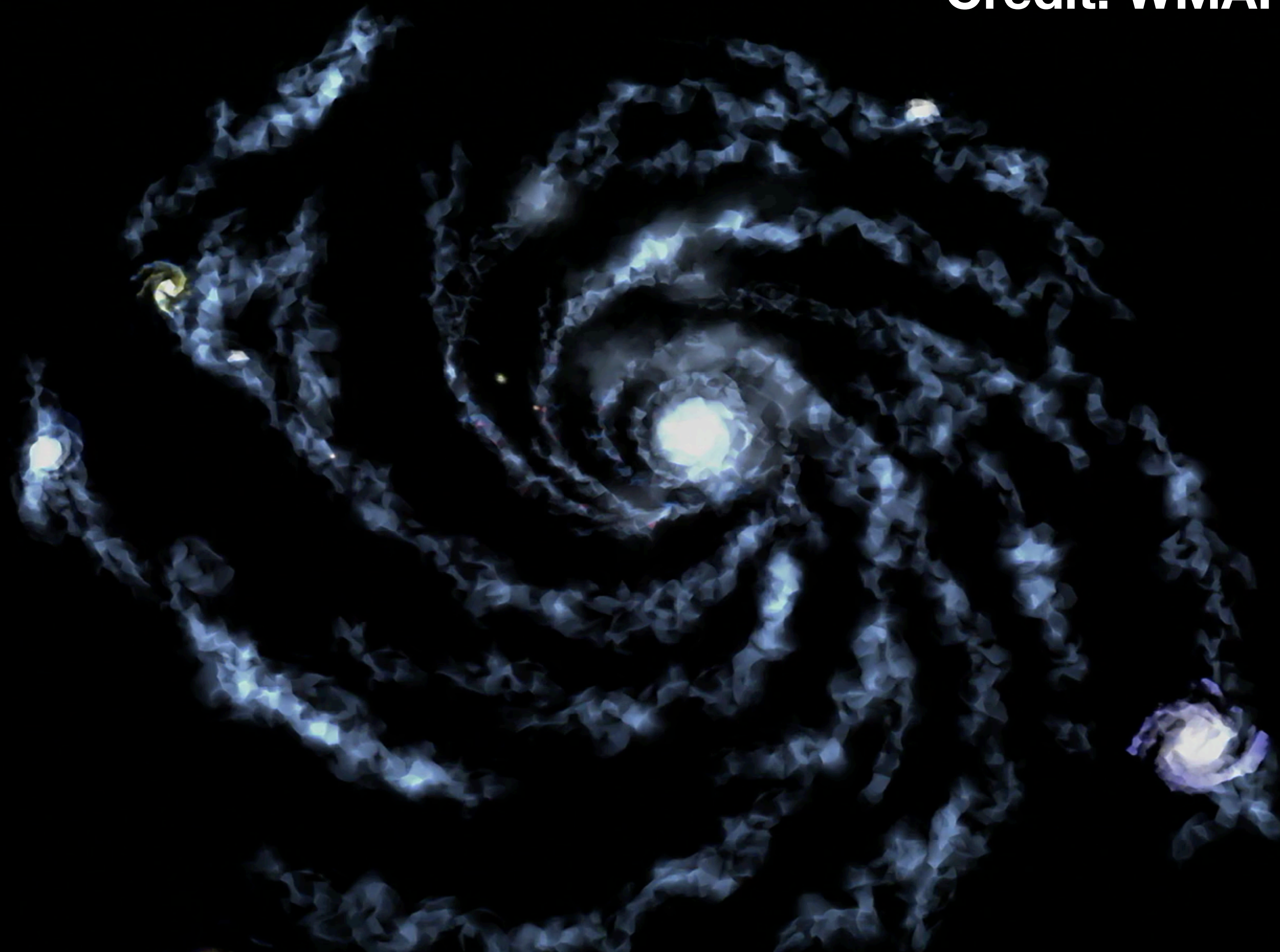


B06: DM–CMB

**The Dark Matter (DM) Search using the
Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB)**

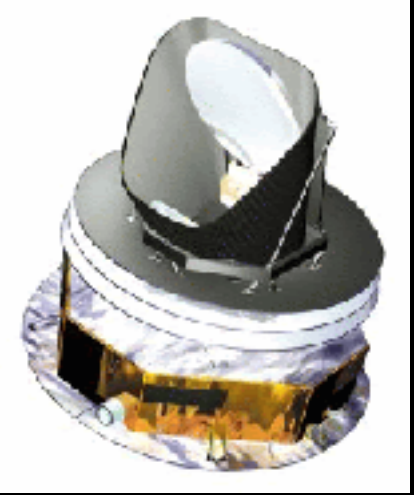
**Eiichiro Komatsu (Max Planck Institute for Astrophysics / Kavli IPMU)
The Kick-off Symposium, February 6, 2021**

Credit: WMAP Science Team



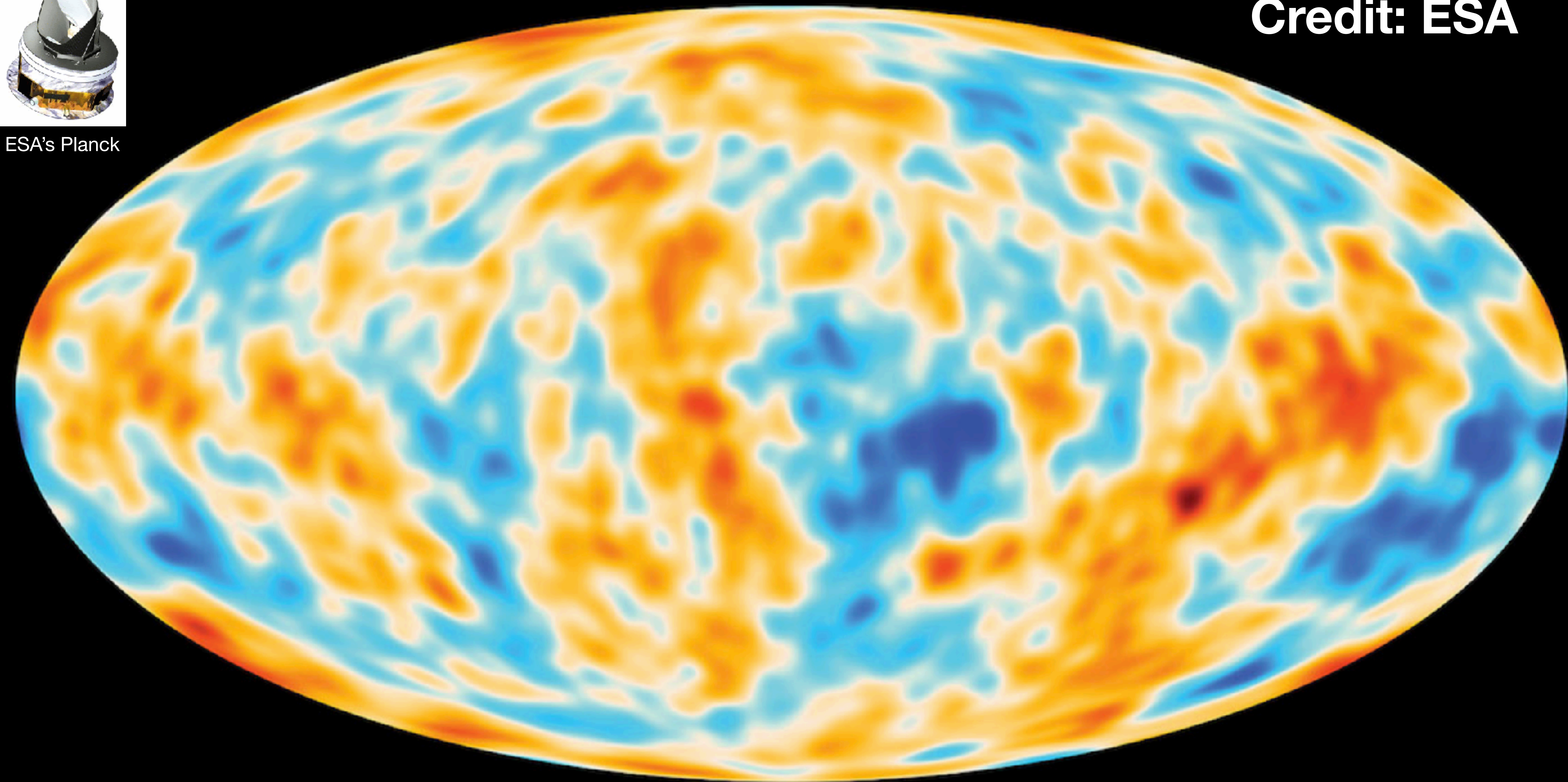
The sky in various wavelengths

Visible -> Near Infrared -> Far Infrared -> Submillimeter -> Microwave

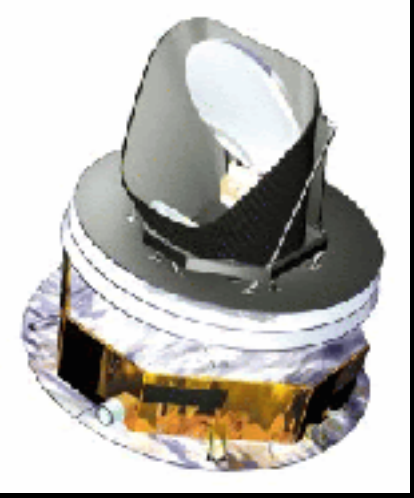


ESA's Planck

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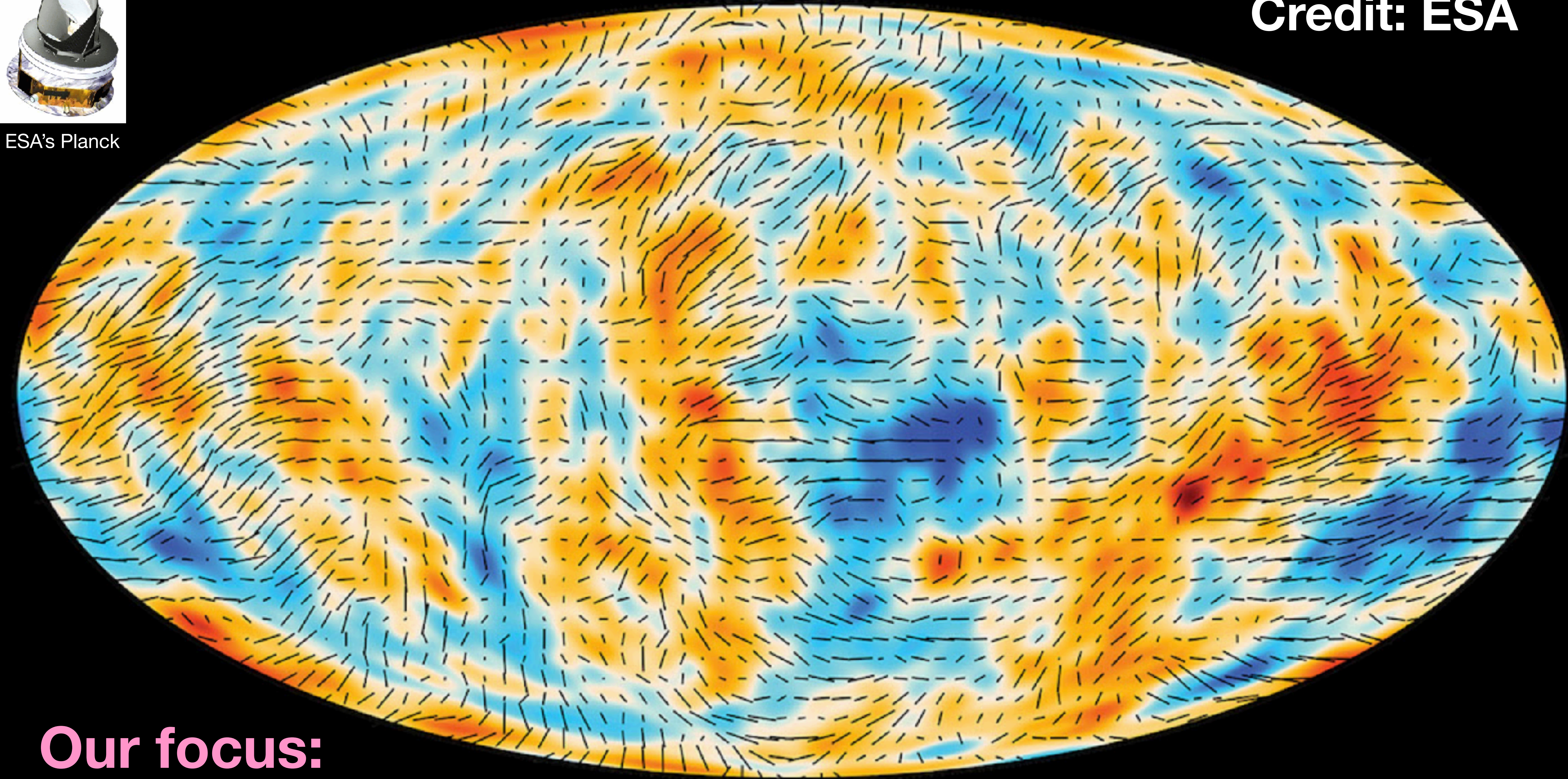


Temperature (smoothed)



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**Our focus:
Polarisation!**

Temperature (smoothed) + Polarisation

The Science Targets: Examples

How can we use the CMB polarisation to learn about the DM?

- **Do the DM fields violate parity?**
 - Why not? The weak interaction violates parity.
 - E.g., axion-like fields.
 - **Example project:** *How does the parity-violating DM field affect the propagation of polarised light of the CMB?*
- **Do the DM fields have a higher spin?**
 - Why not? The Higgs field is the only known field of elementary particles with zero spin.
 - **Example project:** *Do higher-spin fields generate new features in the gravitational waves which can be observed in the CMB polarisation?*

The Team

A small yet “dream team”



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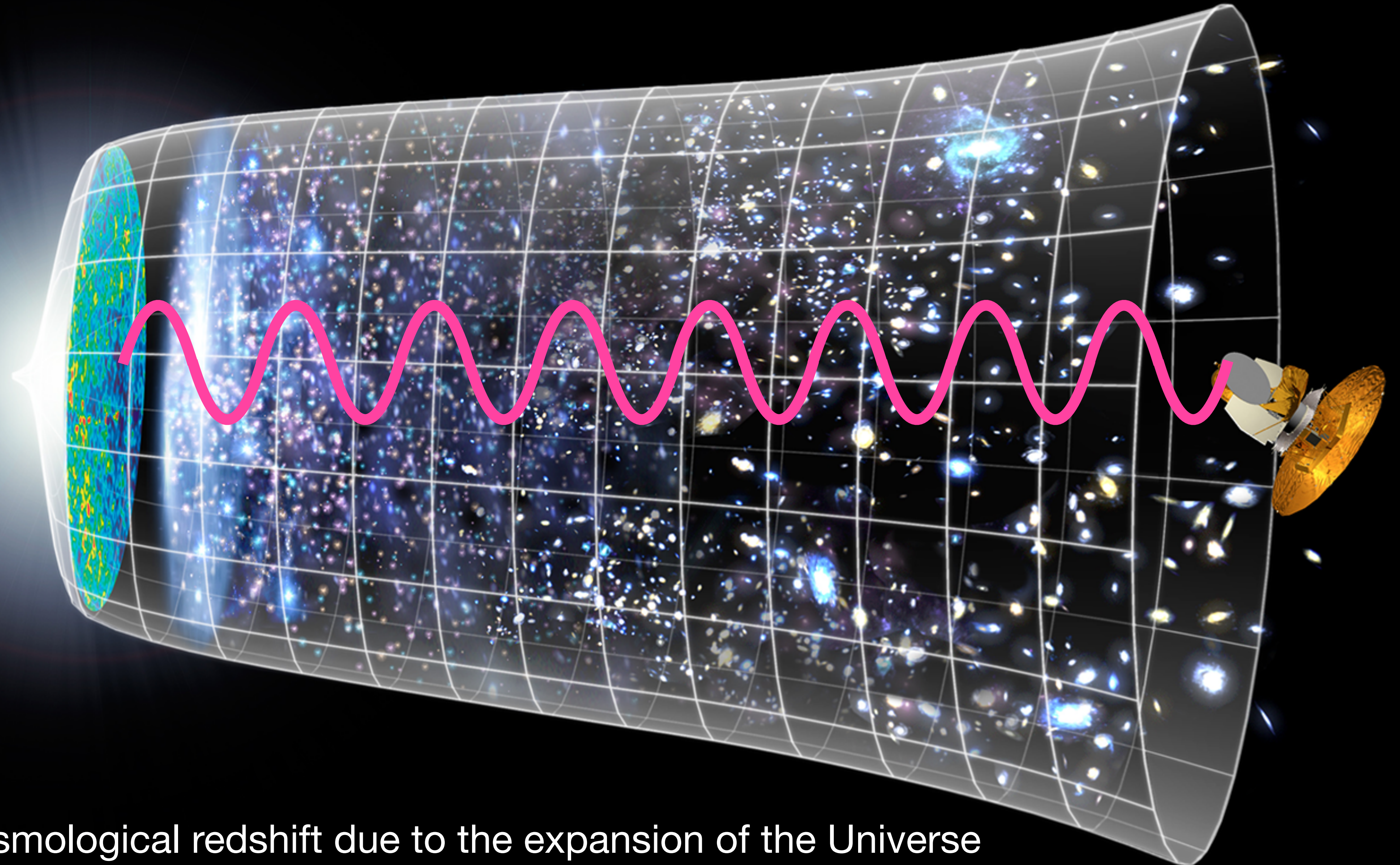


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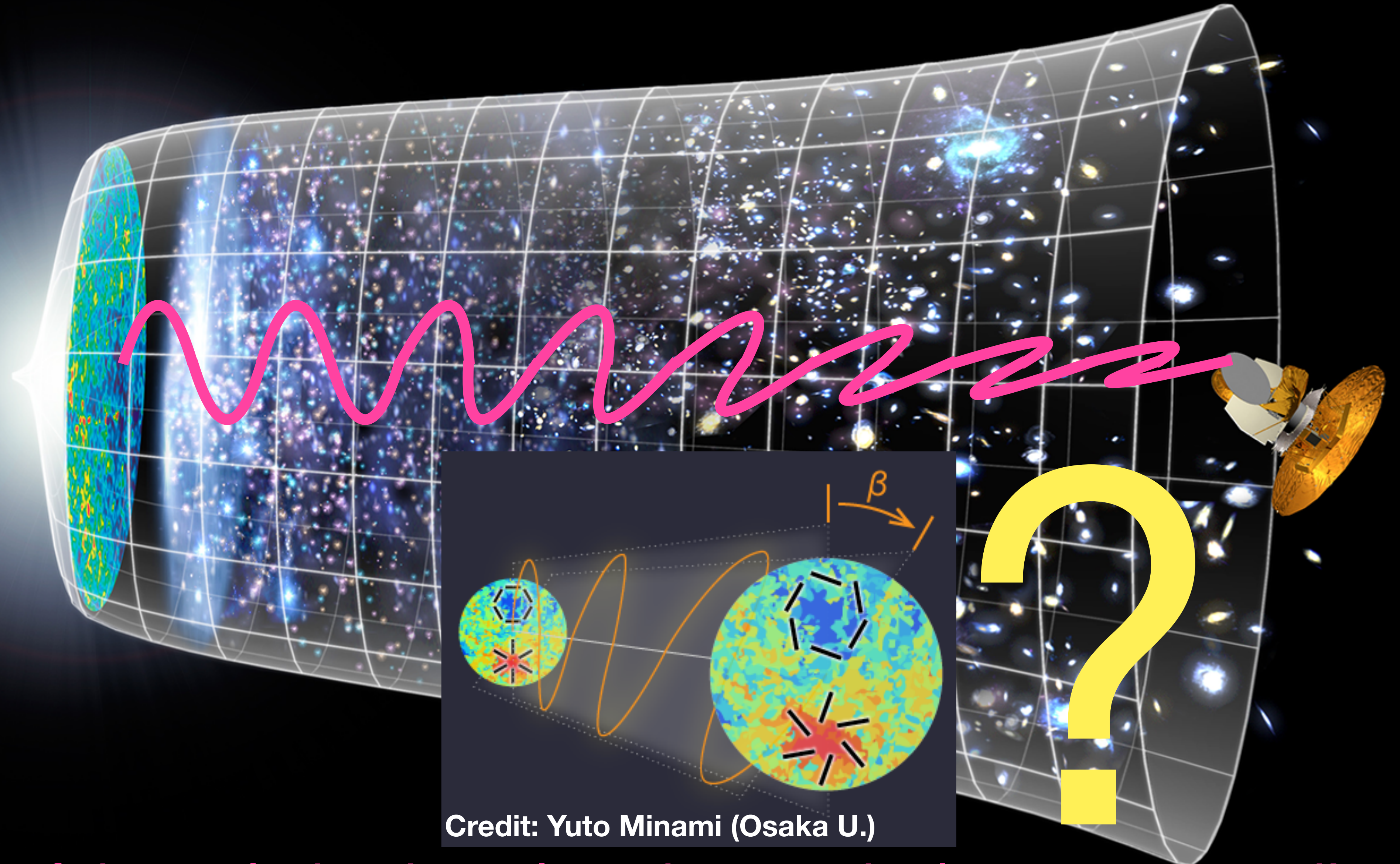
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How does the electromagnetic wave of the CMB reach us?



Now shown: The cosmological redshift due to the expansion of the Universe

How does the electromagnetic wave of the CMB reach us?



Credit: Yuto Minami (Osaka U.)

Note: rotation of the polarisation plane is massively exaggerated!

Cosmic Birefringence

The Universe filled with a “birefringent material”

- If the Universe is filled with a pseudo-scalar field (e.g., an axion field) coupled to the electromagnetic tensor via a Chern-Simons coupling:

Turner & Widrow (1988)

the effective Lagrangian for axion electrodynamics is

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$$\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} = \sum_{\alpha\beta} \frac{\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}}{2\sqrt{-g}} F_{\alpha\beta}$$

where g_a is a coupling constant of the order α , and the vacuum angle $\theta = \phi_a / f_a$ ($\phi_a =$ axion field). The equations

$$\sum_{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu} = 2(\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{B} - \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{E}) \quad \underline{\text{Parity Even}}$$

$$\sum_{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} = -4\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{E} \quad \underline{\text{Parity Odd}}$$

- The axion field, θ , is a “pseudo scalar”, which is parity odd; thus, the last term in Eq.3.7 is parity even as a whole.

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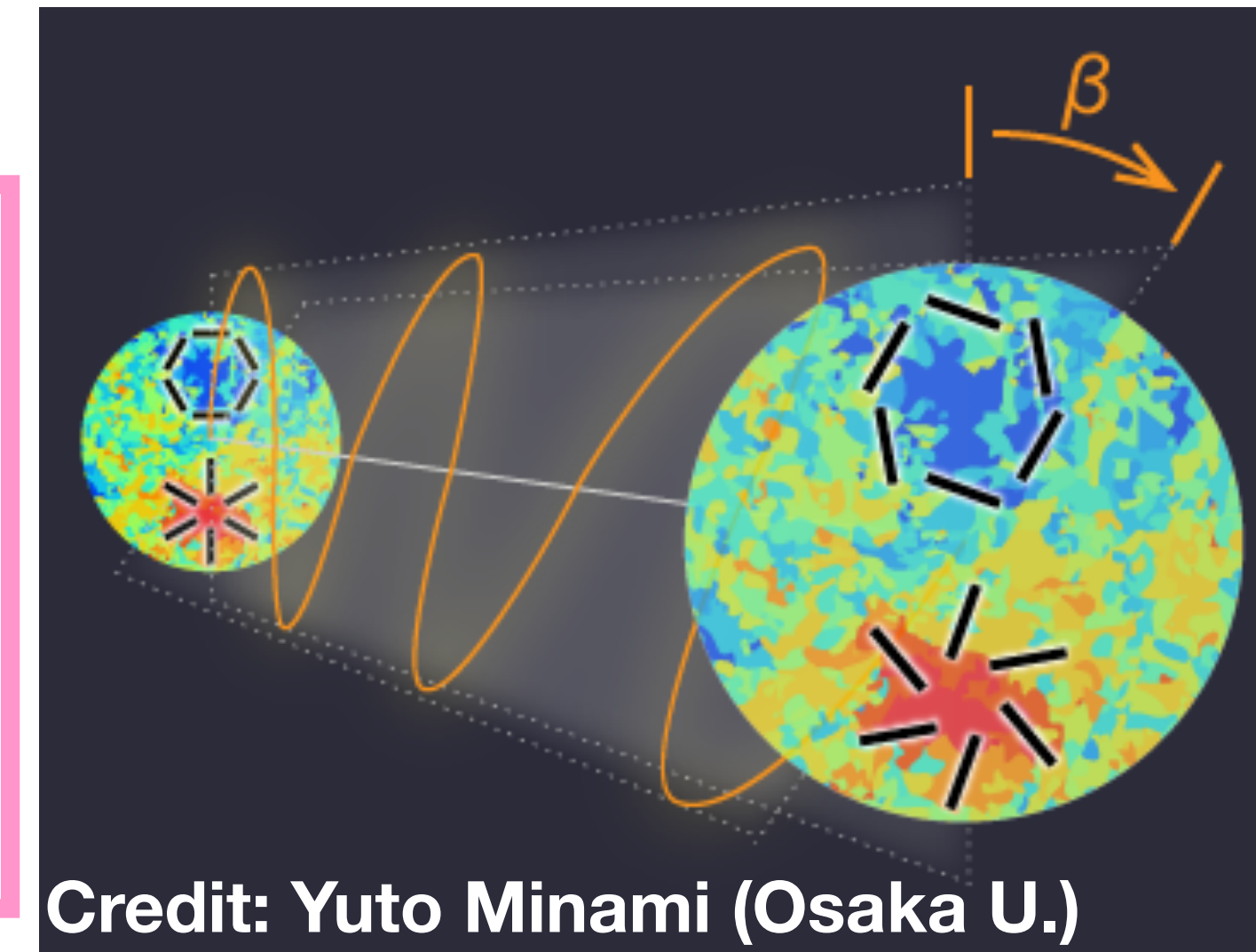
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The “Cosmic Birefringence” (Carroll 1998)

This term makes the phase velocities of right- and left-handed polarisation states of photons different, leading to **rotation of the linear polarisation direction.**

Cosmic Birefringence

The effect accumulates over the distance

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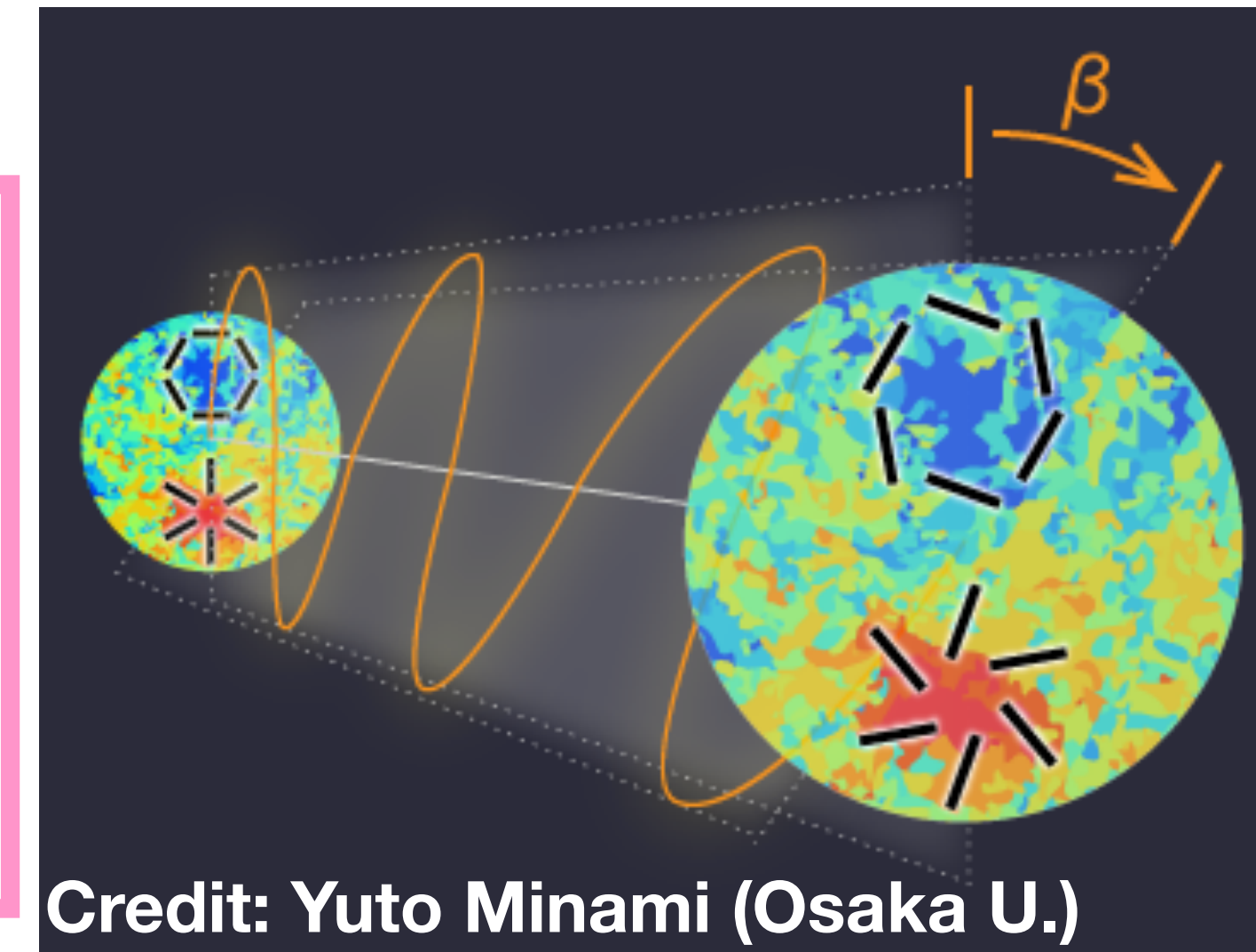
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$$\beta = 2g_a \int_{t_{\text{emission}}}^{t_{\text{observed}}} dt \dot{\theta}$$



Credit: Yuto Minami (Osaka U.)

The larger the distance the photon travels, the larger the effect becomes.

Motivation

Why study the cosmic birefringence?

- The Universe's energy budget is dominated by two dark components:
 - Dark Matter
 - Dark Energy
- Either or both of these can be an axion-like field!
 - See Marsh (2016) and Ferreira (2020) for reviews.
- Thus, detection of parity-violating physics in polarisation of the cosmic microwave background can transform our understanding of Dark Matter/Energy.

Featured in Physics

Editors' Suggestion

New Extraction of the Cosmic Birefringence from the Planck 2018 Polarization Data

Yuto Minami and Eiichiro Komatsu

Phys. Rev. Lett. **125**, 221301 – Published 23 November 2020

Physics See synopsis: [Hints of Cosmic Birefringence?](#)

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ABSTRACT

We search for evidence of parity-violating physics in the Planck 2018 polarization data and report on a new measurement of the cosmic birefringence angle β . The previous measurements are limited by the systematic uncertainty in the absolute polarization angles of the Planck detectors. We mitigate this systematic uncertainty completely by simultaneously determining β and the angle miscalibration using the observed cross-correlation of the E - and B -mode polarization of the cosmic microwave background and the Galactic foreground emission. We show that the systematic errors are effectively mitigated and achieve a factor-of-2 smaller uncertainty than the previous measurement, finding $\beta = 0.35 \pm 0.14$ deg (68% C.L.), which excludes $\beta = 0$ at 99.2% C.L. This corresponds to the statistical significance of 2.4σ .

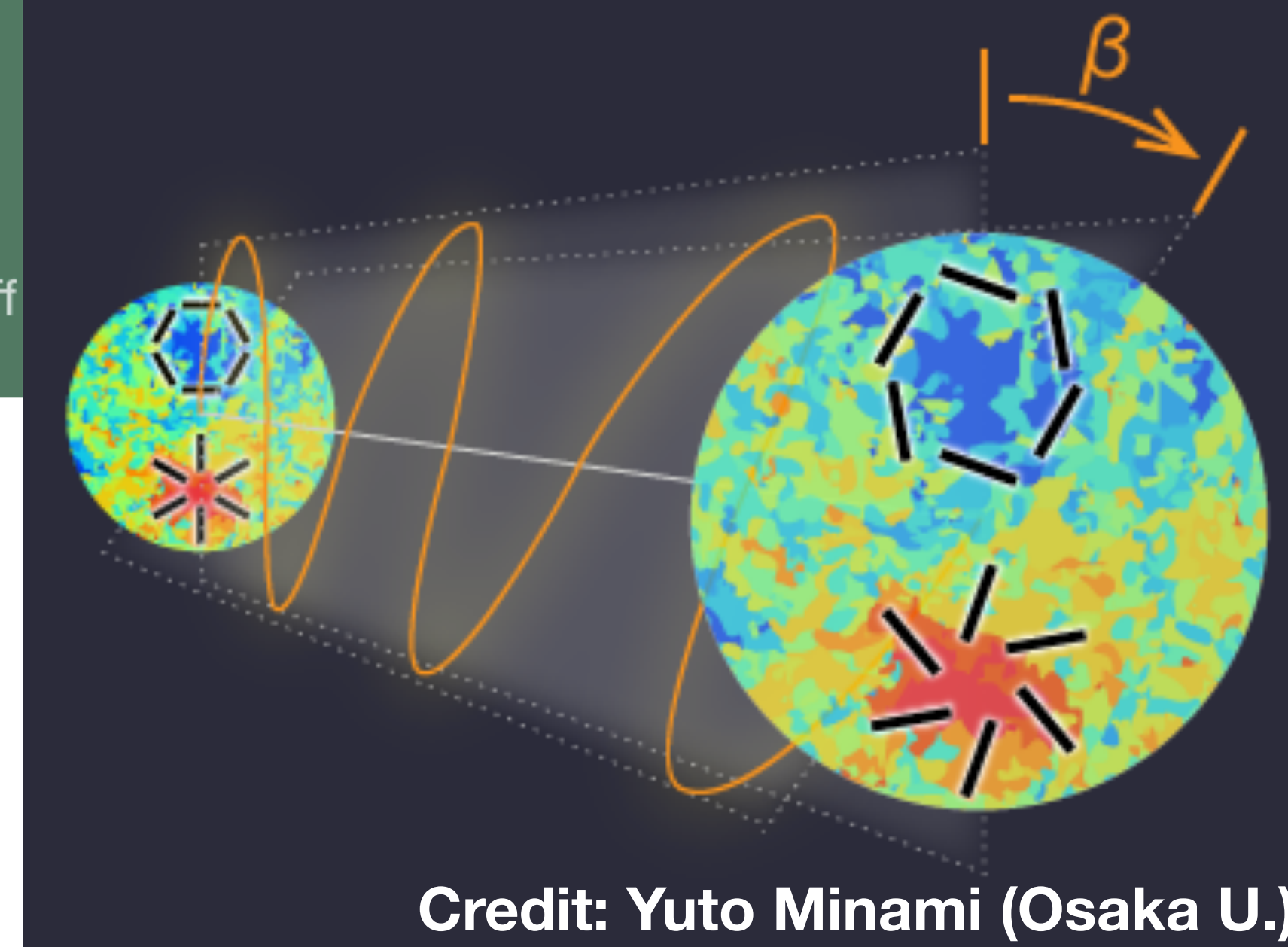
State-of-the-art: 2.4σ

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Confirmed by at least 3 teams using independent codes.

Next Steps:

- 1. To increase the statistical significance.**
- 2. To understand the origin of the signal.**



Credit: Yuto Minami (Osaka U.)

Primordial gravitational waves from gauge fields

The New Paradigm

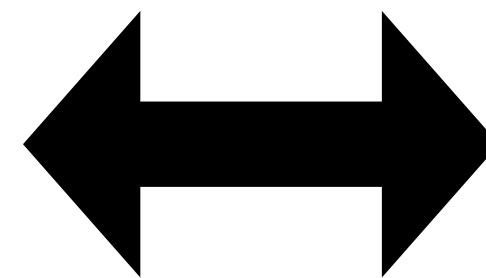
$$S = S_{\text{EH}} + S_{\text{dilaton}} + S_{\text{axion}} + S_{\text{gauge}} + S_{\text{CS}}$$

$$= \int dx^4 \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{1}{2} R - \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \varphi)^2 - V(\varphi) - \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \sigma)^2 - W(\sigma) - \frac{1}{4} I(\varphi)^2 F^{a\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}^a - \frac{1}{4} \lambda \frac{\sigma}{f} \tilde{F}^{a\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}^a \right]$$

The set up given in, e.g., Obata and Soda (2016)

- This set up can produce the primordial gravitational waves that can be:

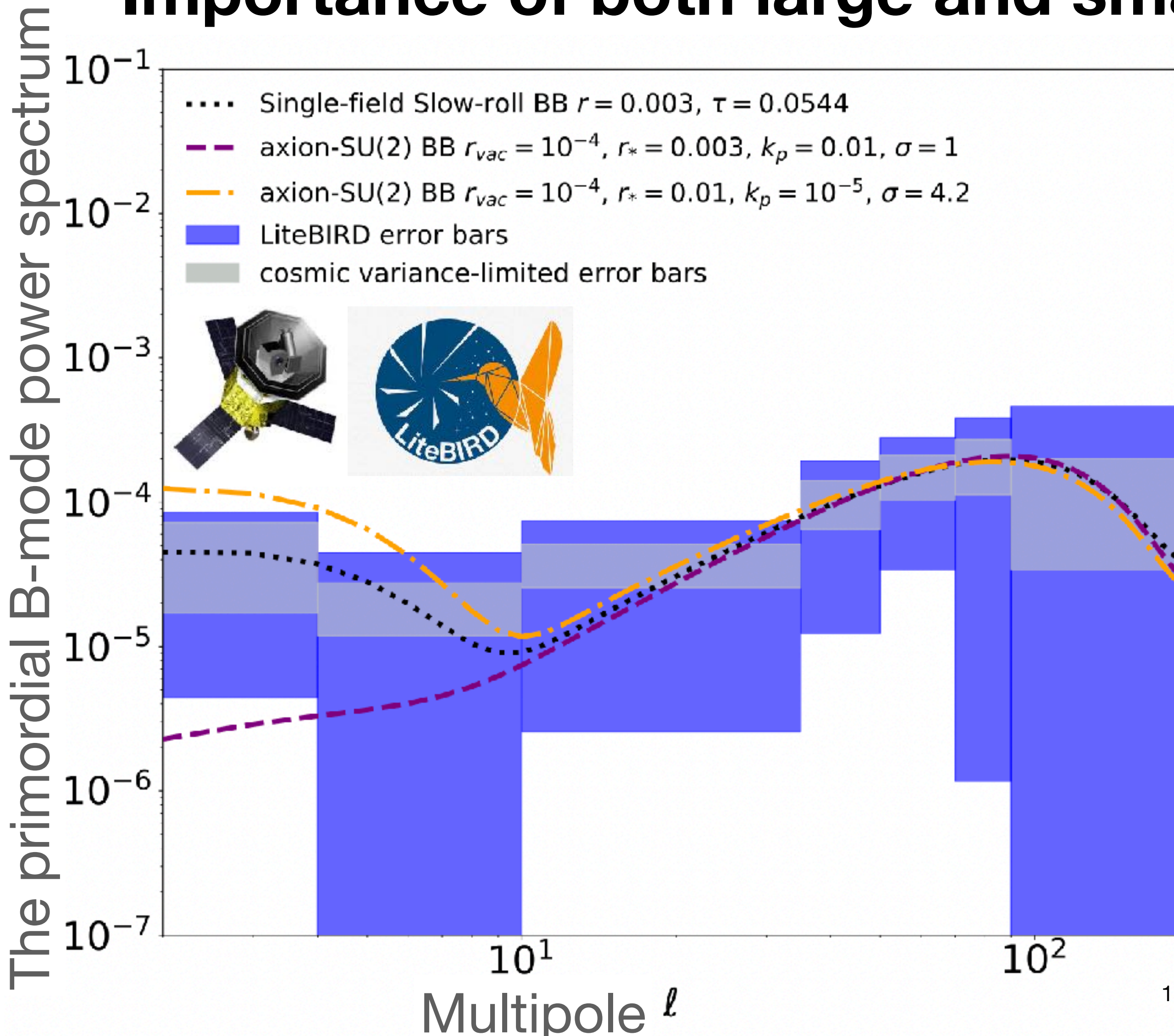
- Highly **scale-dependent**
- **Statistically anisotropic**
- Highly **non-Gaussian**
- Completely **chiral**



Opposite of the predictions of the standard scenario without gauge fields

Testing the gauge field scenario with future CMB experiments

Importance of both large and small angular scale experiments



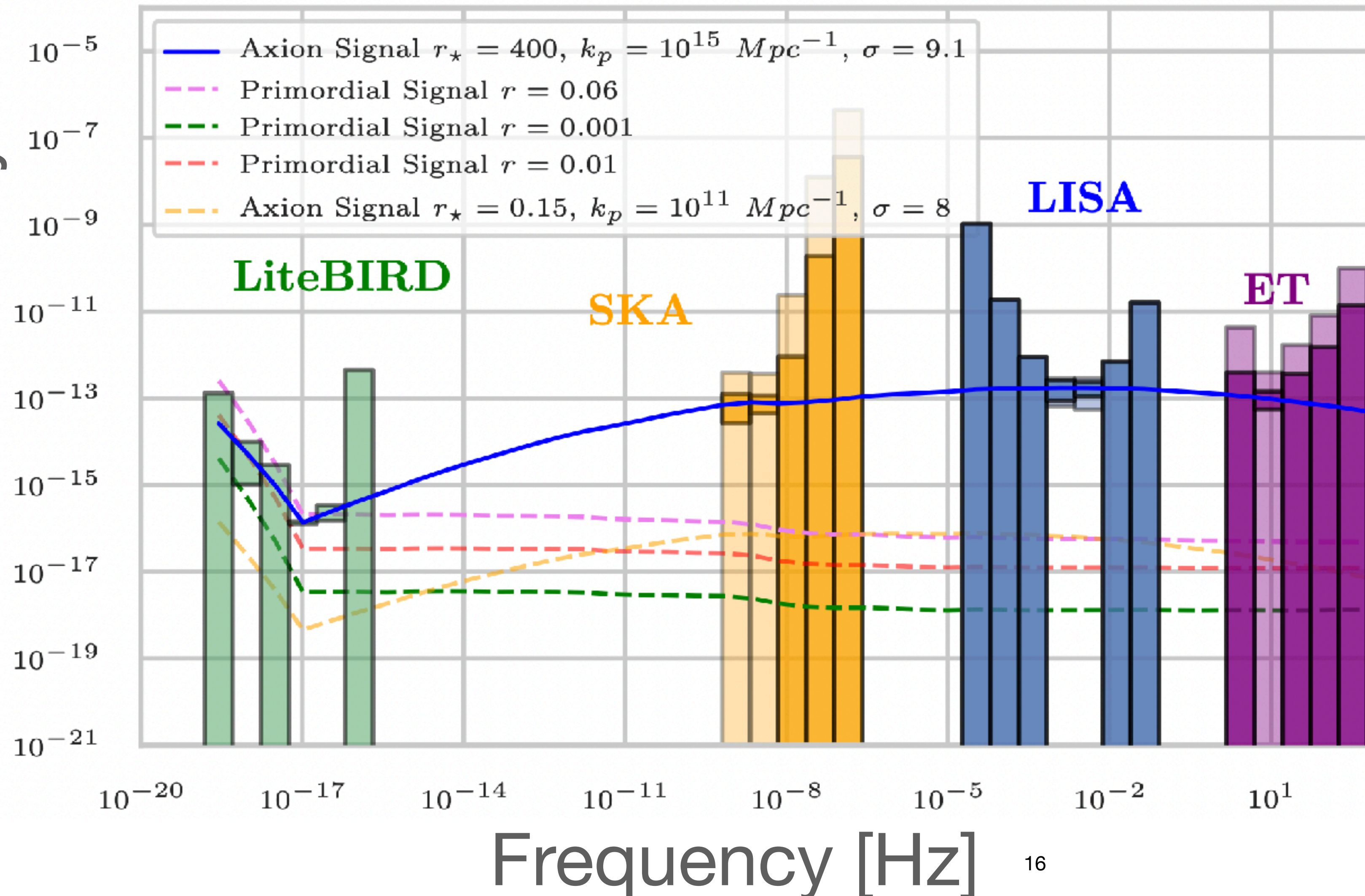
- Even if the small angular scale experiments (Simons Array, Simons Observatory, CMB S-4) detect the B-mode polarisation power spectrum at the multipole of $\ell \sim 80$ (about 2 degrees in the sky), **we must also measure it on large angular scales ($\ell < 10$) to probe the shape of the power spectrum** before making a conclusion about its origin!

Figure Credit: Paolo Campeti (MPA) and the LiteBIRD Collaboration

Not just CMB: Pulsar Timing Array and Laser Interferometers

Across 21 decades in frequency!

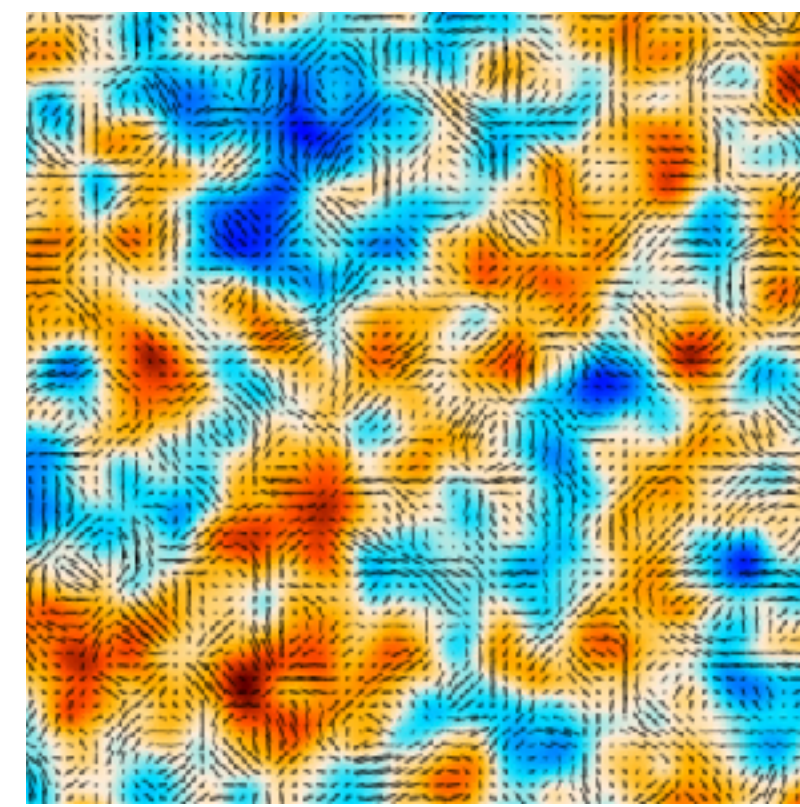
Energy Density Parameter
of the GW today



- **The gauge field model** can make completely different predictions for the spectrum of the gravitational wave.
- **Importance of the multi-frequency experiments** using completely different techniques!

Summary of B06

The DM search using the CMB polarisation



- We use polarisation of the CMB to probe new physics of the DM fields.

- Do they violate parity symmetry?

- Do they have a higher spin?

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- Two approaches:

- **Theoretical projects** to refine predictions.

- **Analysis projects** to measure the predicted properties.

- Going beyond CMB: PTA and laser interferometers:

- *Let's discovery something new!*

