# Cosmological aspects of the next-to-minimal supersymmetric standard model

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# Supersymmetry (SUSY)



- Hierarchy problem
- Coupling constant unification
- Dark matter candidate (assuming R-parity conservation)
  - Leading candidate of the physics beyond SM, which will be investigated in the forthcoming experiments
  - Implications for physics in the early universe ?
  - Cosmology: alternative probe of the model

### Abstract

 We discuss cosmological aspects of the next-tominimal supersymmetric standard model (NMSSM):

#### NMSSM =

Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model (MSSM) + Additional gauge singlet superfield S

- Formation of domain walls in the early universe
- Estimate the gravitational wave signatures from domain walls and their parameter dependence

#### NMSSM as a solution to the $\mu$ -problem

Renormalizable superpotential of the MSSM

 $W_{\text{MSSM}} = \mu H_u H_d + \lambda_{ij}^e H_d L_i E_j^c + \lambda_{ij}^d H_d Q_i D_j^c - \lambda_{ij}^u H_u Q_i U_j^c$  $\mu\text{-term} \qquad i, j, k = 1, 2, 3: \text{family indices}$ 

- $\mu$ -problem: Why  $\mu \sim M_{\rm SUSY}$  rather than  $\mu \sim M_{\rm GUT}$  or  $M_{\rm Pl}$  ?
- Introduce a gauge singlet S and replace the  $\mu$ -term  $\mu H_u H_d \implies \lambda S H_u H_d$

• Singlet acquires a VEV to induce an effective  $\mu$  -term

$$\mu_{\text{eff}} = \lambda \langle S \rangle = \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}} v_s \qquad \qquad \langle S \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} v_s$$

• No dimensionful parameter except for soft SUSY breaking effects  $\sim M_{\rm SUSY}$ 

naively expected that  $\mu_{\rm eff} \sim \mathcal{O}(M_{\rm SUSY})$ 

• Need to forbid any dimensionful parameters like  $\mu H_u H_d, \quad \mu'^2 S, \quad \text{and} \quad \mu'' S^2$ 

Impose a Z<sub>3</sub> symmetry

$$Z_3: \Phi \to e^{2\pi i/3} \Phi$$

 $\Phi = (L, E^c, Q, U^c, D^c, H_u, H_d, S)$  : every chiral supermultiplets of the NMSSM

$$W_{\rm NMSSM} = \lambda S H_u H_d + \frac{\kappa}{3} S^3$$

 $+\lambda_{ij}^e H_d L_i E_j^c + \lambda_{ij}^d H_d Q_i D_j^c - \lambda_{ij}^u H_u Q_i U_j^c$ 

•  $Z_3$  is spontaneously broken when  $S, H_u, H_d$  acquire VEVs

Formation of domain walls, which can be the source of the gravitational wave background

Phase dependent terms in the scalar potential

$$V_{\text{phase}} = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}} \kappa A_{\kappa} v_{s}^{3} \cos (3\phi_{s}) - \frac{1}{2} \lambda \kappa v_{u} v_{d} v_{s}^{2} \cos (\phi_{u} + \phi_{d} - 2\phi_{s})$$

$$- \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \lambda A_{\lambda} v_{u} v_{d} v_{s} \cos (\phi_{u} + \phi_{d} + \phi_{s}) \qquad (H_{u}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} v_{u} e^{i\phi_{u}}, \ \langle H_{d} \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} v_{d} e^{i\phi_{u}}, \ \langle S \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} v_{s} e^{i\phi_{s}}$$

$$\phi_{i} = 4\pi/3$$

$$\phi_{i} = 2\pi/3$$

$$\phi_{i} = 0$$

$$\phi_{i} = 4\pi/3$$

 $\phi_i \to \phi_i + \frac{2\pi k}{3}, \qquad k = 0, 1, 2 \qquad i = u, d, s$ 

Domain walls are formed around their boundaries

### Domain wall problem and its solution

#### Energy density of domain walls

 $ho_{\mathrm{wall}} \sim \sigma_{\mathrm{wall}}/t$ 

Press, Ryden, Spergel, ApJ 347, 590 (1989)

 $\sigma_{\rm wall}$  : surface mass density of domain walls [energy/area]

It decays slower than  $ho_{
m matter} \propto a^{-3}$  and  $ho_{
m radiation} \propto a^{-4}$ 

- Walls come to overclose the universe (domain wall problem) Zel'dovich, Kobzarev, Okun, JETP 40, I (1975)
- This problem can be avoided by introducing an explicit symmetry breaking term  $\Delta V$  Panagiotakopoulos, Tamvakis, Phys. Lett. B446, 224 (1999) (collapse at a later time  $t_{dec} \propto 1/\Delta V$  due to the "pressure" between different vacua)

$$V_{\text{phase}}$$

$$p \sim \Delta V$$

$$\phi_i = 2\pi/3$$

$$\phi_i = 0$$

$$\phi_i = 4\pi/3$$

#### Gravitational waves from domain walls

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• Simulation of scalar fields in 3D lattice with 512<sup>3</sup> and 1024<sup>3</sup>



cf. pulsar timing  $\Omega_{\rm gw}h^2 \sim 10^{-8}$  at  $f \sim 10^{-9} - 10^{-8}$  Hz

### Decoupling limit

- $v_s \gg v_u, v_d$  is possible if  $\lambda \ll 1$ cf.  $\mu = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \lambda v_s \approx \mathcal{O}(M_{\text{SUSY}})$   $|\langle S \rangle| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} v_s, |\langle H_u \rangle| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} v_u, |\langle H_d \rangle| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} v_d$
- In this limit, the potential can be approximated as  $V \simeq \kappa^2 |S|^4 + m_S^2 |S|^2 + \left[\frac{\kappa}{3} A_\kappa S^3 + \text{h.c.}\right] \implies v_s \simeq -\frac{\sqrt{2}A_\kappa}{4\kappa} \left(1 + \sqrt{1 - \frac{8m_S^2}{A_\kappa^2}}\right)$
- $\lambda$  and  $\kappa$  should be of the same order of magnitudes since  $\mu \sim \lambda v_s \sim (\lambda/\kappa) A_\kappa \sim M_{\rm SUSY}$
- Decoupling limit is given by  $v_s \sim |A_{\kappa}/\kappa| \gg M_{\mathrm{SUSY}}$  for  $\lambda \sim \kappa \to 0$ • Surface mass density of domain walls  $\sigma_{\mathrm{wall}} \sim \frac{M_{\mathrm{SUSY}}^{-1} \times V}{\underset{\mathrm{width of domain walls}}{}} \gg \mathcal{O}(M_{\mathrm{SUSY}}^3)$  for  $\kappa, \lambda \ll 1$ Amplitude of gravitational waves  $\Omega_{\mathrm{gw}} \propto \sigma_{\mathrm{wall}}^2$  is enhanced

 $t_{\rm dec} = 0.01 {\rm sec}$ 



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## Conclusions

- NMSSM predicts the formation of domain walls due to the spontaneous breaking of the discrete Z<sub>3</sub> symmetry
  - Such domain walls can produce gravitational wave background
- Amplitude of gravitational waves is large in the decoupling limit

$$\Omega_{\rm gw} h^2 \propto \kappa^2 \lambda^{-6} \mu^6 t_{
m dec}^2 \qquad {\rm for} \qquad \lambda,\kappa \ll 1$$

Peak frequency is determined by the decay time of domain walls

•  $t_{dec} \lesssim 0.01 {
m sec} \rightarrow f \gtrsim 10^{-9} {
m Hz}$  :typically pulsar timing range Cosmology has a complementary role to probe the model



# $\mu\-{\rm problem}$ of the MSSM

Renormalizable superpotential of the MSSM

•  $\mu$  cannot vanish

 $|\mu| > m_{\text{lightest chargino}} > \mathcal{O}(100 \text{GeV})$ 

from chargino (mixtures of winos and charged higgsinos) mass •  $\mu$  must not be too large

$$\begin{split} |\mu| \lesssim M_{\text{SUSY}} \text{ to induce electroweak symmetry breaking } \langle H_u^0 \rangle, \langle H_d^0 \rangle \neq 0 \\ \text{cf. } V_{\text{neutral,quad}} &= (m_{H_u}^2 + |\mu|^2) |H_u^0|^2 + (m_{H_d}^2 + |\mu|^2) |H_d^0|^2 \\ &+ B\mu(H_u^0 H_d^0 + \text{h.c.}) \\ |m_{H_u}|, |m_{H_d}|, B \sim \mathcal{O}(M_{\text{SUSY}}) \text{ : soft SUSY breaking mass} \end{split}$$

• Why  $\mu \sim M_{\rm SUSY}$  rather than  $\mu \sim M_{\rm GUT}$  or  $M_{\rm Pl}$  ?

## Scalar potential

$$V = \kappa^{2} |S|^{4} + \lambda^{2} |H_{u}H_{d}|^{2} + m_{H_{u}}^{2} |H_{u}|^{2} + m_{H_{d}}^{2} |H_{d}|^{2} + m_{S}^{2} |S|^{2} + \lambda^{2} |S|^{2} \left(|H_{u}|^{2} + |H_{d}|^{2}\right)^{2} + \frac{g_{1}^{2} + g_{2}^{2}}{8} \left(|H_{u}|^{2} - |H_{d}|^{2}\right)^{2} + \frac{\left[\frac{\kappa}{3}A_{\kappa}S^{3} - \lambda\kappa S^{*2}H_{u}H_{d} - \lambda A_{\lambda}H_{u}H_{d}S + \text{h.c.}\right]}{V_{\text{phase}}}$$

 $g_1, g_2$  : U(I)<sub>Y</sub> and SU(2)<sub>L</sub> gauge couplings

 $|m_{H_u}|, |m_{H_d}|, |m_S|, |A_{\lambda}|, |A_{\kappa}| \sim \mathcal{O}(M_{\text{SUSY}})$ : soft SUSY breaking parameters Hereafter  $H_u \equiv H_u^0, \ H_d \equiv H_d^0$ 

#### Parameterize three VEVs

$$\langle H_u \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} v_u e^{i\phi_u}, \ \langle H_d \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} v_d e^{i\phi_d}, \ \langle S \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} v_s e^{i\phi_s}$$

$$V_{\text{phase}} = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}} \kappa A_\kappa v_s^3 \cos(3\phi_s) - \frac{1}{2} \lambda \kappa v_u v_d v_s^2 \cos(\phi_u + \phi_d - 2\phi_s)$$

$$- \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \lambda A_\lambda v_u v_d v_s \cos(\phi_u + \phi_d + \phi_s)$$

Properties of domain walls  $V \simeq \kappa^2 |S|^4 + m_S^2 |S|^2 + \left[\frac{\kappa}{3} A_{\kappa} S^3 + \text{h.c.}\right]$   $S = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} v_s e^{i\phi_s} \quad v_s \sim \left|\frac{A_{\kappa}}{\kappa}\right|$ 

• Width of the wall

$$\delta_w \sim \left| \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial (v_s \phi_s)^2} \right|^{-1/2}$$
$$\sim |\kappa A_\kappa v_s|^{-1/2} \sim \mathcal{O}(M_{\rm SUSY}^{-1})$$

• Surface mass density  $\sigma_{\text{wall}} = \int dz \rho_{\text{wall}}(z)$ 

$$\sim \delta_w \times V \sim \mathcal{O}(\kappa v_s^3)$$

 $\phi_s=0$   $\phi_s=2\pi/3$   $\delta_w$  domain wall

 $ho_{
m wall}(z)$  : energy density of the wall z : coordinate perpendicular to the surface of the wall

Note that  $\sigma_{\rm wall} \sim \mathcal{O}(\kappa v_s^3) \gg \mathcal{O}(M_{\rm SUSY}^3)$  for  $\kappa \ll 1$ 

### Numerical estimation

Solve static field equations with boundary conditions



 $|V_w \sim |\kappa A_\kappa v_s^3|, \ \delta_w \sim |\kappa A_\kappa v_s|^{-1/2}, \ v_s \sim |A_\kappa/\kappa|$ 

The behavior in the decoupling limit is confirmed

$$\sigma_{\mathrm{wall}} \sim \kappa v_s^3$$
 for  $\lambda, \kappa \ll 1$ 

## Domain wall problem

• Friction force from the thermal plasma becomes irrelevant for  $T < \mathcal{O}(0.1-1) {
m GeV}$  Abel, Sarkar, White, Nucl. Phys. B454, 663 (1995)



- After that tension force dominates Walls are stretched up to the Hubble radius
- Scaling solution Press, Ryden, Spergel, ApJ 347, 590 (1989)
  - $\mathcal{O}(1)$  wall(s) per Hubble radius

 $L \sim H^{-1} \sim t$ 

L : distance between two neighboring walls

Energy density 



$$\rho_{\rm wall} \sim \sigma_{\rm wall} L^2 / L^3 \sim \sigma_{\rm wall} / t$$

decays slower than  $ho_{
m matter} \propto a^{-3}$  and  $ho_{
m radiation} \propto a^{-4}$  Walls come to overclose the universe (domain wall problem) Zel'dovich, Kobzarev, Okun, JETP 40, 1 (1975)

## Collapse of domain walls



#### Annihilation occurs when

 $p_V \sim p_T$ 

 $p_T \sim \sigma_{
m wall}/R$  : tension

R: curvature radius of walls

Decay time  

$$t_{dec} \sim R|_{p_V = p_T} \sim \frac{\sigma_{wall}}{\Lambda^4}$$
  
 $\sim 7 \sec\left(\frac{\sigma_{wall}}{1 \text{TeV}^3}\right) \left(\frac{0.1 \text{MeV}}{\Lambda}\right)^4$ 

 Decay products of domain walls may dissociate light element created during Big Bang Nucleosynthesis (BBN)

Require that  $t_{\rm dec} \lesssim 0.01 {
m sec}$ 

 Domain walls exist after the electroweak phase transition and decay before the epoch of BBN



Gravitational waves are expected to be produced

#### Gravitational waves from domain walls

- Continuously produced during the scaling regime → It terminates at  $t \sim t_{dec}$
- Magnitude of gravitational waves
  - Quadrupole formula  $P \sim G \overrightarrow{Q}_{ij} \overrightarrow{Q}_{ij} \sim M_{wall}^2 / t^2 : \text{Power [energy / time]}$   $Q_{ij} \sim M_{wall} t^2$   $M_{wall} \sim \sigma_{wall} \mathcal{A} t^2$ • Energy density  $D_{wall} \sim \sigma_{wall} \mathcal{A} t^2$   $\mathcal{A} \equiv \frac{\rho_{wall}}{\sigma_{wall}} t \simeq \text{const. of } \mathcal{O}(1)$

$$\rho_{\rm gw} \sim \frac{Pt}{t^3} \sim G \mathcal{A}^2 \sigma_{\rm wall}^2$$

### Magnitude of gravitational waves

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#### Estimation of the present density

- Assume that the production of gravitational waves terminated at  $t = t_{dec}$
- Peak amplitude

 $\Omega_{\rm gw}(t_{\rm dec}) = \frac{1}{\rho(t_{\rm dec})} \left(\frac{d\rho_{\rm gw}}{d\ln k}\right)_{\rm peak} = \frac{8\pi\tilde{\epsilon}_{\rm gw}G^2\mathcal{A}^2\sigma_{\rm wall}^2}{3H^2(t_{\rm dec})} \quad H(t_{\rm dec}) = \frac{1}{2t_{\rm dec}}$ 

$$\Omega_{\rm gw}h^2(t_0) \simeq 1.20 \times 10^{-17} \times \tilde{\epsilon}_{\rm gw} \mathcal{A}^4 \left(\frac{10.75}{g_*}\right)^{1/3} \left(\frac{\sigma_{\rm wall}}{1 \,{\rm TeV}^3}\right)^2 \left(\frac{t_{\rm dec}}{0.01 {\rm sec}}\right)^2$$

 $g_*$  : relativistic degrees of freedom at  $t_{
m dec}$  $ilde{\epsilon}_{
m gw} \simeq 0.7 ~ \mathcal{A} \simeq 1.2 ~$  from simulations

• Peak frequency

$$f_{\text{peak}}(t_0) = \frac{a(t_{\text{dec}})}{a(t_0)} H(t_{\text{dec}}) \simeq 1.02 \times 10^{-9} \text{Hz} \left(\frac{0.01 \text{sec}}{t_{\text{dec}}}\right)^{1/2}$$

• Decay before BBN:  $t_{dec} \lesssim 0.01 \text{sec} \rightarrow f \gtrsim 10^{-9} \text{Hz}$ cf. pulsar timing  $\Omega_{gw}h^2 \sim 10^{-8}$  at  $f \sim 10^{-9} - 10^{-8} \text{Hz}$ 

## Cosmological constraints

#### Gravitational waves

$$\begin{split} \Omega_{\rm gw} h^2 &< \mathcal{O}(10^{-8}) \\ \text{from pulsar timing observations} \\ \sigma_{\rm wall} &\sim \kappa v_s^3 \quad \mu = \lambda v_s / \sqrt{2} \approx \mathcal{O}(100 {\rm GeV}) \\ & \longrightarrow \Omega_{\rm gw} h^2 \propto \sigma_{\rm wall}^2 t_{\rm dec}^2 \propto \kappa^2 v_s^6 t_{\rm dec}^2 \propto \kappa^2 \lambda^{-6} \mu^6 t_{\rm dec}^2 \end{split}$$

- Avoiding unrealistic minima of the potential
  - There might be some unrealistic minima on which

 $\langle H_u \rangle, \langle H_d \rangle \neq \begin{pmatrix} \text{correct} \\ \text{electroweak} \\ \text{value} \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \langle S \rangle \neq \begin{pmatrix} \text{correct value} \\ \text{for } \mu\text{-term} \end{pmatrix}$ 

• For the height of the potential  $V_{\min}$ , we should confirm that

 $V_{\min,true} < V_{\min,unrealistic}$ 

## Origin of the bias term

- Non-renormalizable operators such as  $\Delta V \sim S^5/M_{\rm Pl}$ cannot be the bias since it radiatively induces a large tadpole operator  $\Delta V \sim M_{\rm SUSY}^2 M_{\rm Pl}(S+S^*)$ which destabilizes S Abel, Sarkar, White, Nucl. Phys. B454, 663 (1995)
- The action (including non-renormalizable terms) can be arranged to induce a small bias term  $\Delta V \sim (16\pi^2)^{-n} M_{\rm SUSY}^3 (S+S^*)$

Panagiotakopoulos, Tamvakis, Phys. Lett. B446, 224 (1999)

rather than the dangerous term of  $\sim M_{SUSY}^2 M_{Pl}(S + S^*)$ by imposing a discrete subgroup  $Z_n^{(R)}$  of R-symmetry with n even (consider Z<sub>3</sub> symmetry as an accidental symmetry)

**Table 1**. Three bench mark points and estimated surface mass density of domain walls, peak amplitude of gravitational waves, and its frequency. Here we used  $g_* = 10.75$  for  $t_{dec} = 10^{-2}$ sec and  $g_* = 68.8$  for  $t_{dec} = 10^{-6}$ sec [30] to estimate  $\Omega_{gw}h^2(t_0)_{peak}$ .

	Ι	II	III
$\lambda$	$5 \times 10^{-4}$	$5 \times 10^{-3}$	$5 \times 10^{-6}$
$\kappa$	$2 \times 10^{-4}$	$2 \times 10^{-3}$	$2 \times 10^{-6}$
$A_{\lambda}$	$150 { m GeV}$	$150 { m GeV}$	$150 \mathrm{GeV}$
$A_{\kappa}$	$-150 \mathrm{GeV}$	$-150 \mathrm{GeV}$	-150 GeV
aneta	5	5	5
$\mu$	$200 { m GeV}$	$200 { m GeV}$	$200 { m GeV}$
$t_{\rm dec}$	$10^{-2}$ sec	$10^{-2}$ sec	$10^{-6}$ sec
$\sigma_{ m wall}$	$1.96 \times 10^4 \text{ TeV}^3$	$1.96 \times 10^2 \text{ TeV}^3$	$1.96 \times 10^8 \text{ TeV}^3$
$\Omega_{\rm gw} h^2(t_0)_{\rm peak}$	$4.66 \times 10^{-9}$	$4.66 \times 10^{-13}$	$2.51 \times 10^{-9}$
$f(t_0)_{\text{peak}}$	$1.02 \times 10^{-9} \mathrm{Hz}$	$1.02 \times 10^{-9} \mathrm{Hz}$	$1.02 \times 10^{-7} \mathrm{Hz}$

## Calculation of GW spectrum

• Linearized theory

$$ds^{2} = -dt^{2} + a^{2}(\delta_{ij} + h_{ij})dx^{i}dx^{j}$$
$$\ddot{h}_{ij} + 3H\dot{h}_{ij} - \frac{\nabla^{2}}{a^{2}}h_{ij} = \frac{16\pi G}{a^{2}}T_{ij}^{TT} \qquad \rho_{gw}(t) = \frac{1}{32\pi G}\langle\dot{h}_{ij}(t,\mathbf{x})\dot{h}_{ij}(t,\mathbf{x})\rangle_{V}$$
$$\textbf{``Green function'' method} \qquad J. Dufaux, et al., PRD76, 123517 (2007)$$

$$\Omega_{\rm gw}(k,\tau) \equiv \frac{d\rho_{\rm gw}/d\ln k}{\rho_c(\tau)} = \frac{4}{3\pi V} \frac{G^2}{a^4 H^2} S_k(\tau)$$
$$S_k(\tau) \equiv k \int d\Omega_k \sum_{ij} \left( \left| C_{ij}^{(1)} \right|^2 + \left| C_{ij}^{(2)} \right|^2 \right) \qquad \rho_c(\tau) = \frac{3H^2}{8\pi G}$$

$$\begin{split} C_{ij}^{(1)} &= -\int_{\tau_i}^{\tau} k d\tau' \sin(k\tau') a(\tau') T_{ij}^{TT}(\mathbf{k},\tau') & T_{ij}^{TT}(\mathbf{k},\tau) = \Lambda_{ij,kl} \{\partial_k \phi \partial_l \phi\}(\mathbf{k},\tau) \\ C_{ij}^{(2)} &= \int_{\tau_i}^{\tau} k d\tau' \cos(k\tau') a(\tau') T_{ij}^{TT}(\mathbf{k},\tau') & \Lambda_{ij,kl}(\hat{k}) = P_{ik}(\hat{k}) P_{jl}(\hat{k}) - \frac{1}{2} P_{ij}(\hat{k}) P_{kl}(\hat{k}) \\ P_{ij}(\hat{k}) &= \delta_{ij} - \hat{k}_i \hat{k}_j & \hat{k} = \mathbf{k}/|\mathbf{k}| \end{split}$$

## Spectrum in small k

Correlation function of the anisotropic stress tensor

 $a^{-2}(\tau)T_{ij}^{\mathrm{TT}}(\tau,\mathbf{k}) \equiv (\rho_c + p_c)\Pi_{ij}(\tau,k)$ 

 $\sum_{i} \langle \Pi_{ij}(\tau_1, \mathbf{k}) \Pi_{ij}^*(\tau_2, \mathbf{k}') \rangle \equiv (2\pi)^3 \delta^{(3)}(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}') \Pi(k, \tau_1, \tau_2)$ 

 $ho_c, \ p_c$  : energy density & pressure of the background fluids Requirement from causality

$$\Pi(|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'|, \tau_1, \tau_2) = 0 \quad \text{for} \quad |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}'| > l_c$$

 $l_c \gtrsim H^{-1}$ : correlation length

$$\Pi(k,\tau_1,\tau_2) = \int d^3 z e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{z}} \Pi(z,\tau_1,\tau_2) = \int_0^{l_c} dz \frac{4\pi z}{k} \sin(kz) \Pi(z,\tau_1,\tau_2)$$
$$\xrightarrow{kl_c \to 0} \text{ (indep. of } k\text{)}$$

• 
$$\Omega_{gw} \propto k^3$$
 at small k  
 $\Omega_{gw}(k,t) = \frac{1}{\rho_c(t)} \frac{d\rho_{gw}(t)}{d\ln k} = \frac{4}{3\pi^2} k^3 \int_{\tau_p}^{\tau} \frac{d\tau_1}{\tau_1} \int_{\tau_p}^{\tau} \frac{d\tau_2}{\tau_2} \cos(k(\tau_1 - \tau_2)) \Pi(k, \tau_1, \tau_2)$   
 $\propto k^3$  for  $kl_c \ll 1$