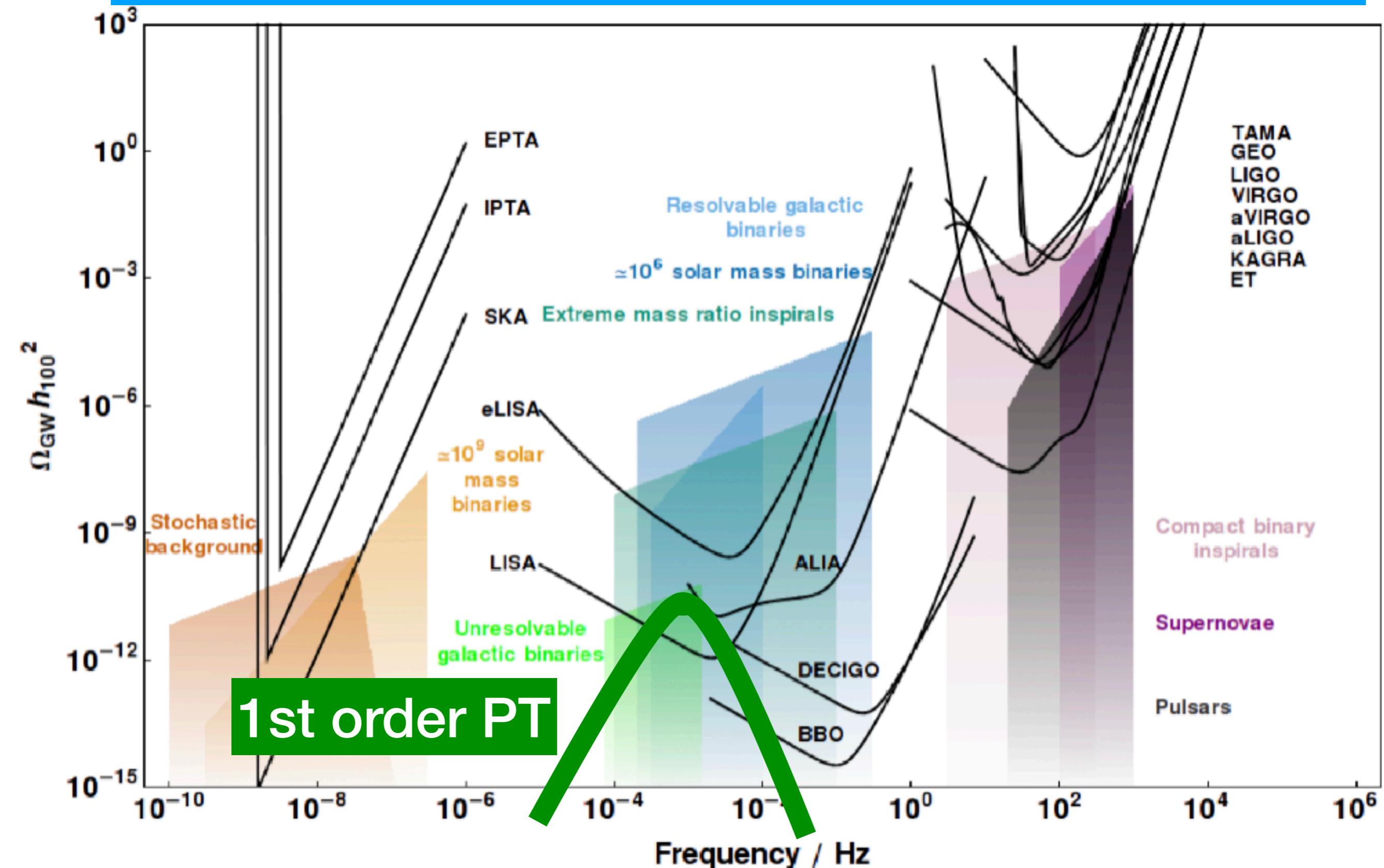


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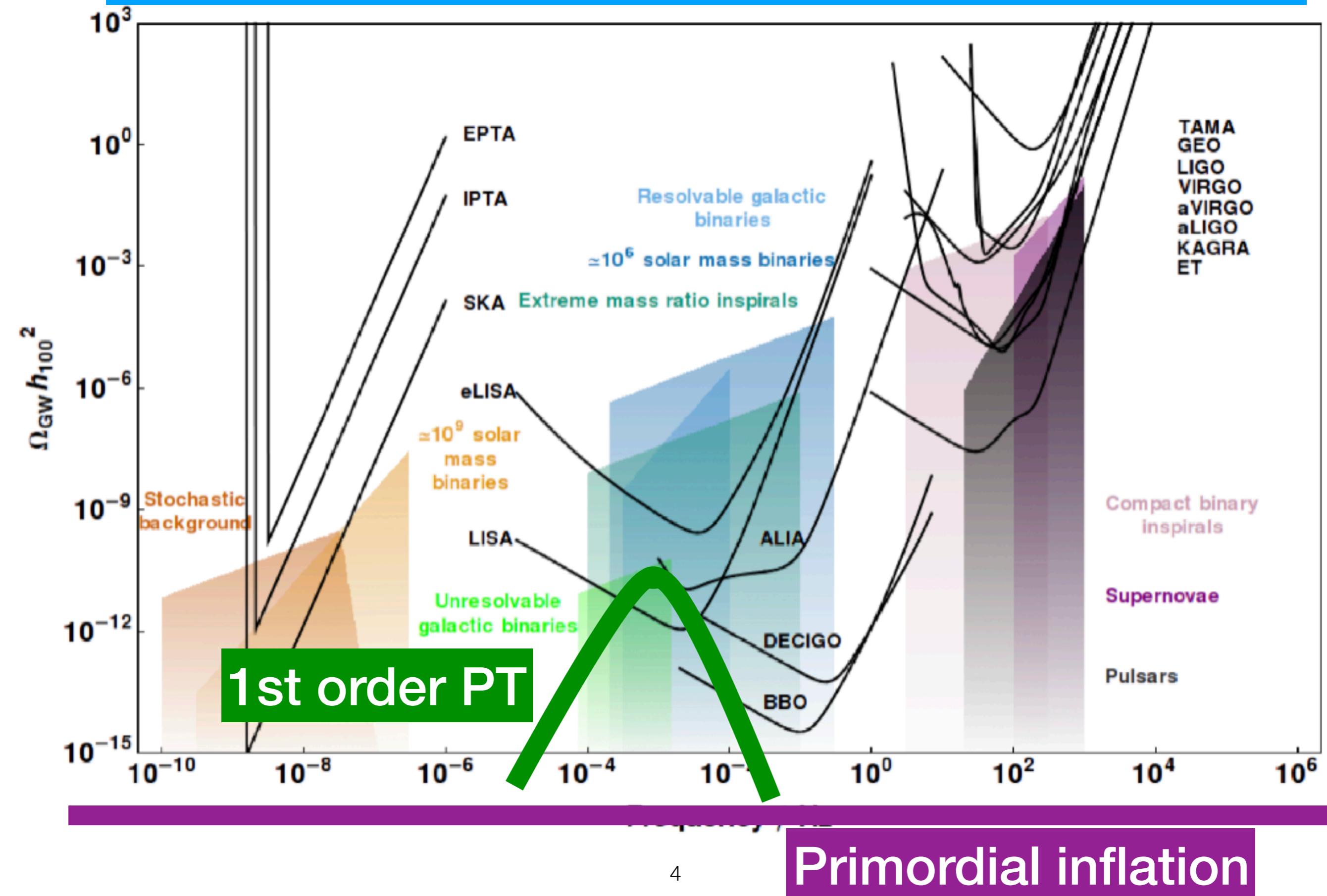
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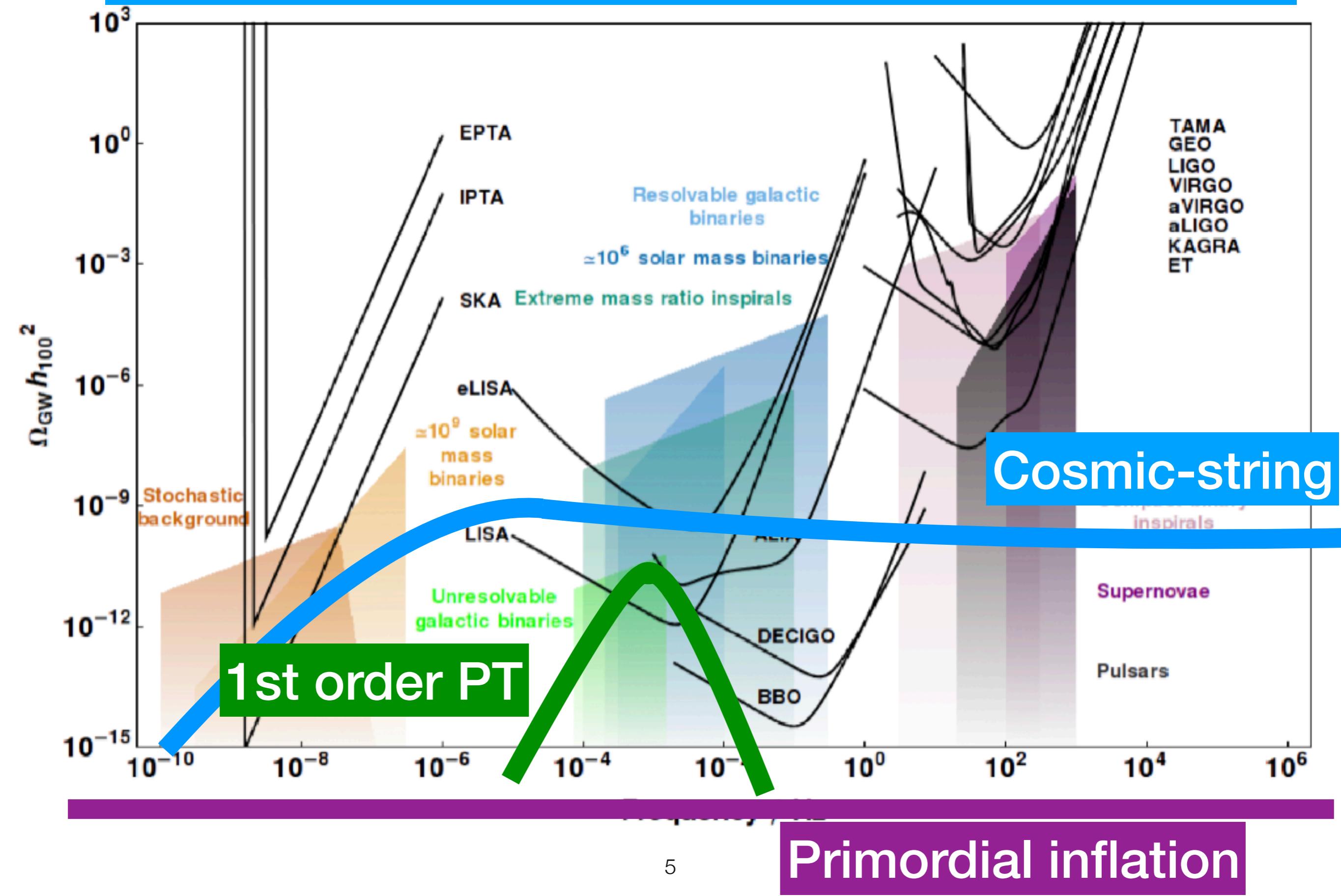
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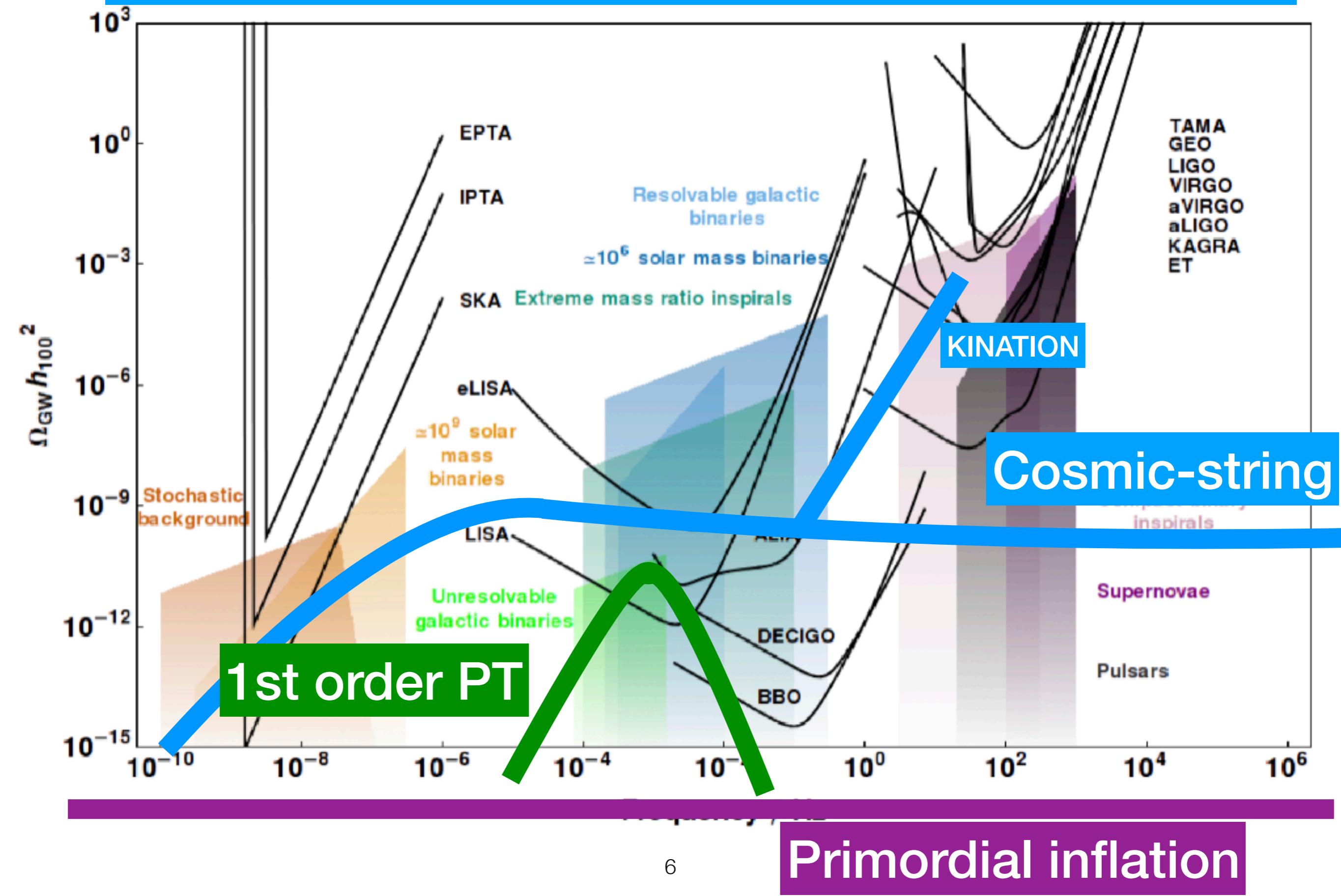
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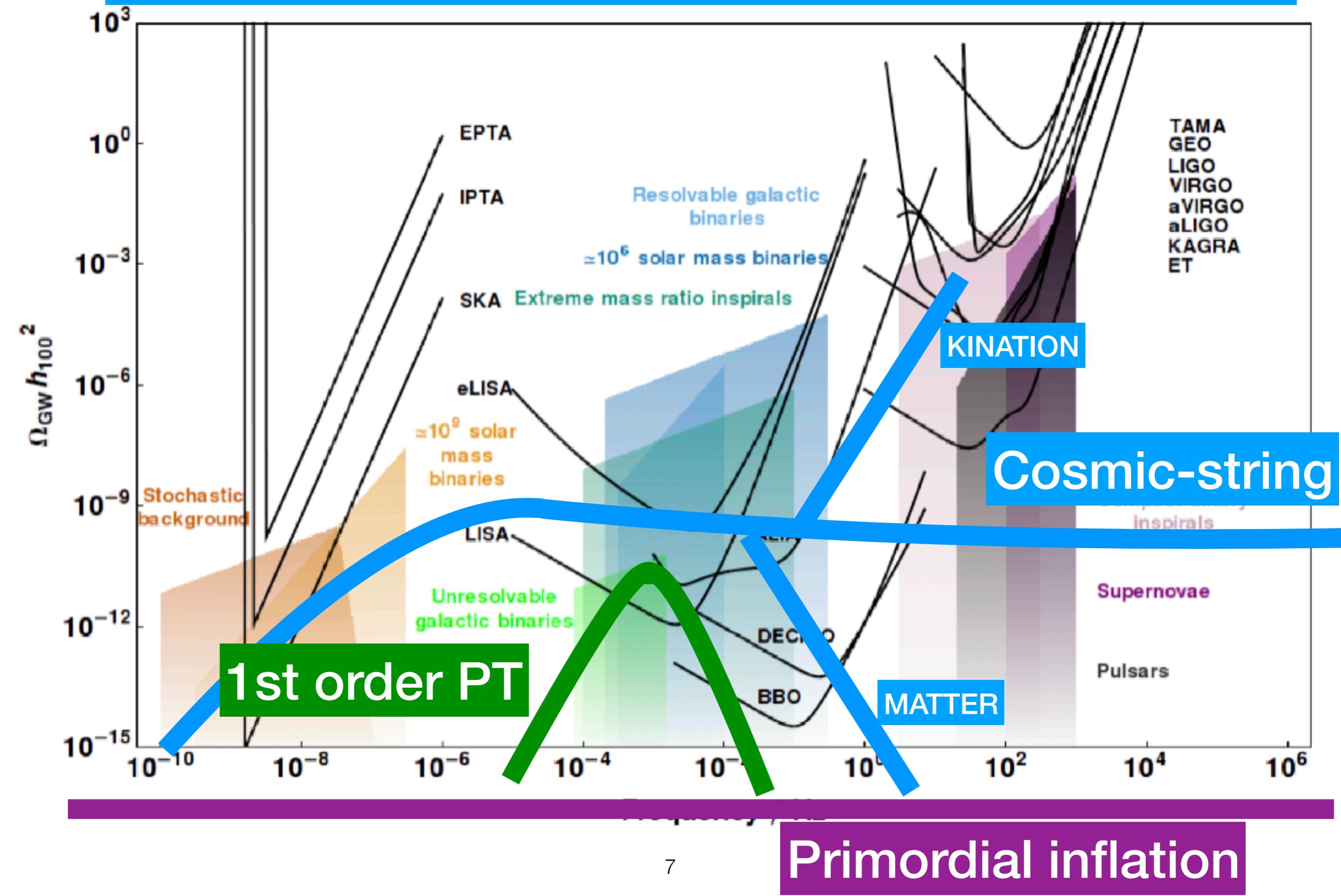
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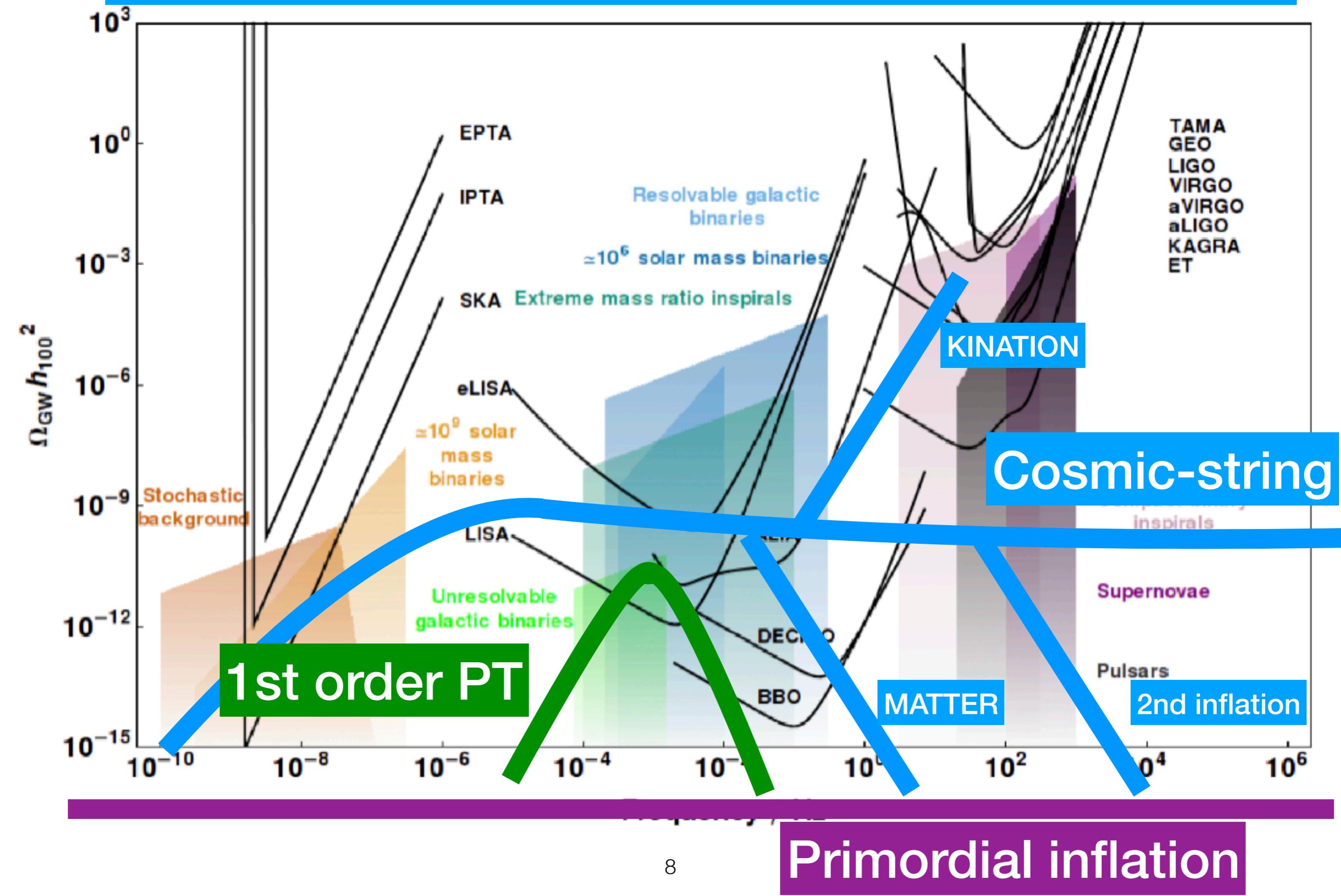
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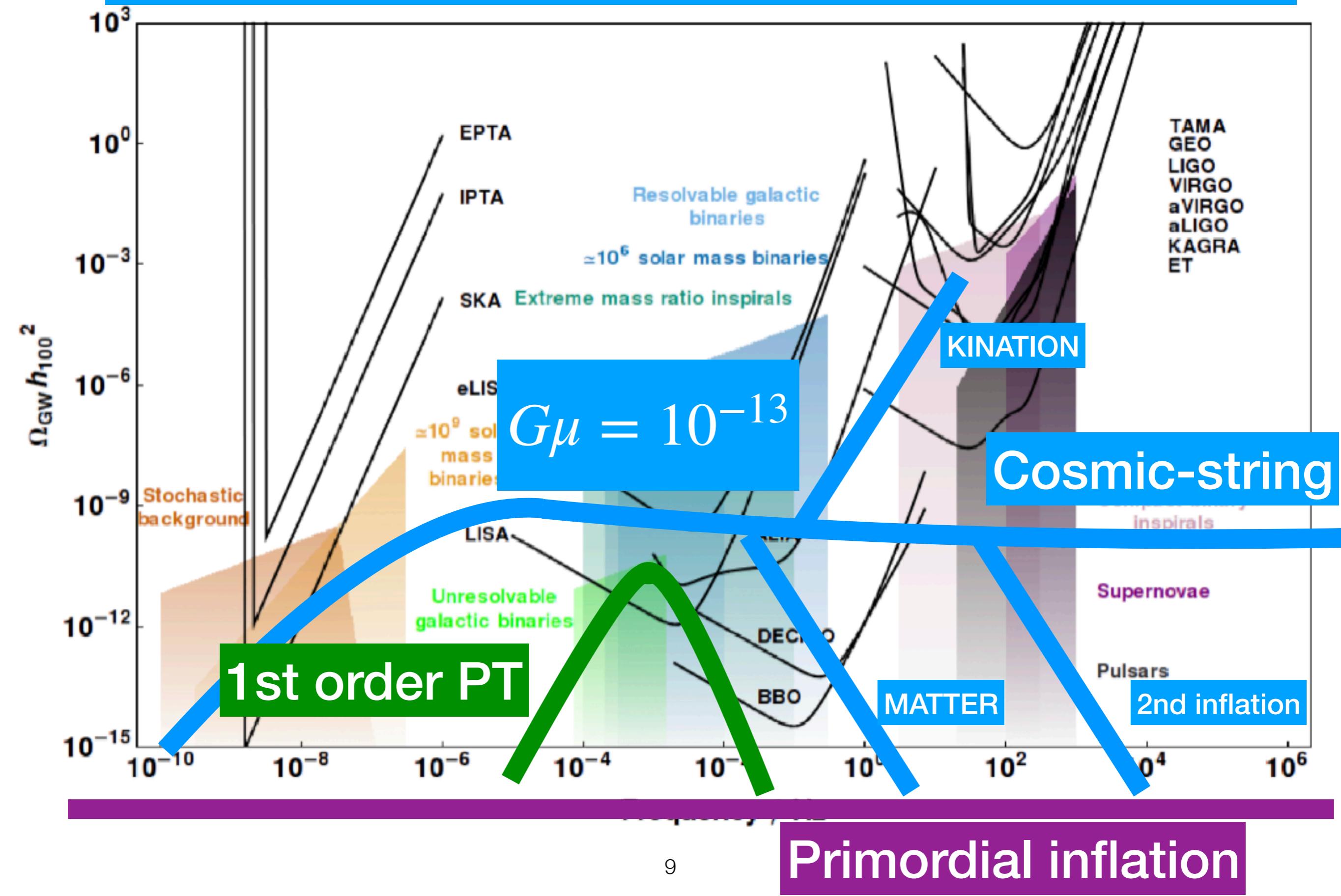
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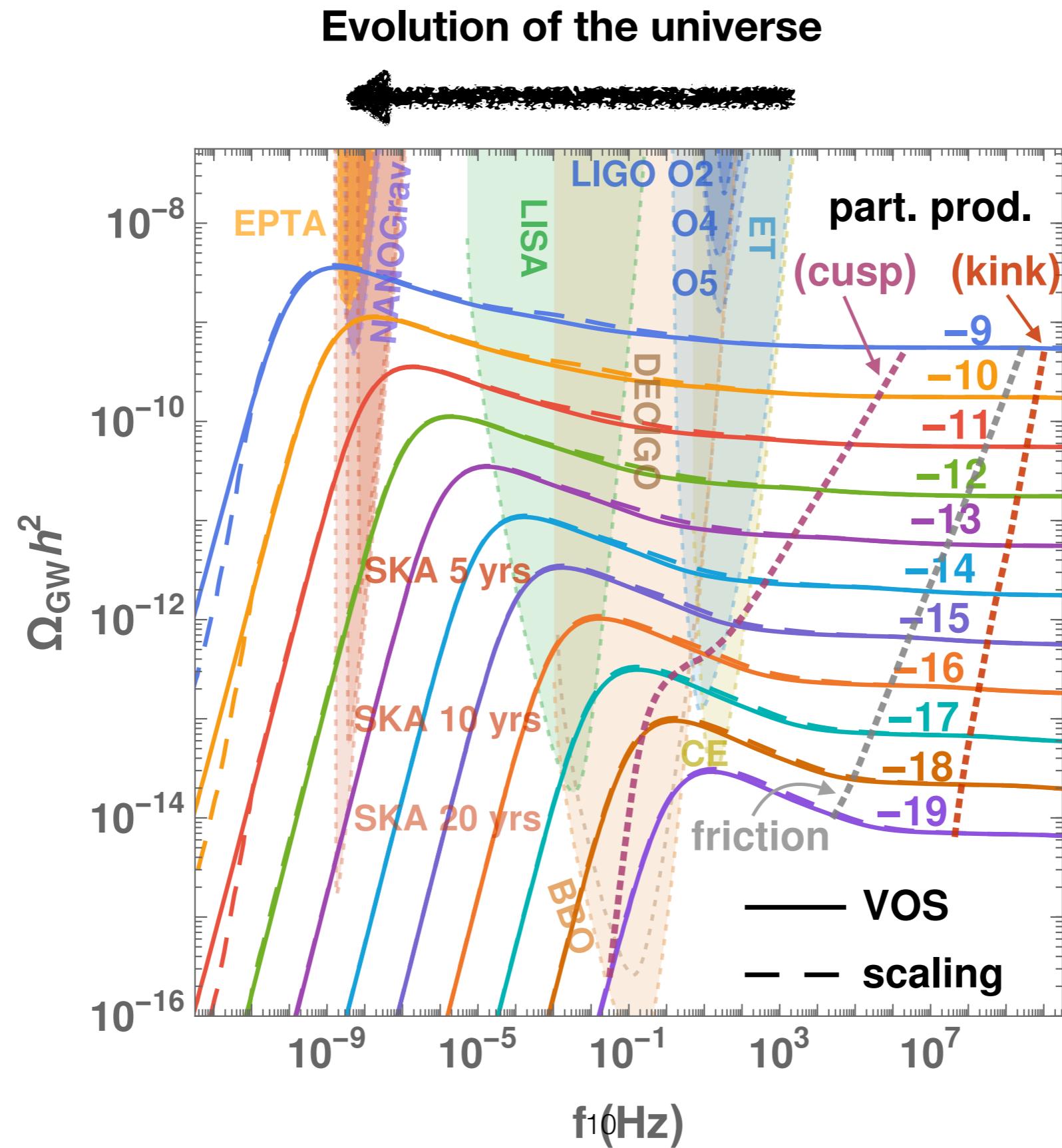
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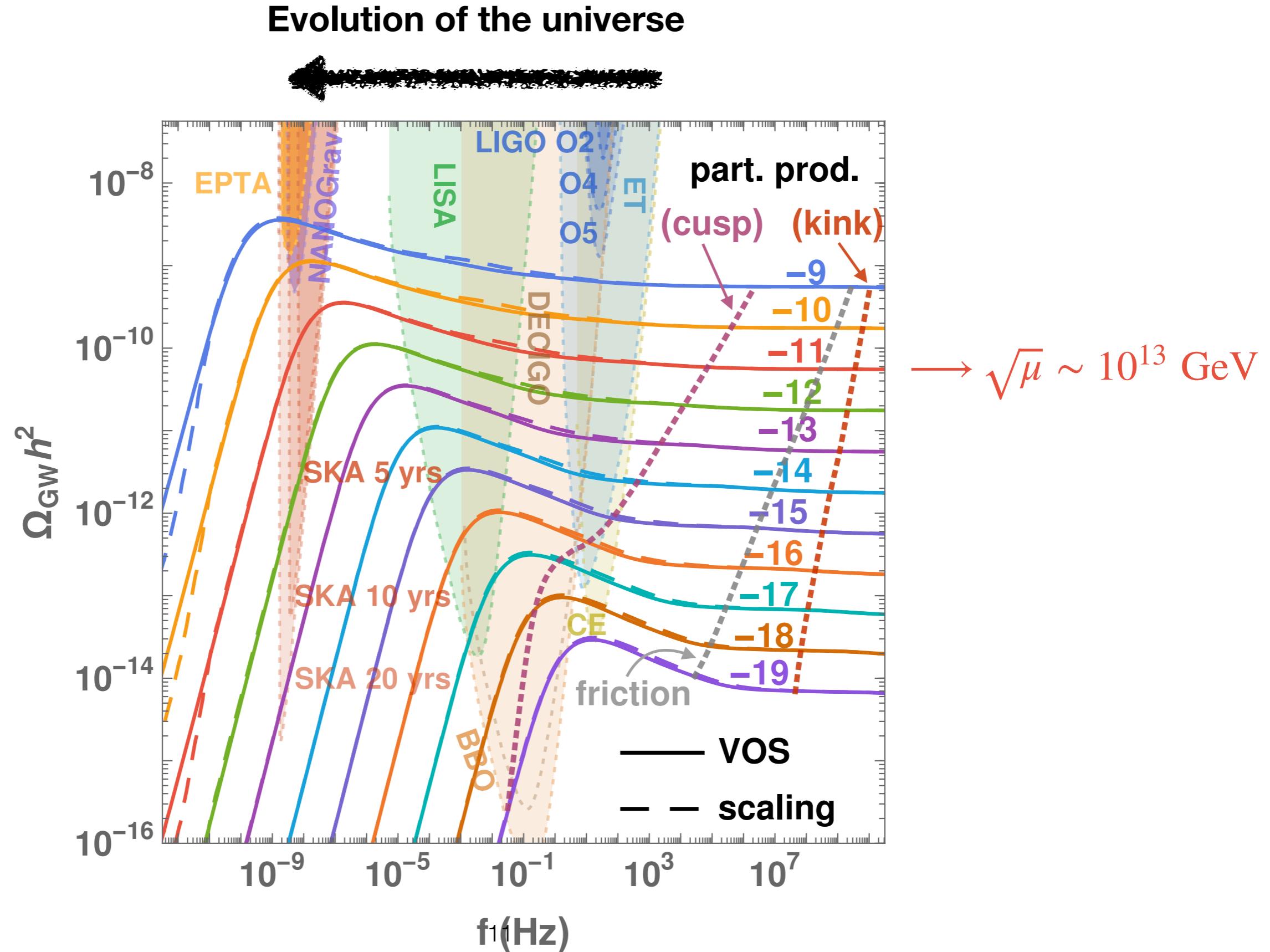
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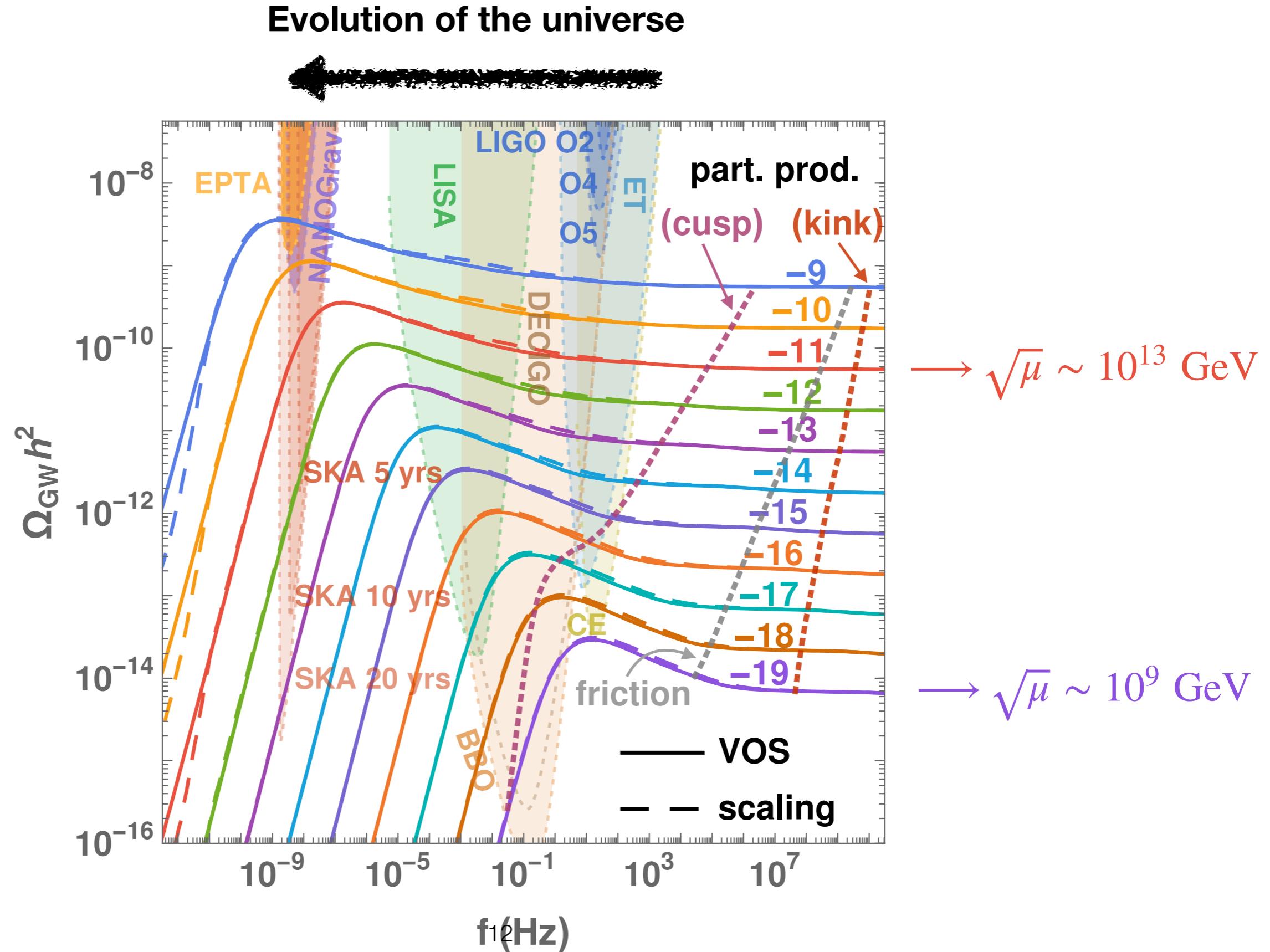
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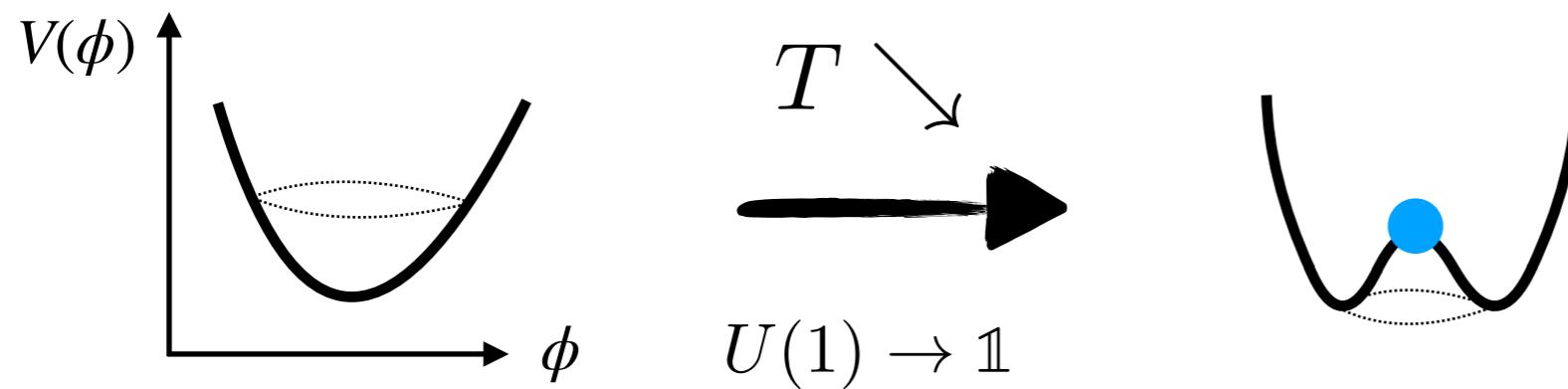


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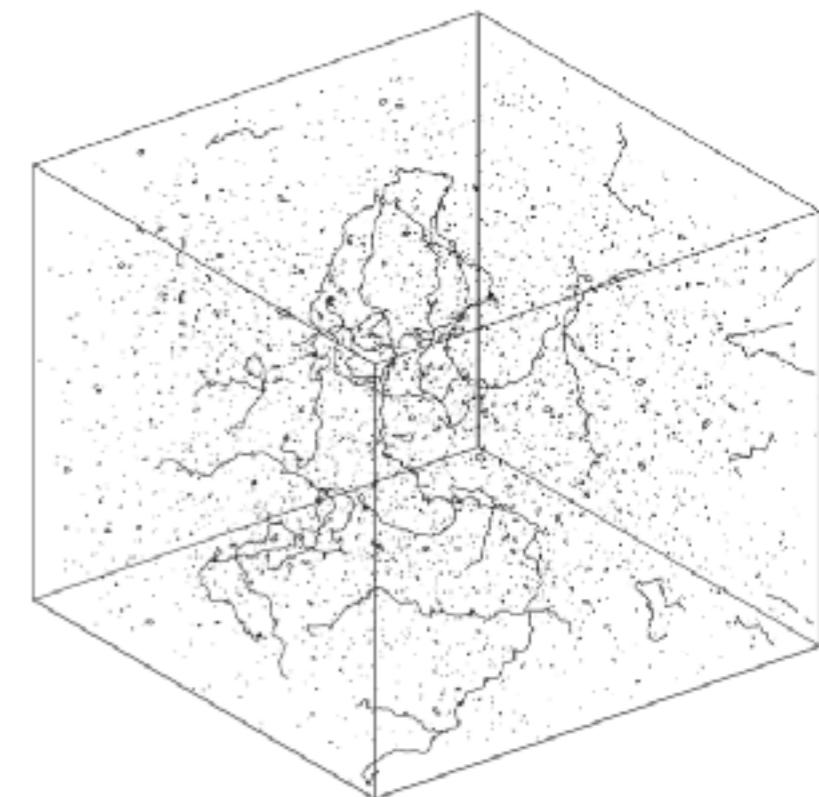
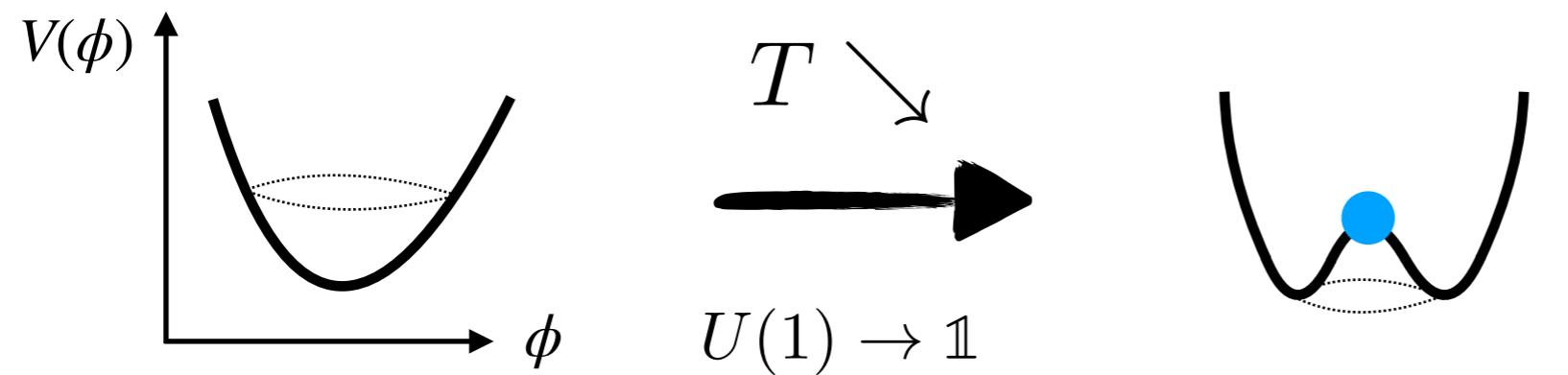
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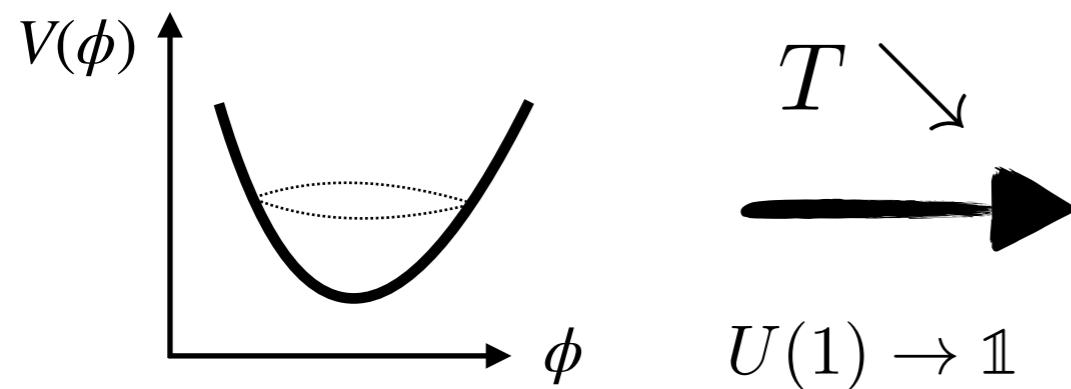
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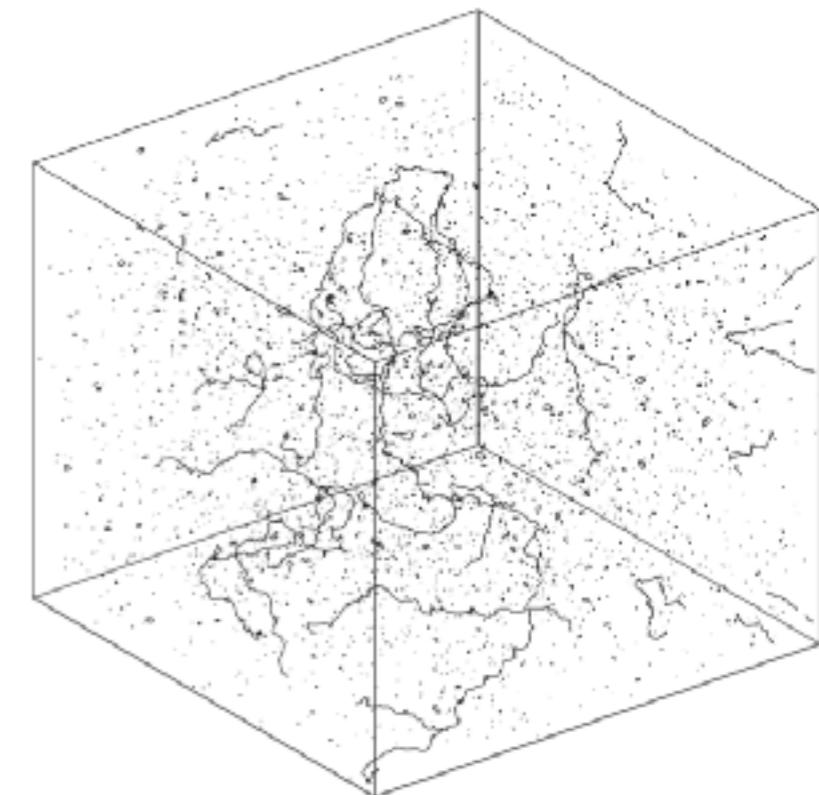
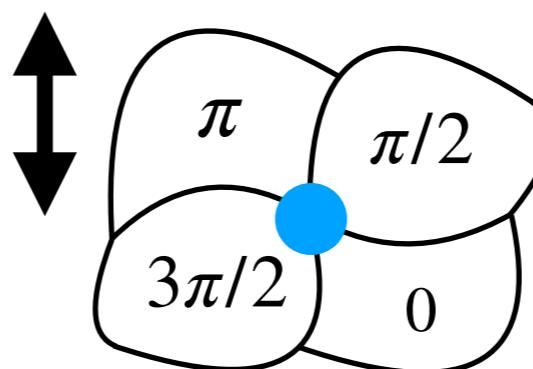
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correlation length L

[Kibble 1976]



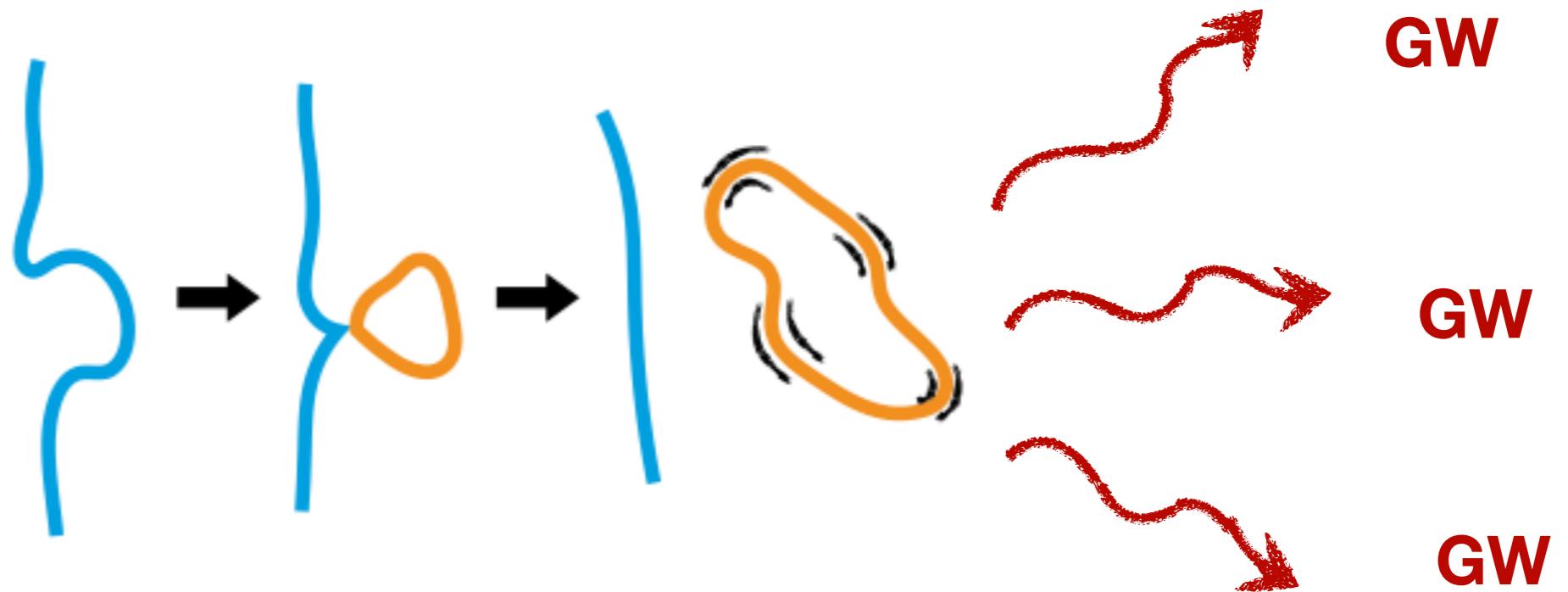
[Allen & Shellard 1990]

- Nambu-Goto approximation

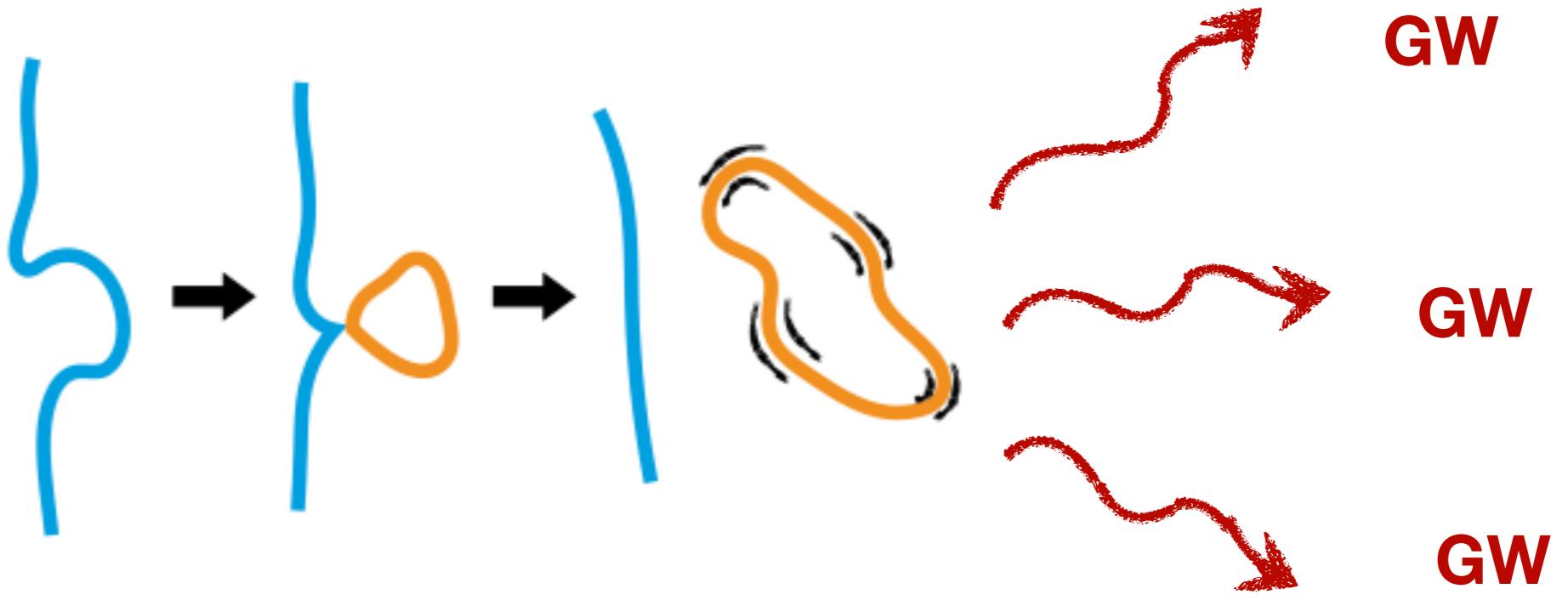
→ 1D classical objects with tension:

$$\mu \sim \langle \phi \rangle^2$$

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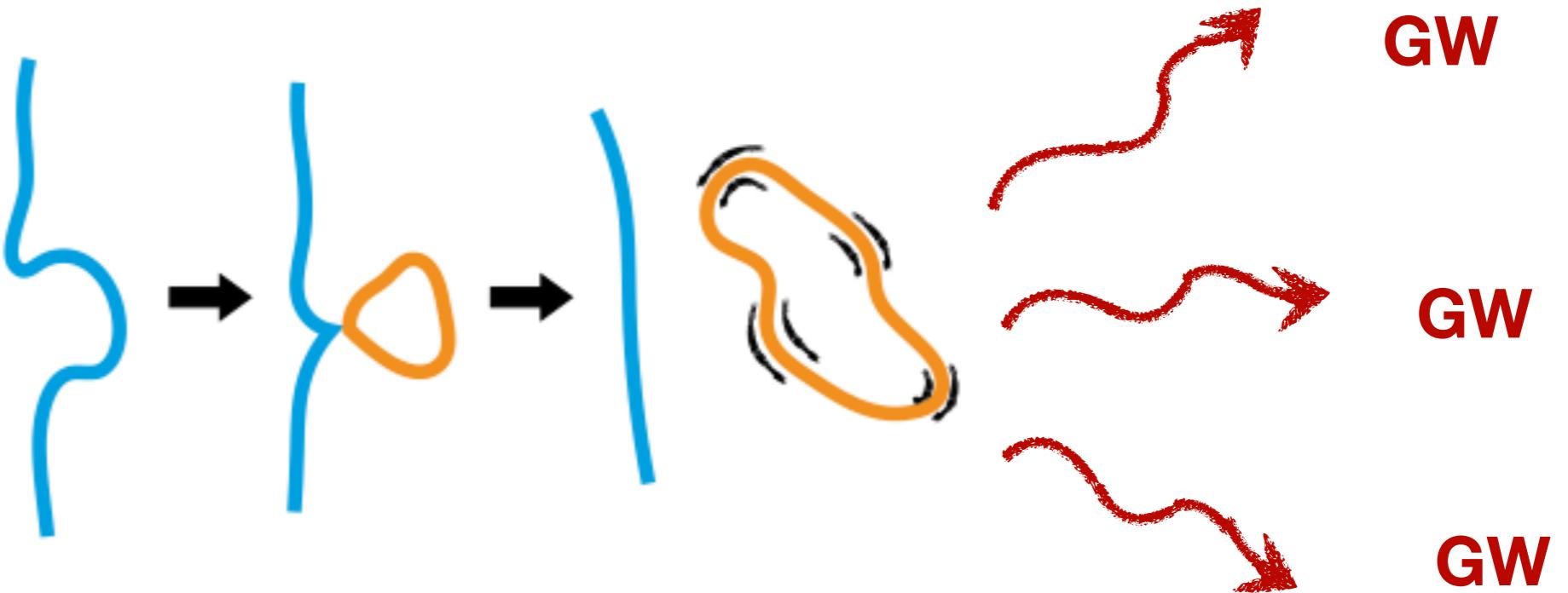


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- GOAL: Use GW from string as a probe of the Early Universe

Structure of the talk

A) GW spectrum from CS

- Scaling regime
- Number of loops
- Beyond Nambu-Goto: massive radiation

B) Probe non-standard cosmology and particle physics

- Early Matter era induced by heavy unstable particle
(e.g. superstring moduli, U(1) dark photon, ALPs, PBHs)
- Early intermediate inflation
(e.g. supercool first order phase transition)

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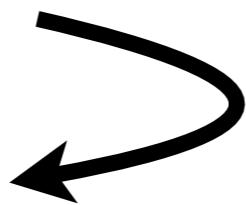
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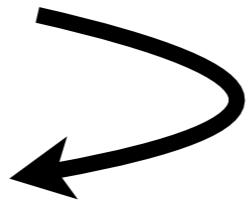


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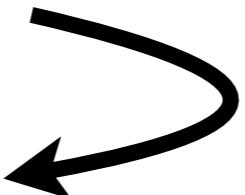


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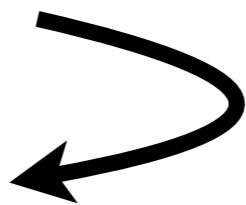
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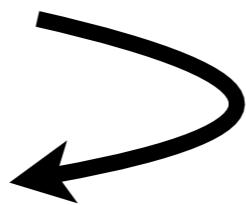
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Friction stops
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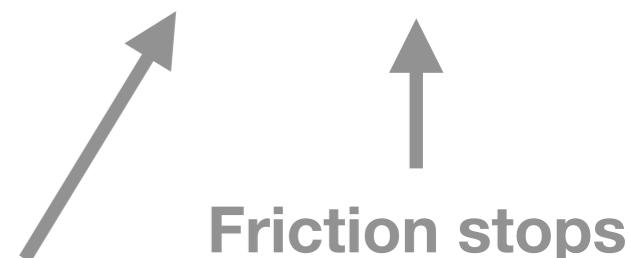
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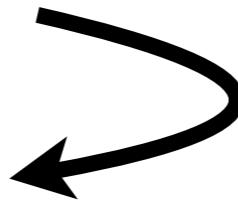


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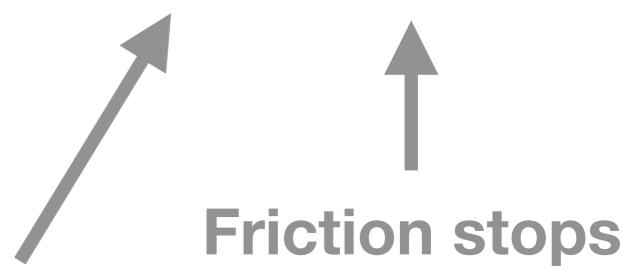
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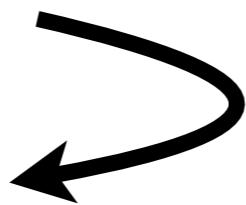
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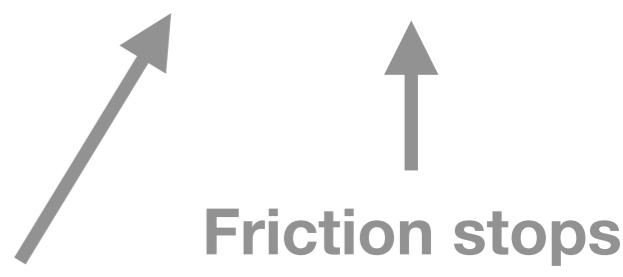
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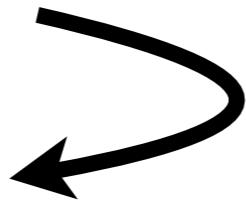
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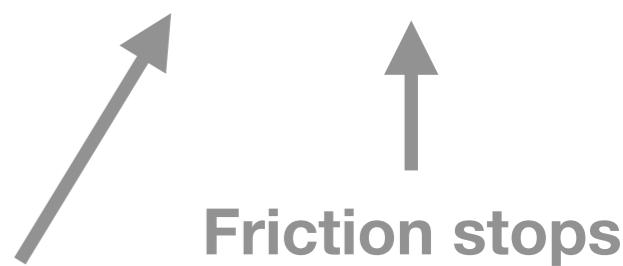
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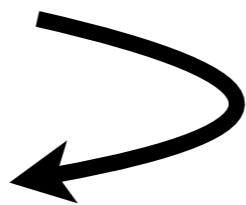
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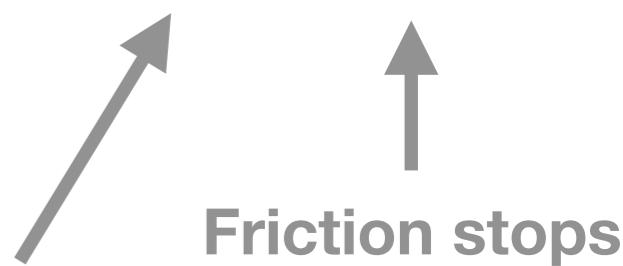
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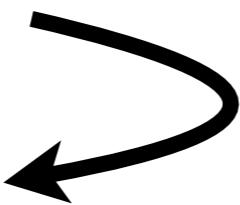
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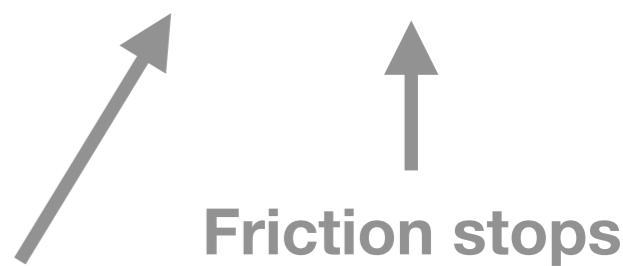
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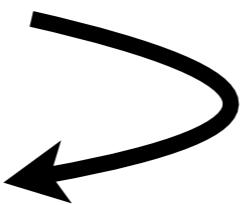
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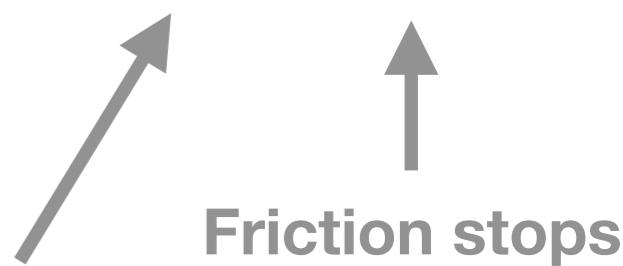
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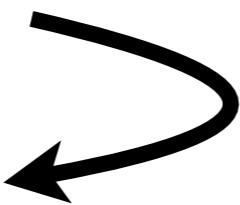
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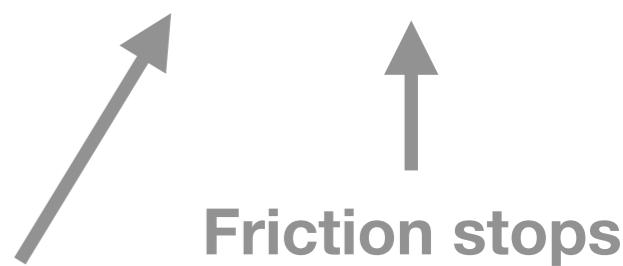
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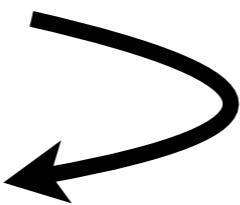
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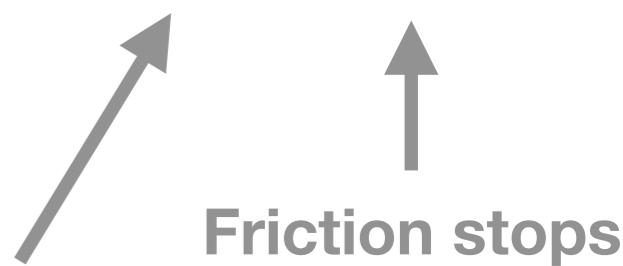
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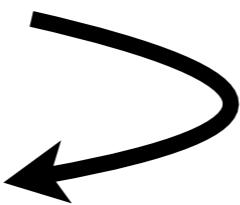
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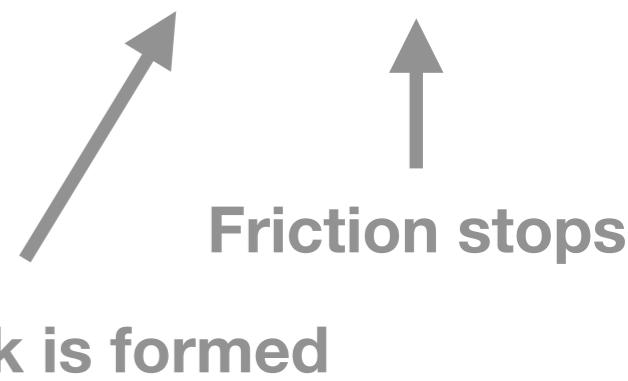
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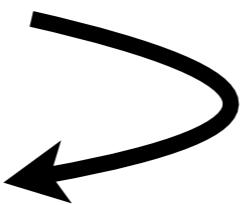
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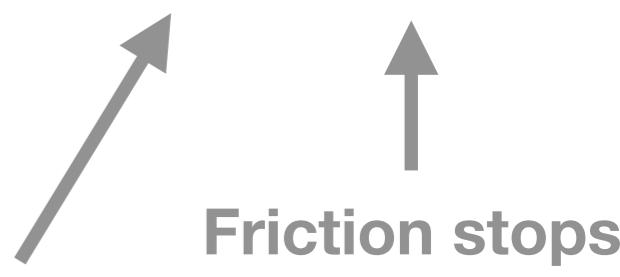
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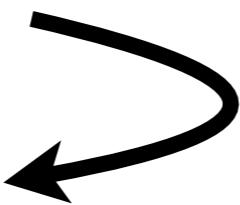
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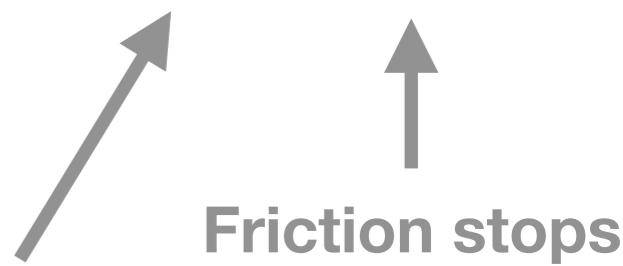
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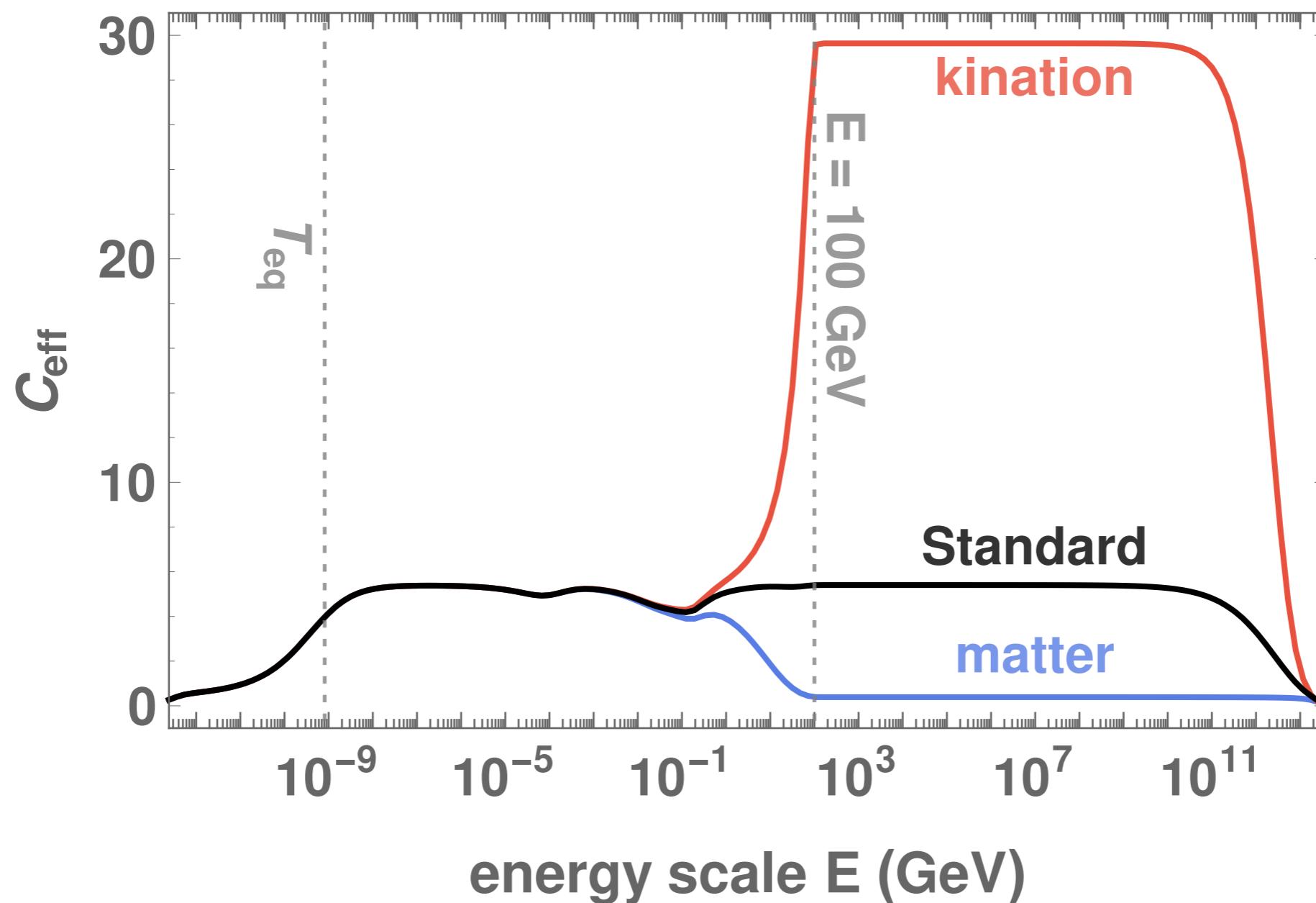
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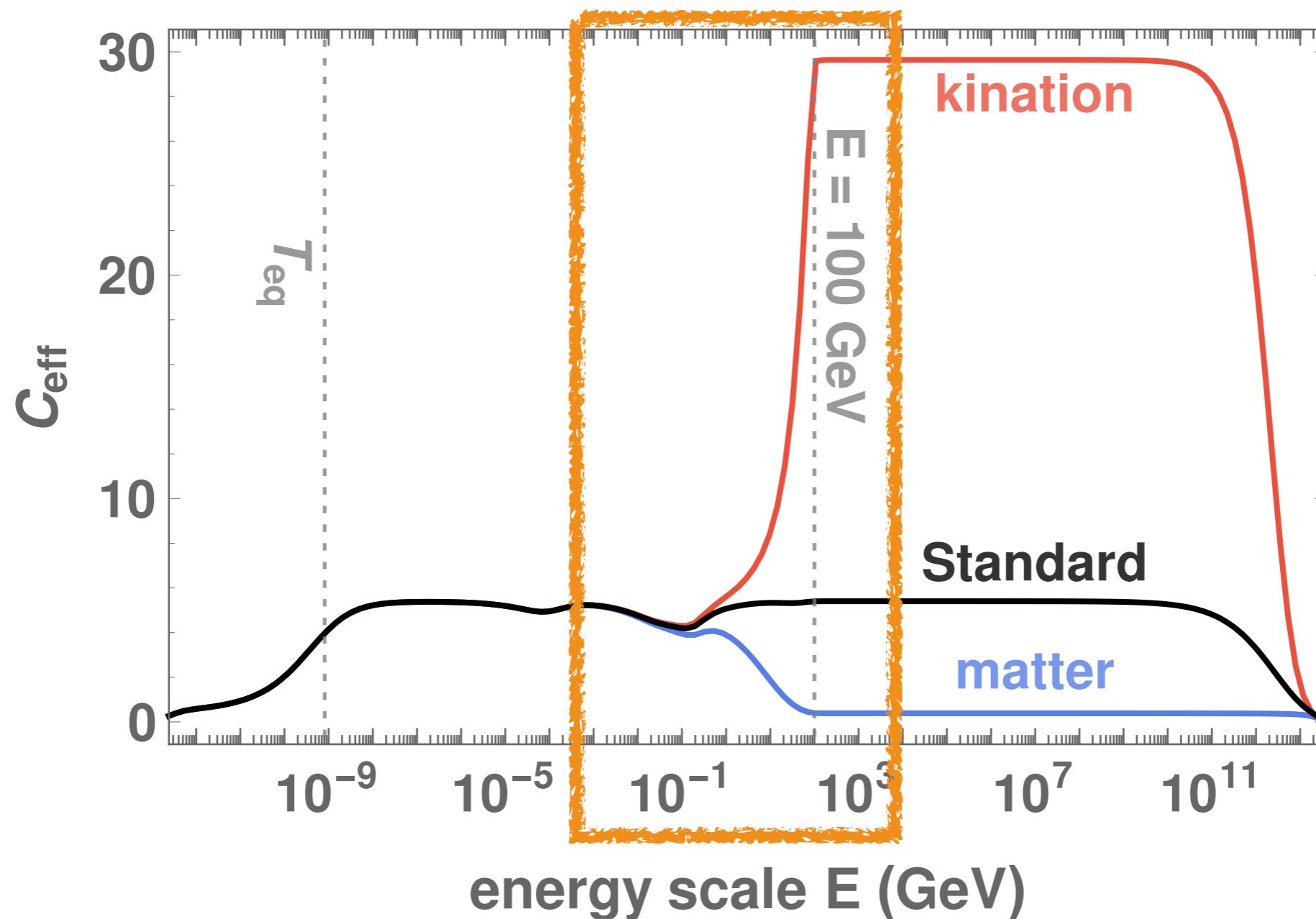
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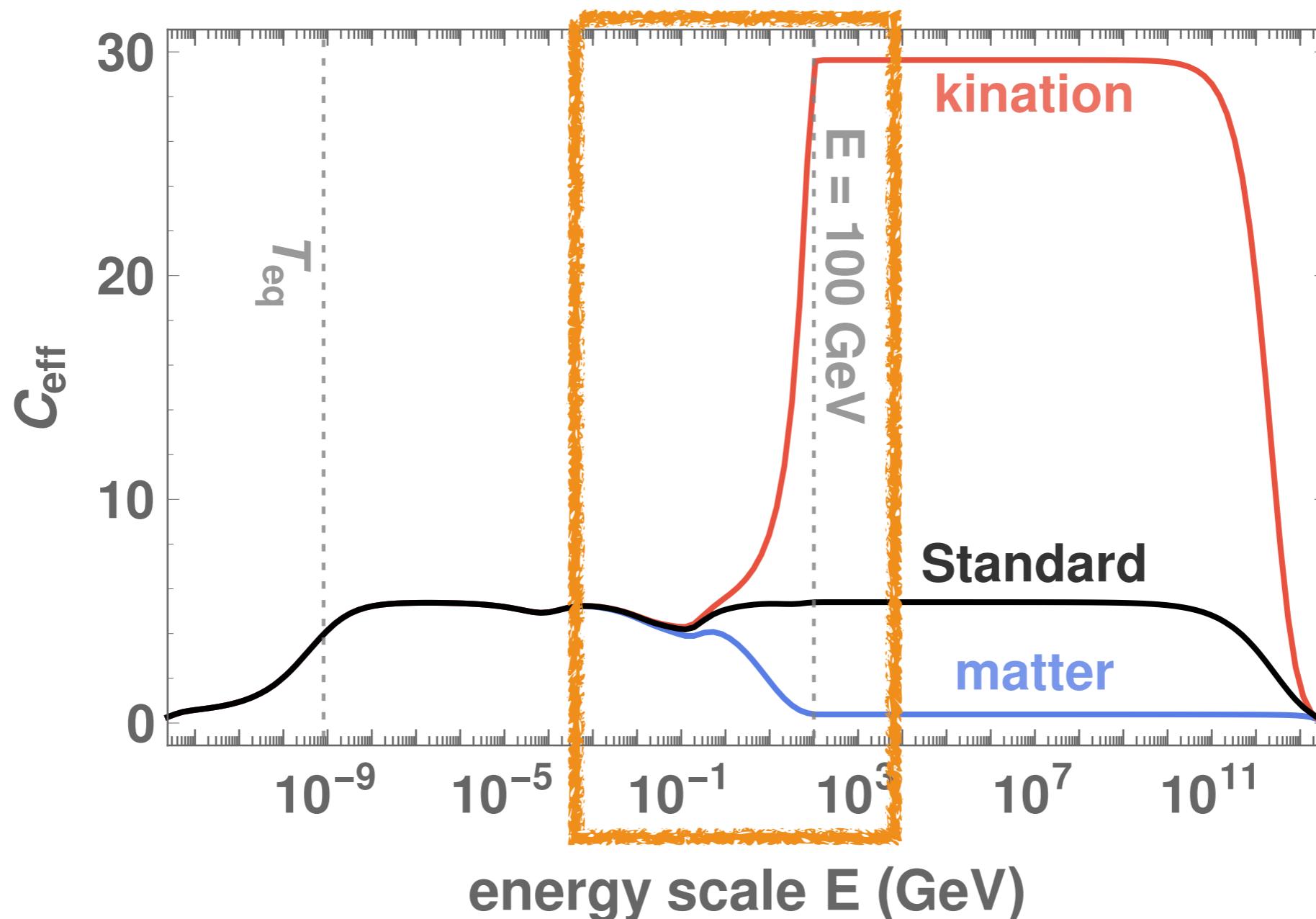
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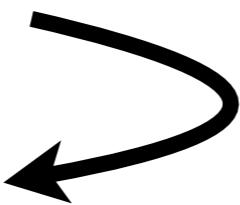


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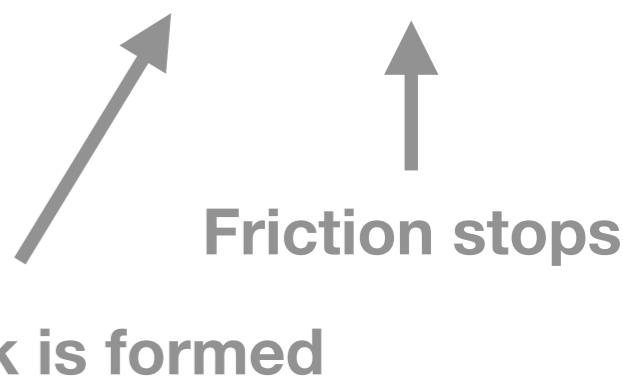
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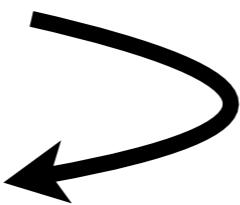
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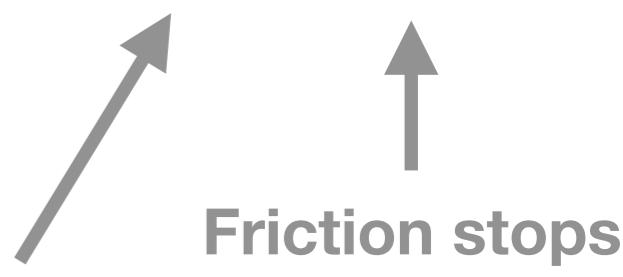
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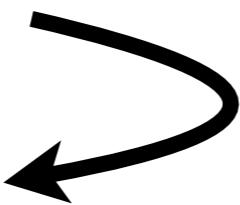
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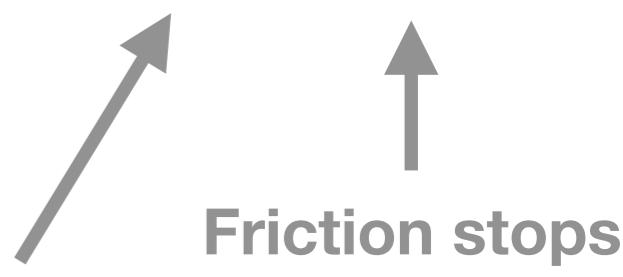
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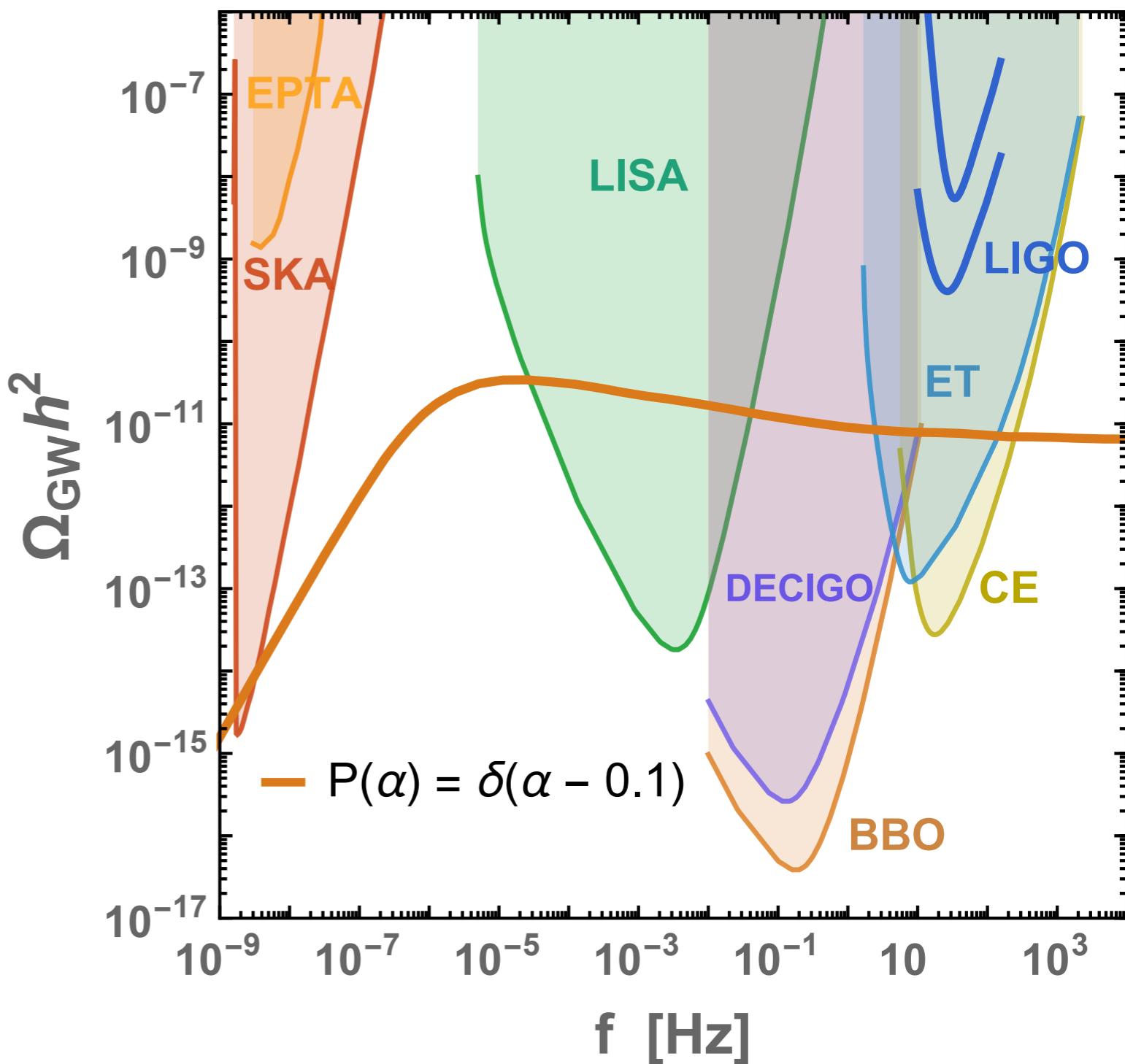


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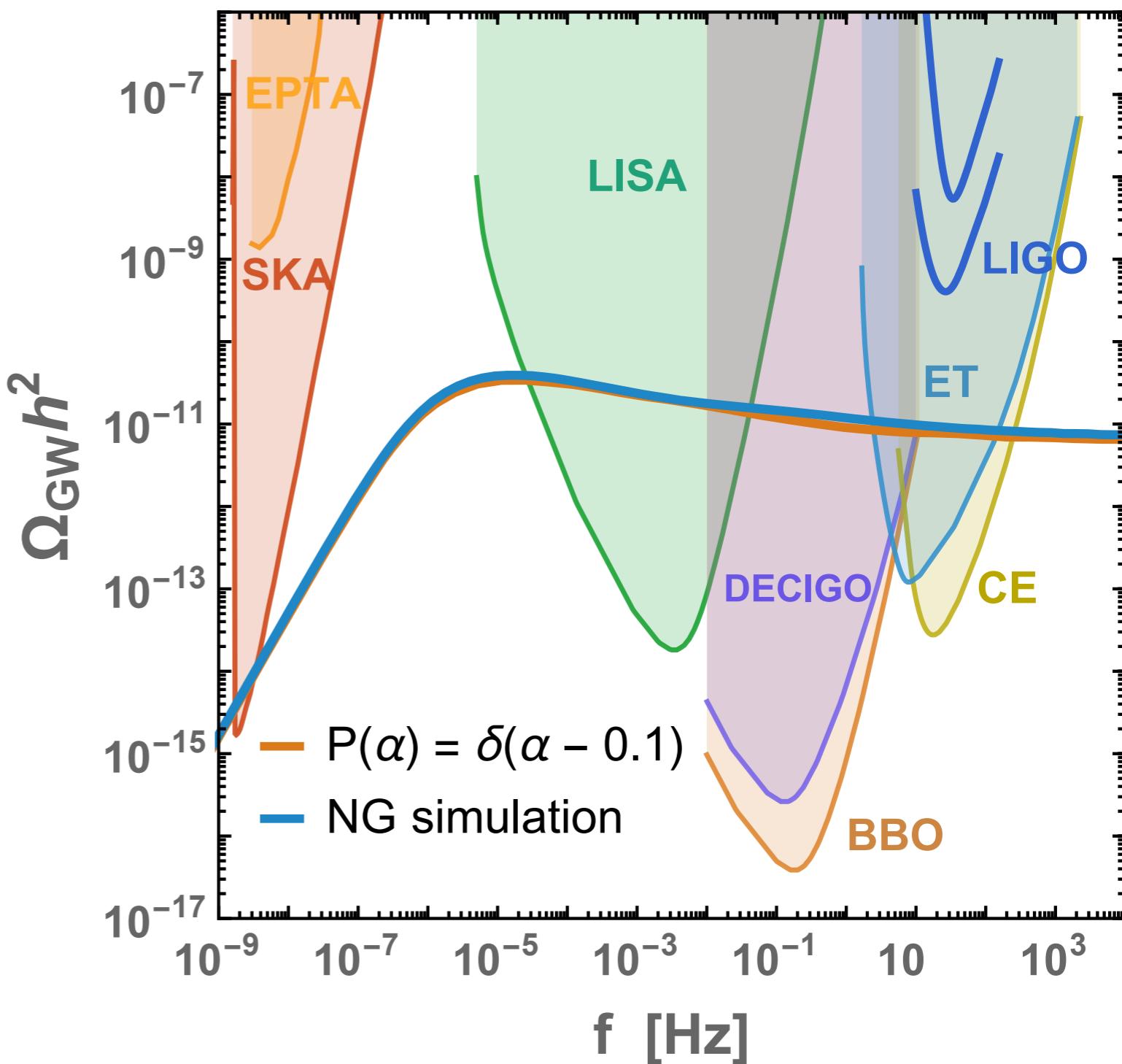
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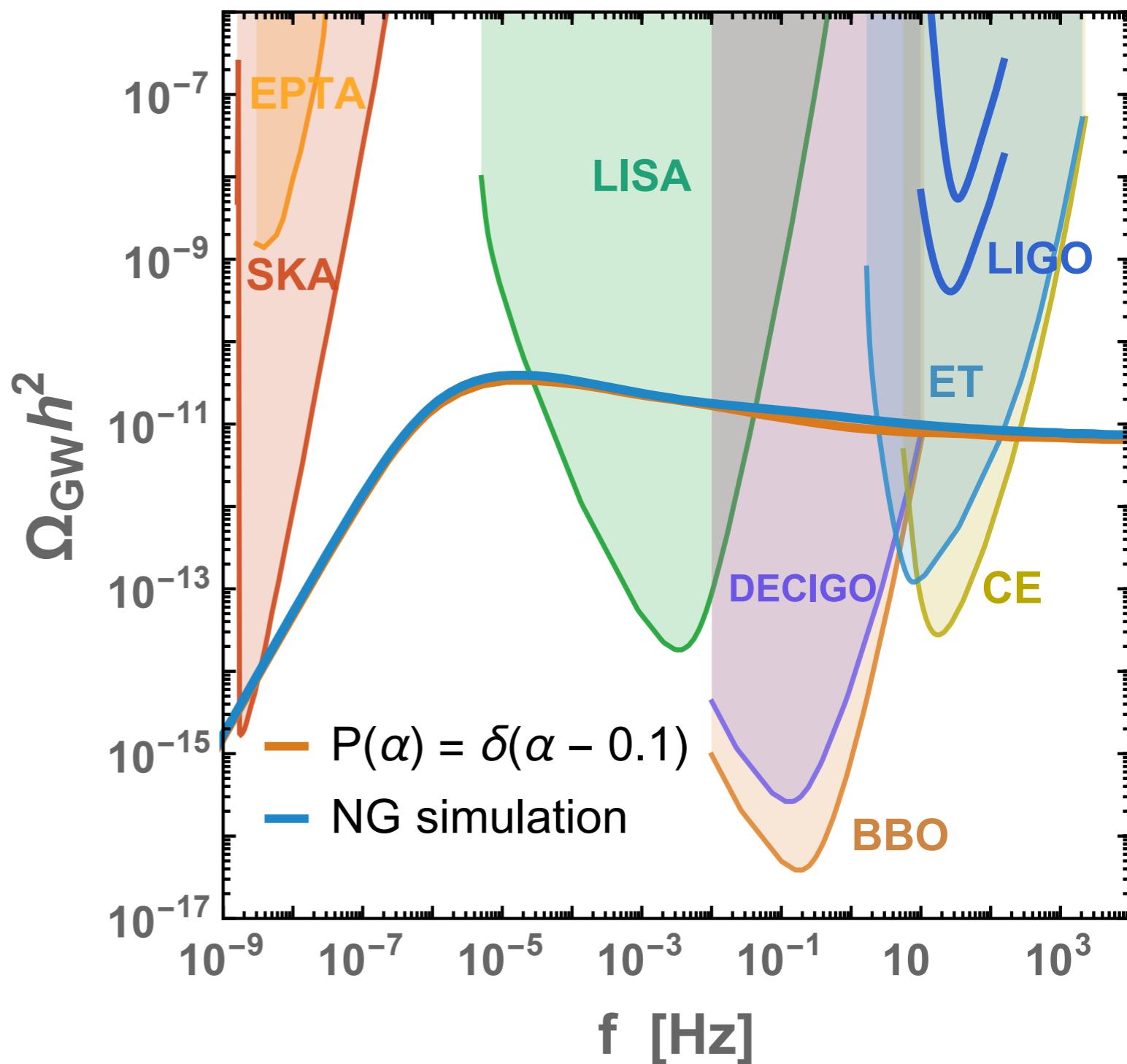
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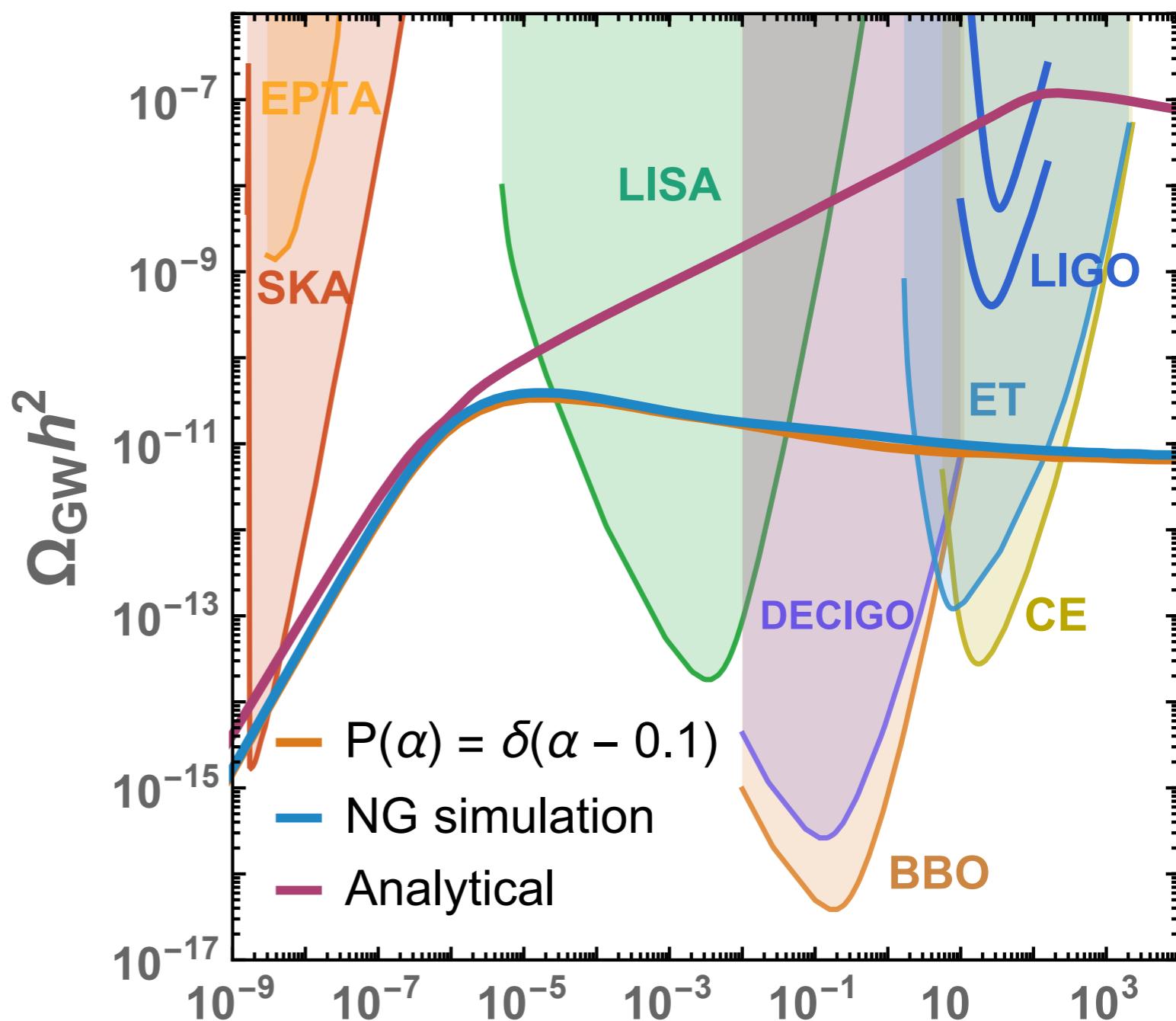
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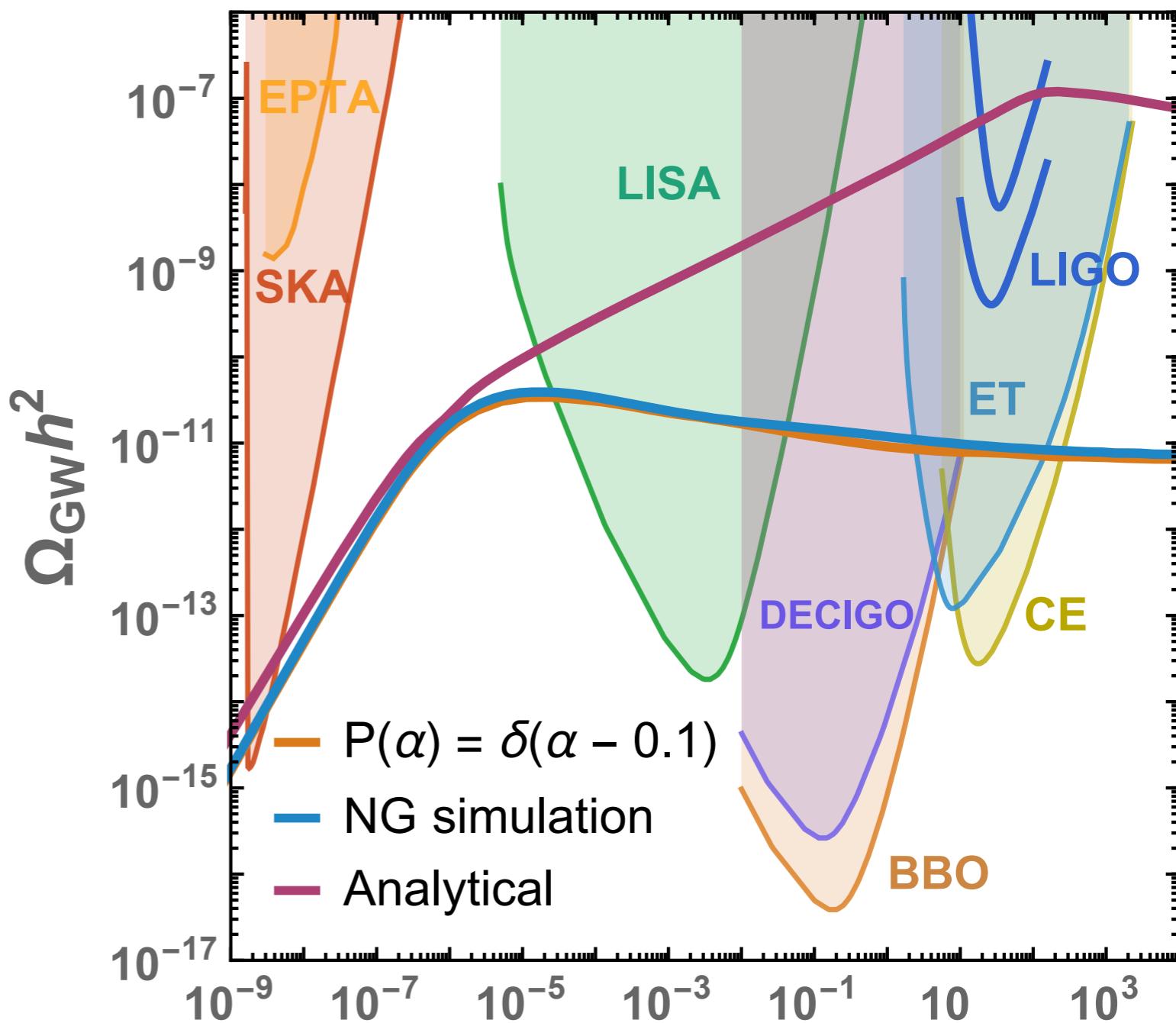


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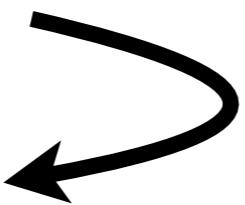
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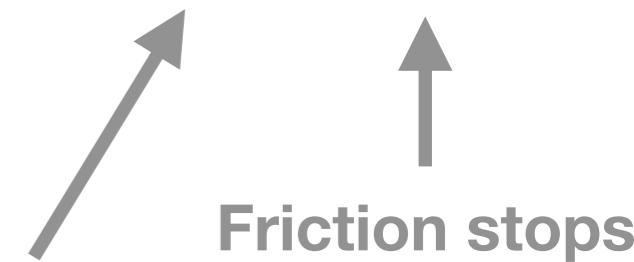
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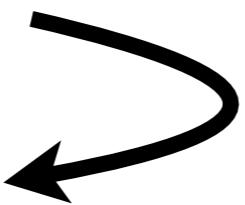
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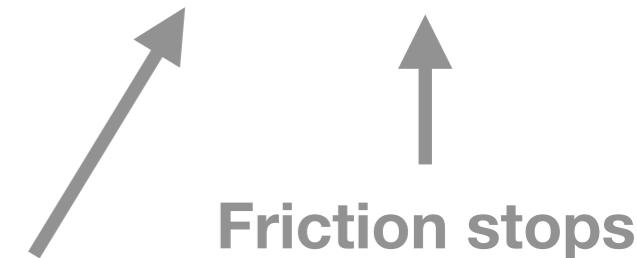
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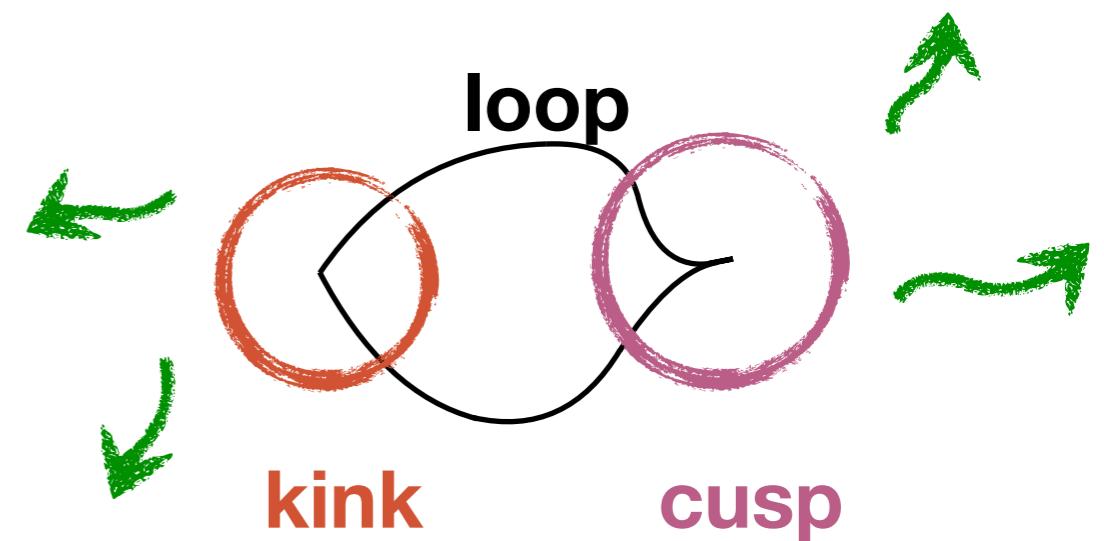
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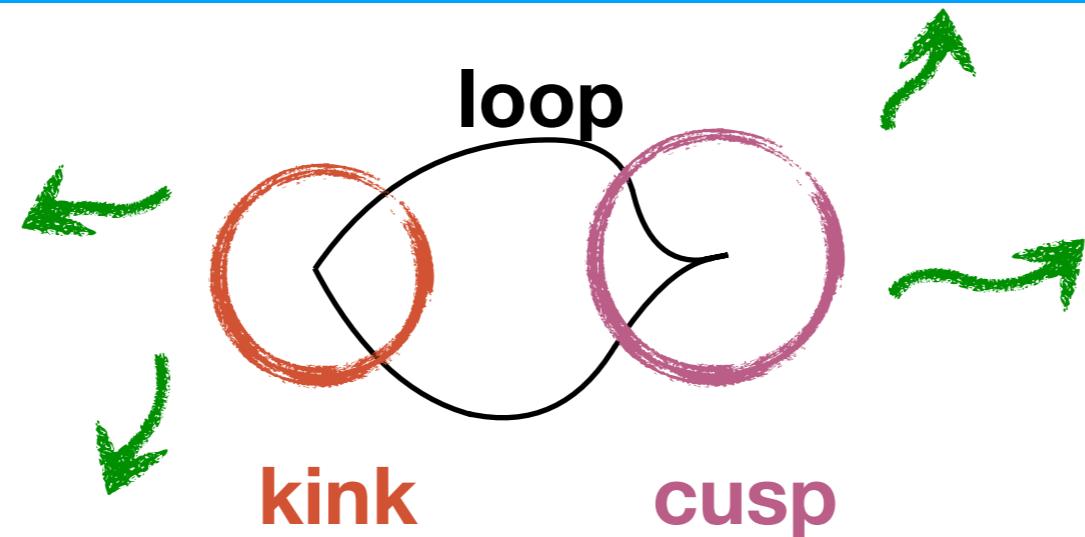
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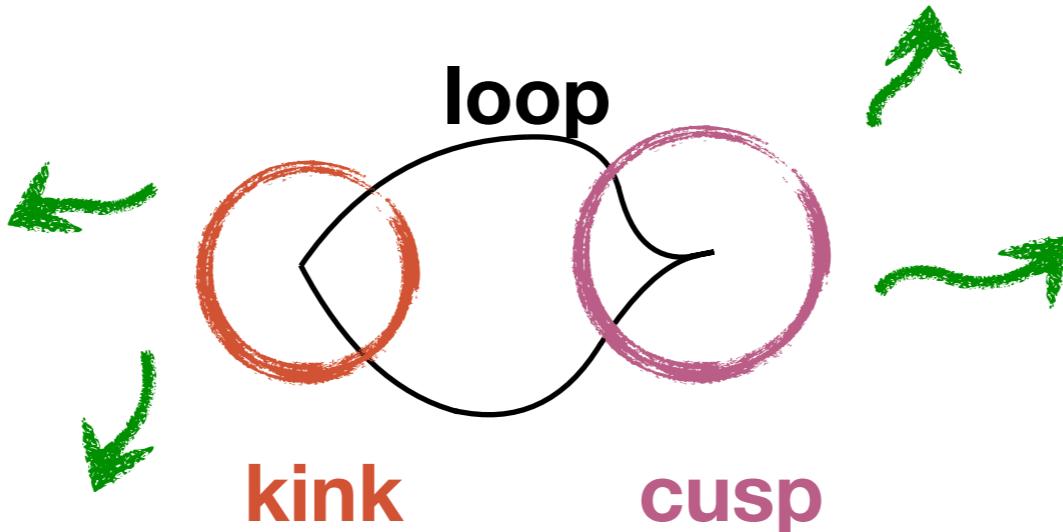
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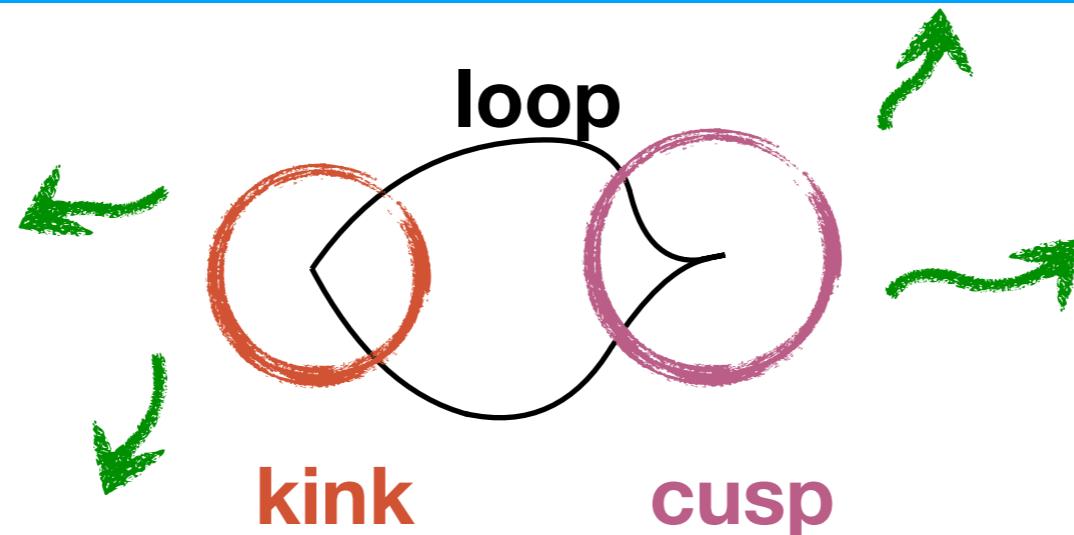
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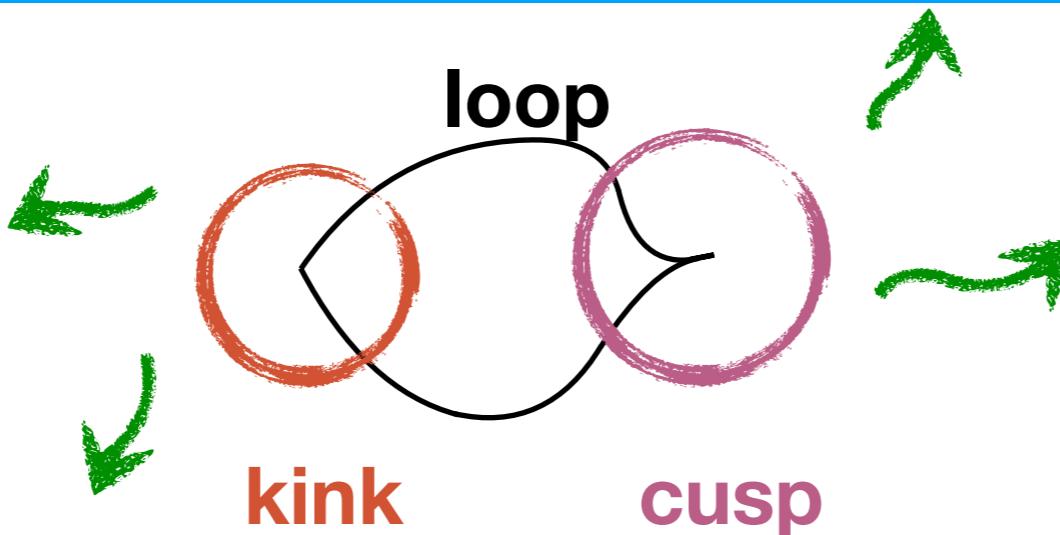
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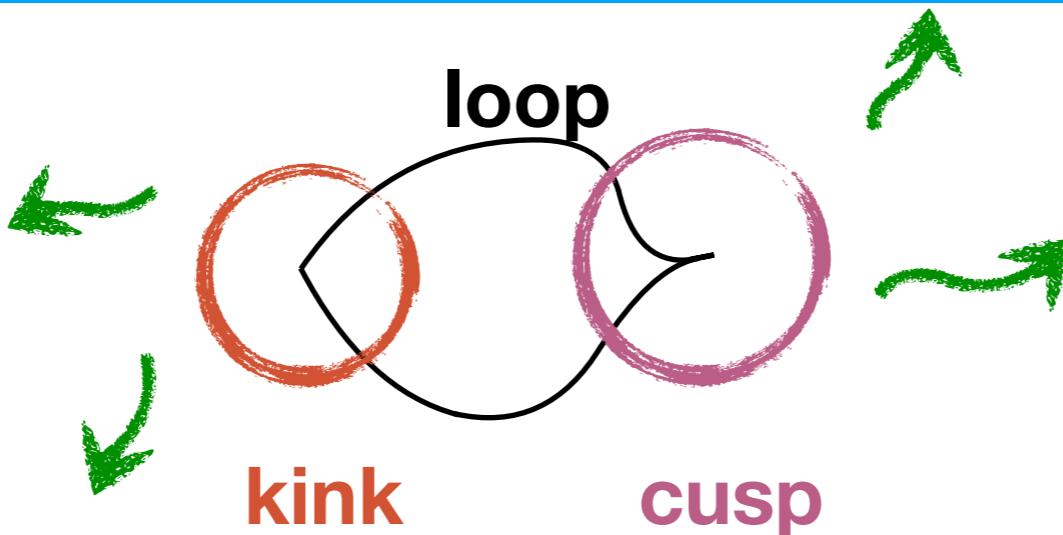
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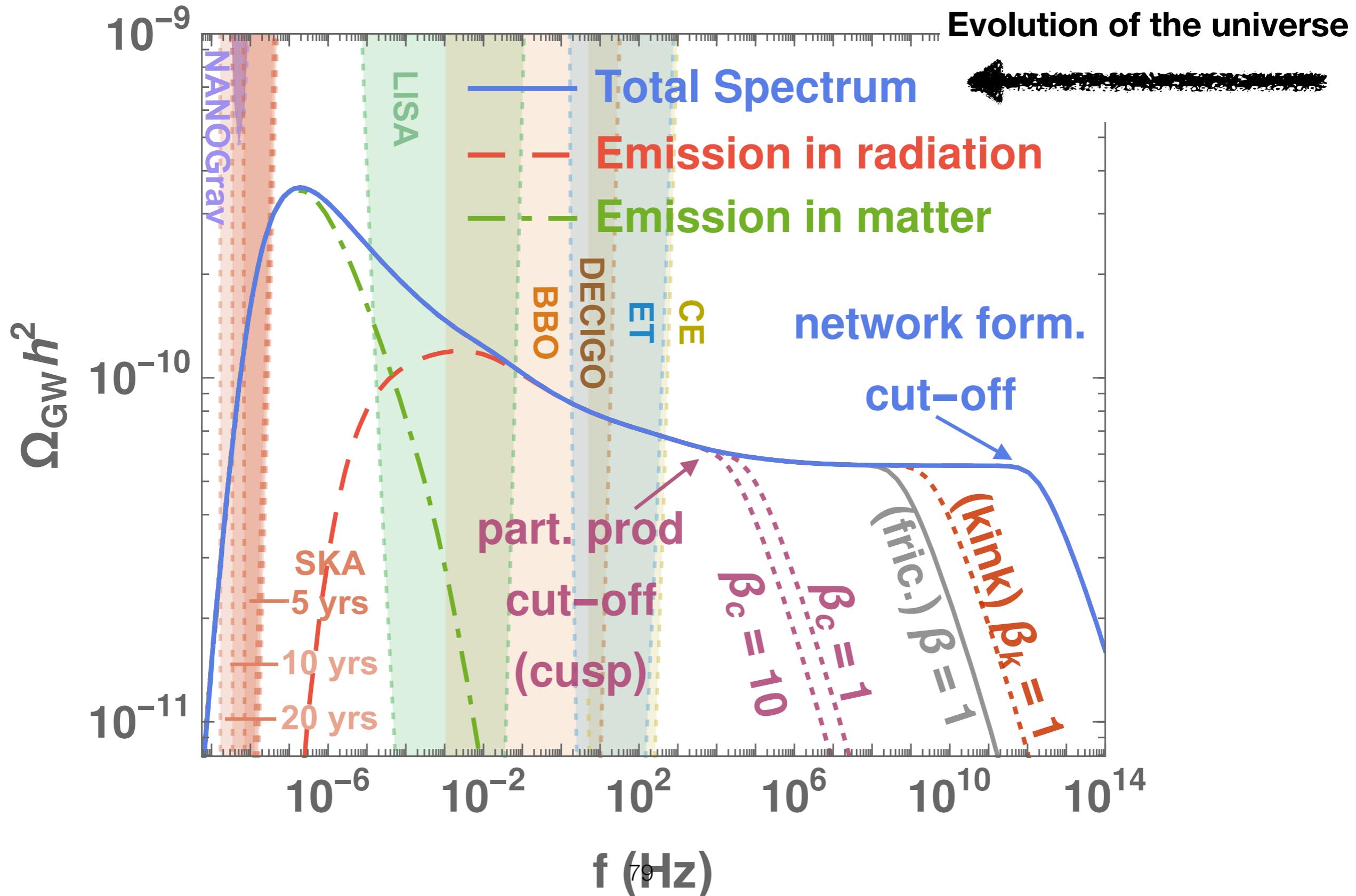


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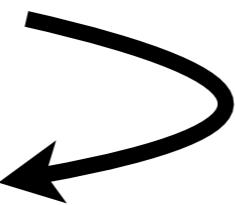
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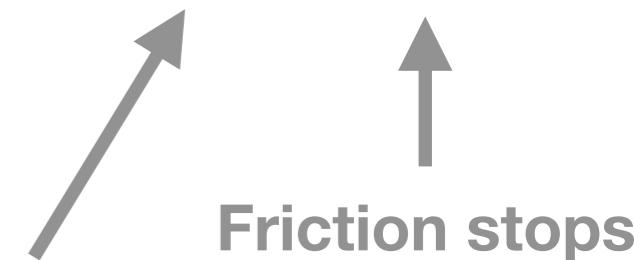
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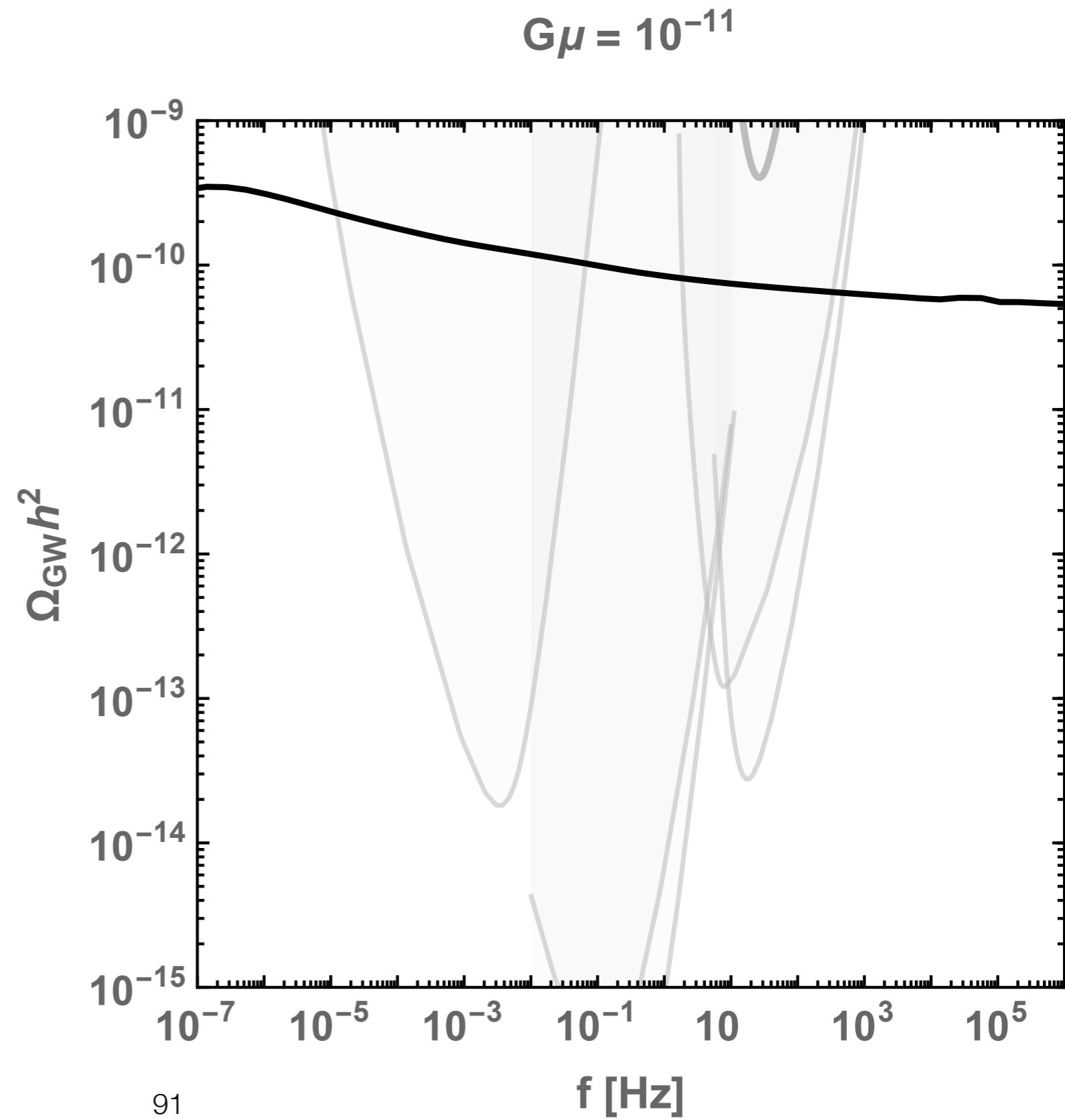
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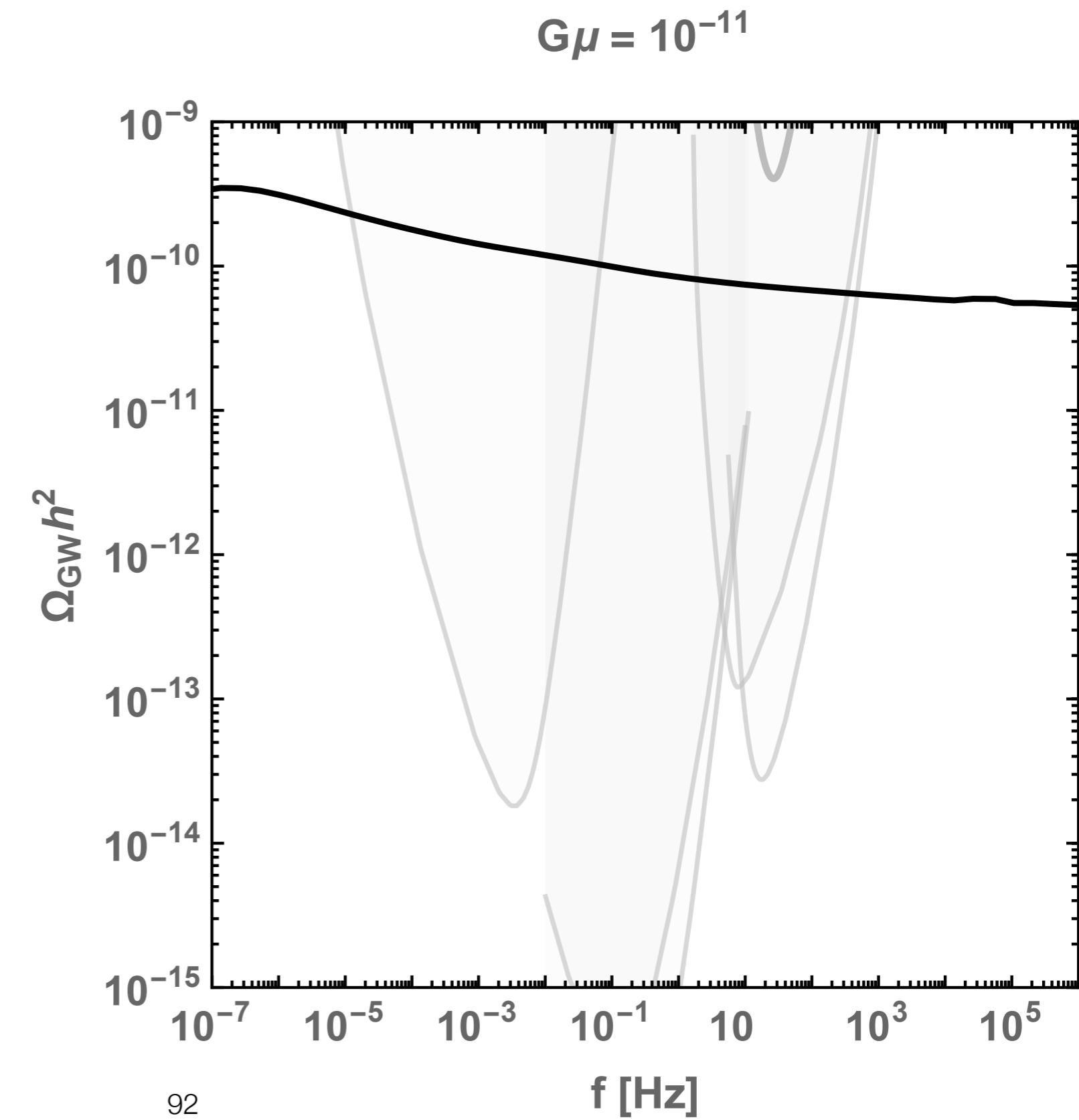
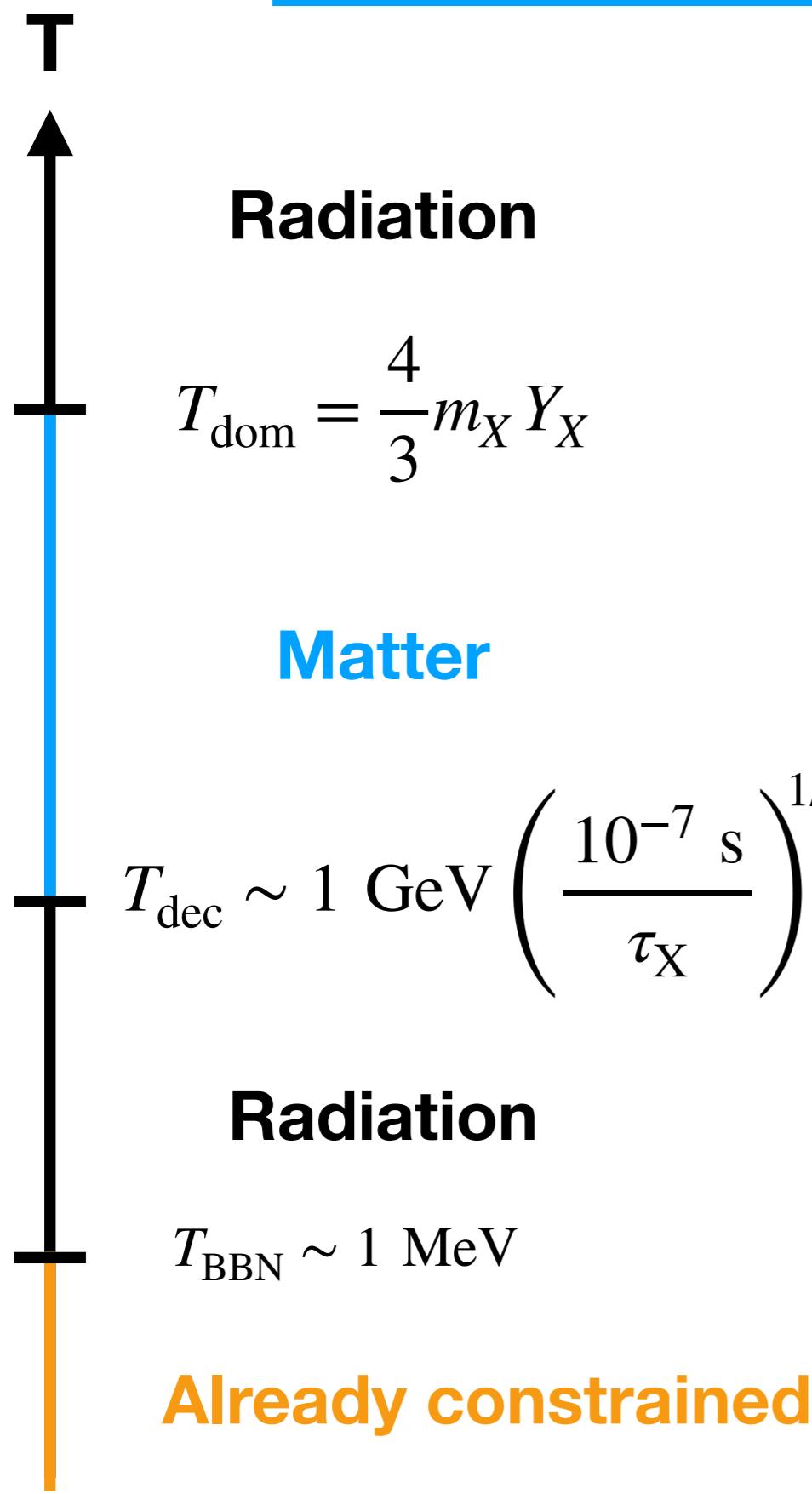
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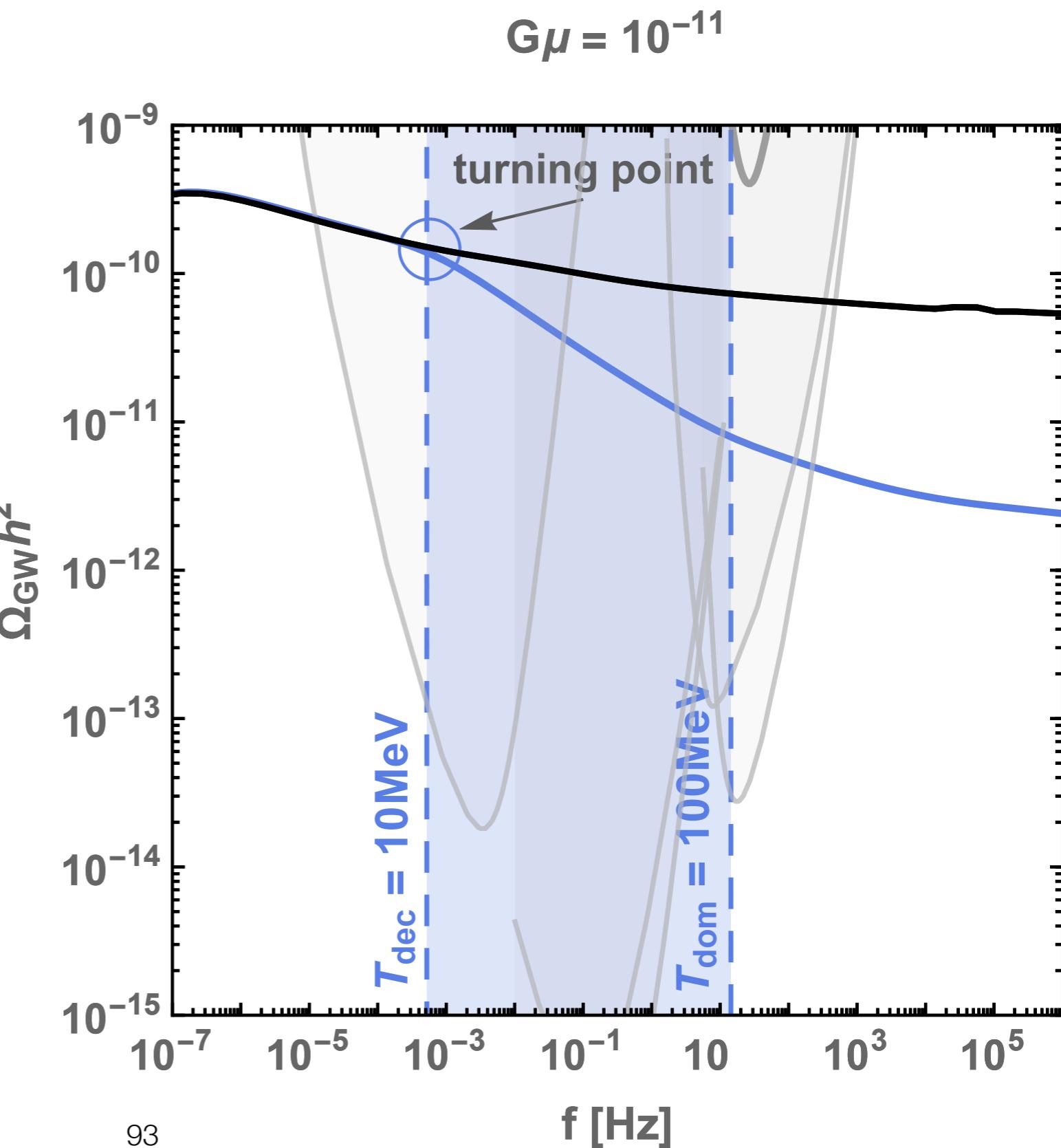
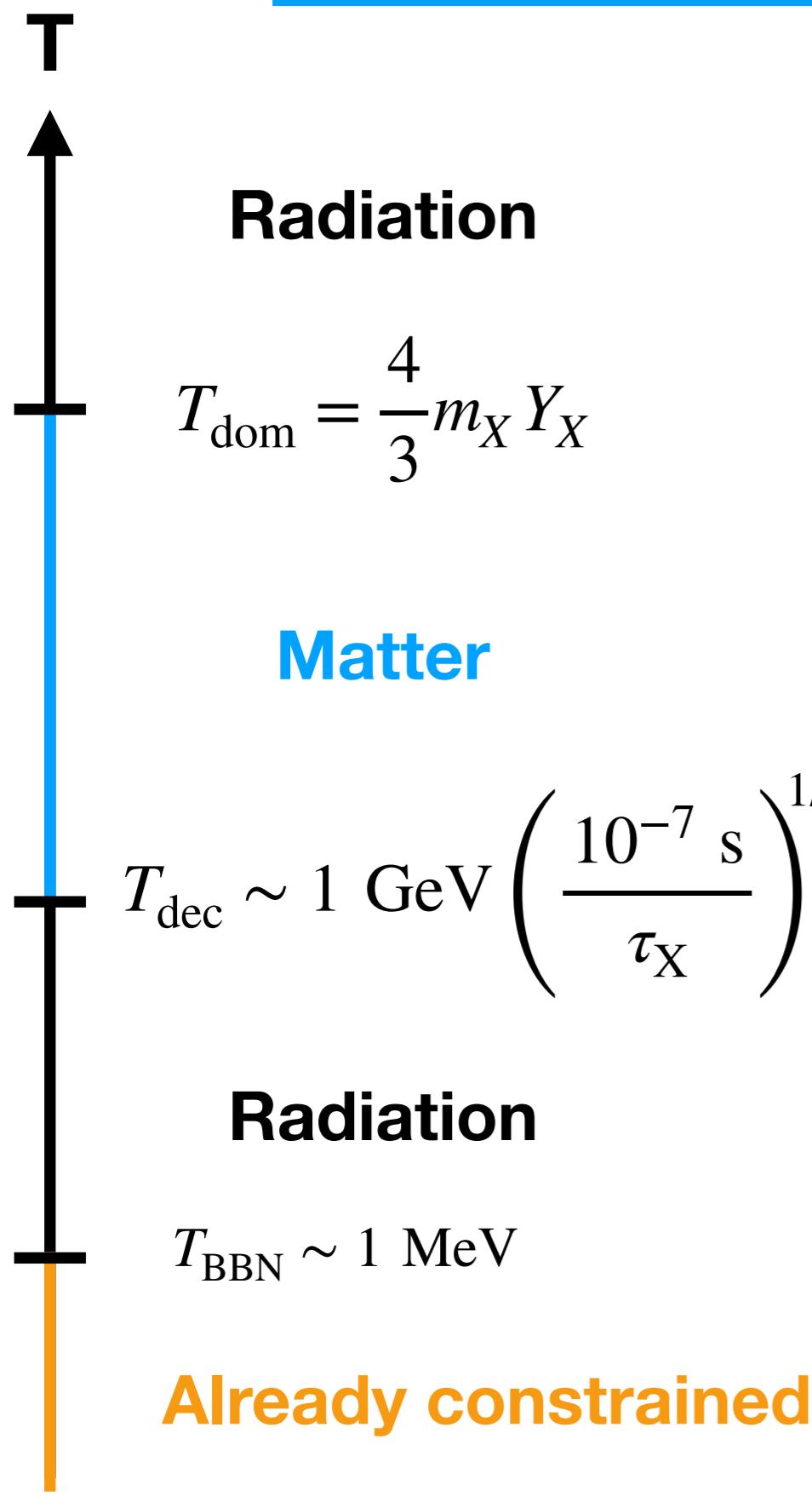
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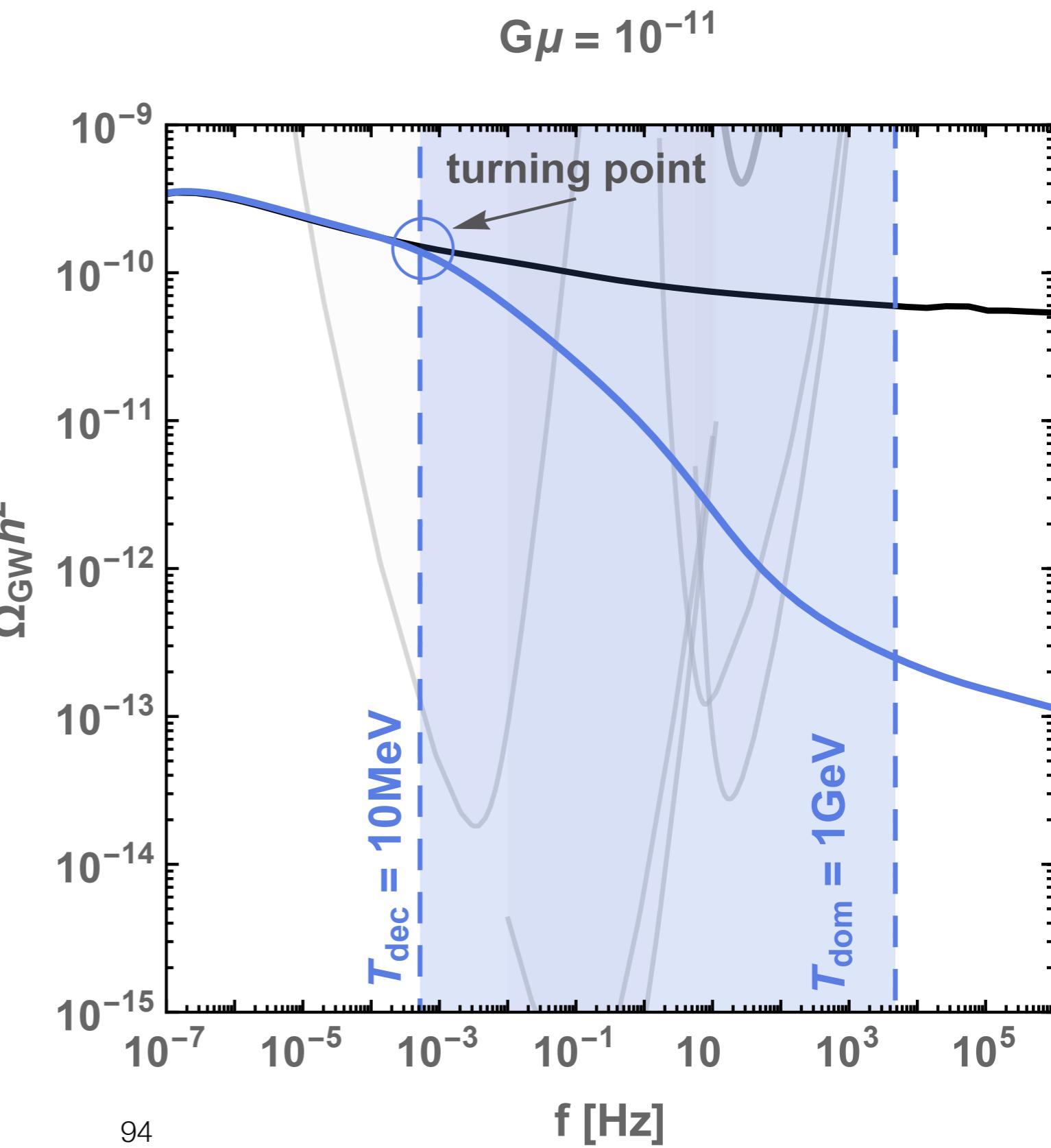
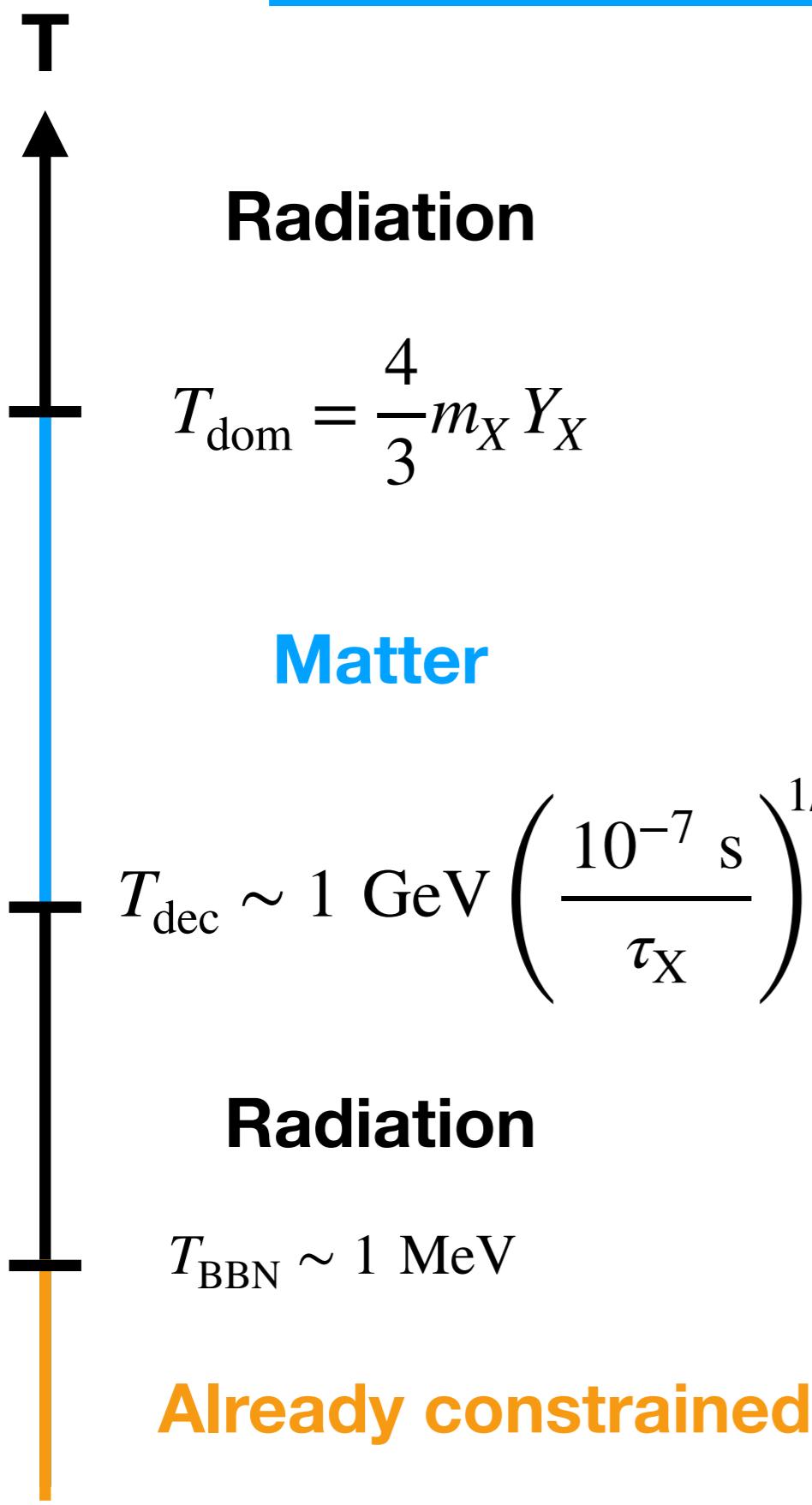
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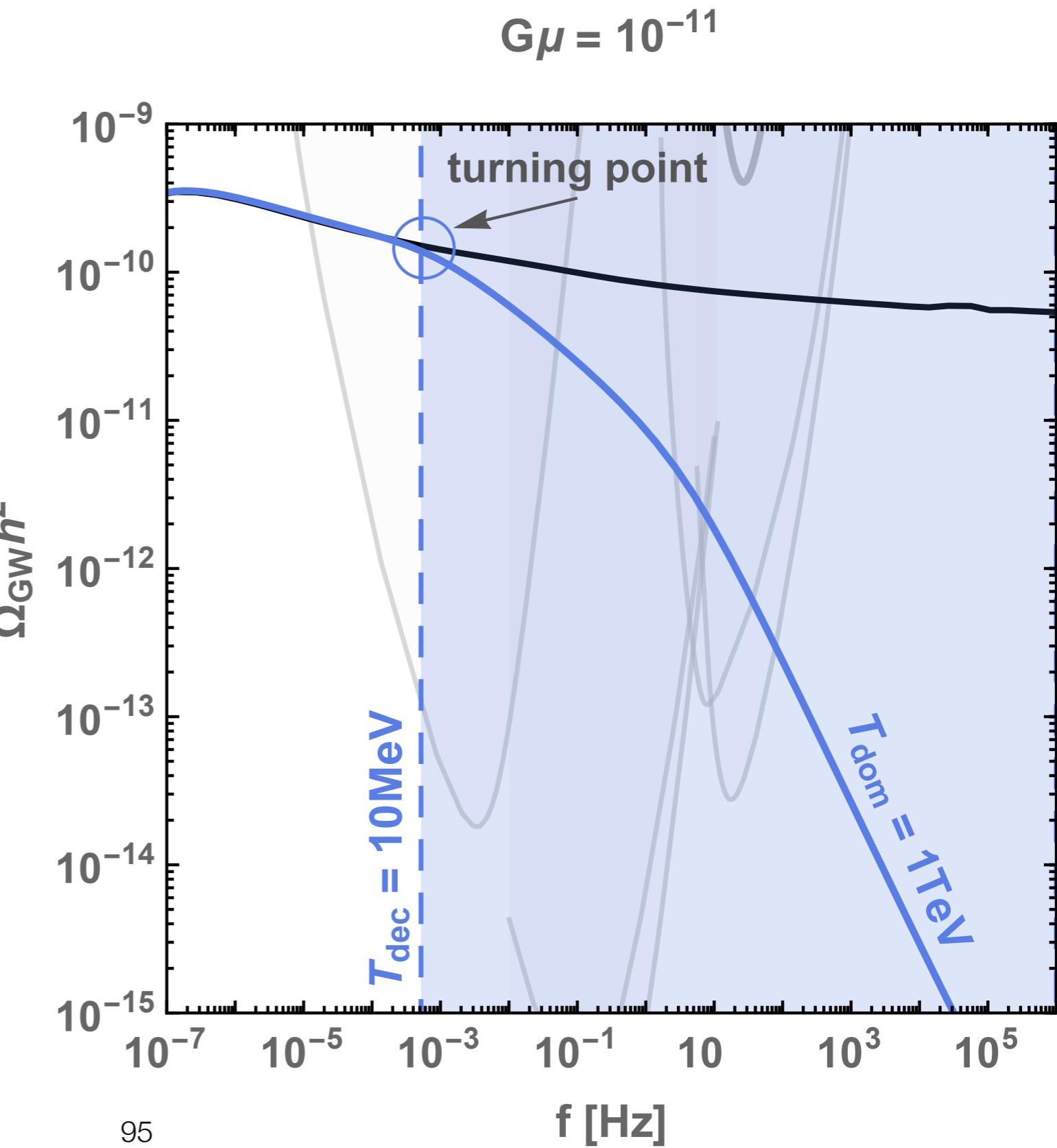
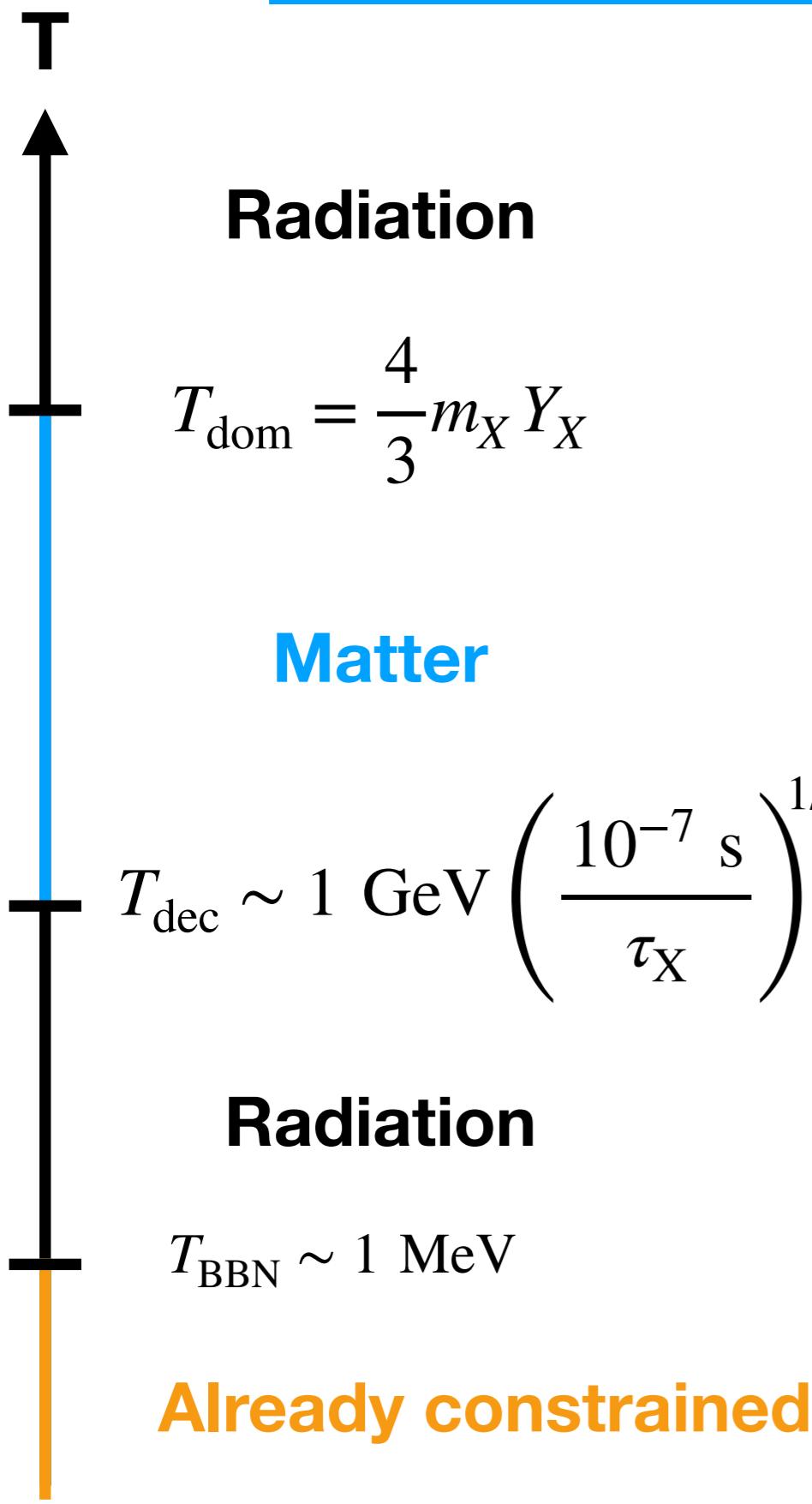
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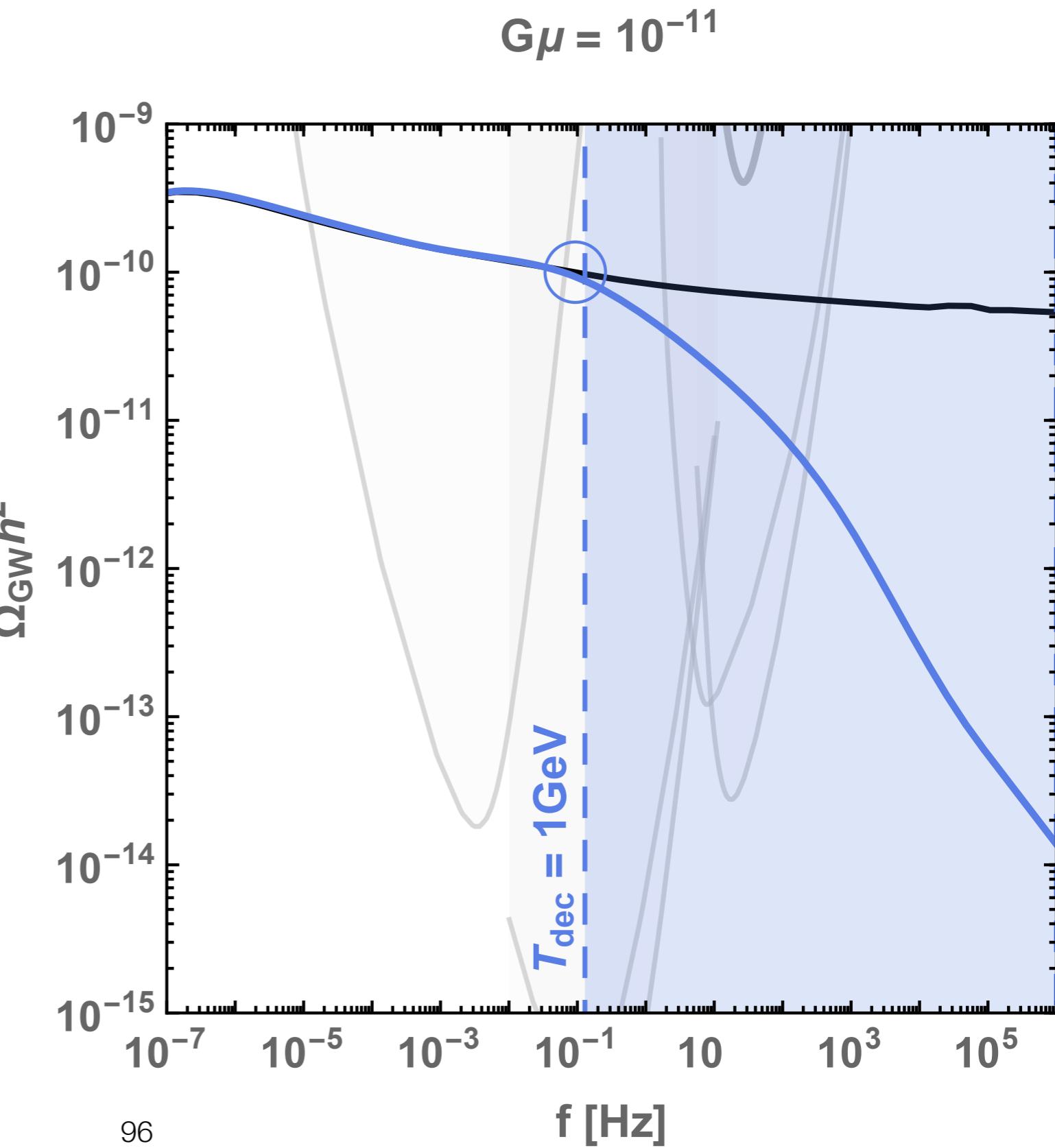
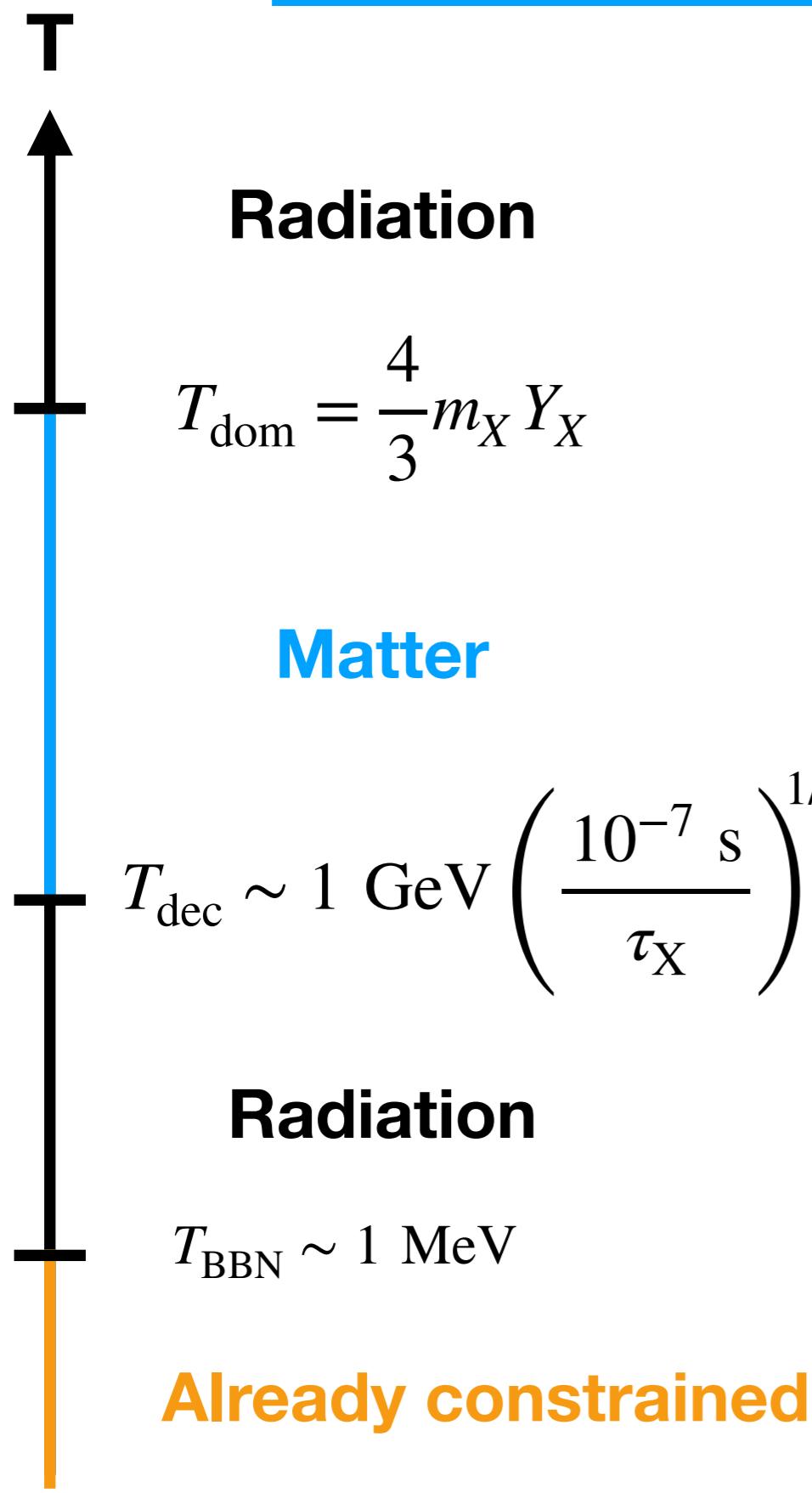
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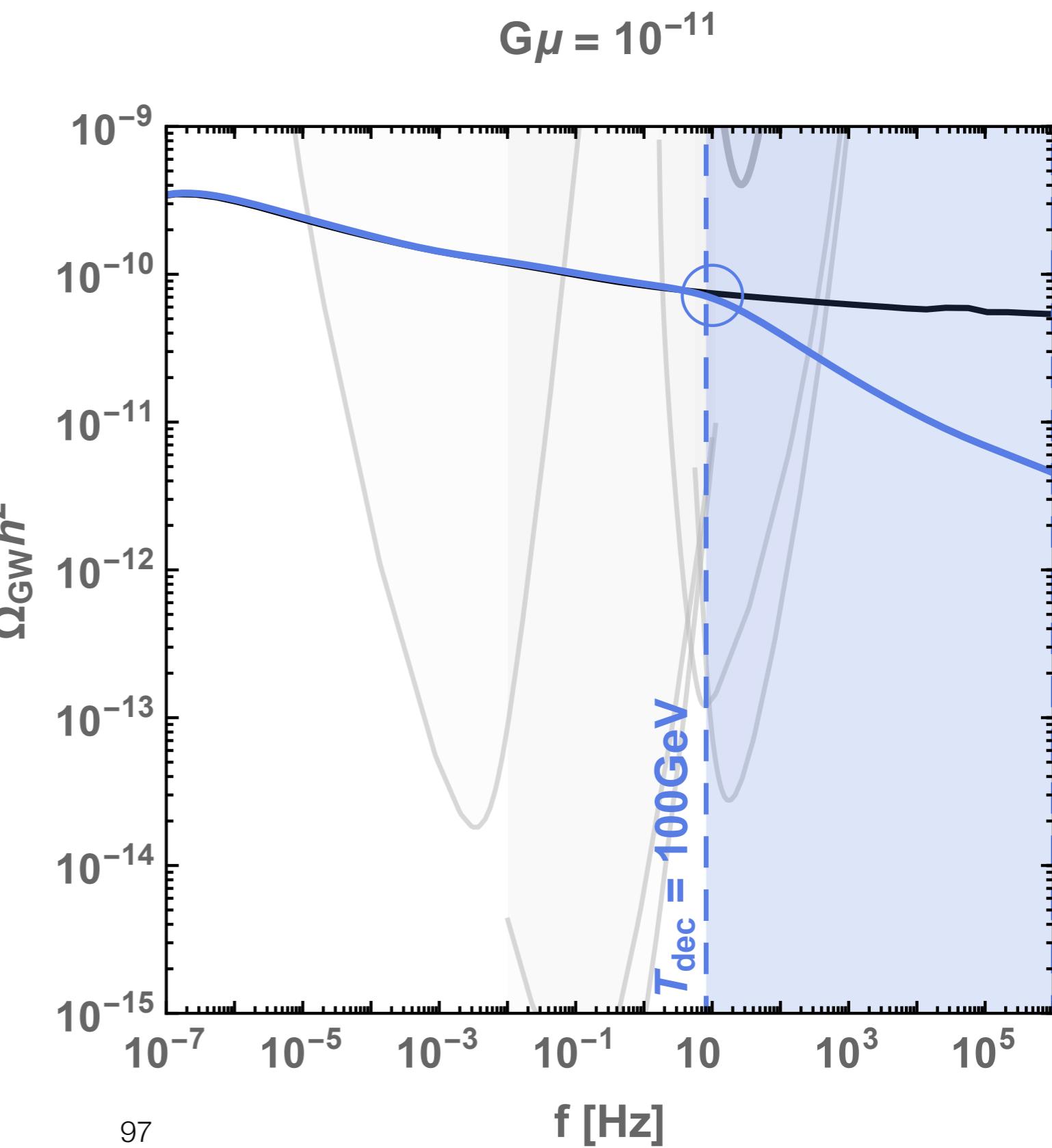
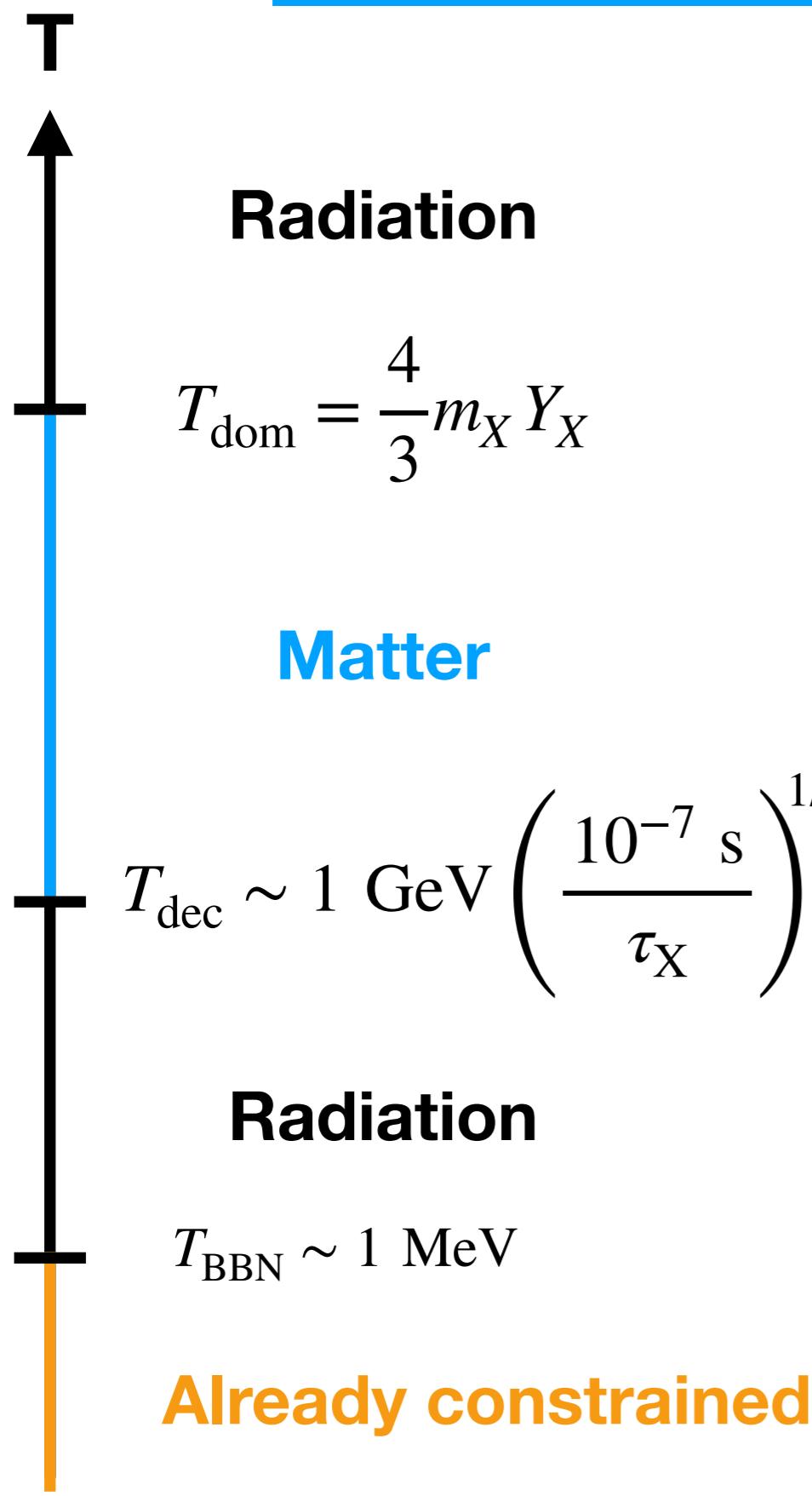
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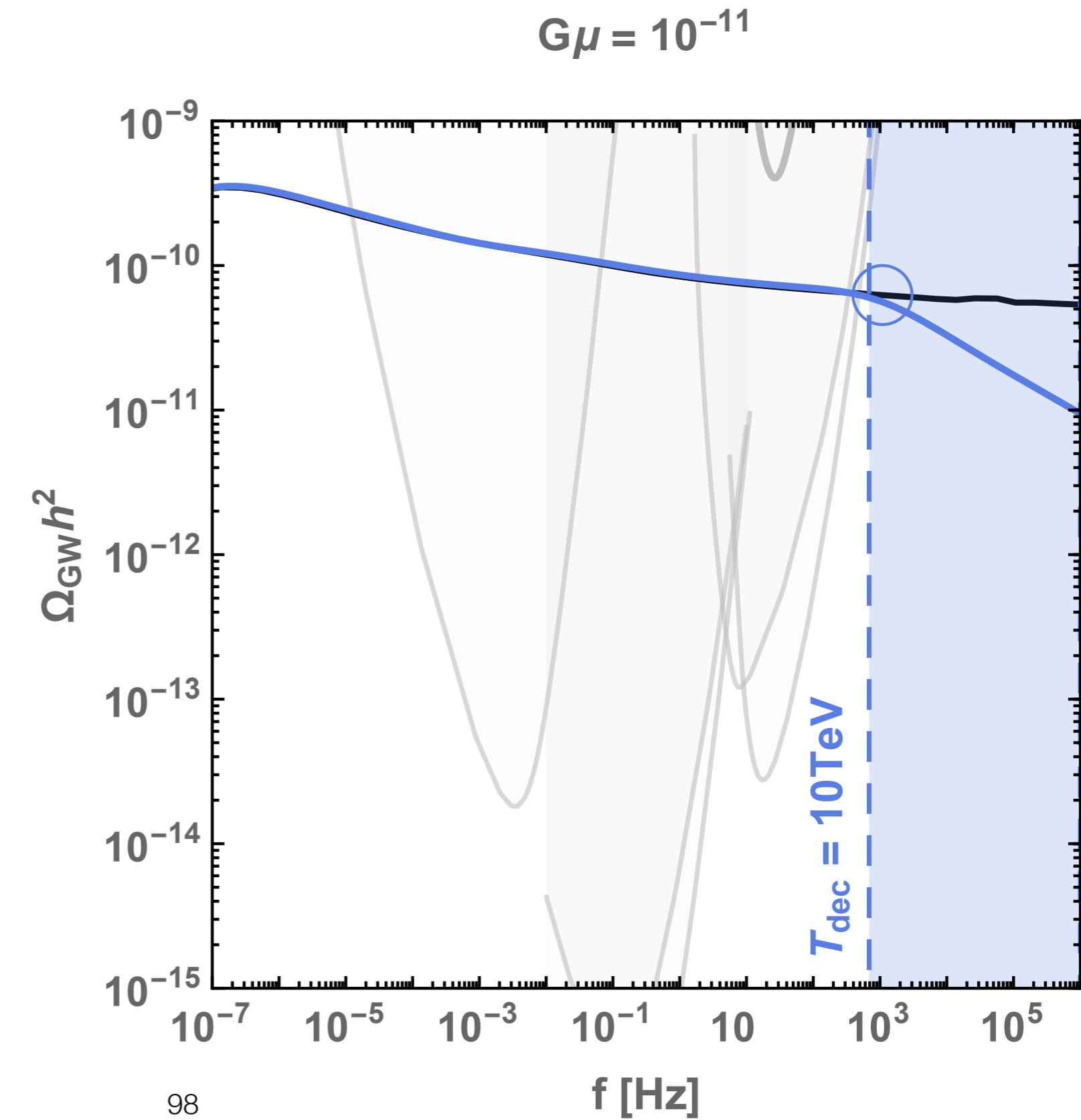
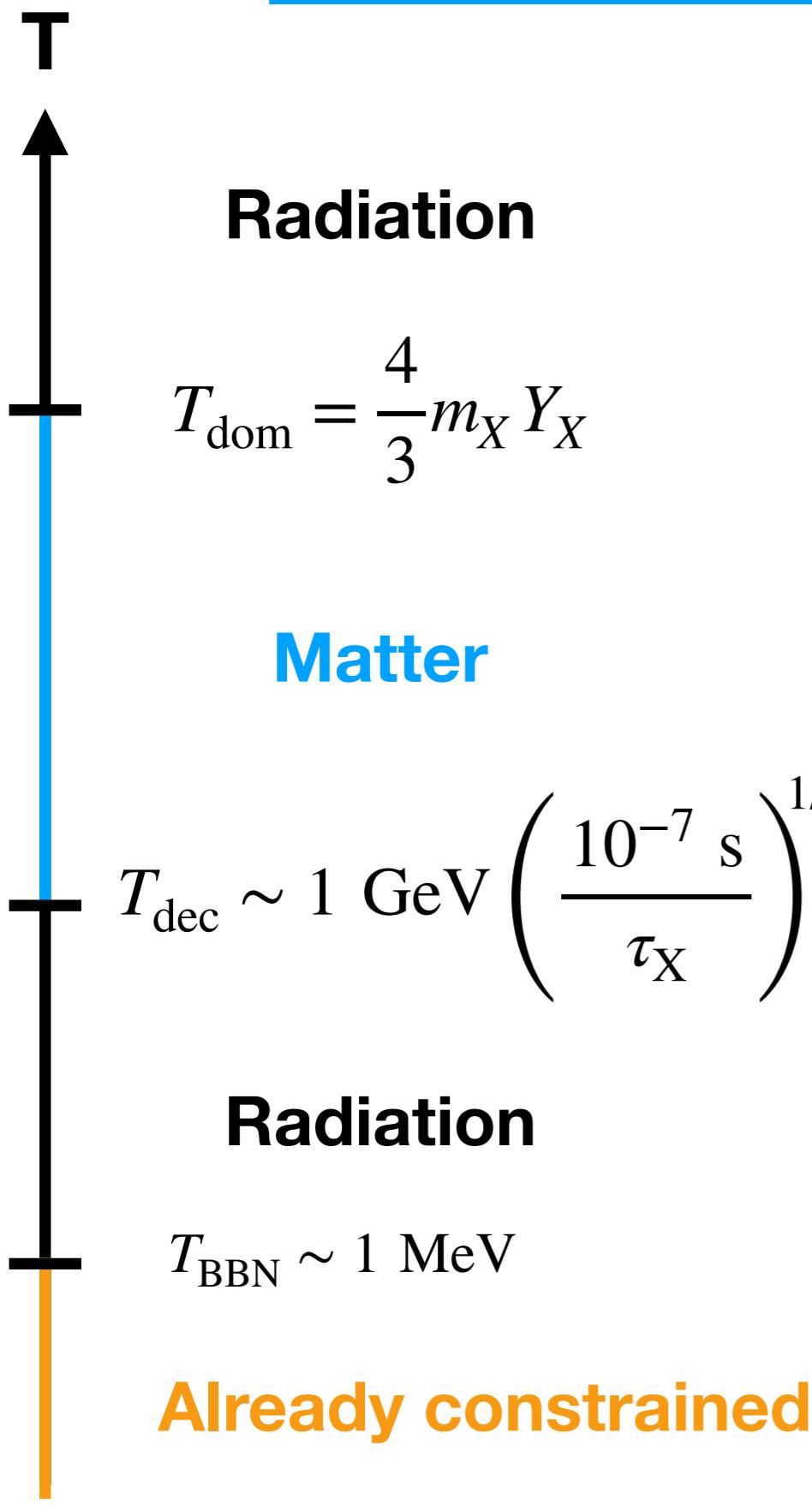
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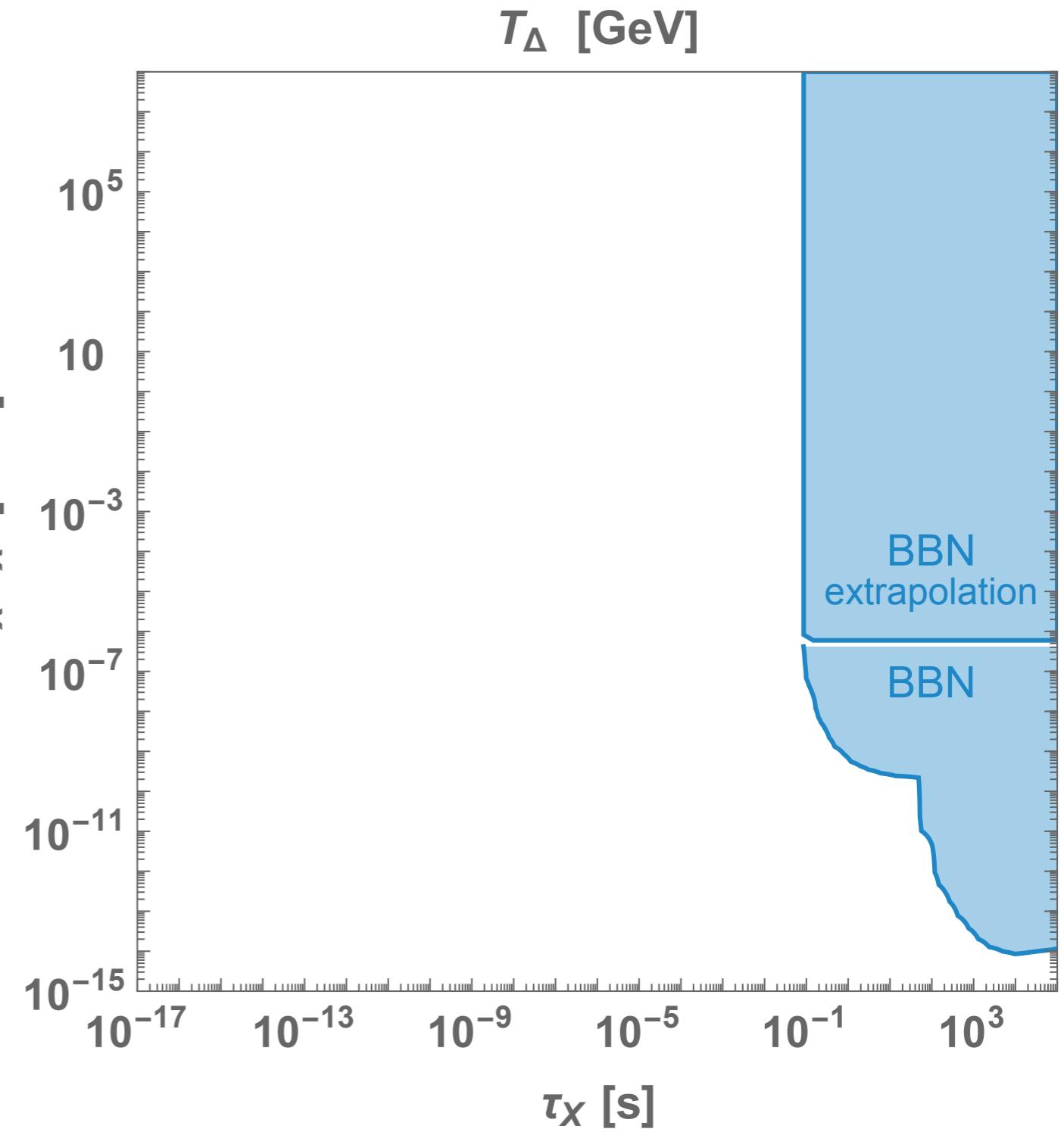
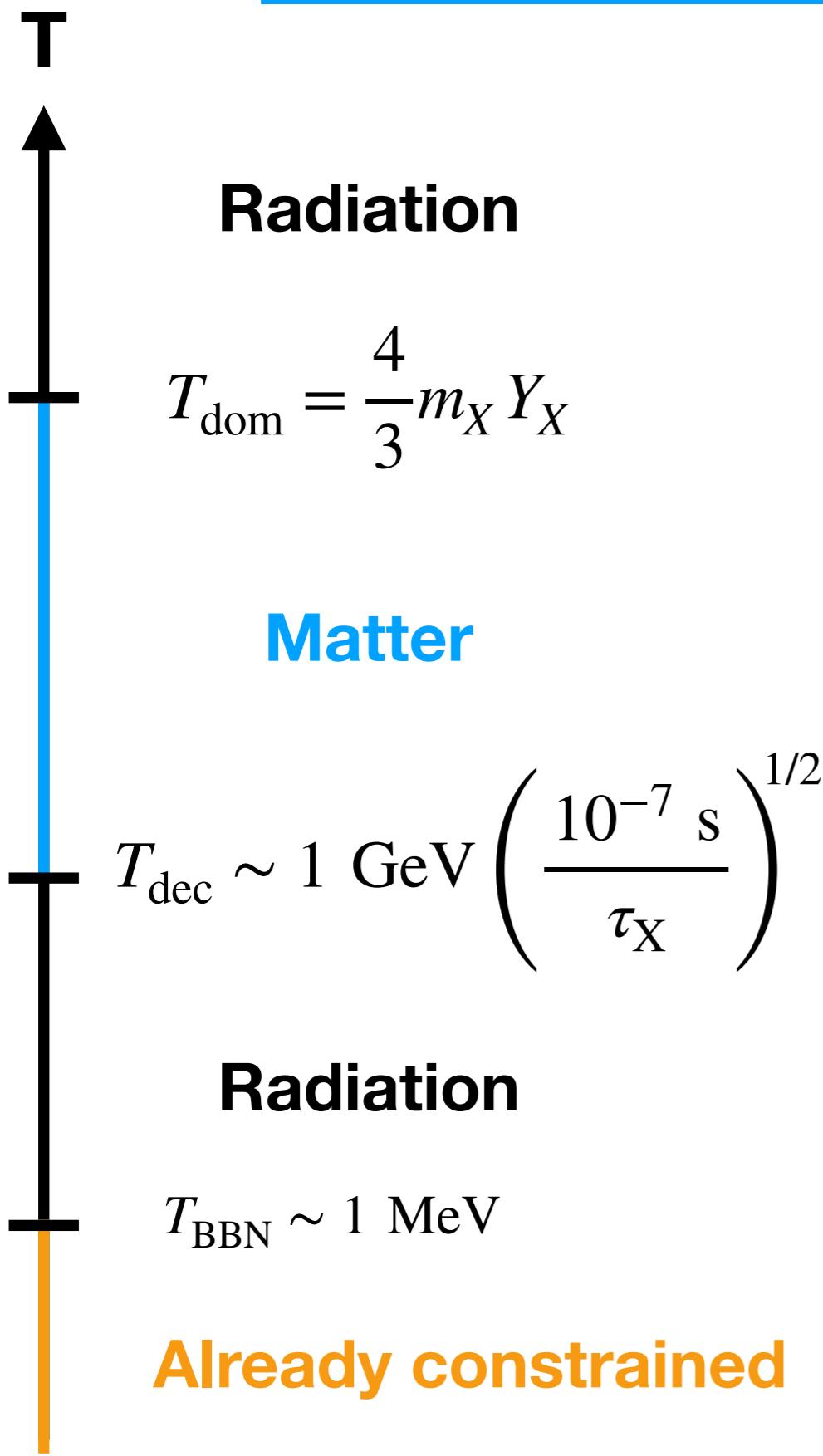
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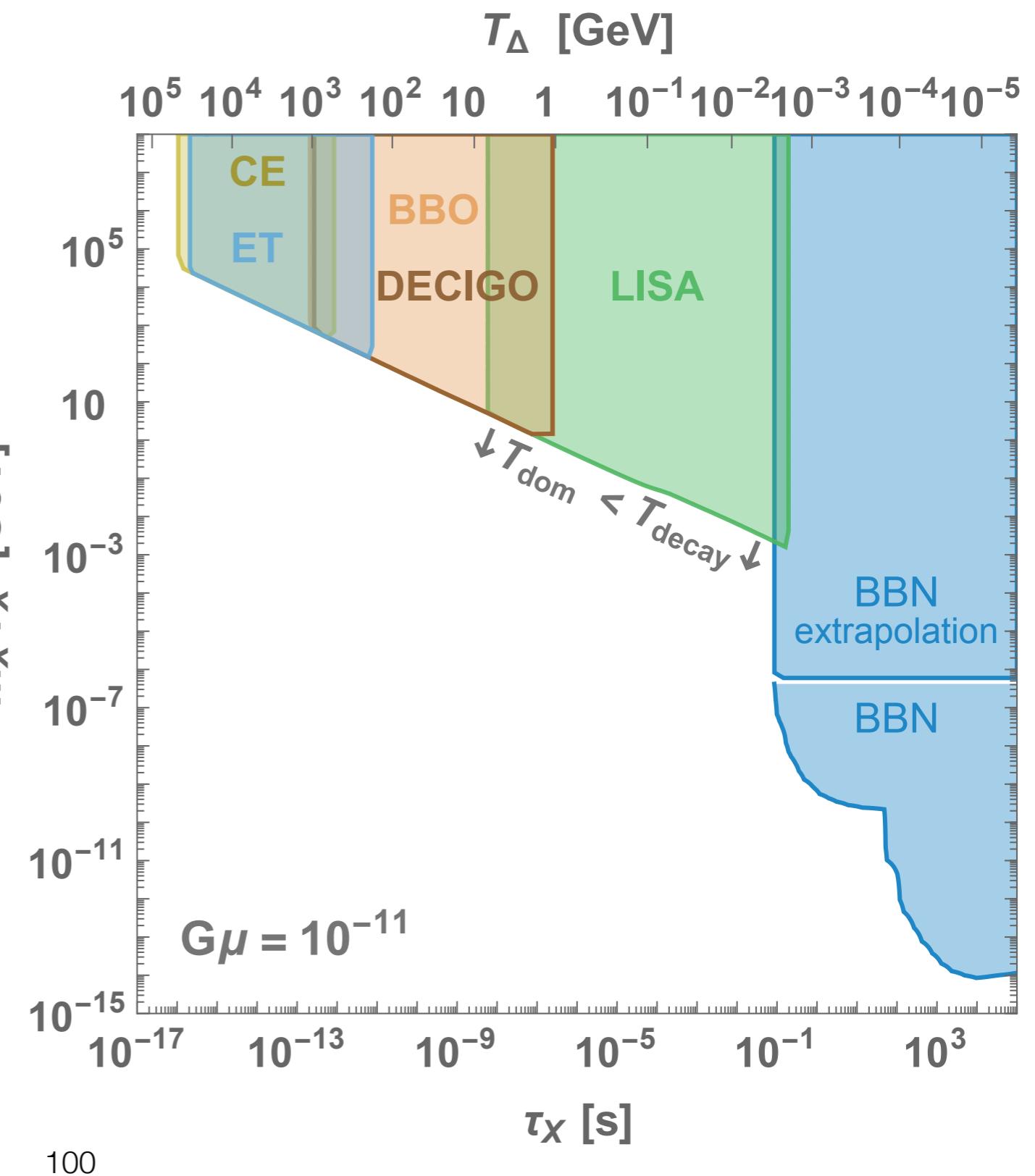
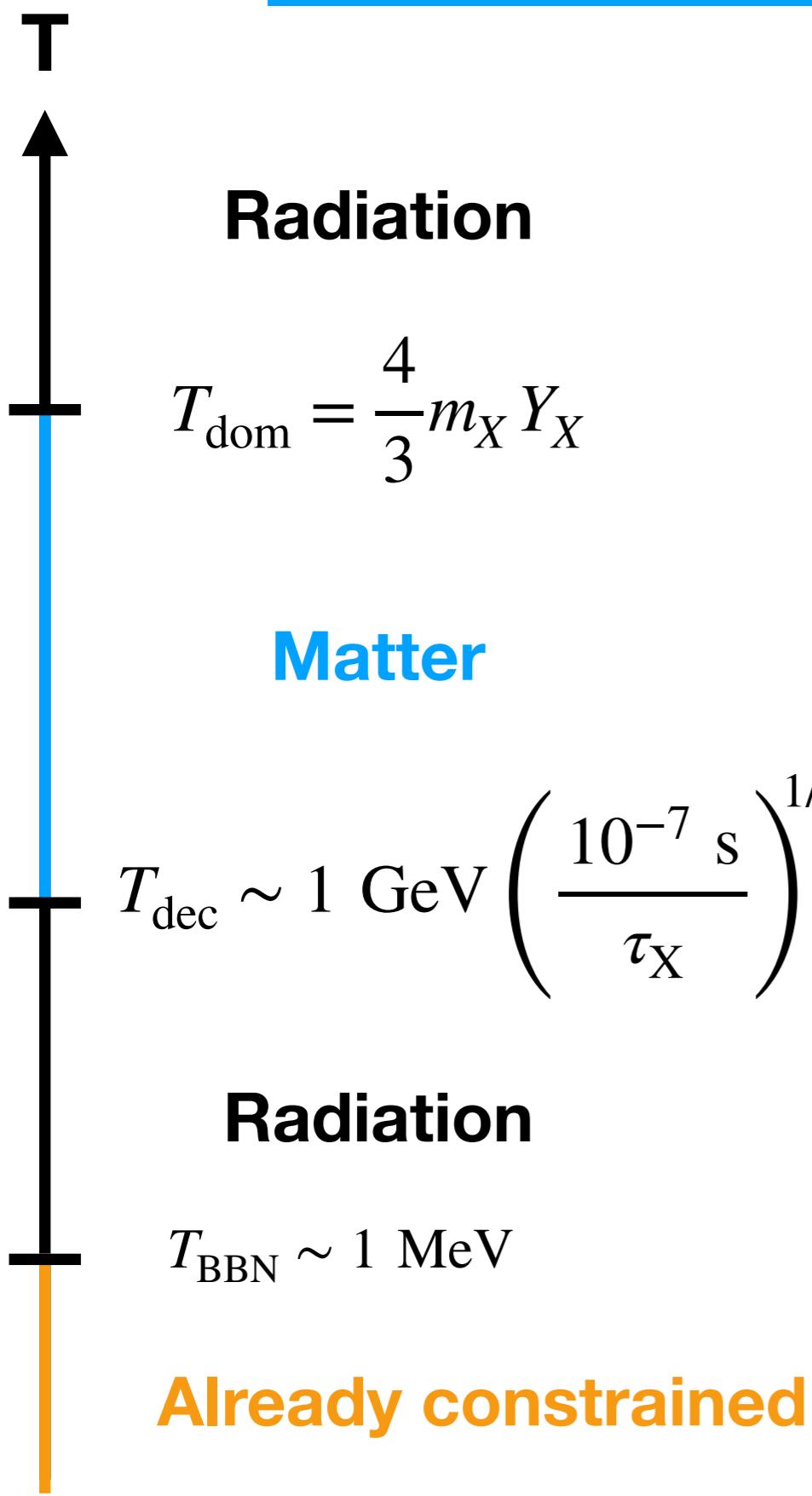
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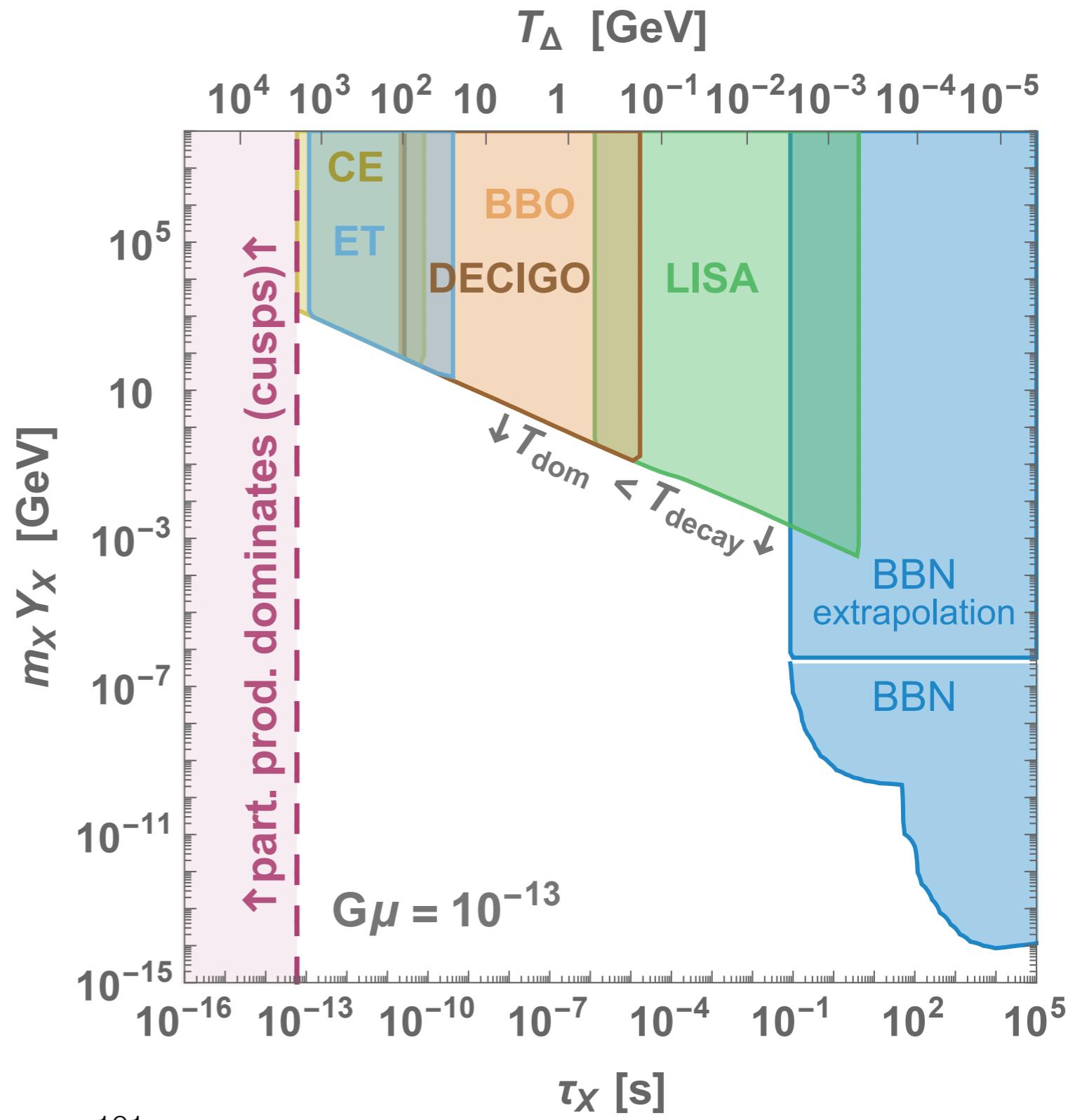
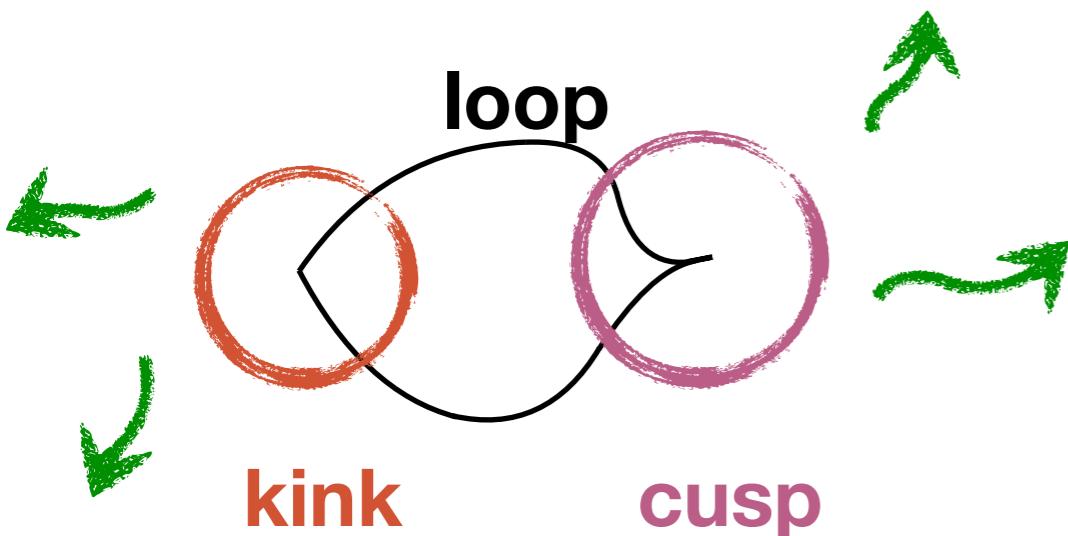
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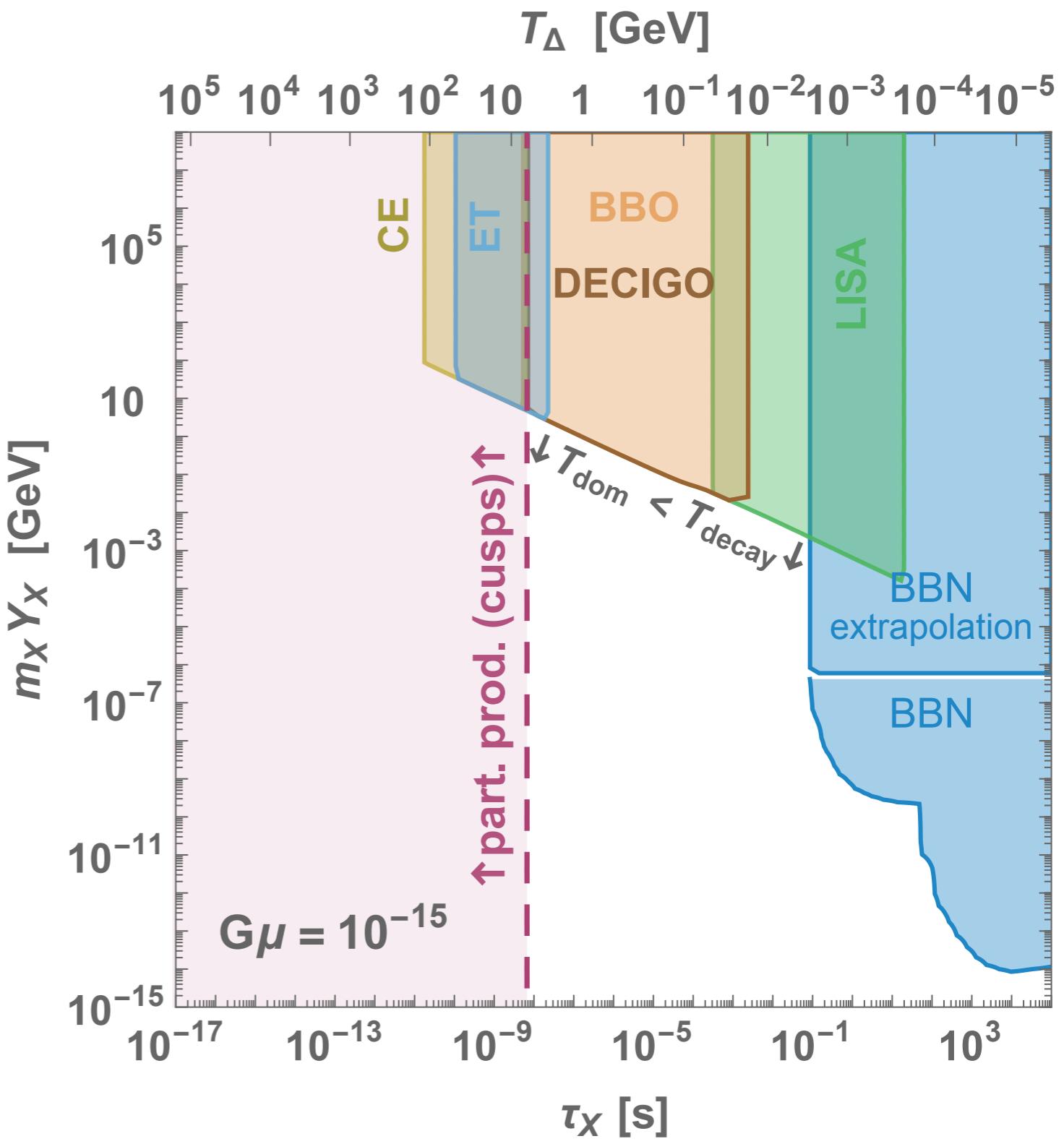
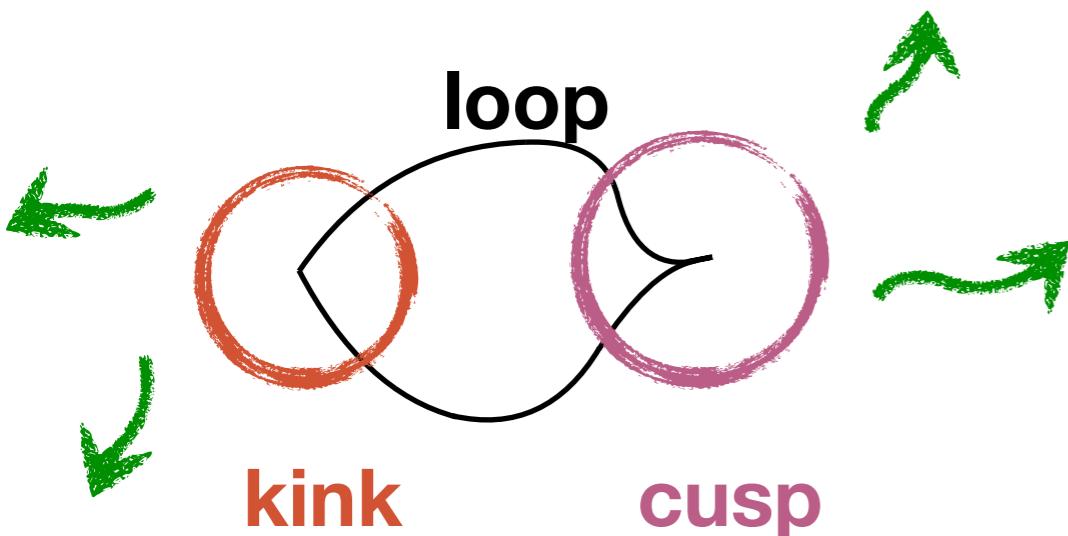
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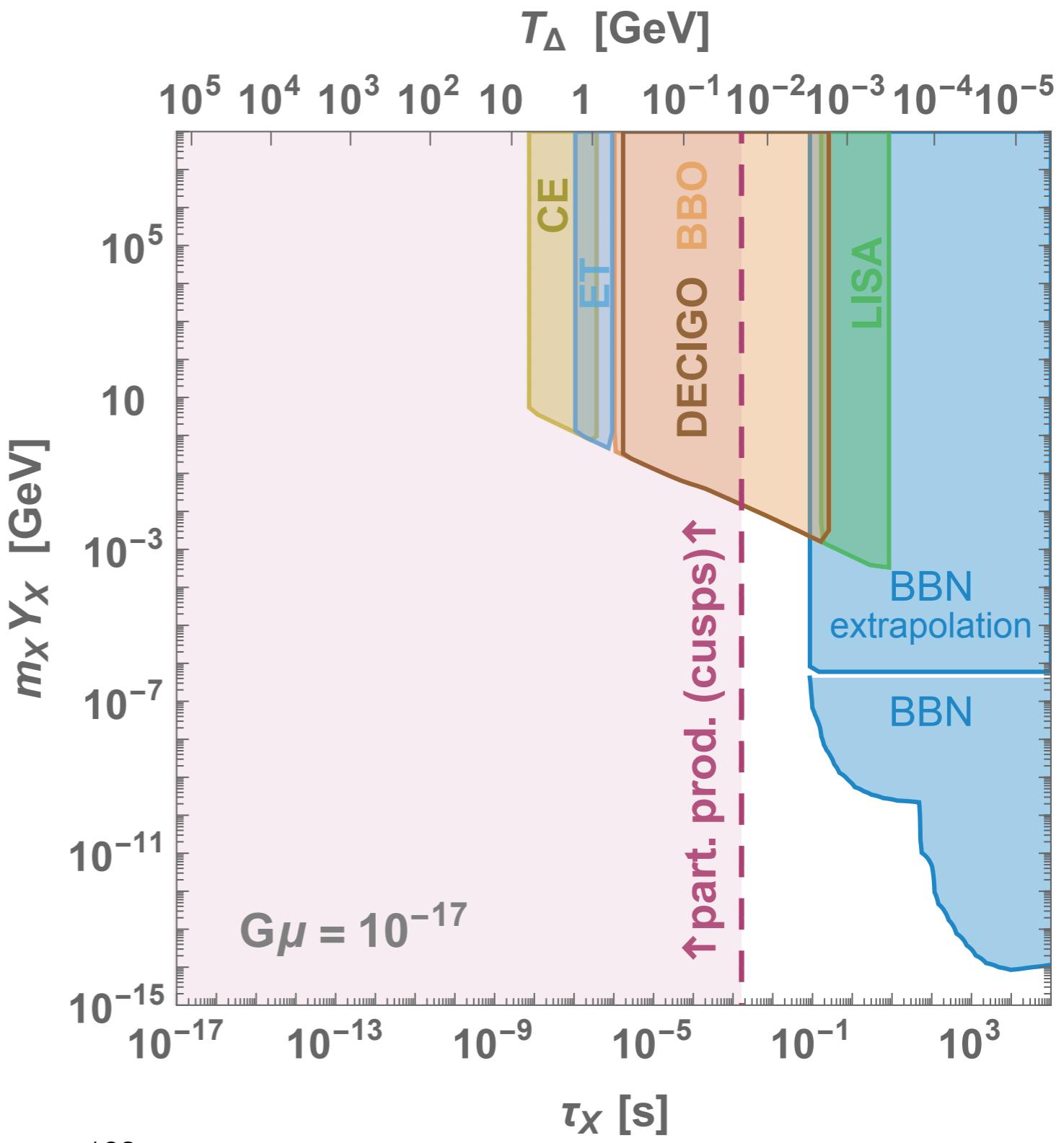
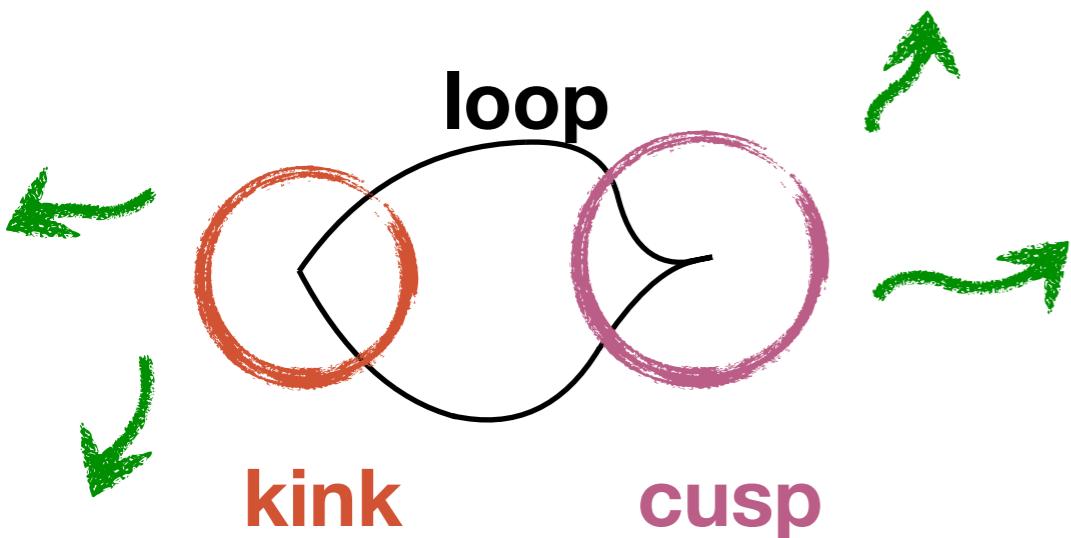
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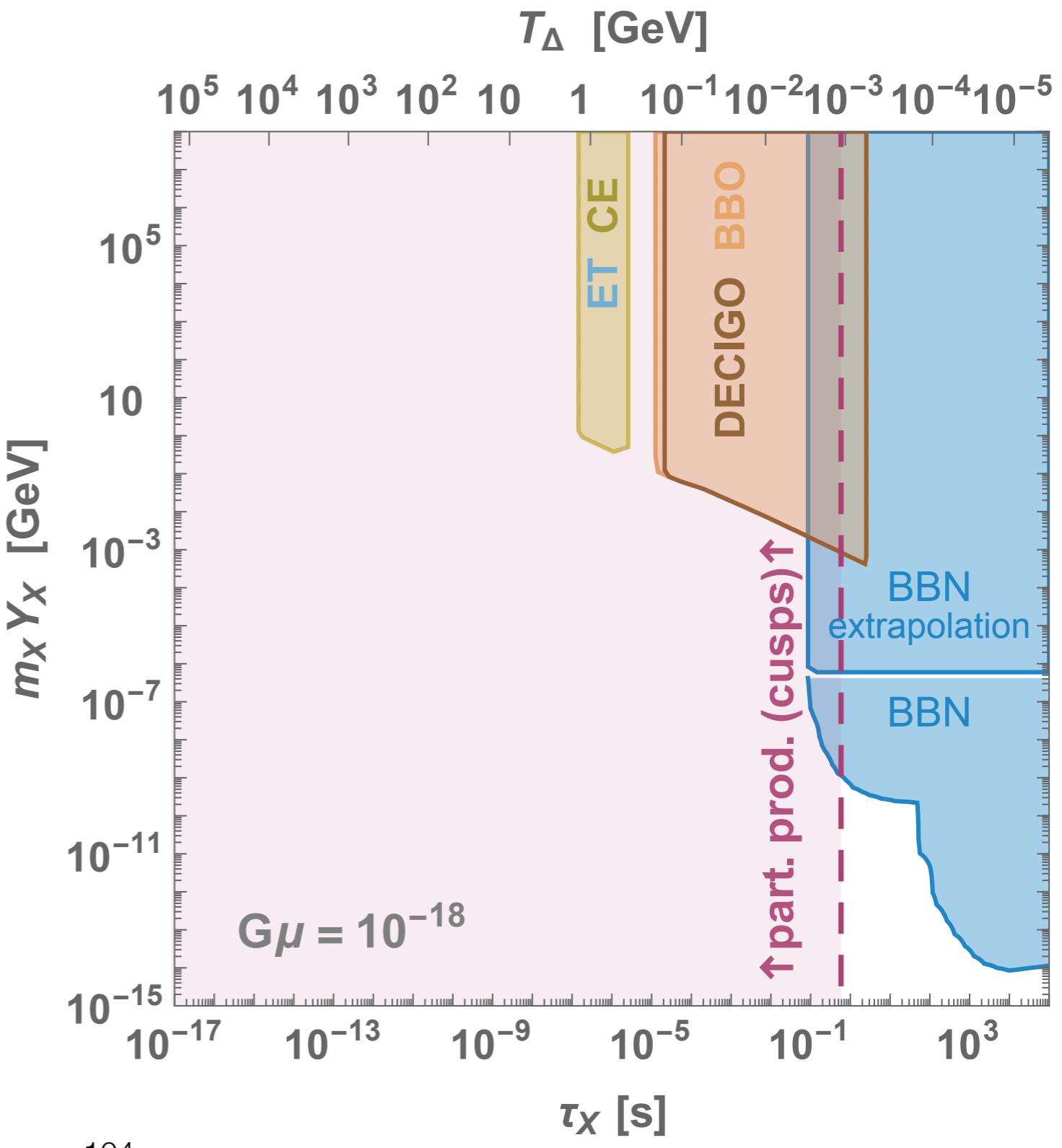
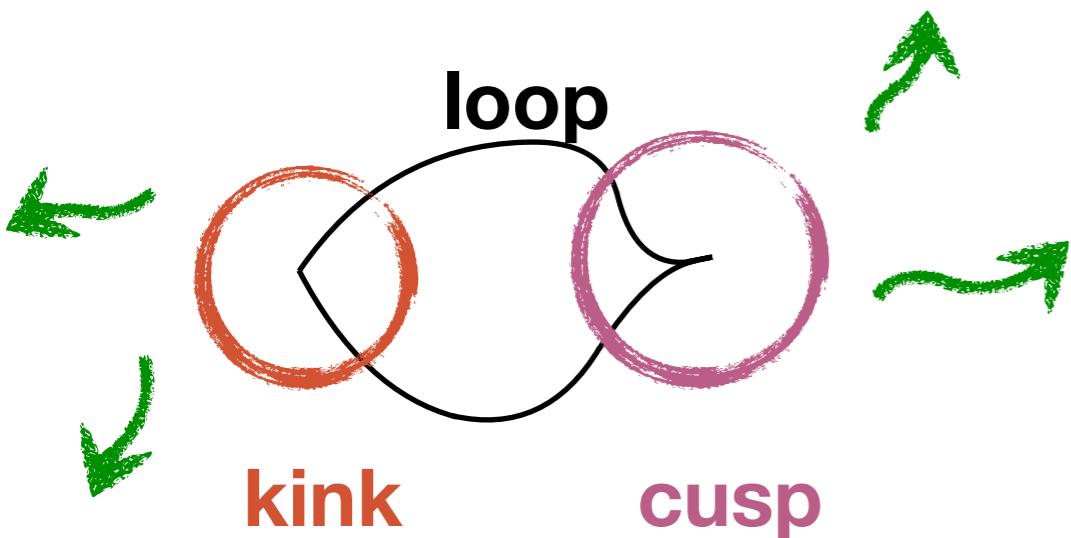
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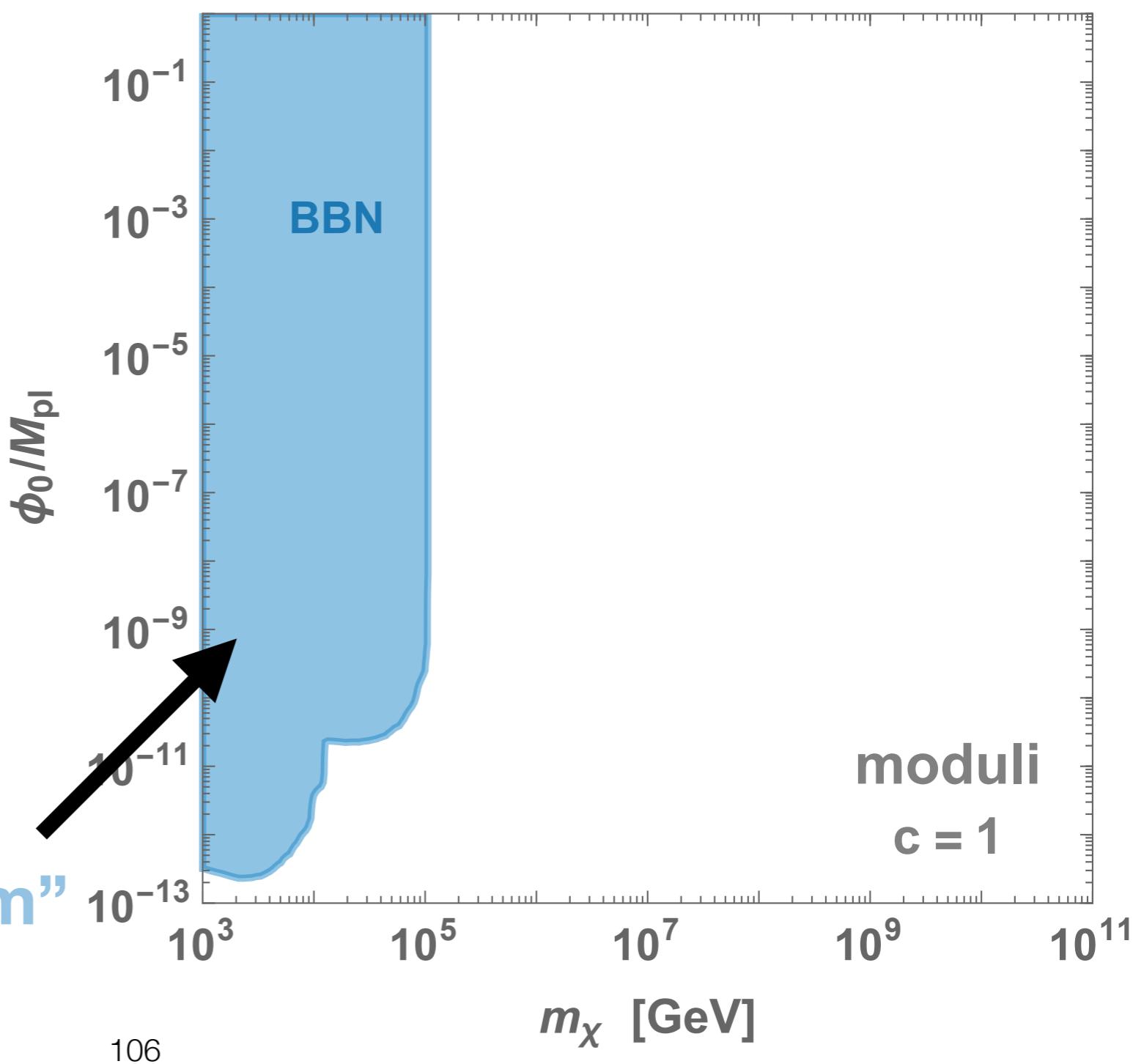
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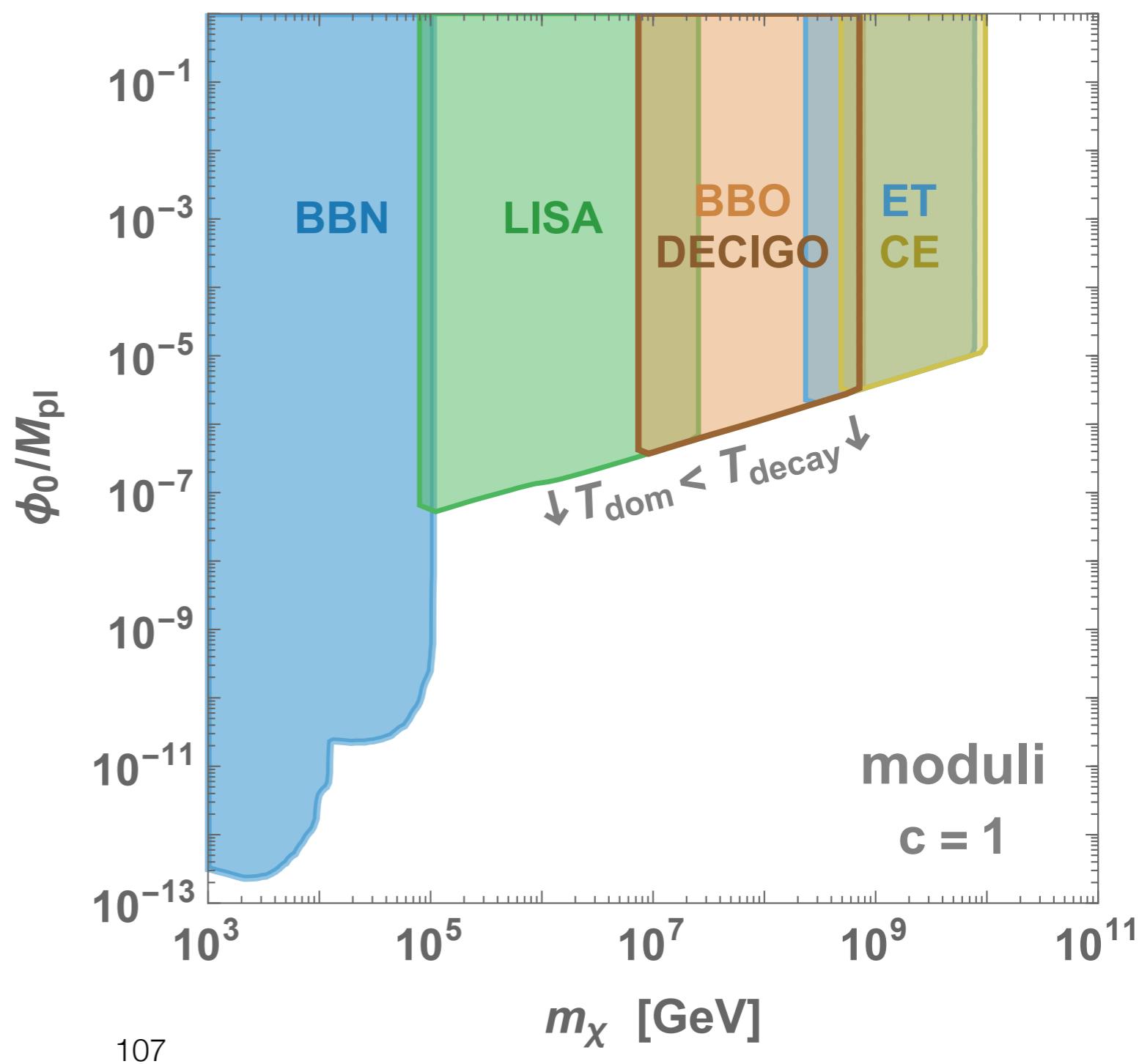
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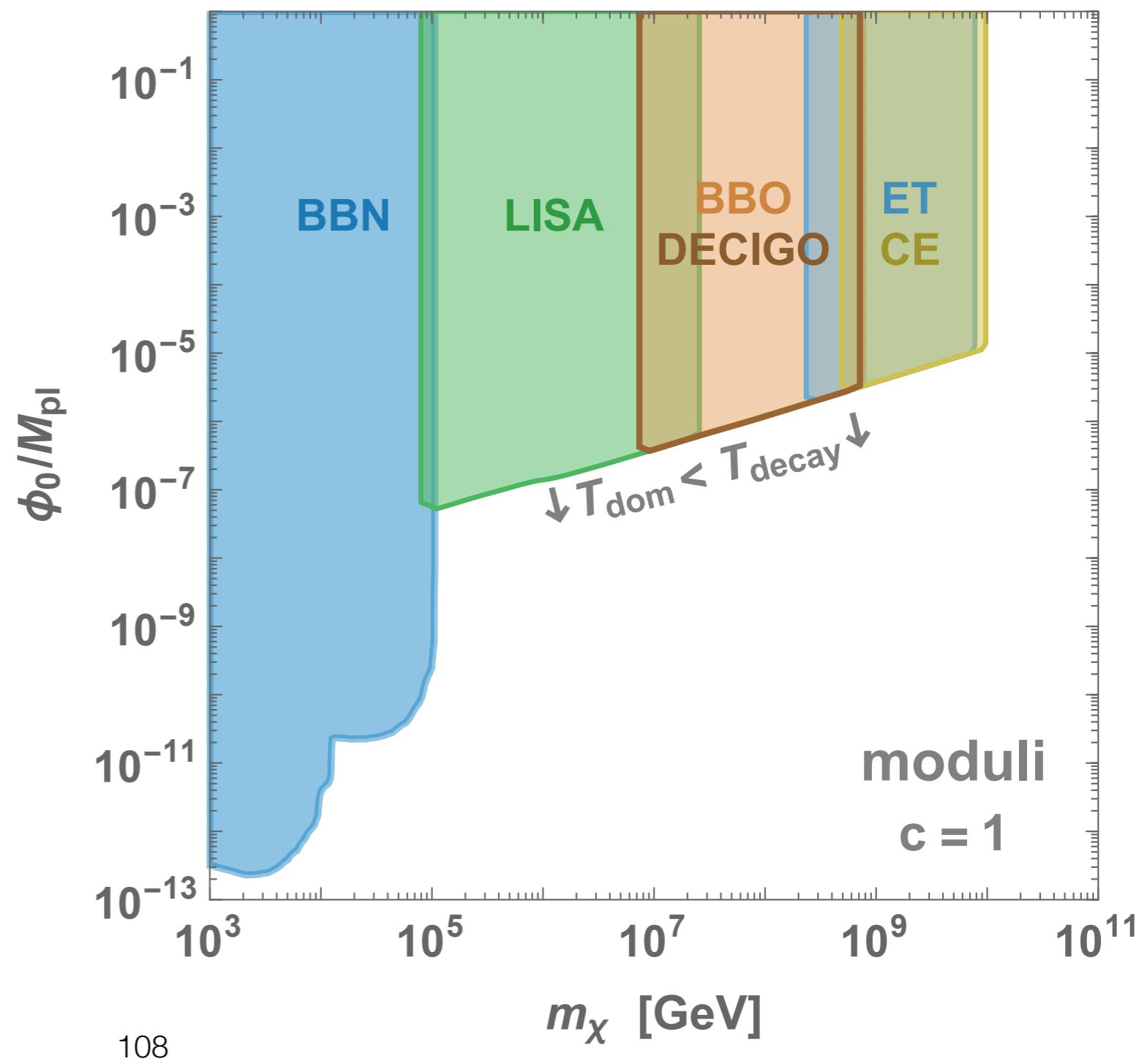
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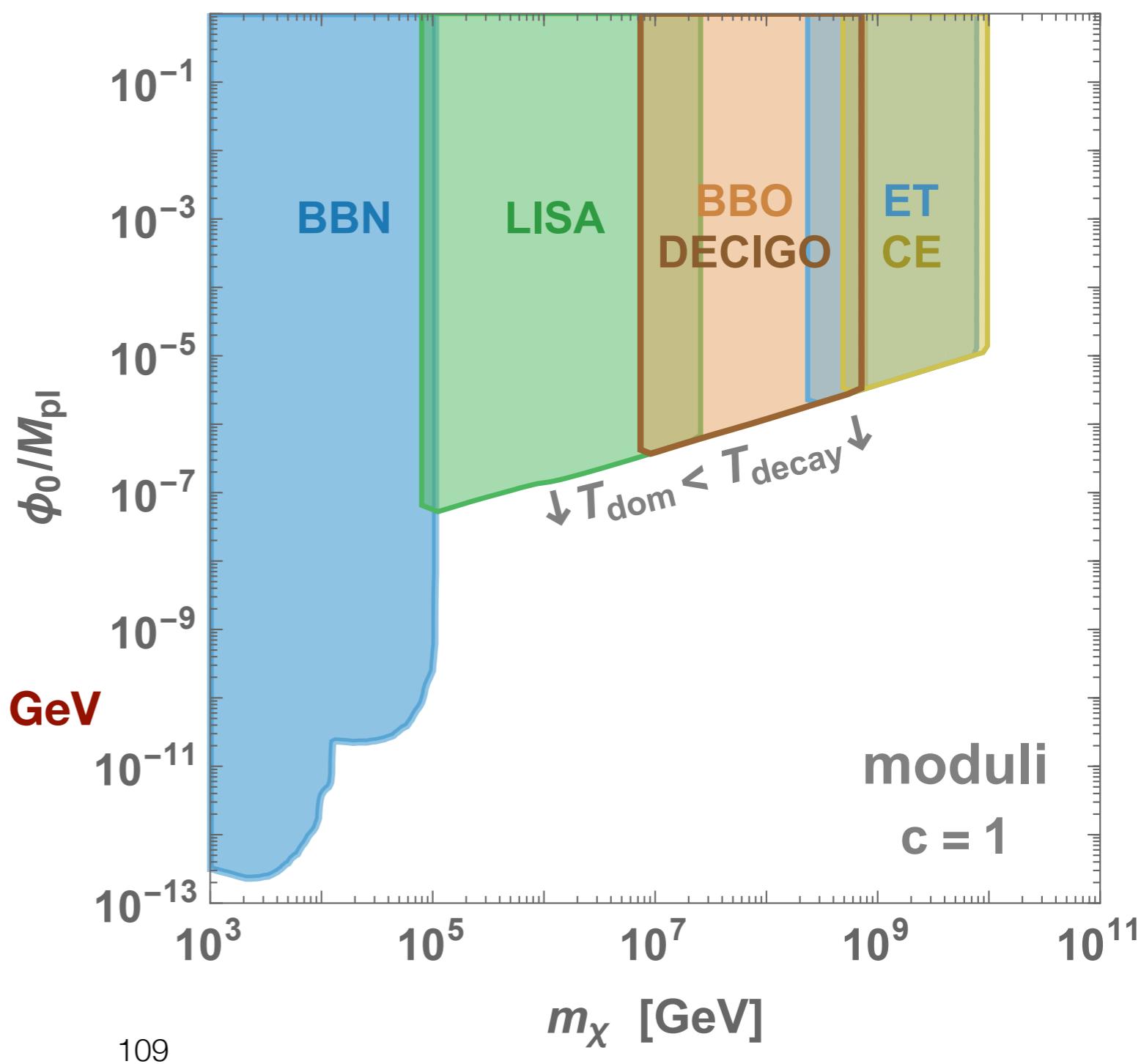
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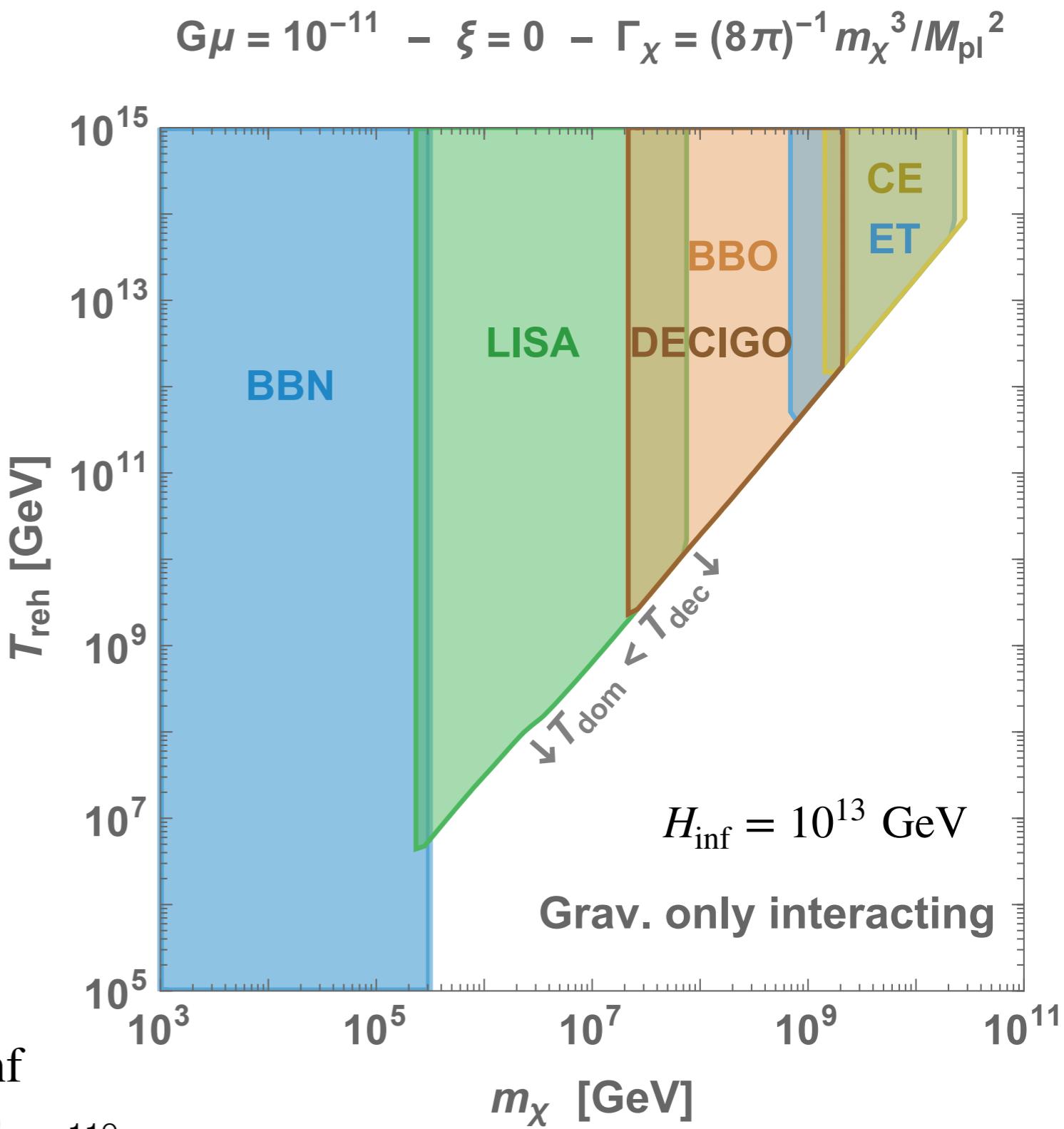
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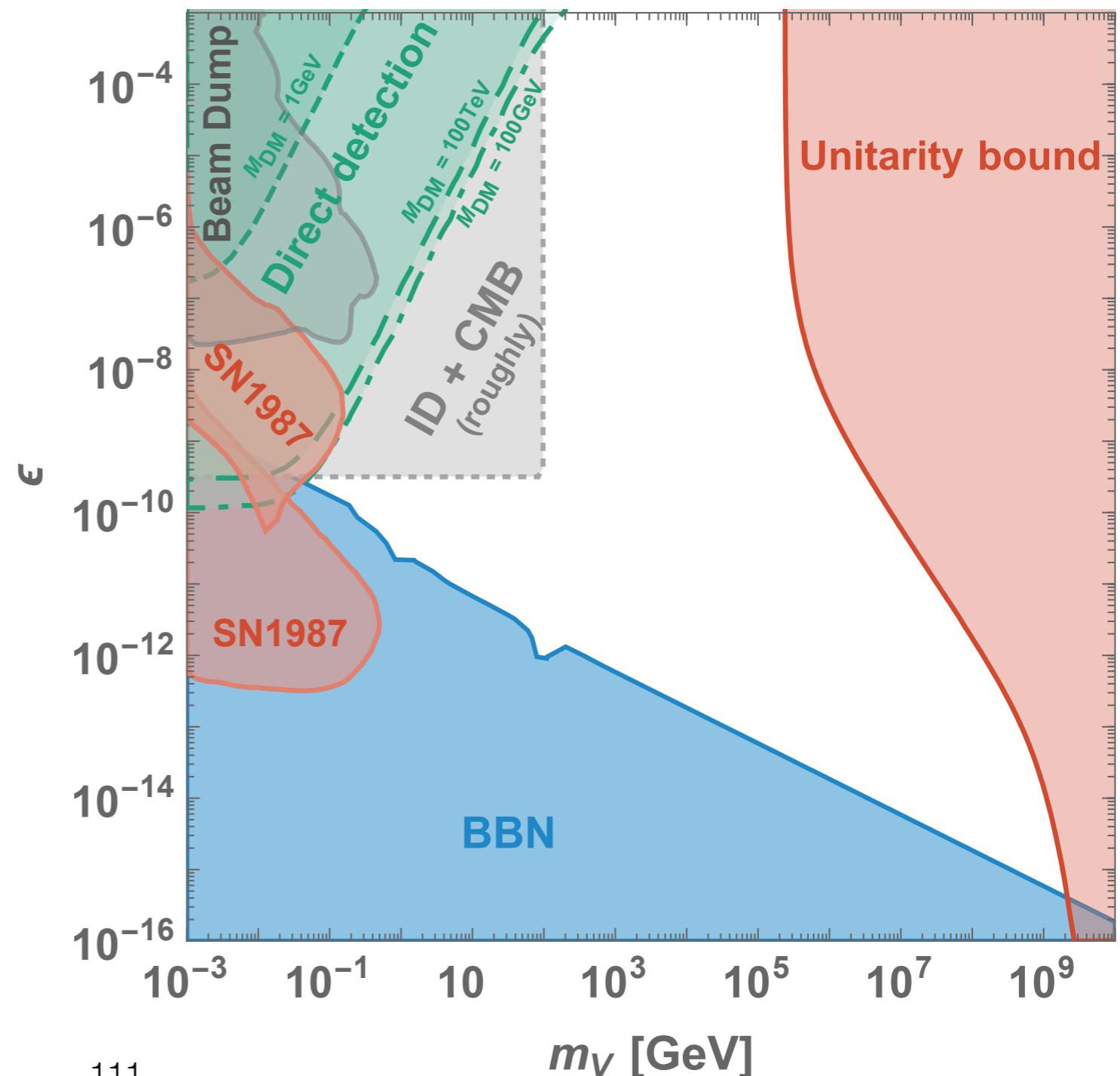
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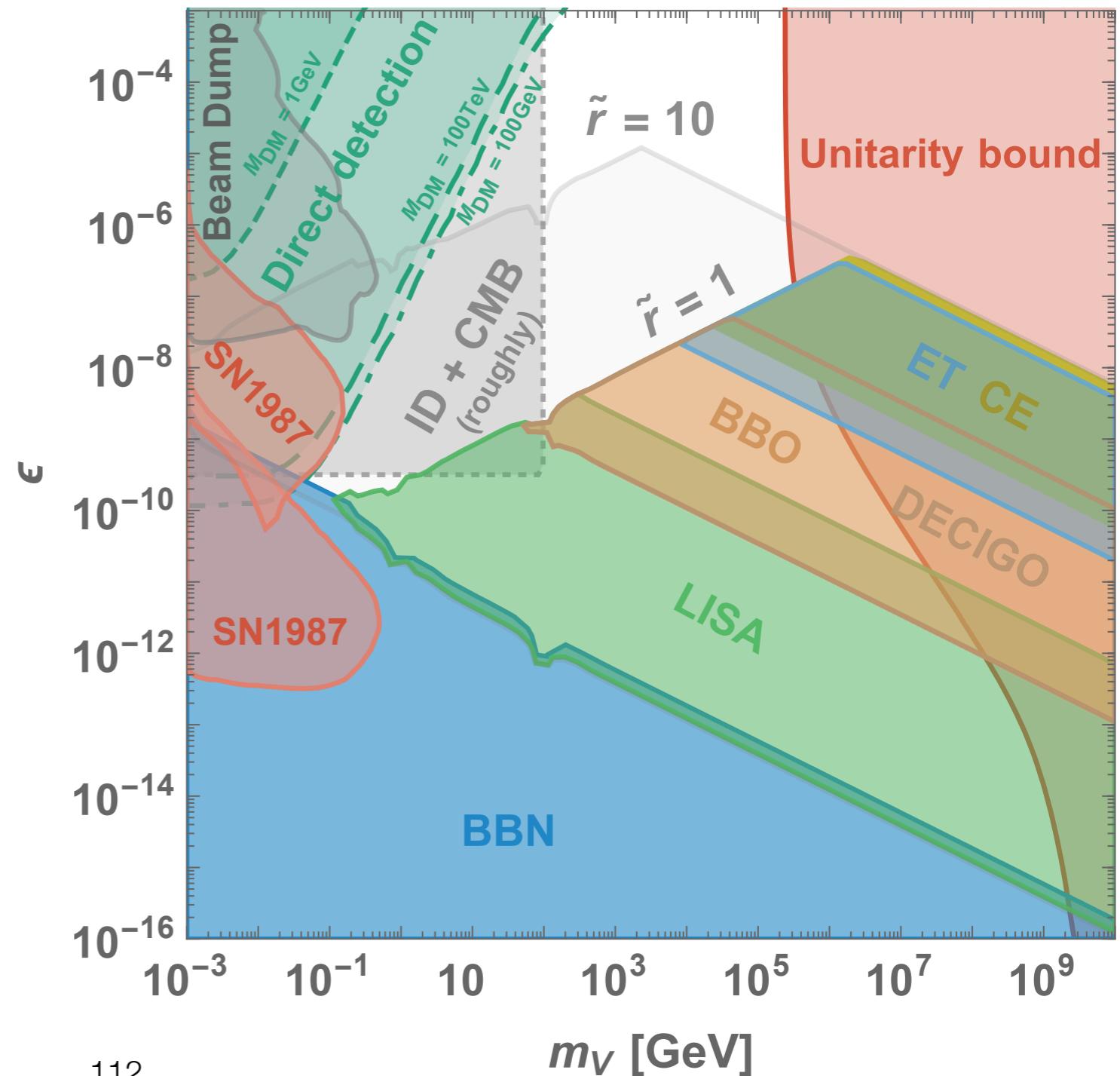
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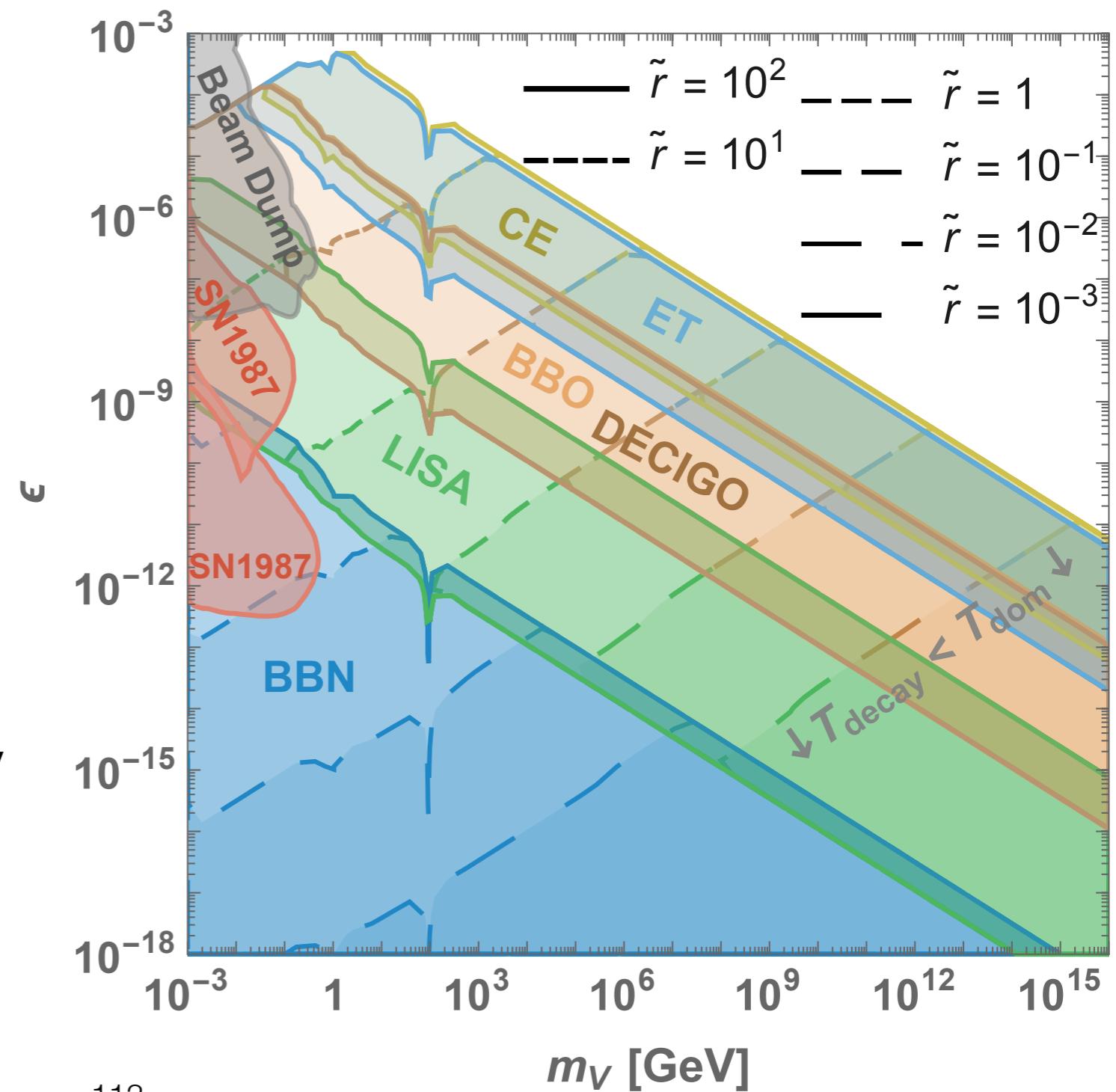
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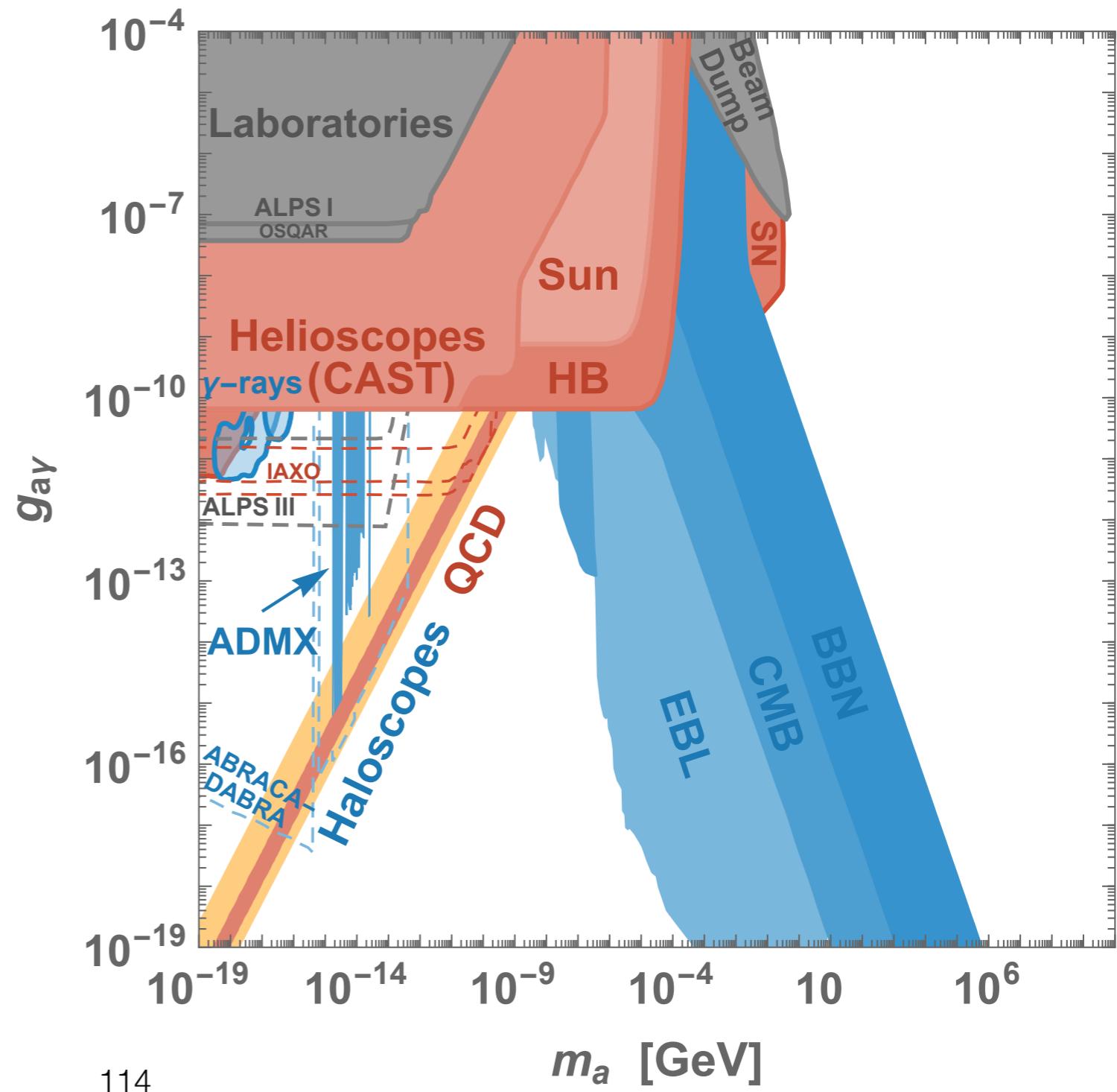
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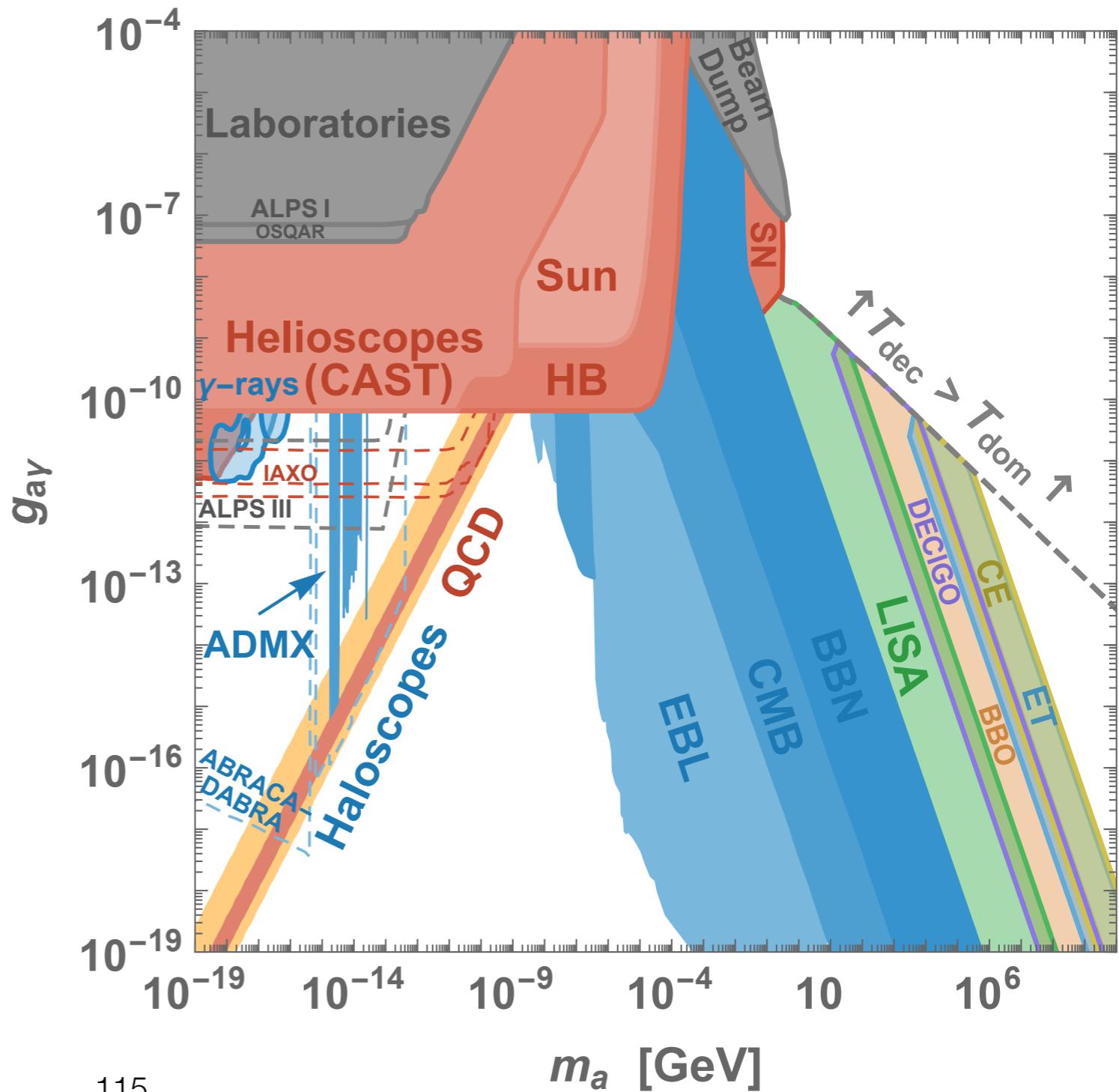
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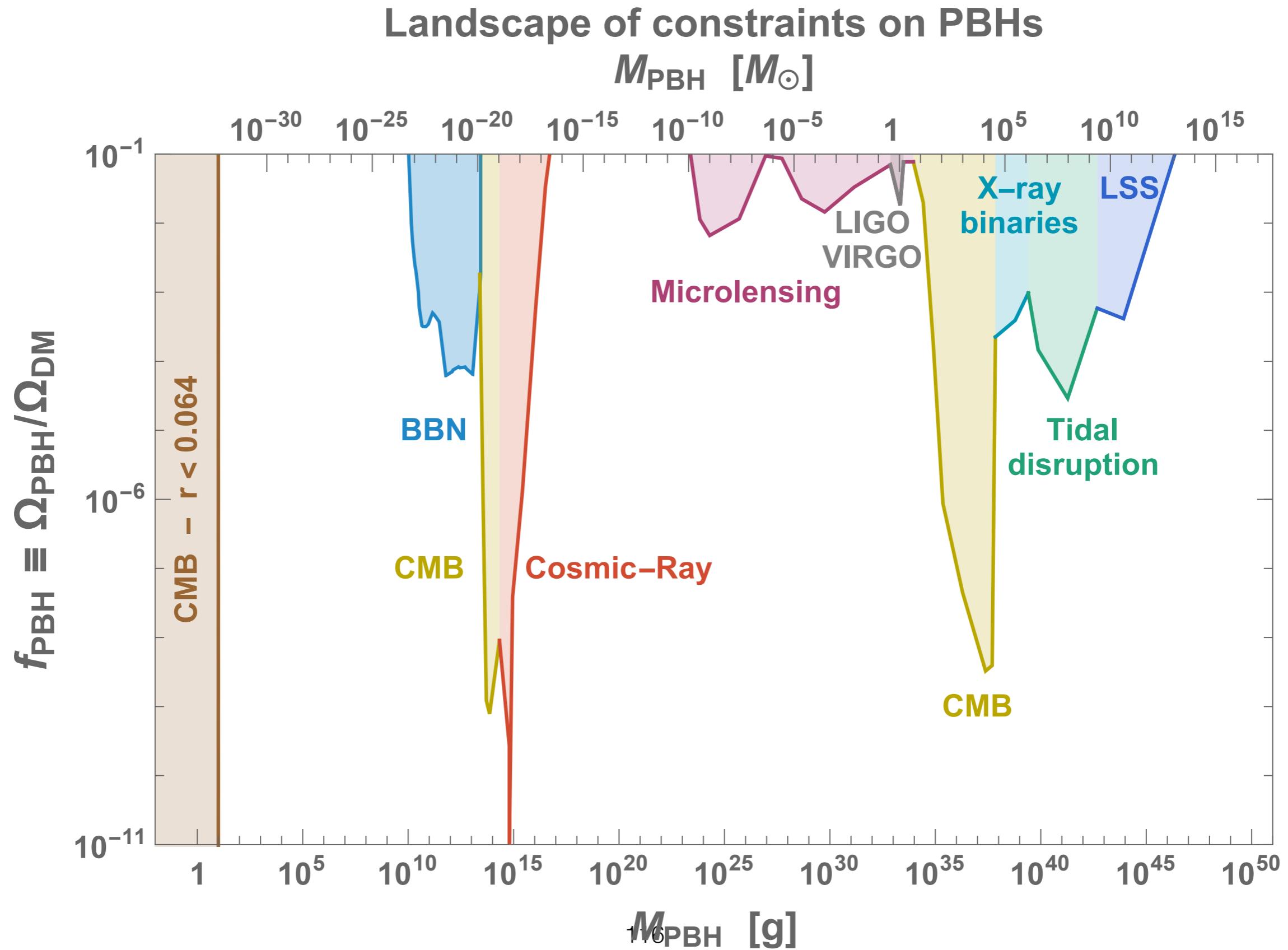
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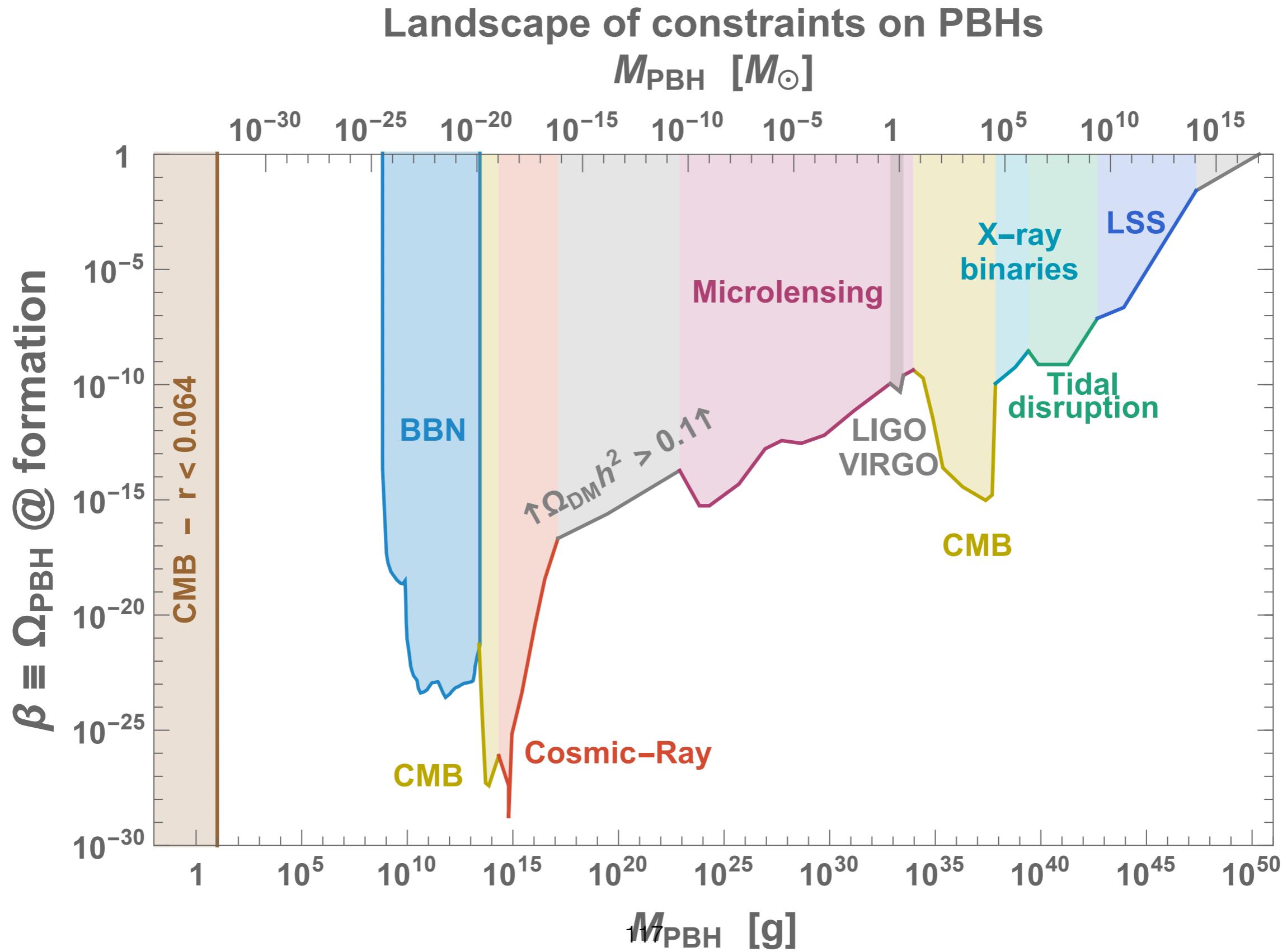


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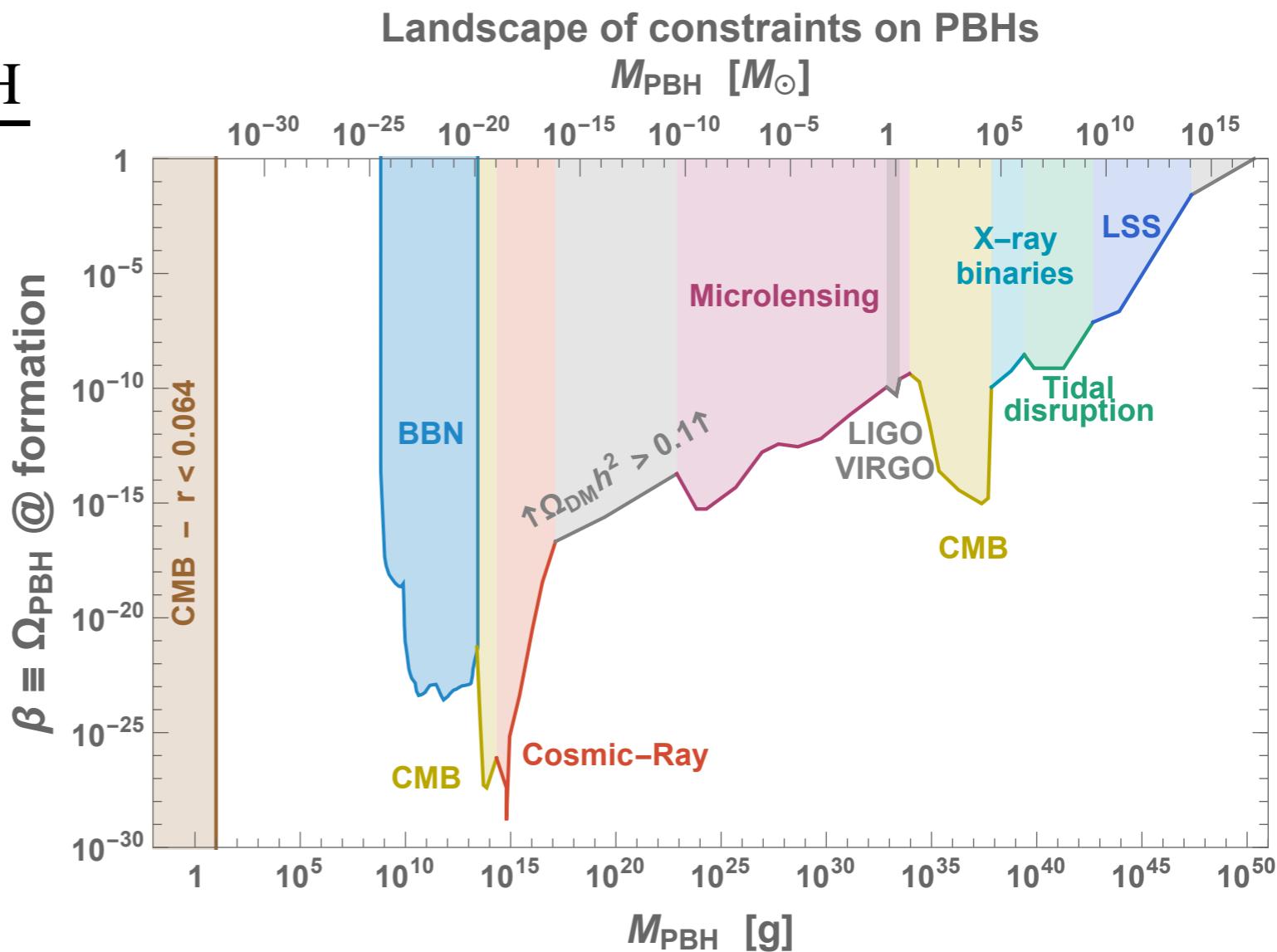




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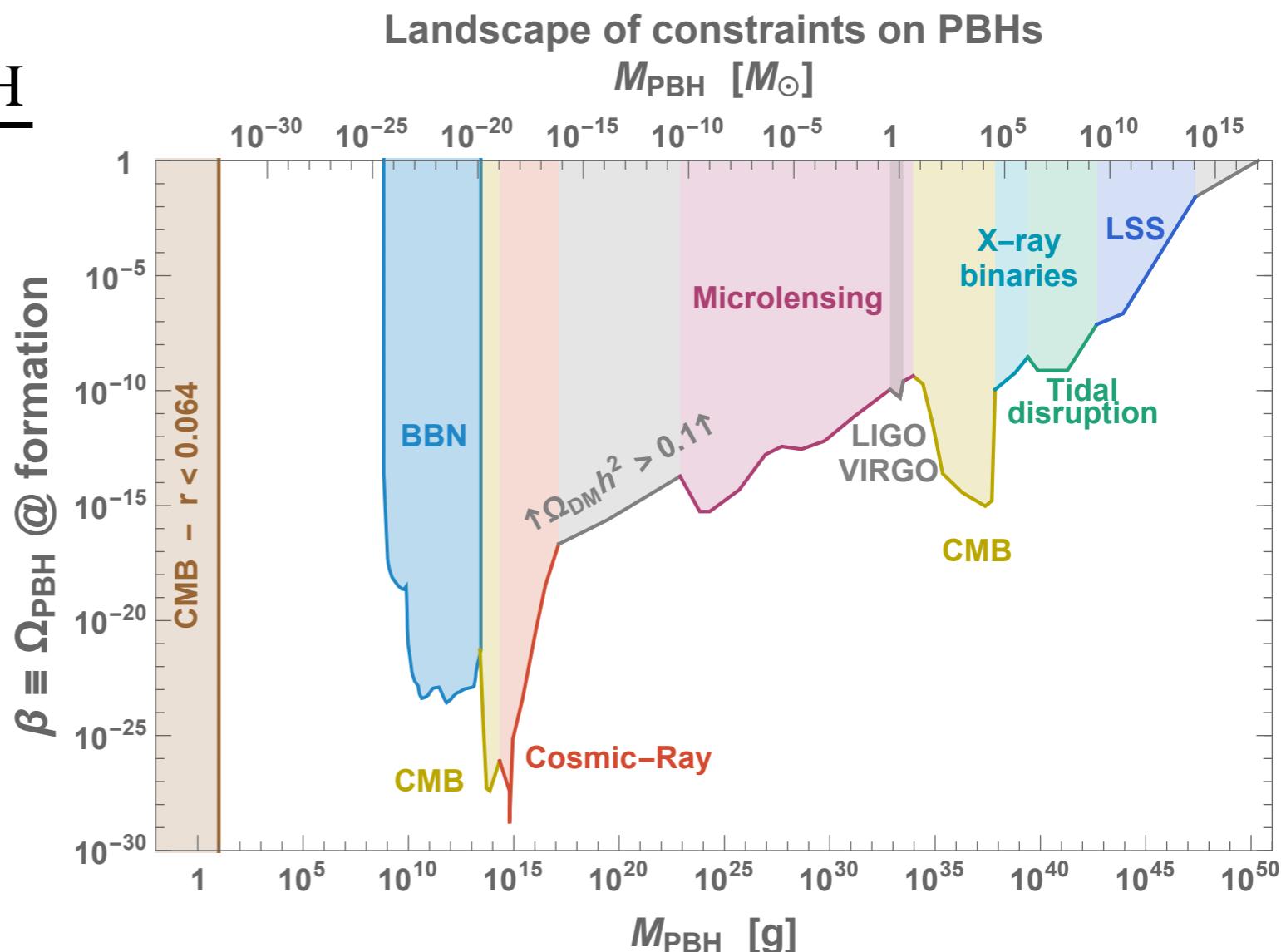


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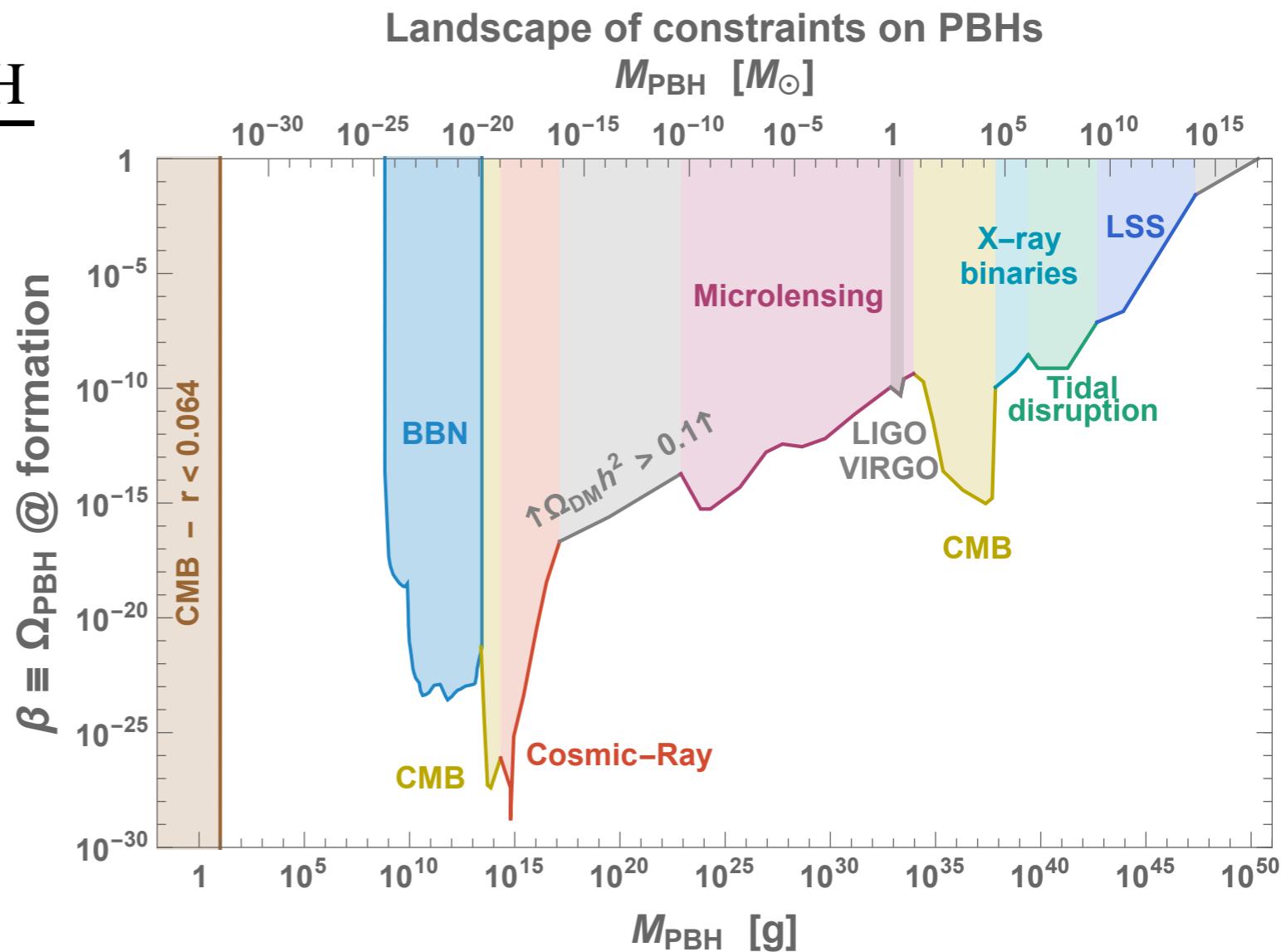
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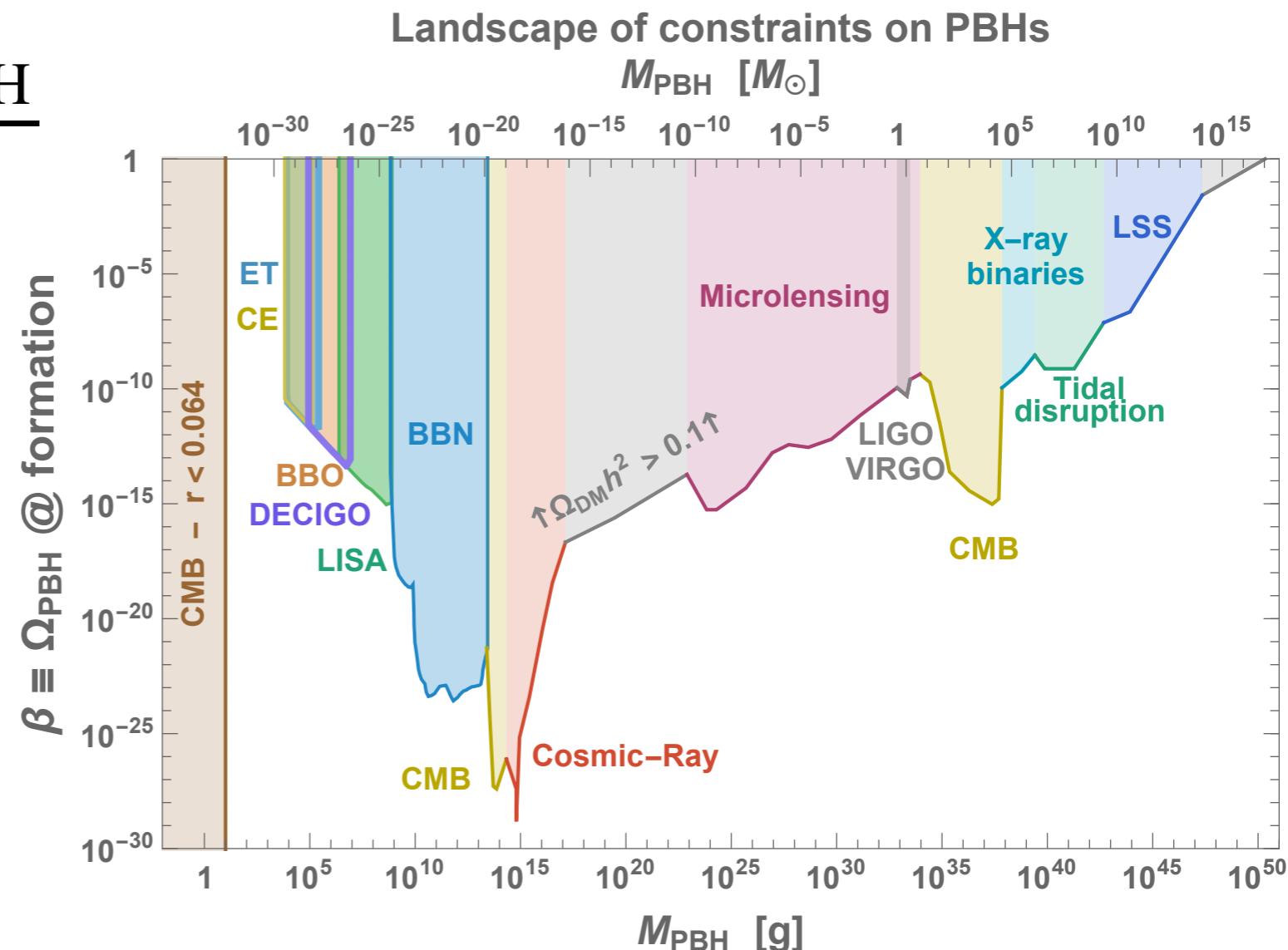
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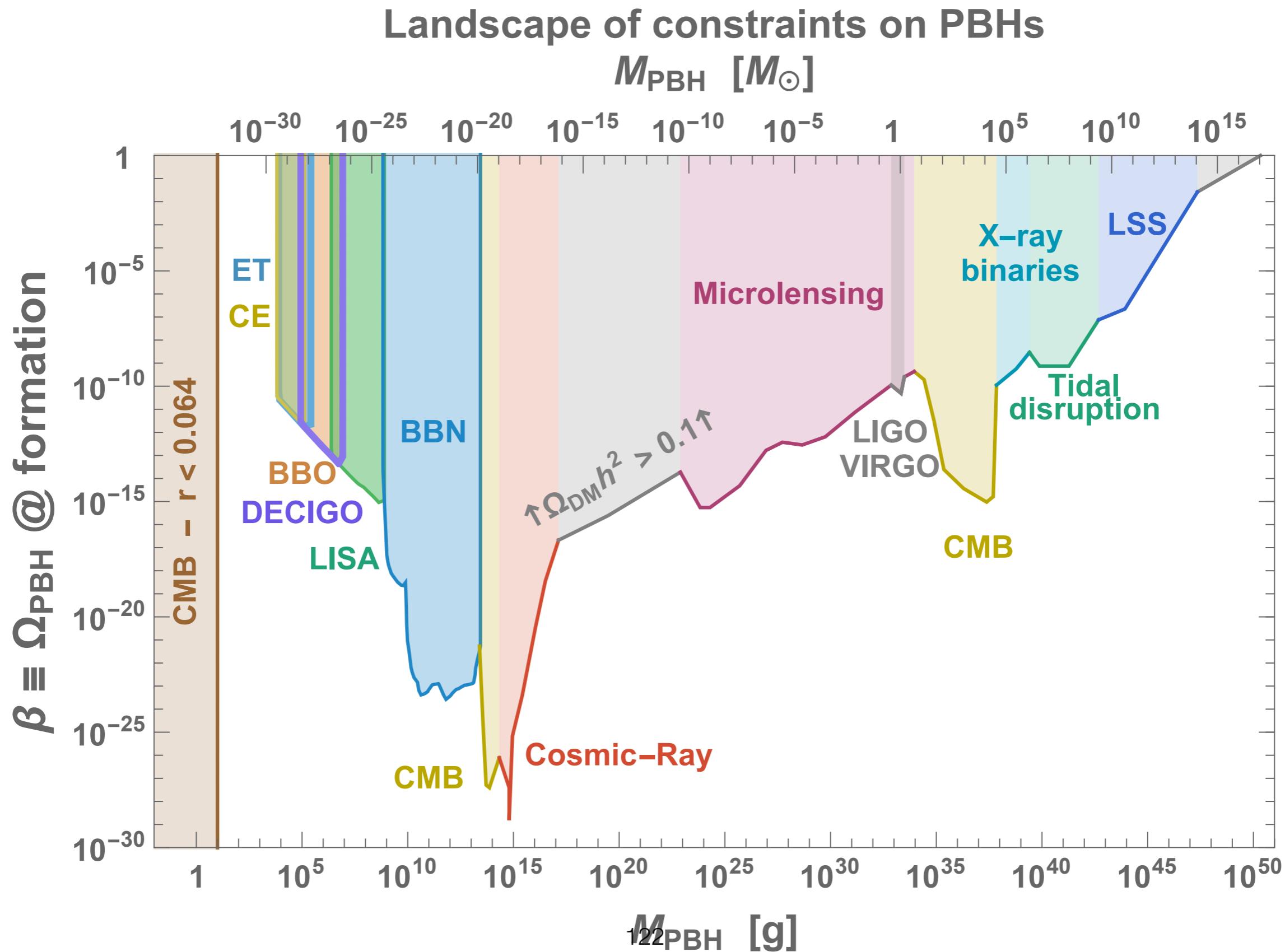
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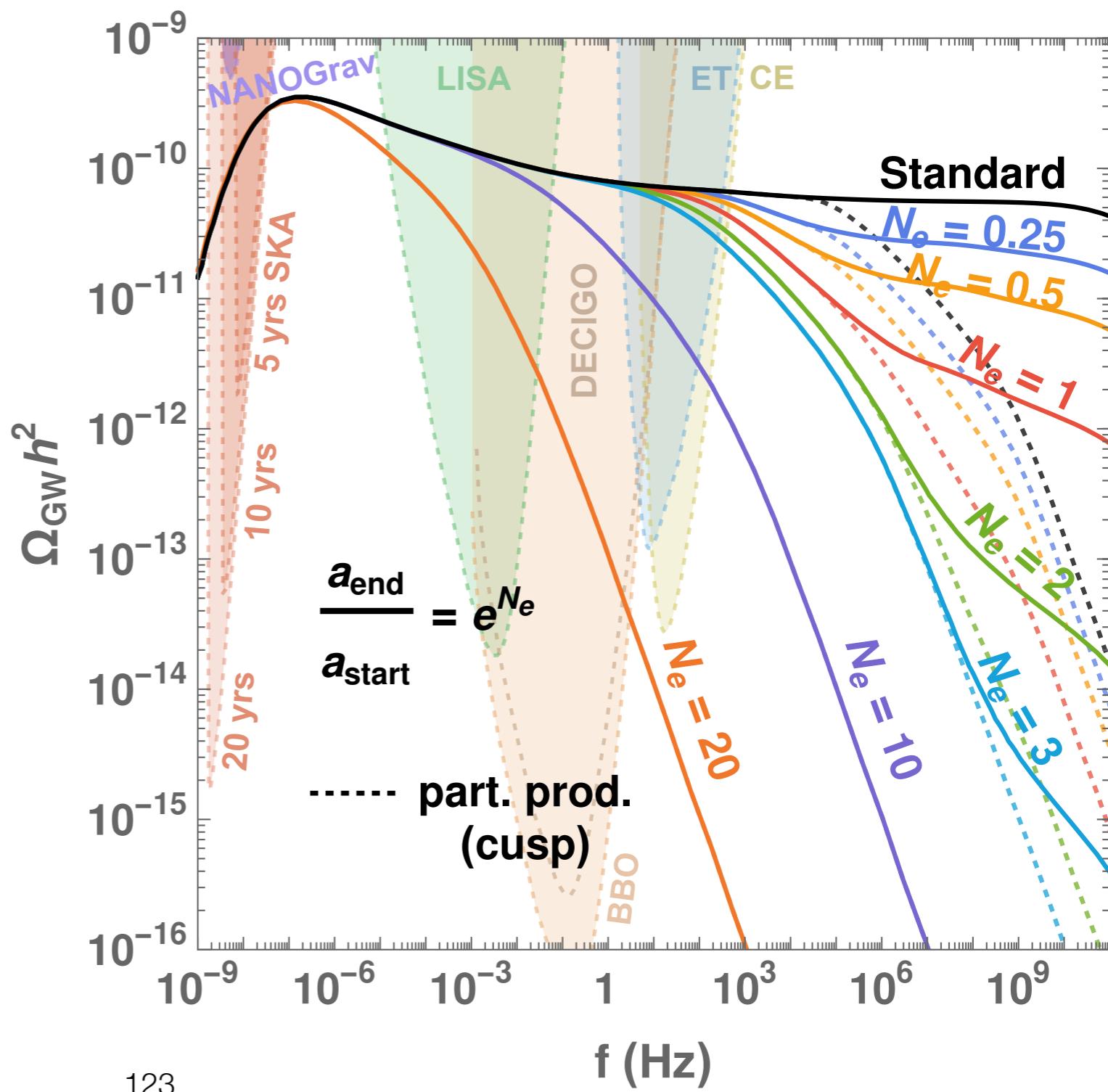
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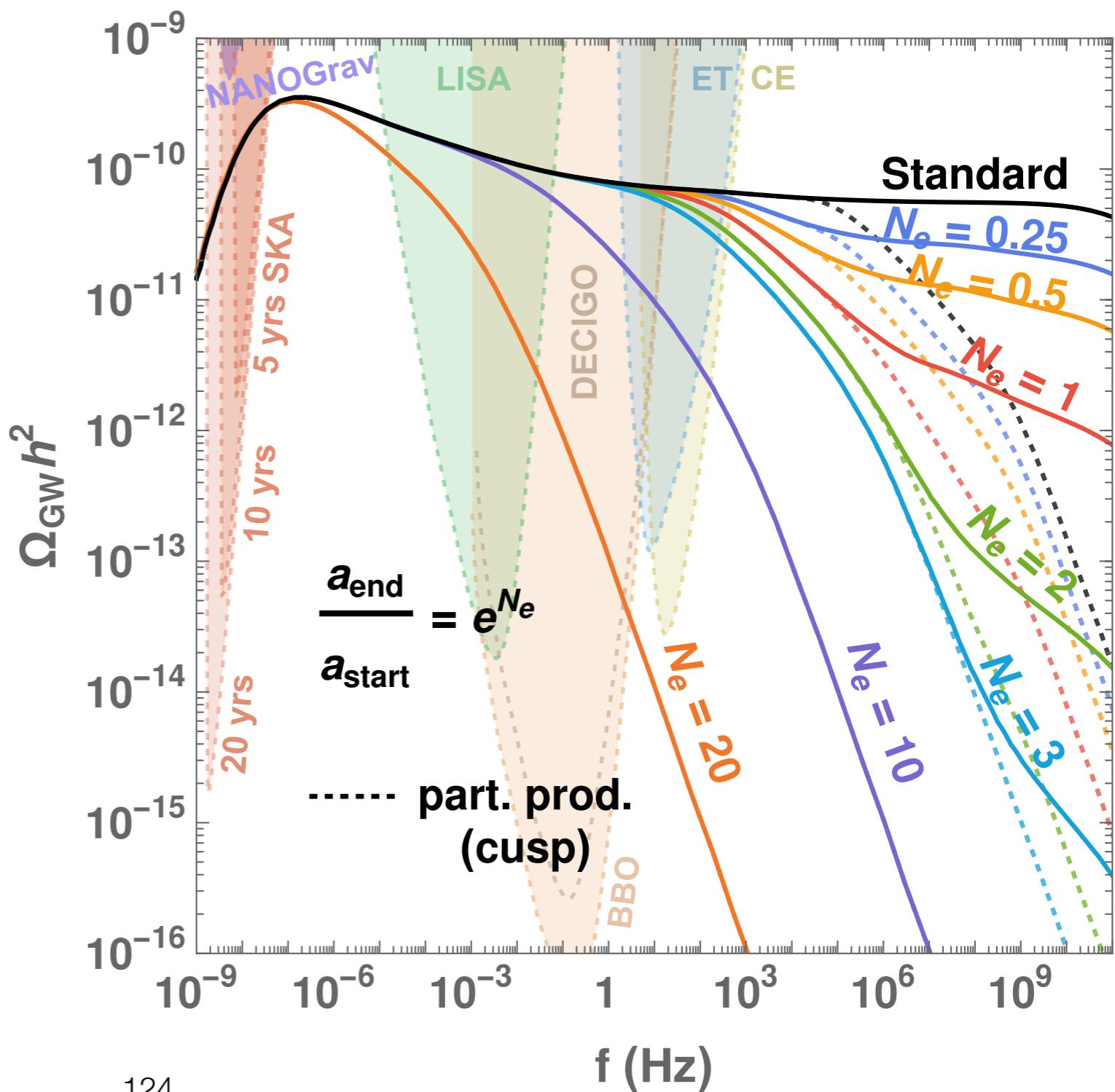


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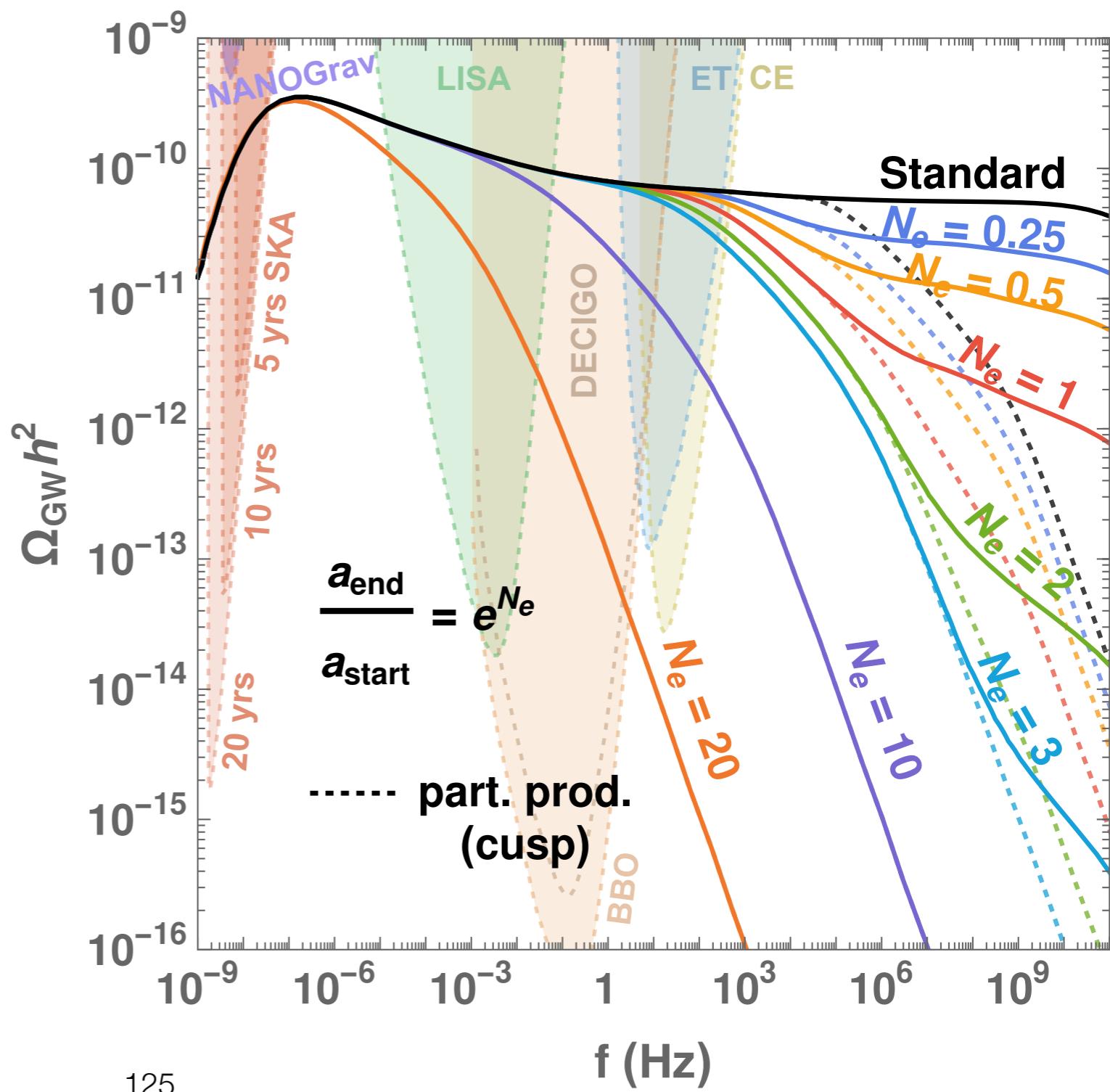


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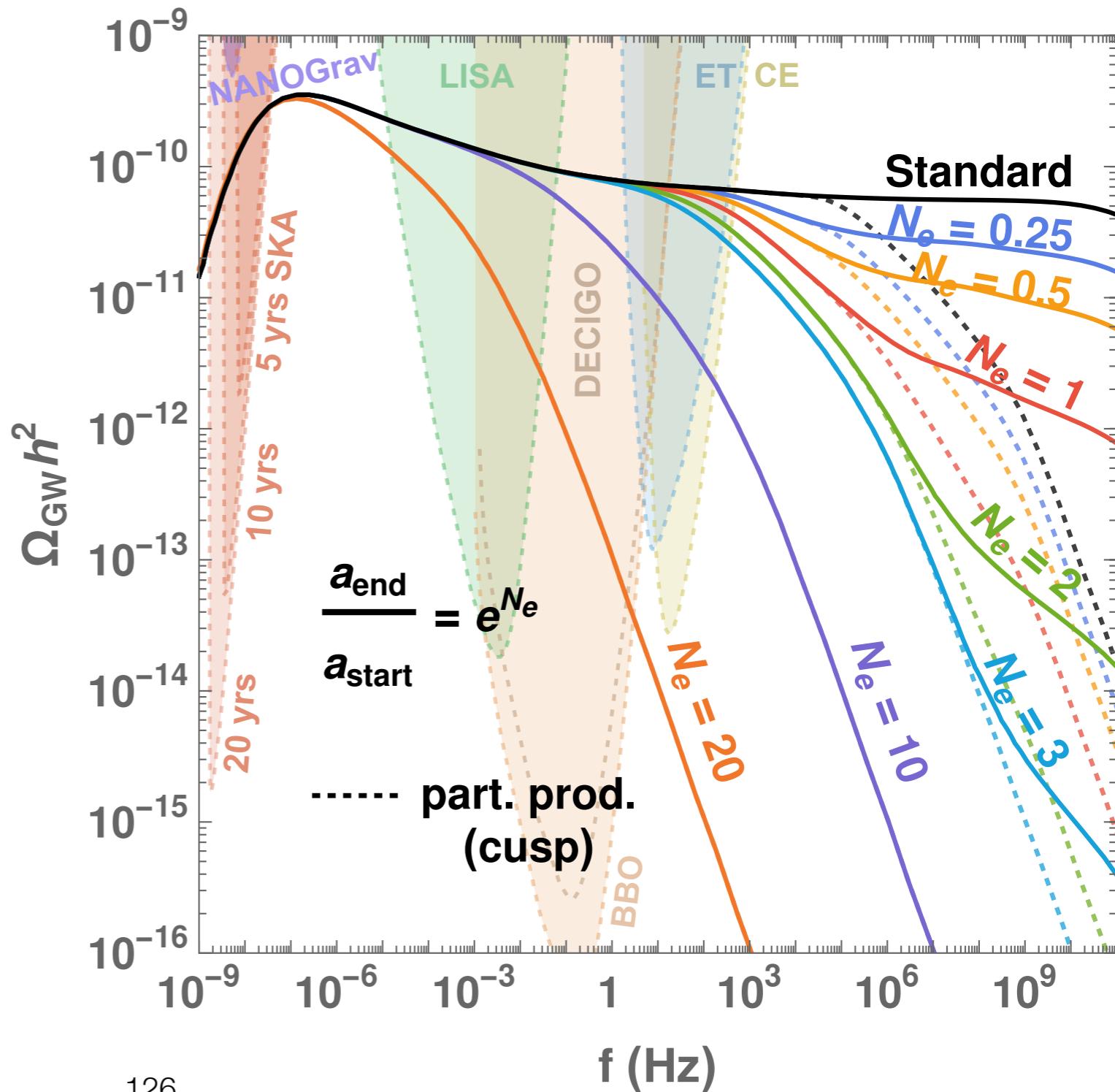
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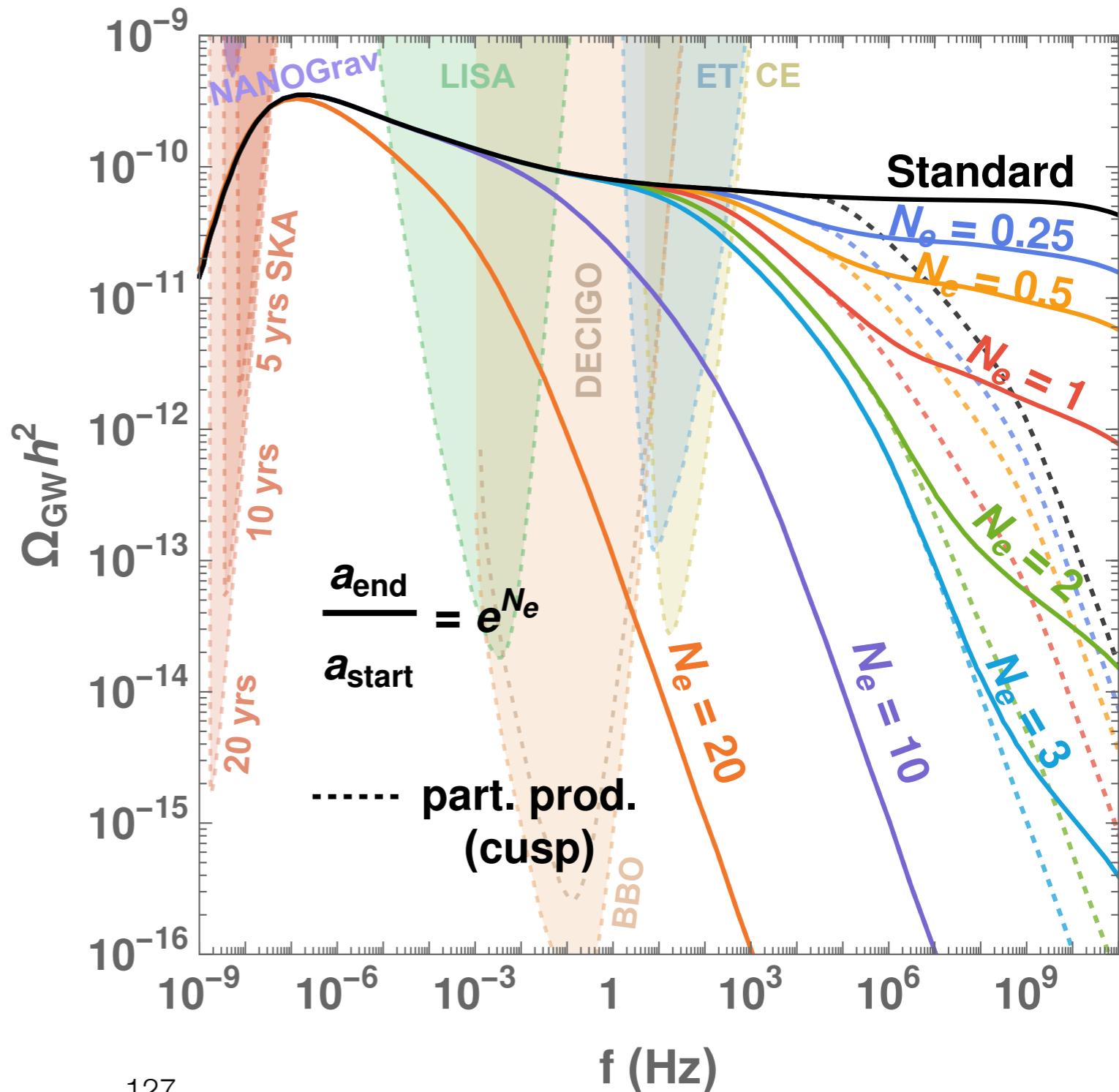
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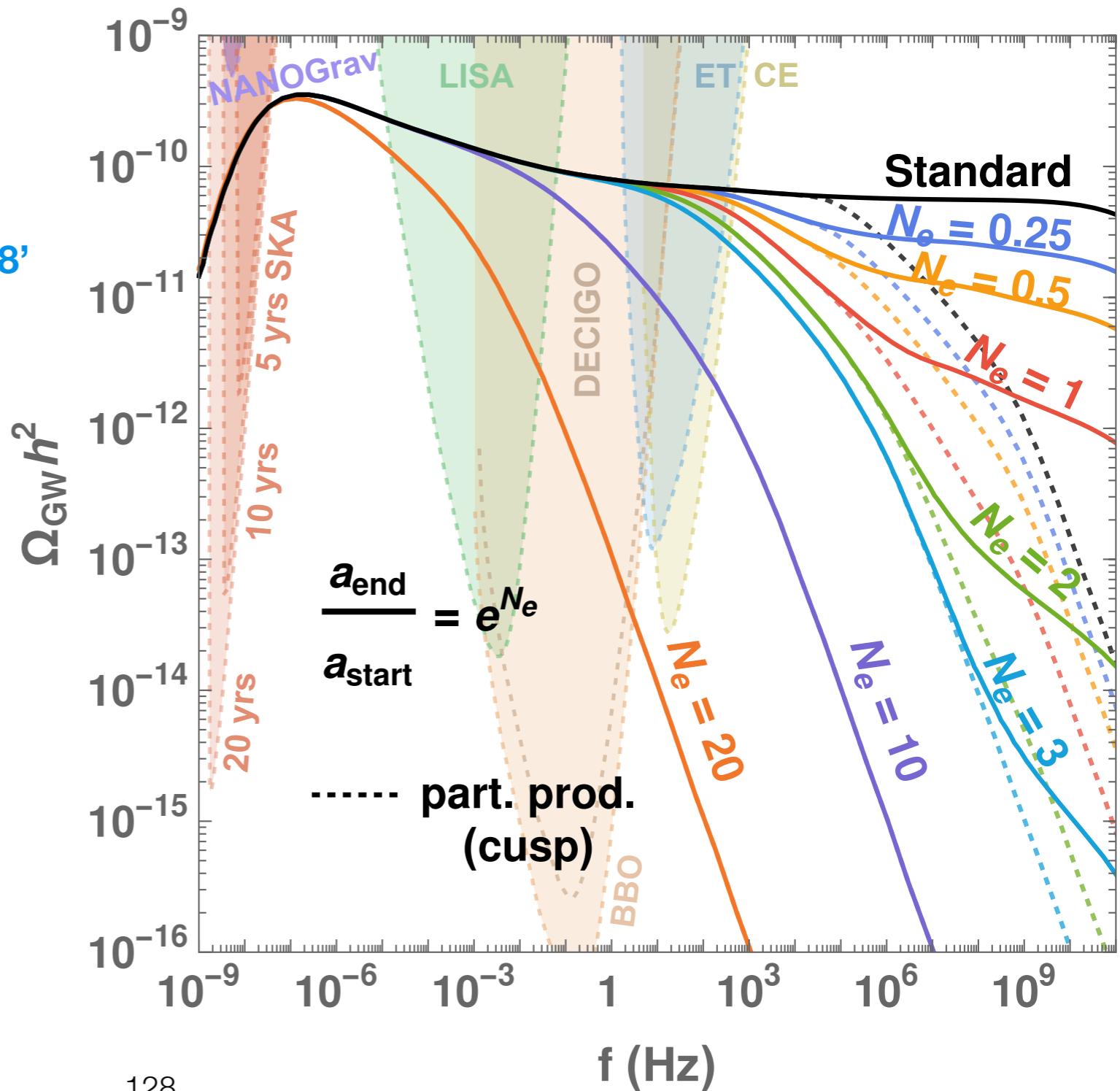
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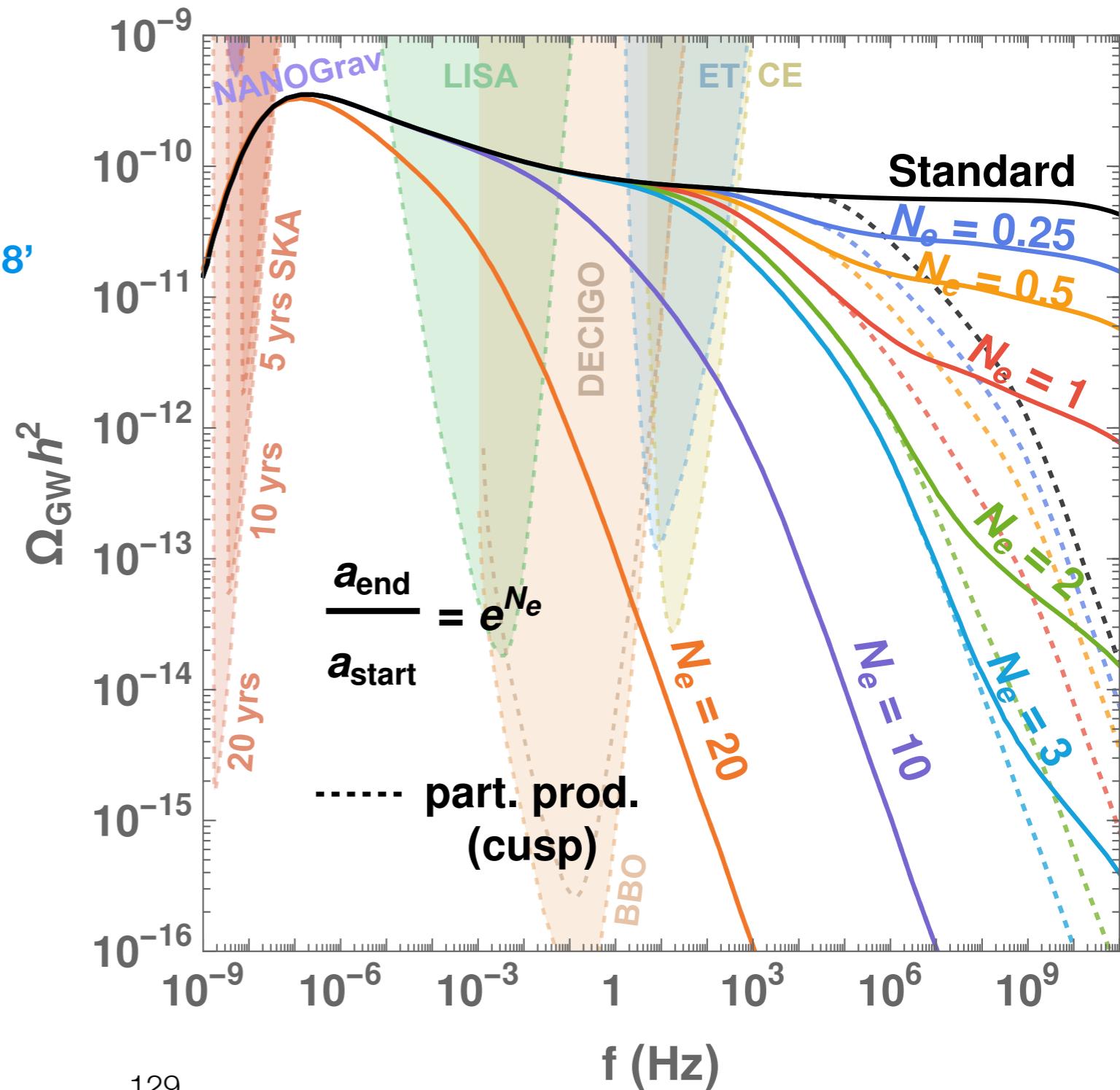
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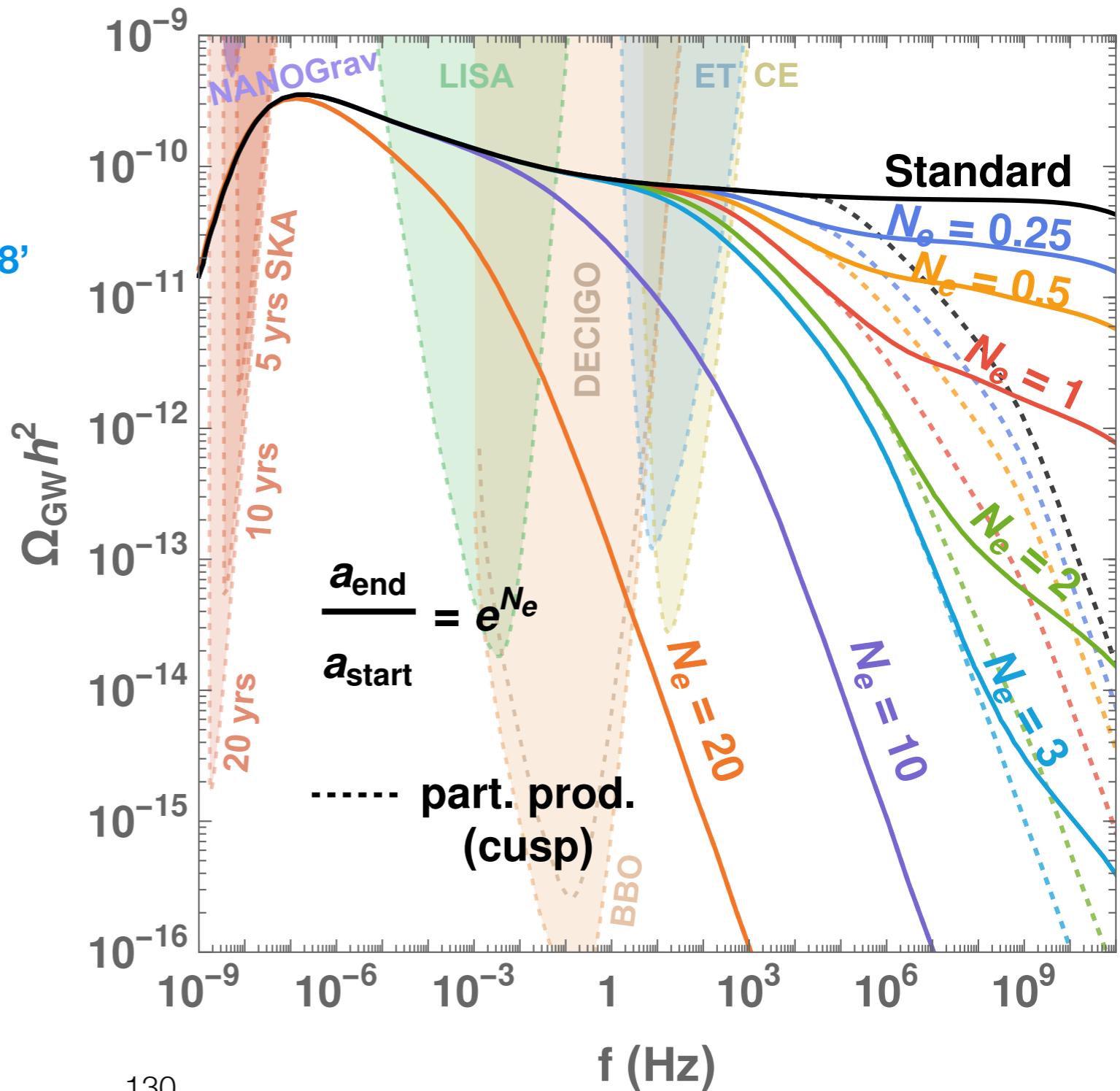
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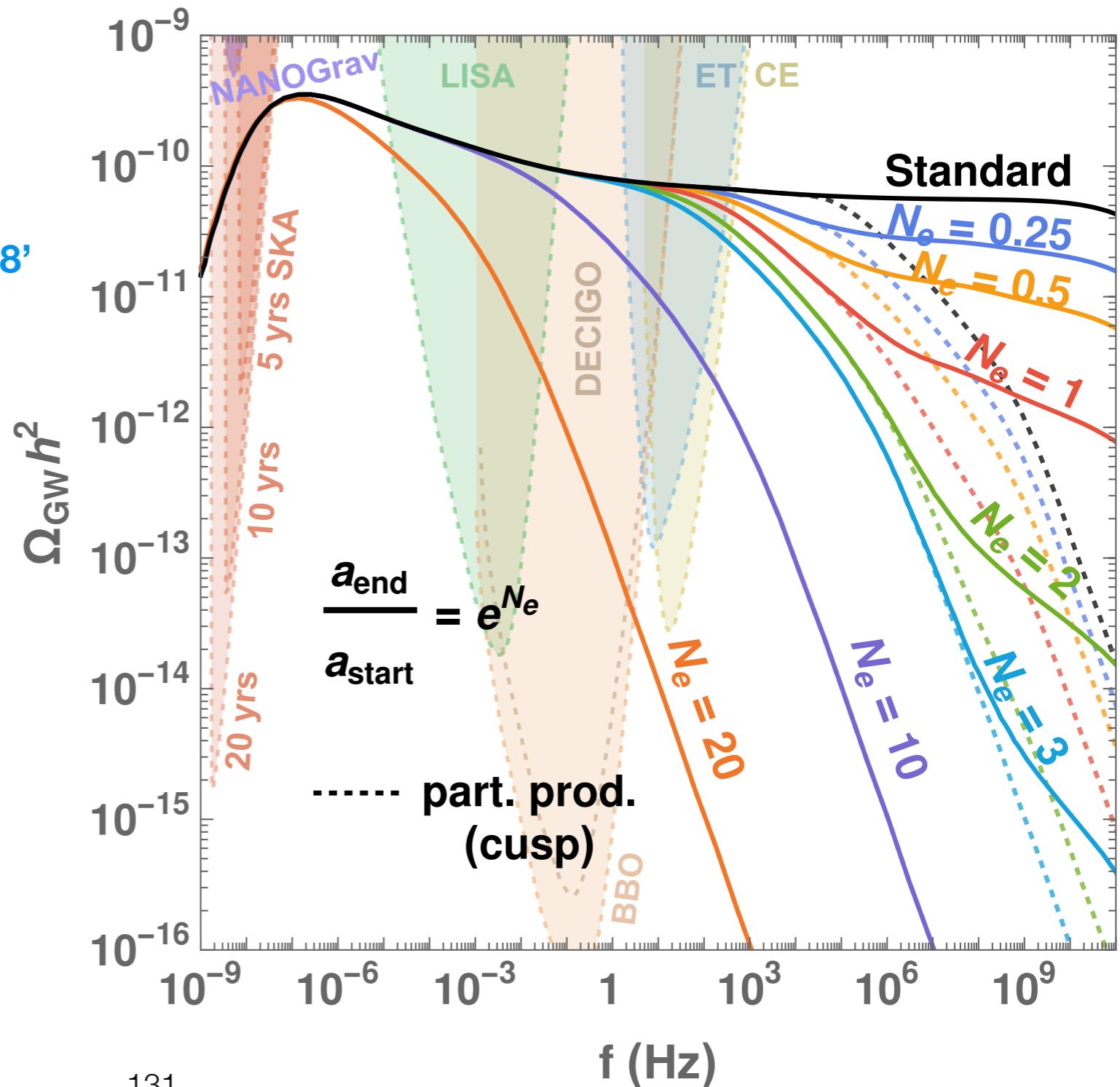
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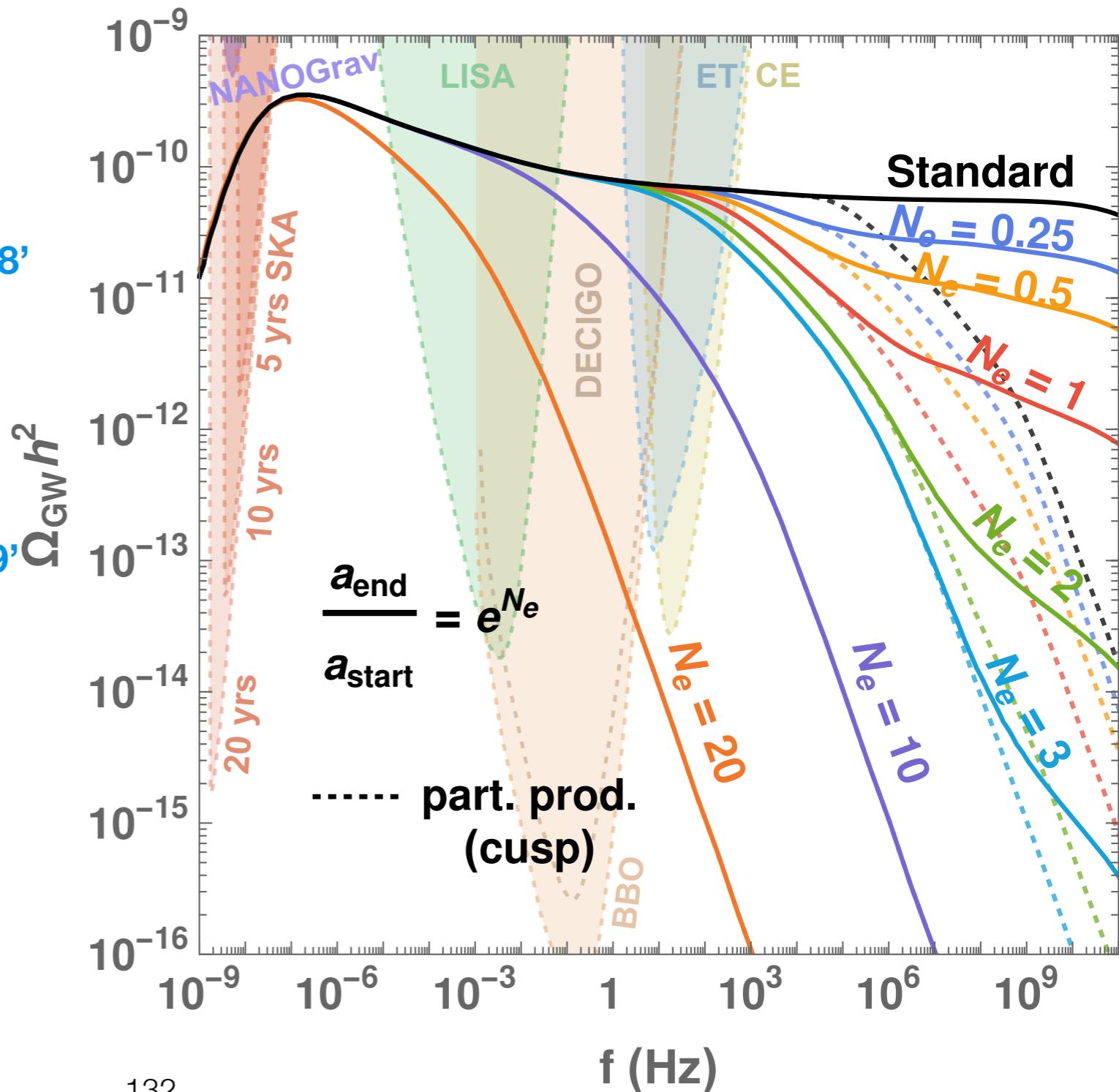
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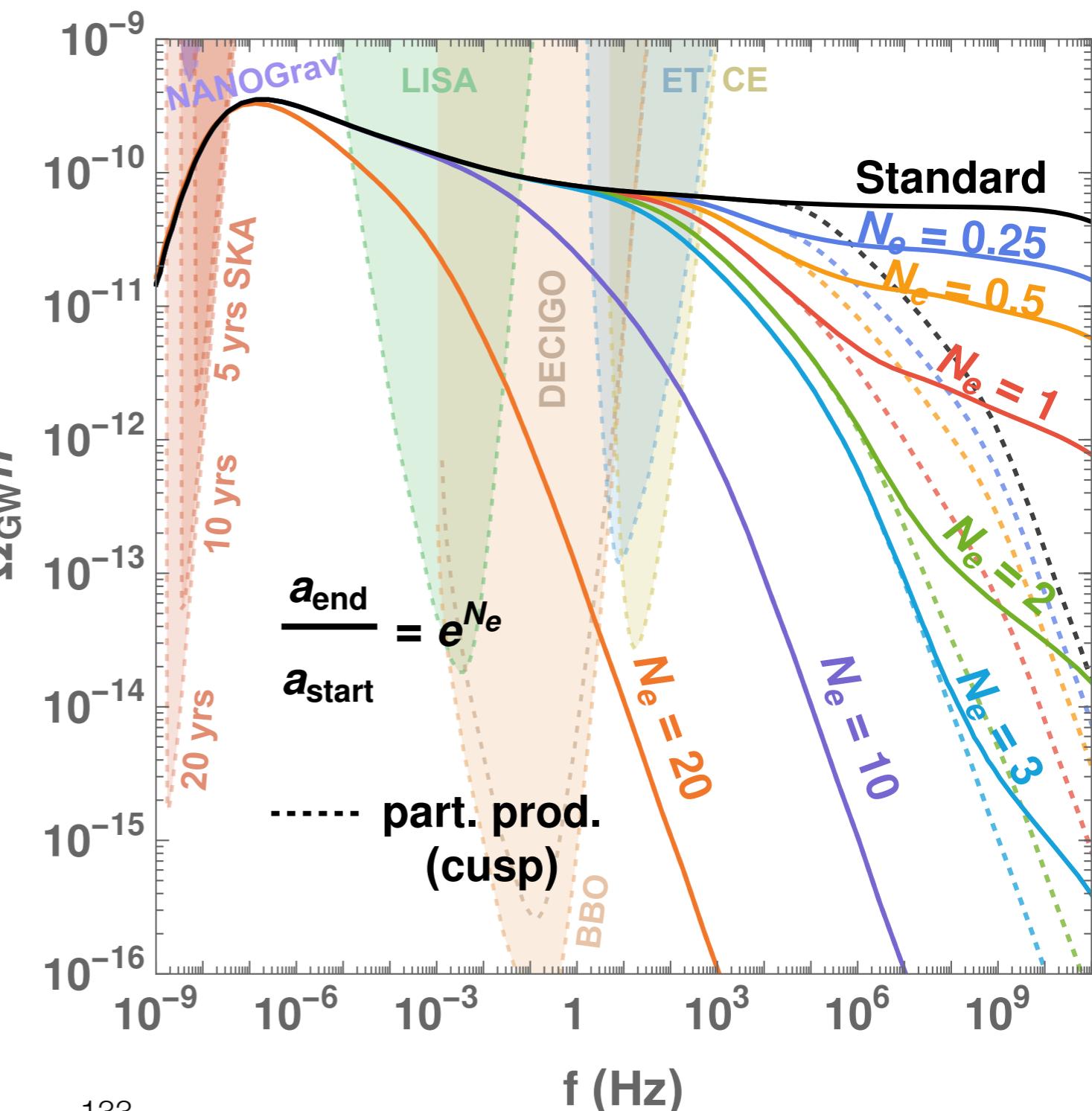
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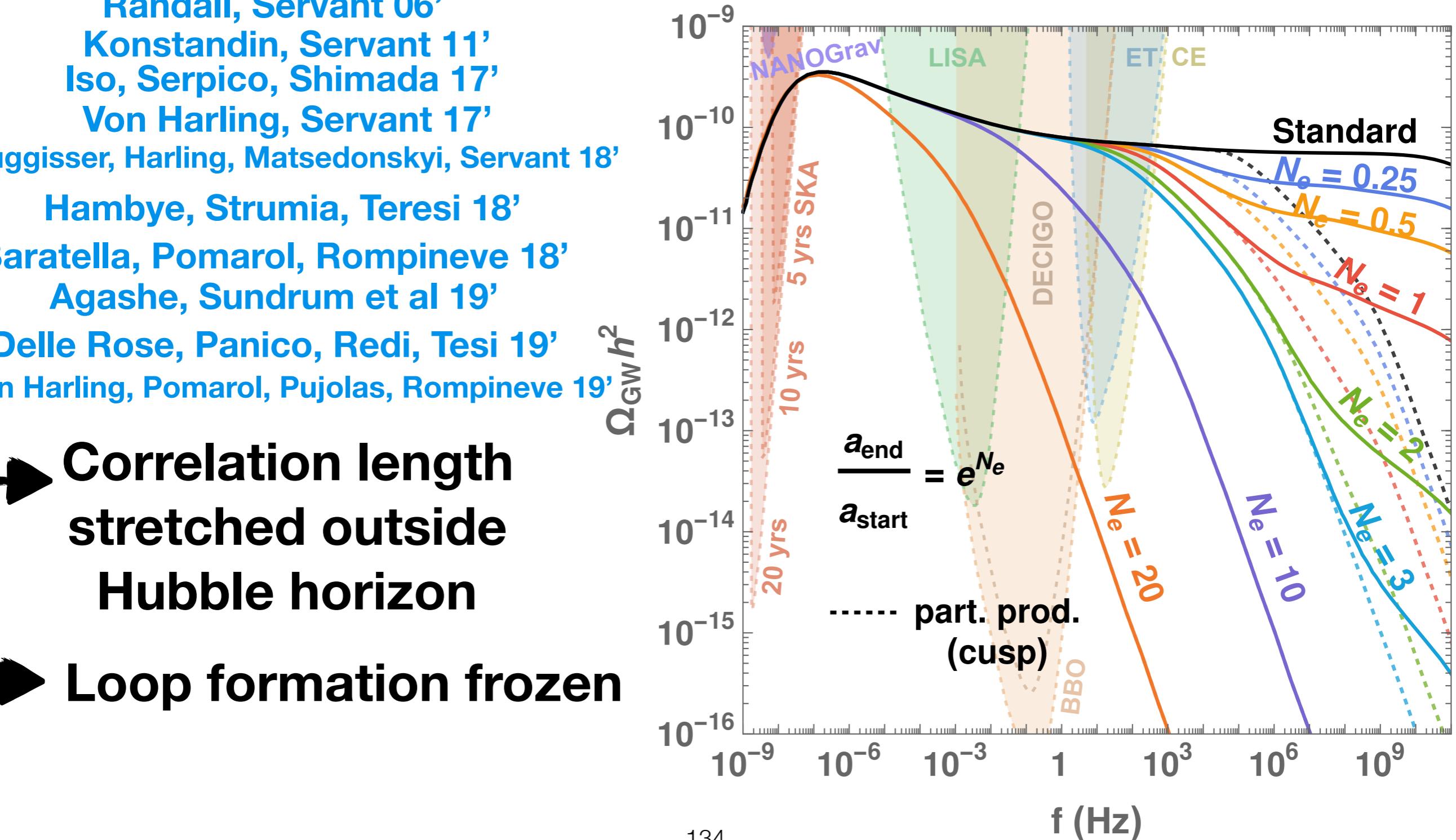
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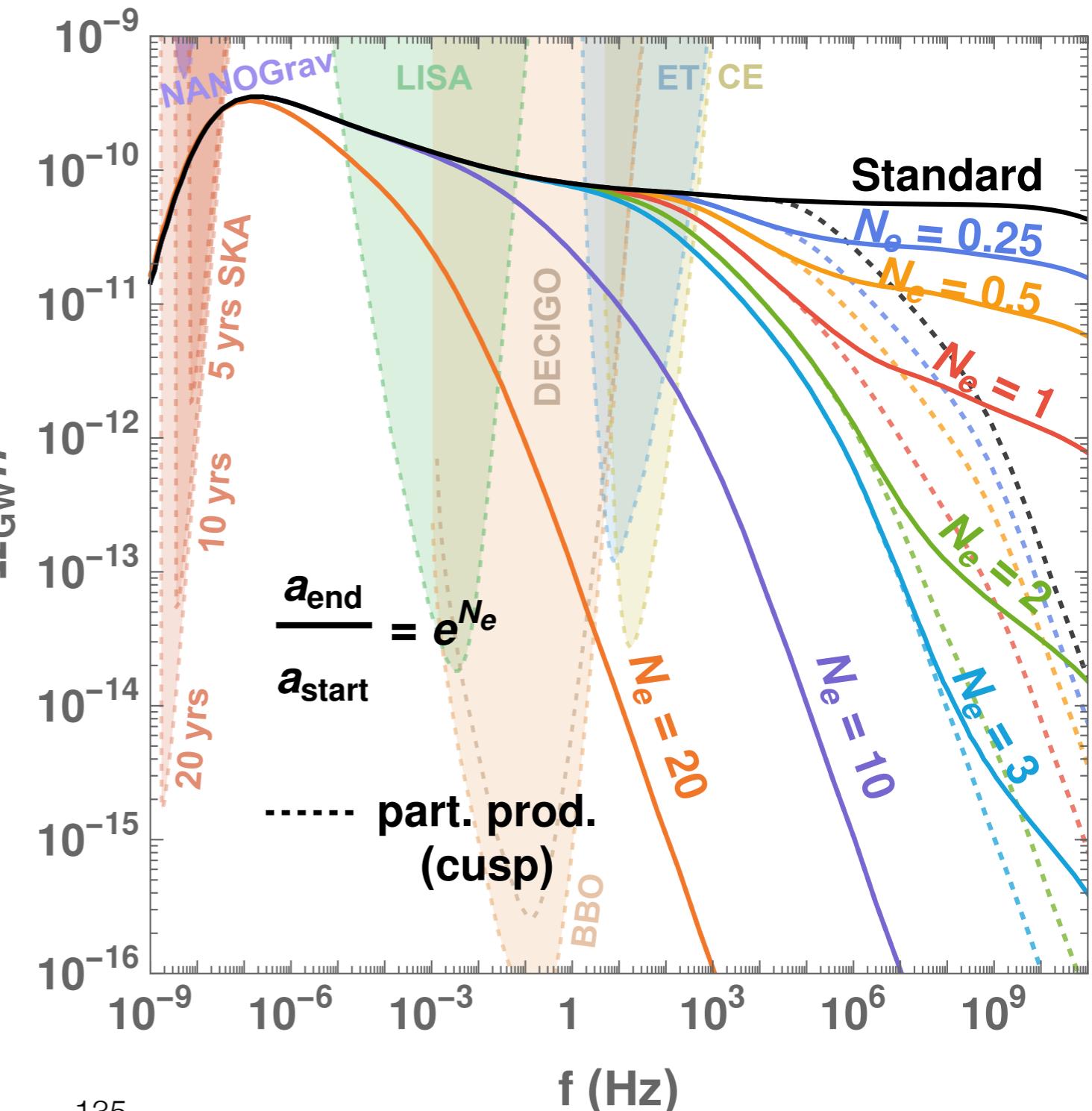
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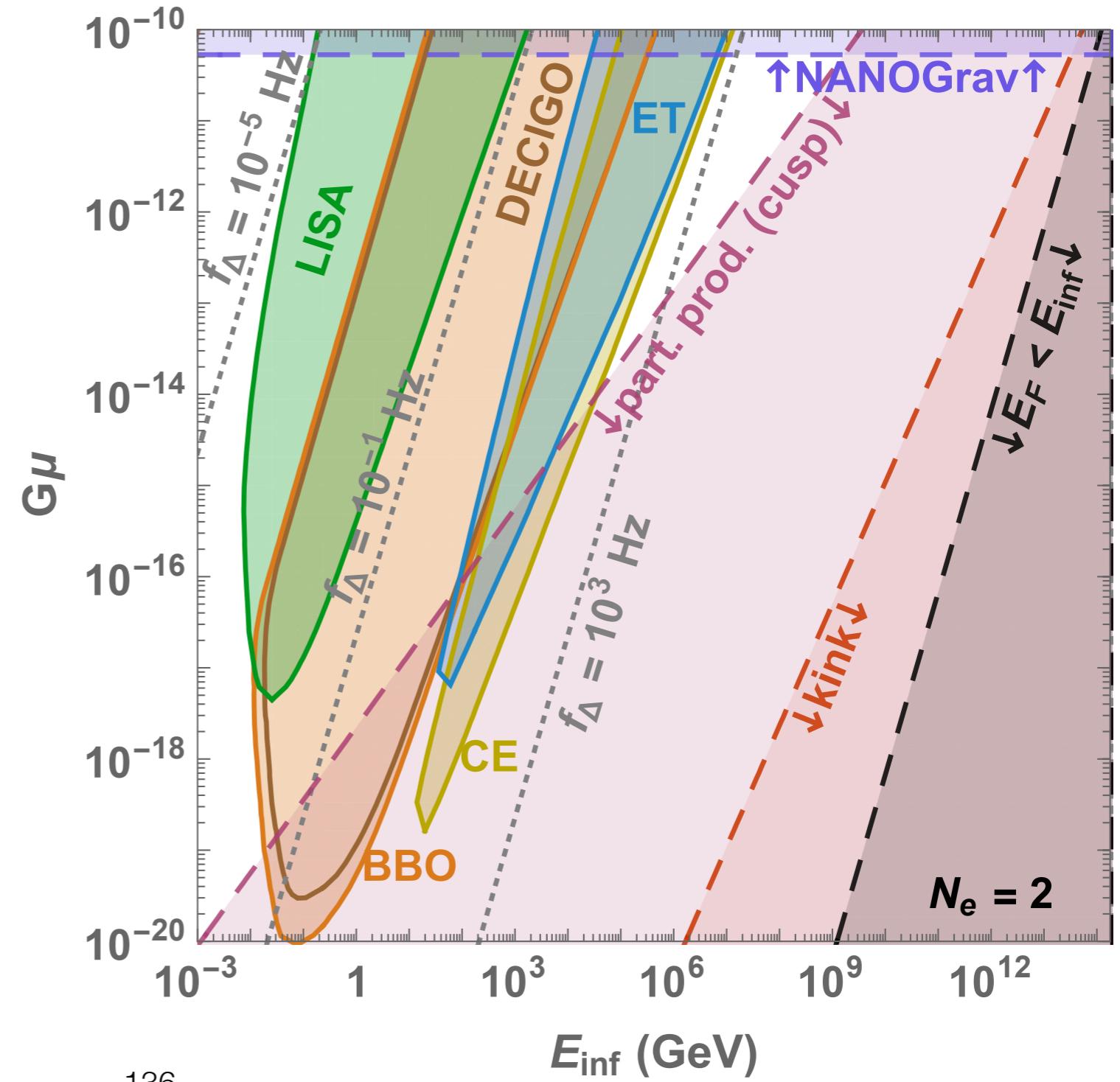
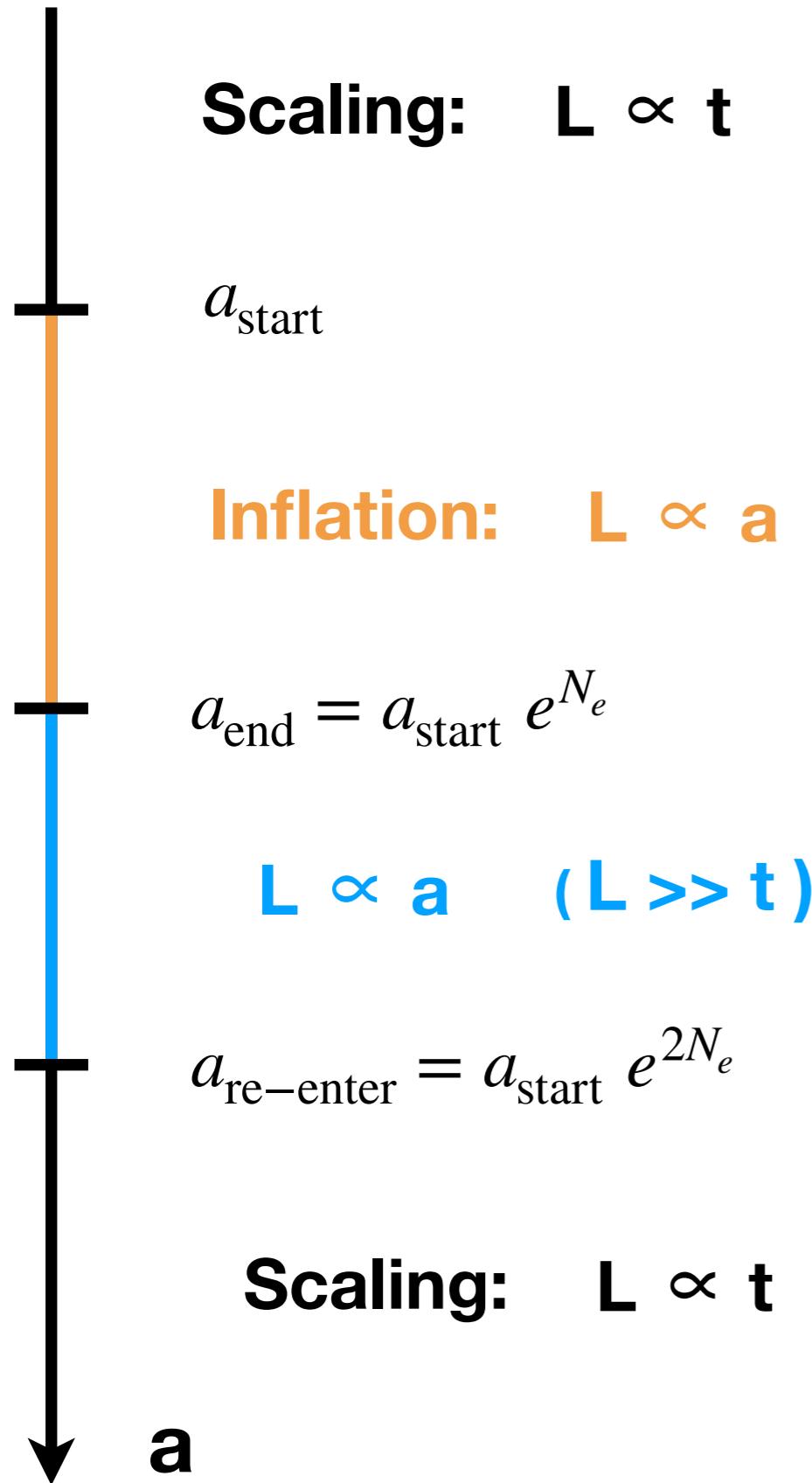
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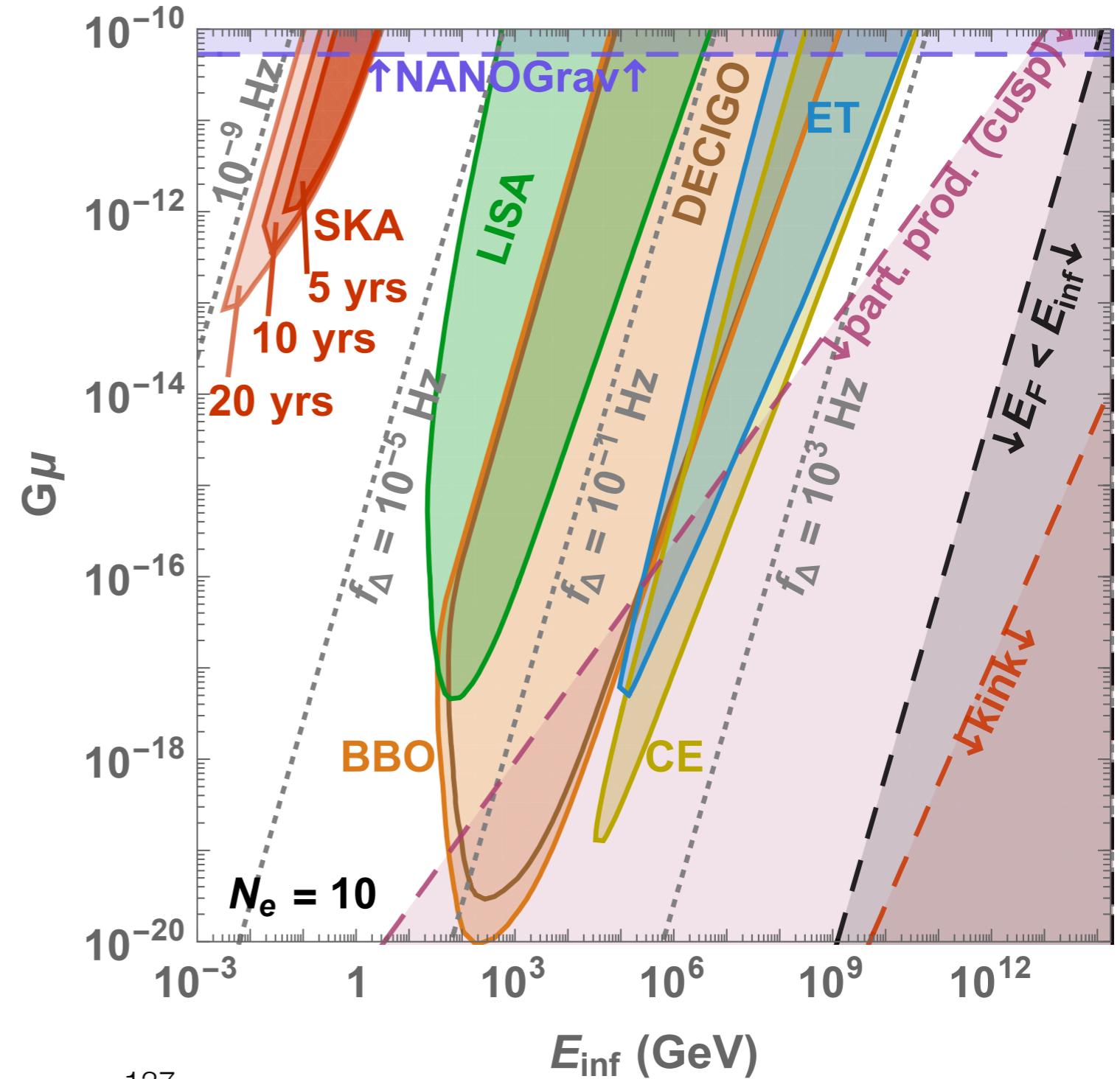
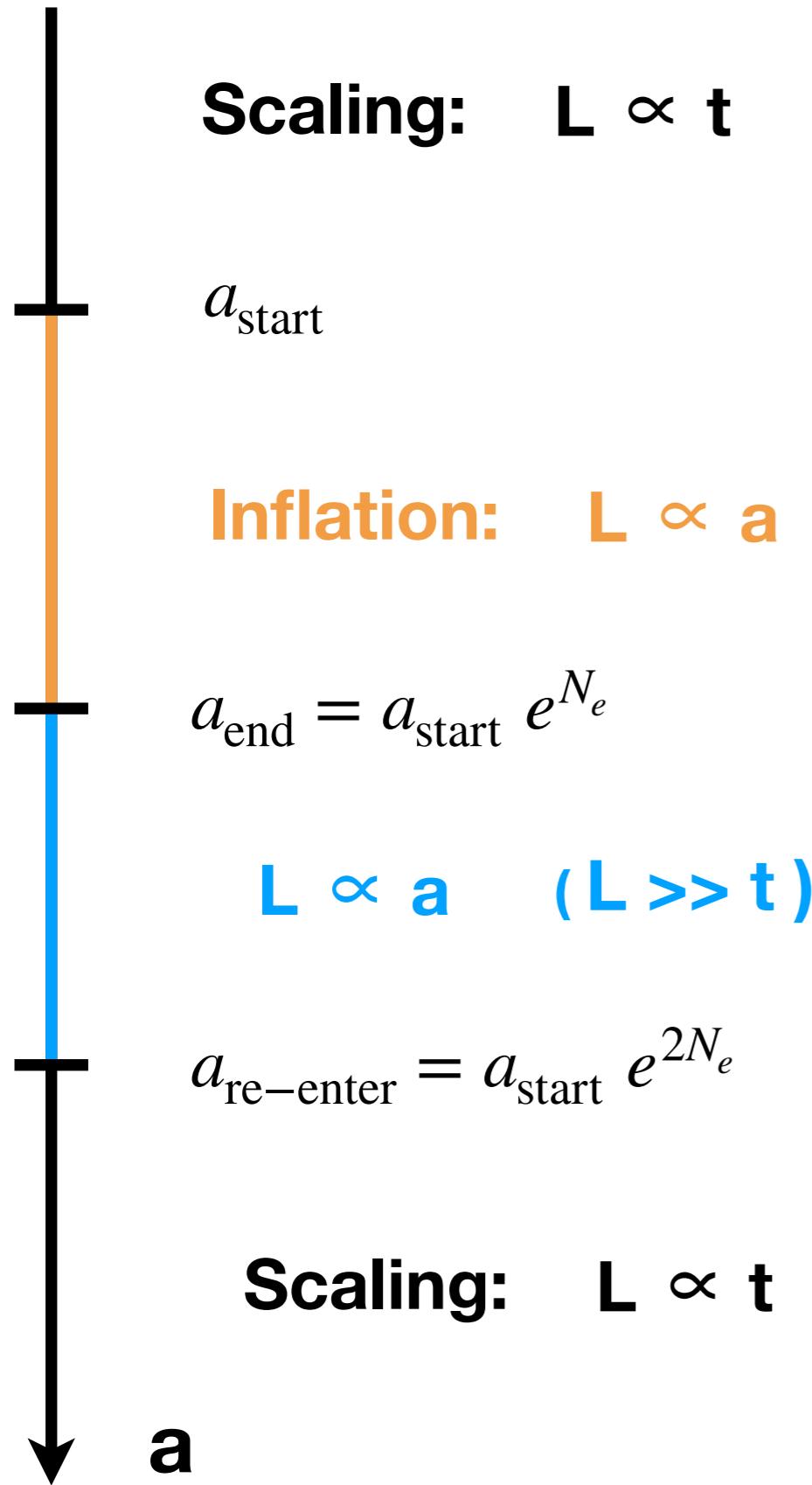
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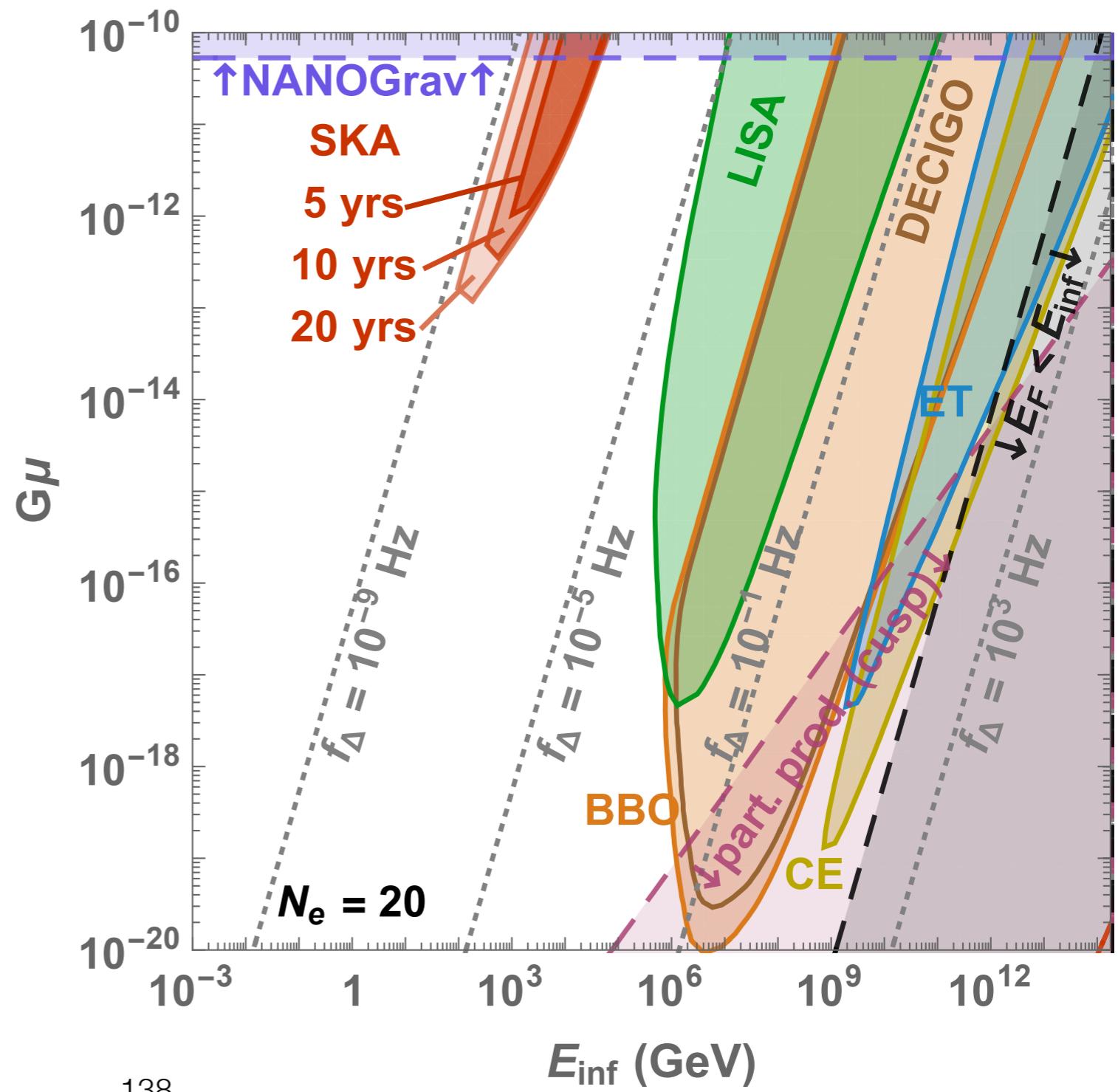
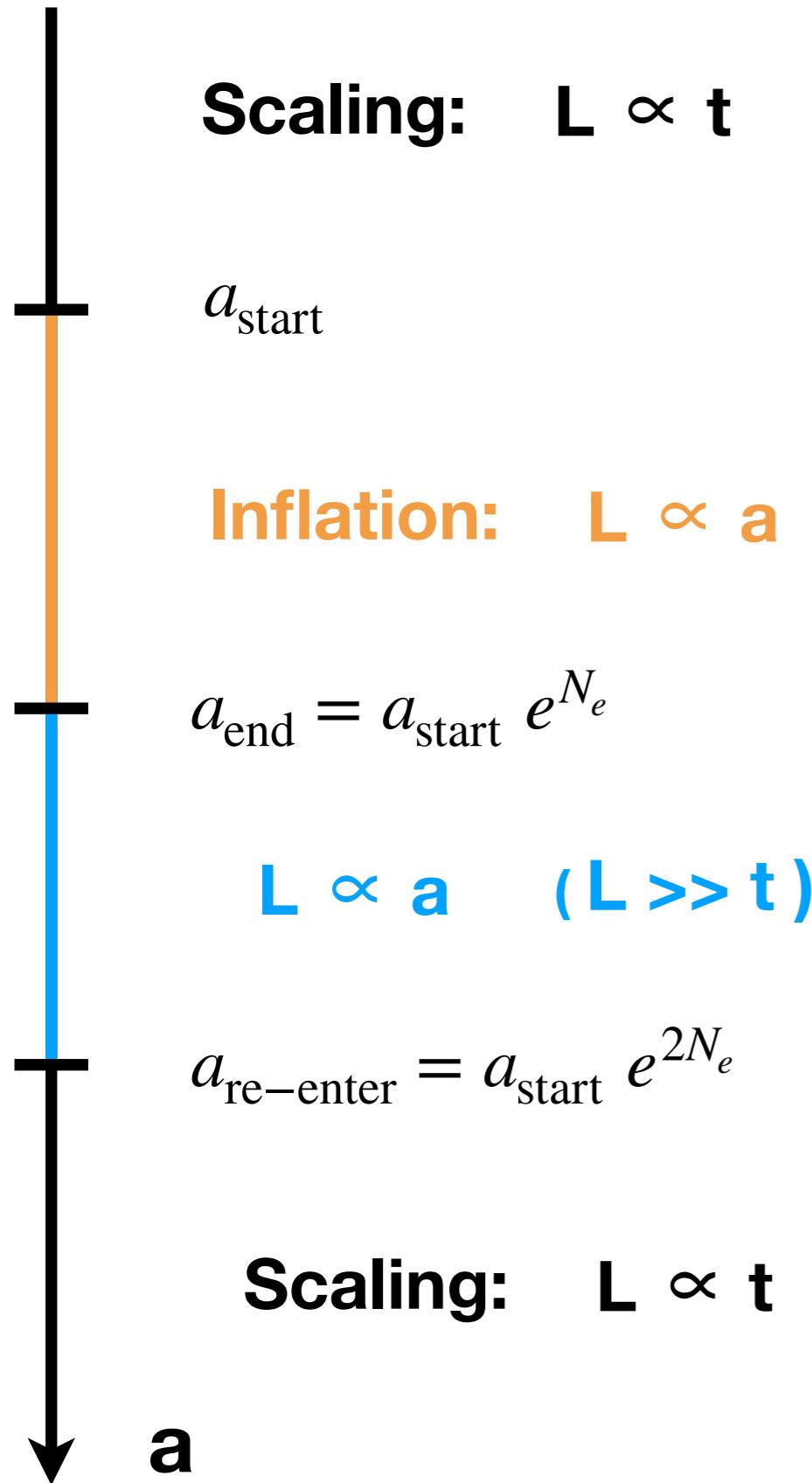
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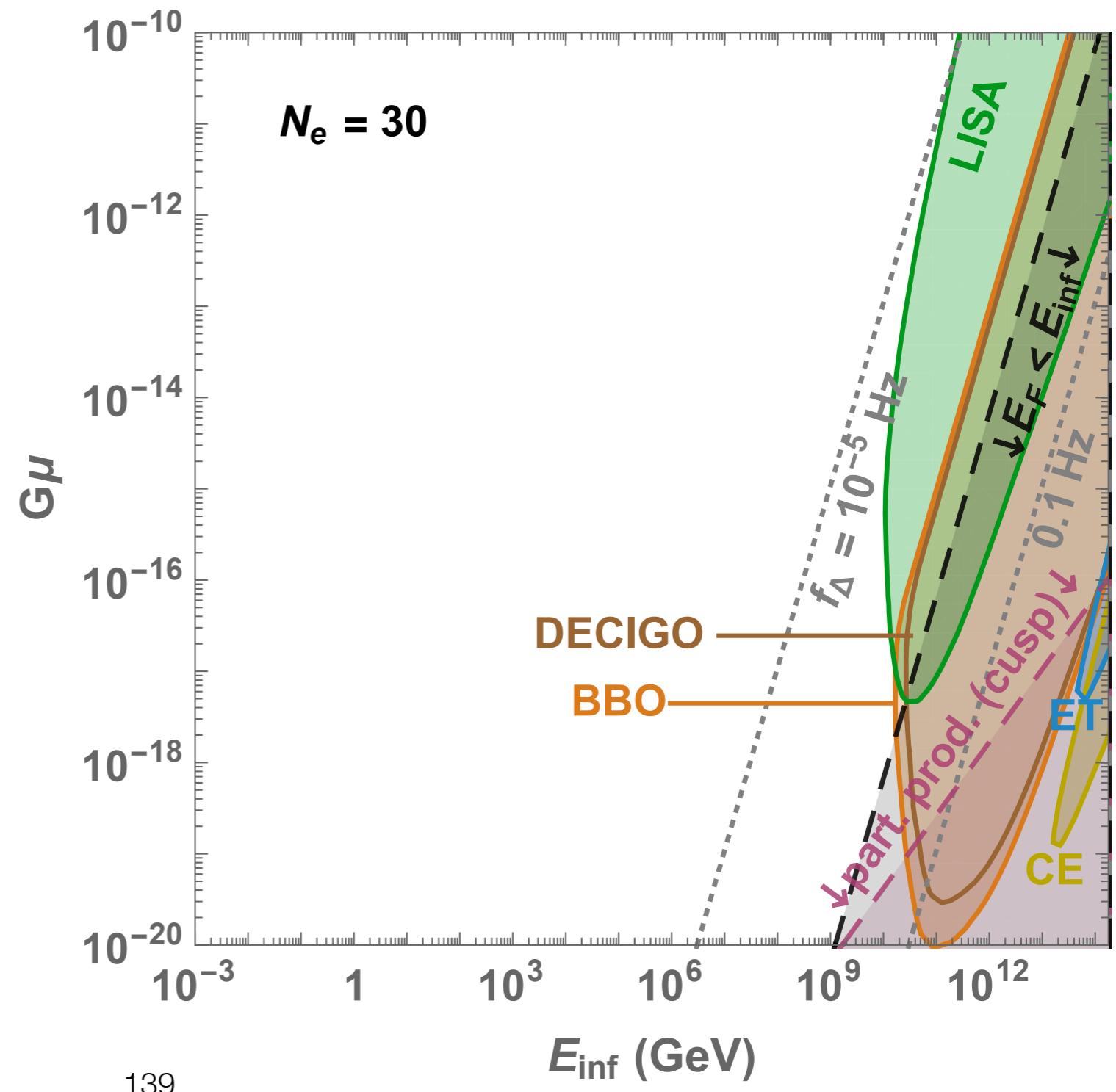
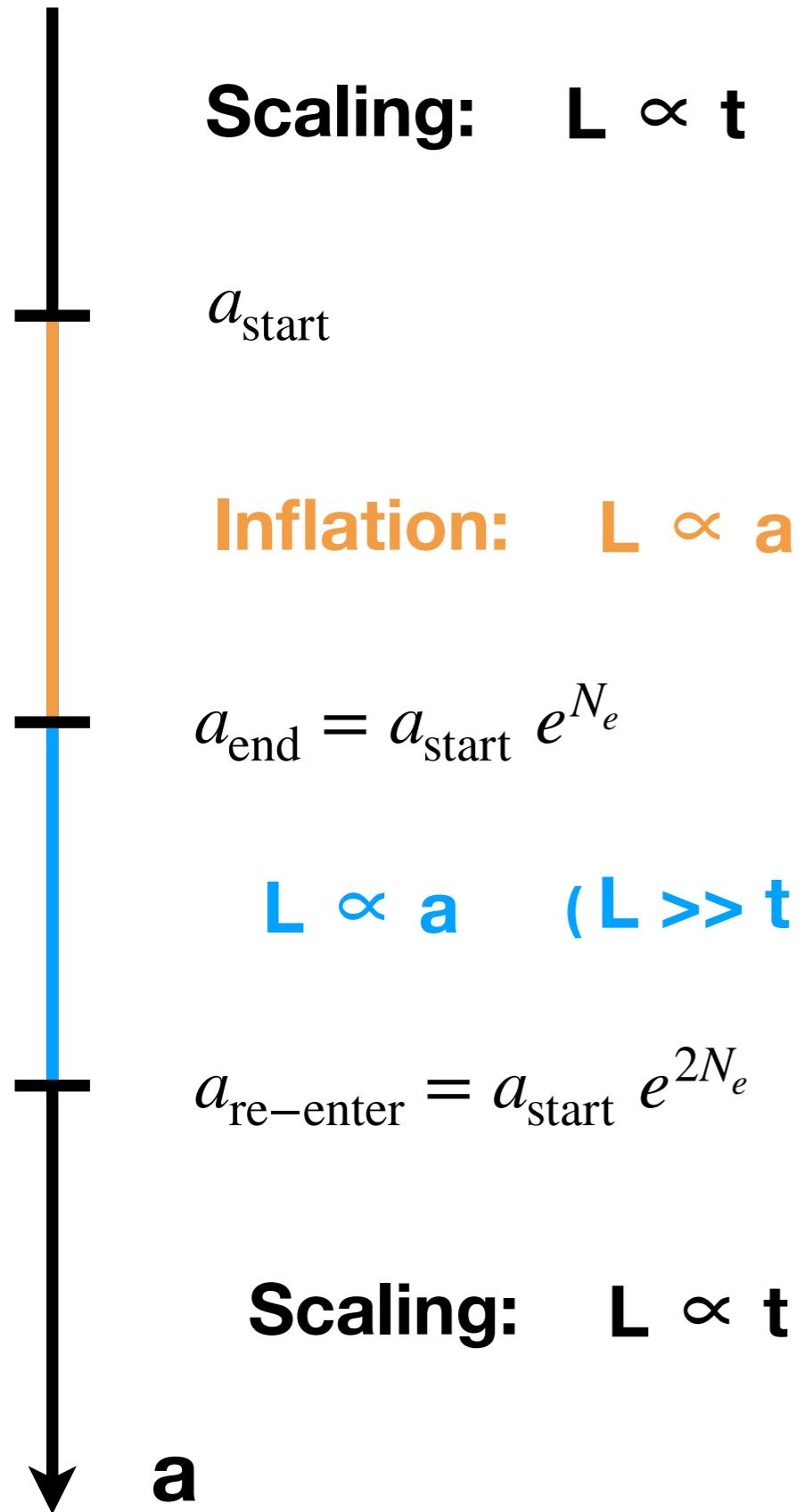
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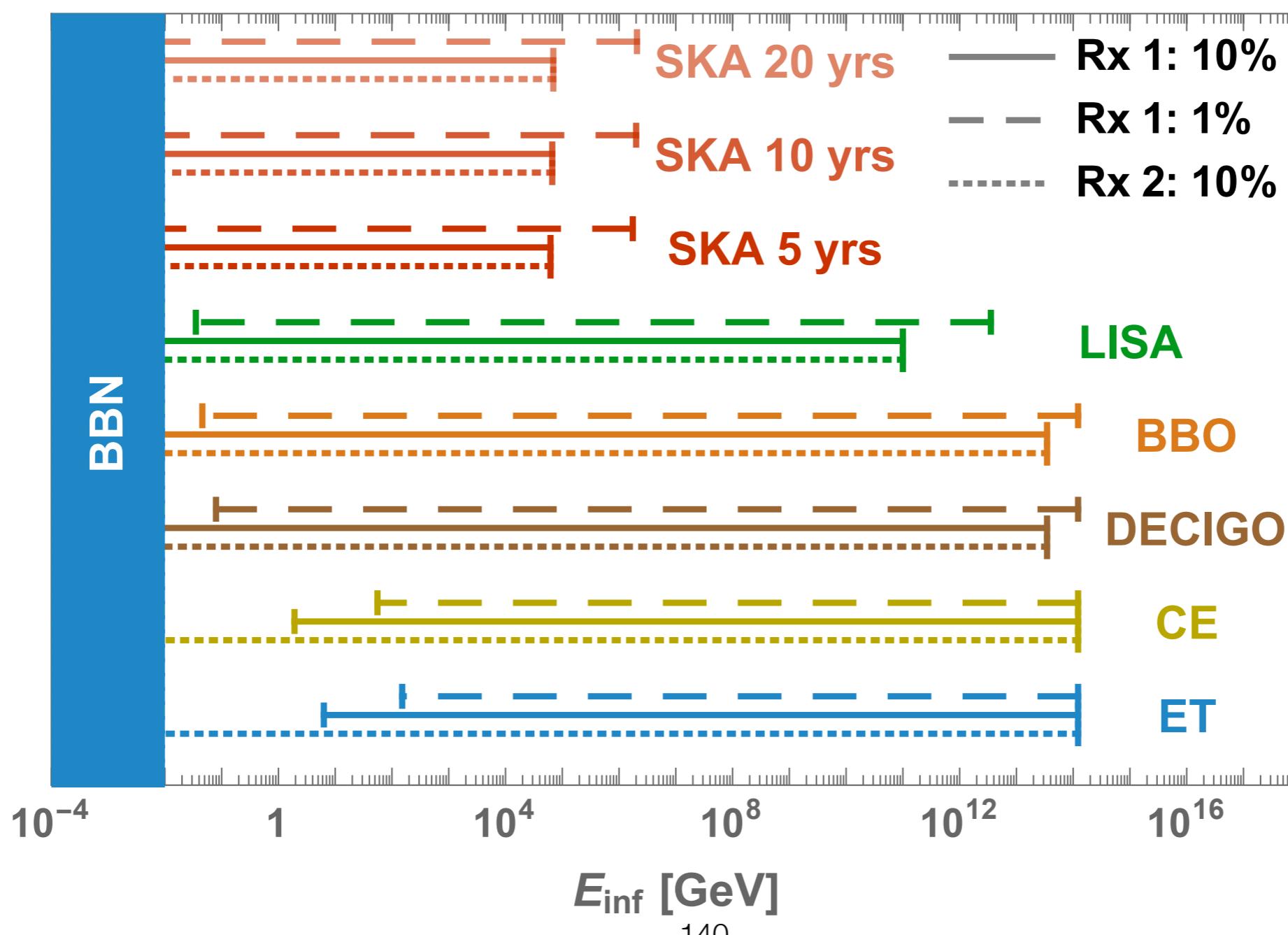


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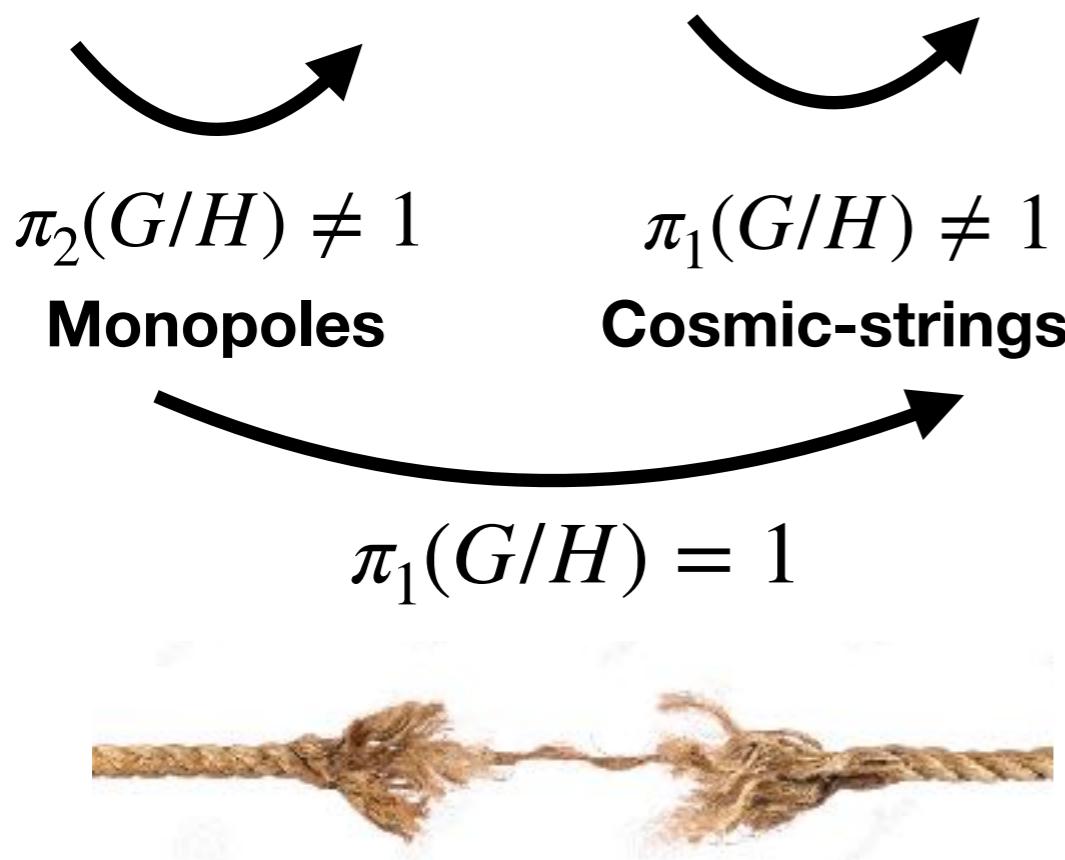
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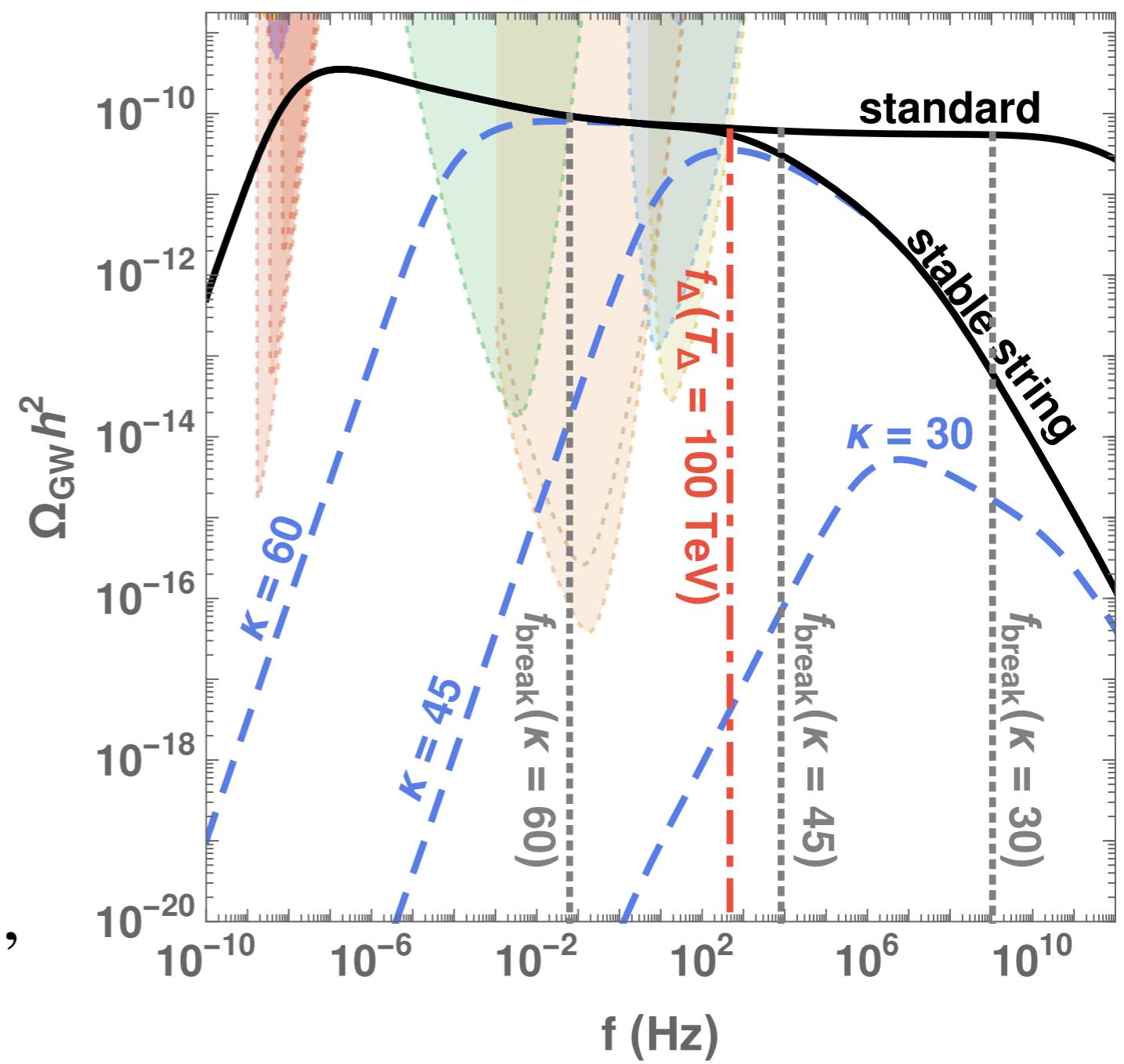


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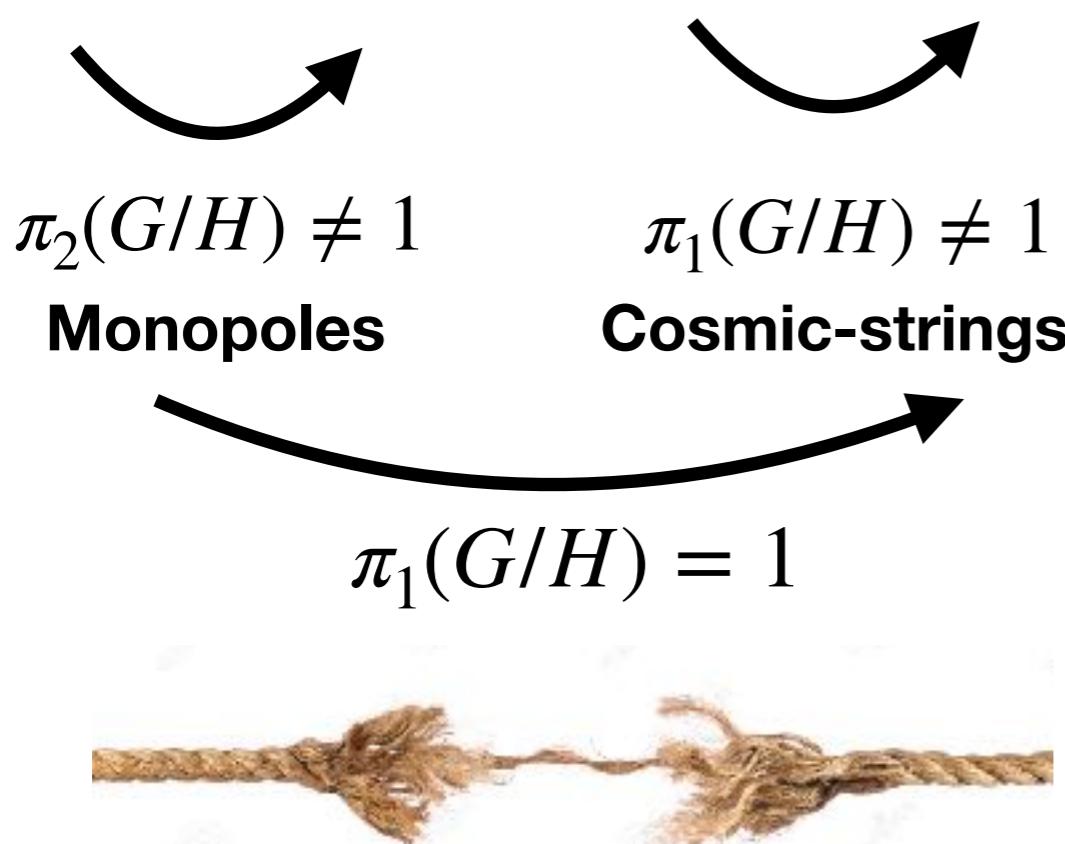
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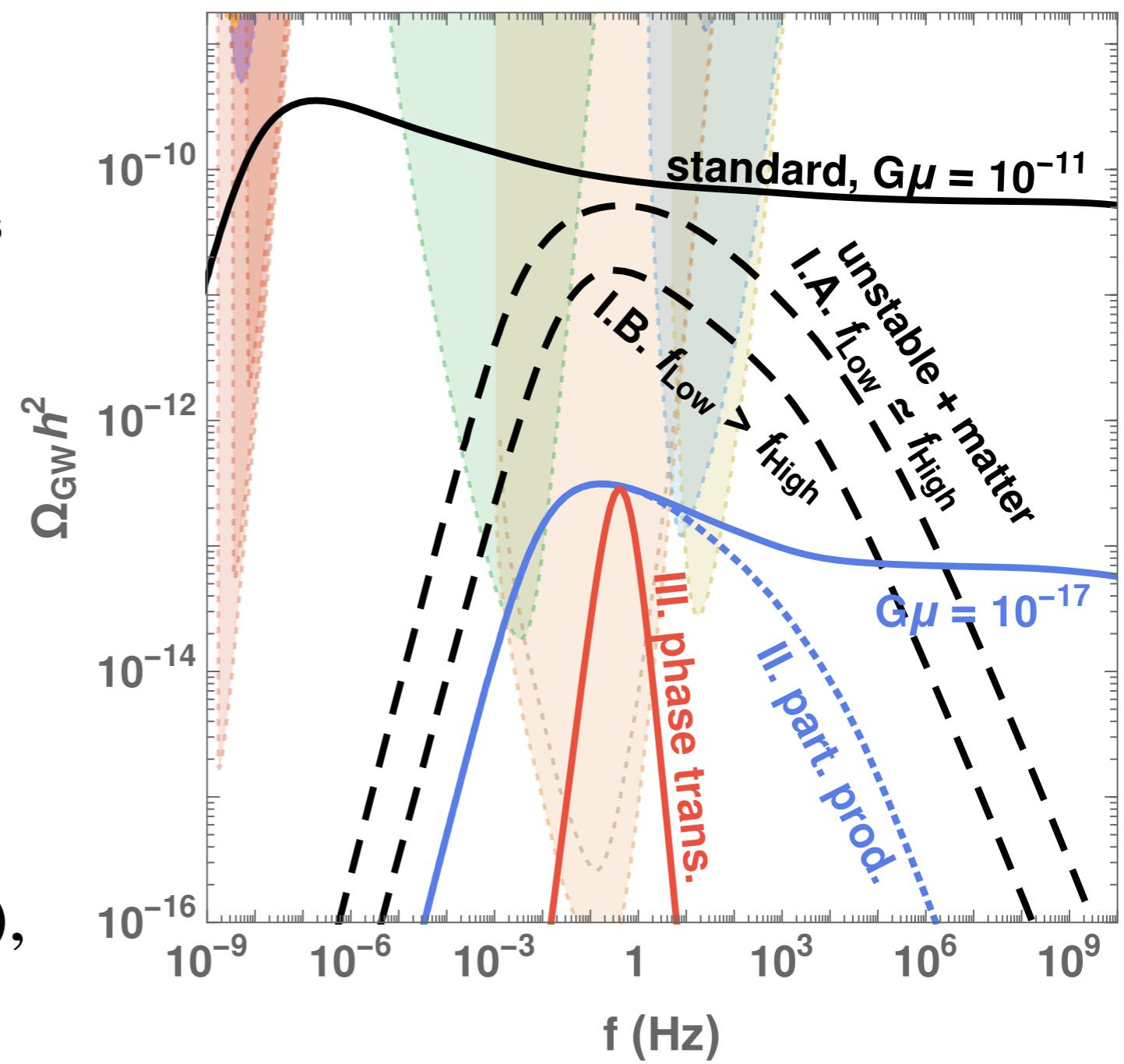
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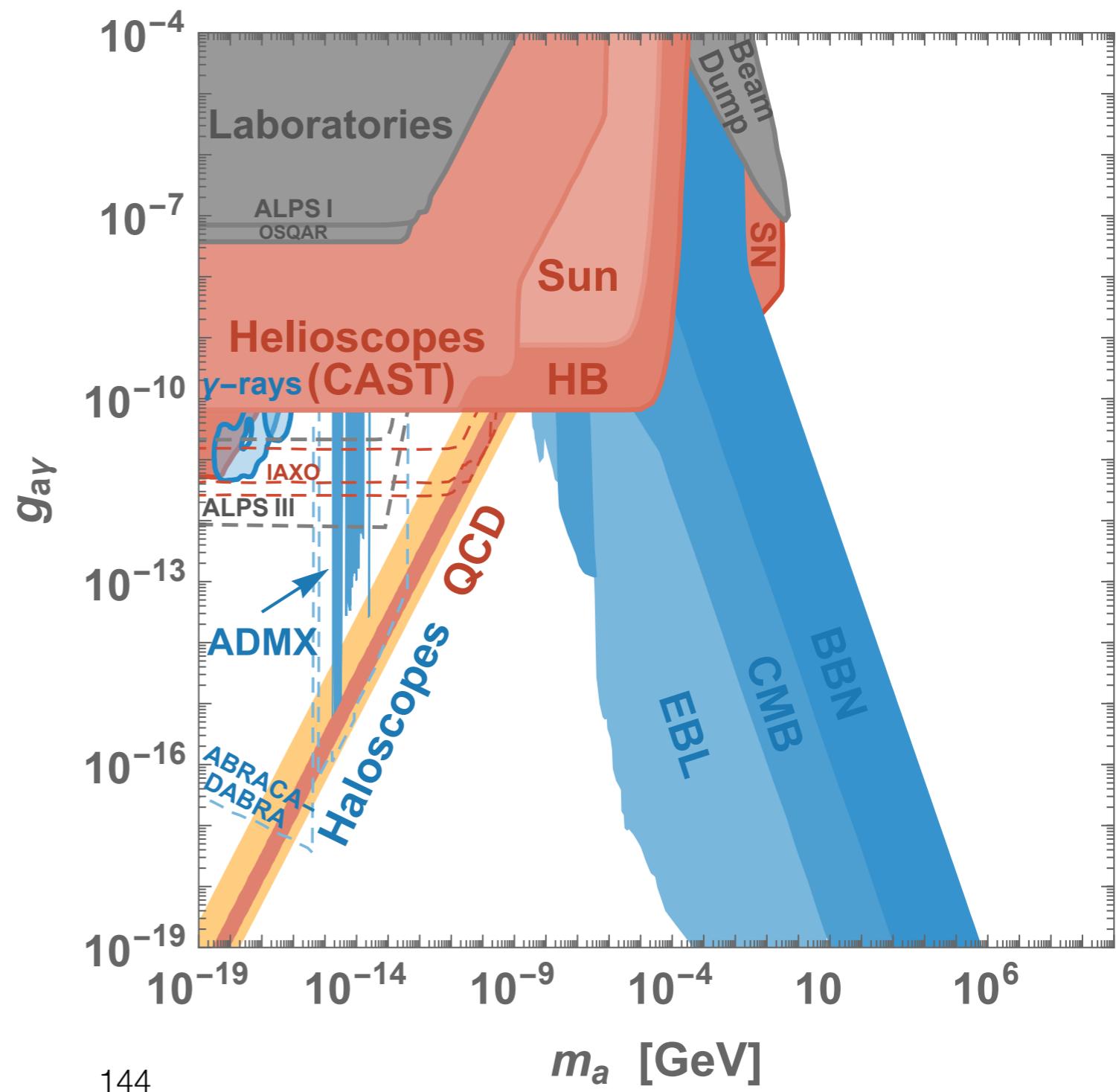
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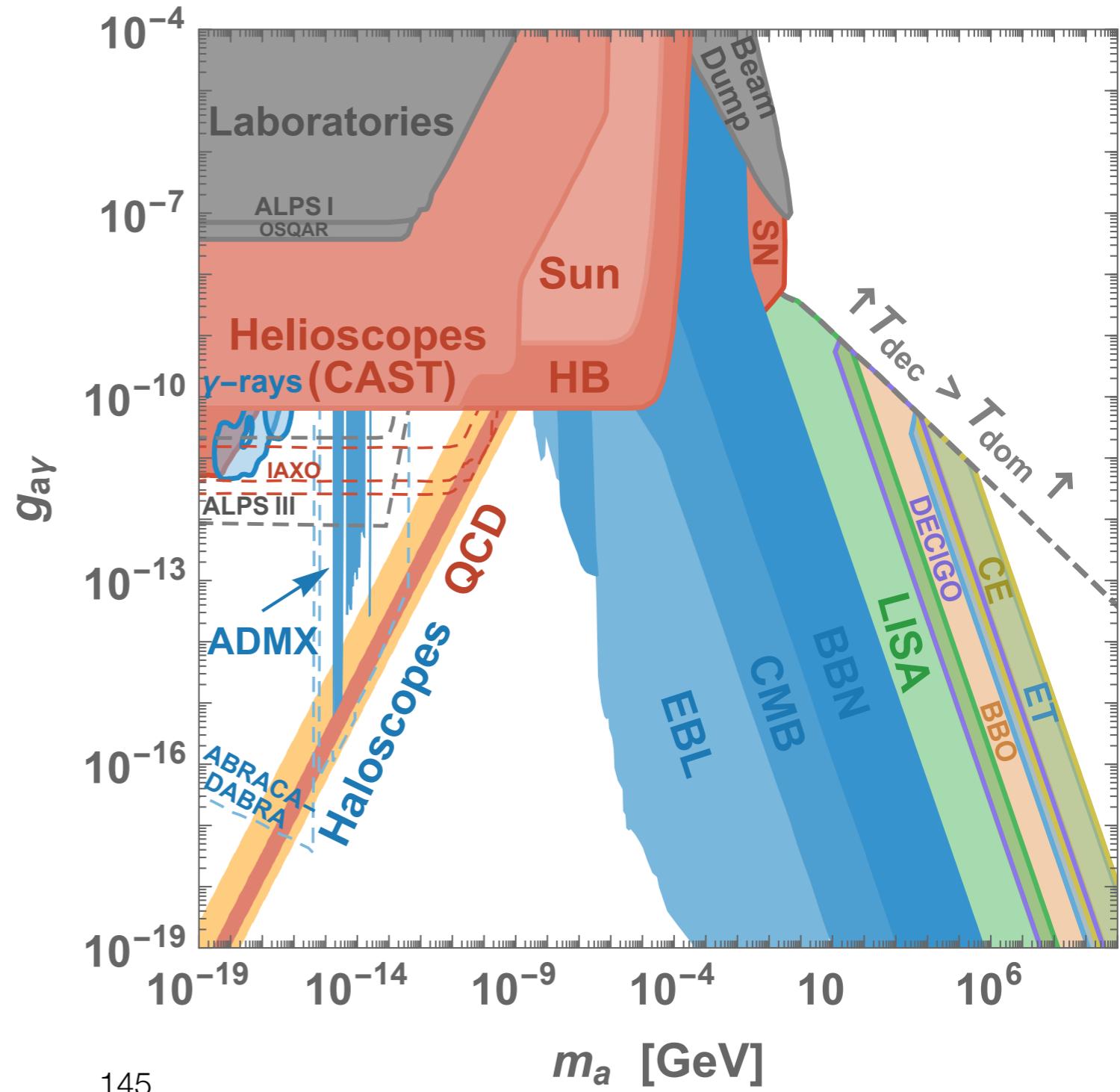
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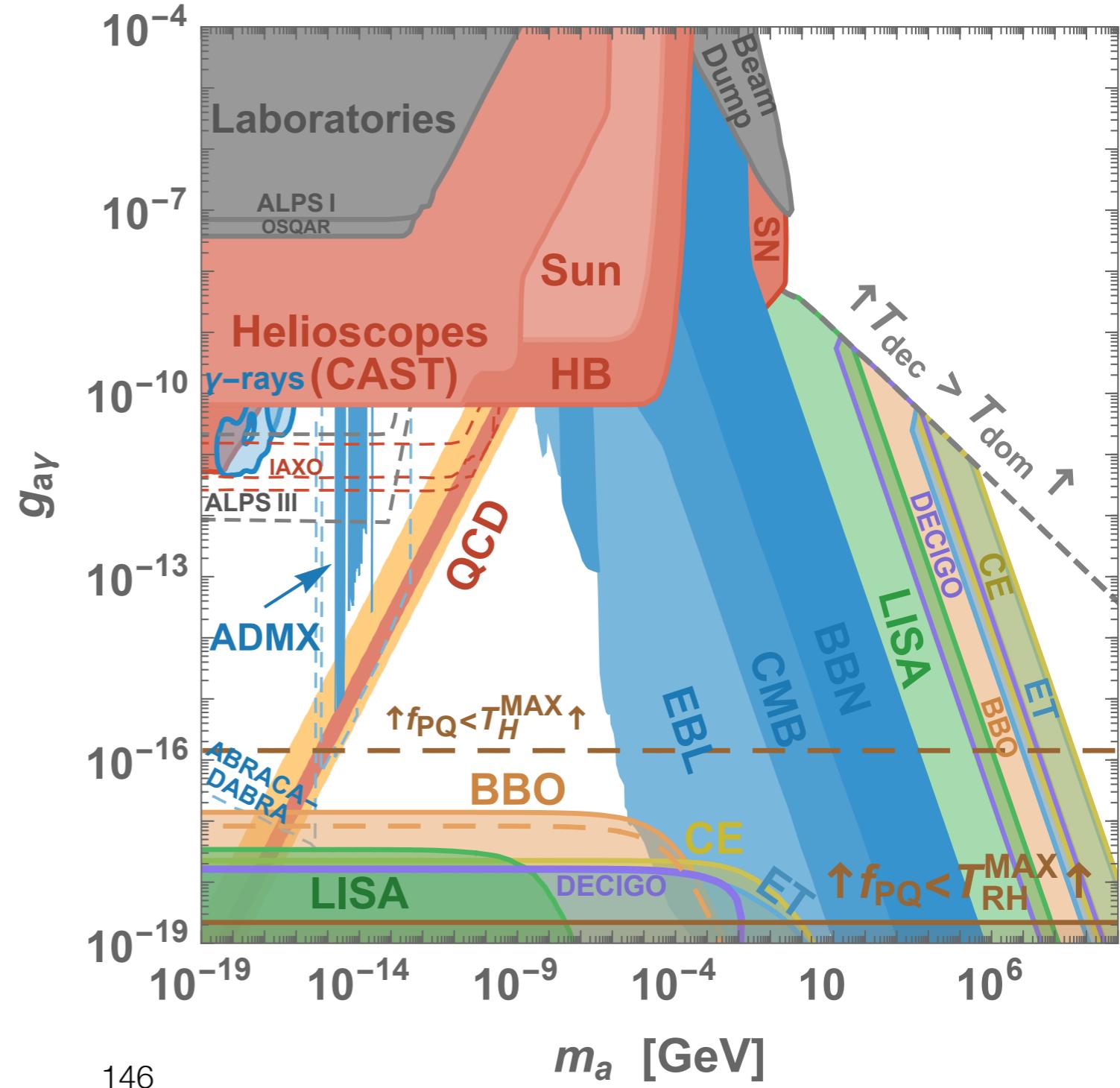
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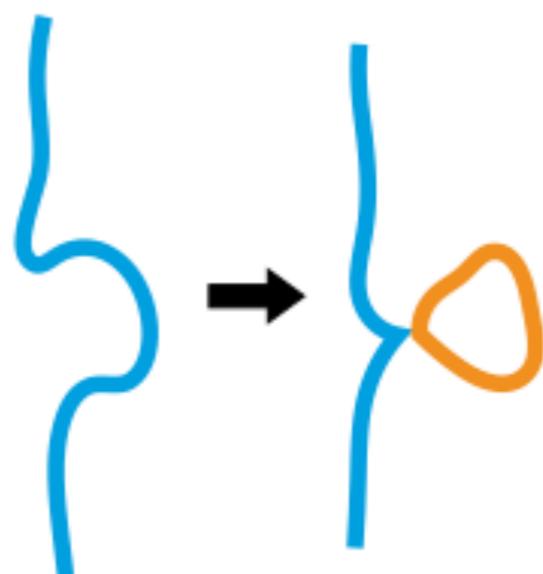
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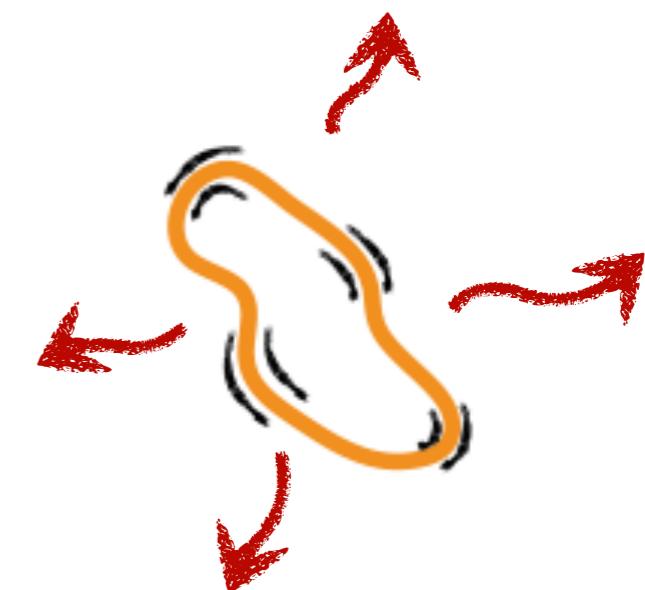
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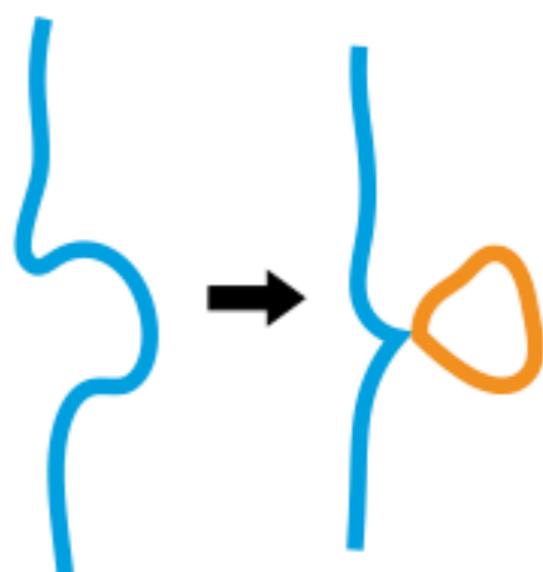
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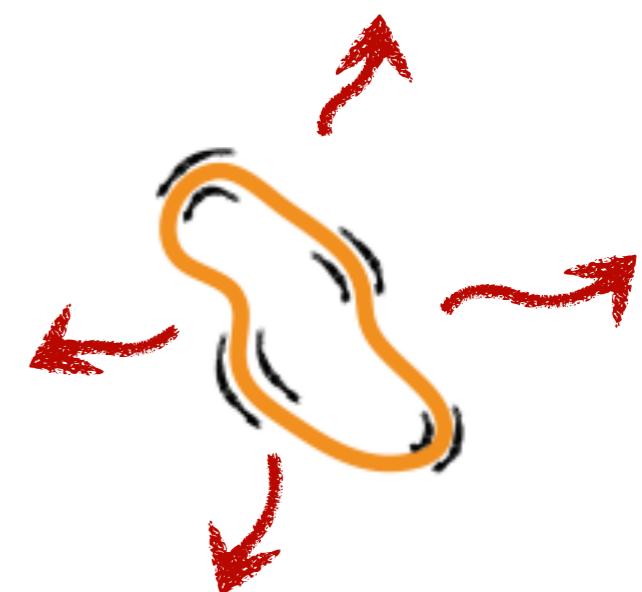
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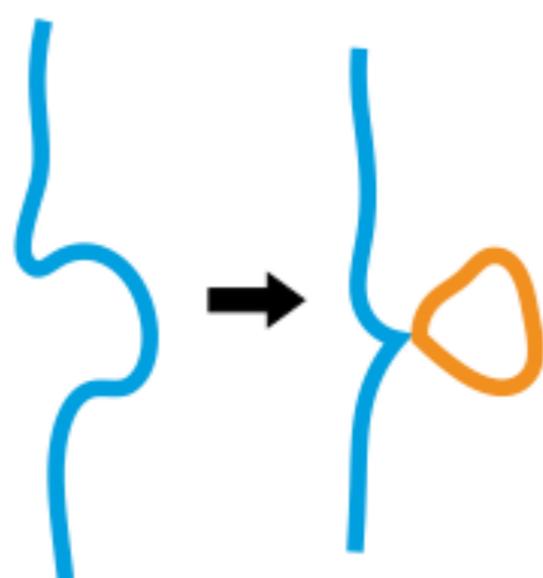
GW emission at t_*

Temperature - frequency relation

- Remember for 1st order PT:

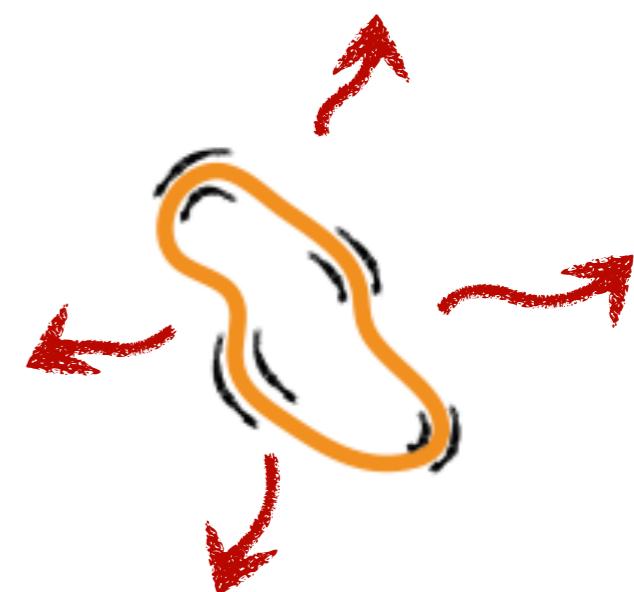
Einstein Telescope
→ “~~LISA~~ is a window on TeV” $\left(\frac{T_i}{0.1 \text{ GeV}}\right)$

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String network evolution

→ Velocity-dependent One-Scale (VOS) model

$$\bar{v} \quad \rho_\infty = \frac{\mu}{L^2}$$

$$\frac{d\bar{v}}{dt} = (1 - \bar{v}^2) \left[\frac{k(\bar{v})}{L} - 2H\bar{v} \right]$$

Newton's law
Curvature VS Hubble expansion

$$\frac{d\rho_\infty}{dt} = -2H(1 + \bar{v}^2)\rho_\infty \boxed{- \tilde{c}\bar{v}\frac{\rho_\infty}{L}}$$

Energy conservation
Hubble exp. VS loop formation

→ Thermal friction:

$$\frac{\bar{v}^2}{l_d} \equiv 2H\bar{v}^2 + \frac{\bar{v}^2}{l_f} \quad \text{with} \quad l_f \equiv \frac{\mu}{\sigma\rho} = \frac{\mu}{\beta T^3}$$

Negligible for T lower than:

$$T_{\text{friction}} \sim 40 \text{ PeV} \frac{G\mu}{10^{-15}}$$

Compare with network formation:

$$T_F \sim \sqrt{\mu} \sim 10^{11} \text{ GeV} \left(\frac{G\mu}{10^{-15}} \right)^{1/2}.$$

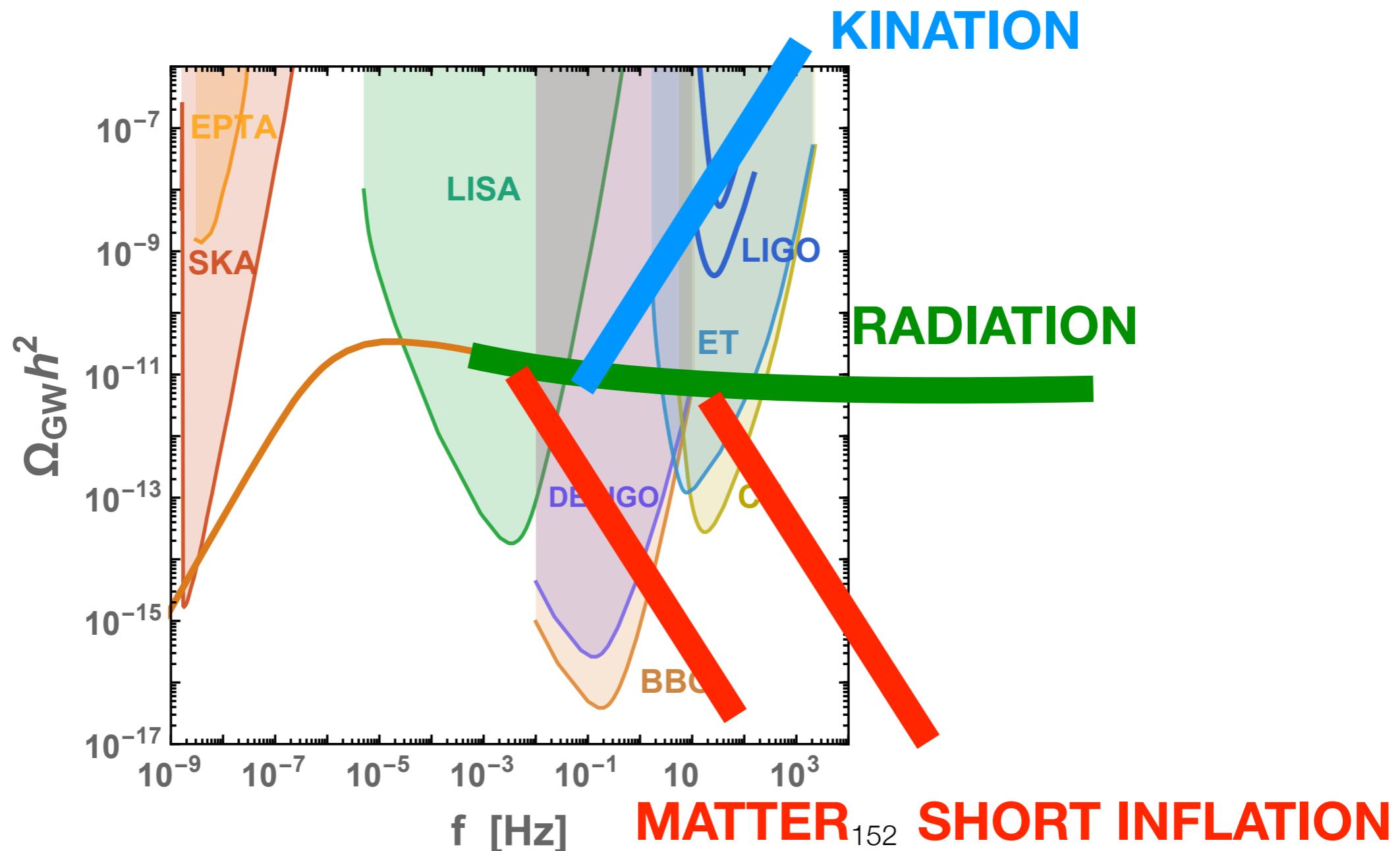
GW energy

density redshift

$$\Omega_{\text{GW}}(f) \simeq \sum_k \frac{1}{\rho_c} \int_{t_{\text{osc}}}^{t_0} d\tilde{t} \int da \left[\frac{a(\tilde{t})}{a(t_0)} \right]^3 \cdot \Theta(t_i - \frac{l_*}{a}) \cdot \frac{\Gamma G \mu^2}{k^{4/3}}$$

Loop density redshift

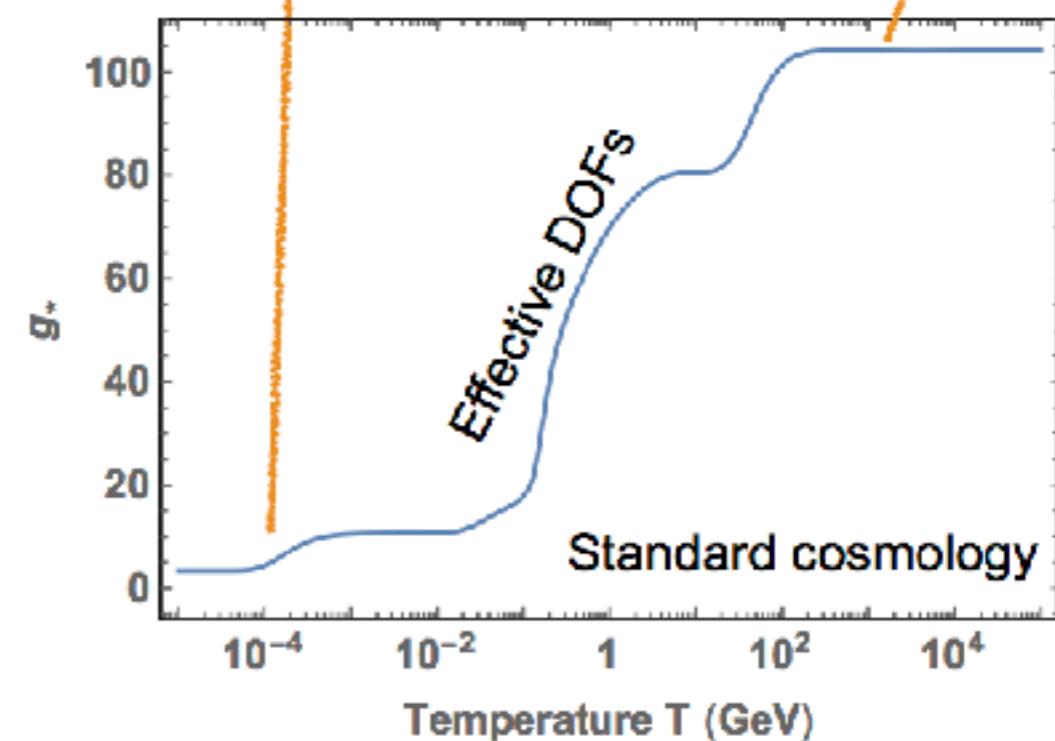
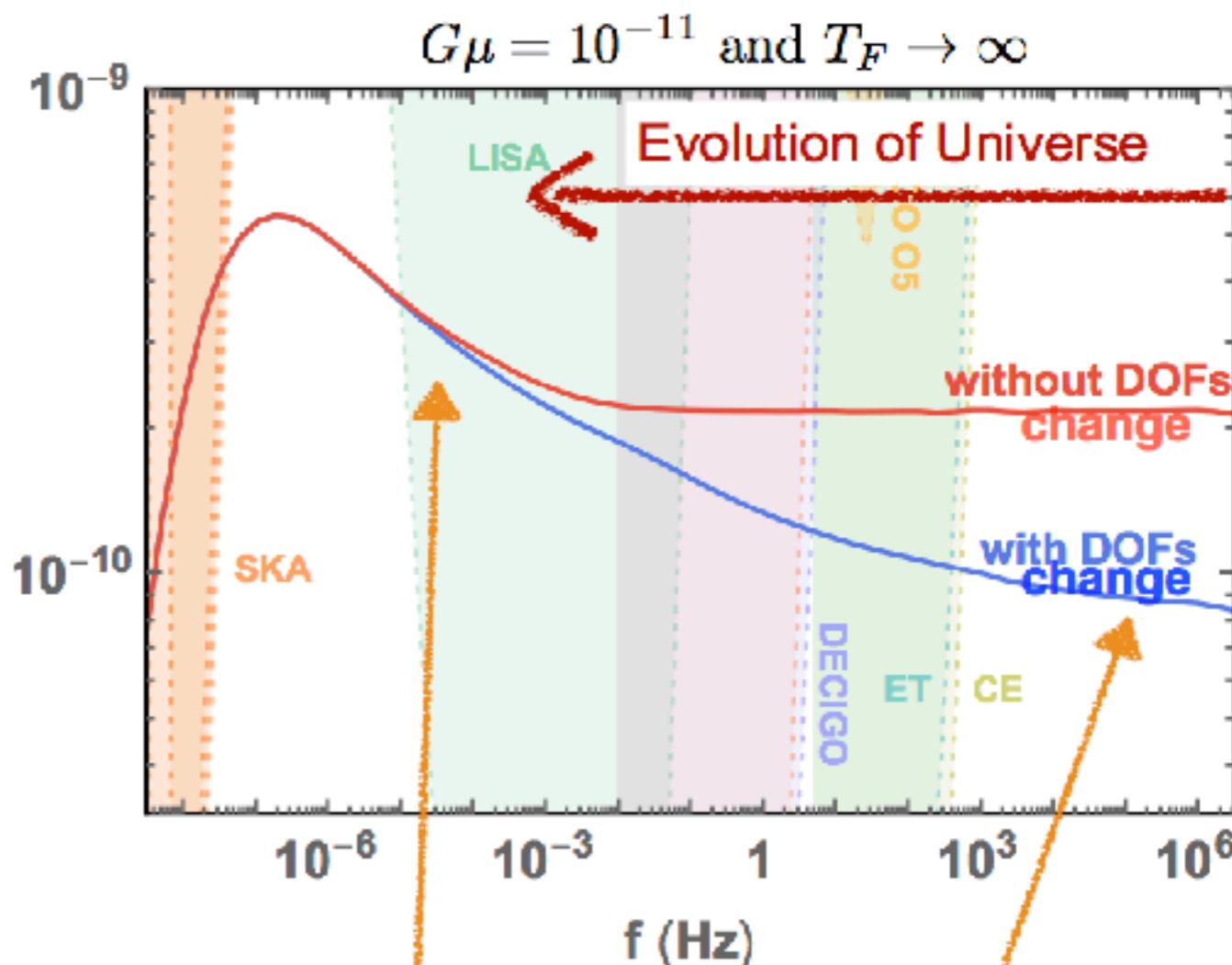
$$\times \left[\frac{a(t_i)}{a(\tilde{t})} \right]^3 \cdot \frac{dt_i}{d\tilde{t}} \cdot P(a) \cdot \frac{\tilde{C}_{\text{eff}}(t_i)}{\alpha t_i^4} \cdot \Theta(t_i - t_{\text{osc}})$$



Change in DOFs

Decay of relativistic particles

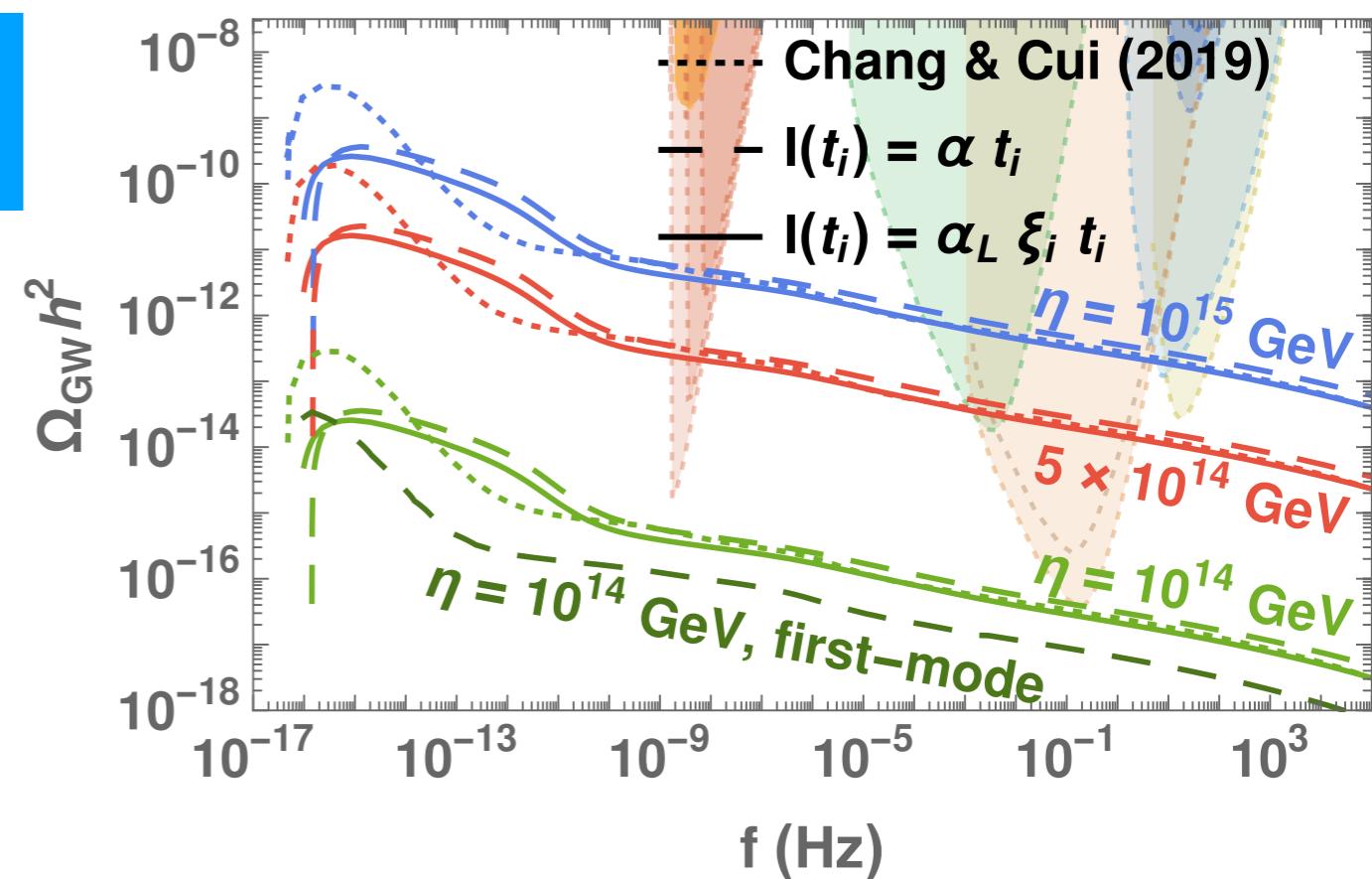
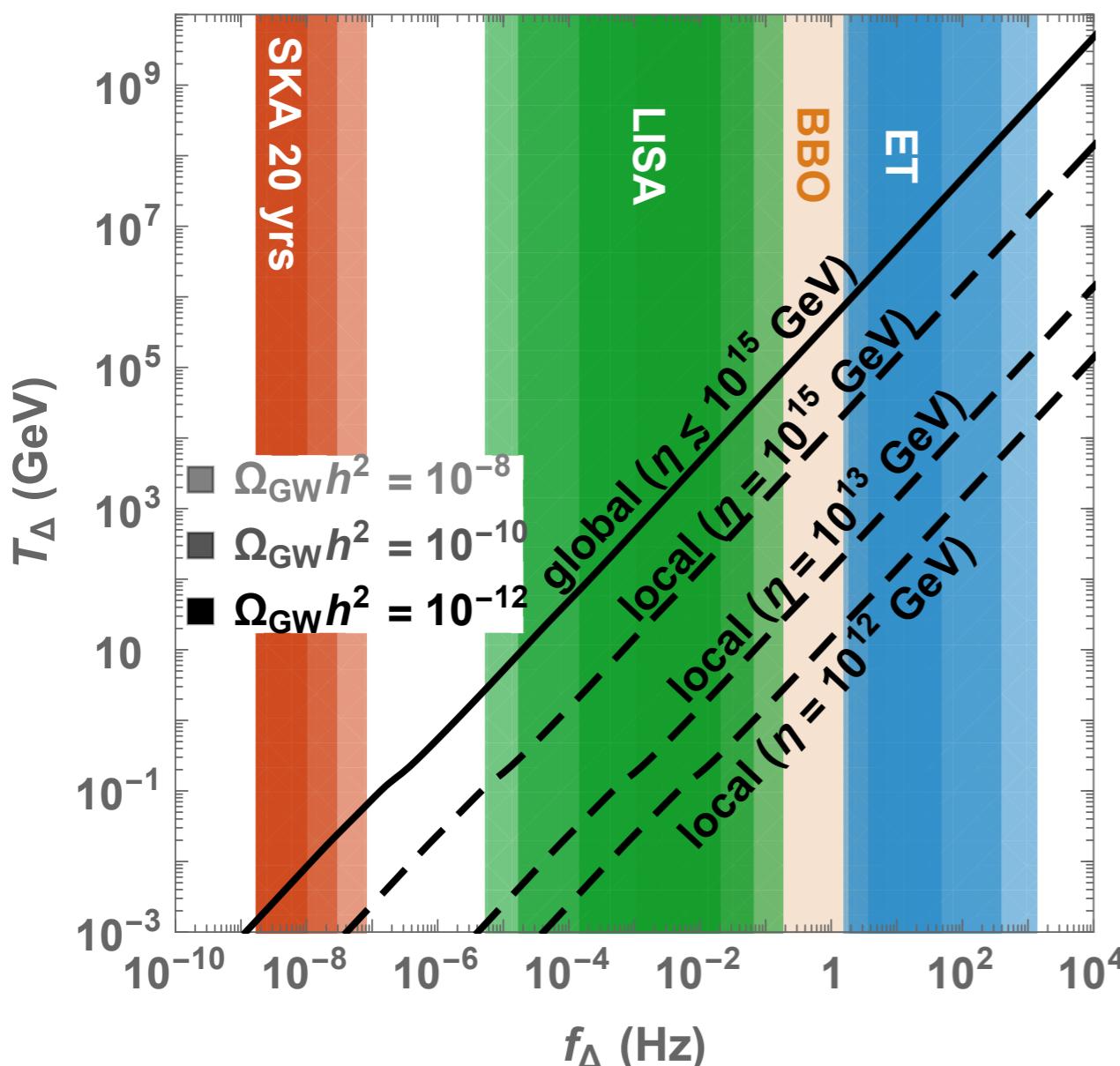
→ Deviation from $a \propto t^{1/2}$



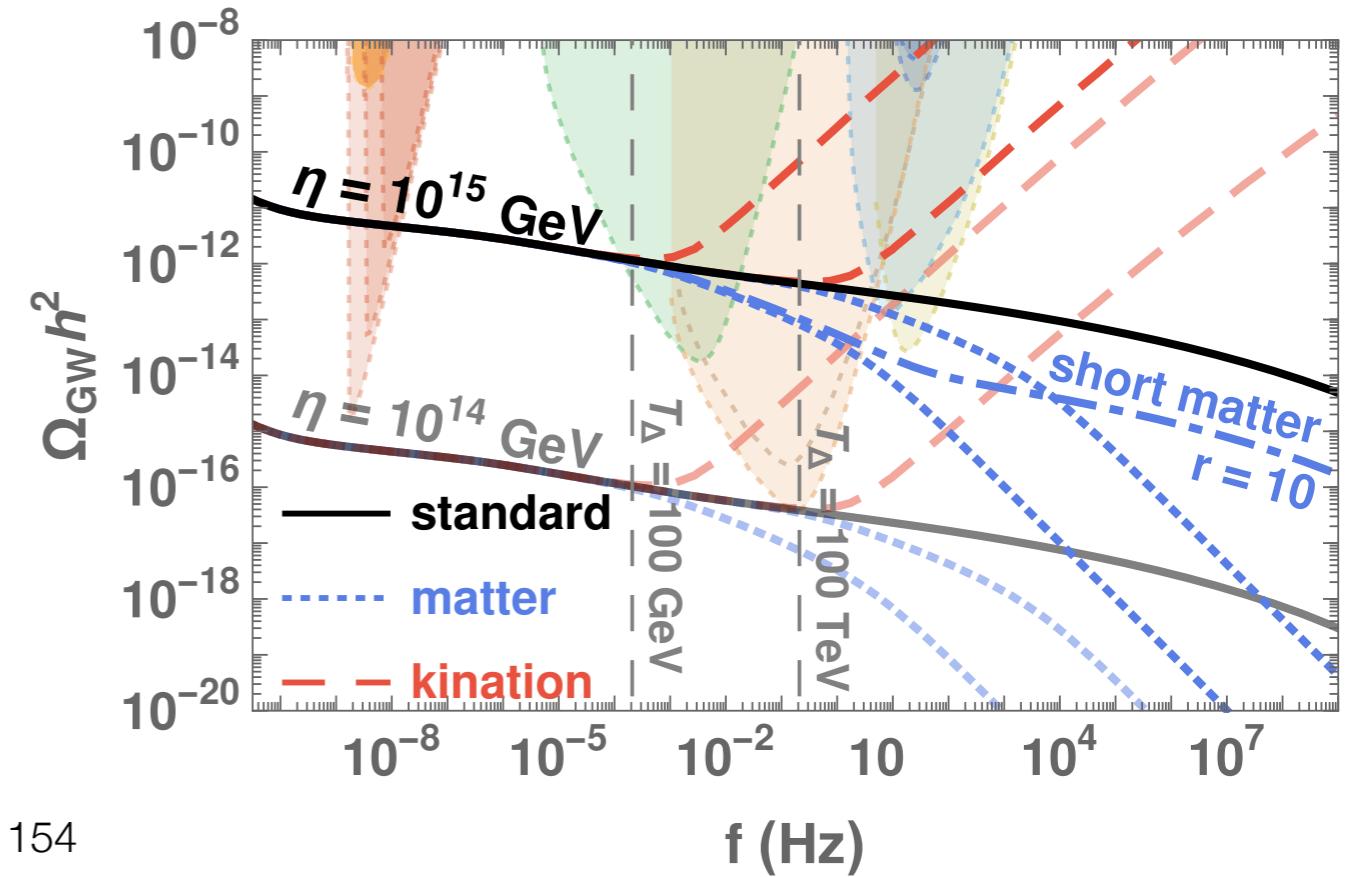
Global strings

$$f_{\text{global}} \Big|_{(T_*)} \sim \sqrt{G\mu} \times f_{\text{local}} \Big|_{(T_*)}$$

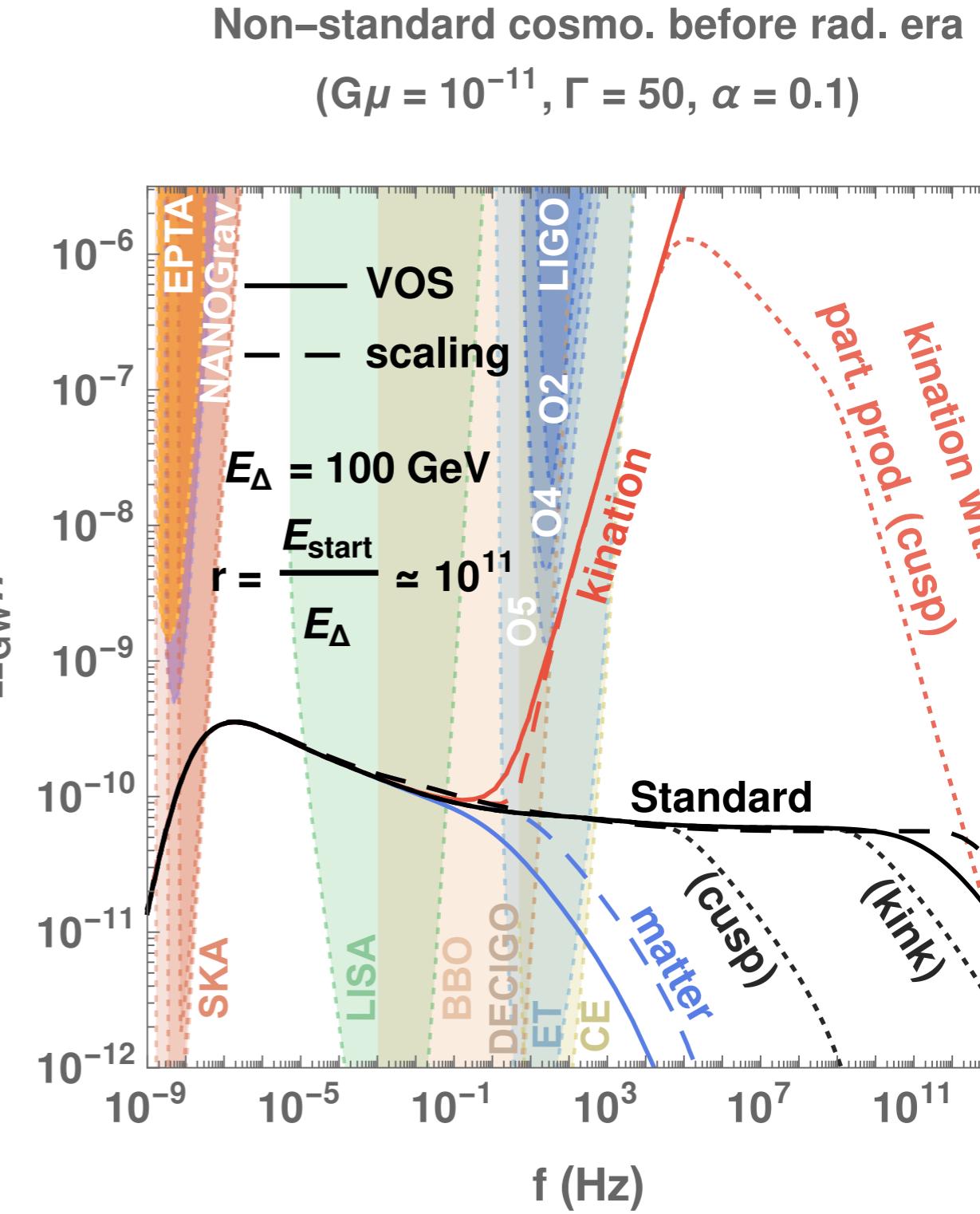
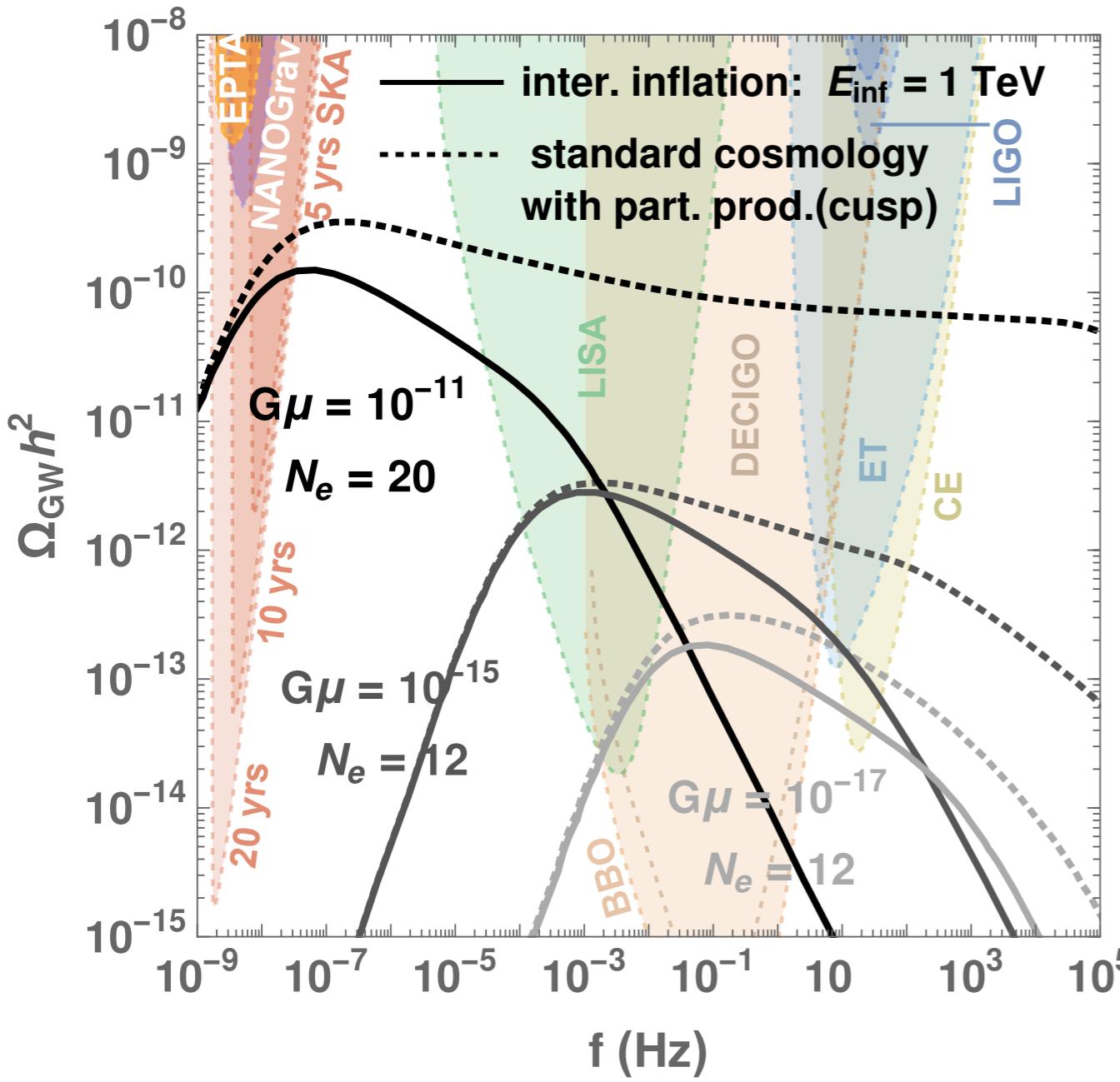
$$\Omega_{\text{GW}}_{\text{global}} \sim (G\mu)^{3/2} \times \Omega_{\text{GW}}_{\text{local}}$$



Non-standard cosmo.
global strings: $\Gamma = 50, \alpha = 0.1$

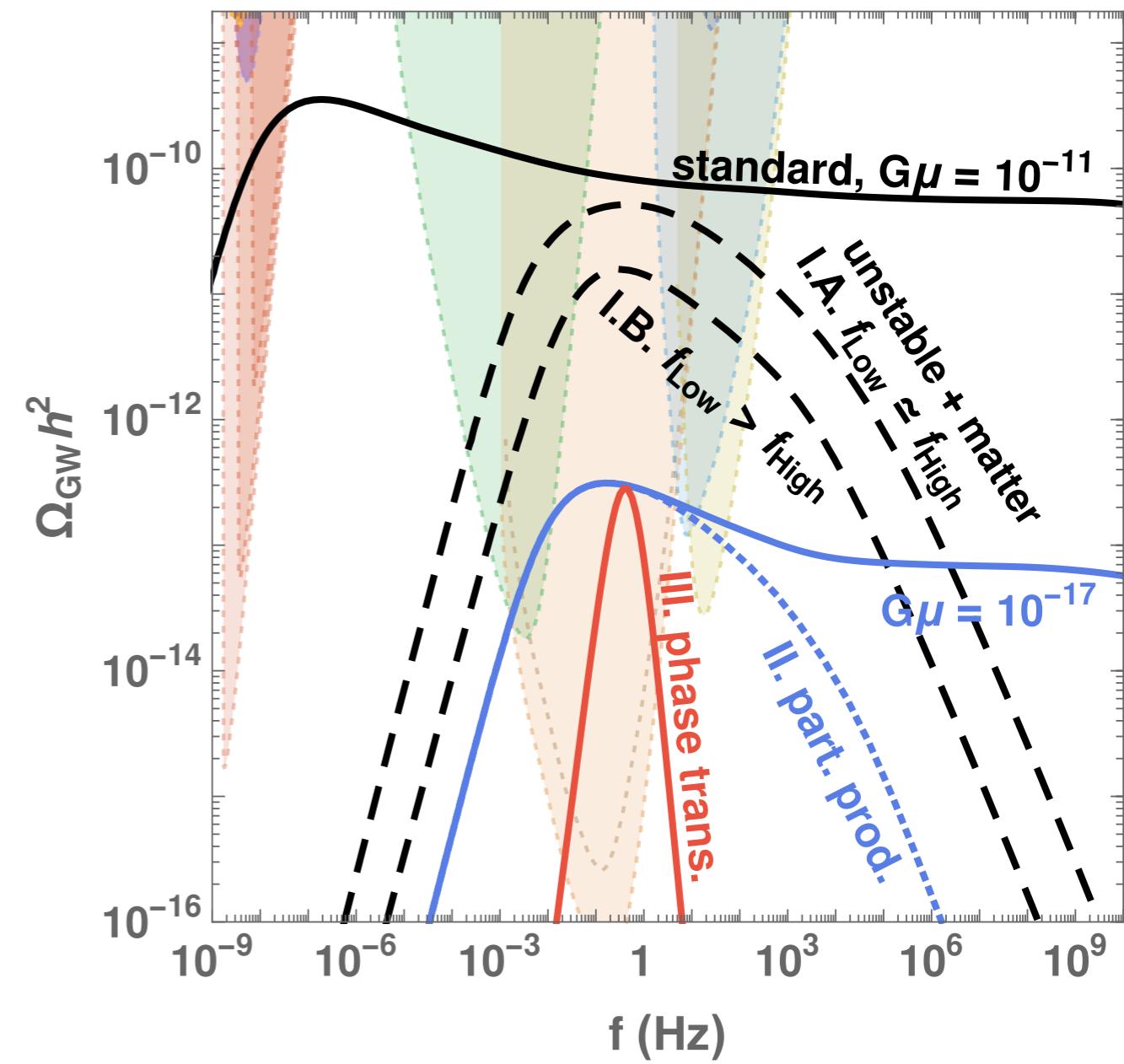
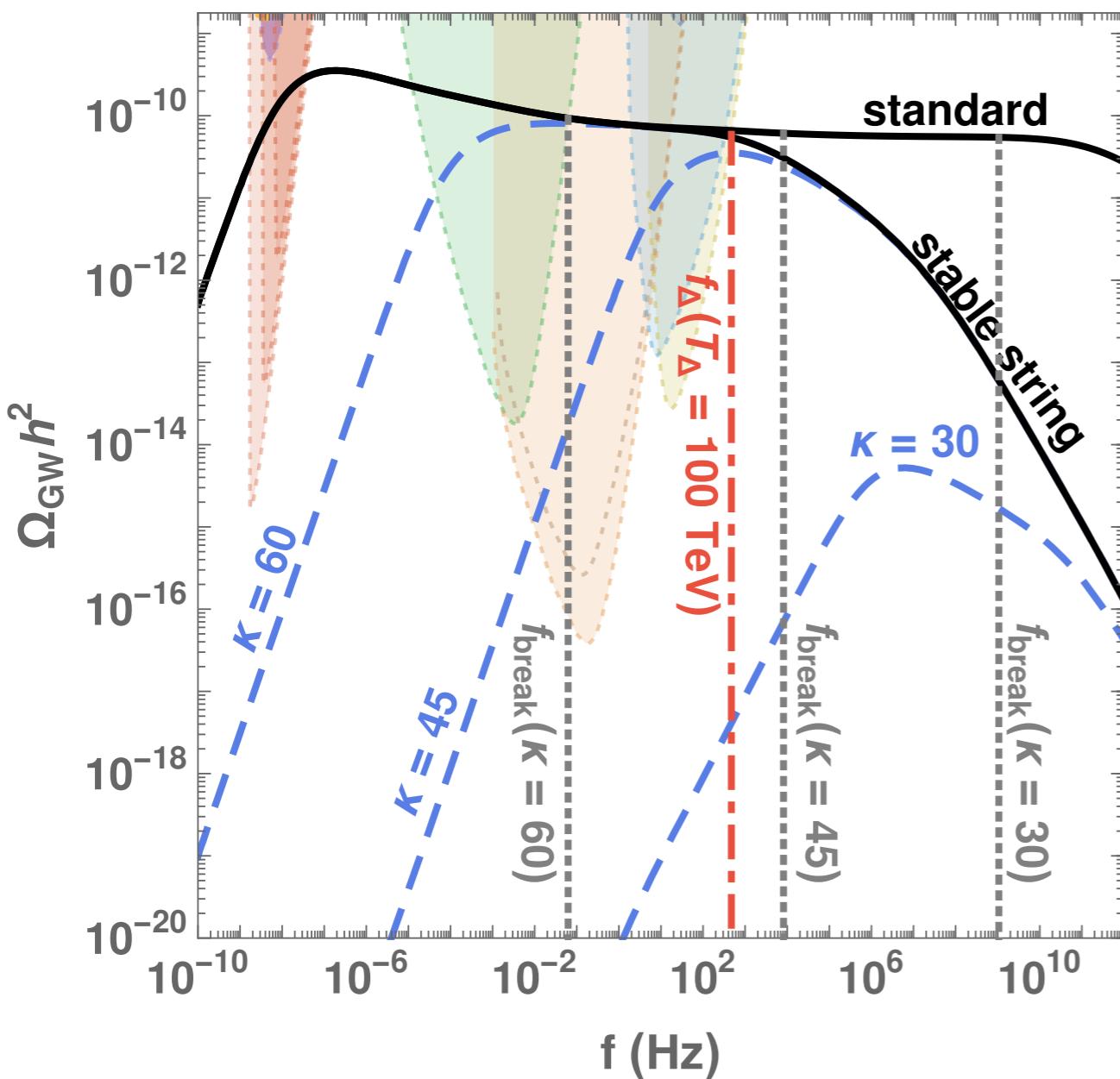


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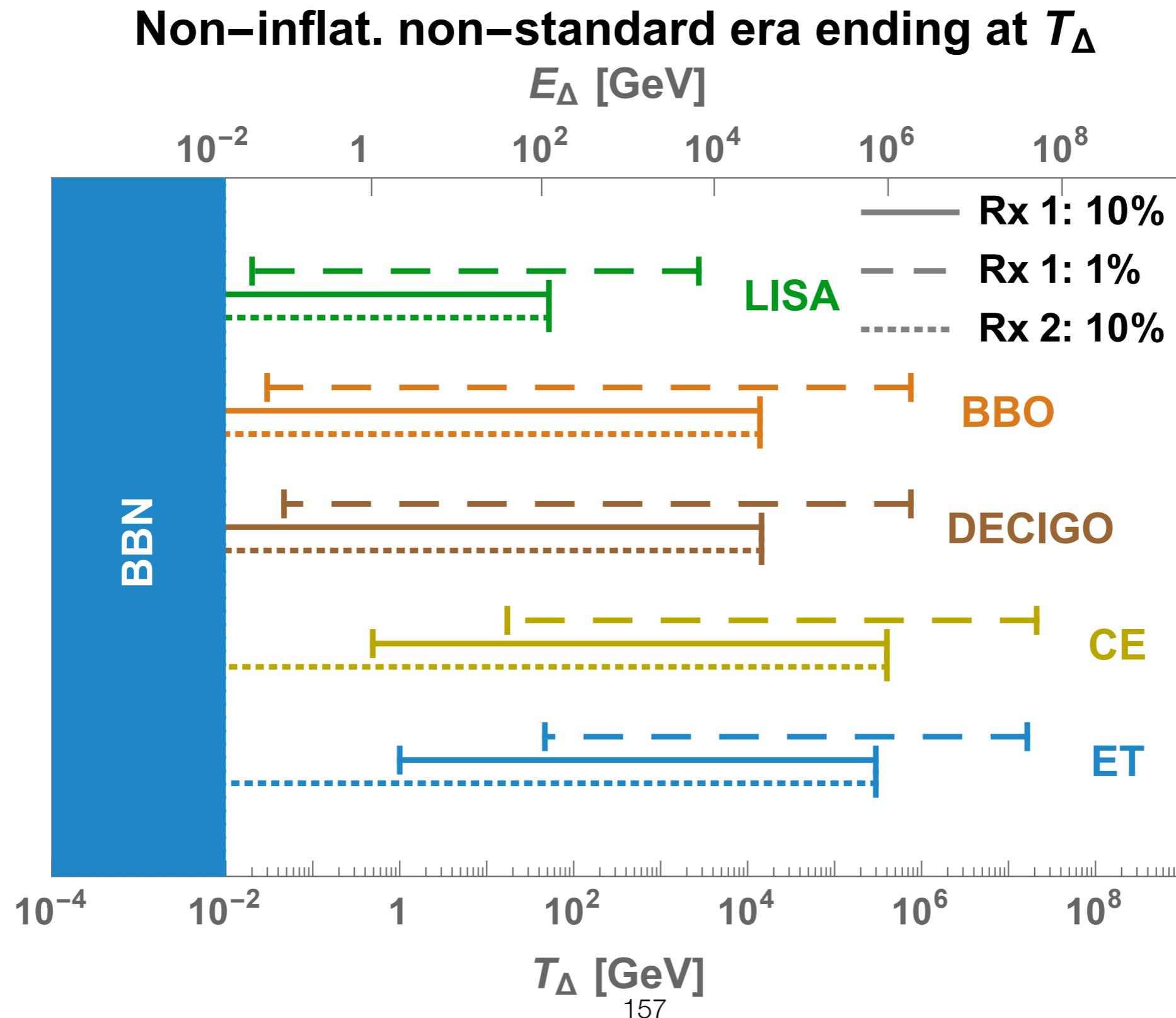


Peak-like spectrum

Non-standard matter era end at $T_\Delta = 100 \text{ TeV}$
 $(G\mu = 10^{-11}, \Gamma = 50, \alpha = 0.1)$

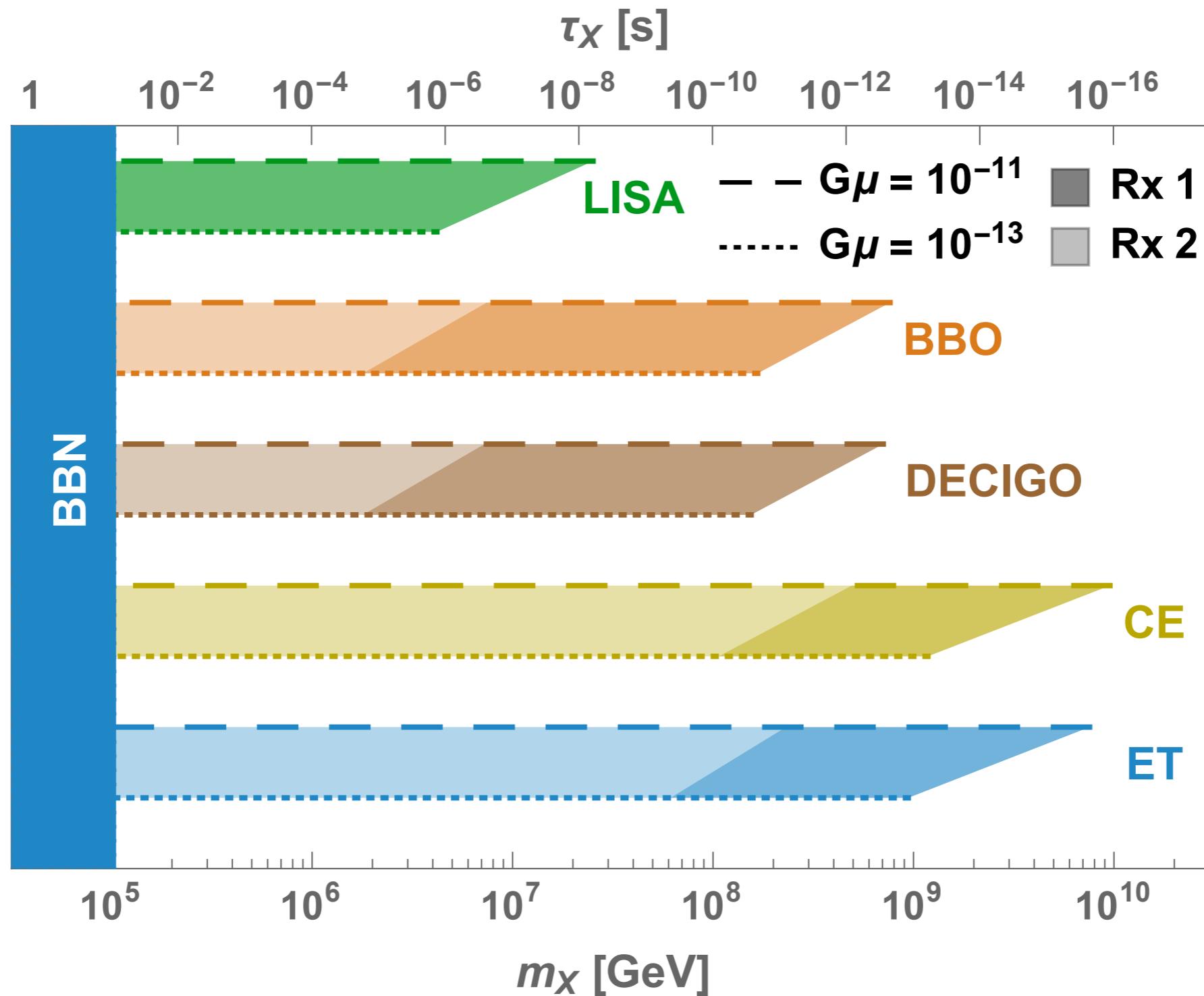


Money plots



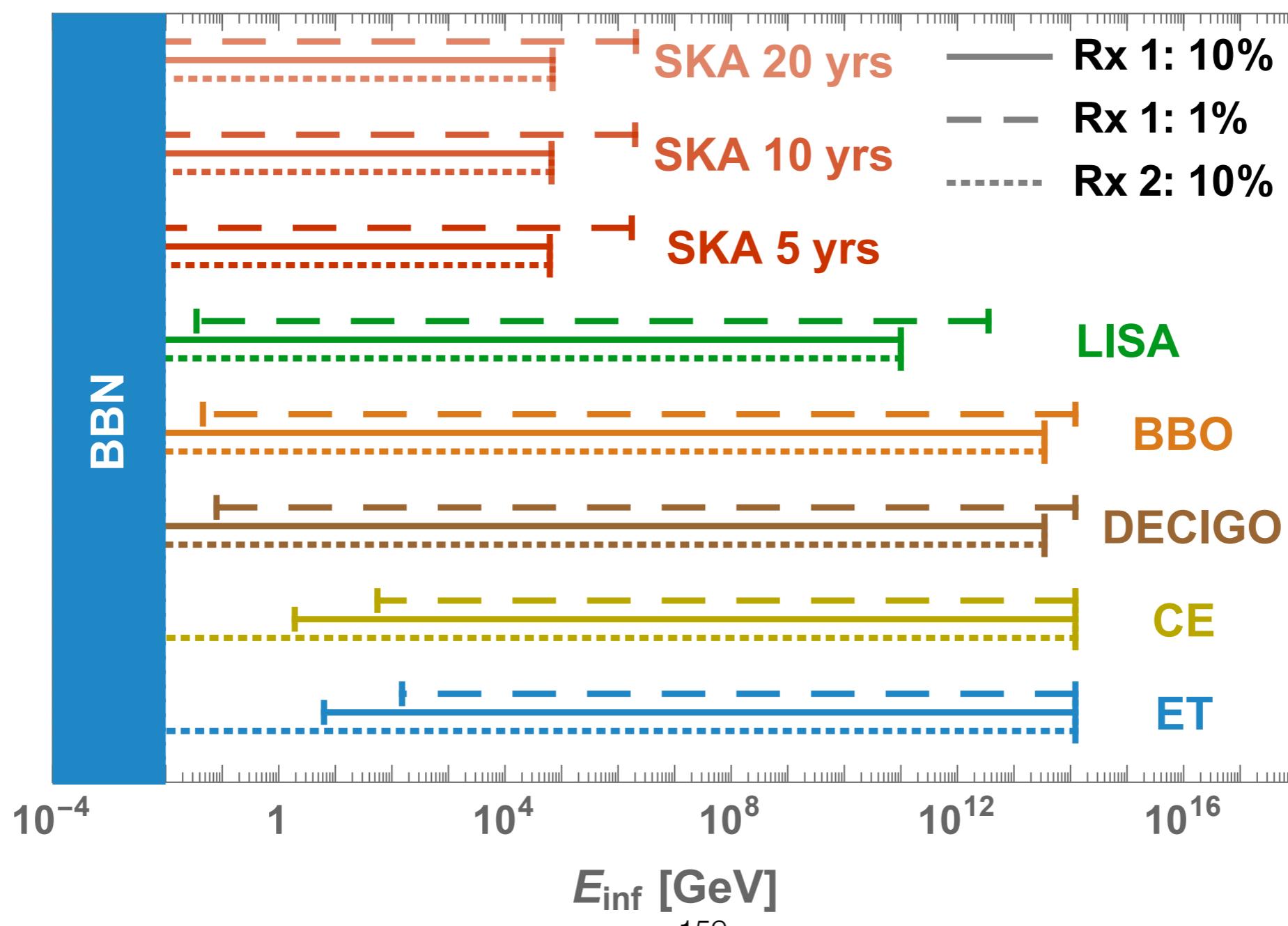
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$$\Gamma_X \simeq (8\pi)^{-1} m_X^3 / M_{\text{pl}}^2$$

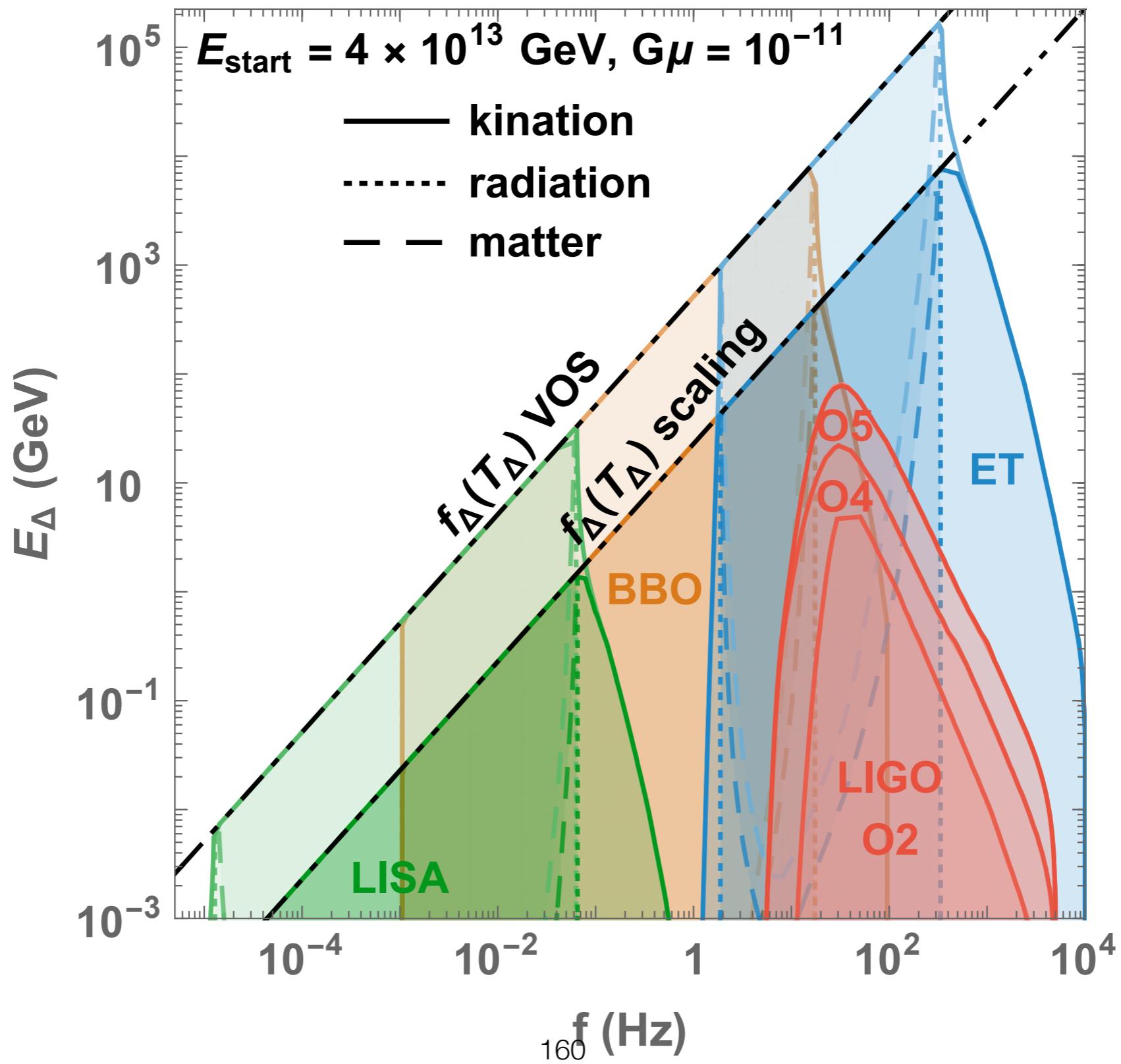


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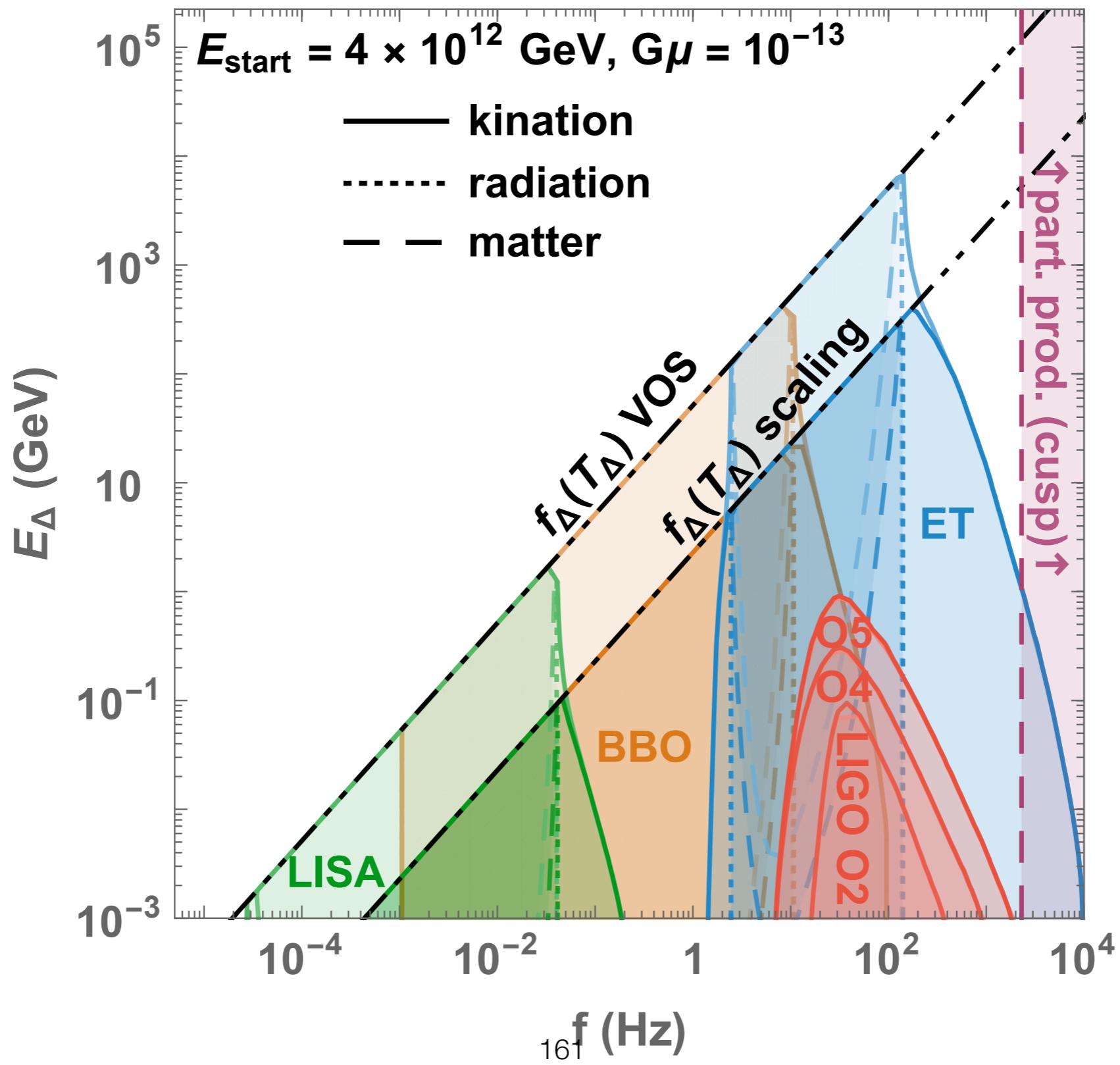
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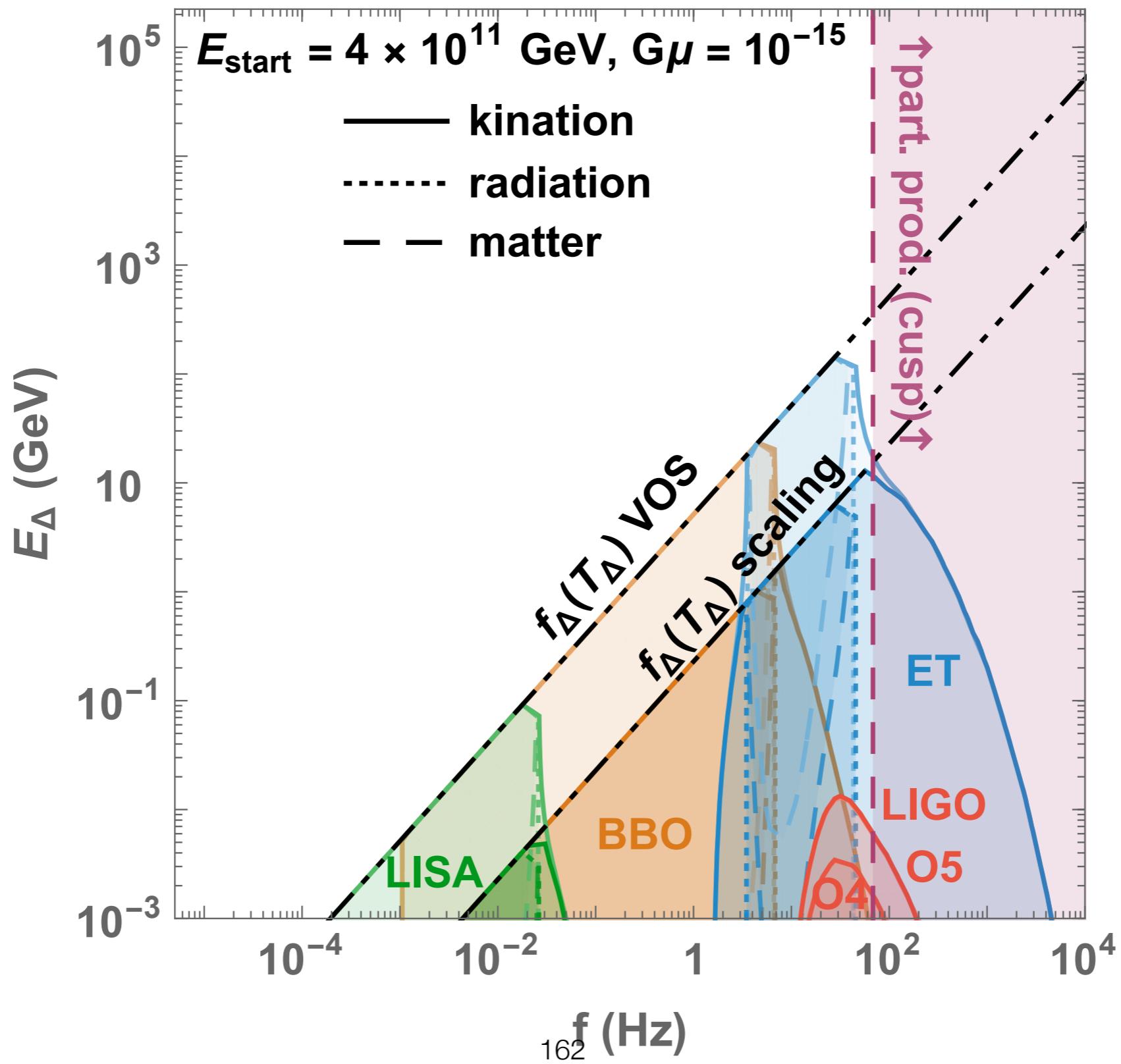
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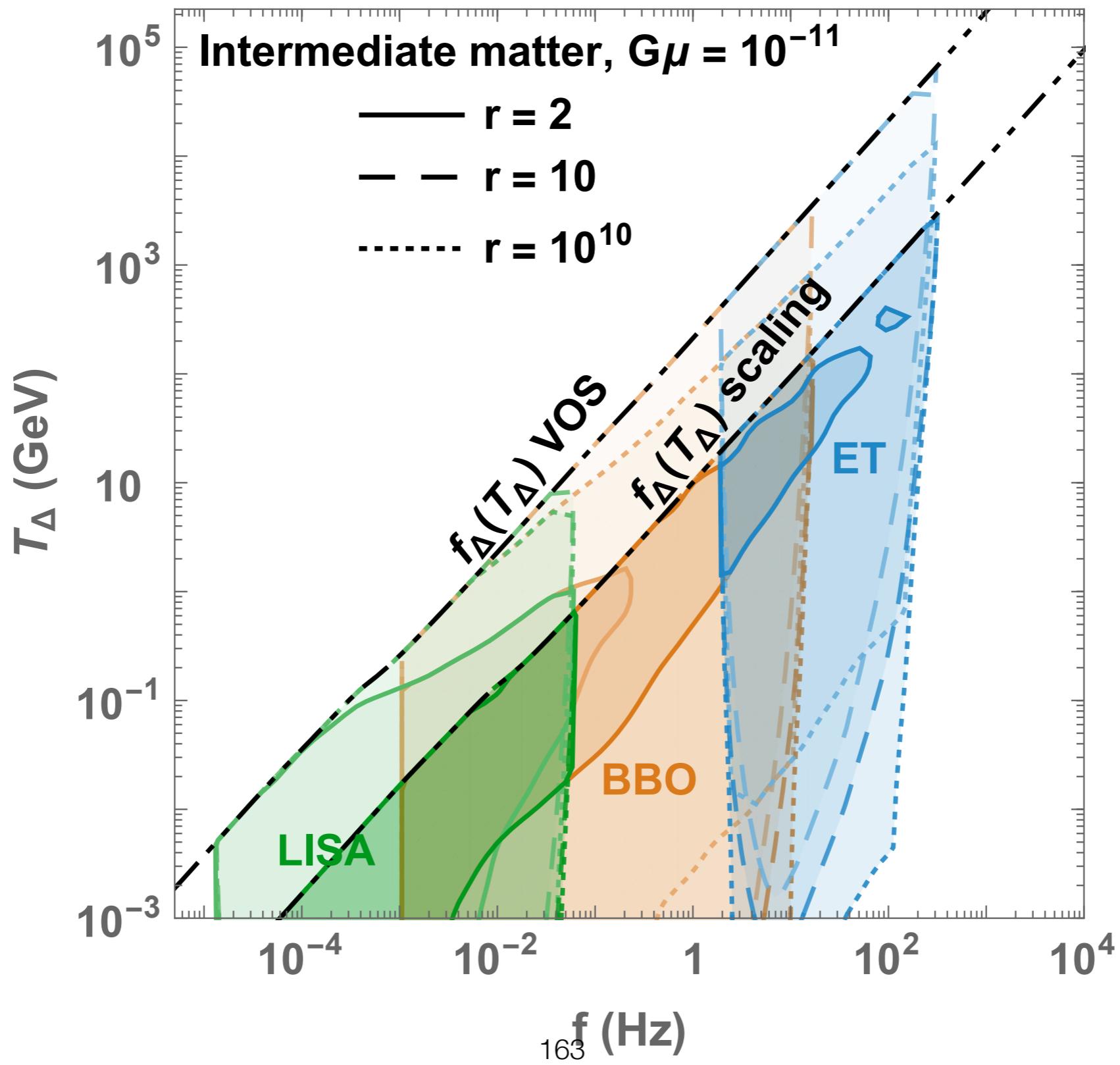
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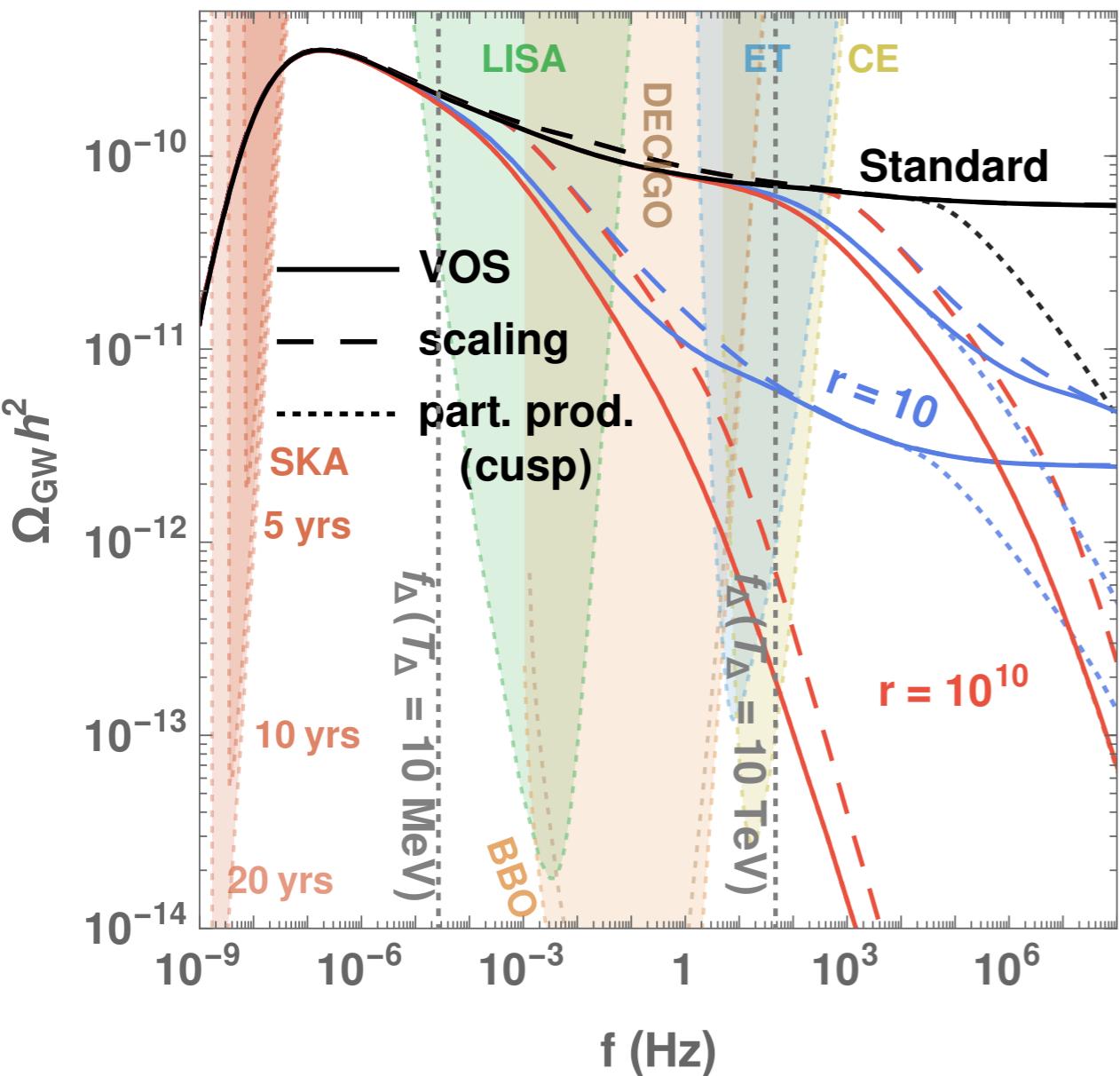


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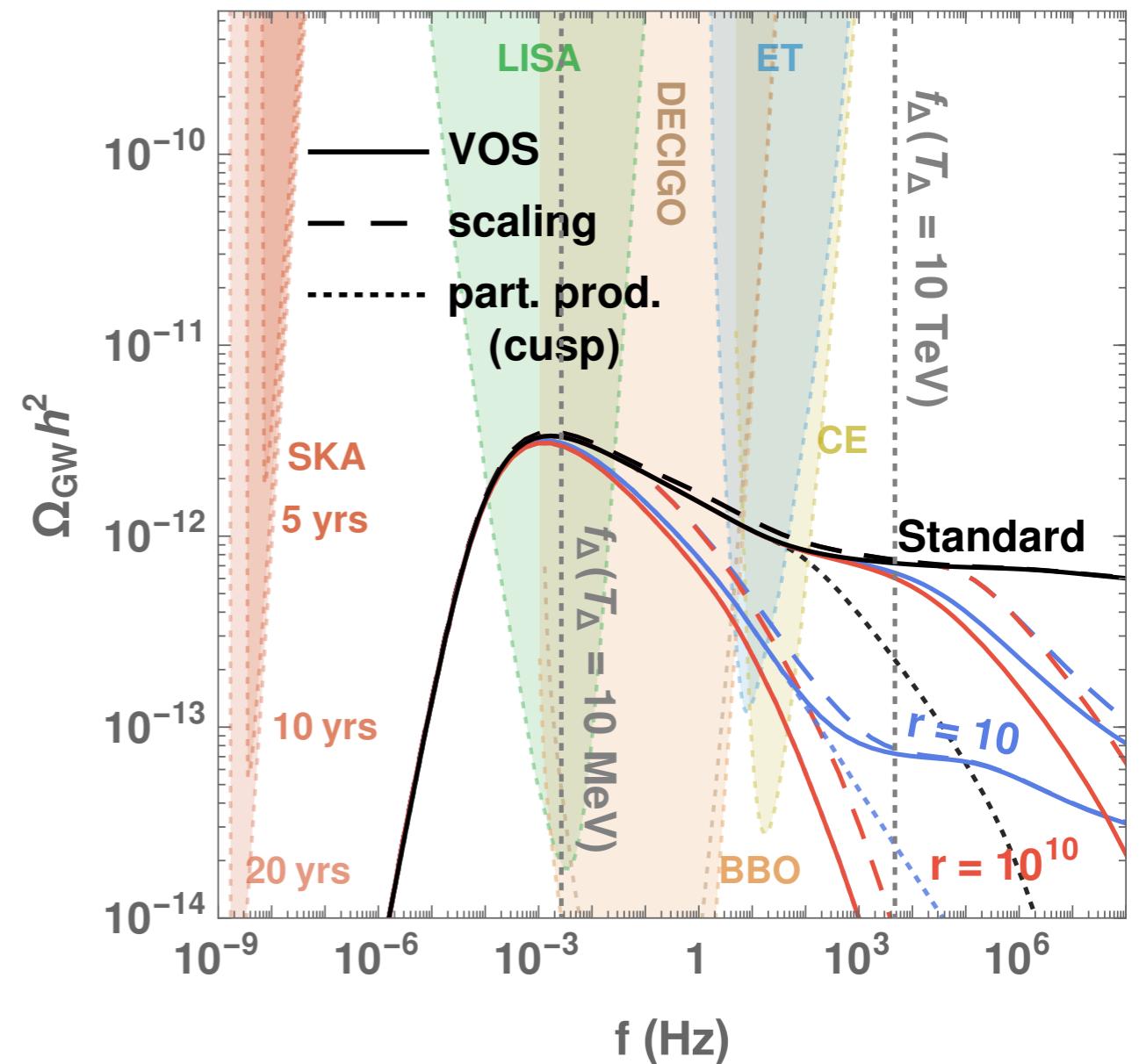


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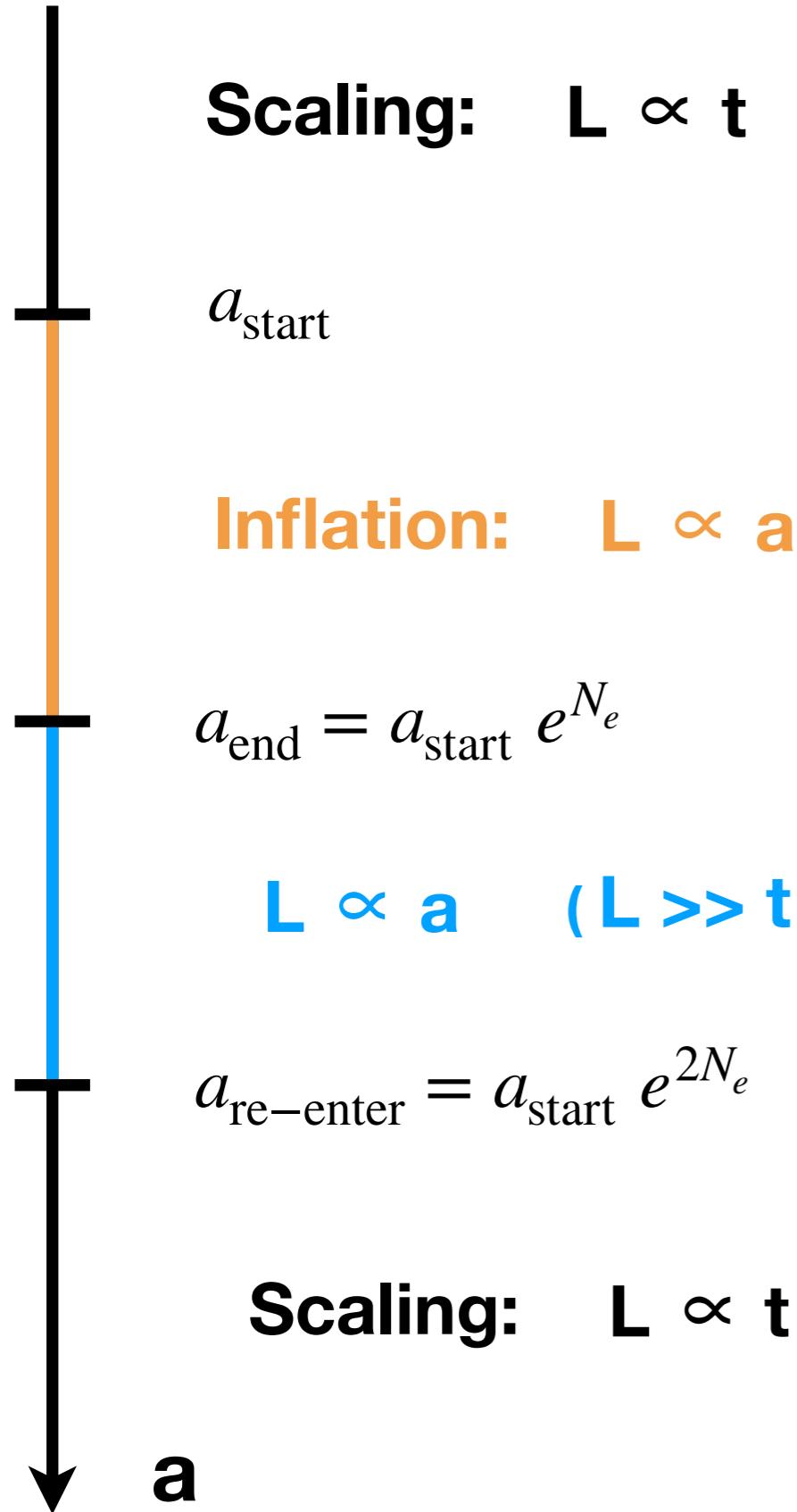
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Intermediate inflation era

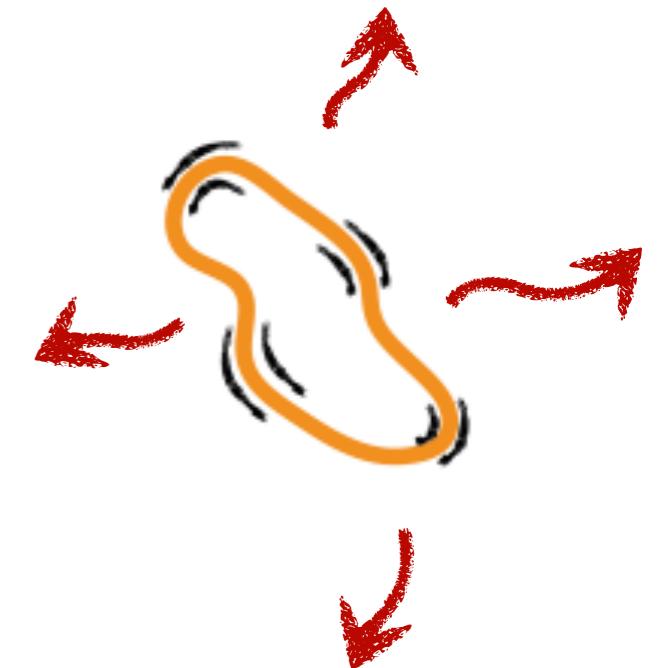


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From network formation until today

\neq GW from 1st order PT



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Freq \nearrow \rightarrow Loops smaller

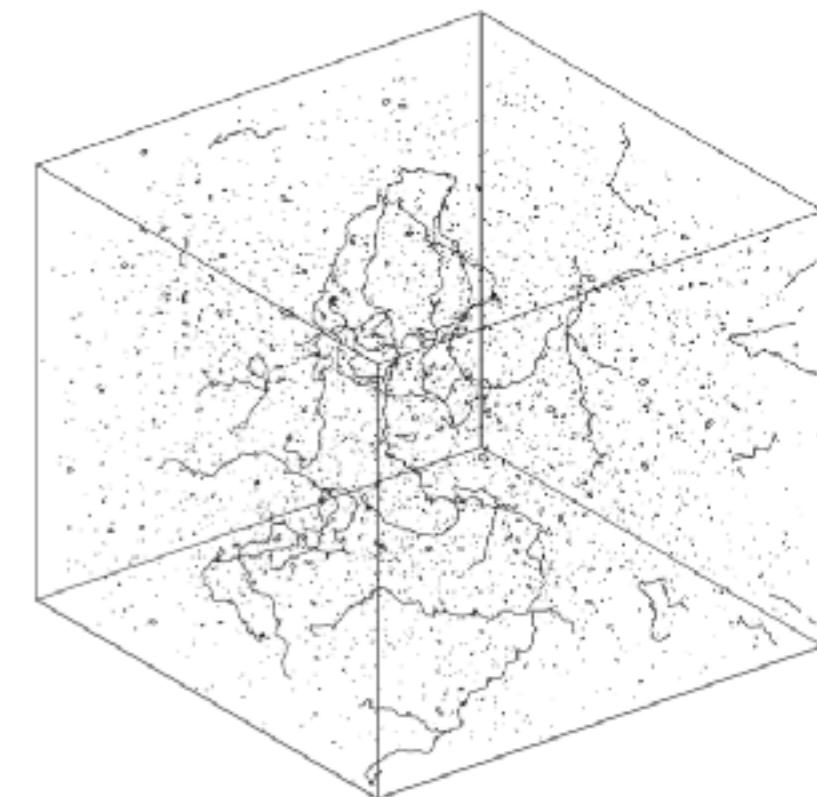
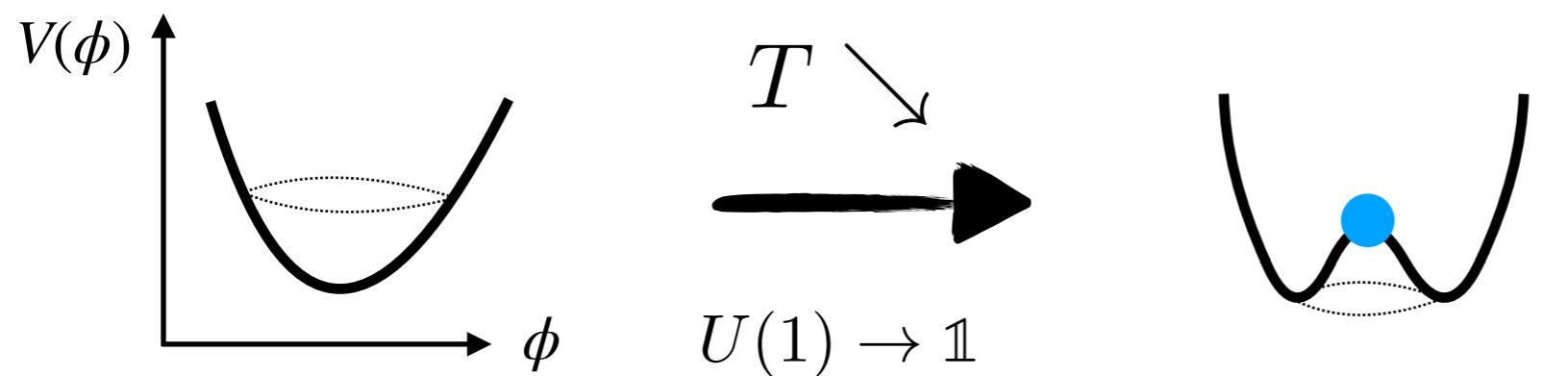
\rightarrow { Loops produced earlier \rightarrow more loops
GW emission earlier \rightarrow more redshift

\rightarrow **2nd Conspiracy**

String network formation

- Can be **topological defects** generated during **spontaneous-symmetry-breaking**

[Kibble 1976]



[Allen & Shellard 1990]

- **Nambu-Goto approximation**

→ 1D classical objects with tension:

$$\mu \sim \langle \phi \rangle^2$$

String network evolution

Energy density: $\rho_\infty = \mu/L^2$

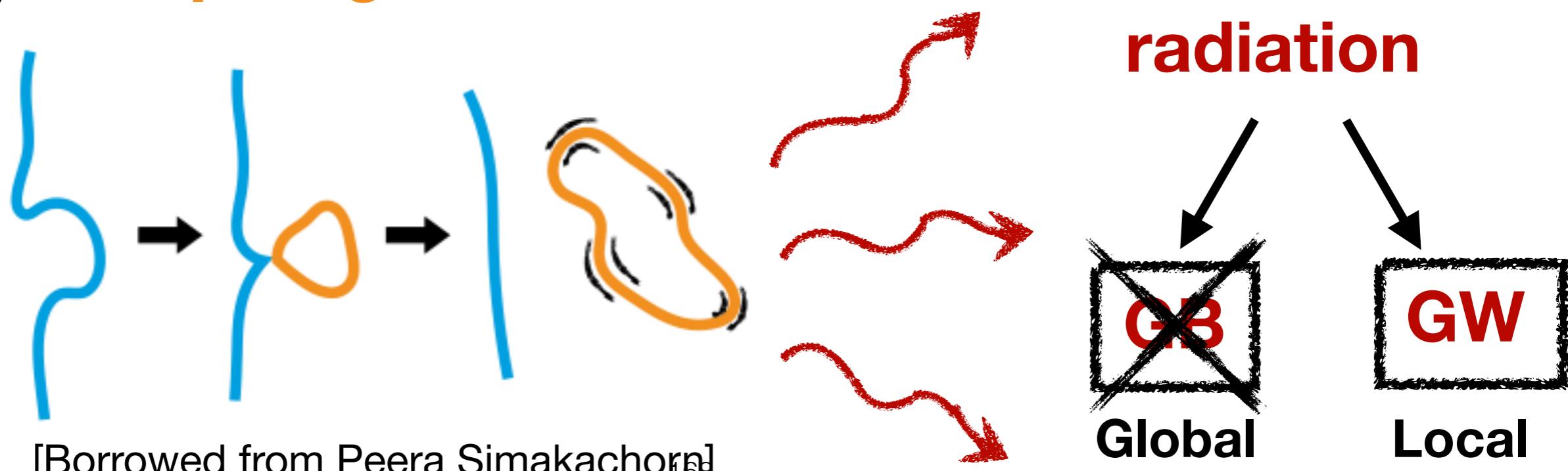
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Massless
radiation



[Borrowed from Peera Simakachorn]

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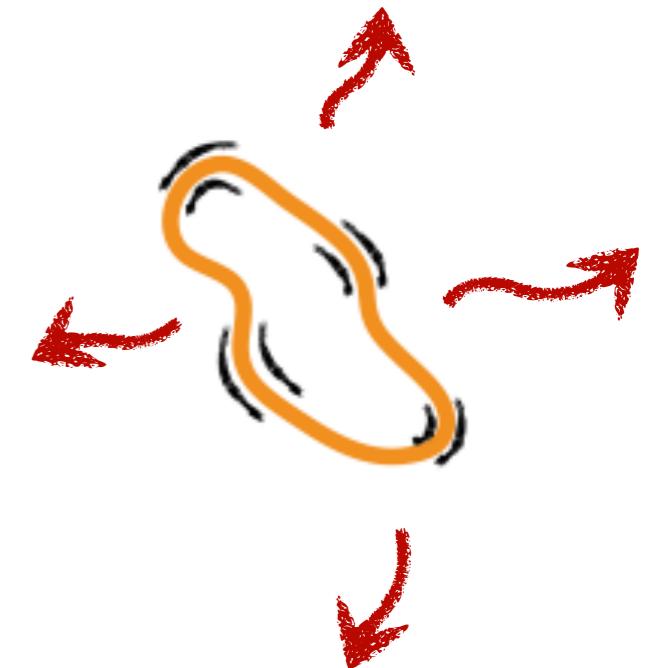
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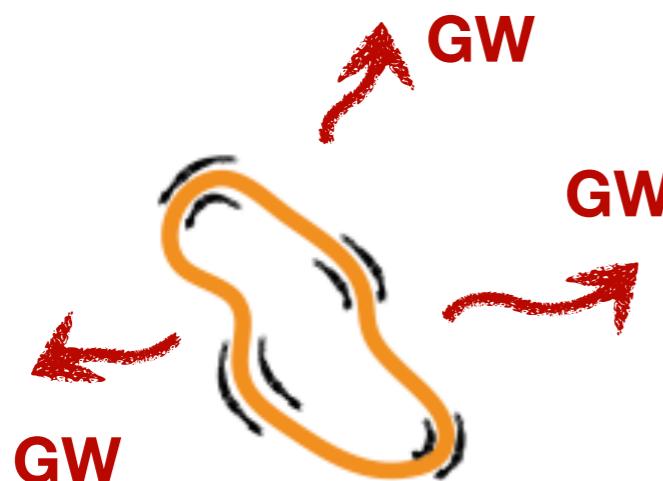
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→ **Conspiracy between number of loops and redshift factor**

→ **Deviation from flat in matter, kination, inflation..**



GW spectrum from Cosmic Strings



- **Emitted power into GW**

$$P_{\text{GW}} = \Gamma G \mu^2$$

$$\Gamma = 50$$

- **Current bound by pulsar arrays :**

$$G\mu \gtrsim 10^{-11} \rightarrow \langle \phi \rangle \gtrsim 10^{13} \text{ GeV}$$

- **Reach of future interferometer:**

$$G\mu = 10^{-19} \rightarrow \langle \phi \rangle \simeq 10^9 \text{ GeV}$$

