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# Universe with a large lepton asymmetry

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# 1. Introduction

- He4 is produced in Big Bang Nucleosynthesis (BBN)
- Recent new measurements of He4 (together with previous data) determined primordial He4 abundance [Matsumoto et al. arXiv: 2203.09617](#)

$$Y_p = 0.2370^{+0.0034}_{-0.0033} \quad Y = \rho_{\text{He4}}/\rho_B$$

- $\sim 1\sigma$  smaller than the previous results
- Constraints on the parameters of BBN ( including D measurement )

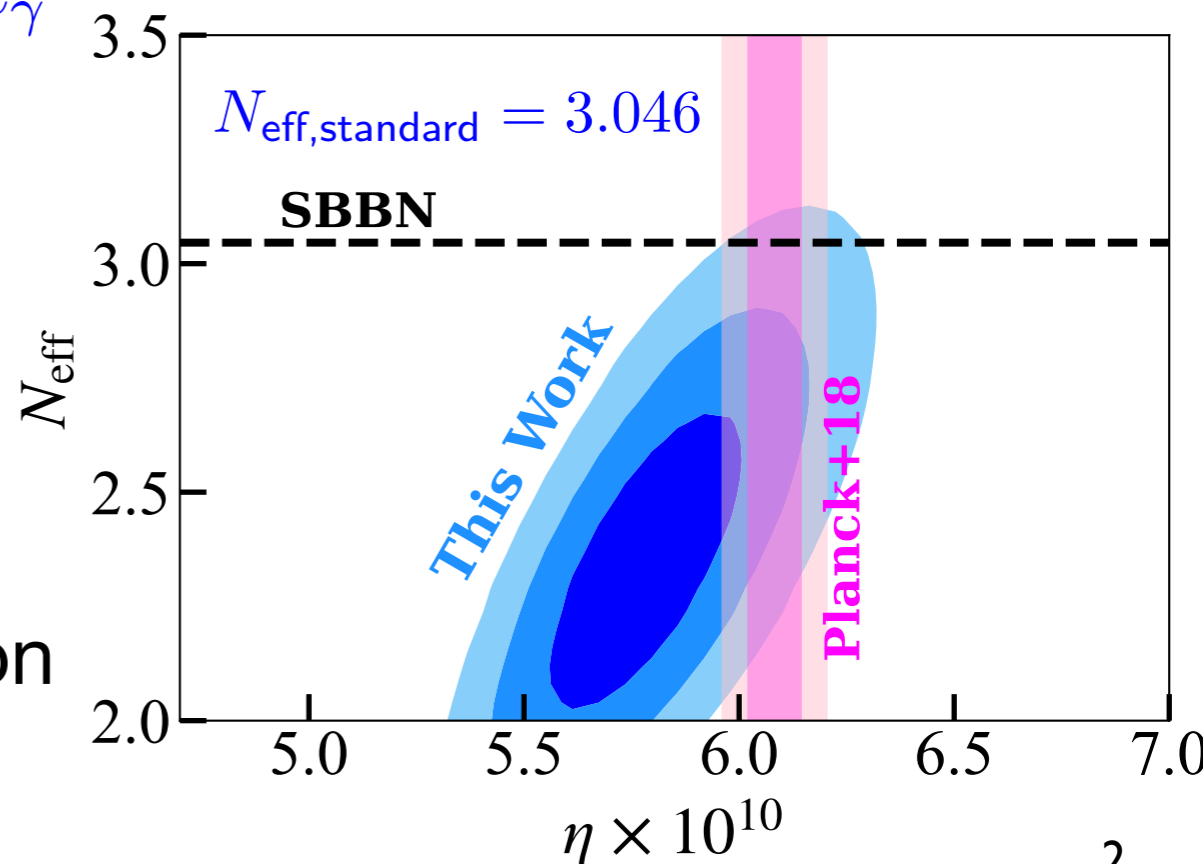
► Baryon-to-photon ratio  $\eta_B = n_B/n_\gamma$

► Effective number of  $\nu$  species  $N_{\text{eff}}$

$$N_{\text{eff}} = 2.37^{+0.19}_{-0.24}$$

$$\eta_B = 5.80^{+0.13}_{-0.16} \times 10^{-10}$$

- $> 2\sigma$  tension between constraint on  $N_{\text{eff}}$  and the standard value



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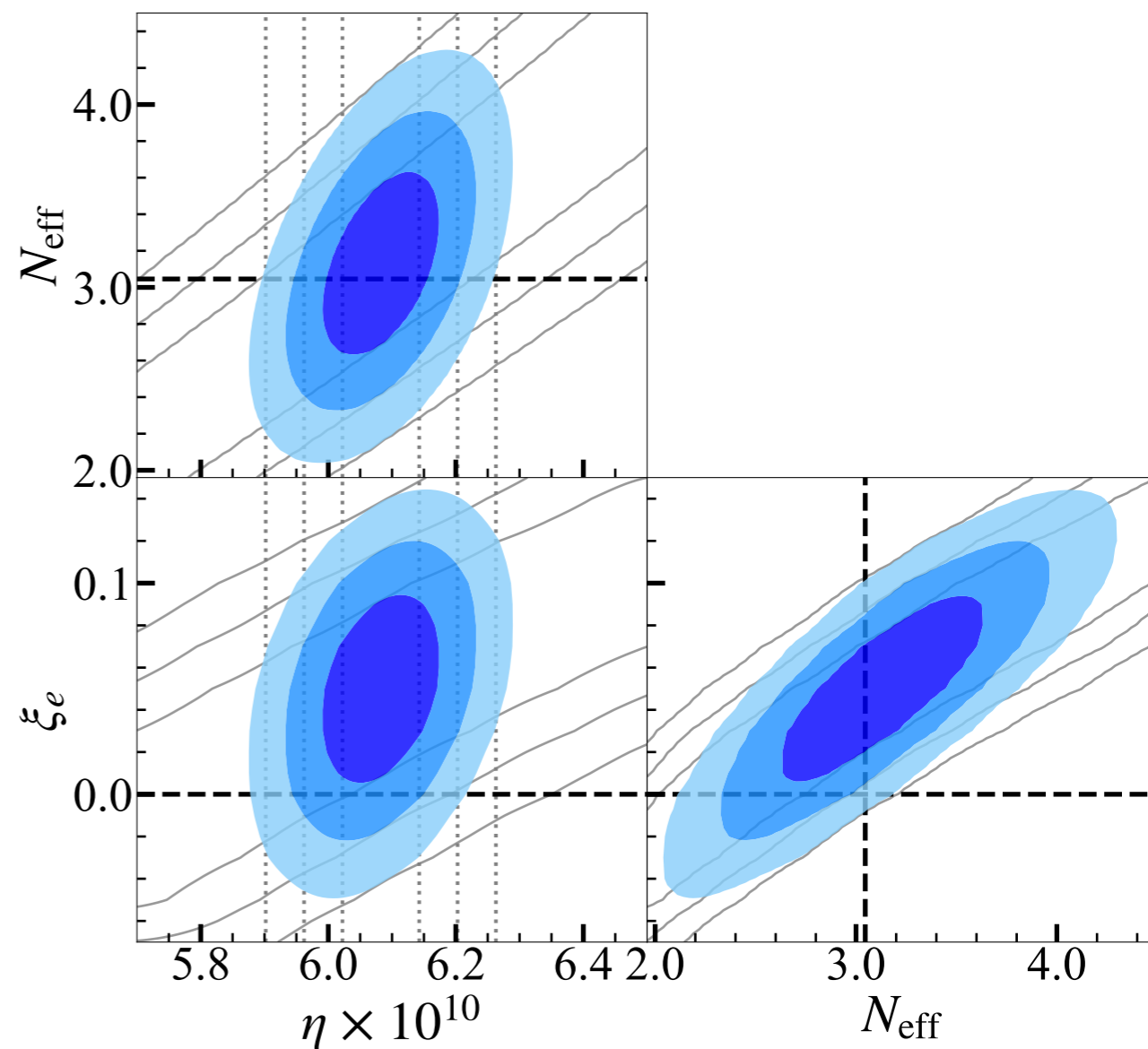
- Introducing asymmetry between  $\nu_e$  and  $\bar{\nu}_e$

- Chemical potential parameter  $\xi_e = \mu_{\nu_e}/T_{\nu_e}$   $n_{\nu_e} - n_{\bar{\nu}_e} \simeq \frac{T^3}{6} \xi_e$

$$\xi_e = 0.05^{+0.03}_{-0.02}$$

$$N_{\text{eff}} = 3.11^{+0.34}_{-0.31}$$

$$\eta_B = 6.08^{+0.06}_{-0.06} \times 10^{-10}$$



- Large lepton asymmetry

- ▶ All 3 flavors share asymmetry due to oscillation

$$n_L = 3(n_{\nu_e} - n_{\bar{\nu}_e})$$

- ▶ Lepton asymmetry

$$\eta_L = \frac{n_L}{s} \simeq 5.3 \times 10^{-3}$$

# 1. Introduction

- Lepton asymmetry is much larger than the observed baryon asymmetry

$$\eta_{B,\text{obs}} \sim 10^{-10}$$

- If a lepton number is produced at  $T \gtrsim 100$  GeV, it is partially converted to a baryon number through the **sphaleron process**



$$\eta_B \simeq -\frac{8}{23}\eta_L$$

- To produce lepton asymmetry much larger than  $|\eta_B|$ 
  - ▶ Lepton asymmetry is produced below the EW scale
  - ▶ Produced asymmetry is protected against the sphaleron process
- We consider **Q-ball ( L-ball ) formation** to realize the latter
  - ▶ Q-ball is a non-topological soliton in a scalar theory with  $U(1)$
  - ▶ Q-balls are produced in the Affleck-Dine leptogenesis
- Large lepton asymmetry is successfully produced by L-ball formation

## 2. Affleck-Dine mechanism

- Flat directions in the scalar potential of MSSM  $\ni (\tilde{q}, \tilde{\ell}, H)$   
Minimal SUSY standard model
- One of flat directions = AD field  $\phi$
- AD field has a baryon number or a **lepton number**

$$V(\phi) = (m_\phi^2 + c_H H^2) |\phi|^2 + \lambda^2 \frac{|\phi|^{2(n-1)}}{M_p^{2(n-3)}} + A \frac{\phi^n}{M_p^{(n-3)}} + h.c.$$

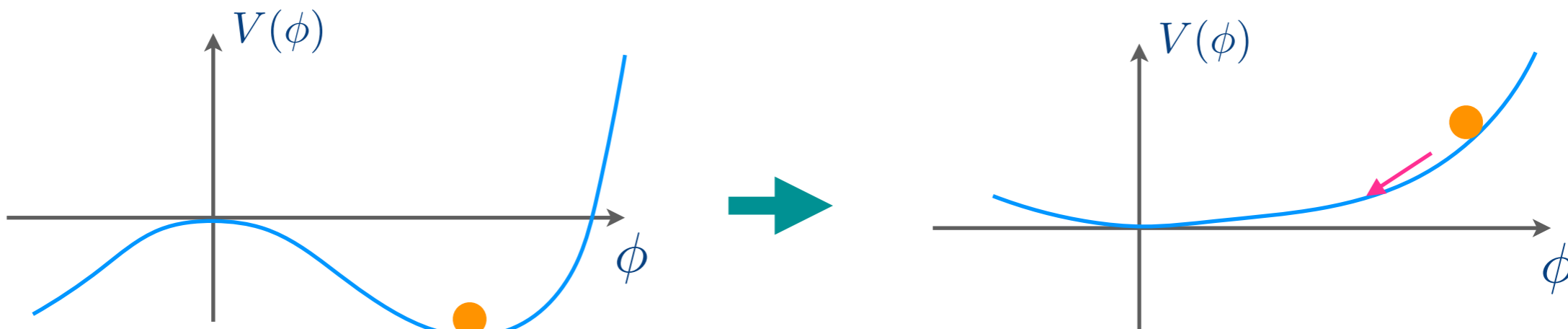
$V_{\text{susy}}$  : SUSY  
breaking mass term

Hubble induced  
mass term

$V_{\text{NR}}$  : Non-renormalizable  
term ( $n \geq 4$ )

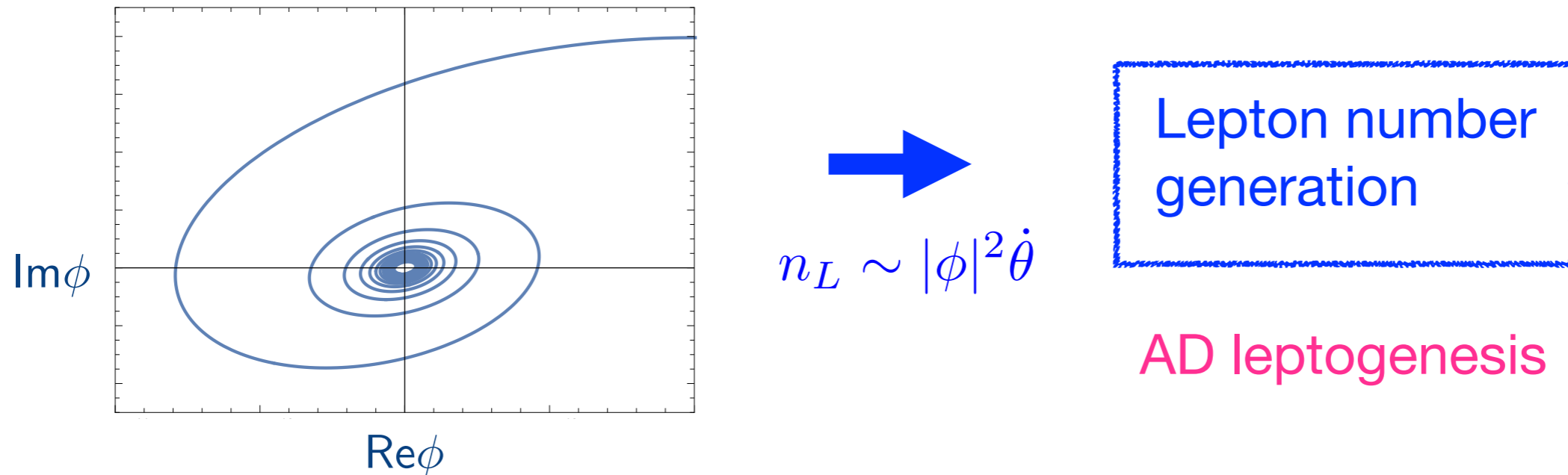
$V_A$  : A-term

- During inflation ( $H \gg m_\phi$ )  $\phi$  has a large value if  $c_H < 0$
- After inflation, when  $m_\phi \simeq H$   $\phi$  starts to oscillate



## 2. Affleck-Dine mechanism

- AD field is kicked in phase direction due to A-term



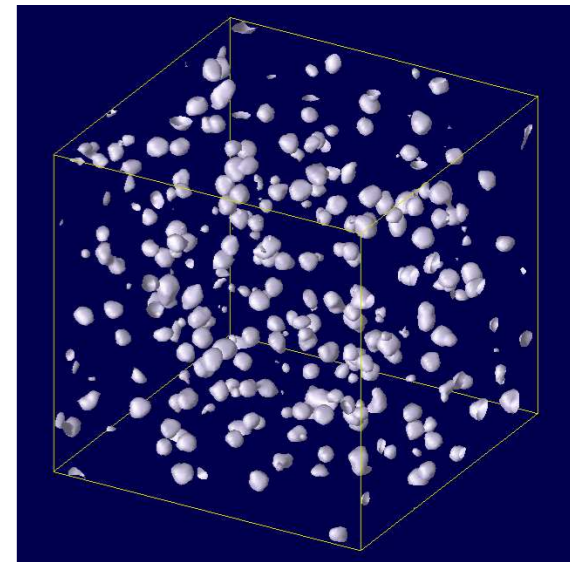
- AD mechanism can generate lepton number efficiently
- Large lepton asymmetry is realized

## 3.1 Formation of L-balls

- AD field oscillation has spatial instabilities if the potential is flatter than the quadratic one
- AD field fragments into spherical lumps (non-topological solitons) called Q-balls

► For  $U(1) = U(1)_L$ , formed Q-balls are called **L-balls**

- L-ball formation depends on SUSY breaking
- We consider gauge-mediated SUSY breaking models

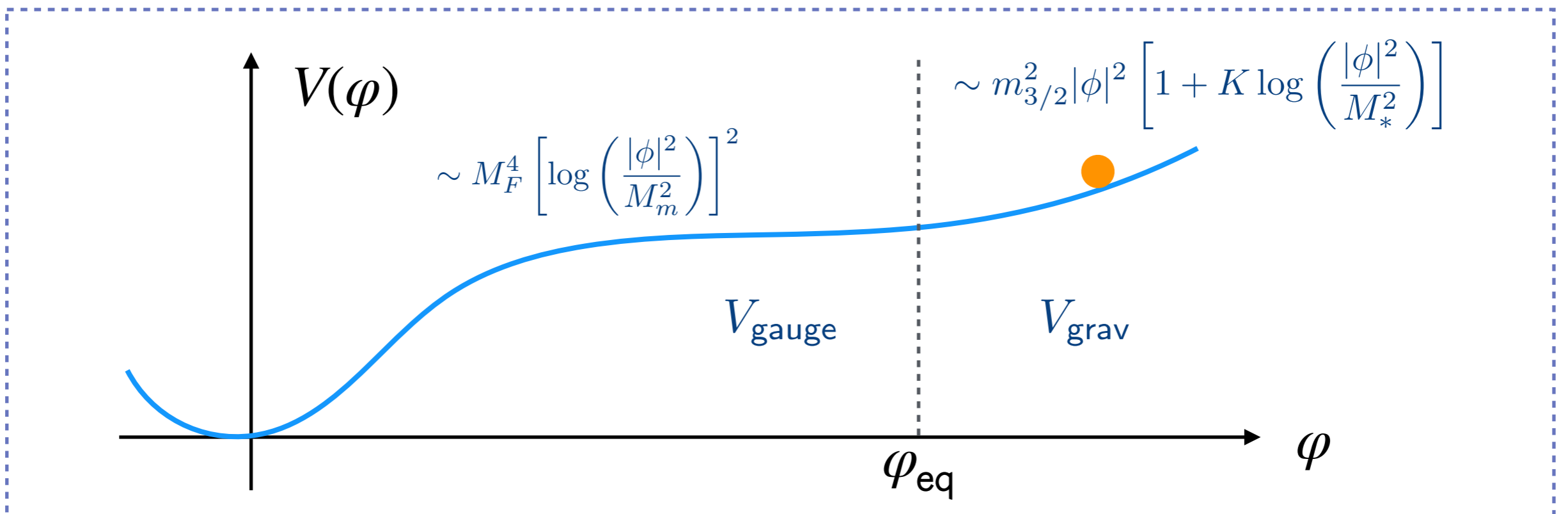


$$V_{\text{susy}} = V_{\text{gauge}} + V_{\text{grav}} = M_F^4 \left[ \log \left( \frac{|\phi|^2}{M_m^2} \right) \right]^2 + m_{3/2}^2 |\phi|^2 \left[ 1 + K \log \left( \frac{|\phi|^2}{M_*^2} \right) \right] \quad m_{3/2} < 1\text{GeV}$$

- L-balls are formed if  $K < 0$  when  $V_{\text{grav}}$  dominates the potential
- L-balls are always formed when  $V_{\text{gauge}}$  dominates the potential
- We assume  $K > 0$ , so L-balls are formed when  $V_{\text{gauge}}$  dominates the potential

## 3.1 L-ball formation

- AD field starts oscillation with amplitude  $\varphi_{\text{osc}} > \varphi_{\text{eq}}$  at  $H \sim m_{3/2}$
- Lepton asymmetry  $n_L \simeq m_{3/2} \varphi_{\text{osc}}^2$
- For  $K > 0$  L-balls do not form until  $\varphi < \varphi_{\text{eq}}$ 
  - ▶ L-ball formation is delayed [delayed-type L-ball]
  - ▶ Lepton charge is confined inside L-balls  
( Produced asymmetry is protected against the sphaleron process )





## 3.1 L-ball formation

- Properties of delayed-type L-ball

Hisano Nojiri Okada (2001)

$$M_Q = \frac{4\sqrt{2}\pi}{3} \zeta M_F Q^{3/4}$$

$$R_Q = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}\zeta} M_F^{-1} Q^{1/4} \quad \omega_Q = dM_Q/dQ \simeq \sqrt{2}\pi\zeta M_F Q^{-1/4}$$

$Q$  : L-charge

$\zeta \sim 2.5$

- L-ball charge  $Q = \beta (\varphi_{\text{eq}}/M_F)^4 \quad \beta \simeq 6 \times 10^{-4}$

- L-balls decay emitting neutrinos with decay rate

$$\Gamma_Q \simeq \frac{N_\ell}{Q} \frac{\omega_Q^3}{12\pi^2} 4\pi R_Q^2 \quad N_\ell : \# \text{ of decay channel} \simeq 3$$

- Decay temperature

➡ lepton asymmetry is released

$$T_D \simeq \left( \frac{90}{\pi^2 g_*(T_D)} \right)^{1/4} \sqrt{M_{\text{Pl}} \Gamma_Q}$$

$$\simeq 2.69 \text{ MeV} \left( \frac{g_*}{10.75} \right)^{-1/4} \left( \frac{m_{3/2}}{0.5 \text{ GeV}} \right)^{5/2} \left( \frac{M_F}{5 \times 10^6 \text{ GeV}} \right)^{-2}$$

►  $T_D$  should be higher than  $\sim 1 \text{ MeV}$  for successful BBN

### 3.3 L-ball evolution

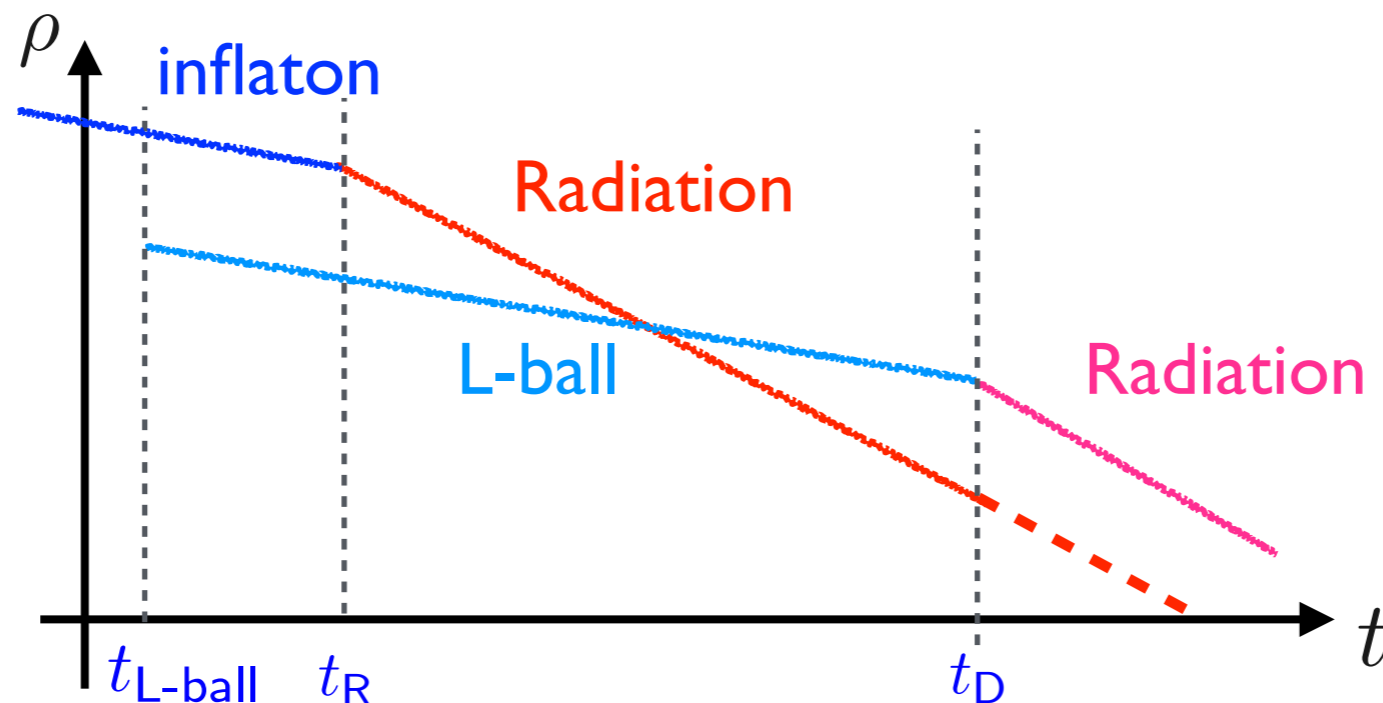
- We assume that L-balls dominate the Universe

- Lepton asymmetry

$$\eta_L \simeq \frac{n_L}{4\rho_\phi/3T_D} \simeq \frac{m_{3/2}\varphi_{\text{osc}}^2}{4m_{3/2}^2\varphi_{\text{osc}}^2/(3T_D)} = \frac{3T_D}{4m_{3/2}}$$

- L-ball domination at L-ball decay

$$\left. \frac{\rho_Q}{\rho_R} \right|_{T_D} \simeq 9.66 \times 10^6 \left( \frac{g_*}{10.75} \right)^{1/4} \left( \frac{m_{3/2}}{0.5 \text{ GeV}} \right)^{-9/2} \left( \frac{M_F}{5 \times 10^6 \text{ GeV}} \right)^6 \left( \frac{T_R}{10^5 \text{ GeV}} \right) \left( \frac{\varphi_{\text{osc}}}{10^4 \varphi_{\text{eq}}} \right)^2$$

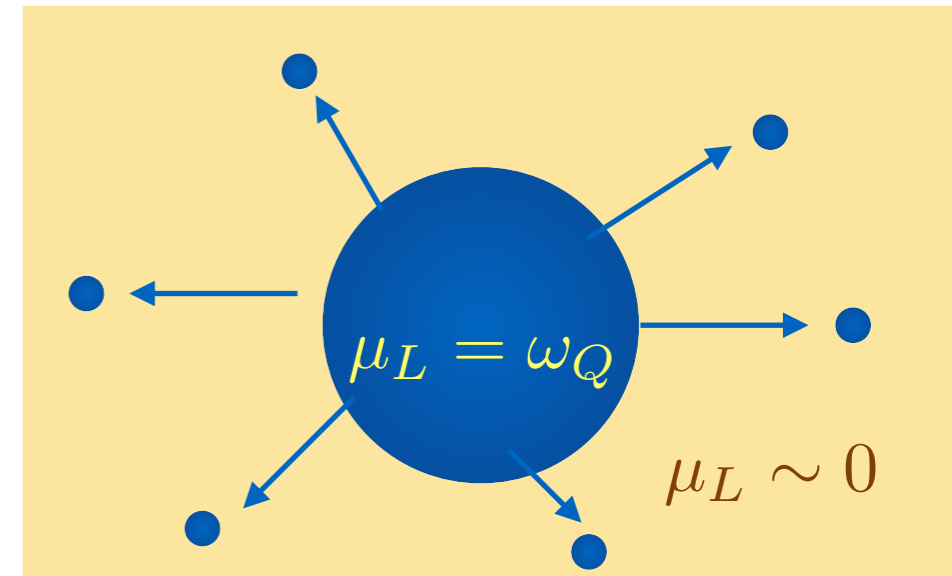


## 3.4 L-ball evaporation

- L-balls in thermal plasma emit their charge by evaporation
- A part of lepton number emitted above EW scale is converted into baryon number
- Produced baryon asymmetry

$$\rightarrow \eta_{B,Q} = -\frac{8}{23} \frac{\Delta Q_{EW}}{Q} \eta_L$$

$\Delta Q_{EW}$ : evaporated charge above EW scale

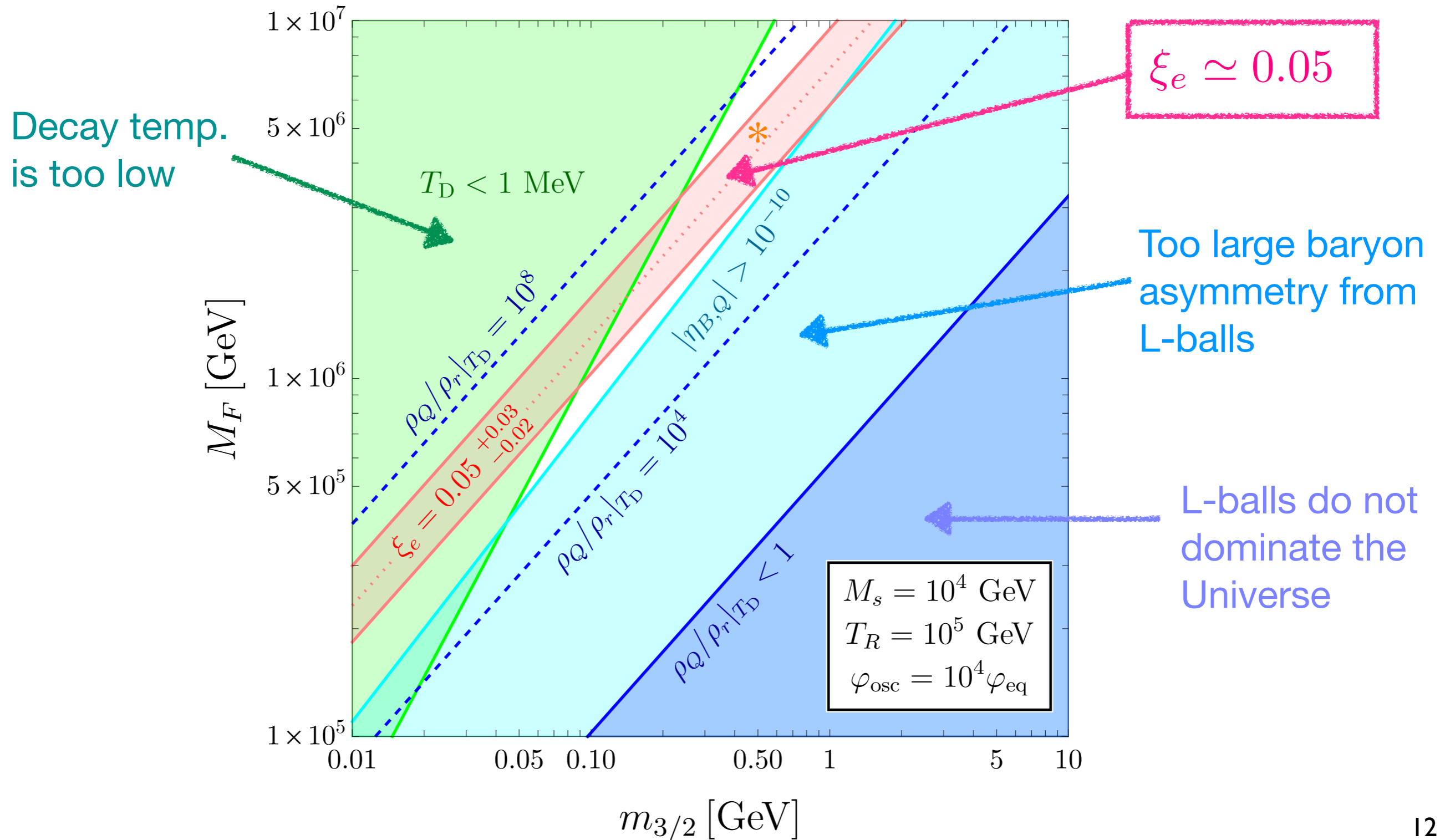


- Baryon asymmetry from L-balls is negative since we need positive lepton asymmetry
- The produced baryon asymmetry should be small not to spoil the success of BBN

$$|\eta_{B,Q}| \lesssim \eta_{B,\text{obs}} \sim 10^{-10}$$

### 3.5 Constraints on model parameters

- Large lepton asymmetry suggested by the recent He4 observation is realized in L-ball scenario



# 4.1 Gravitational wave production

- GWs are produced by the 2nd order effect of curvature perturbations

Ananda Clarkson Wands (2007) Baumann Steinhardt Takahashi Ichiki (2007)

$$h''_{ij} + 2\mathcal{H}h'_{ij} - \nabla^2 h_{ij} = \mathcal{O}(\zeta^2)$$

Saito Yokoyama (2009) Bugaev Kulimai (2010)

$$\mathcal{H} = a' / a$$

$h_{ij}$  : tensor perturbation = GW

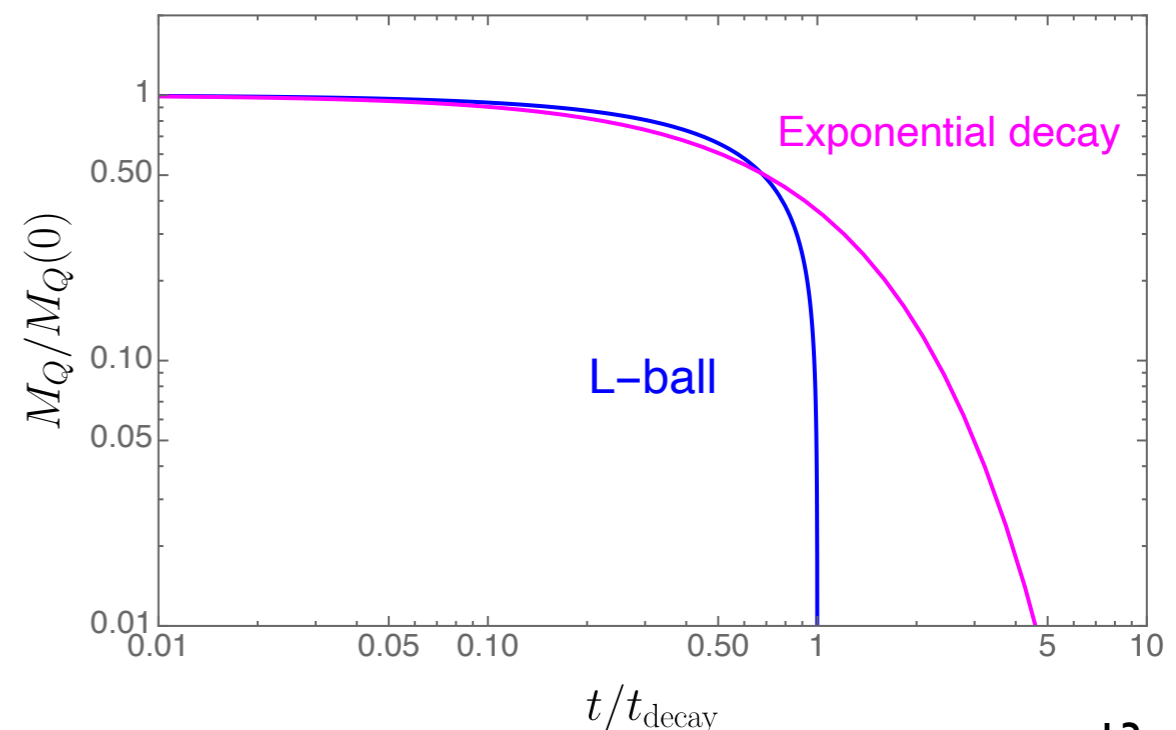
$\zeta$  : curvature perturbation

- Moreover, GW production is much enhanced when there exists an early matter-dominated era with a sharp transition to the radiation-dominated era Inomata Kohri Nakama Terada (2019) Inomata et al. (2020)
- L-balls realize an early MD universe and decay rapidly

$$\Gamma = \frac{1}{Q} \frac{dQ}{dt} = \frac{4}{5} \frac{1}{t_{\text{decay}} - t}$$

$$\rightarrow M_Q = M_Q(0) \left(1 - \frac{t}{t_{\text{decay}}}\right)^{3/5}$$

- L-balls enhance the GW production

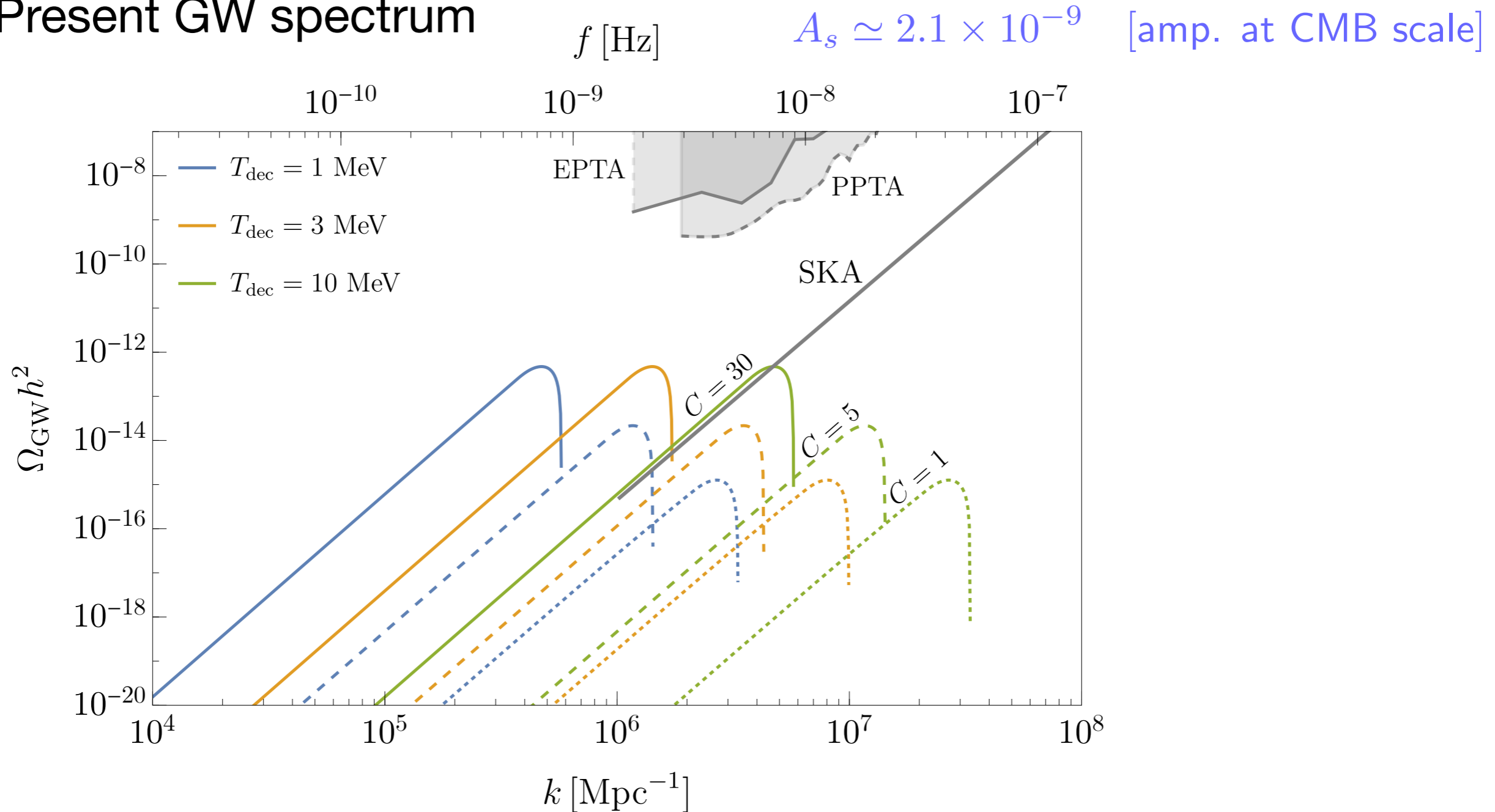


## 4.2 Enhancement of GWs by L-balls

- Power spectrum of curvature perturbation

$$\mathcal{P}_\zeta = C^2 A_s \theta(k_{\text{NL}} - k)$$

- Present GW spectrum



- GWs can be detected by the future Pulsar timing array experiment (SKA) for  $T_{\text{dec}} \sim$  a few MeV and  $C \gtrsim$  several

## 5. Summary

- Recent He4 measurement suggests that our universe has a large lepton asymmetry
- L-ball scenario successfully realizes a large lepton asymmetry suggested by the He4 measurement
- L-balls also dominate the universe and decay rapidly, which significantly enhances gravitational wave production from curvature perturbations.