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From Primordial to Extragalactic Magnetic Fields

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Extragalactic Magnetic Fields (EGMF)

Primordial Magnetic Fields - Basic Properties

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Conclusions and Current Projects







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Gamma rays emmitted from a blazar develop an electromagnetic cascade due to interactions with the Extragalactic Background Light (EBL) via Pair Production and Inverse Compton (IC) scattering. The interaction of this cascade with the EGMF results in several observational features.



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For the magnetic field and the turbulent fluid it follows therefore

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In addition, for magnetic helicity one can define the spectral helicity density $\ensuremath{\mathcal{H}}$ by

$$\begin{split} h_B &= \frac{1}{V} \int \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{x}) \, \mathrm{d}^3 x = i \int \left(\frac{\mathbf{k}}{k^2} \times \hat{\mathbf{B}}(\mathbf{k}) \right) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{B}}(\mathbf{k})^* \mathrm{d}^3 k \\ &\equiv \rho \int \mathcal{H}_k \mathrm{d} k \end{split}$$

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$$\partial_t \hat{\mathbf{v}}(\mathbf{q}) = -\frac{iV^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(2\pi)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \int \left[\hat{\mathbf{v}}(\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{k}) \cdot \mathbf{k} \right] \hat{\mathbf{v}}(\mathbf{k}) d^3k$$
$$+ \frac{iV^{\frac{1}{2}}}{(2\pi)^{\frac{3}{2}}} \frac{1}{4\pi\rho} \int \left[\mathbf{k} \times \hat{\mathbf{B}}(\mathbf{k}) \right] \times \hat{\mathbf{B}}(\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{k}) d^3k.$$

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In Fourier space this means that the most general Ansatz is [von Kármán and Howarth, 1938, Junklewitz and Enßlin, 2011]

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Master Equations for the Time Evolution of M, U and \mathcal{H}

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- Helicity enhances this effect by creating an inverse cascade which results in much higher magnetic fields today compared to the non-helical case

with G. Sigl (U Hamburg) and K. Jedamzik (U Montpellier)

Further analysis of the Master Equations (Super-equipartition, other applications) and consideration of kinetic helicity:

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- Various applications, in particular in astrophysics

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- Considering the power-law slope for the spectral energies, causality dictates further limits.

Diffusion equation for magnetic fields: $\partial_t \mathbf{B} = \frac{1}{4\pi\sigma} \Delta \mathbf{B}$

• Estimate for the diffusion time τ_{diff} : $\frac{B}{\tau_{\text{diff}}} \simeq \frac{1}{4\pi\sigma} \frac{B}{L^2}$

• Therefore: $L = \left(\frac{\tau_{\text{diff}}}{4\pi\sigma}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \propto \tau_{\text{diff}}^{\frac{1}{2}}$, i.e. *B* on smaller scales decays faster than on larger scales

• With
$$\tau_{\text{diff}} \simeq H^{-1}$$
 and $\sigma \simeq 10^{11} \,\text{s}$ it is $L_B \gtrsim (4\pi\sigma H)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \simeq 6 \times 10^{-12} \,\text{Mpc}$

Constraints on EGMF - Faraday Rotation

The rotation of the polarization plane of radiation rotates by an angle β depending on the wavelength λ according to

$$eta = \lambda^2 \mathrm{RM} \propto \lambda^2 \int_0^{l(z_{\mathrm{emit}})} n_e B_{\parallel}(z) (1+z)^{-2} \mathrm{d}l(z)$$

- ► The difference $\Delta\beta$ of the rotation angles between wavelengths λ and $\lambda + \Delta\lambda$ is given by $RM = \Delta\beta/\Delta\lambda^2$
- After transversing $N = D/\lambda_B$ coherence lengths with the Rotation Measure RM_{λ_B} each, the average total rotation measure is $\Delta\beta$ is

$$\frac{\overline{\Delta\beta}}{\Delta\lambda_B^2} = \frac{N \mathrm{RM}_{\lambda_B}}{N^{\frac{1}{2}}} = N^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathrm{RM}_{\lambda_B}
= (\frac{D}{\lambda_B})^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathrm{RM}_{\lambda_B} \propto (\frac{D}{\lambda_B})^{\frac{1}{2}} \lambda_B B_{\parallel} \propto \lambda_B^{\frac{1}{2}} B_{\parallel}$$

Propagation Paths



[Dermer et al., 2009]

Due to their importance the following lengths are shown:

- ► λ_T: Electrons in the Thomson limit
- λ_{KN}: Electrons in the Klein-Nishina limit
- λ_{γγ}: Photons due to Pair Production

Two-Stream-Like Electrostatic Instabilities

One dimension:

- $\blacktriangleright \ v \gtrsim v_{\rm ph} \rightarrow {\rm particles} \ {\rm decelerate}, \\ {\rm wave} \ {\rm gains} \ {\rm energy}$
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► Result: Wave gains more energy than it loses → instability grows



Two-Stream-Like Electrostatic Instabilities

Three dimensions [Nakar et al., 2011]:

- Similar to 1D case, but transversal spread and propagation oblique to wave mode increases number of configurations
- Therefore two maximum growth cases: Parallel (in analogy to 1D) and oblique
- Resonance condition: $\mathfrak{Re}(\omega) \simeq ck_{\parallel} - ck_{\perp}/\Gamma$



Magnetic Fields from Inflation

- Adding terms to the Lagrangian to couple the electromagnetic fields to Curvature (e.g. $RA_{\mu}A^{\mu}$, $RF_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}$) or to the Inflaton field $(f^{2}(\phi)F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu})$ [Turner and Widrow, 1988]
- Similar to the quantum fluctuation component of φ, electromagnetic superhorizon modes are frozen in during inflation, giving non-negligible magnetic fields
 - Predictions and constraints are difficult due to strong dependence on model of Inflation and coupling



Magnetic Fields from Inflation

Example: ${\cal L}_{
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u}$, $f^2(\phi)\propto a^{-lpha}$

- B = B(k, α, H) (k is the inverse scale of interest and H the Hubble Parameter at Inflation).
- Anisotropies and the claim of negligible backreaction onto Inflation by the electromagnetic fields give a constraint of the form α ≥ α₀(H, k)
- ▶ Recent measurements of the BICEP2 collaboration [Ade et al., 2014] give $H \simeq 1.1 \times 10^{23} \, \text{eV}$ and therefore $B \lesssim 8.1 \times 10^{-35} \, \text{G}$ [Ferreira et al., 2014]

Cosmological Phase Transitions



The phase diagrams of the EWPT (left) and QCDPT (right) suggest a continuous phase transition, however, due to BSM approaches, also a first order is possible.

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 Collisions of the shock fronts produce turbulence which gives rise to magnetic fields via a Biermann-Battery-like mechanism [Quashnock et al., 1989]
 [Baym et al., 1996]
Cosmological Implications of EGMF

- BBN: Strong magnetic fields increase the neutron decay rate which results in smaller relic abundances of Helium [Matese and O'Connell, 1969]; Increase of the expansion rate and thus change of the n/p-ratio freeze-out temperature [Matese and O'Connell, 1970]
- Homogeneous magnetic field: The energy-momentum tensor becomes anisotropic, hence leading to an anisotropic Expansion of the Universe [Barrow et al., 1997]
- Deposition of dissipated magnetic field energy in the heat bath of the CMB (Sunyaev-Zel'dovich Effect) [Jedamzik et al., 1998],[Jedamzik et al., 2000]
- Due to magnetic pressure inhomogeneous magnetic fields slow down the growth rate of density perturbations which, backreacting, at the same time slows down the decay of the magnetic fields [Barrow et al., 2007]
- Production of B-modes in CMB anisotropies, thus mimicking primordial gravitational waves [Bonvin et al., 2014]



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Origin of Primordial Magnetic Helicity

Measurement of Primordial Magnetic Helicity

It has been shown that [Tashiro and Vachaspati, 2013]

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for a known blazar position; otherwise (with $E_3 > E_2 > E_1$)

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Present-Day EGMF from PMF



Present-Day Extragalactic Magnetic Fields depending on the initial Alfvén Velocity $v_{A,0}$ and the initial magnetic helicity in terms of $f_0 = \mathcal{H}_0/\mathcal{H}_{0,\max}$ for magnetogenesis at QCDPT (left) and EWPT (right).

Evolution of Primordial Magnetic Fields including Viscosity

Taking into account viscosity in the Early Universe the actual time evolution of the integral scale $L_{\rm I}$ (*left*) and $M_{\rm I}$ (*right*) has the following form [Banerjee and Jedamzik, 2004]:



Predictions from different Models of Magnetogenesis at QCDPT and EWPT

Over the years there has been a large variety of different models how Primordial Magnetic Fields were generated during QCDPT (*left*) and EWPT (*right*) [Durrer and Neronov, 2013]:



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