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# Field theory simulations of cosmic defects

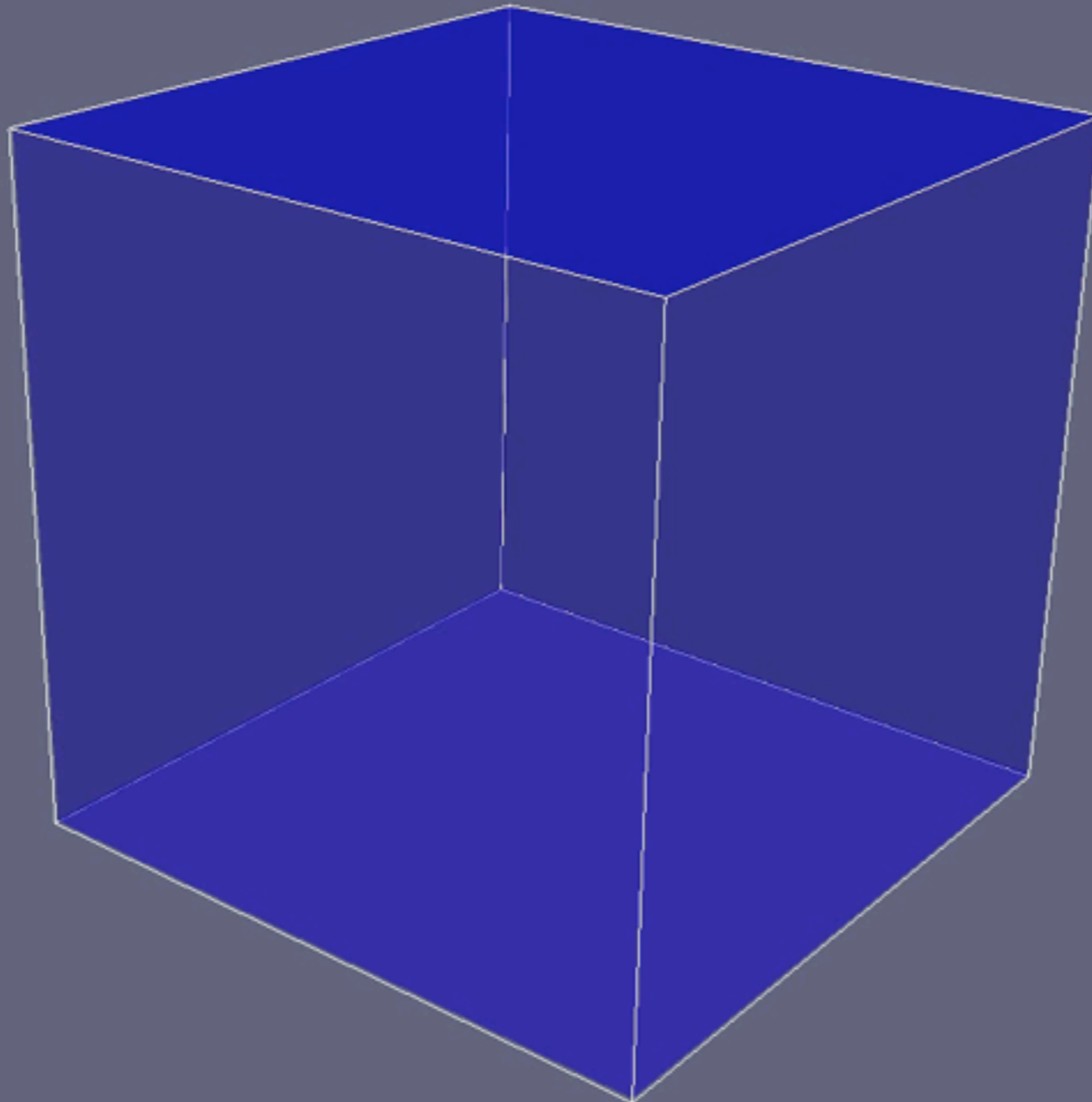
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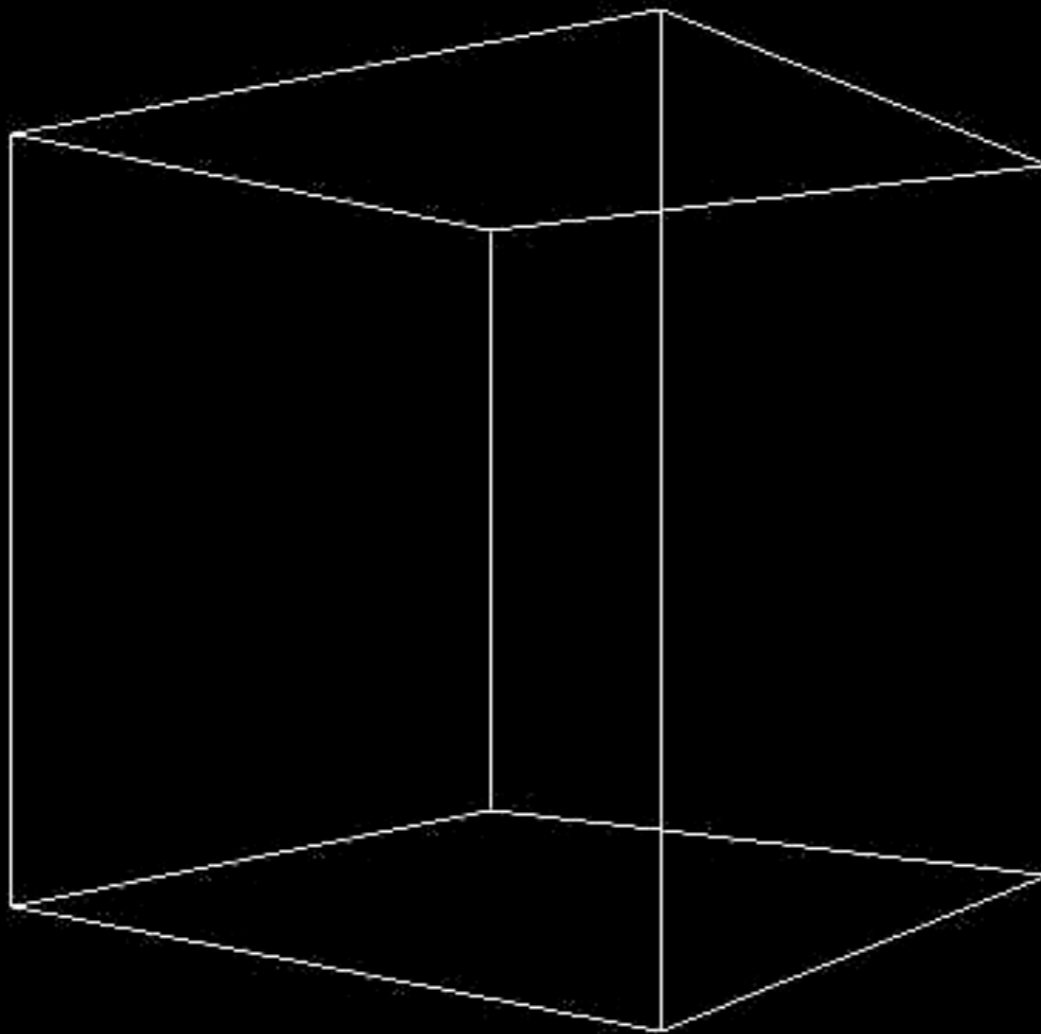
# Defects: Abelian Higgs strings

Classical solutions localised into tubes



# Defects: Semilocal strings

Classical solutions localised into tubes (can have ends)



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1 complex scalar field  $\phi$

1 vector field  $A_\mu$

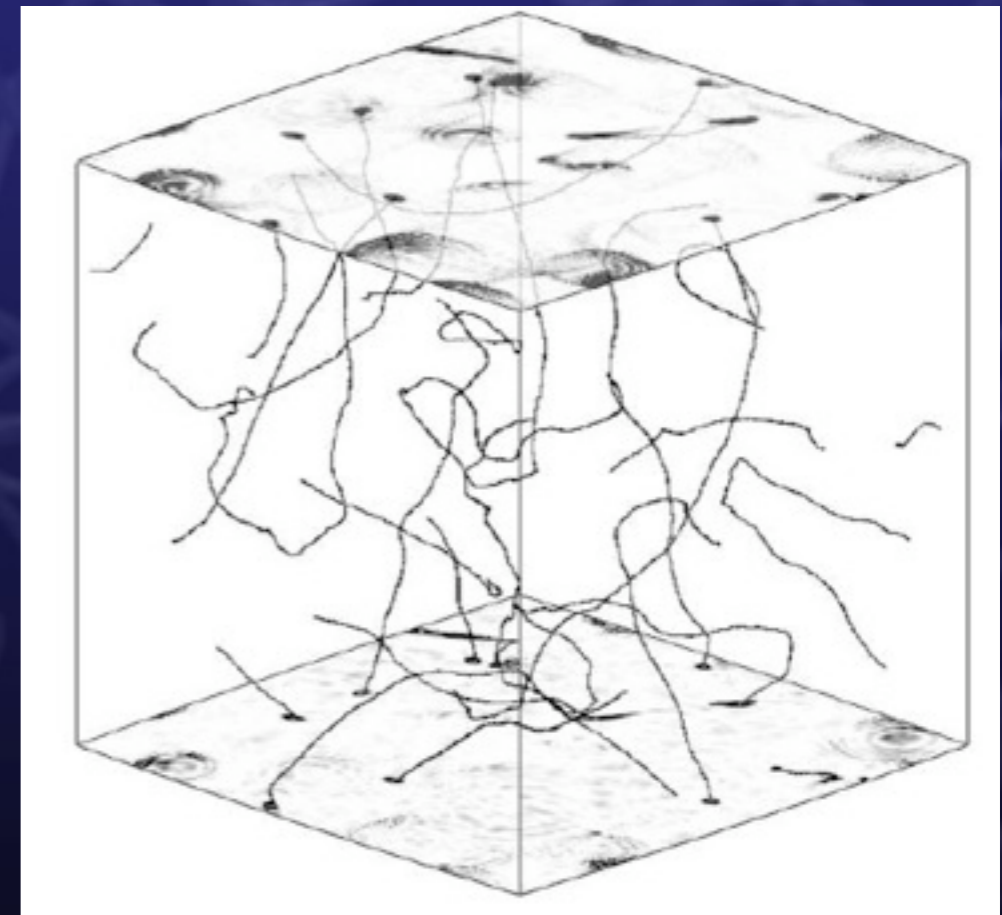
Covariant derivative  $D_\mu = \partial_\mu - iA_\mu$

“Strings” much better studied:

Nambu-Goto, unconnected segments...

String tension =  $\mu$

Adimensional number  $\Rightarrow G\mu/c^2$





# Defects: semilocal strings

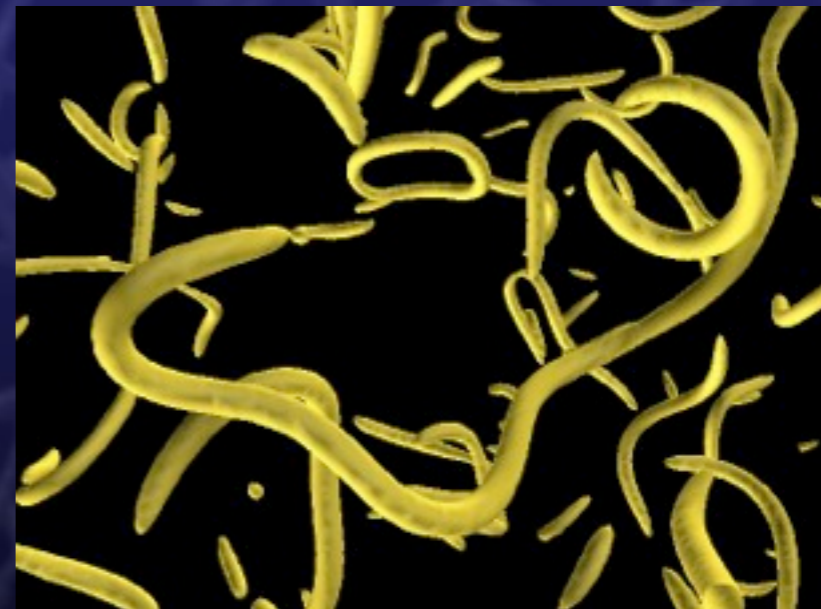
$$\mathcal{L} = |D_\mu \phi_1|^2 + |D_\mu \phi_2|^2 - \frac{1}{4e^2} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} - \frac{\lambda}{4} \left( |\phi_1|^2 + |\phi_2|^2 - \eta^2 \right)^2$$

2 complex scalar field  $\phi_1, \phi_2$

1 vector field  $A_\mu$

Covariant derivative  $D_\mu = \partial_\mu - iA_\mu$

Only field theory simulations



Appear in D-term inflation <sup>b</sup>, P-term inflation <sup>c</sup>, D branes <sup>d</sup> ...

<sup>a</sup> Vachaspati, Achúcarro (1991)

<sup>b</sup> JU, Achúcarro, Davis (2004)

<sup>c</sup> Burrage, Davis (2007)

<sup>d</sup> Dasgupta, Hsu, Kallosh, Linde, Zagermann (2004)

# Defects: global strings

$$\mathcal{L} = (\partial_\mu \psi_1)^2 + (\partial_\mu \psi_2)^2 - \frac{\lambda}{4} (\psi_1^2 + \psi_2^2 - \eta^2)^2$$

Real Scalar fields  $\psi_i$

# Defects: global defects

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{i=1}^N (\partial_{\mu}\psi_i)^2 - \frac{\lambda}{4} \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \psi_i^2 - \eta^2 \right)^2$$

Real Scalar fields  $\psi_i$

- $i = 2$  strings
- $i = 3$  monopoles
- $i = 4$  textures
- $i > 4$  non-topological textures
- $i \rightarrow \infty$  self-ordering scalar fields



# Calculation difficulties: Approximations

String/M-theory

Energy  $\ll M_p$

Quantum Field Theory

Large occupation number

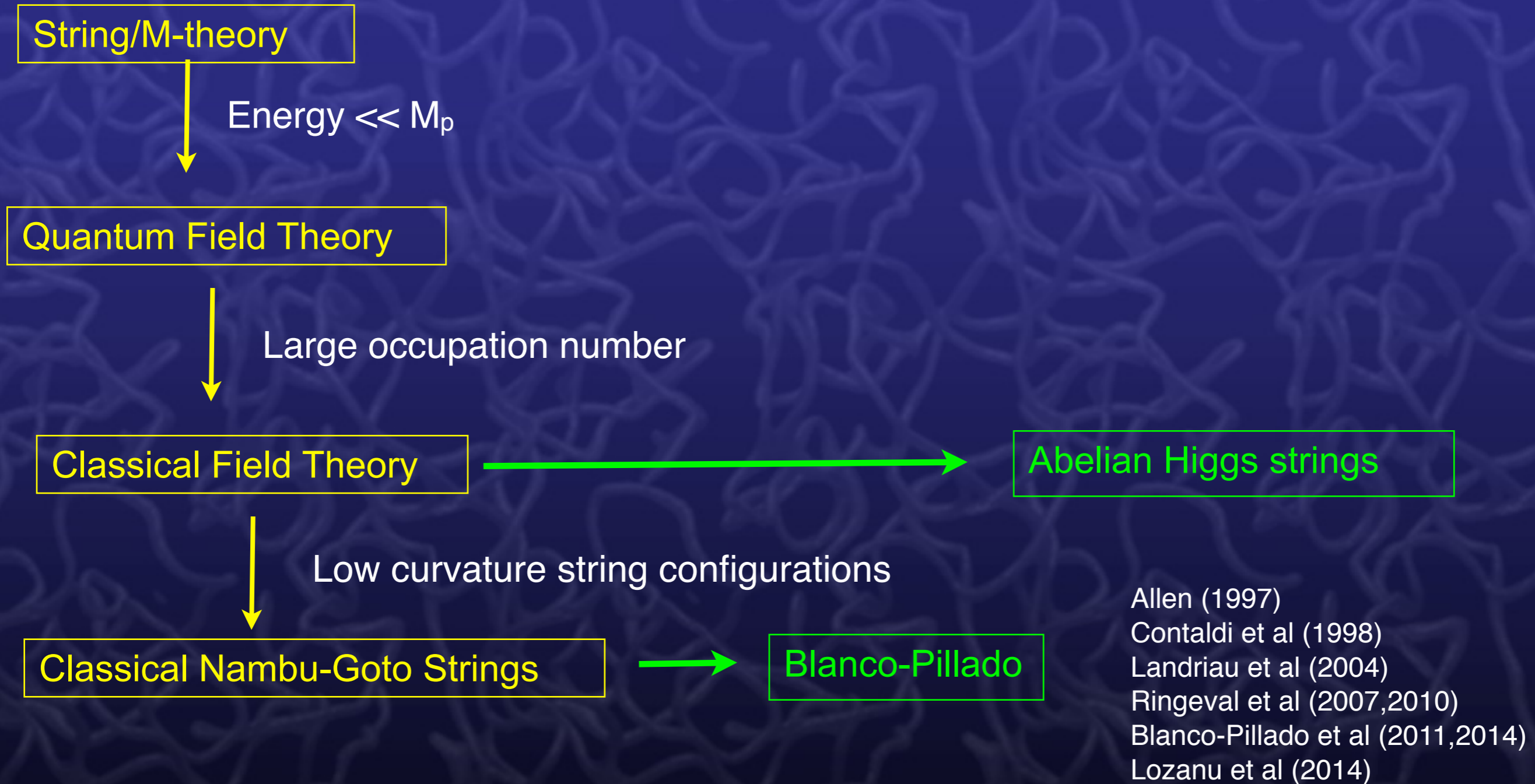
Classical Field Theory

Abelian Higgs strings

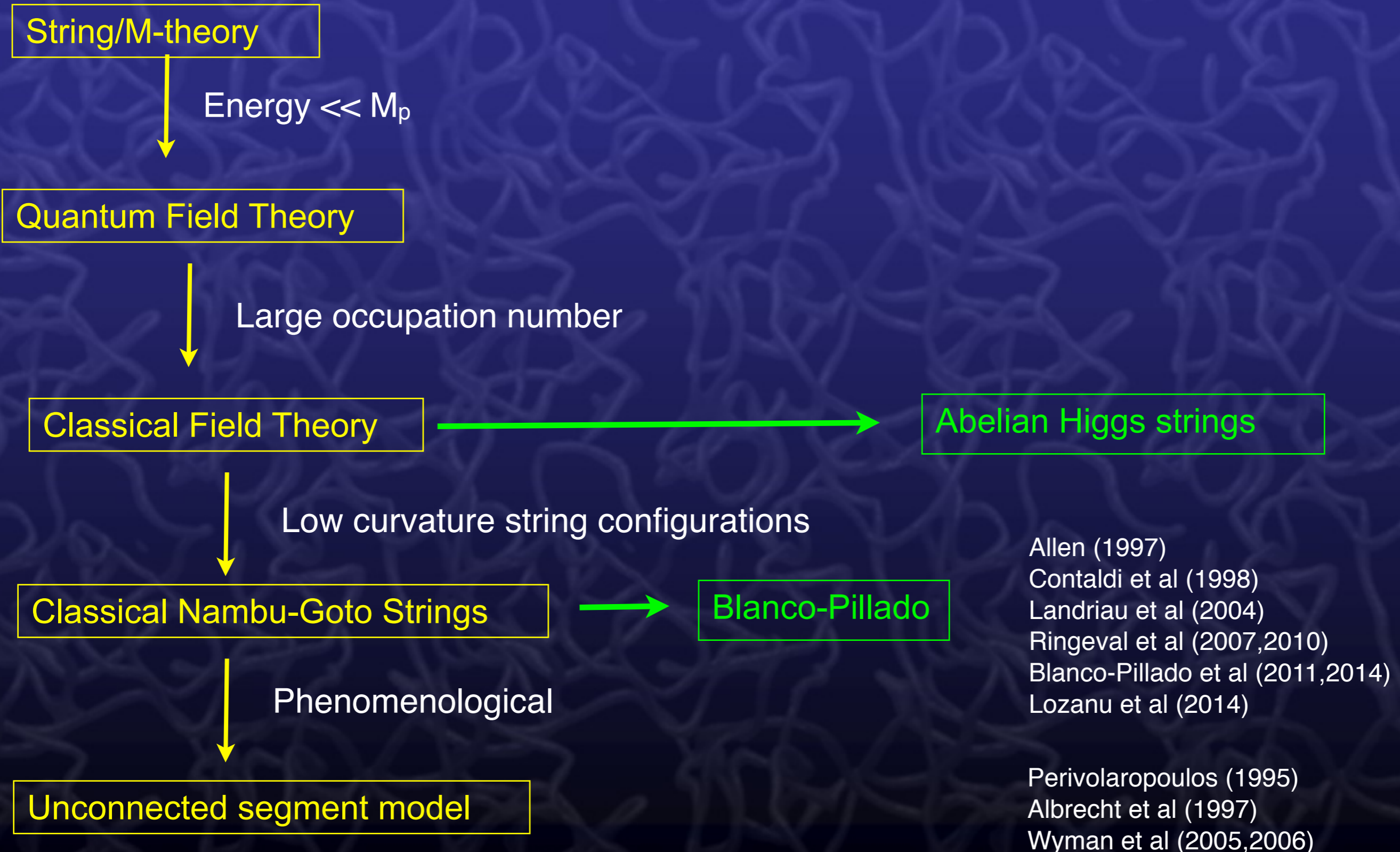




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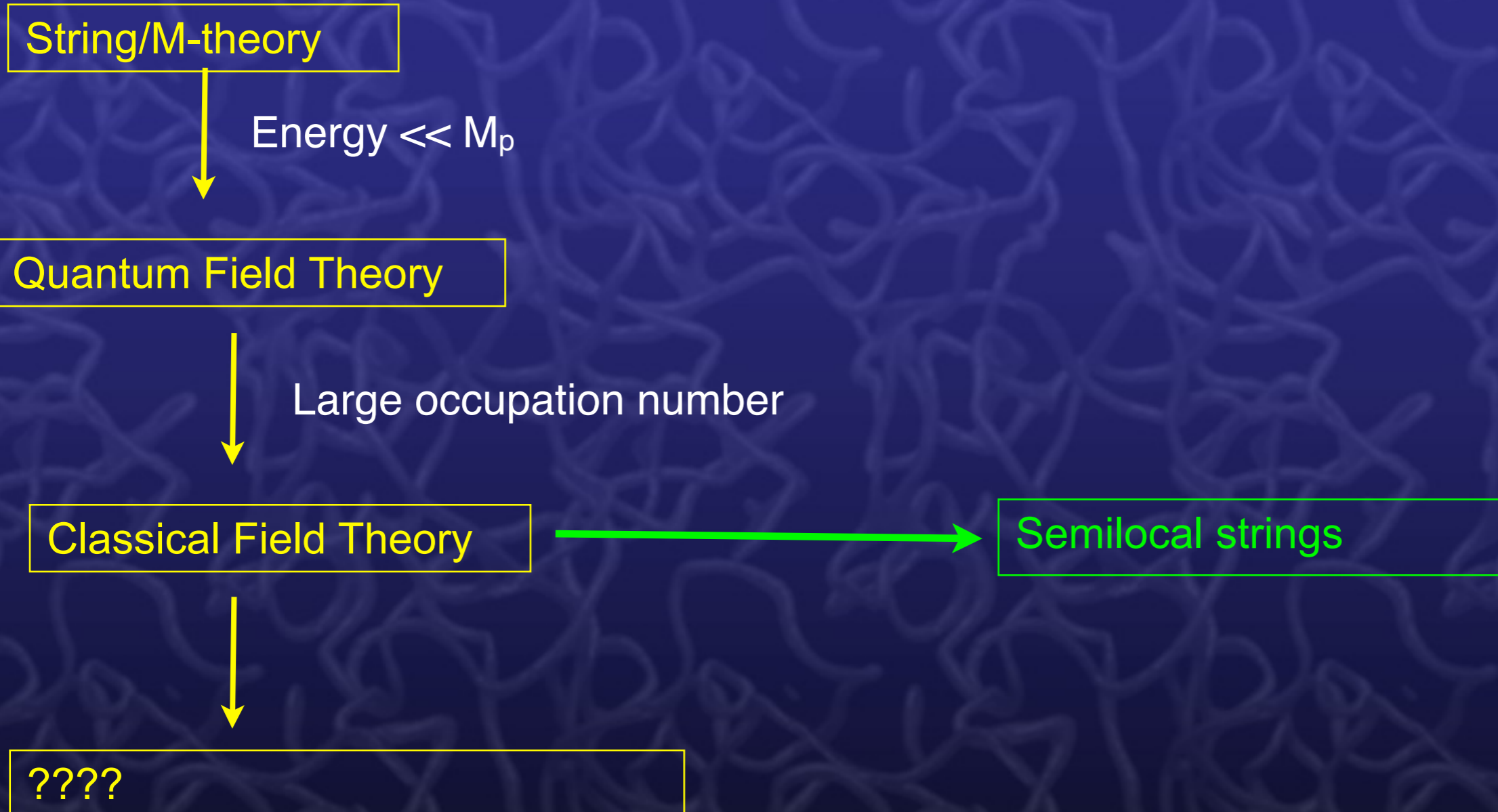
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non-linear  $\sigma$  model (textures)

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Durrer, Kunz, Melchiorri (1997)

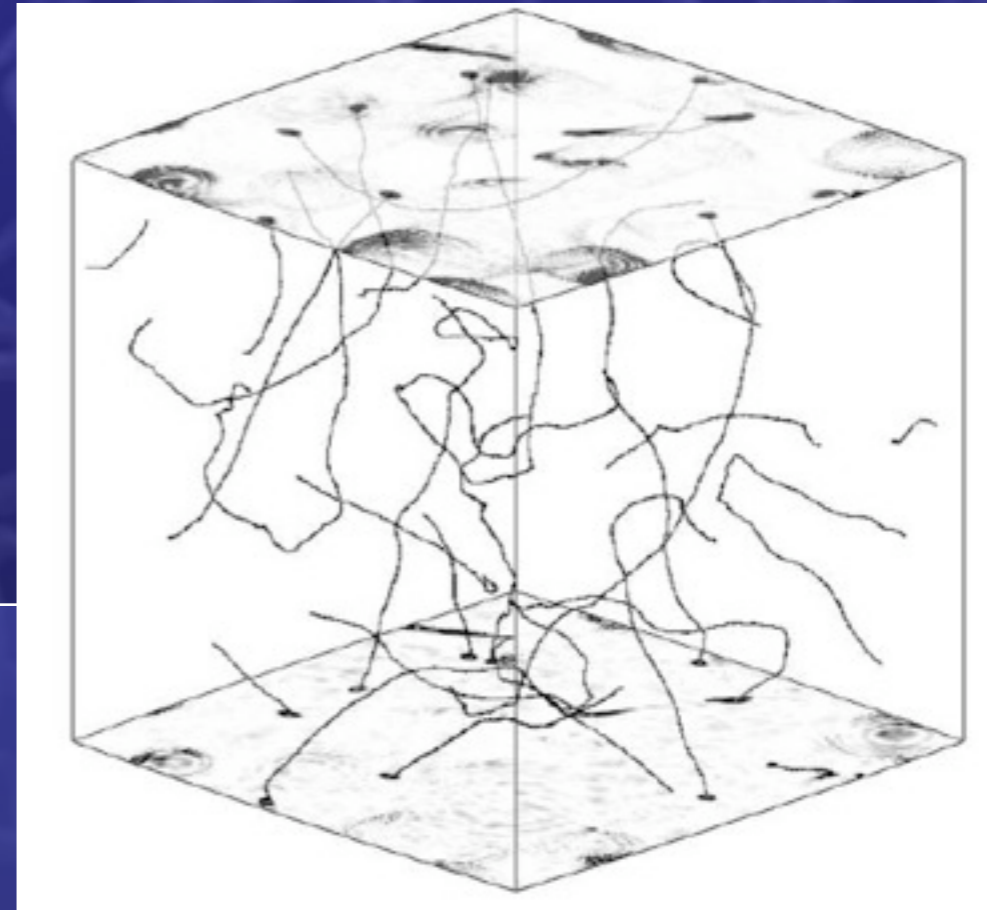
analytic approximation large  $N$

Durrer, Kunz, Melchiorri (1997)  
Fenu, Figueroa, Durrer, Garcia-Bellido, Kunz (2014)



# Defects in the early universe: CMB

- Form at  $t \sim 10^{-36}$  sec
- Observe at  $t_0 \sim 10^{17}$  sec.
- **Scaling hypothesis**: dimensional analysis based on physical scales  
checked numerically



# Abelian Higgs Model: CMB

$$S = - \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left( g^{\mu\nu} D_\mu \phi^* D_\nu \phi + V(\phi) + \frac{1}{4e^2} g^{\mu\rho} g^{\nu\sigma} F_{\mu\nu} F_{\rho\sigma} \right)$$

Complex scalar field  $\phi(\mathbf{x}, t)$ , vector field  $A_\mu(\mathbf{x}, t)$

Covariant derivative  $D_\mu = \partial_\mu - iA_\mu$ .

Potential  $V(\phi) = \frac{1}{2} \lambda (|\phi|^2 - v^2)^2$ .

Metric  $g_{\mu\nu} = a^2(\tau) \eta_{\mu\nu}$

# Abelian Higgs Model: Shrinking String

comoving string shrinks as  $a^{-1}$   $\longrightarrow$  strings slip through lattice points

$$\ddot{\phi} + 2\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\dot{\phi} - D^2\phi + \lambda a^2(|\phi|^2 - v^2)\phi = 0,$$
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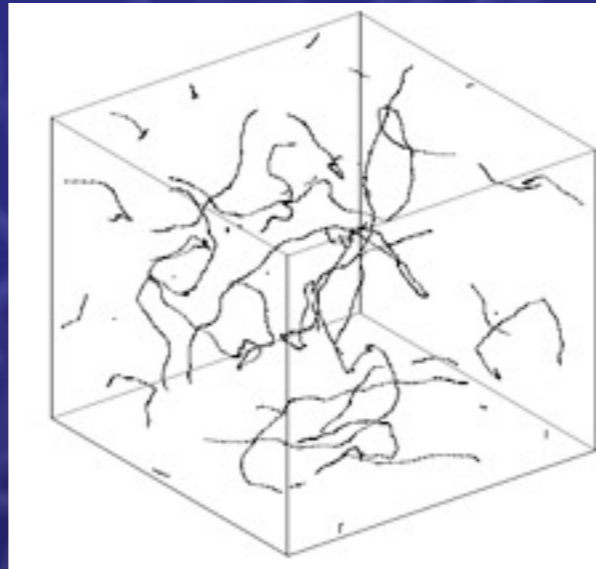
$$(A_0 = 0)$$

“Real value”  $\longrightarrow$   $s=1$

For  $s < 1$   $\longrightarrow$  string “fattens”

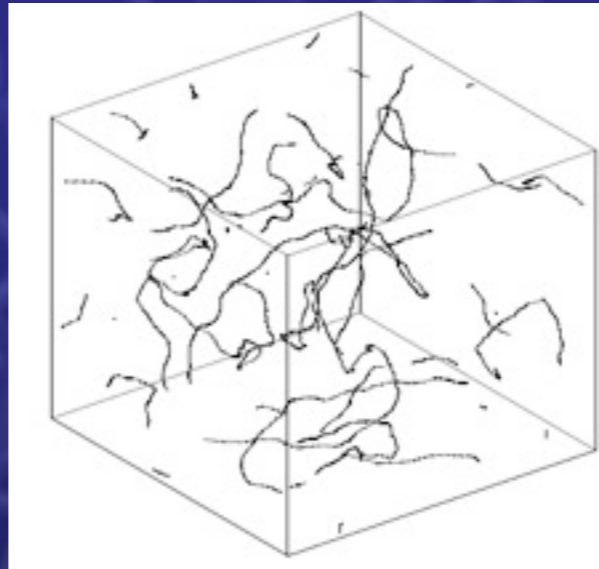
Preserves Gauss’s Law,  
but violates EM conservation

# Abelian Higgs Model



Numerical simulations  
 $N=1024^3$  (2010)  
 $s < 0.3$

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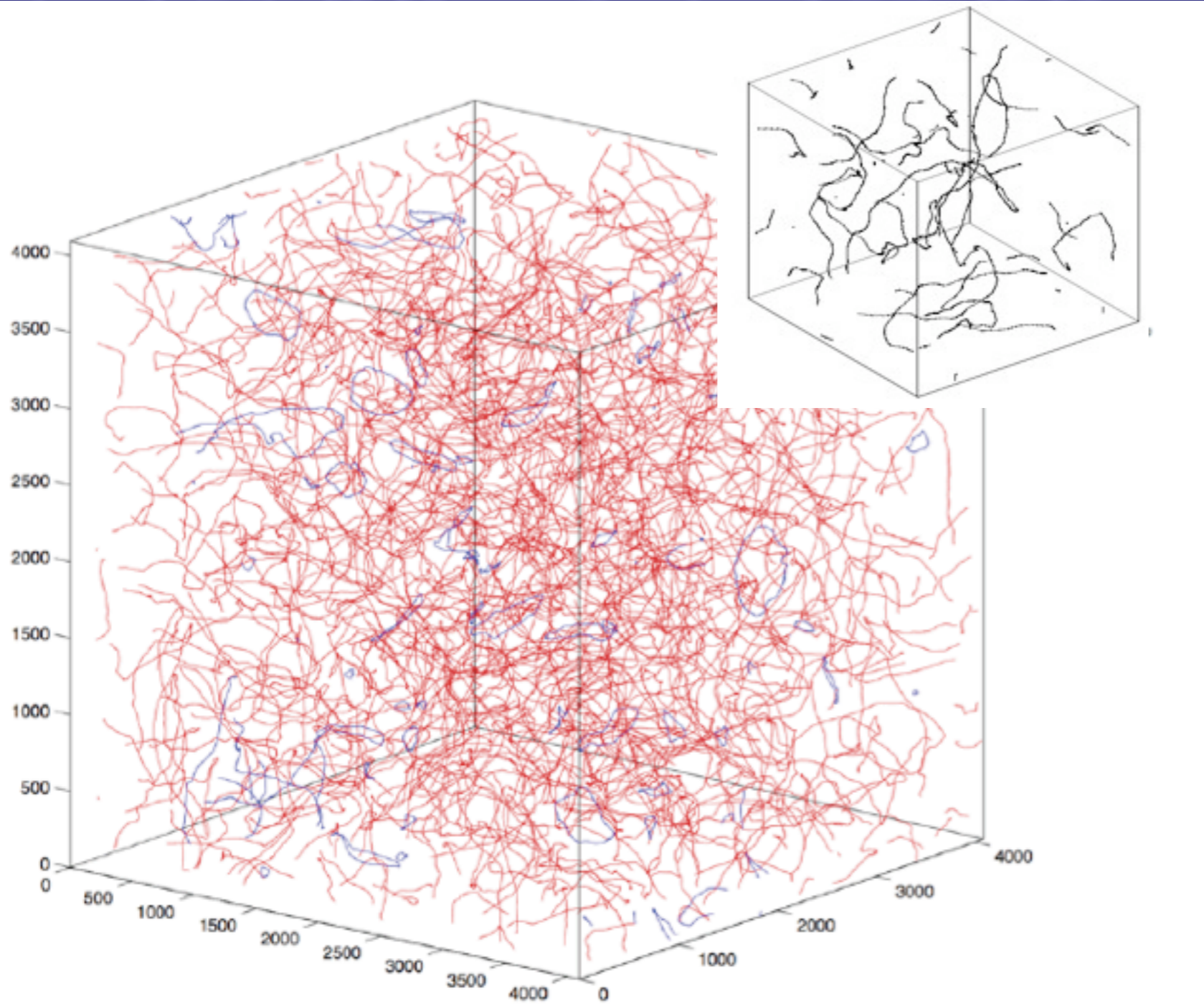
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# Abelian Higgs Model

Improved software:

LATfield2

Daverio, Hindmarsh, Bevis (2015)

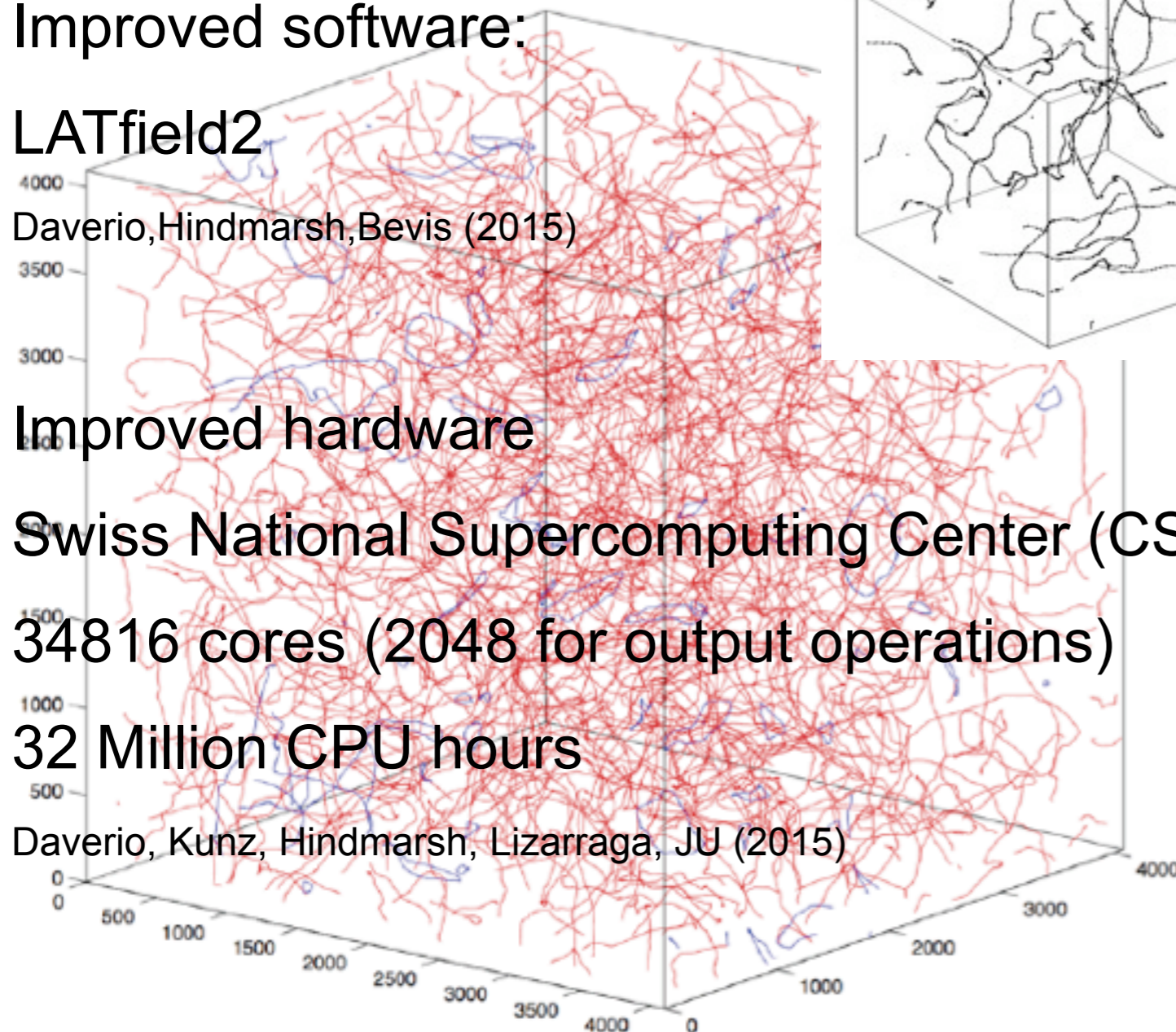
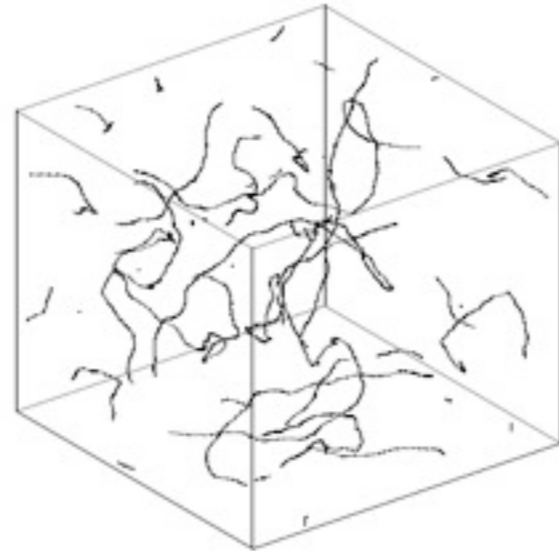
Improved hardware

Swiss National Supercomputing Center (CSCS)

34816 cores (2048 for output operations)

32 Million CPU hours

Daverio, Kunz, Hindmarsh, Lizarraga, JU (2015)

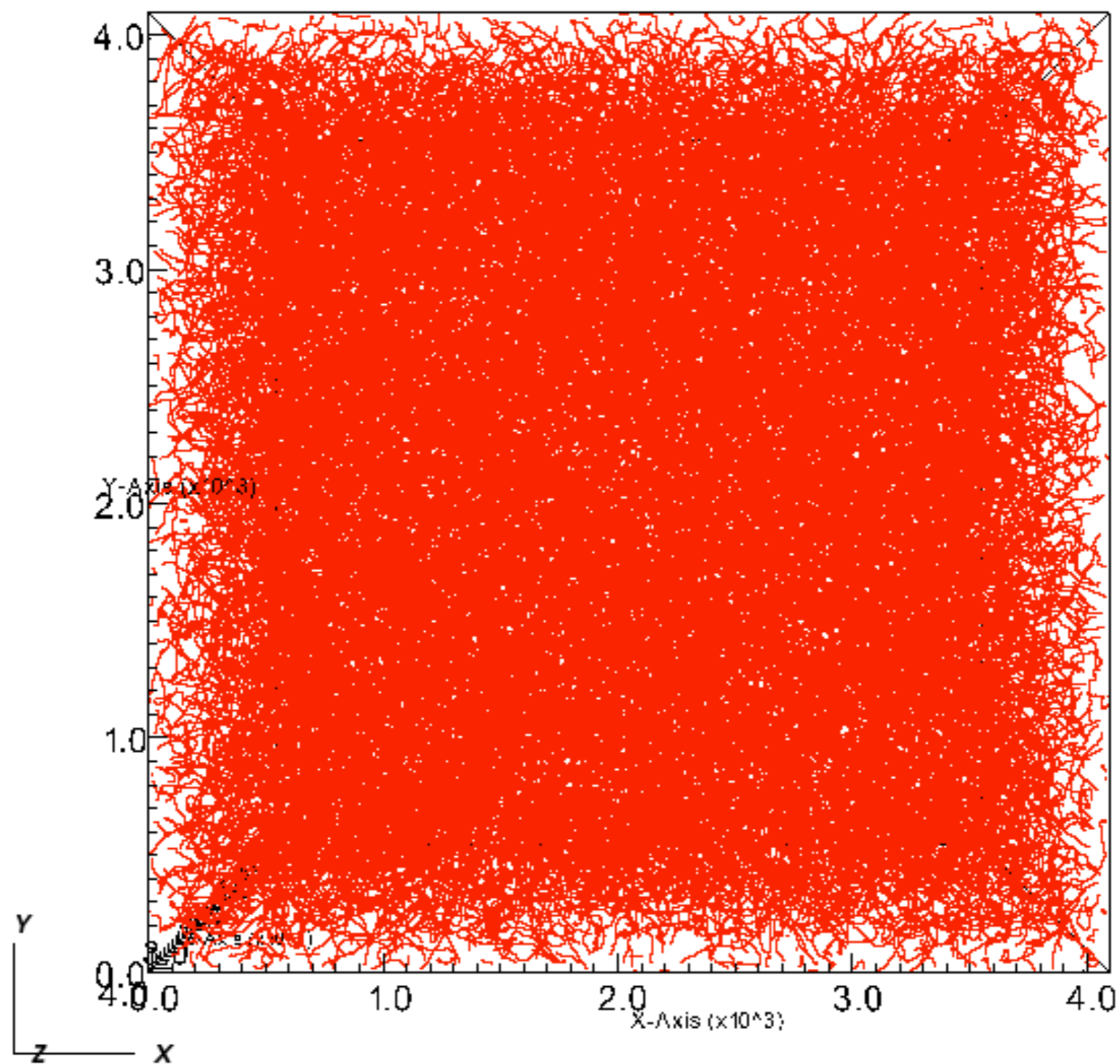


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DB: stats\_loops\_Mat\_07\_01510.h5  
Time:200





# UETC method for CMB anisotropies power spectrum

Time dependent diff operator

Source (Energy momentum)

$$\mathcal{D}_{\alpha\beta}(\tau, k)h_{\beta}(\tau, k) = S_{\alpha}(\tau, k)$$

Linear perturbations

Power spectrum <sup>a</sup>

$$\langle |h_{\alpha}(\tau_0, k)|^2 \rangle = \int \int \mathcal{D}^{-1} \mathcal{D}^{-1} \langle S_{\alpha}(\tau, k) S_{\alpha}^*(\tau', k) \rangle$$

Need unequal-time correlators (UETCs) of energy-momentum tensor

$$C_{\mu\nu\rho\lambda}(k, \tau, \tau') = \langle T_{\mu\nu}(k, \tau) T_{\rho\lambda}^*(k, \tau') \rangle$$

<sup>a</sup> Pen, Seljak, Turok (1997); Durrer, Kunz, Melchiorri (1998, 2002)

# Calculate UETCs

$$\langle S_\alpha(\tau, k) S_\alpha^*(\tau', k) \rangle \sim C_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \sim \langle T_{\mu\nu}(\tau, k) T_{\rho\sigma}^*(\tau', k) \rangle$$

Isotropy + EM conservation + parity: Only 3 scalars, 1 vector, 1 tensor

For example:

$$S_\Phi^S = T_{00} - 3 \frac{\dot{a}}{a} \frac{i \hat{k}_m}{k} T_{0m}$$

$$\langle S_\Phi^S(\mathbf{k}, \tau) S_\Phi^{S*}(\mathbf{k}, \tau') \rangle \sim C_{11}^S \left( k \sqrt{\tau \tau'}, \tau / \tau' \right)$$



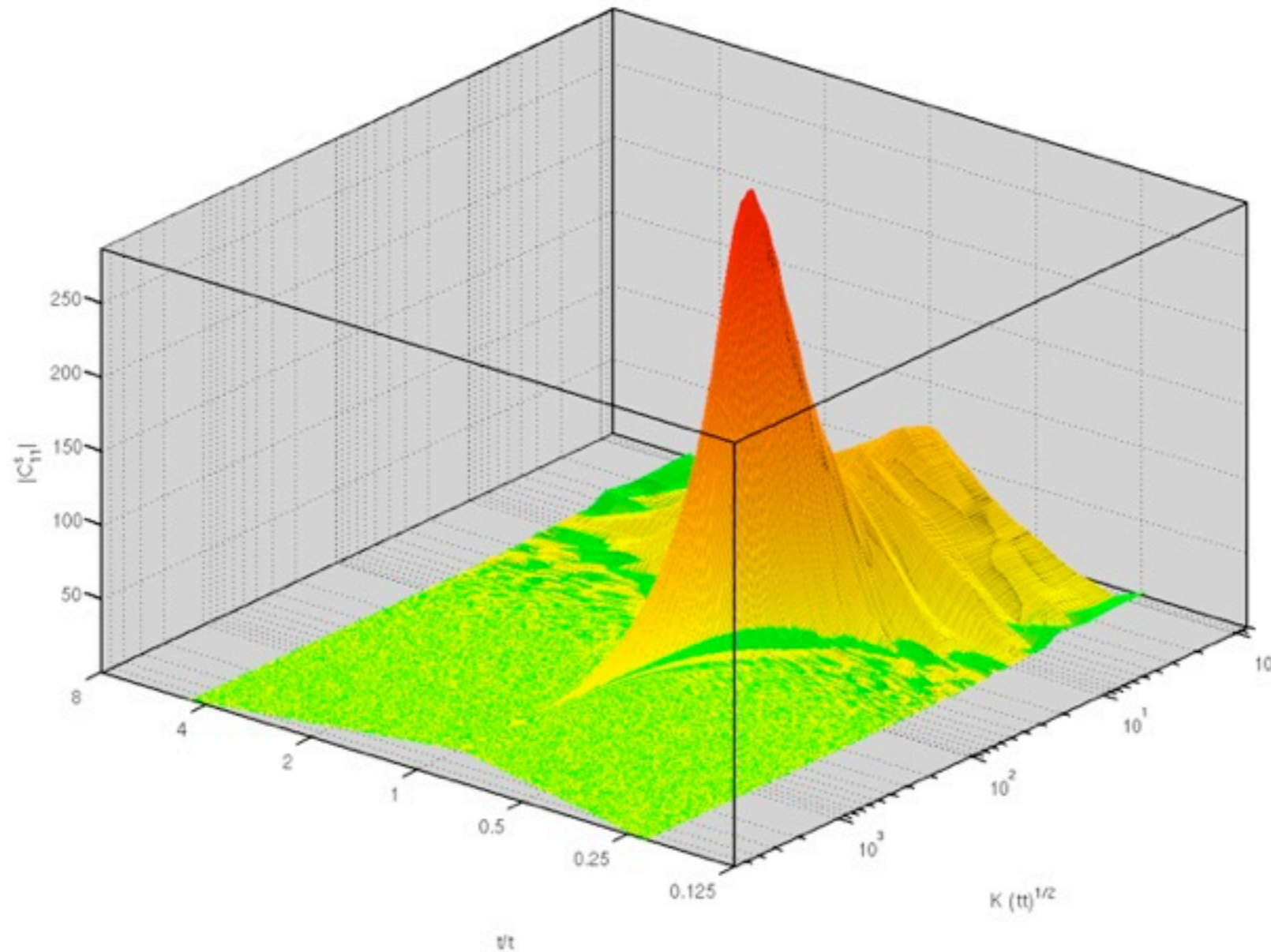
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Is

or

For exam





# Temperature power spectrum

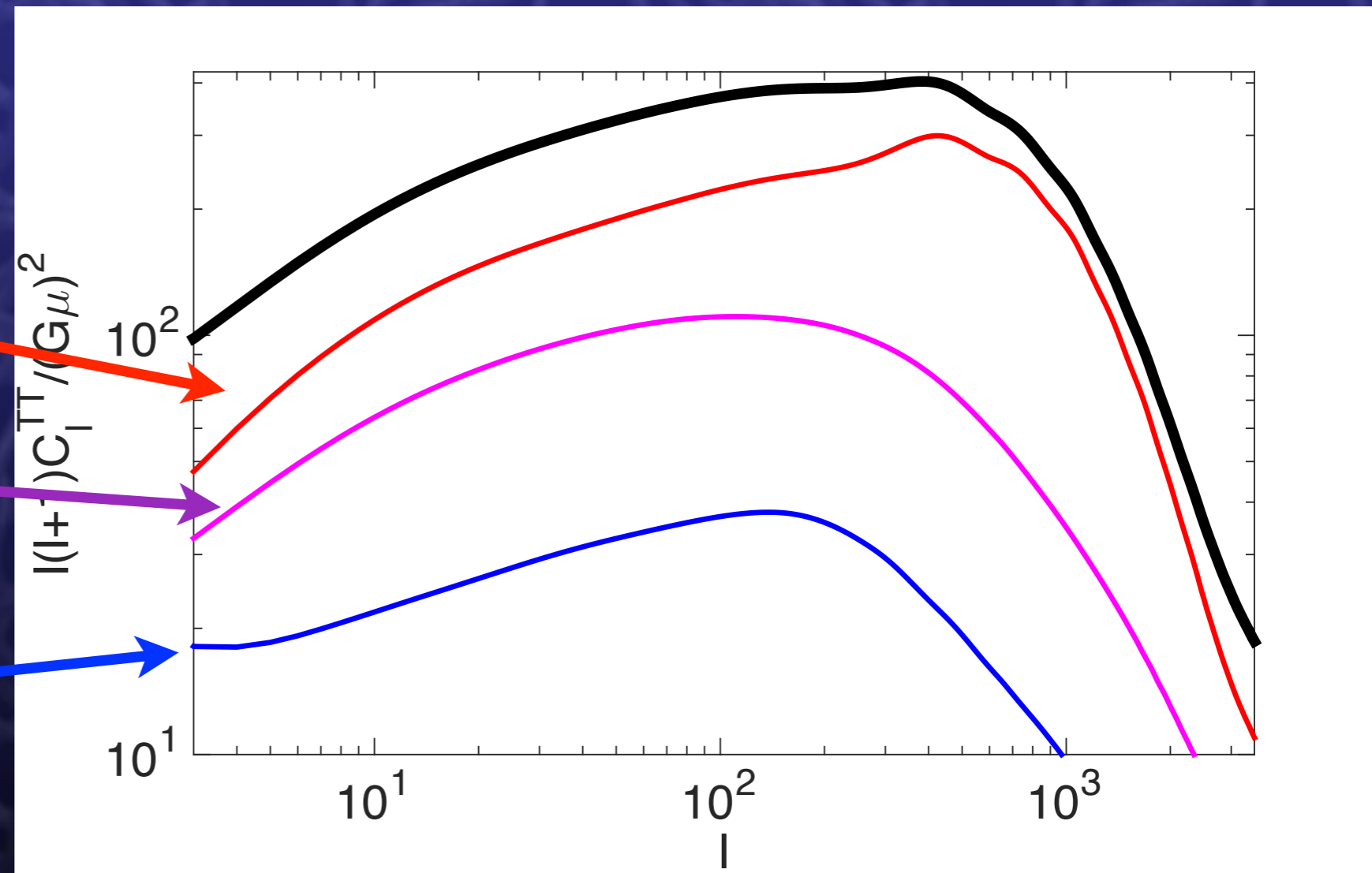
scalar-vector-tensor

ABELIAN HIGGS  
(also Semilocal,  
textures)

Scalar

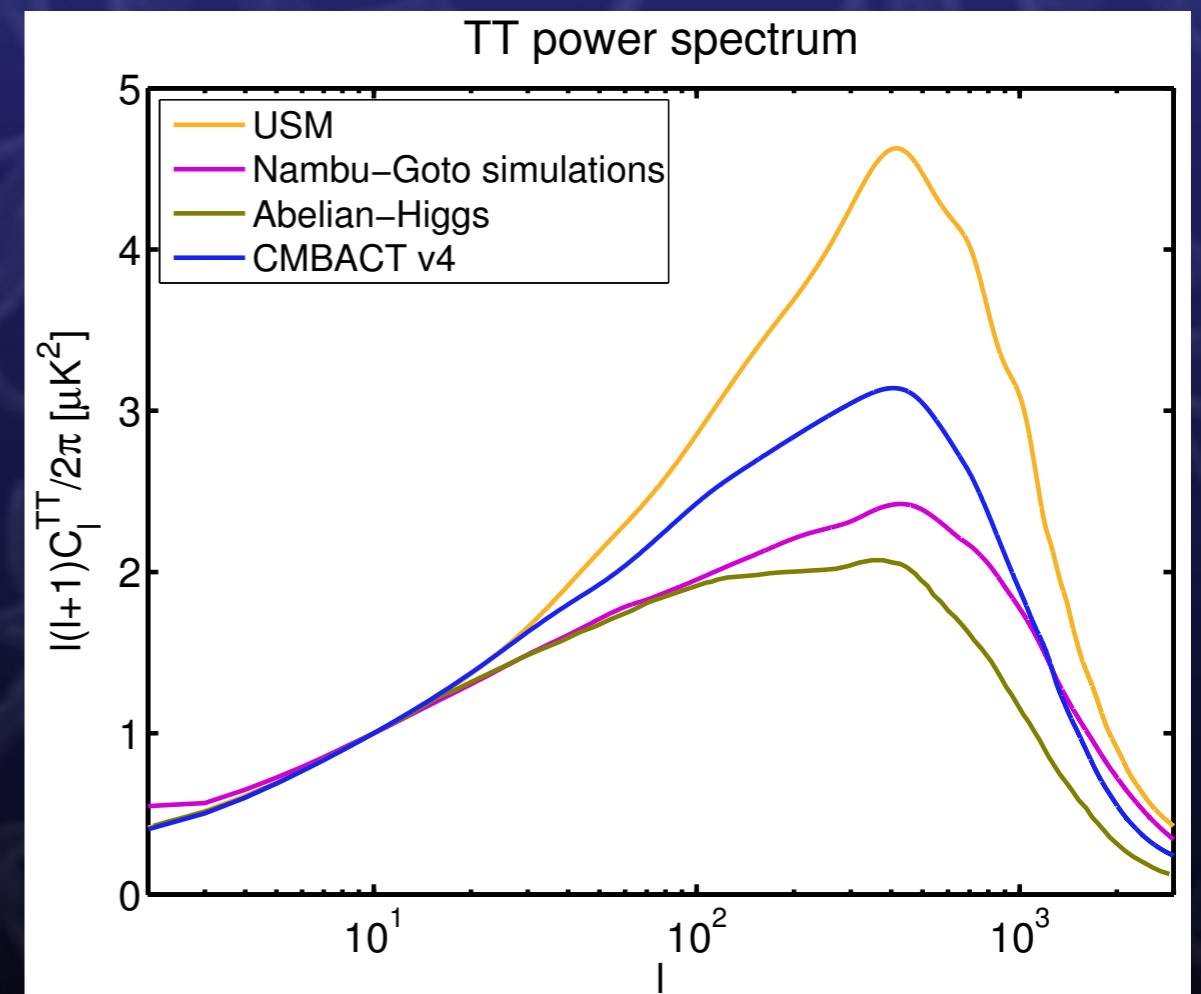
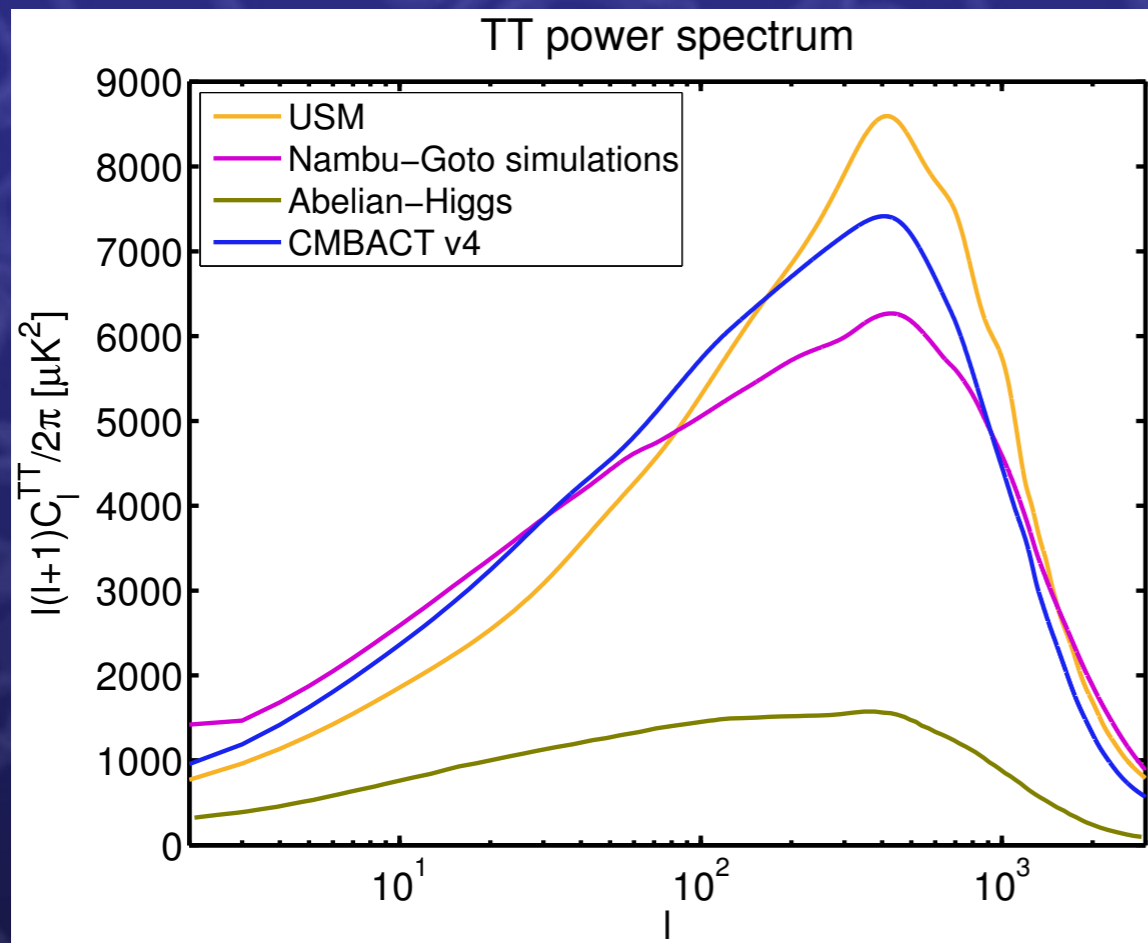
Vector

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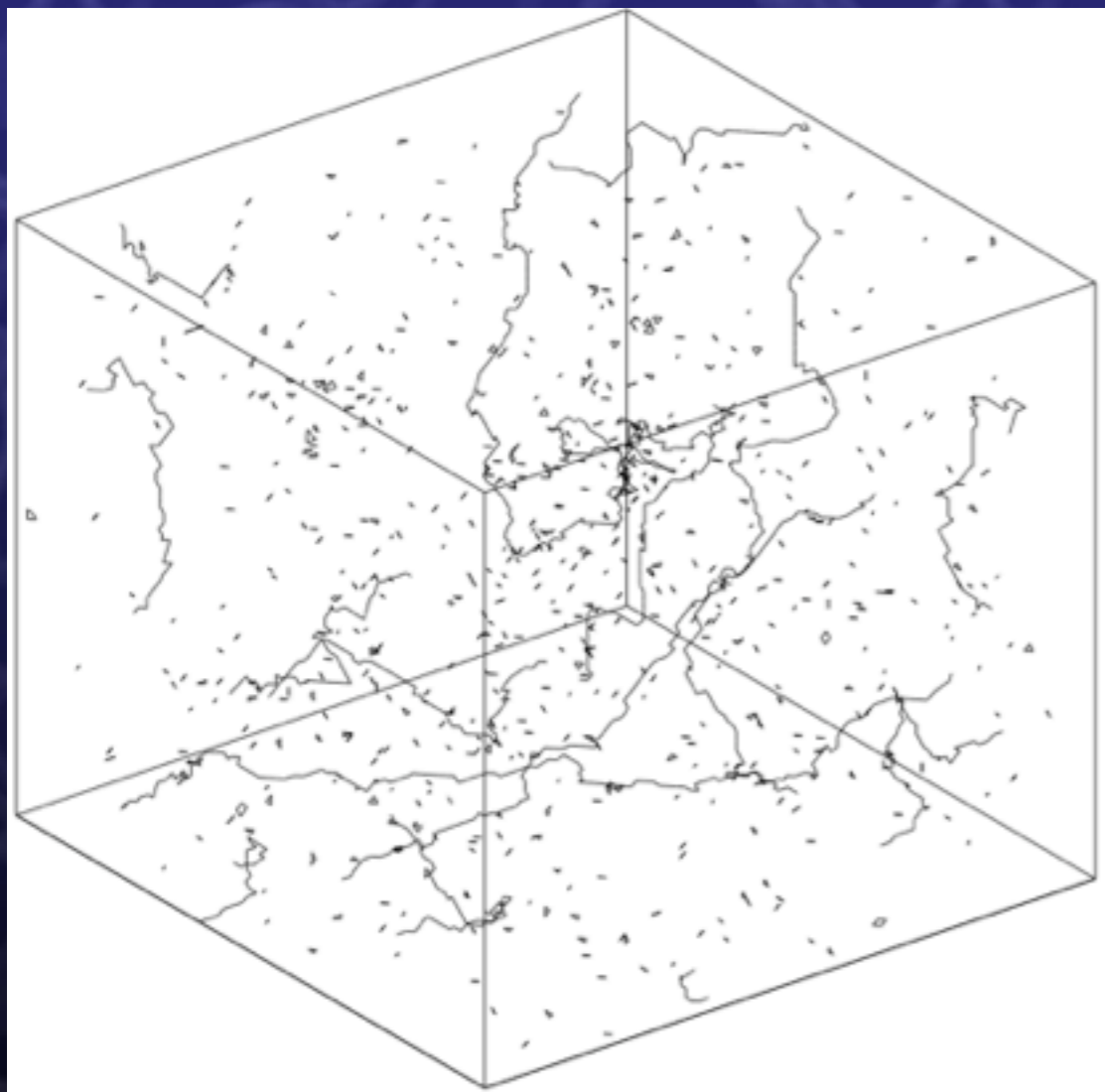
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AH, NG, USM

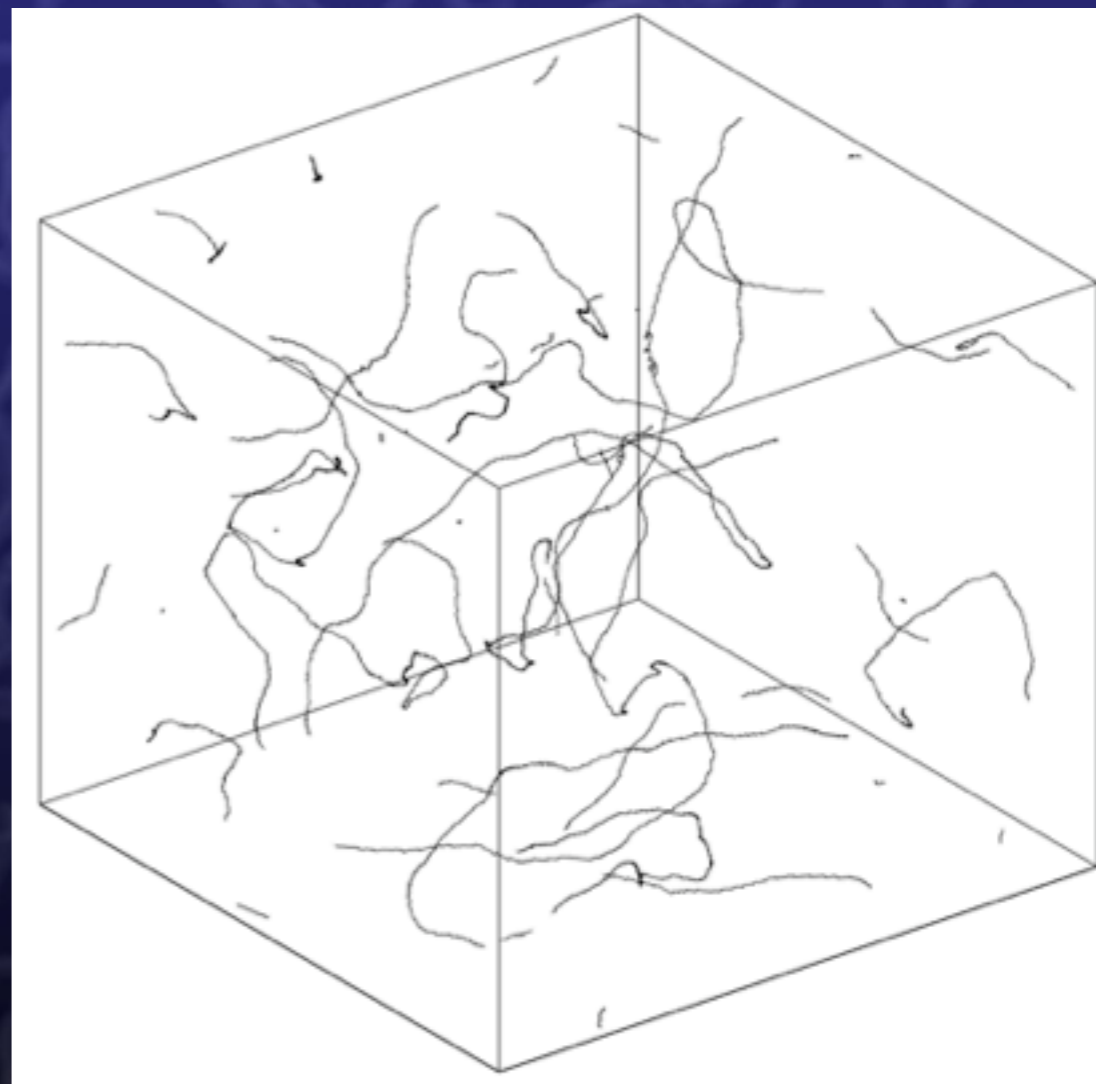


Battye, Moss (2010);  
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Lazanu, Shellard (2015)

## Nambu-Goto simulation

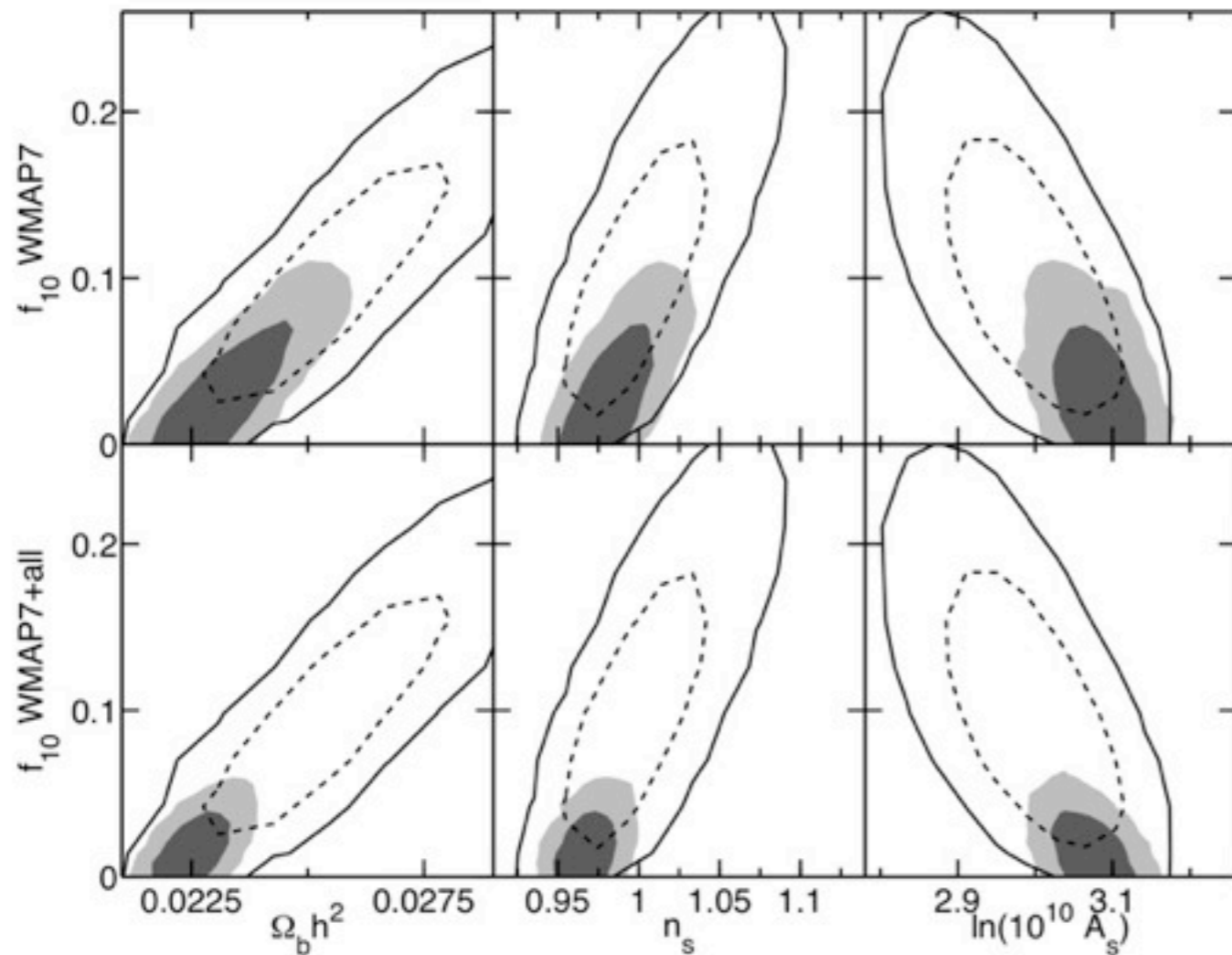


## Abelian Higgs simulation





# Fitting CMB with inflation + defects

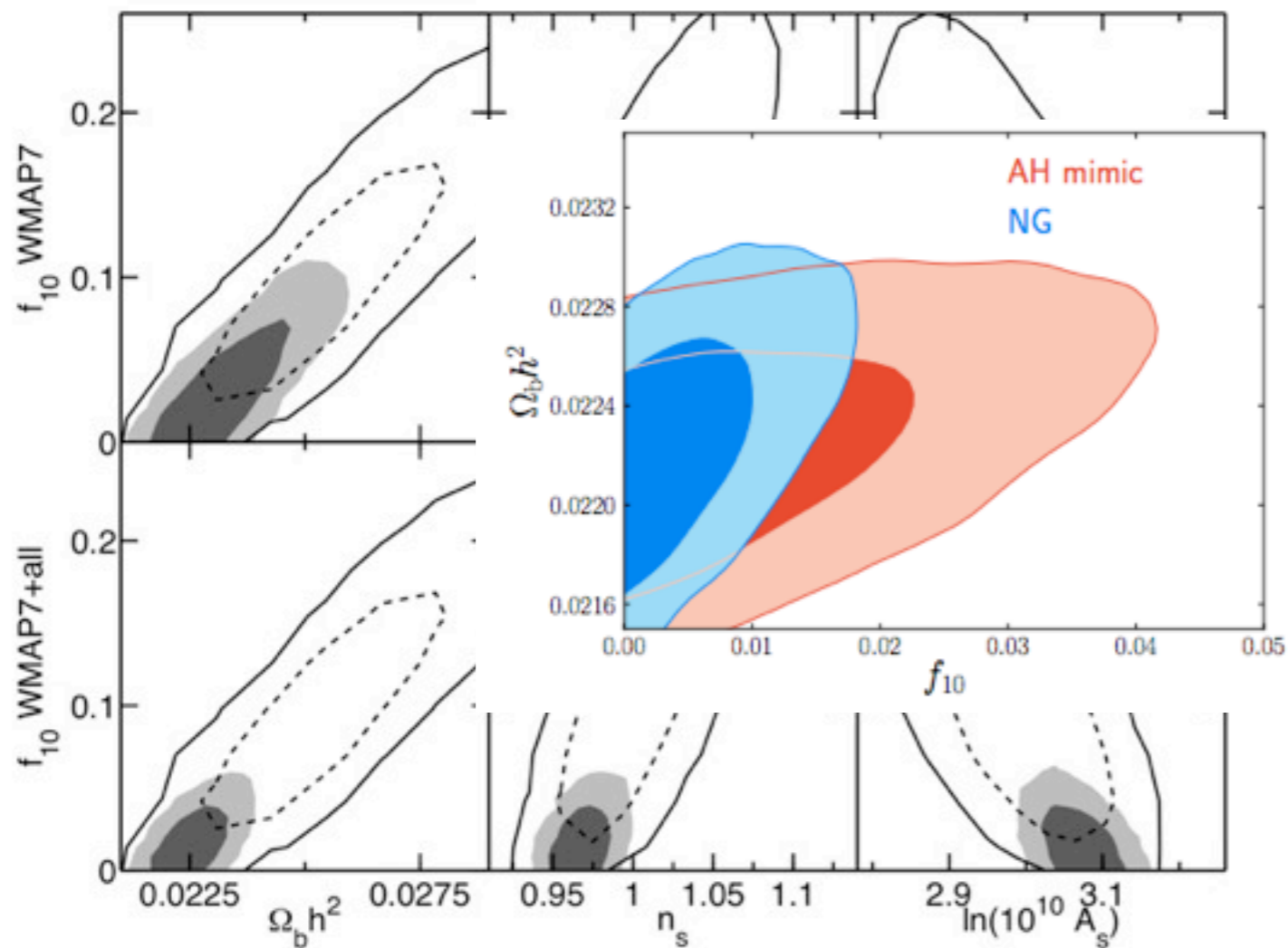


Unshaded (2008) WMAP3  
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# Fitting CMB with inflation + defects

Some numerical results for strings:

Model	Data set	$10^6 G\mu$ (95%)
AH <sup>a</sup>	WMAP3+BOOMERANG+CBI+ACBAR+VSA	0.7
USM-AH <sup>b</sup>	WMAP5	0.68
USM-NG <sup>b</sup>	WMAP5	0.28
AH <sup>c</sup>	WMAP7	0.57
USM-NG <sup>d</sup>	WMAP7+ACT	0.16
AH <sup>e</sup>	Planck+WP	0.32
USM-AH <sup>e</sup>	Planck+WP	0.36
USM-NG <sup>e</sup>	Planck+WP	0.15
NG <sup>f</sup>	Planck+WP	0.15
AH <sup>g</sup>	BICEP+Planck+WP	0.27

$$G\mu \sim 10^{-7} \sim 10^{15} \text{ GeV}$$

a) Bevis, Hindmarsh, Kunz, JU (2008)

b) Battye, Moss (2010)

c) Dunkley et al (ACT) (2010)

d) JU, Bevis, Hindmarsh, Kunz (2011)

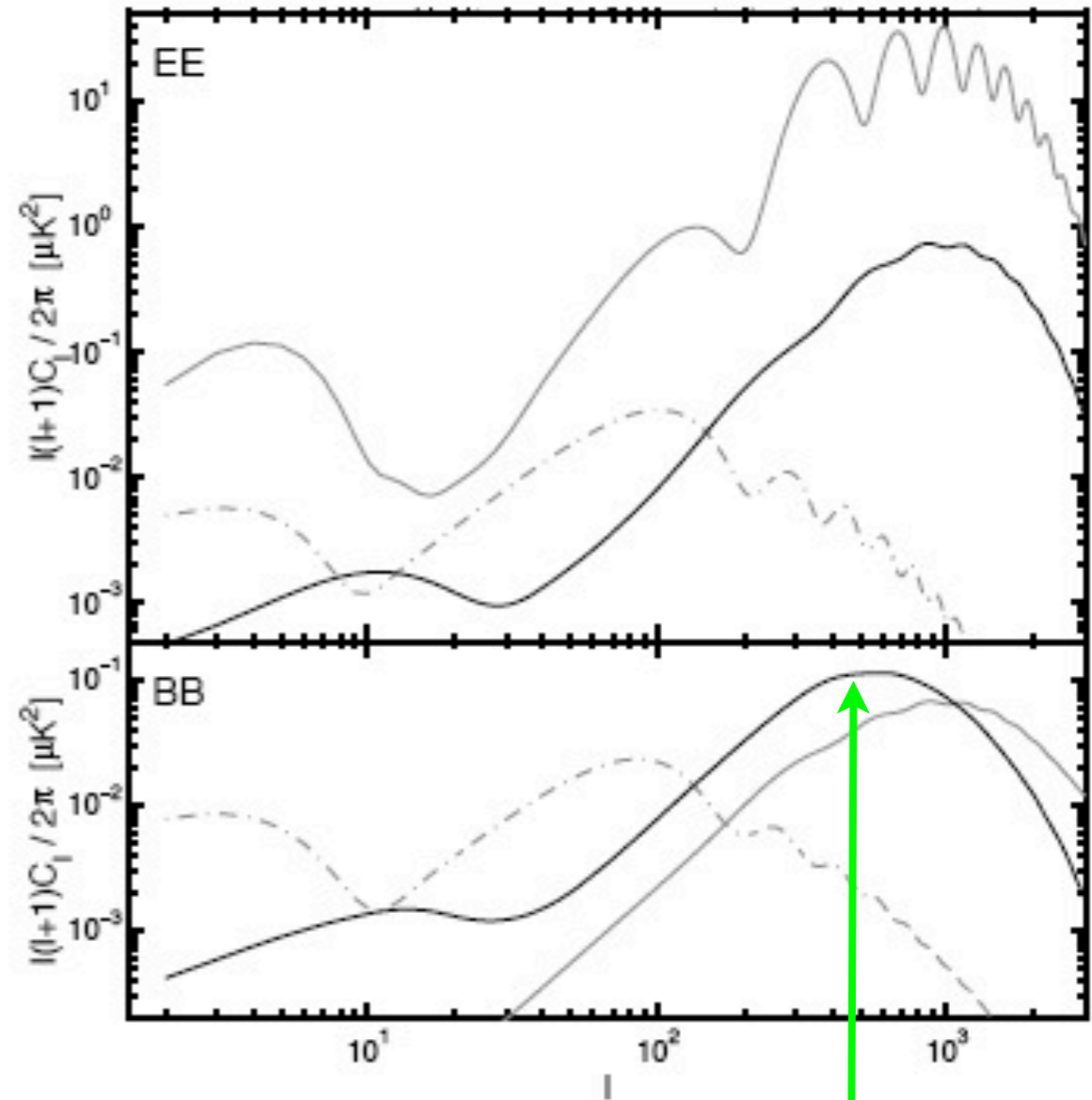
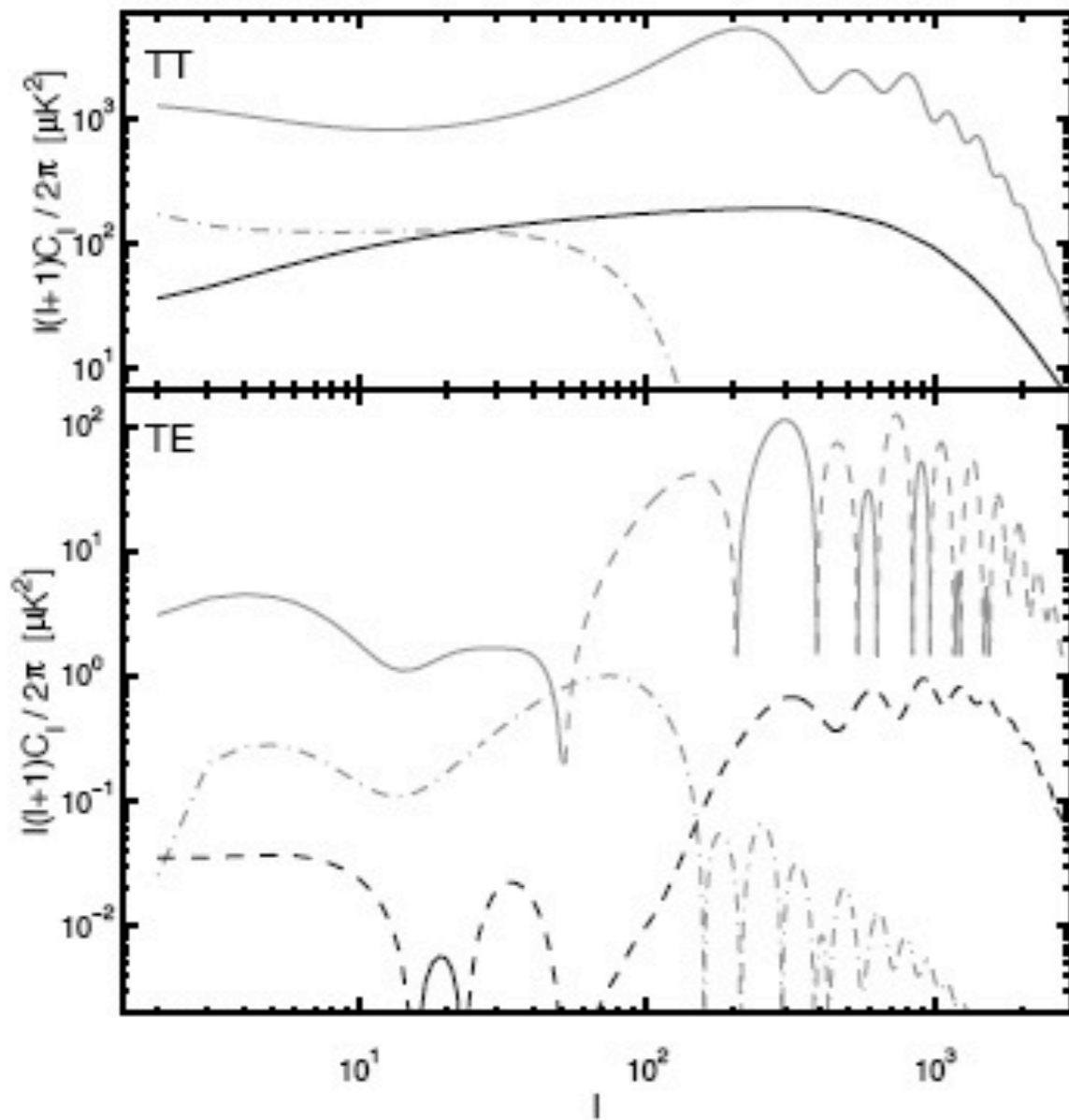
e) Planck (2013/4)

f) Lazanu, Shellard (2015)

g) Lizarraga et al (2014)



# Temperature and Polarization CMB Power Spectra

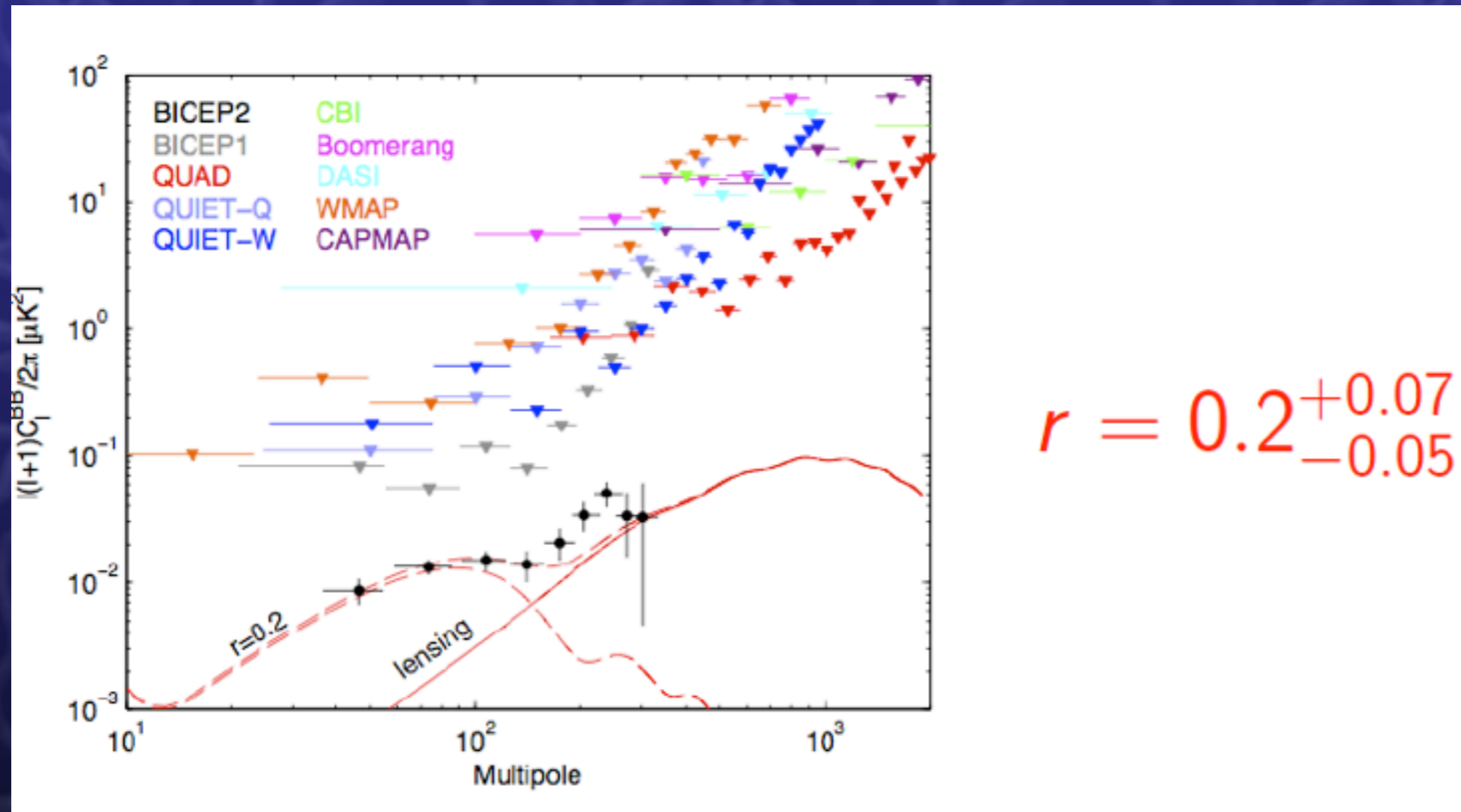


Inflation  $r=0.4$  and strings  $f_{10}=0.1$

**STRINGS!**

# B Polarization CMB Power Spectra

BICEP2 : Primordial (inflationary) GW?

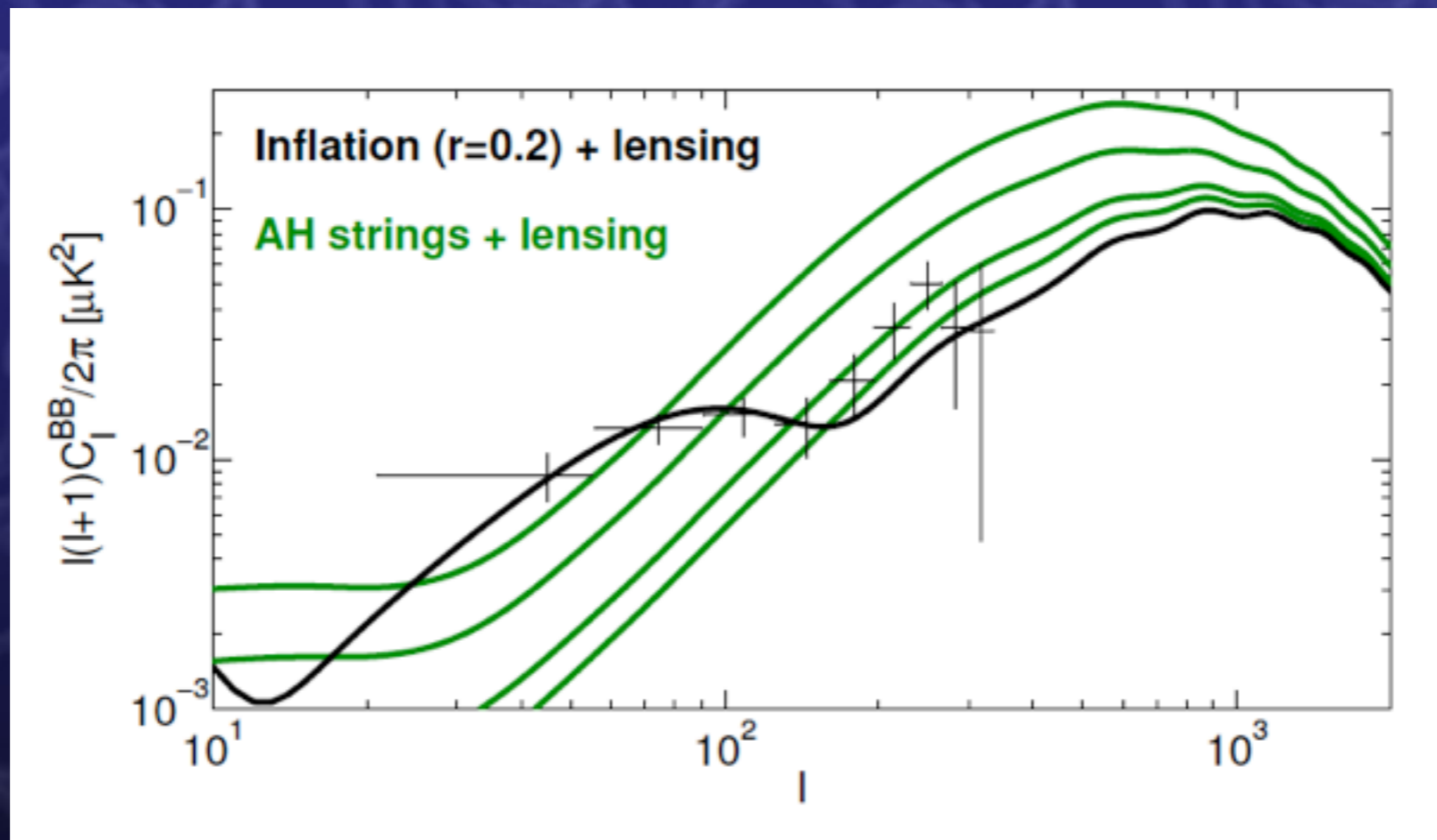


Ade et al, BICEP colaboration (2014)

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Dataset	Planck + WP + BICEP2		
Param	r	strings	textures
$n_s$	$0.962^{+0.007}_{-0.007}$	$0.955^{+0.007}_{-0.008}$	$0.962^{+0.007}_{-0.007}$
$r$	$0.15^{+0.03}_{-0.04}$	-	-
$10^{12} (G\mu)^2$	-	$0.084^{+0.026}_{-0.025}$	$0.73^{+0.14}_{-0.15}$
$-\ln \mathcal{L}_{\max}$	5265.8	5280.1	5266.8

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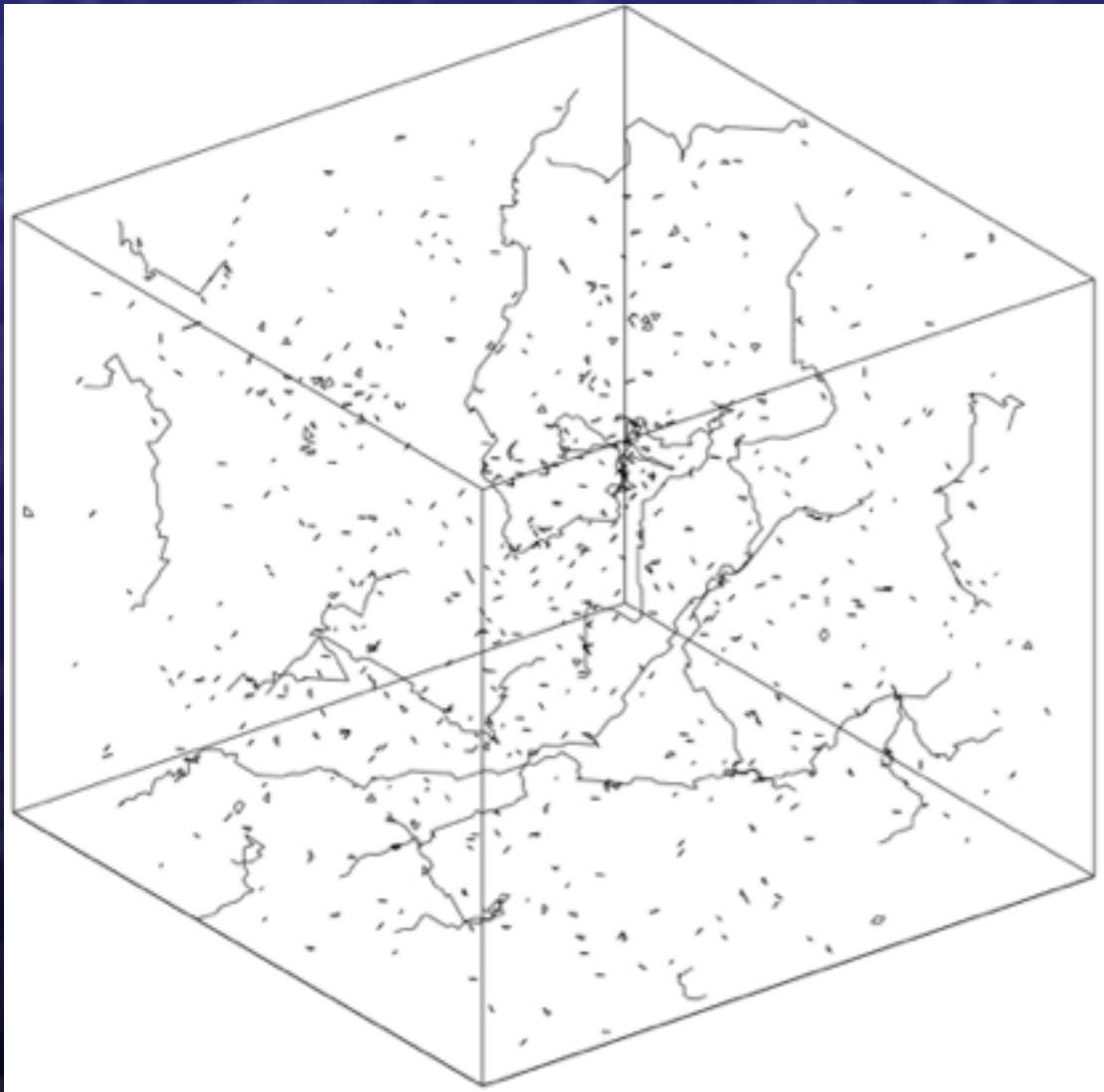


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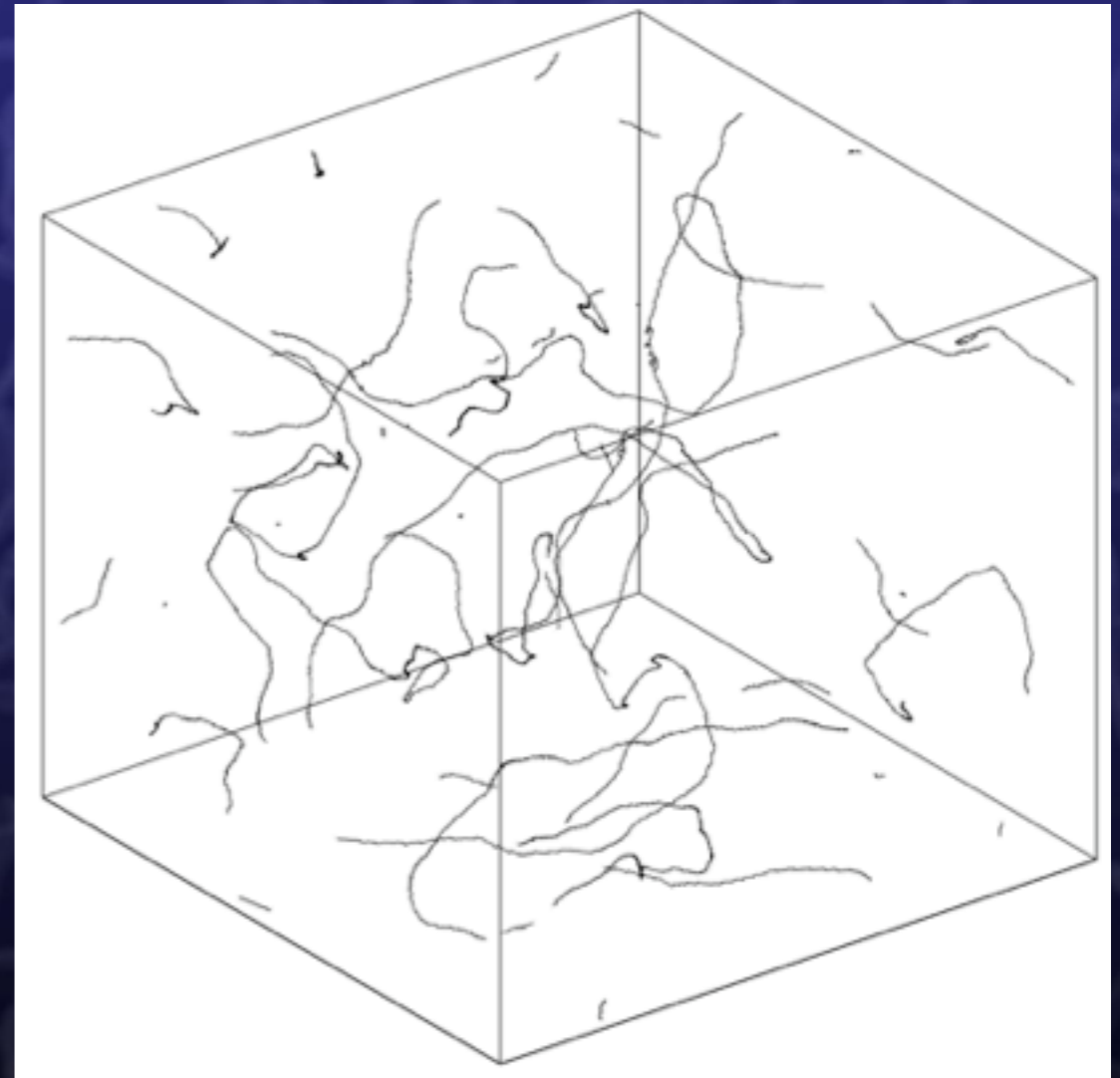


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Nambu-Goto simulation



Abelian Higgs simulation



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## Nambu-Goto strings

Network loses energy by loops  
Loops lose energy into GW  
Lots of loops!  
High Gravitational Wave background!  
Loop size?  
Need backreaction!

## Abelian Higgs strings

Loses energy through particle emission  
No loops (new BIG simulation?)  
Low Gravitational Waves  
Need understanding small scale  
Will eventually behave like NG? Not yet!

## Global defects (strings included)

Lose energy through massless radiation  
Low Gravitational Waves

# Temperature power spectrum

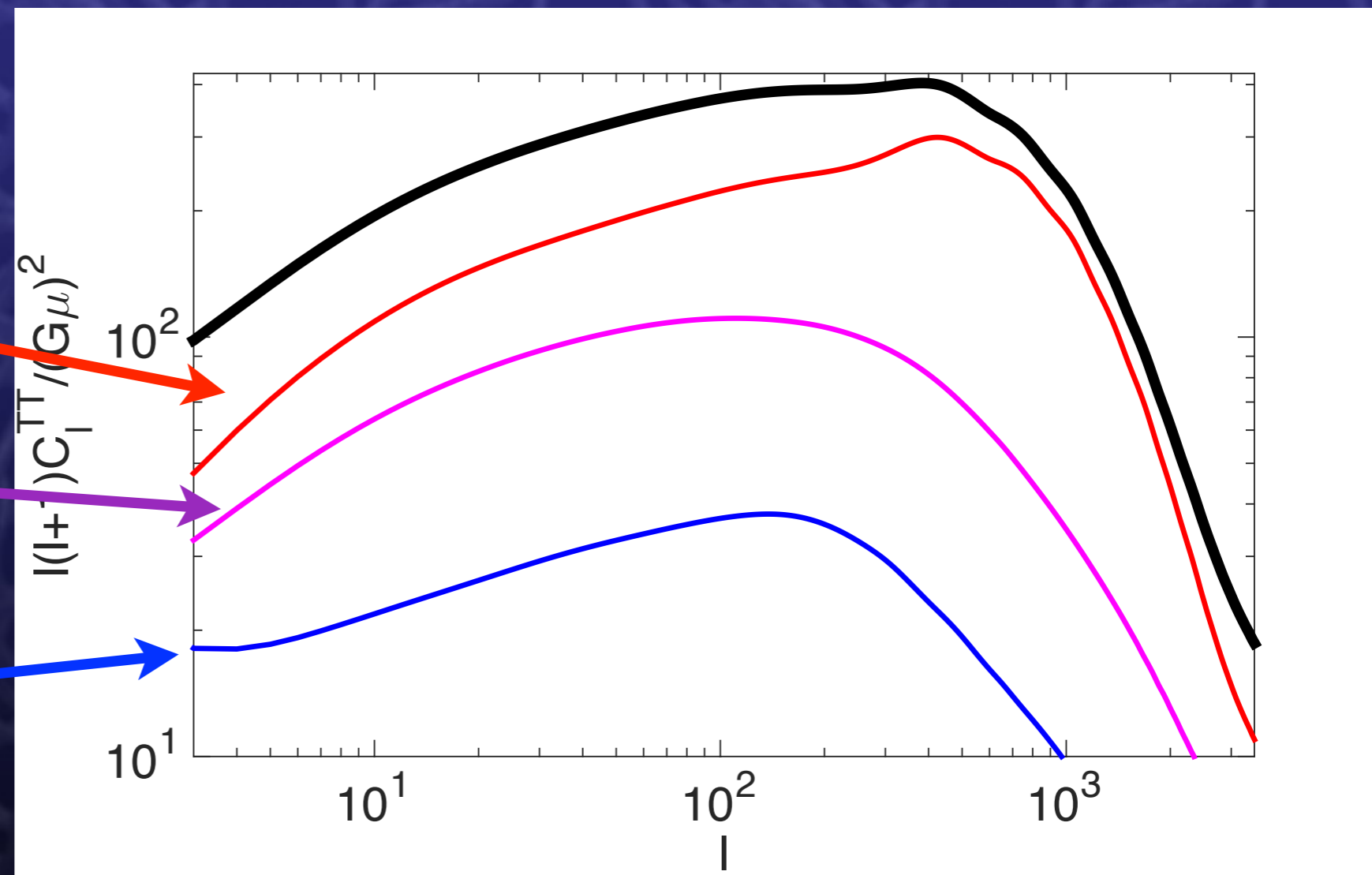
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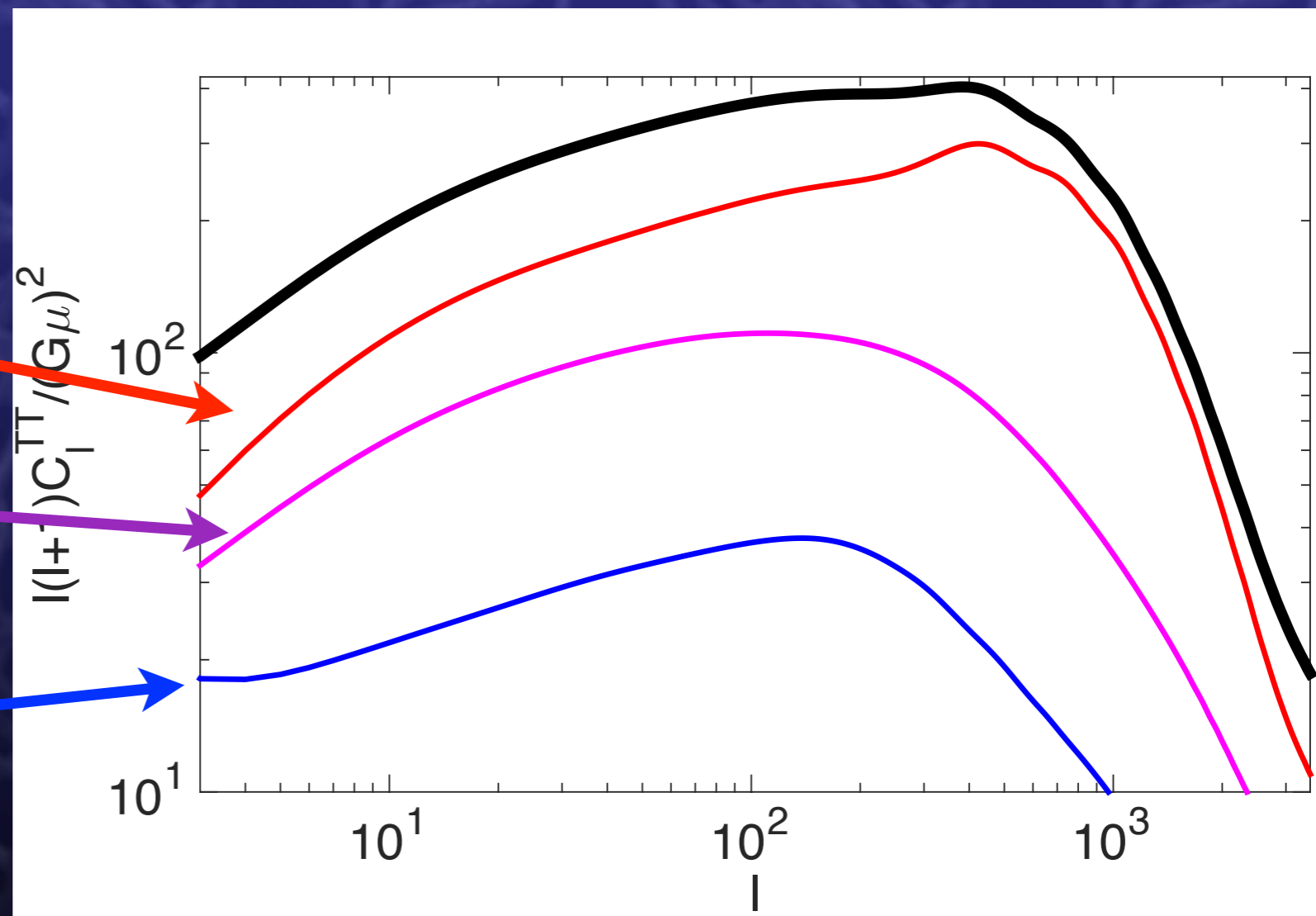
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Transverse, traceless,  
energy-momentum tensor



# Gravitational wave background from scaling defects

Scalar Large O(N) self-ordering:  
Flat GW spectrum

Krauss (1992)

Jones-Smith, Krauss, Mathur (2008)

Fenu, Figueroa, Durrer, García-Bellido (2009)

$$\Omega_{\text{GW}}(f) \equiv \frac{1}{\rho_c} \frac{d\rho_{\text{GW}}}{d \log f}(f) \simeq \frac{650}{N} \Omega_{\text{rad}} \left( \frac{v}{M_P} \right)^4$$

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Any scaling cosmological source during radiation  
gives flat GW spectrum

Figueroa, Hindmarsh, JU (2013)

$$\Omega_{\text{GW}}(k) \equiv \frac{1}{\rho_c} \left( \frac{d\rho_{\text{GW}}}{d \log k} \right) = \frac{32}{3} \Omega_{\text{rad}} \left( \frac{v}{M_P} \right)^4 F_{\infty}^T$$

Depends on model



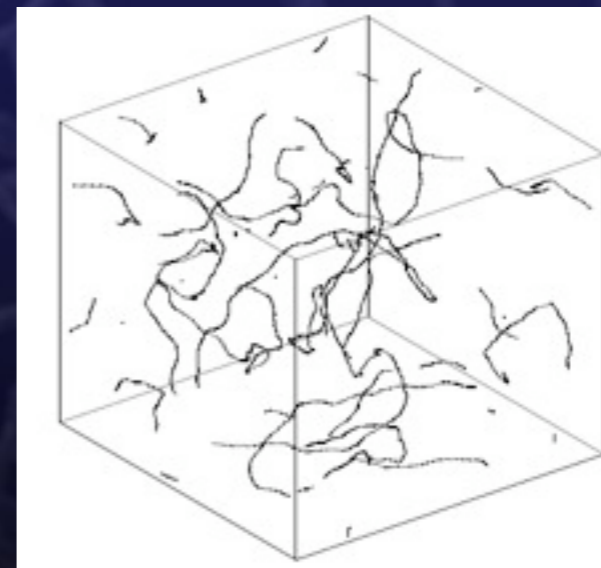
# Gravitational wave background from scaling defects

$$F_{\infty}^T \longleftarrow T_{ij}^{TT}$$

Field theory simulations:  
global fields  $N=2,3,4,8,20$

$$\mathcal{L}(\Phi) = \partial_{\mu}\Phi^T\partial_{\mu}\Phi - \lambda(\Phi^T\Phi - v^2/2)^2$$
$$T_{\mu\nu}(\mathbf{x}, t) = 2\partial_{\mu}\Phi^T\partial_{\nu}\Phi - g_{\mu\nu}\mathcal{L}(\Phi)$$

1024<sup>3</sup> Cube  
 $\Delta x=0.5$ ;  $\Delta t=0.2\Delta x$   
Checked scaling  
Obtain Tensor Correlators



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Large O(N) theory:

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Simulations:

For  $N > 4$

$$\frac{\Omega_{\text{GW}}^{\text{num}}}{\Omega_{\text{GW}}^{\text{th}}} \sim 1.1 + \frac{45}{N^2}$$

$$\Omega_{\text{GW}}^{\text{texture}} \sim 600 \Omega_{\text{rad}} \left( \frac{\nu}{M_p} \right)^4$$

For strings ( $N=2$ )

$$\frac{\Omega_{\text{GW}}^{\text{num}}}{\Omega_{\text{GW}}^{\text{th}}} \sim 130$$

$$\Omega_{\text{GW}}^{\text{string}} \sim 4 \times 10^4 \Omega_{\text{rad}} \left( \frac{\nu}{M_p} \right)^4$$

$$\Omega_{\text{GW}}^{\text{string}} \sim (G\mu)^2$$

# Summary

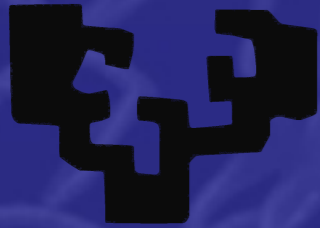
Field theory evolution of many models  
(some good points, some shortcomings...)

CMB results quite robust

Scaling sources (defects) give a flat GW background.  
Amplitude depends on defect type  
(calculated for global defects)

Irreducible minimum for defects,  
important for global defects, Abelian Higgs;  
but subdominant for Nambu-Goto





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