Gravity as Portal to (almost) Everything!

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<u>Plan</u>

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 - Beyond the realms of the SM
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- Detectable Primordial Gravitational Wave (PGW)
- Case of a stable and a decaying Dark Matter (DM)
 - along with BAU
 - Explaining IceCube excess
- Light DM via gravity portal
- Conclusion

Why go beyond the Standard Model?









Where is the Antimatter ???

Here and there be Dark Matter!



- Couples very weakly to photons
- ✓ Massive
- ✓ Still around today (stable)



- too light to satisfy abundance
- too hot to form structures
- ightarrow Motivation to go beyond the SM



Matter over anti-matter

Independent observations from BBN and CMB

$$Y_{\Delta B} \equiv \frac{n_B - n_{\bar{B}}}{s} \sim 8 \times 10^{-11}$$

 Dynamical generation of BAU: Sakharov conditions Sakharov (JETP) Lett.5(1967)24)

 $\rightarrow B, (C; C/P),$ Departure from thermal equilibrium

B-number is an *accidental symmetry* in the SM $C/P \implies$ Jarlskog invariant PRL55:1039,1985 ~ 10^{-20} is too small EWPT is not strongly 1^{st} order (1206.2942)

- A possible way:

→ Baryogenesis via Leptogenesis (Fukugita, Yanagida PLB174:45,1986 hep-ph/0401240 0802.2962) \rightarrow connects ν -mass with BAU

Matter over anti-matter

• Type-I Seesaw:



- CP-asymmetry: interference between tree- & loop
- Out of equilibrium provided by expansion of the universe





 Thermal: produced via scatterings in the thermal bath - Hierarchical: $M_1 \ll M_{2,3}$ - Davidson-Ibarra (hep-ph/0202239) $\epsilon \lesssim \frac{M_N \, m_\nu}{\langle H \rangle^2}$ $T_{\rm rb} > M_N \gtrsim 10^8 - 10^{10} \, {\rm GeV}$ \rightarrow aravitino overproduction • Non-thermal: $M_N > T_{\rm rb}$ Produced from perturbative inflaton decay $\phi \rightarrow NN$ (PLB258(1991)305) From preheating (hep-ph/9905242) $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{i} = \frac{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}(N_{i} \rightarrow LH) - \boldsymbol{\Gamma}\left(N_{i} \rightarrow \overline{L}H^{\dagger}\right)}{\boldsymbol{\Gamma}(N_{i} \rightarrow LH) + \boldsymbol{\Gamma}\left(N_{i} \rightarrow \overline{L}H^{\dagger}\right)} \sim \sum_{i\neq i} \frac{Im\left[\left(\boldsymbol{Y}_{v}^{\dagger}\boldsymbol{Y}_{v}\right)_{ij}^{2}\right]}{\left(\boldsymbol{Y}_{v}^{\dagger}\boldsymbol{Y}_{v}\right)} \frac{M_{i}}{M_{i}}$

2 birds, 1 (non-standard) stone



The Set-up

- SM+3 RHNs (Majorana)+1 scalar (inflaton)
- gravity portal arises from perturbation around flat metric

$$\begin{split} \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}/M_P \\ \rightarrow -\frac{1}{M_P} h_{\mu\nu} \begin{pmatrix} \text{stress-energy} \\ T_{SM}^{\mu\nu} + T_{\phi}^{\mu\nu} + T_X^{\mu\nu} \\ & \text{inflation} \end{pmatrix} \end{split}$$

- Consider massless gravitons and from $T_{\mu\nu}$ we can compute the amplitudes for the processes



• Potential for ϕ (T-model (1306.5220))

$$\begin{split} V(\phi) &= \lambda M_P^4 \left| \sqrt{6} \tanh\left(\frac{\phi}{\sqrt{6}M_P}\right) \right|^k \\ &\approx \lambda \phi^k / M_P^{k-4} \, ; \phi \ll M_P \end{split}$$

•
$$w\equiv \frac{p_{\phi}}{\rho_{\phi}}=\frac{k-2}{k+2}$$
 is the general inflaton EOS

• CMB measurement at $k = k_{\star}$

$$\begin{split} n_s &\simeq 1 - 6\epsilon_\star + 2\eta_\star \,, r \simeq 16\epsilon_\star \\ A_{S\star} &\simeq \frac{V_\star}{24\pi^2\epsilon_\star M_P^4} \to \lambda \simeq \frac{18\pi^2 A_{S\star}}{6^{k/2}N_\star^2} \end{split}$$

- Only renorm. interaction: $\mathcal{L} \supset -(y_N)_{ij} \ \overline{N}_i \ \widetilde{H}^{\dagger} \ L_j$
- No perturbative decay of ϕ into RHN
- ϕ interacts with any other matter field only gravitationally
- stable DM: $(y_N)_{i1} \rightarrow 0$, decaying DM: $(y_N)_{i1} \neq 0$

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Gravitational Production

- DM: $\phi \phi \rightarrow N_1 N_1$, SM SM $\rightarrow N_1 N_1$
- (Non-thermal) Leptogenesis: $\phi \phi \rightarrow N_{2,3} N_{2,3}$
- Reheating: $\phi \phi \rightarrow SM SM$











- Graviton exchange processes sufficient to reheat for k > 9 (2201.02348,2205.01689)
 Can be relaxed by adding
 - Can be relaxed by adding non-minimal contribution to radiation production (but still k > 4 (1905.06823))

•
$$k > 4 \rightarrow w > 1/3 \implies$$
 a stiff epoch

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{L}_{\text{non-min}}^{J} &\supset \left[-\frac{M_P^2}{2} \, \Omega^2 \, \tilde{\mathcal{R}} + \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_{\phi} + \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_{h} + \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_{N_i} \right] \\ \text{with } \Omega^2 &\equiv 1 + \frac{\xi_{\phi} \, \phi^2}{M_P^2} + \frac{\xi_{h} \, |h|^2}{M_P^2} \\ &|\xi_i|\chi^2/M_P^2 \ll 1 \, (\text{leading order in small-field limit}) \\ &\rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{\text{non-min}}^{E} \supset -\sigma_{hN}^{\xi} \, |h|^2 \, N N - \sigma_{\phi N_i}^{\xi} \, \phi^2 \, N \, N \\ &\sigma_{\phi N}^{\xi} = \frac{M_{N_i}}{2M_P^2} \xi_{\phi} \,, \ \sigma_{hN}^{\xi} = \frac{M_{N_i}}{2M_P^2} \xi_{\phi} \end{split}$$

• small field lmit: $\xi_{\phi} \ll 1$, $\mathcal{O}(1)(GW) \lesssim \xi_h \lesssim \mathcal{O}(10^{15})$ (collider [1211.0281]) 7 / 12

Primordial Gravitational Wave

- PGW is a crucial prediction of inflation
- For horizon crossing happening during RD, PGW spectrum is *scale-invariant*
- The spectrum is *blue-tilted* for a stiff equation of state (gr-qc/0105121,1412.0743)

$$\Omega_{\rm GW} = \frac{1}{\rho_c} \frac{d\rho_{\rm GW}}{d\log k} \propto a^{3\,w-1}$$

- Excessive blue-tilting is BBN forbidden: rules out $\xi_h = 0$ (1811.04093,1905.06823)
- This is relaxed for non-minimal coupling
- PGW spectrum today

$$\Omega_{\rm GW}^{(0)} \propto \Omega_{\gamma}^{(0)} \begin{cases} 1 \,, \, f < f_{\rm MD} \\ \frac{2 \, (3w-1)}{(1+3w)} \,, \, f_{\rm MD} \leq f \leq f_e \\ 0 \,, \, f > f_e \end{cases}$$

• Slope of the spectrum can probe shape of the inflaton potential



Case of a stable DM: $(y_N)_{i1} \rightarrow 0$

$$\Omega_{N_1}h^2 = \left(\Omega_{N_1}^T + \Omega_{N_1}^\phi\right) h^2 \sim 0.2$$

- $(y_N)_{i1} \rightarrow 0: e.g., Z_2$ -odd
- Relic is satisfied twice:
 - Low $T_{\rm rh}$: ϕ scattering dominates
 - High $T_{\rm rh}$: SM scattering dominates



Fields	Z_2
$N_1 \\ N_{2,3} \\ SM$	- + +

 $Y_B \propto \epsilon_{\Delta L} n^{\phi}_{N_2}(T_{\rm rh})/s(T_{\rm rh}) \sim 10^{-11}$

- Non-thermal leptogensis: N₂
 produced only during reheating
- kinematical suppression: $M_{N_2} \rightarrow m_{\phi}$



Case of a decaying DM: $(y_N)_{i1} \neq 0$

- "PeV excess" @ IceCube: 1.04, 1.14, 2.2 PeV (1304.5356)
- Maximum energy observed @ lceCube $E_{\nu}^{\rm max} \approx m_{\rm DM}/2$ can be explained by decaying DM (1308.1105.1311.5864,1410.5979,1607.05283...)
- DM lifetime with simplest Yukawa $y_{N_1} \bar{L} H N_1$

$$\tau \simeq 10^{28} \ {\rm s} \ \left(\frac{4 \times 10^{-29}}{y_{N_1}} \right)^2 \ \left(\frac{1 \, {\rm PeV}}{M_{N_1}} \right)$$

• Freeze-in production via same needs

$$\Omega_{N_1} \, h^2 \simeq 0.12 \, \left(\frac{y_{N_1}}{1.2 \times 10^{-12}} \right)^2 \, \left(\frac{M_{N_1}}{1 \, {\rm PeV}} \right)$$

- minimal d = 4 operator is insufficient (alternatives: 1606.04517,1607.05283,2206.12910...)
- Gravity portal naturally provides PeV-scale DM

k = 8				
ξ_h	T _{rh}	M _{N1} PeV	$\frac{M_{N_2}}{\text{GeV}} \times 10^{11}$	
1	0.0084 (excluded)	-	-	
2.5	0.11	4.0*	7.3	
10	8.1	8.1	17	



A second avatar

 Strong dependence on RHN mass can be overcome considering an intermediate state

 $\mathcal{L} \supset -y_R^i S \, \overline{N_i^c} \, N_i + \text{h.c.}$

• Each *S* decaying into 2 RHNs with branching

- DM could be ~ O (keV) such that warm DM limit applies
 - $ightarrow e.g., \ m_{\rm DM}\gtrsim 4~{\rm keV}$ for thermal relic (1512.01981,2209.14220)



A second avatar

k = 8				
ξ_h	T_{rh}	M_{N_1}	$M_{N_2} \times 10^{11}$	
1	0.0084 (excluded)	-	-	
10	8.1	220 TeV	0.4	
68	2.6×10^{3}	4.0*	7.1	
100	8.1×10^{3}	$7.1 \mathrm{PeV}$	13	

 Inflaton contribution dominates over thermal for spin-0 production (2112.14668, 2112.15214)

$$\begin{split} & \left. R_0^{\phi^k} / R_0^T \right|_{a=a_{\text{MOX}}} \sim (\rho_e / \rho_{\text{RH}})^{2/k} \gg 1 \\ & \left[\text{for spin 1/2} \sim \left(M_N / m_\phi \right)^2 (\rho_e / \rho_{\text{RH}})^{2/k} \right. \end{split}$$

- Kinematically: $2m_{\phi} > 4M_N$
- Opens up lower mass and larger ξ_h



Remarks

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Thank you for your attention!

Backup Slides

Production Rates

Generic solution to inflaton EoM

$$\ddot{\phi} + 3H\dot{\phi} + V_{,\phi}(\phi) = 0$$
$$\rightarrow \phi(t) = \varphi(t) \cdot \mathcal{P}(t)$$

- Rapid oscillations of $\mathcal{P}(t)$ are damped by decreasing envelope $\varphi(t)$ due to redshift
- Period of oscillation

$$\mathcal{T} = 2\pi/\omega, \omega = m_{\phi} \sqrt{\frac{\pi k}{2(k-1)}} \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{k}\right) / \Gamma\left(1/k\right)$$

- Each Fourier mode contributes to scattering amplitude with energy $E_n = n . \omega$
- Thermal rate

$$R_j^T = eta_j \, rac{T^8}{M_P^4}$$
 , for spin 'j' final states

Inflaton rate

$$\begin{aligned} R_{\phi}^{0} &= \frac{\rho_{\phi}^{2}}{256\pi M_{P}^{4}} \sum_{n} \left(1 + 2 \frac{m_{X}^{2}}{E_{n}^{2}} \right)^{2} |(\mathcal{P}^{k})_{n}|^{2} \left[1 - \frac{4m_{X}^{2}}{E_{n}^{2}} \right]^{1/2} \\ R_{\phi}^{1/2} &= \frac{\rho_{\phi}^{2}}{256\pi M_{P}^{4}} \sum_{n} \frac{m_{X}^{2}}{E_{n}^{2}} |(\mathcal{P}^{k})_{n}|^{2} \left[1 - \frac{4m_{X}^{2}}{E_{n}^{2}} \right]^{3/2} \end{aligned}$$

BEQs

EoM of ϕ

$$\ddot{\phi} + 3H\dot{\phi} + V'(\phi) = 0$$

Averaging over oscillation leads to

$$\langle \dot{\phi}^2 \rangle \simeq \langle \phi V'(\phi) \rangle$$

$$\Longrightarrow \ \rho_{\phi} \simeq \frac{1}{2} \langle \dot{\phi}^2 \rangle + \langle V(\phi) \rangle \simeq \frac{k+2}{2} \langle V(\phi) \rangle = V(\varphi)$$

$$\& \ p_{\phi} \simeq \frac{1}{2} \langle \dot{\phi}^2 \rangle - \langle V(\phi) \rangle \simeq \frac{k-2}{2} \langle V(\phi) \rangle = \frac{k-2}{k+2} V(\varphi)$$

EOS: $w = p/\rho = (k - 2)/(k + 2)$

$$\dot{\rho}_{\phi} + 3H(1+w_{\phi})\rho_{\phi} \simeq -\Gamma_{\phi} (1+w_{\phi})\rho_{\phi}$$
$$\dot{\rho}_{R} + 4H\rho_{R} \simeq +(1+w_{\phi})\Gamma_{\phi}\rho_{\phi}$$

Energy-momentum tensors

$$\begin{split} T_0^{\mu\nu} &= \partial^{\mu}S\partial_{\mu}S - g^{\mu\nu} \left[\frac{1}{2}\,\partial^{\alpha}S\partial_{\alpha}S - V(S)\right] \\ T_{1/2}^{\mu\nu} &= \frac{i}{8} \left[\bar{\chi}\gamma^{\mu}\overleftrightarrow{\partial^{\nu}}\chi + \bar{\chi}\gamma^{\nu}\overleftrightarrow{\partial^{\mu}}\chi\right] - g^{\mu\nu} \left[\frac{i}{4}\bar{\chi}\gamma^{\alpha}\overleftrightarrow{\partial_{\alpha}}\chi - \frac{m_{\chi}}{2}\,\overline{\chi^{c}}\chi\right] \end{split}$$

Graviton propagator

$$\Pi^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}(p) = \frac{\eta^{\rho\nu}\eta^{\sigma\mu} + \eta^{\rho\mu}\eta^{\sigma\nu} - \eta^{\rho\sigma}\eta^{\mu\nu}}{2p^2} \,,$$

in harmonic (de Donder) gauge where $\partial^{\mu} h_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_{\nu} \operatorname{Tr} (h_{\mu\nu})$

Number densities

• Minimal gravitational production of RHN

$$\begin{split} \text{Thermal:} & n_{N_i}^T(a_{\text{RH}}) \simeq \frac{\beta_{1/2} \left(k+2\right) \rho_{\text{RH}}^{\frac{3}{2}}}{12 \sqrt{3} M_P^3 \, c_*^2} \frac{2(7-4k)^2}{(k+5)(k-1)(5k-2)} \, \left(a_{\text{RH}}/a_e\right)^{\frac{10+2k}{k+2}} \\ \text{Inflaton:} & n_{N_i}^{\phi^k}(a_{\text{RH}}) \simeq \frac{M_{N_1}^2 \sqrt{3} \left(k+2\right) \rho_{\text{RH}}^{\frac{1}{2}+\frac{2}{k}}}{24 \pi \, k(k-1) \lambda^{\frac{2}{k}} \, M_P^{1+\frac{8}{k}}} \left(\frac{\rho_{\text{end}}}{\rho_{\text{RH}}}\right)^{\frac{1}{k}} \, \Sigma_{1/2}^k \end{split}$$

• Non-minimal gravitational production of RHN

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thermal:} \ n_{N_{i}}^{T(\xi_{h}\neq0)} &= \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}N_{h}\,\zeta(3)^{2}\,\xi_{h}^{2}}{32\,\pi^{5}\,c_{*}^{3/2}}\,\frac{M_{N_{i}}^{2}\,\rho_{\text{RH}}}{M_{P}^{3}}\right)\,\frac{(k+2)\,\left(1-\left(\frac{\rho_{e}}{\rho_{\text{RH}}}\right)^{\frac{7}{3}-\frac{4}{3}}\right)^{-3/2}}{72\,(5-4k)\,\Gamma\left(\frac{29-20k}{14-8k}\right)} \\ &\times \left[9\sqrt{\pi}(5-4k)\left(\frac{\rho_{e}}{\rho_{\text{RH}}}\right)^{1/k}\,\Gamma\left(\frac{4k-4}{4k-7}\right)+4\,\left(\frac{\rho_{e}}{\rho_{\text{RH}}}\right)^{\frac{16k^{2}+4k+169}{21k-12k^{2}}}\,\Gamma\left(\frac{29-20k}{14-8k}\right)\,\mathcal{G}\right] \end{aligned}$$

Gravitational production of scalar

$$\text{Inflaton:} \ n_{N_i}^{S\phi^k}(a_{\text{RH}}) \simeq \text{Br}_i \times \frac{\sqrt{3}\rho_{\text{RH}}^{3/2}}{4\pi M_P^3} \frac{k+2}{6k-6} \left(\frac{\rho_{\text{end}}}{\rho_{\text{RH}}}\right)^{1-\frac{1}{k}} \Sigma_0^k$$

BBN bound on reheating temperature

$$\rho_{\phi} = \rho_R$$
 at $T = T_{\text{rh}}$



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Interactions

$$\mathcal{S}_J = \int \, d^4x \sqrt{-\tilde{g}} \left[-\frac{M_P^2}{2} \, \Omega^2 \, \tilde{\mathcal{R}} + \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_\phi + \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_h + \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_{N_i} \right]$$

where

$$\begin{split} & \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_{\phi} = \frac{1}{2} \, \partial_{\mu} \phi \, \partial^{\mu} \phi - V(\phi) \\ & \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_{h} = \partial_{\mu} h \, \partial^{\mu} h^{\dagger} - V(hh^{\dagger}) \\ & \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_{N_{i}} = \frac{i}{2} \, \overline{\mathcal{N}_{i}} \, \overleftarrow{\nabla} \, \mathcal{N}_{i} - \frac{1}{2} \, M_{N_{i}} \, \overline{(\mathcal{N})^{c}}_{i} \, \mathcal{N}_{i} + \widetilde{\mathcal{L}}_{\text{yuk}} \\ & \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_{\text{yuk}} = -y_{N_{i}} \, \overline{\mathcal{N}_{i}} \, \widetilde{h^{\dagger}} \, \mathbb{L} + \text{h.c.} \end{split}$$

• Conformal transformation: $\Omega^2 \equiv 1 + \frac{\xi_{\phi} \phi^2}{M_P^2} + \frac{\xi_h |h|^2}{M_P^2} \implies g_{\mu\nu} = \Omega^2 \, \tilde{g}_{\mu\nu}$

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{S}_E &= \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \bigg[-\frac{M_P^2 \,\mathcal{R}}{2} + \frac{K^{ab}}{2} \, g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu S_a \, \partial_\nu S_b + \frac{i}{2 \, \Omega^3} \, \overline{N_i} \, \overleftarrow{\nabla} \, N_i - \\ & \frac{1}{\Omega^4} \, \left(\frac{M_{N_i}}{2} \, \overline{N_i^c} \, N_i + \mathcal{L}_{\text{YUK}} \right) - \frac{3i}{4\Omega^4} \, \overline{N_i} \, \left(\overleftarrow{\partial} \, \Omega \right) \, N_i - \frac{1}{\Omega^4} \, \left(V_\phi + V_h \right) \bigg] \,, \end{split}$$

• Field re-definitons: $L \rightarrow \Omega^{3/2} L$, $N \rightarrow \Omega^{3/2} N$

$$\mathcal{S}_{E} = \int d^{4}x \sqrt{-g} \left[-\frac{M_{P}^{2} \mathcal{R}}{2} + \frac{K^{ab}}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_{\mu}S_{a} \partial_{\nu}S_{b} - \frac{1}{\Omega^{4}} \left(V_{\phi} + V_{h} \right) + \frac{i}{2} \overline{N_{i}} \overleftrightarrow{\nabla} N_{i} + \frac{1}{\Omega} \mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk}} \right]$$

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Interactions

• Inflaton mass

$$\begin{split} m_{\phi}^{2}(k) &\equiv \frac{\partial^{2} V}{\partial \phi^{2}} = \lambda^{2/k} \, k \left(k-1\right) M_{P}^{2} \, \left(\frac{\rho_{\phi}}{M_{P}^{4}}\right)^{1-\frac{2}{k}} \\ m_{\phi}^{2}\Big|_{a_{e}} &\propto \left(\frac{\rho_{e}^{\phi}}{M_{P}^{4}}\right)^{1-\frac{2}{k}} \, , \rho_{e}^{\phi} \simeq V(\phi_{e}) \text{ with } \phi_{\text{end}} \simeq \sqrt{\frac{3}{8}} M_{P} \ln\left[\frac{1}{2} + \frac{k}{3} \left(k + \sqrt{k^{2} + 3}\right)\right] \end{split}$$

• Reheating temperature

$$T_{\rm RH}^4 = \frac{30}{\pi^2 \, g_{\rm RH}} \, M_P^4 \, \left(\frac{\rho_e}{M_P^4}\right)^{\frac{4k-7}{k-4}} \, \left(\frac{\alpha_k(\xi) \, \sqrt{3} \, (k+2)}{8k-14}\right)^{\frac{3k}{k-4}} \, \label{eq:RH}$$

• Maximum temperature

$$\rho_{\max} \simeq \sqrt{3} \, \alpha_k(\xi) \, M_P^4 \, \left(\frac{\rho_{\text{end}}}{M_P^4}\right)^{\frac{2k-1}{k}} \, \frac{k+2}{12k-16} \, \left(\frac{2k+4}{6k-3}\right)^{\frac{2k+4}{4k-7}} \equiv c_* \, T_{\max}^4$$

Derivation of Ω_{GW}

• Assuming "hc" occurs during inflaton-domination

$$\begin{split} \Omega_{\rm GW}(\tau,k) &= \frac{1}{12a(\tau)^2 H(\tau)^2} \, \mathcal{P}_T(k) \, \left[\chi(\tau,k)' \right]^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{12a(\tau)^2 H(\tau)^2} \, \mathcal{P}_T(k) \, \frac{k_{gw}^2}{2} \, \left(\frac{a_{\rm hc}}{a_0} \right)^2 \\ &= \frac{\Omega_\gamma \, h^2}{3} \, \frac{\rho_\phi}{\rho_{\rm RH}} \, \left[\frac{g_{\star\rho,rh}}{2} \, \left(\frac{g_{\star\rho,rh}}{g_{\stars,dec}} \right)^{-\frac{4}{3}} \, \left(\frac{a_{\rm hc}}{a_{\rm rh}} \right)^4 \right] \, \left(\frac{H_{\rm end}}{2\pi \, M_P} \right)^2 \\ f &= \frac{k_{hc}}{2\pi a_0} = \frac{a_{\rm hc} \, H_{hc}}{2\pi a_0} = \frac{a_{\rm hc}}{a_0} \, \frac{1}{2\pi} \, H_{rh} \, \sqrt{\frac{\rho_{\rm hc}}{\rho_{\rm RH}}} = \frac{\sqrt{\rho_{\rm RH}}}{2\pi\sqrt{3} \, M_P} \, \frac{a_{\rm hc}}{a_0} \, \left(\frac{a_{\rm rh}}{a_{\rm hc}} \right)^{3k/(k+2)} \\ \end{split}$$
 Then

$$\Omega_{\rm GW} h^2 = \frac{\Omega_{\gamma} h^2}{3} \frac{g_{\star\rho,\tau h}}{2} \left(\frac{g_{\star\rho,\tau h}}{g_{\star s,dec}}\right)^{-\frac{4}{3}} \left(\frac{H_{\rm end}}{2\pi M_P}\right)^2 \left(\frac{a_0}{a_{\rm rh}}\right)^{\frac{k-4}{k-1}} \left(\frac{2\pi\sqrt{3} M_P}{\sqrt{\rho_{\rm RH}}} f\right)^{\frac{k-4}{k-1}}$$

• Assuming "hc" occurs during RD

$$\Omega_{\rm GW} h^2 = \frac{\Omega_{\gamma} h^2}{3} \frac{g_{\star\rho,rh}}{2} \left(\frac{g_{\star\rho,rh}}{g_{\star s,dec}} \right)^{-\frac{4}{3}} \left(\frac{H_{\rm end}}{2\pi M_P} \right)^2$$
$$\implies \Omega_{\rm GW} h^2 \simeq \Omega_{\rm GW} h^2 \Big|_{\rm RD} \times \mathcal{W}(f,w)$$