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Reconstruction of primordial power spectrum of curvature perturbation on small scales from the merger rate of primordial black hole binaries



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Idea

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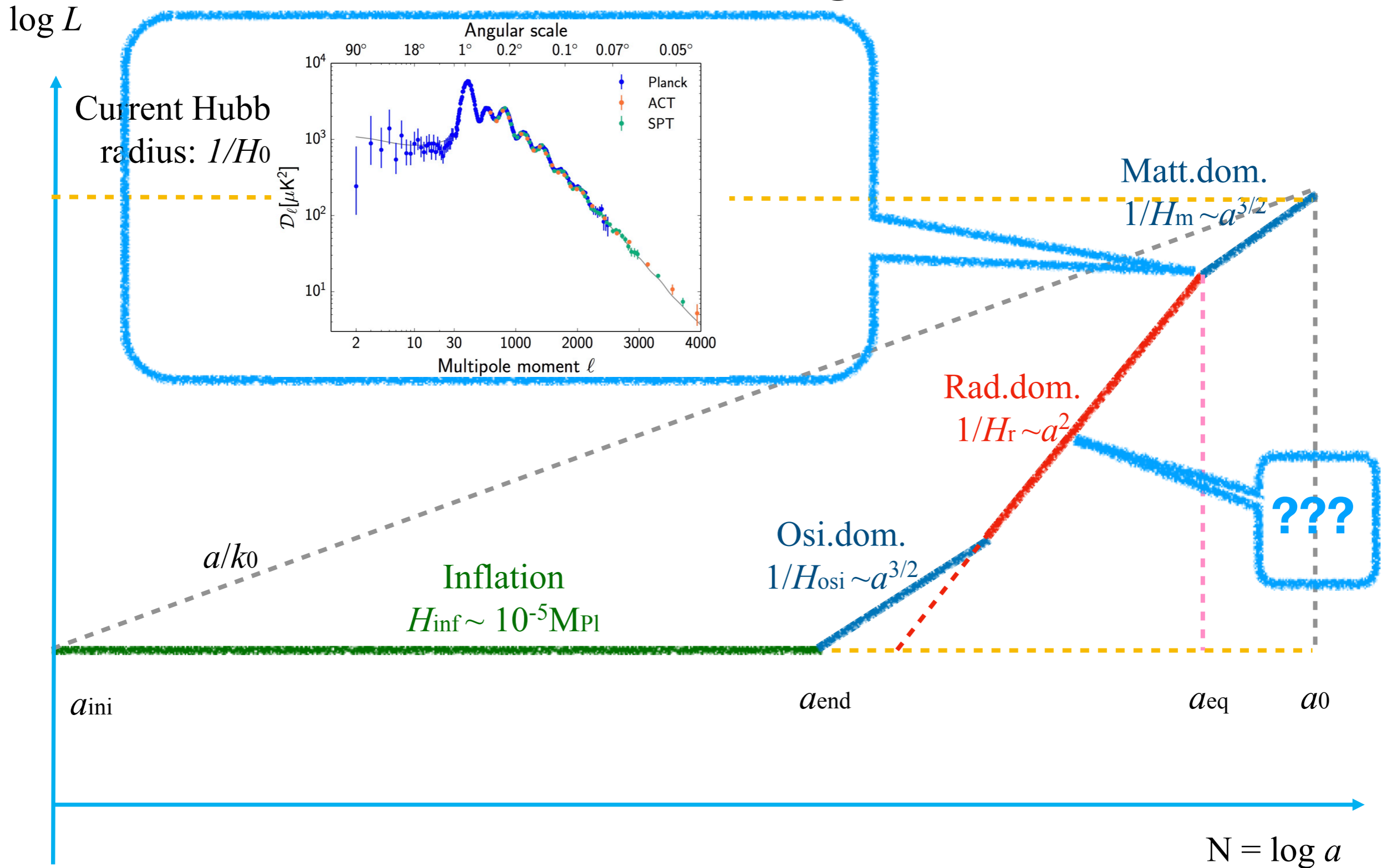
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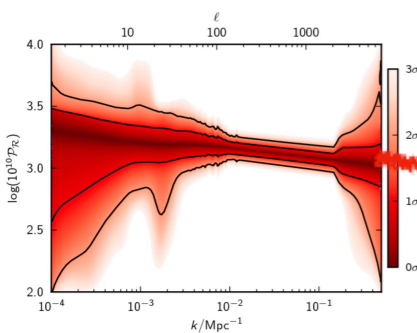
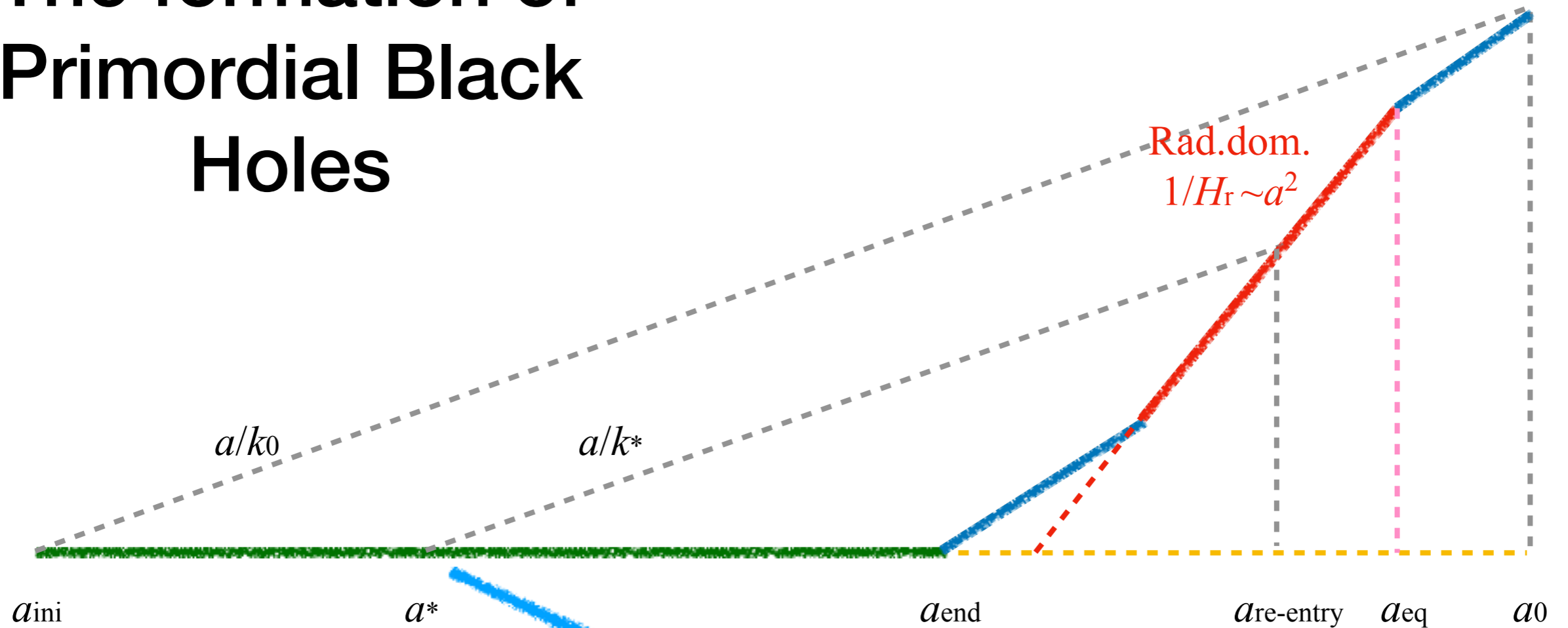
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Spacetime diagram



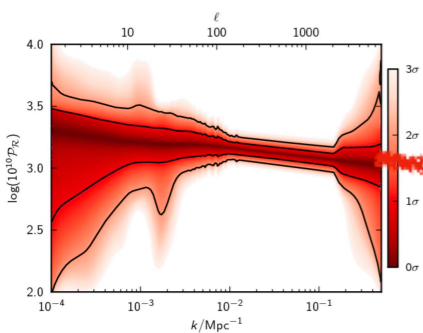
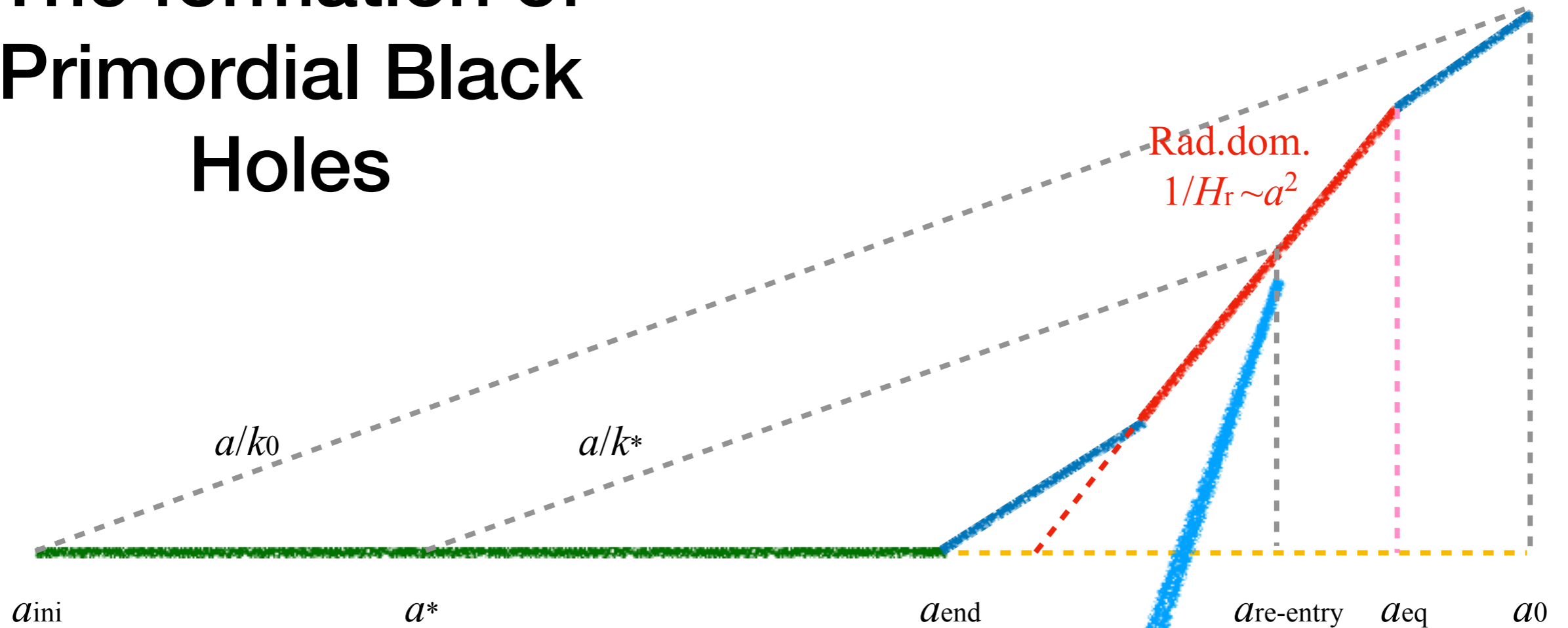
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There is a peak on the primordial density perturbation, which leaves horizon and gets frozen at a^* .

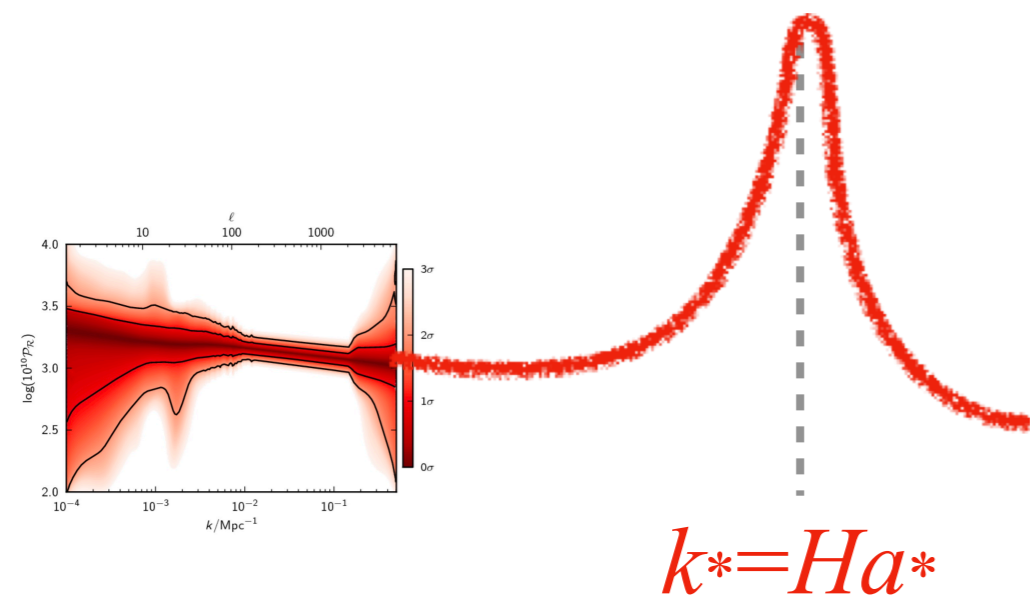
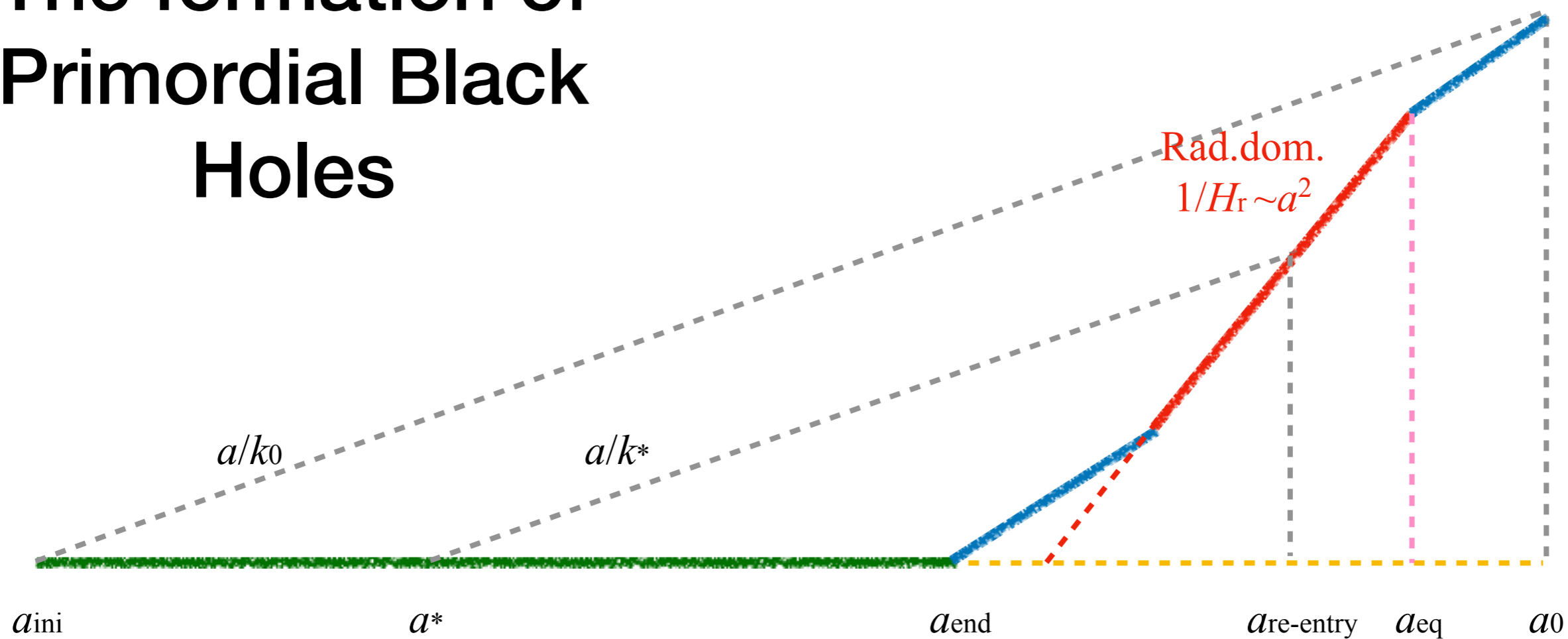
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The peak scale re-enters the horizon at radiation dominated era. If it exceeded some critical value $O(0.1)$, PBH will form. Its mass is $O(M_H)$.

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Questions:

1. Correct? (Uniquely determined?)
2. How to reconstruct?

Assumptions

0. At least some of the BBH LIGO events are PBHs

merger rate from observations

1. PBHs formed out of high peaks of curvature perturbations

the simplest case

2. Window function: top-hat form

semi-analytic expression for calculation of merger rate

3. Gaussian distribution of density perturbation

simple relation between between power spectrum and the variance

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Question: can we **uniquely** determine $\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}}(k)$?

Step (i) $\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}}(k) \overset{(i)}{\longleftrightarrow} \sigma^2(R)$

$$P(\Delta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma} e^{-\frac{\Delta^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{\Delta}(k) \longrightarrow \sigma^2(R) = \int_0^{\infty} W^2(kR) \mathcal{P}_{\Delta}(k) d(\ln k)$$

$$W(kR) = \begin{cases} 1 & ; 0 < k < 1/R, \\ 0 & ; \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{\Delta}(t, k) = \frac{16}{81} \left(\frac{k}{aH} \right)^4 \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}}(k)$$

$$\frac{81}{16} R^4 \frac{d}{dR} \left(\frac{\sigma^2(R)}{R^4} \right) \Big|_{1/R=k} = -k \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}}(k)$$

Step (ii) $\sigma^2(R) \xleftrightarrow{(ii)} f(m)$

The mass function $f(m)$ is expressed in terms of PBH abundance

$$f(m) \propto \beta \equiv \int_{\Delta_{\text{th}}}^1 P(\Delta) d\Delta = \frac{1}{2} \text{erfc} \left(\frac{\Delta_{\text{th}}}{\sqrt{2}\sigma} \right)$$



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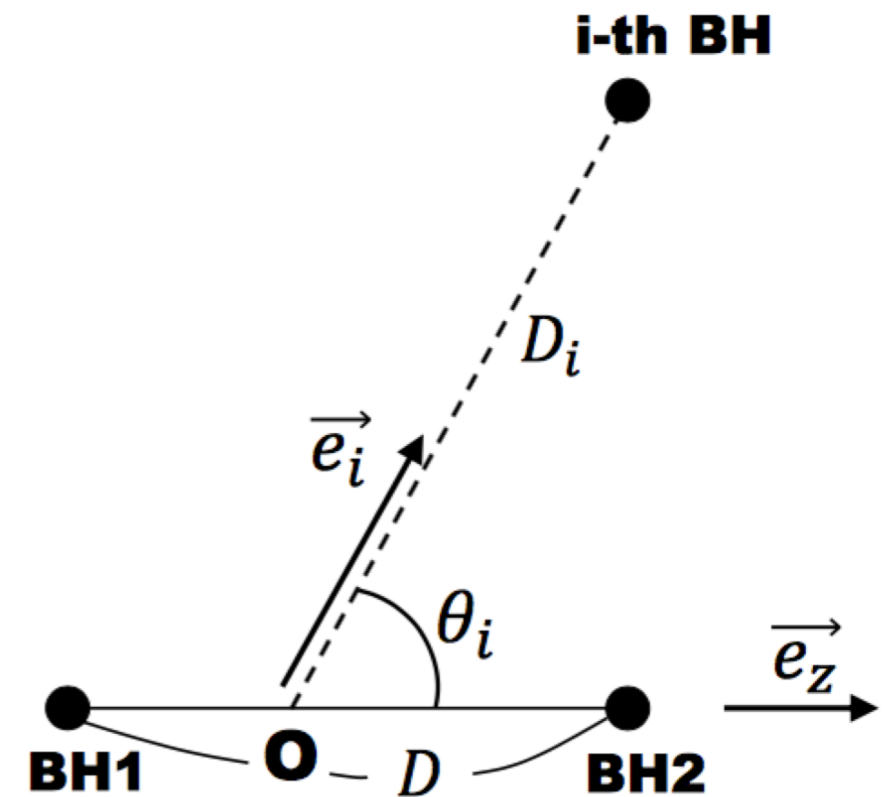
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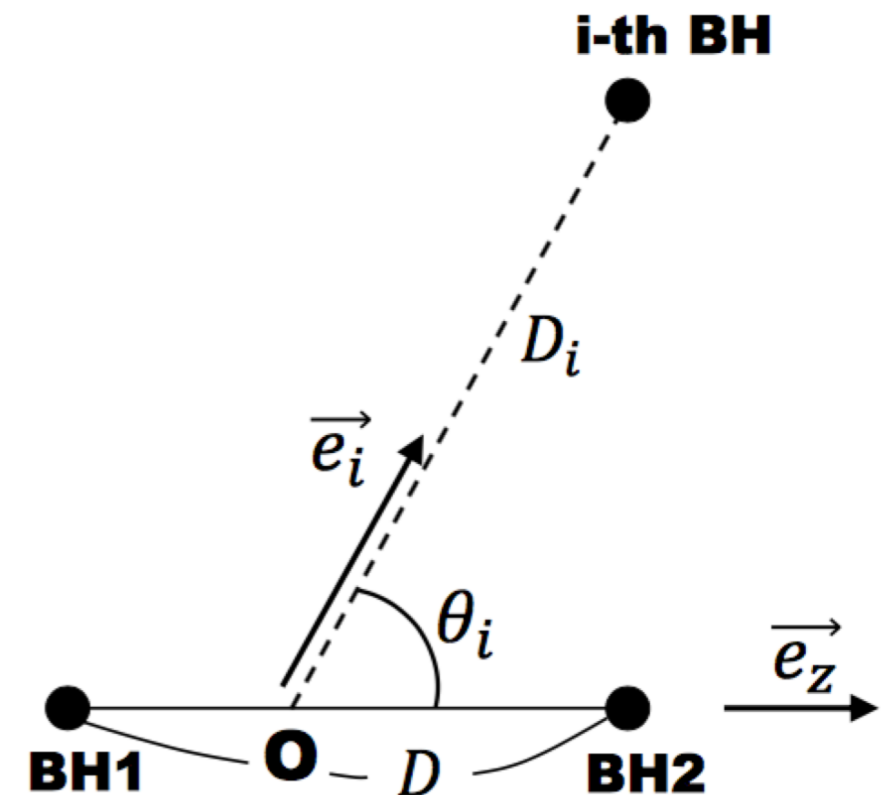
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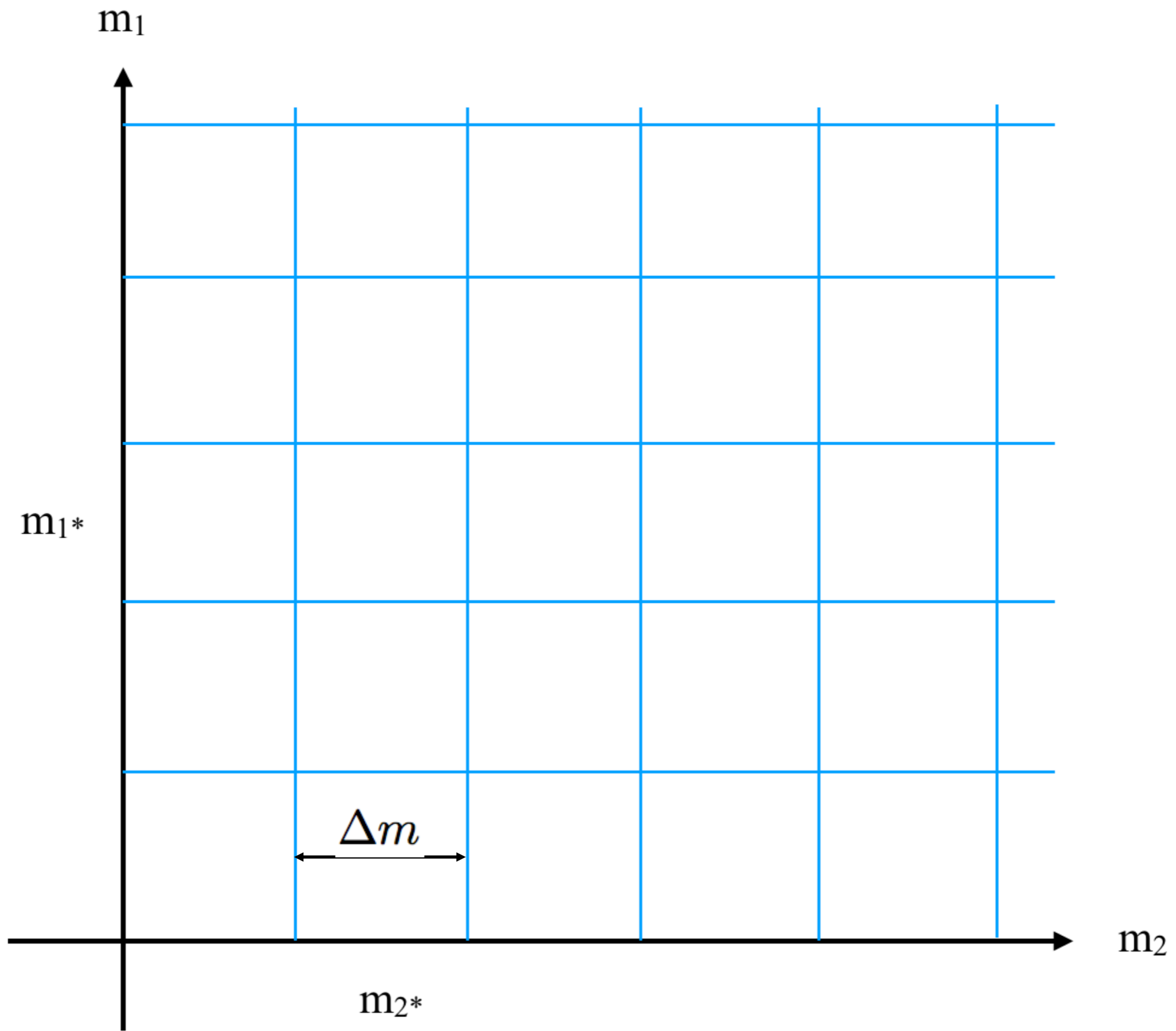
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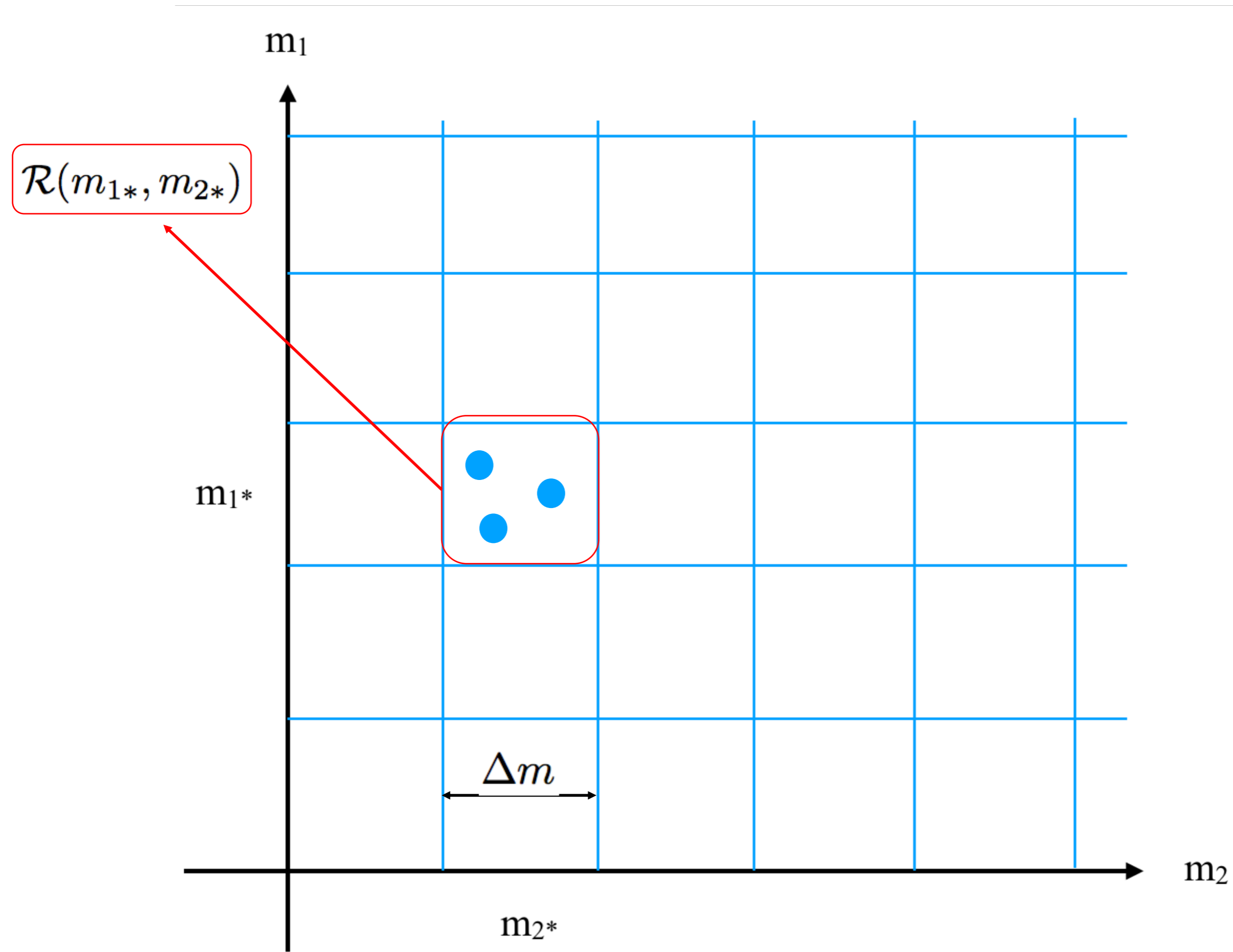
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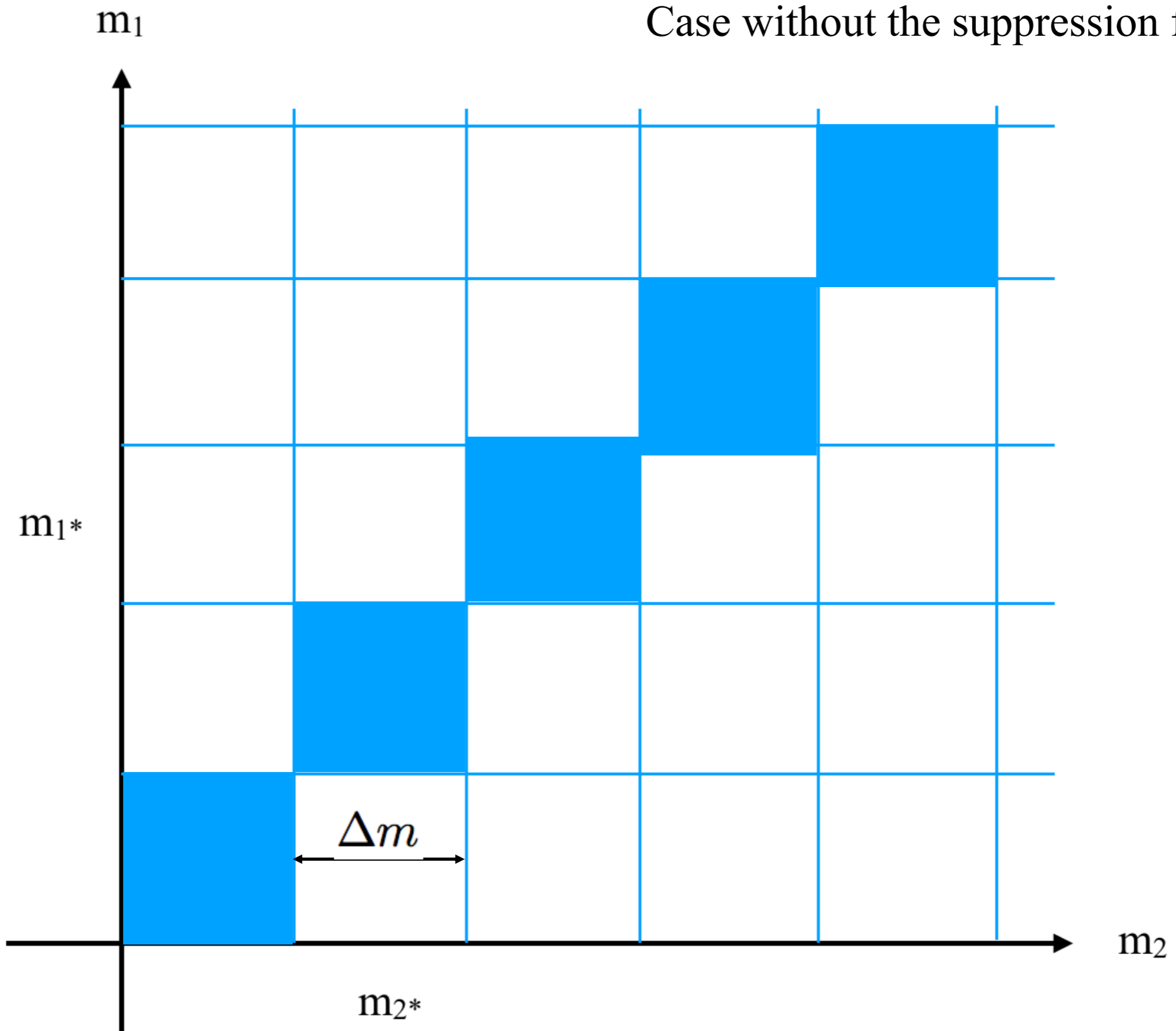


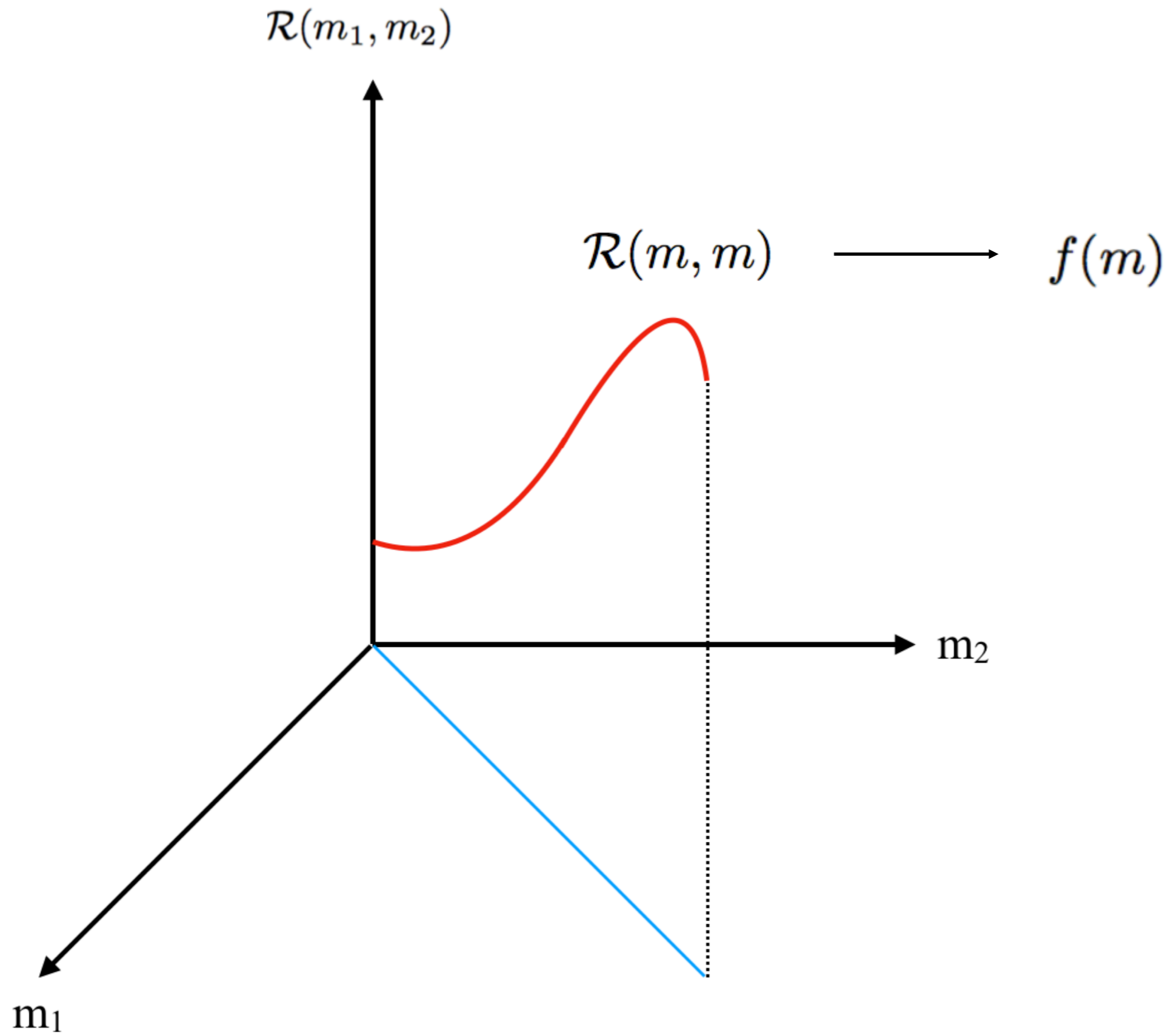
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Case without the suppression factor





A simple example: no suppression factor

$$\text{Step (iii)} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad f(m) = g(t) m^{-\frac{21}{37}} \sqrt{\mathcal{R}(m, m, t)}$$

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$m(k) = \left(\frac{k_{\text{eq}}}{k} \right)^2 M_{\text{eq}} K \left(\frac{g_{*,\text{eq}}}{g_*} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

Step (i) $\implies \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}}(k)$

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$$\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}}(k) = \frac{81}{8} \sigma^2 \left[2 - \sqrt{\pi} A(m) \left(\frac{69}{74} + \frac{m}{2\mathcal{R}(m, m, t)} \frac{\partial \mathcal{R}(m, m, t)}{\partial m} \right) \right] \\ \times \left[\text{erfc}^{-1}(A(m)) \right]^{-1} \exp \left\{ \left[\text{erfc}^{-1}(A(m)) \right]^2 \right\} \Big|_{m=m(k)}$$

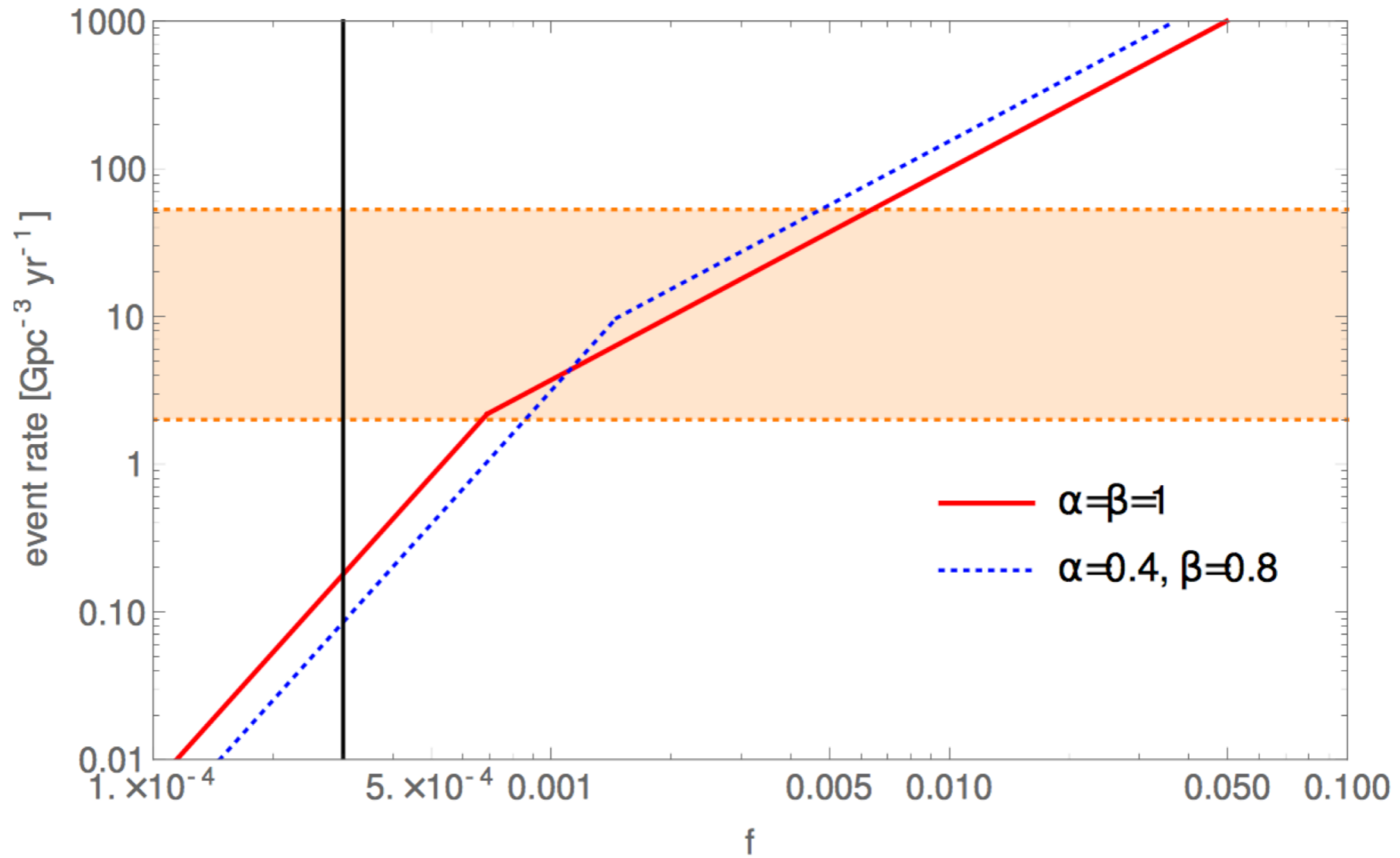
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Only the merger rate with **equal mass** is relevant!

Conclusion

We proposed the method to reconstruct the primordial power spectrum of **curvature perturbation** from the **merger rate of PBH binaries**

We need **more data** from LIGO, or **mock data** for the real reconstruction process



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