

# Chiral gravitational waves in axion inflation with derivative couplings

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## Some motivations

1. Anisotropic and parity breaking inflationary signatures.
2. "UV complete" model. Stable under radiative corrections.
3. Testing non minimal couplings with gravity during inflation.
4. Chiral Gravitational Waves (GW).
5. Perturbations as a Source of Primordial Black Holes (PBH).

# Inflationary models with vectors

A general shift invariant Lagrangian involving scalar, vectors and gravity

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$$+ \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{\alpha_1 \phi}{4f} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} + \frac{\alpha_2 \phi}{16} R_{GB} + \frac{\alpha_3 \phi}{16} \tilde{R} R \right],$$



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A mass parameter

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Broken shift symmetry. A potential is generated

$$\mathcal{L} = \partial_\mu \Phi \partial^\mu \Phi^* - \beta(\Phi \Phi^* - b^2)^2$$

$$\Phi = (b + \delta\Phi) e^{i\phi/f} \longrightarrow \phi \rightarrow \phi + c$$

The symmetry is broken by global effects

$$\delta\mathcal{L} \propto e^{-S} (\Phi + \Phi^*) \longrightarrow V(\phi) \propto \cos(\phi/f)$$

$$V(\phi) = \Lambda^4(1 + \cos(\phi/f))$$

Natural inflation  
potential

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Motivation: Higgs Inflation like model. Slow roll due to non minimal coupling.

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## Equations of motion

$$G_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{M_p^2} \left( T_{\mu\nu}^\phi + T_{\mu\nu}^A - \frac{1}{M^2} \Theta_{\mu\nu} \right) \quad \rightarrow \text{Gravity}$$

$$\left( g^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{M^2} G^{\mu\nu} \right) \nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu \phi - V_\phi - \frac{\alpha}{4f} F^{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \text{Scalar}$$

$$\nabla_\mu \left( F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{\alpha}{f} \phi \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} \right) = 0 \quad \rightarrow \text{Vector}$$

# Inflationary models with vectors

Energy momentum tensor

$$T_{\mu\nu}^\phi = \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi - g_{\mu\nu} \left( \frac{1}{2} g^{\alpha\beta} \partial_\alpha \phi \partial_\beta \phi + V \right) \longrightarrow \text{Scalar}$$

$$T_{\mu\nu}^A = F_{\mu\alpha} F_\nu^\alpha - g_{\mu\nu} \frac{1}{4} F^2 \longrightarrow \text{Vector}$$

$$\Theta_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{R}{2} \nabla_\mu \phi \nabla_\nu \phi + 2 \nabla_{(\mu} \phi R_{\nu)}^\alpha \nabla_\alpha \phi - \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \phi)^2 G_{\mu\nu} + \nabla^\alpha \phi \nabla^\beta \phi R_{\mu\alpha\nu\beta} + \nabla_\mu \nabla^\alpha \phi \nabla_\nu \nabla_\alpha \phi$$

$$-\nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu \phi \square \phi + \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} \left( (\square \phi)^2 - \nabla^\alpha \nabla^\beta \phi \nabla_\alpha \nabla_\beta \phi - 2 \nabla_\alpha \phi \nabla_\beta \phi R^{\alpha\beta} \right)$$



Gravity

# Inflationary models with vectors

EOM in FLRW

$$H^2 = \frac{1}{3M_P^2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \dot{\phi}^2 \left( 1 + 9 \frac{H^2}{M^2} \right) + V(\phi) + \frac{1}{2} (\vec{E}^2 + \vec{B}^2) \right) \rightarrow \text{Gravity}$$

$$\dot{H} = -\frac{1}{2M_P^2} \dot{\phi}^2 \left( 1 - \frac{\dot{H}}{M^2} + 3 \frac{H^2}{M^2} - 2 \frac{H\ddot{\phi}}{M^2 \dot{\phi}} \right) - \frac{1}{3M_P^2} (\vec{E}^2 + \vec{B}^2)$$

$$\ddot{\phi} \left( 1 + \frac{3H^2}{M^2} \right) + 3H\dot{\phi} \left( 1 + \frac{2\dot{H}}{M^2} + \frac{3H^2}{M^2} \right) = -V_{,\phi} + \frac{\alpha}{f} \langle \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B} \rangle \rightarrow \text{Scalar}$$

$$A''_{\pm} + \left( k^2 \pm \frac{2k\xi}{\tau} \right) A_{\pm} = 0 \quad \text{with} \quad \xi \equiv \frac{\alpha \dot{\phi}_0}{2fH} = \frac{\alpha \phi'_0}{2afH} \rightarrow \text{Vector}$$

# Inflationary models with vectors

## Solutions for the vector modes

The helicity model + is enhanced. Parity breaking feature.

$$A_+ \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{2k}} \left( \frac{k}{2\xi a H} \right)^{1/4} e^{\pi\xi - 2\sqrt{2\xi k/(aH)}}, \quad |k\tau| \ll 2\xi$$

$$\langle \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B} \rangle \approx -\mathcal{J}_1 \frac{H^4}{\xi^4} e^{2\pi\xi}, \quad \frac{1}{2} \langle \vec{E}^2 + \vec{B}^2 \rangle \approx \mathcal{J}_2 \frac{H^4}{\xi^3} e^{2\pi\xi},$$

$$\mathcal{J}_1 \approx 2.6 \times 10^{-4} \quad \mathcal{J}_2 \approx 1.4 \times 10^{-4}$$

# Inflationary models with vectors

## Perturbations equations

Friction terms combine. They affect the evolution of the scalar field and its perturbations.

$$\delta\phi'' - \frac{2}{\tau} \left( 1 - \frac{\pi\alpha V_\phi}{2KfH^2} \right) \delta\phi' + \frac{a^2 V_{\phi\phi}}{K} \delta\phi = \frac{a^2 \alpha}{Kf} \delta_{\vec{E} \cdot \vec{B}}. \quad K = 1 + 3 \frac{H^2}{M^2}$$

$H \gg M$

$$\delta\phi(\tau, \vec{k}) = \frac{\alpha}{Kf} \int_{-\infty}^{\tau} d\tau_1 a^2(\tau_1) G(\tau, \tau_1) \int d^3x e^{-i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{x}} \delta_{\vec{E} \cdot \vec{B}}(\tau_1, \vec{x}).$$

$$\nu_{\pm} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \left( 3 - \frac{\pi\alpha V_\phi}{fH^2K} \pm \Delta \right)$$

$$G(\tau, \tau') = \frac{\tau'}{\Delta} \left[ \left( \frac{\tau}{\tau'} \right)^{\nu_+} - \left( \frac{\tau}{\tau'} \right)^{\nu_-} \right] \Theta(\tau - \tau'), \quad \text{with}$$

$$\Delta \equiv 3 \sqrt{\left( 1 - \frac{\pi\alpha V_\phi}{3fH^2K} \right)^2 - \frac{4V_{\phi\phi}}{9H^2K}}$$

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## Mukhanov-Sasaki equation for the perturbations

$$S_{\delta\phi}^{(2)} = \int d^3x d\tau \frac{1}{2} \left[ u'^2 - c_s^2 (\nabla u)^2 + \left( \frac{z''}{z} - m^2 a^2 \right) u^2 \right] + \int d^3x d\tau a^4 \frac{\alpha}{f} \frac{u}{z} \delta[\vec{E}_a \cdot \vec{B}_a]$$

with

$$u \equiv z \delta\phi, \quad z \equiv a F \sqrt{\frac{2G}{\epsilon_K}},$$



$$u'' + \left( c_s^2 k^2 + m^2 a^2 - \frac{z''}{z} \right) u = \frac{\alpha}{f} \frac{a^4}{z} \delta[\vec{E}_a \cdot \vec{B}_a],$$

$$u^{(s)''} + \frac{\sigma}{\tau} u^{(s)'}, - \frac{1}{\tau^2} \left( \nu^2 - \frac{1}{4} - \sigma \right) u^{(s)} \approx \frac{\alpha}{f} \frac{a^4}{z} \delta_{\vec{E}_a \cdot \vec{B}_a}$$

This is the equation  
that we solve.

# Inflationary models with vectors

## Perturbations equations

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## Spectrum of the scalar perturbations

$$P_\zeta(k) \simeq \bar{P}_\zeta \left( -\frac{c_s k}{2aH} \right)^{\gamma_p - 1}$$

Amplitude

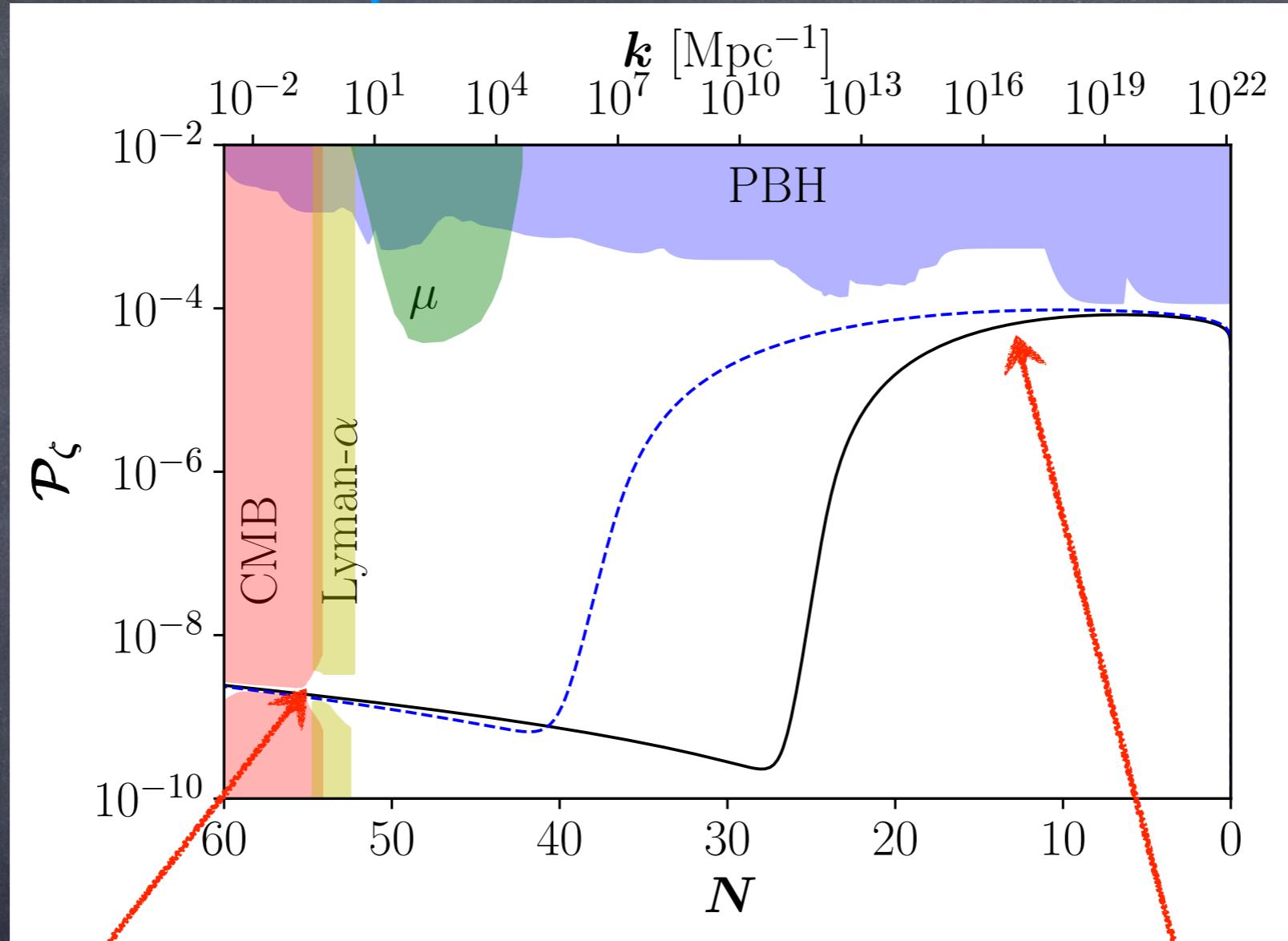
$$\bar{P}_\zeta \simeq \frac{H^4}{4\pi^2 K \dot{\phi}_0^2} \left( \frac{\epsilon_K}{2 G F^2 c_s^3} \right) \left[ 1 + \frac{4 G F^2 c_s^3 \mathcal{F}}{\mathcal{N} \epsilon_K} \left( \frac{\alpha \mathcal{N} H}{\Delta K f} \right)^2 \frac{e^{4\pi\xi}}{\xi^8} \left( \frac{2^6 \xi}{c_s} \right)^{\gamma_p - 1} \right].$$

Spectral index

$$\gamma_p - 1 = 3 - \sigma \pm \Delta, \quad \sigma \equiv \frac{\pi \alpha V_\phi}{K f H^2}, \quad \Delta^2 \equiv (1 - \sigma)^2 + 4 \left( \nu^2 - \frac{1}{4} - \sigma \right)$$

# Inflationary models with vectors

## Spectrum of the scalar perturbations



**Vacuum**      **Sourced**

$$\bar{\mathcal{P}}_\zeta \sim \frac{H^4}{4\pi^2 K \dot{\phi}_0^2} \left( \frac{\epsilon_K}{2 G F^2 c_s^3} \right) \left[ 1 + \frac{4 G F^2 c_s^3 \mathcal{F}}{\mathcal{N} \epsilon_K} \left( \frac{\alpha \mathcal{N} H}{\Delta K f} \right)^2 \frac{e^{4\pi\xi}}{\xi^8} \left( \frac{2^6 \xi}{c_s} \right)^{\gamma_p - 1} \right].$$

# Inflationary models with vectors

Tensor perturbations

Chiral sourced gravitational waves.

$$ds^2 = a^2(\tau) \left[ -d\tau^2 + (\delta_{ij} + h_{ij}) dx_i dx_j \right],$$

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$$S_{h^2} = \frac{M_p^2}{8} \int d^3x d\tau a^2 \left[ \left( 1 - \frac{\phi'^2}{2a^2 M^2 M_p^2} \right) h_{ij}'^2 - \left( 1 + \frac{\phi'^2}{2a^2 M^2 M_p^2} \right) (\nabla h_{ij})^2 \right],$$

$$h_{ij}'' + \left( 2 \frac{a'}{a} + \frac{\beta(\tau)'}{\beta(\tau)} \right) h_{ij}' + k^2 c_t(\tau)^2 h_{ij} = \frac{2}{\beta(\tau) M_P^2} T_{ij}^{EM},$$

$$\beta(\tau) \equiv \left( 1 - \frac{\phi'^2}{2a^2 M^2 M_p^2} \right) < 1 \quad \text{and} \quad c_t(\tau)^2 \equiv \frac{1 + \frac{\phi'^2}{2a^2 M^2 M_p^2}}{1 - \frac{\phi'^2}{2a^2 M^2 M_p^2}} > 1.$$

# Inflationary models with vectors

Tensor perturbations

Chiral sourced gravitational waves.

$$h''_\lambda - 2 \left( \frac{1}{\tau} - \frac{\beta'(\tau)}{2\beta(\tau)} \right) h'_\lambda + k^2 c_t(\tau)^2 h_\lambda = \frac{2}{\beta(\tau) M_P^2} \Pi_\lambda^{lm} T_{lm}^{EM}$$

$$\beta(\tau) \equiv \left( 1 - \frac{2\xi^2}{3\alpha^2} \frac{f^2}{M_p^2} K \right) < 1 \quad \text{and} \quad c_t(\tau)^2 \equiv \frac{1 + \frac{2\xi^2}{3\alpha^2} \frac{f^2}{M_p^2} K}{1 - \frac{2\xi^2}{3\alpha^2} \frac{f^2}{M_p^2} K} > 1$$

# Inflationary models with vectors

Spectrum of tensor perturbations

Chiral sourced gravitational waves.

$$\mathcal{P}_h = \frac{k^3}{2\pi^2} \sum_{\lambda} |h_{\lambda}|^2 \approx \frac{H^2}{c_t} \pi^2 M_P^2 \left( 1 + \frac{\dot{\phi}^2}{2M_p^2 M^2} \right) \rightarrow \text{Vacuum}$$

$$\mathcal{P}^{(s)\pm} = \mathcal{A}^{\pm} \frac{H^2}{\beta^2 M_P^2} \frac{e^{4\pi\xi}}{\xi^6} \rightarrow \text{Source}$$

$$\mathcal{A}_+ \simeq 8.6 \times 10^{-7} \quad \& \quad \mathcal{A}_- \simeq 1.8 \times 10^{-9}$$

$$\mathcal{P}^{t\pm} = \frac{H^2}{c_t \pi^2 M_P^2 \left( 1 + \frac{\dot{\phi}^2}{2M_p^2 M^2} \right)} \left( 1 + \mathcal{A}^{\pm} \frac{H^2}{\beta^2 M_P^2} \frac{e^{4\pi\xi}}{\xi^6} \right)$$

Different  
amplitude for each  
polarization

Enhancement of Chiral GW

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$$r \equiv \frac{\sum_\lambda P_{t,\lambda}}{P_\zeta}, \quad \Delta\chi \equiv \frac{P_{t,+} - P_{t,-}}{P_{t,+} + P_{t,-}}.$$

Late time (end of inflation) behavior

$$P_{t,\lambda} \simeq \frac{4\mathcal{A}_\lambda \mathcal{N}}{9\pi^2 \beta^2} \left( \frac{\Lambda}{M_P} \right)^8 \frac{e^{4\pi\xi}}{\xi^6} \simeq \frac{9\mathcal{A}_\lambda}{\pi^2 \mathcal{N} I_3^2 \alpha^2 \beta^2} \xi^2, \quad r \simeq 2.9 \times 10^2 \frac{\xi^4}{\alpha^2}, \quad \Delta\chi \simeq \frac{\delta\chi}{1 + \delta\chi},$$

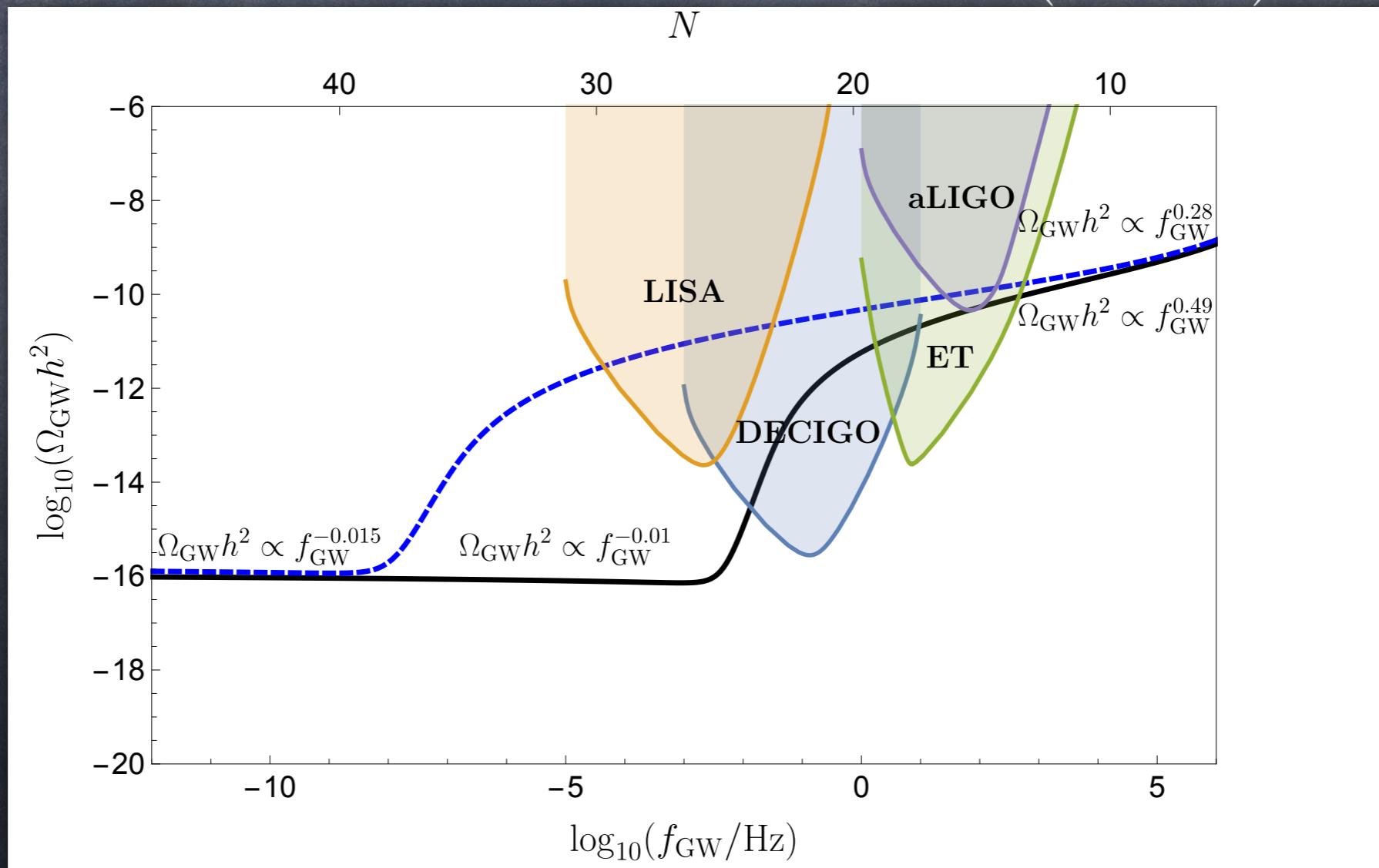
$$\delta\chi \equiv \frac{\mathcal{N}\mathcal{A}_+}{3} \left( \frac{\Lambda}{M_P} \right)^4 \frac{e^{4\pi\xi}}{\xi^6} \simeq \frac{27\mathcal{A}_+ M_p^4 \xi^2}{2I_3^2 \mathcal{N} \alpha^2 \beta^2}. \quad \rightarrow \text{"Very" chiral!}$$

# Inflationary models with vectors

Spectrum of tensor perturbations

Chiral sourced gravitational waves.

$$\Omega_{\text{GW}} \equiv \frac{1}{\rho_c} \frac{\partial \rho_{\text{GW},0}}{\partial \log k} = \frac{\Omega_{\text{R},0}}{24} \sum_{\lambda} P_{t,\lambda}, \quad \mathcal{P}^{t\pm} = \frac{H^2}{c_t \pi^2 M_P^2 \left(1 + \frac{\phi^2}{2M_p^2 M^2}\right)} \left(1 + \mathcal{A}^{\pm} \frac{H^2}{\beta^2 M_P^2} \frac{e^{4\pi\xi}}{\xi^6}\right)$$



# Inflationary models with vectors

Spectrum of tensor perturbations

Measurable parameter. Tensor to scalar ratio.

$$r = \frac{\mathcal{P}^{t+} + \mathcal{P}^{t-}}{\mathcal{P}_\zeta} = \frac{H^2}{c_t \pi^2 M_P^2 \left( 1 + \frac{\dot{\phi}^2}{2M_P^2 M^2} \right)} - \frac{2 + (\mathcal{A}^+ + \mathcal{A}^-) \frac{H^2}{\beta^2 M_P^2} \frac{e^{4\pi\xi}}{\xi^6}}{\mathcal{P}_\zeta}$$

Statistics of the sourced GW. Non gaussianities.

$\langle B^+ B^+ B^+ \rangle$  at  $3\sigma$  with LiteBIRD

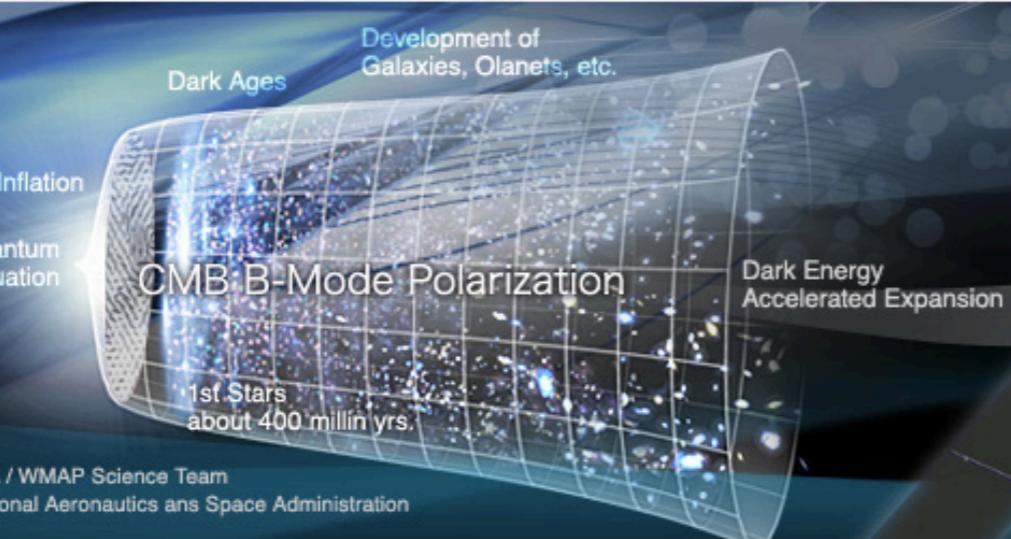
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Lite BIRD: Light satellite for the studies of **B-mode polarization** and **Inflation** from cosmic background **Radiation Detection** (2020).

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## LiteBIRD

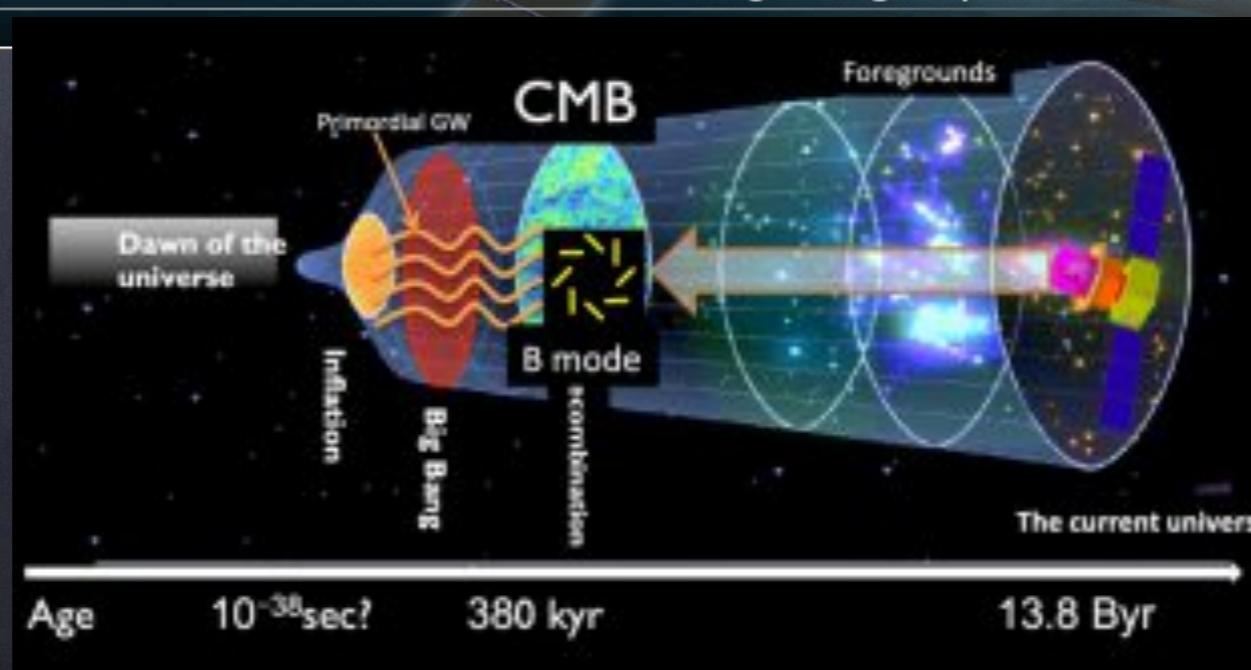
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LiteBIRD

POLARBEAR

Big Bang Expansion 13.7 billion years



# Observations

LiteBIRD: Light satellite for the studies of B-mode polarization and Inflation from cosmic background Radiation Detection.

## Science

LiteBIRD is a satellite that will search for primordial gravitational waves emitted during the cosmic inflation era (around  $10^{-38}$  sec after the beginning of the Universe). Its goal is to test representative inflationary models (single-field slow-roll models with large field variation) by performing an all-sky CMB polarization survey.

Primordial gravitational waves are expected to be imprinted in the CMB polarization map as special patterns, called the "B-mode". If we succeed to detect them, it will provide entirely new and profound knowledge on how our Universe began.

From the viewpoint of high-energy physics or elementary particle physics, the observation of the CMB B-mode is very important because it will allow us to search for physics in ultra high-energy scales, which are not accessible with man-made accelerators. Measurements of CMB polarization will open a new era of testing theoretical predictions of quantum gravity, including those by the superstring theory.

## Conclusions and Remarks

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1. Gravitational waves can be a good quantity to "detect" parity breaking signatures in the early universe.
2. Topologic terms like  $F^*F$  acquire non trivial dynamics when coupled to a scalar field.
3. Kinetic couplings are useful to reduce the velocity of the inflaton. At the same time, they suppress the amplitude of the scalar perturbations.
4. Kinetic couplings with the Einstein term maintain 2nd order derivatives in the EOM.