# Gravitational Particle Production and Dark Matter

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"Gravitational particle production" may play crucial role!

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# Reheating after inflation

- After inflation, inflaton cohenrent oscillation begins
- Inflaton oscillation induces particle production
- Eventually inflaton energy is converted into radiation



# Example of particle production

$$V = \frac{1}{2}m_{\phi}^2\phi^2 + \frac{1}{2}m_{\chi}^2\chi^2 + g\phi^2\chi^2 + \mu\phi\chi^2$$

- Inflaton coherent oscillation  $\phi = \widetilde{\phi}(t) \cos(m_{\phi} t)$
- Effective mass of  $\chi$  rapidly oscillates

$$-\partial^2 \chi + m_{\chi}^{(\text{eff})2} \chi = 0 \qquad \qquad m_{\chi}^{(\text{eff})2} = m_{\chi}^2 + 2g\phi^2 + 2\mu\phi$$

• It excites zero-point fluctuation of  $\chi$  (c.f. parametric resonance)

 $\rightarrow$  Particle production of  $\chi$ 

Dolgov, Kirilova (1990), Traschen, Brandenberger (1990), Kofman, Linde, Starobinsky (1994)

#### QFT treatment of particle production

Define "in vacuum" at  $t = t_{\text{in}}$  :  $a_{\vec{k}} |0\rangle = 0$ 

$$\chi(\vec{x},t) = \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \left[ \chi_k(t)a_{\vec{k}} + \chi_k^*(t)a_{-\vec{k}}^\dagger \right] e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}} \qquad \omega_k(t) = \omega_k^{(\text{in})}$$

Measure quanta at  $t = t_{out}$ 

$$\chi(\vec{x},t) = \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \left[ \psi_k(t)b_{\vec{k}} + \psi_k^*(t)b_{-\vec{k}}^\dagger \right] e^{i\vec{k}\cdot\vec{x}} \qquad \omega_k(t) = \omega_k^{(\text{out})}$$

Bogoliubov transformation :  $b_k \sim \sum_{k'} (\alpha_{kk'} a_{k'} + \beta_{kk'} a_{k'}^{\dagger})$ 

$$n_k = \langle 0 | b_k^{\dagger} b_k | 0 \rangle \sim \sum_{k'} |\beta_{kk'}|^2$$

#### A Method for Calculation

Useful parametrization

$$\chi_k(\tau) = \alpha_k(\tau)v_k(\tau) + \beta_k(\tau)v_k^*(\tau) \qquad v_k(\tau) \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\omega_k}}e^{-i\int\omega_k d\tau}$$

• Equaion of motion:

$$\chi_k'' + \omega_k^2 \chi_k = 0, \qquad \omega_k^2 \equiv k^2 + m_{\chi}^{(\text{eff})2}.$$

$$\longrightarrow \quad \alpha_k' v_k = \frac{\omega_k'}{2\omega_k} v_k^* \beta_k, \qquad \beta_k' v_k^* = \frac{\omega_k'}{2\omega_k} v_k \alpha_k$$

• Energy density:

$$\rho_{\chi} = \int \frac{d^{3}k}{(2\pi)^{3}} \omega_{k} \left(\frac{1}{2} + |\beta_{k}|^{2}\right)$$

$$f_{\chi}(k) \equiv |\beta_{k}|^{2}$$
Phase space density of produced particles

• For  $m_{\chi}^{(\text{eff})2} = m_{\chi}^2 + 2\mu\phi$ 

$$n_{\chi}(t) = \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} f_{\chi}(k,t) \simeq \frac{\mu^2 \widetilde{\phi}^2}{8\pi} t$$

 $\longrightarrow \text{ Inflaton perturbative "decay" rate } \Gamma(\phi \to \chi \chi) = \frac{\mu^2}{8\pi m_{\phi}}$ 

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$$n_{\chi}(t) = \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} f_{\chi}(k,t) \simeq \frac{g^2 \widetilde{\phi}^4}{8\pi} t$$

Inflaton "annihilation" rate  $\Gamma(\phi\phi \to \chi\chi) \sim \frac{g^2 \phi^2}{8\pi m_A}$ 

Time dependence of background determines production rate

$$m_{\chi}^{(\text{eff})2} = A + B\cos(m_{\phi}t) \longrightarrow \text{``Decay''}$$
$$m_{\chi}^{(\text{eff})2} = A + B\cos^2(m_{\phi}t) \longrightarrow \text{``Annihilation''}$$

### Gravitational Particle Production

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Parker (1969), Ford (1986)

• Real scalar field interacting only through gravity

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left( \frac{1}{2} M_P^2 R - \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \chi \partial_\nu \chi - \frac{1}{2} m_\chi^2 \chi^2 \right)$$

FRW metric: 
$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + a^2(t)d\vec{x}^2 = a^2(\tau)(-d\tau^2 + d\vec{x}^2)$$

$$= \int d\tau d^3x \frac{a^2(\tau)}{2} \left[ \chi'^2 - (\nabla \chi)^2 - a^2 m_\chi^2 \chi^2 \right]$$

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# Background evolution

- Friedmann equation  $3M_P^2H^2 = \rho_\phi$
- Inflaton EoM  $\ddot{\phi} + 3H\dot{\phi} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi} = 0$

Two time scales:  $m_{\phi}$ , HH : expansion rate "Slow"  $m_{\phi}$  : oscillation rate "Fast" Background quantities have both "slow" and "fast" part



Slow-Fast decomposition

$$H = \langle H \rangle + \delta H$$
$$\rho_{\phi} = \langle \rho_{\phi} \rangle + \delta \rho_{\phi}$$
$$\int$$

"Slow" part  $\dot{X} \sim \mathcal{O}(HX)$  "Fast" oscillating part  $\dot{X} \sim \mathcal{O}(m_{\phi}X)$ 

• Slow part  $\langle H \rangle = \frac{2}{3t} \quad \langle a(t) \rangle \propto t^{2/3}$ 

• Fast part

$$\delta H \simeq -\frac{1}{4} \frac{\varphi \dot{\varphi}}{M_P^2} \qquad a(t) \simeq \langle a(t) \rangle \left( 1 - \frac{\varphi^2 - \langle \varphi^2 \rangle}{8M_P^2} \right)$$

#### Numerical calculation of Hubble parameter



Hubble parameter & scale factor contain rapidly oscillating part

$$\frac{\delta\rho_{\phi}}{\rho_{\phi}} \sim \frac{\delta H}{H} \sim \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\varphi}{M_P}\right) \qquad \frac{\delta a}{a} \sim \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\varphi^2}{M_P^2}\right)$$

Ema, Jinno, Mukaida, KN (2015)

### Scalar particle production

• Action of minimal scalar

$$S = \int d\tau d^3x \frac{a^2(\tau)}{2} \left[ \chi'^2 - (\nabla \chi)^2 - a^2 m_{\chi}^2 \chi^2 \right]$$

• Canonical field  $\widetilde{\chi} \equiv a\chi$ 

$$S = \int d\tau d^3x \frac{1}{2} \left[ \widetilde{\chi}'^2 - (\partial_i \widetilde{\chi})^2 - m_{\chi}^{(\text{eff})^2} \widetilde{\chi}^2 \right]$$

Effective mass: 
$$m_{\chi}^{(\text{eff})2} = a^2 m_{\chi}^2 - \frac{a''}{a} = a^2 \left( m_{\chi}^2 - 2H^2 + \frac{\dot{\phi}^2}{2M_P^2} \right)$$

#### Time dependent mass just from gravitational effect

• Abundance of scalar particle

$$m_{\chi}^{(\text{eff})2} = \left\langle a^2 \right\rangle \left[ m_{\chi}^2 - 2 \left\langle H \right\rangle^2 - \left( m_{\chi}^2 - 2 \left\langle H \right\rangle^2 \right) \frac{\varphi^2}{4M_P^2} + \left\langle H \right\rangle \frac{\varphi \dot{\varphi}}{M_P^2} + \frac{\dot{\varphi}^2}{2M_P^2} \right]$$

• "Fast" contribution from inflaton "annihilation"

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Ema, Jinno, Mukaida, KN (2015); Ema, KN, Tang (2018); Chung, Kolb, Long (2018)

• "Slow" contribution: produced by Hubble expansion

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### Comments

 Generation of superhorizon fluctuation of light scalar during inflation is understood in the same way.

 $m_{\chi}^{(\text{eff})2} \simeq a^2 (m_{\chi}^2 - 2H_{\text{inf}}^2)$ 

Superhorizon modes  $k/a \lesssim H_{inf}$  are enhanced.

 "Gravitational particle production" often refers to "slow" contribution at transition from dS to MD/RD

It is suppressed as  $e^{-m_{\chi}/H_{\text{inf}}}$  for  $m_{\chi} \gg H_{\text{inf}}$ 

Ford (1986), Chung, Kolb, Riotto (1999)

• Gravitational production from inflaton oscillation is efficient even for  $m_{\chi} \gg H_{inf}$  (as far as  $m_{\chi} < m_{\phi}$ )

# Graviton production

Graviton action is the same as minimal massless scalar

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + a(t)^2 (\delta_{ij} + h_{ij}) dx^i dx^j \qquad \partial_i h_{ij} = h_{ii} = 0$$

$$S = \int d\tau d^3x \, a^2(t) \frac{M_P^2}{8} \left[ \left( \frac{\partial h_{ij}}{\partial \tau} \right)^2 - (\partial_k h_{ij})^2 \right]$$

Production rate of graviton is similar to scalar

$$\widetilde{h}_{ij} \equiv ah_{ij} \qquad m^{(\text{eff})2} = -\frac{a''}{a} = a^2 \left(-2H^2 + \frac{\dot{\phi}^2}{2M_P^2}\right)$$

**"Slow"** Superhorizon mode ("primordial GW")

"Fast" High frequency GWs induced by inflaton oscillation

#### Stochastic GW spectrum

Ω<sub>gw</sub>(f)



Ema, Jinno, Mukaida, KN (2015)

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 $\Omega_{gw}(f)$ 

### Purely Gravitational Dark Matter

### Models of dark matter

#### • WIMP DM

SUSY neutralinoWeak SU(2), sfermion exchangeZ2 scalarHiggs-portal coupling

#### • Light particle

Sterlile neutrinoMixing with active neutrinoAxionAnomalous interaction suppressed by PQ scaleHidden photonKinetic mixing with photon

- FIMP, SIMP, ...
- Purely Gravitational DM (PGDM) Only gravitational interaction

### I. Scalar PGDM

#### 2. Fermion PGDM

3.Vector PGDM

# I. Scalar PGDM

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- Several production mechanisms of PGDM
  - Thermal scattering of SM particle with graviton exchange Garny, Sandora, Sloth (2015); Tang, Wu (2016)

 $SM + SM \rightarrow graviton \rightarrow \chi\chi$ 

• Gravitational particle production Ema, KN, Tang (2018)

In most cases, this is larger than thermal production.

#### **Concrete Calculation**

• New inflation



•  $\chi_k(\tau) = \alpha_k(\tau)v_k(\tau) + \beta_k(\tau)v_k^*(\tau), \quad v_k(\tau)$ 

$$\tau) \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\omega_k}} \exp\left(-i\int \omega_k d\tau\right)$$

• **EoM:** 
$$\alpha'_k v_k = \frac{\omega'_k}{2\omega_k} v_k^* \beta_k, \qquad \beta'_k v_k^* = \frac{\omega'_k}{2\omega_k} v_k \alpha_k$$

• We can numerically evaluate  $\ f_{\chi}(k) = |eta_k|^2$  given inflation model







#### **PGDM** from coherent oscillation

• 
$$\omega_k^2 \simeq k^2 + a^2 (m_\chi^2 - 2H_{\text{inf}}^2)$$

Superhorizon modes are enhanced during inflation if  $m_\chi \lesssim H_{\rm inf}$ 

• Field value is saturated at

$$\left<\chi^2\right>\simeq \frac{3H_{\rm inf}^4}{8\pi^2 m_\chi^2}$$

Coherent oscillation after inflation



$$\frac{\rho_{\chi}^{(\rm CO)}}{s} \simeq \frac{T_{\rm R}}{8} \frac{\langle \chi^2 \rangle}{M_P^2} \simeq 8 \times 10^{-12} \,\mathrm{GeV} \left(\frac{H_{\rm inf}}{10^9 \,\mathrm{GeV}}\right)^4 \left(\frac{10^9 \,\mathrm{GeV}}{m_{\chi}}\right)^2 \left(\frac{T_{\rm R}}{10^{10} \,\mathrm{GeV}}\right)$$

#### **NOTE: isocurvature constraint is severe**

#### Contour of scalar PGDM abundandce



Y.Ema, KN, Y.Tang (2018)



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# 2. Fermion PGDM

- Fermion may be more natural candidate of PGDM
  - E.g.) Renormalizable interaction with SM is naturally forbidden, Stability is ensured by Z2(B-L) for B-L singlet fermion.
- Free fermion minimally coupled to gravity

$$S = \int d^4x \, e \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \overline{\psi} \left( e^{\mu}_a \gamma^a D_{\mu} - m \right) \psi \right]$$

• Canonical fermion  $\tilde{\psi} \equiv a^{3/2}\psi$ 

$$S = \int d\tau d^3x \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \overline{\widetilde{\psi}} \left( \delta^{\mu}_a \gamma^a \partial_{\mu} - am \right) \widetilde{\psi} \right]$$

It does not "feel" gravity in the massless limit  $m \to 0$ (a fermion is conformal in massless limit)

#### Formalism to calculate fermion production

• **Decomposition:** 
$$\psi_{\vec{k}}(\tau) = \sum_{h=\pm} \left[ u_{\vec{k},h}(\tau) b_{\vec{k},h} + v_{\vec{k},h}(\tau) b_{-\vec{k},h}^{\dagger} \right] \left\{ b_{\vec{k},h}, b_{\vec{k}',h'}^{\dagger} \right\} = (2\pi)^3 \, \delta(\vec{k} - \vec{k}') \delta_{hh'}$$

- **EoM:**  $\partial_{\tau}^2 u_{\vec{k},h}^{\pm}(\tau) + \left[\omega_k^2(\tau) \pm i(am)'\right] u_{\vec{k},h}^{\pm}(\tau) = 0, \qquad \omega_k^2(\tau) \equiv k^2 + a^2 m^2$
- Useful parametrization:

$$u_{\vec{k},h}^{+}(\tau) = A_{k,h}(\tau)g_{+}e^{-i\int^{\tau}\omega_{k}(\tau')d\tau'} + B_{k,h}(\tau)g_{-}e^{i\int^{\tau}\omega_{k}(\tau')d\tau'} \qquad g_{\pm} \equiv \sqrt{(\omega_{k} \pm am)/(2\omega_{k})}$$

• EoM becomes:

$$A'_{k,h}(\tau) = -\frac{g'_{-}}{g_{+}}e^{2i\int^{\tau}\omega_{k}(\tau')d\tau'}B_{k,h}(\tau), \qquad B'_{k,h}(\tau) = -\frac{g'_{+}}{g_{-}}e^{-2i\int^{\tau}\omega_{k}(\tau')d\tau'}A_{k,h}(\tau)$$

Phase space density:

$$f_{\psi}(\vec{k},\tau) = |B_k(\tau)|^2 \qquad a^3(\tau)n_{\psi}(\tau) = 2\int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} f_{\psi}(k,\tau)$$

• Fermion abundance

$$m_{\psi}^{(\text{eff})} = am \simeq \langle a(t) \rangle \, m \left( 1 - \frac{\varphi^2}{8M_P^2} \right)$$

• "Fast" contribution from inflaton annihilation

$$\Gamma(\phi\phi \to \psi\psi) \sim \frac{\mathcal{C}}{16\pi} \frac{\Phi^2}{M_P^2} \frac{m_\phi^3}{M_P^2} \left(\frac{m}{m_\phi}\right)^2$$

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Y.Ema, KN, Y.Tang (2019)

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Chung, Everett, Yoo, Zhou (2011)

#### Contour of fermion abundance



There is lower bound on fermion mass in order for it to become DM

# 3.Vector PGDM

- Hidden vector boson is also a candidate of DM if kinetic mixing with photon is small enough.
- Massive vector boson minimally coupled to gravity

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ -\frac{1}{4} g^{\mu\rho} g^{\nu\sigma} F_{\mu\nu} F_{\rho\sigma} - \frac{1}{2} m^2 g^{\mu\nu} A_{\mu} A_{\nu} \right]$$

Transverse-longitudinal decomposition

$$\vec{A} = \vec{A}_T + \hat{k}A_L \qquad \vec{k} \cdot \vec{A}_T = 0$$

Graham, Mardon, Rajendran (2015)

$$S = S_T + S_L,$$
  

$$S_T = \int \frac{d^3 k d\tau}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2} \left( |\partial_\tau \vec{A}_T|^2 - (k^2 + a^2 m^2) |\vec{A}_T|^2 \right),$$
  

$$S_L = \int \frac{d^3 k d\tau}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{a^2 m^2}{k^2 + a^2 m^2} |\partial_\tau A_L|^2 - a^2 m^2 |A_L|^2 \right)$$

#### Transverse mode

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- Conformal in the massless limit (similar to massive conformal scalar)
- Inflaton "annihilation" rate:  $\Gamma(\phi\phi \to A_T A_T) \sim \frac{\mathcal{C}}{16\pi} \frac{\Phi^2}{M_P^2} \frac{m_\phi^3}{M_P^2} \left(\frac{m}{m_\phi}\right)^4$
- Produced number density:

$$n_{A_T}(t) \simeq H_{\rm inf}^3 \left[ \mathcal{C}_T \frac{m^4}{m_{\rm inf}^4} + \eta \frac{m}{H_{\rm inf}} \right] \left( \frac{a(t_{\rm end})}{a(t)} \right)^3$$

Subdominant compared with longitudinal mode

#### Longitudinal mode

$$\Gamma(\phi\phi \to A_L A_L) \sim \frac{\mathcal{C}}{16\pi} \frac{\Phi^2}{M_P^2} \frac{m_\phi^3}{M_P^2}$$

• Superhorizon modes are also produced if  $m \lesssim H_{\rm inf}$ Modes with  $m \lesssim k/a \lesssim H_{\rm inf}$  are enablication.

> → Isocurvature constraint can be easily avoided Graham, Mardon, Rajendran (2015)

#### Contour of vector boson abundance



Vector PGDM is possible for wide range of mass & inflation scale

Y.Ema, KN, Y.Tang (2019)

# Gravitational particle production in extended gravity

# Extended gravity

• Einstein gravity needs not be exactly true

• Starobinsky inflation: 
$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left( \frac{M_P^2}{2} R + \xi R^2 \right)$$
 Starobinsky (1980)

• Higgs inflation: 
$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left(\frac{M_P^2}{2}R + \xi |H|^2 R\right)$$
 Bezrukov,  
Shaposhnikov (2009)

• New Higgs inflation: 
$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left( \frac{M_P^2}{2} R + \frac{G^{\mu\nu}}{M^2} D_{\mu} H^{\dagger} D_{\nu} H \right)$$
  
Germani, Kehagias (2010)

Expansion law is modified

Gravitational production rate is modified

• Particle production can be a probe of gravity theory

#### Background evolution in $f(\Phi)R$ gravity

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{1}{2} f(\phi) R - \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi - V(\phi) \right]$$

• Friedmann equation:  $3fH^2 = \rho_{\phi} - 3H\dot{f}_{f}$   $(3H^2 + 2\dot{H})f + \ddot{f} + 2H\dot{f} = -\frac{1}{2}\dot{\phi}^2 + V.$ 

• Assume: 
$$f(\phi) = M_P^2 \left( 1 + c_1 \frac{\phi}{M_P} + \cdots \right)$$

 $H = H_0 + H_1$   $\phi = \phi_0 + \phi_1$  (Einstein + small deviation)

$$H_1 \simeq -\frac{c_1}{2M_P} \dot{\phi}_0 \qquad a(t) \simeq a_0(t) \left(1 - \frac{c_1}{2} \frac{\phi}{M_P}\right)$$



Ema, Jinno, Mukaida, KN (2015)

Scalar paticle production

$$S = \int d\tau d^3x \frac{a^2(\tau)}{2} \left[ \chi'^2 - (\nabla \chi)^2 - a^2 m_\chi^2 \chi^2 \right] \qquad a(t) \simeq a_0(t) \left( 1 - \frac{c_1}{2} \frac{\phi}{M_P} \right)$$

Inflaton decay rate:  $\Gamma(\phi \to \chi \chi) = \frac{c_1^2 m_{\phi}^3}{128 \pi M_P^2}$ 

 $\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{cf. Inflaton "annihilation" rate in Einstein gravity} \\ \Gamma(\phi\phi \to \chi\chi) \simeq \frac{\mathcal{C}}{32\pi} \frac{\Phi^2}{M_P^2} \frac{m_\phi^3}{M_P^2} & a(t) \simeq \langle a(t) \rangle \left(1 - \frac{\varphi^2 - \langle \varphi^2 \rangle}{8M_P^2}\right) \end{array}\right)$ 

#### Graviton paticle production

$$S = \int d\tau d^3x \, a(t)^2 f(\phi) \frac{1}{8} \left[ h_{ij}^{\prime 2} - (\partial_l h_{ij})^2 \right] \qquad a^2(t) f(\phi) \simeq a_0^2(t)$$

Production rate is same as Einstein gravity (Note that  $f(\Phi)R$  is conformally equilvalent to Einstein gravity)

#### Scalar abundance in $f(\Phi)$ theory

Here we assume that  $\Phi$  is subdominant component of the Universe. Light particle abundnace is determined just by the branching ratio.



Ema, Jinno, Mukaida, KN (2016)

#### Background evolution in derivative coupling

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{M_P^2}{2} R - \frac{1}{2} \left( g^{\mu\nu} - \frac{G^{\mu\nu}}{M^2} \right) \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi - V(\phi) \right]$$

• Friedmann equation and EoM:

$$\begin{aligned} H^{2} &= \frac{\rho_{\phi}}{3M_{P}^{2}} & \rho_{\phi} \equiv \left(1 + \frac{9H^{2}}{M^{2}}\right) \frac{\dot{\phi}^{2}}{2} + V, \\ 3H^{2} + 2\dot{H} &= -\frac{p_{\phi}}{M_{P}^{2}} & p_{\phi} \equiv \left(1 - \frac{3H^{2}}{M^{2}}\right) \frac{\dot{\phi}^{2}}{2} - V - \frac{1}{M^{2}} \frac{d}{dt} (H\dot{\phi}^{2}) \\ \left(1 + \frac{3H^{2}}{M^{2}}\right) \ddot{\phi} + 3H \left(1 + \frac{3H^{2}}{M^{2}} + \frac{2\dot{H}}{M^{2}}\right) \dot{\phi} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

• Case I: H << M Similar to Einstein gravity Case 2: H >> M  $|p_{\phi}| \sim O(m_{\phi}\rho_{\phi}/H) \gg \rho_{\phi} \longrightarrow |\dot{H}| \sim m_{\phi}H(\gg H^2)$ H is violently oscillating! Jinno, Mukaida, KN (2013)

#### Numerical results



- Particle production (even the graviton production) can be signifucantly enhanced for H>>M
- However, there is gradient instability in this regime. Inflaton fluctuation exponentially develops in shortest time range.  $|p_{\phi}| \gg \rho_{\phi} \longrightarrow c_s^2 \ll 0$  Ema, Jinno, Mukaida, KN (2015)
- Analysis assuming homogeneous inflaton breaks down.



Ema, Jinno, Mukaida, KN (2016)

# Summary

- Gravitational particle production is ubiquitos phenomena that happen in the early Universe.
  - It is efficient in the reheating era where inflaton oscillates rapidly.
- Gravitational production rate is sensitive to the extension of gravity theory.
- Particles with only gravitational interaction can be produced to become dominant dark matter.
- Implications: moduli problem, baryogenesis, etc...

# Appendix

#### Non-minimal coupling

• PGDM nonminimal coupling to gravity

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left( \frac{1}{2} (M_P^2 - \xi \chi^2) R - \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \chi \partial_\nu \chi - \frac{1}{2} m_\chi^2 \chi^2 \right)$$

• Canonical action in FRW  $g_{\mu\nu}dx^{\mu}dx^{\nu} = a^2(\tau)(-d\tau^2 + d\vec{x}^2)$ 

$$S = \int d\tau d^3x \frac{1}{2} \left[ \widetilde{\chi}'^2 - (\partial_i \widetilde{\chi})^2 - m_{\chi}^{(\text{eff})2} \widetilde{\chi}^2 \right], \qquad \qquad \widetilde{\chi} \equiv a\chi$$
$$m_{\chi}^{(\text{eff})2} \equiv a^2 m_{\chi}^2 - (1 - 6\xi) \frac{a''}{a}$$

• A special case:  $\xi = \frac{1}{6}$  (conformal coupling)

•  $\xi \gtrsim \frac{m_{\phi}^2}{H_{\inf}^2}$ : tachyonic instability

Bassett, Liberati (1998), Tsujikawa,Maeda,Torii (1999)

Conformal coupling

#### Minimal coupling

