## **GRAVITATIONAL WAVE – BACKGROUNDS –**



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# **GAUGE (P)REHEATING** Hybrid Preheating = Higgs+Inflaton model inflaton mass inflaton: $\ddot{\phi}(t) + (\mu^2 + g^2 |\chi|^2) \phi(t) = 0$ Higgs: $\ddot{\chi}_k + (k^2 + m^2 \left(\frac{\phi^2}{\phi_c^2} - 1\right) + \lambda |\chi|^2) \chi_k = 0$ Self-coupling $m = \sqrt{\lambda}v$ $\psi_c \equiv m/g$ V.E.V. $\phi_c \equiv m/g$ Viere of the second inflaton mass

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**The Abelian-Higgs+Inflaton model**  

$$L = \left(-\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}^{a}F_{a}^{\mu\nu}\right) + Tr[(D_{\mu}\Phi)^{+}D^{\mu}\Phi] + \frac{1}{2}(\partial_{\mu}\chi)^{2} - V(\Phi,\chi)$$

$$F_{\mu\nu} = \partial_{\mu}A_{\nu} - \partial_{\nu}A_{\mu}$$

$$D_{\mu} = \partial_{\mu} - ieA_{\mu}$$

$$V(\phi,\chi) = \frac{\lambda}{4}(\phi^{2} - \nu^{2})^{2} + \frac{\vartheta^{2}}{2}\phi^{2}\chi^{2} + \frac{1}{2}m^{2}\chi^{2}$$

Just to confuse you a little bit:

$$\label{eq:constraint} {\rm now} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \chi: inflaton \\ \Phi = \frac{\phi}{\sqrt{2}}: Higgs \end{array} \right.$$











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(Topological Defects → 4th Lecture)

Dufaux et al 2010

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### We Should look for this effect at low-freq models ! Very unfortunate... no good high freq. detectors !

























#### **Back-up Slides**

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• Scalars  $(n_k \gg 1)$ :  $\Box \phi + V_{,\phi} = 0, \ \Box \chi_a + V_{,\chi_a} = 0$ 

Semi-classical regime  $\pi_k \approx \kappa \phi_k + \dots$  (Squeezed States)

• FLRW: 
$$H^2 = \frac{8\pi G}{3}\rho$$
,  $\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = -\frac{4\pi G}{3}(\rho + 3p)$ ,  $\begin{cases} \rho = \langle \rho_{\phi} + \rho_{\chi} + ... \rangle \\ p = \langle p_{\phi} + p_{\chi} + ... \rangle \end{cases}$ 

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 $\partial_{\mu}\partial_{\mu}O(x) \rightarrow (O(x+2\mu)+O(x-2\mu)-2O(x))/4a_{\mu}^2$ 



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Animation by Alfonso Sastre Three-peak signature (three preheat flds)

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#### ANIMATION (by Nico Loayza)























