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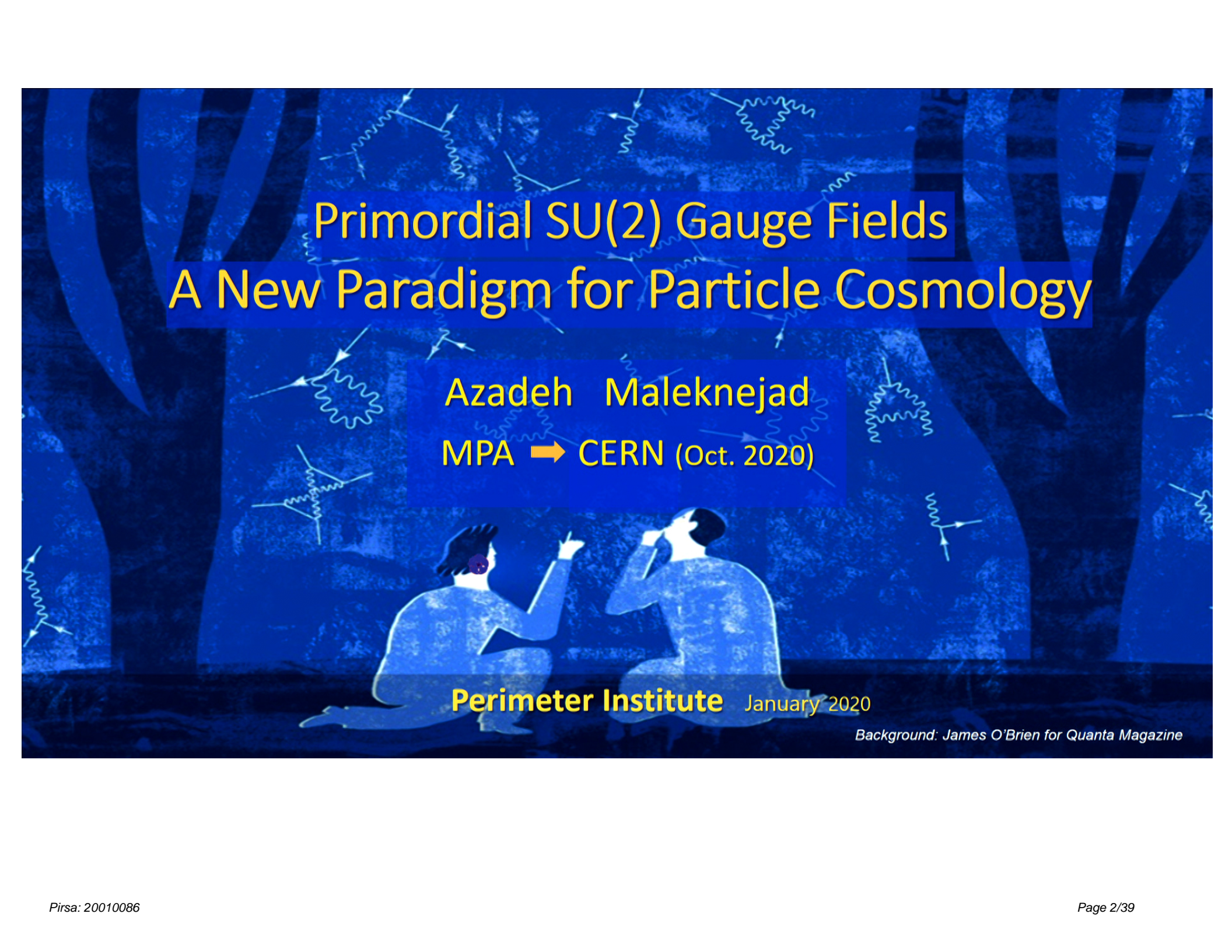
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Abstract: Primordial SU(2) gauge fields and axions can contribute to the physics of inflation. In this class of models, both the gauge field and axion acquire a VEV, which is P and CP breaking and enriches the phenomenology of particles with spin. Their multifaceted phenomenology and unique observational signatures, e.g., chiral primordial gravitational waves and gravitational leptogenesis, turned this class of models to a hot topic of research in the past nine years. In this talk, first, I will briefly review the different realizations of this setup. Next, I will tell you about the three different types of particles produced by the SU(2) gauge field, i.e., scalar, fermion, and spin-2 particles and their observable signatures. In particular, the new spin-2 field produces chiral gravitational waves, which can be detected with LiteBIRD, CMB-S4, adv LISA, and BBO. Last but not least, I will tell you about the fermion generation during inflation, dark and visible, as yet another generous opportunity offered by the primordial SU(2)!

The background is a dark blue illustration of a forest with large, stylized trees. Overlaid on this are several white Feynman diagrams, which are particle physics diagrams showing interactions between particles. The diagrams include wavy lines representing gauge bosons and straight lines with arrows representing fermions. The overall aesthetic is scientific and artistic.

Primordial SU(2) Gauge Fields A New Paradigm for Particle Cosmology

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Background: James O'Brien for Quanta Magazine


PART ONE

- Why Gauge Fields, why SU(2) in Inflation?
- Novel Window to Particle Cosmology

PART TWO

- SU(2)-Axion Model Building
- Particle Production in Inflation

Summary & Outlook

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Why Gauge fields & Why SU(2)?

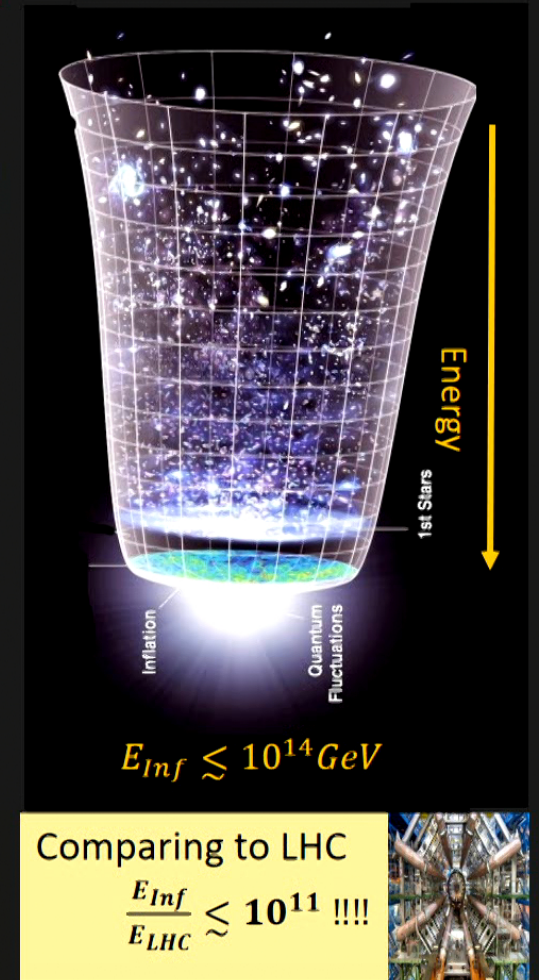
Why Gauge Fields during Inflation?!

- Why not?
 - I. Inflation happened at highest energy scales observable!
 - II. Gauge fields are ubiquitous in physics & building blocks of standard model (SM) and beyond.
- What do they do in inflation?

Mission Impossible?!

Challenges:

- Breaking the conformal symmetry
- Respecting gauge symmetry
- Spatial isotropy and homogeneity

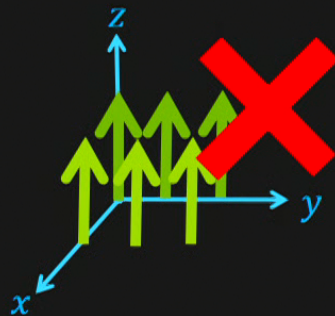


Challenges:

- 1) Conformal symmetry of Yang-Mills
gauge field decays like $A_\mu \sim 1/a$
- 2) Respecting gauge symmetry
Not to break gauge symmetry explicitly
- 3) Spatial isotropy & homogeneity

U(1) vacuum A_μ

$$A_i = Q(t) \delta_i^3$$



Adding new terms
to the gauge theory

$$\frac{\kappa}{384} (F \tilde{F})^2$$

or $\frac{\lambda}{8f} F \tilde{F} \varphi$ ↙ Axion

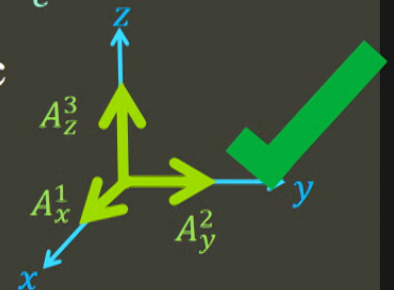
A.M. and M. M. Sheikh-Jabbari, 2011

SU(2) vacuum $A_\mu = A_\mu^a T_a$

$$[T_a, T_b] = i \varepsilon^{abc} T_c$$

Spatially isotropic

$$A_i^a = Q(t) \delta_i^a$$

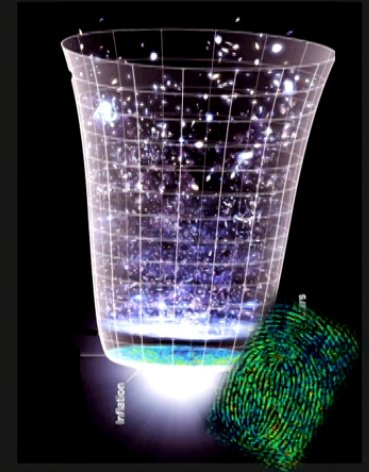


so(3) & su(2) are isomorphic

Why Gauge Fields during Inflation?!

Non-Abelian Gauge fields can contribute to inflation & respect spatial isotropy!


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A new class of inflation models with SU(2) gauge fields & axions,
SU(2)-axion models!

It opens a Novel Window to Particle Cosmology:

Novel Observable Signatures
e.g. Chiral, non-Gaussian GWs!

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A Novel Window to Particle Cosmology

SU(2)-axion Inflation: a Complete Setup

SM of Particle Physics, the most rigorous theory of physics cannot explain **Cosmology!**

Big Questions of modern Cosmology & Particle Physics:

- I) Origin of matter asymmetry,
- II) Particle nature of DM,
- III) Primordial GWs
(only missing prediction of inflation)

Fundamental discrete Symmetries and their violation played a key role in understanding SM, e.g. **C & P** violation in weak interactions, **CP** violation to explain matter asymmetry.

Yet, it is mostly assumed that physics of inflation is **P** and **CP** symmetric.

SU(2)-axion inflation
Spontaneously breaks **P** and **CP**
and relates all of these seemingly
unrelated Phenomena in early and late
cosmology!

SU(2) Gauge fields and Inflation: Two examples

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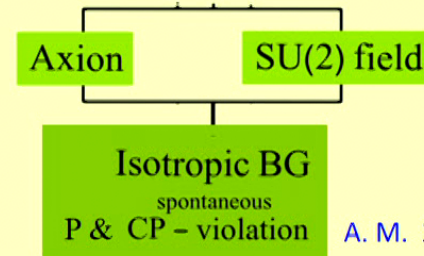
A New Window to Particle Cosmology

- **SU(2)-axion models** acquire a vacuum during inflation.

This vacuum **violates** both **P & CP!**

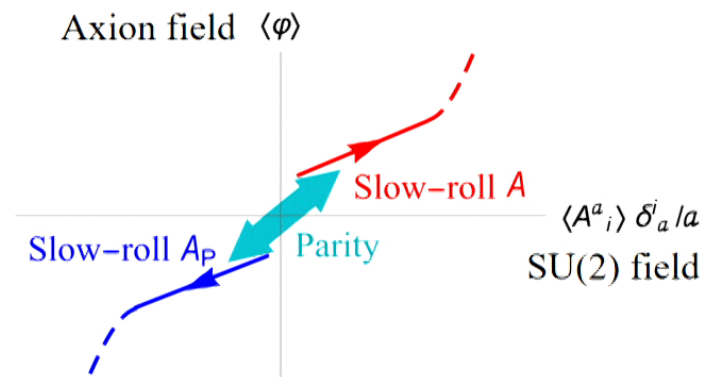
- **Particles with spin**, e.g. Fermions & Spin-2 fields are sensitive to this **non-trivial Vacuum during inflation!**
- **Pre-Hot Big Bang Particle Production!** (during inflation)

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A. M. 2014 & 2016

Vacuum structure of SU(2)-axion inflation

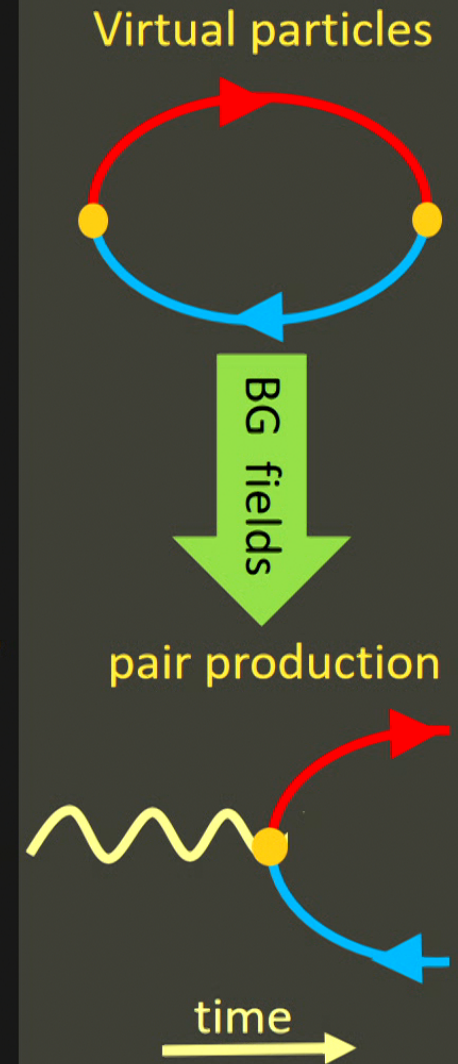


A.M., 2019

Particle Production

- Vacuum is a vast ocean of virtual particles &
- Background field upgrades it to **actual particles!**
Background Gauge field
(Schwinger effect)
- In flat space, it has never been observed, $E > 10^{18}V/m$.
- Schwinger particle production is important in Physics of Inflation:

Particle Production during Inflation!



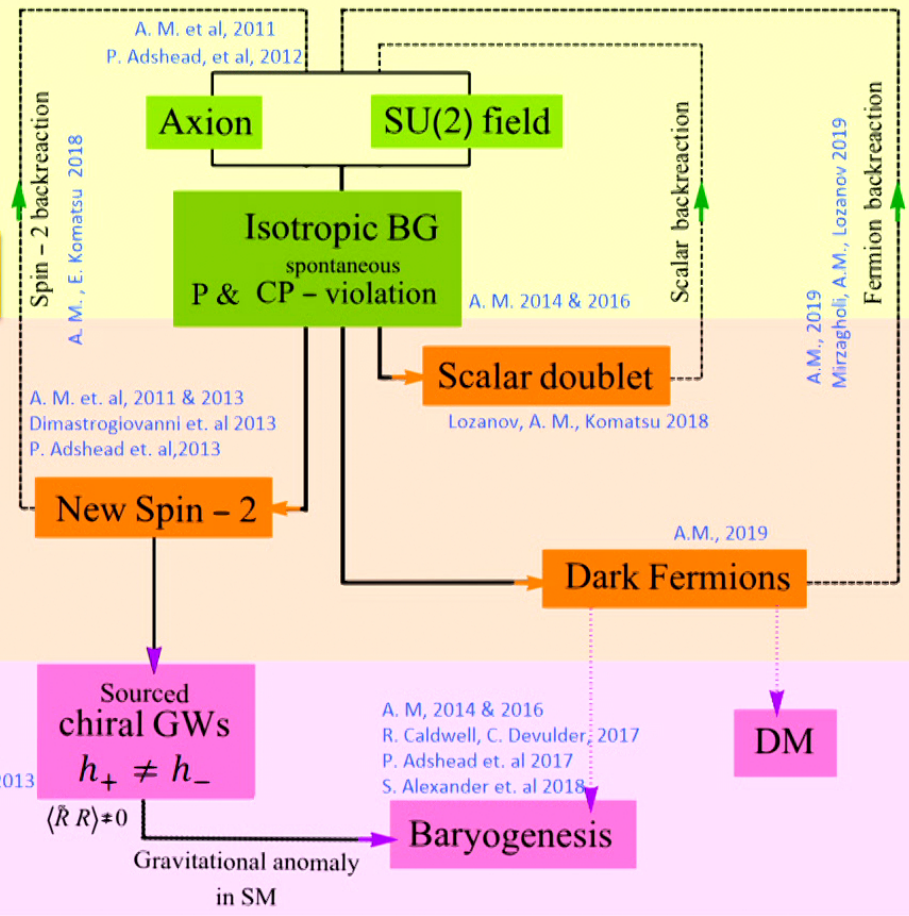
A New Window to Particle Cosmology

Cosmic Inflation

This vacuum **violates** both **P** & **CP**!

Particle Production
(during Inflation)

Observables



A New Window to Particle Cosmology

- New Spin-2 field in perturbed SU(2):

$$\delta A_i^a \ni B_{ij} \delta_i^a$$

- It is Chiral $B_+ \neq B_-$

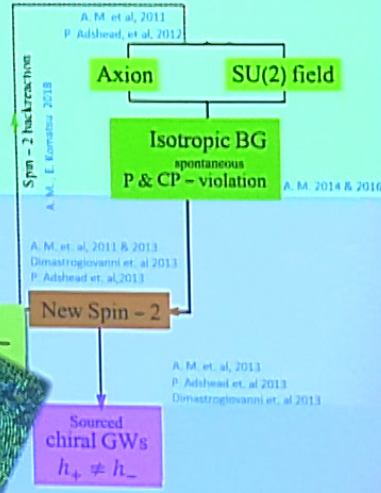
- linearly coupled to Gravitational Waves (GWs)

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- Novel Observable Signatures on CMB!

Future CMB missions, e.g. LiteBIRD, will nail it!



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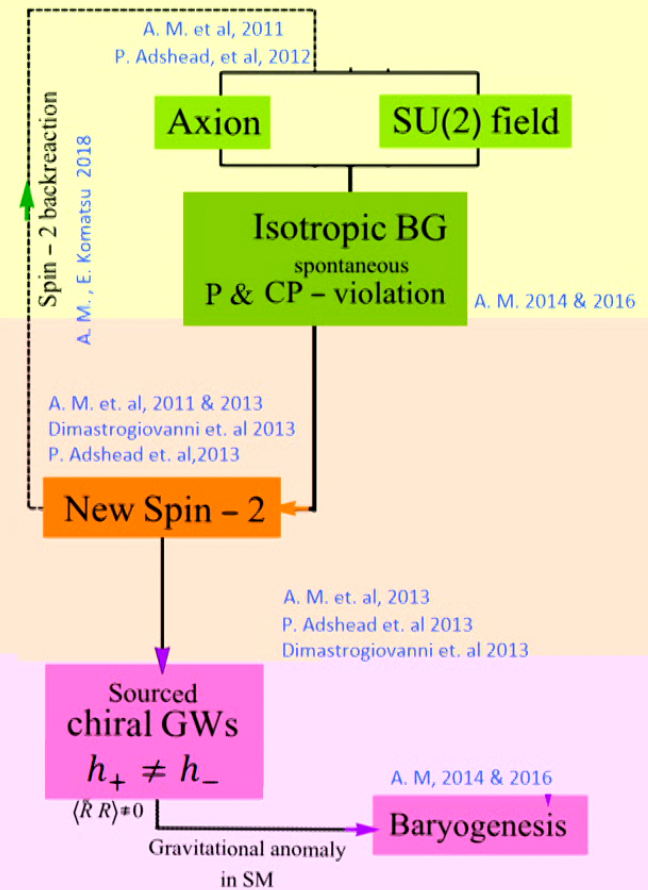
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- Inflationary Leptogenesis naturally arises to explain the **matter asymmetry!**



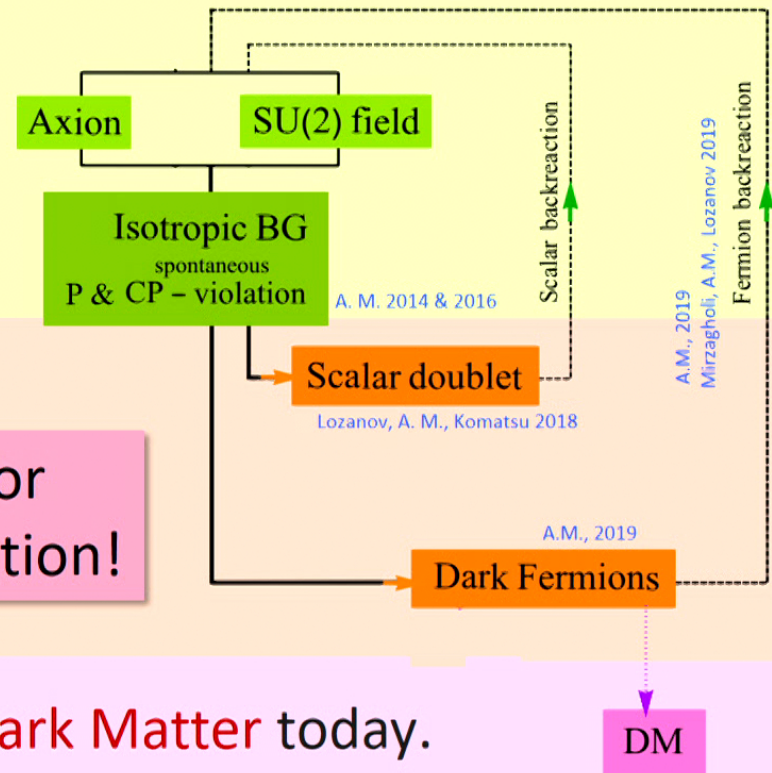
A New Window to Particle Cosmology

- Scalar doublet, and **Dark Fermions** charged under the Primordial SU(2) will be created by it!

- They will backreact to it as well.


• A new non-thermal mechanism for generating Dark Fermions during Inflation!

- This Dark fermions can be part of **Dark Matter** today.



PART TWO:

- SU(2)-Axion Model Building
- Particle Production in Inflation

The slide features a dark red background with a perspective view of a 3D grid of rectangular blocks, similar to the Windows logo. The grid is composed of several blocks, with some appearing to be in the foreground and others receding into the distance. The lighting is dramatic, with bright highlights on the edges of the blocks, creating a sense of depth and perspective. Scattered across the background are several faint, golden-yellow Feynman diagrams, which are complex line drawings representing particle interactions. These diagrams include wavy lines (representing bosons) and straight lines with arrows (representing fermions), connected at vertices. The overall aesthetic is scientific and modern.

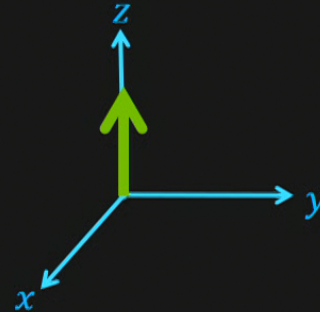
SU(2)-Axion Model Building

How $su(2)$ algebra restores the spatial isotropy?

Let us work in temporal gauge, $A_0 = 0$.

$U(1)$ vacuum A_μ

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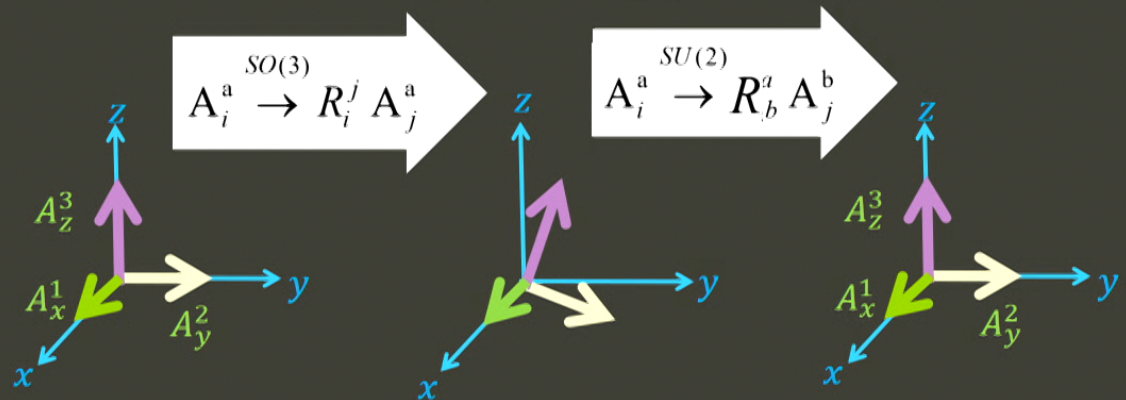


$SU(2)$ VEV, $A_\mu = A_\mu^a T_a$

$$A_i^a = Q(t)\delta_i^a$$



Isomorphism of $so(3)$ & $su(2)$ algebras



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An incomplete list of models with SU(2) gauge field:	α_H	α_S
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2. P. Adshead, M. Wyman, Phys. Rev. Lett.(2012) [arXiv:1202.2366]	0	0
3. A. M. JHEP 07 (2016) 104 [arXiv:1604.03327]	0	0
4. C. M. Nieto and Y. Rodriguez Mod. Phys. Lett. A31 (2016) [arXiv:1602.07197]	1	0
5. E. Dimastrogiovanni, M. Fasiello, and T. Fujita JCAP 1701 (2017) [arXiv:1608.04216]	0	1
6. P. Adshead, E. Martinec, E. I. Sfakianakis, and M. Wyman JHEP 12 (2016) 137 [arXiv:1609.04025]	1	0
7. P. Adshead and E. I. Sfakianakis JHEP 08 (2017) 130 [arXiv:1705.03024]	1	0
8. R. R. Caldwell and C. Devulder Phys. Rev. D97 (2018) [arXiv:1706.03765]	0	0
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- These models can be represented in the unified form

$$S = S_A(A_\mu, \varphi) + \alpha_S \underbrace{S_S(\chi)}_{\text{Scalar inflaton (spectator SU(2))}} + \alpha_H \underbrace{S_H(A_\mu, H)}_{\text{Higgs sector (mass for gauge field)}}$$

$$\alpha_H = \begin{cases} 0 \\ 1 \end{cases} \text{ Higgsed (massive SU(2))} \quad \alpha_S = \begin{cases} 0 \\ 1 \end{cases} \text{ Spectator SU(2)}$$

A. M. and E. Komatsu, JHEP 05 (2019) 174

- SU(2)-Axion Inflation models :

$$S = S_A(A_\mu, \varphi) + \alpha_S S_S(\chi) + \alpha_H S_H(A_\mu, H)$$

All share these features:

$$\alpha_H = \begin{cases} 0 \\ 1 \end{cases} \text{ massive SU(2)}$$

$$\alpha_S = \begin{cases} 0 \\ 1 \end{cases} \text{ Spectator SU(2)}$$

- i) SU(2) gauge field VEV: (respect isotropy & homogeneity)

$$A_\mu^a(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \mu = 0 \\ \psi(t) a(t) \delta_i^a & \mu = i \end{cases}$$

$e_i^a = a(t) \delta_i^a$
spatial part of tetrads

- ii) P and CP violating in inflation background.

- iii) New spin-2 degrees of freedom:

$$\delta A_i^a(t, \vec{x}) = \underbrace{\delta S_i^a}_{\text{Scalar and vector d.o.f}} + \underbrace{B_{ij}}_{\text{Spin-2 field}} \delta_i^a$$

- iv) Spin-2 field is chiral & linearly coupled to GWs



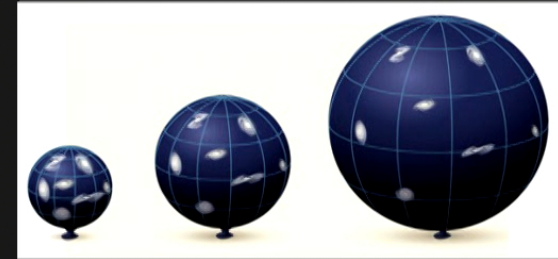
Chiral, non-Gaussian primordial GWs!

Background Perturbation

SU(2) Gauge fields and Initial Anisotropies

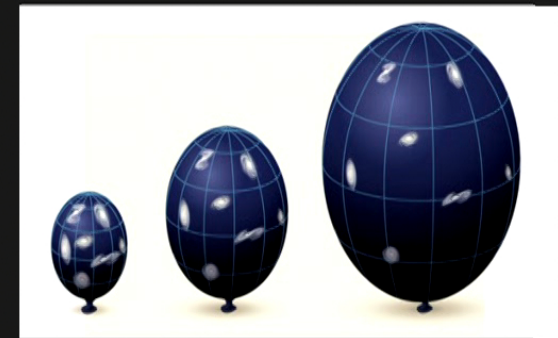
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Isotropic
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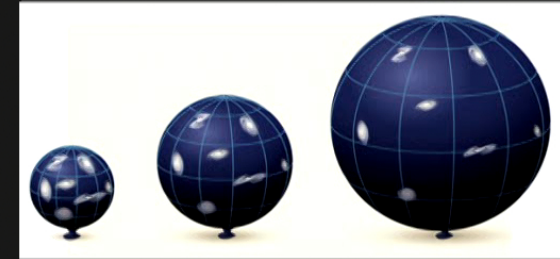


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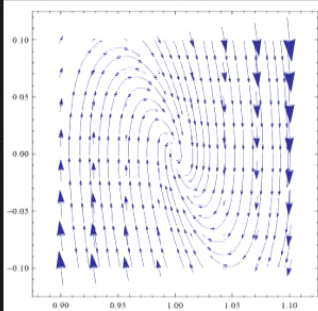
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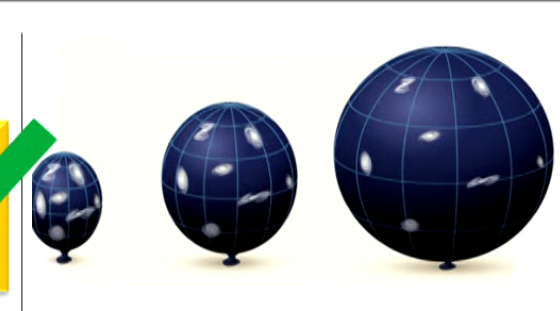
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$\lambda(t)$ Parametrizes the amount of anisotropy in the gauge field



$$(2 + \lambda^6)\left(\frac{\lambda''}{\lambda} + 3\frac{\lambda'}{\lambda}\right) - 6\frac{\lambda'^2}{\lambda^2} + (\lambda^6 - 1)(2 + \lambda^2\gamma) \simeq 0,$$

Isotropic Solution is the
Attractor!



~~Isotropic~~
Background

A. M. and M.M. Sheikh-Jabbari, J. Soda, 2012

A. M. and E. Erfani, 2013

Particle Production

1. New Spin-2
2. Dark Scalar
3. Dark Fermions

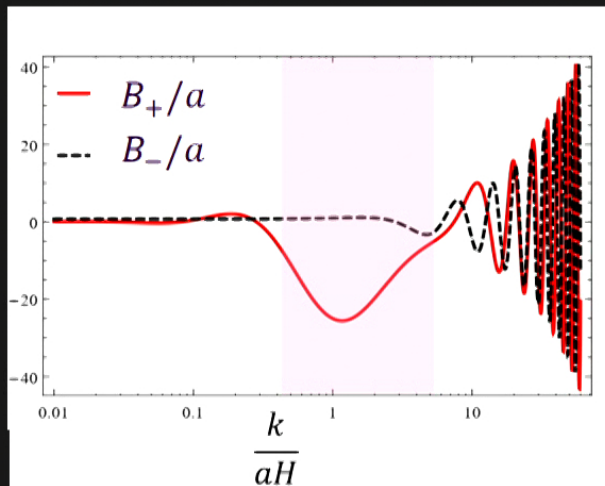
New Spin-2 & Chiral GWs

- New spin-2 field $\delta A_i^a(t, \vec{x}) = B_{ij}(t, \vec{x}) \delta_i^a$ is governed by

$$B_{\pm}'' + \underbrace{\left[k^2 \mp \delta_c k \mathcal{H} + \frac{m^2}{H^2} \mathcal{H}^2 - \frac{a''}{a} \right]}_{\text{effective frequency}} B_{\pm} \approx 0$$

(δ_c and $\frac{m^2}{H^2}$ are positive, given by BG) effective frequency

- The B_+ has a short phase of **particle production** before horizon exit.



$$n_B \sim \frac{H^3}{6\pi^2} \delta_c^3 e^{\frac{(2-\sqrt{2})\pi}{2} \delta_c}$$

- Backreaction of the spin-2 field is important: $BR \approx g_A n_B \sim \delta_c^3 e^{\frac{(2-\sqrt{2})\pi}{2} \delta_c}$

A. M. and E. Komatsu, 2018

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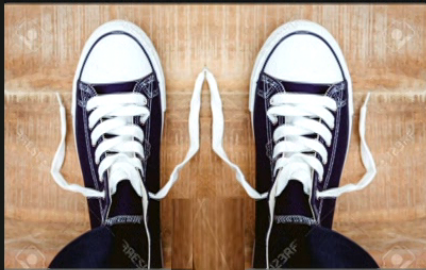
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$$h_{\pm}'' + [k^2 - \frac{a''}{a}] h_{\pm} = \frac{2\psi}{M_{Pl}} \mathcal{H}^2 \Pi_{\pm}[B_{\pm}]$$

- **Gravitational waves** have two uncorrelated terms



$$h_{\pm} = \underbrace{h_{\pm}^{vac}}_{\substack{\text{Vacuum} \\ \text{GWs} \\ \text{unpolarized} \\ h_+^{vac} = h_-^{vac}}} + \underbrace{h_{\pm}^s}_{\substack{\text{Sourced by} \\ B_{\pm} \\ \text{Polarized} \\ h_+^s \neq h_-^s}}$$



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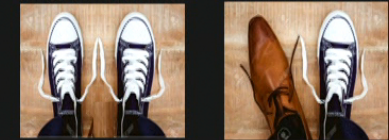
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- The ratio of the power spectra of sourced to vacuum is

$$\frac{P_T^S}{P_T^{vac}} \approx \left(\frac{\psi}{M_{Pl}}\right)^2 \times \left(\frac{n_B}{H^3}\right)$$



A. M. and E. Komatsu, 2018

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- ii) Sizable tensor to scalar ratio without large field,
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 $\langle TB \rangle$ and $\langle EB \rangle$ are non-zero, &
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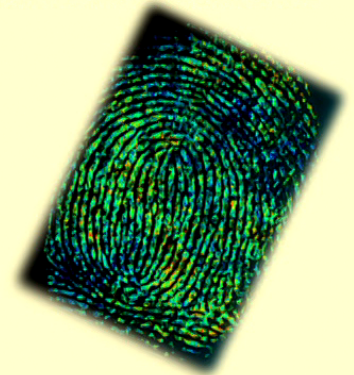
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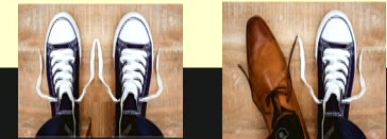


Backreaction of New Spin-2 puts constraints on ratio of the power spectra of sourced to vacuum gravitational waves

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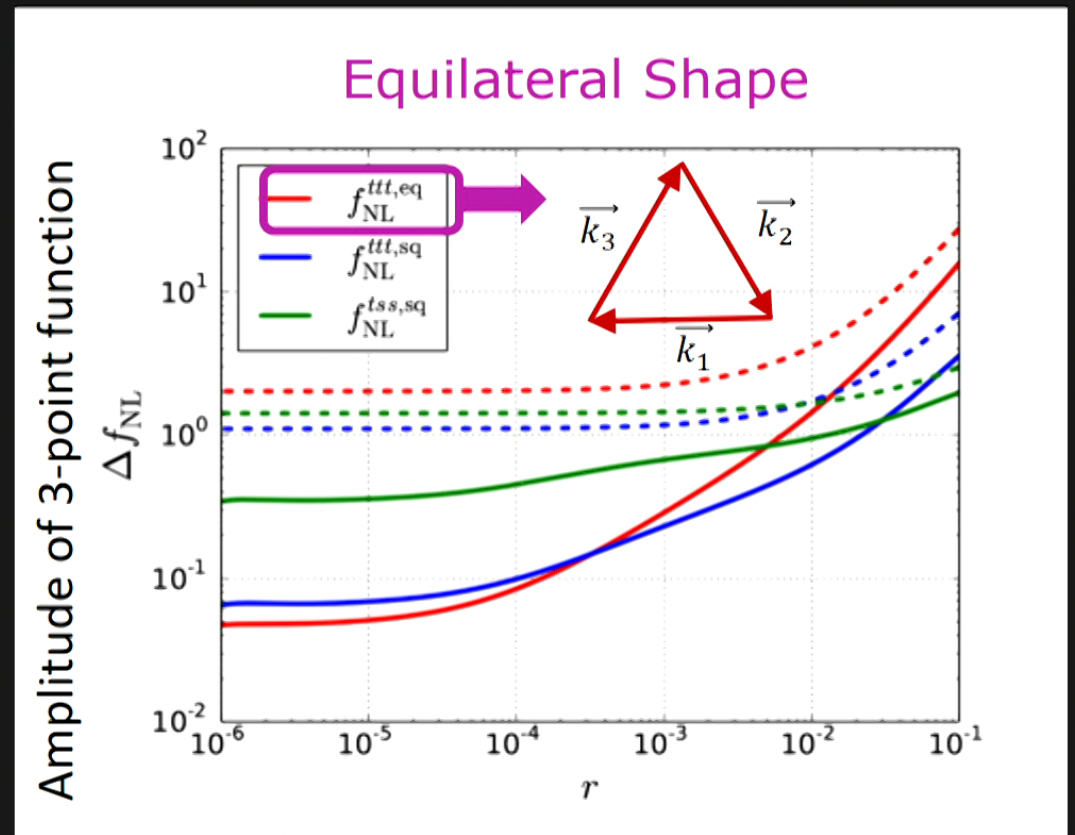


Novel Observable Signature: CMB

- The sourced tensor modes is Highly non-Gaussian.

Agrawal, Fujita, Komatsu 2018

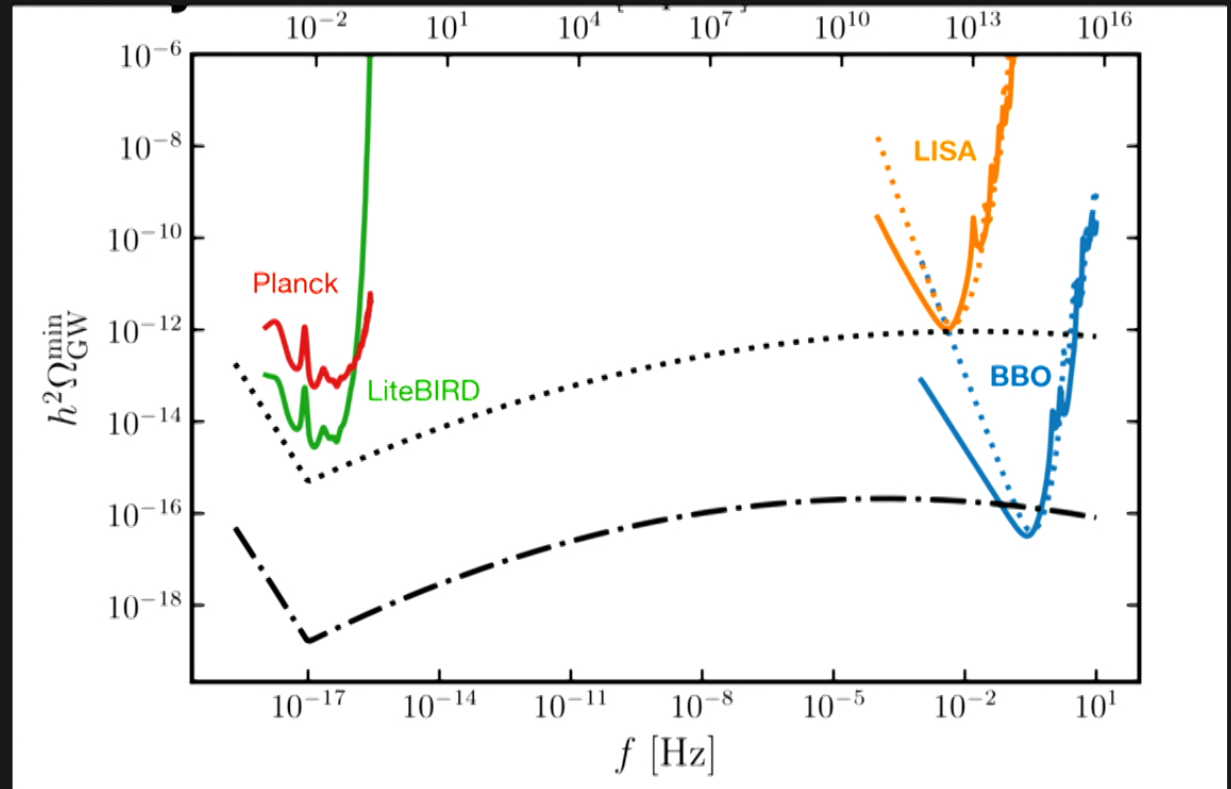
- That can be probe with future CMB missions., e.g. *Litebird!*



Maresuke Shiraishi, Front. Astron. Space Sci. 2019

Novel Observable Signature: Beyond CMB

- Comparison of the sensitivity curves for **LiteBIRD**, **Planck**, **LISA** & **BBO**.



Thorne, Fujita, Hazumi, Katayama, Komatsu & Shiraishi, 2018

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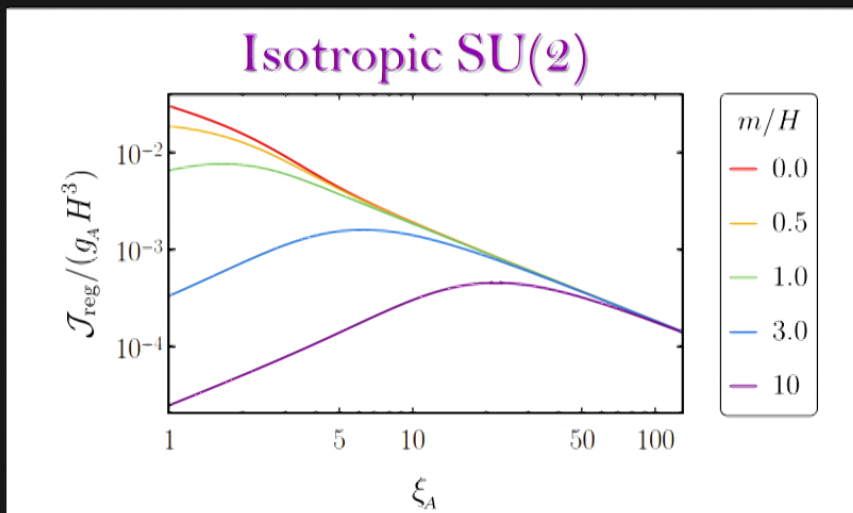
Particle Production-scalar

- Charged scalar fields coupled to the SU(2) gauge field BG

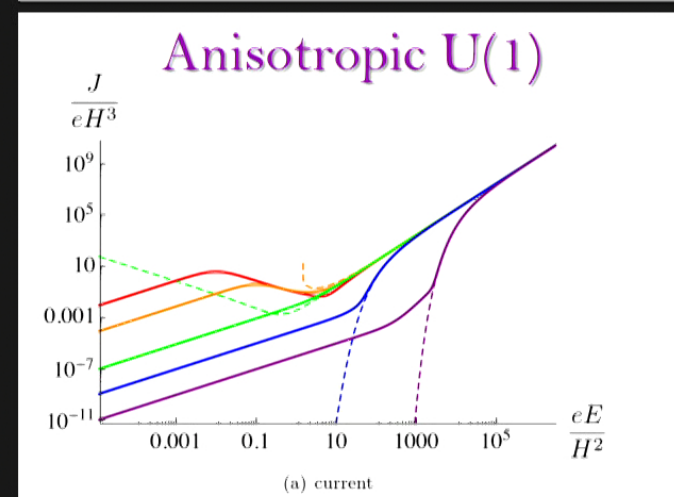
$$S_{\text{matter}} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[(\mathbf{D}_\mu \varphi)^\dagger \underbrace{\mathbf{D}^\mu \varphi}_{\text{red bracket}} - m^2 \varphi^\dagger \varphi \right]$$

- The scalar field's induced current:

$$\mathbf{D}_\mu \varphi = (\mathbf{I}_{2 \times 2} \nabla_\mu + ig_A \mathbf{A}_\mu) \varphi$$



Kaloian D. Lozanov, A. M., Eiichiro Komatsu JHEP 1902 (2019) 041



Takeshi Kobayashi, Niayesh Afshordi, JHEP10(2014)166

Particle Production-Dark Fermion

Axion BG field

SU(2) gauge field BG

$$S_{\text{fermion}} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\underbrace{i\bar{\Psi} \not{D} \Psi}_{\text{Dirac action}} - m\bar{\Psi}\Psi + \beta \frac{\lambda\phi}{f} \nabla_\mu J_5^\mu \right]$$

$$\not{D} \equiv D_\mu \otimes \gamma^\mu = [\mathbf{I}_2 \nabla_\mu - ig_A A_\mu^a \mathbf{T}_a] \otimes \gamma^\mu$$

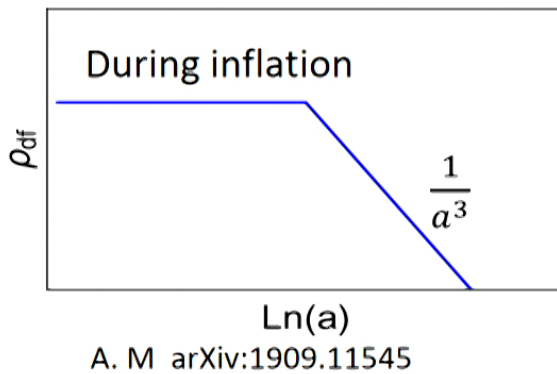
This vacuum **violates** both **P** & **CP**!

Massive Dirac fermions are generated during inflation.

$$\nabla_\mu J_5^\mu = -\frac{2im}{a^3} \bar{\Psi} \gamma_5 \Psi + \frac{2g_A^2}{16\pi^2} F_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{F}_{a\mu\nu}$$

The efficiency of the process is proportional to the source of the CP breaking!

These fermions can be as massive as $M < 10 \text{ TeV}$!



$$D_\mu = (\partial_\mu - ig_A \underbrace{A_\mu^a T_a})$$

$$\xi_A = \frac{g_A \psi}{4}$$

$$A_\mu^a = \begin{cases} \alpha \delta_{\mu z} & \psi \\ 0 & \mu=0 \end{cases}$$

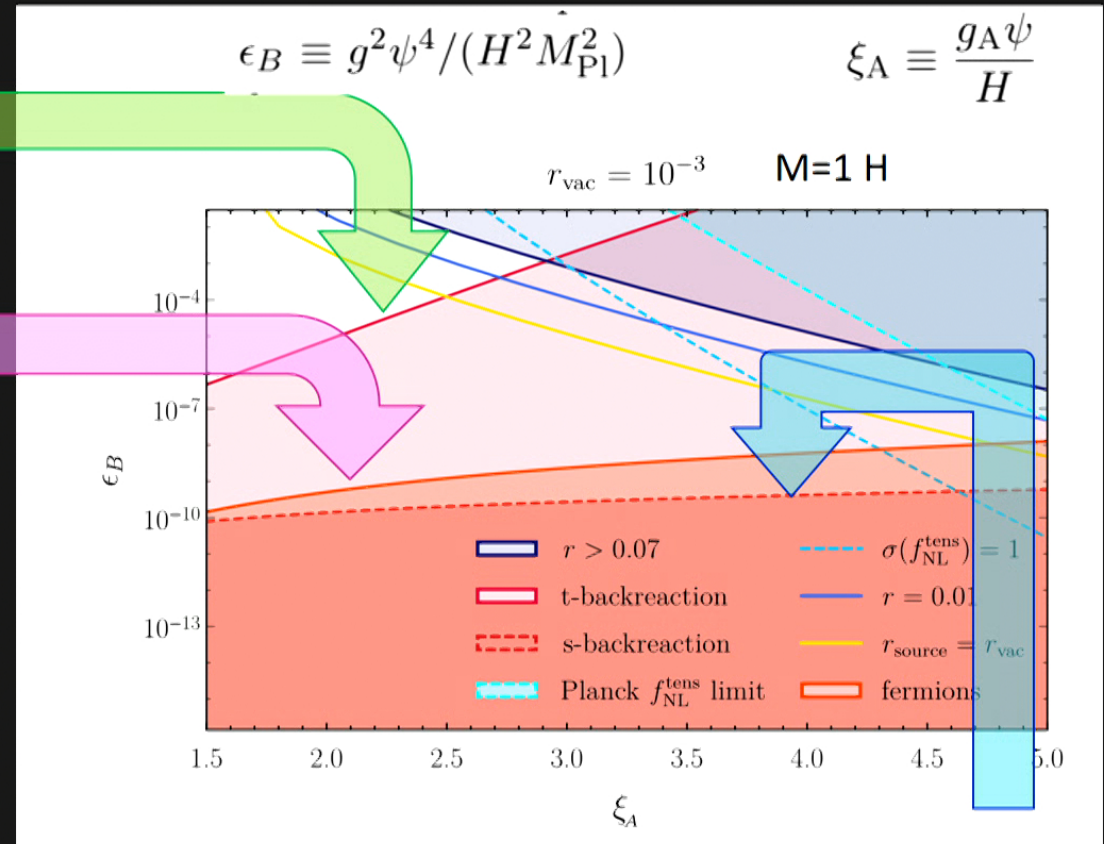
Particle Production & Backreaction

The **spin-2** backreaction constraint.

A.M. and Komatsu, 2018

The **Dirac fermion** backreaction for fermions with mass $M=1 H$.

L. Mirzaghali, A.M. D. Lozanov, arXiv:1905.09258

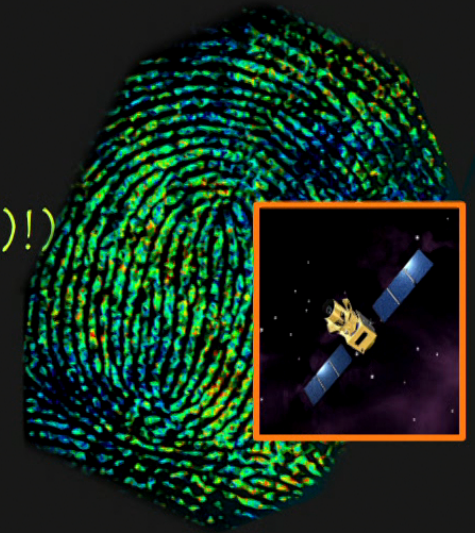


The **scalar field** backreaction constraint.

D. Lozanov, A.M., and Komatsu 2018

- **SU(2)-axion models of inflation** enriches the Particle Cosmology.
- Spontaneous P & CP violation in Inflation.
- **Spin-2 particles:** *(The smoking gun for Primordial SU(2)!)*
 - 1) Gauge field includes a New spin-2 field which is chiral
 - 2) It produces partially chiral and non-Gaussian GWs
- **Spin-1/2 particles:**

a new non-thermal mechanism for generating massive (Dark) fermions.



$$F_{\cdot i}^a \approx H \alpha \underbrace{\psi}_{\delta_i^a}$$

$$\alpha \in \overset{jk}{B}_k^a \leftarrow F_{ij}^a = g_A \psi^2 a^2 \in \overset{a}{ij}$$

$$\frac{B_{ij}^a}{E_{ij}^a} \approx \frac{g_A \psi}{H}$$

