

# VECTOR DARK RADIATION AND GRAVITATIONAL WAVE PROPAGATION

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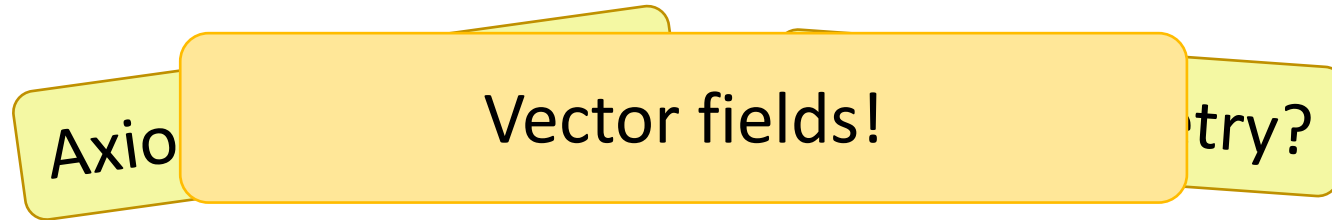
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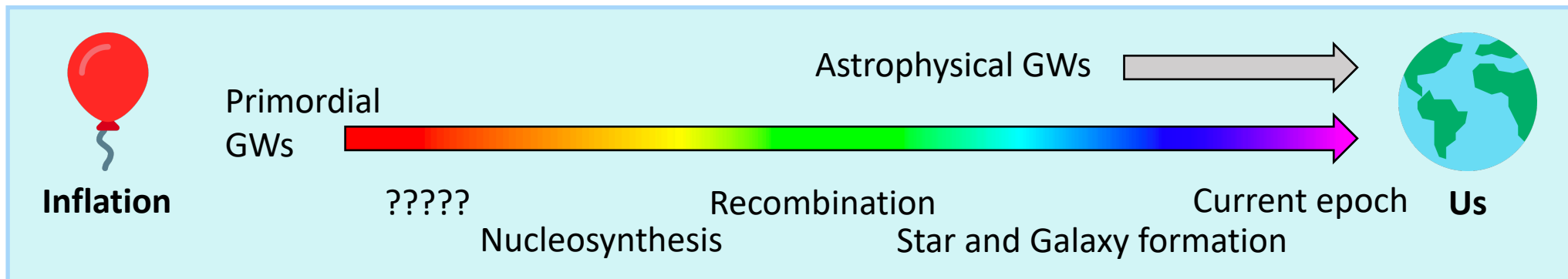
# INTRODUCTION

- Radiation:  $\gamma$ ,  $\nu$ , something else...?

$$\Delta N_{\text{eff}} = N_{\text{eff}} - 3.046 < 0.28$$



- Relevant in the Early Universe: Primordial GWs.



# OUR MODEL

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left( -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} - \frac{\lambda}{4} (A_\mu A^\mu)^2 \right)$$

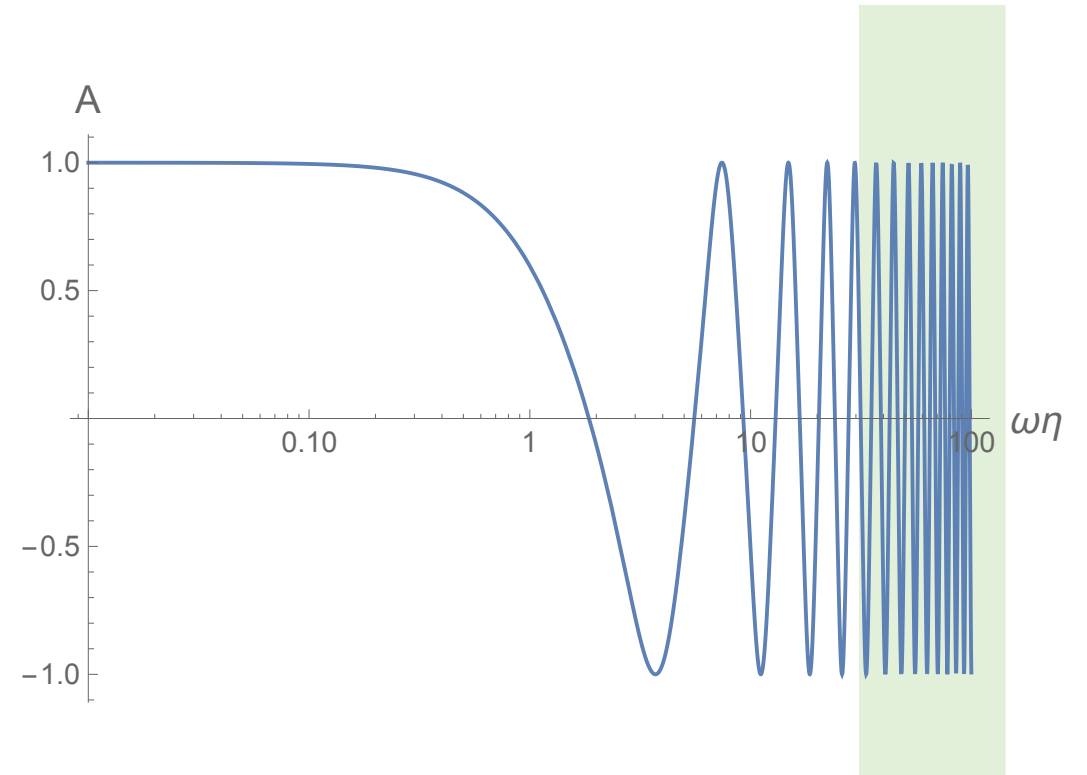
- Linearly polarised  $A_\mu(\eta) = (0, 0, 0, A_z)$

$$A_z = A_0 \operatorname{cn}(\sqrt{\lambda} A_0 \eta; 1/2)$$

- Fast oscillation  $\omega = \sqrt{\lambda} A_0 \gg \mathcal{H}$  ensures isotropy (Cembranos et al., 2012)

$$p = \rho/3 \propto a^{-4}$$

2-parameter model  
( $\omega, \Omega_A$ )



# GW-PROPAGATION MODIFICATION

$$\delta G_{ij}^{(TT)} = 8\pi G \delta T_{ij}^{(TT)}$$

## GEOMETRIC SIDE

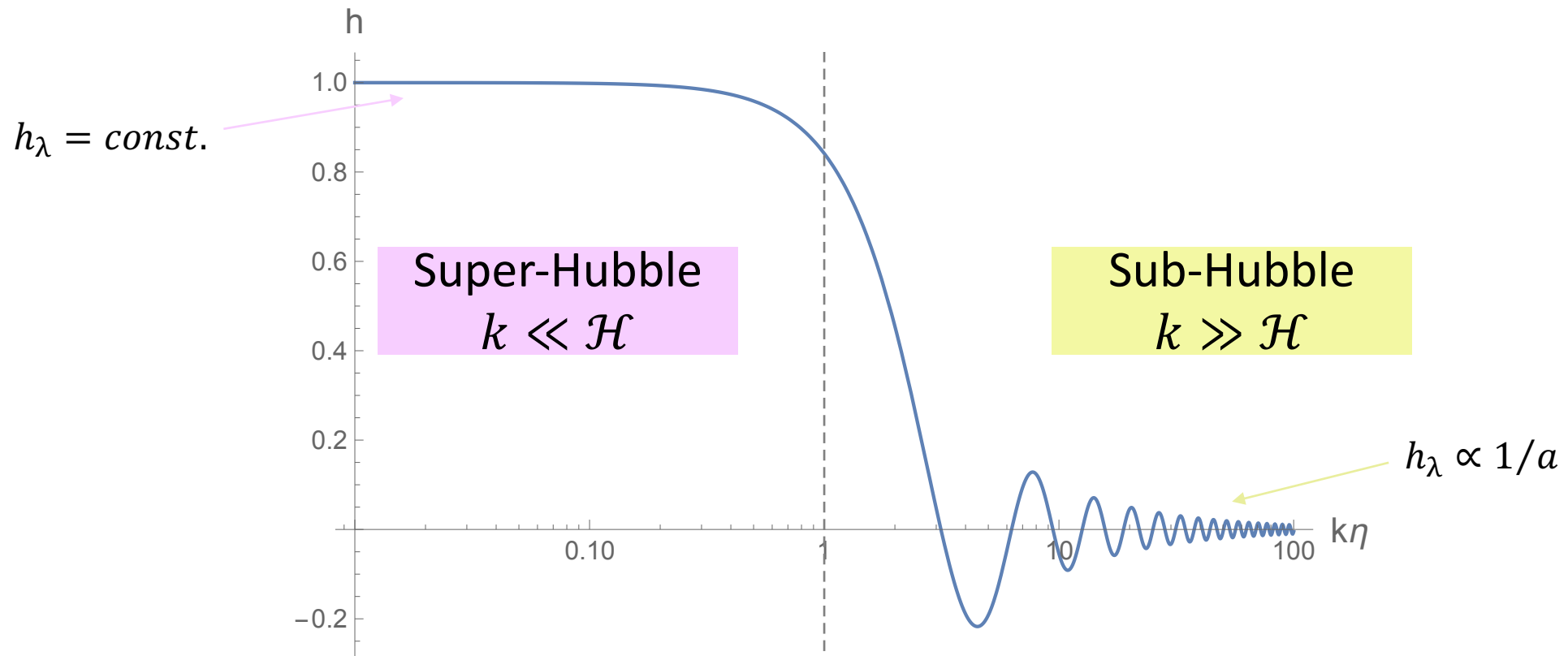
- GR, with FLRW metric.
- $h_{ij}$
- Two degrees of freedom: (+, x) polarizations.

## CONTENT OF THE UNIVERSE SIDE

- $T_{ij}^{(TT)}(g_{\mu\nu}, A_\mu)$
- Terms proportional to  $h_{ij}$ .
- No source terms.

# GWS IN VACUUM

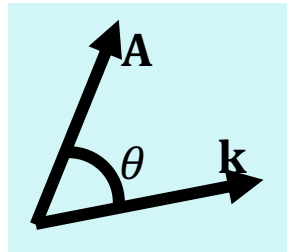
$$h''_{\lambda} + 2\mathcal{H}h'_{\lambda} + k^2 h_{\lambda} = 0$$



# GWS WITH OUR MODEL

$$h''_{\lambda} + 2\mathcal{H}h'_{\lambda} + \left[ k^2 + \frac{6H_0^2 \Omega_A \sin^2 \theta}{a^2} \left( (3 + 2\delta_{+,\lambda} \sin^2 \theta) \text{cn}^4(\omega\eta; 1/2) - 1 \right) \right] h_{\lambda} = 0$$

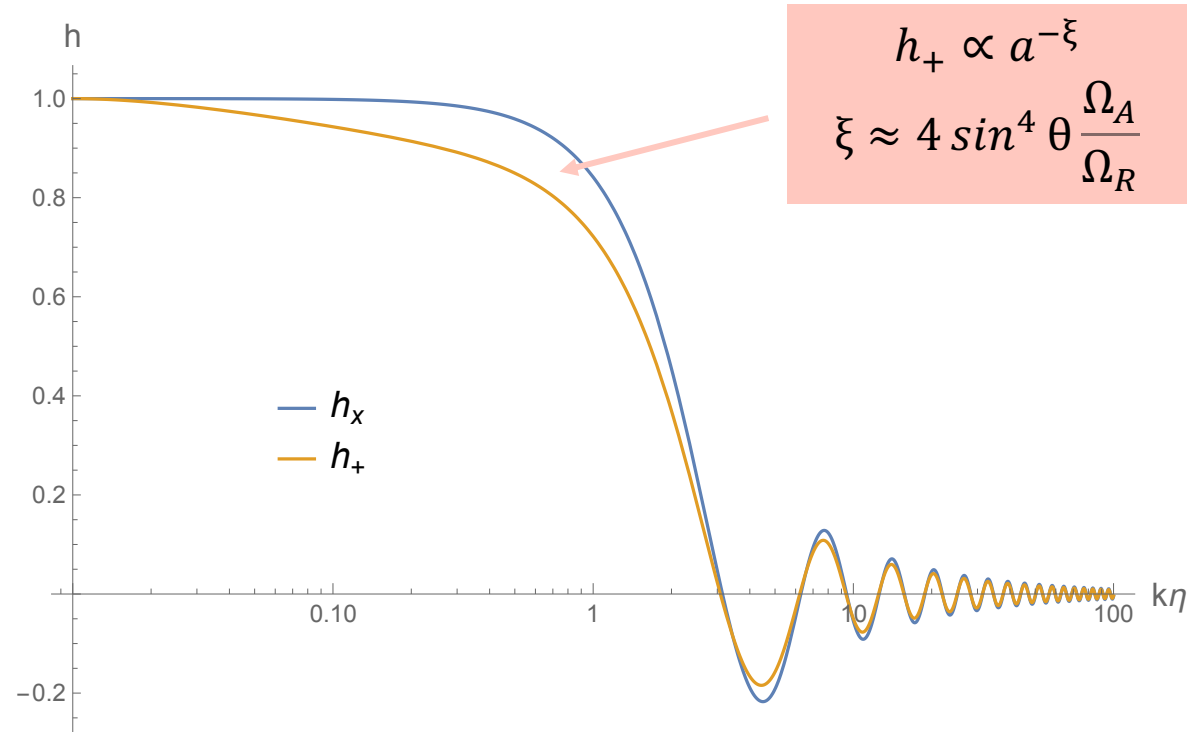
Anisotropic



Polarising

Relevant early on

Induces suppression



# RESULTS: STOKES PARAMETERS

## Power Spectra

$$\langle h_+(\eta, \mathbf{k}) h_+^*(\eta, \mathbf{k}') \rangle = \delta^{(3)}(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}') P_+(\mathbf{k}, \eta)$$

$$\langle h_\times(\eta, \mathbf{k}) h_\times^*(\eta, \mathbf{k}') \rangle = \delta^{(3)}(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}') P_\times(\mathbf{k}, \eta)$$

## Stokes Parameters

$I$     $Q$     ~~$U$~~     ~~$V$~~

Tensor power spectrum

$$\mathcal{J} = \frac{P_+ + P_\times}{P_{+,SM} + P_{\times,SM}}$$

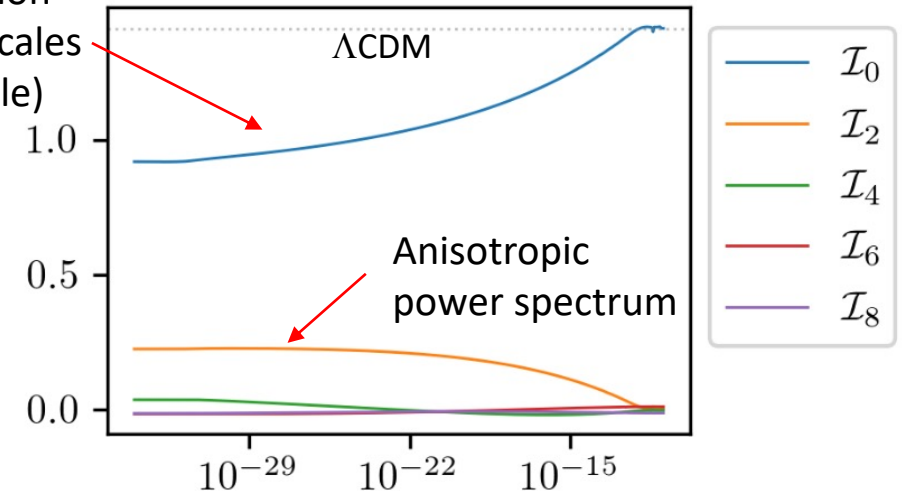
Linear polarization

$$\mathcal{Q} = \frac{P_+ - P_\times}{P_{+,SM} + P_{\times,SM}}$$

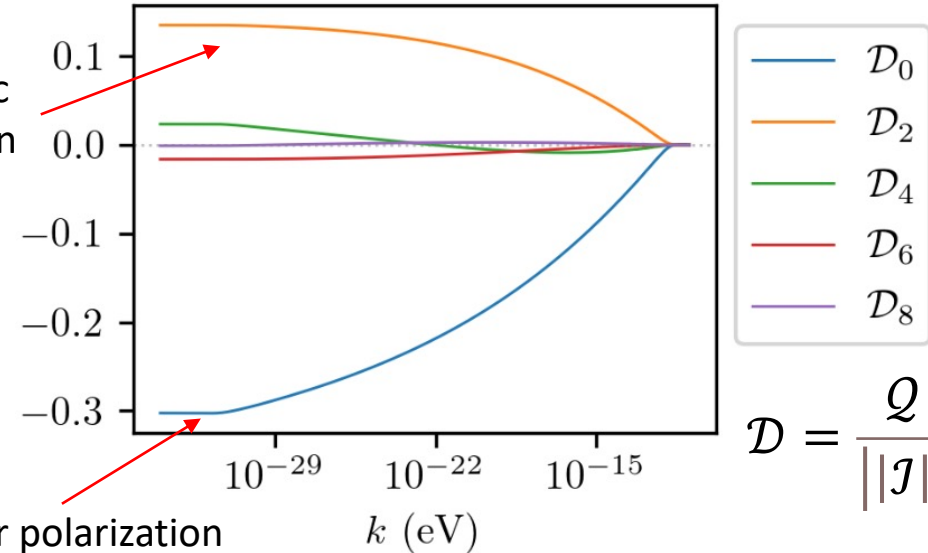
$$\mathcal{D} = \frac{\mathcal{Q}}{|\mathcal{J}|}$$

$$\Omega_A = \Omega_R/100, \omega = 2500 \text{ Hz}$$

Suppression  
at large scales  
(monopole)



Anisotropic  
polarization



Linear polarization  
at large scales

# QUICK GLANCE: ANOTHER SOLUTION

## Spinning vector field

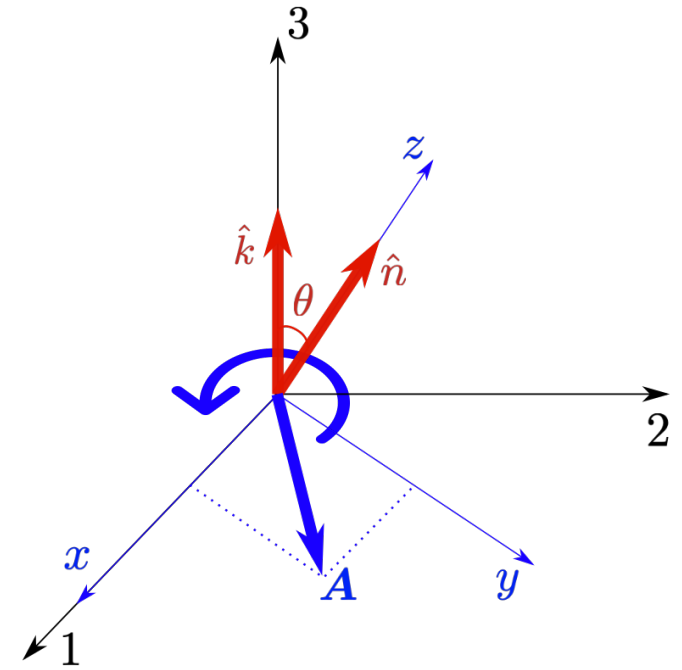
$$A_\mu(\eta) = \alpha (0, \cos \omega\eta, \sin \omega\eta, 0)$$

$$h_+'' + 2\mathcal{H}h_+' + k^2h_+ + \frac{2\Omega_A H_0^2}{a^2} [(F + B)h_+ + Mh_\times] = 0$$

$$h_\times'' + 2\mathcal{H}h_\times' + k^2h_\times + \frac{2\Omega_A H_0^2}{a^2} [(F - B)h_\times + Mh_+] = 0$$

Still polarising

Now there is mixing!

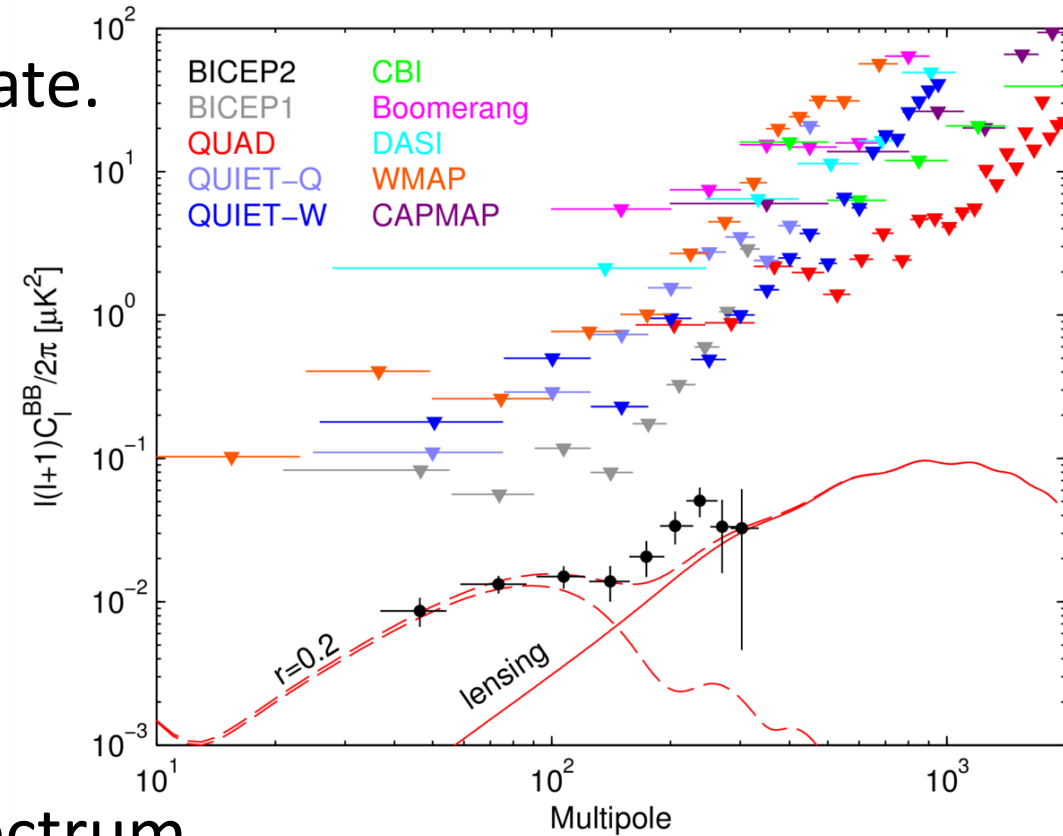


- Non-zero Stokes U
- Can convert linear into circular polarization



# CONCLUSIONS

- Vector dark radiation: Interesting candidate.
- Rich phenomenology on GWs:
  - Anisotropy
  - Polarization
  - Suppression
- Potential effect on low- $\ell$  CMB power spectrum.



THE END

Thank you!