

Gravitational Waves from Early Universe Symmetry Breakings

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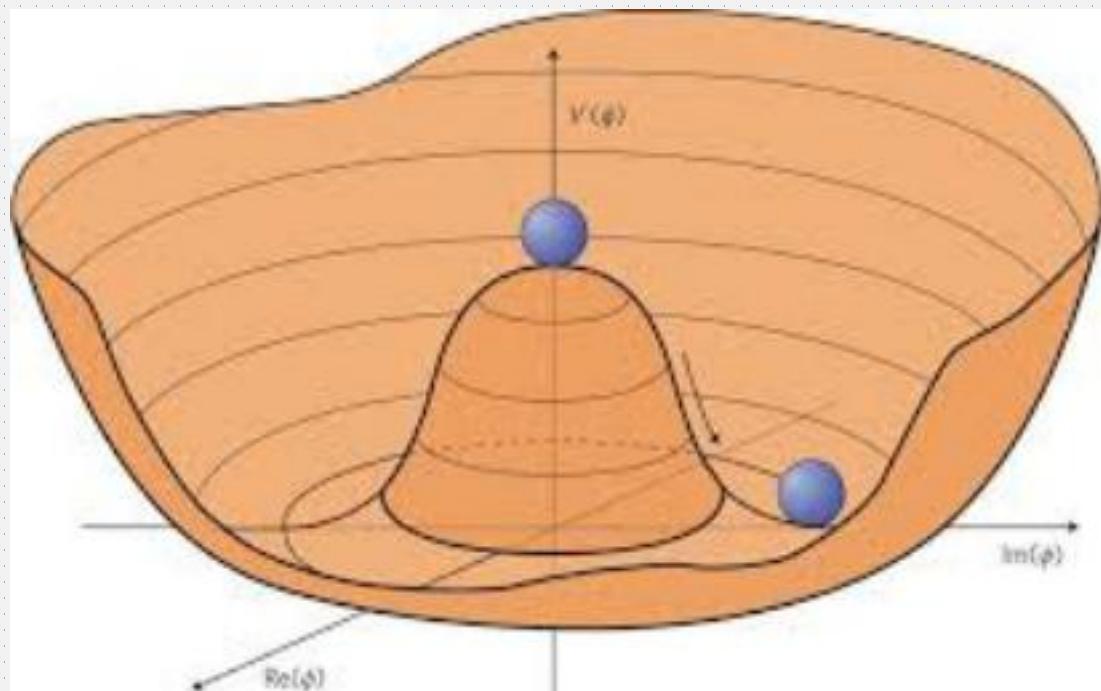
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Electroweak Symmetry Breaking

Spontaneous symmetry breaking

$$SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \rightarrow SU(3)_C \times U(1)_{\text{EM}}$$



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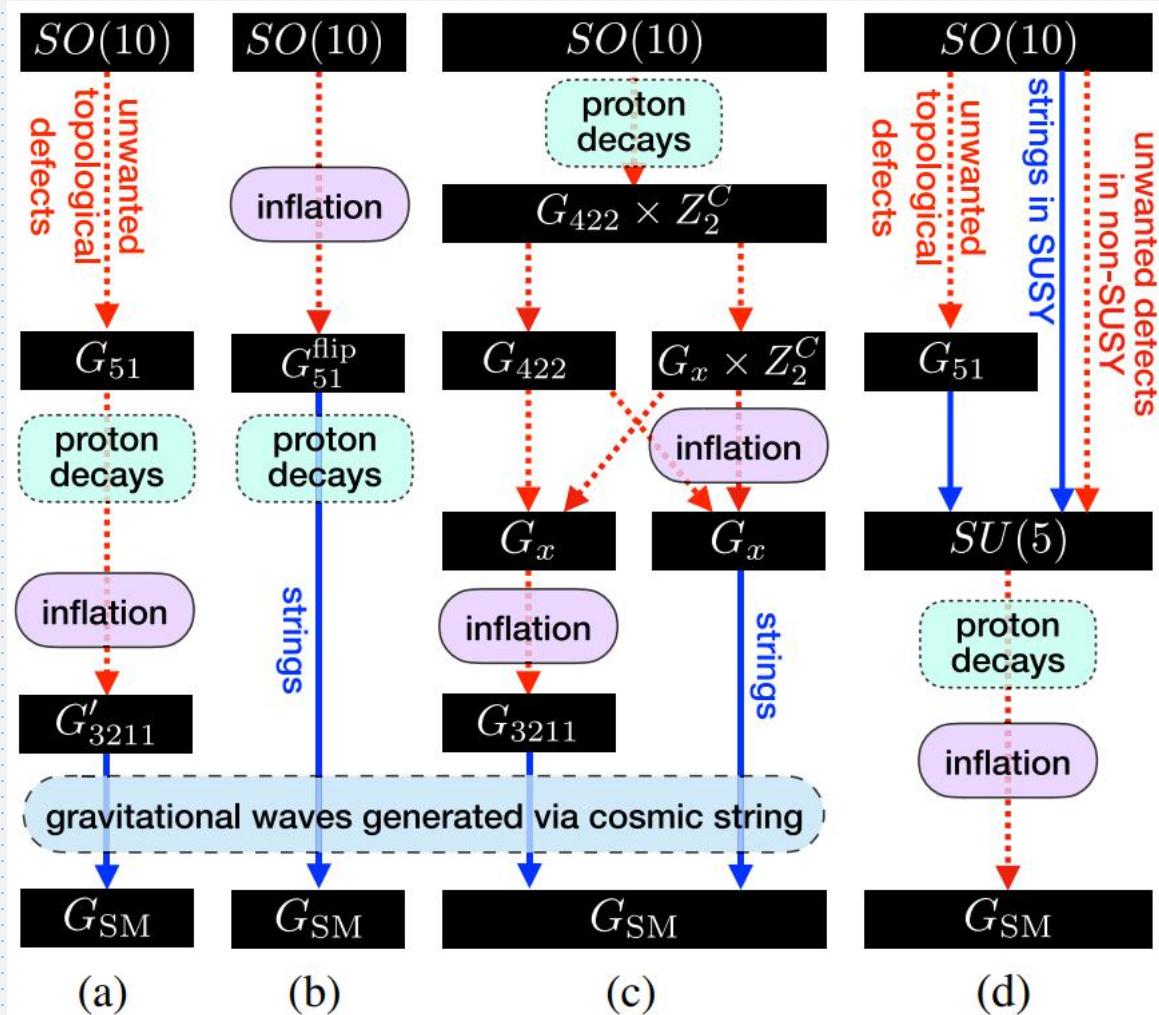


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See also Danny, Jessica, Peter, Zhenmin's talks

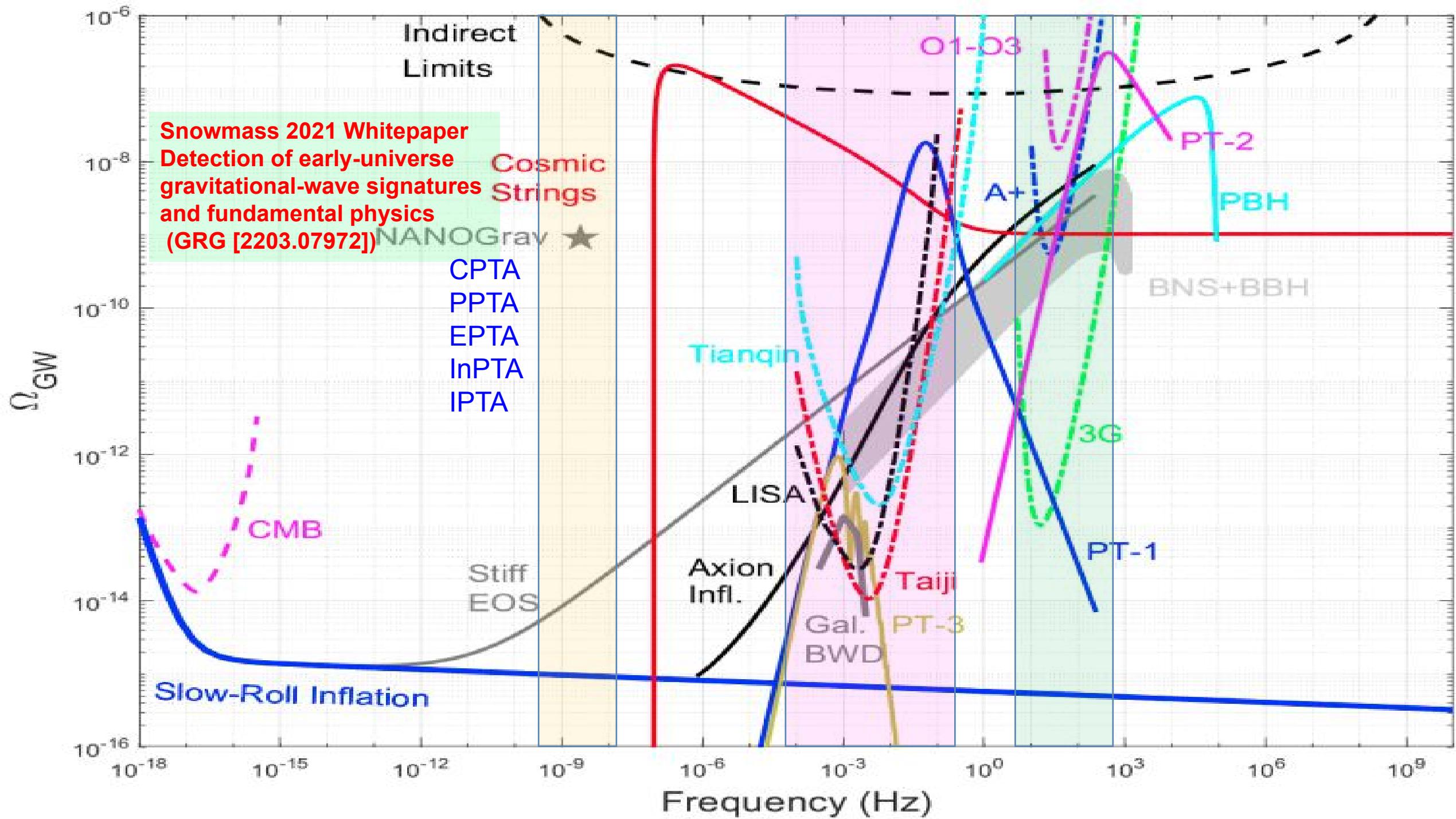
Symmetry breakings are inherent in GUT:



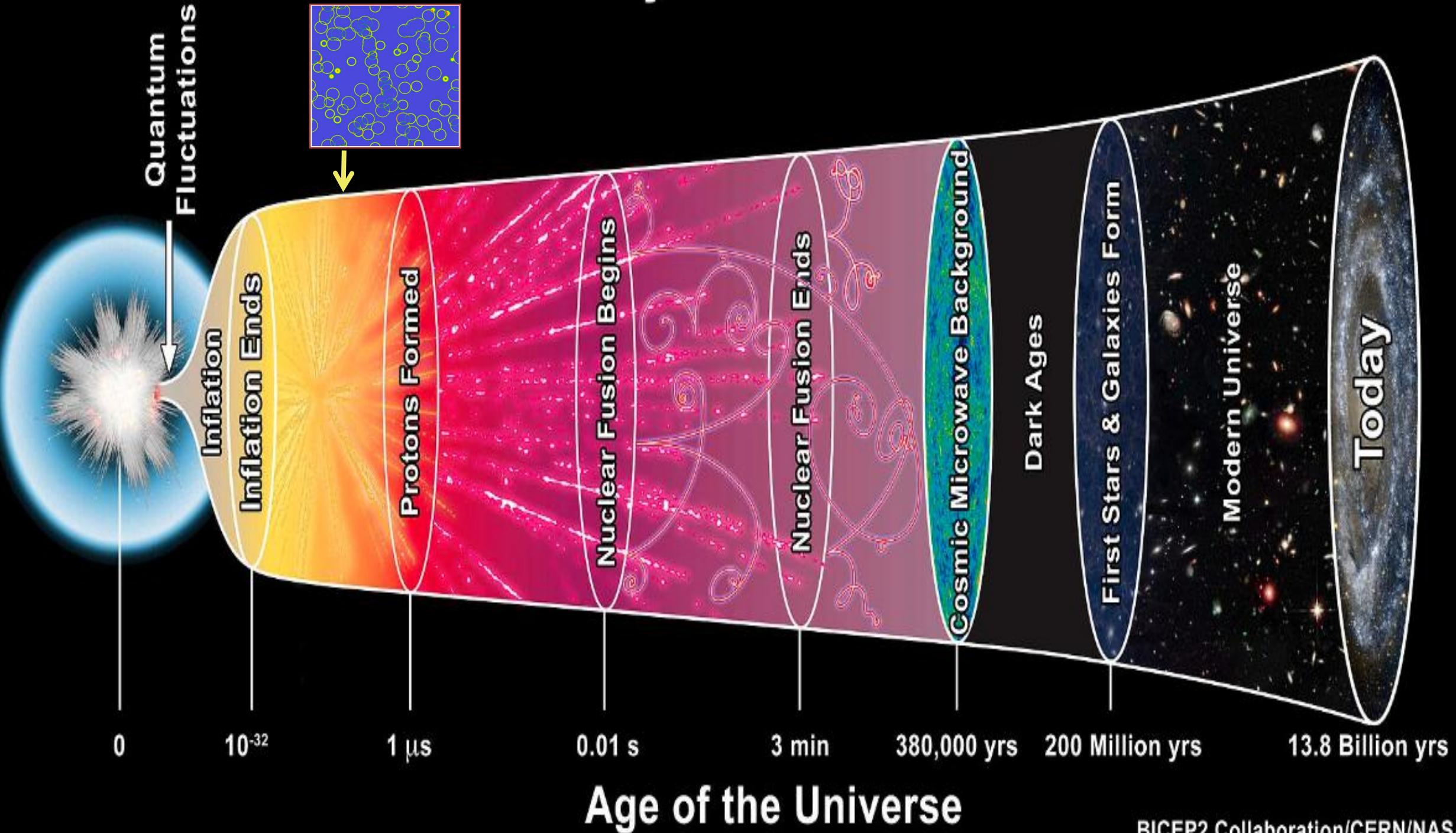
Consequences of symmetry breakings:

- Phase transitions
- Topological solitons (topological defects)
monopoles, cosmic strings, domain walls, ...
- Non-Topological solitons
Fermiballs (or PBH), ...

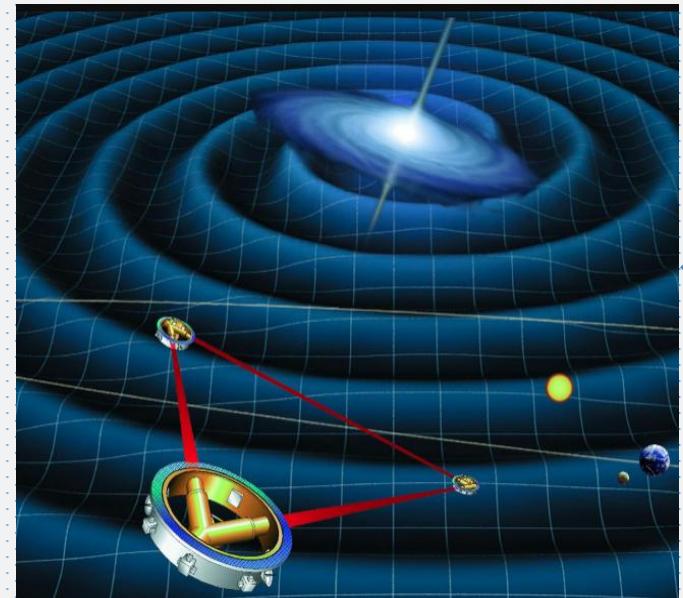
Multiple Sources for gravitational waves!



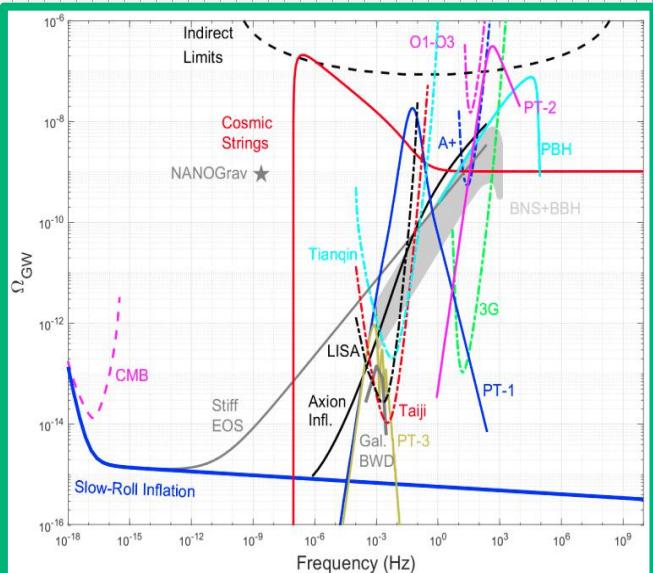
Radius of the Visible Universe



From Theory to Experiment



LIGO, LISA/Taiji/Tianqin, PTA, ...



Gravitational Wave Spectrum

α
 β
 v_w
 T_*
 g_s

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Phase Transition Parameters

Standard Model of Elementary Particles									
three generations of matter (fermions)					interactions / force carriers (bosons)				
	I	II	III						
mass	$\approx 2.2 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 1.28 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	$\approx 173.1 \text{ GeV}/c^2$		0	0	0	$\approx 124.97 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	
charge	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$		1	1	1	0	
spin	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$		g	H	higgs		
QUARKS									
	$\approx 4.7 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 96 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 4.18 \text{ GeV}/c^2$		0	0	0	BSM	SCALAR BOSONS
	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$-\frac{1}{3}$		1	1	1		
	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$		γ				
	d	s	b		photon				
	down	strange	bottom						
LEPTONS									
	$\approx 0.511 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 105.66 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 1.7768 \text{ GeV}/c^2$		0	0	0		
	-1	-1	-1		1	1	1		
	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$		Z				
	e	μ	τ		Z boson				
	electron	muon	tau						
GAUGE BOSONS									
	$<1.0 \text{ eV}/c^2$	$<0.17 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$<18.2 \text{ MeV}/c^2$		$\approx 80.39 \text{ GeV}/c^2$				
	0	0	0		± 1	1	1		
	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$		W				
	V _e	V _{μ}	V _{τ}		W boson				
	electron neutrino	muon neutrino	tau neutrino						

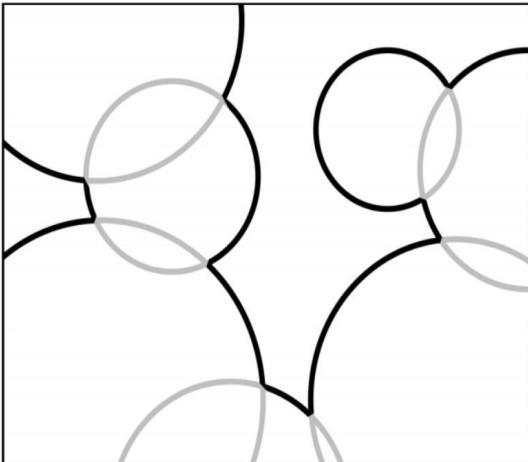
Particle Physics Model

Gravitational Wave Sources

The current understanding:

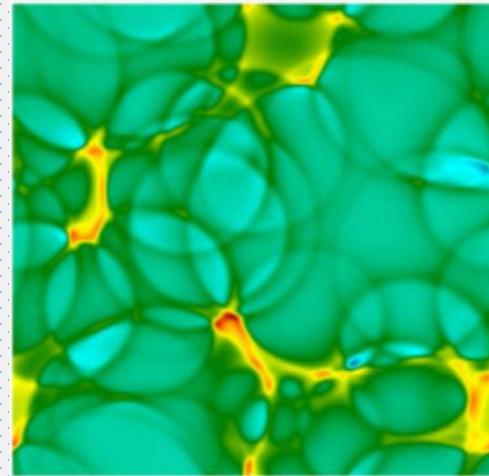
$$\square \bar{h}_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{16\pi G}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu}$$

energy near the wall



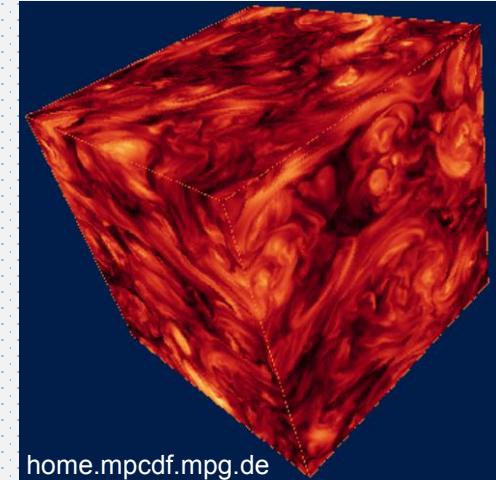
Bubble Collisions

fluid kinetic energy



Sound Waves

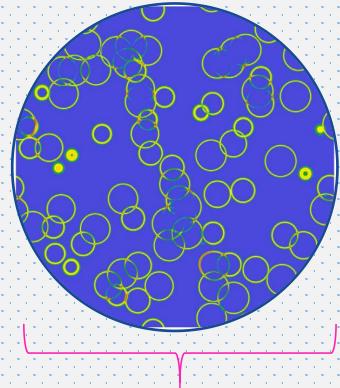
turbulent fluid + magnetic field



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Magnetohydrodynamic Turbulence

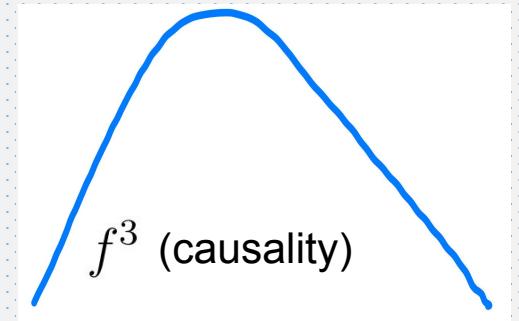
Basic Properties



Hubble size: $1/H^*$

$$f_{\text{now}} = 1.65 \times 10^{-5} \left(\frac{f_{\text{PT}}}{\beta} \right) \left(\frac{\beta}{H_*} \right) \left(\frac{T_*}{100\text{GeV}} \right) \left(\frac{g_*}{100} \right)^{1/6} \text{Hz}$$

$\sim 100\text{-}1000$



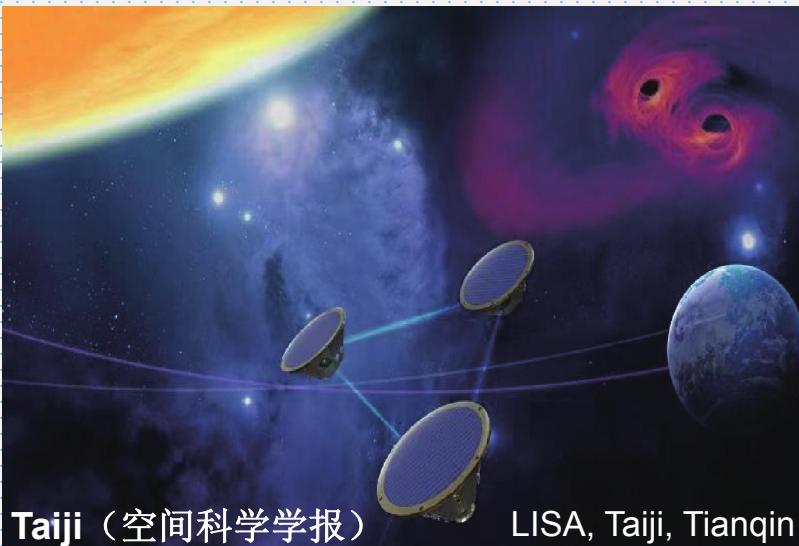
Cai, Pi, Sasak, PRD [1909.13728]

nHz ($\sim 100\text{MeV}$) QCD scale



中国脉冲星测时阵列 (CPTA)

$\sim \text{mHz}$: ($\sim 100\text{GeV}$) weak scale



$\sim 100\text{Hz}$ ($\sim \text{PeV - EeV}$) high scale

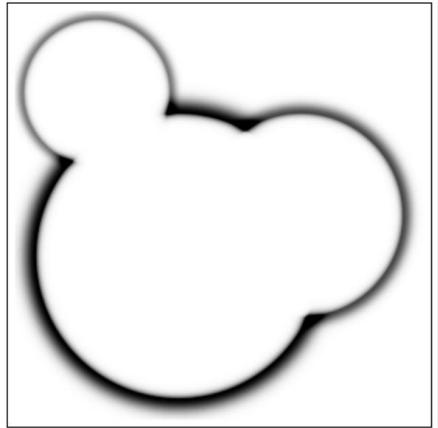


Bubble Collisions

Envelope approximation:

Kosowsky, Turner, Watkins, Kamionkowski,
PRL69,2026(1992), PRD45,4514(1992), PRD47,4372(1993), PRD [9310044]

$$h^2 \Omega_{\text{BC}}(f) = 1.67 \times 10^{-5} \left(\frac{100}{g_*} \right)^{1/3} \Delta(v_w) \left(\frac{H_n}{\beta} \right)^2 \left(\frac{\kappa_\phi \alpha}{1 + \alpha} \right)^2 S_{\text{env}}(f)$$



simulation

analytical

$$\Delta = \frac{0.11 v_w^3}{0.42 + v_w^2},$$

$$\frac{f_*}{\beta} = \frac{0.62}{1.8 - 0.1v_w + v_w^2},$$

$$S_{\text{env}} = \left[\frac{3.8(f/f_{\text{env}})^{2.8}}{1 + 2.8(f/f_{\text{env}})^{3.8}} \right]$$

Huber, Konstandin, JCAP [0806.1828]

Chiara Caprini et al JCAP [1512.06239]

$$\Delta = \frac{0.48 v_w^3}{1 + 5.3 v_w^2 + 5 v_w^4},$$

$$\frac{f_*}{\beta} = \frac{0.35}{1 + 0.069 v_w + 0.69 v_w^4},$$

$$S_{\text{env}} = \left[c_l \left(\frac{f}{f_{\text{env}}} \right)^{-3} + (1 - c_l - c_h) \left(\frac{f}{f_{\text{env}}} \right)^{-1} + c_h \left(\frac{f}{f_{\text{env}}} \right) \right]^{-1}$$

$$(c_l = 0.064, \quad c_h = 0.48)$$

Jinno, Takimoto, PRD [1605.01403]

thin shell of uncollided walls

$$\Omega_{\text{BC}}(f \gtrsim f_{\text{peak}}) \propto f^{-1}$$

$$\Omega_{\text{BC}}(f \lesssim f_{\text{peak}}) \propto f^3$$

Bubble Collisions: Recent Development

- Wall thickness (probe effective potential)

Cutting et al, PRD [2005.13537], Gould et al, PRD [2107.05657], Mégevand,Membela, JCAP [2302.13349]

- Duration and Expanding Universe

Zhong, Gong, Qiu, JHEP [2107.01845]

- Scalar + Gauge

Di, Wang, Zhou, Bian, Cai, Liu, PRL [2012.15625], Yang, Bian, PRD [2102.01398],
Lewicki, Vaskonen, EPJC [2007.04967]

Bulk flow model

Jinno,Takimoto, JCAP [1707.03111],
Konstandin, JCAP [1712.06869]

A log-log plot showing the ratio $\frac{d\Omega_{\text{sw}}}{(H_* R_* \Omega_{\text{vac}})^2 d\ln(k)}$ on the y-axis (ranging from 10^{-6} to 10^{-2}) versus kR_* on the x-axis (ranging from 10^{-1} to 10^3). Four curves are shown for different values of $\bar{\lambda}$ and N_b :

- $\bar{\lambda} = 0.845, N_b = 512$ (blue)
- $\bar{\lambda} = 0.501, N_b = 512$ (orange)
- $\bar{\lambda} = 0.184, N_b = 4096$ (green)
- $\bar{\lambda} = 0.069, N_b = 512$ (red)

The curves show a peak around $kR_* \approx 10$, with the peak height decreasing as $\bar{\lambda}$ increases. Vertical dashed lines indicate specific values of kR_* for each curve.

A heatmap showing the scalar field ϕ/ϕ_b as a function of position x/D (x-axis, ranging from -1.00 to 1.00) and time t/D (y-axis, ranging from 0.0 to 1.0). The color scale ranges from -0.25 (blue) to 1.25 (red). A yellow dashed circle highlights a central region where the field value is near zero, indicating the collision point.

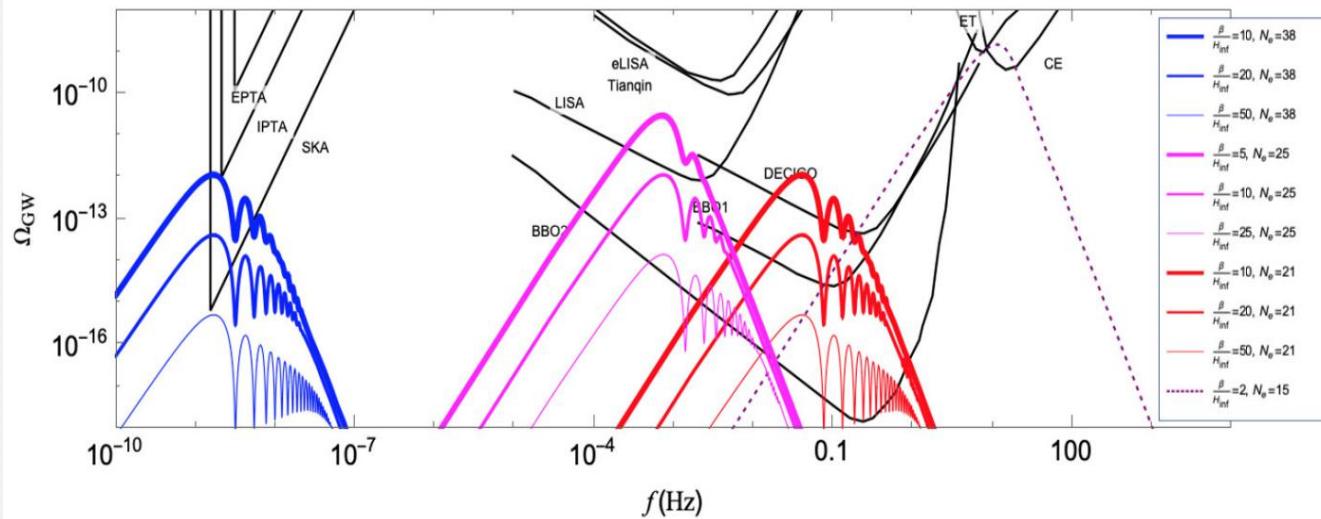
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Bubble Collisions during Inflation

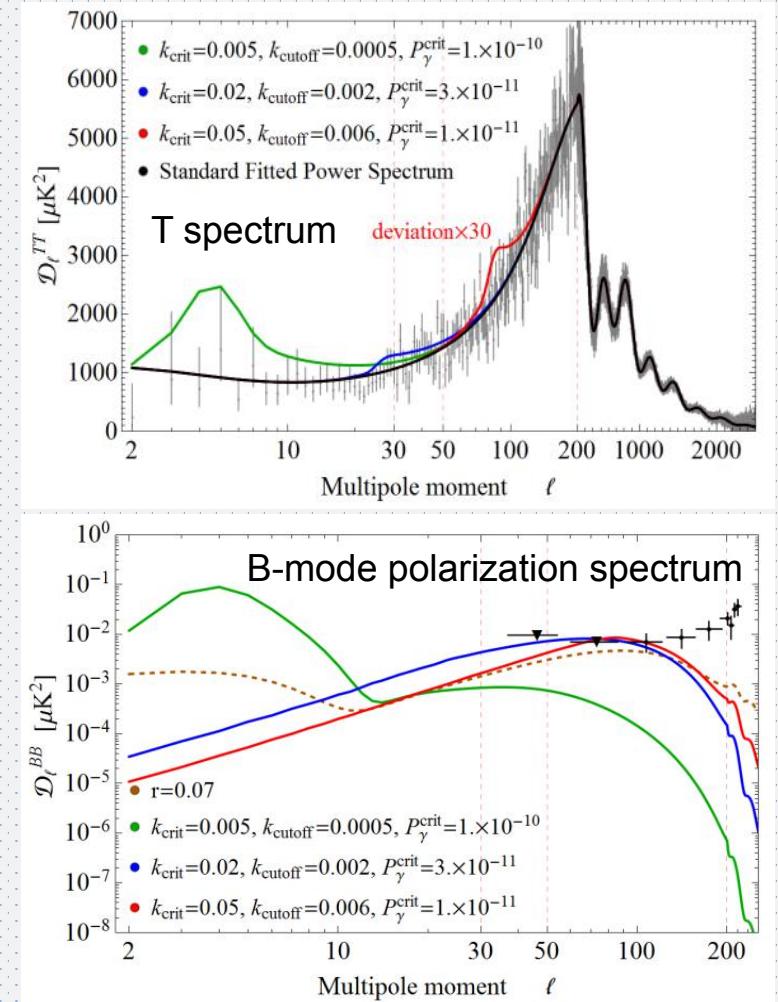
PT in the spectator field (sigma), with negligible energy density

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2}g^{\mu\nu}\partial_\mu\phi\partial_\nu\phi - \frac{1}{2}g^{\mu\nu}\partial_\mu\sigma\partial_\nu\sigma - V(\phi, \sigma)$$

An, Lyu, Wang, Zhou, CPC [2009.12381], JHEP [2201.05171]
 An, Tong, Zhou, [2208.14857]
 An, Yang, [2304.02361]



Jiang,Liu,Sun,Wang, PLB [1512.07538]



Sound Waves

Hindmarsh, Huber, Rummukainen, Weir, PRL [1304.2433]

$$T^{ij} \propto (p + e)v^i v^j$$

$$h^2 \Omega_{\text{sw}}(f) = 2.65 \times 10^{-6} \left(\frac{100}{g_*} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \left(\frac{H_*}{\beta} \right) \left(\frac{\kappa_{\text{sw}} \alpha}{1 + \alpha} \right)^2 v_w S_{\text{sw}}(f) \Upsilon(\tau_{\text{sw}})$$

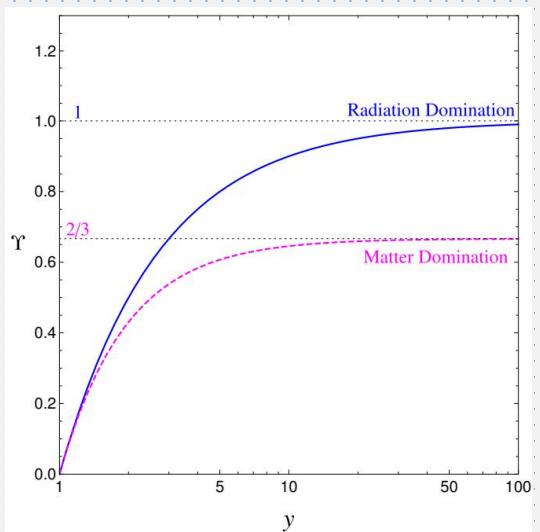
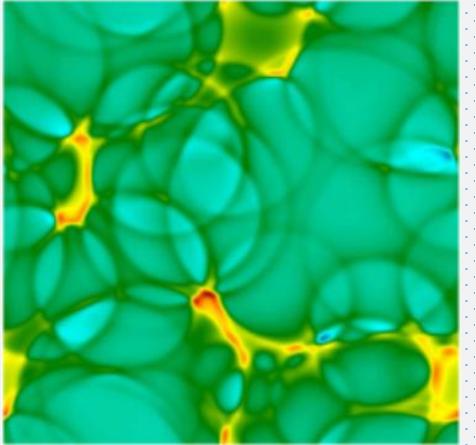
$$S_{\text{sw}}(f) = \left(\frac{f}{f_{\text{sw}}} \right)^3 \left[\frac{7}{4 + 3(f/f_{\text{sw}})^2} \right]^{7/2} \quad f_* = \frac{2\beta}{\sqrt{3}v_w} \approx \frac{3.4}{R_*}$$

Hindmarsh, Huber, Rummukainen, Weir, PRD [1504.03291]

Slight different fit obtained by the same group, PRD [1704.05871]

$$\Upsilon = 1 - (1 + 2\tau_{\text{sw}} H_{\text{pt}})^{-1/2} \quad (\text{radiation domination})$$

[HG](#), Sinha, Vagie, White, JCAP [2007.08537]



Sound Waves: Recent Development

Analytical Modelling

- Refine the sound shell model
- Synergy with simulations

Sound Shell Model

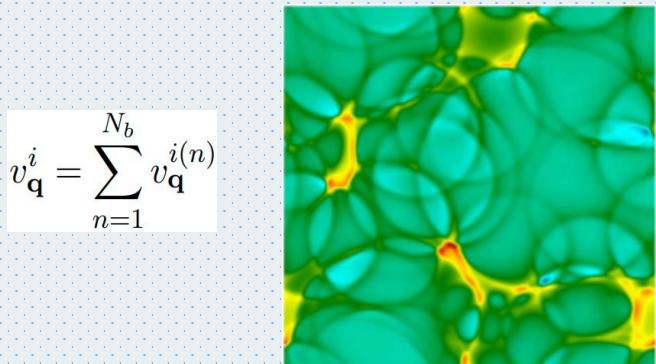
Hindmarsh, PRL [1608.04735]

Hindmarsh, Hijazi, JCAP [1909.10040]

HG, Sinha, Vagie, White, JCAP [2007.08537]

Cai, Wang, Yuwen, PRD Letter [2305.00074]

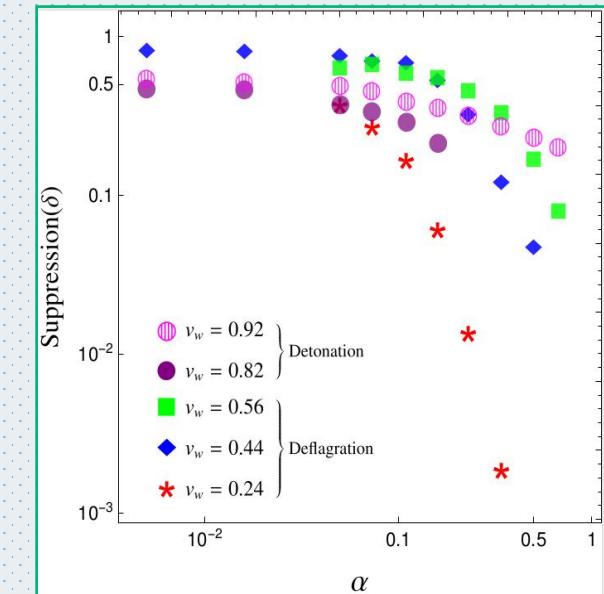
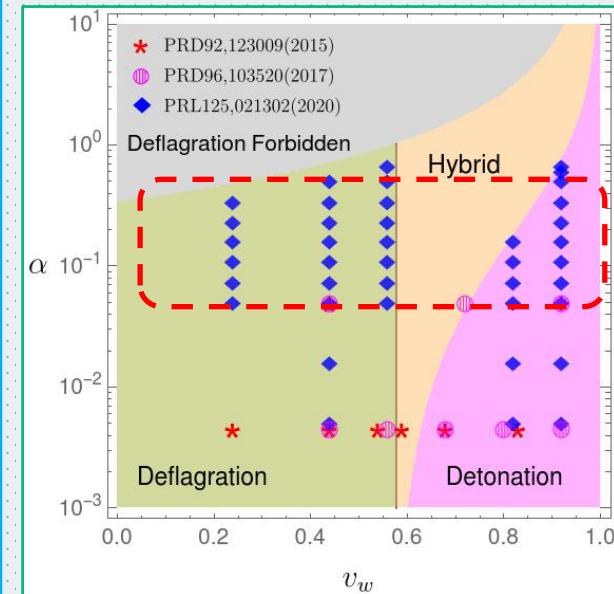
Pol, Procacci, Caprini [2308.12943]



Numerical Simulation

- Suppression found for strong transitions with small v_w
- Need to cover more parameter space (very strong PT)

$$h^2 \Omega_{\text{sw}}(f) = 2.65 \times 10^{-6} \left(\frac{100}{g_*} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \left(\frac{H_*}{\beta} \right) \left(\frac{\kappa_{\text{sw}} \alpha}{1 + \alpha} \right)^2 v_w S_{\text{sw}}(f) \Upsilon(\tau_{\text{sw}})$$



Cutting, Hindmarsh, Weir, PRL [1906.00480]

Magnetohydrodynamic Turbulence

Earlier studies based on Kolmogorov spectrum:

Kamionkowski,Kosowsky,Turner, PRD [9310044]

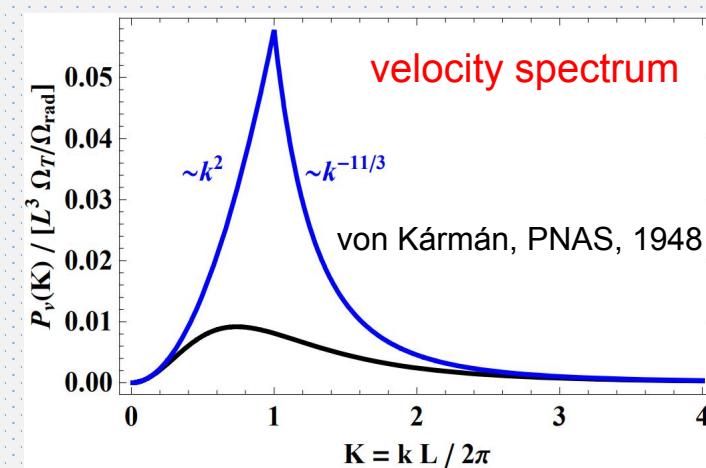
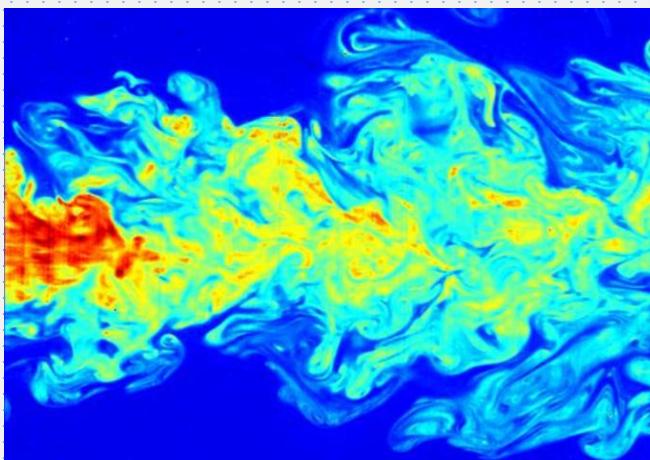
Kosowsky,Mack,Kahniashvili, PRD [0111483]

Gogoberidze,Kahniashvili,Kosowsky, PRD [0705.1733]

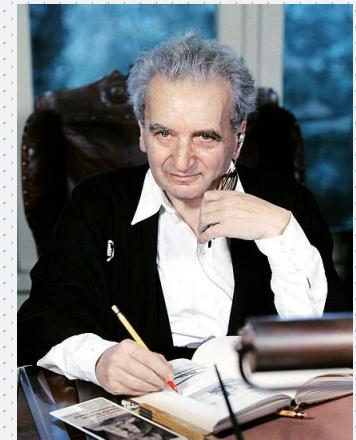
$$T^{ij} \sim (p + e)v^i v^j - B_i B_j$$

$$h^2 \Omega_{\text{turb}}(f) = 3.35 \times 10^{-4} \left(\frac{H_*}{\beta} \right) \left(\frac{\kappa_{\text{turb}} \alpha}{1 + \alpha} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \left(\frac{100}{g_*} \right)^{1/3} v_w S_{\text{turb}}(f)$$

Caprini,Durrer,Servant, JCAP [0909.0622] (used von Kármán's spectrum)



Andrey Nikolaevich Kolmogorov

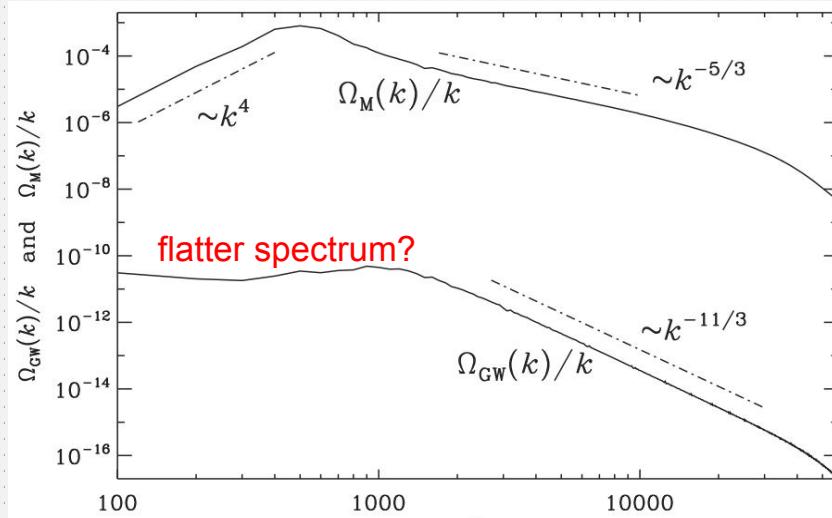


Theodore von Kármán

Magnetohydrodynamic Turbulence: Recent Development

Progress on numerical simulations, and analytical modellings

- Strong dependence on initial conditions
- Flatter spectrum at low frequency (violate causality?)

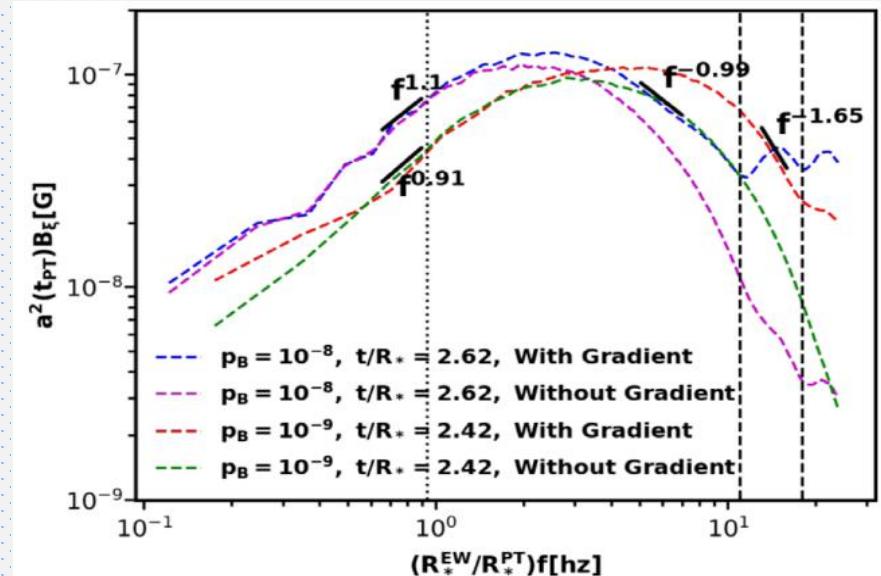


Pol et al, PRD [1903.08585]

Modelling: Sharma, Brandenburg, PRD [2206.00055]
Time decorrelation: Auclair et al, JCAP [2205.02588]
Decay, viscosity: Dahl et al, PRD [2112.12013]
Polarization: Pol et al, JCAP [2107.05356]

as initial conditions?

Magnetic Field Generation (simulation)



Di,Wang,Zhou,Bian,Cai, PRL [2012.15625]
Yang,Bian,PRD [2102.01398]

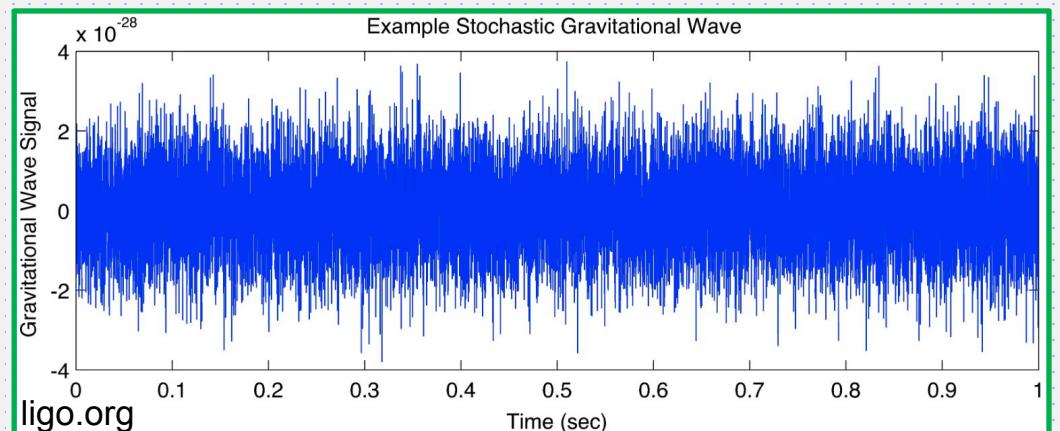
Detection at LIGO

Romero, Martinovic, Callister, HG, Martínez, Sakellariadou, Yang, Zhao, PRL [2102.01714]

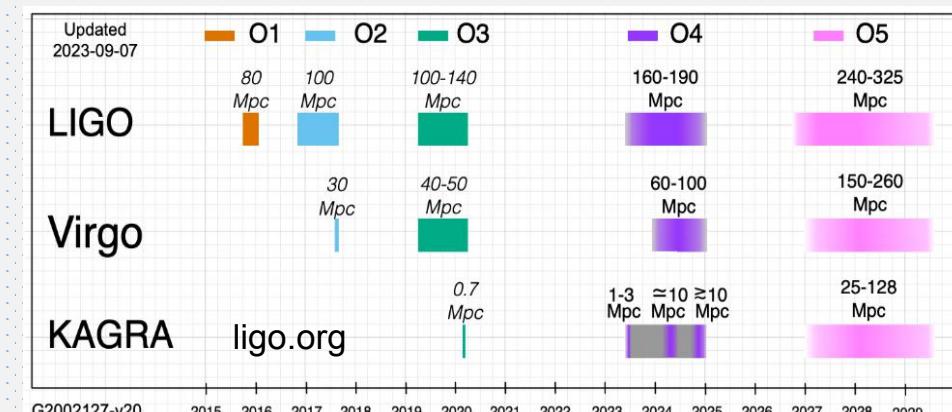
- No Evidence for Broken Power Law Signal
- No Evidence for Bubble Collision Domination Signal
- No Evidence for Sound Waves Domination Signal

See also: Jiang, Huang, JCAP [2203.11781], Yu, Wang, PRD [2211.13111]

stochastic GWs: noise-like



O1+O2+O3@LIGO (H1, L1), Virgo



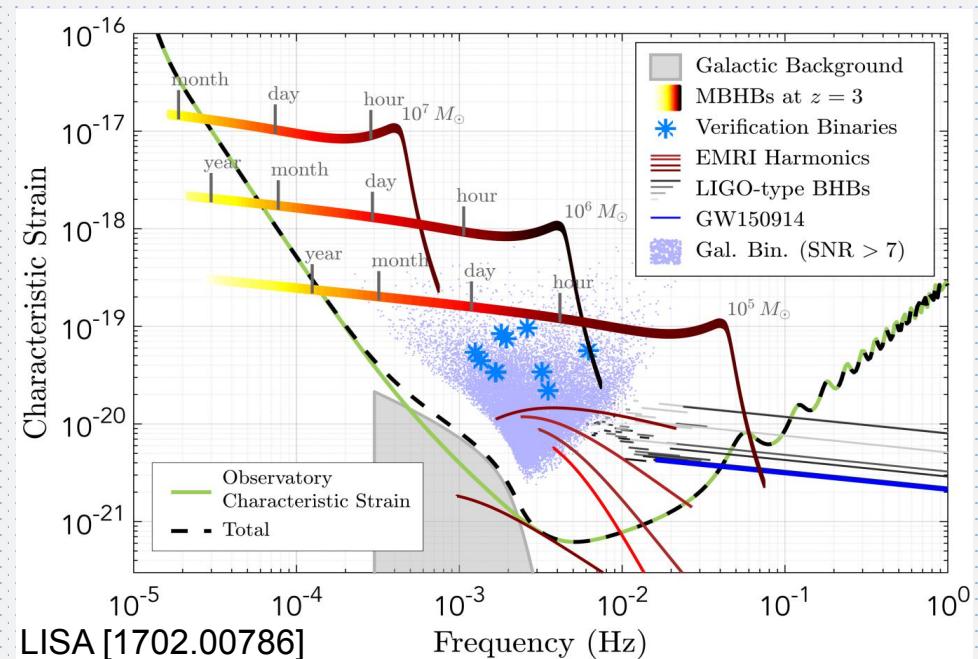
solution:
cross-correlation



Detection at LISA/Taiji/Tianqin

Detection with a single detector

- Complicated, and correlated noise
- Complications from time-delay interferometry
- Solution: null channel method, or with a network

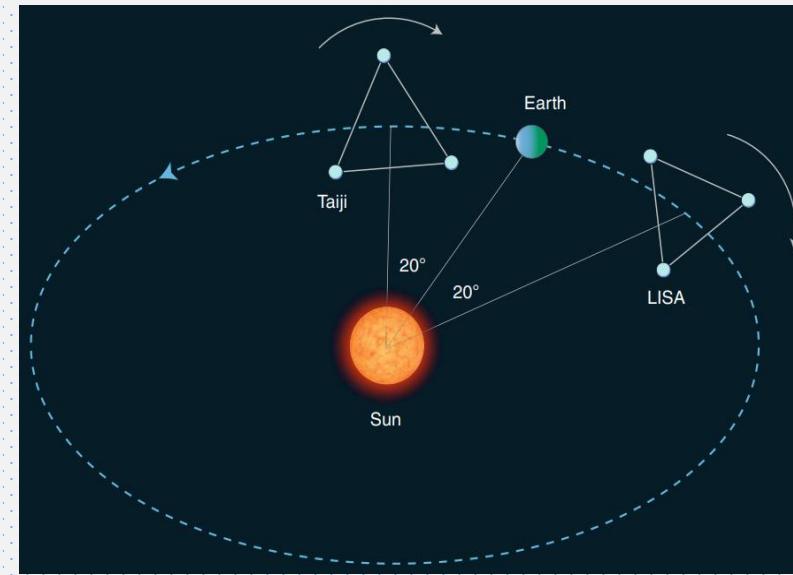


galactic foreground + astro background + cosmic background

SGWB detectable down to $\Omega_{GW} \sim O(10^{-13})$

Boileau et al, MNRAS [2105.04283]

The LISA–Taiji network



Ruan, Liu, Guo, Wu, Cai, Nature Astron [2002.03603]

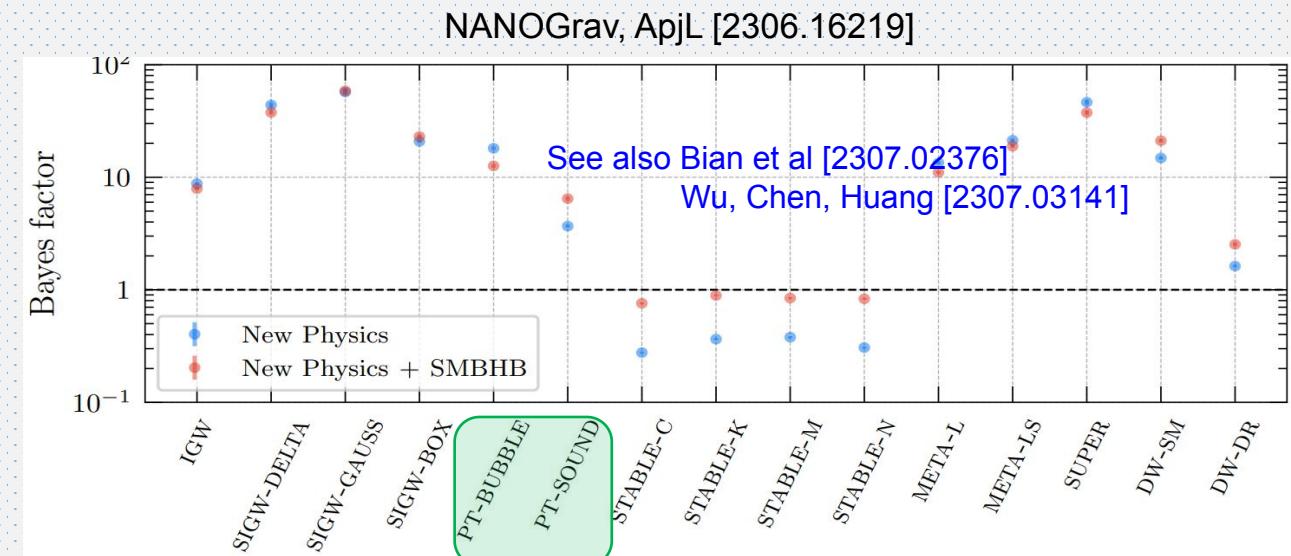
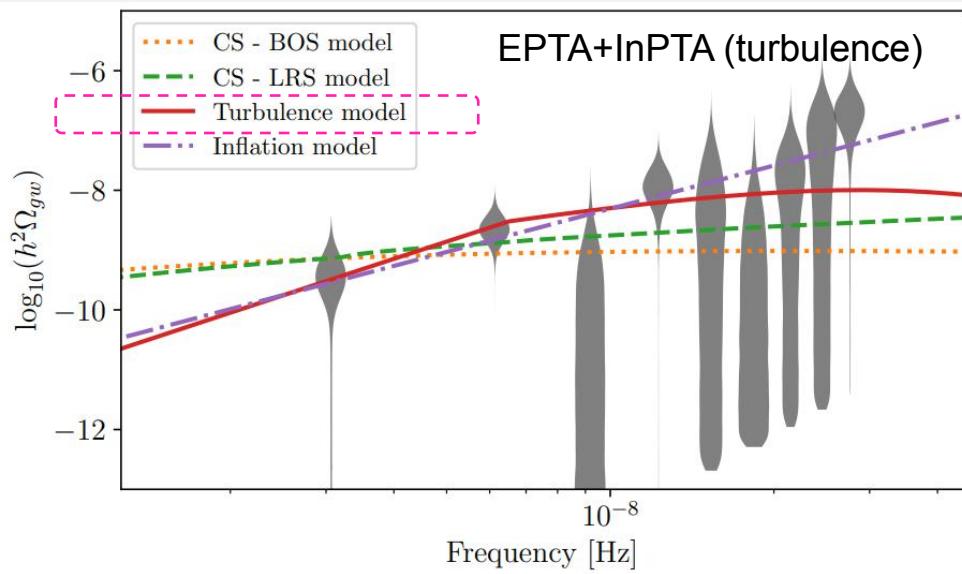
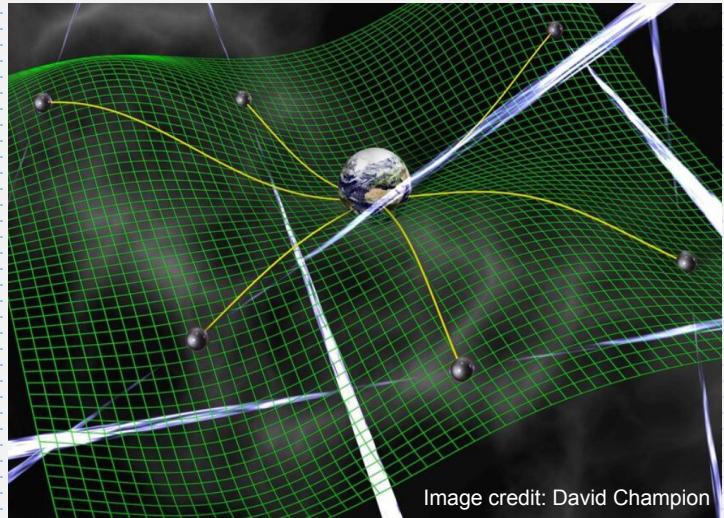
Cai et al [2305.04551]

Gowling et al, JCAP [2209.13551, 2106.05984]

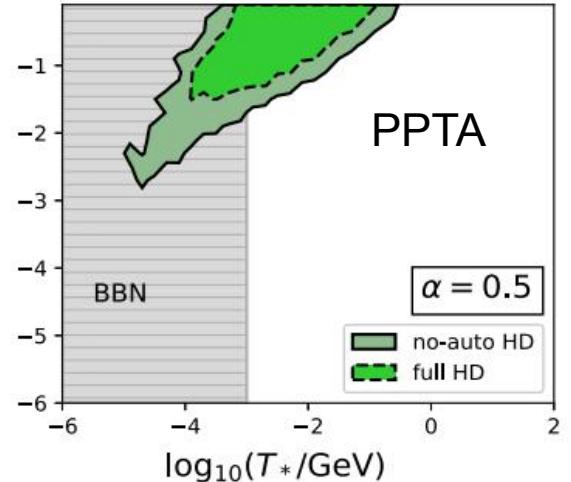
LISA: Caprini et al [2403.03723]

TDI optimization: Wang, Li, Xu, Fan, PRD [2201.10902]

PTA



Xue,Bian,Shu,Yuan,Zhu, et al,
PRL [2110.03096]



Uncertainties

- Finite T effective potential calculations
- Phase transition parameter calculations (vw)
- GW spectra calculations (simulations, modellings)

Uncertainty	pre-factor1	pre-factor2	pre-factor3
T_p	0.003%	0.003%	0.002%
βR^*	8.1%	7.9%	5.9%
N_{tot}	11.4%	11.0%	9.8%
$f_{\beta R^*}^{\text{peak}}$	11.8%	12.0%	14.1%
$\Omega_{\text{GW}} h_{\beta R^*}^2$	37.6%	36.5%	28.9%
$f_{\text{sim}}^{\text{peak}}$	36.4%	36.4%	35.1%
$\Omega_{\text{GW}} h_{\text{sim}}^2$	334.0%	330.8%	336.7%

HG, Xiao, Yang, Zhang [2310.04654]

Sound speed: Wang, Huang, Li, PRD [2112.14650], etc

See also: Athron, Balazs, Fowlie, Morris, White, Yang Zhang, JHEP [2208.01319]

$\Delta \Omega_{\text{GW}} / \Omega_{\text{GW}}$	4d approach	3d approach
RG scale dependence	$\mathcal{O}(10^2 - 10^3)$	$\mathcal{O}(10^0 - 10^1)$
Gauge dependence	$\mathcal{O}(10^1)$	$\mathcal{O}(10^{-3})$
High-T approximation	$\mathcal{O}(10^{-1} - 10^0)$	$\mathcal{O}(10^0 - 10^2)$
Higher loop orders	unknown	$\mathcal{O}(10^0 - 10^1)$
Nucleation corrections	unknown	$\mathcal{O}(10^{-1} - 10^0)$
Nonperturbative corrections	unknown	unknown

Croon, Gould, Schicho, Tenkanen, White, JHEP [2009.10080]

Effect (fixed wall velocity)	Range of error (medium)	Range of error (low)	Type of error
Transition temperature	$\mathcal{O}(10^{-4} - 10^1)$	$\mathcal{O}(10^{-1} - 10^0)$	Random
Mean bubble separation	$\mathcal{O}(0 - 10^{-1})$	$\mathcal{O}(10^{-1} - 10^0)$	Suppression
Fluid velocity	$\mathcal{O}(10^{-2} - 10^0)$	$\mathcal{O}(10^{-2} - 10^0)$	Random
Finite lifetime	$\mathcal{O}(10^{-3} - 10^{-1})$	$\mathcal{O}(10^1 - 10^3)$	Enhancement
Vorticity effects	$\mathcal{O}(10^{-1} - 10^0)$	—	Random

HG, Sinha, Vagie, White, JHEP [2103.06933]

Models	Strong 1 st order phase transition	GW signal	Cold DM	Dark Radiation and small scale structure
SM charged				
Triplet [20–22]	✓	✓	✓	✗
complex and real Triplet [23] (Georgi-Machacek model)	✓	✓	✓	✗
Multiplet [24]	✓	✓	✓	
2HDM [25–30]	✓	✓		✗
MLRSM [31]	✓	✓	✗	✗
NMSSM [32–36]	✓	✓	✓	✗
SM uncharged				
S_r (xSM) [37–49]	✓	✓	✗	✗
2 S_r 's [50]	✓	✓	✓	✗
S_c (exSM) [49, 51–54]	✓	✓	✓	✗
$U(1)_D$ (no interaction with SM) [55]	✓	✓	✓	✗
$U(1)_D$ (Higgs Portal) [56]	✓	✓	✓	
$U(1)_D$ (Kinetic Mixing) [57]	✓	✓	✓	
Composite $SU(7)/SU(6)$ [58]	✓	✓	✓	
$U(1)_L$ [59]	✓	✓	✓	✗
$SU(2)_D \rightarrow$ global $SO(3)$ by a doublet [60–62]			✓	✗
$SU(2)_D \rightarrow U(1)_D$ by a triplet [63–65]			✓	✓
$SU(2)_D \rightarrow Z_2$ by two triplets [66]			✓	✗
$SU(2)_D \rightarrow Z_3$ by a quadruplet [67, 68]			✓	✗
$SU(2)_D \times U(1)_{B-L} \rightarrow Z_2 \times Z_2$ by a quintuplet and a S_c [69]			✓	✗
$SU(2)_D$ with two dark Higgs doublets [70]	✓	✓	✗	✗
$SU(3)_D \rightarrow Z_2 \times Z_2$ by two triplets [62, 71]			✓	✗
$SU(3)_D$ (dark QCD) (Higgs Portal) [72, 73]	✓	✓	✓	
$G_{SM} \times G_{D,SM} \times Z_2$ [74]	✓	✓	✓	
$G_{SM} \times G_{D,SM} \times G_{D,SM} \dots$ [75]	✓	✓	✓	
Current work				
$SU(2)_D \rightarrow U(1)_D$ (see the text)	✓	✓	✓	✓

The Problem of parameter degeneracy

Solutions: New Observables

- Anisotropy

Geller, Hook, Sundrum, Yuhsin Tsai, PRL [1803.10780]
Li, Huang, Wang, Zhang, PRD [2112.01409]
Li, Yan, Huang, PRD [2211.03368]

- Primordial magnetic field

Di,Wang,Zhou,Bian,Cai, PRL [2012.15625]
Yang,Bian,PRD [2102.01398], ...

- Primordial black holes and solitons

Hong, Jung, Xie, PRD [2008.04430]
Kawana,Xie,PLB [2106.00111]
Liu,Bian,Cai,Guo,Wang, PRD [2106.05637]
Lu,Kawana,Xie, PRD [2202.03439]

- Curvature perturbations

Liu,Bian,Cai,Guo,Wang,PRL[2208.14086]
Jiang,Liu,Sun,Wang, PLB [1512.07538]

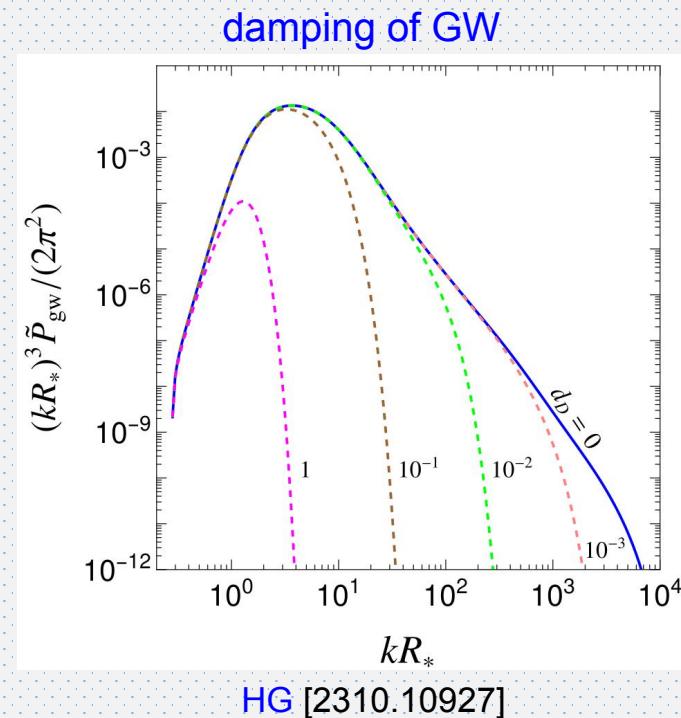
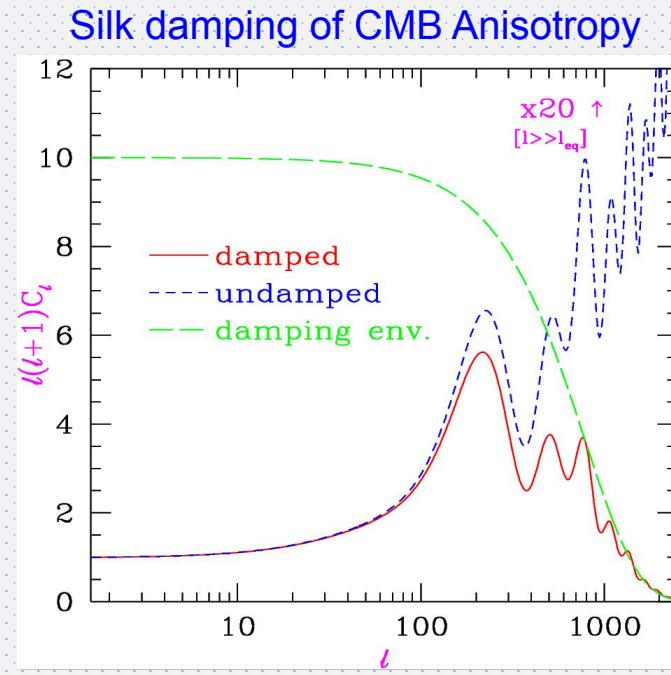
Anything directly readable from the isotropic GW spectrum?

Dissipative Effects as New Observables

- Going beyond the perfect fluid approximation (viscosity, heat conduction)
- Particle physics origin of dissipations (very weak interactions)
- Can be searched for at LIGO, PTA, LISA/Taiji/Tianqin ...

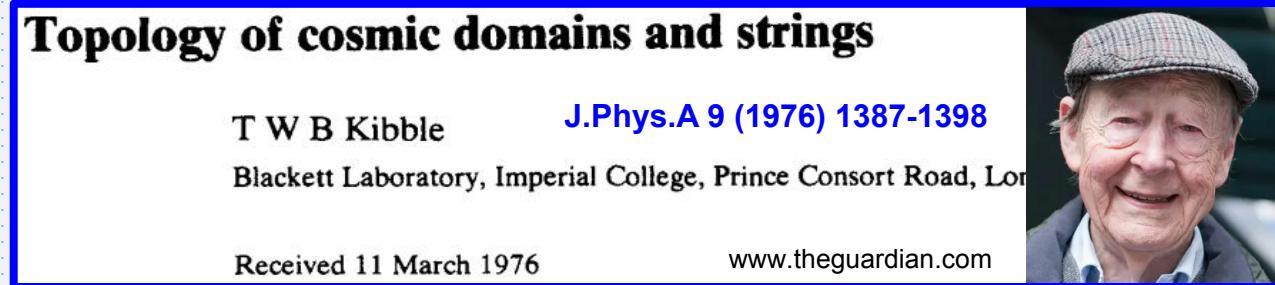
Weinberg, ApJ, 1971

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta T^{ij} &= -\eta \left(\frac{\partial U_i}{\partial x^j} + \frac{\partial U_j}{\partial x^i} - \frac{2}{3} \delta_{ij} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{U} \right) - \zeta \delta_{ij} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{U}, \\ \Delta T^{i0} &= -\chi \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial x^i} + T \dot{U}_i \right).\end{aligned}\quad (1)$$

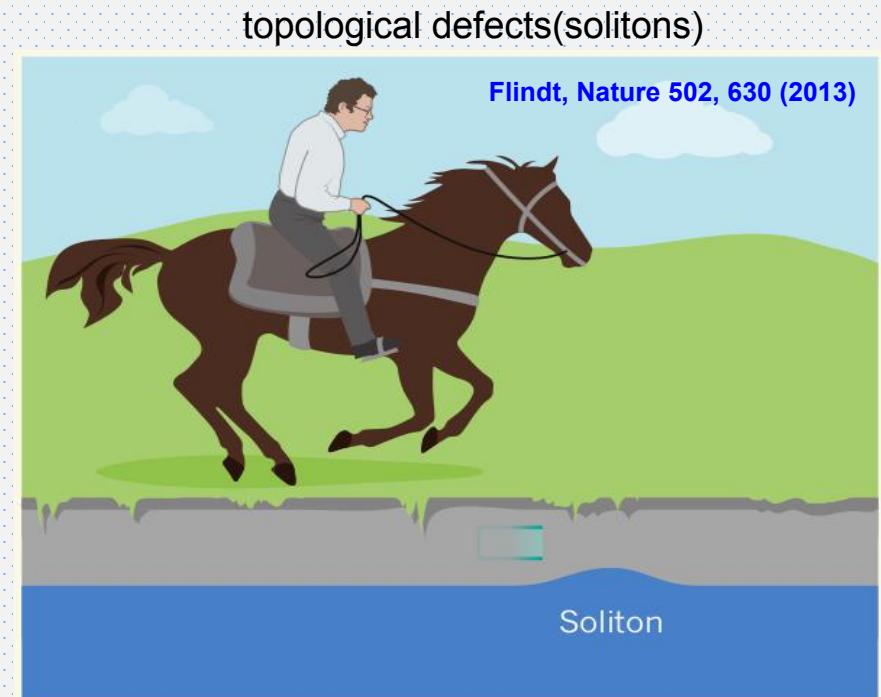


Phase Transitions: Topological Defects

- Produced during phase transitions in the early universe (not necessarily first order)
- Analogues found in condensed matter systems (Kibble-Zurek mechanism)

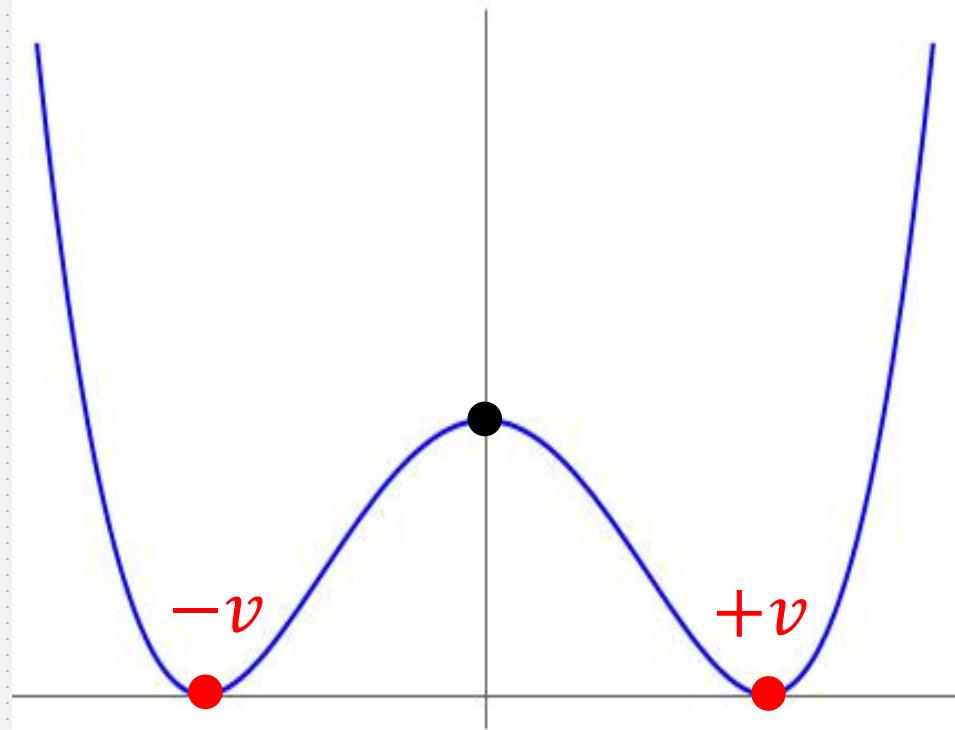


monopoles, cosmic strings, domain walls, etc



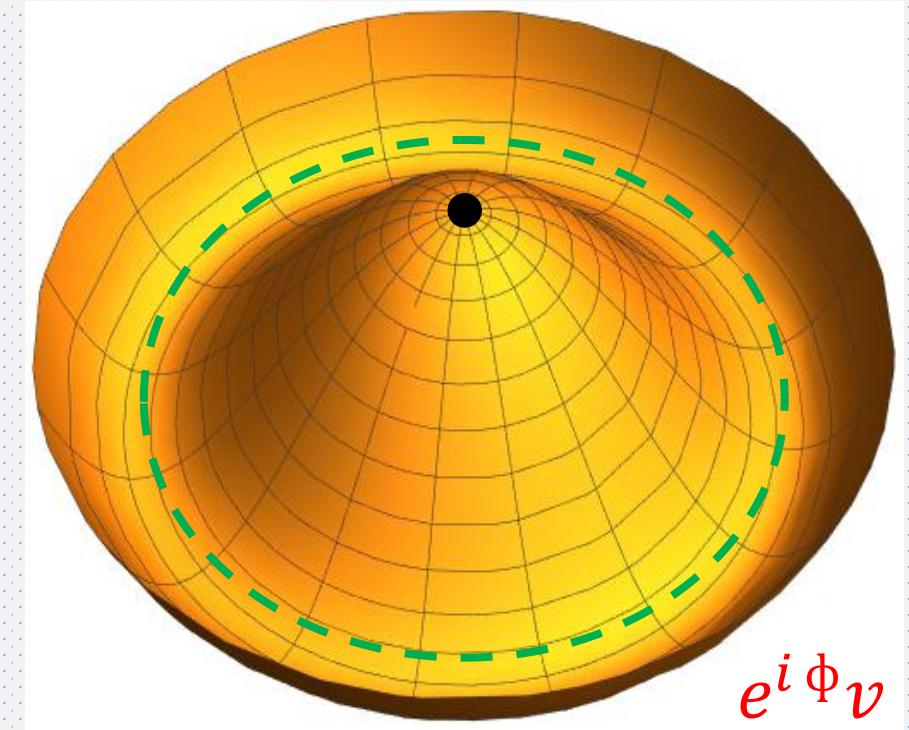
Degenerate Vacuum States

$$V(\phi) = \frac{1}{4}(\phi^2 - v^2)^2$$



Domain wall

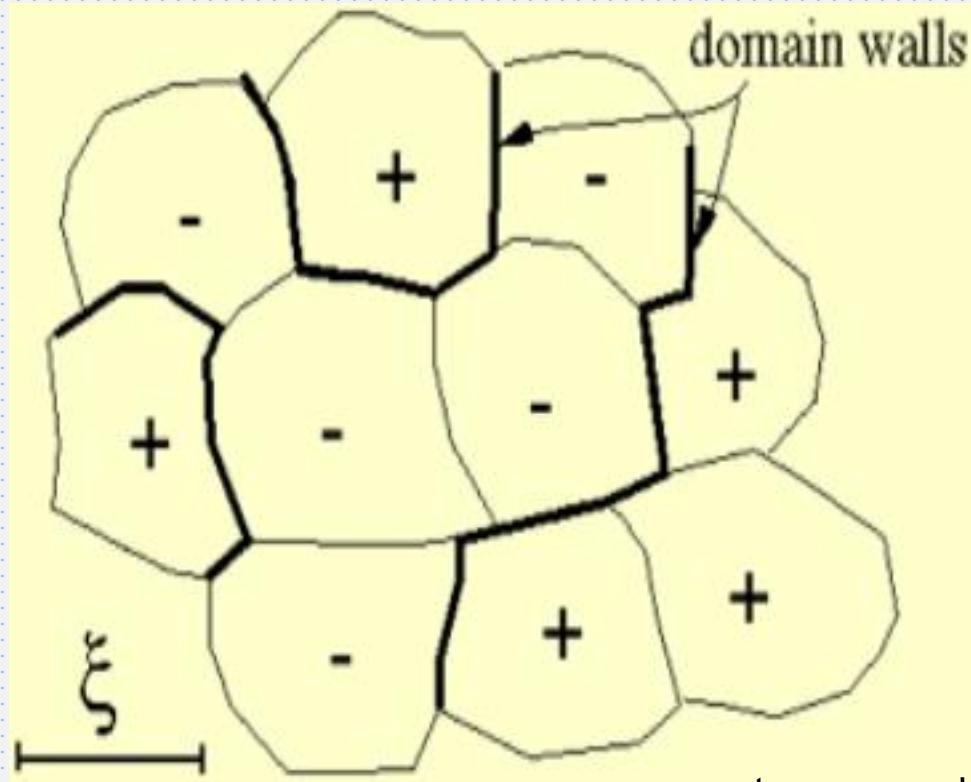
$$V(\Phi) = \frac{1}{4}(|\Phi|^2 - \eta^2)^2$$



Cosmic String

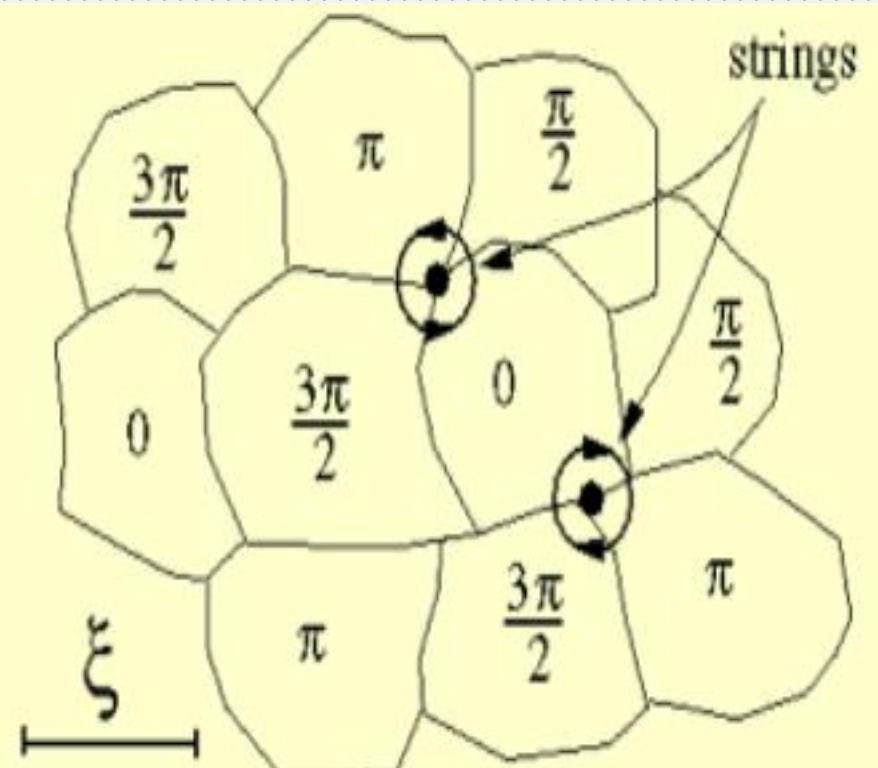
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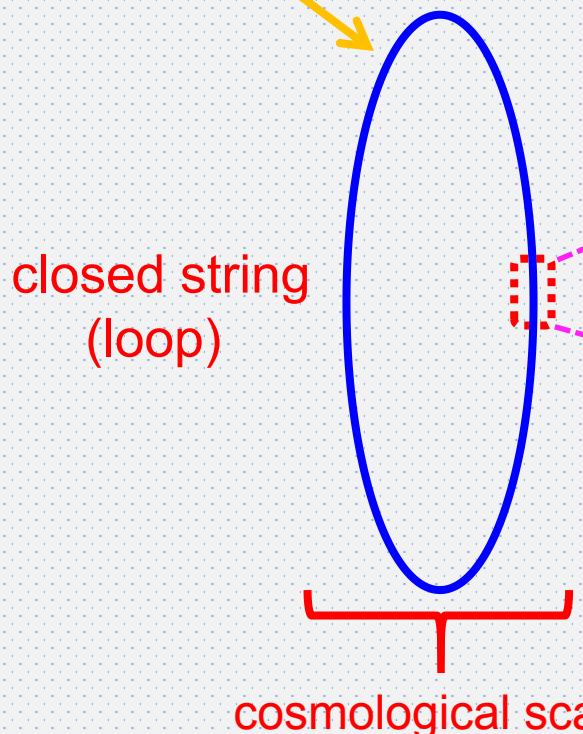
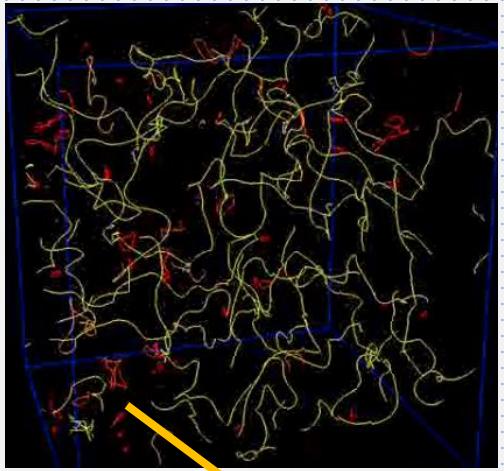
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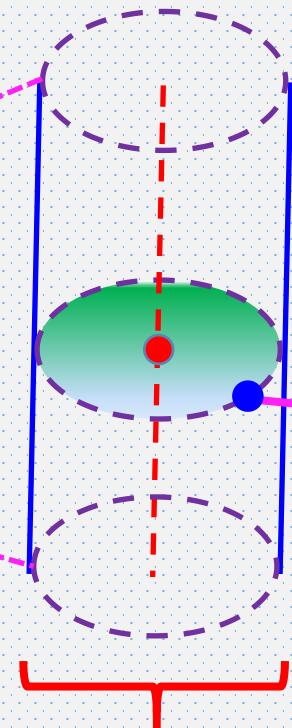
Will focus on cosmic strings.

Cosmic String



$$G\mu \sim (\eta/M_{\text{Pl}})^2$$

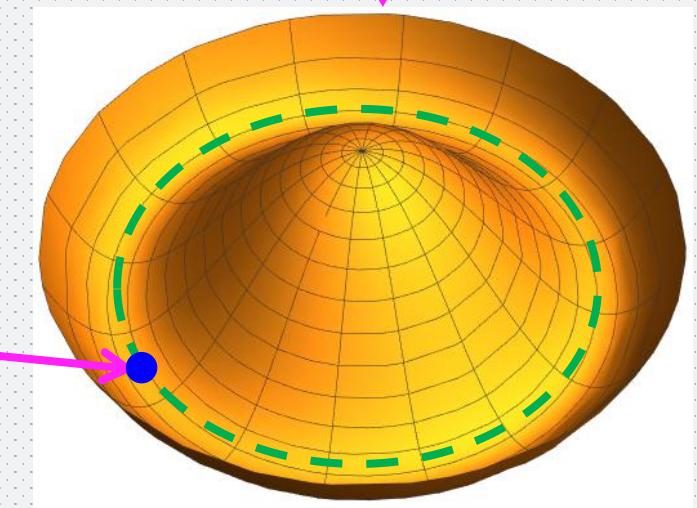
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$O(1/\eta)$

Example: the Abelian Higgs Model

$$\mathcal{L} = |(\partial_\mu - igA_\mu)\Phi|^2 - \frac{1}{4}\lambda(|\Phi|^2 - \eta^2)^2 - \frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}$$



degenerate vacua
with nontrivial topology

Gravitational Wave Production

Burst types: **cusps**, **kinks** and **kink-kink collisions**
(Damour, Vilenkin, PRL 85, 3671, PRD 64, 064008).

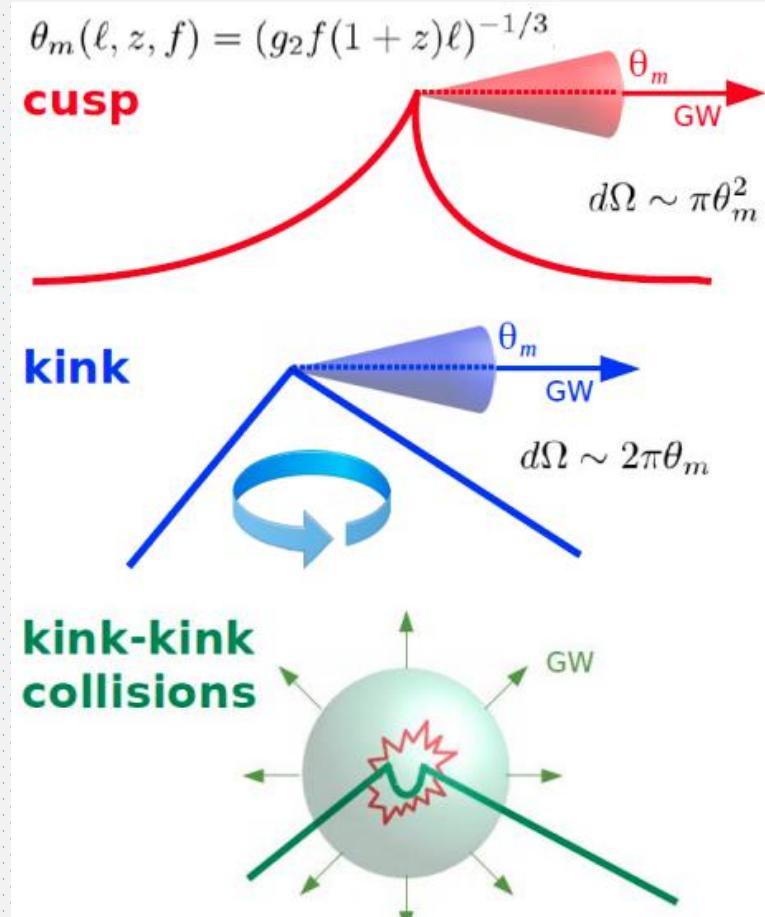


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simple waveforms in frequency domain

$$h_i(\ell, z, f) = A_i(\ell, z) f^{-q_i}$$

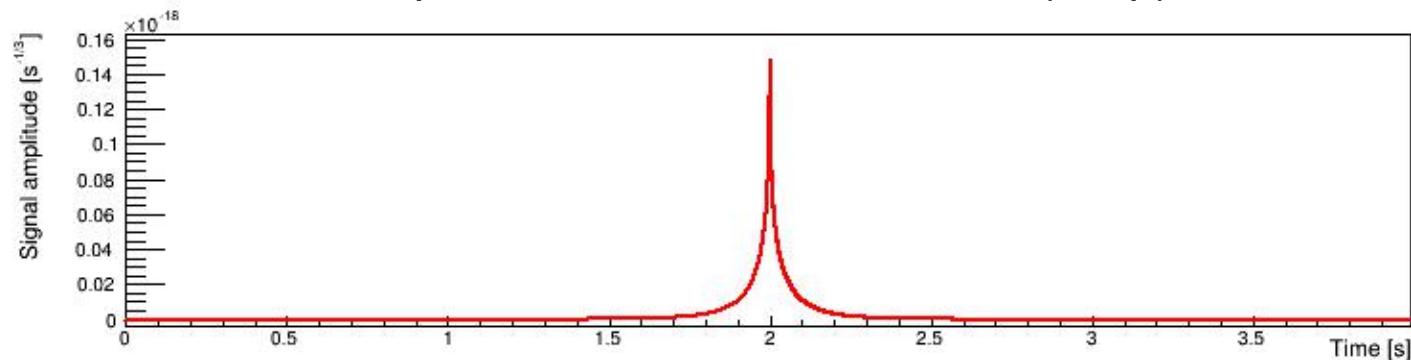
$$A_i(\ell, z) = g_{1,i} \frac{G\mu \ell^{2-q_i}}{(1+z)^{q_i-1} r(z)}$$

$q = 4/3, 5/3, 2$ for cusp, kink, and kk

scale
↓

$G\mu \sim (\eta/M_{\text{Pl}})^2$
particle physics model
dependence

example waveform in time domain (cusp)



<https://www.ligo.org/science/Publication-S5S6CosmicStrings>

Loop Distribution Function

3 models considered

- Model A: (Blanco-Pillado et al., PRD 89,023512) (simulations)
- Model B: Lorentz et al., JCAP 10 (2010) 003 (analytical modelling, matched onto simulation result)
- Model C: Auclair et al., JCAP 06 (2019) 015 (interpolation between above 2)

C-1 (C-2) reproduces LDF of Model A (B) in the radiation era
and LDF of Model B (A) in the matter era

Large N_c or N_k does not necessarily lead
to large signal (loops decays faster)

$$\gamma_d = \Gamma_d G \mu$$

$$\Gamma_d \equiv \frac{P_{\text{gw}}}{G\mu^2} = \sum_i \frac{P_{\text{gw},i}}{G\mu^2} \quad \text{dimensionless decay constant}$$

$$= N_c \frac{3\pi^2 g_{1,c}^2}{(2\delta)^{1/3} g_2^{2/3}} + N_k \frac{3\pi^2 g_{1,k}^2}{(2\delta)^{2/3} g_2^{1/3}} + N_{kk} 2\pi^2 g_{1,kk}^2$$

cusp

kink

kink-kink collision

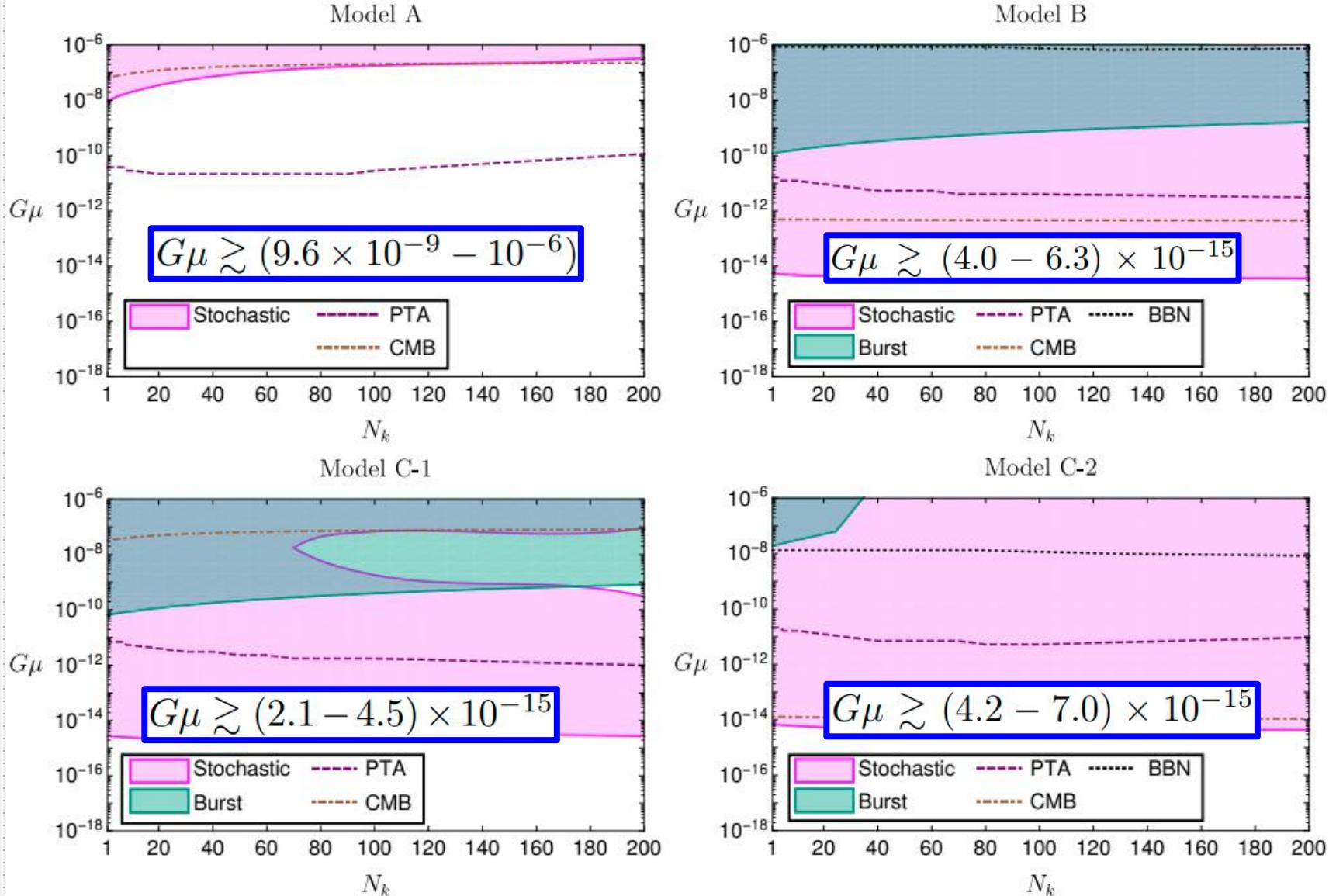
modelling loop distribution (F, dimensionless)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} [a^3 F(l, t)] = a^3 \mathcal{P}(l, t) + a^3 \gamma_d \frac{\partial}{\partial t} F(l, t)$$

production from long strings

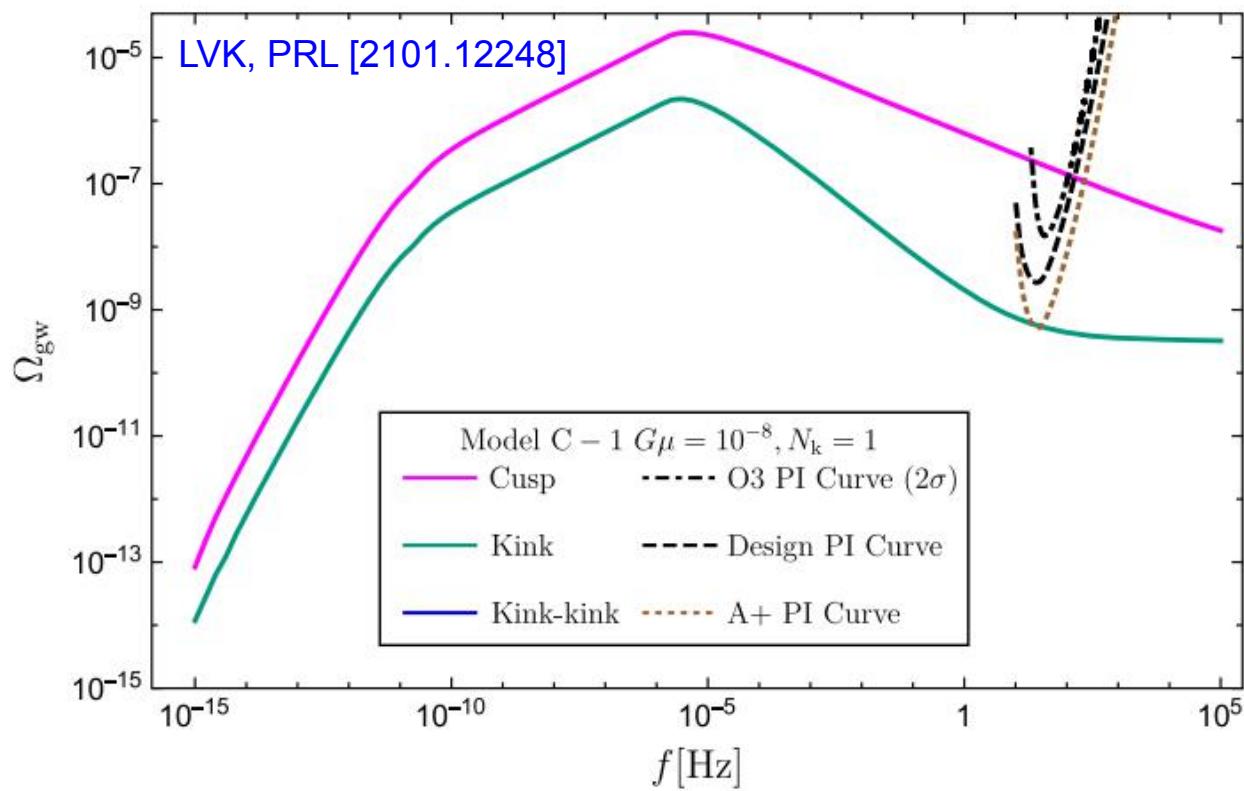
decay due to GW radiation

LIGO Constraints



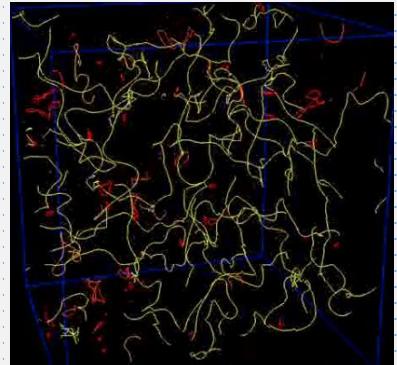
Multiband Probes

detectable at multiple frequency bands



LIGO

- O1: LIGO-Virgo, PRD [1712.01168]
- O2: LIGO-Virgo, PRD [1903.02886]
- O3: LVK, PRL [2101.12248]



LISA/Taiji/Tianqin

- Auclair et al, JCAP [1909.00819]
- Chen,Huang,Liu, et al JCAP [2310.00411]
- Wang,Li, PRD [2311.07116]

PTA

- Zhu, et al (PPTA) MNRAS [2011.13490]
- Blasi, Brdar, Schmitz, PRL [2009.06607]
- Bian,Shu,Wang,Yuan,Zong (PPTA) PRD [2205.07293]
- Chen,Huang (PPTA) ApJ [2205.07194]
- NANOGrav, ApJL [2306.16219]
- EPTA [2306.16227]

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Summary

GW is an effective new tool in probing GUT

- Cosmological first order phase transitions
- Topological defects (cosmic strings, etc)
- Multiband probes (LVK, LISA/Taiji/Tianqin, PTA)

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