

# Parity Violating Gravitational Waves at the end of Inflation

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# Motivation

- Inflation (A. Guth, A. Linde, A. Starobinsky A. Albrecht and P. Steinhardt)
  - ▶ Flatness, Horizon, Anisotropies in CMB, Origin of Large-Scale Structure in the Universe
  - ▶ Early phase of accelerated expansion, around 50-60 e-folds
  - ▶ Unknown particle physics description
  - ▶ Connection with Standard Cosmology through reheating
  - ▶ May provide an explanation for the origin of the cosmological structure,
  
- Dark Matter (DM)
  - ▶ Around 85% of the observed matter
  - ▶ Stable non-relativistic non-luminous fluid
  - ▶ Also with unknown description...
  - ▶ No WIMPS so far...

# Inflation: Basic Introduction

$$S_\phi = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left( -\frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi - V(\phi) \right)$$

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$$\ddot{\phi} + 3H\dot{\phi} + V'(\phi) = 0$$

$$\rho_\phi = \frac{1}{2} \dot{\phi}^2 + V(\phi)$$

$$p_\phi = \frac{1}{2} \dot{\phi}^2 - V(\phi)$$

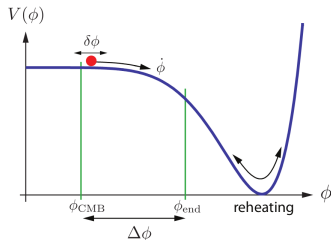
$$p_\phi = \omega \rho_\phi$$

- With dominant potential  $p = -\rho_\phi \Rightarrow \omega = -1 \rightarrow$  Accelerated Expansion

$$\frac{1}{2} \dot{\phi} \ll V(\phi) \quad \epsilon = \frac{m_P^2}{16\pi} \left( \frac{V'(\phi)}{V(\phi)} \right)^2 \ll 1$$

$$\ddot{\phi} \ll 3H\dot{\phi} \quad \eta = \frac{m_P^2}{8\pi} \frac{V''(\phi)}{V(\phi)} \ll 1$$

$$N_e = \log \left( \frac{a_0}{a_i} \right) = \int_{a_0}^{a_e} \frac{da}{a} \simeq -\frac{1}{m_P^2} \int_{\phi_i}^{\phi_e} \frac{V(\phi)}{V'(\phi)} d\phi$$



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# Inflaton-Vector Coupling $\phi F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$

- Need to end **inflation** and move into standard Cosmological Model
- Couple inflaton with Vector particles, here U(1) gauge fields
  
- Slow roll motion will lead an **exponential vector production** with a peak at the **end of inflation**
  
- More specifically, amplification of **just one vector transverse polarization**,
- Parity **violation visible in GW's** produced by vector contribution in source term  $T_{\mu\nu}$
  
- Main **constrain** on inflaton-vector coupling from bounds on not observed **non-gaussianities**

# Inflaton-Vector Coupling: Consequences

- Production of [primordial magnetic fields](#) G.B. Field, S.M. Carroll [astro-ph/9811206](#).
- Dissipation mechanism to allow inflation on steep potential scenarios
  - ▶ For YM gauge fields may lead [Warm Inflation scenario](#)  
K.V. Berghaus, P.W. Graham, D.E. Kaplan [1910.07525](#)
- Generation of [dark sectors](#)
  - ▶ If gauge particles belong to a dark sector observed [dark matter relic abundance](#) obtained in the mass range  $\mu\text{eV} \lesssim m \lesssim 10 \text{ TeV}$   
M. Bastero Gil, J. Santiago, L. Ubaldi, R. Vega Morales [1810.07208](#)
  - ▶ Efficient fermion pair production, [Schwinger effect](#)  
V.Domcke, Y. Ema, K. Mukaida [1910.01205](#)
- Production of [Primordial Black Holes](#) A. Linde, S. Mooij, and E. Pajer [1212.1693](#),  
J. García-Bellido, M. Peloso, C. Unal [1610.03763](#)
- [Gravitational Wave Generation](#) M. M. Anber, L. Sorbo [1203.5849](#).

# Vector particle production

- Relate **inflation** and reheating with production of **DM**

$$\mathcal{S} = - \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi + V(\phi) + \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} m^2 A_\mu A^\mu + \frac{\alpha}{4f} \phi F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} \right]$$

- If  $m < H$  at the end of inflation, **negligible** effects on the **production** mechanism.
- Transverse modes EOM in conformal time,  $ad\tau = dt$ , (during inflation  $\tau \simeq -\frac{1}{aH}$ )

$$\left[ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \tau^2} + k^2 \pm 2k \frac{\xi}{\tau} \right] A_\pm(\tau, \tau) = 0,$$
$$\xi \equiv \frac{\alpha \dot{\phi}}{2Hf} = \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon}{2}} \frac{\alpha}{f} M_{\text{Pl}} \quad \text{with} \quad \epsilon = -\frac{\dot{H}}{H^2} \simeq \frac{\dot{\phi}^2}{2H^2 M_{\text{Pl}}^2}$$

- Slow roll motion will lead an **exponential vector production** of **one transverse mode**, peaking at the **end of inflation**

# Vector particle production

- With  $\dot{\phi} > 0 \rightarrow \xi > 0$ , implying that the **modes will develop an instability** when

$$k^2 \pm 2k \frac{\xi}{\tau} = k^2 \mp 2k\xi aH < 0$$

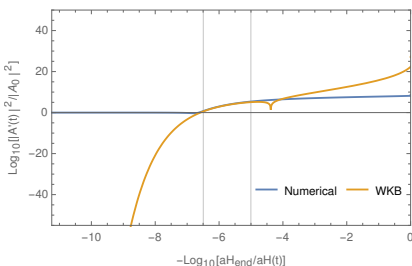
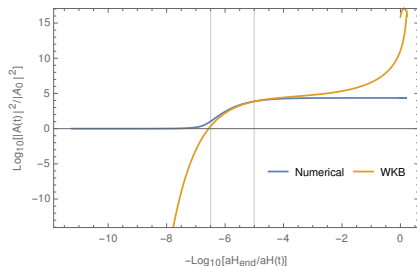
Only  $A_+$  is amplified! and  $A_-$  will stay in vacuum

- Treating  $\xi$  as **constant**, appropriate during the beginning of a slow roll evolution

$$A_+(k, \tau)_{\text{WKB}} \simeq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2k}} \left( \frac{-k\tau}{2\xi} \right)^{1/4} e^{\pi\xi - 2\sqrt{-2\xi k\tau}} \quad \text{for} \quad \frac{1}{8\xi} < -k\tau < 2\xi$$

- Provides a good **intuition** into the **behavior before horizon crossing**

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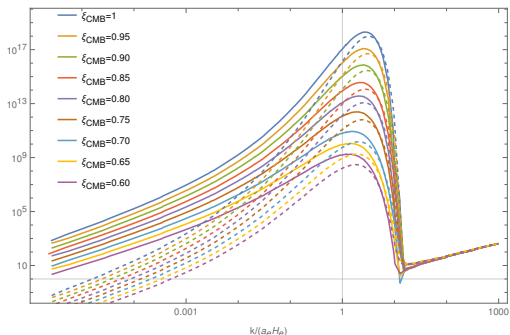
# Vector production - Semi-analytical take

- Build time evolution function for each mode in 3 steps

$$A_+(k, \tau) = A_+(k, \tau_{end}) T^k(\tau, \tau_{end}) \simeq \begin{cases} A_{BD}(k) & \tau < \tau_{tac} \\ A_{WKB}(k, \tau) & \tau_{tac} < \tau < \tau_h \\ A_+(k, \tau_{end}) & \tau > \tau_h \end{cases}$$

Transitions are smoothed with  $\tanh \delta \left( \frac{\tau}{\tau_*} - 1 \right)$

- Obtain numerical amplitude spectrum for  $A'$  and  $A$  at the end of inflation



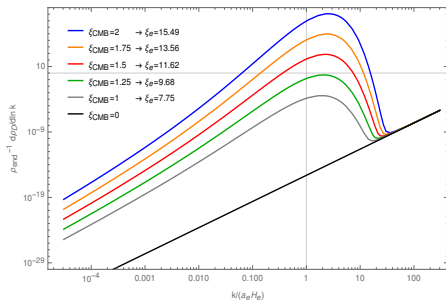
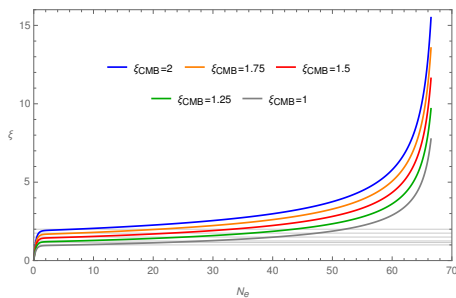


# Vector production - Back-reaction

$$\ddot{\phi} + 3H\dot{\phi} + V'(\phi) = \frac{\alpha}{4f} F\tilde{F} \quad \xi \equiv \frac{\alpha\dot{\phi}}{2Hf}$$

- Typically one neglects back-reaction term in inflaton evolution, if  $\xi \lesssim \mathcal{O}(10)$

$$\rho_D = \frac{1}{2} \langle \vec{E}^2 + \vec{B}^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{4\pi^2 a^4} \int_0^\infty dk k^2 \left( |\partial_\tau A_+(k, \tau)|^2 + k^2 |A_+(k, \tau)|^2 \right)$$



# Vector production - Back-reaction

Taking  $\langle F\tilde{F} \rangle = S_{EB} = \langle \bar{E} \cdot \bar{B} \rangle$ ,

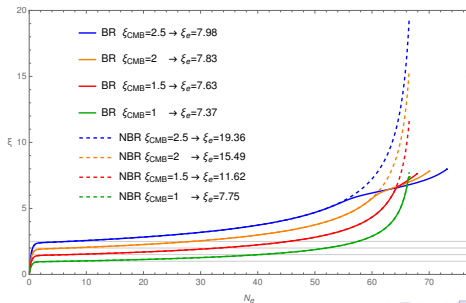
$$\dot{\rho}_\phi + 3H(\rho_\phi + p_\phi) = \dot{\phi} \frac{\alpha}{f} S_{EB}$$

$$\dot{\rho}_A + 3H(\rho_A + p_A) = -\dot{\phi} \frac{\alpha}{f} S_{EB}$$

$$\dot{S}_{EB} = \dot{\bar{E}} \cdot \bar{B} + \bar{E} \cdot \dot{\bar{B}} = -4H S_{EB} - \frac{\alpha}{f} \dot{\phi} |\bar{B}|$$

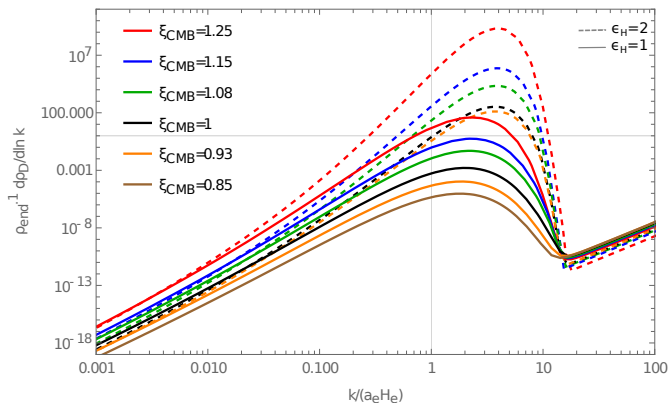
- We then use the WKB approximation to “source” the dissipation term

$$\langle |\bar{B}|^2 \rangle = \frac{1}{8\pi^3 a^4} \int d^3k k^2 \sum_{\lambda=\pm} |A_{+WKB}|^2$$



# Vector production - Back-reaction

- One needs to check if back-reaction is being well reproduced
- Furthermore we see amplification until  $\epsilon_H = 2$ , not just until  $\epsilon_H = 1$



# Gravitational Waves

- Looking into the tensor modes

$$ds^2 = a^2(\tau) \left[ -d\tau^2 + (\delta_{ij} + h_{ij}) dx^i dx^j \right]$$

- From Einstein's equation

$$h''_{ij} + 2 \frac{a'}{a} h'_{ij} - \Delta h_{ij} = \frac{2}{M_P^2} \Pi_{ij}{}^{lm} T_{lm}^{EM}$$

$$h_{\pm}(k) = -\frac{2H^2}{M_P^2} \int d\tau' G_k(\tau, \tau') \tau'^2 \int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} \Pi_{\pm}^{lm}(k) \times \\ \times [A'_l(q, \tau') A'_m(k - q, \tau') - \varepsilon_{lab} q_a A_b(q, \tau') \varepsilon_{mcd} (k_c - q_c) A_d(k - q, \tau')]$$

Where  $G_k(\tau, \tau')$  is the retarded Green function for the operator  $d^2/d\tau^2 - (2/\tau)d/d\tau + k^2$

$$G_k(\tau, \tau') = \frac{1}{k^3 \tau'^2} [(1 + k^2 \tau \tau') \sin k(\tau - \tau') + k(\tau' - \tau) \cos k(\tau - \tau')]$$

# Gravitational Waves - WKB approximation

- Taking  $A_- = 0$  and  $A_+ = A_+(k, \tau)_{\text{WKB}}$  and  $-k\tau \rightarrow 0$  the correlation function gives

$$\begin{aligned}\langle h_+(k)h_+(k') \rangle &\simeq 8.6 \times 10^{-7} \frac{H^4}{M_{\text{P}}^4} \frac{e^{4\pi\xi}}{\xi^6} \frac{\delta(k+k')}{k^3} \\ \langle h_-(k)h_-(k') \rangle &\simeq 1.8 \times 10^{-9} \frac{H^4}{M_{\text{P}}^4} \frac{e^{4\pi\xi}}{\xi^6} \frac{\delta(k+k')}{k^3}\end{aligned}$$

Scale invariant spectra for both the left- and the right-handed tensor modes

- Joining with usual amplification of vacuum fluctuations in de Sitter space (solutions of the homogeneous part)

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{P}^{t,+} &= \frac{H^2}{\pi^2 M_{\text{P}}^2} \left( 1 + 8.6 \times 10^{-7} \frac{H^2}{M_{\text{P}}^2} \frac{e^{4\pi\xi}}{\xi^6} \right) \\ \mathcal{P}^{t,-} &= \frac{H^2}{\pi^2 M_{\text{P}}^2} \left( 1 + 1.8 \times 10^{-9} \frac{H^2}{M_{\text{P}}^2} \frac{e^{4\pi\xi}}{\xi^6} \right)\end{aligned}$$

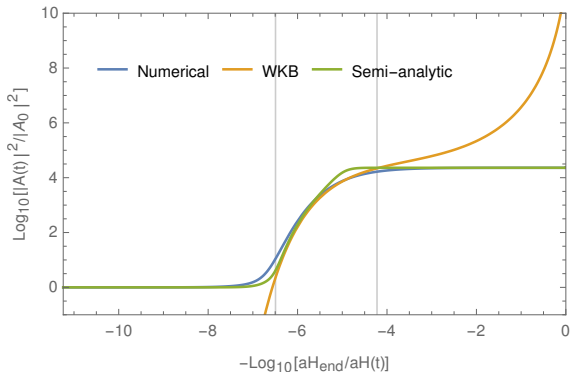
- Chirality parameter

$$\Delta\chi = \frac{4.3 \times 10^{-7} \frac{e^{4\pi\xi}}{\xi^6} \frac{H^2}{M_{\text{P}}^2}}{1 + 4.3 \times 10^{-7} \frac{e^{4\pi\xi}}{\xi^6} \frac{H^2}{M_{\text{P}}^2}}$$

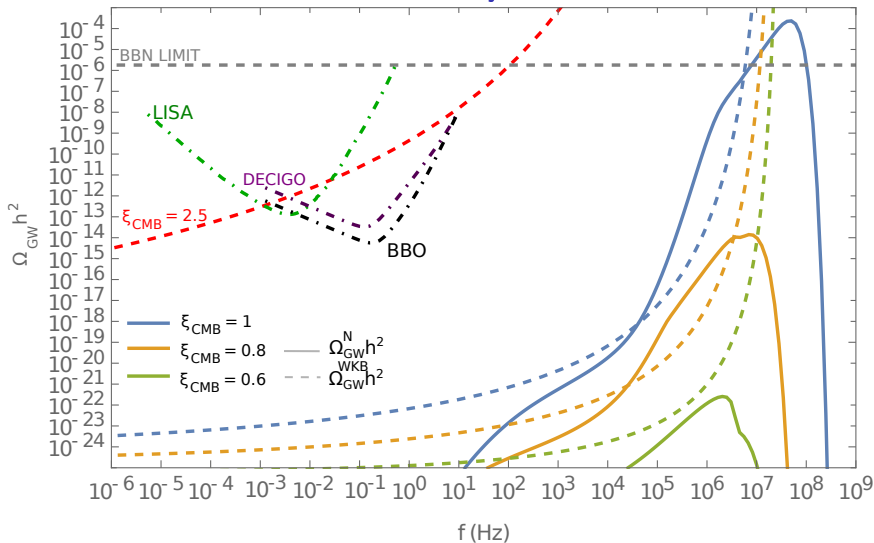
# Gravitational Waves - Next steps

Introduce in

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# Gravitational Waves - Preliminary



$$\Omega_{\text{GW}}^{\text{N}} h^2 = \frac{\Omega_{\text{R}0} h^2}{24} \frac{k^3}{2\pi^2} \langle h_+ h_+ \rangle$$

$$\Omega_{\text{GW}}^{\text{WKB}} h^2 = 1.5 \times 10^{-7} \frac{H^4}{m_{\text{P}}^4} \frac{e^{4\pi\xi}}{\xi^6}$$

# Conclusions

- Mechanisms to address **early universe puzzles** may be tested with **gravitational waves**
- **Exponential production** of gauge fields during inflation may lead to detectable gravitational wave spectrum
- It **may be even** detectable by LISA, but one needs to **refine the analysis**
- $A_+$  to be estimated in the valid regime, **full back-reaction needs to be optimized**
- Important signal for early universe dynamics in **parity violations**
  - ▶ **Chiral gravitational waves** are produced **without requiring modifications in the gravity theory**
  - ▶ Tensor modes produced during inflation leave an **imprint** in the **CMB through the B-modes** (parity odd) yet to be detected.
  - ▶ Non vanishing correlations with **E-modes** and **T fluctuations** (parity even) will point towards a **parity violation**



# BACKUP-SLIDES

# Vector production - Back-reaction - Gradient Expansion

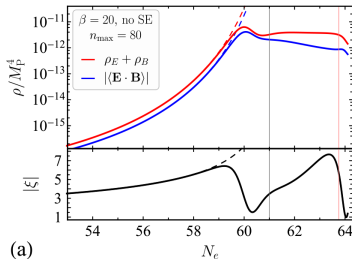
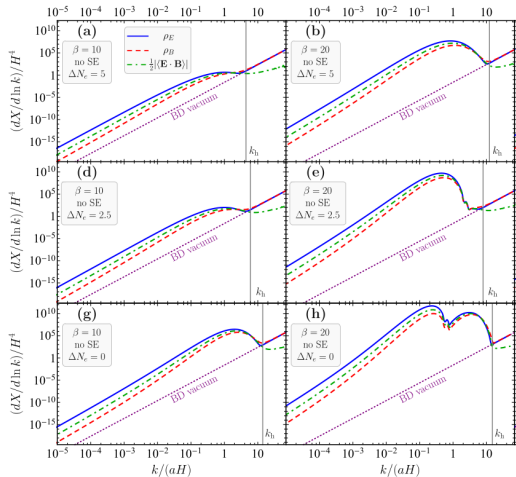
- Consider the vacuum expectation values of bilinear electromagnetic functions in coordinate space to include all physically relevant modes

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{E}^{(n)} &= \frac{1}{a^n} \langle \mathbf{E} \cdot \text{rot}^n \mathbf{E} \rangle & \dot{\mathcal{E}}^{(n)} + (n+4)H\mathcal{E}^{(n)} - 2\frac{\alpha}{f}\dot{\phi}\mathcal{G}^{(n)} + 2\mathcal{G}^{(n+1)} &= \left[ \dot{\mathcal{E}}^{(n)} \right]_b \\ \mathcal{G}^{(n)} &= -\frac{1}{a^n} \langle \mathbf{E} \cdot \text{rot}^n \mathbf{B} \rangle & \dot{\mathcal{G}}^{(n)} + (n+4)H\mathcal{G}^{(n)} - \mathcal{E}^{(n+1)} + \mathcal{B}^{(n+1)} - \frac{\alpha}{f}\dot{\phi}\mathcal{B}^{(n)} &= \left[ \dot{\mathcal{G}}^{(n)} \right]_b \\ \mathcal{B}^{(n)} &= \frac{1}{a^n} \langle \mathbf{B} \cdot \text{rot}^n \mathbf{B} \rangle & \dot{\mathcal{B}}^{(n)} + (n+4)H\mathcal{B}^{(n)} - 2\mathcal{G}^{(n+1)} &= \left[ \dot{\mathcal{B}}^{(n)} \right]_b\end{aligned}$$

- Truncation condition from properties of spectral decomposition  $\mathcal{X}^{n+1} \simeq \left(\frac{k_h}{a}\right)^2 \mathcal{X}^{n-1}$  with  $k_h = 2\xi a H$
- Boundary terms are introduced to estimate the contribution from the modes that become classical as they cross the horizon, constantly growing during inflation

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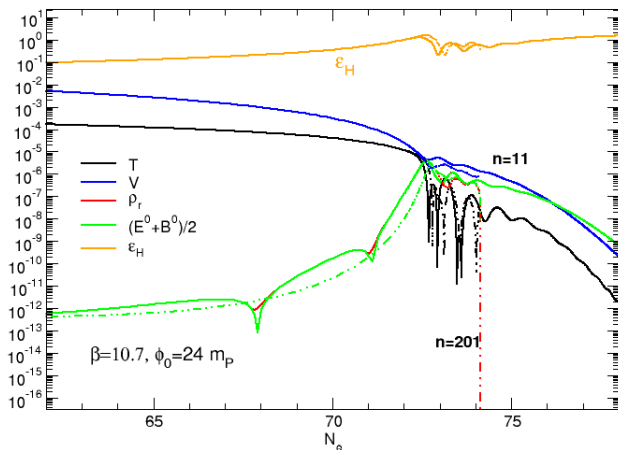
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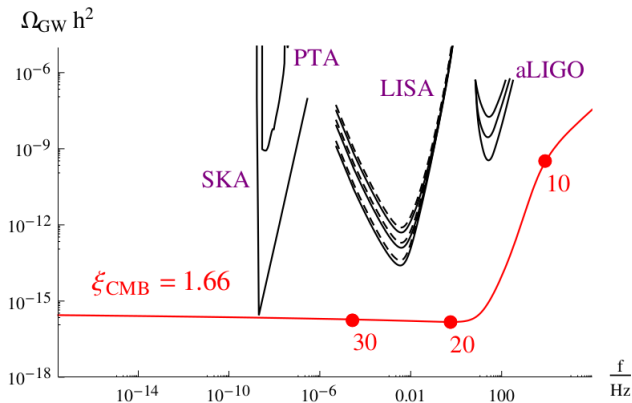
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$$\beta = \frac{\alpha}{f} m_p$$

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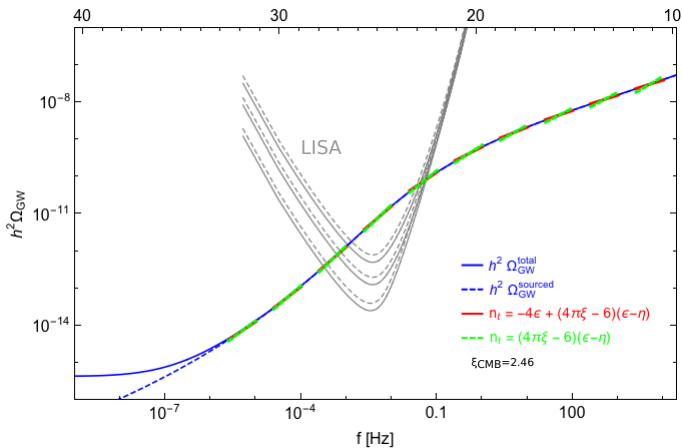
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