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Large scale B-mode patterns in CMB polarization, if detected, would constitute a "smoking gun"signature of primordial gravitational waves generated during an inflationary phase in the early universe. In this talk, I will discuss other sources of B-modes, such as primordial magnetic fields, axion-like fields and cosmic strings, and prospects of isolating their distinguishing features with future CMB measurements.

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