

Unitarily inequivalent quantum cosmological bouncing models



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CONTEXT

- **Cosmological perturbation theory**

- Classical / semiclassical background

- Quantum vacuum initial state

- Unique / unambiguous predictions $\mathcal{P}_k, \frac{\Delta T}{T}, c_\ell, \dots$

but see J. Grain & V. Vennin, *JCAP* **02**, 022 (2020)

- **Inflation**

- Monotonic evolution of the scale factor $a(t); \dot{a} > 0 \forall t$

- \exists singularity

- resolve by quantum effects?

- **Quantum background**

- Phase space / coherent state quantization $a > 0 (a \neq 0) \forall t$

- Semiclassical approximation

- ⊕ Canonical quantization of perturbations

- ⇒ Ambiguities!

Motivations: (quantum) cosmology

Homogeneous & isotropic metric (FLRW): $ds^2 = -dt^2 + a^2(t) \left[\frac{dr^2}{1 - \mathcal{K}r^2} + r^2 (d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2) \right]$

Hubble rate $H \equiv \frac{\dot{a}}{a}$

spatial curvature

Matter component: perfect fluid $T_{\mu\nu} = pg_{\mu\nu} + (\rho + p) u_\mu u_\nu$

equation of state

$$p = w\rho \rightarrow \begin{cases} w = 0 & \text{dust} \\ w = \frac{1}{3} & \text{radiation} \end{cases}$$

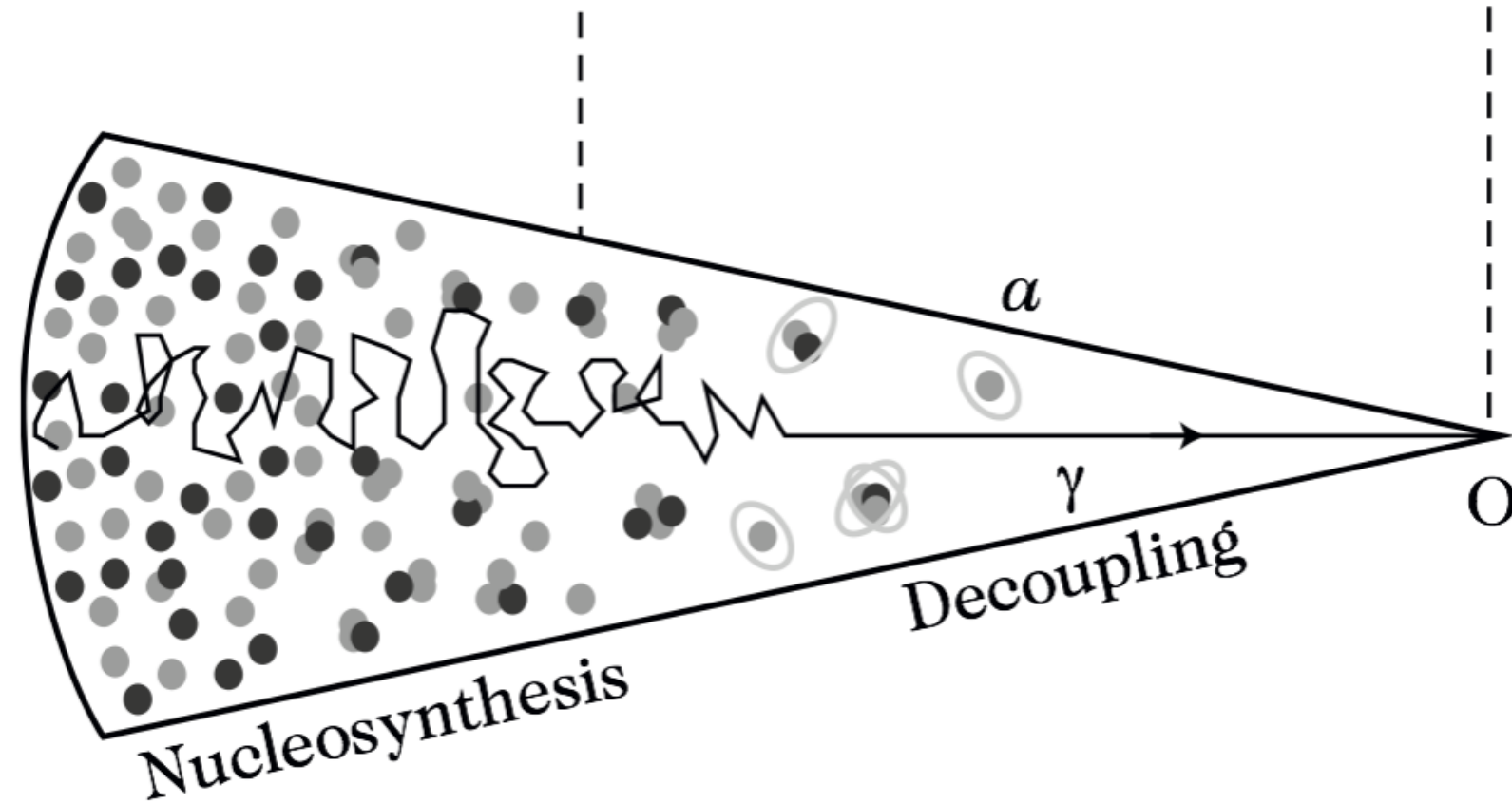
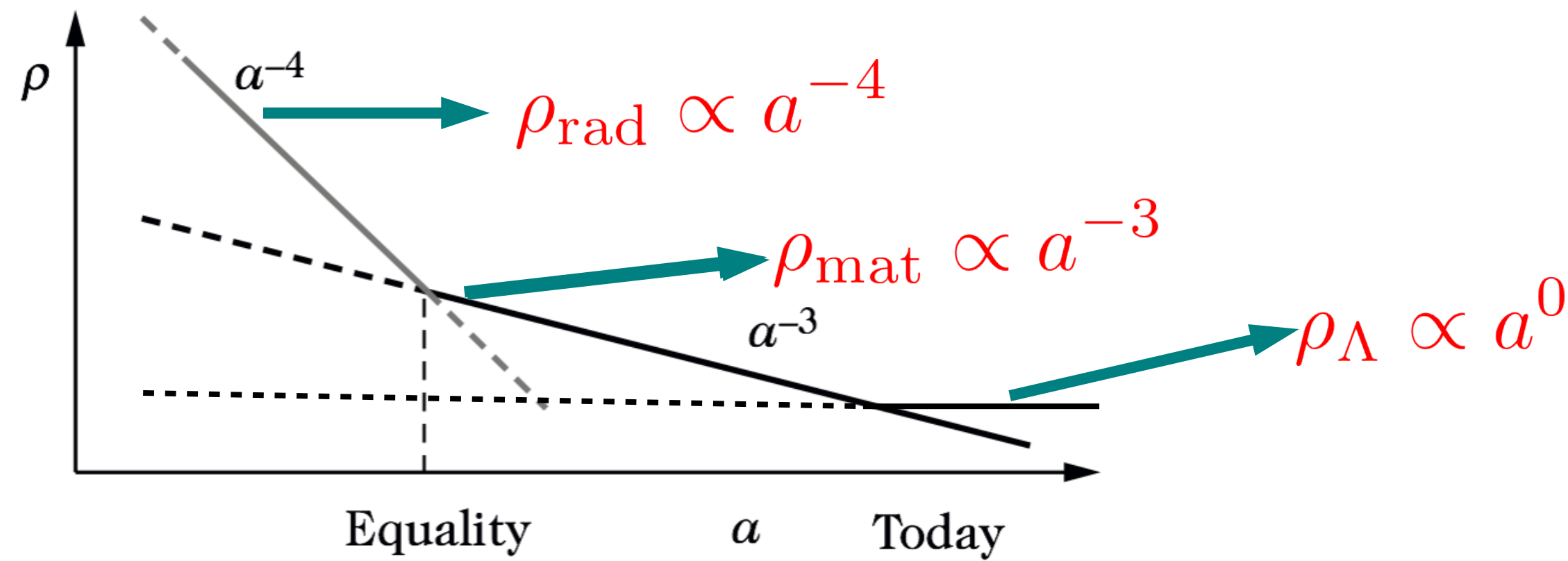
+ cosmological constant = Einstein equations

$$\begin{cases} H^2 + \frac{\mathcal{K}}{a^2} = \frac{1}{3} (8\pi G_N \rho + \Lambda) \\ \frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = \frac{1}{3} [\Lambda - 4\pi G_N (\rho + 3p)] \end{cases}$$

integrate conservation equation

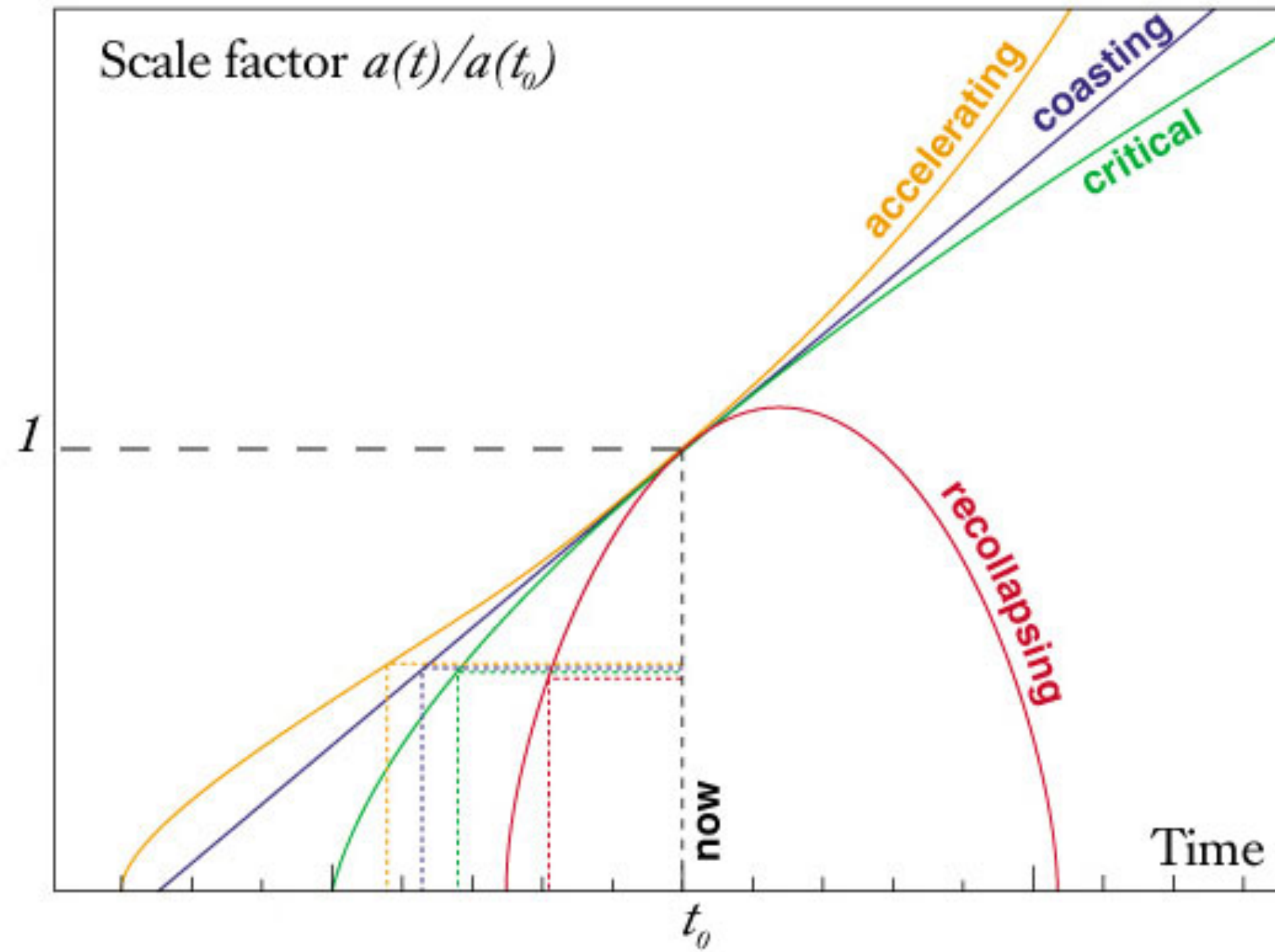
$$\rho [a(t)] = \rho_{\text{ini}} \exp \left\{ -3 \int [1 + w(a)] d \ln a \right\} \stackrel{w \rightarrow \text{cst}}{=} \rho_{\text{ini}} \left(\frac{a}{a_{\text{ini}}} \right)^{-3(1+w)}$$

Particular solution: dust and radiation

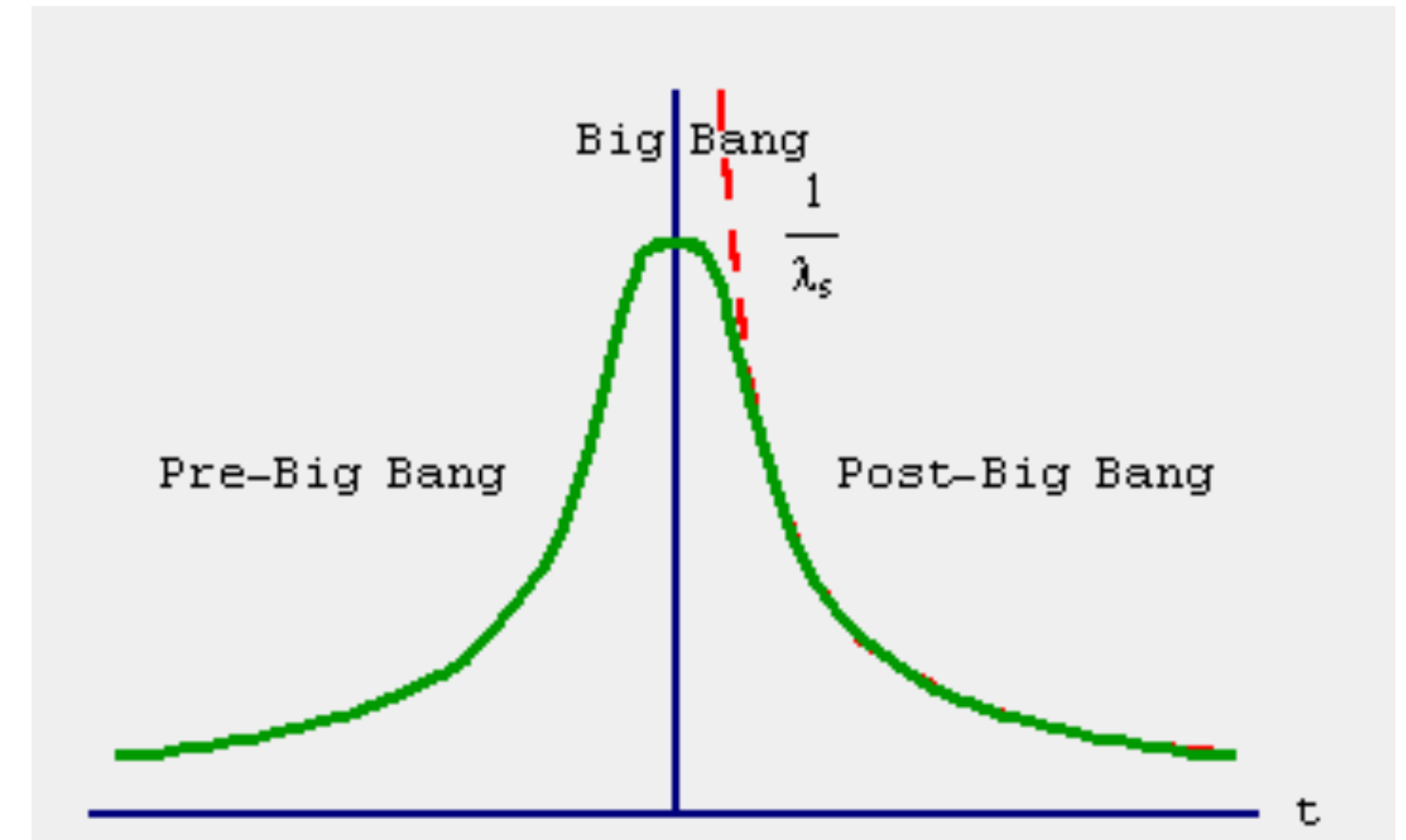
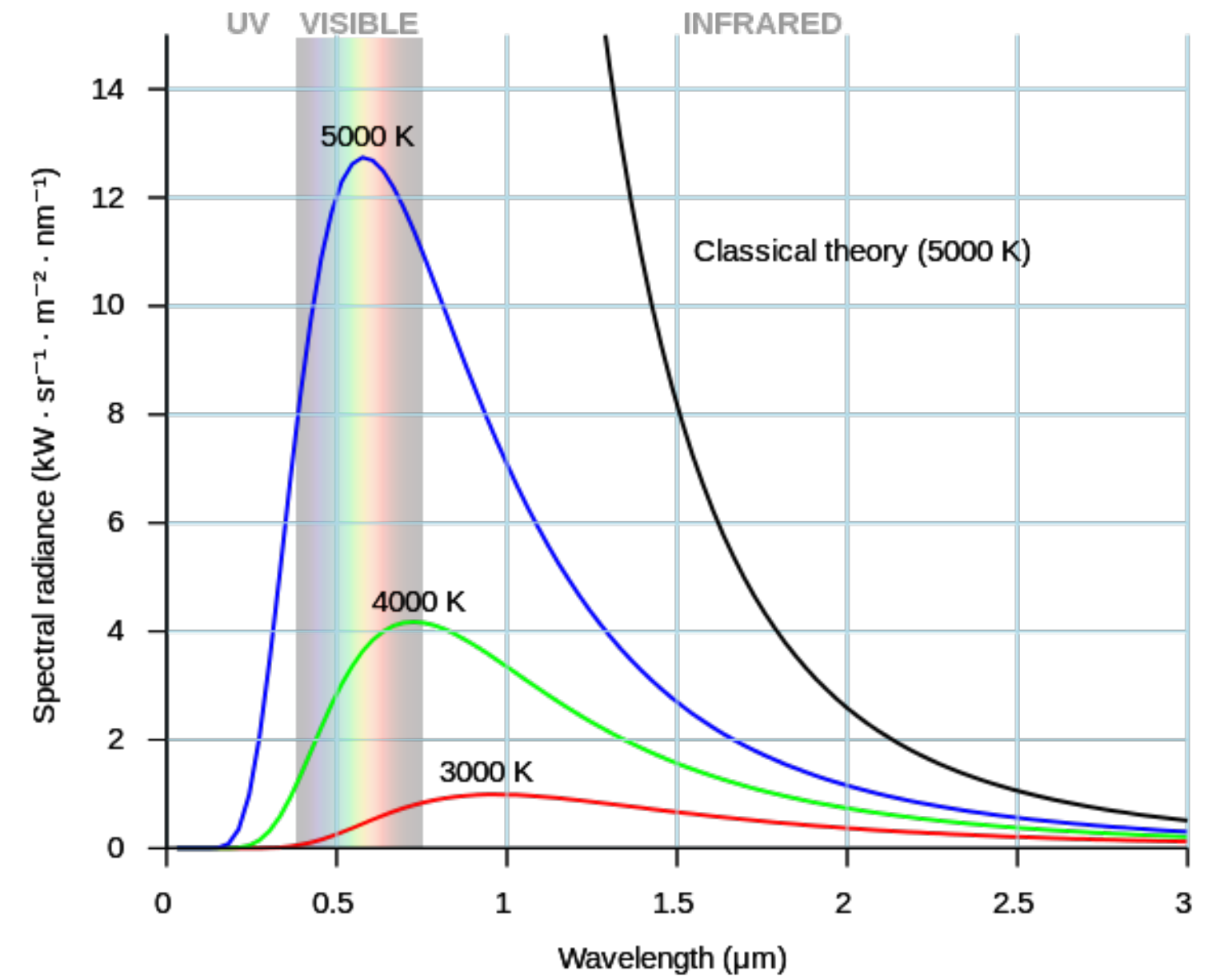


Phenomenologically valid description for 14 Gyrs!!!!

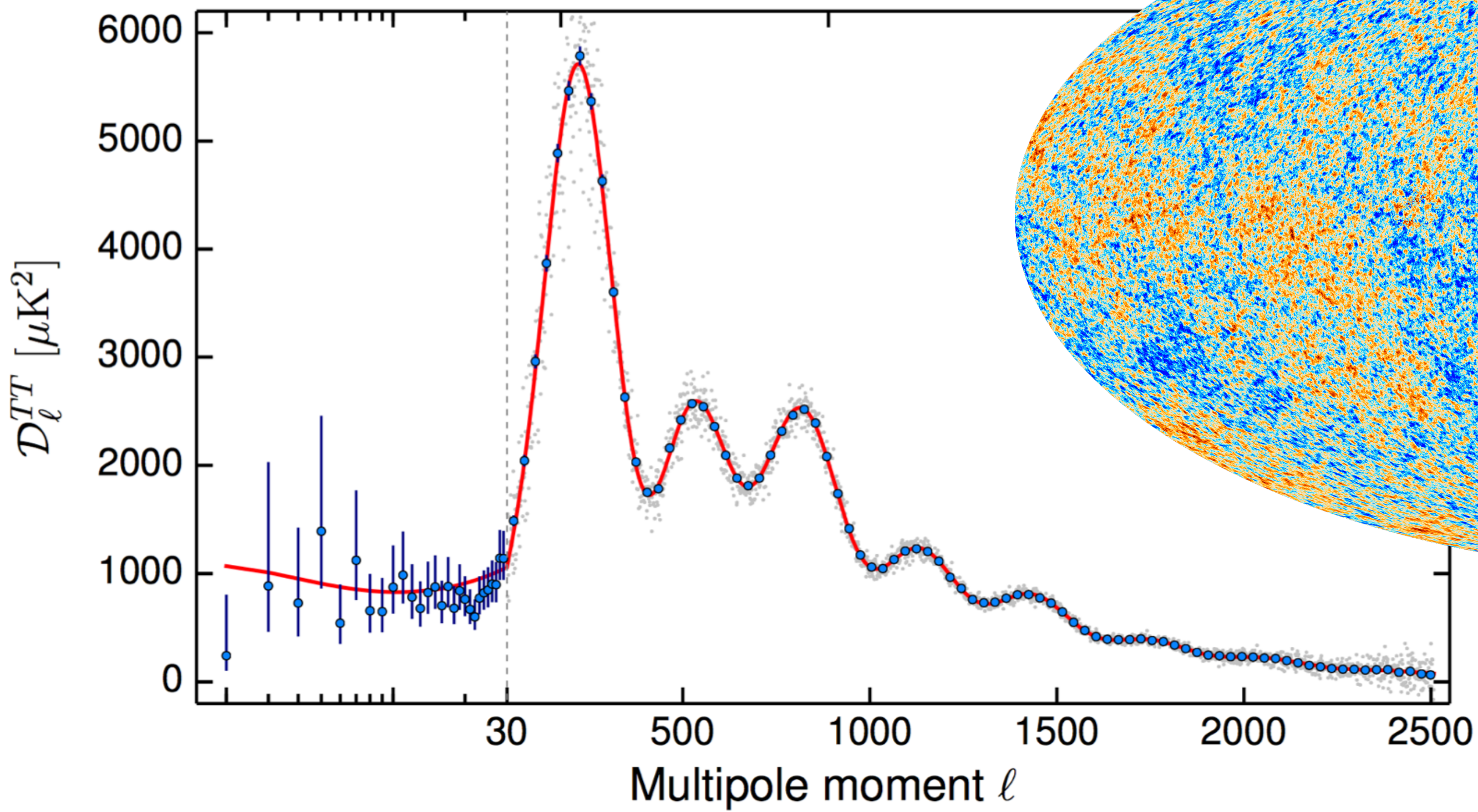
Singularity problem...



a quantum effect?



Planck



$\Omega_{\mathcal{K}} = 0.000 \pm 0.005$

$n_s = 0.9639 \pm 0.0047$ almost scale invariant

$f_{NL}^{loc} = 0.8 \pm 5$
 $f_{NL}^{eq} = -4 \pm 43$
 $f_{NL}^{ort} = -26 \pm 21$

excluded
 gaussian signal

isocurvature $\lesssim 1\%$

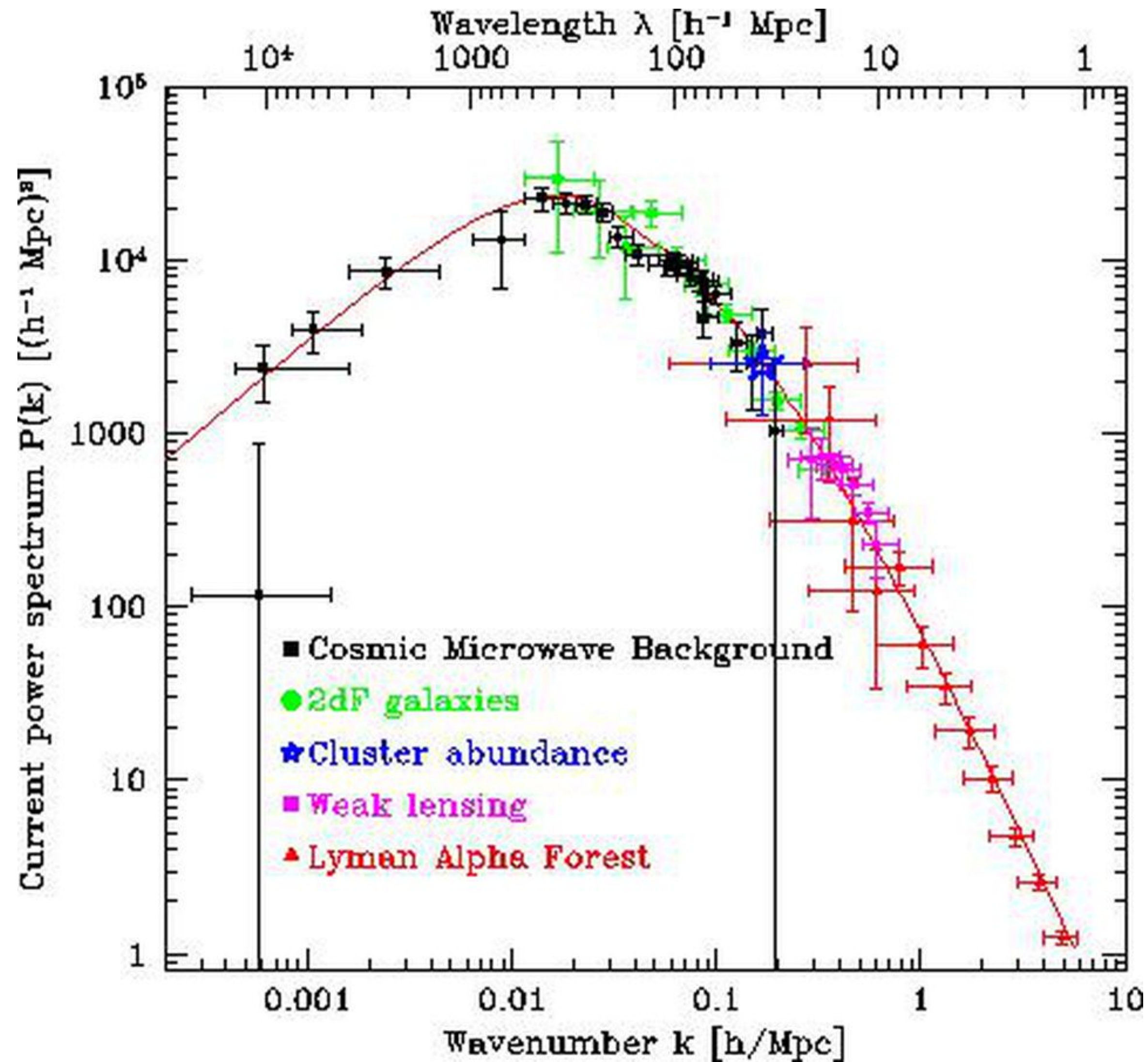
$r < 0.11$

quantum vacuum fluctuations of a single scalar d.o.f



compatible with ***INFLATION***

Numerical simulation for large scale structure formation...



Quantum mechanics

Physical system = Hilbert space of configurations

state vector

observables = self-adjoint operators

measurement = eigenvalue

$$\hat{O}|n\rangle = \omega_n |n\rangle$$

Evolution = Schrödinger equation (time translation invariance) $i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} |\psi(t)\rangle = \hat{H} |\psi(t)\rangle$

Born rule... Prob $[\omega_n; t] = |\langle n | \psi(t) \rangle|^2$

Collapse of the wave function: $|\psi(t)\rangle$ before measurement, $|n\rangle$ after measurement.

Schrödinger equation = linear (superposition principle) / unitary evolution

Wavepacket reduction = nonlinear / stochastic

mutually
incompatible

+ external
observer...!

Predictions for a quantum theory

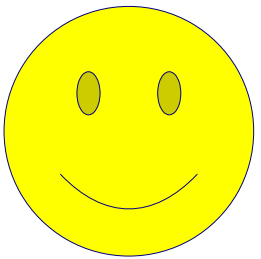
quantum average of observable: $\langle \Psi | \hat{O} | \Psi \rangle$

laboratory: repeat experiments

ensemble
average



quantum
average



cosmology: a single experiment

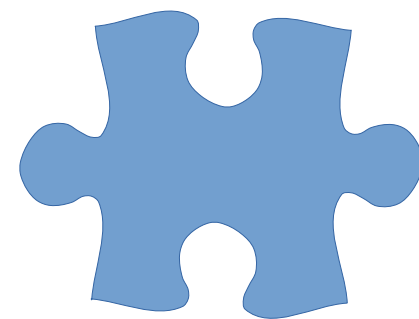


ergodicity

spatial
average
(directions
in sky)



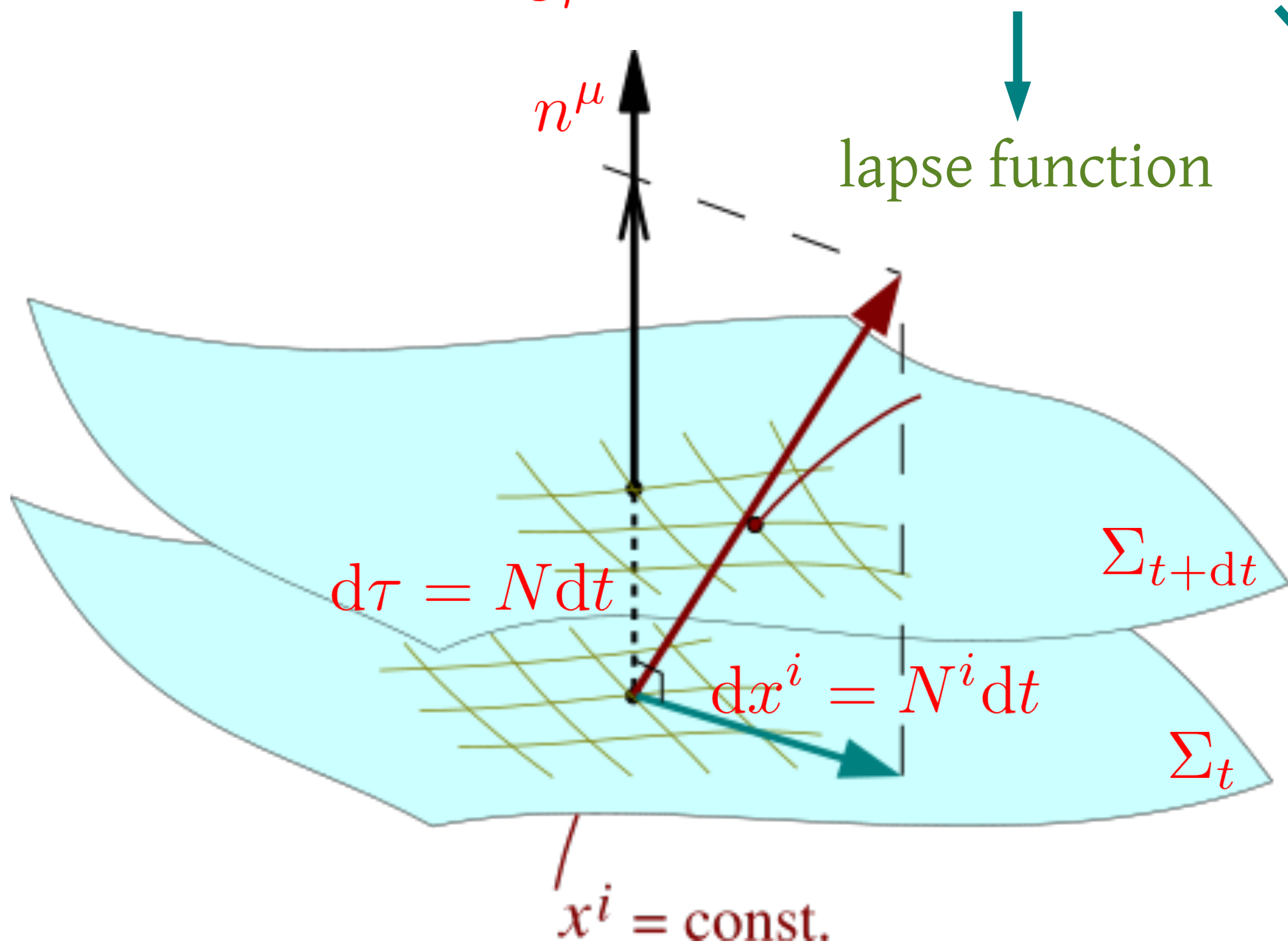
quantum
average



Quantum cosmology

Hamiltonian GR (3+1)

$$ds^2 = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu = -N^2 dt^2 + h_{ij} (dx^i + N^i dt) (dx^j + N^j dt)$$



lapse function

intrinsic metric =
first fundamental form

shift vector

intrinsic curvature tensor

$${}^3R^i{}_{jkl}(h)$$

extrinsic curvature =
second fundamental form:

$$K_{ij} = -\nabla_j^{(h)} n_i = \frac{1}{2N} \left(\nabla_j^{(h)} N_i + \nabla_i^{(h)} N_j - \frac{\partial h_{ij}}{\partial t} \right)$$

Action (Einstein-Hilbert, compact space):

$$\mathcal{S} = \frac{1}{16\pi G_{\text{N}}} \left[\int_{\mathcal{M}} \sqrt{-g} (R - 2\Lambda) d^4x + 2 \int_{\partial\mathcal{M}} \sqrt{h} K^i_i d^3x \right] + \mathcal{S}_{\text{matter}} [\Phi(x)]$$

$$\longrightarrow \mathcal{S} = \int L dt = \frac{1}{16\pi G_{\text{N}}} \int dt \left[\int d^3x N \sqrt{h} (K_{ij} K^{ij} - K^2 + {}^3R - 2\Lambda) + L_{\text{matter}} \right]$$

Canonical momenta

$$\pi^{ij} \equiv \frac{\delta L}{\delta \dot{h}_{ij}} = -\frac{\sqrt{h}}{16\pi G_{\text{N}}} (K^{ij} - h^{ij} K)$$

$$\pi^{\Phi} \equiv \frac{\delta L}{\delta \dot{\Phi}} = -\frac{\sqrt{h}}{N} \left(\dot{\Phi} - N \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial x^i} \right)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \pi^0 &\equiv \frac{\delta L}{\delta \dot{N}} = 0 \\ \pi^i &\equiv \frac{\delta L}{\delta \dot{N}^i} = 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{primary constraints}$$

Hamiltonian

$$H \equiv \int d^3x \left(\pi^0 \dot{N} + \pi^i \dot{N}_i + \pi^{ij} \dot{h}_{ij} + \pi^\Phi \dot{\Phi} \right) - L$$

$$= \int d^3x \left(\pi^0 \dot{N} + \pi^i \dot{N}_i + N\mathcal{H} + N_i\mathcal{H}^i \right)$$

variation wrt lapse: $\mathcal{H} = 0 \rightarrow$ Hamiltonian constraint


variation wrt shift: $\mathcal{H}^i = 0 \rightarrow$ momentum constraint

variation wrt 3D metric h_{ij} : dynamical equations

\Rightarrow classical description complete

Superspace & canonical quantization

relevant configuration space $\text{Riem}(\Sigma) \equiv \{h_{ij}(\mathbf{x}), \Phi(\mathbf{x}) \mid \mathbf{x} \in \Sigma\}$



parameters

GR \implies invariance/diffeomorphisms $\implies \text{Conf} = \frac{\text{Riem}(\Sigma)}{\text{Diff}(\Sigma)}$: superspace

Wave functional $\Psi[h_{ij}(\mathbf{x}), \Phi(\mathbf{x})]$ ($\equiv \langle h_{ij}, \Phi \mid \Psi \rangle$)

+ Dirac canonical quantization procedure

$$\pi^{ij} \rightarrow -i \frac{\delta}{\delta h_{ij}} \quad \pi^\Phi \rightarrow -i \frac{\delta}{\delta \Phi} \quad \pi^0 \rightarrow -i \frac{\delta}{\delta N} \quad \pi^i \rightarrow -i \frac{\delta}{\delta N_i}$$

primary constraints

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \hat{\pi}^0 = -i \frac{\delta \Psi}{\delta N} = 0 \\ \hat{\pi}^i = -i \frac{\delta \Psi}{\delta N_i} = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

momentum $\hat{\mathcal{H}}^i \Psi = 0 \implies i \nabla_j^{(h)} \left(\frac{\delta \Psi}{\delta h_{ij}} \right) = 8\pi G_N \hat{T}^{0i} \Psi$

same Ψ for configurations related by a coordinate transformation

Hamiltonian

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}\Psi = \left[-16\pi G_N \mathcal{G}_{ijkl} \frac{\delta^2}{\delta h_{ij} \delta h_{kl}} + \frac{\sqrt{h}}{16\pi G_N} \left(-{}^3R + 2\Lambda + 16\pi G_N \hat{T}^{00} \right) \right] \Psi = 0$$

Wheeler - DeWitt equation

$$\mathcal{G}_{ijkl} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{h}} (h_{ik}h_{jl} + h_{il}h_{jk} - h_{ij}h_{kl})$$

De Witt metric

primary constraints

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Hamiltonian

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}} \Psi = 0$$

TIMELESS Schrödinger equation

mini-superspace

*restrict attention from an infinite dimensional configuration space to a 2 dimensional space
= mini-superspace*

$$h_{ij} dx^i dx^j \mapsto a^2(t) \left[\frac{dr^2}{1 - \mathcal{K}r^2} + r^2 (d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2) \right]$$

WDW equation becomes Schrödinger like for $\Psi [a(t), \phi(t)]$

Conceptual & technical issues

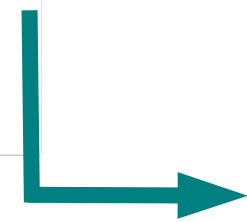
infinite # d.o.f. to a few: mathematical consistency?

freeze momenta... Heisenberg uncertainties?

A simple example: perfect fluid matter

$$ds^2 = -N^2(\tau)d\tau + a^2(\tau)\gamma_{ij}dx^i dx^j$$

perfect fluid formalism: B. Schutz (1970)



velocity potentials + canonical transformations

$$H = N \left(-\frac{p_a^2}{4a} - \mathcal{K}a + \frac{p_\tau}{a^{3w}} \right)$$

defines time...

choose wisely... a^{3w}

WDW $H\Psi = 0$ & $\mathcal{K} \rightarrow 0$



$$i \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial \tau} = \frac{1}{4} \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial x^2}$$

free particle Schrödinger!

$$\left[x = \frac{2a^{3(1-w)/2}}{3(1-w)} \right]$$

$$i \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial \tau} = \frac{1}{4} \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial x^2}$$



$$\Psi = \sqrt[4]{\frac{8\tau_0}{\pi(\tau_0^2 + \tau^2)^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{\tau_0 x^2}{\tau_0^2 + \tau^2}\right) e^{-iS(x,\tau)}$$

phase $S(x, \tau) = \frac{\tau x^2}{\tau_0^2 + \tau^2} + \frac{1}{2} \arctan\left(\frac{\tau_0}{\tau}\right) - \frac{\pi}{4}$

Gaussian wave packet

Basic model: GR + perfect fluid

$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{EHS}} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{16\pi G_{\text{N}}} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} R}_{\mathcal{S}_{\text{EH}}} + \underbrace{\int d^4x \sqrt{-g} P(w, \phi)}_{\mathcal{S}_{\text{M}}}$$

FLRW metric

$$ds^2 = -N^2(\tau) d\tau^2 + a^2(\tau) \gamma_{ij} dx^i dx^j$$

$$-\frac{1}{2\kappa} \int d\tau N a^3 \underbrace{\int \sqrt{\gamma} d^3x}_{\mathcal{V}_0} \underbrace{\frac{6\dot{a}^2}{a^2 N^2}}_R$$

$$P = w\rho$$

$$N = (1+w)a^{3w} \implies H_{\text{M}}^{(0)} = p_\tau$$

Use as clock

$$q = \frac{4\sqrt{6}}{3(1-w)\sqrt{1+w}} a^{\frac{3}{2}(1-w)} \equiv \gamma a^{\frac{3}{2}(1-w)}$$

$$p = \frac{\sqrt{6(1+w)}}{2\kappa_0} a^{\frac{3}{2}(1+w)} \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{Na} \right)$$

H
Hubble rate

New canonical variables

$$H^{(0)} = 2\kappa_0 p^2$$

$$\kappa/\mathcal{V}_0$$

Hamilton equations $\frac{dq}{d\tau} = 4\kappa_0 p$ and $\frac{dp}{d\tau} = 0$

singular solutions

$$q(\tau) = \sqrt{8\kappa_0 H^{(0)}} (\tau - \tau_s) \rightarrow q_B \omega \tau$$

$$p(\tau) \rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{H^{(0)}}{2\kappa_0}} = \frac{q_B \omega}{4\kappa_0}$$

Perturbations: $H_{\text{full}} = H^{(0)} + \sum_{\mathbf{k}} H_{\mathbf{k}}^{(2)}$

Fluid perturbation $\phi_{\mathbf{k}}$ (intrinsic + curvature) $= \frac{p^{\frac{1-w}{1+w}} \delta\phi_{\mathbf{k}}}{\sqrt{2w(1+w)\kappa_0}} + \sqrt{\frac{3}{w\kappa_0} \frac{a^{-\frac{3w-7}{2}}}{4k^2}} \delta R_{\mathbf{k}}$

P. Małkiewicz, *CQG* **36**, 215003 (2019)

$$\Rightarrow H_{\mathbf{k}}^{(2)} = \frac{1}{2} |\pi_{\phi, \mathbf{k}}|^2 + \frac{1}{2} w(1+w)^2 \left(\frac{q}{\gamma}\right)^{\frac{4(3w-1)}{3(1-w)}} k^2 |\phi_{\mathbf{k}}|^2$$

Hamilton equations

$$\phi_{\mathbf{k}}'' + \left(\frac{q}{\gamma}\right)^{\frac{4(3w-1)}{3(1-w)}} w(1+w)^2 k^2 \phi_{\mathbf{k}} = 0$$

Fluid (F-)parameterization: $(\phi_{\mathbf{k}}, \pi_{\phi, \mathbf{k}})$

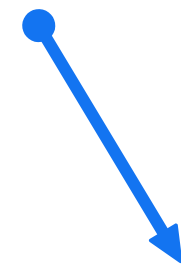
Let's begin the fun... changing the variables!

$$Z(\tau) = \sqrt{1+w} \left(\frac{q}{\gamma} \right)^{\frac{3w-1}{3(1-w)}}$$

$$v_{\mathbf{k}} = Z\phi_{\mathbf{k}} \quad \text{and} \quad \pi_{v,\mathbf{k}} = Z^{-1}\pi_{\phi,\mathbf{k}} + \frac{\dot{Z}}{Z^2}\phi_{\mathbf{k}}$$

Conformal (C-)parameterization: $(v_{\mathbf{k}}, \pi_{v,\mathbf{k}})$

$$H_{\mathbf{k}}^{(2)} = \frac{1}{2}Z^2 \left\{ |\pi_{v,\mathbf{k}}|^2 + [wk^2 - \mathcal{V}_{\text{cl}}(\tau)] |v_{\mathbf{k}}|^2 \right\}$$



$$\frac{1}{Z^4} \left[\frac{\ddot{Z}}{Z} - 2 \left(\frac{\dot{Z}}{Z} \right)^2 \right]$$

Explicitly...

$$H_{\mathbf{k}}^{(2)} = \frac{1}{2}(1+w) \left(\frac{q}{\gamma} \right)^{\frac{2(3w-1)}{3(1-w)}} \left\{ |\pi_{v,\mathbf{k}}|^2 + \left[wk^2 - \frac{8}{9q^2} \left(\frac{q}{\gamma} \right)^{\frac{4(1-3w)}{3(1-w)}} \frac{(2\kappa_0)^2(1-3w)p^2}{(1+w)^2(1-w)^2} \right] |v_{\mathbf{k}}|^2 \right\}$$

upon using the background e.o.m.

Switch to conformal time $d\eta = Z^2 d\tau = (1+w) \left(\frac{q}{\gamma}\right)^{\frac{2(3w-1)}{3(1-w)}} d\tau$ yields $\mathcal{V}_{\text{cl}} = \frac{Z''}{Z}$

$$v_{\mathbf{k}}'' + \left(wk^2 - \frac{z''}{z} \right) v_{\mathbf{k}} = 0$$

$$z = q^r$$

$$r_1 = \frac{3w-1}{3(1-w)}$$

$$r_2 = \frac{2}{3(1-w)}$$

$$\eta = \frac{1+w}{2r_1+1} \left(\frac{q_B \omega}{\gamma}\right)^{2r_1} \tau^{2r_1+1} \longrightarrow q(\eta) = q_B \omega \left[\frac{2r_1+1}{1+w} \left(\frac{q_B \omega}{\gamma}\right)^{-2r_1} \eta \right]^{1/(2r_1+1)} \propto \eta^{\frac{3(1-w)}{1+3w}}$$

$$\mathcal{V}_{\text{cl}} = \frac{(q^{r_1})''}{q^{r_1}} = \frac{(q^{r_2})''}{q^{r_2}} = \frac{2(1-3w)}{(1+3w)^2 \eta^2}$$

Solutions = Hankel functions, divergent perturbations at the singularity

Coherent state quantization

Background phase space $(q, p) \in \mathbb{R}^{*+} \times \mathbb{R} = \{(q, p) | q > 0, p \in \mathbb{R}\}$

Natural choice = 2 parameter affine group of the real line $t \in \mathbb{R} \mapsto (q, p) \cdot t = \frac{t}{q} + p$

$$\{(q_0, p_0), (q, p)\} \mapsto (q', p') = (q_0, p_0) \circ (q, p) = \left(q'q, \frac{p}{q'} + p' \right)$$

left-invariant measure $dq' \wedge dp' = dq \wedge dp$

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unitary, irreducible and square-integrable representation in the Hilbert space $\mathcal{H} = L^2\left(\mathbb{R}^{*+}, \frac{dx}{x}\right)$

$$\langle x|U(q, p)|\psi\rangle = \langle x|q, p\rangle = \frac{e^{ipx/\hbar}}{\sqrt{q}}\psi\left(\frac{x}{q}\right)$$

$$\psi(x) = \langle x|\psi\rangle$$

covariant integral quantization on (affine) coherent states

$$\mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R} \ni (q, p) \mapsto |q, p\rangle := U(q, p)|\xi\rangle \in \mathcal{H}$$

normalized fiducial state

$$U(q, p) = e^{ip\hat{Q}/\hbar}e^{-i\ln q\hat{D}/\hbar}$$

algebra

$$[\hat{Q}, \hat{D}] = i\hbar\hat{Q}$$

$$\text{dilation } \hat{D} := \frac{1}{2}(\hat{Q}\hat{P} + \hat{P}\hat{Q})$$

define $\rho(\alpha) = \int \frac{\langle \xi|x\rangle \langle x|\xi\rangle}{x^{\alpha+1}} dx = \int \frac{|\xi(x)|^2}{x^{\alpha+1}} dx < \infty$

and $\sigma(\alpha) = \int \left| \frac{d\xi(x)}{dx} \right|^2 \frac{dx}{x^{\alpha+1}}$

$\int \frac{dqdp}{2\pi\hbar\rho_0} |q,p\rangle \langle q,p| = \mathbb{1}$ (resolution of unity)

affine coherent state quantization:

$f(q,p) \mapsto A_f := \int_{\mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{R}} \frac{dqdp}{2\pi\hbar\rho_0} |q,p\rangle f(q,p) \langle q,p|$

$\longrightarrow A_1 = \mathbb{1}$

$\longrightarrow A_{q^\alpha} = \mathfrak{l}(\alpha) \hat{Q}^\alpha$

$\longrightarrow A_p = \hat{P}$

$\longrightarrow A_{q^\alpha p^2} = \mathfrak{a}(\alpha) \hat{Q}^\alpha \hat{P}^2 - i\alpha\hbar\mathfrak{a}(\alpha) \hat{Q}^{\alpha-1} \hat{P} + \mathfrak{c}(\alpha) \hbar^2 \hat{Q}^{\alpha-2} = \mathfrak{a}(\alpha) \hat{P} \hat{Q}^\alpha \hat{P} + \hbar^2 \mathfrak{c}(\alpha) \hat{Q}^{\alpha-2}$

impose $\mathfrak{l}(1) = 1$ to ensure $[A_q, A_p] = i\hbar$

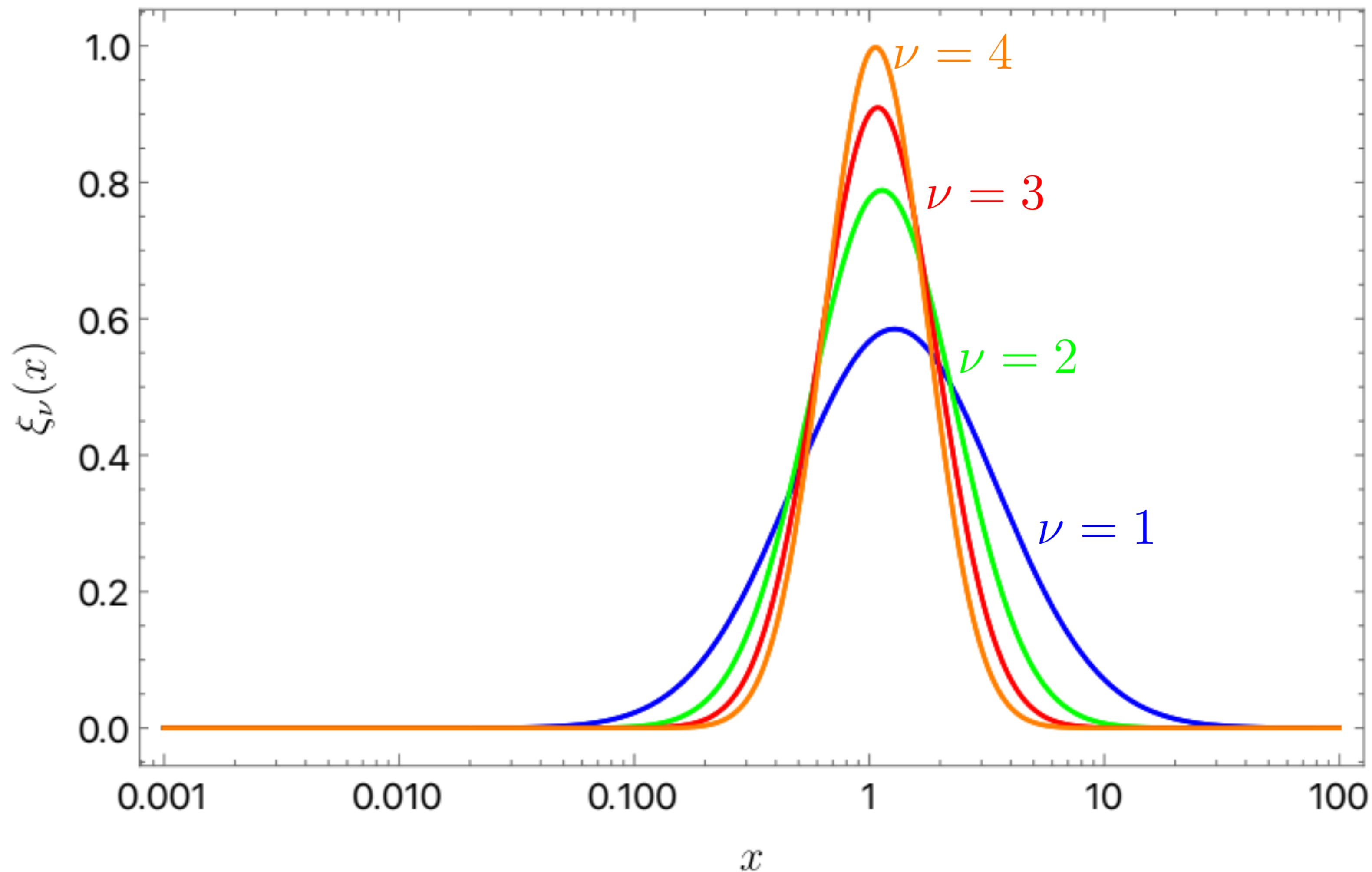
$\mathfrak{l}(\alpha) = \mathfrak{a}(\alpha) = \frac{\rho(\alpha)}{\rho_0}$

$\mathfrak{c}(\alpha) = \frac{1}{2} \alpha(1-\alpha) \mathfrak{a}(\alpha) + \frac{\sigma(\alpha-2)}{\rho_0}$

Example of fiducial vector family $\xi_\nu(x) = \left(\frac{\nu}{\pi}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \exp\left[-\frac{\nu}{2} \left(\ln x - \frac{3}{4\nu}\right)^2\right]$

$$\sigma_\nu(\alpha) = \left[\frac{\nu}{2} + \left(\frac{\alpha + 2}{2}\right)^2\right] \exp\left[\frac{\alpha(\alpha + 3)}{4\nu}\right]$$

$$\rho_\nu(\alpha) = \exp\left[\frac{(\alpha - 2)(\alpha + 1)}{4\nu}\right]$$



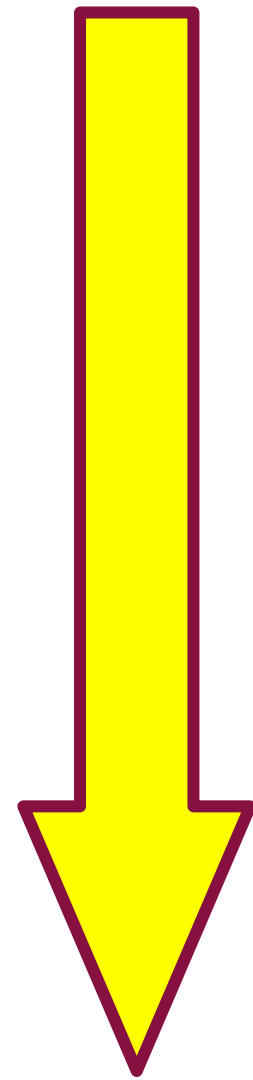
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$$\rho_\nu(1) = \rho_\nu(0) = e^{-1/(2\nu)}$$

$$l(\alpha) = \frac{\rho(\alpha)}{\rho_0} \implies l(1) = 1 \quad \checkmark$$

Quantum Background Hamiltonian

$$H^{(0)} \mapsto \hat{H}^{(0)} = 2\kappa_0 \left(\hat{P}^2 + \hbar^2 \mathfrak{c}_0 \hat{Q}^{-2} \right)$$



$$\mathfrak{c}_0 = \mathfrak{c}(0) = \frac{\sigma(-1)}{\rho_0} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \left(\nu + \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

$$\mathfrak{c}_0 \geq \frac{3}{4} \Leftrightarrow \nu \geq 1$$

$\hat{H}^{(0)}$ essentially self-adjoint

$\mathfrak{c}_0 \rightarrow 0$ canonical quantization

plug back in perturbation

$$H_{\mathbf{k}}^{(2)} = \frac{1}{2} |\pi_{\phi, \mathbf{k}}|^2 + \frac{1}{2} w(1+w)^2 \left(\frac{q}{\gamma} \right)^{4r_1} k^2 |\phi_{\mathbf{k}}|^2$$

⊕ Canonical quantization of perturbations

F-parameterization quantization

$$\phi_{\mathbf{k}} \mapsto \hat{\phi}_{\mathbf{k}} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2}} \left[a_{\mathbf{k}} \phi_{\mathbf{k}}^*(\tau) + a_{-\mathbf{k}}^\dagger \phi_{\mathbf{k}}(\tau) \right]$$

C-parameterization quantization

$$v_{\mathbf{k}} \mapsto \hat{v}_{\mathbf{k}} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2}} \left[a_{\mathbf{k}} v_{\mathbf{k}}^*(\tau) + a_{-\mathbf{k}}^\dagger v_{\mathbf{k}}(\tau) \right]$$

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One free parameter

$$\mathcal{L}_Q = l(4r_1)$$

$$\hat{H}_{\mathbf{k}}^{(2)} = \frac{1}{2} |\hat{\pi}_{\phi, \mathbf{k}}|^2 + \frac{\mathcal{L}_Q}{2} w(1+w)^2 \left(\frac{\hat{Q}}{\gamma} \right)^{4r_1} k^2 |\hat{\phi}_{\mathbf{k}}|^2$$

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$$\hat{H}_{\mathbf{k}}^{(2)} = \frac{1}{2} (1+w) \left(\frac{\hat{Q}}{\gamma} \right)^{2r_1} \mathfrak{M}_Q \left\{ |\hat{\pi}_{v, \mathbf{k}}|^2 + \left[wk^2 - \frac{8\mathfrak{M}_Q^{-1}}{9\hat{Q}^2} \frac{(2\kappa_0)^2(1-3w)}{(1-w)^2(1+w)^2} \left(\frac{\hat{Q}}{\gamma} \right)^{-4r_1} \left(\mathfrak{N}_Q \hat{P}^2 + i\hbar \mathfrak{R}_Q \hat{Q}^{-1} \hat{P} + \hbar^2 \mathfrak{T}_Q \hat{Q}^{-2} \right) \right] |\hat{v}_{\mathbf{k}}|^2 \right\}$$

$$\mathfrak{M}_Q = l(2r_1)$$

Three free parameters

$$\mathfrak{N}_Q = a(-2r_2)$$

$$\mathfrak{R}_Q = b(-2r_2) = 2r_2 \mathfrak{N}_Q$$

$$\mathfrak{T}_Q = c(-2r_2)$$

Coherent state semiclassical approximation

new fiducial state $|\tilde{\xi}\rangle$ satisfying $\langle\tilde{\xi}|\hat{Q}|\tilde{\xi}\rangle = 1$ (physical centering condition)

time-dependent functions $q(\tau)$ and $p(\tau)$

define time-dependent coherent states $|q(\tau), p(\tau)\rangle = e^{ip(\tau)\hat{Q}/\hbar} e^{-i \ln q(\tau)\hat{D}/\hbar} |\tilde{\xi}\rangle$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \langle\hat{Q}\rangle &= q(\tau) \\ \langle\hat{P}\rangle &= p(\tau) \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\mathcal{S}_{\text{Sch}} = \int \langle q(\tau), p(\tau) | \left(i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} - \hat{H} \right) | q(\tau), p(\tau) \rangle d\tau = \int \{ \dot{q}(\tau)p(\tau) - H_{\text{sem}}[q(\tau), p(\tau)] \} d\tau$$

$$\langle q(\tau), p(\tau) | \hat{H} | q(\tau), p(\tau) \rangle$$

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \dot{q} &= \frac{\partial H_{\text{sem}}}{\partial p} \\ \dot{p} &= -\frac{\partial H_{\text{sem}}}{\partial q} \end{aligned} \right.$$

define $\tilde{\rho}(\alpha) = \int \frac{\langle \tilde{\xi}|x\rangle\langle x|\tilde{\xi}\rangle}{x^{\alpha+1}} dx = \int \frac{|\tilde{\xi}(x)|^2}{x^{\alpha+1}} dx < \infty$

and $\tilde{\sigma}(\alpha) = \int \left| \frac{d\tilde{\xi}(x)}{dx} \right|^2 \frac{dx}{x^{\alpha+1}}$

expectation values of operators

$\longrightarrow \langle q, p | \hat{Q}^\alpha | q, p \rangle = \tilde{\rho}(-\alpha - 1) q^\alpha$

$\longrightarrow \langle q, p | \hat{Q}^\alpha \hat{P} | q, p \rangle = \tilde{\rho}(-\alpha - 1) q^\alpha p + i \frac{\alpha}{2} \tilde{\rho}(-\alpha) q^{\alpha-1}$

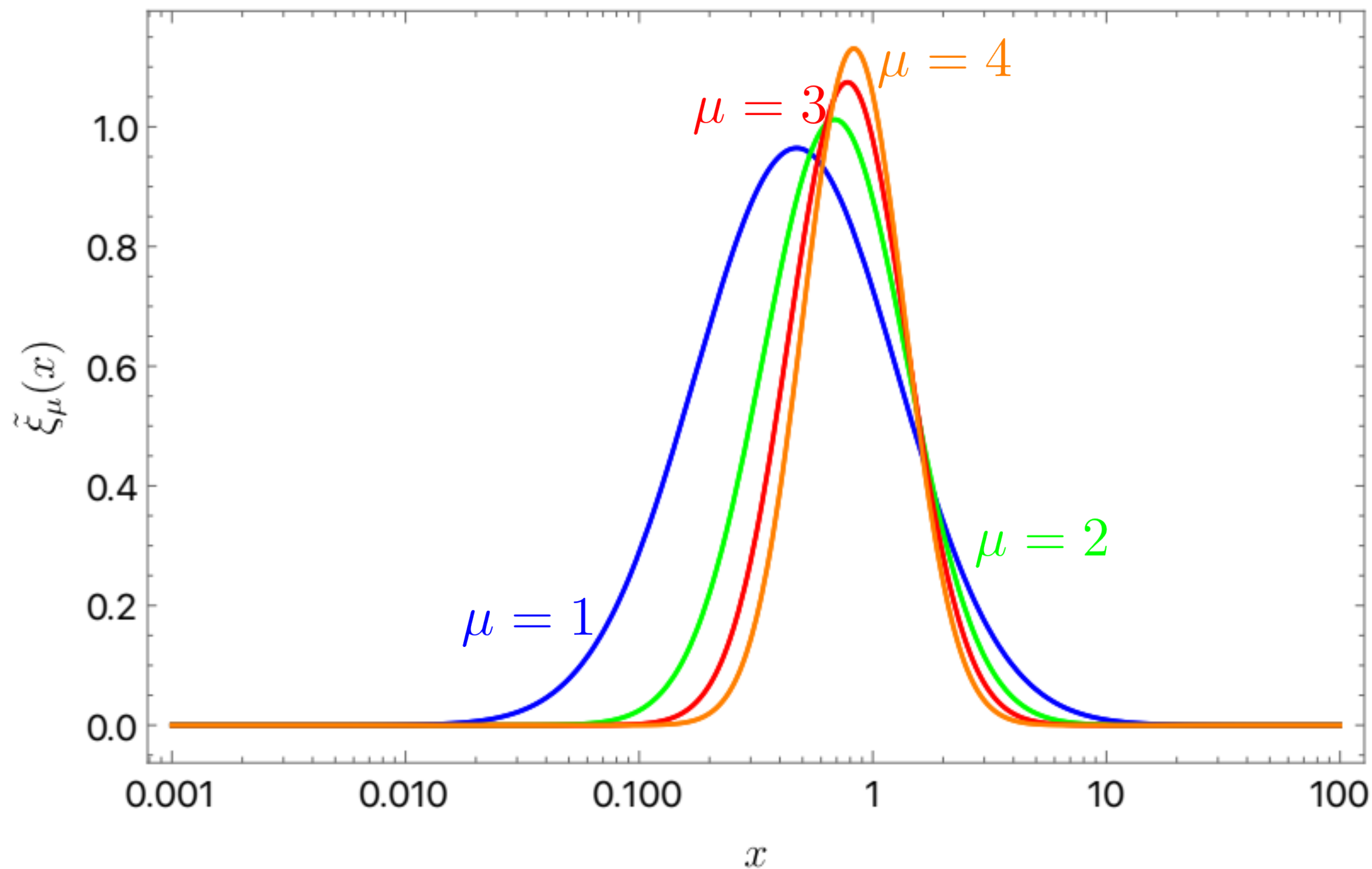
$\longrightarrow \langle q, p | \hat{Q}^\alpha \hat{P}^2 | q, p \rangle = \tilde{\rho}(-\alpha - 1) q^\alpha p^2 + i\alpha \tilde{\rho}(-\alpha) q^{\alpha-1} p + \left[\tilde{\sigma}(-\alpha - 1) + \frac{\alpha(1-\alpha)}{2} \tilde{\rho}(-\alpha + 1) \right] q^{\alpha-2}$

Necessary choice: $\tilde{\rho}(-2) = 1$ to ensure $\langle \tilde{\xi} | \hat{Q} | \tilde{\xi} \rangle = \int |\tilde{\xi}(x)|^2 x dx = 1$

Example of fiducial vector family $\tilde{\xi}_\mu(x) = \left(\frac{\mu}{\pi}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \exp\left[-\frac{\mu}{2} \left(\ln x + \frac{1}{4\mu}\right)^2\right]$

$$\sigma_\nu(\alpha) = \left[\frac{\nu}{2} + \left(\frac{\alpha+2}{2}\right)^2\right] \exp\left[\frac{\alpha(\alpha+3)}{4\nu}\right]$$

$$\tilde{\rho}_\mu(\alpha) = \exp\left[\frac{(\alpha+1)(\alpha+2)}{4\mu}\right]$$



↓
 $\tilde{\rho}(1) = e^{3/(2\mu)}$
 $\neq e^{1/(2\mu)} = \tilde{\rho}(0)$
 not for quantization

$$\tilde{\rho}_\mu(-2) = 1 \quad \checkmark$$

back to the quantum Hamiltonian $\hat{H}^{(0)} = 2\kappa_0 \left(\hat{P}^2 + \hbar^2 \mathbf{c}_0 \hat{Q}^{-2} \right)$

$\longrightarrow H_{\text{sem}} = 2\kappa_0 \left(p^2 + \frac{\hbar^2 \mathcal{K}}{q^2} \right)$

with $\mathcal{K} = \mathbf{c}_0 \tilde{\rho}(1) + \tilde{\sigma}(-1)$

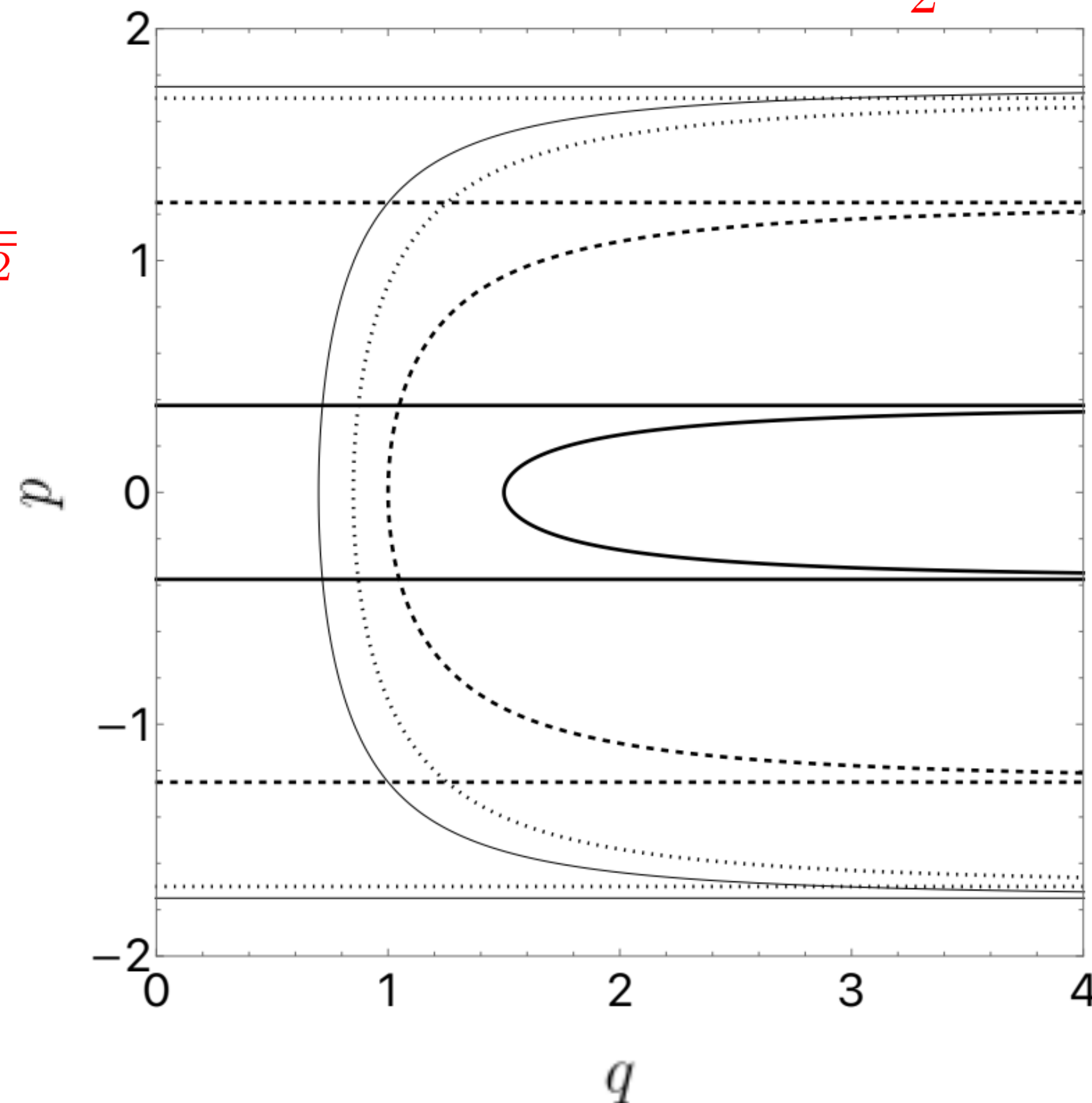
$\mathcal{K} = \frac{\nu}{2} + \frac{2\mu + 1}{4} \exp\left(\frac{3}{2\mu}\right)$

semiclassical trajectory in phase space

$$\begin{cases} q = q_B \sqrt{1 + (\omega\tau)^2} \\ p = \frac{q_B \omega^2}{4\kappa_0} \frac{\tau}{\sqrt{1 + (\omega\tau)^2}} \end{cases}$$

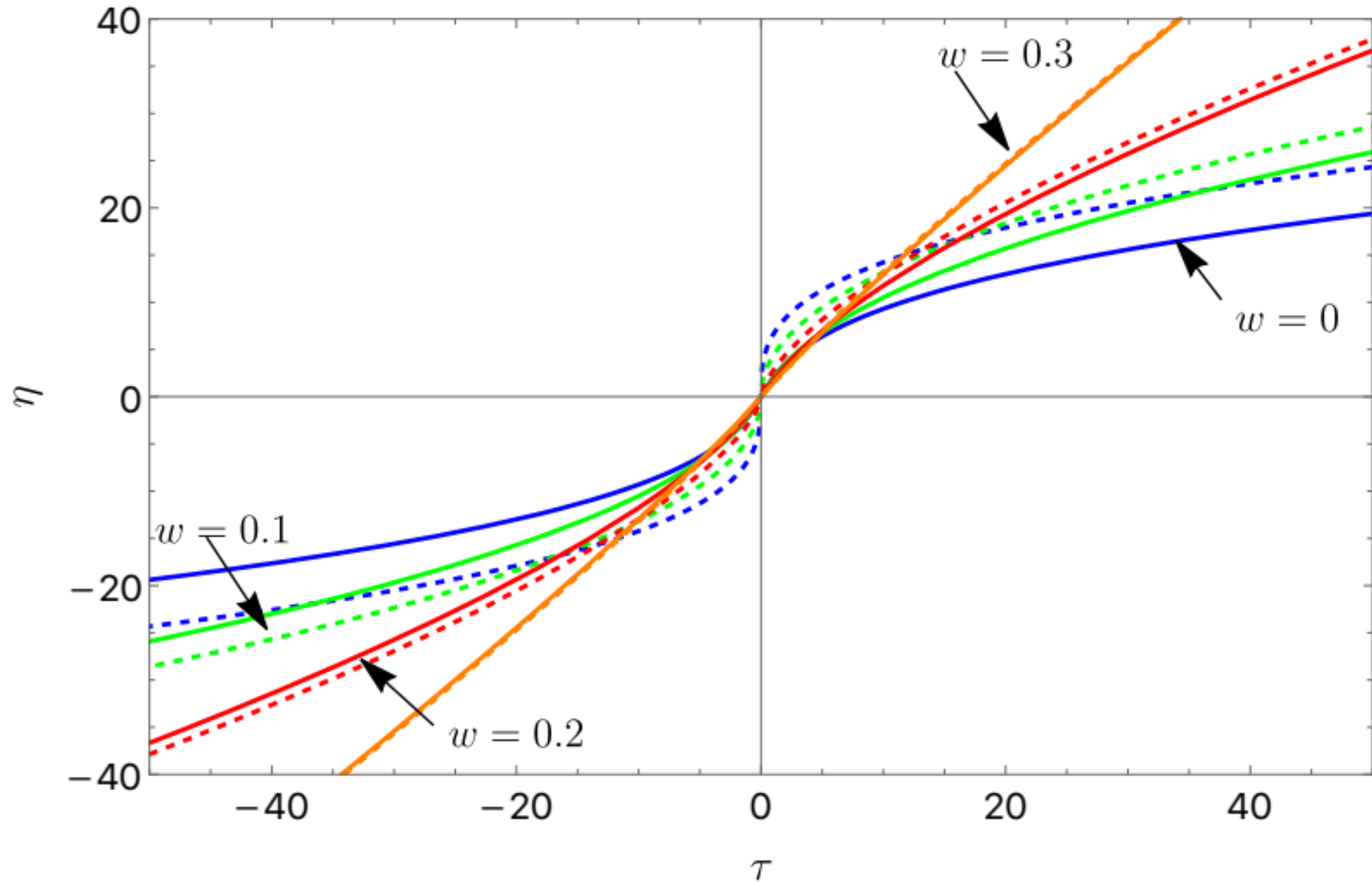
$$q_B^2 = \frac{2\kappa_0 \hbar^2 \mathcal{K}}{H_{\text{sem}}}$$

$$\omega = \frac{2H_{\text{sem}}}{\hbar \sqrt{\mathcal{K}}}$$



conformal time $\eta(\tau)$

$$\eta = (1 + w)\tau \left(\frac{q_B}{\gamma} \right)^{2r_1} F \left[\frac{1}{2}, -r_1; \frac{3}{2}; -(\omega\tau)^2 \right]$$



Full quantum dynamics: $|\psi(\tau)\rangle = |\psi_B(\tau)\rangle \otimes |\psi_P(\tau)\rangle$

$|q(\tau), p(\tau)\rangle$

$|\psi_P\rangle = \prod_{\mathbf{k}} |\psi_{\mathbf{k}}\rangle$

2nd order quantum action

$$\mathcal{S}^{(0)+(2)} = \mathcal{S}_B + \mathcal{S}_P = \int \langle \psi(\tau) | \left(i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} - \hat{H}^{(0)} - \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \hat{H}_{\mathbf{k}}^{(2)} \right) | \psi(\tau) \rangle d\tau$$

$$\int \langle \psi_P | \left(i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} - \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \underbrace{\langle q(\tau), p(\tau) | \hat{H}_{\mathbf{k}}^{(2)} | q(\tau), p(\tau) \rangle}_{\hat{H}_{\mathbf{k}}} \right) | \psi_P \rangle d\tau$$

Schrödinger equations for the perturbations $i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} |\psi_{\mathbf{k}}\rangle = \hat{H}_{\mathbf{k}} |\psi_{\mathbf{k}}\rangle$

From that point on, business as usual...

F-parameterization quantization

$$\mathcal{L}_S = \mathcal{L}_Q \tilde{\rho} (-4r_1 - 1)$$

$$\hat{H}_{\mathbf{k}} = \frac{1}{2} |\hat{\pi}_{\phi, \mathbf{k}}|^2 + \frac{\mathcal{L}_S}{2} w(1+w)^2 \left(\frac{q}{\gamma}\right)^{4r_1} k^2 |\hat{\phi}_{\mathbf{k}}|^2$$

Heisenberg e.o.m.

$$\frac{d}{d\tau} \hat{\phi}_{\mathbf{k}} = -\hat{\pi}_{\phi, \mathbf{k}}$$

$$\frac{d}{d\tau} \hat{\pi}_{\phi, \mathbf{k}} = \mathcal{L}_S w(1+w)^2 \left(\frac{q}{\gamma}\right)^{4r_1} k^2 \hat{\phi}_{\mathbf{k}}$$

mode expansion

$$\hat{\phi}_{\mathbf{k}} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2}} \left[a_{\mathbf{k}} \phi_{\mathbf{k}}^*(\tau) + a_{-\mathbf{k}}^\dagger \phi_{\mathbf{k}}(\tau) \right]$$

$$\hat{\pi}_{\phi, \mathbf{k}} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2}} \left[a_{\mathbf{k}} \dot{\phi}_{\mathbf{k}}^*(\tau) + a_{-\mathbf{k}}^\dagger \dot{\phi}_{\mathbf{k}}(\tau) \right]$$

canonical commutation relations

$$\dot{\phi}_{\mathbf{k}} \phi_{\mathbf{k}}^* - \phi_{\mathbf{k}} \dot{\phi}_{\mathbf{k}}^* = 2i$$

2nd order o.d.e $\ddot{\phi}_{\mathbf{k}} \dots$

Mukhanov-Sasaki variable in the F-parameterization $v_{\mathbf{k}}^F = Z \phi_{\mathbf{k}}$

$$\frac{d^2 v_{\mathbf{k}}^F}{d\eta^2} + [k_F^2 - \mathcal{V}_F(\eta)] v_{\mathbf{k}}^F = 0$$

F-parameterization quantization

$$\hat{H}_{\mathbf{k}} = \frac{1}{2} |\hat{\pi}_{\phi, \mathbf{k}}|^2 + \frac{\mathcal{L}_S}{2} w(1+w)^2 \left(\frac{q}{\gamma}\right)^{4r_1} k^2 |\hat{\phi}_{\mathbf{k}}|^2$$

$$\frac{d^2 v_k^F}{d\eta^2} + [k_F^2 - \mathcal{V}_F(\eta)] v_k^F = 0$$

$$\mathcal{L}_S w k^2$$

$$\frac{8}{9q^2 Z^4} \frac{(2\kappa_0)^2 (1-3w)}{(1-w)^2} \left[p^2 - \frac{3(1-w)\mathcal{K}}{2q^2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{(q^{r_1})''}{q^{r_1}}$$

upon using the background e.o.m.

$$\lim_{\eta \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{V}_F(\eta) = \mathcal{V}_{cl}(\eta)$$

C-parameterization quantization

$$\hat{H}_k = \frac{1}{2} Z^2 \mathfrak{M}_s \left\{ |\hat{\pi}_{v,k}|^2 + \left[wk^2 - \frac{8\mathfrak{M}_s^{-1} (2\kappa_0)^2 (1-3w)}{9q^2 Z^4} \left(\mathfrak{N}_s p^2 + \frac{\hbar^2 \mathfrak{T}_s}{q^2} \right) \right] |\hat{v}_k|^2 \right\}$$

$$\mathfrak{M}_Q \tilde{\rho} (-2r_1 - 1)$$

$$\mathfrak{N}_Q \tilde{\rho} (2r_2 - 1)$$

$$\mathfrak{N}_Q \tilde{\sigma} (2r_2 - 1) + \mathfrak{T}_Q \tilde{\rho} (2r_2 + 1)$$

Wronskian $\dot{v}_k v_k^* - v_k \dot{v}_k^* = 2i Z^2 \mathfrak{M}_s$

$$v_k' v_k^* - v_k v_k^{*'} = 2i \mathfrak{M}_s$$

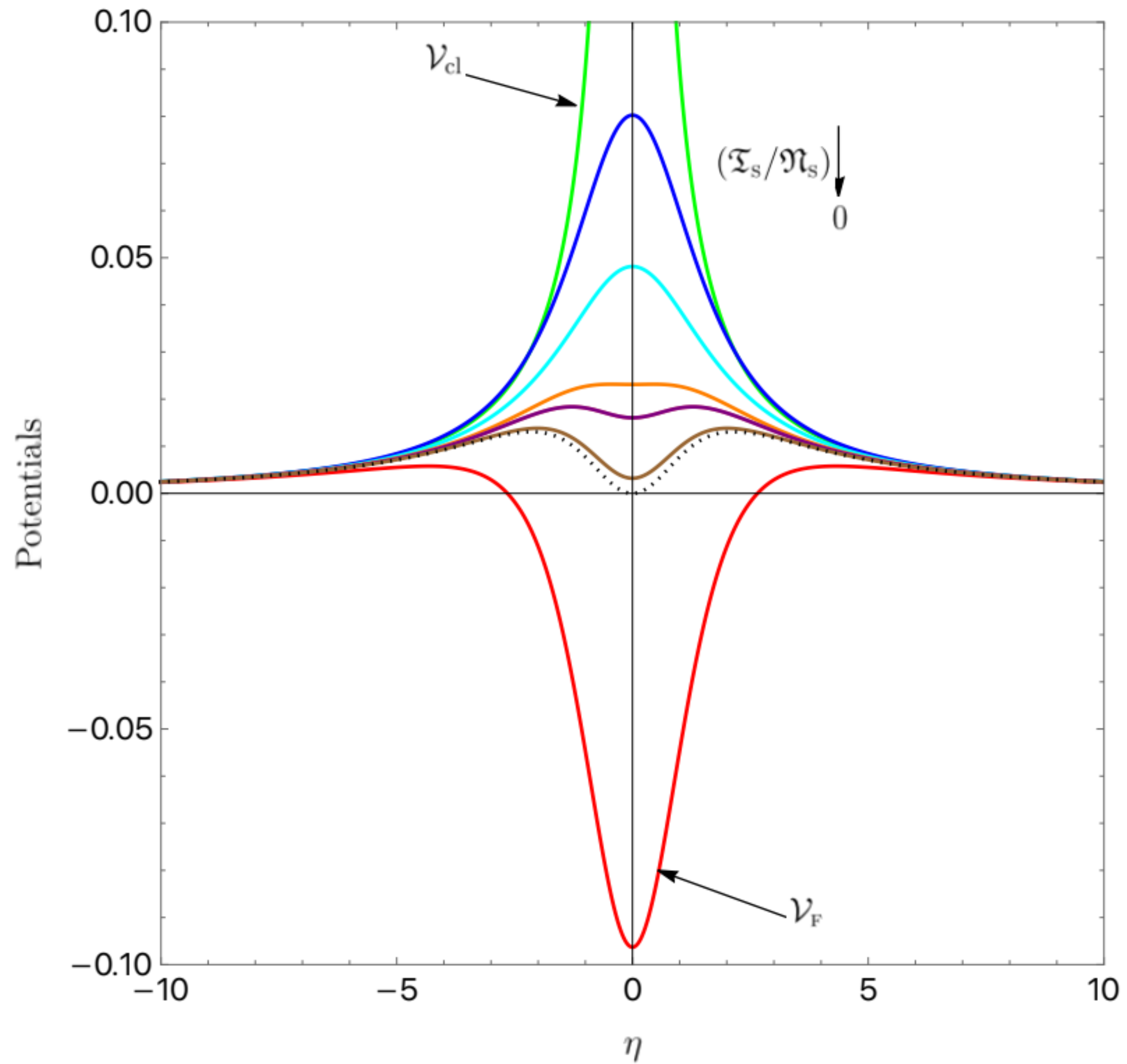
$$\frac{d^2 v_k^C}{d\varsigma^2} + [k_C^2 - \mathcal{V}_C(\varsigma)] v_k^C = 0$$

$$\varsigma = \sqrt{\mathfrak{M}_s \mathfrak{N}_s \eta}$$

rescaled

$$w \frac{\mathfrak{M}_s}{\mathfrak{N}_s} k^2$$

$$\frac{8}{9q^2 Z^4} \frac{(2\kappa_0)^2 (1-3w)}{(1-w)^2} \left(p^2 + \frac{\hbar^2 \mathfrak{T}_s / \mathfrak{N}_s}{q^2} \right)$$

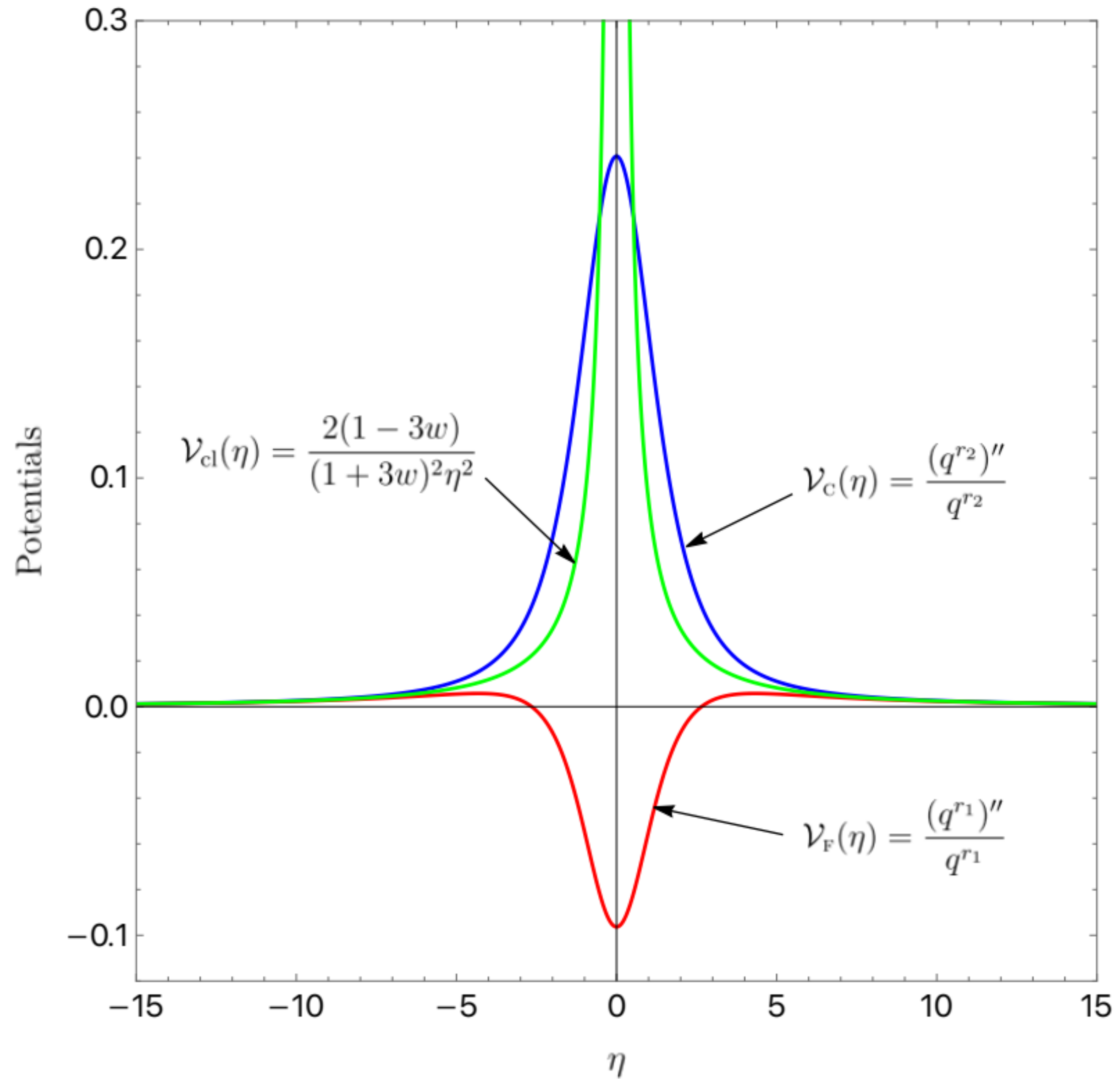


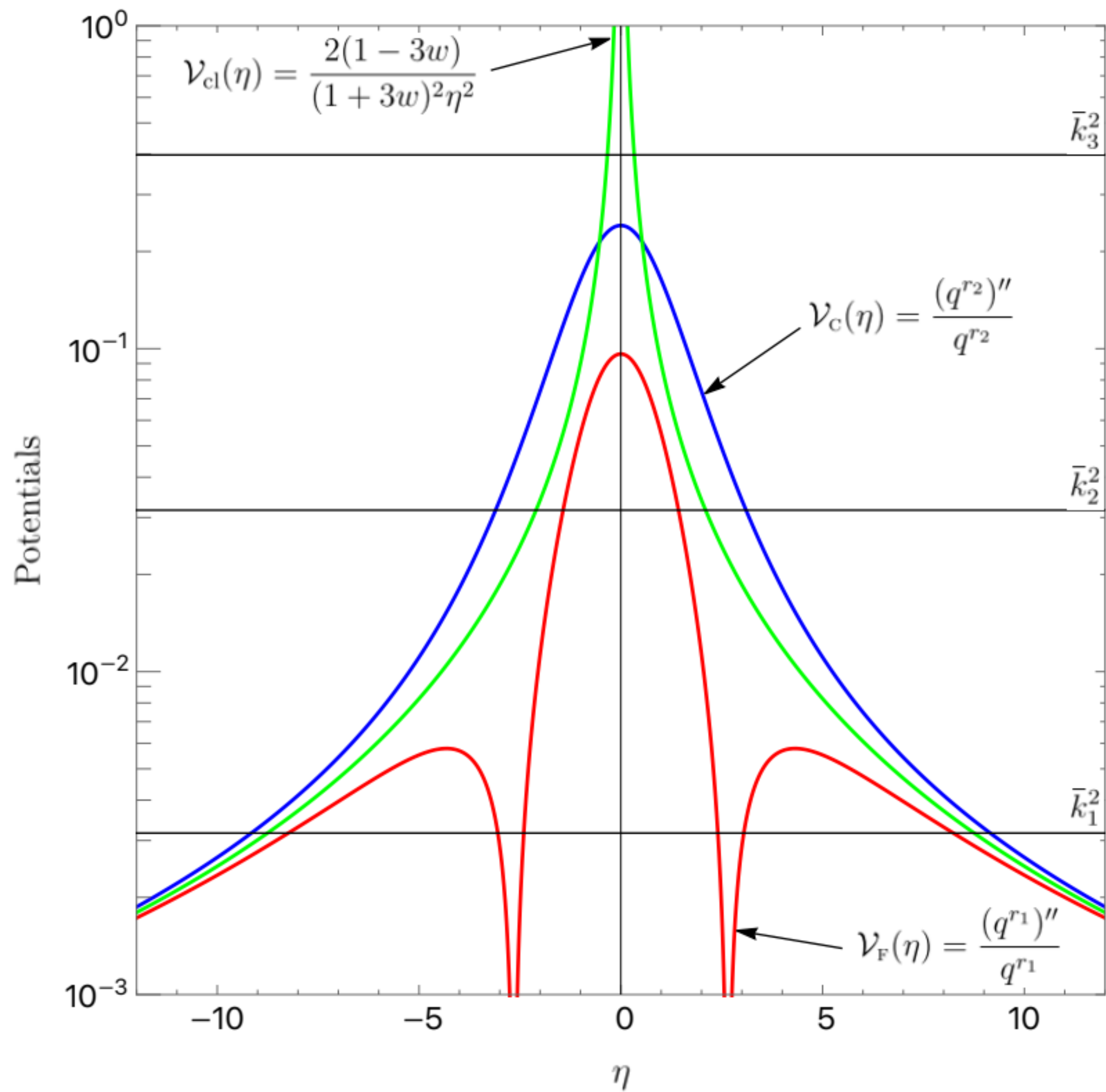
special case

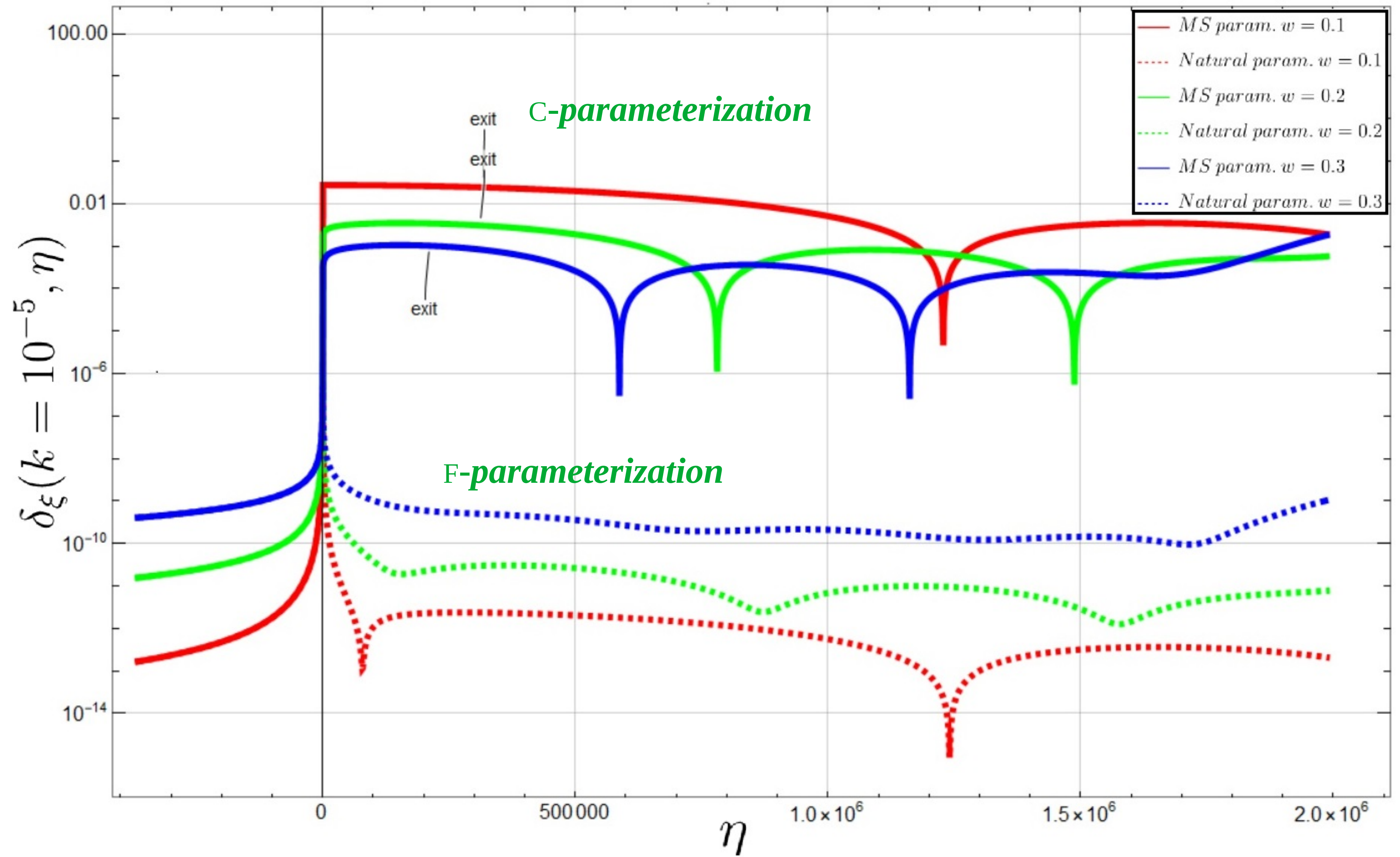
$$\frac{\mathcal{I}_s}{\mathcal{N}_s} = \frac{3\mathcal{K}(1-w)}{1-3w}$$

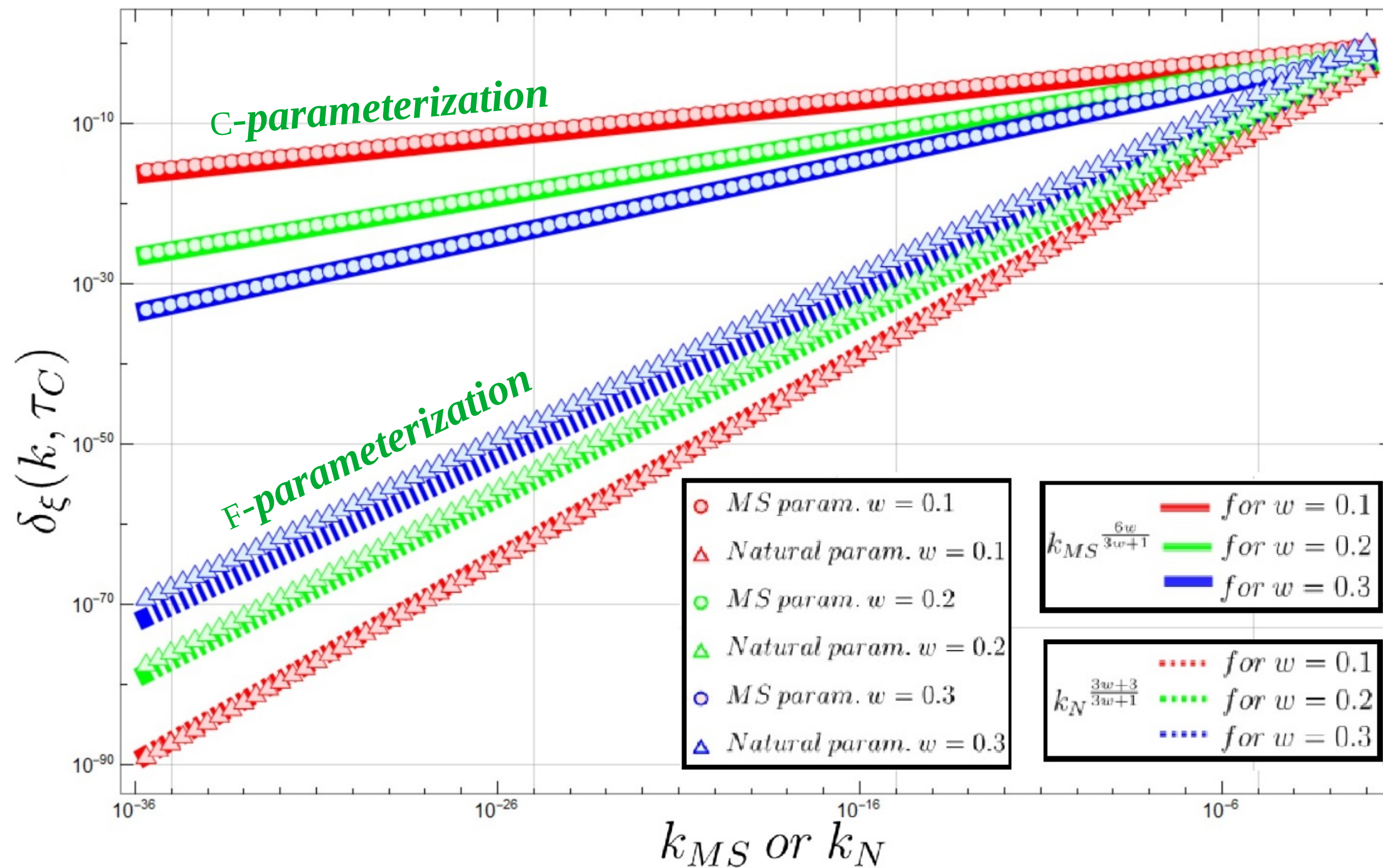


$$\mathcal{V}_C = \frac{(q^{r_2})''}{q^{r_2}}$$









Conclusions

- GR + perfect fluid = simple, classically singular model
- Background quantization yields naturally bouncing solutions
- Unitarily inequivalent parameterizations
- Two classes of predictions: simple but not predictive model!

