# Cosmology

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### Standard cosmological model



## Scientific context

Rich present and future observational context...



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## Cosmic Microwave Background: Temperature





#### Primordial correlations: Temperature



Fluctuations created before the hot Big Bang

### Cosmic inflation



### Quantum fluctuations





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Scalar field has perturbations around homogeneous background. Each Fourier mode is a quantum harmonic oscillator with time dependent spring "constant"



### Primordial perturbations from inflation

Two types of perturbations are guaranteed to be created from inflation:



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B-mode polarization (tensor)



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### Non-Gaussianity

Probe of interactions during inflation. Suppressed by smallness of fluctuations:



Current 1 $\sigma$  constraints (Planck 2019):



 $\frac{\text{non-Gaussian}}{\text{Gaussian}} \sim f_{\text{NL}} \times A_s \lesssim 10^{-3} \div 10^{-4}$ 

## Future of Non-Gaussianity



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#### Precision tests

Cosmological precision tests of the Standard Model of cosmology (similar to precision tests of the Standard Model of particle physics at the LHC)





### GW140915: Gravitational Waves

Abbott et al. '16 first detection: 09/14, 2015



### GW170817: neutron star merger



#### Multi-messenger observation



#### Gravitational wave equation

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## Modified gravitational wave propagation

Modified gravity spontaneously breaks Lorentz Invariance. Acts like a medium, where gravitons are absorbed and dispersed. Effects accumulate on long time-scale.

$$\ddot{\gamma}_{ij}^{\lambda} + H\left[3 + \ldots\right]\dot{\gamma}_{ij}^{\lambda} + \left[c_T^2 k^2 + \ldots\right]\gamma_{ij}^{\lambda} = 0$$





#### Generalized scalar-tensor theories

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} &= G_4(\phi, X)R + G_2(\phi, X) + G_3(\phi, X) \Box \phi \qquad \Box \phi \equiv \phi_{;\mu}^{;\mu} \quad X \equiv g^{\mu\nu}\phi_{;\mu}\phi_{;\nu} \\ &- 2G_{4,X}(\phi, X) \Big[ (\Box \phi)^2 - (\phi_{;\mu\nu})^2 \Big] \\ &+ G_5(\phi, X)G^{\mu\nu}\phi_{;\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{3}G_{5,X}(\phi, X) \Big[ (\Box \phi)^3 - 3\Box \phi(\phi_{;\mu\nu})^2 + 2(\phi_{;\mu\nu})^3 \Big] \\ &- F_4(\phi, X)\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho}{}_{\sigma}\epsilon^{\mu'\nu'\rho'\sigma}\phi_{;\mu}\phi_{;\mu'}\phi_{;\nu\nu'}\phi_{;\rho\rho'} \\ &- F_5(\phi, X)\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}\epsilon^{\mu'\nu'\rho'\sigma'}\phi_{;\mu}\phi_{;\mu'}\phi_{;\nu\nu'}\phi_{;\rho\rho'}\phi_{;\sigma\sigma'} \end{aligned}$$

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### Conclusion

- Well establish Standard Model of cosmology but still open questions: What is the nature of the two accelerated phases?
- Inflation: Coherently supported by observations. Hopefully new surprises from future large scale structure (and B-mode polarization) data.
- Dark energy: Future large scale structure surveys will help us understand gravity on large scales. Gravitational waves can be used complementarily to the large scale structure in constraining models and establishing standard scenario or in unveiling new physics.