

Topological defects after Planck

XXV. Searches for cosmic strings and other topological defects

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what are topological defects?



- crossing of ϕ =0 protected by topology of V_{min}
- field has to balance potential and gradient energy



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why cosmic strings / defects?



- Realistic inflation models embedded in particle physics models generically produce phase transition remnants.
- These topological defects create additional perturbations (+B modes +nG), visible in the CMB for GUT-scale models!
- 3. Defects typical for hybrid inflation models with small r



(defects also emit gravitational waves and cosmic rays – really multi-messenger!)

that for e.g. $3_{\rm C} \ 2_{\rm L} \ 2_{\rm R} \ 1_{\rm B-L}$ stands for ${\rm SU}(3)_{\rm C} \times \ {\rm SU}(2)_{\rm L} \times \ {\rm SU}(2) \ {}_{\rm R} \times \ {\rm U}(1)_{\rm B-L}$.

$$E_{6} \xrightarrow{1} SO(10) 1_{V'} \begin{cases} \stackrel{2}{\longrightarrow} SO(10) & \longrightarrow & Eq. (23) \\ \stackrel{1}{\longrightarrow} 5 \ 1_{V} \ 1_{V'} & \longrightarrow & Eq. (24) \\ \stackrel{1}{\longrightarrow} 5_{F} \ 1_{V} \ 1_{V'} & \stackrel{2',2}{\longrightarrow} & G_{SM} \ Z_{2} \\ \stackrel{2}{\longrightarrow} 5 \ 1_{V'} \ Z_{2} & \longrightarrow & Eq. (24a) \\ \stackrel{1,2}{\longrightarrow} 5 \ 1_{V} & \stackrel{2',2}{\longrightarrow} & G_{SM} \ Z_{2} \\ \stackrel{2}{\longrightarrow} 5 \ 1_{V} & \stackrel{2',2}{\longrightarrow} & G_{SM} \ Z_{2} \\ \stackrel{1}{\longrightarrow} 5_{F} \ 1_{V} & \stackrel{2',2}{\longrightarrow} & G_{SM} \ Z_{2} \\ \stackrel{1}{\longrightarrow} G_{SM} \ 1_{V} & \stackrel{2}{\longrightarrow} & G_{SM} \ Z_{2} \\ \stackrel{1}{\longrightarrow} G_{SM} \ 1_{V'} \ Z_{2} & \stackrel{2}{\longrightarrow} & G_{SM} \ Z_{2} \\ \stackrel{1,2}{\longrightarrow} & G_{SM} \ 1_{V'} \ Z_{2} & \stackrel{2}{\longrightarrow} & G_{SM} \ Z_{2} \\ \stackrel{1,2}{\longrightarrow} & 4_{C} \ 2_{L} \ 2_{R} \ 1_{V'} \ \longrightarrow & Eq. (26) \\ \stackrel{1}{\longrightarrow} & 4_{C} \ 2_{L} \ 2_{R} \ 1_{B-L} \ 1_{V'} \ \longrightarrow & Eq. (26c) \\ \stackrel{1}{\longrightarrow} & 3_{C} \ 2_{L} \ 1_{R} \ 1_{B-L} \ 1_{V'} \ \longrightarrow & Eq. (26b) \ \text{Space Agency} \end{cases}$$

Sakellariadou, hep-th/0702003

levels of approximations



ncreasing

dynamic

range

speec



string simulations





string spectra





cosmic strings

NAMBU: USM fitted to Nambu-Goto AH: Abelian-Higgs field theory sim AH mimic: USM fitted to AH

NAMBU has more and heavier strings, especially during radiation era

other defects

- TX: global O(4) texture (no gauge fields, `unwinding events')
- SL: semilocal strings (additional scalar making strings unstable)



cosmic strings before Planck



Model	Data set	$10^6 G\mu (95\%)$	f_{10} (95%)
AH [25]	WMAP3+BOOMERANG+CBI+ACBAR+VSA	0.7	0.11
AH (this work)	WMAP7	0.57	0.095
AH (this work)	WMAP7 + ACBAR + QUAD + ACT	0.42	0.048
USM-AH [35]	(Rattyo & Mass) WMAP5	0.68	0.11
USM-NG [35]	(Battye & MOSS) WMAP5	0.28	0.054
USM-NG [5]	WMAP7+ACT	0.16	(0.018)

 G_{μ} : string scale f_{10} : r (1 = Planck scale) a

 f_{10} : ratio of C_1 from inflation

and defects at I = 10

n_s=1



gravitational waves: 10⁶ Gµ < 0.53 (Sanidas et al, arXiv:1201.2419)

Hybrid SUSY inflation predicts strings, wants typically ns close to 1 European Space Agency

Urrestilla et al, arXiv:1108.2730, see also Battye & Moss, arXiv:1005.0479

Planck constraints on defects





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degeneracies



Parameter	NAMBU	AH <i>mimic</i>	AH	SL	ТХ
⊠₀ <i>h</i> ²	0.0223 ± 0.0003	0.0223 ± 0.0003	0.0223 ± 0.0003	0.0223 ± 0.0003	0.0223 ± 0.0003
$\mathbb{R}h^2$	0.119 ± 0.003	0.119 ± 0.003	0.119 ± 0.003	0.119 ± 0.003	0.119 ± 0.003
м с	1.0415 ± 0.0006	1.0415 ± 0.0006	1.0415 ± 0.0006	1.0415 ± 0.0006	1.0415 ± 0.0006
⊠	0.089 ± 0.013	0.090 ± 0.013	0.090 ± 0.013	0.090 ± 0.013	0.088 ± 0.014
$\log(10^{10}A_{\rm s})$	3.080 ± 0.027	3.080 ± 0.026	3.081 ± 0.025	3.081 ± 0.025	3.078 ± 0.028
<i>n</i> _s	0.961 ± 0.007	0.963 ± 0.008	0.963 ± 0.008	0.964 ± 0.007	0.965 ± 0.008
H_0	68.4 ± 1.3	68.3 ± 1.2	68.3 ± 1.3	68.2 ± 1.2	68.3 ± 1.2
Gμ/ c ²	< 1.5 □ 10 ⁻⁷	< 3.6 🗆 10 ⁻⁷	< 3.2 🗆 10 ⁻⁷	< 1.10 🗆 10 ⁻⁶	< 1.06 🗆 10 ⁻⁶
<i>f</i> ₁₀	< 0.015	< 0.033	< 0.028	< 0.043	< 0.055

No significant degeneracies with the standard parameters left!

 $n_s = 1$ strongly ruled out

(But some extended model parameters are degenerate with strings, e.g. N_{eff} or Y_p)





after Planck is before Planck!



- Cosmic string constraints at $G\mu = 1.3 \times 10^{-7} / 3 \times 10^{-7}$
- Contributing no more than 1% to 2.4% to CMB at I=10 (up to ~ 5% for other defect models)
- No degeneracy with standard parameters, $n_s < 1$
- Problematic for D-/F-term hybrid inflation models (cf Battye et al, arXiv:1001.0769)
- Full mission + polarization data will improve constraints even further
- More models will start to be in trouble (or confirmed!) (e.g. Higgs inflation MSSM with Gµ≈1x10⁻⁷ and n_s≈0.976, Hindmarsh & Jones arXiv: 1301.4890)



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