New Physics from an All-Sky Polarization Experiment

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ACDM: the "Standard" Model of Cosmology

Homogeneous background



$\Omega_b h^2, \Omega_c h^2, \Omega_\Lambda, \tau, \theta$

- Baryonic matter: 5%
- Cold dark matter: 27%
- Dark energy: 68%

Λ? CDM?







- Nearly scale-invariant
- Gaussian

Origin?

What is the particle nature of Dark Matter?



WIMP Dark Matter Annihilation







FINAL PRODUCTS $p\bar{p}, \nu\bar{\nu}, e^{\pm}, \gamma$

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$$\frac{dE}{dtdV} = \rho_{\chi}^2 \left[\frac{f(z) \langle \sigma v \rangle}{m_{\chi}} \right] \quad \text{(Majorana particle)}$$

Free electron fraction evolution



C. Dvorkin, K. Blum, and M. Zaldarriaga, Phys. Rev. D (2013)

Thomson scattering



 $g(\eta) = -e^{-\tau(\eta)} \dot{\tau}(\eta)$



- Dark matter annihilation injects energy into the plasma.
- Ionizes hydrogen.

• Excess Thomson scattering:

$$T^{\text{obs}}(\hat{\mathbf{n}}) \rightarrow T^{\text{rec}}(\hat{\mathbf{n}})e^{-\Delta \tau}$$
,

with $\Delta \tau(\eta) = c \sigma_T \int_{\eta}^{\eta_0} d\eta' a(\eta') n_e(\eta')$

Effect on the CMB Temperature

A higher ionization suppresses the CMB temperature fluctuations.



Current CMB constraints are $\mathcal{O}(10)$ GeV \rightarrow Complementary to direct detection searches, that are most sensitive to $m_{\chi} \gtrsim 10$ GeV, due to kinematical considerations.

Effect on the CMB Polarization

A higher ionization enhances the polarization fluctuations at large scales.



- Screening of the observed spectrum at I>100.
- Re-scattering of photon generates extra polarization at large scales.

Forecasts for Dark Matter annihilation



What is the physics that seeded the first structures in the Universe?



The Physics of Inflation

Assuming inflation took place, what can we learn about it?

- What is the shape of the inflationary potential?
- Are there additional degrees of freedom?
- What is the energy scale of inflation?
- How far did the field travel?

Probing the shape of the inflationary potential and additional degrees of freedom

Standard Slow Roll

Technique for computing the initial curvature power spectrum $\Delta_{\mathcal{R}}^2$ for inflationary models where the scalar field potential is sufficiently flat and slowly varying. Linked to the shape

$$\epsilon_{H} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\dot{\phi}}{H} \right)^{2}$$

$$\eta_{H} \equiv -\left(\frac{\ddot{\phi}}{H\dot{\phi}} \right)$$

$$\delta_{2} \equiv \frac{\ddot{\phi}}{H^{2}\dot{\phi}}$$
Slow-roll approximation: $\Delta_{\mathcal{R}}^{2} \approx \left[(1 - (2C + 1)\epsilon_{H} - C\eta_{H}) \frac{H^{2}}{2\pi |\dot{\phi}|} \right]_{kn \approx 1}^{2}$

Inflationary Features

The rolling of the inflaton across features in the inflationary potential produces ringing in the initial curvature and CMB power spectra.



L.Covi, J.Hamann, A.Melchiorri, A.Slozar and I.Sorbera (2006)

Breaking Slow Roll

 These models require order unity variations in the curvature power spectrum: slow-roll parameters are not necessarily small or slowly varying.



"Generalized Slow Roll" approximation

• The curvature power spectrum depends on a single source function:

$$\ln \Delta_{\mathcal{R}}^{2}(k) = G(\ln \eta_{\min}) + \int_{\eta_{\min}}^{\eta_{\max}} \frac{d\eta}{\eta} W(k\eta) G'(\ln \eta) + \ln \left[1 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\int_{\eta_{\min}}^{\eta_{\max}} \frac{d\eta}{\eta} X(k\eta) G'(\ln \eta) \right)^{2} \right]$$

- Constant curvature for modes outside the horizon.
- We recover the slow-roll result for a constant source.
- Well controlled for time varying and order unity slow-roll parameters: percent level errors.
- Simple to relate to the inflaton potential: $G' \approx 3$ - 2 (also related to variations in the sound speed for non-canonical kinetic terms) W. Hu, PRD (2011)

C.Dvorkin, W.Hu, PRD (2009)





Principal Component Basis

Principal components (of covariance matrix of perturbations in the source): basis for a complete representation of observable properties of the source function.

$$G' = 1 - n_s + \sum_{a=1}^{N} m_a S_a(\ln \eta)$$

- Defined a priori from covariance matrix: avoids a posteriori bias when looking at the data.
- Ranked in order of observability.
- Non-zero values represent deviations from slow-roll and power-law spectrum.

Likelihood analysis



Model-independent constraints on the shape of the inflationary potential



• 3 components out of 20 exceed the 90% CL significance for nonzero value.

No significant evidence for departures from slow-roll.

WMAP7 + BICEP1 + QUAD data; SN + H0 + BBN constraints.

C.Dvorkin, W.Hu, PRD (2011)

Model-independent test of single-field inflation (with E-mode polarization)

 Measurements lying outside these bounds could potentially rule-out single field inflation.



Polarization Predictions for Inflationary Features



 E-modes constrained to the temperature measurements: feature model can be detected with temperature (Planck) + a polarization experiment such as LiteBIRD at the 7 sigma level.

Testing CMB Isotropy Anomalies

Testable Polarization Predictions for models of CMB isotropy anomalies

Any physical model proposed to explain the temperature anomalies provides testable predictions for the statistics of the polarization field.

Polarization predictions provide a means of going beyond a posteriori inferences.

Power asymmetry

Spontaneous isotropy breaking

Dipolar modulation: $\phi(\mathbf{x}) = g_1(\mathbf{x})(1 + w_1Y_{10}(\theta))$

Dipole statistics: couplings between ℓ and $\ell \pm 1$ moments.

$$\langle X_{\ell m} Y_{\ell m} \rangle \propto w_1 R_{\ell+1,m}^{1\ell}$$
$$R_{\ell'm}^{1\ell} = (-1)^m \sqrt{\frac{3(2\ell+1)(2\ell'+1)}{4\pi}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \ell & \ell' \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \ell & \ell' \\ 0 & m & -m \end{pmatrix}$$

C. Dvorkin, H.V.Peiris, W. Hu, PRD (2008)

Temperature and polarization estimators

- Unbiased minimum biased estimators can be constructed for each pair of fields, and a joint estimator for the combination of all the fields.
- If the observed dipole asymmetry is a statistical fluke, how well can temperature and polarization rule out a finite value of $w_1=0.2$ (best fit for TT)?



w₁>0.2 can be tested at the [81.6-86.4] % CL by EE and TT with Planck temperature noise and LiteBIRD polarization noise.

The combination of the four estimators (TT, EE, TE, ET) is even more powerful, testing w_1 >0.2 at the 98.4% CL.

Conclusions

• We still have many open questions in Cosmology: Λ ? CDM? Inflation?

LITEBird will be able to shed light on these puzzles!

- It will put stronger constraints (or detect!) dark matter annihilation through the E-mode polarization at intermediate scales.
- It will provide a model-independent test of single-field inflation via the E-mode power spectrum.
- It will test the origin of features (and other anomalies) seen in the CMB temperature at large scales.
- And much more! (better measurement of the tensor-to-scalar ratio, tighter constraints on the reionization optical depth, total neutrino mass, isocurvature perturbations, etc, etc...)