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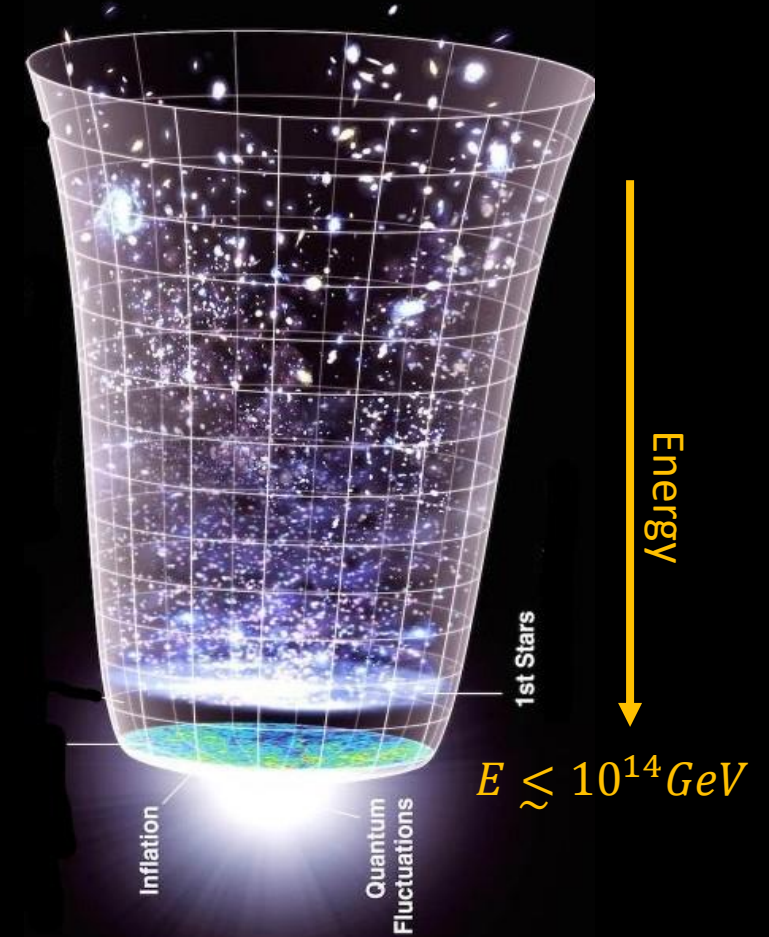
SU(2) Gauge fields & Early Universe Particle Production

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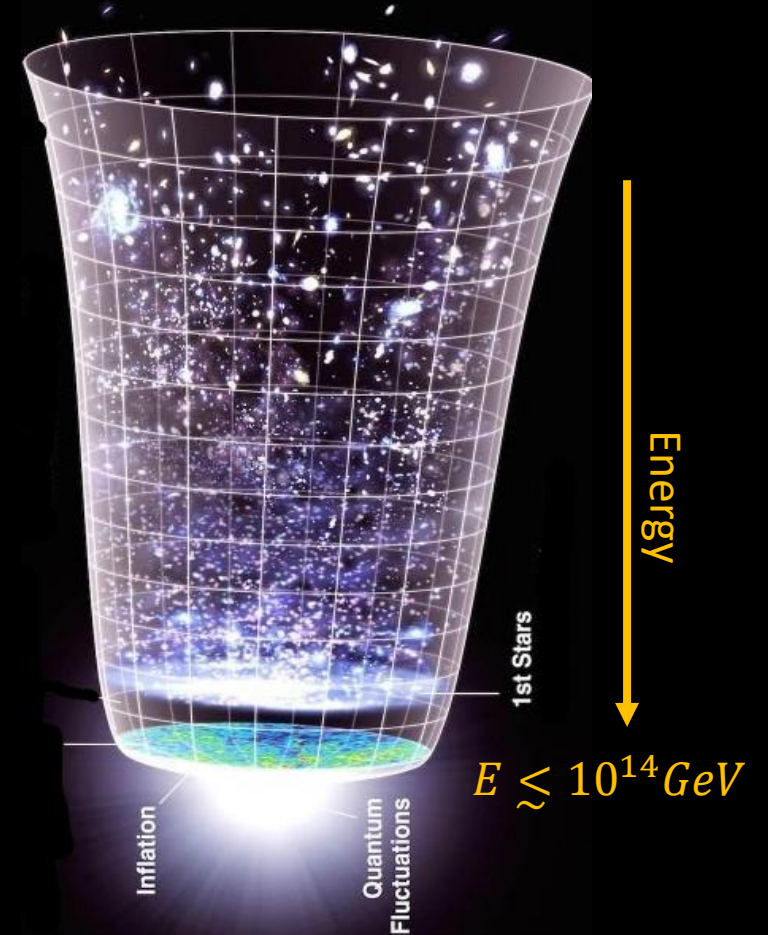


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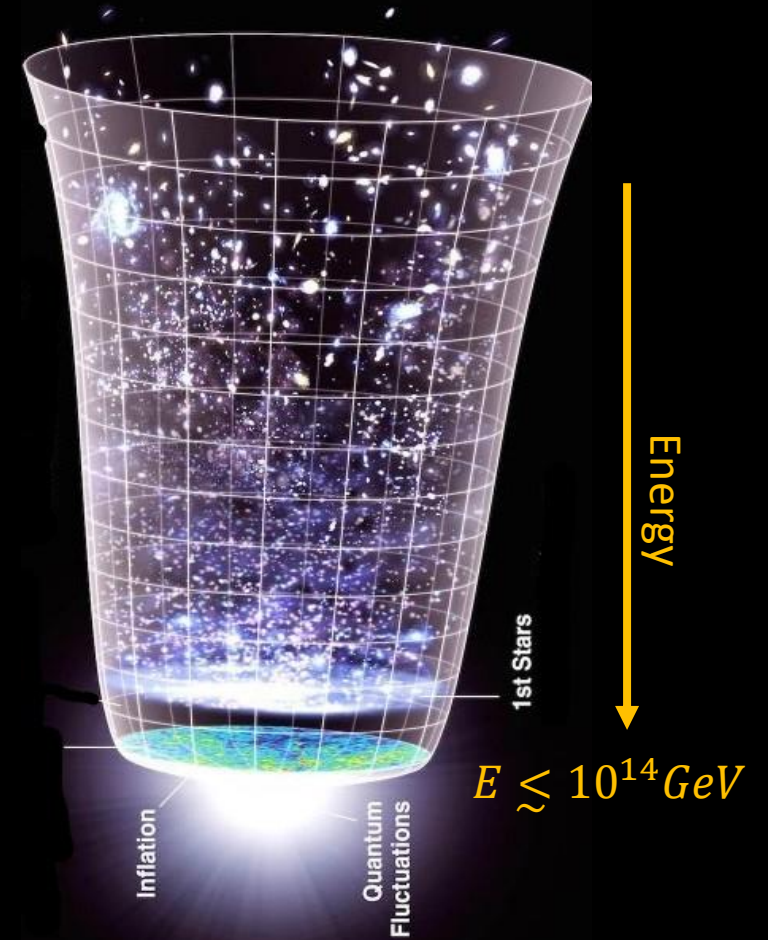
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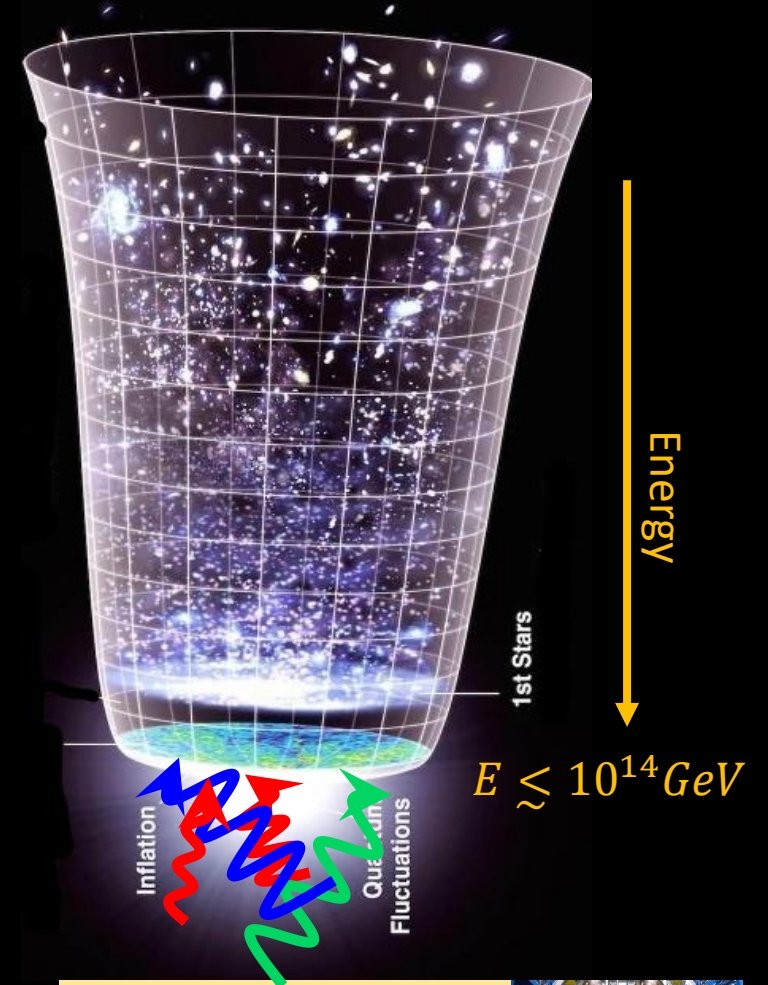
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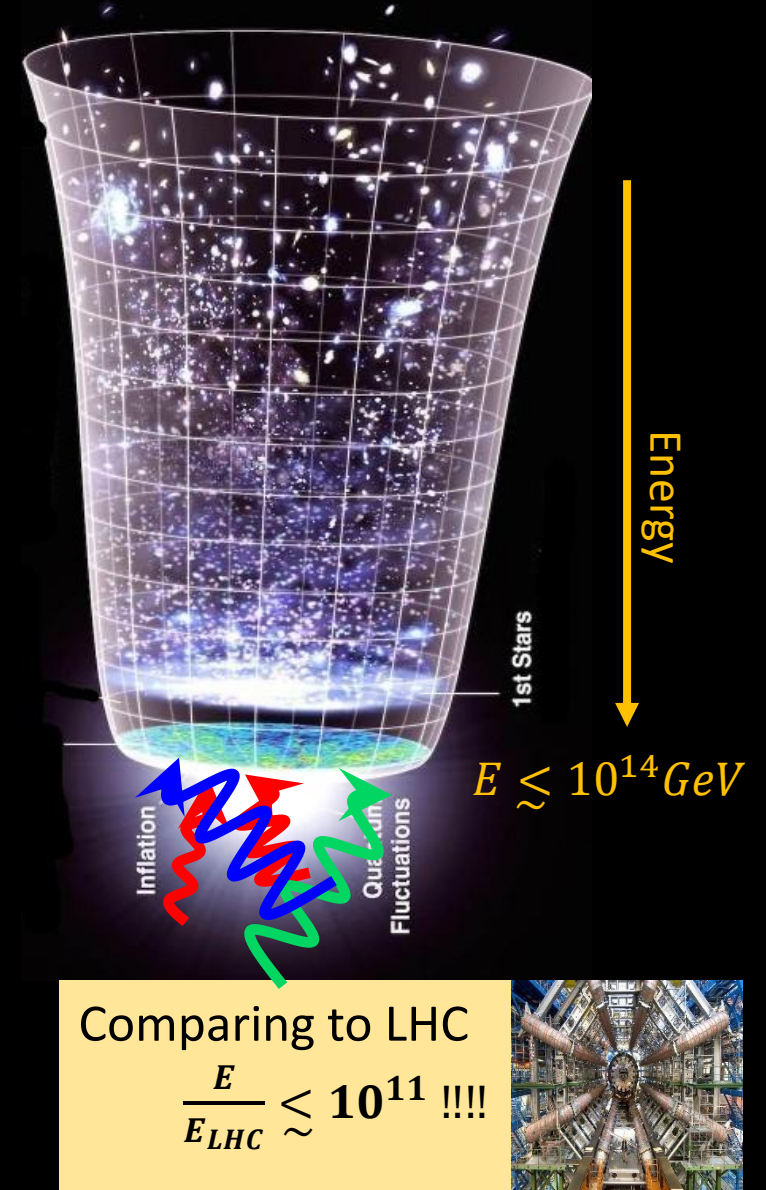


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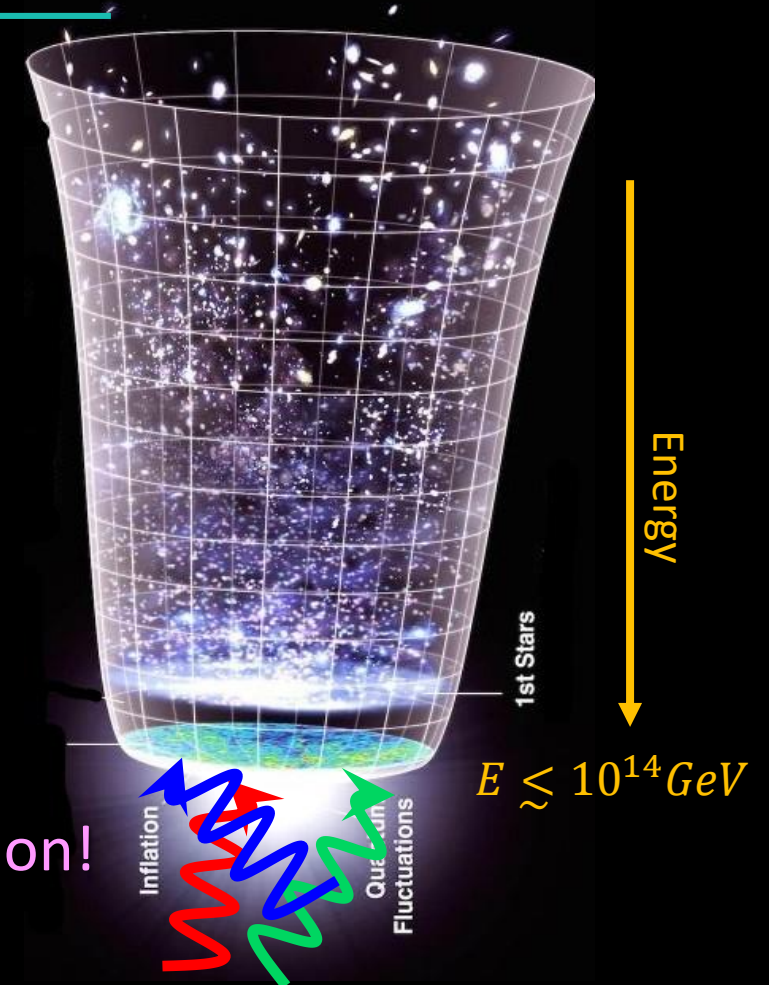
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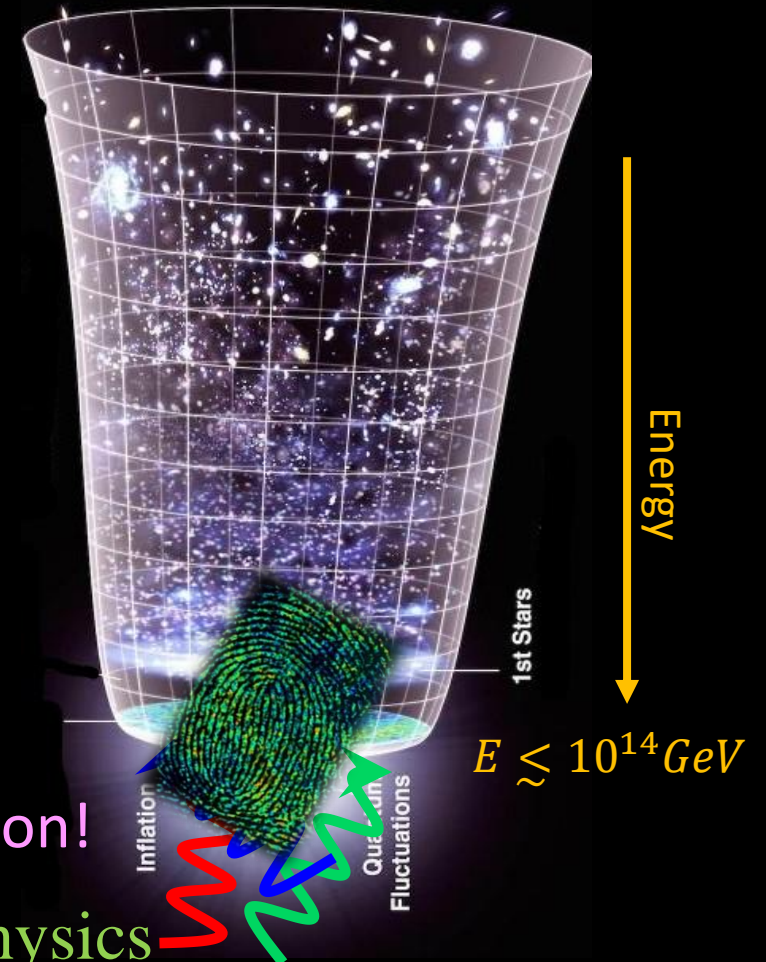
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It opens a new window on an unexplored direction in physics of the early Universe and particle cosmology!




Since 2011, many aspects and different realization of non-Abelian and $SU(2)$ gauge fields in inflation have been studied

My collaborators at MPA are [Eiichiro Komatsu](#), [Kaloian Lozanov](#), [Leila Mirzaghali](#), and [Ira Wolfson](#).

Here is an incomplete list of colleagues that contribute to the better understanding of the rich phenomenology of this setup:

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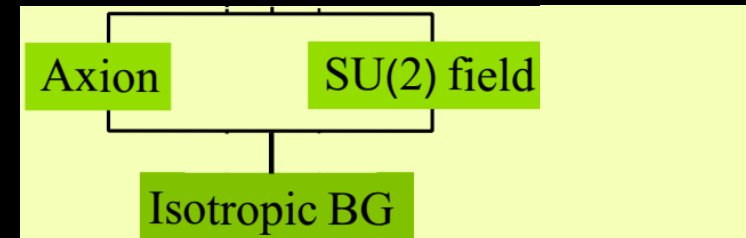
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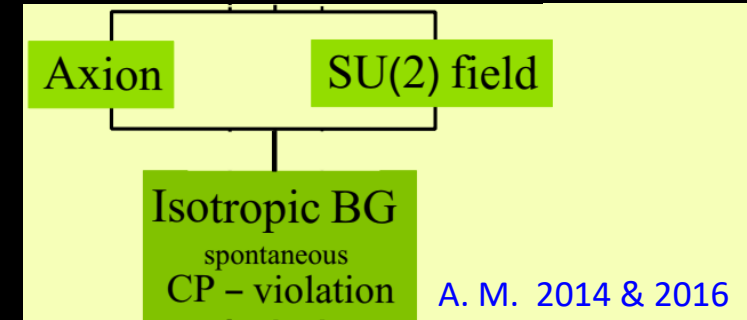
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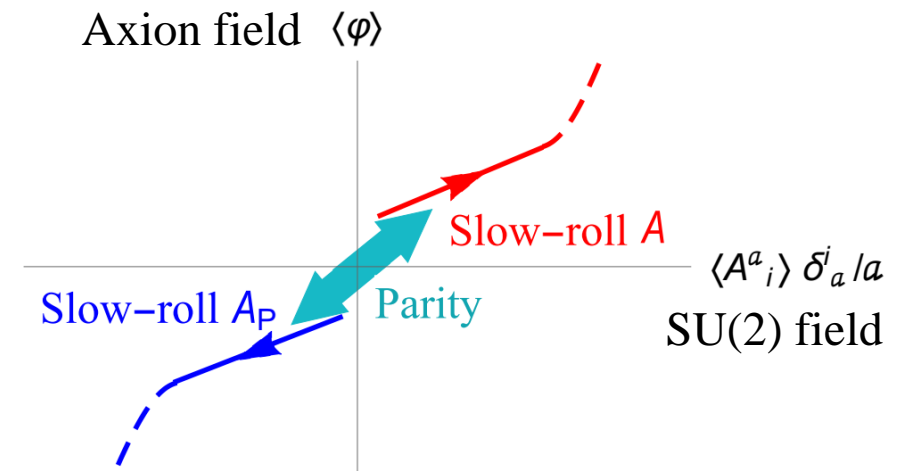
Particles with spin, e.g. Fermions & Spin-2 fields are sensitive to this **non-trivial Vacuum during inflation!**

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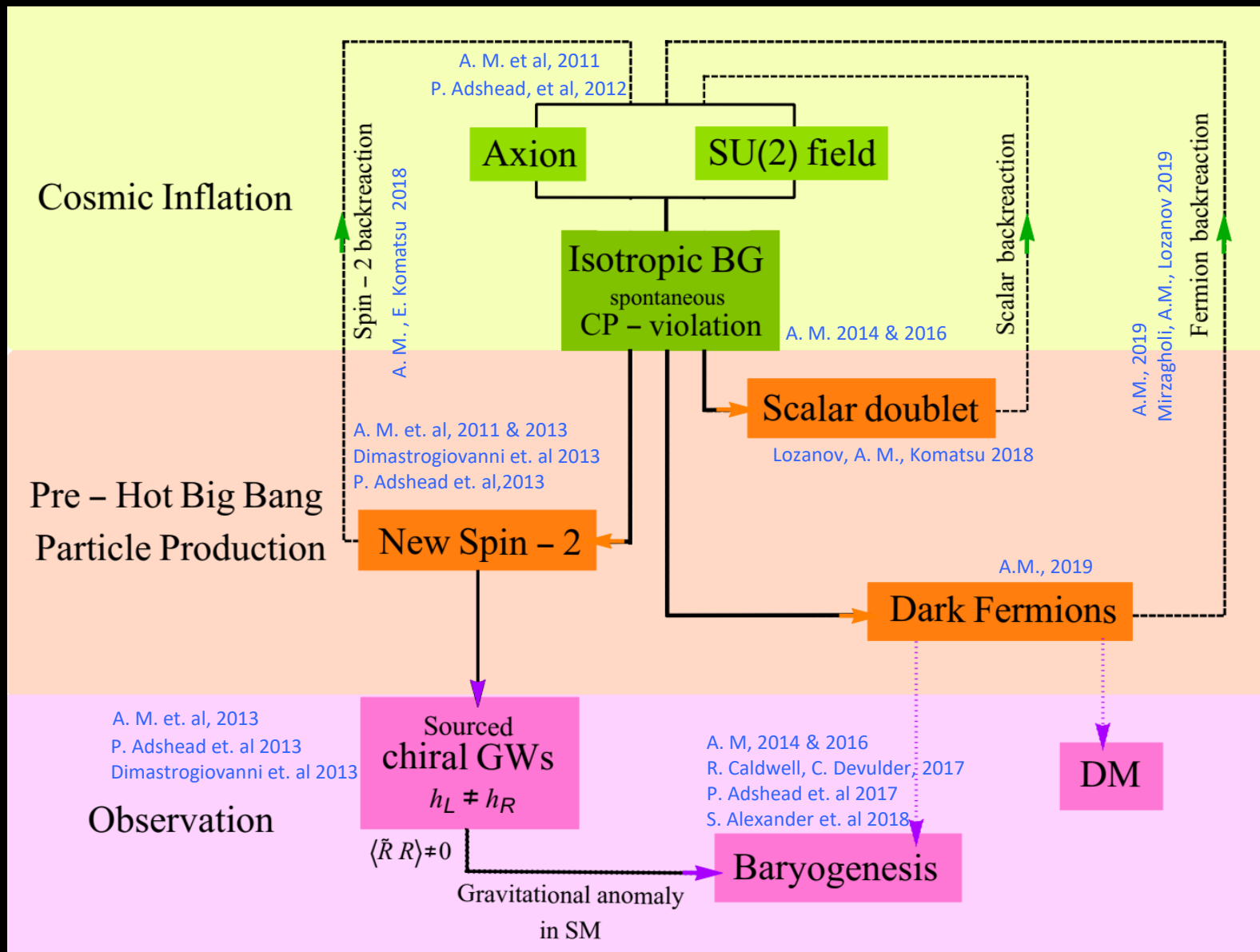


Vacuum structure of SU(2)-axion inflation



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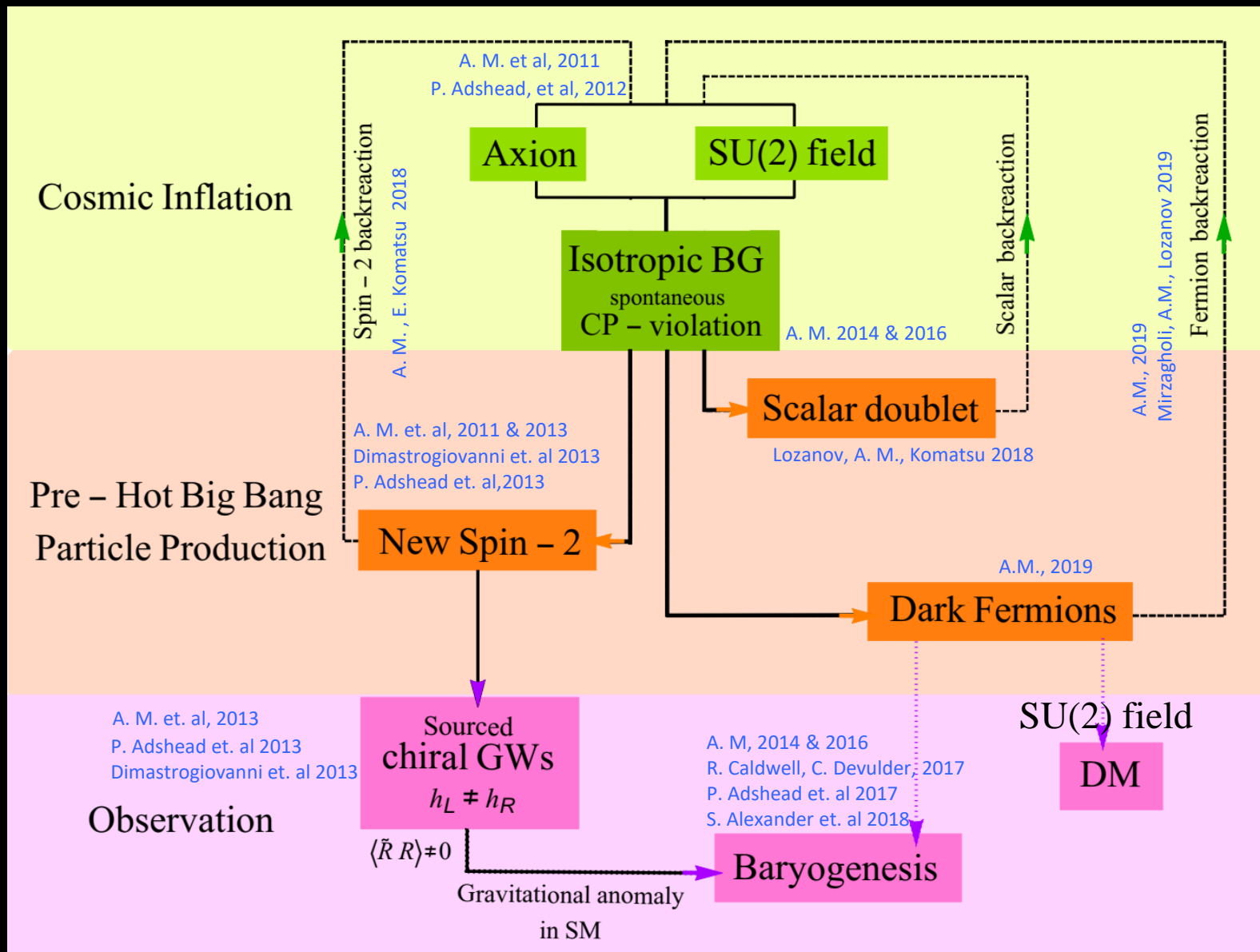


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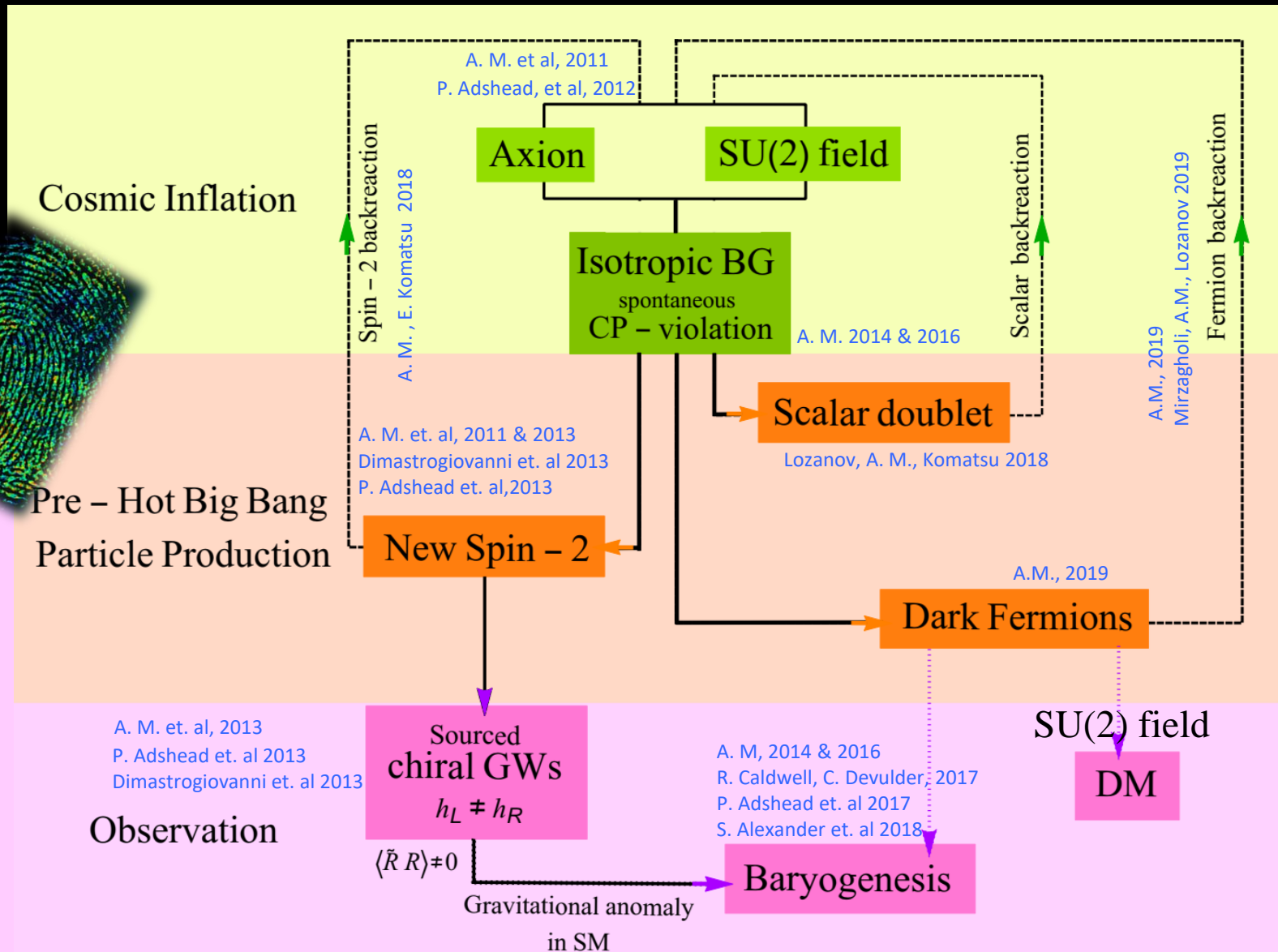
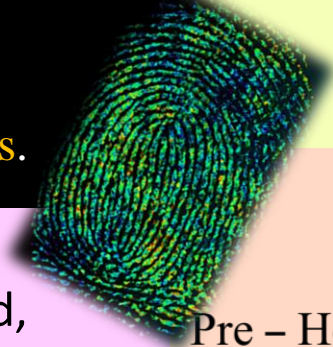
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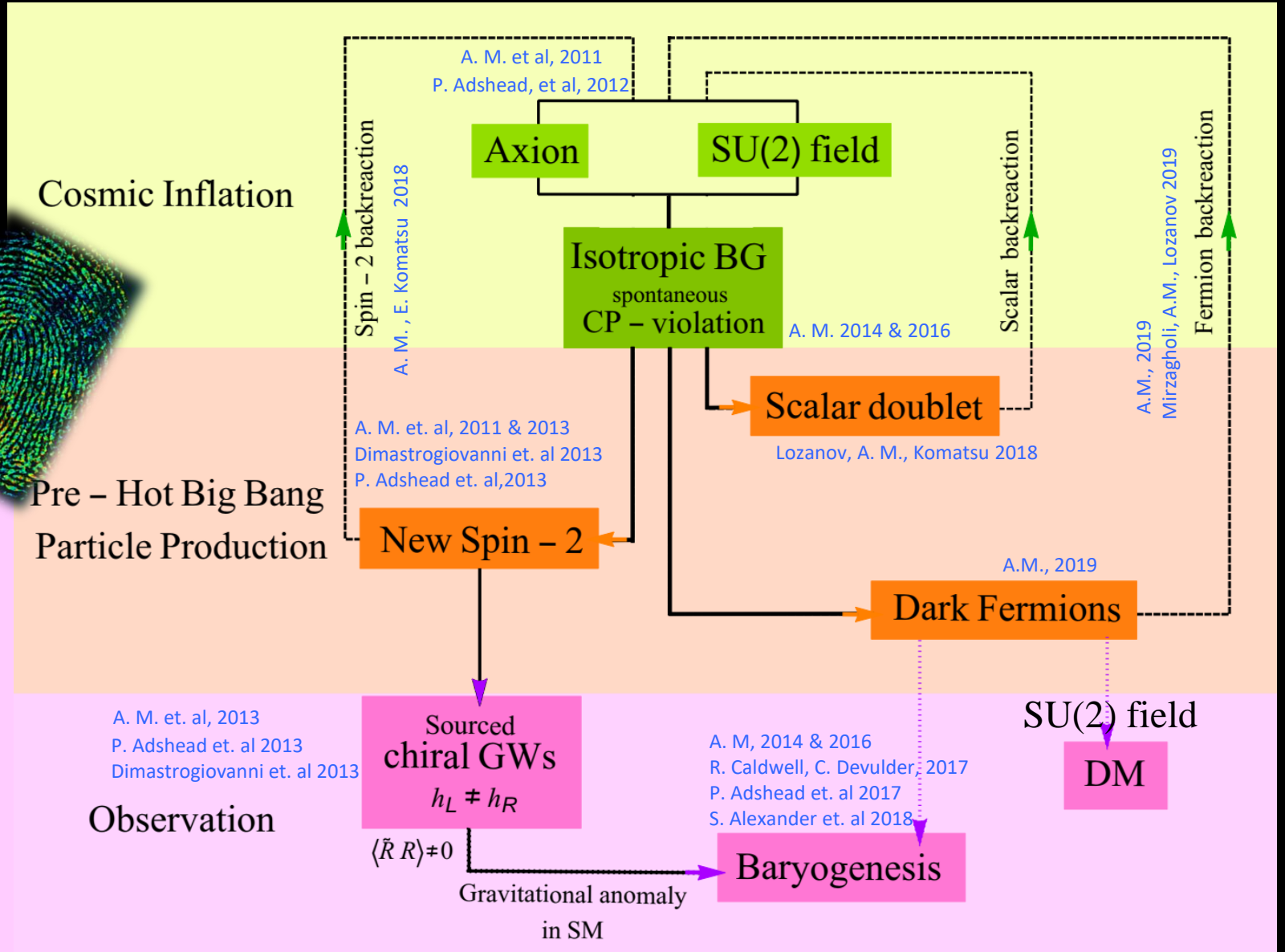
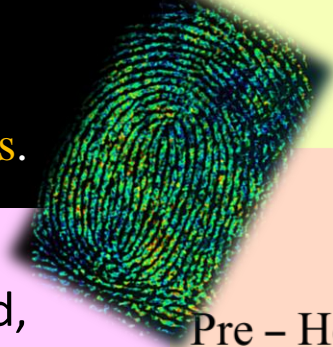
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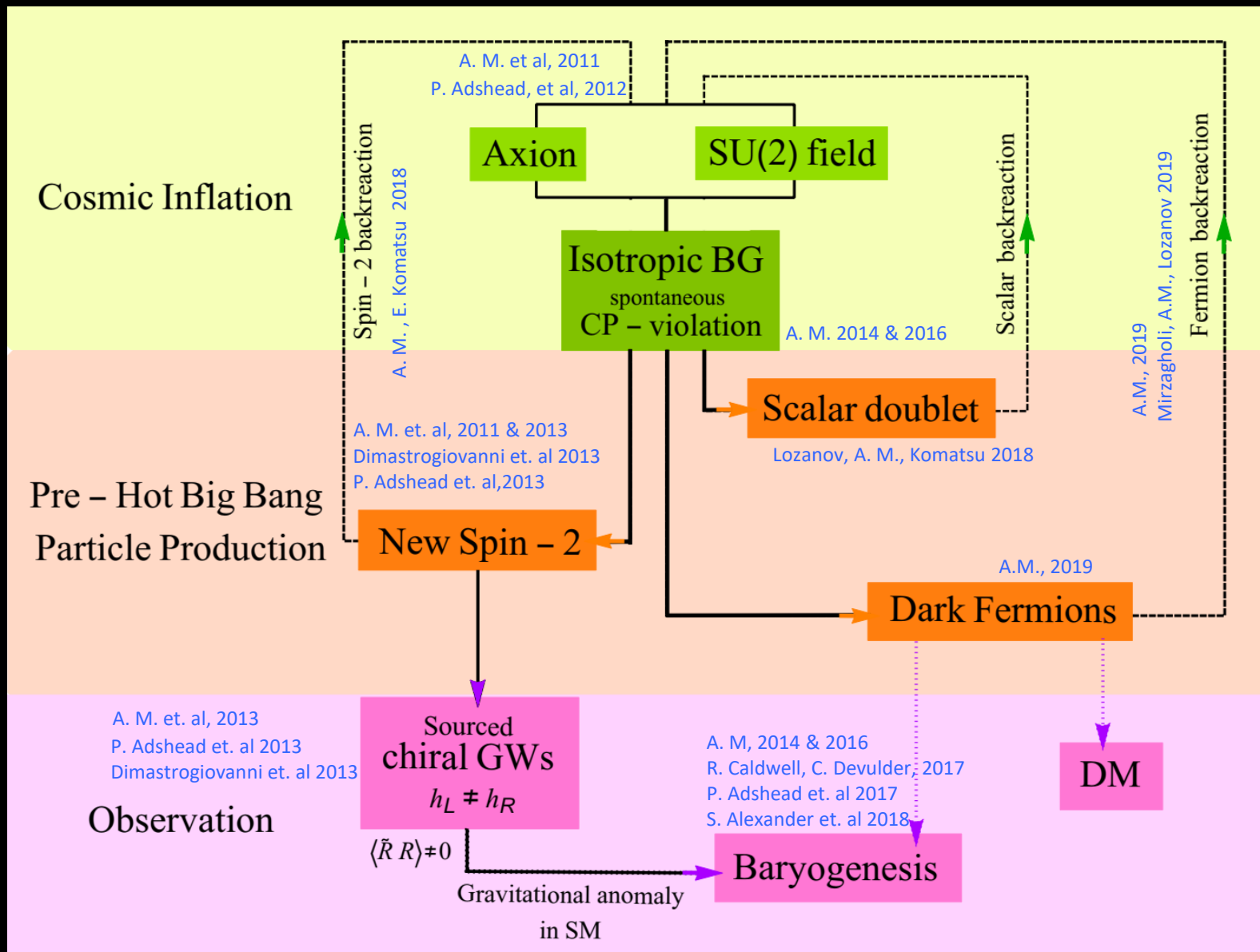
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- Inspired by them, several different models with SU(2) fields have been proposed and studied.

An incomplete list of models with SU(2) gauge field:	α_H	α_s
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- These models can be represented in the unified form

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$e_i^a = a(t) \delta_i^a$
spatial part of tetrads

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Spin-2 field

iv) Spin-2 field is chiral & coupled linearly with gravity waves

➡ Chiral primordial Gravitational waves

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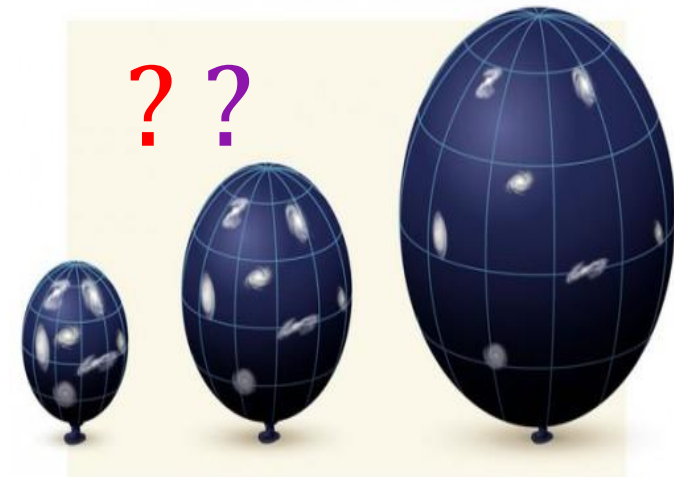
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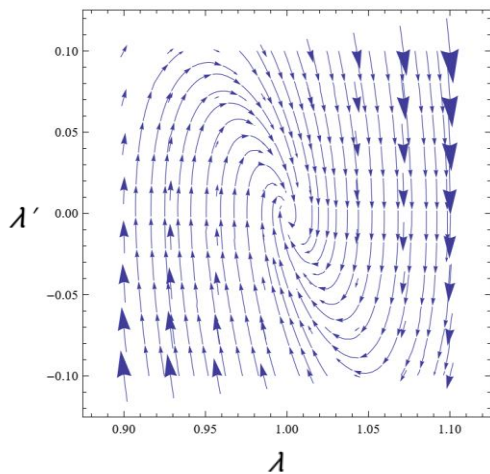
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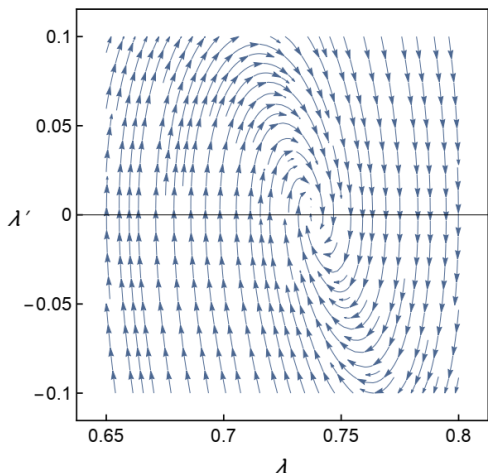
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Peter Adshead, Aike Liu, JCAP 07 (2018)




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Part III

Pre-Hot Big Bang Particle Production

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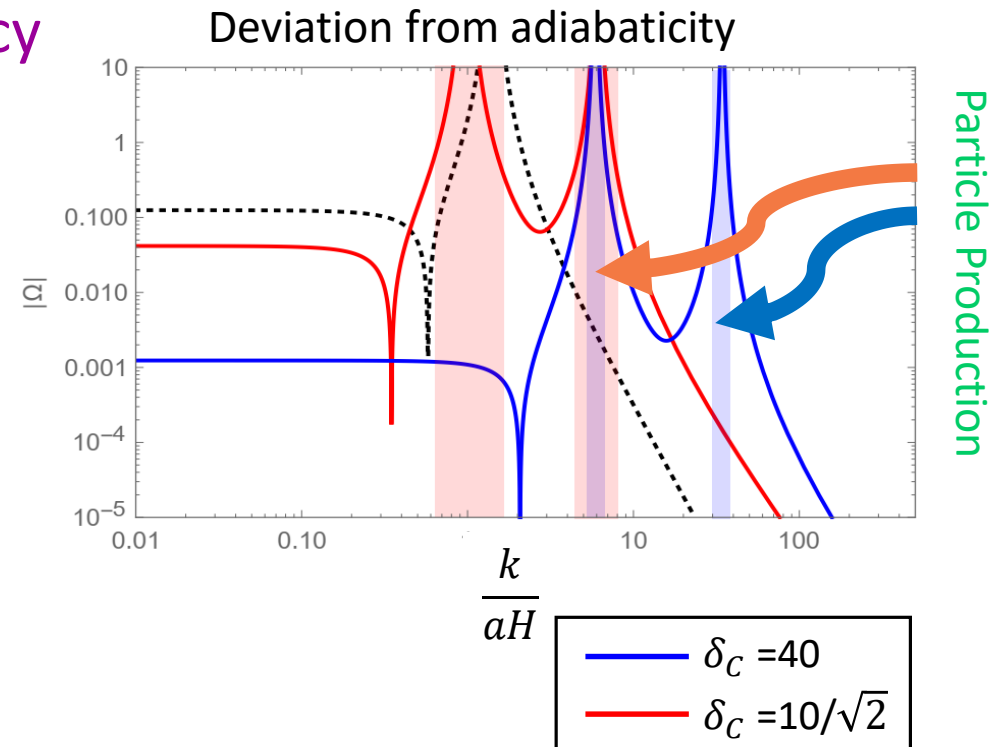
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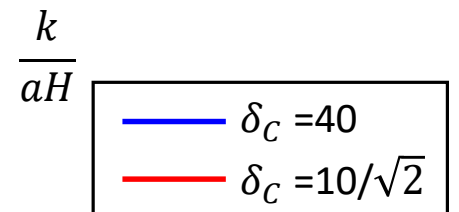
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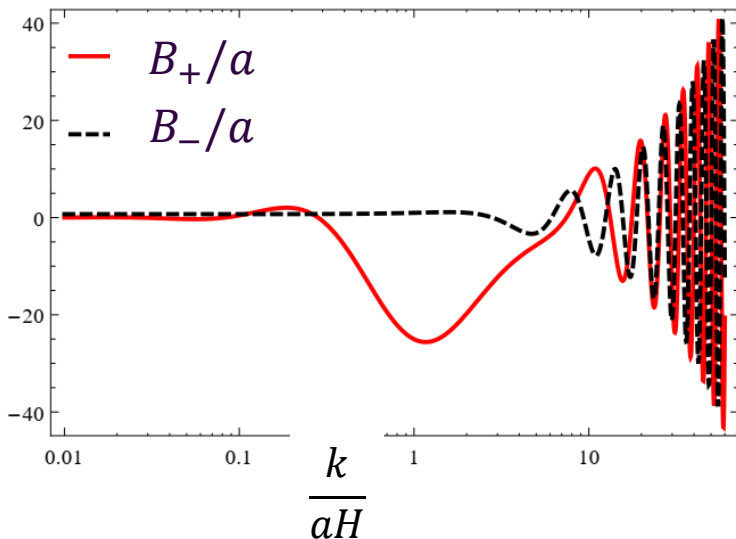


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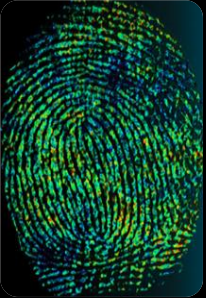
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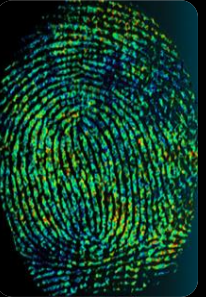
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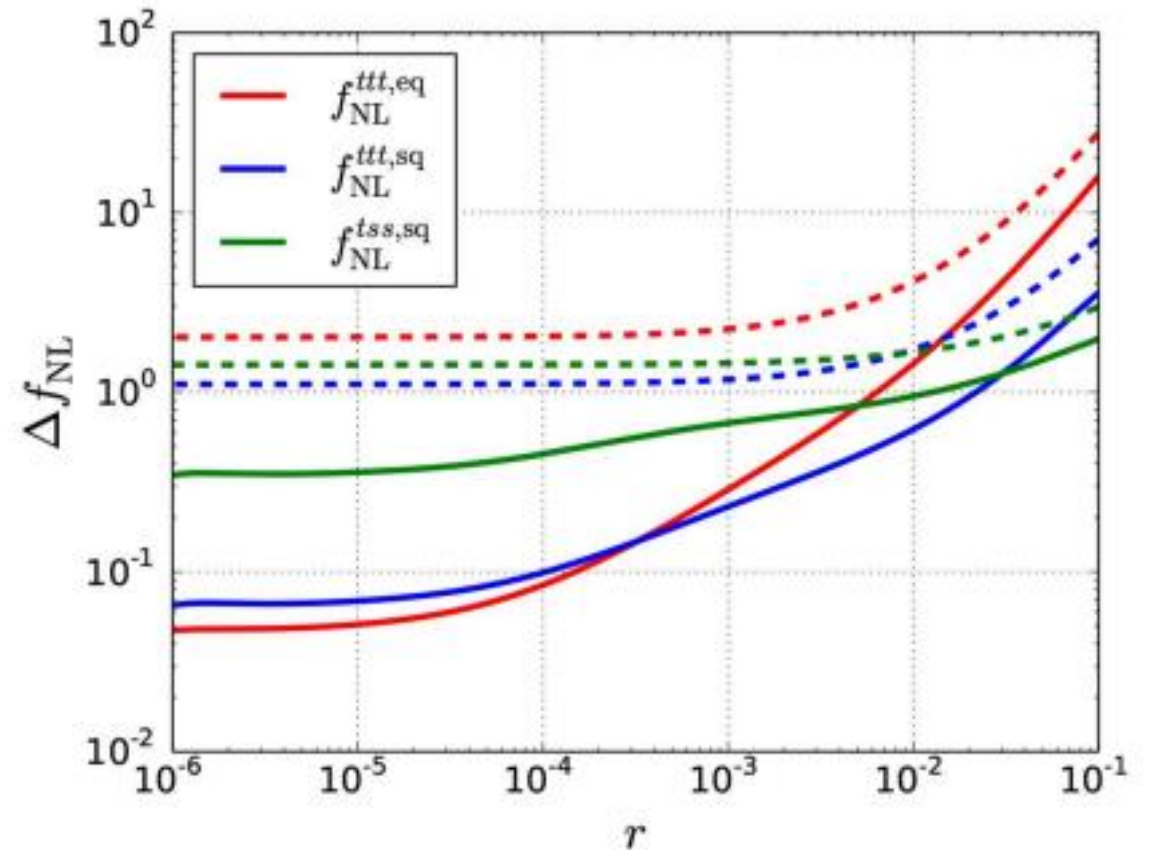
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Agrawal, Fujita, Komatsu 2018

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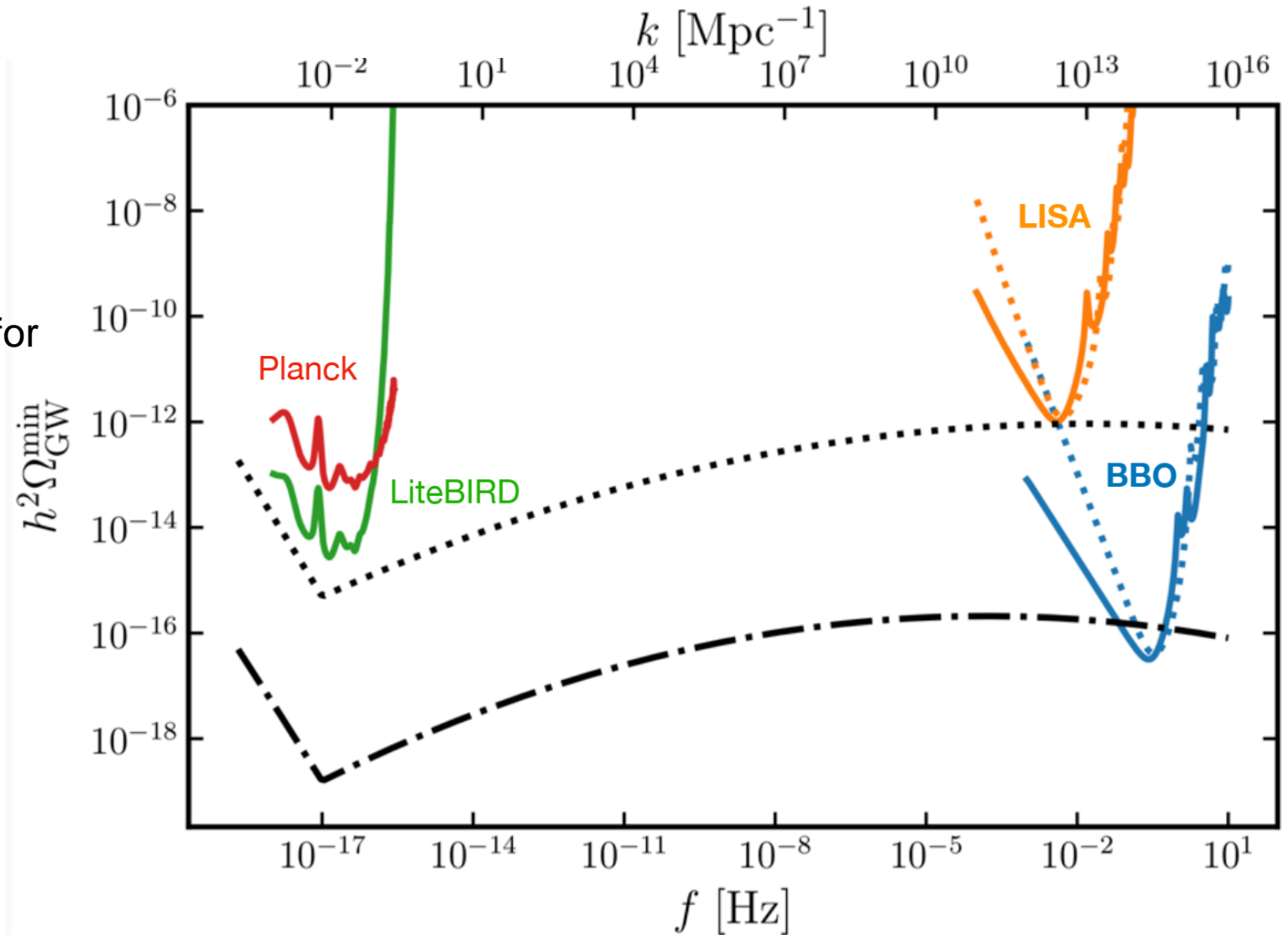


Maresuke Shiraishi, Front. Astron. Space Sci. 2019

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More than just CMB!

Comparison of the sensitivity curves for LiteBIRD, Planck, LISA, and BBO.



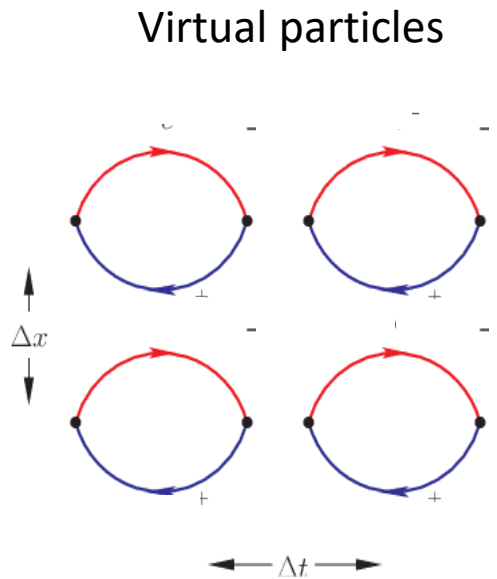
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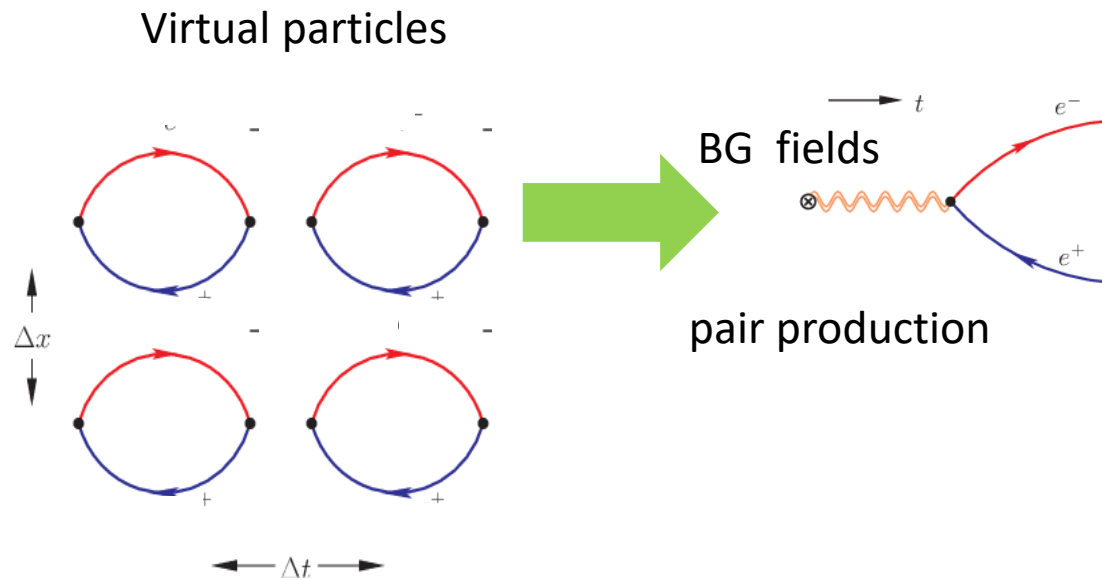


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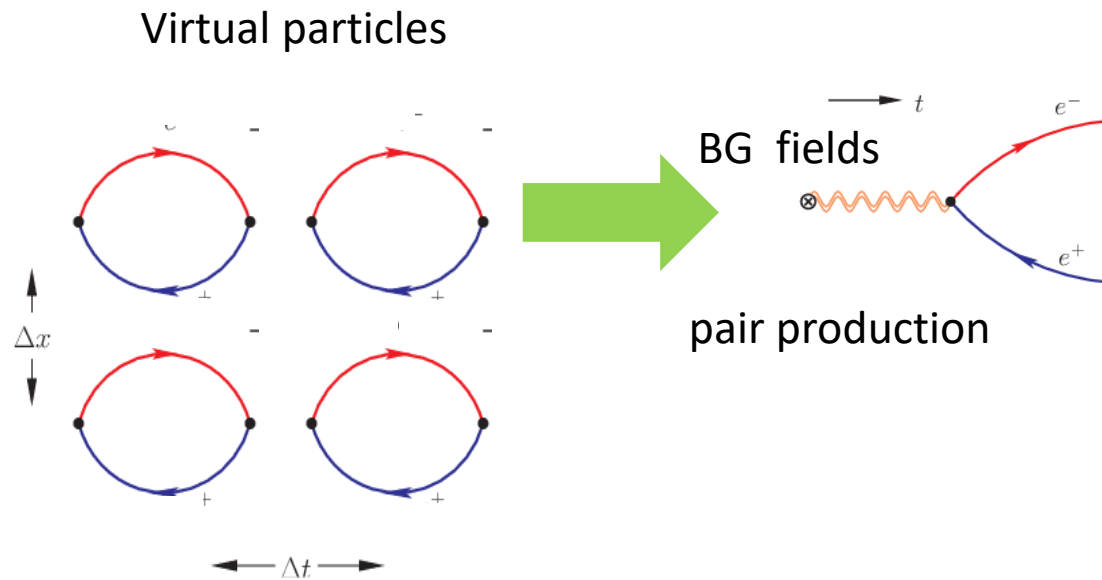


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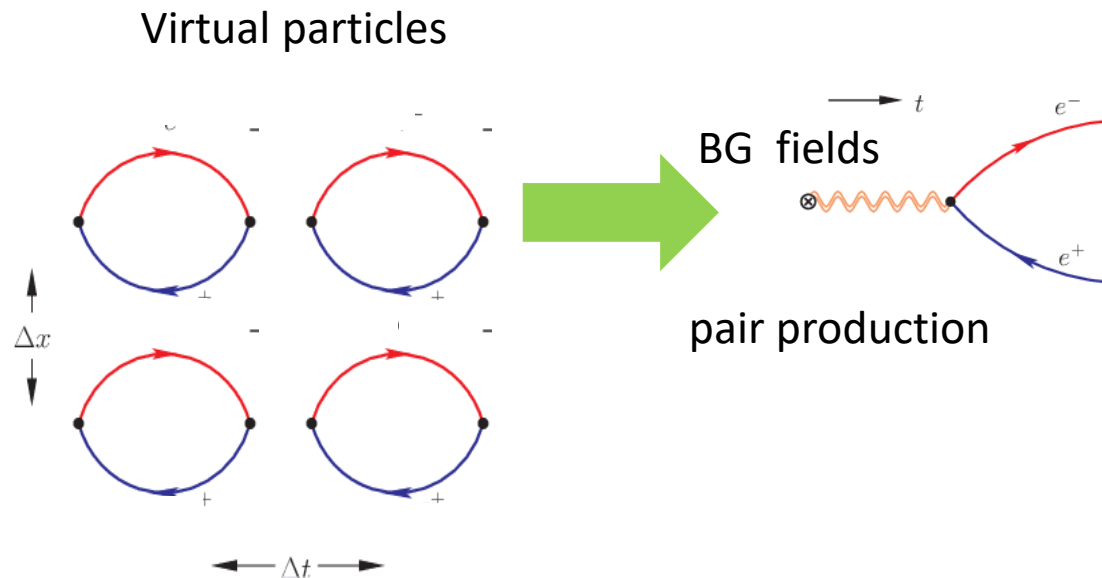
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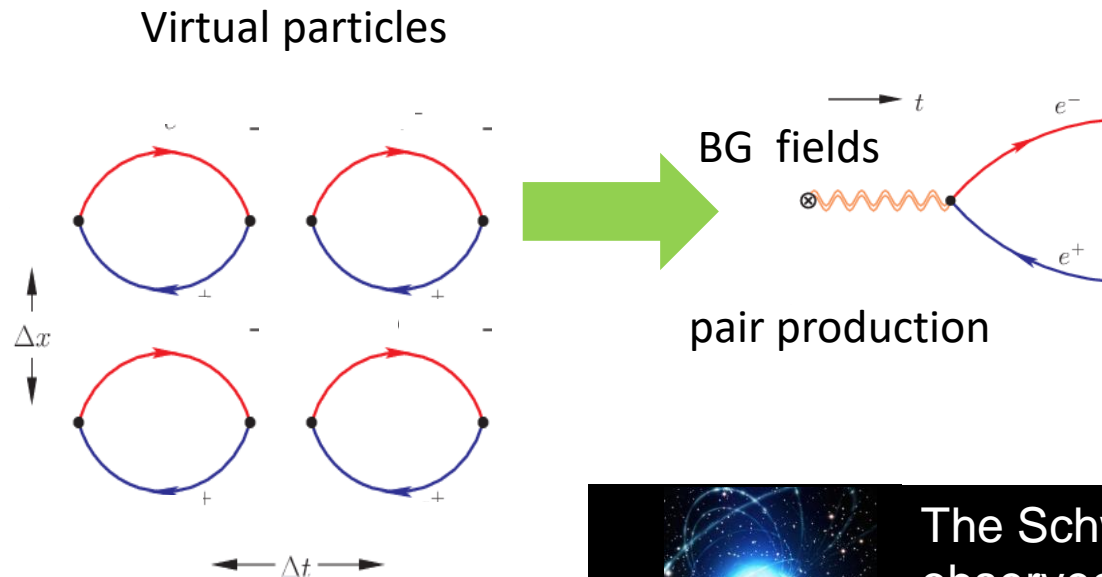
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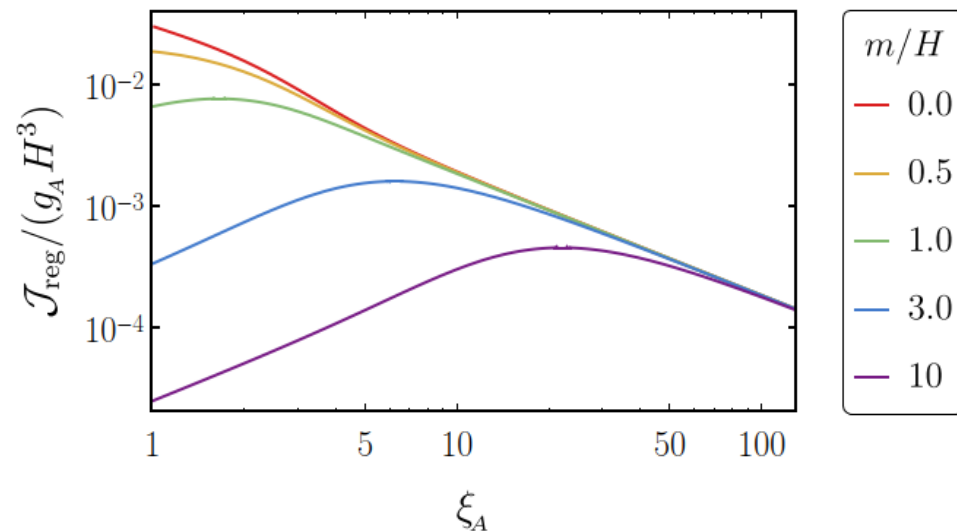
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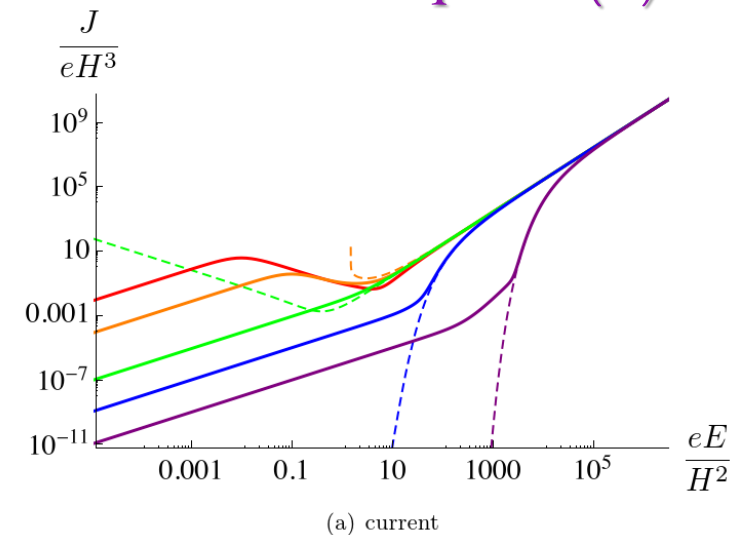
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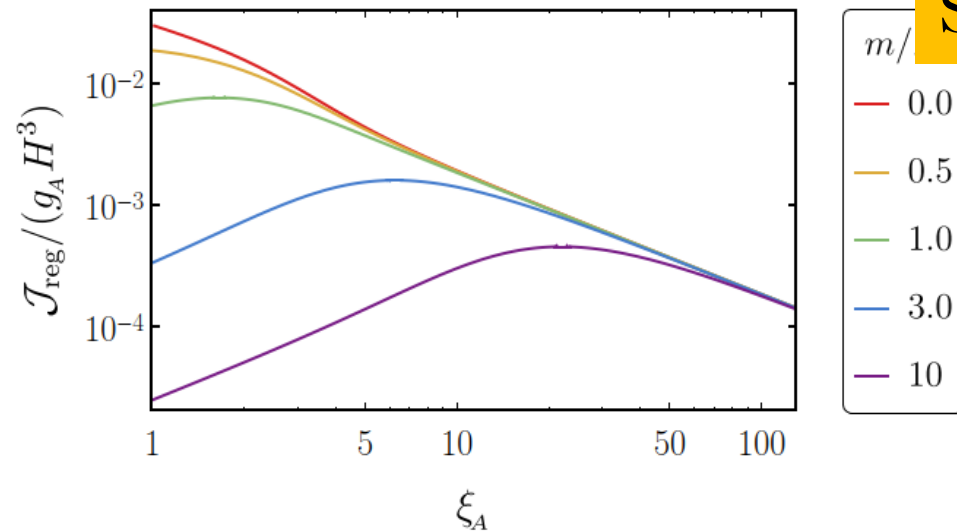
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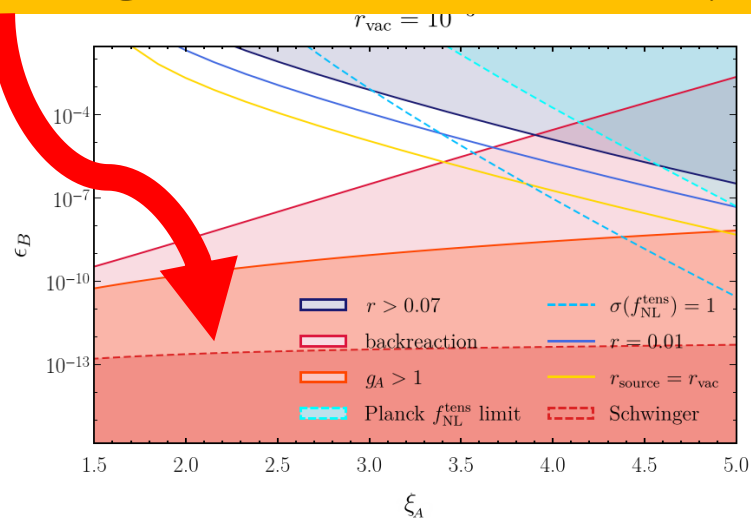
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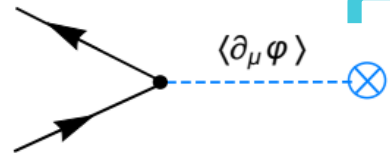


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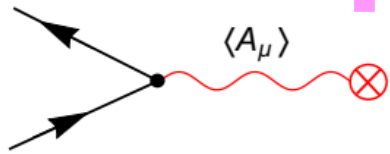


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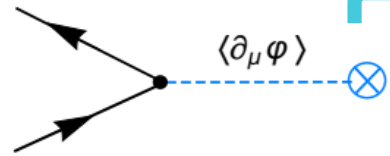


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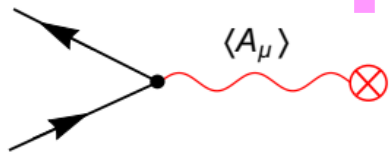
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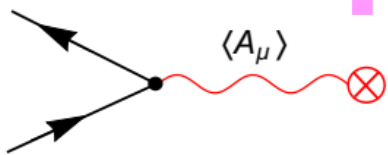
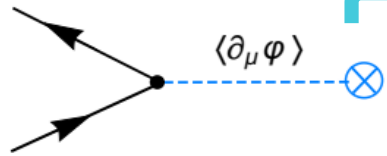
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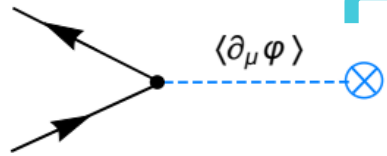
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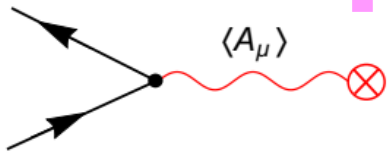
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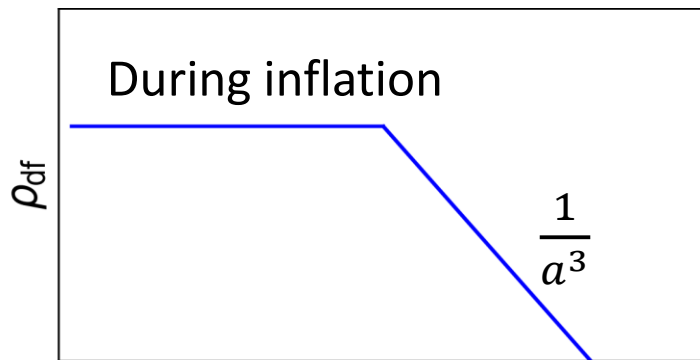
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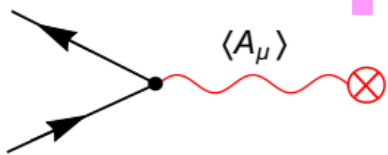
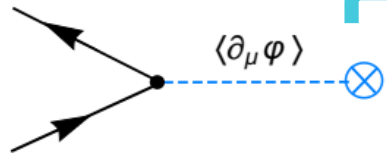
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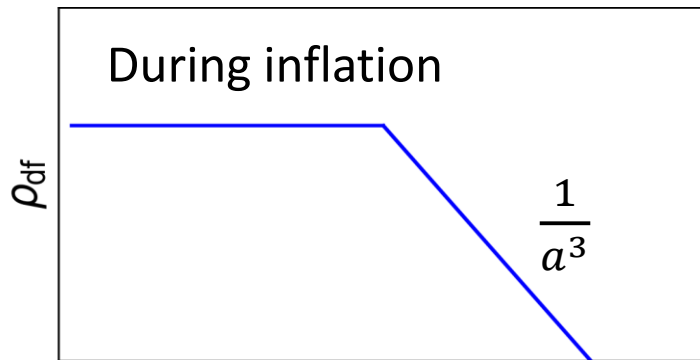


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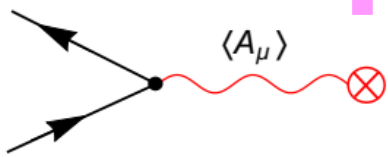
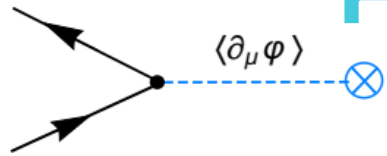
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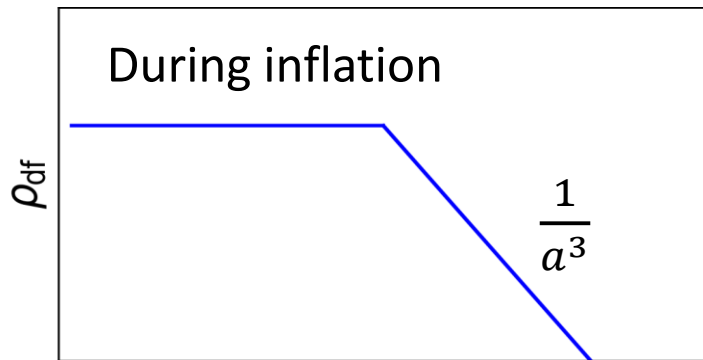


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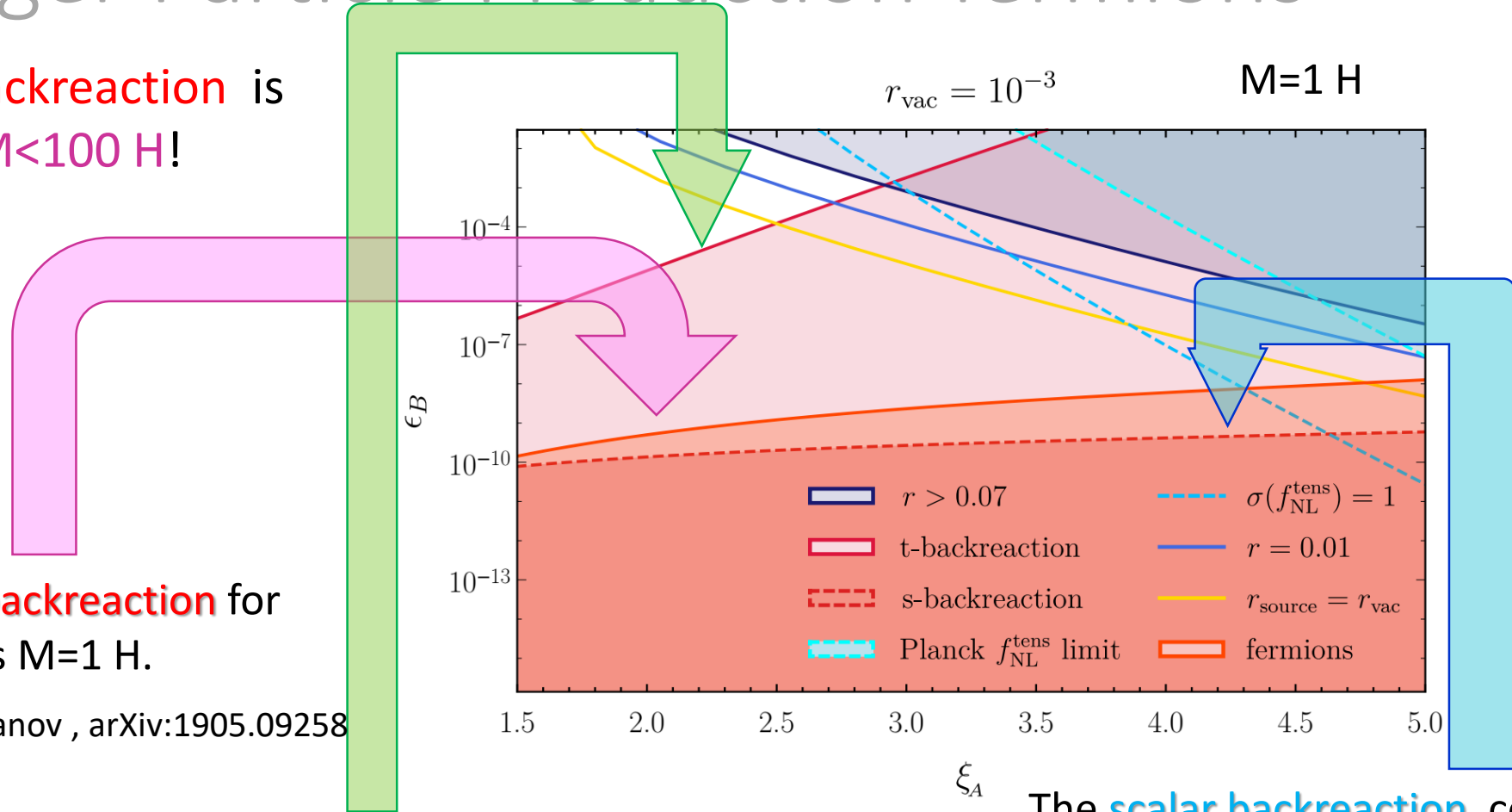
A. M., to appear soon

The **Dirac fermion backreaction** for fermions with mass $M=1 H$.

L. Mirzagholi, A.M. D. Lozanov, arXiv:1905.09258

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A.M. and Komatsu, 2018



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