#### Hu & Okamoto (2001)



E-polarization

**B**-polarization



#### **Planck versus Inflation**



#### Planck (2009-2013)



Table 2. Planck performance parameters determined from flight data.

				Scanning Beam <sup>c</sup>		Noise <sup>d</sup>	
	CHANNEL	$N_{ m detectors}{}^{ m a}$	$\nu_{\text{center}}^{\text{b}}$ [GHz]	FWHM [arcm]	Ellipticity	$\frac{1}{[\mu K_{RJ} s^{1/2}]}$	$[\mu K_{CMB} s^{1/2}]$
LFI HFI	30 GHz	4	28.4	33.16	1.37	145.4	148.5
	44 GHz	6	44.1	28.09	1.25	164.8	173.2
	> 70 GHz	12	70.4	13.08	1.27	133.9	151.9
	100 GHz	8	100	9.59	1.21	31.52	41.3
	143 GHz	11	143	7.18	1.04	10.38	17.4
	$217 \mathrm{GHz} \ldots \ldots$	12	217	4.87	1.22	7.45	23.8
	353 GHz	12	353	4.7	1.2	5.52	78.8
	545 GHz	3	545	4.73	1.18	2.66	0.0259 <sup>d</sup>
	857 GHz	4	857	4.51	1.38	1.33	0.0259 <sup>d</sup>

#### Planck's view of the microwave sky





[WMAP 2012]

# Cleaned map of CMB temperature anisotropies



## Planck (temperature) angular power spectrum



Multipole *l* 

### Parameters of the ACDM model

Six cosmological parameters:



plus another 14 "nuisance" parameters for Planck data, describing

- perturbations from
  - the cosmic infrared background (4)
  - unresolved point sources (4)
  - the Sunyaev-Zeldovich effect (3)
- beam shape uncertainties (1)
- relative calibration uncertainties (2)

#### Predictions of the simplest models



### Probing the predictions of inflation



#### Spatial curvature



#### Spatial curvature constraints

Planck + WP

Planck + WP + BAO



	Planck+WP	Planck+WP+BAO	Planck+WP+highL	Planck+WP+highL+BAO	
Parameter	Best fit 95% limits	Best fit 95% limits	Best fit 95% limits	Best fit 95% limits	
$\Omega_K$	$-0.0105 \ -0.037^{+0.043}_{-0.049}$	0.0000 0.0000 <sup>+0.0066</sup> <sub>-0.0067</sub>	$-0.0111 \ -0.042^{+0.043}_{-0.048}$	0.0009 -0.0005 <sup>+0.0065</sup> <sub>-0.0066</sub>	

No evidence for non-zero spatial curvature

[Planck 2013]

#### Predictions of the simplest models



### The scale-invariant (HZ-) spectrum



Scale-invariant spectrum (*n*<sub>s</sub> = 1, "white noise") is now ruled out at more than 5σ from *Planck* + WP data alone Even for extended models, still disfavoured at 3σ, when combined

Even for extended models, still disfavoured at  $3\sigma$ , when combined with BAO data

 $\rightarrow$  strong argument for dynamical generation of primordial perturbation

## Higher order terms in the power spectrum



#### Predictions of the simplest models



### Non-Gaussianity: CMB angular bispectrum



#### Non-Gaussianity



No evidence for non-Gaussianity

[Planck 2013]

#### Predictions of the simplest models



# Adiabaticity: constraints on isocurvature perturbations



Planck data are perfectly compatible with adiabatic initial conditions

[Planck 2013]

#### Status of inflation pre BICEP2



## Constraints on a selection of inflation models



#### Status of inflation pre BICEP2





### BICEP2

BICEP2 is a microwave telescope at the south pole, and measured the CMB at a frequency of 150 GHz



#### BICEP2: survey area



#### BICEP2: polarisation maps Q/U



#### BICEP2: polarisation maps E/B



FIG. 3.— Left: BICEP2 apodized *E*-mode and *B*-mode maps filtered to  $50 < \ell < 120$ . Right: The equivalent maps for the first of the lensed-ACDM+noise simulations. The color scale displays the *E*-mode scalar and *B*-mode pseudoscalar patterns while the lines display the equivalent magnitude and orientation of linear polarization. Note that excess *B*-mode is detected over lensing+noise with high signal-to-noise ratio in the map (s/n > 2 per map mode at  $\ell \approx 70$ ). (Also note that the *E*-mode and *B*-mode maps use different color/length scales.)

#### BICEP2: angular power spectra



FIG. 2.— BICEP2 power spectrum results for signal (black points) and temporal-split jackknife (blue points). The red curves show the lensed- $\Lambda$ CDM theory expectations — in the case of BB an r = 0.2 spectrum is also shown. The error bars are the standard deviations of the lensed- $\Lambda$ CDM+noise simulations. The probability to exceed (PTE) the observed value of a simple  $\chi^2$  statistic is given (as evaluated against the simulations). Note the very different y-axis scales for the jackknife spectra (other than BB). See the text for additional discussion of the BB spectrum.

## BB angular power spectrum measured by BICEP2



## BB angular power spectrum measured by BICEP2



### Is the signal real?

**Experimental systematics?** 

- Pointing error
- Beam uncertainty
- Passed consistency checks:
- jackknife tests
- no EB- and TB-signal
- → very unlikely to account for excess signal



#### Astrophysical foregrounds

- Polarised point sources
- Synchrotron emission
- Polarised dust emission

negligible; contribution corresponding to  $r \sim O(10^{-3})$ 



#### 0.02 Astrophysical foregrounds lens+r=0.2 BSS LSA 0.015 Polarised point sources FDS PSM DDM1 (l+1)C<sub>1</sub><sup>BB</sup>/2π [μK<sup>2</sup>] Synchrotron emission 0.01 DDM2 Polarised dust emission 0.005 Where is the -0.005200 uncertainty?! 50 100 150 250 0 Multipole

Different foreground models

FIG. 6.- Polarized dust foreground projections for our field using various models available in the literature, and two new ones formulated using publically available information from Planck. Dashed lines show autospectra of the models, while solid lines show cross spectra between the models and the BICEP2 maps. The cross spectra are consistent with zero, and the DDM2 auto spectrum (at least) is noise biased high (and is hence truncated to  $\ell < 200$ ). The BICEP2 auto spectrum from Figure 2 is also shown with the lensed- $\Lambda$ CDM+r = 0.2 spectrum.

300

#### Polarised dust emission

- DDM1/2 models based on digitised, unpublished Planck data
- Other models assume (unrealistically?) low polarisation fraction f<sub>p</sub>
- Foreground signal ~  $f_{p}^{2}$



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#### Dusty foregrounds revisited



FIG. 3: Predicted contribution of polarized dust emission to the *B*-mode angular power spectrum for our models discussed in section III, and for the pre-*Planck* models studied by BICEP2 (blue) after taking into account the increase in polarization fraction. The range for the FDS, PSM, BSS, and LSA models, shown in blue, is based on a variation of the polarization fraction between 8 and 17%, while the range for the DDM-P1 and DDM-P2 models is based on our set of 96 models (see section III). The range for the HI estimate reflects the uncertainty in the extrapolation to low column densities and the uncertainty in frequency extrapolation. The gray band shows the best-fit amplitude of  $0.010 \pm 0.002 \,\mu\text{K}^2$  at  $\ell = 46$  determined in section III. If the dust foreground amplitude lies in this gray band, then the best-fit model to the data will have a negligible gravitational wave contribution.

#### [Flauger, Hill, Spergel 2014]

#### Dusty foregrounds revisited



FIG. 4: Comparison of several predictions for the 150 GHz signal versus the reported BICEP2 × BICEP2 and the preliminary BICEP2 × Keck measurements. The predictions are a combination of the dust polarization signal and the predicted lensing signal for standard cosmological parameters. Panel (a) is based on DDM-P1, which assumes that the dust polarization signal is proportional to the dust intensity (extrapolated from 353 GHz) times the mean polarization fraction (based on our CIB-corrected map; see section IIII). The band represents the  $1\sigma$  countours derived from a set of 48 DDM-P1 models. Panel (b) shows DDM-P2, with polarization fractions from our CIB-corrected map, and polarization direction based on starlight measurements, the PSM, or [33]. Panel (c) uses the column density of neutral hydrogen in the BICEP2 region inferred from the optical depth at 353 GHz to estimate the dust foreground. In this panel, the band reflects the uncertainty in the extrapolation of the scaling relation to low column densities as well as the uncertainty in the rescaling from 353 GHz to 150 GHz.

#### [Flauger, Hill, Spergel 2014]

Adding BICEP1 data to determine frequencydependence of the signal

→ *total* signal consistent with CMB expectation (but signal is dominated by lensing contribution!)



FIG. 8.— The constraint on the spectral index of the *BB* signal based on joint consideration of the BICEP2 auto, BICEP1<sub>100</sub> auto, and BICEP2×BICEP1<sub>100</sub> cross spectra. The curve shows the marginalized likelihood as a function of assumed spectral index. The vertical solid and dashed lines indicate the maximum likelihood and the  $\pm 1\sigma$  interval. The blue vertical lines indicate the equivalent spectral indices under these conventions for the CMB, synchrotron, and dust. The observed signal is consistent with a CMB spectrum, while synchrotron and dust are both disfavored by  $\geq 2\sigma$ .





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[Flauger, Hill, Spergel 2014]

### Planck

- Planck has measured polarisation in 7 frequency bands
- Data are currently being analysed, probable release this summer
- Planck data will allow accurate determination of polarised foreground emission
- Also: Planck measurement of BBspectrum (but sensitivity to *r* will be lower than BICEP2's)

Planck 353 Ghz polarisation map



Fig. 2. *Planck* 353 GHz polarized intensity (*P*) map at 1° resolution in  $\log_{10}$  scale. The values shown have been bias corrected as described in Sect. 2.3. The same mask as in Fig. 1 is applied. The full sky map of the unpolarized intensity *I* entering the calculation of *P* is shown in Fig. 5.



# Is the signal really from inflationary tensor modes?

Alternative mechanisms:

- Topological defects
  - $\rightarrow$  too much small scale power

[Lizarraga et al. 2014]

- Primordial magnetic fields
  - → possible, but simplest models predict too much NG

[Bonvin et al. 2014]



 $\rightarrow$  inflation remains most likely origin

#### Implications of BICEP2

#### **DISCLAIMER:**

In the following, I will assume this signal is real and that it is caused by primordial tensor perturbations from inflation

#### Status of inflation after BICEP2



#### Implications of BICEP2 results



(This could in principle have been as low as O(10) MeV, we are incredibly lucky!)

### Implications of BICEP2 results

#### • Lyth bound:

large  $r \rightarrow$  large  $\epsilon \rightarrow$  large  $V'/V \rightarrow$  large  $d\phi/dN$ For inflation to last sufficiently long,  $\phi$  has to take on super-Planckian values

$$\Delta \phi \gtrsim m_{
m Pl} \; (r/0.01)^{1/2}$$
 [Lyth 1997]

 In effective field theory, Planck-mass suppressed higher order operators would mess up things...

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{renormalisable}} + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j} c_{ij} \left(\frac{1}{m_{\text{Pl}}}\right)^{i} \mathfrak{O}_{j}(4+i)}_{\text{e.g., } c\left(\frac{1}{m_{\text{Pl}}}\right)^{2} \phi^{6} \dots, \text{etc.}}$$

# Inflation model constraints (post BICEP2)



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#### Tension with Planck temperature data?

#### Perhaps not much of a problem at all?



[Audren, Figueroa, Tram 2014]

### Tension with Planck temperature data?



Even in ACDM with r=0, there is a lack of power at the largest scales Adding a tensor contribution would exacerbate the problem

#### Possible solutions:

- Suppress primordial scalar power at large scales
- Suppress late integrated Sachs-Wolfe effect (DE)
- Anticorrelated isocurvature perturbations
  - [Kawasaki et al. 2014]
- Anticorrelated tensor per-

[Contaldi, Peloso, Sorbo 2014]

 Extra radiation (e.g., ΔN<sub>eff</sub> ≈ 1 sterile neutrinos)

[Zhang et al., Dvorkin et al. 2014]

#### Or maybe dust after all...?



Figure 2. Marginalized constraints on r from Planck+WP and Planck+WP+BICEP2 with free dust polarization amplitude (dashed and solid curves), and the BICEP2 likelihood (dot-dashed curve).

#### [Mortonson & Hu 2014]

### Conclusions

- Predictions of simplest inflationary models pass all challenges thrown at them by Planck data
- BICEP2 measurement of the CMB's BB angular power spectrum (*if confirmed!*) probably most spectacular result in cosmology in last 15 years
  - Can be interpreted as gravitational wave signal from inflation
  - Energy scale of inflation ~ GUT scale
  - Inflation was large-field
  - Possibly signs of further new physics
- These measurements do not prove inflation happened, but certainly make it look even more attractive than before!