LiteBIRD Cosmic Microwave Background Polarization Mission





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LiteBIRD Summary

- JAXA-led international mission proposal (12 countries) L-Class Mission Selected by JAXA in 2019
- Launch in late 2020s
- 3yr observation at Sun-Earth Lagrangian Point L2
- 15 Frequency Bands 34-448 GHz, 71-18 arc-min resolution





Main scientific objectives

Primordial Cosmology

- Definitive search for a signal from cosmic inflation
 - Either making a discovery or ruling out well-motivated inflationary models

Fundamental Physics

– Energy Scale: Insight into quantum nature of gravity, other new physics



- Level-1 Requirement: $\delta r < 0.001$ total error
- This total error includes:
 - $\sigma_{stat} < 5.7 \times 10^{-4}$ inc. foreground removal
 - $\sigma_{syst} < 5.7 \times 10^{-4}$
 - Margin = 5.7×10^{-4}
- There is no delensing assumed here

- 2nd Level-1 Requirement
 - > 5σ detection of both Reionization and Recombination bumps for r = 0.01 (τ = 0.05)

LiteBIRD Inflation Constraints





Why Space?

History: COBE, WMAP, and Planck are reference experiments

- Advantages of Space:
 - Access to all frequencies
 - Important for foreground meas.
 - Absence of atmospheric fluctuations →
 Access to lowest multipoles
 - Measure Reionization and Recombination bumps
 - L2 enables bright objects (sun/moon) to be behind spacecraft.
- Complementarity
 - Ground gives delensing data
 - LiteBIRD gives foreground information











Map Noise







Polarization Modulation Unit (PMU) Operation Principle





Rotation test of superconducting magnetic bearing system in the 4K cryostat. The stable rotation at cryogenic temperature (<10K).



Systematics and Calibration



- One of the largest study groups at LiteBIRD
- Systematic approach for systematic uncertainties



LiteBIRD Science Outcomes



1. Tensor-to-scalar ratio, r, from top-level mission requirements

The following items (2-9) do not drive mission/system requirements, but will be guaranteed if (1) is achieved.

- 2. Further improving sensitivity on *r* with external data
- 3. Characterization of B-mode and search for source fields (e.g scale-invariance, non-Gaussianity, parity violation)
- 4. Power spectrum features in polarization
- 5. Large-scale E-modes
 - its implications for reionization history and the neutrino mass
- 6. Cosmic birefringence
- 7. SZ effect (thermal and relativistic correction)
- 8. Elucidating anomalies
- 9. Galactic science

Targeted mission requirements and rich scientific outcomes





JAXA-led focused mission

• δ(r)<0.001

• $2 \leq \ell \leq 200$

focused but still with byproducts







<u>Ground-based</u> US-led telescopes (e.g. Simons Observatory, SPO, and CMB-S4)

- $30 \le \ell \le \sim 8000$
- Including delensing

- This powerful duo is a cost-effective strategy with great synergy
- MoU between LiteBIRD and CMB-S4 for science and technology under discussion

LiteBIRD Summary

- Selected for JAXA's L-class mission
- Expected launch in 2020s
- Observations for 3 years around Sun-Earth L2
- Full-sky degree-scale CMB polarization surveys
- Total polarization sensivitity: 2.16 μK-arcmin





Conclusion of the concept development studies Top-level mission requirements will be satisfied.



Discovery by LiteBIRD has huge impacts and will provide

- Direct evidence for inflation
- Knowledge on the inflation energy scale
- First evidence for quantum fluctuation of space-time
- Insight on quantum gravity, including String Theory



Backup Slides

Top-level mission requirements will be satisfied!

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- $\delta r < 1 \ge 10^{-3}$ (for r=0)
- >5 σ observation for each bump (for r≥0.01)



Angular scale

Rationale

- Large discovery potential for 0.005 < r < 0.05
- Clean sweep of single-field models with characteristic field-variation-scale of inflaton potential greater than m_{pl}
 - (A. Linde, JCAP 1702 (2017) no.02, 006)
 - Simplest and well-motivated R+R²
 "Starobinsky" model will be tested.

 $\sigma(r=0) = 0.6 \times 10^{-3}$







SQUID Controller Assembly













LFT Signal Processing unit



Challenge: Galaxy brighter than CMB signal



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- Galactic foregrounds
 - Synchrotron Radiation and Dust Emission (plus others...)
 - Current Models Require 5-7 bands
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