Cosmic History and the Gravitational Waves

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Gravitational Waves

- Perturbation in the metric propagating through spacetime
- $g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}$ with $h_{\mu\nu} < < 1$



Images from: https://www.science.org/content/article/crash-titans-imminent-merger-giant-black-holes-predicted, https://www.ligo.caltech.edu/page/gw-sources



Detection

• Interferometry



https://www.ligo.caltech.edu/page/about



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2017 Nobel Prize in Physics



Primordial Gravitational Waves

- Stochastic background from early stage of the Universe
- Inflationary GW (Gravitational Waves)?





Microwave



GR Wave

Detectability



But stochastic GW intensity usually falls below $\sim 10^{-17}$

- NANOGrav11
 - PPTA

Cosmological History

- Equation of State $w = \frac{p}{\rho} = \frac{T^{ii}}{T^{00}}$

- Cosmological Energy conservation Eq $\frac{\dot{\rho}}{\rho} = -3(1+w)\frac{\dot{a}}{a}$

Matter Dominant (w=0) 0

$$\rho \propto a^{-3}$$

Radiation Dominant (w=1/3)

$$\rho \propto a^{-4}$$

• Vacuum Dominant (w = -1) $\rho \propto a^0$

Standard Cosmology

• ΛCDM History





Kination (Non-standard Cosmology)

Stage in which Kinetic Energy of scalar field is dominant.

Predicted from many different models (e.g. Axion Kination)



$$w = \frac{p}{\rho} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}\dot{\phi}^2 - V(\phi)}{\frac{1}{2}\dot{\phi}^2 + V(\phi)} \simeq \rho \propto a^{-6}$$





Previous Studies

$$\Omega_{GW} = \frac{\rho_{GW,0}}{\rho_{tot,0}} = \left(\frac{\rho_{GW,*}}{\rho_{tot,*}}\right) \left(\frac{H_*}{H_0}\right)^2 \left(\frac{a_*}{a_0}\right)$$

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1) Friedmann eq $\rho_{tot} = 3M_{pl}^2 H^2$

2) GW are massless fields $\rho_{GW} \propto a^{-4}$

f-independent
$$\frac{\rho_{GW,*}}{\rho_{tot,*}}$$
 at the production

Gouttenoire, G. Servant, and P. Simakachorn, Kination cosmology from scalar fields and gravitational-wave signatures (2021)

$$f \propto a_*^{-(1+3w)/2}, \quad a^2 \propto f^{-\frac{4}{1+3w}}$$

 $\Omega_{GW} \propto H_*^2 \cdot a_*^4 \propto f^\beta \quad \left(where \quad \beta \equiv -2(\frac{1-3w}{1+3w}) \right)$

$$MD : w = 0, \quad \beta = -2 \rightarrow \Omega_{GW} \propto f^{-2}$$
$$RD : w = \frac{1}{3}, \quad \beta = 0 \rightarrow \Omega_{GW} \propto f^{0}$$
$$KD : w = 1, \quad \beta = 1 \rightarrow \Omega_{GW} \propto f$$





General Mapping

- General Cosmological Histories (Other than MD-KD)
- General (not-flat) Production Spectrum at Inflationary stage
- \rightarrow How will these map onto current GW spectrum?



Horizon Exit / Entry

- Causal contact can only be made within the comoving Hubble radius $(aH)^{-1}$
- Perturbations $h_{\mu\nu}$ in the metric tensor are frozen upon horizon exit (Inflation)
- Frozen modes continuously re-enter the horizon (standard Big-Bang evolution)





SuperHorizon

• FRW metric

$$ds^{2} = -dt^{2} + a^{2}(t)(\delta_{ij} + h_{ij})dx^{i}dx^{j}$$

Einstein Equation

$$G_{\mu\nu} = R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} \eta_{\mu\nu} R$$
 , $G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu}$

Linearized Equation $\ddot{h}_{ii}(\vec{x},t) + 3H\dot{h}_{ii}$

where Π_{ij}^{TT} is the transverse-traceless part of Energy momentum tensor

 $\mu \nu$

$$_{ij}(\vec{x},t) - \frac{\nabla^2}{a^2} h_{ij}(\vec{x},t) = 16\pi G \Pi_{ij}^{TT}(\vec{x},t)$$

 $\ddot{h}_{ij}(\vec{x},t) + 3H\dot{h}_{ij}(\vec{x},t) - \frac{\nabla^2}{a^2}h_{ij}(\vec{x},t) = 16\pi G\Pi_{ij}^{TT}(\vec{x},t)$

In the Fourier basis,

$$h_{ij}(\vec{x},t) = \sum_{\lambda=+,\times} \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} e^{k \cdot x} h^{\lambda}(k,t) \epsilon_{ij}^{\lambda}(k)$$

Solving this,

$$h_{\lambda}(k,\tau) = \begin{cases} \frac{A_{\lambda}}{a(\tau)}e^{ik\tau} + \frac{B_{\lambda}(k)}{a(\tau)}e^{-ik\tau}, & \text{for} \\ A_{\lambda}(k) + B_{\lambda}(k)\int^{\tau}\frac{d\tau'}{a^{2}(\tau')}, & \text{for} \\ dt \end{cases}$$

where $d\tau = -$ is the conformal time \mathcal{A}

 $A_{\lambda}(k)$ frozen in the Superhorizon!



or k>>aH (sub-Horizon),

or k<<aH (super-Horizon)



$$\Omega_{GW,*} = \rho_{GW} / \rho_{tot}$$
 at H

Spatial Temporal average by the Ergodic Theorem¹

$$\left\langle h_{\lambda}(k,\tau)h_{\lambda'}(k',\tau')\right\rangle = \frac{8\pi^{5}}{k^{3}}h_{c}^{2}(k,\tau)\delta^{(3)}(k-k')\delta(\tau-\tau')\delta_{\lambda\lambda'}$$

and
$$\left\langle h_{\lambda}(x,\tau)h_{\lambda}(x,\tau)\right\rangle = 2 \int d(\log k)h_{c}^{2}(k,\tau)$$

$$\rho_{GW} = \frac{\left\langle h_{ij}'(x,\tau) h_{ij}'(x,\tau) \right\rangle}{32\pi G a^2} \quad \text{where ' is}$$

¹Chiara Caprini and Daniel G Figueroa 2018 Class. Quantum Grav. 35 163001 P. Simakachorn, Charting Cosmological History and New Particle Physics with Primordial Gravitational Waves, Ph.D. thesis, Staats-und Universit" atsbibliothek Hamburg Carl von Ossietzky (2022)

Iorizon Re-Entry?

The energy density of GW at re-entry is 00- of the energy momentum tensor :

s the derivative w.r.t conformal time.

 $\rho_{GW} = \frac{\left\langle h_{ij}'(x,\tau)h_{ij}'(x,\tau)\right\rangle}{32\pi Ga^2}$

$$h'(k,\tau) \propto \frac{ik}{a} e^{ik\tau} + e^{ik\tau} \left(-\frac{a'}{a^2}\right) \sim \frac{1}{a(\tau)}$$
$$\rho_{GW} \sim \frac{k^2 h(k)^2 M_{pl}^2}{a^2}$$

At the moment of entry, $k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda_{Hor}} \sim (aH)$ $\rho_{GW} \sim H^2 h^2(k) M_{nl}^2$ and therefore

Derivative taken on the oscillatory part $h_{\lambda}(k,\tau) = \frac{A_{\lambda}}{a(\tau)}e^{ik\tau} + \frac{B_{\lambda}(k)}{a(\tau)}e^{-ik\tau}$ leads to

 $\frac{1}{\tau}e^{ik\tau}(ik) \sim (ik) \times h(k,\tau) ,$

 $\rho_{GW} \sim H^2 h^2(k) M_{nl}^2$

From the Friedmann equation $\rho_{tot} = 3M_{pl}^2H^2$,

We have the energy fraction of GW at the horizon re-entry * as:

$$\Omega_{GW,*} = \frac{\rho_{GW,*}}{\rho_{tot,*}} \sim h^2(k)$$

where h(k) is the metric perturbation generated mid-inflation and had been frozen in the superhorizon before the horizon re-entry.





Connection to Current Spectrum





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Sub Horizon?

Time Evolution of $\Omega_{GW}(k) = \frac{\rho_{GW}}{\rho_{tot}}(k)$

- Super-horizon (k < aH), Frozen
- Sub-horizon (k > aH), Evolves

$$\rho_{GW} \propto a^{-4}, \quad \rho_{tot} \propto a^{-3(1+w)}$$
$$\Omega_{GW}(k) = \frac{\rho_{GW}}{\rho_{tot}}(k) \propto a^{-1+3w}$$

 Evolution of comoving Horizon itself $(aH)^{-1} \propto a^{-1} \rho^{-1/2} \propto a^{-1} \cdot a^{3(1+w)/2}$

at a given moment with EOS w

for k > aH

$$= a^{\frac{1+3w}{2}}$$

$log(aH)^{-1} \propto \frac{1+3w}{2} loga$ $log\Omega \propto (-1 + 3w) loga$

In *log* scale,



for modes inside the horizon, i.e, k > aH

Every time comoving horizon size $(aH)^{-1}$ changes by an order of magnitude, GW energy fraction $log\Omega$ for every modes k > aH changes by β

$$\left(\frac{-1+3w}{1+3w}\right) \equiv \beta$$

Trial



<Cosmological History>



<Gaussian Spectrum at the End of Inflation>

Animation





Further Studies

- Realistic Horizon Crossing
- Numerically solving $\frac{\dot{\rho}}{\rho} = -3(1+w)\frac{\dot{a}}{a}$
- Quantitative Analysis using Specific models

Thank you!