

# Quantum gravity effects in primordial gravity waves

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# Quantum Gravity Phenomenology (our work thus far)

- Relativistic Generalized Uncertainty Principle [arXiv:1810.11761<sup>1</sup>](#)

$$[x^\mu, p^\nu] = i\hbar (1 + \gamma p^\rho p_\rho) \eta^{\mu\nu} + i \hbar \gamma p^\mu p^\nu$$

where  $\gamma = \gamma_0/(M_{Pl}c)^2$

- Field theory with Minimum length [arXiv:2005.03771<sup>2</sup>](#)

$$\underbrace{\Box_0(1 + 2\alpha\gamma\Box_0)\phi = -m^2\phi}_{\text{RGUP modified Klein-Gordon equation}} \quad \underbrace{[i\tau^\mu\partial_\mu(1 + \alpha\gamma\partial_\rho\partial^\rho) - m]\psi = 0}_{\text{RGUP modified Dirac equation}}$$

- Maximal momentum GUP leads to quadratic gravity [arXiv:2106.04141<sup>3</sup>](#)

$$S_{Stelle} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{1}{2\kappa^2} R - \gamma R^{\mu\nu} R_{\mu\nu} + \frac{\gamma}{2} R^2 \right],$$

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<sup>1</sup>V. Todorinov, P. Bosso, S. Das, Ann. of Phys. **405**, 2019, 92-100

<sup>2</sup>P. Bosso, S. Das, V. Todorinov, Ann. of Phys. **422**, 2020, 168319

<sup>3</sup>V. Nenmeli, S. Shankaranarayanan, V. Todorinov, S. Das, Phys. Lett. B **821**, 2021

# Quadratic Gravity to $f(R) + C^2$

- Stelle gravity shortcomings:

Spherically symmetric solutions are perturbatively isolated.

$$S_{EH} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{1}{2\kappa^2} R - \gamma R^{\mu\nu} R_{\mu\nu} + \frac{\gamma}{2} R^2 \right]$$

Describes the same dynamics as

$$S_f = \frac{1}{2\kappa} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \underbrace{R + \frac{1}{6}\gamma R^2}_{f(R)} - \underbrace{\gamma C_{\alpha\beta\rho\sigma} C^{\alpha\beta\rho\sigma}}_{\mathcal{L}_{\text{Weyl}}} \right],$$

# Inflation observables

- Fakeon Quantization

$$\tilde{S} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-\tilde{g}} \left[ \frac{1}{2\kappa} \tilde{R} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \tilde{g}^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \chi \partial_\nu \chi - U(\chi)}_{\text{inflaton } \chi} - \underbrace{\frac{\gamma}{2\kappa} \mathcal{L}_{\text{Weyl}}}_{\text{fakeon } \phi} \right],$$

- Yields the following observables

$$A_{\mathcal{R}} = \frac{m_\phi^2 N^2}{3\pi M_{\text{Pl}}^2} = \frac{N^2}{18\pi \gamma_0}$$

$$A_T = \frac{8m_\chi^2 m_\phi^2}{\pi(m_\phi^2 + 2m_\chi^2)M_{\text{Pl}}^2} = \frac{4}{7\pi \gamma_0}$$

- Comparing to experimental estimations

arXiv:1502.02114<sup>4</sup>

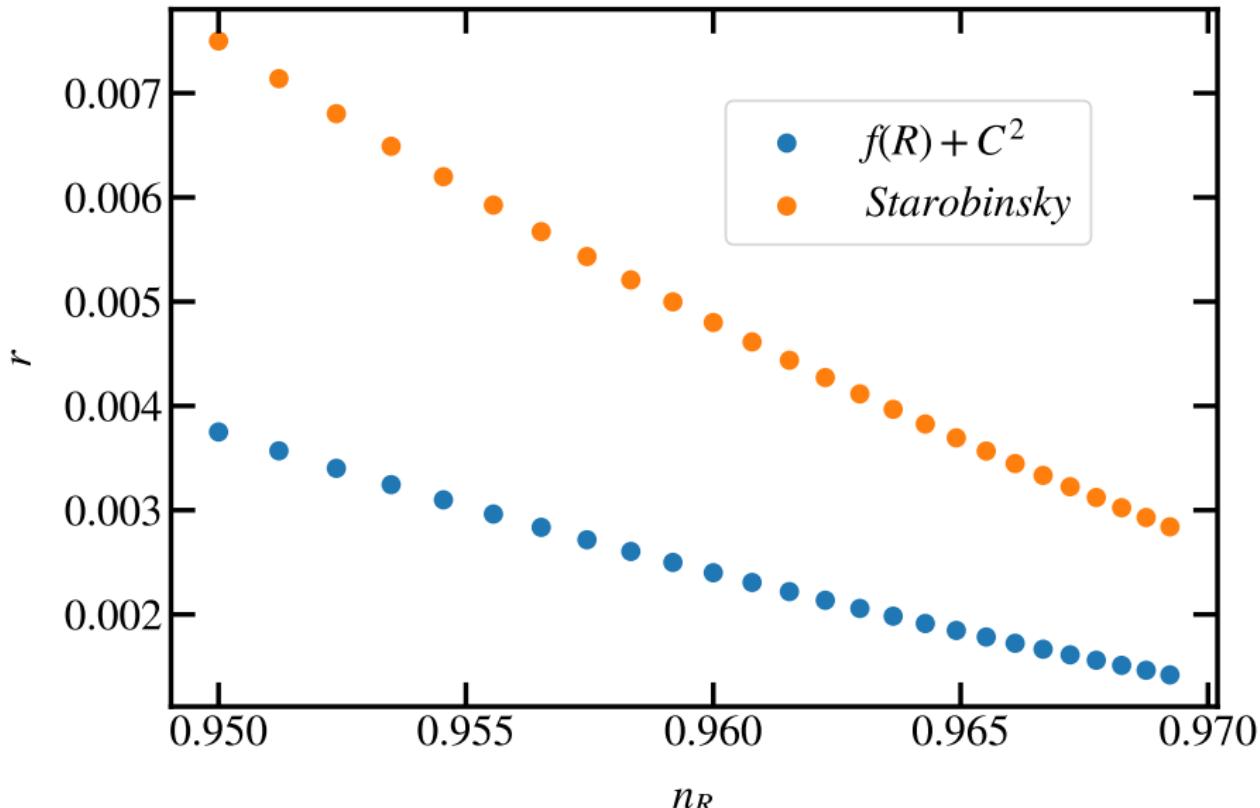
$$\gamma_0^{N=40} \approx 3.430 \times 10^{10}$$

$$\gamma_0^{N=60} \approx 7.719 \times 10^{10}$$

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<sup>4</sup>Planck Collaboration Astron.Astrophys. **594** (2016) A20

# Inflation observables



# Quantum Gravity relics in Primordial Gravitational Waves

- Tensor modes EoMs

$$\square \bar{h}_{ij} - 2\mathcal{H} \bar{h}'_{ij} - \underbrace{\frac{\gamma}{a^2} \square \square \bar{h}_{ij}}_{RGUP} = 0$$

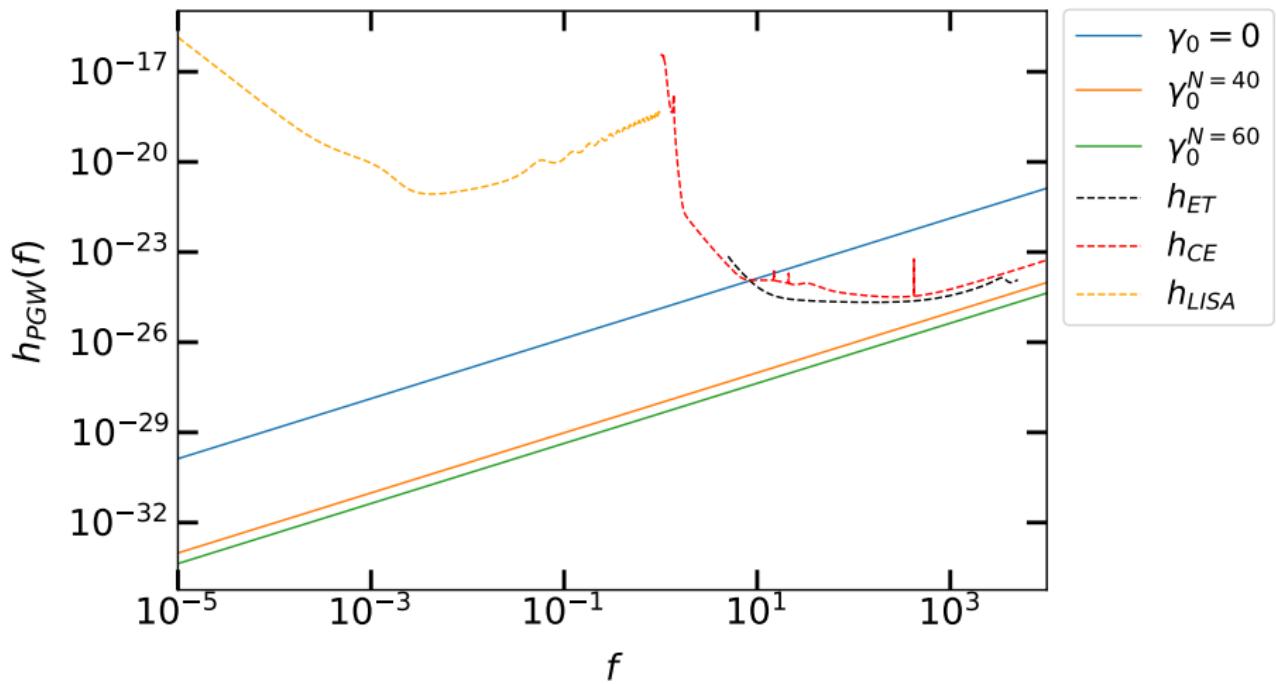
- Split by polarization

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2 \mu_k^{(1)}}{dz^2} + \left(1 - \frac{2}{z^2}\right) \mu_k^{(1)} &= 0, \\ \frac{d^2 \mu_k^{(2)}}{dz^2} + \left(1 + \frac{1}{\gamma H^2 z^2}\right) \mu_k^{(2)} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

- Primordial Gravitational wave Power spectrum

$$\mathcal{P}(k) = \frac{2\kappa H^2}{\pi^2} \frac{1}{1 + 2\gamma H^2} \left( 1 + \left(\frac{k}{k_*}\right)^2 - \frac{\pi}{2} \left(\frac{k}{k_*}\right)^3 |e^{i\pi\nu/2} H_\nu^{(1)}\left(\frac{k}{k_*}\right)|^2 \right)$$

# Detectability of corrections in next generation detectors



# Conclusions

- ➊ We were able to find **values** for the additional Lorentz invariant scale.
- ➋ There are **Quantum Gravitational signatures present in the power spectrum of primordial gravitational waves.**
- ➌ The characteristic strain of PGWs is a few orders of magnitude lower than the projected LISA sensitivity.
- ➍ Future land based telescopes might be able to detect PGWs and the QG signatures in them.
- ➎ The power spectrum of PGWs contains information of the exact number of e-folds the universe expanded.
- ➏ A preview available at [arXiv:2208.11095](https://arxiv.org/abs/2208.11095)

Thank you for your attention!



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