# Gravitational wave generation in a viable scenario of inflationary magnetogenesis

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# Outline of the Talk

**Part 1 :** A viable model for the generation of large scale magnetic field in the early universe

Based on:

- R. Sharma, S. Jagannathan, T. R. Seshadri, and K. Subramanian, Phys. Rev. D 96, 083511 (2017), arXiv:1708.08119
- R. Sharma, K. Subramanian, and T. R. Seshadri, Phys. Rev. D97, 083503 (2018), arXiv:1802.04847

**Part 2 :** Stochastic background of gravitational wave from the anisotropic stress due to these fields

Based on:

R. Sharma, K. Subramanian, and T. R. Seshadri (In preparation)

Observational evidences of magnetic fields

# Observational evidences of Magnetic Fields

- ▶ B over galactic scales (ordered on kpc) ~ order of 10µG : Both coherent and stochastic [Beck 2001; Beck and Wielebinski 2013]
- Observed in clusters with a few µG strength, coherence length of the order of 10-20 kpc [Clarke et al. 2001, Govoni and Feretti 2004]
- Evidence for equally strong B
   in high redshift (z ~ 1.3) galaxies [Bernet et al. 08]
- FERMI/LAT observations of GeV photons from Blazars
  - ▶ Lower limit:  $\vec{B} \ge 10^{-16}$  G on intergalactic  $\vec{B}$  at scale above 1 Mpc [Neronov & Vovk, *Science* 10]

# Summary of Observational Constraints

[Neronov & Vovk, Science 10]



- Observational evidences
- Generation mechanism of the magnetic fields

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### Origin and Growth: Broad Picture

 Amplification —> growth (flux freezing, Dynamo mechanism) Governing equation for these mechanisms is magnetic induction equation,

$$rac{\partial ec{B}}{\partial au} = ec{
abla} imes (ec{V} imes ec{B} - \eta ec{
abla} imes ec{B})$$

Here  $\tau$  and  $\eta$  are the time parameter and plasma registivity, respectively.

- However dynamo requires an initial seed field  $\sim 10^{-20}$  G.
- Origin of seed field —> Astrophysical or Primordial

# Generation Mechanism of magnetic field



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Astrophysical origin of seeds may not be able to explain the presence of magnetic field in voids

Worth considering primordial origin possibly during inflationary process. (Durrer and Neronov 2013; K. Subramamnian, 2010, 2016)

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Inflationary Magnetogenesis

# Inflation

- An era of exponential expansion of space in the early Universe.
- Introduced to solve Horizon and Flatness problems.
- Also provides a natural explanation to initial density fluctuations.
- These initial density fluctuations arise due to the quantum mechanical nature of the field which causes inflation or some other field present during inflation.
- As different modes cross the horizon, the nature of fluctuations over these modes becomes classical.

# Scalar field vs EM field fluctuations during inflation



Scalar field fluctuations  $\langle 0|\hat{\delta\phi}(\vec{x},\eta)\hat{\delta\phi}(\vec{y},\eta)|0\rangle \approx \Delta_{\phi}(k)|_{k\sim 1/L}$ EM field fluctuations  $\langle 0|B_{i}(\vec{x},\eta)B^{i}(\vec{y},\eta)|0\rangle \approx \Delta_{B}(k)|_{k\sim 1/L}$ 

For inflationary scale  $H_f = 10^{14}$  GeV, the value of  $\Delta_B$  for 1 Mpc mode at horizon crossing  $\approx 10^{-10}$  G. However this value at the end of inflation becomes  $\approx 10^{-10} \times 10^{-46}$  G

# Scalar field vs EM field fluctuations during inflation

Scalar fluctuations:

$$S_{\phi} = \frac{-1}{2} \int d^{4}x \sqrt{-g} (\partial^{\nu}\phi \partial_{\nu}\phi - V(\phi))$$
$$(a\delta\phi(k,\eta))'' + \left(k^{2} - \frac{a''}{a}\right) a\delta\phi(k,\eta) = 0$$

EM fluctuations:

$$S_{EM}=-\int\sqrt{-g}d^4xrac{1}{16\pi}F_{\mu
u}F^{\mu
u}$$
  $aA(k,\eta))''+k^2aA(k,\eta)=0$ 

This implies  $B \propto \frac{1}{a^2}$ .

This happens due to the conformal invariance of the EM action and the conformal flatness of the background spacetime.

#### Breaking conformal invariance

**Action:** Modified electromagnetic action + interaction with charged particles/current

$$S_{EM} = -\int \sqrt{-g} d^4 x \left( f^2(\phi) \frac{1}{16\pi} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + j^{\mu} A_{\mu} \right)$$

In Coulomb Gauge, 
$$A_i'' + 2\frac{f'}{f}A_i' - a^2\partial_j\partial^j A_i = 0.$$

Define 
$$\bar{A} \equiv aA(k,\eta)$$
  $\bar{A}'' + 2\frac{f'}{f}\bar{A}' + k^2\bar{A} = 0.$ 

Define  $\mathcal{A} \equiv f \bar{\mathcal{A}}(k,\eta) \quad \mathcal{A}''(k,\eta) + \left(k^2 - \frac{f''}{f}\right) \mathcal{A}(k,\eta) = 0.$ 

#### Energy density of the EM field

Energy momentum tensor

$$T_{\mu
u} = f^2 \Big[ g^{lphaeta} F_{\mulpha} F_{
ueta} - g_{\mu
u} rac{F_{lphaeta} F^{lphaeta}}{4} \Big]$$

Energy density

 $\rho = \langle 0 | T_{\mu\nu} u^{\mu} u^{\nu} | 0 \rangle$ 

$$T_{\mu\nu}u^{\mu}u^{\nu} = \frac{f^{2}}{2}B^{i}B_{i} + \frac{f^{2}}{2}E^{i}E_{i}$$

$$\langle 0|\frac{f^{2}}{2}B^{i}B_{i}|0\rangle = \int d\ln k \frac{1}{2\pi^{2}}\frac{k^{5}}{a^{4}}|\mathcal{A}(k,\eta)|^{2} \equiv \int d\ln k \frac{d\rho_{B}}{d\ln k}$$

$$\langle 0|\frac{f^{2}}{2}E^{i}E_{i}|0\rangle = \int d\ln k \frac{f^{2}}{2\pi^{2}}\frac{k^{3}}{a^{4}} \left| \left[ \frac{\mathcal{A}(k,\eta)}{f} \right]' \right|^{2} \equiv \int d\ln k \frac{d\rho_{E}}{d\ln k}$$

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#### Generated magnetic field

- For,  $f = f_i a^{\alpha}$  and  $a = -\frac{1}{H_f \eta}$ , there are two possibility for a scale invariant magnetic field spectral energy density;  $\alpha = 2$  and  $\alpha = -3$ .
- For scale invariant spectrum  $\frac{d\rho_B}{d\ln k} \approx \frac{9}{4\pi^2} H_f^4$
- After generation, magnetic energy density varies with time as  $\rho_B \propto 1/a^4$ .
- Corresponding magnetic field strength

$$B_0 = 2\sqrt{\frac{d\rho_B}{d\ln k}}\Big|_f \left(\frac{a_f}{a_0}\right)^2 \quad \sim 5 \times 10^{-10} G\left(\frac{H_f}{10^{-5} M_{pl}}\right)$$

# Back reaction and strong coupling problems

- ▶ Scale invariant spectral magnetic energy density:  $\alpha = 2$  and  $\alpha = -3$
- For  $\alpha = -3$ , Electric energy density spectrum  $\propto (\frac{k}{aH})^{-2}$ 
  - Electric energy density diverges towards the end of inflation.
  - Electrical energy density dominates over inflation energy density. This is known as **back reaction problem**.
- In the usual approach with conformal breaking, the final value of f is made unity to match with the standard EM theory.
- Since f grows as  $a^2 \implies$  initial value of f is very small.
- Effective coupling parameter e<sub>N</sub> = e/f<sup>2</sup> becomes very large. This is known as strong coupling problem.

- Observational evidences
- Generation Mechanism of the Magnetic fields
- Inflationary Magnetogenesis
- Viable model of magnetic field generation

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# Addressing the strong coupling problem

In our model, we bring the system back to the standard form not at end of inflation but some time after it before reheating.

 $f_i = 1 \implies f_i = a^2 > 1$  (during inflation) &  $f \gg 1$  at end of inflation.

Hence no strong coupling problem.

As coupling parameter is very small at the end of inflation.
 Hence, *f* need to be brought back to unity post inflation.

During Inflation,  $f = a^2$ Post Inflation,  $f = f_f (a/a_f)^{-\beta}$ 

Models are constrained by the requirement of how fast the factor *f* falls to 1 from a large value.

# Post Inflationary era

- We assume a matter dominated universe after inflation till reheating.
- For f ∝ a<sup>-β</sup>, we solved vector potential by demanding the continuity of vector potential and its time derivative at the end of inflation.
- Energy density in magnetic and electric field can be calculated as before.

• At reheating, for super horizon modes  $\frac{d\rho_B}{d\ln k} \propto k^4$  for  $\alpha = 2$ 

#### Constraints from Post Inflationary Pre-reheating phase

Total energy in electric and magnetic field should be less that in inflation field at reheating.

$$\rho_E + \rho_B < \rho_\phi \mid_{reheat} = g_r \frac{\pi^2}{30} T_r^4$$



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#### Post reheating evolution of magnetic field

$$B_0^{NL}[L_{c0}^{NL}] = B_0[L_{c0}] \left(\frac{a_m}{a_r}\right)^{-\rho}, \ L_{c0}^{NL} = L_{c0} \left(\frac{a_m}{a_r}\right)^{q},$$

where  $a_m \implies$  scale factor at radiation-matter equality,

 $p \equiv (n+3)/(n+5)$  and  $q \equiv 2/(n+5)$ here *n* is defined in such a way that  $\frac{d\rho_B}{d \ln k} \propto k^{n+3}$ (Banerjee and Jedamzik, 2004; Brandenburg et al. 2015)

 After incorporating the results of magnetic field evolution suggested by simulation,

$$B_0^S[L_{c0}^S] = B_0[L_{c0}] (a_m/a_r)^{-0.5}, \quad L_{c0}^S = L_{c0} (a_m/a_r)^{0.5}$$

(Brandenburg et al. 2015; Brandenburg and Kahniashvili 2016)

#### Results taking nonlinear effects into account



- For  $T_R = 100$  GeV,  $B_0 \sim 10^{-15}$ G and coherence length  $\sim 10^{-5}$  Mpc.
- ▶  $B_0 \sim 10^{-13}$ G and coherence length  $\sim 10^{-3}$  Mpc ( with inverse transfer).

- Observational evidences
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- Inflationary Magnetogenesis
- Viable model of magnetic field generation
- Helical magnetic field generation

# EM action for the generation of helical magnetic field

Action

$$S_{EM} = -\int \sqrt{-g} d^4 x \left( \frac{f^2(\phi)}{16\pi} \left( F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} \right) + j^{\mu} A_{\mu} \right)$$

Modified Maxwell's Equation

$$A_i'' + 2\frac{f'}{f} \left( A_i' + \epsilon_{ijk} \partial_j A_k \right) - a^2 \partial_j \partial^j A_i = 0$$

In terms of circular polarisation basis

$$\bar{A}_{h}^{\prime\prime}+2\frac{f^{\prime}}{f}\left(\bar{A}_{h}^{\prime}+hk\bar{A}_{h}\right)+k^{2}\bar{A}_{h}=0$$

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here  $h = \pm 1$ 

# Magnetic field energy spectrum

$$\frac{d\rho_B(k,\eta)}{d\ln k} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{k^5}{a^4} \Big( |\mathcal{A}_+(k,\eta)|^2 + |\mathcal{A}_-(k,\eta)|^2 \Big)$$

Evolution of a mode  $k = 10^5 H_f$ During inflation



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#### Present strength of magnetic fields



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**Part 2** : Production of stochastic background of Gravitational Waves from EM fields anisotropic stress

• Before reheating,  $\frac{d\rho_B}{d\ln k} \propto k^4$  and  $\frac{d\rho_E}{d\ln k} \propto k^2$  for wavenumbers below to the value corresponding to horizon size.

 Electric spectral energy density dominates over the magnetic spectral energy desnity.

• After reheating  $\frac{d\rho_B}{d\ln k} \propto k^4$  and electric field gets shorted.

#### Gravitational waves

• Gravitational waves  $\implies$  Represented by the traceless transverse part of the space-time metric perturbation.

• The metric for homogeneous, isotropic and spatially flat universe.

$$ds^2 = a^2(\eta)(-d\eta^2 + (\delta_{ij} + 2h_{ij})dx^i dx^j).$$

where  $h_{ij}$  satisfies:  $\partial^i h_{ij} = 0$  and  $h_i^i = 0$ .

• The energy density of the stochastic GW in terms of tensor perturbations,

$$\rho_{GW} = \frac{1}{16\pi Ga^2} \langle h'_{ij} h'^{ij} \rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{16\pi Ga^2} \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \int \frac{d^3q}{(2\pi)^3} \langle h'_{ij}(\vec{k},\eta) h'^*_{ij}(\vec{q},\eta) \rangle e^{i(\vec{k}-\vec{q})\cdot\vec{x}}$$

$$\equiv \int d\ln k \frac{d\rho_{GW}}{d\ln k}$$

#### Evolution of Gravitational Waves

• The evolution equation for  $h_{ij}$  in presence of a source,

$$h_{ij}^{\prime\prime}+\frac{2a^{\prime}}{a}h_{ij}^{\prime}+k^{2}h_{ij}=8\pi Ga^{2}\overline{T}_{ij}.$$

here  $a^2 \overline{T}_{ij}$  is the transverse traceless part of energy momentum tensor of the source.

• For statistically homogeneous and isotropic EM fields,

$$\langle \overline{T}_{ij}(\vec{k},\eta)\overline{T}^{ij}(\vec{k'},\eta)\rangle \propto \delta(\vec{k}-\vec{k'})$$

using this,

$$\langle h_{ij}'(ec{k},\eta)h'^{ij}(ec{k'},\eta)
angle\propto\delta(ec{k}-ec{k'})$$

we obtained,

$$\frac{d\rho_{GW}}{d\ln k} = \frac{k^3}{4(2\pi)^3 Ga^2} \sum_{\aleph} \left( \left| \frac{dh^{\aleph}(k,\eta)}{d\eta} \right|^2 \right)$$

where ( $\aleph={\cal T},\times)$  or ( $\aleph=+,-)$  for linear and circular polarisation basis respectively.

After normalising the gravitational energy density with background energy density at present

$$\frac{d\Omega_{GW}}{d\ln k}\bigg|_{0} = \frac{d\Omega_{GW}}{d\ln k}\bigg|_{\eta}a^{4}(\eta) = \frac{k^{3}a^{2}}{4(2\pi)^{3}G\rho_{c_{0}}}\sum_{\aleph}\left(\left|\frac{dh^{\aleph}(k,\eta)}{d\eta}\right|^{2}\right),$$

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#### Energy momentum tensor of the EM field

• The energy momentum tensor of the EM field is given by,

$$T_{\mu\nu} = rac{1}{4\pi} \left( g^{lphaeta} F_{\mulpha} F_{
ueta} - rac{g_{\mu
u}}{4} F^{lphaeta} F_{lphaeta} 
ight).$$

• Anisotropic stress tensor is given by the transverse traceless projection of the spatial part of the energy momentum tensor.

$$a^{2}\overline{T}_{ij}(\vec{k},\eta) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \frac{d^{3}q}{(2\pi)^{3}} P_{ij}^{mn} \Big( B_{m}(\vec{q},\eta) B_{n}^{*}(\vec{q}-\vec{k},\eta) + E_{m}(\vec{q},\eta) E_{n}^{*}(\vec{q}-\vec{k},\eta) \Big)$$

where

$$E_i = \frac{1}{a}F_{i0} = -\frac{1}{a}A'_i$$
 and  $B_i = \frac{1}{2a}\epsilon^*_{ijk}\delta^{jl}\delta^{km}F_{lm} = \frac{1}{a}\epsilon_{ijk}\delta^{jl}\delta^{km}\partial_lA_m$ 

- Before reheating, both electric and magnetic field contribute to the anisotropic stress and result in GW production with a dominant contribution from the electric field.
- After reheating, only anisotropic stress due to the magnetic field contributes since the electric field gets shorted out by the large conductivity of the plasma.

► To obtain 
$$\frac{d\Omega_{GW}}{d\ln k}\Big|_0$$
, we need to calculate  $\Big|\frac{dh^{\aleph}(k,\eta)}{d\eta}\Big|^2$  which further depends upon  $\langle \overline{T}_{ij}(\vec{k},\eta)\overline{T}^{*ij}(\vec{k'},\eta')\rangle$ .

#### GW power spectrum

For non-helical EM fields,

$$\langle \overline{T}_{ij}(\vec{k},\eta)\overline{T}^{*ij}(\vec{k'},\eta')\rangle = \frac{1}{a^4(\eta)a^4(\eta')} \left(f_B(k,\eta,\eta') + f_E(k,\eta,\eta')\right) (2\pi)^3 \delta(\vec{k}-\vec{k'}).$$

For helical EM fields,

$$\langle \overline{T}_{ij}(\vec{k},\eta)\overline{T}^{*ij}(\vec{k'},\eta')\rangle = \frac{1}{a^4(\eta)a^4(\eta')} \left(g_B(k,\eta,\eta') + g_E(k,\eta,\eta')\right) (2\pi)^3 \delta(\vec{k}-\vec{k'})$$

Where

$$\begin{split} f_{B,E}(k,\eta,\eta') &= \frac{1}{4(2\pi)^5} \int d^3q \Big[ P_{SB,SE}(q,\eta) P_{SB,SE}(|\vec{k}-\vec{q}|,\eta) (1+\gamma^2+\beta^2+\gamma^2\beta^2) \Big] \\ &C_{B,E}(q,\eta,\eta') C_{B,E}(|\vec{k}-\vec{q}|,\eta,\eta') \\ g_{B,E}(k,\eta,\eta') &= \frac{1}{4(2\pi)^5} \int d^3q \Big[ P_{SB,SE}(q,\eta) P_{SB,SE}(|\vec{k}-\vec{q}|,\eta) (1+\gamma^2+\beta^2+\gamma^2\beta^2) \\ &+ 4\gamma\beta P_{AB,AE}(q,\eta) P_{AB,AE}(|\vec{k}-\vec{q}|,\eta) \Big] C_{B,E}(q,\eta,\eta') C_{B,E}(|\vec{k}-\vec{q}|,\eta,\eta') \end{split}$$

In the above expression  $\gamma = \hat{k} \cdot \hat{q}$  and  $\beta = \hat{k} : \widehat{k - q}$ , we have  $\hat{k} = \hat{k} \cdot \hat{q}$ 

# GW energy spectrum for nonhelical EM field



• The peak value of  $d\Omega_{GW}/d \ln(k) \approx 1.2 \times 10^{-6}$  for  $T_R = 100$  GeV and  $2.5 \times 10^{-7}$  for  $T_R = 1000$  GeV assuming  $\epsilon = 1$ . For  $\epsilon = 10^{-2}$ , the peak value changes to  $7.8 \times 10^{-11}$  for  $T_R = 100$  GeV and to  $1.3 \times 10^{-11}$  for  $T_R = 1000$  GeV, respectively. • Strong gap between the GW power for wavenumbers below  $k_{peak}$  from the GW power which arises due to the Kolmogorov branch, above  $k_{peak}$ . This feature of the GW spectrum is unique to our model of magnetogenesis compared to the GW spectrum in case of phase transition.

#### Analytical estimate

$$\left. \frac{d\Omega_{GW}}{d\ln k} \right|_0 = \frac{7\Omega_R}{5} \left(\frac{k}{k_0}\right)^3 \left(\frac{D_2}{\tilde{\rho} + \tilde{\rho}}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{(1 - 2\beta)^2 (4\beta + 1)^2} + \frac{4x_R^2}{(4\beta + 1)^2}\right)$$

• For  $T_R = 1000$  GeV, the peak value of  $\frac{d\Omega_{GW}}{d \ln k}\Big|_0 \approx 1.3 \times 10^{-7} \epsilon^2$ .



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# GW energy spectrum for helical EM field



• The peak value of the generated GW spectrum in this case is of the same order as in non-helical case.

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# Summary

- We obtained the GW spectrum for both magnetogenesis models where the generated EM fields are non-helical or helical.
- ► The generated GW spectrum  $d\Omega_{GW}/d\ln(k) \propto k^3$ , till  $k \leq k_{peak}$  determined by the Hubble radius at reheating.
- ▶ Non-linear evolution of the magnetic field after reheating develops a tail of the stochastic GW spectrum, for the modes with  $k > k_{peak}$ .
- ▶ The generated GW background lies within the sensitivity of LISA for  $T_R \ge 100$  GeV.
- A possible detection of GW spectrum of the nature calculated here by LISA will provide important probe of the scenarios of magnetogenesis discussed in Part 1.

For reheating scale around  $T_R = 150$  MeV, PTA may provide important constraints to our models.

# Thank you