

Anisotropic inflation and its imprints on the CMB

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- **Primordial fluctuation** in conventional inflationary universe:

Statistically homogeneous & **isotropic** $\langle \delta(\mathbf{k})\delta^*(\mathbf{k}') \rangle = P(|\mathbf{k}|)\delta^{(3)}(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}')$

↑ Is this true of our Universe?

- We propose a counter example: **anisotropic inflation**

- Introduction of a **vector field (coupled to inflaton)**

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{1}{4}f(\phi)^2 F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}$$

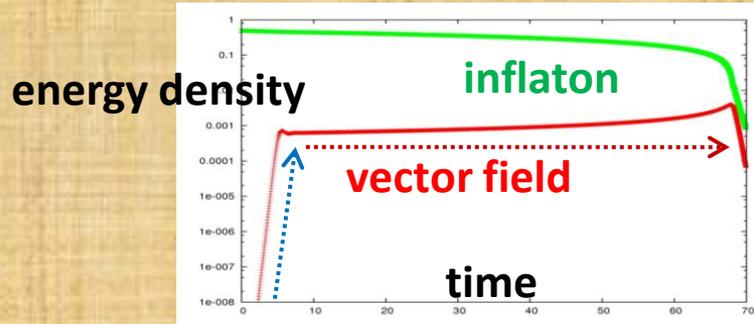
- Assumption of homogeneous but **anisotropic** background

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + a^2(t)[b^{-4}(t)dz^2 + b^2(t)(dx^2 + dy^2)].$$



How can it be imprinted on the CMB?

1. Evolution of homogeneous background



Tracking & scaling solution of anisotropic inflation exists.

2. Primordial fluctuations

- Power direction dependence

$$P_\zeta(\mathbf{k}) = P_\zeta^{\text{iso}}(k)(1 + g \sin^2 \theta),$$

$$P_h(\mathbf{k}) = P_h^{\text{iso}}(k)(1 + g_h \sin^2 \theta),$$

$$g \sim \frac{\rho_{\text{vec}}/\rho_{\text{inf}}}{\epsilon^3}, \quad g_h \sim \epsilon \cdot g.$$

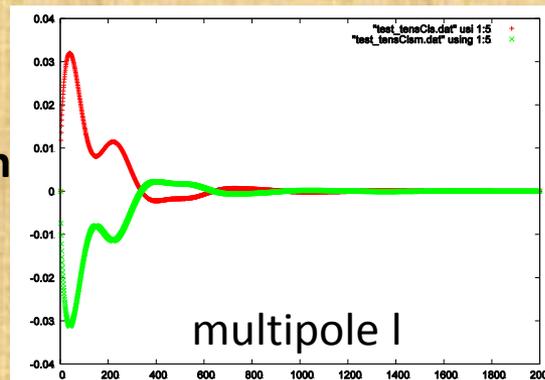
- cross correlation w/ GW

$$P_{h+\zeta}(\mathbf{k}) = \sqrt{P_\zeta^{\text{iso}}(k)P_h^{\text{iso}}(k)} g_c \sin^2 \theta,$$

$$g_c \sim \sqrt{\epsilon} \cdot g.$$

3. CMB correlations

Off diagonal TB correlation spectrum



Signal of anisotropic inflation appears :

- in On- and Off-diagonal ($l \neq l'$) components
- even in TB, EB correlations