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to simulate it ?)

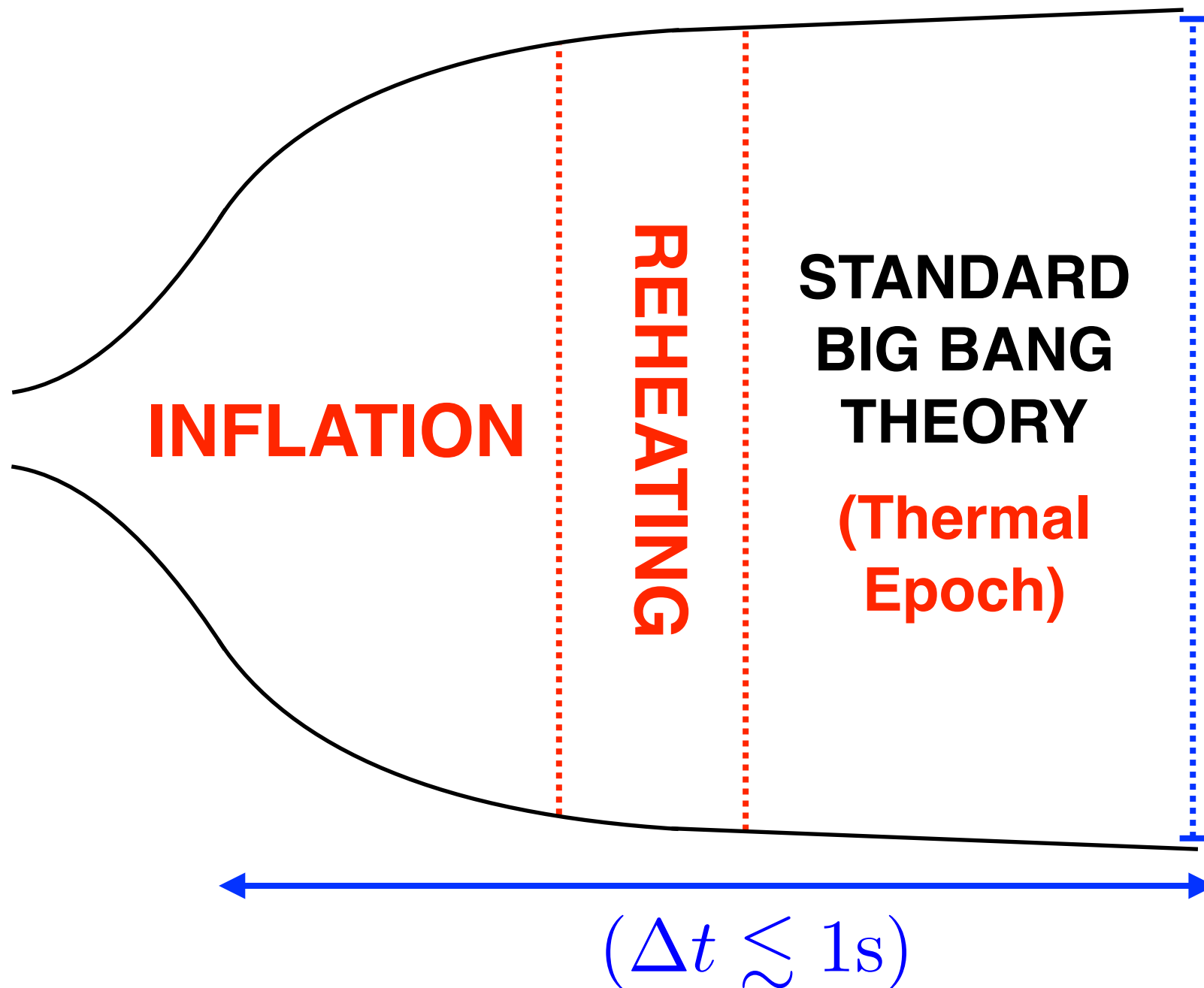
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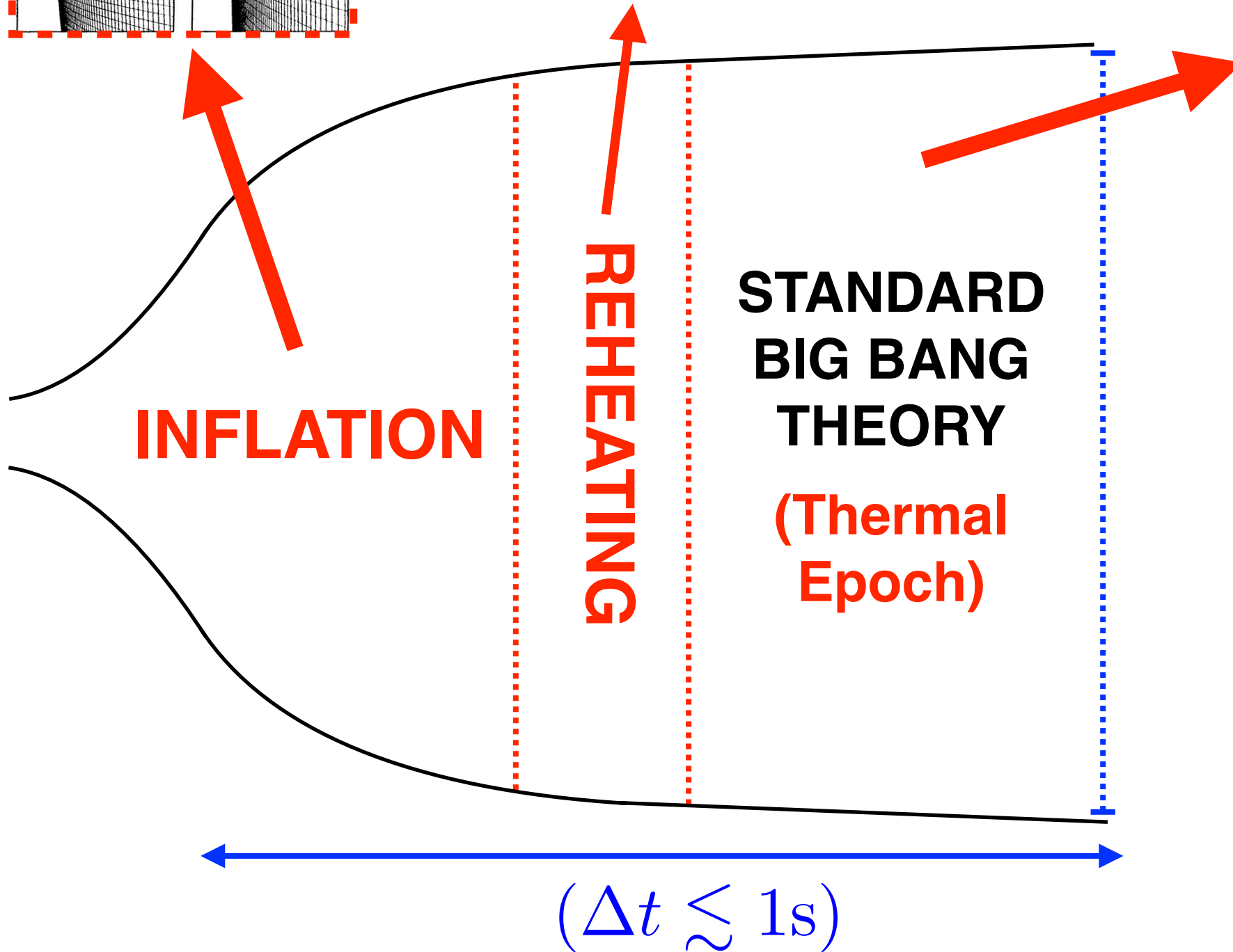
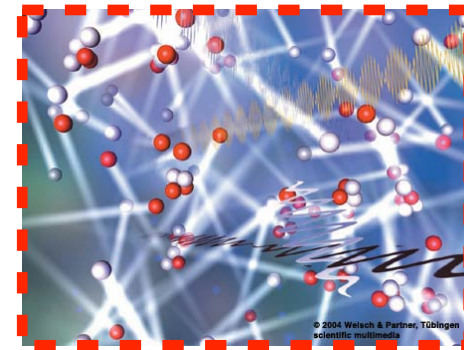
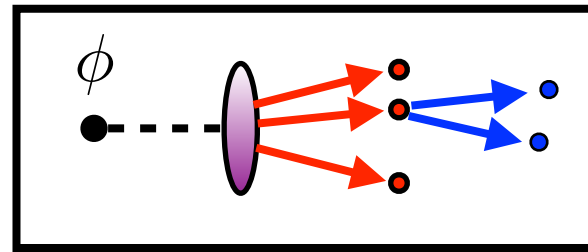
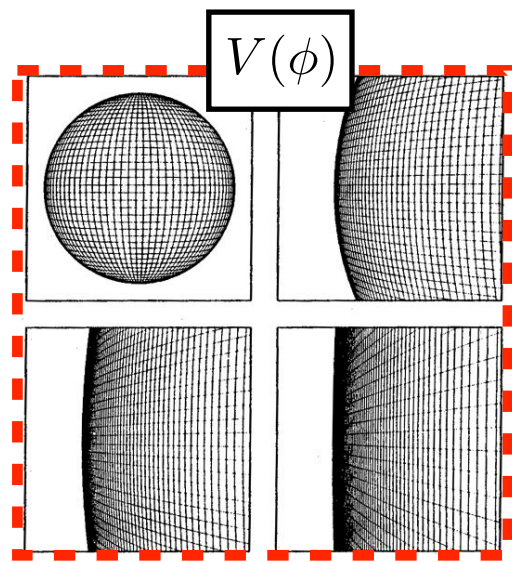
When things get complicated:

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non-perturbative, etc

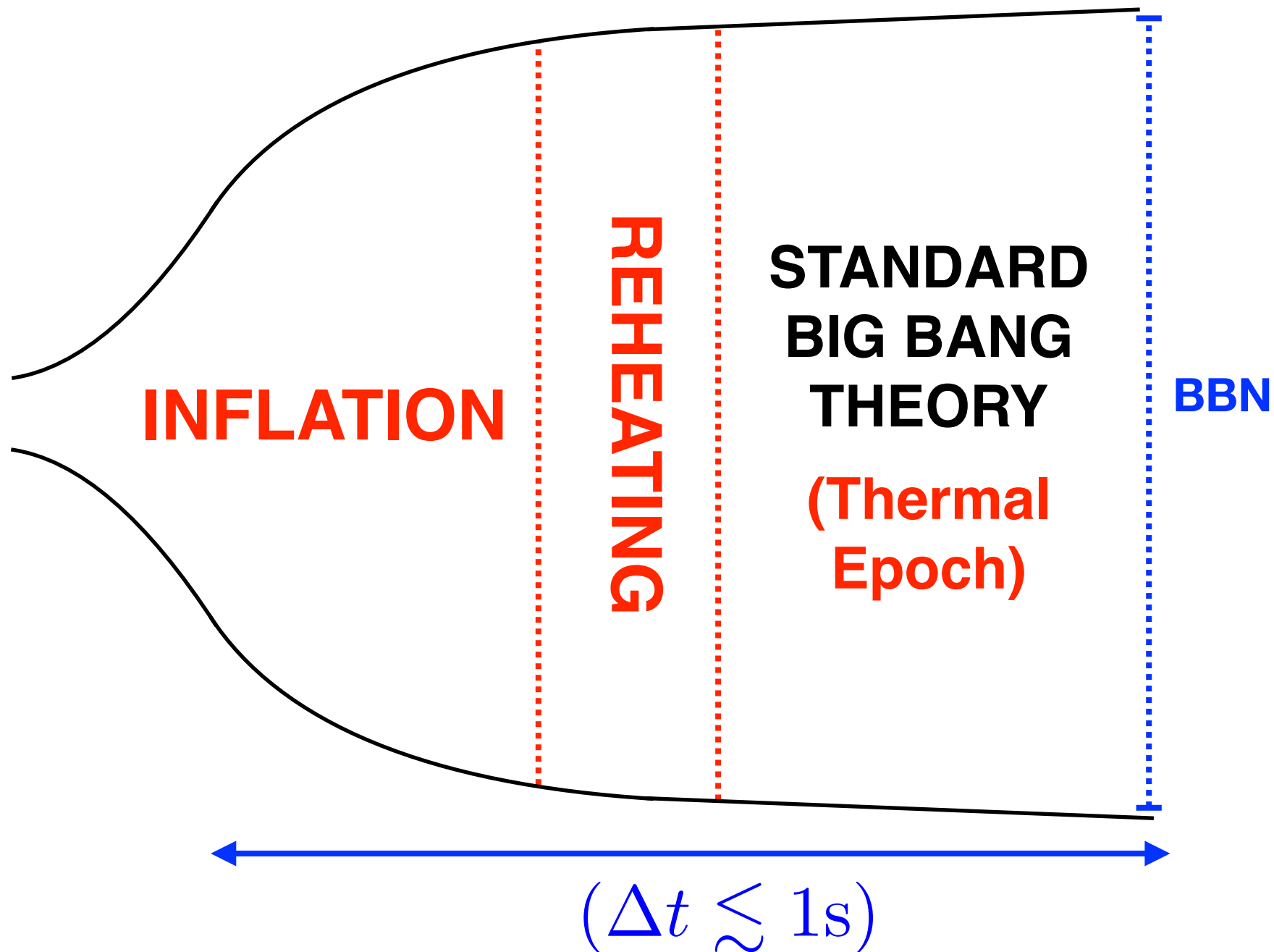
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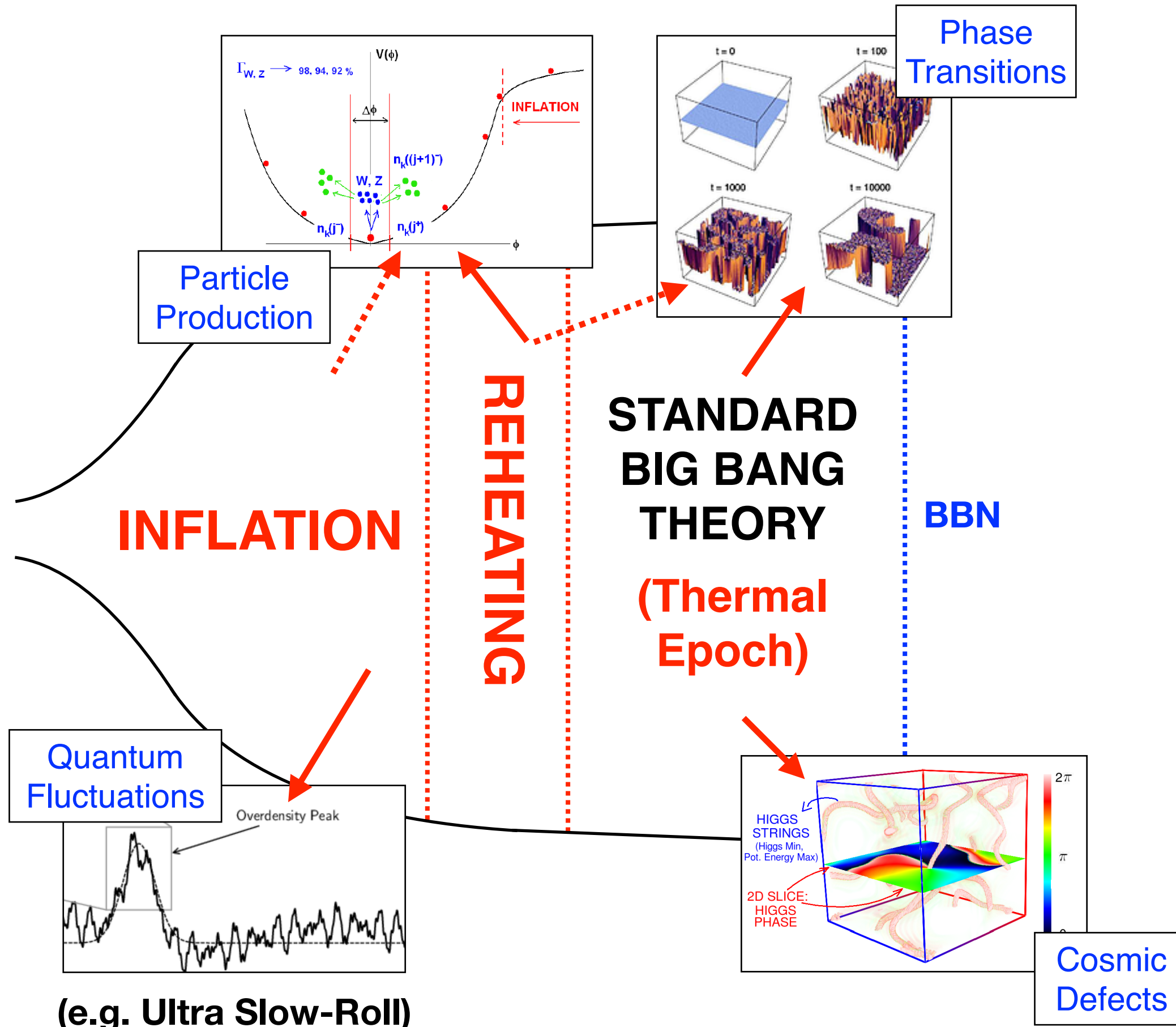
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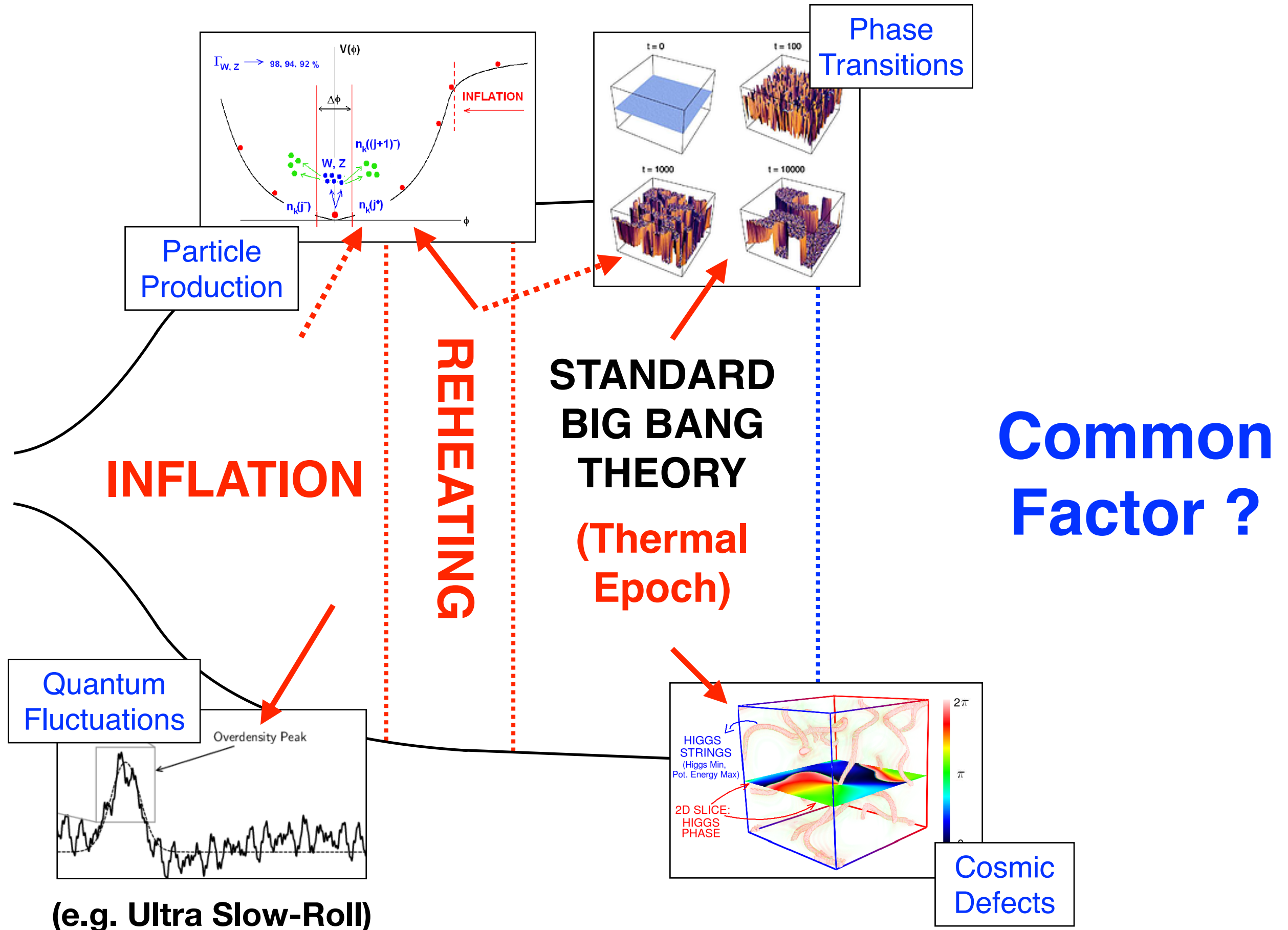
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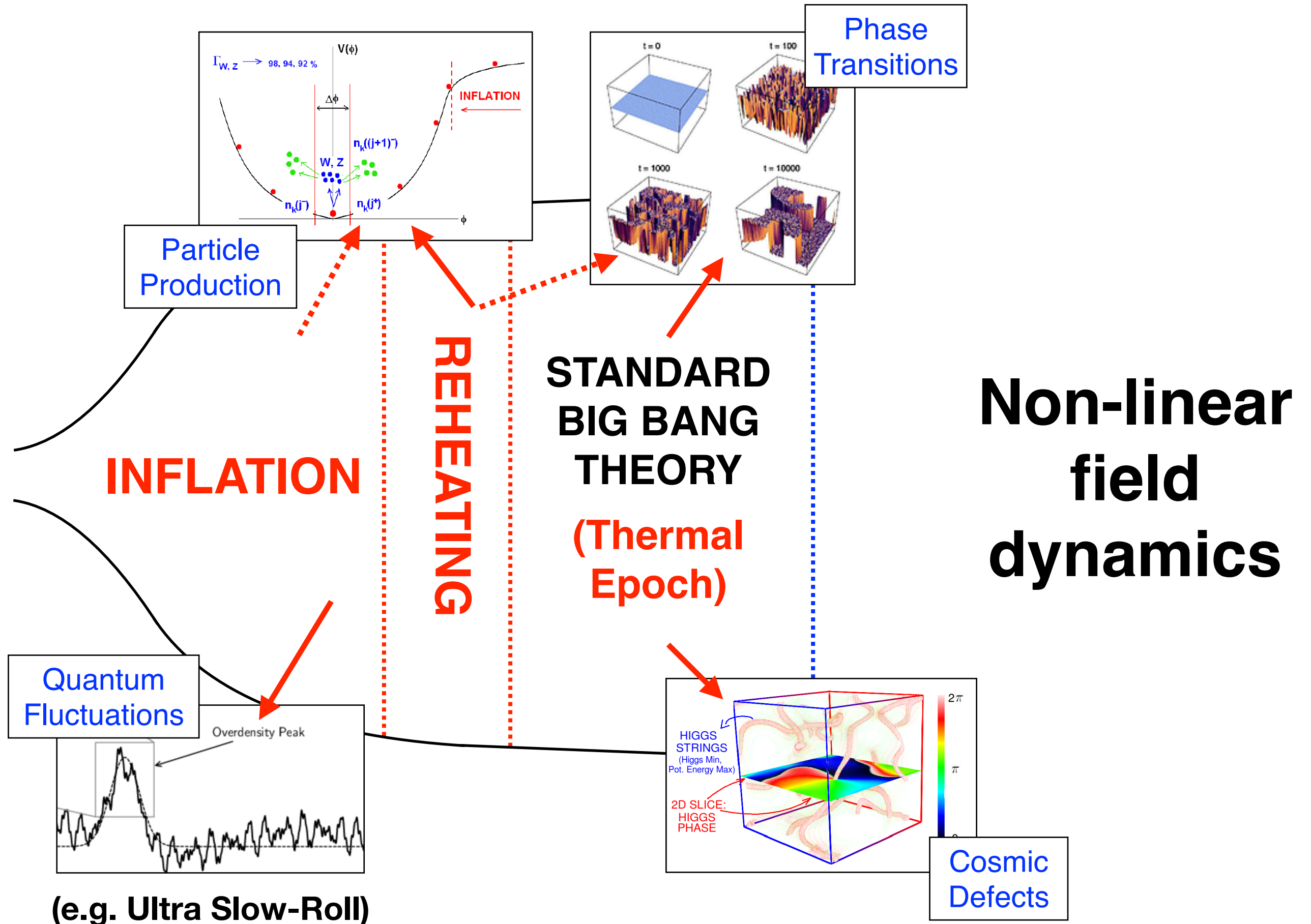
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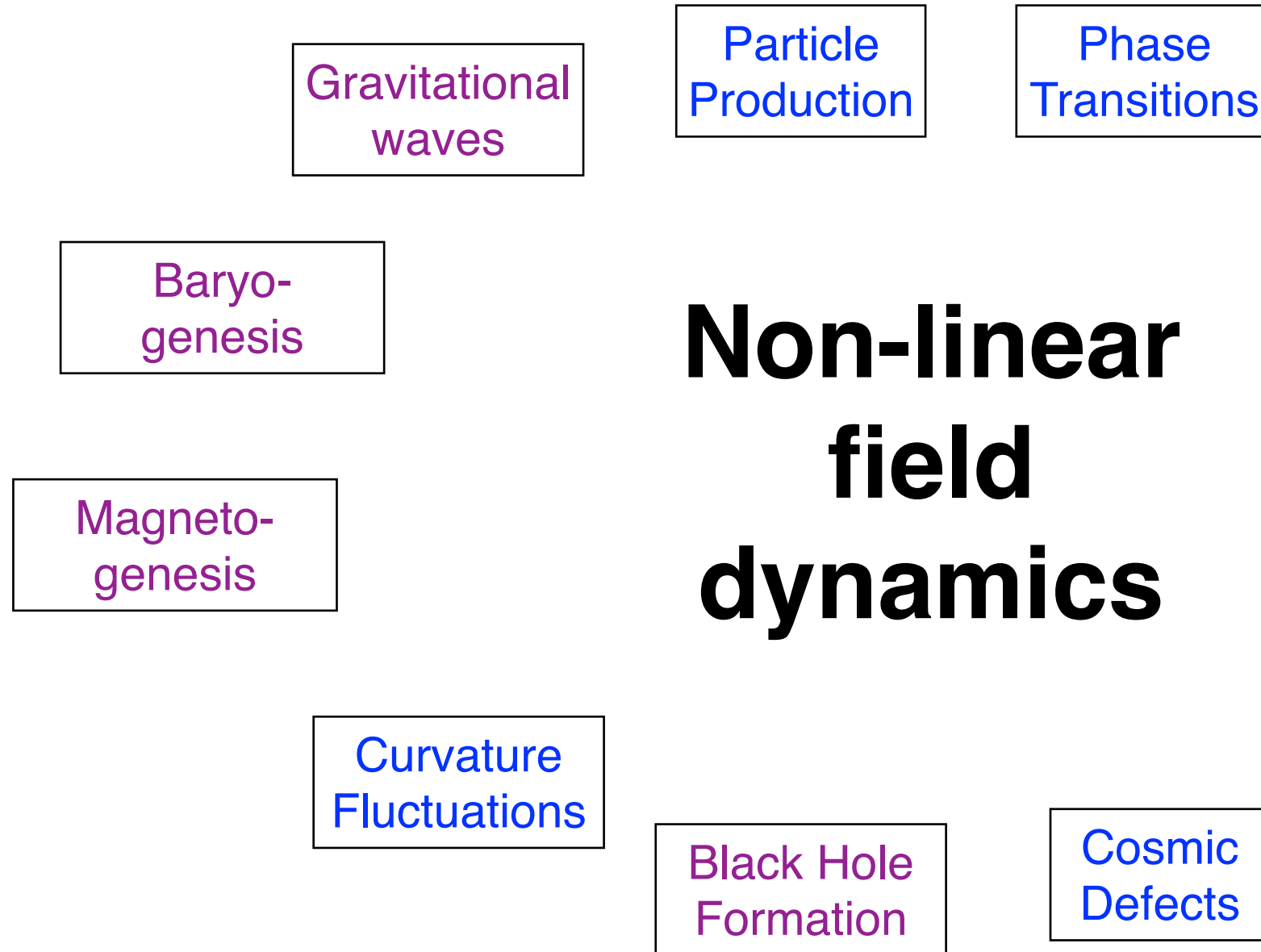
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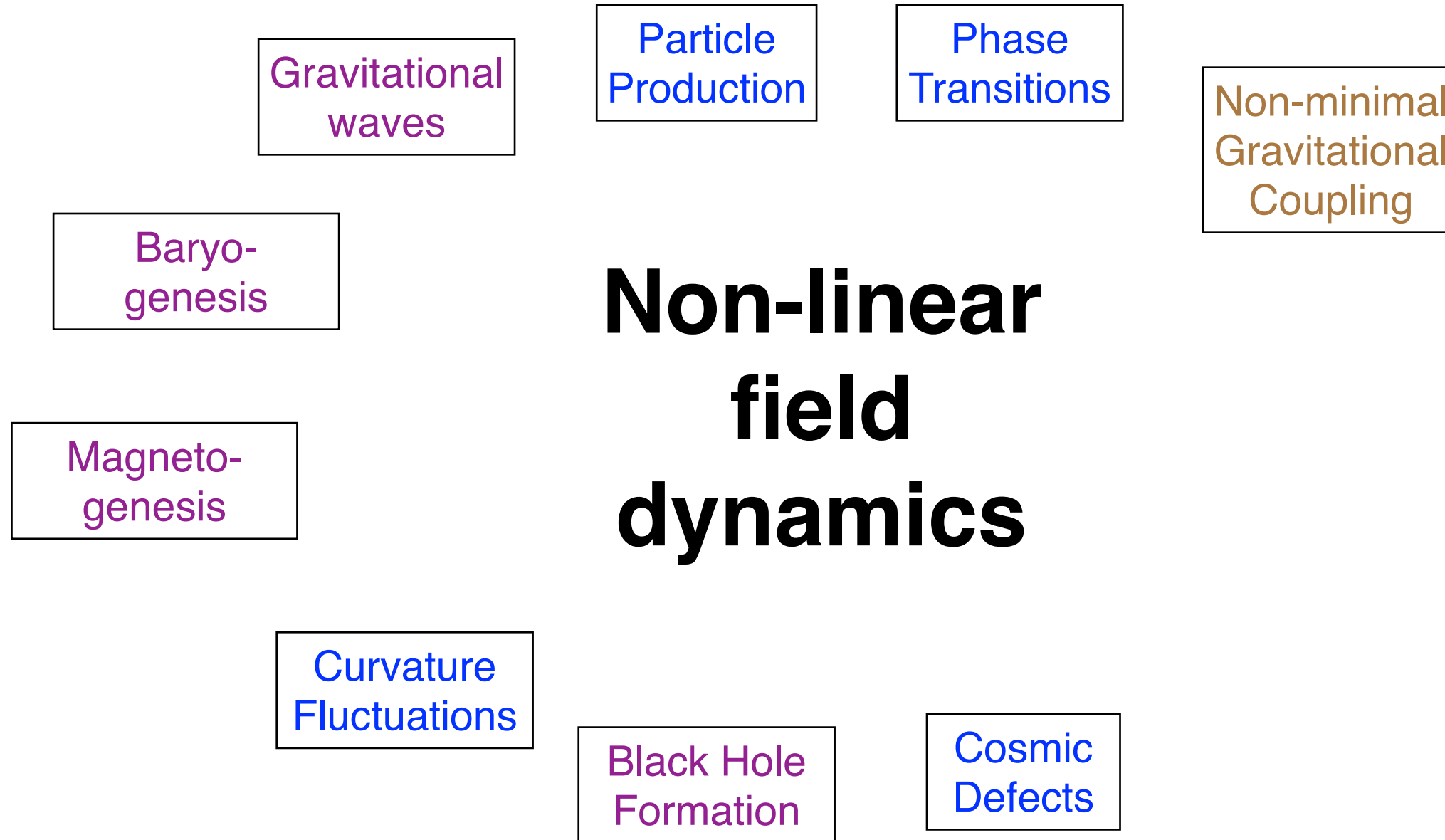
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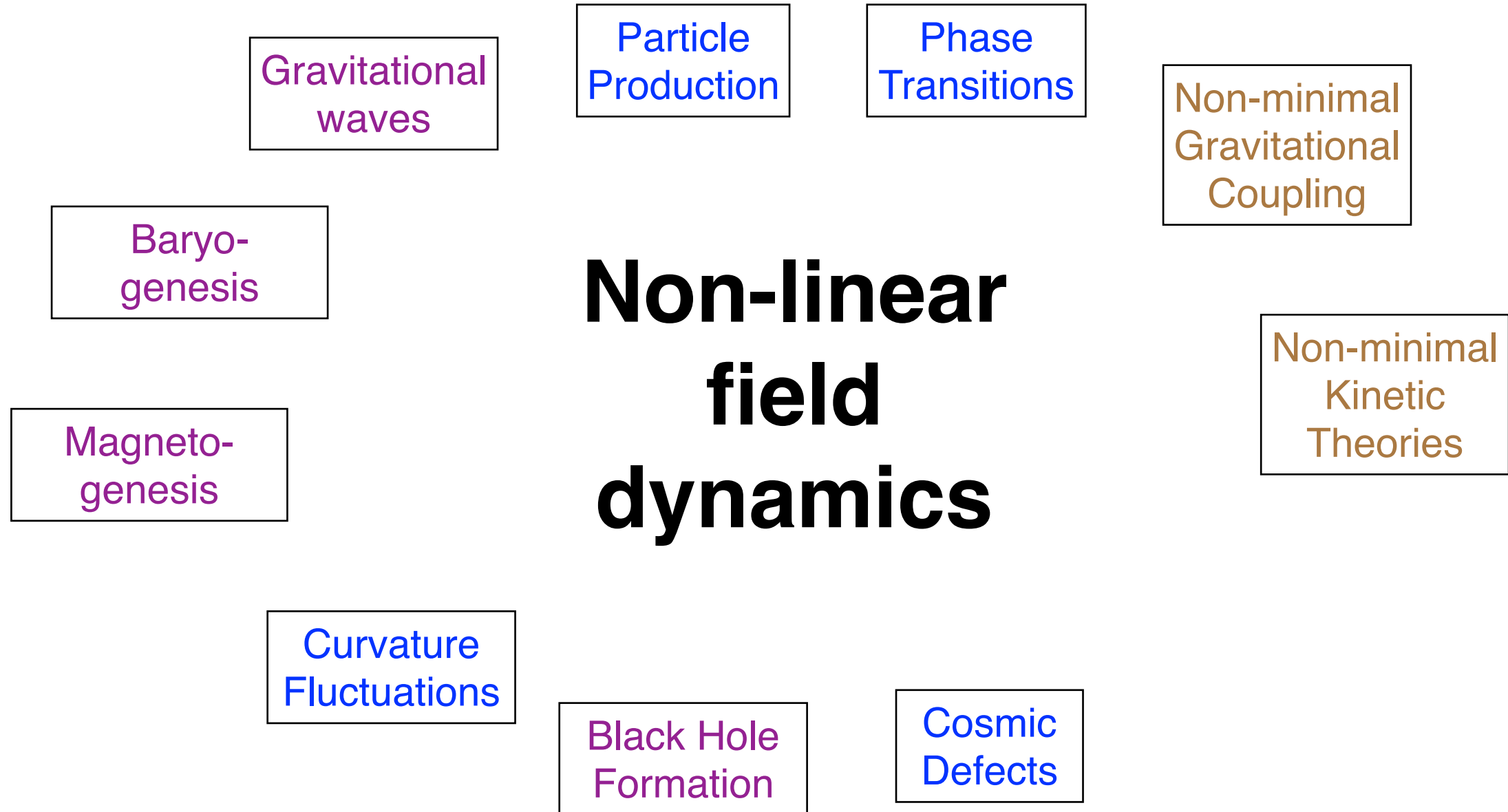
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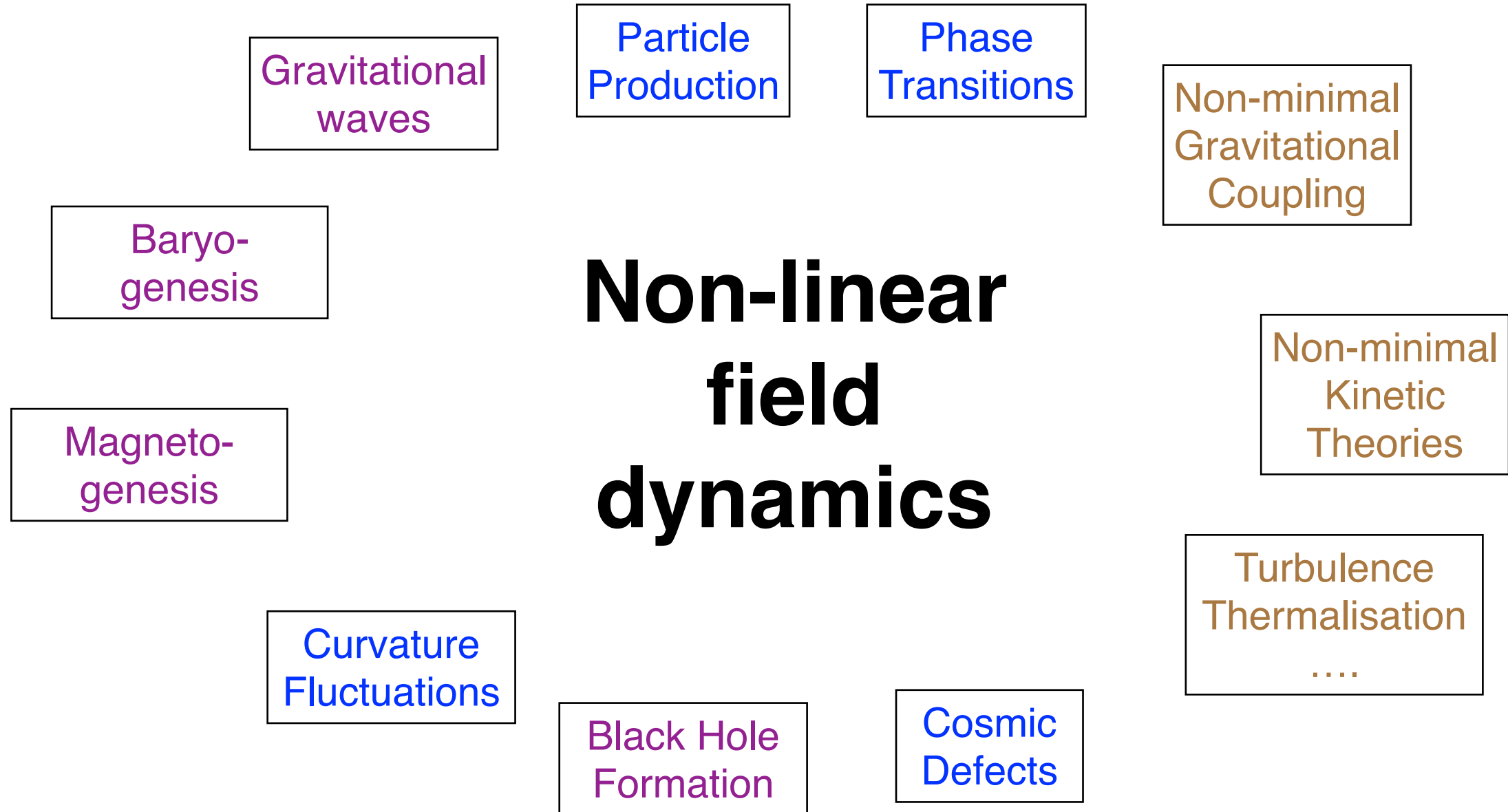
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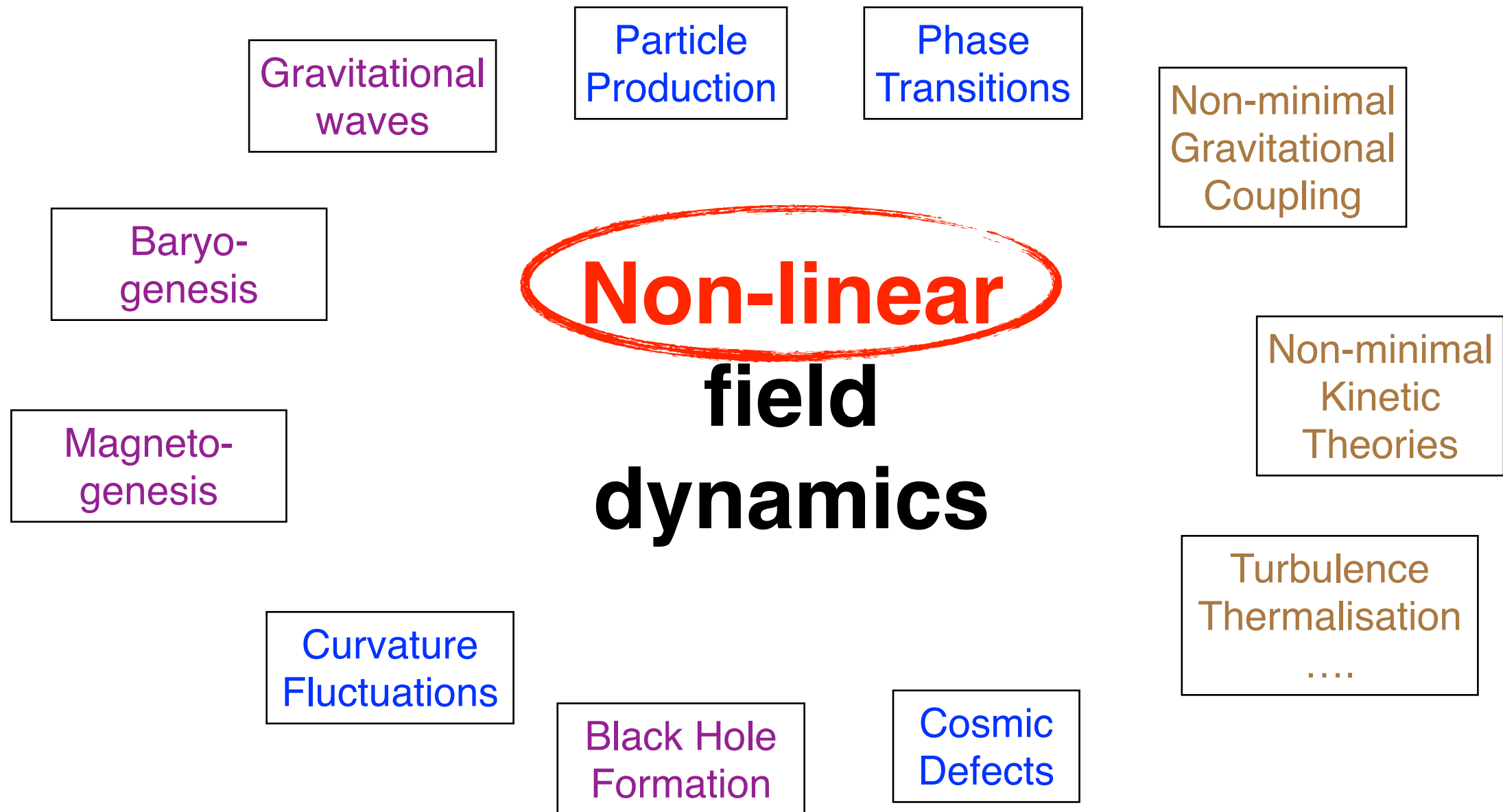
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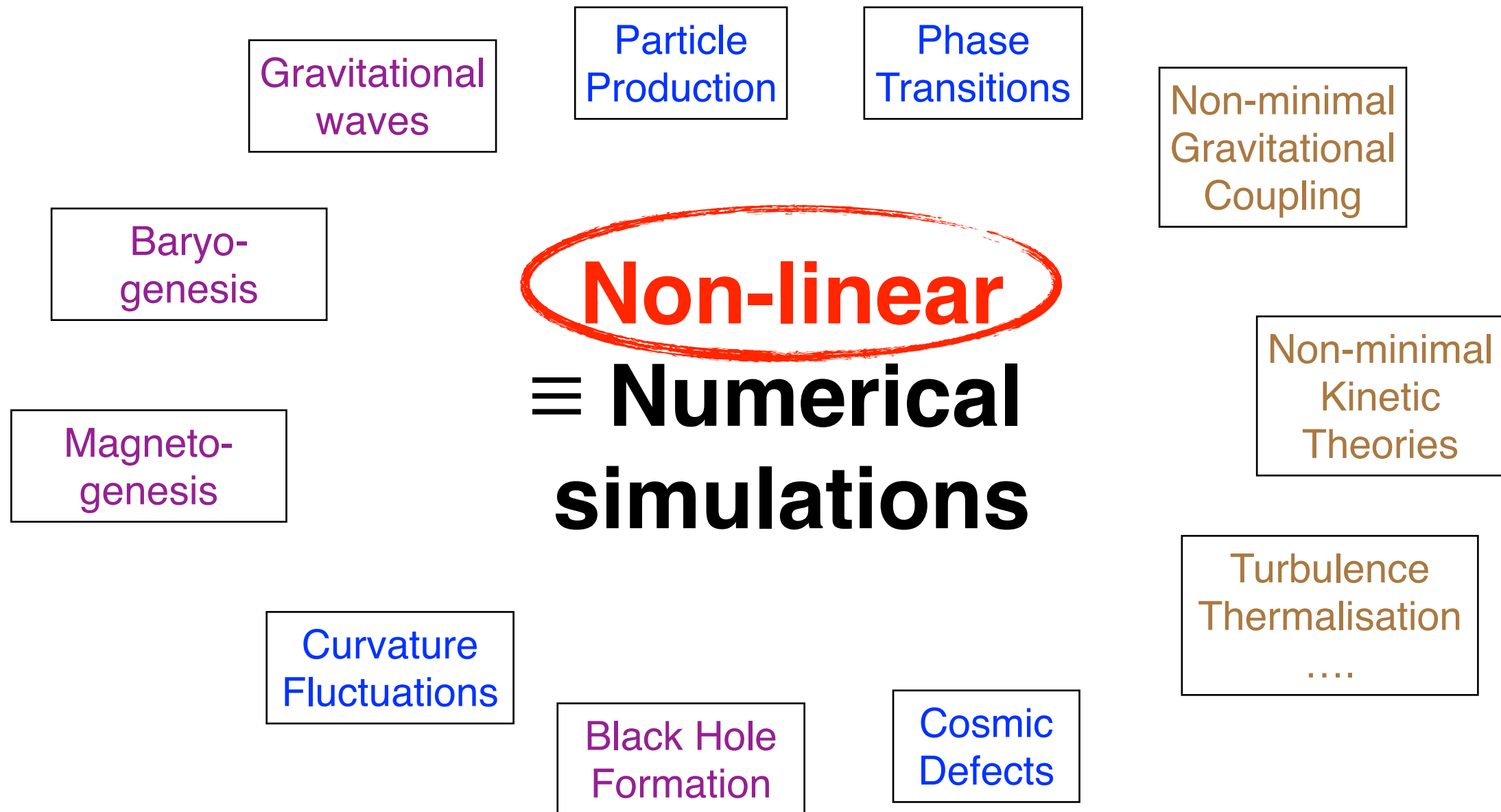
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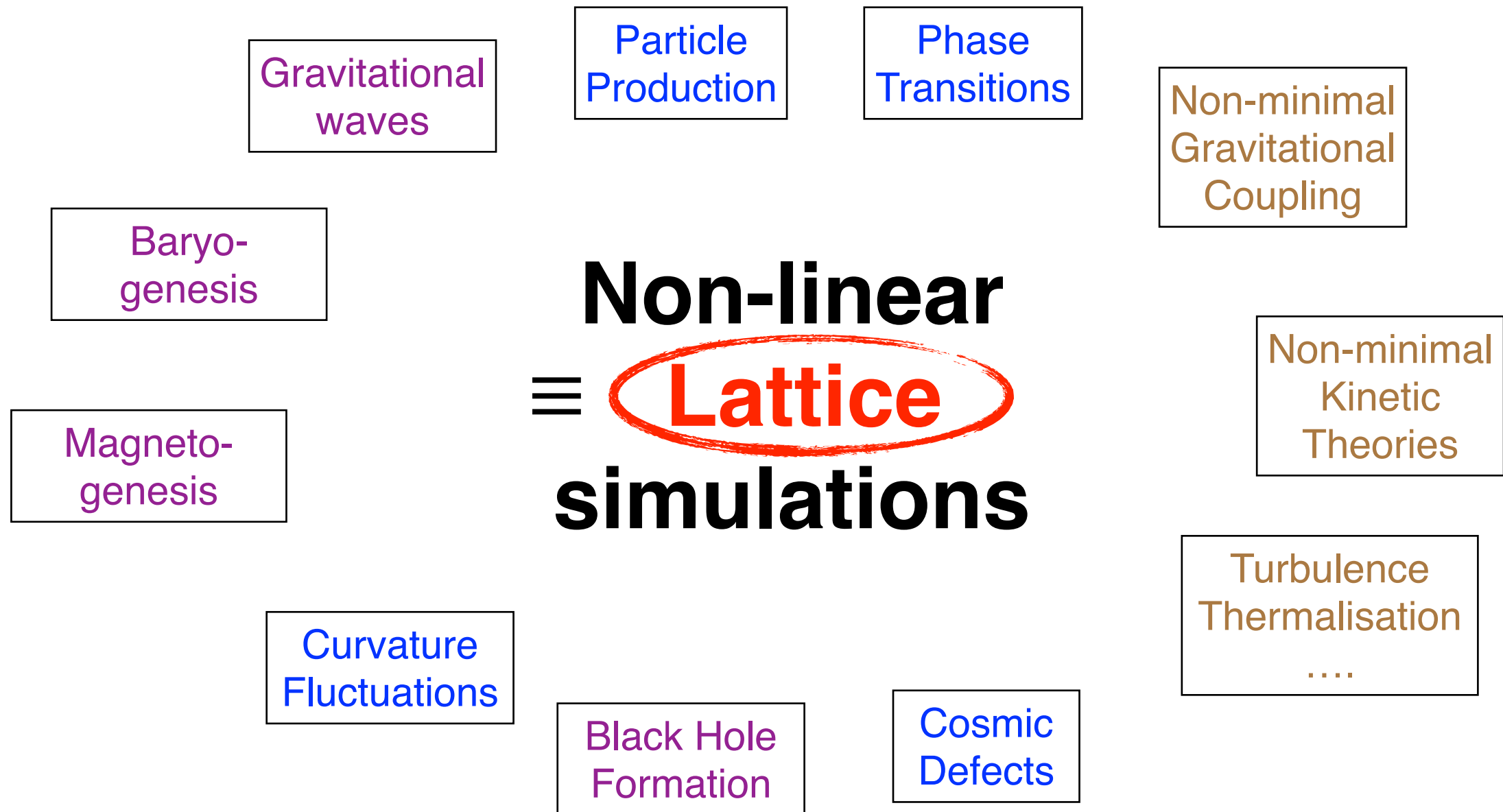
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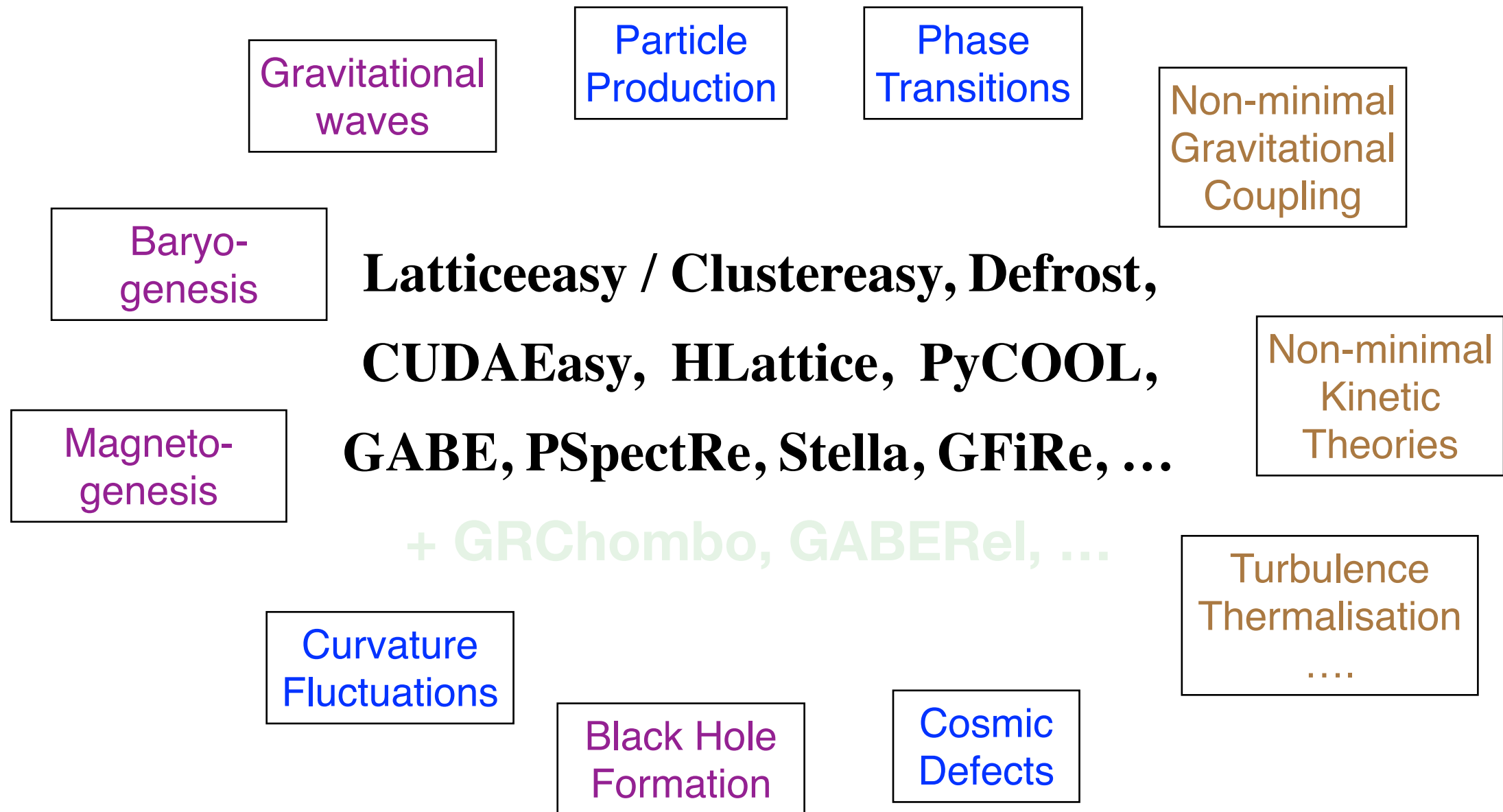
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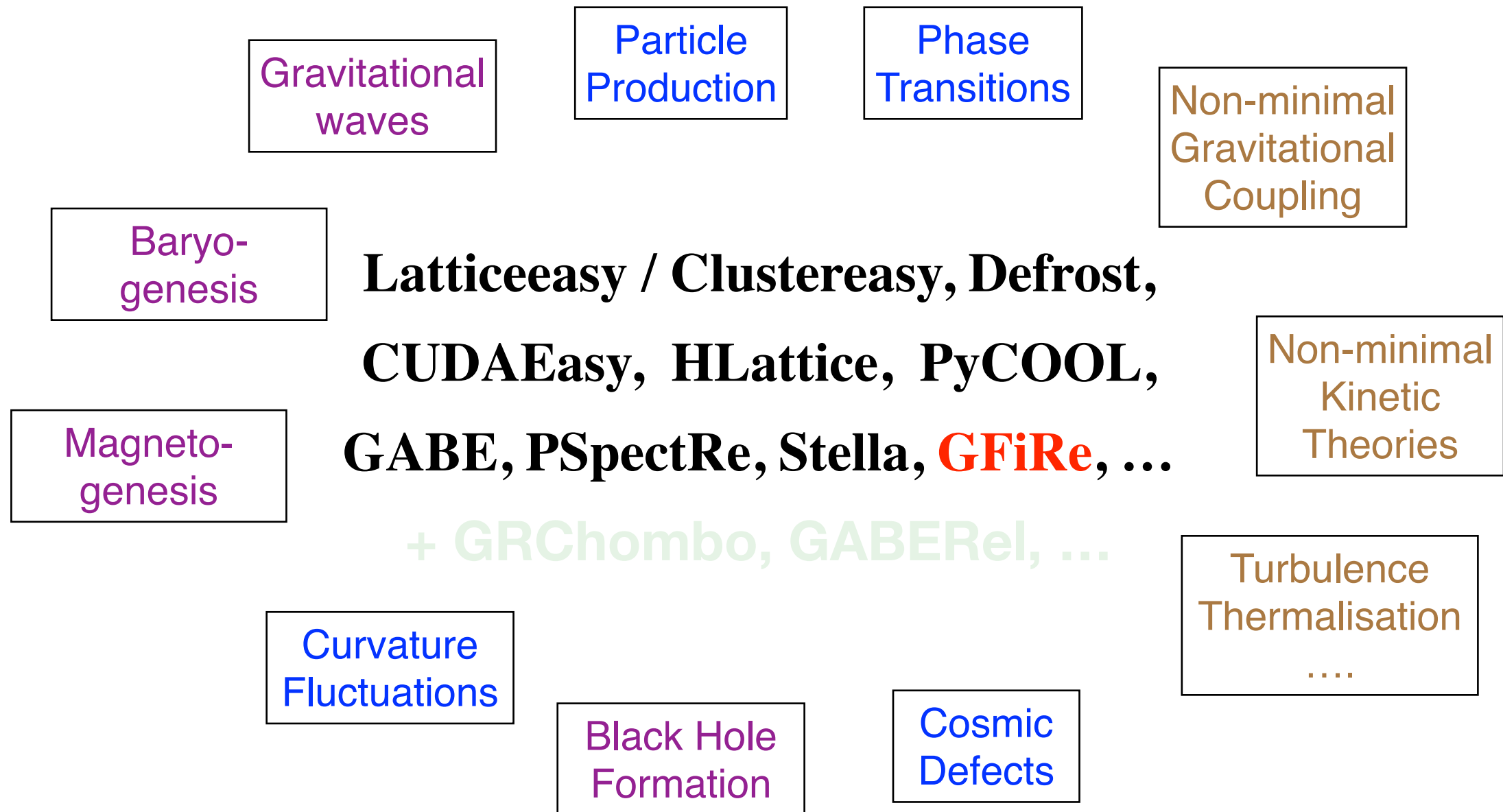


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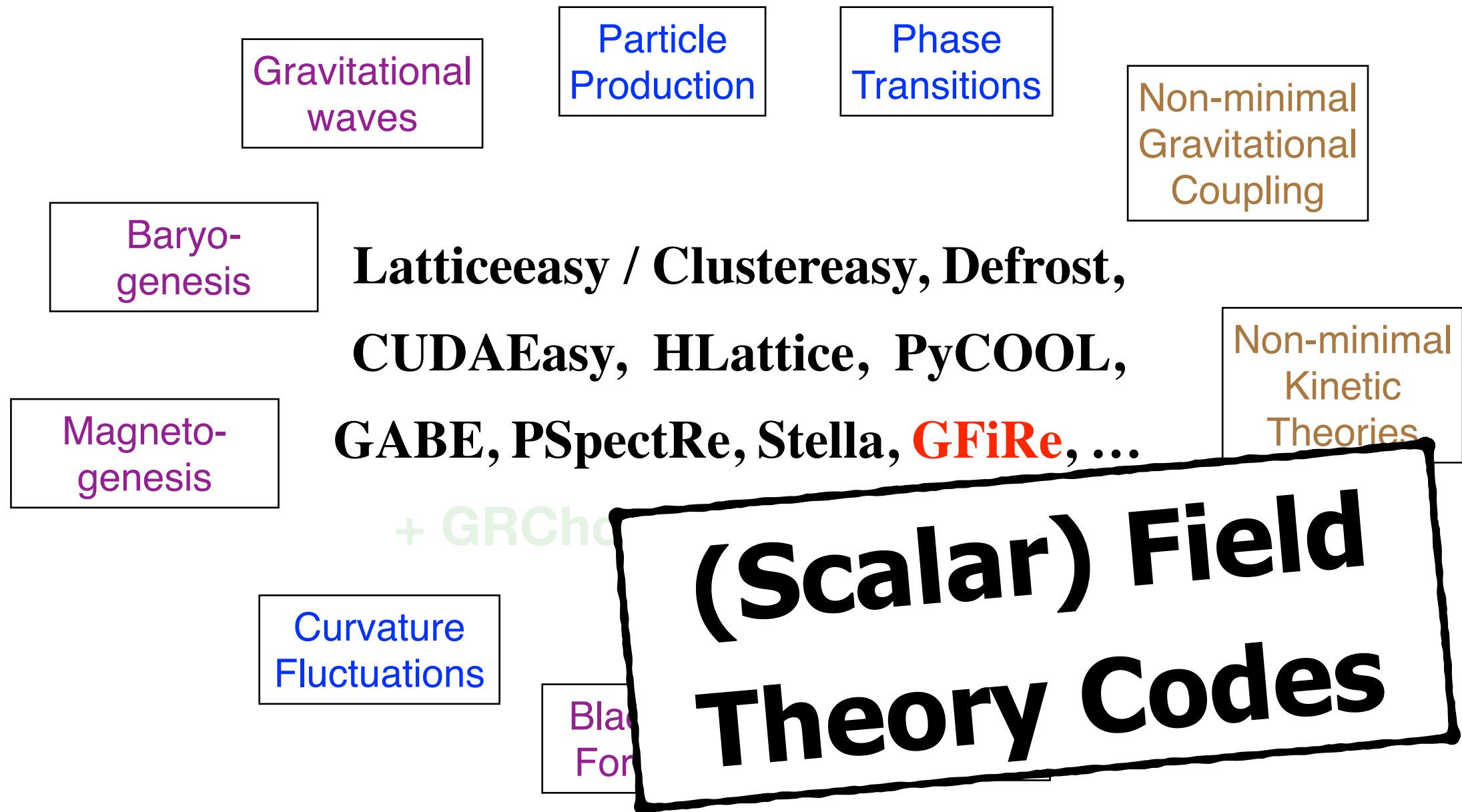
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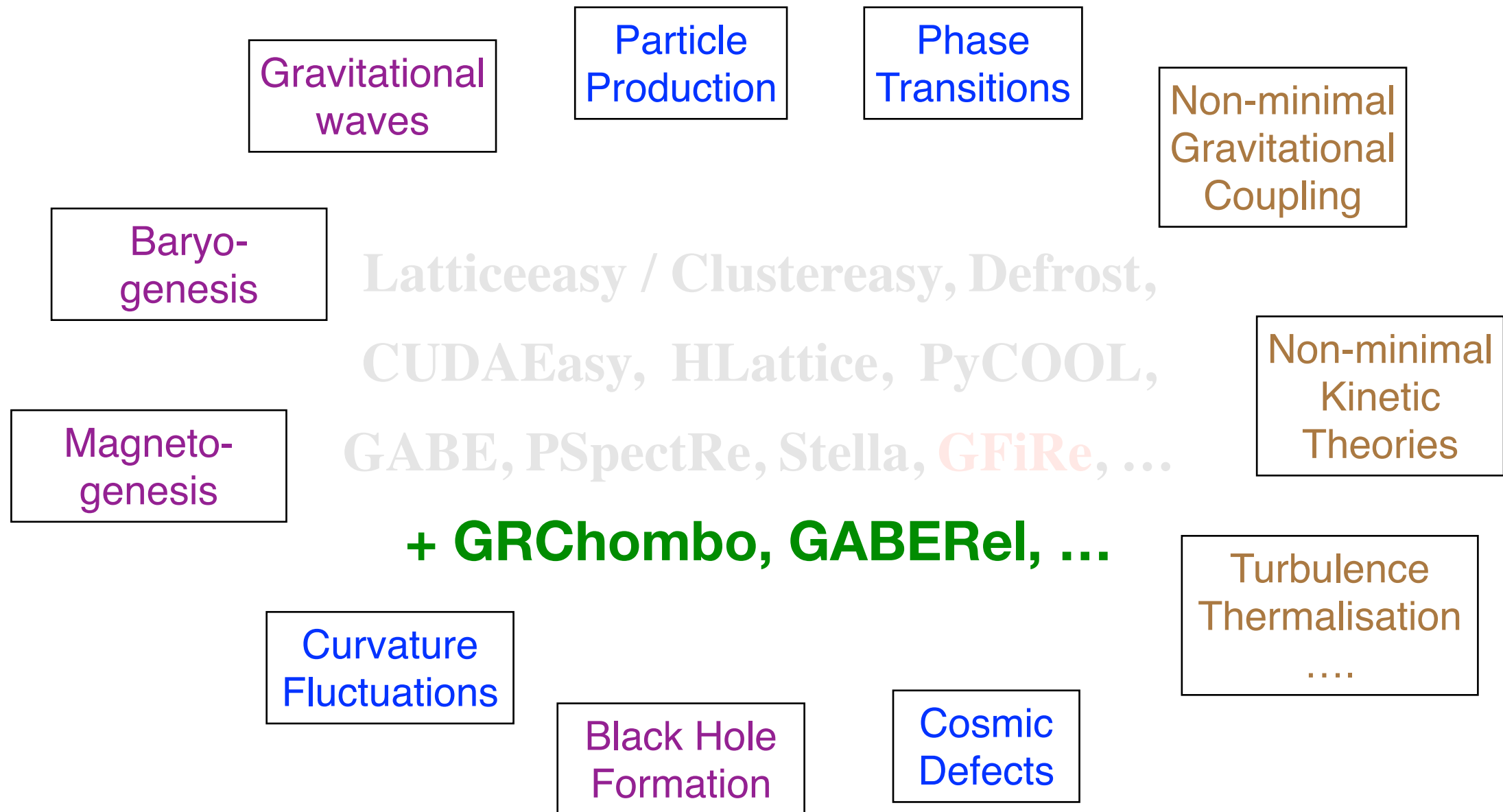
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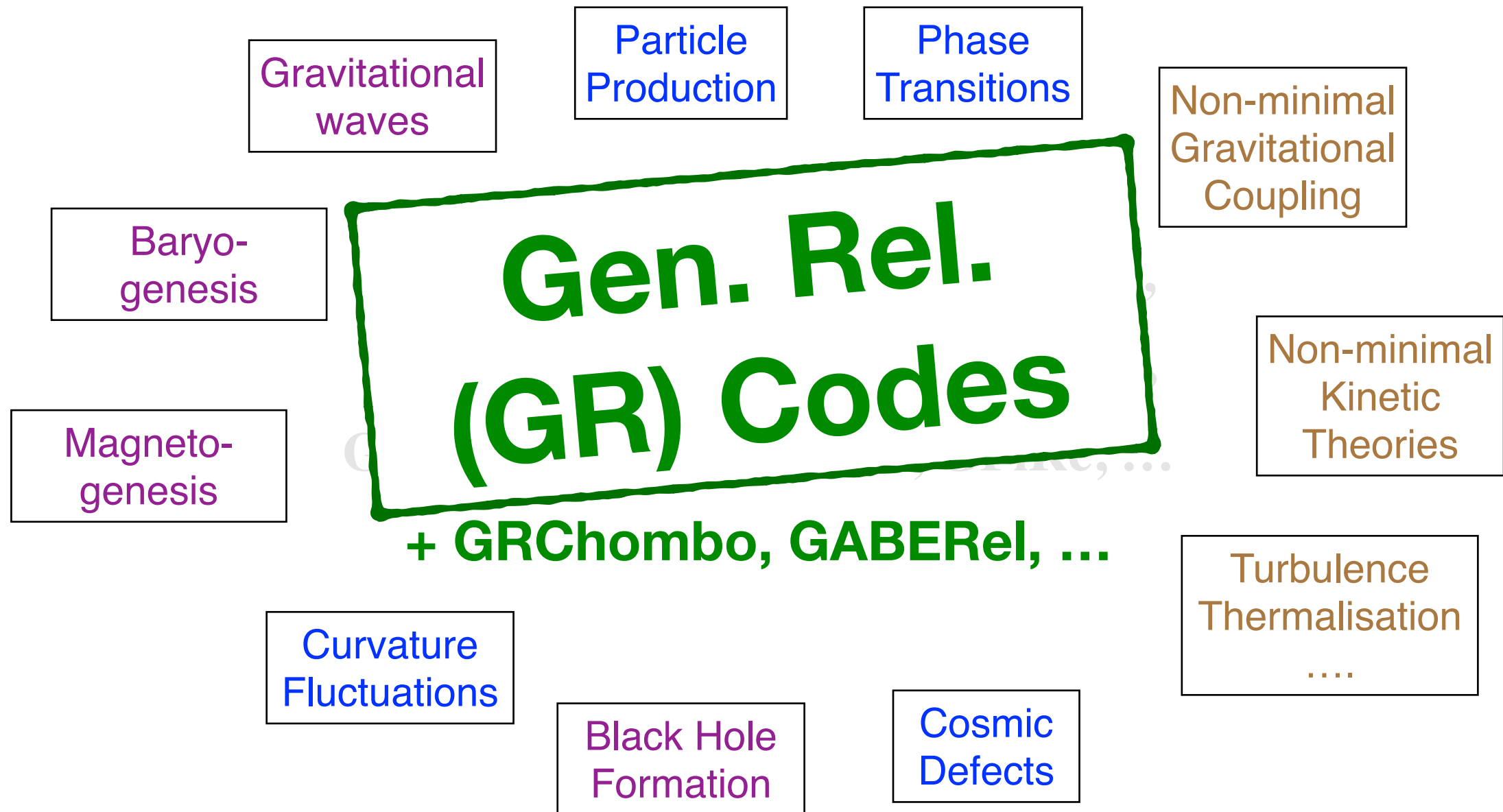
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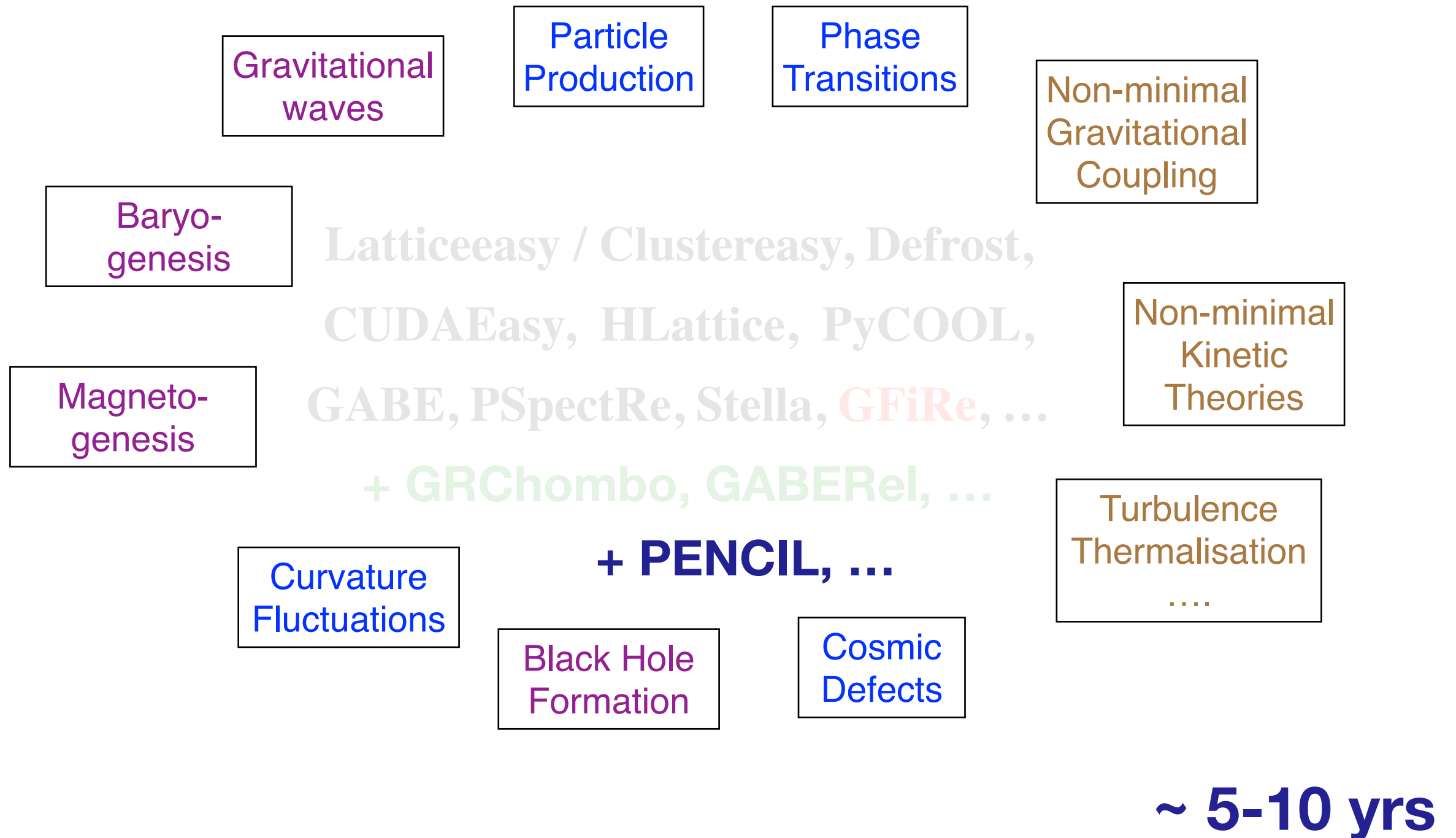
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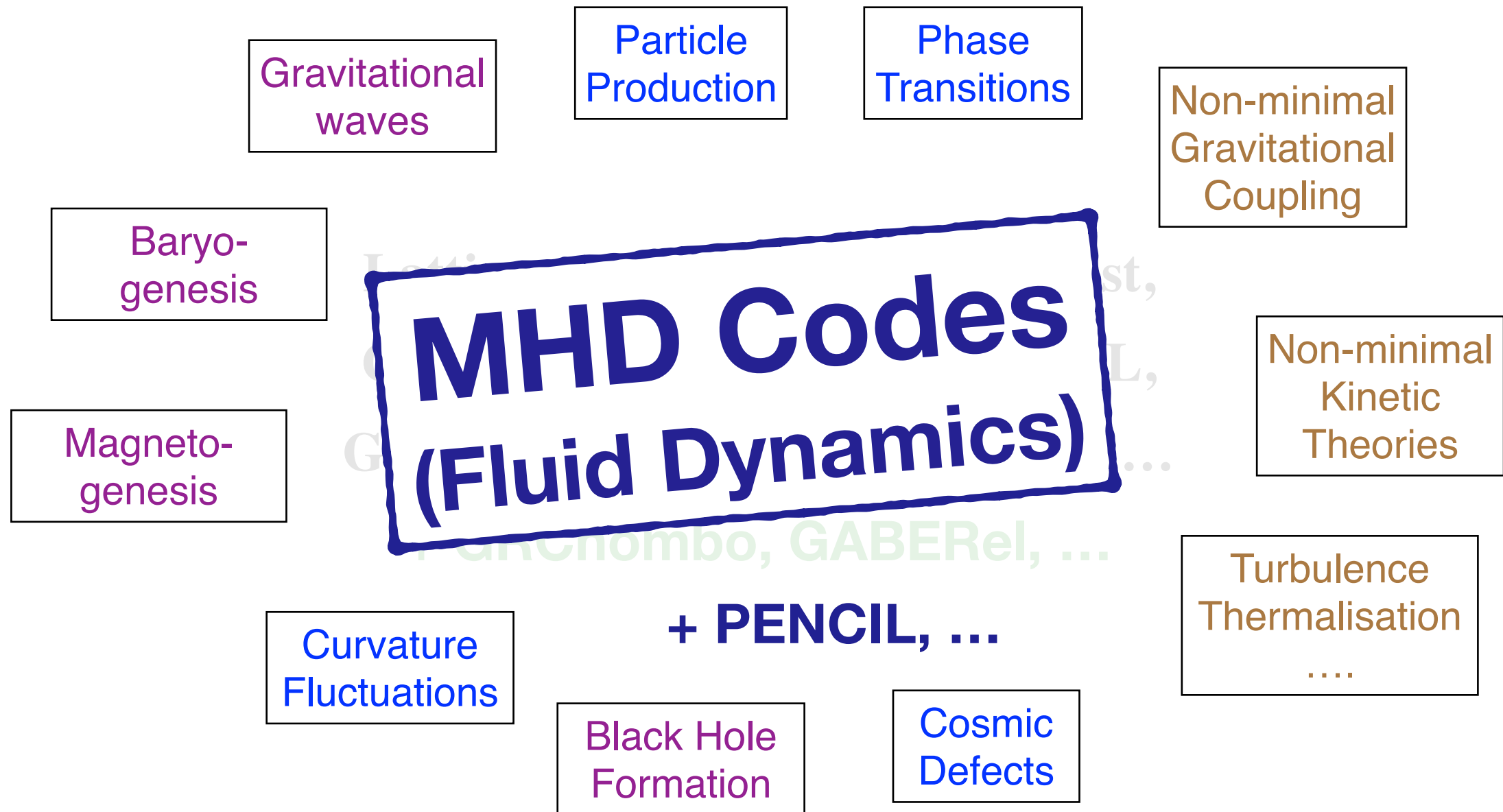


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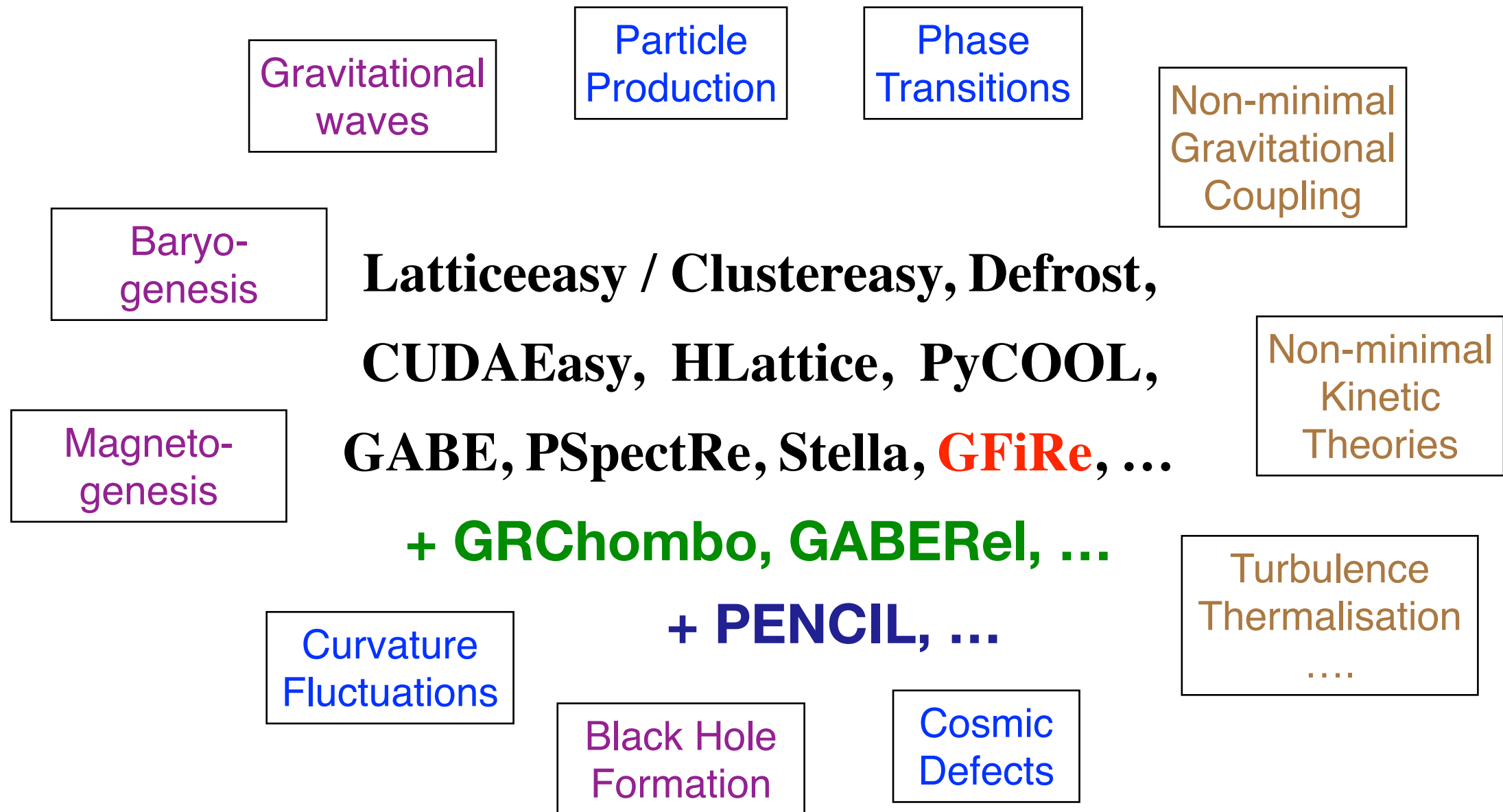


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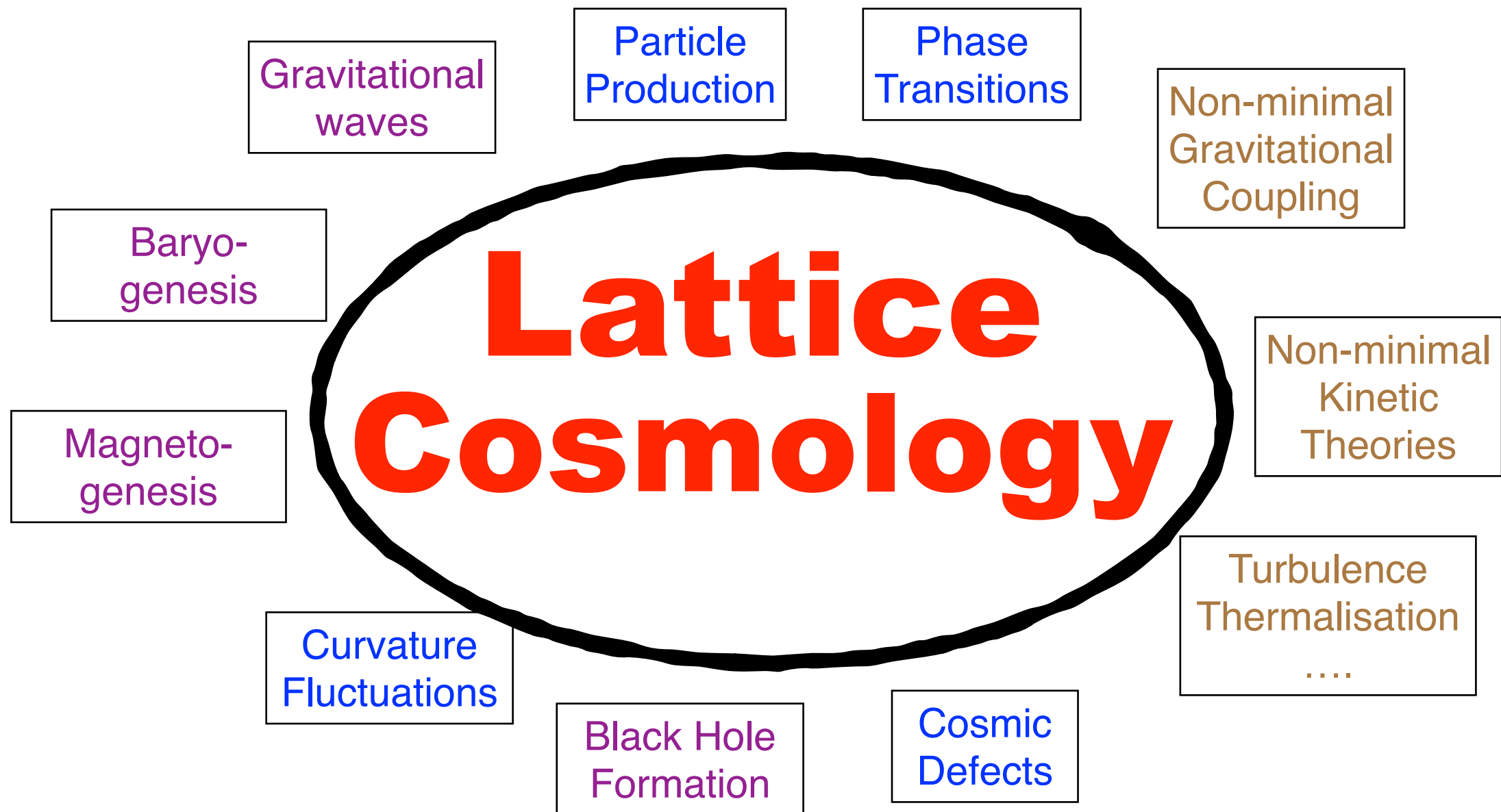
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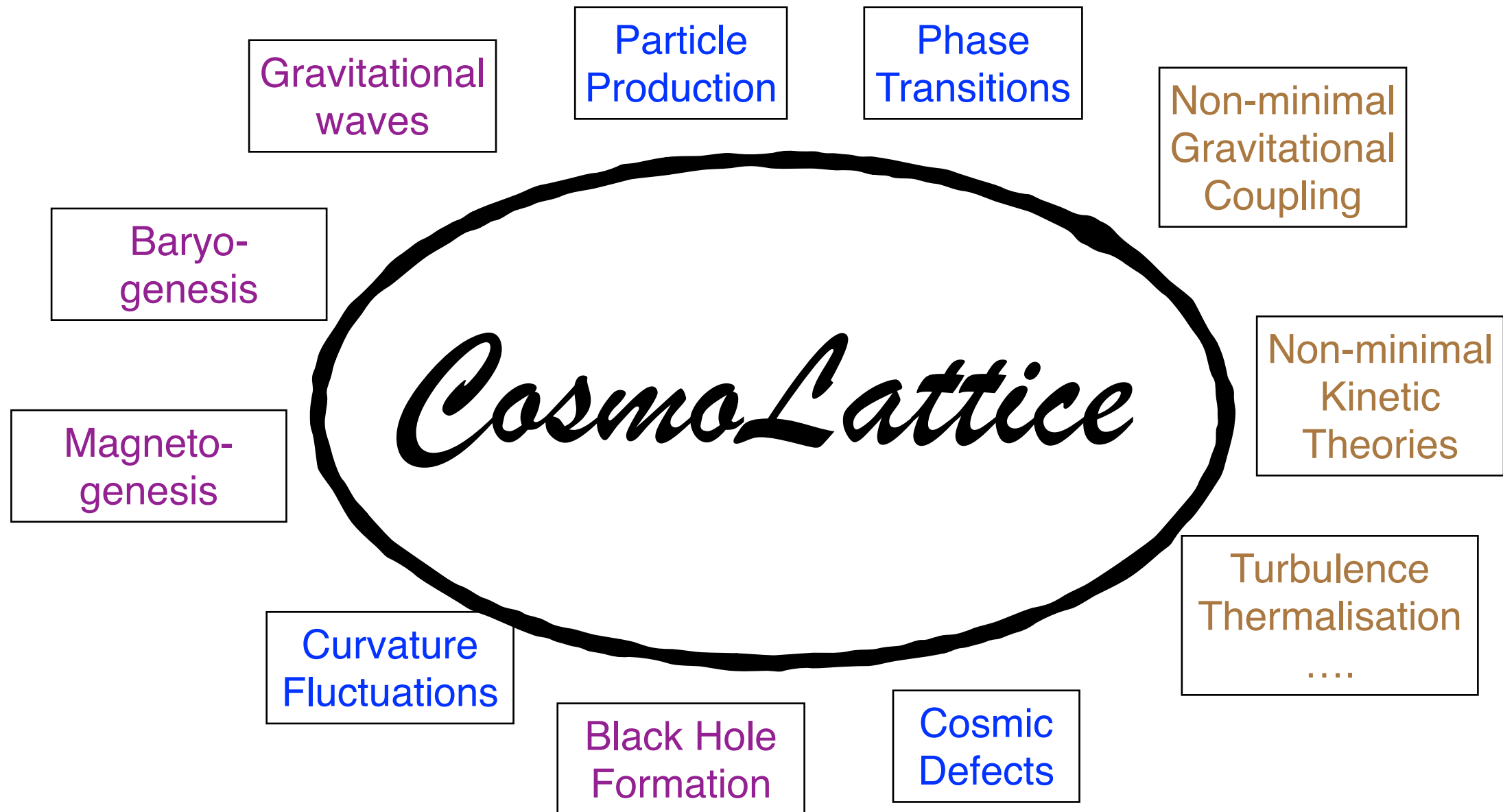
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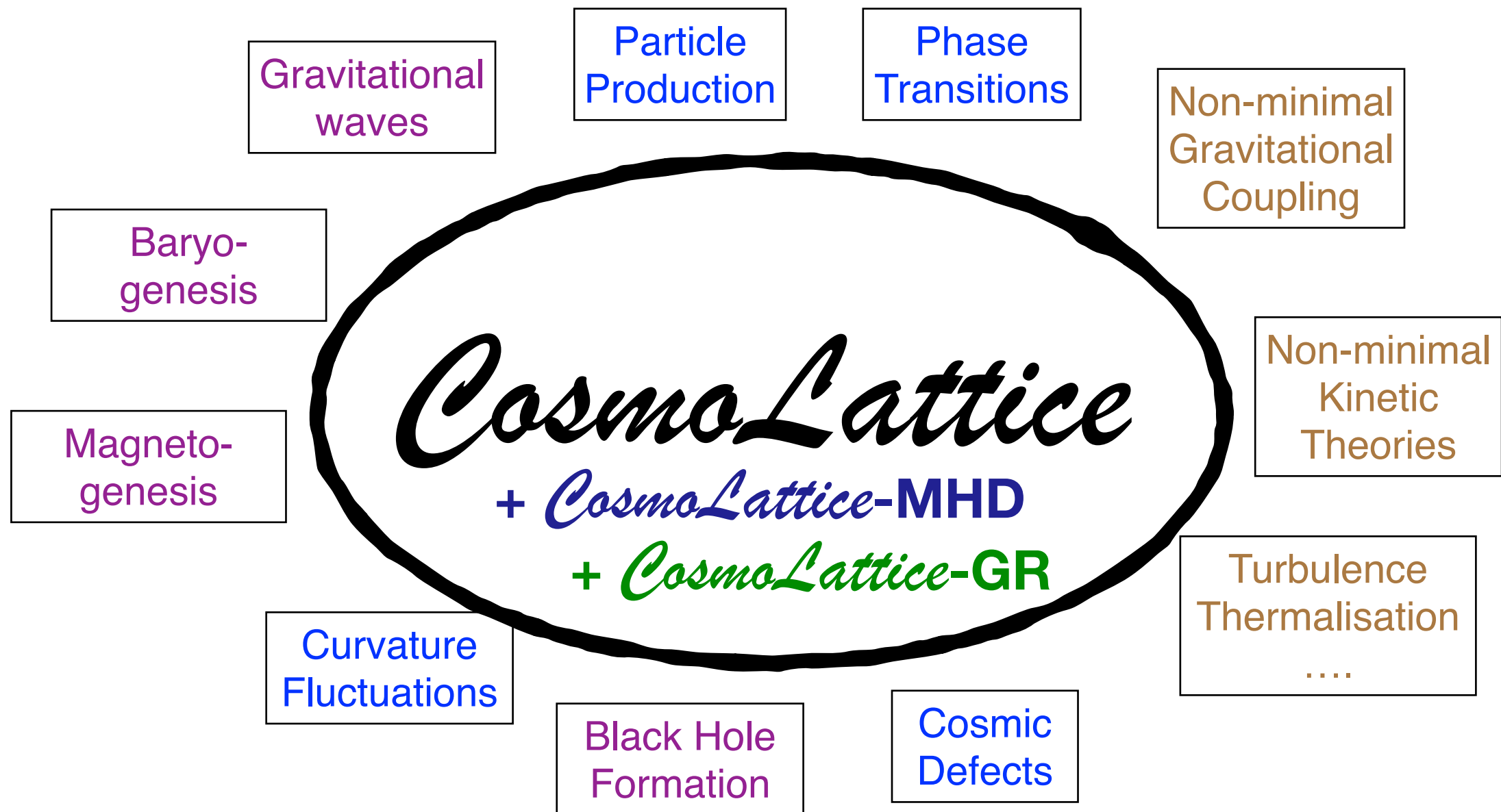
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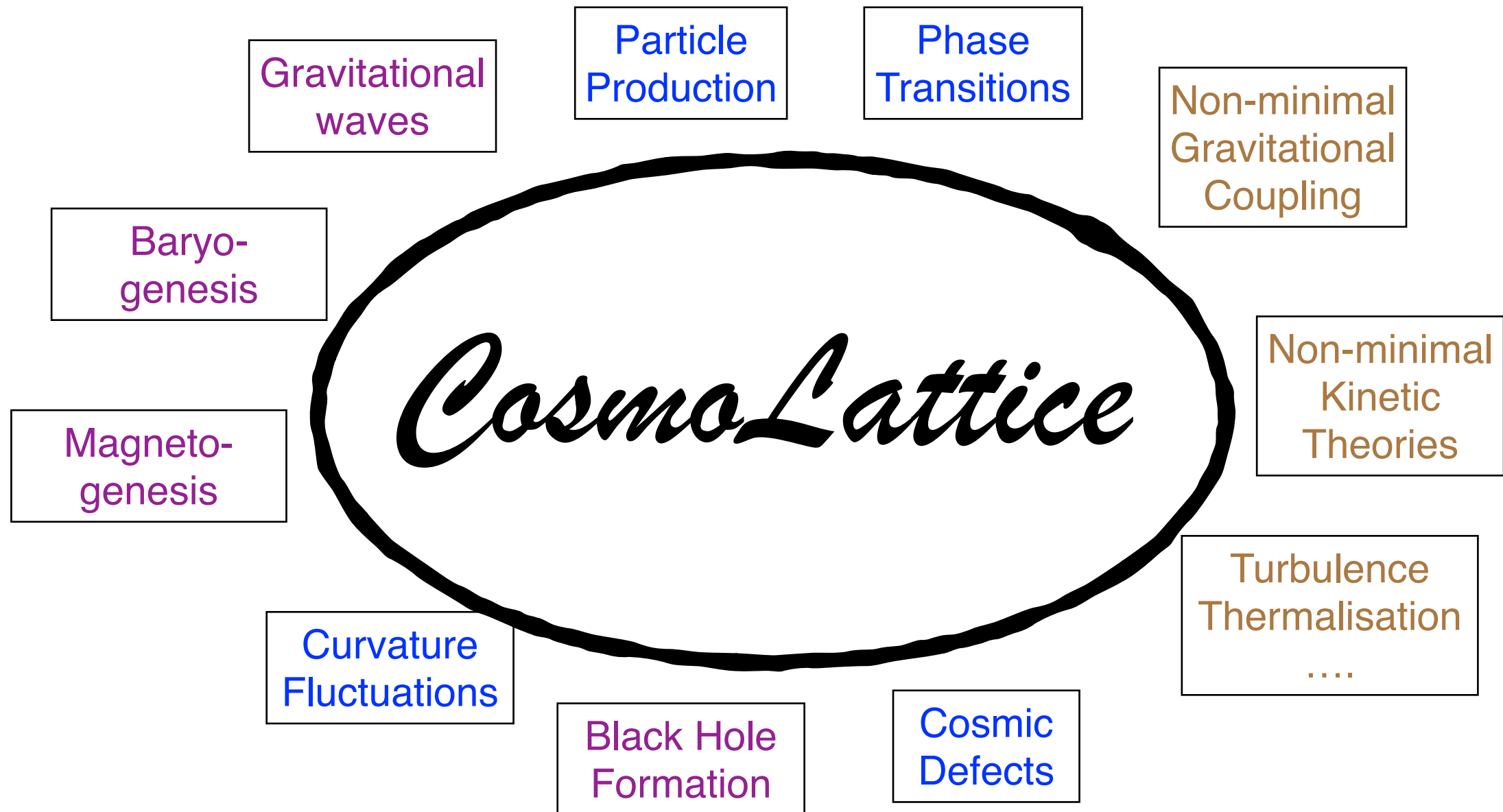
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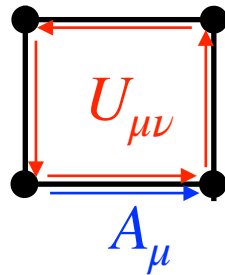
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[$U(1) \times SU(2)$]

Links & plaquettes
(~ **lattice-QCD**)



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- Written in **C++**, with **modular structure** separating physics ([CosmoInterface](#) library) and technical details ([TempLat](#) library).

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- **Parallelized** in multiple spatial dimensions (**but you write in serial !**)

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➤ **Family** of evolution **algorithms**, accuracy ranging from $\delta\mathcal{O}(\delta t^2)$ – $\delta\mathcal{O}(\delta t^{10})$

[*LeapFrog, Verlet, Runge-Kutta, Yoshida, ...*]

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A modern code for lattice simulations of scalar and gauge
field dynamics in an expanding universe

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► Matter content:

$$S = - \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi + (D_\mu^A \varphi)^* (D_A^\mu \varphi) + \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + (D_\mu \Phi)^\dagger (D^\mu \Phi) + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}\{G_{\mu\nu} G^{\mu\nu}\} + V(\phi, |\varphi|, |\Phi|) \right\}$$

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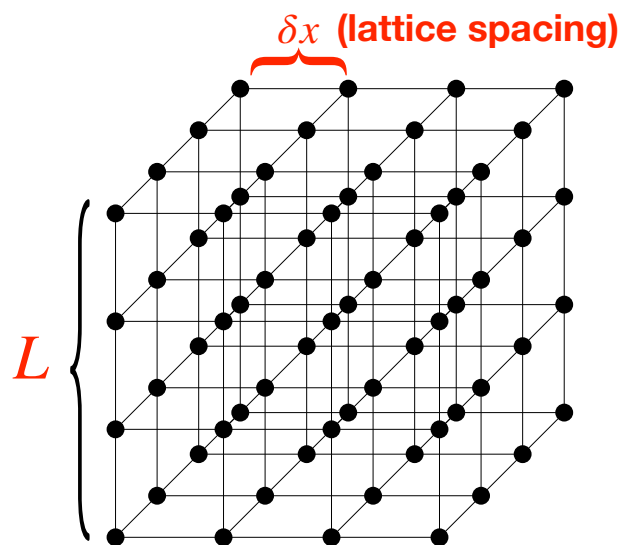
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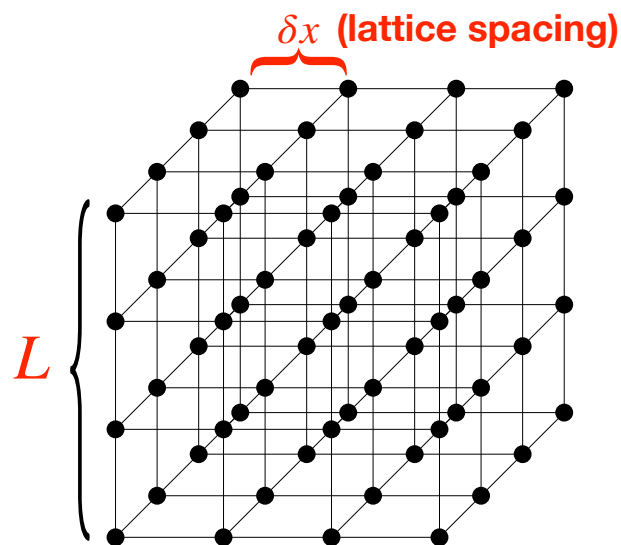
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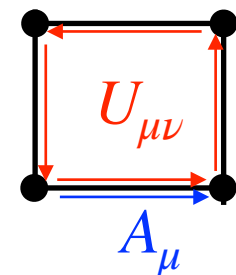
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- **Gauge fields** introduced via **links** and **plaquettes** (like in **lattice-QCD**)



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(Electric & Magnetic)

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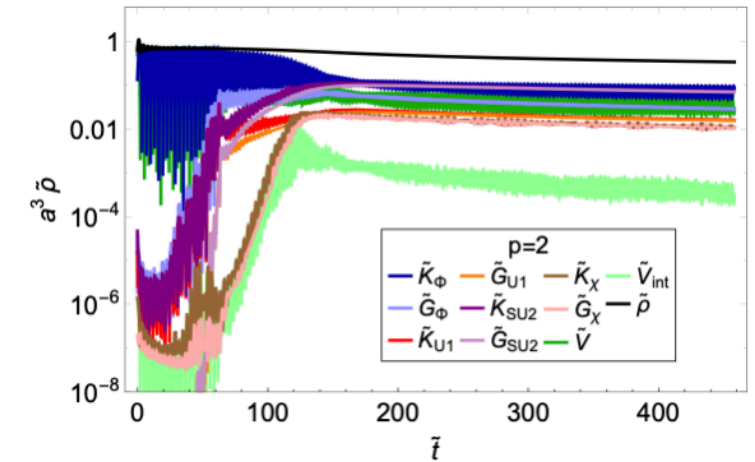
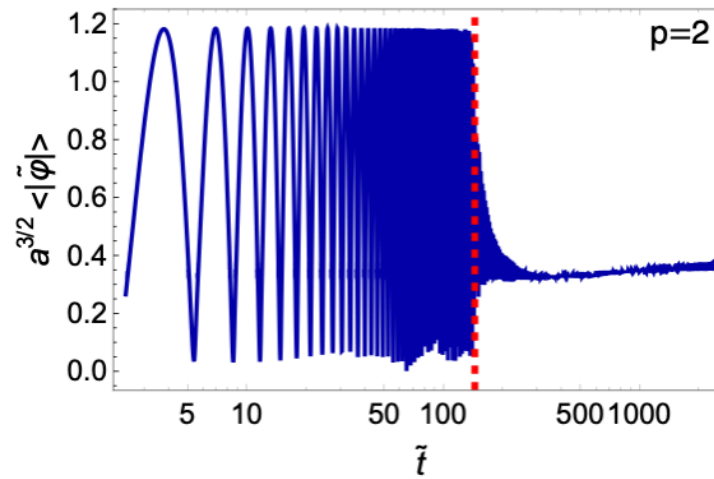
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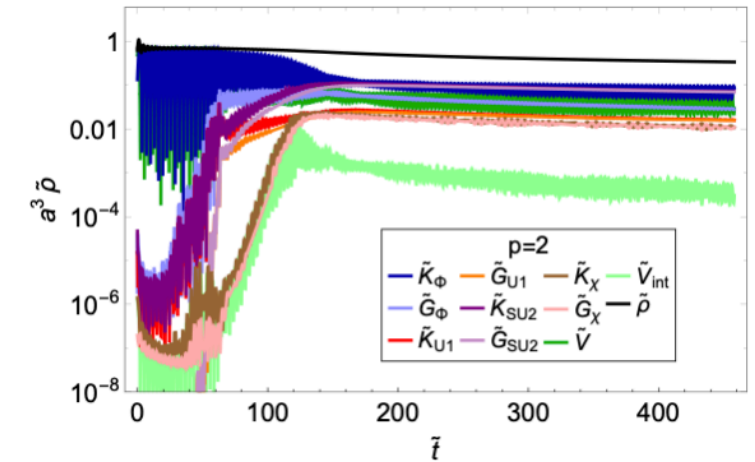
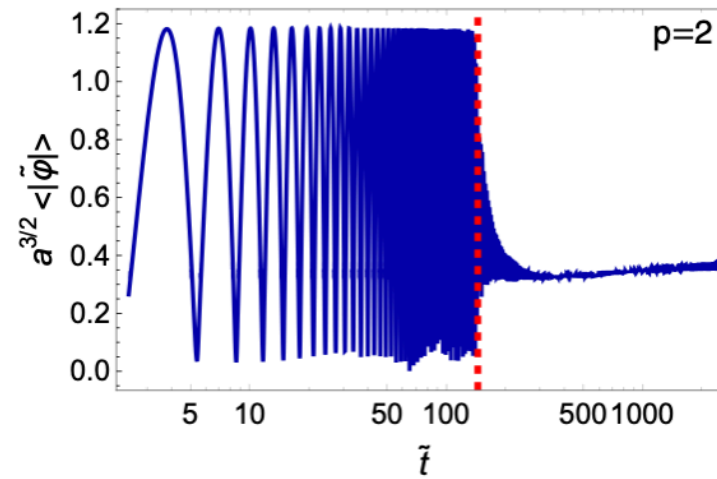


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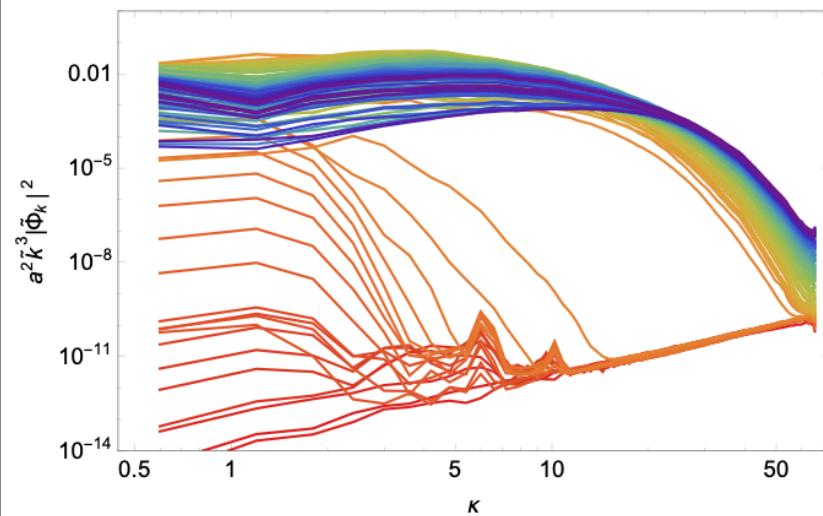
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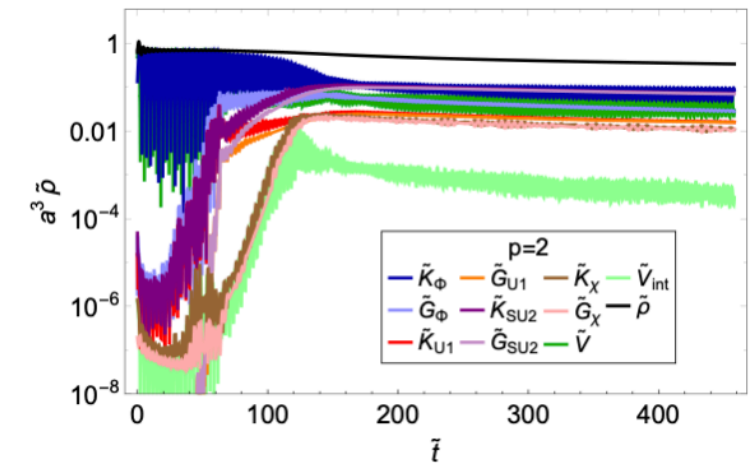
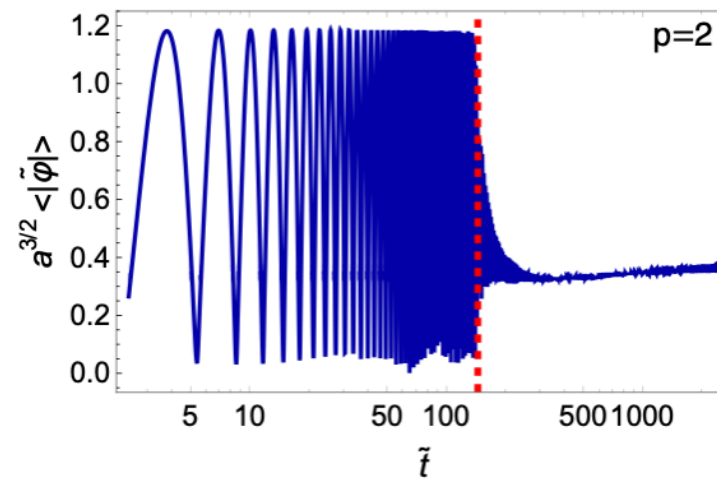
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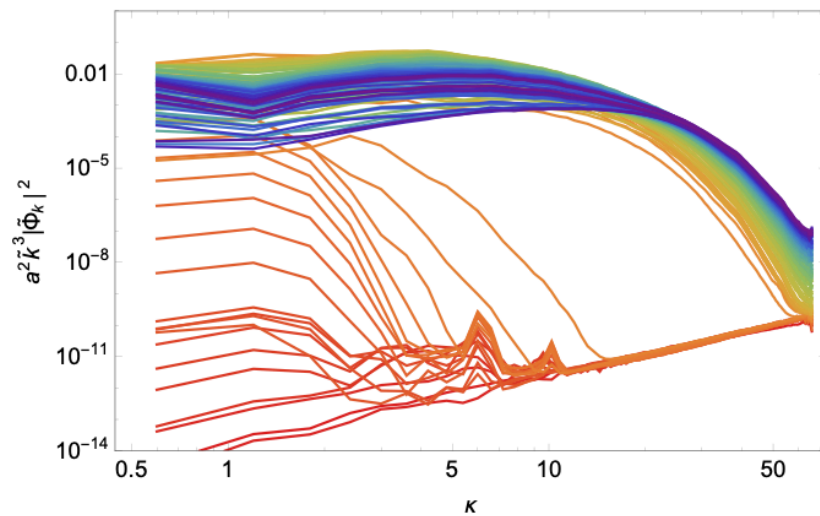
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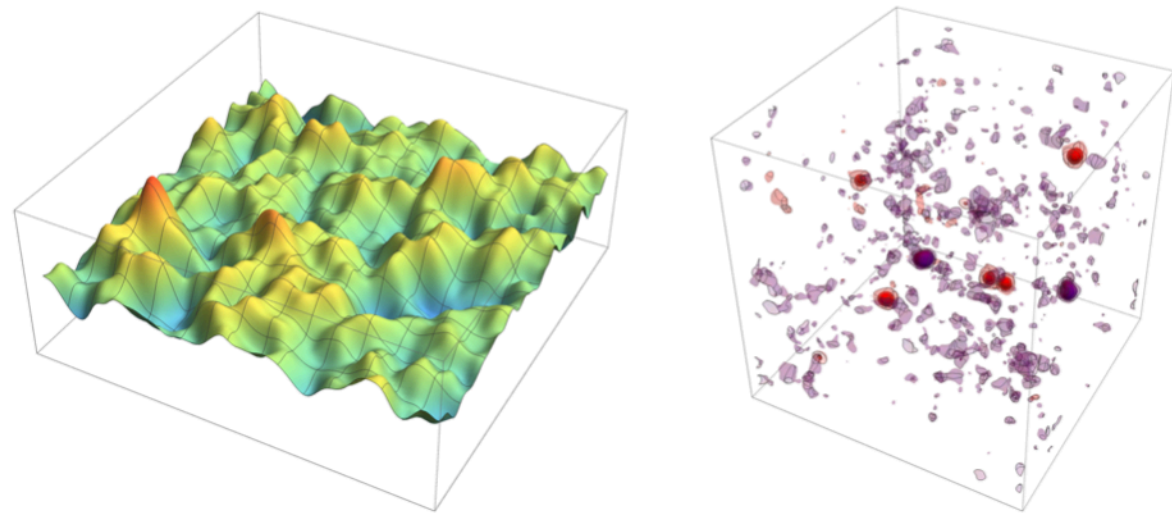
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Snapshots: 2D/3D distribution



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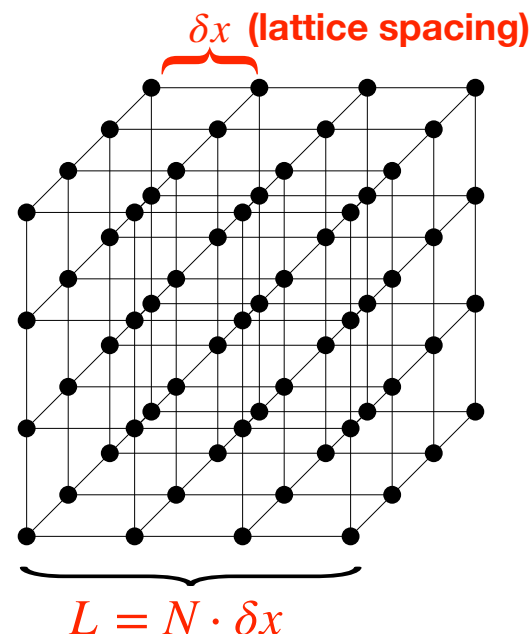
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Algorithms

- Staggered LeapFrog (LF)
- Position-Verlet (PV2)
- Velocity-Verlet (VV2)
- Runge-Kutta (RK2, RK3, RK4)
- Yoshida (VV4, VV6, VV8, VV10)

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$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, g_1^2, g_2^2, \dots$$

$$m_\phi^2, m_\psi^2, \dots, v^2, \Phi_*, \dots$$

```
1 #Output
2 outputfile = ./
3
4 #Evolution
5 expansion = true
6 evolver = VV2
7
8 #Lattice
9 N = 32
10 dt = 0.01
11 kIR = 0.75
12 nBinsSpectra = 55
13
14 #Times
15 tOutputFreq = 0.1
16 tOutputInfreq = 1
17 tMax = 300
18
19 #IC
20 kCutOff = 1.75
21 initial_amplitudes = 7.42675e18 0 # homogeneous amplitudes in GeV
22 initial_momenta = -6.2969e30 0 # homogeneous amplitudes in GeV2
23
24 #Model Parameters
25 lambda = 9e-14
26 q = 100
```

➤ **Parameters via input file**
(no need to re-compile !)

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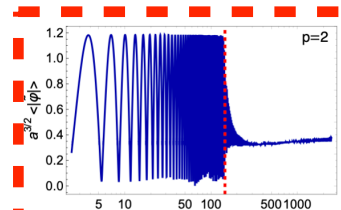
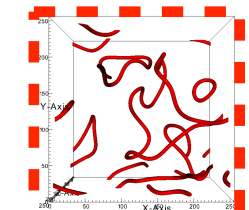
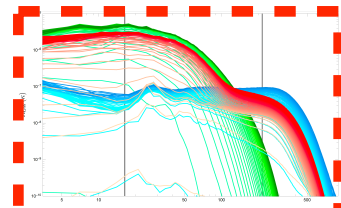
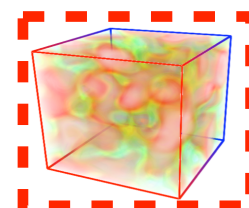


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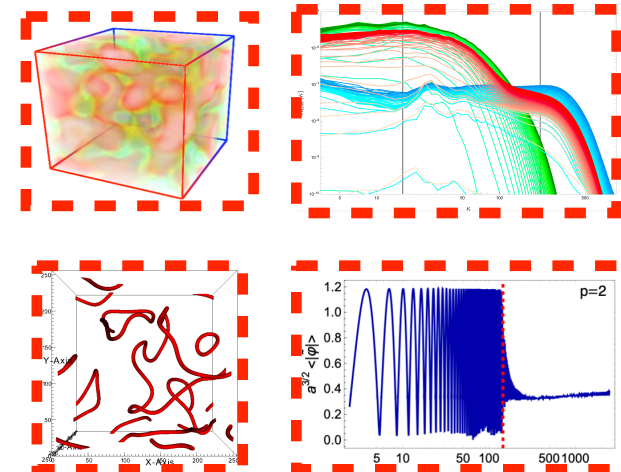
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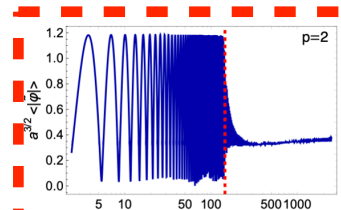
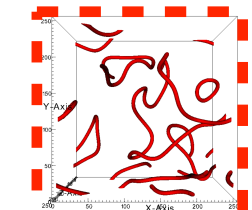
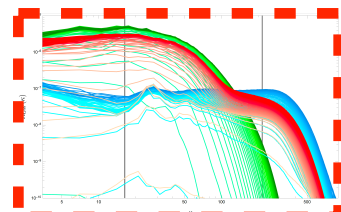
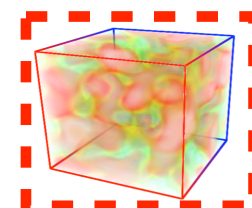
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New Problem

(Field Objects
Field Algebra)

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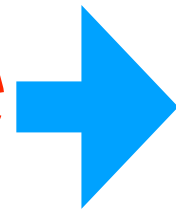
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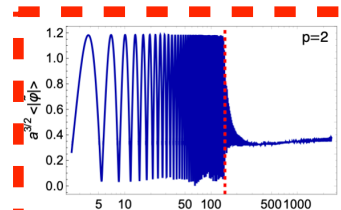
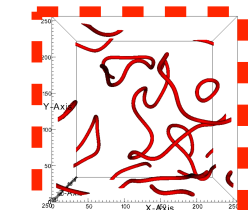
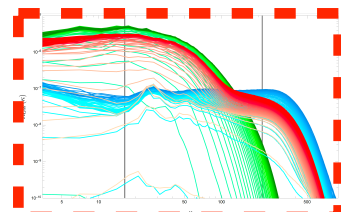
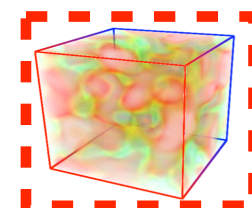
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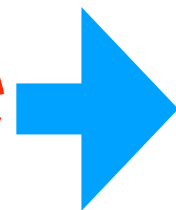
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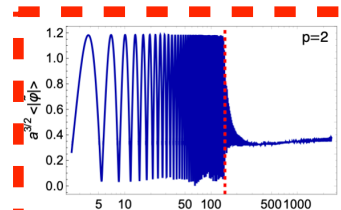
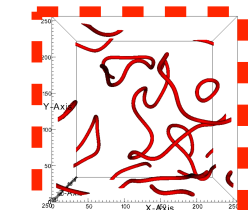
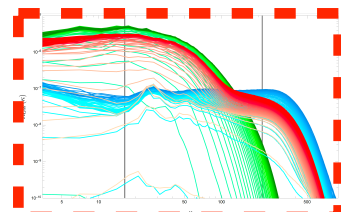
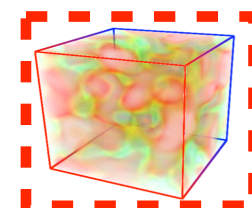
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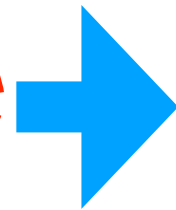
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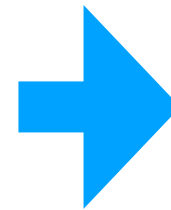
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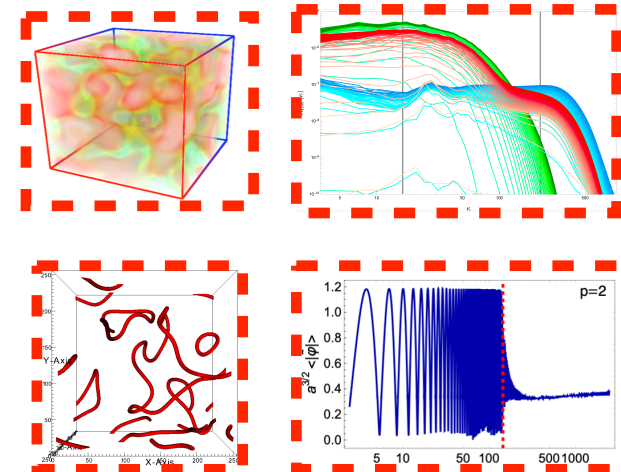
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**One can add
New Modules !**
(Interactions, fields, EOM,
observables, features, ...)

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Magneto Hydro-dynamics (MHD)

$$T^{\mu\nu} = (p + \rho)U^\mu U^\nu - p g^{\mu\nu} + \dots$$

$$D_\nu T^{\mu\nu} = \partial_\nu T^{\mu\nu} + \Gamma_{\sigma\nu}^\mu T^{\sigma\nu} + \Gamma_{\nu\sigma}^\nu T^{\mu\sigma} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-g}} \partial_\nu (\sqrt{-g} T^{\mu\nu}) = \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_\eta \tilde{T}^{00} + \partial_i \tilde{T}^{0i} &= \tilde{S}^0[\phi, A_k, \{\tilde{T}_{lk}\}], \\ \partial_\eta \tilde{T}^{0i} + \partial_j \tilde{T}^{ij} &= \tilde{S}^i[\phi, A_k, \{\tilde{T}_{lk}\}], \end{aligned}$$

Work in progress ... key to GWs from PhT's !

(w/ K. Marschall, A. Midiri and A. Roper Pol)

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$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{NMC}} = - \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left(\frac{1}{2} \xi R \phi^2 + \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi + V(\phi, \{\varphi_m\}) \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{[Non-minimally coupled]} & \begin{cases} \phi' = a^{\alpha-3} \pi_\phi, \\ \pi'_\phi = a^{1+\alpha} \nabla^2 \phi - a^{3+\alpha} (\xi R \phi + V_{,\phi}), \end{cases} \\ \text{[Expanding background]} & \begin{cases} a' = a^{\alpha-1} \pi_a, \\ \pi'_a = \frac{a^{2+\alpha}}{6} R, \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

with

$$R = \frac{1}{m_p^2} \left[\frac{2(1 - 6\xi)(E_G^\phi - E_K^\phi) + 4\langle V \rangle - 6\xi\langle \phi V_{,\phi} \rangle + (\rho_m - 3p_m)}{1 + (6\xi - 1)\xi\langle \phi^2 \rangle/m_p^2} \right],$$

(w/ B. Stefanek, T. Opferkuch, and A. Florio)

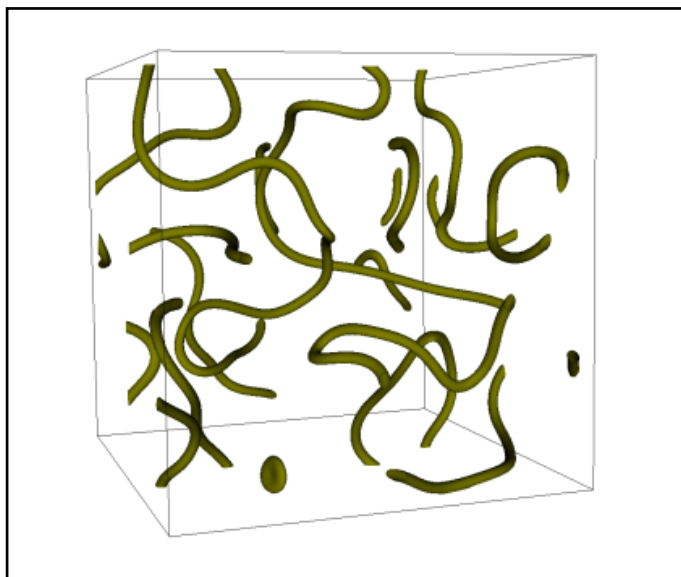
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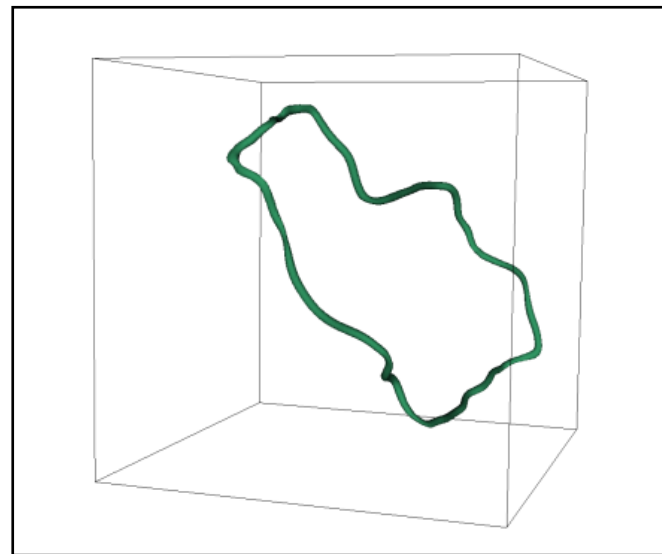
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Cosmic Defect Networks

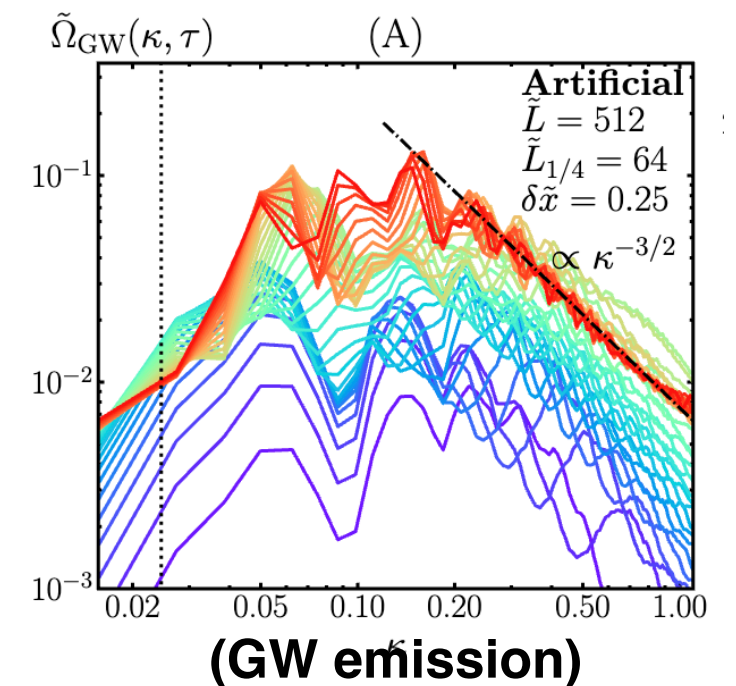
Particle & GW Emission



(String Networks)



(Isolated loops)



(w/ J. Baeza-Ballesteros, E. Copeland, J. Lizarraga)

Used in [arXiv:2308.08456](#) (Global) & [arXiv:2408.02364](#) (Local)

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Axion-gauge interactions

$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{ax}} = - \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi + V(\phi) + \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\alpha_\Lambda}{4} \frac{\phi}{m_p} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} \right\}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \ddot{\phi} &= -3H\dot{\phi} + \frac{1}{a^2} \vec{\nabla}^2 \phi - V_{,\phi} + \frac{\alpha_\Lambda}{a^3 m_p} \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B}, \\ \dot{\vec{E}} &= -H\vec{E} - \frac{1}{a^2} \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} - \frac{\alpha_\Lambda}{a m_p} \left(\dot{\phi} \vec{B} + \vec{\nabla} \phi \cdot \vec{E} \right), \\ \ddot{a} &= -\frac{a}{3m_p^2} (2\rho_K - \rho_V + \rho_{\text{EM}}), \\ \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} &= -\frac{\alpha_\Lambda}{a m_p} \vec{\nabla} \phi \cdot \vec{B}, \quad [\text{Gauss law}] \\ H^2 &= \frac{1}{3m_p^2} (\rho_K + \rho_G + \rho_V + \rho_{\text{EM}}), \quad [\text{Hubble law}] \end{aligned} \right\}$$

(w/ J. Lizarraga, N. Loayza, and A. Urrio)

Used in *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 131 (2023) 15, 151003
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(w/ N. Loayza & R. Flauger)

To be released in 202X?

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Field Dynamics of
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Freese, Frieman, Olinto '90; ...

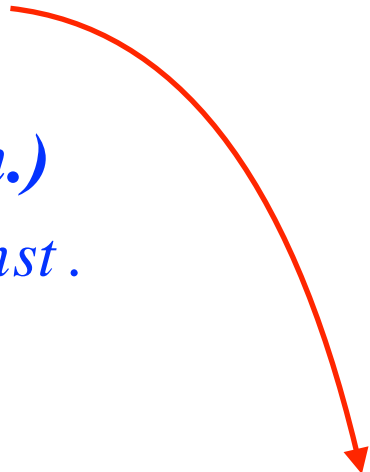
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Potential

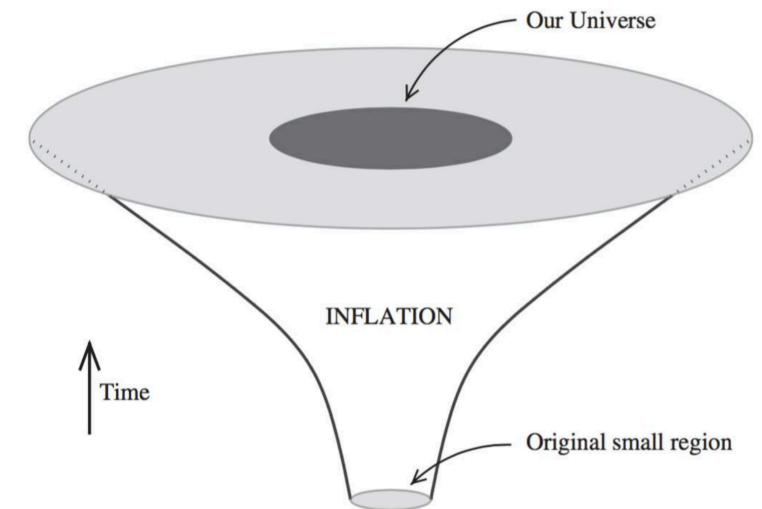
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*Due to
Non-Perturbative
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e.g. **Sorbo et al**
2006-2012

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**Gauge field dynamics
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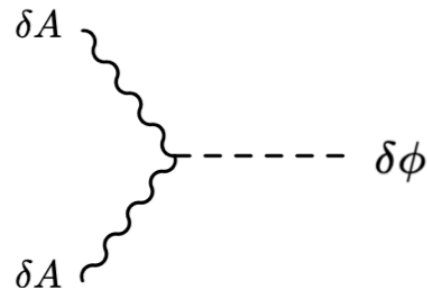
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Inflaton perturbations $\delta\phi$
through inverse decay
(highly non-Gaussian)



Barnaby, Peloso '10
Planck '15

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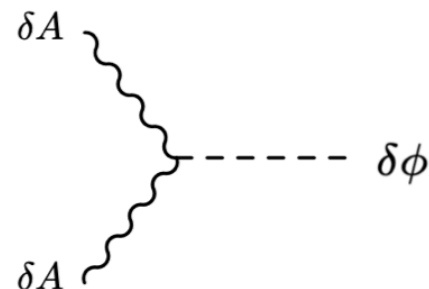
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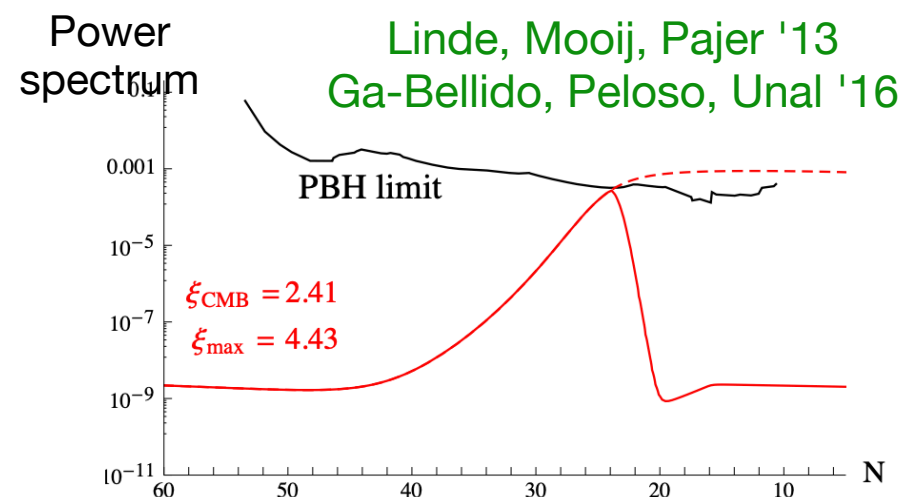
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Barnaby, Peloso '10
Planck '15



Axion-Inflation

Freese, Frieman, Olinto '90; ...

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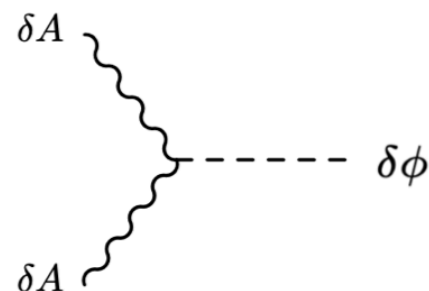
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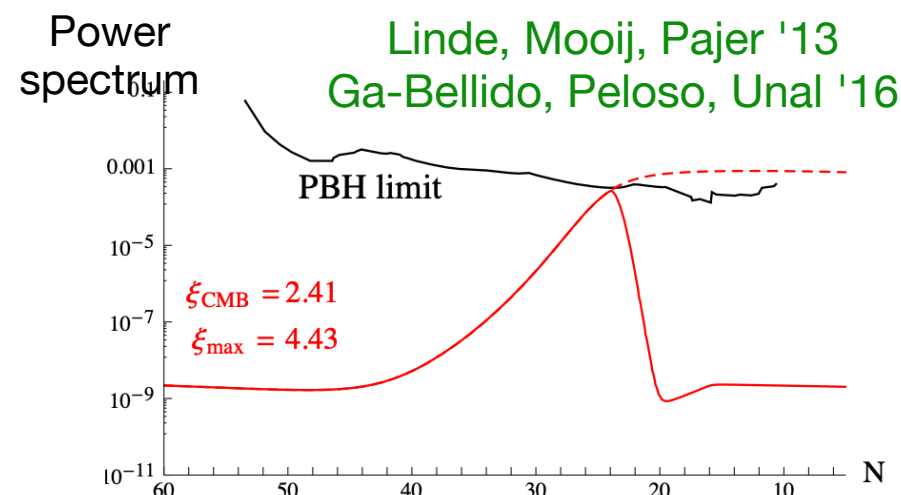
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$$\{E_i E_j + B_i B_j\}^{\text{TT}}$$

$$h_L, \quad \cancel{h_R}$$

Cook & Sorbo '11
Amber & Sorbo '12

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Can we trust current pheno calculations ?

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It really depends how good
non-linearities are captured !

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PROBLEM: PNG, GW and PBH  **Approximations (e.g. Analytical)**

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**Let's have a look to
the full problem !**

$$\left(V(\phi) = \frac{1}{2} m^2 \phi^2 \right)$$

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EoM**
 $(\vec{x}, t)$

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EoM

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EoM

**Hom.
EoM
(t)**

$$\dot{\pi}_a = -\frac{a}{6m_{pl}^2} (\rho + 3p) = \frac{a}{3m_{pl}^2} \left\langle \begin{array}{llll} -2K_\phi & +V & -K_A & -G_A \end{array} \right\rangle$$

(Kin) (Pot) (Elec) (Mag)

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} K_\phi \equiv \frac{1}{2} \pi_\phi^2 = \frac{1}{2a^6} \tilde{\pi}_\phi^2 , \quad G_\phi \equiv \frac{1}{2a^2} \sum (\partial_i \phi)^2 , \quad V \equiv \frac{1}{2} m^2 \phi^2 , \\ K_A \equiv \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \frac{E_i^2}{a^2} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \frac{\tilde{E}_i^2}{a^4} , \quad G_A \equiv \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \frac{B_i^2}{a^4} \end{array} \right)$$

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**Local
EoM**
($\vec{x}, t$)

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EoM

**Non-Linear
dynamics**

**Hom.
EoM**
(t)

$$\dot{\pi}_a = -\frac{a}{6m_{pl}^2}(\rho + 3p) = \frac{a}{3m_{pl}^2} \left\langle \underbrace{-2K_\phi}_{\text{(Kin)}} + \underbrace{V}_{\text{(Pot)}} - \underbrace{K_A}_{\text{(Elec)}} - \underbrace{G_A}_{\text{(Mag)}} \right\rangle$$

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**Local
EoM**
($\vec{x}, t$)

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\tilde{\pi}}_\phi = \cancel{a \vec{\nabla}^2 \phi} - a^3 m^2 \phi + \cancel{\frac{1}{a\Lambda} \vec{\tilde{E}} \cdot \vec{B}} , \\ \dot{\vec{\tilde{E}}} = -\frac{1}{a} \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{a^3 \Lambda} \tilde{\pi}_\phi \vec{B}}_{\text{Interaction}} + \cancel{\frac{1}{a\Lambda} \vec{\nabla} \phi \times \vec{\tilde{E}}} . \end{cases}$$

EoM

**Linear
Regime**

**Hom.
EoM**
(t)

$$\dot{\pi}_a = -\frac{a}{6m_{pl}^2}(\rho + 3p) = \frac{a}{3m_{pl}^2} \left\langle \underbrace{-2K_\phi}_{\text{(Kin)}} + \underbrace{V}_{\text{(Pot)}} - \cancel{\underbrace{K_A}_{\text{(Elec)}} - \underbrace{G_A}_{\text{(Mag)}}} \right\rangle$$

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**Local
EoM**
($\vec{x}, t$)

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EoM

**Back-
Reaction**

**Hom.
EoM**
(t)

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**Hom. (t)
Approx.**

**Back-
Reaction
(Homog.
Approx.)**

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EoM**
(t)

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Axion-Inflation

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$$\langle \vec{E} \vec{B} \rangle = -\frac{\lambda}{a^4} \int \frac{dk}{4\pi} k^3 \frac{d}{d\tau} \left| A_{-\lambda}(\tau, \vec{k}) \right|^2 ;$$

$$\langle K_A + G_A \rangle \equiv \left\langle \frac{E^2 + B^2}{2} \right\rangle = \frac{1}{a^4} \int \frac{dk}{4\pi^2} k^2 \left(\left| \frac{dA_{-\lambda}(\tau, \vec{k})}{d\tau} \right|^2 + k^2 \left| A_{-\lambda}(\tau, \vec{k}) \right|^2 \right) ;$$

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EoM
($\vec{x}, t$)**

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**Hom. (t)
Approx.**

**Back-
Reaction
(Homog.
Approx.)**

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EoM
(t)**

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($\vec{x}, t$)**

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \dot{\pi}_\phi = \cancel{a \vec{\nabla}^2 \phi} - a^3 m^2 \phi + \frac{1}{a\Lambda} \langle \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B} \rangle \\ \frac{d^2 A_\pm(\tau, \vec{k})}{d\tau^2} + [k^2 \pm 2\lambda \xi k a H] A_\pm(\tau, \vec{k}) = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

EoM

**Hom.
EoM
(t)**

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**Back-
Reaction
(Homog.
Approx.)**

Hom. (t)
Approx.

$\frac{1}{a\Lambda} \cancel{\vec{\nabla} \phi \times \vec{E}}$

DallAgata et al 2019, Domcke et 2020 $\longrightarrow$ **Elaborated Iterative scheme !**

Axion-Inflation

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($\vec{x}, t$)**

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EoM

**Back-
Reaction
(Homog.
Approx.)**

**Hom.
EoM
(t)**

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Gorbar et al 2021



Gradient Expansion Formalism (GEF)

Axion-Inflation

PROBLEM: PNG, GW and PBH $\longrightarrow$ Approximations (e.g. Analytical)

Can we do better than homogeneous backreaction ?

**Local
EoM
($\vec{x}, t$)**

**Hom.
EoM
(t)**

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \dot{\tilde{\pi}}_{\phi} = \cancel{a \vec{\nabla}^2 \phi} - a^3 m^2 \phi + \frac{1}{a\Lambda} \langle \tilde{\vec{E}} \cdot \vec{B} \rangle \\ \frac{d^2 A_{\pm}(\tau, \vec{k})}{d\tau^2} + [k^2 \pm 2\lambda\xi k a H] A_{\pm}(\tau, \vec{k}) = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

$\frac{1}{a\Lambda} \cancel{\vec{\nabla} \phi \times \tilde{\vec{E}}}$

**Back-
Reaction
(Homog.
Approx.)**

EoM

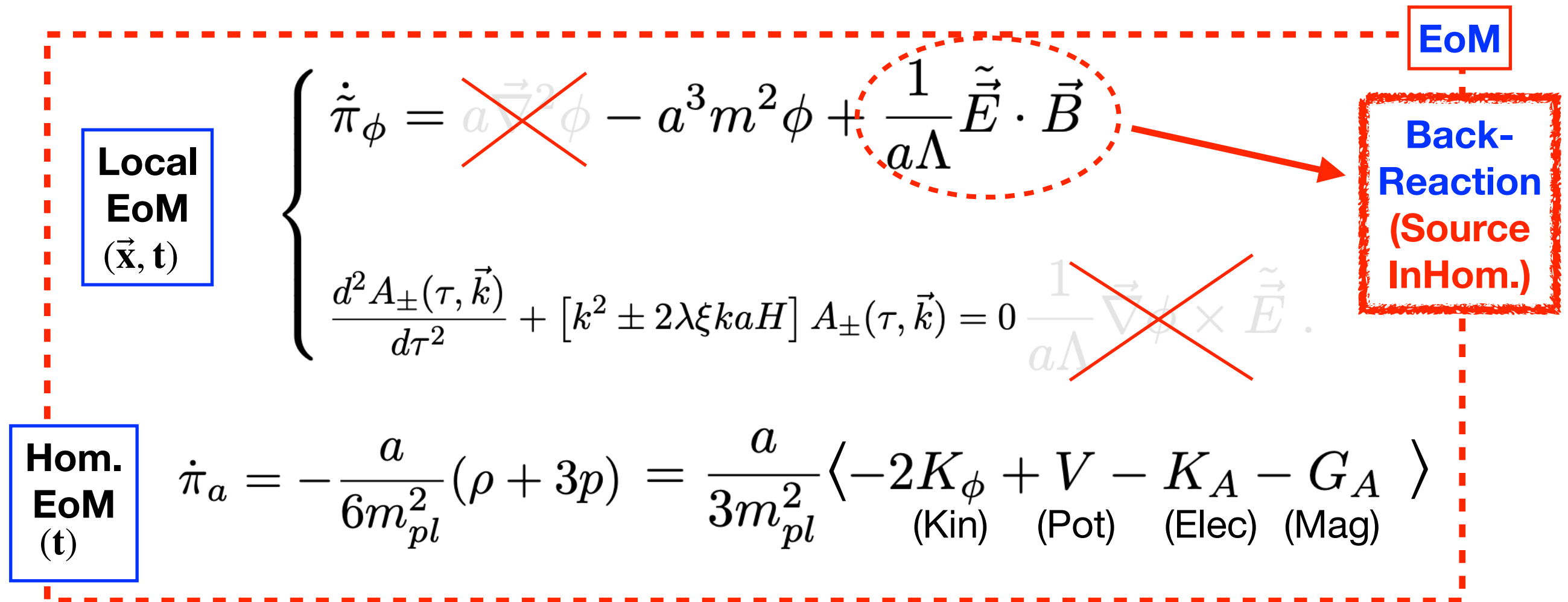
**Hom.
EoM
(t)**

$$\dot{\pi}_a = -\frac{a}{6m_{pl}^2}(\rho + 3p) = \frac{a}{3m_{pl}^2} \left(\underbrace{\langle -2K_{\phi} \rangle}_{(Kin)} + \underbrace{\langle V \rangle}_{(Pot)} - \underbrace{\langle K_A \rangle}_{(Elec)} + \underbrace{\langle G_A \rangle}_{(Mag)} \right)$$

Axion-Inflation

PROBLEM: PNG, GW and PBH $\longrightarrow$ Approximations (e.g. Analytical)

Yes, we need a full lattice approach



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EoM
($\vec{x}, t$)**

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EoM

**Hom.
EoM
(t)**

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**Back-
Reaction
(Source
InHom.)**

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The diagram illustrates the relationship between different equations of motion (EoM) in the context of axion-inflation. A dashed red box encloses the 'Local EoM' and 'Hom. EoM'. Arrows indicate how terms in the local equations contribute to back-reactions.

Local EoM
 $(\vec{x}, t)$

$$\begin{cases} \dot{\tilde{\pi}}_\phi = a \vec{\nabla}^2 \phi - a^3 m^2 \phi + \frac{1}{a\Lambda} \vec{\tilde{E}} \cdot \vec{B} \\ \dot{\vec{\tilde{E}}} = -\frac{1}{a} \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{B} - \frac{1}{a^3 \Lambda} \tilde{\pi}_\phi \vec{B} + \frac{1}{a\Lambda} \vec{\nabla} \phi \times \vec{\tilde{E}} \end{cases}$$

Hom. EoM
 (t)

$$\dot{\pi}_a = -\frac{a}{6m_{pl}^2}(\rho + 3p) = \frac{a}{3m_{pl}^2} \left\langle \underbrace{-2K_\phi}_{(Kin)} + \underbrace{V}_{(Pot)} - \left(\underbrace{K_A}_{(Elec)} + \underbrace{G_A}_{(Mag)} \right) \right\rangle$$

EoM

Back-Reaction (Fully Local)

Axion-Inflation

PROBLEM: PNG, GW and PBH $\longrightarrow$ Approximations (e.g. Analytical)

Need to "latticeize" the EOM !

**Local
EoM**
($\vec{x}, t$)

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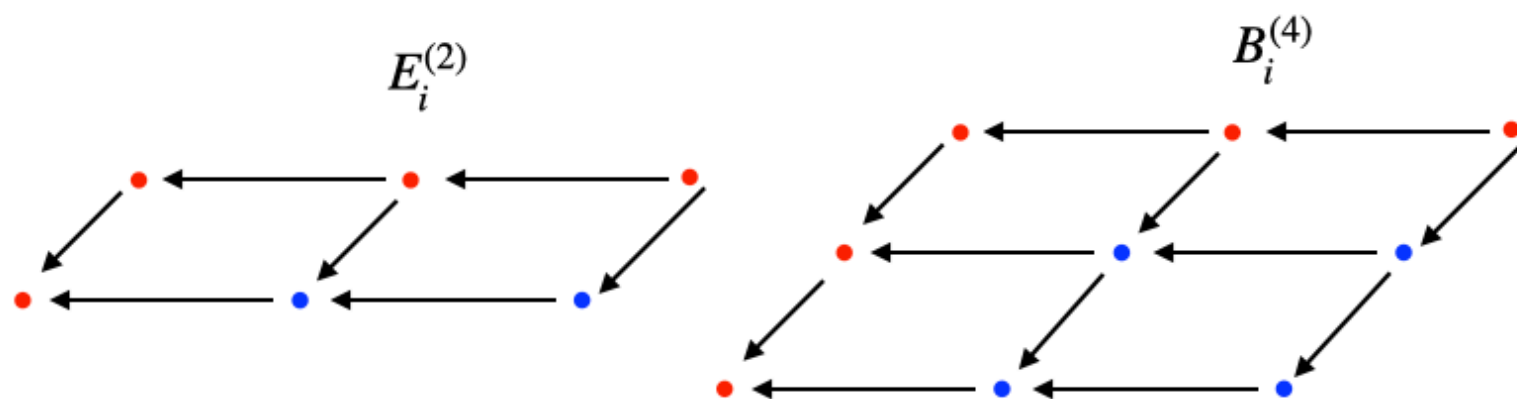
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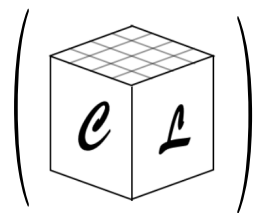
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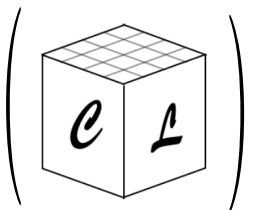
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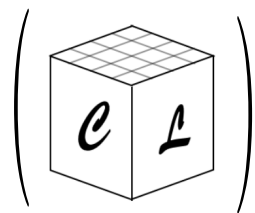
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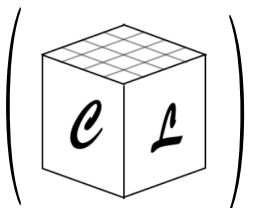
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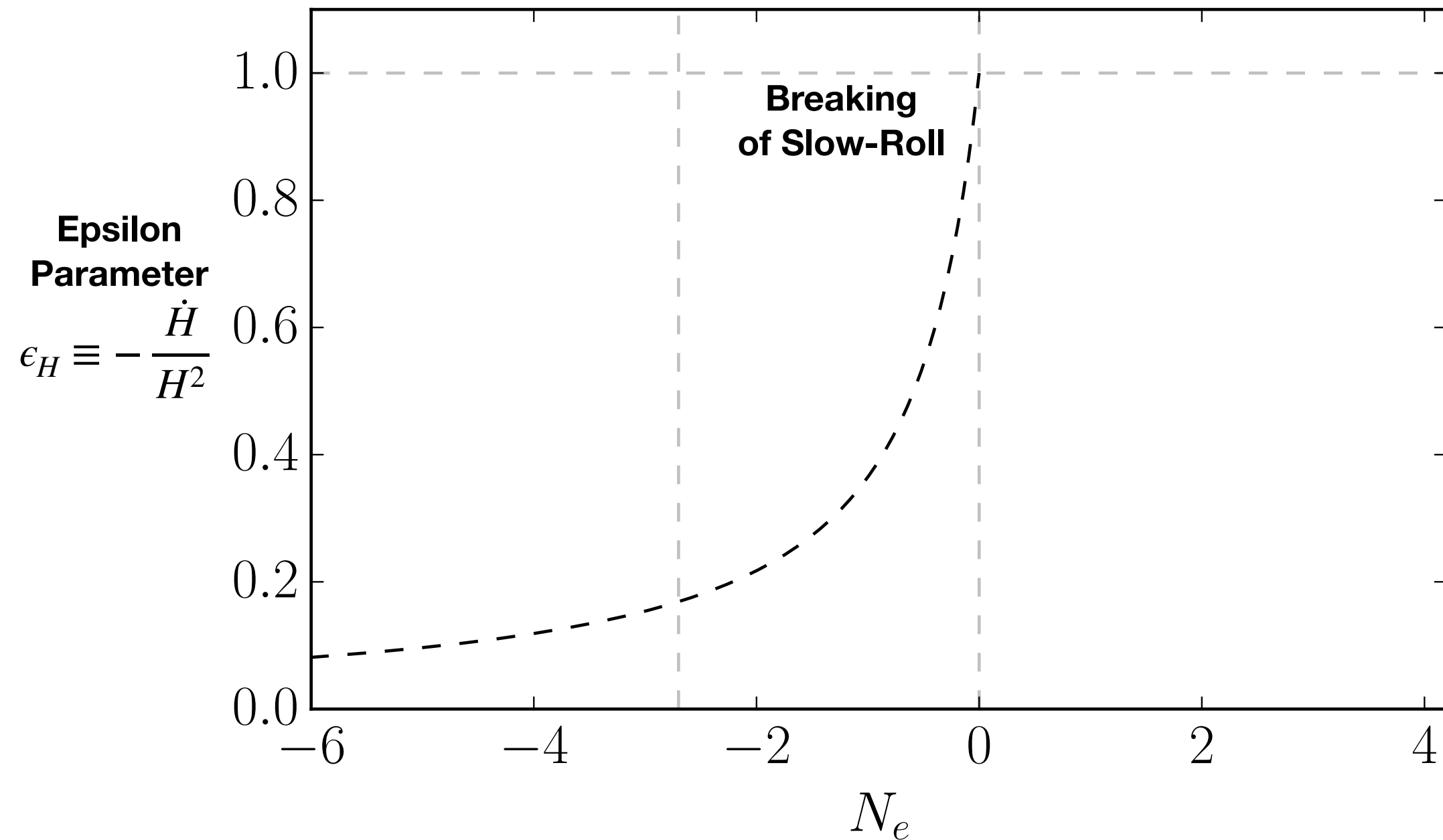
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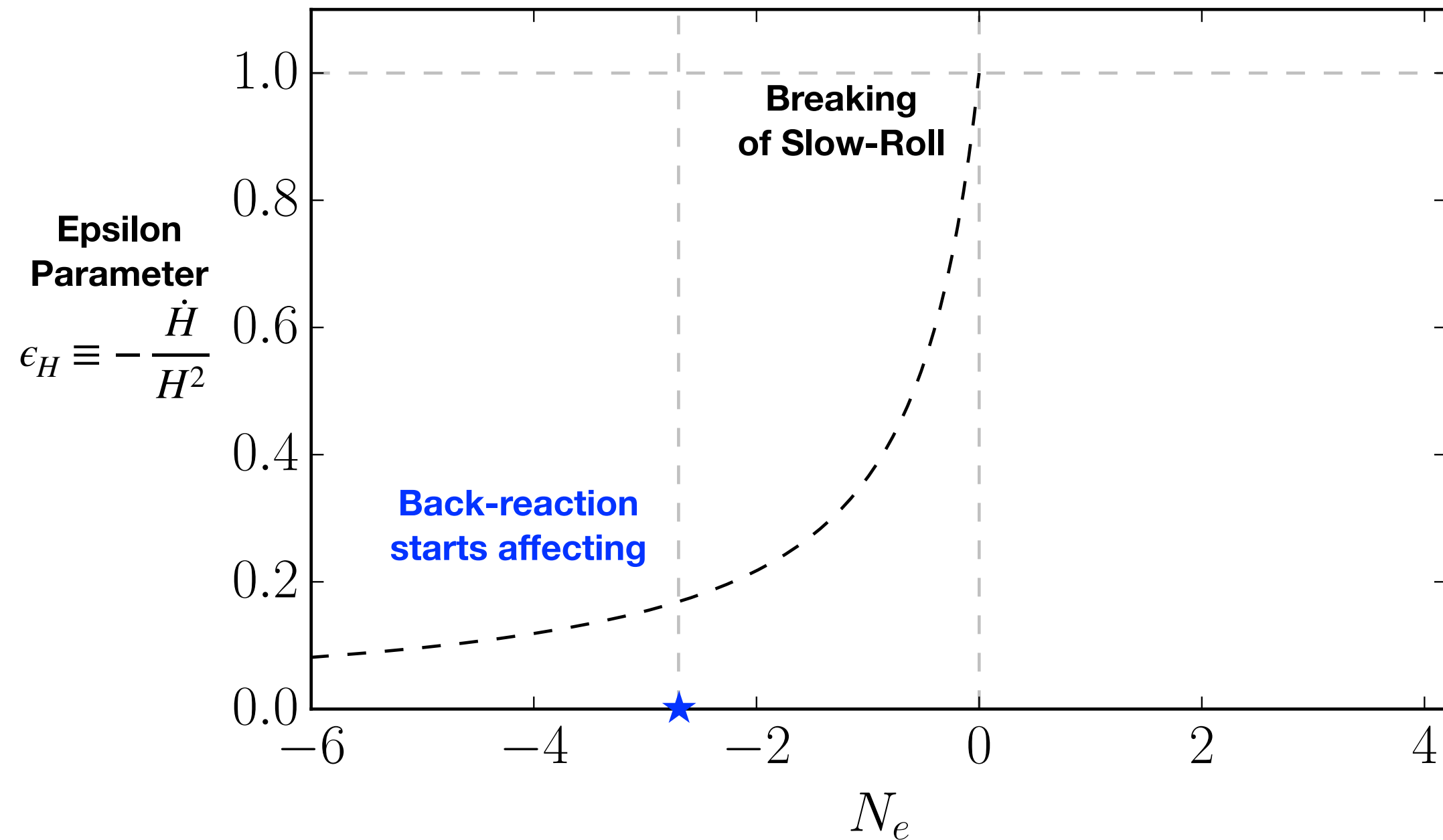
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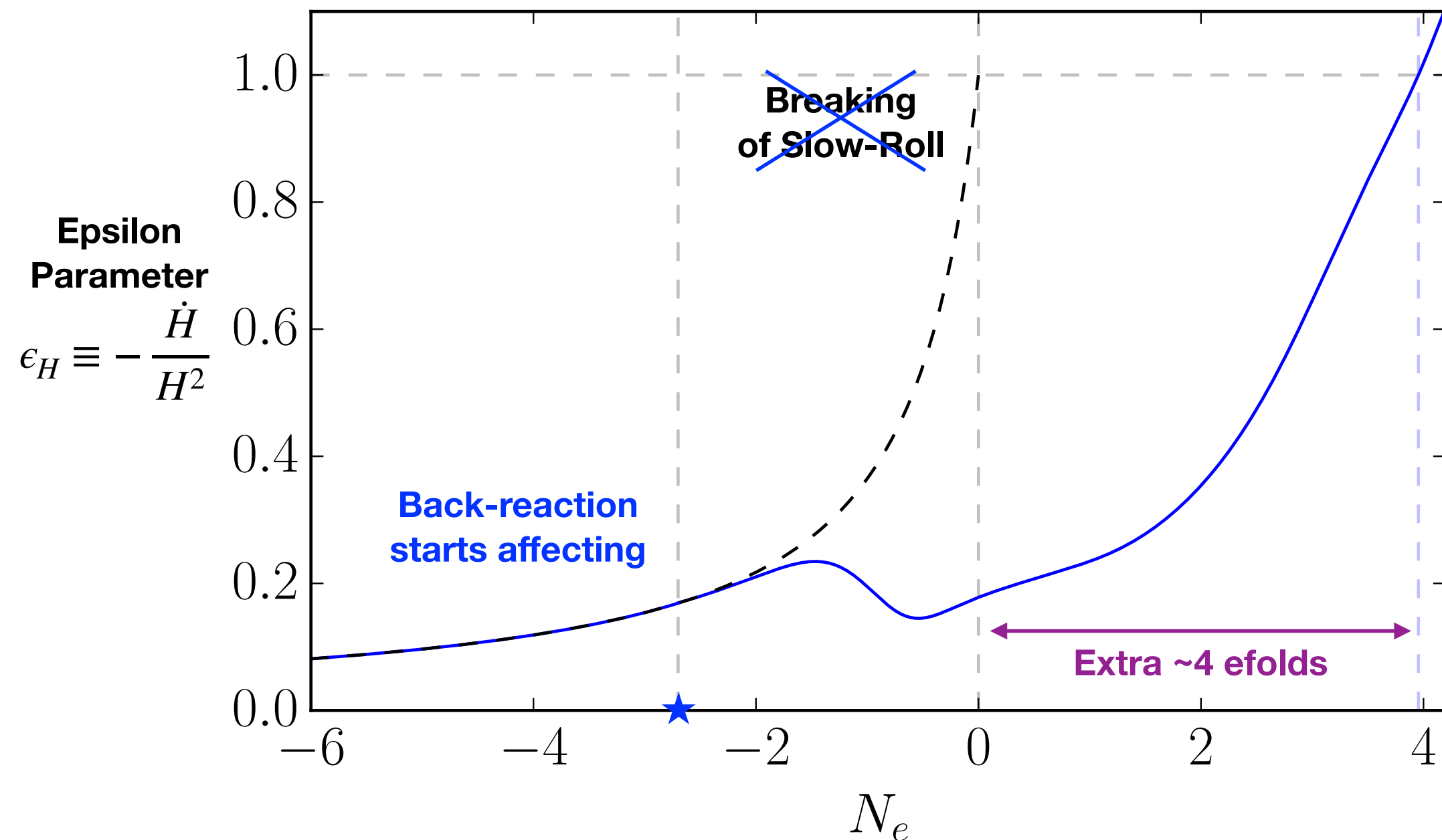
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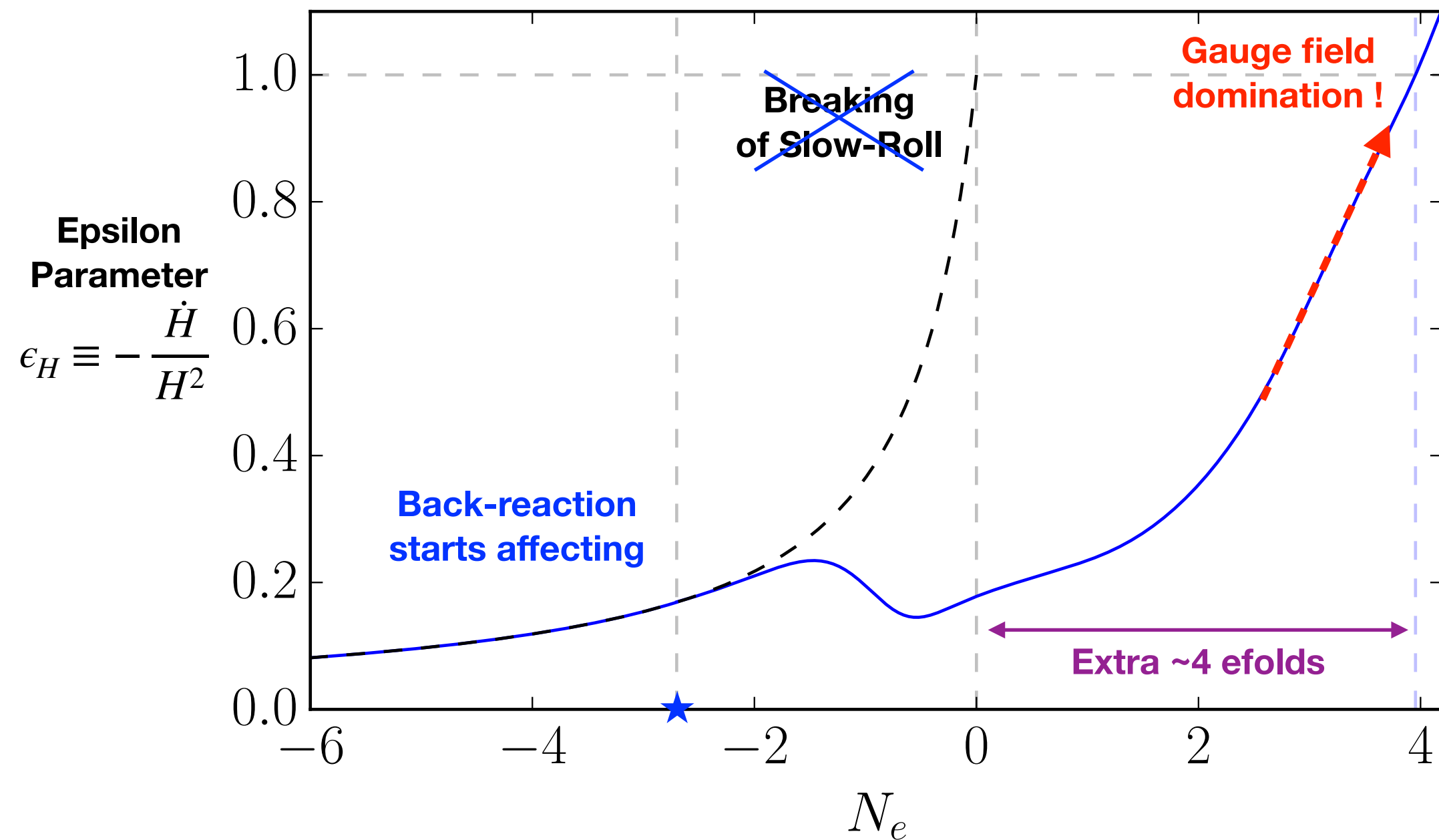
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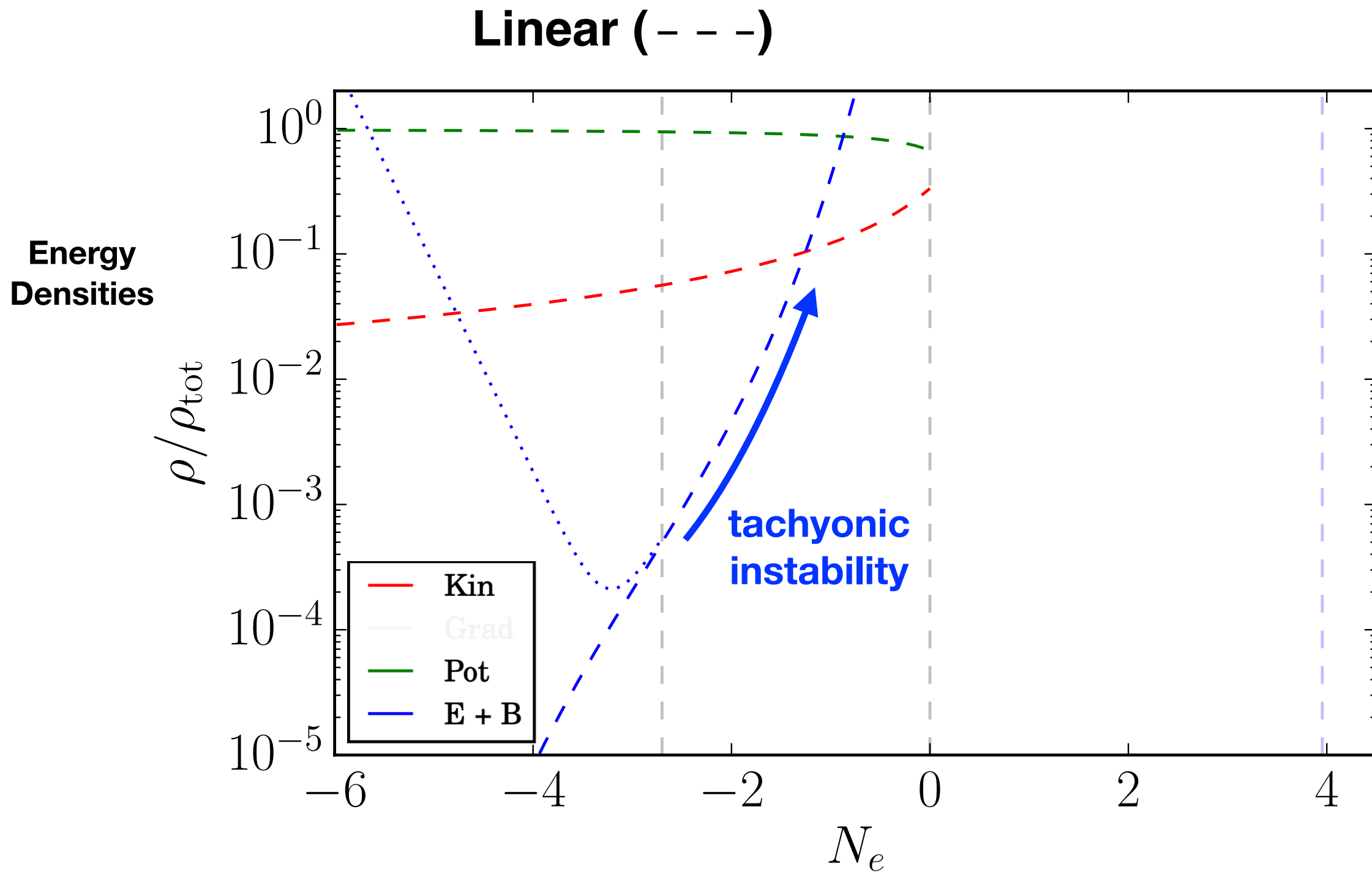


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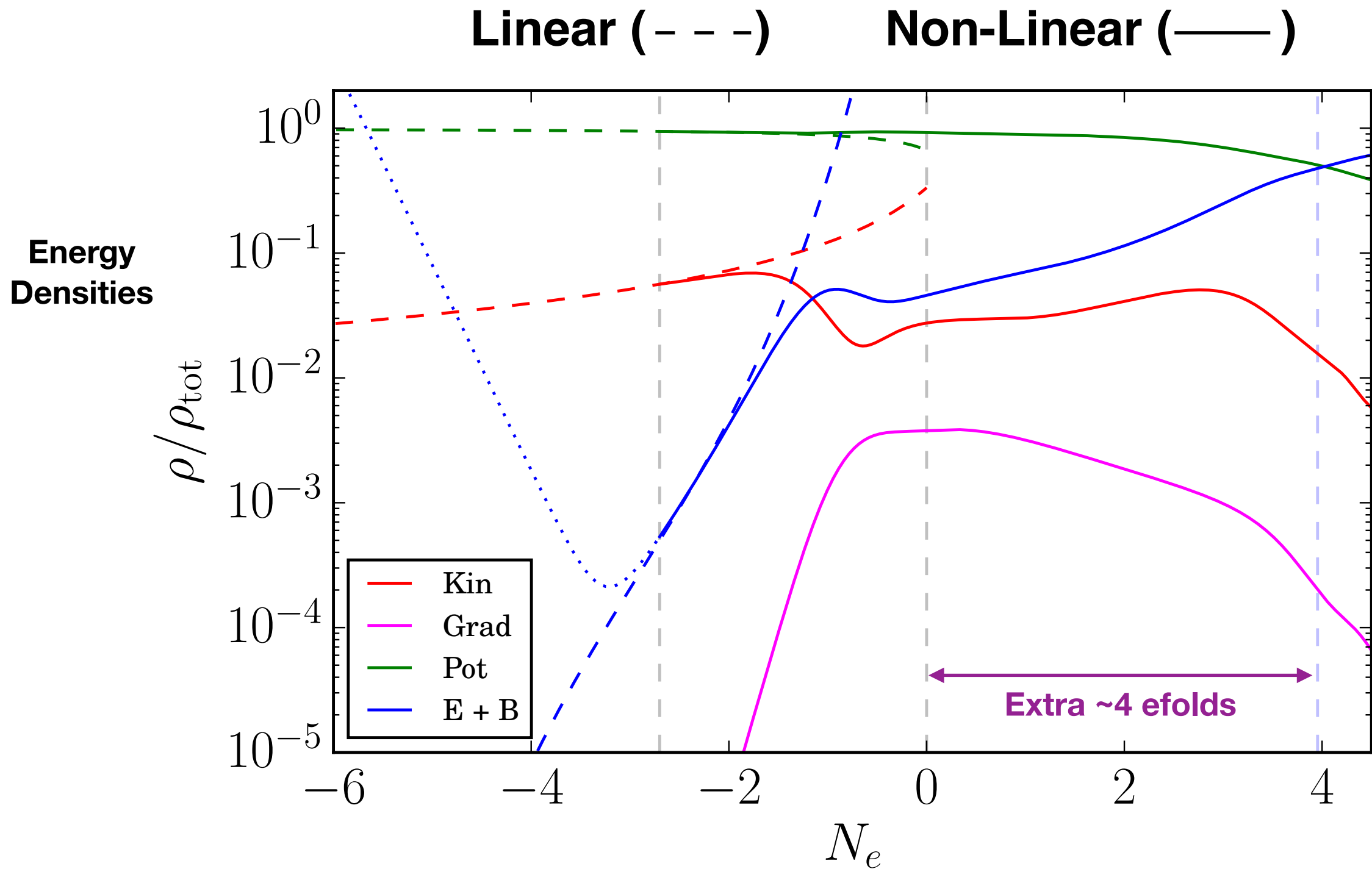
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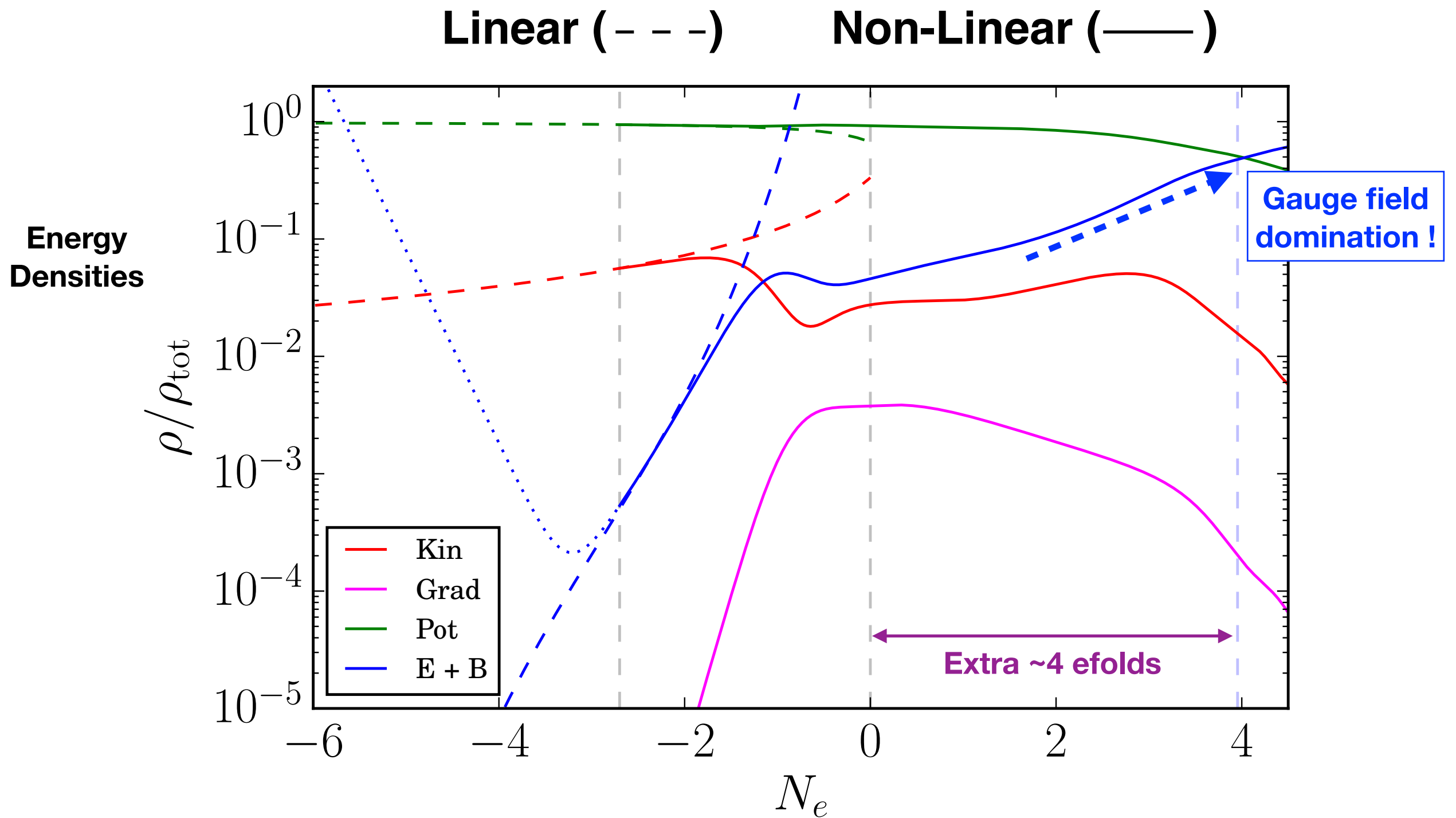
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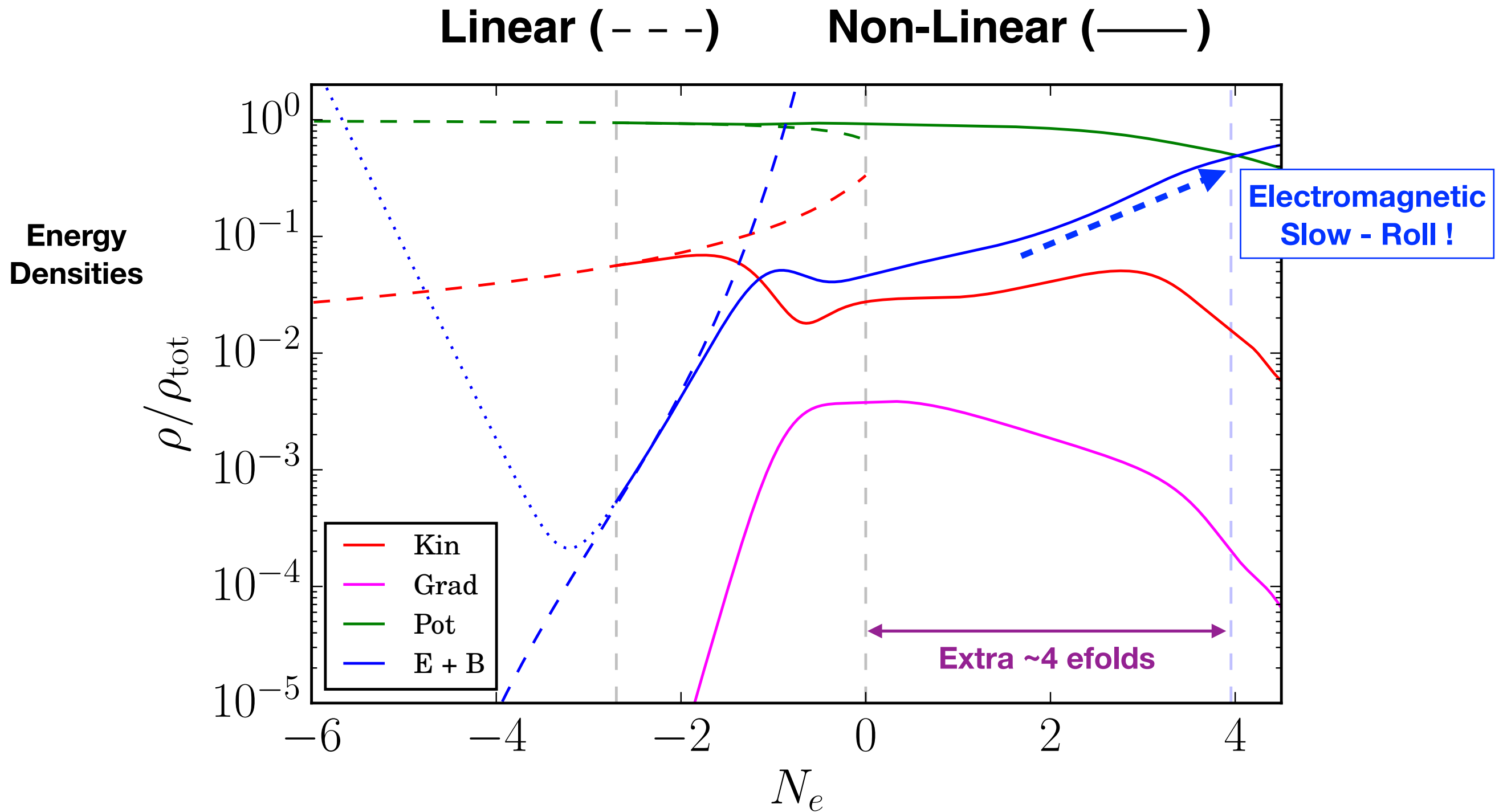
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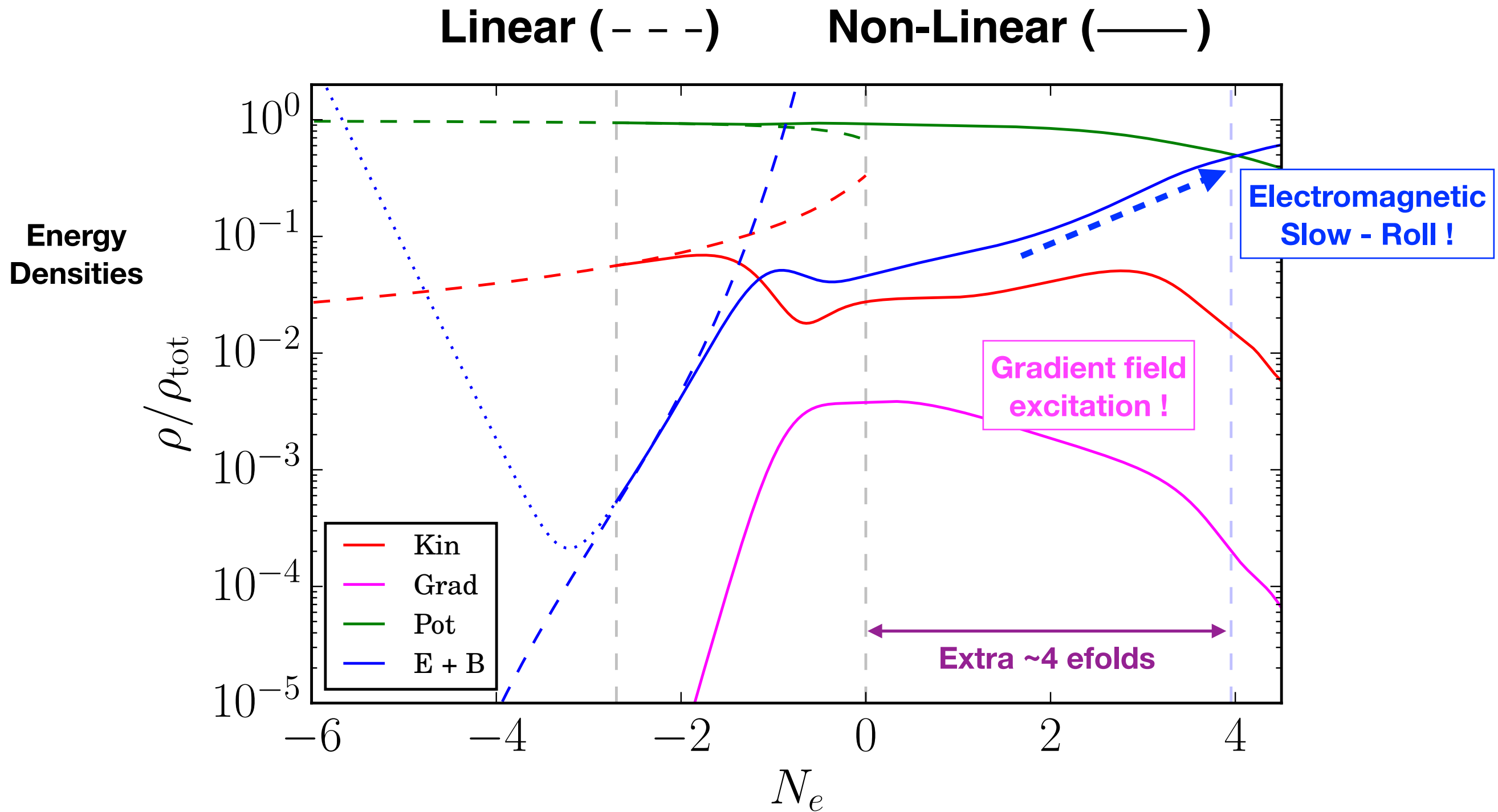
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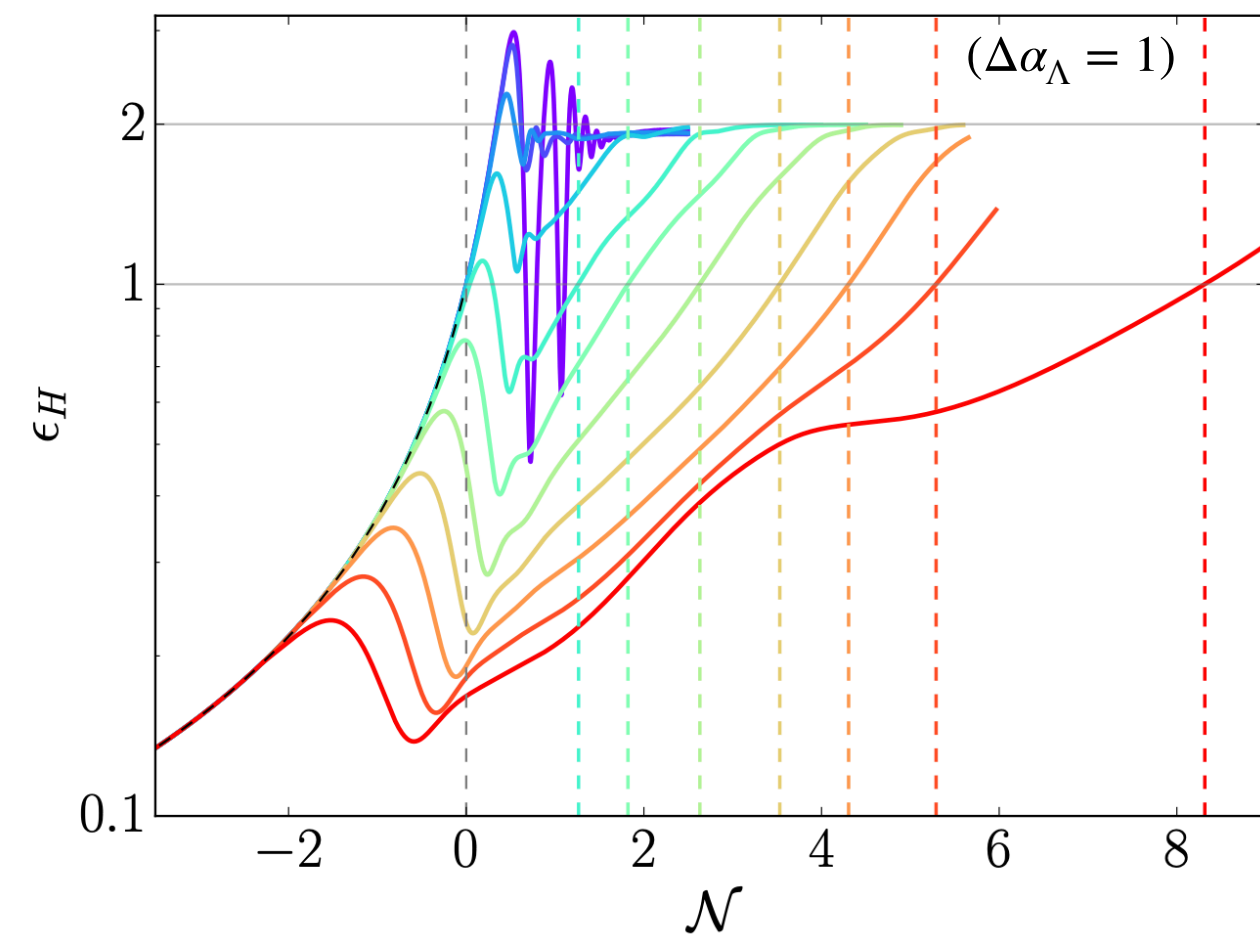


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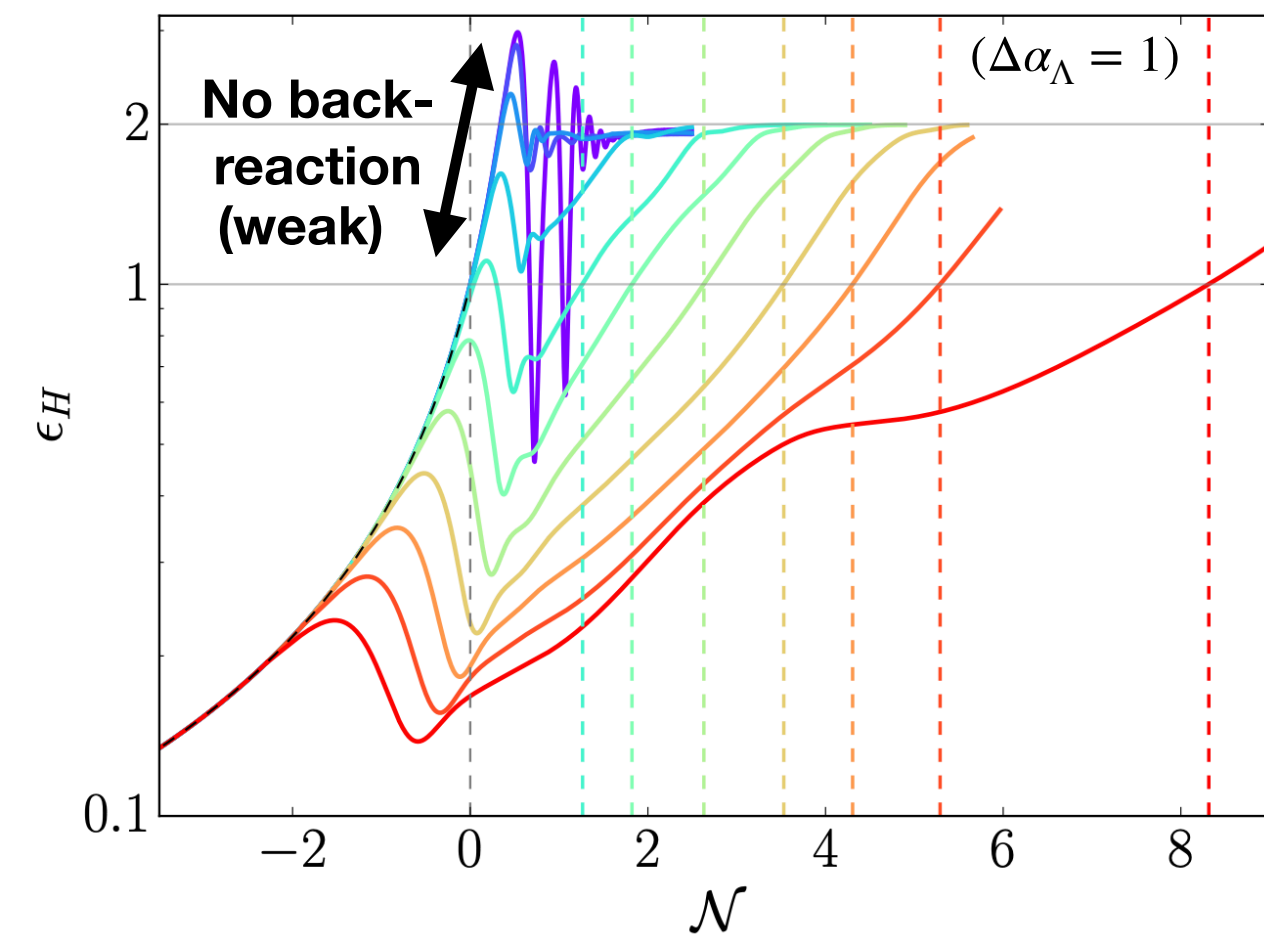


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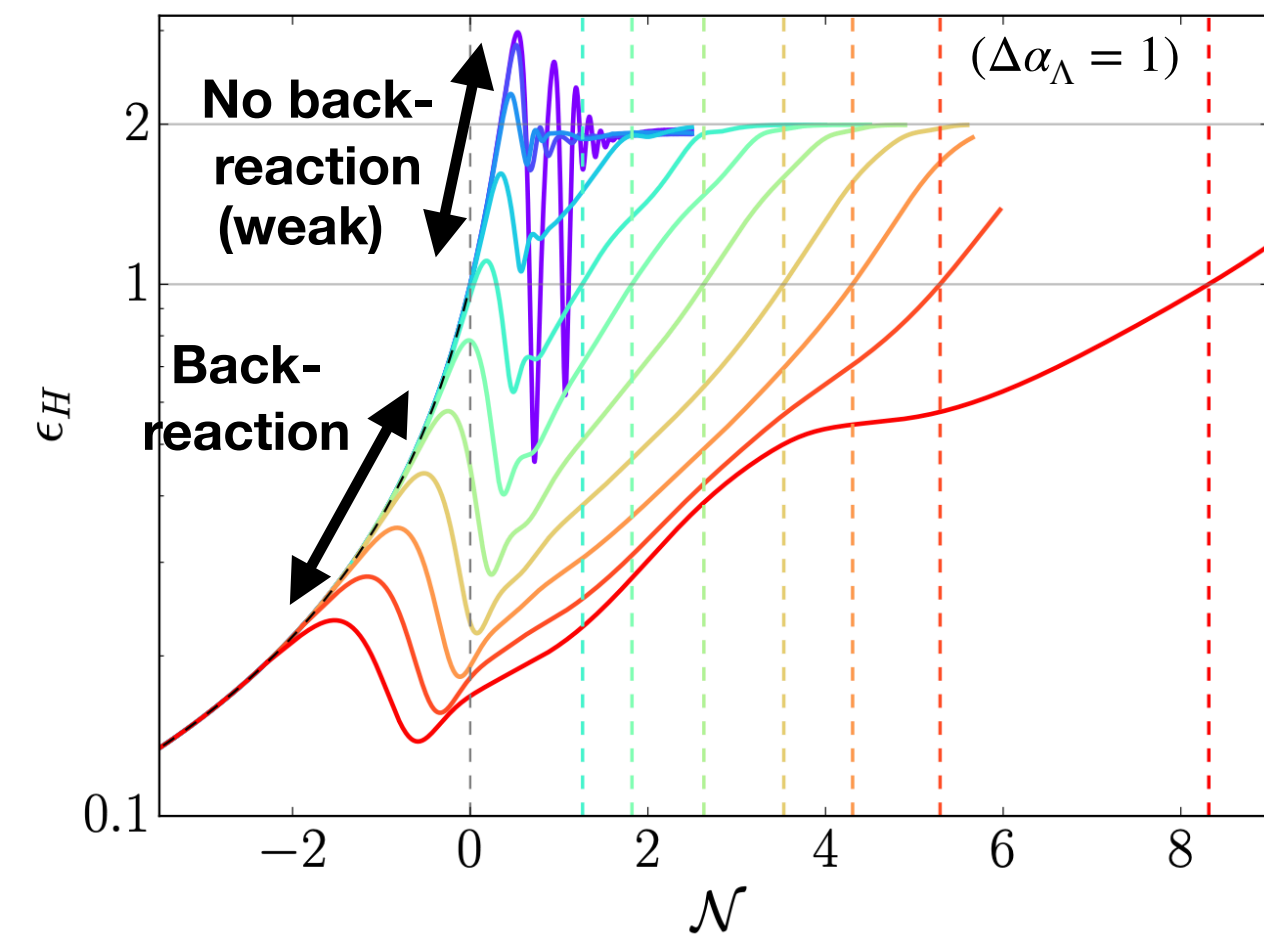


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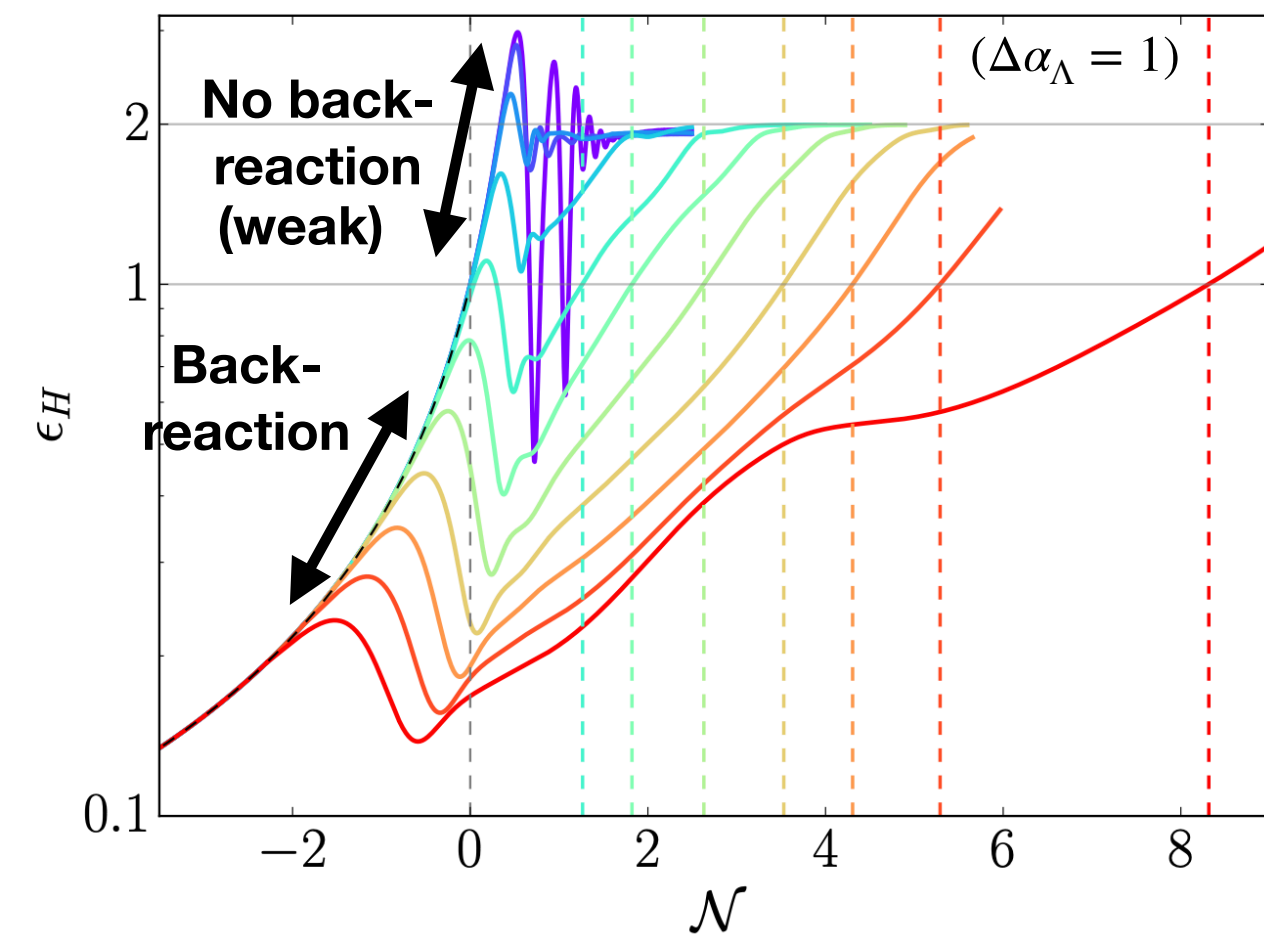


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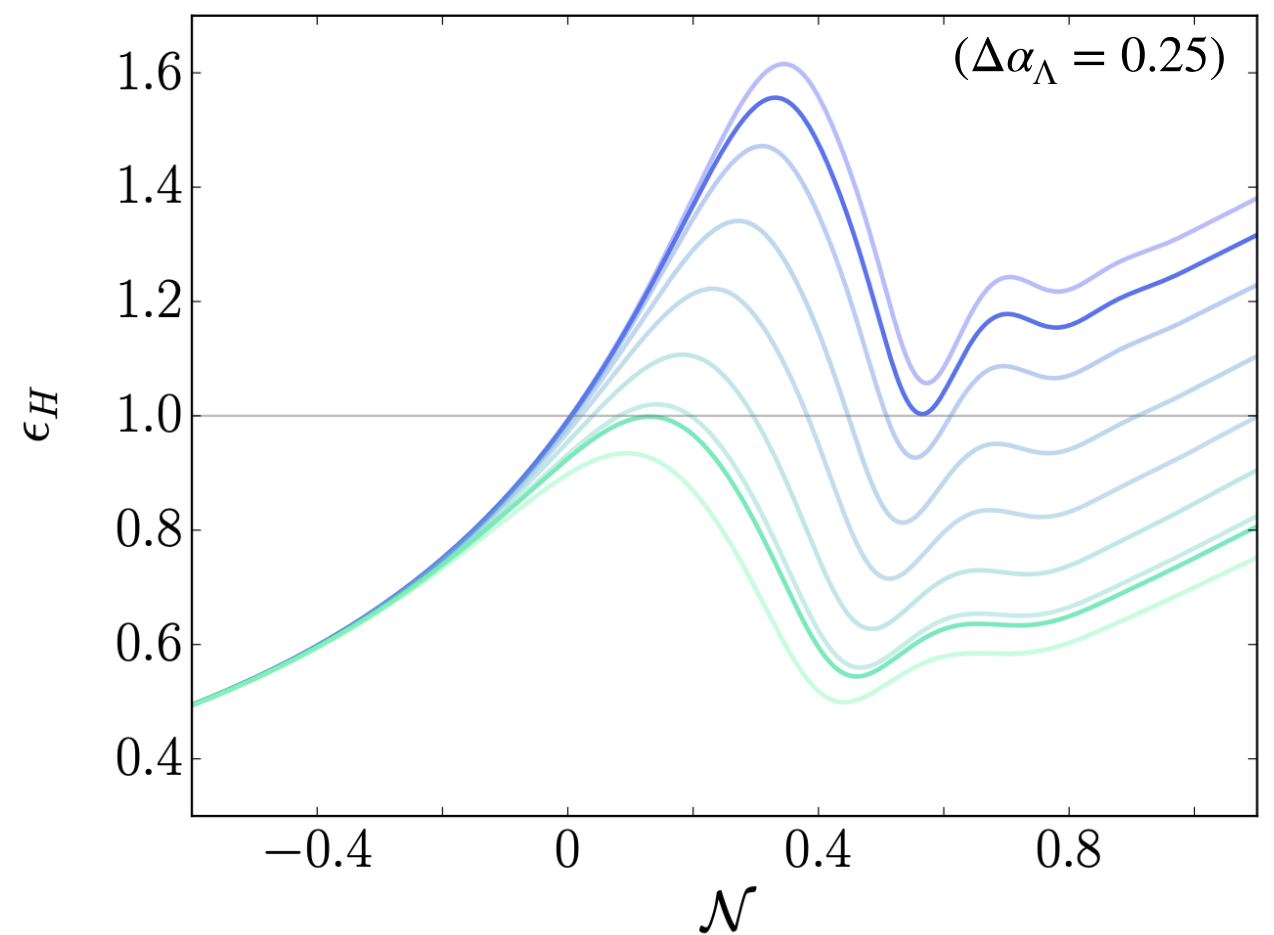
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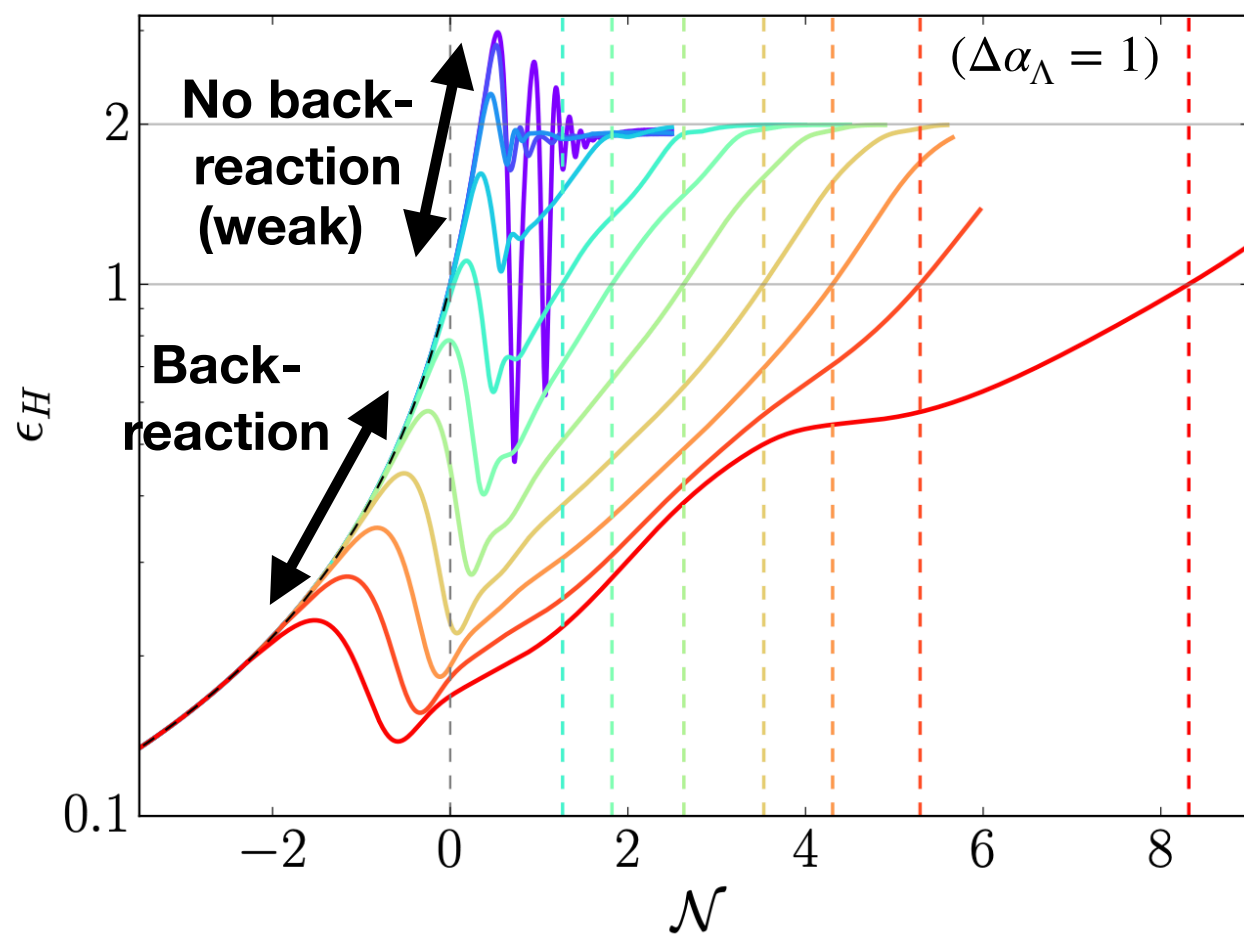


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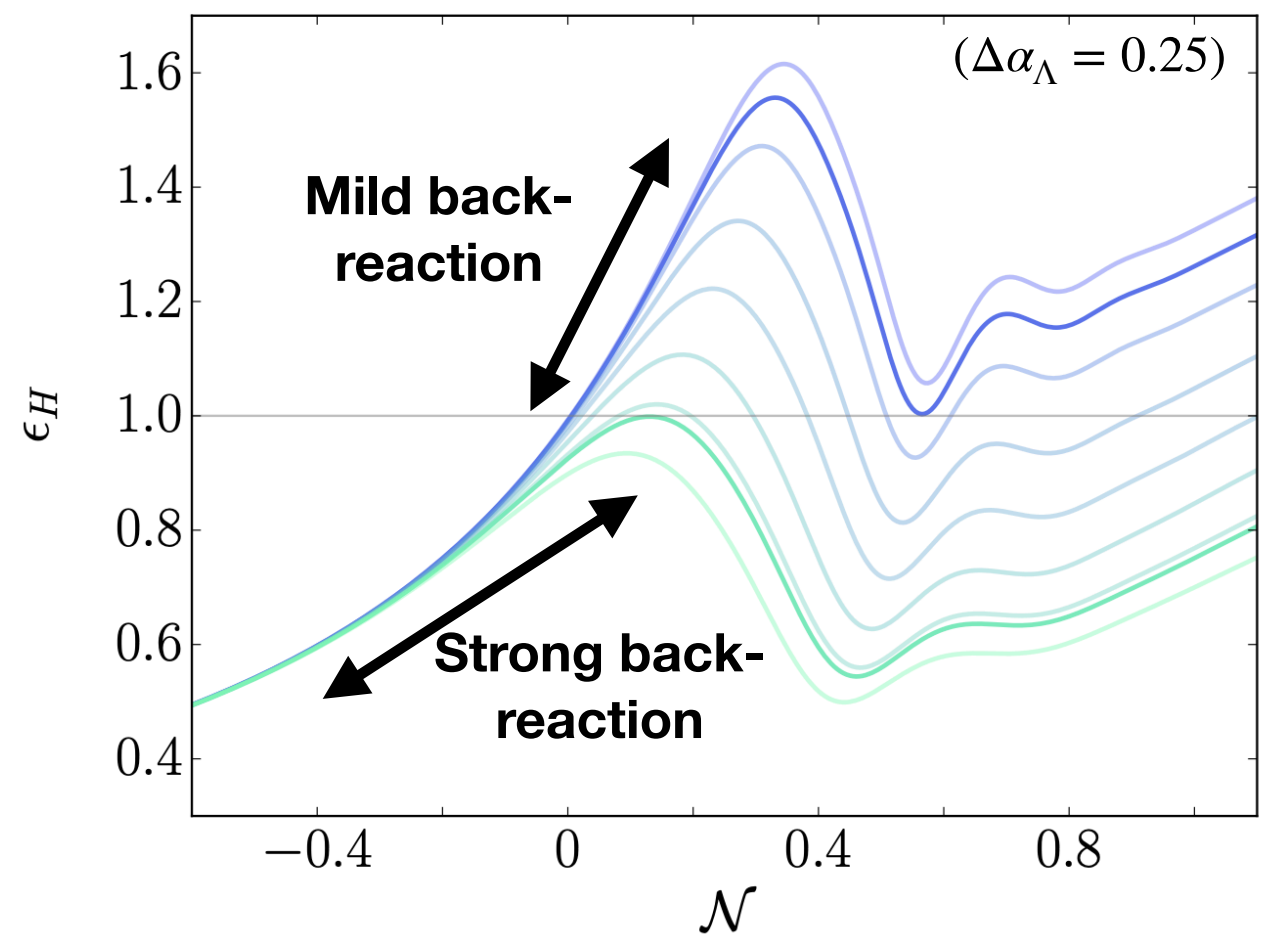
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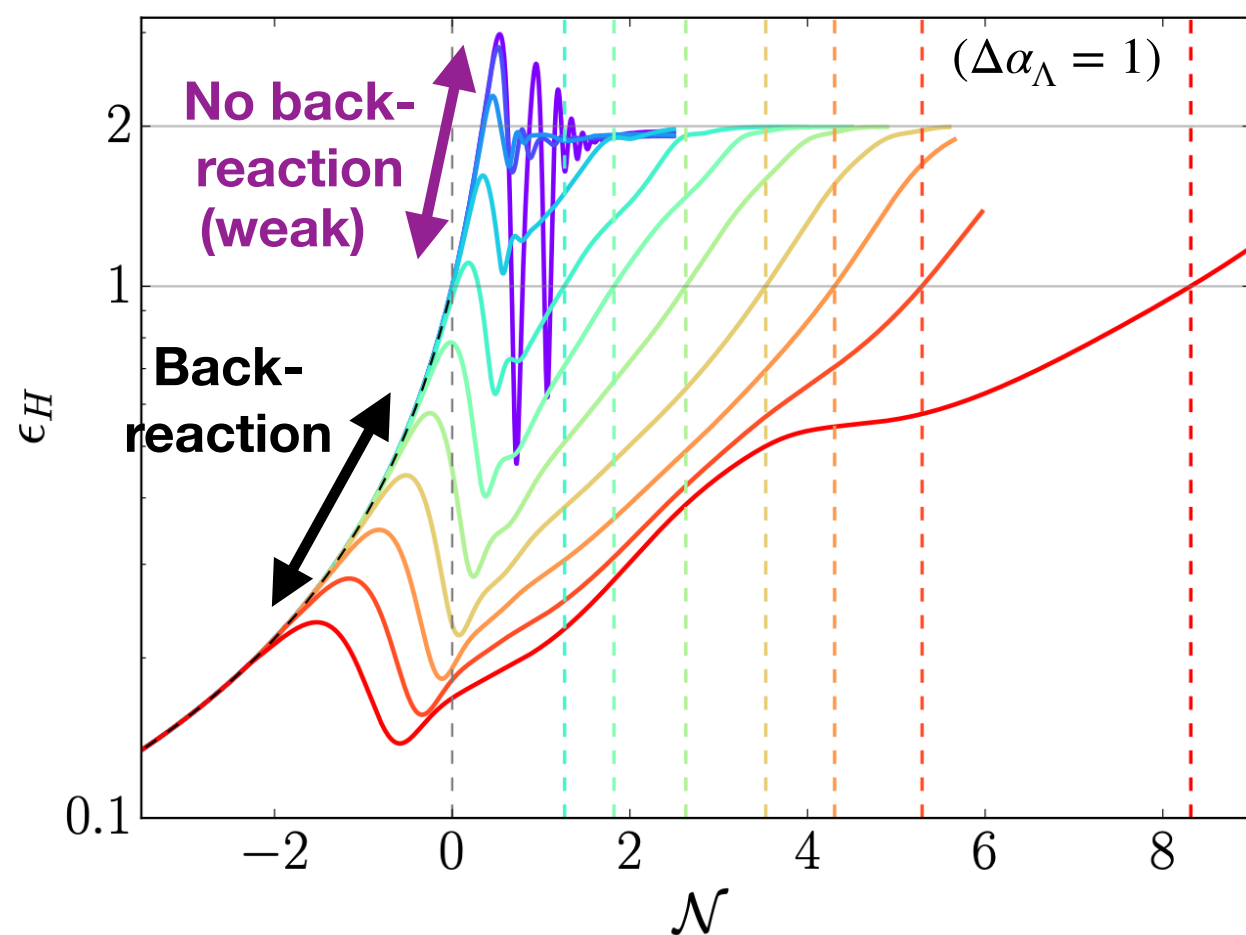


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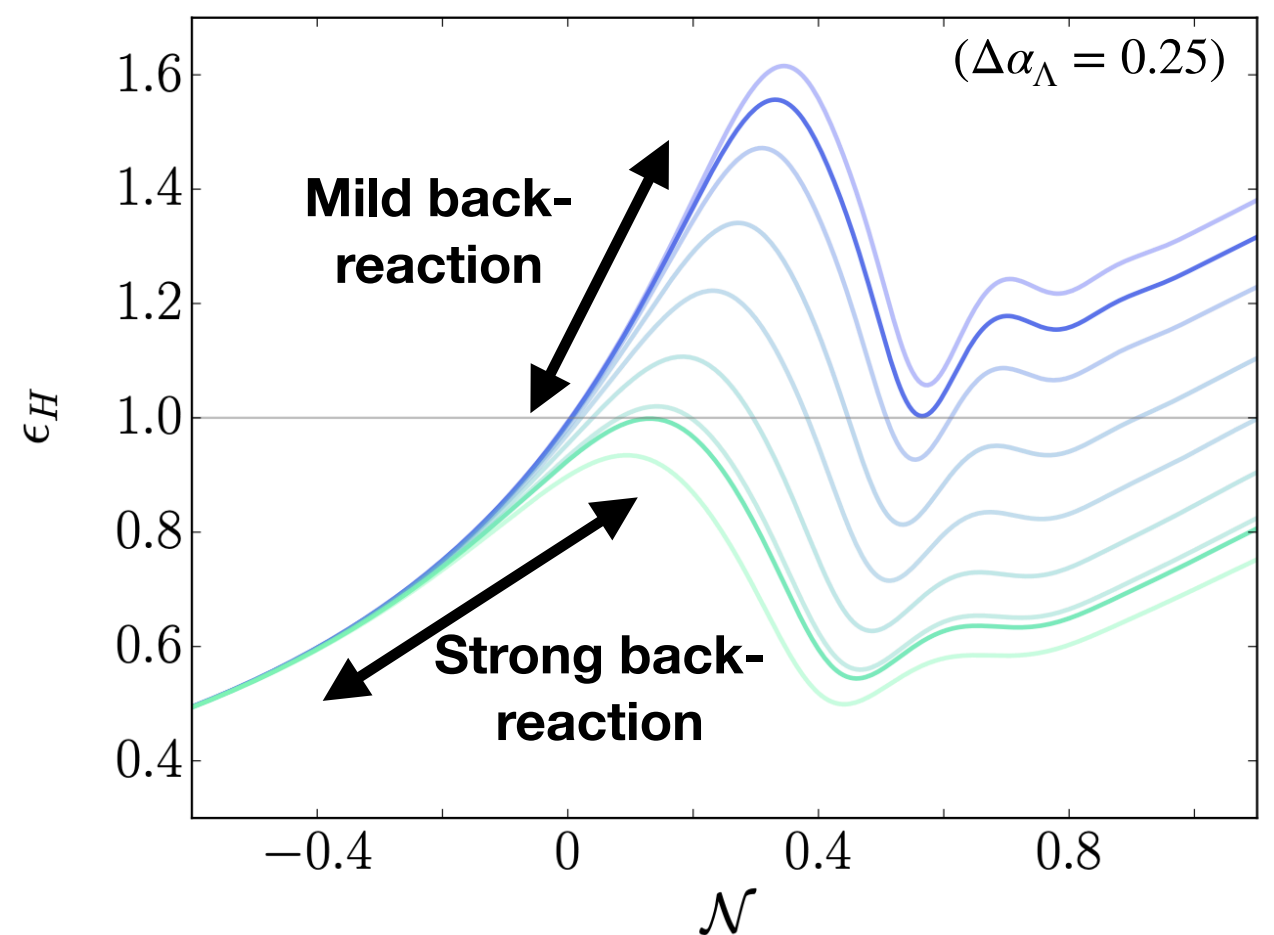
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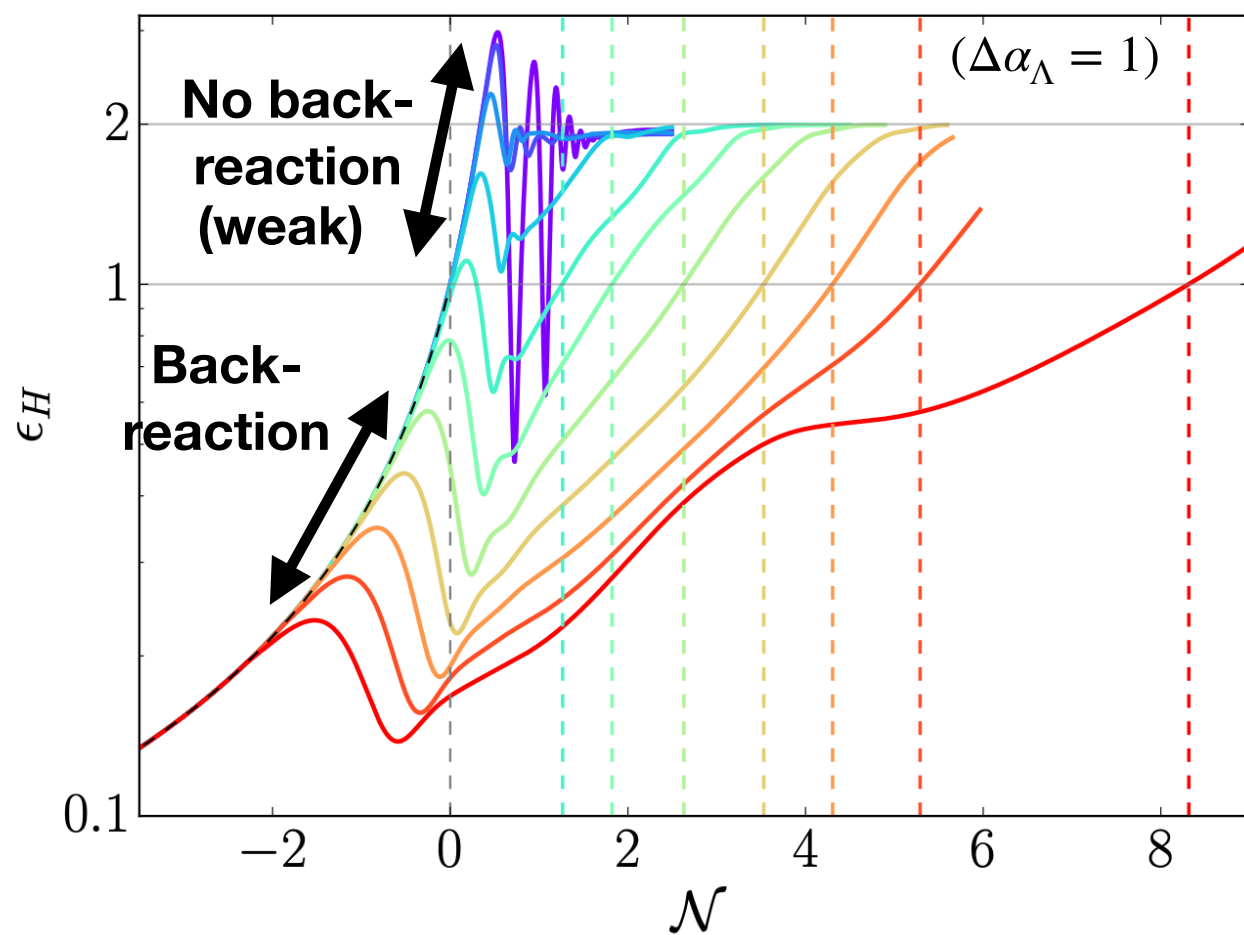
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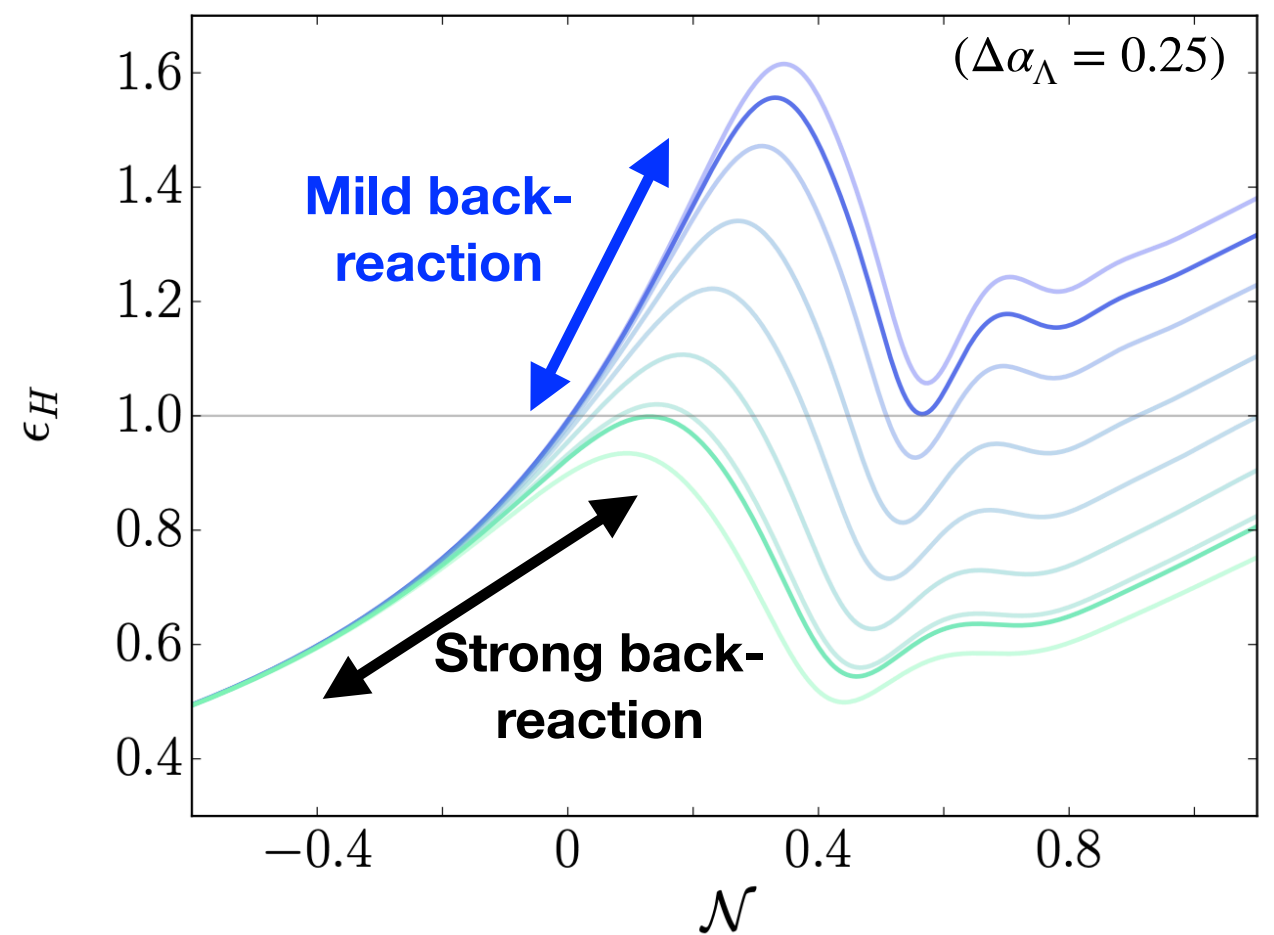
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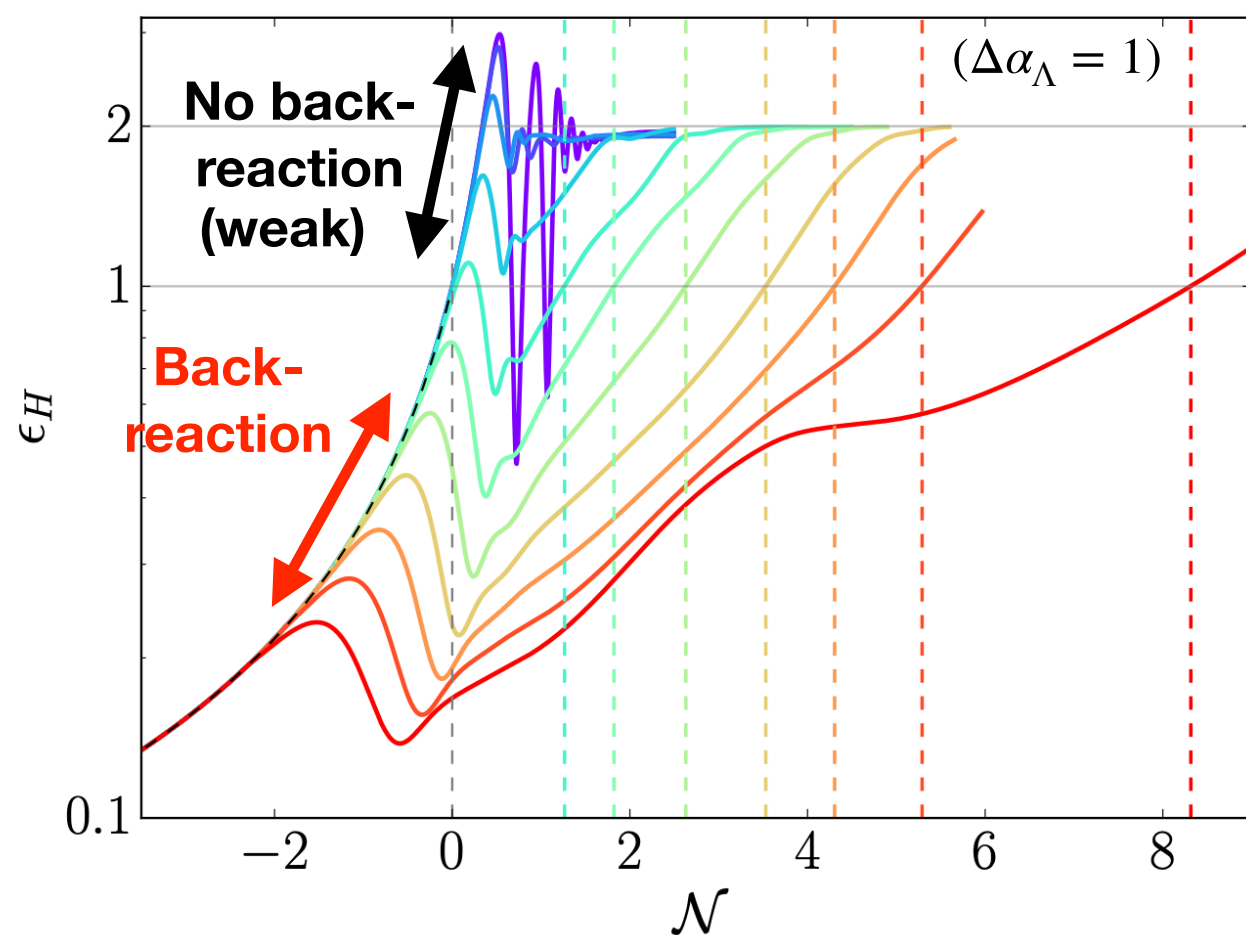
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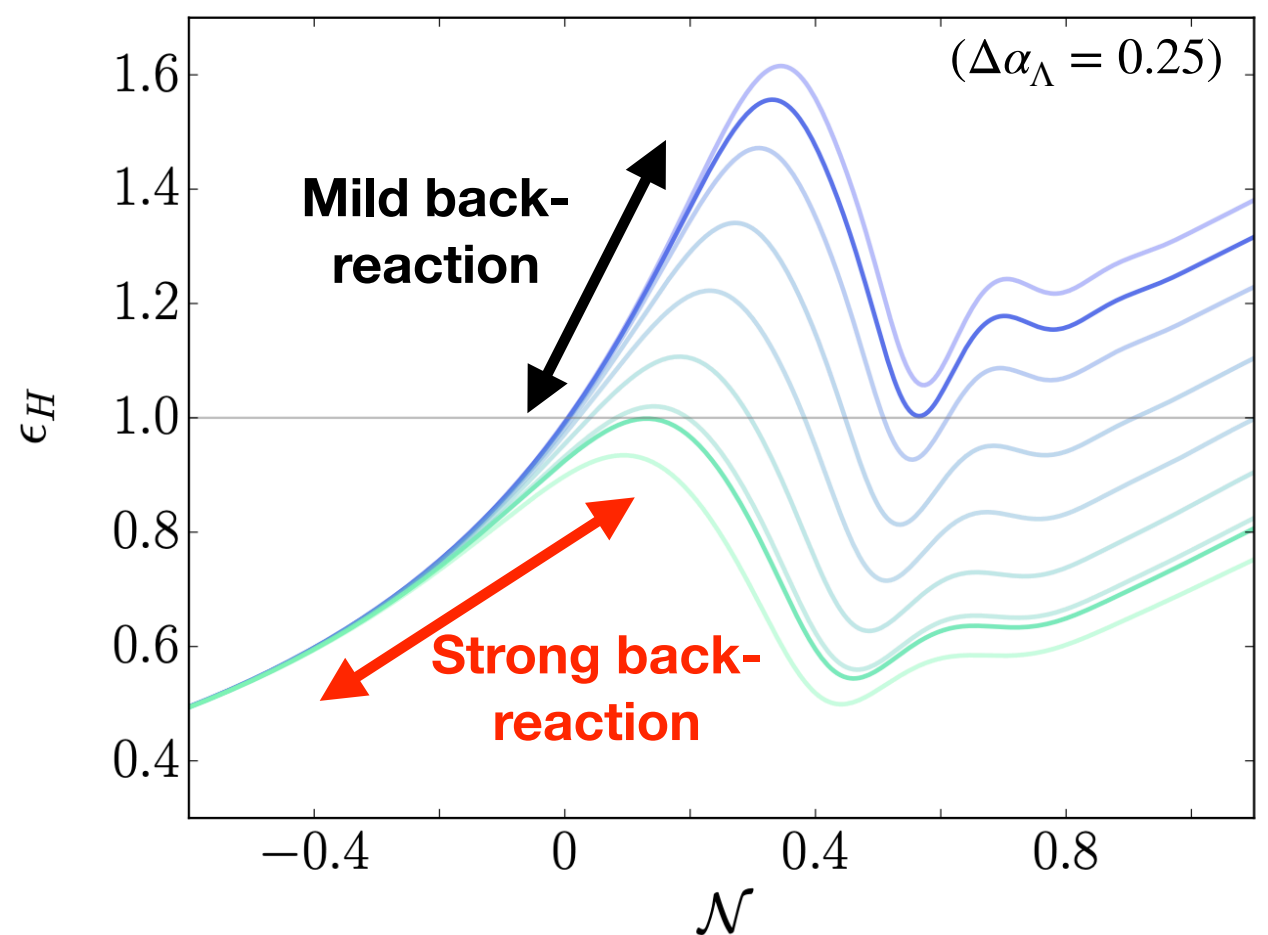
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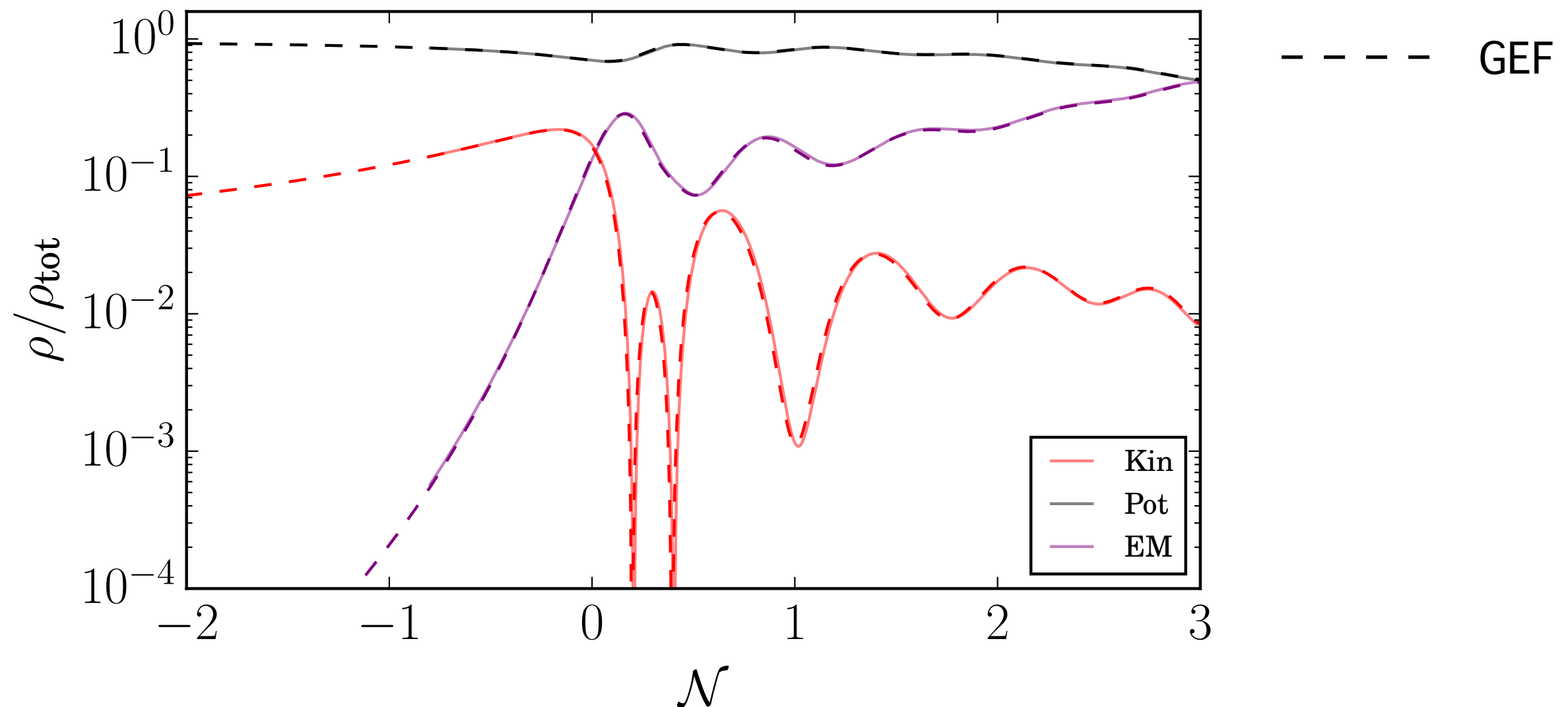
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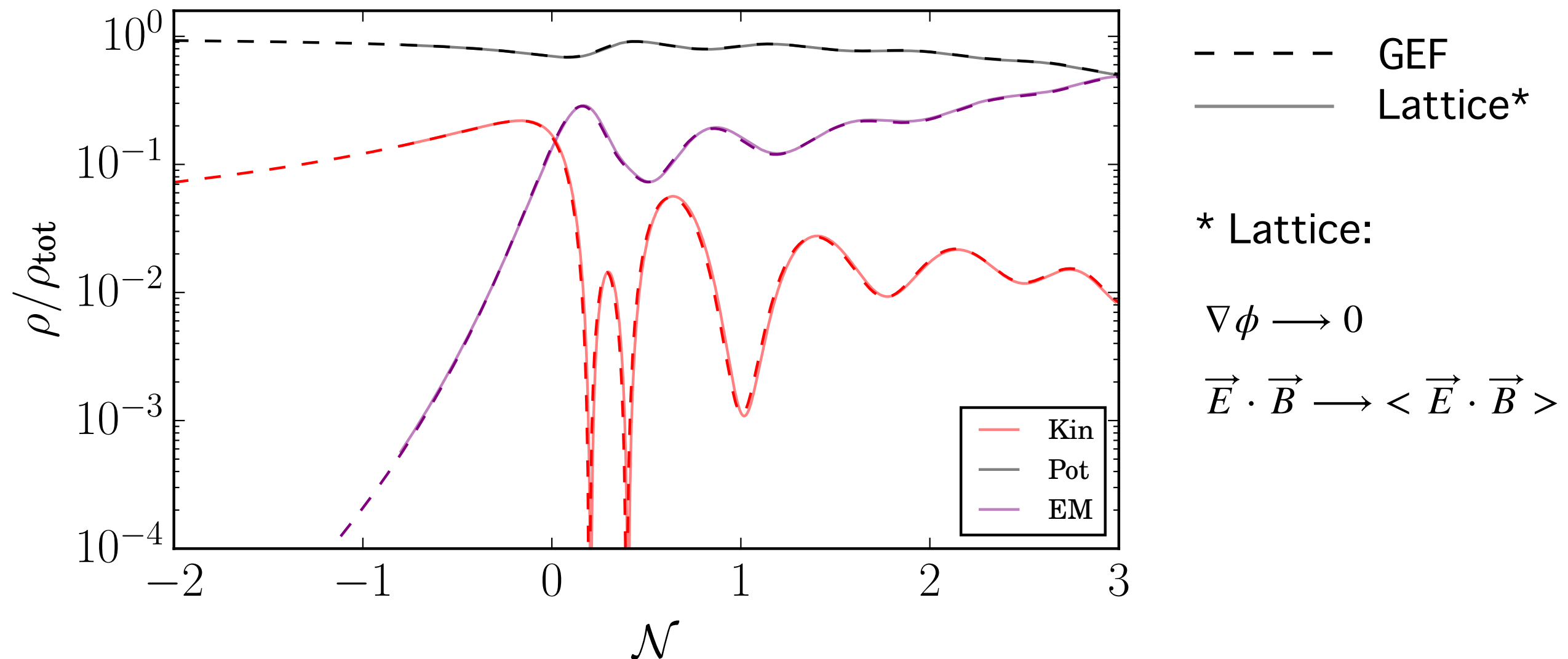
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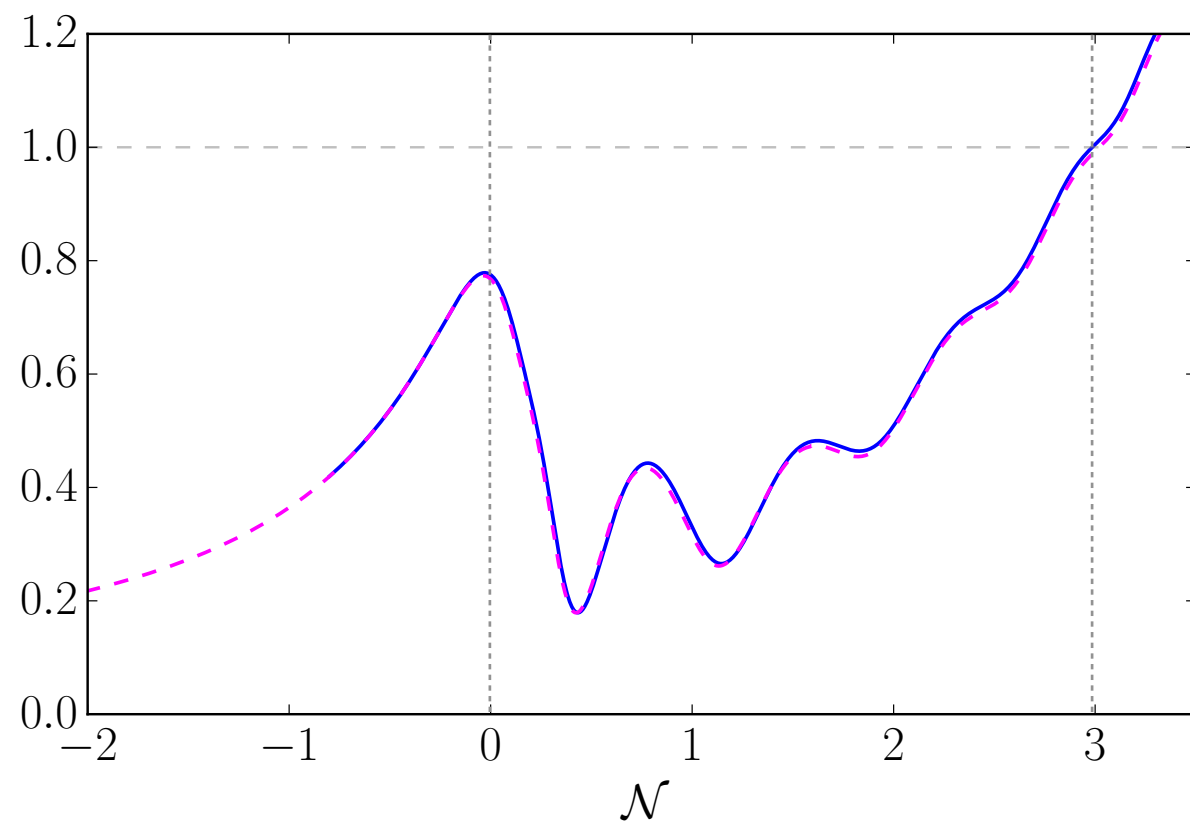


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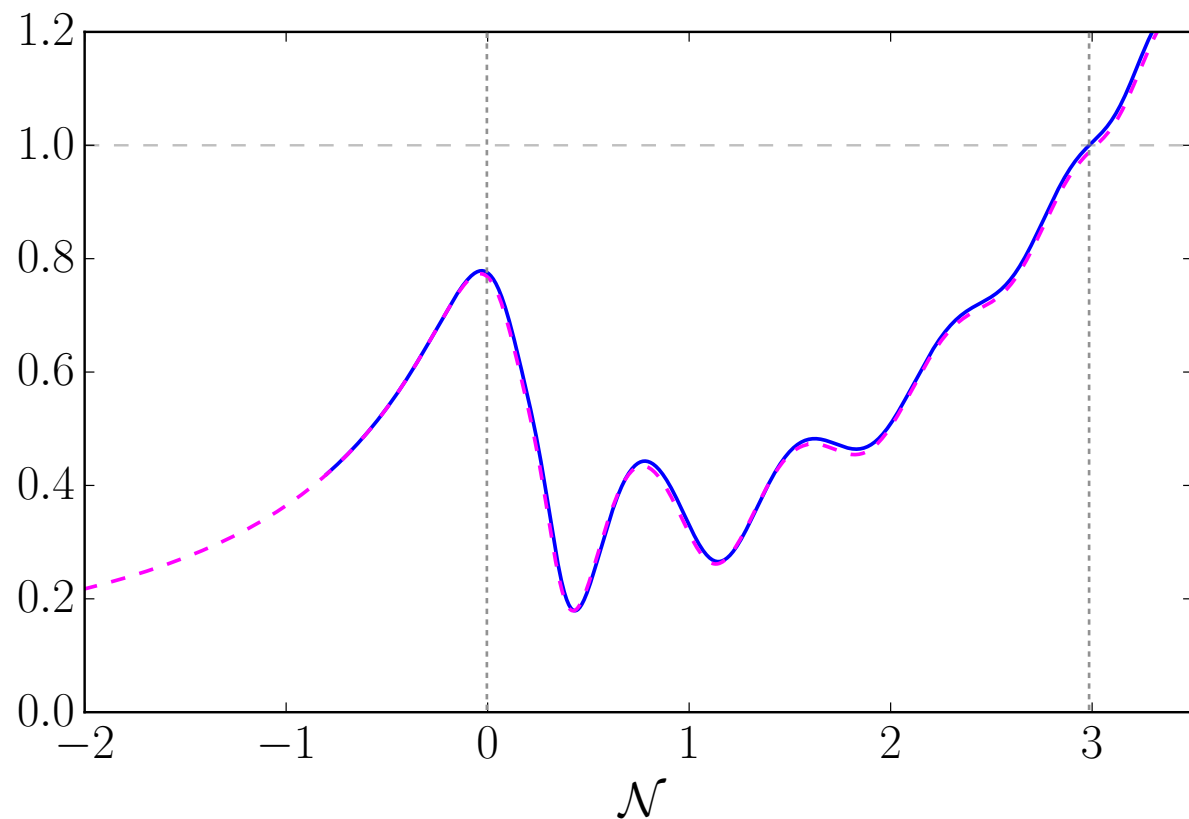
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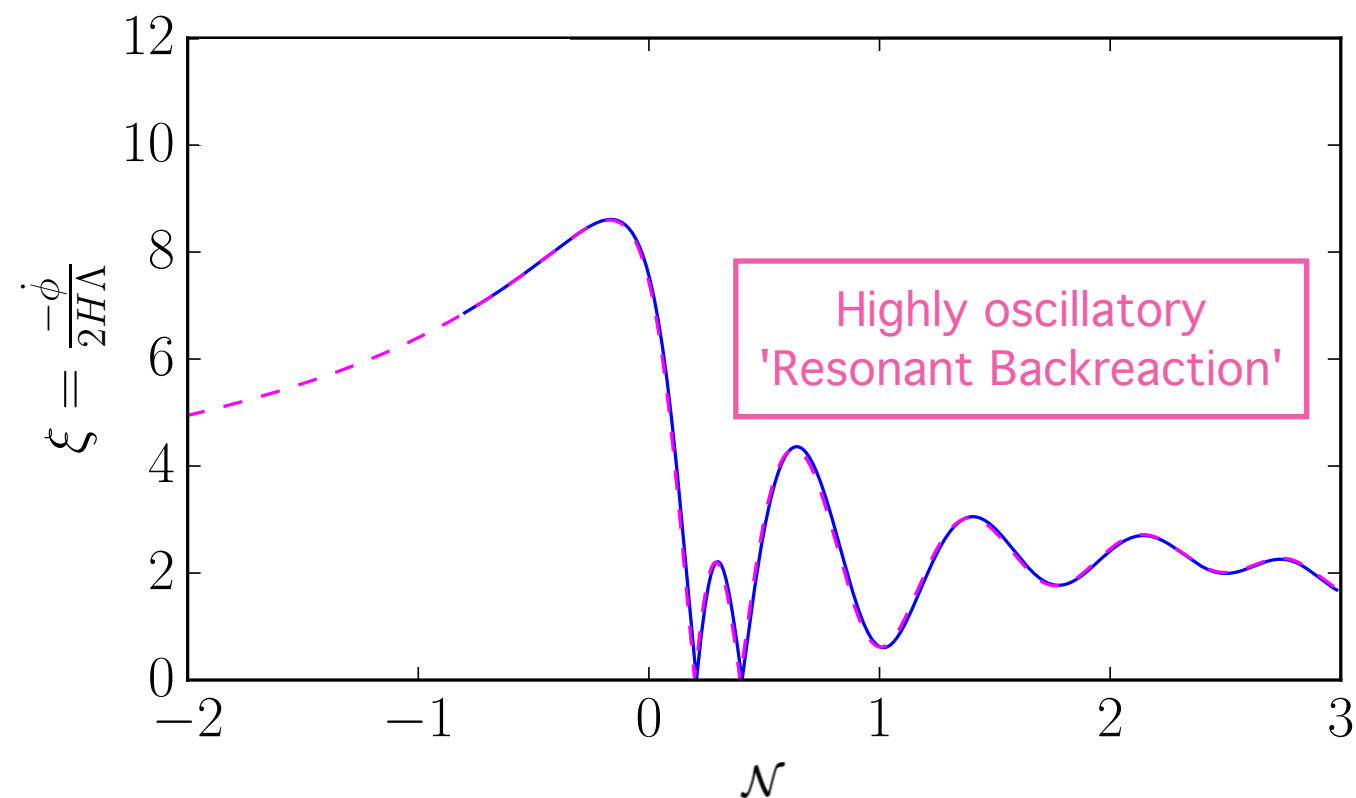
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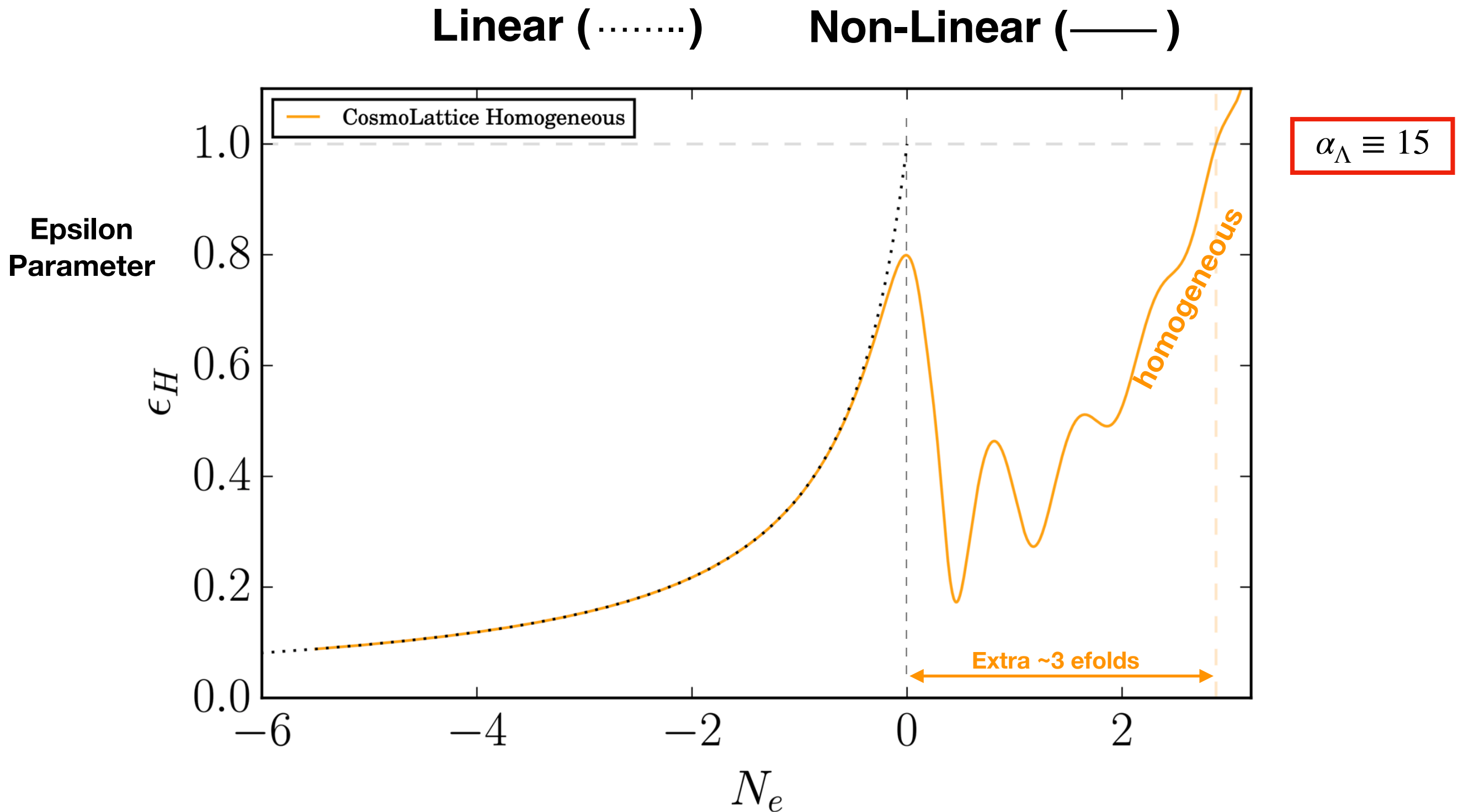


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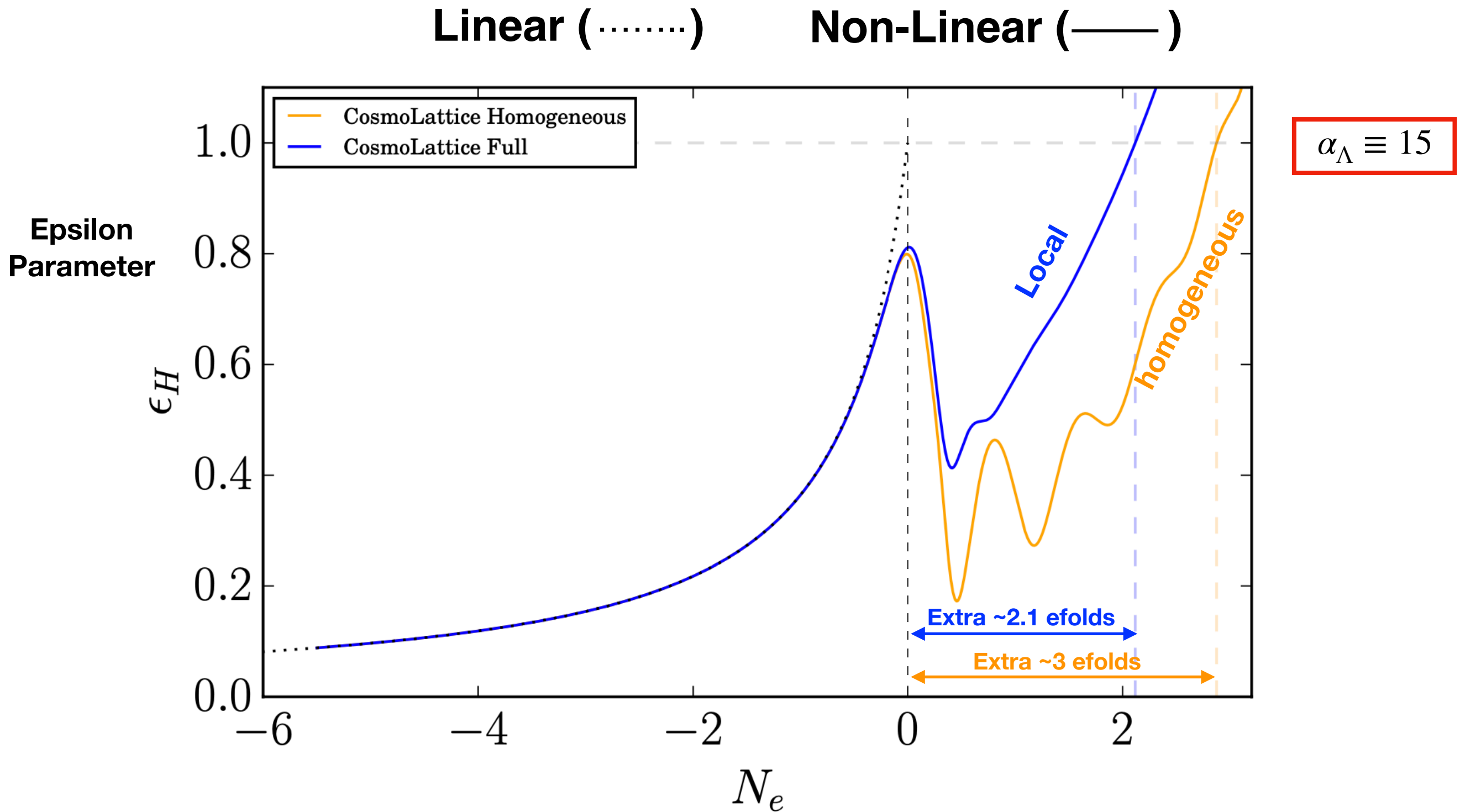


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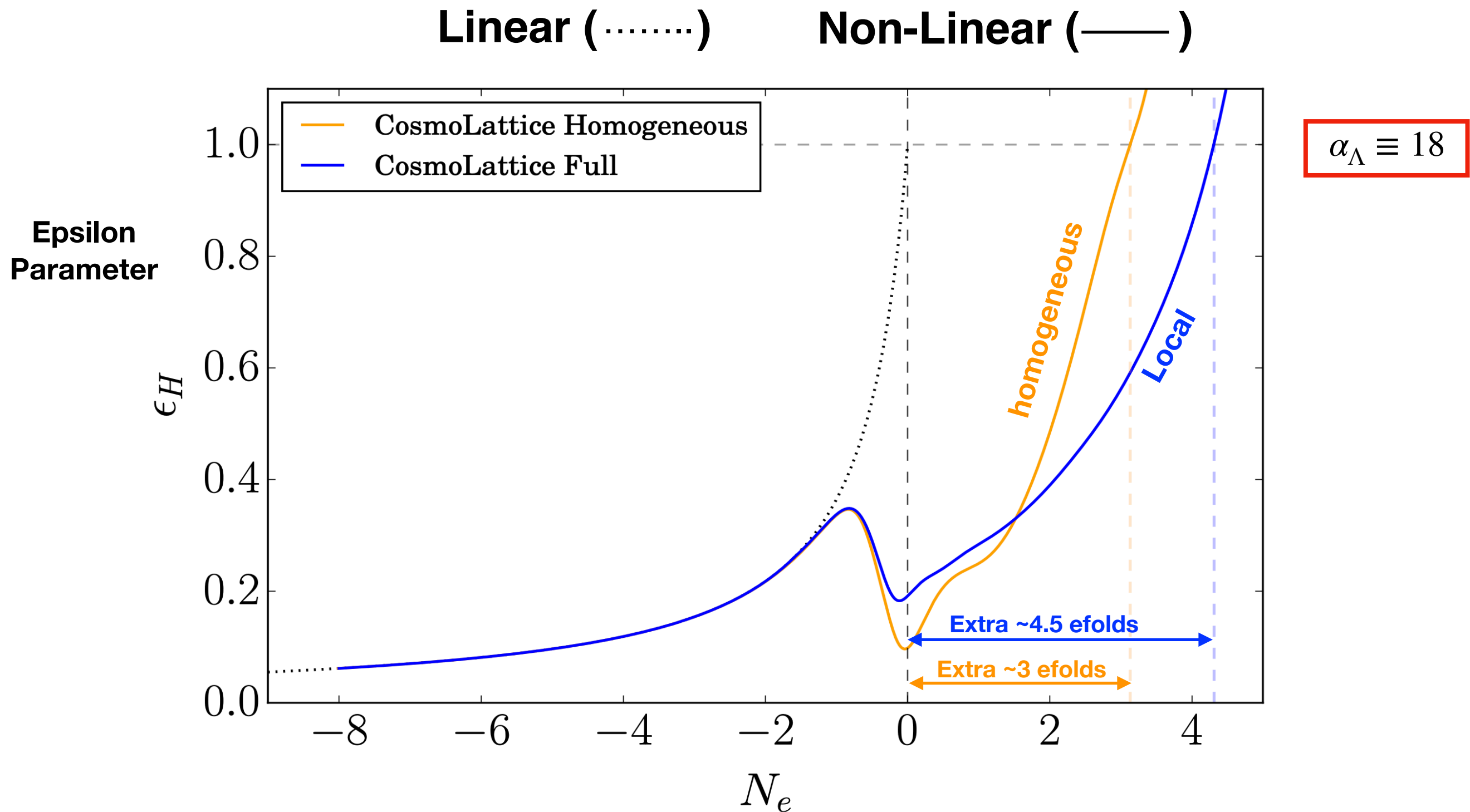
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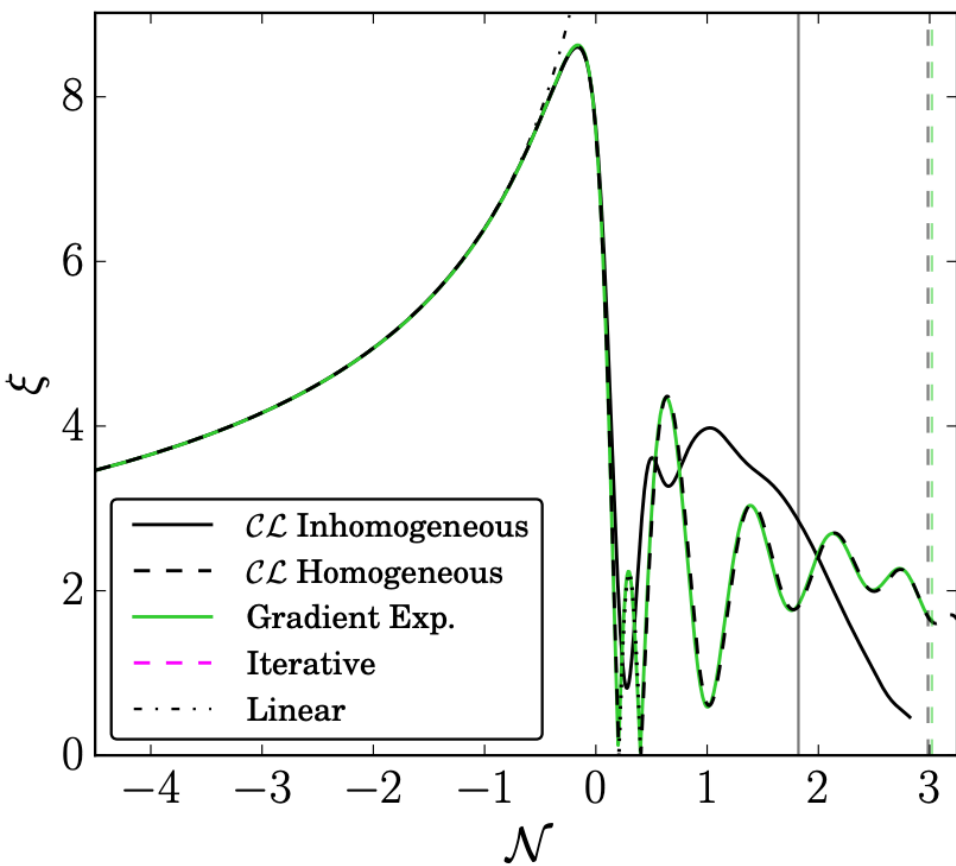
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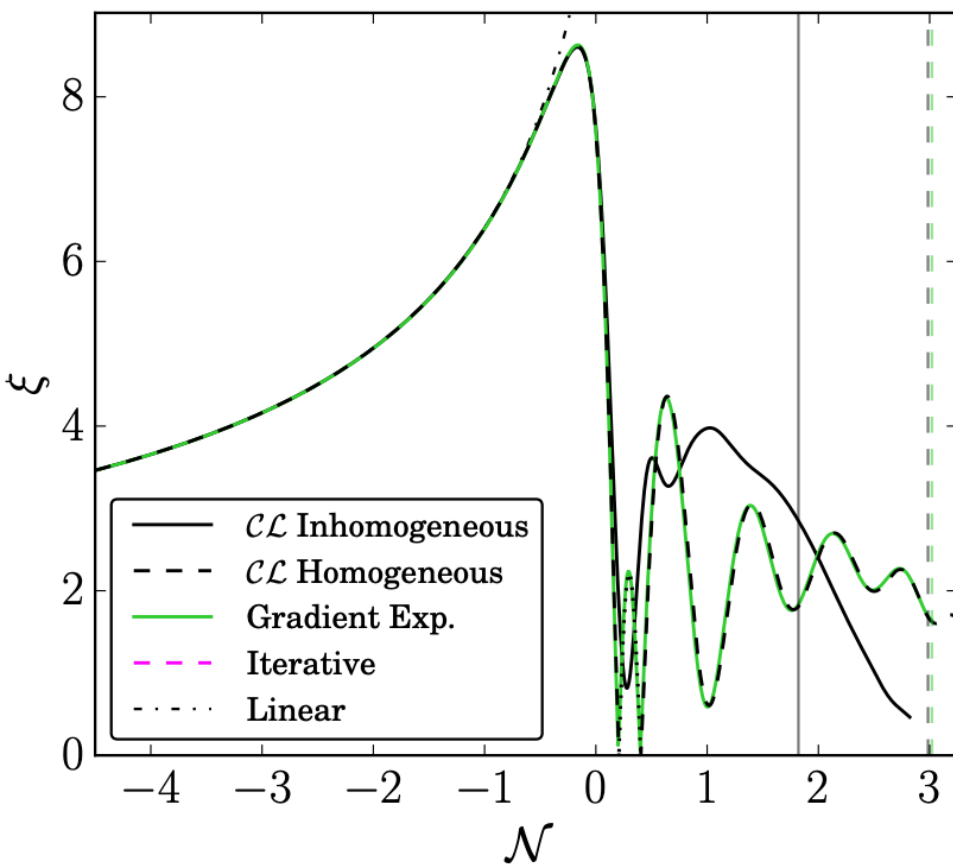
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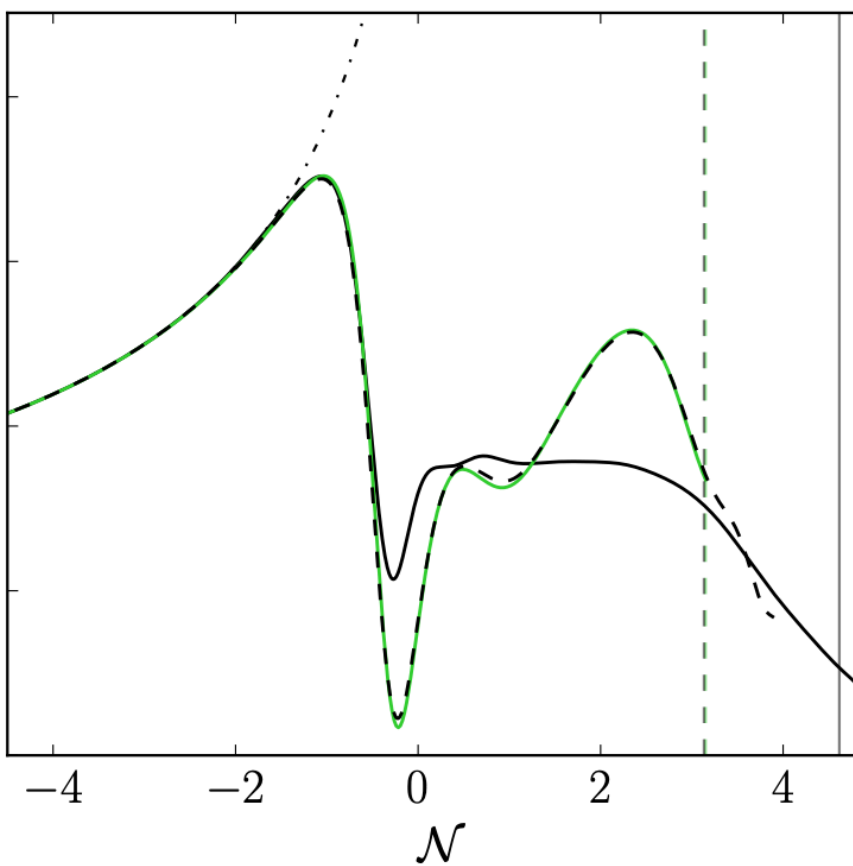
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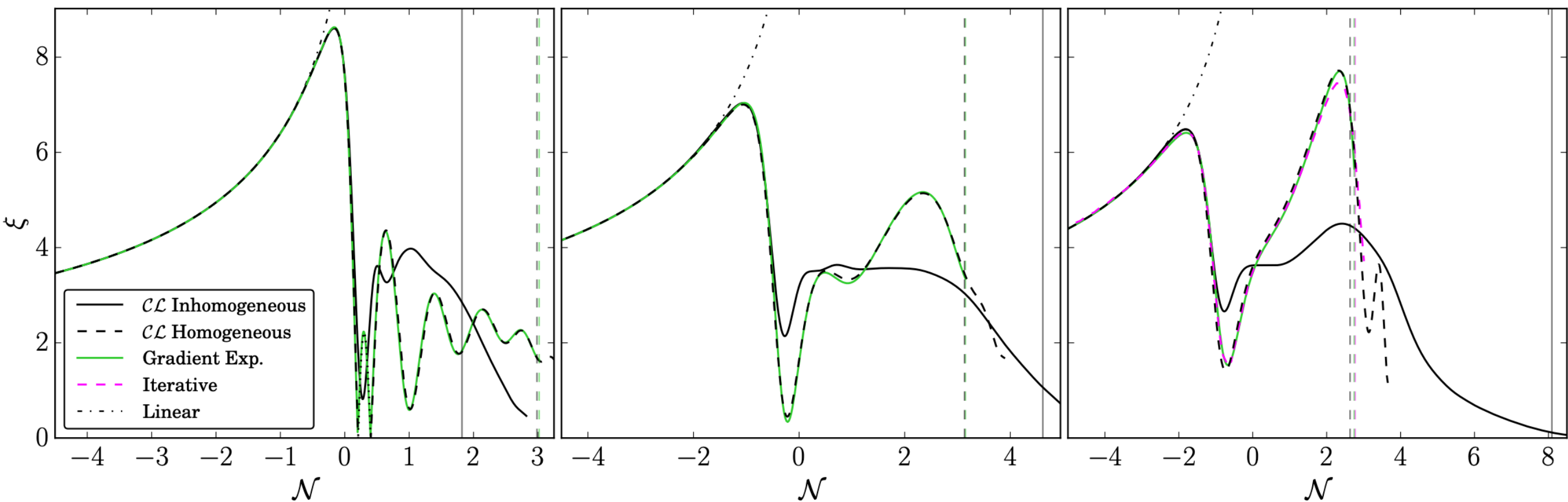
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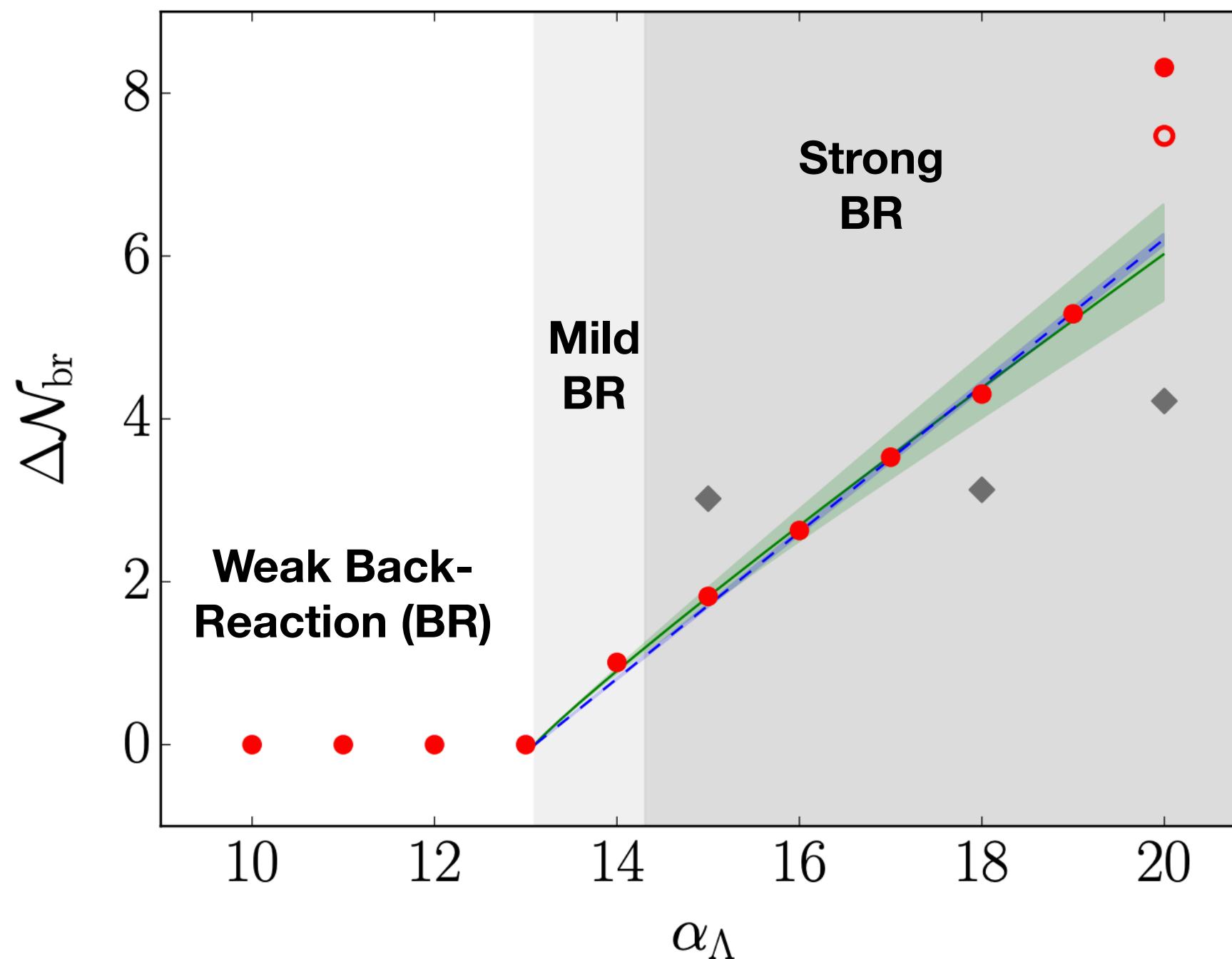
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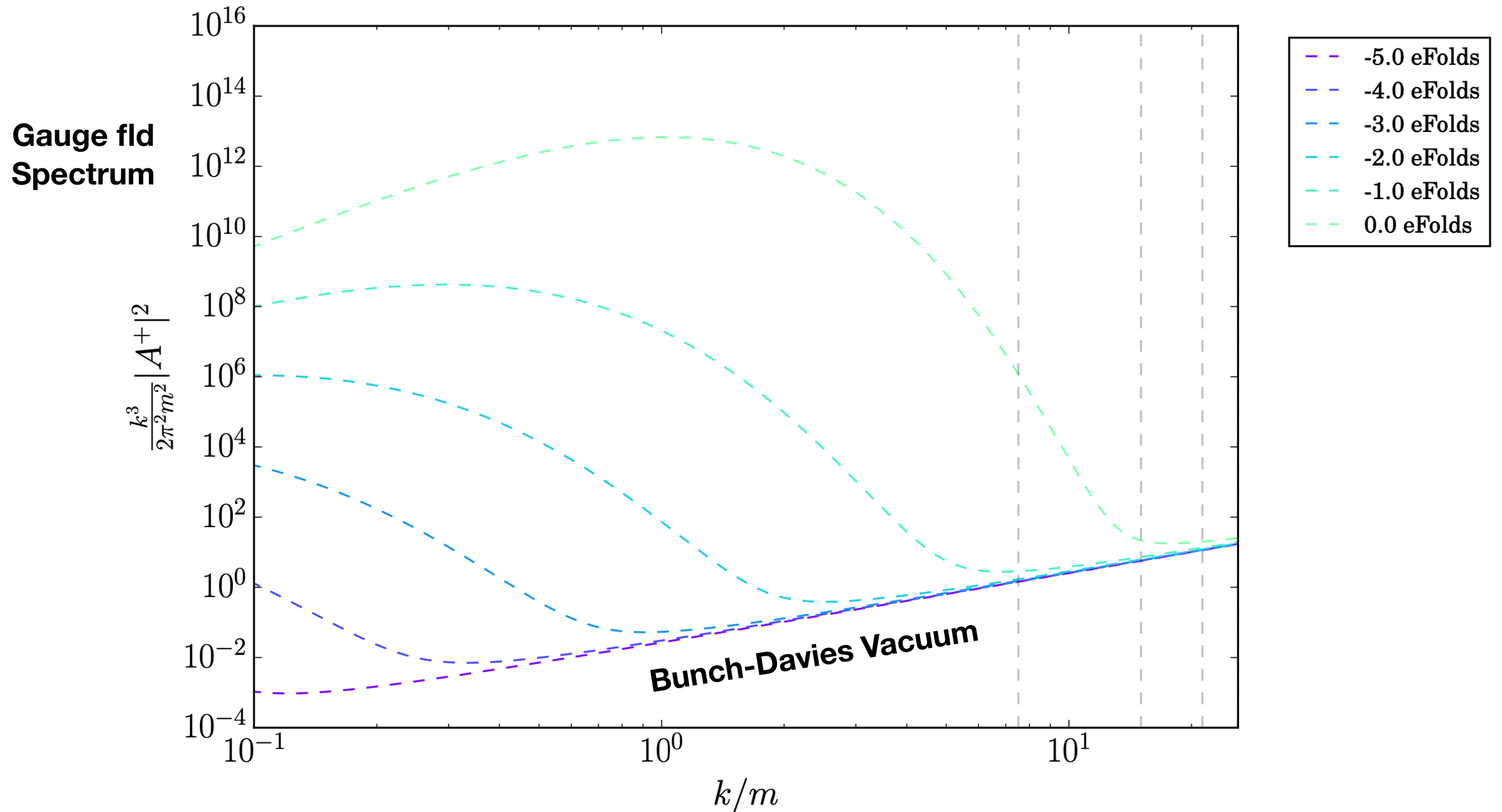


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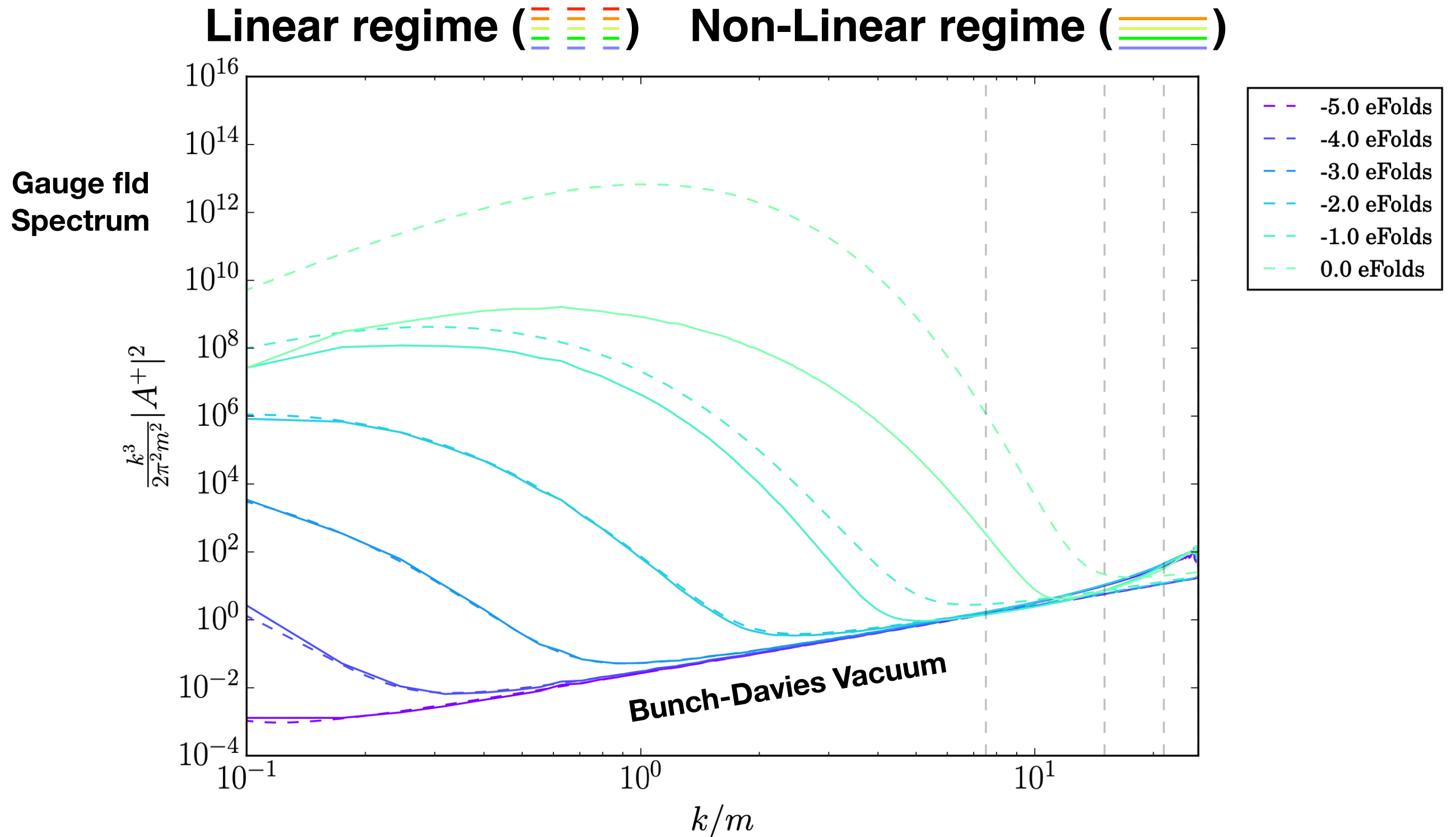
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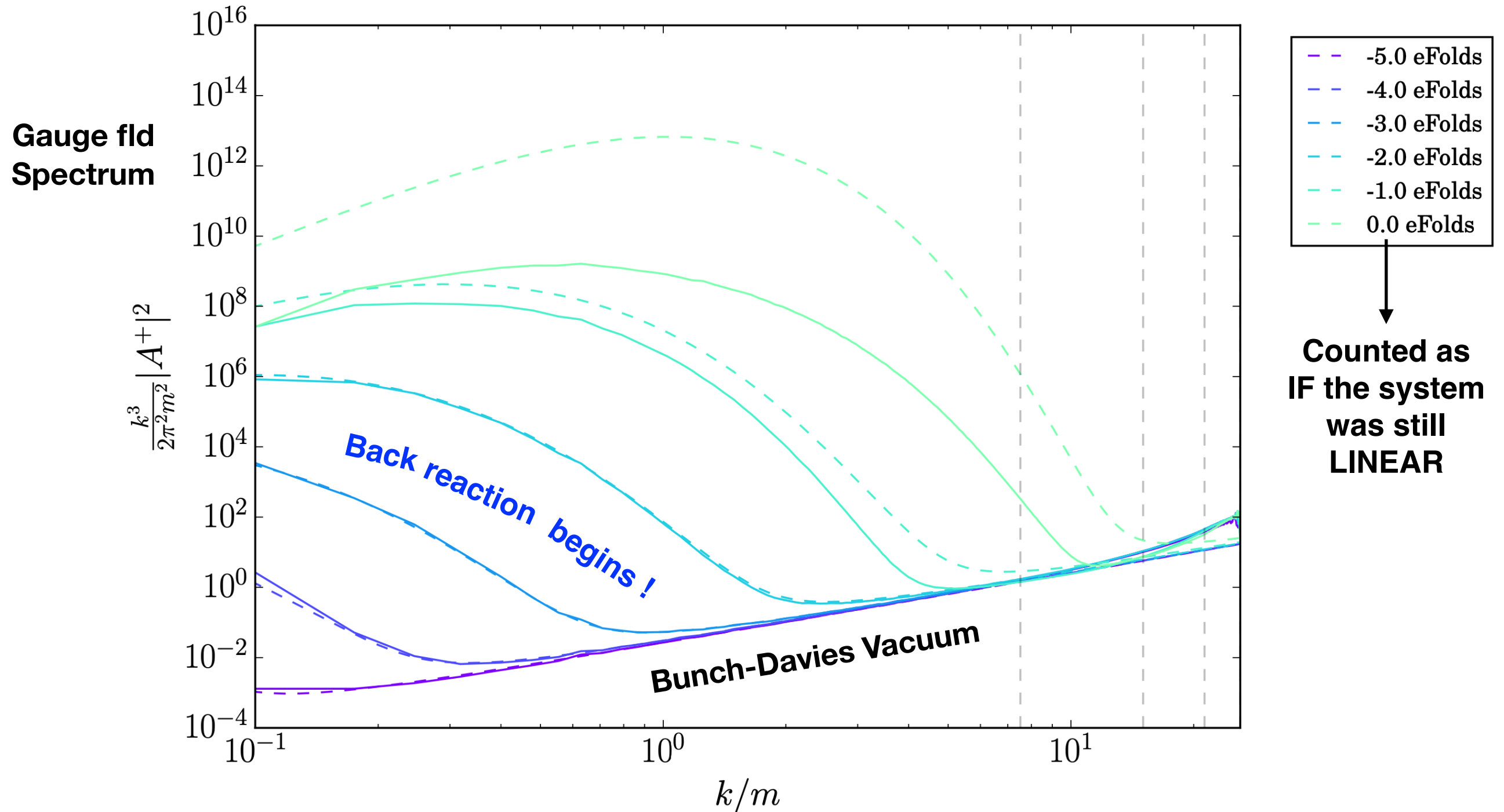


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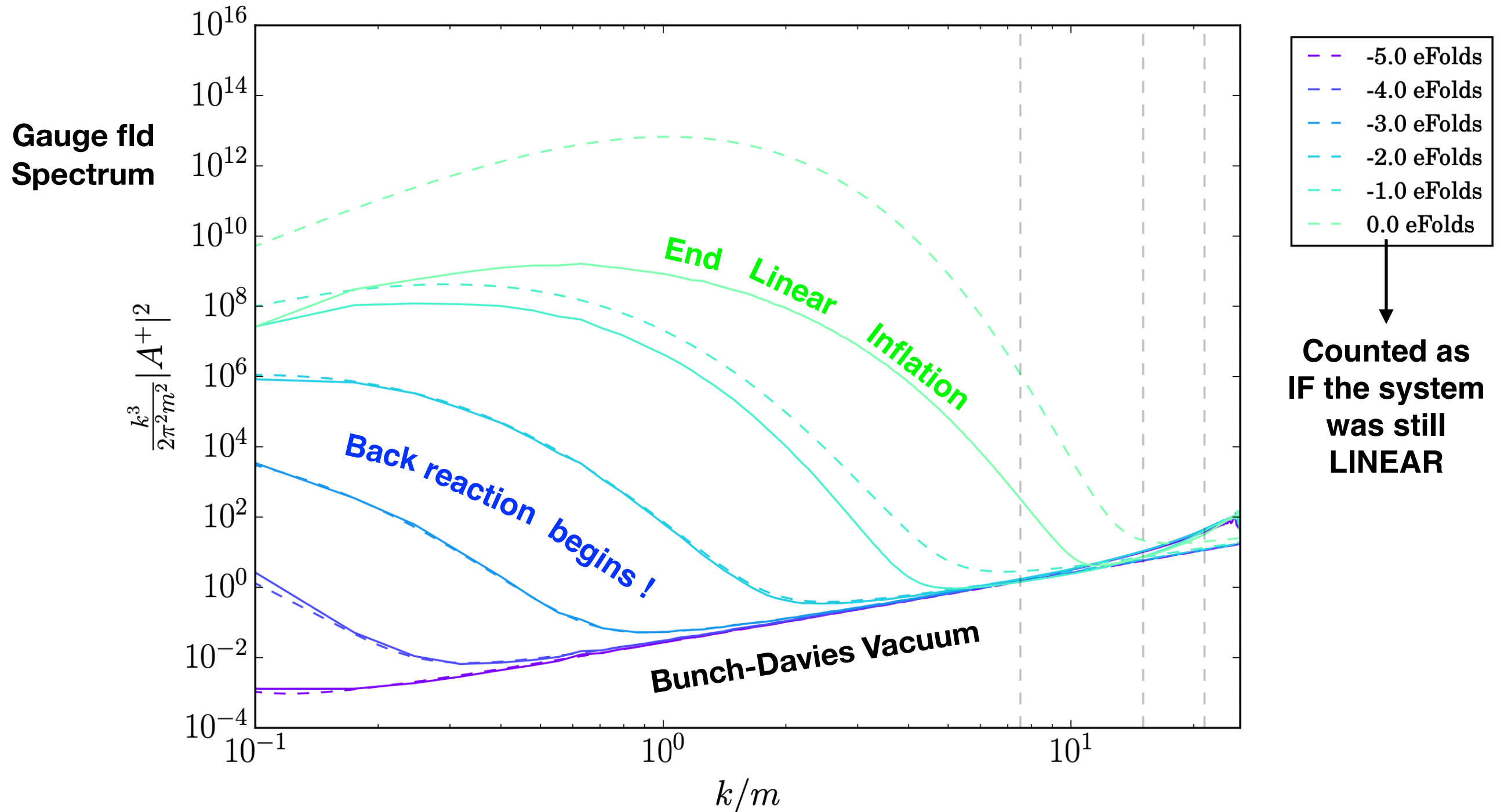
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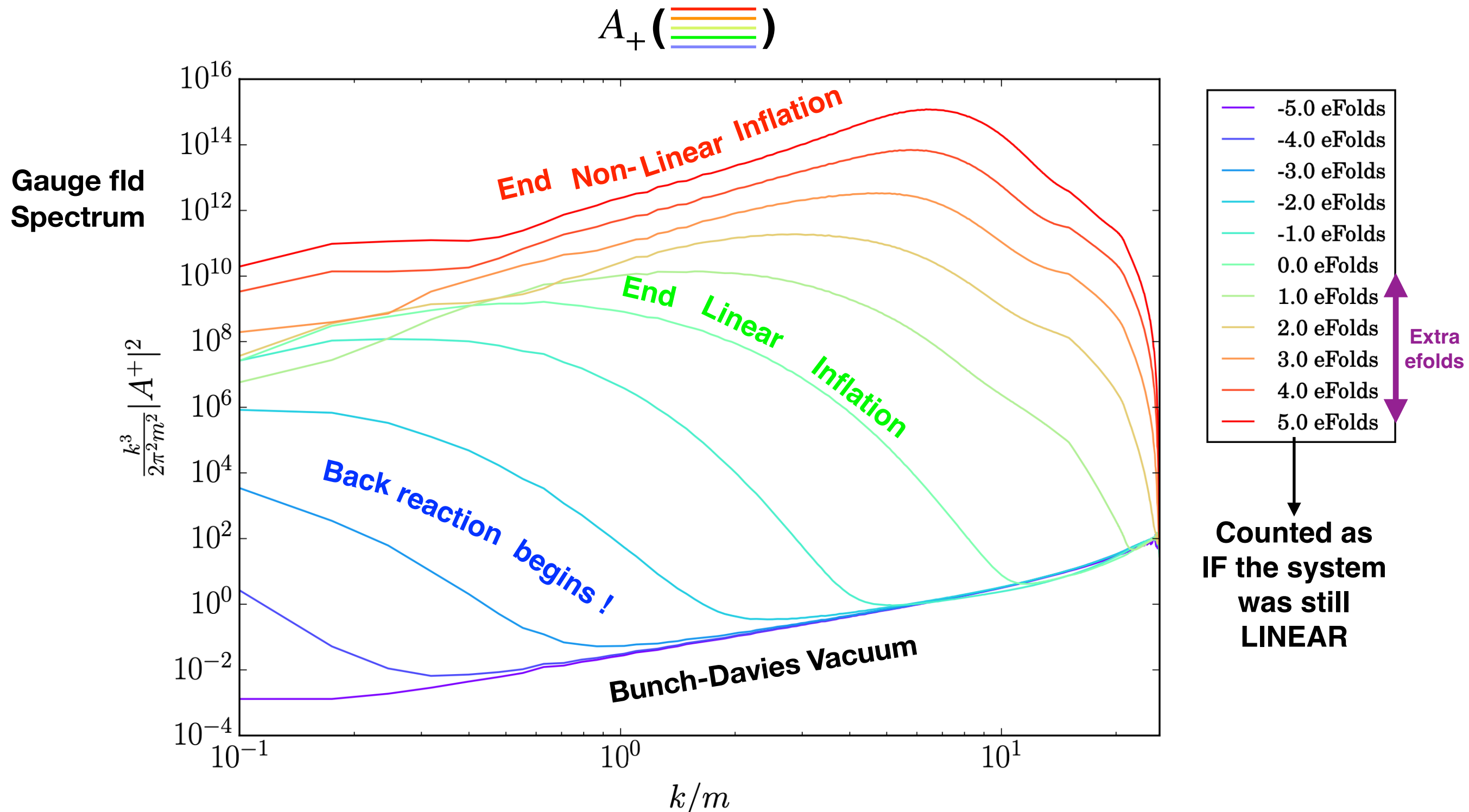


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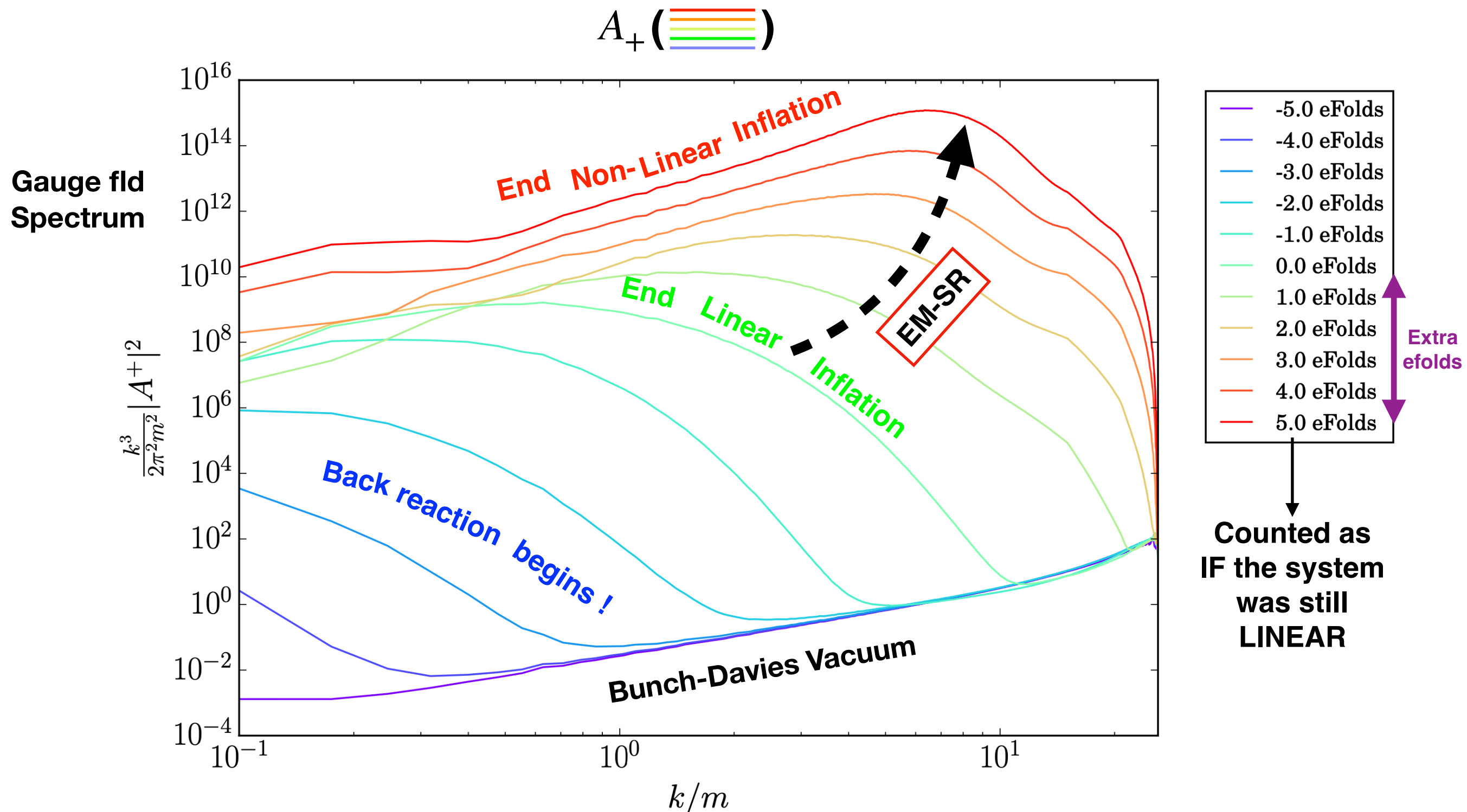
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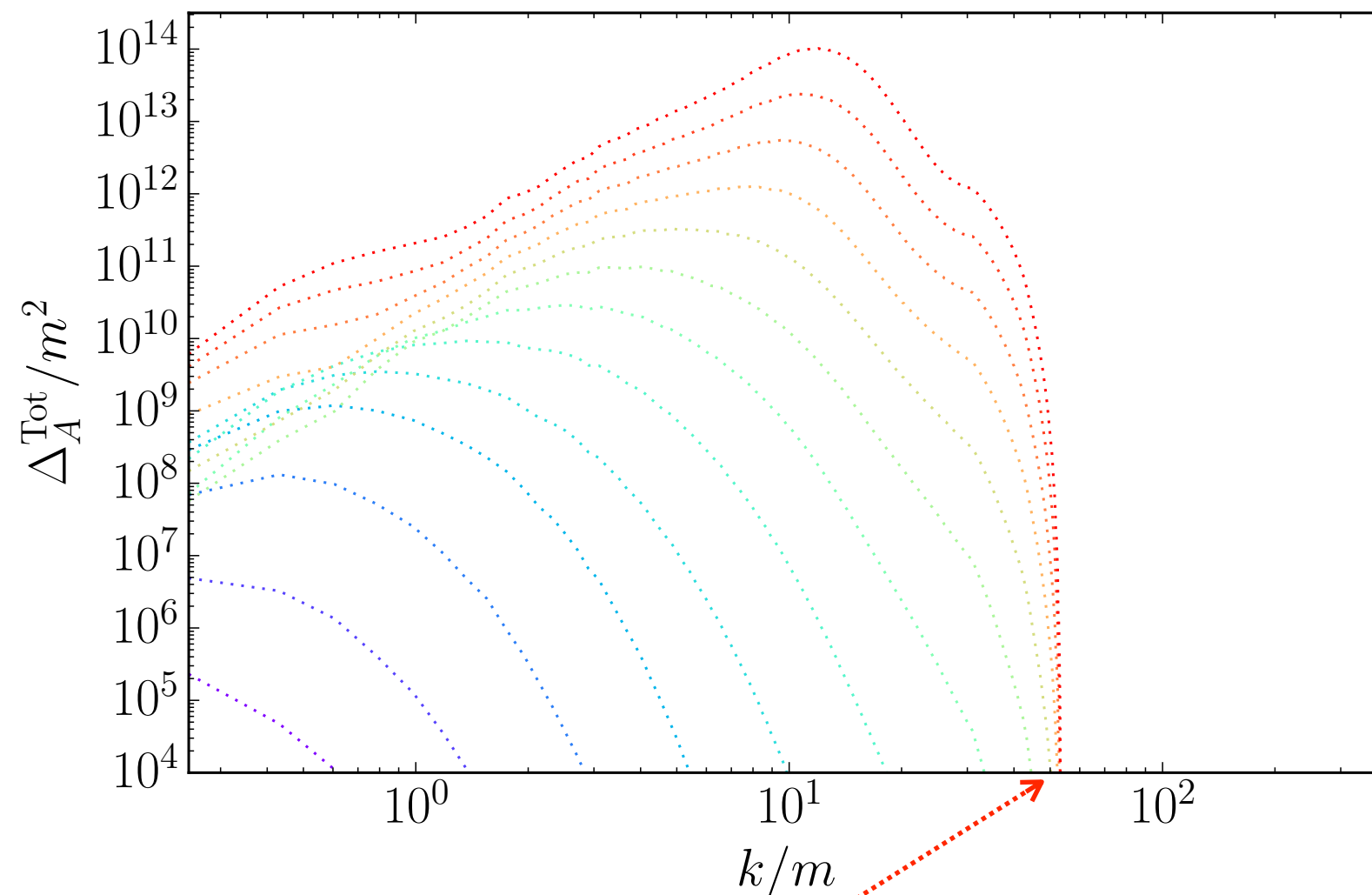
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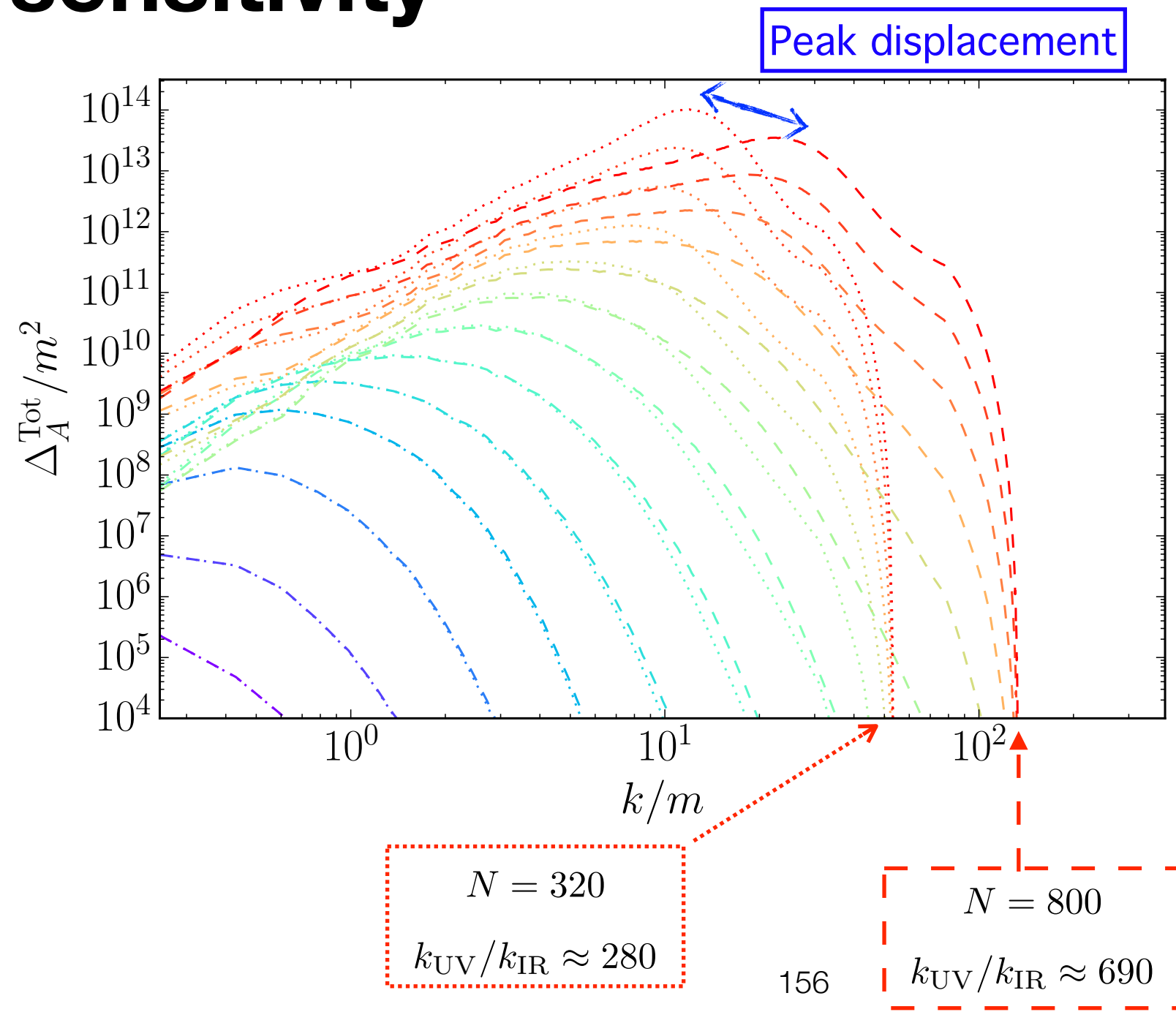


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$$k_{\text{UV}}/k_{\text{IR}} \approx 280$$

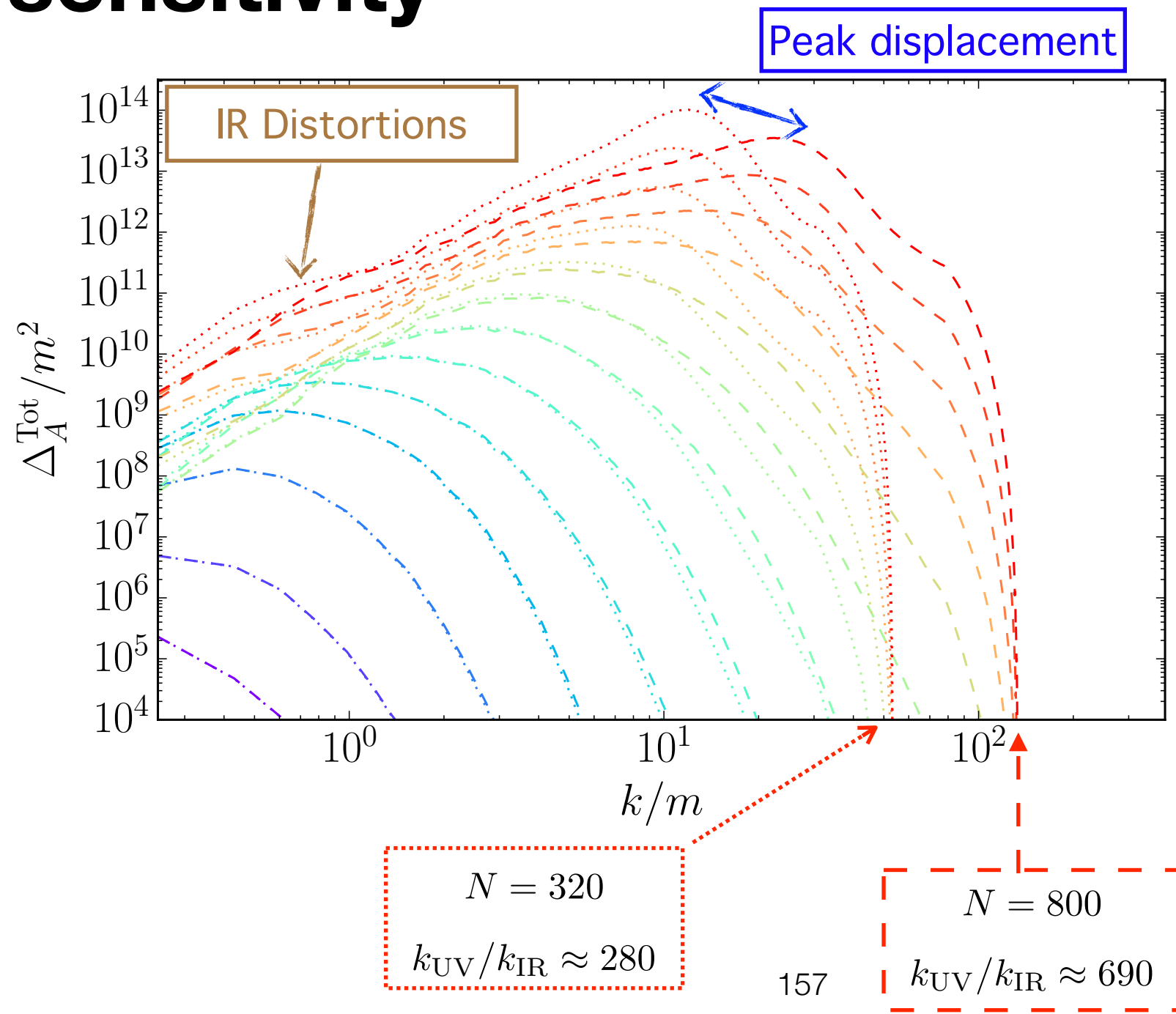
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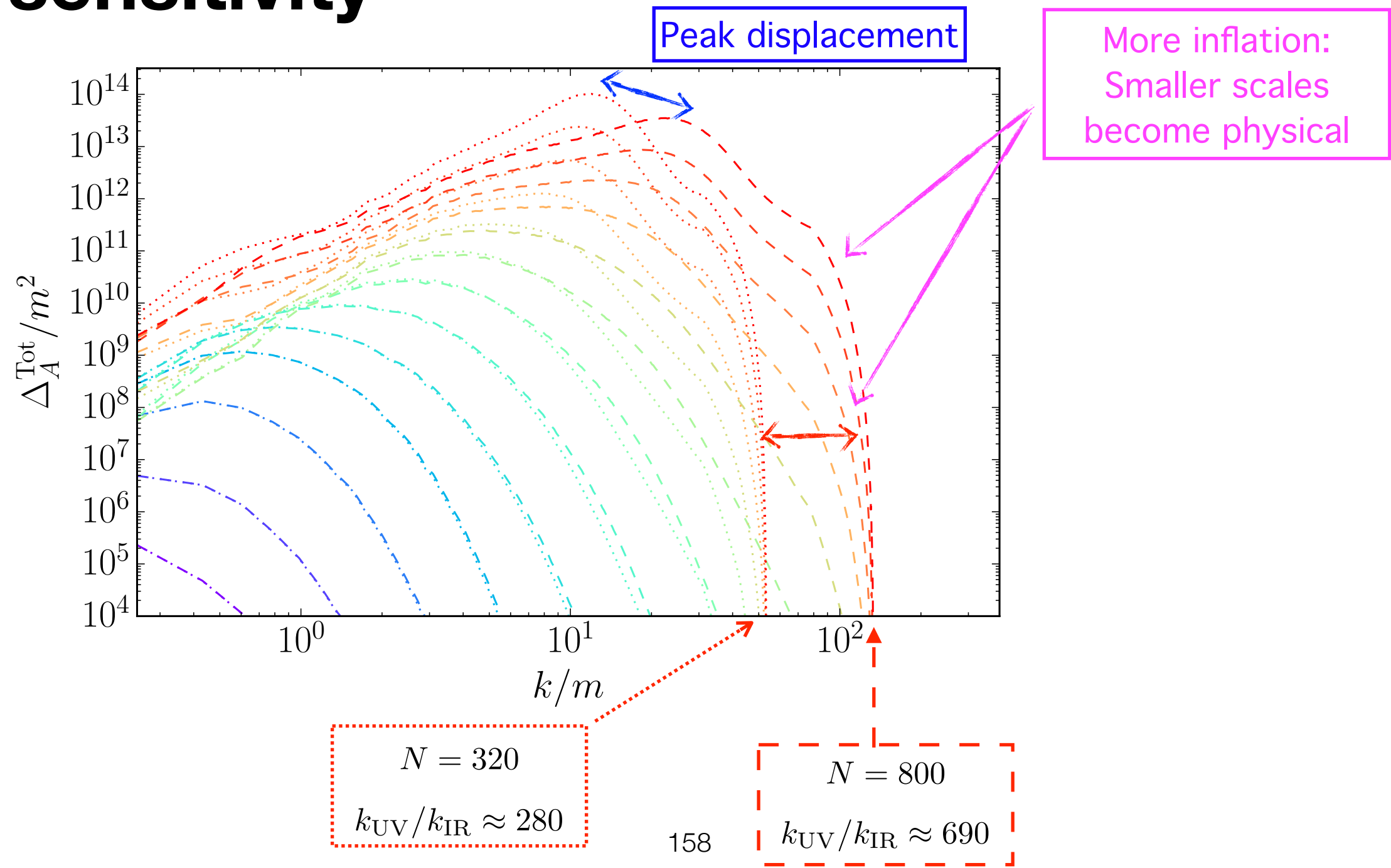
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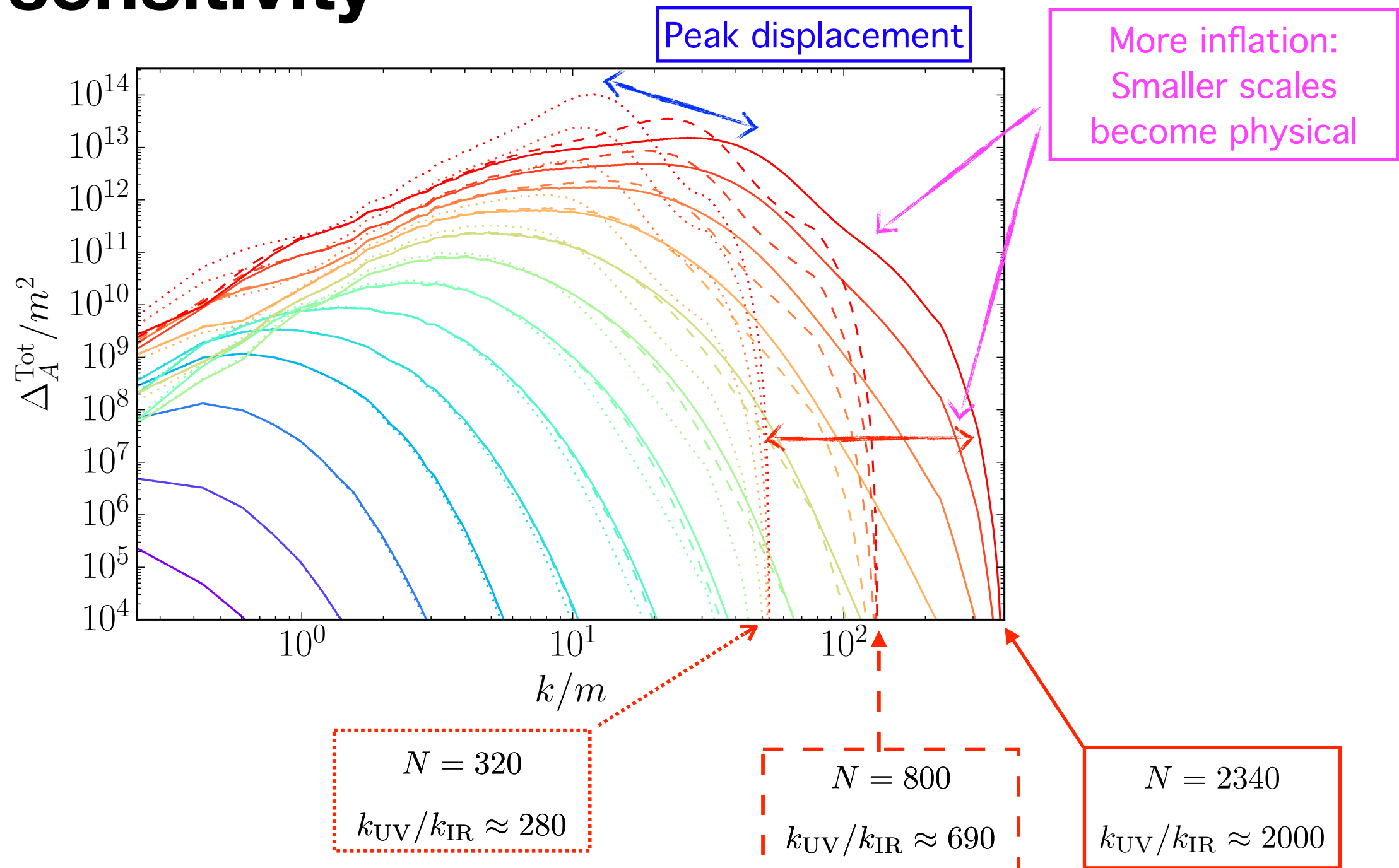
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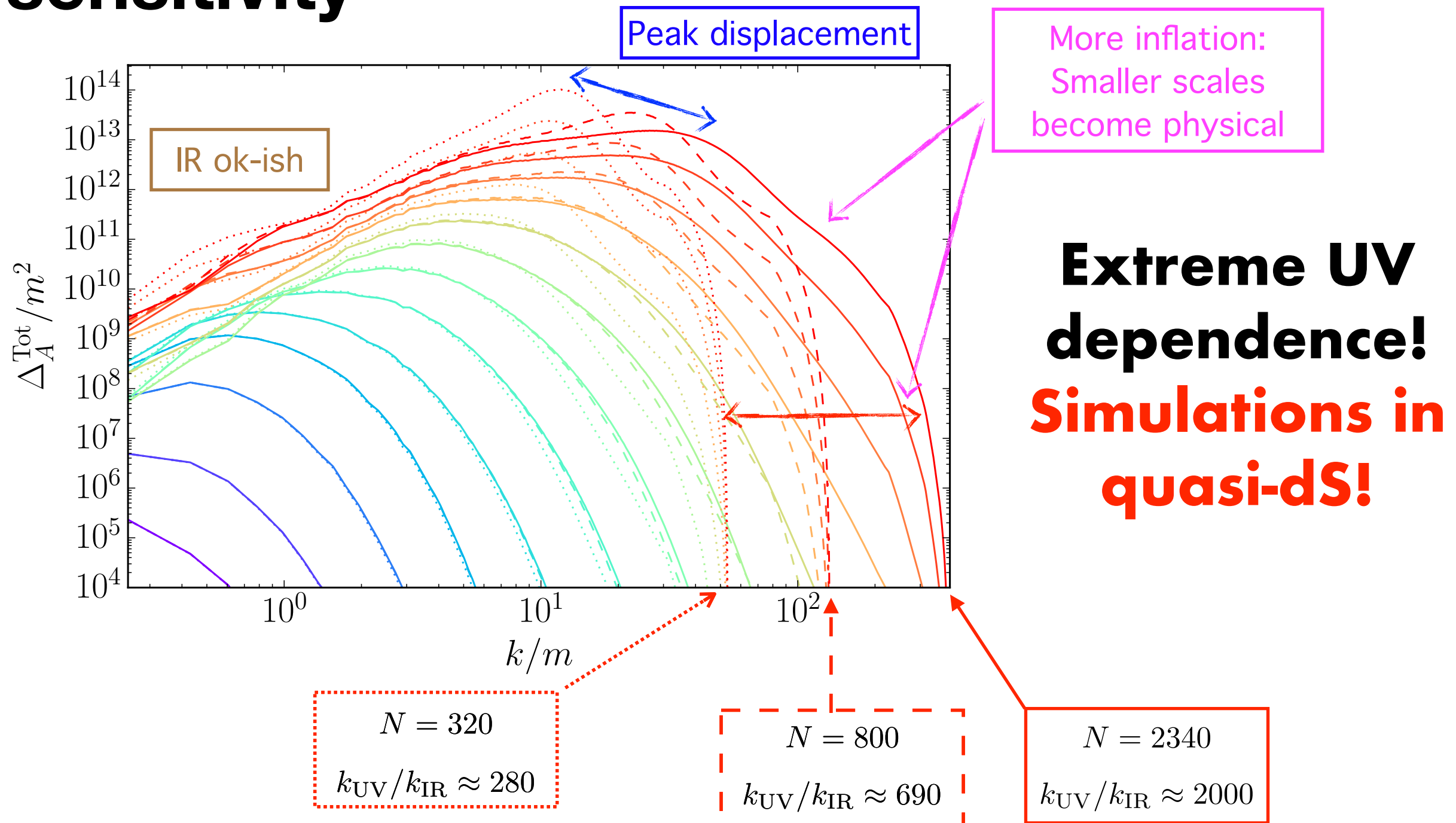
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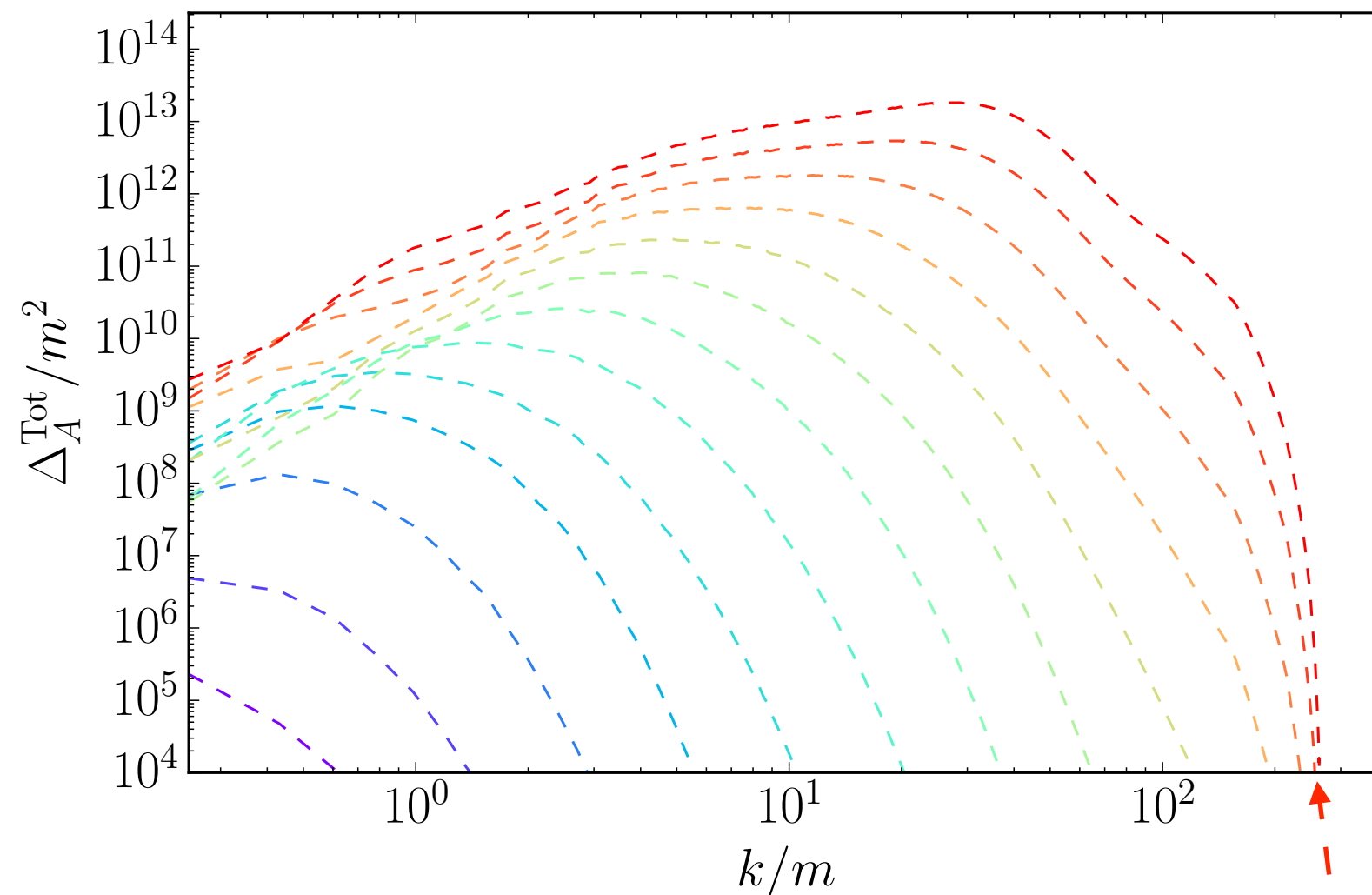
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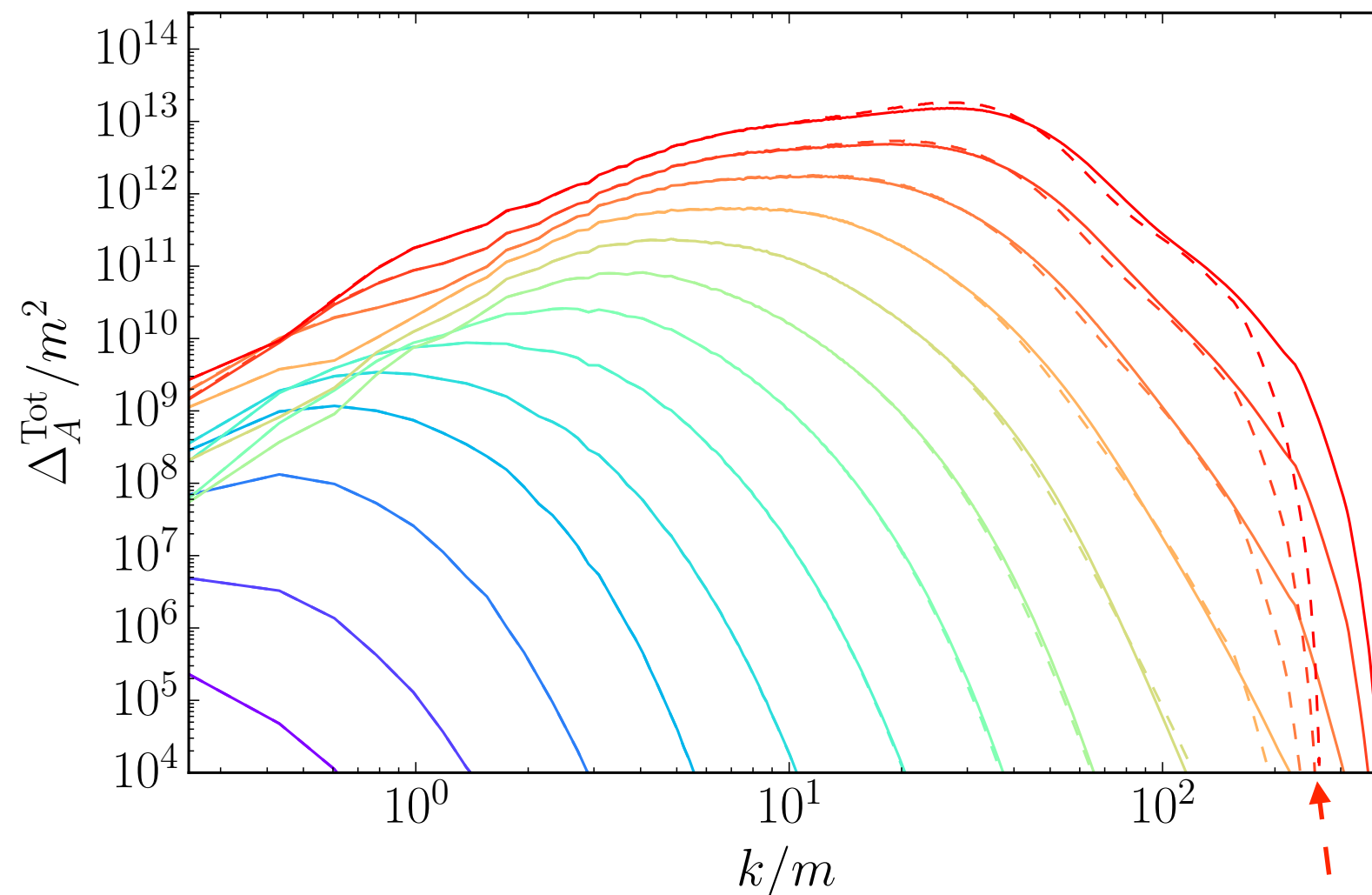
**Extreme UV
dependence!
Simulations in
quasi-dS!**

$$N = 1600$$

$$k_{\text{UV}}/k_{\text{IR}} \approx 1400$$

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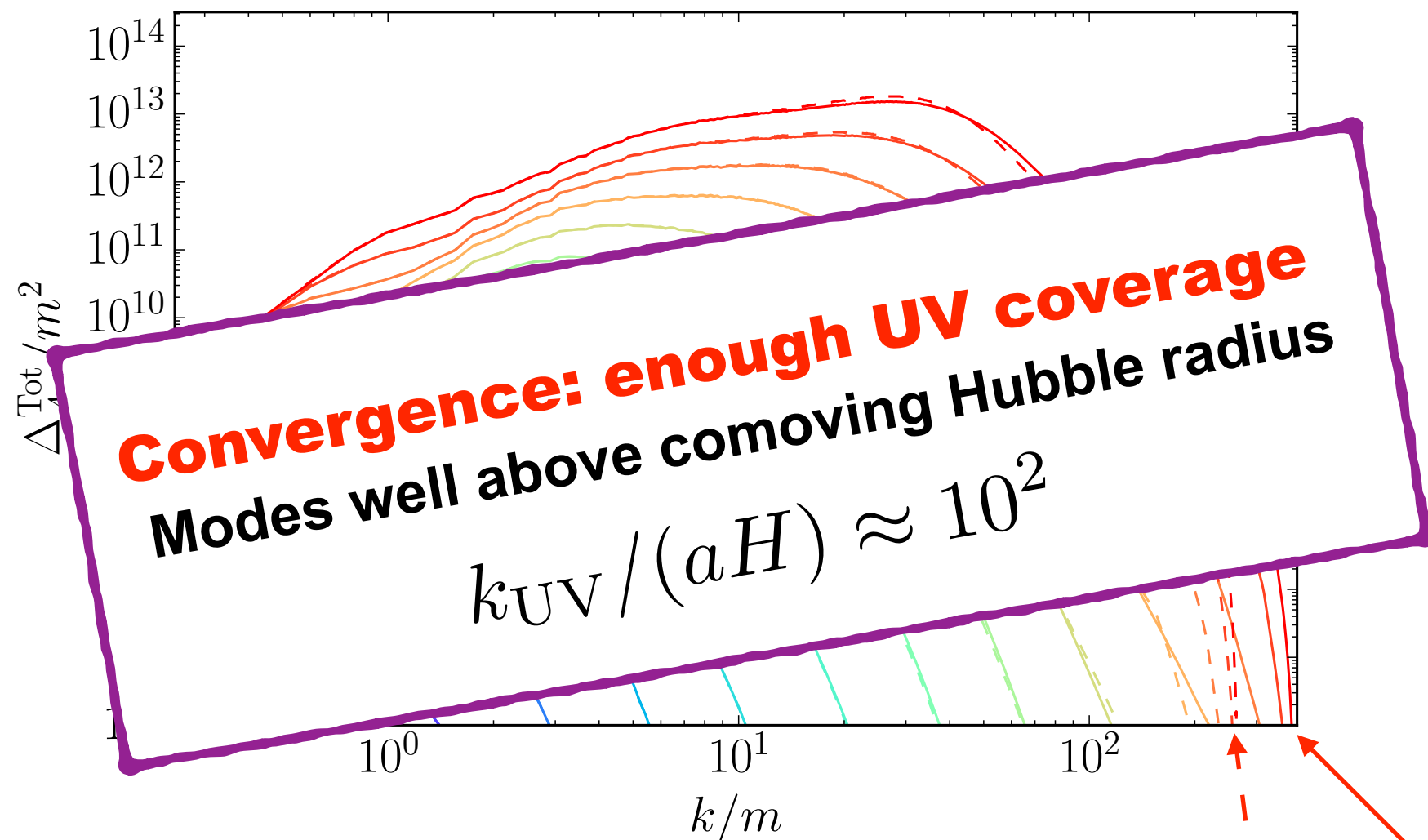
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Mid $\simeq$ Mid
UV $\neq$ UV

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Gigantic lattices !



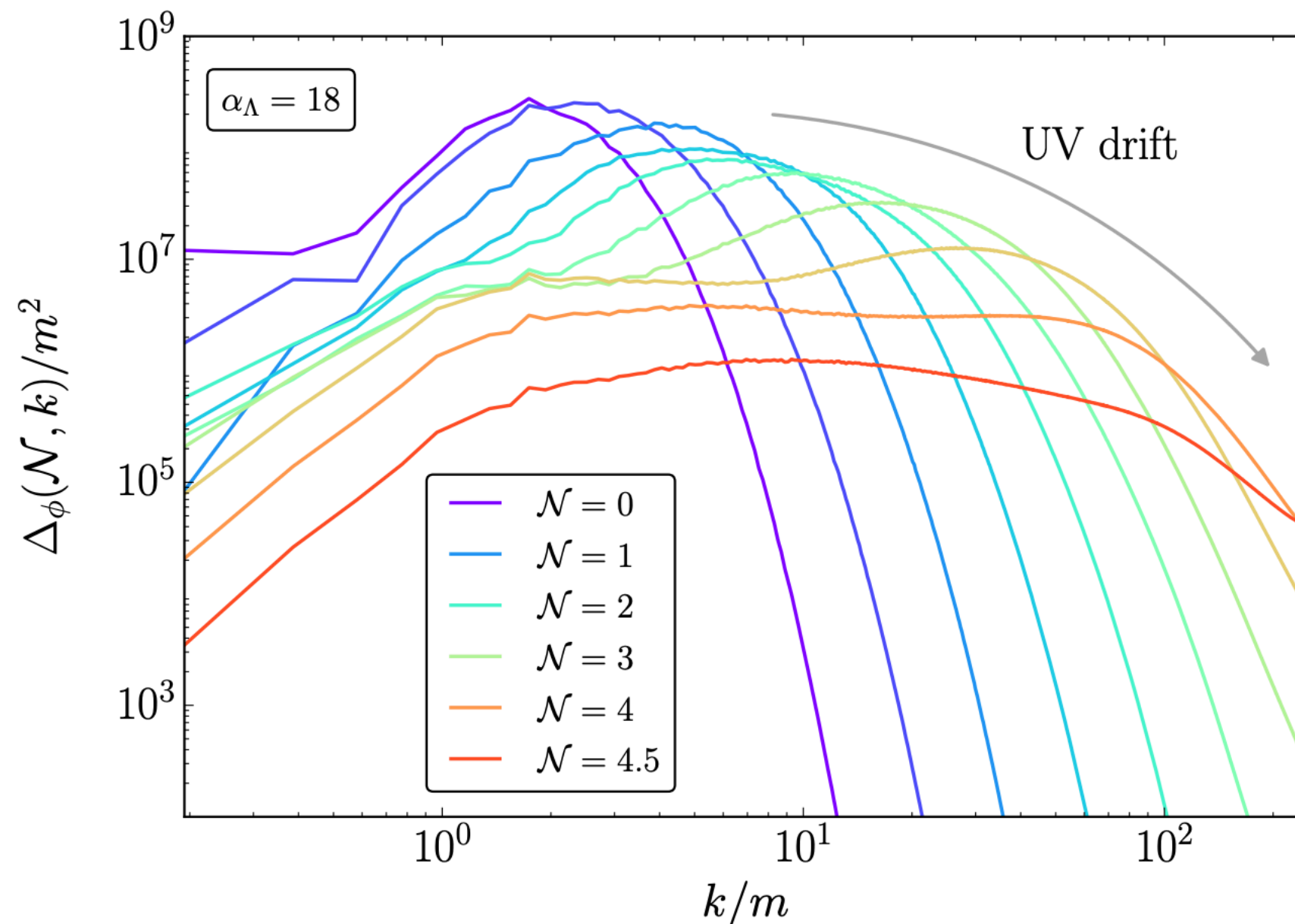
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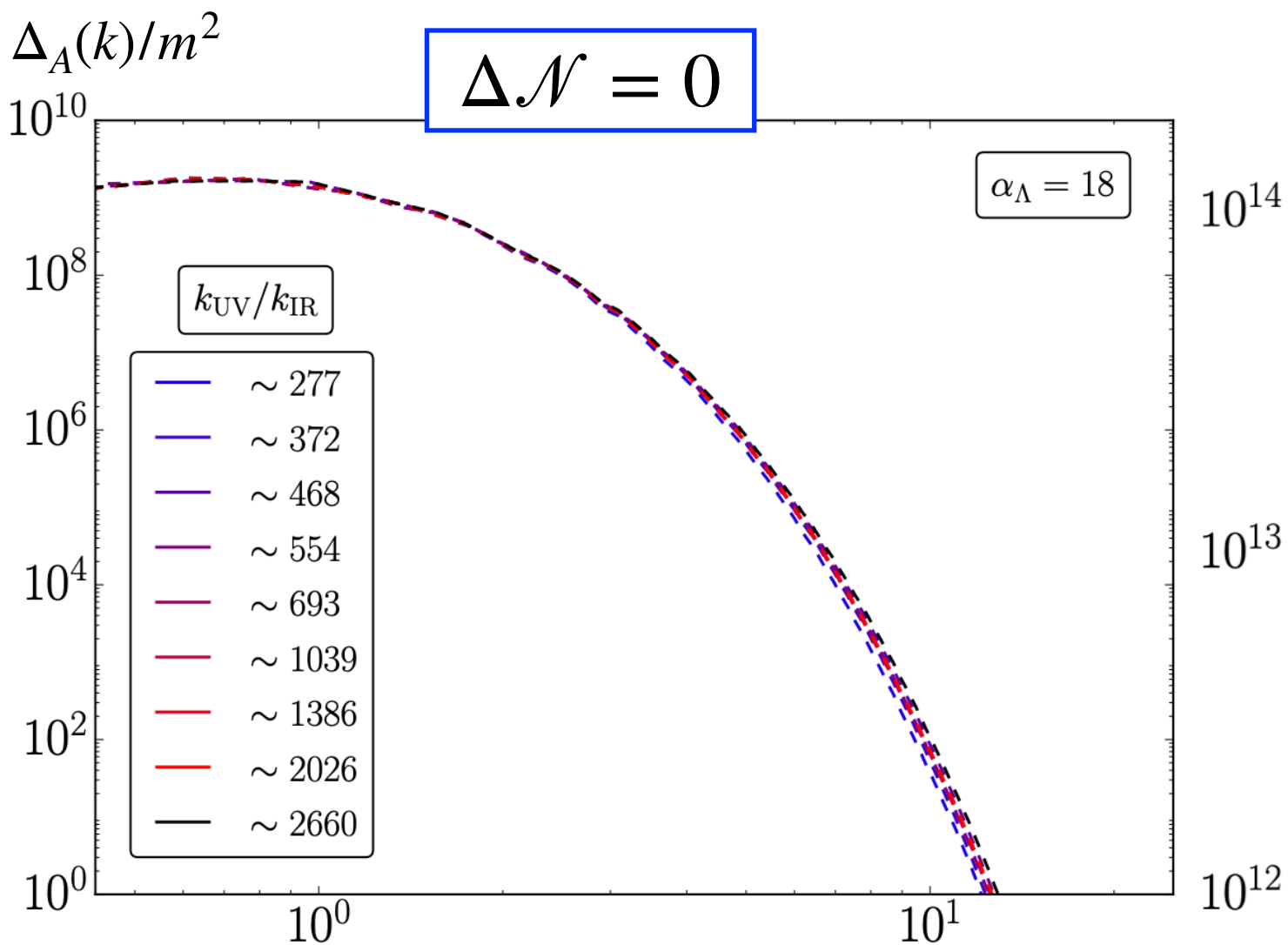
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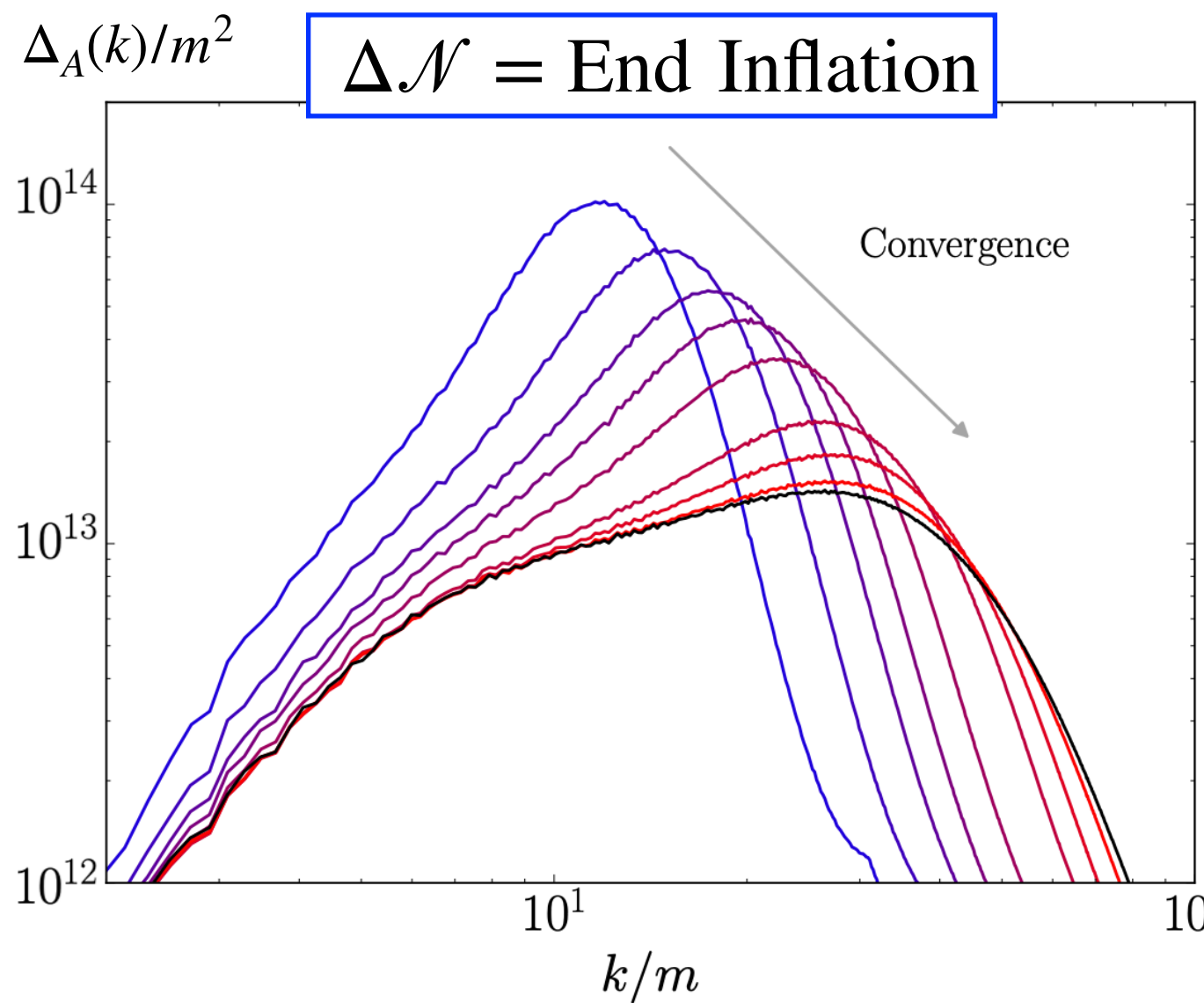
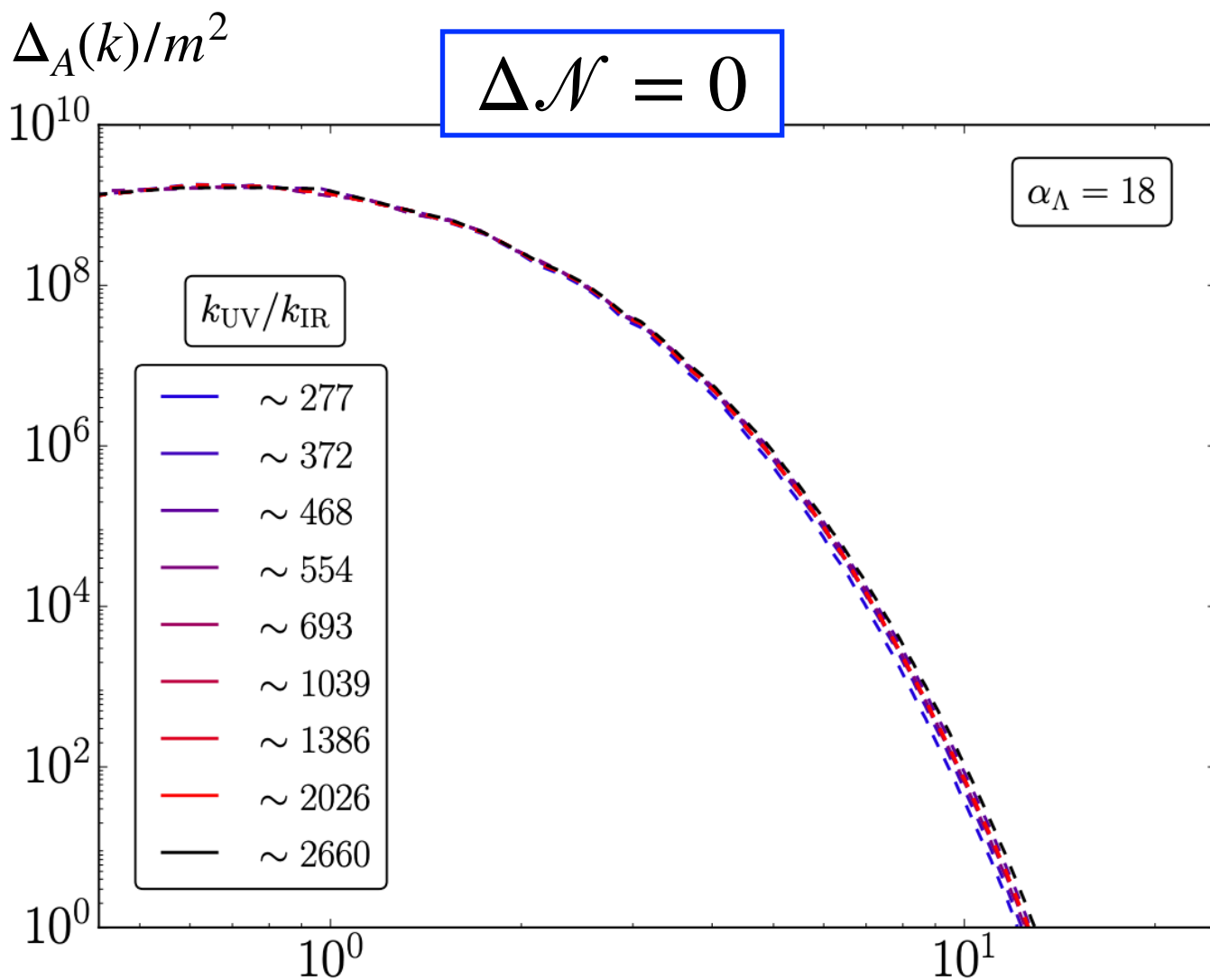
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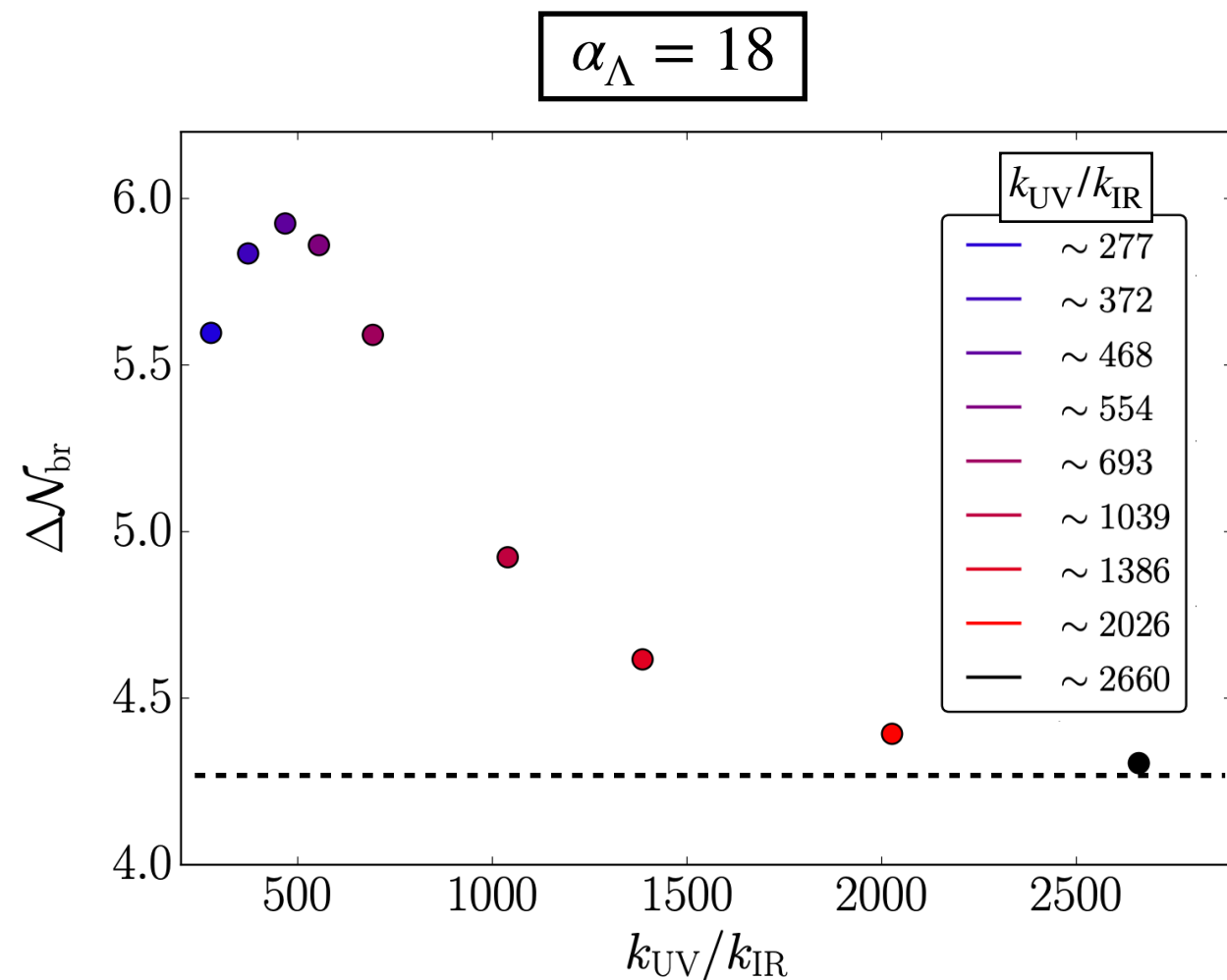
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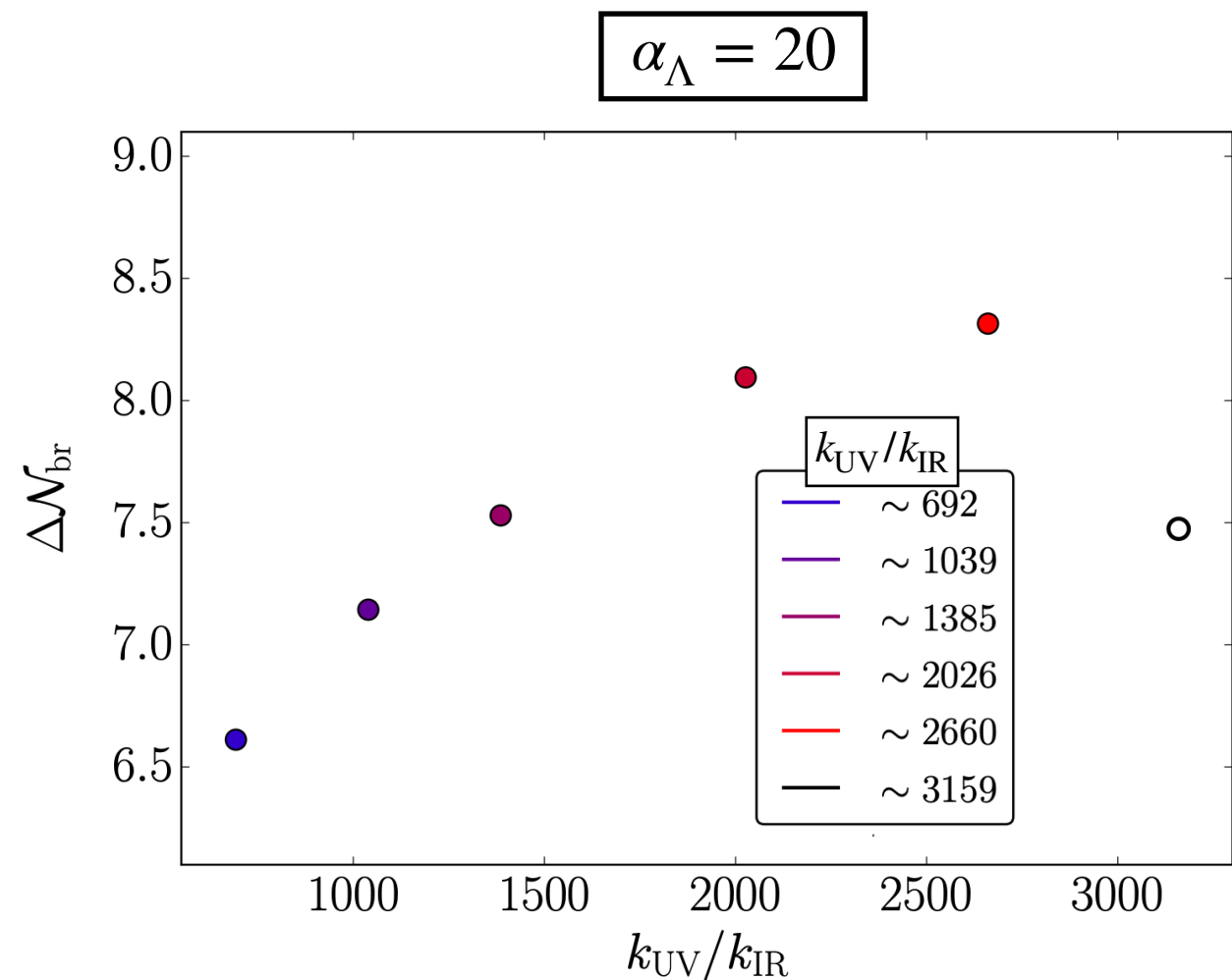
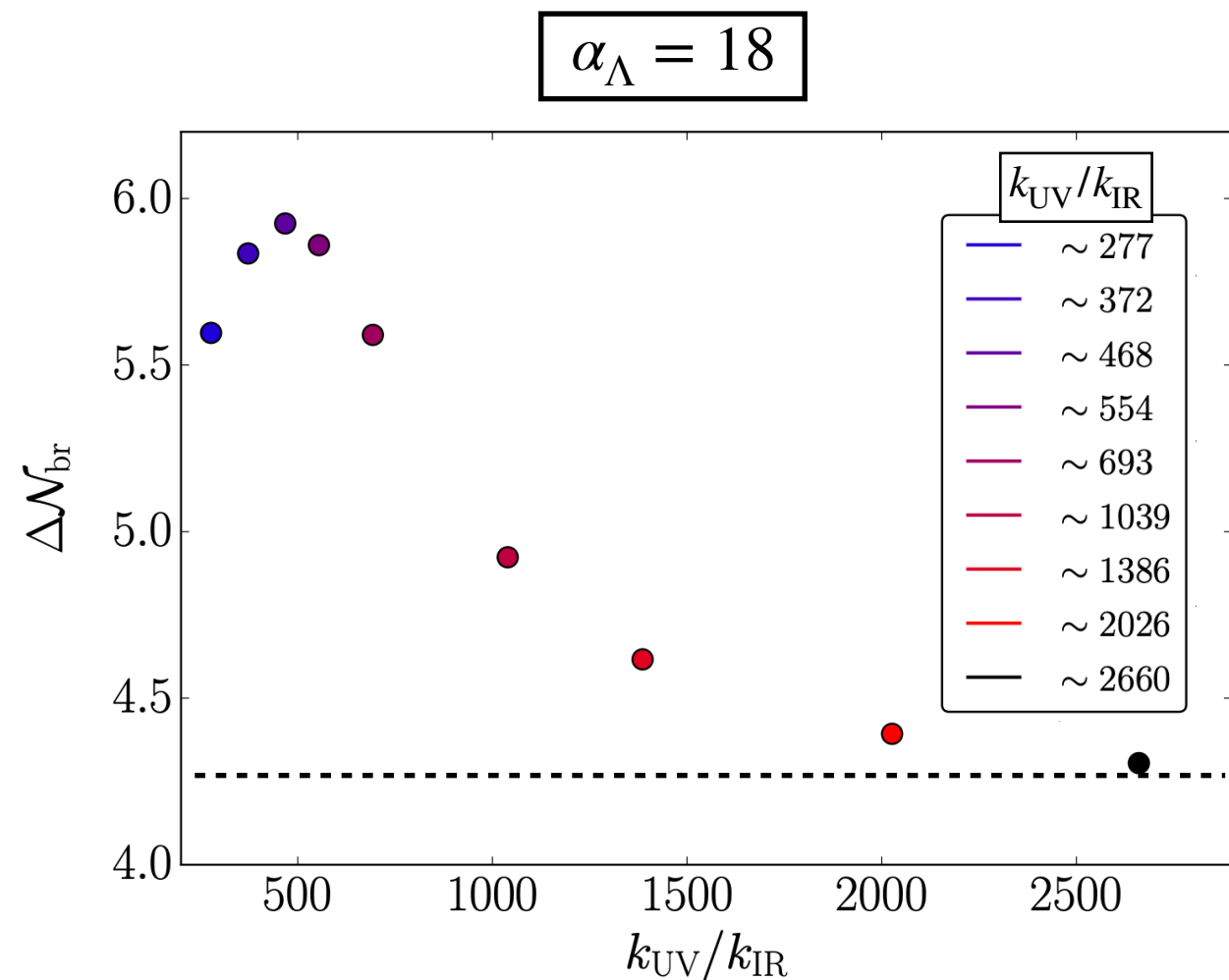
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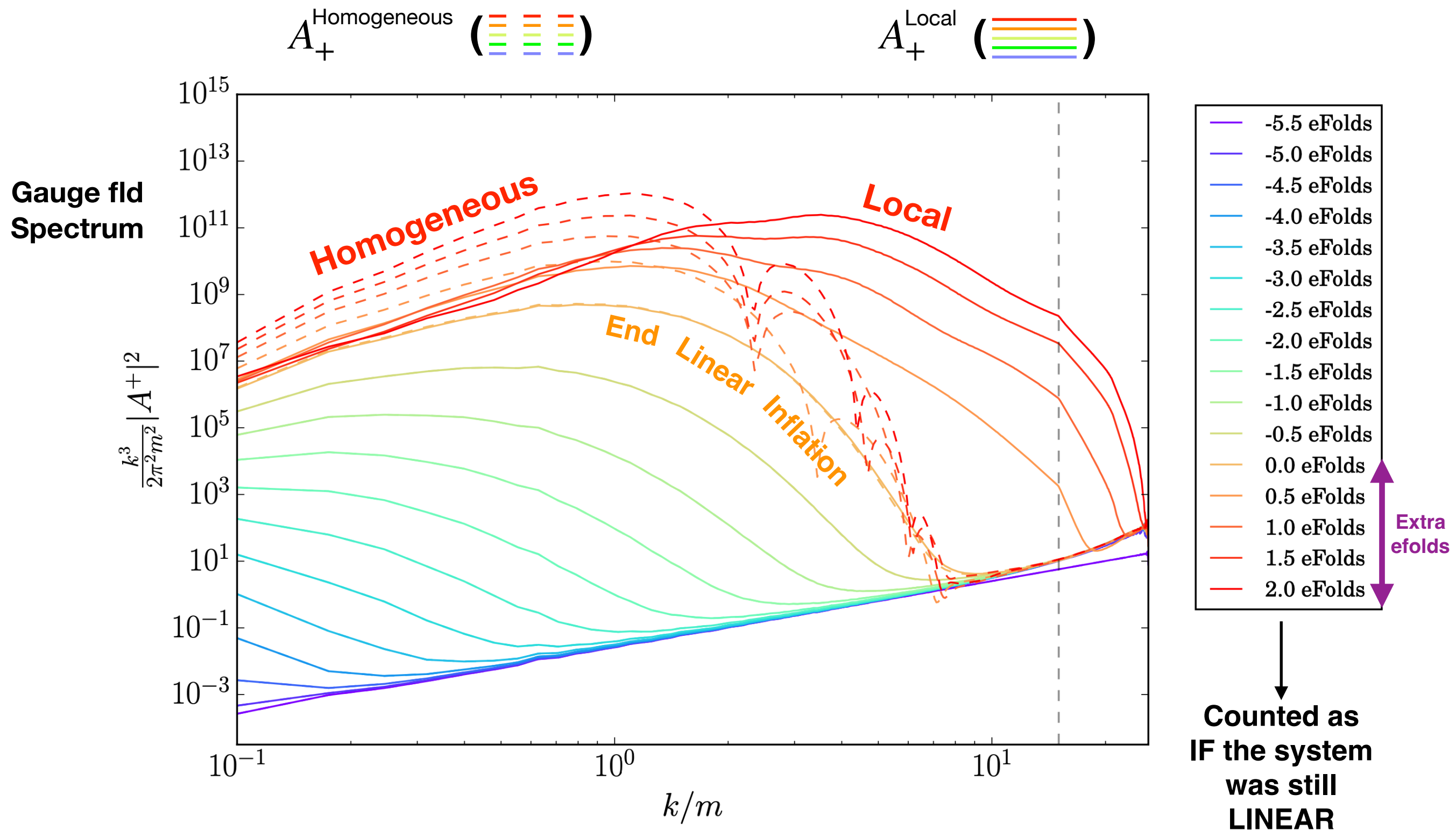
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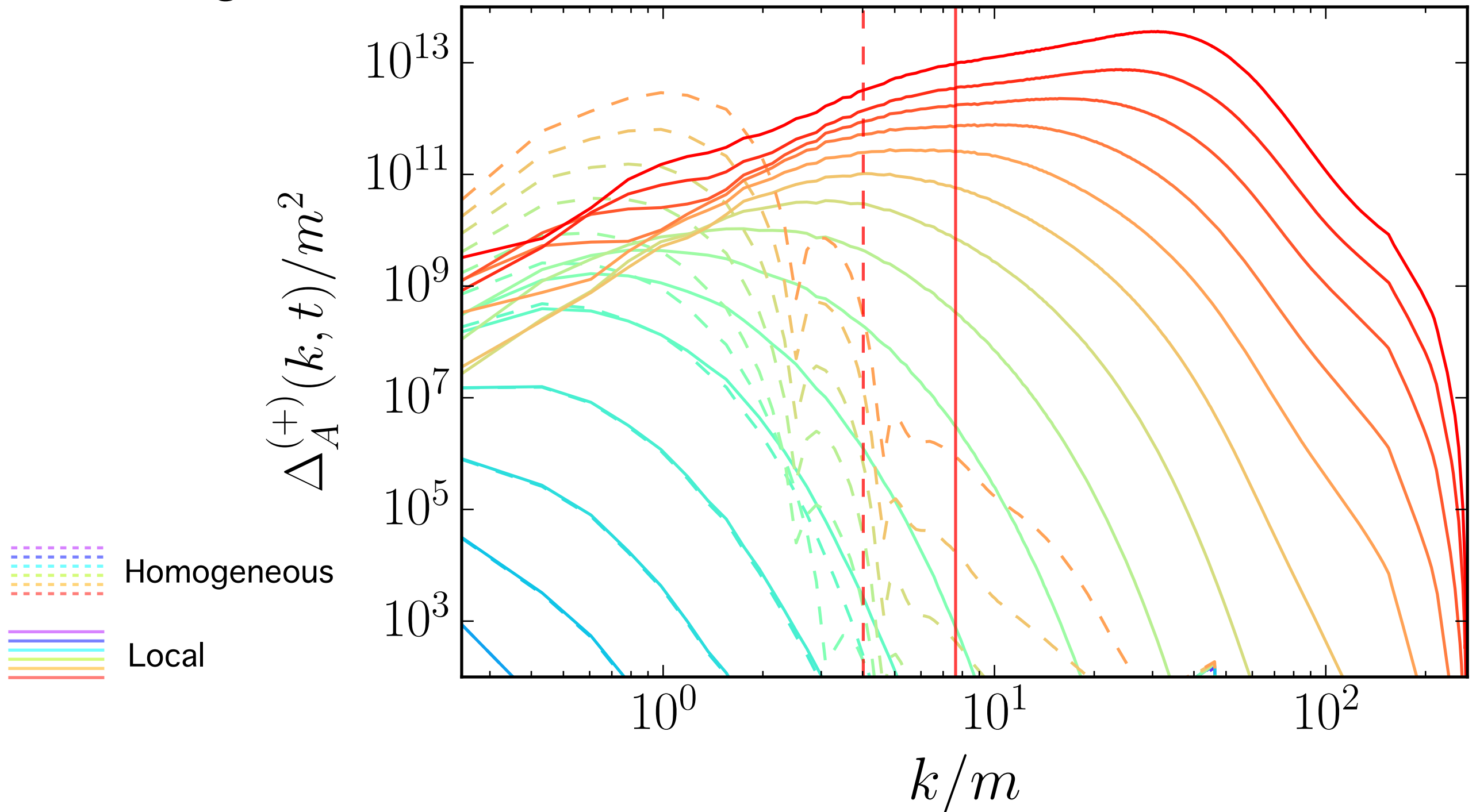
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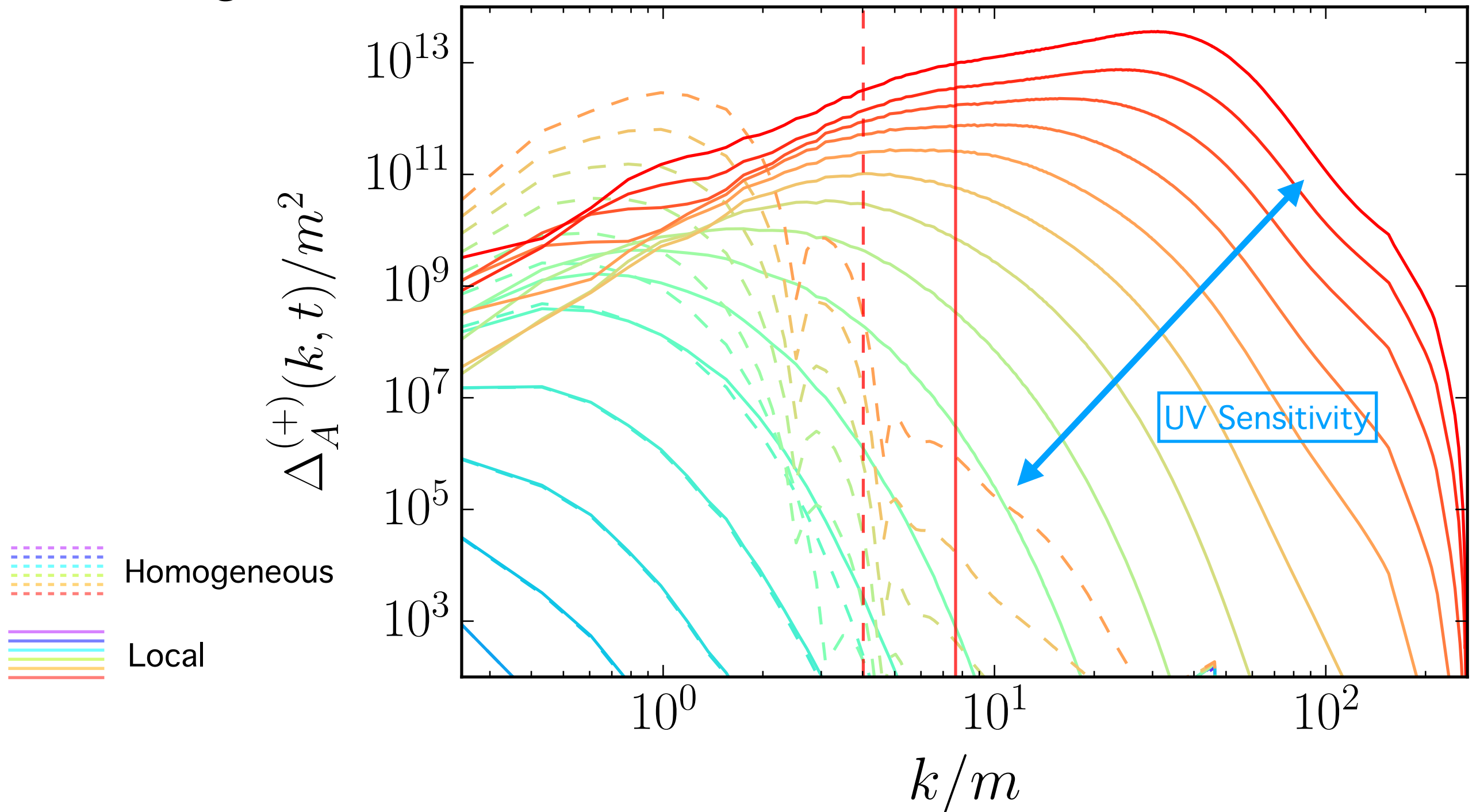
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ZOOM



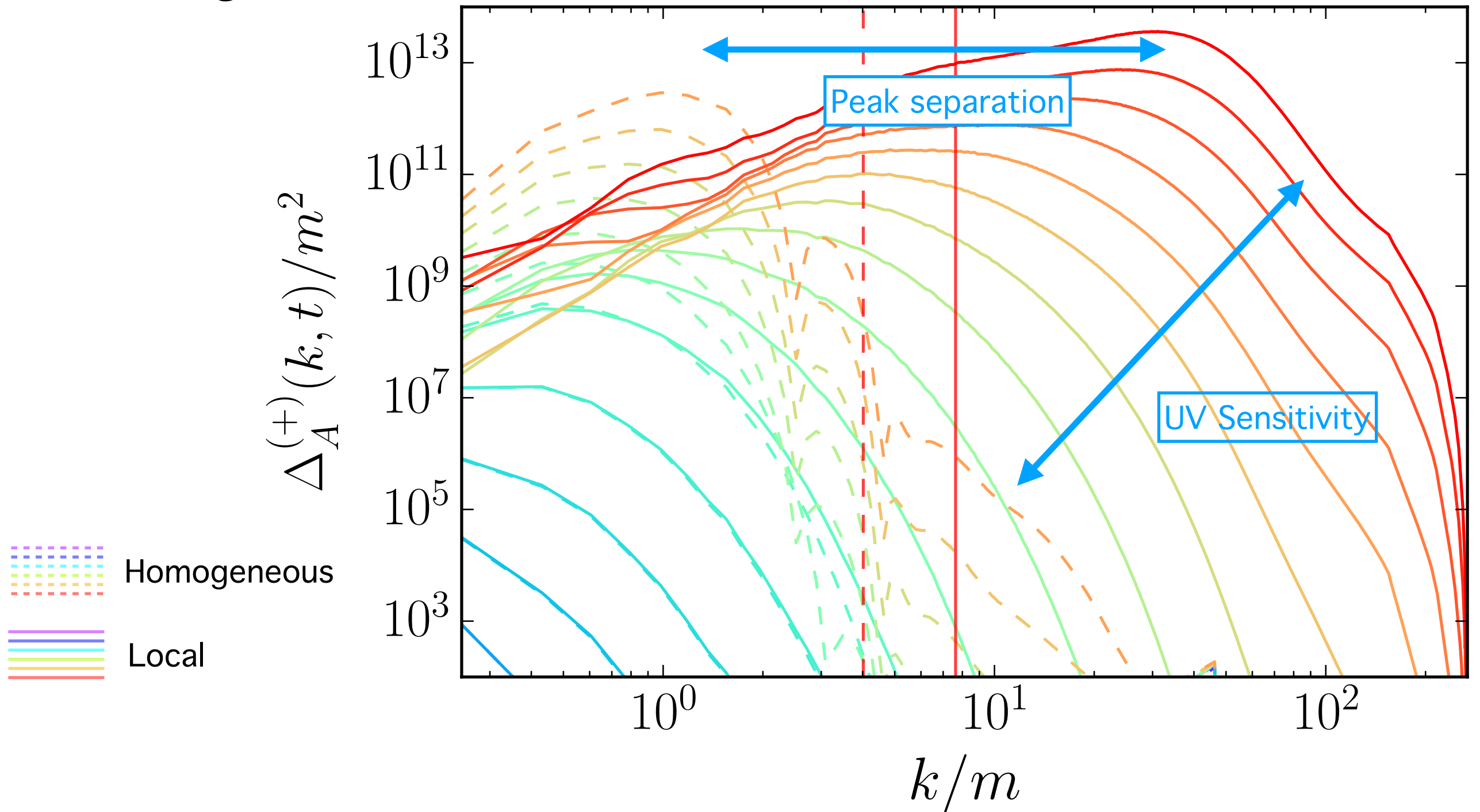
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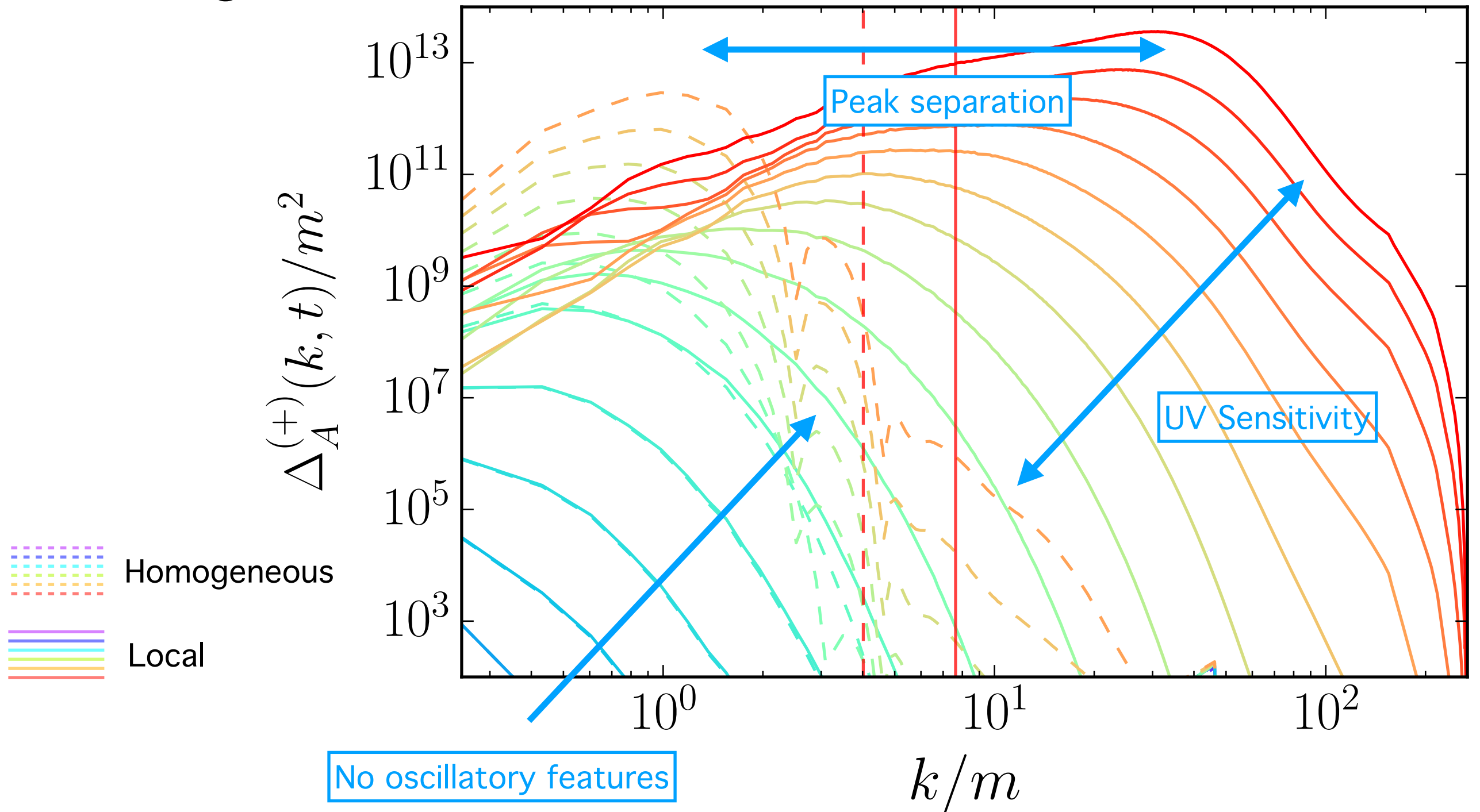
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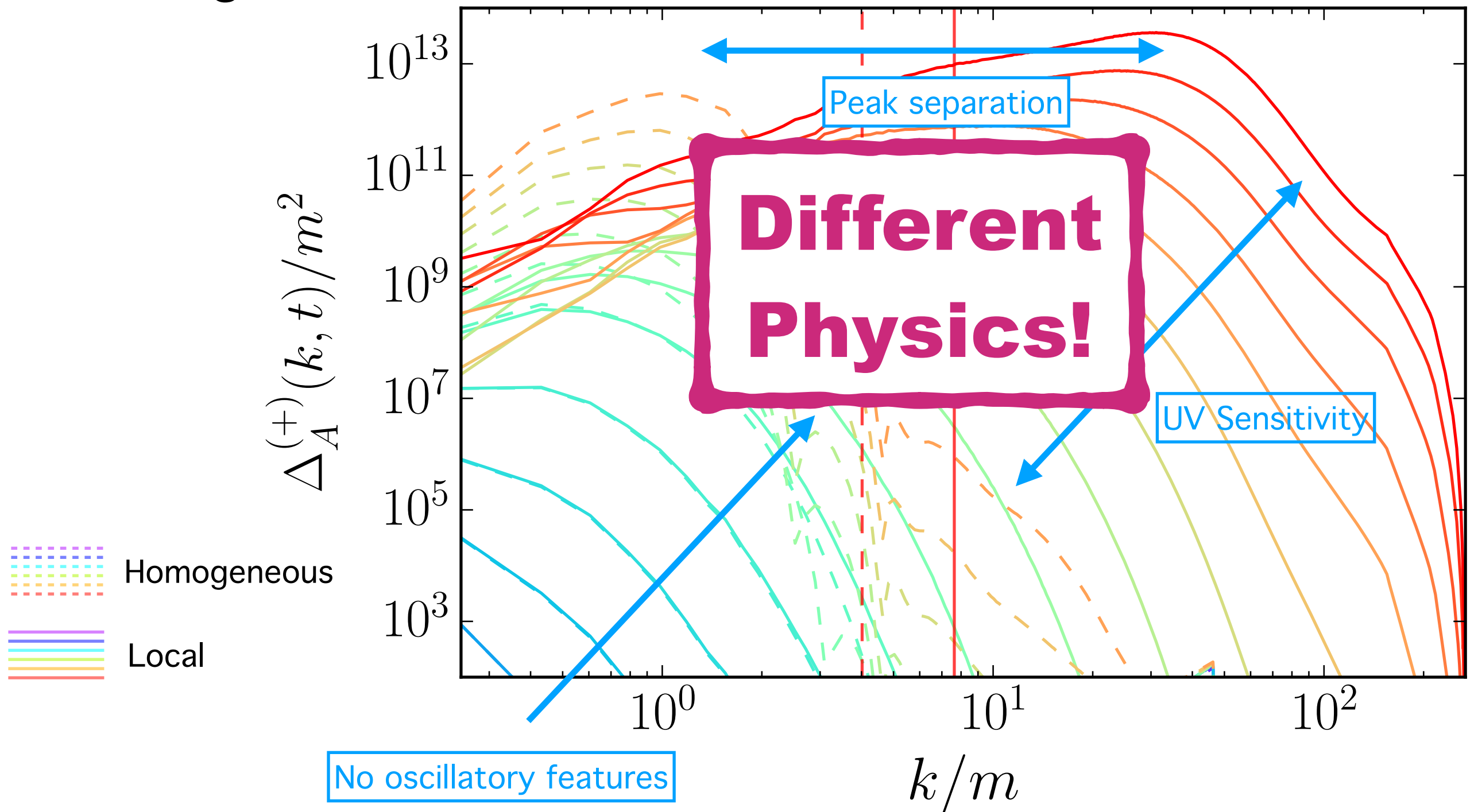
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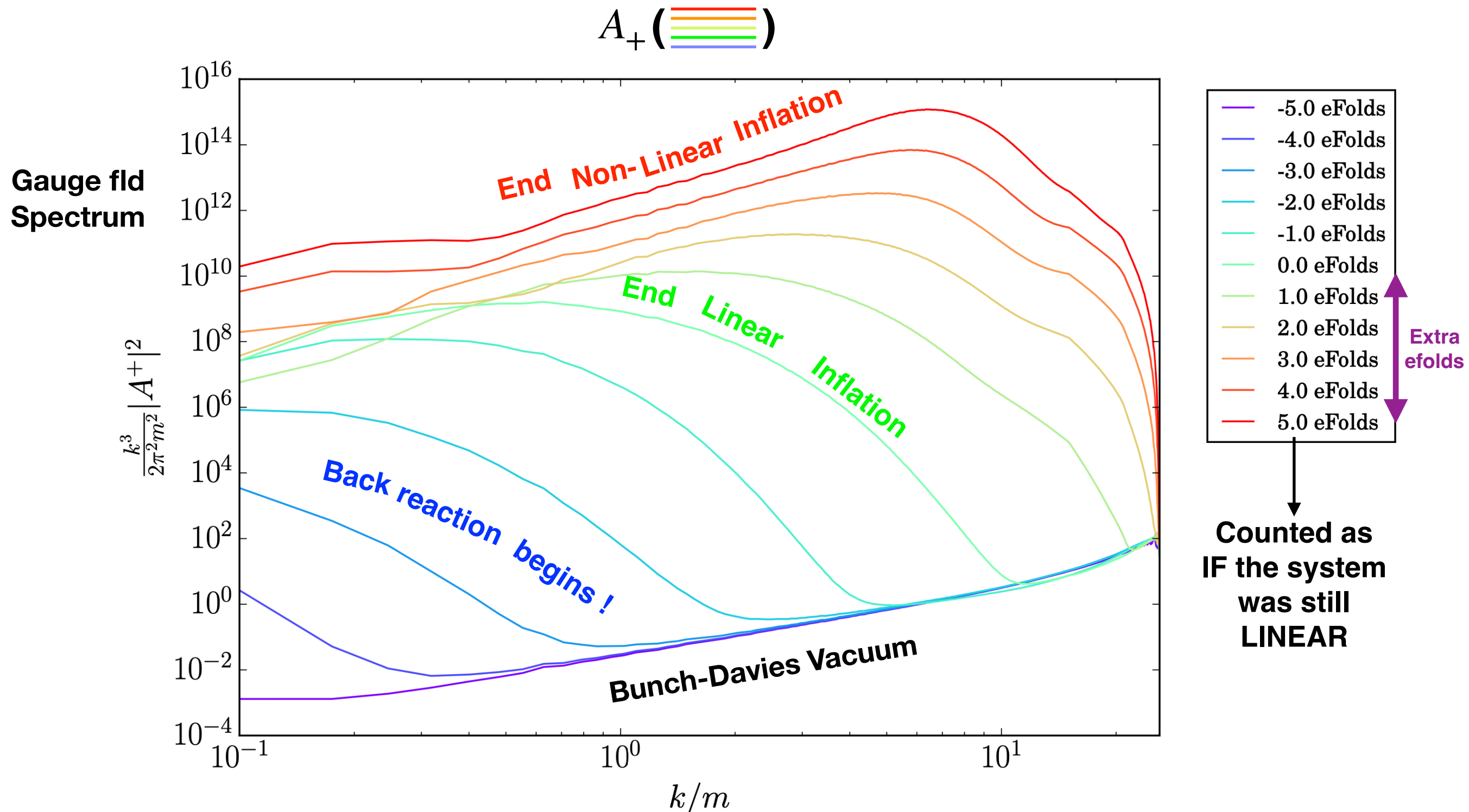
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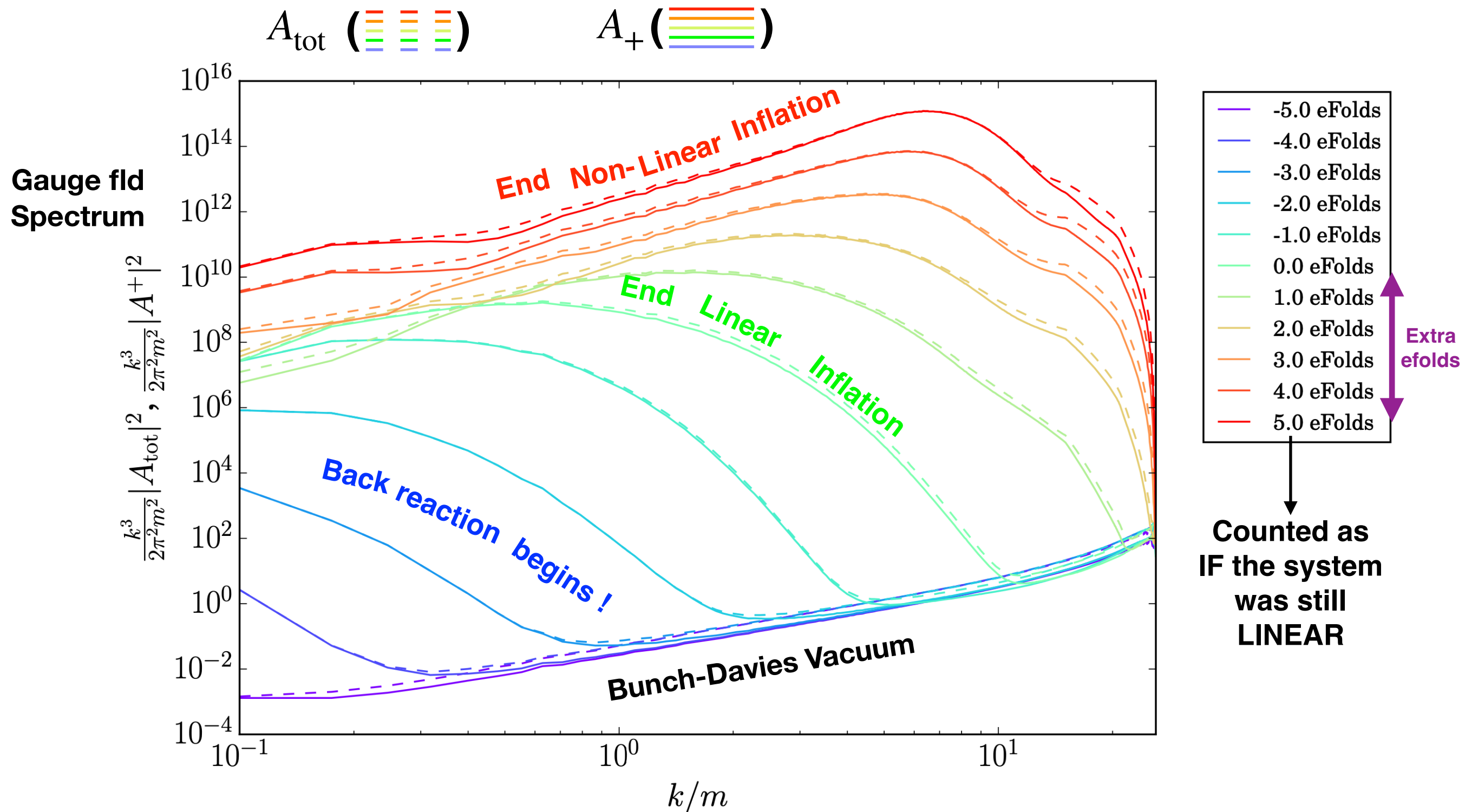


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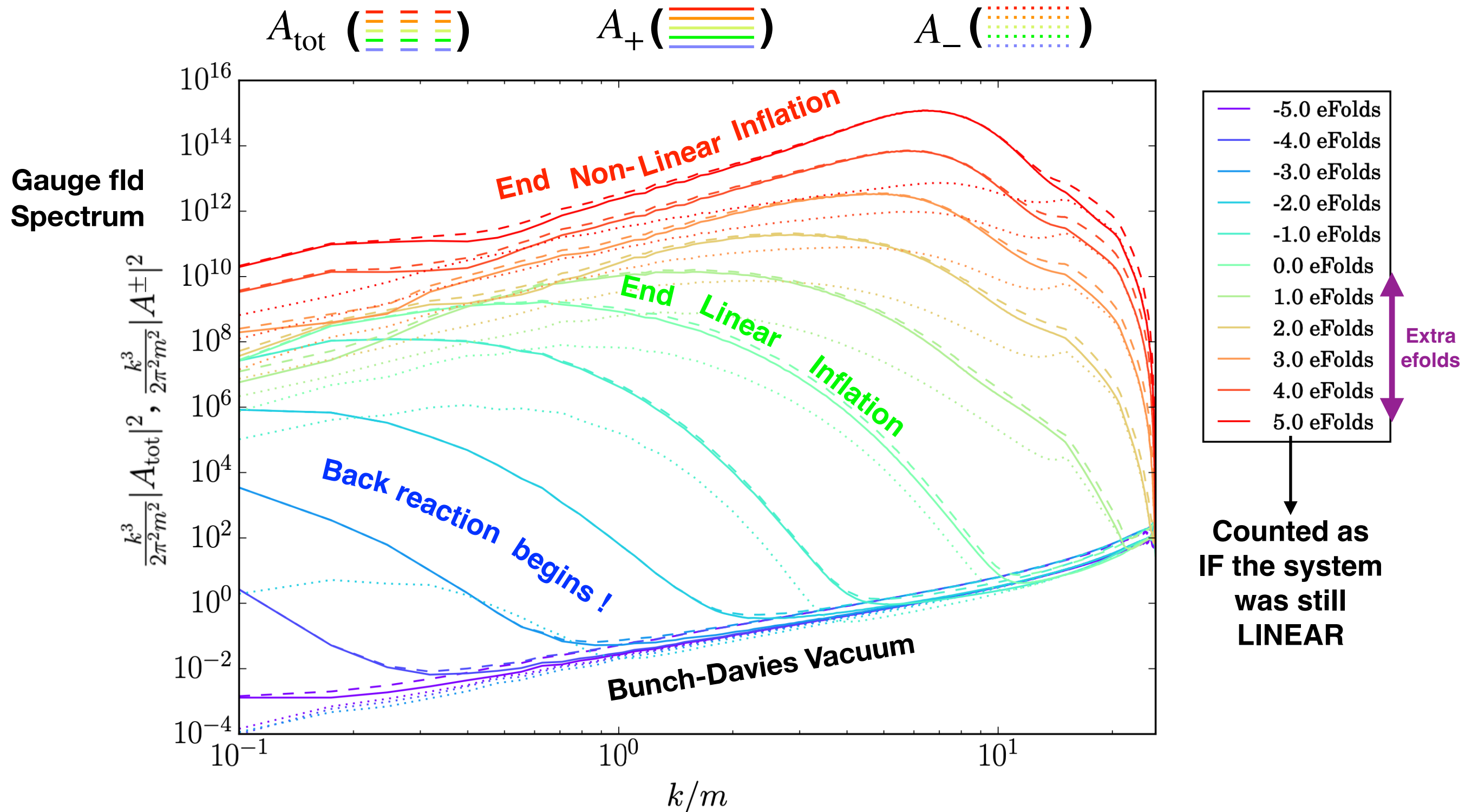
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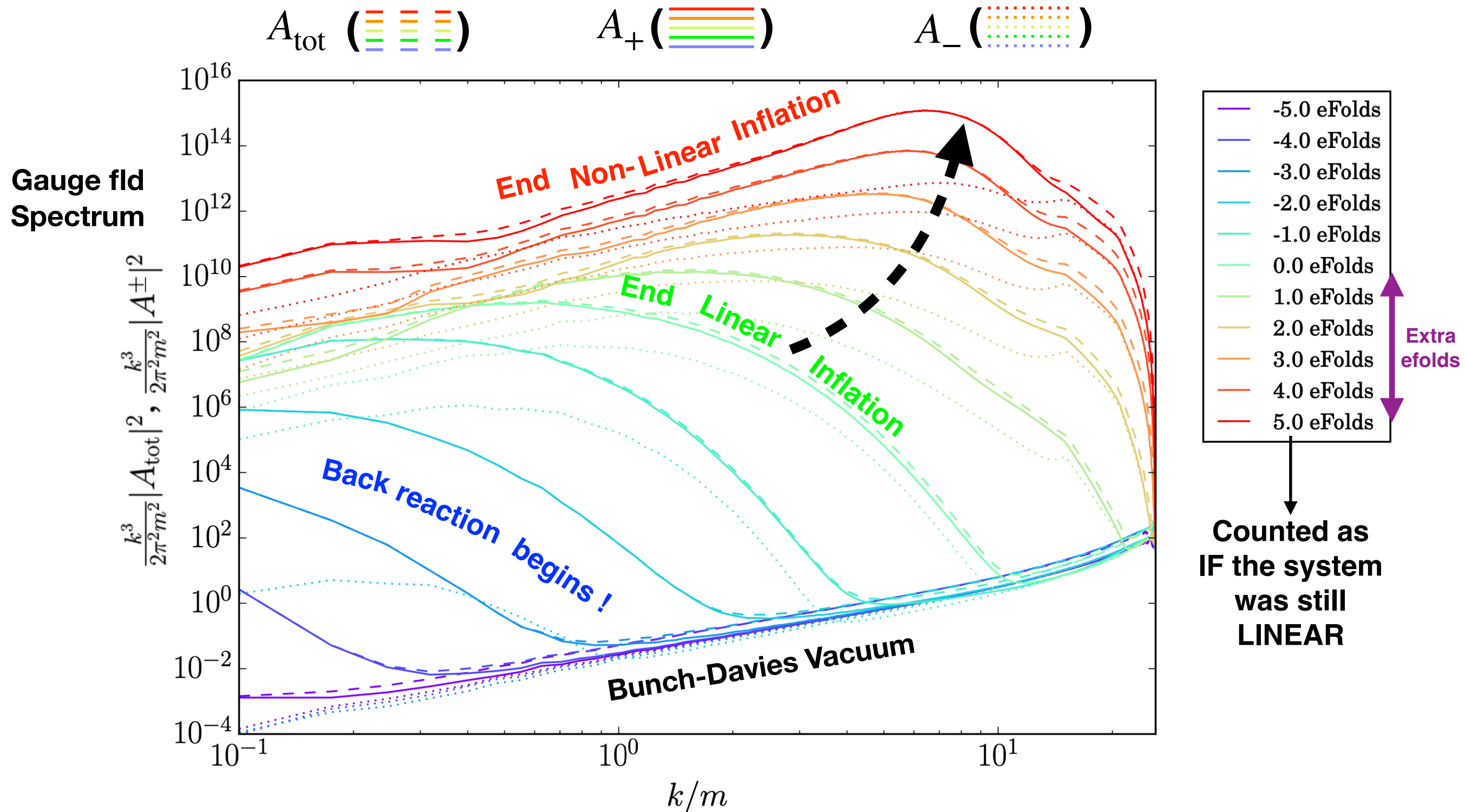
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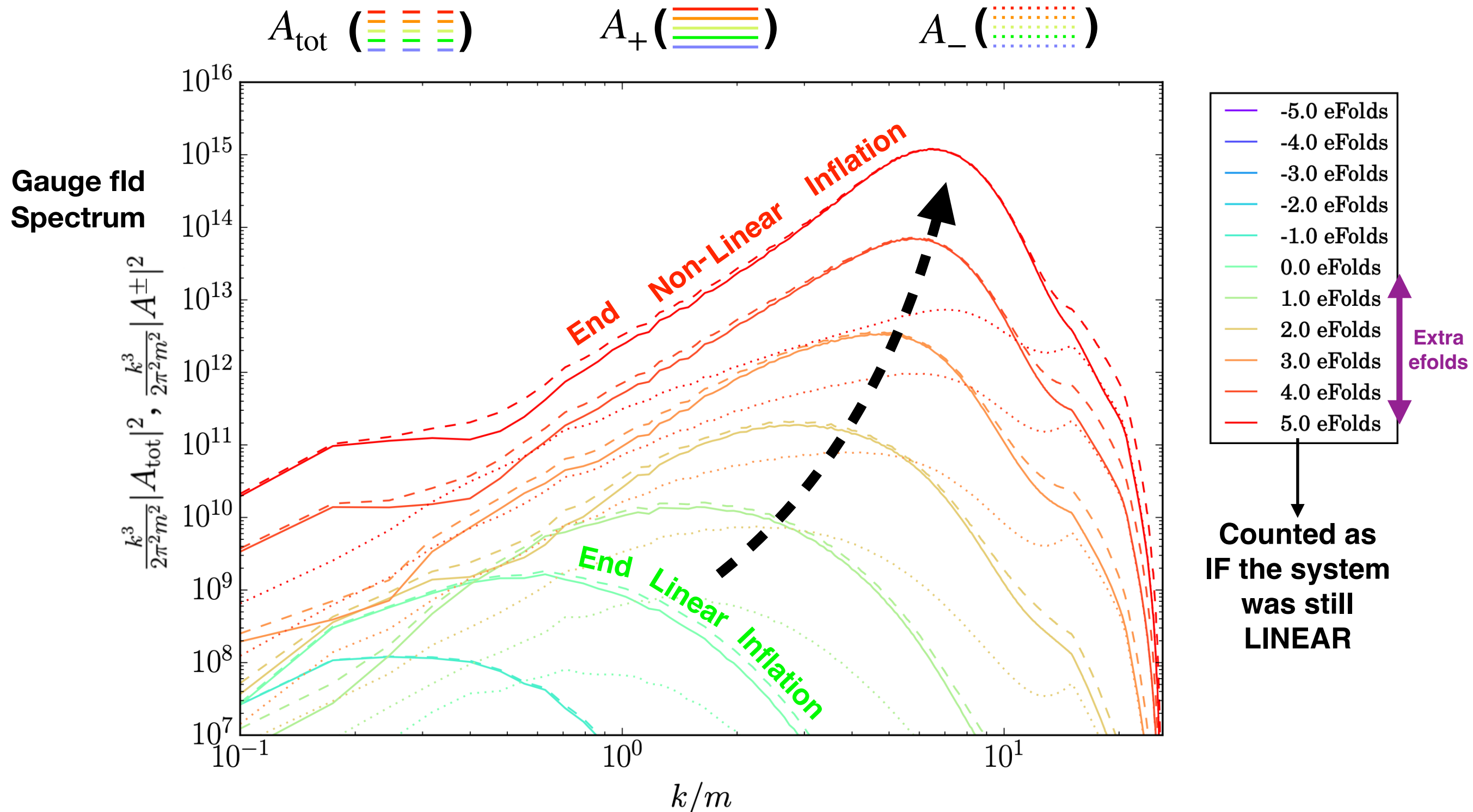
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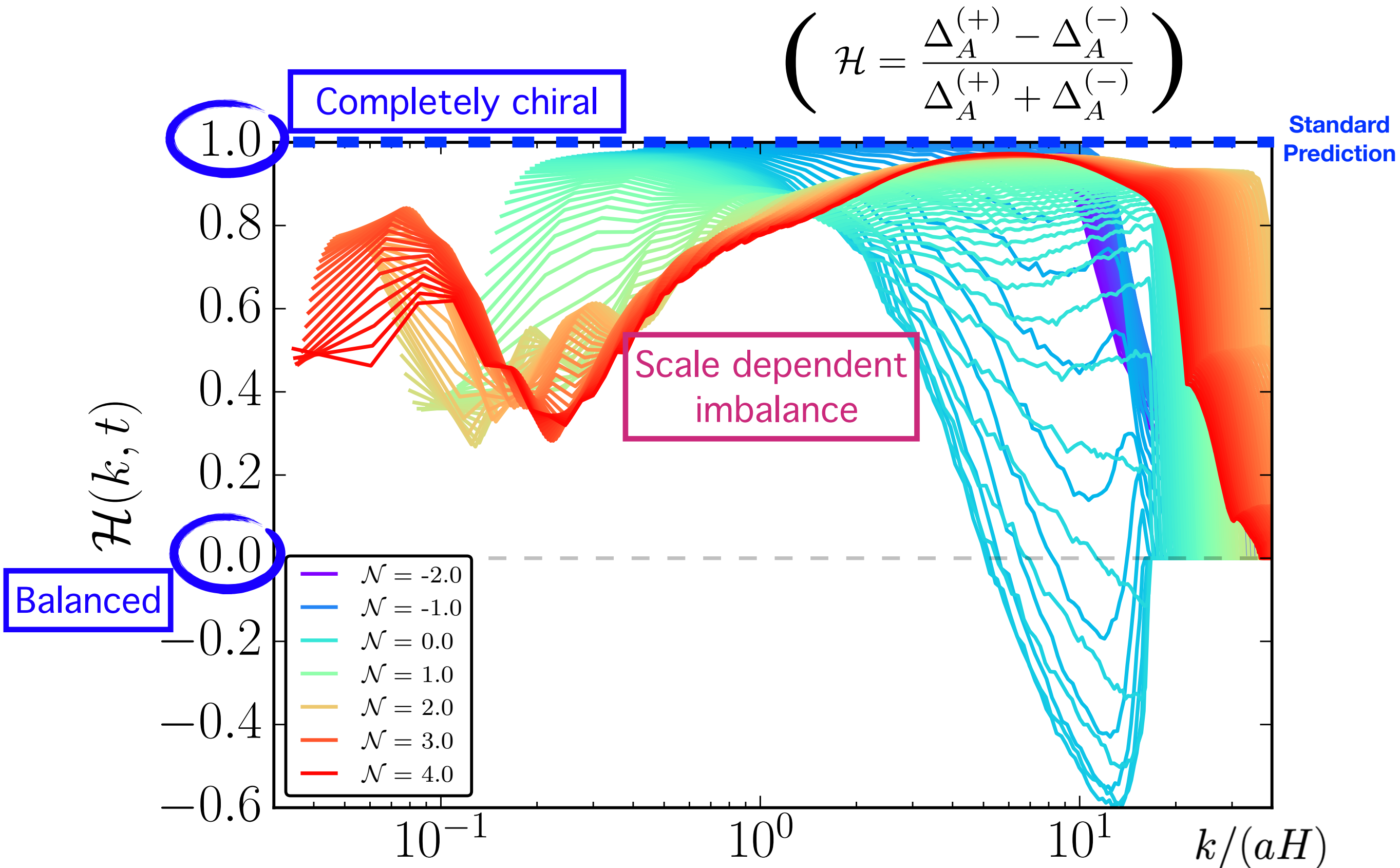
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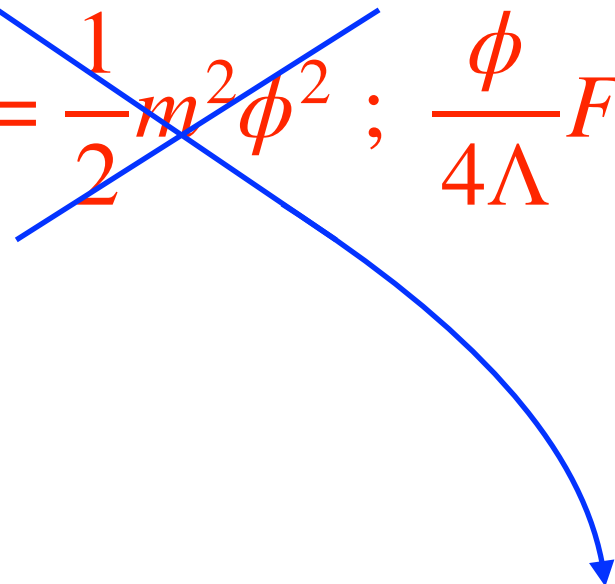
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Other Potentials

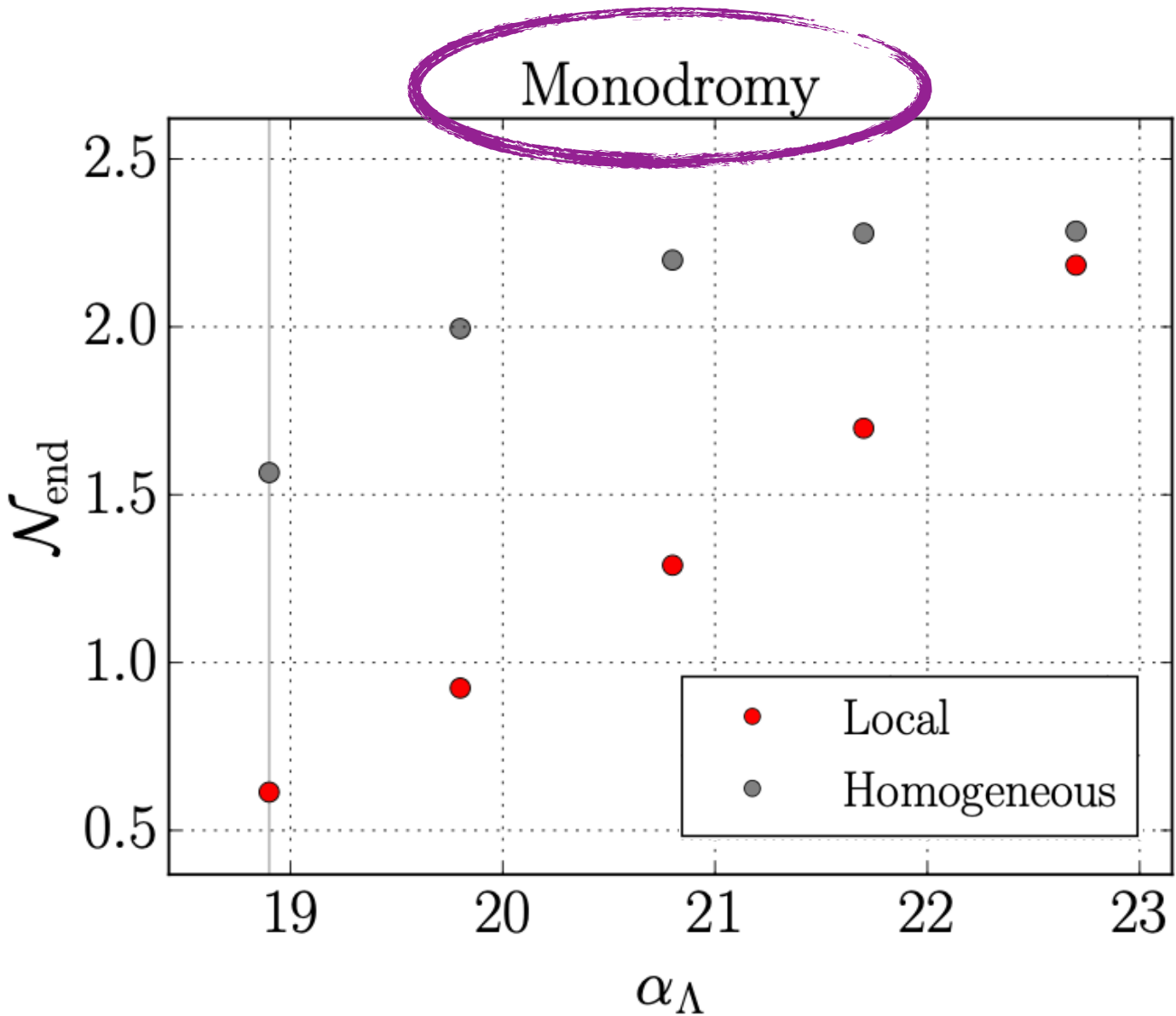
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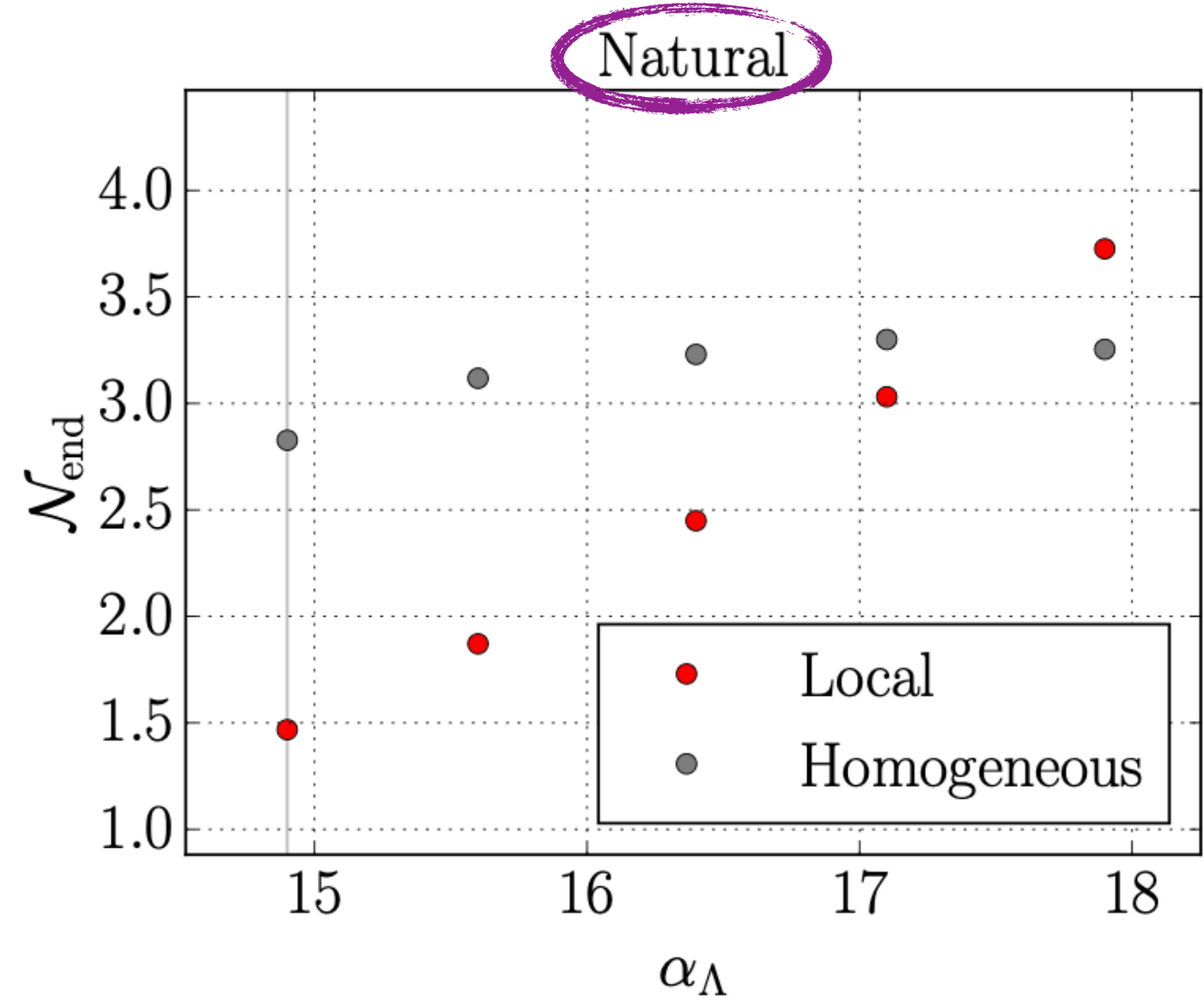
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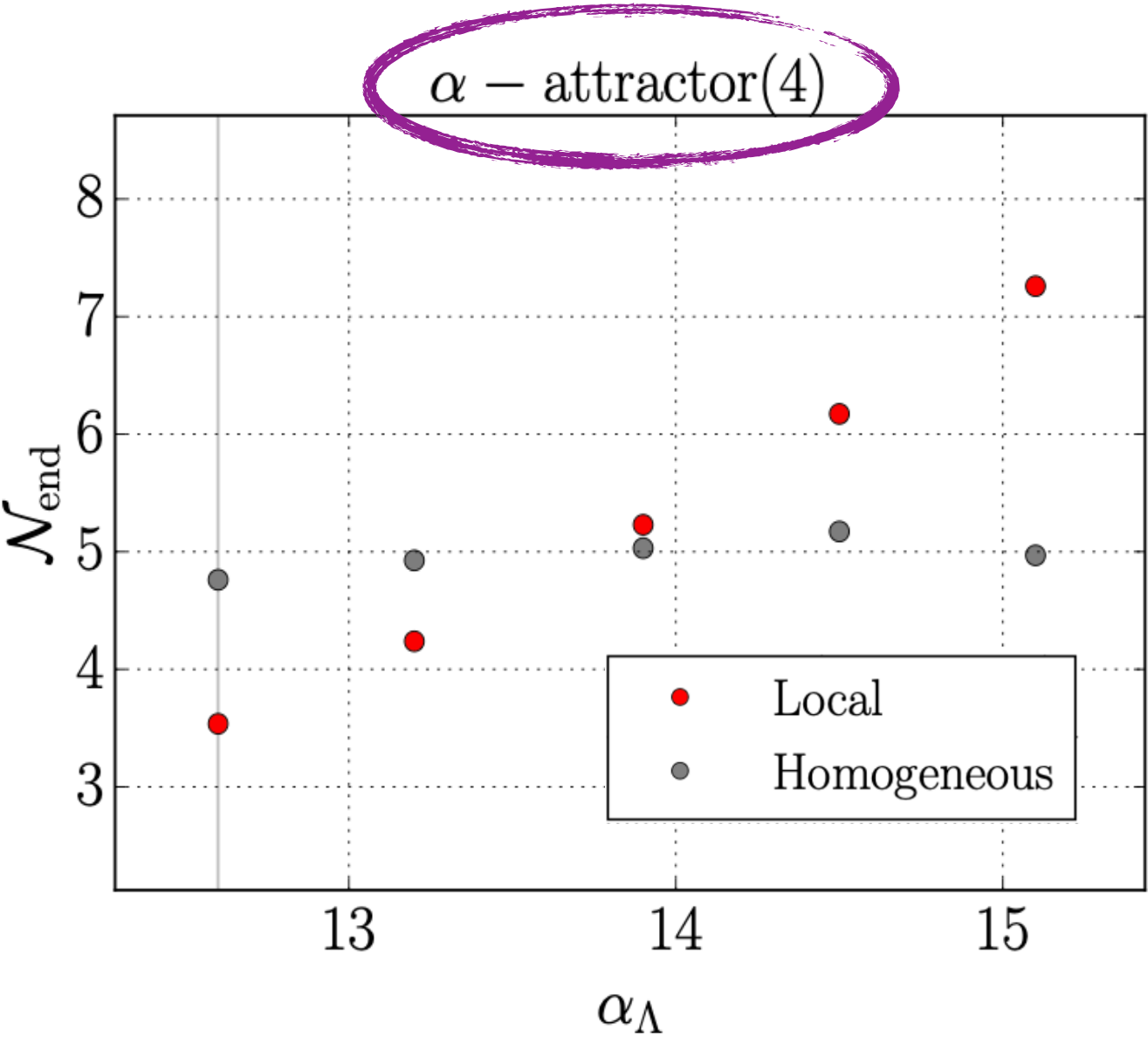
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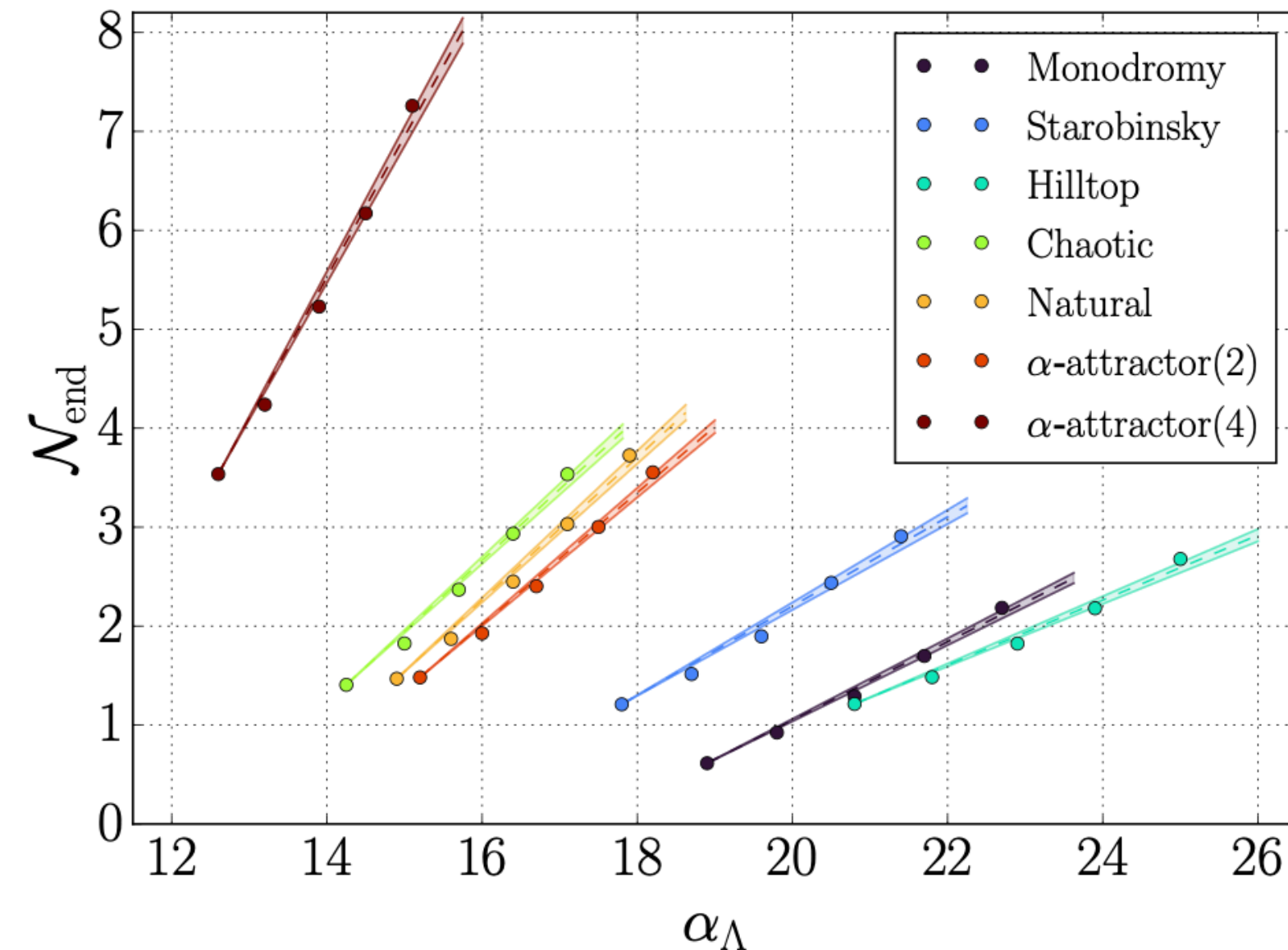
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**Almost ...
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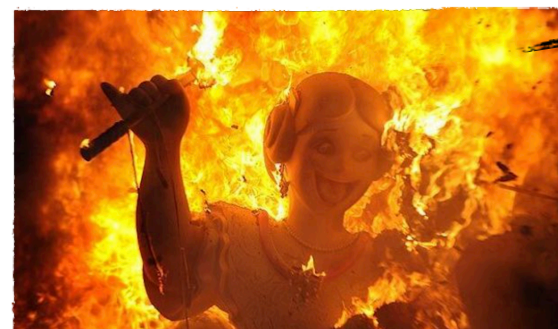
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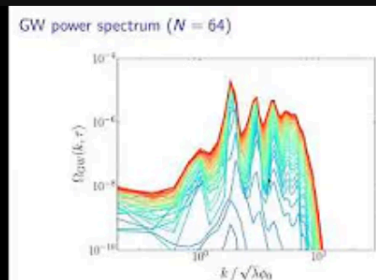


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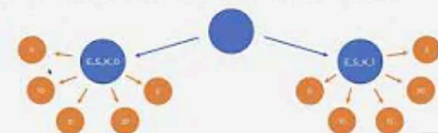
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Structure of HDF5 files in CosmoLattice

HDF5 files are structured in Groups and Datasets.

Example: The kinetic_energy_snapshot_scalar.h5 file of a simulation with two real scalar fields is structured as follows



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① SU(2) gauge fields:
 $S = -\frac{1}{4} \text{Tr} (F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_a \sum_{\mu < \nu} (F_{\mu\nu}^a)^2$
 $F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu - i g [A_\mu, A_\nu]$
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[SU(2) Scalar-Gauge Theory Lattice...

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Evolution of GWs modes
non-local operations are computationally expensive!

Solution: we define a set of unphysical tensor modes u 's

1) Evolve equation of motion of u 's

$$\ddot{u}_{ij} + 3H\dot{u}_{ij} - \frac{\nabla^2}{a^2} u_{ij} = \frac{2}{m_p^2 a^2} \Pi_{ij}$$

2) When needed, (compute power spectrum energy density) we apply transformation

$$h_{ij}(k, t) = \Lambda_{ij,kl}(k) u_{kl}(k, t)$$

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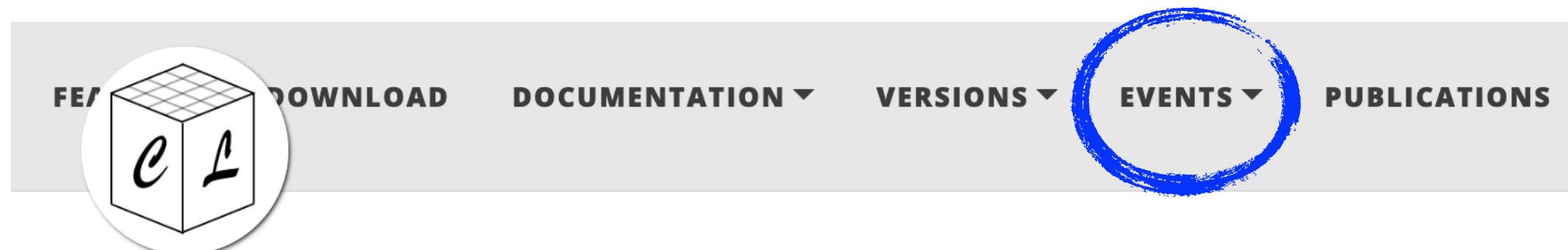
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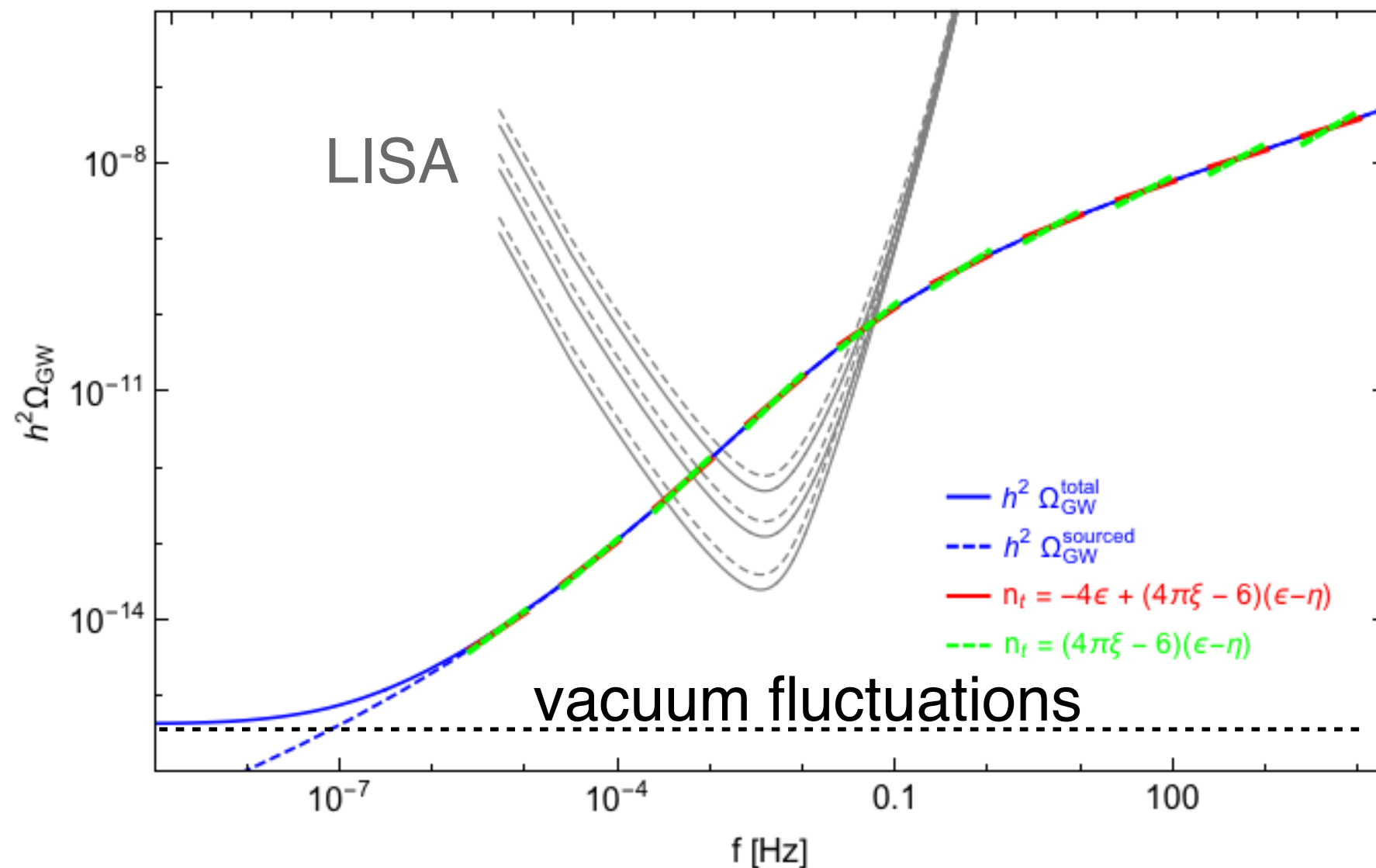
$$h_{ij}'' + 2\mathcal{H}h_{ij}' - \nabla^2 h_{ij} = 16\pi G \Pi_{ij}^{TT} \propto \{E_i E_j + B_i B_j\}^{TT}$$

well calculated ?

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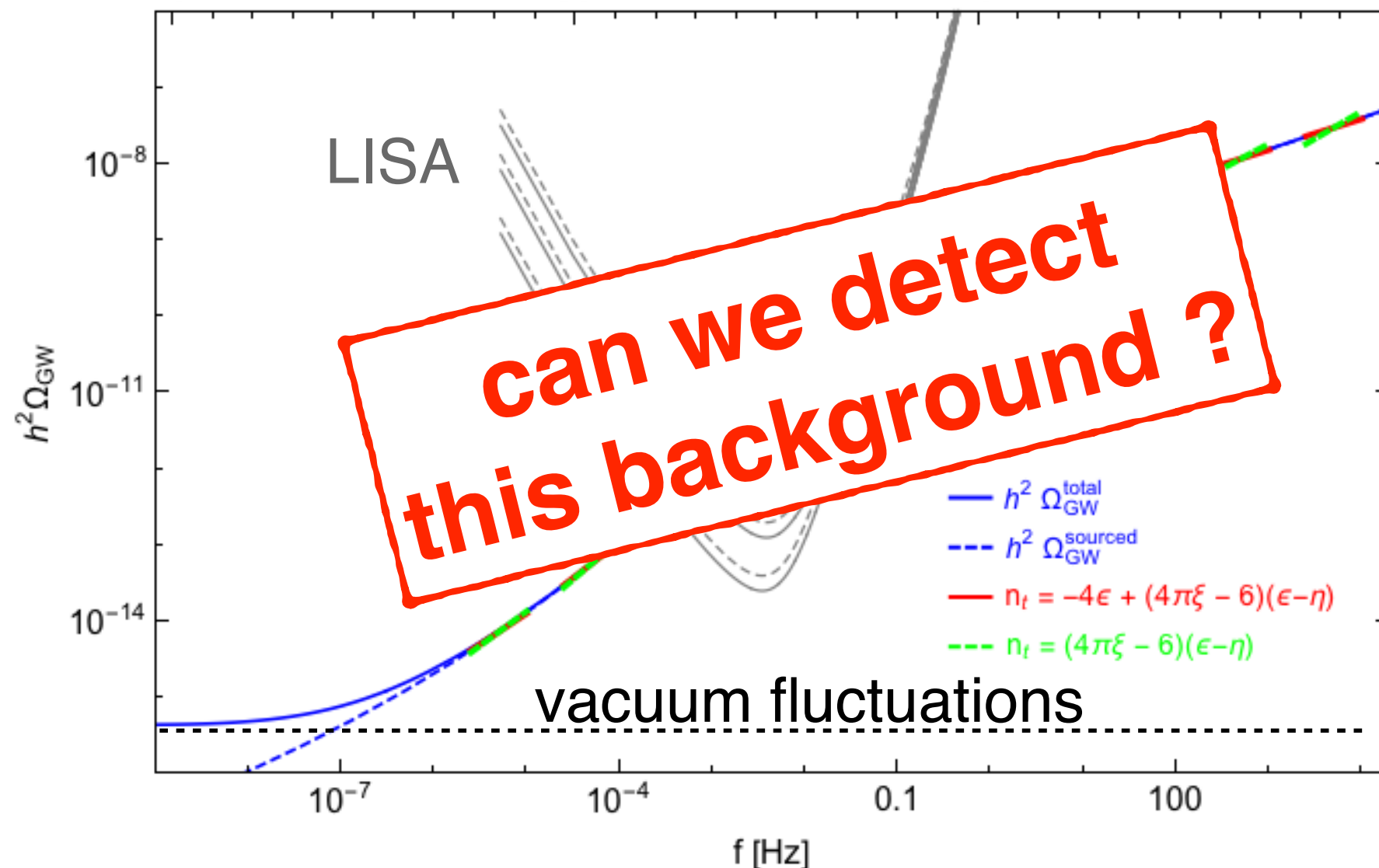


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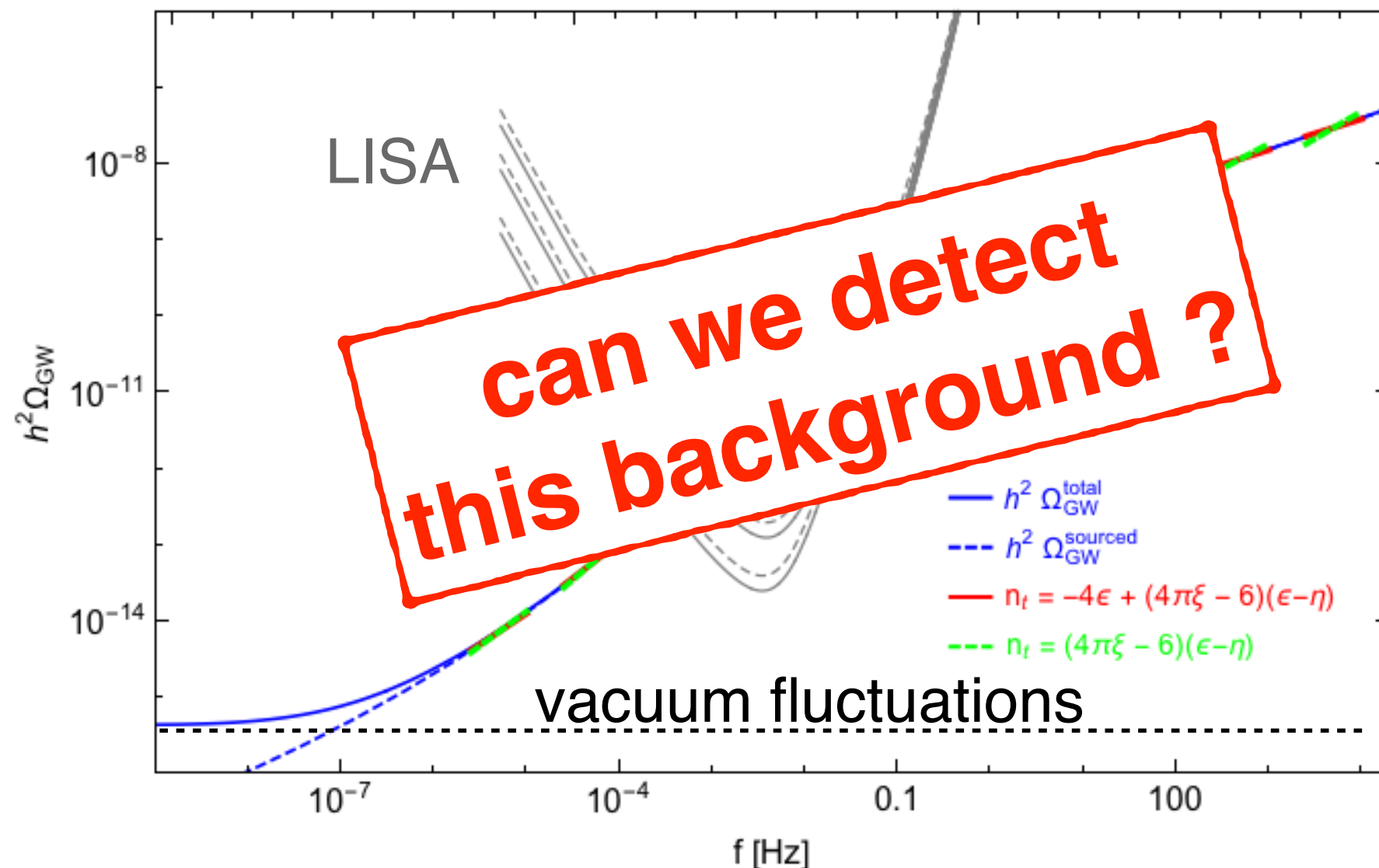


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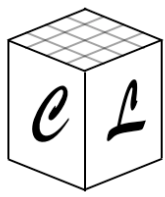
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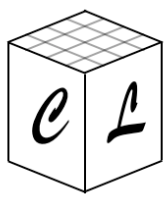
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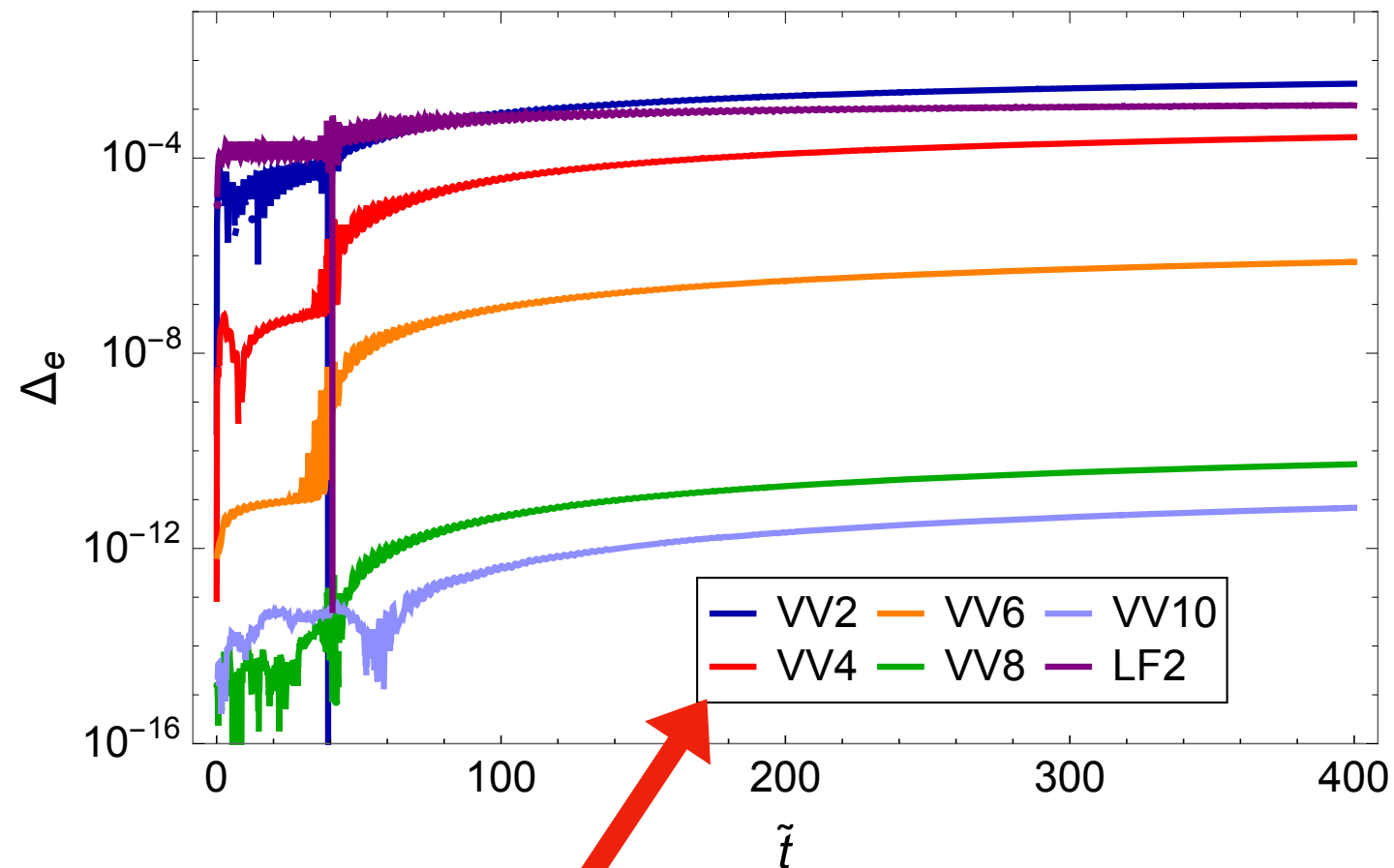
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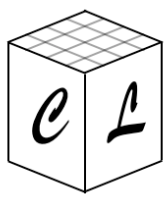
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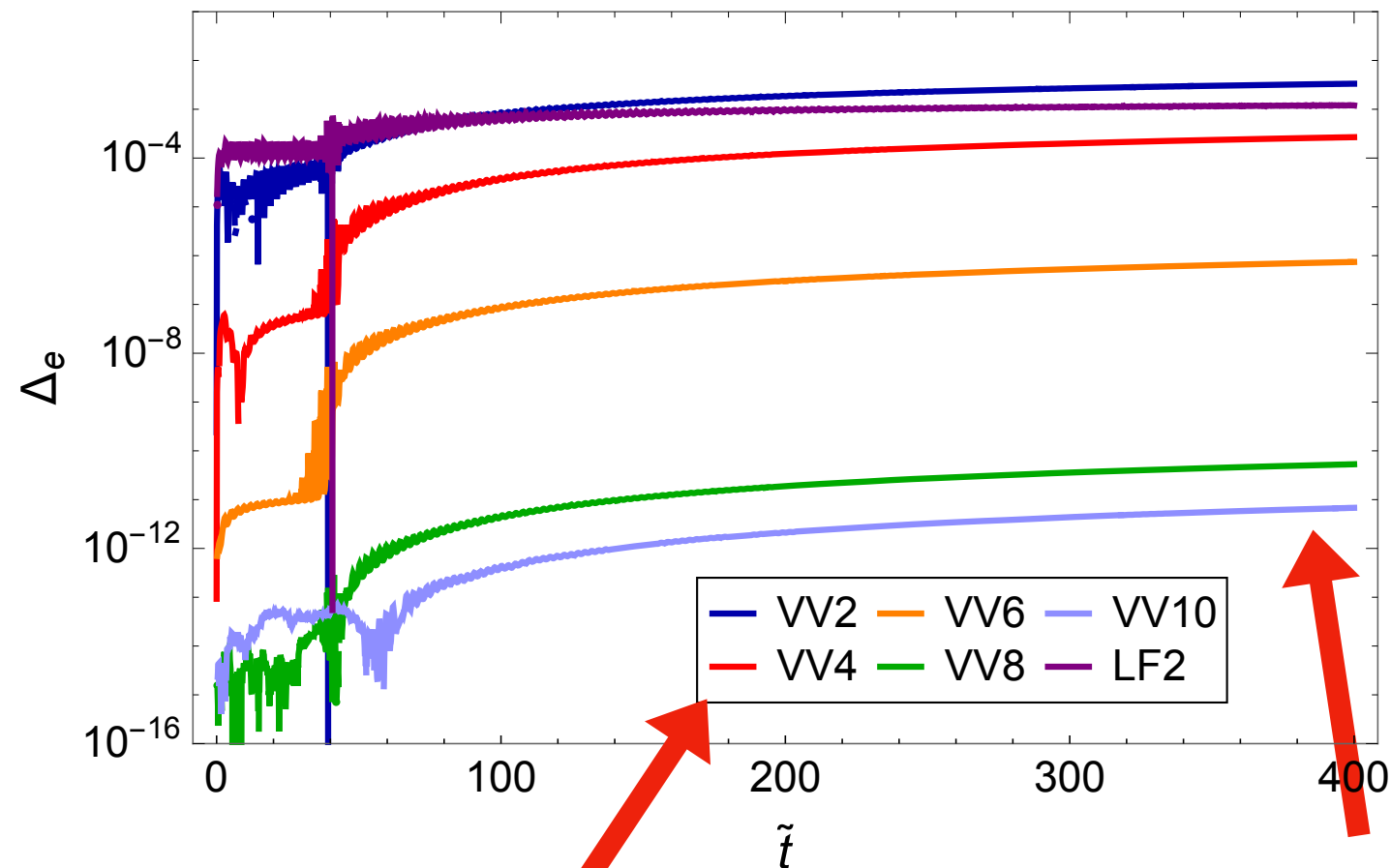
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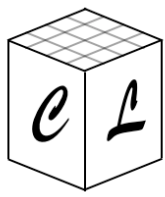
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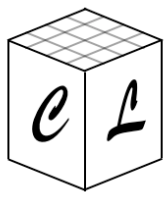
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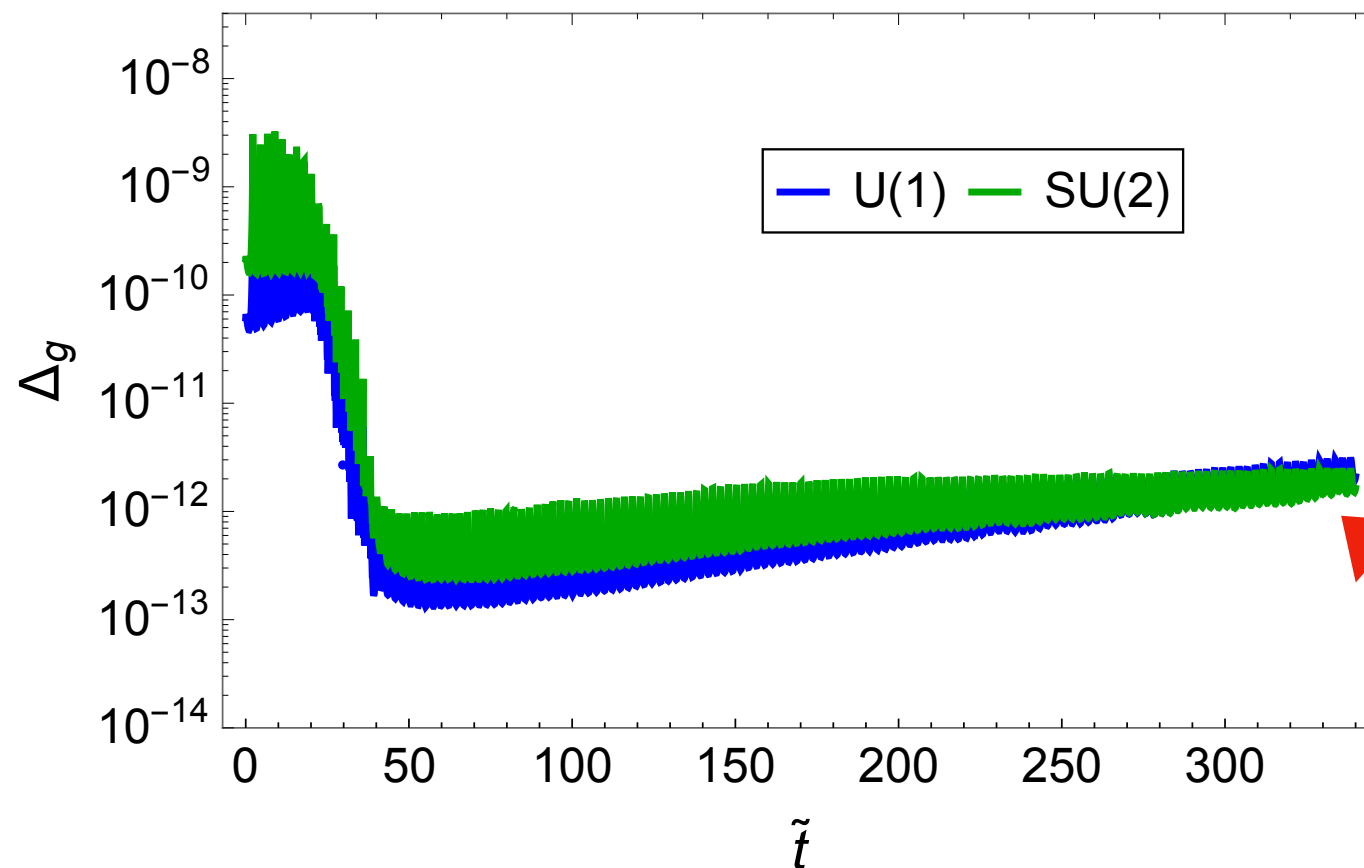
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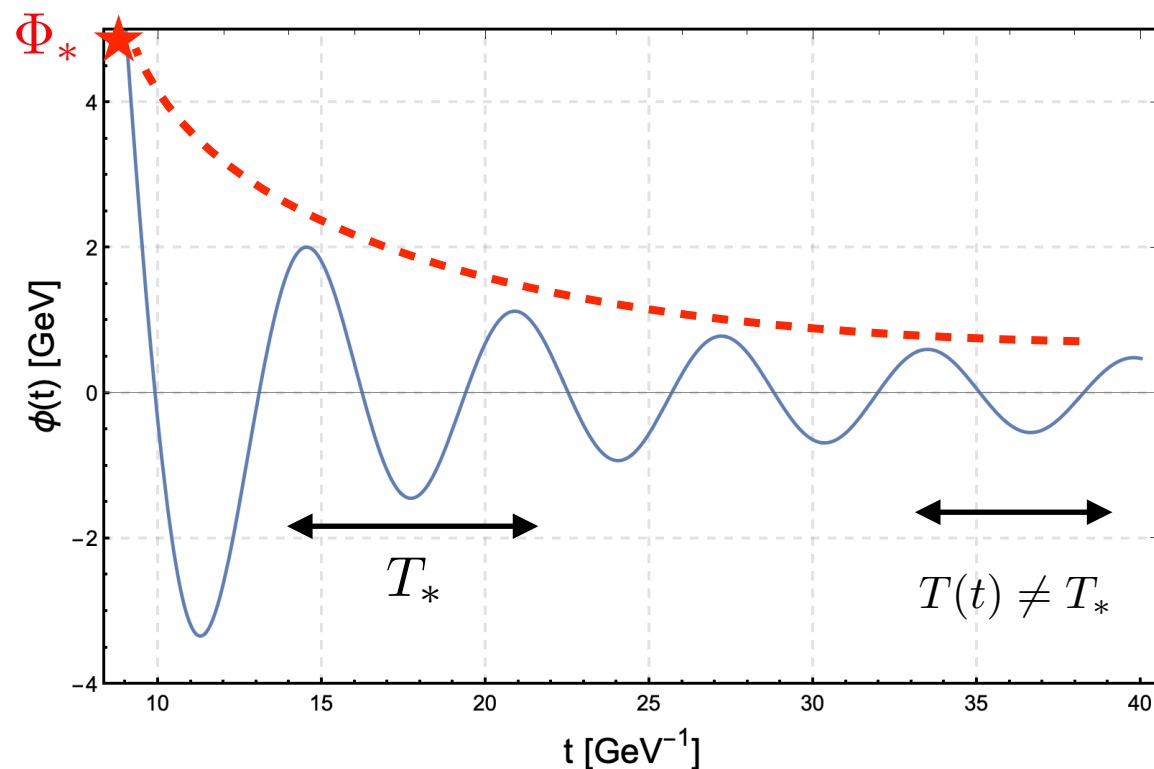
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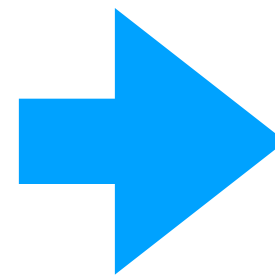
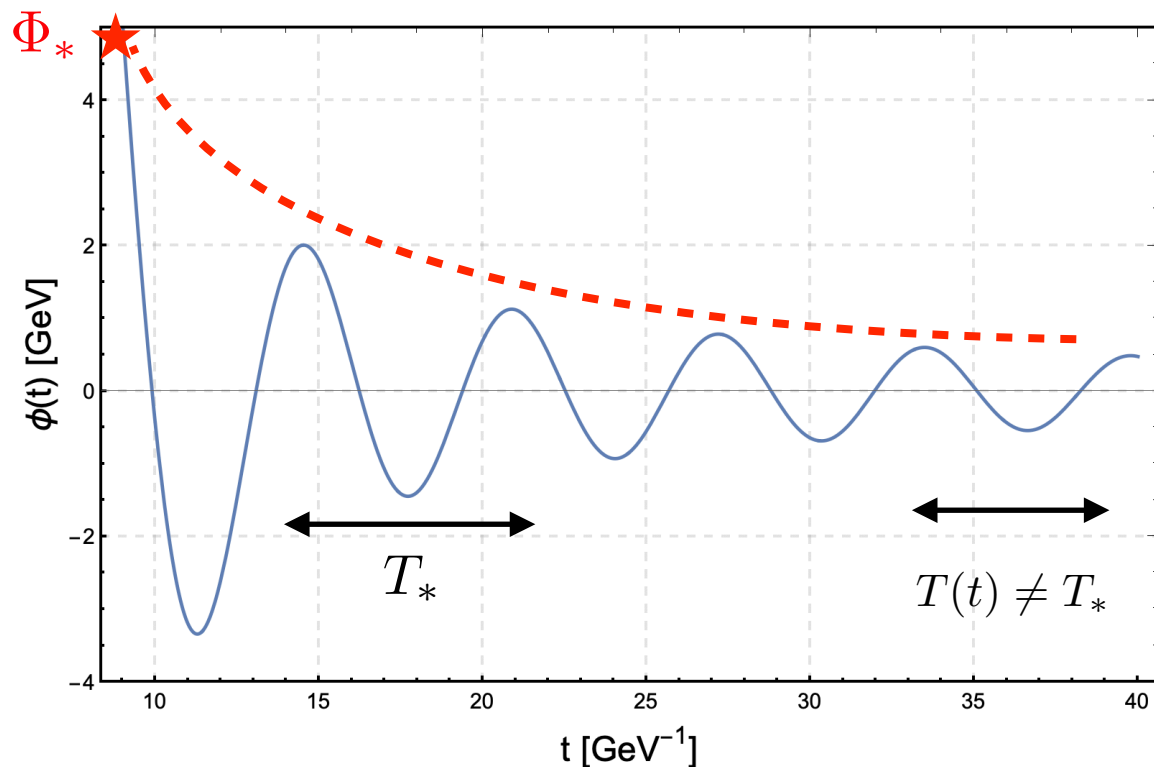
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$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} f_* &= \Phi_* \\ \omega_* &= 1/T_* \\ \alpha &\longrightarrow \text{Make period} \\ &\quad \text{constant in } \tilde{\eta} \end{aligned} \right.$$

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(no need to re-compile !)

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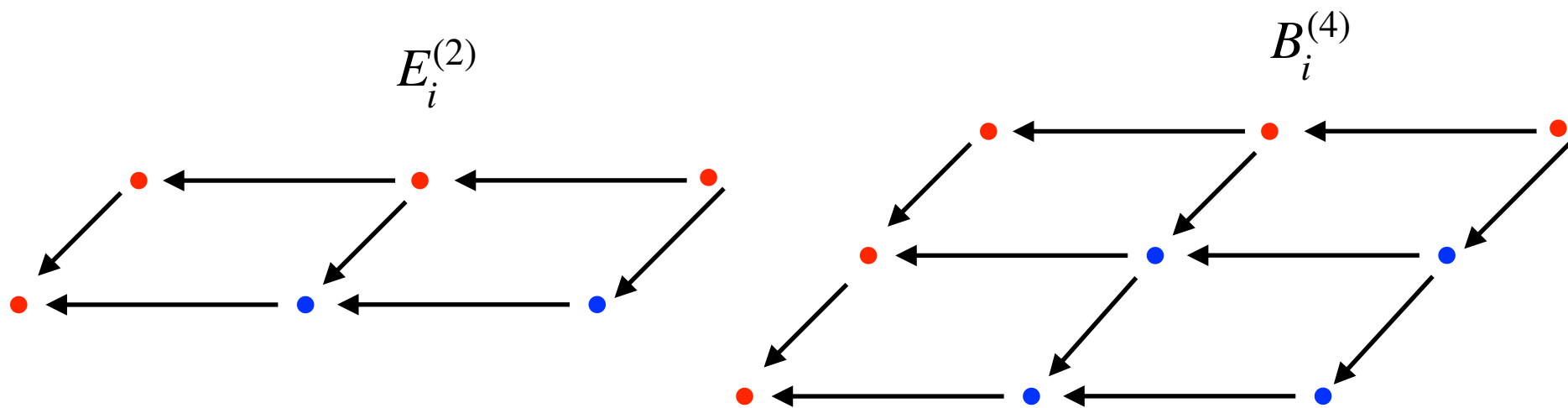
1 #Output
2 outputfile = ./
3
4 #Evolution
5 expansion = true
6 evolver = VV2
7
8 #Lattice
9 N = 32
10 dt = 0.01
11 KIR = 0.75
12 nBinsSpectra = 55
13
14 #Times
15 tOutputFreq = 0.1
16 tOutputInfreq = 1
17 tMax = 300
18
19 #IC
20 kCutOff = 1.75
21 initial_amplitudes = 7.42675e18 0 # homogeneous amplitudes in GeV
22 initial_momenta = -6.2969e30 0 # homogeneous amplitudes in GeV2
23
24 #Model Parameters
25 lambda = 9e-14
26 q = 100
    
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**Axion-inflation
extra stuff**

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PROBLEM: PNG, GW and PBH $\longrightarrow$ Analytical approximations !

Let's "latticeize" the system of EOM !



Lattice gauge
techniques

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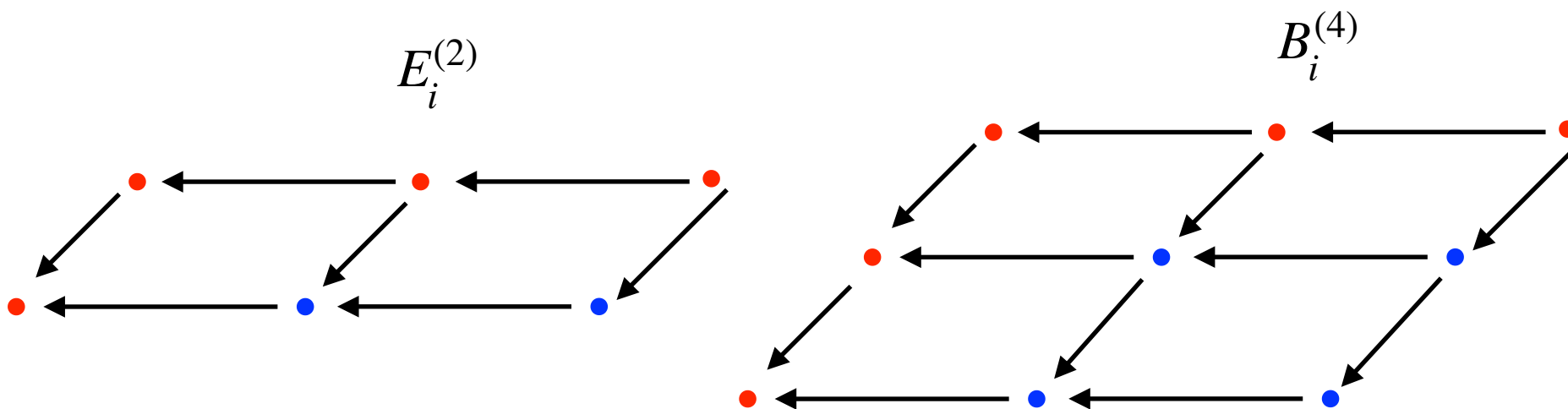
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2. Cont. Limit to $\mathcal{O}(dx^2)$
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Exact Shift Sym. on the lattice !

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LATTICE FORMULATION of $\phi F \tilde{F}$

EoM

**Inflaton
EoM**

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**Gauge
Fld
EoM**

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Lattice Formulation

EoM

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 &\quad + \frac{1}{\Lambda} \sum_i \frac{1}{2} E_{i,+\hat{0}/2}^{(2)} (B_i^{(4)} + B_{i,+\hat{0}}^{(4)}) , \\
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 &\quad + \frac{1}{8\Lambda} (2 + dx \Delta_i^+) \sum_{\pm} \sum_{j,k} \left\{ \epsilon_{ijk} [(\Delta_j^\pm \phi) E_{k,\pm j}^{(2)}]_{+\hat{0}/2} + [(\Delta_j^\pm \phi) E_{k,\pm j}^{(2)}]_{-\hat{0}} \right\} \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

Expansion

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left(\Delta_0^+ a_{-\hat{0}/2} \right)^2 &= \frac{a^2}{3m_{\text{pl}}^2} \rho_L , \\
 \Delta_0^- \Delta_0^+ a_{+\hat{0}/2} &= -\frac{a_{+\hat{0}/2}}{6m_{\text{pl}}^2} (\rho_L + 3p_L)_{+\hat{0}/2}
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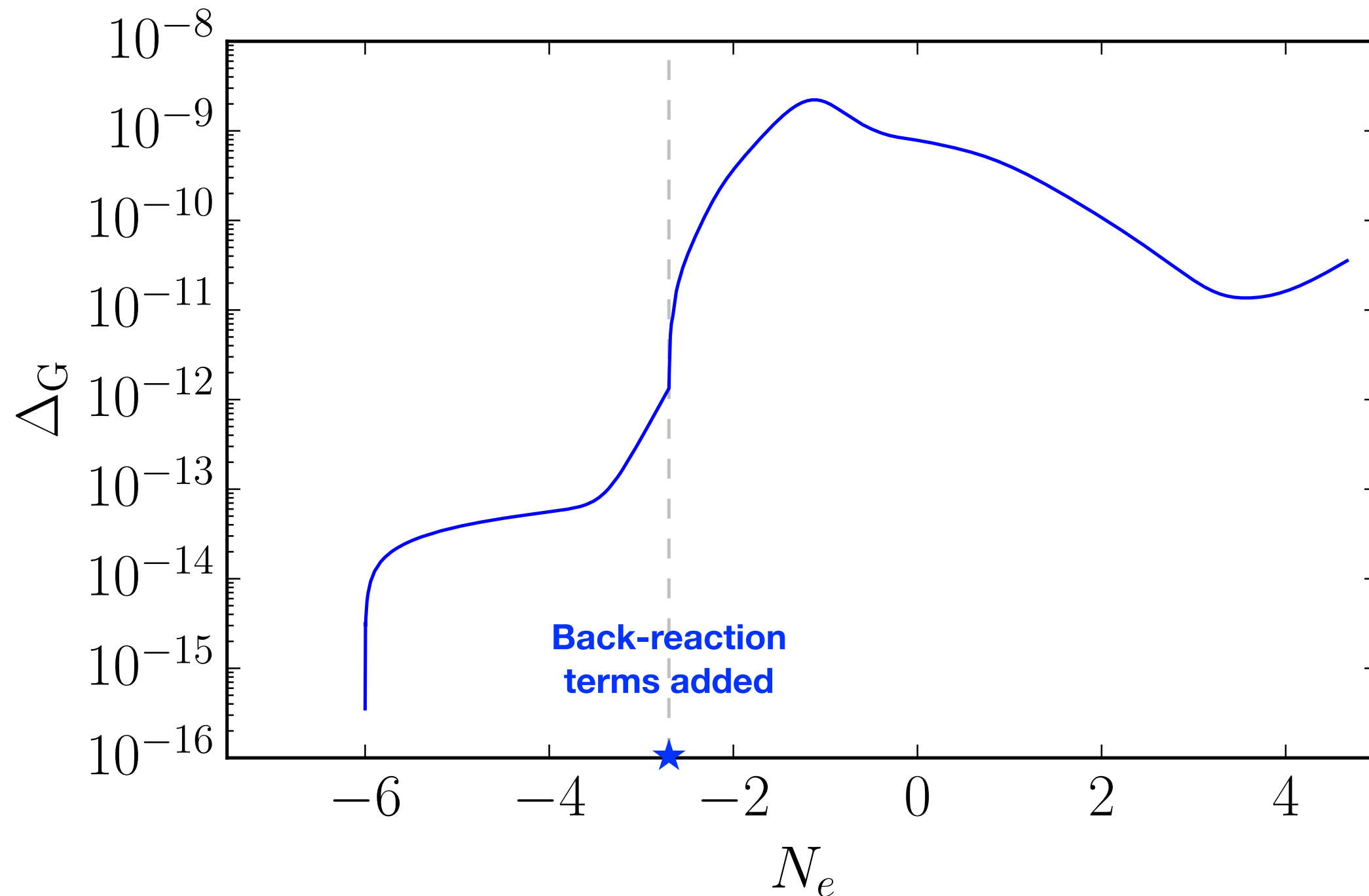
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$$\begin{aligned}\rho_L &= \bar{H}^{\text{kin}} + \frac{1}{a^2} \frac{1}{2} (\bar{H}_{-\hat{0}/2}^{\text{grad}} + \bar{H}_{+\hat{0}/2}^{\text{grad}}) + \frac{1}{2} (\bar{H}_{-\hat{0}/2}^{\text{pot}} + \bar{H}_{+\hat{0}/2}^{\text{pot}}) + \frac{1}{a^2} \frac{1}{2} (\bar{H}_{-\hat{0}/2}^E + \bar{H}_{+\hat{0}/2}^E) + \frac{1}{a^4} \bar{H}^B , \\ (\rho_L + 3p_L)_{+\hat{0}/2} &= 2(\bar{H}^{\text{kin}} + \bar{H}_{+\hat{0}}^{\text{kin}}) - 2\bar{H}_{+\hat{0}/2}^{\text{pot}} + \frac{2}{a_{+\hat{0}/2}^2} \bar{H}^E + \frac{1}{a_{+\hat{0}/2}^4} (\bar{H}^B + \bar{H}_{+\hat{0}}^B) ,\end{aligned}$$

$$\left(\begin{aligned} \bar{H}^{\text{kin}} &= \left\langle \frac{1}{N^3} \sum_{\vec{n}} \frac{\pi_\phi^2}{2} \right\rangle & \bar{H}^{\text{grad}} &= \left\langle \frac{1}{N^3} \sum_{\vec{n}} \frac{1}{2} \sum_i (\Delta_i^+ \phi_{+\hat{0}/2})^2 \right\rangle , & \bar{H}^{\text{pot}} &= \left\langle \frac{1}{N^3} \sum_{\vec{n}} \frac{1}{2} m^2 \phi_{+\hat{0}/2}^2 \right\rangle \\ \bar{H}^E &= \left\langle \frac{1}{N^3} \sum_{\vec{n}} \sum_i \frac{1}{2} E_{i,+\hat{0}/2}^2 \right\rangle & \bar{H}^B &= \left\langle \frac{1}{N^3} \sum_{\vec{n}} \sum_{i,j} \frac{1}{4} (\Delta_i^+ A_j - \Delta_j^+ A_i)^2 \right\rangle \end{aligned} \right)$$

Gauss Constraint

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Hubble Constraint

$$\pi_a^2 = \frac{a^2}{3m_{pl}^2} (K_\phi + G_\phi + V + K_A + G_A) \quad ; \quad \pi_a \equiv \dot{a}$$

