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# On tensor modes in solid inflation

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# Inflation: usual story

The early universe: homogeneous and isotropic

Sually modeled via  $\varphi_a = \varphi_a(t)$ 

Time-translations spontaneously broken

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Goldstone excitation = adiabatic perturbations

Systematic effective field theory

(Creminelli, Luty, Nicolis, Senatore 2006 Cheung, Creminelli, Fitzpatrick, Kaplan, Senatore 2007)

# Solid inflation

(Endlich, Nicolis, Wang 2012) (Gruzinov 2004)

- ${f o}$  t-independent, x-dependent fields:  $arphi_a=arphi_a(ec x)$
- time-translations unbroken
- spatial translations and rotations, broken

Apparently violates:

1. homogeneity and isotropy

2. the need for a physical "clock"

internal symmetries gravity

# Homogeneity and isotropy

 $\oslash$  Ex: one scalar w/ vev  $\langle \varphi \rangle = x$ If it has a shift symmetry  $\varphi \rightarrow \varphi + a$ Indication unbroken diagonal translation  $\begin{cases} x \to x - a \\ \varphi \to \varphi + a \end{cases}$ 

Rotations still broken \_\_\_\_\_ need 3 fields



# 3 scalars:

vevs:

 $\phi^{I}(\vec{x},t) \qquad I = 1, 2, 3$  $\langle \phi^{I} \rangle = x^{I}$ 

If internal symmetries:

 $\phi^{I} \to \phi^{I} + a^{I}$  $\phi^{I} \to SO(3) \phi^{I}$ 

then unbroken diagonal subgroups

This is a solid

# EFT for solids

# Dof: volume elements' positions $\phi^{I}(\vec{x},t)$ I = 1, 2, 3



Action

### $B^{IJ} \equiv \partial_{\mu} \phi^{I} \partial^{\mu} \phi^{J}$

# $\mathcal{L} = F\left([B], \frac{[B^2]}{[B]^2}, \frac{[B^3]}{[B]^3}\right) + \dots \qquad [\dots] = \operatorname{Tr}(\dots)$ $\left(X, Y, Z\right)$

(Dubovsky, Gregoire, Nicolis, Rattazzi 2006) (Son 2005)

# Problem

### The universe is expanding. Your closet is not.

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# Stress-energy tensor

 $T_{\mu\nu} \sim (F, F') \times (g_{\mu\nu}, \partial_{\mu}\phi^{I}\partial_{\nu}\phi^{J}) \times (\delta^{IJ}, B^{IJ}, B^{IK}B^{KJ})$ 

On the background  $B^{IJ} = \delta^{IJ}$ 

$$T_{\mu\nu} \to \begin{cases} \rho = -F \\ \rho + p = -2 \, X F_X \end{cases}$$

inflation ("slow roll") small  $F_X = \mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$ 





Approximate internal scale invariance

 $\phi^I \to \lambda \phi^I$ 

# Cosmological perturbations

$$\phi^{I} = x^{I} + \pi^{I}$$
$$g_{\mu\nu} = g^{\text{FRW}}_{\mu\nu} + \delta g_{\mu\nu}$$

U.G.:  $F(B^{IJ}) \rightarrow F(g^{IJ})$ Lorentz violating massive gravity

Very roughly:

 $\mathcal{L}_2 \sim F_X \cdot (\partial \pi)^2$  $\mathcal{L}_3 \sim F \cdot (\partial \pi)^3$  $\zeta \sim \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\pi}$ 

$$\begin{cases} \langle \zeta \zeta \rangle \sim \frac{1}{\epsilon} \frac{1}{c_L^5} \frac{H^2}{M_{\rm Pl}^2} \\ \frac{\mathcal{L}_3}{\mathcal{L}_2} \sim \frac{1}{\epsilon} \frac{1}{c_L^2} \zeta \end{cases}$$

(cf.  $\frac{1}{\epsilon} \frac{1}{c_L} \frac{H^2}{M_{
m Pl}^2}$  )

(cf.  $rac{1}{c_L^2}\zeta$  )

$$S^{(2)} = S^{(2)}_{\gamma} + S^{(2)}_{T} + S^{(2)}_{L}$$

$$S^{(2)}_{\gamma} = \frac{1}{4}M^{2}_{\text{Pl}}\int dt \, d^{3}x \, a^{3} \Big[\frac{1}{2}\dot{\gamma}^{2}_{ij} - \frac{1}{2a^{2}} \big(\partial_{m}\gamma_{ij}\big)^{2} + 2\dot{H}c^{2}_{T} \,\gamma^{2}_{ij}\Big]$$

$$S^{(2)}_{T} = M^{2}_{\text{Pl}}\int dt \int_{\vec{k}} a^{3} \Big[\frac{k^{2}/4}{1 - k^{2}/4a^{2}\dot{H}} \left|\dot{\pi}^{i}_{T}\right|^{2} + \dot{H}c^{2}_{T} \,k^{2} \left|\pi^{i}_{T}\right|^{2}\Big]$$

$$S^{(2)}_{L} = M^{2}_{\text{Pl}}\int dt \int_{\vec{k}} a^{3} \Big[\frac{k^{2}/3}{1 - k^{2}/3a^{2}\dot{H}} \left|\dot{\pi}_{L} - (\dot{H}/H)\pi_{L}\right|^{2} + \dot{H}c^{2}_{L} \,k^{2} \left|\pi_{L}\right|^{2}\Big]$$

$$S_3 \simeq \int d^4x \left( -\frac{1}{243} F_Y \right) \cdot \left\{ 16 \left[ \partial \pi \right]^3 - 36 \left[ \partial \pi \right]^2 \left( \left[ \partial \pi \cdot \partial \pi^T \right] + \left[ (\partial \pi)^2 \right] \right) + 18 \left[ (\partial \pi)^3 \right] + 18 \left[ (\partial \pi)^2 \cdot \partial \pi^T \right] \right\},$$

# Observables

 $n_S - 1 = 2\epsilon c_L^2 - \eta - 5s$  $n_T - 1 = 2\epsilon c_L^2$  (mass term  $\sim c_T^2$  )

 $r = 16 \epsilon c_L^5$ 



# Quadrupolar "squeezed limit"



 $\langle \zeta \zeta \zeta \rangle \to f_{NL} \times \langle \zeta \zeta \rangle \langle \zeta \zeta \rangle \times (1 - 3\cos^2 \theta)$ 

 $f_{NL} \sim \frac{1}{\epsilon} \frac{1}{c_L^2}$ 

2% overlap w/ "local" shape 39% w/ "equilateral" 32% w/ "orthogonal"

> (see also Shiraishi et al. 2012, Barnaby et al. 2012, Bartolo et al. 2013)





# Anisotropic generalizations

 $\phi^I \to \phi^I + a^I$  $\phi^I \to SO(3) \phi^I$ discrete rotations

Yet, we want:

isotropic background

isotropic scalar spectrum

# Background



# Discrete subgroup of SO(3) with isotropic 2-index tensors? Ex: cubic group



$$O_{ij}^{(2)} = \hat{x}_i \hat{x}_j + \hat{y}_i \hat{y}_j + \hat{z}_i \hat{z}_j = \delta_{ij}$$

accidentally isotropic!

# Scalar spectrum

$$\phi^I = x^I + \pi^I$$

$$\mathcal{L}_2 = O_{ij}^{(2)} \cdot \dot{\pi}_i \dot{\pi}_j + O_{ijkl}^{(4)} \cdot \partial_i \pi_j \partial_k \pi_l$$

Discrete subgroup of SO(3) with isotropic 4-index tensors? Ex: cubic group



 $O_{ijkl}^{(4)} = \delta_{ij}\delta_{kl}$  $\delta_{ik}\delta_{jl} + \delta_{il}\delta_{jk}$  $\hat{x}_i\hat{x}_j\hat{x}_k\hat{x}_l + (\hat{x} \to \hat{y}, \hat{z})$ 

not isotropic!

# Scalar 3-pt function:

$$\mathcal{L}_3 \supset O_{ijklmn}^{(6)} \cdot \partial_i \pi_j \,\partial_k \pi_l \,\partial_m \pi_n$$

# Tensor spectrum:

$$\mathcal{L}_2 = O_{ijkl}^{(4)} \cdot \dot{\gamma}_{ij} \, \dot{\gamma}_{kl} + O_{ijklmn}^{(6)} \cdot \partial_i \gamma_{jk} \, \partial_l \gamma_{mn}$$

Looking for a discrete subgroup of SO(3) w/

 $\odot$  Isotropic  $O^{(2)}$ 

 $\odot$  Isotropic  $O^{(4)}$ 

| Anisotropic  $O^{(6)}$ 

isotropic background, scalar spectrum anisotropic scalar 3-pt function, tensor spectrum

# Only one possibility: icosahedral group



 $O_{ij}^{(2)} = \delta_{ij}$  $O_{ijkl}^{(4)} = \delta_{ij}\delta_{kl}$  $\delta_{ik}\delta_{jl} + \delta_{il}\delta_{jk}$ 

 $O_{ijklmn}^{(6)} = 2(\gamma + 2)\delta_{ijklmn}$ +  $(\gamma + 1)(\delta_{ijkl}\delta_{mn}\delta_{m,i+1} + \dots)$ +  $(\delta_{ijkl}\delta_{mn}\delta_{m,i-1}+\dots)$ 

 $\gamma = (1 + \sqrt{5})/2$ 

## Scalar 3-pt function

Messy expression — depends on vectors k2, k3 Two independent parameters  $\alpha, \beta$ Anisotropies  $\propto (\beta - 9/2)$ 



Overlap with standard shapes

 $\propto (eta - 8)$ 

 $\beta = 8$  completely anisotropic case

 $\bar{f}_{\rm NL}(\theta_2) = -\frac{\alpha}{\epsilon c_L^2} \left[ \frac{19415}{378} (\beta - 8) + \frac{104135}{6048} (2\beta - 9) P_6(\cos \theta_2) \right]$ 

### Tensor spectrum

No anisotropy to lowest-order in derivatives:

 $F(B^{IJ}) = F(g^{\mu\nu}\partial_{\mu}\phi^{I}\partial_{\nu}\phi^{J}) \quad \not \rightarrow \quad \partial\gamma\partial\gamma$  $\rightarrow \quad O^{(4)}_{ijkl} \cdot \gamma_{ij}\gamma_{kl}$ 

Needs higher-derivative couplings – e.g.:  $\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{1}{M^2} \left( R^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \partial_\mu \phi^I \partial_\nu \phi^J \partial_\rho \phi^K \partial_\sigma \phi^L \right)^3 \cdot T_{\text{aniso}}$ 

 $R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \sim H^2 + H\partial\gamma + \partial\gamma\partial\gamma + \partial\partial\gamma$ 



### However:

 $R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \sim H^2 + H\partial\gamma + \partial\gamma\partial\gamma + \partial\partial\gamma$ 



ghosts at  $E_* \sim H/\delta c_\gamma$ 



effect is perturbative:  $\delta c_\gamma \ll 1$ 

Same conclusion for other higher derivative operators E.g.

 $\nabla \nabla \phi = (H + \partial \gamma)(1 + \partial \pi) + \partial \partial \pi$ 

 $\nabla \nabla \phi \dots \nabla \nabla \phi \cdot T_{aniso}$ 

### Regardless of where it comes from:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\gamma} \propto \dot{\gamma}_{ij}^2 - (\partial_k \gamma_{ij})^2 - \delta c_{\gamma}^2 T_{\mathrm{aniso}}^{ijklmn} \partial_i \gamma_{jk} \partial_l \gamma_{mn}$$











# 0.2

-0.2

# Instabilities



-0.3

# Large (isotropic) tensors?

### Can we have:

$$\mathcal{L}_\gamma \propto \dot{\gamma}_{ij}^2 - c_\gamma^2 (\partial_k \gamma_{ij})^2$$

### with $c_\gamma \ll 1$ ?

That is, can we have  $r \gg 16\epsilon$  ?

Absence of ghosts E < H

at most linear in

 $R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}$ 

(cf. Creminelli et al., 2014)

# Try:

$$\mathcal{L} = F(X, Y, Z) + \frac{1}{2} M_{\mathrm{Pl}}^2 \left( R + \alpha \, R^{\mu\nu} \, \partial_\mu \phi^I \partial_\nu \phi^J \, B_{IJ}^{-1} \right)$$

$$c_{\gamma}^2 = 1 + \alpha$$

...

But also

$$c_T^2 \simeq \frac{3}{4} \left( \frac{1}{1+\alpha} + c_L^2 \right)$$
$$\zeta = \frac{1 + \frac{4}{3} c_T^2 \alpha (1+\alpha)}{1+\alpha} \vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\pi}$$

$$r = 16\epsilon c_L^5 \times \frac{(1+\alpha)^{3/2}}{(1+\alpha c_L^2)^2} \ll 16\epsilon$$

 $(0 < c_{L,T}^2 < 1)$ 

# Conclusions

Observed isotropy of the universe could be accidental

Potentially anisotropic non-gaussianity

Potentially anisotropic tensor modes

No large tensors for now.. fundamental reason?