

Inflationary Gravitational Waves with Unusual Properties

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Scalar perturbations during inflation \blacktriangleright rich phenomenology:

- Features
- Isocurvature
- Non vacuum states
- Nongaussianities
- Oscillations
- ...

Tensors typically assumed to be boring....

$$\mathcal{P}_t \propto \frac{H^2}{M_P^2}$$

$H \blacktriangleright$ during inflation \blacktriangleright slightly red spectrum

This talk:

Non-boring
tensors

The system

.Barnaby et al 2012

A rolling pseudoscalar ϕ (*not* the inflaton)
interacting with a $U(1)$ gauge field via

$$\mathcal{L}_{\phi FF} = \frac{\phi}{f} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} F^{\alpha\beta} F^{\gamma\delta}$$

(f =constant with dimensions of a mass)

The gauge field is decomposed into helicity- λ modes

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}, \tau) = \sum_{\lambda=\pm} \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} \left[a_{\mathbf{k}}^{\lambda} A_{\lambda}^{\mathbf{k}}(\tau) \mathbf{e}^{\lambda}(\mathbf{k}) e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x}} + a_{\mathbf{k}}^{\lambda\dagger} A_{\lambda}^{*\mathbf{k}}(\tau) \mathbf{e}^{\lambda*}(\mathbf{k}) e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{x}} \right]$$

The mode functions $A_{\lambda}^k(\tau)$ are sourced by the rolling ϕ
(assume $d\phi/dt$ constant):

$$A_{\lambda}'' + \left(\mathbf{k}^2 + \lambda \frac{\phi'}{f} |\mathbf{k}| \right) A_{\lambda} = 0$$

for $\lambda = -$, the “mass term” is negative and large for ~ 1 Hubble time:

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Exponential amplification of left handed modes only!

parity violation!

$$A_L \propto \exp \left\{ \frac{\pi}{2} \frac{\dot{\phi}}{f H} \right\}$$

Generation of parity violating, large amplitude gravitational waves

The energy of the electromagnetic field sources
gravitational waves of helicity- λ h_λ :

(note: this is an operator equation)

$$h''_\lambda + 2 \frac{a'}{a} h'_\lambda + \mathbf{k}^2 h_\lambda = \frac{2}{M_{\text{Pl}}^2} \Pi_\lambda^{ij} T_{ij}^{\text{EM}}$$

Projector on helicity- λ
components

Spatial components
of gauge field
stress-energy tensor

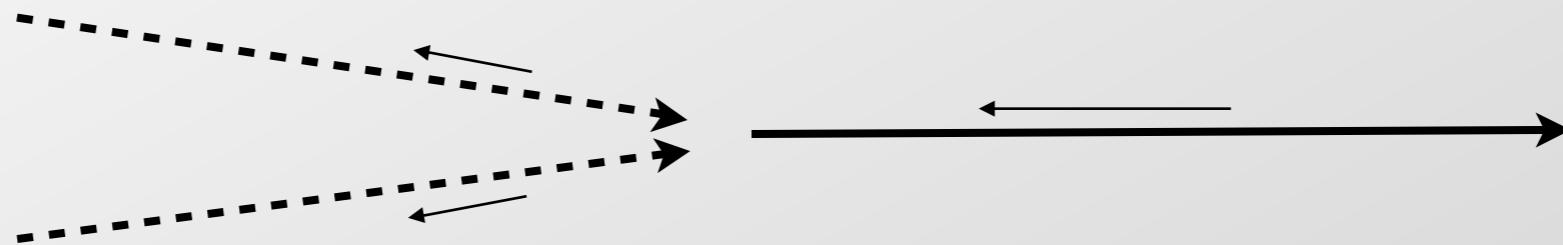
Parity violating gravitational waves

A_L and A_R have different amplitudes



$$\langle h_L h_L \rangle \neq \langle h_R h_R \rangle$$

Physics: in the limit of small transverse momentum two LH photons cannot create a RH graviton



The parity-violating power spectrum

$$\mathcal{P}_L(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{H^2}{\pi^2 M_P^2} \left(1 + 9 \times 10^{-7} \frac{H^2}{M_P^2} \frac{e^{4\pi\xi}}{\xi^6} \right)$$
$$\mathcal{P}_R(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{H^2}{\pi^2 M_P^2} \left(1 + 2 \times 10^{-9} \frac{H^2}{M_P^2} \frac{e^{4\pi\xi}}{\xi^6} \right)$$

“standard”
parity-invariant part

parity-violation

$$\xi \equiv \frac{\dot{\phi}}{2fH} \gtrsim 1$$

How do we see the effect of parity violating GWs?

While T and E modes are parity-even,
B is parity-odd



*<TB> and <EB> power spectra should vanish in
parity-invariant CMB*

Detection prospects related to observability of nonzero $\langle EB \rangle$ and/or $\langle TB \rangle$

Saito Ichicki Taruya 07,
Contaldi Magueijo Smolin 08,
Gluscevic Kamionkowski 10

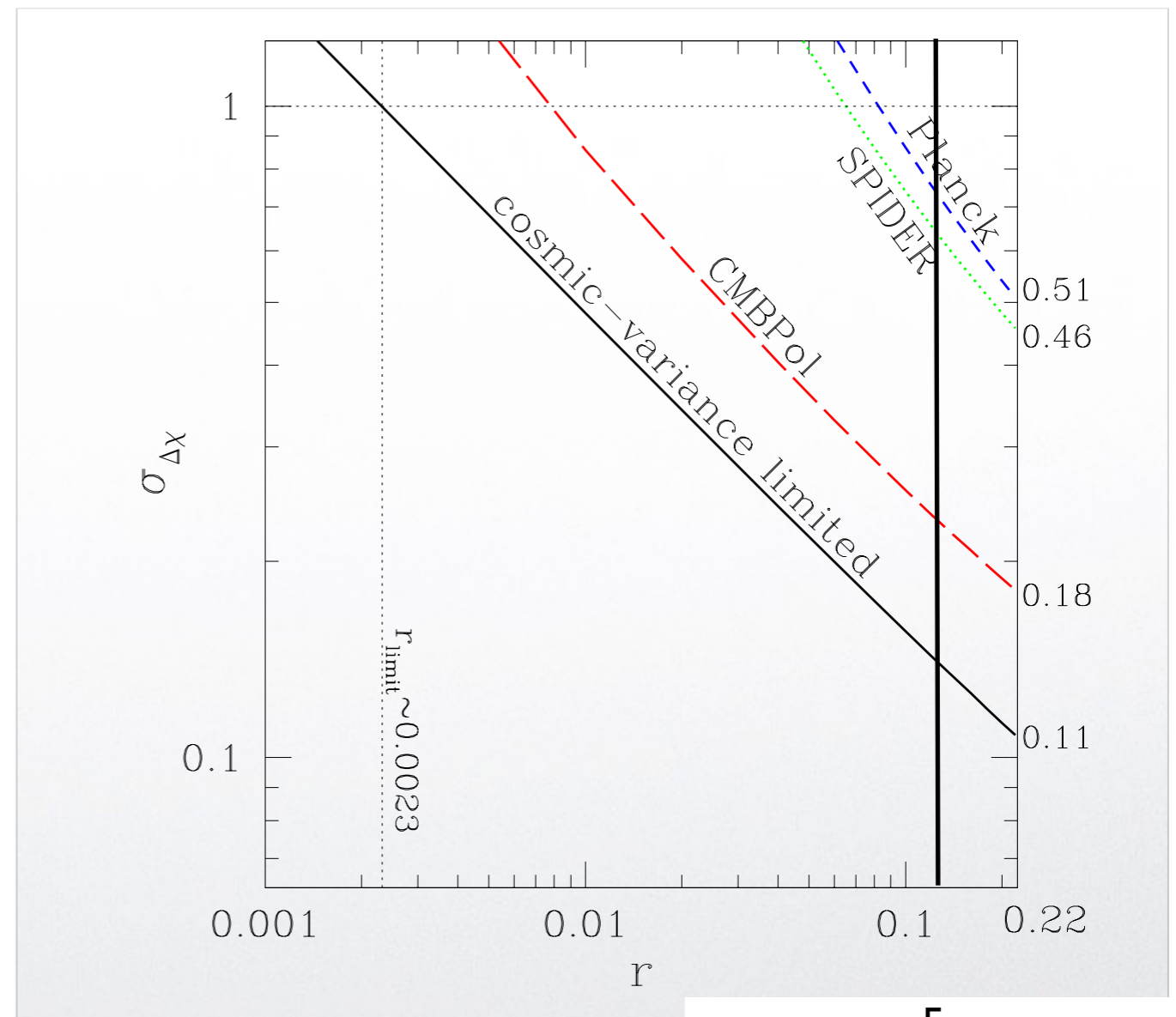
Depend on two parameters

$$r = \frac{\mathcal{P}_R + \mathcal{P}_L}{\mathcal{P}_T}$$

tensor-to-scalar ratio

$$\Delta\chi = \frac{\mathcal{P}_R - \mathcal{P}_L}{\mathcal{P}_R + \mathcal{P}_L}$$

chirality of primordial
perturbations



From
Gluscevic Kamionkowski 10

For our system

$$\Delta\chi = \frac{4.3 \times 10^{-7} \frac{e^{4\pi\xi}}{\xi^6} \frac{H^2}{M_P^2}}{1 + 4.3 \times 10^{-7} \frac{e^{4\pi\xi}}{\xi^6} \frac{H^2}{M_P^2}} \cdot$$

$$\xi \equiv \frac{\dot{\phi}}{2fH}$$

Exponential dependence on the coupling $1/f$



*In principle sizable parity violation in large portion of parameter space.
Anything more?*

Photons source metric perturbations
in a $2 \rightarrow 1$ process



(equilateral)

nongaussianities

Photons source metric perturbations in a $2 \rightarrow 1$ process

$$\hat{\zeta}(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{H^2}{4 M_P^2} \int d\tau' G_k(\tau, \tau') \tau'^2 \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{q}}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} \left(-1 + \frac{(q - |\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}|)^2}{k^2} \right) \times \left[\hat{A}'_i(\mathbf{q}, \tau') \hat{A}'_i(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}, \tau') - \varepsilon_{iab} q_a \hat{A}'_b(\mathbf{q}, \tau') \varepsilon_{icd} (k_c - q_c) \hat{A}'_d(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}, \tau') \right]$$

.Barnaby et al 2012

scalar

$$\hat{h}_{\pm}(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{2 H^2}{M_P^2} \int d\tau' G_k(\tau, \tau') \tau'^2 \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{q}}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} \Pi_{\pm}^{lm}(\mathbf{k}) \times \left[\hat{A}'_l(\mathbf{q}, \tau') \hat{A}'_m(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}, \tau') - \varepsilon_{lab} q_a \hat{A}'_b(\mathbf{q}, \tau') \varepsilon_{mcd} (k_c - q_c) \hat{A}'_d(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{q}, \tau') \right]$$

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tensor

scalars and tensors produced (in principle) with same efficiency...

...but phase space



LH tensors much more efficiently produced than
RH tensors *and scalars*

Three point functions...

Barnaby et al 12

$$\langle \hat{\zeta}(\mathbf{k}_1) \hat{\zeta}(\mathbf{k}_2) \hat{\zeta}(\mathbf{k}_3) \rangle_{\text{equil}} = 2.6 \times 10^{-13} \delta(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3) \frac{H^6}{M_P^6} \frac{e^{6\pi\xi}}{\xi^9}$$

$$\langle \hat{h}_-(\mathbf{k}_1) \hat{h}_-(\mathbf{k}_2) \hat{h}_-(\mathbf{k}_3) \rangle_{\text{equil}} = 6.1 \times 10^{-10} \frac{\delta(\mathbf{k}_1 + \mathbf{k}_2 + \mathbf{k}_3)}{k^6} \frac{H^6}{M_P^6} \frac{e^{6\pi\xi}}{\xi^9}$$

Cook and LS 13

large *tensor* nongaussianities
with
small *scalar* nongaussianities

Small scalar nongaussianities

Large tensor nongaussianities

Cook and LS 13

Let us quantify the effect  observables

Also tensors source temperature fluctuations!
(at $l \ll 100$)

Flat sky approximation (for $l \gg 1$)

$$a(\mathbf{l}) = \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{n}}{2\pi} e^{-i \mathbf{l} \cdot \mathbf{n}} \frac{\delta T}{T}(\mathbf{n}) \quad B_{\mathbf{l}_1 \mathbf{l}_2 \mathbf{l}_3} \delta^{(2)}(\mathbf{l}_1 + \mathbf{l}_2 + \mathbf{l}_3) \equiv \langle a(\mathbf{l}_1) a(\mathbf{l}_2) a(\mathbf{l}_3) \rangle$$

Small scalar nongaussianities

Large tensor nongaussianities

Cook and LS 13

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$$l^4 (B_{l_1 l_2 l_3}^{\text{scalar}})^{\text{equil}} \simeq 4.0 \times 10^{-16} \frac{H^6}{M_P^6} \frac{e^{4\pi\xi}}{\xi^9}$$

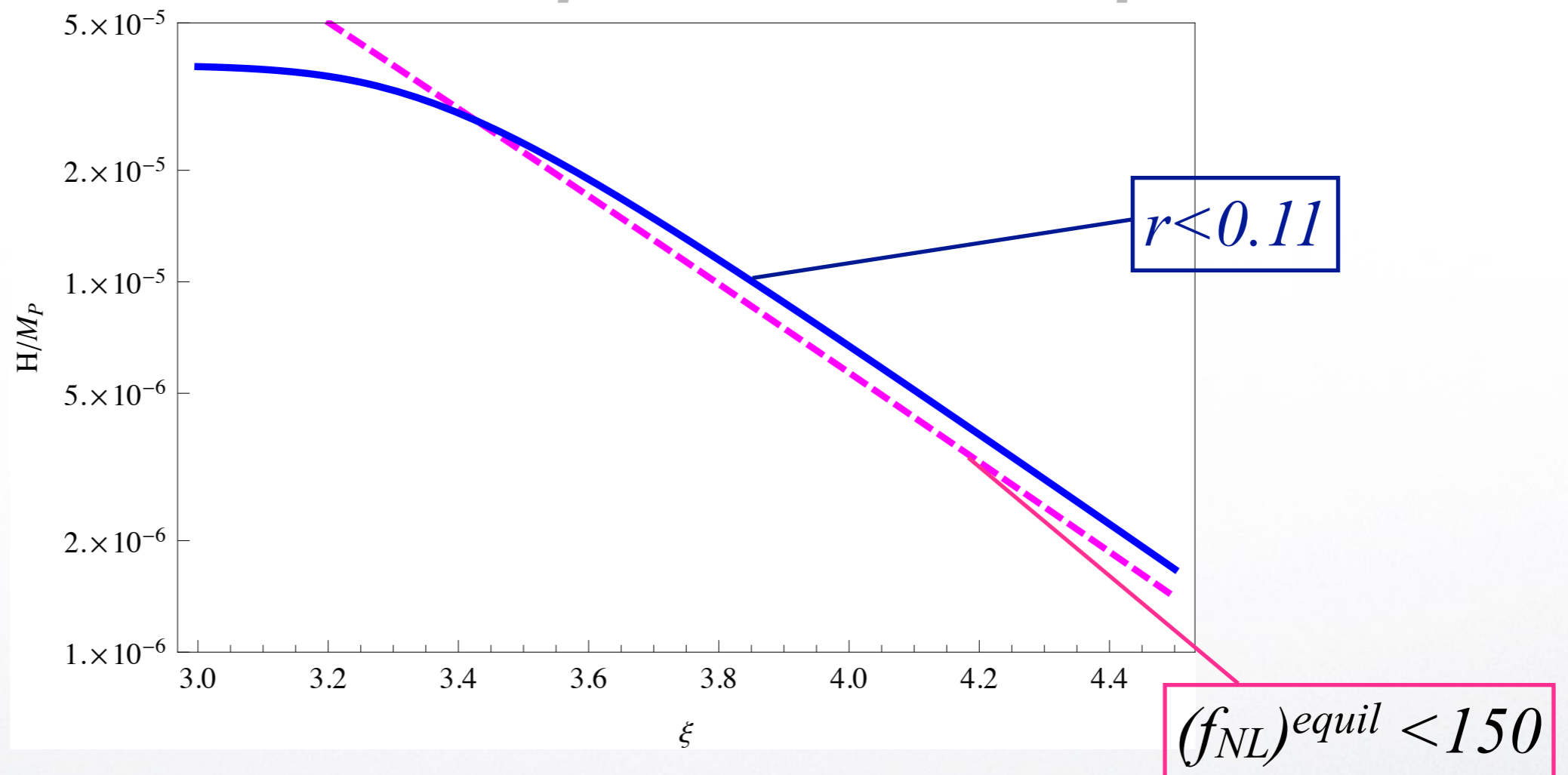
$$l^4 (B_{l_1 l_2 l_3}^{\text{tensor}})^{\text{equil}} \simeq 1.8 \times 10^{-12} \frac{H^6}{M_P^6} \frac{e^{4\pi\xi}}{\xi^9}$$



Effect of tensor on $\langle \delta T^3 \rangle$
is ~4500 times
stronger than scalar!

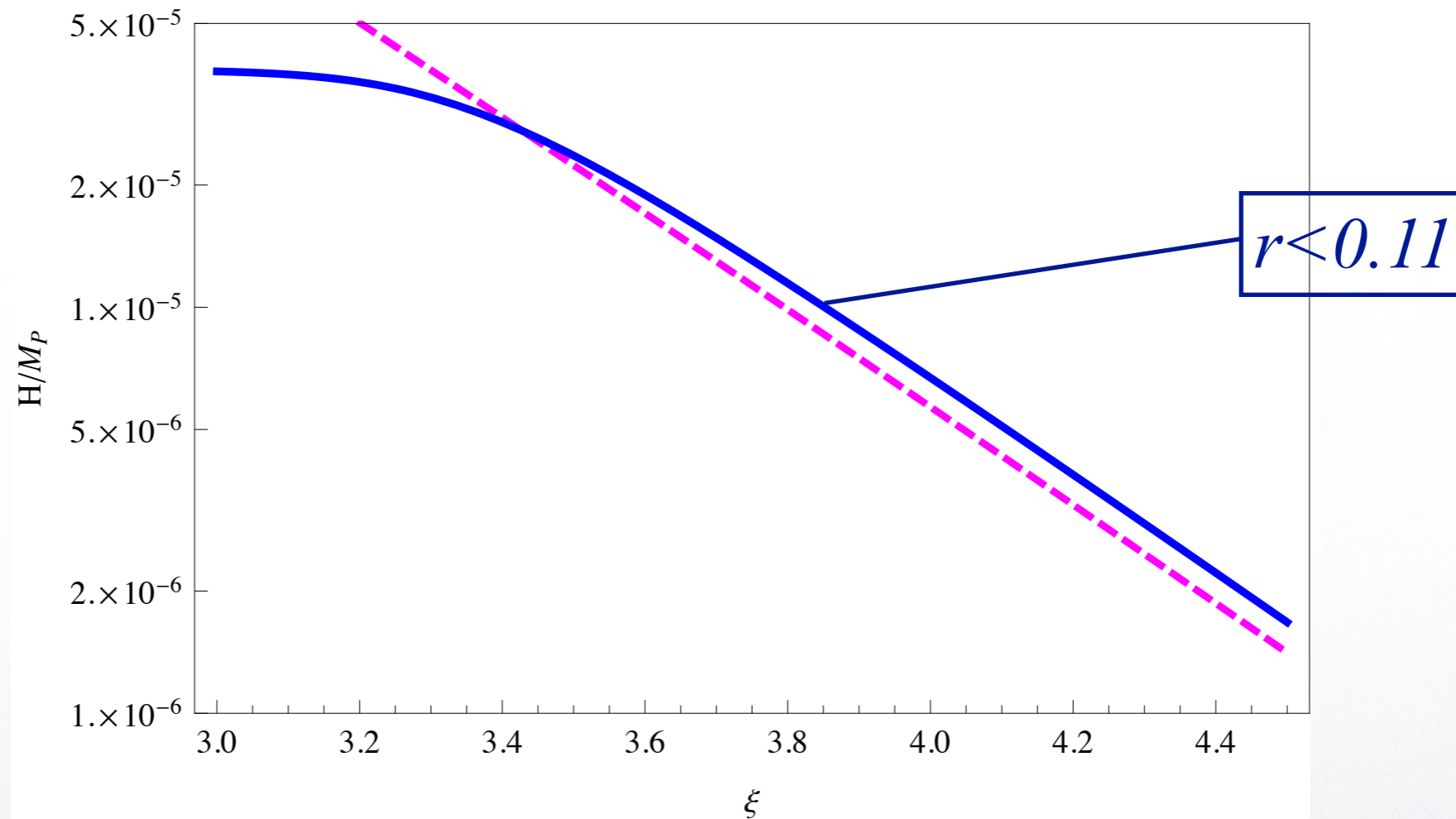
 negligible

Constraints on parameter space



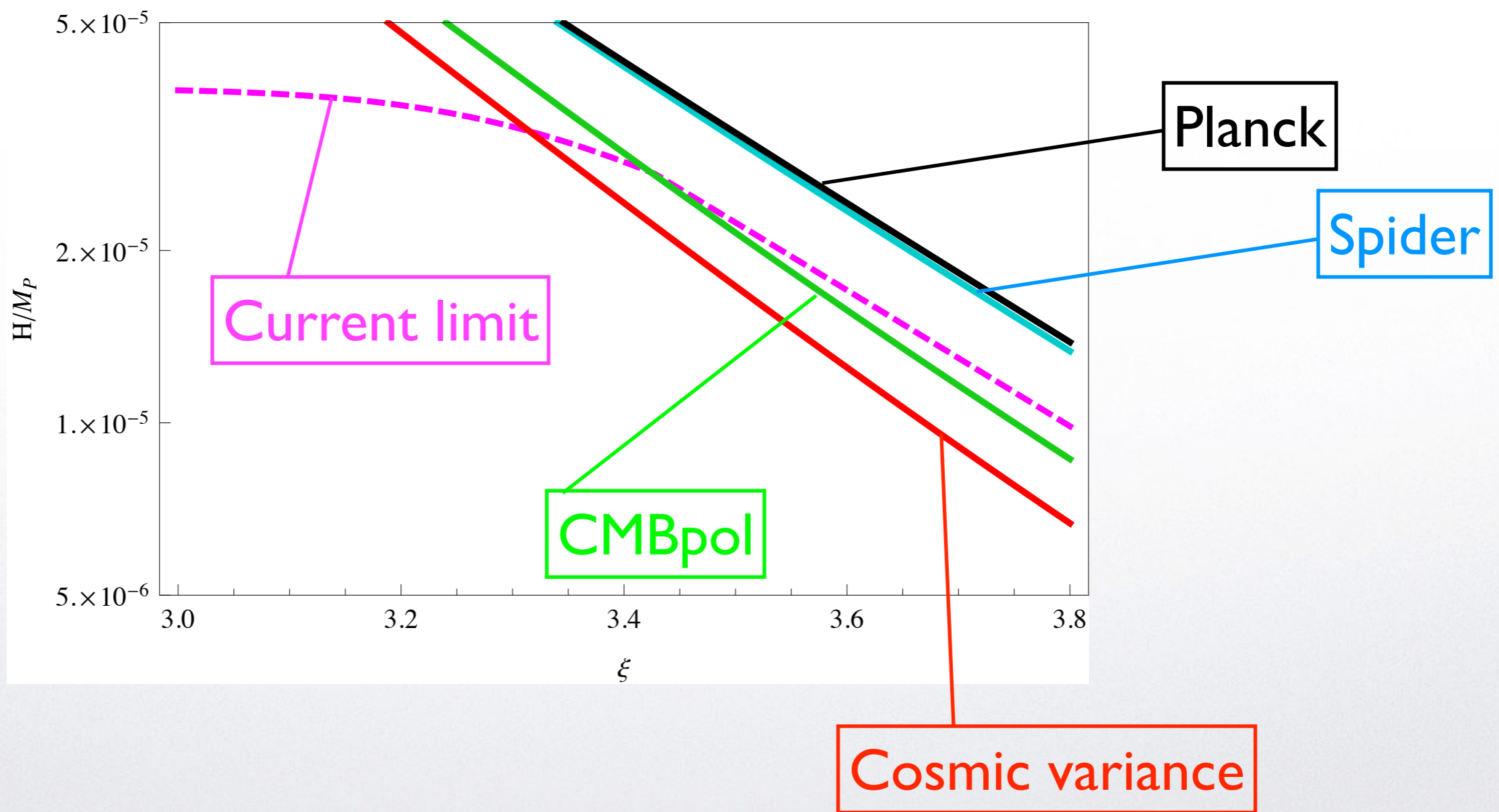
(note this is scale dependent f_{NL} , vanishes as $l \gtrsim 100$)
(\Rightarrow magenta line is too restrictive, see below)

BTW...



...the standard relation $r \propto H^2$ does not hold in this model!

Detectable chiral tensors?



More detailed analysis

Shiraishi, Ricciardone,
Saga 13

Spectra of equilateral f_{NL}
for T, E and B modes

$l_1+l_2+l_3=even$ &
 $l_1+l_2+l_3=odd$
both nonvanishing

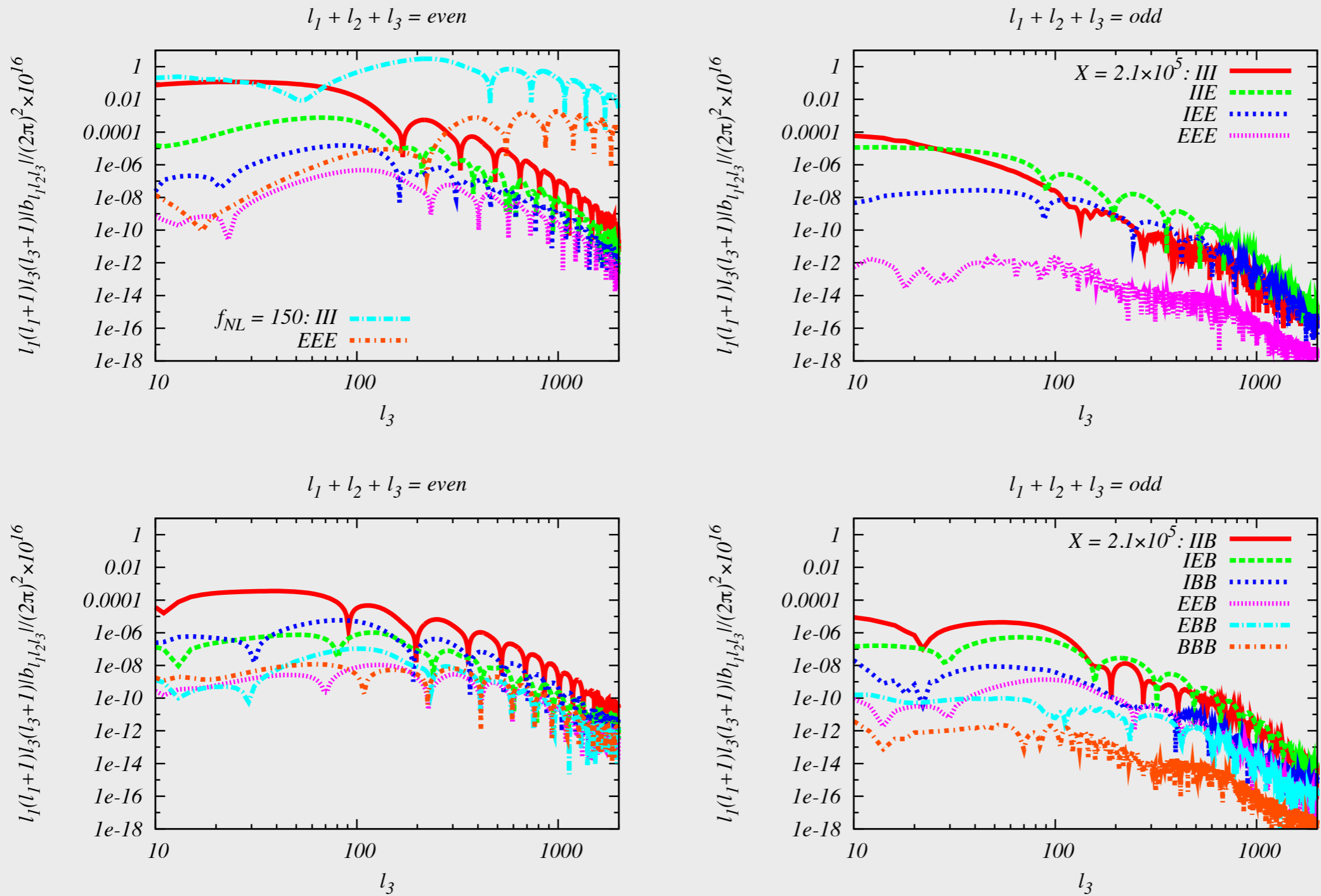


Figure 1. All possible CMB bispectra, i.e., $\langle III \rangle$, $\langle IIE \rangle$, $\langle IEE \rangle$ and $\langle EEE \rangle$ (top two panels), and $\langle IIB \rangle$, $\langle IEB \rangle$, $\langle IBB \rangle$, $\langle EEB \rangle$, $\langle EBB \rangle$ and $\langle BBB \rangle$ (bottom two panels), induced by the tensor non-Gaussianity with $X = 2.1 \times 10^5$ and $\mathcal{P} = 2.5 \times 10^{-9}$ for $\ell_1 + 2 = \ell_2 + 1 = \ell_3$. Left and right two panels describe the parity-even ($\ell_1 + \ell_2 + \ell_3 = \text{even}$) and parity-odd ($\ell_1 + \ell_2 + \ell_3 = \text{odd}$) components, respectively. For comparison, we also plot $\langle III \rangle$ and $\langle EEE \rangle$ from the equilateral non-Gaussianity with $f_{\text{NL}} = 150$. Other cosmological parameters are fixed using the *Planck* results [29]. The parity-odd bispectra seem to oscillate rapidly since they hate symmetric signals as $\ell_1 \sim \ell_2 \sim \ell_3$.

Expected errors on $(\varepsilon e^{2\pi\xi/\xi^3})^3/10^{15}$

Shiraishi,
Ricciardone,
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	<i>III</i>	<i>EEE</i>	all <i>I + E</i>	<i>BBB</i> ($r = 0.05$)	<i>BBB</i> ($r = 5 \times 10^{-4}$)
<i>Planck</i>	127 (129)	232 (233)	56 (65)	17 (19)	2.1 (2.1)
PRISM	127 (129)	83 (84)	25 (30)	0.87 (1.0)	0.015 (0.017)
ideal	127 (129)	82 (83)	25 (29)	0.12 (0.20)	$1.2 (2.0) \times 10^{-4}$

Table 1. Expected 1σ errors of X^3 normalized by 10^{15} in the *III*, *EEE*, all *I + E* cases ($\ell_{\max} = 1000$) and the *BBB* case ($\ell_{\max} = 500$) for each experiment. The tensor-to-scalar ratio r determines the amplitude of the B-mode cosmic variance spectrum. Here we summarize the results estimated from both the parity-even and parity-odd signals. In addition, for comparison, the errors from the parity-even signals alone are written in parentheses.



Room for improvement
with Planck polarization

But NOTE!
Planck+WP constraint on r
gives 10 in the above table

Conclusion (partial)

Existence proof of

Large tensor nongaussianities
with small scalar nongaussianities

+

Parity violation

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Interesting phenomenology in the CMB.

More fun with GWs...

...now in the case where the inflaton is directly coupled to the gauge field...

Inflationary GWs for LIGO

$$\mathcal{P}_R(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{H^2}{\pi^2 M_P^2} \left(1 + 9 \times 10^{-7} \frac{H^2 e^{4\pi\xi}}{M_P^2 \xi^6} \right)$$
$$\mathcal{P}_L(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{H^2}{\pi^2 M_P^2} \left(1 + 2 \times 10^{-9} \frac{H^2 e^{4\pi\xi}}{M_P^2 \xi^6} \right)$$

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ξ increases during inflation

$$\xi \equiv \frac{\dot{\phi}}{2fH} \gtrsim 1$$

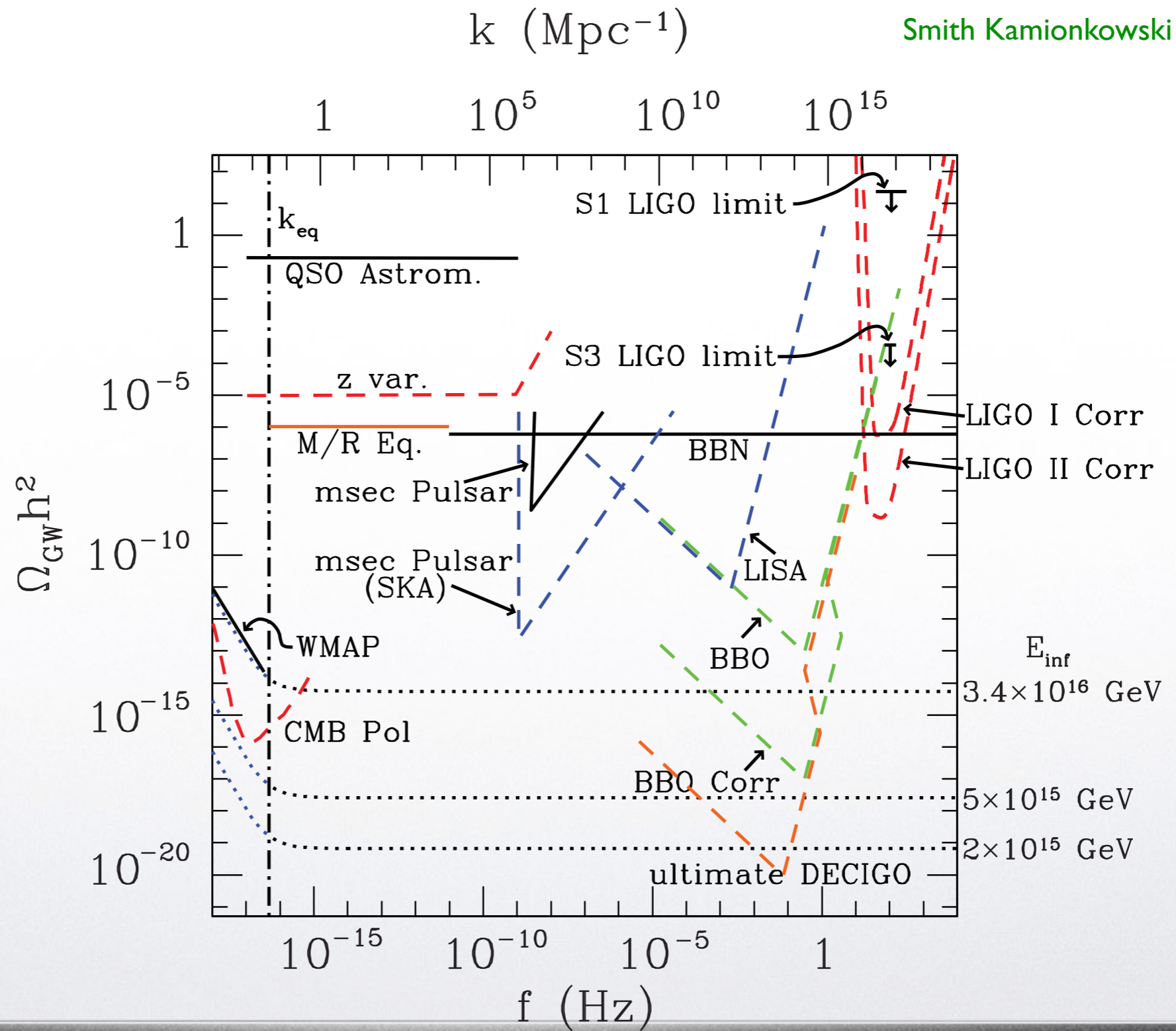
GWs produced towards the end of inflation
(i.e. at smaller scales) have larger amplitude

might be detected by advanced LIGO!

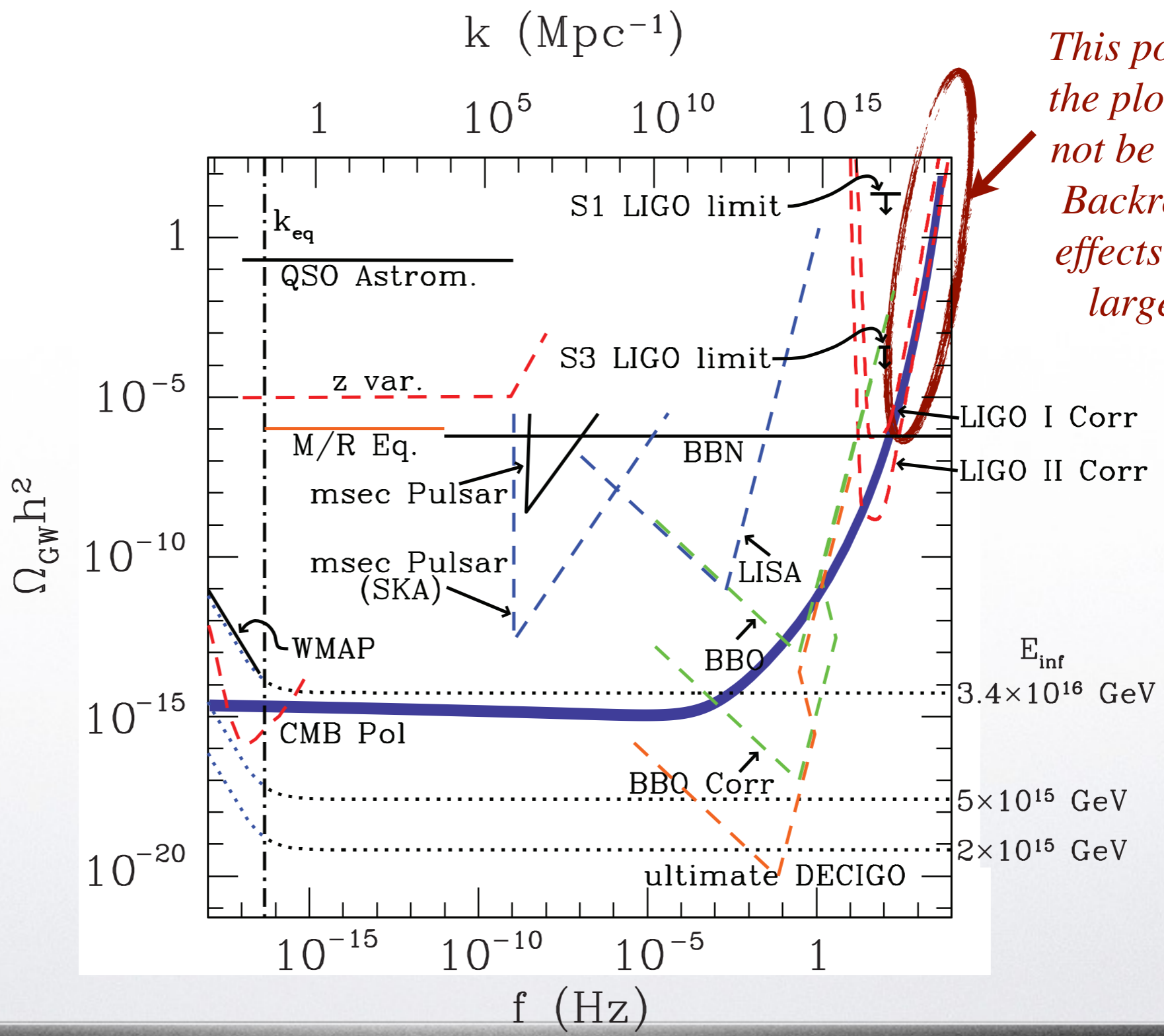
Note: constraints from f_{NL} do not
apply at LIGO scales!

Prospects of direct detection of GWs of inflationary origin

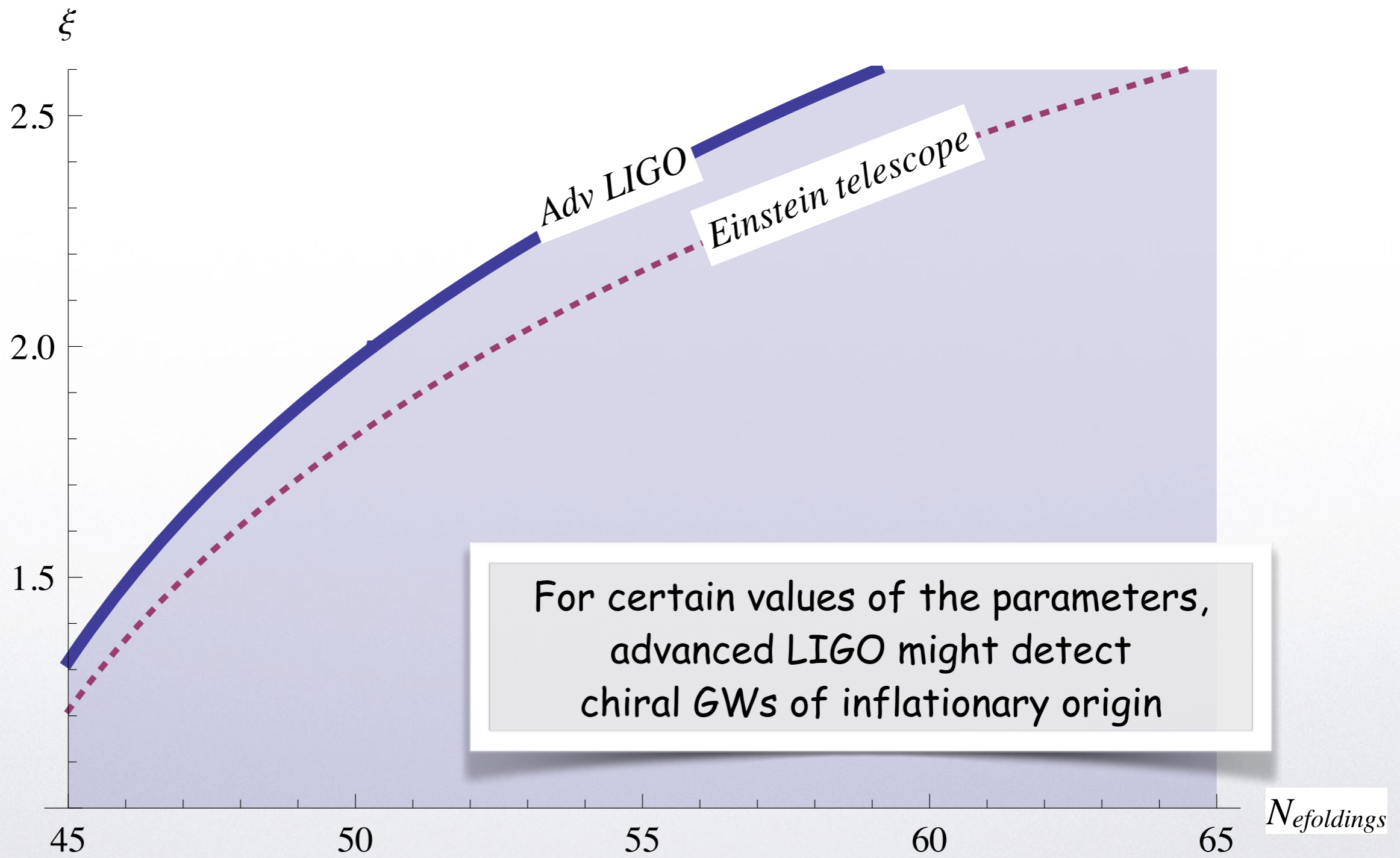
Smith Kamionkowski Cooray 06



$N=50$ efoldings
 $V(\phi)=m^2 \phi^2/2,$
 $\xi_{COBE}=2.1$



This portion of the plot should not be trusted! Backreaction effects are too large here



A few comments

These tensor modes would be chiral! [Crowder et al 12](#)

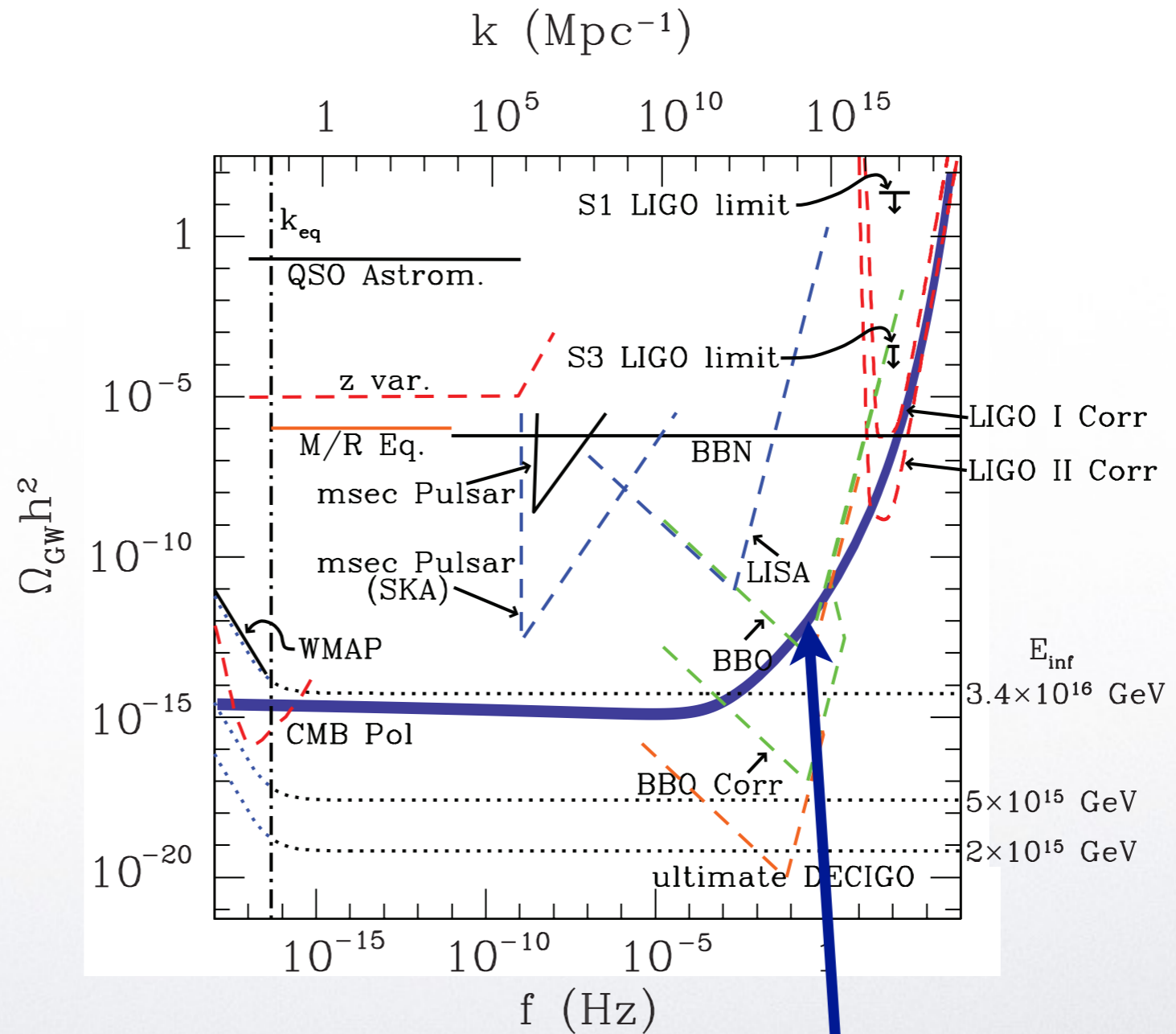
The GWs produced this way should be strongly nongaussian [Thrane 12](#)

Signal might correlate with nongaussianities at CMB/LSS scales

Large and nongaussian fluctuations at the end of inflation might generate primordial BHs

[Linde and Pajer 13](#)

And by the way....



Example of **BLUE** tensor spectrum without violation of energy conditions

Conclusion

Even if tensors usually look boring,
they can have a rich phenomenology
(and all we have seen originates from a single operator)

Nonvanishing $\langle EB \rangle$ and $\langle TB \rangle$
 could also be produced by some
 late-Universe effect
 (e.g. pseudoscalar quintessence)

Gluscevic and Kamionkowski 2010
 have however shown that it is
 possible to distinguish a primordial
 $\langle EB \rangle$ and $\langle TB \rangle$
 from a late one

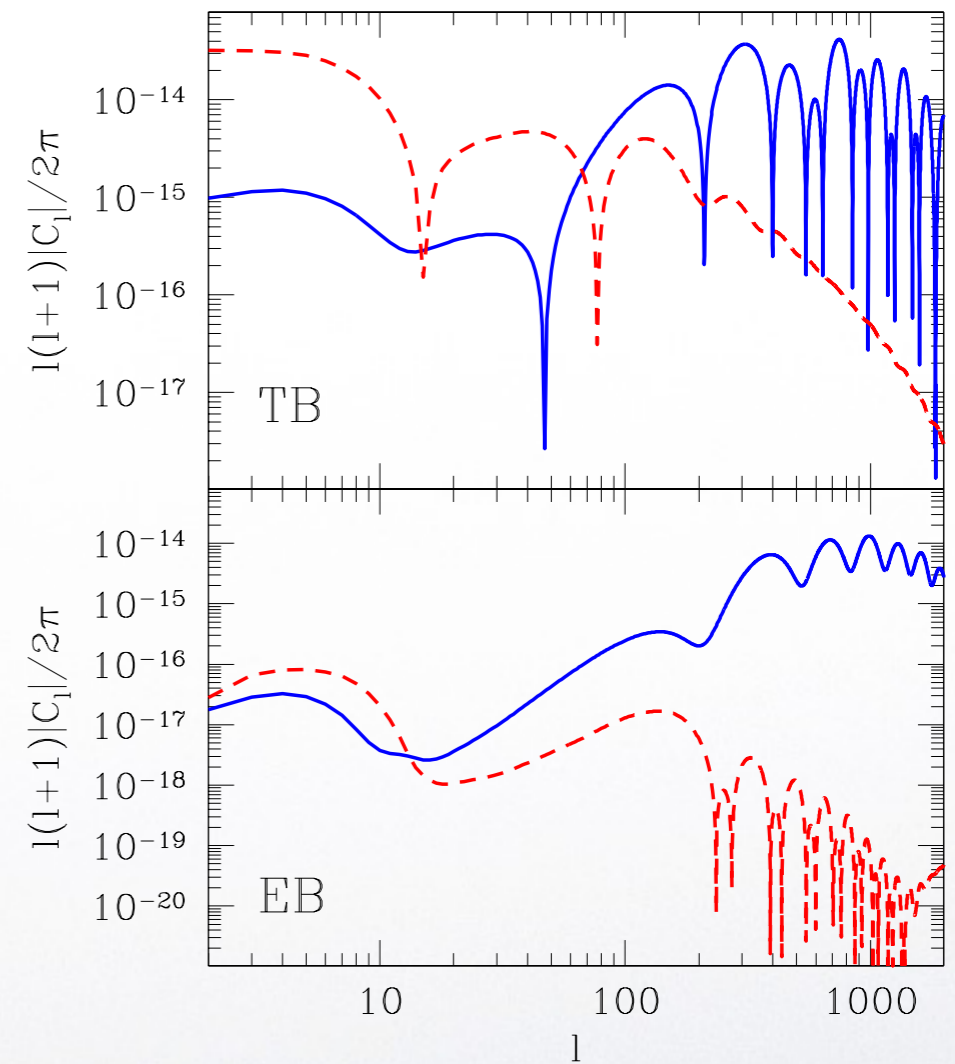


FIG. 5: We show TB and EB power spectra from chiral GWs for $\Delta\chi = 0.2$ and $r = 0.22$ (dashed red curves) and from cosmological birefringence for $\Delta\alpha = 5'$ (solid blue curves).

Also note

A “natural” coupling that might lead to nonvanishing $\langle EB \rangle$ and $\langle TB \rangle$ is

$$\delta\mathcal{L} = \frac{\phi}{f'} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} R^{\alpha\beta}{}_{\mu\nu} R_{\gamma\delta}{}^{\mu\nu}$$

however..

Action for tensor modes in theory with $\phi R \tilde{R}$

$$\mathcal{S} = \sum \frac{1}{2} \int d\tau \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} A_\lambda (|h'_\lambda|^2 - k^2 |h_\lambda|^2)$$

$$A_\lambda = 1 - \lambda \frac{k}{a} \frac{\dot{\phi}}{2 f' M_P^2}$$

for k too large one of the modes is strongly coupled and/or a ghost

if we choose parameters so to stay away from strongly coupled regime, then effect on tensor modes is too weak

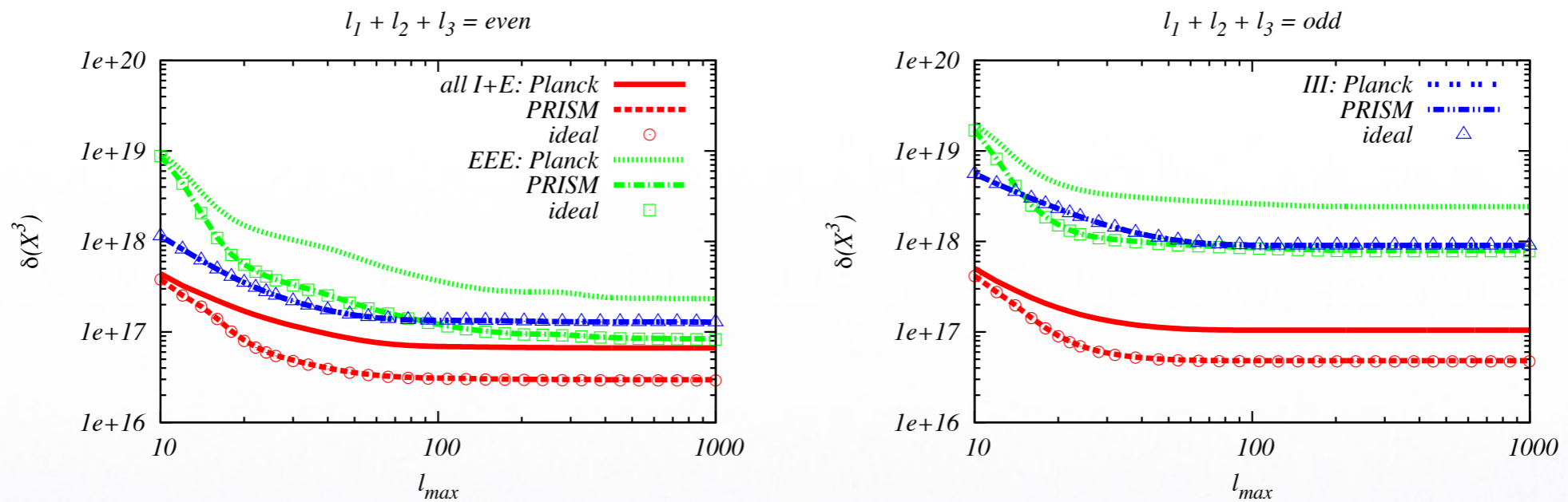


Figure 2. Expected 1σ errors of X^3 (5.5) obtained by using the parity-even (left panel) and parity-odd (right panel) signals in all types of the temperature and E-mode bispectra (red lines), the E-mode auto-bispectrum alone (green lines) and the temperature auto-bispectrum alone (blue lines). Here we assume the *Planck*, PRISM, and cosmic-variance-limited ideal experiments.