

# **Constraining Gravitational Waves from Inflation**

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# Outline

- Particle sources during inflation

**1806.05474** - ED, Fasiello, Hardwick, Assadullahi, Koyama, Wands  
**1608.04216** - ED, Fasiello, Fujita  
**1411.3029** - Biagetti, ED, Fasiello, Peloso

- Tensor fossils

**1906.07204** - ED, Fasiello, Tasinato  
**1504.05993** - ED, Fasiello, Kamionkowski  
**1407.8204** - ED, Fasiello, Jeong, Kamionkowski

- Polarized Sunyaev–Zeldovich tomography

**1810.09463** - Deutsch, ED, Fasiello, Johnson, Muenchmeyer  
**1707.08129** - Deutsch, ED, Johnson, Muenchmeyer, Terrana

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# GW background from inflation

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- **homogeneous** solution: GWs from **vacuum fluctuations**
- **inhomogeneous** solution: GWs from **sources**

$$\Pi_{ij}^{TT} \propto$$

$$\{\partial_i \phi \partial_j \phi\}^{TT}$$

scalars

$$\{E_i E_j + B_i B_j\}^{TT}$$

vectors

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see also talk  
by Matteo Fasiello

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# What kind of sources?

- Spectator fields with small sound speed

$$\ddot{\gamma}_{ij} + 3H\dot{\gamma}_{ij} + k^2\gamma_{ij} = 16\pi G \Pi_{ij}^{TT} \propto \partial_i\sigma\partial_j\sigma$$

[Biagetti, Fasiello, Riotto 2012, Biagetti, ED, Fasiello, Peloso 2014, ...]

- Auxiliary scalars with time-varying mass

$$\frac{g^2}{2} (\phi - \phi_*)^2 \chi^2$$

[Chung et al. 2000, Senatore et al 2011, ...]

- Axion-gauge field models

$$\frac{\lambda\chi}{4f} F\tilde{F}$$

- naturally light inflaton
- sub-Planckian axion decay constant
- support reheating
- interesting for baryogenesis

[Anber - Sorbo 2009, Cook - Sorbo 2011, Barnaby - Peloso 2011, Adshead - Wyman 2011, Maleknejad - Sheikh-Jabbari, 2011, ED - Fasiello - Tolley 2012, ED - Peloso 2012, Namba - ED - Peloso 2013, Adshead - Martinec - Wyman 2013, ED - Fasiello - Fujita 2016 Agrawal - Fujita - Komatsu 2017, Caldwell - Devulder 2017, Domcke et al. 2018, ... ]

# Axion-Gauge fields models: SU(2)

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{inflaton}} - \frac{1}{2} (\partial\chi)^2 - U(\chi) - \frac{1}{4} F F + \frac{\lambda\chi}{4f} F \tilde{F}$$

$\downarrow$   
 $P_{\gamma, \text{vacuum}}$

$\mathcal{L}_{\text{spectator}} \rightarrow P_{\gamma, \text{sourced}}$

- Inflaton field dominates energy density of the universe
- Spectator sector contribution to curvature fluctuations negligible

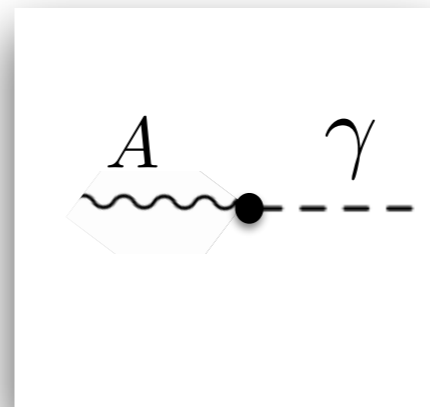
$$A_0^a = 0$$

$$A_i^a = aQ\delta_i^a$$

slow-roll background attractor solution

$$\delta A_i^a = t_{ai} + \dots$$

TT-component



# Axion-Gauge fields models: signatures

- Scale dependence
- Chirality
- Non-Gaussianity



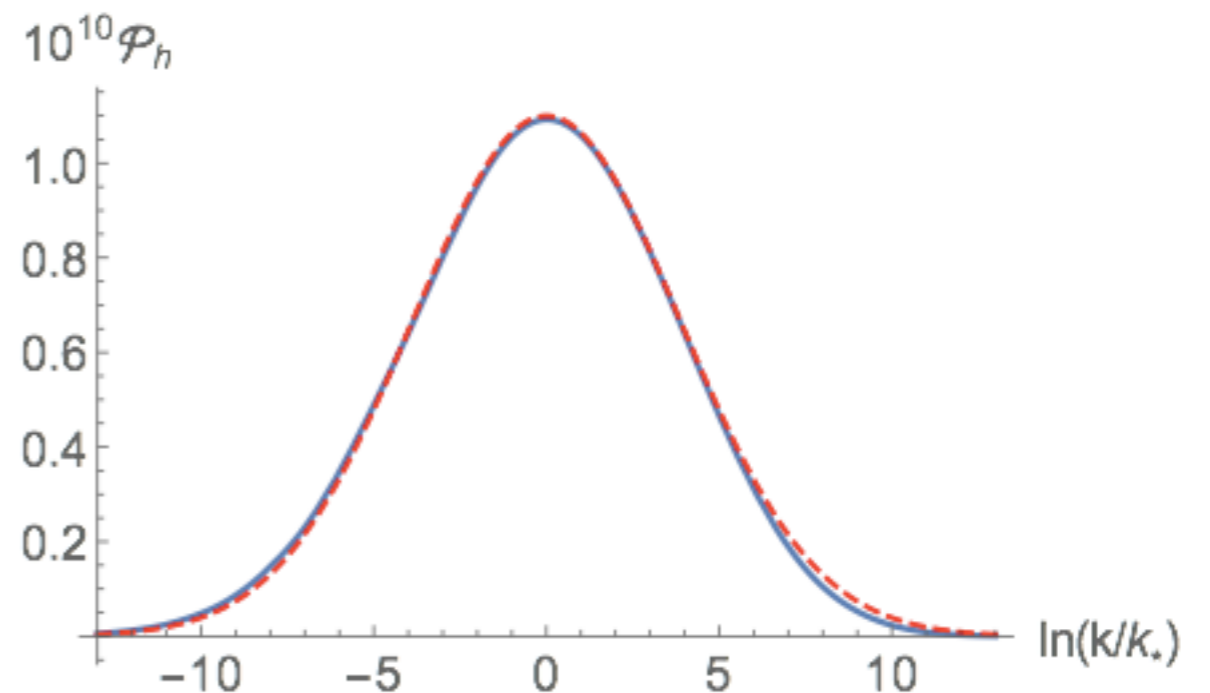
# Scale-dependence

basic single-field inflation

$$n_T \simeq -r/8$$

(nearly flat spectrum)

axion-gauge fields models



- detectably large and running  $n_T$
- bump may occur at small scales

[ED-Fasiello-Fujita 2016, Thorne et al, 2017]

# Chirality

basic single-field inflation

$$\gamma_L = \gamma_R$$

non-chiral



$$\langle TB \rangle, \langle EB \rangle = 0$$

(parity conservation)

axion-gauge fields models

$$\gamma_L \neq \gamma_R$$

chiral



$$\langle TB \rangle, \langle EB \rangle \neq 0$$

Detectable at  $2\sigma$  by LiteBIRD for  $r > 0.03$

**[Thorne et al, 2017]**

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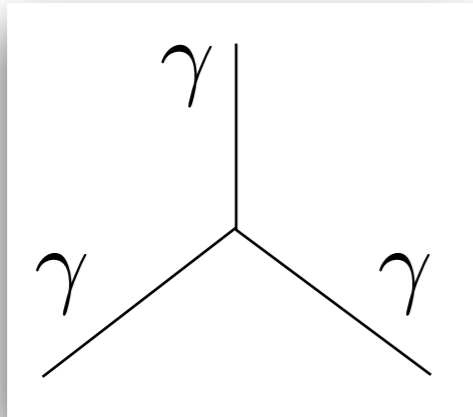
Interferometers:

need advanced design with multiple  
(non co-planar) detectors

**[Thorne et al. 2017, Smith-Caldwell 2016]**

# Tensor non-Gaussianity

basic single-field inflation

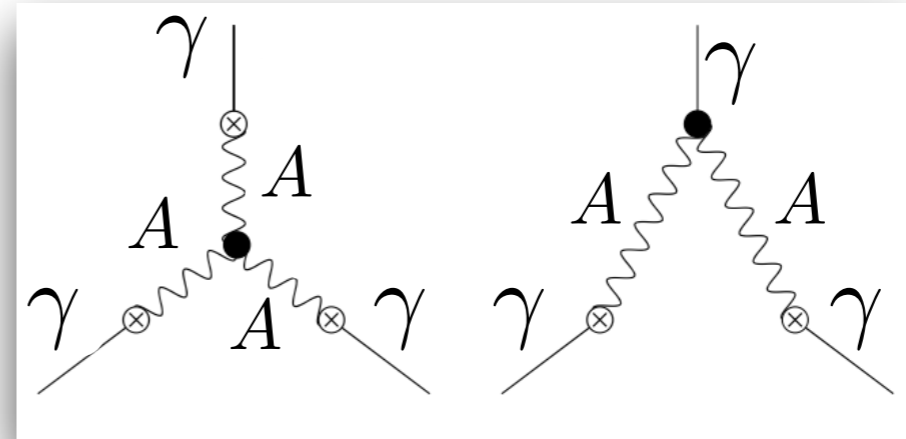


$$f_{NL} = \mathcal{O}(r^2)$$

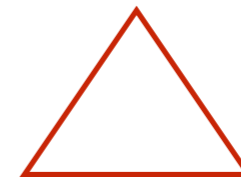


too small for detection

axion-gauge fields models



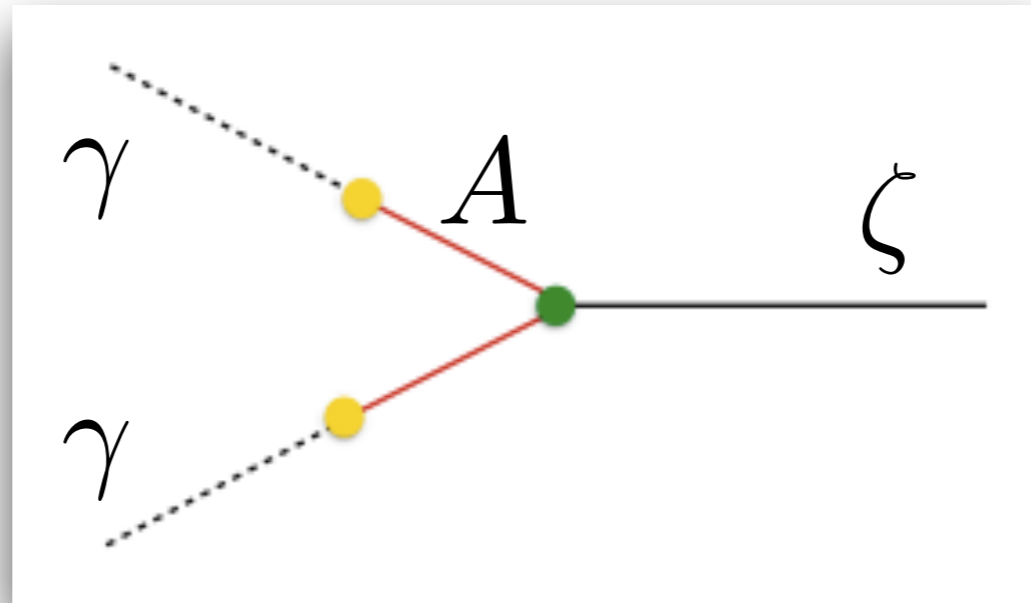
$$f_{NL} = r^2 \cdot \frac{50}{\epsilon_B}$$



- detectable by upcoming CMB space missions  
[Agrawal - Fujita - Komatsu 2017]

# Mixed (scalar-tensor) non-Gaussianity

testing interactions of tensors and matter fields



potentially observable!

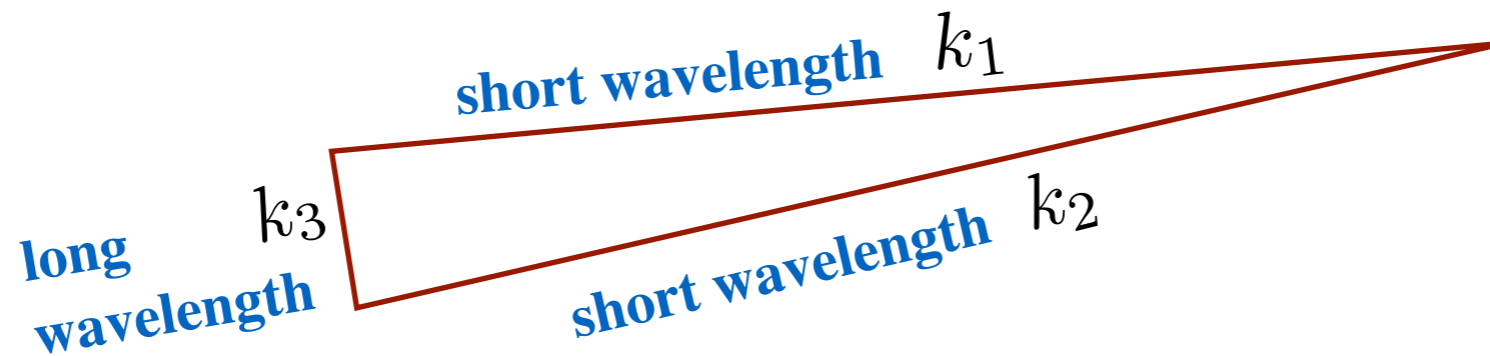
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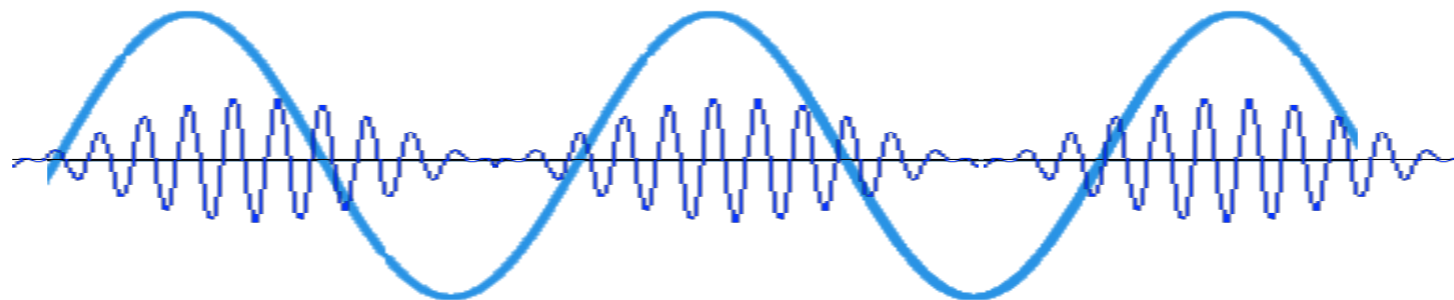
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# Squeezed non-Gaussianity

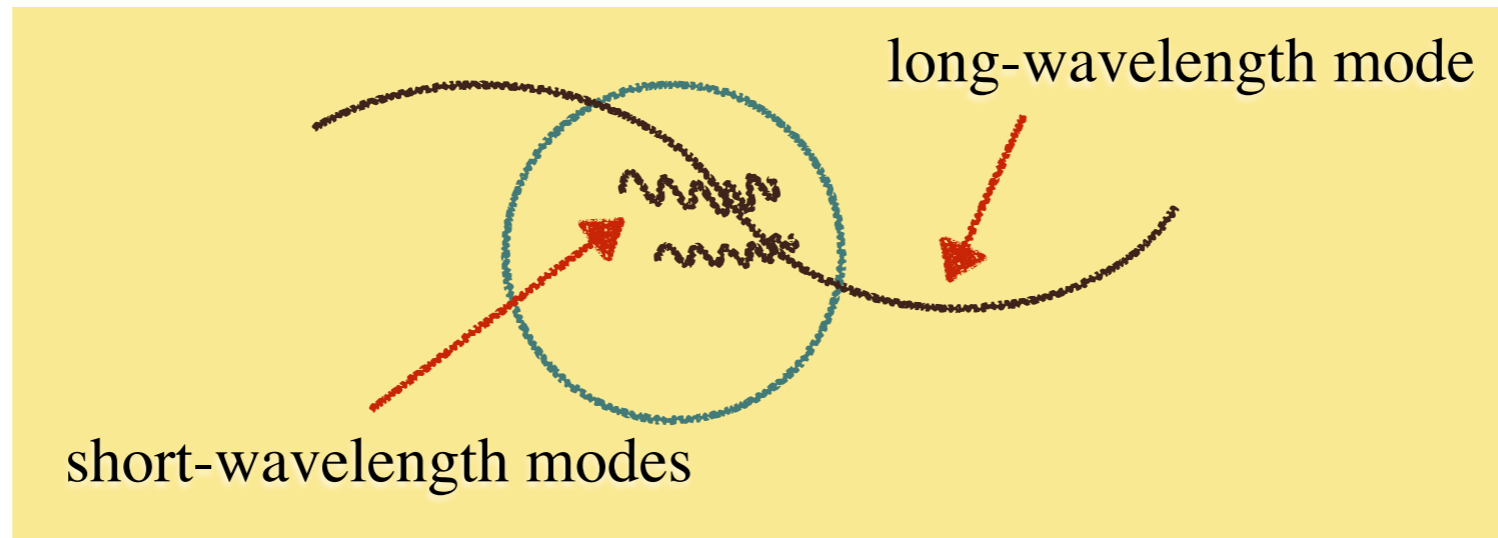


amplitude of long-wavelength modes  
coupled with amplitude of short-wavelength modes



# Soft limits and fossils

squeezed 3pf affects the 2pf

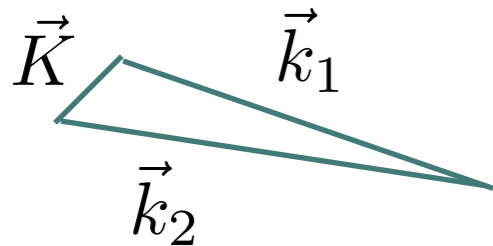


- No squeezed non-Gaussianity  $\longrightarrow \langle \delta_{\vec{k}_1} \delta_{\vec{k}_2} \rangle = \delta^{(3)}(\vec{k}_1 + \vec{k}_2) P(k_1)$

diagonal  
2p correlation

- Squeezed non-Gaussianity  $\longrightarrow \langle \delta_{\vec{k}_1} \delta_{\vec{k}_2} \rangle_{\vec{K}} = \delta^{(3)}(\vec{k}_1 + \vec{k}_2 + \vec{K})$   
 $\times f(\vec{k}_1, \vec{k}_2) A(K)$

there is also a  
off-diagonal  
contribution!





# Soft limits and fossils



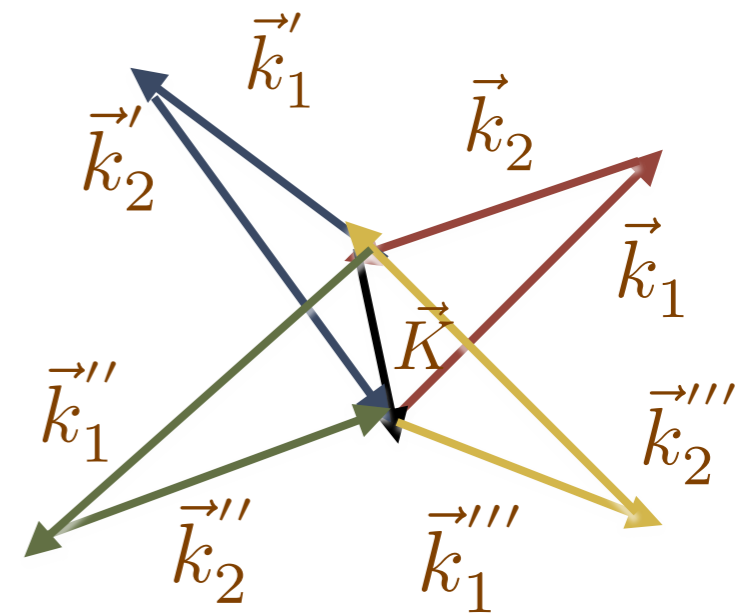
super-Hubble K:

constrain tensor modes amplitude/interactions  
with induced quadrupole anisotropy

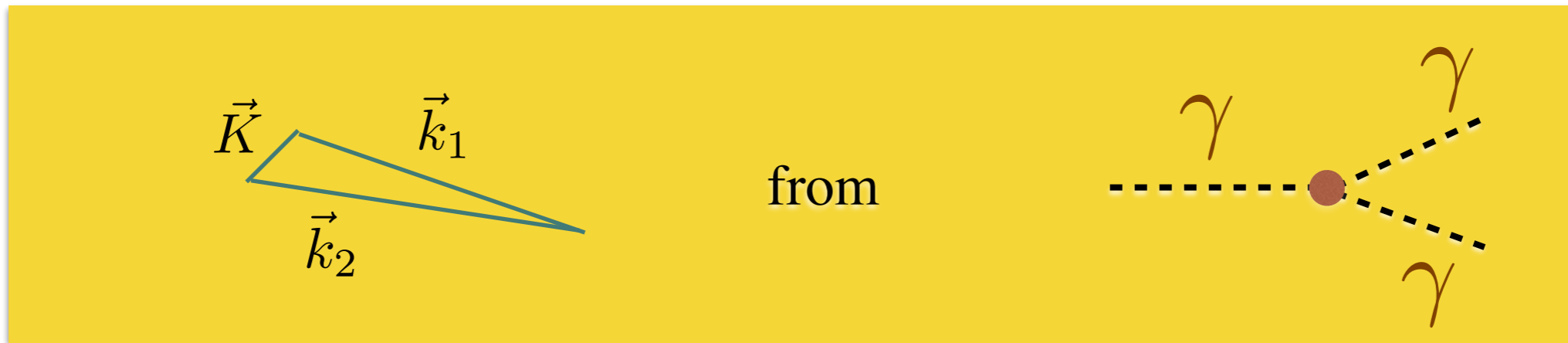
$$P_{\zeta}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{x}_c)|_{\gamma_L} = P_{\zeta}(k) \left( 1 + \mathcal{Q}_{\ell m}(\mathbf{x}_c, \mathbf{k}) \hat{k}_{\ell} \hat{k}_m \right)$$

sub-Hubble K:

estimate tensor modes amplitude  
from off-diagonal correlations



# Soft limits and fossils



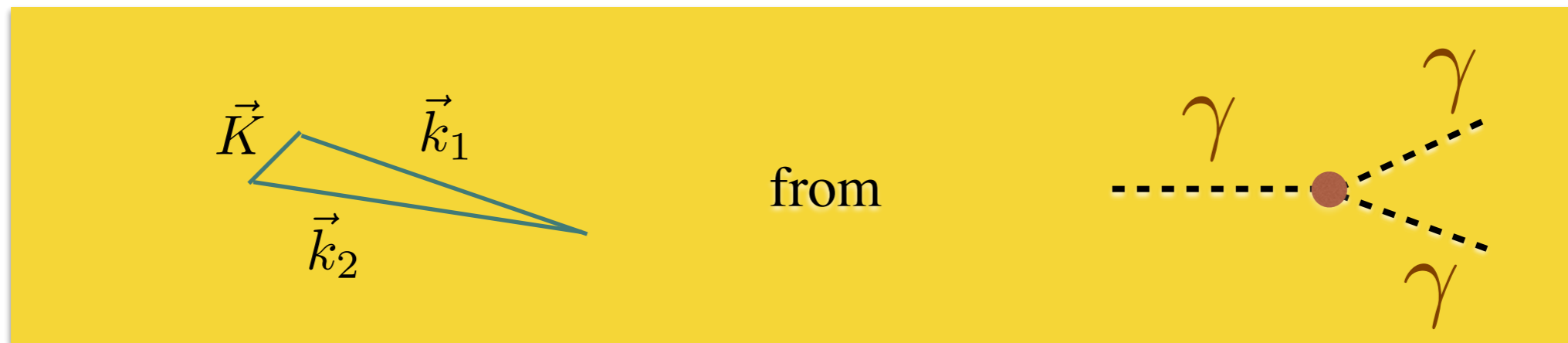
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[ED, Fasiello, Tasinato 2019]

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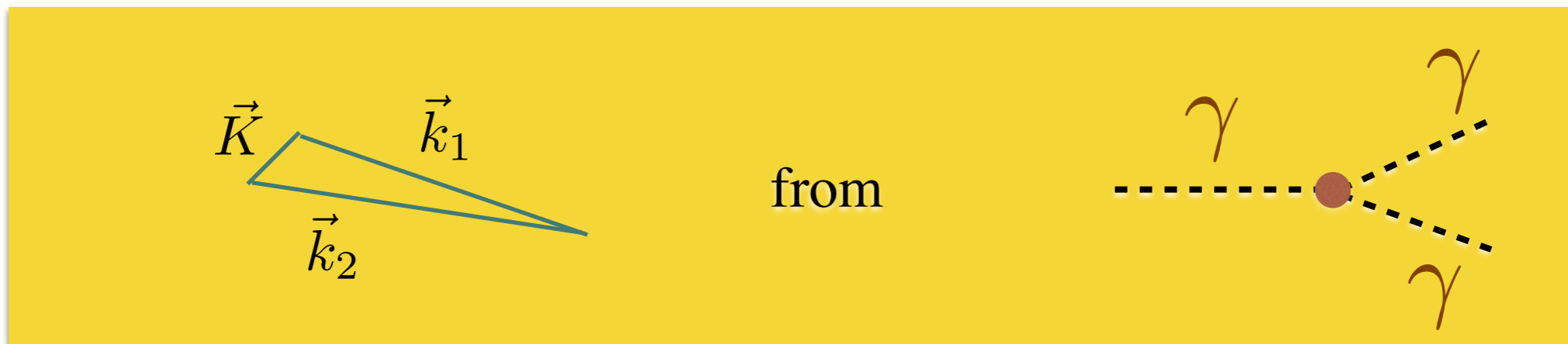
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[ED, Fasiello, Tasinato 2019]

Important remark: primordial bispectrum highly suppressed on small scales  
(superposition of signals from a large number of Hubble patches  
+ Shapiro time-delay)

[Bartolo, De Luca, Franciolini, Lewis, Peloso, Riotto 2018]

# Soft limits and fossils



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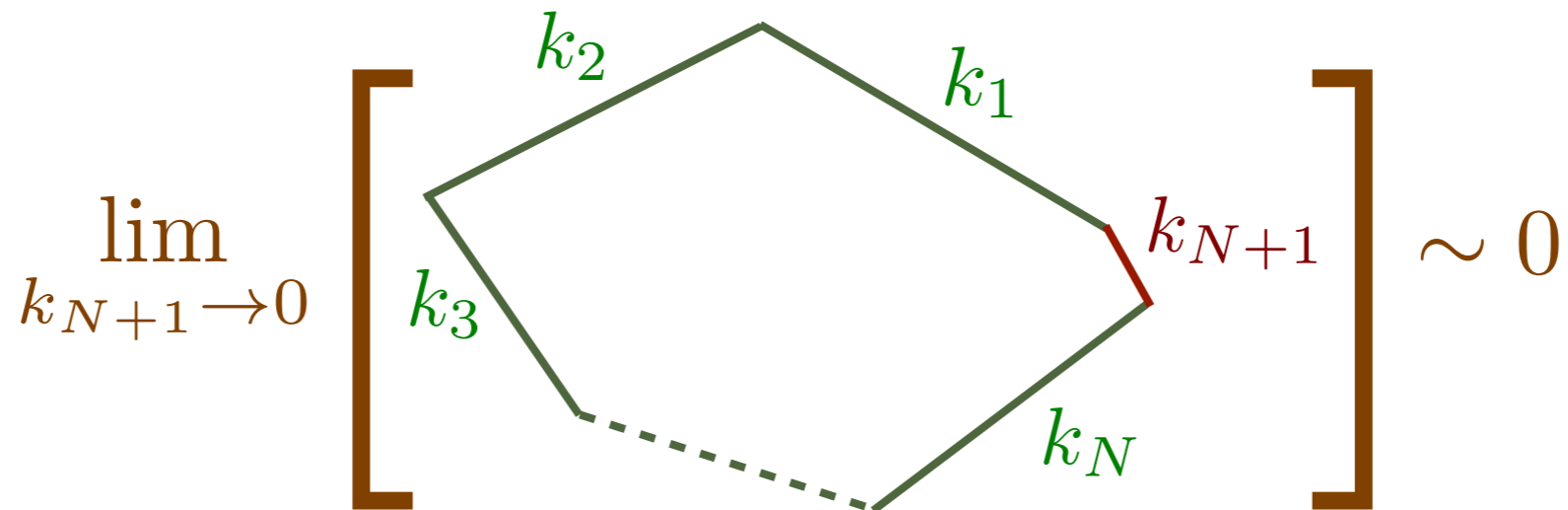
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Crucial observable for tensor non-Gaussianity  
at interferometer scales!

# Soft limits in inflation

**SINGLE-FIELD (single-clock) inflation: soft-limits **not** observable**



Intuitive understanding :

- Super-horizon modes freeze-out
- Standard initial conditions



Soft mode rescales background for hard modes  
Effect can be gauged away!

# Soft limits in inflation

- *Extra* fields

[Chen - Wang 2009, ED - Fasiello - Kamionkowski 2015, Biagetti - ED - Fasiello 2017, ...]

- *Non-Bunch Davies* initial states

[Holman - Tolley 2007, Ganc - Komatsu 2012, Brahma - Nelson - Shandera 2013, ...]

- *Broken space diffs*

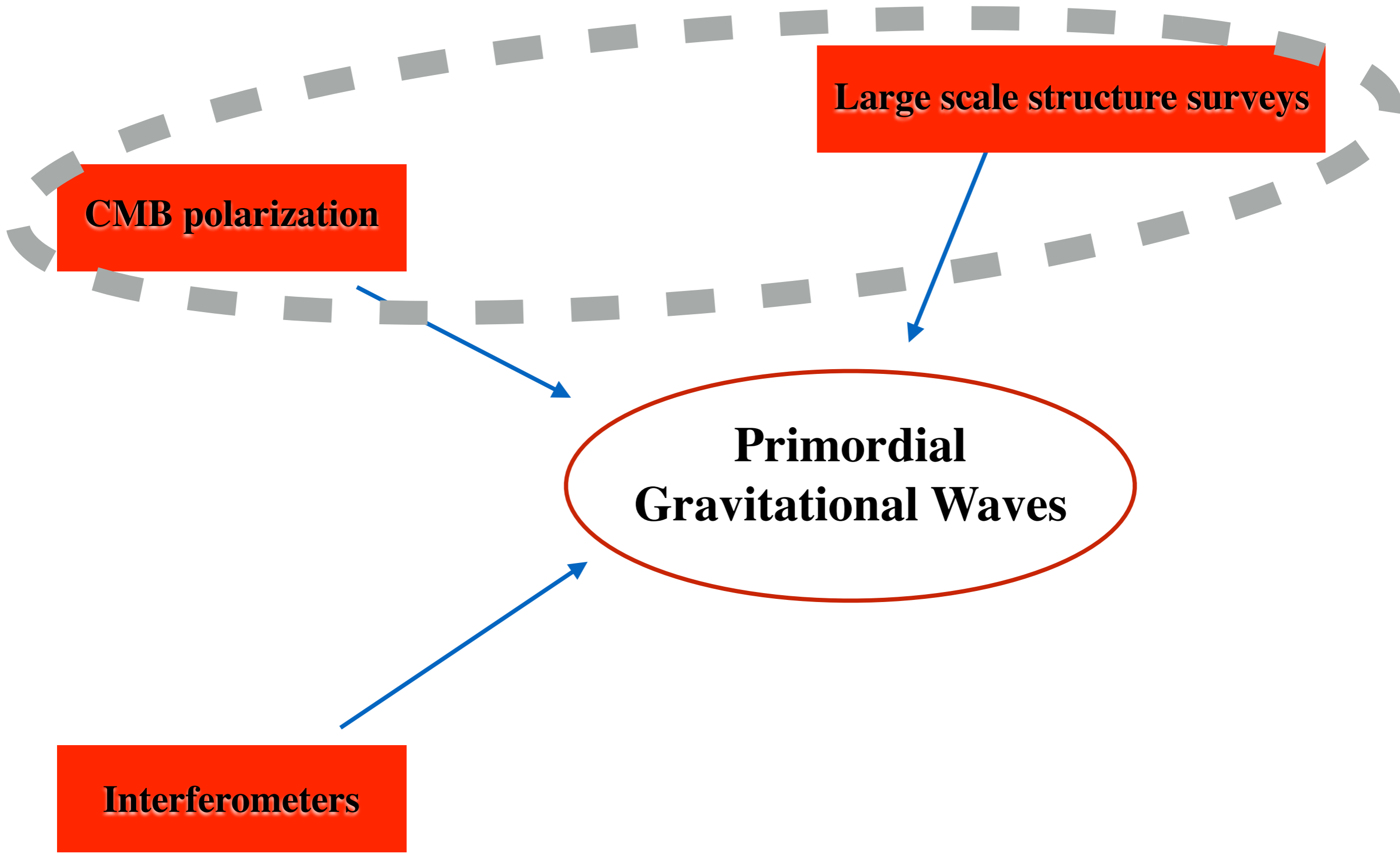
(e.g. space-dependent background)

[Endlich et al. 2013, ED - Fasiello - Jeong - Kamionkowski 2014, ...]

probe for (extra) fields, pre-inflationary dynamics, (non-standard) symmetry patterns

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**CMB polarization**

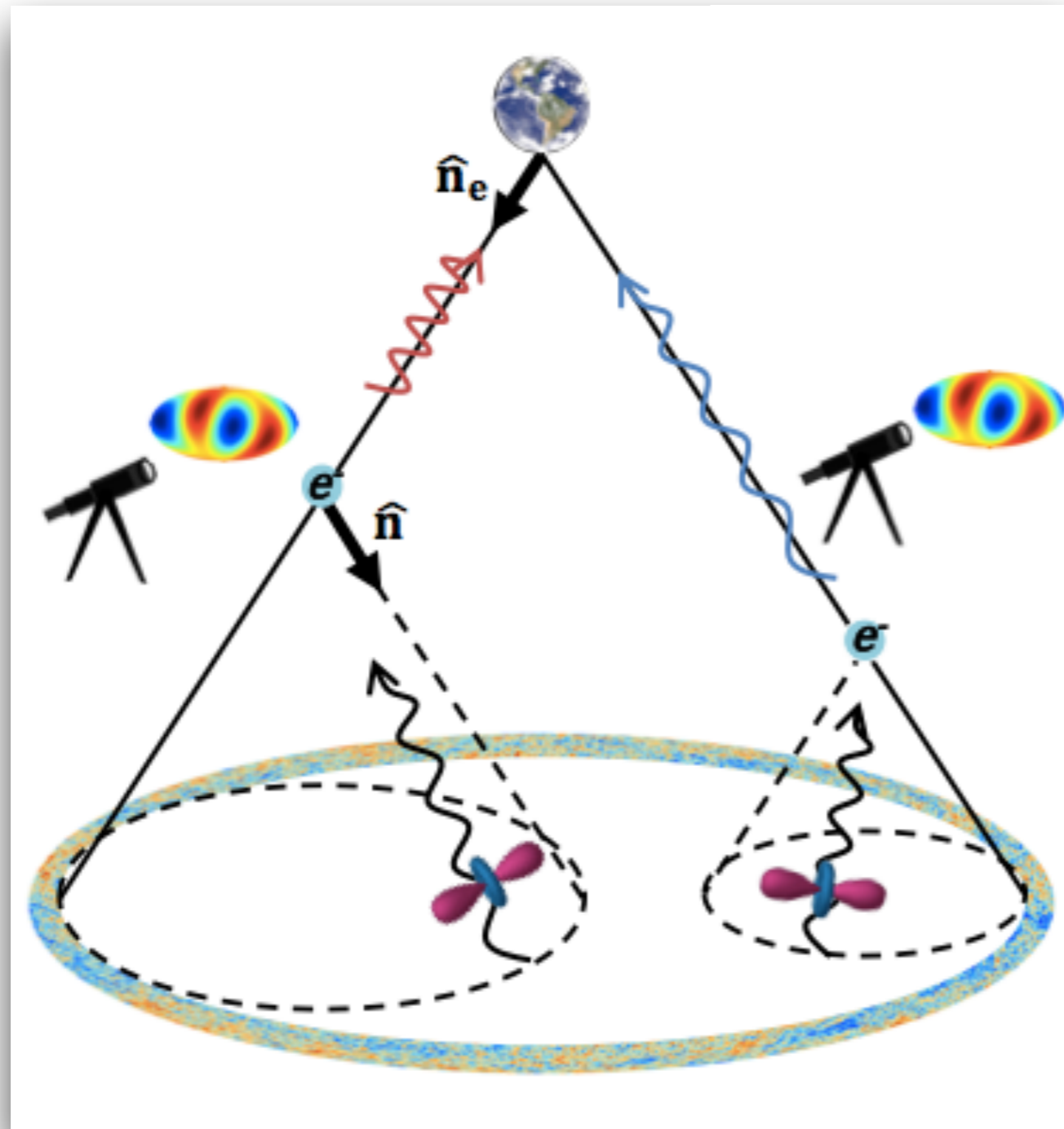
**Large scale structure surveys**

**Interferometers**

**Primordial  
Gravitational Waves**



# Polarized Sunyaev-Zel'dovich effect



- Polarization from Thomson scattering of (quadrupolar) radiation by free electrons
- Used to obtain a map of the remote (= locally observed) **CMB quadrupole**
- Additional information w.r.t. primary CMB (scattered photons from off our past light cone)

# PGW phenomenology with pSZ tomography

full set of correlations between primary CMB and reconstructed remote quadrupole field

$a_{\ell m}^T$	primary CMB temperature
$a_{\ell m}^{qE}(\chi)$	E-mode remote quadrupole field
$a_{\ell m}^{qB}(\chi)$	B-mode remote quadrupole field
$a_{\ell m}^E$ $a_{\ell m}^B$	} primary CMB polarization

# PGW phenomenology with pSZ tomography

improvements on constraints on phenomenological models of the tensor sector w.r.t. using the primary CMB (only)

Observers: optimize future missions to go after these signals

# Primordial gravitational waves

- a very important probe of inflation
- can lead to discovery of new physics
- testable on a vast range of scales (and from cross-correlations of different probes!)
- different observables (amplitude, chirality, scale dependence, non-Gaussianity) to characterize them and identify their sources

**Thank you!**



# Scalar field (I)

- Spectator fields with small sound speed

$$P(X, \sigma)$$

- subdominant at the background level
- relevant for perturbations

$$X \equiv -(\partial\sigma)^2$$
$$c_s^2 = \frac{P_X}{P_X + \dot{\sigma}_0^2 P_{XX}} < 1$$

small sound speed:  
from integrating out heavy fields

$$\ddot{\gamma}_{ij} + 3H\dot{\gamma}_{ij} + k^2\gamma_{ij} = 16\pi G \Pi_{ij}^{TT} \propto \partial_i\sigma\partial_j\sigma$$

$$P_\gamma^{\text{spectator}} \propto \frac{1}{c_s^n} \frac{H^4}{M_P^4}$$

Sourced may be comparable to vacuum fluctuations

Breaking standard  $r$ – $H$  relation:  $r = f(\epsilon, c_s)$

# Scalar field (II)

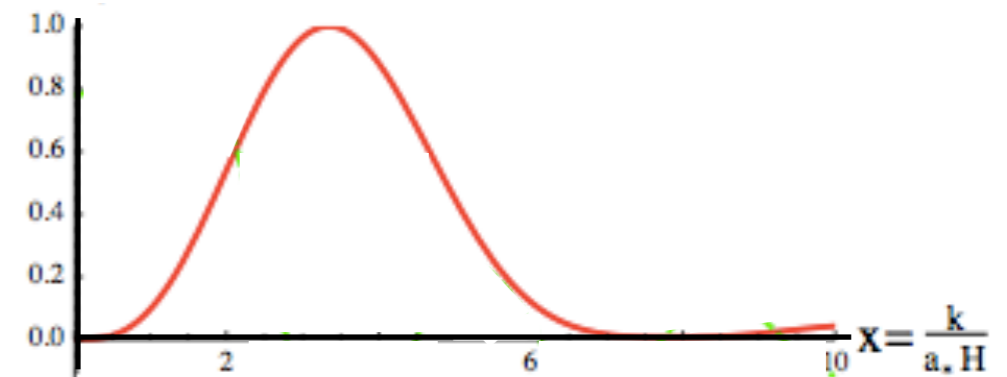
- Auxiliary scalars with time-varying mass

$$\frac{g^2}{2} (\phi - \phi_*)^2 \chi^2$$

particle **burst** when inflaton crosses over  $\phi_*$  value

graviton (**and scalar fluctuations!**) production

features in the power spectra

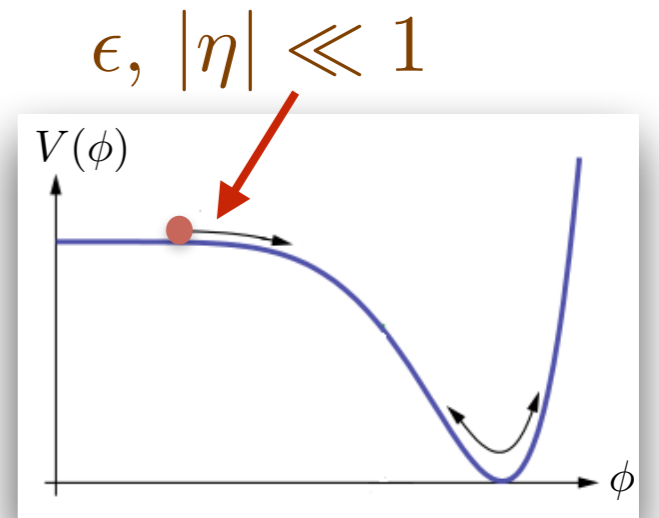


# Axion-Gauge fields models: genesis

- Generic requirement for inflation: nearly flat potential:

$$\epsilon \equiv \frac{M_p^2}{2} \left( \frac{V'}{V} \right)^2, \quad \eta \equiv M_p^2 \frac{V''}{V}$$

... but flatness may be spoiled by radiative corrections!



- Flatness protected by axionic shift symmetry  $\phi \rightarrow \phi + c$



Natural Inflation

[Freese, Frieman, Olinto 1990]

$$V(\varphi) = \Lambda^4 [1 - \cos(\varphi/f)]$$

- Agreement with observations requires:

$$f \gtrsim M_P$$

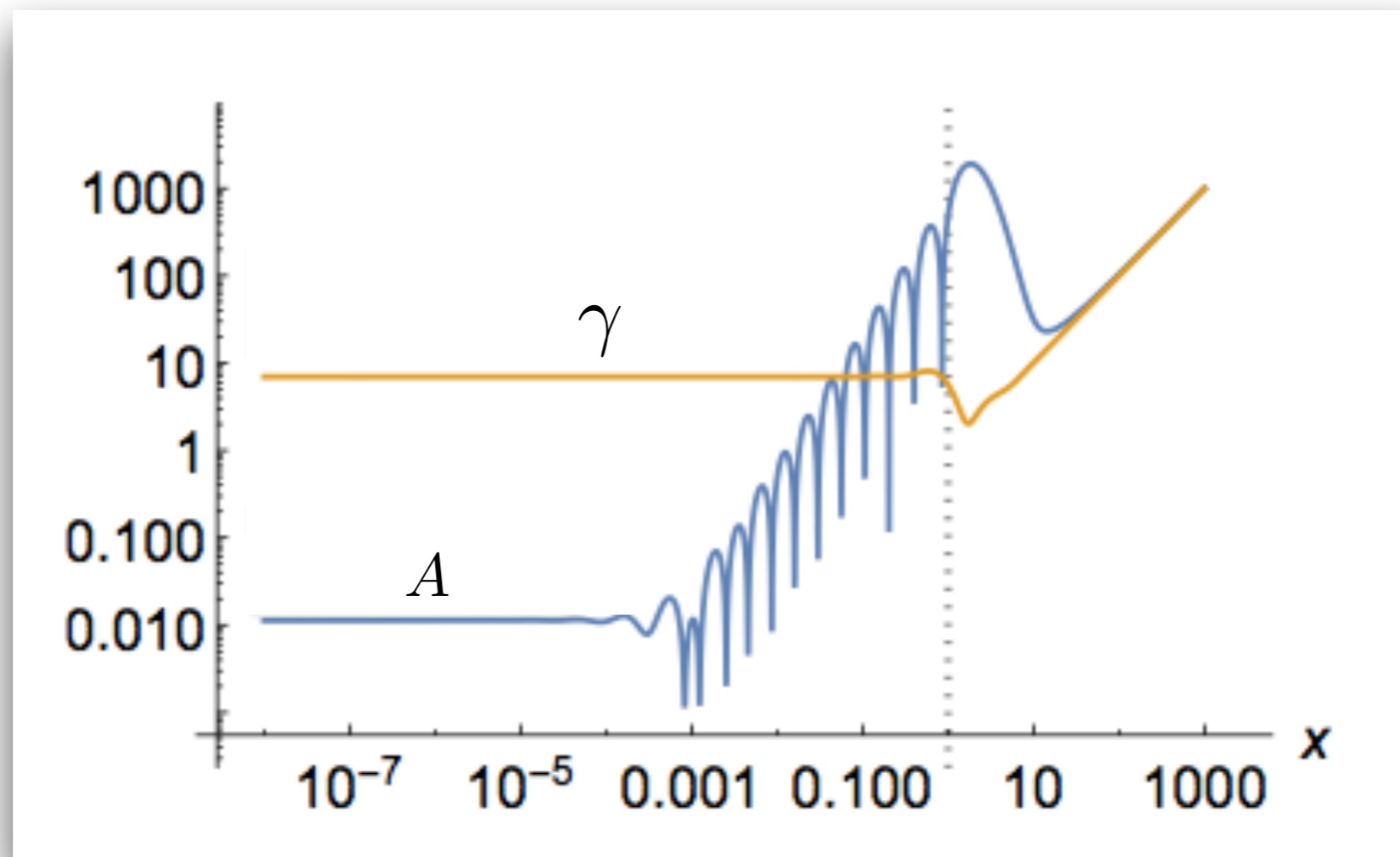
undesirable constraint on the theory

[Kallosh, Linde, Susskind, 1995, Banks et al, 2003]



# Axion-Gauge fields models: SU(2)

One helicity of the gauge field fluctuations is amplified from coupling with axion  $\longrightarrow$  the same helicity of the tensor mode is amplified



# Polarized Sunyaev-Zel'dovich effect

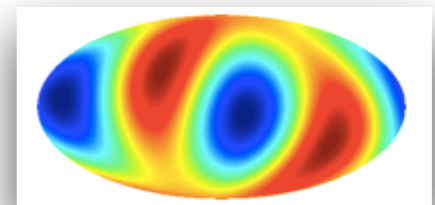
$$(Q \pm iU)(\hat{n}_e)|_{\text{pSZ}} = -\frac{\sqrt{6}}{10}\sigma_T \int d\chi_e a(\chi_e) n_e(\hat{n}_e, \chi_e) \tilde{q}_{\text{eff}}^{\pm}(\hat{n}_e, \chi_e)$$

$$\tilde{q}_{\text{eff}}^{\pm}(\hat{n}_e, \chi) = \sum_{m=-2}^2 q_{\text{eff}}^m(\hat{n}_e, \chi_e) \pm 2Y_{2m}(\hat{n}_e)$$

$$q_{\text{eff}}^m(\hat{n}_e, \chi_e) = \int d^2\hat{n} [\Theta(\hat{n}_e, \chi_e, \hat{n}) + \Theta^T(\hat{n}_e, \chi_e, \hat{n})] Y_{2m}^*(\hat{n})$$

“Remote” (observed at the location of the scatterer) CMB quadrupole

Notice:  $q_{\text{eff}}^m(\hat{\mathbf{n}}_e, \chi_e \rightarrow 0) = a_{2m}^T$



# pSZ tomography

Reconstructing the remote quadrupole field from CMB-LSS cross-correlation:

$$\left\langle (Q \pm iU) \Big|_{pSZ} \delta(\bar{\chi}_e) \right\rangle \sim \langle \delta q^\pm \delta \rangle \sim q^\pm(\hat{n}_e, \bar{\chi}_e) \langle \delta \delta \rangle(\bar{\chi}_e)$$

tracer of electron  
number density

ensemble average  
over small-scales  
(q treated as a fixed  
deterministic field)

long-wavelength  
modulation of  
small-scale power



$$C_{\ell, \alpha \alpha'}^{XX} = \int d \ln k \Delta_{\ell \alpha}^X(k) \Delta_{\ell \alpha'}^X(k) \mathcal{P}_h, \quad X = \{qE, qB\}$$

$$C_{\ell, \alpha}^{qEX} = \int d \ln k \Delta_{\ell \alpha}^{qE}(k) \Delta_{\ell}^X(k) \mathcal{P}_h, \quad X = \{T, E\}$$

$$C_{\ell, \alpha}^{qBB} = \int d \ln k \Delta_{\ell \alpha}^{qB}(k) \Delta_{\ell}^B(k) \mathcal{P}_h,$$

$$C_{\ell}^{XY} = \int d \ln k \Delta_{\ell}^X(k) \Delta_{\ell}^Y(k) \mathcal{P}_h, \quad X, Y = \{T, E\}$$

$$C_{\ell, \alpha \alpha'}^{qEqB} = \Delta_c \int d \ln k \Delta_{\ell \alpha}^{qE}(k) \Delta_{\ell \alpha'}^{qB}(k) \mathcal{P}_h,$$

$$C_{\ell, \alpha}^{qEB} = \Delta_c \int d \ln k \Delta_{\ell \alpha}^{qE}(k) \Delta_{\ell}^B(k) \mathcal{P}_h,$$

$$C_{\ell \alpha}^{qBX} = \Delta_c \int d \ln k \Delta_{\ell \alpha}^{qB}(k) \Delta_{\ell}^X(k) \mathcal{P}_h, \quad X = \{T, E\}$$

$$C_{\ell}^{XB} = \Delta_c \int d \ln k \Delta_{\ell}^X(k) \Delta_{\ell}^B(k) \mathcal{P}_h, \quad X = \{T, E\}$$

chirality

primordial tensor  
power spectrum

# Fisher matrix forecast to derive exclusion bounds

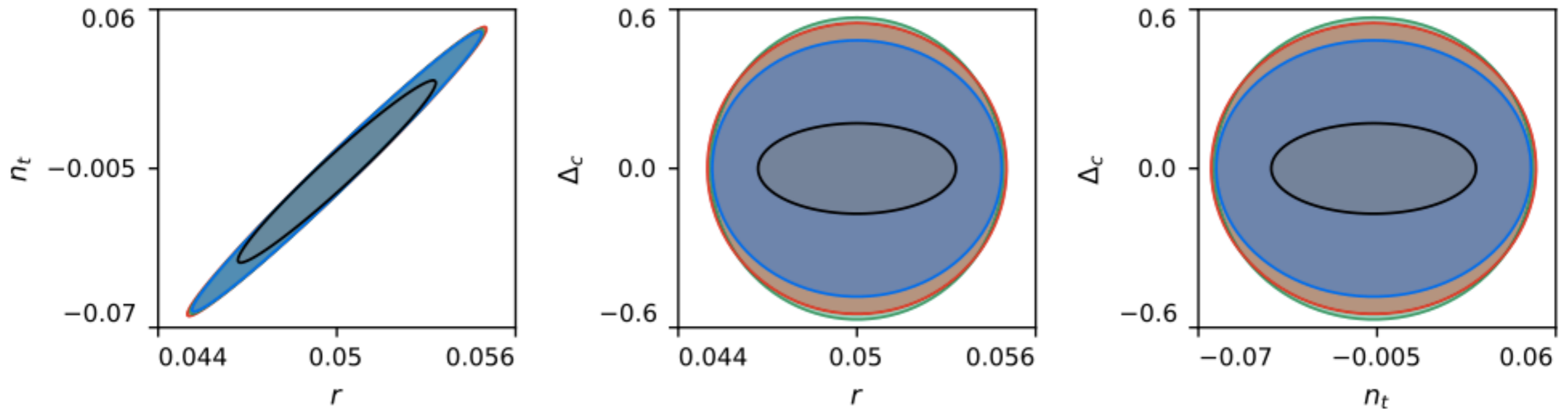
- Our parameters:

amplitude  $r$

scale-dependence  $n_T$

chirality  $\Delta_c$

# Forecasted parameter constraints



- **green**: zero-noise cosmic variance limit using primary CMB T, E, B
- **red**: T, E, B, qE, qB with instrumental noise  $1 \mu K - \text{arcmin}$
- **blue**: T, E, B, qE, qB with instrumental noise  $0.1 \mu K - \text{arcmin}$
- **grey**: T, E, B, qE, qB with no instrumental noise