# Gravitational Waves, Cosmology & Fundamental Physics



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# Primordial GWs: synergy between CMB and interferometers



From Guzzetti, Bartolo, Liguori & Matarrese (2016) "Gravitational waves from Inflation", Rivista del Nuovo Cimento 39, 399

#### **Complementarity between CMB and interferometers**

> Data from interferometers have already provided very important constraints



Planck TT,TE,EE+lowE+lensing+BK15
+LIGO&Virgo2016
Planck TT,TE,EE+lowE+lensing+BK14

$$r_{0.01} < 0.080 - 0.62 < n_T < 0.53$$
 (95% C.L.)

Planck 2018 results. X. Constraints on inflation

### **Different types of SGWB**

#### Cosmological GW background: signature of the Early Universe

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Inflation, preheating, reheating (10^{-18} - 10^8 \text{ Hz})
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Phase transitions (a narrow band feature peaking at  $10^{-12}$  Hz + broad band component in the band  $10^{-5} - 1$  Hz).

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Cosmic strings (10^{-10} - 10^{10} \text{ Hz})
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Alternative cosmologies ...

(e.g. Guzzetti et al. 2016, Caprini & Figueroa 2018; Bartolo et al. (LISA CosWG) 2018, Maggiore et al. (ET Collaboration) 2020; Barausse et al. (2020) (LISA Collaboration), ...

#### Astrophysical GW background (ASGWB)

Such a GW background may result from the superposition of a large number of <u>unresolved</u> sources since the beginning of stellar activity. Its detection would constrain the physics of compact objects, the IMF, the star formation history. It would probe the Universe at  $z \sim 0.02-10$ . However, from the point of view of detecting the cosmological background produced in the primordial Universe, the astrophysical background is a 'noise', which could possibly mask the relic cosmological signal

Cusin et al. 2018, ...; Jenkins et al. 2018, ...; Bertacca et al. 2019

## Detectors and potential sources of GWBs across the GW spectrum





Common sources of anisotropies during the propagation  $\rightarrow$  Cross-correlations (Bartolo et al. 2019a,b, 2020, Bertacca et al. 2019, ...).

### Italian GW-Cosmology (+ Multi-messenger) Community



WARNING: this is only a partial list, to be completed with your help!

# Different groups and initiatives which have a potential connection with GW & Cosmology

A partial list:

- INAF: GRAWITA multi-messenger, cosmography
- ASTROBLACK compact objects, ...
- INFN GR.IV: INDARK, TEONGRAV, GQSKY, TASP, QUAGRAP, ... - cosmology and fundamental physics
- COSMOS-LiteBIRD connection with CMB and Early Universe

## **Scientific Priorities**

- Precision Cosmology on standard cosmological parameters (e.g., H<sub>0</sub>, Ω<sub>m</sub>, equation of state parameter, dark energy evolution, ...)
- ✓ **Tests of GR and modified gravity** models
- Tests of fundamental physics: Physics near the black hole horizon: from tests of GR to quantum gravity; Testing the GR predictions for space-time dynamics near the horizon. Exotic compact objects and signals from quantum gravity; Nature of dark matter; The nature of dark energy
- ✓ (Primordial) Black Holes and Dark Matter
- ✓ Gravitational Waves from inflation → Characterization of the SGWB (anisotropies, polarization, non-Gaussianity)
- ✓ Impact of cosmological Large-Scale Structures on GWs
- ✓ Cross-correlation among CMB, LSS & SGWB