

# Probing SUSY at Gravitational Wave Observatories

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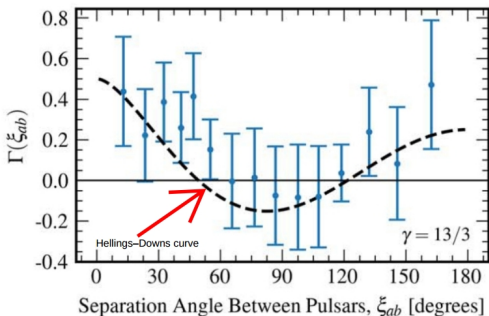
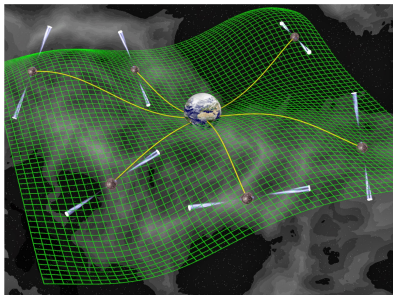


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# Outline

- Pulsar Timing Array data
- Metastable cosmic strings and GW signals
- Probing SUSY at GW detectors
- Origin of strings: Promising  $SO(10)$  GUT

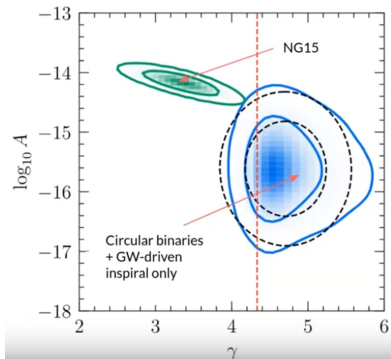
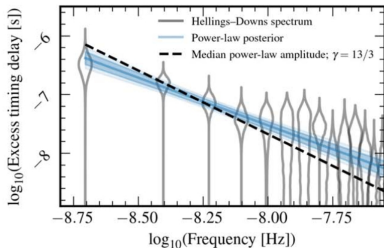
# Pulsar Timing Arrays: 2023



Gabriella Agazie et al 2023 ApJL 951 L8

- First evidence of Stochastic Gravitational Wave Background at nHz frequencies
- NANOGrav, EPTA, InPTA, CPTA, PPTA

# PTA Data: 2023

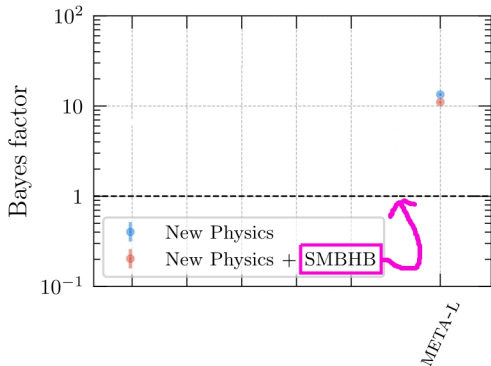


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→ Supermassive Black Hole Binaries (SMBHB): tension with data?

# Signals from New Physics?

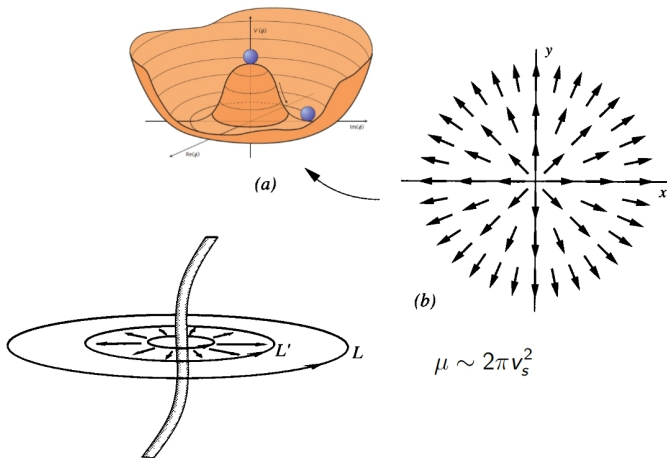


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- Metastable Cosmic Strings?
- naturally arise from Grand Unified Theories  $\rightarrow$ SO(10)

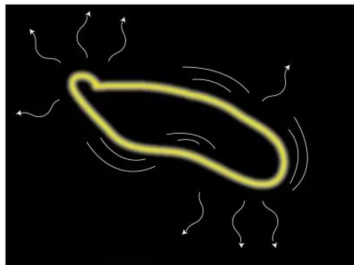
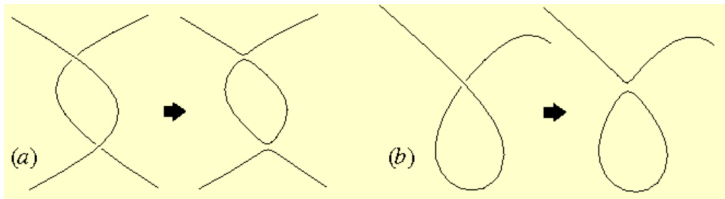
# Cosmic Strings

$U(1) \rightarrow$  nothing



Loop enclosing non-zero flux in 2-D space.

# Cosmic String dynamics

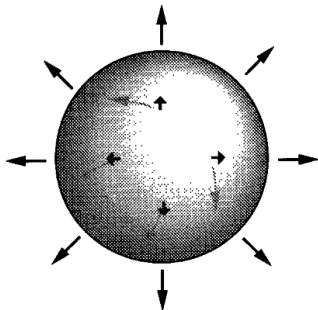


Cosmic-string loops wiggle and oscillate, producing gravitational waves, then slowly shrink as they lose energy until they disappear. (Image credit: Matt DePies/UW)

# Monopoles

$$SU(2) \xrightarrow{v_m} U(1)$$

$$m = \frac{4\pi v_m}{g}$$



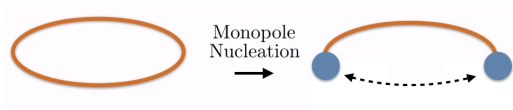
Sphere enclosing non-zero flux in 3-D space.



# Metastable strings

P. Langacker and S. Y. Pi, 1980

- Example:  $SU(2) \xrightarrow{v_m} U(1) \xrightarrow{v_s}$  broken



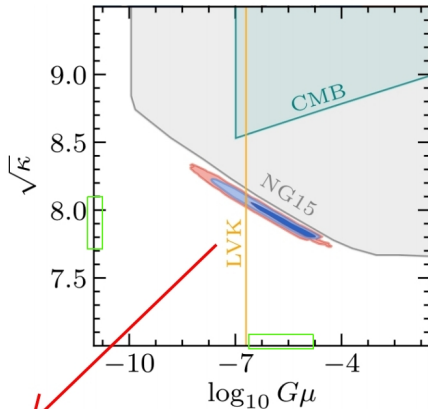
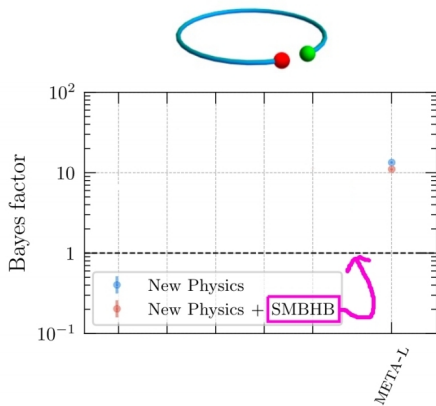
- lifetime determined by:

$$t_s = \Gamma_d^{-1/2}, \quad \Gamma_d = \frac{\mu}{2\pi} e^{-\pi\kappa}$$

$$\kappa = \frac{m^2}{\mu} \sim \frac{8\pi}{g^2} \left( \frac{v_m}{v_s} \right)^2$$

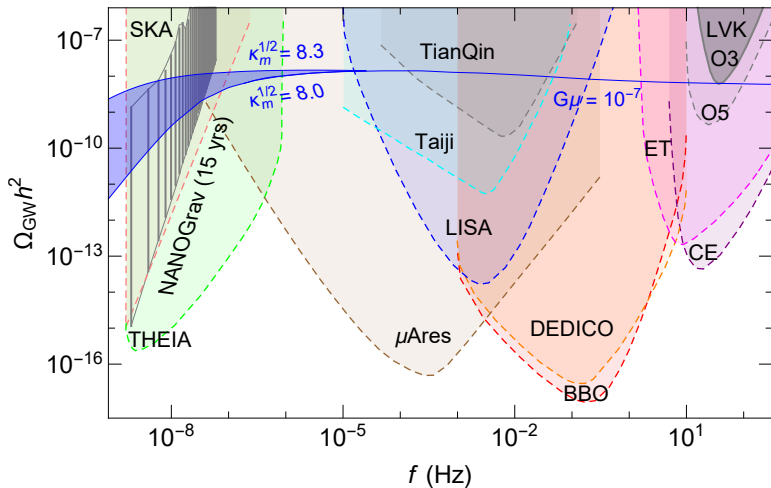
$$(\kappa^{1/2} < 9 \text{ metastable}) \rightarrow v_{\text{monopole}} \sim v_{\text{string}}$$

# PTA data: Metastable strings



LIGO/Virgo/KAGRA bound

# Gravitational Wave signal: Metastable



$$v_s \sim 10^{15} \text{ GeV}$$

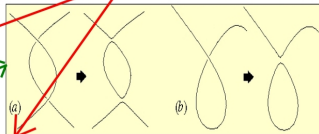
Soon to be discovered at LIGO?!!!

# GW spectrum

loop number density

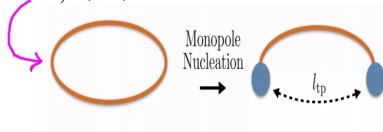
$$\Omega_{\text{GW}}(f, t) = \frac{8\pi(G\mu)^2}{3H^2(t)} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} C_n P_n, \quad C_n = \frac{2n}{f^2} \int_{z(t)}^{z_c} \frac{dz}{H(z)(1+z)^6} n\left(\frac{2n}{f(1+z)}, t(z)\right)$$

spectrum



$$[-\Gamma G\mu \partial_\ell + \partial_t] n(\ell, t) = S(\ell, t) - (3H(t) + \Gamma_d \ell) n(\ell, t)$$

expansion history of the universe

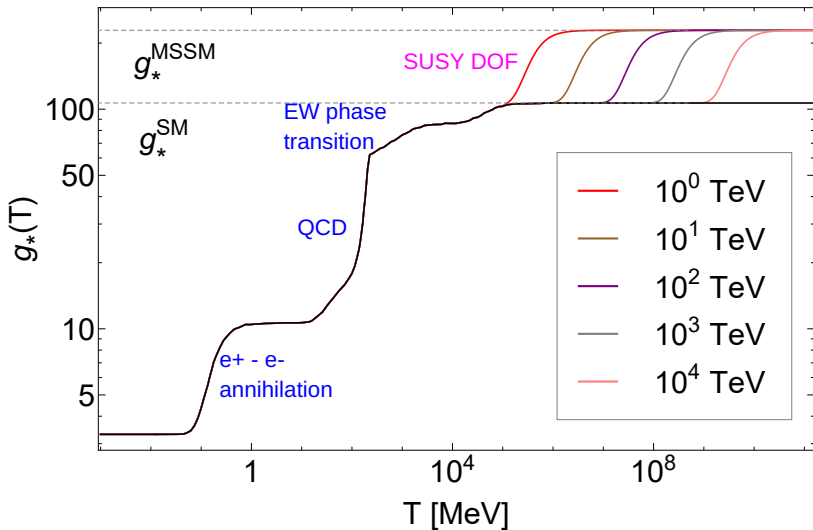


$$H(z) = H_0 (\Omega_\Lambda + (1+z)^3 \Omega_{\text{mat}} + (1+z)^4 \mathcal{G}(z) \Omega_{\text{rad}})^{1/2}$$

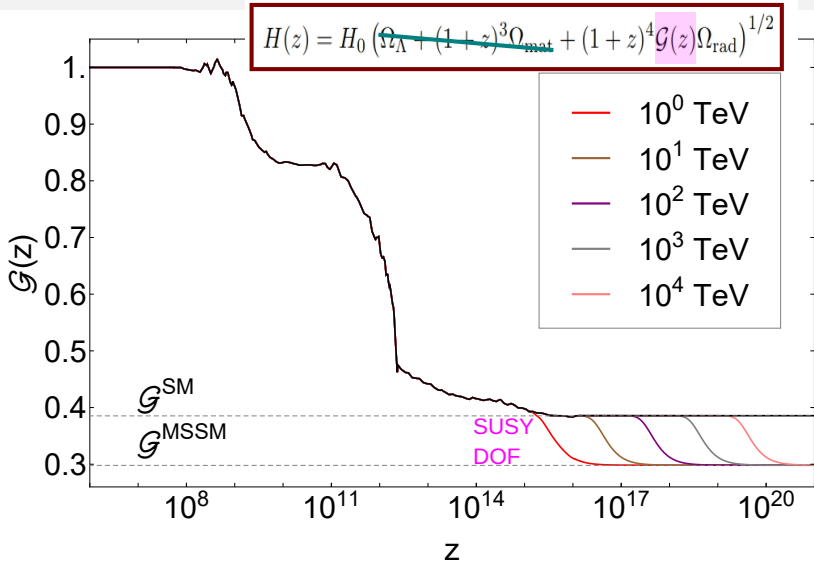
$$\mathcal{G}(z) = \frac{g_*(z) g_S^{4/3}(z_0)}{g_*(z_0) g_S^{4/3}(z)}$$

varies as the universe cools when species become non-relativistic

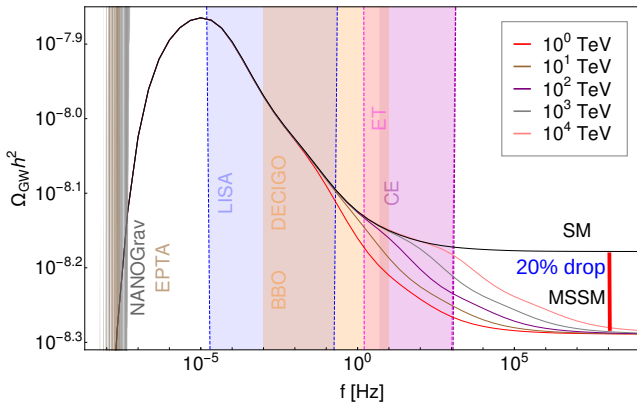
# SUSY Degrees of Freedom



# SUSY DOF



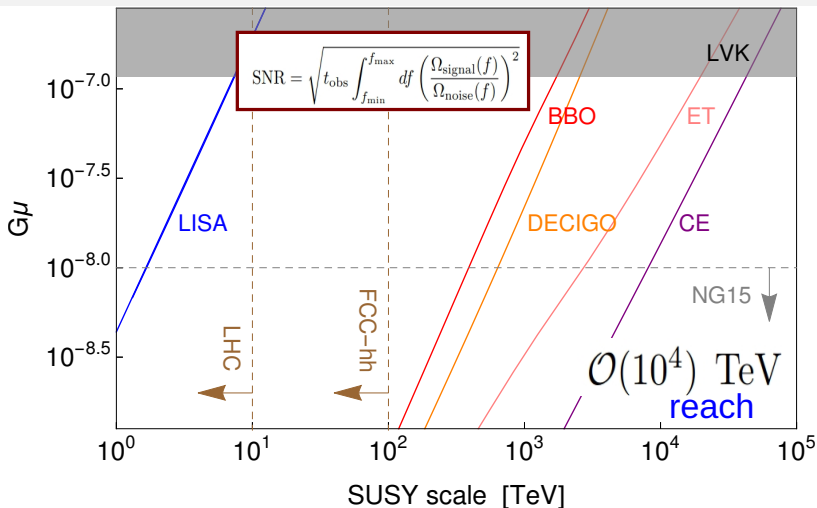
# Probing SUSY



$$\Omega_{\text{GW}}^{\text{NP}} \sim \Omega_{\text{GW}}^{\text{SM}} \left( \frac{g_*^{\text{SM}}}{g_*^{\text{SM}} + \Delta g_*^{\text{NP}}} \right)^{1/3} \quad \leftarrow \Delta g_*^{\text{SUSY}} = 122 \quad \rightarrow \Omega_{\text{GW}}^{\text{SUSY}} / \Omega_{\text{GW}}^{\text{SM}} \approx 0.8$$

$$f_s \sim (2.1 \times 10^{-9} \text{ Hz}) \left( \frac{m_s}{\text{GeV}} \right) (\alpha \Gamma G\mu)^{-1/2} \\ \times (g_*^{\text{SM}}(T_s) + \Delta g_*)^{5/2} (g_*^{\text{SM}}(T_s))^{-8/6} (g_s^{\text{SM}}(T_s))^{-7/6}$$

# Probing SUSY



Fisher analysis: uncertainties of 10% for the number of DOF and 5% for the  $m_{\text{SUSY}}$  (ET and CE)

Antusch, Hinze, Saad, Steiner 2024



# Origin of Metastable Cosmic Strings?

Promising SO(10) GUT models: → **SUSY** GUT

- Gauge coupling unification
- Cosmic inflation
- Doublet-Triplet splitting
- Fermion mass
- Proton decay under control
- ...

# DTS problem

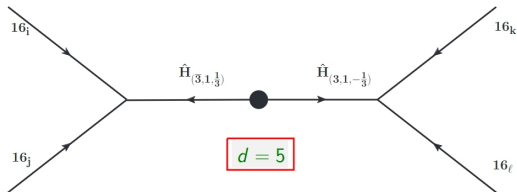
- Doublets & Triplets

$$\begin{aligned} 10_H &= (2_H + 3_H) + (\bar{2}_H + \bar{3}_H) \\ &= (1, 2, 1/2) + (3, 1, -1/3) + \text{c.c.} \end{aligned}$$

- $\langle 45_H \rangle \propto i\tau_2 \otimes \text{diag}(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5)$

- GUT scale mass:

$$10_{1H} \langle 45_H \rangle 10_{2H} = \bar{2}_{1H} 2_{2H} + \bar{2}_{2H} 2_{1H} + \bar{3}_{1H} 3_{2H} + \bar{3}_{2H} 3_{1H}$$



# Features of our models

- Lower-dimensional reps.: 10, 16, 45
- Superpotential: Antusch, Hinze, Saad, Steiner 2023

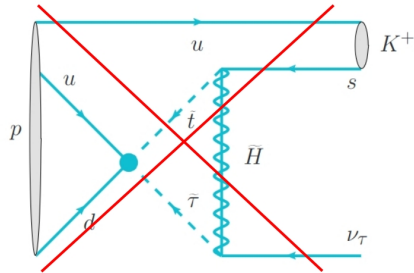
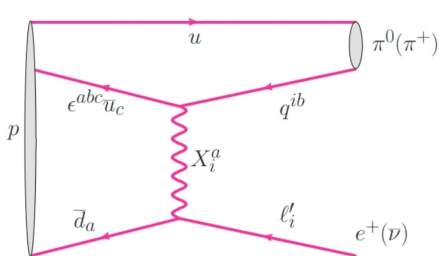
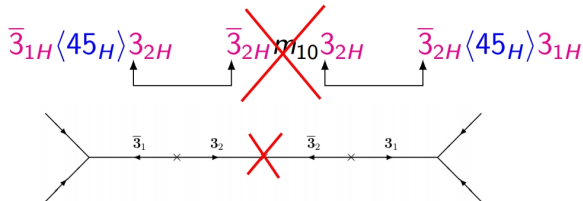
$$W = W_{\text{GUT-breaking}} + \underbrace{W_{\text{Inflation}} + W_{\text{Mixed}}}_{W_{\text{Intermedite-breaking}}} + W_{\text{DTS}} + W_{\text{Yukawa}}$$

DTS without fine-tuning: S. Dimopoulos, F. Wilczek 1981, M. Srednicki 1982

- $\langle 45_H \rangle \propto B - L \propto i\tau_2 \otimes \text{diag}(a, a, a, 0, 0)$
- $\langle 45'_H \rangle \propto I_{3R} \propto i\tau_2 \otimes \text{diag}(0, 0, 0, b, b)$

K.S. Babu, S. M. Barr, Z. Berezhiani, R. N. Mohapatra, J. C. Pati, S. Raby, ...

# DTS & Proton Decay



# Promising SO(10) GUT

- $\langle 45_H \rangle \propto i\tau_2 \otimes \text{diag}(a, a, a, 0, 0)$  ,  $\langle 45'_H \rangle \propto i\tau_2 \otimes \text{diag}(0, 0, 0, b, b)$

- Symmetry breaking:

$$\begin{array}{l}
 SO(10) \xrightarrow[45_H]{M_{\text{GUT}}} SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \times U(1)_{B-L} \\
 \xrightarrow[45'_H]{M_I} SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_R \times U(1)_{B-L} \\
 \text{Inflation} \xrightarrow[16_H + \overline{16}_H]{M_{II}} SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y
 \end{array}$$

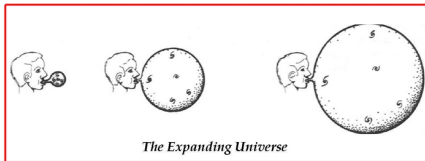
The diagram shows the symmetry breaking sequence. The  $SU(2)_R$  group in the first step is highlighted in green. A green arrow points from it to the  $U(1)_R$  group in the second step, which is highlighted in olive green. The label "monopole" is written in blue next to this transition. The  $U(1)_{B-L}$  group in the second step is highlighted in pink. A red arrow points from it to the  $U(1)_Y$  group in the third step, which is also highlighted in pink. The label "string" is written in blue next to this transition. The transition from the second to the third step is circled in pink and labeled "Inflation" in pink.

- Metastable cosmic string network

# Inflation

- Hybrid inflation

A. Linde 1991, G. R. Dvali et. al. 1994

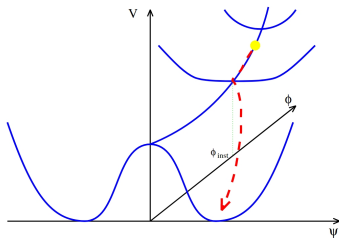


$$W_{\text{Inflation}} \supset \underbrace{\kappa S}_{\text{inflaton}} (\overline{16}_H 16_H - m_{16}^2)$$

Antusch, Hinze, Saad, Steiner 2023

- Vacuum energy  $V \sim \kappa^2 m_{16}^4$

$$V_F^{\text{SUSY}} \subset \kappa^2 (\phi^2 - m_{16}^2) \psi^2$$



(flat direction along  $\psi = 0$ )

- Waterfall  $\rightarrow$  cosmic string

# A Common Scale

- Cosmic string :  $v_s = m_{16}$

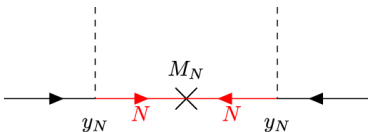
- Inflation :  $V_{\text{inflation}} \sim \mathcal{N}^2 m_{16}^4$

- Neutrino mass :

$$m_\nu \sim \frac{10 M_{\text{GUT}} v_{\text{ew}}^2}{m_{16}^2}$$

$$m_{16} \sim 10^{15-16} \text{ GeV}$$

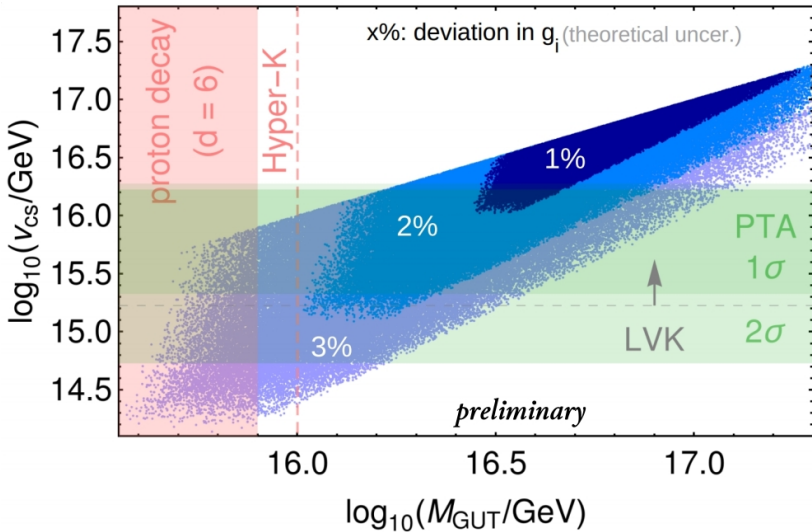
Type-I seesaw



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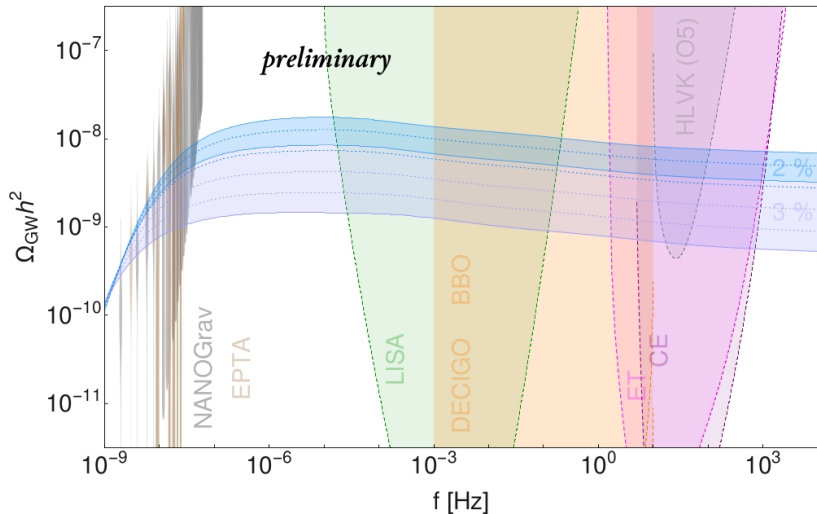
Proton decay?  
Gauge coupling unification?

# Unification, Proton Decay, and PTA data



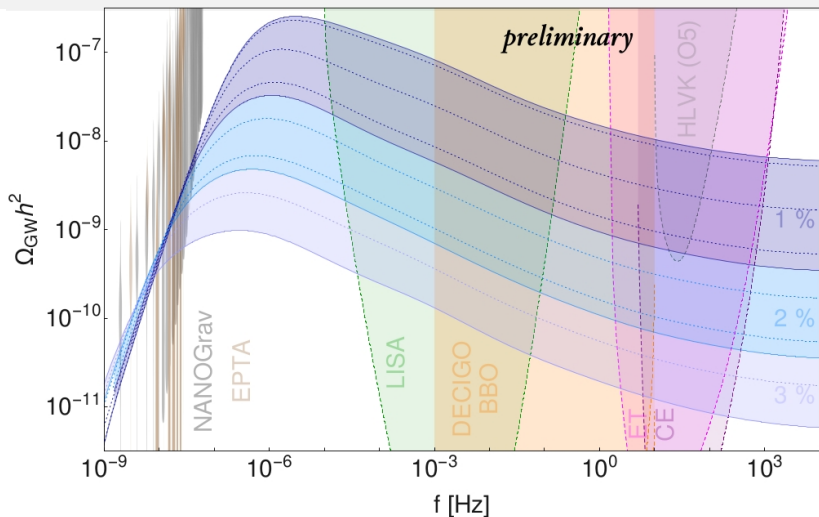


# GW Spectrum and PTAs



Satisfies LVK bound [Antusch, Hinze, Saad 2024 \(arXiv: 2406.xxxxx\)](#)

# Dilution



## Early Matter Domination from SUSY Moduli fields

Antusch, Hinze, Saad 2024 (arXiv: 2406.xxxxx)

# Summary

- ❄️ PTAs : exciting new data → New Physics?
- ❄️ New Physics → Metastable Cosmic Strings
- ❄️ Promising models towards SO(10) GUT →  
Inflation, DTS, Unification, Fermion mass, Gravitational waves
- ❄️ Probing SUSY DOF at GW detectors
- ❄️ GW/PTAs:  $v_{\text{monopole}} \sim v_{\text{string}} \sim v_{\text{inflation}} \sim v_{\text{seesaw}} \sim 10^{15} \text{ GeV}$
- ❄️ Fully testable in a number of gravitational wave observatories

THANK YOU!