Features and anomalies in the primordial power spectrum

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From primordial fluctuations to CMB anisotropies



Key predictions

1) At present the Universe has an almost perfect flat Euclidean geometry.

Planck 2018 results. VI. Cosmological parameters *Planck* 2018 results. IX. Constraints on primordial non-Gaussianity *Planck* 2018 results. X. Constraints on inflation

- 2) The produced inhomogeneities should be adiabatic.
- 3) The primordial inhomogeneities are nearly Gaussian. Acquaviva, Bartolo, Matarrese, Riotto, NPB 2003; Maldacena, JHEP 2003
- 4) Inflationary perturbations generated during a slow-roll regime have a nearly flat power spectrum.
- 5) The existence of the long-wave gravitational waves. Starobinsky, SJETPL 1979

Primordial Gravitational Waves, not the perfect smoking gun:

- 1) Measuring such a tensor spectrum would not be enough to point to a specific inflationary models.
- 2) Not measuring such a tensor spectrum would not rule out cosmic inflation (e.g., very low-energy reheating temperature).

The inflationary scenario

 $V(\phi)$

Single-field slow roll inflation is (most probably) a simplified model:

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- Assumes a single-field slowly rolling down its potential.
- Assumes all other fields decoupled during inflation.
- Assumes a minimal coupling to gravity.



The CMB temperature anisotropies



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For 15 year...



Primordial oscillatory features

For a single clock:

- Excitations in time (changing equation-of-state during inflation at fixed time or speed of sound change) lead to linear oscillations (also known as sharp feature).
 Starobinsky, SJETPL 1992 Adams, Cresswell, Easther, PRD 2001 Achucarro, Gong, Hardeman, Palma, Patil, JCAP 2011 Chen, 2011
- Excitations in scale (oscillatory potential or initial state modifications at some fixed scale) lead to logarithmic oscillations (also known as resonant model).

Freese, Frieman, Olinto, PRL 1990 Chen, Easther, Lim, JCAP 2008

Planck searches for parameterized oscillatory features

Planck 2018 results. X. Constraints on inflation

$$P_{\zeta}(k) = P_{\zeta,0}(k) \left[1 + \mathcal{A}_{\text{lin}} \cos\left(\omega_{\text{lin}} \frac{k}{k_*} + \phi\right) \right]$$
$$P_{\zeta}(k) = P_{\zeta,0}(k) \left[1 + \mathcal{A}_{\text{log}} \cos\left(\omega_{\text{log}} \log \frac{k}{k_*} + \phi\right) \right]$$

Lin osc			æ	Log osc		
TT	EE	TT,TE,EE		TT	EE	TT,TE,EE
-4.2 -1.8	-9.0 -1.3	$\begin{pmatrix} -10.8 \\ -0.8 \end{pmatrix}$	$\Delta \chi^2_{\rm eff}$ ln B	-8.5 -1.5	-13.5 -0.2	$\begin{pmatrix} -11.0 \\ -0.9 \end{pmatrix}$
0.024 1.74 0.34	0.046 1.84 0.81	0.015 1.05 0.56	$\mathcal{A}_{X} \log_{10} \omega_{X} \\ \varphi_{X}/(2\pi)$	0.024 1.51 0.60	0.073 1.72 0.07	0.014 1.26 0.07
			$\alpha_{\rm rf}$			

Planck searches for parameterized oscillatory features



Features and the CMB temperature

• Projection effect from momentum space to multipole space:

$$\frac{\ell \left(\ell+1\right)}{2\pi} C_{\ell}^{XX'} = \int \mathrm{d}\ln k W_{\ell}^{X} W_{\ell}^{X'} \Delta_{\mathcal{R}}^{2}(k)$$
$$\frac{\ell \left(\ell+1\right)}{2\pi} C_{\ell}^{TT} \approx \frac{\Delta_{\mathcal{R},0}^{2}}{25} \left[1 + \mathcal{A}\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2} \frac{D_{\mathrm{rec}}}{\Omega \ell}} \cos\left(\frac{\Omega \ell}{D_{\mathrm{rec}}} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)\right]$$

• The actual (normalized) transfer function differs from the SW approximation: ISW, Doppler, ...



Features and the CMB E-mode polarization

Projection effect from momentum space to multipole space:

$$\frac{\ell \left(\ell + 1\right)}{2\pi} C_{\ell}^{XX'} = \int \mathrm{d}\ln k W_{\ell}^{X} W_{\ell}^{X'} \Delta_{\mathcal{R}}^{2}(k)$$
$$j_{\ell} \left(kD_{\mathrm{rec}}\right) \rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{3(\ell+2)!}{8(\ell-2)!}} \frac{j_{\ell} \left(kD_{\mathrm{rec}}\right)}{\left(kD_{\mathrm{rec}}\right)^{2}}$$

- Limitations of the temperature power spectrum are largely removed with polarization information. The (normalized) polarization transfer is modulated according to velocity.
- E-mode polarization peaks follow the velocity fluid making the turning points of temperature peaks corresponding to zero points of velocity (this implies a π/2 shift in phase).
 Ballardini, Finelli, JCAP 2022
- Mild degeneracies between large scale features and non-standard reionization histories. Mortonson, Dvorkin, Peiris & Hu, PRD 2009 Hazra, Paoletti, MB, Finelli, Shafieloo, Smoot & Starobinsky, JCAP 2017



Future CMB constraints



Exploring cosmic origins with CORE, JCAP 2018

From primordial fluctuations to LSS



Early Universe constraints from large-scale structures

- Large-scale structure (LSS) clustering measurements can be used to further test the primordial origin of the CMB's hints of deviations from a nearly scale-invariant primordial power spectrum.
 Wang, Spergel, Strauss, ApJ 1999
 Huang, Verde, Vernizzi, JCAP 2012
 Chen, Dvorkin, Huang, Namjoo, Verde, JCAP 2016
 Ballardini, Finelli, Fedeli, Moscardini, JCAP 2016
- Major challenge: beating non-linearities.



Perturbative description of the non-linear damping

$$P_{\rm lin}(z,k) = D^2(z) \left[P_{\rm nw}(k) + P_{\rm w}(k) \right]$$
$$P_{\rm w}(k) \equiv P_{\rm nw} \left[\delta P_{\rm w}^{\rm BAO}(k) + \delta P_{\rm w}^{\rm X}(k) + \delta P_{\rm w}^{\rm BAO}(k) \delta P_{\rm w}^{\rm X}(k) \right]$$

$$P^{\text{IR res, LO}}(z,k) = D^2(z)P_{\text{nw}}(k)$$

$$\cdot \left[1 + e^{-k^2 D^2(z)\Sigma_{\text{BAO}}^2} \delta P_{\text{w}}^{\text{BAO}}(k) + e^{-k^2 D^2(z)\Sigma_{\text{lin}}^2} \delta P_{\text{w}}^{\text{lin}}(k)\right]$$

$$\begin{split} P^{\text{IR res, LO+NLO}}(z,k) &= D^2(z) P_{\text{nw}}(k) \\ &\cdot \left\{ 1 + \left[1 + k^2 D^2(z) \Sigma_{\text{BAO}}^2 \right] e^{-k^2 D^2(z) \Sigma_{\text{BAO}}^2} \delta P_{\text{w}}^{\text{BAO}}(k) \right. \\ &+ \left[1 + k^2 D^2(z) \Sigma_{\text{lin}}^2 \right] e^{-k^2 D^2(z) \Sigma_{\text{lin}}^2} \delta P_{\text{w}}^{\text{lin}}(k) \right\} \\ &+ D^4(z) P^{1-\text{loop}} \left[P^{\text{IR res, LO}}(k) \right] \,, \end{split}$$

Model for the matter power spectrum based on 1-loop perturbation theory taking into account both the damping of baryonic acoustic oscillations (BAO) and the one of primordial oscillations by infrared resummation of the large-scale bulk flows.

Vasudevan, Ivanov, Sibiryakov, Lesgourgues, JCAP 2019 Beutler, Biagetti, Green, Slosar, Wallisch, PRR 2019 Ballardini, Finelli, JCAP 2022 Euclid Collaboration, Ballardini et al., A&A 2023

Perturbation theory versus N-body simulations



Differences ~ 1% (slightly larger for frequencies lower than the BAO one) at Leading Order and < 1% at Next-to-Leading Order.



Ballardini, Murgia, Baldi, Finelli, Viel, JCAP 2020 Euclid Collaboration, Ballardini et al., A&A 2023

Constraints from BOSS DR12 galaxy 2PCF





Power spectrum and bispectrum combination

- Oscillatory primordial features also generate highly correlated signals in terms of non-Gaussianities and specific features appear also in the bispectrum. Indeed, primordial features can also be searched for in the bispectrum, or jointly in the power spectrum and bispectrum.
- The bispectrum will have preserved scaling argument (linear vs logarithmic).

$$B^{lin}(k_1, k_2, k_3) = f_{NL}^{lin} \frac{6A^2}{k_1^2 k_2^2 k_3^2} \sin\left[\omega_{\ln}^B \frac{K}{k_*} + 2\pi\phi_{\ln}^B\right]$$
$$B^{log}_{\Phi}(k_1, k_2, k_3) = f_{NL}^{log} \frac{6A^2}{k_1^2 k_2^2 k_3^2} \sin\left[\omega_{\log}^B \ln\left(\frac{K}{k_*}\right) + 2\pi\phi_{\log}^B\right]$$

Chen, Easther, Lim, JCAP 2007 Euclid Collaboration, Ballardini et al., A&A 2023 Karagiannis et al. (including Ballardini and Bartolo), in preparation



Forecasts for linear features.

Future uncertainties



 $\mathcal{A}_{\text{lin}} = 0.0100 \pm 0.0008$ at 68.3% CL

Conclusions

- Primordial features provide a variety of valuable information on the physics of the early Universe ranging from detecting new heaviest particles, the presence of a fast-roll stage, to the details in the inflationary dynamics. They can also be used to discriminate between inflation and alternative scenarios in presence of signals oscillatory in time.
- CMB data from *Planck* are consistent with a smooth, power-law primordial spectrum as predicted by the simplest models of cosmic inflation; however, intriguing anomalies are present in the temperature power spectrum (not statistically preferred!).
- Future CMB polarization measurements (from both small and large angular scales) and future galaxy surveys will help us to reach a more complete picture of the physics of the early Universe and to improve the current bounds on the primordial feature amplitude. In addition, the expected observations from LSS will allow us to scrutinise the primordial interpretation of some of the anomalies in the CMB temperature angular power spectra.