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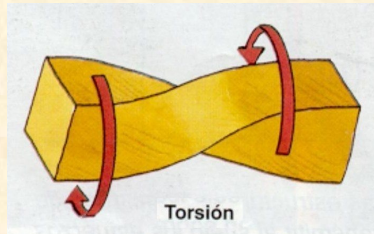
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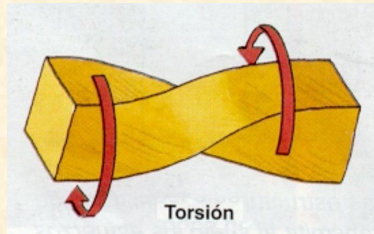
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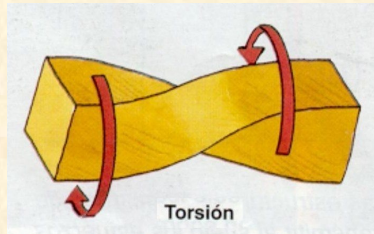


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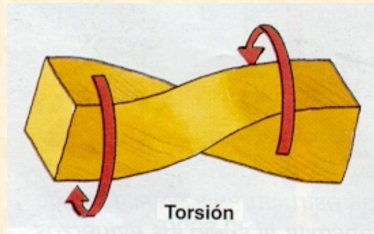
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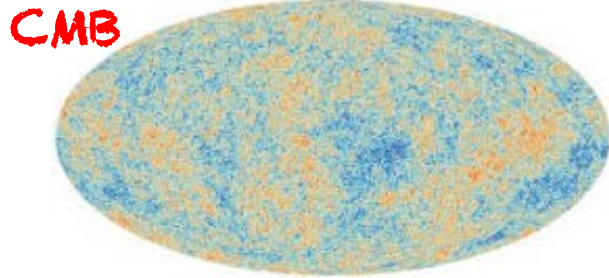
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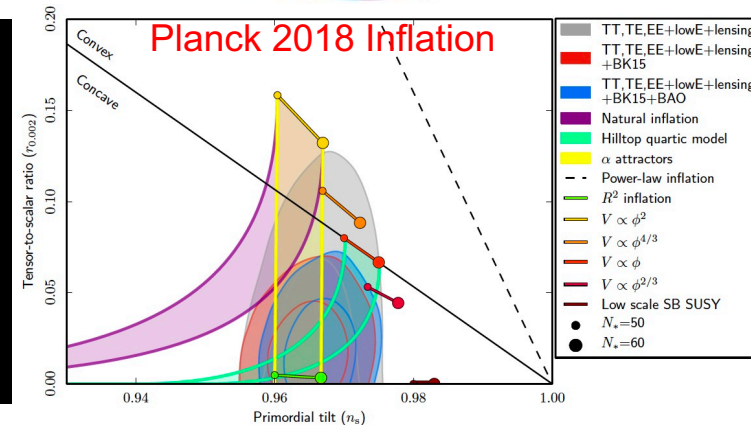
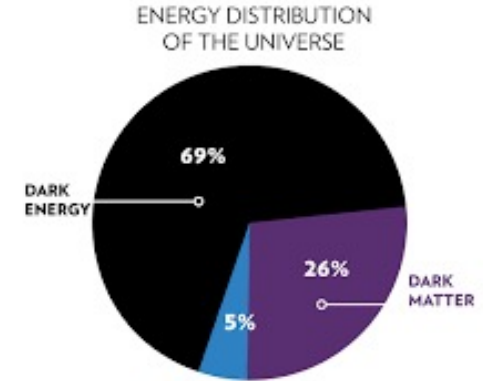
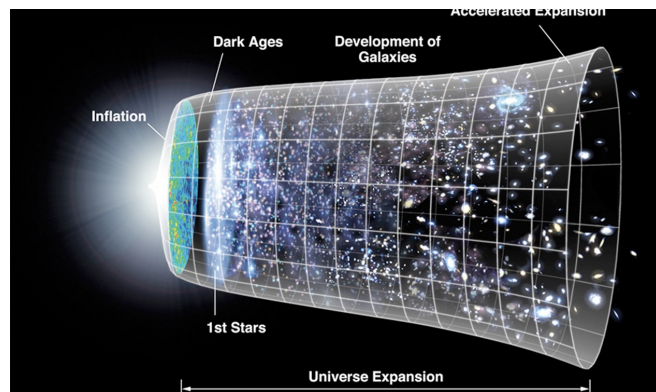


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Helped towards better understanding of evolution of Universe, showed **current acceleration** ← cosmological constant (?) dominance

**Cosmic time** →

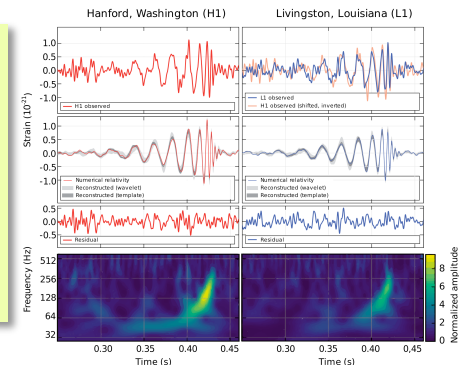
Inflation (de Sitter) → radiation-dominance → matter dominance → de Sitter (?) again



**Gravitational Waves** from **Black Hole mergers**



“**Heard**” (2015) for the first time by **LIGO** Interferometer **Open new era in Astronomy**



What still we do not know/**did not** observe:

Nature of Dark Energy

Nature of Dark matter

Primordial Gravitational Waves

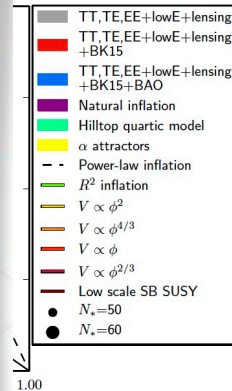
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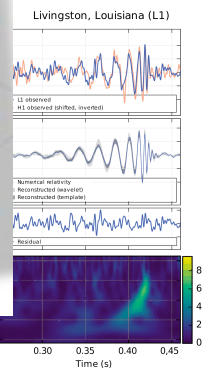
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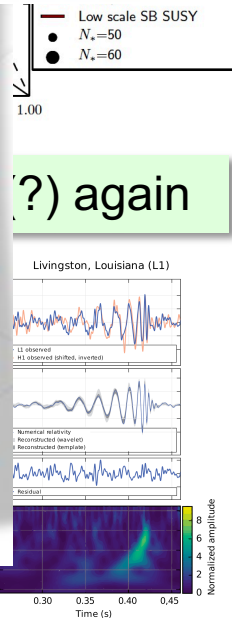
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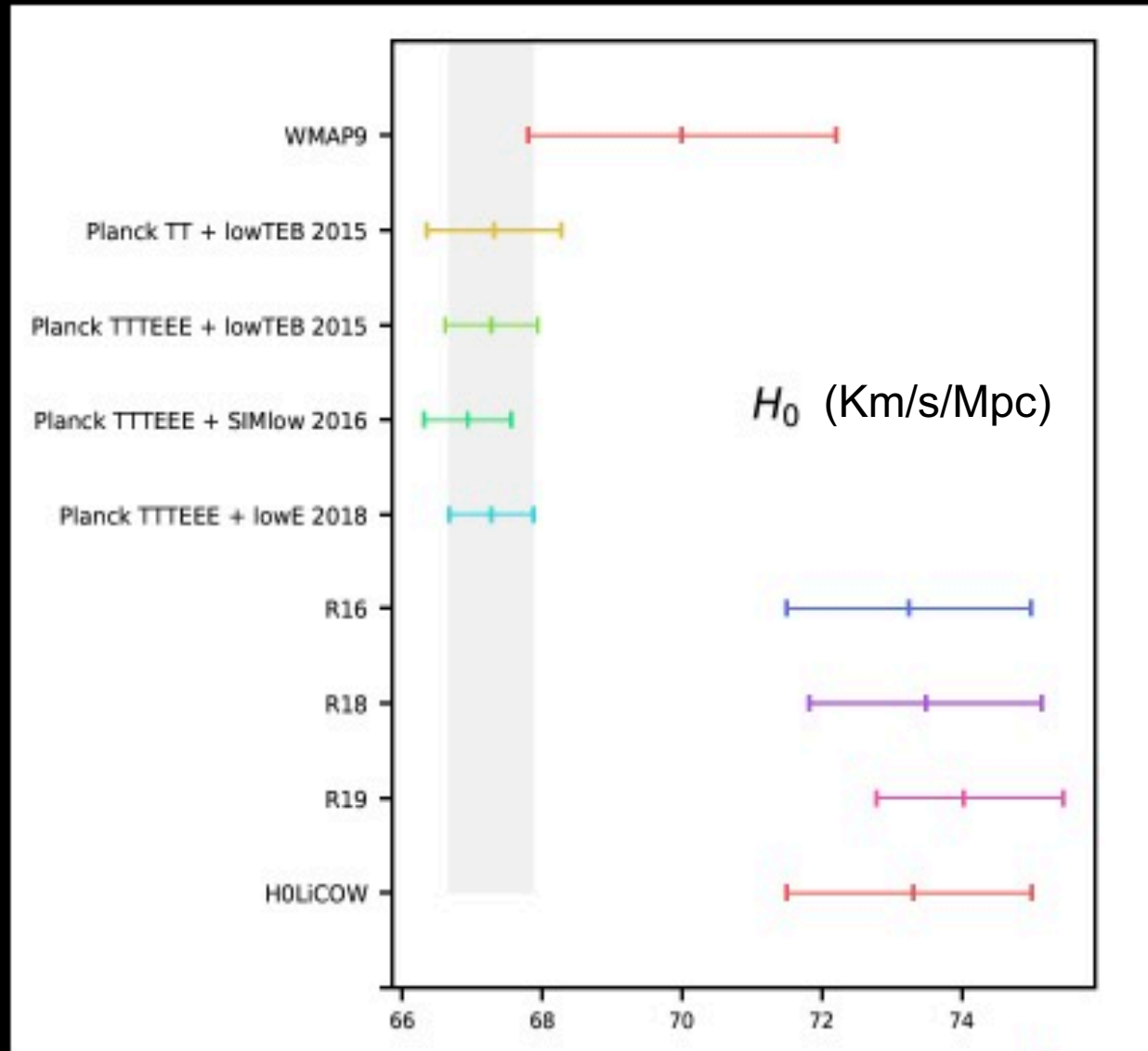
$\Lambda$ CDM appears to be in tension with local measurements of present-era  $H_0$  & also  $\sigma_8$  galaxy-growth data ?



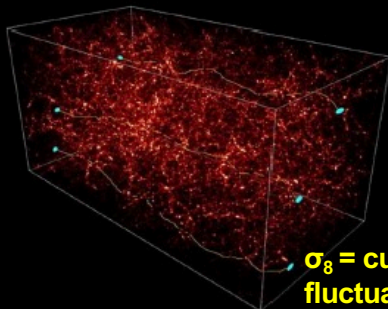
# The $H_0$ tension

We have two different blocks giving estimates of the Hubble constant in tension with each other:

- **CMB** (WMAP, Planck, ground based telescopes), **BAO**, **BBN**, **Pantheon**;
- **Direct local distance ladder measurements** (HST, SH0ES) and **Strong lensing** (H0LiCOW).



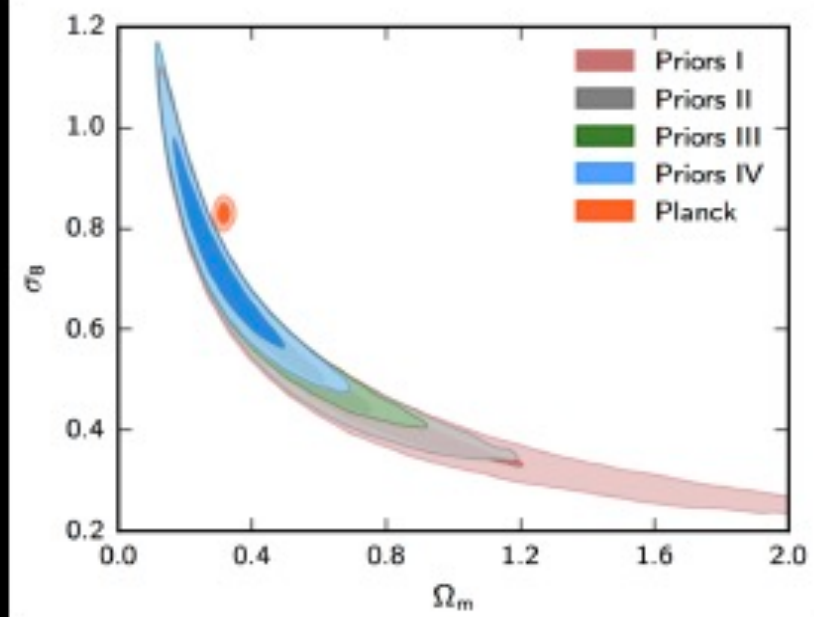
## S8 tension



$\sigma_8$  = current matter density rms fluctuations within spheres of radius  $8h^{-1}$  ( $h = H_0/100 =$  reduced Hubble constant)

$$S_8 \equiv \sigma_8 \sqrt{\Omega_m / 0.3}$$

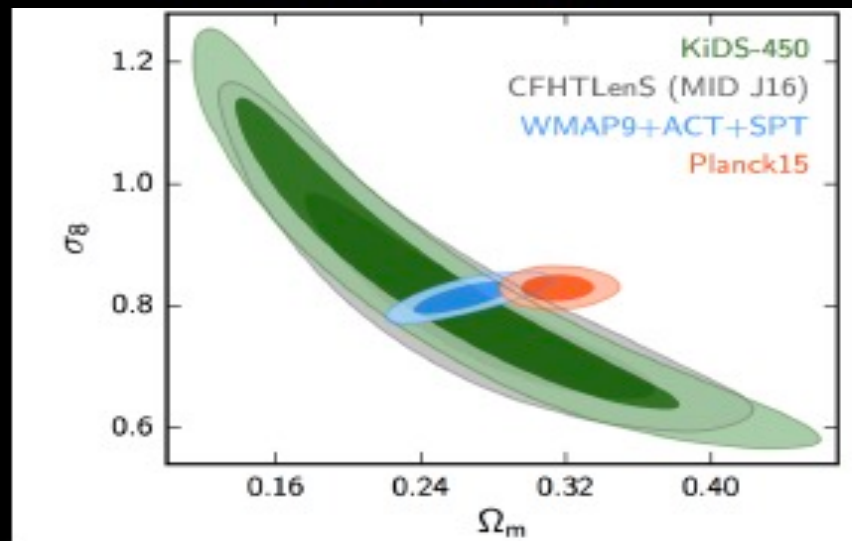
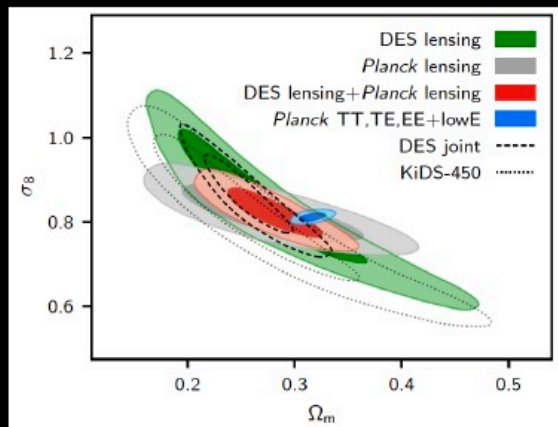
A tension on  $S_8$  is present between the Planck data in the  $\Lambda$ CDM scenario and the cosmic shear data.



Joudaki et al, arXiv:1601.05786

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Planck 2018, Aghanim et al., arXiv:1807.06209 [astro-ph.CO]



Hildebrandt et al., arXiv:1606.05338.

While there is no tension with DES galaxy lensing, a tension at about 2.5 sigma level is present for the DES results that include galaxy clustering.

The  $S_8$  tension is at about 2.6 sigma level between the Planck data in the  $\Lambda$ CDM scenario and CFHTLenS survey and KiDS-450.

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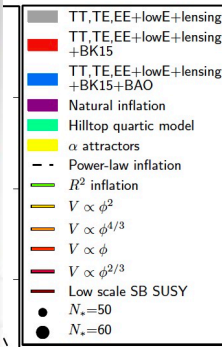
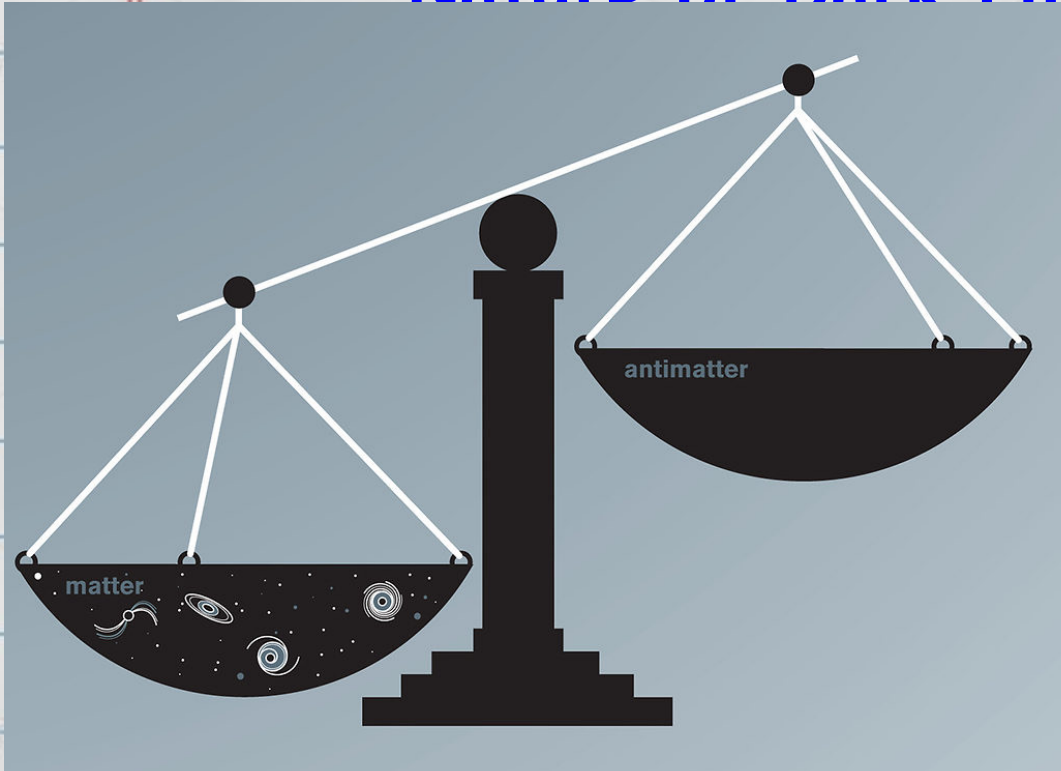
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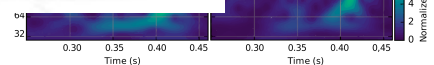
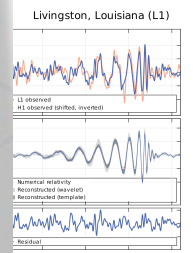
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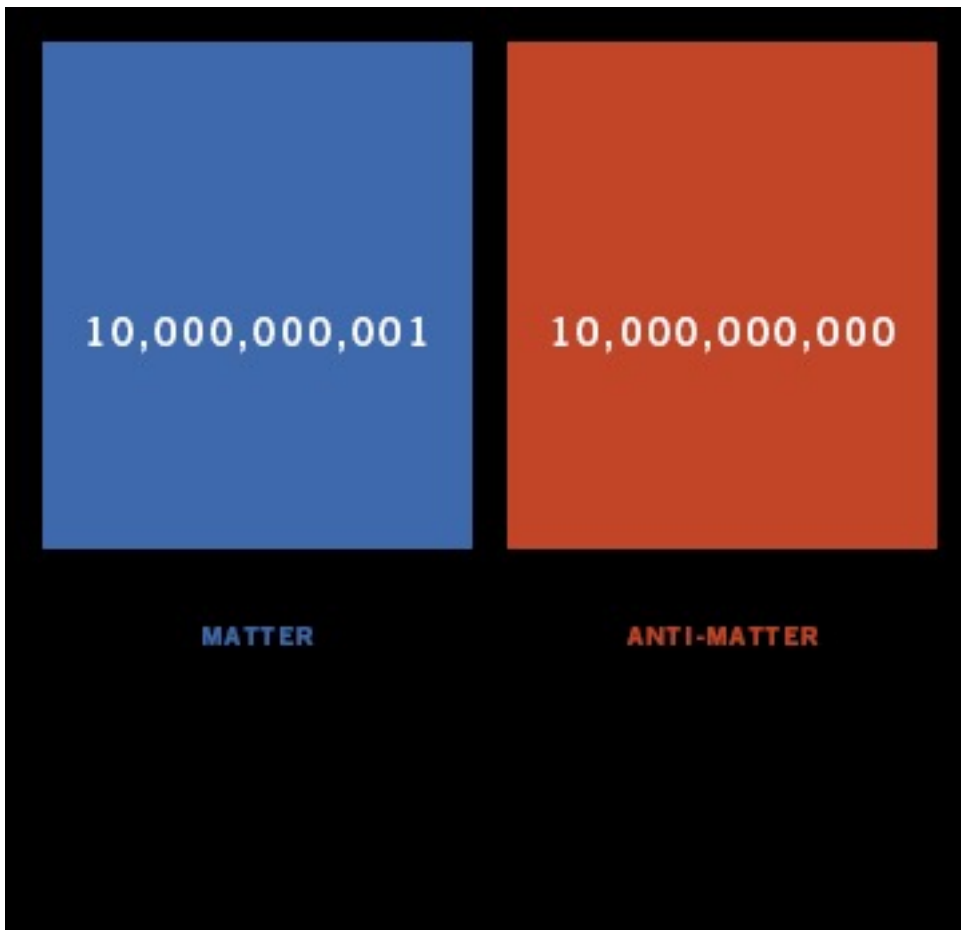
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Microscopic understanding of **Matter/Antimatter asymmetry** in the Universe?

Baryon density in the Universe:

From CMB (Planck 2018 data)

$$\Omega_b h^2 = 0.0224 \pm 0.0001$$

From Big Bang Nucleosynthesis

$$\Omega_b h^2 = 0.0214 \pm 0.002$$

## The (observed) Baryon Asymmetry

$$\frac{n_B - \bar{n}_B}{n_B + \bar{n}_B} \sim \frac{n_B - \bar{n}_B}{s} = (8.4 - 8.9) \times 10^{-11}$$

T > 1 GeV

*s = entropy density of Universe*

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# Role of Neutrinos $\nu$ ?

- Several Ideas to go beyond the SM (e.g. GUT models, Supersymmetry, extra dimensional models etc.)
- Massive  $\nu$  are **simplest** extension of SM
- Right-handed supermassive  $\nu$  may provide extensions of SM with:

**extra CP Violation** and thus Origin of Universe's **matter-antimatter asymmetry** due to neutrino masses, **Dark Matter**

# Baryogenesis through Leptogenesis

## In models with heavy right-handed neutrinos

CP-violation

$$CP | \text{particle} \rangle = \overline{| \text{antiparticle} \rangle}$$

Heavy Right-handed neutrino (Majorana)

$$\begin{array}{l}
 N \rightarrow e^- \phi^+, \nu^0 \phi^0 \\
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 \end{array}
 \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} N \\ N \end{array}} \right\} \text{LEPTON ASYMMETRY}$$

Widths  $\Gamma_{l^- \phi^+} \neq \Gamma_{l^+ \phi^-}$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{leptons} = \begin{pmatrix} \nu^0 \\ e^- \end{pmatrix} \\
 \text{Higgs} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi^+ \\ \phi^0 \end{pmatrix}
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**Lepton Asymmetry** is then communicated to the **Baryon sector** by equilibrated **sphaleron** processes in the standard model which **conserve the difference Baryon (B) - Lepton (L) number**, but **violate  $B + L \rightarrow$  Baryogenesis = Baryon Asymmetry**

# Baryogenesis through Leptogenesis In models with heavy right-handed neutrinos

In our approach we shall  
change the geometry of the  
Early Universe to produce  
Baryogenesis through Leptogenesis:  
through ... "gravitational" defects



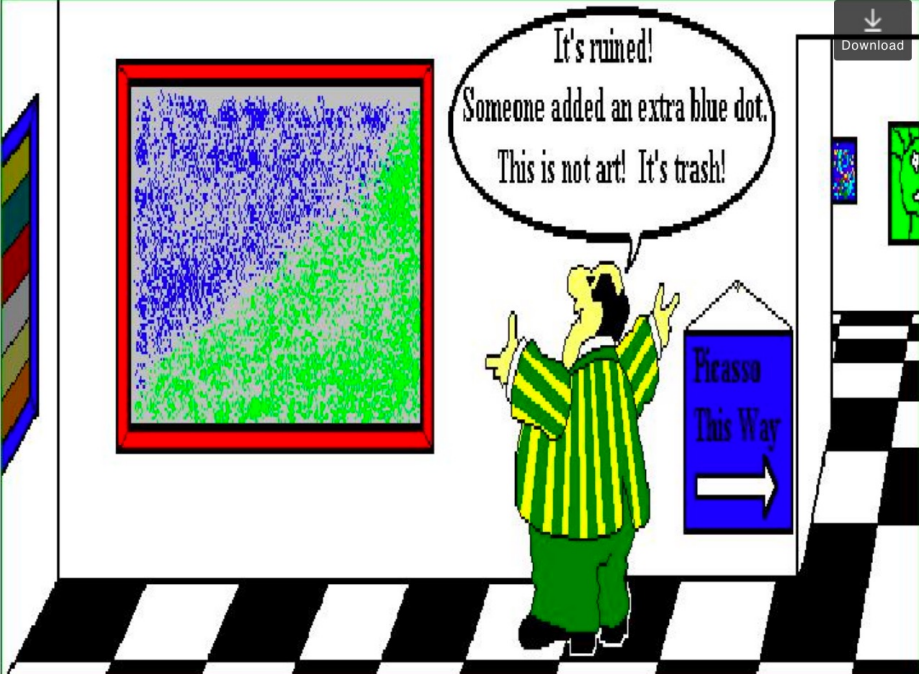
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$\nu$  (Majorana)

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K Turzynski (ITP, Warsaw), talk :  
<https://www.slideserve.com/finola/why-is-there-something-rather-than-nothing-baryogenesis-and-leptogenesis>

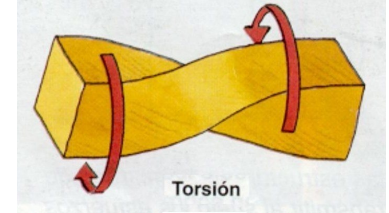


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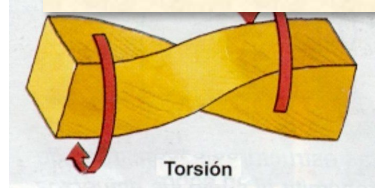
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# THIS TALK:

a microscopic  
(string-  
inspired)  
model for  
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Links with :  
spontaneous Lorentz violation  
(via (gravitational axion)  
backgrounds)  
and  
Matter-Antimatter Asymmetry  
in theories with  
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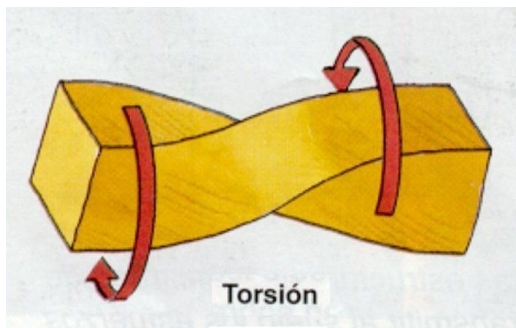
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Torsion  
matters





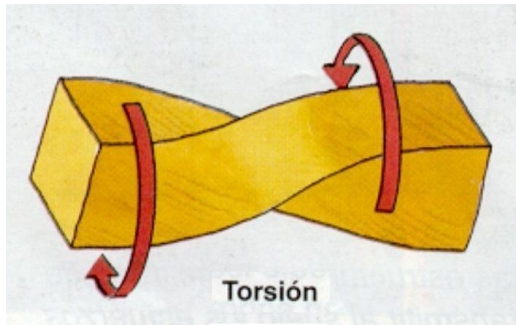
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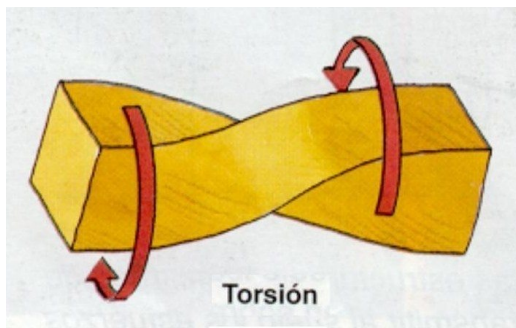
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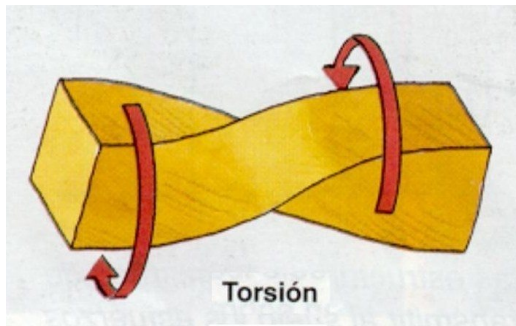
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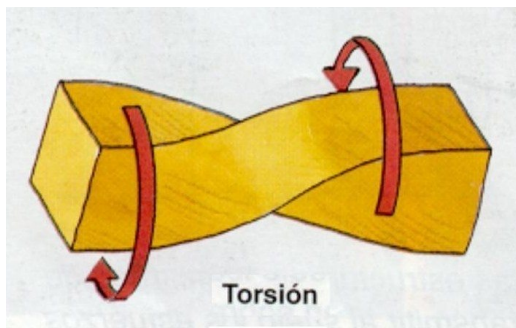
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$$\mathbf{D}e^a \equiv \mathbf{d}e^a + \omega^a_b \wedge e^b = 0 \quad \text{Metricity postulate for Einstein-Riemann spacetimes}$$

$$\rightarrow \Gamma^\rho_{\sigma\beta} = \Gamma^\rho_{\beta\sigma} \equiv \frac{1}{2} g^{\alpha\rho} [g_{\alpha\beta,\sigma} + g_{\alpha\sigma,\beta} - g_{\beta\sigma,\alpha}]$$



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Generalised curvature 2-form

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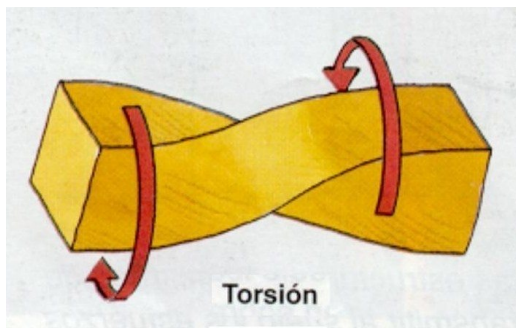
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**Torsion tensor**

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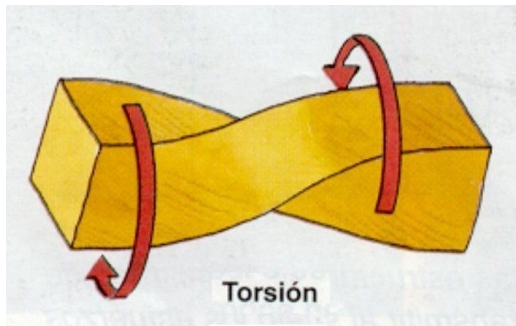
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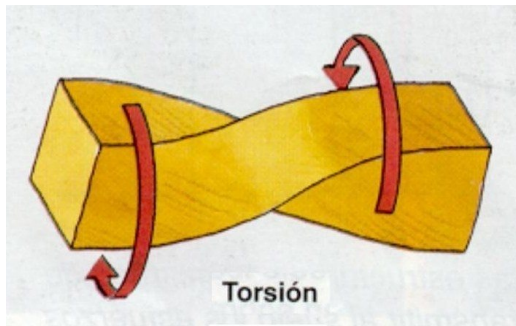
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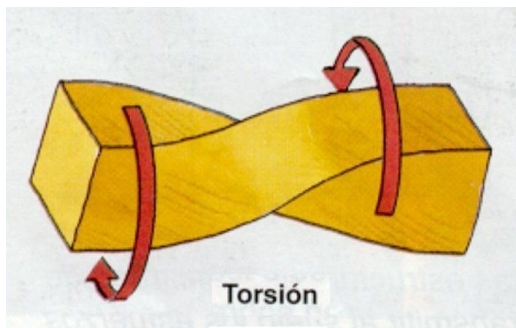
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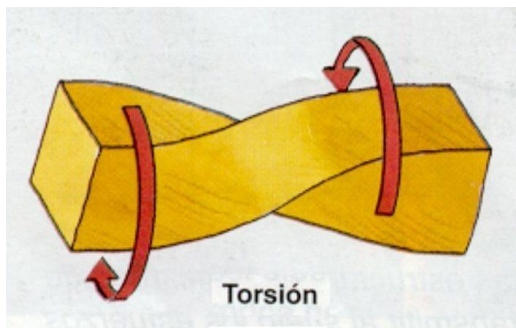
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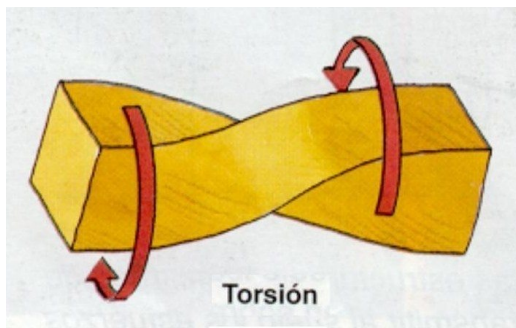
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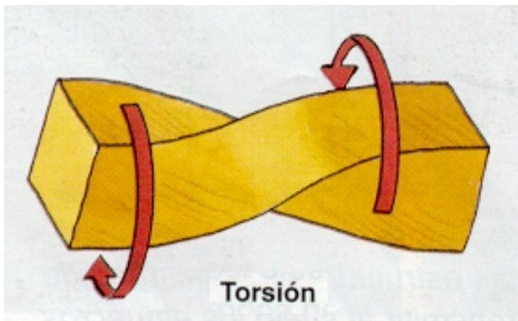
$$\mathbf{T} = \frac{1}{3!} T_{abc} e^a \wedge e^b \wedge e^c, \quad \text{Its dual 1 form } \mathbf{S} = \star \mathbf{T}, \quad \text{with components } S_d = \frac{1}{3!} \epsilon^{abc}_d T_{abc}$$

**Torsion couples with axial fermion current**

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In Einstein-Cartan theory with fermions (quantum) torsion becomes equivalent to a pseudoscalar d.o.f.

Duncan, Kaloper & Olive (1992)

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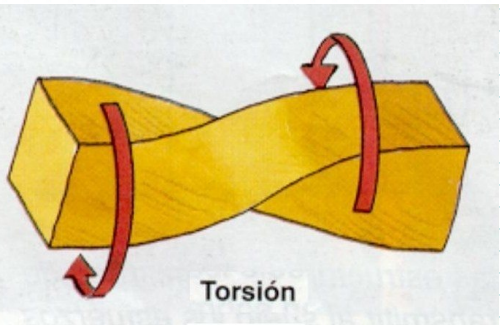
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Unity and complementarity constitute reality”

**Werner Karl Heisenberg**  
German Scientist & Nobel Prize  
1901-1976



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The part  
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**Gespräche im  
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Quantum Torsion is  
an inseparable  
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# The Parts

Stringy  
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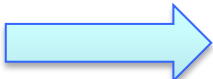
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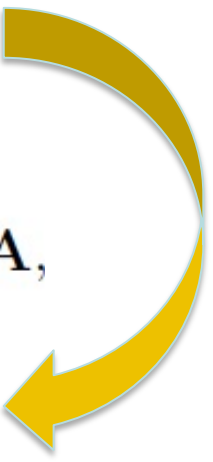
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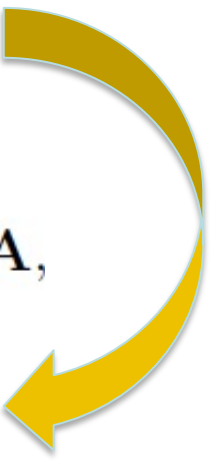


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$$= \int D b \exp \left[ -i \int d^4x \left( \sigma + \frac{b(x)}{\sqrt{3}} \mathcal{G}(\omega, \mathbf{A}) \right) \right]$$



$H D b \exp$

Totally antisymmetric (quantum) H-torsion  
 ↔ axionic propagating d.o.f.  
 (NB: similar situation with totally antisymmetric component of torsion in Einstein-Cartan theory with fermions)



Effective action after H-torsion (exact path-integration)

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$$\overline{\omega}_{bca} = e_{b\lambda} \left( \partial_a e_c^\lambda + \overline{\Gamma}_{\gamma\mu}^\lambda e_c^\gamma e_a^\mu \right).$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_f + \mathcal{L}_I = \sqrt{-g} \bar{\psi} \left[ (i \gamma^a \partial_a - m) + \gamma^a \gamma^5 B_a \right] \psi,$$

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Repulsive ints.  
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**Vanishes** for Friedmann-Lemaitre-Roberston-Walker backgrounds

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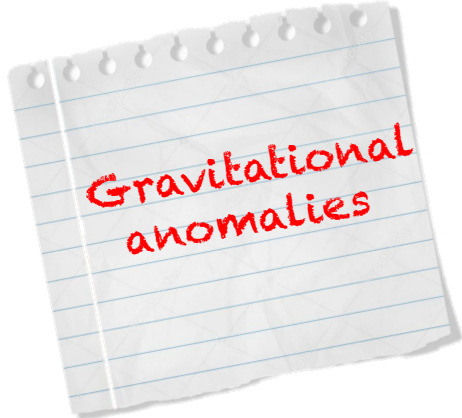
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# The Parts

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Gravitational  
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# Gravitational Anomalies & Diffeomorphism Invariance



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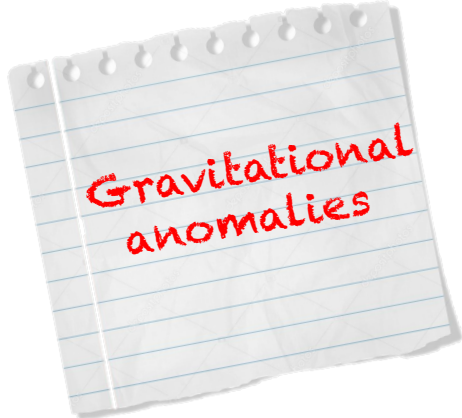
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Jackiw, Pi (2003)

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$$\kappa^2 T_{\text{matter}}^{\mu\nu}_{;\mu} = -\mathcal{C}^{\mu\nu}_{;\mu} \neq 0$$

**Diffeomorphism invariance breaking by gravitational anomalies ?**

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No problem with diffeo



**Conserved Modified stress-energy tensor** → exchange of energy between matter & anomaly

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Non-trivial if  
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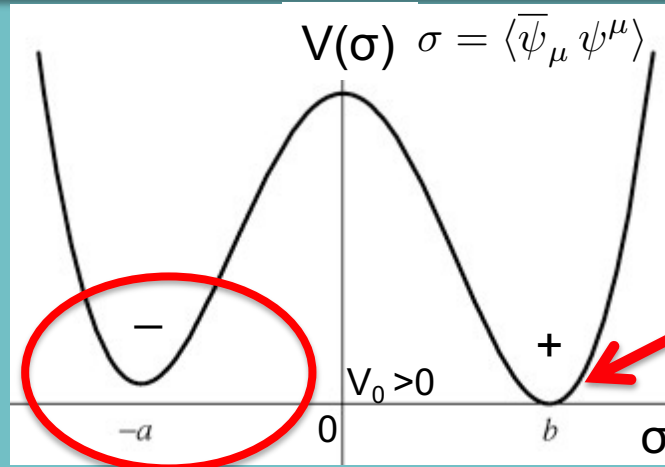
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SUGRA broken  
gravitino  
Condensate  
stabilised  $\rightarrow$   
RVM GW-induced Inflation

Statistical bias (percolation) in  
occupation probabilities of the +,- vacua

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Lola, G. Ross,  
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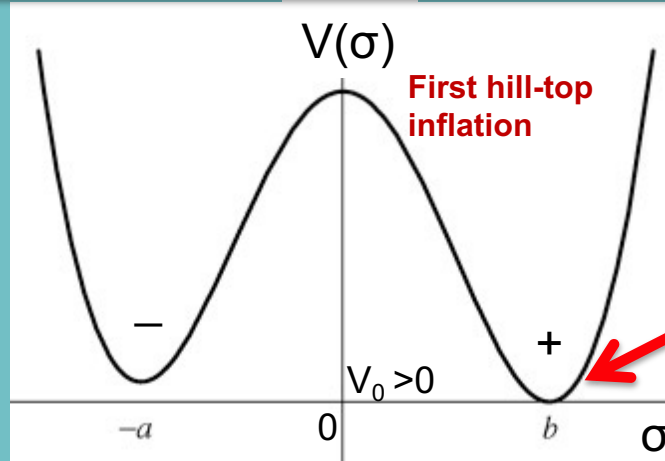
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Effective action  $\rightarrow$  **Imaginary parts**  $\rightarrow$  **instabilities**

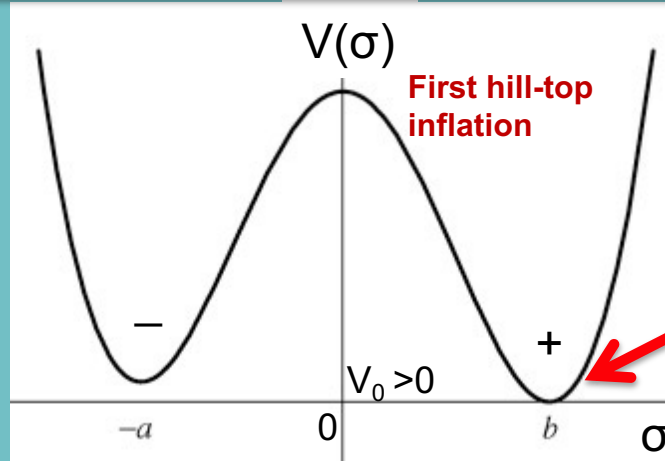
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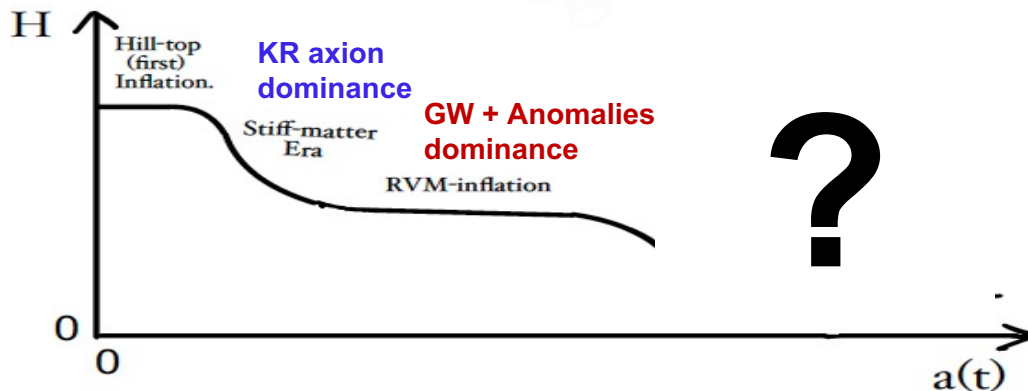
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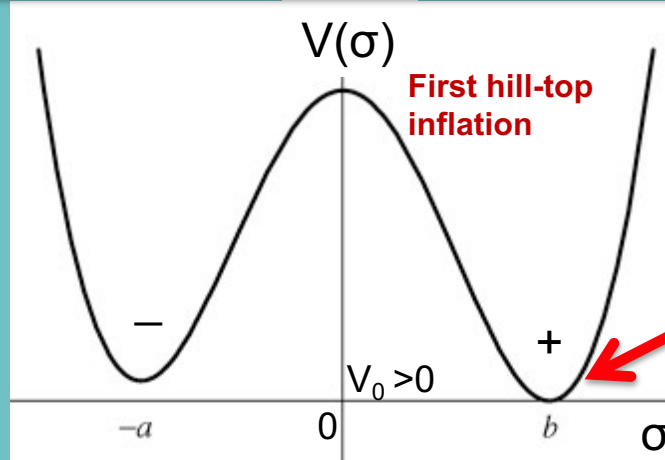


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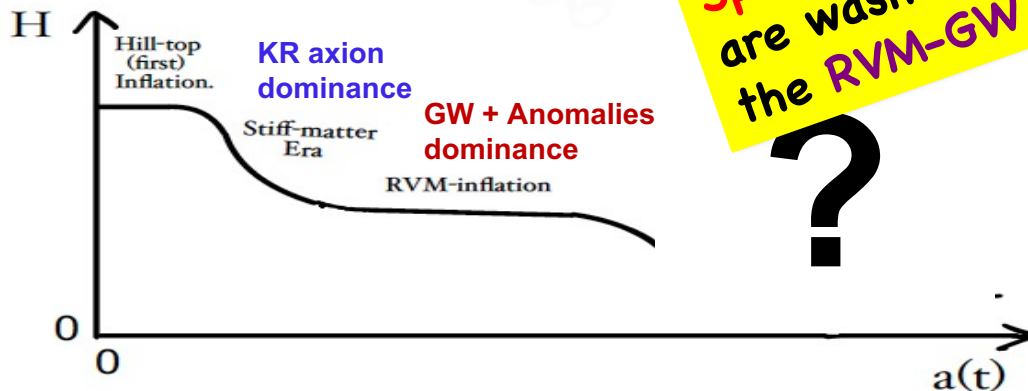
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First inflation ensures any  
Spatial inhomogeneities  
are washed out before  
the RVM-GW inflation

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e-foldings  
O(55-70)

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**CF.**

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**Cosmological Evolution of RVM**

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**NEM, Solà**

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Basilakos, NEM, Solà

$$\Lambda \equiv \langle b(x) R_{\mu\mu\rho\sigma} \tilde{R}^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \rangle \simeq 5.86 \times 10^7 \epsilon \mathcal{N} H^4 > 0$$

Positive  
Cosmological  
Constant-like

Positive total energy density since  $\Lambda$ -term dominates

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Important for Leptogenesis @ radiation era

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Post-RVM-  
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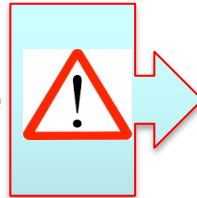
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**(Mixed) Anomaly equation**

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includes possible  
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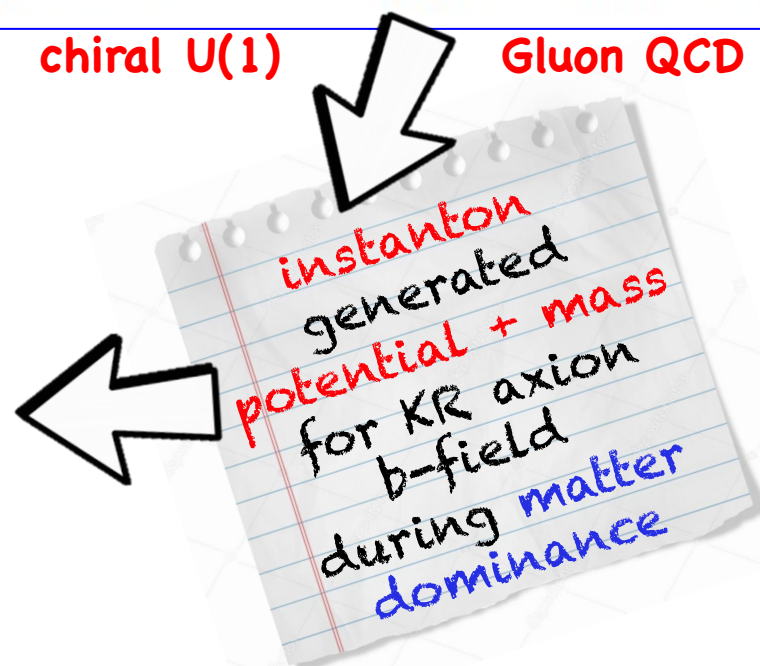
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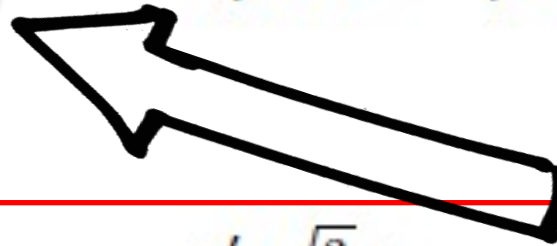
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Cosmic Time

$$2.6 \times 10^{-5} M_{\text{Pl}} < M_s \leq 10^{-4} M_{\text{Pl}}$$

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$$\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \sim 218 \text{ MeV}$$



@ QCD Era

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T~ 200 MeV

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Instanton-effects-induced KR-axion potential and mass due to QCD chiral anomaly

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Possible potential generation for b → axion Dark matter

forward direction



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KR (gravitational or model-independent) axions connected to "torsion" in string theory → Geometrical origin of Dark Matter



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## STANDARD MODEL EXTENSION EFT

Kostelecky, Bluhm, Colladay,  
Lehnert, Potting, Russell *et al.*

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## Lorentz & CPT Violation



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**Spontaneous Violation of Lorentz Symmetry**  
*(LV coefficients are v.e.v. of tensor-valued field quantities)*  
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$B^0$  : (scale factor  $a(t) \propto 1/T$ ),  $T$ =cosmic temperature

$$B^0 \sim M_{\text{Pl}}^{-1} \dot{b}$$

matching with exit from inflation & requirement for leptogenesis (see below)

If chiral U(1) anomalies present  
 $B^0 \sim T^2$

$$B_0|_{\text{today}} \sim 2.435 \times 10^{-34} \text{ eV}$$

vs

$$B_{0\text{today}} = \mathcal{O}(10^{-44}) \text{ meV}$$

chiral anomalies Absent"  $B^0 \sim T^3$



Quite safe from stringent Experimental Bounds

$$|B^0| < 10^{-2} \text{ eV}$$

$$B_i \equiv b_i < 10^{-31} \text{ GeV}$$



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Bossingham, NEM,  
Sarkar (2018)



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For more details, see:  
**Sarben Sarkar's**  
**talk this afternoon**

## Lorentz- & CPT-Violating

Leptogenesis →

→ Baryogenesis

in models with Massive  
Right-handed Neutrinos

Early Universe  
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de Cesare, NEM, Sarkar  
Eur.Phys.J. C75, 514 (2015)

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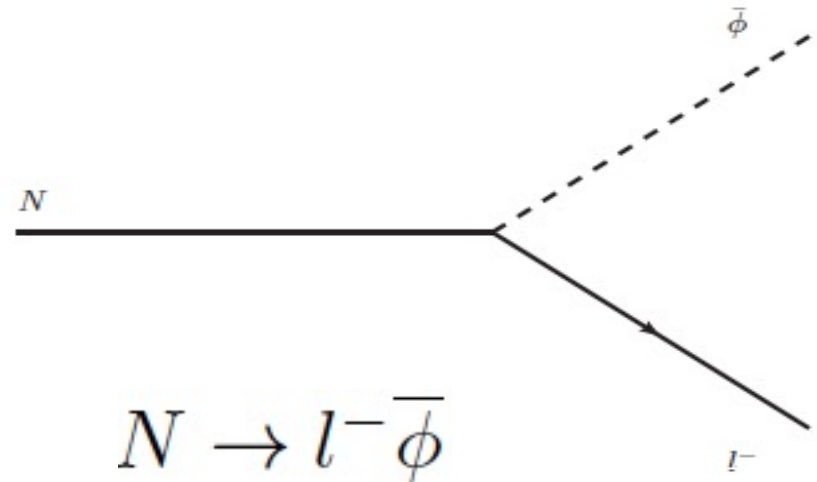
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Produce Lepton asymmetry

Lepton number & CP Violations

@ tree-level due to  
Lorentz/CPTV Background



$$N \rightarrow l^+ \phi$$

$$N \rightarrow l^- \bar{\phi}$$

$$\Gamma_1 = \sum_k \frac{|Y_k|^2}{32\pi^2} \frac{m^2}{\Omega} \frac{\Omega + B_0}{\Omega - B_0} \neq \Gamma_2 = \sum_k \frac{|Y_k|^2}{32\pi^2} \frac{m^2}{\Omega} \frac{\Omega - B_0}{\Omega + B_0} \quad \text{CPV \& LV}$$

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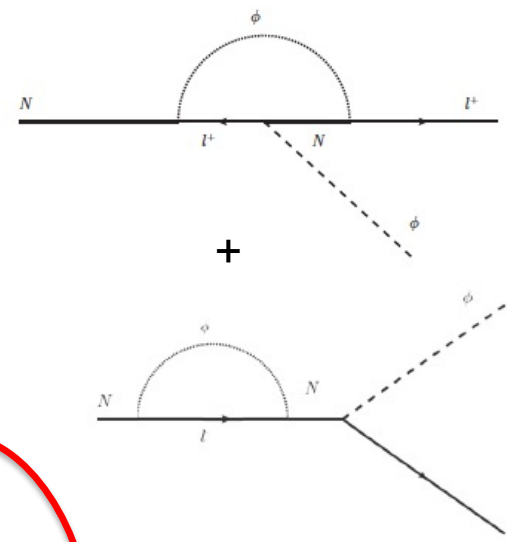
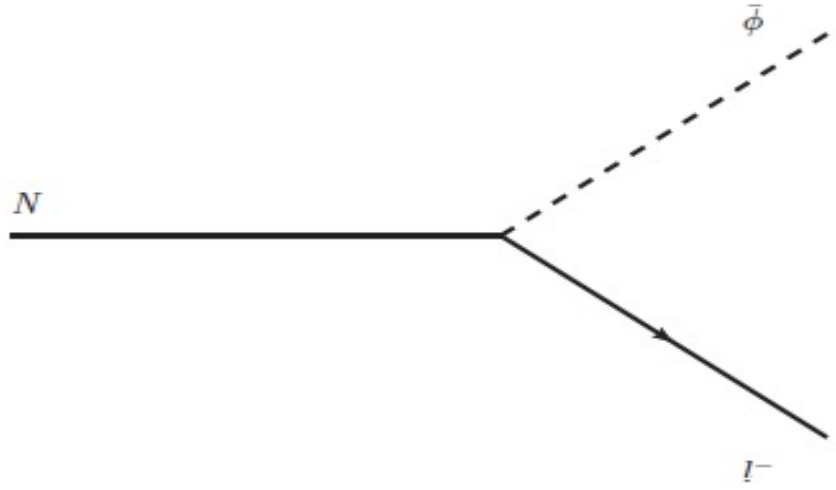


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Fukugita, Yanagida,



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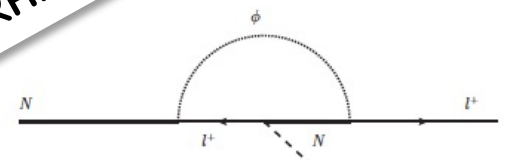
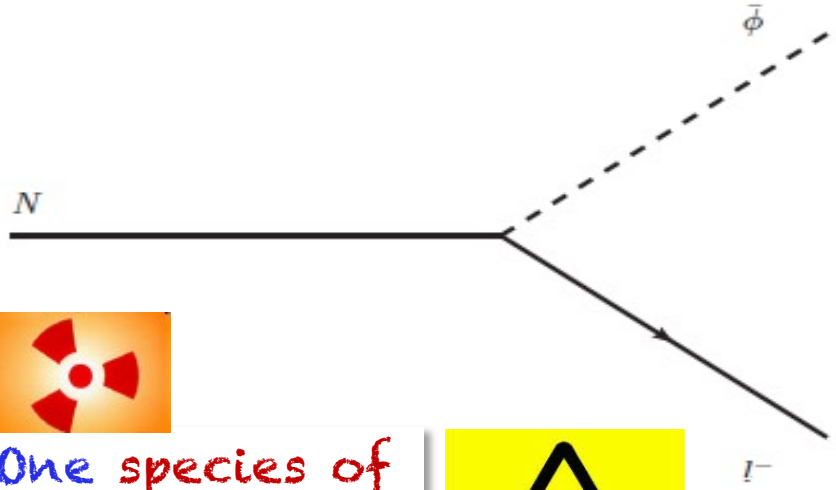


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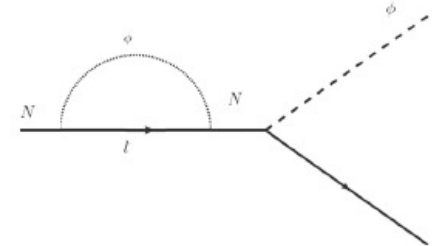
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STANDARD SPACETIME



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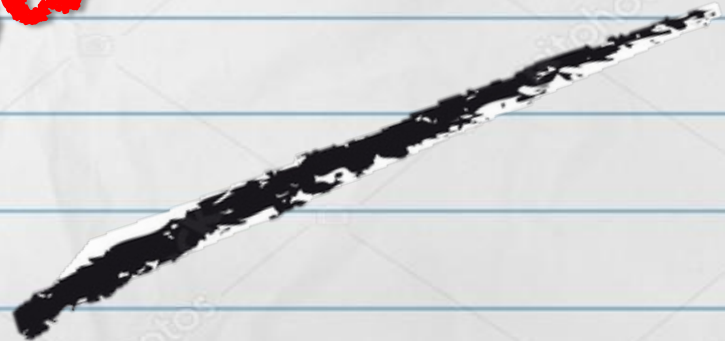
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**CONCLUSIONS**

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**OUTLOOK**



Starting from an **anomalous gravitational theory, which arises in the low-energy limit of string theory (The WHOLE)**, we have shown:

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$$-3\sqrt{2}\partial_{\sigma}b = \sqrt{-g}\epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}H^{\mu\nu\rho}$$

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- (iii) how these considerations lead to a **consistent cosmology of “running vacuum model (RVM)”**, leading to:

(a) inflation without inflatons,

(b) LIV & CPTV Leptogenesis in this non-Riemannian geometric setting at post inflationary epochs.

(c) RVM Cosmology at modern eras – observable deviations from  $\Lambda$ CDM  
**Resolution of cosmological data tensions?**

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**NB :**

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 Data, e.g.  
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Consistent with cosmo data

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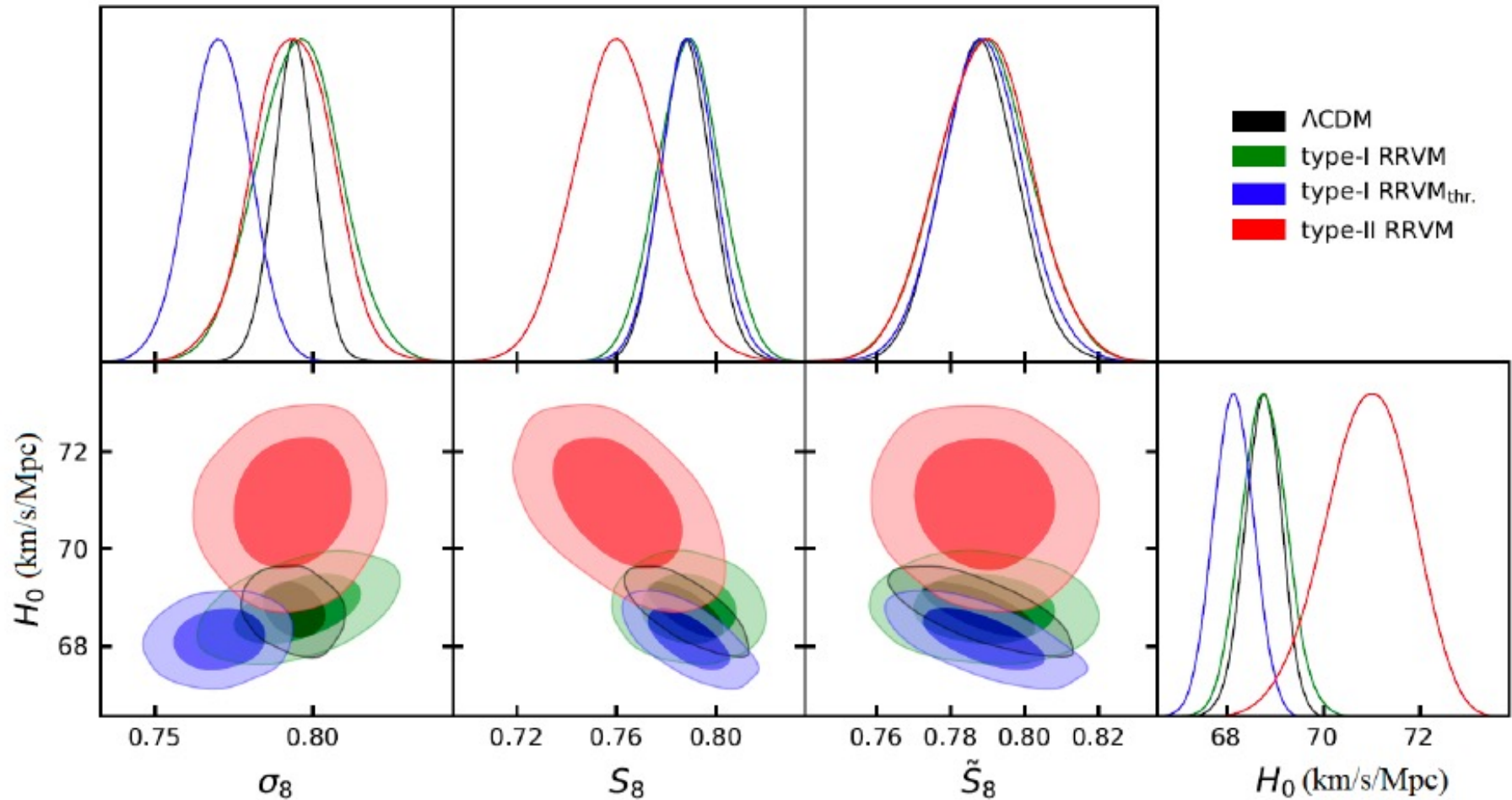


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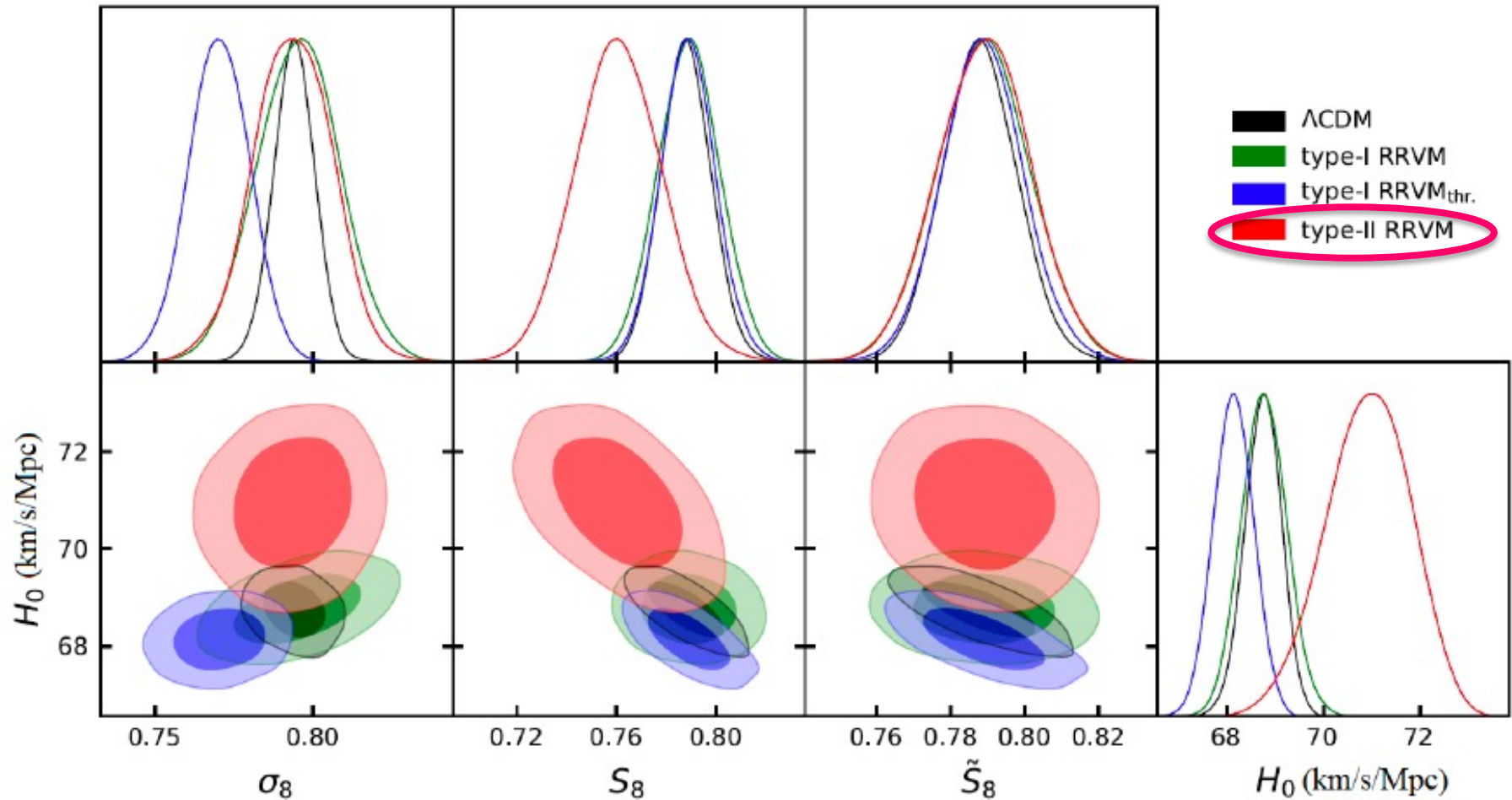
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# STRINGY RUNNING VACUUM MODEL & RVM type II

NEM + Solà (2021),  
NEM

Implemented in stringy RVM via graviton quantum fluctuations which result in  $\ln(H)$  corrections in coefficients  $\nu$  &  $\alpha$  in the effective potential of (one-loop) QG but not  $\kappa(H) \rightarrow$  difference from type II RVM



Alexandre, Houston  
NEM (2014)

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Spontaneous **could be ultralight** → AION etc

OUTLOOK: (i) Incorporate **other  
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Interesting Cosmology  
(eg Marsh 2015)

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LV & CPT KR axial background in CMB  
in early eras.

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NEM, arxiv: 2111.05675, *Universe* to appear

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**Thank you!**

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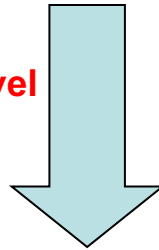
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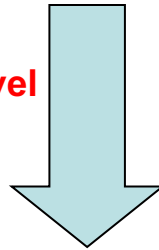
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Bossingham, NEM,  
 Sarkar

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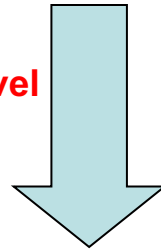
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Environmental  
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where

$$l_L = \begin{bmatrix} \nu_e \\ e \end{bmatrix}_L, \begin{bmatrix} \nu_\mu \\ \mu \end{bmatrix}_L, \begin{bmatrix} \nu_\tau \\ \tau \end{bmatrix}_L$$

Observed Baryon Asymmetry  
 In the Universe (BAU)

Fukugita, Yanagida,

$$\frac{n_B - \bar{n}_B}{n_B + \bar{n}_B} \sim \frac{n_B - \bar{n}_B}{s} = (8.4 - 8.9) \times 10^{-11} \quad T > 1 \text{ GeV}$$



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$U_{\mu}$  = observer's velocity w.r.t. cosmic frame



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Ellis NEM Nanopoulos ('98)

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