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Gravitational Waves



- Predicted by Poincaré (1905)
- Einstein provided a firm theoretical background for them (1916) $\Box h_{\mu\nu} = -16\pi GT_{\mu\nu}$

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THE COSMIC MICROWAVE BACKGROUND SPECTRUM FROM THE FULL COBE¹ FIRAS DATA SET

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ABSTRACT

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Figure 1 | Summary of detection. a, Measured spectrum for the reference dataset after filtering for data quality and radio-frequency interference. The spectrum is dominated by Galactic synchrotron emission.
b, c, Residuals after fitting and removing only the foreground model (b) or the foreground and 21-cm models (c). d, Recovered model profile of the 21-cm absorption, with a signal-to-noise ratio of 37, amplitude of 0.53 K, centre frequency of 78.1 MHz and width of 18.7 MHz. e, Sum of the 21-cm model (d) and its residuals (c).

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Conclusions

 The Gertsenshtein effect during the dark ages provides a powerful way to probe gravitational waves in the MHz-GHz range from distortions of the Rayleigh-Jeans CMB tail.

• With upcoming advances in 21cm astronomy targeting precisely this frequency range with increasing accuracy, it becomes conceivable to push the limits derived from radio telescopes below the cosmological bound constraining the total energy in gravitational waves.

• This highlights the interesting prospects associated with multi-messenger astronomy.