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# Primordial Black Holes from Vacuum Bubbles

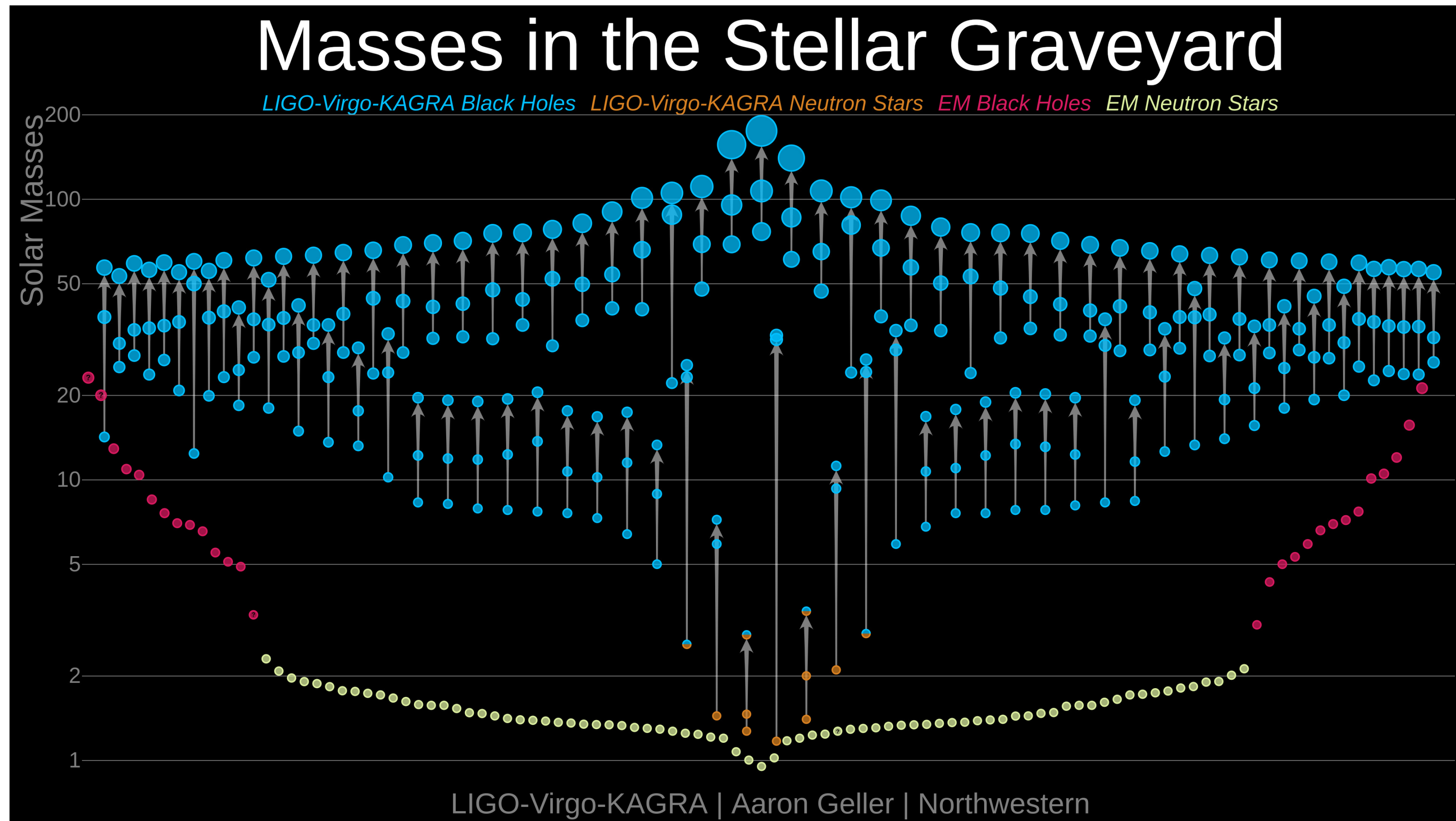
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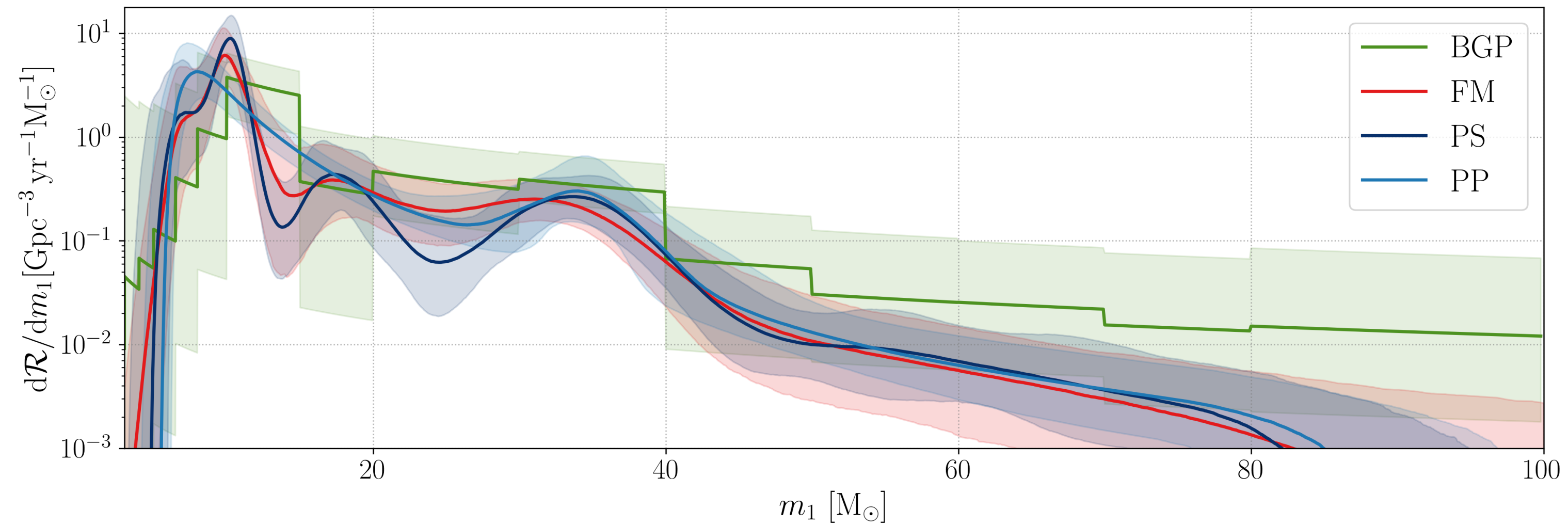
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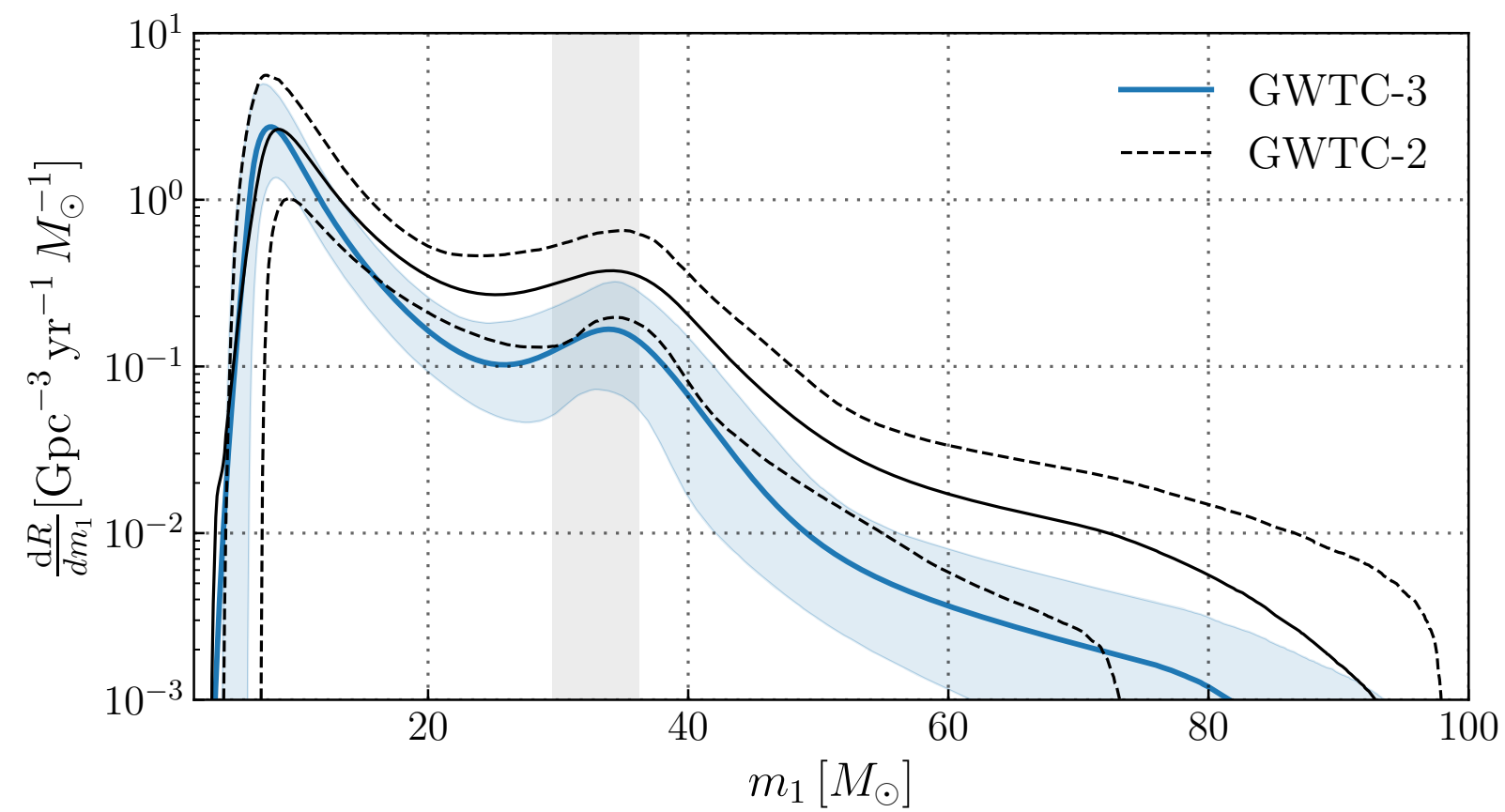
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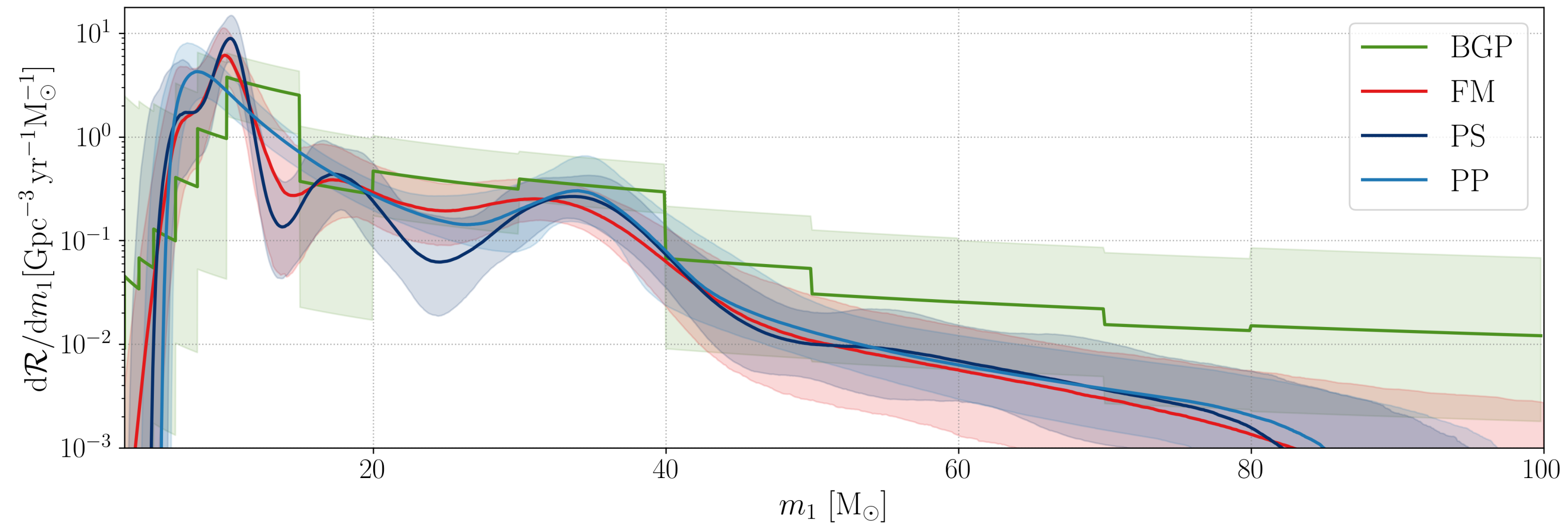
## Power Law + Peak



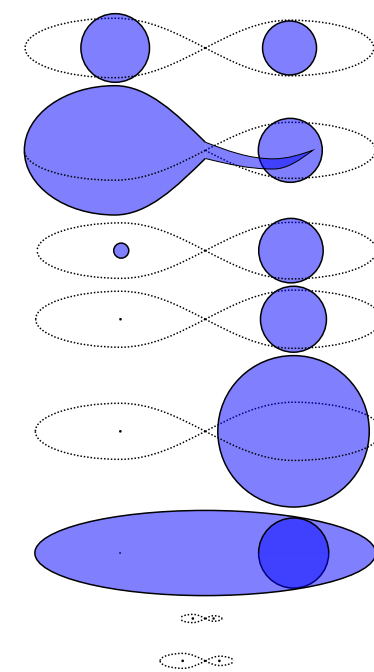
- Two peaks:  $\sim 10 M_\odot$   $\sim 35 M_\odot$
- Monotonic decrease for  $m > 50 M_\odot$
- Inconclusive evidence for upper mass gap

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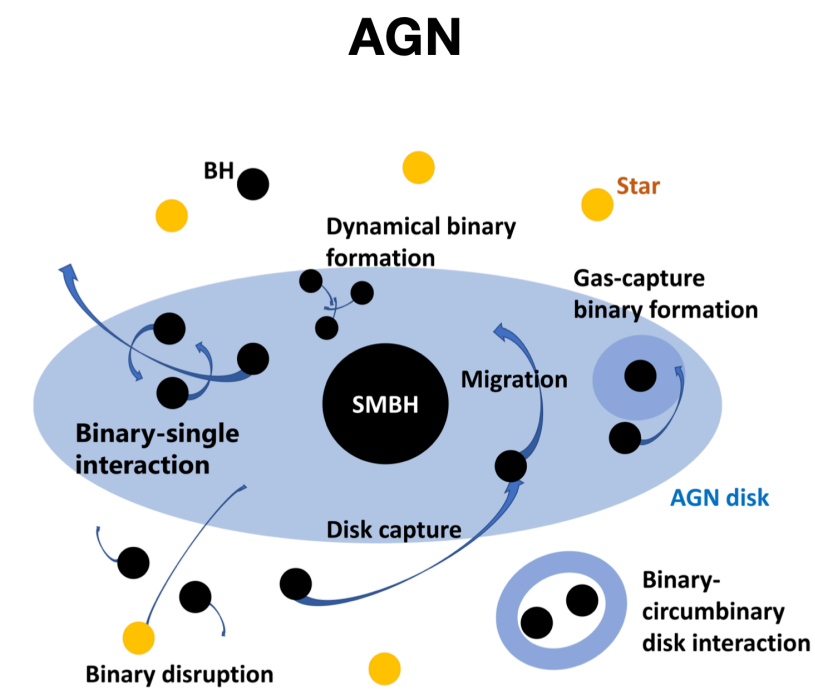
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## Astrophysical origin



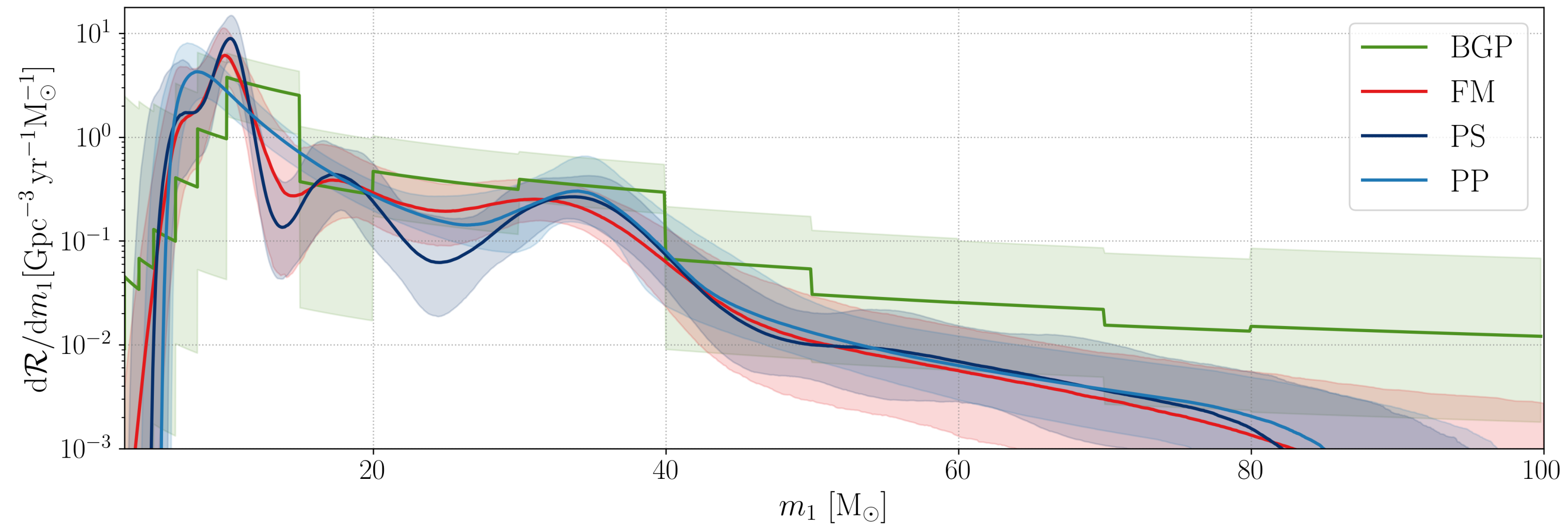
[Stevenson+, (2017)]



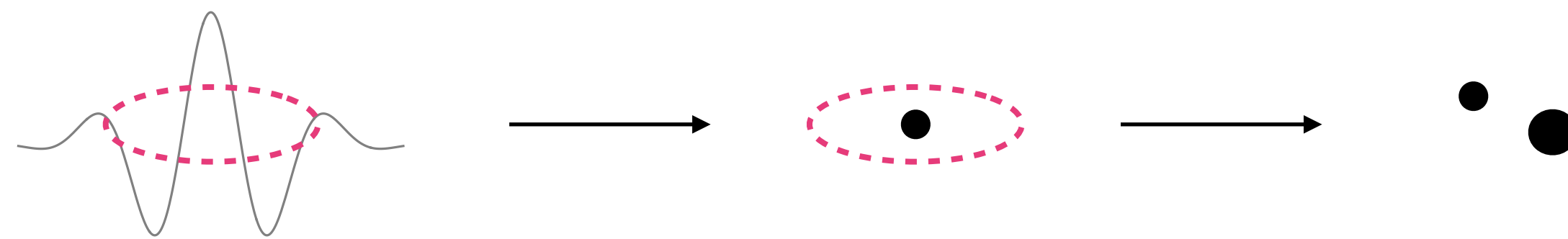
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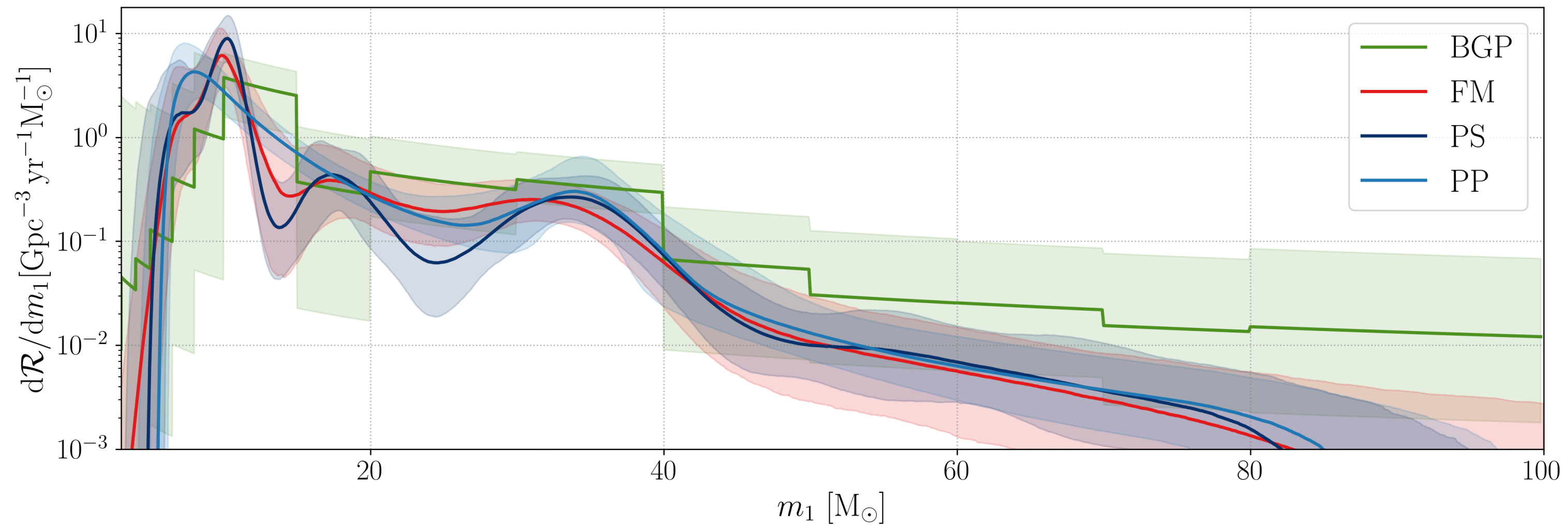


Primordial origin



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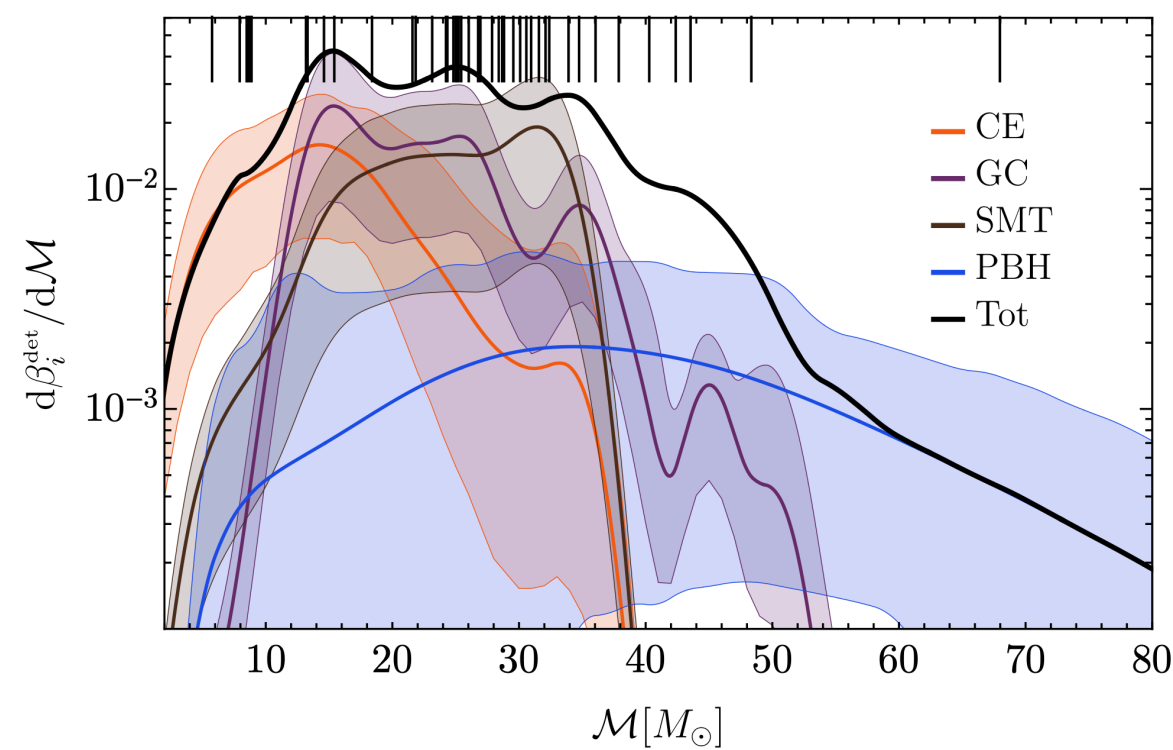
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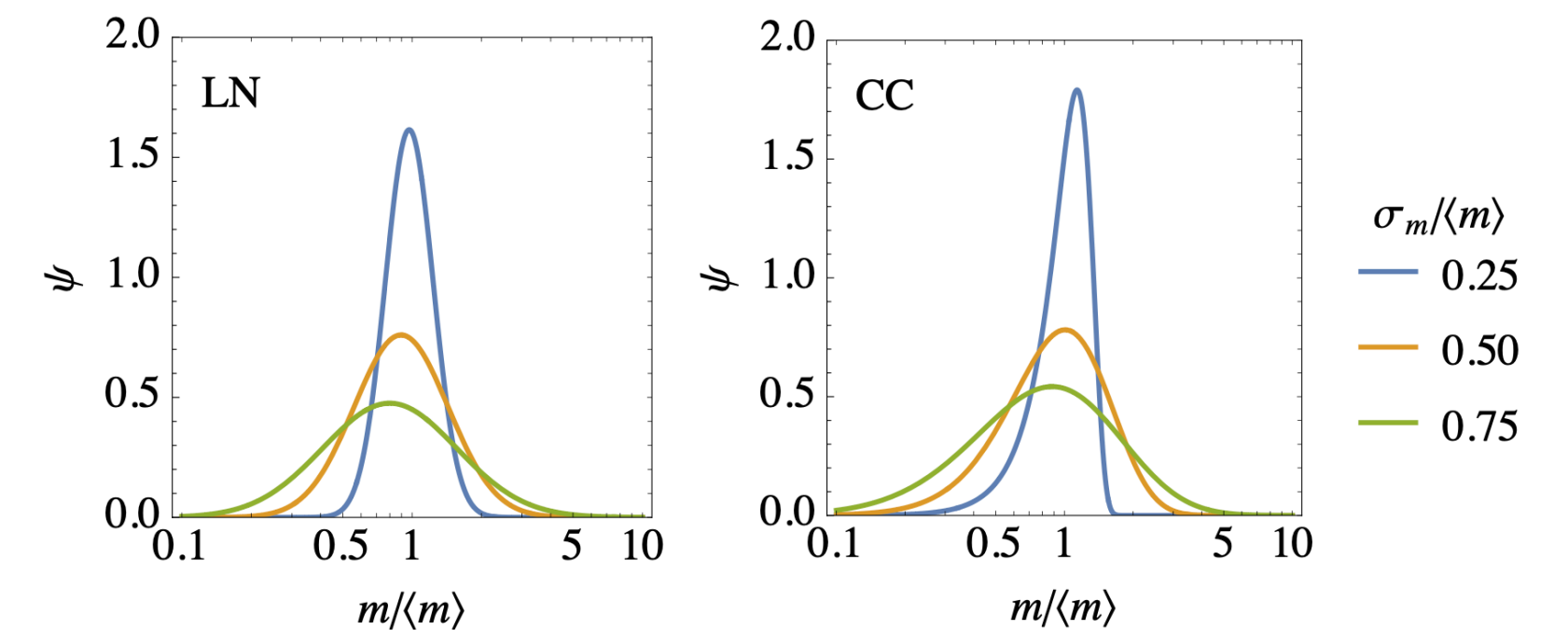
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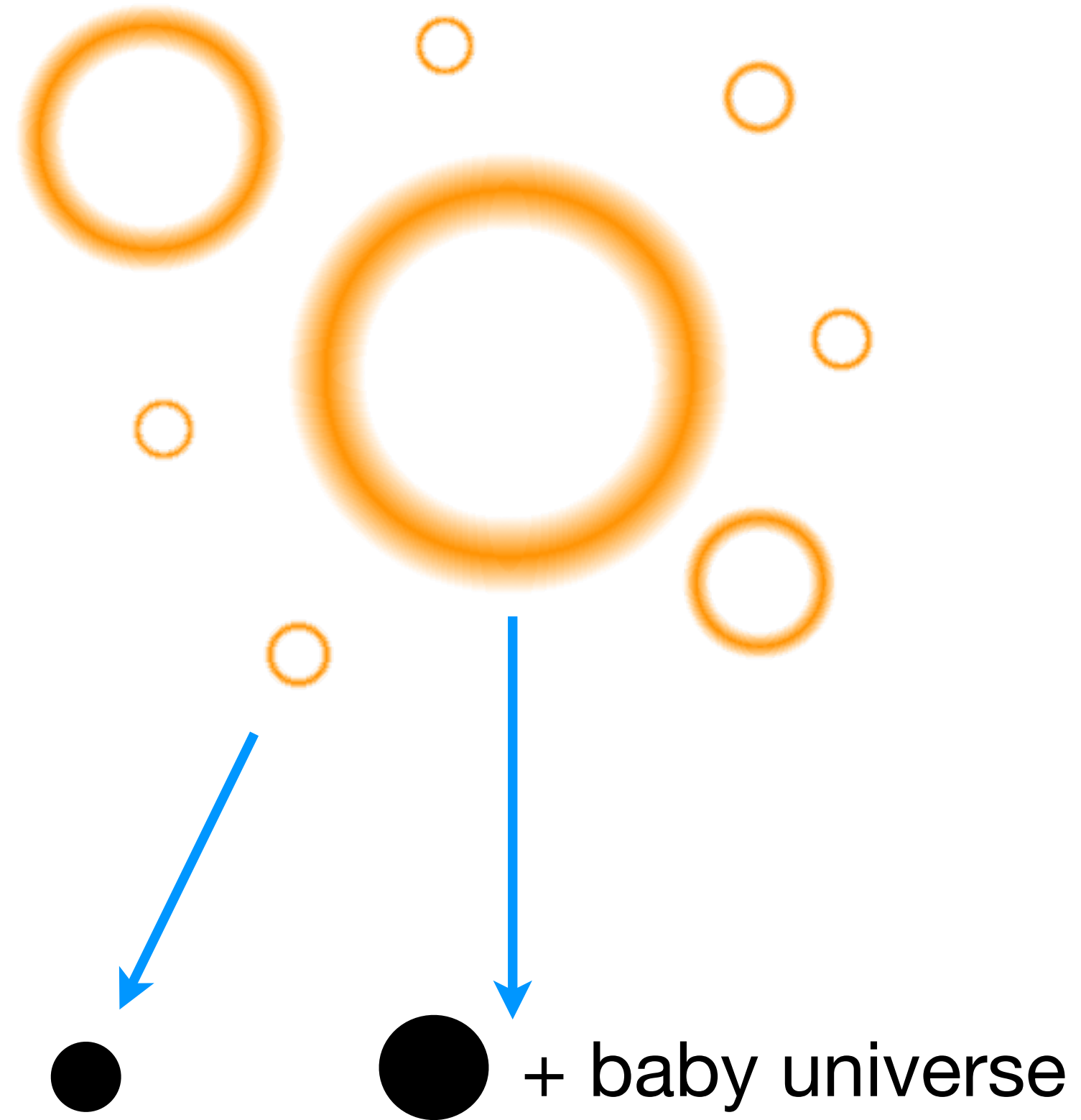


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# Outline

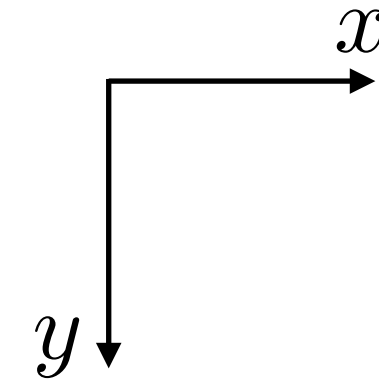
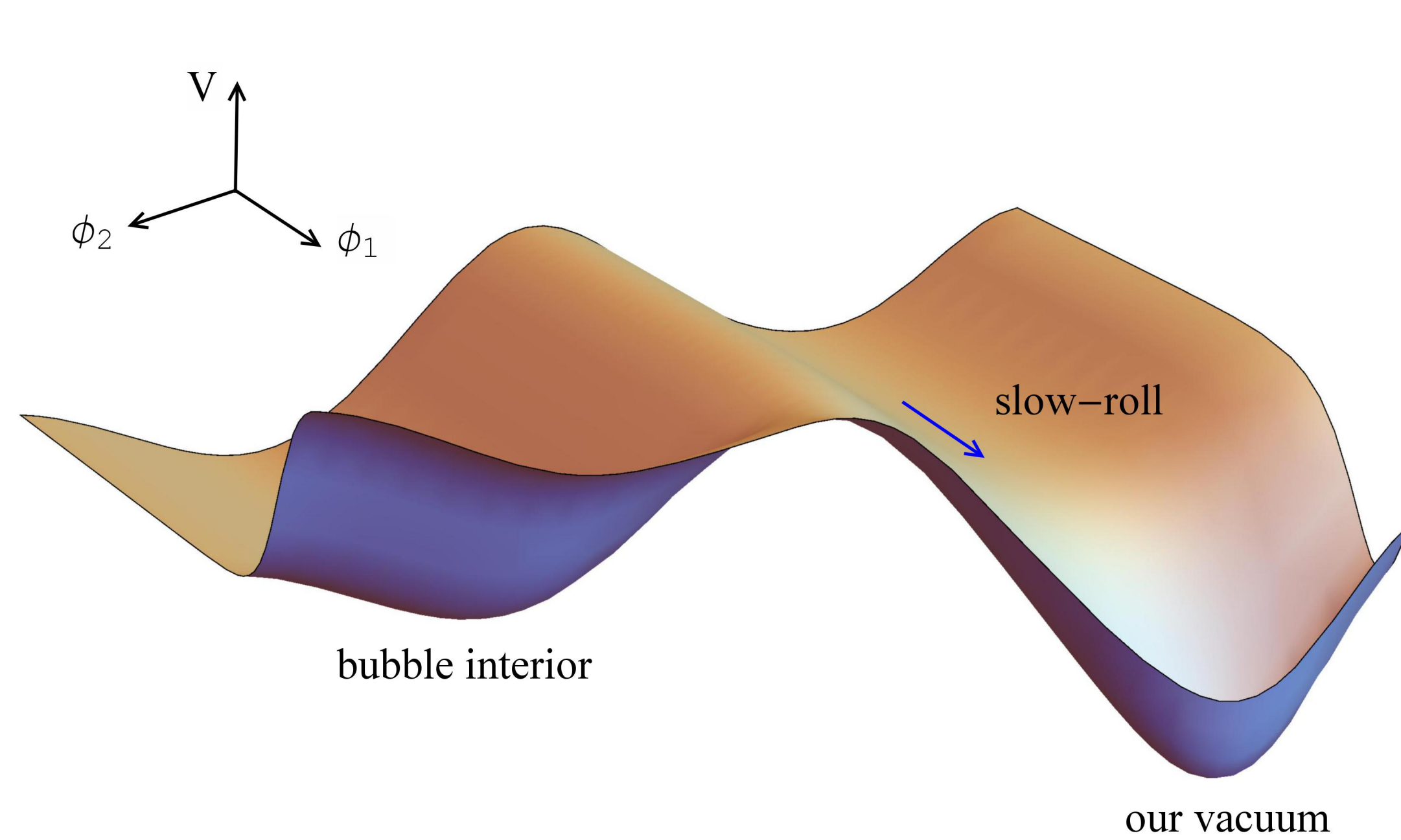


**I. Formation mechanism**

**II. Implications from GWTC-3**

**III. Outlook**

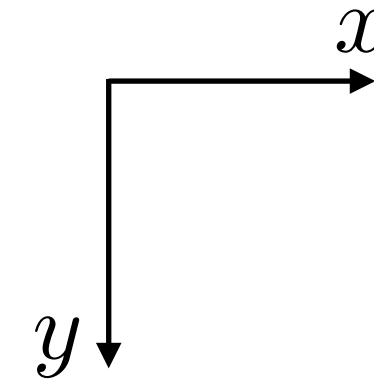
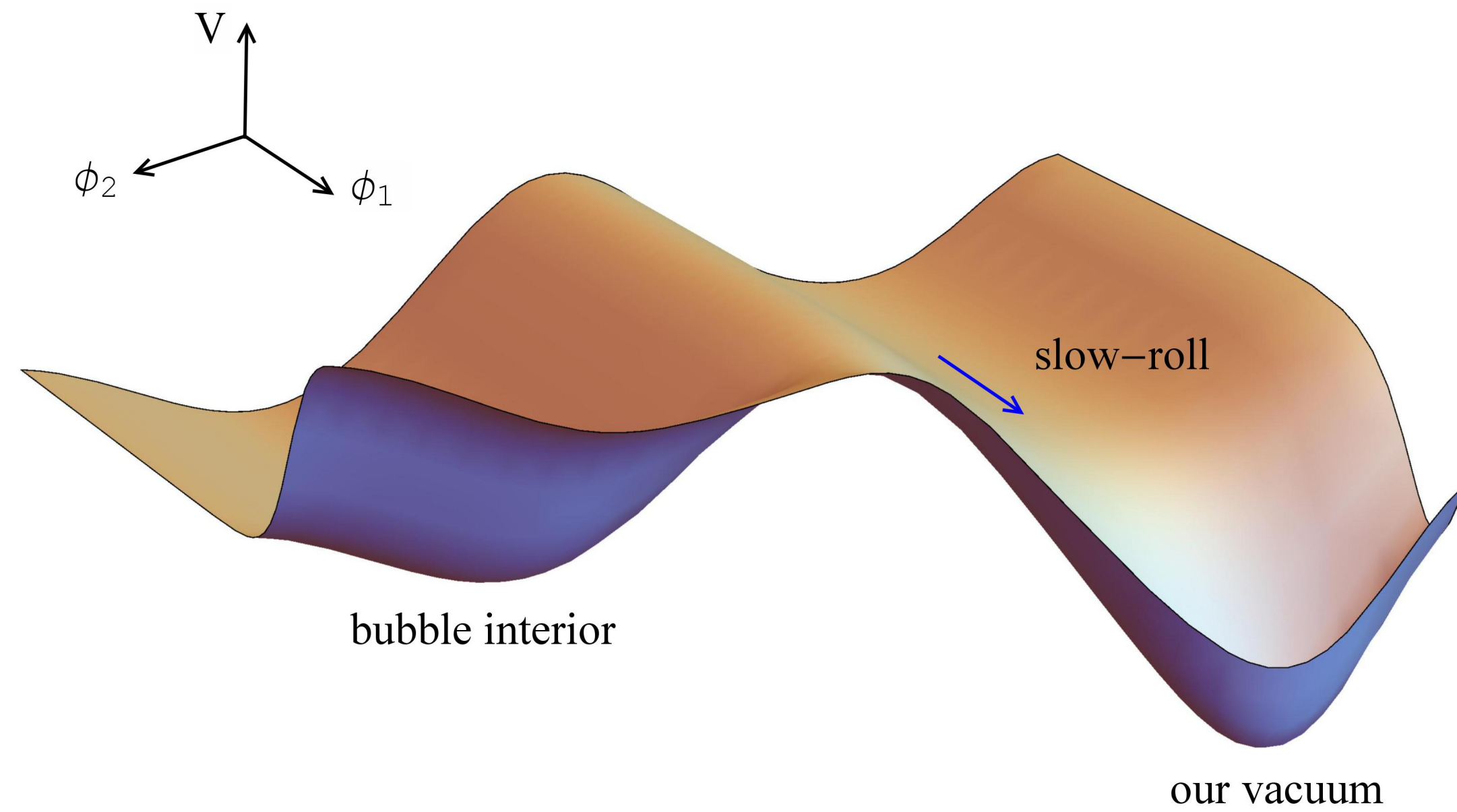
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Slow-roll Inflation



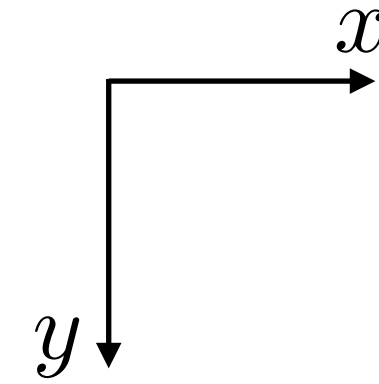
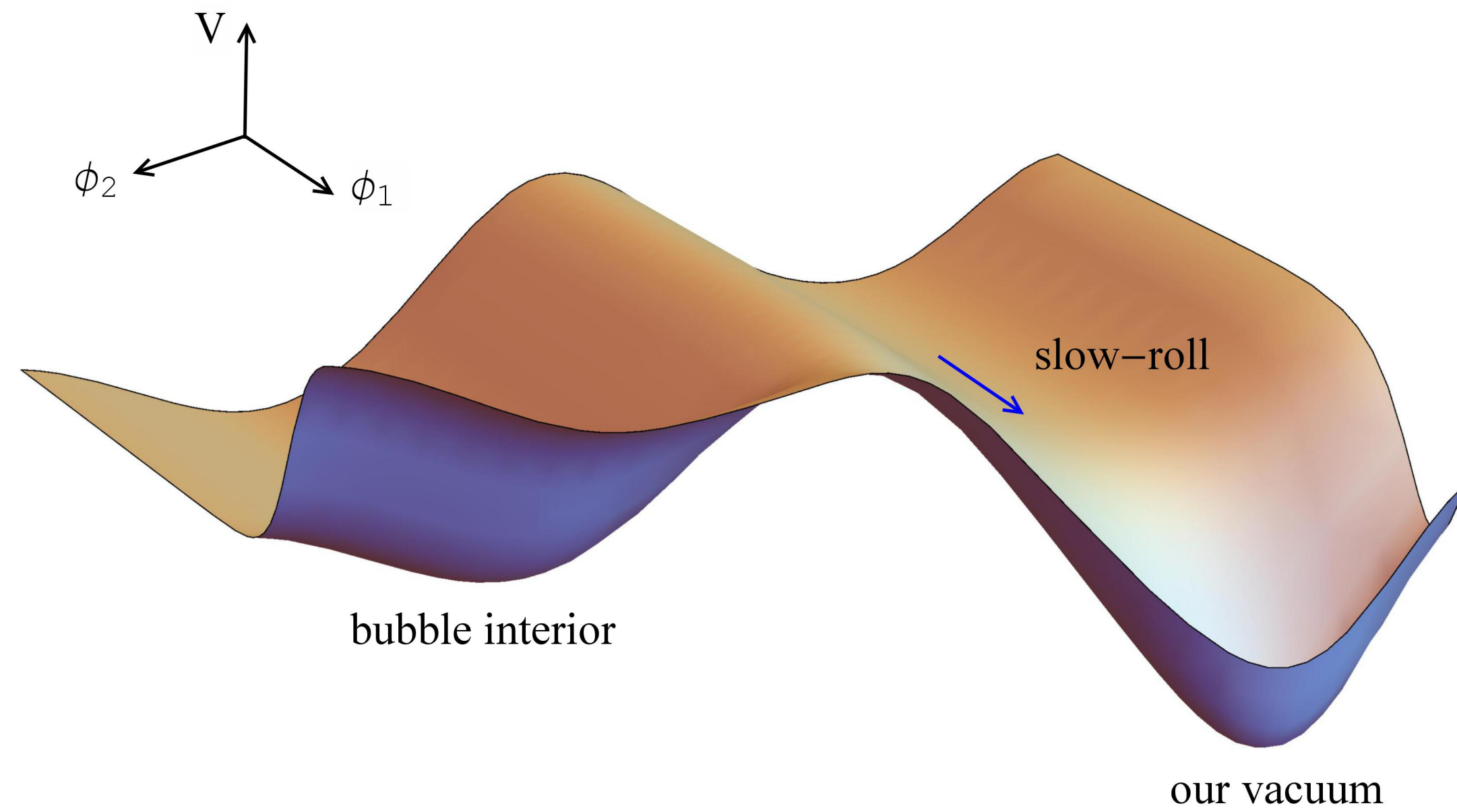
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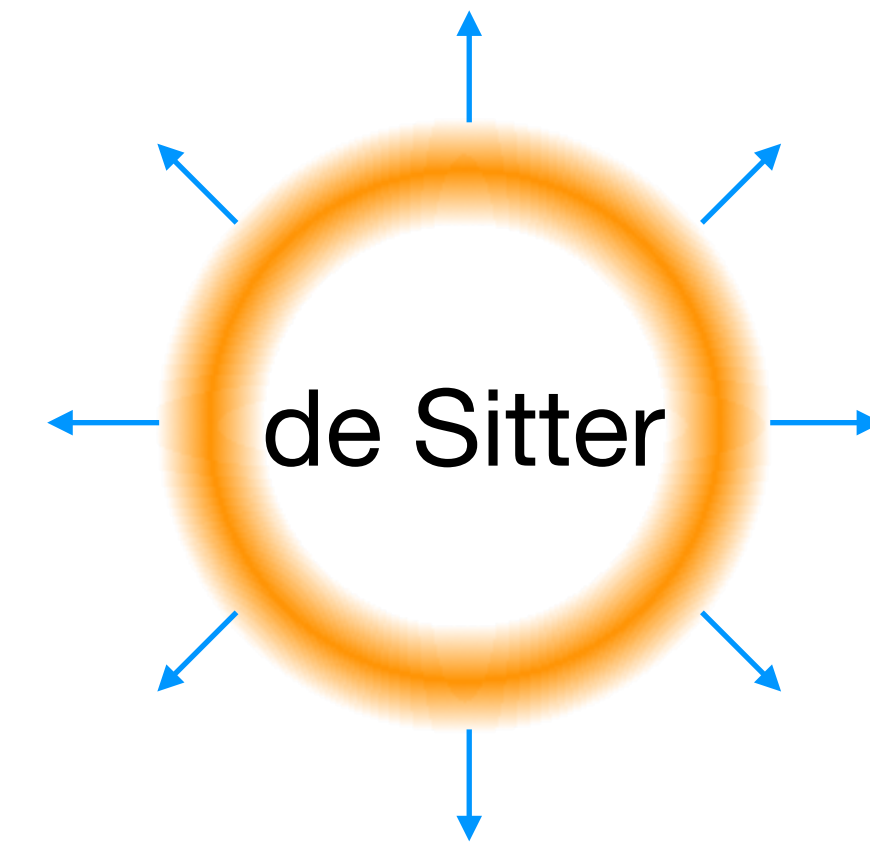
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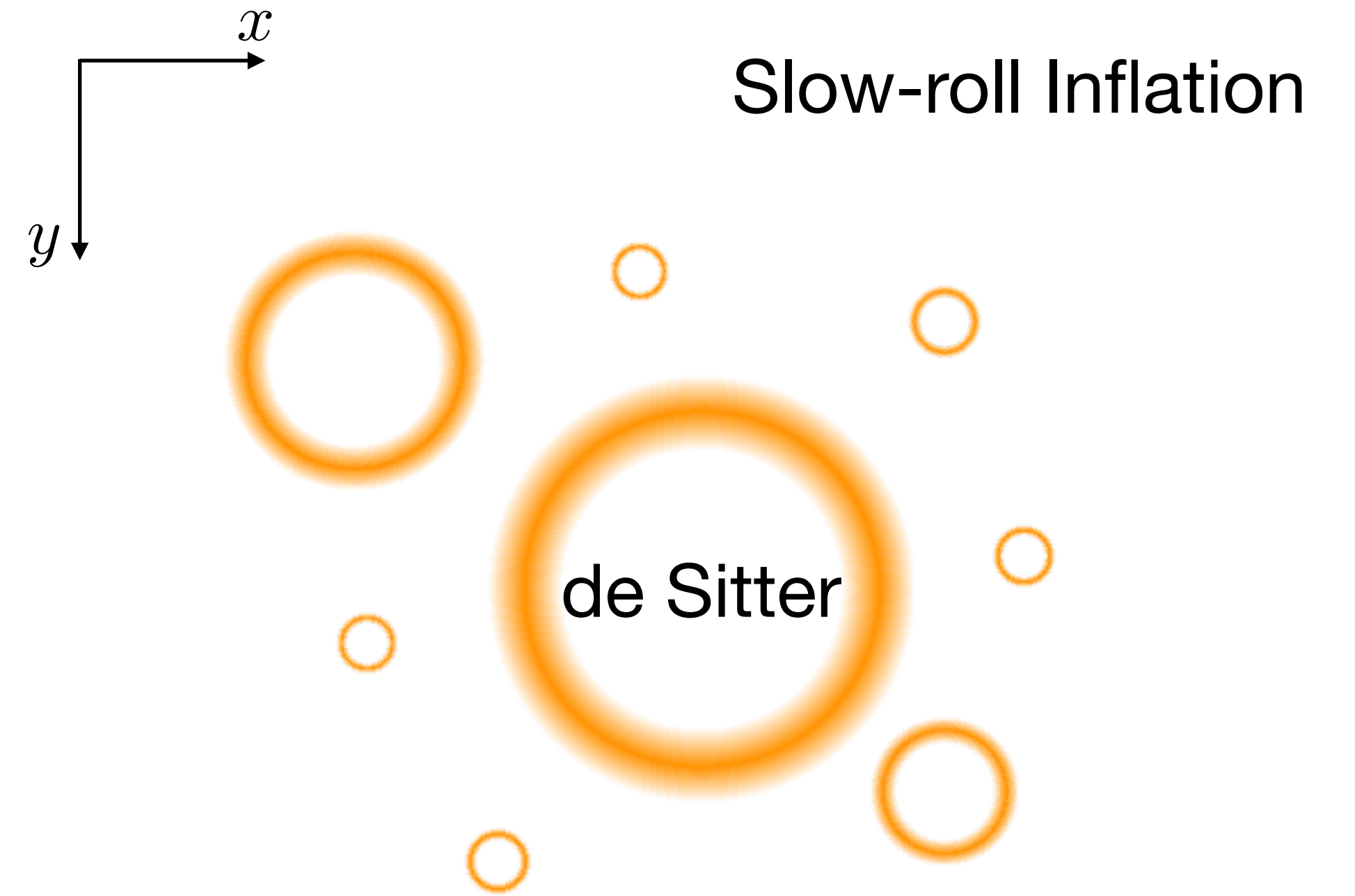
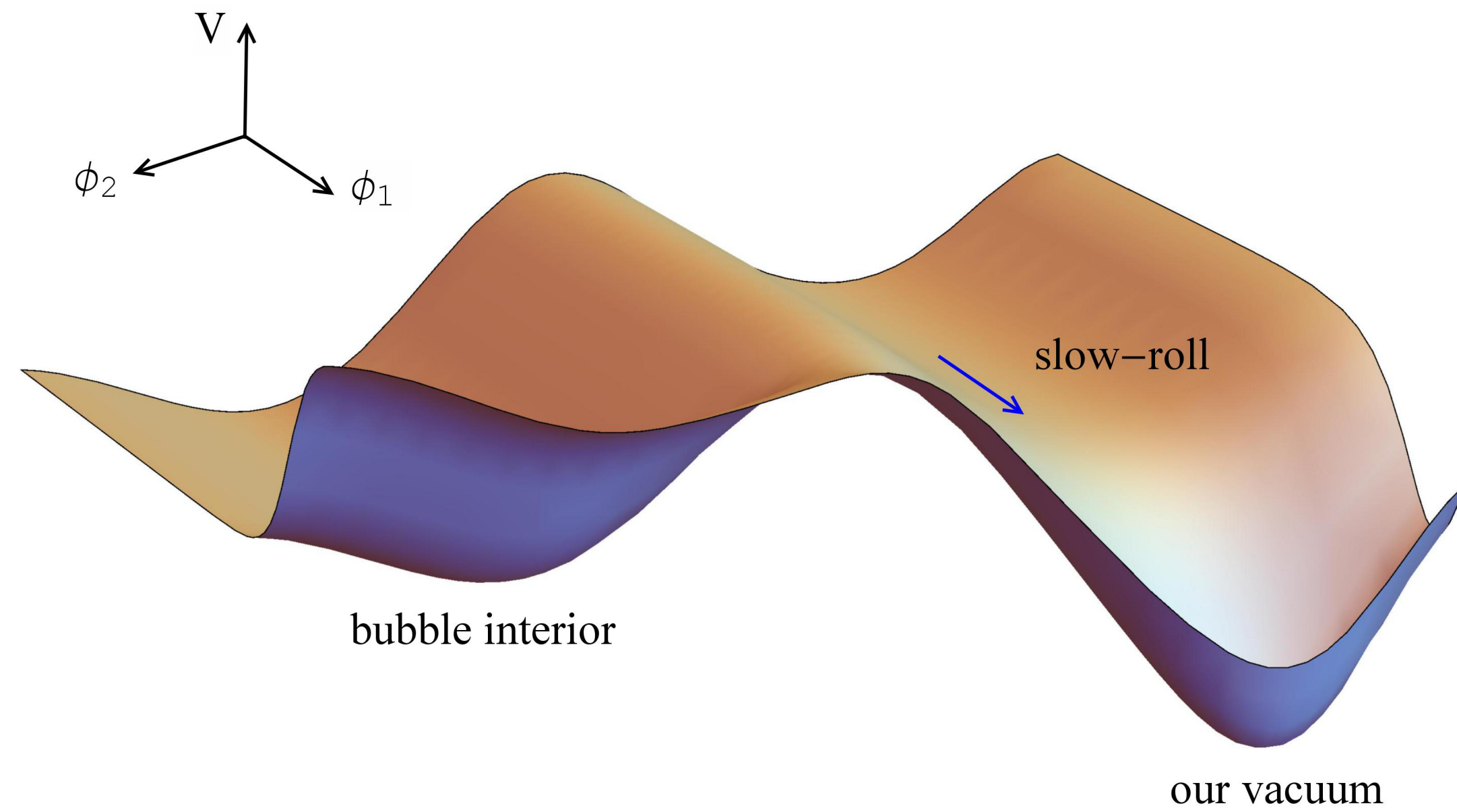


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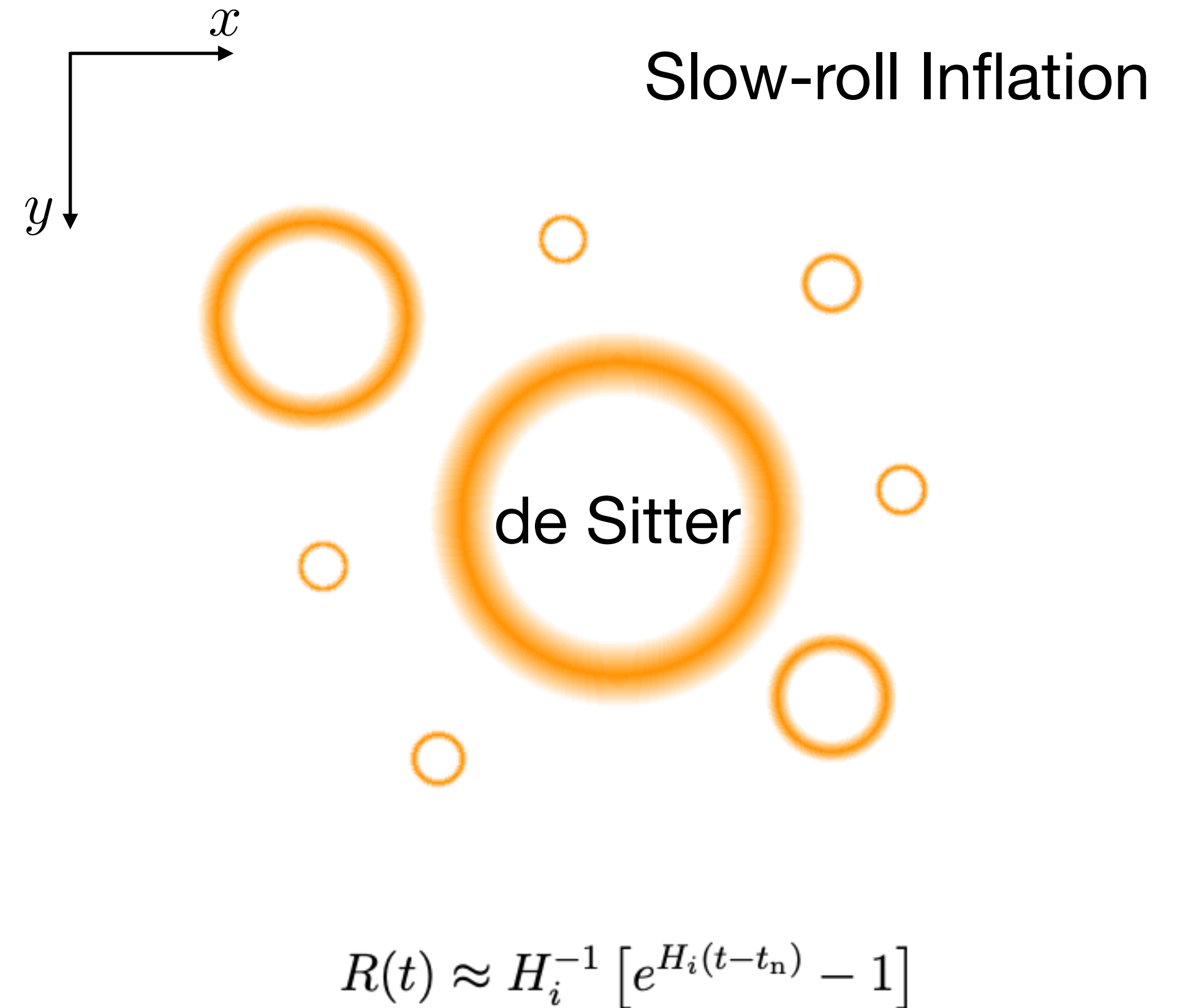
Nucleation rate  $\lambda$

Size distribution

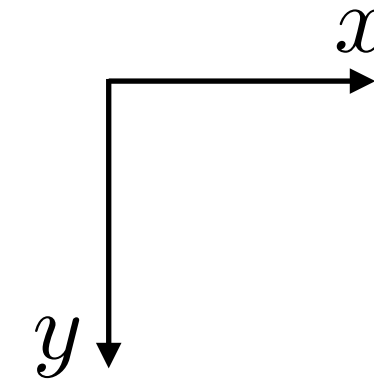
$$dN = \lambda H_i^4 e^{3H_i t_n} d^3 \mathbf{x} dt_n \quad dV \equiv e^{3H_i t} d^3 \mathbf{x}$$

$$dn(t) \equiv \frac{dN}{dV} = \lambda \frac{dR}{(R + H_i^{-1})^4}$$

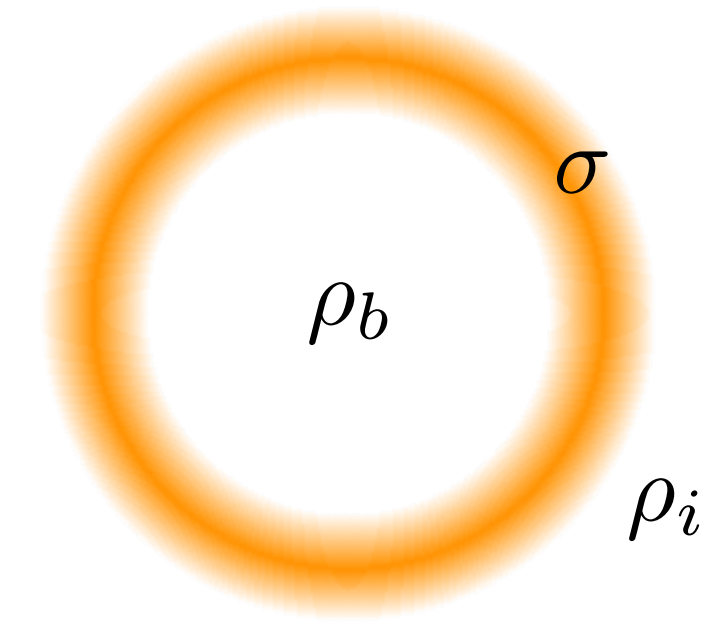
$$dn(t_i) \simeq \lambda \frac{dR_i}{R_i^4}$$



# Bubbles from Inflation



Slow-roll Inflation



$$H_i \equiv \sqrt{3\pi G \rho_i / 3} \sim \eta_i^2 / M_{\text{Pl}}$$

$$H_b \equiv \sqrt{3\pi G \rho_b / 3} \sim \eta_b^2 / M_{\text{Pl}}$$

$$H_\sigma \equiv 2\pi G \sigma \sim \eta_\sigma^3 / M_{\text{Pl}}^2$$

$$\eta_\sigma \sim \eta_b \ll \eta_i \ll M_{\text{Pl}} \quad H_\sigma \ll H_b \ll H_i$$

# Bubbles from Inflation

Israel's matching condition

$$M = \frac{4}{3}\pi(\rho_b - \rho_i)R^3 + 4\pi\sigma R^2[\dot{R}^2 + 1 - H_b^2 R^2]^{1/2} - 8\pi^2 G\sigma^2 R^3$$

$\dot{R} \equiv dR/d\tau$

At the end of inflation

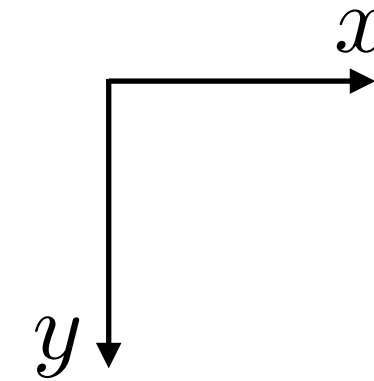
$$\frac{4}{3}\pi\rho_m(t_i)R_i^3 \approx \frac{4}{3}\pi\rho_b R_i^3 + 4\pi\sigma R_i^2[\dot{R}_i^2 + 1 - H_b^2 R_i^2]^{1/2} - 8\pi^2 G\sigma^2 R_i^3$$

$$\dot{R}_i \simeq \frac{1}{4} \frac{H_i^2}{H_\sigma} R_i$$

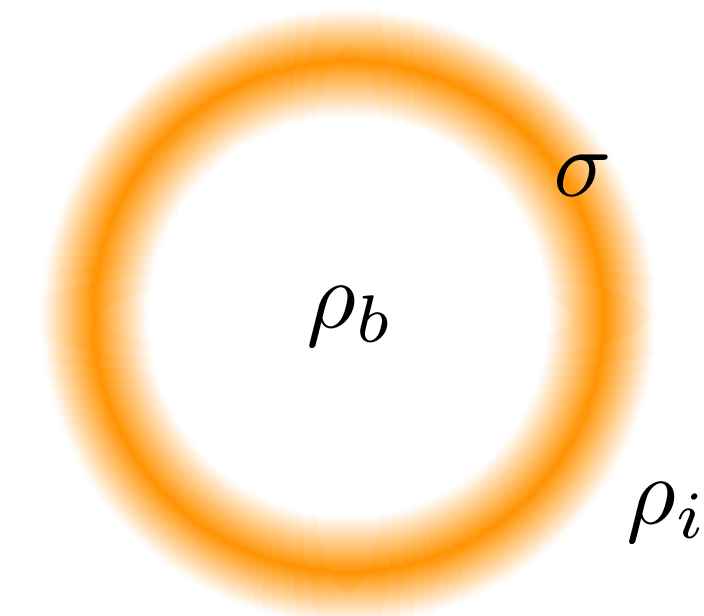
$$\dot{R}_i = \frac{H_i R_i + a_i r'_i}{\sqrt{1 - a_i^2 r_i'^2}} \quad ds^2 = -dt^2 + a^2(t)(dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega^2)$$

Lorentz factor

$$\gamma_i \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - a_i^2 r_i'^2}} \sim \frac{H_i}{H_\sigma} \gg 1$$



Schwarzschild-de Sitter



$$H_i \equiv \sqrt{3\pi G\rho_i/3} \sim \eta_i^2/M_{\text{Pl}}$$

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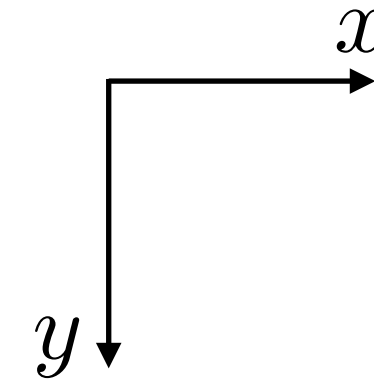
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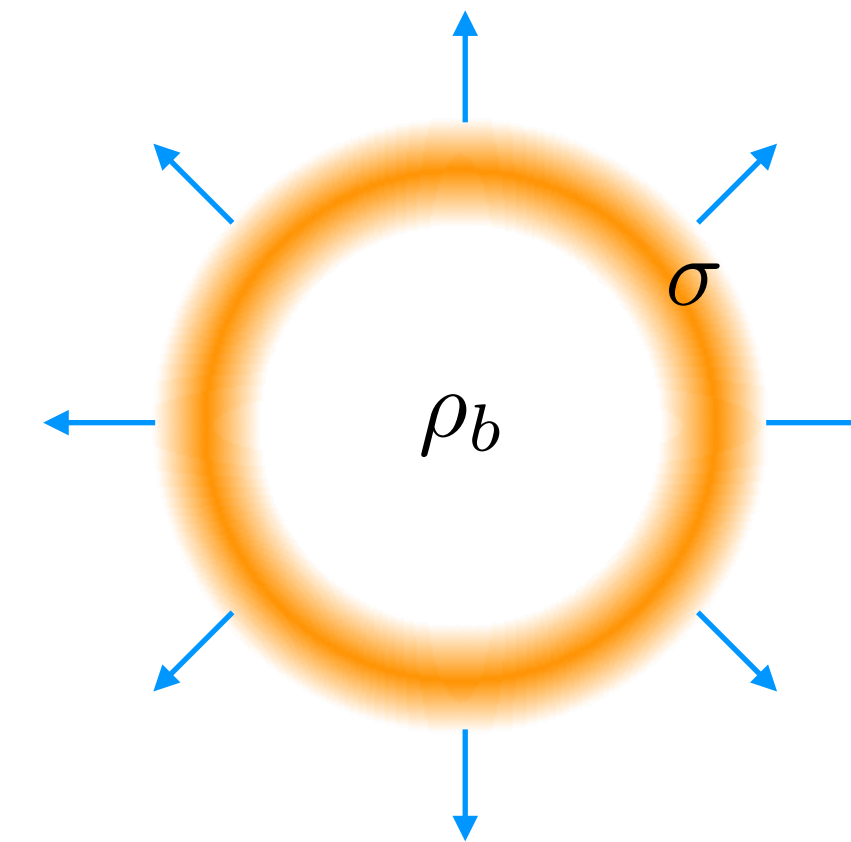
# Post-inflation evolution

Initial Condition

$$dn(t_i) \simeq \lambda \frac{dR_i}{R_i^4} \quad \gamma_i \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - a_i^2 r_i'^2}} \sim \frac{H_i}{H_\sigma} \gg 1$$



Radiation FRW



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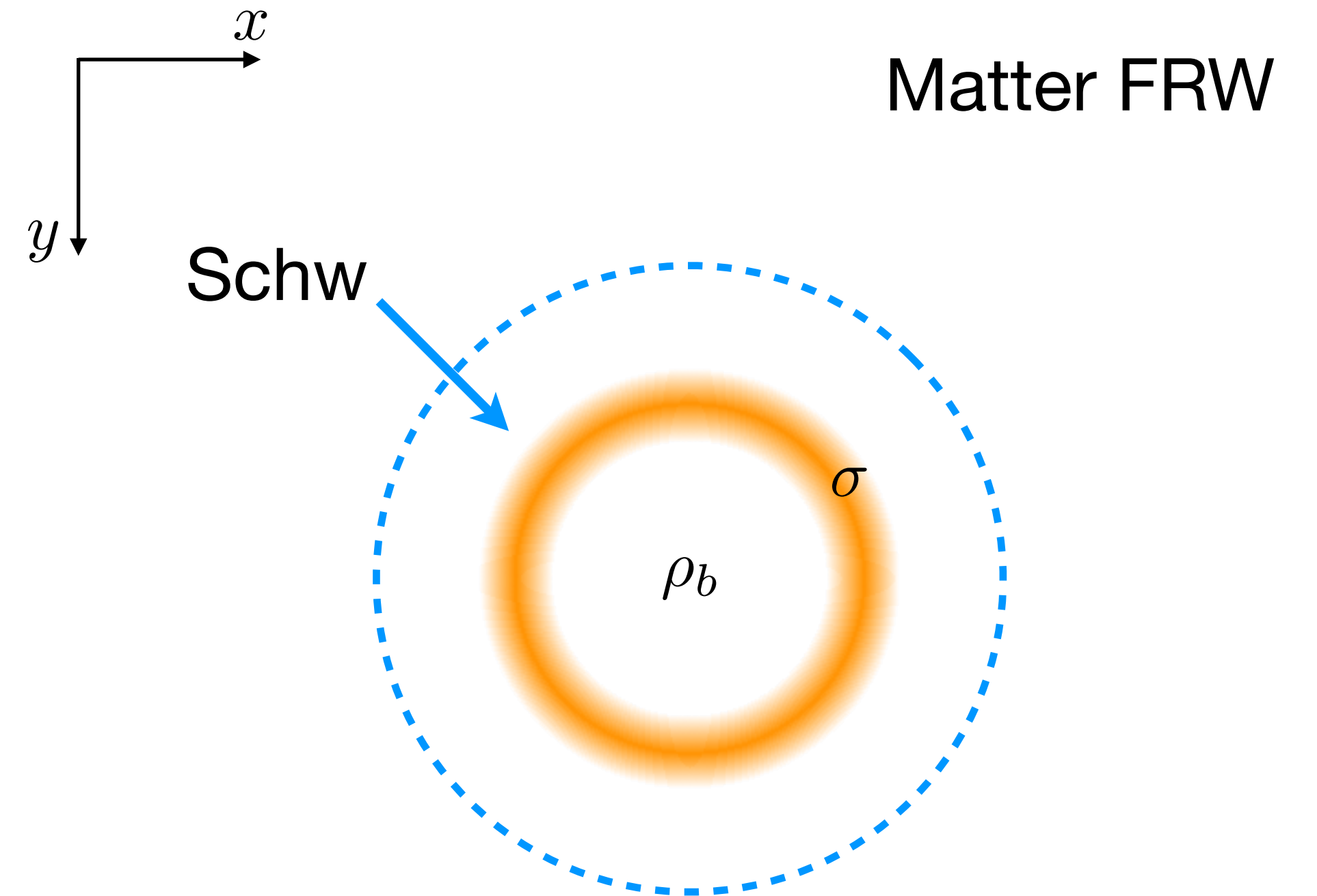
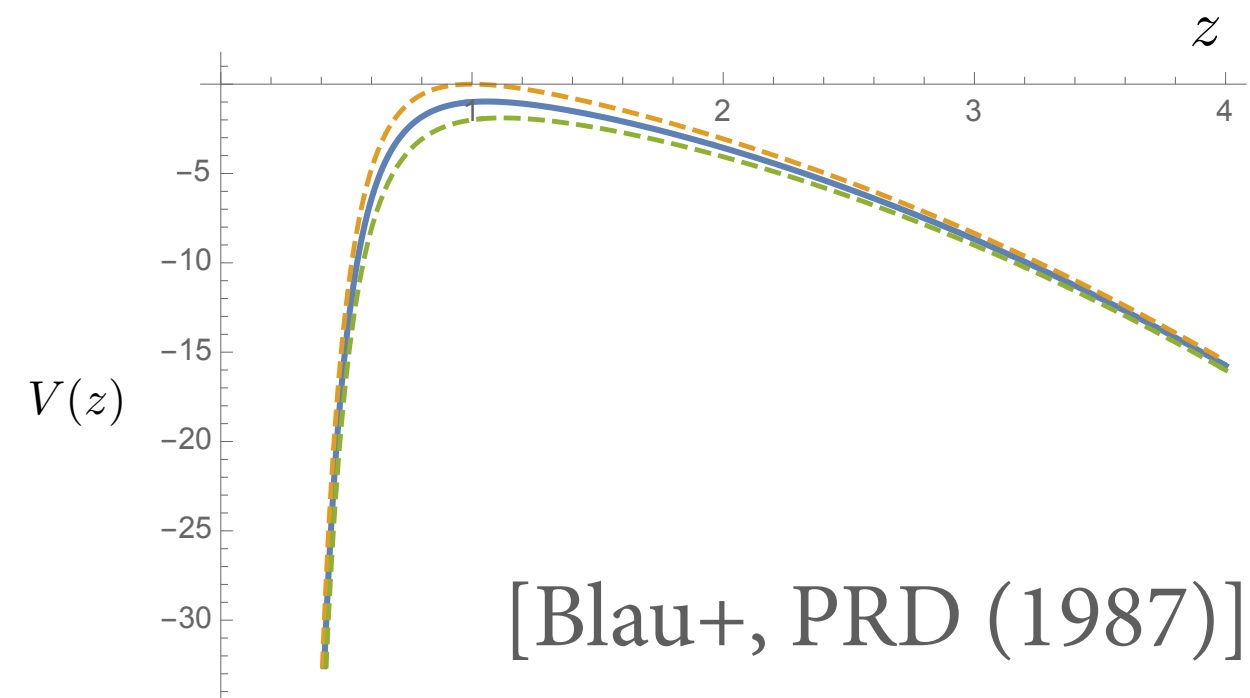
A pedagogical model

$$M_{bh} = \frac{4}{3}\pi\rho_b R^3 + 4\pi\sigma R^2[\dot{R}^2 + 1 - H_b^2 R^2]^{1/2} - 8\pi^2 G\sigma^2 R^3$$

$$\left(\frac{dz}{d\tilde{\tau}}\right)^2 + V(z) = E$$

$$z^3 = \frac{H_+^2}{2GM_{bh}} R^3 \quad E = \frac{-16H_\sigma^2}{(2GM_{bh})^{2/3} H_+^{8/3}}$$

$$M_* \sim M_{\text{Pl}}^3 / \eta_b^2$$





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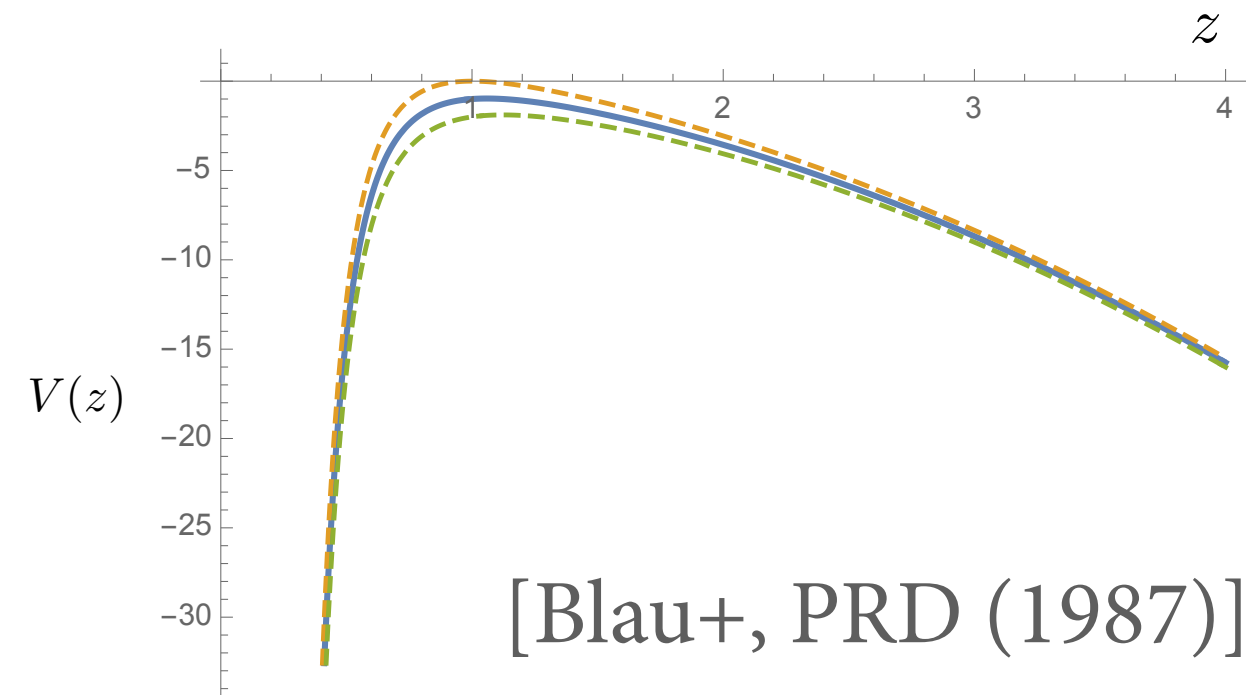
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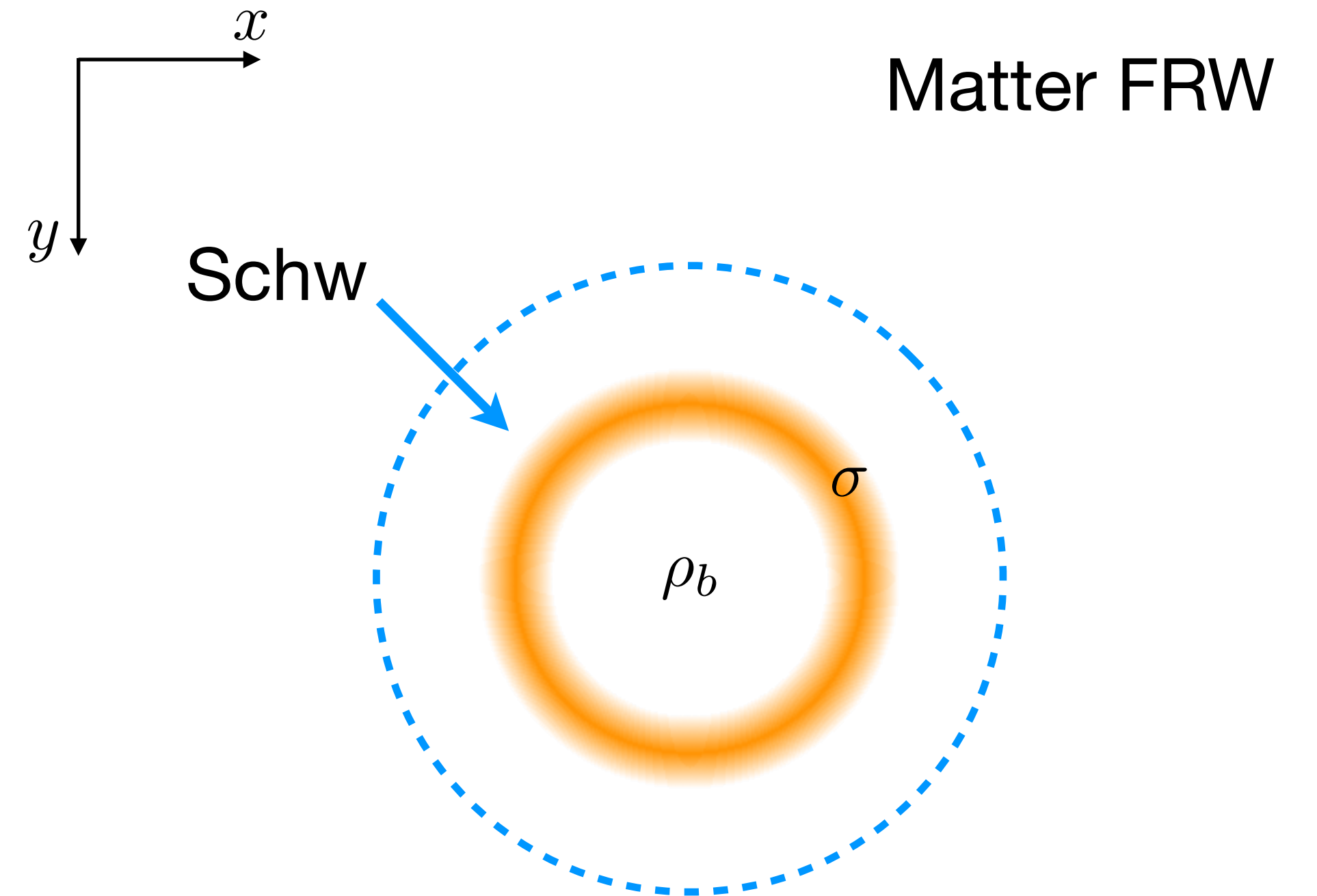
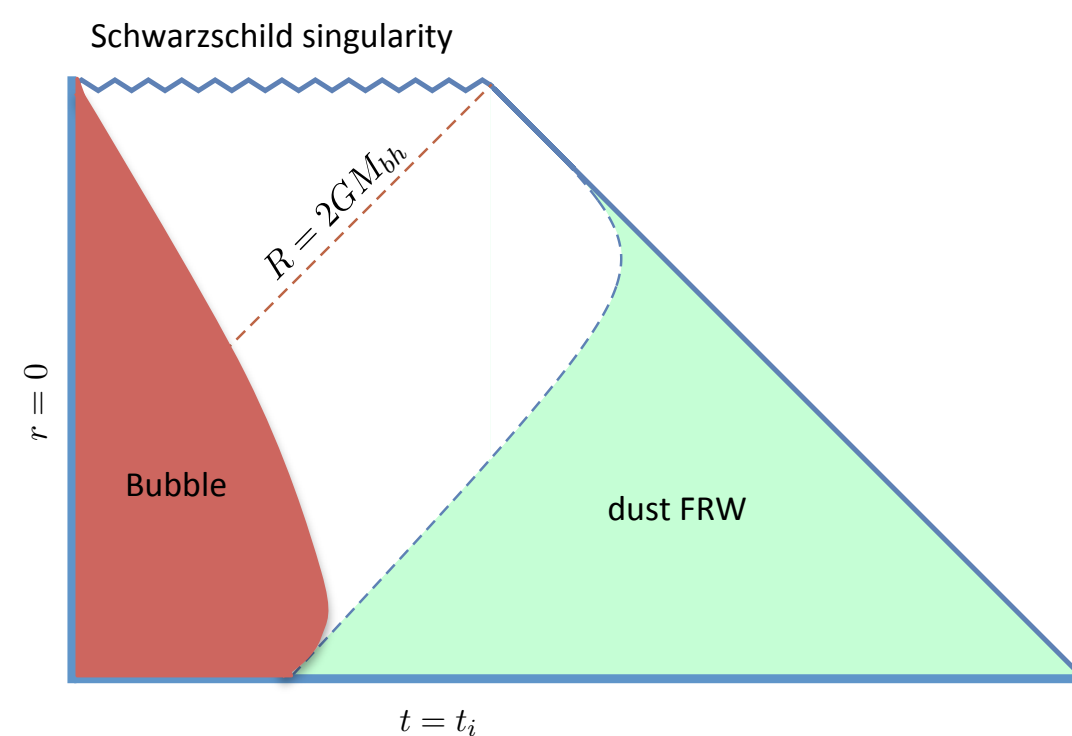
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- Subcritical



[Garriga, Vilenkin, JZ, JCAP (2016)]

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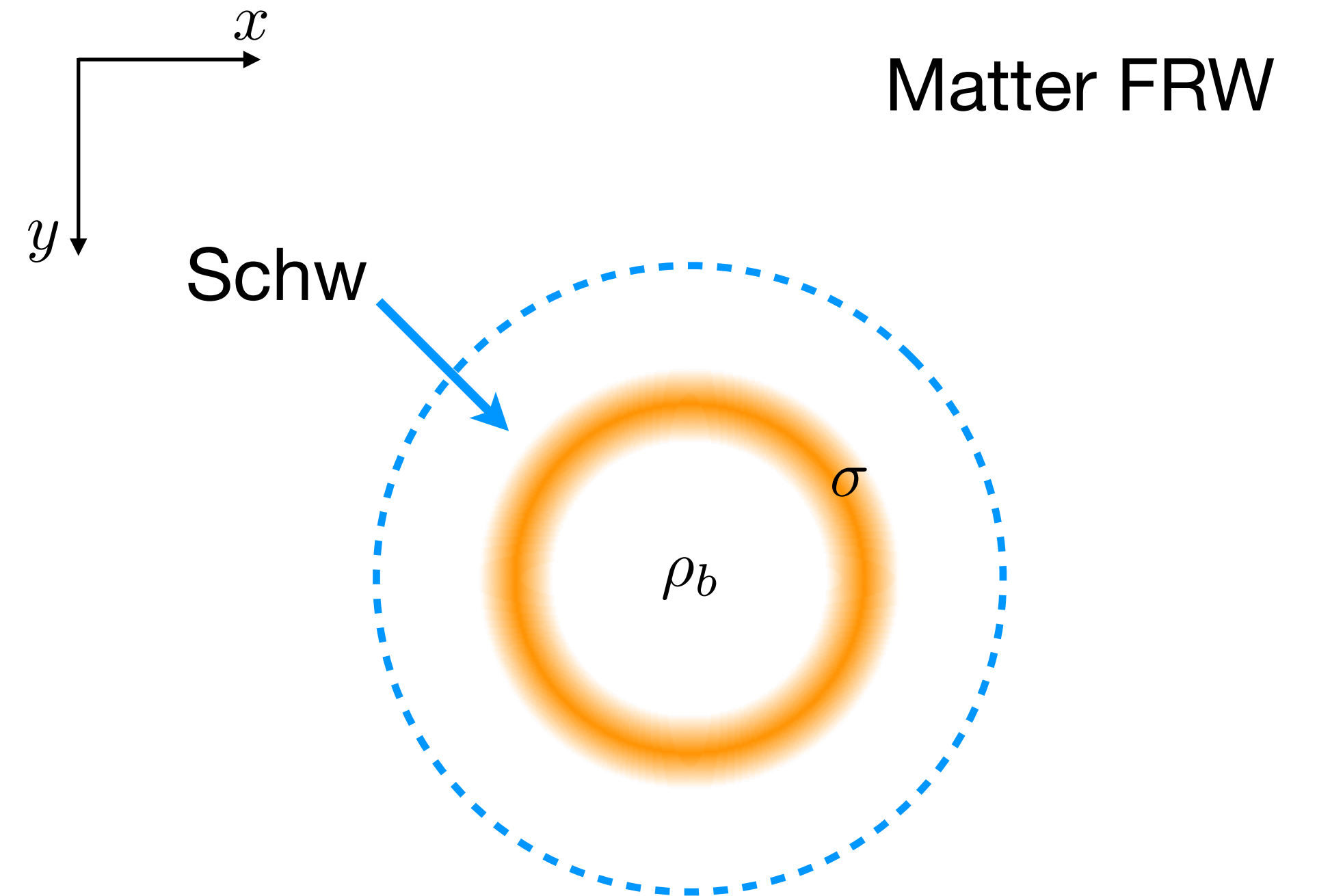
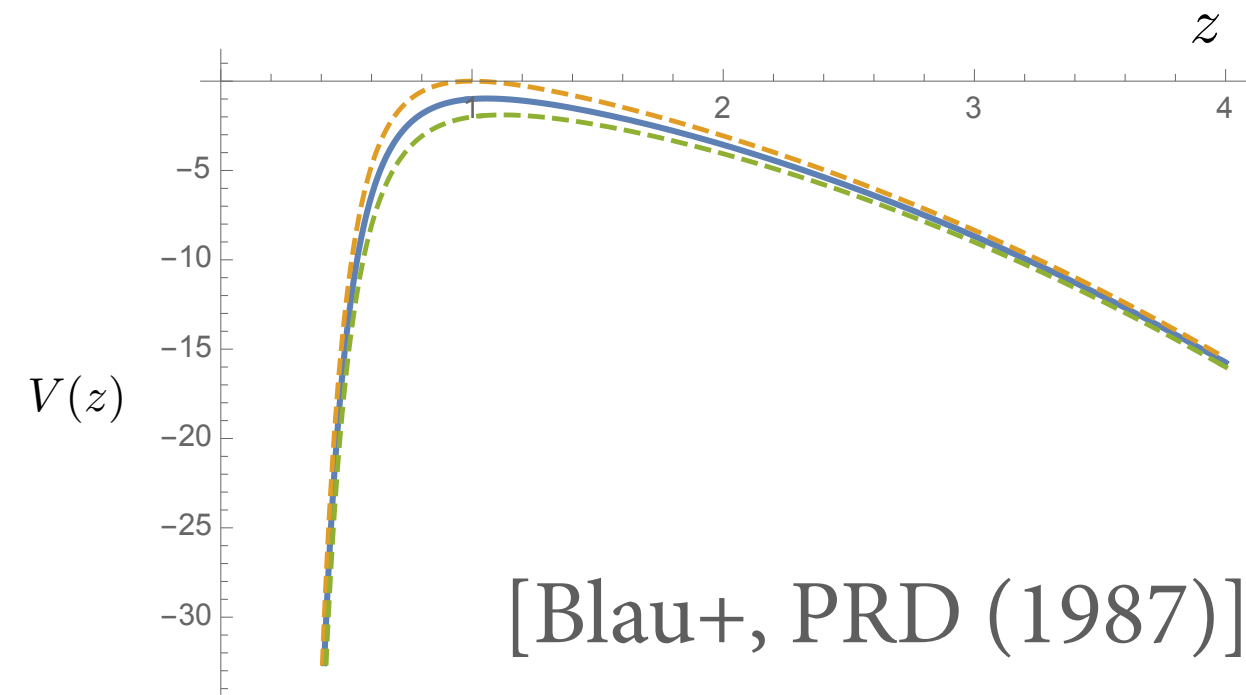
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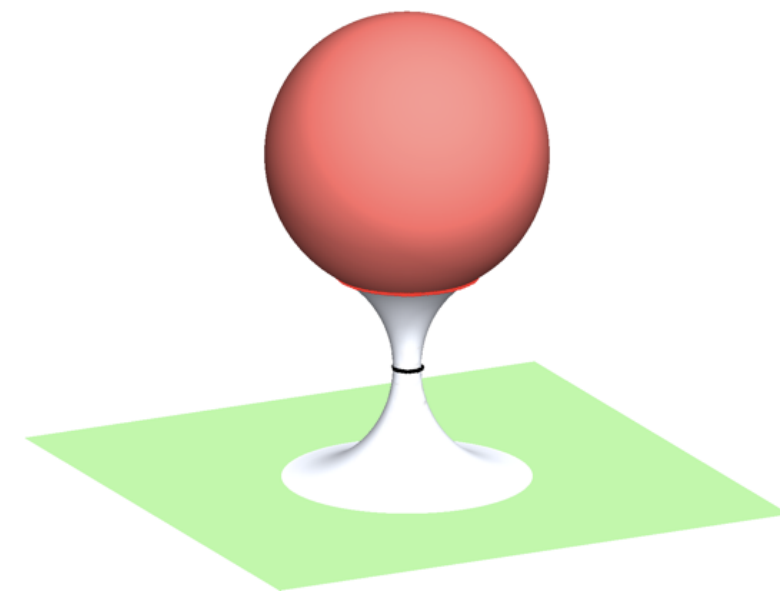
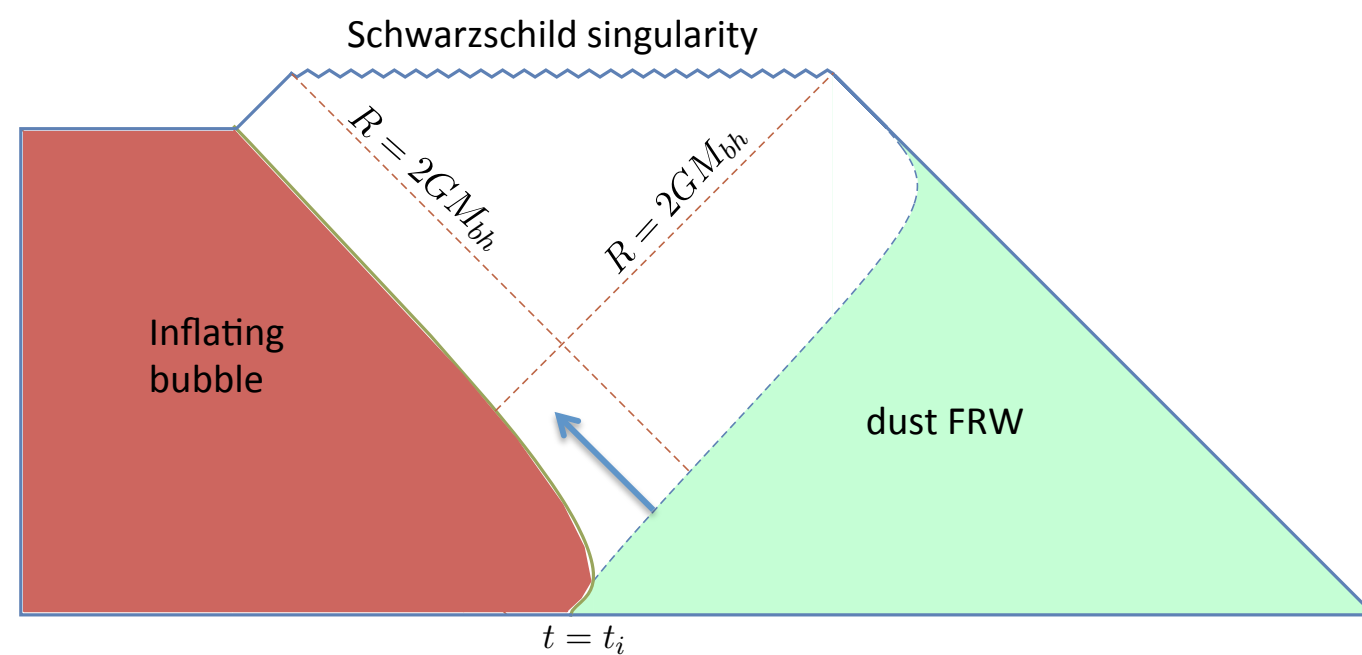
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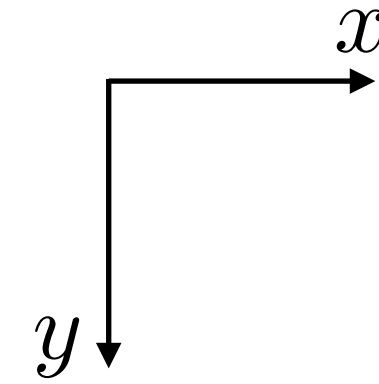
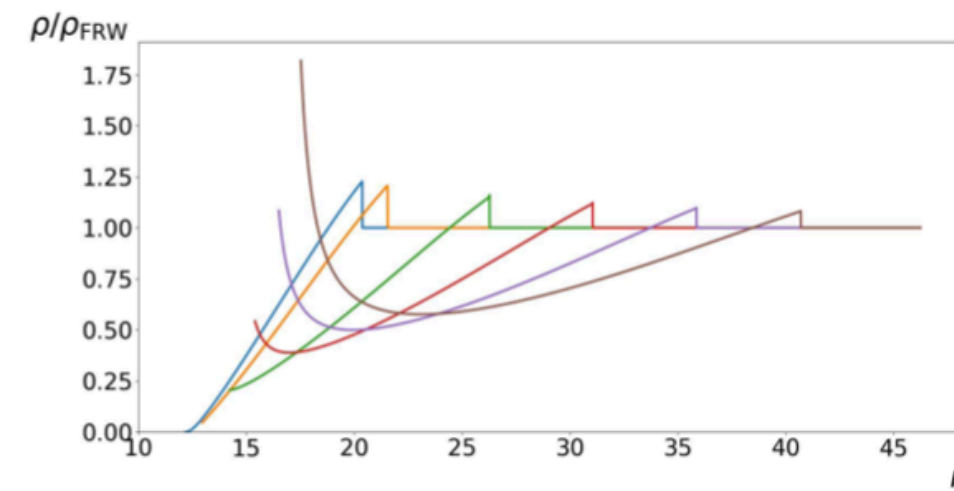
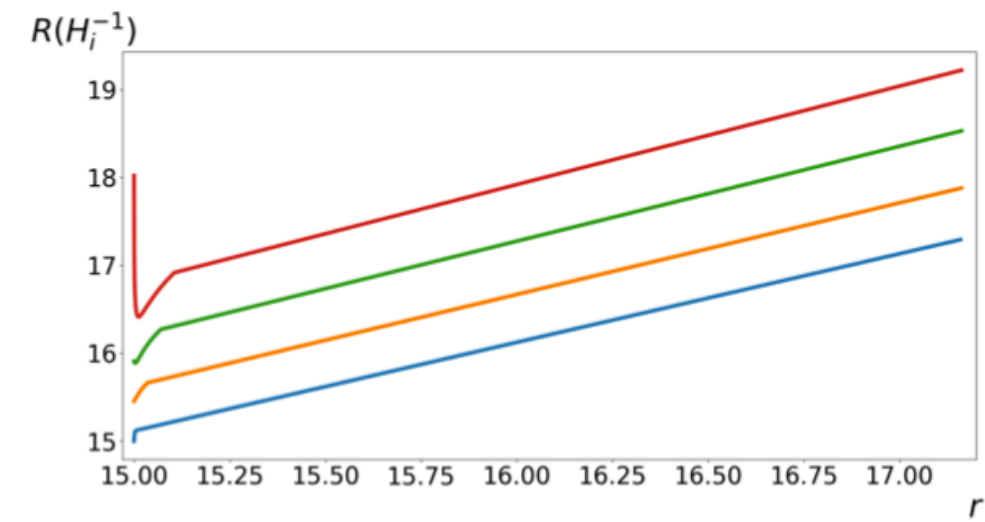
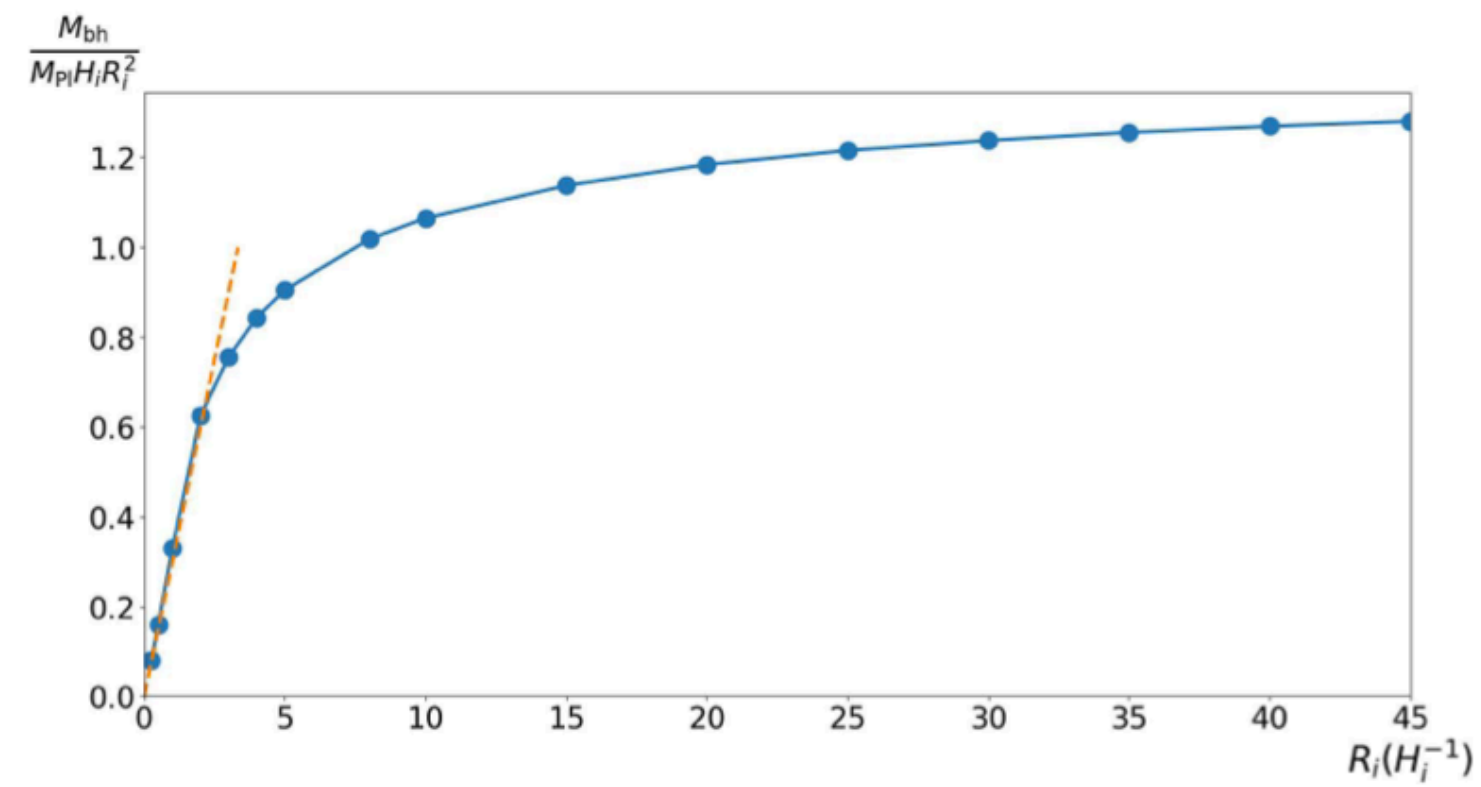
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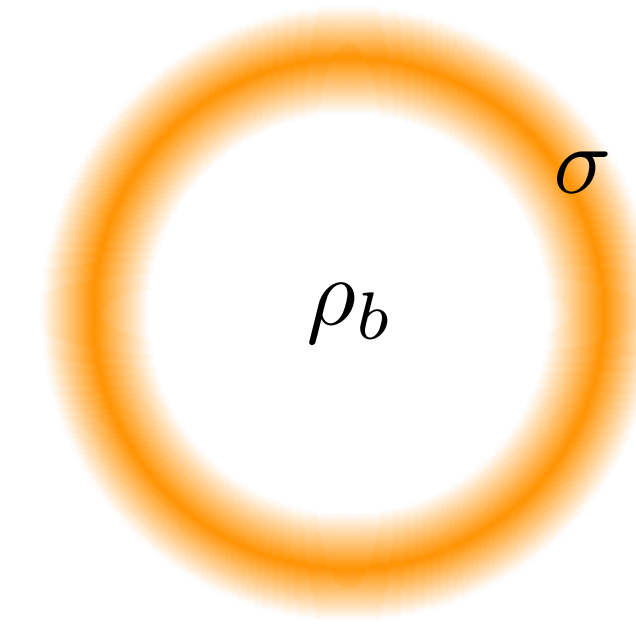
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Strong interaction with radiation

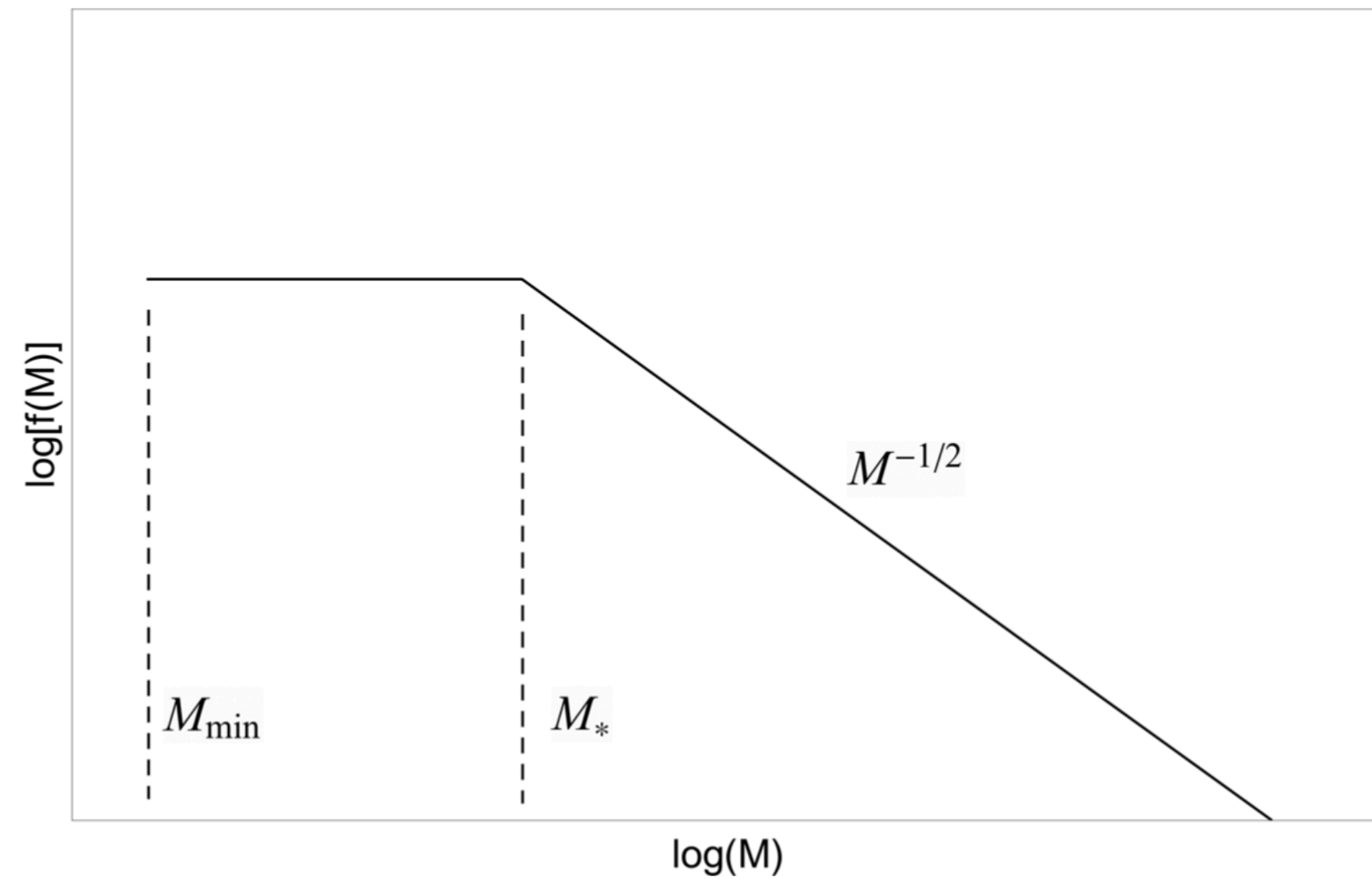


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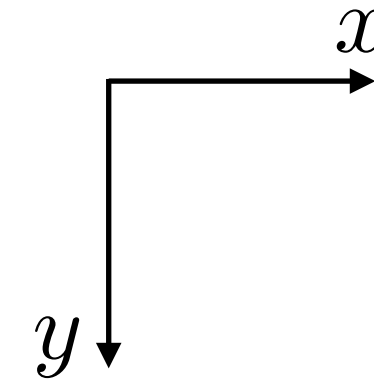
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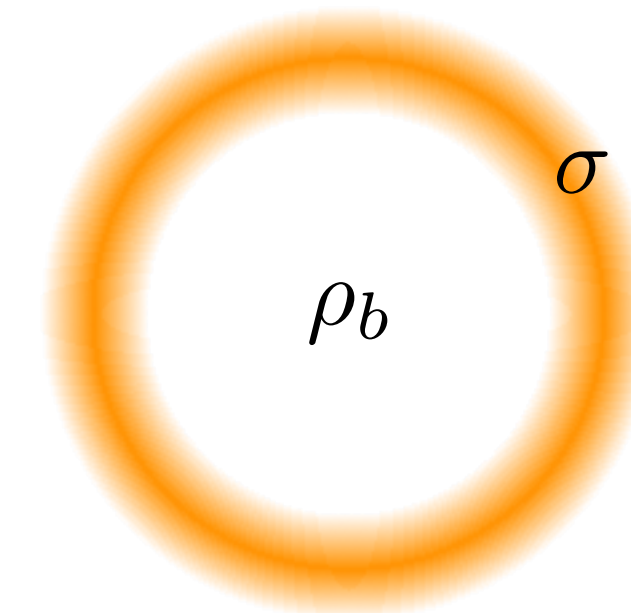


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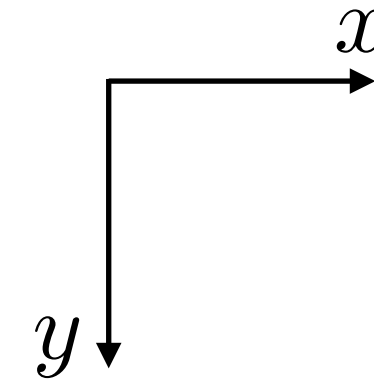
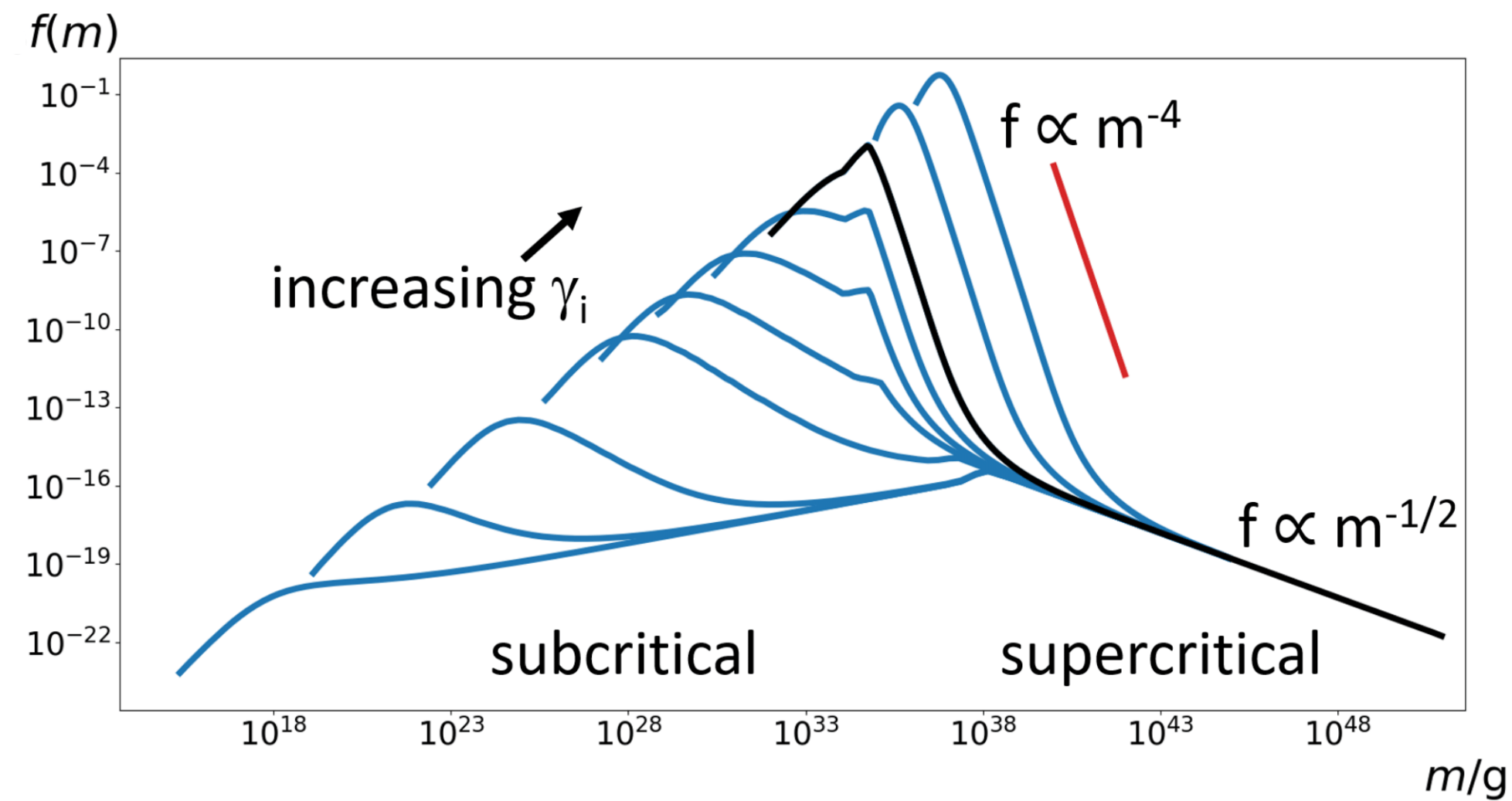


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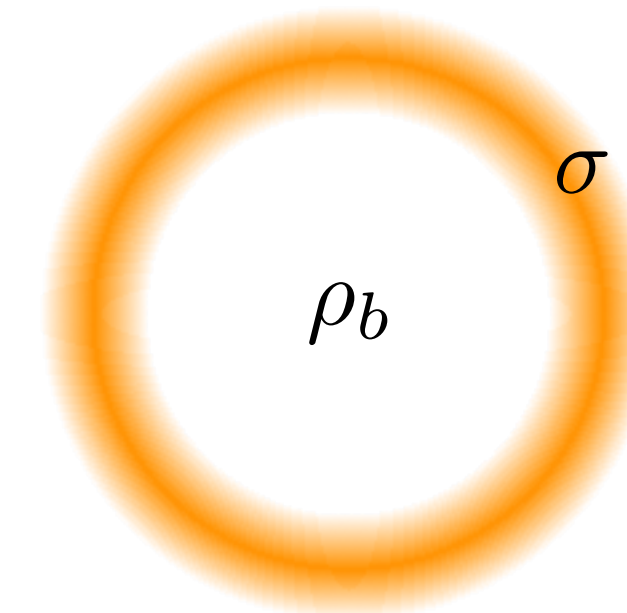


# Post-inflation evolution

No interaction with radiation



Radiation FRW



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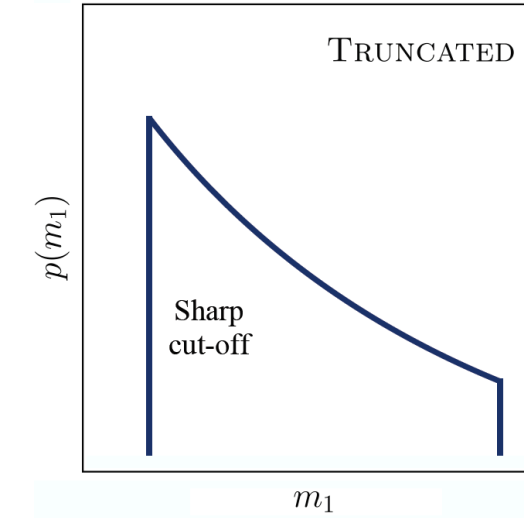
# **Implications from GWTC-3**

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## Mass distribution

[LVC, Astrophys. J. Lett. (2021)]

$$\psi_{\text{PBH}}(m|m_*, \alpha_1, \alpha_2) = \frac{1}{m_* (\alpha_1^{-1} - \alpha_2^{-1})} \begin{cases} (m/m_*)^{\alpha_1-1}, & m < m_* \\ (m/m_*)^{\alpha_2-1}, & m > m_* \end{cases}$$



## Posterior $\mathcal{L}(\Lambda|\mathbf{d})$

## Hierarchical Bayesian Inference

Intrinsic parameters      Hyperparameters

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{d}|\Lambda) \propto e^{-N(\Lambda)\xi(\Lambda)} [N(\Lambda)]^{N_{\text{det}}} \prod_{i=1}^{N_{\text{det}}} \int \mathcal{L}(d_i|\theta) \pi(\theta|\Lambda) d\theta$$

## Detect fraction

$$\xi(\Lambda) = \int p_{\text{det}}(\theta) \pi(\theta|\Lambda) d\theta$$

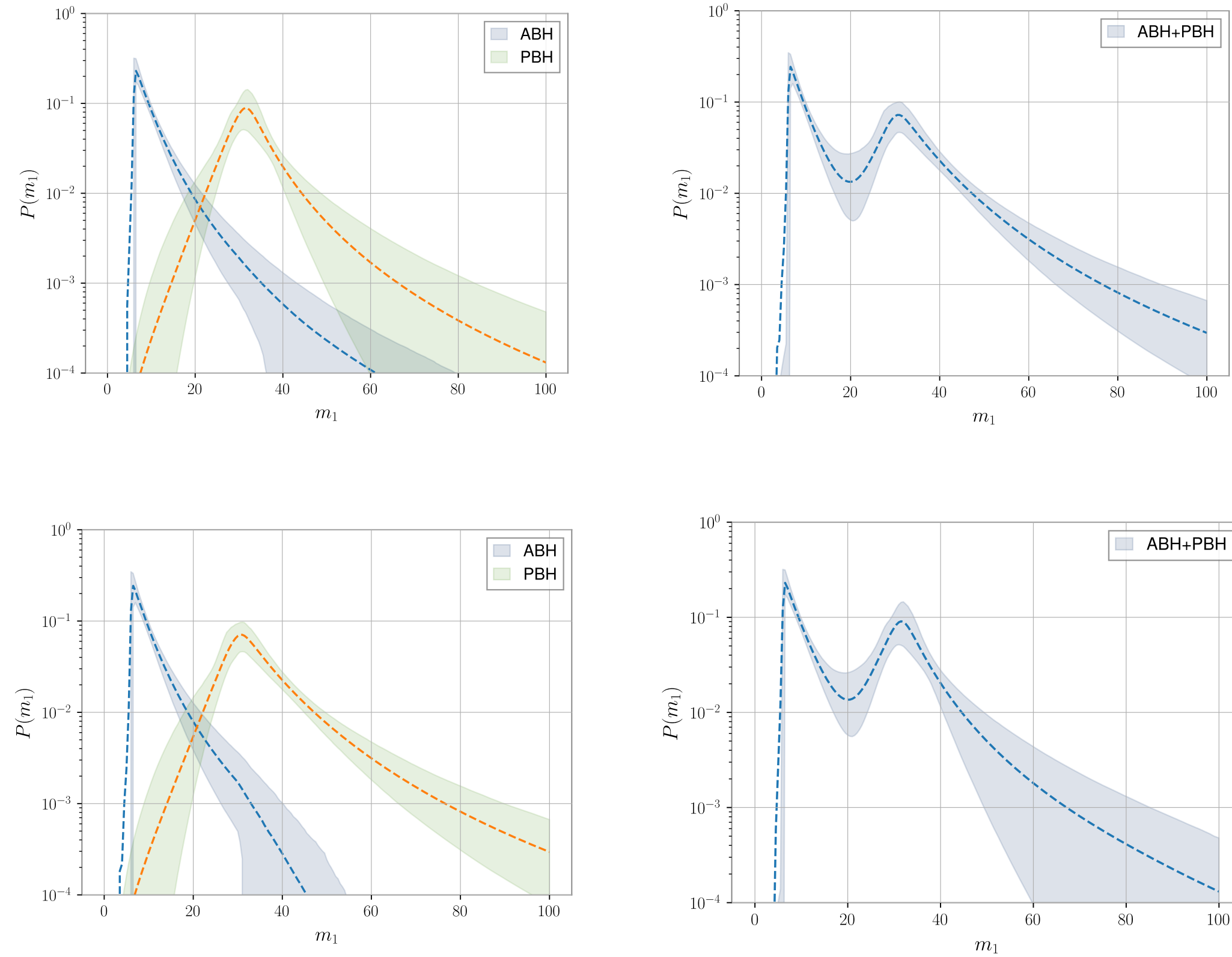
## Merger rate

$$\frac{dR_{\text{PBH}}}{dm_1 dm_2} = \frac{1.6 \times 10^6}{\text{Gpc}^3 \text{ yr}} f_{\text{PBH}}^{\frac{53}{37}} \eta^{-\frac{34}{37}} \left(\frac{M}{M_{\odot}}\right)^{-\frac{32}{37}} \left(\frac{t}{t_0}\right)^{-\frac{34}{37}} \mathcal{S}(M, f_{\text{PBH}}, \psi_{\text{PBH}}) \psi_{\text{PBH}}(m_1) \psi_{\text{PBH}}(m_2)$$

[He, Deng, Piao, JZ (2023)]

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## Posterior Mass distribution



Parameter	Prior	ABH-PBH	ABH-PBH	ABH	ABH	Description
<b>BROKEN POWER LAW PBH</b>						
$M_*/M_\odot$	[5, 50]	$31.43^{+1.44}_{-1.56}$	$30.54^{+1.37}_{-1.56}$			The critical mass
$\log_{10} f_{\text{PBH}}$	[-4, 0]	$-2.99^{+0.07}_{-0.07}$	$-2.95^{+0.05}_{-0.05}$			Logarithmic fraction of PBHs in dark matter at the time of formation
$\alpha_1$	[0, 10]	$8.80^{+2.15}_{-2.79}$	$8.52^{+2.36}_{-2.82}$			Spectral index of subcritical PBHs
$\alpha_2$	[0, -10]	$-5.65^{+1.94}_{-3.81}$	$-3.91^{+0.73}_{-0.78}$			Spectral index of supercritical PBHs
<b>TRUNCATED ABH</b>						
$\bar{R}_{\text{ABH}}/\text{Gpc}^{-3}\text{yr}^{-1}$	[0, 50]	$23.80^{+6.20}_{-5.19}$	$24.30^{+6.71}_{-5.62}$	$26.39^{+6.10}_{-4.88}$		Integrated merger rate of ABHs at $z = 0$
$\beta$	[-4, 30]	$5.78^{+3.26}_{-2.83}$	$5.21^{+3.65}_{-3.23}$	$10.21^{+4.74}_{-3.27}$		Exponent of the symmetric mass ratio factor
$\zeta$	[0, 3]	$1.60^{+0.37}_{-0.22}$	$1.78^{+0.37}_{-0.34}$	$1.10^{+0.10}_{-0.11}$		ABH mass distribution power law scaling
$m_{\text{min}}/M_\odot$	[2, 10]	$6.02^{+0.29}_{-0.27}$	$6.03^{+0.31}_{-0.26}$	$5.94^{+0.30}_{-0.32}$		Minimum mass of the primary mass distribution
$m_{\text{max}}/M_\odot$	[30, 100]	$85.28^{+10.6}_{-36.1}$		$75.45^{+9.81}_{-5.18}$		Maximum mass of the primary mass distribution
	[30, 60]		$41.69^{+11.1}_{-8.07}$			
<b>BROKEN POWER LAW ABH</b>						
$\bar{R}_{\text{ABH}}/\text{Gpc}^{-3}\text{yr}^{-1}$	[0, 50]			$23.00^{+6.36}_{-4.72}$		Integrated merger rate of ABHs at $z = 0$
$\beta_1$	[-4, 12]			$2.28^{+0.42}_{-0.39}$		Power-law slope of the primary mass distribution for masses below $m_{\text{break}}$
$\beta_2$	[-4, 12]			$6.73^{+2.08}_{-1.43}$		Power-law slope of the primary mass distribution for masses above $m_{\text{break}}$
$\beta_q$	[-4, 12]			$0.83^{+0.94}_{-0.72}$		Spectral index for the power-law of the mass ratio distribution
$m_{\text{min}}/M_\odot$	[2, 10]			$5.24^{+0.67}_{-1.39}$		Minimum mass of the primary mass distribution.
$m_{\text{max}}/M_\odot$	[30, 100]			$86.73^{+8.67}_{-9.79}$		Maximum mass of the primary mass distribution.
$b$	[0, 1]			$0.43^{+0.09}_{-0.07}$		The fraction of the way between $m_{\text{min}}$ and $m_{\text{max}}$ at which the primary mass distribution breaks
$\delta_m/M_\odot$	[0, 10]			$4.87^{+3.02}_{-3.11}$		Range of mass tapering on the lower end of the mass distribution

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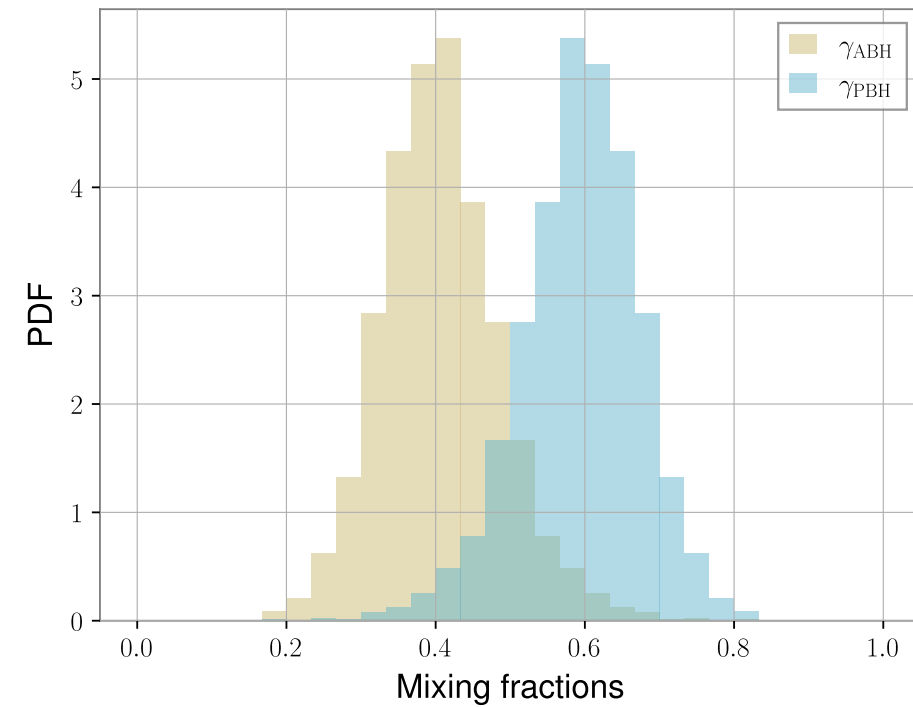
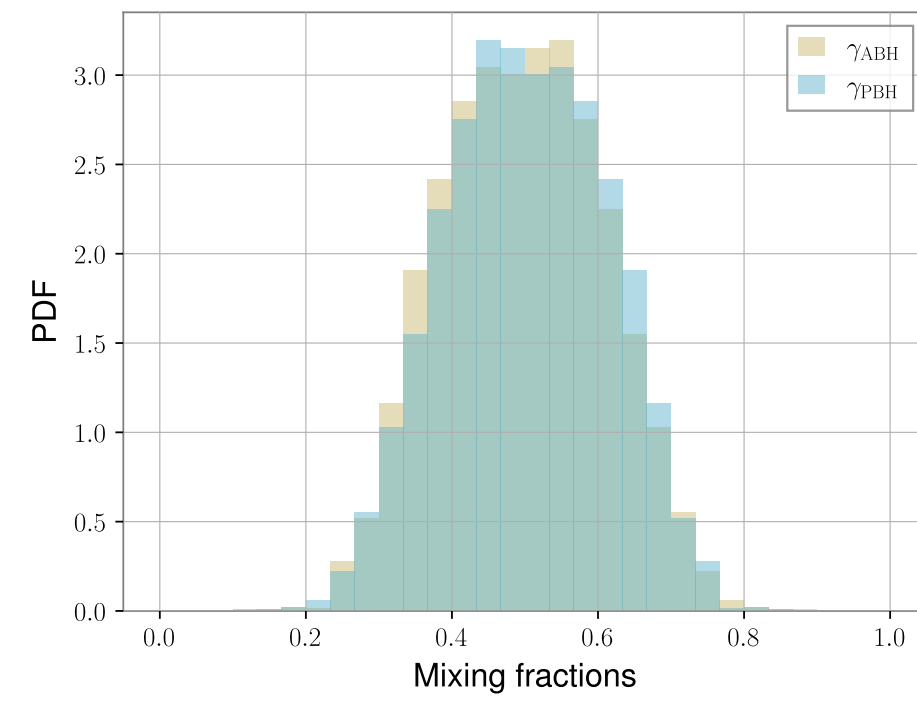
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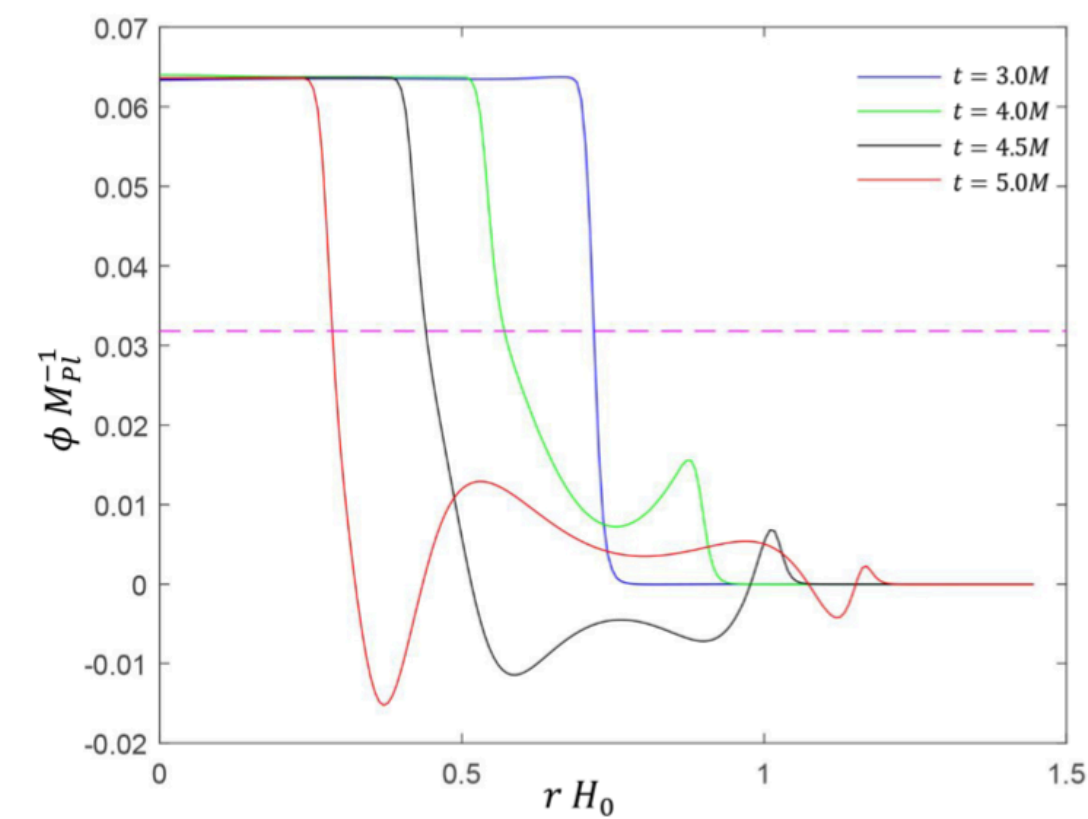
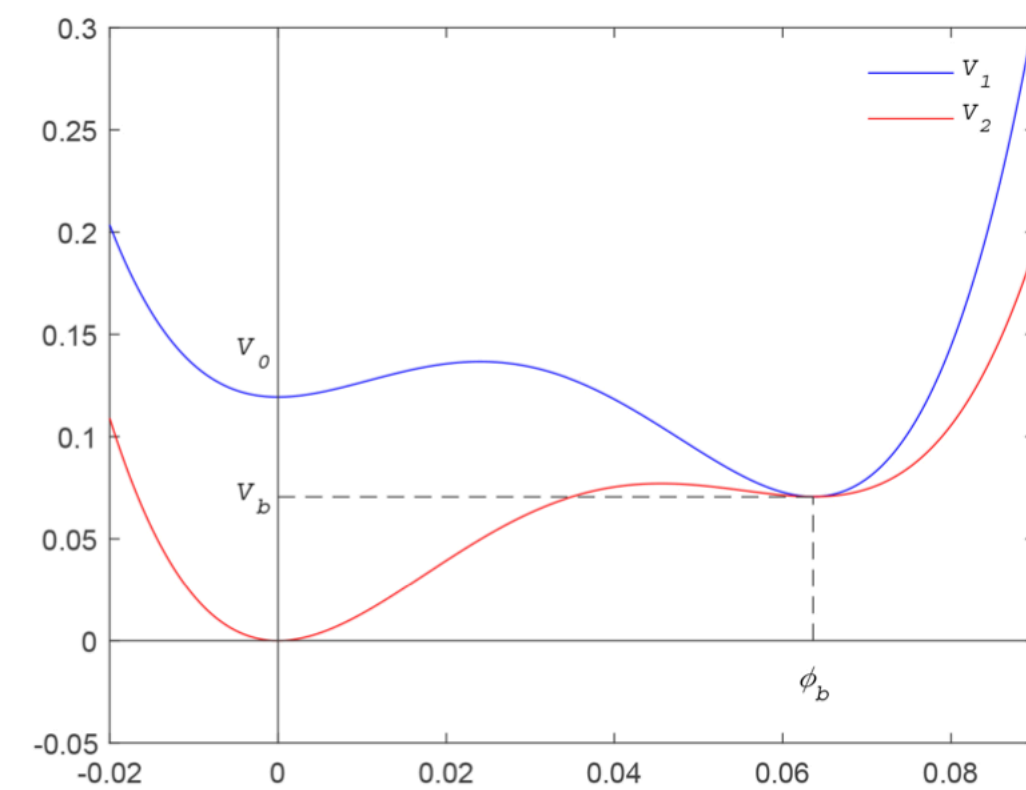
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