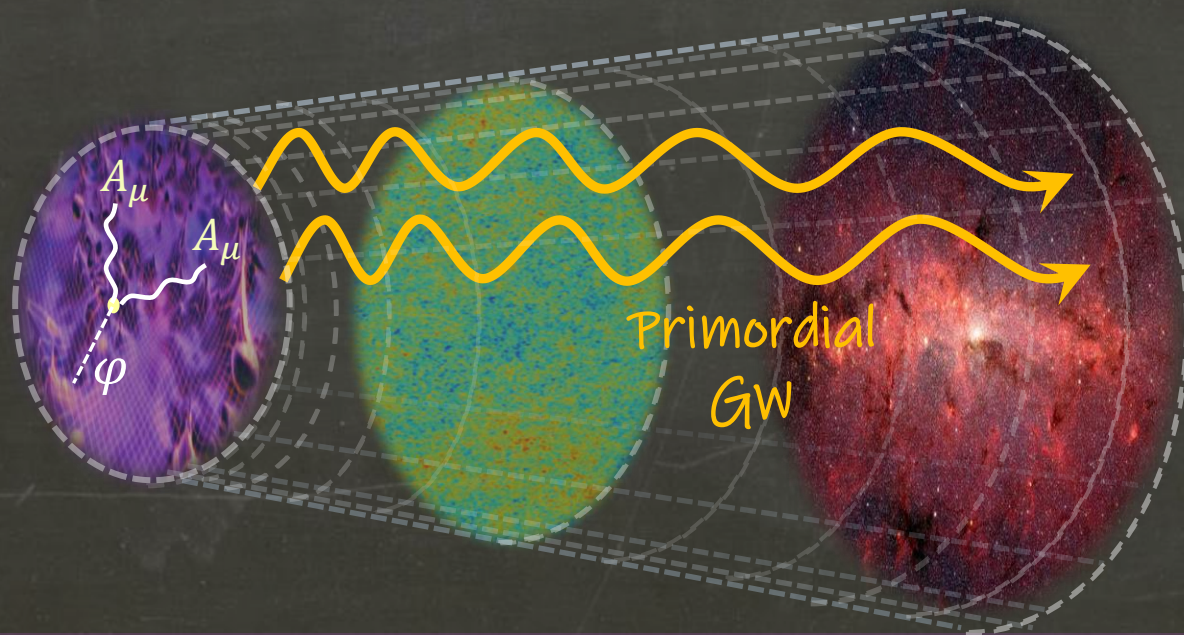


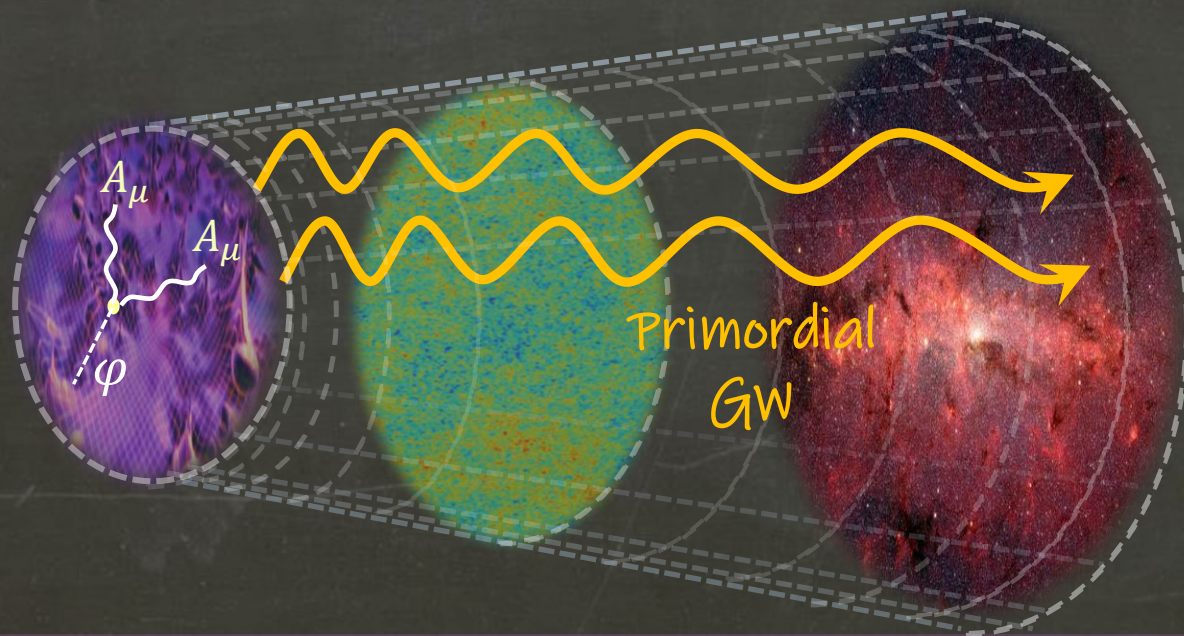
Gauge Fields in Inflation, Origin of Matter, and Gravitational Waves

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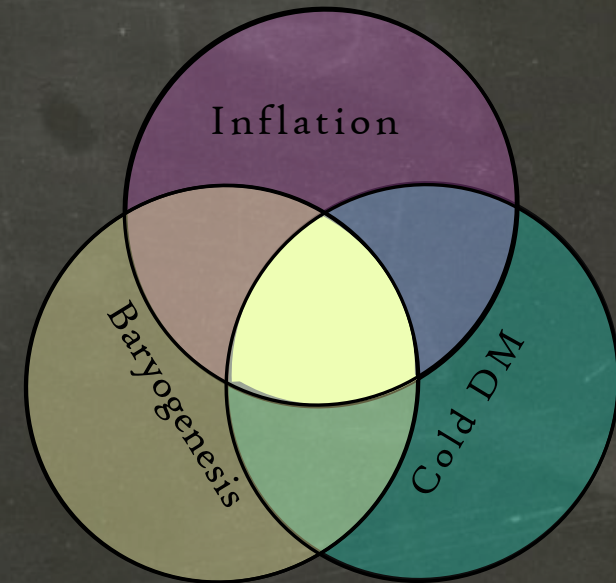
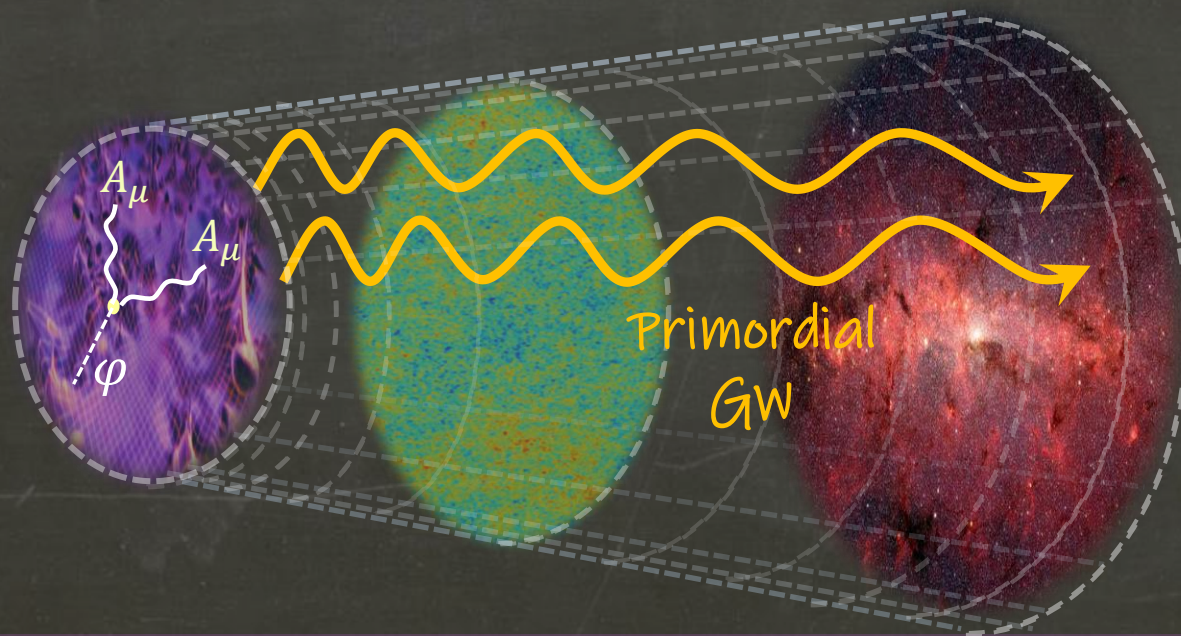
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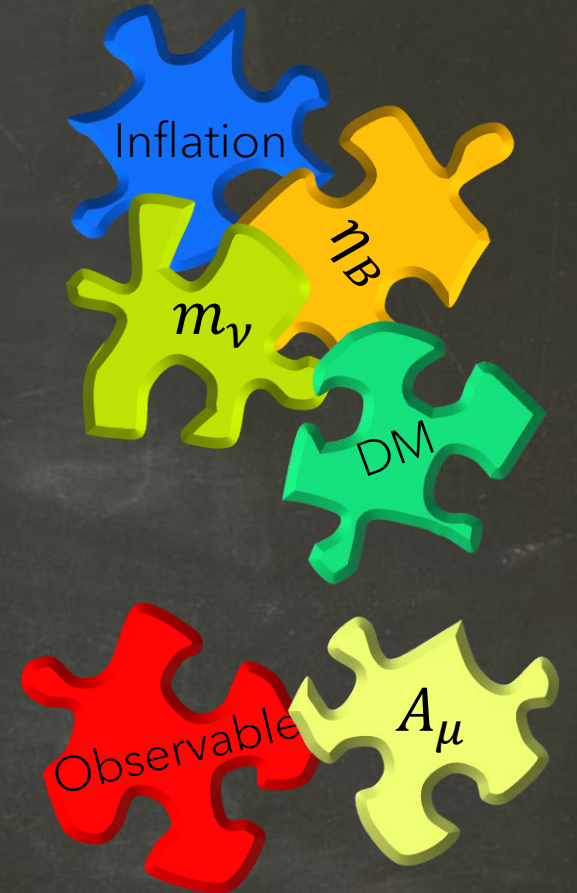
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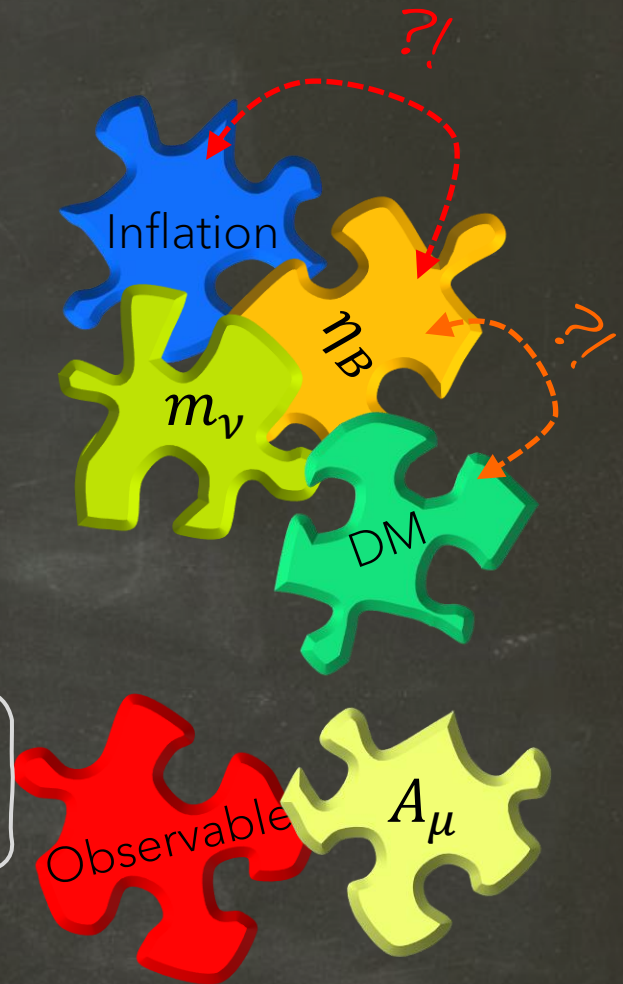
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Baryon to Photon Ratio
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$$P_\zeta = \frac{1}{2\epsilon} \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{H}{M_{pl}} \right)^2 \approx 2 \times 10^{-9}$$

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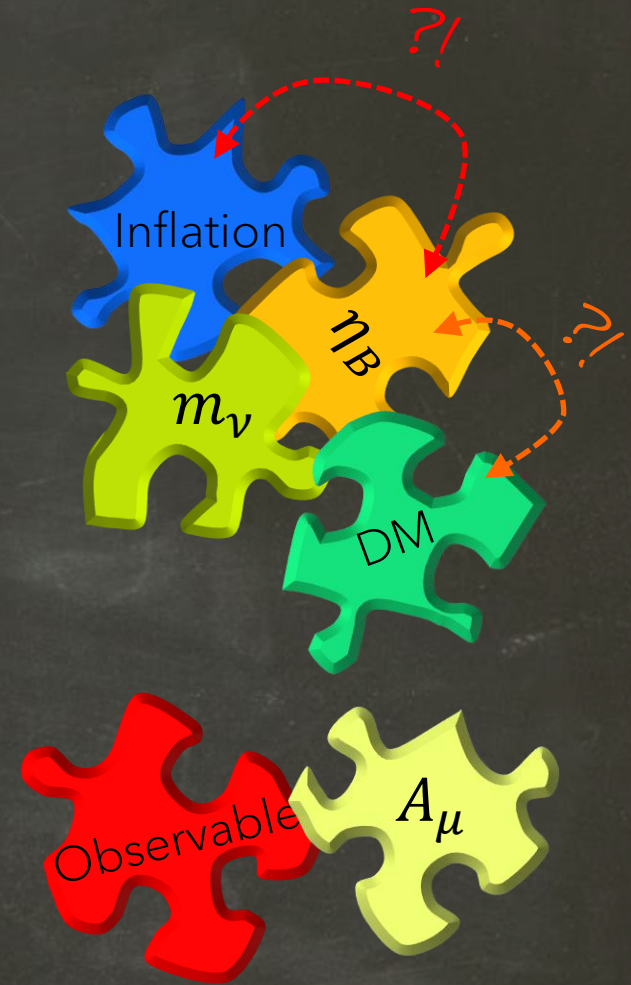
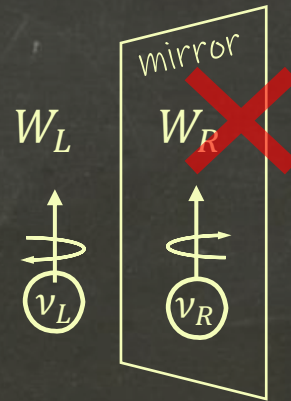
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SM as a particle physics model also faces some conceptual issues



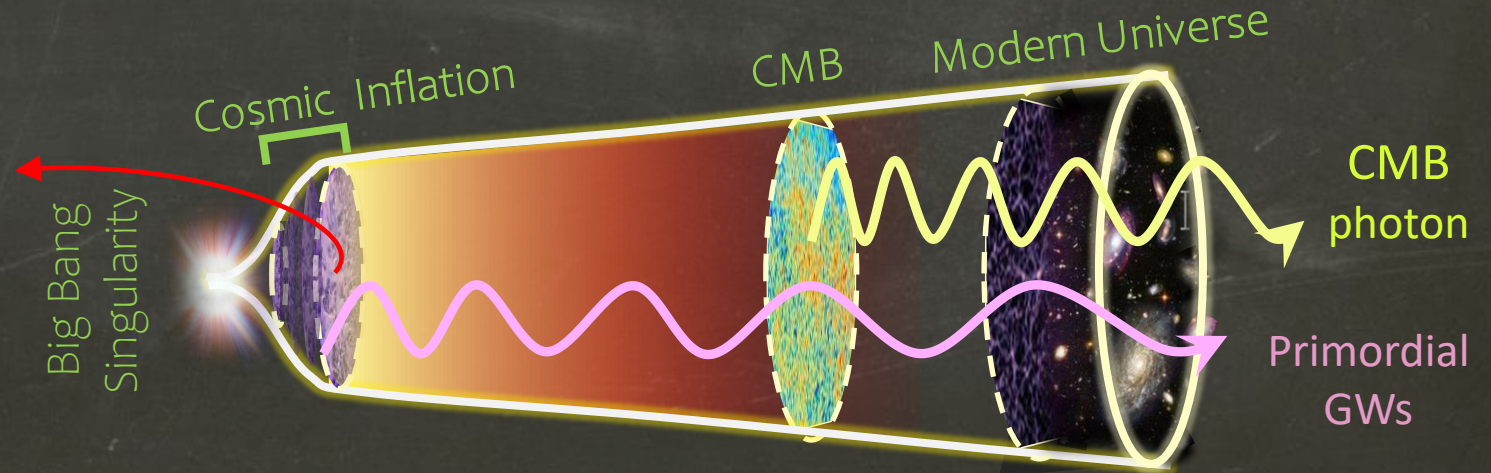
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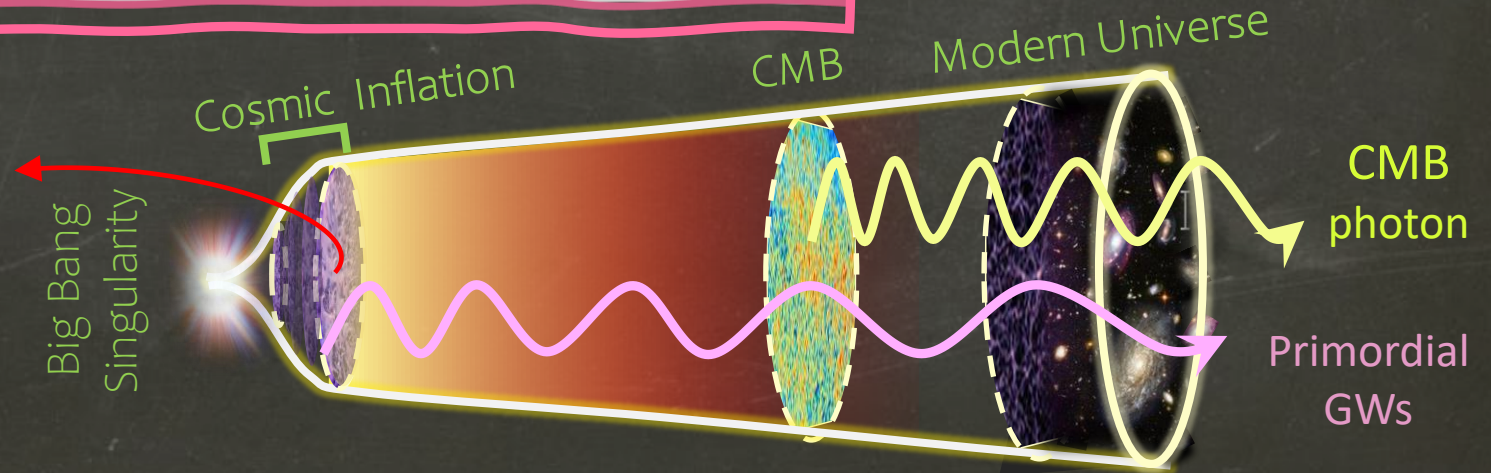
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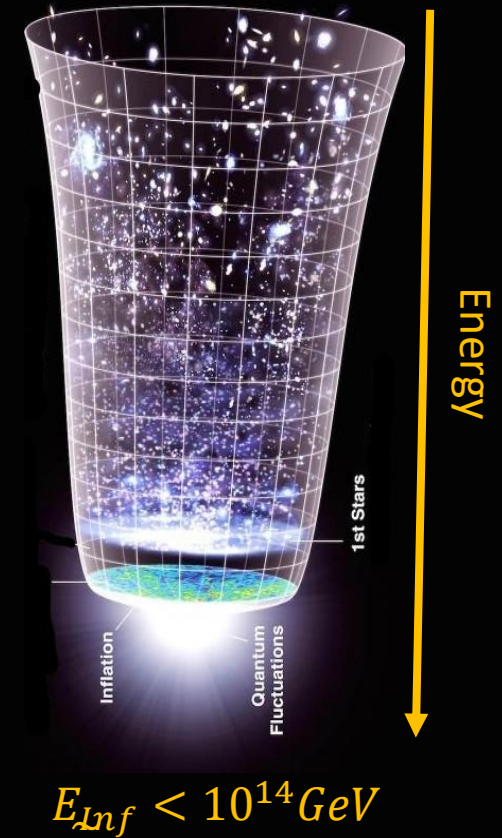


Gauge Fields & Inflation



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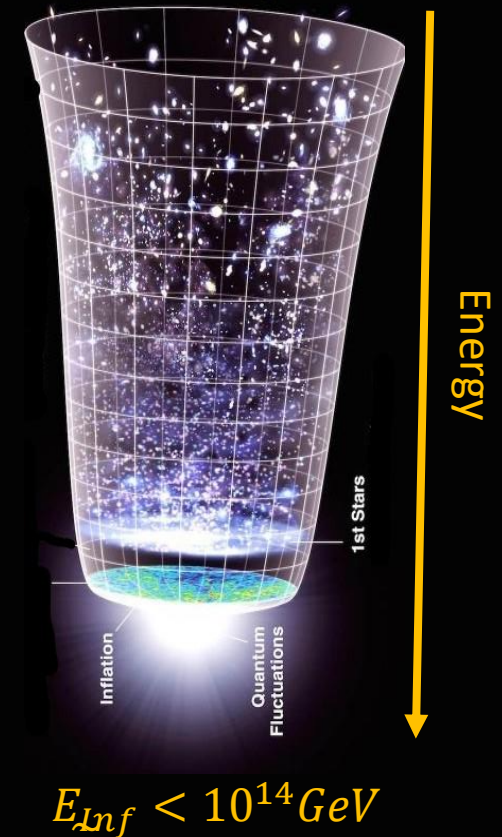
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Yes!
 - II. Do they leave an observable signature?
Yes! Robust prediction for GW background.
 - III. How much they can change the cosmic history?
A lot! Novel mechanisms for Baryo- and Dark-genesis.



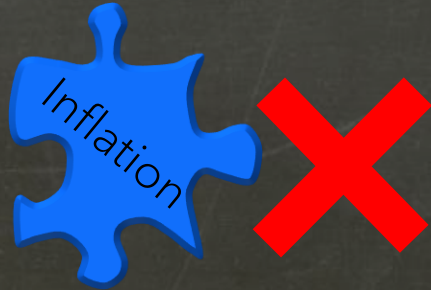
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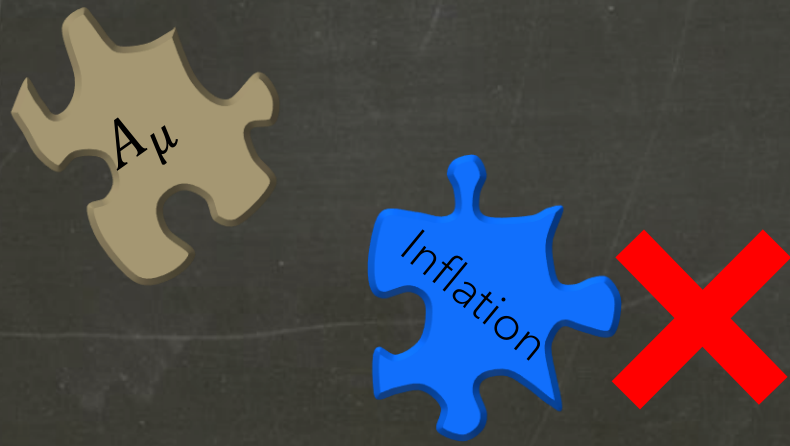
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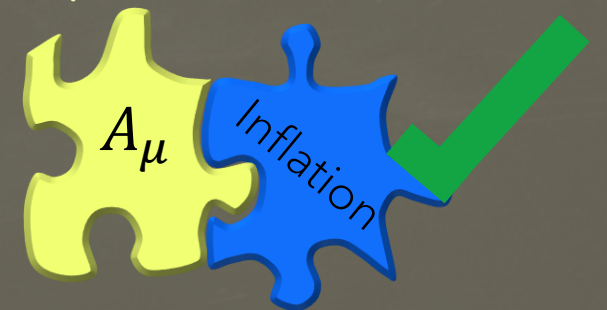
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Axon φ

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Gauge field A_μ (active in inflation) A_μ Axion inflaton φ



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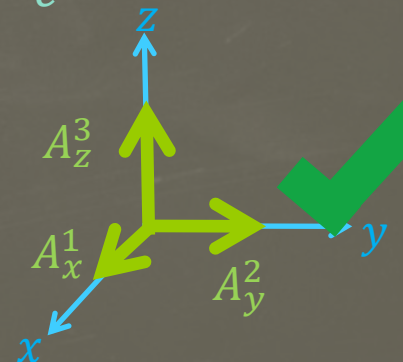
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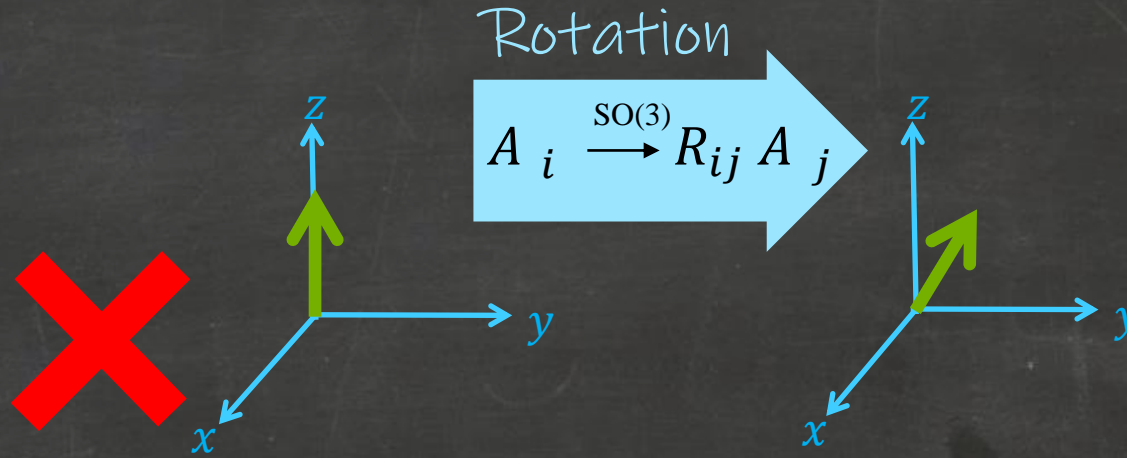
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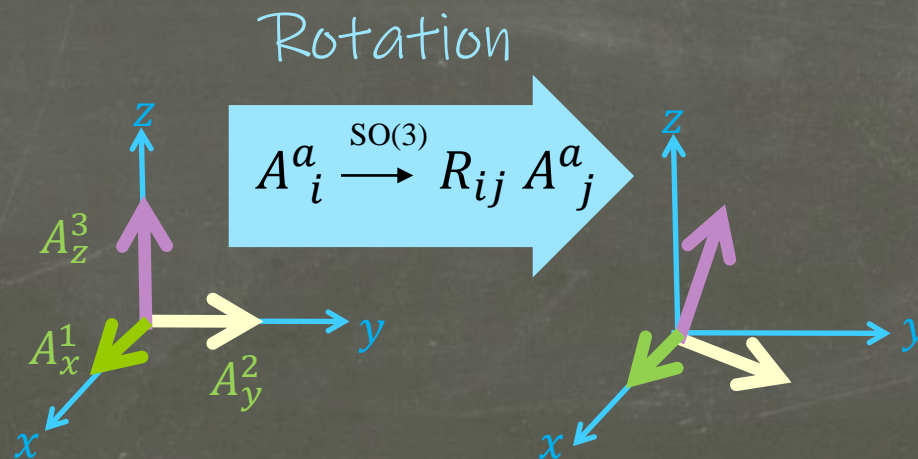
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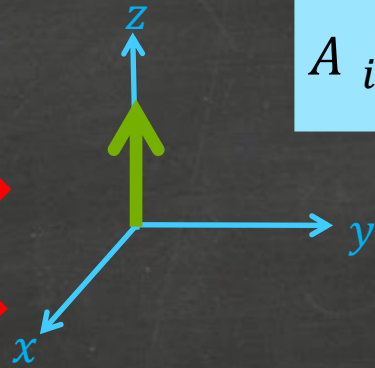


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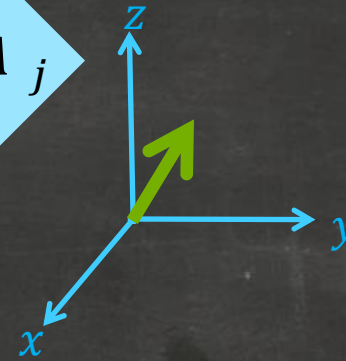
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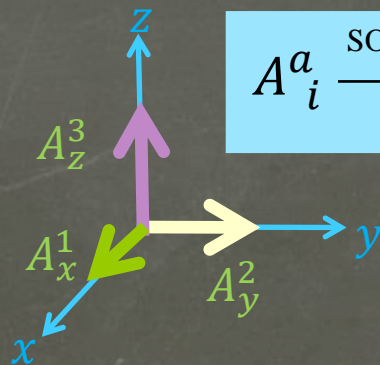
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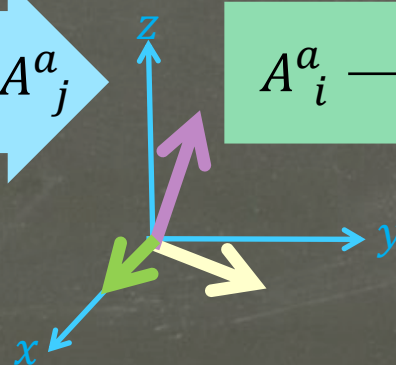
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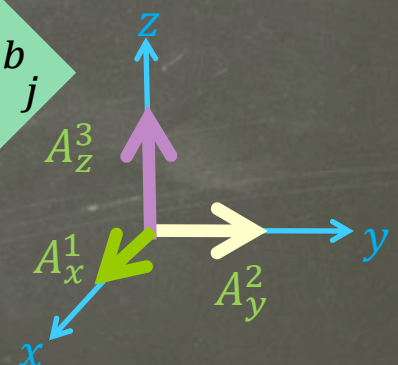
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Gauge Transformation

$$A_i^a \rightarrow R_{ab} A_j^b$$



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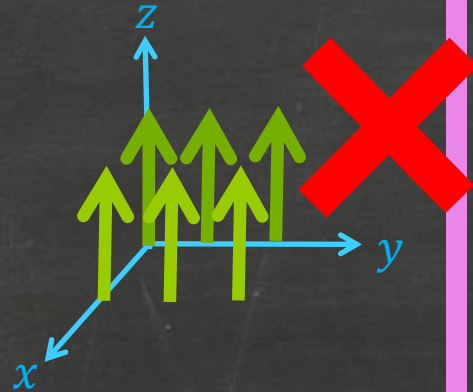
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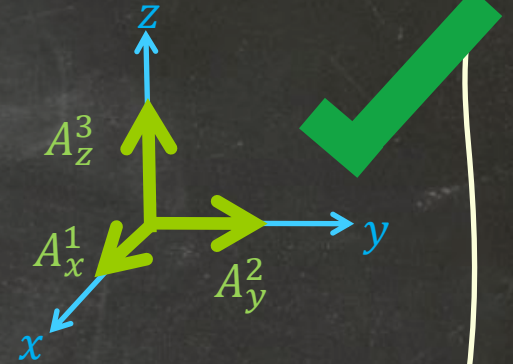


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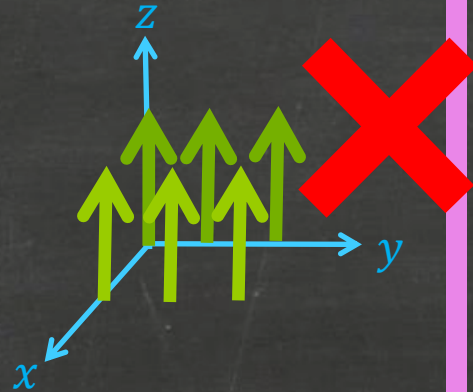
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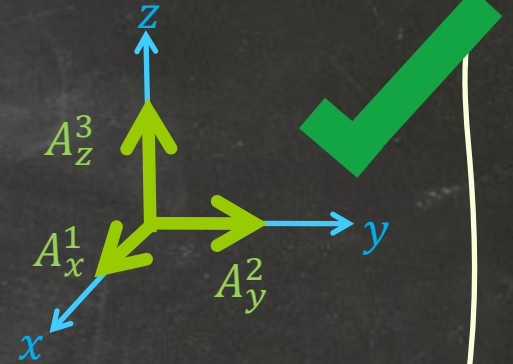


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$$\langle F \tilde{F} \rangle \neq 0$$

SU(2) Gauge fields and Initial Anisotropies

- SU(2) gauge fields are **FRW friendly**: (respect isotropy & homogeneity)

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



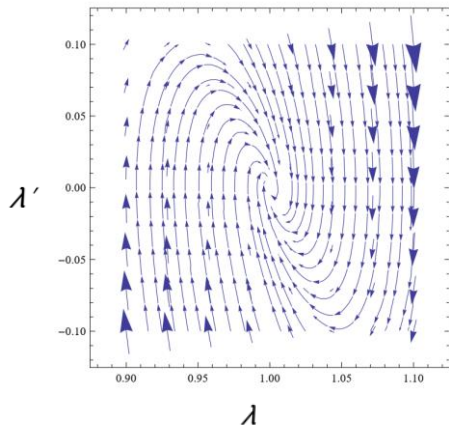
- How stable is the isotropic ansatz against **initial anisotropies**, i.e. Bianchi

I. Wolfson, A. M., T. Murata, E. Komatsu, T. Kobayashi arXiv:2105.06259

Axion is only coupled to the isotropic part of the gauge field,

Anisotropic part decays like radiation and

Isotropic Solution is the Attractor!



A. M. and M.M. Sheikh-Jabbari, J. Soda, 2012
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Isotropic
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Natural inflation

Friction

K. Freese, J. A. Frieman and A. V. Olinto 1990

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P. Adshead et. al 2013

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A. M. et. al, 2013

A. M. 2014 & A.M. 2016

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- Minimal Scenario of **SU(2)-axion inflation**

A. M., 2016

$f < 0.1 M_{pl}$ & $\lambda < 0.1$

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Axion Monodromy or any mechanism that gives a flat potential

New Tensorial mode in SU(2) Gauge Field

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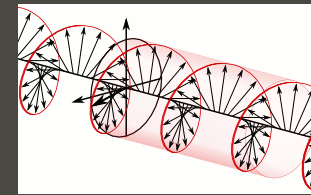
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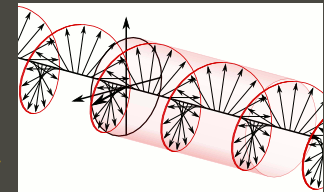
Right-handed

Circular polarizations



B_+

Left-handed



B_-

Vacuum structure

Axion field $\langle \varphi \rangle$

($\delta_C > 0$)

Slow-roll A

Slow-roll A_P

Parity

($\delta_C < 0$)

B_{\pm} is a new tensorial mode in the perturbed SU(2) gauge field!

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For $\delta_c > 0$

Short tachyonic growth of B_+



Chiral Field

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

Particle Production

A. M. and E. Komatsu, 2018

Vacuum structure

Axion field $\langle \phi \rangle$

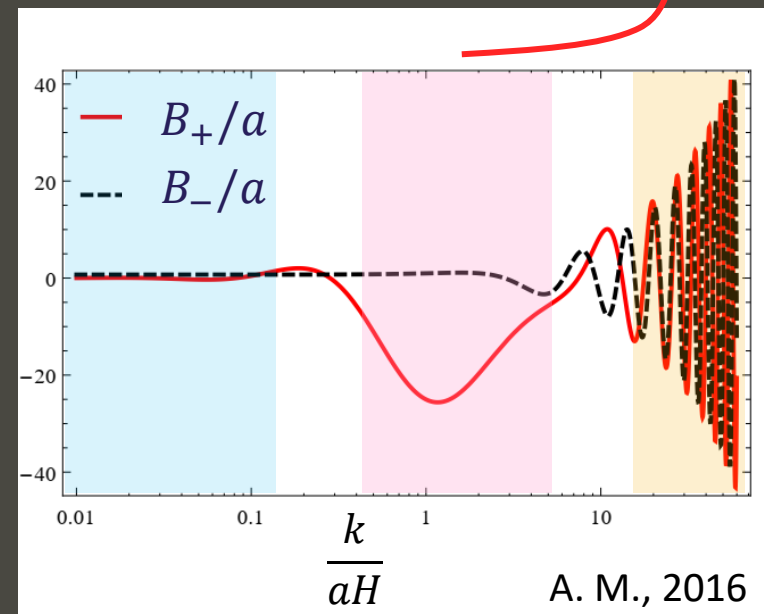
($\delta_c > 0$)

Slow-roll A

Slow-roll A_p

Parity

($\delta_c < 0$)



A. M., 2016

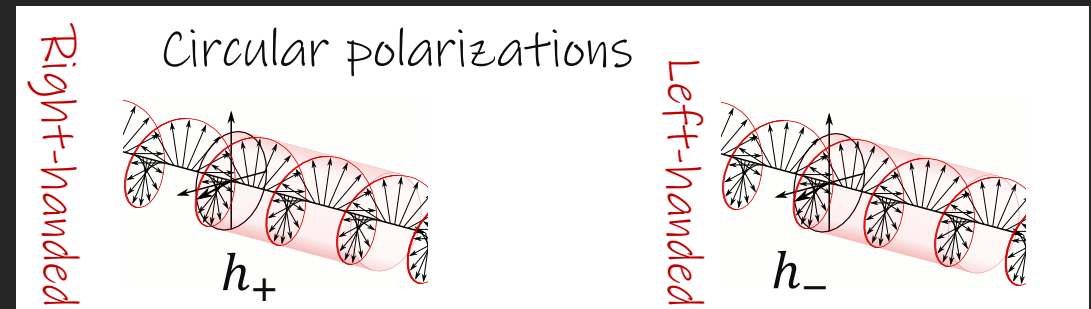
Gauge Field sources Primordial GWs

- $\delta A_i^a = (B_+(t, k)e_{ij}^+(\vec{k}) + B_-(t, k)e_{ij}^-(\vec{k})) \delta_j^a$
- The field equation: $B_{\pm}'' + [k^2 \mp \delta_c k \mathcal{H} + \frac{m^2}{H^2} \mathcal{H}^2 - \frac{a''}{a}] B_{\pm} \approx 0$



- That sourced the GWs

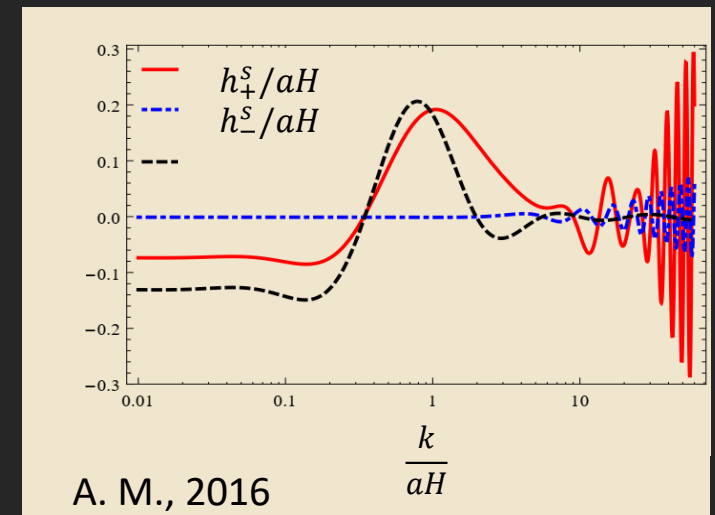
$$h_{\pm}'' + [k^2 - \frac{a''}{a}] h_{\pm} = \mathcal{H}^2 \Pi_{\pm}[B_{\pm}]$$



- Gravitational waves have two uncorrelated terms



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



Novel Observable Signature: CMB

- The sourced tensor modes is Highly non-Gaussian.

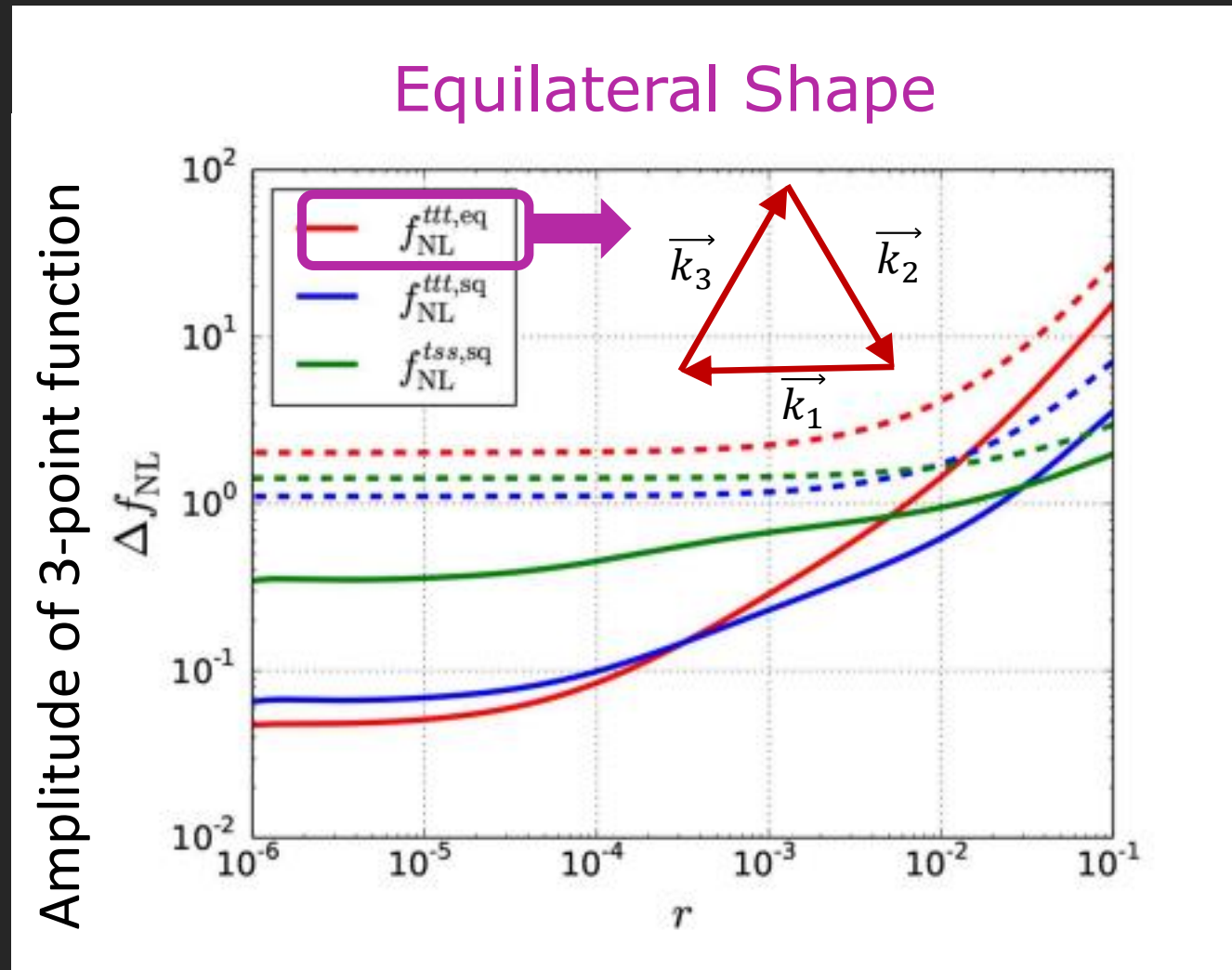
$$F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu - \underbrace{ig [A_\mu, A_\nu]}_{\text{Self-interaction}}$$

Agrawal, Fujita, Komatsu 2018

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



and *CMB-S4*!

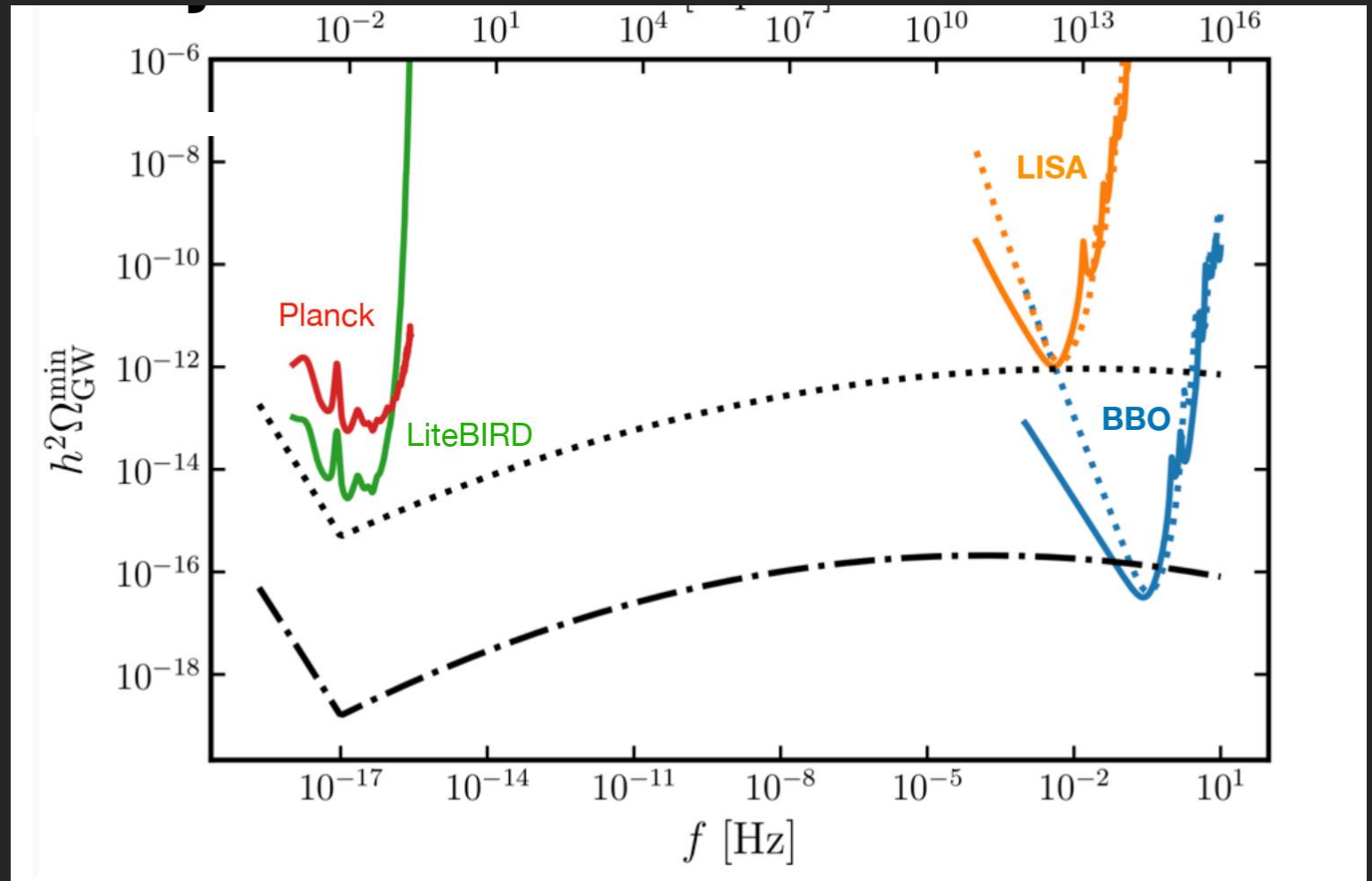


Novel Observable Signature: Beyond CMB

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

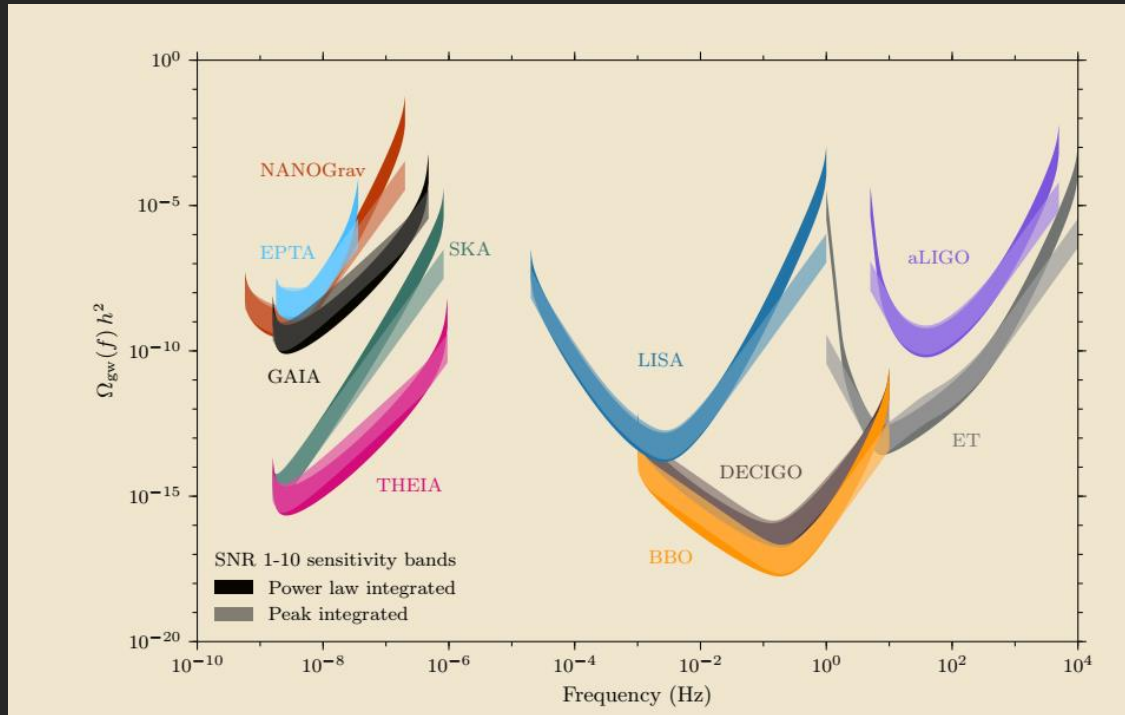
Detection of this background is an excellent target for all GW experiments across at least 21 decades in frequencies.

P. Campeti, E. Komatsu, D. Poletti, C. Baccigalupi 2020

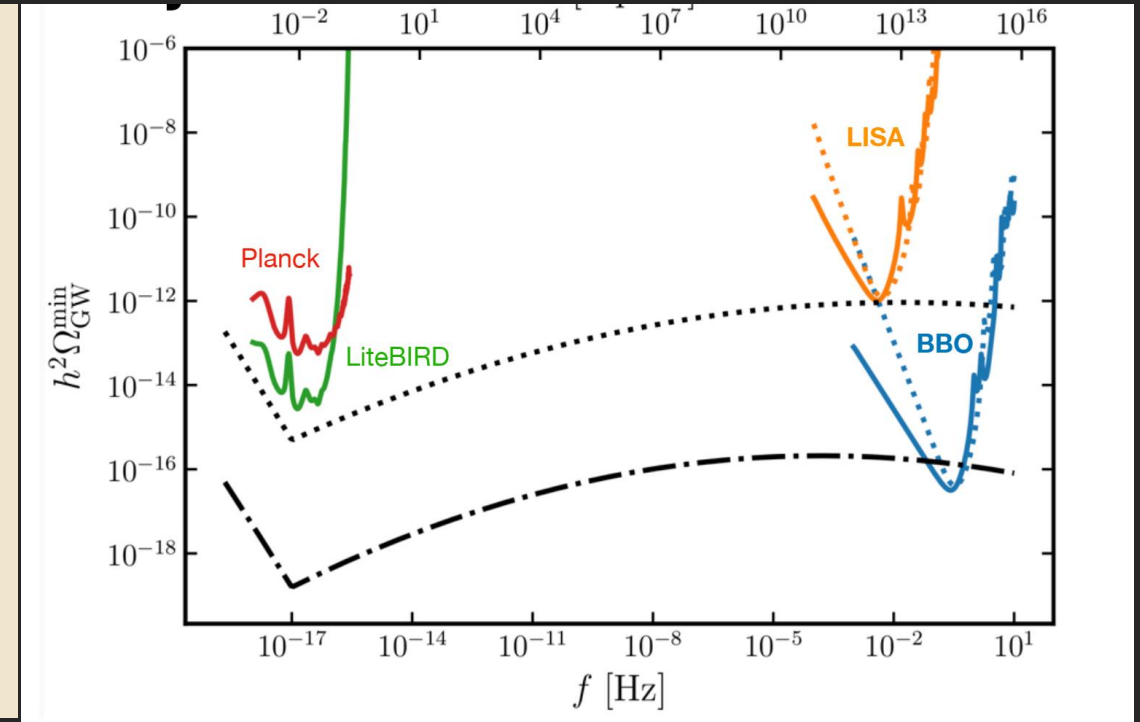


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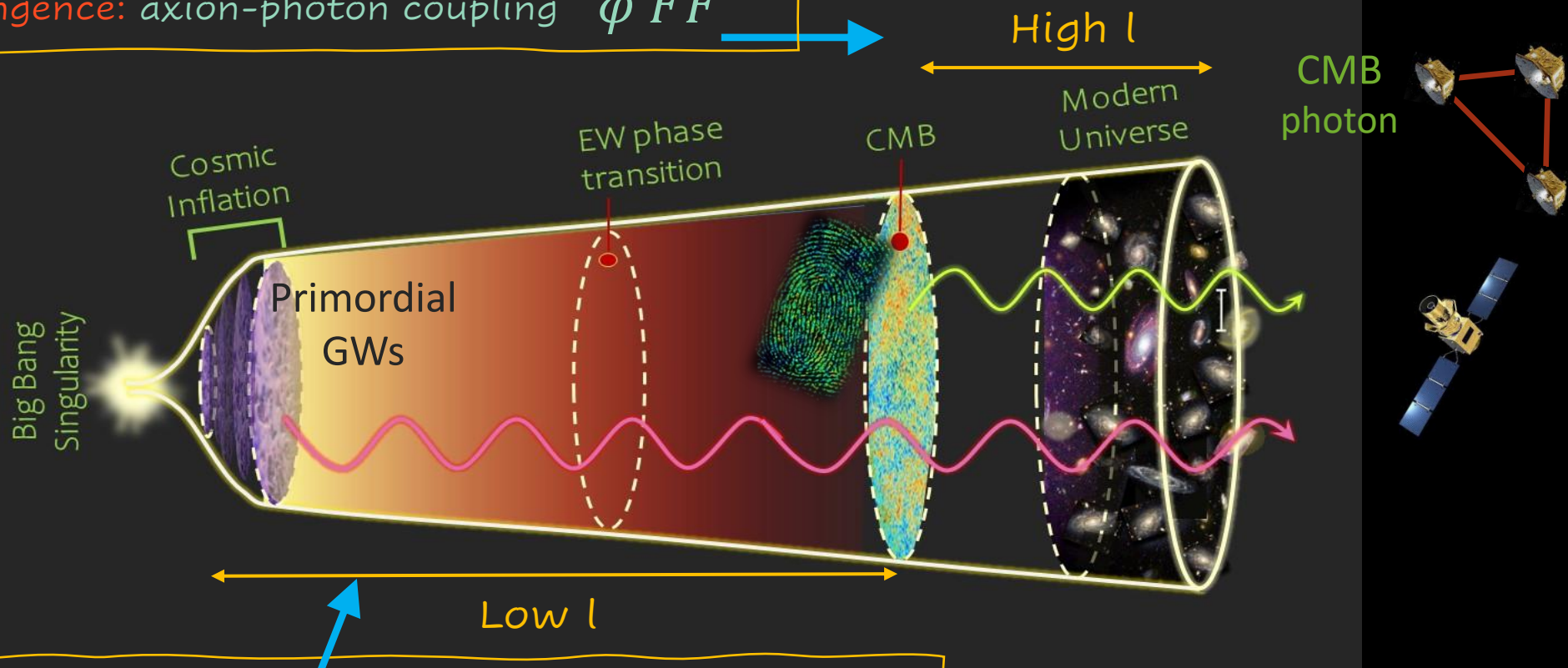


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Parity Odd CMB Correlations: TB & EB $\neq 0$

Sources of Parity violation on CMB:


- Cosmic Birefringence: axion-photon coupling $\varphi F \tilde{F}$



- SU(2)-axion Inflation: SU(2) field-Graviton coupling

- Gravitational Chern-Simons: axion-graviton coupling $\varphi R \tilde{R}$

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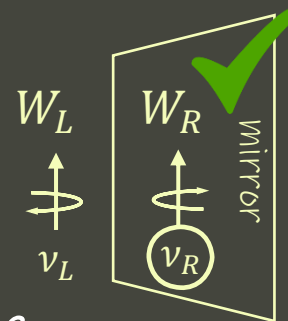
Let us Extend SM Gauge Symmetry by an $SU(2)_R$ and couple it to Axion Inflaton!

- Left-Right Symmetric Model + axion!

$$SU(2)_R \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_{B-L} \longrightarrow SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$$

Left-Right Symmetric

SM Left-handed Weak force



- Minimal Scenario of **SU(2)-axion inflation** A. M., 2016 $f < 0.1 M_{pl}$ & $\lambda < 0.1$

$$S_{AM} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left(-\frac{R}{2} - \frac{1}{4} F^2 - \frac{1}{2} ((\partial_\mu \varphi)^2 - V(\varphi)) - \frac{\lambda}{8f} \varphi F \tilde{F} \right)$$

Axion Monodromy or any mechanism that gives a flat potential

Gauge field is $SU(2)_R$

A. M. arXiv: 2012.11516

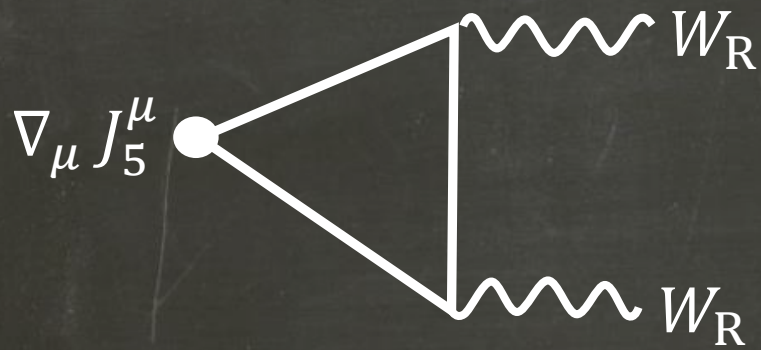
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Lepton & quark Production in Inflation

- Left-handed fermions are diluted by inflation, BUT
- Right-handed fermions are generated by $SU(2)_R$ gauge field:



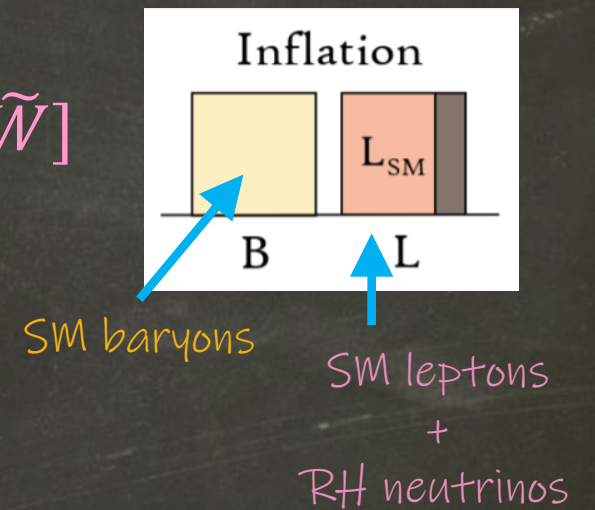
The key ingredient is the Chiral anomaly of $SU(2)_R$ in inflation:



$$\nabla_\mu J_B^\mu = \nabla_\mu J_L^\mu = \frac{g^2}{16\pi^2} \text{tr}[W\tilde{W}]$$

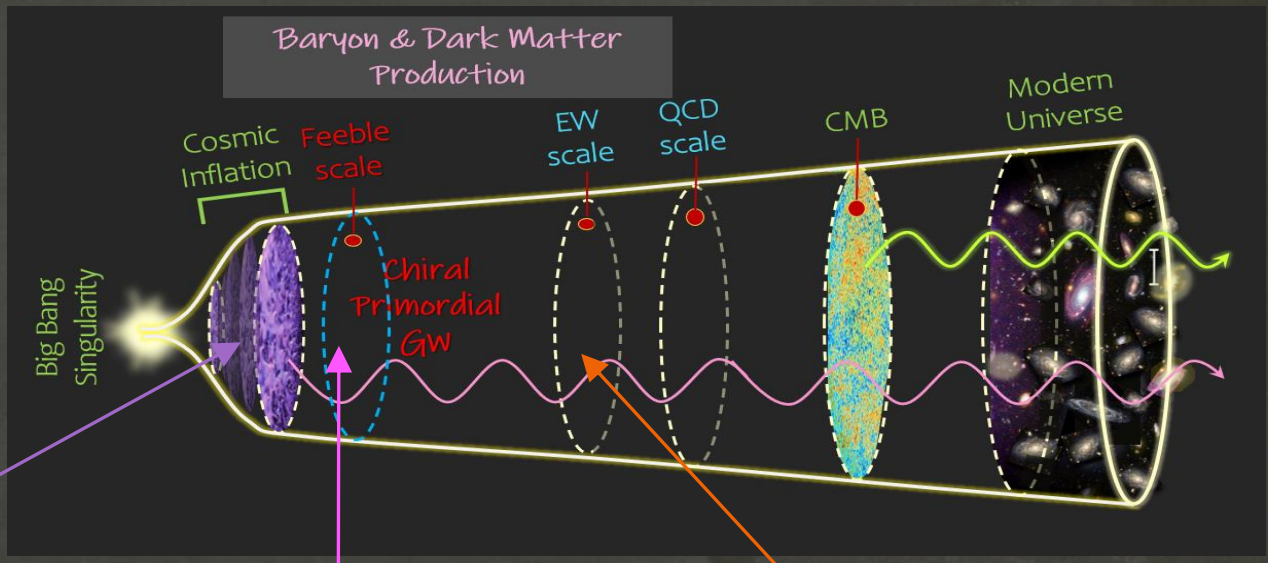
$$n_B = n_L = \alpha_{inf}(\xi) H^3$$

$$\alpha_{inf}(\xi) \sim \frac{g^2}{(2\pi)^4} e^{2\pi\xi}$$



Summary of the mechanism:

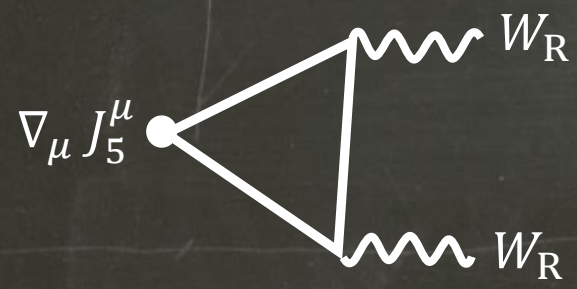
Quarks	u	c	t
	d	s	b
Leptons	e	μ	τ
	ν_e	ν_μ	ν_τ
	N_e	N_μ	N_τ



Chiral anomaly of $SU(2)_R$ in inflation

Freezeout of N_i

EW scale



$B = L = 3n_{CS}$

$B - L_{SM} \neq 0$

Baryogenesis

DM

$\Omega_{N_1} \approx 2.8 \frac{m_{N_1}}{m_p} \Omega_B$

$m_{N_1} \approx 1.8 m_p = 1.7 \text{ GeV}$

$$\eta_B^0 \approx 3 \left(\frac{g_{\text{eff}}}{100} \right)^{\frac{3}{4}} \frac{\alpha_{\text{inf}}}{(\delta_{\text{reh}})^{\frac{3}{4}}} \left(\frac{H}{M_{\text{Pl}}} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

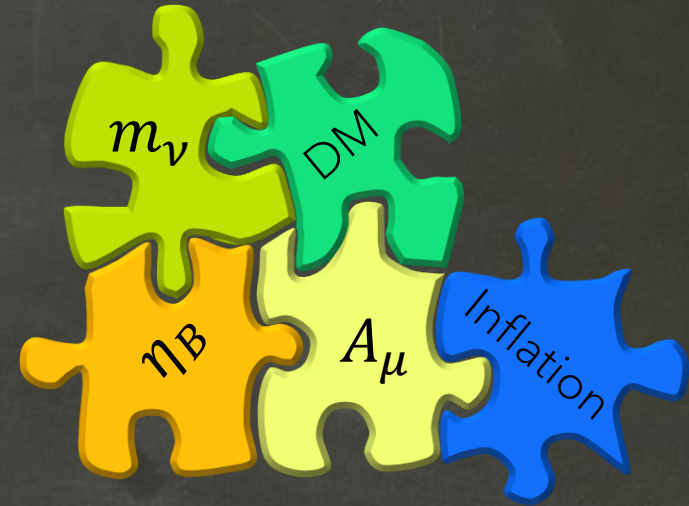
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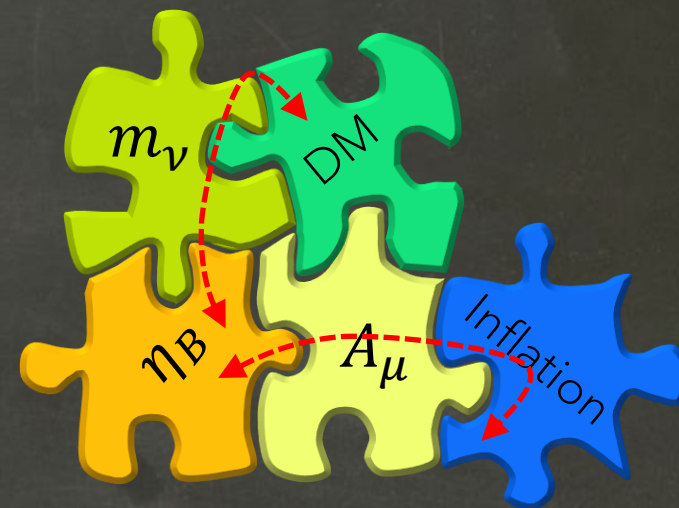


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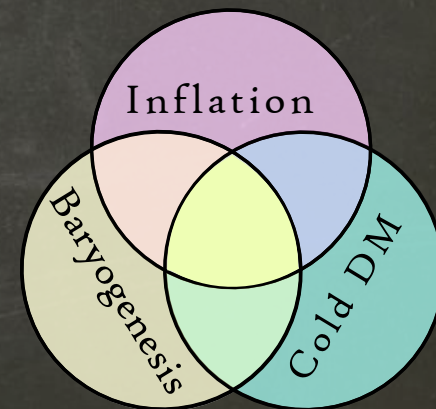
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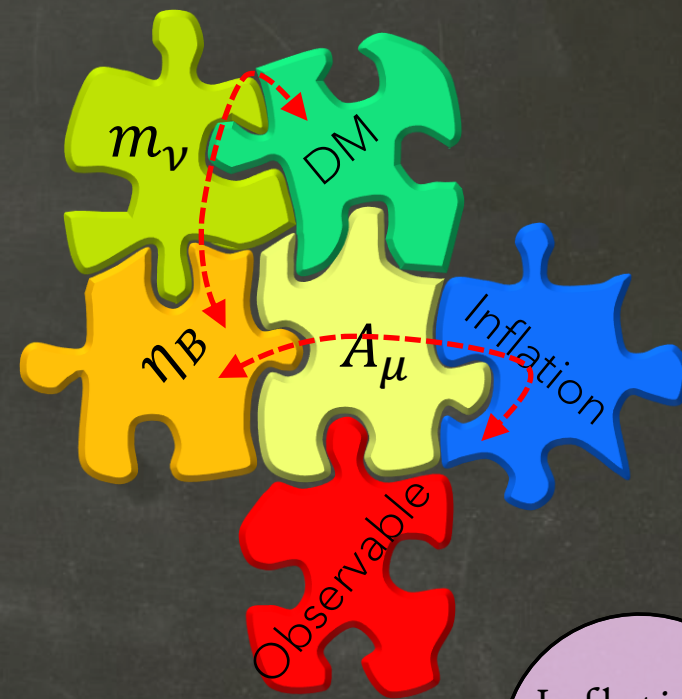


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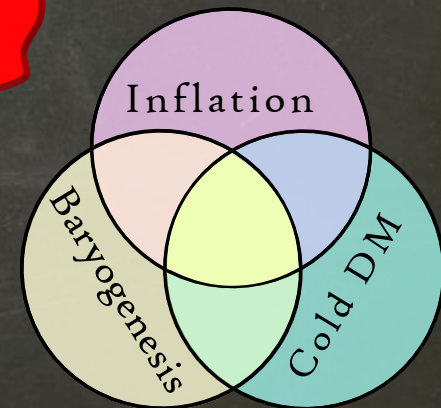
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Questions?!

