

Starobinsky R^2 Inflation with Weyl Symmetry and Dark Matter

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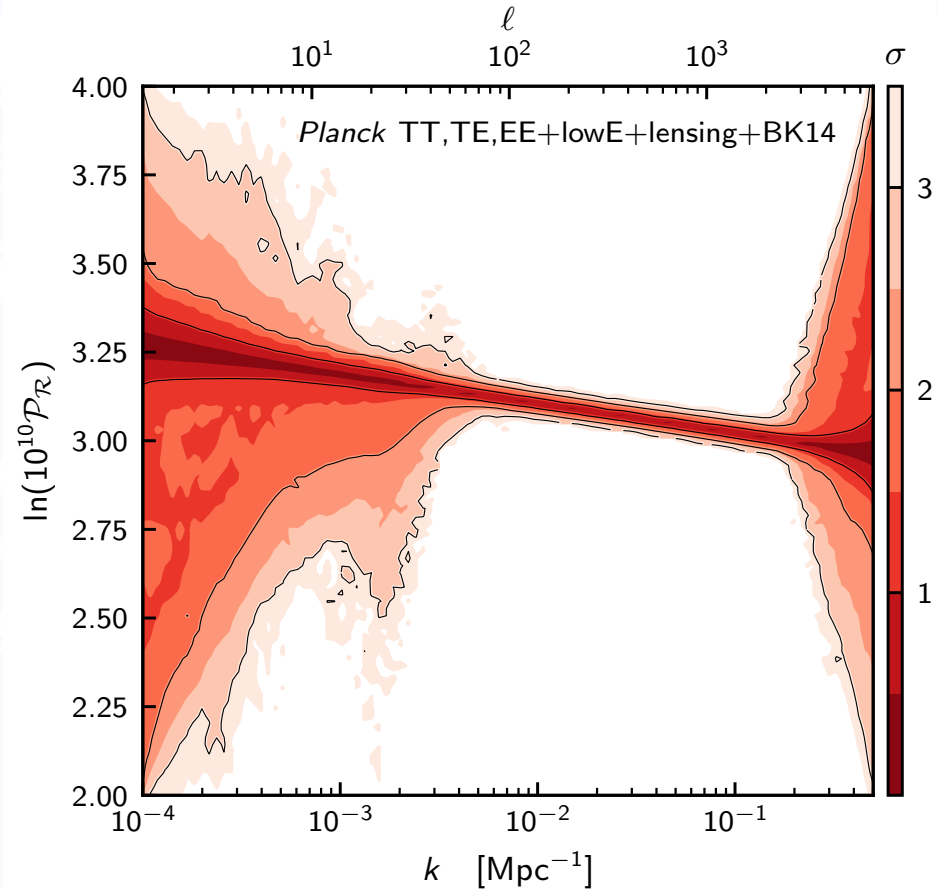
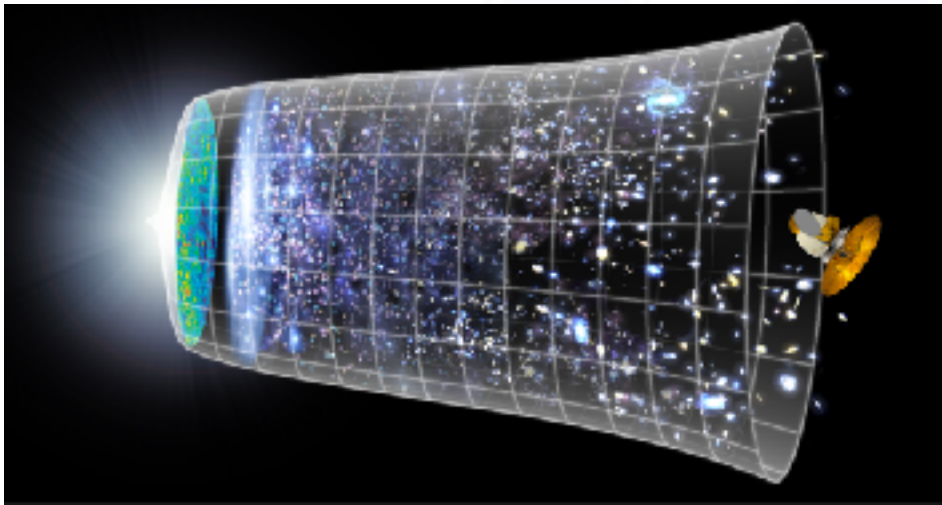
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Inflation

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 - flatness, horizon, initial cond
 - conformal/Weyl symmetry
 - breaking uncertain yet



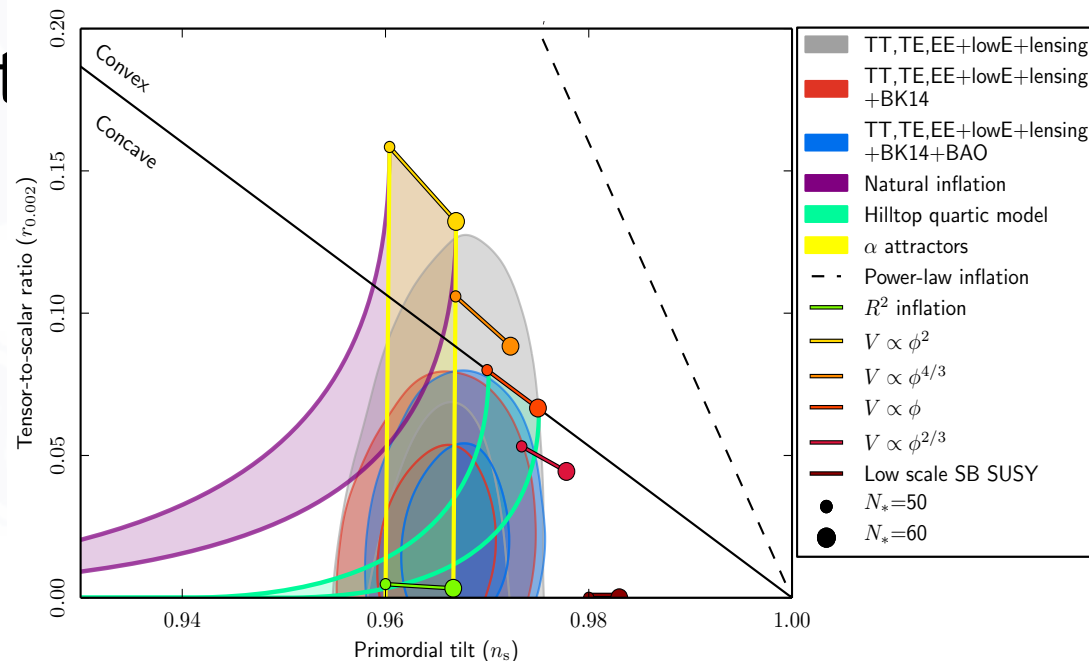
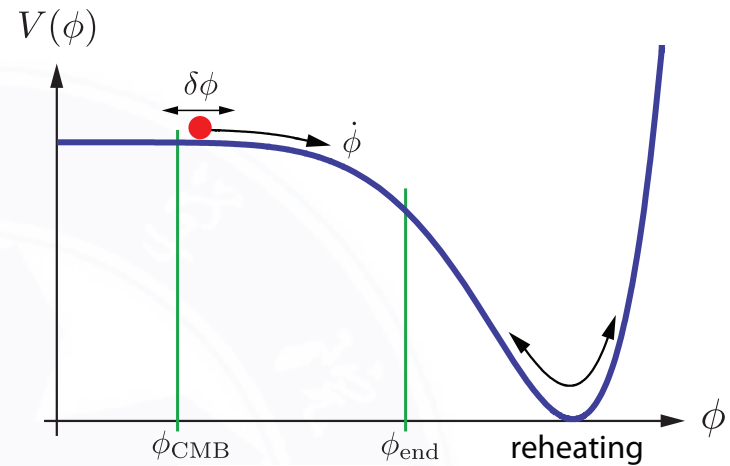
$$\Delta_{\mathcal{R}}^2 \equiv \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}} = A_{\mathcal{R}} \left(\frac{k}{k_*} \right)^{n_s - 1}$$

$$n_s \simeq 0.9649 \pm 0.0042$$

Inflation

- Inflation is a very attractive solution to many cosmic problems
 - flatness, horizon, initial cond
 - conformal/Weyl symmetry
 - breaking uncertain yet
- Cosmological observations now have entered a precision era
 - primordial GW
 - power spectrum

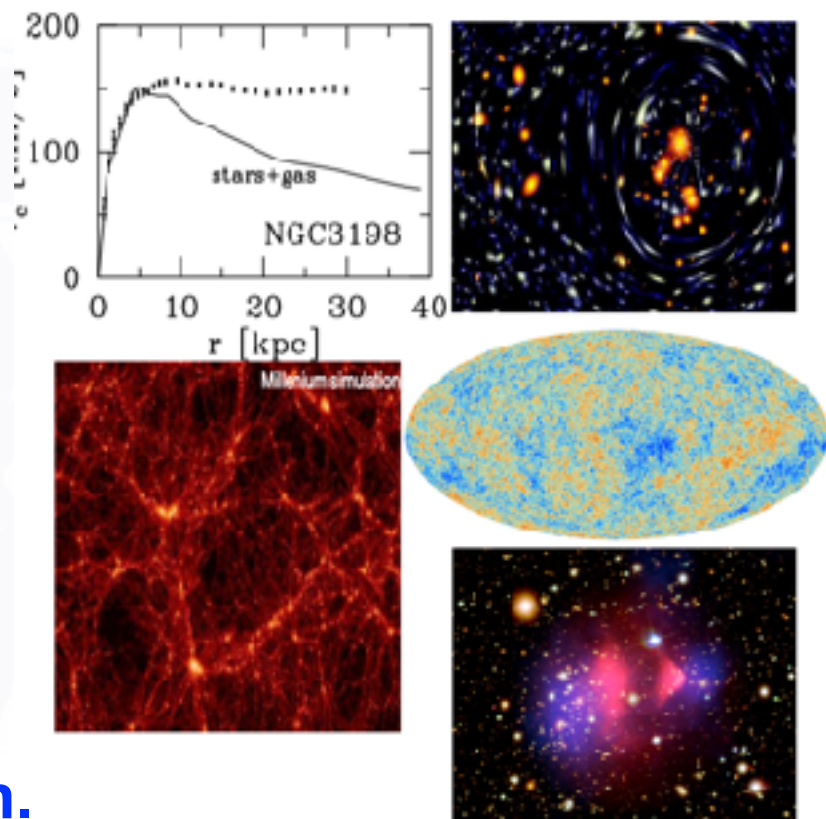
In future $r \sim 10^{-3}$



Dark Matter

- Dark Matter is challenging our standard model in particle physics
- So far only evidence for the gravitational interaction
- Extensions of Einstein's GR may give DM candidate

Symmetry determines interaction.



**We propose a scenario based on Weyl symmetry,
 $\Rightarrow$ Inflation and Dark Matter.**

Weyl Symmetry

- Weyl symmetry was referred to

$$g_{\mu\nu}(x) \rightarrow g'_{\mu\nu}(x) = e^{2\theta(x)} g_{\mu\nu}(x)$$

$$W_\mu(x) \rightarrow W'_\mu(x) = W_\mu(x) - \partial_\mu \theta(x)$$

- First proposed by Weyl around 1919 in order to unify general relativity and electromagnetic interaction.
- Later Weyl modified it to

$$\psi(x) \rightarrow \psi'(x) = e^{i\theta(x)} \psi(x)$$

$$\partial_\mu \rightarrow \partial_\mu - igW_\mu$$

$$W_\mu(x) \rightarrow W'_\mu(x) = W_\mu(x) - \partial_\mu \theta(x)$$

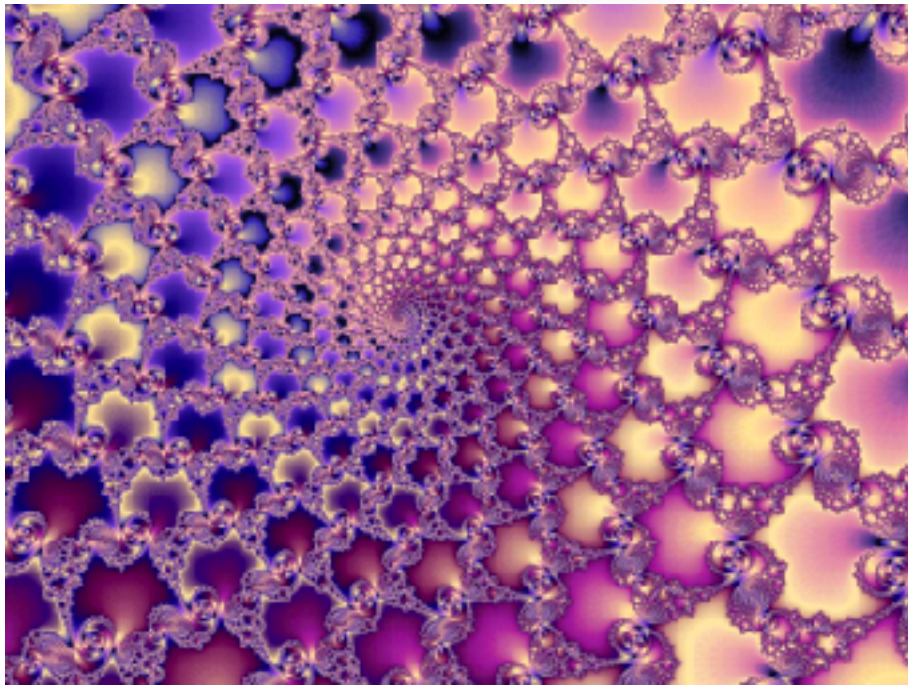
Gauge symmetry

- To describe electron after quantum mechanics.

Scale and Conformal

- Scale invariance

$$x^\mu \rightarrow \lambda x^\mu$$



Fractals

Scale and Conformal

- Scale invariance

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- Conformal invariance, in addition to above,

$$x^\mu \rightarrow \frac{x^\mu + v^\mu x^2}{1 + 2v^\mu x_\mu + v^2 x^2}$$

They will also induce field transformations, $\phi(x) \rightarrow F[\phi(x)]$

- Weyl symmetry is different from the above ones, since coordinates do not change, only fields.

$$\phi(x) \rightarrow F[\phi(x)]$$

Most people use Weyl/Conformal interchangeably. Ref. Y. Nakayama, 1302.0884

Weyl Symmetry

- Terminology
 - conformal ~ Weyl ~ scale/scaling
- Weyl symmetry has wide applications in physics
 - Two-dimensional CFT—string theory
 - Conformal gravity—unitarity and instability
$$\frac{1}{2}W_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}W^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} = \frac{1}{6}R^2 - R_{\mu\nu}R^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2}R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}R^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}$$
 - Gauge theory of gravity
 - WU Yue-Liang, arXiv:1712.04537(EPJC)
arXiv:1506.01807(PRD)
 - Particle Physics



R^2 inflation

Einstein Gravity

- Einstein-Hilbert action,

$$S = \int d^4x \mathcal{L} \quad , \quad \mathcal{L} = \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{M_P^2}{2} R - \Lambda \right] \quad M_P^2 = \frac{1}{8\pi G} \equiv 1$$

- Einstein frame scalars do not couple to R

$$\frac{\mathcal{L}}{\sqrt{-g}} = \boxed{\frac{1}{2} R} + \frac{1}{2} f(\phi) \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi - V(\phi)$$

- Jordan frame

$$\frac{\mathcal{L}}{\sqrt{-g}} = \boxed{\frac{1}{2} g(\phi) R} + \frac{1}{2} f(\phi) \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi - V(\phi)$$

Conformal Transformation

- Jordan frame

$$\frac{\mathcal{L}}{\sqrt{-g}} = \frac{1}{2}g(\phi)R + \frac{1}{2}f(\phi)\partial_\mu\phi\partial^\mu\phi - V(\phi)$$

- After conformal transformation

$$g_{\mu\nu}(x) \Rightarrow \bar{g}_{\mu\nu}(x) = I(\phi)g_{\mu\nu}(x)$$

$$R = I(\phi) \left(\bar{R} + \frac{3}{2}\partial_\mu \ln I(\phi)\partial^\mu \ln I(\phi) \right)$$

$$I(\phi) = g(\phi)$$

- We are now in Einstein frame

$$\frac{\mathcal{L}}{\sqrt{-\bar{g}}} = \frac{1}{2}\bar{R} + \frac{1}{2}\Omega(\phi)\partial_\mu\phi\partial^\mu\phi - \bar{V}(\phi)$$

- Canonical kinetic terms?



Conformal Transformation

- With N scalar fields

YT and Y.L Wu, 2106.04726(PRD)

$$\frac{\mathcal{L}}{\sqrt{-g}} = f(\phi^i)R + \frac{1}{2}\delta_{ij}\nabla^\mu\phi^i\nabla_\mu\phi^j - V(\phi^i),$$

$$\tilde{g}_{\mu\nu} = \Omega^2(x)g_{\mu\nu}, \quad \Omega^2(x) = 2f(\phi^i).$$

- Einstein frame

$$\frac{\mathcal{L}}{\sqrt{-\tilde{g}}} = \frac{1}{2}\tilde{R} - \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{G}_{ij}\tilde{\nabla}^\mu\phi^i\tilde{\nabla}_\mu\phi^j - \Omega^{-4}V(\phi^i), \quad \mathcal{G}_{ij} = \frac{1}{2f}\left(\delta_{ij} + \frac{3}{f}f_i f_j\right).$$

- Canonical kinetic term flat field metric $\mathcal{G}_{ij}$, not possible for $N > 1$ generally. But **conformally flat**

$f(\phi^i) =$	constant	$\begin{cases} a(c + b_i\phi^i)^{\frac{1}{1-p}}, & p \neq 1 \\ a \exp(b_i\phi^i), & p = 1 \end{cases}$	$a + b_i\phi^i - \frac{1}{12}\delta_{ij}\phi^i\phi^j$
$\mathcal{G}_{ij} =$	δ_{ij}	$\begin{cases} \delta_{ij} + \frac{3ab_i b_j}{(1-p)^2}(c + b_k\phi^k)^{\frac{2p-1}{1-p}}, & p \neq 1 \\ \delta_{ij} + 3ab_i b_j \exp(b_k\phi^k), & p = 1 \end{cases}$	$\delta_{ij} + \frac{3(b_i - \frac{\phi^i}{a})(b_j - \frac{\phi^j}{a})}{a + b_k\phi^k - \frac{1}{12}\delta_{kl}\phi^k\phi^l}$
$\hat{r}_{jk}^i =$	0	$\propto (p - \frac{1}{2})b_i b_j b_k$	$\propto \left(-\frac{1}{6}f_i\delta_{jk} - \frac{1}{2f}f_i f_j f_k\right)$
$\hat{\mathcal{R}}_{ijkl} =$	0	0	$\propto \left(\delta_{i[k}\delta_{l]j} - \frac{6}{f}f_{[i}\delta_{j][k}f_{l]}\right)$

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- Conformal flatness is always possible in the case of $f(R)$ gravity with multiple scalars, due to the additional scalar degree of freedom.

R² Gravity

- Starobinsky Inflation

Starobinsky, Phys. Lett. B91, 99 (1980).

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$$\frac{\mathcal{L}}{\sqrt{-g}} = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{\alpha}{3}\chi^2 \right) R - \frac{\alpha}{12}\chi^4$$

- χ an auxiliary scalar field

$$\frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta \chi} = 0 \Rightarrow \chi^2 = R$$

- Equivalence can be shown by using EoM

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Jordan frame

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Einstein frame

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- After conformal transformation

$$\frac{\mathcal{L}}{\sqrt{-\bar{g}}} = \frac{1}{2}\bar{R} + \frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu\sigma\partial^\mu\sigma - \bar{V}(\sigma), \quad \bar{V}(\sigma) = \frac{3}{4\alpha} \left[1 - \exp\left(-\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}\sigma\right) \right]^2$$

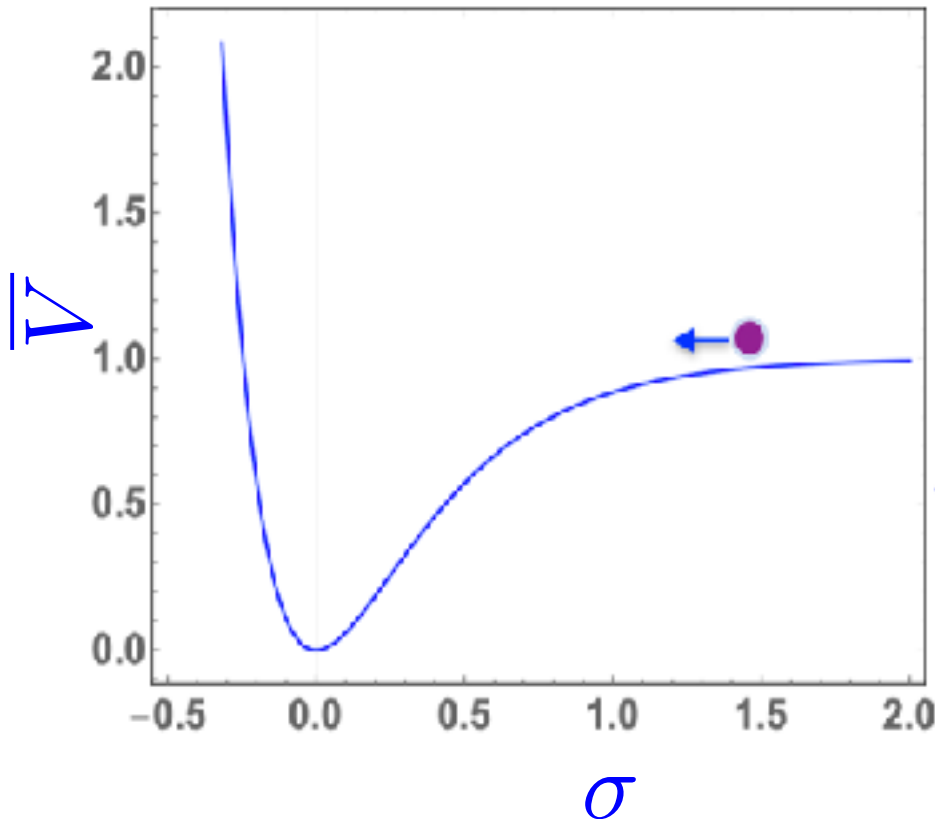
$$\sigma = \sigma(\chi)$$

Einstein frame

Starobinsky Inflation

- Potential

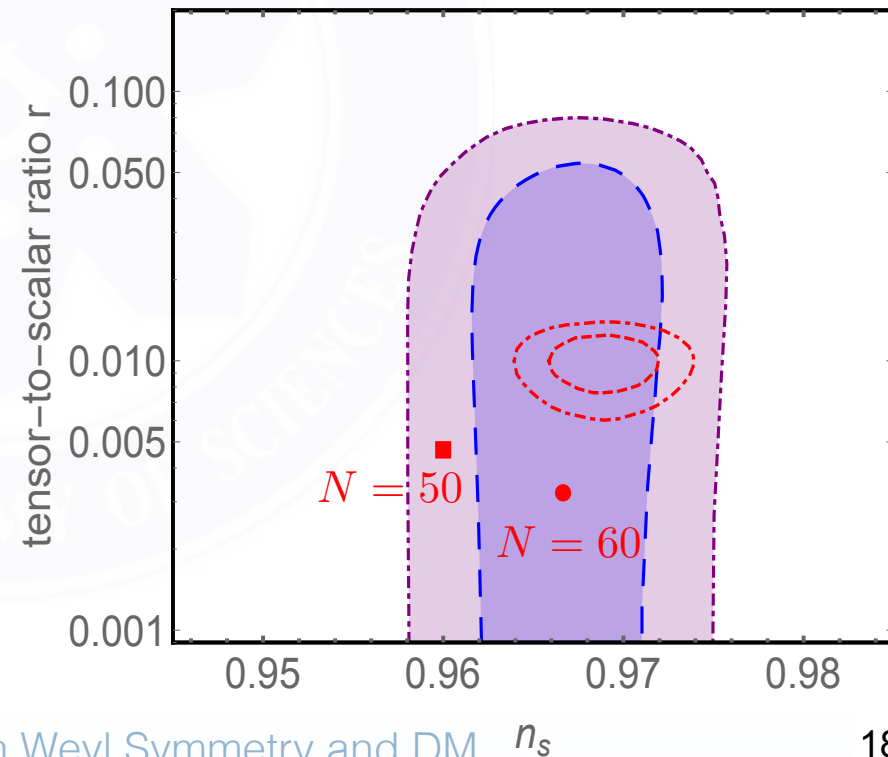
$$\bar{V}(\sigma) = \frac{3}{4\alpha} \left[1 - \exp\left(-\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}\sigma\right) \right]^2$$



$$\epsilon = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\bar{V}'(\sigma)}{\bar{V}(\sigma)} \right)^2, \quad \eta = \frac{\bar{V}''(\sigma)}{\bar{V}(\sigma)}$$

$$n_s = 1 - 6\epsilon + 2\eta, \quad r = 16\epsilon$$

$$n_s \simeq 1 - \frac{2}{N}, \quad r \simeq \frac{12}{N^2}$$



R² Gravity

- Starobinsky Inflation

$$\frac{\mathcal{L}}{\sqrt{-g}} = \frac{1}{2}R + \frac{\alpha}{12}R^2$$

- Global scaling symmetry if EH action is absent

$$g_{\mu\nu}(x) \rightarrow \bar{g}_{\mu\nu}(x) = f^2 g_{\mu\nu}(x) \Rightarrow \mathcal{L}[g] = \bar{\mathcal{L}}[\bar{g}]$$

- But not local symmetry

$$g_{\mu\nu}(x) \rightarrow g'_{\mu\nu}(x) = e^{2\theta(x)} g_{\mu\nu}(x)$$

$$W_\mu(x) \rightarrow W'_\mu(x) = W_\mu(x) - \partial_\mu \theta(x)$$

Weyl $\hat{R}^2$ Inflation

- Covariant derivative

YT, Y.L.Wu, arXiv:2006.02811

$$\partial_\mu g_{\rho\sigma} \rightarrow (\partial_\mu + 2W_\mu) g_{\rho\sigma}$$

$$D_\mu = \partial_\mu + qW_\mu$$

$$q = \begin{cases} +2 & \text{metric} \\ -1 & \text{scalar} \\ -\frac{3}{2} & \text{fermion} \\ 0 & \text{vector} \end{cases}$$

- The modified connection

$$\hat{\Gamma}_{\mu\nu}^\rho = \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\rho + [W_\mu \delta_\nu^\rho + W_\nu \delta_\mu^\rho - W^\rho g_{\mu\nu}] ,$$

$$\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\rho = \frac{1}{2} g^{\rho\sigma} (\partial_\mu g_{\sigma\nu} + \partial_\nu g_{\mu\sigma} - \partial_\sigma g_{\mu\nu})$$

- And the modified Ricci tensor and scalar $\hat{R}$

$$\hat{R}_{\sigma\mu\nu}^\rho = \partial_\mu \hat{\Gamma}_{\sigma\nu}^\rho - \partial_\nu \hat{\Gamma}_{\sigma\mu}^\rho + \hat{\Gamma}_{\mu\tau}^\rho \hat{\Gamma}_{\sigma\nu}^\tau - \hat{\Gamma}_{\nu\tau}^\rho \hat{\Gamma}_{\sigma\mu}^\tau ,$$

$$\hat{R}_{\sigma\nu} = \hat{R}_{\sigma\rho\nu}^\rho, \hat{R} = g^{\sigma\nu} \hat{R}_{\sigma\nu}$$

Warm-up

- First consider the Weyl $\hat{R}$ gravity

$$\mathcal{L} = \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{1}{2} \phi^2 \hat{R} + \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\zeta D^\mu \phi D_\mu \phi}_{\text{dotted}} - \frac{1}{4g_W^2} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} - \lambda \phi^4 \right]$$

- It is invariant under scaling transformation

$$g_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow g'_{\mu\nu} = f^2 g_{\mu\nu}$$

$$W_\mu \rightarrow W'_\mu = W_\mu - \partial_\mu \ln f \quad \hat{\Gamma}'^\rho_{\mu\nu} = \hat{\Gamma}^\rho_{\mu\nu}, \hat{R}'^\rho_{\sigma\mu\nu} = \hat{R}^\rho_{\sigma\mu\nu}, D'_\mu \phi' = f D_\mu \phi$$

$$\phi \rightarrow \phi' = f^{-1} \phi$$

- One can write in a familiar form by using

$$\hat{R} = R + 6W_\mu W^\mu + 6\nabla_\mu W^\mu, \nabla_\mu W^\mu = \frac{6}{\sqrt{-g}} \partial_\mu (\sqrt{-g} W^\mu)$$

$$\phi^2 \hat{R} = \phi^2 R - 6\partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi + 6D_\mu \phi D^\mu \phi$$

- When W_μ is absent $\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{-g} (\phi^2 R - 6\partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi)$

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- Einstein frame is set by $\phi^2 = 1$ due to Weyl symmetry

$$\mathcal{L} = \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{1}{2} R - \lambda - \frac{1}{4g_W^2} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} (\zeta + 6) W_\mu W^\mu \right]$$

- Massive W_μ with discrete symmetry, might be a dark matter candidate.
- However, inflation is not implemented and other extension is needed.

Weyl $\hat{R}^2$ Inflation

- Now let us consider

YT, Y.L.Wu, arXiv:2006.02811
 Ghilencea, arXiv:1906.11572
 Ferreira et al, arXiv:1906.03415

$$\mathcal{L} = \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{1}{2} \phi^2 \hat{R} + \frac{\alpha}{12} \hat{R}^2 + \frac{1}{2} \zeta D^\mu \phi D_\mu \phi - \frac{1}{4g_W^2} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} - \lambda \phi^4 \right]$$

- Similarly introduce an auxiliary field χ

$$\sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{1}{2} \left(\phi^2 + \frac{\alpha}{3} \chi^2 \right) \hat{R} - \frac{\alpha}{12} \chi^4 + \frac{1}{2} \zeta D^\mu \phi D_\mu \phi - \frac{1}{4g_W^2} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} - \lambda \phi^4 \right]$$

- The equivalence can be shown with $\frac{\delta \mathcal{L}}{\delta \chi} = 0 \Rightarrow \chi^2 = \hat{R}$
- Fix to Einstein frame $\phi^2 + \frac{\alpha}{3} \chi^2 = 1$

$$\frac{\mathcal{L}}{\sqrt{-g}} = \frac{1}{2} R + \frac{1}{2} \zeta D^\mu \phi D_\mu \phi - \frac{1}{4g_W^2} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + 3W^\mu W_\mu - \frac{3}{4\alpha} (1 - \phi^2)^2 - \lambda \phi^4$$

Continued

- We can combine the Weyl boson term

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{2}\zeta D^\mu\phi D_\mu\phi + 3W^\mu W_\mu &= \frac{1}{2} [(6 + \zeta\phi^2) W^\mu W_\mu - \zeta W^\mu \partial_\mu \phi^2] + \frac{1}{2}\zeta \partial^\mu\phi \partial_\mu\phi \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (6 + \zeta\phi^2) \left[W_\mu - \frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu \ln(6 + \zeta\phi^2) \right]^2 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{6\zeta}{6 + \zeta\phi^2} \partial^\mu\phi \partial_\mu\phi\end{aligned}$$

- With gauge transformation $\bar{W}_\mu = W_\mu - \frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu \ln(6 + \zeta\phi^2)$

$$\frac{\mathcal{L}}{\sqrt{-g}} = \frac{1}{2}R - \frac{1}{4g_W^2}\bar{F}_{\mu\nu}\bar{F}^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2}(6 + \zeta\phi^2)\bar{W}^\mu\bar{W}_\mu + \frac{3\zeta}{6 + \zeta\phi^2}\partial^\mu\phi\partial_\mu\phi - \frac{3}{4\alpha}(1 - \phi^2)^2 - \lambda\phi^4$$

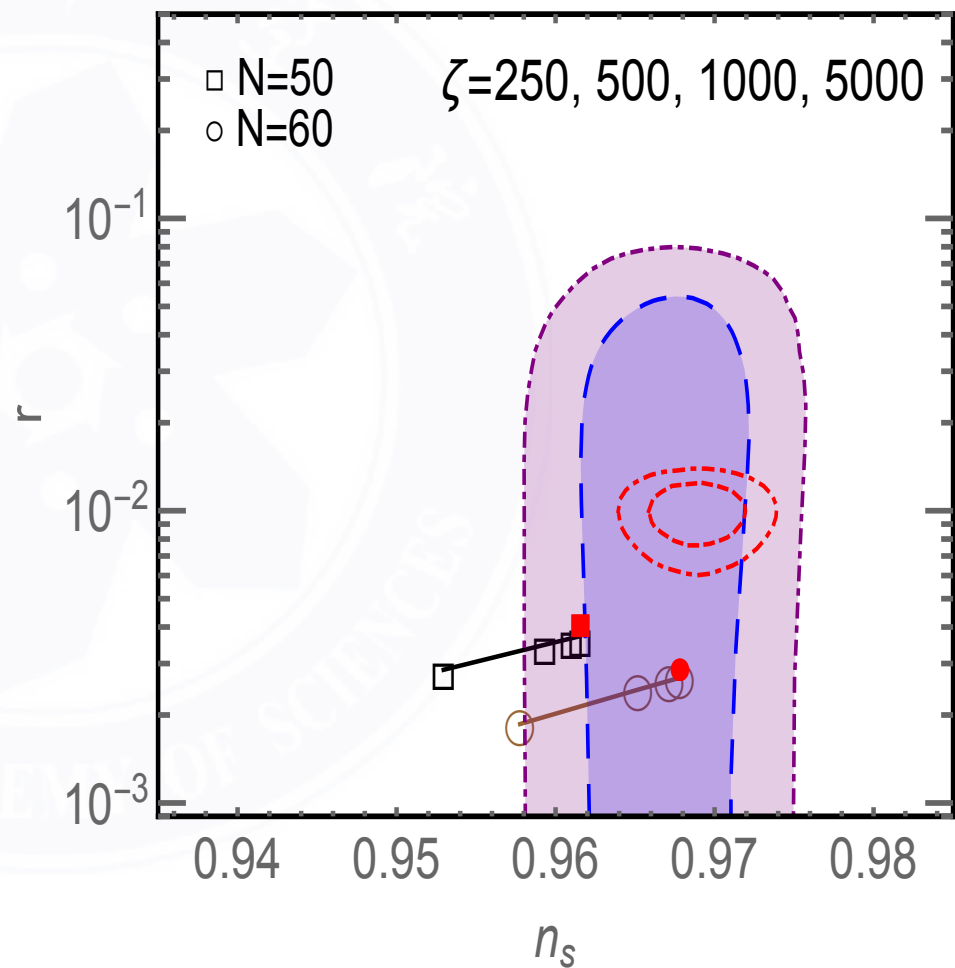
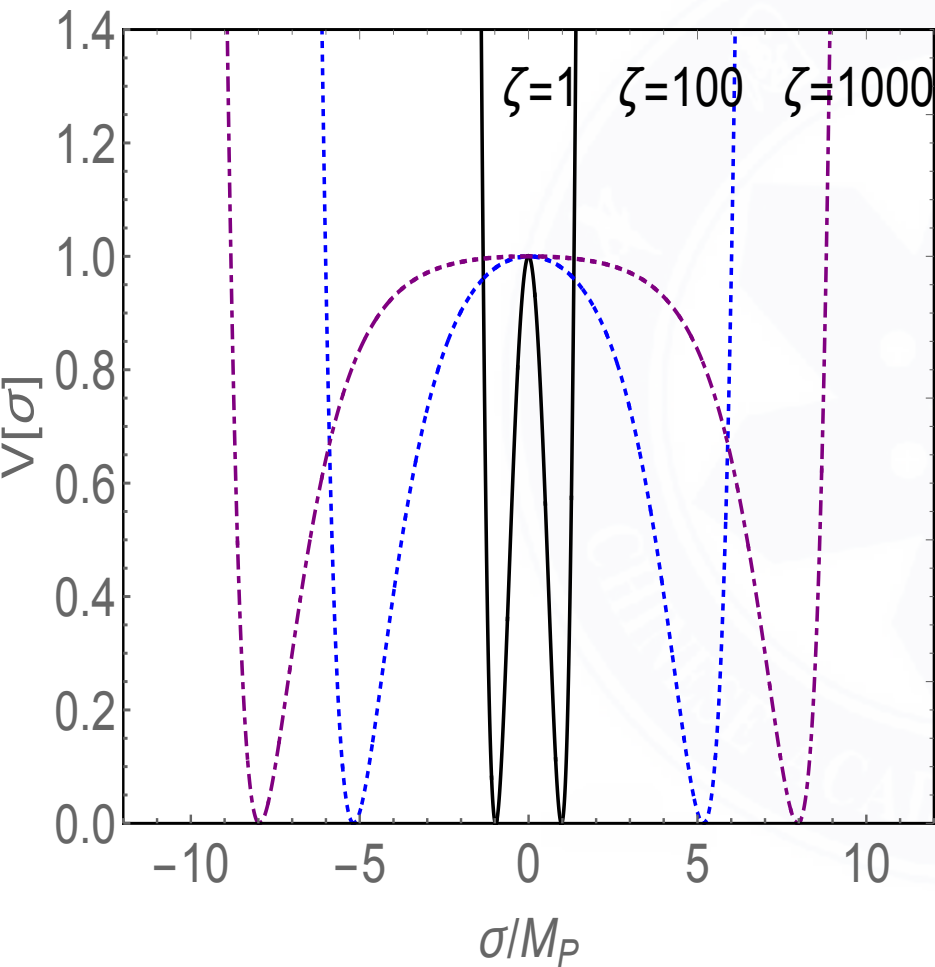
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\phi} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{6\zeta}{6 + \zeta\phi^2}} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \phi = \sqrt{\frac{6}{+\zeta}} \sinh \frac{\pm\sigma}{\sqrt{6}}, & \text{for } \zeta > 0 \\ \phi = \sqrt{\frac{6}{-\zeta}} \cosh \frac{\pm\sigma}{\sqrt{6}}, & \text{for } \zeta < 0 \end{cases}$$

- finally

$$\frac{\mathcal{L}}{\sqrt{-g}} = \frac{1}{2}R - \frac{1}{4g_W^2}\bar{F}_{\mu\nu}\bar{F}^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2}(6 + \zeta\phi^2)\bar{W}^\mu\bar{W}_\mu + \frac{1}{2}\partial^\mu\sigma\partial_\mu\sigma - \frac{3}{4\alpha}(1 - \phi^2)^2 - \lambda\phi^4$$

Inflation

$$V(\sigma) \simeq \frac{3}{4\alpha} \left[1 - \frac{6}{\zeta} \sinh^2 \left(\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{6}} \right) \right]^2 \xrightarrow{\zeta \rightarrow \infty} V(\bar{\sigma}) = \frac{3}{4\alpha'} \left[1 - \exp \left(-\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \bar{\sigma} \right) \right]^2$$



Analytic Limit

- We have seen

$$\frac{\mathcal{L}}{\sqrt{-g}} = \frac{1}{2}R - \frac{1}{4g_W^2}\bar{F}_{\mu\nu}\bar{F}^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2}(6 + \zeta\phi^2)\bar{W}^\mu\bar{W}_\mu + \frac{3\zeta}{6 + \zeta\phi^2}\partial^\mu\phi\partial_\mu\phi - \frac{3}{4\alpha}(1 - \phi^2)^2 - \lambda\phi^4$$

- and

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\phi} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{6\zeta}{6 + \zeta\phi^2}} \xrightarrow{\zeta \rightarrow \infty} \pm \frac{\sqrt{6}}{\phi}$$

$$\phi = \exp\left(\pm \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{6}}\right)$$

- So the potential is approximated as

$$\bar{V}(\sigma) = \frac{3}{4\alpha} \left[1 - \exp\left(-\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}\sigma\right) \right]^2$$

- same as the one in Starobinsky model

General Case

- If the Lagrangian has the following form

$$\frac{\mathcal{L}}{\sqrt{-g}} = \frac{1}{2}F(\hat{R}, \phi) + \frac{1}{2}\zeta D^\mu \phi D_\mu \phi - \frac{1}{4g_W^2}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} - \lambda\phi^4.$$

- One can similarly get

$$\frac{\mathcal{L}}{\sqrt{-g}} = \frac{1}{2} \left[F(\chi^2, \phi) + F_{\hat{R}}(\chi^2, \phi) (\hat{R} - \chi^2) \right] + \frac{1}{2}\zeta D^\mu \phi D_\mu \phi - \frac{1}{4g_W^2}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} - \lambda\phi^4$$

where $F_{\hat{R}}$ denotes the derivative of $F(\hat{R}, \phi)$ over $\hat{R}$ and $F(\chi^2, \phi) \equiv F(\hat{R} \rightarrow \chi^2, \phi)$. One may check that the equation of motion for χ still gives $\chi^2 = \hat{R}$.

- We can set to Einstein frame by $F_{\hat{R}}(\chi^2, \phi) = 1$
- The potential now is

$$\mathbf{V}(\phi) = - [F(\chi^2, \phi) - \chi^2 F_{\hat{R}}(\chi^2, \phi)] / 2 + \lambda\phi^4$$

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- For example

$$F(\hat{R}, \phi) = \phi^2 \hat{R} + \frac{\alpha}{6} \hat{R}^2 + \frac{\beta}{6\phi^2} \hat{R}^3.$$

- The potential is

$$F_{\hat{R}}(\chi^2, \phi) = \phi^2 + \frac{\alpha}{3}\chi^2 + \frac{\beta}{2\phi^2}\chi^4, \quad F(\chi^2, \phi) = \phi^2\chi^2 + \frac{\alpha}{6}\chi^4 + \frac{\beta}{6\phi^2}\chi^6.$$

$$\mathbf{V}(\phi) = \frac{\alpha}{6}\chi^4 + \frac{\beta}{3\phi^2}\chi^6 + \lambda\phi^4. \quad \chi^2 = \frac{\alpha/3 \pm \sqrt{\alpha^2/9 + 2\beta(1 - \phi^2)/\phi^2}}{\beta}\phi^2.$$

Dark Matter

Weyl gauge boson as Dark Matter

- Lagrangian

$$\frac{\mathcal{L}}{\sqrt{-g}} \supset \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\alpha_i}{2} (\phi_i^2 R - 6 \partial_\mu \phi_i \partial^\mu \phi_i) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \zeta_i D_\mu \phi_i D^\mu \phi_i - V(\phi_i) - \frac{1}{4g_W^2} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$

- At first sight, we have linear term of W_μ

$$2\mathcal{L}_k = \sum_{i=1}^N [\zeta_i \partial_\mu \phi_i \partial^\mu \phi_i - W_\mu \partial^\mu (\zeta_i \phi_i^2) + \zeta_i \phi_i^2 W_\mu W^\mu]$$

$$= \Xi \left(W_\mu W^\mu - W_\mu \frac{\partial^\mu \Xi}{\Xi} \right) + \sum_{i=1}^N \zeta_i \partial_\mu \phi_i \partial^\mu \phi_i$$

$$\Xi \equiv \sum_{i=1}^N \zeta_i \phi_i^2,$$

$$= \Xi \left(W_\mu - \frac{1}{2} \partial^\mu \ln \Xi \right)^2 - \frac{1}{4} \Xi \times (\partial^\mu \ln \Xi)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^N \zeta_i \partial_\mu \phi_i \partial^\mu \phi_i$$

$$\overline{W}_\mu = W_\mu - \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \ln \Xi$$

$$= \Xi \overline{W}_\mu \overline{W}^\mu - \frac{\Xi}{4} [\partial_\mu \ln \Xi]^2 + \sum_{i=1}^N \zeta_i \partial_\mu \phi_i \partial^\mu \phi_i$$

- Z_2 symmetry, $\overline{W}_\mu \rightarrow -\overline{W}_\mu$

Stable !

Weyl gauge boson as Dark Matter

- Lagrangian with $\hat{R}^2$

$$\frac{\mathcal{L}}{\sqrt{-g}} = \frac{1}{2}\hat{R}\sum_I\beta_I\phi_I^2 + \frac{\alpha}{12}\hat{R}^2 + \frac{1}{2}\sum_I\zeta_ID^\mu\phi_ID_\mu\phi_I - \frac{1}{4g_W^2}F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} - V(\phi_I)$$

- We can show

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\mathcal{L}}{\sqrt{-g}} = & \frac{1}{2}R - \frac{1}{4g_W^2}\bar{F}_{\mu\nu}\bar{F}^{\mu\nu} + \frac{(6 + \sum_I\zeta_I\phi_I^2)}{2}\bar{W}_\mu\bar{W}^\mu \\ & + \frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{6 + \sum_I\zeta_I\phi_I^2}\left[6\sum_I\zeta_I\partial_\mu\phi_I\partial^\mu\phi_I - \sum_{I\neq J}\zeta_I\zeta_J\phi_I\phi_J\partial_\mu\phi_I\partial^\mu\phi_J\right] - V(\phi_I)\end{aligned}$$

- The gauge transformation $\bar{W}_\mu = W_\mu - \frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu\ln\left(6 + \sum_I\zeta_I\phi_I^2\right)$
- Again, we have

$$Z_2 \text{ symmetry, } \bar{W}_\mu \rightarrow -\bar{W}_\mu$$

Stable !

Production

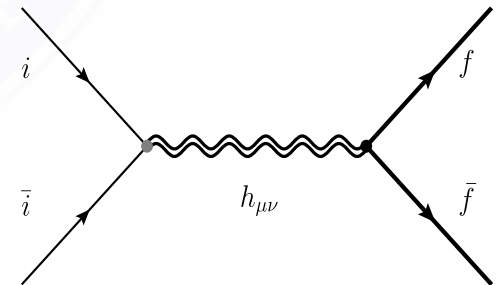
- W_μ couples gravitationally and to all scalars ϕ_i with gauge coupling .
- The simplest way is through gravitational production
 - Vacuum fluctuation (expanding universe)

$$\Omega_W \simeq \Omega_{\text{DM}} \times \sqrt{\frac{m_W}{6 \times 10^{-11} \text{GeV}}} \times \left(\frac{\mathcal{H}}{10^{13} \text{GeV}} \right)^2$$

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- Gravitational Scattering

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EFT in Einstein's Gravity

- Einstein-Hilbert action

$$S = \int \mathcal{L} d^4x, \quad \mathcal{L} = \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{1}{16\pi G} R + L_m \right]$$

- EFT for $E \ll M_p$ Justified after inflation

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = \frac{\kappa}{2} h_{\mu\nu} T^{\mu\nu}, \quad \kappa \propto \frac{1}{M_p}$$

Energy-Momentum Tensor

$$T_S^{\mu\nu} = -\eta^{\mu\nu} \partial^\alpha S^\dagger \partial_\alpha S + \eta^{\mu\nu} m_S^2 S^\dagger S + \partial^\mu S^\dagger \partial^\nu S + \partial^\nu S^\dagger \partial^\mu S,$$

$$T_F^{\mu\nu} = -\eta^{\mu\nu} (\bar{F} i \not{\partial} F - m_F \bar{F} F) + \frac{1}{2} \bar{F} i \gamma^\mu \partial^\nu F + \frac{1}{2} \bar{F} i \gamma^\nu \partial^\mu F \\ + \frac{1}{2} \eta^{\mu\nu} \partial^\alpha (\bar{F} i \gamma_\alpha F) - \frac{1}{4} \partial^\mu (\bar{F} i \gamma^\nu F) - \frac{1}{4} \partial^\nu (\bar{F} i \gamma^\mu F),$$

$$T_V^{\mu\nu} = \eta^{\mu\nu} \left(\frac{1}{4} F^{\alpha\beta} F_{\alpha\beta} - \frac{1}{2} m_V^2 V^\alpha V_\alpha \right) - (F^{\mu\alpha} F^\nu{}_\alpha - m_V^2 V^\mu V^\nu),$$

$$T_\gamma^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{4} \eta^{\mu\nu} F^{\alpha\beta} F_{\alpha\beta} - F^{\mu\alpha} F^\nu{}_\alpha.$$

Non-minimal coupling

$$\zeta S^\dagger S R \rightarrow 2\zeta (\partial^\mu \partial^\nu - \eta^{\mu\nu} \partial_\alpha \partial^\alpha) S^\dagger S$$

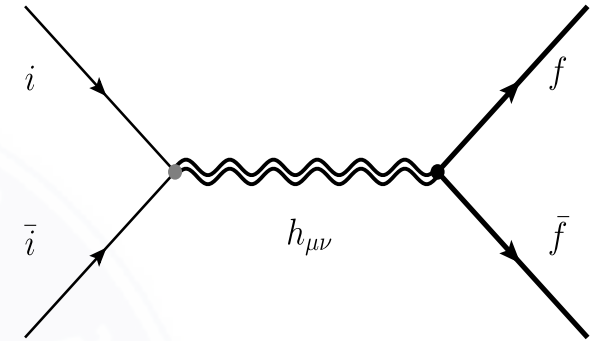
Annihilation Processes

- Boltzmann Equation

$$\frac{d(n_X a^3)}{a^3 dt} = \frac{dn_X}{dt} + 3\mathcal{H}n_X = \langle \sigma v \rangle \left[n_X^2 - (n_{\text{eq}})^2 \right]$$

- Neglect n_X , reduced to

$$\frac{d(n_X a^3)}{a^3 dt} = \frac{g^2 T}{32\pi^4} \int ds \sigma \sqrt{s} (s - 4m^2) K_1 \left(\frac{\sqrt{s}}{T} \right),$$



yield $Y \equiv n_X / s$

$$\frac{dY}{d \ln T} \simeq \frac{n_{\text{eq}} \langle \sigma v \rangle}{H}$$

- The core

$$\sigma = \frac{\kappa^4}{32\pi s (S g_i^2)} \frac{|\vec{p}_f|}{|\vec{p}_i|} \mathcal{A}$$

$$|\vec{p}_i| = \sqrt{s^2/4 - m^2}, \quad |\vec{p}_f| = \sqrt{s^2/4 - M^2}$$

Massless limit

$$\sigma \propto \kappa^4 s$$

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Various Contributions

- Scalar

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$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{A}(S \rightarrow S) &= \frac{7m^4 M^4}{30s^2} - \frac{m^2 M^2}{30s} (m^2 + M^2), \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{40} (m^4 + 4m^2 M^2 + M^4) + \frac{s}{120} (m^2 + M^2) + \frac{s^2}{240}, \\ \mathcal{A}(F \rightarrow S) &= -\frac{7m^4 M^4}{15s^2} - \frac{m^2 M^2}{60s} (M^2 - 4m^2) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{60} (2M^4 + 3m^2 M^2 - 3m^4) - \frac{s}{240} (4M^2 - m^2) + \frac{s^2}{480}, \\ \mathcal{A}(V \rightarrow S) &= \frac{101m^4 M^4}{30s^2} - \frac{m^2 M^2}{10s} (11M^2 + m^2) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{120} (19M^4 + 76m^2 M^2 + 49m^4) - \frac{7s}{120} (m^2 + M^2) + \frac{s^2}{80}, \\ \mathcal{A}(\gamma \rightarrow S) &= \frac{1}{120} (s - 4M^2)^2,\end{aligned}$$

Various Contributions

- Fermion

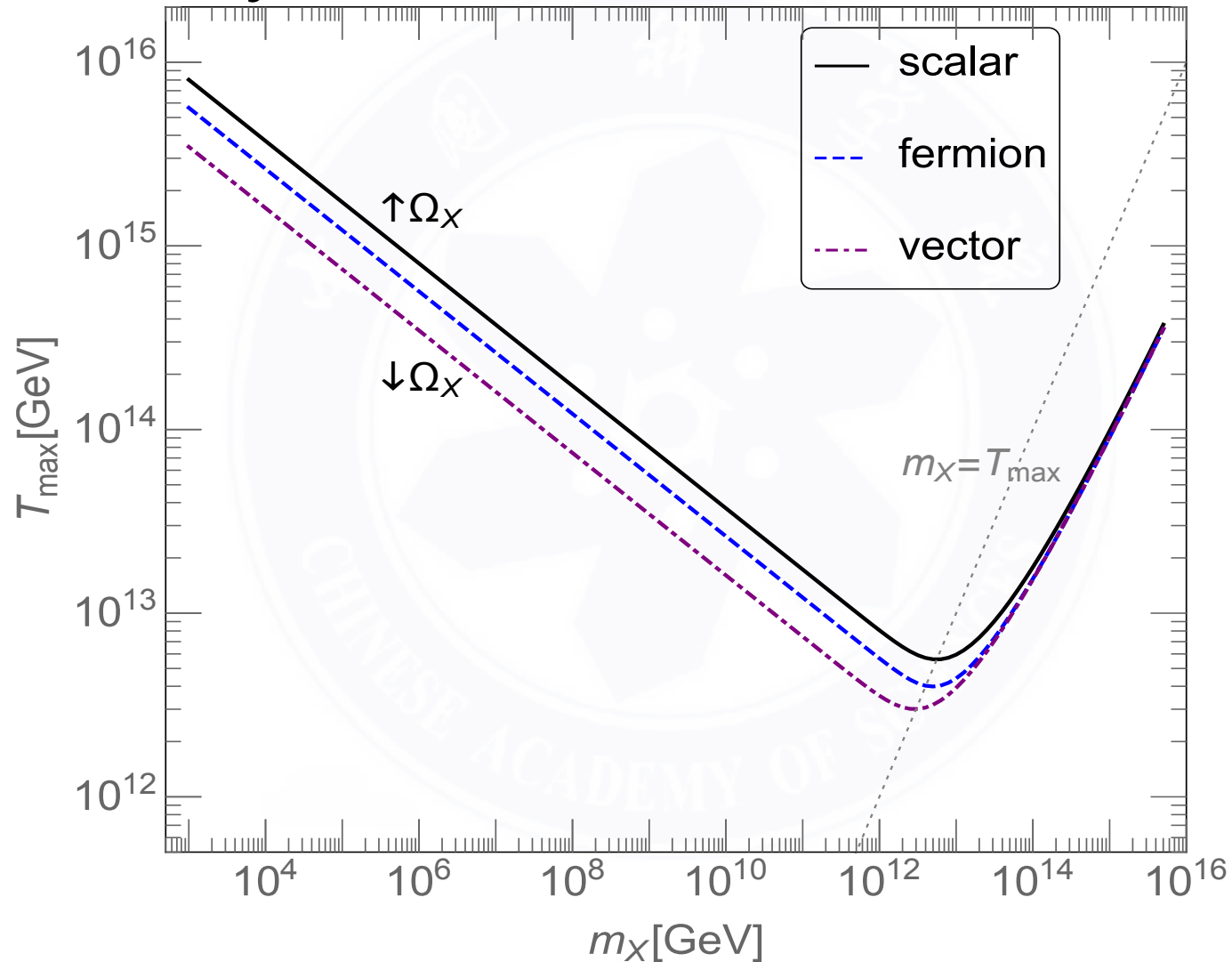
$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{A}(F \rightarrow F) &= \frac{14m^4 M^4}{15s^2} + \frac{m^2 M^2}{30s} (m^2 + M^2), \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{120} (8m^4 - 3m^2 M^2 + 8M^4) - \frac{s}{120} (m^2 + M^2) + \frac{s^2}{160}, \\ \mathcal{A}(V \rightarrow F) &= - \frac{101m^4 M^4}{15s^2} + \frac{m^2 M^2}{20s} (44M^2 - m^2) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{60} (19M^4 - 19m^2 M^2 - 26m^4) - \frac{s}{240} (7M^2 + 52m^2) + \frac{13s^2}{480}, \\ \mathcal{A}(\gamma \rightarrow F) &= \frac{1}{120} (s - 4M^2) (3s + 8M^2),\end{aligned}$$

- Vector

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{A}(V \rightarrow V) &= \frac{2983m^4 M^4}{30s^2} - \frac{293m^2 M^2}{10s} (m^2 + M^2), \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{120} (257m^4 + 1188m^2 M^2 + 257M^4) - \frac{37s}{40} (m^2 + M^2) + \frac{29s^2}{240}, \\ \mathcal{A}(\gamma \rightarrow V) &= \frac{13}{120} (s - 4M^2)^2, \\ \mathcal{A}(\gamma \rightarrow \gamma) &= \frac{s^2}{10}.\end{aligned}$$

Gravitational Scattering

- Relic density



Scalar Annihilations

- Special contribution

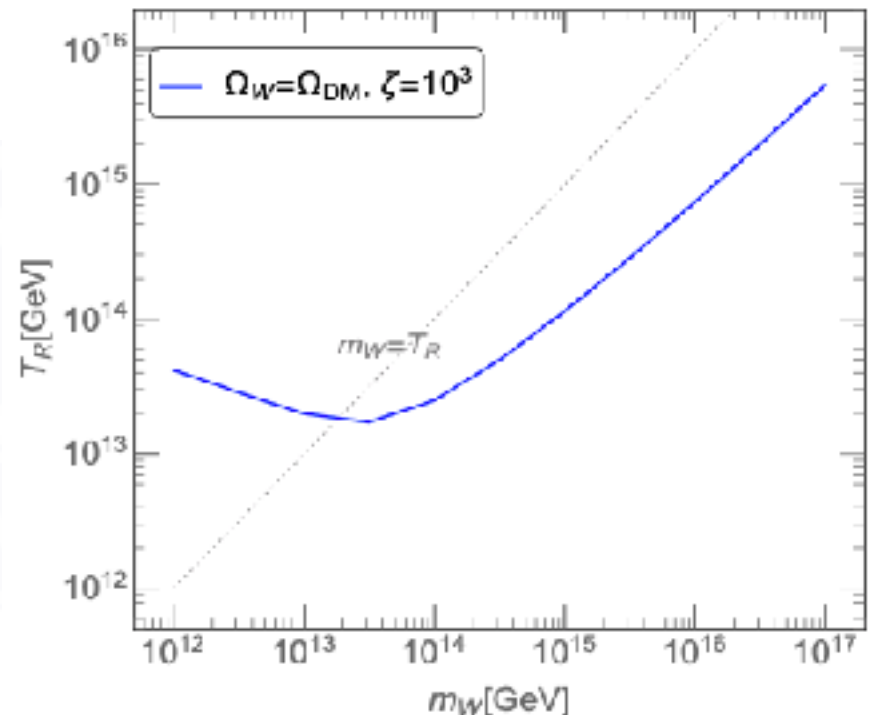
$$\Phi + \Phi \rightarrow \overline{W}_\mu + \overline{W}_\mu$$

- Dominated by the longitudinal model

$$\sigma \sim \frac{g_W^4}{E^2 m_W^4} = \frac{E^2}{(6 + \zeta)^2 M_p^4},$$

- Similar behavior as the gravitational scattering
- Valid up to Planck scale
- Maximal mass

$$m_W \sim 5 \times 10^{16} \text{ GeV}$$



Summary

- The universe is almost scaling invariant during inflation, however how this symmetry is broken is still uncertain.
- In Starobinsky model, global scaling symmetry is broken by the Einstein-Hilbert action.
- With gauge scaling symmetry, Weyl $\hat{R}^2$ is different from the Starobinsky model, as a deformation.
- Weyl gauge boson W_μ has a Z_2 symmetry, and is a **dark matter** candidate through gravitational production.

Thanks for your attention.