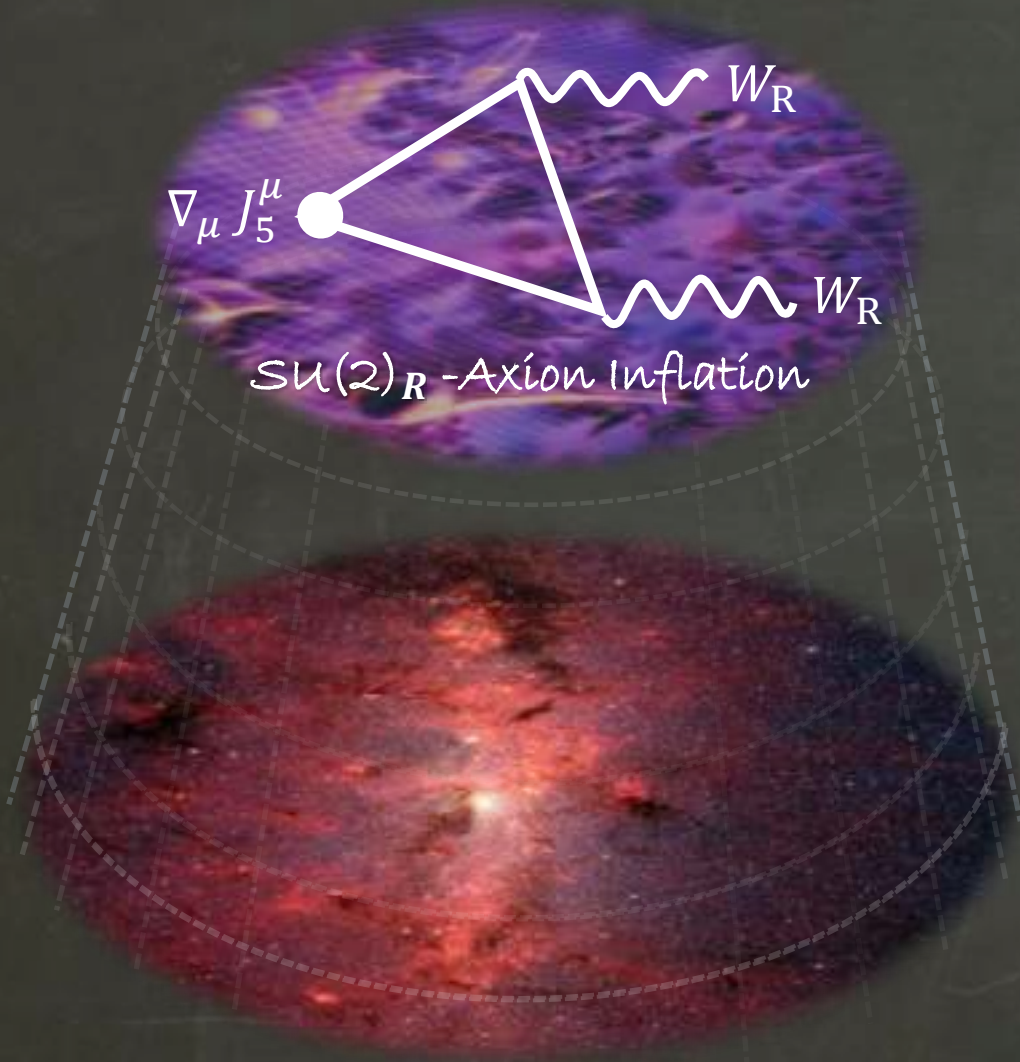


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Based on

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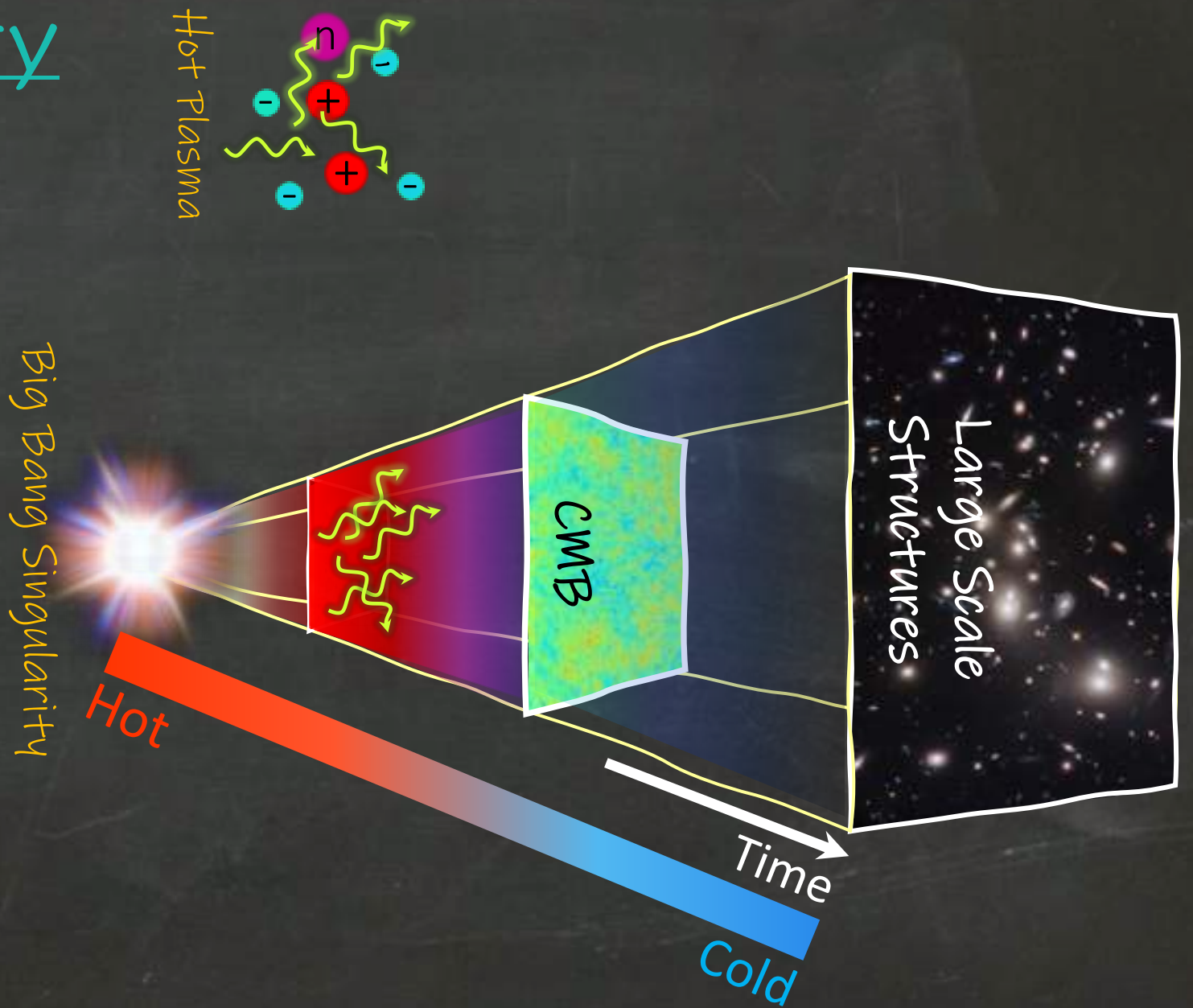
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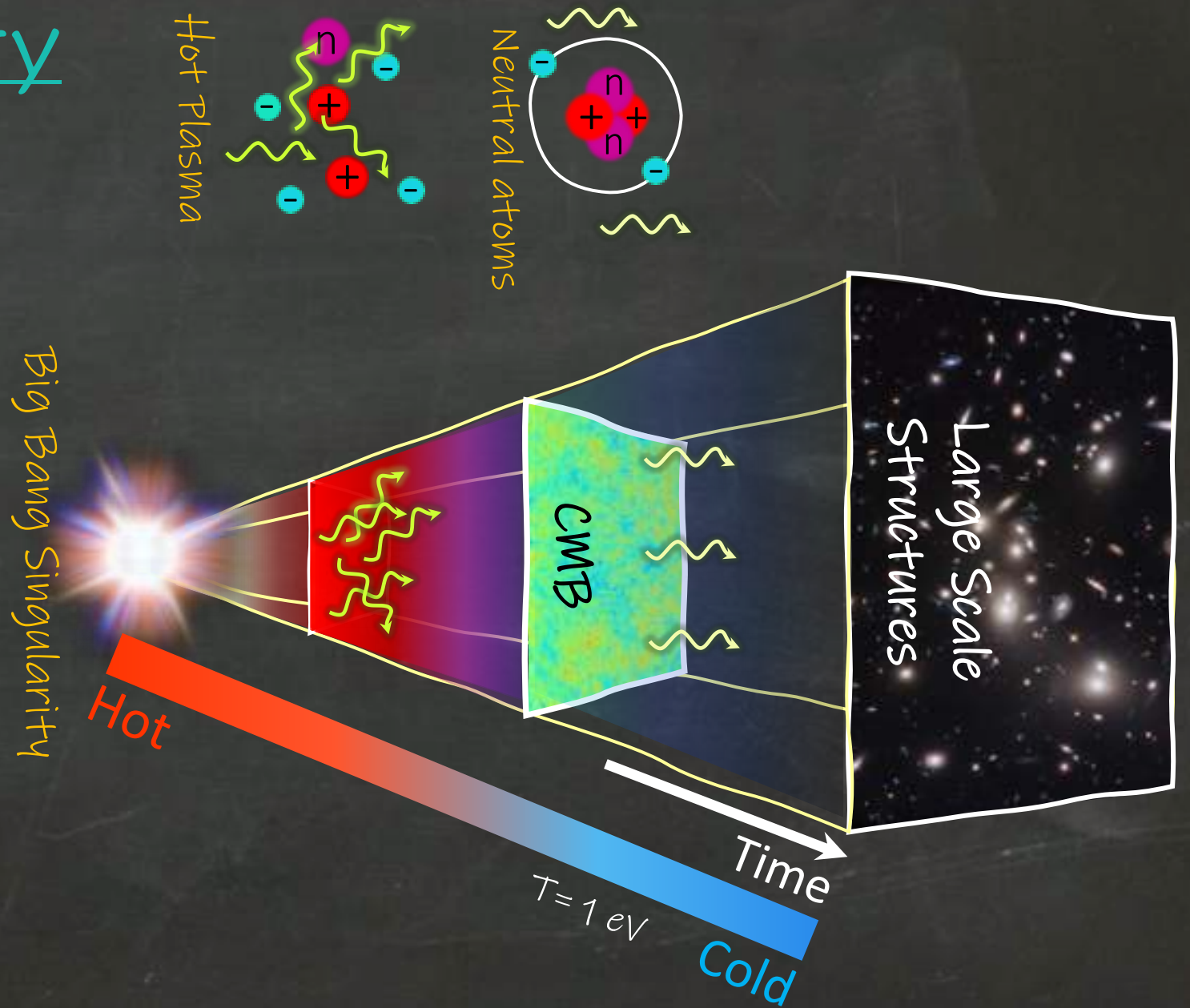


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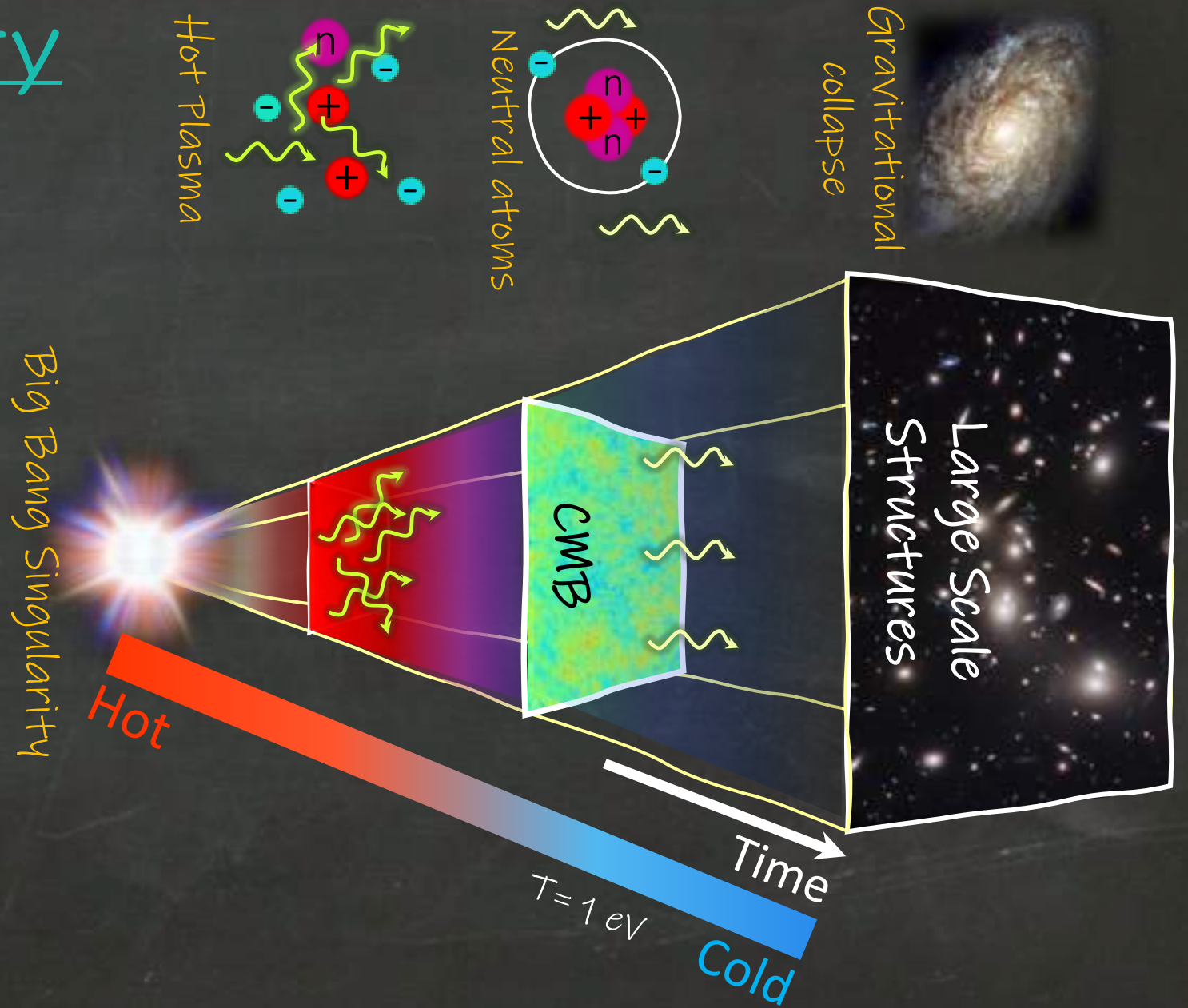
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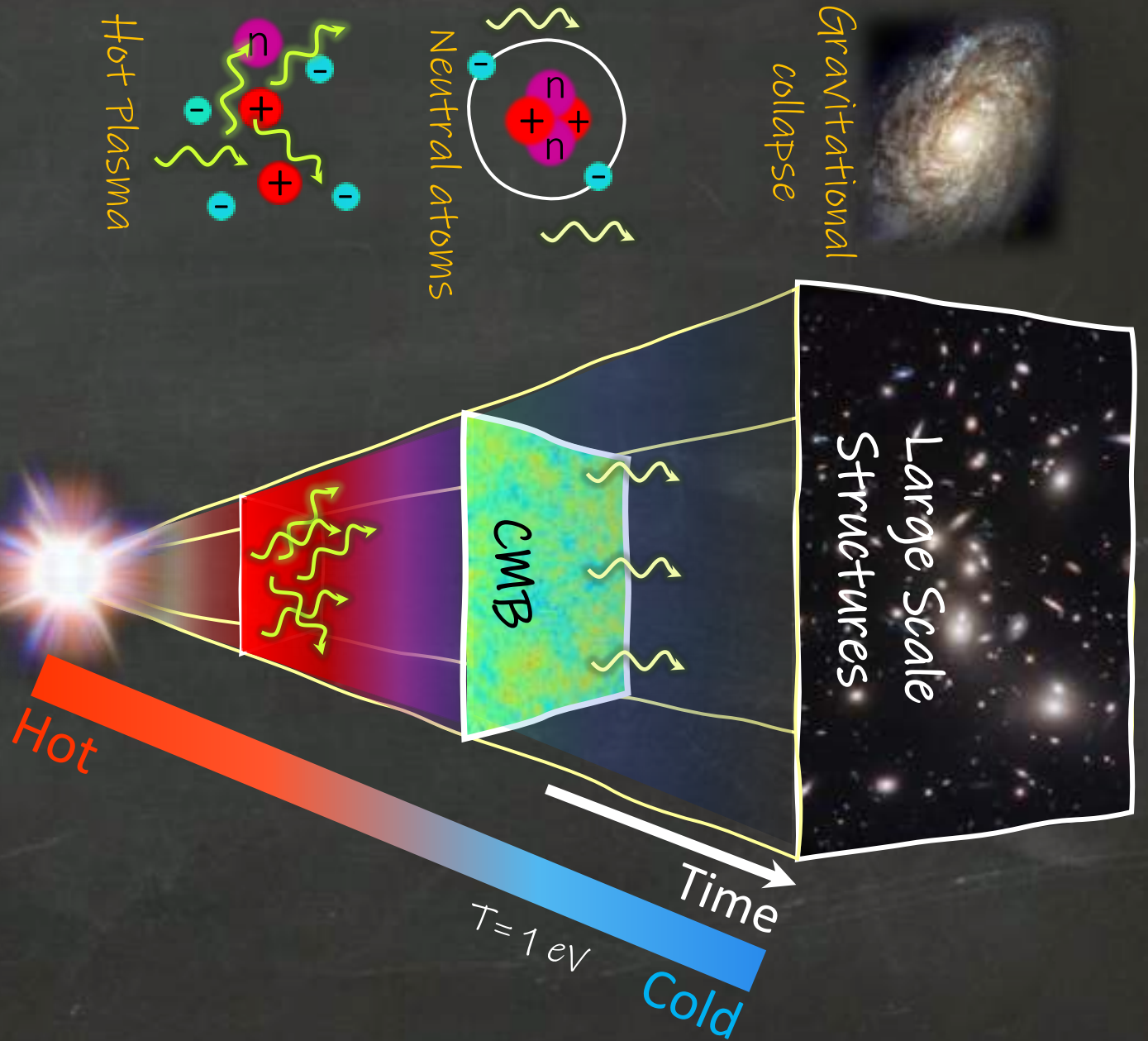
CMB is nearly
homogenous & isotropic!

$$T_{\text{CMB}} = 2.7 \text{ K}$$

with
tiny fluctuation

$$\frac{\Delta T}{T_{\text{CMB}}} = 10^{-5}!$$

Big Bang Singularity



Cosmic Inflation

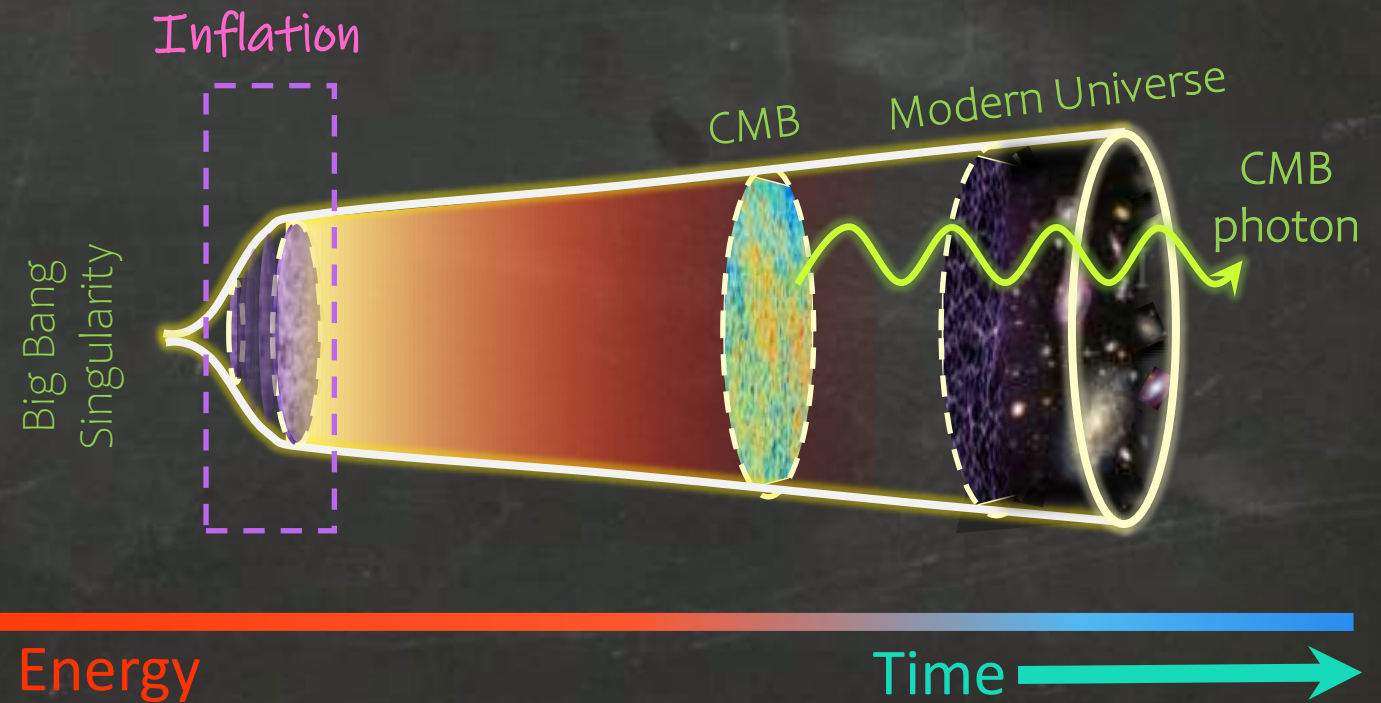
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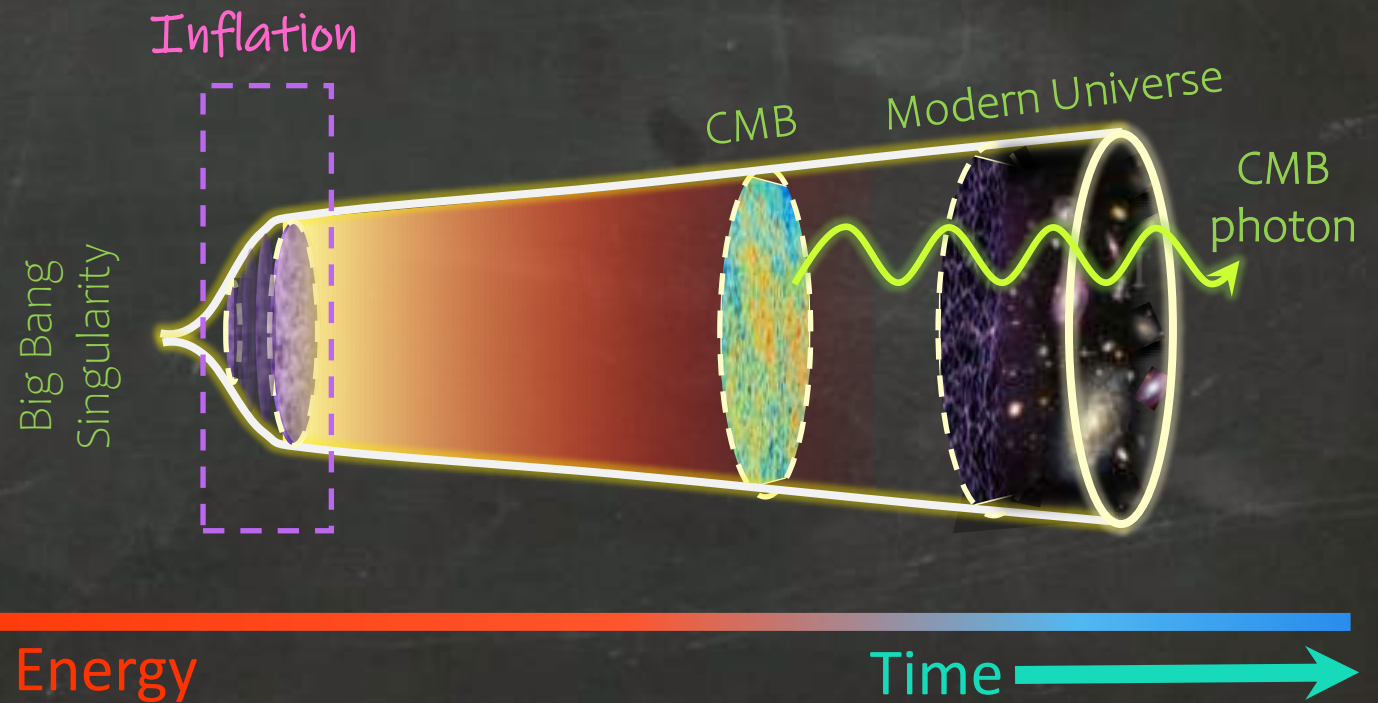
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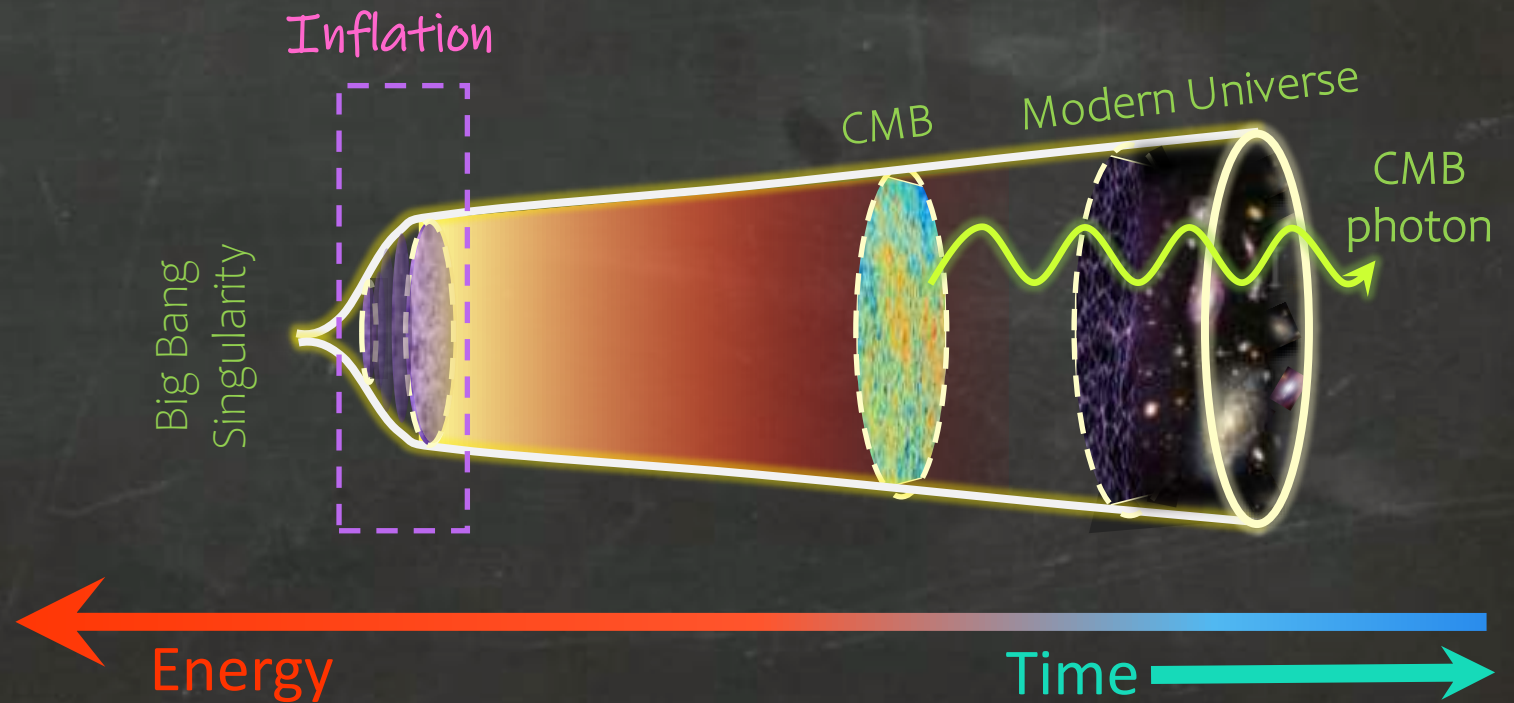
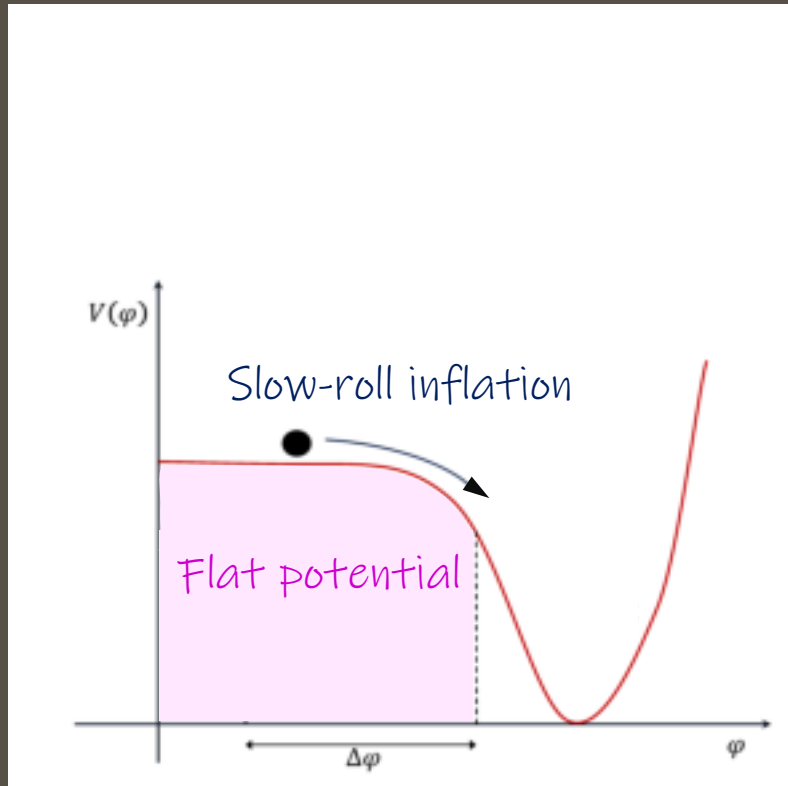


Milky Way



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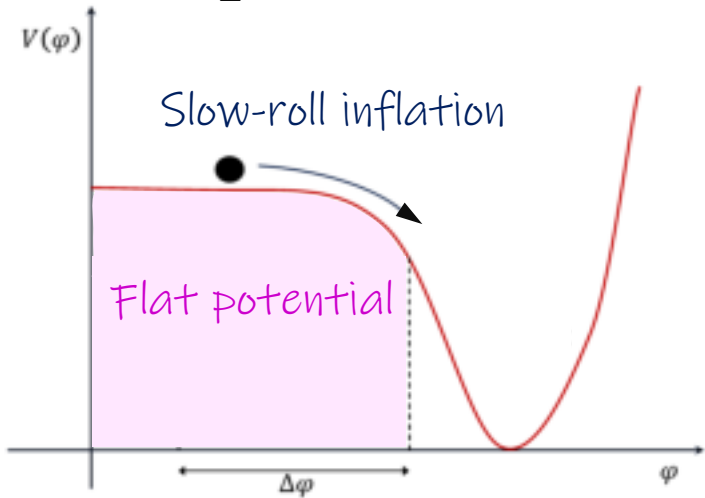


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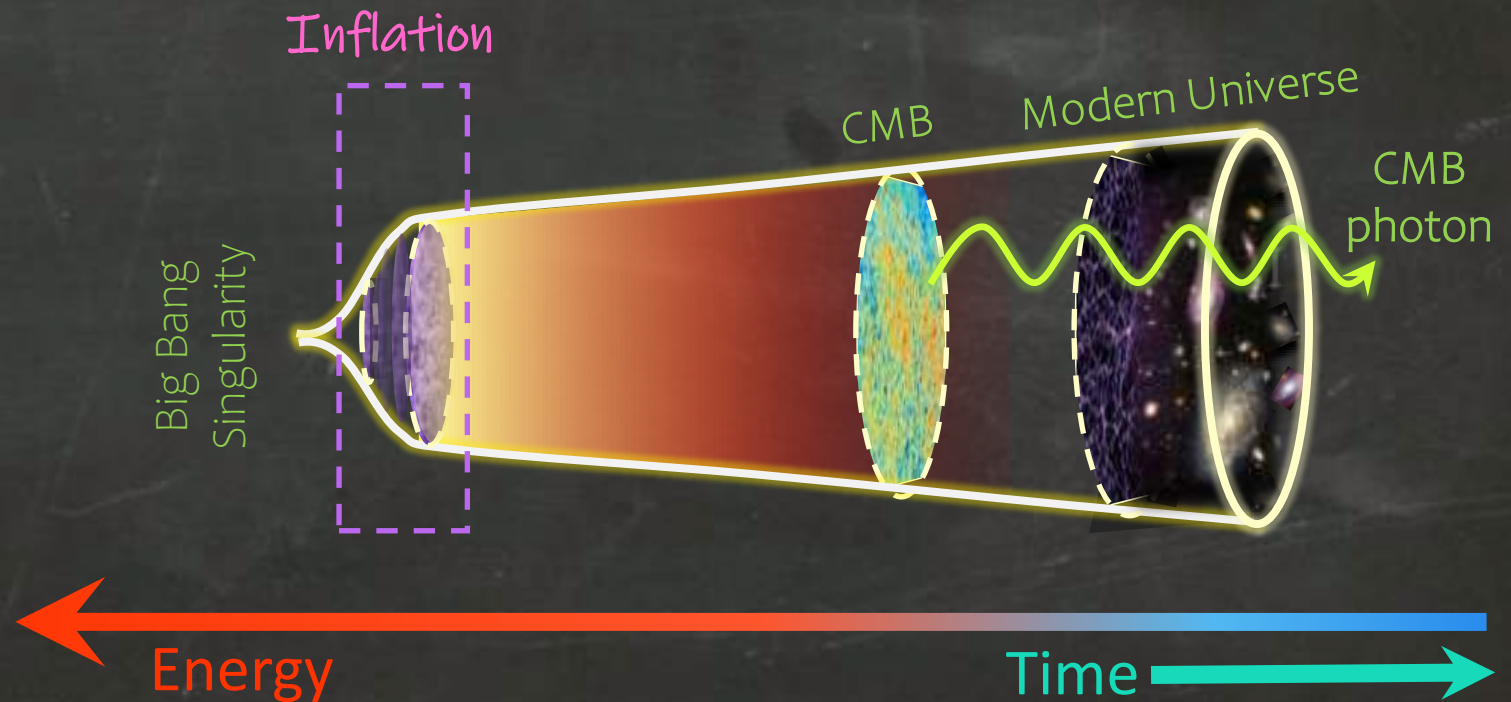
$$\rho = \frac{1}{2} \dot{\phi}^2 + V(\phi)$$

$$P = \frac{1}{2} \dot{\phi}^2 - V(\phi)$$



It is assumed that the cosmos was filled with a homogenous scalar field beyond the SM in inflation

$$\phi(t, \vec{x}) = \phi(t)$$



Quantum Fluctuations

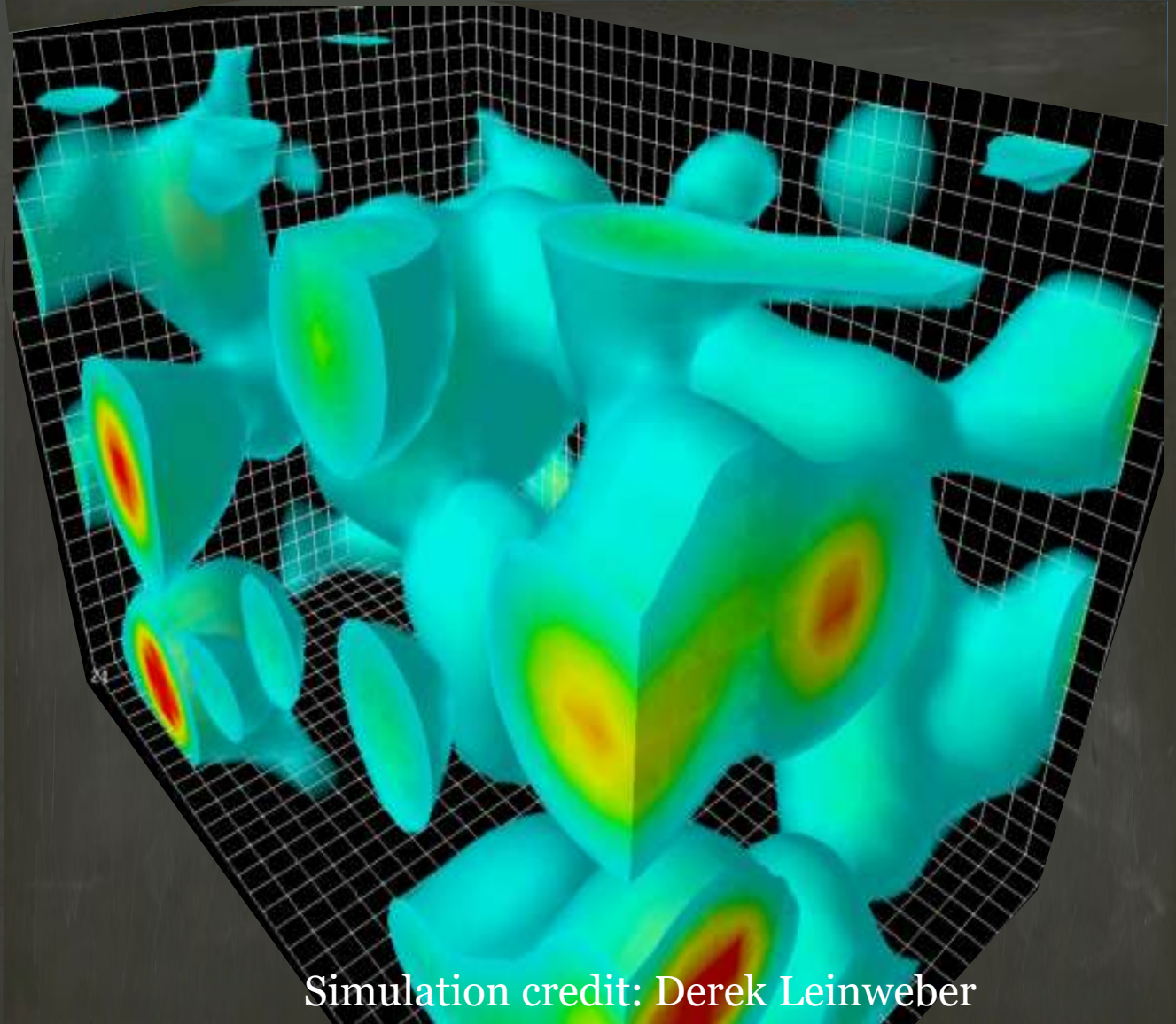
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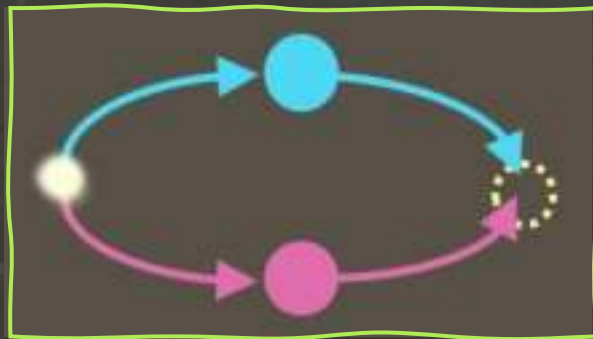
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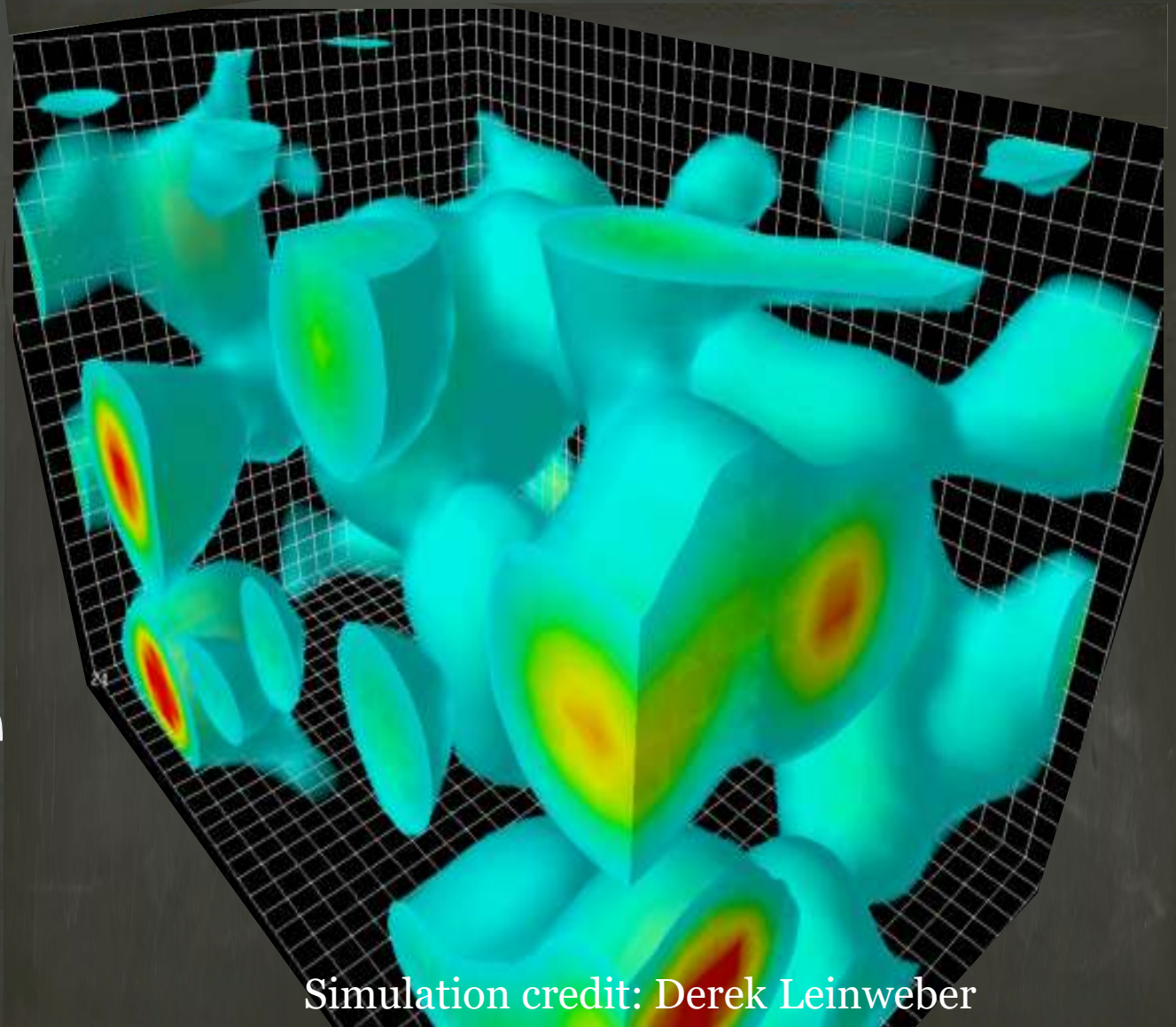
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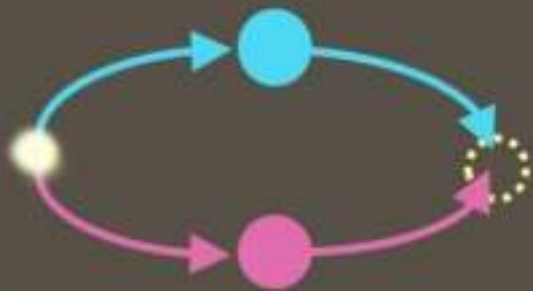
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Background field can upgrade
them into **actual particles**!

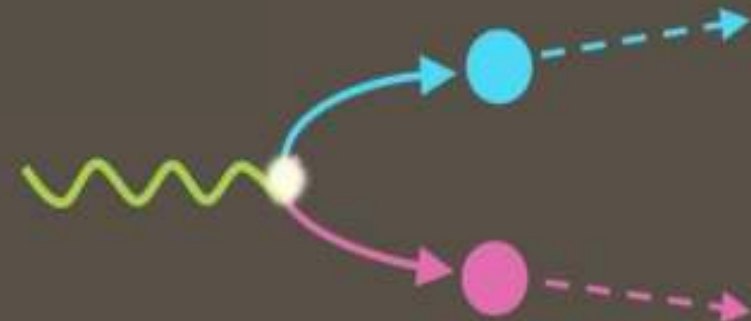
Examples of such BG fields:

- 1) Electric (Schwinger effect)
- 2) Gravitational (Gravitational production)

Virtual particles

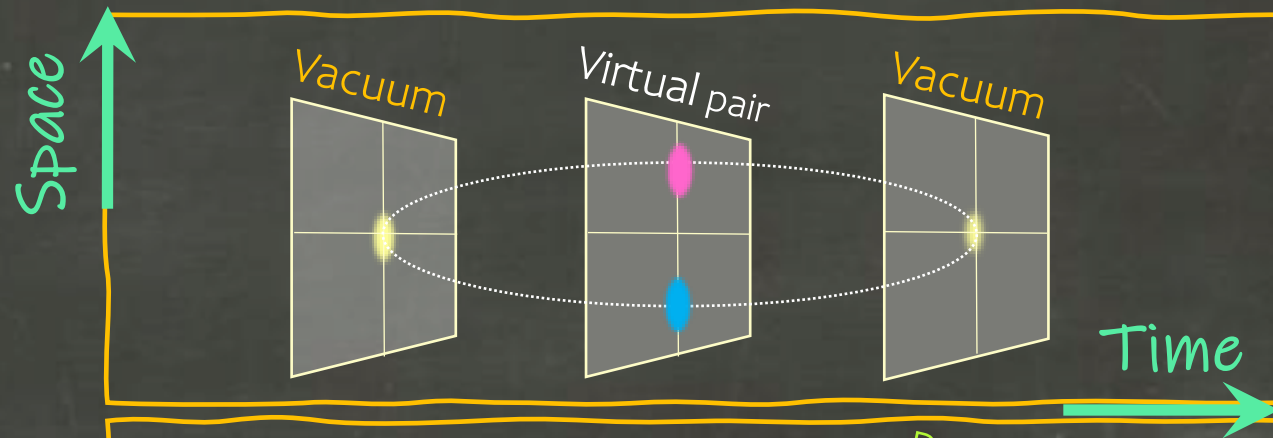


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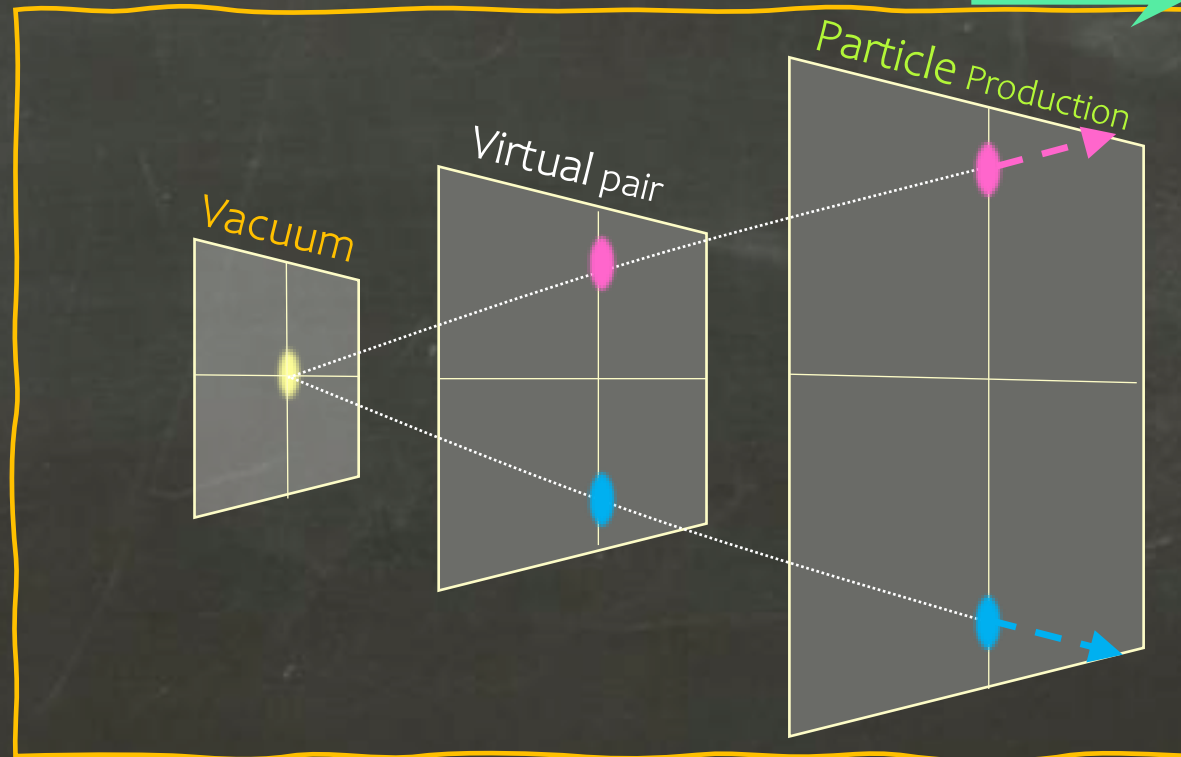
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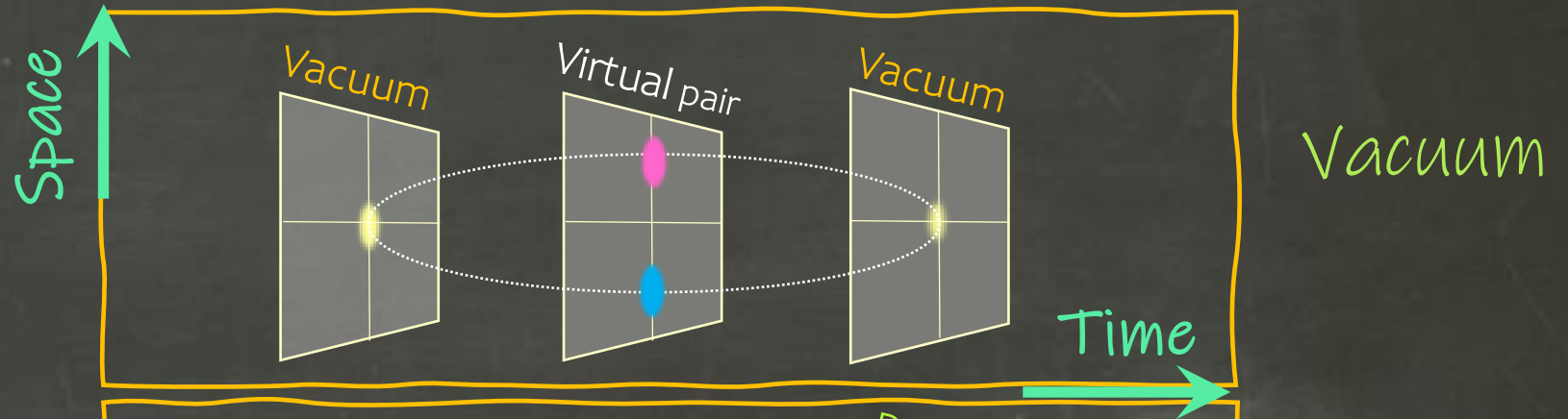
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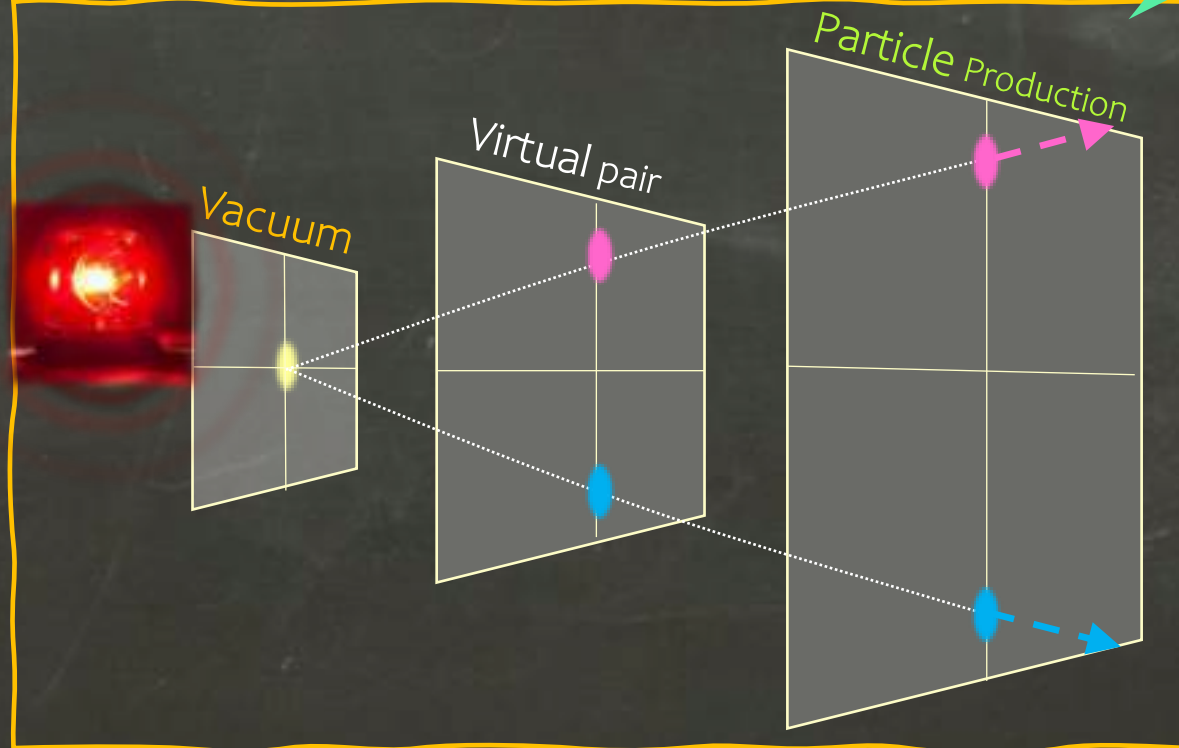
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Edwin Schrödinger
(1939)



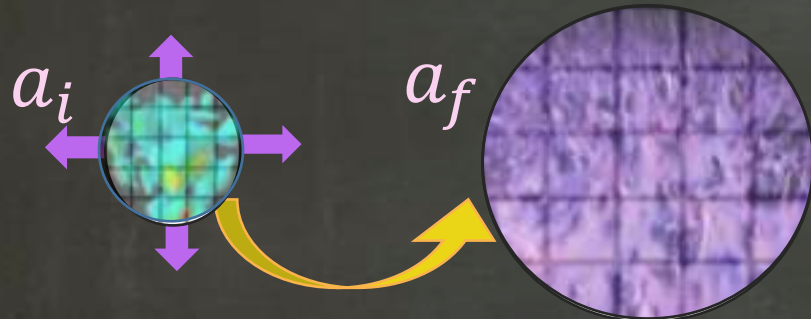
Shocked by his discovery,
Schrödinger found it
an alarming phenomenon!



Particle
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Cosmic Perturbations

Exponential expansion turns initial quantum vacuum fluctuations into

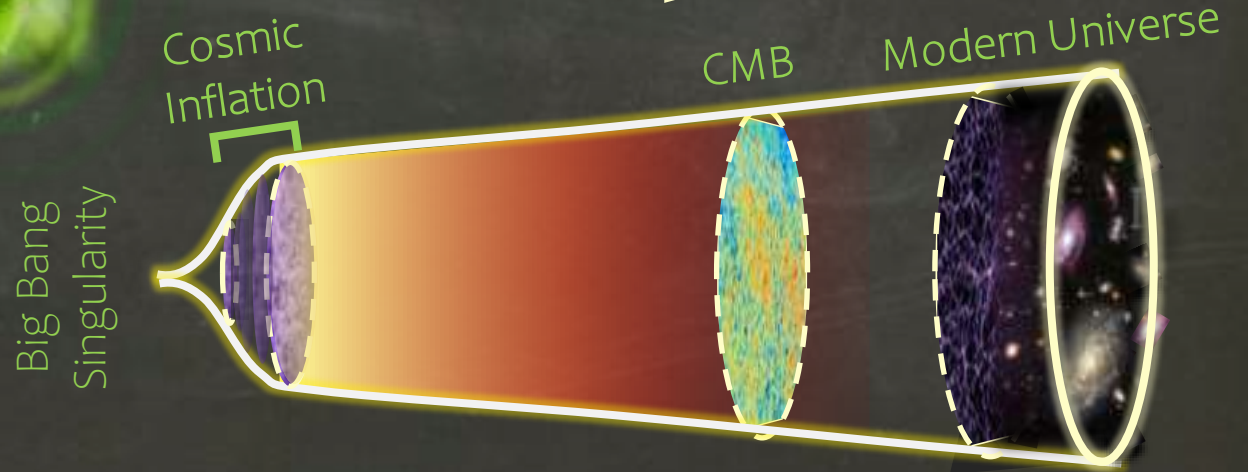
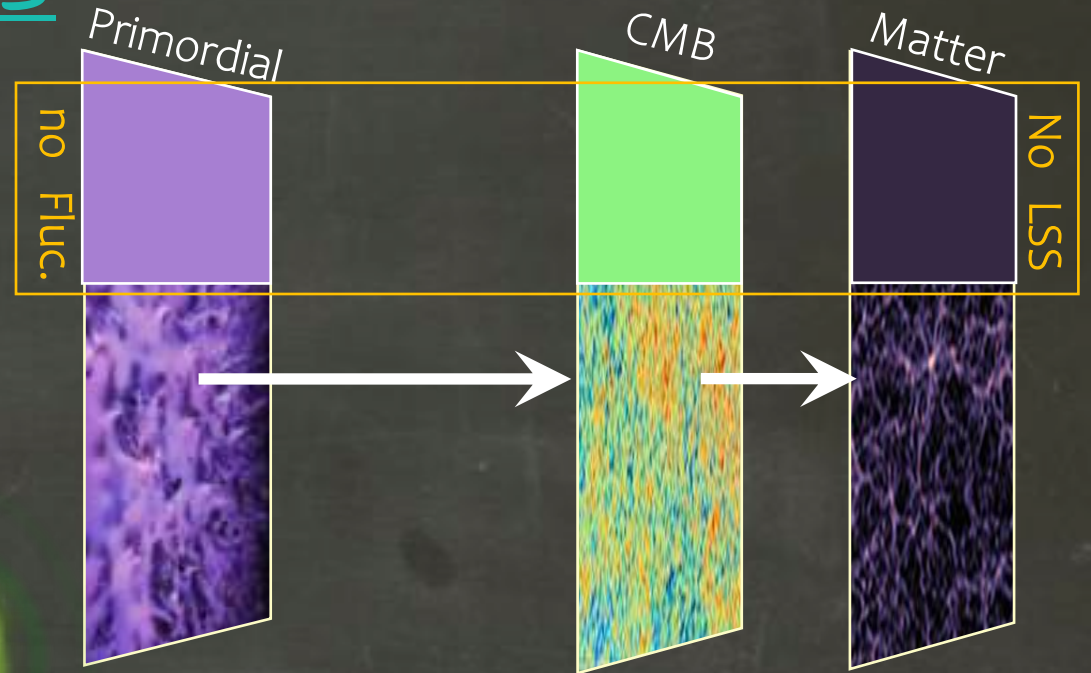


actual cosmic perturbations!



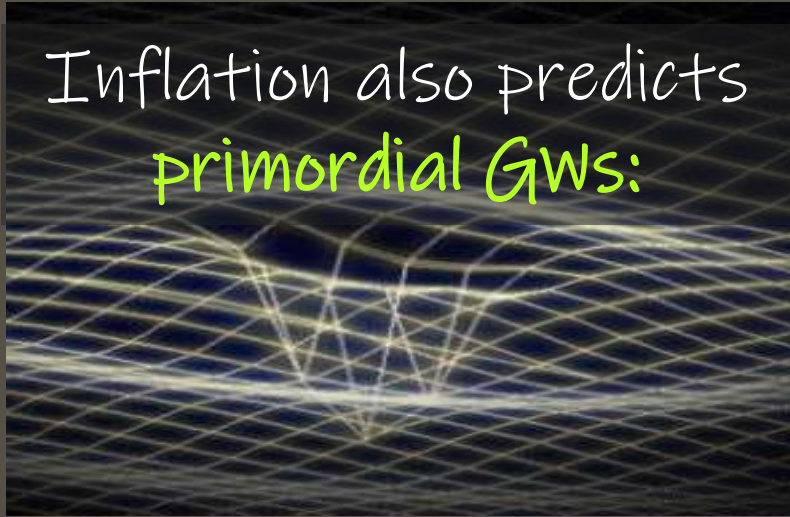
We are the product of quantum fluctuations in the very early universe!

(Stephen Hawking)

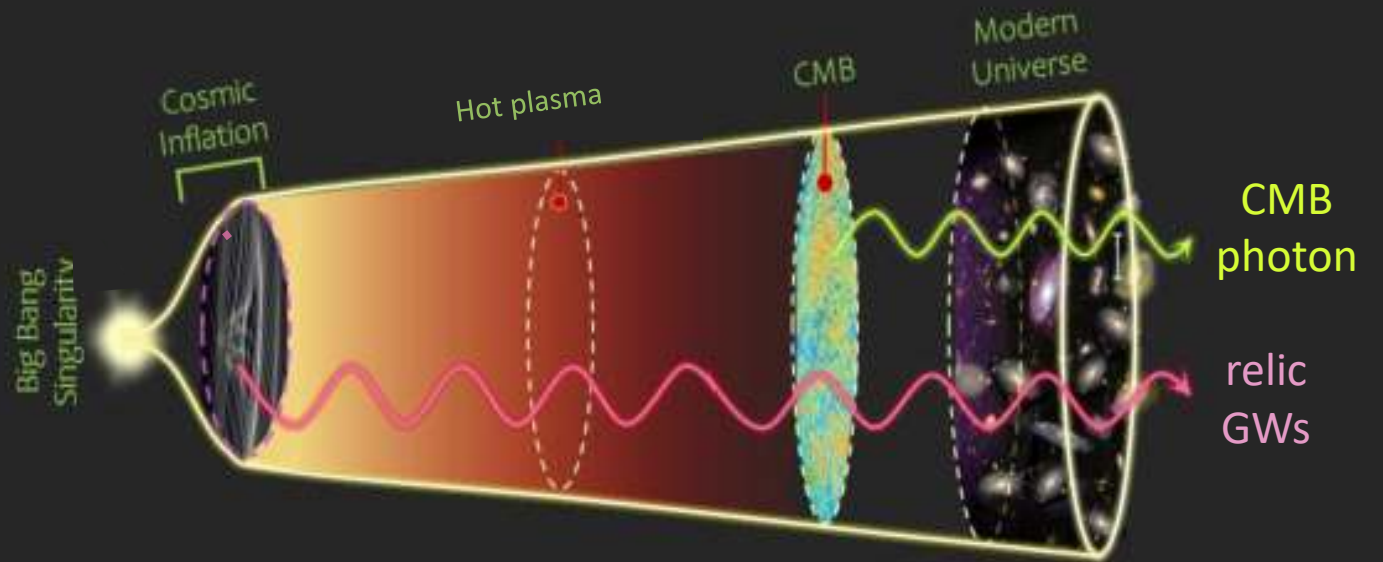
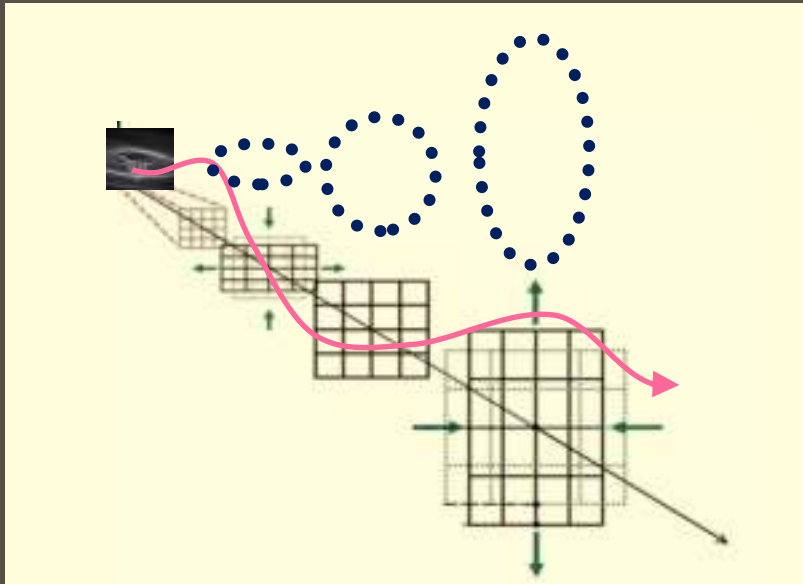


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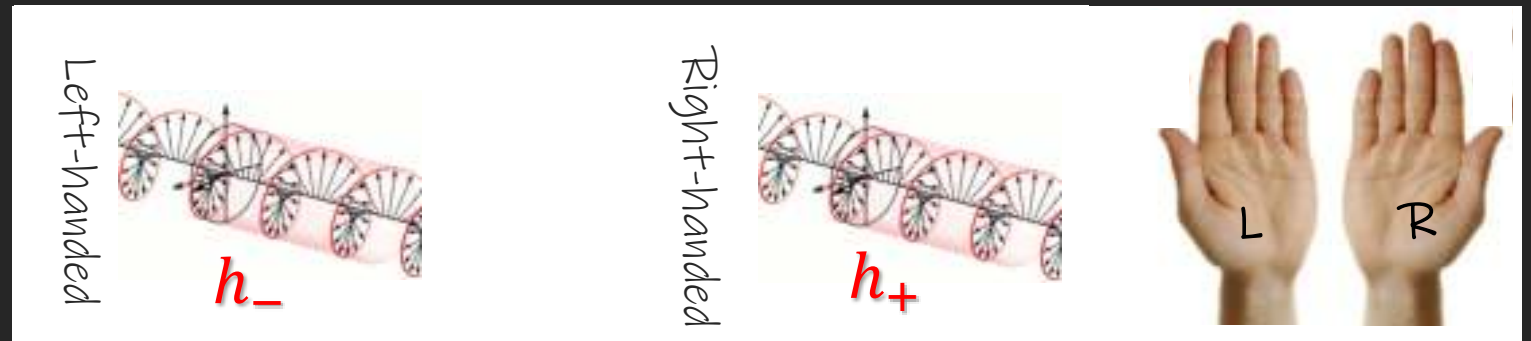
Primordial GWs: tiny waves in the fabrics of the space-time that squeeze and stretch anything in their path as they pass by.



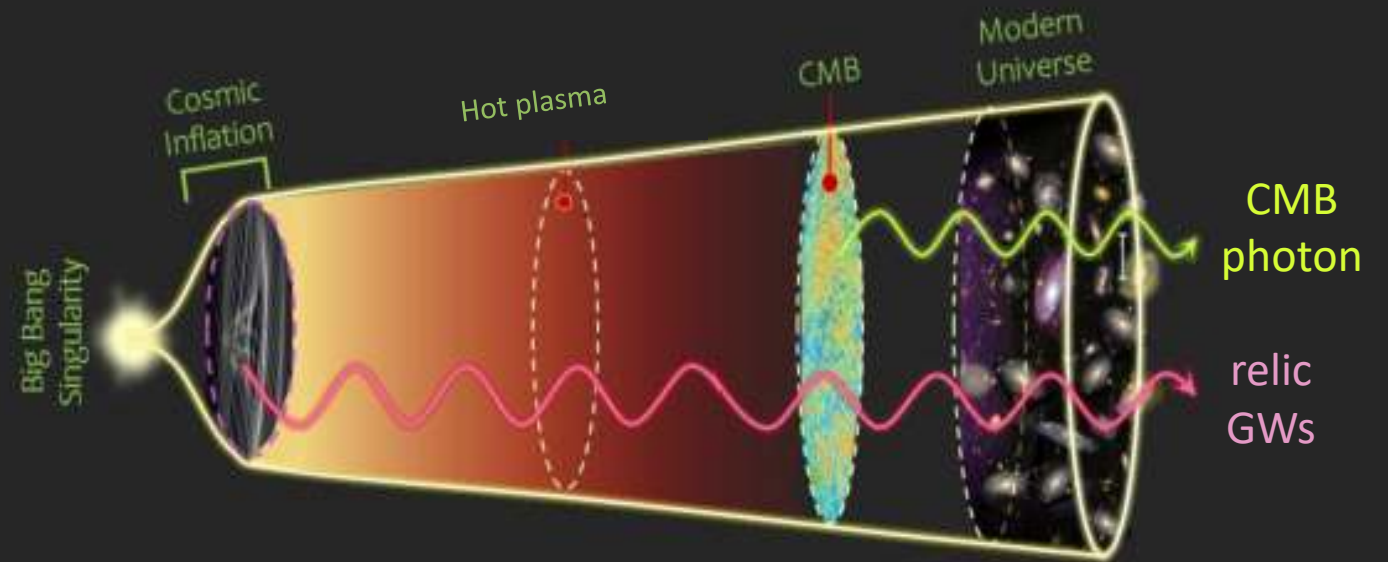
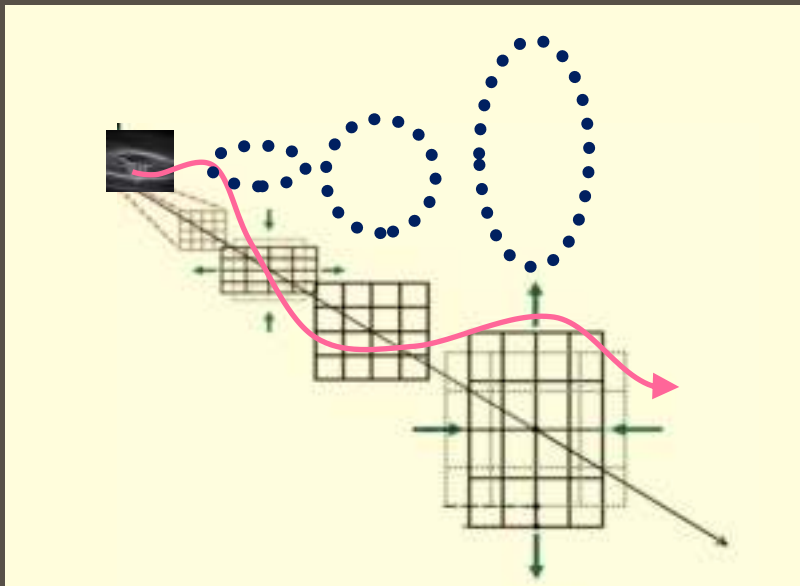
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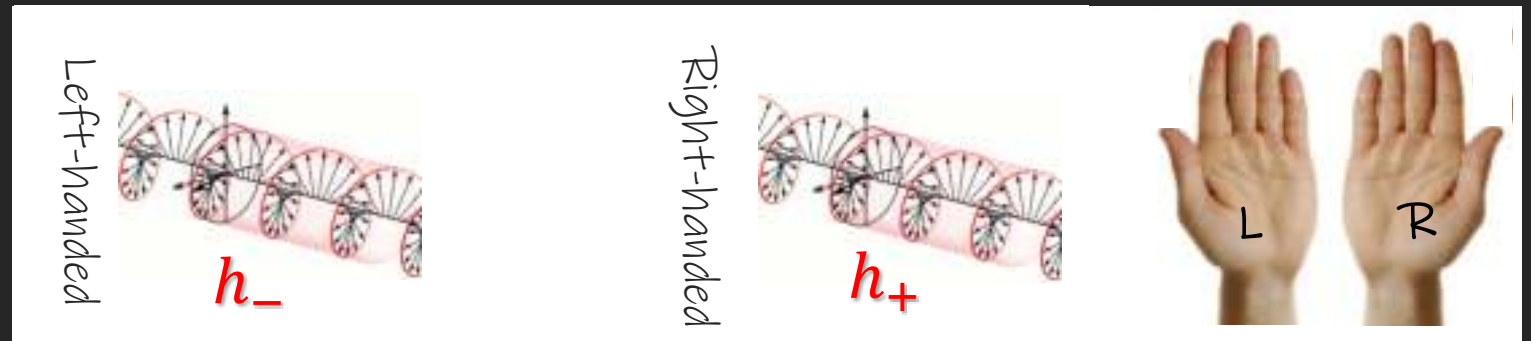
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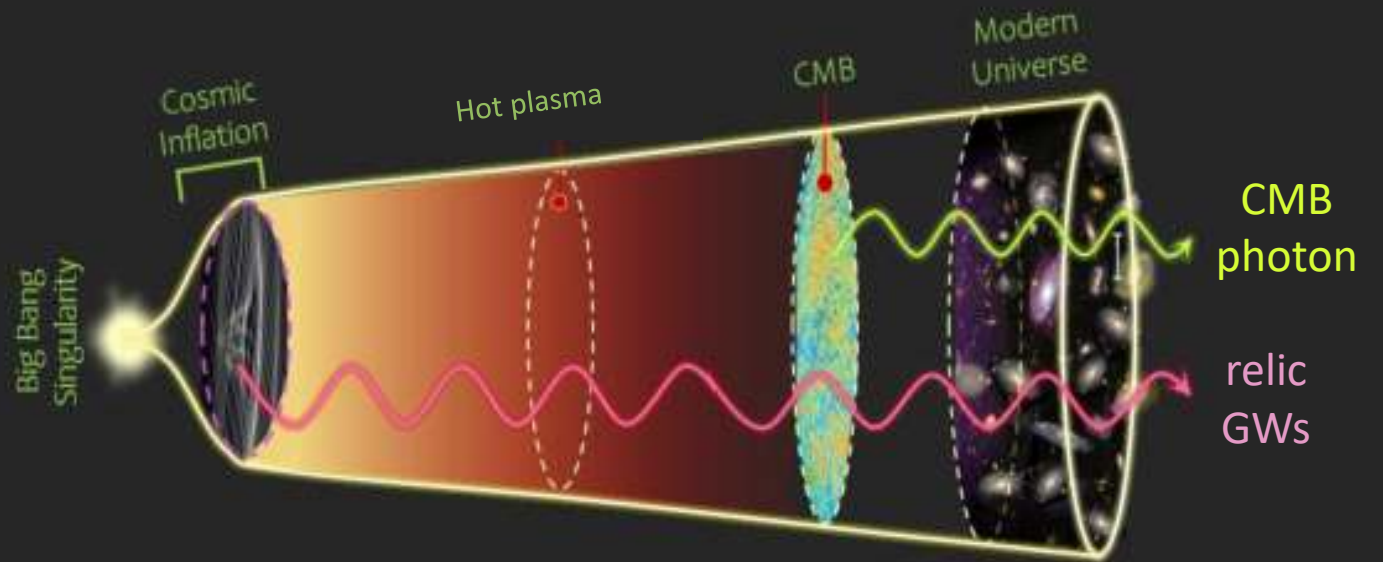
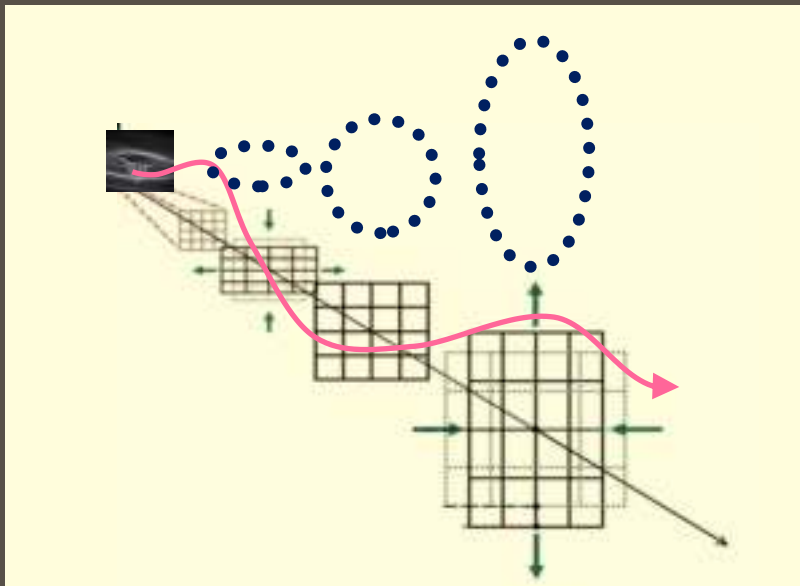
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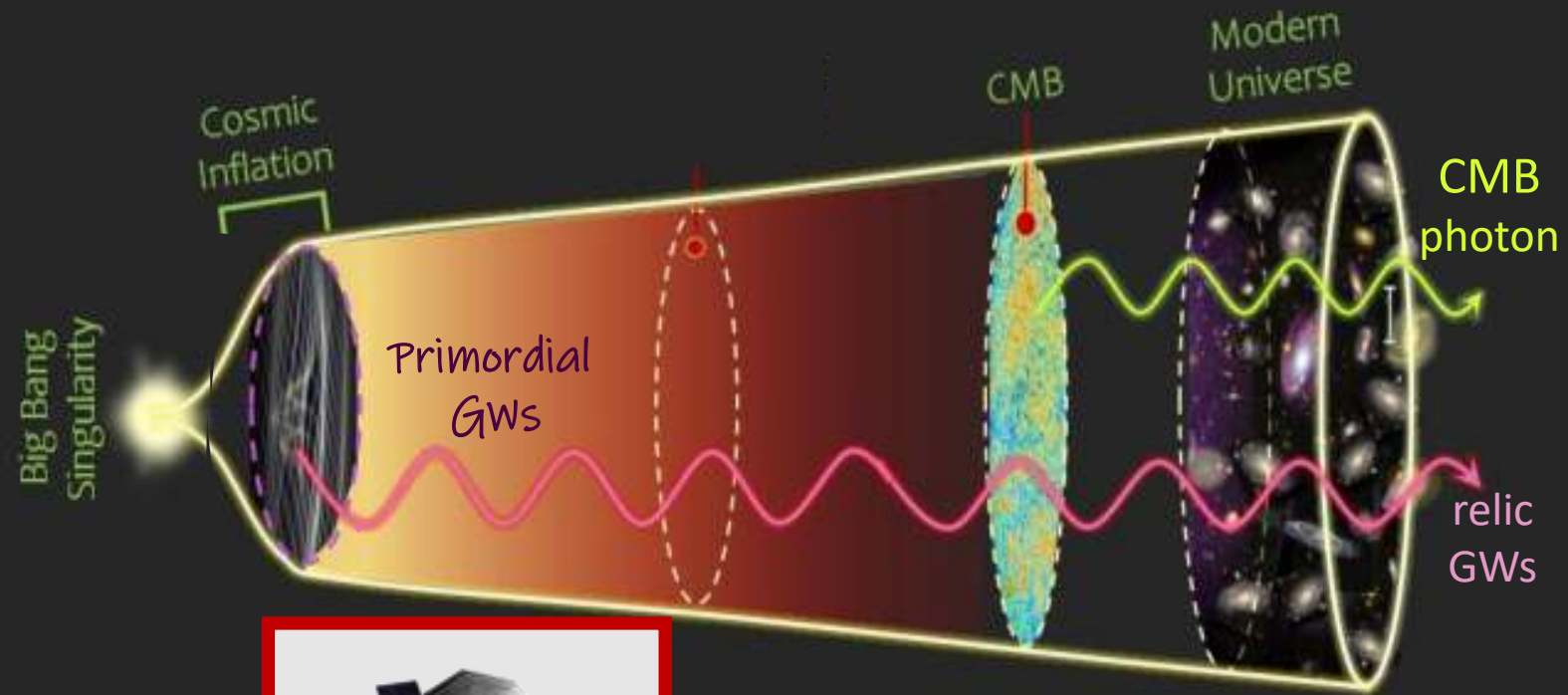
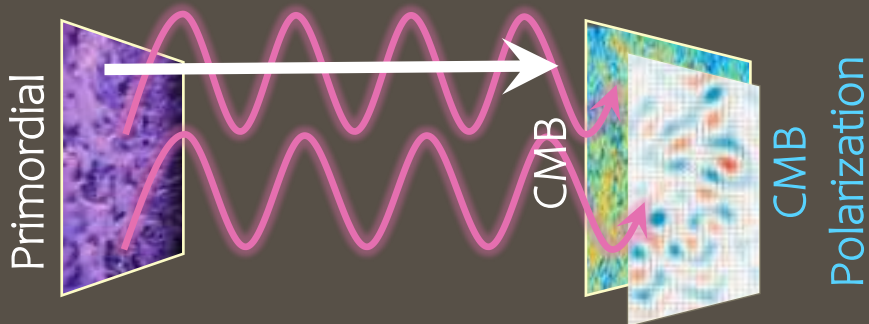
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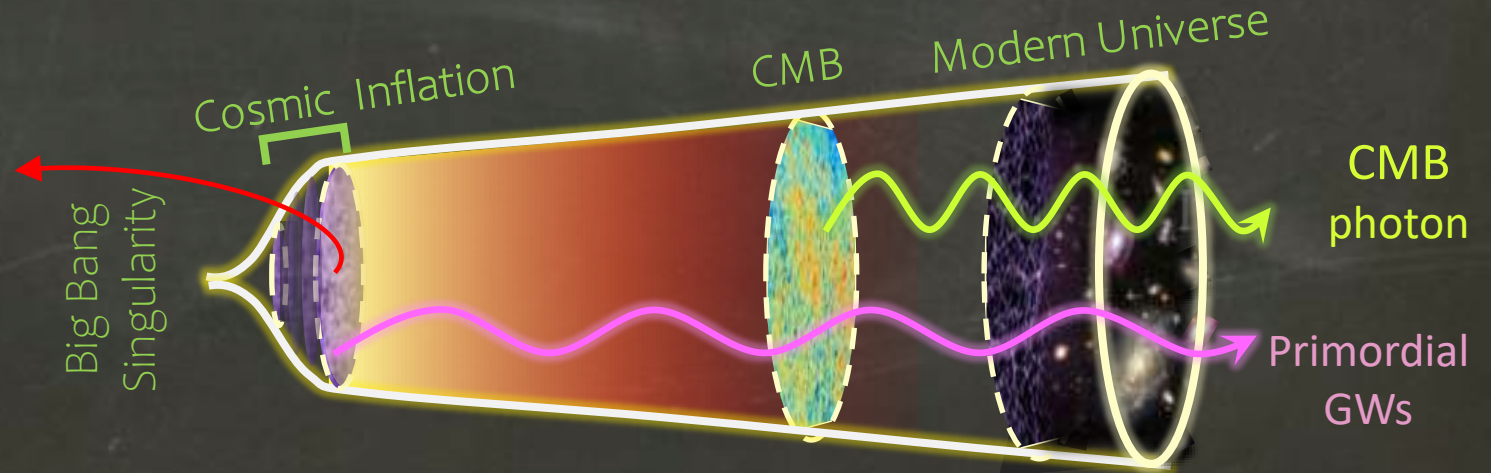


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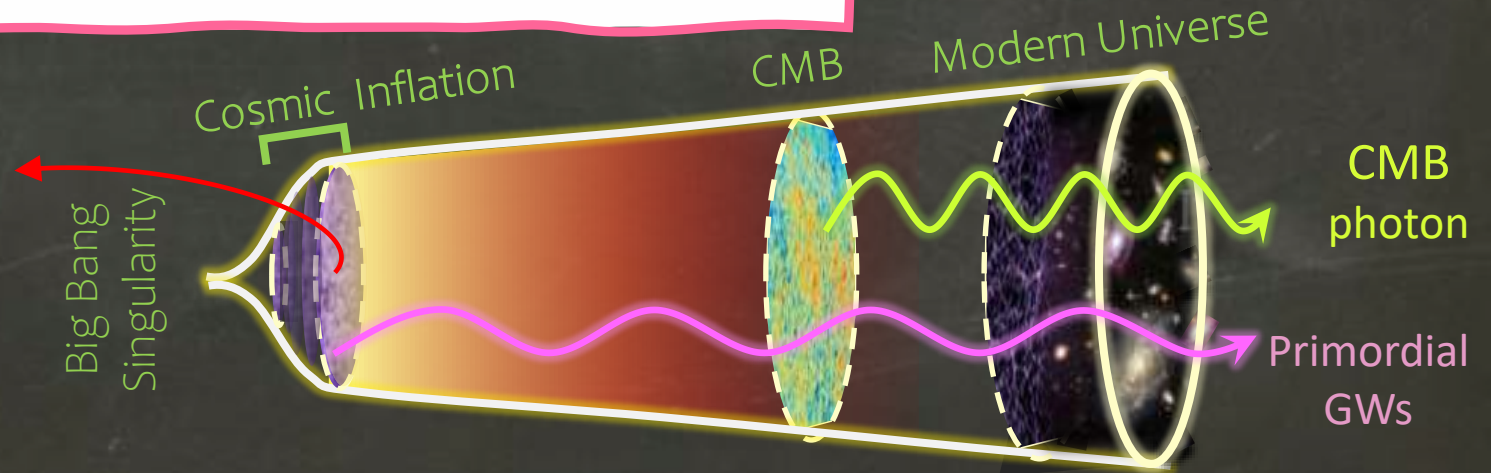
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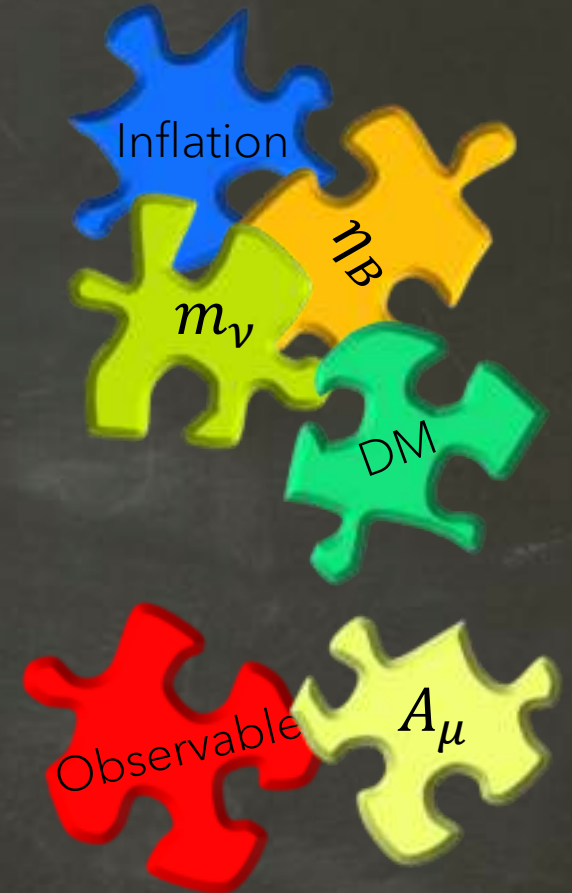
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Matter asymmetric

Universe is highly matter asymmetric

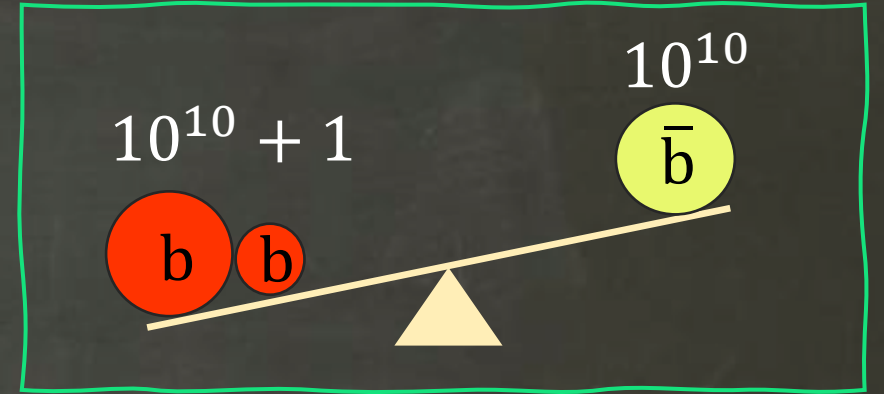
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- Statistical fluctuations ✘ (Too small)
- Initial condition ✘ (due to inflation)

Must be produced dynamically, i.e. **Baryogenesis** by

Sakharov Conditions:

- Baryon number violation,
- C and CP violation,
- Out of thermal equilibrium



SM Has All, But Too Tiny!

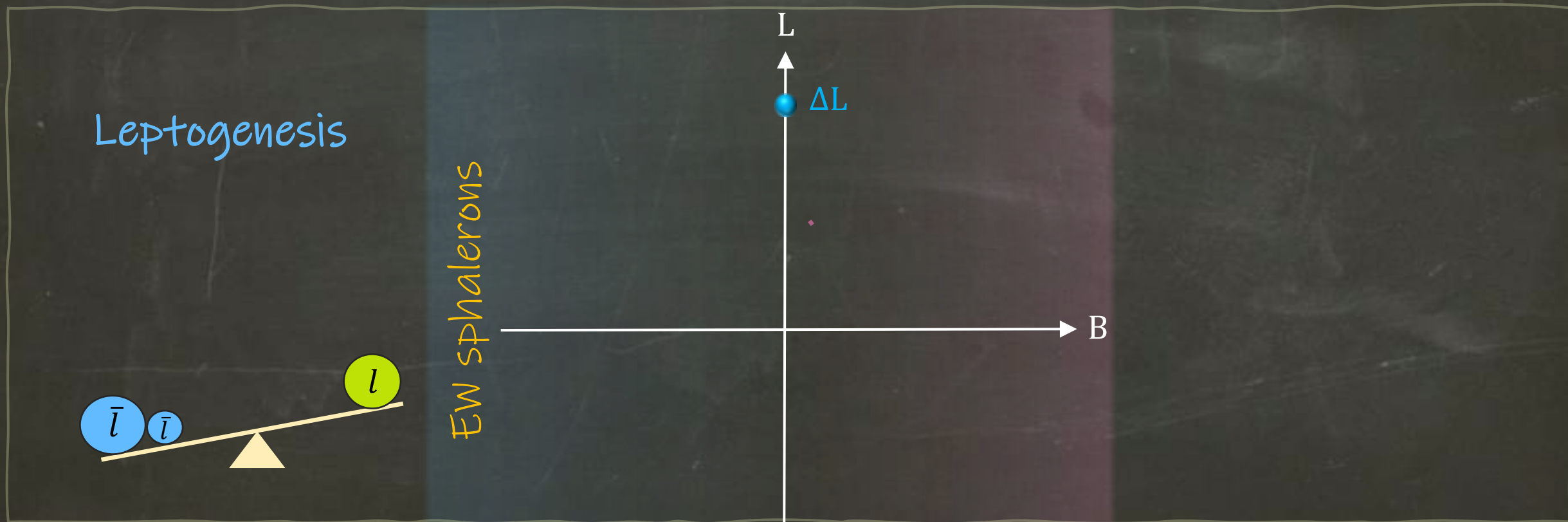


Physics Beyond the Standard Model!

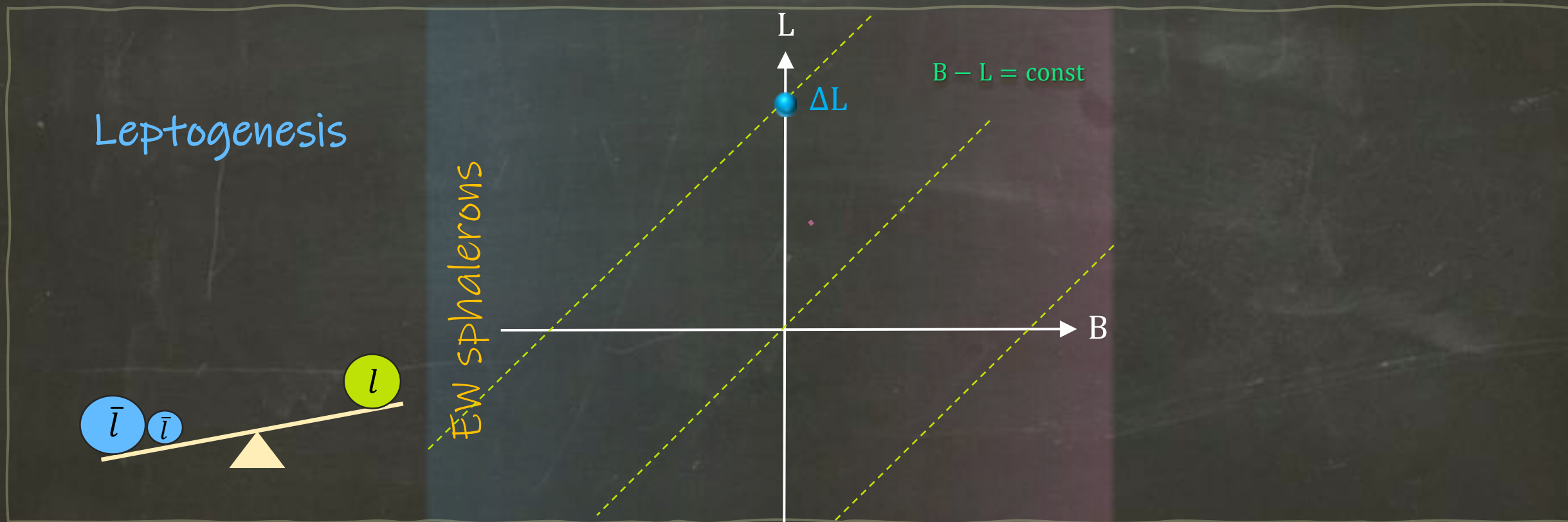
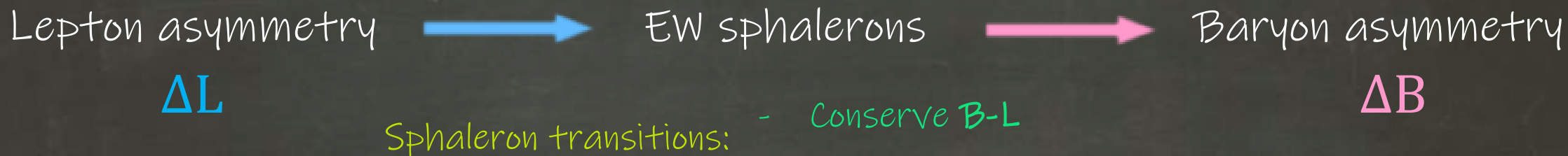


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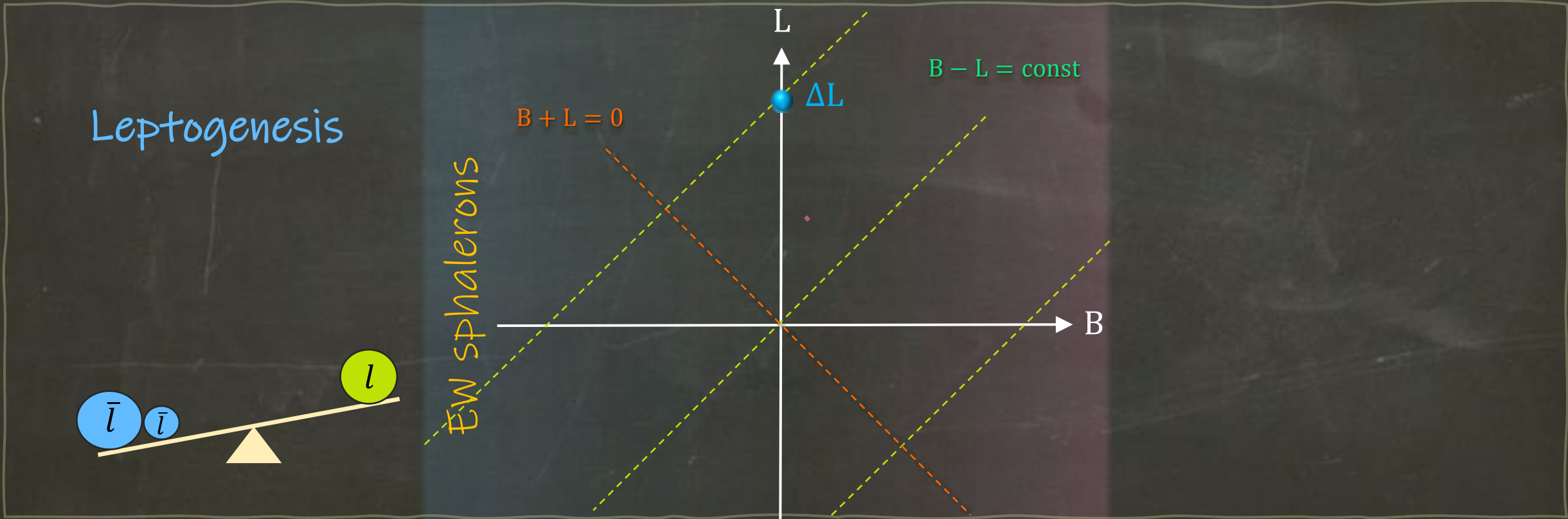
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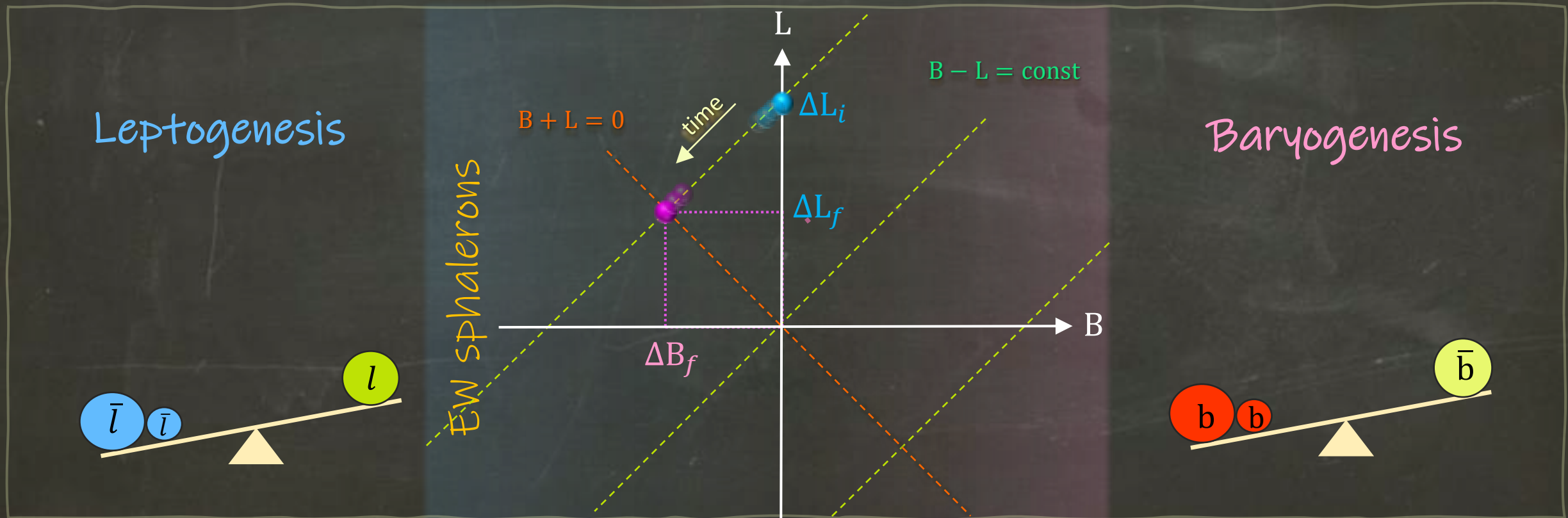
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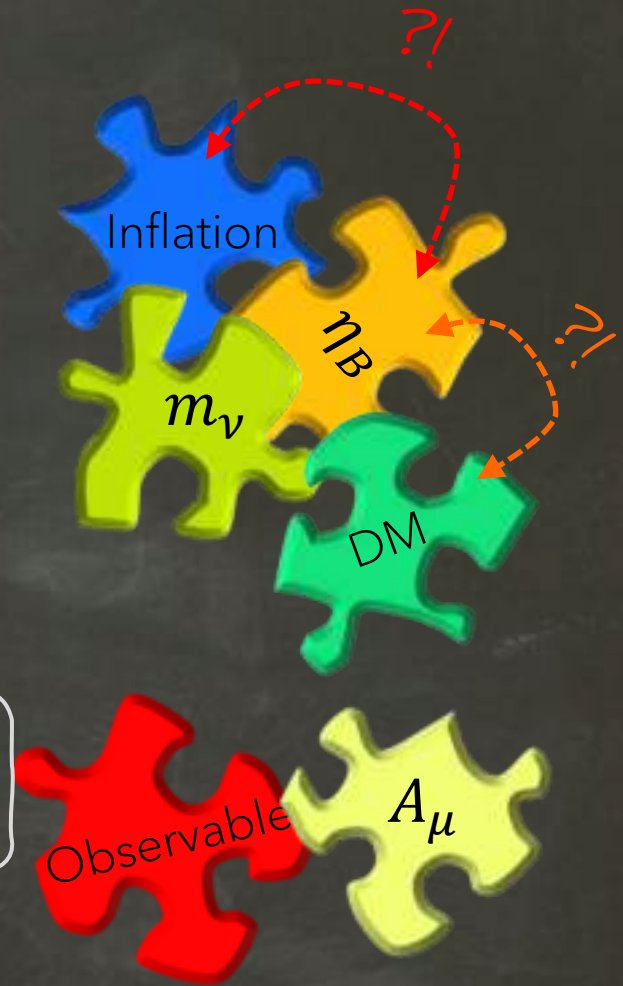
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Baryon to Photon Ratio
Today

$$P_\zeta = \frac{1}{2\epsilon} \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{H}{M_{pl}} \right)^2 \approx 2 \times 10^{-9}$$

Curvature Power Spectrum in
Inflation



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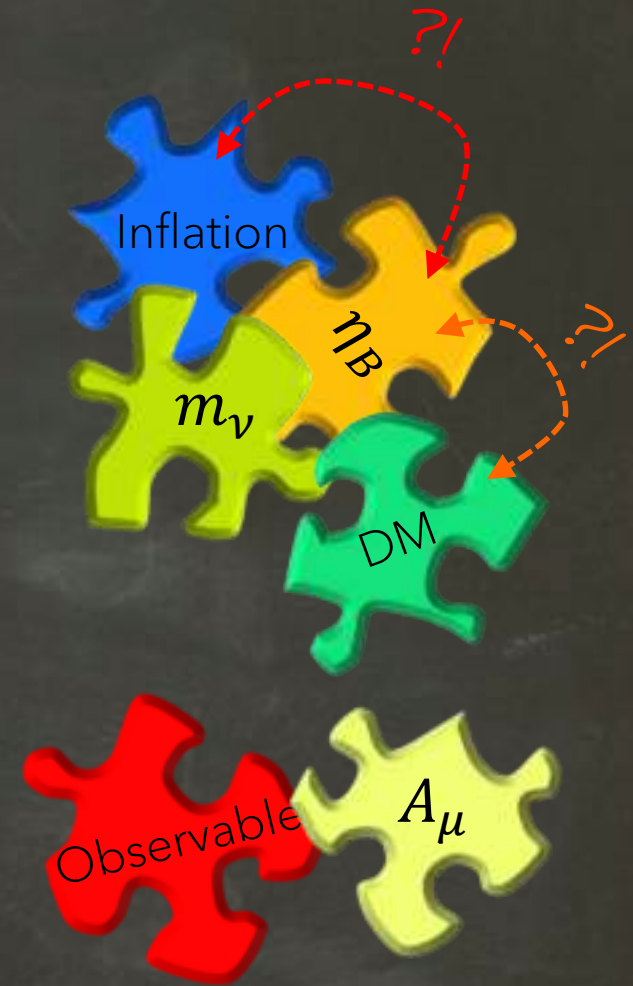
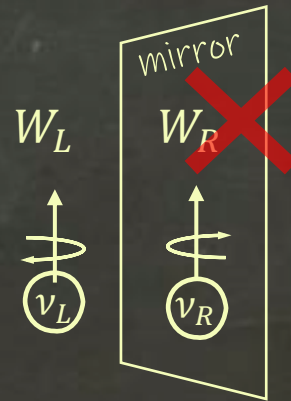
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- 4. Strong CP problem

SM as a particle physics model
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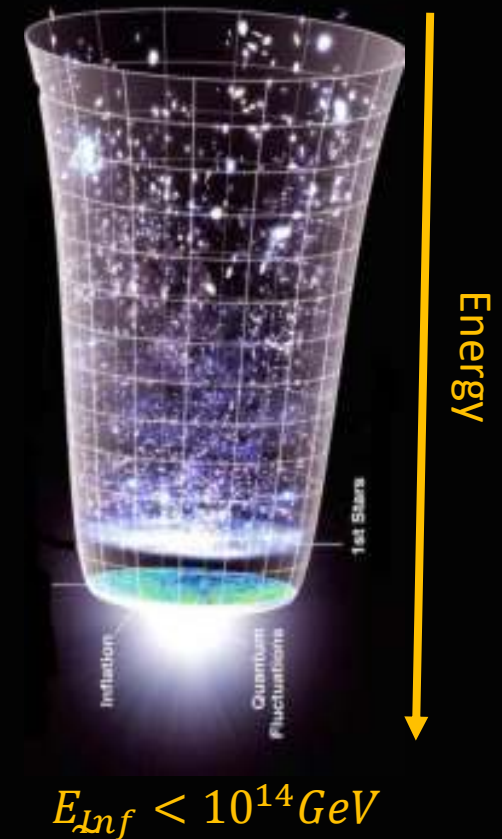


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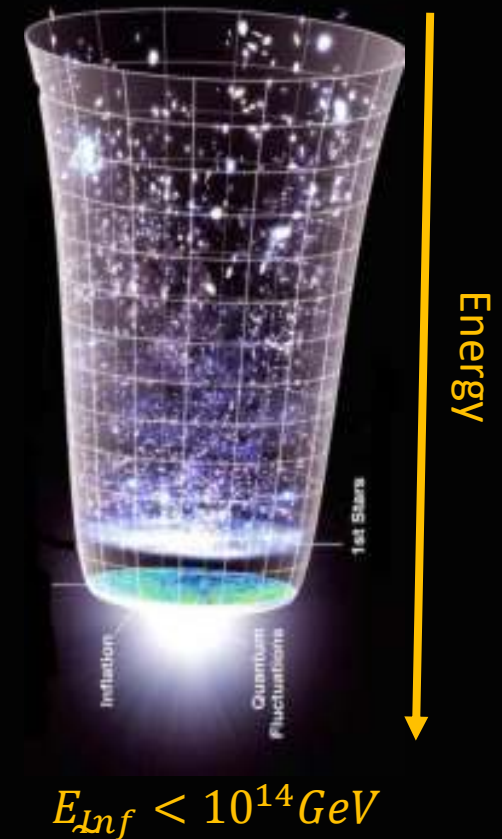
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Yes!
 - II. Do they leave an observable signature?
Yes! Robust prediction for GW background.
 - III. How much they can change the cosmic history?
A lot! Novel mechanisms for Baryo- and Dark-genesis.



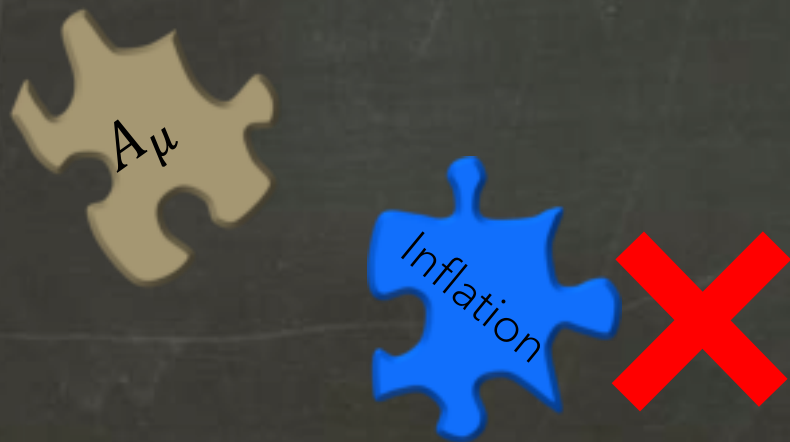
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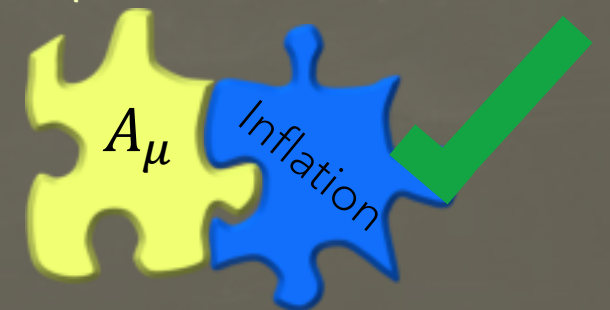
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Gauge field A_μ (active in inflation)  Axion inflaton φ 



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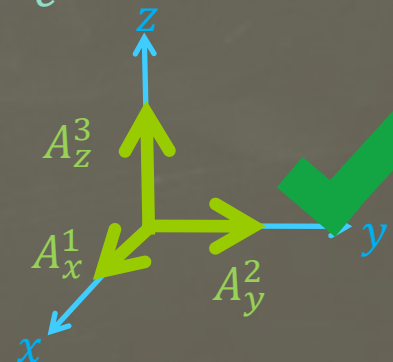
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SU(2) vacuum $A_\mu = A_\mu^a T_a$

$$[T_a, T_b] = i \varepsilon^{abc} T_c$$

Spatially isotropic

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so(3) & su(2) are isomorphic

SU(2)-Axion Model Building

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Ruled-out by the data

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*+ Theoretical issue:
Very large $\lambda \sim 100!$*

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

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P. Adshead et. al 2013

Dimastrogiovanni et. al 2013

A. M. et. al, 2013

A. M. 2014 & A.M. 2016

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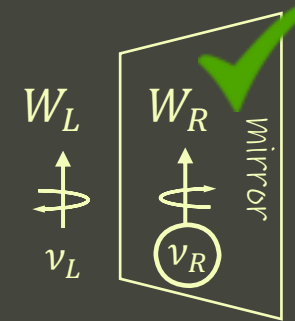
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Axion Monodromy

How to Connect them with the SM?

Let us Extend SM Gauge Symmetry by an $SU(2)_R$ and couple it to Axion Inflaton!

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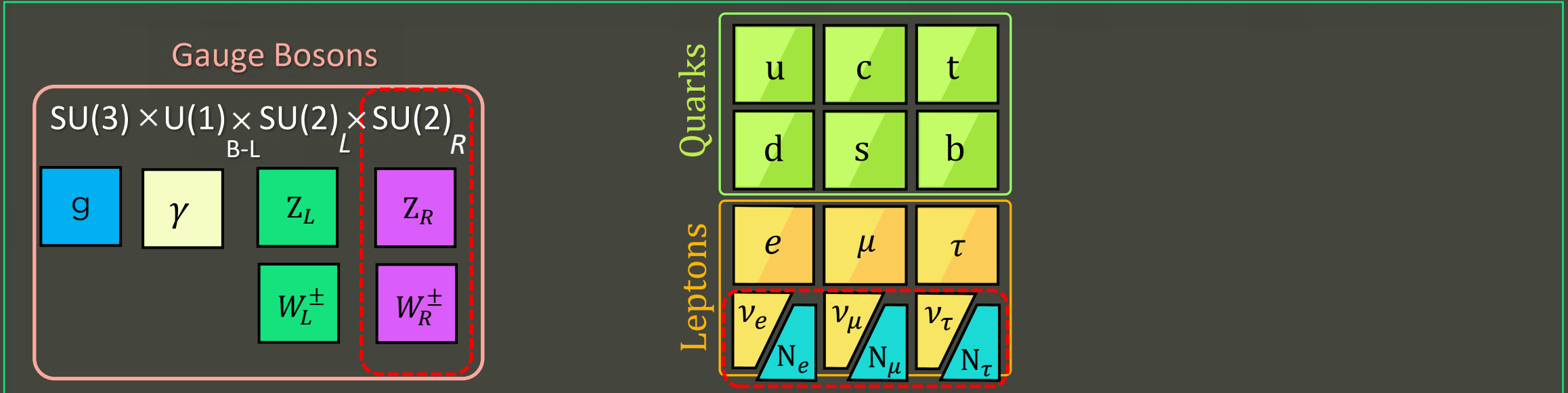
Gauge field is $SU(2)_R$

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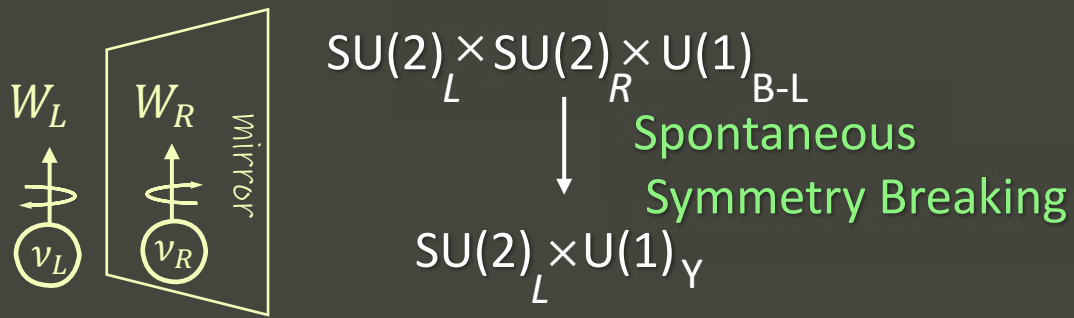
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Minimal Left-Right Symmetric model

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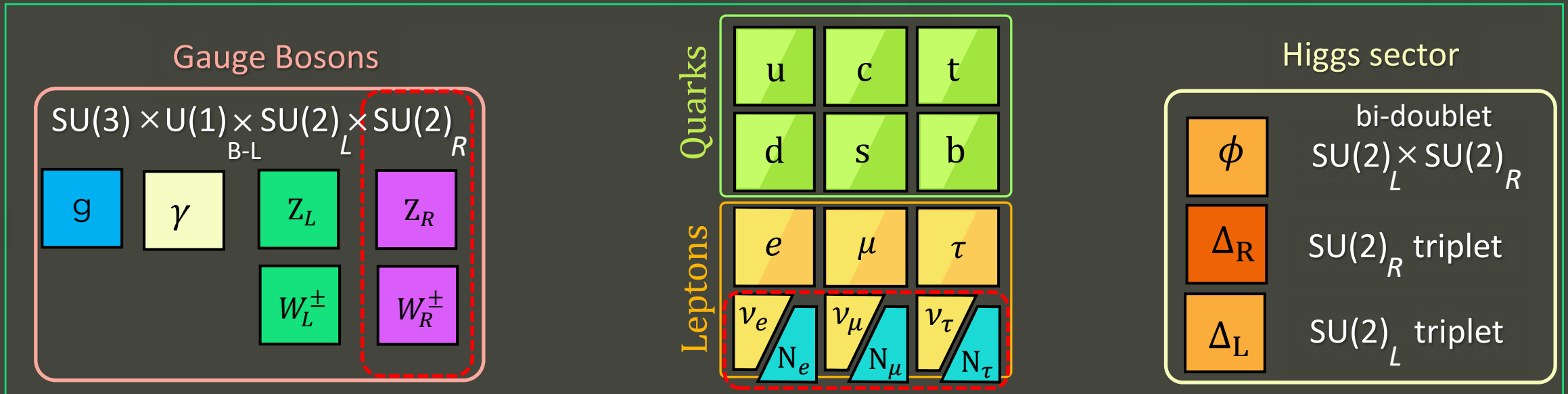
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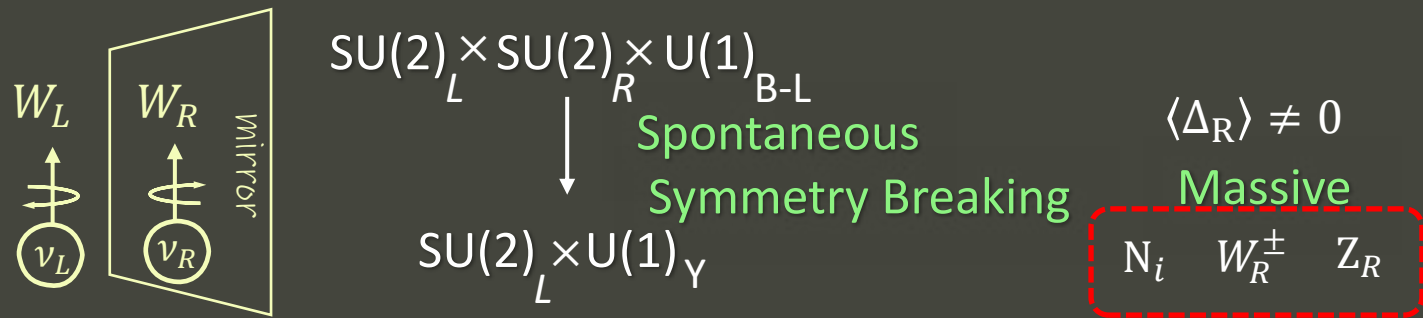
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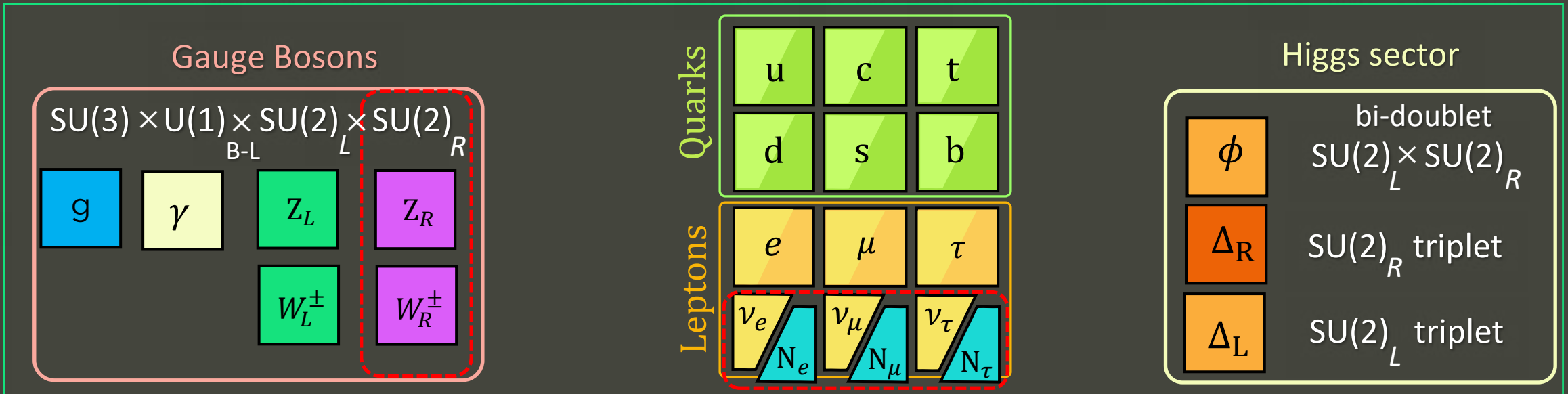
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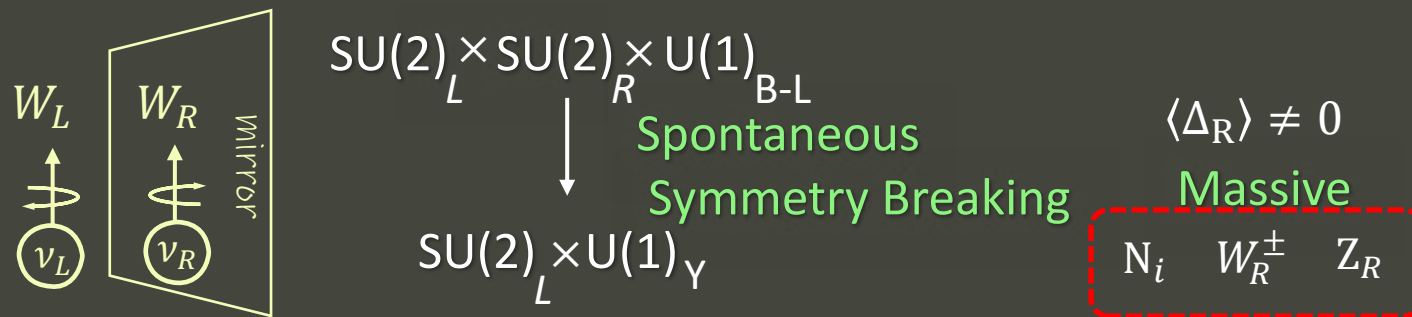
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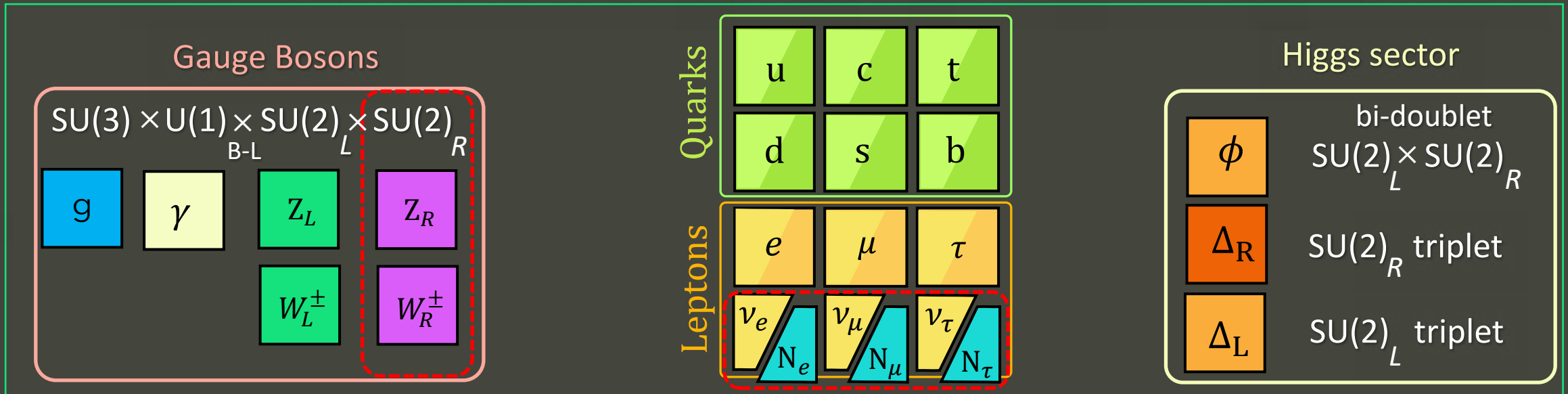


- Ad hoc parity violation ✓
- Accidental B-L global symmetry
- Vacuum Stability problem
- Strong CP problem

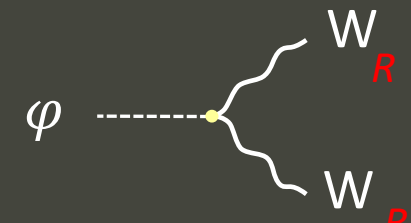
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- Axion is the inflaton which is coupled to $SU(2)_R$

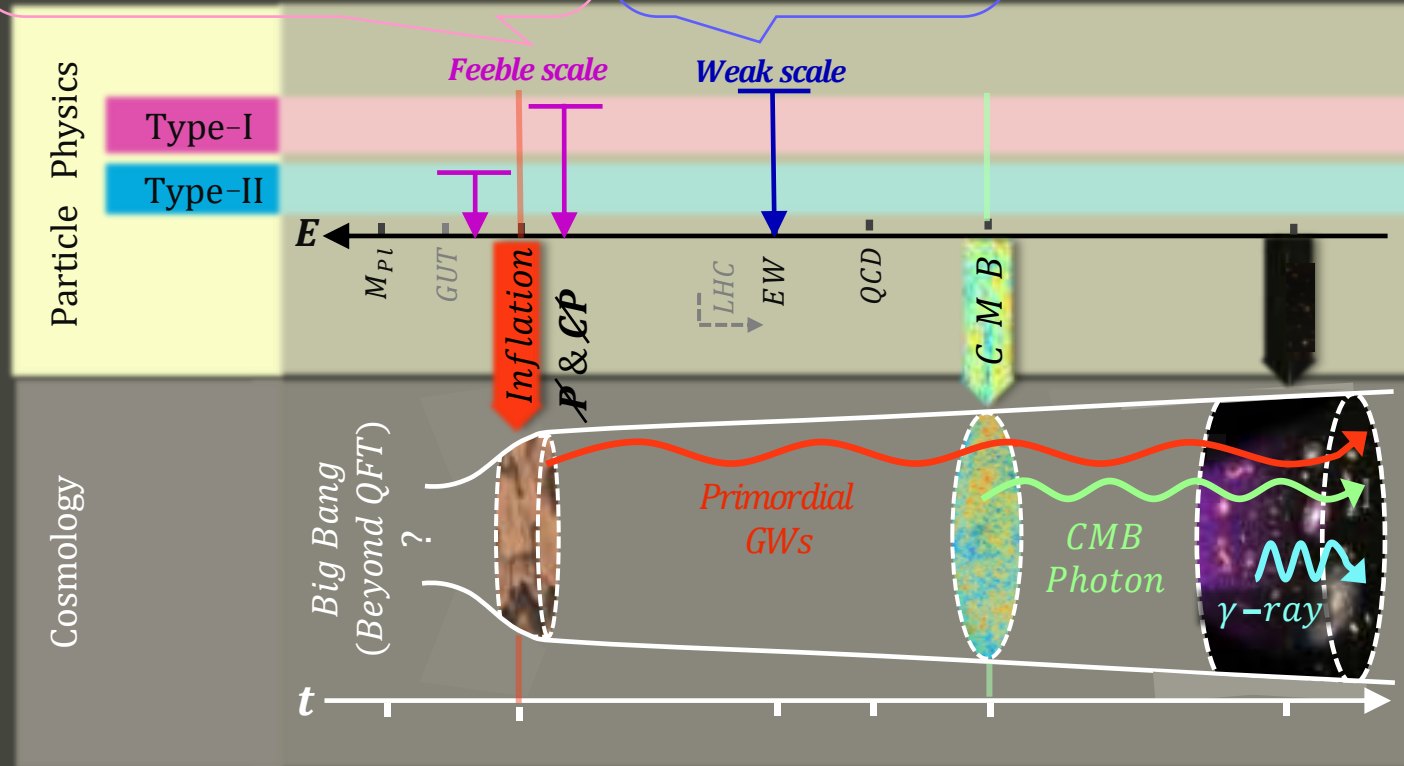
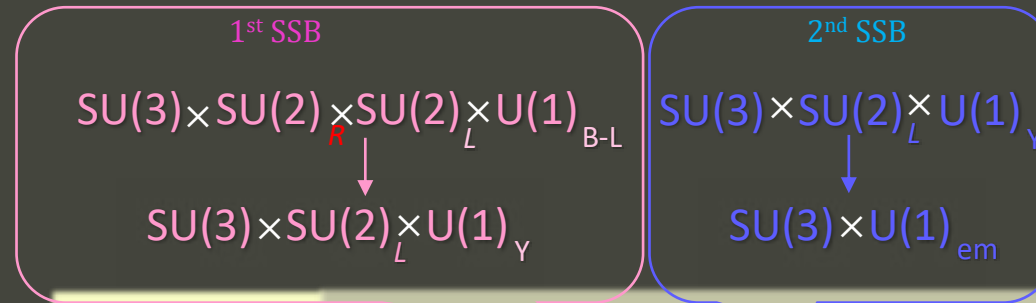


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$SU(2)_R$ -axion Inflation

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Gauge symmetry

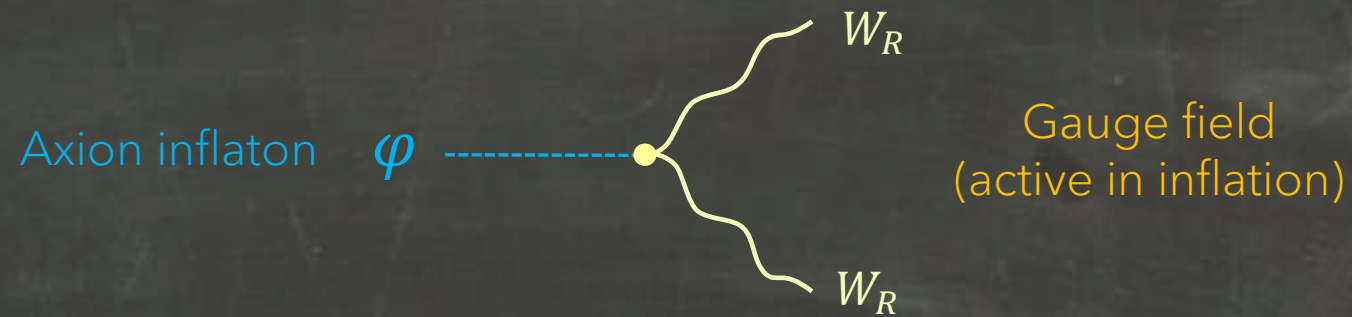


Gauge field Production by Axion



Gauge field Production in Inflation

- SM Gauge fields are diluted by inflation & unimportant, BUT $SU(2)_R$:



$SU(2)_R$ Gauge Field

$$\delta A_i^a = B_{\pm}^a(t, k) e_i^{\pm}(\vec{k})$$

$$B_{\pm}'' + \underbrace{[k^2 \mp \xi k \mathcal{H}]}_{\text{effective frequency}} B_{\pm} \approx 0$$

effective frequency

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Vacuum structure

Axion field $\langle\varphi\rangle$

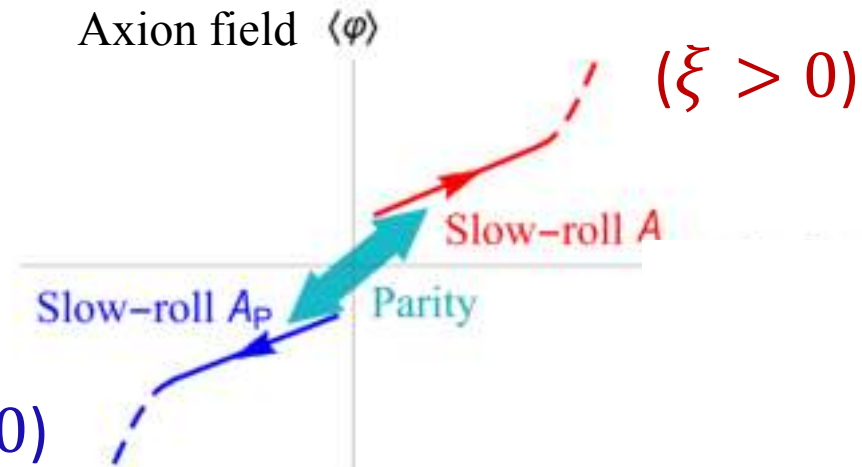
($\xi > 0$)

Slow-roll A

Slow-roll A_P

Parity

($\xi < 0$)



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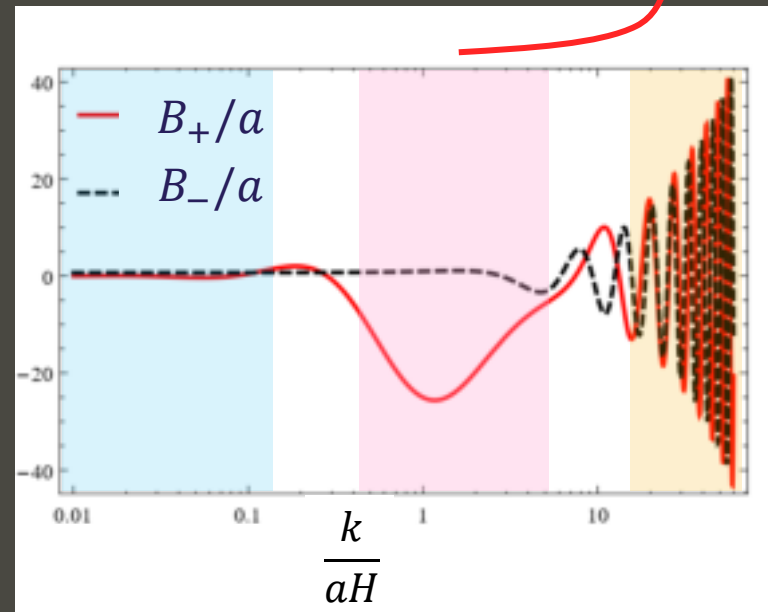
Short tachyonic growth of B_+



Chiral Field

$$n_B \sim \frac{H^3}{6\pi^2} \xi^3 e^{\frac{(2-\sqrt{2})\pi}{2}\xi}$$

Particle Production



Gauge Field sources Primordial GWs

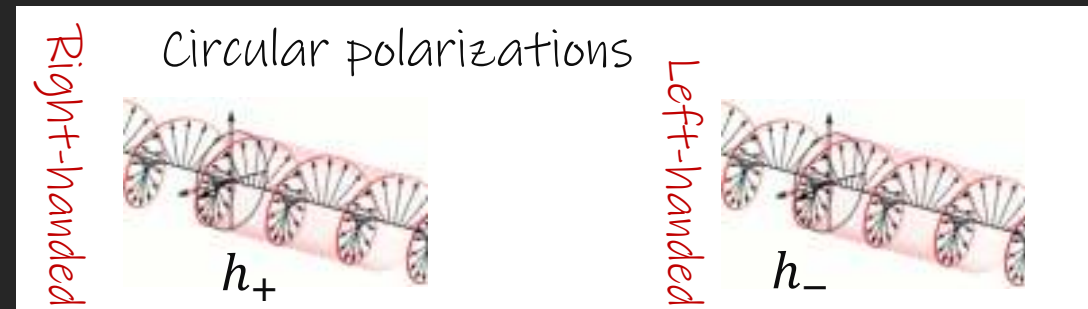
- $\delta A_i^a(t, \vec{k}) = B_{\pm}^a(t, k) e_i^{\pm}(\vec{k})$ is governed by

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- That sourced the GWs

$$h_{\pm}'' + [k^2 - \frac{a''}{a}] h_{\pm} = \mathcal{H}^2 \Pi_{\pm}[B_{\pm}]$$



- Gravitational waves have two uncorrelated terms



$$h_{\pm} = \underbrace{h_{\pm}^{vac}}_{\substack{\text{Vacuum} \\ \text{GWs} \\ \text{unpolarized} \\ h_+^{vac} = h_-^{vac}}} + \underbrace{h_{\pm}^s}_{\substack{\text{Sourced by} \\ B_{\pm} \\ \text{Polarized} \\ h_+^s \neq h_-^s}}$$

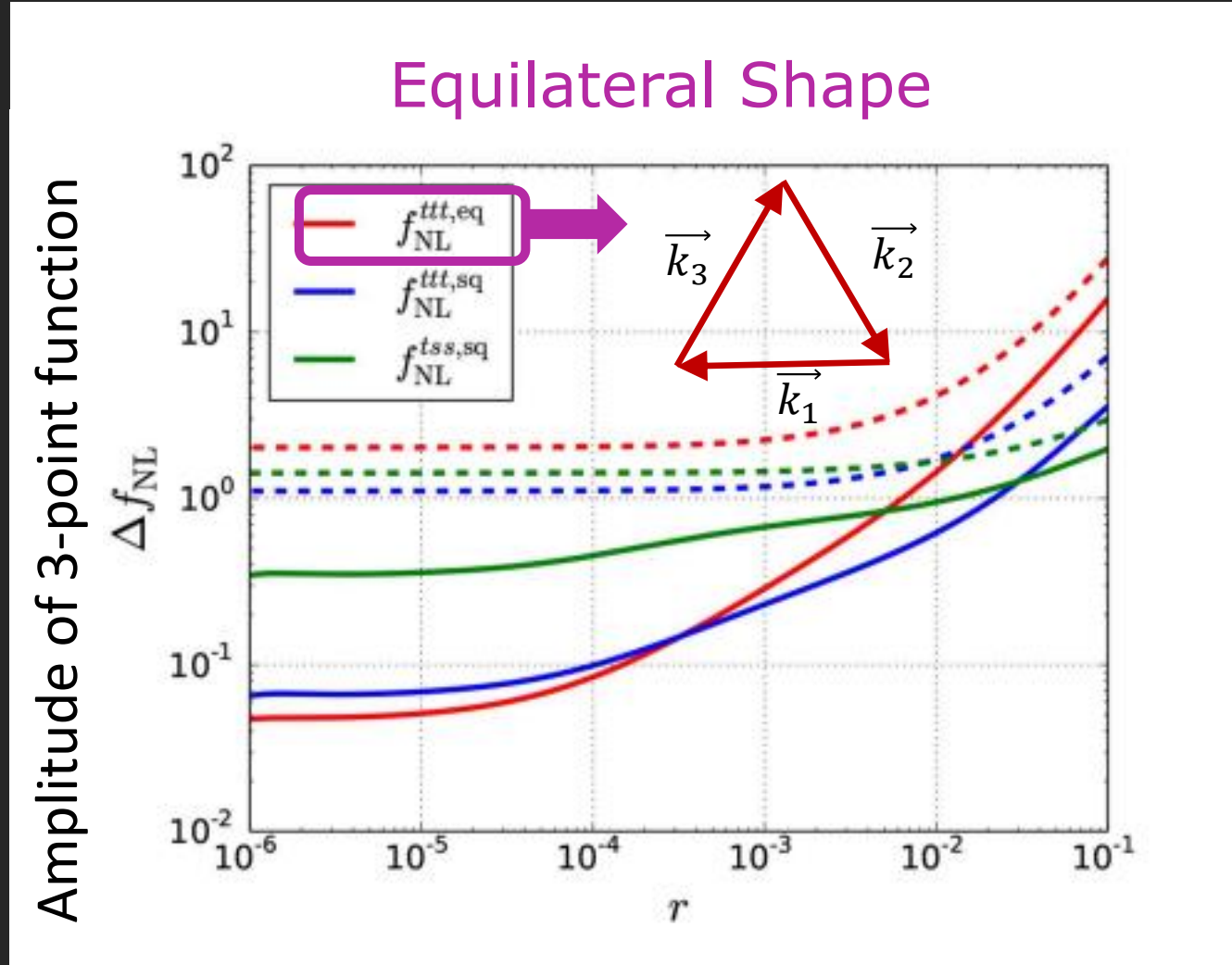


Novel Observable Signature: CMB

- The sourced tensor modes is Highly non-Gaussian.

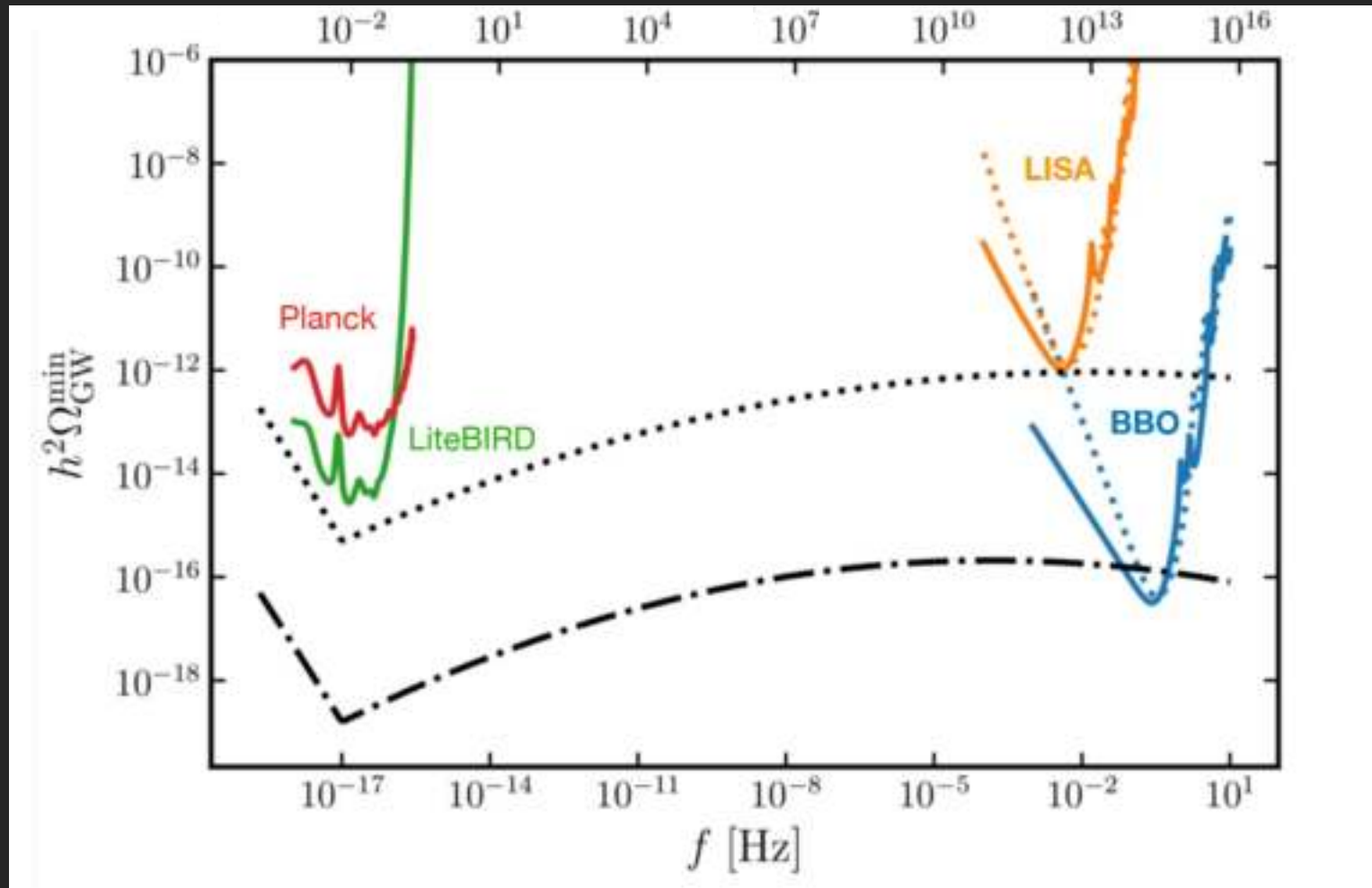
Agrawal, Fujita, Komatsu 2018

- That can be probe with future CMB missions., e.g. *Litebird* and *CMB-S4*!

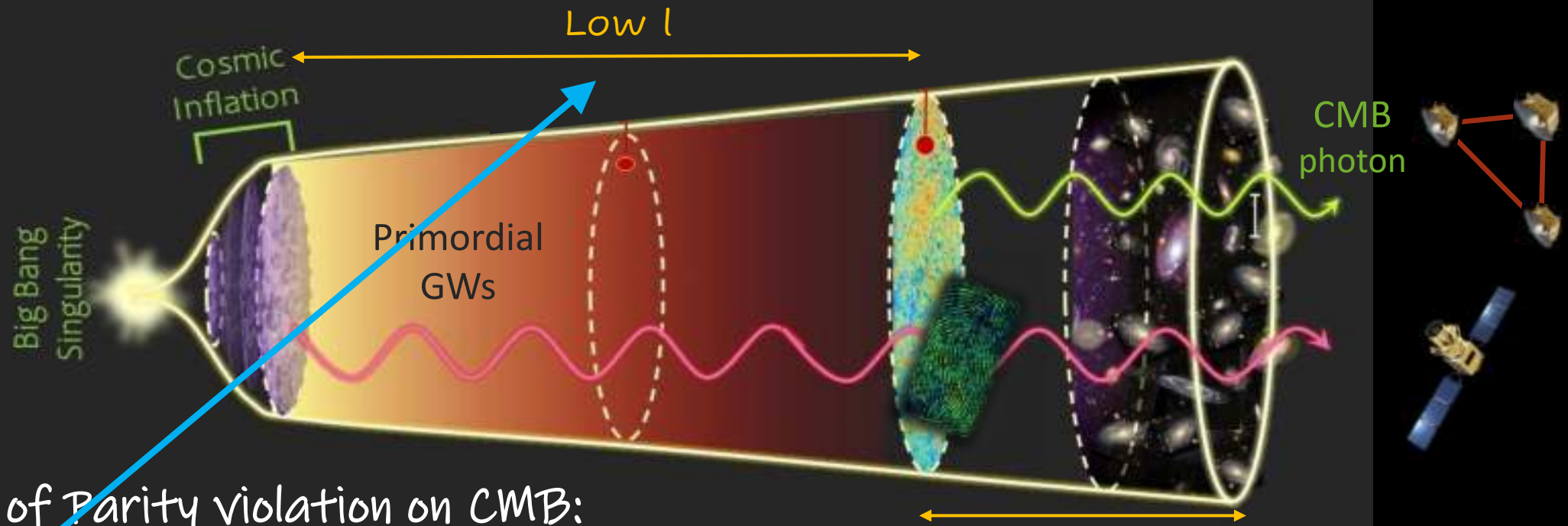


Novel Observable Signature: Beyond CMB

- Comparison of sensitivity curves for LiteBIRD, Planck, LISA & BBO.



Parity Odd CMB Correlations: TB & EB $\neq 0$



Sources of Parity violation on CMB:

- **Cosmic Birefringence:** axion-photon coupling $\varphi F\tilde{F}$
- **Gravitational Chern-Simons:** axion-graviton coupling $\varphi R\tilde{R}$
- **SU(2)-axion Inflation:** SU(2) field-Graviton coupling

Lepton & quark Production by $SU(2)_R$



Lepton & quark Production in Inflation

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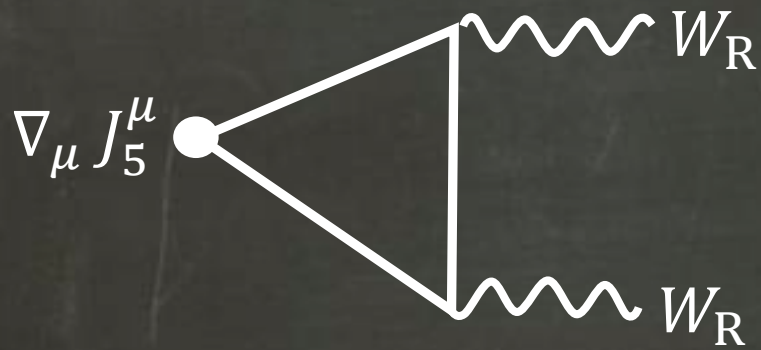


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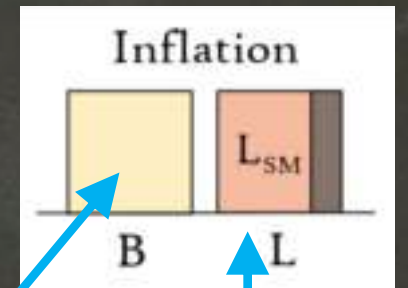
The key ingredient is the Chiral anomaly of $SU(2)_R$ in inflation:



$$\nabla_\mu J_B^\mu = \nabla_\mu J_L^\mu = \frac{g^2}{16\pi^2} \text{tr}[W\tilde{W}]$$

$$n_B = n_L = \alpha_{inf}(\xi) H^3$$

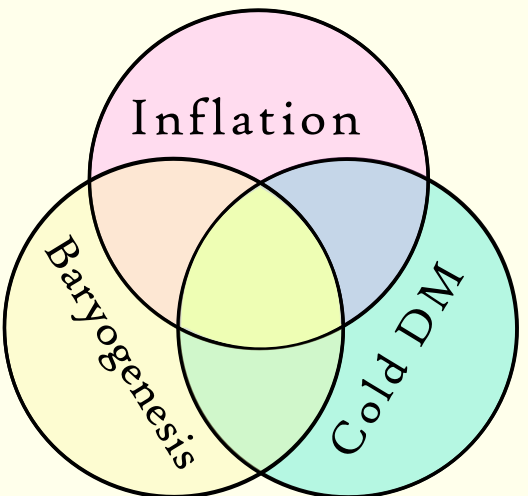
$$\alpha_{inf}(\xi) \sim \frac{g^2}{(2\pi)^4} e^{2\pi\xi}$$



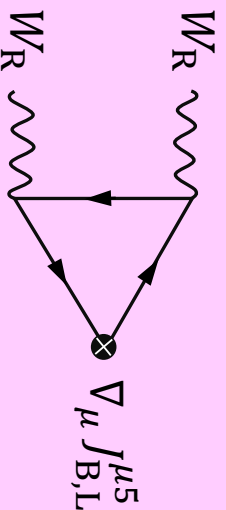
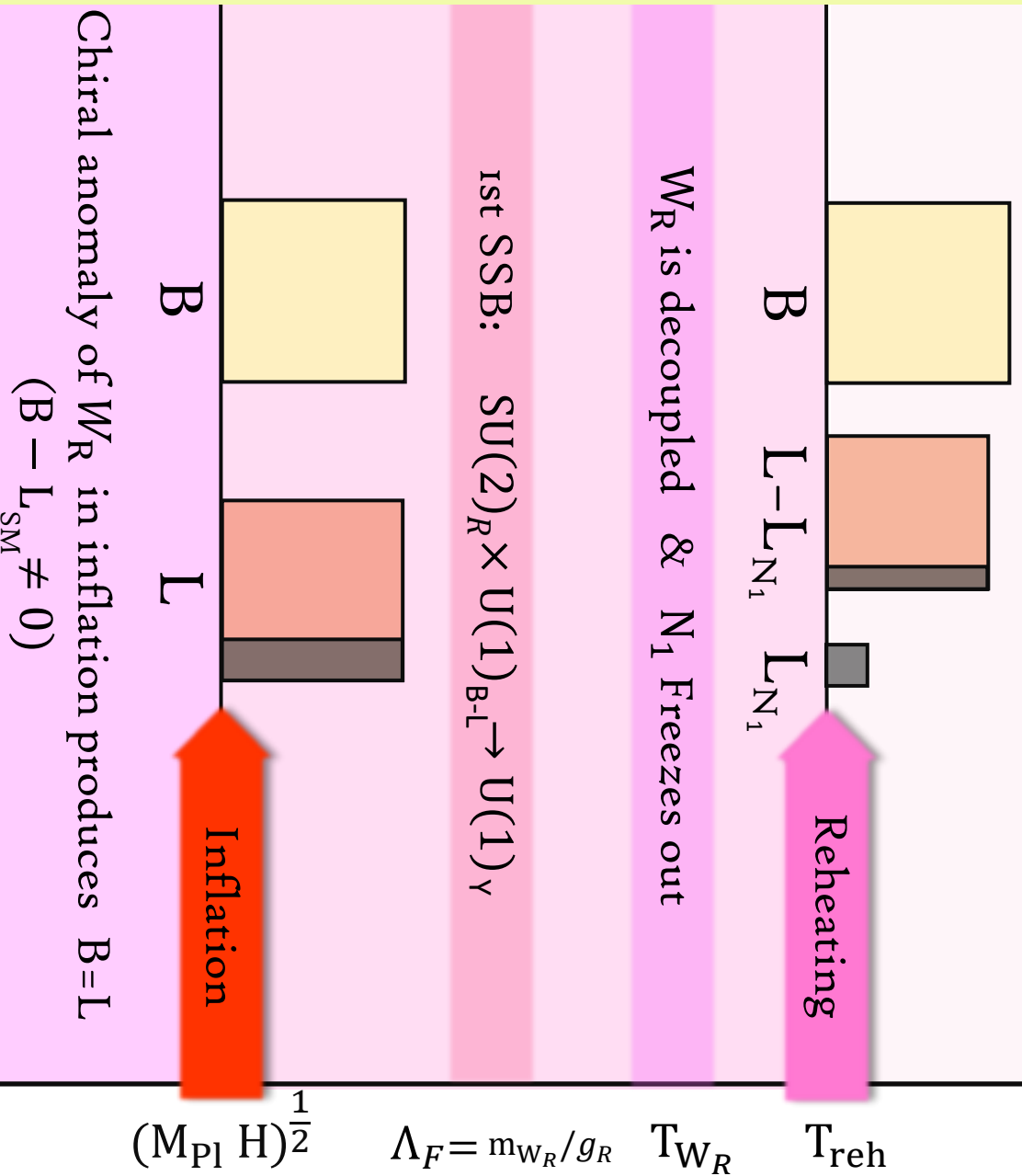
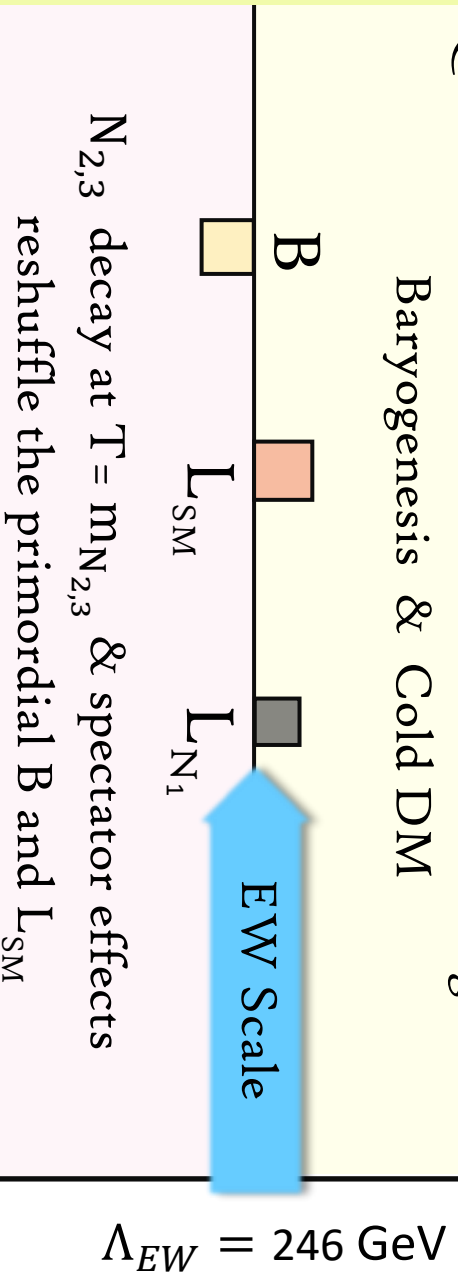
SM baryons

SM leptons
+
RH neutrinos

Summary of the mechanism:



Quantum Effects in Inflation: common origin for Baryogenesis & Cold DM



Energy

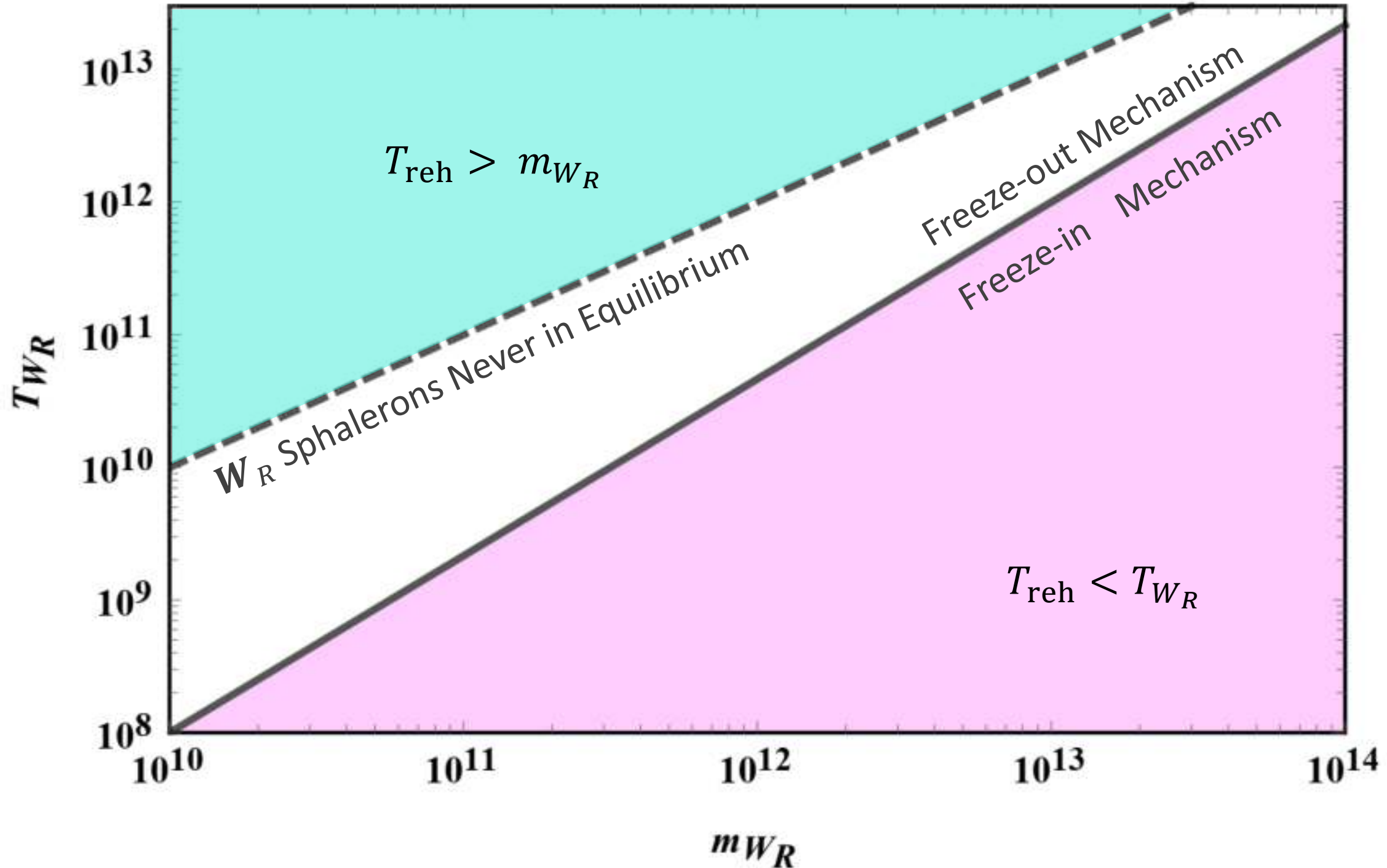
$(M_{Pl} H)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$\Lambda_F = m_{W_R}/g_R$

T_{W_R}

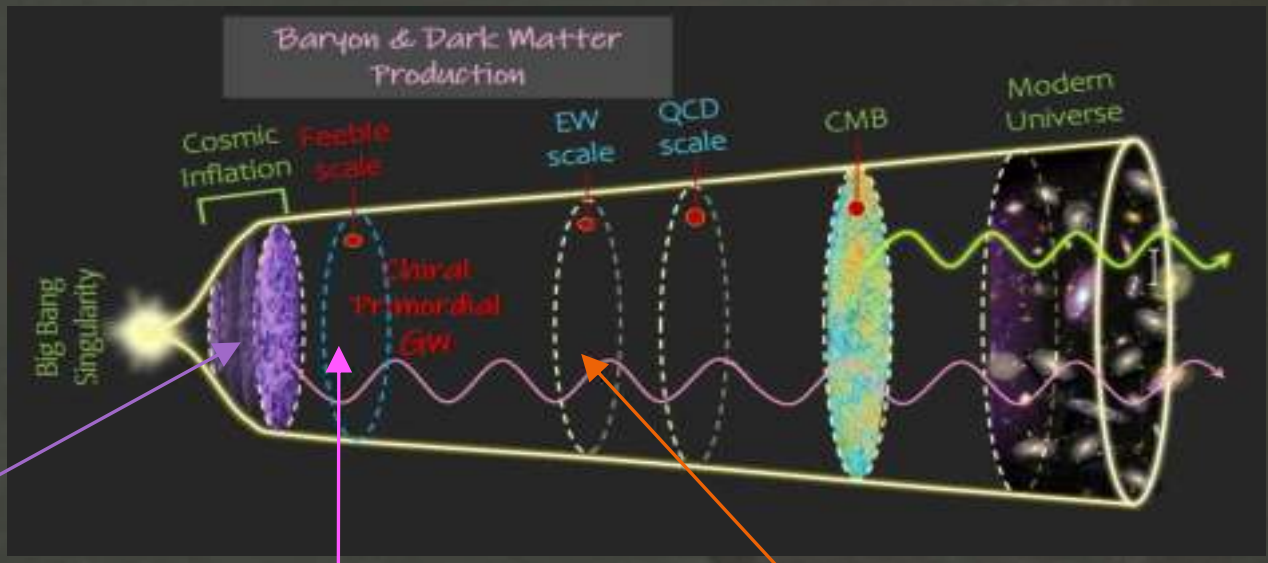
T_{reh}

$\Lambda_{EW} = 246 \text{ GeV}$



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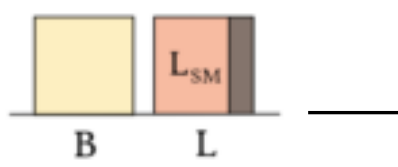
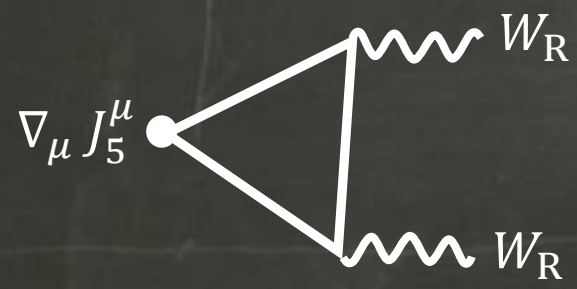
Quarks	u	c	t
	d	s	b
Leptons	e	μ	τ
	ν_e	ν_μ	ν_τ
	N_e	N_μ	N_τ



Chiral anomaly of SU(2)_R in inflation

Freezeout of N_i

EW scale



$$B = L = 3n_{CS}$$

$$B - L_{SM} \neq 0$$

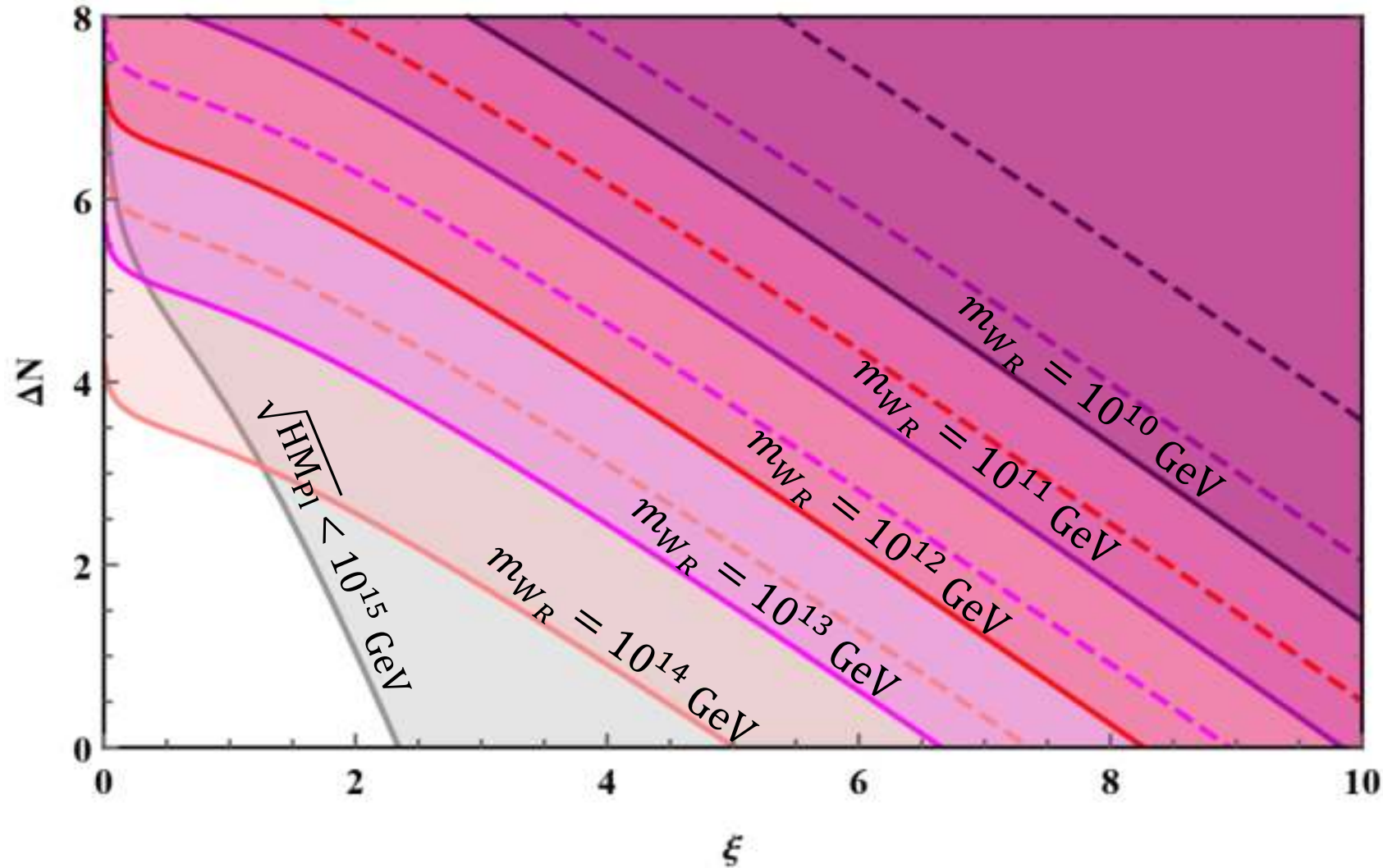
$$\Omega_{N_1} \approx 2.8 \frac{m_{N_1}}{m_p} \Omega_B$$

$$m_{N_1} \approx 1.8 m_p = 1.7 \text{ GeV.}$$

Baryogenesis

$$\eta_B^0 \approx 3 \left(\frac{g_{eff}}{100} \right)^{\frac{3}{4}} \frac{\alpha_{inf}}{(\delta_{reh})^{\frac{3}{4}}} \left(\frac{H}{M_{Pl}} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

This setup prefers Left-Right symmetry breaking scales above $m_{W_R} = 10^{10}$ GeV !
(same as scales suggested by the non-SUSY SO(10) GUT models with intermediate LR symmetry scale.)

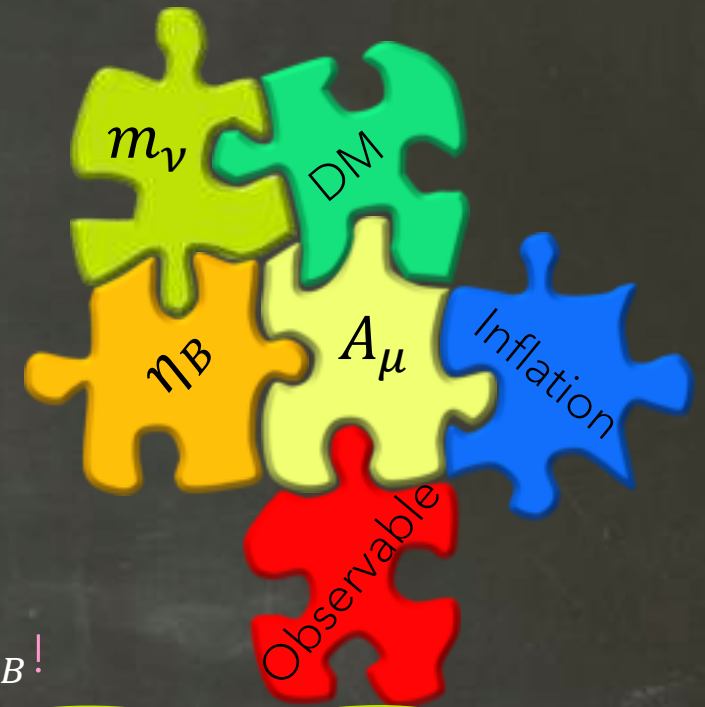


Compelling Consequences:

Puzzles of Particle Cosmology

- I) Particle physics of Inflation
- II) Origin of matter asymmetry
- III) Origin of Neutrino mass
- IV) Particle nature of DM

◆ Curious cosmological coincidences $\eta_B \simeq 0.3 P_z$ and $\Omega_{DM} \simeq 5\Omega_B$!

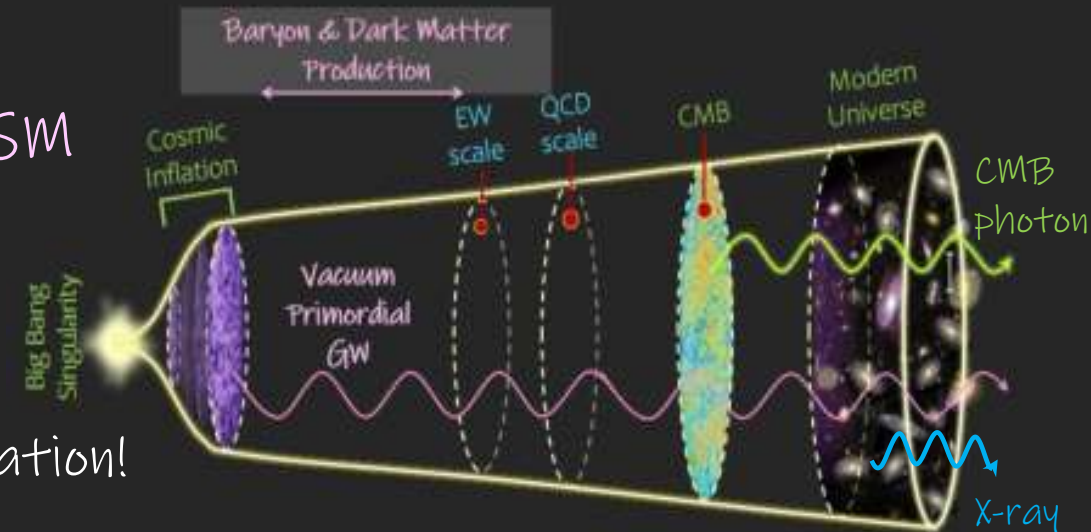


Questions

- What do Gauge Fields do in Inflation? May be coupled to axion inflaton
- Does it come with a cosmological signature? Yes! Chiral, non-Gaussian GWs.
- How Inflaton & its Gauge Field are connected to the SM? Left-Right Symmetric Model + axion!
- (Is there a simple, elementary & minimal set-up that can solve all the above issues? Yes!)
This Set-up is a complete beyond SM that can solve I-IV & explain ◆ !

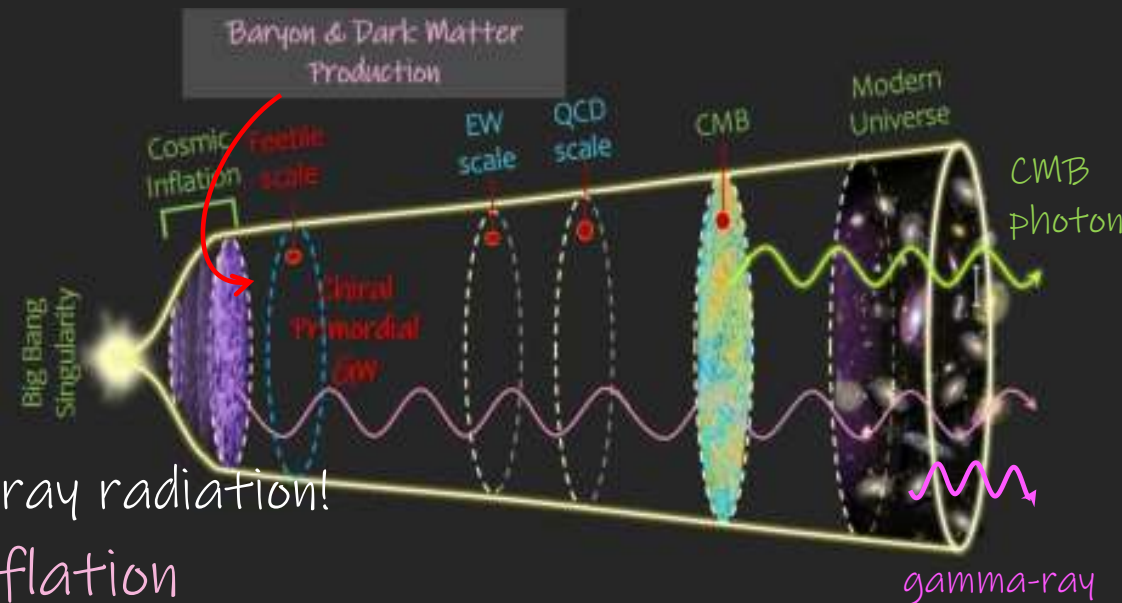
Minimal Set-up:

- Inflation Particle Physics: a scalar singlet BSM
- Unpolarized, Gaussian GWs
- Baryon asymmetry (BAU):
CP violating phases in neutrino sector
- Sterile neutrino DM: $m_{N_1} = \mathcal{O}(10)keV$ & x-ray radiation!



$SU(2)_R$ -Axion Inflation:

- Inflation Particle Physics (BSM):
Axion & its $SU(2)$ Gauge Field
- Chiral, non-Gaussian GWs
- BAU: Spontaneous CP violation in inflation
- Right neutrino DM: $m_{N_1} = \mathcal{O}(1)GeV$ & gamma-ray radiation!
- Simultaneous Baryon & DM production in inflation
- Explains coincidences among cosmological parameters ($\eta_B \sim P_R$ & $\Omega_{DM} \simeq 5\Omega_B$)



Questions?!

