

Reconstructing the inflaton's speed of sound using cosmological data

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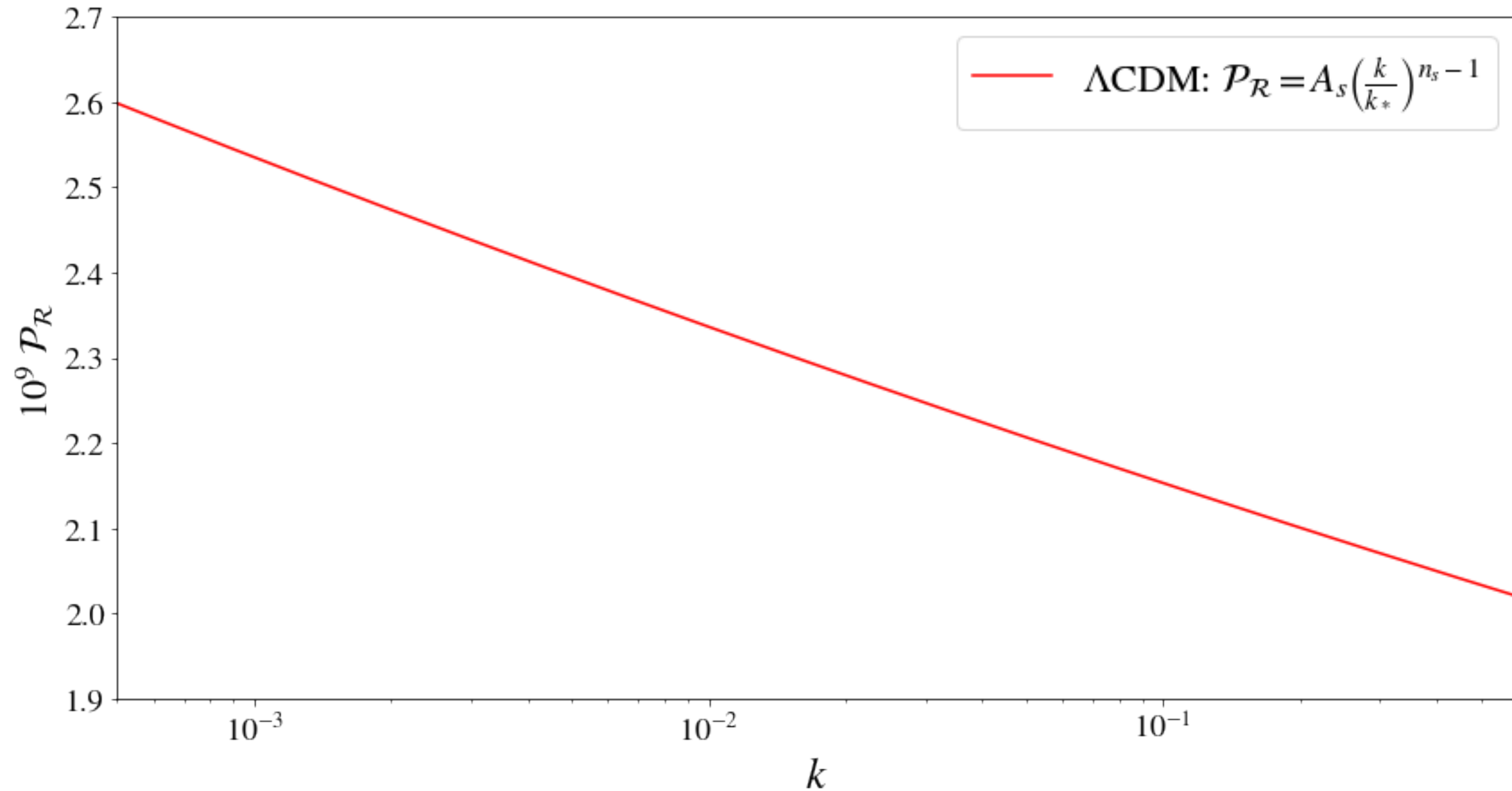
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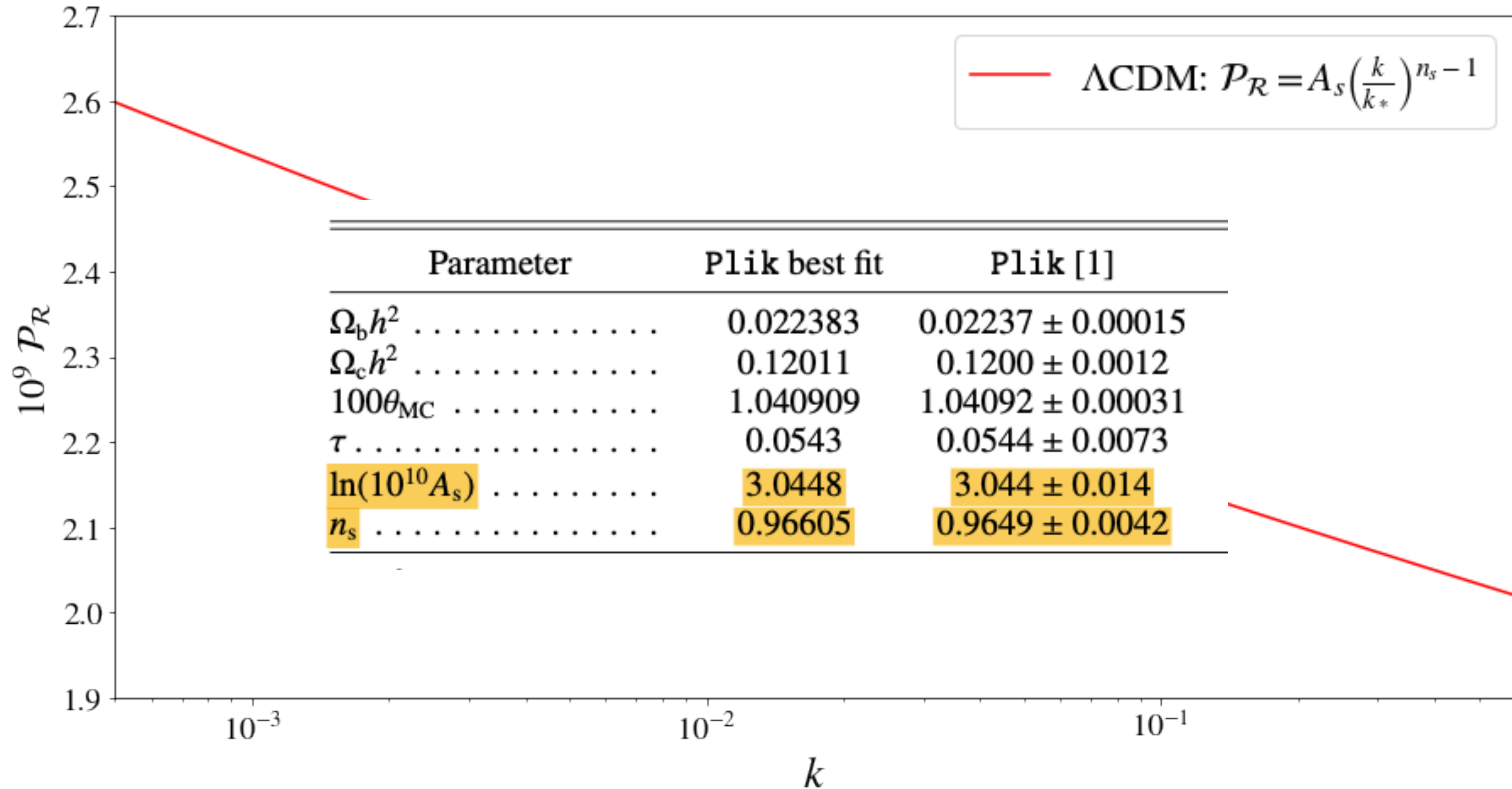


Primordial power spectrum



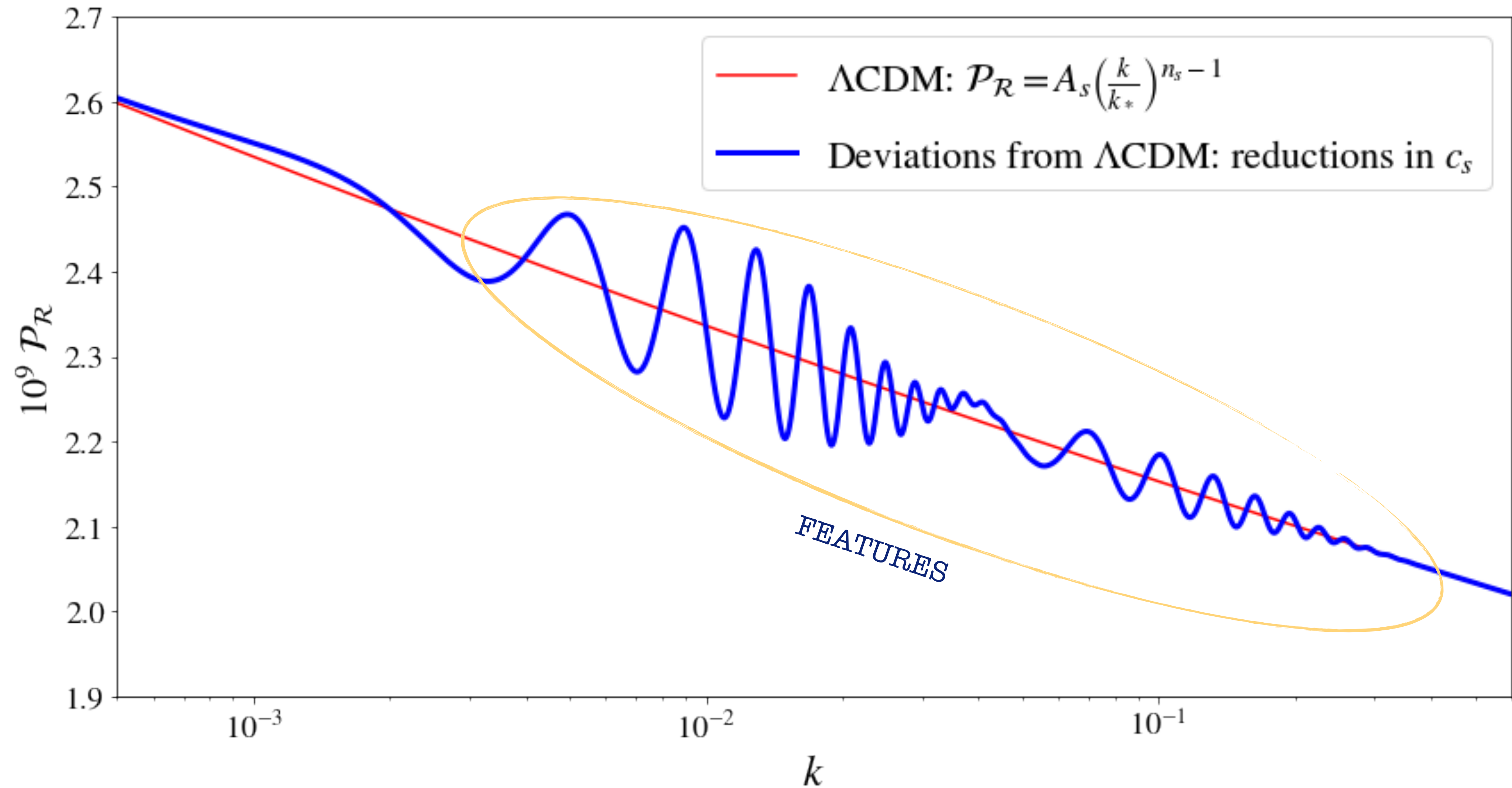
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We know that...

- ▶ Λ CDM consistent with Planck 2018 and LSS data

But...

- ▶ We know that Λ CDM does not explain everything we observe (i.e: CMB low multipole feature)
- ▶ Renewed interest in multi-field inflation recently
- ▶ How do we test deviations from Λ CDM and still try to be close to what the data likes?

Rely on an Effective Field Theory

Single field vs. effective single field

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{M_P^2}{2} R + \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi - V(\phi) \right]$$

terms of
perturbations

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Integrating
heavy fields...

$$S_2 = M_P^2 \int d^4x a^3 \epsilon_1(t) \left[\frac{\dot{\mathcal{R}}^2}{c_s^2(t)} - \frac{(\partial_i \mathcal{R})^2}{a^2} \right]$$

EFT of inflation

- ▶ Framework: effective field theory of inflationary perturbations

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Physical meaning: turns in field space

$$c_s = 1 + \frac{4\Omega^2}{\frac{k^2}{a^2} + M_{eff}^2}$$

- ▶ Features from variable slow-roll parameter

A. Durakovic, P. Hunt, S. Patil, S. Sarkar, D. Hazra, A. Starobinsky

- ▶ Features from variable sound speed

A. Achucarro, G. Palma, S. Patil, V. Atal, J. Torrado, B. Hu, J.O. Gong, P. Ortiz...
V. Miranda et al...

Reductions in the speed of sound

▶ Action

$$S_2 = M_{\text{P}}^2 \int d^4x a^3 \epsilon_1(t) \left[\dot{\mathcal{R}}^2 - \frac{(\partial_i \mathcal{R})^2}{a^2} \right] - M_{\text{P}}^2 \int d^4x a^3 \epsilon_1(t) \left(1 - \frac{1}{c_s^2(t)} \right) \dot{\mathcal{R}}^2$$

Small, mild and transient

▶ The change in the primordial power spectrum (feature):

$$\frac{\Delta \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}}}{\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}}} = k \int_{-\infty}^0 d\tau \left(1 - \frac{1}{c_s^2(\tau)} \right) \sin(2k\tau)$$

Reductions in the sound speed

- ▶ Name:

$$u(t) := 1 - \frac{1}{c_s^2(t)}$$

$$\Delta \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}}(k) / \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}}(k) \propto \text{Fourier Transform}(u)$$

Feature

- ▶ Constraints in this scenario:

$$u(t) \ll 1$$

small

$$s(t) := \frac{\dot{c}_s(t)}{H c_s(t)} \ll 1$$

mild

Goal

Constrain
with data

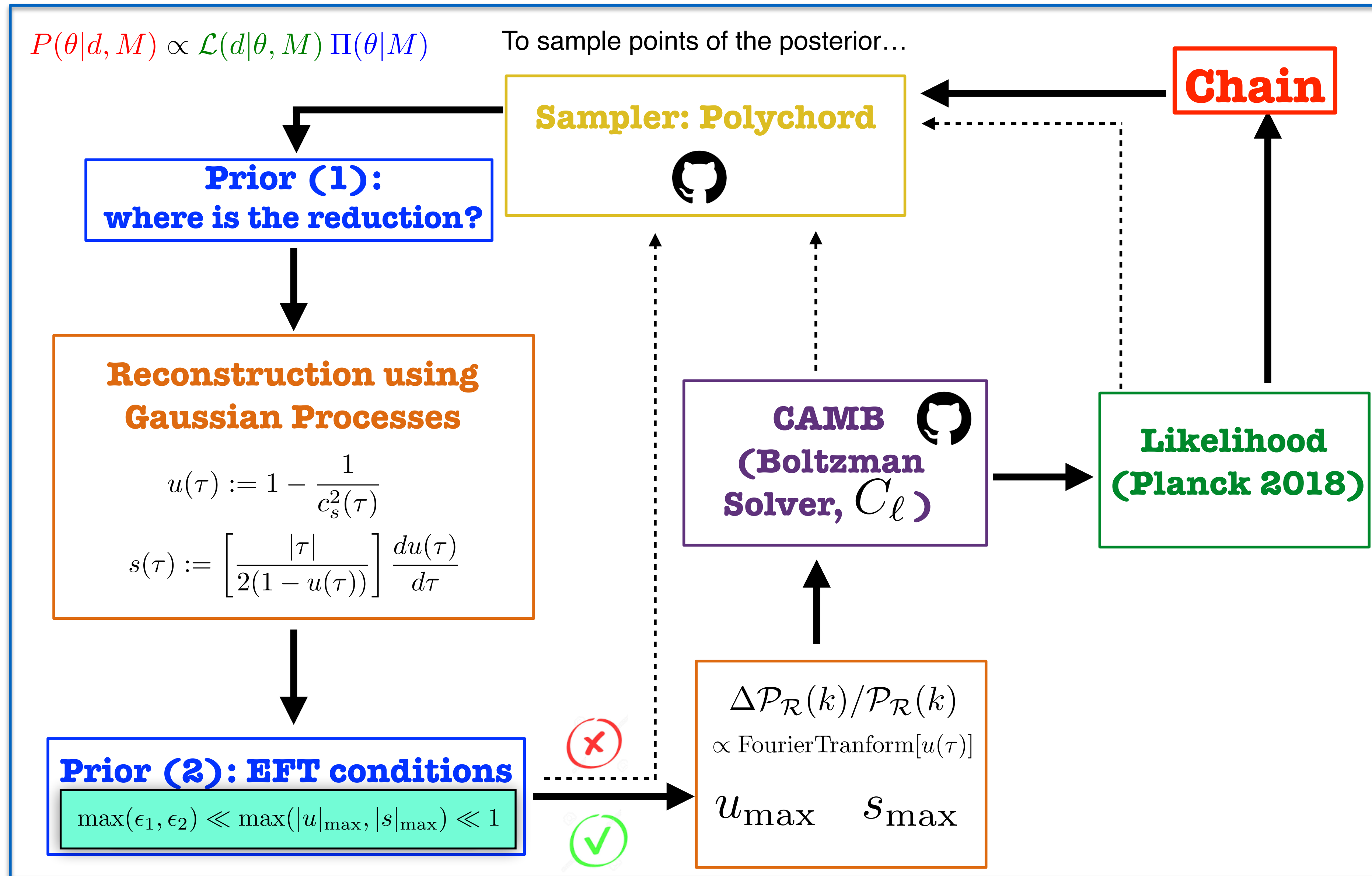
- ▶ Summary:

Slow-roll
condition
still apply

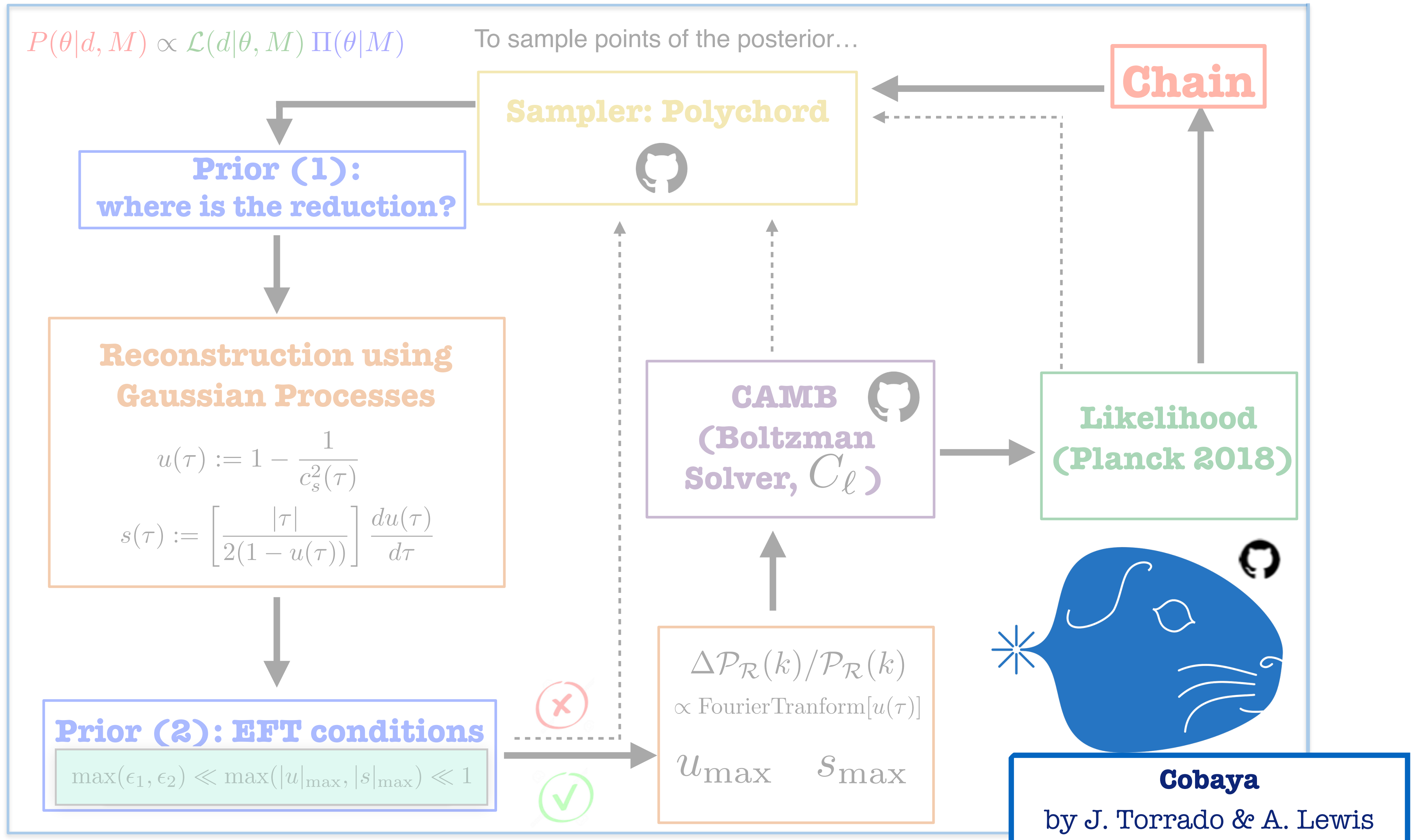
$$\max(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2) \ll \max(|u|_{\max}, |s|_{\max}) \ll 1$$

Bayesian statistics
comes to rescue

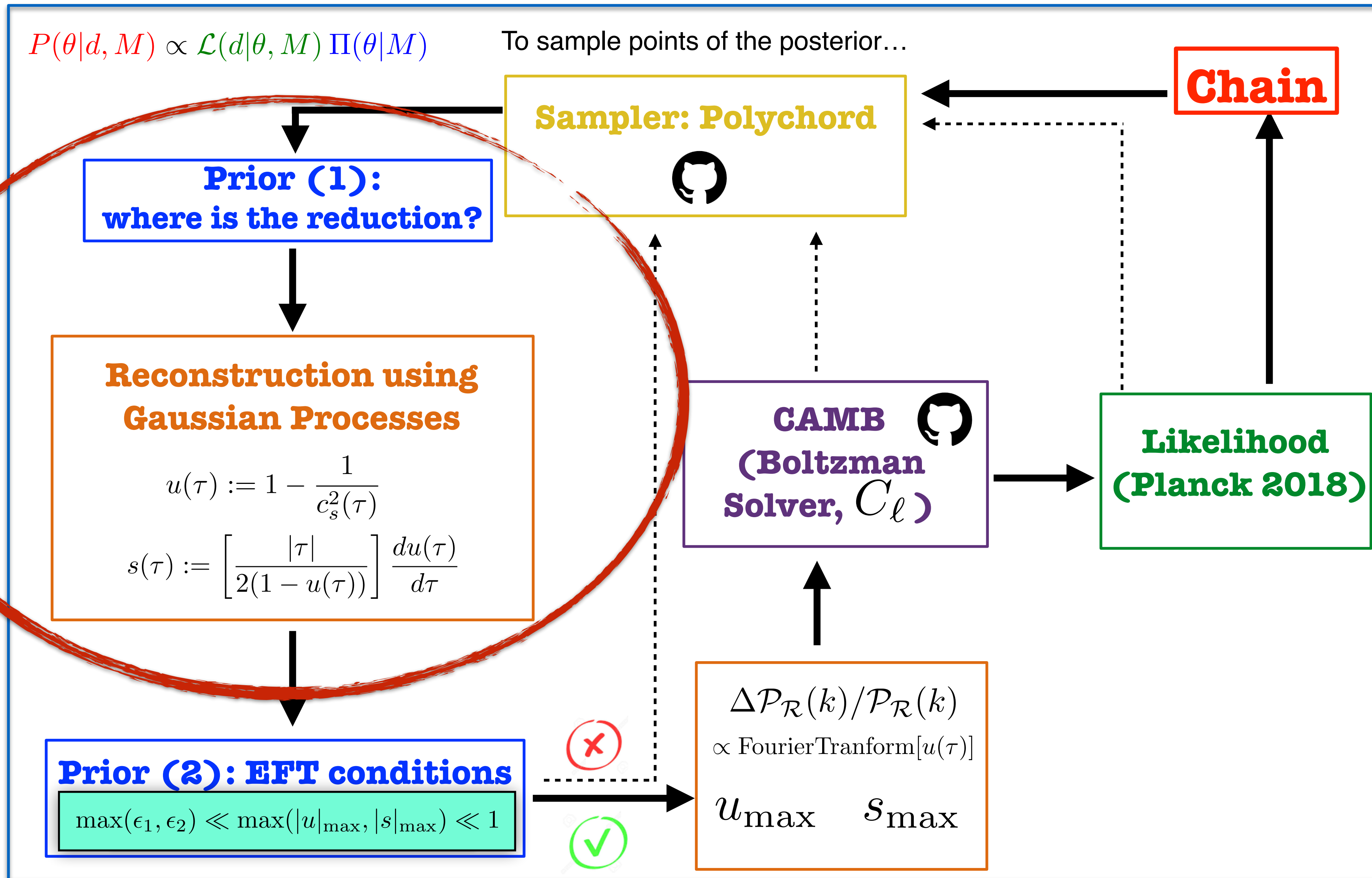
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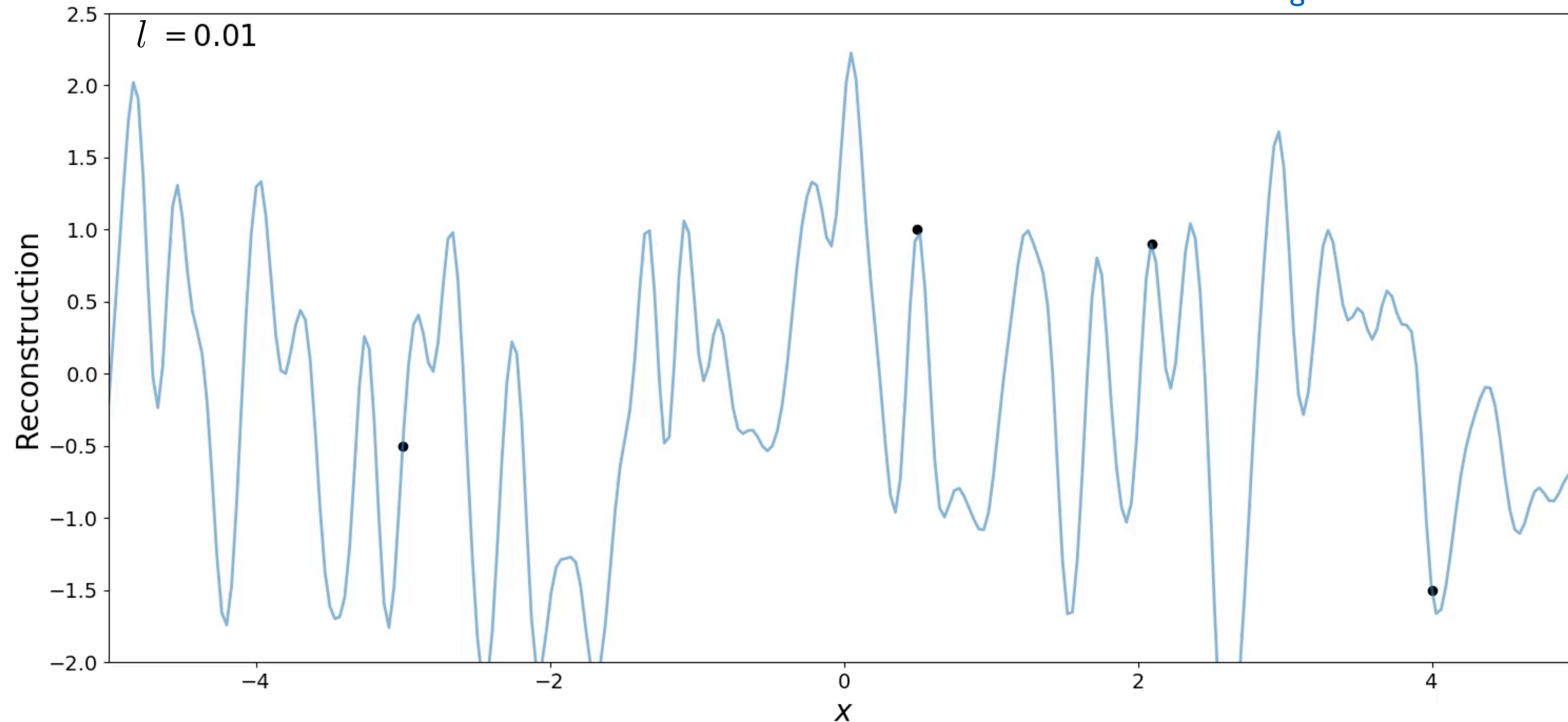


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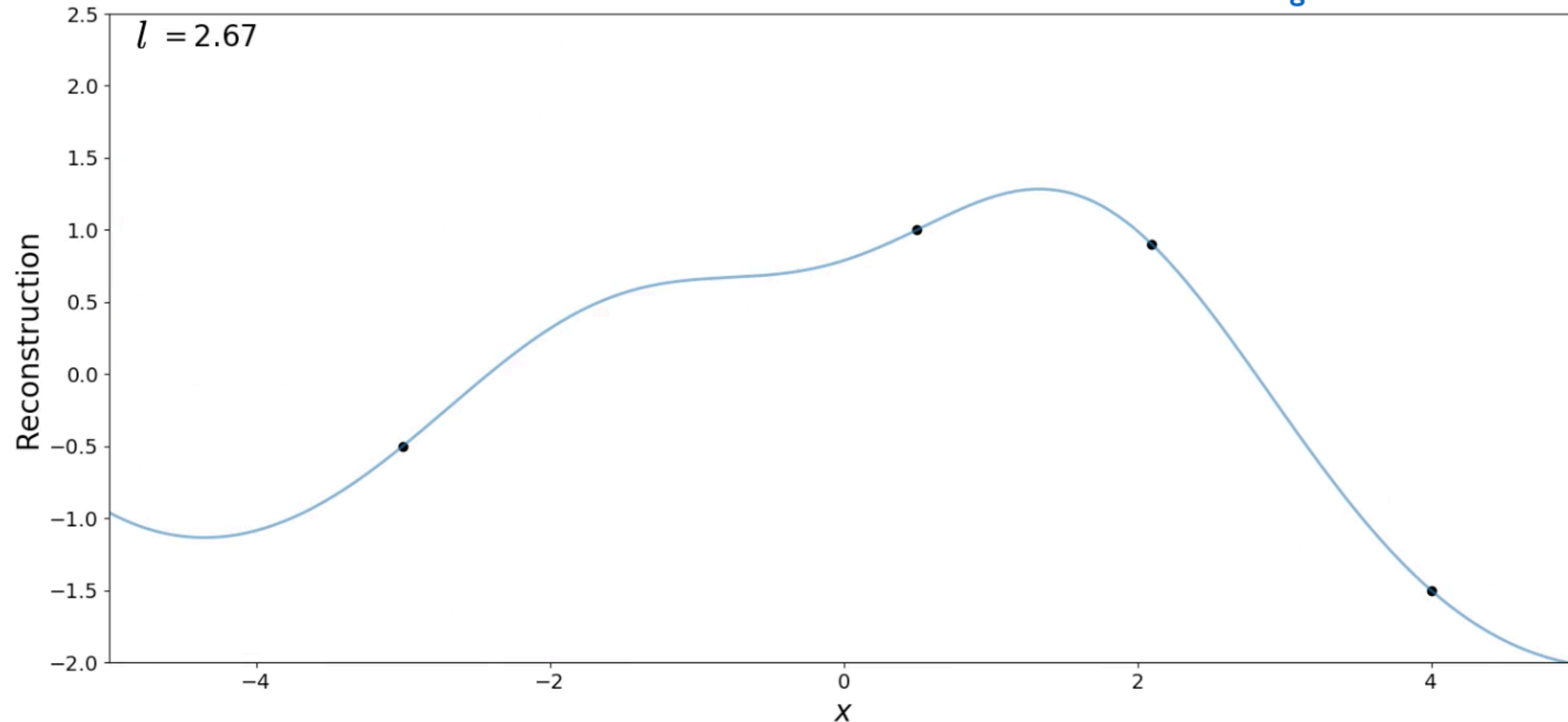
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Kernel $K(x_1 - x_2) = \exp\left(\frac{-|x_1 - x_2|}{2l}\right)$ Correlation length

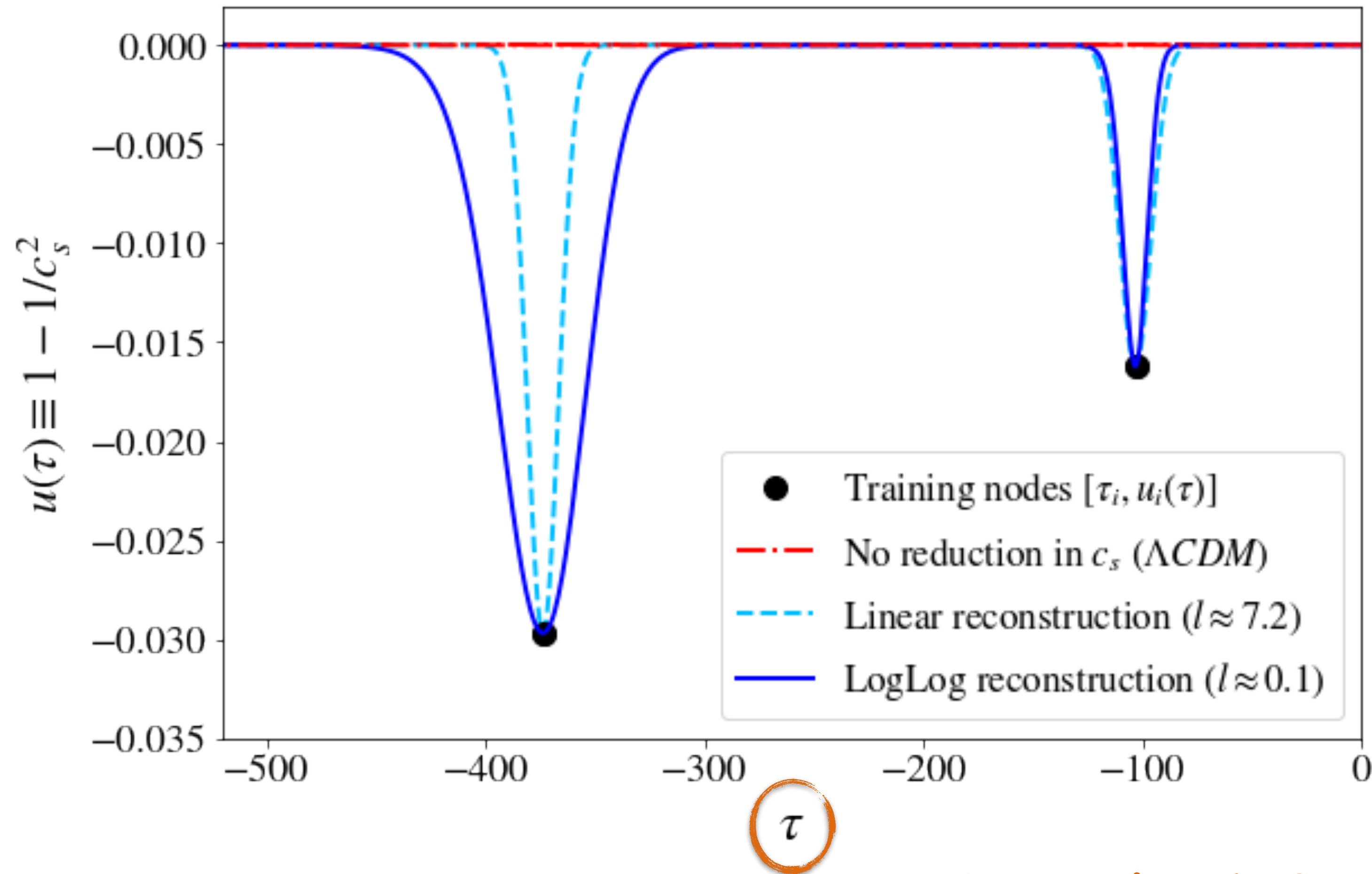


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Reconstruction of c_s



conformal time ($\tau=0$ means end of inflation)

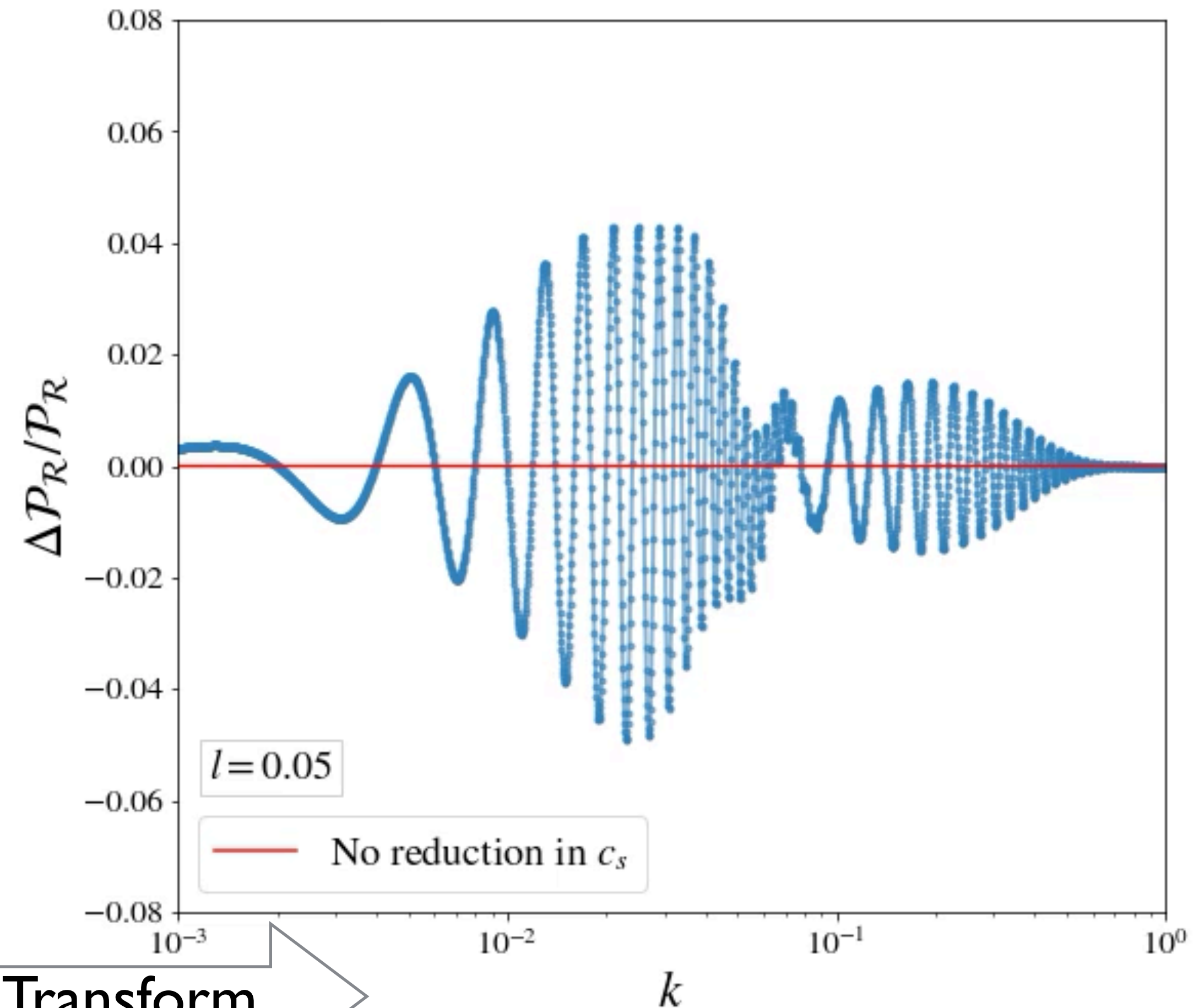
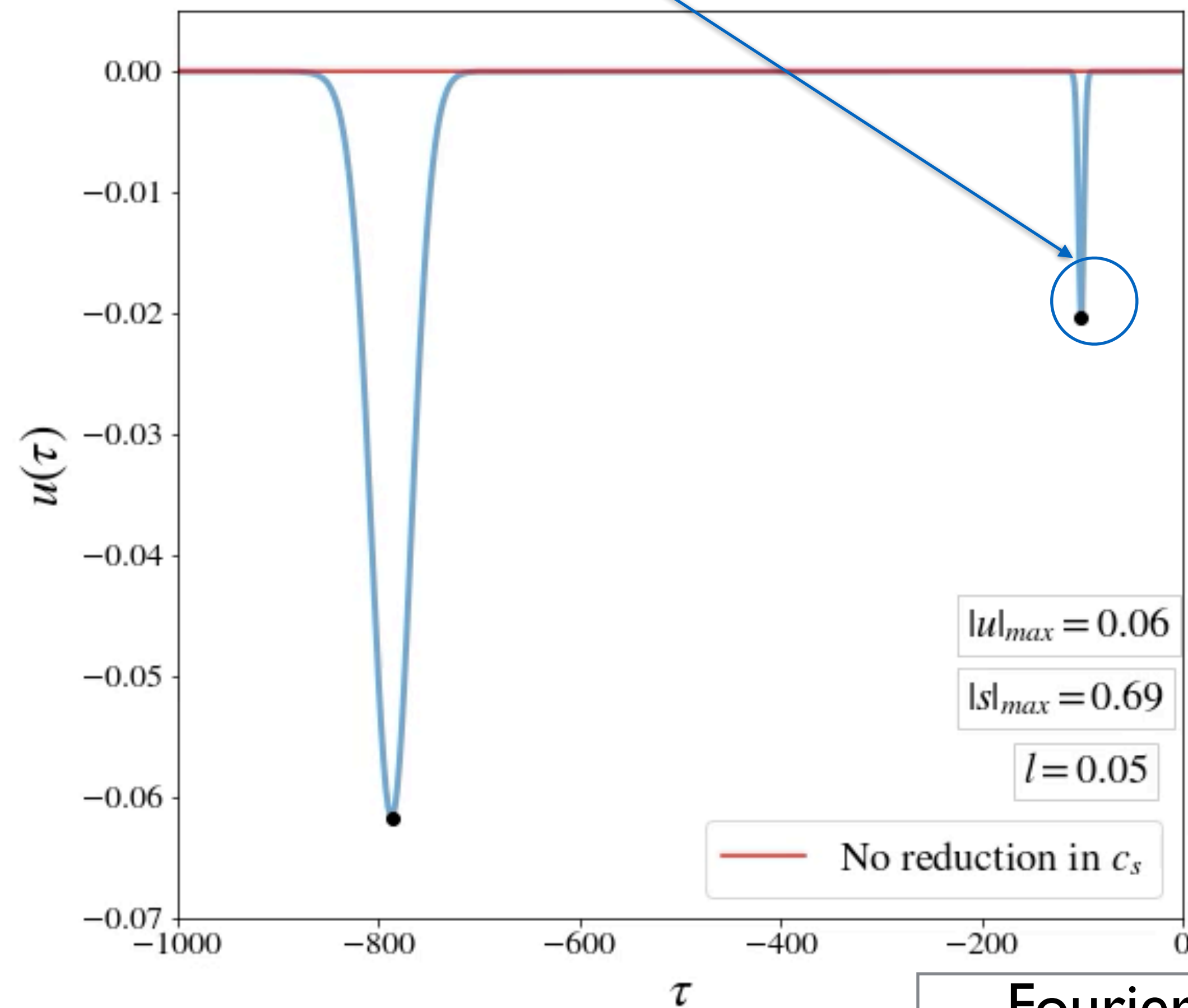
- $u(\tau)$ is always negative
- 2 options: reconstruct $u(\tau)$ using GPs in linear space and check numerically or reconstruct in Log-Log

Reconstruction of c_s

Prior (1):
where is the reduction?

$$\kappa \approx \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\log |\tau_i| - \log |\tau_{i+1}|}{l} \right)^2 \right\}$$

Reconstruction using Gaussian Processes



Fourier Transform

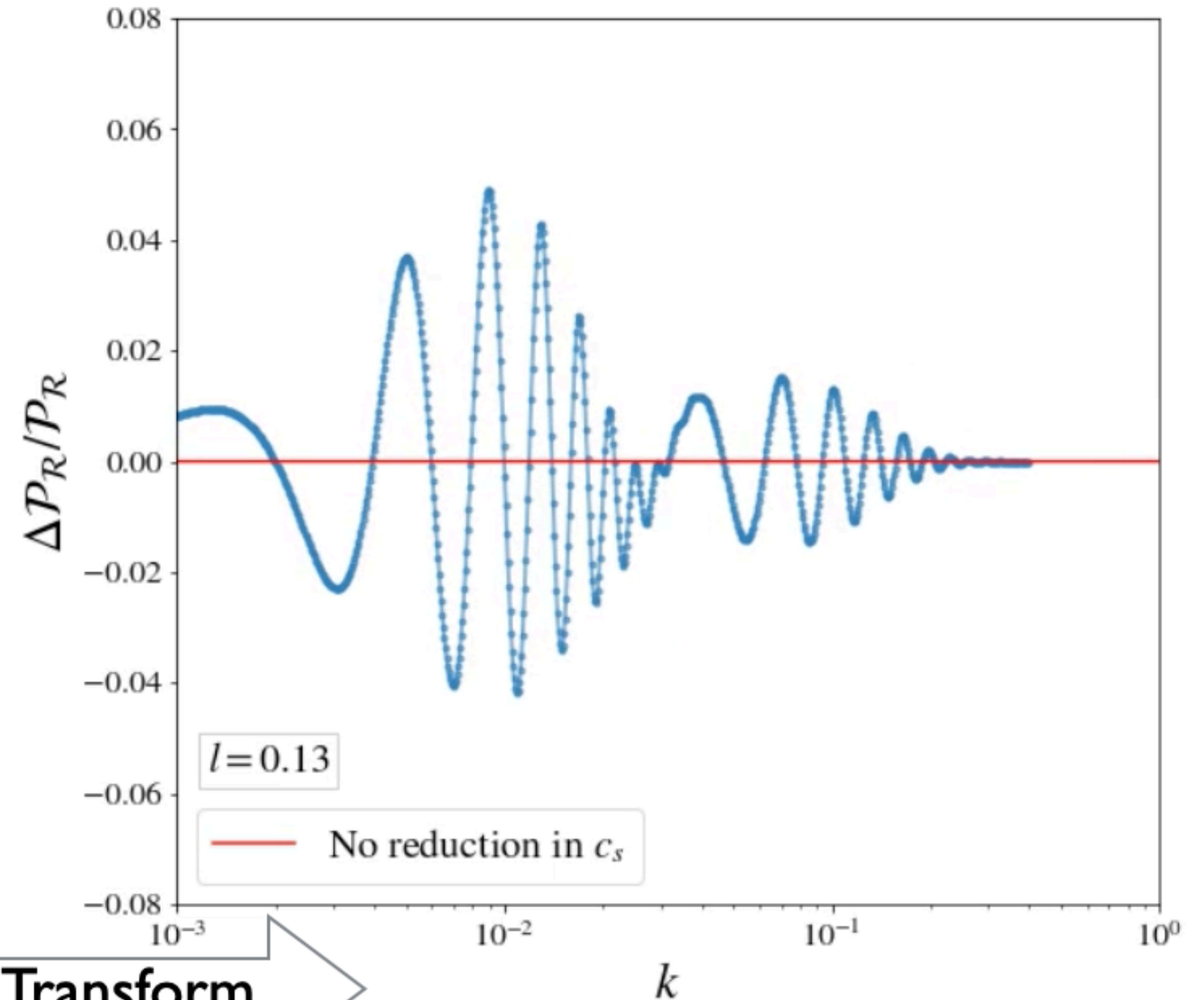
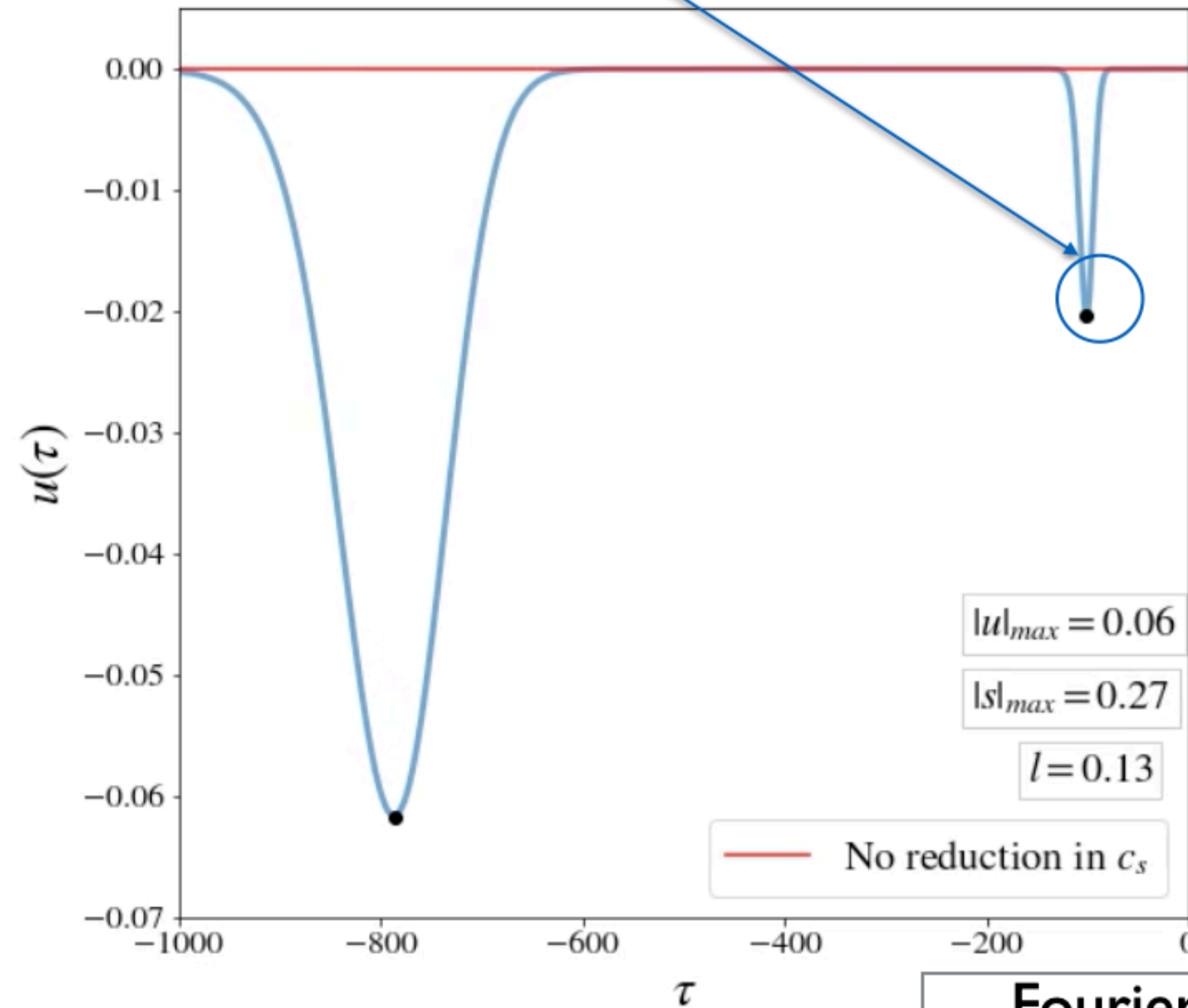
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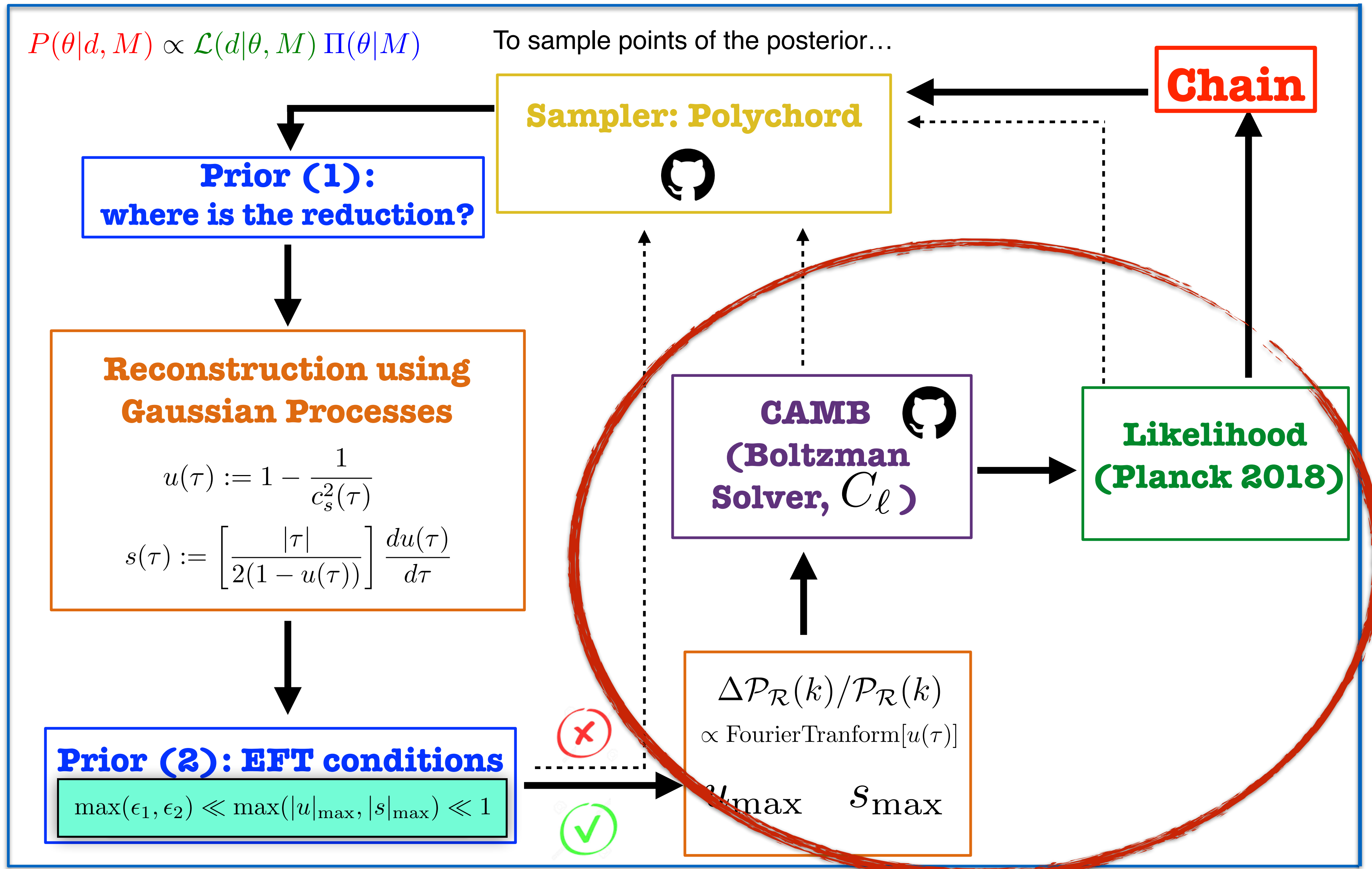
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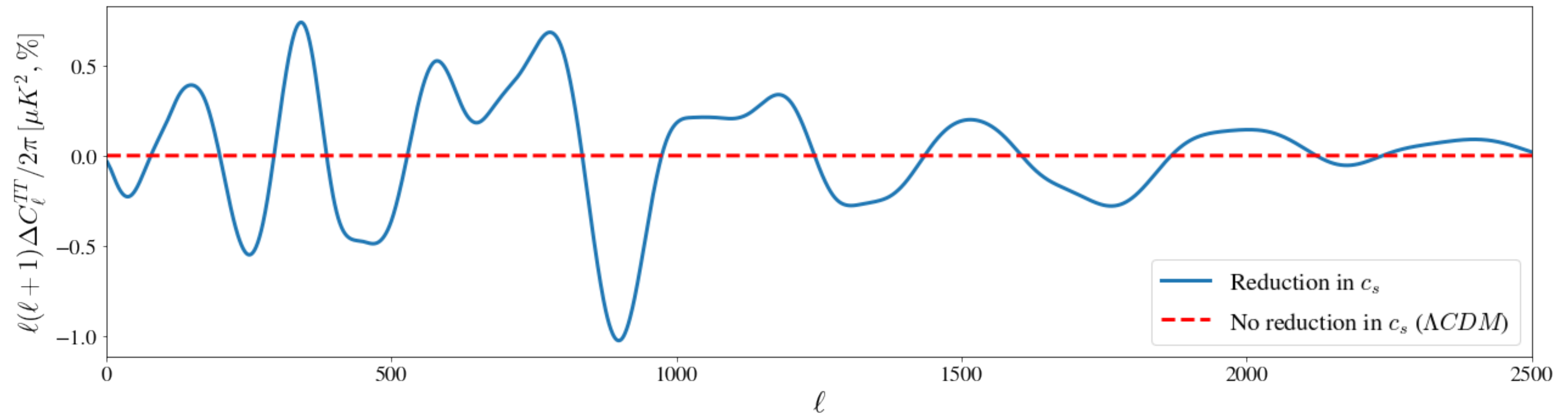
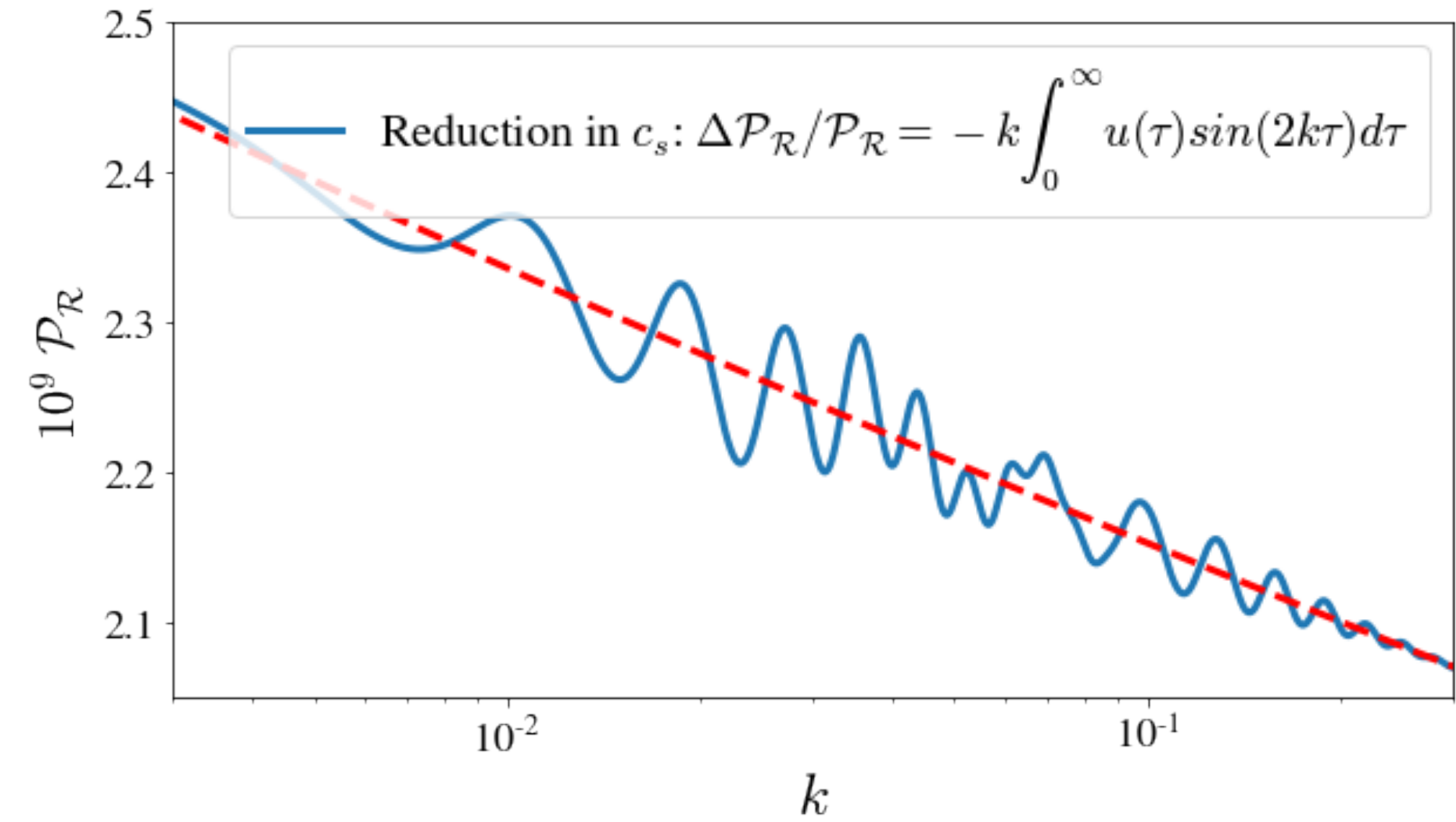
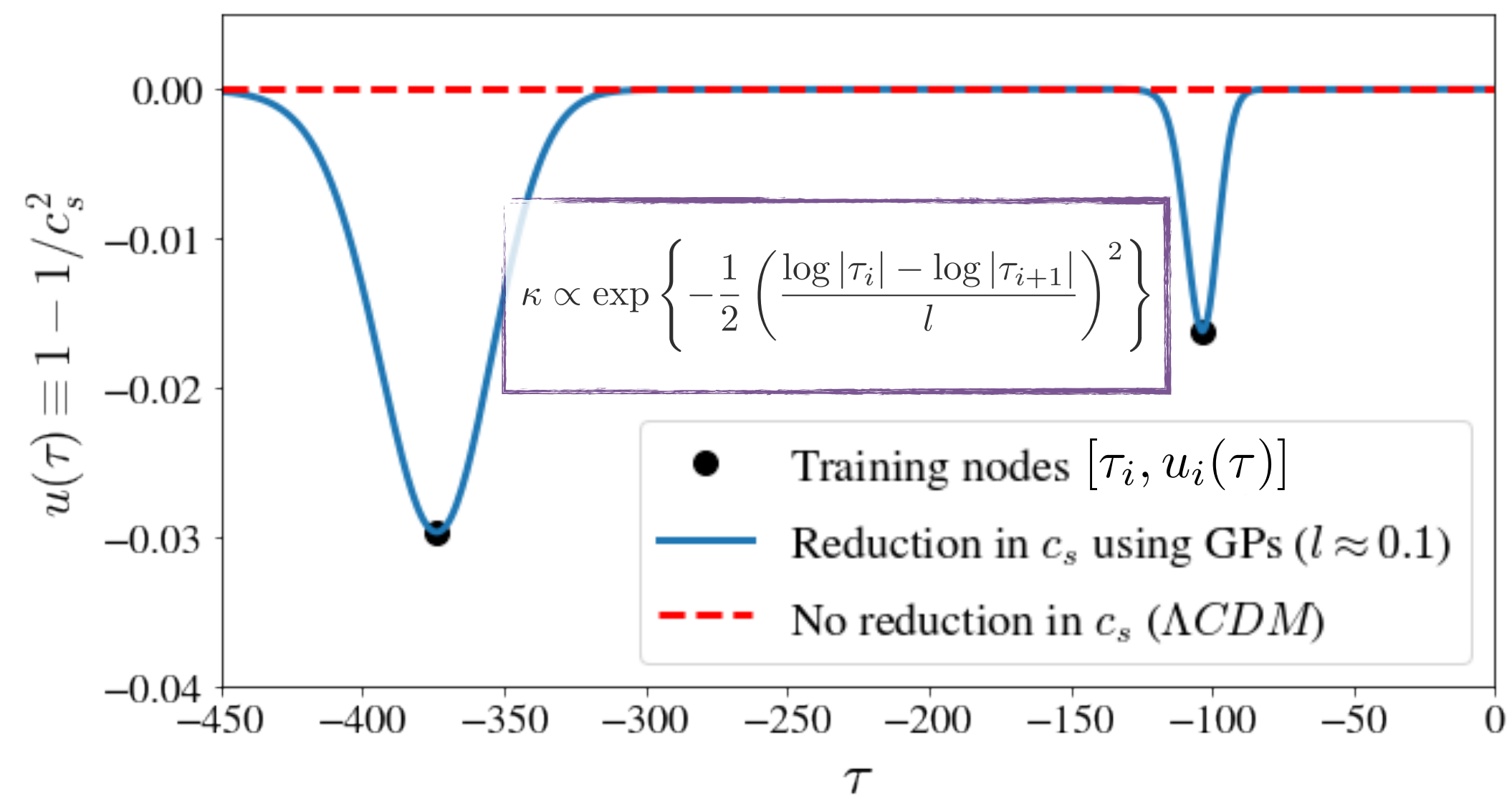
Reconstruction of $u(\tau)$

		Details	
Number of parameters		l (correlation length) + 2 x number of nodes (position of nodes)	
Parameters		$(\log_{10} \tau_i , \log_{10} u_i(\tau) , l, \epsilon_1, \epsilon_2)$ $(\log_{10} u _{\max}, \log_{10} s _{\max}, n_s, r)$	Sampled Derived
Theory parameters?	$ u _{\max}$ $ s _{\max}$	 Numerically	

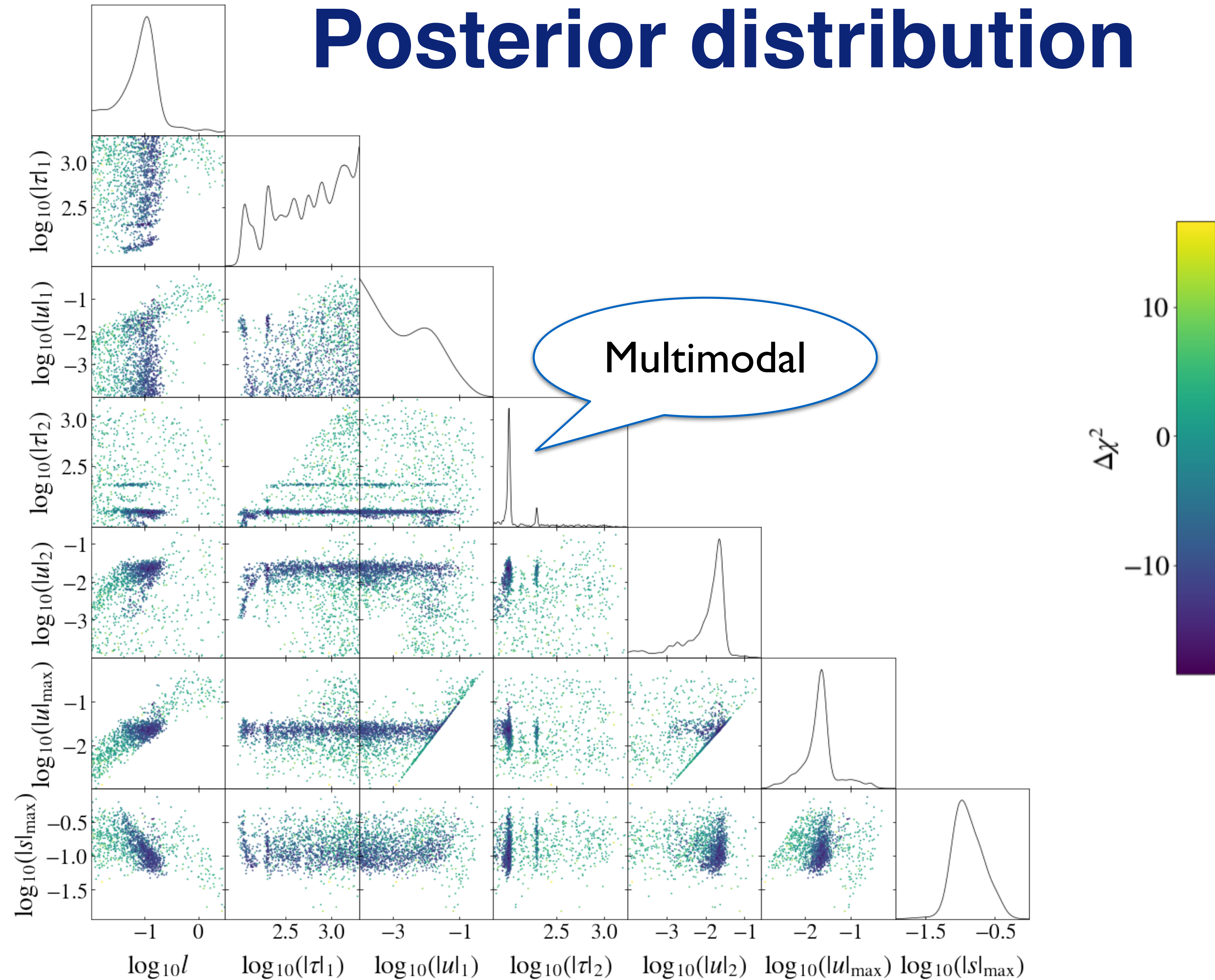
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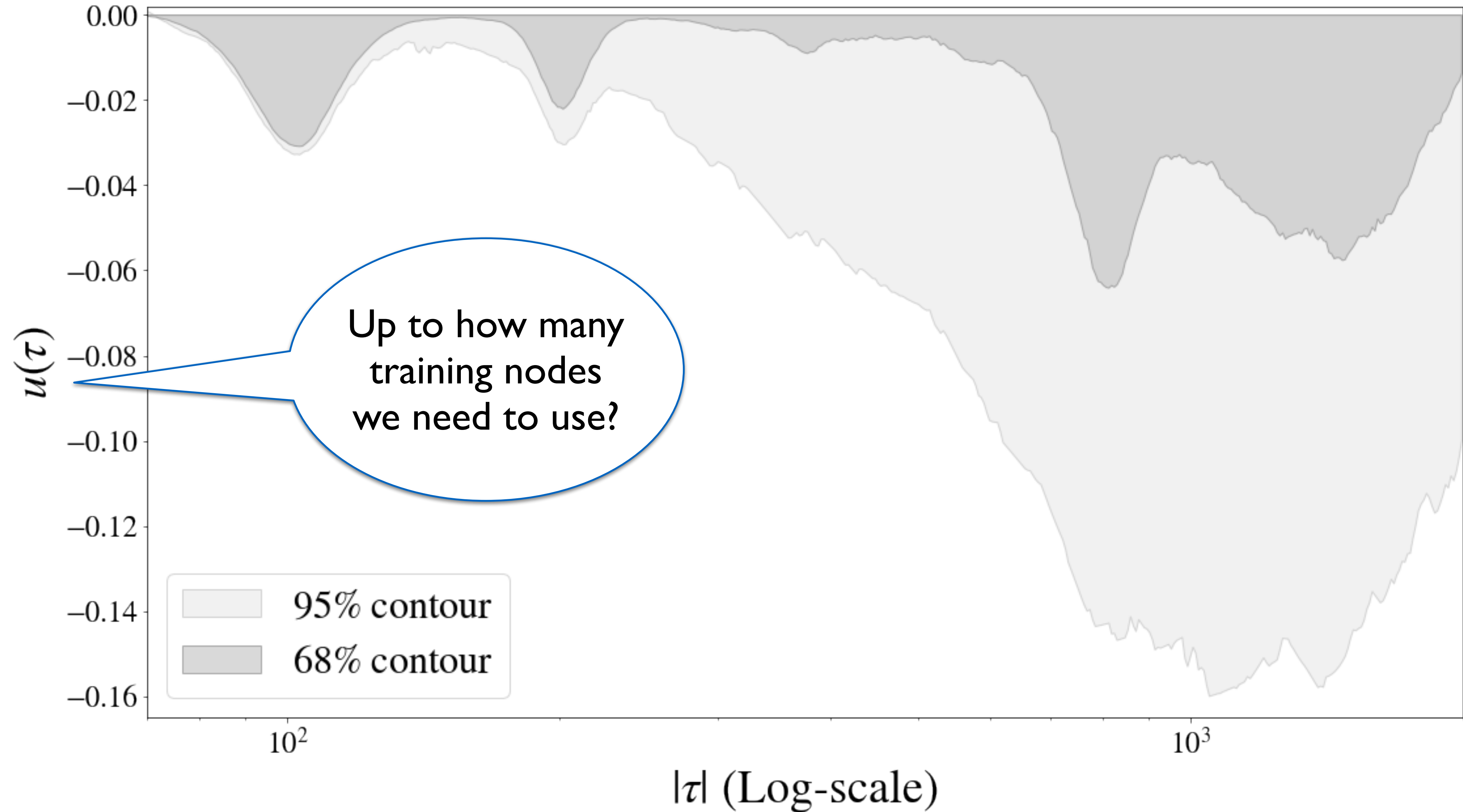
Comparison with the data



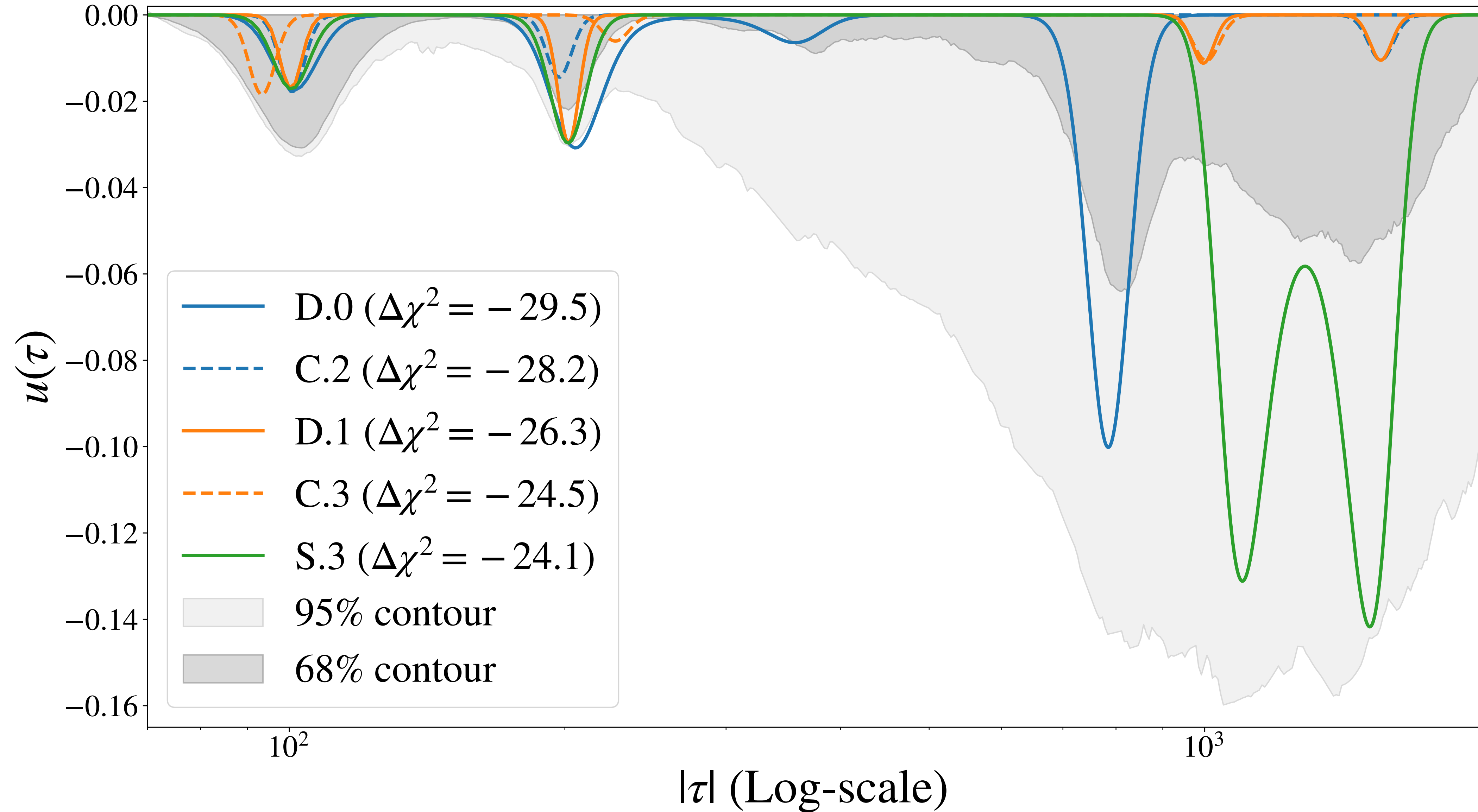
Posterior distribution



Reconstruction of speed of sound



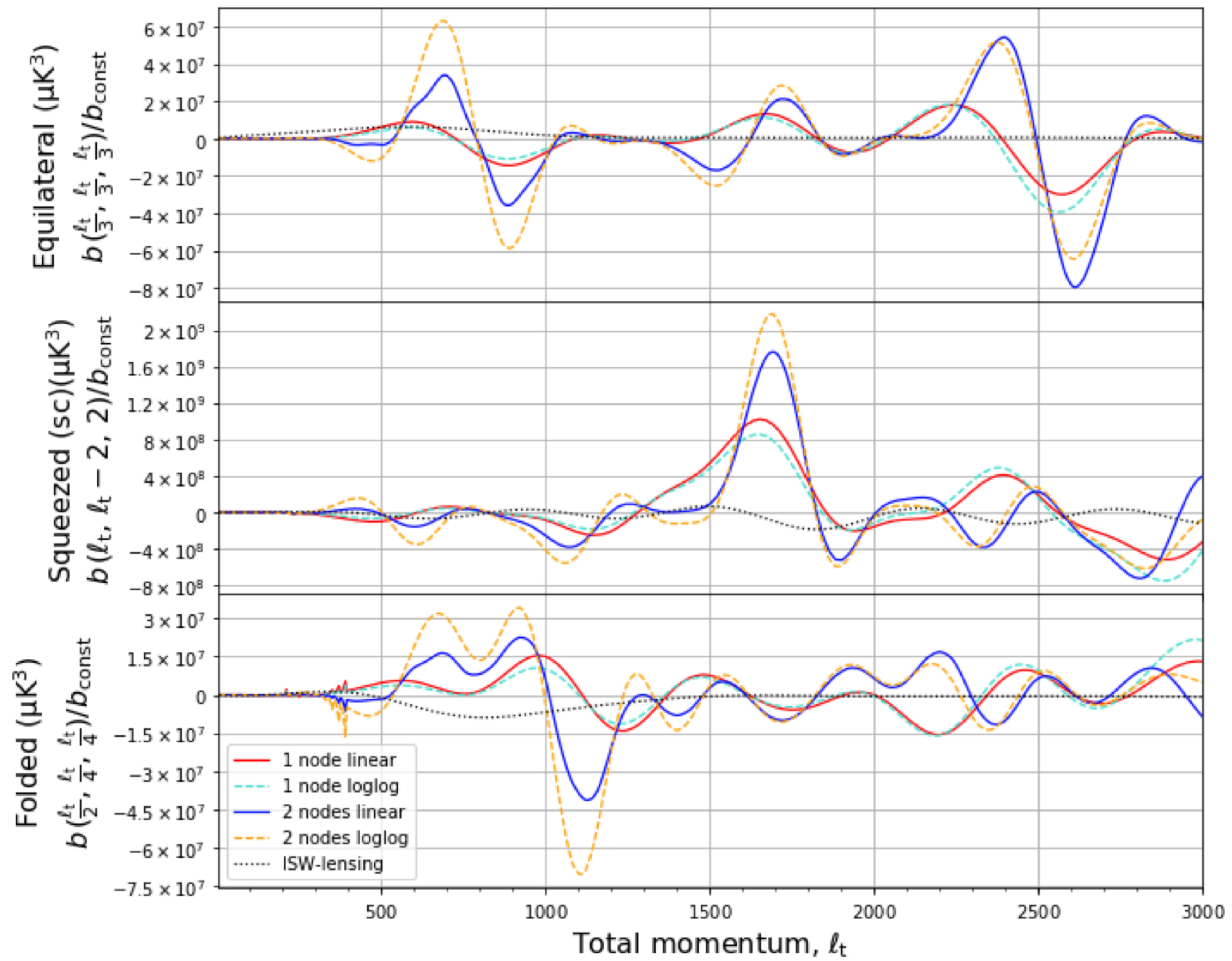
Reconstruction of speed of sound



How do we increase the statistical certainty?

- ▶ Use higher order correlation functions (i.e: bispectrum)

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How do we increase the statistical certainty?

- ▶ Use higher order correlation functions (i.e: bispectrum)
- ▶ Use LSS data:
 - ❑ Take into account Non-Gaussianities into scale-dependent bias
 - ❑ Model Non-linearities
 - ❑ Advanced computational skills required

Scale dependent bias

- ▶ This particular scenario predicts correlated features in the bispectrum (NGs)

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- ▶ They will have an impact in galaxy clustering bias: corrections given by

$$\Delta b(k) = \left[b_1 \delta_c + \frac{d \log \left(\mathcal{F}_*^{(3)} \right)}{d \log(\sigma_*)} \right] \frac{2\mathcal{F}_*^{(3)}(k)}{\mathcal{M}_*(k)}$$

[Giovanni Cabass, Enrico Pajer, Fabian Schmidt \(2018\)](#)

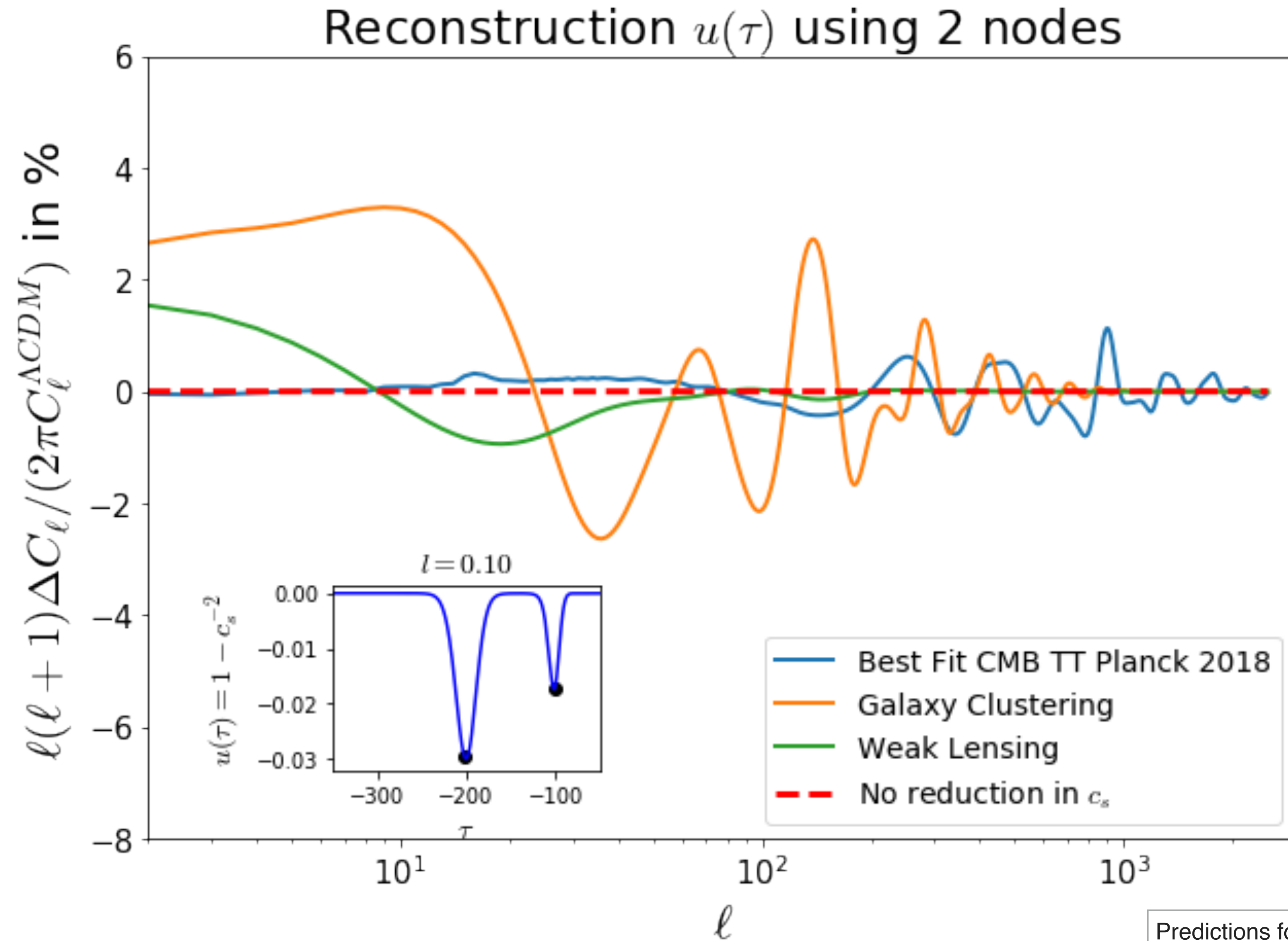
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- ▶ They will have an impact in galaxy clustering bias:
 - Big enough to be detected?
 - Big enough to introduce a significant correction during the statistical analysis?
- **Forecast needed**

Predictions for LSS

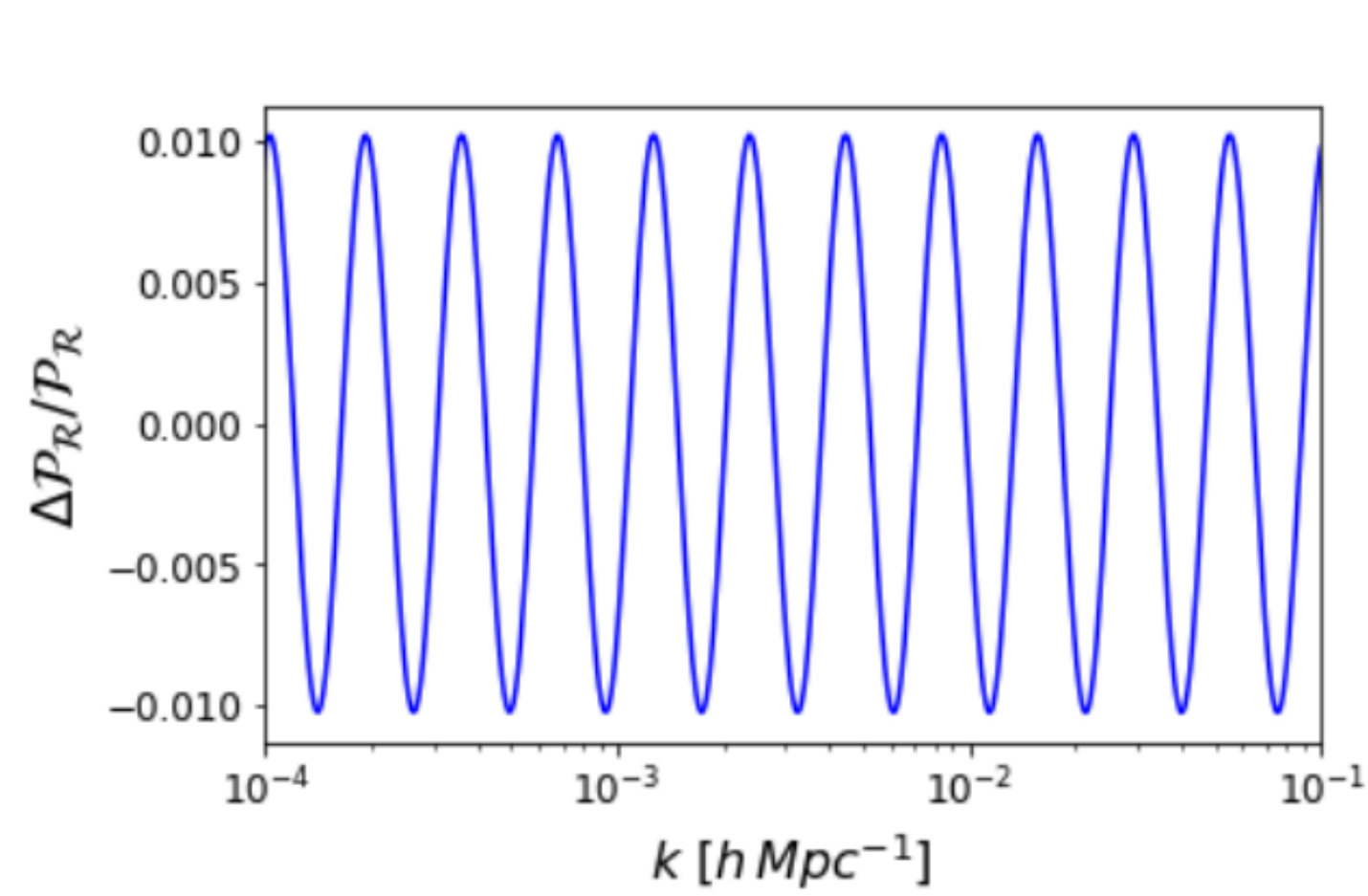


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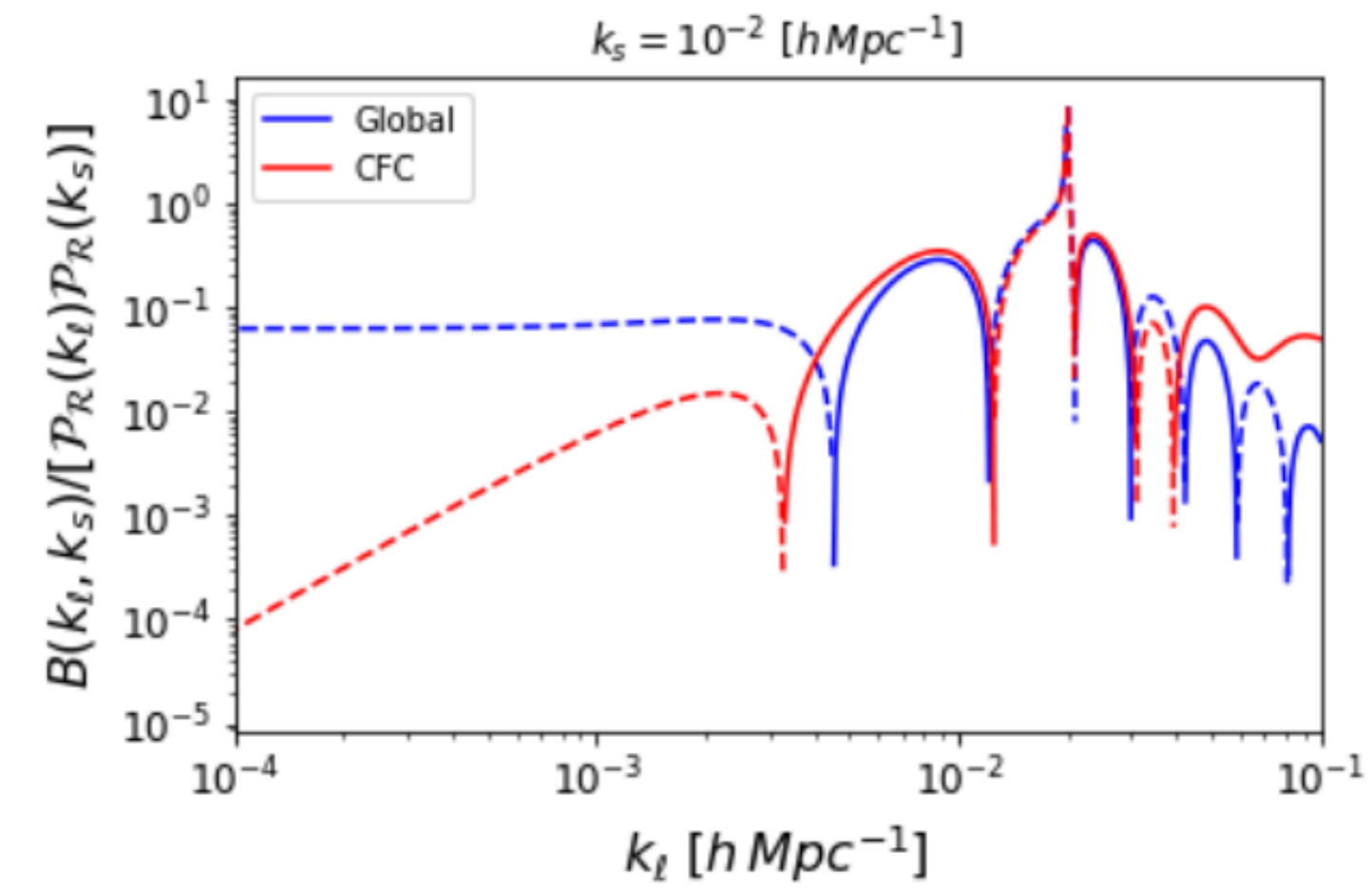
- ▶ Study of primordial functions (speed of sound or slow-roll parameters as function of time) provide more flexible templates of features:
 - Combination of multiple reductions can take place
 - Interesting substructures (no total *dips*)
- ▶ These feature templates have not been checked by Planck
- ▶ Ready: efficient and flexible pipeline for the analysis of features from small, mild and transient reductions in sound speed in cosmological data.
- ▶ Increase statistical significance using PNGs and LSS

¡Gracias!

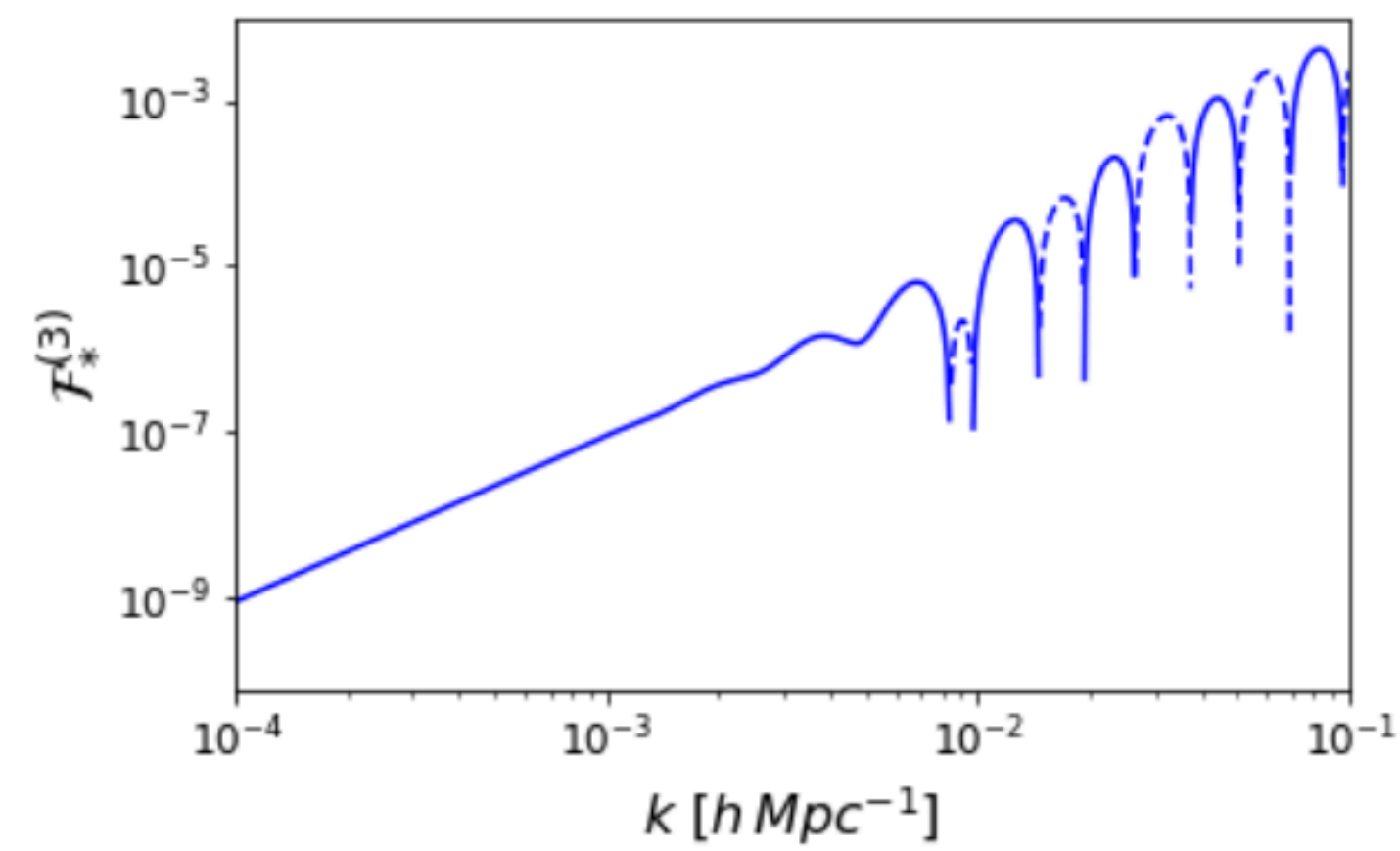
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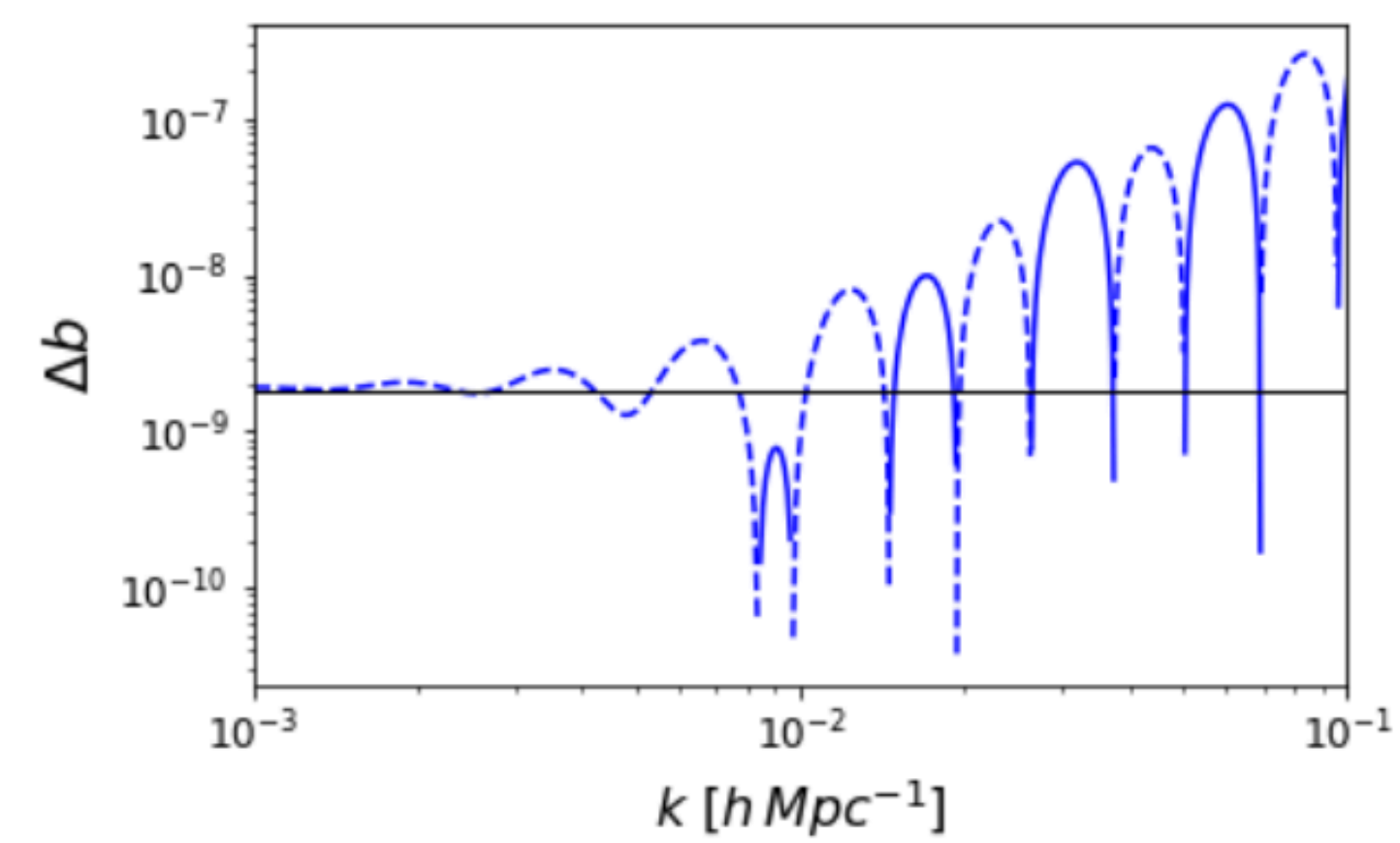
(a)



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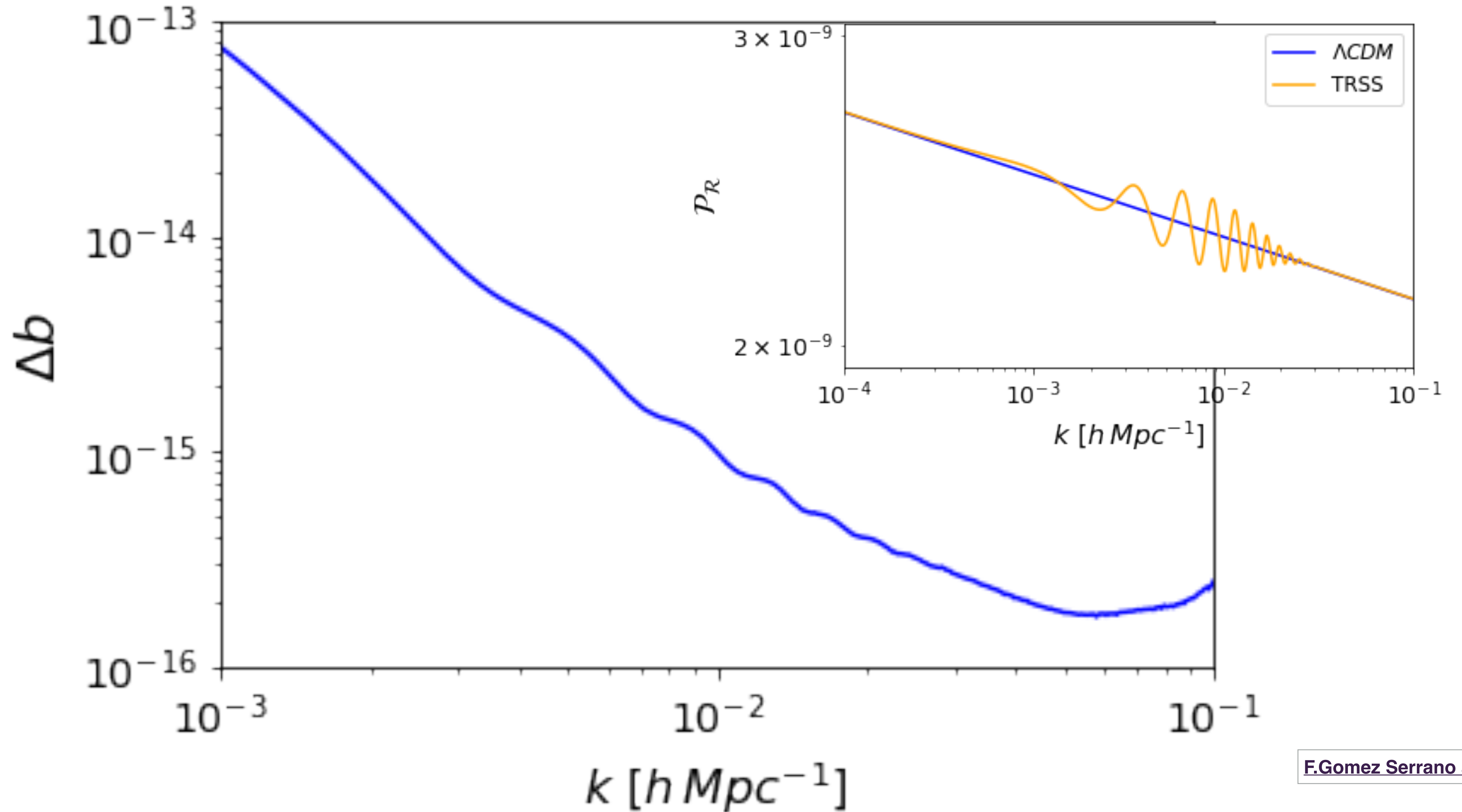


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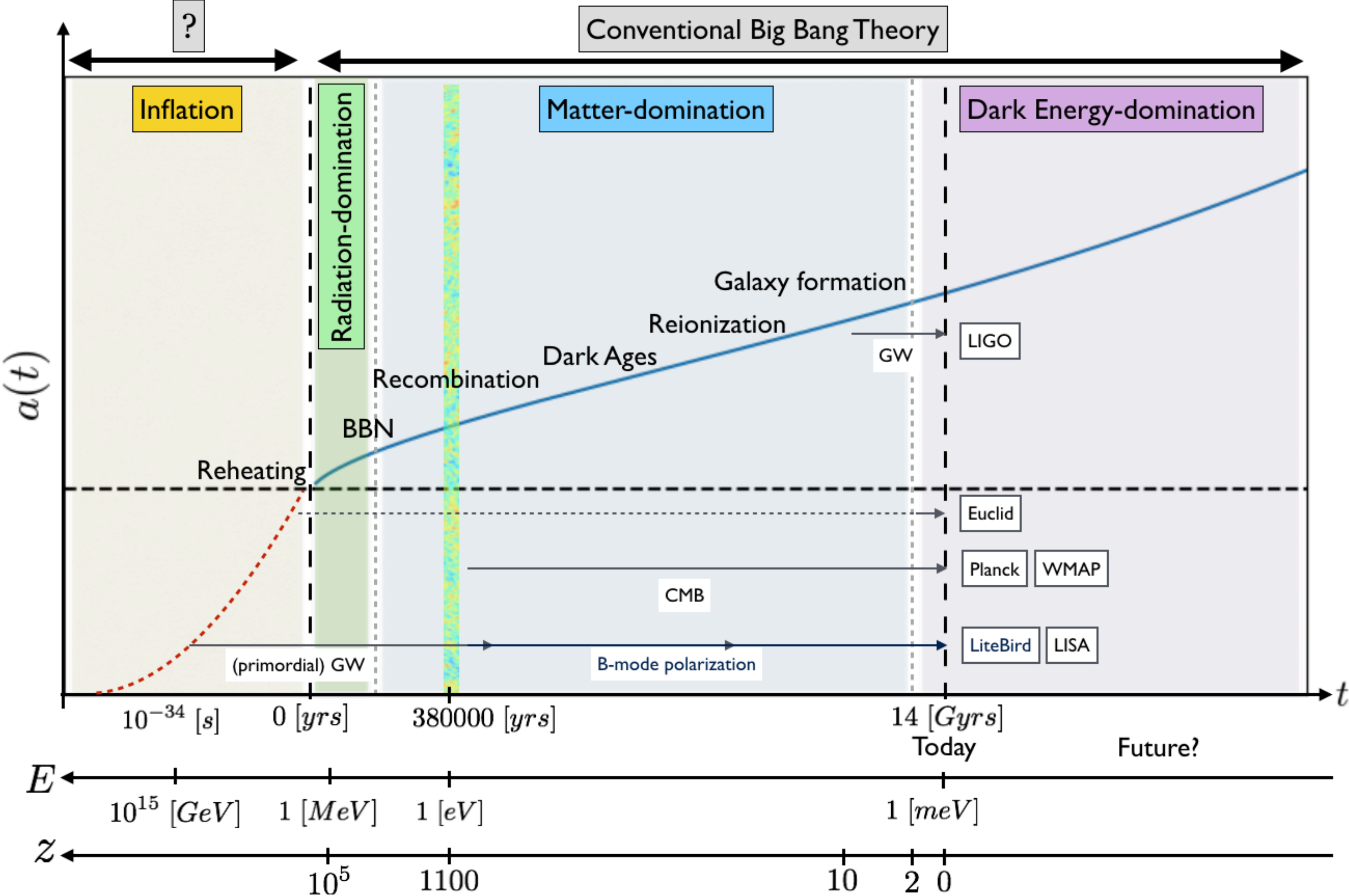
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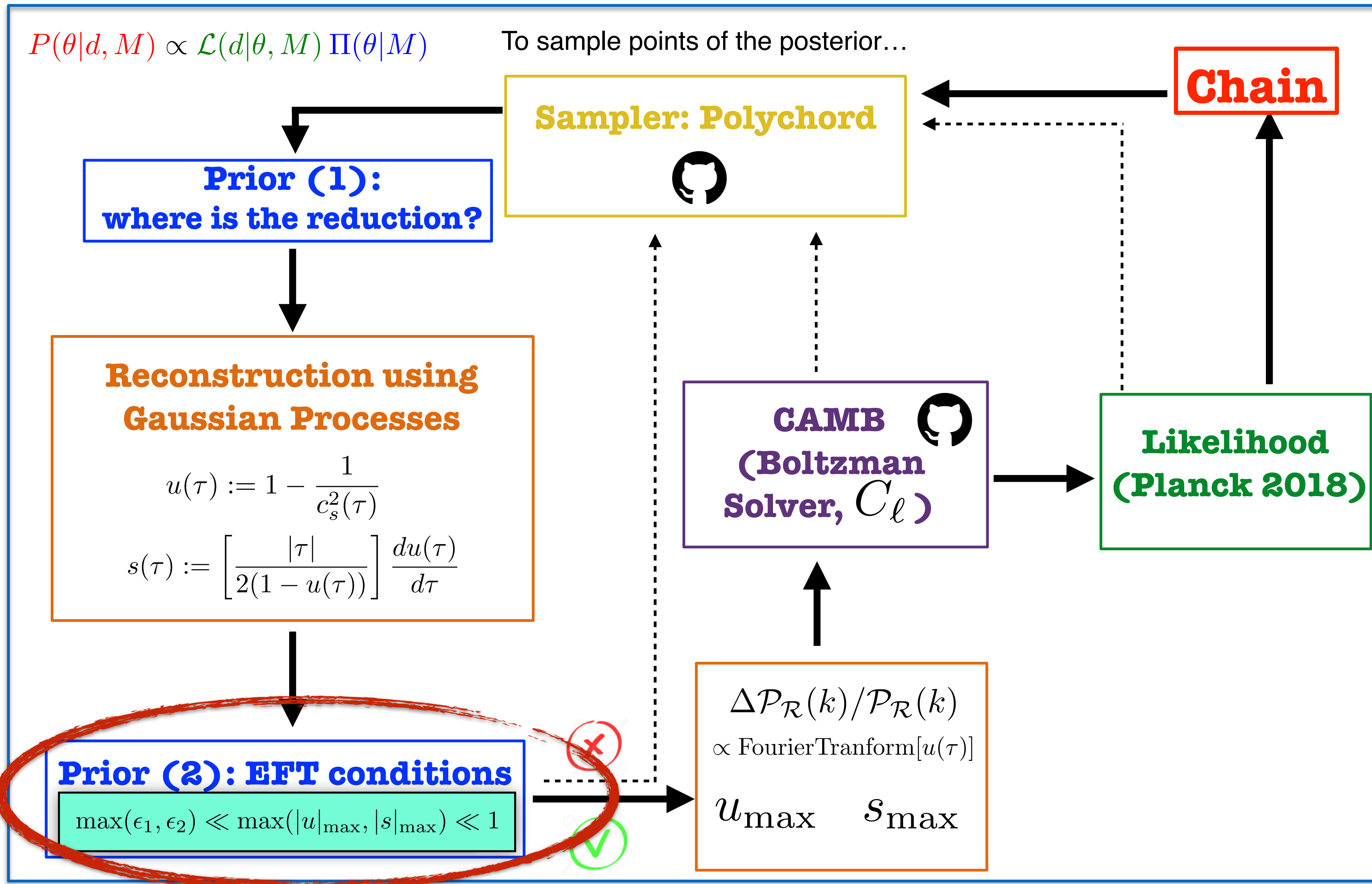


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Universe Timeline



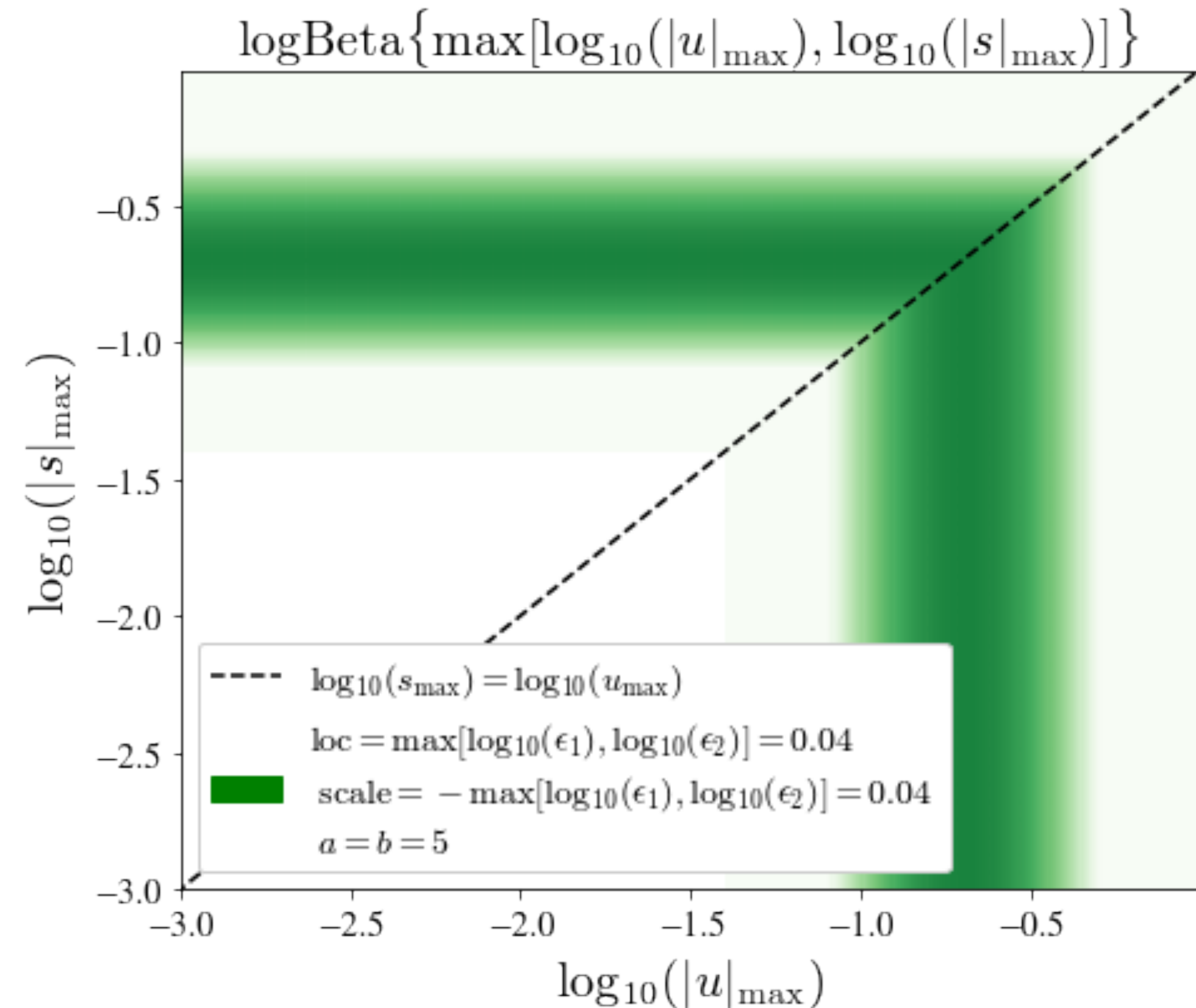
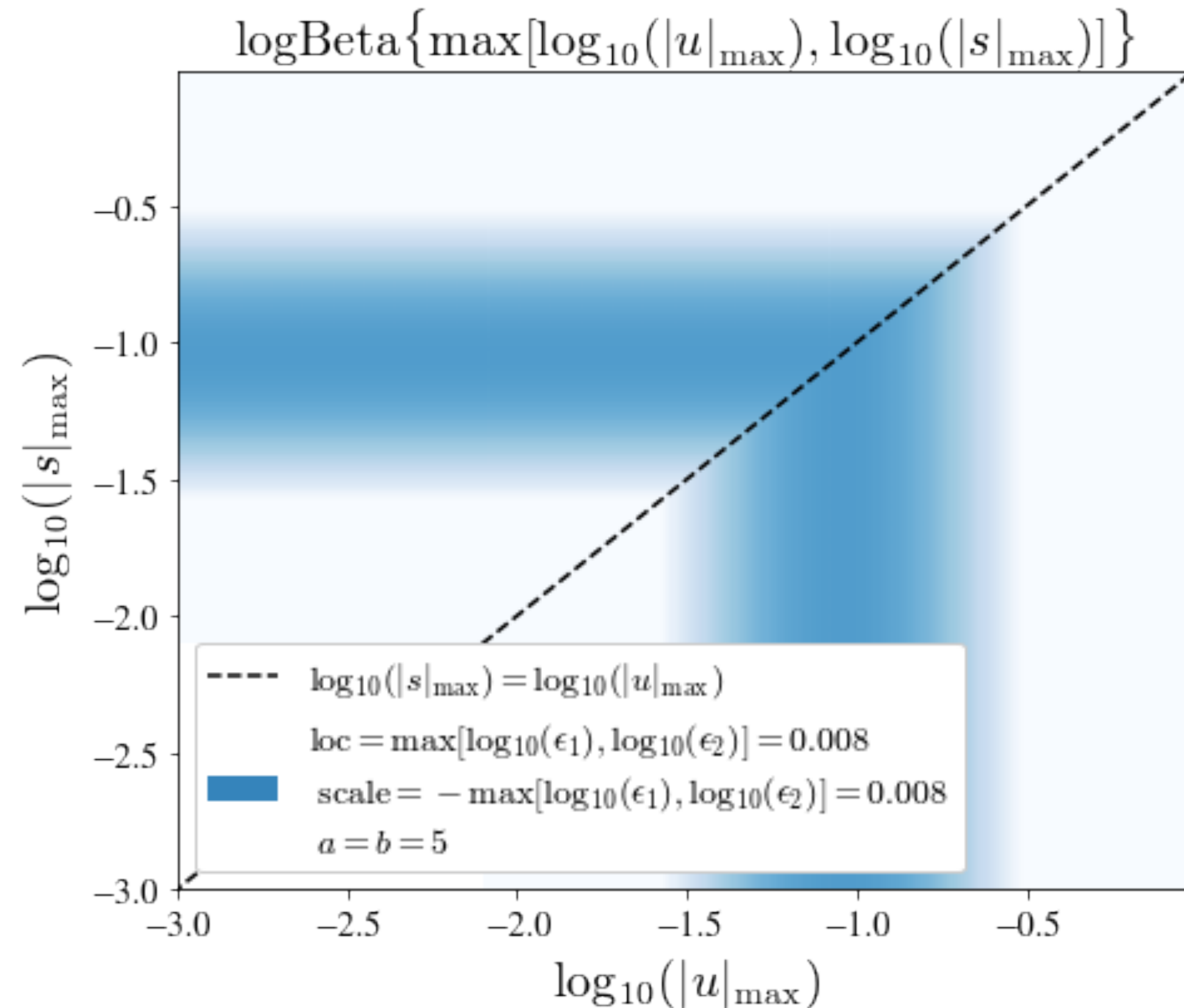
Methodology: pipeline



Weakly informative prior

Prior (2): EFT condition

$$\max(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2) \ll \max(|u|_{\max}, |s|_{\max}) \ll 1$$



► However, we have sorting prior: $|\tau|_{i+1} < |\tau|_i$

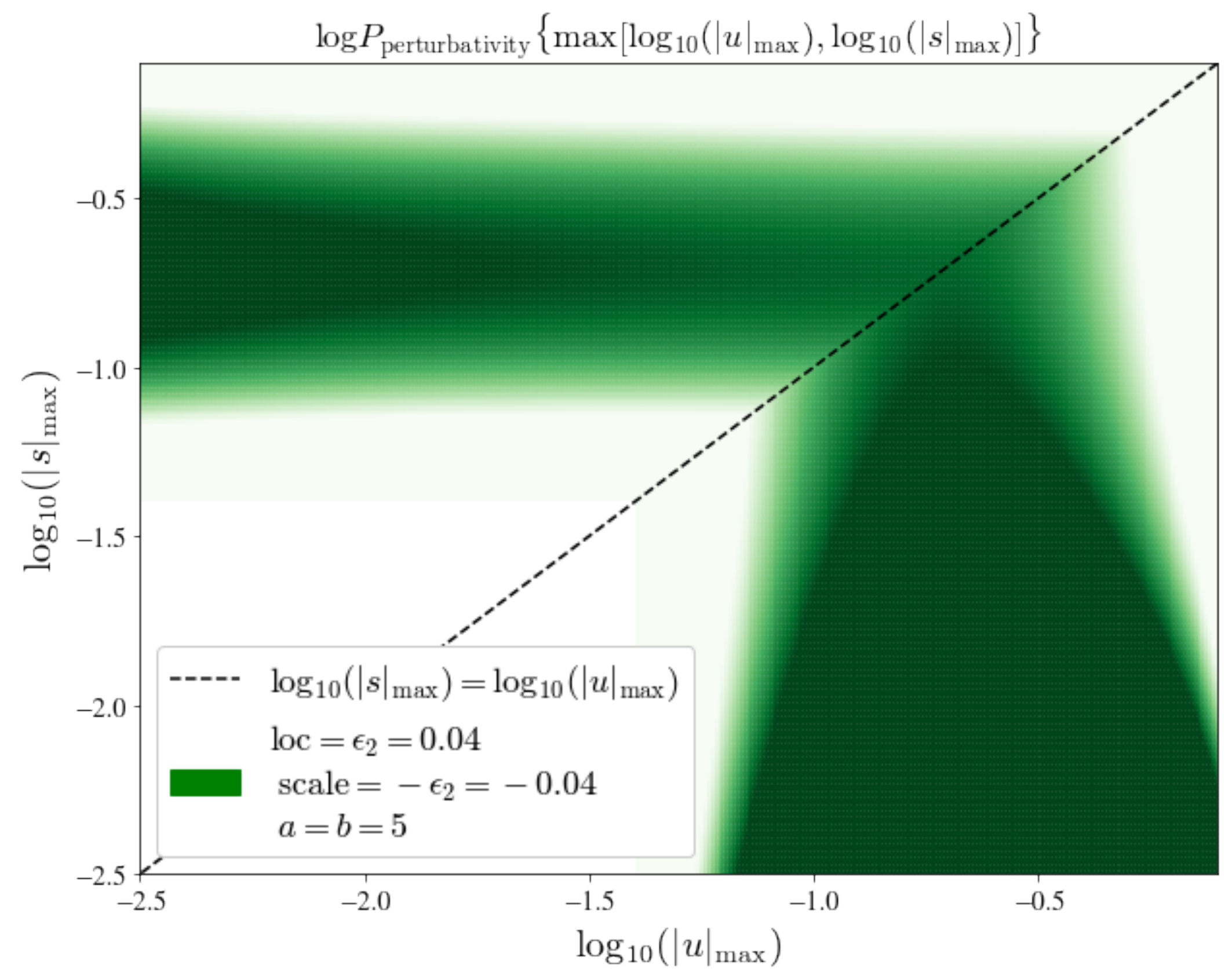
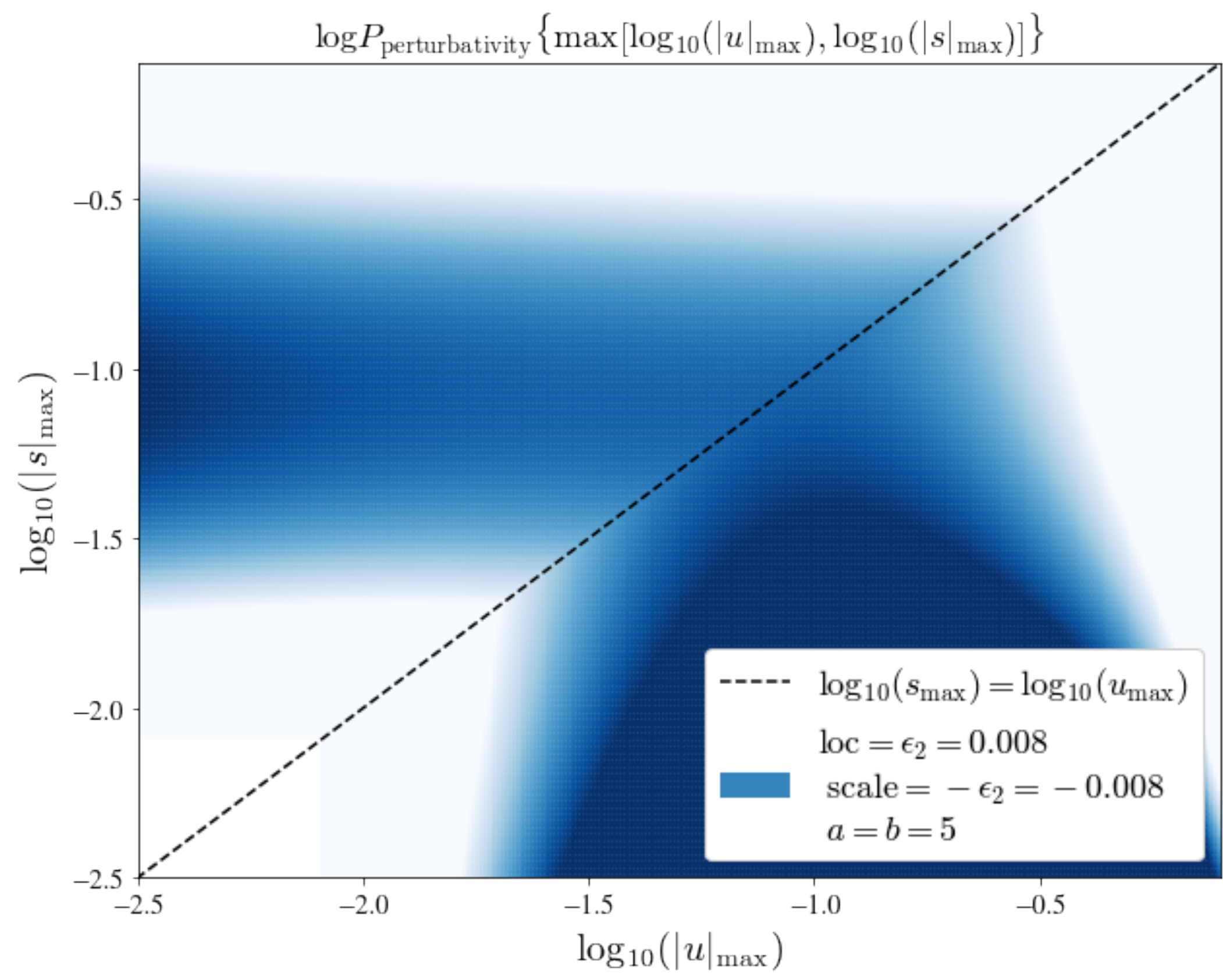
Maximum Entropy

GOAL: actual Beta function

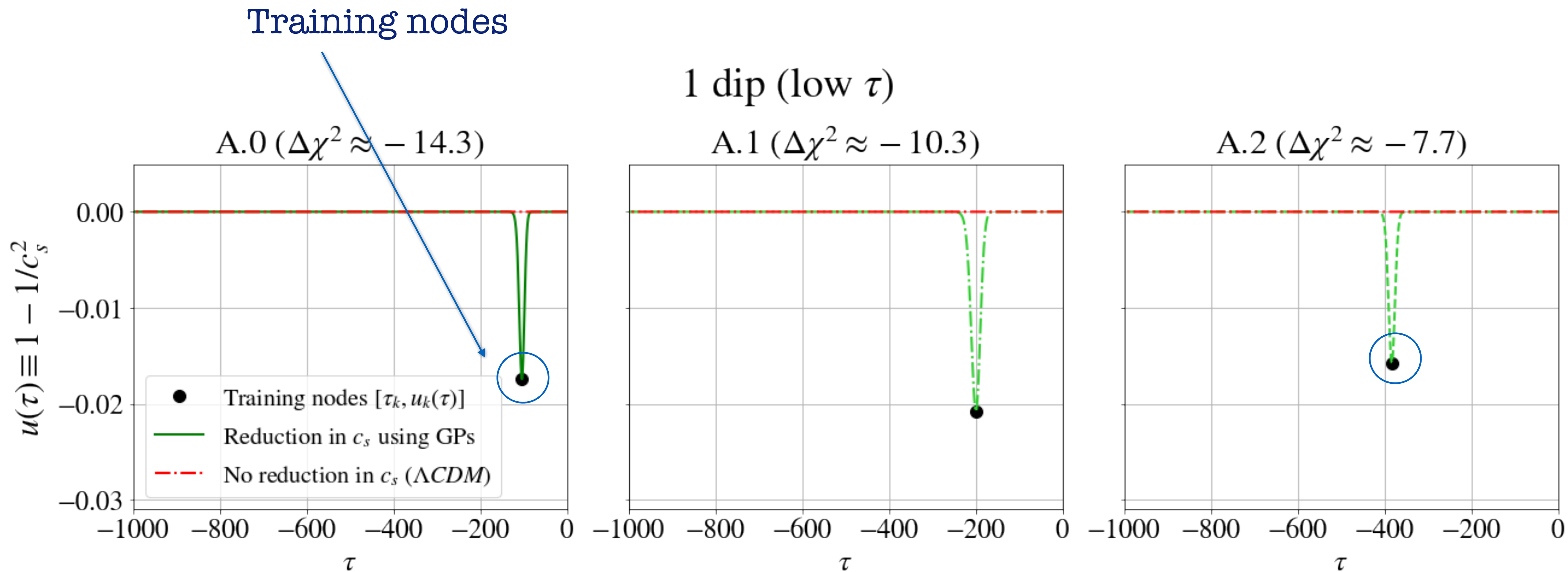
sorting prior

Beta function prior

$$\pi_{\text{pert, maxent}}(\tau_i, u_k, l) = \frac{\pi_0(\tau_i, u_k, l) \pi_{\text{pert}}(|u|_{\text{max}}, |s|_{\text{max}})}{P(|u|_{\text{max}}, |s|_{\text{max}} | \pi_0)}$$

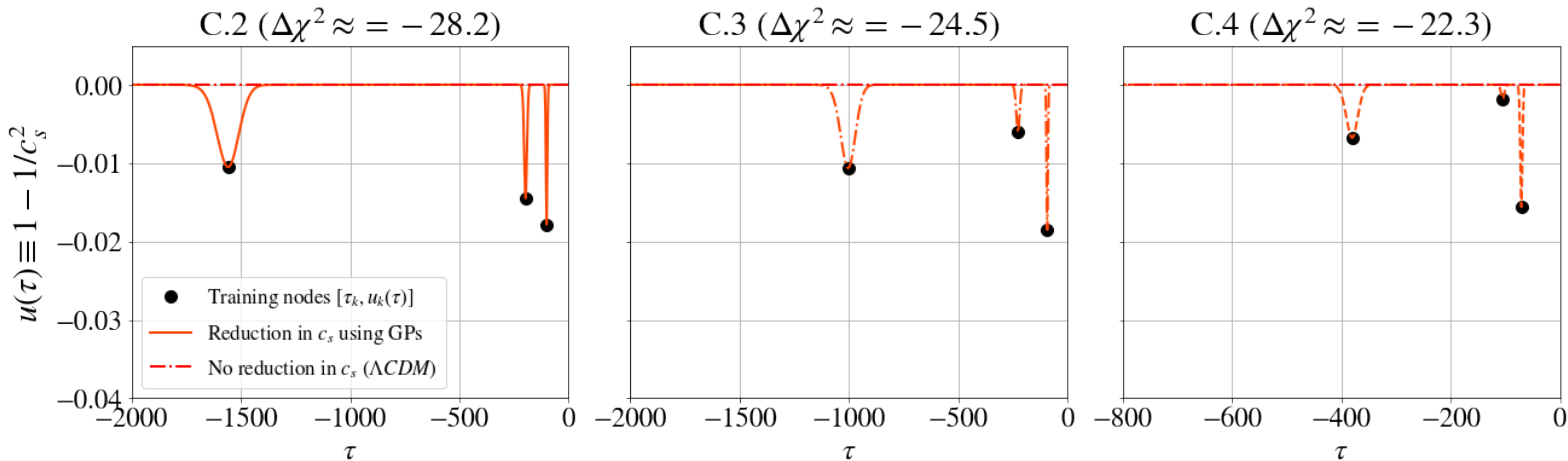


Maxima a posteriori



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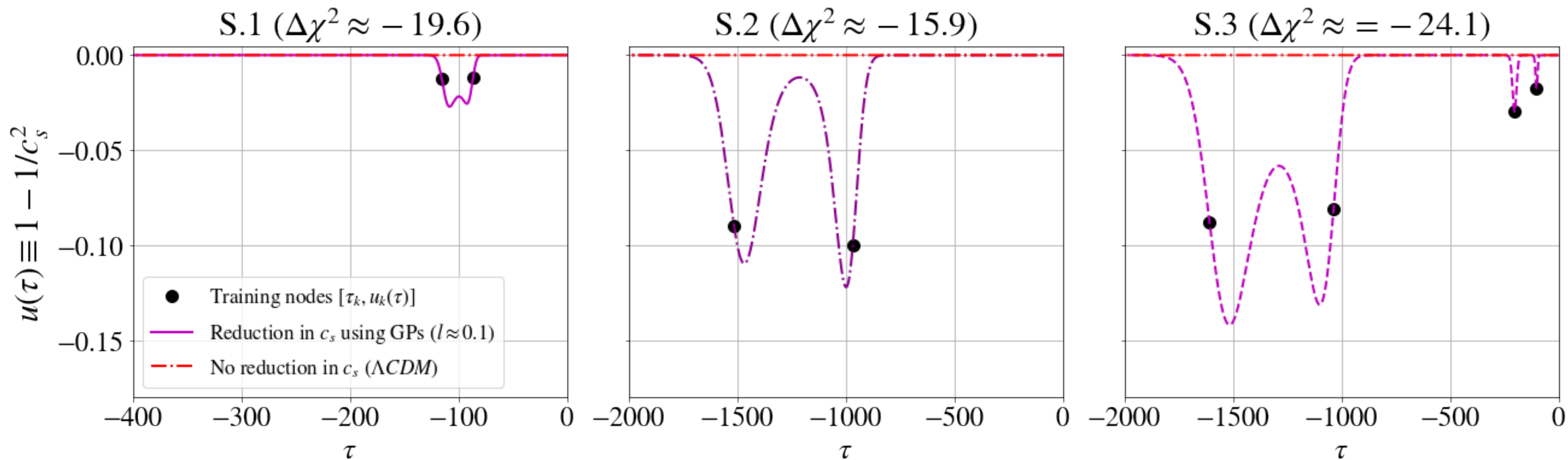
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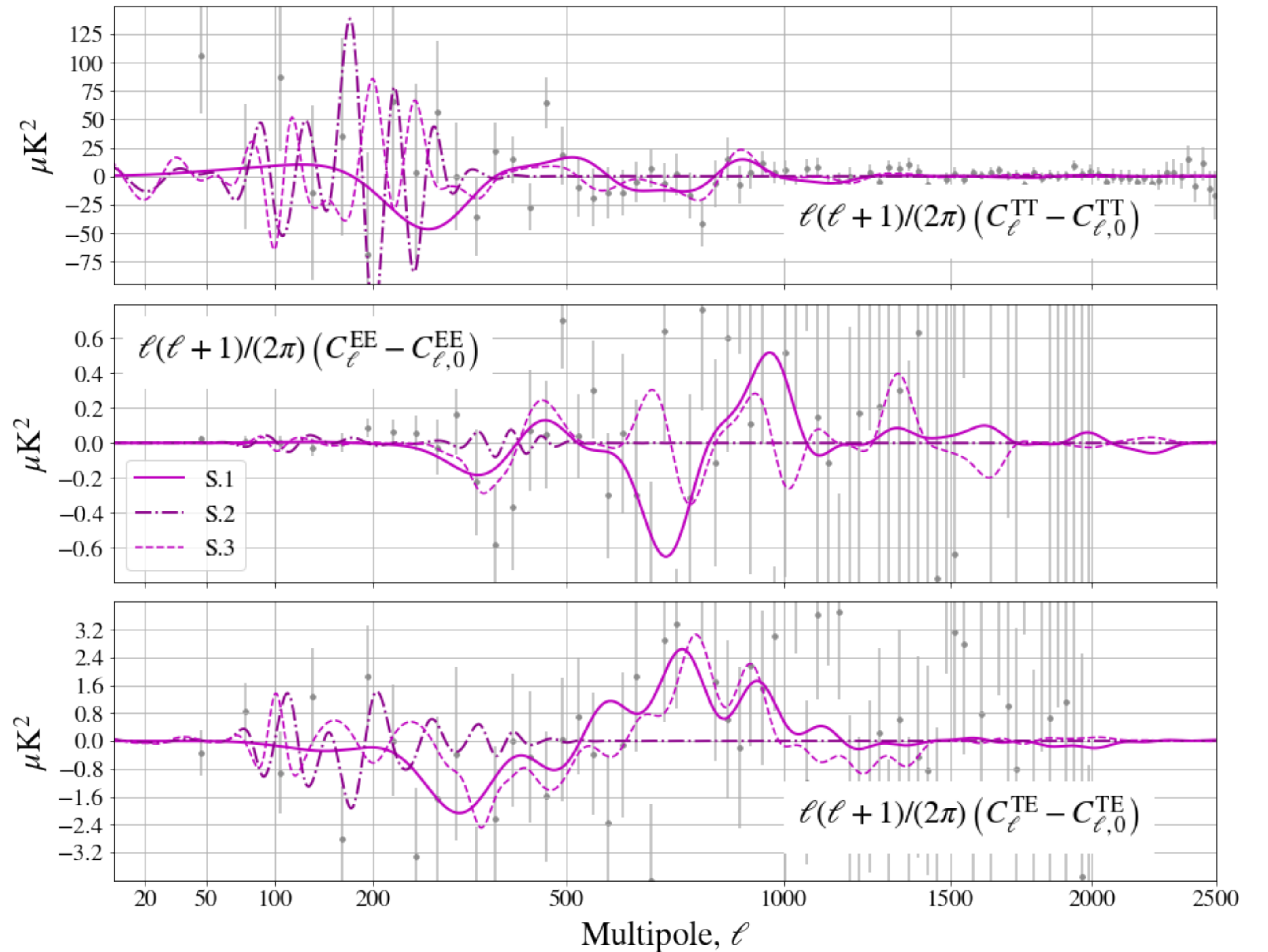
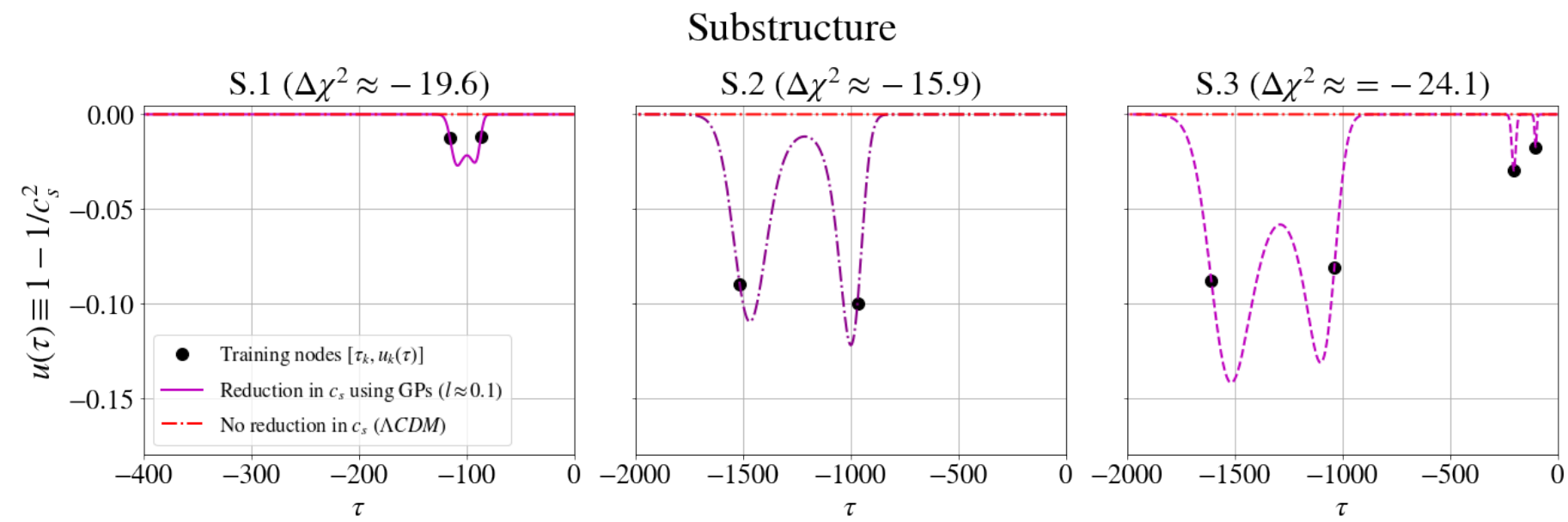
ATTENTION! Number of training nodes is NOT equal to number of dips

Maxima a posteriori

Substructure



Comparison with Planck 18



Bispectrum

- ▶ Multiple Field Inflation — non-gaussianities encoded in:

$$S_3 = \int d^4x a^3 M_P^2 \epsilon H^2 \left[-2H s c_s^{-2} \pi \dot{\pi}^2 - (1 - c_s^{-2}) \dot{\pi} \left(\frac{\dot{\pi}^2}{c_s^2} - \frac{(\partial_i \pi)^2}{a^2} \right) \right]$$

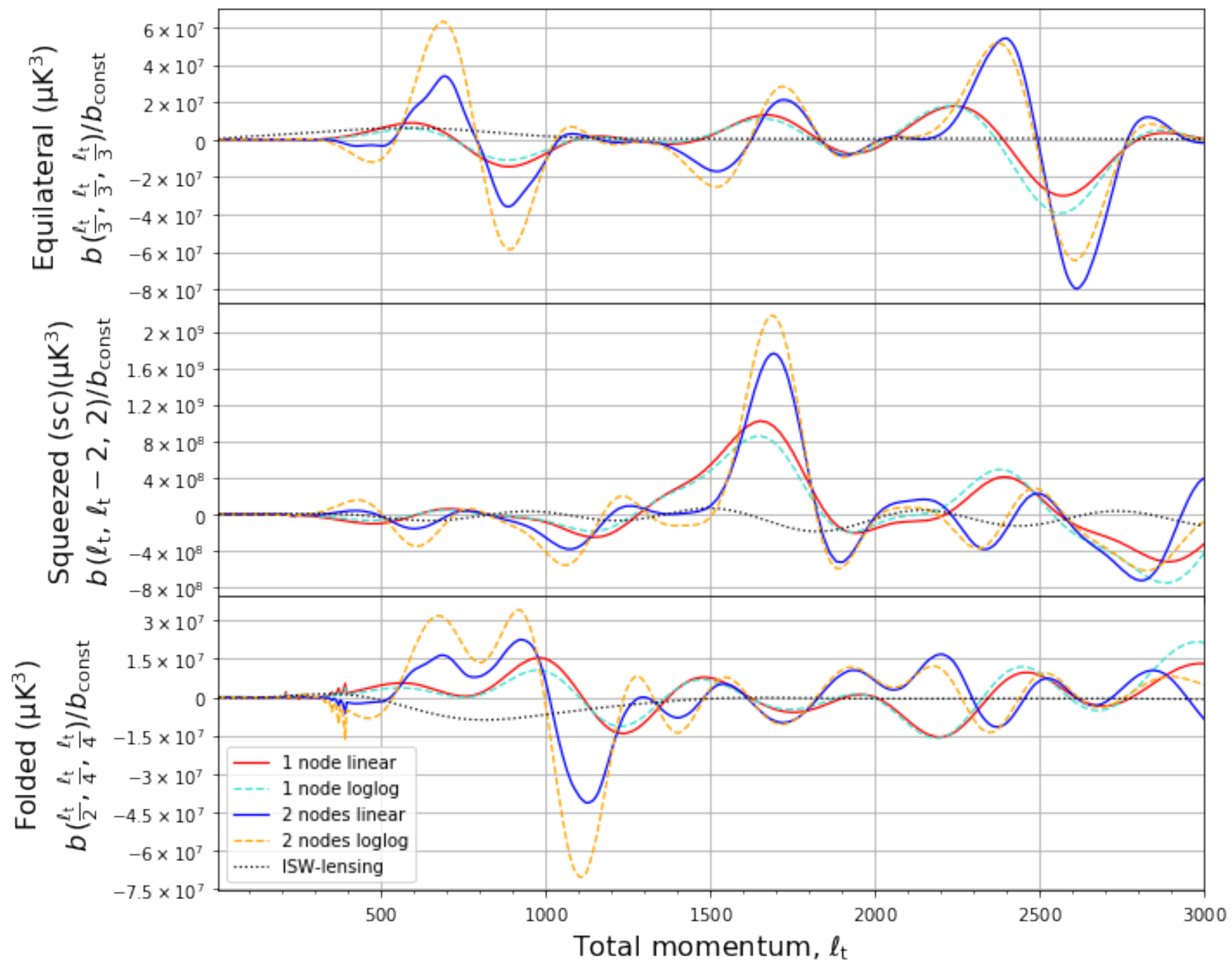
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$$\langle \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{k}_1) \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{k}_2) \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{k}_3) \rangle \equiv (2\pi)^3 \delta^3(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3) B_{\mathcal{R}}(k)$$

- ▶ For a transient and mild reduction of the speed of sound:

$$\Delta B_{\mathcal{R}} = \frac{(2\pi)^4 \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}0}^2}{(k_1 k_2 k_3)^2} \left\{ -\frac{2 k_1 k_2}{3 k_3} \left[\frac{1}{2k} \left(1 + \frac{k_3}{2k} \right) \frac{\Delta \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}}}{\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}0}} - \frac{k_3}{4k^2} \frac{d}{d \log k} \frac{\Delta \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}}}{\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}0}} \right] + 2 \text{ perm} + \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{4} \frac{k_1^2 + k_2^2 + k_3^2}{k_1 k_2 k_3} \left[\frac{1}{2k} \left(4k^2 - k_1 k_2 - k_2 k_3 - k_3 k_1 - \frac{k_1 k_2 k_3}{2k} \right) \frac{\Delta \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}}}{\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}0}} \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. - \frac{k_1 k_2 + k_2 k_3 + k_3 k_1}{2k} \frac{d}{d \log k} \left(\frac{\Delta \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}}}{\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}0}} \right) + \frac{k_1 k_2 k_3}{4k^2} \frac{d^2}{d \log k^2} \left(\frac{\Delta \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}}}{\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}0}} \right) \right] \right\}$$

Bispectrum



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Scale dependent bias

- ▶ The scale dependent bias will have a component based on the bispectrum

$$\Delta b(z, k) = \left[b_1 \delta_c + \frac{\partial \log \mathcal{F}_\star^{(3)}}{\partial \log(\sigma_\star)} \right] \frac{2\mathcal{F}_\star^{(3)}(z, k)}{\mathcal{M}_\star(z, k)}$$

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$$\mathcal{F}_\star^{(3)}(z, k_\ell) := \frac{1}{4\sigma_\star^2 P_\phi(k_\ell)} \int d^3 k_s \mathcal{M}(z, k_1) \mathcal{M}(z, k_2) B_\phi(k_1, k_2, k_\ell)$$

Fundamental concepts

- ▶ Introducing Friedmann equations:

$$\text{Hubble parameter } H^2 = \left(\frac{1}{a} \frac{da}{dt} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{3} \rho - \frac{k}{a^2}$$

curvature

density

scale factor

Ist Friedmann equation

$$\frac{1}{a} \frac{d^2 a}{dt^2} = -\frac{1}{6} (\rho + 3p)$$

pressure

Acceleration equation

- ▶ And the equation of state of a fluid:

$$\frac{d\rho}{dt} + 3H(\rho + p) = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{d\rho}{dt} + 3H\rho(1 + w) = 0$$

$w = \frac{p}{\rho}$

Radiation

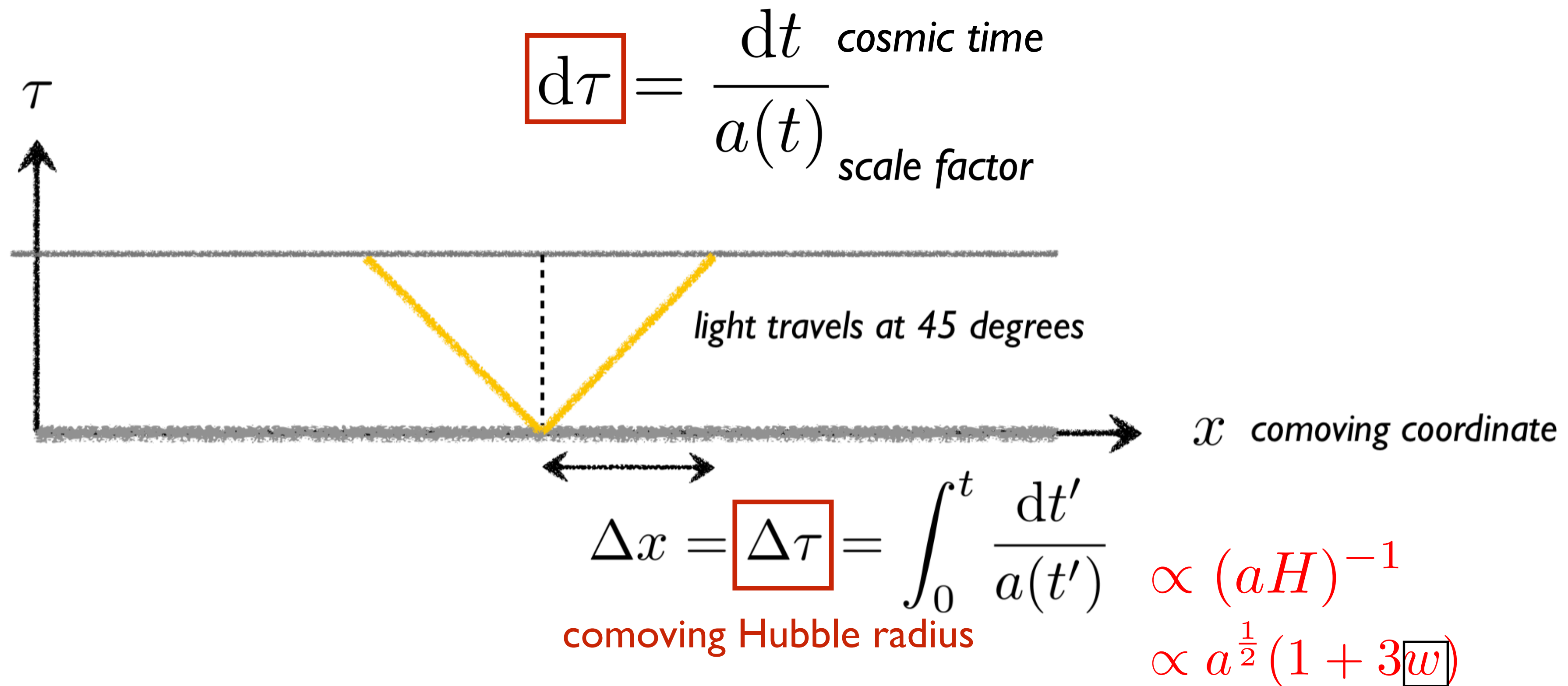
$$w = 1/3$$

Matter

$$w = 0$$

Fundamental concepts

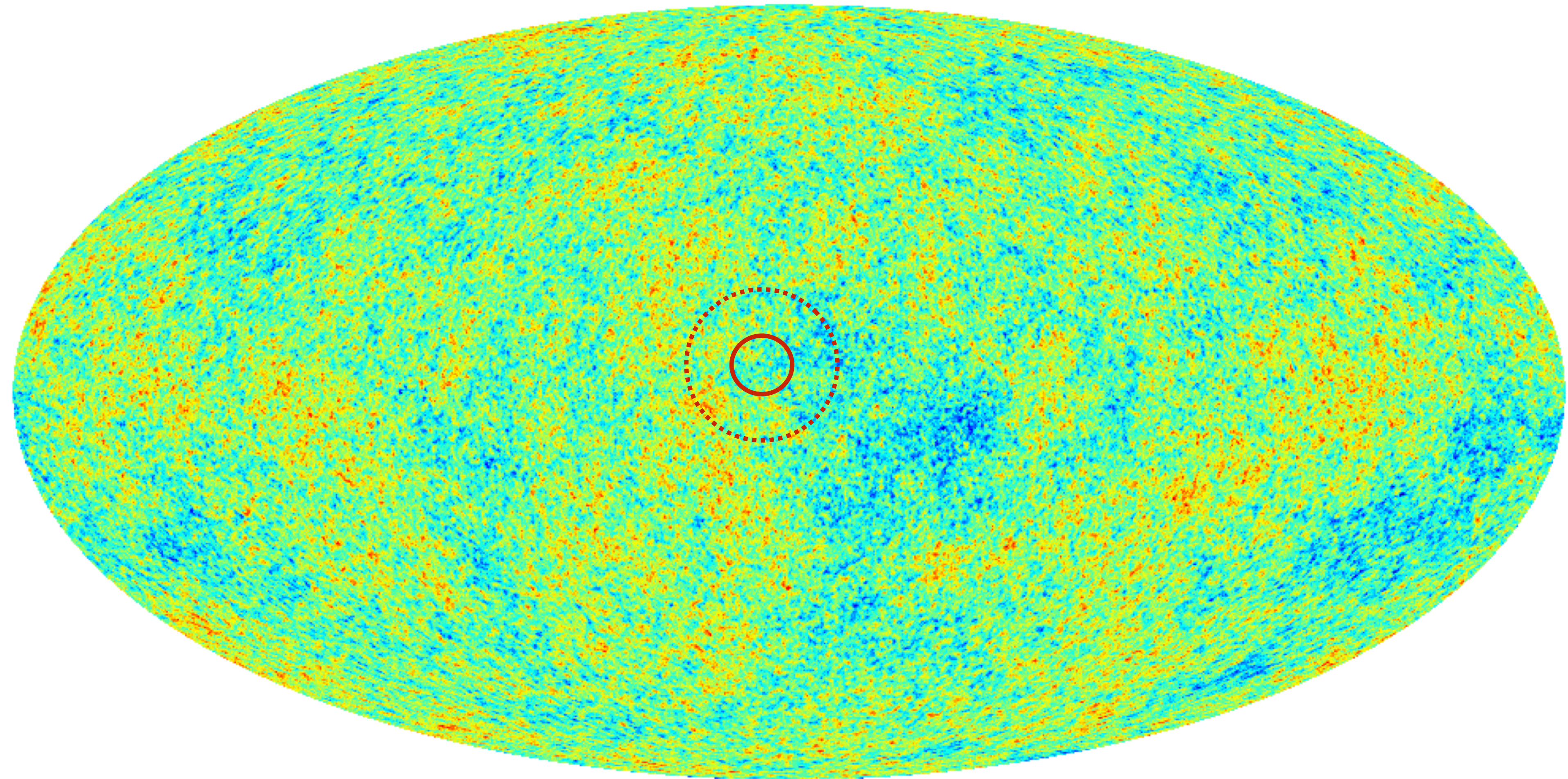
- ▶ For convenience, to talk about the history of the universe we use **conformal time**



always grows during radiation and matter domination !

Big Bang main problems

Horizon Problem



-500  500 μK

Big Bang main problems

Flatness Problem

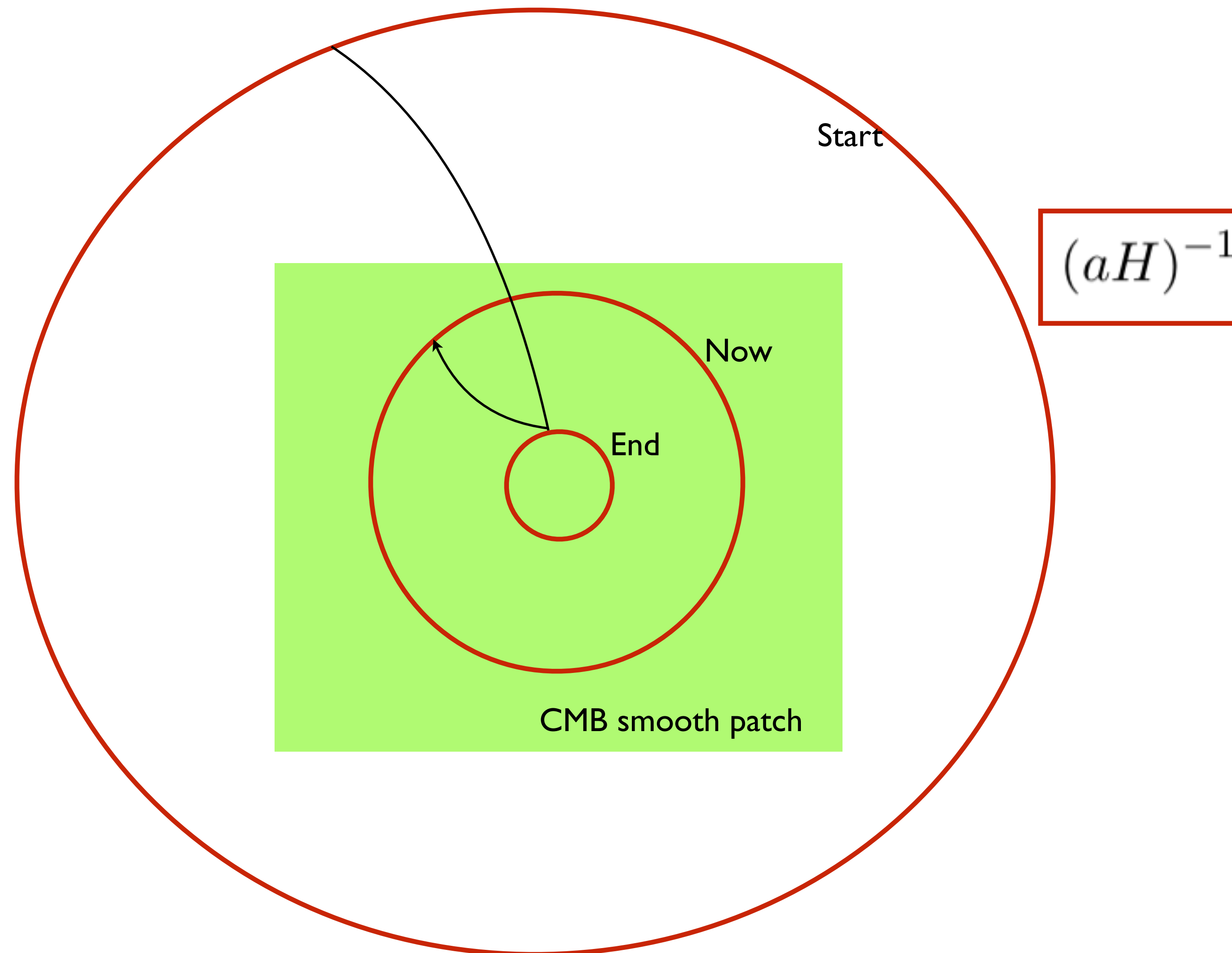
- ▶ Manipulating Friedmann Equation + $\Omega(a) = \frac{\rho}{\rho_{crit}}$

$$1 - \Omega(a) = \frac{-k}{(aH)^2}$$

- ▶ This expression diverges in Radiation and Matter domination epochs
- ▶ $\Omega = 1$ is an unstable fixed point (need to fine tune)

$$|\Omega(a_{\text{BBN}}) - 1| \leq \mathcal{O}(10^{-16})$$

SOLUTION: Horizon Problem



SOLUTION: Flatness Problem

- ▶ If comoving horizon decreases,

$$|\Omega(a) - 1| = \frac{1}{(aH)^2} \rightarrow 0$$
$$\Omega(a) \approx 1$$

- ▶ The flatness case becomes a solution!

Physics of Inflation

- ▶ First condition: a decreasing comoving Hubble radius
- ▶ This is analogous to:
 - ▶ Accelerated expansion = Negative pressure = Adiabatic condition

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{aH} \right) < 0 \iff \boxed{\frac{d^2 a}{dt^2} > 0} \iff \boxed{\rho + 3p < 0} \iff \omega < -\frac{1}{3}$$

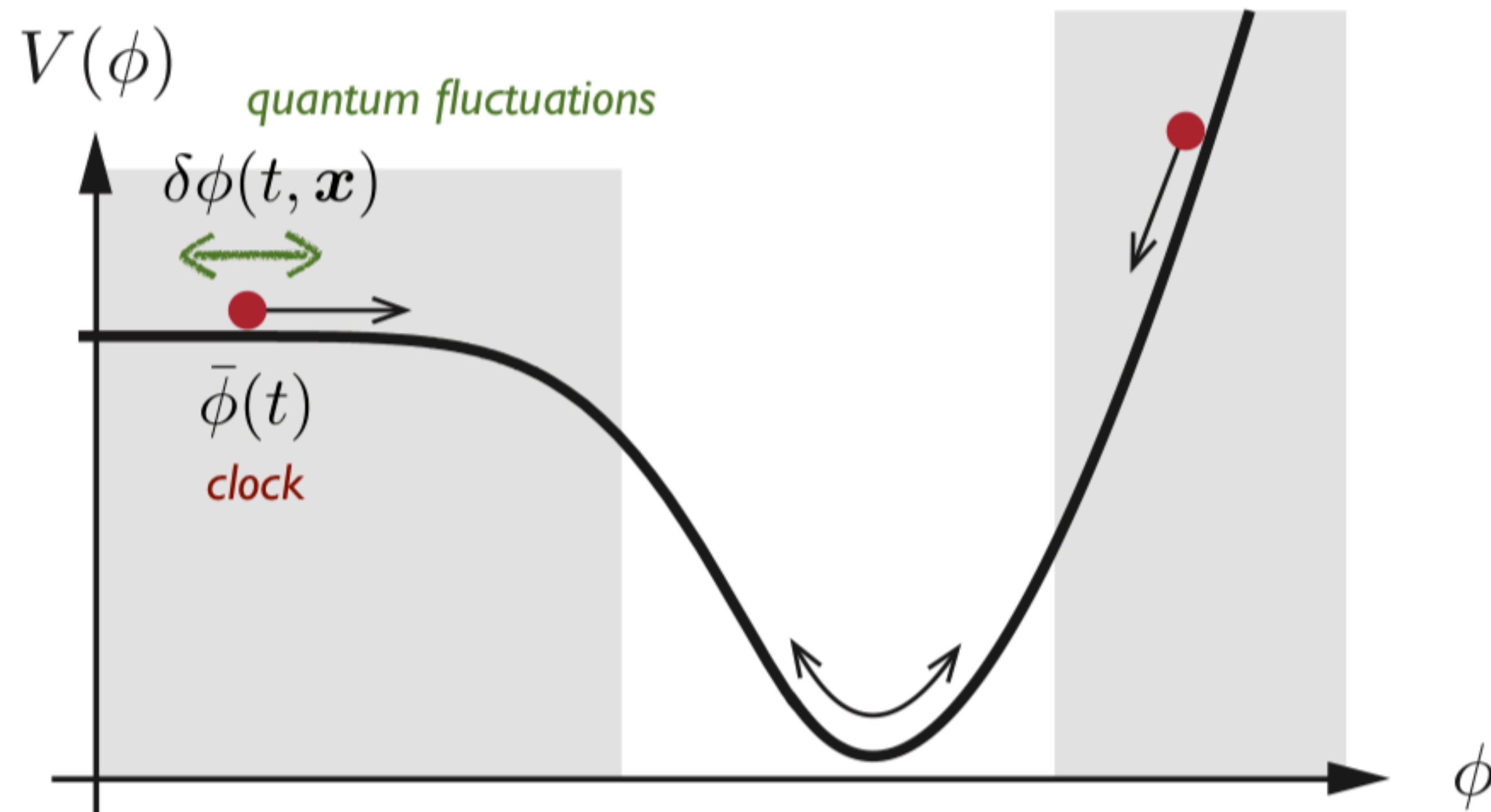
$$\downarrow$$
$$\boxed{\epsilon_1 := -\frac{\dot{H}}{H^2} < 1}$$

First slow-roll parameter

$$\boxed{\epsilon_2 := \frac{\dot{\epsilon}}{H\epsilon} < 1}$$

Second slow-roll parameter

From inflation to the CMB



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vacuum fluctuations
spread the inflaton vev ...

... which translates into **density fluctuations** after inflation

$$\delta\phi(\mathbf{x}) \longrightarrow \delta t(\mathbf{x}) \longrightarrow \delta\rho(\mathbf{x}) \longrightarrow \delta T(\mathbf{x})$$

... which induces a **local time delay** for the end of inflation

... which become the **CMB anisotropies.**

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Slow-roll canonical single-field inflation

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{1}{2} R + \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi - V(\phi) \right]$$

$$\epsilon_1 := -\frac{\dot{H}}{H^2} < 1$$

First slow-roll parameter

$$\epsilon_2 := \frac{\dot{\epsilon}_1}{H \epsilon_1} < 1$$

Second slow-roll parameter

- There is only 1 degree of freedom driving inflation
- Dynamics defined in terms of a potential
- Background and perturbations have same origin

$$\frac{d^2 a}{dt^2} > 0$$

Accelerated expansion

Standard cosmological model: Λ CDM

- ▶ Primordial fluctuations are Gaussian
compatible with a near scale-invariant primordial power spectrum

$$\mathcal{P} = A_s \left(\frac{k}{k_*} \right)^{n_s - 1}$$

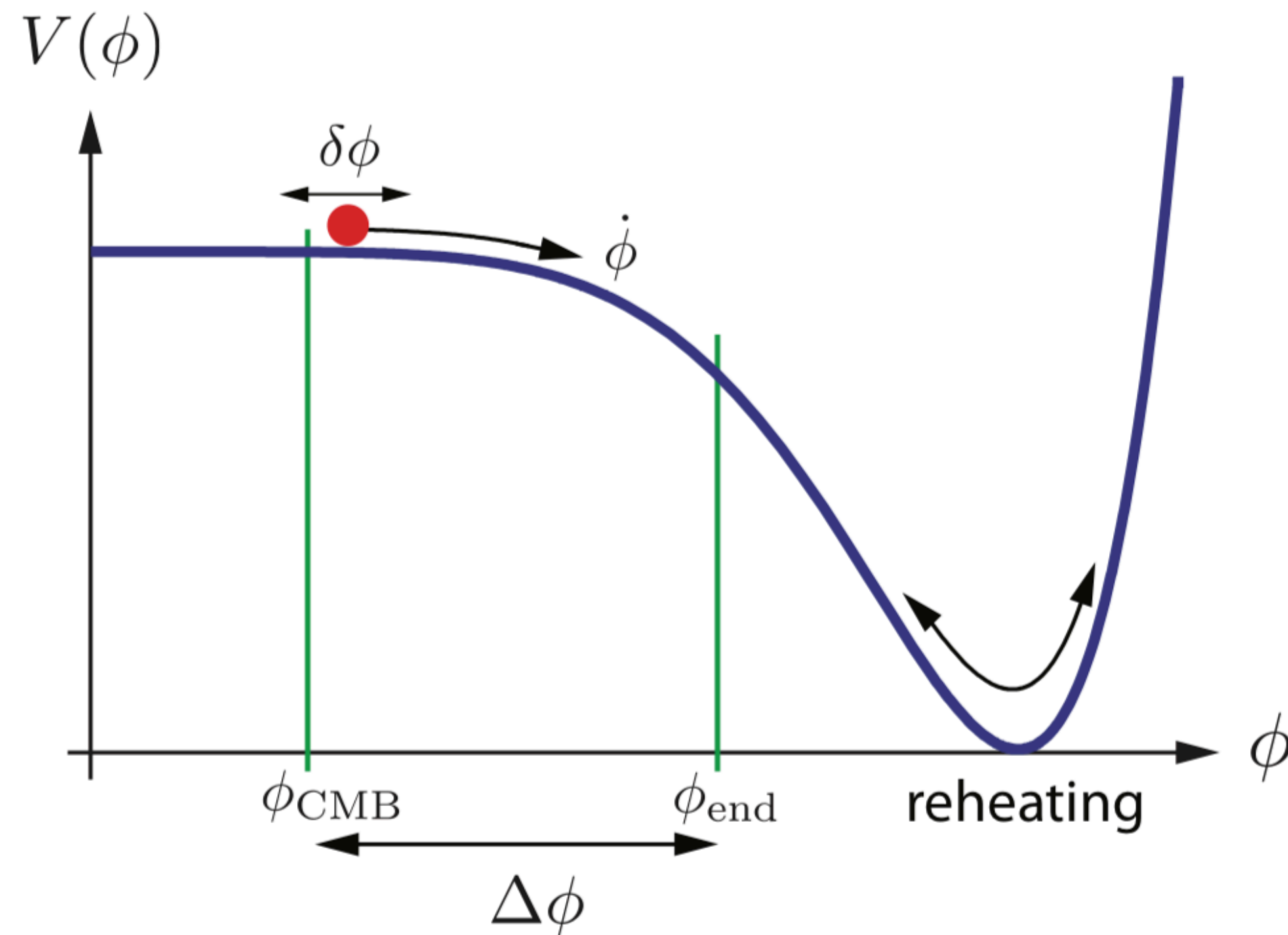
The simplest inflationary model (canonical slow-roll single field inflation)
agrees by construction with this type of spectrum

Single Field Inflation

$$\frac{d\phi}{dt} := \dot{\phi}$$

$$V_\phi := \frac{dV(\phi)}{d\phi}$$

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{1}{2} R + \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi - V(\phi) \right] = S_{\text{EH}} + S_\phi$$



- ▶ From the energy-momentum tensor

$$\rho_\phi = \frac{1}{2} \dot{\phi}^2 + V(\phi),$$

$$p_\phi = \frac{1}{2} \dot{\phi}^2 - V(\phi).$$

- ▶ Dynamics of the scalar field

$$\ddot{\phi} + 3H\dot{\phi} + V_{,\phi} = 0$$

$$H^2 = \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1}{2} \dot{\phi}^2 + V(\phi) \right)$$

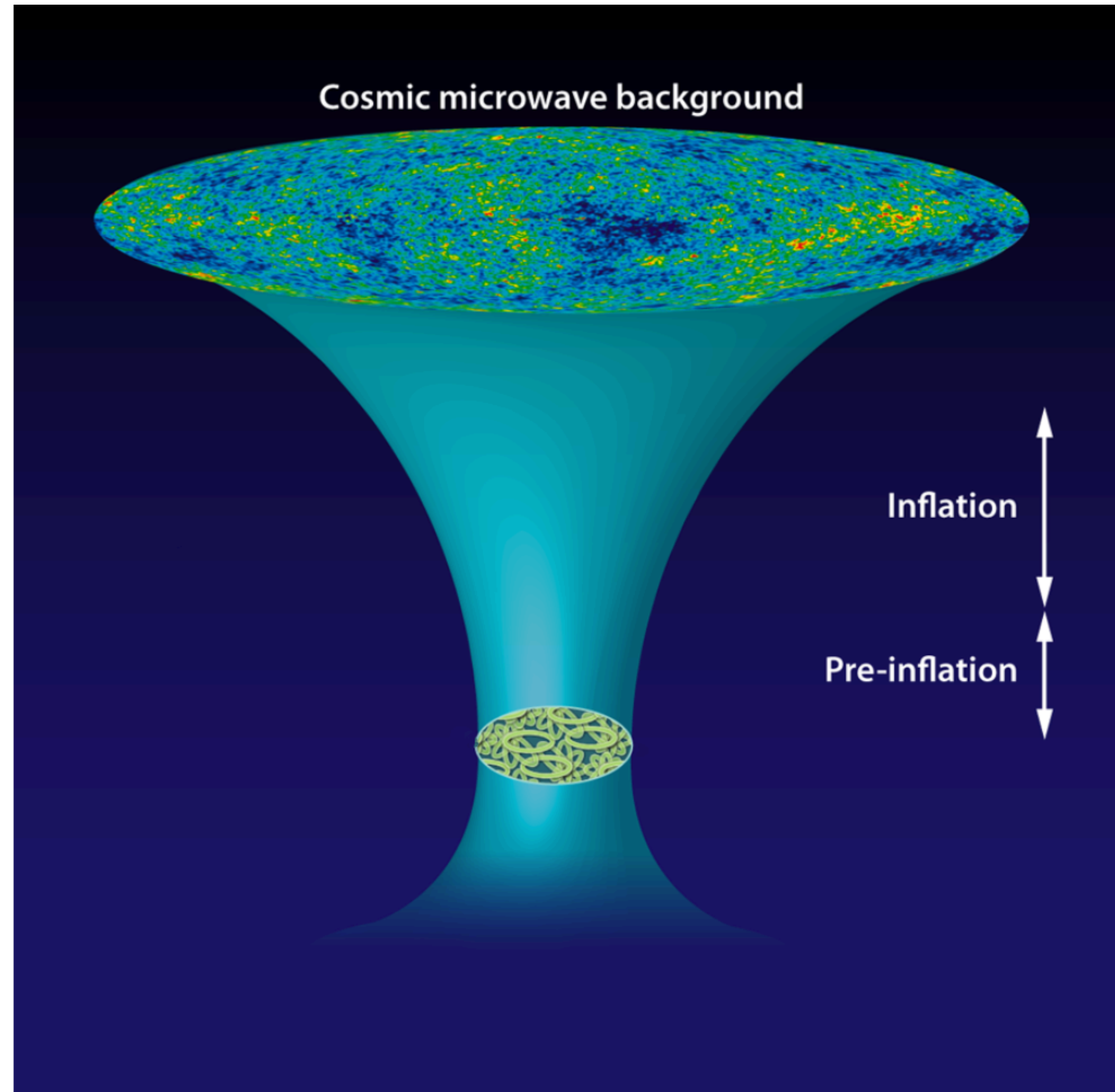
- ▶ Slow-roll conditions

$$\epsilon_v(\phi) \equiv \frac{M_{\text{pl}}^2}{2} \left(\frac{V_{,\phi}}{V} \right)^2$$

$$\eta_v(\phi) \equiv M_{\text{pl}}^2 \frac{V_{,\phi\phi}}{V}$$

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Quantum fluctuations



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About the importance of EFT conditions: PBHs

Primordial Black Holes from Sound Speed Resonance during Inflation

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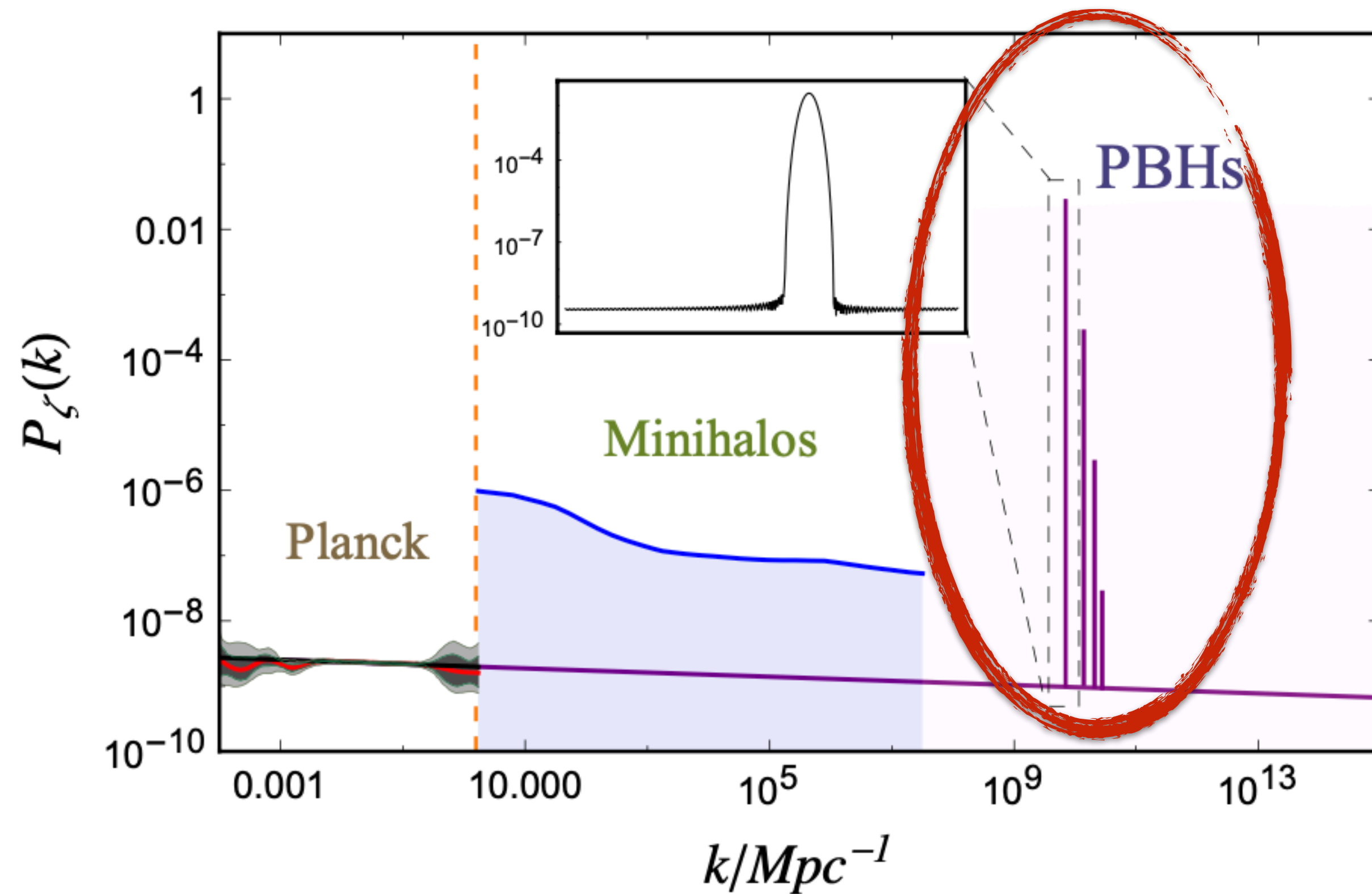
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We report on a novel phenomenon of the resonance effect of primordial density perturbations arisen from a sound speed parameter with an oscillatory behavior, which can generically lead to the formation of primordial black holes in the early Universe. For a general inflaton field, it can seed primordial density fluctuations and their propagation is governed by a parameter of sound speed square. Once if this parameter achieves an oscillatory feature for a while during inflation, a significant non-perturbative resonance effect on the inflaton field fluctuations takes place around a critical length scale, which results in significant peaks in the primordial power spectrum. By virtue of this robust mechanism, primordial black holes with specific mass function can be produced with a sufficient abundance for dark matter in sizable parameter ranges.

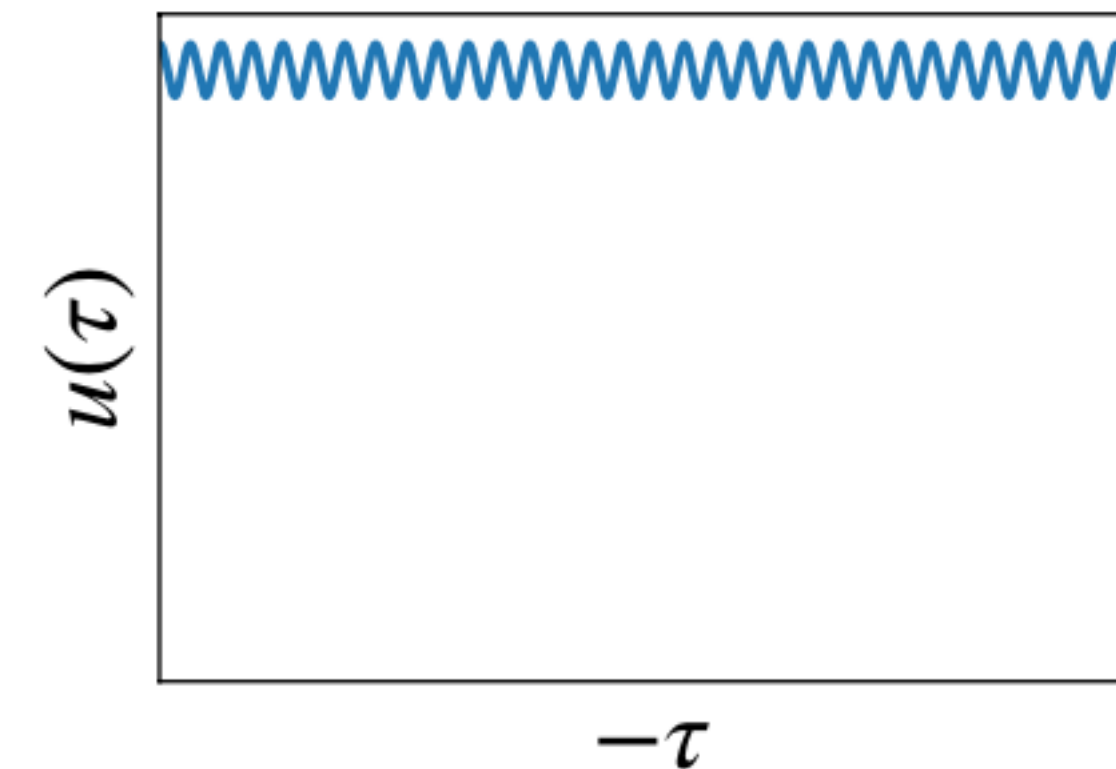
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About the importance of EFT conditions: PBHs



$$P_\zeta(k) \simeq A_s \left(\frac{k}{k_p} \right)^{n_s - 1} \left| 1 + \frac{\xi k_*}{2} e^{-\xi k_* \tau_0} \delta(k - k_*) \right|^2$$

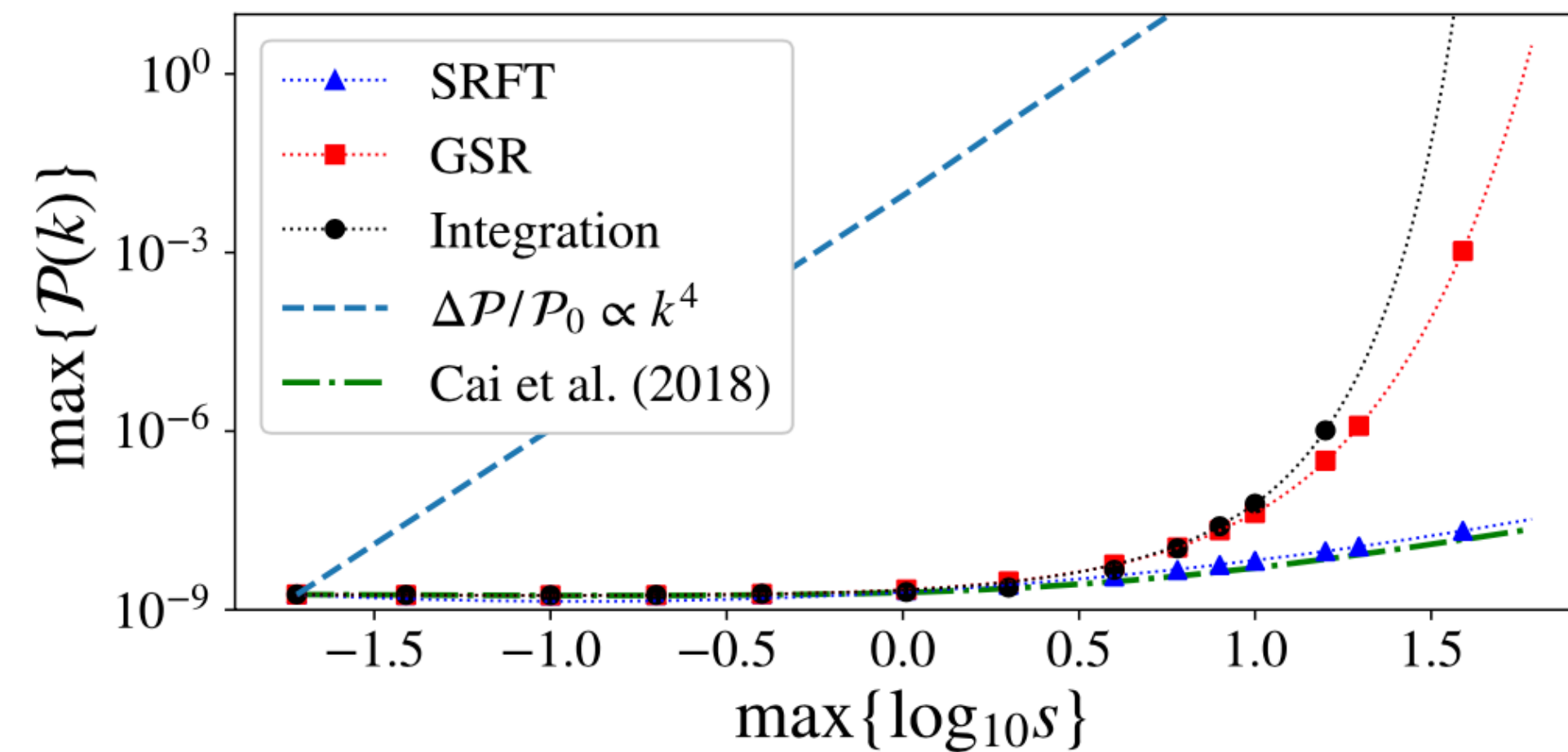
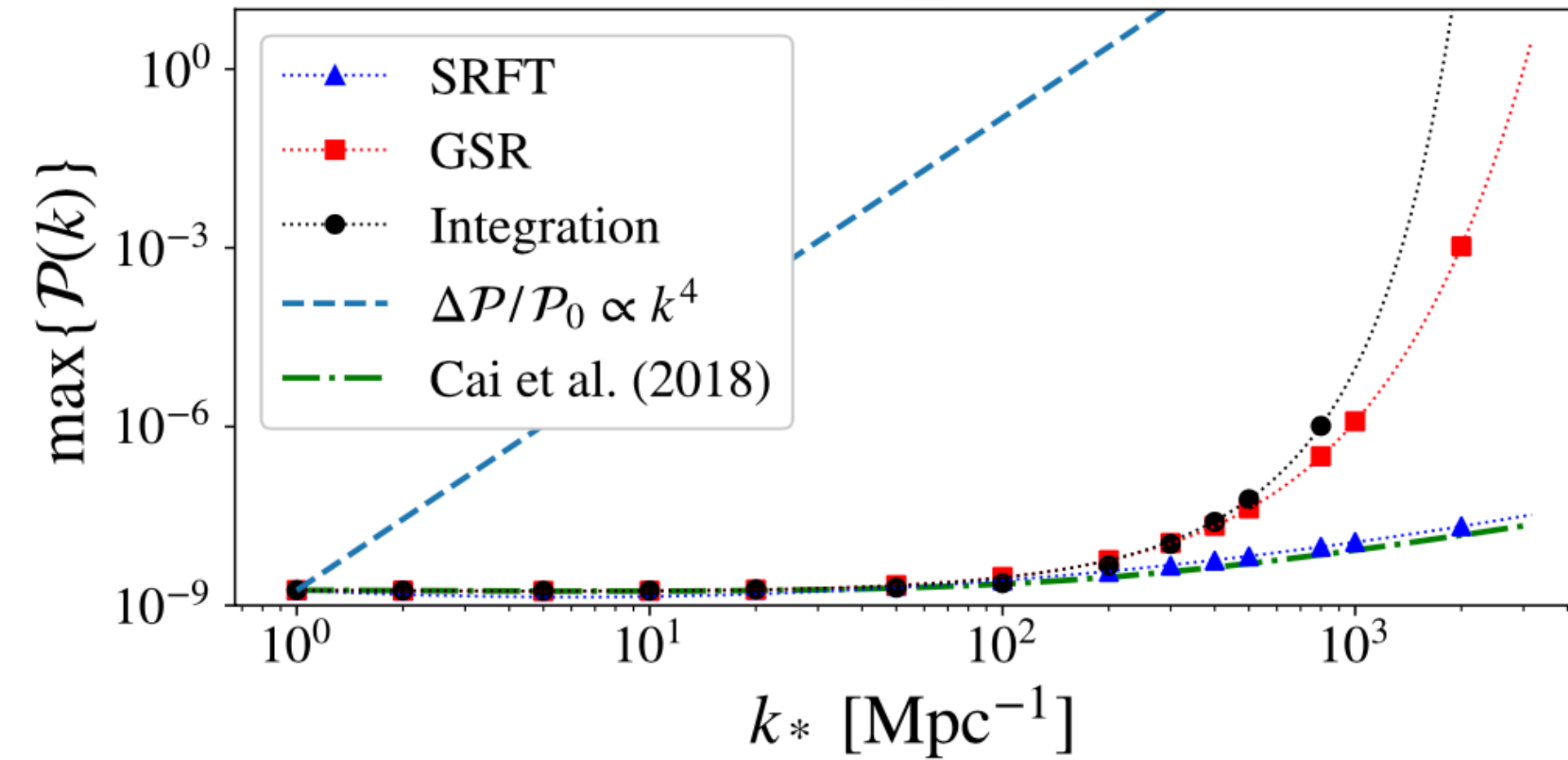
$$\frac{\Delta \mathcal{P}_\mathcal{R}}{\mathcal{P}_\mathcal{R}} = k \int_{-\infty}^0 d\tau \left(1 - \frac{1}{c_s^2(\tau)} \right) \sin(2k\tau)$$



About the importance of EFT conditions: PBHs

$$S = \int d^4x a^3 \epsilon H^2 \left[-\frac{\dot{\pi}^2}{c_s^2} + \frac{(\partial_i \pi)^2}{a^2} - 2H s c_s^{-2} \pi \dot{\pi}^2 - (1 - c_s^{-2}) \dot{\pi} \left(\frac{\dot{\pi}^2}{c_s^2} - \frac{(\partial_i \pi)^2}{a^2} \right) \right]$$

$$\pi = -H\mathcal{R}$$



(In preparation) Hidde Jense + GCH

Quantum fluctuations

- ▶ Single field inflation action:

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{1}{2} R + \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi - V(\phi) \right] = S_{\text{EH}} + S_\phi$$

- ▶ Perturbations of the homogeneous background

$$\delta\phi = 0 \quad \delta g_{ij}(t, \mathbf{x}) = a^2 [(1 - 2\mathcal{R}(t, \mathbf{x}))\delta_{ij} + h_{ij}(t, \mathbf{x})] \quad \partial_i h_{ij} = 0$$

- ▶ Action for the comoving curvature perturbation

$$S_2 = \frac{1}{2} \int d^4x a^3 \frac{\dot{\phi}^2}{H^2} \left[-\dot{\mathcal{R}}^2 + \frac{(\partial_i \mathcal{R})^2}{a^2} \right]$$

How to characterise perturbations?

- ▶ Correlation function:

$$\langle \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{k}_1) \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{k}_2) \rangle \equiv (2\pi)^3 \delta^3(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2) P_{\mathcal{R}}(k)$$

- ▶ Primordial power spectrum:

$$\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}}(k) = \frac{k^3}{2\pi^2} P_{\mathcal{R}}(k)$$

- ▶ Relation with slow-roll parameters

$$\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}}(k) = \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \frac{H_*^2}{\epsilon}$$

- ▶ EFT of inflationary perturbations

$$S = \int d^4x a^3 \epsilon H^2 \left[-\frac{\dot{\pi}^2}{c_s^2} + \frac{(\partial_i \pi)^2}{a^2} - 2H s c_s^{-2} \pi \dot{\pi}^2 - (1 - c_s^{-2}) \dot{\pi} \left(\frac{\dot{\pi}^2}{c_s^2} - \frac{(\partial_i \pi)^2}{a^2} \right) \right]$$

- ▶ Speed of sound is associated with a turn in the field trajectory

$$c_s^{-2} = 1 + \frac{4\Omega^2}{k^2/a^2 + M_{eff}^2}$$

- ▶ From where is coming the EFT action?

$$S_2 = \frac{1}{2} \int d^4x a^3 \left[\frac{\dot{\phi}_0^2}{H^2} \dot{\mathcal{R}}^2 - \frac{\dot{\phi}_0^2}{a^2 H^2} (\nabla \mathcal{R})^2 + \dot{\mathcal{F}}^2 - \frac{(\nabla \mathcal{F})^2}{a^2} - M_{eff}^2 \mathcal{F}^2 - 4\Omega \frac{\dot{\phi}_0}{H} \mathcal{F} \dot{\mathcal{R}} \right],$$

- ▶ The Goldstone boson and the comoving curvature perturbation:

$$\pi = -\frac{\mathcal{R}}{H}$$

