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# Day 3:

# Sourced Contribution

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# We continue to use $D_{ij}$ for the gravitation wave

$$ds_4^2 = -\exp(2\Phi)dt^2 + a^2 \exp(-2\Psi) \sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{j=1}^3 [\exp(D)]_{ij} dx^i dx^j$$

$\Phi$  : Newton's gravitational potential

$\Psi$  : Spatial scalar curvature perturbation

$D_{ij}$  : Tensor metric perturbation [=gravitational waves]

$$[\exp(D)]_{ij} \equiv \delta_{ij} + D_{ij} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^3 D_{ik} D_{kj} + \frac{1}{6} \sum_{km} D_{ik} D_{km} D_{mj} + \dots$$

# Are GWs from vacuum fluctuation in spacetime, or from sources?

$$\square D_{ij} = -16\pi G \pi_{ij}^{GW}$$
$$T_{ij} = a^2 \pi_{ij}$$

- **Homogeneous solution:** “GWs from the vacuum fluctuation”
  - We covered this on Day 1
- **Inhomogeneous solution:** “GWs from sources”
  - Topic of today’s lecture

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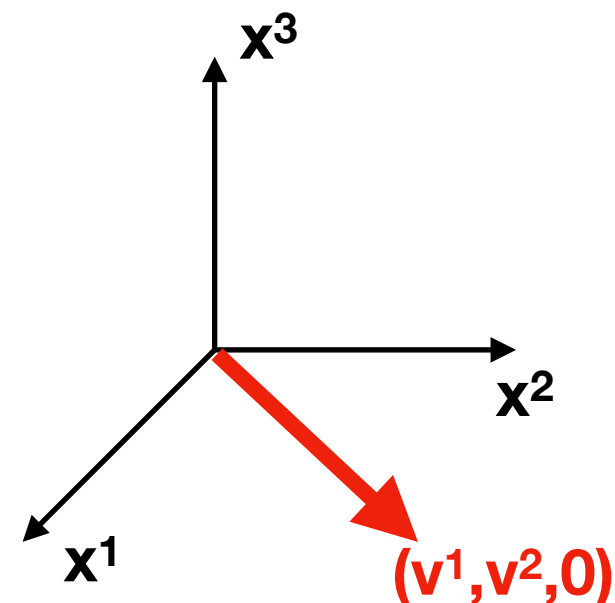
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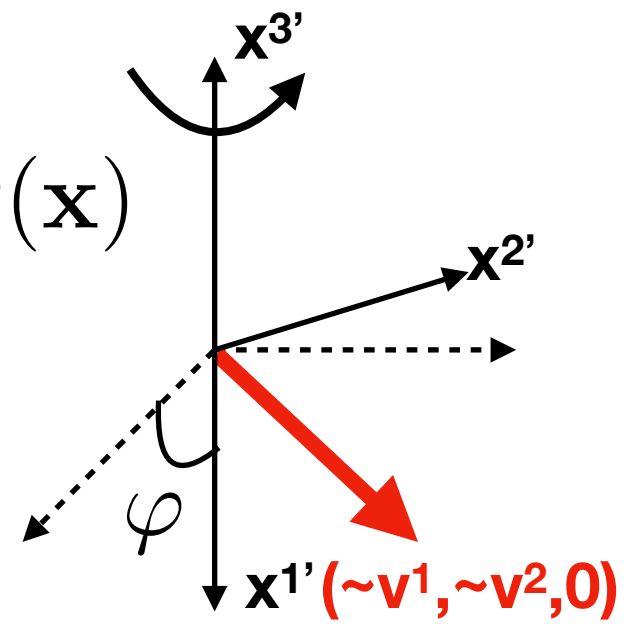
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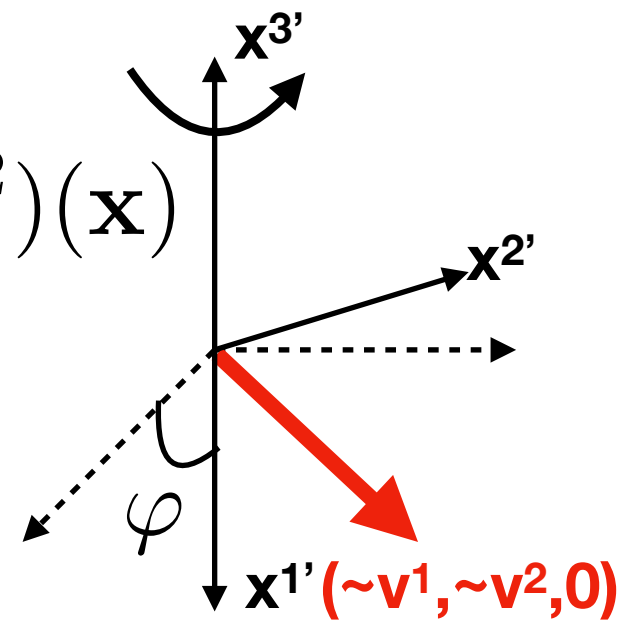
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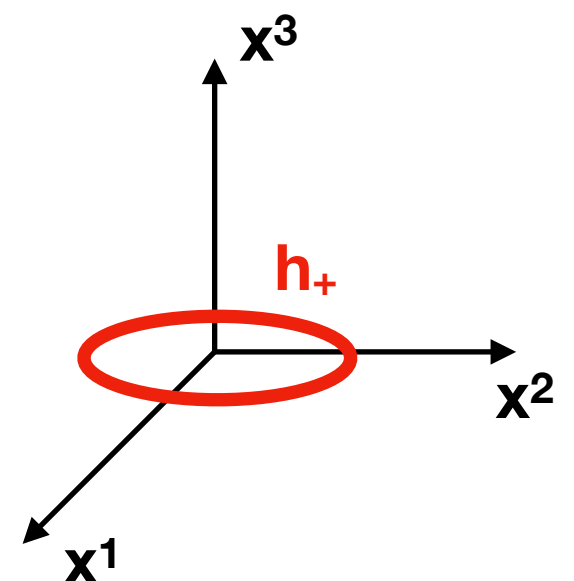
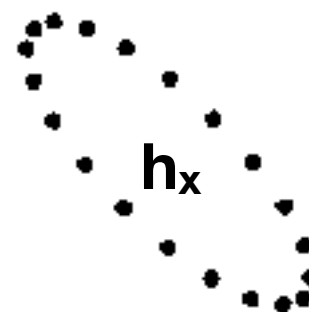
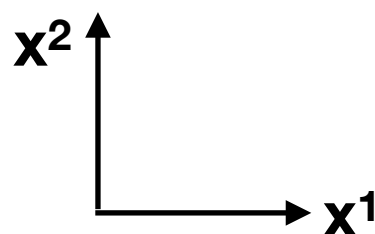
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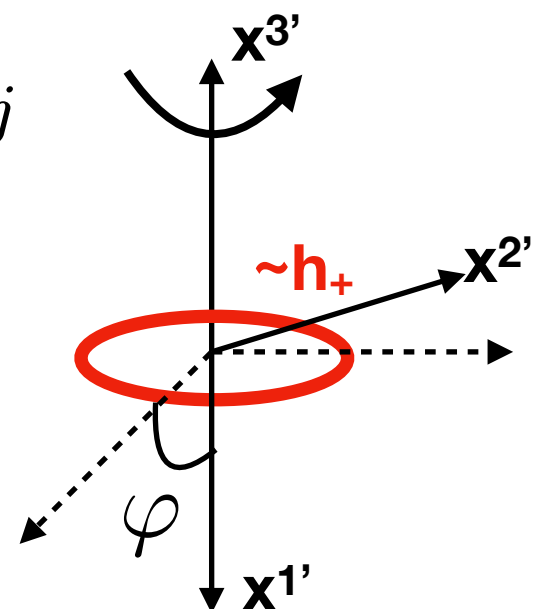
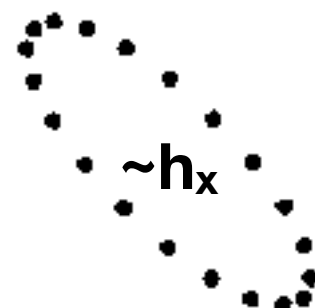
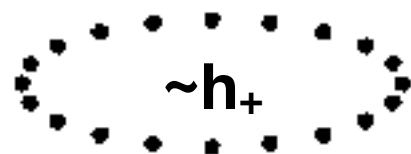
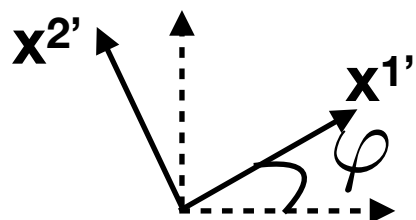
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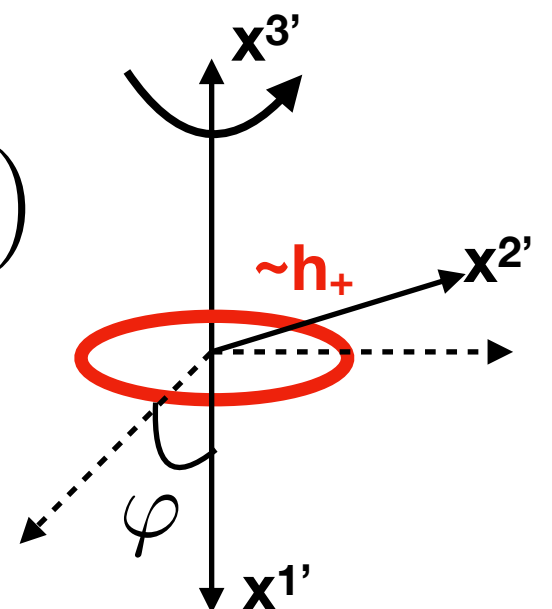
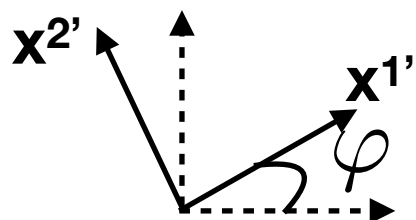
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# Vector and Tensor Modes

- Recap:

2 degrees of freedom

- **Vector:** Transverse  $\sum_{i=1}^3 \partial_i v^i = 0 \rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^3 k^i v^i = 0$

- **Tensor:** Transverse and traceless

$$\sum_{i=1}^3 \partial_i D_{ij} = 0 \rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^3 k^i D_{ij} = 0,$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^3 D_{ii} = 0$$

2 degrees of freedom



# Scalar-Vector-Tensor Decomposition Theorem

- At linear order, scalar, vector, and tensor components are **decoupled** (different spins do not mix at linear order)
- That is to say, **tensor modes cannot be sourced by scalar or vector modes at linear order** (and vice versa)
- Scalars and vectors can source tensor modes at non-linear order (e.g., second order)

# EoM of GW with source

By this, we mean  
transverse and traceless

$$a^2 \square D_{ij} = -16\pi G T_{ij}^{GW}$$

$$\square \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{-g}} \sum_{\mu=0}^3 \sum_{\nu=0}^3 \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\mu} \left( \sqrt{-g} g^{\mu\nu} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\nu} \right)$$

$$g^{00} = -1, \quad g^{0i} = 0, \quad g^{ij} = a^{-2}(t)(\delta^{ij} - D^{ij}),$$
$$g_{ij} = a^2(t)(\delta_{ij} + D_{ij}), \quad \sqrt{-g} = a^3(t)$$

# EoM of GW with source

Using  $M_{\text{pl}} = (8\pi G)^{-1/2}$

$$a^2 \square D_{ij} = -(2/M_{\text{pl}}^2) T_{ij}^{GW}$$

- This can be derived from variation of the action:

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# Scalar Source

# Real Scalar Field

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$$\begin{aligned} T_{ij}^\phi &= \frac{-2}{\sqrt{-g}} \frac{\delta \sqrt{-g} \mathcal{L}_\phi}{\delta g^{ij}} \\ &= \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x^j} - g_{ij} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mu\nu} g^{\mu\nu} \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x^\mu} \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x^\nu} + V(\phi) \right] \end{aligned}$$

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**This is second order! Because:**

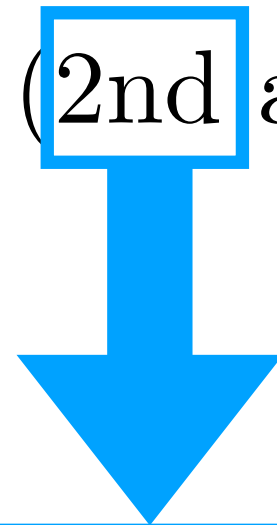
$$\phi(t, \mathbf{x}) = \bar{\phi}(t) + \delta\phi(t, \mathbf{x})$$

$$= \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x^i} \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x^j} - g_{ij} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mu\nu} g^{\mu\nu} \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x^\mu} \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial x^\nu} + V(\phi) \right]$$

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# GW from second-order scalar perturbations

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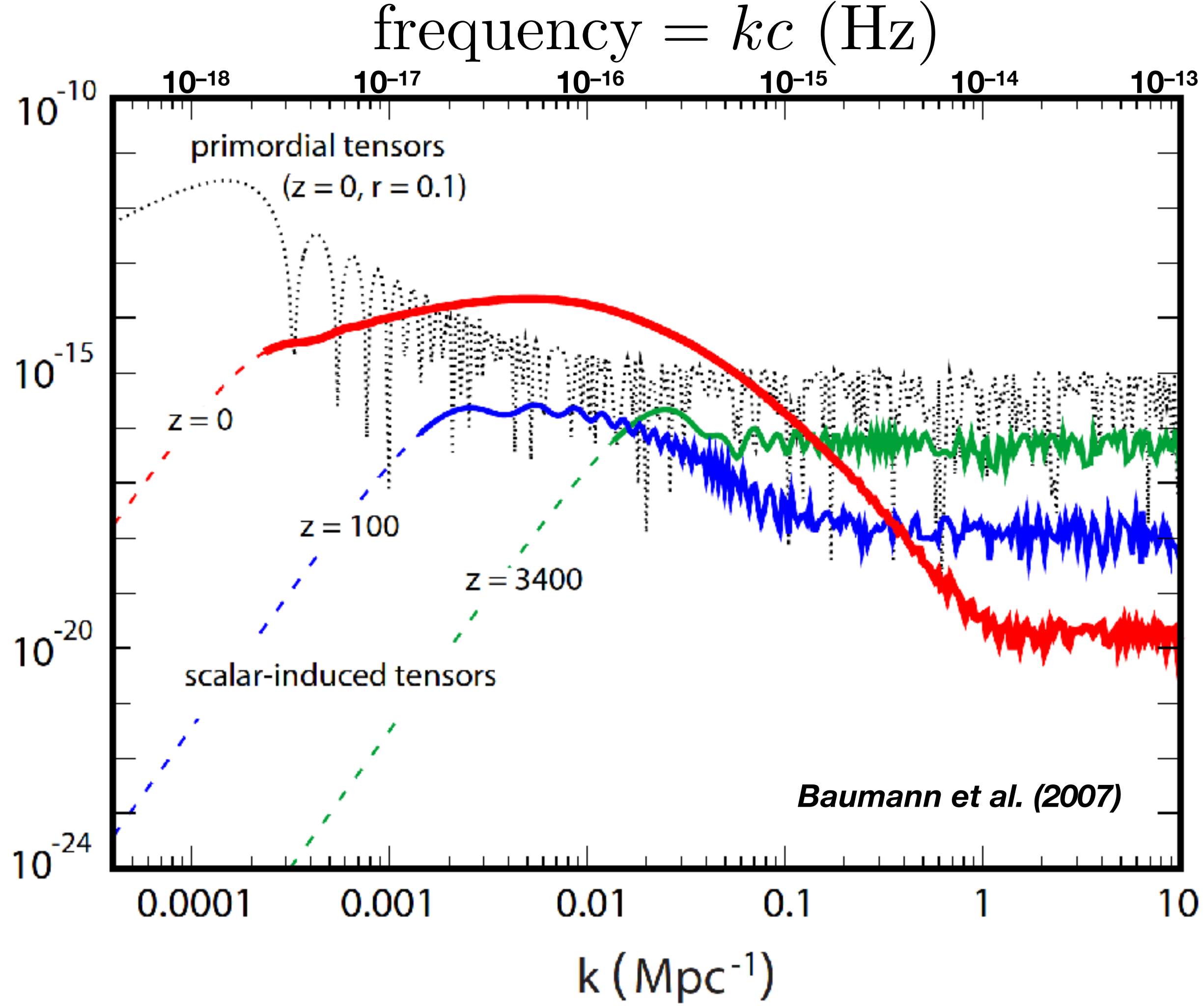


$$\frac{1}{2}\left[2\Phi\partial^i\partial_j\Phi - 2\Psi\partial^i\partial_j\Phi + 4\Psi\partial^i\partial_j\Psi + \partial^i\Phi\partial_j\Phi - \partial^i\Phi\partial_j\Psi - \partial^i\Psi\partial_j\Phi + 3\partial^i\Psi\partial_j\Psi\right]$$

- *Not necessarily inflationary source*; the structure formation in the Universe gives the **guaranteed** amount of GW from second-order scalar perturbation



$$d\Omega_{\text{GW}}(z)/d\ln k$$



# Vector Source

# Electro-magnetic Field

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*Turner & Widrow (1988)*

and  $x^i = \text{com. coord.}$

$$F_{\mu\nu} = a^2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -E_x & -E_y & -E_z \\ E_x & 0 & B_z & -B_y \\ E_y & -B_z & 0 & B_x \\ E_z & B_y & -B_x & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Then, 
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I.e., the form remains the same as in non-expanding space

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## Check: Isotropic Pressure

$$P_A = \frac{1}{3} T^A \equiv \frac{1}{3} \sum_{ij} g^{ij} T_{ij}^A = \frac{1}{6} (\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{E} + \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{B}) = \frac{1}{3} \rho_A$$

OK!

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# “Magnetogenesis” by quantum fluctuation during inflation?

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- Can we do the same for electromagnetic fields? Then perhaps we can generate the intergalactic magnetic fields naturally also from inflation?

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- For  $k \ll m$ ,

$$u_{ij} \propto a(\eta) \rightarrow D_{ij} = \text{constant}$$

# How about Vector Mode?

- What happens to electromagnetic (EM) fields? Can we generate the super-horizon EM field during inflation?
- **The answer is no** in the Standard Model of elementary particles and fields, and **no for the fundamental reason**

# (Massless) Vector Mode

- The equation of motion for  $A_i(\eta, k)$ :

$$A_i'' + k^2 A_i = 0$$

- EM fields decay as  $a^{-2}$ :

$$\mathbf{E} = -a^{-2} \mathbf{A}' \propto a^{-2},$$

$$\mathbf{B} = a^{-2} \nabla \times \mathbf{A} \propto a^{-2}$$

- The EoM of  $A_i$  has no time-dependent mass term due to the expansion of the Universe!!
- **The massless vector field does not feel the expansion of the Universe. How come?**

# Conformal Invariance

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Thus,  $\sqrt{-g} \sum_{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$  remains unchanged!

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- This means that we can “undo” the expansion of the Universe and yet the EM field does not feel it!

$$g_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow \tilde{g}_{\mu\nu} = a^{-2} g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu}$$

$\eta_{\mu\nu} = \text{diag}(-1, 1, 1, 1)$

$$ds^2 = a^2 (-d\eta^2 + d\mathbf{x}^2) \rightarrow -d\eta^2 + d\mathbf{x}^2$$

# Therefore:

- **Scalar field:** Super-horizon modes are amplified during inflation and yield seeds for the cosmic structure (colloquium last week)
- **Tensor field:** Super-horizon modes are amplified during inflation and yield a background of stochastic gravitational waves (Day1) and B-mode polarisation of the CMB (Day 2)
- **Electromagnetic field:** Nothing happens during inflation!

# More general result

- One can show that the action is conformally invariant when the derived stress-energy tensor is traceless:

$$\sum_{\mu\nu} g^{\mu\nu} T_{\mu\nu} = 0$$

- This is certainly the case for the electromagnetic field:

$$T_{\mu\nu} = \sum_{\alpha\beta} g^{\alpha\beta} F_{\mu\alpha} F_{\nu\beta} - \frac{1}{4} g_{\mu\nu} \sum_{\alpha\beta} F_{\alpha\beta} F^{\alpha\beta}, \quad \sum_{\mu\nu} g^{\mu\nu} g_{\mu\nu} = 4$$

# More general result

- More generally, the stress energy tensor of a perfect fluid is

$$T_{\mu\nu} = P g_{\mu\nu} + (P + \rho) u_\mu u_\nu, \quad \sum_{\mu\nu} g^{\mu\nu} u_\mu u_\nu = -1$$

- The trace is  $\sum_{\mu\nu} g^{\mu\nu} T_{\mu\nu} = 3P - \rho$

- Thus, the trace vanishes for any relativistic perfect fluids satisfying  $P=\rho/3$ !

# Side Note: Vanishing time-dependent mass during the radiation era

- The time-dependent mass for the equation of motion of gravitational waves vanishes during the radiation era:  $a(\eta) \sim \eta$

$$u''_{ij} + \left[ k^2 + \cancel{m^2(\eta)} \right] u_{ij} = 0$$

The GW mode function does not “feel” the expansion of the Universe (except redshifts) during the radiation era

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# Breaking of Conformal Invariance

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## Inflation-produced, large-scale magnetic fields

Michael S. Turner and Lawrence M. Widrow

- Add terms to break conformal invariance:

### B. $RA^2$ terms

Consider the Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} - \frac{b}{2}RA^2 - \frac{c}{2}R_{\mu\nu}A^\mu A^\nu,$$

Both can generate super-horizon scale vector fields. Though they are no longer considered as a mechanism to produce sufficient magnetic fields, the basic idea is there. What do they do to the gravitational waves?

### C. $RF^2$ terms

We now consider the coupling of gravitational and electromagnetic fields through terms in the Lagrangian of the form  $RF^2$ . The most general Lagrangian containing such terms can be written

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} + \mathcal{L}_g, \quad (2.20)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_g = -\frac{1}{4m_e^2}(bRF_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} + cR_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\kappa}F^\nu{}_\kappa + dR_{\mu\nu\lambda\kappa}F^{\mu\nu}F^{\lambda\kappa}), \quad (2.21)$$

# Breaking of Conformal Invariance

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Next consider axion electrodynamics. For energies well below the Peccei-Quinn symmetry-breaking scale  $f_a$ , the effective Lagrangian for axion electrodynamics is

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu\theta\partial^\mu\theta - \frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} + g_a\theta F_{\mu\nu}\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}, \quad (3.7)$$

- Add term where  $g_a$  is a coupling constant of the order  $\alpha$ , and the vacuum angle  $\theta = \phi_a / f_a$  ( $\phi_a$  = axion field). The equations of motion are

$$-\frac{1}{a^2}\frac{\partial}{\partial\eta}a^2\mathbf{E} + \nabla \times \mathbf{B} = g_a(\dot{\theta}\mathbf{B} + \nabla\theta \times \mathbf{E}), \quad (3.8)$$

$$\frac{1}{a^2}\frac{\partial}{\partial\eta}a^2\mathbf{B} + \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = 0, \quad (3.9)$$

$$\ddot{\theta} + 2\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\dot{\theta} + k^2\theta + g_a a^2 \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0. \quad (3.10)$$

gravitational and the Lagrangian of Lagrangian containing

(2.20)

$+ dR_{\mu\nu\lambda\kappa}F^{\mu\nu}F^{\lambda\kappa}$ ,

(2.21)

Both can get scale vector no longer conserved to produce sufficient magnetic fields, the basic idea is there. What do they do to the gravitational waves?



# Chern-Simons Term

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$$\sum_{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} = 2(\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{E}) \quad \text{Parity Even}$$

$$\sum_{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} = -4\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{E} \quad \text{Parity Odd}$$

- The axion field,  $\theta$ , is a “pseudo scalar”, which is parity odd; thus, the last term in Eq.3.7 is parity even as a whole.

# New Equation of Motion for the Vector Mode

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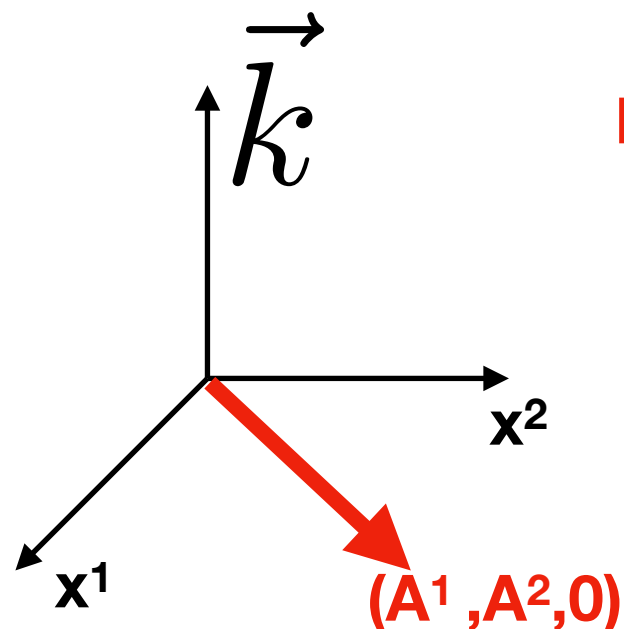
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$$A''_{\pm} + \left( k^2 \boxed{\pm 2k \frac{\xi}{\eta}} \right) A_{\pm} = 0$$

New, helicity-dependent term, with  $\xi = \frac{2g_a\dot{\theta}}{H}$ , during inflation  $-\infty < \eta < 0$

$$A_{\pm} = \frac{A_1 \mp iA_2}{\sqrt{2}}$$



- $A_{\pm}$  is the mode function of each helicity state

# Comparison to EoM of GW

## Gravitational Wave (From Day 1)

$$u''_{\lambda} + [k^2 + m^2(\eta)] u_{\lambda} = 0, \quad m^2 = -\frac{a''}{a} = \ominus \frac{2}{\eta^2}$$

with  $\lambda = -2, +2$  (spin 2)

This minus sign  
was the key

## Vector Field

$$A''_{\lambda} + [k^2 + m_A^2(k, \eta, \lambda)] A_{\lambda} = 0, \quad m_A^2 = \ominus \lambda \frac{4k g_a \dot{\theta}}{H \eta}$$

$(-\infty < \eta < 0)$

with  $\lambda = -1, +1$  (spin 1)

- Therefore, for  $k \ll |m_A|$ , one of the helicities, for which  $\lambda(d\theta/dt) > 0$ , is amplified relative to the other! The vector field becomes “chiral”

(\*) The exact solution can be given  
in the form of a “Whittaker function”

*Anber & Sorbo (2010)*

# Large-scale Solution

$$A''_{\pm} + \left( k^2 \pm 2k \frac{\xi}{\eta} \right) A_{\pm} = 0$$

**For**  $\xi > 0$ ,  $\frac{1}{8\xi} \ll -k\eta \ll 2\xi^{(*)}$ ,

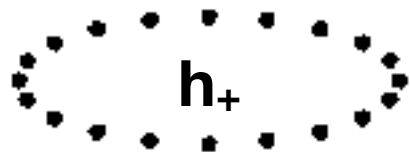
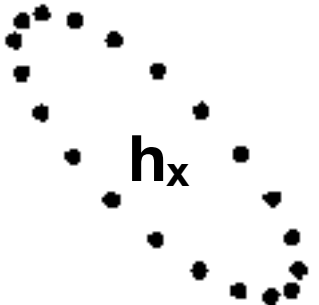
$$A_+ \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{2k}} \left( \frac{k}{2\xi aH} \right)^{1/4} \exp \left( \boxed{\pi\xi} - 2\sqrt{2\xi k/aH} \right)$$

- **Exponential dependence on  $\xi$ !**

# Helicity decomposition of GW

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To extract the transverse and traceless component

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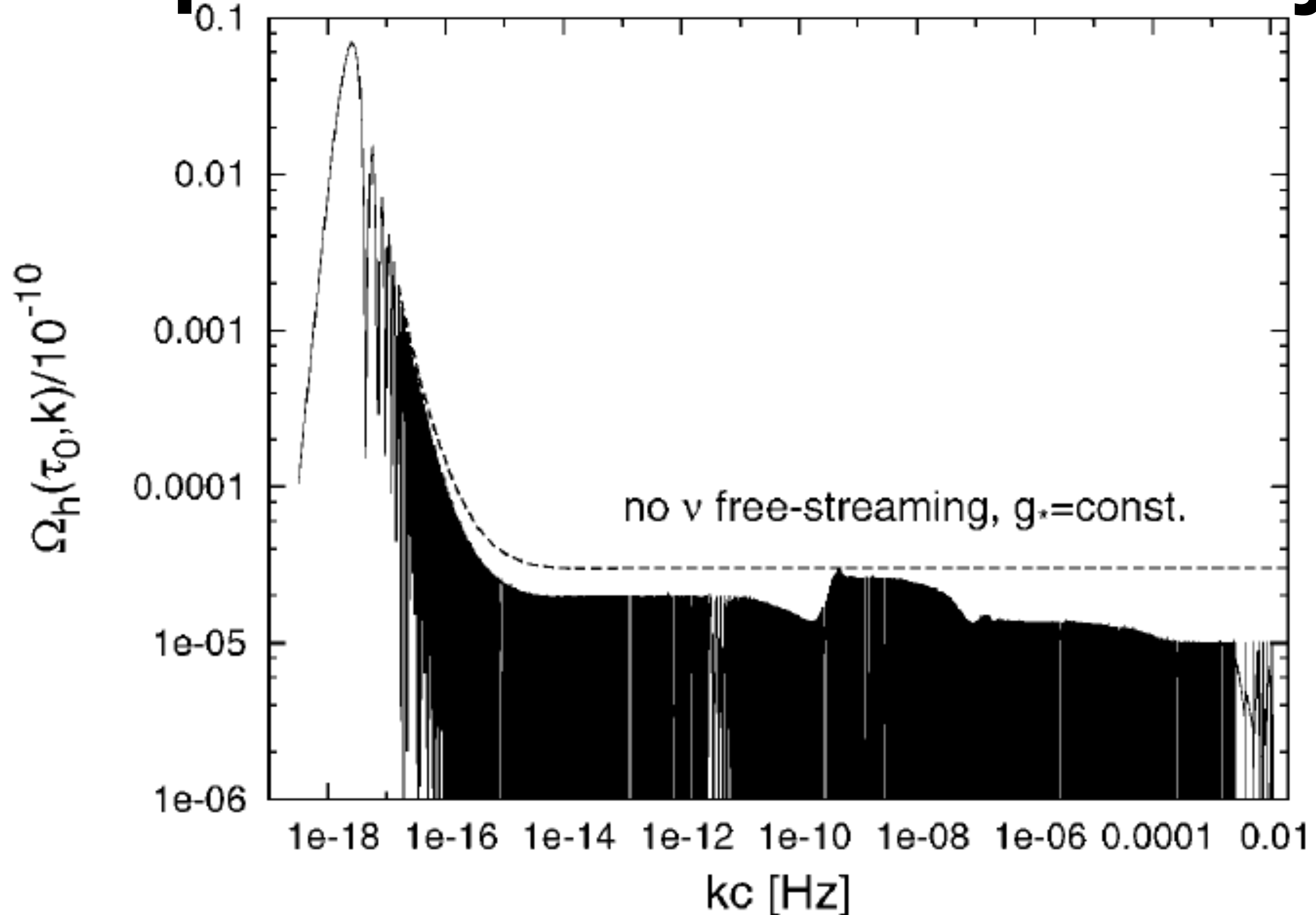
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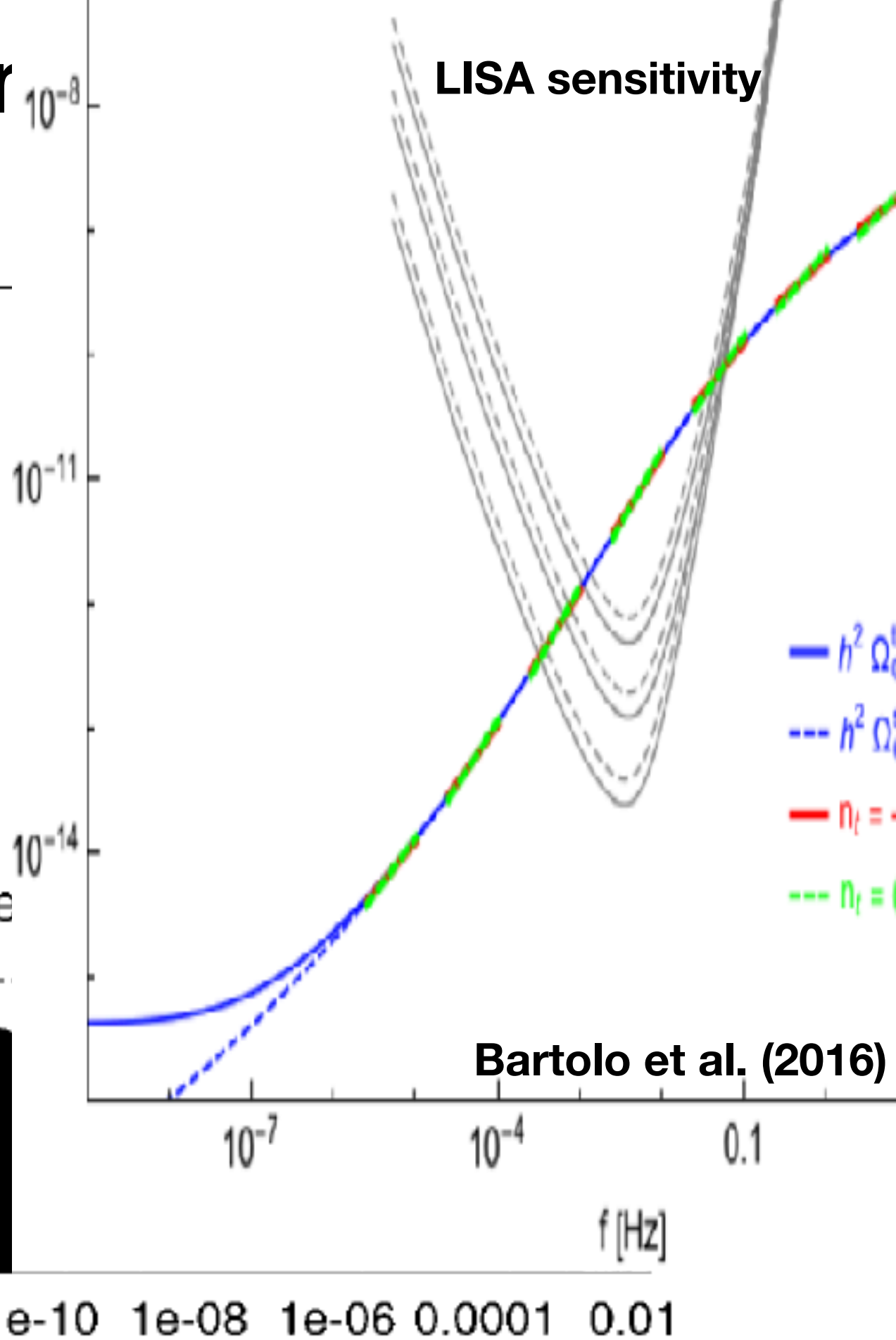
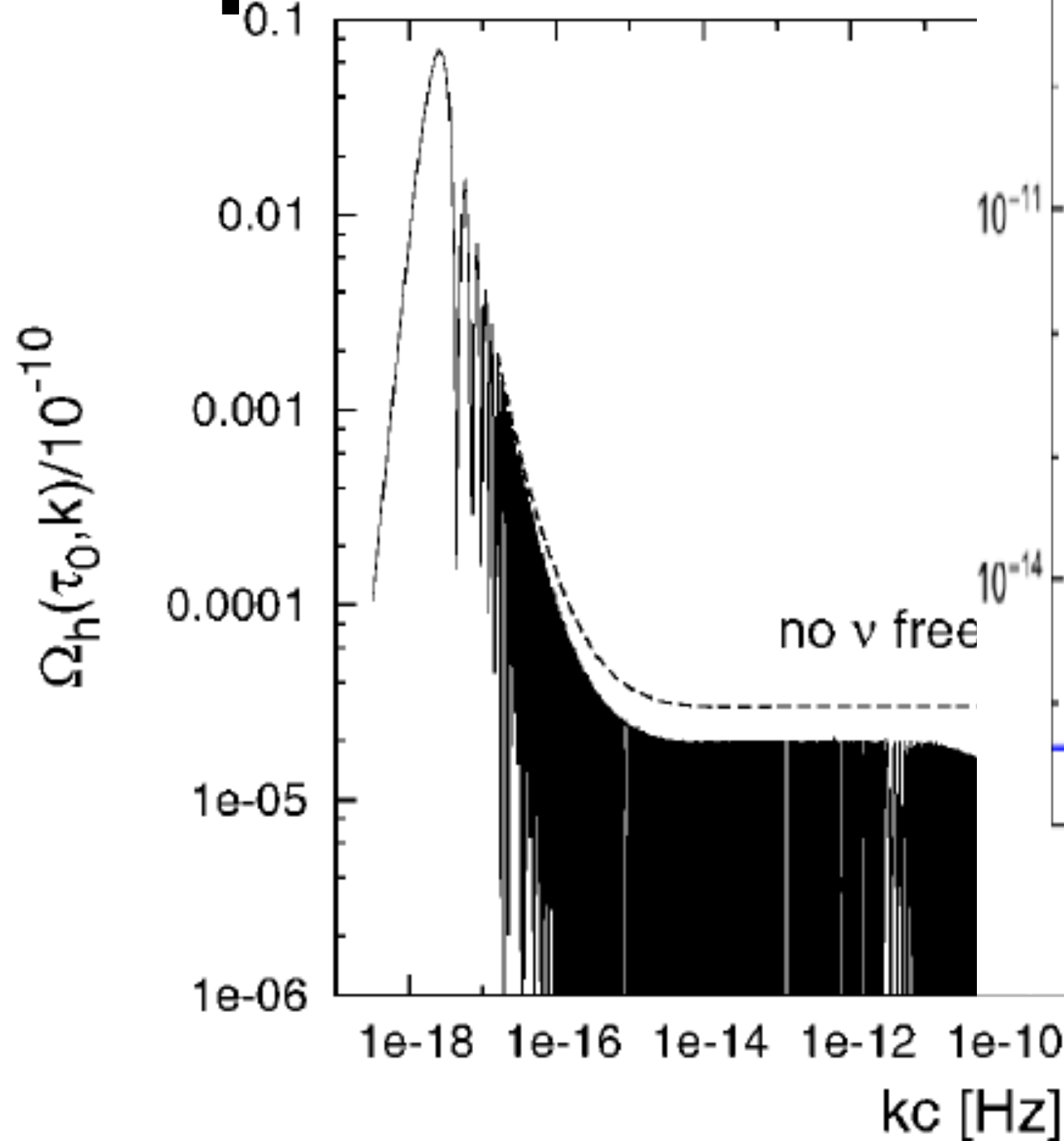
- If  $\dot{\theta}$  (hence  $\xi$ ) increases in time (axion speeds up), we will have a **rising** spectrum of GW; **completely new phenomenology!**

# Theoretical energy density Spectrum of GW today





# Theoretical energy density spectrum of



# New Phenomenology

- **Vacuum Contribution**

- Scale-invariant
- Gaussian
- No chirality
  - No circular polarisation in GW
  - No TB/EB correlation in CMB

- **Axion-U(1) gauge field Sourced Contribution**

- **Non**-scale-invariant
- **Non**-Gaussian
- **Chiral**
  - GW is circularly polarised
  - TB/EB correlations do not vanish

# Concluding Message

$$a^2 \square D_{ij} = -16\pi G T_{ij}^{GW}$$

- Do not take it for granted if someone told you that detection of the primordial gravitational waves would be a signature of “quantum gravity”!
- Only the homogeneous solution corresponds to the vacuum tensor metric perturbation. **There is no *a priori* reason to neglect an inhomogeneous solution!**
- Contrary, we have several examples in which detectable GWs are generated by **sources** [e.g., U(1) and SU(2) gauge fields]

**Appendix:**  
***Linearly* sourcing GW by**  
**SU(2) Gauge Field**

# Challenge for vector-sourced GW on CMB scales

- Can we generate GW on CMB scales ( $\sim 10^{-18}$  Hz) by the vector field and a Chern-Simons coupling?
- The answer is “***not easy***”, because it also creates the scalar perturbation that is too non-Gaussian
- Not only does the second-order vector perturbation generate non-Gaussian GW, but it also generates the non-Gaussian scalar perturbation, which is not seen on the CMB scale

# Scalar perturbation from the second-order vector field

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2}(\partial\phi)^2 - V(\phi) - \frac{1}{4}F^{\mu\nu}F_{\mu\nu} - \frac{\alpha}{4f}\phi F^{\mu\nu}\tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}$$

The equation of motion (Euler-Lagrange equation) for  $\phi$  is

$$\square\phi - \frac{\partial V}{\partial\phi} = \frac{\alpha}{4f} \sum_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}\tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} = -\frac{\alpha}{f} \underline{\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B}}$$

- The scalar field perturbation is sourced **non-linearly** by the vector field -> Highly non-Gaussian contribution!

# What went wrong?

$$\square D_{ij} = 16\pi G (E_i E_j + B_i B_j) \overset{\text{TT}}{\downarrow}$$

- The vector mode could not source the tensor mode at linear order in homogeneous and isotropic background, as  $E_i$  and  $B_i$  cannot take the mean values
  - Isotropy is broken otherwise
  - The same non-linear source generates the scalar perturbation that is too non-Gaussian to be consistent with CMB data
- Can we find a field which can source the tensor mode **linearly**?

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transverse  
and traceless  
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# A Solution: $U(1) \rightarrow SU(2)$

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$$F_{\mu\nu}^a = \frac{\partial A_\nu^a}{\partial x^\mu} - \frac{\partial A_\mu^a}{\partial x^\nu} + g_A \sum_{b,c=1}^3 \epsilon^{abc} A_\mu^b A_\nu^c$$

**[ $a=1,2,3$ ;  $\mu=0,1,2,3$ ]** *self-interaction term*

**SU(2) gauge field:** 
$$\mathbf{A}_\mu = \sum_{a=1}^3 A_\mu^a \frac{\sigma^a}{2}$$

**Pauli matrices:**  $\sigma^1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

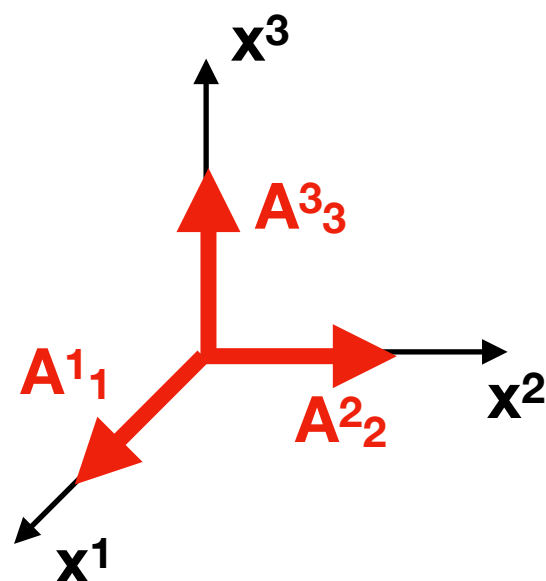


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- The SU(2) gauge field has a solution, in which  $A^a_\mu$  establishes a homogeneous and isotropic mean value  $Q(t)$ :

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- This configuration is stable against a perturbation, and it is in fact the attractor solution for fairly generic initial conditions.

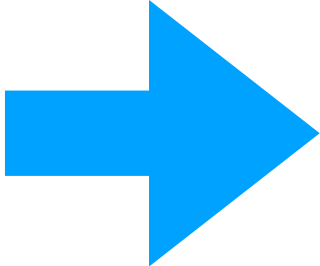
Maleknejad & Erfani (2014);  
Wolfson, Maleknejad & Komatsu (2020)

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<b>U(1)</b> <b>[EM]</b>	$F_{i0} = a^2 E_i,$		$F^a_{i0} = -(aQ)'\delta^a_i,$	<b>SU(2)</b>
	$F_{12} = a^2 B_3,$		$F^a_{12} = g_A a^2 Q^2 \delta^a_3,$	
	$F_{23} = a^2 B_1,$		$F^a_{23} = g_A a^2 Q^2 \delta^a_1,$	
	$F_{31} = a^2 B_2$		$F^a_{31} = g_A a^2 Q^2 \delta^a_2$	

# Stress-energy Tensor

$$T_{ij}^{\text{SU}(2)} = \sum_{\mu\nu} g^{\mu\nu} \sum_{a=1}^3 F_{i\mu}^a F_{j\nu}^a - \cancel{\frac{1}{4} g_{ij} \sum_{\mu\nu} \sum_{a=1}^3 F_{\mu\nu}^a F_a^{\mu\nu}}$$

This term disappears in the  
traceless component

**Perturbation:**

$$\delta T_{ij}^{\text{SU}(2)} = \sum_{\mu\nu} g^{\mu\nu} \sum_{a=1}^3 \left[ \bar{F}_{i\mu}^a (\delta F_{j\nu}^a) + (\delta F_{i\mu}^a) \bar{F}_{j\nu}^a \right] + g_{ij}(\dots)$$

- The perturbed stress energy tensor is **linear** in the vector perturbation!

# Tensor Mode in the SU(2) Gauge Field

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Using symmetry, this result is valid for all  $k_i=k$

$$\delta T_R^{\text{SU}(2)} = -\frac{2}{a} \frac{d(aQ)}{dt} t'_R + 2g_A Q^2 (g_A Q a t_R - k_3 t_R)$$

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# $t_{L,R}$ : Equations of Motion

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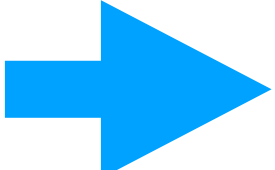
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- During inflation,  $\xi \approx m_Q + m_Q^{-1}$

[ $m_Q \sim$  a few, for successful phenomenology of this model]

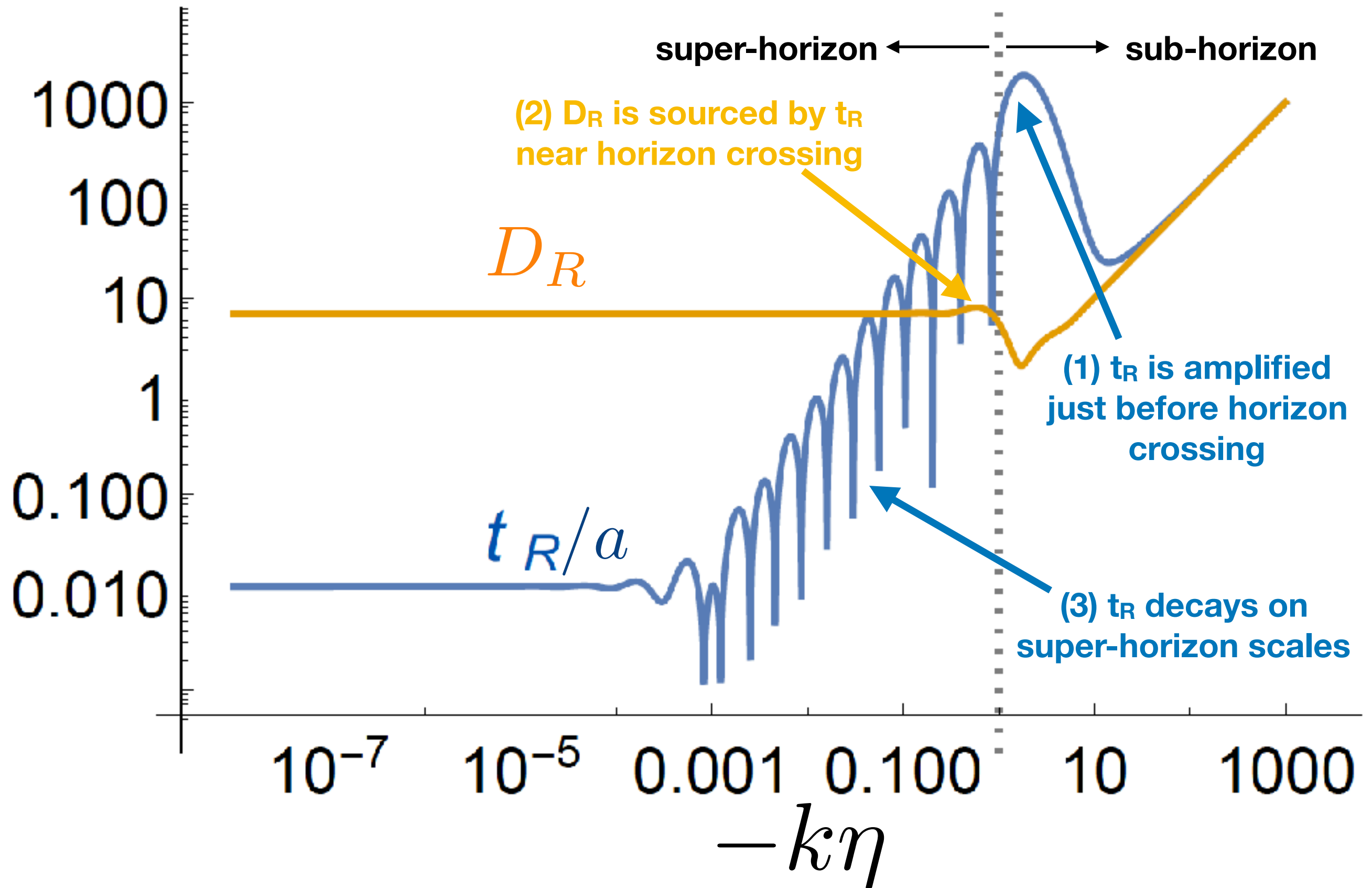
- For  $\xi > 0$ , the right-handed mode is amplified for

$$\sqrt{2}(-1 + \sqrt{2})m_Q < -k\eta < \sqrt{2}(1 + \sqrt{2})m_Q$$

  $0.6m_Q < -k\eta < 3.6m_Q$



# Sourced GW



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Vacuum contribution  
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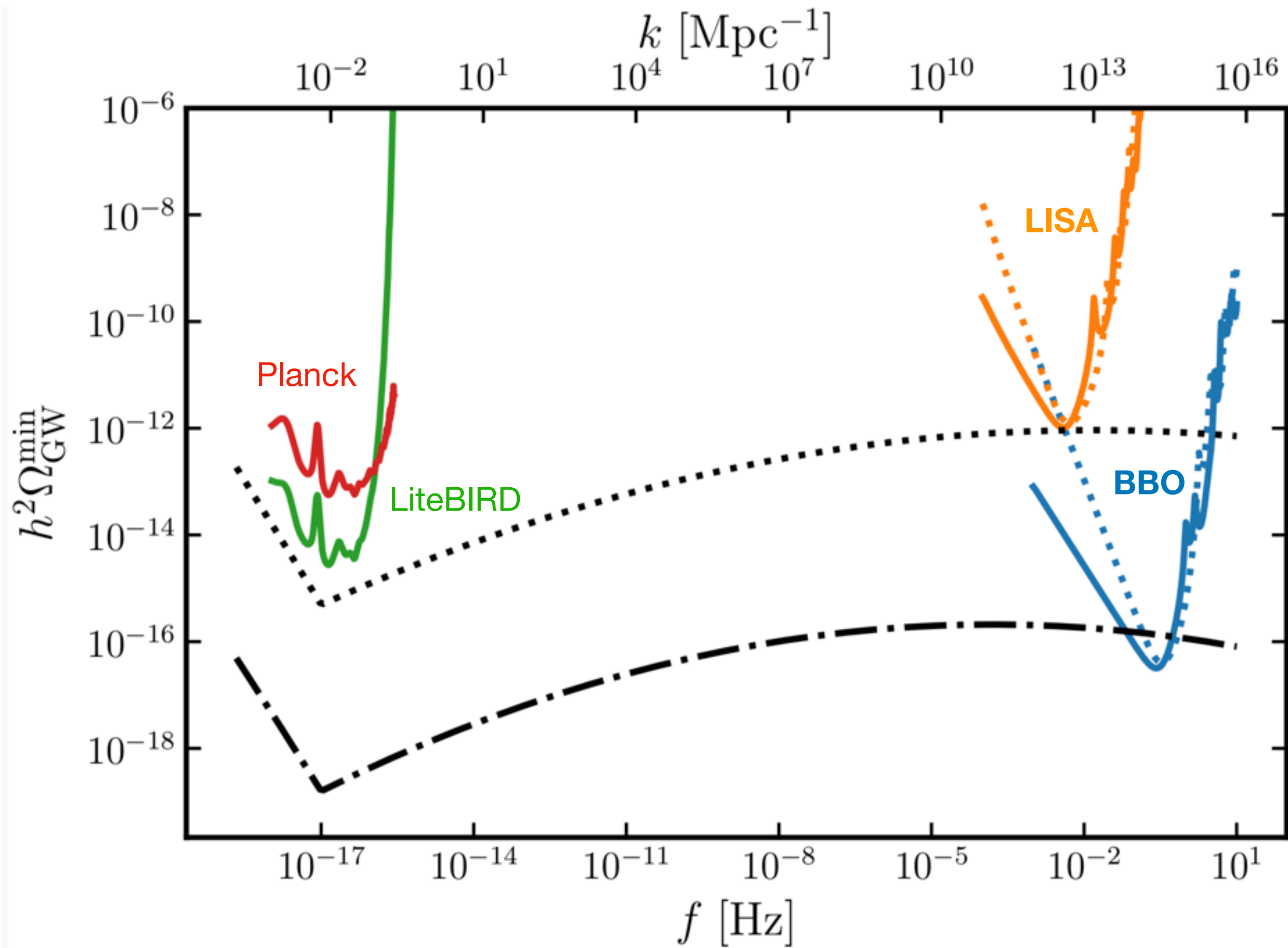
- Time dependence of  $\xi \sim m_Q + m_Q^{-1}$  results in various **non-scale-invariant** power spectrum shapes

# How about scalar modes?

- The scalar mode is not amplified for  $m_Q > \sqrt{2}$   
*Dimastrogiovanni & Peloso (2013)*
- Therefore, the picture is:
  - The scalar (curvature) perturbation is given by the vacuum fluctuation (nearly scale invariant and Gaussian), consistent with the CMB data (colloquium last week) **unlike the U(1) case!**
  - The tensor perturbation (GW) is given by the sourced contribution

# Phenomenology, and more reading

- **Non**-scale invariant spectrum
  - See **Fujita, Sfakianakis & Shiraishi (2019)** for various power spectrum shapes
- **Non**-Gaussian
  - It is linearly sourced by  $t_R$ , but  $t_R$  itself is highly non-Gaussian because of self-interaction. See **Agrawal, Fujita & Komatsu (2018a,b)**
- **Chiral**
  - Circular polarisation of GW and TB/EB correlation in CMB as observable signatures. See **Thorne et al. (2018)**



# CMB Experimental Strategy

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# If not, you may have just discovered new physics during inflation!

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