# A Unique and Observable Imprint: Inflation and Gravitational Leptogenesis

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$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}M_P^2 R - \frac{1}{2}(\partial\chi)^2 - V(\chi) - \frac{1}{4}F^a_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}_a + \frac{\chi}{M}F^a_{\mu\nu}\widetilde{F}^{\mu\nu}_a$$

SU(2) vev assists inflation, and leaves a distinct imprint on spectra

Devulder & RC 2017

$$V = \frac{1}{n}m^4(\chi/m)^n$$
$$m, M \ll M_P$$
$$g \ll 1$$
$$A_i^a = \phi \delta_i^a$$

Also, see: Dimastrogiovanni, Fasiello, Fujita 2017; Adshead, Martinec, Sfakianakis, Wyman 2016; Maleknejad 2016; Agrawal, Fujita, Komatsu 2017

Scalar Fluctuations:  $\delta \chi$ ,  $\delta A$ three dynamical modes, three constraints Dominant mode sound speed:  $c_s^2 = 1 - 2/\gamma$ 

Tensor modes: h,  $\delta A$ four dynamical modes (2L, 2R)

Dispersion:  $\omega_{LR}^2 = k^2 \mp \gamma k \mathcal{H}$ 

Extra: generalization from SU(2) to SU(N)



Red curves: family of potential models (n) Location along curve: vary func(m, M, g) with fixed  $\Delta_{\zeta_{i}}$ 



 $n_s$ 

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- Model does not obey standard slow roll relations
- Gauge field dominates at end of inflation: w=1/3
- Scalar spectrum amplitude fixes H<sub>end</sub>, N-efolds
- Perturbations under control:  $|\delta A| \ll A$
- No instability backreaction:  $\Omega_{GW}, \Omega_{\delta A} \ll 1$





This model predicts  $\Delta \chi = (P_L - P_R)/(P_L + P_R)$   $\Delta \chi \simeq 0.9$  $r_{0.05} = 0.035$ 

# An additional, unique observable!

adapted from Gluscevic & Kamionkowski 2010

other probes: Jeong et al 2012, Masui et al 2017





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#### **Chiral Gravitational Waves**

Shiraishi et al, 2016.

Is the curl pattern correlated with hot or cold spots?

If so, then the gravitational waves have a preferred handedness.

### **Chiral Gravitational Waves**



Lasky et al 2016 RC & Devulder 2017 In preparation: Smith & RC 2017

$$\nabla_{\mu}J^{\mu}_{A} = \frac{N_{R-L}}{24(16\pi^{2})}R\widetilde{R}$$

## **Gravitational Anomaly**



Kimura 1969 Delbourgo & Salam 1972 Eguchi & Freund 1976 Alvarez-Gaume & Witten 1984

 $R\widetilde{R} \propto (\Delta_R^2 - \Delta_L^2)$ 

$$N_{\ell ep} = \frac{N_{R-L}}{24(16\pi^2)} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} R\widetilde{R}$$

leptons created, with asymmetry

 $j_{\ell ep} = \sum_{i} \left( j_{e_L^i} + j_{\nu_L^i} + j_{e_R^i} \right) \qquad \begin{array}{l} \text{Standard Model particles;} \\ \text{chiral biased particle production} \end{array}$ 

Gravitational Leptogenesis: Alexander, Peskin, Sheikh-Jabbari 2006

+ Reheating: Adshead, Long, Sfakianakis 2017

*Create the matter-antimatter asymmetry from chiral gravitational waves* 

Sakharov Conditions

- Violation of baryon number
- CP violation
- Out of equilibrium

... satisfied

- Lepton number violated
- Inflaton/gauge field are parity-odd
- Inflation is far out of equilibrium

$$\eta \equiv \frac{n_B}{n_{\gamma}}$$
$$\simeq \frac{1}{7} \times \frac{28}{79} \times \frac{\langle n_\ell \rangle}{s}$$

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Baryogenesis: Chiral gravitational waves create lepton asymmetry via gravitational anomaly

To match the observed baryon asymmetry, require tensor-to-scalar ratio  $r \approx 0.03-0.04$ 

Claim: If reheating thermalization is delayed, more particle species added, or asymmetry erased, then larger r required to match  $\eta$  Viable scalar spectrum, Observable tensor spectrum Unique imprint: circular polarized GW background Leptogenesis implies a lower bound for B modes

Measurement of TB/EB is an important goal!