Finding gravitational waves from the early Universe

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horizon edge of the visible universe

Full-dome movie for planetarium Director: Hiromitsu Kohsaka



Beyond the Edge of the Visible Universe

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HORIZON :Beyond the Edge of the Visible Universe [Trailer]





Temperature (smoothed)



Temperature (smoothed) + Polarisation

E and B mode



- <u>Emode</u>: Polarisation directions parallel or perpendicular to the wavevector
- **<u>B mode</u>**: Polarisation directions 45 degree tilted with respect to the wavevector

Parity



- **E mode**: Parity even
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Power spectrum, explained











Advanced Atacama Cosmology Telescope

South Pole Telescope "3G"

What comes next?

The Simons Array



Not just gravitational waves... flat ΛCDM



Ground-based CMB polarisation experiments measuring the E-mode polarisation from sound waves precisely will provide *independent* assessments of H₀ inferred from CMB, which has been derived mostly from temperature anisotropy so far.

Another two orders of magnitude in the next 10-15 years



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+ participations from USA, Canada, Europe



LiteBIRD 2028–

Polarisation satellite dedicated to measure CMB polarisation from primordial GW, with a few thousand TES bolometers in space

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LiteBIRD 2028–

Selected!

May 21: JAXA has chosen LiteBIRD as the strategic large-class mission. We will go to L2!



A Remarkable Story

 Observations of the cosmic microwave background and their interpretation taught us that galaxies, stars, planets, and ourselves originated from tiny fluctuations in the early Universe

 But, What generated the initial fluctuations? Mukhanov & Chibisov (1981); Hawking (1982); Starobinsky (1982); Guth & Pi (1982); Bardeen, Turner & Steinhardt (1983)

Leading Idea

- Quantum mechanics at work in the early Universe
 - "We all came from quantum fluctuations"
- But, how did quantum fluctuations on the *microscopic* scales become *macroscopic* fluctuations over large distances?
 - What is the missing link between small and large scales?

Starobinsky (1980); Sato (1981); Guth (1981); Linde (1982); Albrecht & Steinhardt (1982)

Cosmic Inflation

Quantum fluctuations on microscopic scales

Inflation!

 Exponential expansion (inflation) stretches the wavelength of quantum fluctuations to cosmological scales

Inflationary Predictions

 Fluctuations we observe today in CMB and the matter distribution originate from quantum fluctuations during inflation



Mukhanov&Chibisov (1981) Guth & Pi (1982) Hawking (1982) Starobinsky (1982) Bardeen, Steinhardt&Turner (1983)

Grishchuk (1974)

Starobinsky (1979)



scalar

mode

• There should also be *ultra long-wavelength* gravitational waves generated during inflation

We measure distortions in space

A distance between two points in space

$$d\ell^2 = a^2(t)[1 + 2\zeta(\mathbf{x}, t)][\delta_{ij} + h_{ij}(\mathbf{x}, t)]dx^i dx^j$$

- **ζ** : "curvature perturbation" (scalar mode)
 - Perturbation to the determinant of the spatial metric
- **h**_{ij} : "gravitational waves" (tensor mode)
 - Perturbation that does not alter the determinant



Measuring GW

GW changes distances between two points



Laser Interferometer





LIGO detected GW from a binary blackholes, with the wavelength of thousands of kilometres

But, the primordial GW affecting the CMB has a wavelength of **billions of light-years**!! How do we find it?

Detecting GW by CMB

Isotropic electro-magnetic fields

Detecting GW by CMB



Detecting GW by CMB



Detecting GW by CMB Polarisation



Detecting GW by CMB Polarisation



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horizontally polarised

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Physics of CMB Polarisation



- Necessary and sufficient conditions for generating polarisation in CMB:
 - Thomson scattering
 - Quadrupolar temperature anisotropy around an electron

propagation direction of GW







Polarisation directions perpendicular/parallel to the wavenumber vector -> E mode polarisation

propagation direction of GW

h_x=cos(kx)





Polarisation directions 45 degrees tilted from to the wavenumber vector -> **B mode polarisation**







Grishchuk (1974); Starobinsky (1979)

Gravitational waves as the quantum vacuum fluctuation in spacetime

Quantising the gravitational waves in de Sitter space in vacuum

$$\Box h_{ij} = 0$$

gives

$$k^{3} \langle h_{ij}(\mathbf{k}) h^{ij*}(\mathbf{k}') \rangle$$

$$= (2\pi)^{3} \delta_{D}(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}') \frac{8}{M_{\rm pl}^{2}} \left(\frac{H}{2\pi}\right)^{2}$$

Propagation of GW

• In an expanding Universe,

$$\Box h_{ij} = 0$$



GW Evolution

- Super-horizon scales [k << aH]
 - The amplitude of GW is conserved (i.e., h_{ij} = constant)
- Sub-horizon scales [k >> aH]
 - The amplitude of GW decays (i.e., h_{ij} ~ 1/a)

Therefore, the long-wavelength GW preserves the initial condition: the beginning of the Universe!

GW "entering the horizon"

- This is a tricky concept, but it is important
- Suppose that GWs were created at all wavelengths
- As the Universe expands, the horizon size grows and we can see longer and longer wavelengths
 - Fluctuations "entering the horizon"









 We really want to find this! The current upper bound is r<0.06 (95%CL)

BICEP2/Keck Array Collaboration (2018)







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Selected! Target: δr<0.001 (68%CL)

Foreground Removal



Polarized galactic emission (Planck X)

LiteBIRD: 15 frequency bands

- Polarized foregrounds
 - Synchrotron radiation and thermal emission from inter-galactic dust
 - Characterize and remove foregrounds
- 15 frequency bands between 40 GHz 400 GHz
 - Split between Low Frequency Telescope (LFT) and High Frequency Telescope (HFT)
 - LFT: 40 GHz 235 GHz
 - HFT: 280 GHz 400 GHz

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LiteBIRD Spacecraft



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But, wait a minute...

Are GWs from vacuum fluctuation in spacetime, or from sources?



- Homogeneous solution: "GWs from vacuum fluctuation"
- Inhomogeneous solution: "GWs from sources"
 - Scalar and vector fields cannot source tensor fluctuations at linear order (possible at non-linear level) Many papers by Sorbo, Peloso, and others
 - SU(2) gauge field can!

Maleknejad & Sheikh-Jabbari (2013); Dimastrogiovanni & Peloso (2013); Adshead, Martinec & Wyman (2013); Obata & Soda (2016); ...



- Do not take it for granted if someone told you that detection of the primordial gravitational waves would be a signature of "quantum gravity"!
 - Only the homogeneous solution corresponds to the vacuum tensor metric perturbation. There is no a priori reason to neglect an inhomogeneous solution!
 - Contrary, we have several examples in which detectable B-modes are generated by sources [U(1) and SU(2)]

Experimental Strategy Commonly Assumed So Far

- 1. Detect CMB polarisation in multiple frequencies, to make sure that it is from the CMB (i.e., Planck spectrum)
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 - Yes => Announce discovery of the vacuum fluctuation in spacetime
 - No => WTF?

New Experimental Strategy: New Standard!

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 If, and ONLY IF Yes to all => Announce discovery of the vacuum fluctuation in spacetime If not, you may have just discovered new physics during inflation!

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Further Remarks

- "Guys, you are complicating things too much!"
- **NO**. These sources (eg., gauge fields) should be ubiquitous in a high-energy universe. They have every right to produce GWs if they are around
- Sourced GWs with r>>0.001 can be phenomenologically more attractive than the vacuum GW from the large-field inflation [requiring super-Planckian field excursion]. Better radiative stability, etc
- Rich[er] phenomenology: Better integration with the Standard Model; reheating; baryon synthesis via leptogenesis, etc. Testable using many more probes!

Dimastrogiovanni, Fasielo & Fujita (2017)

GW from Axion-SU(2) Dynamics



$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{GR} + \mathcal{L}_{\phi} + \mathcal{L}_{\chi} - \frac{1}{4} F^a_{\mu\nu} F^{a\mu\nu} + \frac{\lambda \chi}{4f} F^a_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{a\mu\nu}$$

- φ: inflaton field => Just provides quasi-de Sitter background [I don't want to touch this sector because I don't understand inflaton]
- χ: pseudo-scalar "axion" field. Spectator field (i.e., negligible energy density compared to the inflaton)
- Field strength of an SU(2) field A^a_{ν} :

$$F^a_{\mu\nu} \equiv \partial_\mu A^a_\nu - \partial_\nu A^a_\mu - g\epsilon^{abc} A^b_\mu A^c_\nu$$

self-interaction term

[a=1,2,3; µ=0,1,2,3]

Dimastrogiovanni, Fasiello & Fujita (2017)

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<u>A well-defined set up:</u> Axion-SU(2) gauge field dynamics in a given de-Sitter background. Everything is calculable!

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Maleknejad & Sheikh-Jabbari (2011)

Background and Perturbation



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- In an inflating background, the SU(2) field has an isotropic background solution:
- $A_i^a = [ext{scale factor}] imes Q imes \delta_i^a$ $Q \equiv (-f\partial_{\chi}U/3g\lambda H)^{1/3}$ U: axion potential
- Perturbations contain a tensor (spin-2) mode (as well as S&V)

$$\delta A_i^a = t_{ai} + \cdots$$

$$t_{ii} = \partial_a t_{ai} = \partial_i t_{ai} = 0$$

Scenario

- The SU(2) field contains 1 tensor, 2 vectors, and 3 scalars (9 DOF = 12 - 3)
- The tensor components are amplified strongly by a coupling to the axion field
 - Only one helicity is amplified => GW is chiral (wellknown result, also for U(1))
- New result: GWs sourced by this mechanism are strongly non-Gaussian!

Agrawal, Fujita & EK, PRD, 97, 103526 (2018); JCAP 1806, 027 (2018)

Gravitational Waves

• Defining canonically-normalised circular polarisation modes as

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$$\Box \psi_{L,R} \neq 0$$

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Dimastrogiovanni, Fasiello & Fujita (2017)

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$$\begin{split} \partial_x^2 t_{R,L} + \left[1 + \frac{2}{x^2} \left(m_Q \, \xi \bigoplus x(m_Q + \xi) \right) \right] t_{R,L} \\ & \quad \text{the minus sign gives an instability -> exponential amplification of } t_{\mathsf{R}}! \\ &= -\frac{2\sqrt{\epsilon_E}}{x} \partial_x \psi_{R,L} + \frac{2}{x^2} \left[(m_Q \mp x) \sqrt{\epsilon_B} + \sqrt{\epsilon_E} \right] \psi_{R,L} \end{split}$$

- The produced gravitational waves are totally chiral!
- The solution (when all the parameters are constant and the terms on the right hand side are ignored):

$$t_R(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2k}} i^{\beta} W_{\beta,\alpha}(-2ix) \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \equiv -i\sqrt{2m_Q\xi} - 1/4 \\ \beta \equiv -i(m_Q + \xi) \end{pmatrix}$$
[Whittaker function]

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• Inhomogeneous solution:

$$\lim_{x \to 0} \psi_R^{(s)}(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2kx}} \Big[\mathcal{F}_E \sqrt{\epsilon_E} + \mathcal{F}_B \sqrt{\epsilon_B} \Big]$$

 F_E , F_B : some complicated functions

Dimastrogiovanni, Fasiello & Fujita (2017)

Power Spectrum!

$$\mathcal{P}_{h}^{(s)}(k) = \frac{H^2}{\pi^2 M_{\rm Pl}^2} \left| \sqrt{2kx} \lim_{x \to 0} \psi_R^{(s)}(x) \right|^2 = \frac{\epsilon_B H^2}{\pi^2 M_{\rm Pl}^2} \mathcal{F}^2$$

$$\mathcal{F}^2 \equiv \left| \mathcal{F}_B + \sqrt{\epsilon_E / \epsilon_B} \mathcal{F}_E \right|^2 \approx \exp(3.6m_Q)$$

- This exponential dependence on m_Q makes it possible to have P_{sourced} >> P_{vacuum} = (2/π²)H²/M²_{Pl}
- New Paradigm

Phenomenology

$$\partial_x^2 t_{R,L} + \left[1 + \frac{2}{x^2} \left(m_Q \xi \mp x (m_Q + \xi) \right) \right] t_{R,L} = \dots$$

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the minus sign gives an instability -> exponential amplification of t_R!

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$$\xi \equiv \frac{\lambda}{2fH} \dot{\chi} \simeq m_Q + \frac{1}{m_Q}$$
$$m_Q \equiv gQ/H = a \text{ few}$$

- The scale-dependence of the produced tensor modes is determined by how m_Q changes with time
- E.g., Axion rolling faster towards the end of inflation: BLUE TILTED power spectrum! Therefore...



Dimastrogiovanni, Fasiello & Fujita (2017) Thorne, Fujita, Hazumi, Katayama, EK & Shiraishi, PRD, 97, 043506 (2018)

Example Tensor Spectra



Sourced tensor spectrum can also be bumpy

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Example Tensor Spectra



The B-mode power spectrum still looks rather normal

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Large bispectrum in GW from SU(2) fields

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Tomo Fujita (Kyoto)

$$\langle \hat{h}_R(\mathbf{k}_1)\hat{h}_R(\mathbf{k}_2)\hat{h}_R(\mathbf{k}_3)\rangle = (2\pi)^3 \delta\left(\sum_{i=1}^3 \mathbf{k}_i\right) B_h^{RRR}(k_1, k_2, k_3)$$

 $\frac{B_h^{RRR}(k,k,k)}{P_h^2(k)} \approx \frac{25}{\Omega_A}$

- $\Omega_A << 1$ is the energy density fraction of the gauge field
- B_h/P_h² is of order unity for the vacuum contribution [Maldacena (2003); Maldacena & Pimentel (2011)]
- Gaussianity offers a powerful test of whether the detected GW comes from the vacuum or sources

Agrawal, Fujita & EK, PRD, 97, 103526 (2018)

NG generated at the tree level

$$\begin{split} L_{3}^{(i)} &= c^{(i)} \left[\epsilon^{abc} t_{ai} t_{bj} \left(\partial_{i} t_{cj} - \frac{m_{Q}^{2} + 1}{3m_{Q}\tau} \epsilon^{ijk} t_{ck} \right) \\ c^{(i)} &= g = m_{Q}^{2} H / \sqrt{\epsilon_{B}} M_{\text{Pl}} \sim \mathbf{10}^{-2} \\ \epsilon_{B} &\equiv \frac{g^{2} Q^{4}}{H^{2} M_{\text{Pl}}^{2}} \simeq \frac{2\Omega_{A}}{1 + m_{Q}^{-2}} \ll 1 \\ m_{Q} &\equiv gQ/H \text{ [m_{Q} ~ a few]} \\ \bullet \text{ This diagram generates} \\ \text{second-order equation} \\ \text{of motion for GW} \\ \end{split}$$



 This shape is similar to, but not exactly the same as, what was used by the Planck team to look for tensor bispectrum Agrawal, Fujita & EK, JCAP, 97, 103526 (2018)

Parameter Scan





Summary

- <u>Next frontier</u>: Using CMB polarisation to find primordial GW. Critical test of the physics of the early Universe!
 - With LiteBIRD we plan to reach r~10⁻³, i.e., 100 times better than the current bound
 - GW from vacuum or sources? An exciting window to new physics
 - Check not only for scale invariant, but also for chirality and non-Gaussianity

Ground-based Experiments

Advanced Atacama Cosmology Telescope













South Pole Telescope "3G"

CMB-S4(?)





The Biggest Enemy: Polarised Dust Emission

- The upcoming data will **NOT** be limited by statistics, but by systematic effects such as the Galactic contamination
- **Solution**: Observe the sky at multiple frequencies, especially at high frequencies (>300 GHz)
- This is challenging, unless we have a superb, highaltitude site with low water vapour







Frank Bertoldi's slide from the Florence meeting

Where is CCAT-p? Cerro Chajnantor at 5600 m w/ TAO

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What is CCAT-p?



CCAT-prime is a high surface accuracy / throughput 6 m submm (0.3-3mm) telescope



Cornell U. + German consortium + Canadian consortium + ...



A Game Changer

CCAT-P: 6-m, Cross-dragone design, on Cerro Chajnantor (5600 m)

- Germany makes great telescopes!
- Design study completed, and the contract has been signed by "VERTEX Antennentechnik GmbH"
 - CCAT-p is a great opportunity for Germany to make significant contributions towards the CMB S-4 landscape (both US and Europe) by providing telescope designs and the "lessons learned" with prototypes.





designed and built by Vertex Antennentechnik GmbH, Duisburg

CCAT-prime

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A rendering of the unique and powerful radio telescope. Image courtesy of VERTEX ANTENNENTECHNIK.

Simons Observatory (USA)

in collaboration



South Pole?

This could be "CMB-S4"

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Current Limit on Tensor NG

• The Planck team reported a limit on the tensor bispectrum in the following form:

$$f_{\rm NL}^{\rm tens} \equiv \frac{B_h^{+++}(k,k,k)}{F_{\rm scalar}^{\rm equil.}(k,k,k)}$$

- The denominator is the scalar equilateral bispectrum template, giving $F_{\rm scalar}^{\rm equil.}(k,k,k) = (18/5)P_{\rm scalar}^2(k)$
- The current 68%CL constraint is $\,f_{
 m NL}^{
 m tens}=400\pm1500$

Courtesy of Maresuke Shiraishi

LiteBIRD would nail it!



Agrawal, Fujita & EK, PRD, 97, 103526 (2018)

SU(2), confronted

• The SU(2) model of Dimastrogiovanni et al. predicts:

$$f_{\rm NL}^{\rm tens} \approx \frac{125}{18\sqrt{2}} \frac{r^2}{\epsilon_B} \approx 2.5 \frac{r^2}{\Omega_A}$$

- The current 68%CL constraint is $f_{\rm NL}^{\rm tens} = 400 \pm 1500$
 - This is already constraining!

