

# Kinetic screening and scalar radiation in K-Essence

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# K-essence

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left( \frac{M_{pl}^2}{2} R + K(X) \right) + S_m (A(\phi) g_{\mu\nu}, u_m)$$

Conformal factor

$$K(X) = -\frac{1}{2}X + \frac{\beta}{4\Lambda^4}X^2 + \frac{\tilde{\gamma}}{8\Lambda^8}X^3 \quad A(\phi) = \exp\left(-\sqrt{2}\alpha\frac{\phi}{M_{pl}}\right)$$

Conformal coupling

$$X = \nabla_\mu \phi \nabla^\mu \phi$$

$$\gamma^{\mu\nu} \nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu \phi = \frac{T}{4M_{pl} K_X}$$

# K-essence: motivation

Cosmology: To explain accelerated cosmic expansion. [Phys.Rev.Lett.85:4438-4441,2000](#)

Interesting: Posses Kinetic screening mechanism

$$\Lambda \approx 2 \times 10^{-3} eV$$

$$\nabla_{\mu} \phi$$

Unseen by local tests of gravity

Does it hold in Binaries?



Non-Linear terms dominate

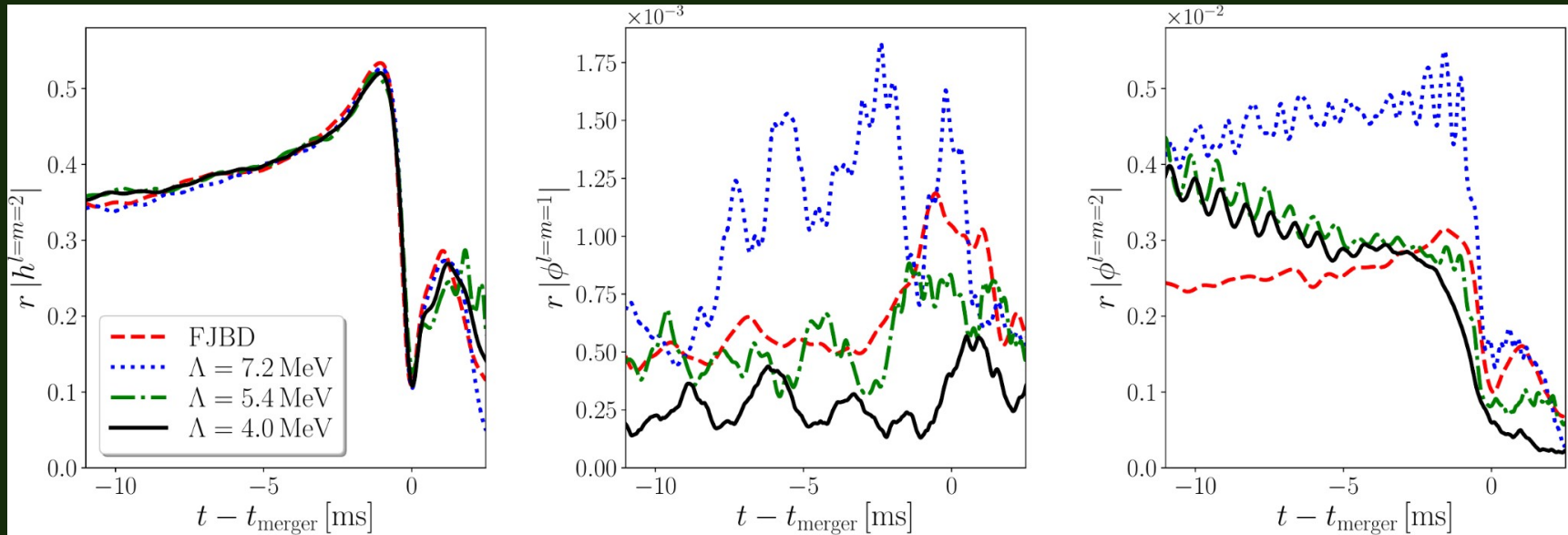
Screening : Looks like GR

Linear terms dominate

Looks like FJBD

$r_V$

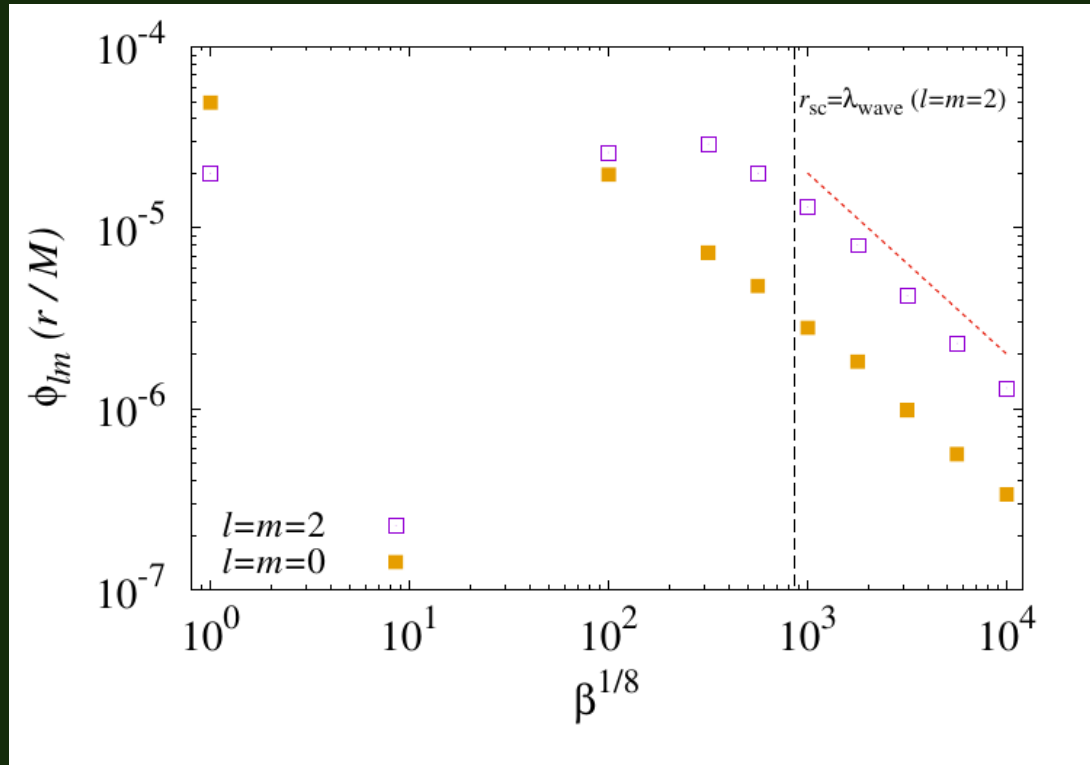
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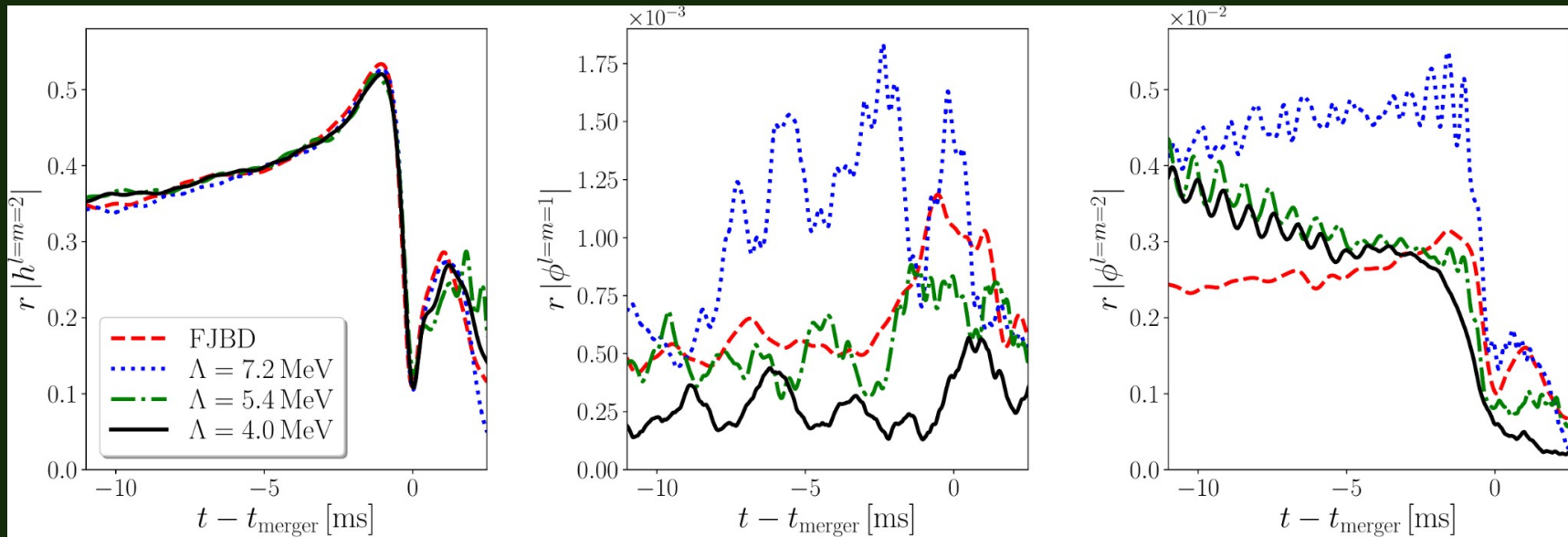
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Perhaps too far away from the regime  $\lambda_r < r_V$  Quite hard to do Numerics

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$$\gamma \equiv \frac{\tilde{\gamma}}{\Lambda^8} \approx 10^{20} \rightarrow \Lambda = 4\text{MeV}$$

Let us try to get closer to that regime: Simplified set up.

## Flat Spacetime

### Prescribed matter source in Keplerian orbits

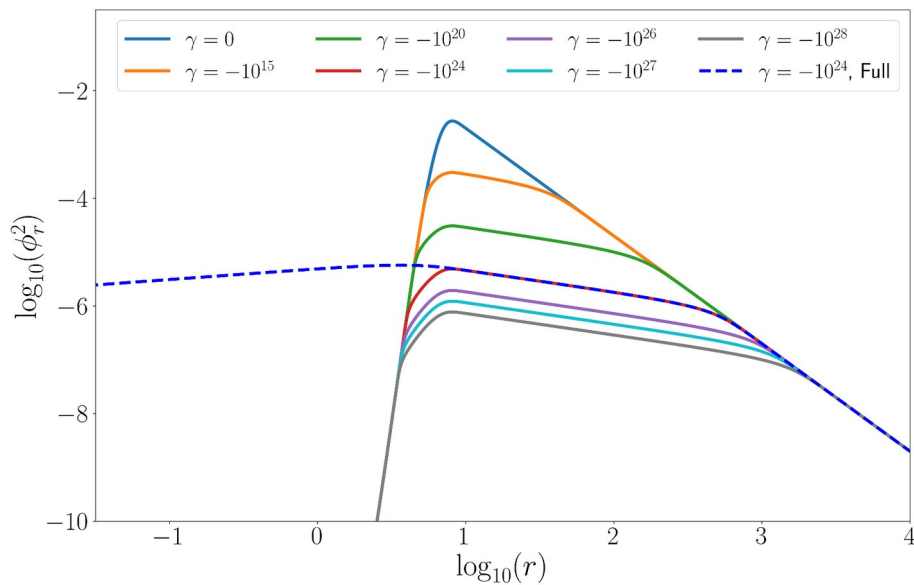
$$T = -\frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma)^{3/2}} \left( r_1^2 \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\vec{r}_1(t)}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] + r_2^2 \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\vec{r}_2(t)}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] \right)$$

$$\Omega = \sqrt{\frac{2M}{(2r_{orbit})^3}}$$

Radiation:  $\lambda_r = \frac{2\pi}{\Omega}$

# Lessons from Initial data: You have to be careful

$$T = -\frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma)^{3/2}} \left( r_1^2 \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\vec{r}_1(t)}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] + r_2^2 \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\vec{r}_2(t)}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] \right)$$



$$M = 1M_{\odot}$$

$$r_{star} \approx 13.5\text{Km}$$

$$\gamma = 10^{28}$$

$$\Lambda = 0.4\text{MeV}$$

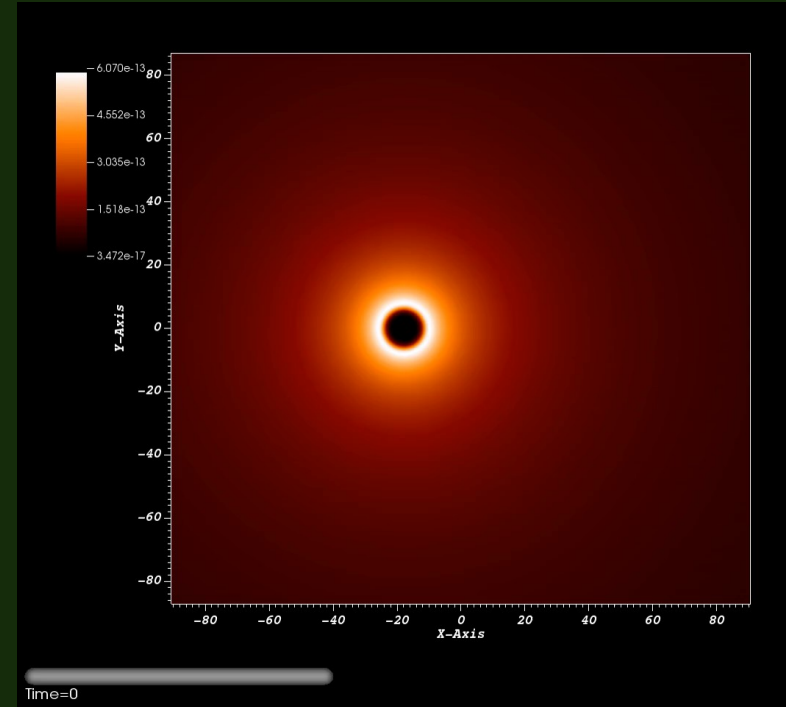
$$R_v \approx 2000\text{Km}$$

# Single star source: Black hole companion

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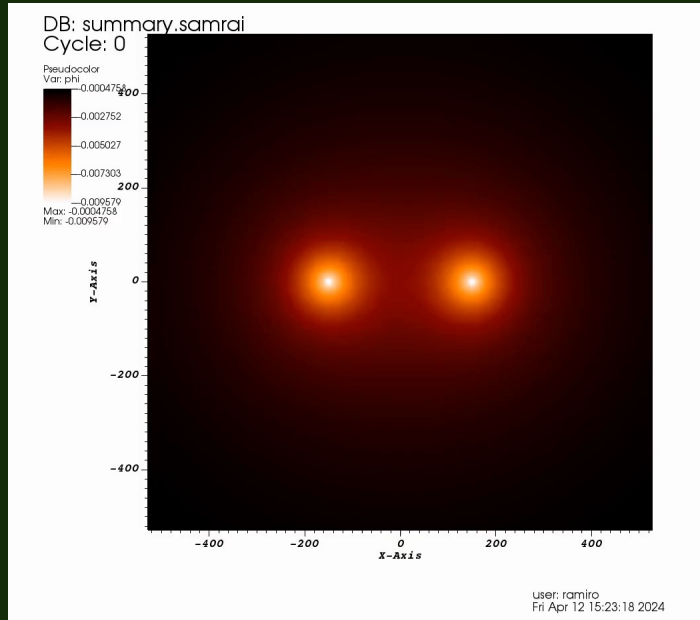
- Start from static-configuration
- Slowly increase the  $\Omega_{orbit}$

$$R_{orbit} = 27\text{Km}$$



# Binary star source

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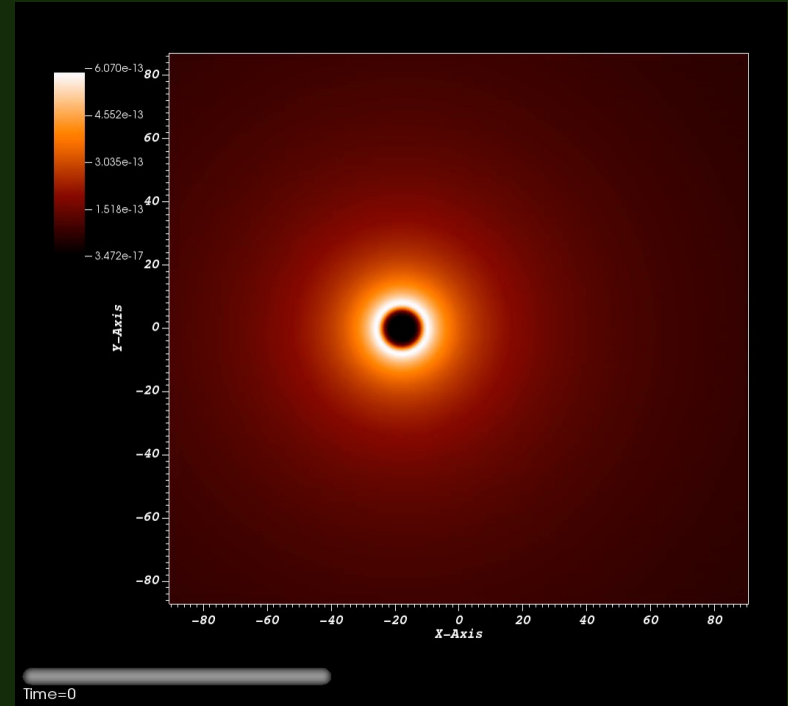
- For binary, superposition is not good enough. Slowly bring together.
- Slowly increase  $\Omega_{orbit}$ .
- No practical for large couplings.

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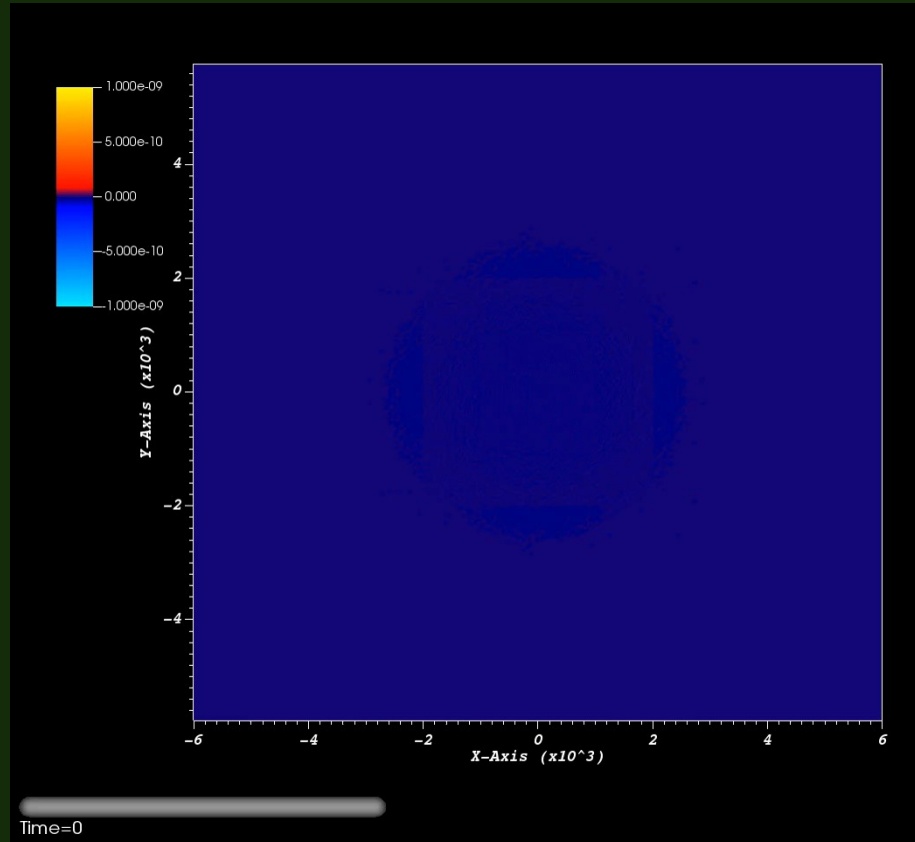
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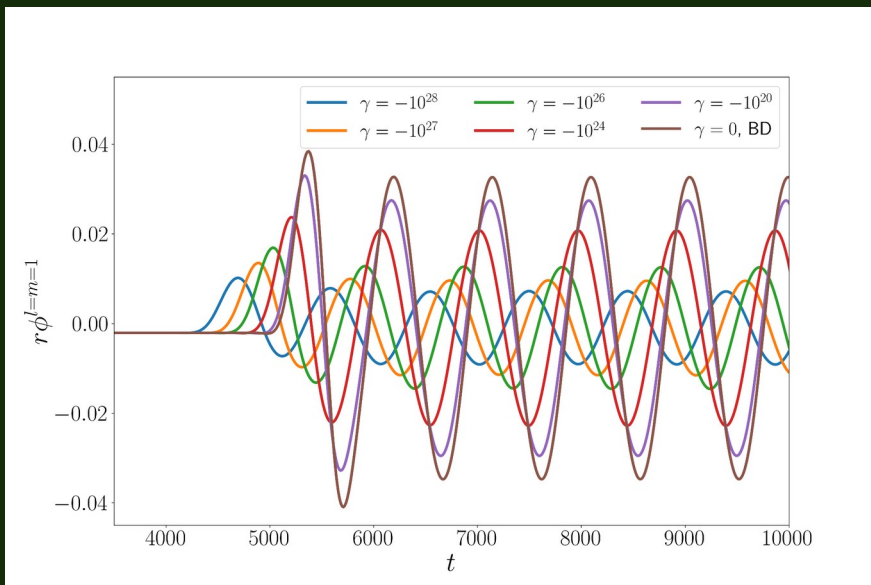
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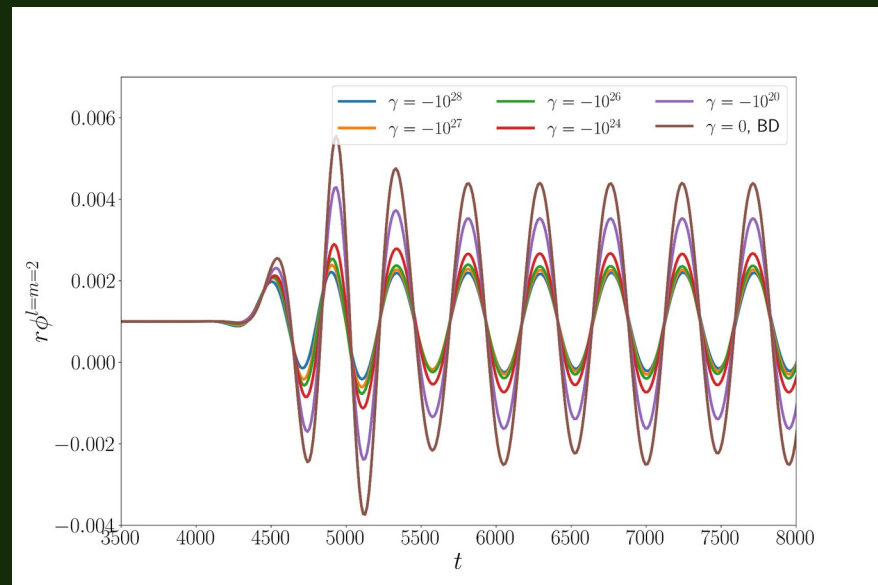
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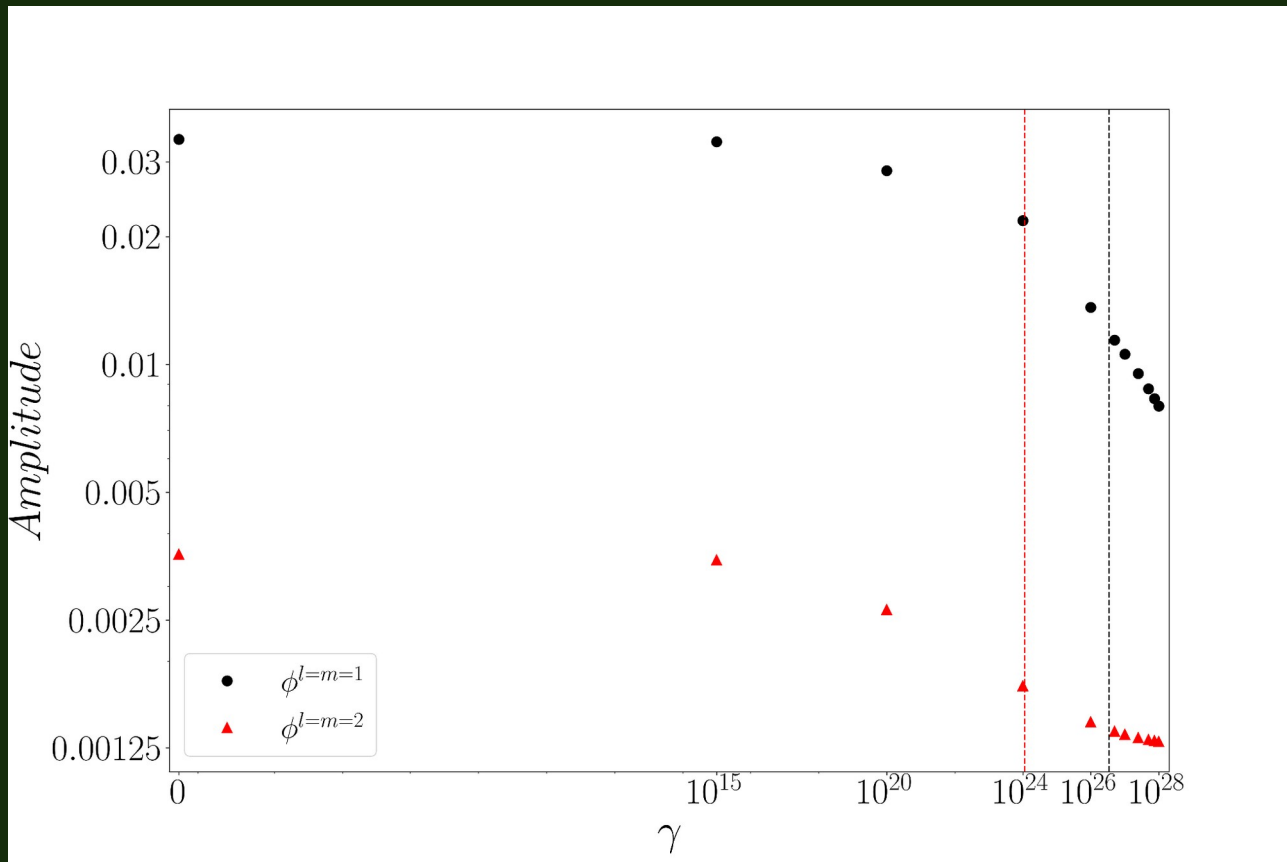
$$\lambda_{dipole} \approx \frac{2}{3} r_V$$



$$\lambda_q \approx \frac{1}{3} r_V$$



# Scalar Radiation : Scaling



# Conclusion:

- Performed simulations in simplified scenario, achieving a better hierarchy of scales.
- Screening seems to be effective throughout the parameter space.



No amplification

GR terms ?  
Binary ?

Inflection point in Quadrupole

Questions ?