

Resurrecting Gravitational Vector Modes and their Magnetogenesis

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Astrophysical Magnetic Fields

System	Magnetic Field	Coherence Scale
Planets & Stars	1-10 G	10^4 - 10^6 km
Galaxies	1 μ G	1-10 kpc
Galaxy Clusters	0.1-10 μ G	1 Mpc
Inter-Galactic Voids	10^{-10} - 10^{-3} μ G	1-10 Mpc

Refs: [T. Vachaspati, 2021](#); [M. Giovanni, 2018](#); [R.Durrer & A.Neronov, 2013](#)

Magnetogenesis: General Comments

- Astrophysical mechanism can amplify a **seed** field (Dynamo effect).

But where did this seed field come from?

High redshift galaxies require seed field $\sim 10^{-14}$ G

- Astrophysical origins of the seed field exist (Biermann Battery), but caveats exist.
- Most probable scenario: **Primordial Magnetic Fields (PMF) with $B \sim 10^{-14}$ - 10^{-9} G**

Primordial Magnetogenesis

- Using standard assumptions to produce PMFs faces challenges.
- Many “exotic” Physics mechanisms in the early Universe exist:

Symmetry breaking, magnetic monopoles, couplings to inflation...

- **How about generating magnetic fields, which are vectors, from gravitational vector modes?**

Goal of the Project

Revisit the possibility of producing PMFs from gravitational vector modes (V-modes)

Introduce two new ICs

Study theoretical aspect of each IC and their resultant CMB spectra

Compare best-fit spectra to CMB data, particularly SPTpol *BB* data

Cosmology 201

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- Perturbations could be of scalar (potential), vector (vorticity) or tensor (GW) nature.

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \bar{g}_{\mu\nu} + \delta g_{\mu\nu}$$

$$T^{\mu}_{\nu} = \bar{T}^{\mu}_{\nu} + \delta T^{\mu}_{\nu}$$

$$B_i = \underbrace{\partial_i B}_{\text{scalar}} + \underbrace{\hat{B}_i}_{\text{vector}}$$

$$h_{ij} = \underbrace{2C\delta_{ij} + 2\partial_{\langle i}\partial_{j\rangle}E}_{\text{scalar}} + \underbrace{2\partial_{(i}\hat{E}_{j)}}_{\text{vector}} + \underbrace{2\hat{E}_{ij}}_{\text{tensor}}$$

Ref: [D.Baumann Lecture notes on Cosmology](#)


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$\Psi, \Phi =$ Bardeen Potentials

$V =$ Vector mode


$h_{ij} =$ Gravitational Waves


$$G_{\mu\nu} = \frac{8\pi G}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu}$$

$\delta\rho, \delta p =$ density, pressure

$\delta T/T_0 =$ CMB temperature anisotropy

$E, B =$ CMB Polarization


$$\frac{df}{dt} = C[f]$$

Cosmology 201: Specie Evolution

Photon temperature hierarchy (with similar equations for E and B mode polarizations)

$$(\Theta_\ell)' + \alpha_\ell \Theta_{\ell-1} + \beta_\ell \Theta_{\ell+1} + (\text{stuff}_\Theta)_\ell = V' \delta_{\ell 1}$$

$\ell = 0$: monopole, $\ell = 1$: dipole, $\ell = 2$: quadrupole (anisotropic stress), ...

Neutrino Hierarchy:

$$(\mathcal{N}_\ell)' + \alpha_\ell \mathcal{N}_{\ell-1} + \beta_\ell \mathcal{N}_{\ell+1} = V' \delta_{\ell 1}$$

Baryons:

$$(v_b - V)' + \mathcal{H}(v_b - V) \propto \tau'(v_b - v_\gamma)$$

Cosmology 201: V-modes Evolution

- Decomposition theorem: different types of perturbations don't talk to each other at 1st order in perturbation theory.
- Einstein equation for vector perturbations:

$$\frac{d}{d\eta} (a^2 V) \propto \Pi$$

Conformal time

Scale factor

Vector perturbation

Anisotropic stress
i.e. source

Cosmology 201: Effect on CMB

$$a^4 \langle V(k)V(k') \rangle = (2\pi)^3 \delta(k-k') P_v(k); \quad P_v = r_v A_s \left(\frac{k}{k_{\text{pivot}}} \right)^{n_v}$$

$$C_\ell^{XY} \propto \int dk k^2 \mathcal{T}_X(k, \eta) \mathcal{T}_Y^*(k, \eta) P_v(k)$$

$$C_\ell^{\text{TT,tot}} = C_\ell^{\text{TT,s}} + C_\ell^{\text{TT,v}} + C_\ell^{\text{TT,t}}$$

$$C_\ell^{\text{EE,tot}} = C_\ell^{\text{EE,s}} + C_\ell^{\text{EE,v}} + C_\ell^{\text{EE,t}}$$

$$C_\ell^{\text{BB,tot}} = C_\ell^{\text{BB,v}} + C_\ell^{\text{BB,t}}$$

Electromagnetism in Curved Spacetime

A balance between Coulomb and Thomson forces allows for the generation of an electric field

$$\mathcal{E} \propto (v_\gamma - v_b); \quad (a^2 \mathcal{B})' \propto k a^2 \mathcal{E}$$

Main mechanism: We need a velocity difference to create an electric field, which then creates a MF.

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Take Care of the V-modes

- Adiabatic initial conditions for V-modes produce irregular solutions that break perturbation theory.
- Setting ICs to 0 by hand: fine tuning (another flatness problem)?

$$\frac{d}{d\eta}(a^2 V) \propto \Pi$$

Initial Conditions

1. Neutrino-Photon Isocurvature.
2. Neutrino Octupole
3. Sourced Mode

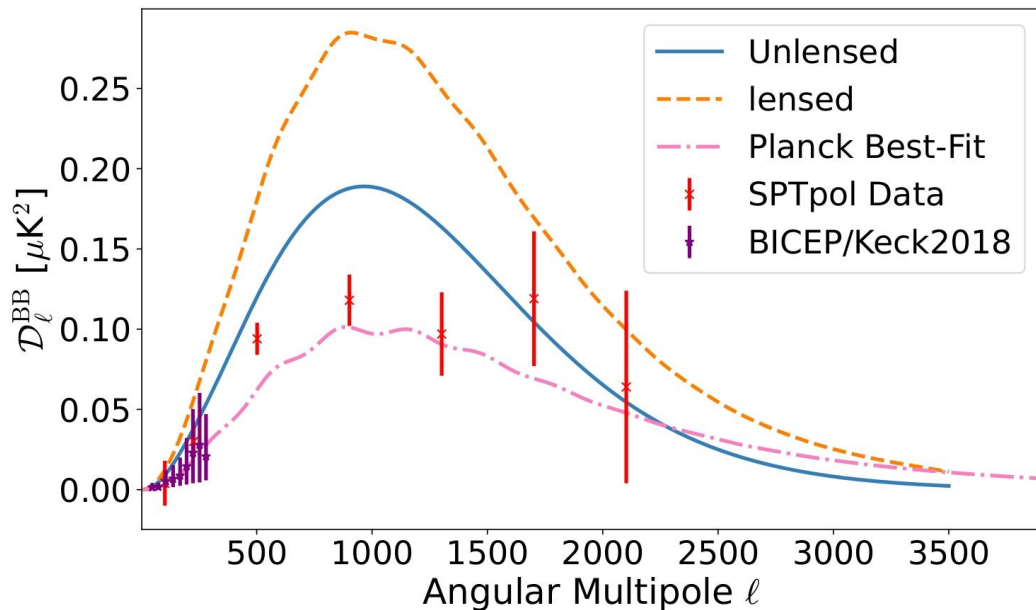
Neutrino-Photon Isocurvature

- The lowest order, physically possible, condition is a velocity difference between photons and neutrinos, i.e. Isocurvature.

$$v_\gamma - v_\nu \Rightarrow \Pi_\nu \Rightarrow V \Rightarrow \delta v \Rightarrow \mathcal{E} \Rightarrow \mathcal{B}$$

Neutrino-Photon Isocurvature

Best-fit parameters to Planck (TT/TE/EE/lensing), SPT-3G(TT/TE/EE) and BAO (6dF, SDSS) data.



	r_ν	n_ν	$10^2 r$	$10^{26} \mathcal{B}_1 [\text{G}]$
ISO	0.001	0.4	—	0.5
ISO + Tensor	0.003	0.4	2.5	0.8

- RMS of MF too small to explain all astrophysical MFs.
- Clear violation of BB measurements.
- Need more detailed data analysis.

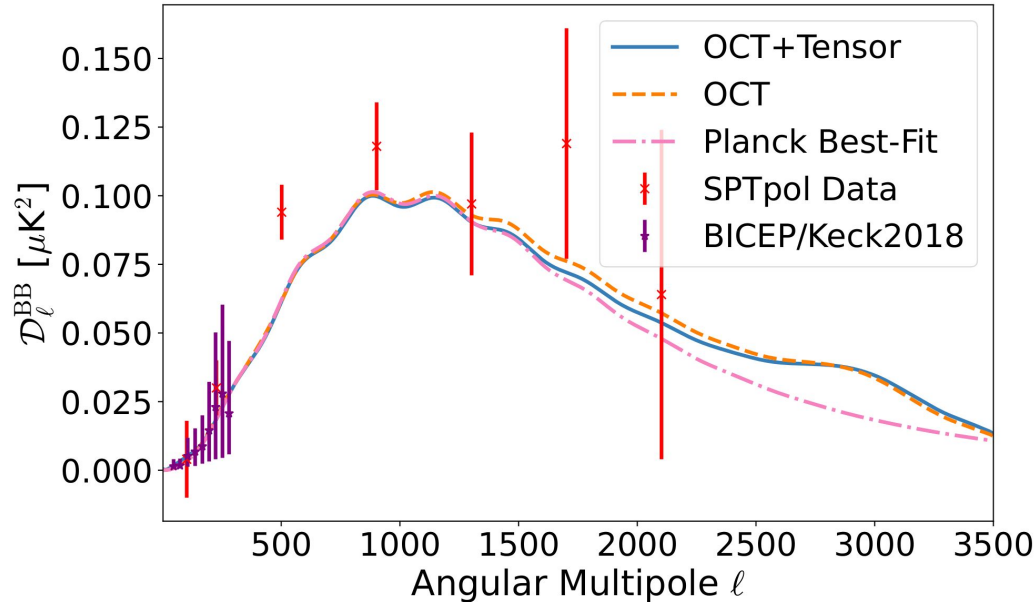
Neutrino Octupole

- Standard analytical description of ICs truncates neutrino hierarchy at the quadrupole level.
- Extend the truncation to the octupole ($\ell=3$) level.
- Very speculative. Needs further justification.

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OCT	15.3	6.7	—	0.2
OCT + Tensor	2.1	8.0	2.6	0.2

- Even smaller RMS value for the MF compared to the ISO case.
- Fit to BB spectrum seems comparable to Planck best-fit ΛCDM .
- Need thorough data analysis to check.

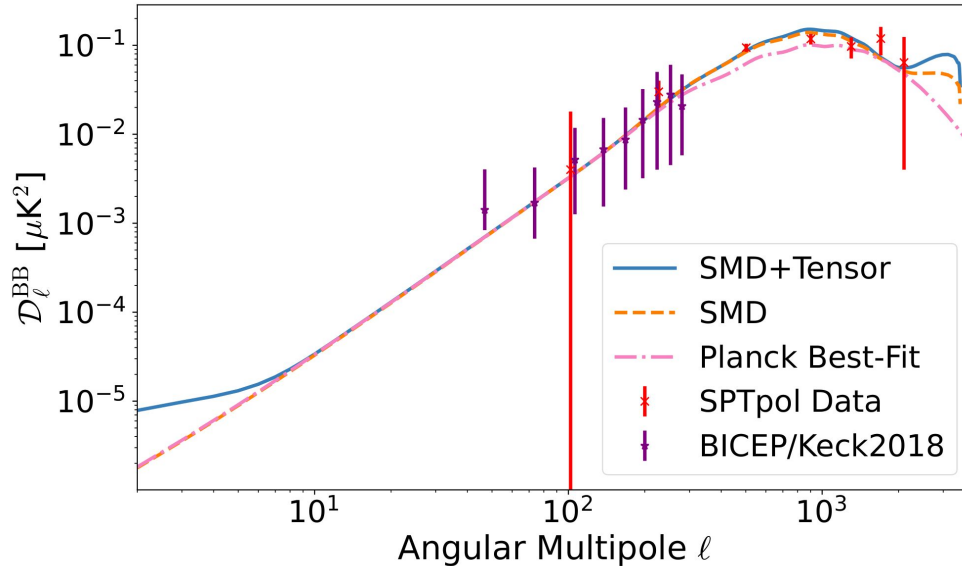
Sourced Mode

- Altering the neutrino sector did not produce big enough seed MF.
- Consider an even more speculative scenario with the presence of Dark radiation.
- Higher dimensional theories predict these specie, and they must have an anisotropic stress.
- Assume the anisotropic stress abruptly sourcing V-modes at an early redshift z_* .

$$\Pi_s \Rightarrow V \Rightarrow \delta v \Rightarrow \mathcal{E} \Rightarrow \mathcal{B}$$

Sourced Mode

At $z_*=10^7$, best fit MF was orders of magnitude smaller. We increase z_* to 10^4 .



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SMD	6.7	1.2	—	2.6
SMD + Tensor	7.8	1.5	0.04	4.5

- Absence of oscillations due to late sourcing.
- Very small amplitude, i.e. not a suitable magnetogenesis mechanism
- BB spectrum shows similar fitting power to Λ CDM.
- Further data analysis is needed.

Summary

ISO: $v_\gamma - v_\nu \Rightarrow \Pi_\nu \Rightarrow V \Rightarrow \delta v \Rightarrow \mathcal{E} \Rightarrow \mathcal{B}$

OCT: $\mathcal{N}_3 \Rightarrow \mathcal{N}_2(\Pi_\nu) \Rightarrow V \Rightarrow \Theta_2 \Rightarrow \delta v \Rightarrow \mathcal{E} \Rightarrow \mathcal{B}$

SMD: $\Pi_s \Rightarrow V \Rightarrow \delta v \Rightarrow \mathcal{E} \Rightarrow \mathcal{B}$

None of the ICs considered produced large enough MF to seed astrophysical ones.

OCT and SMD show similar fit to BB spectrum compared to Planck Λ CDM best fit.

The slightest presence of V-modes could be confused with tensor modes.

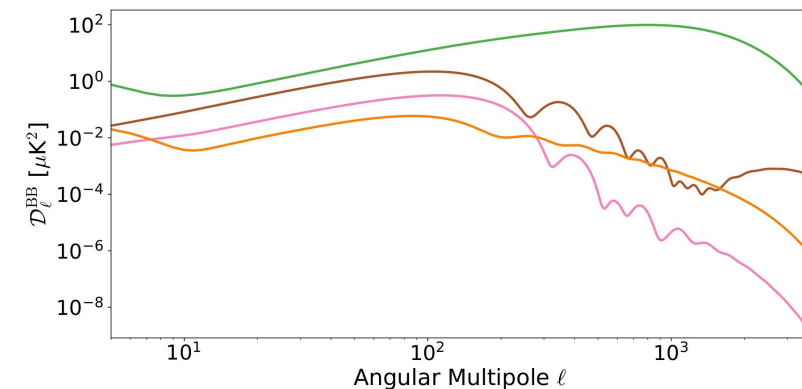
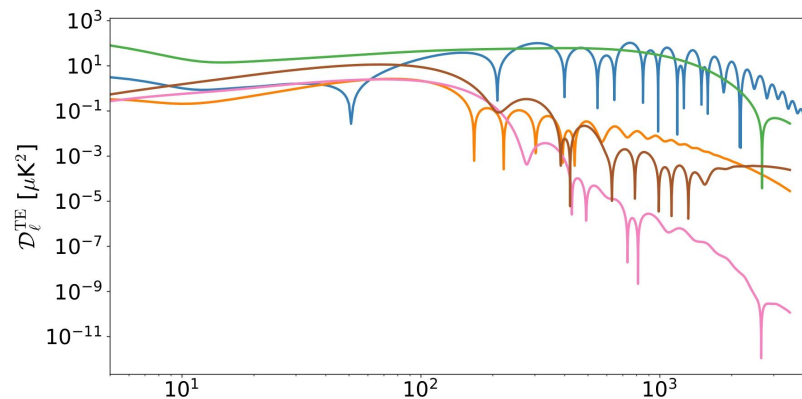
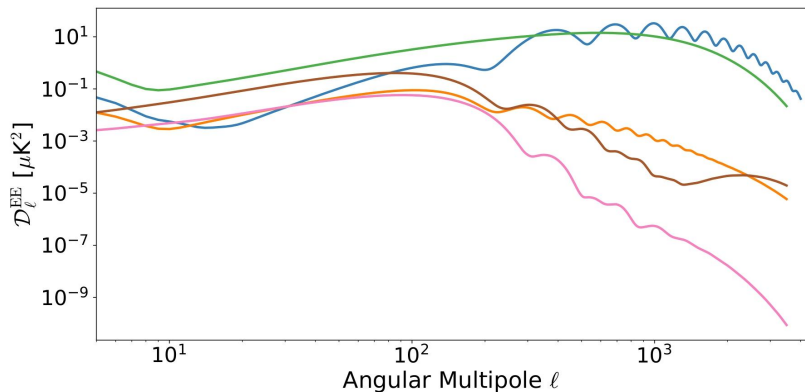
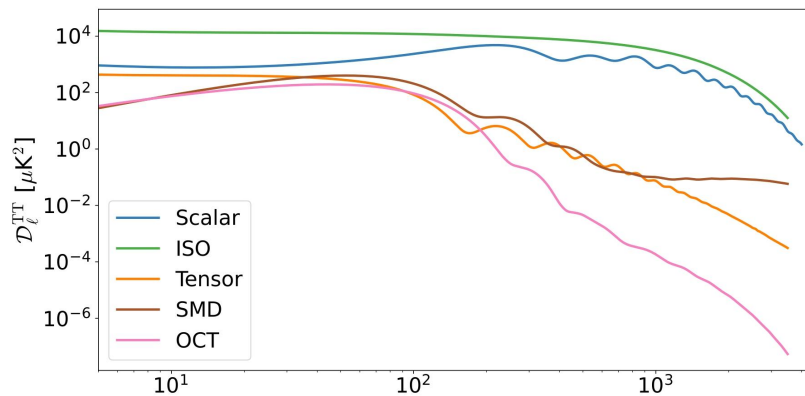
Future Prospects

- We are preparing constraints including data from Planck, SPT-3G and SPTpol *BB*.
- Include the effect of Faraday rotation.
- If PMFs were present by another mechanism, they should be included in the study
of vector and tensor modes.

Back-up: Paper

CMB Spectra

Set scalar, vector and tensor amplitudes and spectral indices to be the same. For SMD, $z_* = 10^7$



Cosmology 201: V-modes Evolution

$$g_{\mu\nu} = a^2(\eta)(\eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}), h_{00} = 0; h_{0i} = -\Phi_i; h_{ij} = 0, \eta_{\mu\nu} = \text{diag}[-1, 1, 1, 1]$$

Scale factor

V-mode

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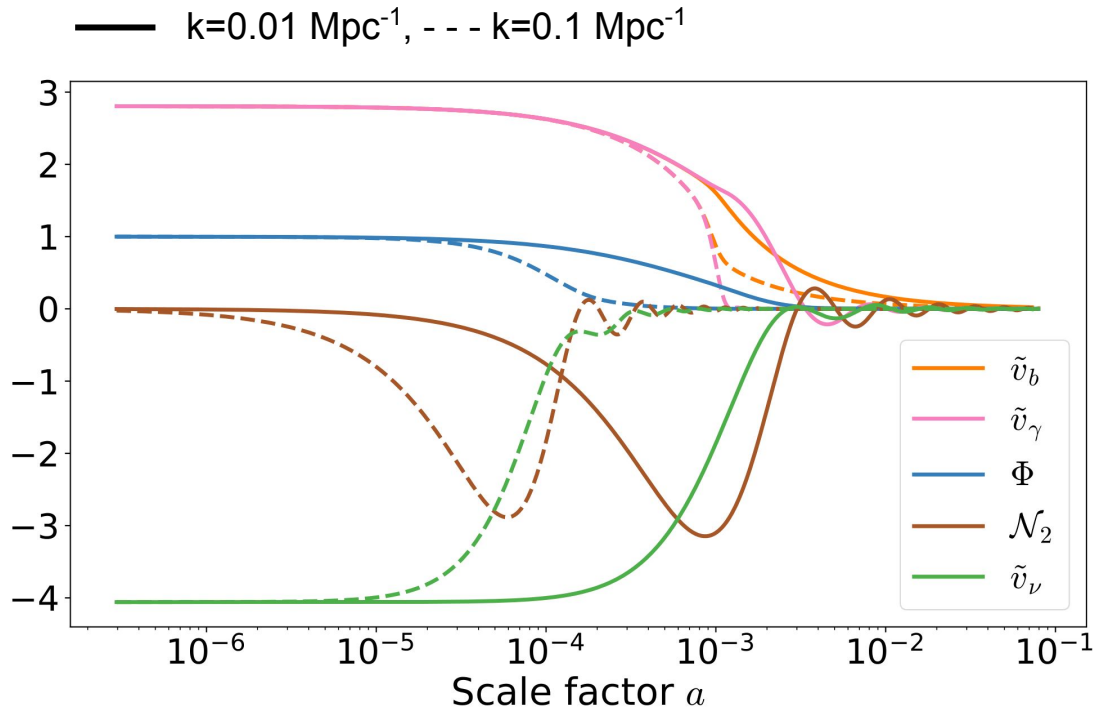
Einstein equations of motion, in Fourier Space:

$$\Phi^{(m)'} + 2\mathcal{H}\Phi^{(m)} = -\frac{8\pi G a^2}{k} \sum_s \bar{p}_s \pi_s^{(m)} \longrightarrow \text{Anisotropic stress}$$

Hubble Parameter Background pressure

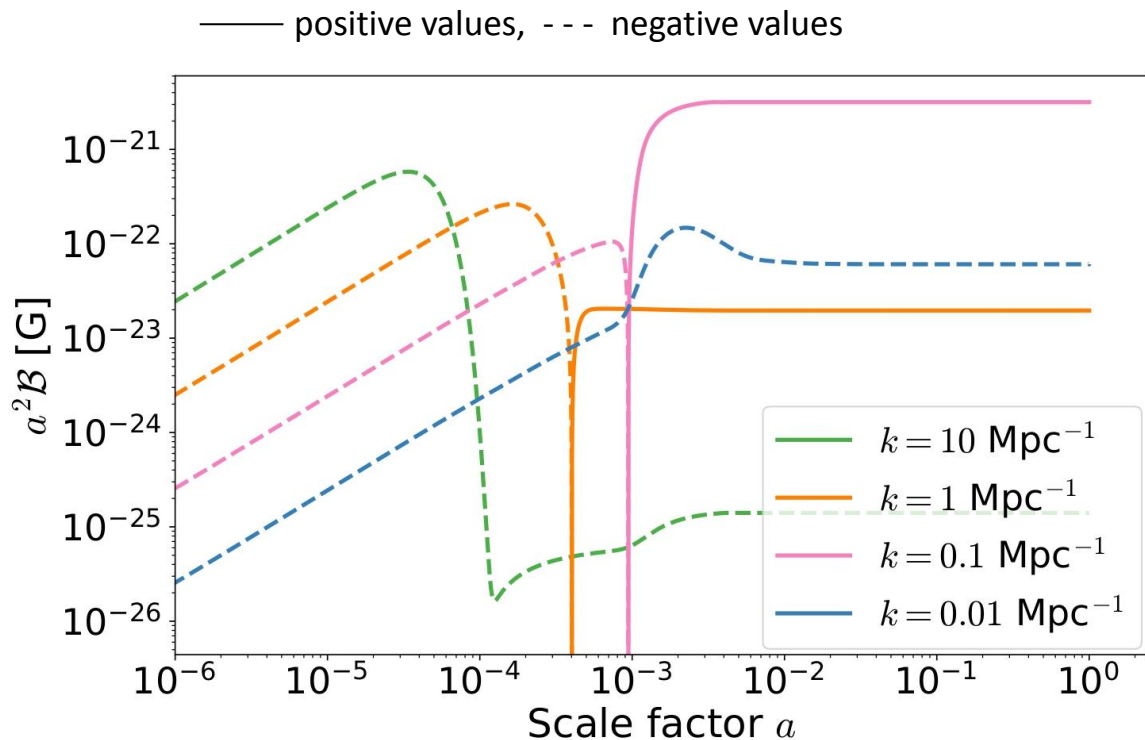
We need anisotropic stress to source V-modes

Neutrino-Photon Isocurvature



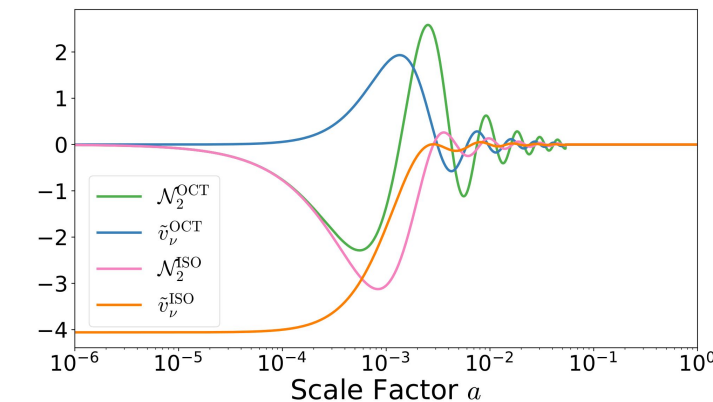
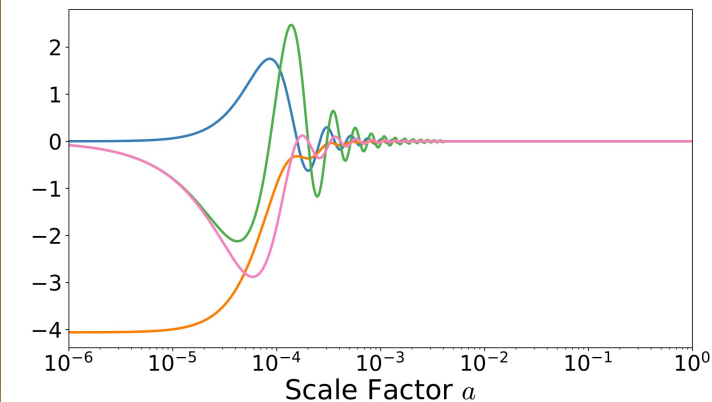
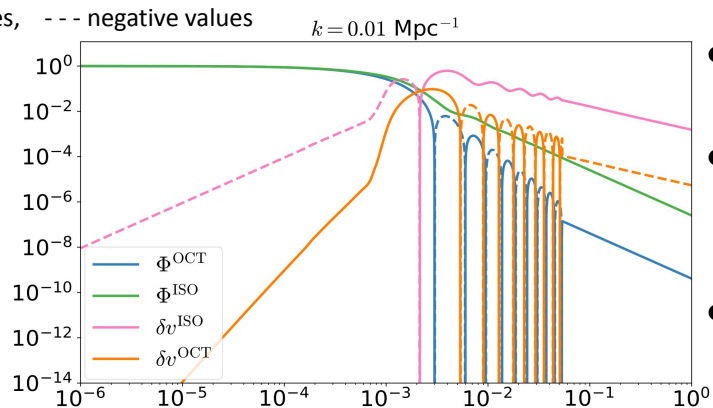
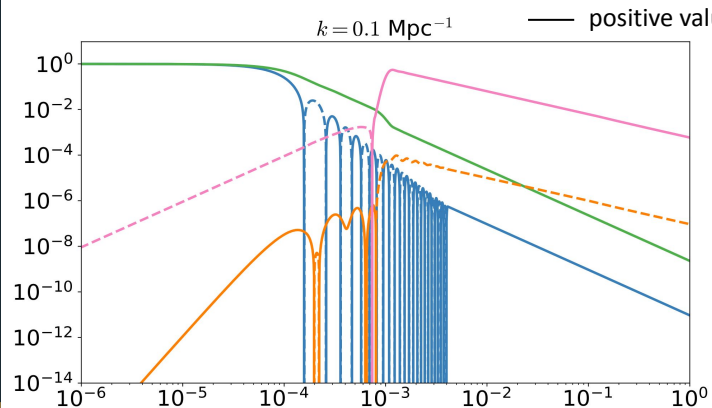
- Balance between V-modes, photons and neutrinos.
- A slight evolution of V-modes produces neutrino anisotropic stress.
- Baryons-photon tight coupling.
- When a mode enters the horizon it starts decaying.
- Confirmation of previous results ([A. Lewis 2004](#), [Itchiki et al. 2011](#))

Neutrino-Photon Isocurvature



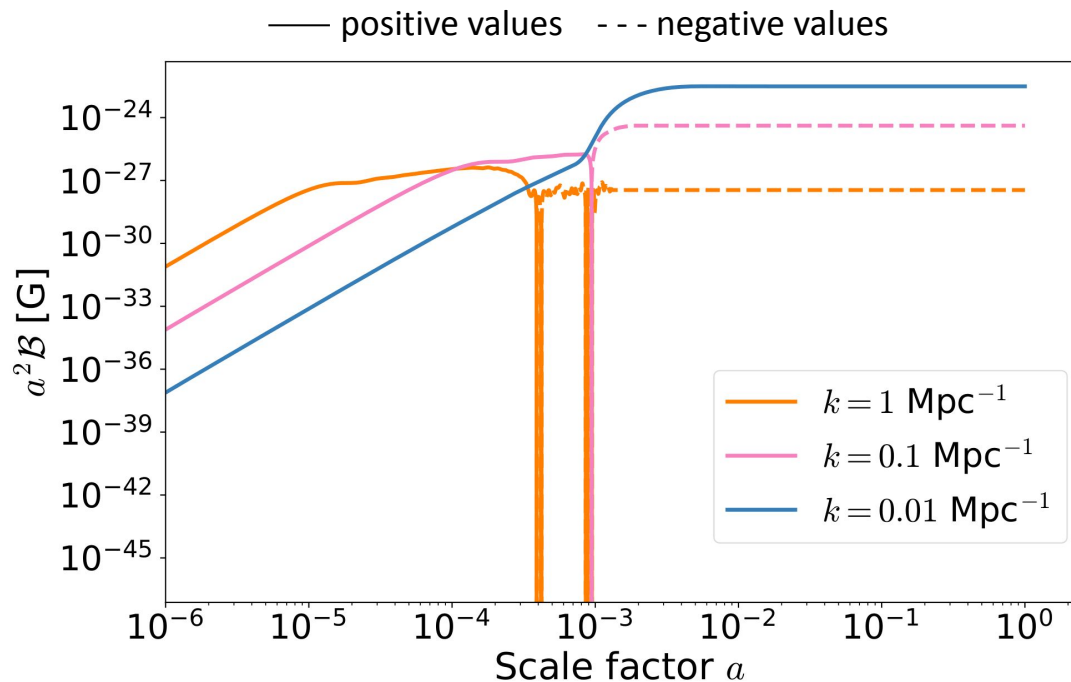
- Value increases until diffusion damping kicks-in.
- Sign flips when baryon velocity exceeds photon's.
- Extremely small magnitude for MF.

Neutrino Octupole



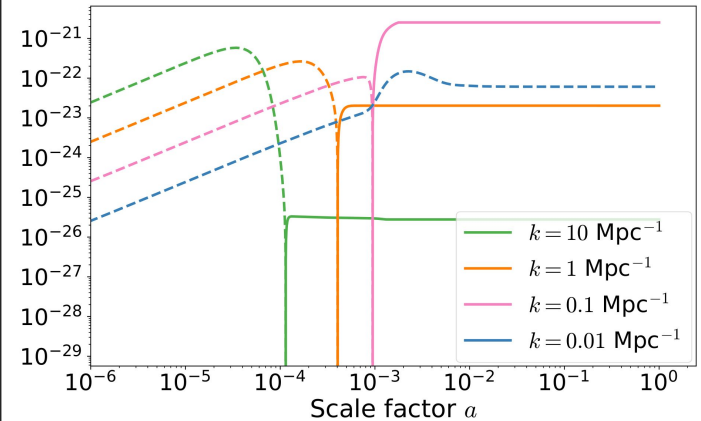
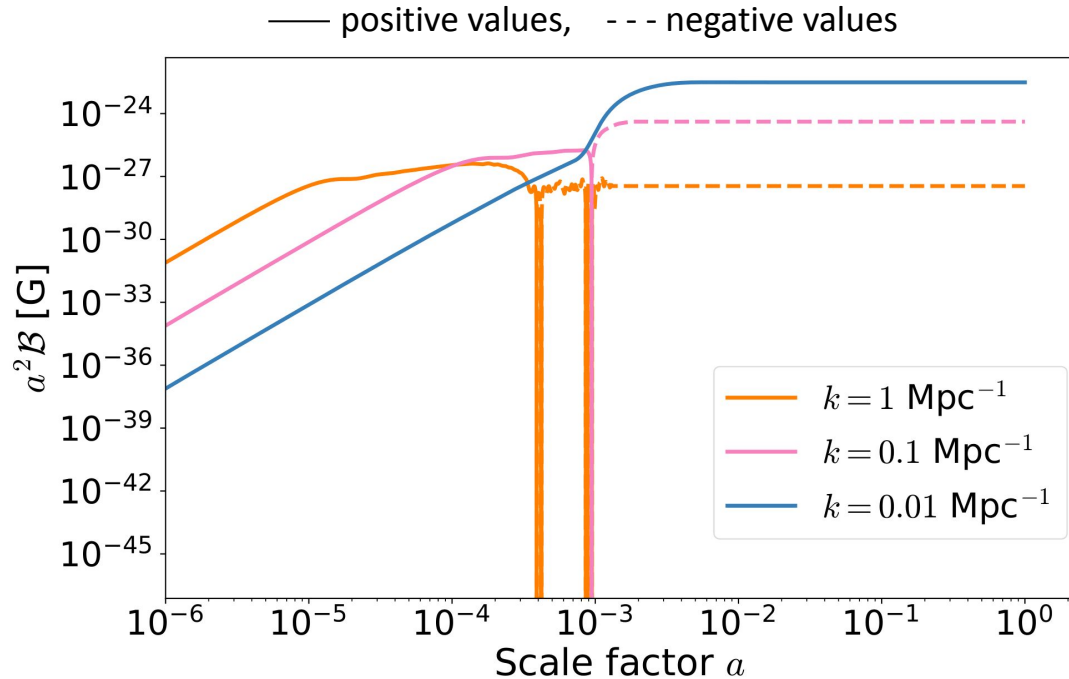
- Distinctive Oscillatory feature.
- Smaller amplitudes due to indirect sourcing.
- Small scales (left) respond differently to neutrino quadrupole compared to large scales (right).

Neutrino Octupole



- Smaller amplitudes compared to the ISO case.
- Sign is also different compared to previous IC
- Strong oscillations of smaller scales: manifestation of diffusion damping.

Neutrino Octupole



Sourced Mode

At very early times, neutrinos and DR dominate the dynamics.

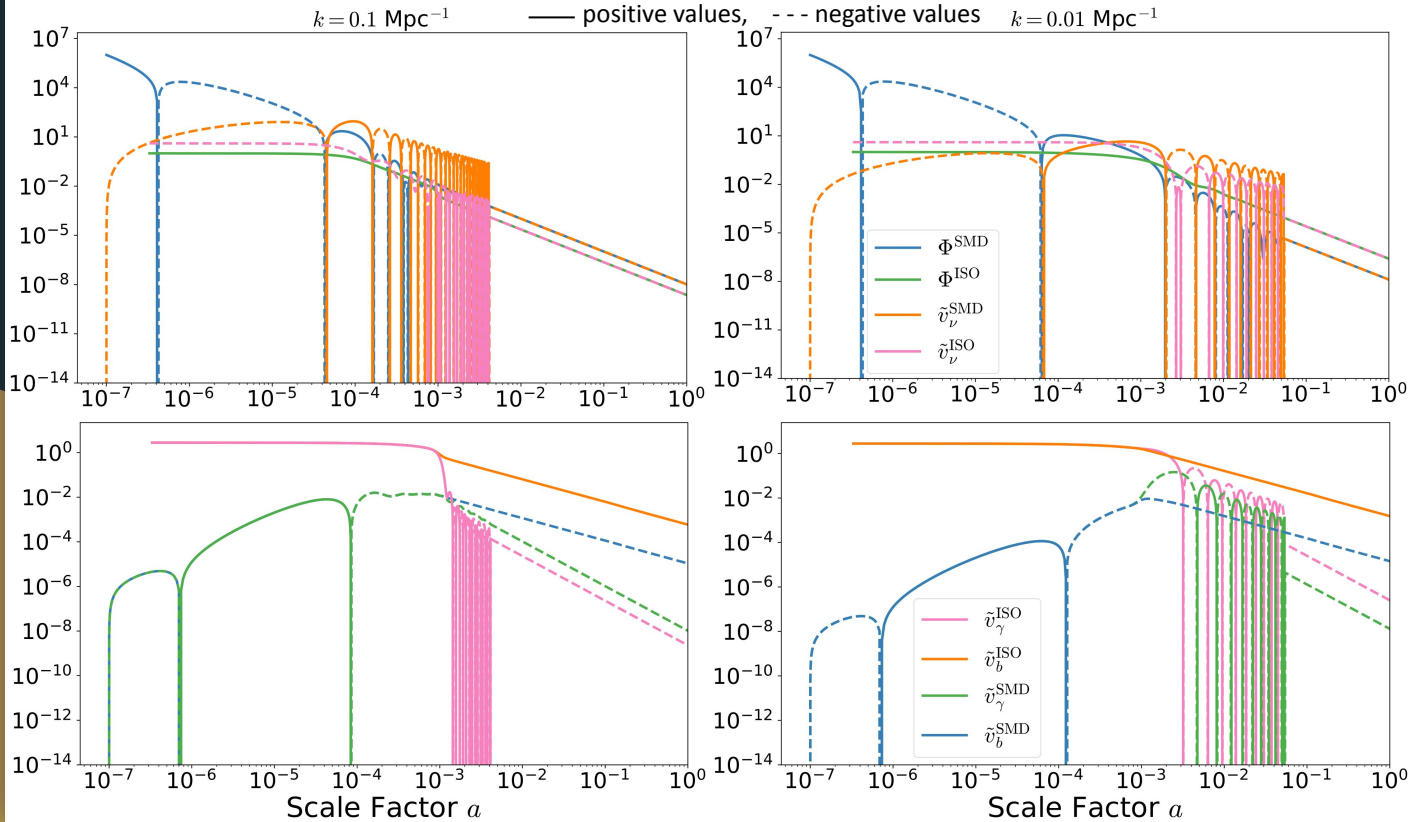
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$$\Phi = \Phi_* \left(\frac{\eta}{\eta_*} \right)^{3/2} [\cos(x) - b_\nu \sin(x)], \quad x = \frac{1}{2b_\nu} \ln \frac{\eta}{\eta_*}$$

$$\delta v \propto k^2 \left[\eta^{-1} \int d\eta \Phi \tau'^{-1} + \Phi \tau'^{-1} \right]$$

$$a^2 \mathcal{B} = a_{\mathcal{B}} k^3 \eta^{5/2} [b_{\mathcal{B}} \cos(x) - c_{\mathcal{B}} \sin(x)]$$

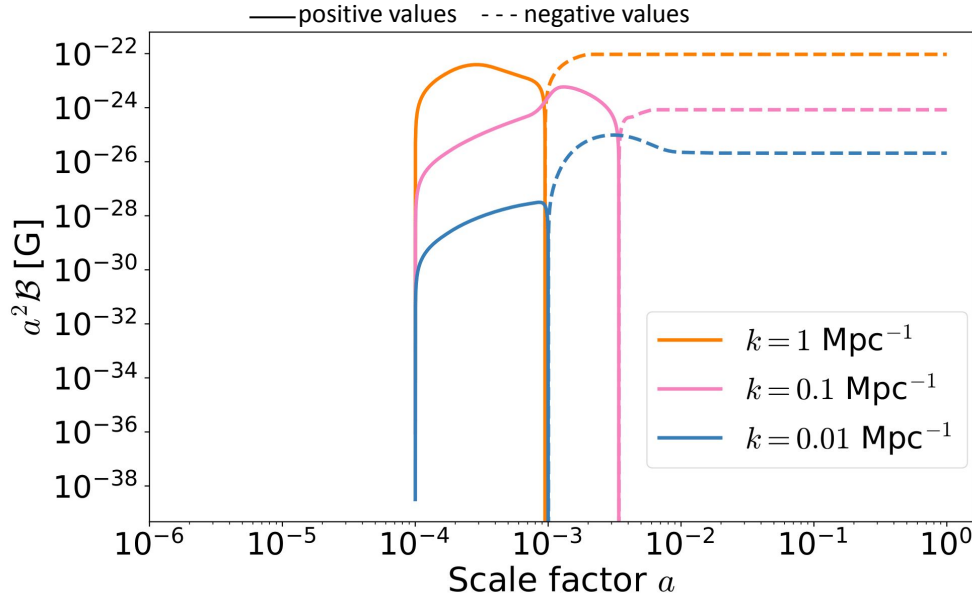
Sourced Mode



- Initial redshift= 10^7 .
- Distinctive oscillations at early times.
- Similarity to the OCT case at large scales (right).

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