

# Probing modified cosmology through gravitational wave signals from a first-order phase transition

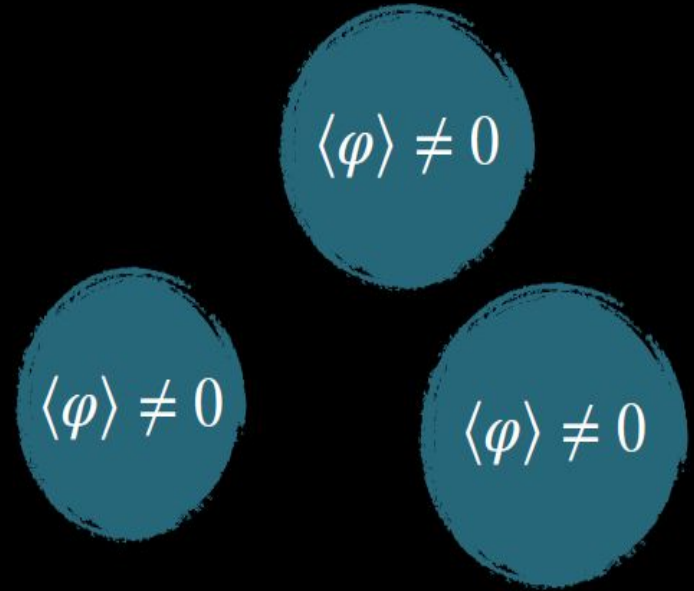
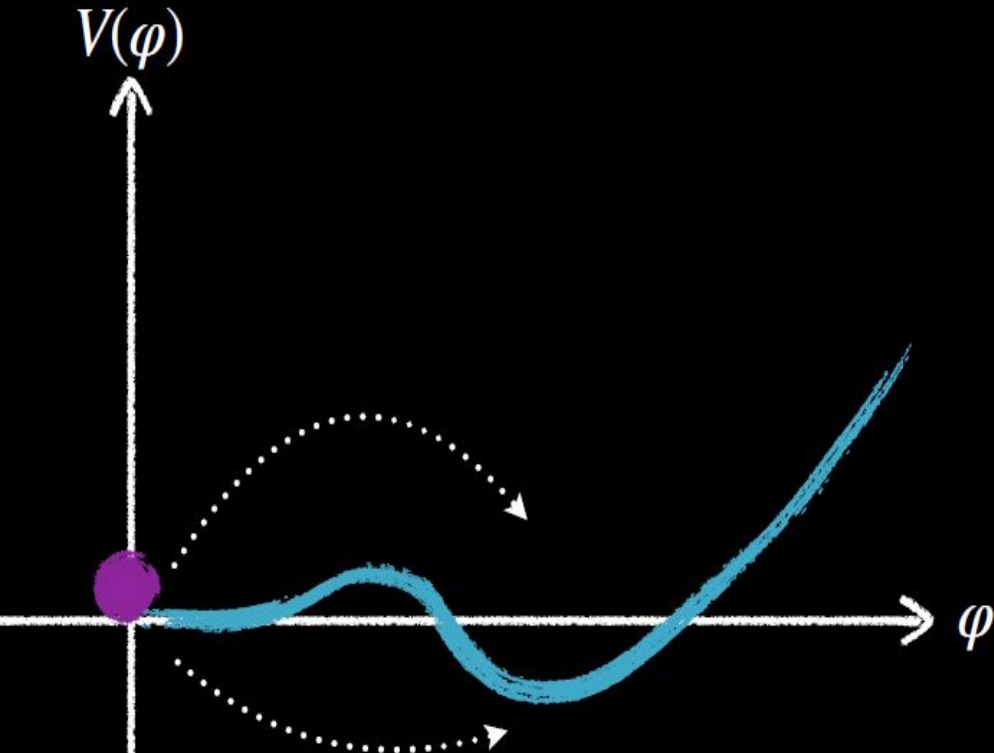
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2. The key idea. Evolution of the Universe after FOPT.
3. GW signal coming coming from FOPT?
4. Quick introduction to the Fisher Matrix.
5. Results of Fisher Estimation for LISA and ET
6. Conclusions.

# FIRST-ORDER PHASE TRANSITION



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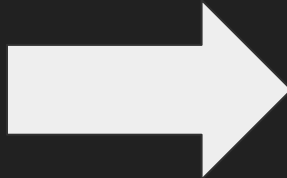
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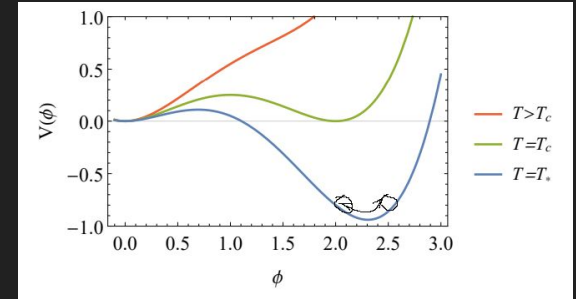


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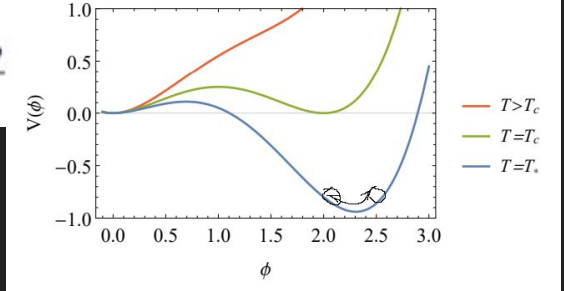




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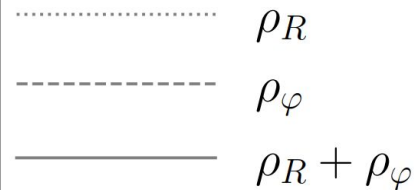
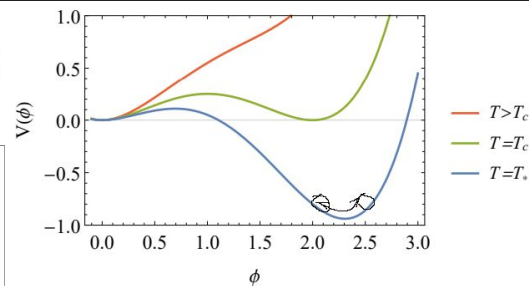
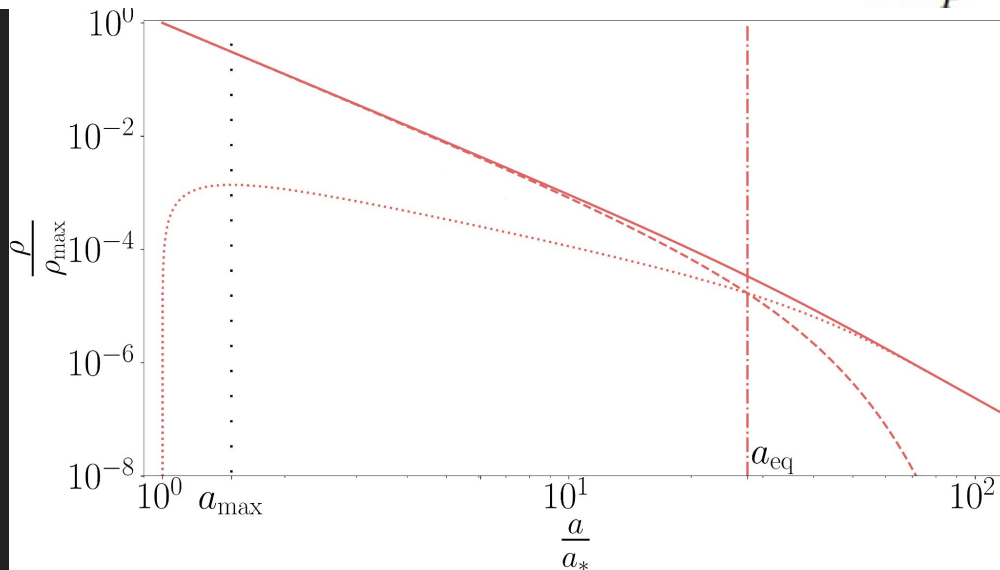
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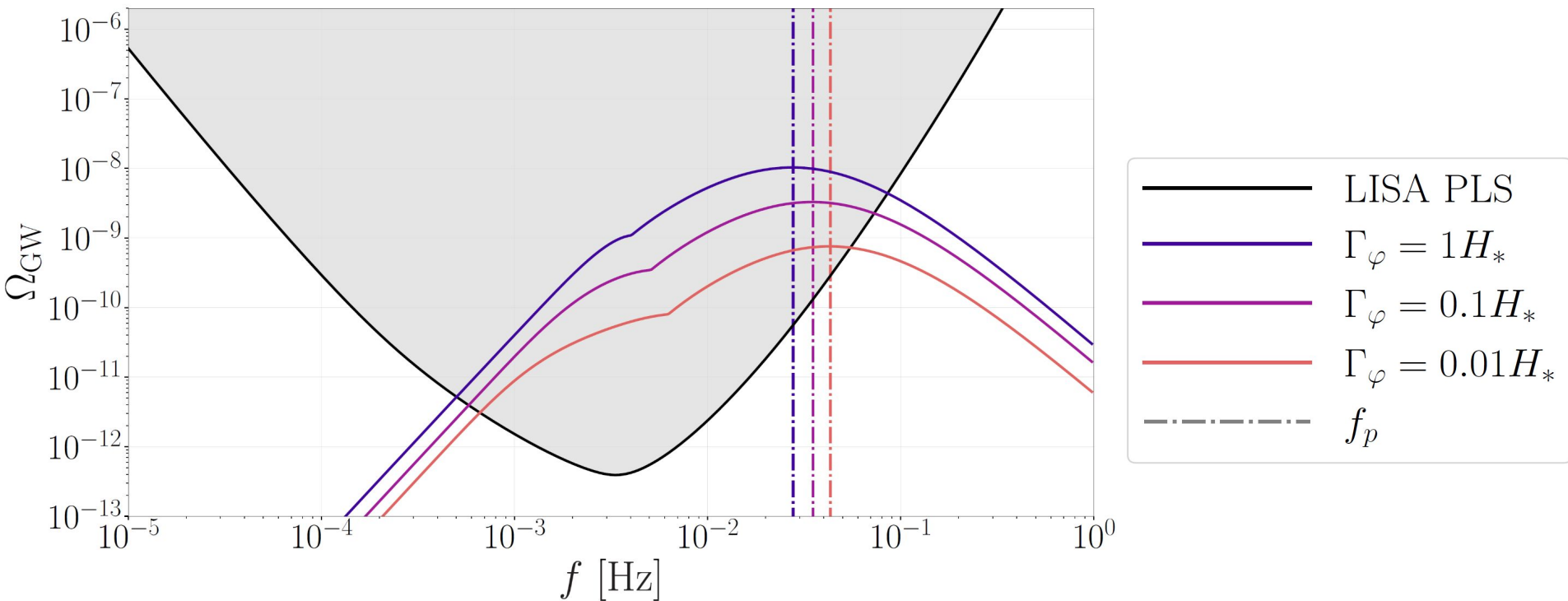
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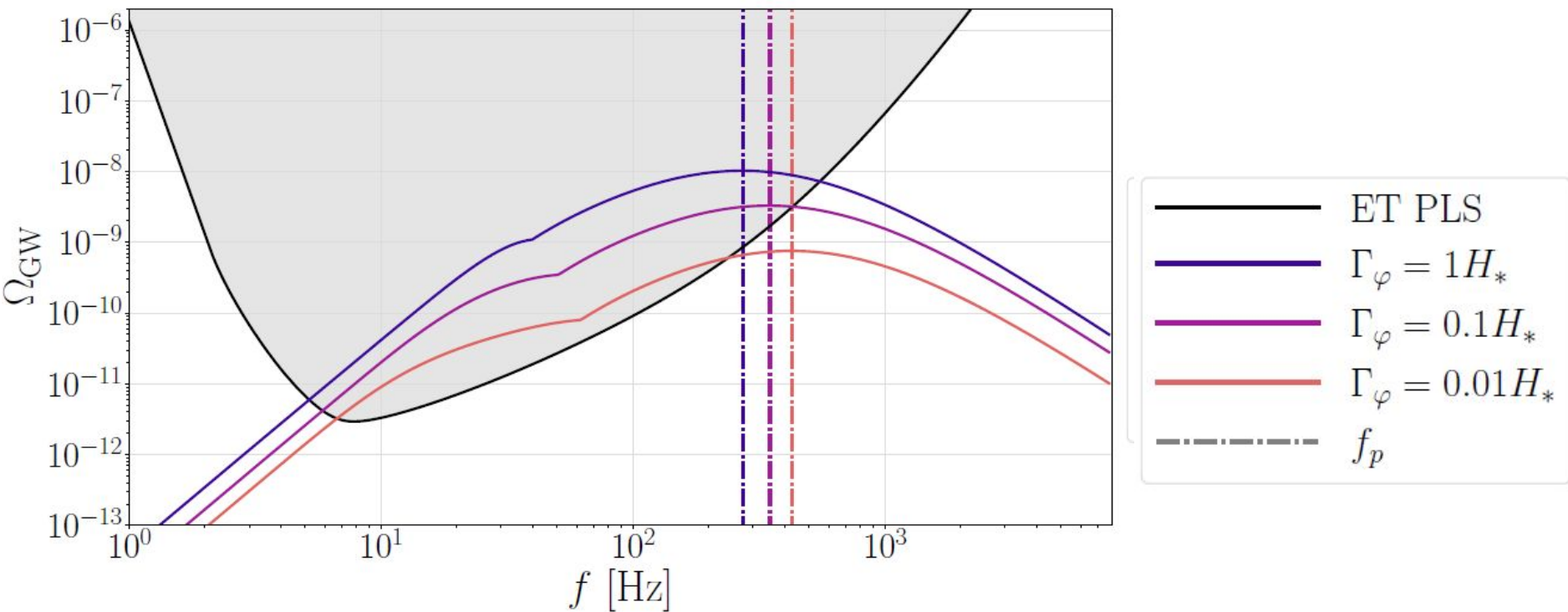


On the picture, energy density  $\Gamma/H=0.01$ .

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# Quick Introduction to Fisher Estimation

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$$F_{\alpha\beta} = T_{\text{obs}} \int_{f_{\min}}^{f_{\max}} df \frac{\frac{\partial \Omega_{\text{GW}}}{\partial \theta_{\alpha}} \frac{\partial \Omega_{\text{GW}}}{\partial \theta_{\beta}}}{\left( \Omega_{\text{noise}} + \Omega_{\text{GW}} \right)^2}$$

The inverse of the Fisher matrix gives the squared covariance matrix

$$\sigma^2 = F^{-1}.$$



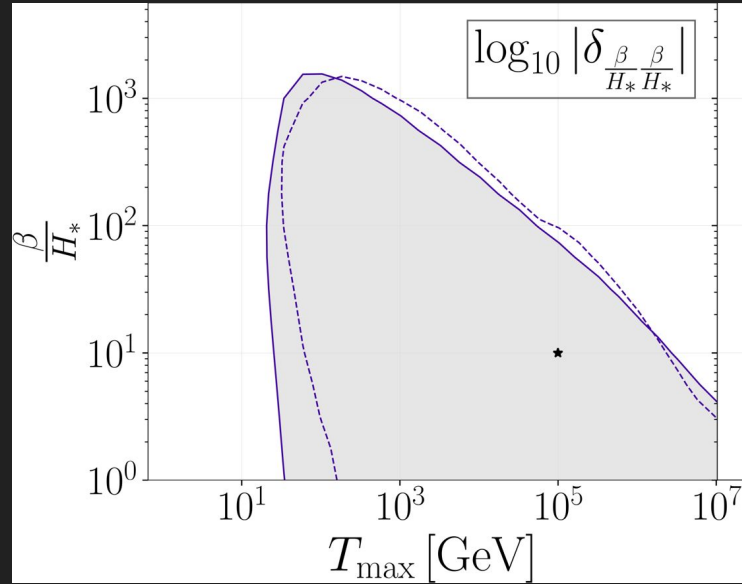
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## LISA Sensitivity and SNR Calculations

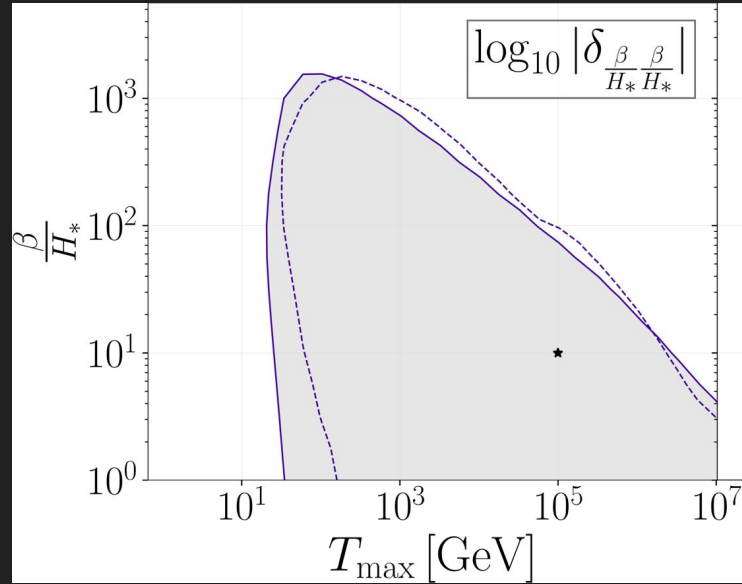

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# Results: relative error and detectability in LISA

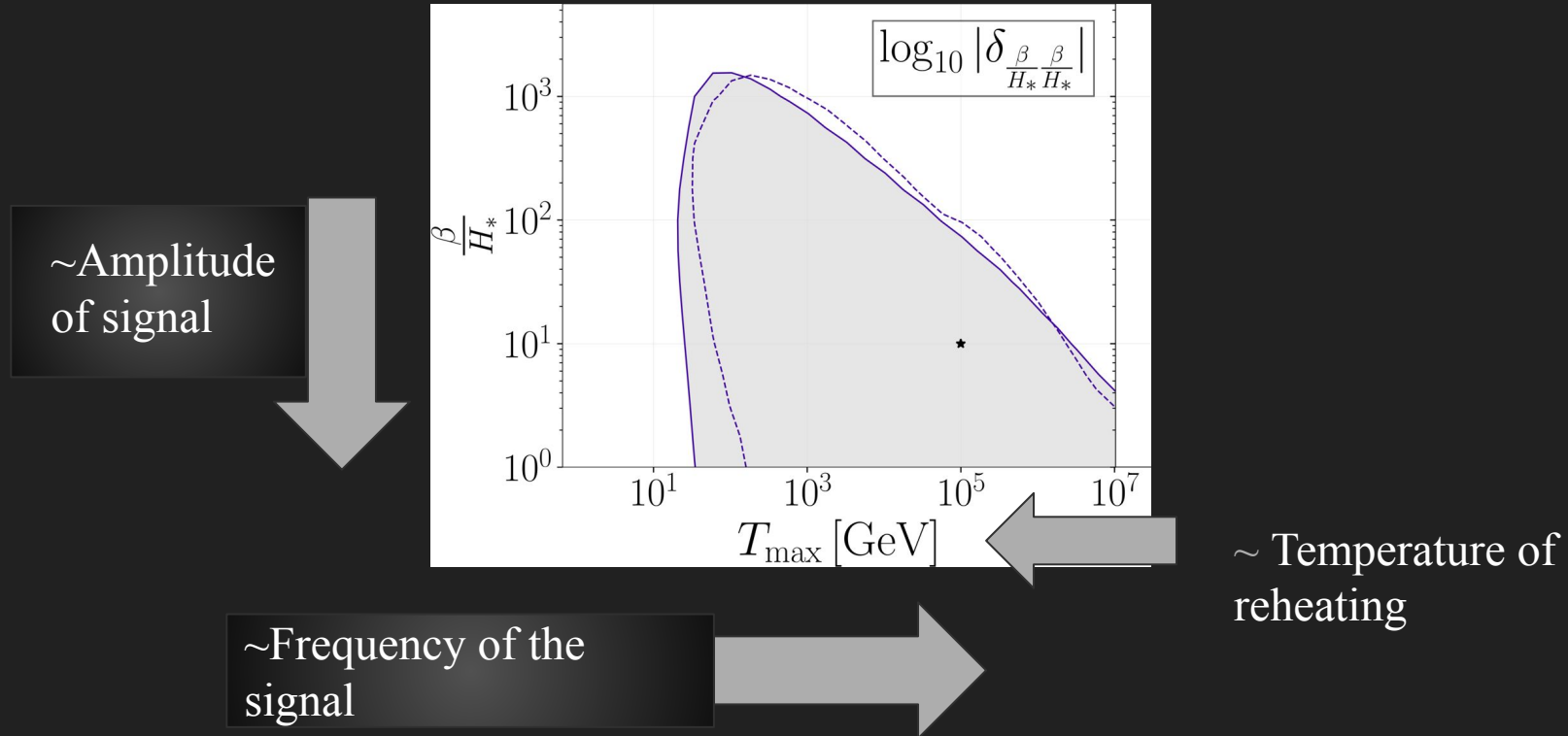


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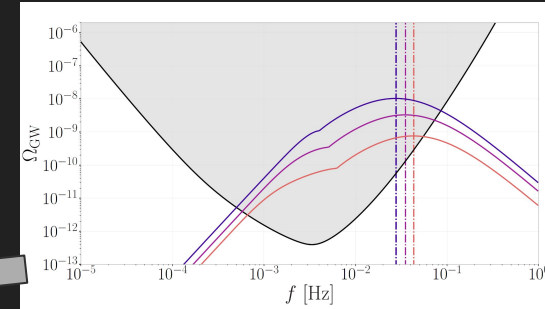
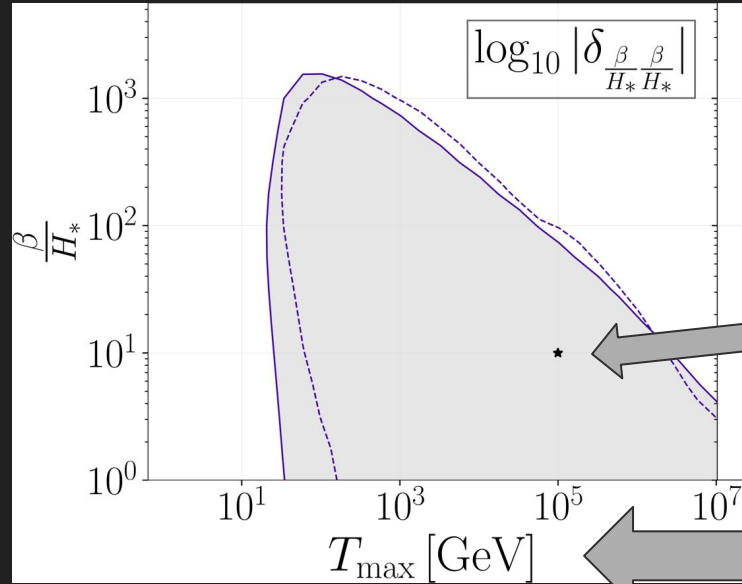
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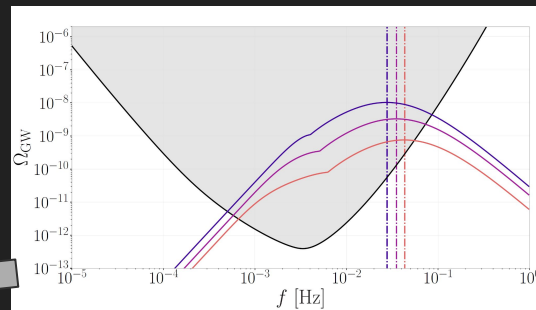
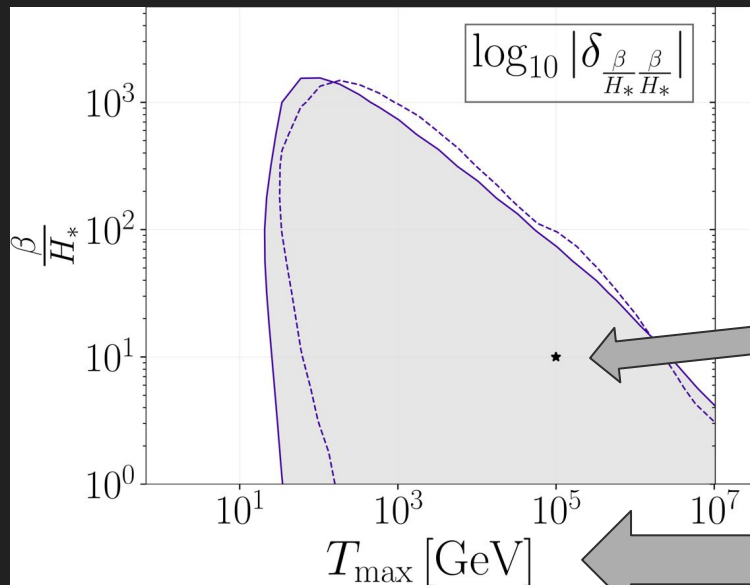


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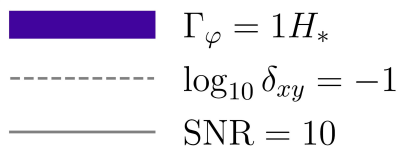
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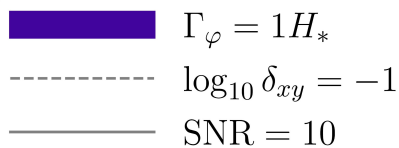
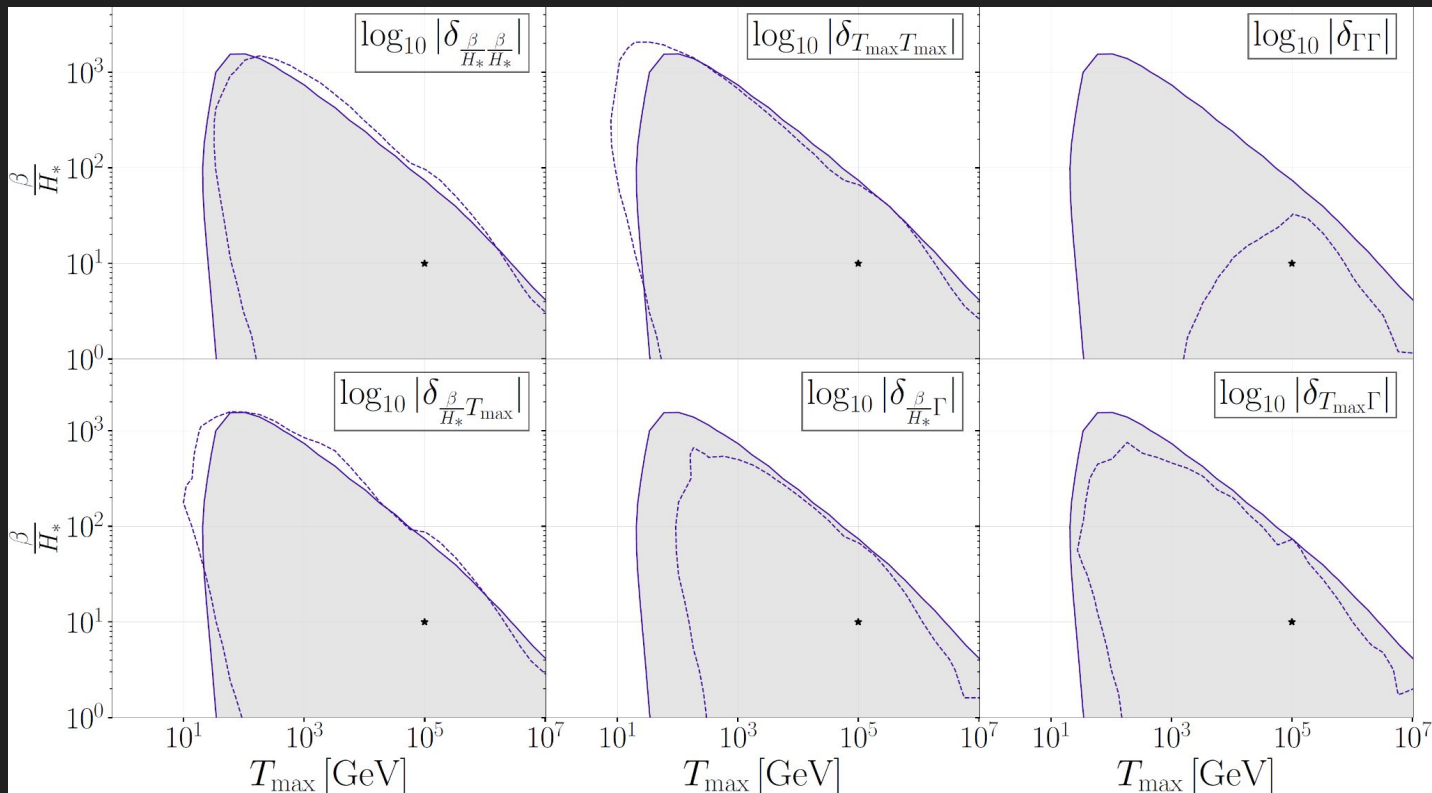
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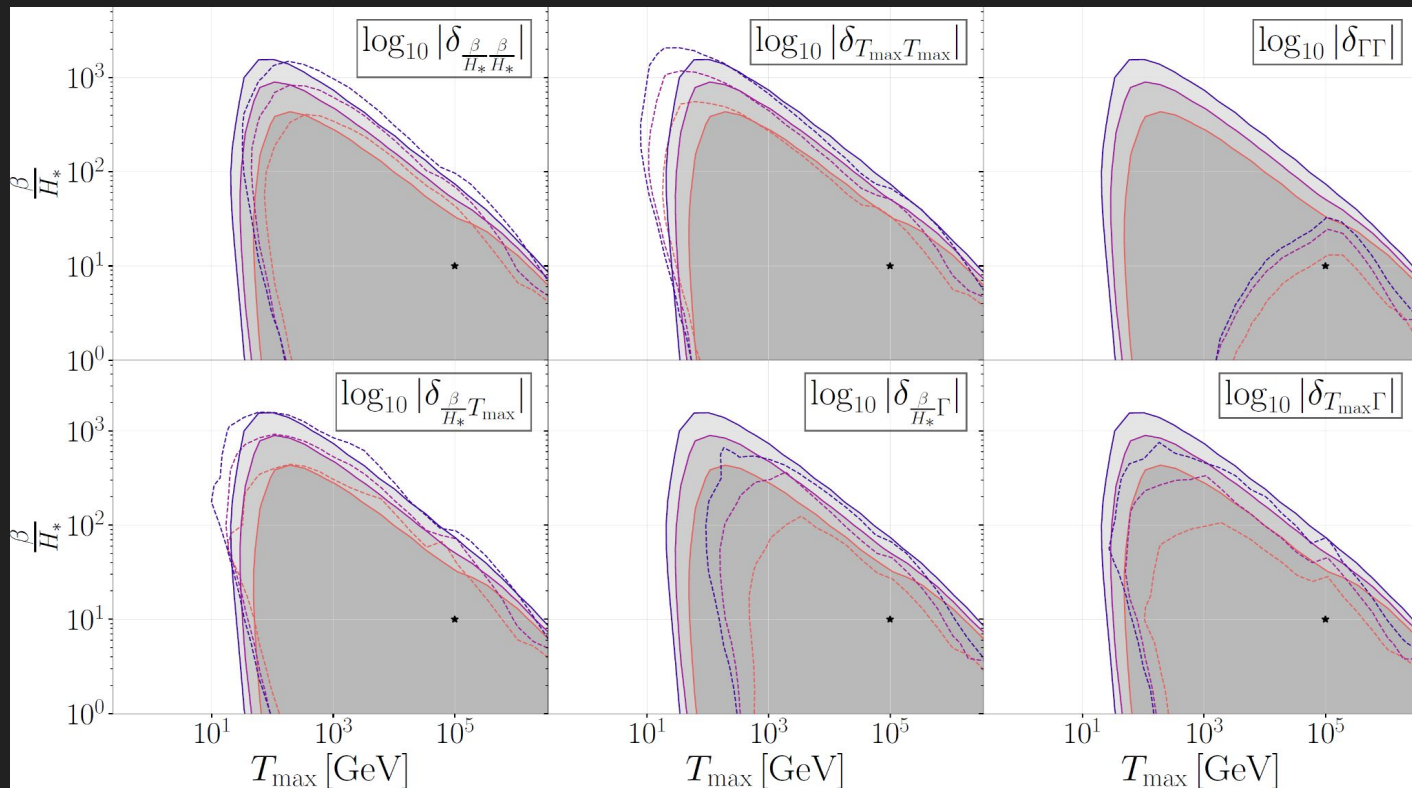
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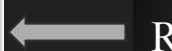
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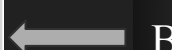
$\text{SNR} = 10$



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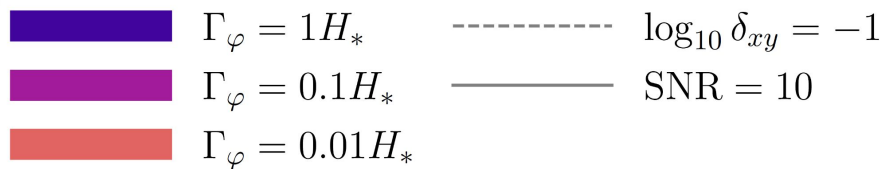
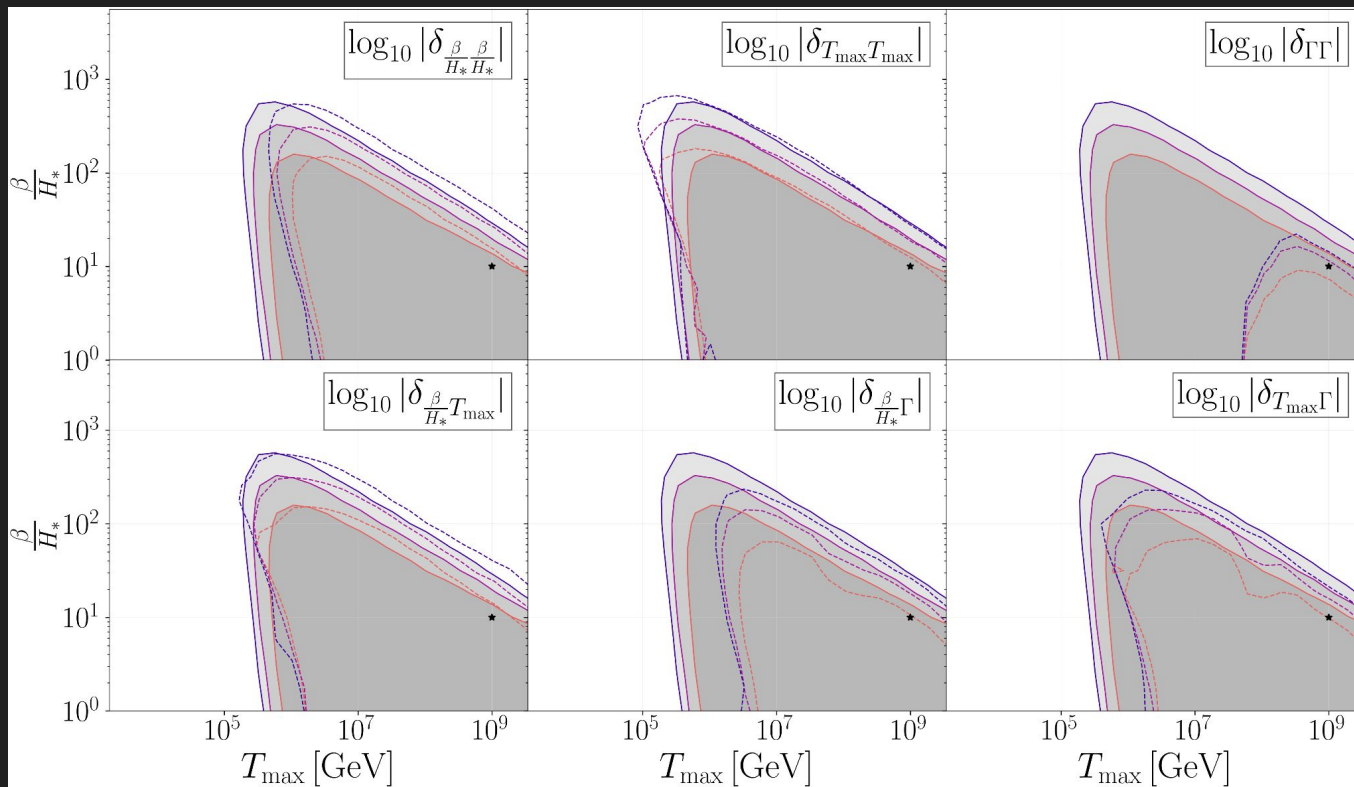


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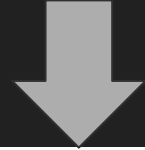
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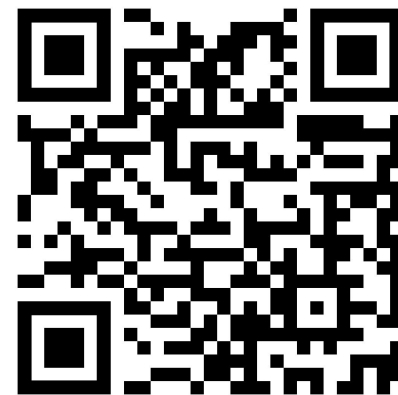
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- Gravitational wave may give us information about fundamental physics models.

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