

Title: Can we tell whether Stochastic Gravitational Waves are really primordial?

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Abstract: TBA

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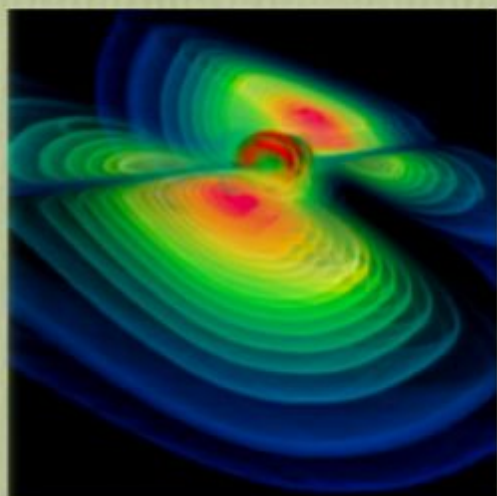


Outline

- Introduction : why should we care?
- Review : Direct Detection of Stochastic Gravitational Wave Power Spectrum
- Constructing the estimator for SGW : from detector data streams to 3-pt correlation functions
- What can see?
- Summary

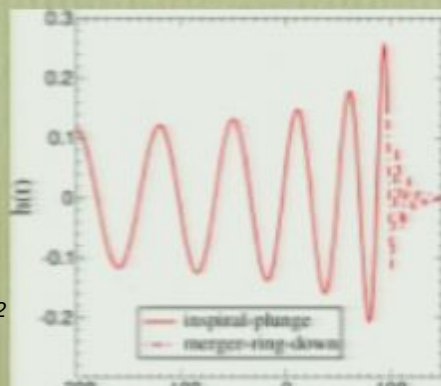
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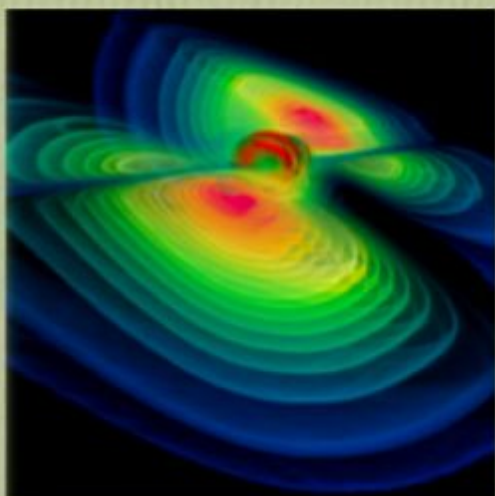
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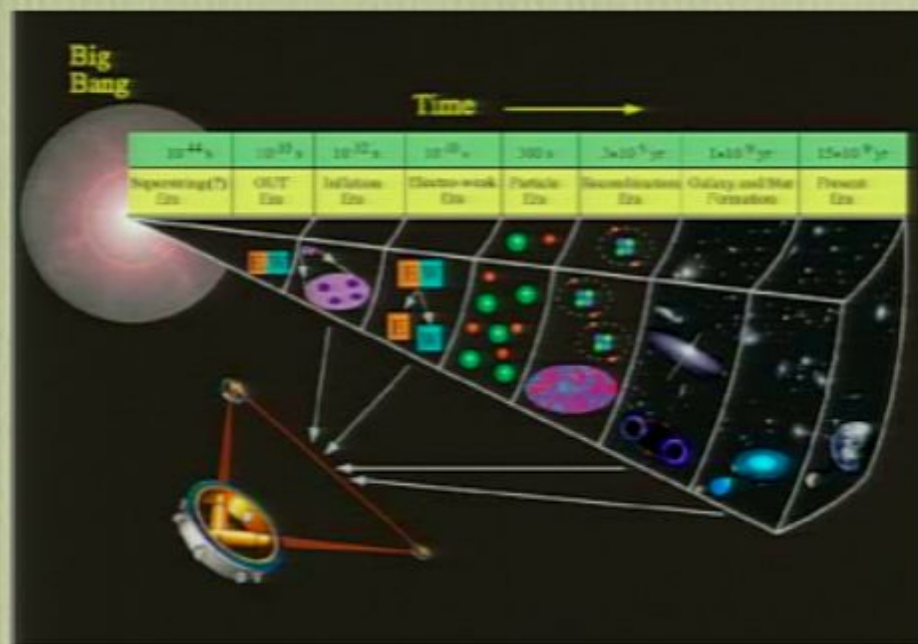
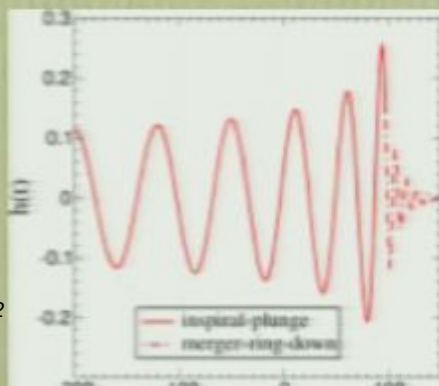
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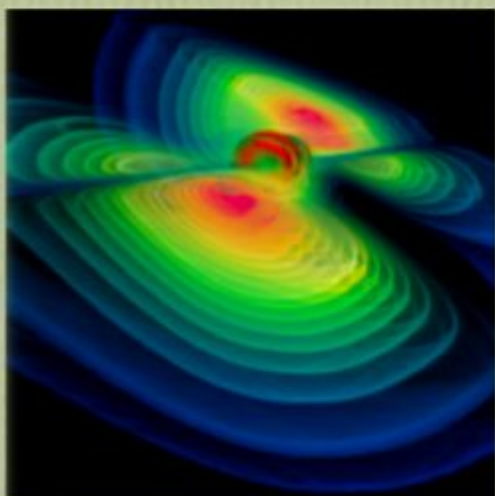


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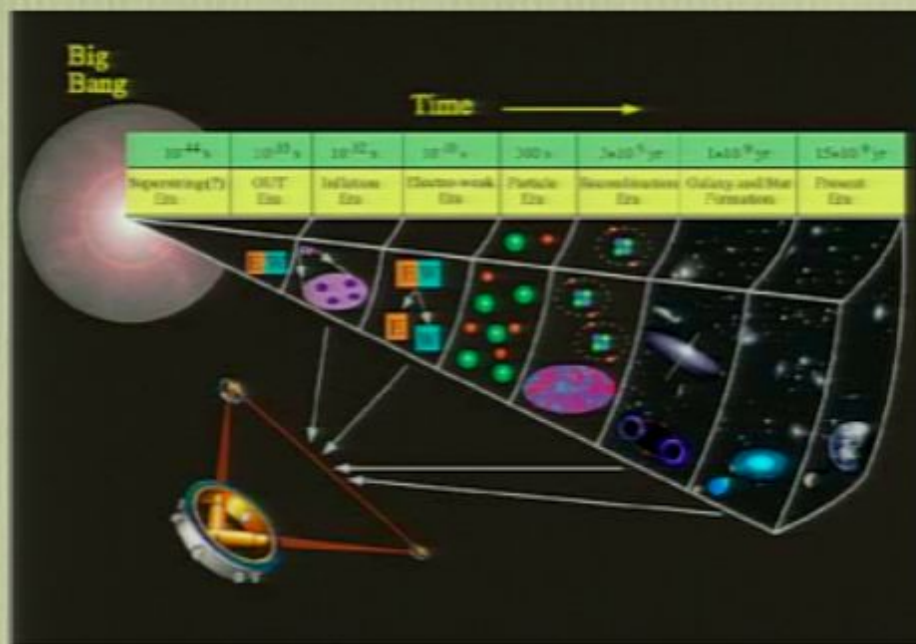
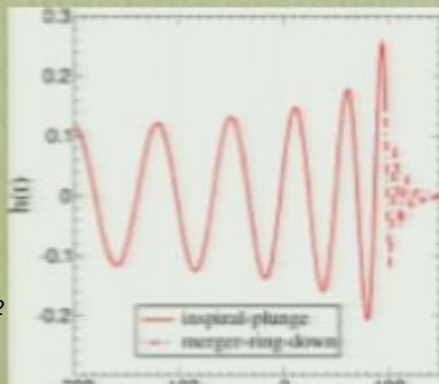
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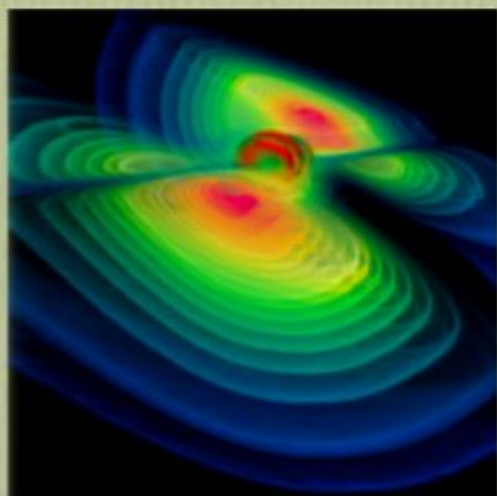


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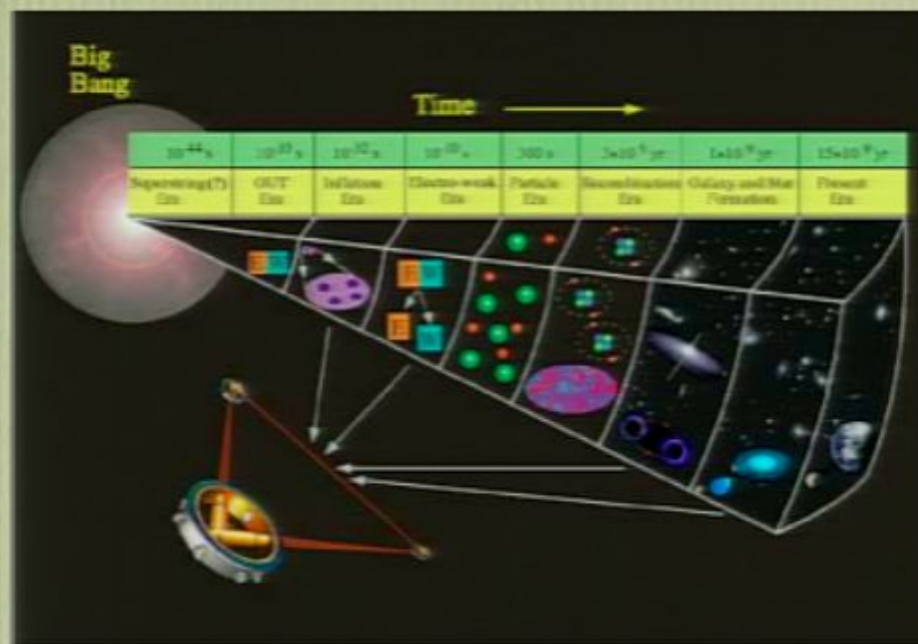
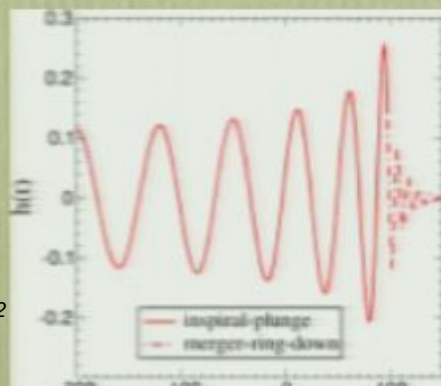
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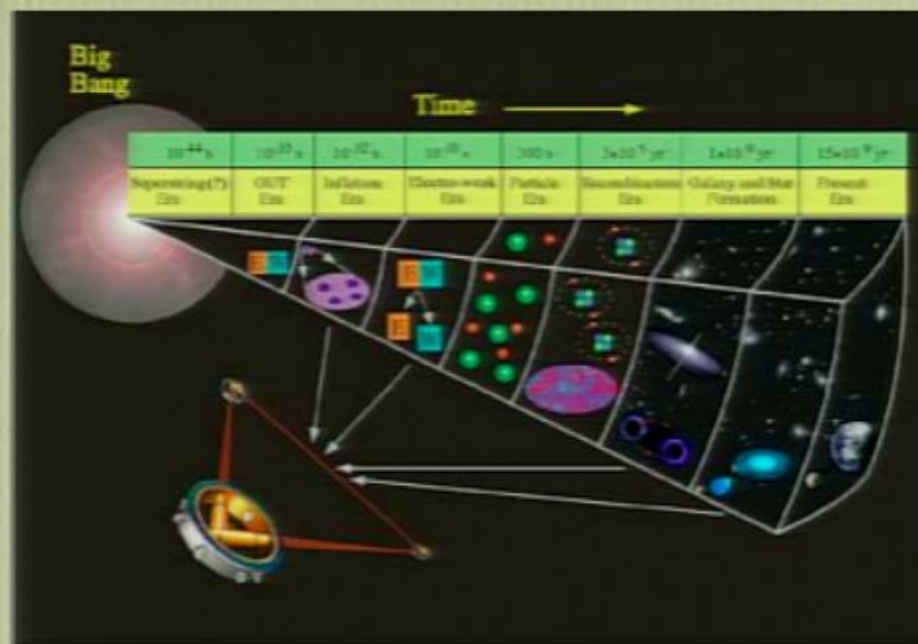
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Strings/Defects? New physics?

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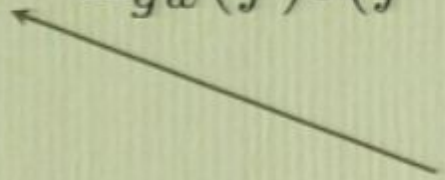
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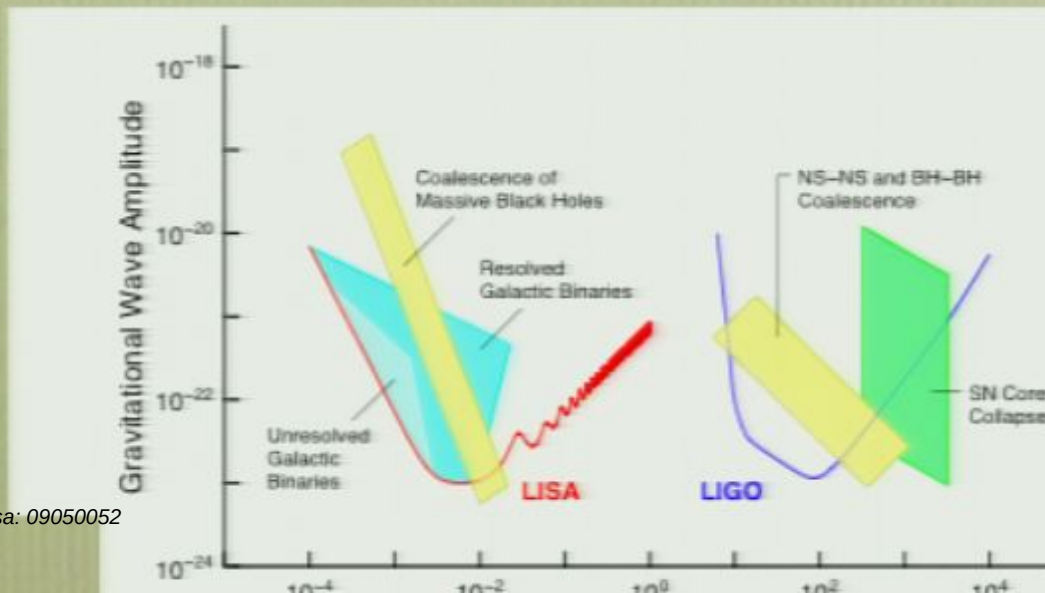
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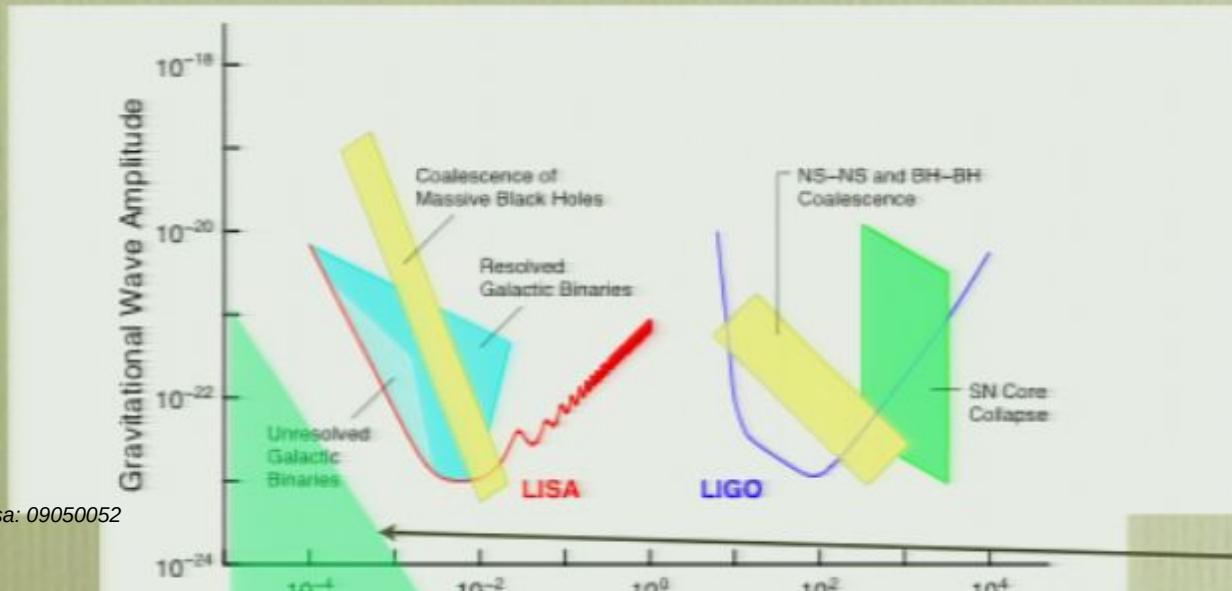
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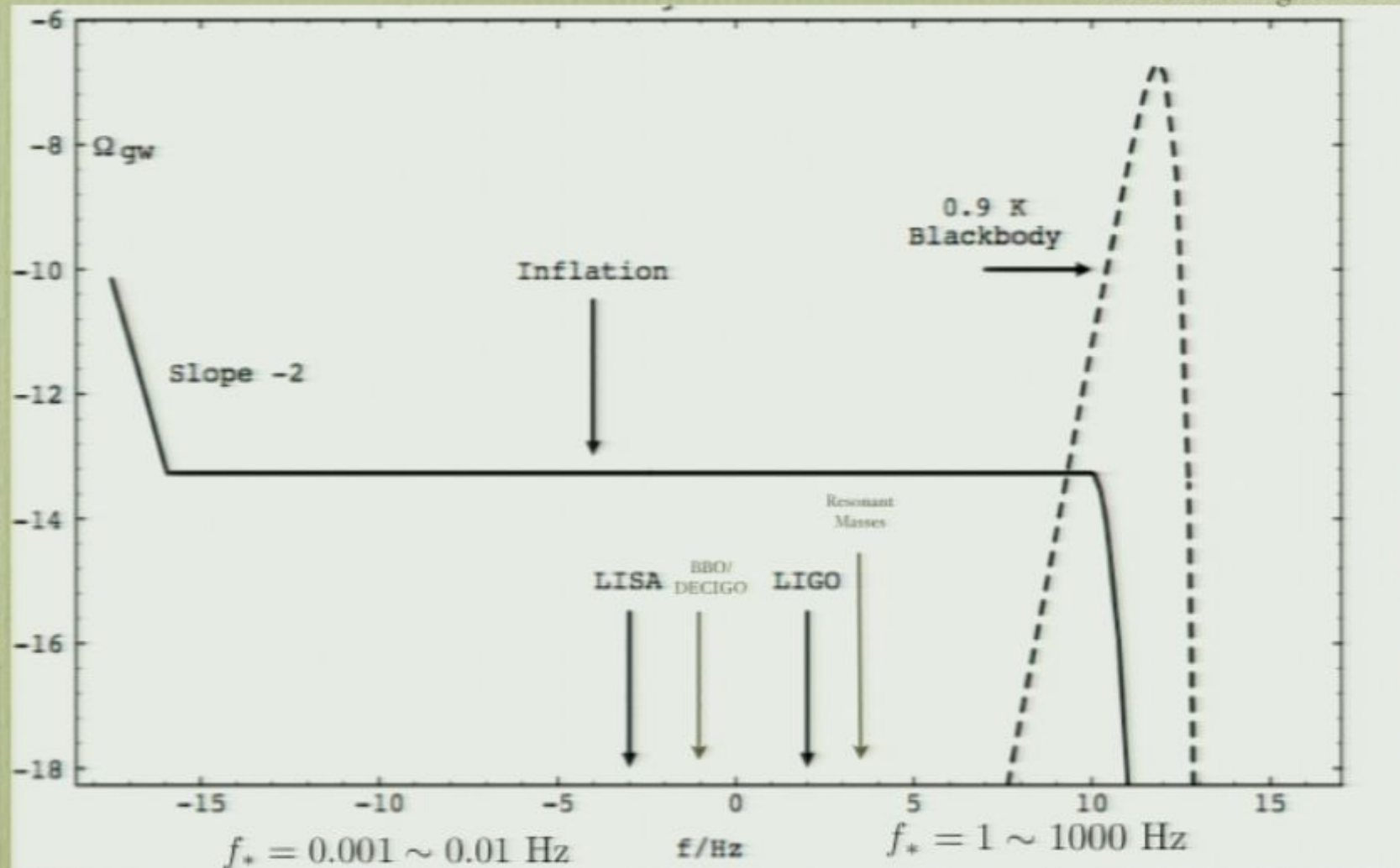


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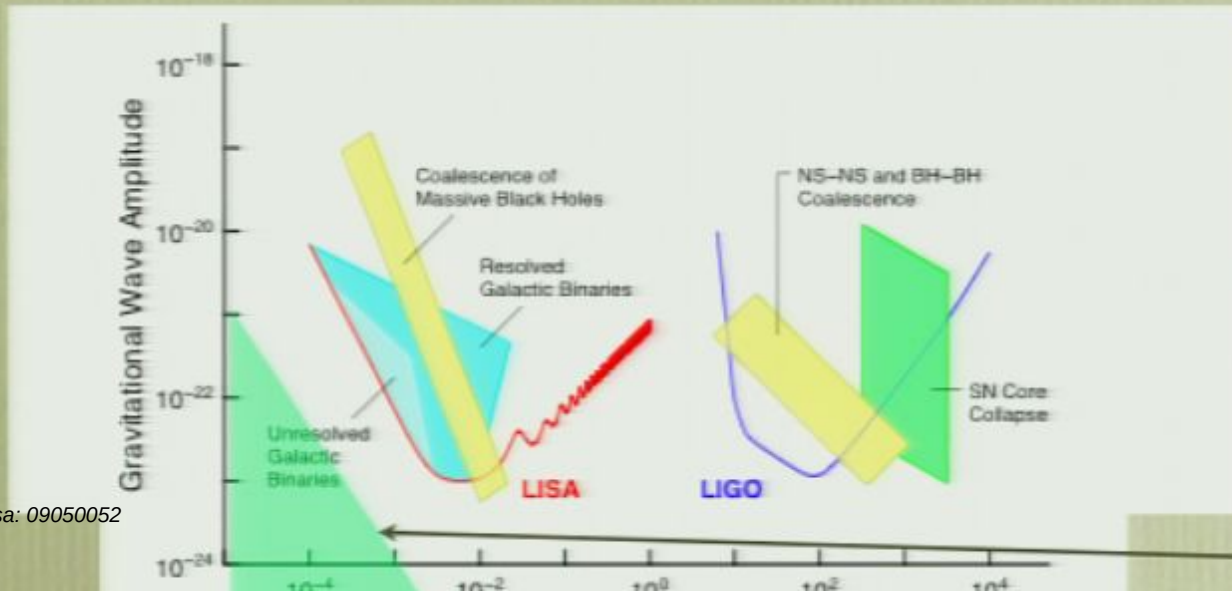
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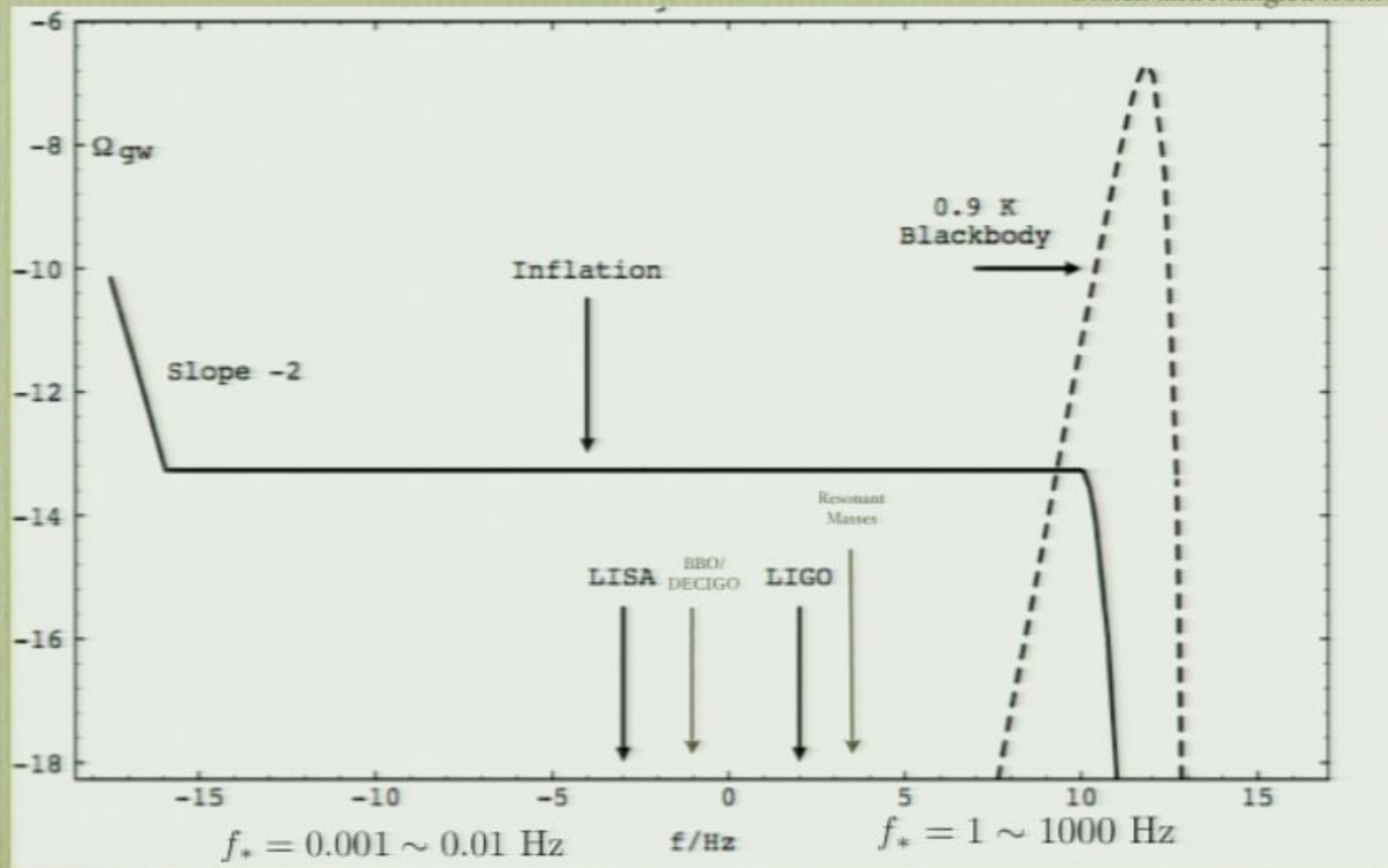
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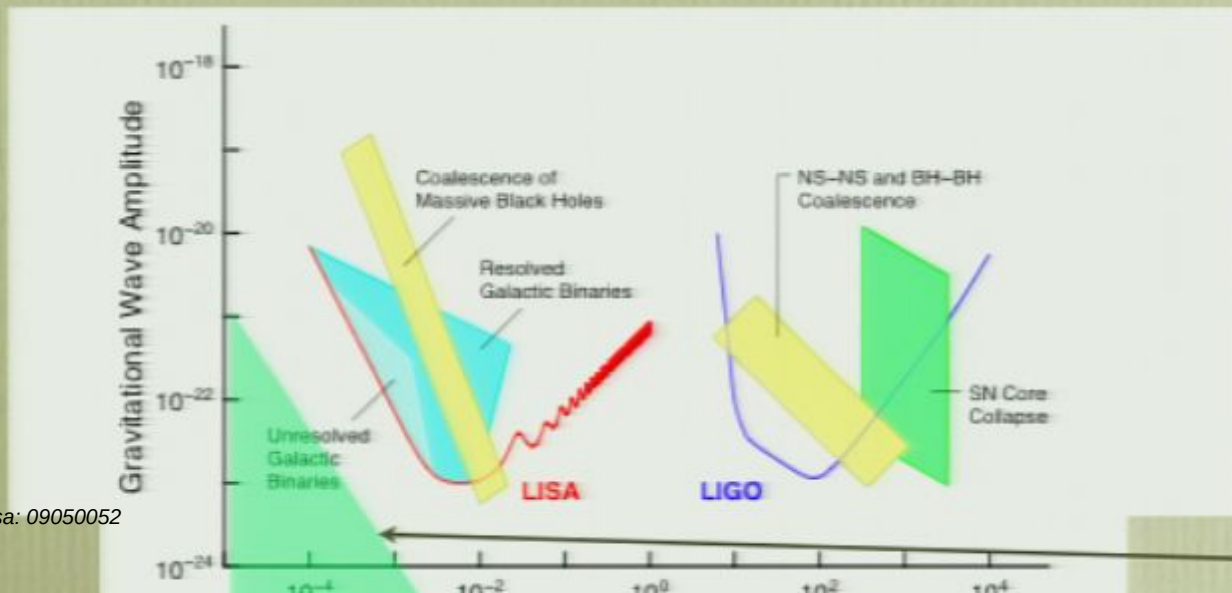
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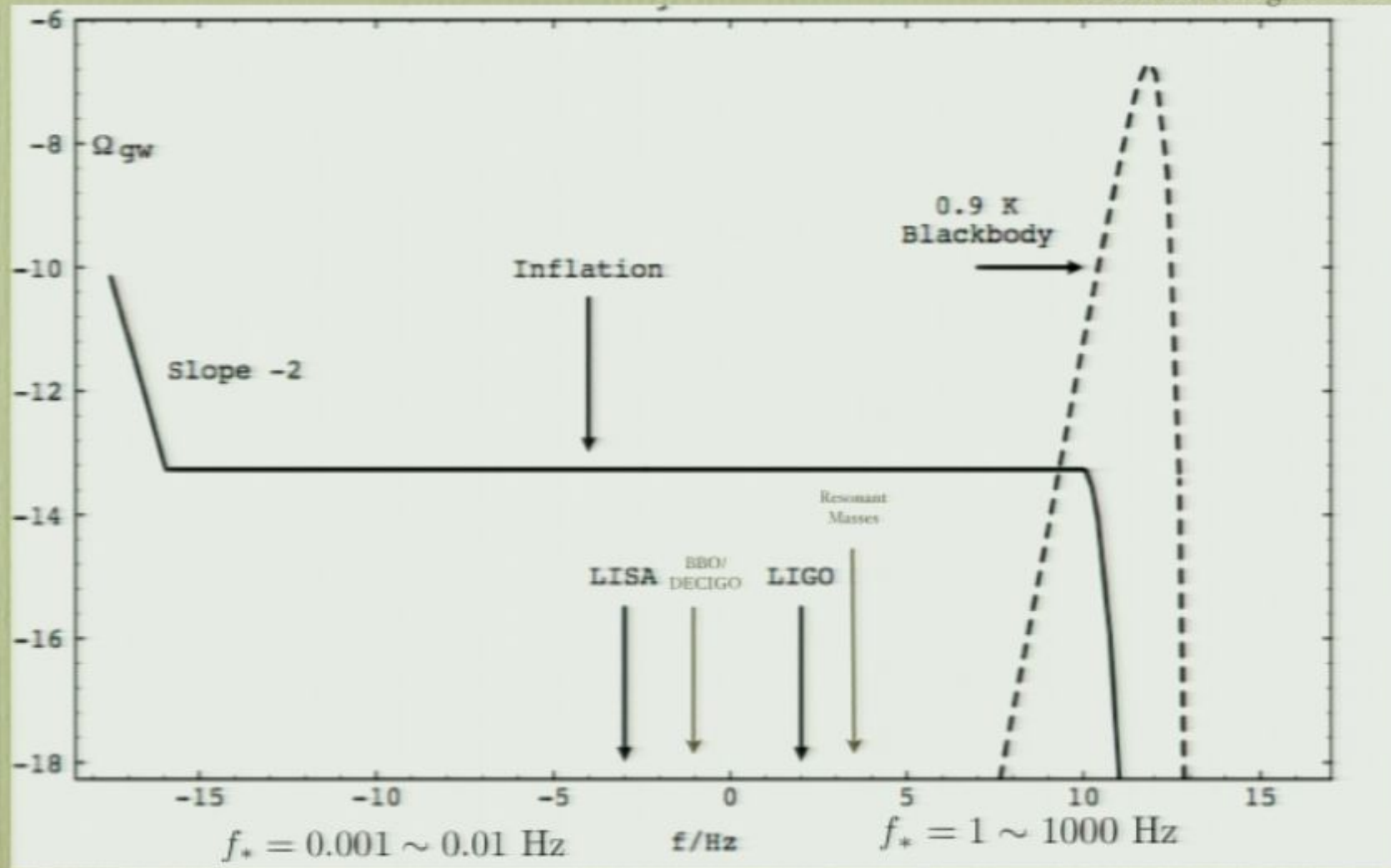


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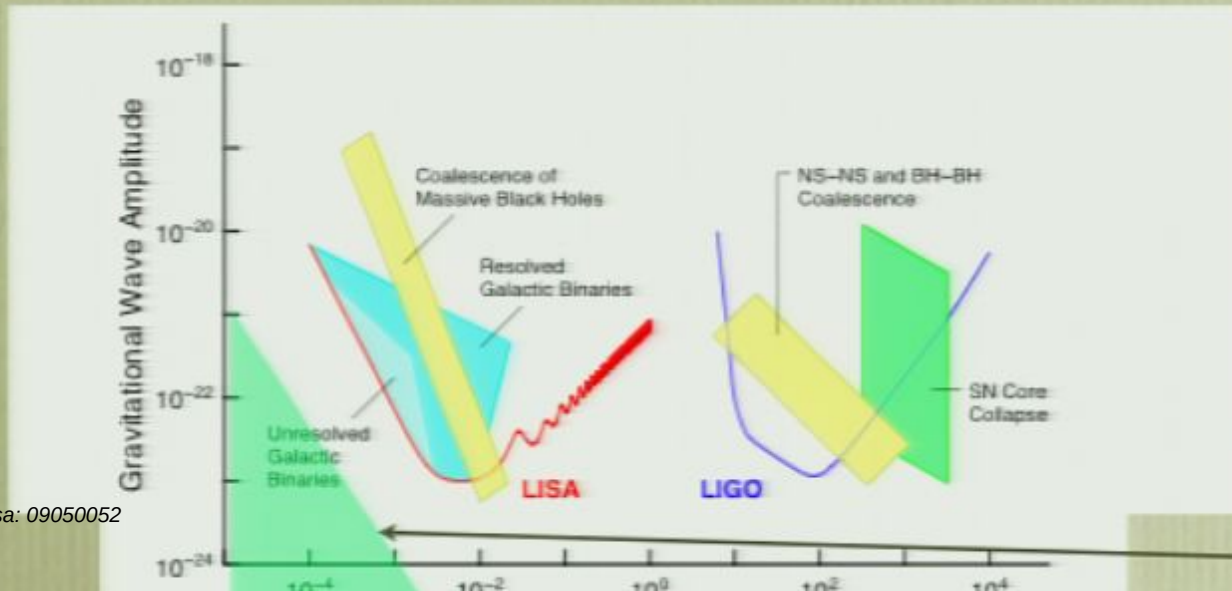
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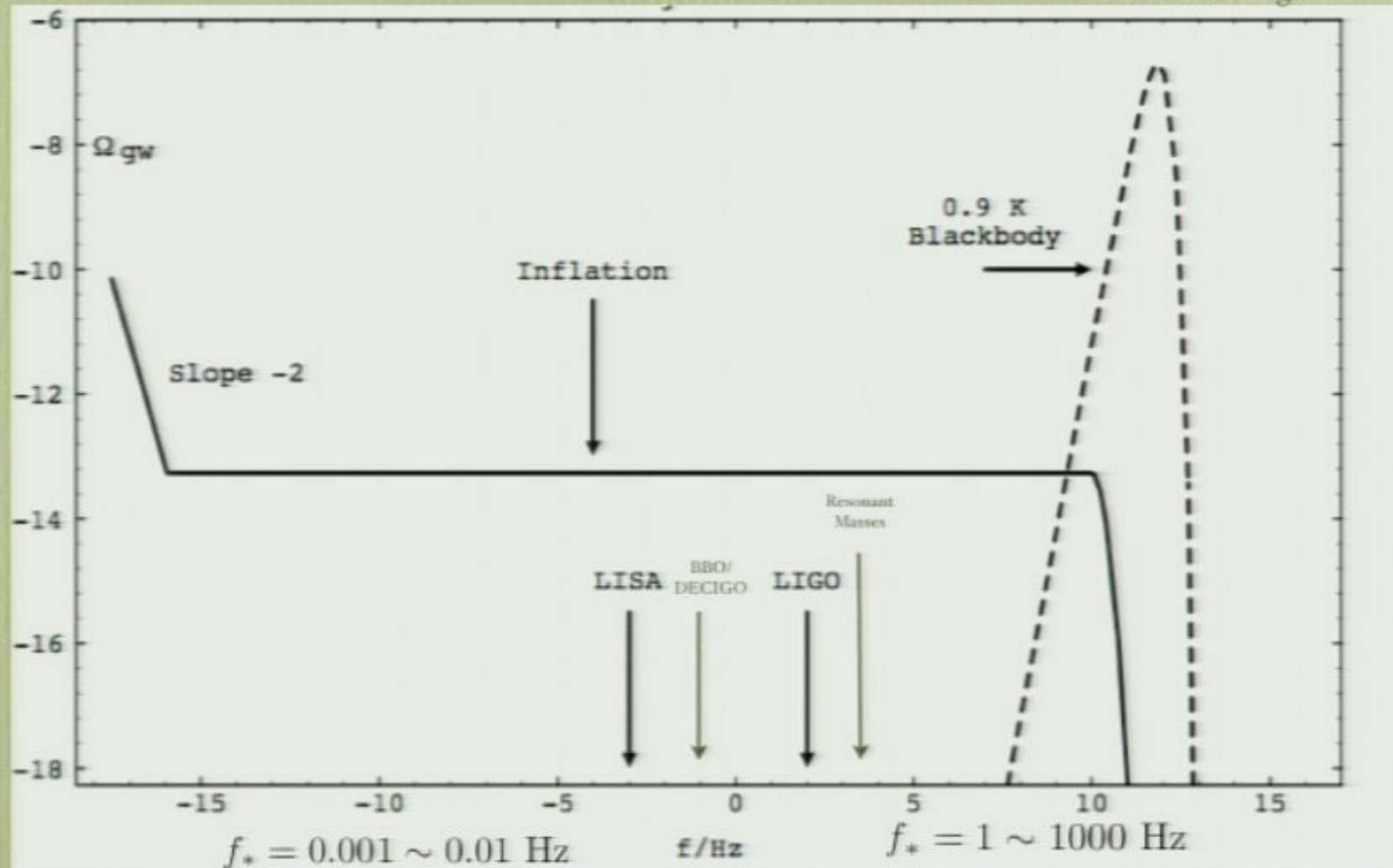


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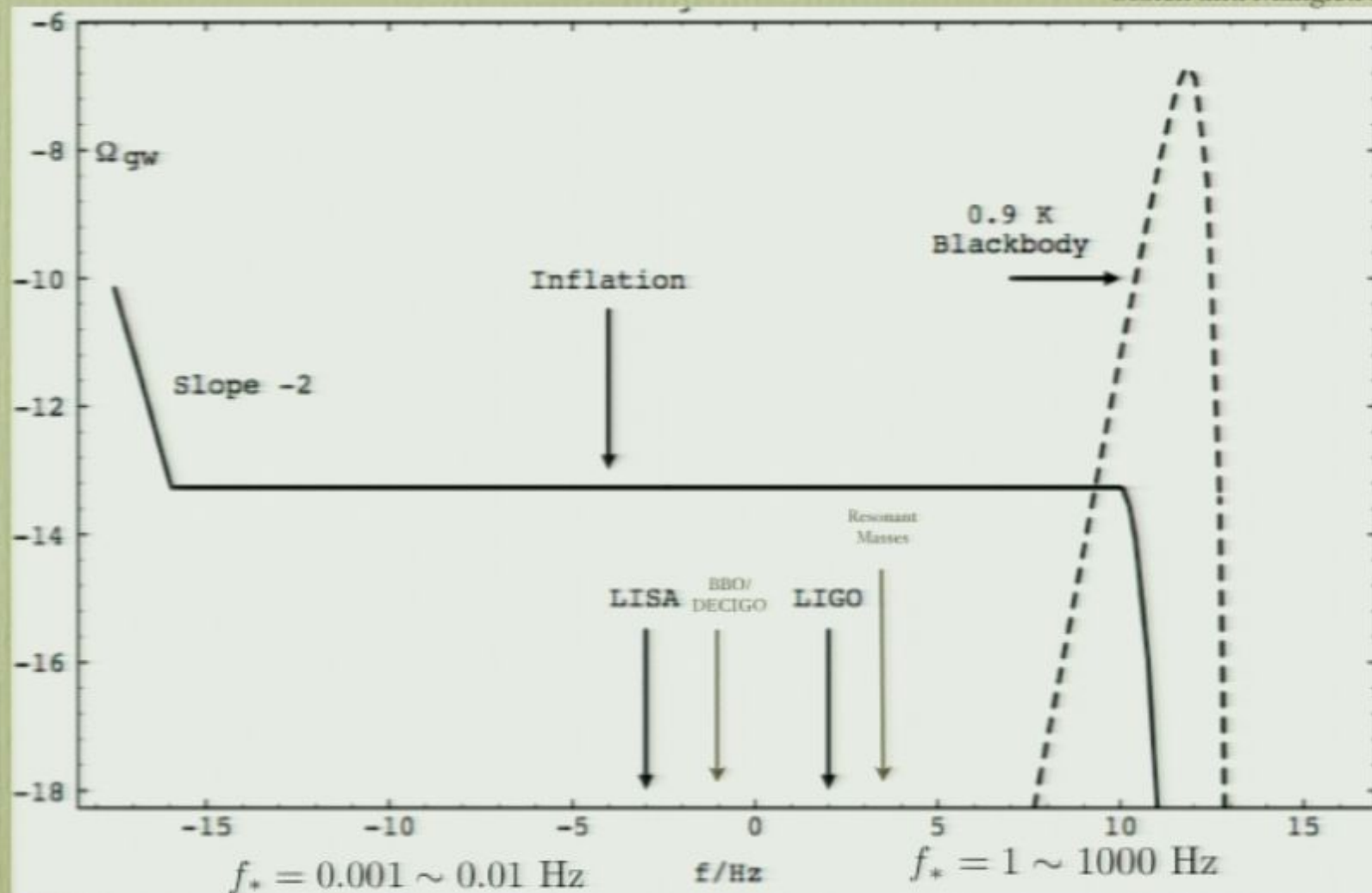
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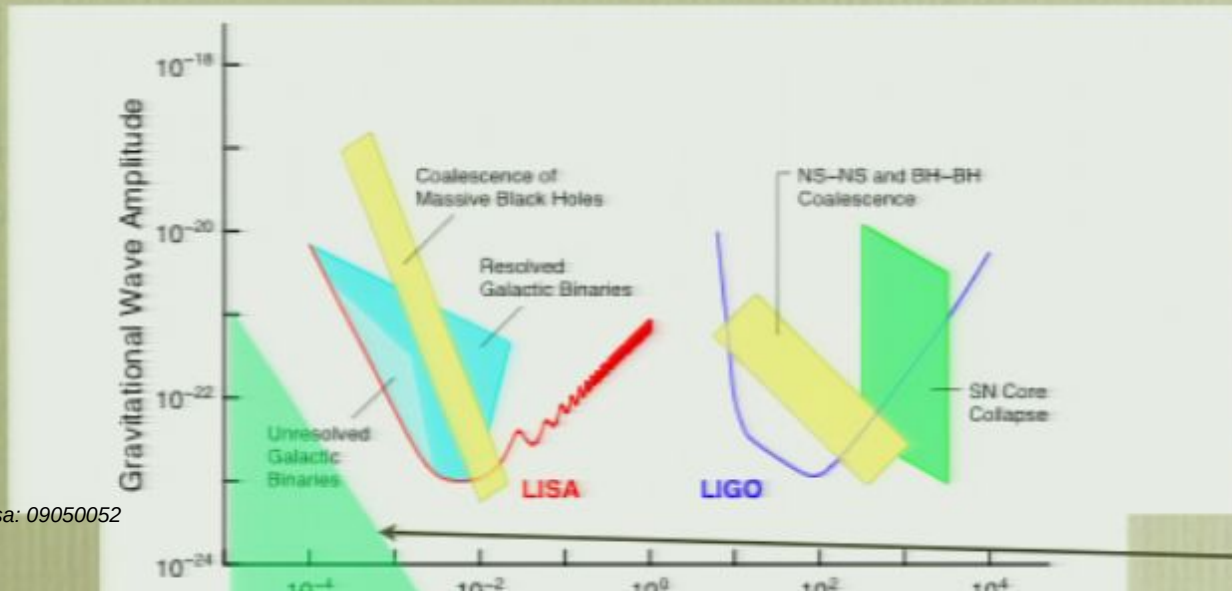
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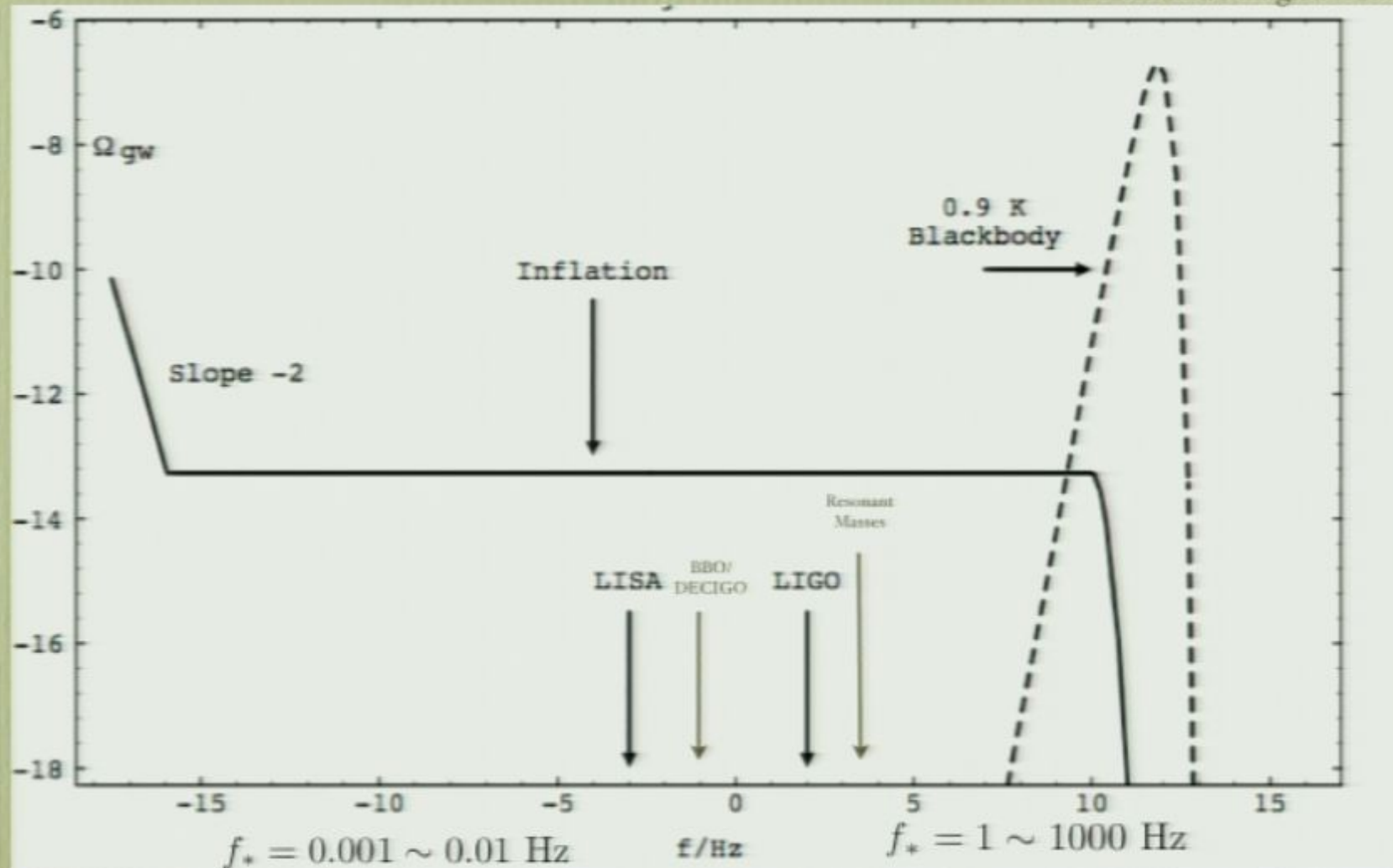


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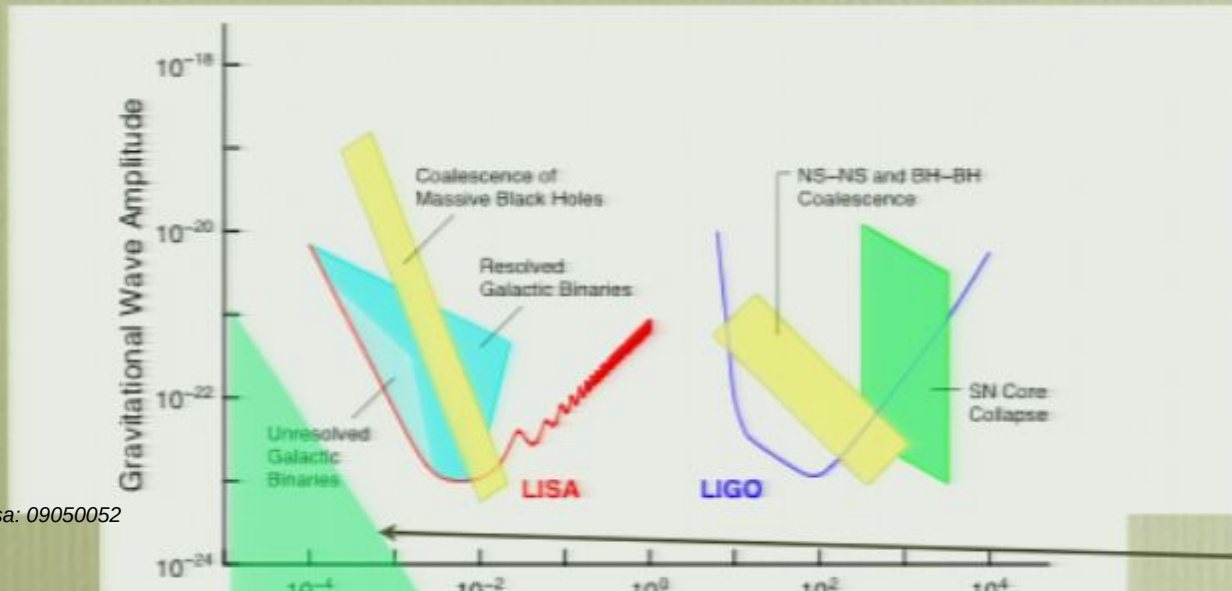
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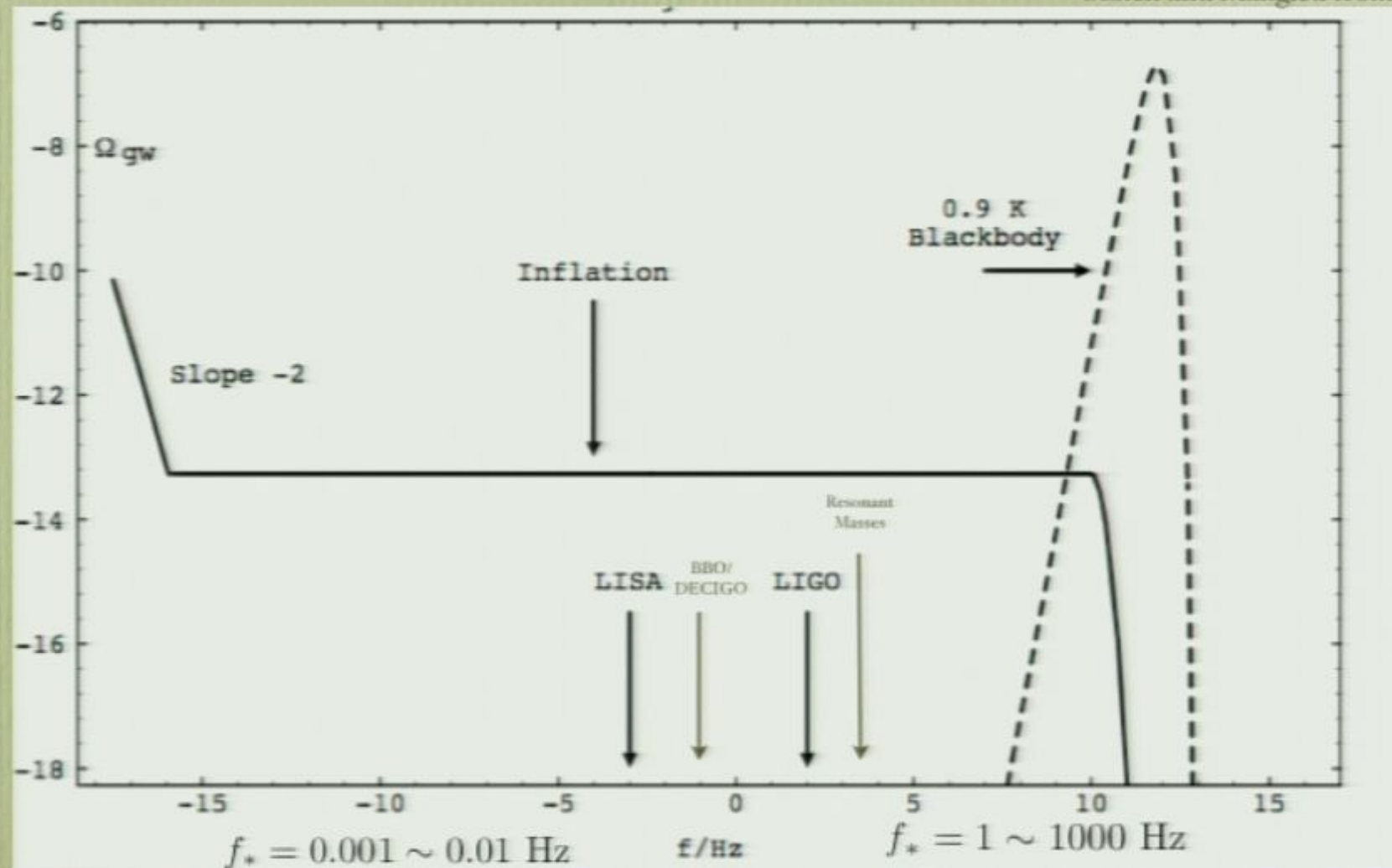


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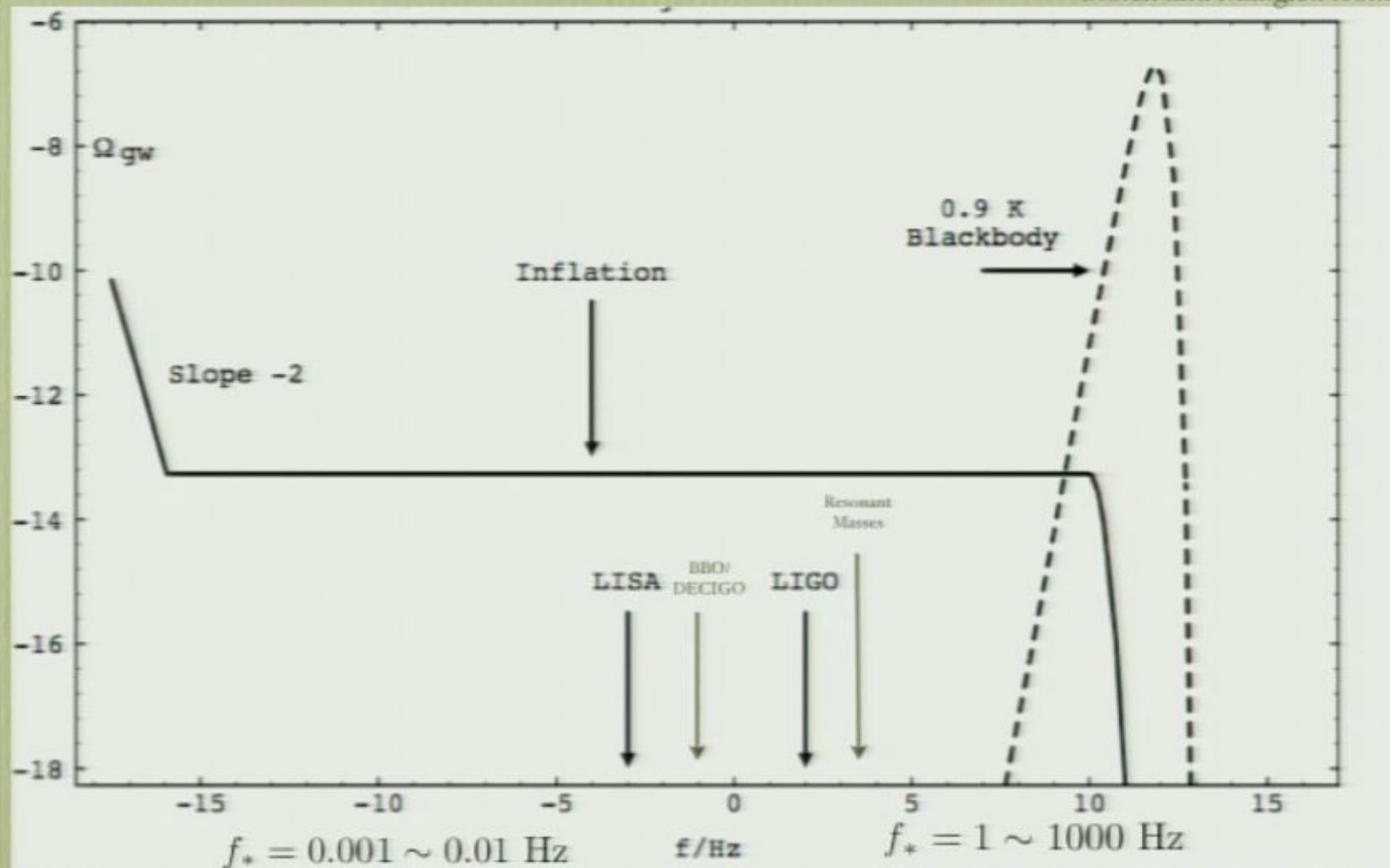
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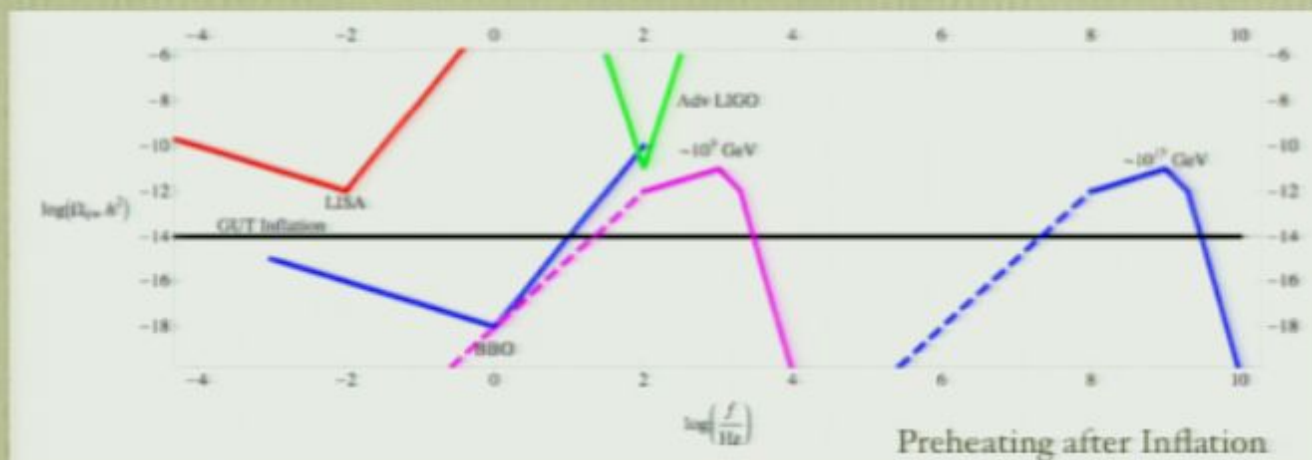
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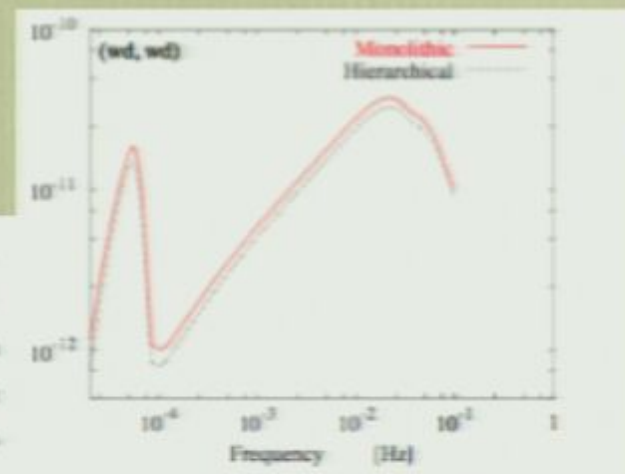
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Easter, Giblin Lim (2007)



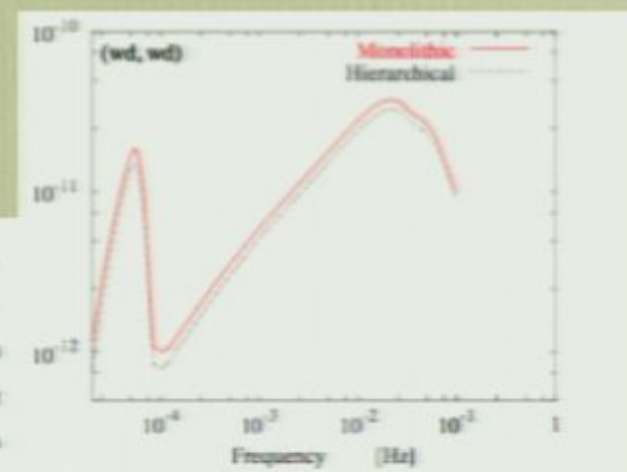
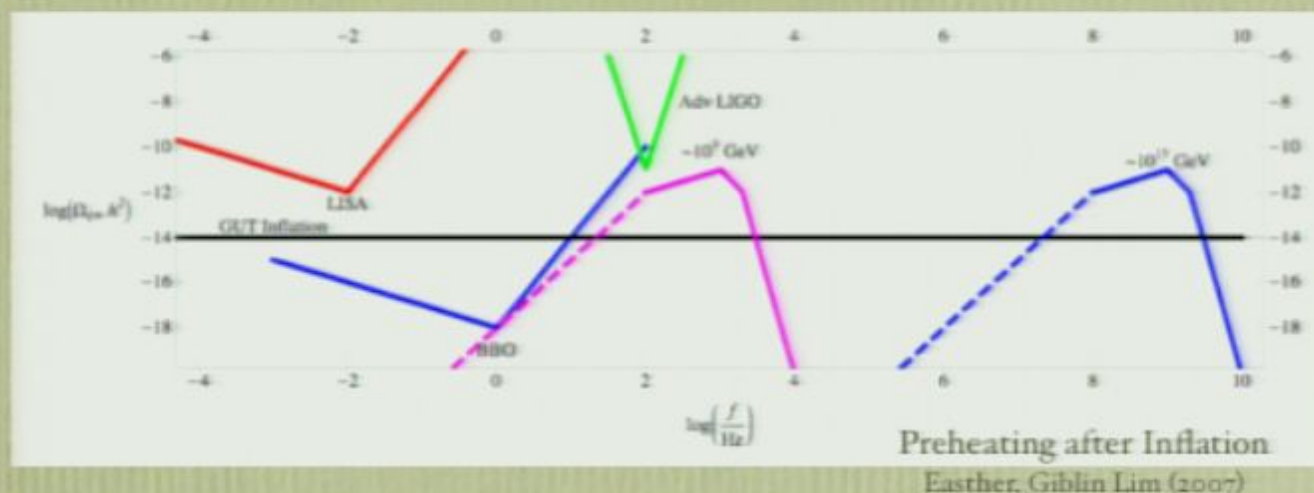
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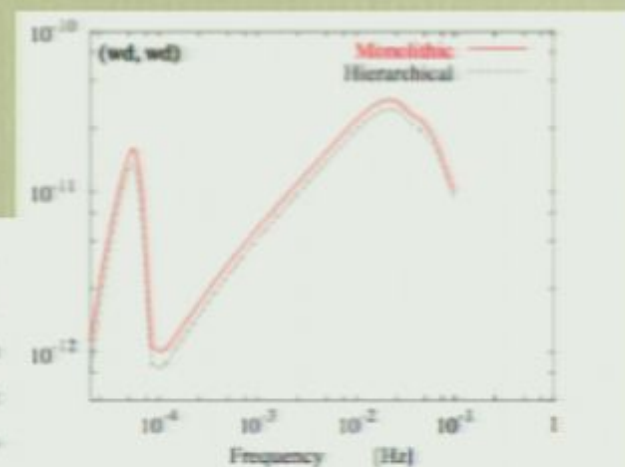
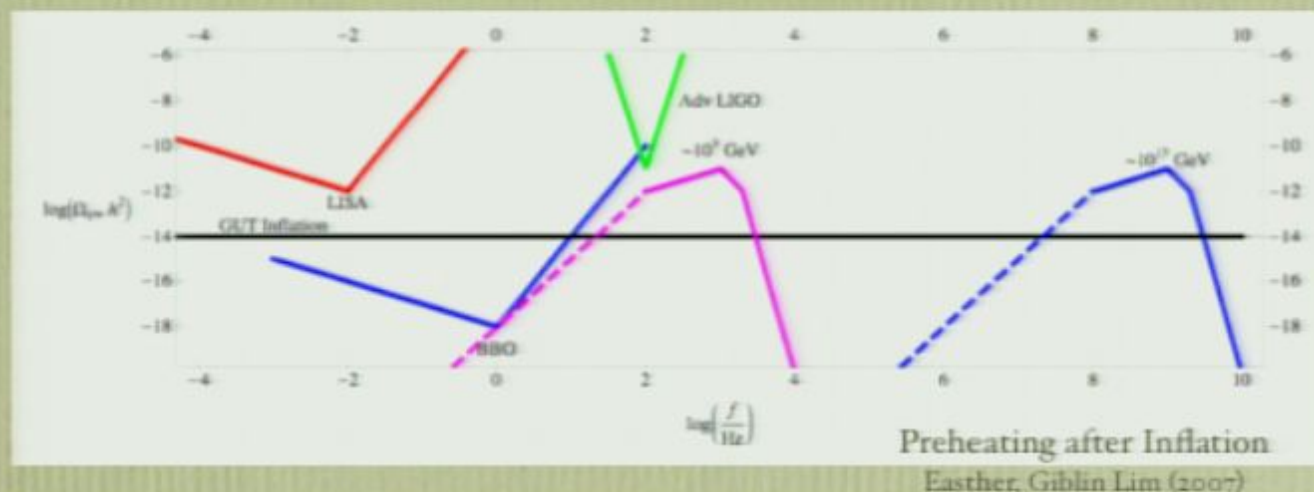
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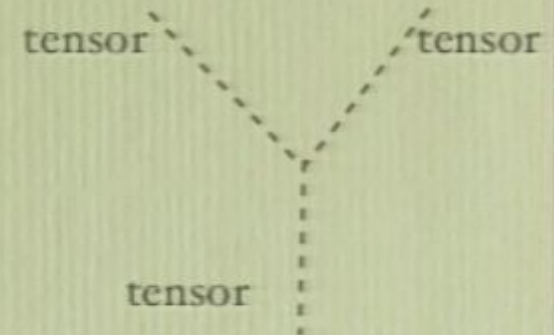
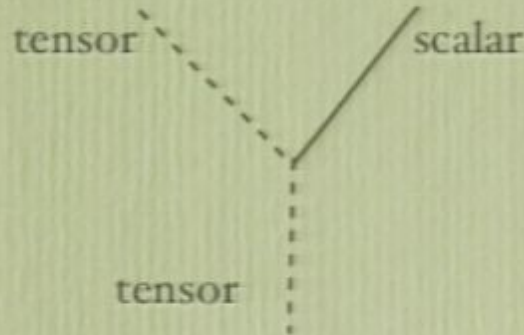
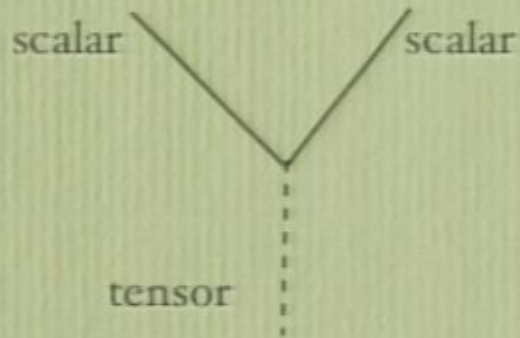
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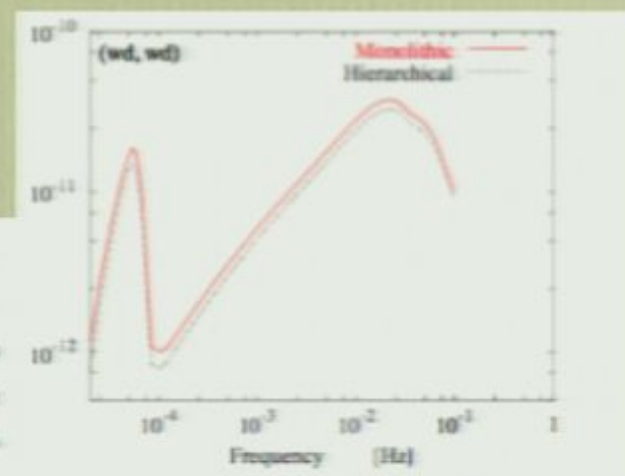
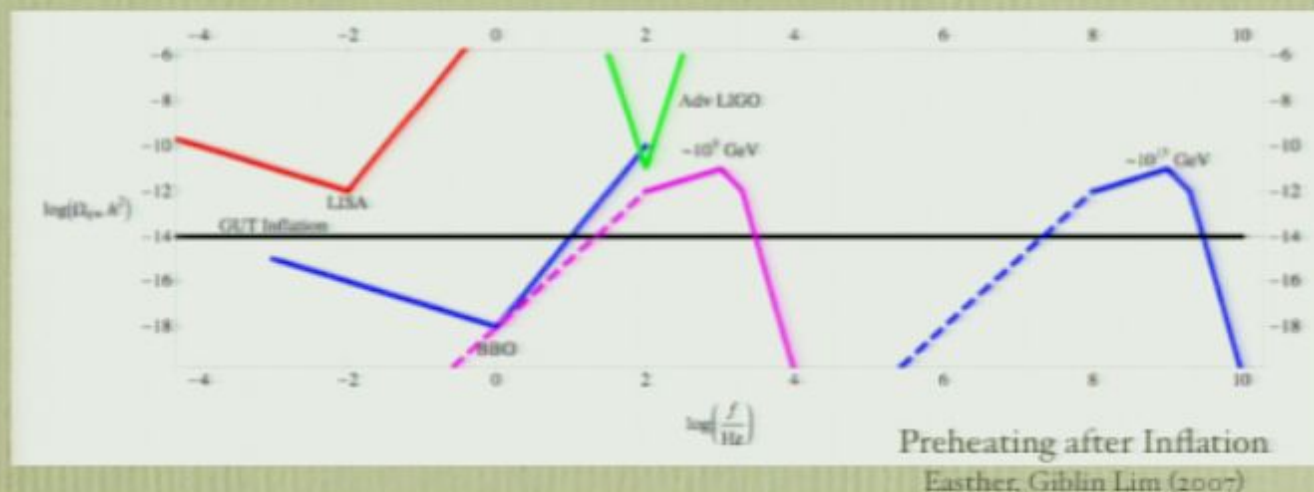
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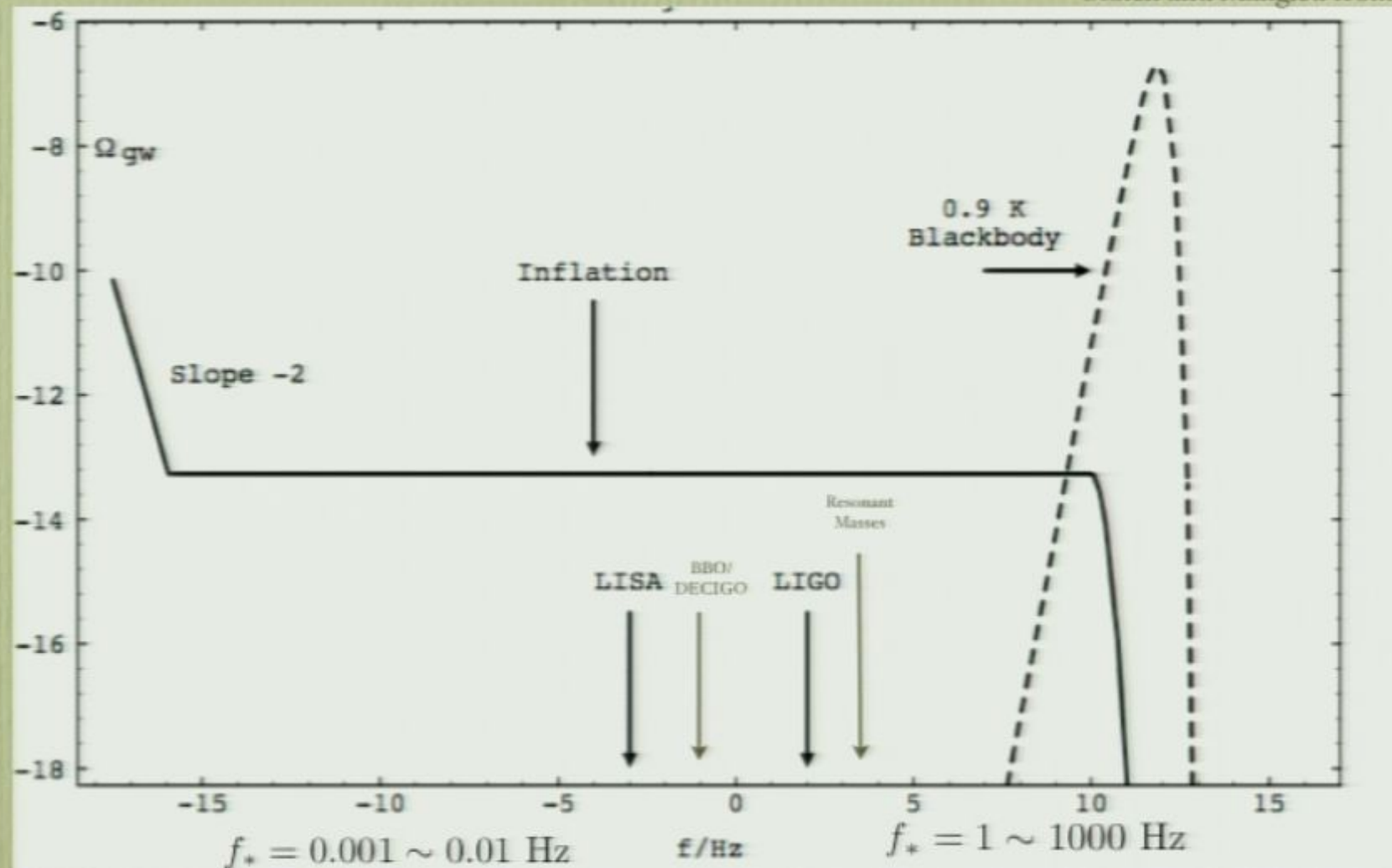
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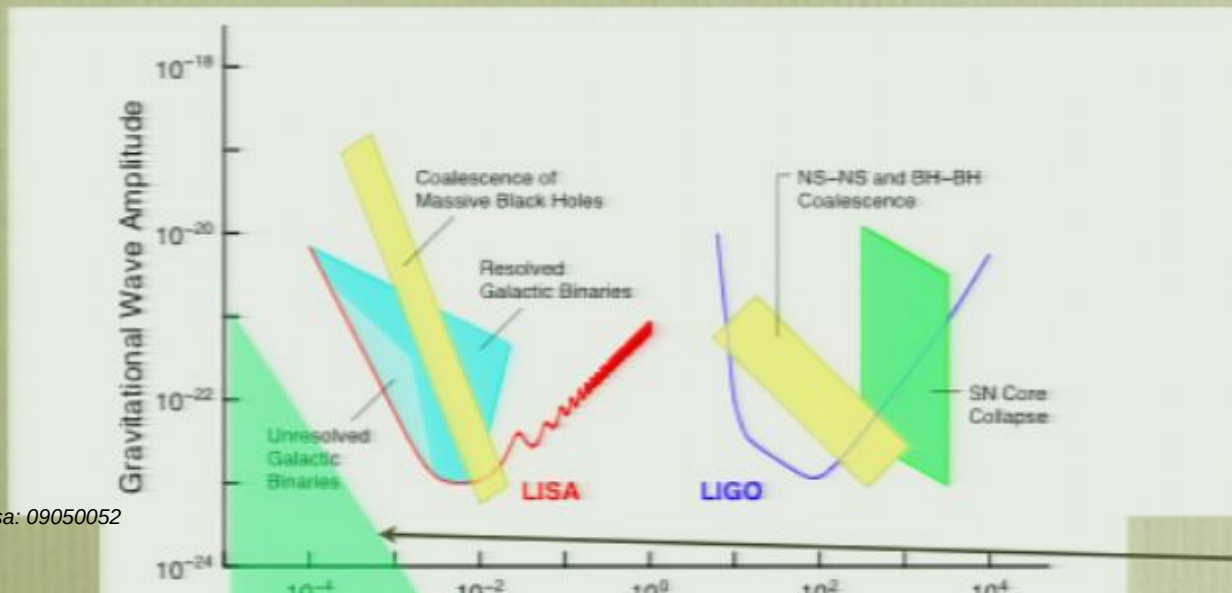
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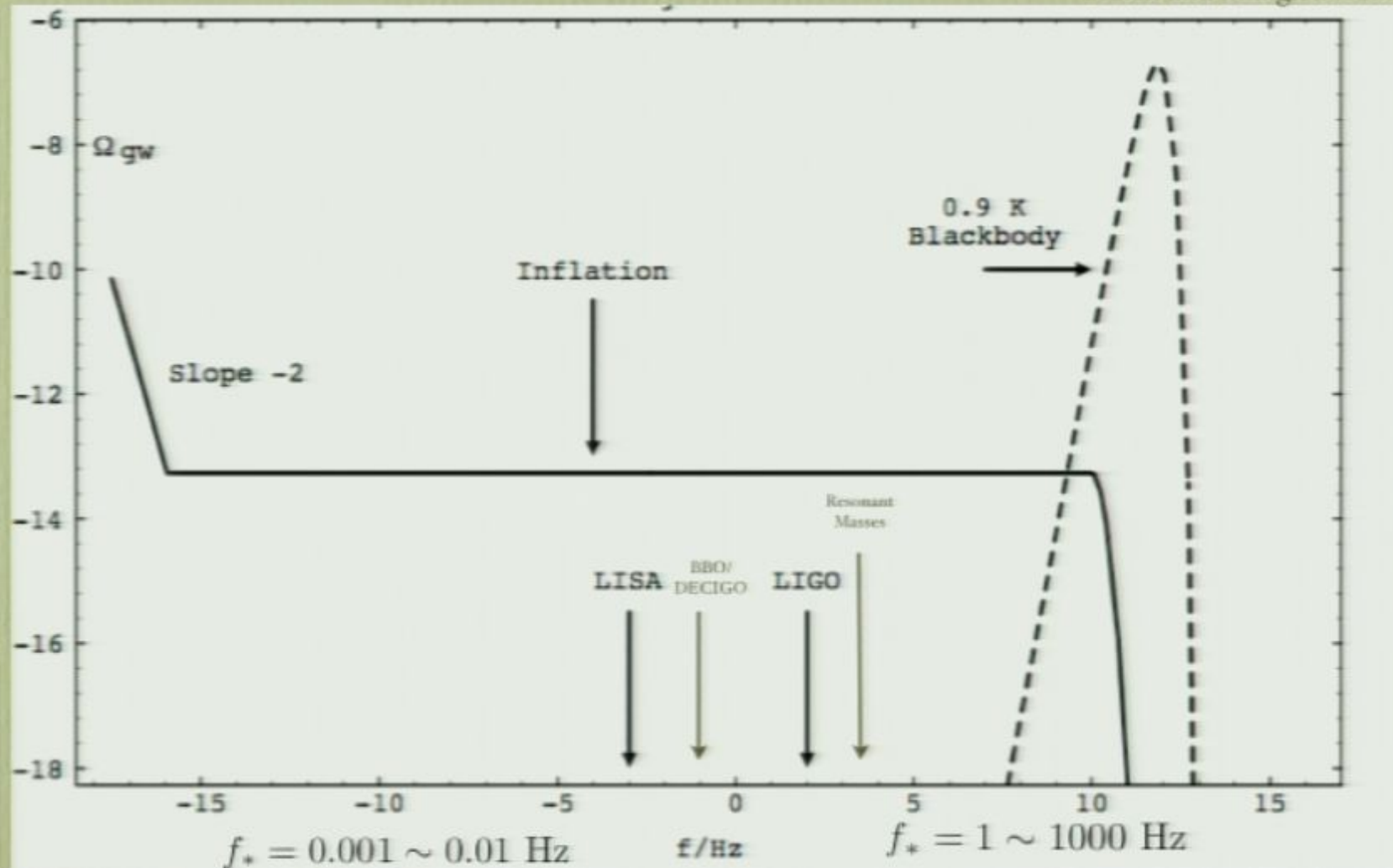
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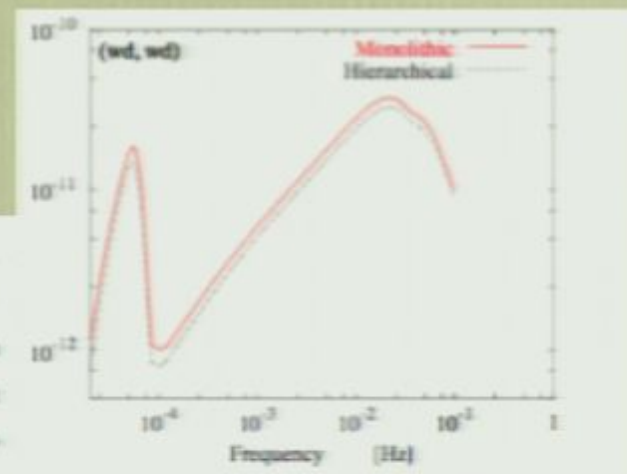
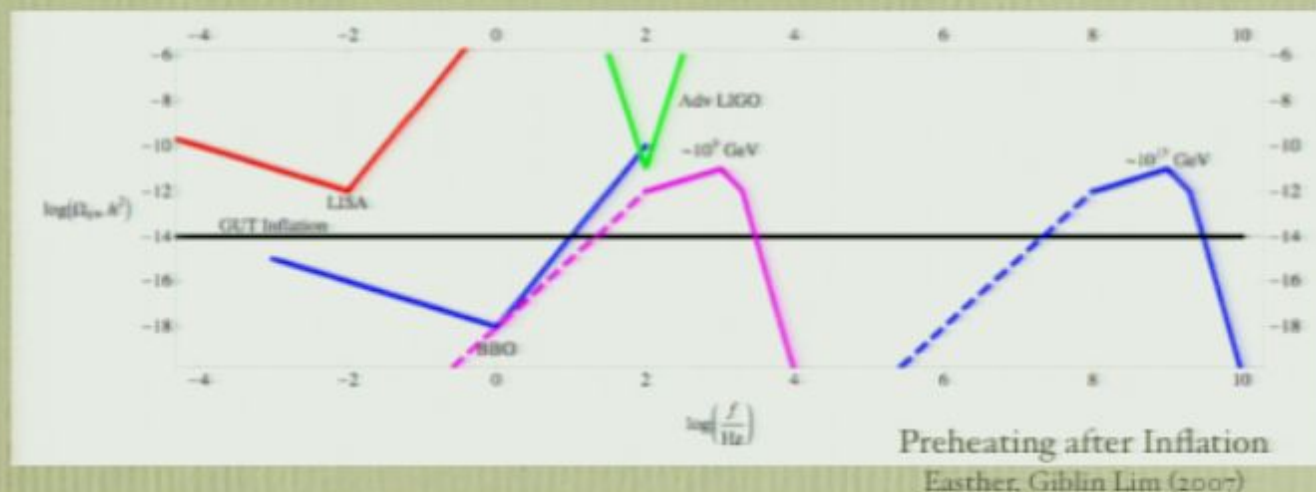
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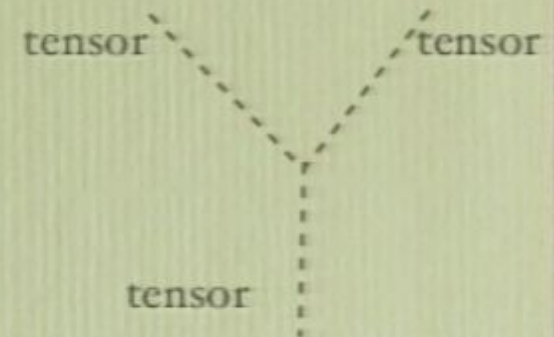
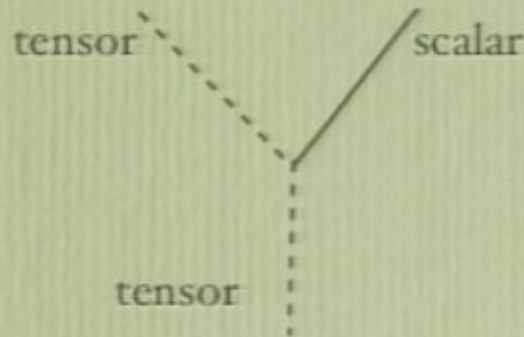
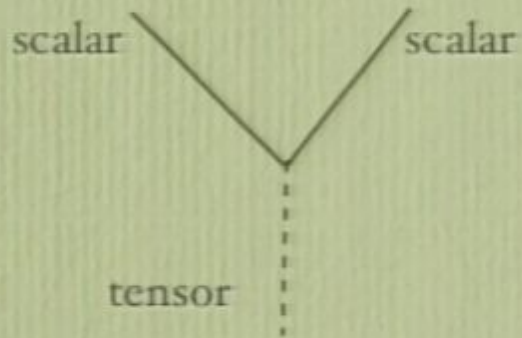
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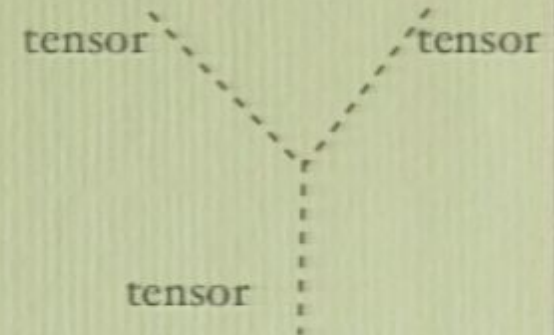
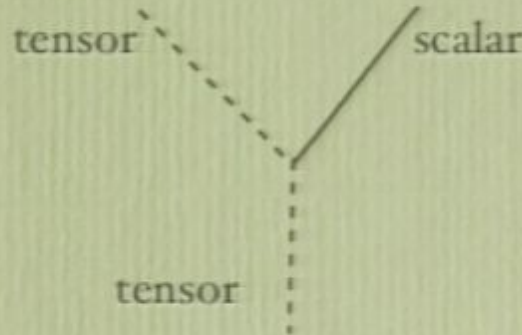
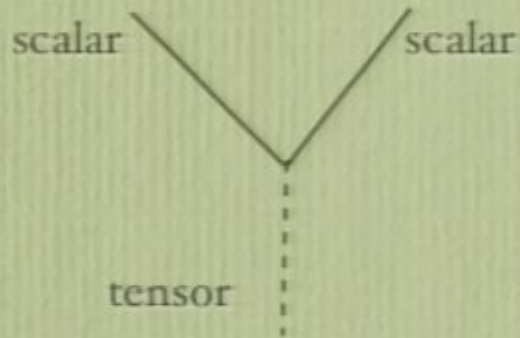
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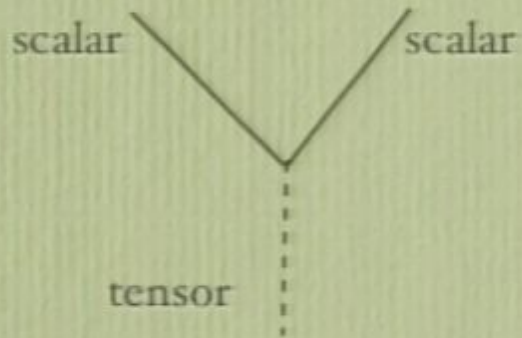
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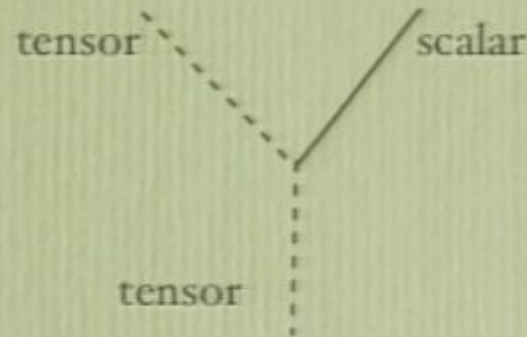
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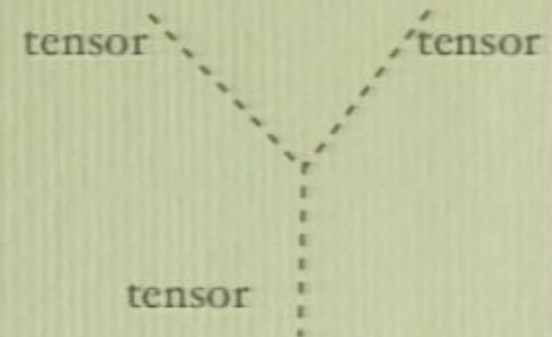
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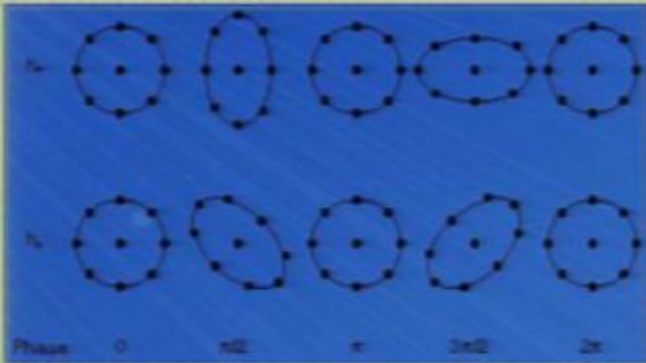
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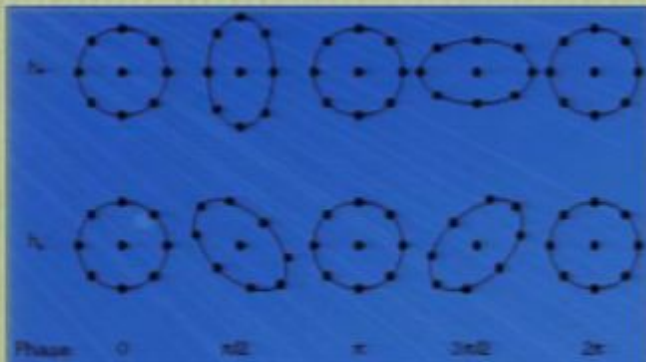
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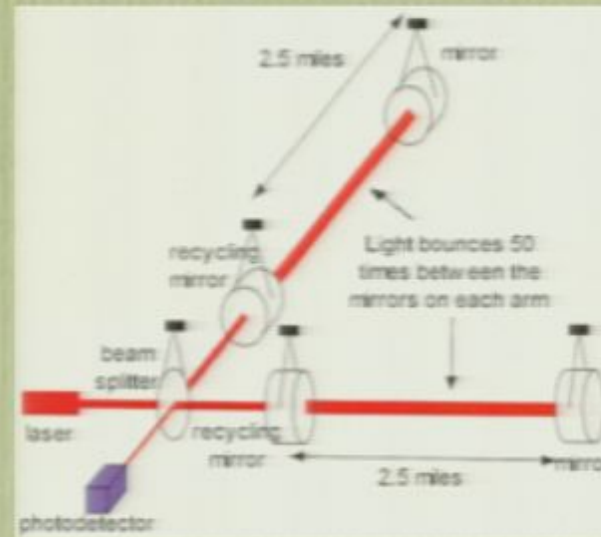
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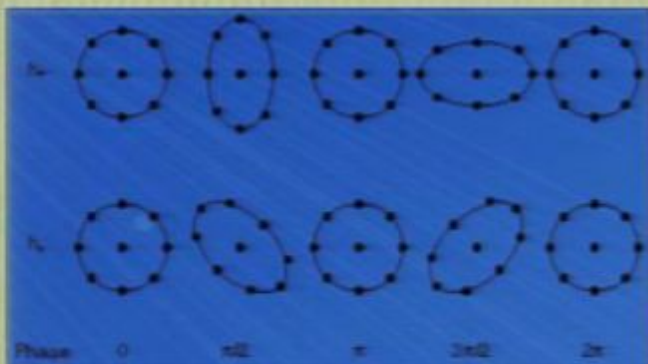
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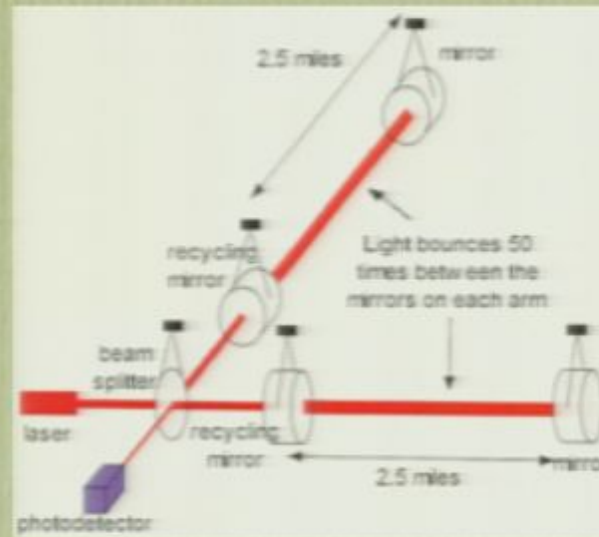


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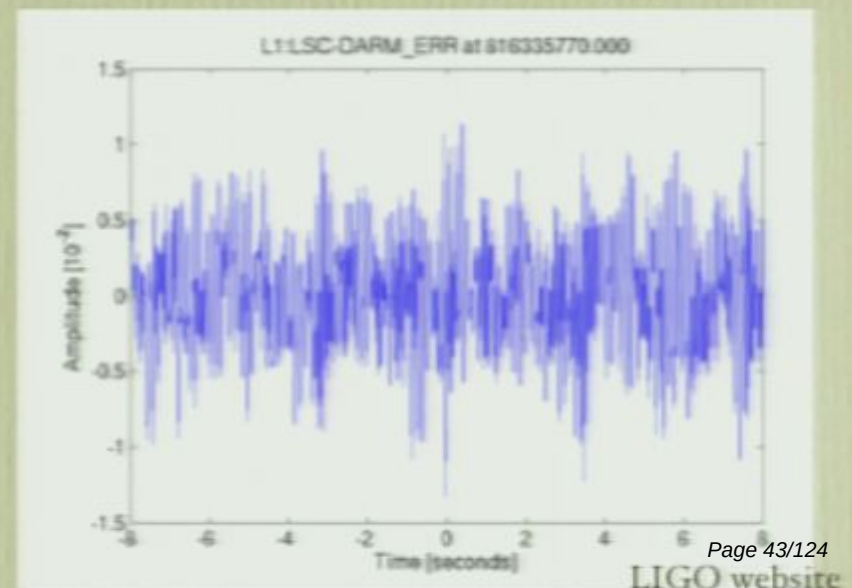
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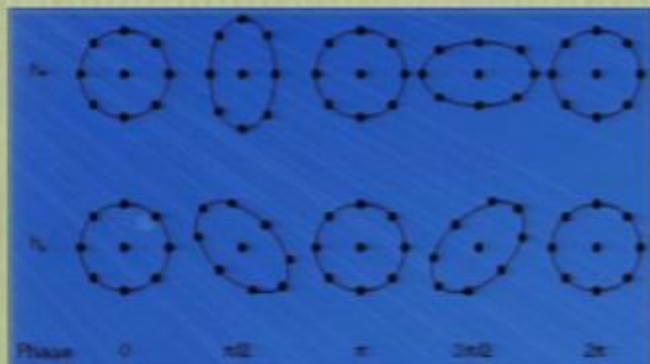
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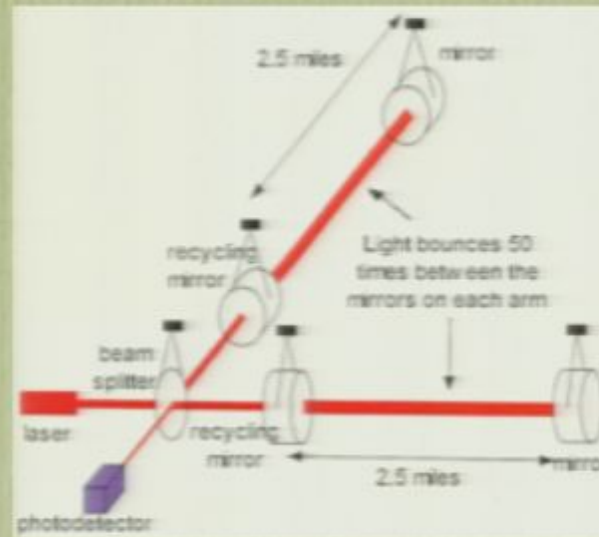


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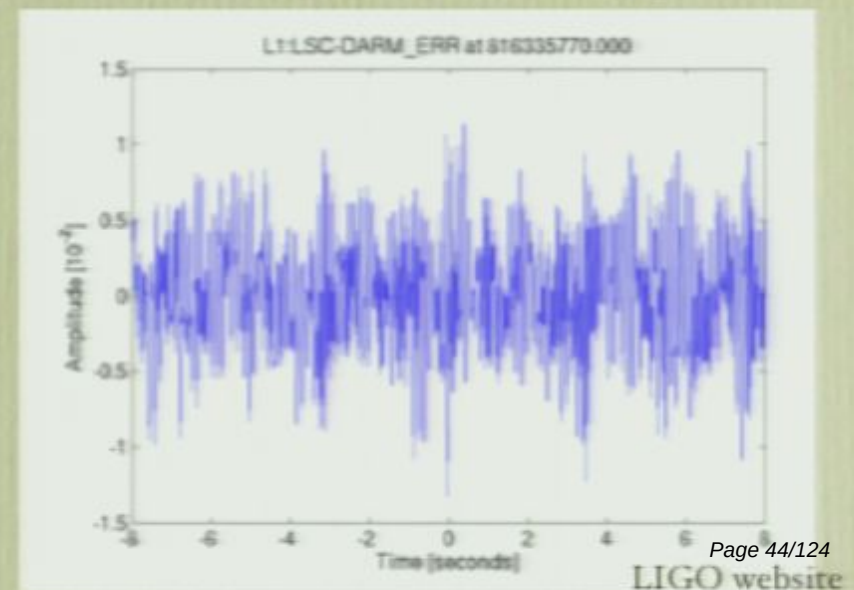
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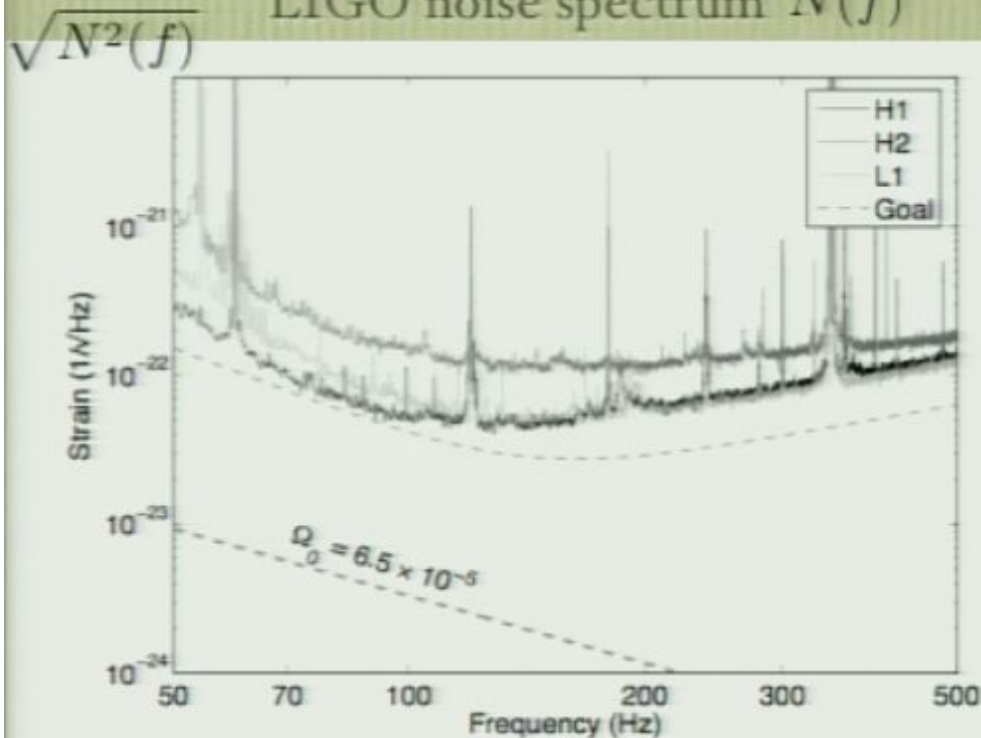
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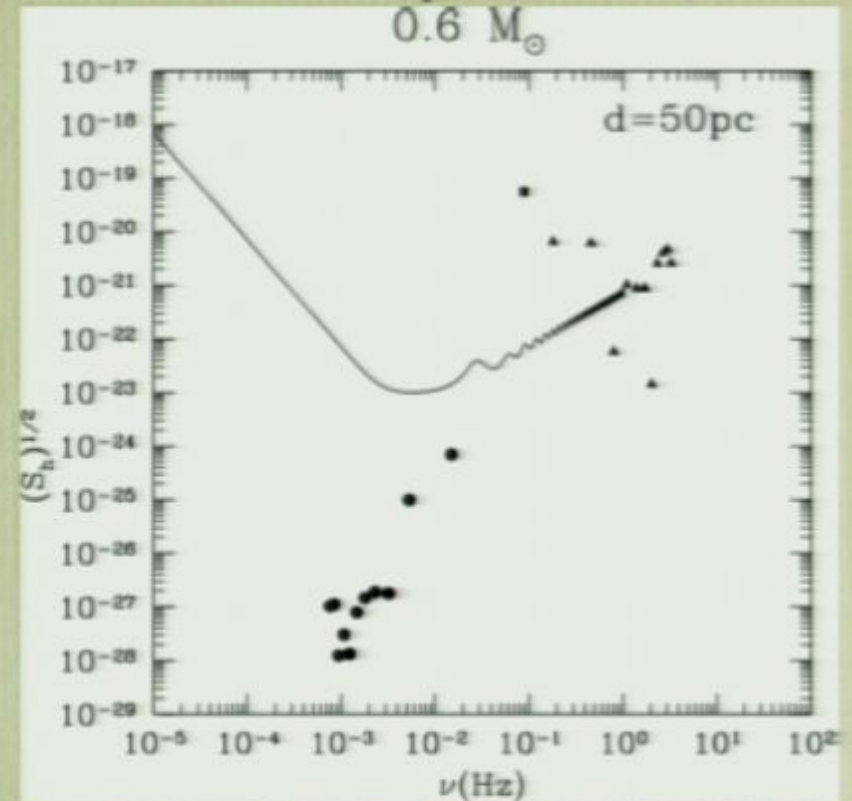


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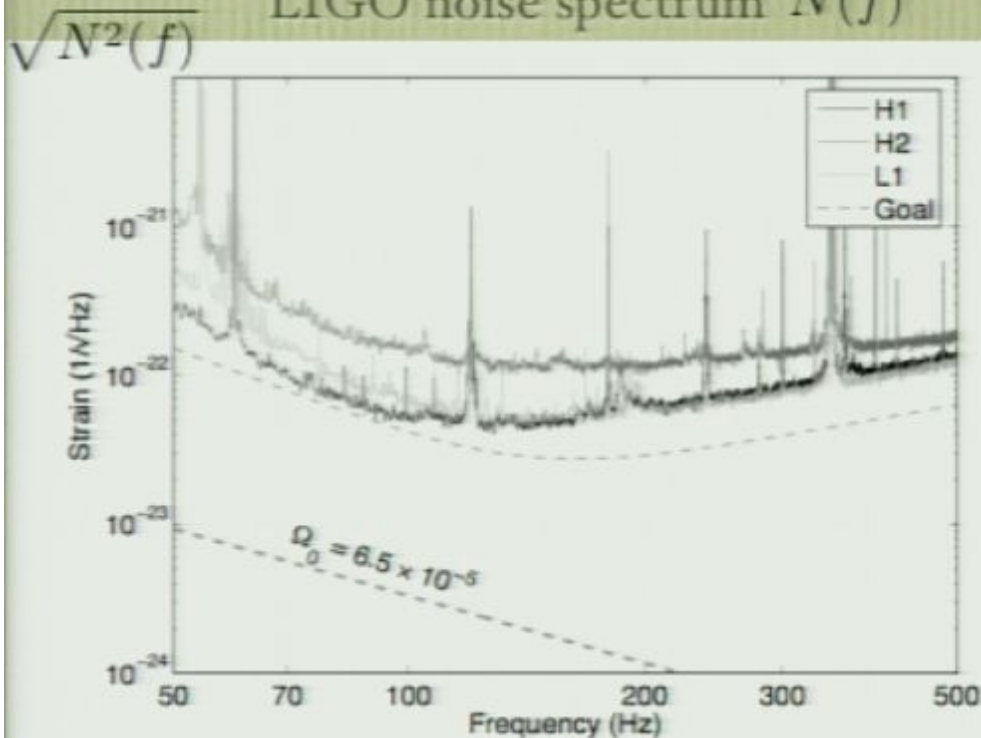
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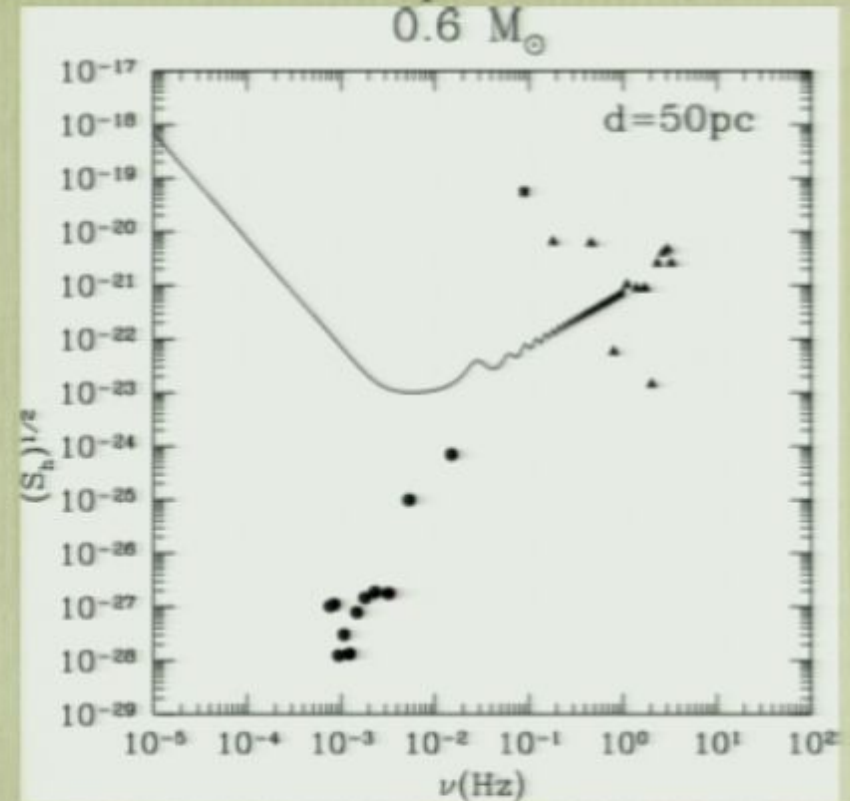


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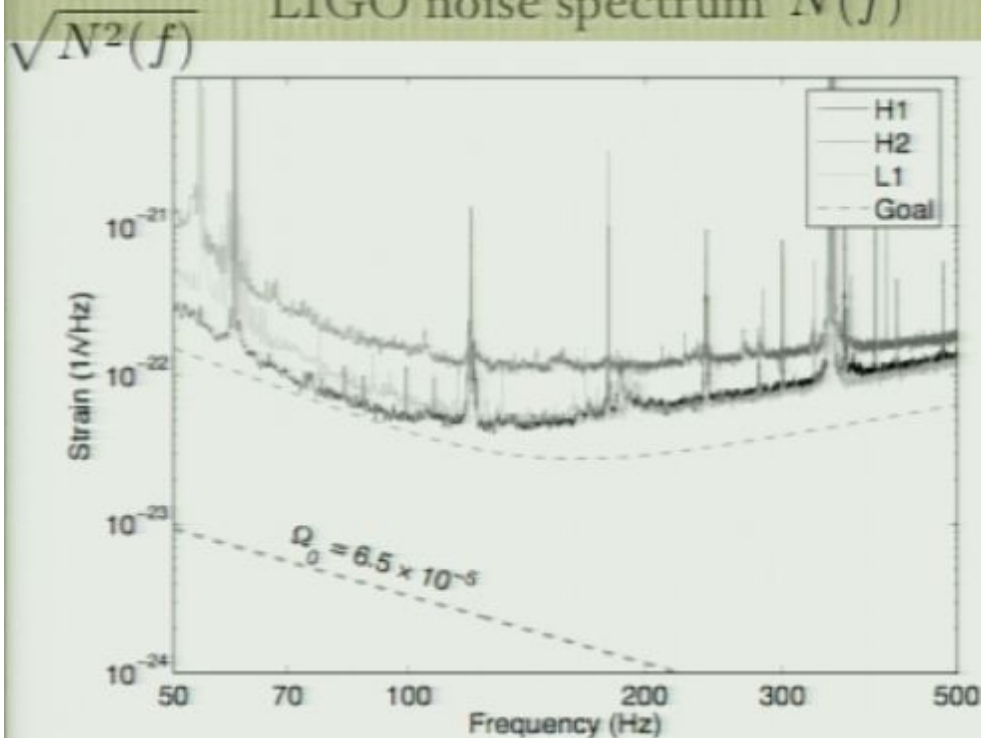
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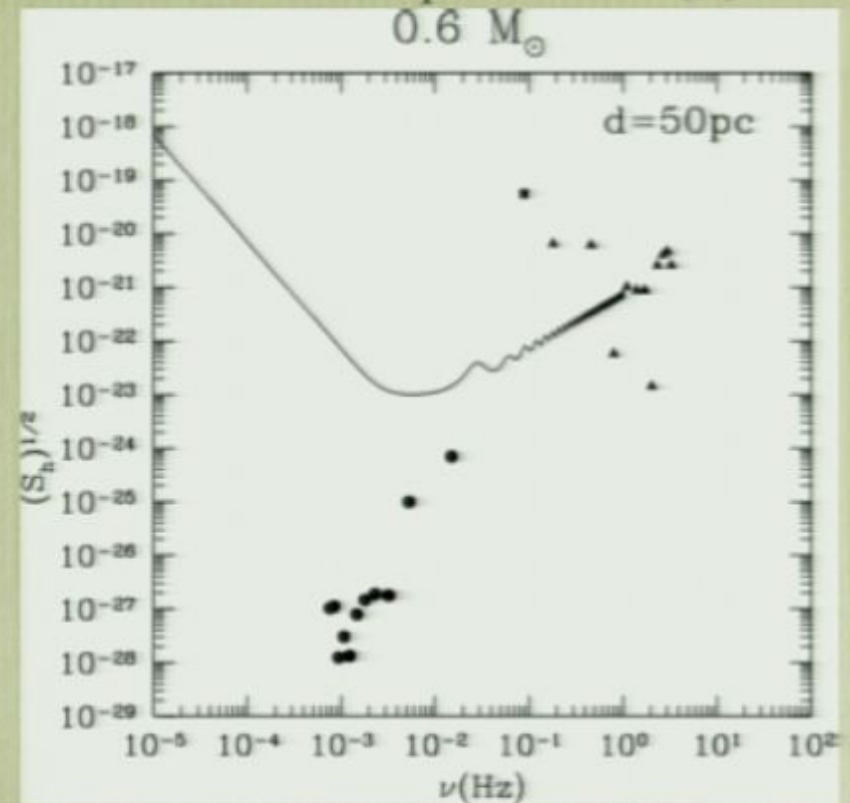


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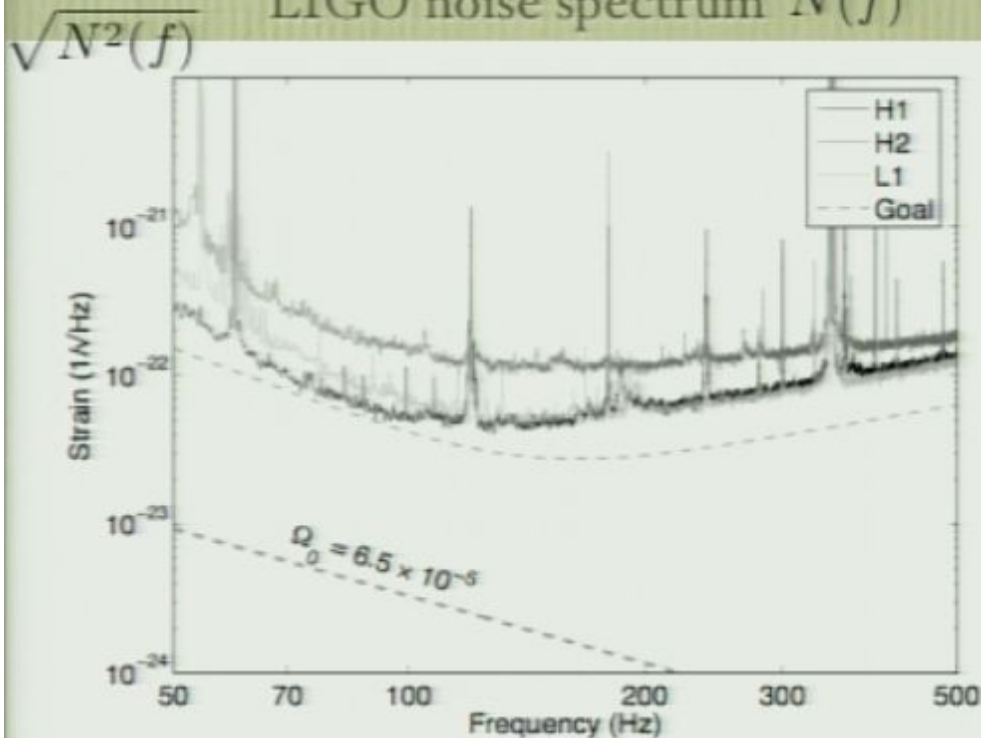
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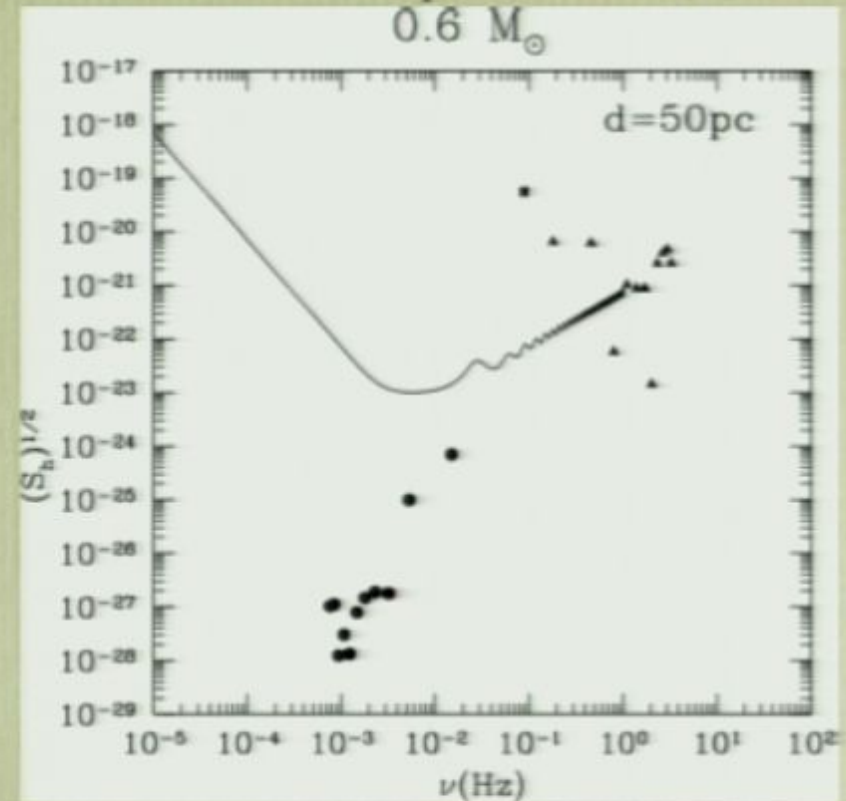
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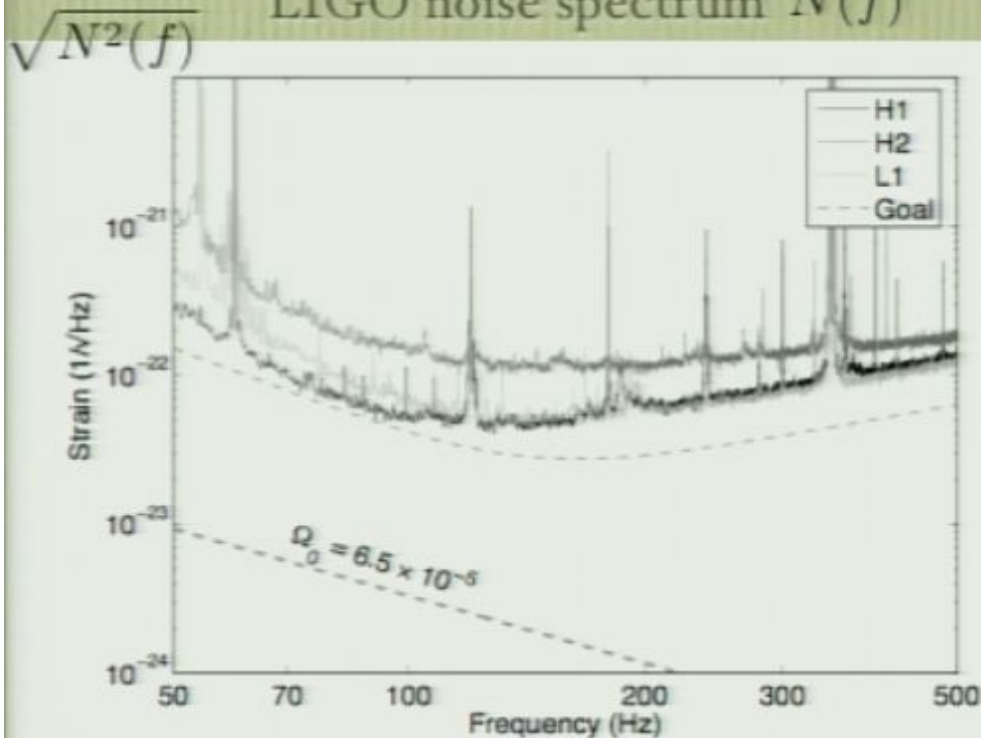
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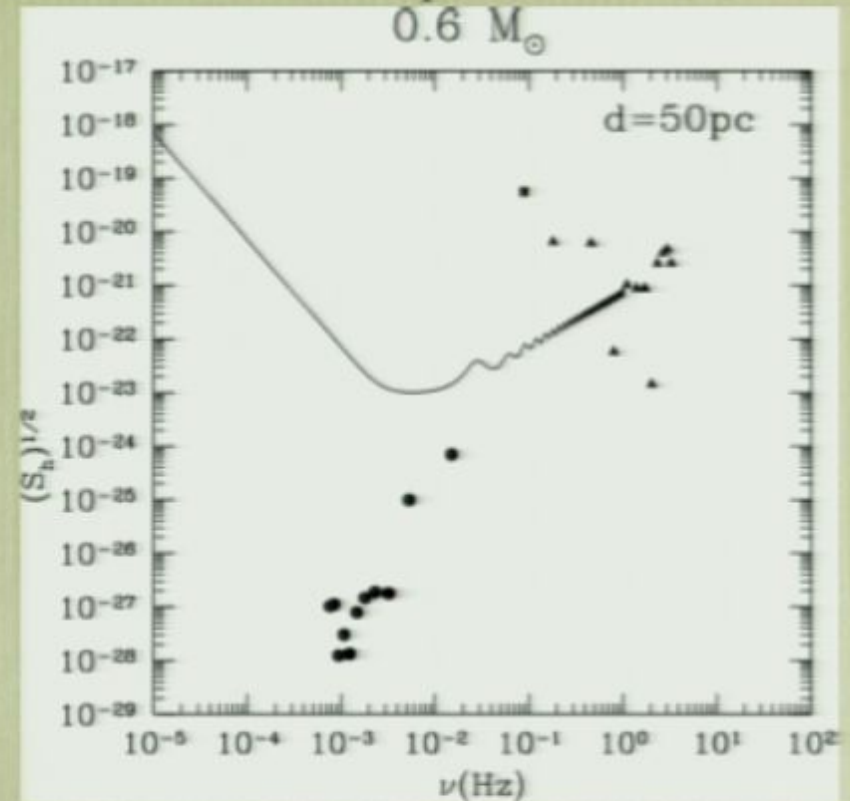


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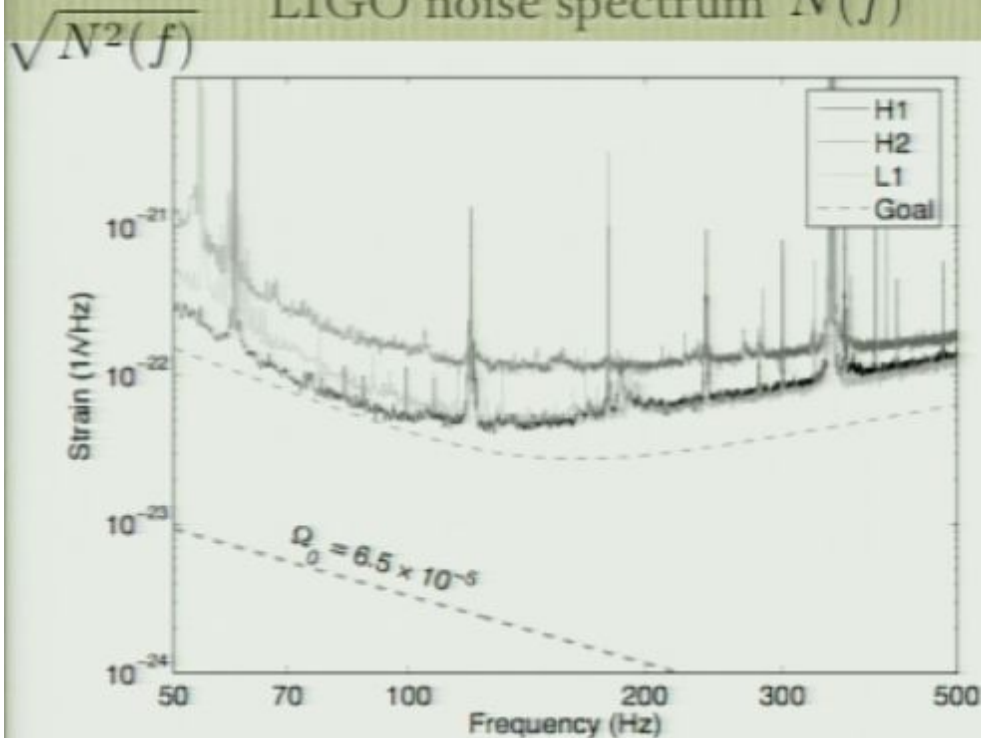
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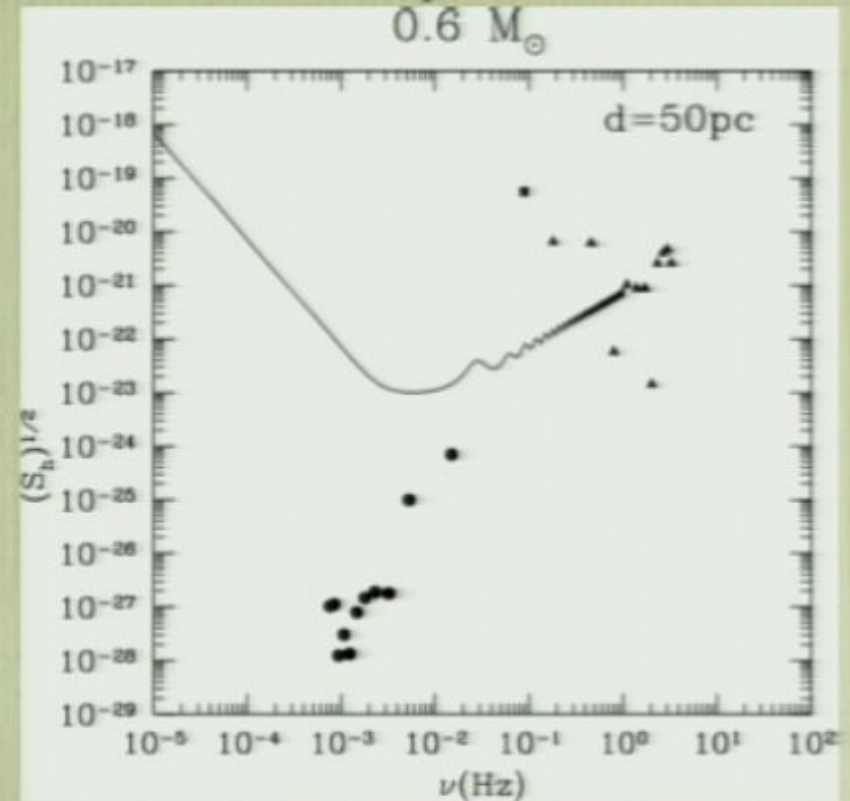


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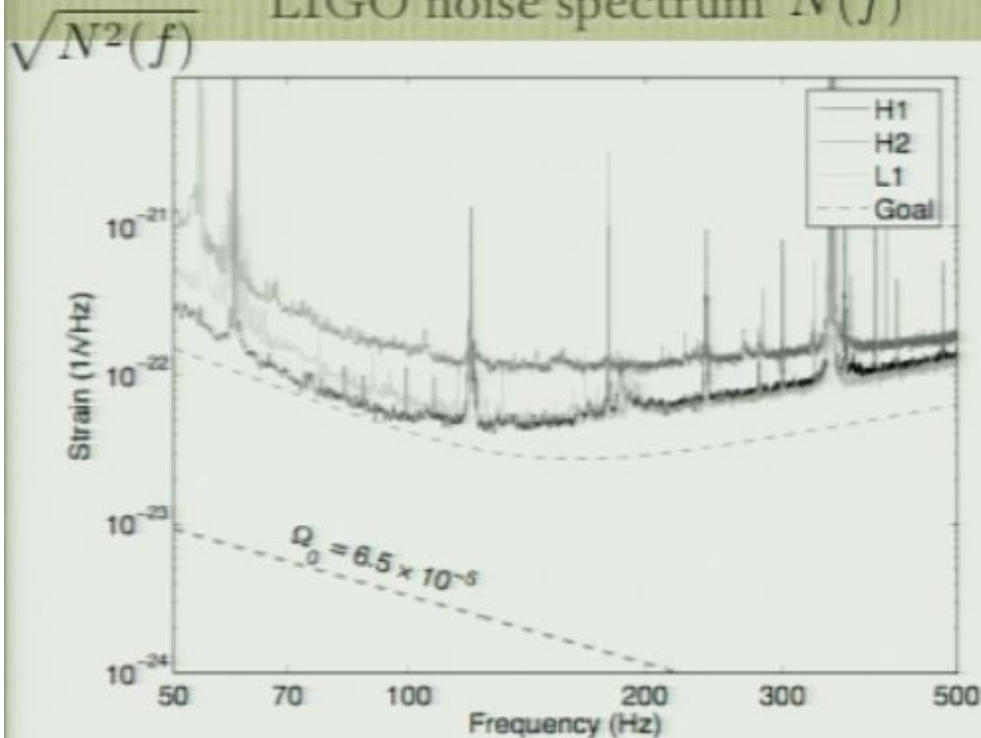
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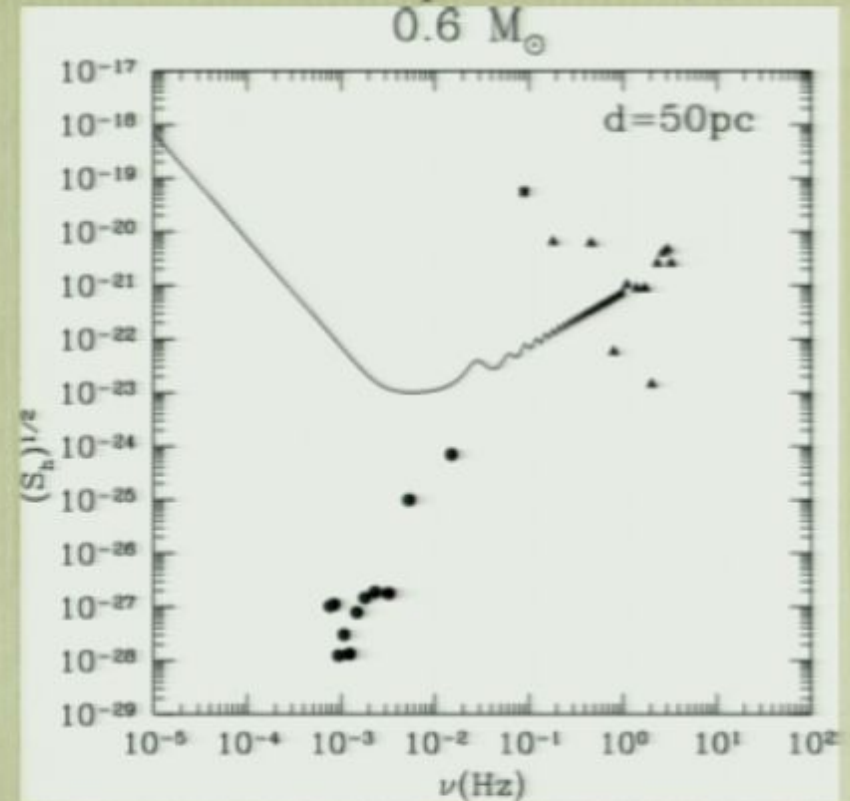


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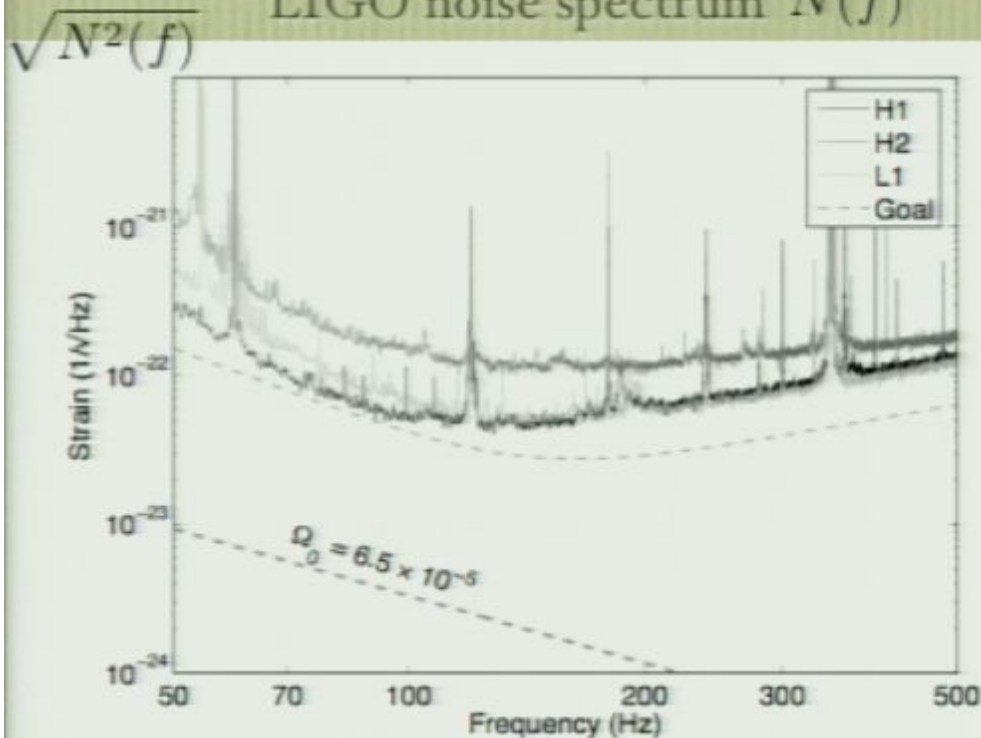
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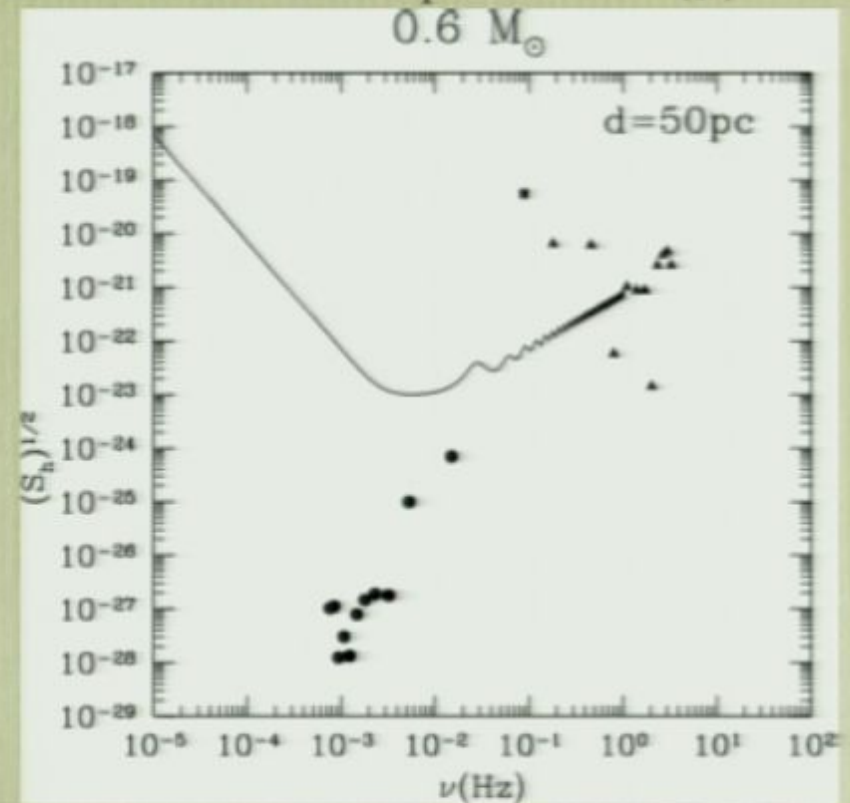
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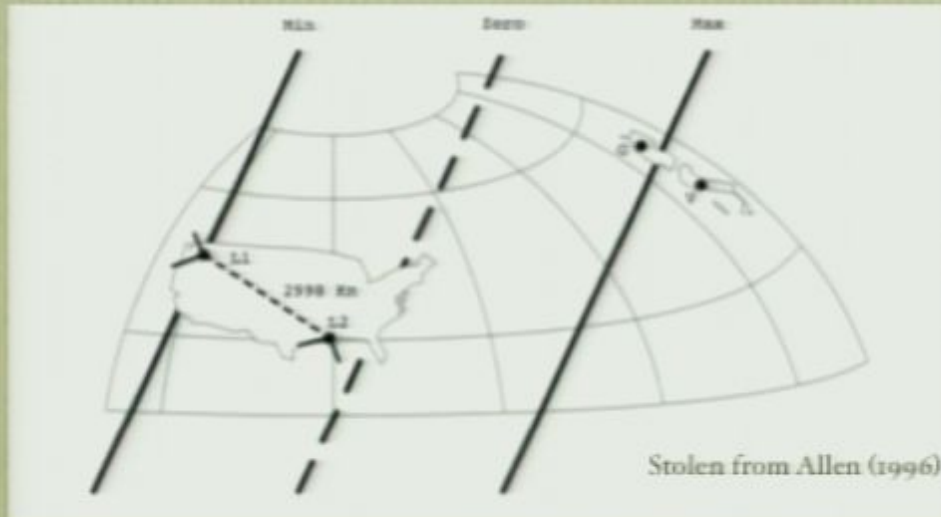
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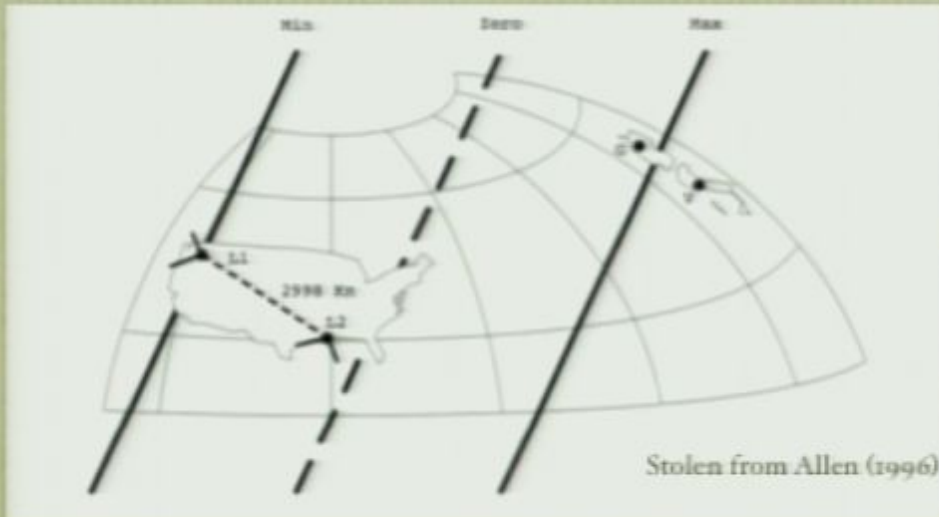
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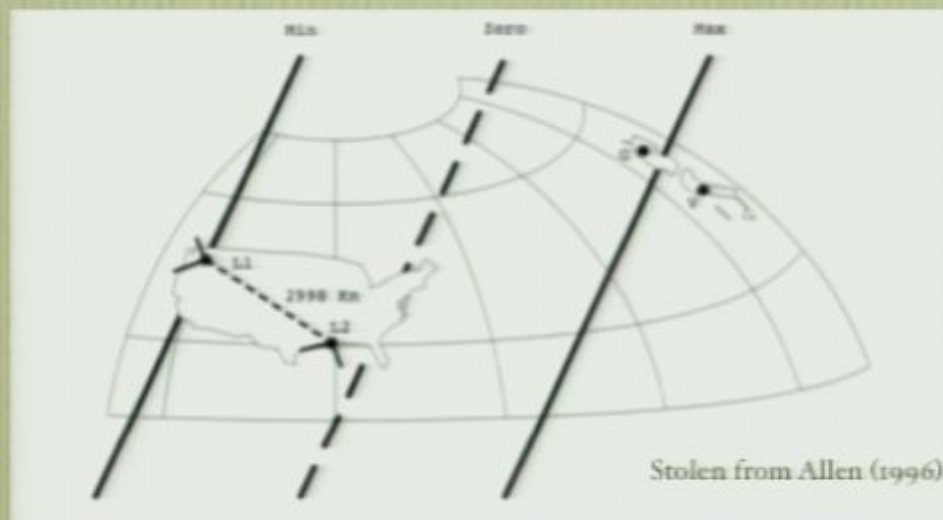
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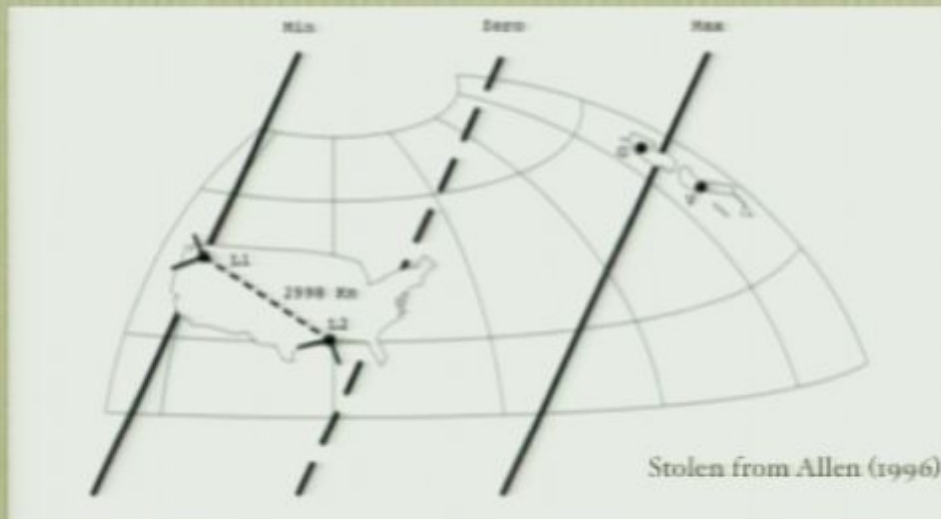
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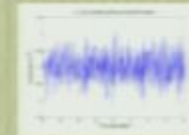
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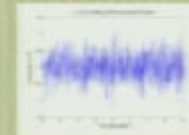


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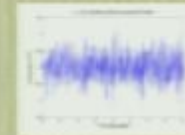
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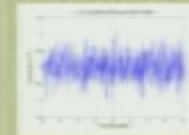
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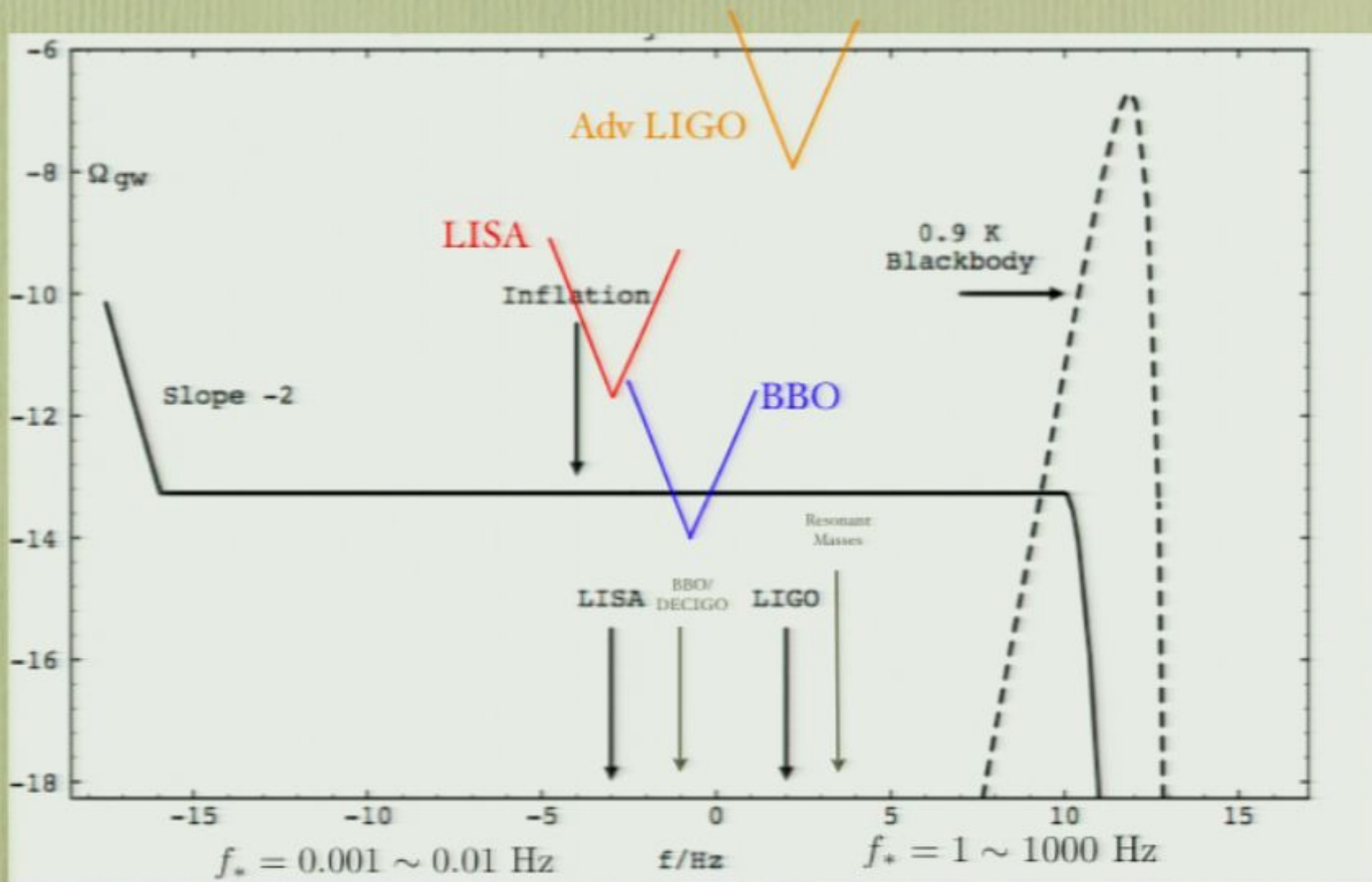
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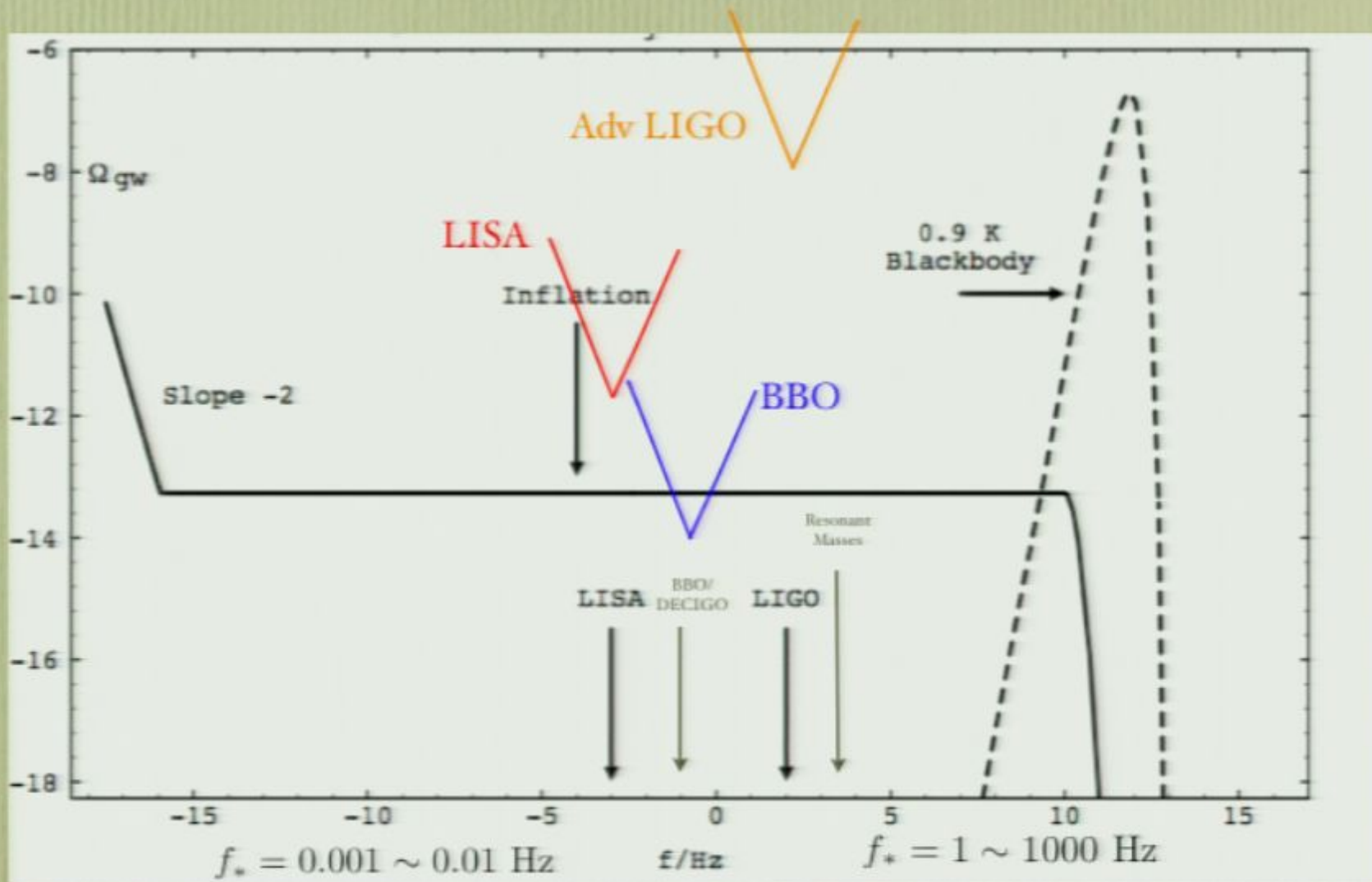
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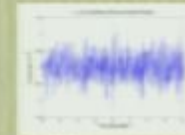
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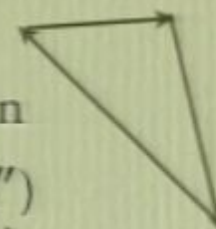
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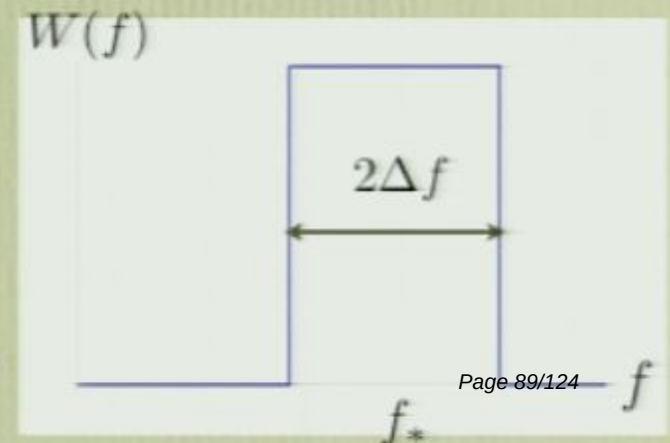
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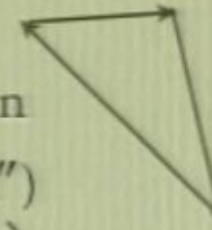


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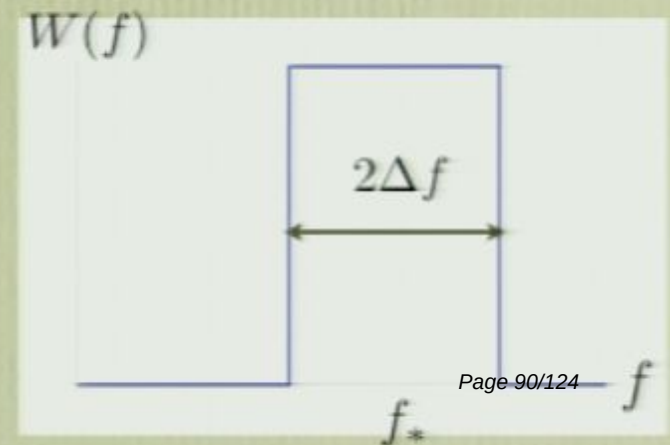
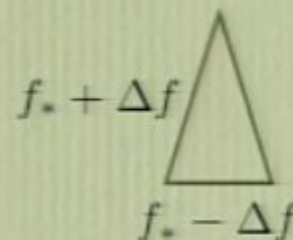
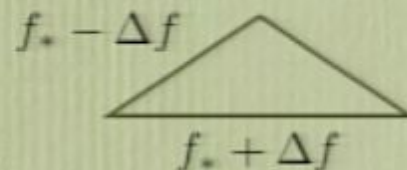


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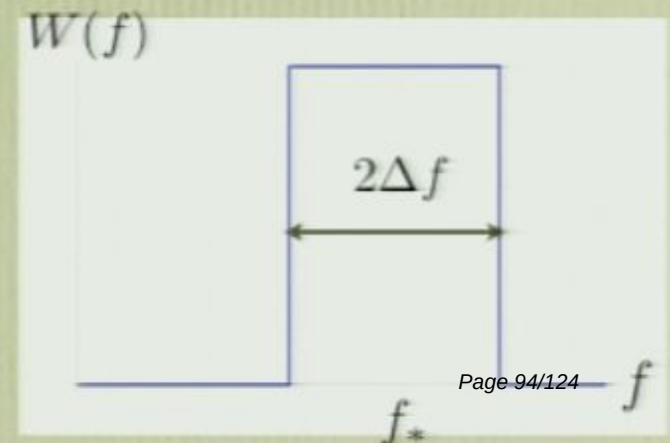
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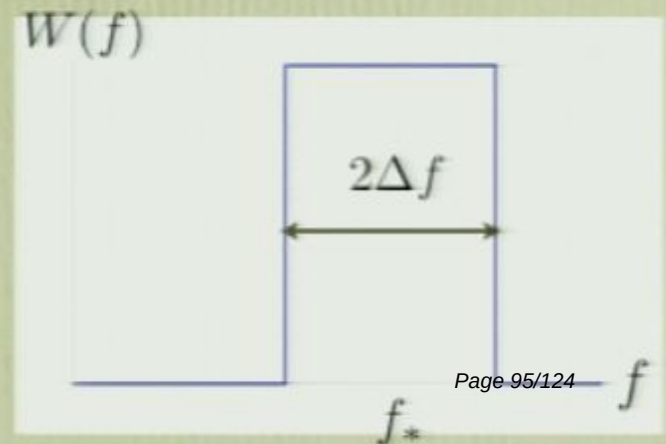
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hacked inflation 3pt

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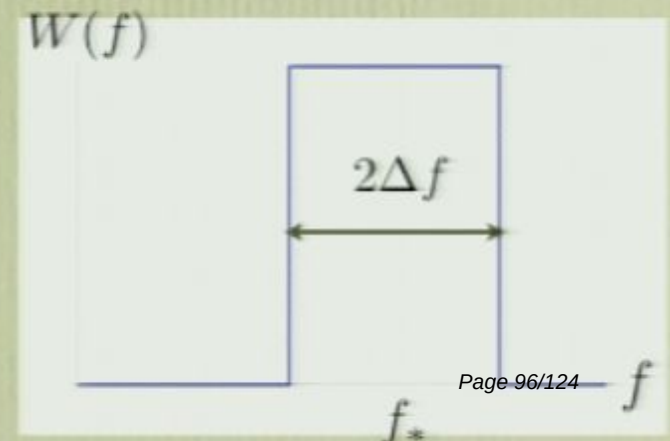
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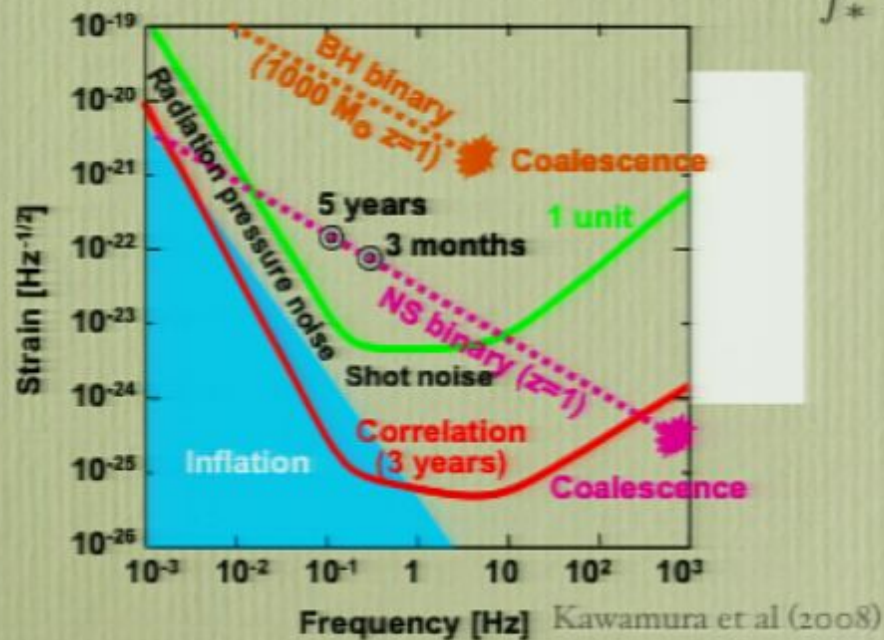
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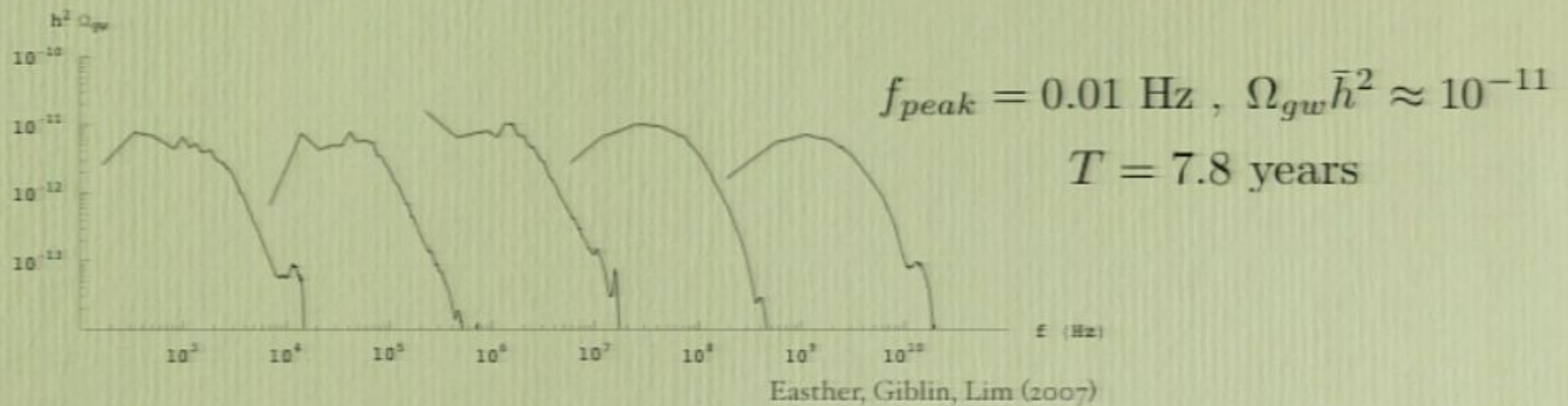
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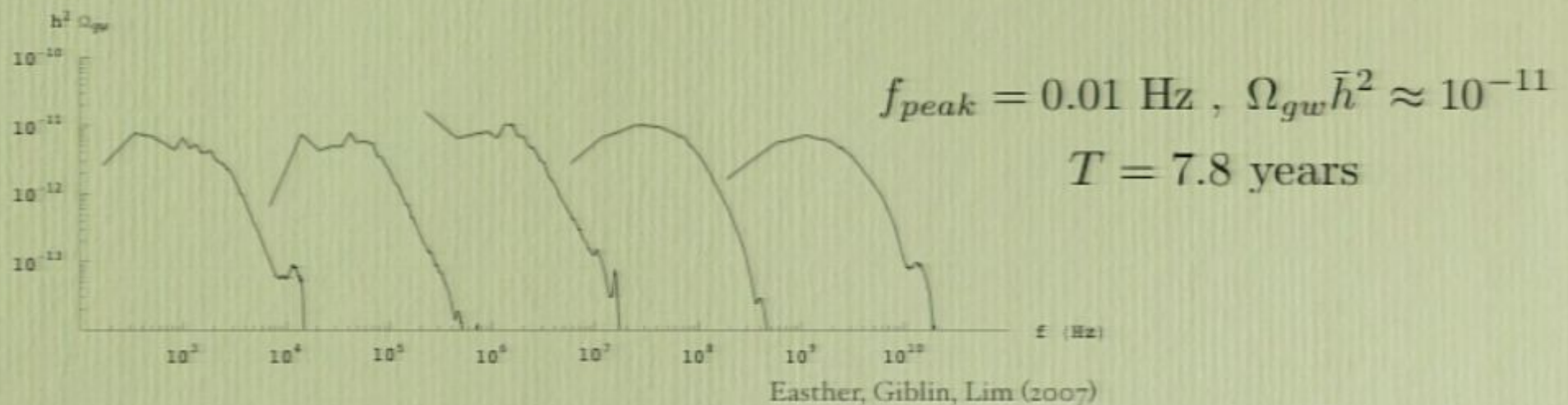
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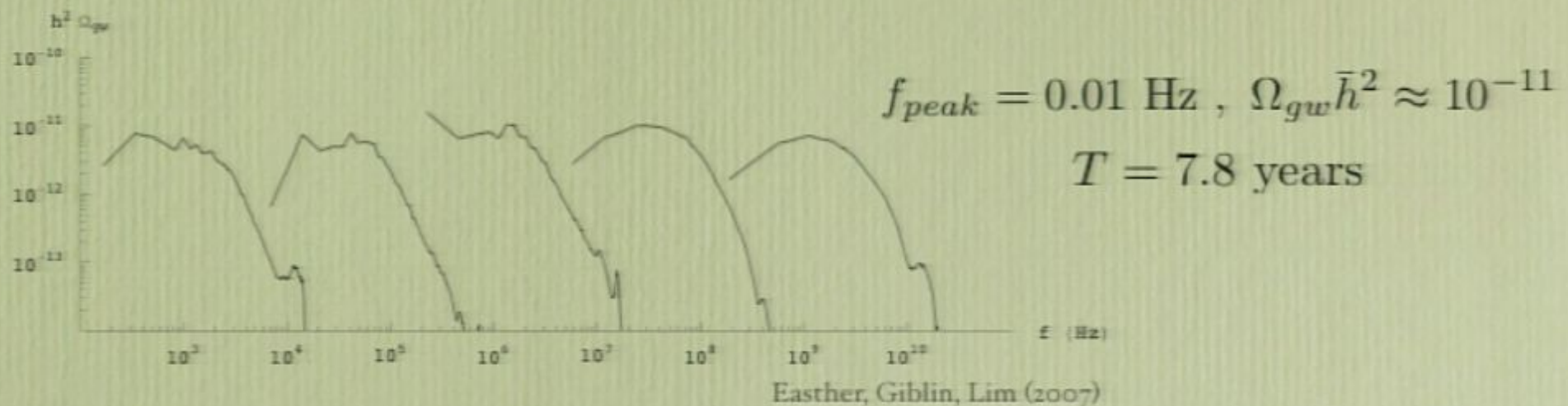
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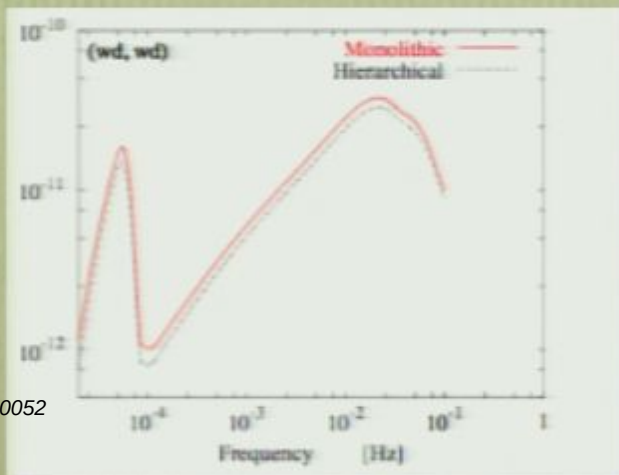
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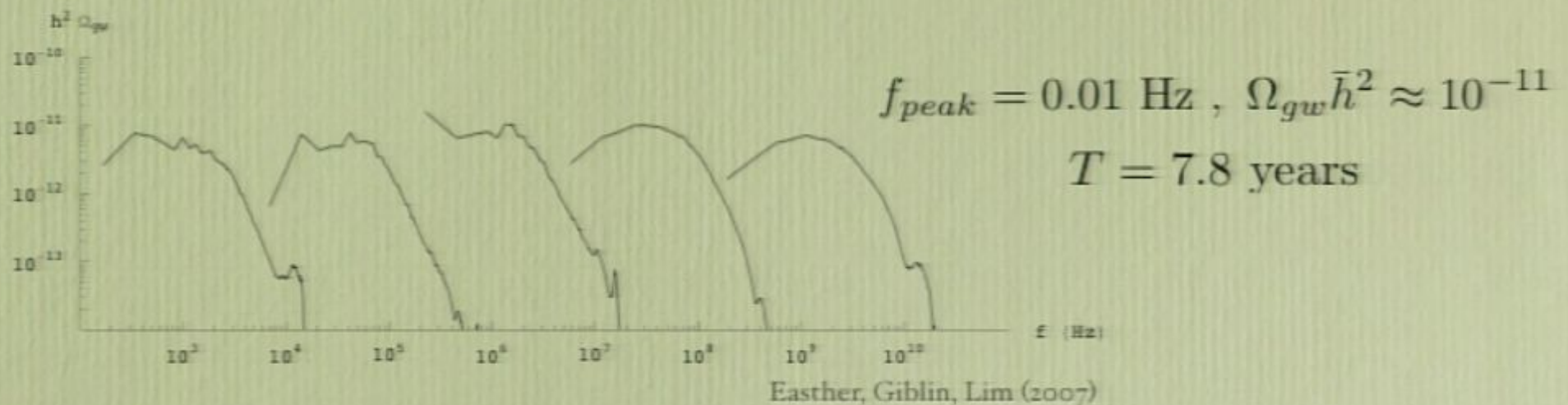
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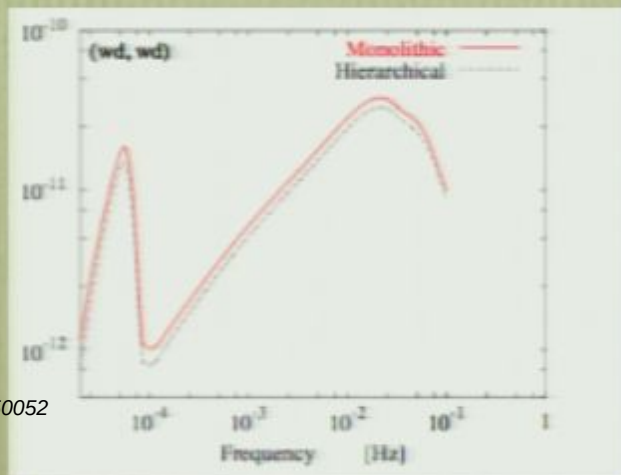
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