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Wykład XII

- fale grawitacyjne
- detekcja fal grawitacyjnych
- przyszłe eksperymenty
- pomiar polaryzacji CMB

Gravitational waves

- The existence of gravitational waves (GWs) is one of the most intriguing predictions of General Relativity.
- GWs are freely propagating oscillations in the geometry of spacetime — ripples in the fabric of spacetime.







accelerating masses (time-varying quadrupole moment)



gravitational waves



Gravitational waves in linearized GR

• Linearized gravity is an adequate approximation to GR when

 $g_{ab} = \eta_{ab} + h_{ab}, \qquad \begin{aligned} & \swarrow \\ \|h_{ab}\| \ll 1 \\ & \land \\ & (analogous to potential \phi \\ & in Newtonian theory) \end{aligned}$

On the surface of the Earth, where we aim to detect GWs, linearized gravity is an adequate approximation to GR.

[More in GR lectures by Tiglio]

What are Gravitational Waves ?

Gravitational Waves (GW) are ripples of space-time



Propagation of some tensor field -h - on flat space-time



Prediction in 1916 !

Transverse_Traceless Gauge and Number of Degrees of Freedom

Plane_wave solutions:

 $\bar{h}^{\alpha\beta} = A^{\alpha\beta} \exp(2\pi i k_{\mu} x^{\mu}), \quad k_{\alpha} k^{\alpha} = 0$ Gravitational waves travel at the speed of light.

Gauge conditions imply that $A^{\alpha\beta}k_{\beta} = 0$. Further gauge conditions

1.
$$A^{0\beta} = 0 \implies A^{ij}k_j = 0$$
: Transverse wave; and

2. $A^{j}_{j} = 0$: Traceless wave amplitude.

For a wave traveling in the z-direction then $k_z = k$, $k_x = k_y = 0$. Gauge conditions, transversality and traceless conditions imply

$$A^{0\alpha} = A^{z\alpha} = 0, \ A^{xy} = A^{yx}, \ A^{yy} = -A^{xx}.$$

Only two independent amplitudes. Two independent degrees of freedom for polarization: plus_polarization and cross_polarization.

Gravitational Wave general properties

- GW propagate at speed of light
- GW have two polarizations "+" and "x"
- GW emission is quadrupolar at lowest order

Example: plane wave propagating along z axis with 2 polarization amplitudes h_+ and h_x :

$$h_{\mu\nu}^{TT} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & h_{+} & h_{\times} & 0 \\ 0 & h_{\times} & -h_{+} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Corresponding *Graviton* properties:

- Graviton has null mass
- Graviton has spin 2

Tidal Effect of Gravitational Waves

In the TT gauge, the effect of a wave on a particle at rest

$$\frac{d^2}{d\tau^2}x^i = -\Gamma^i{}_{00} = -\frac{1}{2}\left(2h_{i0,0} - h_{00,i}\right) = 0.$$

So a particle at rest remains at rest. TT gauge is a coordinate system that is comoving with freely falling particles.

The waves have a tidal effect which can be seen by looking at the change in distance between two nearby freely falling particles:

$$\frac{d^2}{d\tau^2}\xi^i = R^i{}_{0j0}\xi^j = \frac{1}{2}h_{ij,00}\xi^j.$$

Isaacson showed that a spacetime with GW will have curvature with the corresponding Einstein tensor given by

$$G_{\alpha\beta} = 8\pi T^{(GW)}_{\alpha\beta} \qquad T^{(GW)}_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{32\pi} h^{TT}_{\mu\nu}{}_{,\alpha} h^{TT\mu\nu}{}_{,\beta}.$$

GW Amplitude – Measure of Strain

- Gravitational waves cause a strain in space as they pass
- Measurement of the strain gives the amplitude of gravitational waves



Expect strain (dl / l) of e.g. 10⁻²¹ ...







Gravitational waves in linearized GR

 In transverse-traceless gauge, the metric perturbation can be related to the quadrupole-moment of the source.



Gravitational Wave emission (quadrupole formalism)



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Gravitational Wave emission: Orders of magnitude

Luminosity (Einstein quadrupole formula): $P = \frac{G}{5c^5} \langle U_{\mu\nu} U^{\mu\nu} \rangle$



 $G/5c^5 \sim 10^{-53} \mathrm{W}^{-1}$

Factor ridiculously « small » !

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Hertz experiment is impossible for GWs ...

Gravitational Wave emission and compact stars

Pb : G/c^5 is very « small ». c^5/G would be much better !!!

Source : mass *M*, size *R*, period *T*, asymmetry $a \implies Q \approx a M R^2 / T^3$

Quadrupole formula becomes :

 $P \approx \frac{G}{c^5} a^2 \frac{M^2 R^4}{T^6}$

New parameters
caracteristic speed v

•Schwarzchild Radius $R_s = 2GM/c^2$



Huge luminosity if • $R \rightarrow R_s$ • $v \rightarrow c$ • $a \rightarrow 1$



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Expected sources of gravitational waves



Expected sources of gravitational waves

- **Burst sources** Collapse of massive stellar cores can produce a burst of GWs.
 - leaves behind a compact object (black hole or neutron star)





$$E_{\rm GW} = 10^{-12} - 10^{-4} \ M_{\odot} \ c^2$$

Expected sources of gravitational waves

- Burst sources Collapse of massive stellar cores can produce a burst of GWs
- **Continuous sources** Spinning neutron stars with non-axisymmetric deformations.
- **Compact binary coalescences** driven by GW emission.





 $E_{\rm GW} \simeq 0.01 - 0.15 \ Mc^2$

Gravitational wave searches

- Compact binary coalescences
 - Binary neutron stars low-mass searches
 - Binary black holes high–mass searches
- Unmodelled bursts of radiation
 - Un_triggered searches
 - Searches triggered by gamma_ray bursts, pulsar glitches, supernovae, etc.
- Continuous waves from rapidly rotating neutron stars
 - Radiation from known pulsars
 - All sky, blind searches
 - Pulsars in binary systems
- Stochastic radiation
 - Isotropic searches
 - Directed searches







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What can we expect to learn from GW observations?

Their detection would give us insight into fundamental physics and astronomy!

Astrophysics

- History of star formation, populations of black holes and neutron stars
- Physics at nuclear densities (neutron star equation of state and structure)
- Dark matter in Halos-MACHO objects
- Astrophysical stochastic backgrounds
- Discovery of new astronomical objects and phenomena

Tests of Relativity

- Confirm speed of gravitational waves, constrain graviton mass
- Measure polarization and test general relativity
- Two body dynamics (spin-orbit, spin-spin couplings)
- Non-linear gravity
- Uniqueness theorems on BH space-times
- Relativistic instabilities

Cosmology

- Cosmological parameters and their variation with red-shift
- Dark energy equation of state and nature
- Origin of the Universe and connection between quantum theory and general relativity.

Testing the strong-field dynamics of gravity



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- Hulse-Taylor and similar binary pulsars only constrain dissipation at quadrupole level
- Most interesting dynamical effects occur starting at (v/c)³ beyond leading order!
 - "Tail effects"
 - Spin-orbit interaction
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- Exploit rich dynamics at late stages of inspiral, and merger/ringdown
- Can only be done with direct detection of gravitational waves

History

1960 1st detector (Weber) 1963 1st idea interferometric detection (Gersenshtein& Pustovoit, Weber) 1969 Wrong claim (Weber) 197X Weber detectors all over the world 1972 Itf feasibility study (Weiss) and 1st prototype (Forward) 1974 P\$R1913+16 (Hulse&Taylor) End 70s cryogenic bars, itf prototypes (Glasgow, Garching, Caltech) 1986 birth of collaboration VIRGO (France+Italy, Nikhef joined in 2006) 1989 VIRGO proposal, LIGO proposal (USA) 1992 LIGO funded 1993 VIRGO funded 1996 start construction VIRGO et LIGO 2005 LIGO in operation 2007 VIRGO in operation 2007-2011 LIGO-VIRGO joint data takings 2011-12 Start upgrades -> Advanced LIGO and Advanced VIRGO 2015 First science runs for aLIGO and AdVIrgo...

Resonant detectors (Weber's bars)

x 10⁶



From Weber (60's) ...





Resonant Bar Detectors



AURIGA

Legnaro, INFN (Italy)



NAUTILUS Frascati, INFN (Italy)



EXPLORER Geneva, CERN, INFN (Switzerland)

M ~ a few tons L ~ 3 m f ~ 900 Hz

ALLEGRO Baton Rouge, LSU (USA)



NIOBE Perth, UWA (Australia)



Figure 1. Typical spectral density of calibrated noise for the three resonant bar detectors during 2005 and for the Virgo interferometer in September 2005.

PSR 1913+16: orbit from pulsar timing



back forward

-1 +1

PSR 1913+16: orbital phase shift



back forward

-1 +1



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Indirect evidence of gravitational radiation: PSR 1913+16



- The emission of gravitational waves by a pair of neutron stars orbiting each other has been observed by measuring a tiny systematic shrinkage of the orbit.
- For this seminal discovery Hulse and Taylor were awarded the Nobel Prize in 1993.
- However, this dramatic observation is referred to as an indirect confirmation of the existence of gravitational waves, since what we have observed is the effect of the waves on the binary orbit rather than the waves themselves.

PSR 1913+16 orbit will continue to decay over the next ~300 million years, until coalescence. Gravitational wave emission will be strongest near the end.









Features of the Virgo Collaboration

- Established 1992
- Origin: two initially independent efforts
- Development of high quality optics (sources and mirrors): stringent requirements for gw interferometry
 - Work on light source stabilization A.Brillet
 - Large investment in coating facility : Laboratoire des Matériaux Avancés, Lyon, J.M. Mackowski
- Quest for low frequency detection: pulsar population, signal increase at low frequency
 - Development of passive seismic attenuation A. Giazotto



Interferometric gravitational_wave detectors



Noises in interferometric detectors

optical readout noise (photon counting noise + radiation pressure noise)

- seismic noise (and filtering)
- thermal noise
- laser noises
- others
- \Rightarrow General design of itf detectors

Optical readout noise

2 aspects: photon counting noise (or shot noise) and radiation pressure noise





Virgo optical design


Let's swing!

Transfer function of pendulum with $f_0 = 1$ Hz



Virgo « superattenuator »



((O)) Issues in sensitivity (Virgo example)





Virgo sensitivity progress



LIGO Hanford Observatory (WA)LIGO Livingston Observatory (LA)H1 – in the desertL1 – in the jungle

 ✓ 36 hours drive
 ✓ 10 ms if traveling at the speed of light



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GW sources and methods



Detection requires accurate models of the expected GW signals, as computed in GR.

Also, understanding the physics & astrophysics of sources requires accurate theoretical models of the source.





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CBC searches





We have several analytic families of waveform covering inspiral, merger, ringdown



Low mass search

Using non-spining and spining waveforms

Spin adds 6 extra dimensions to the parameter space, and precession of the orbital plane

First efforts focused on non-precessing waveforms

- Spins aligned with orbital angular momentum
- Analytic models of these waveforms are available

High mass search

- Major progress in numerical and analytical relativity has allowed us to use "complete" inspiral merger ringdown templates and extend search reach
- Search underway using these templates

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Binary Inspiral Searches

Latest published results from LIGO+Virgo

[Abadie et al., PRD 85, 082002 (2012)] Search using matched filtering 250 No inspiral signals detected Inspiral Horizon Distance (Mpc) 20090% confidence limits on coalescence rates: 150For binary neutron stars: $< 1.3 \times 10^{-4}$ 100 per Mpc³ per year For binary black holes with 505+5 M_{\odot}: < 6.4 × 10⁻⁶ Not yet confronting expected 0 range of merger rates



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Crab-Pulsar

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- Crab-Pulsar rotates with ~30Hz
- Gravitational waves (if mass-asymmetry) expected at ~60Hz
- Derivative of rotation frequency: dv/dt ~ -0.37 nHz / s yieds spin-down limit
- Plausible might be up to ~15% in GW
- GW-search result: Less than 2% of the energy loss are due to the emission of gravitational waves

Best Ellipticity limit: 7e-8 for J2124- 3358., Vela spin down limit also beaten

Associated gravitational waves



- Waveform mostly known
- ⇒ Template matched filtering



- Waveform, amplitude uncertain
- Main emission mechanism
 unknown

> ("Unmodeled" search)



The problem of burst data analysis



Not robust predictions => matched filtering can not be robust !

⇒Robust detections methods needed (but necessarily suboptimal)

However matched filter can be used for catching some part of the signal

For example **Gaussian peak templates** can be used for detecting main peak appearing in some burst waveforms (of course part of the signal SNR is lost)

Some other burst signals are also well known, e.g. black hole oscillations <-> ringdown signals with 2 parameters (frequency and damping time) related to BH mass and angular momentum => matched filtering must be used. (*but marginal signals in term of detectability*)⁷⁷

Network data analysis



Light time of flight : HL \sim 10 msec., VL \sim 26 msec. and VH \sim 27 msec.

Times delays set the Source Reconstruction Accuracy: Minimal angular resolution ~ 1° (could be much worse)

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Coherent analysis



LAC ((O)) VIRGO LSC

Time frequency maps





⇒ Concentrate signal energy in a small number of pixels



Burst data analysis Time-frequency methods

Whatever the details of the method : search some **excess power** in a time-frequency map



Network data analysis Coincident approach



LIGO-Virgo joint data takings



The LIGO-Virgo network Compared sensitivities





(important for advanced detectors)



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Searching GW in association with GRBs

Gamma-ray burst observed by satellites (Swift, Fermi, ...)
 ⇒ GCN: Gamma-ray bursts Coordinates Network

Known position and time

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- Position → simplify coherent analysis (time delays between detectors known)
- Reduced time → reduced background
- \Rightarrow Better sensitivity by a factor \sim 2



• Time coincidence between GRB and GW: window [-10, +1] min

→ dictated by long GRB astrophysics (several sec for short GRBs) -1.5 h off-source -600 s on-source +max(T90,60s) off-source +1.5 h

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GRB trigger

-350 -300 -250 -200 -150 -100

Precursor?

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Konus lightcurve





Telescope Network

- LIGO and Virgo partnered with rapid-pointing telescopes for observation run in summer and fall of 2010.
- Total of 14 triggers sent out (FAR < ¼ d), 8 followed up.
- Image analysis in progress, participation by LIGO and Virgo scientists.
- Also Swift (one event) and LOFAR radio array (commissioning during run).





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The flow of information

- EM triggers ⇒ GW detector analysis
 - From, eg, space-based X-ray and gamma ray telescopes
 - Knowing precise time and sky location of event reduces noise contamination in GW detector network; searches can go deeper

• GW detections ⇒ Pointing EM telescopes

- To catch prompt emission, must point quickly
- requires development of low-latency GW detection and sky localization pipelines, protocols to pass info, telescope scanning strategies and coordination



• GW detections + all-sky telescopes

- Eg, neutrino detectors, optical transient surveys, wide-field radio transient surveys
- Can be done offline, using data "in the can" "data mining"
- Prototypes for all of these paths have been developed; they need to be flawless and ready in 2015!

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Advanced detectors

- □ 2nd generation detectors
 - BNS inspiral range >10x better than Virgo
 - Detection rate: ~1000x better
 - 1 day of Adv data ≈ 3 yrs of data





Measured spectrum courtesy of the Virgo Coll.





G Losurdo - INFN Firenze



- Aberrations (intrinsic mirror defects or thermal deformations of the mirrors) spoil the beam quality
- A set of sensors and thermal actuators has been conceived to get an "aberration free" interferometer

CO2 laser

CO2 laser shined on the mirror: heat deposition where needed to compensate for aberrations

Heating rings around mirrors to tune RoC (accuracy: ~1m over 1500m)





Effect of RoC asymmetry in Virgo+

Advanced LIGO: L1 & H1



Slide from Norna Robertson, aLIGO suspensions lead







Quadruple suspension



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IGO-G1100175

Seismic isolation performance



Upcoming Network in the Advanced Detector Era



Credit: C. Mayhew & R. Simmon (NASA/GSFC), NOAA/ NGDC, DMSP Digital Archive

Einstein GW Telescope

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http://www.et-gw.eu/etimages

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How a new infrastructure (and new technologies) pushes ET beyond the 2nd generation?




CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

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Need Cryogenics for IowThermal Noise: 10K



http://s658.photobucket.com

High Power for low **Shot Noise:** 3MW





ET-D HIGH FREQUENCY DETECTOR

Slide: Christian Gräf, ET Symp., 2013, modified

- Quantum noise: 3MW, tuned Signal-Recyling, 10dB Squeezing, 200kg fused silica mirrors.
- Suspension Thermal and Seismic: Superattenuator (standard Virgo)
- Gravity gradient: No Subtraction needed
- Thermal noise: 290K, 12cm beam radius, fused Silica, LG33 (reduction factor of 1.6 compared to TEM00).





Coating Brownian reduction factors (compared to 2G): 3.3 (arm length), 2 (beam size) and 1.6 (LG33) = 10.5 Shot Noise reduction factors (compared to 2G): 1.6 (arm length), 1.9 (power), 3.2 (squeezing (10dB)) = 9.7

ET-D LOW FREQUENCY DETECTOR

- Quantum noise: 18kW, detuned Signal-Recyling, 10 dB frequency dependent Squeezing, 211kg mirrors.
- Seismic: extended
 Superattenuator, 17m tall
- Gravity gradient: no subtraction assumed in noise curve
- Mirror thermal : 10K, Silicon, 12cm beam radius, TEM00.
- Suspension Thermal: penultimate mass@2K, 3mm diameter silicon fibres, 2m long; limiting noise contribution from 1Hz-10Hz



As mirror TN is no longer limiting, one could relax the assumptions on the material parameters and the beam size...

TELESCOPE ET-D XYLOPHONE SENSITIVITY

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TRIANGULAR CONFIGURATION SIX INTERFEROMETERS IN TOTAL









CB Signal detection method: Matched Filtering & Templates bank



Template Signal Generation: GPU vs CPU







The Gravitational-Wave Spectrum





Launch Configuration

Spacecraft design constrained by volume of Launch vehicle shroud Delta-II preferred because of lower cost





LISA



Payload Mounting Structure





Optical System







Some history on GW detector in space

- Low-frequency gravitational wave mission first proposed in '80s (LAGOS)
- ▶'90s: LISA as joint NASA/ESA mission
- ►In the end LISA became (1 of 3) L1 candidate for ESA Cosmic Vision program (decision foreseen in 2011)
- Early 2011, NASA: no money to contribute to any ESA L1 mission.....
- Rapid definition teams for all L1 candidates to ESA-led mission. New mission (eLISA/NGO) developed, significant cost reduction, science still strong





LISA

eLISA

- Affordable mission: smaller arms, closer to Earth (save on launcher)
- Mother-daughter system (i.e. 4 links only)
- Reuse much of LISA Pathfinder components
- Pay-load simpler and cheaper, telescopes smaller
- Member state contribution: pay load (as in all candidate L1 missions)
- Consortium to be formed





eLISA



What is different from LISA?

eLISA

- I million km arms
- 4 laser links
- Smaller distance to Earth
- 2 Soyuz launch
- Member state contributions

LISA

- ► 5 million km arms
- 6 laser links
- Larger distance to Earth
- Ariane 5 launch
- No member state contribution

What is different from LISA?

Approximative sensitivity





LISA Pathfinder Mission

- LISA Pathfinder can be functionally split into the spacecraft and payloads:
 - Spacecraft
 - Provided by ESA
 - Industrial Prime Contractor: Astrium UK
 - s/c includes the drag free control software and micro-Newton thrusters

Payloads

- The LISA Technology Package (LTP)
 - Provided by European member states and ESA
 - Consists of inertial sensors, and interferometric readout
- The Disturbance Reduction System (DRS)
 - Provided by NASA-JPL
 - Consists of processor running drag-free control software and micro-Newton thrusters





LISA Pathfinder



Mission Concept



Monday, 21 March 2011

LISA Pathfinder



Mission Concept



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LPF Spacecraft

- The main role of the LPF spacecraft is to protect the test masses from external disturbances
 - The spacecraft follows the test mass
- Spacecraft integration is almost fully complete
 - All s/c bus electronic units are integrated, and most of the LTP electronic units are integrated
 - Only the LTP and micro-Newton thrusters are missing

 Spacecraft and Prop module are now at the testing centre (IABG) for the start of the environmental test
 campaign



LISA Pathfinder



Integrated Spacecraft





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History of the Universe



Why is the CMB Polarized?

- Thomson scattering cross section depends on polarization
- Quadrupole anisotropy (as seen by electron) @ last scattering → net linear polarization



E-Modes & B-Modes



A. G. Vieregg for the BICEP2 Collaboration

E mode can be generated by density perturbations and by gravitational waves

B mode can be generated only by gravitational waves or by gravitational lensing

Gravitational waves from orbiting double-star



Gravitational Lensing: Converting E to B

- Gravitational lensing deflects CMB photon trajectory
- Twists E-modes to have some component of B-modes
- Lensing B-modes detected by SPT and PolarBEAR in 2013

 $\hat{n} \to \hat{n} + \nabla \phi(\hat{n})$

Features of the CMB Spectrum

Temperature spectrum traces density evolution of acoustic oscillations in early universe.

E-polarization spectrum (first measured by DASI, Kovac et al. 2002) :

- 10^2 lower
- correlated with T but out of phase

B-polarization spectrum:

- 10² 10³ lower still!
- gravitational waves: large angular scale
- lensing: small angular scale

B-modes are a teeny signal! Hard to detect!



The Hunt for B-modes



- Characterize the strength of the inflationary signal by the tensor-to-scalar ratio, **r**
- Up to now: upper limits from searches for B-modes
 - Best limit on r from BICEP1: r < 0.7 (95% CL)
- At high multipoles, lensing B-mode signal dominant
The BICEP2 Telescope

- Cold (4K), on-axis, refractive optics
- 12" aperture → 0.5 degree beams
- Compact telescope for tight systematics control and ability to rotate around optical axis
- Detectors cooled to 250 mK using a helium sorption refrigerator







Anatomy of A BICEP2/Keck Focal Plane



 Ti Transition Edge Sensor (TES) Bolometers

Detecting CMB Radiation



Sensors cooled to 0.25 K to reduce thermal noise

Observational Strategy



Target the "Southern Hole" – an exceptionally clean region of the sky

Observe @ 150 GHz until you see B-modes

- → Near peak of CMB spectrum
- → Dust + synchrotron predicted to be at a minimum

Expected foreground contamination of the B-mode power: $r \le -0.01$

BICEP2 on the Sky



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B-mode Contribution



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BICEP2 B-mode Power Spectrum



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BICEP2 Results



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What comes next for us?



The Keck Array (2011 -)



- 5x BICEP2
- New: pulse tube coolers
- 2012-13: 5 @ 150 GHz



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Winter Overs: Robert Schwarz and Steffen Richter

BICEP3 (2015 -)

Will deploy in December 2014: 2056 Detectors @ 100 GHz





- Larger aperture, faster optics → 10x
 BICEP2's optical throughput
- Doubles the program's survey speed
- Important for foreground separation



The Planck satellite



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2 instruments:

- LFI (led by Italy)
 - HEMTs (transitors)
 - cooled at 20K
 - sensitive to 30-100 GHz
- HFI (led by France/UK)
 - bolometer array
 - cooled at 0.1K
 - sensitive to 100-857 GHz



The Planck satellite

- Launched by ESA and placed in L2 orbit in 2009. Full scan every 6 month.
- 75 detectors cover 9 frequency channels
- Planck strengths: large and redundant sky coverage, number of channels & detectors, low detector noise (25 x better than WMAP). Resolution intermediate between WMAP (3 x better) and ACT, SPT.
- HFI requires complex cryogenic cooling at 0.1K (dilution of ³He in ⁴He). Designed for > 2 scans, achieved 5. Turned off in Jan 2012 (due to ³He level).
- LFI requires cooling at 20K with ⁴He only and proceeded until few weeks ago (8 scans).
- 2013 release restricted to "nominal mission", 15 months, > 2 scans. Further temperature data + polarization maps differed to 2014 2015.



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