# Inflation Signatures "To B or not to B"

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# **Creating Polarization in the CMB**



#### Nomenclature

$$(Q \pm iU)(\hat{n}) = \sum_{\ell,m} a_{\pm 2,\ell m} \pm 2Y_{\ell m}(\hat{n})$$

$$a_{E,\ell m} \equiv -\frac{1}{2} \left( a_{2,\ell m} + a_{-2,\ell m} \right)$$

$$a_{B,\ell m} \equiv -\frac{1}{2i} \left( a_{2,\ell m} - a_{-2,\ell m} \right)$$

#### **E and B Modes**



#### **Power Spectra**

$$C_{\ell}^{XY} \equiv \frac{1}{2\ell+1} \sum_{m} \langle a_{X,\ell m}^* a_{Y,\ell m} \rangle, \qquad X, Y = T, E, B$$

$$a_{X,\ell m} = 4\pi (-i)^{\ell} \int \frac{\mathrm{d}^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} \,\Delta_{X\ell}(k) \,\{\zeta_{\vec{k}}, h_{\vec{k}}\} \,Y_{\ell m}(\hat{k})$$

$$C_{\ell}^{BB} = (4\pi)^2 \int k^2 dk \underbrace{P_h(k)}_{\text{Inflation}} \Delta_{B\ell}^2(k)$$



# What do we learn

- No other known mechanism produces super horizon tensor fluctuation
- Inflation potential

$$V^{1/4} \sim \left(\frac{r}{0.01}\right)^{1/4} 10^{16} \,\mathrm{GeV}$$

• Super Planckian field variation

$$\frac{\Delta\phi}{M_{\rm pl}} = \mathcal{O}(1) \times \left(\frac{r}{0.01}\right)^{1/2}$$

# **BiCEP 2 March 17 Results**

- Claim detection of r=0.2 +0.07, -0.05
- r=0 rejected at 7 sigma

# **BiCEP B mode measurements**

- Measure Tx and Ty with two orthogonal bolometers cooled to 270 mK – He3
- Optics are refractive ~ 0.5 deg beam cover ~ 1% sky
- One freq channel in BiCEP 2 150 Ghz atmospheric window
- Measure Q and U linear polarization states
- $Q = \frac{1}{2}(Tx-Ty) rotate 45 deg to get U$
- V (circular pol) not measured
- Tx, Ty include instrument (few K), atmosphere (10K), gal (small in I, not in Q,U), CMB (~0.5K - Ta)
- 256 pairs of crossed bolo ~ 300 micro K in 1 sec
- Integrate to get ~ 100 nK per 1 deg pixel
- MUST suppress/ understand all above (~10+K to 10<sup>-7</sup> K level) this is 10<sup>8</sup> rejection
- BiCEP is not a differential polarimeter neither is Planck
- Systematic refection of all the above is critical



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# **Planck Mission**

- Planck mission data collecting 2009-2013 has ended
- Planck T (intensity) for about ½ mission released
  2013
- Planck Q,U NOT released yet 2014, 2015
- r ~ 0.05 (2 sigma) sensitivity possible at low l
- 30-1000 GHz freq coverage
- Full sky

#### TT Power Spectra – 7 peaks resolved

Error bars include SV and CV Note low quadrupole

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# $\begin{array}{l} \mbox{Marginalized } n_s \mbox{ and } r \ (1,2\sigma) \\ \mbox{ $n_s$ does not equal 1$} \\ r < 0.11 \ (2 \ \sigma) \ from \ T \ alone \\ \mbox{Energy scale for "standard inflation" } < 1.9 \times 10^{16} \ \mbox{Gev} \ (2 \ \sigma) \\ \mbox{ Planck polarization this year } \end{array}$

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## Selected parameters

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Lensing Potential Measured High Significance (25 sigma) Mode by mode SNR ~ 0.7 at L=30

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Galactic South

Planck polarization at Extrema T and Q Left – cold spots , Right – hot spots Top -data, bottom - Best fit model prediction

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#### **Aberration of the CMB**

#### Our motion shifts amplitude and angles Expected effect is 10<sup>-3</sup> of 10<sup>-5</sup> = 10ppb!

•Left show exaggerated effect - 700x increase in our speed to 85% c.

•Our real speed relative to CMB is ~ 0.12% c

•We use this to look for the effect

•We know the direction and speed from CMB dipole

•Effects both amplitude and angles (~ 4')

•Angular effect is not trivial compared to lensing

 $\bullet \delta T(n^{\hat{}}) = T0 n^{\hat{}} \cdot \beta + \delta T \mathbf{1}(n^{\hat{}} - \nabla(n^{\hat{}} \cdot \beta))(1 + n^{\hat{}} \cdot \beta)$ 

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#### Concerns

- r=0.2 is larger than recent Planck upper limit (r<0.11) BUT this assumed no running (no scale dependence) of spectral index
- BiCEP has less than 1% sky coverage
- BiCEP really has only 1 freq 150 GHz
- Internal systematic concerns
- Foregrounds are a major worry in all B mode experiments – no good polarized dust model yet
- Planck will "weigh in" soon