Primordial magnetic fields generated by the non-adiabatic fluctuations at pre-recombination era

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Abstract. In the pre-recombination era, cosmological density fluctuations can naturally generate magnetic fields through Thomson scatterings. In previous studies, only the magnetic field generation from the initially-adiabatic fluctuations has been considered. Here we investigate the generation of cosmological magnetic fields sourced by the primordial non-adiabatic fluctuations based on the cosmological perturbation theory, using the tight-coupling approximations between photon and baryon fluids. It is found that the magnetic fields from the non-adiabatic fluctuations can arise at the first-order expansion of the tight coupling approximation. This result is in contrast to the case of adiabatic initial fluctuations, where the magnetic fields can be generated only at the second-order. In a general case where the primordial density perturbations contain small non-adiabatic fluctuations on the top of the dominant adiabatic ones, we show that the leading source of magnetic fields is given by the second-order coupling of the adiabatic and non-adiabatic fluctuations. We calculate the power spectrum of the generated magnetic fields when the non-adiabatic fluctuations have a blue power spectrum, which has been suggested by recent cosmological observations.

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1 Introduction

The magnetic fields in galaxies and in clusters of galaxies are observed and the typical strength is about 1 µGauss. The origin of these fields is not clear yet [1–4]. This is one of the significant problems in modern cosmology. It has been considered that very weak large-scale magnetic fields generated in the early universe are amplified by the dynamo mechanism after galaxy formation. If the large-scale fields exist in the early universe, the cosmic microwave background or the large-scale structure formation are affected. We have the upper-limit of the large-scale magnetic field, \(< 10^{-9}\)Gauss, from CMB observations [5–10]. On the one hand, astrophysical activities are considered to vanish information of the primordial magnetic fields near astrophysical objects but not the fields in the void regions since the objects rarely exist in void. There is an attempt to constrain these fields using the delayed or extended \(\gamma\)-ray emissions from distant high-energy astrophysical objects, for example, quasars. We have the lower limit \(\gtrsim 10^{-17}\) Gauss in the void under some assumptions [11–15].

Many mechanisms generating primordial magnetic fields are proposed, such as the generation from the second-order density perturbation at the pre-recombination era [16–22]. In this era, protons and electrons move interacting with photons by the Thomson scattering. As the mass of electrons is much smaller than protons, the cross section of the Thomson scattering for electrons is larger and it causes the electric fields. The curly components of these electric fields generate the magnetic fields at the pre-recombination era.
The primordial fluctuations are generated in the very early universe, for example, at the time of inflation. They evolve into the anisotropies of the cosmic microwave background (CMB) and act as the seed of the large-scale structure. In a simplest single-field inflation model, only adiabatic fluctuations are produced. However in other models such as a multi-field inflation model or a curvaton model, non-adiabatic fluctuations are also produced since a new degree of freedom is added in the system \cite{23}. Actually, adiabatic fluctuations are known as the main component of the fluctuations from the CMB observations. However, the non-adiabatic fluctuations can still exist as a sub-dominant component. For example, in refs. \cite{24, 25}, it is indicated that the power spectrum of non-adiabatic fluctuations may have a very blue spectrum. On the one hand, the possibility of generating vorticity by the non-adiabatic fluctuations is also studied recently \cite{26, 27, 30}.

If the non-adiabatic fluctuations exist, magnetic fields are also generated as is expected from the fact that magnetic fields follow similar evolution equations as vorticities. In previous studies, initially-adiabatic fluctuations are considered for the generation of magnetic fields. Even if one starts from the adiabatic initial conditions, the non-adiabatic fluctuations such as differences in motion between photons and baryons are generated and they lead to the generations of magnetic fields.\footnote{There is another special mechanism of the magnetic field generation from non-adiabatic fluctuations relating cosmic strings \cite{28, 29}.} In this case, however, it has been shown that the fields can not be generated at the first order of the tight coupling approximation (TCA) for the Thomson scattering and we need to consider the second order \cite{19, 21}. This means that the amplitude of the generated magnetic fields is suppressed by a tight coupling parameter.

In this paper, we will show that the fields can be generated at the first-order expansion of the TCA if the primordial non-adiabatic fluctuations exist, and show that the leading source of the fields is given by the cross term of the primordial adiabatic and primordial non-adiabatic fluctuations. Hence, there is a possibility that the strength of the primordial magnetic fields is stronger than that of the fields only from adiabatic fluctuations if the non-adiabatic fluctuations have a blue spectrum. Therefore it is important to examine the magnetic fields generated by the non-adiabatic fluctuations. The aim of this paper is thus to show explicitly that the primordial non-adiabatic fluctuations can generate the magnetic fields at the first-order expansion of the TCA and to obtain and evaluate the power spectrum of the generated magnetic fields.

The plan of our paper is the following. We show that the non-adiabatic fluctuations generate the magnetic fields at the first-order expansion in the TCA in the next section. The calculation is almost the same as the process in ref. \cite{21}, but we now include the non-adiabatic fluctuations at initial conditions. In section 3, we derive the power spectrum of the generated magnetic fields. We present the results in section 4 and summarize in section 5.

2 Generation of the magnetic fields

2.1 Evolution equation of the magnetic fields

We need to consider the second-order cosmological perturbation theory because no magnetic fields are generated from scalar-type perturbation at the first order. First we define the metric used in this paper. We consider the following metric in the Poisson gauge under the flat-Friedmann spacetime:

\[ ds^2 = a^2(\eta) \left[ -(1 + 2\phi) d\eta^2 + 2\chi_i d\eta dx^i + (1 - 2R) \delta_{ij} dx^i dx^j \right], \quad (2.1) \]
where $a$ and $d\eta = dt/a$ is scale factor and conformal time. The each metric perturbation is expanded as
\begin{equation}
\phi = \phi^{(1)} + \phi^{(2)}, \quad R = R^{(1)} + R^{(2)}, \quad \chi_i = \chi_i^{(2)}, \tag{2.2}
\end{equation}
where Arabic number represents the order of the cosmological perturbation.

The basic equations are the equations of motion (EoM) of the matter and the induction equation of the magnetic fields. In pre-recombination era, photon($\gamma$), proton($p$) and electron($e$) suflue the universe and interact with each other. Since we assume the charge neutrality, the number density for charged particles is the same $n = n_p \simeq n_e$. Then the EoMs for each spices are
\begin{align}
\nabla \nu T_{(\gamma)i}^{ij} &= \kappa_{i}^{\gamma p} + \kappa_{i}^{\gamma e}, \tag{2.3} \\
\nabla \nu T_{(p)i}^{ij} &= enE_i + \kappa_{i}^{pe} + \kappa_{i}^{p\gamma}, \tag{2.4} \\
\nabla \nu T_{(e)i}^{ij} &= -enE_i + \kappa_{i}^{ep} + \kappa_{i}^{e\gamma}, \tag{2.5}
\end{align}
where $E_i$ and $\kappa_{i}^{pe}$ in the right hand side are the electric fields and collision terms [20, 32, 33].

The Thomson scattering between photons and charged particles is
\begin{align}
\kappa_{i}^{\gamma p} &= -\kappa_{i}^{\gamma e} = -\frac{4}{3}\sigma_T n\rho_\gamma (1 - 2R) \left[ (v_{(\gamma)i} - v_{(e)i}) - \frac{1}{4}v_{(e)i}\Pi_{\gamma j}^j \right], \tag{2.6} \\
\kappa_{i}^{p\gamma} &= -\kappa_{i}^{e\gamma} = -\frac{m_e^2 4}{m_p^2 3}\sigma_T n\rho_\gamma (1 - 2R) \left[ (v_{(\gamma)i} - v_{(p)i}) - \frac{1}{4}v_{(p)i}\Pi_{\gamma j}^j \right], \tag{2.7}
\end{align}
where $\sigma_T$ and $\Pi_{\gamma i}^j$ are the cross section of the Thomson scattering and anisotropic stress of photons. The Coulomb scattering between charged particles is
\begin{equation}
\kappa_{i}^{pe} = -\kappa_{i}^{ep} = -e^2 n^2 \eta_C (1 - 2R) (v_{(p)i} - v_{(e)i}), \tag{2.8}
\end{equation}
where $\eta_C$ is the electric resistivity. We also use the induction equation of the magnetic fields (A.6)
\begin{equation}
(a^3B^i)' = -\gamma_{ij} \phi \partial_j [(a (1 + \phi) E_k)] - \epsilon_{ijk} (av_j E_k)' \tag{2.9},
\end{equation}
where the prime represents the derivative with conformal time $\eta$.

Subtracting two EoMs for protons and electrons leads to “the Ohm’s law”. In our case, there are two velocity differences, between photon and baryon $\delta v_{\gamma b} = v_{\gamma} - v_{b}$ and between proton and electron $\delta v_{pe} = v_{p} - v_{e}$ where $v_{b}$ is the baryon’s velocity of the center of mass. We assume that proton and electron are strongly coupled because coulomb interaction is strong. It results that the velocity difference between protons and electrons is very small compared with one between photons and baryons. Even if the electric current does not exist, the magnetic field can be generated. As a result, we obtain “the Ohm’s law”
\begin{equation}
E_i = \frac{1 - \beta^3}{1 + \beta^3} \frac{4\sigma_T}{3e} a\rho_\gamma (1 - 2R) \Delta v_{(\gamma b)i}, \tag{2.10}
\end{equation}
where we define
\begin{equation}
\Delta v_{(\gamma b)i} := \delta v_{(\gamma b)i} - \frac{1}{4}v_{(b)j}\Pi_{\gamma i}^j, \tag{2.11}
\end{equation}
$\beta = m_e/m_p$ as the ratio between the mass of proton and electron and neglect $\delta v_{(pe)i}$. If the mass of proton and electron is same, $\beta = 1$, the electric fields are not generated. Eq. (2.10) corresponds to the equation added anisotropic stresses to eq. (27) in ref. [21].
Substituting eq. (2.10) into the induction equation eq. (2.9), we obtain the evolution equation of the magnetic fields

\[
(a^3 B^i)' = -\frac{1 - \beta^2}{1 + 3\epsilon} 4\sigma T \epsilon^{ijk} a^2 \times \nabla_j \left( \rho \gamma \Delta v_{(\gamma b)k} \right) + \rho \gamma \partial_j (\phi - 2\mathcal{R}) \Delta v_{(\gamma b)k} + \frac{1}{a^2} \left( \rho \gamma a^2 \Delta v_{(\gamma b)k} \right) \right].
\] (2.12)

The equation means that the sources generating the magnetic field are the velocity difference between photons and baryons and anisotropic stress of photons.

### 2.2 Analytic formula of the velocity difference \( \Delta v_{(\gamma b)} \)

We use the tight coupling approximation (TCA) for the Thomson scattering so as to represent \( \Delta v_{(\gamma b)i} \) by the well-known perturbative quantities. When the dynamical timescale is longer than the timescale of the Thomson scattering, we can expand the physical quantities under the TCA. At zeroth order in the TCA, all fluid components move together with the same velocity \( v_i \). We set the photon frame as the “background” in the TCA. In other words, physical quantity for zeroth-order TCA is the same as that of photon. The velocity for baryons is expanded as

\[
v_{(b)i} = v_i + v_{(I)b} + v_{(II)b} + \cdots,
\] (2.13)

where \( v_i \) is the common velocity of photons and baryons in the tight coupling limit and also the photon’s velocity. Since various physical quantities such as \( \delta v_{(\gamma b)i}, \Pi_{\gamma i}^j \) are expanded

\[
\delta v_{(\gamma b)i} = \delta v_{(\gamma b)i}^{(I)} + \delta v_{(\gamma b)i}^{(II)} + \cdots,
\] (2.14)

\[
\Pi_{\gamma i}^j = \Pi_{\gamma i}^{(I)j} + \Pi_{\gamma i}^{(II)j} + \cdots,
\] (2.15)

the quantity \( \Delta v_{(\gamma b)i} \) in the eq. (2.12) is expressed

\[
\Delta v_{(\gamma b)i} = \Delta v_{(\gamma b)i}^{(I)} + \Delta v_{(\gamma b)i}^{(II)} + \cdots.
\] (2.16)

The equation which determines the velocity difference between baryon and photon is provided from the subtraction of the EoM for photon from baryon

\[
\frac{\rho'}{\rho_{\gamma}} \left( (v_{(\gamma)i} + \chi_i) - \frac{n'}{n} (v_{(b)i} + \chi_i) + (\delta v_{(\gamma b)i})' + 4\mathcal{H} \delta v_{(\gamma b)i} \right) - (\phi + 2\mathcal{R}) \left[ \frac{\rho'}{\rho_{\gamma}} v_{(\gamma)i} - \frac{n'}{n} v_{(b)i} + (\delta v_{(\gamma b)i})' + 4\mathcal{H} \delta v_{(\gamma b)i} \right] \] 

\[
- 5\mathcal{R} \delta v_{(\gamma b)i} + \frac{1}{a} \frac{\partial \rho_{\gamma}}{\rho_{\gamma}} + \partial_j \left( v_{(\gamma)i} v_{(\gamma)}^j \right) - \frac{1}{1 + \beta} \partial_j \left( v_{(p)i} v_{(p)}^j + \beta v_{(e)i} v_{(e)}^j \right)
\] 

\[
= -\alpha (1 - 2\mathcal{R}) \Delta v_{(\gamma b)i},
\] (2.17)

where \( \alpha \) is defined as

\[
\alpha := \frac{1 + \beta^2}{1 + \beta} \frac{(1 + \mathcal{R})}{3m_p} \frac{4\alpha \sigma T \rho_{\gamma}}{3m_p},
\] (2.18)

with \( R := (3m_p(1 + \beta)n)/(4\rho_{\gamma}) \). From the next section, we solve \( \Delta v_{(\gamma b)i} \) under the above expansion of the tight coupling approximation.
2.2.1 Background of the TCA

Firstly we note the background in the TCA and define the non-adiabatic fluctuations. In the zeroth-order TCA and the first-order cosmological perturbation, the energy conservations for photon and baryon,

\[
\left( \frac{\delta \rho_{\gamma}^{(1)}}{\rho_{\gamma}^{(0)}} \right)' = 4 \left( R^{(1)} \right)' \frac{4}{3} \partial_i v^{(1)}_i, \quad \left( \frac{\delta n}{n^{(0)}} \right)' = 3 \left( R^{(1)} \right)' - \partial_i v^{(1)}_i,
\]

imply that

\[
\left( \frac{\delta \rho_{\gamma}^{(1)}}{\rho_{\gamma}^{(0)}} \right)' = \frac{4}{3} \left( \frac{\delta n}{n^{(0)}} \right)',
\]

where the bar represents the quantity in the zeroth-order TCA. In the case of primordial non-adiabatic fluctuations, there is a difference between the fluctuations of photons and baryons as an initial condition which means

\[
\frac{\delta n^{(1)}}{n^{(0)}} = \frac{3}{4} \frac{\delta \rho_{\gamma}^{(1)}}{\rho_{\gamma}^{(0)}} + C(\vec{x}).
\]

In the above equation, \( C(\vec{x}) \) corresponds to the non-adiabatic fluctuation, which is usually called baryon isocurvature mode. This indicates that each fluctuations move with the common velocity keeping the difference in density contrast which is caused by the non-adiabatic fluctuations. In the adiabatic initial condition, this term becomes zero, so photons and baryons move together, as one fluid. As we shall show later \( C(\vec{x}) \) plays a central role in generating magnetic fields.

2.2.2 First-order cosmological perturbation

The first-order cosmological perturbation is the most simple calculation. In this order, eq. (2.17) presents

\[
\left[ \left( \frac{\rho_{\gamma}^{(0)}}{\rho_{\gamma}^{(0)}} \right)' - \left( \frac{n^{(0)}}{n^{(0)}} \right)' \right] v^{(1)}_i + \frac{1}{4} \partial_i \delta \rho_{\gamma}^{(1)} = -\bar{\alpha}(0) \Delta v^{(I,1)}_{(\gamma b)},
\]

and so we obtain

\[
\Delta v^{(I,1)}_{(\gamma b)} = \frac{1}{\bar{\alpha}(0)} \left[ \mathcal{H} v^{(1)}_i - \frac{1}{4} \partial_i \delta \rho_{\gamma}^{(1)} \right],
\]

where we use background equations and define

\[
\bar{\alpha}(0) = \frac{(1 + \beta^2)(1 + R^{(0)})}{1 + \beta} \frac{4 a \sigma_T \bar{\rho}_{\gamma}^{(0)}}{3 m_p}.
\]

In this order, the non-adiabatic fluctuations do not contribute because the density fluctuations of baryon do not appear.
2.2.3 Second-order cosmological perturbation

The effect of the non-adiabatic fluctuations and anisotropic stress appear firstly in this order. Equation (2.17) becomes

\[
\left[ \frac{\left(\delta \rho_{\gamma}^{(1)}\right)'}{\rho_{\gamma}^{(0)}} - \frac{\delta \rho_{\gamma}^{(1)}}{\rho_{\gamma}^{(0)}} \right] - \left( \frac{\rho_{\gamma}^{(0)}}{\tilde{n}(0)} \right) - \frac{\left(\tilde{n}(0)\right)'}{\tilde{n}(0)} 
\]

\[
- \left( \phi^{(1)} + 2R^{(1)} \right) \left( \frac{\rho_{\gamma}^{(0)}}{\tilde{n}(0)} \right) \left( v_{i}^{(1)} \right) 
\]

\[
\left[ \frac{\rho_{\gamma}^{(0)}}{\tilde{n}(0)} - \frac{\left(\tilde{n}(0)\right)'}{\tilde{n}(0)} \right] \left( v_{i}^{(2)} + \chi_{i}^{(2)} \right) - \frac{1}{4} \left[ \frac{\delta \rho_{\gamma}^{(1)}}{\rho_{\gamma}^{(0)}} \frac{\partial \delta \rho_{\gamma}^{(1)}}{\rho_{\gamma}^{(0)}} + \partial_{i} \delta \rho_{\gamma}^{(1)} \right] 
\]

\[
= -\alpha^{(1)} \Delta v^{(I,2)}_{(\gamma b)i} + 2R^{(1)} \alpha^{(1)} \Delta v^{(I,1)}_{(\gamma b)i} - \bar{\alpha}^{(1)} \Delta v^{(I,1)}_{(\gamma b)i}, 
\]

(2.25)

where

\[
\frac{\tilde{\alpha}^{(1)}}{\alpha^{(0)}} = \frac{1}{1 + \bar{R}(0)} \left[ \bar{R}(0) \frac{\delta \rho_{\gamma}^{(1)}}{\rho_{\gamma}^{(0)}} + \bar{R}(0) \frac{\delta \tilde{n}^{(1)}}{\tilde{n}(0)} \right] 
\]

\[
= \frac{4 + 3 \bar{R}(0)}{4(1 + \bar{R}(0))} \frac{\delta \tilde{n}^{(1)}}{\rho_{\gamma}^{(0)}} + \bar{R}(0) \frac{\delta \tilde{n}^{(1)}}{\tilde{n}(0)} \frac{\tilde{C}^{(1)}}{1 + \bar{R}(0)} := \frac{\tilde{\alpha}^{(1)}}{\alpha^{(0)}} \bigg|_{\text{ad}} + \bar{R}(0) \frac{\delta \tilde{n}^{(1)}}{\tilde{n}(0)} \frac{\tilde{C}^{(1)}}{1 + \bar{R}(0)}. 
\]

(2.26)

Baryon density perturbation, \(\delta \tilde{n}^{(1)}\), is in both sides of eq. (2.25), however, the non-adiabatic term in the left-hand side vanishes because the terms in the curly brackets become \( (\delta \tilde{n}^{(1)}/\tilde{n}(0))' \) and non-adiabatic fluctuations are independent of time at this order from eq. (2.21). This can be solved for \( \Delta v^{(I,2)}_{(\gamma b)i} \) to give

\[
\Delta v^{(I,2)}_{(\gamma b)i} = \frac{1}{\tilde{\alpha}(0)} \left[ \mathcal{H} \left( v_{i}^{(2)} + \chi_{i}^{(2)} - \frac{\tilde{\alpha}^{(1)}}{\alpha^{(0)}} v_{i}^{(1)} \right) - \left\{ \left( R(1) \right)' - \frac{1}{3} \frac{\partial v^{(1)}}{v^{(1)}} \left( R(1) \right)' \right\} v_{i}^{(1)} \right. 
\]

\[
- \mathcal{H} \phi^{(1)} v_{i}^{(1)} - \frac{1}{4} \left\{ \partial_{i} \delta \rho^{(2)} - \frac{\delta \rho^{(1)} \left( \frac{\delta \rho^{(1)}}{\rho_{\gamma}^{(0)}} + \frac{\alpha^{(1)}}{\alpha^{(0)}} \right) \partial_{i} \delta \rho_{\gamma}^{(1)}}{\rho_{\gamma}^{(0)}} \right\} 
\]

\[
- \frac{\bar{R}(0)}{1 + \bar{R}(0)} \tilde{C}^{(1)} \Delta v^{(I,1)}_{(\gamma b)i}. 
\]

(2.27)

The last term is the contribution of the non-adiabatic fluctuations and the anisotropic stress.

2.3 Source term of the magnetic fields

Here we show the generation of the magnetic fields from the non-adiabatic fluctuations. We substitute eqs. (2.23) and (2.27) into eq. (2.12) and obtain the evolution equation of the
magnetic fields

\[ (a^3 B^i)' = \frac{1 - \beta^3 4\sigma T}{1 + \beta} \frac{\rho_\gamma}{3} e^{ijk} \left[ \partial_j \Delta v^{(I, 2)}_{(\gamma b) k} + \frac{1}{\rho_\gamma} \partial_j \left( \delta \rho^{(1)}_\gamma \Delta v^{(I, 1)}_{(\gamma b) k} \right) \right] + \partial_j (\omega^{(1)} - 2R^{(1)}(1)) \Delta v^{(I, 1)}_{(\gamma b) k} + \frac{1}{a^2 \rho_\gamma} \left( a^2 \rho_\gamma v^{(1)}_j \Delta v^{(I, 1)}_{(\gamma b) k} \right)' \]

\[ = \frac{1 - \beta^3 4\sigma T}{1 + \beta} a^2 \rho_\gamma e^{ijk} \left[ \frac{2a^2 H}{\alpha(0)} \omega^{(2)i} + \frac{\bar{R}(0)}{1 + R(0)} \epsilon^{ijk} \partial_j \bar{C}^{(1)}(1) \Delta v^{(I, 1)}_{(\gamma b) k} \right], \tag{2.28} \]

where we use

\[ \epsilon^{ijk} \partial_j \Delta v^{(I, 2)}_{(\gamma b) k} = -\frac{2a^2 H}{\alpha(0)} \omega^{(2)i} + 2\epsilon^{ijk} \partial_j R^{(1)}(1) \Delta v^{(I, 1)}_{(\gamma b) k} - \epsilon^{ijk} v^{(1)}_j \left[ (\Delta v^{(I, 1)}_{(\gamma b) k})' + H \Delta v^{(I, 1)}_{(\gamma b) k} \right] \]

\[ - \frac{\bar{R}(0)}{1 + R(0)} \epsilon^{ijk} \partial_j \bar{C}^{(1)}(1) \Delta v^{(I, 1)}_{(\gamma b) k}, \tag{2.29} \]

with photon’s vorticity \( \omega^{(2)i} \) which is defined in eq. (A.5). Equation (2.28) tells us that the non-adiabatic fluctuations contribute as the source at the first-order TCA. This results from the fact that the direction of the velocity difference between photon and baryon is different from the gradient of the non-adiabatic fluctuations.

The non-adiabatic fluctuations generate also the vorticity in eq. (2.28). We take curl of a total momentum conservation at first-order TCA and obtain

\[ \left( a^2 \omega^{(2)i} \right)’ + \frac{H \bar{R}(0)}{1 + R(0)} a^2 \omega^{(2)i} = \frac{\bar{R}(0)}{2(1 + R(0))^2} \epsilon^{ijk} \partial_j \bar{C}^{(1)}(1) \Delta v^{(I, 1)}_{(\gamma b) k}. \tag{3.20} \]

If the non-adiabatic fluctuations do not exist, the vorticity decays with time and the magnetic fields can not be generated at this order. That agree with refs. [19, 21].

3 Power spectrum of the generated magnetic fields

3.1 Fourier transformation of the source term

We will derive the power spectrum of the magnetic fields generated by the non-adiabatic fluctuations. The source term in eq. (2.28) is

\[ S^i_{B} = \frac{2a^2 H}{\alpha(0)} \omega^{(2)i} + \frac{\bar{R}(0)}{1 + R(0)} \epsilon^{ijk} \partial_j \bar{C}^{(1)}(1) \Delta v^{(I, 1)}_{(\gamma b) k}. \tag{3.1} \]

Since we consider first-order scalar perturbations, the velocity is given by a gradient of a scalar function, \( v \). Defining

\[ v^{(1)}_i(x, \eta) := \partial_i v^{(1)}, \quad \delta^{(1)}(x, \eta) := \frac{\delta \rho^{(1)}}{\rho^{(0)}} \tag{3.2} \]

\[^2\text{Eqs. (2.28) and (3.20) look different from eq. (D7) in ref. [22]. However this comes from the difference of the frame. Our frame is the same as the frame in refs. [19, 21]. There are the details in appendix D in ref. [22].} \]
and

\[ \delta V^{(1)} := \mathcal{H} v^{(1)} - \frac{1}{4} \delta^{(1)}, \]  

(3.3)

then we can write \( \Delta v^{(1)} \) in eq. (3.1) as \( \Delta v^{(1)} = \partial_t \delta V^{(1)}/\bar{a}^{(0)} \). The Fourier transformation of eq. (3.1) is

\[
\hat{S}_B^i = \frac{2a^2 \mathcal{H}}{\bar{a}^{(0)}} \hat{\omega}^{(2)i} + \frac{R^{(0)}}{1 + R^{(0)}} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{3/2} \bar{a}^{(0)}} \int d^3 \rho (\vec{k} \times \vec{p})^i \hat{C}^{(1)}_{\vec{p}} \hat{\delta V}^{(1)}_{\vec{k} - \vec{p}} \delta \vec{p} \tag{3.4}
\]

where a hat represents the Fourier transformation. We solve eq. (2.30) for the vorticity to obtain

\[
a^2 \hat{\omega}^{(2)} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} \frac{1}{1 + R^{(0)}} \int d\eta' \frac{R^{(0)}}{2(1 + R^{(0)})} \int d^3 \rho (\vec{k} \times \vec{p})^i \hat{C}^{(1)}_{\vec{p}} \hat{\delta V}^{(1)}_{\vec{k} - \vec{p}} \tag{3.5}
\]

Therefore the Fourier transformation of the magnetic fields is

\[
\hat{B}^i = \frac{1 - \beta^3 \sigma_T \rho^{(0)}_{\gamma_0}}{1 + \beta^3 a^3} \int d\eta' \frac{\bar{R}^{(0)}}{a^{2-2}} \hat{S}_B^i = \frac{1 - \beta^3 \sigma_T \rho^{(0)}_{\gamma_0}}{1 + \beta^3 a^3} \int_0^n d\eta' \left( \hat{\Omega}^i + \hat{S}^i \right), \tag{3.6}
\]

where \( \rho^{(0)}_{\gamma_0} \) is the present photon energy density and

\[
\hat{S}^i := \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} \frac{\bar{R}^{(0)}}{1 + R^{(0)}} \frac{1}{\bar{a}^{(0)}} \int d^3 \rho (\vec{k} \times \vec{p})^i \hat{C}^{(1)}_{\vec{p}} \hat{\delta V}^{(1)}_{\vec{k} - \vec{p}}, \tag{3.7}
\]

\[
\hat{\Omega}^i := \frac{2a^2 \mathcal{H}}{\bar{a}^{(0)}} \hat{\omega}^{(2)i} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} \frac{\mathcal{H}}{\bar{a}^{(0)}} \frac{1}{1 + R^{(0)}} \int_0^n d\eta' \frac{\bar{R}^{(0)}}{1 + R^{(0)}} \int d^3 \rho (\vec{k} \times \vec{p})^i \hat{C}^{(1)}_{\vec{p}} \hat{\delta V}^{(1)}_{\vec{k} - \vec{p}}. \tag{3.8}
\]

### 3.2 Evolution of the fluctuations

In order to evaluate the source terms, we need to know the evolution of \( \hat{\delta V}_{\vec{k}} \). In the linear order, \( \delta V_{\vec{k}} \) is given by the sum of the adiabatic and non-adiabatic modes. Though both the fluctuations should be responsible for the generation of magnetic fields, we, hereafter, consider only the adiabatic mode in calculating \( \delta V_{\vec{k}} \). This is because the non-adiabatic fluctuations are expected to be smaller than the adiabatic fluctuation from observations. Accordingly, the equations (3.4) and (3.5) tell that the source of the magnetic field is the cross coupling of the adiabatic fluctuation (\( \delta V_{\vec{k}} \)) and the non-adiabatic fluctuation (\( \hat{C}^i_{\vec{k}} \)).

We consider the radiation-dominated era where the Thomson scattering is strong and the tight coupling approximation is good enough. Then we can neglect matter perturbations and anisotropic stress in linearized Einstein equations, namely \( \delta^{(1)} = \delta^{(1)}_{\gamma,k} + \delta^{(1)}_{m,k} (\bar{\rho}^{(0)}_m / \bar{\rho}^{(0)}_{\gamma_0}) \simeq \delta^{(1)}_{\gamma,k} \) and \( \Pi = 0 \). The linearized Einstein equations become

\[
3 \mathcal{H} \left( \bar{R}^{(1)}_{\vec{k}} + \mathcal{H} \bar{R}^{(1)}_{\vec{k}} \right) + k^2 \bar{R}^{(1)}_{\vec{k}} = -4\pi G a^2 \bar{\rho}^{(0)}_{\gamma_0} \delta^{(1)}_{\gamma,k}, \tag{3.9}
\]

\[
(\bar{R}^{(1)}_{\vec{k}} + \mathcal{H} \bar{\phi}^{(1)}_{\vec{k}}) = -4\pi G a^2 \bar{\rho}^{(0)}_{\gamma_0} (1 + w) \bar{v}_{\vec{k}}, \tag{3.10}
\]

\[
\bar{R}^{(1)}_{\vec{k}} - \bar{\phi}^{(1)}_{\vec{k}} = 0 \tag{3.11}
\]
and the evolution equation of the radiation is

\[
(\ddot{\delta}_k^{(1)})' + 3\mathcal{H} \left( c_s^2 - w \right) \dot{\delta}_k^{(1)} = (1 + w) \left( k^2 \dot{\psi}_k^{(1)} + 3(\mathcal{R}_k^{(1)})' \right). \tag{3.12}
\]

Here the sound velocity, \( c_s \), and equation of state, \( w \), are given by \( c_s^2 = w = 1/3 \). Metric perturbations are represented by the one variable \( \hat{\psi}_k^{(1)} := \mathcal{R}_k^{(1)} = \phi_k^{(1)} \) from (3.11). We substitute this into eqs. (3.9), (3.10) and (3.12) and derive the differential equation in terms of \( \hat{\psi}_k^{(1)} \),

\[
(\psi_k^{(1)})'' + \frac{4}{\eta} (\psi_k^{(1)})' + \frac{1}{3} k^2 \psi_k^{(1)} = 0, \tag{3.13}
\]

where we used Friedmann equations and \( H = 1/\eta \) for radiation-dominated era. We define \( y := k\eta/\sqrt{3} \) and solve this equation to obtain

\[
\hat{\psi}_k^{(1)}(k, \eta) = 3\hat{\psi}_0^{(1)}(k) \frac{j_1(y)}{y}, \tag{3.14}
\]

where \( \hat{\psi}_0^{(1)} \) is the primordial adiabatic fluctuation and \( j_1(y) \) is spherical Bessel’s function of order 1,

\[
j_1(y) = \frac{1}{y^2} (\sin y - y \cos y). \tag{3.15}
\]

In solving the evolution of the fluctuations, we used eq. (3.12). At small scale, however, we need to solve the Boltzmann equation with anisotropic stresses. Then the fluctuations dissipate by the Silk damping. The dissipating fluctuation can not generate the magnetic fields. So we consider effectively this influences by introducing the cut-off scale later.

From eqs. (3.9), (3.10) and (3.11), the perturbation \( \delta V_k^{(1)} \) is

\[
\delta V_k^{(1)} = \mathcal{H} \dot{\psi}_k - \frac{1}{4} \delta_k = \frac{1}{6\mathcal{H}^2} k^2 \ddot{\psi}_k = \frac{1}{6} \eta^2 k^2 \ddot{\psi}_k. \tag{3.16}
\]

Using the above equation, we can write the source, \( \dot{S}^i \), as

\[
\dot{S}^i = \int d^3\mathbf{p} \left( \mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{k} \right)^i \mathcal{C}_p^{(1)} \hat{\psi}_0^{(1)} f(k, \mathbf{p}, \eta), \tag{3.17}
\]

where

\[
f(k, \mathbf{p}, \eta) := \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} \frac{\eta^2 \bar{R}(0)}{2(1 + R(0))} \frac{1}{\bar{\alpha}(0)} |k - \mathbf{p}|^2 \frac{j_1(y)}{y}, \tag{3.18}
\]

with \( y = |k - \mathbf{p}| \eta/\sqrt{3} \). Furthermore the source, \( \dot{\Omega}^i \), can be written as

\[
\dot{\Omega}^i = \int d^3\mathbf{p} \left( \mathbf{p} \times \mathbf{k} \right)^i \mathcal{C}_p^{(1)} \hat{\psi}_0^{(1)} g(k, \mathbf{p}, \eta), \tag{3.19}
\]

where

\[
g(k, \mathbf{p}, \eta) := \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} \frac{1}{\bar{\alpha}(0)} \frac{1}{2\eta(1 + R(0))} \int d\bar{y} (\bar{y})^2 \bar{R}(0) \frac{j_1(\bar{y})}{\bar{y}}, \tag{3.20}
\]

with \( \bar{y} = |k - \mathbf{p}| \eta/\sqrt{3} \).
3.3 Power spectrum

The power spectrum of the generated magnetic fields $P_B$ is defined as

$$\langle B_i(\vec{k}, \eta) B^*_i(\vec{K}, \eta) \rangle := \frac{2\pi^2}{k^3} P_B(k) \delta(\vec{k} - \vec{K}),$$  \hspace{1cm} (3.21)

where bracket means to take the ensemble average. From eq. (3.6), the left-hand side in the above equation is

$$\langle \tilde{B}_i(\vec{k}, \eta) \tilde{B}^*_i(\vec{K}, \eta) \rangle = \left( \frac{1 - \beta^3 4\sigma_T \rho_{\psi_0}^{(0)}}{1 + \beta - 3\epsilon a^4} \right)^2 \int \frac{d\eta_1}{a^2(\eta_1)} \int \frac{d\eta_2}{a^2(\eta_2)} \times \left( \langle \tilde{\Omega}_i(\vec{k}, \eta) \tilde{\Omega}^*_i(\vec{K}, \eta_2) \rangle + \langle \hat{S}_i(\vec{k}, \eta) \hat{S}^*_i(\vec{K}, \eta_2) \rangle \right),$$  \hspace{1cm} (3.22)

where we neglect correlation between $\hat{S}$ and $\hat{\Omega}$, for example $\langle \hat{S} \hat{\Omega} \rangle$ for simplicity.

We estimate $\langle \hat{S}_i(\vec{k}, \eta) \hat{S}^*_i(\vec{K}, \eta_2) \rangle$:

$$\langle \hat{S}_i(\vec{k}, \eta) \hat{S}^*_i(\vec{K}, \eta_2) \rangle = \int d^3p_1 \int d^3p_2 (\vec{k} \times \vec{p}_1)_i(\vec{K} \times \vec{p}_2)_i f(\vec{k}, \vec{p}_1, \eta_1)f(\vec{K}, \vec{p}_2, \eta_2) \times \left( \langle \hat{C}(1)(\vec{p}_1) \hat{C}^*(1)(\vec{p}_2) \hat{\psi}_0(1)(\vec{k} - \vec{p}_1) \hat{\psi}^*_0(1)(\vec{K} - \vec{p}_2) \rangle + \langle \hat{C}(1)(\vec{p}_1) \hat{C}^*(1)(\vec{p}_2) \hat{\psi}_0(1)(\vec{k} - \vec{p}_1) \hat{\psi}^*_0(1)(\vec{K} - \vec{p}_2) \rangle \right) \right) \hspace{1cm} (3.23)

where we used Wick’s theorem in the second equality. The power spectrum of the primordial adiabatic fluctuations and non-adiabatic fluctuations is defined respectively as

$$\langle \hat{\psi}_0(\vec{k}) \hat{\psi}^*_0(\vec{K}) \rangle := 2\pi^2 P_a(k) \delta(\vec{k} - \vec{K})$$  \hspace{1cm} (3.24)

and

$$\langle \hat{C}(\vec{k}) \hat{C}^*(\vec{K}) \rangle := 2\pi^2 P_{na}(k) \delta(\vec{k} - \vec{K}).$$  \hspace{1cm} (3.25)

We assume no correlation between adiabatic and non-adiabatic mode, $\langle \hat{C} \hat{\psi}_0 \rangle = 0$. Hence eq. (3.23) becomes

$$\langle \hat{S}_i(\vec{k}, \eta_1) \hat{S}^*_i(\vec{K}, \eta_2) \rangle = (2\pi^2)^2 \delta(\vec{k} - \vec{K}) \int d^3p(\vec{k} \times \vec{p})_i(\vec{K} \times \vec{p})_i \times P_{na}(p) P_a(|\vec{k} - \vec{p}|) f(\vec{k}, \vec{p}, \eta_1)f(\vec{K}, \vec{p}, \eta_2) \hspace{1cm} (3.26)

and similarly

$$\langle \hat{\Omega}_i(\vec{k}, \eta_1) \hat{\Omega}^*_i(\vec{K}, \eta_2) \rangle = (2\pi^2)^2 \delta(\vec{k} - \vec{K}) \int d^3p(\vec{k} \times \vec{p})_i(\vec{K} \times \vec{p})_i \times P_{na}(p) P_a(|\vec{k} - \vec{p}|) g(\vec{k}, \vec{p}, \eta_1)g(\vec{K}, \vec{p}, \eta_2). \hspace{1cm} (3.27)$$
Finally we obtain the power spectrum of the magnetic fields as

\[
\frac{2\pi^2}{k^3} P_B(k) = \left( \frac{1 - \beta^3 \sigma_T \rho_{\gamma0}(0)}{1 + \beta} \right)^2 \left( \frac{2\pi^2}{k} \right)^2 \int d^3 p |\vec{k} \times \vec{p}|^2 P_{na}(p) P_a(|\vec{k} - \vec{p}|) \times \int_0^\eta d\eta_1 \int_0^\eta d\eta_2 a_1^{-2} a_1^{-2} \{ g(\vec{k}, \vec{p}, \eta_1) g(\vec{k}, \vec{p}, \eta_2) + f(\vec{k}, \vec{p}, \eta_1) f(\vec{k}, \vec{p}, \eta_2) \},
\]

where

\[
f(\vec{k}, \vec{p}, \eta) := \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3/2} \frac{\eta^2 \bar{R}(0)}{\alpha(0)} \frac{1}{|\vec{k} - \vec{p}|} j_1(y),
\]

\[
g(\vec{k}, \vec{p}, \eta) := \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3/2} \frac{\bar{R}(0)}{\alpha(0)} \frac{1}{2\eta (1 + \bar{R}(0))} \int d\eta' (\eta')^2 \bar{R}(0) \frac{j_1(y')}{y'},
\]

\[
\alpha(0) = \frac{(1 + \beta^2)(1 + \bar{R}(0)) a_0 \rho_{\gamma0}(0)}{1 + \beta m_p},
\]

\[
\bar{R}(0) = (3m_p(1 + \beta) \bar{\rho}(0))/(4\rho_{\gamma0}(0)), \text{ and } y = |\vec{k} - \vec{p}| \eta/\sqrt{3}.
\]

In the end of this section, we note about the power spectra of the adiabatic and non-adiabatic fluctuations. The power spectrum of the adiabatic mode, \(P_a(k)\), can be well described as a power law

\[
P_a(k) = \frac{1}{k^3} \Delta^2_R(k_0) \left( \frac{k}{k_0} \right)^{n_1-1},
\]

where \(k_0 = 0.002\text{Mpc}^{-1}\) is the pivot scale, \(\Delta^2_R \simeq 2.5 \times 10^{-9}\), and \(n_1 \simeq 1.0\) from the 7-year WMAP data [31]. We assume that the non-adiabatic fluctuations have also a power law. The power spectrum of the non-adiabatic fluctuations of baryon is

\[
\frac{P_{na}}{P_a} := \left( \frac{\Omega_{\text{CDM}}}{\Omega_b} \right)^2 \frac{A}{1 - A} \left( \frac{k}{k_0} \right)^{n_2-1},
\]

where \(A\) is represented as the ratio of the cold dark matter (CDM) isocurvature fluctuation to the sum of the adiabatic and the isocurvature fluctuations. The factor of \((\Omega_{\text{CDM}}/\Omega_b)^2\) comes in order to convert the power spectrum of CDM isocurvature mode to that of the baryon isocurvature one \(C(\delta)\) [34]. Recent observations indicate a blue spectrum with \(n_2 = 2 - 4\) and \(A \lesssim 0.1 - 0.01\), depending on the observational data used [24, 25, 31]. In this paper, we adopt \(A \simeq 0.01\) and \(n_2 = 4\) as a simple example. Since the amplitude of the generated magnetic fields is proportional to the root of the amplitude of the non-adiabatic fluctuations, \(B \propto \sqrt{P_B} \propto \sqrt{A}\), it is insensitive for the amplitude of the non-adiabatic fluctuations. Therefore the amplitude of the non-adiabatic fluctuation is less important. We give the power spectrum of the generated magnetic fields for the different index of the non-adiabatic fluctuations later.

4 Results

4.1 Integral region and results

We need to perform numerical integrations of eq. (3.28). As a cut-off scale we consider the Silk dumping which is the dissipation of fluctuations by a radiation drag. The fluctuations whose scale is less than the Silk scale dissipate and do not create the magnetic fields any more.
We take it into account that the Silk scale depends on time $k_{Silk} \simeq 4.3 \times 10^{-6} a^{-3/2} \text{Mpc}^{-1}$ [20, 35]. Furthermore we neglect the fluctuations with larger scale at each time than the horizon because large-scale modes do not contribute to the generation of the magnetic fields. The integral region for a wave number $k$ is presented as the gray trapezoid region in figure 1.

We perform the numerical integration for $A \simeq 0.1, 0.01$ and $n_2 \simeq 4$ to calculate the amplitudes of the magnetic fields at the radiation-matter equality time and show the result in figure 2. The circle and plus mark represent the contribution of the slip term $\langle SS^* \rangle$ for each $A$ and the square and cross mark represent the contribution of the vorticity term $\langle \Omega \Omega^* \rangle$ for each $A$. From this figure we find that the vorticity term is less important at the generation of the magnetic fields at pre-recombination era. The physical magnetic field strength is about $10^{-20}$ Gauss at 1Mpc. The generated magnetic fields have a blue spectrum $k^{1.16}$ and so the larger strength is expected at the smaller scales.

4.2 Simple estimation for arbitrary spectral index $n_2$

Finally we show a simple estimation of the k-dependence of the magnetic-field spectra. For the slip term, the power spectrum of the magnetic fields is $P_B \sim k^5 p^{n_2+1} |\vec{k} - \vec{p}|^{-3} (\int f \eta^{-2} d\eta)^2$. Since $\int \eta^{-2} f d\eta \sim \eta^2 |\vec{k} - \vec{p}|^{-1}$, $P_B \sim k^5 p^{n_2+1} |\vec{k} - \vec{p}|^{-5}$. Since the main contribution to the integration for $p$ is from $p \sim |\vec{k} - \vec{p}| \sim k$, we obtain $P_B \sim k^{n_2+1} \eta^4$. We consider the silk scale $\eta \propto k^{-2/3}$ and obtain $B \sim \sqrt{P_B} \sim k^{n_2/2-5/6}$ as a behavior of the magnetic fields. For $n_2 = 4$, $B \sim k^{7/6-1.16}$. We take the same process about vorticity term and obtain $B \sim \sqrt{P_B} \sim k^{n_2/2-7/6}$. For $n_2 = 4$, $B \sim k^{5/6-0.83}$. The deviation from this power law at the large scale is caused by the boundary effect from the horizon. This fact indicates that the contribution at the Silk scale is very important in the generation of the fields at small scales.

5 Conclusion

In this paper, we discussed the generation of magnetic fields by non-adiabatic fluctuations at the pre-recombination era. Firstly we showed analytically that non-adiabatic fluctuations
Figure 2. Calculated physical amplitudes of magnetic fields for several comoving wave numbers ($k$). The plus mark and cross mark represent the contributions of the slip term and vorticity term respectively. Here we set $A \approx 0.1$ (circle and square mark), $A \approx 0.01$ (plus and cross mark) and $n_2 = 4$. Two lines are the analytically-estimated power spectra (see text).

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generate magnetic fields using the tight coupling approximation. We found that magnetic fields are generated at the first-order expansion of the tight coupling approximation. This result should be compared with the case of initially-adiabatic fluctuations, where magnetic fields are created only at the second order.

Secondly we calculated the power spectra of magnetic fields at the radiation-matter equality time considering the non-adiabatic fluctuations with a blue spectrum. For this we only consider the second order coupling between primordial non-adiabatic and adiabatic fluctuations because this coupling is expected to give larger magnetic fields than the auto-coupling of non-adiabatic fluctuations. We found that the fields have a blue spectrum $B \propto k^{1.16}$ for $n_2 = 4$, and the amplitude is about $B \approx 10^{-20}$ Gauss at the comoving scale of 1Mpc if the maximum amount of non-adiabatic fluctuations allowed from CMB observations is considered. Because the spectrum is bluer than those from the adiabatic fluctuations found in refs. [20, 22], this fields may dominate the primordial magnetic fields at small scales. The amplitude would be enough to be amplified to the present fields in the galaxy by dynamo mechanism [36], however it is still insufficient to explain the fields in void regions recently claimed by [11–15]. Clearly both detailed observations and theoretical investigations are necessary to understand how the large-scale magnetic fields evolve after their generation in voids.

Because we consider only the first order of the tight coupling approximation, we cannot directly extend our analysis to the time of recombination. For a complete analysis, we have to solve the time evolution of $\Delta v(\gamma_b)$ numerically. This will be our future work.

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where \( v_{ij} \) is the 3-dimensional velocity. The energy-momentum tensor of each species \((I = p,e,\gamma)\) is represented as

\[
T_{\nu}^{\mu}(I) = (\rho_I + p_I)u_{(I)\mu}u_{(I)\nu} + p_I\delta_{\mu}^{\nu}.
\]

where \( p_\gamma = \rho_\gamma/3 \) and \( p_{p,e} = 0 \). We give the useful relation

\[
\nabla_\nu T_{(I)\nu}^{\mu} = -[(p_I + p_I)(v_{(I)i} + \chi_i)]' + 3H(\rho_I + p_I)(v_{(I)i} + \chi_i) + (\rho_I + p_I)\partial_i(\phi - \phi^2) + \partial_i p_I
\]

\[
- (\phi + 2\mathcal{R})\left\{[(\rho_I + p_I) v_{(I)i}]' + 4H(\rho_I + p_I) v_{(I)i}\right\}
\]

\[
- 5(\rho_I + p_I)\mathcal{R}'v_{(I)i} + (\rho_I + p_I)\partial_j\left(v_{(I)i}v_{(I)j}\right),
\]

The vorticity of photons is defined as \( \omega_\gamma^i := -\frac{1}{2}\varepsilon^{i\mu\nu\lambda}u_{(\gamma)\lambda}\nabla_\nu u_{(\gamma)\mu} \) where \( \varepsilon^{i\mu\nu\lambda} \) is the alternative tensor with \( \varepsilon^{0123} = 1/\sqrt{-g} \). Since the first-order vector perturbation does not exist, the leading term of the vorticity is second-order perturbation.

\[
\omega_\gamma^{(2)i} = -\frac{1}{2\pi^2}\varepsilon^{ijk}\left[\partial_j\left(v_{(\gamma)k}^{(2)} + \chi_k^{(2)}\right) + v_{(\gamma)k}^{(1)}/(\gamma)k + v_{(\gamma)j}\partial_k\left(\phi^{(1)} + 2\mathcal{R}^{(1)}\right)\right],
\]

where \( \varepsilon^{ijk} \) is the 3-dimensional flat alternating tensor with \( \varepsilon^{123} = 1 \).

The Faraday tensor \( F_{\mu\nu} \) is decomposed to the electric and magnetic fields

\[
E^\mu = F_{\mu\nu}u_{(\gamma)\nu}, \quad B^\mu = \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon^{\mu\nu\lambda\sigma}u_{(\gamma)\nu}F_{\nu\lambda}.
\]

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