

# Inflationary Cosmology

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# Hot Big Bang Cosmology

- Comes from combining **Standard Model (SM)** of high energy physics with **Einstein's general relativity**, and the assumption that on sufficiently large scales, the universe is **isotropic** and **homogeneous**.

↑  
same in all  
directions

↑  
position  
independent

Three remarkable predictions (Consequences):

1. Expanding Universe
2. Cosmic Microwave Background Radiation (CMB)
3. Nucleosynthesis

# STANDARD MODEL OF HE PHYSICS

Provides excellent description of strong, weak and electromagnetic interactions.

Based on local gauge symmetry

$$SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$$

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QCD - strong interactions  
involving 'colored' quarks &  
gluons

Electromagnetic interactions  
mediated by W and Z<sup>0</sup> bosons  
which have been found

Only 'color neutral' states exist in nature

# Higgs Boson

- Spontaneously symmetry breaking

$$SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \longrightarrow U(1)_{\text{EM}} \rightarrow \gamma \text{ (photon)}$$

$$\langle \phi \rangle \sim 10^2 \text{ GeV} (t \sim 10^{-10} \text{ sec})$$

$$m_h \approx 125 \text{ GeV (Discovery on 4 July 2012)}$$

- compare to superconductor

- A homogeneous and isotropic universe is described by the Robertson-Walker metric

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + a^2(t) \left[ \frac{dr^2}{1 - k r^2} + r^2 (d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2) \right],$$

where  $r$ ,  $\phi$  and  $\theta$  are ‘comoving’ polar coordinates, which remain fixed for objects that follow the general cosmological expansion.

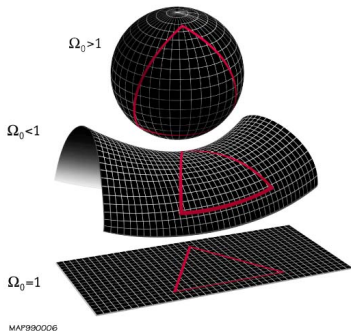
$k$  is the scalar curvature of 3-space, with  $k = 0, +1, -1$  describing a **flat**, **closed** and **open** universe respectively.

# Geometry of the Universe

- Friedmann Equation

$$\Omega \equiv \frac{\rho}{\rho_c} = 1 + \frac{k}{(aH)^2}, \text{ where } \rho_c = \frac{3H^2}{8\pi G} = \text{critical density}$$

- Closed (  $\Omega > 1$  or  $k = 1$  )
- Open (  $\Omega < 1$  or  $k = -1$  )
- Flat (  $\Omega = 1$  or  $k = 0$  )



# Solving Friedmann Equations:

- For flat universe

$$H^2 \equiv \left( \frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2 \propto \rho$$

- Matter  $\left( \rho_m = \frac{NM}{V} \right)$

$$\rho_m \propto a^{-3} \Rightarrow a(t) \propto t^{2/3}$$

- Radiation  $\left( \rho_\gamma = \frac{Nhc}{V\lambda} \right)$

$$\rho_\gamma \propto a^{-4} \Rightarrow a(t) \propto t^{1/2}$$

- Vacuum  $(\rho_\Lambda = \text{const.})$

$$\rho_\Lambda \propto a^0 \Rightarrow a(t) \propto e^{Ht}$$

# Cosmological Problems

- Flatness Problem

Present energy density of the universe is determined to be equal to its critical value corresponding to a flat universe. This means that in the early universe

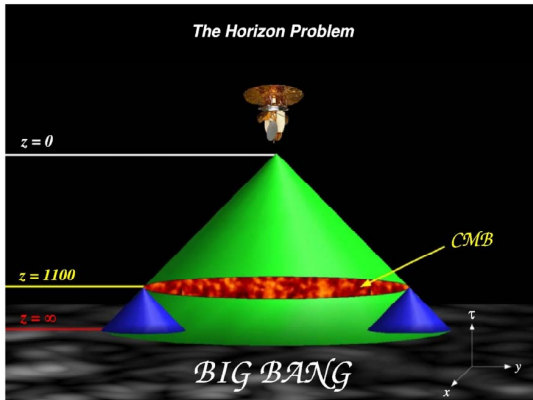
$$\Omega - 1 = \frac{k}{(aH)^2} \propto t \quad (\text{for a radiation dominated universe})$$

$$\Rightarrow |\Omega_{BBN} - 1| \leq 10^{-16} \quad \left( |\Omega_{GUT} - 1| \leq 10^{-55} \right)$$

How does this come about?



# Horizon Problem



Why the CMB is so uniform on large scales?

- Origin of **primordial density fluctuation** which lead to Large Scale Structure and also explain

$$\delta T/T \sim 10^{-5}$$

observed by COBE/WMAP and other experiments.

- Origin of **baryon asymmetry** ( $n_b/n_\gamma \sim 10^{-10}$ )?

# Inflationary Cosmology

[Guth, Linde, Albrecht & Steinhardt, Starobinsky, Mukhanov, Hawking, ...]

Successful Primordial Inflation should:

- Explain flatness, isotropy;
- Provide origin of  $\frac{\delta T}{T}$ ;
- Offer testable predictions for  $n_s$ ,  $r$ ,  $dn_s/d\ln k$ ;
- Recover Hot Big Bang Cosmology;
- Explain the observed baryon asymmetry;
- Offer plausible CDM candidate;

Physics Beyond the SM?

# Cosmic Inflation

- Inflation can be defined as:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{aH} \right) < 0,$$

a decreasing comoving horizon

$$\ddot{a} > 0,$$

an accelerated expansion

$$P < -\rho/3,$$

a negative pressure  $\rightarrow$  repulsive gravity

↓  
drives inflation

- Consider a scalar field  $\phi$

$$\rho_\phi = \frac{1}{2} \dot{\phi}^2 + V(\phi) \approx V,$$

$$a(t) \approx e^{Ht} \rightarrow \text{inflation}$$

Slow rolling scalar field acts as an inflaton

# Cosmic Inflation

Tiny patch  $\sim 10^{-28}$  cm  $\Rightarrow$   $> 1$  cm after 60 e-foldings  
(time constant  $\sim 10^{-38}$  sec)

Inflation over  $\Rightarrow$  radiation dominated universe (hot big bang)

Quantum fluctuations of inflation field give rise to nearly scale invariant, adiabatic, Gaussian density perturbations

$\Rightarrow$  Seed for forming large scale structure

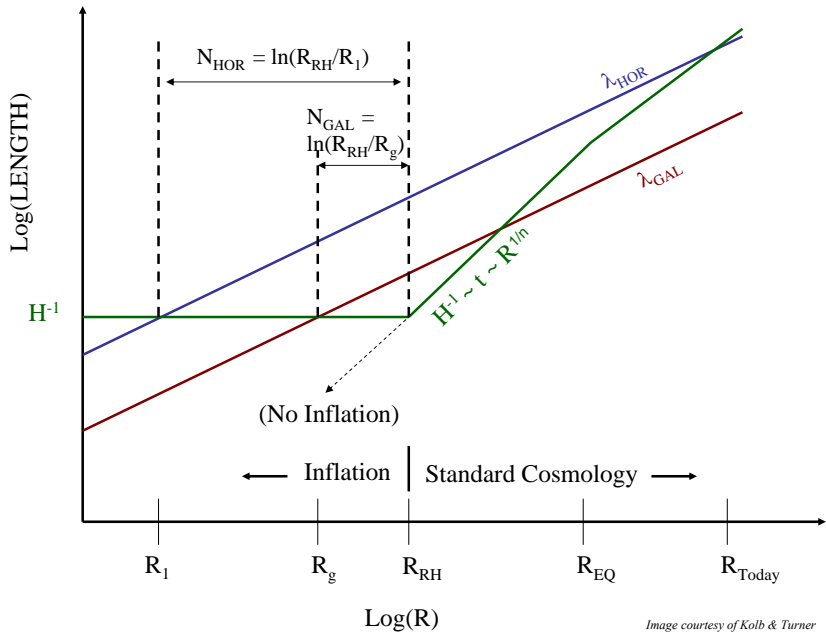


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- Solution to the Flatness Problem  $\left( \Omega - 1 = \frac{k}{(aH)^2} \right)$

$$\left| \Omega_f - 1 \right| = \left| \Omega_i - 1 \right| e^{-2N} \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{where } N = H \Delta t \geq 50$$

- Solution to the Horizon Problem

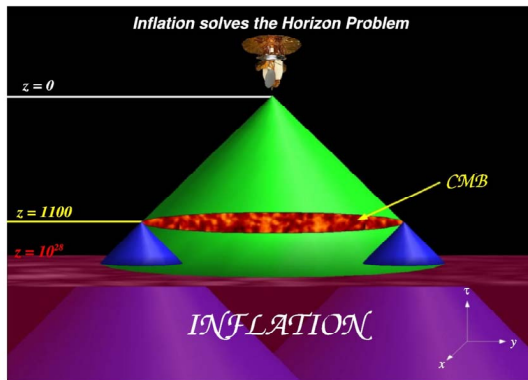


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# $\Lambda$ CDM Model (current paradigm)

$\Lambda$  stands for **Dark Energy**  
with Einstein's cosmological  
constant being the leading  
candidate

$$(P_{\Lambda} = w_{\Lambda} \rho_{\Lambda}, \text{ with } w_{\Lambda} = -1)$$

$$\rho_{Total} = \rho_{\Lambda} + \rho_{CDM} + \rho_M \approx \rho_c$$

$$\rho_{\Lambda} \approx 10^{-120} m_p^4 \quad \leftarrow \text{Fine tuning?}$$

CDM denotes 'cold dark matter'  
(particle have tiny velocities)

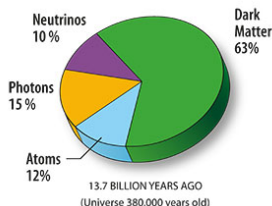
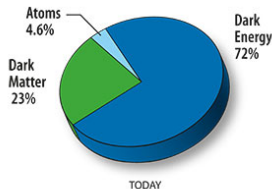


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Science Team

Where does  $\Lambda$ CDM come from?



## Slow-roll Inflation

- Inflation is driven by some potential  $V(\phi)$ :
- Slow-roll parameters:

$$\epsilon = \frac{m_p^2}{2} \left( \frac{V'}{V} \right)^2, \quad \eta = m_p^2 \left( \frac{V''}{V} \right).$$

- The spectral index  $n_s$  and the tensor to scalar ratio  $r$  are given by

$$n_s - 1 \equiv \frac{d \ln \Delta_{\mathcal{R}}^2}{d \ln k}, \quad r \equiv \frac{\Delta_h^2}{\Delta_{\mathcal{R}}^2},$$

where  $\Delta_h^2$  and  $\Delta_{\mathcal{R}}^2$  are the spectra of primordial gravity waves and curvature perturbation respectively.

- Assuming slow-roll approximation (i.e.  $(\epsilon, |\eta|) \ll 1$ ), the spectral index  $n_s$  and the tensor to scalar ratio  $r$  are given by

$$n_s \simeq 1 - 6\epsilon + 2\eta, \quad r \simeq 16\epsilon.$$

- The tensor to scalar ratio  $r$  can be related to the energy scale of inflation via

$$V(\phi_0)^{1/4} = 3.3 \times 10^{16} r^{1/4} \text{ GeV}.$$

- The amplitude of the curvature perturbation is given by

$$\Delta_{\mathcal{R}}^2 = \frac{1}{24\pi^2} \left( \frac{V/m_p^4}{\epsilon} \right)_{\phi=\phi_0} = 2.43 \times 10^{-9} \text{ (WMAP7 normalization)}.$$

- The spectrum of the tensor perturbation is given by

$$\Delta_h^2 = \frac{2}{3\pi^2} \left( \frac{V}{m_P^4} \right)_{\phi=\phi_0}.$$

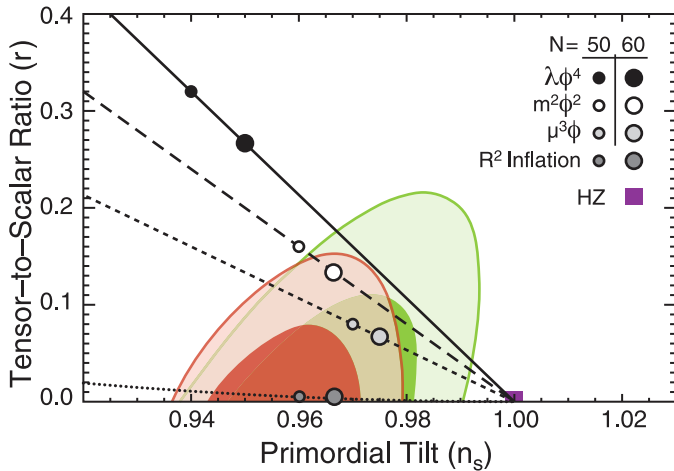
- The number of  $e$ -folds after the comoving scale  $l_0 = 2\pi/k_0$  has crossed the horizon is given by

$$N_0 = \frac{1}{m_p^2} \int_{\phi_e}^{\phi_0} \left( \frac{V}{V'} \right) d\phi.$$

Inflation ends when  $\max[\epsilon(\phi_e), |\eta(\phi_e)|] = 1$ .

## BICEP 2 Result

- BICEP 2 a few months ago surprised many people with their results that  $r \sim 0.2$  (0.16).
- Some tension with the Planck upper bound  $r < 0.11$ .
- Somewhat earlier WMAP 9 stated that  $r < 0.13$ .



WMAP nine year data





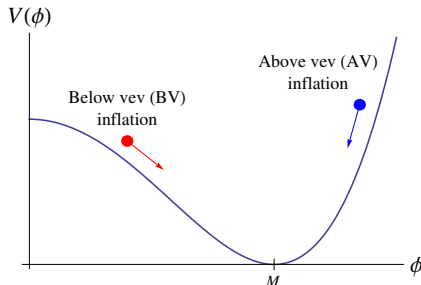
# Tree Level Gauge Singlet Higgs Inflation

[Kallosch and Linde, 07; Rehman, Shafi and Wickman, 08]

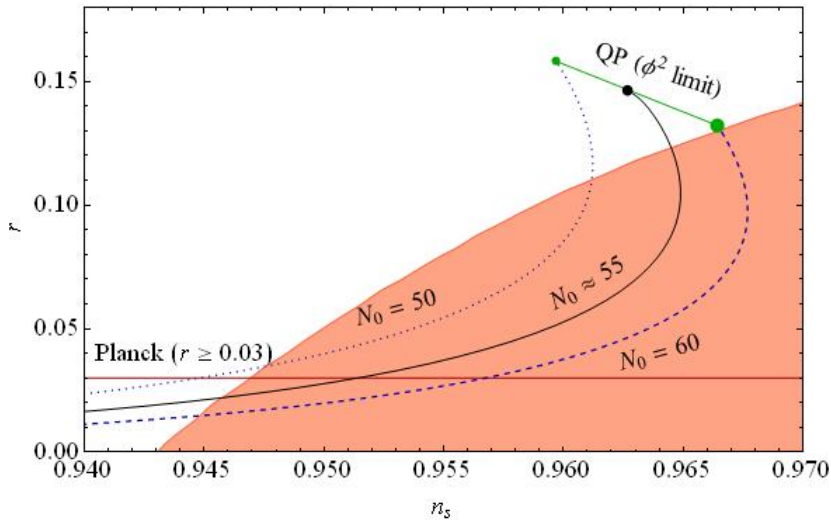
- Consider the following Higgs Potential:

$$V(\phi) = V_0 \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{\phi}{M} \right)^2 \right]^2 \quad \leftarrow \text{(tree level)}$$

Here  $\phi$  is a gauge singlet field.

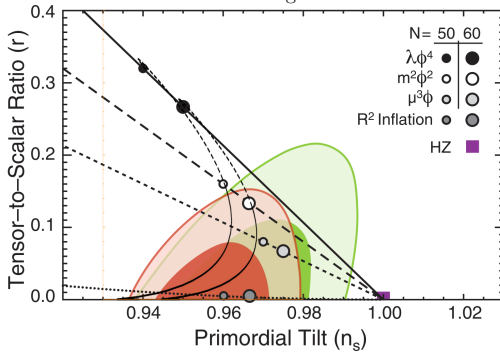


- WMAP/Planck data favors BV inflation ( $r \lesssim 0.1$ ).
- BUT now BICEP2 may have found  $r \approx 0.2$ .





Coleman–Weinberg Potential:



$n_s$  vs.  $r$  for Coleman–Weinberg potential. The dashed portions are for  $\phi > v$ .  $N$  is taken as 50 (left curves) and 60 (right curves).

## Quartic Inflation with non-minimal coupling to gravity

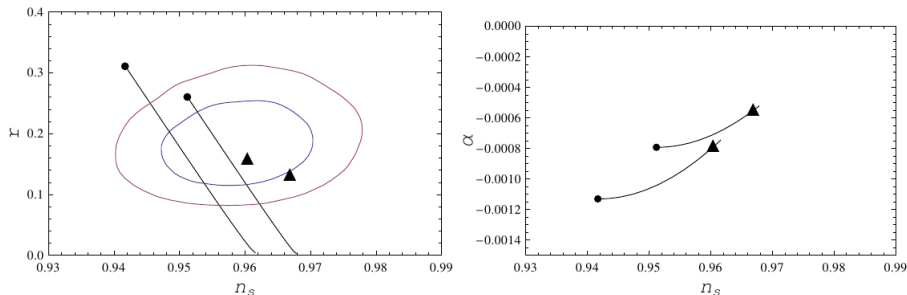
- We consider a quartic inflaton potential with a non-minimal gravitational coupling.
- The basic action of non-minimal  $\phi^4$  inflation is given in the Jordan frame

$$S_J^{\text{tree}} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ - \left( \frac{1 + \xi \phi^2}{2} \right) \mathcal{R} + \frac{1}{2} (\partial\phi)^2 - \frac{\lambda}{4!} \phi^4 \right]$$

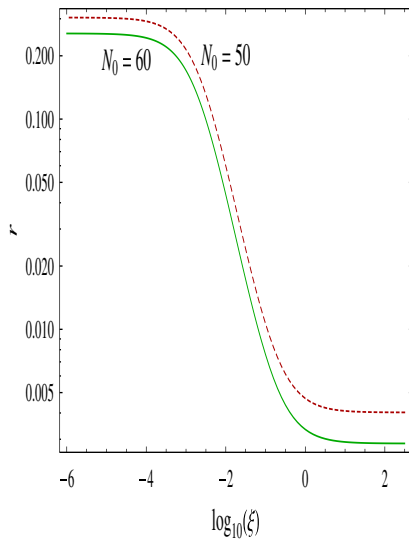
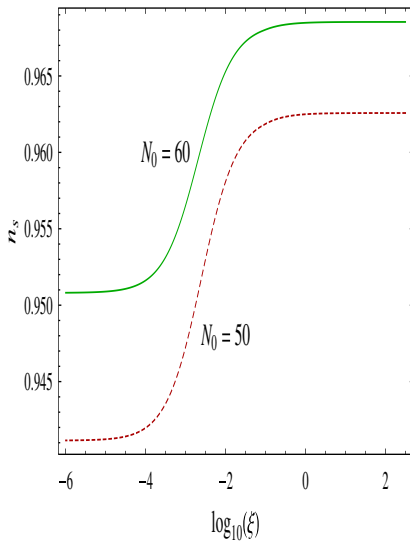
- The inflation potential in the Einstein frame is

$$V_E(\sigma_E(\phi)) = \frac{\frac{1}{4!} \lambda(t) \phi^4}{(1 + \xi \phi^2)^2}.$$

# Quartic Inflation with non-minimal coupling to gravity



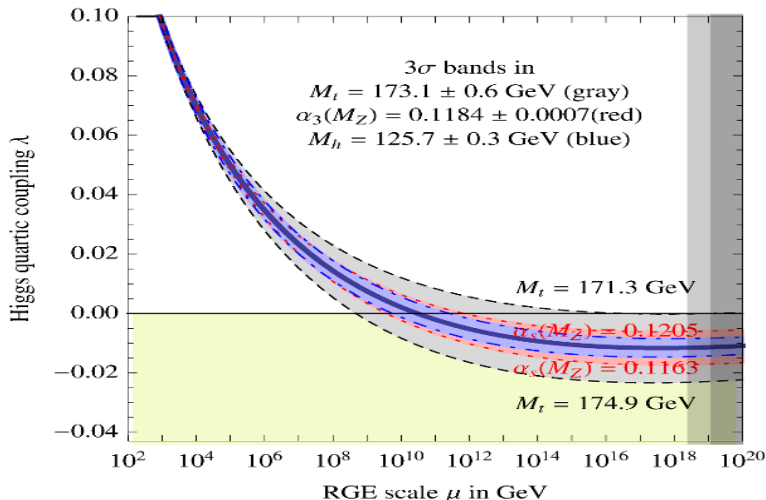
**Figure 6.**  $\phi^4$  potential with non-minimal gravitational coupling:  $n_s$  vs.  $r$  (left panel) and  $n_s$  vs.  $\alpha$  (right panel) for various  $\xi$  values, along with  $n_s$  vs.  $r$  the contours (at the confidence levels of 68% and 95%) given by the BICEP2 collaboration (Planck+WP+highL+BICEP2). The black points and triangles are predictions in the textbook quartic and quadratic potential models, respectively.  $N$  is taken as 50 (left curves) and 60 (right curves).



# Standard Model Higgs Inflation?

Update of RGE analysis (@ 3-loop level)

Buttazzo et al.,  
JHEP 12 (2013) 089

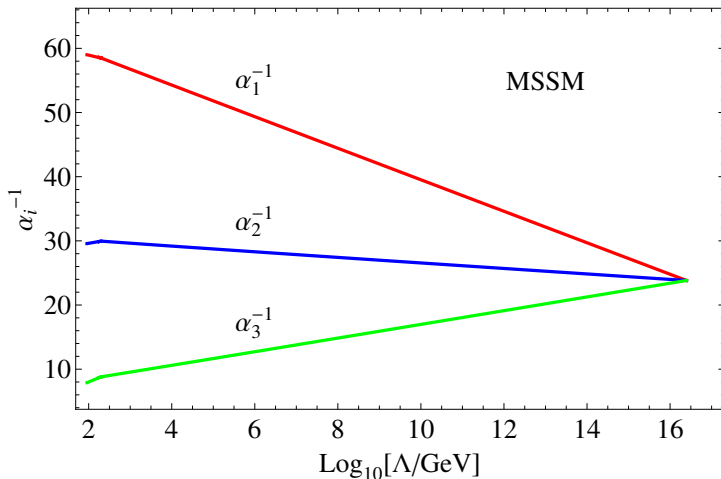


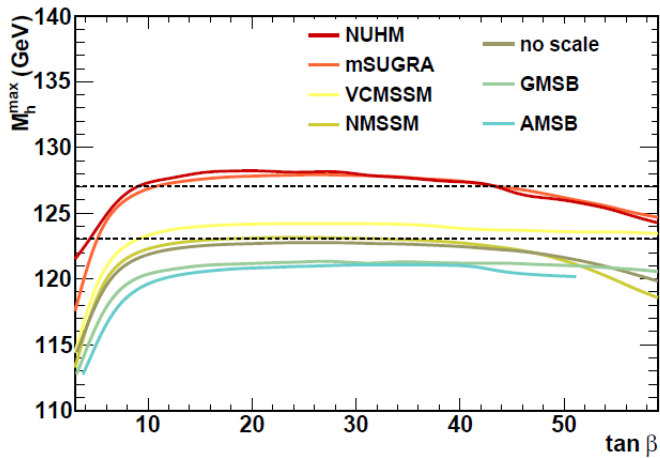
# Supersymmetry

- Resolution of the gauge hierarchy problem
- Predicts plethora of new particles which LHC should find
- Unification of the SM gauge couplings at
$$M_{GUT} \sim 2 \times 10^{16} \text{ GeV}$$
- Cold dark matter candidate (LSP)
- Radiative electroweak breaking
- String theory requires supersymmetry (SUSY)

Alas, SUSY not yet seen at LHC

# Why Supersymmetry?





A. Arbey, M. Battaglia, A. Djouadi, F. Mahmoudi and J. Quevillon, Phys. Lett. B **708**, 162 (2012)



Venedig, Feb 23, 2005

1st Bet

Manfred Lindner  
& Jagesh Pati

NO!

Antonio Masiero  
Reisar Shafi

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(Within 20)

say that  
Higgs will  
be found  
at  $\leq 130$  GeV.

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Jagesh Pati

says that neutron  
dipole moment will  
be discovered with a  
factor 10 improvement  
(over today's ~~value~~ <sup>limit</sup>)

Manfred Lindner  
Antonio Masiero  
Reisar Shafi

SAY NO!

3rd Bet hlla

Manfred + Jagesh YES  
Winning Bet gets dinner at  
a fine restaurant

Manfred NO  
Antonio Reisar

Higgs will  
be found  
at 10-12

Reisar Shafi (23 Feb, 05)

Manfred - a - hlla

Antonio Masiero 23 Feb. 05

Jagesh Pati //

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# Supersymmetric Higgs (Hybrid) Inflation

[Dvali, Shafi, Schaefer; Copeland, Liddle, Lyth, Stewart, Wands '94]

[Lazarides, Schaefer, Shafi '97][Senoguz, Shafi '04; Linde, Riotto '97]

- Attractive scenario in which inflation can be associated with symmetry breaking  $G \longrightarrow H$
- Simplest inflation model is based on

$$W = \kappa S (\Phi \bar{\Phi} - M^2)$$

$S$  = gauge singlet superfield,  $(\Phi, \bar{\Phi})$  belong to suitable representation of  $G$

- Need  $\Phi, \bar{\Phi}$  pair in order to preserve SUSY while breaking  $G \longrightarrow H$  at scale  $M \gg \text{TeV}$ , SUSY breaking scale.
- R-symmetry

$$\Phi \bar{\Phi} \rightarrow \Phi \bar{\Phi}, \quad S \rightarrow e^{i\alpha} S, \quad W \rightarrow e^{i\alpha} W$$

$\Rightarrow$   $W$  is a unique renormalizable superpotential

## Supersymmetric Higgs (Hybrid) Inflation

- Attractive scenario in which inflation can be associated with symmetry breaking  $G \longrightarrow H$
- Tree Level Potential

$$V_F = \kappa^2 (M^2 - |\Phi|^2)^2 + 2\kappa^2 |S|^2 |\Phi|^2$$

- Ground State

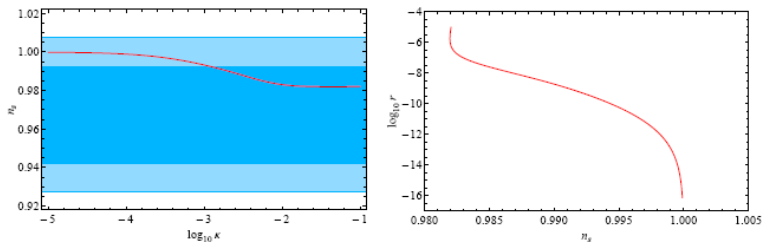
$$|\langle \Phi \rangle| = M, \quad \langle S \rangle = 0$$

Cf: Superconductor,  $\langle \Phi \rangle \rightarrow$  cooper pair,  $\langle S \rangle \rightarrow$  temperature

- To realize inflation

$$S \gg M \text{ in early universe } (T \gg T_c) \\ \Rightarrow \text{At tree level, } V \approx \kappa^2 M^4 \Rightarrow \text{exponential expansion}$$

Tree Level plus radiative corrections:



$$n_s \approx 1 - \frac{1}{N_0} \approx 0.98$$

$$\delta T/T \propto (M/M_P)^2 \sim 10^{-5} \longrightarrow \text{attractive scenario } (M \sim M_G)$$

- Some examples of gauge groups:

$$G = U(1)_{B-L}, \text{ (Supersymmetric superconductor)}$$

$$G = SU(5) \times U(1), \quad (\Phi = 10), \quad (\text{Flipped } SU(5))$$

$$G = 3_c \times 2_L \times 2_R \times 1_{B-L}, \quad (\Phi = (1, 1, 2, +1))$$

$$G = 4_c \times 2_L \times 2_R, \quad (\Phi = (\bar{4}, 1, 2)),$$

$$G = SO(10), \quad (\Phi = 16)$$

- At renormalizable level the SM displays an 'accidental' global  $U(1)_{B-L}$  symmetry.
- Next let us 'gauge' this symmetry, so that  $U(1)_{B-L}$  is now promoted to a local symmetry. In order to cancel the gauge anomalies, one may introduce 3 SM singlet (right-handed) neutrinos.

This has several advantages:

- See-saw mechanism is automatic and neutrino oscillations can be understood.

- RH neutrinos acquire masses only after  $U(1)_{B-L}$  is spontaneously broken; Neutrino oscillations require that RH neutrino masses are  $\lesssim 10^{14}\text{GeV}$ .
- RH neutrinos can trigger leptogenesis after inflation, which subsequently gives rise to the observed baryon asymmetry;
- Last but not least, the presence of local  $U(1)_{B-L}$  symmetry enables one to explain the origin of  $Z_2$  'matter' parity of MSSM. (It is contained in  $U(1)_{B-L} \times U(1)_Y$ , if  $B-L$  is broken by a scalar vev, with the scalar carrying two units of  $B-L$  charge.)

Take into account radiative corrections (because during inflation  $V \neq 0$  and SUSY is broken by  $F_S = -\kappa M^2$ )

- Mass splitting in  $\Phi - \bar{\Phi}$

$$m_{\pm}^2 = \kappa^2 S^2 \pm \kappa^2 M^2, \quad m_F^2 = \kappa^2 S^2$$

- One-loop radiative corrections

$$\Delta V_{1\text{loop}} = \frac{1}{64\pi^2} \text{Str}[\mathcal{M}^4(S) (\ln \frac{\mathcal{M}^2(S)}{Q^2} - \frac{3}{2})]$$

- In the inflationary valley ( $\Phi = 0$ )

$$V \simeq \kappa^2 M^4 \left( 1 + \frac{\kappa^2 \mathcal{N}}{8\pi^2} F(x) \right)$$

where  $x = |S|/M$  and

$$F(x) = \frac{1}{4} \left( (x^4 + 1) \ln \frac{(x^4 - 1)}{x^4} + 2x^2 \ln \frac{x^2 + 1}{x^2 - 1} + 2 \ln \frac{\kappa^2 M^2 x^2}{Q^2} - 3 \right)$$



## Full Story

Also include supergravity corrections + soft SUSY breaking terms

- The minimal Kähler potential can be expanded as

$$K = |S|^2 + |\Phi|^2 + |\overline{\Phi}|^2$$

- The SUGRA scalar potential is given by

$$V_F = e^{K/m_p^2} \left( K_{ij}^{-1} D_{z_i} W D_{z_j^*} W^* - 3m_p^{-2} |W|^2 \right)$$

where we have defined

$$D_{z_i} W \equiv \frac{\partial W}{\partial z_i} + m_p^{-2} \frac{\partial K}{\partial z_i} W; \quad K_{ij} \equiv \frac{\partial^2 K}{\partial z_i \partial z_j^*}$$

and  $z_i \in \{\Phi, \overline{\Phi}, S, \dots\}$

[Senoguz, Shafi '04; Jeannerot, Postma '05]

- Take into account **sugra corrections**, **radiative corrections** and **soft SUSY breaking** terms:

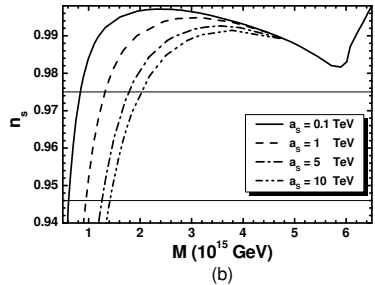
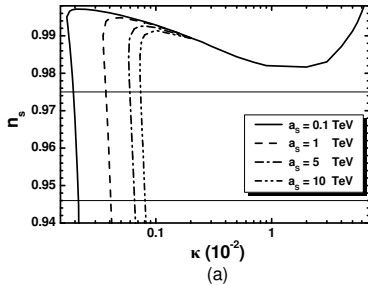
$$V \simeq \kappa^2 M^4 \left( 1 + \left( \frac{M}{m_P} \right)^4 \frac{x^4}{2} + \frac{\kappa^2 \mathcal{N}}{8\pi^2} F(x) + a_s \left( \frac{m_{3/2} x}{\kappa M} \right) + \left( \frac{m_{3/2} x}{\kappa M} \right)^2 \right)$$

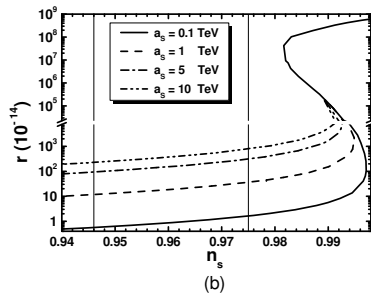
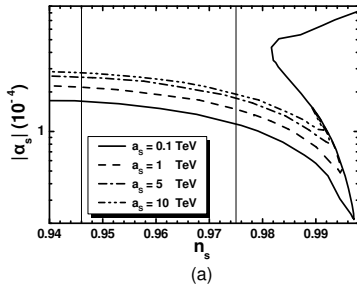
where  $a_s = 2 |2 - A| \cos[\arg S + \arg(2 - A)]$ ,  $x = |S|/M$  and  $S \ll m_P$ .

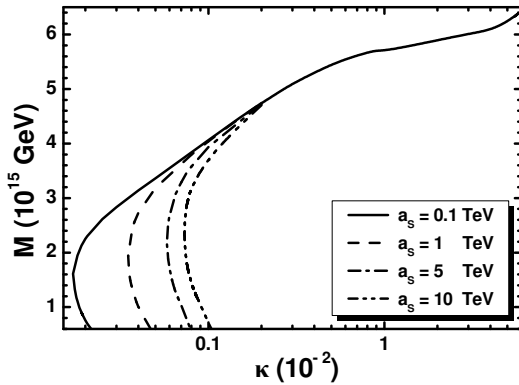
Note: No 'η problem' with minimal (canonical) Kähler potential !

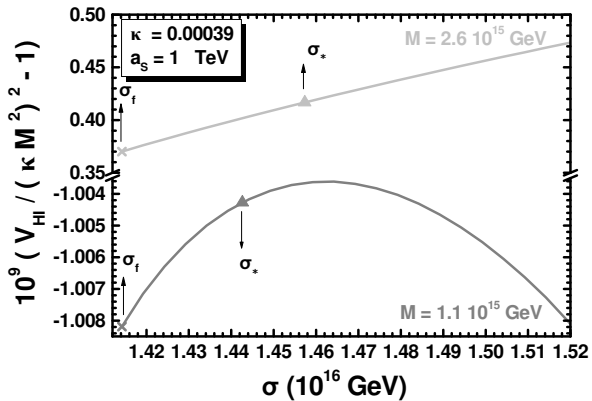
# Results

[Pallis, Shafi, 2013; Rehman, Shafi, Wickman, 2010]









## Non-Minimal SUSY Hybrid Inflation and Tensor Modes

- Minimal SUSY hybrid inflation model yields tiny  $r$  values  $\lesssim 10^{-10}$
- A more general analysis with a non-minimal Kähler potential can lead to larger  $r$ -values;
- The Kähler potential can be expanded as:

$$K = |S|^2 + |\Phi|^2 + |\overline{\Phi}|^2 + \frac{\kappa_S}{4} \frac{|S|^4}{m_P^2} + \frac{\kappa_\Phi}{4} \frac{|\Phi|^4}{m_P^2} + \frac{\kappa_{\overline{\Phi}}}{4} \frac{|\overline{\Phi}|^4}{m_P^2} + \kappa_{S\Phi} \frac{|S|^2|\Phi|^2}{m_P^2} + \kappa_{S\overline{\Phi}} \frac{|S|^2|\overline{\Phi}|^2}{m_P^2} + \kappa_{\Phi\overline{\Phi}} \frac{|\Phi|^2|\overline{\Phi}|^2}{m_P^2} + \frac{\kappa_{SS}}{6} \frac{|S|^6}{m_P^4} + \dots,$$

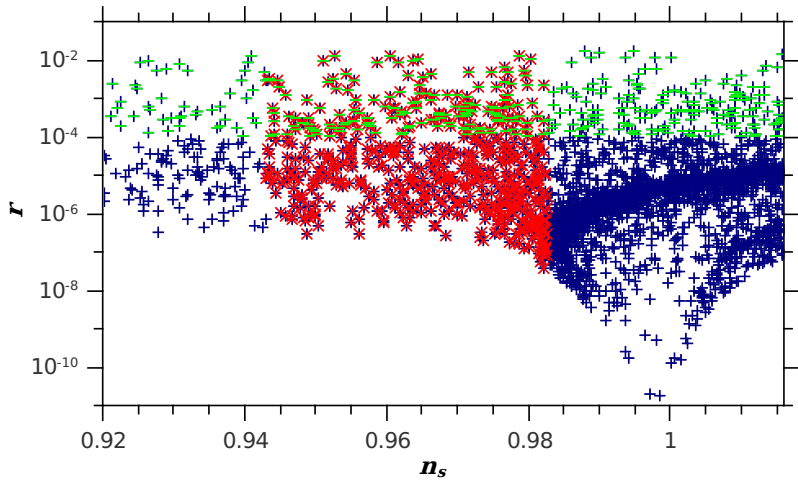
The scalar potential becomes

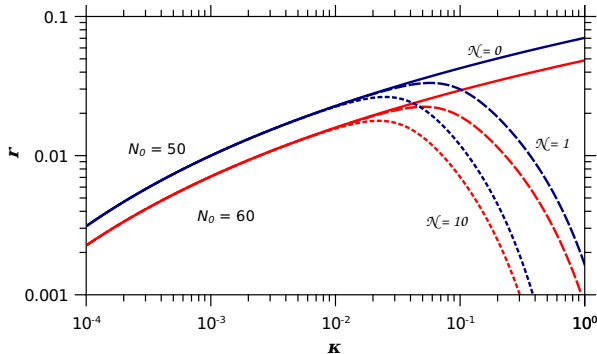
$$V \simeq \kappa^2 M^4 \left( 1 - \kappa_S \left( \frac{M}{m_P} \right)^2 x^2 + \gamma_S \left( \frac{M}{m_P} \right)^4 \frac{x^4}{2} + \right. \\ \left. \frac{\kappa^2 \mathcal{N}}{8\pi^2} F(x) + a \left( \frac{m_{3/2} x}{\kappa M} \right) + \left( \frac{M_S x}{\kappa M} \right)^2 \right)$$

with (leading order) **non-minimal Kähler**, **SUGRA**, **radiative**, and **soft SUSY-breaking** corrections, and where

$$\gamma_S \equiv 1 - \frac{7}{2} \kappa_S + 2\kappa_S^2 - 3\kappa_{SS}$$







While radiative corrections are subdominant at large  $r$ , they play a crucial role in limiting the size of  $r$ . This limiting behavior comes in *indirectly* via the number of e-foldings  $N_0$ .

## Summary

- If  $r$  lies close to 0.15, with  $n_s$  around 0.96, then chaotic inflation with  $\phi^2$  potential is an especially simple scenario. However, transplanckian field values remain a concern.
- If  $r \sim 0.1 - 0.05$ , then inflation models based on the Higgs / Coleman-Weinberg potentials can provide simple / realistic frameworks for inflation.
- If  $r \leq 0.01$ , then supersymmetric hybrid inflation models are especially interesting. These work with inflaton field values below  $M_{\text{Planck}}$ , and supergravity corrections are under control. The simplest versions employ TeV scale SUSY, and hopefully LHC 14 will find it.