Inflating the Universe With Light Dark Sector and Conformal Invariance

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Outline of the talk:

- Ultraviolat (UV) and Infrared (IR)physics is connected via RGE.
- Complementarity between Lab and Cosmic observables.
- Inflation and Scalar Field Models of Inflation.
- Particle Models: Higgs Inflation
- Particle Model: Creating an Inflection-point
 - Creating an Inflection-point via RGE.
 - Complementary Probes via CMB & Light Dark Sector Experiments.
- Various model-building: dark matter, neutrinos & conformal models.

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Conclusion

Inflation: Motivations

Cosmic Inflation, characterised as quasi-de Sitter expansion is invoked to solve the problems of Big Bang Cosmology:

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- Horizon Problem.
- Flatness Problem.
- Origin of Primordial density fluctuations seen in CMB.
- Monopole problem.
- Others...
- Slow-roll Inflation:
 - A scalar field inflaton rolling down a potential.
 - This potential needs to be flat from CMB constraints.

Planck 2018 and Constraints



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Scalar Field with Slow-roll

Single Scalar Field: Slow Roll Inflation Scenario



Observables

$$\begin{array}{ll} r &=& 16\epsilon \\ n_s &=& 1-6\epsilon+2\eta \\ \alpha &=& \frac{\mathrm{d}n_s}{\mathrm{d}\mathrm{ln}k} = 16\epsilon-24\epsilon^2-2\zeta \\ \Delta_{\mathcal{R}}^2 &=& \frac{1}{24\pi^2}\frac{1}{M_P^4}\frac{V}{\epsilon}\Big|_{k_0=0.002\,\mathrm{Mpc}^{-1}} \end{array}$$

 $\begin{array}{rcl} \mbox{Planck 2015 Measurements} \\ \hline r &\leq 0.11 \\ n_s &\simeq 0.9655 \pm 0.0062 \\ \alpha &= -0.0057 \pm 0.0071 \\ \Delta_{\mathcal{R}}^2 &= 2.195 \times 10^{-9} \end{array}$

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Non-minimally Coupled Inflaton

Non-minimal Quartic Inflation: simple & successful scenario

Action in Jordan Frame	See, for example, NO, Rehman & Shafi, PRD 82 (2010) 04352
$\mathcal{S}_J = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[-\frac{1}{2} f(\phi) \right]$	$(\partial \mathcal{R} + \frac{1}{2}g^{\mu\nu} (\partial_{\mu}\phi) (\partial_{\nu}\phi) - V_J(\phi)],$

Non-minimal gravitational coupling

 $f(\phi) = (1 + \xi \phi^2)$ with a real parameter $\xi > 0$,

Quartic coupling dominates during inflation

$$V_J(\phi) = rac{1}{4}\lambda\phi^4$$

 ϕ can be the Standard Model Higgs field or any other scalar field. $_{\rm Slides~(N~Okada).}$

- Only one free parameter ξ decides the scenario.
- CMB can be satisfied as long as $\xi \ge O(10^{-2})$.
- No direct sensitivity to particle model-building and laboratory observables as any scalar with such a potential can be the inflaton.

Q: Can we have a scenario be one-to-correspondence between particle properties like coupling & mass and CMB values ? Or else, lots of degeneracies in cosmology. In the similar spirit as DM relic density, or the baryon asymmetry particle physics models ?

Inflection-point Inflation

▶ Inflection-point Inflation is a small-field ($\phi_I \leq M_{pI}$) inflationary scenario where the scalar field potential is expanded around a point-of-inflection M in its plane.

• Conditions for inflection-point: $V'(\phi_I) \simeq 0$.. $V''(\phi_I) \simeq 0$..

Potential expansion around the inflection-point



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Idea is to make the cubic term dominate in the potential !

U(1)_{B-L} Model

- Minimal Gauged B-L(Baryon-Lepton) Extension of Standard Model
 - Gauge Anomaly Free: 3 generation of right handed Neutrinos (N_i).
 - B-L Higgs Field : Breaks B-L gauge symmetry.
 - B-L Symmetry Breaking: Generates Z' boson mass and Majorana mass for N_i.

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{3} Y \ \varphi \ \overline{N^c} N + \text{h.c.}$$

		$SU(3)_c$	$\mathrm{SU}(2)_L$	$\mathrm{U}(1)_Y$	$\mathrm{U}(1)_{B-L}$
q_L^i	,	3	2	+1/6	+1/3
u_I^i	2	3	1	+2/3	+1/3
$d_{I}^{\tilde{i}}$	2	3	1	-1/3	+1/3
ℓ_I^i		1	2	-1/2	-1
NI	? ⁱ	1	1	0	-1
e_{I}^{i}	2	1	1	-1	-1
H	r	1	2	-1/2	0
φ		1	1	0	+2

See-Saw Mechanism

• Mass Spectrum :
$$m_{NR} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} Y_N v_{BL}, \ m_{Z'} = 2g v_{BL}, \ m_{\phi}^2 = 2\lambda v_{BL}^2$$

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As the quartic reaches the very small value to satisfy the CMB constraint, due the inflection-point conditions imposed from the Yukawa and gauge coupling cancelling each other, the flattened inflationary potential is generated.



- Gauge coupling and Yukawa coupling cancel each other and creates the inflection-point.
- Logarithimic-corrected RGE-improved Higgs potential responsible for cosmic inflation.

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► Laboratory phenomenology for the particle model becomes very predictive. *Ghoshal (2021).*

Collider Z' Phenomenology

<u>Z' boson direct search</u>:

$$pp \to Z' + X \to \ell^+ \ell^- + X$$

Heavy Neutrino search via displaced vertex:

$$Z' \to N \ N$$

$$N \rightarrow W^{\pm} + l^{\mp}$$

The partial decay width of heavy neutrinos is suppressed by See-Saw mechanism.



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Kinematic Constraint:

$m_{Z'}{}^2 > 4 m_N{}^2$

Non-degenerate Yukawa

$$Y_2 = Y_3 \xrightarrow[m_{Z'}/m_{N^1} = 3 \xrightarrow[m_{Z'}]{m_{Z'}} \simeq 0.929$$
Batell, Pospelov and Shuve, JHEP 1608 (2016) 052



Raut (2016)

- Constraints on the parameter space from current and future colliders.
- Diagonal lines are for re-heating temperatures 1 MeV for mixing various angles ξ. The region on the right is ruled out due to BBN constraints.
- Inflection-point scale M and Higgs vev are the free parameter of the model; rest are all related via RGE running.

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Conclusions:

- UV is connected to the IR via the RGE.
- Complementary probes of BSM models via light dark sector experimental searches and CMB.
- SM Higgs cannot be play such a role as the gauge coupling is too high. But can be done in any dark BSM U(1)_X or SU(N)_X sector.
- For Type-I seesaw neutrino models we showed the collider and CMB complementarity, for freeze-in dark matter.
- Next we are constructing conformal models where radiative symmetry-breaking generates EW scale and Seesaw scale in the IR via Coleman-Weinberg and achieve inflection-point inflation in the UV via RGE.
- Next we are also constructing gauged-free extensions where inflection point is achieved. In this case actual light inflaton hunt is possible via light scalar decay searches. Old idea by Berzukov & Gorbunov.
- Plethora of particle physics model-building directions possible now involving dark sector and CMB, now that we have one-to-one correspondence between particle property and CMB.

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Generic Inflection-point Condition for SU(N) Theory:

Gauge-Yukawa-Higgs Theory:

$$\begin{split} \beta_g &= -\kappa g^3 \left(\frac{11}{3} N_c - \frac{1}{6} - \frac{2n_f}{3} \right) ,\\ \beta_{\mathbf{Y}} &= \kappa \left(\frac{3}{2} \mathbf{Y} \mathbf{Y}^{\dagger} \mathbf{Y} + \mathbf{Y} \mathrm{tr}(\mathbf{Y}^{\dagger} \mathbf{Y}) - 3 \frac{N_c^2 - 1}{2N_c} g^2 \mathbf{Y} \right) ,\\ \beta_{\lambda} &= \kappa \left(\frac{3(N_c - 1)(N_c^2 + 2N_c - 2)}{4N_c^2} g^4 - 2 \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{Y}^{\dagger} \mathbf{Y} \mathbf{Y}^{\dagger} \mathbf{Y}) \right. \\ &\left. - \frac{6(N_c^2 - 1)}{N_c} \lambda g^2 + 4 \lambda \operatorname{tr}(\mathbf{Y}^{\dagger} \mathbf{Y}) + 4 \left(N_c + 4\right) \lambda^2 \right) \end{split}$$

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$$Y^4 = \frac{3(N_c-1)(N_c^2+2N_c-2)}{8N_c^2}g^4 \ .$$

Thank You