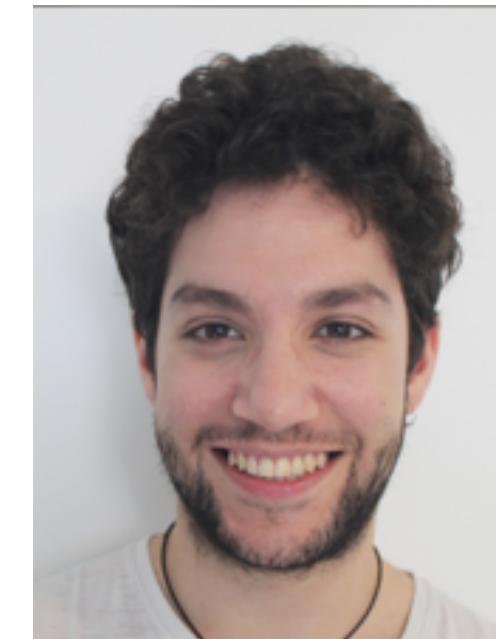


Cosmological Scattering Potentials and their Quantum Simulation

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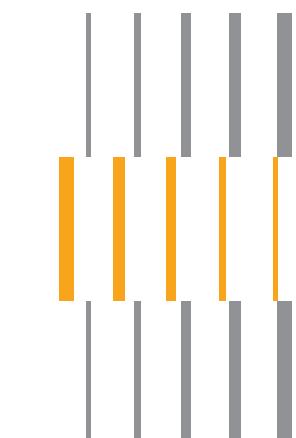


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**Cosmological
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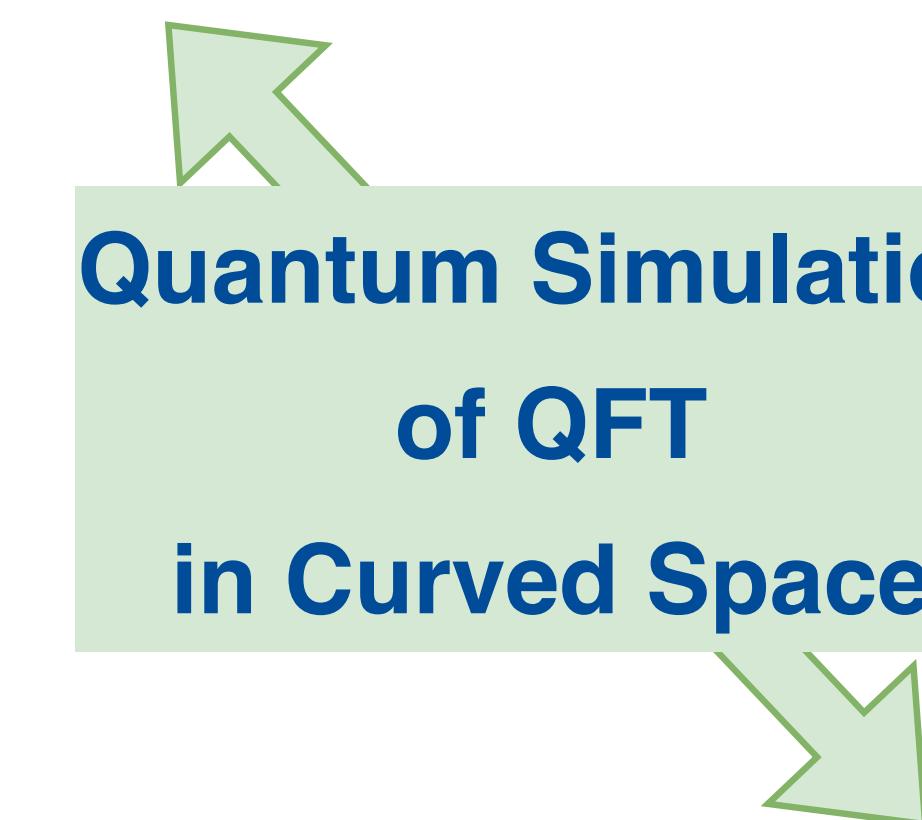
**Quantum Mech.
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**Design
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**Structure Formation
in BEC**



Analogue Quantum Simulation of Kinematics in Curved Spacetime

Horizons Hawking Radiation

Class. Fluids

Weinfurtner et al. (2011)

Bose-Einstein-Condensate (BEC)

Lahav et al. (2010) | Steinhauer (2016) | de Nova et al. (2019)

Optical Fibre

Philbin et al. (2008) | Choudhary et al. (2012) | Jaquet (2018)

Microcavity Polaritons

Nguyen et al. (2015) | Jacquet et.al (2022)

Superfluid ^3He

Človečko et al. (2019)

Black Hole Spacetimes

Rotating Spacetimes Black Hole Superradiance

Class. Fluids

Torres et al. (2017) | Cromb et.al (2020)

Photon Superfluid

Vocke et al. (2017)

Microcavity Polaritons

Falque et al. (2023) | Delhom et al. (2023)

Superfluid ^4He

Svancara et al. (2023)

New avenues for fermionic fields:
Simeón et.al (2023)
Haller, Meng et.al (2023)

Cosmological Particle Production

BEC

Hung et al. (2012) | Eckel et al. (2018) | Tajik et al. (2023)

2+1 dim: Viermann et al. (2022), Simeón et al. (2022)

Trapped Ions

Wittemer et al. (2018)

Laser Pulse

Steinhauer et al. (2022)

False Vacuum Decay

BEC

Berti et al.(2023), Cominoti et al. (2023) | Jenkins et.al(2024)

Dynamical Casimir effect

BEC

Jaskula et.al (2011)

Superconducting Circuit

Wilson et.al (2011)

Quantum Simulation of Scalar Field in Curved Spacetime

Effective action for weakly interacting BECs

$$\Gamma[\Phi] = \int dt d^Dx \left\{ \hbar \Phi^*(t, \mathbf{x}) \left[i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - V(t, \mathbf{x}) \right] \Phi(t, \mathbf{x}) - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla \Phi^*(t, \mathbf{x}) \nabla \Phi(t, \mathbf{x}) - \frac{\lambda(t)}{2} [\Phi^*(t, \mathbf{x}) \Phi(t, \mathbf{x})]^2 \right\}$$

1. Expand to 2nd order in **fluctuations**

$$\Phi(t, \mathbf{x}) = e^{iS_0(t, \mathbf{x})} \left(\sqrt{n_0(t, \mathbf{x})} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [\phi_1(t, \mathbf{x}) + i\phi_2(t, \mathbf{x})] \right) \quad [\text{Simeón et al.(2022)}]$$

2. Evaluate background on **Gross-Pitaevskii equation** (in hydrodynamic form)

$$\partial_t n_0 + \nabla(n_0 \mathbf{v}) = 0$$

$$\hbar \partial_t S_0 + V + \lambda n_0 + \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left[(\nabla S_0)^2 - \frac{\nabla^2 \sqrt{n_0}}{n_0} \right] = 0$$

3. Employ acoustic approximation

$$k \ll \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\xi}$$



Neglect quantum pressure

$$q = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\nabla^2 \sqrt{n_0}}{n_0}$$

$$\boxed{\Gamma_2[\phi] = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2} \int dt d^2r \sqrt{g} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi}$$

Acoustic FLRW-Spacetime

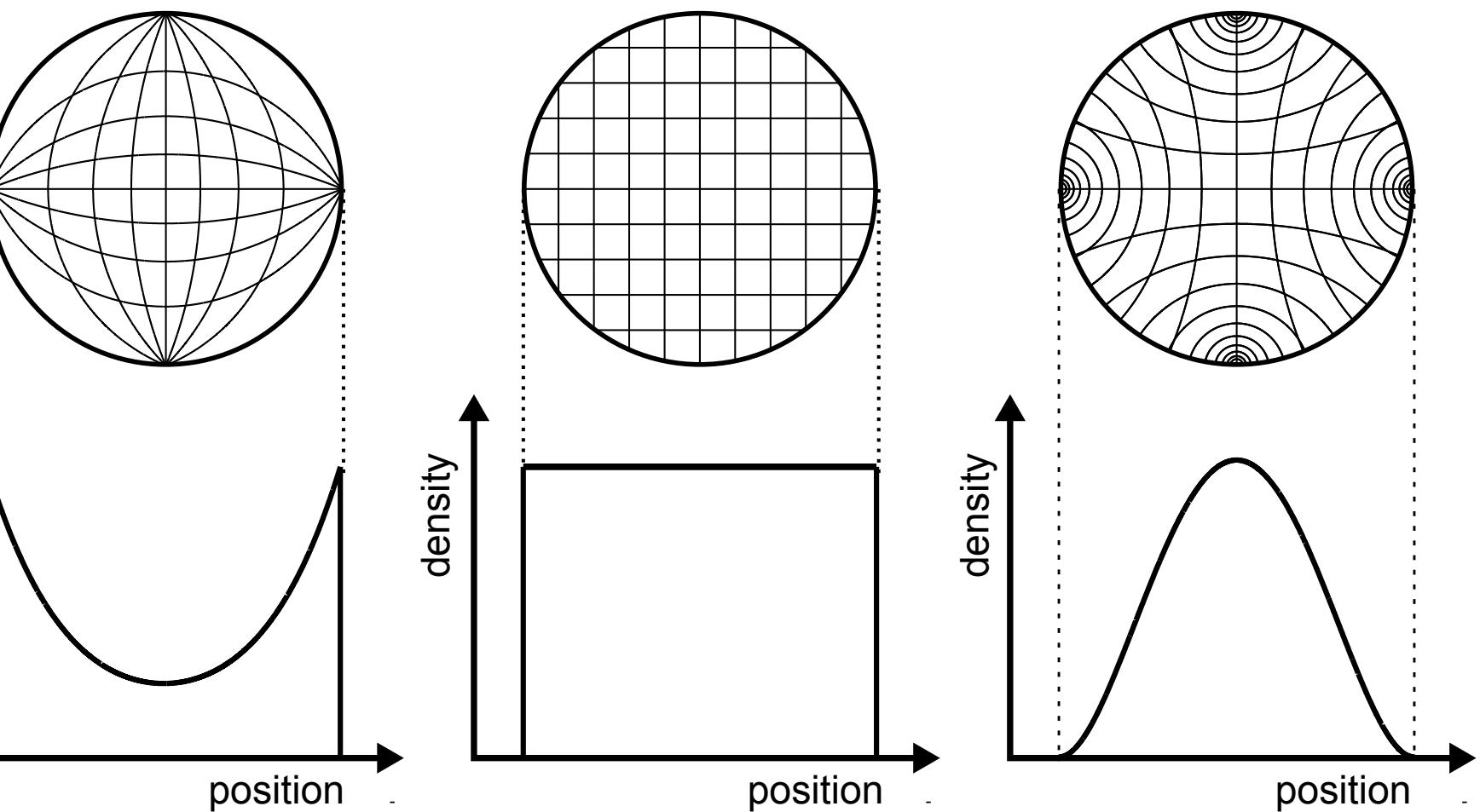
FLRW line-element

BEC as stationary background

$$\mathbf{v}(t, \mathbf{x}) = (\hbar/m) \nabla S_0(t, \mathbf{x}) = 0$$

Isotropic density profile

$$n_0(\mathbf{x}) = \bar{n}_0 \left[1 + \frac{\kappa}{4} r^2 \right]^2$$

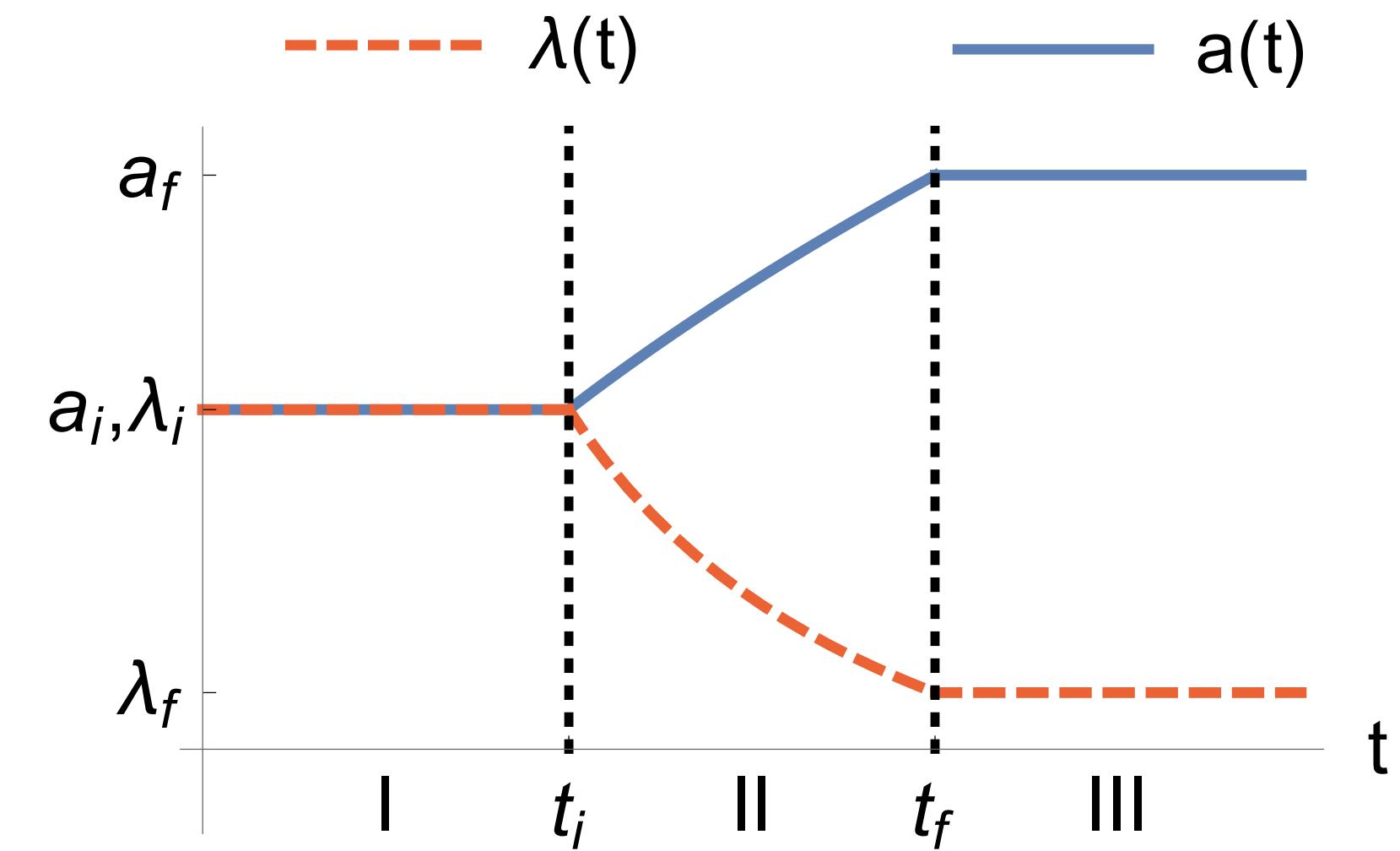


[Simeón et al.(2022),
Viermann et al.(2022)]

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + a^2(t) \left(\frac{du^2}{1 - \kappa u^2} + u^2 d\varphi^2 \right)$$

Analogue scale-factor

$$a^2(t) = \frac{1}{c(t, \mathbf{x} = 0)^2} = \frac{m}{\bar{n}_0} \frac{1}{\lambda(t)}$$



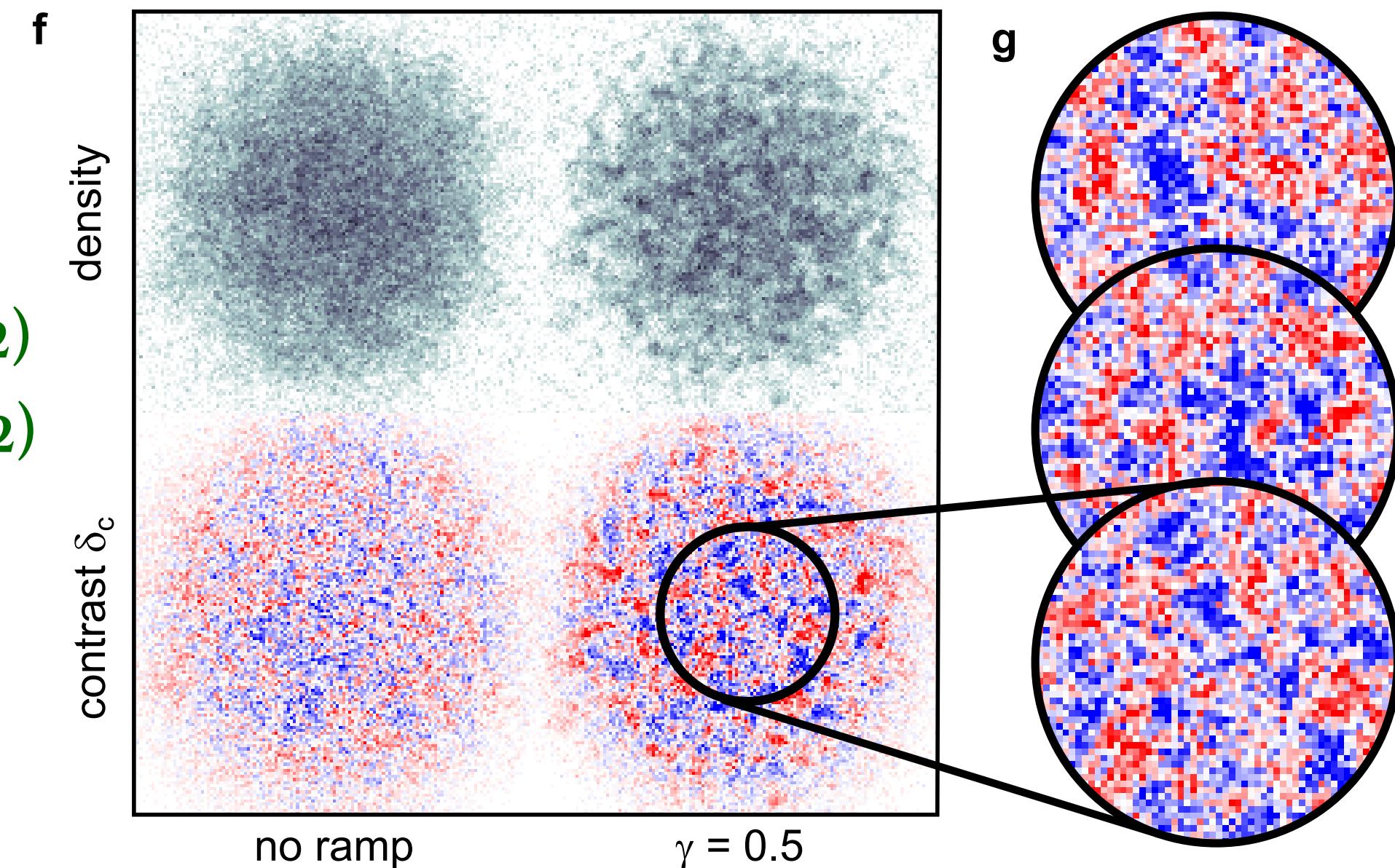
Analogue Cosmological Particle Production

Density-Contrast

$$\delta_c(t, u, \varphi) = \sqrt{\frac{n_0(u)}{\bar{n}_0^3}} [n(t, u, \varphi) - n_0(u)] \sim \partial_t \phi + \mathcal{O}(\phi^2)$$

$$\langle \delta_c(t, u, \varphi) \delta_c(t, u', \varphi') \rangle = \frac{\hbar^2 m}{\lambda_f^2 \bar{n}_0^3} \langle \dot{\phi}(t, u, \varphi) \dot{\phi}(t, u', \varphi') \rangle$$

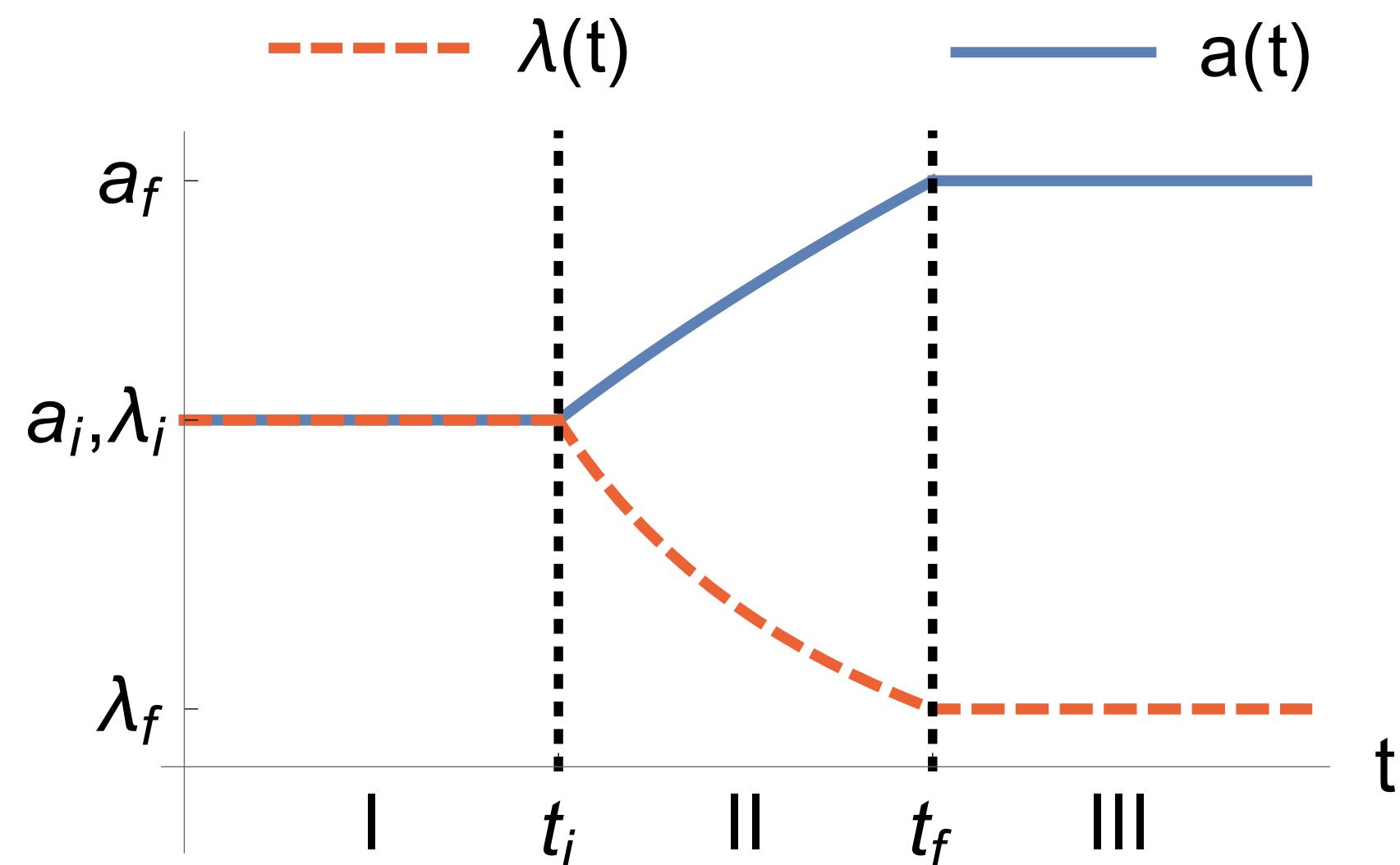
Viermann et al.(2022)
Simeón et al.(2022)



Quasi-particle occupancies measurable through
full density-contrast correlations

Power Spectrum

$$\frac{1}{2} \langle 0 | \{ \dot{\phi}(t, x), \dot{\phi}(t, x') \} | 0 \rangle_c = \int_k \mathcal{F}(k, L) \frac{\sqrt{-h(k)}}{a_f^3} S_k(t)$$



(Analogue) Cosmological Particle Production as a Scattering Problem

Mode equation

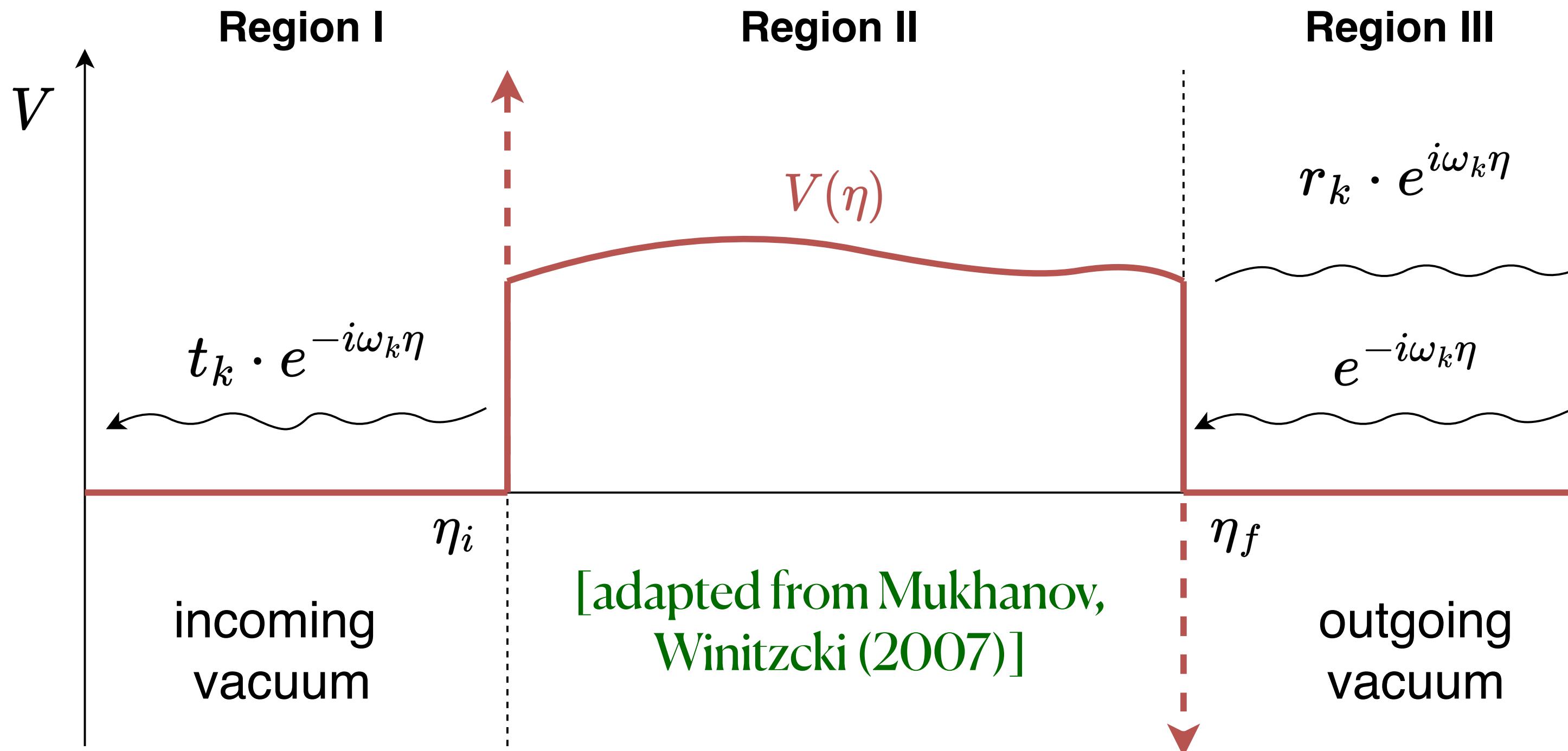
$$\left[-\frac{d^2}{d\eta^2} + V(\eta) \right] \psi_k(\eta) = -h(k)\psi_k(\eta)$$

$$\eta = \int \frac{dt}{a(t)} = \int c_s(t) dt$$

$$V(\eta) = -a^2(\eta) [m^2 + \xi R(\eta)] + \frac{D-1}{2} \left[\frac{a''(\eta)}{a(\eta)} - \frac{3-D}{2} \left(\frac{a'(\eta)}{a(\eta)} \right)^2 \right]$$

Eigenenergies

$$h(k) = \begin{cases} -k \left[k + (D-1)\sqrt{|\kappa|} \right] & \text{for } \kappa > 0 \\ -k^2 & \text{for } \kappa = 0 \\ - \left[k^2 + \left(\frac{D-1}{2} \right)^2 |\kappa| \right] & \text{for } \kappa < 0 \end{cases}$$



[CFS, Lopez, Simeón, Flörchinger, Oberthaler group (in preparation)]

(Analogue) Cosmological Particle Production as a Scattering Problem

Offset

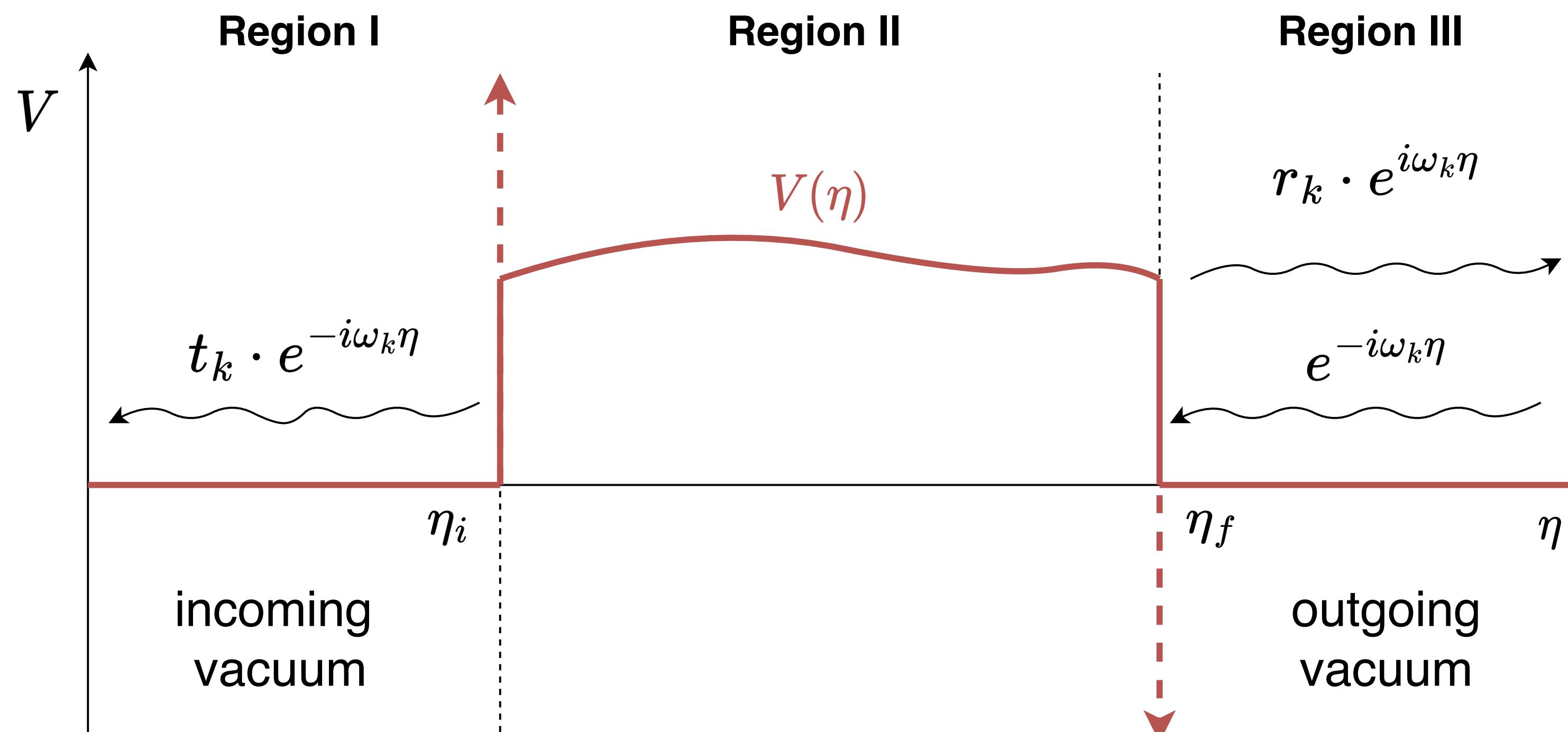
$$N_k = \left| \frac{r_k}{t_k} \right|^2$$

Power Spectrum

$$S_k(t) = \frac{1}{2} + N_k + \Delta N_k^0 \cos(2\omega_k \eta(t) + \vartheta_k)$$

Amplitude

$$\Delta N_k^0 = \left| \frac{r_k}{t_k^2} \right|$$



Phase

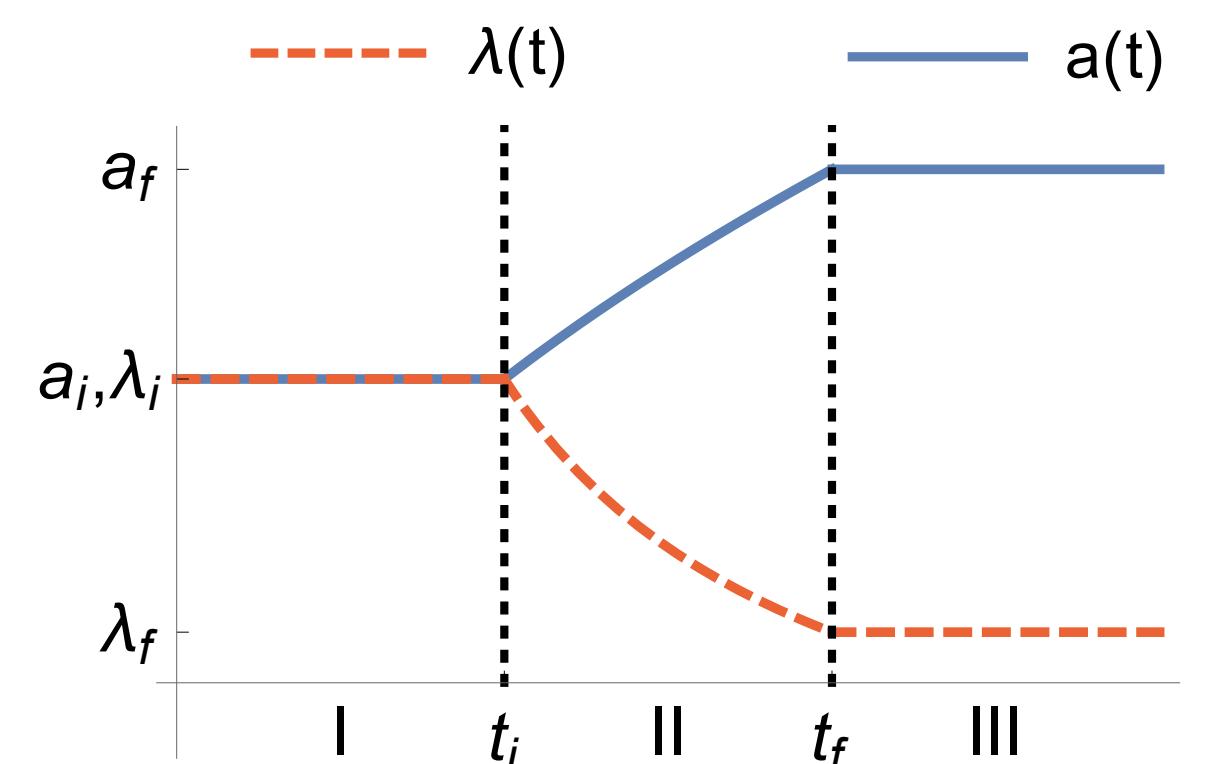
$$\vartheta_k = \arg(-r_k e^{-2i\omega_k \eta_f})$$

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Quantum Simulation of Cosmological Scattering Potentials

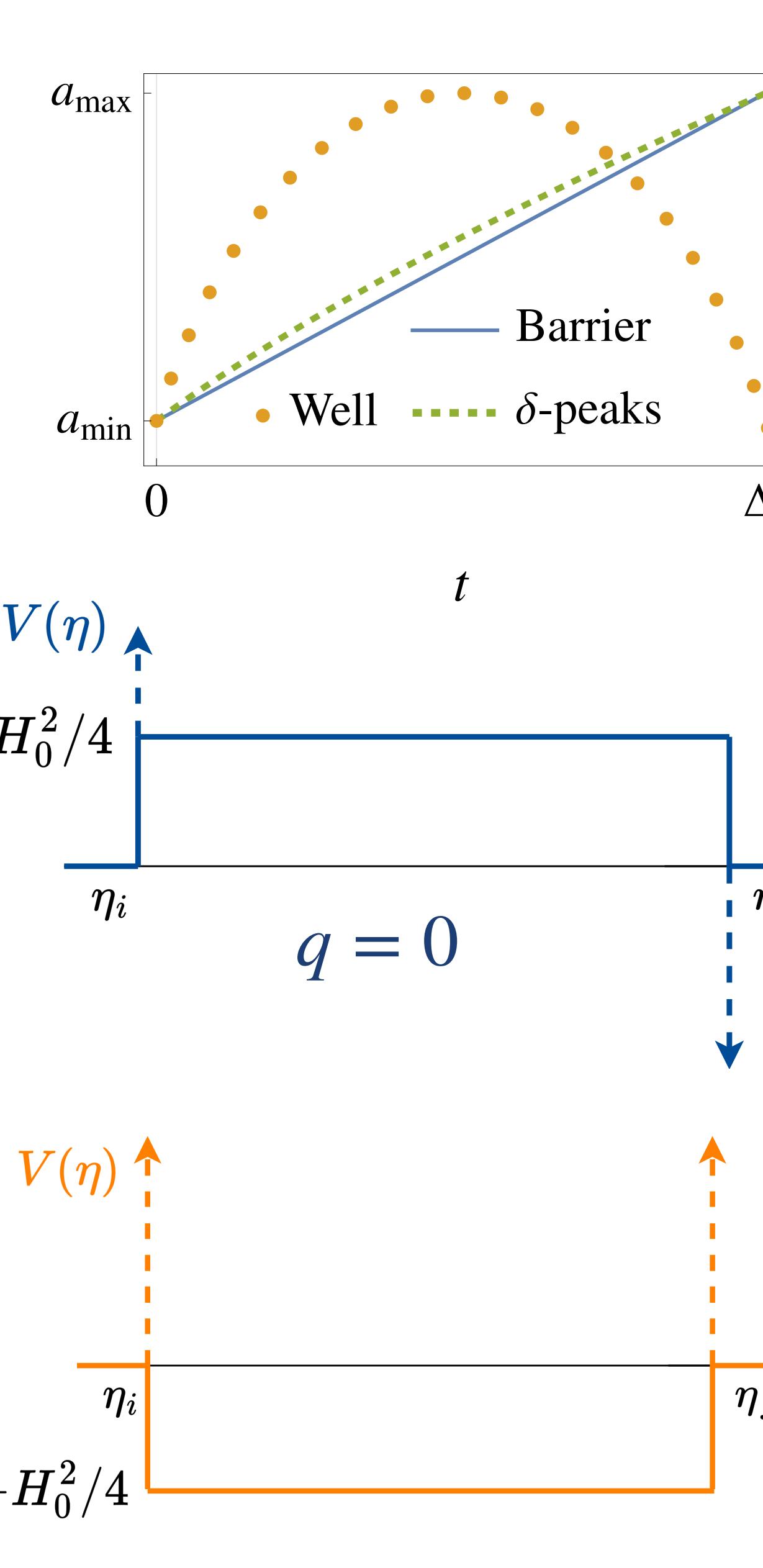
Focus on minimally coupled, massless fields in
 $D = 2$ spatial dimensions

$$V(\eta) = -\frac{1}{4} \left(\frac{a'(\eta)}{a(\eta)} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{a''(\eta)}{a(\eta)} = \frac{m}{4\bar{n}_0} \left(\frac{7}{4} \frac{\dot{\lambda}(t)^2}{\lambda(t)^3} - \frac{\ddot{\lambda}(t)}{\lambda(t)^2} \right)$$



Discontinuous transitions imply singular contributions

$$V_s(\eta) = \frac{\dot{a}(t(\eta))}{2} [\delta(\eta - \eta_i) - \delta(\eta - \eta_f)]$$



Power law

$$a(t) = [1 + (q + 1)H_0 t]^{\frac{1}{q+1}}$$

Designed with

$$y''(\eta) - V(\eta)y(\eta) = 0$$

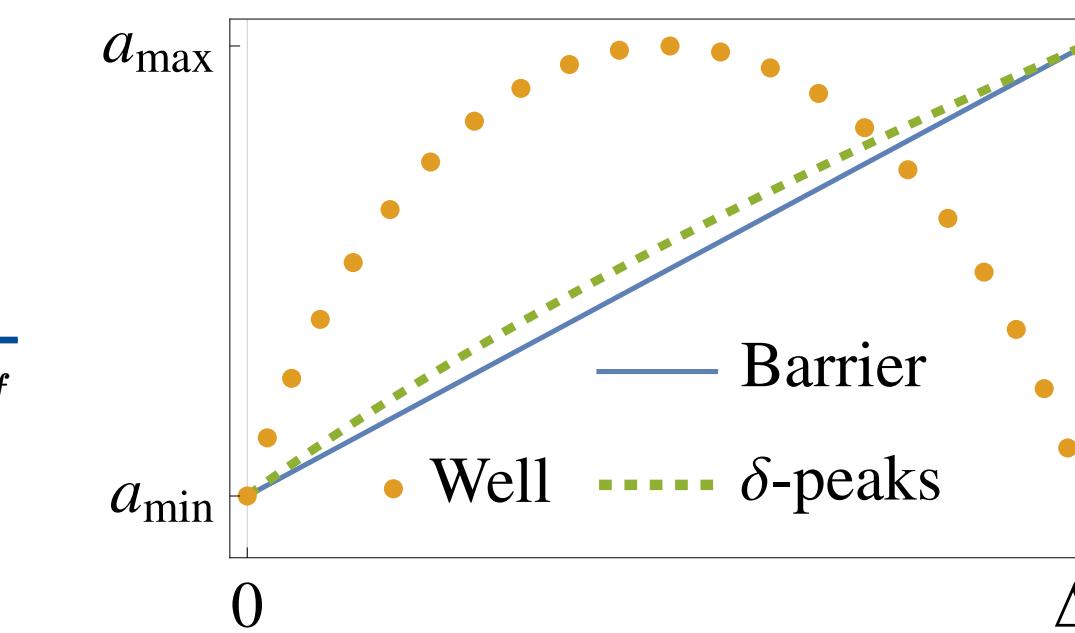
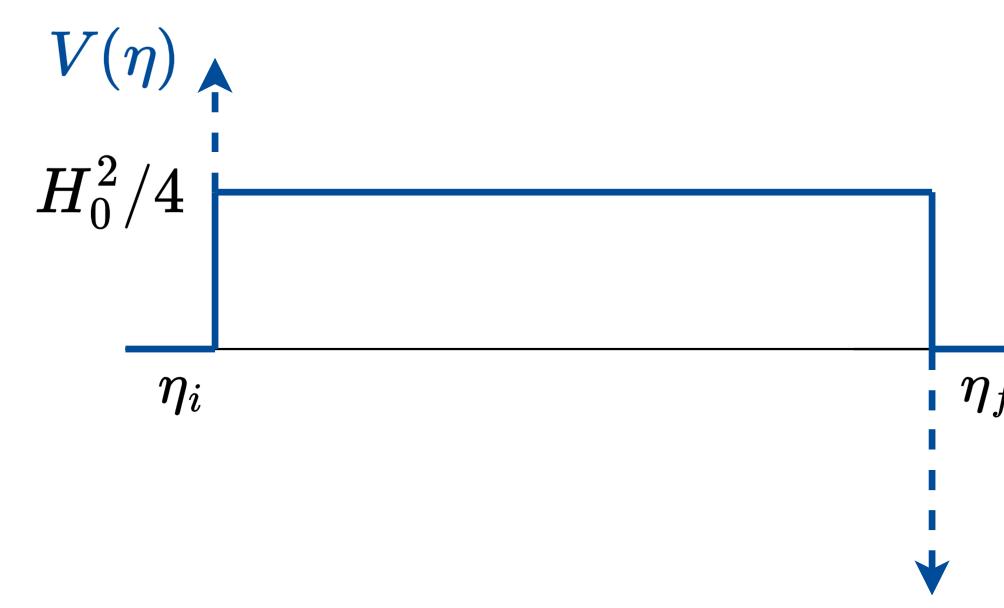
where

$$y(\eta) \propto a(\eta)^{1/2}$$

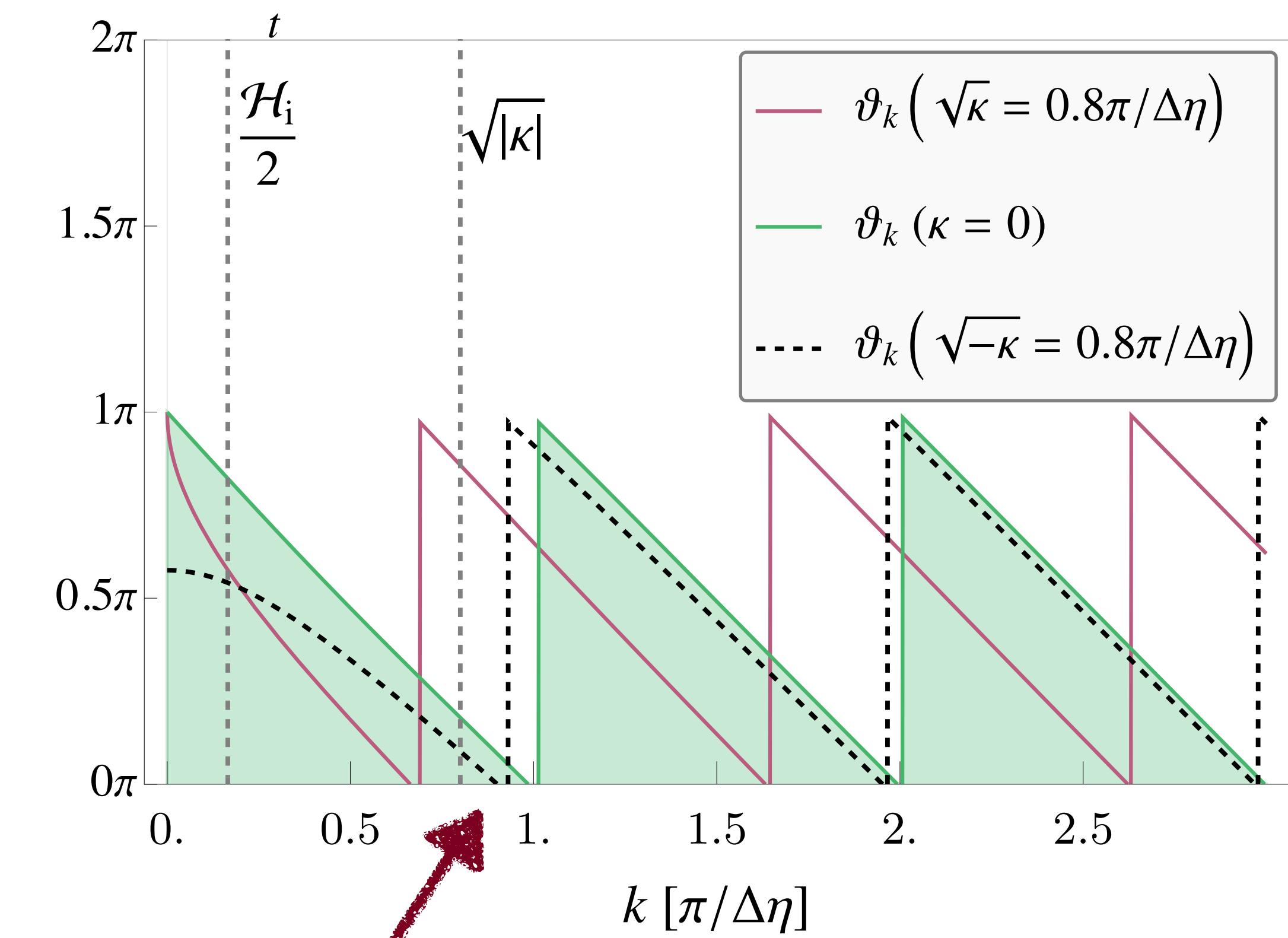
as zero-energy resonance

Results:

Offset, Amplitude



Phase



Resonance near continuum threshold
[Senn (1988), Boya (2008)]

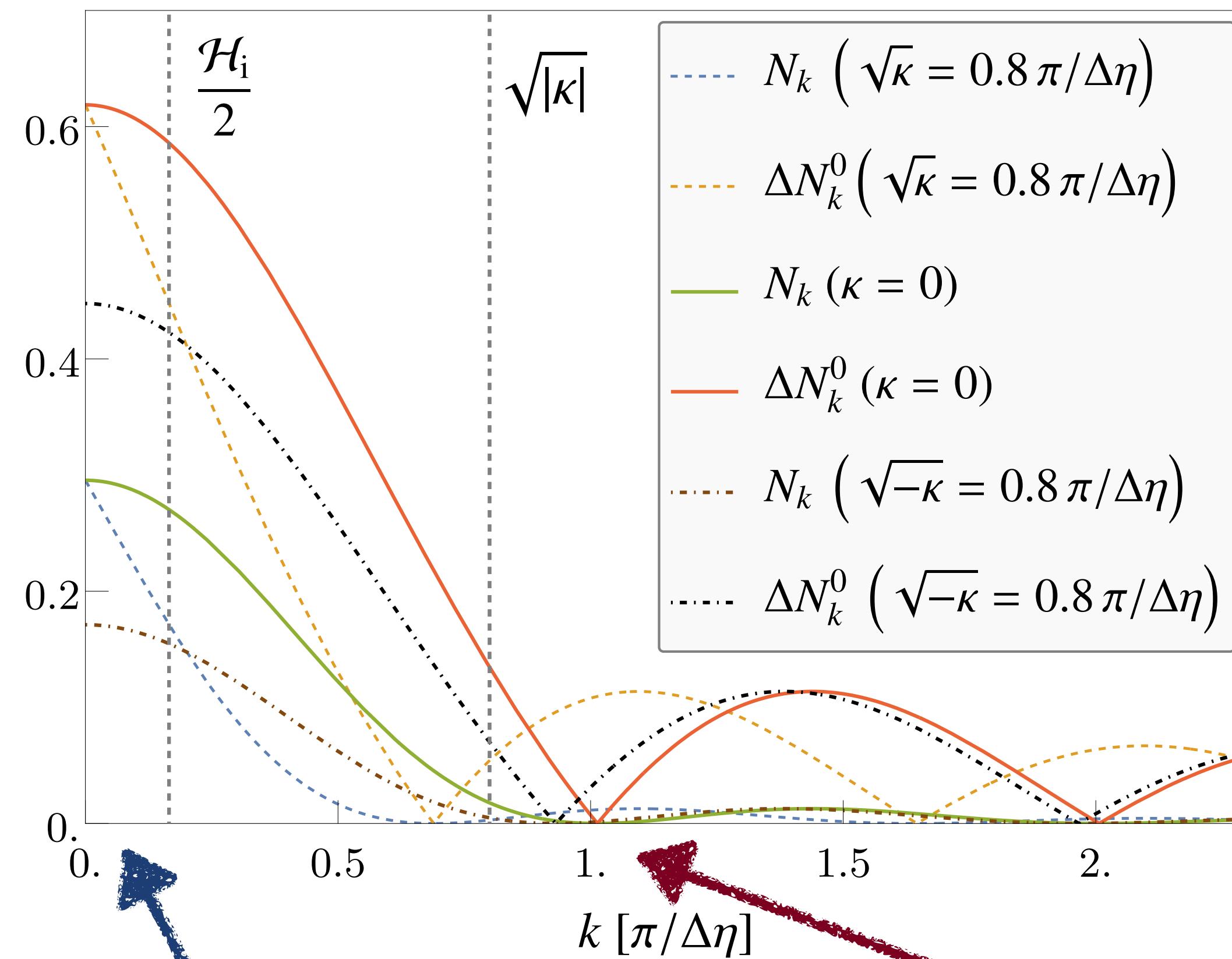
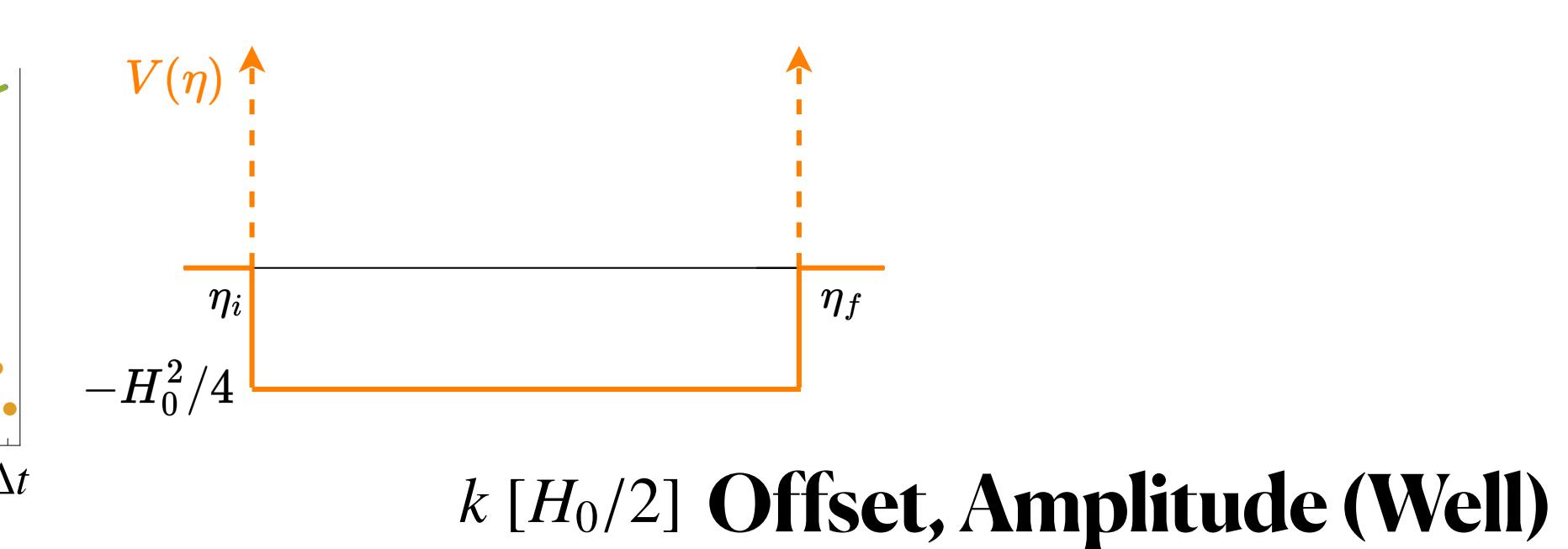
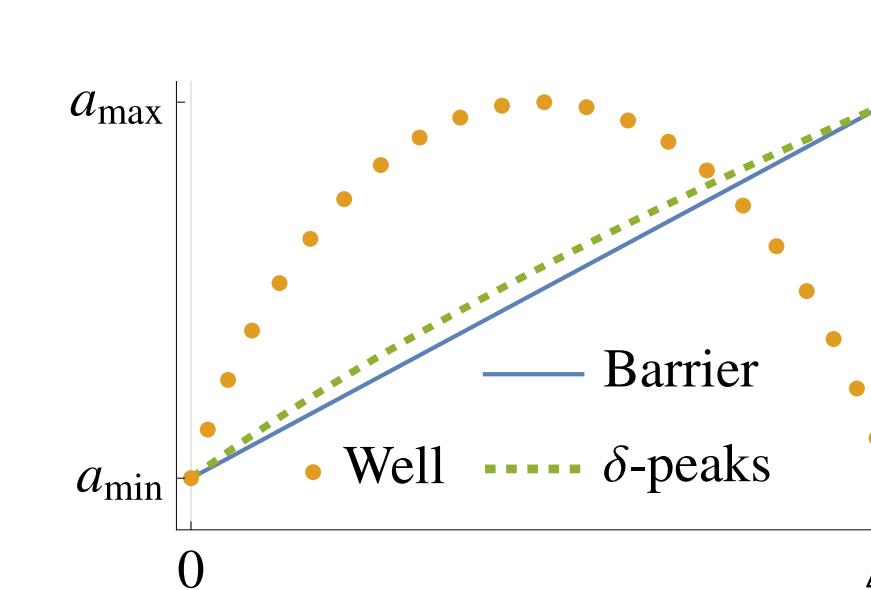
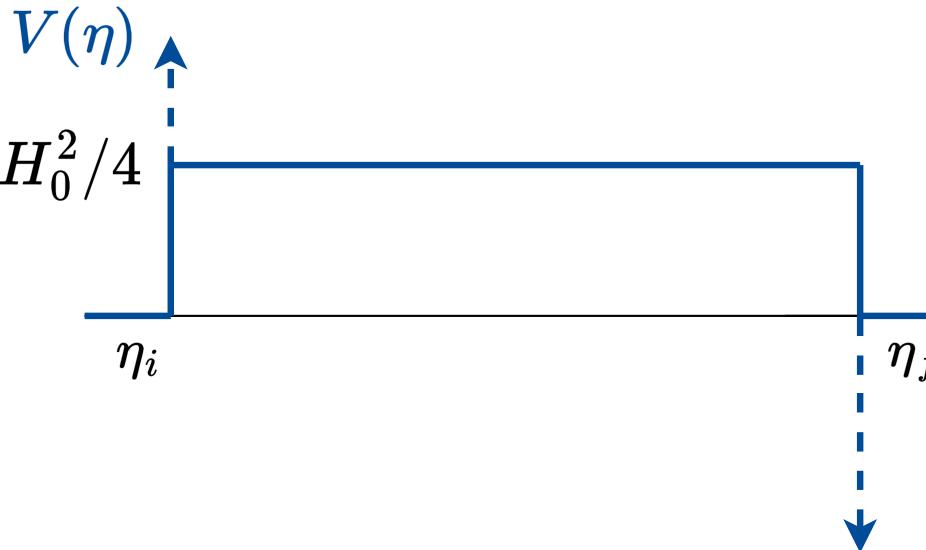
Resonant forward scattering

$$\sqrt{-h(k) - H_0^2/4} \Delta\eta = n\pi$$

$$h(k) = \begin{cases} -k \left[k + (D-1)\sqrt{|\kappa|} \right] & \text{for } \kappa > 0 \\ -k^2 & \text{for } \kappa = 0 \\ -\left[k^2 + \left(\frac{D-1}{2} \right)^2 |\kappa| \right] & \text{for } \kappa < 0 \end{cases}$$

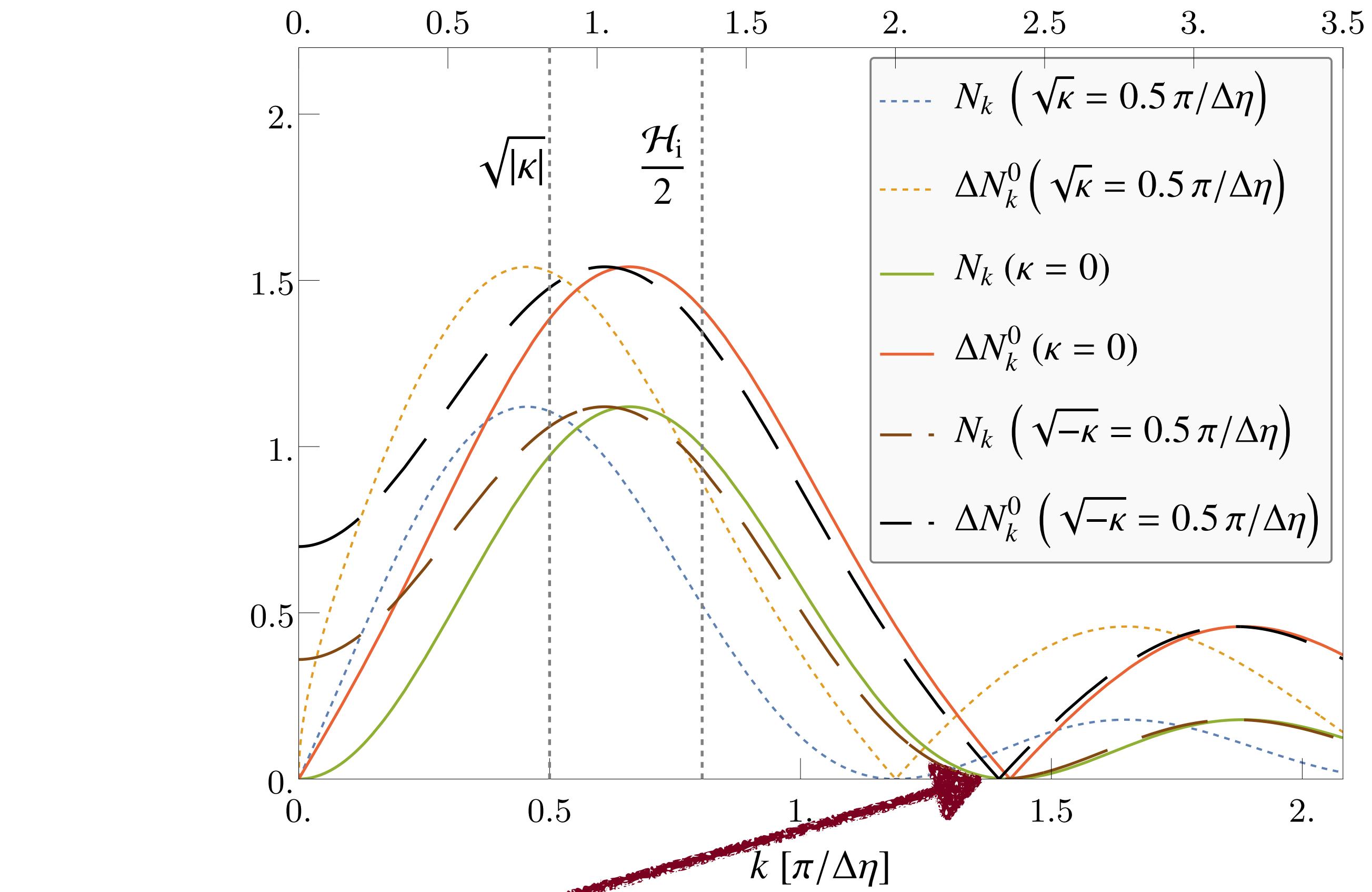
Results:

Offset, Amplitude (Barrier)



Resonance near continuum threshold

[Senn (1988), Boya (2008)]

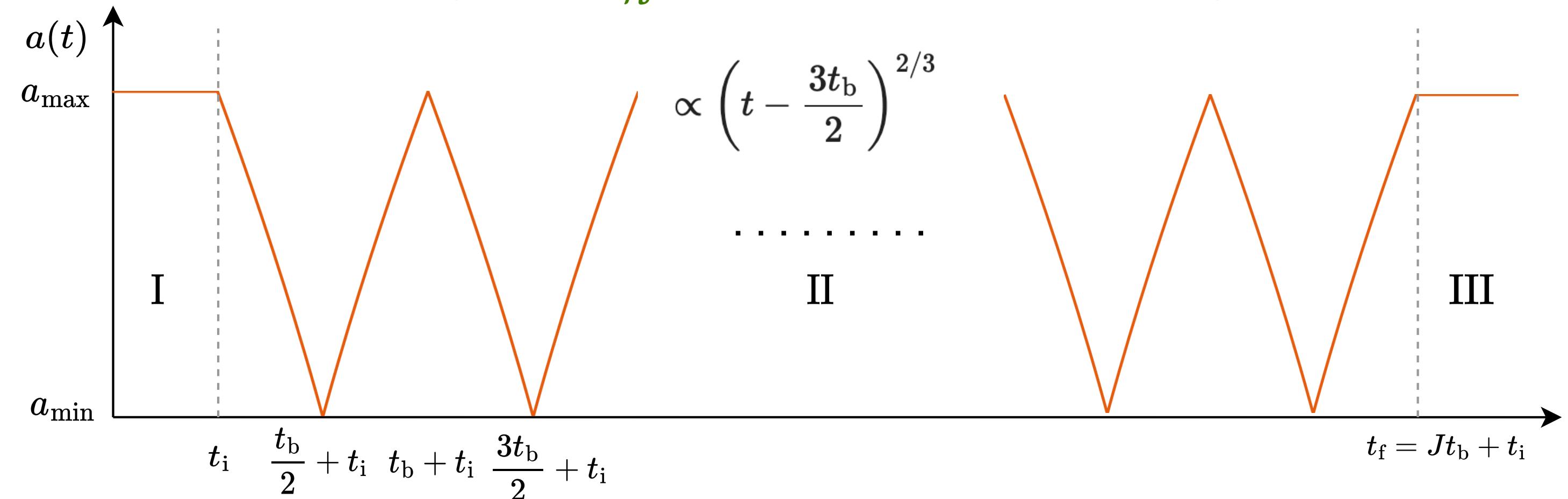
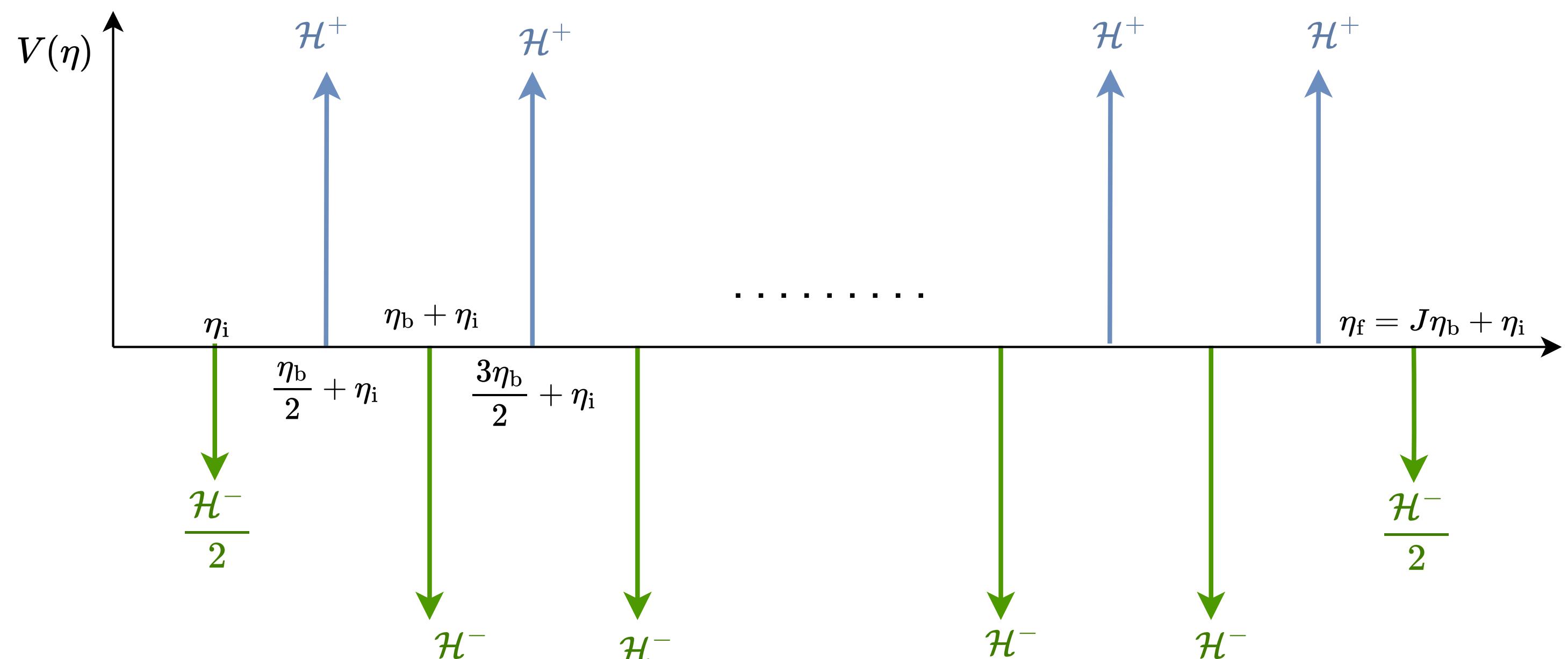
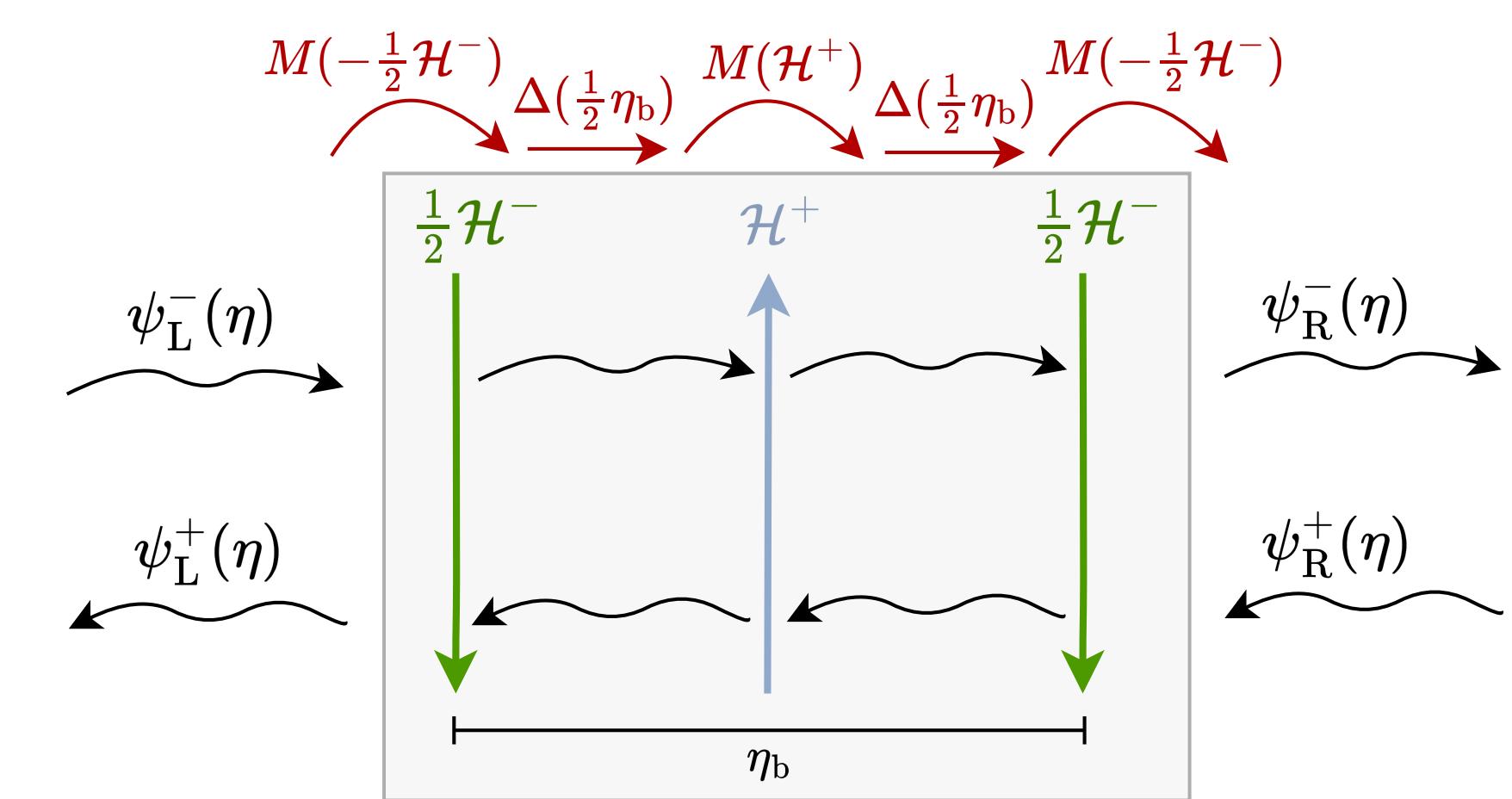


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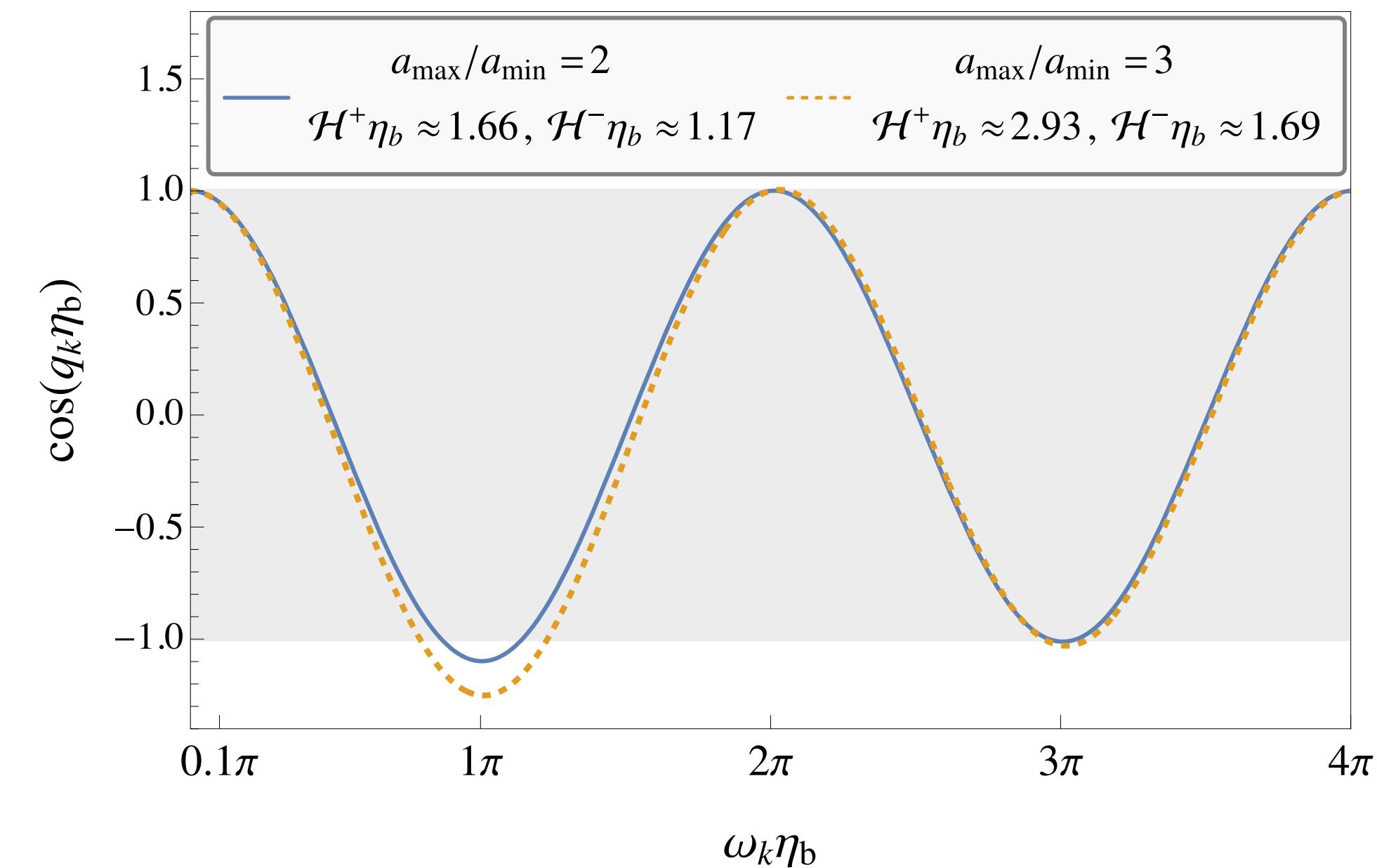
Periodical Cosmological Scattering Potentials

Transfer matrix method

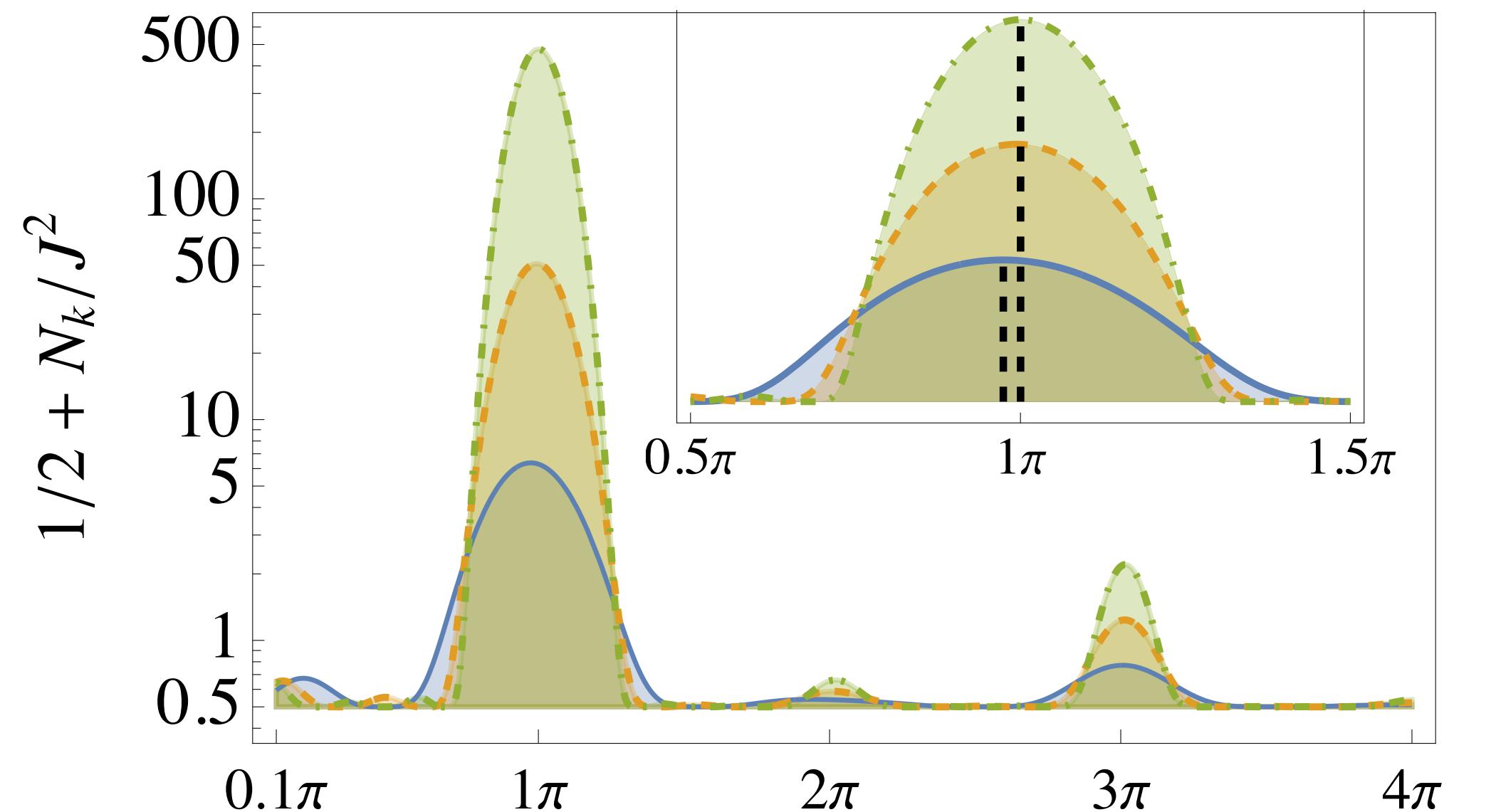


$$\cos(q_k \eta_b) = \cos(\omega_k \eta_b) + \left(\frac{\mathcal{H}^+}{2\omega_k} - \frac{\mathcal{H}^-}{2\omega_k} \right) \sin(\omega_k \eta_b) - \frac{\mathcal{H}^+ \mathcal{H}^-}{2\omega_k^2} \sin^2 \left(\frac{1}{2} \omega_k \eta_b \right)$$

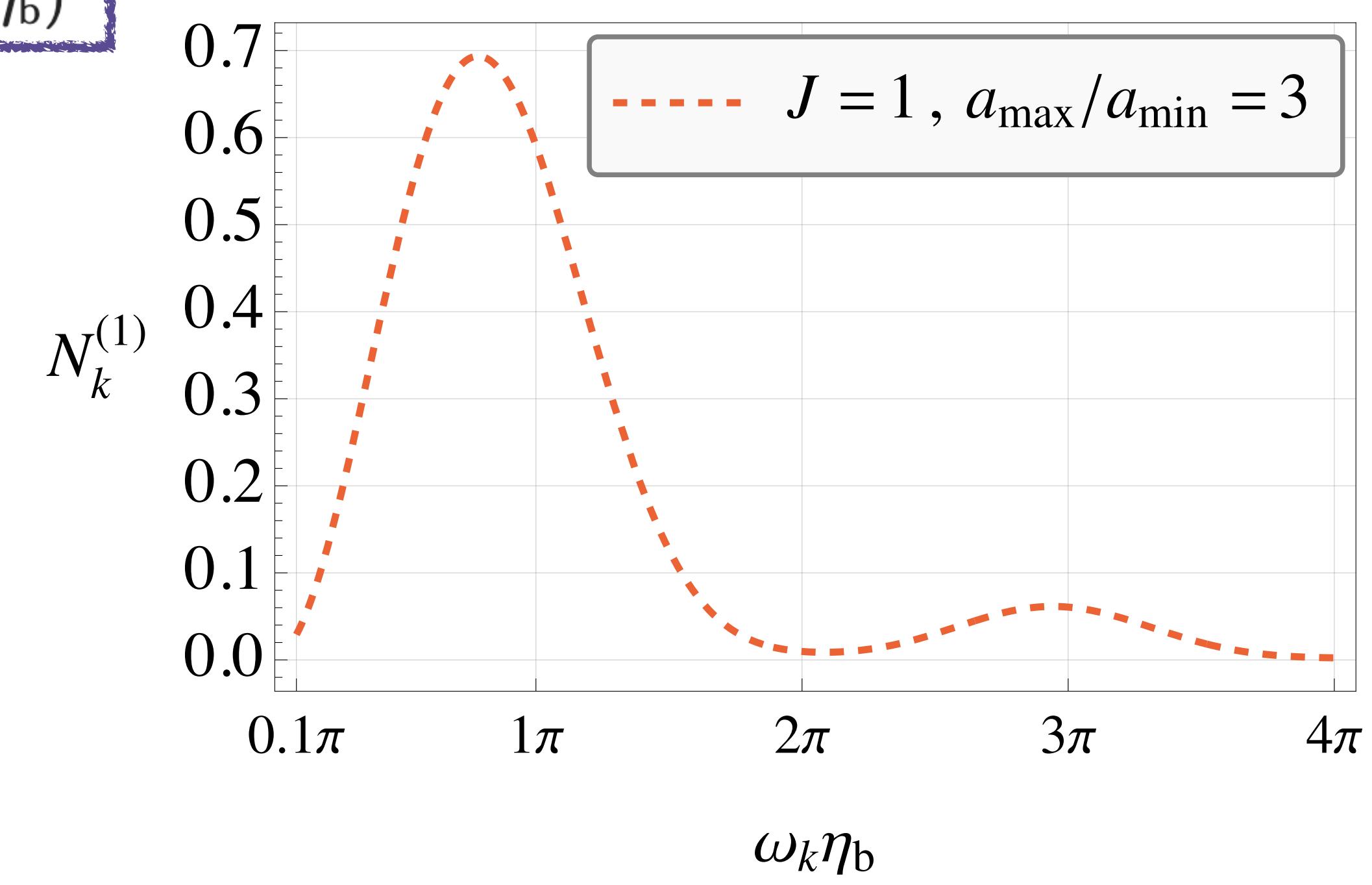
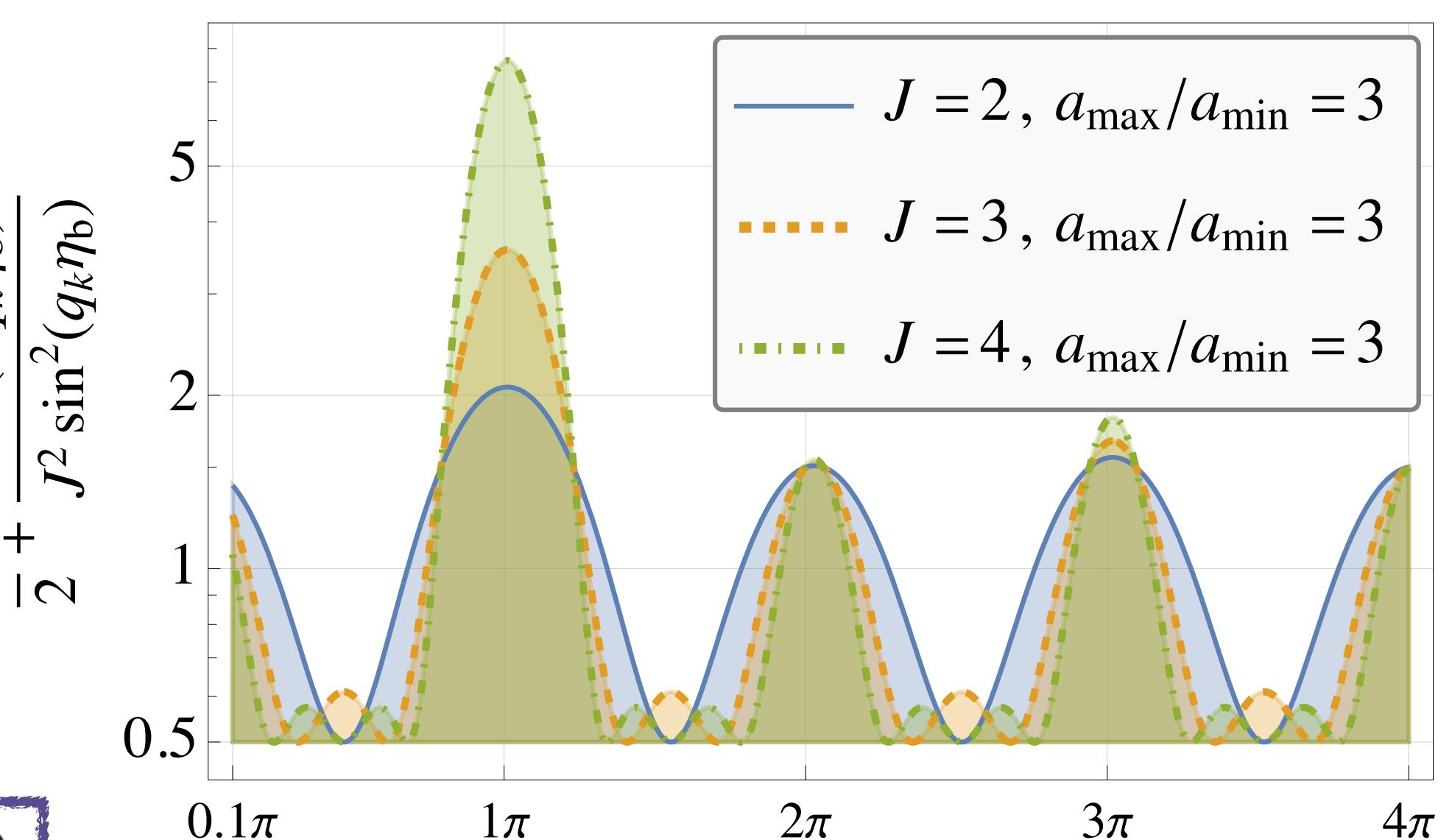
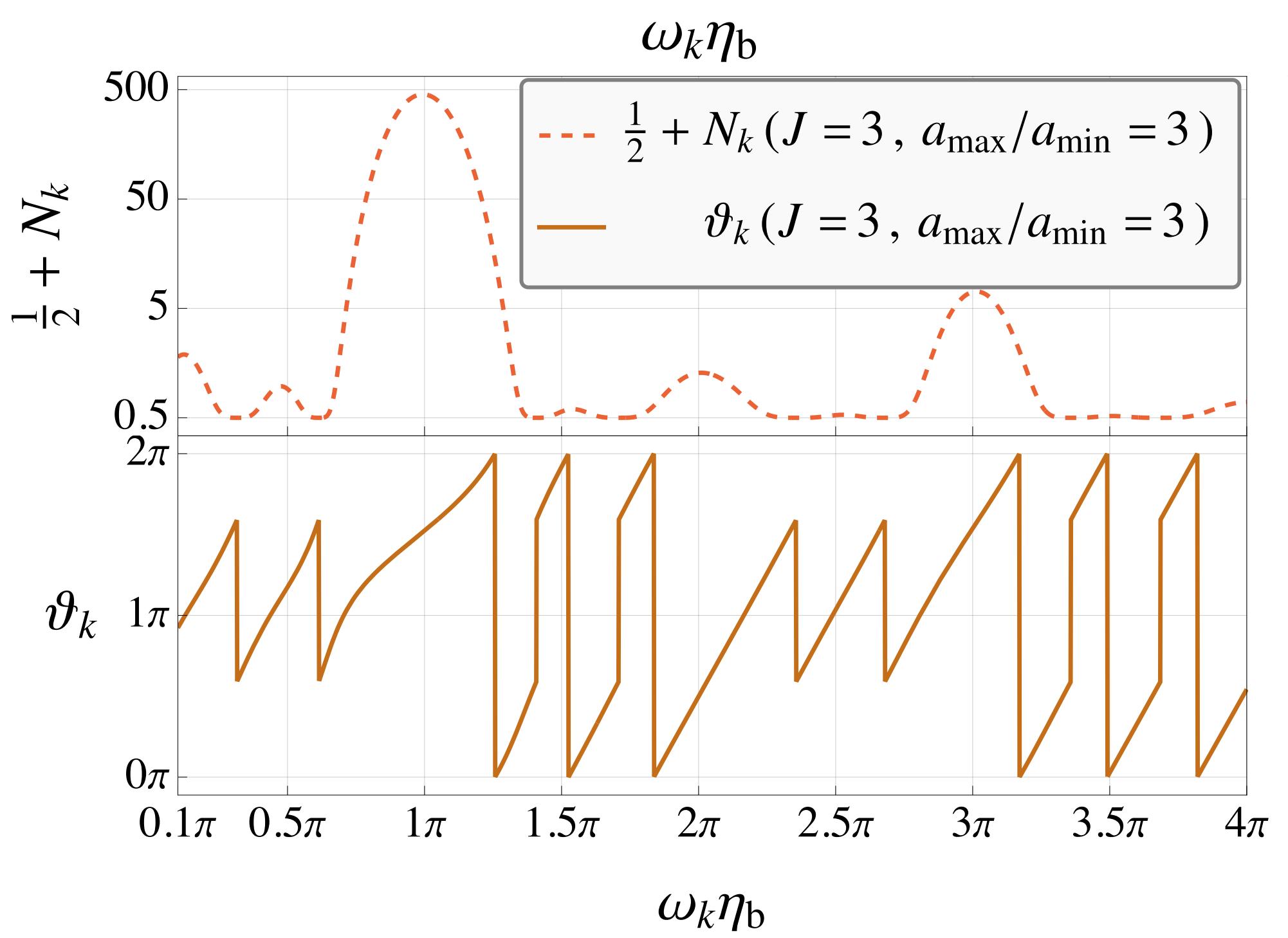
Gapped band structure



Periodical Cosmological Scattering Potentials

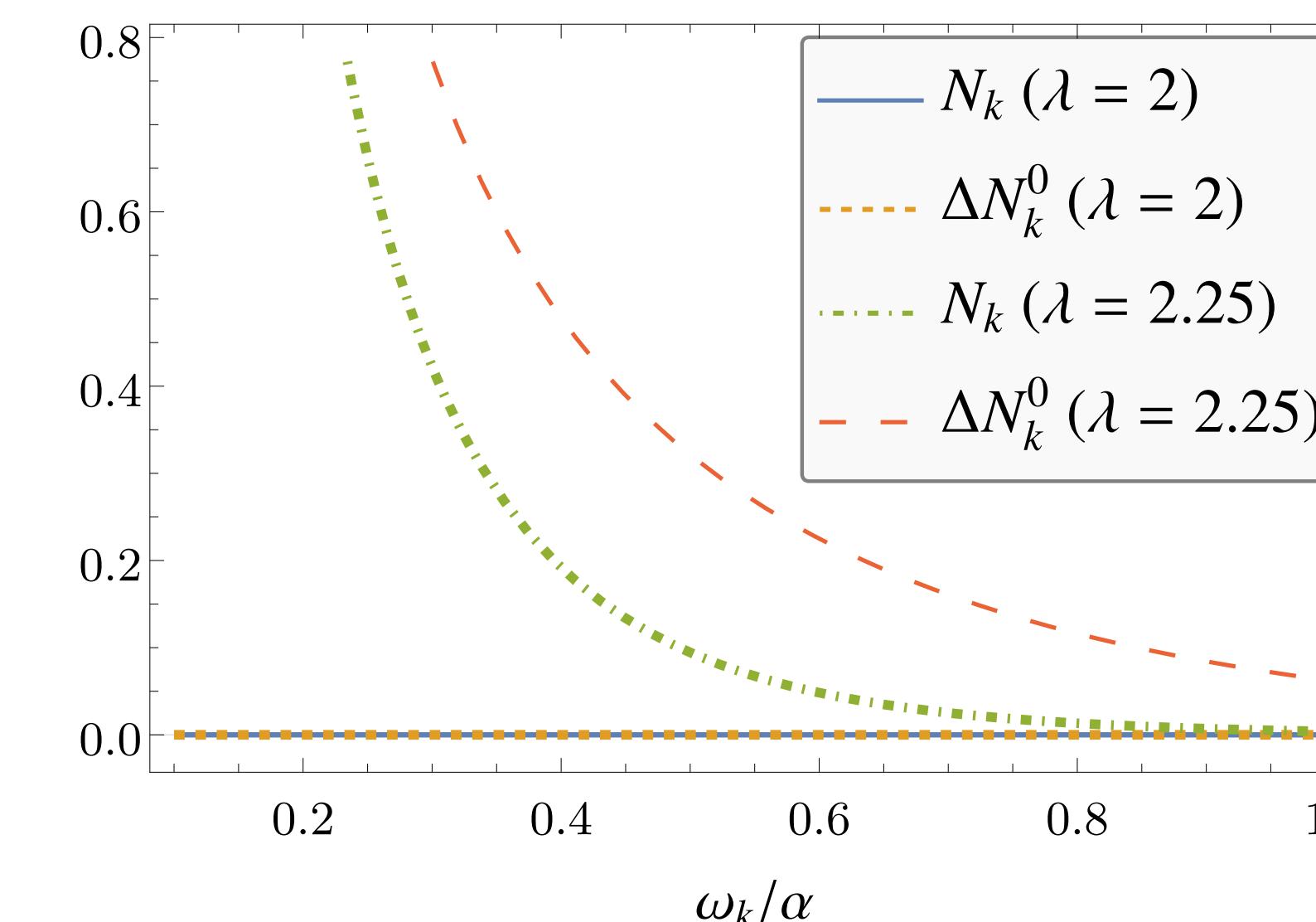
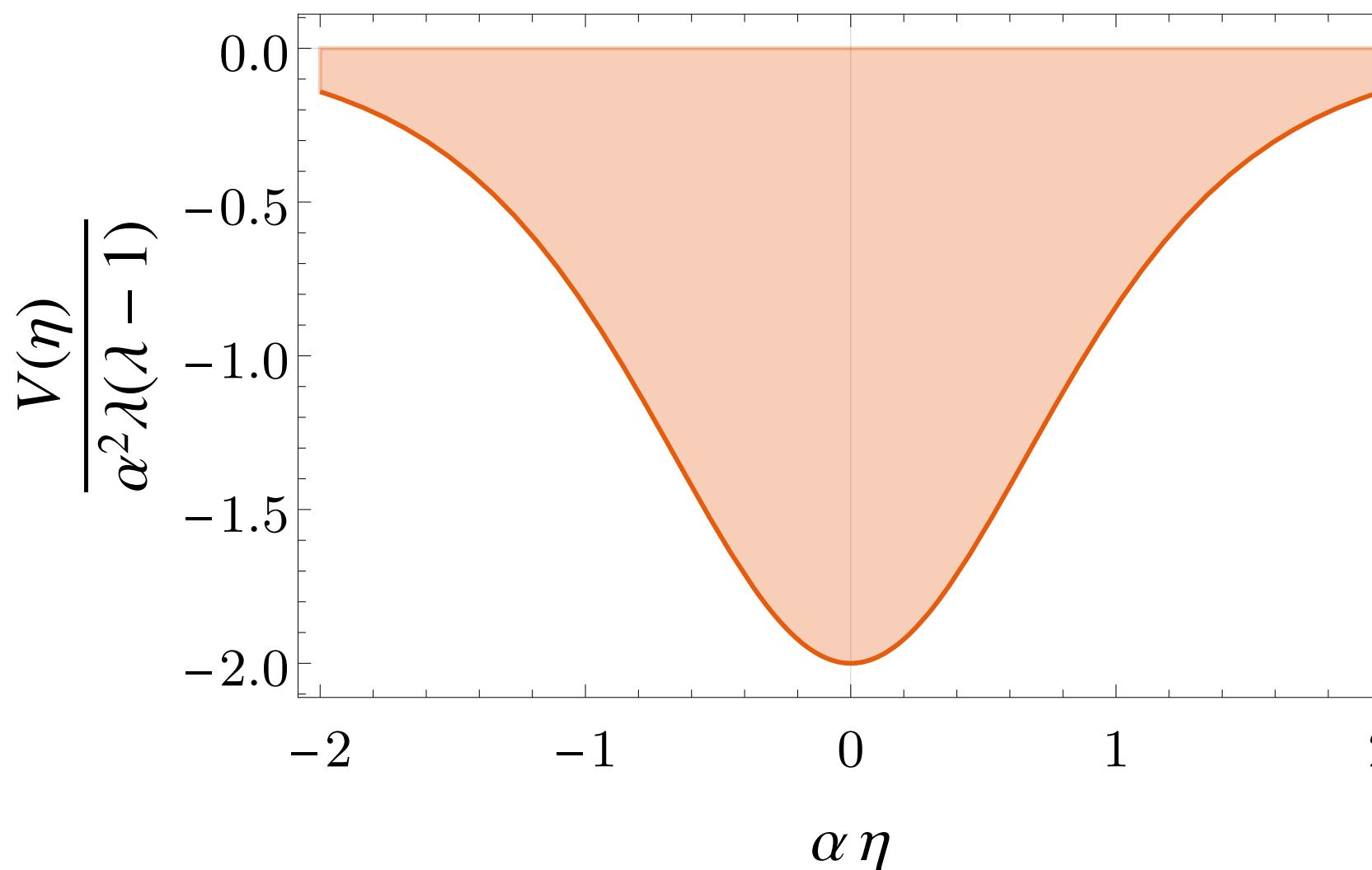


$$N_k = N_k^{(1)} \frac{\sin^2(J q_k \eta_b)}{\sin^2(q_k \eta_b)}$$

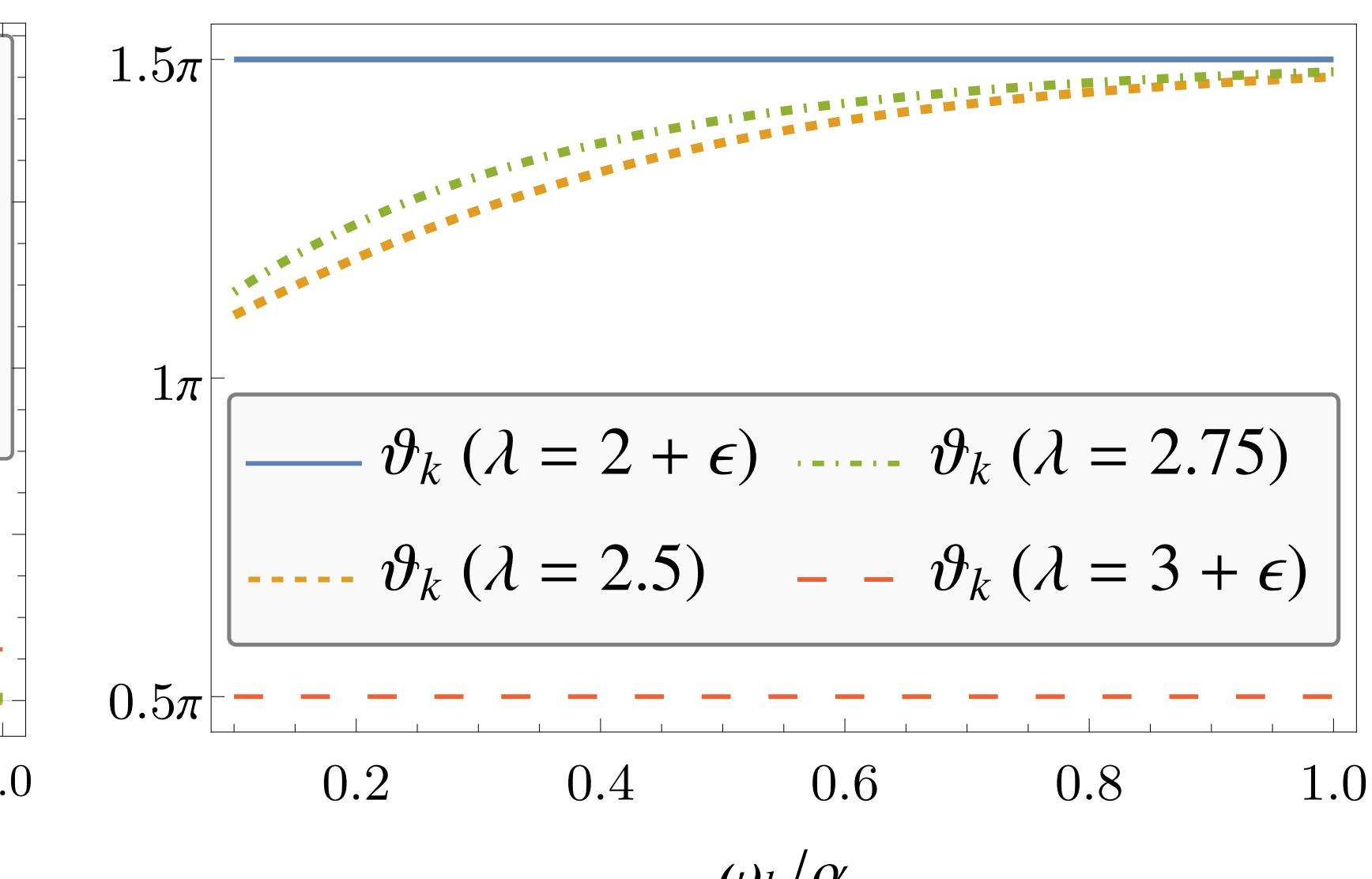


Invariant Cosmological Vacua through Transparant Potentials

Poeschl-Teller potential $V(\eta) = -\alpha^2 \lambda(\lambda - 1) \operatorname{sech}^2(\alpha\eta)$



Spectrum



$$a(\eta) = [c_1 P_{\lambda-1}(\tanh \alpha\eta) + c_2 Q_{\lambda-1}(\tanh \alpha\eta)]^{2/(D-1)}$$

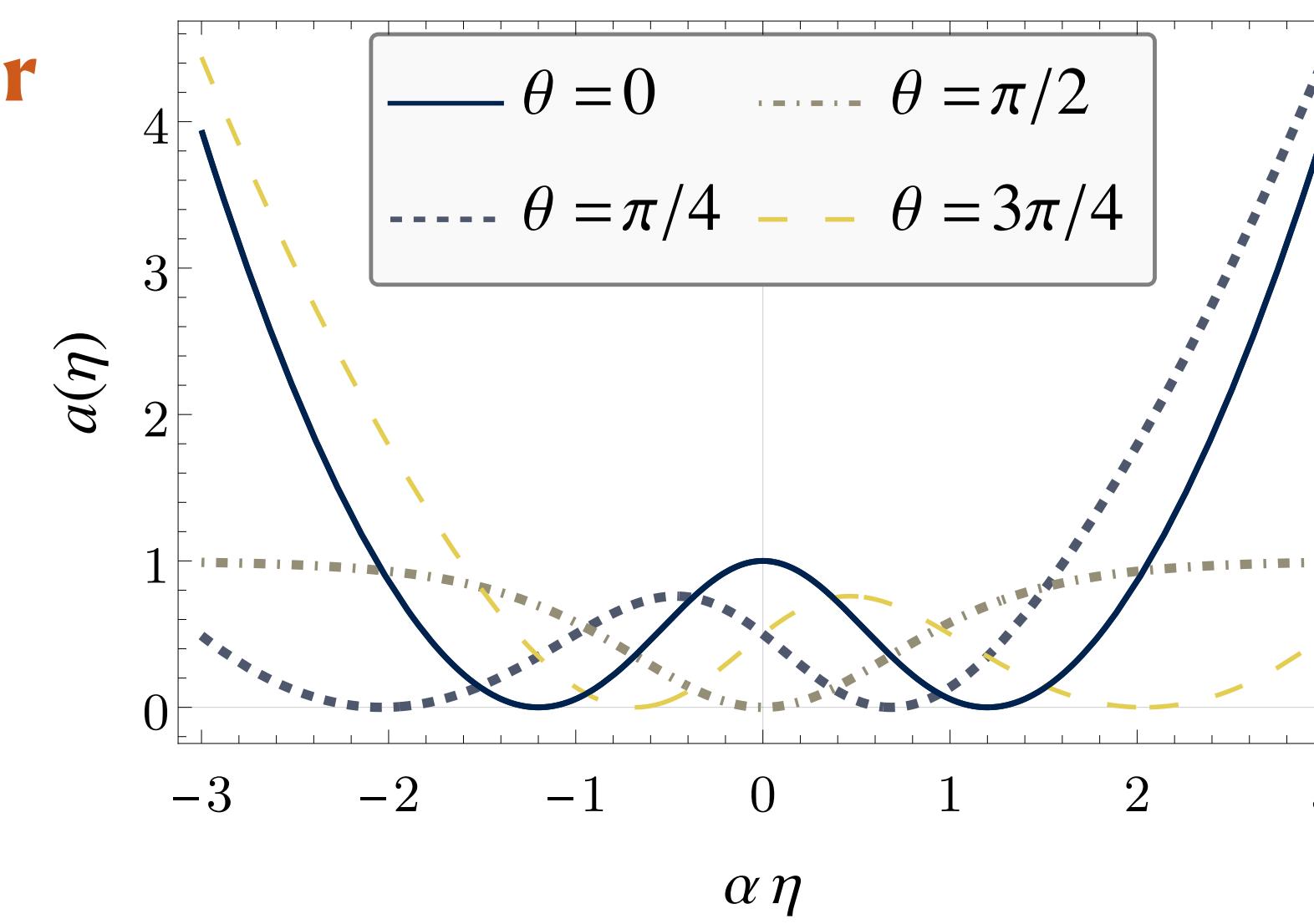
Scale factor

$$D = 2$$

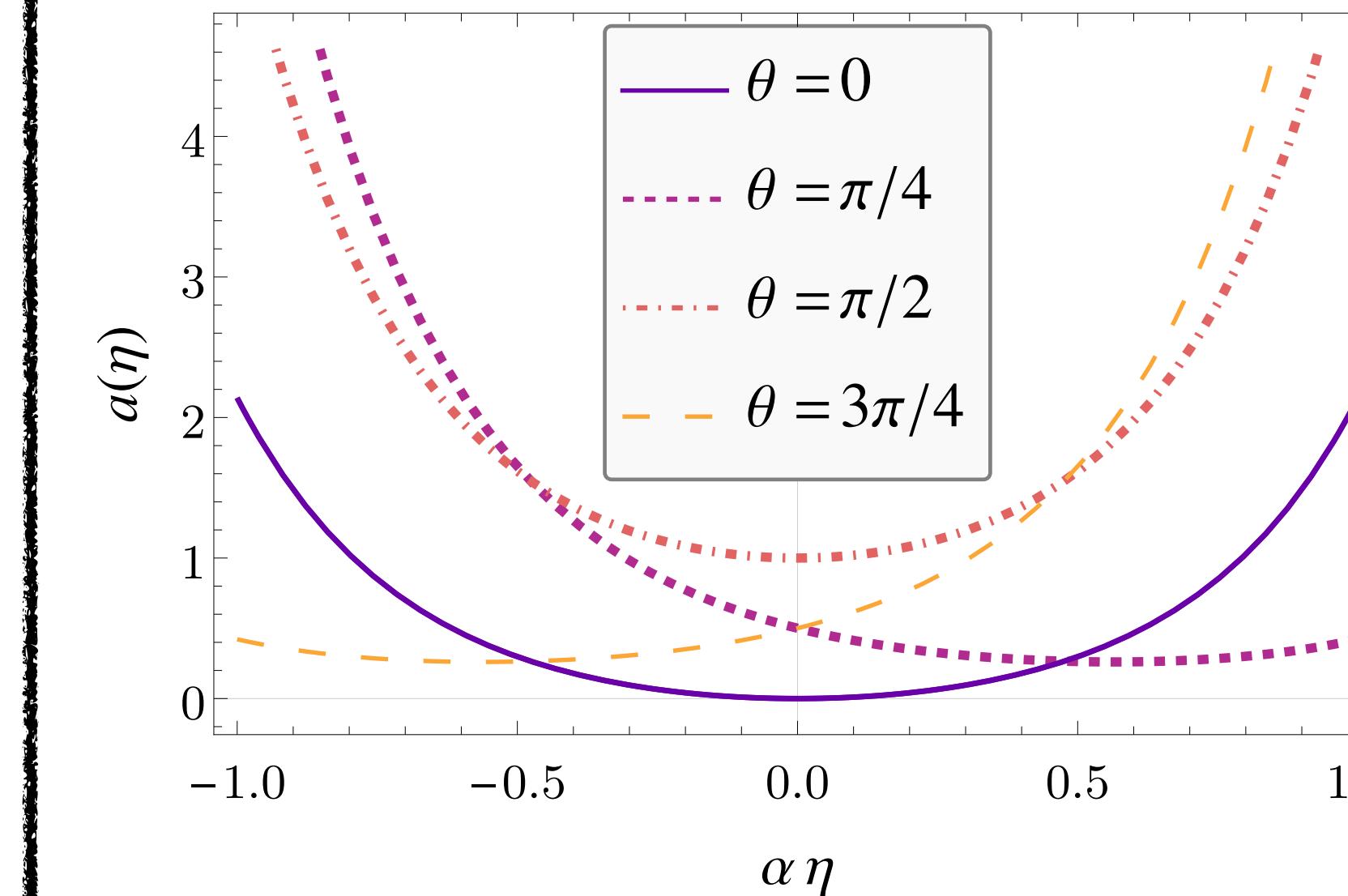
$$\lambda = 2$$

$$c_1 = \cos \theta$$

$$c_2 = \sin \theta$$



$$\text{Continuum shift: } V(\eta) = \alpha^2 \lambda^2 - \alpha^2 \lambda(\lambda - 1) \operatorname{sech}^2(\alpha\eta)$$



Constant eff. mass (asympt.):

$$\omega_k^2 \rightarrow \omega_k^2 + (\alpha\lambda)^2$$

Invariant Cosmological Vacua through Transparent Potentials

Generalized transparent potentials [Kay,Moses (1956)]

$$\begin{aligned} V(\eta) &= -2 \frac{d^2}{d\eta^2} \log \det[\mathbb{1} + A(\eta)] \\ &= -4 \sum_{m=1}^N \kappa_m \psi_m^2(\eta) \end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{A}_{nm} = \frac{\sqrt{A_n A_m}}{\kappa_n + \kappa_m} \exp\{(\kappa_n + \kappa_m)\eta\}$$

- Bound-state energies
 $-\kappa_m^2$

Correspond to **Solitons of Korteweg-deVries-hierarchy** [e.g. Gardner et al. (1974)]

Transparent property related to integrability of
inverse scattering transform:

Scattering amplitudes

+

Bound state energies



Scattering potential

Gelfand, Levitan (1955); Marchenko (1955)

Future avenues

Inverse Scattering Theory and Isospectrality:

1. Infer cosmological evolution from power spectrum
2. Isospectral scattering potentials [Cooper,Khare,Sukhatme (1995), Dunne, Feinberg (1998)]



Iso-spectral QFTCS (different coupling to background)

Full Mode Dispersion:

Beyond healing-length: Bogoliubov dispersion [Bogoliubov (1946),Volovik (2009)]

Corresponds to Corley-Jacobson dispersion as UV-completion **Transplanckian Problem**
[Corley, Jacobson (1996); Martin, Brandenberger (2002)]

Analogue rainbow metric

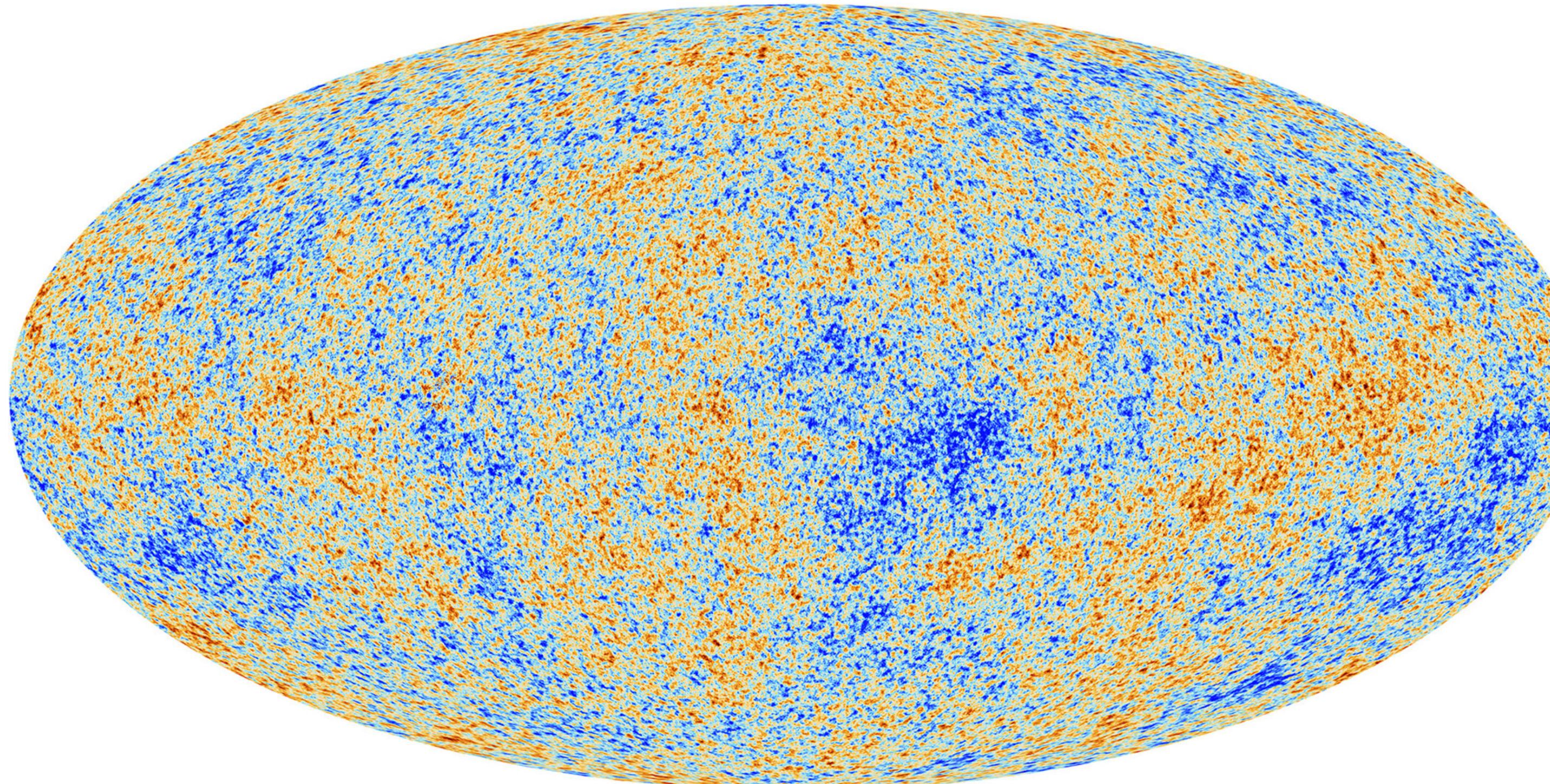
Cosmological Particle Production [e.g. Weinfurtner et al. (2008)]
Hawking radiation [e.g. Coutant, Weinfurtner (2017)]

Non-linear mode interaction in BEC:

Dissipation effects [e.g. Micheli,Robertson (2023)]

Quantum entanglement of two-mode-squeezed states

Primordial Cosmological Perturbations



Source: ESA/Planck Collaboration 2018

- Seeds for cosmic structure formation were generated through dynamic background Universe
- e.g Inflation: Minuscule vacuum fluctuations were amplified and stretched beyond cosmological horizon and ceased oscillating
[Mukhanov, Feldman, Brandenberger (1992)]
- Alternatives are possible, e.g Bouncing Cosmologies
[Brandenberger,Peter (2016); Ijjas,Steinhardt (2018)]

- Generation of both scalar and tensor perturbations to metric is essentially captured by massless scalar on FLRW-spacetime
[Martin,Brandenberger(2001); Mukhanov,Winitzki (2013); Brandenberger, Peter (2016)]

BackUp: Primordial Cosmological Perturbations

- Scalar and tensor perturbations to the metric obey (Martin (2008))

$$\frac{d^2\mu_{S,T}(k, \eta)}{d\eta^2} + \omega_{S,T}^2(k, \eta)\mu_{S,T}(k, \eta) = 0 \quad \text{with} \quad \omega_S^2(k, \eta) = k^2 - \frac{(a\sqrt{\gamma})''}{a\sqrt{\gamma}} \quad \omega_T^2(k, \eta) = k^2 - \frac{a''}{a}$$

and

$$\gamma = 1 + \left(\frac{a}{a'}\right)'$$



approximately constant for a wide class of
inflation models
(Power-law-inflation)

Backup: Scattering Analogy of Cosmological Particle Production

Generalize theory

$$\Gamma[\phi] = -\frac{1}{2} \int dt d^Dx \sqrt{g} [\partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi + (m^2 + \xi R) \phi^2]$$

Ricci scalar

Line-element

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + a^2(t) \left[\frac{du^2}{1 - \kappa u^2} + u^2 d\Omega_D^2 \right]$$

1. Conformal time

$$d\eta = \frac{dt}{a(t)}$$

2. Rescale

$$\chi(x) = a^{\frac{D-1}{2}}(\eta) \phi(x)$$

To wit

$$\Gamma[\chi] = -\frac{1}{2} \int d\eta d^Dx \sqrt{\gamma} \chi \left[\frac{d^2}{d\eta^2} - \Delta + m_{\text{eff}}^2(\eta) \right] \chi$$

Mode expansion

$$\chi(\eta, \mathbf{x}) = \int_{\mathbf{k}} [a_{\mathbf{k}} \mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{x}) \psi_k(\eta) + a_{\mathbf{k}}^* \mathcal{H}_{\mathbf{k}}^*(\mathbf{x}) \psi_k^*(\eta)]$$

Eigenfunctions of Laplace-Beltrami

$$\Delta \cdot \mathcal{H}_k(\mathbf{x}) = -h(k) \mathcal{H}_k(\mathbf{x})$$

$$h(k) = \begin{cases} -k \left[k + (D-1)\sqrt{|\kappa|} \right] & \text{for } \kappa > 0 \\ -k^2 & \text{for } \kappa = 0 \\ - \left[k^2 + \left(\frac{D-1}{2} \right)^2 |\kappa| \right] & \text{for } \kappa < 0 \end{cases}$$

Mode equation has Schrödinger form

$$\left[-\frac{d^2}{d\eta^2} + V(\eta) \right] \psi_k(\eta) = E_k \psi_k(\eta)$$

Energy eigenvalue

$$E_k = \sqrt{-h(k)}$$

Scattering potential

$$\begin{aligned} V(\eta) &= -m_{\text{eff}}^2(\eta) \\ &= -a^2(\eta) [m^2 + \xi R(\eta)] + \frac{D-1}{2} \left[\frac{a''(\eta)}{a(\eta)} - \frac{3-D}{2} \left(\frac{a'(\eta)}{a(\eta)} \right)^2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

Examples:

$$\begin{array}{lll} V(\eta) = -a_0^2 m^2 + \xi D(D-1) \kappa & \text{Stationary space} & a(t) = a_0 \\ V(\eta) = -\frac{(D-1)^2}{4} \kappa & \text{Conformally coupled, massless} & \xi = \frac{D-1}{4D}, m = 0 \end{array}$$

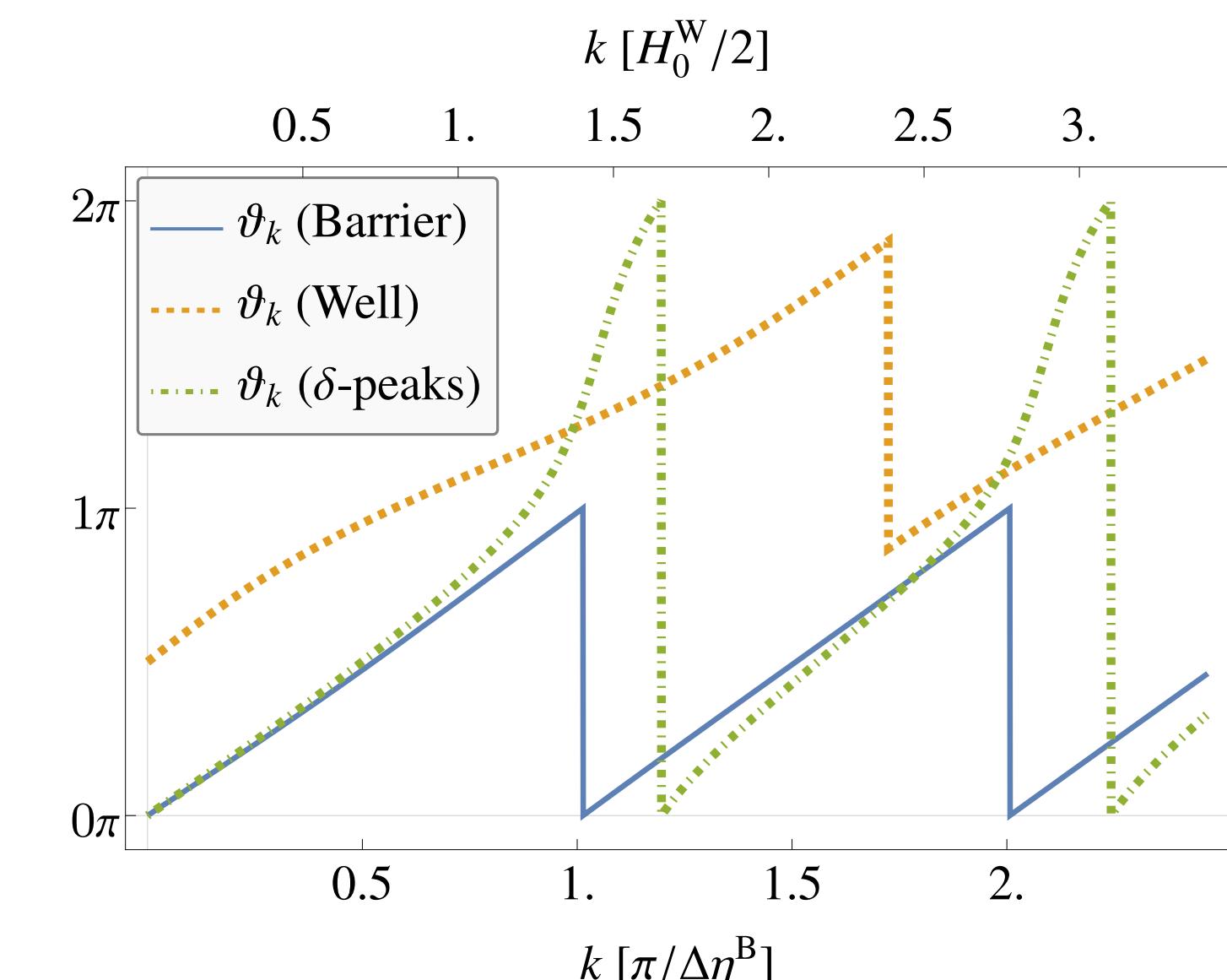
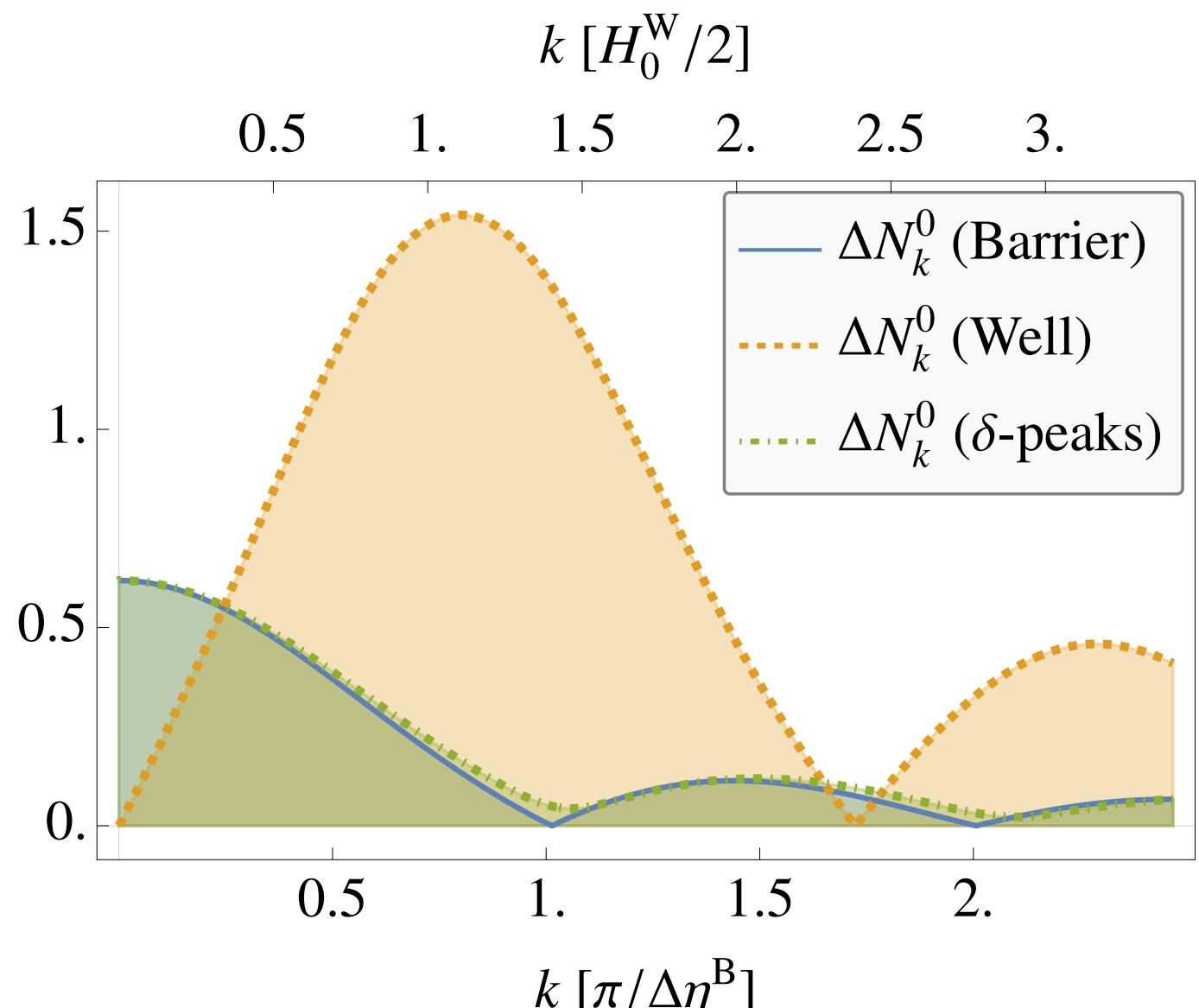
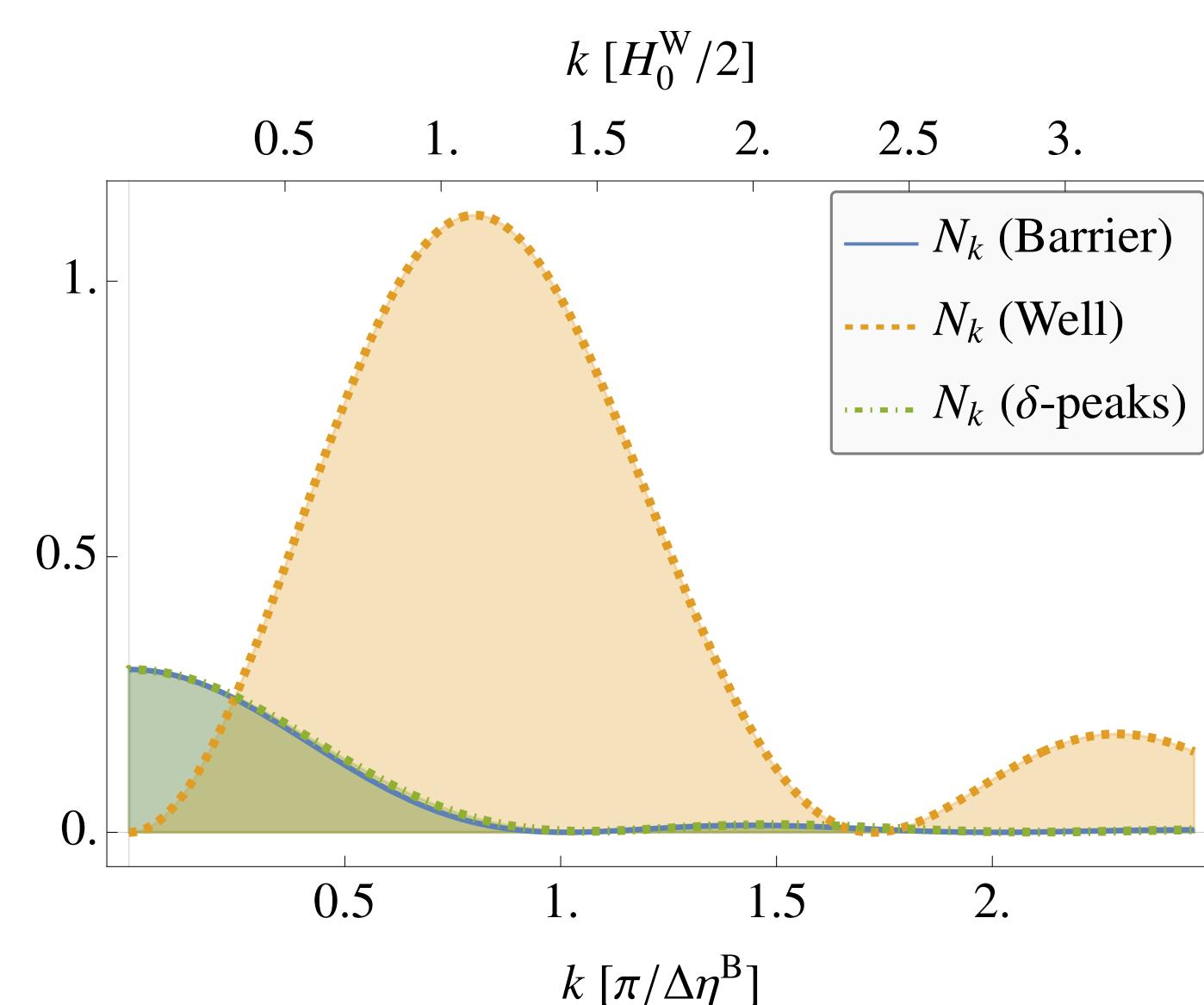
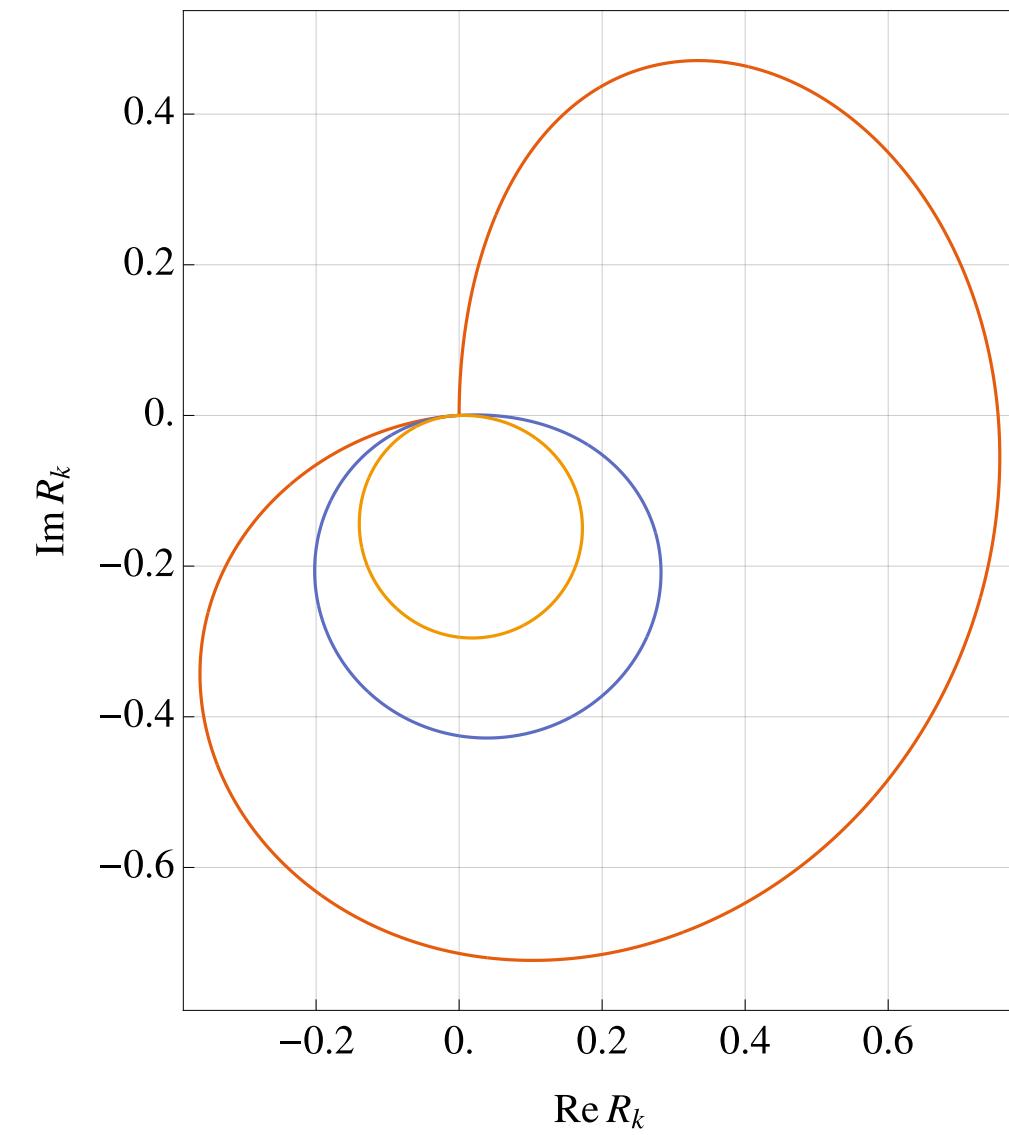
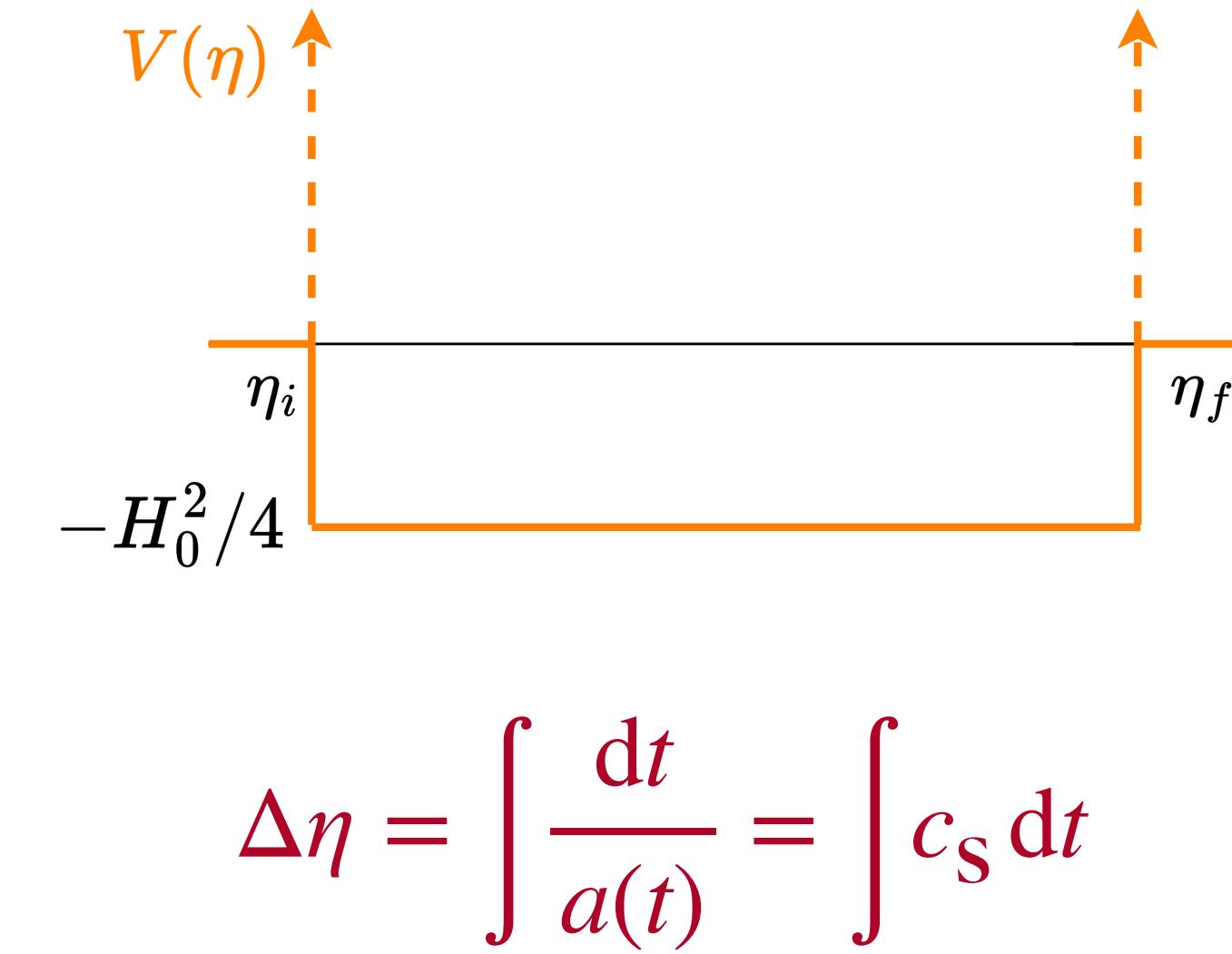
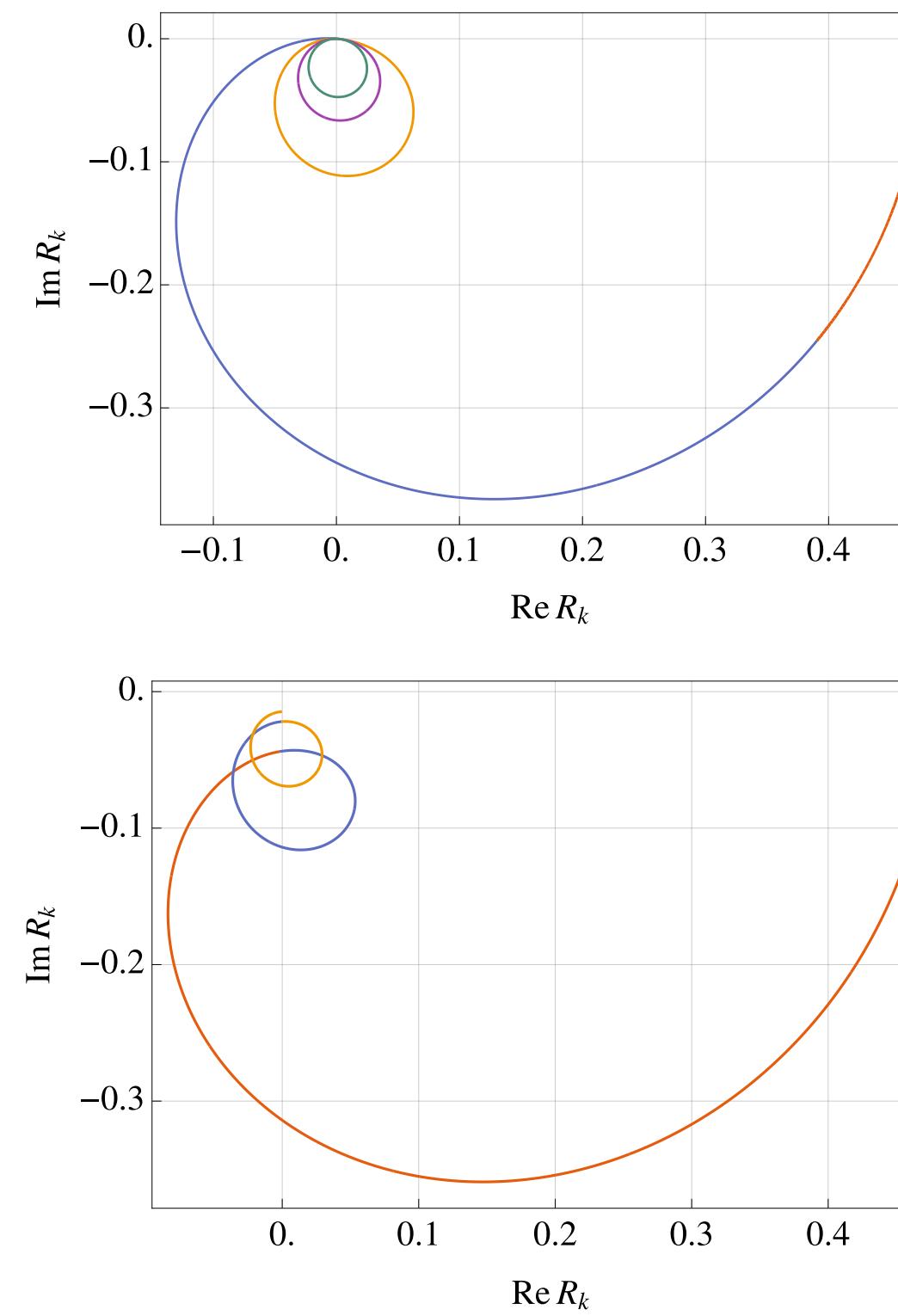
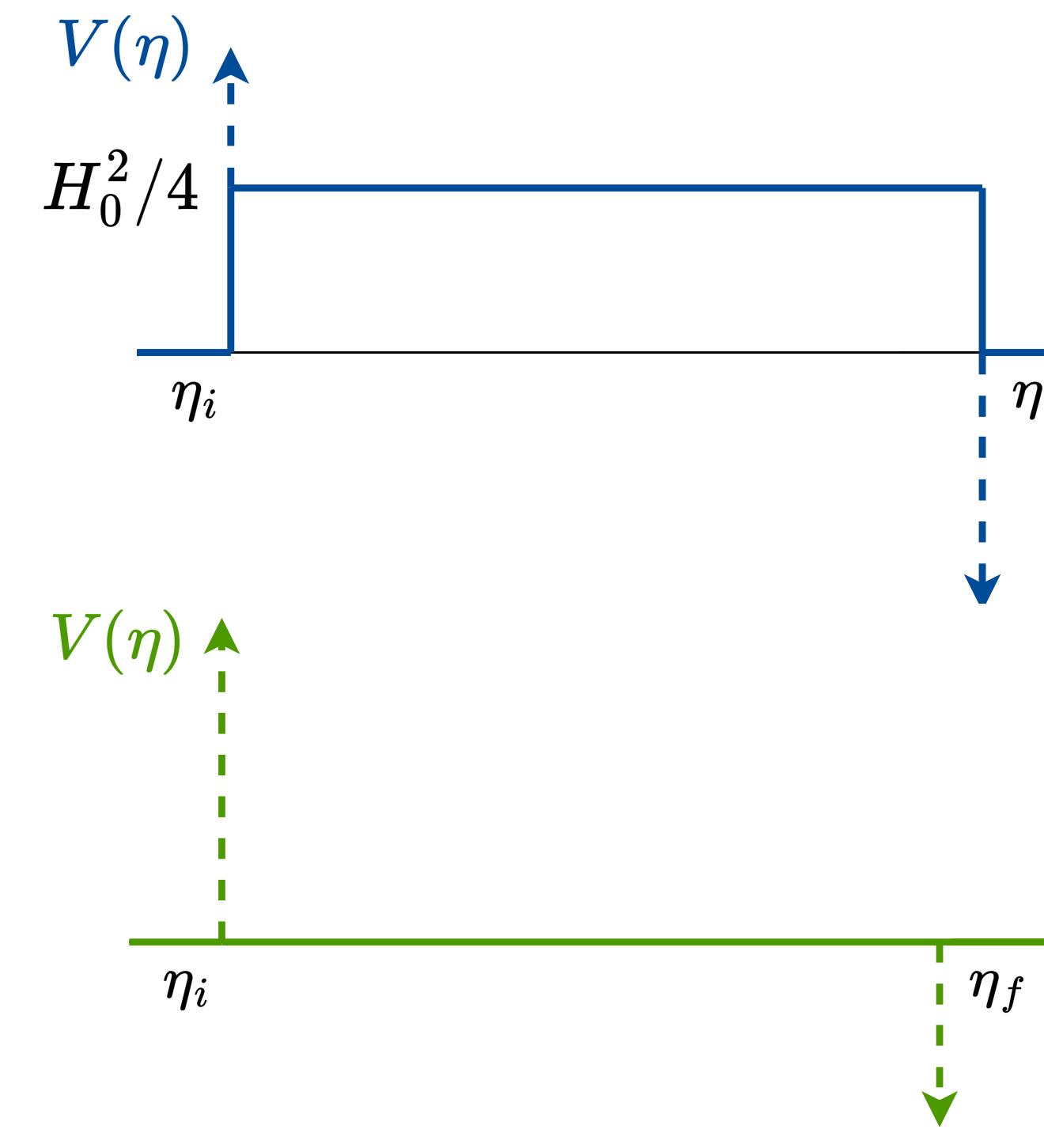
Focus on minimally coupled, massless fields from now on $(\xi = 0, m = 0)$

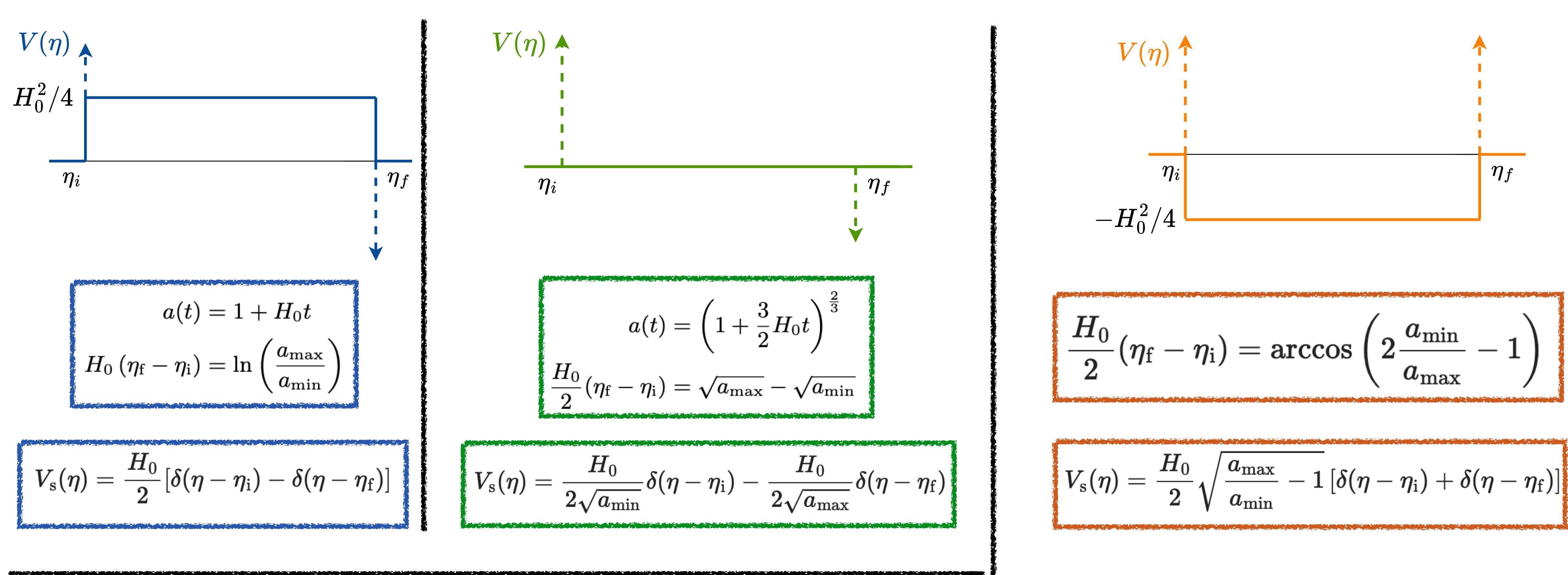
Vanishing potential: $V(\eta) = 0$

$$\left[\frac{D-1}{2} - q(t) \right] \dot{a}(t)^2 = 0 \quad \text{Deceleration parameter} \quad q(t) = -\frac{\ddot{a}(t)a(t)}{\dot{a}^2(t)}$$

Implies either stasis ($\dot{a} = 0$) or radiation domination $q = (D-1)/2$

Backup: Resonant forward scattering

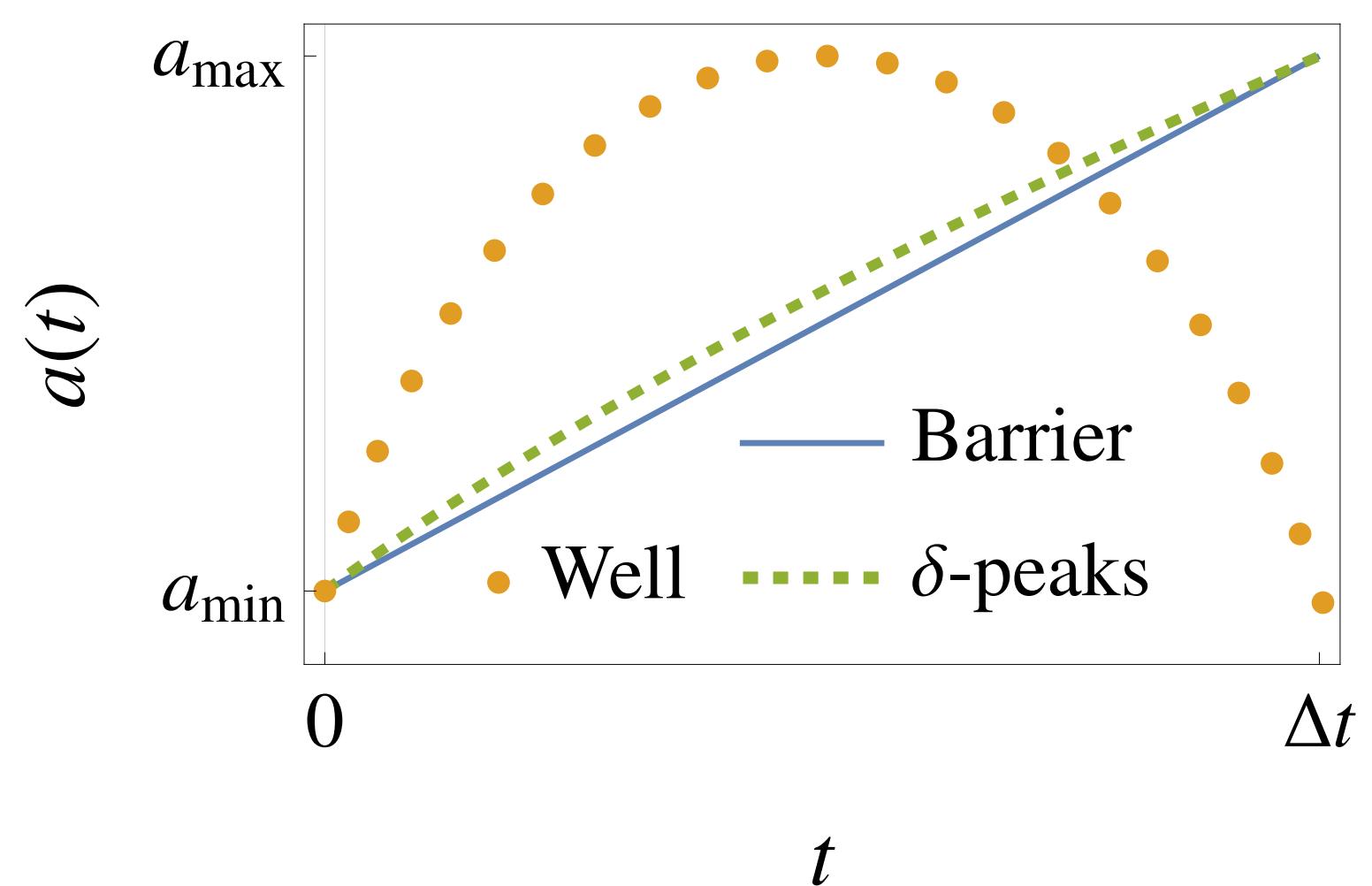




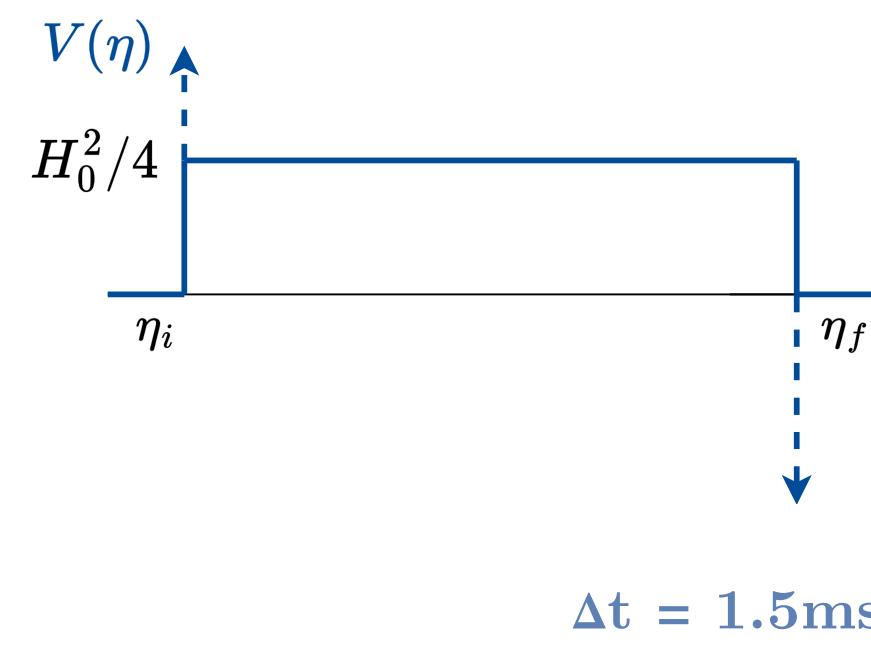
Hubble Parameters

$$H_0 = \frac{1}{c_s(a_s^{\max})^{q+1} \Delta t} \frac{(a_s^{\max}/a_s^{\min})^{(q+1)/2} - 1}{q+1}$$

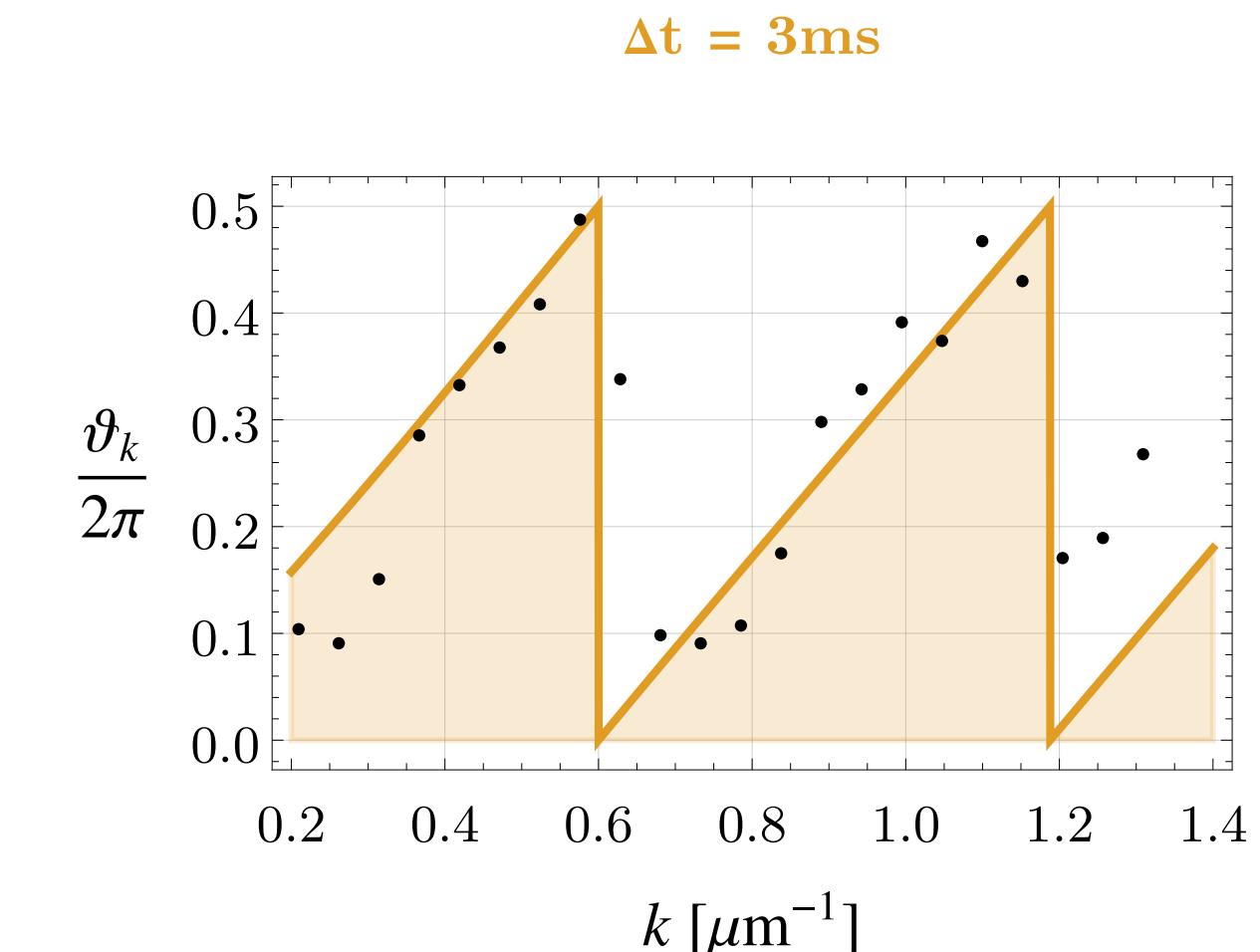
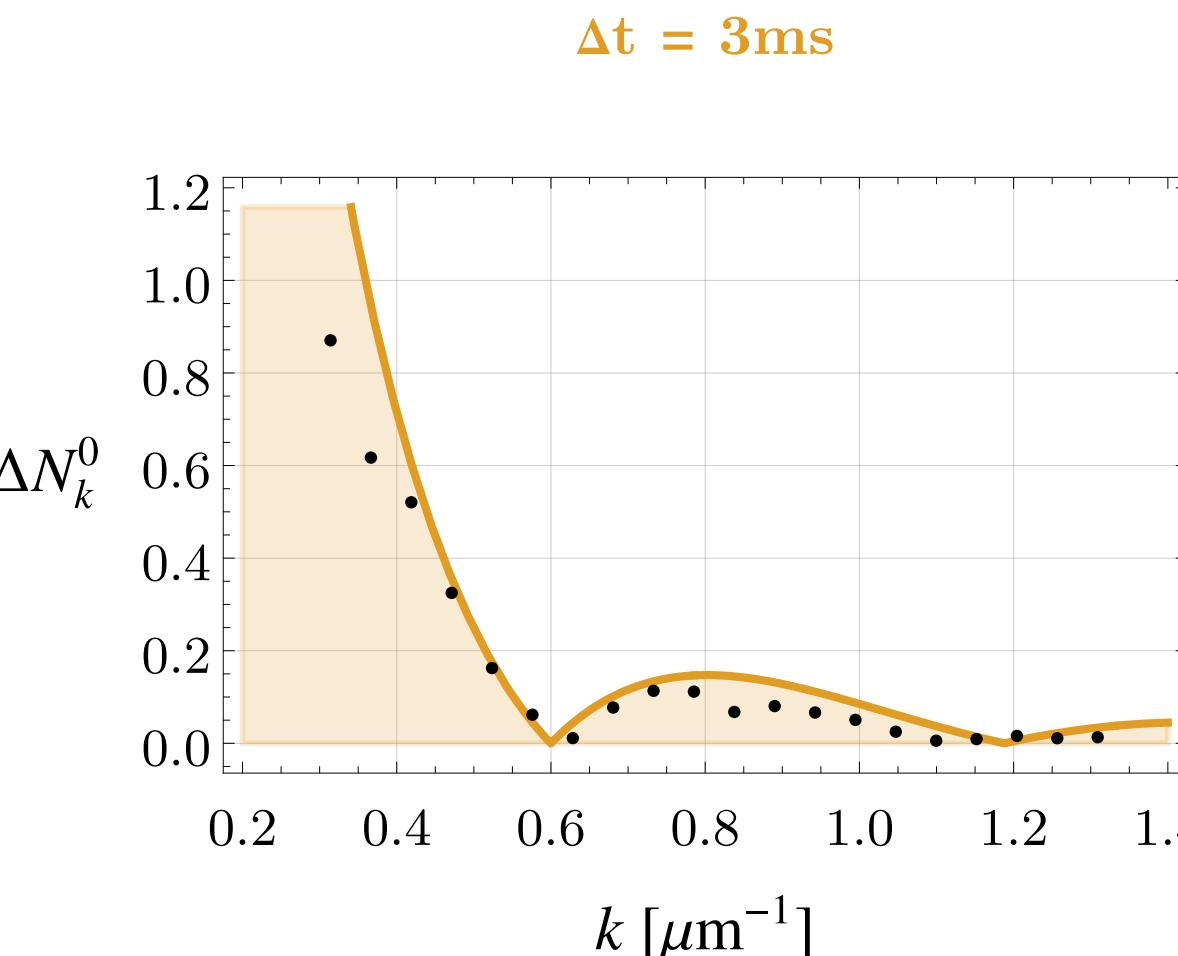
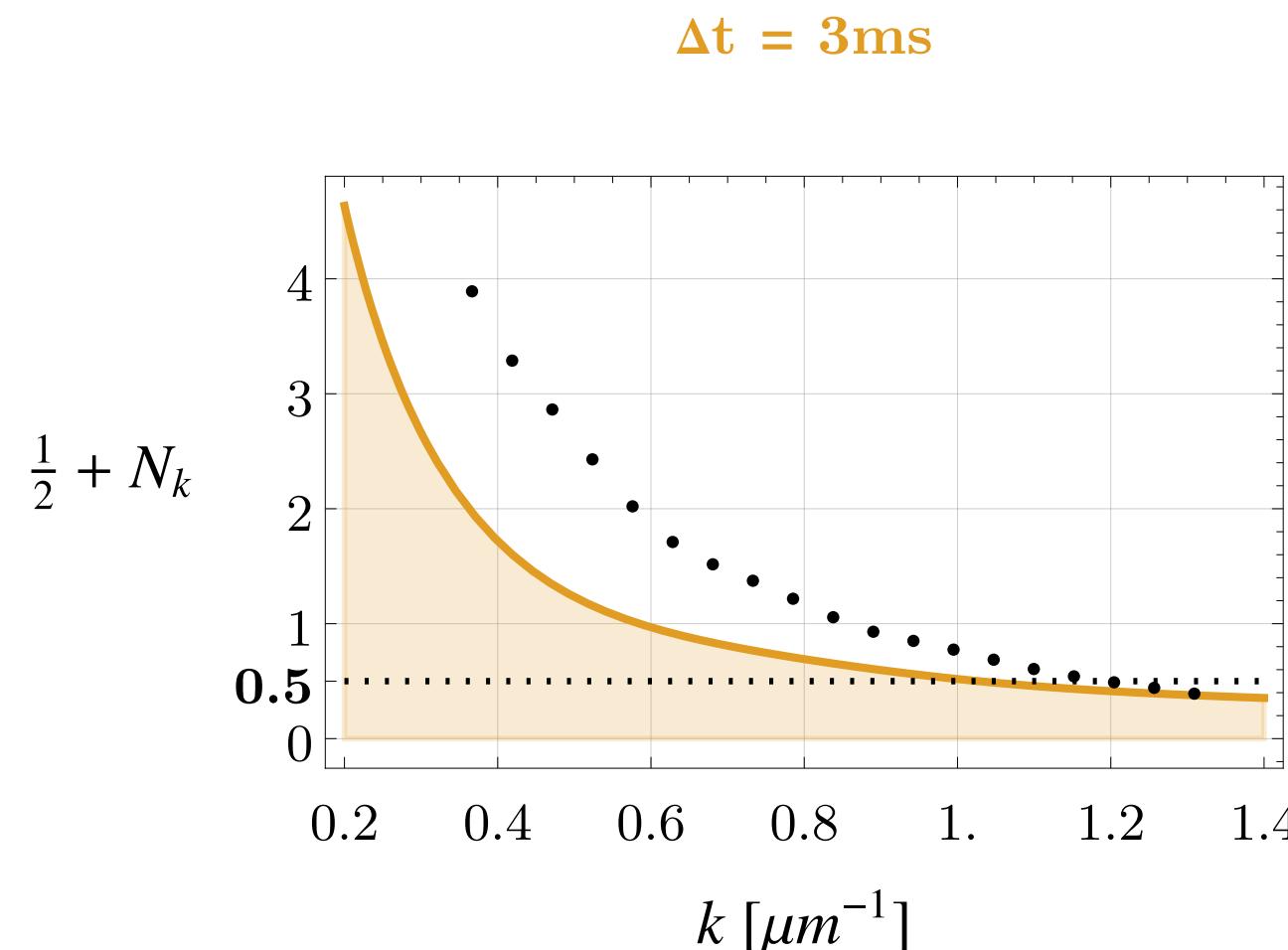
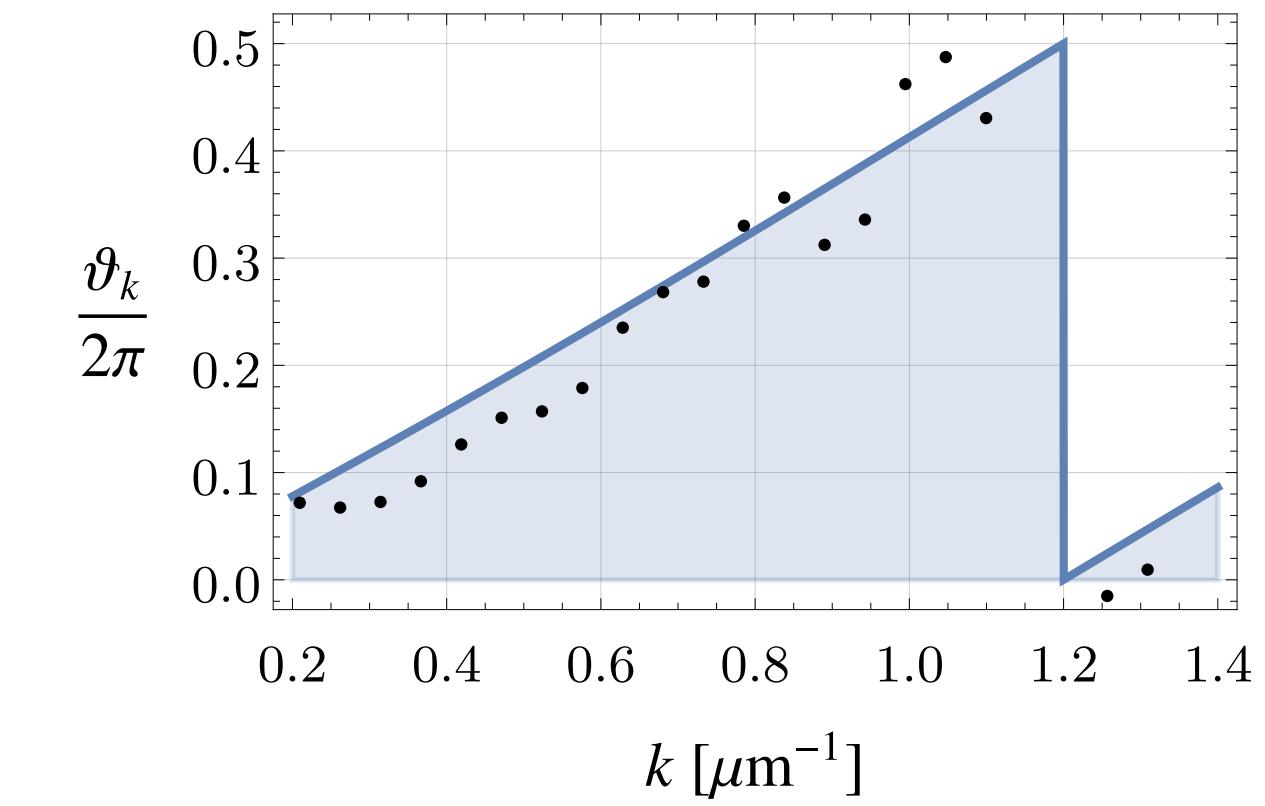
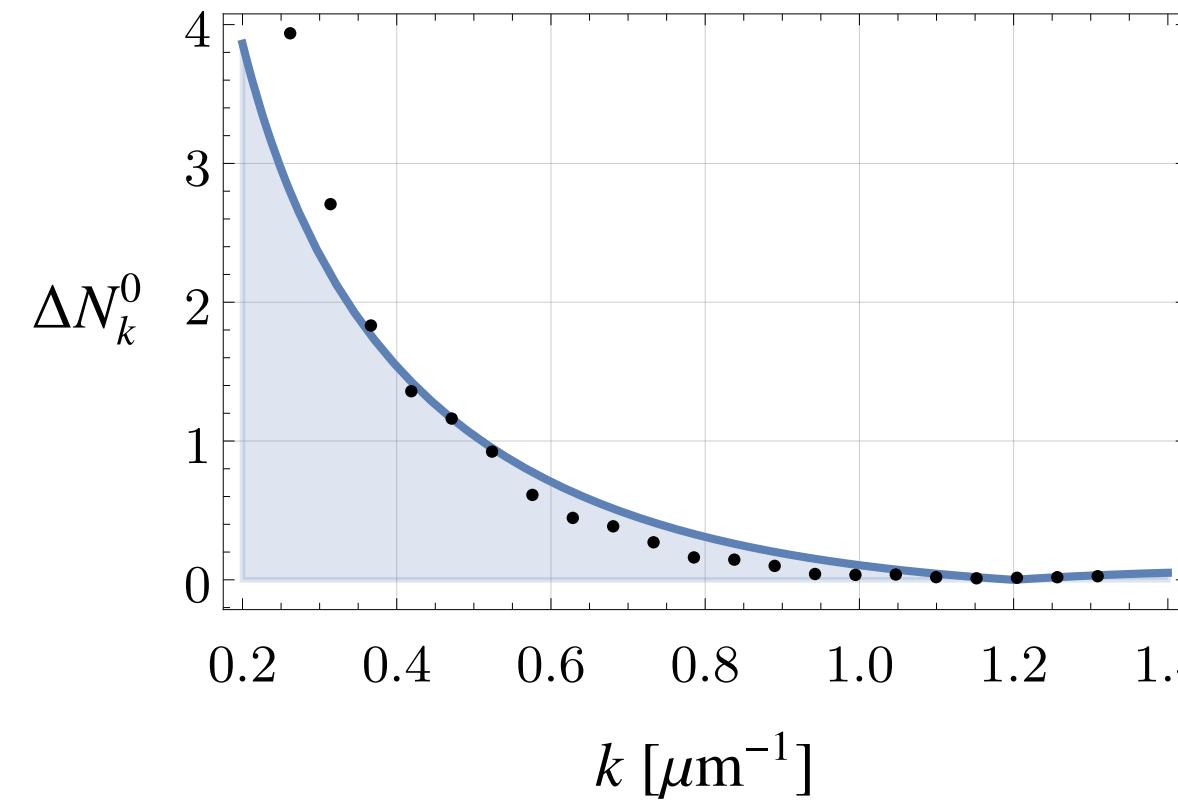
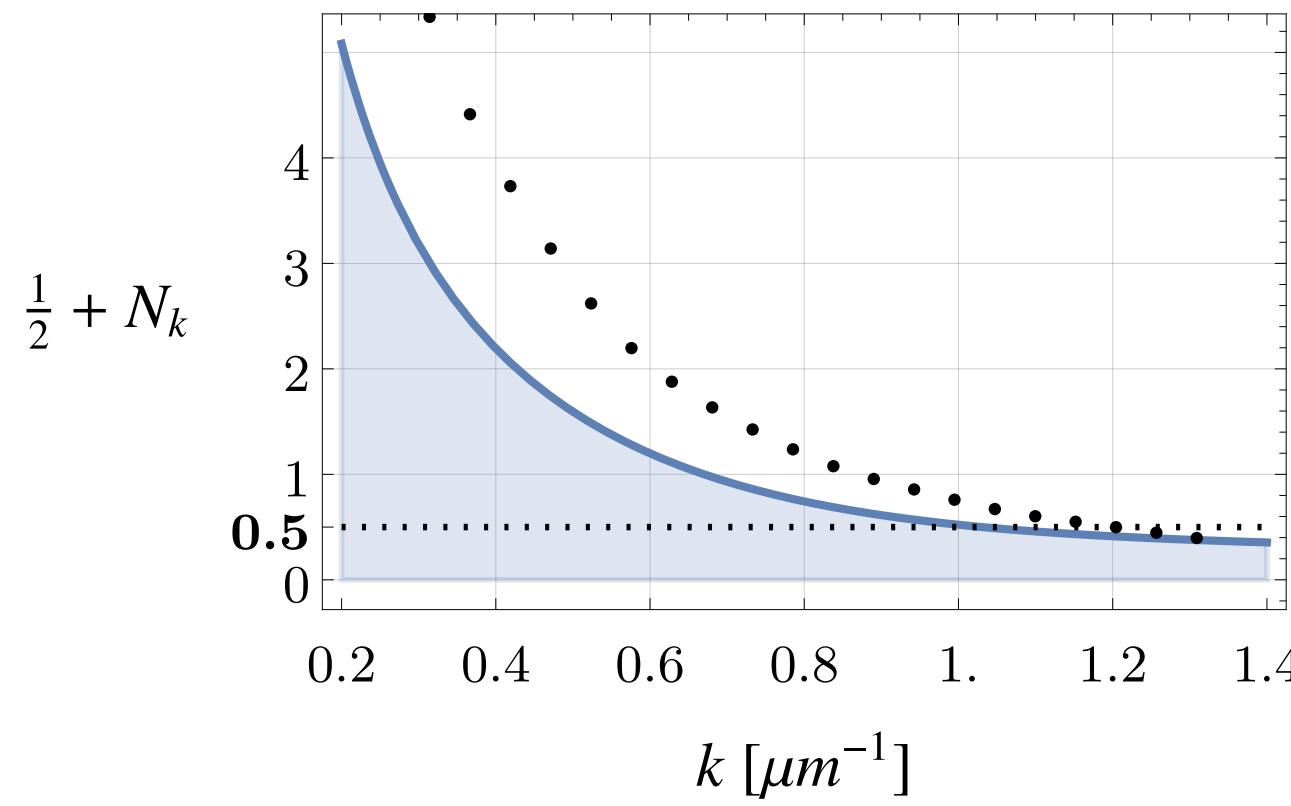
$$H_0 = \frac{1}{c_s(a_s^{\min}) \Delta t} \left[\arccos \left(2 \sqrt{\frac{a_s^{\min}}{a_s^{\max}}} - 1 \right) + 2 \left(\sqrt{\frac{a_s^{\min}}{a_s^{\max}}} - \frac{a_s^{\min}}{a_s^{\max}} \right)^{1/2} \right]$$



BackUp: PowerLaw (linear)



Spectrum for $\gamma = 1$, $\alpha_i = 400$, $\alpha_f = 50$;
 $c_s^{\text{fin}} = 1.1 \mu\text{m} / \text{ms}$

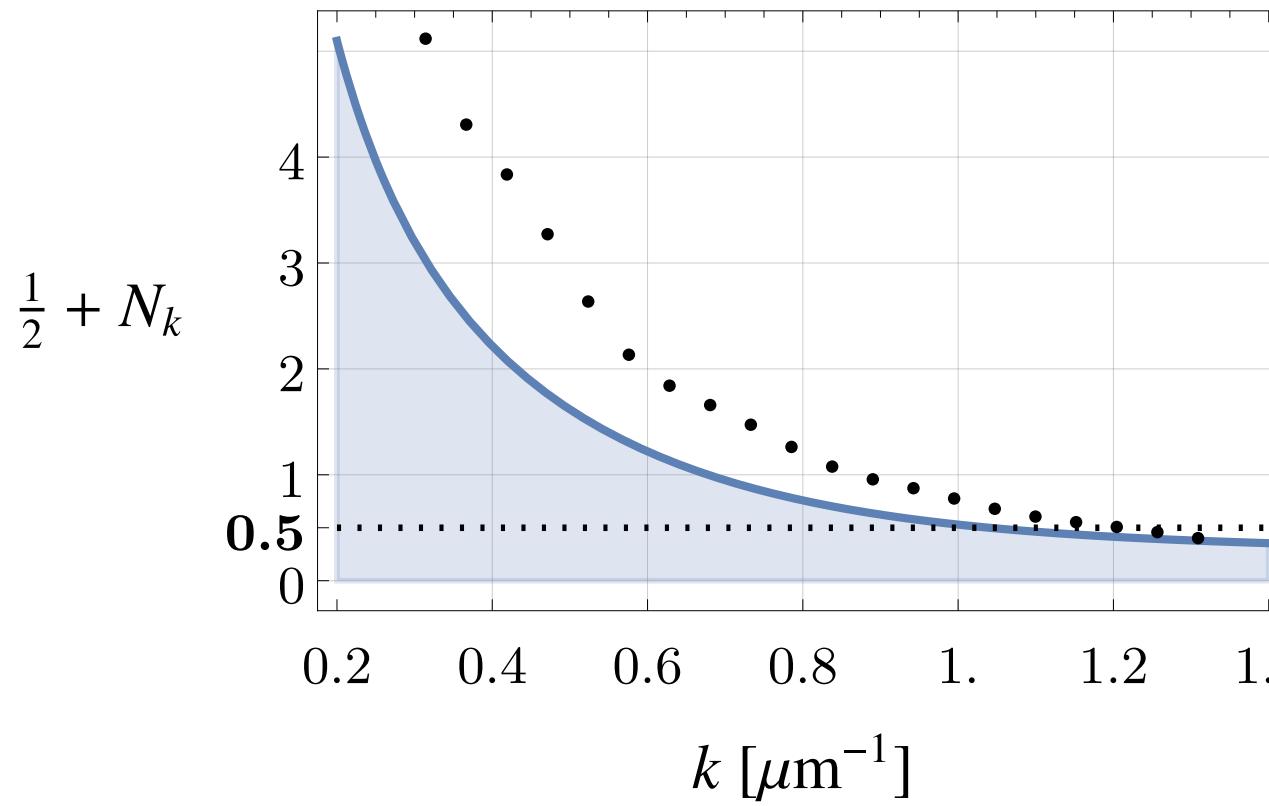


BackUp: Power Law (2/3)

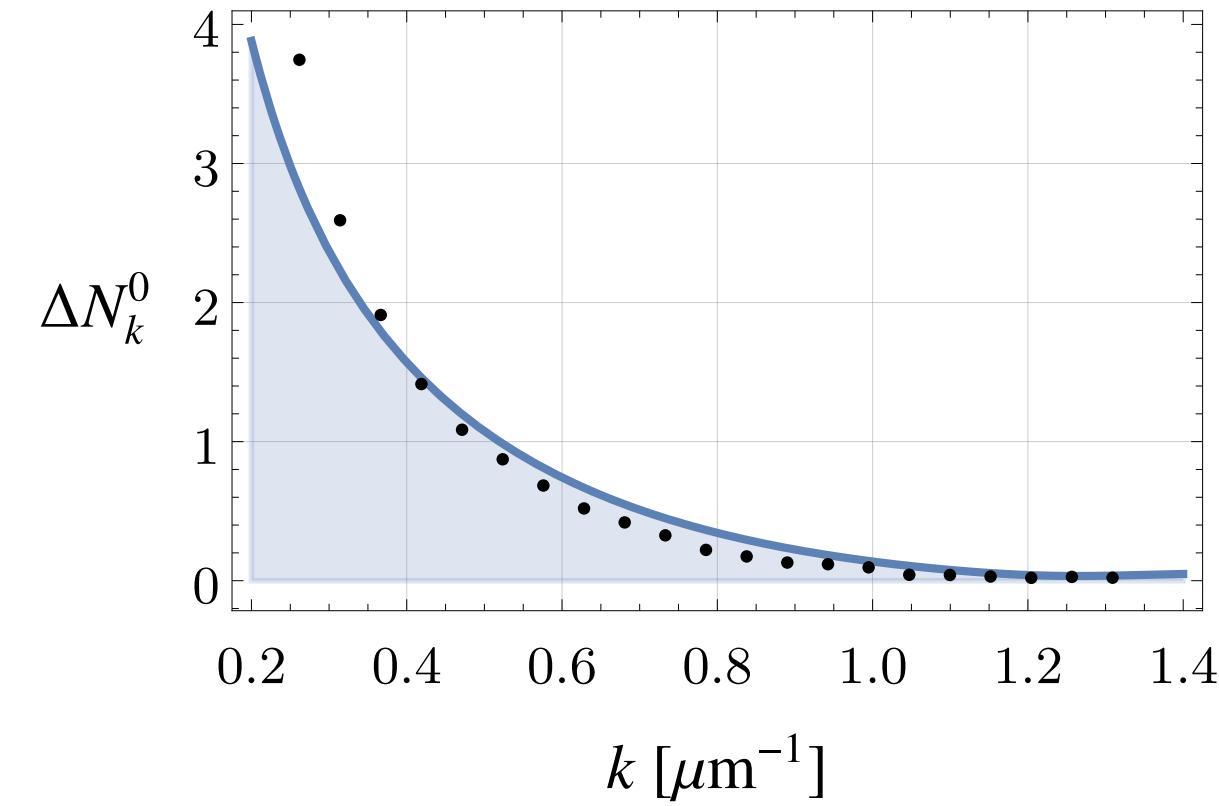


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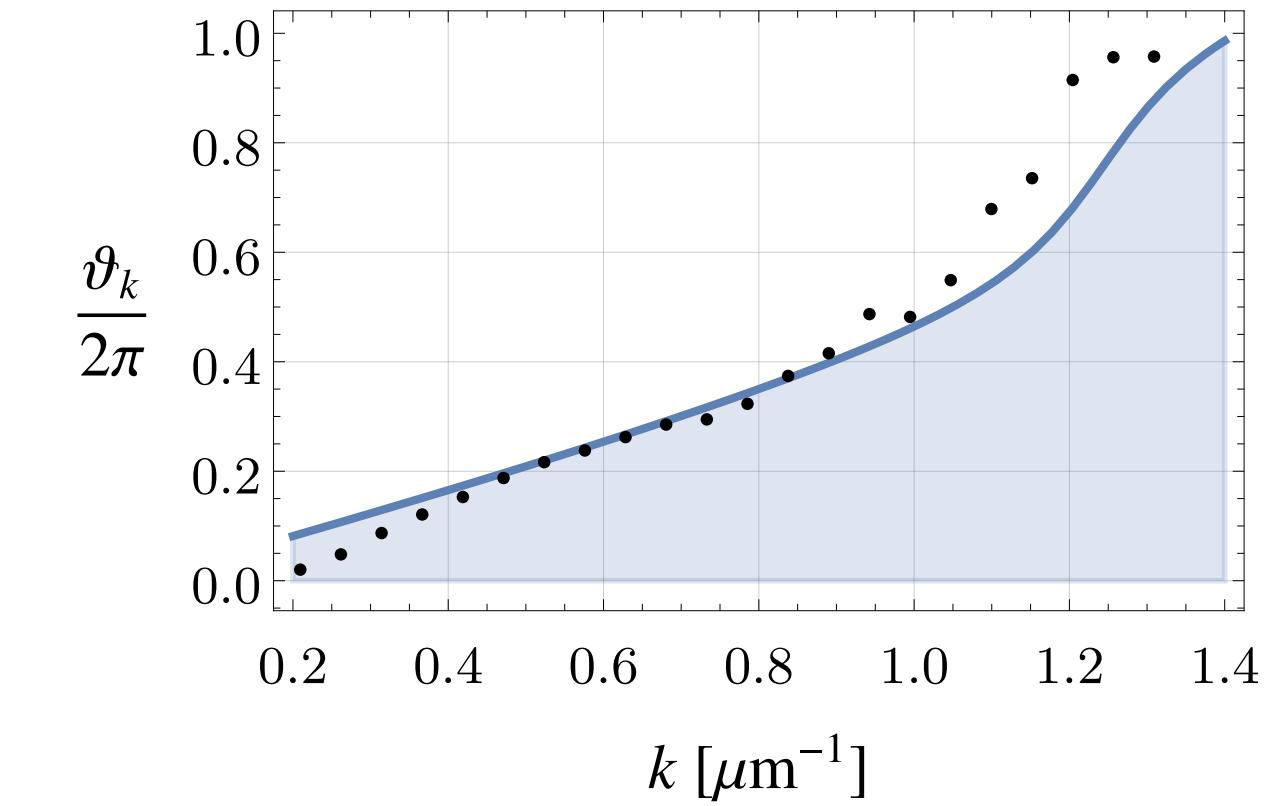
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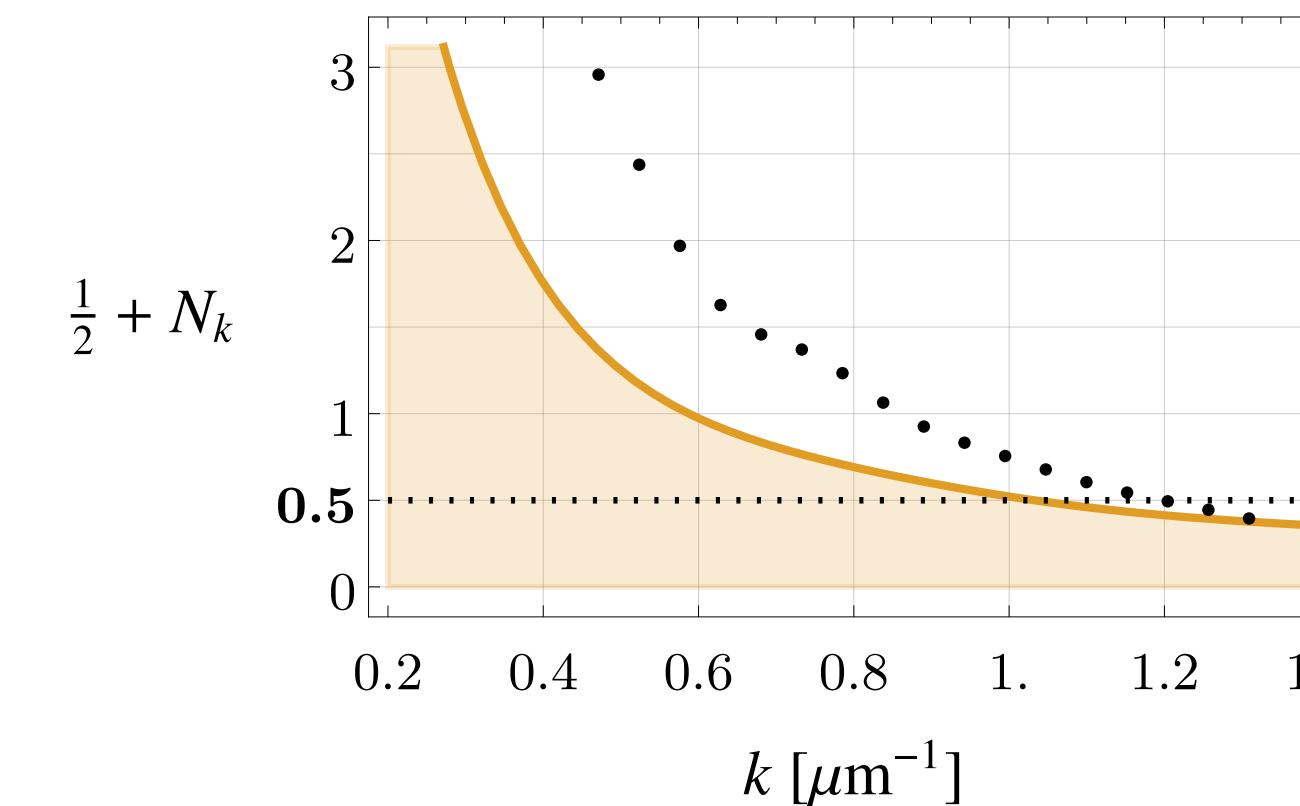
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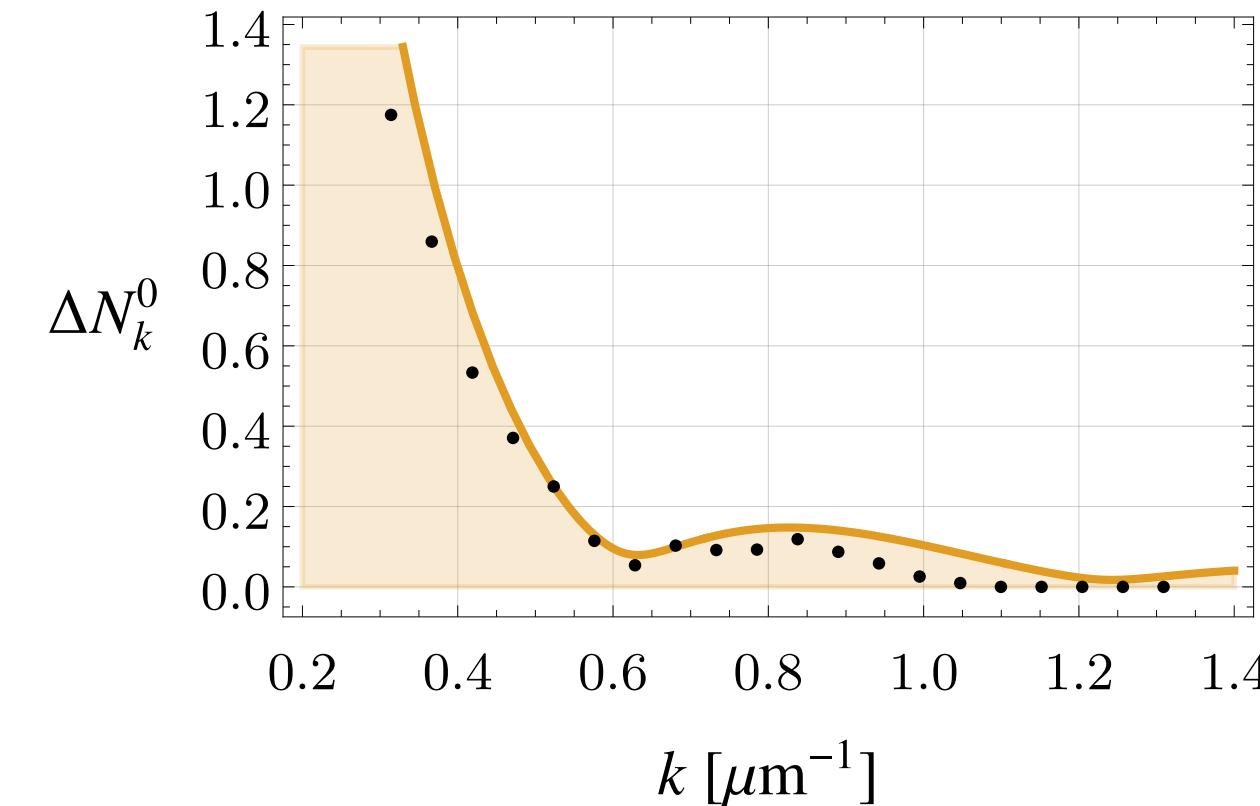
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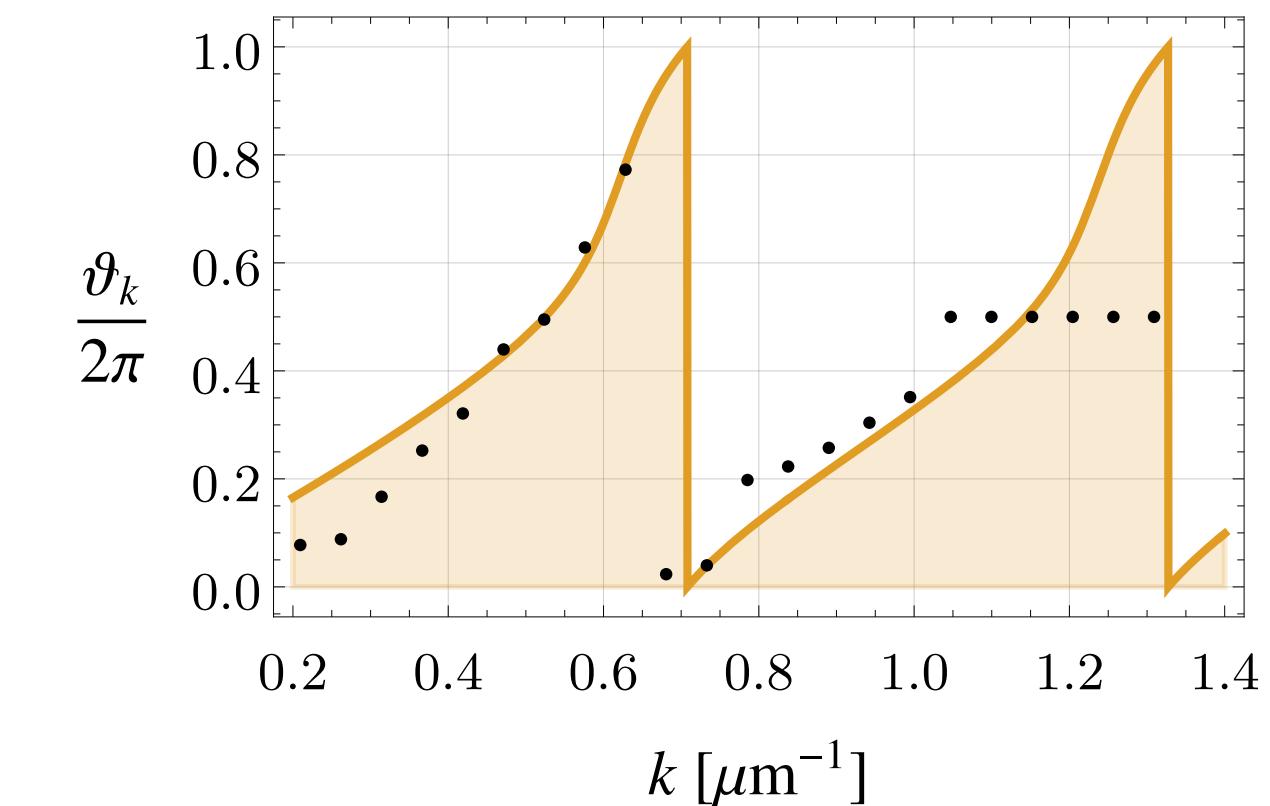
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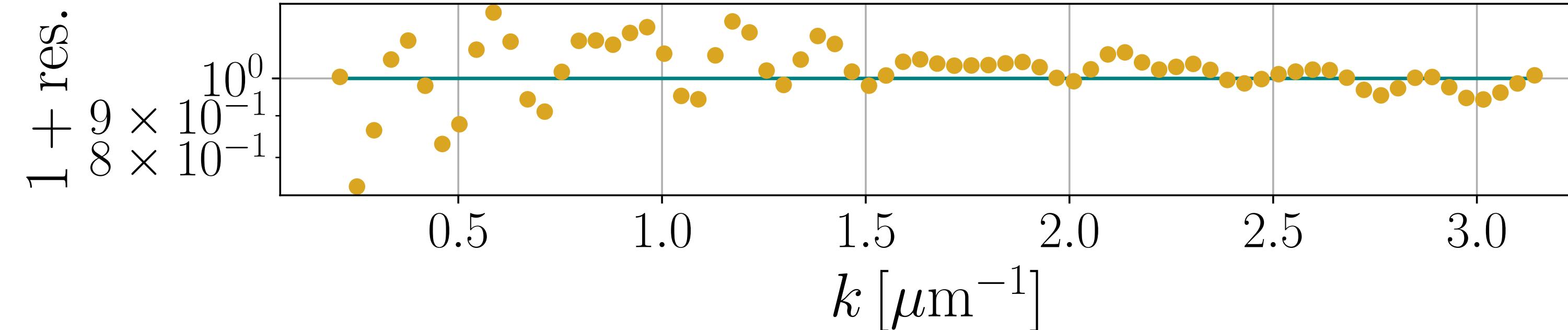
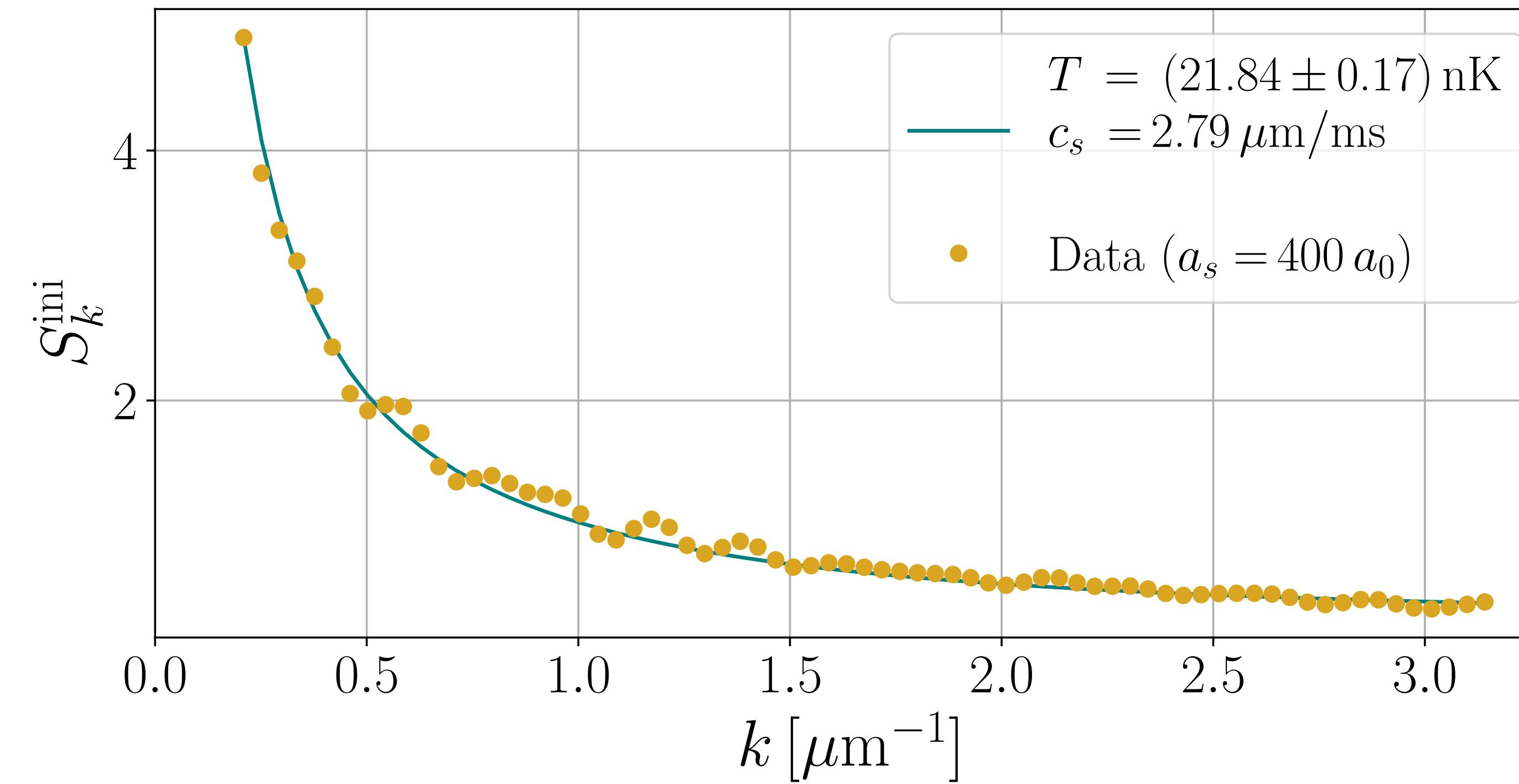


$\Delta t = 3 \text{ ms}$



Thermal Initial State

Initial spectrum (linear ramp)



BackUp: Isospectral Cosmologies

$$V(\eta) = \frac{D-1}{2} \left[\frac{a''(\eta)}{a(\eta)} + \frac{D-3}{2} \left(\frac{a'(\eta)}{a(\eta)} \right)^2 \right]$$

minimally coupled, massless

$$a_b(t) = \sqrt{1 + (H_0 t)^2}$$



$$a_{\text{lin}}(t) = 1 + H_0 t$$

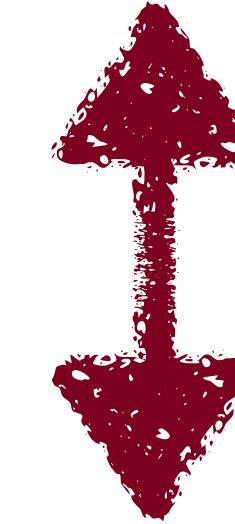
$$D = 3$$

$$V(\eta) = H_0^2$$

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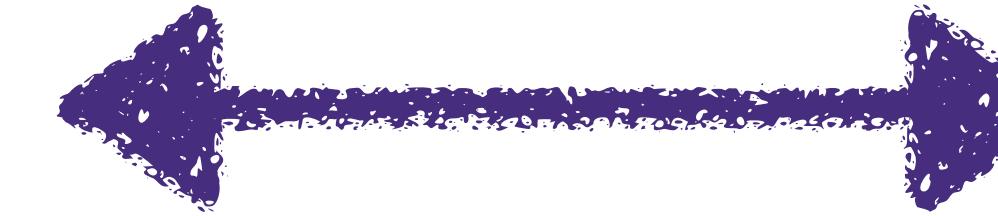
$$a_{\text{exp}}(t) = \exp(H_0 t)$$

Wands (1999)



$$D = 3$$

$$a_{\text{cont}}(t) \propto (-t)^{2/3}$$



$$a_{\text{quad}}(t) = \left(1 + \frac{H_0}{2} t \right)^2$$

$$D = 2$$

$$V(\eta) = \frac{2}{(\eta - \eta_0)^2}$$

Find further partners with

$$y(\eta) \propto a^{(D-1)/2}(\eta)$$

$$y''(\eta) - V(\eta)y(\eta) = 0$$

Or: Find different potentials with equal scattering coefficients

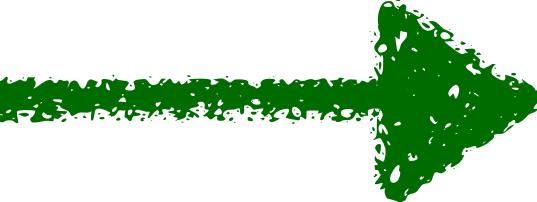
Iso-spectral cosmological backgrounds

Factorize Scattering Hamiltonian (after shift to zero energy solution)

$$H_1 = -\frac{d^2}{d\eta^2} + V_1(\eta) = A^\dagger A$$

$$H_2 = -\frac{d^2}{d\eta^2} + V_2(\eta) = AA^\dagger$$

with $A = \frac{d}{d\eta} + W(\eta), \quad A^\dagger = -\frac{d}{d\eta} + W(\eta)$


$$V_1(\eta) = W^2(\eta) - W'(\eta)$$

is iso-spectral to

[Dunne, Feinberg (1998)]

$$V_2(\eta) = W^2(\eta) + W'(\eta)$$

In scattering analogy

$$W(\eta) = -\frac{y'(\eta)}{y(\eta)} = -\frac{D-1}{2} \frac{a'(\eta)}{a(\eta)}$$

with

$$y(\eta) \propto a(\eta)^{(D-1)/2}$$

zero-energy-state

Iso-spectral cosmological backgrounds

Iso-spectrality

$$V_1(\eta) = \frac{D-1}{2} \left[\frac{D-3}{2} \left(\frac{a'(\eta)}{a(\eta)} \right)^2 + \frac{a''(\eta)}{a(\eta)} \right] \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad V_2(\eta) = \frac{D-1}{2} \left[\frac{D+1}{2} \left(\frac{a'(\eta)}{a(\eta)} \right)^2 - \frac{a''(\eta)}{a(\eta)} \right]$$

Realize V_2 with different QFT on cosmological background

$$\begin{aligned} V_2(\eta) &\equiv -\tilde{a}^2(\eta)[m^2 + \tilde{\xi}\tilde{R}(\eta)] + \frac{\tilde{D}-1}{2} \left[\frac{\tilde{a}''(\eta)}{a(\eta)} - \frac{3-\tilde{D}}{2} \left(\frac{\tilde{a}'(\eta)}{\tilde{a}(\eta)} \right)^2 \right] \\ &\stackrel{!}{=} \frac{D-1}{2} \left[\frac{D+1}{2} \left(\frac{a'(\eta)}{a(\eta)} \right)^2 - \frac{a''(\eta)}{a(\eta)} \right] \end{aligned}$$