

# Inflation, Gravity Waves, and Dark Matter

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# Units

- $\hbar = c = k_B = 1$
- $M_P = 1.2 \times 10^{19} \text{ GeV}$  ( $m_P = 2.4 \times 10^{18} \text{ GeV}$ )
- $l_P = 1.6 \times 10^{-33} \text{ cm}$ ,  $t_P = 5.4 \times 10^{-44} \text{ sec}$
- $G = \text{Newton's constant} = M_P^{-2}$
- $\text{GeV}^{-1} = 10^{-14} \text{ cm} = 10^{-24} \text{ sec}$
- $1 \text{ MeV} = 10^{10} \text{ K}$

# $\Lambda$ CDM Model (current paradigm)

$\Lambda$  stands for **Dark Energy**  
with Einstein's cosmological  
constant being the leading  
candidate

$$(P_{\Lambda} = w_{\Lambda} \rho_{\Lambda}, \text{ with } w_{\Lambda} = -1)$$

$$\rho_{Total} = \rho_{\Lambda} + \rho_{CDM} + \rho_M \approx \rho_c$$

$$\rho_{\Lambda} \approx 10^{-120} m_p^4 \quad \leftarrow \text{Fine tuning?}$$

CDM denotes 'cold dark matter'  
(particle have tiny velocities)

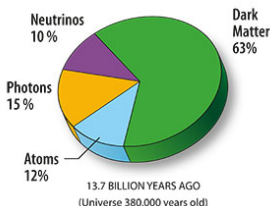
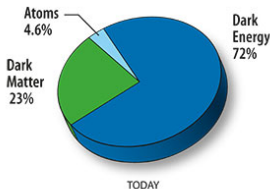


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Science Team

Where does  $\Lambda$ CDM come from?

# Four Fundamental Forces

Force	Strength	
• Strong	$\sim 1$	} Standard Model of HE Physics
• Electromagnetic	$\sim 10^{-2}$	
• Weak	$\sim 10^{-5}$	
• Gravity	$\sim 10^{-38}$	} General Relativity

# STANDARD MODEL OF HE PHYSICS

Provides excellent description of strong, weak and electromagnetic interactions.

Based on local gauge symmetry

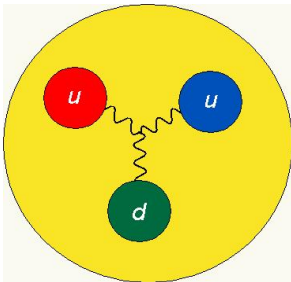
$$SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$$

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QCD - strong interactions  
involving 'colored' quarks &  
gluons

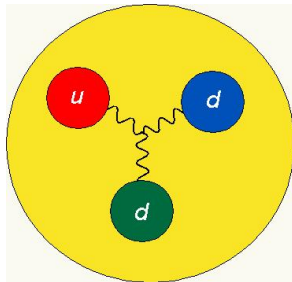
Electromagnetic and weak  
interactions mediated by  $W^\pm$ ,  
 $Z^0$  bosons and  $\gamma$ , which have  
been found

Only 'color neutral' states exist in nature

proton



neutron



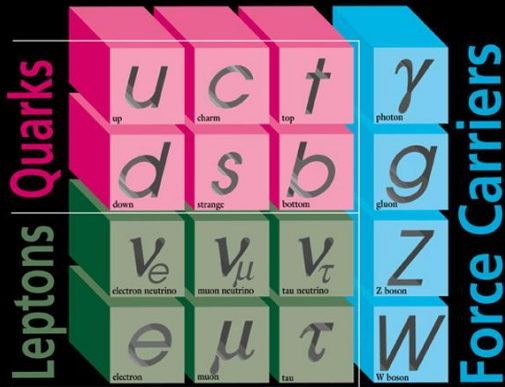
Color neutral 'atoms'

Two Key features:

Color confinement;

Asymptotic freedom;

# ELEMENTARY PARTICLES



I II III  
Three Generations of Matter

# Higgs Boson

- Spin zero particle from spontaneous breaking of electroweak symmetry:

$$SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \xrightarrow{\langle\phi\rangle} U(1)_{\text{EM}}$$

$$\langle\phi\rangle \sim 10^2 \text{ GeV} (t \sim 10^{-10} \text{ sec})$$

$$m_h \approx 125 \text{ GeV} \text{ (Huge discovery announced by ATLAS and CMS on July 4, 2012)}$$

- Compare: Superconductor (Cooper pairs  $\longleftrightarrow \langle\phi\rangle$ )



# IS THERE “NEW” PHYSICS BEYOND THE STANDARD MODEL?

Most Likely Yes!

## 1) Neutrino Oscillations (solar & atmospheric):

These require non-zero (albeit ‘tiny’) neutrino masses  
 $\sim 10^{-1} - 10^{-2}$  eV.

In the SM, neutrinos have zero mass.

## 2) Dark Matter (non-baryonic)

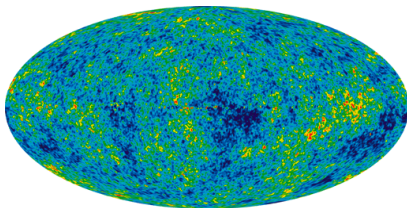
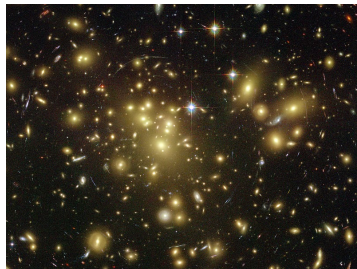
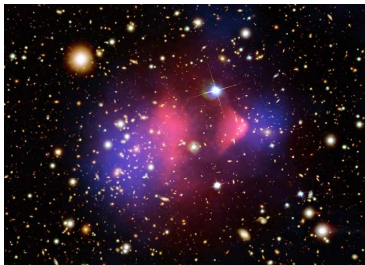
SM has no plausible DM candidate

## Oscillation Data

- $\sin^2(2\theta_{12}) = 0.846 \pm 0.021$
- $\Delta m_{21}^2 = (7.53 \pm 0.18) \times 10^{-5} \text{eV}^2$
- $\sin^2(2\theta_{23}) = 0.999^{+0.001}_{-0.018}$  (normal mass hierarchy)  
 $\sin^2(2\theta_{23}) = 1.000^{+0.000}_{-0.017}$  (inverted mass hierarchy)
- $\Delta m_{32}^2 = (2.44 \pm 0.06) \times 10^{-3} \text{eV}^2$  (normal mass hierarchy)  
 $\Delta m_{32}^2 = (2.52 \pm 0.07) \times 10^{-3} \text{eV}^2$  (inverted mass hierarchy)
- $\sin^2(2\theta_{13}) = (9.3 \pm 0.8) \times 10^{-2}$
- Tiny masses (compared to quarks and charged leptons)
- Mixing angles  $\rightarrow$  large (compared to quark sector)

## Dark Matter in The Universe

- Zwicky ( $\sim 1930$ )  
Galaxies in the Coma cluster seem to be moving too rapidly to be held together by the gravitational attraction of the visible matter.
- Rotation curves of velocity versus radial distance for stars and galaxies provide indirect evidence for the existence of 'missing' non-luminous mass.
- $\delta\rho/\rho \sim 10^{-5} \implies$  structure formation (galaxies, clusters) hard without non-baryonic dark matter.



# Hot Big Bang Cosmology

- Comes from combining **Standard Model (SM)** of high energy physics with **Einstein's general relativity**, and the assumption that on sufficiently large scales, the universe is **isotropic** and **homogeneous**.

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same in all  
directions

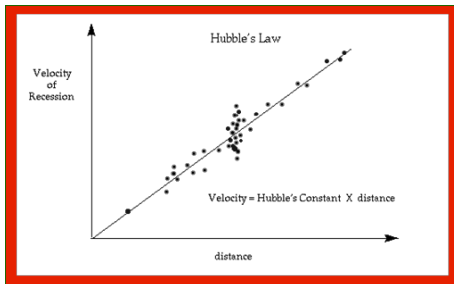
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position  
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Three remarkable predictions (Consequences):

1. Expanding Universe
2. Cosmic Microwave Background Radiation (CMB)
3. Nucleosynthesis



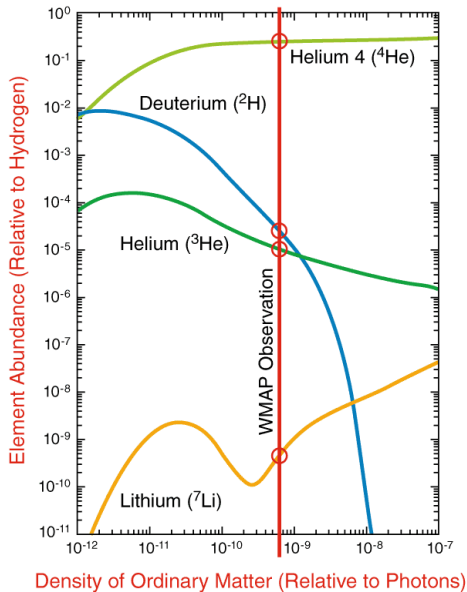
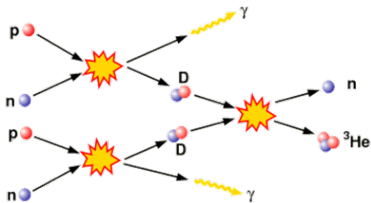
Edwin Hubble



$$H_0 = 67.8 \pm 0.9 \text{ (km/s)/Mpc}$$
$$t_0 = 1/H_0 = 13.813 \pm 0.038 \text{ Gyr}$$

(Planck, arXiv:1502.01589)

In natural units,  $H_0 \approx 10^{-33} \text{ eV!}$



- A homogeneous and isotropic universe is described by the Robertson-Walker metric

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + a^2(t) \left[ \frac{dr^2}{1 - k r^2} + r^2 (d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2) \right],$$

where  $r$ ,  $\phi$  and  $\theta$  are ‘comoving’ polar coordinates, which remain fixed for objects that follow the general cosmological expansion.

$k$  is the scalar curvature of 3-space, with  $k = 0, +1, -1$  describing a **flat**, **closed** and **open** universe respectively.

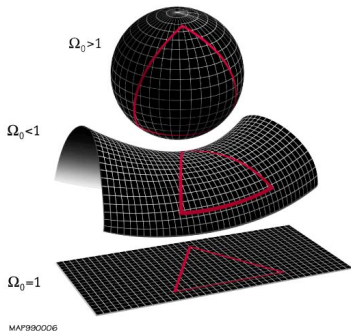


# Geometry of the Universe

- Friedmann Equation

$$\Omega \equiv \frac{\rho}{\rho_c} = 1 + \frac{k}{(aH)^2}, \text{ where } \rho_c = \frac{3H^2}{8\pi G} = \text{critical density}$$

- Closed (  $\Omega > 1$  or  $k = 1$  )
- Open (  $\Omega < 1$  or  $k = -1$  )
- Flat (  $\Omega = 1$  or  $k = 0$  )



# Solving Friedmann Equations:

- For flat universe

$$H^2 \equiv \left( \frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2 \propto \rho$$

- Matter  $\left( \rho_m = \frac{NM}{V} \right)$

$$\rho_m \propto a^{-3} \Rightarrow a(t) \propto t^{2/3}$$

- Radiation  $\left( \rho_\gamma = \frac{Nhc}{V\lambda} \right)$

$$\rho_\gamma \propto a^{-4} \Rightarrow a(t) \propto t^{1/2}$$

- Vacuum  $(\rho_\Lambda = \text{const.})$

$$\rho_\Lambda \propto a^0 \Rightarrow a(t) \propto e^{Ht}$$

# Cosmological Problems

- Flatness Problem

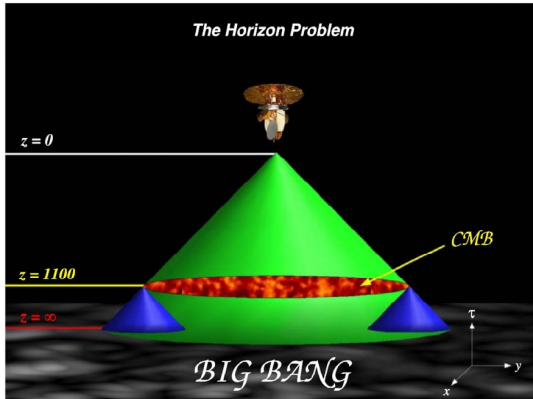
Present energy density of the universe is determined to be equal to its critical value corresponding to a flat universe. This means that in the early universe

$$\Omega - 1 = \frac{k}{(aH)^2} \propto t \quad (\text{for a radiation dominated universe})$$

$$\Rightarrow |\Omega_{BBN} - 1| \leq 10^{-16} \quad \left( |\Omega_{GUT} - 1| \leq 10^{-55} \right)$$

How does this come about?

# Horizon Problem



Why the CMB is so uniform on large scales?

- Origin of **primordial density fluctuation** which lead to Large Scale Structure and also explain

$$\delta T/T \sim 10^{-5}$$

observed by COBE/WMAP and other experiments?

- Origin of **baryon asymmetry** ( $n_b/n_\gamma \sim 10^{-10}$ )?

# Inflationary Cosmology

[Guth, Linde, Albrecht & Steinhardt, Starobinsky, Mukhanov, Hawking, ...]

Successful Primordial Inflation should:

- Explain flatness, isotropy;
- Provide origin of  $\frac{\delta T}{T}$ ;
- Offer testable predictions for  $n_s$ ,  $r$ ,  $dn_s/d\ln k$ ;
- Recover Hot Big Bang Cosmology;
- Explain the observed baryon asymmetry;
- Offer plausible CDM candidate;

Physics Beyond the SM?

# Cosmic Inflation

- Inflation can be defined as:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{aH} \right) < 0,$$

a decreasing comoving horizon

$$\ddot{a} > 0,$$

an accelerated expansion

$$P < -\rho/3,$$

a negative pressure  $\rightarrow$  repulsive gravity

$\downarrow$   
drives inflation

- Consider a scalar field  $\phi$

$$\rho_\phi = \frac{1}{2} \dot{\phi}^2 + V(\phi) \approx V,$$

$$a(t) \approx e^{Ht} \rightarrow \text{inflation}$$

Slow rolling scalar field acts as an inflaton

# Cosmic Inflation

Tiny patch  $\sim 10^{-28}$  cm  $\Rightarrow$   $> 1$  cm after 60 e-foldings  
(time constant  $\sim 10^{-38}$  sec)

Inflation over  $\Rightarrow$  radiation dominated universe (hot big bang)

Quantum fluctuations of inflation field give rise to nearly scale invariant, adiabatic, Gaussian density perturbations

$\Rightarrow$  Seed for forming large scale structure



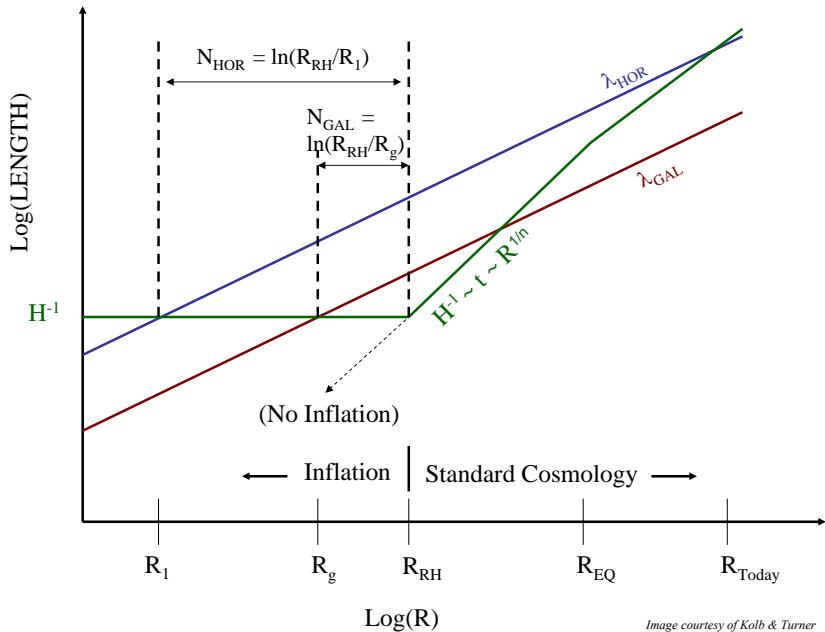
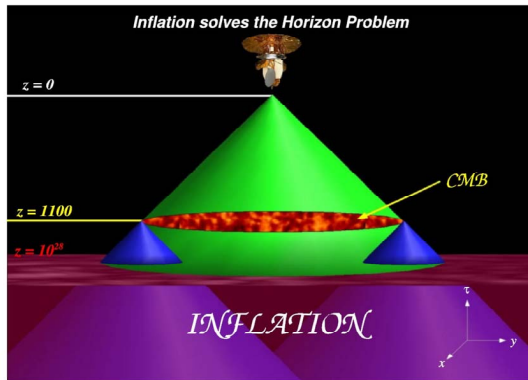


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- Solution to the Flatness Problem  $\left( \Omega - 1 = \frac{k}{(aH)^2} \right)$

$$\left| \Omega_f - 1 \right| = \left| \Omega_i - 1 \right| e^{-2N} \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{where } N = H \Delta t \geq 50$$

- Solution to the Horizon Problem



*Image courtesy of W. Kinney*

## Slow-roll Inflation

- Inflation is driven by some potential  $V(\phi)$ :
- Slow-roll parameters:

$$\epsilon = \frac{m_p^2}{2} \left( \frac{V'}{V} \right)^2, \quad \eta = m_p^2 \left( \frac{V''}{V} \right).$$

- The spectral index  $n_s$  and the tensor to scalar ratio  $r$  are given by

$$n_s - 1 \equiv \frac{d \ln \Delta_{\mathcal{R}}^2}{d \ln k}, \quad r \equiv \frac{\Delta_h^2}{\Delta_{\mathcal{R}}^2},$$

where  $\Delta_h^2$  and  $\Delta_{\mathcal{R}}^2$  are the spectra of primordial gravity waves and curvature perturbation respectively.

- Assuming slow-roll approximation (i.e.  $(\epsilon, |\eta|) \ll 1$ ), the spectral index  $n_s$  and the tensor to scalar ratio  $r$  are given by

$$n_s \simeq 1 - 6\epsilon + 2\eta, \quad r \simeq 16\epsilon.$$

## Slow-roll Inflation

- The tensor to scalar ratio  $r$  can be related to the energy scale of inflation via

$$V(\phi_0)^{1/4} = 3.3 \times 10^{16} r^{1/4} \text{ GeV}.$$

- The amplitude of the curvature perturbation is given by

$$\Delta_{\mathcal{R}}^2 = \frac{1}{24\pi^2} \left( \frac{V/m_p^4}{\epsilon} \right)_{\phi=\phi_0} = 2.43 \times 10^{-9} \text{ (WMAP7 normalization)}.$$

- The spectrum of the tensor perturbation is given by

$$\Delta_h^2 = \frac{2}{3\pi^2} \left( \frac{V}{m_P^4} \right)_{\phi=\phi_0}.$$

- The number of  $e$ -folds after the comoving scale  $l_0 = 2\pi/k_0$  has crossed the horizon is given by

$$N_0 = \frac{1}{m_p^2} \int_{\phi_e}^{\phi_0} \left( \frac{V}{V'} \right) d\phi.$$

Inflation ends when  $\max[\epsilon(\phi_e), |\eta(\phi_e)|] = 1$ .

## Scalar and Tensor Perturbations

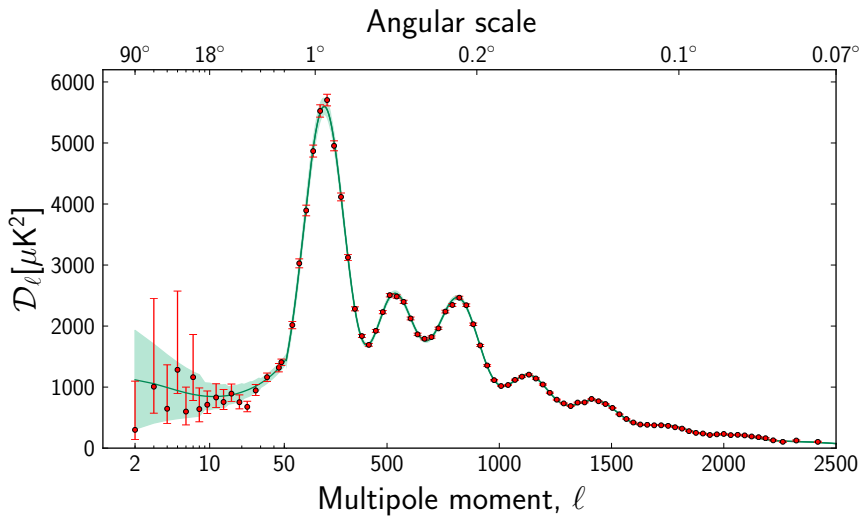
During inflation, the universe contains a uniform scalar (inflaton) field and a uniform background metric.

There are quantum mechanical fluctuations about this zero-order scheme. According to inflationary cosmology, this generates  $\delta\rho/\rho$  as well as gravity waves (from tensor fluctuations in the gravitational metric).

$$(1) \quad V = m^2 \phi^2 \\ \implies \frac{\delta \rho}{\rho} \sim \frac{m}{M_{\text{P}}} \implies m \sim 10^{13} \text{ GeV}$$

$$(2) \quad V = \lambda \phi^4 \\ \implies \frac{\delta \rho}{\rho} \propto \sqrt{\lambda} \implies \lambda \sim 10^{-12} \\ \text{(tiny quartic coupling)}$$

Can Standard Model Higgs field drive inflation?



Planck (2013), arXiv:1303.5075

# CMB to Parameters

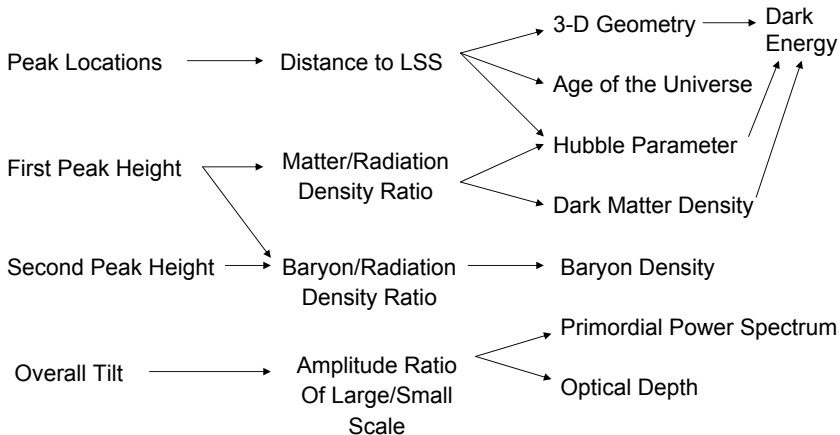


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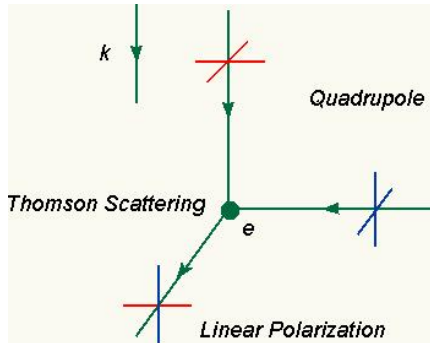
# Gravity Waves from Inflation

Inflation also generates tensor fluctuations in the gravitation metric which correspond to **gravity waves**. They induce fluctuations in the CMB and provide a unique signature of inflation. Their discovery would have far reaching implications for inflationary cosmology. The **PLANCK** satellite now in orbit has an excellent chance to ‘detect’ **gravity waves** if inflation is ‘driven’ by a grand unified theory with a characteristic energy scale  $\sim 10^{16}$  GeV.

(note LHC cm energy  $\sim 10^4$  GeV!)

# CMB Polarization

- CMB radiation is expected to be polarized from Compton scattering during (matter-radiation) decoupling.
- To produce polarized radiation the incoming radiation must have a non-zero quadrupole. One expects the polarization signal to be small.



Polarization is generated by both **scalar** and **tensor** perturbations.

E modes

(varies in strength in the  
same direction as its  
orientation)

B modes

(varies in strength in  
a direction different from  
that in which it is  
pointing)

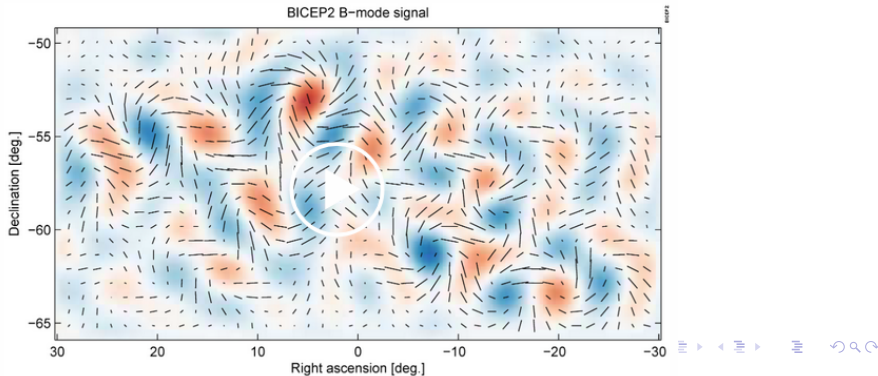
## BICEP 2 Result

- BICEP 2 a few months ago surprised many people with their results that  $r \sim 0.2$  (0.16).
- Some tension with the Planck upper bound  $r < 0.11$ .
- Somewhat earlier WMAP 9 stated that  $r < 0.13$ .


# Big Bang breakthrough announced; gravitational waves detected

By Elizabeth Landau, CNN

🕒 Updated 10:37 AM ET, Tue March 18, 2014

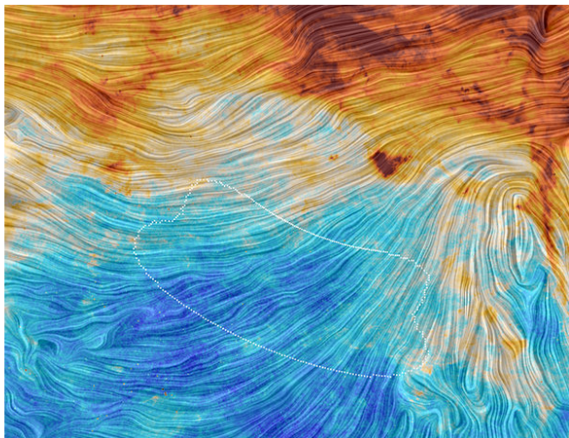


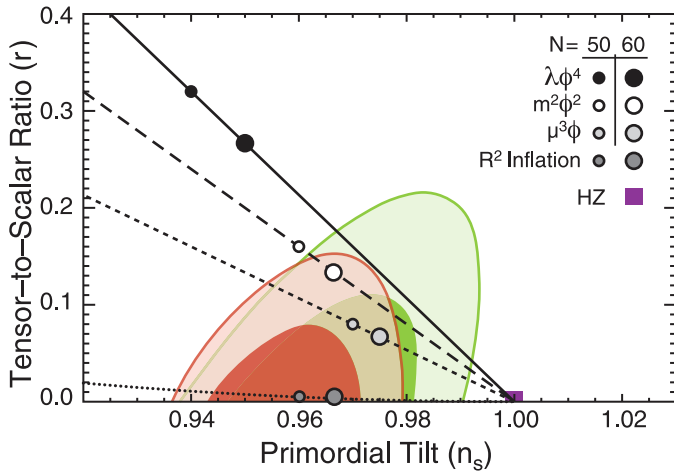
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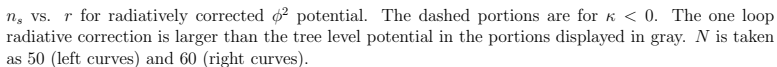
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WMAP nine year data

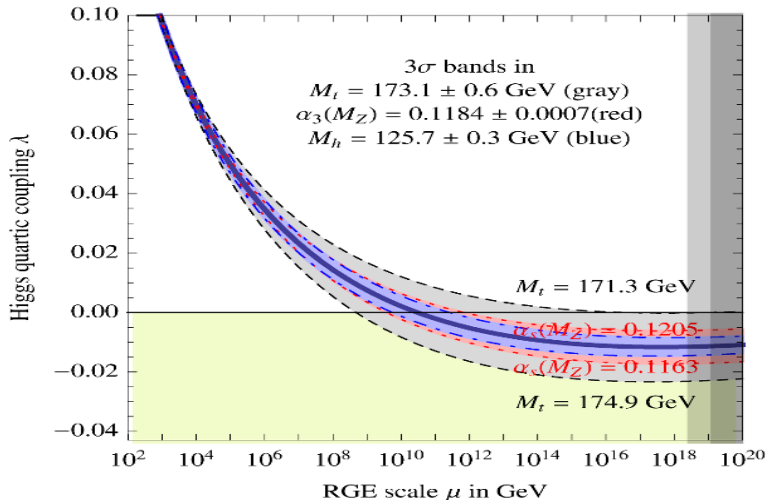




# Standard Model Higgs Inflation?

Update of RGE analysis (@ 3-loop level)

Buttazzo et al.,  
JHEP 12 (2013) 089

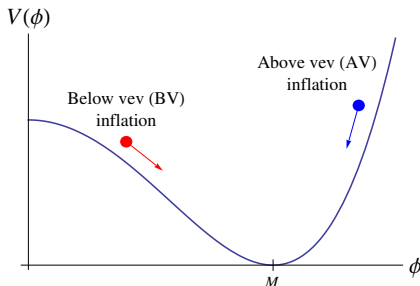


# Tree Level Gauge Singlet Higgs Inflation

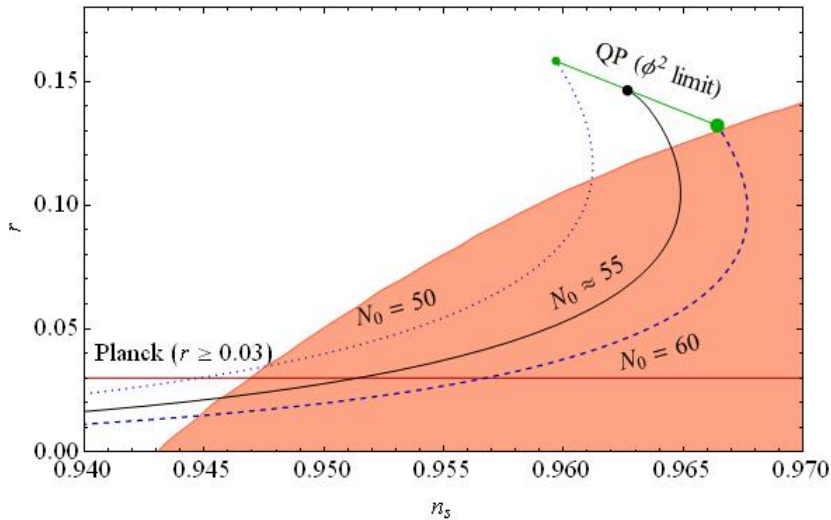
- Consider the following Higgs Potential:

$$V(\phi) = V_0 \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{\phi}{M} \right)^2 \right]^2 \quad \leftarrow \text{(tree level)}$$

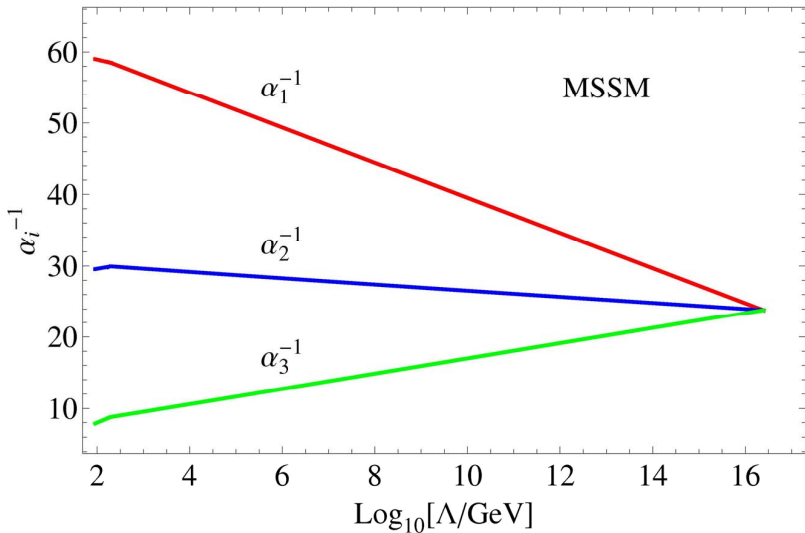
Here  $\phi$  is a gauge singlet field.

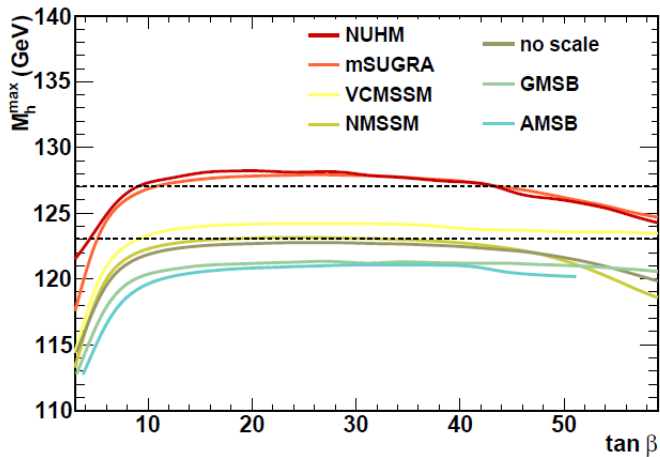


- WMAP/Planck data favors BV inflation



# Supersymmetry





A. Arbey, M. Battaglia, A. Djouadi, F. Mahmoudi and J. Quevillon, Phys. Lett. B **708**, 162 (2012)

## Supersymmetric Higgs (Hybrid) Inflation

- Attractive scenario in which inflation can be associated with symmetry breaking  $G \longrightarrow H$
- Tree Level Potential

$$V_F = \kappa^2 (M^2 - |\Phi|^2)^2 + 2\kappa^2 |S|^2 |\Phi|^2$$

- Ground State

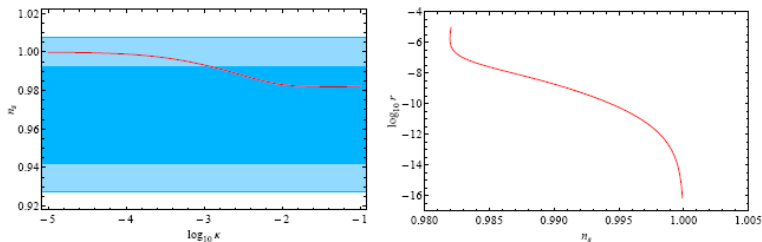
$$|\langle \Phi \rangle| = M, \quad \langle S \rangle = 0$$

Cf: Superconductor,  $\langle \Phi \rangle \rightarrow$  cooper pair,  $\langle S \rangle \rightarrow$  temperature

- To realize inflation

$$S \gg M \text{ in early universe } (T \gg T_c) \\ \Rightarrow \text{At tree level, } V \approx \kappa^2 M^4 \Rightarrow \text{exponential expansion}$$

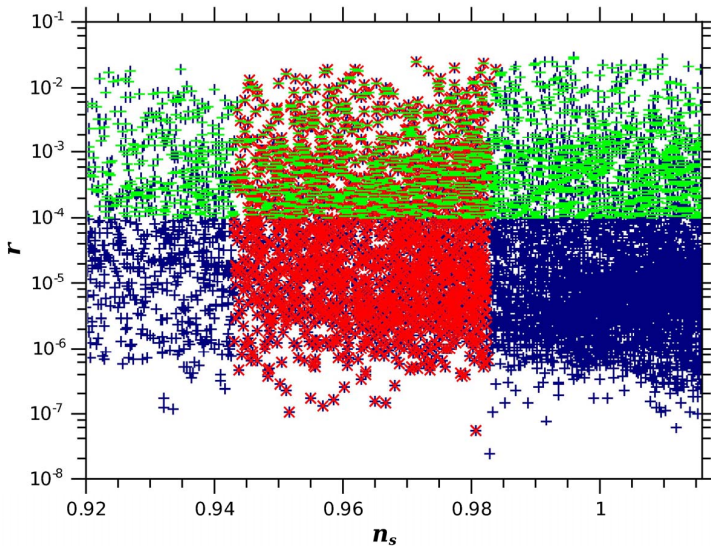
Tree Level plus radiative corrections:



$$n_s \approx 1 - \frac{1}{N_0} \approx 0.98$$

$$\delta T/T \propto (M/M_P)^2 \sim 10^{-5} \longrightarrow \text{attractive scenario } (M \sim M_G)$$

## More complete analysis:





## Dark Matter Candidates

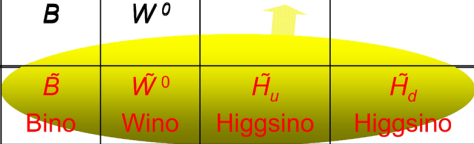
Candidates includes:

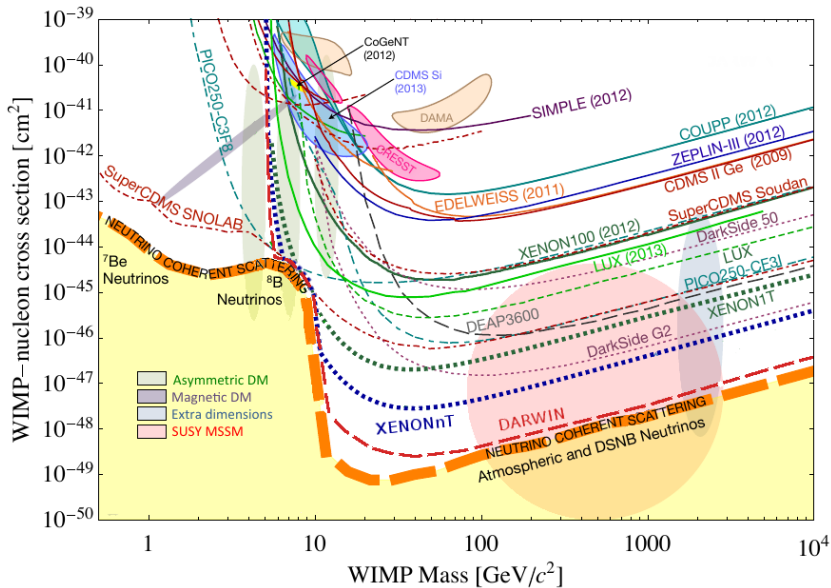
- **WIMP** (weakly interaction massive ( $10^2 - 10^3$  GeV) particle)
- **Axions** – very light ( $\sim 10^{-5}$  eV), very weakly interaction particle
- **Wimpzilla** – very massive ( $10^{12}$  GeV), perhaps not entirely stable, particle
- **Gravitino** – keV mass partner of graviton; behaves as ‘warm’ dark matter?

## WIMP Candidates ( $10^2 - 10^3$ GeV in mass)

- **Neutralino** (neutral, spin  $\frac{1}{2}$ , stable, light supersymmetric particle)
- **Lightest neutral Kaluza Klein particle**  
(E.g. KK excitation of some suitable known particle)
- **Dark (mirror/hidden universe) baryons**

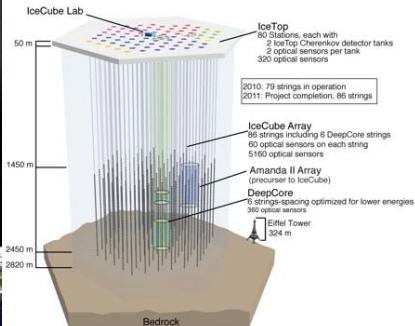
# SUSY DM CANDIDATES

Spin	U(1) $M_1$	SU(2) $M_2$	Up-type $\mu$	Down-type $\mu$	$m_{\tilde{\nu}}$	$m_{3/2}$
2						G graviton
3/2		Neutralinos: $\{\chi \equiv \chi_1, \chi_2, \chi_3, \chi_4\}$				$\tilde{G}$ gravitino
1	$B$	$W^0$				
1/2	$\tilde{B}$ Bino	$\tilde{W}^0$ Wino		$\tilde{H}_d$ Higgsino	$\nu$	
0			$H_u$	$H_d$	$\tilde{\nu}$ sneutrino	





## Indirect Search



The predictions of  $r$  (primordial gravity waves) for various inflation models:

1. Gauge Singlet Higgs Inflation:

$$r \geq 0.02 \text{ for } n_s \geq 0.96$$

2. SM Higgs Inflation:

$$r \sim 0.003, n_s \sim 0.968$$

3. Non-Minimal  $\phi^4$  Inflation:

$$r \geq 0.002 \text{ for } n_s \geq 0.96$$

4. Dark Matter Inflation:

$$0.003 \leq r \leq 0.007$$

5. MSSM Inflation:

$$r \sim 10^{-16} \text{ with } 0.93 \leq n_s \leq 1$$

6. Susy Higgs (Hybrid) Inflation:

$$r \leq 10^{-4} \text{ (minimal), } r \leq 0.03 \text{ (non-minimal)}$$

Planck (2015) says that  $r < 0.09$

# Summary

Many Challenges:

- Dark Matter
- Supersymmetry
- Gravity Waves
- Neutrino Physics
- Proton Decay
- Dark Energy