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# Weak lensing of CMB from cosmic (super-)strings

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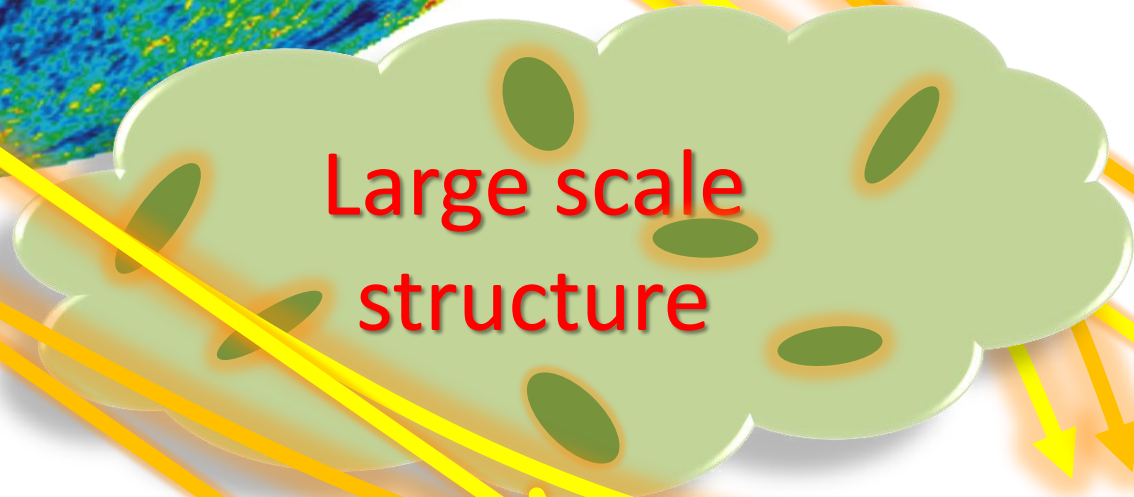
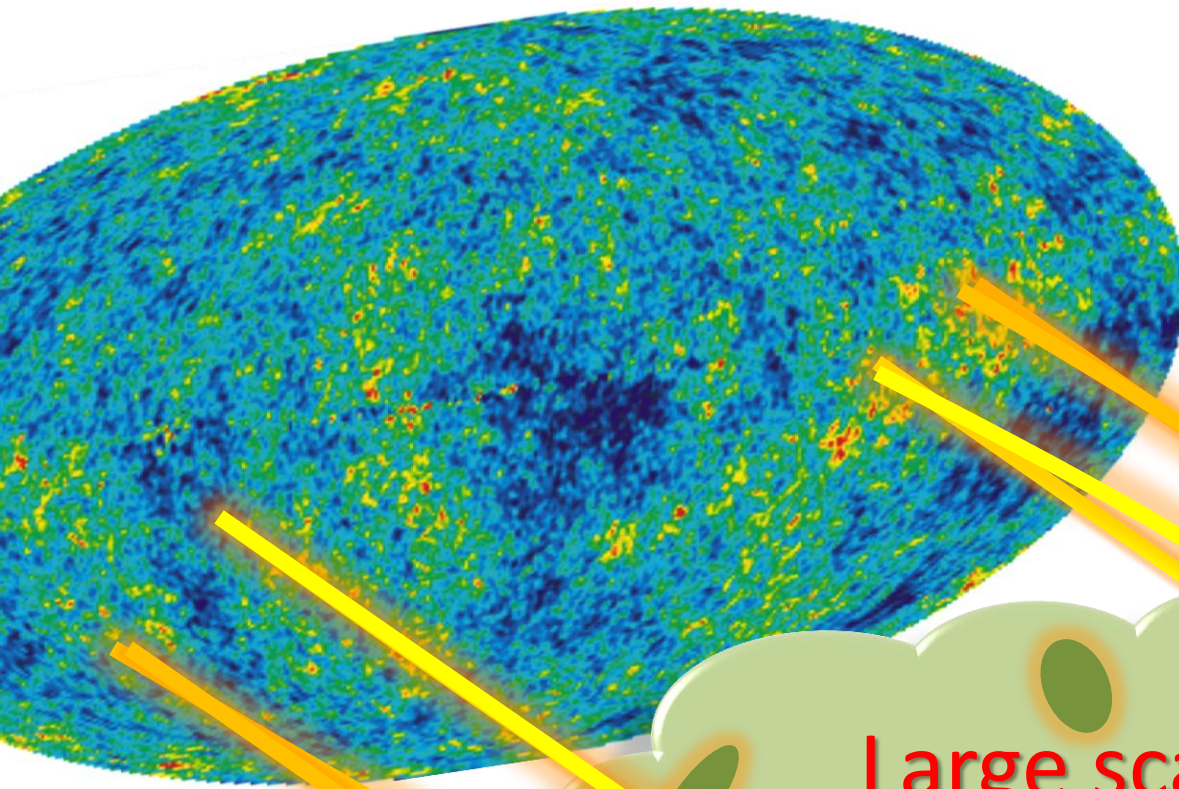
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# INTRODUCTION

# CMB lensing

If no foreground sources, light ray goes straight along unperturbed path.

If LSS exists, light ray will be bent!



Lensing effect on the CMB can be treated as a mapping of the intrinsic temperature/polarization fields.



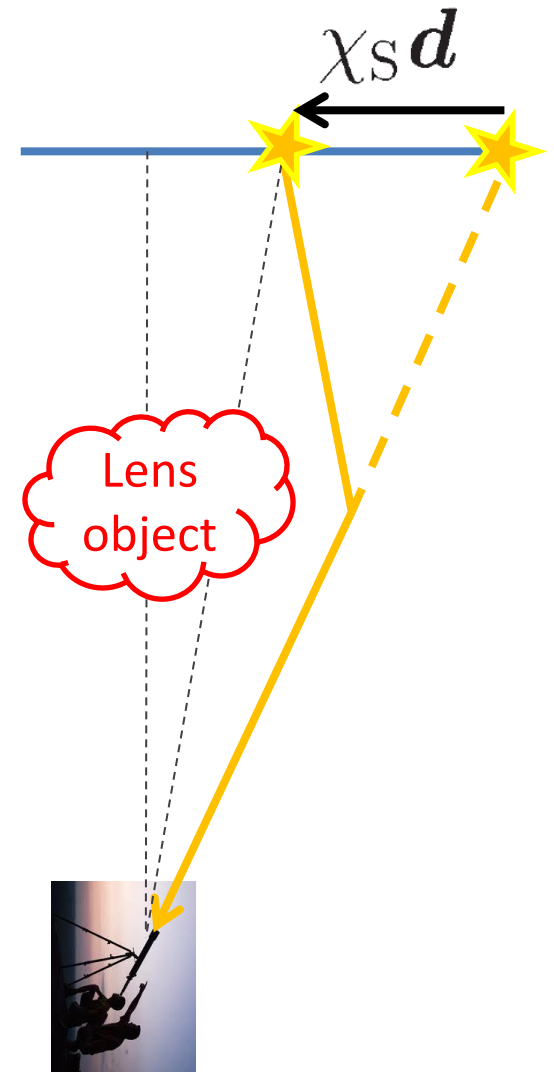
# Scalar lensing potential

- Scalar perturbations such as foreground density perturbations produce only the gradient mode of the deflection:

$\phi$  : scalar lensing potential

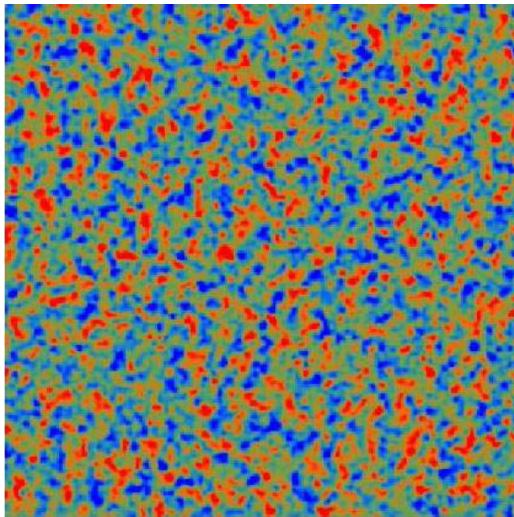
$$d = \nabla \cdot \int_0^{\chi_s} d\chi \left[ \frac{\chi_s - \chi}{\chi_s \chi} \Phi(\chi, \theta) \right]$$

Lensing strength = Geometry of the universe  $\times$  Matter potential

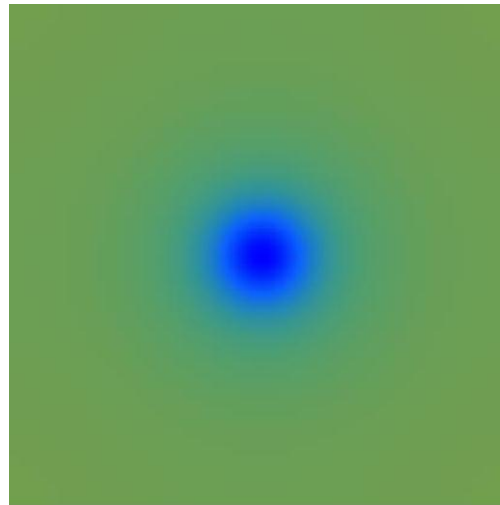


# Lensing induces CMB B-mode

Only E-mode  
(unlensed)



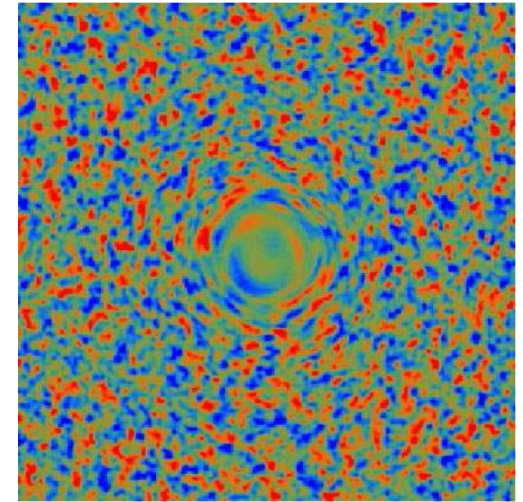
Foreground matter  
distribution



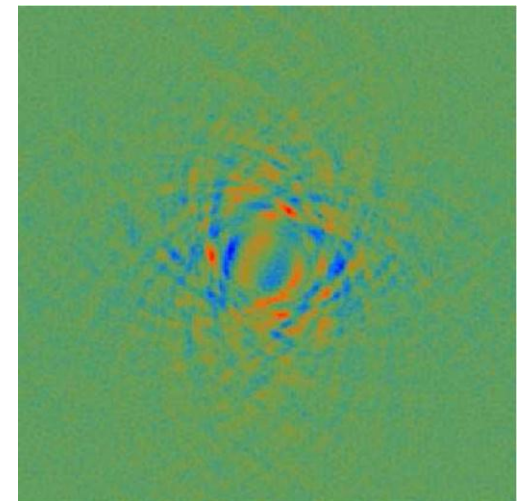
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Lensed E-mode

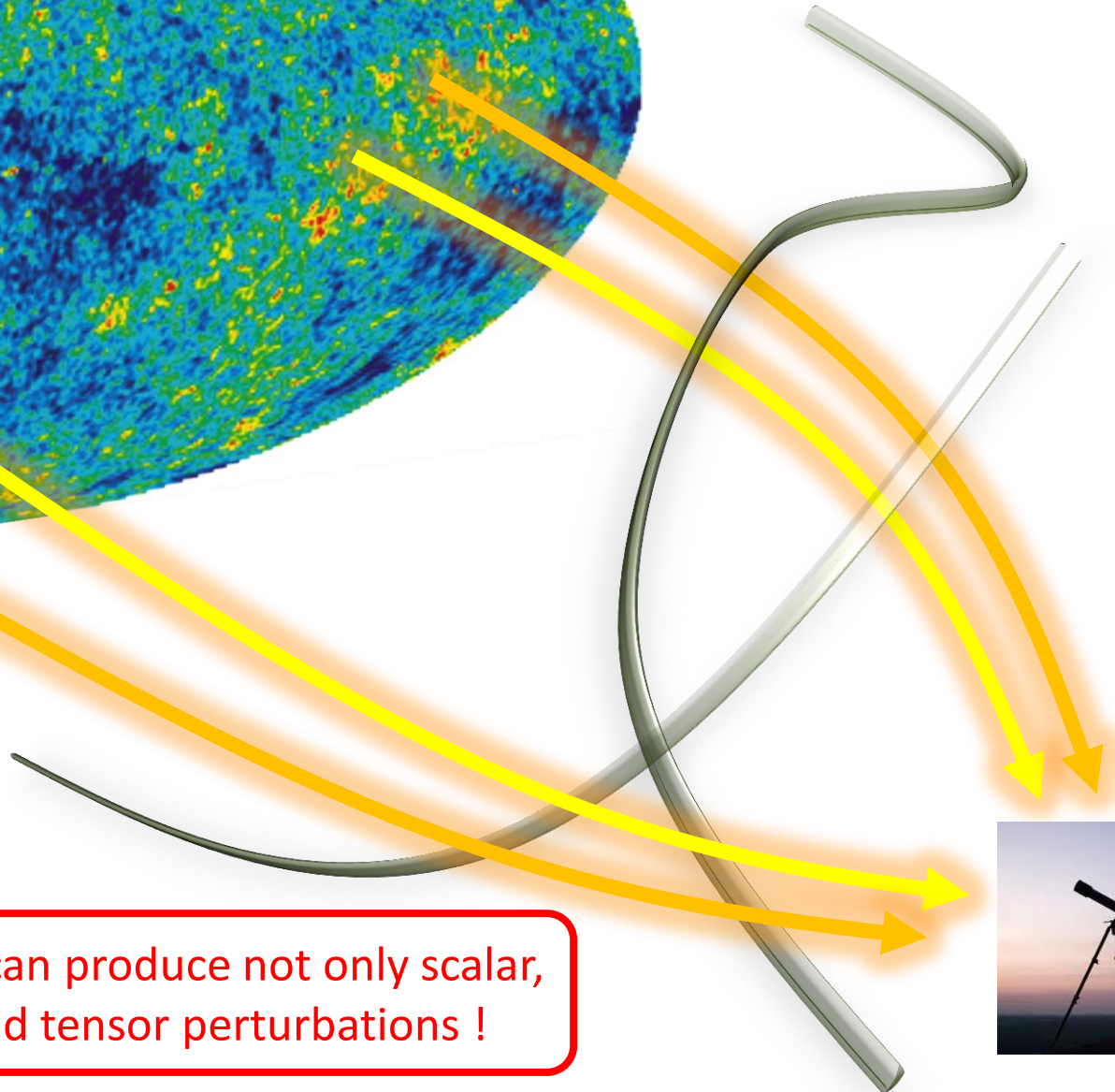
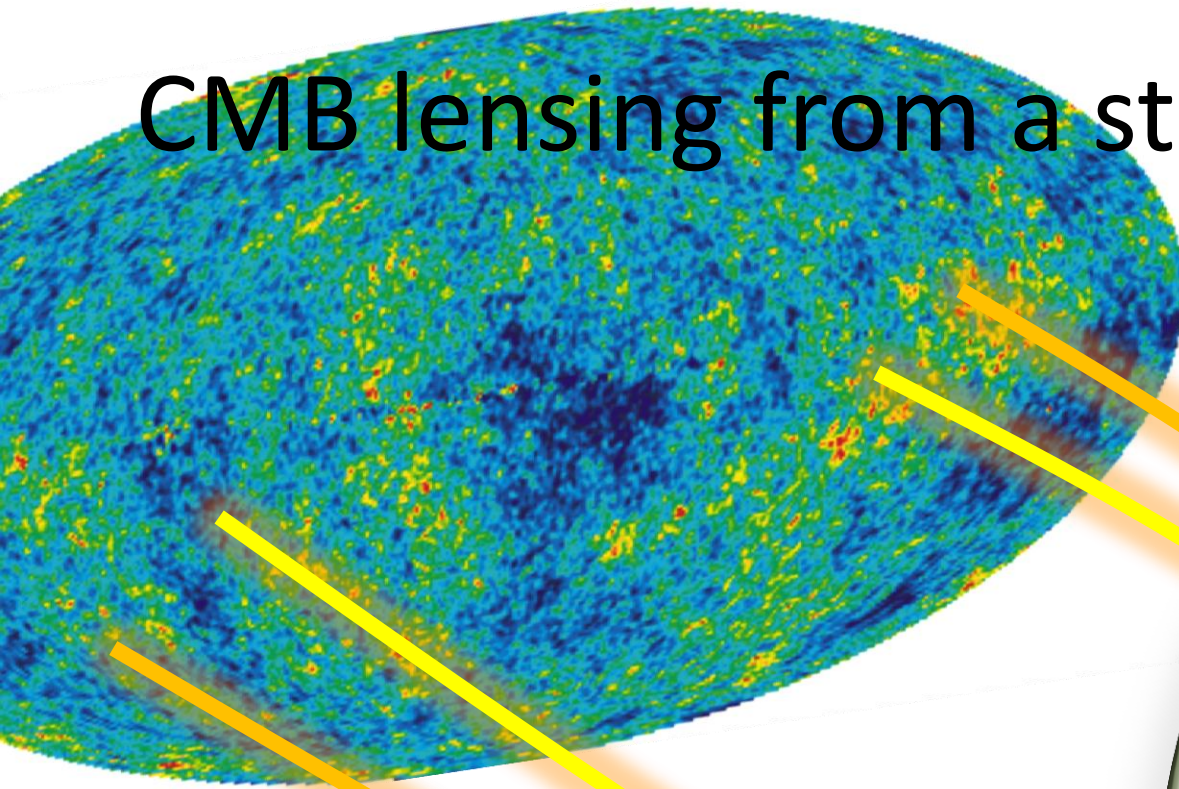


Nonzero lensed B-mode !!!



- Foreground density perturbations contribute to B-mode through the partial conversion of E-mode to B-mode !

# CMB lensing from a string network



Key: Cosmic strings can produce not only scalar, but also vector and tensor perturbations !

# Gradient and curl part of metric perturbation

- “Curl mode” can be induced by scalar and/or tensor perturbations:

$$\mathbf{d} = \nabla \phi + (*\nabla) \varpi$$

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Scalar/Vector/Tensor  
perturbations

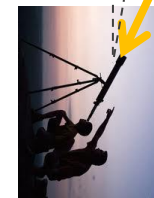
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subdominant, but may  
be helpful for very high  
energy physics !

Lens  
object

We should investigate cosmic strings as the possible source of the B-mode though weak lensing.

The curl mode is a new smoking gun of cosmic strings.



# Cosmic (super-)strings

✓ It is natural to expect that conventional cosmic strings have formed during phase transitions in the early universe.

✓ Variations in the string network may occur during intercommutation. Intercommutation process provides a mechanism for a string network to lose its energy and approach to an attractor sol.

→  $P$  is strongly related to the string number density !

**Intercommuting probability  $P$**  (clue to detect superstrings !)

➤ Conventional cosmic strings :  $P=1$

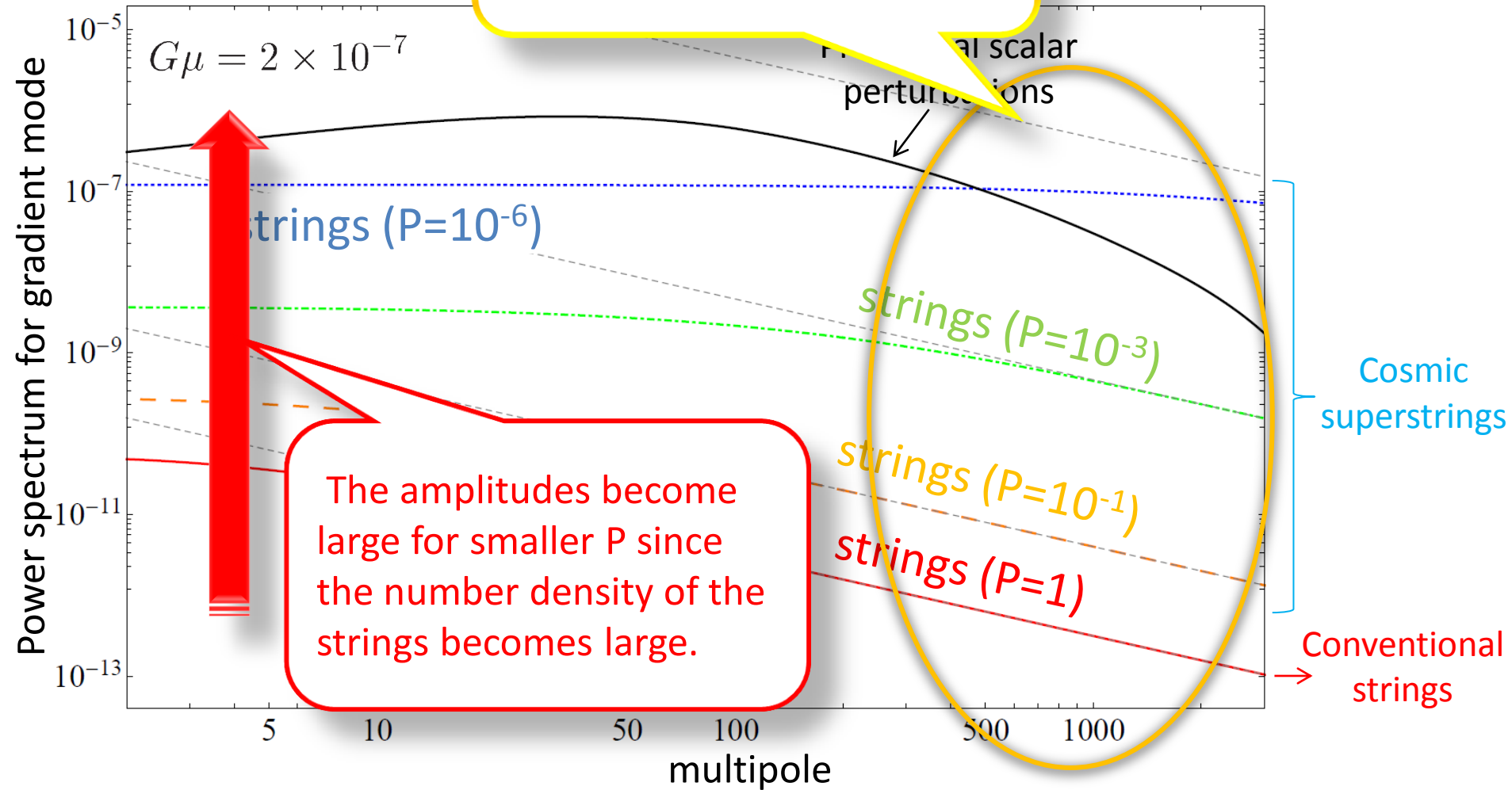
➤ Cosmic superstrings :  $P \sim 10^{-3} \ll 1$



# CMB LENSING FROM STRINGS

# Scattering from potential strings

The spectra decay more slowly compared with primordial scalar perturbations.

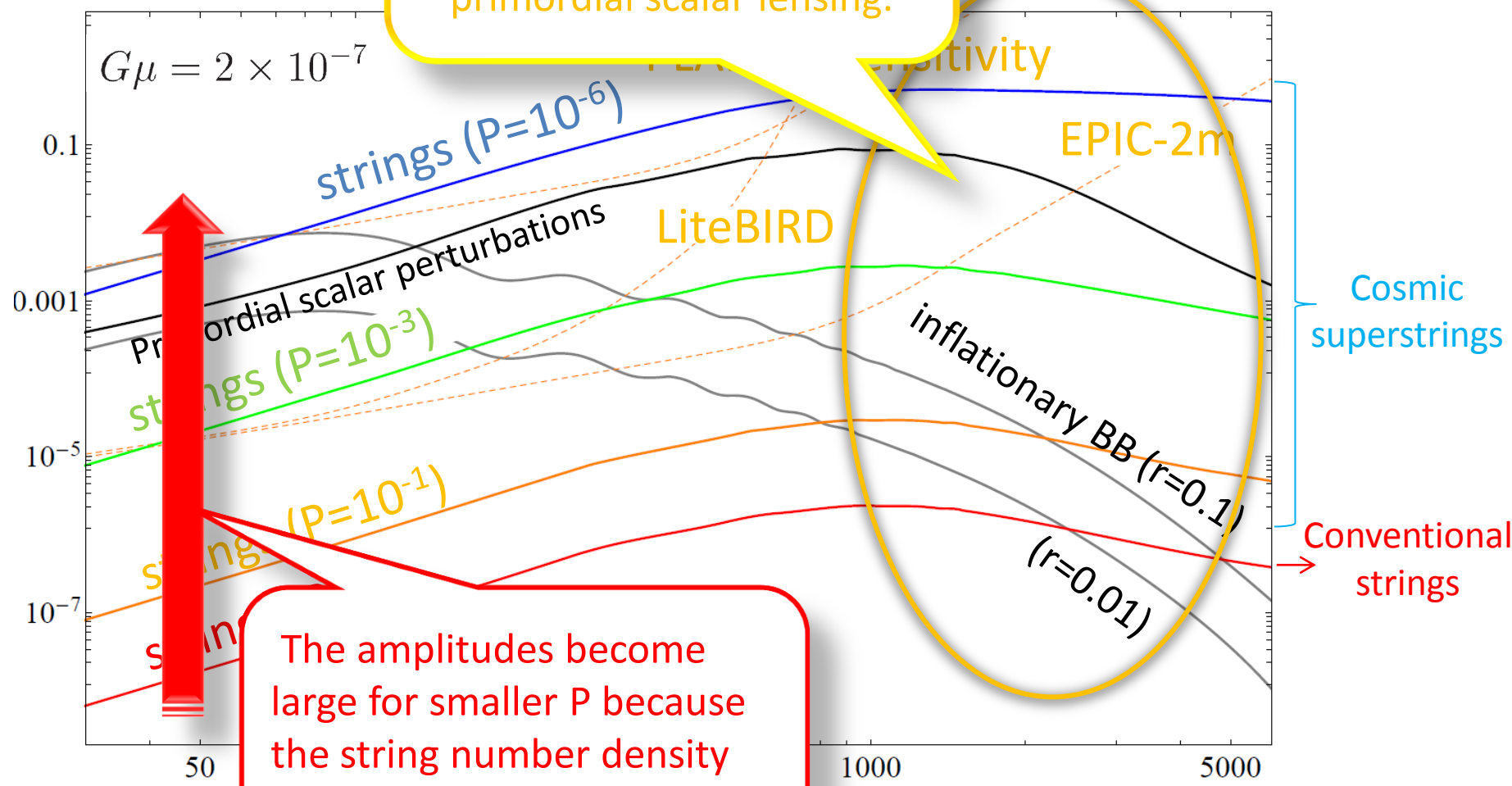


The amplitudes become large for smaller  $P$  since the number density of the strings becomes large.

# B-mode lensing by CS

In the small scale limit:  
the lensed BB spectra decay  
more slowly compared with  
primordial scalar lensing.

Power spectrum for B-mode



The amplitudes become large for smaller P because the string number density becomes large.

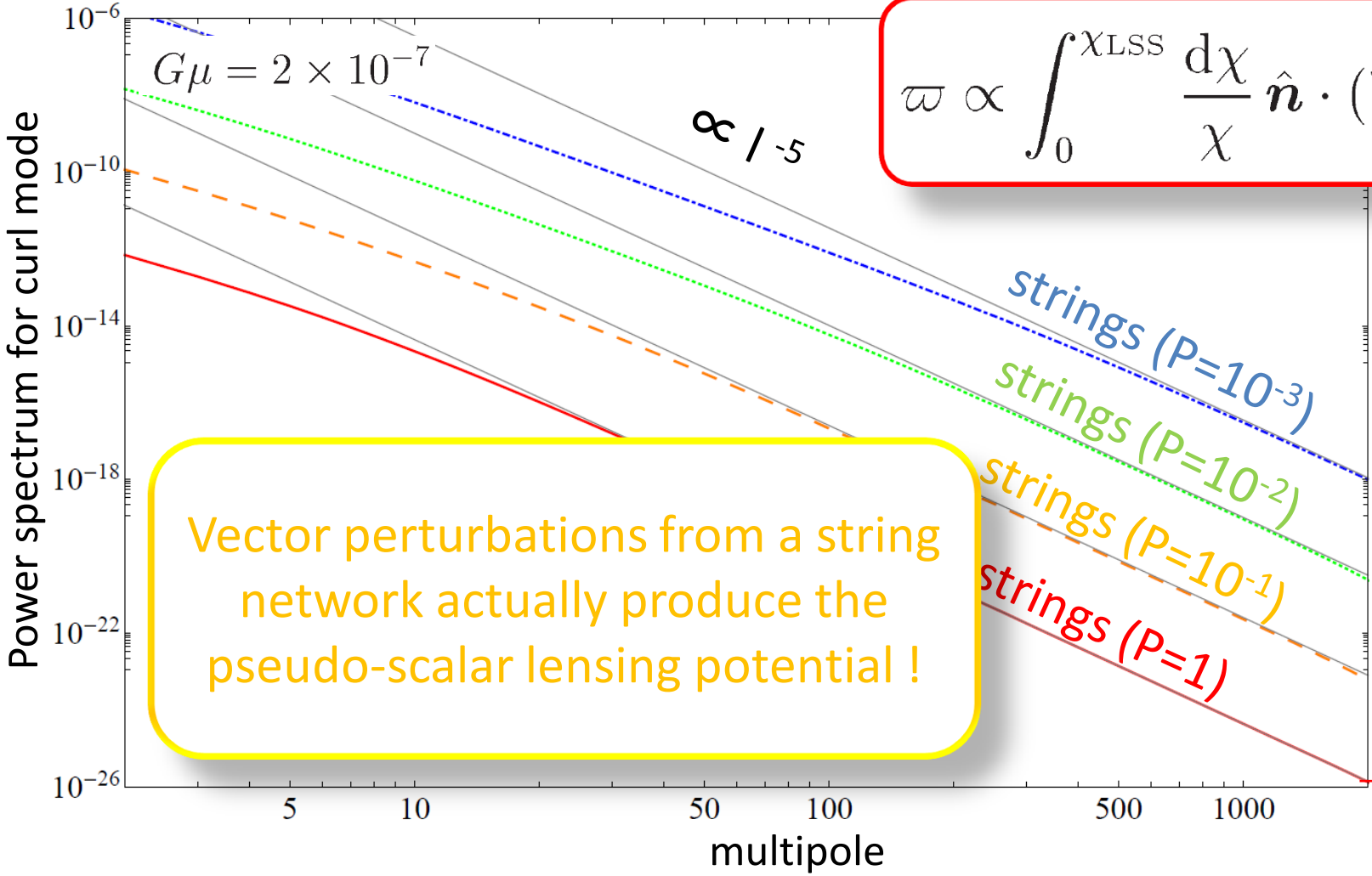
# Pseudo-scalar lensing potential from vector perturbations by CS

$$\varpi \propto \int_0^{\chi_{LSS}} \frac{d\chi}{\chi} \hat{n} \cdot (\nabla \times \sigma_g)$$

Vector perturbations

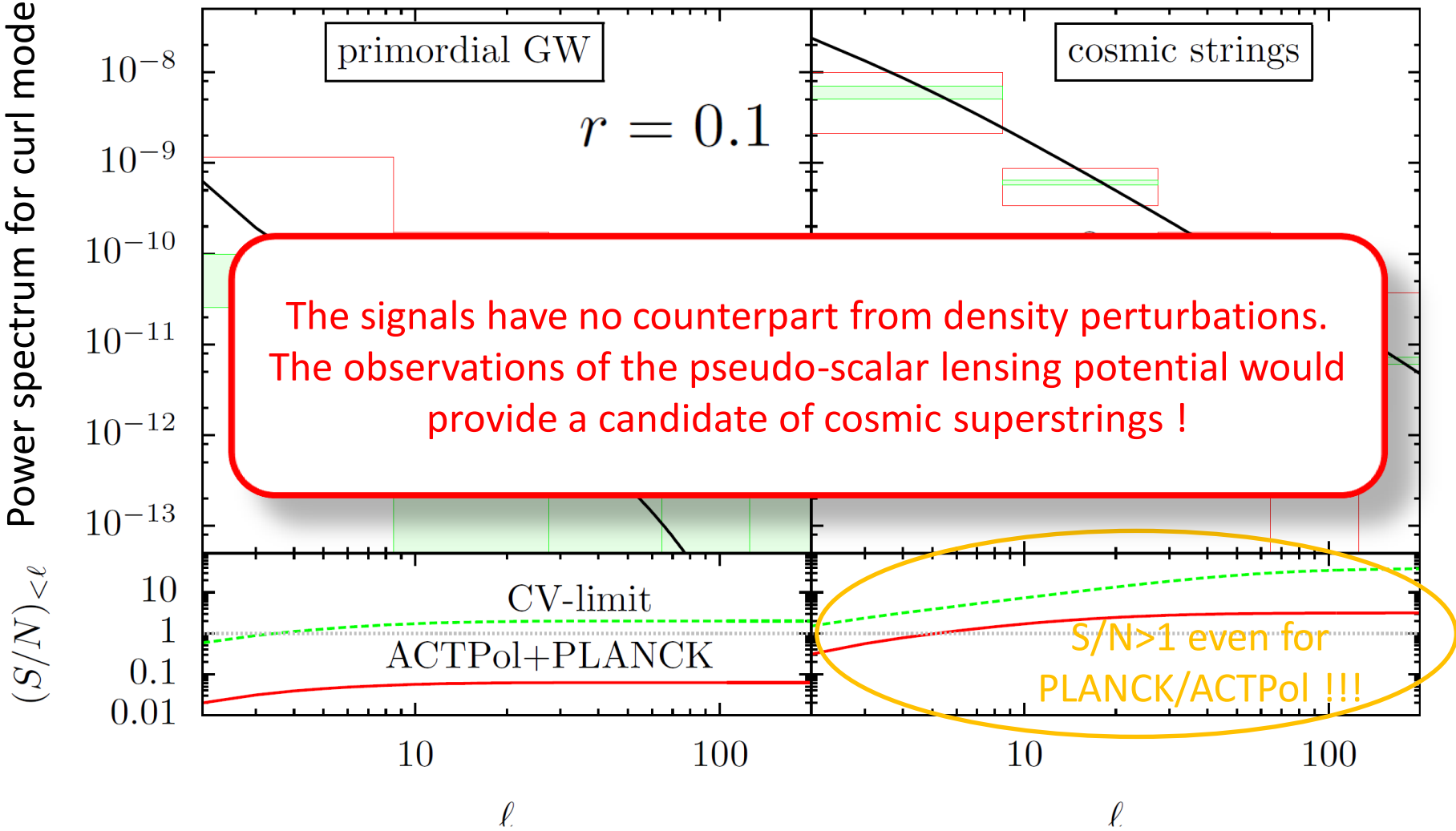
Cosmic superstrings

Conventional strings



Vector perturbations from a string network actually produce the pseudo-scalar lensing potential !

# Detectability for pseudo-scalar lensing potential



# Summary

- ✓ Topological defects can produce not only scalar-, but also vector-/tensor-perturbations, which lead to the unusual deflection:

$$\mathbf{d} = \nabla \phi + (*\nabla) \varpi$$

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Scalar/Vector/Tensor  
perturbations

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- ✓ In small scale limit, **the BB spectrum decays more slowly** compared with the primordial matter perturbations.
- ✓ **The pseudo-scalar lensing potential can be induced by a string network** and it would provide a new smoking gun of cosmic superstrings!

Thank you !