

Curing strong coupling in the Higgs inflation with R^2 -term

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Big Bang within GR and SM: problems

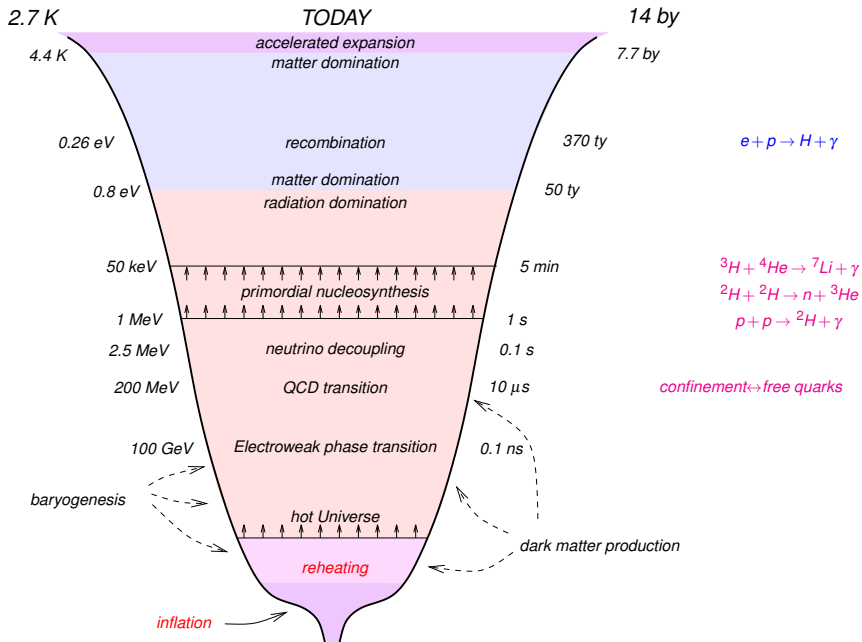
- Dark Matter
- Baryogenesis
- Dark Energy
- Coincidence problems:

$$0 \neq \Lambda \ll M_{Pl}^4, M_W^4, \Lambda_{QCD}^4, \text{ etc ?}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_B &\sim \Omega_{DM} \sim \Omega_\Lambda, \\ \eta_B = n_B/n_\gamma &\sim (\delta T/T)^2, \\ T_d^n &\sim (m_n - m_p), \\ &\dots \end{aligned}$$

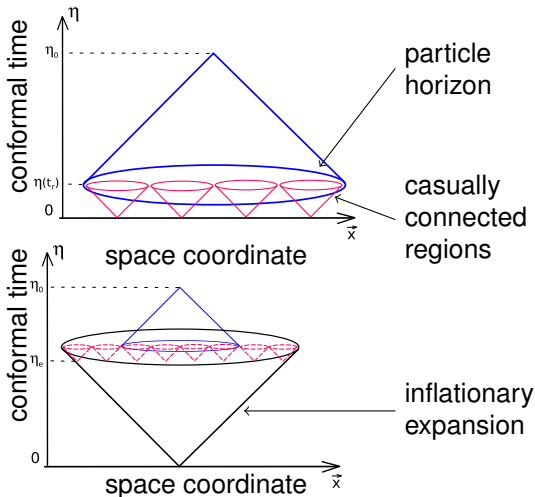
- Λ CDM tensions: lack of dwarfs? cusps?
- Horizon, Entropy, Flatness, ... problems
 $l_{H_0}/l_{H,r}(t_0) \sim \sqrt{1+z_r} \simeq 30$
- Singularity at the beginning
- Heavy relics
- Initial fluctuations

$$\delta T/T \sim \delta \rho/\rho \sim 10^{-4}, \text{ scale-invariant}$$



Inflationary solution of Hot Big Bang problems

- no initial singularity in dS space
- all scales grow exponentially, including the radius of the 3-sphere
the Universe becomes exponentially flat
- any two particles are at exponentially large distances
no heavy relics
no traces of previous epochs!
- no particles in post-inflationary Universe
to solve entropy problem we need post-inflationary reheating



Chaotic inflation at large fields

in all domains of Planck size
each of the form of inflaton energy
fluctuates similarly

$$\frac{1}{2}\dot{\phi}^2 \sim \frac{1}{2}(\partial_i\phi)^2 \sim V(\phi) \lesssim M_{Pl}^4$$

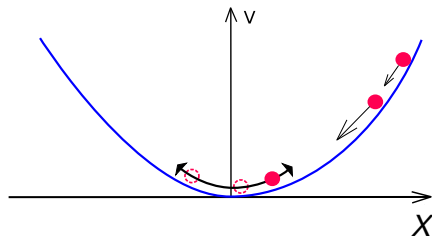
If $V(\phi)$ dominates by chance

$$\ddot{\phi} - \Delta\phi/a^2 + 3H\dot{\phi} + V'(\phi) = 0$$

for power-law potential at $\phi > M_{Pl}$

$$V \simeq \text{const}$$

Chaotic inflation, A.Linde (1983), A.Linde (1984)



“slow roll” solution

$$H^2 = \frac{8\pi}{3M_P^2} V(\phi), \quad a(t) \propto e^{Ht}$$

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Unexpected bonus: generation of perturbations

Quantum fluctuations of wavelength λ of a free massless field ϕ have 3-momenta $q \simeq 1/\lambda$ and an amplitudes of $\delta\phi_\lambda \simeq q$

(inflaton and gravitons !!)

Evolution at inflation

- inside horizon: $q > H$

$$q \propto 1/a \Rightarrow$$

$$\delta\phi_\lambda \propto q \propto 1/a$$



- outside horizon: $q < H$

$$q \propto a \Rightarrow$$

$$\delta\phi_\lambda = \text{const} = H_{\text{infl}}/2\pi !!!$$

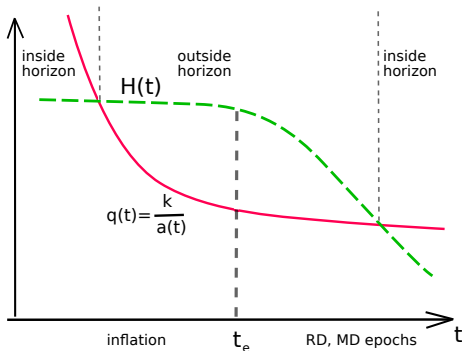


- got "classical" fluctuations:

$$\delta\phi_\lambda = \delta\phi_\lambda^{\text{quantum}} \times e^{N_e}$$

scalar modes $\delta\phi_\lambda \sim H_{\text{infl}}$

tensor modes $\delta g_{\mu\nu} \sim h \sim H_{\text{infl}}/M_{\text{Pl}}$

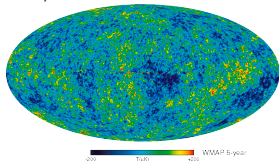


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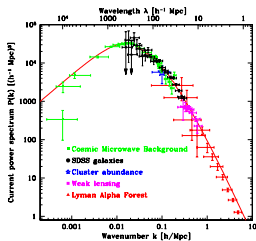
$H \propto 1/t$, $q/H \nearrow$, modes "enter horizon"

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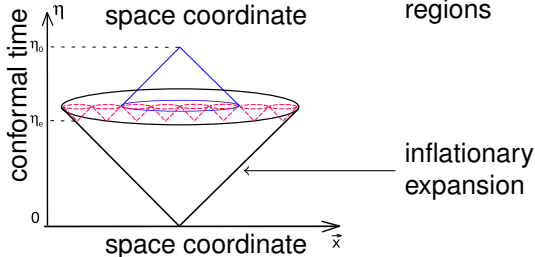
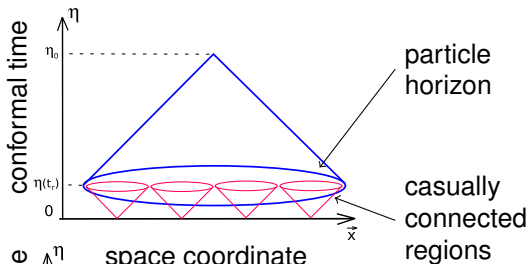
Temperature
fluctuations
 $\delta T/T \sim 10^{-5}$



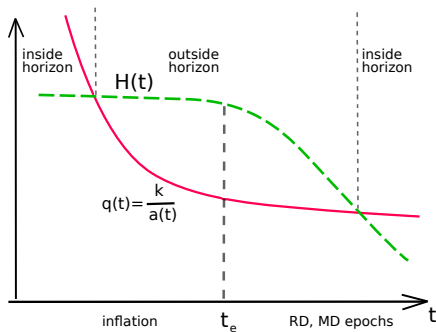
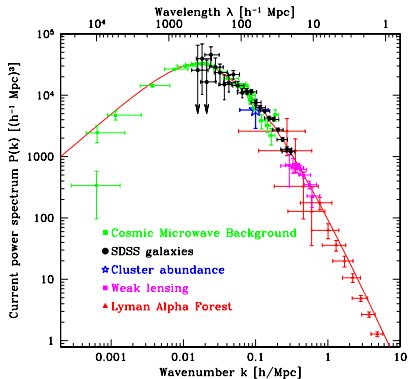
Universe is **uniform!**



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



Probing the matter power spectrum



$$\delta\phi \rightarrow \frac{\delta\rho}{\rho} \sim \frac{H^2}{\dot{\phi}} \propto \frac{V^{3/2}}{V'}, \quad h \sim \frac{H}{M_{Pl}} \propto V^{1/2}$$

$$A_S \rightarrow \frac{V^{3/2}}{V'}, \quad n_S \rightarrow \frac{V''}{V}, \quad \left(\frac{V''}{V}\right)^2, \quad r \equiv \frac{A_T}{A_S} \rightarrow \left(\frac{V''}{V}\right)^2$$

Chaotic inflation: simple realization

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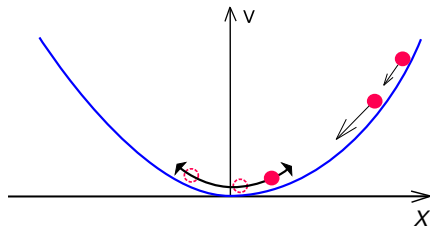
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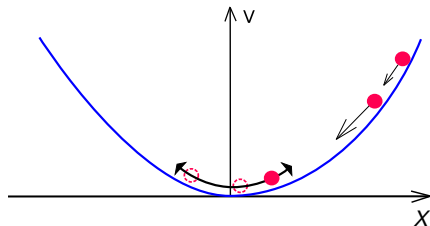
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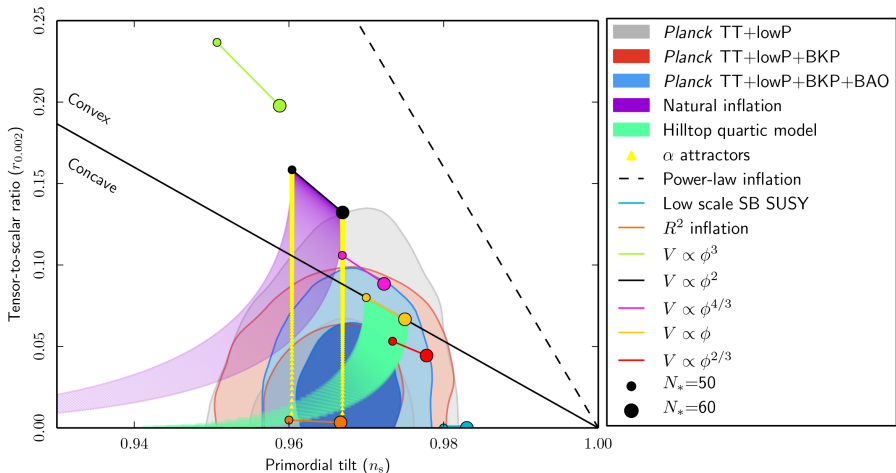
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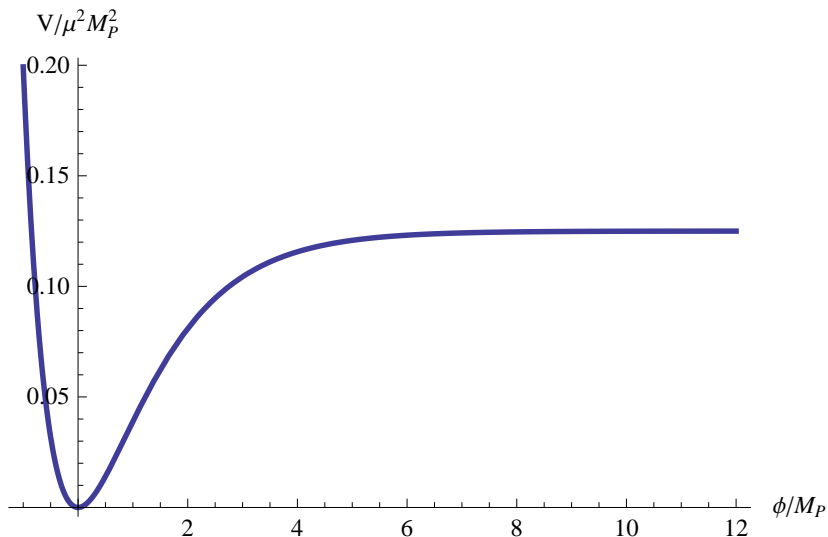
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Planck 2015 favors flat inflaton potentials



$$r = \frac{A_T}{A_S} \propto \frac{\dot{\phi}^2}{H^2 M_{Pl}^2} \propto \left(\frac{V'}{V} \right)^2 \ll 1$$

Inflaton potential is apparently concave



Higgs-driven inflation

F.Bezrukov, M.Shaposhnikov (2007)

$$S^{JF} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left(-\frac{M_P^2}{2} R - \xi H^\dagger H R + \mathcal{L}_{SM} \right)$$

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slow roll behavior due to modified kinetic term even for $\lambda \sim 1$

Go to the Einstein frame:

$$(M_P^2 + \xi h^2) R^{JR} \rightarrow M_P^2 R^{EF}$$

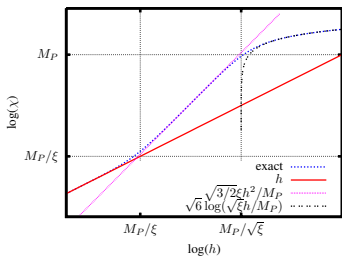
$$g_{\mu\nu}^{JF} = \Omega^{-2} \tilde{g}_{\mu\nu}^{EF}, \quad \Omega^2 = 1 + \frac{\xi h^2}{M_P^2}$$

with canonically normalized χ :

interval ds^2 changes !

$$\frac{d\chi}{dh} = \frac{M_P \sqrt{M_P^2 + (6\xi + 1)\xi h^2}}{M_P^2 + \xi h^2}, \quad U(\chi) = \frac{\lambda M_P^4 h^4(\chi)}{4(M_P^2 + \xi h^2(\chi))^2}.$$

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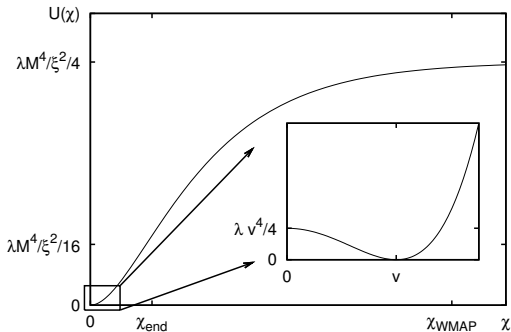
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after inflation: $M_P/\xi < h < M_P/\sqrt{\xi}$

effective dynamics: $h^2 \rightarrow \chi$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \chi \partial^\mu \chi - \frac{\lambda}{6} \frac{M_P^2}{\xi^2} \chi^2$$

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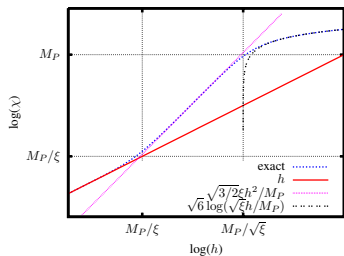
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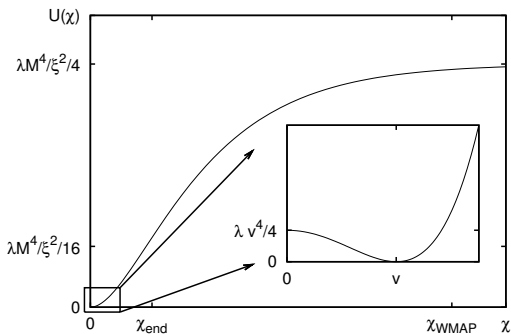
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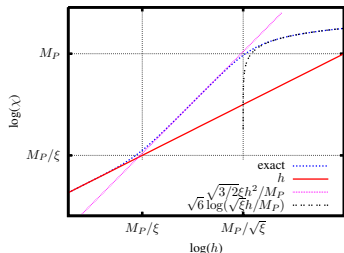
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$$m_W^2(\chi) = \frac{g^2}{2\sqrt{6}} \frac{M_P |\chi(t)|}{\xi}$$

$$m_t(\chi) = y_t \sqrt{\frac{M_P |\chi(t)|}{\sqrt{6} \xi}} \text{sign } \chi(t)$$

reheating via $W^+ W^-$, ZZ production at zero crossings

then nonrelativistic gauge bosons scatter to light fermions

$$\chi \rightarrow W^+ W^- \rightarrow \bar{f} f$$

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Hot stage starts almost from $T = M_P/\xi \sim 10^{14}$ GeV:

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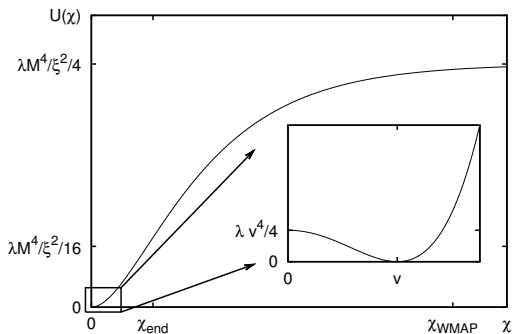
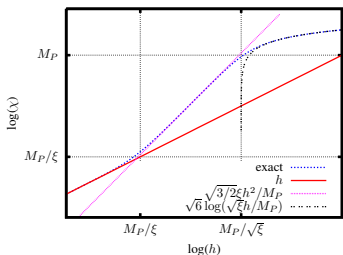
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$$3.4 \times 10^{13} \text{ GeV} < T_r < 9.2 \times 10^{13} \left(\frac{\lambda}{0.125} \right)^{1/4} \text{ GeV}$$

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$$n_s = 0.967, r = 0.0032 \quad \text{F.Bezrukov, D.G. (2012)}$$



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- **renormalizable except gravity**
frame-dependent renormalization scale
- **strong coupling** (ϕ -dependent)
save for inflation
but reheating is questionable

F.Bezrukov et al (2008)

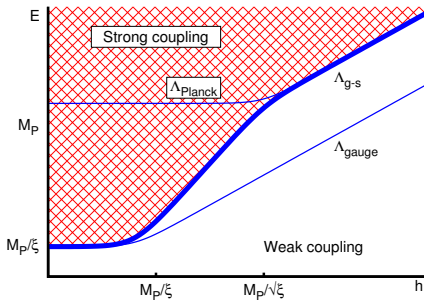
$$V_0 \simeq 10^{-12} M_{\text{Pl}}^4$$

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Strong coupling in Higgs-inflation

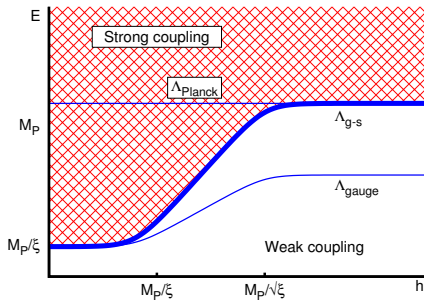
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Then we have problems...

- During inflation and preheating we are always below Λ
- However, both parametrically and numerically

$$T_r \simeq \frac{M_P}{\xi} \simeq \Lambda$$

- Recent more detailed studies of reheating in multi-scalar inflationary models indicate amplification of inflaton decays

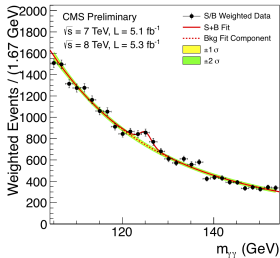
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$$T_r \gg \Lambda$$

so the reheating may be out of control

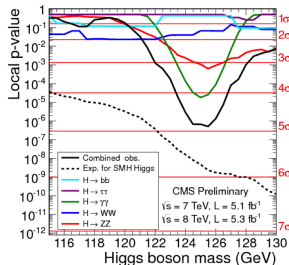
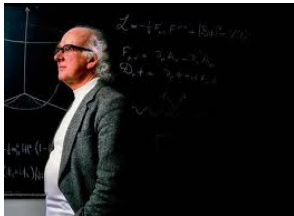
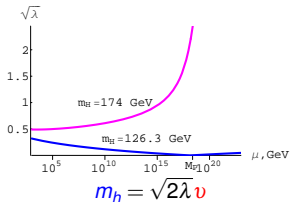
- On top of that: it may be that $\lambda < 0$...

LHC: ... Higgs of 125 GeV



- LEP II: $m_h > 114 \text{ GeV}$
- fit to EW data:
 $m_h \sim 90 < 114 \text{ GeV}$
- Tevatron: not in
 $156 < m_h < 177 \text{ GeV}$
- CMS & ATLAS:

$$m_h \approx 125 \text{ GeV}$$



$$\lambda \left(H^\dagger H - \frac{v^2}{2} \right)^2$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{\lambda}{4} h^4 + \lambda v^2 h^2$$

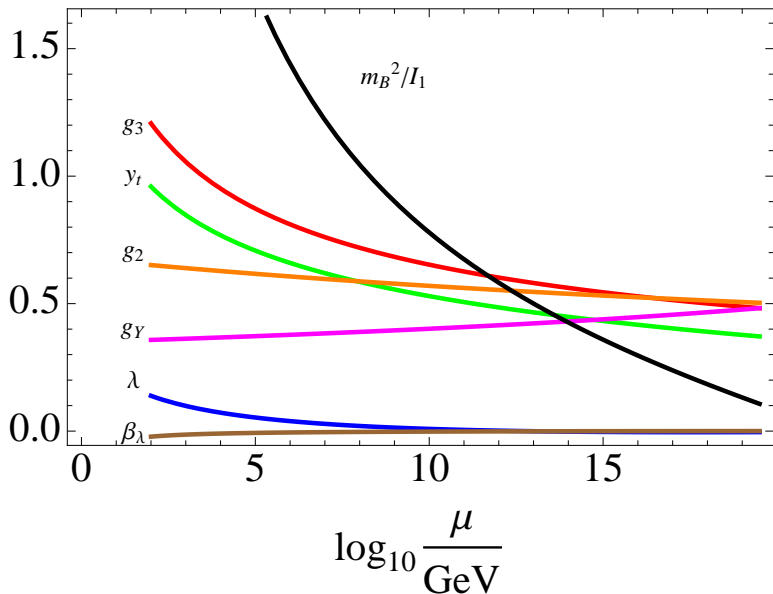
$$\mathcal{L}_Y \propto Y_f h \bar{f} f / \sqrt{2}$$

- renormgroup equation

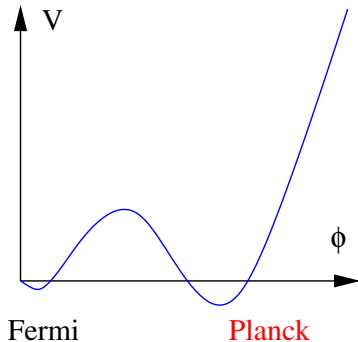
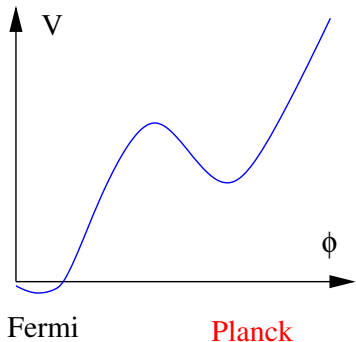
$$\frac{d\lambda}{d \log \mu} \propto +\#\lambda^2 - \#Y_f^4$$

Running of the SM couplings

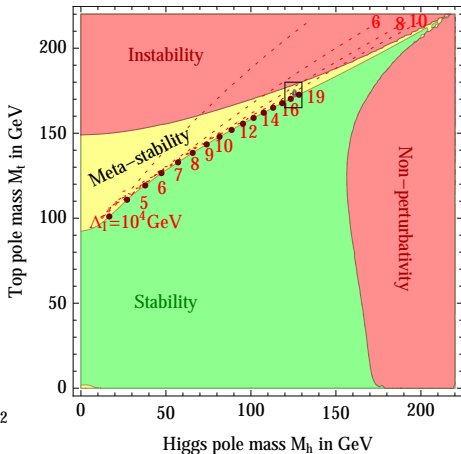
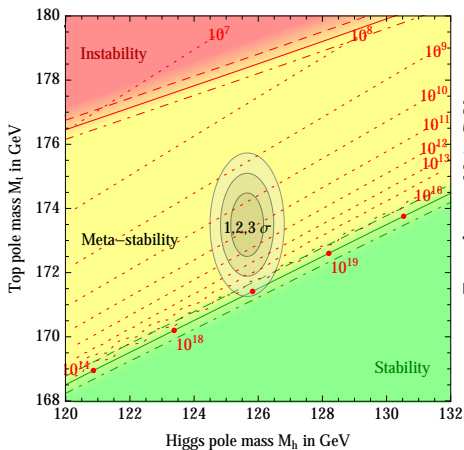
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Higgs potential with quantum corrections



How weird to live with 125 GeV Higgs. . .



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All in all

It would be nice to modify the model

- Introducing as little new physics as possible
- Keeping cosmological observables determined by the Higgs sector parameters
- Possibly avoiding the negative selfcoupling for the Higgs

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Natural completion with R^2

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 $\xi h^2 R$ induces R^2 -term

hep-th/9510140

$$S_0 = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left(-\frac{M_P^2 + \xi h^2}{2} R + \frac{\beta}{4} R^2 + \frac{(\partial_\mu h)^2}{2} - \frac{\lambda}{4} (h^2 - v^2)^2 \right).$$

introduce a Lagrange multiplier L and auxiliary scalar \mathcal{R}

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integrate out \mathcal{R}

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left(\frac{(\partial_\mu h)^2}{2} - \frac{\lambda}{4} (h^2 - v^2)^2 + LR - \frac{1}{\beta} \left(L + \frac{1}{2} \xi h^2 + \frac{1}{2} M_P^2 \right)^2 \right)$$

$$\xi \rightarrow \xi^2 / \beta$$

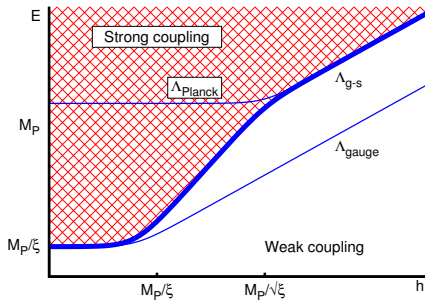
with

$$\beta \gtrsim \frac{\xi^2}{4\pi}$$

everything here look healthy

Strong coupling: the lowest scale is in the gauge sector

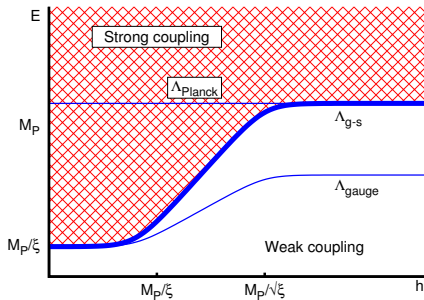
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Further transformations. . .

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introducing scalaron ϕ with $m = M_P / \sqrt{3\beta}$

$$g_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow \Omega^2 g_{\mu\nu}, \quad \Omega^2 \equiv \frac{2L}{M_P^2}, \quad L \rightarrow \phi \equiv M_P \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \log \Omega^2.$$

and setting $M_P = 1/\sqrt{6}$

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left(-\frac{R}{12} + \frac{1}{2} e^{-2\phi} (\partial h)^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\partial \phi)^2 - \frac{1}{4} e^{-4\phi} \left(\lambda h^4 + \frac{1}{36\beta} (e^{2\phi} - 1 - 6\xi h^2)^2 \right) \right)$$

both gravity and scalar sector are weakly coupled up to M_P with $\beta \gtrsim \xi^2 / (4\pi)$

And one more...

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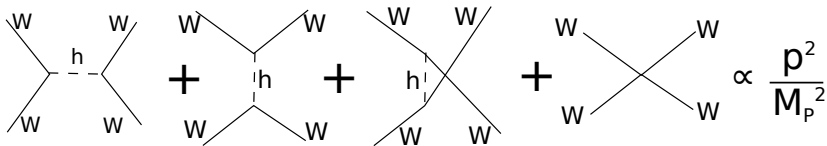
$$h = e^\Phi \tanh H, \quad \phi = e^\Phi / \cosh H,$$

The scalar sector becomes

$$L = \frac{1}{2} \cosh^2 H (\partial\Phi)^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\partial H)^2 - \frac{\lambda}{4} \sinh^4 H - \frac{\lambda}{144\beta} (1 - e^{-2\Phi} \cosh^2 H - 6\xi \sinh^2 H)^2.$$

and the Higgs coupling to gauge bosons, e.g.,

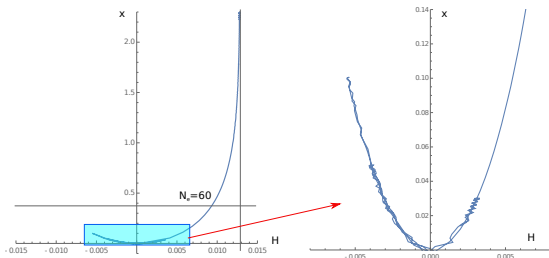
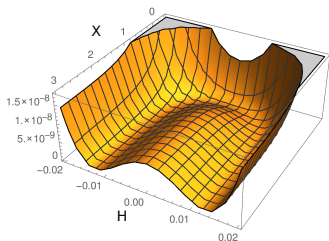
$$L_{\text{gauge}} = \frac{g^2 h^2}{4} e^{-2\phi} W_\mu^+ W_\mu^- = \frac{g^2}{4} \sinh^2 H W_\mu^+ W_\mu^-.$$



$$\mathcal{A} \sim \frac{g^2 p^2}{m_W^2} \left(\frac{4}{g^2} \left(\frac{dm_W(H)}{dH} \right)^2 - 1 \right) \rightarrow \mathcal{A} \propto \frac{p^2}{M_P^2}$$

Cosmological spectra

D.G., A.Tokareva 1807.02392



Scalar perturbations:

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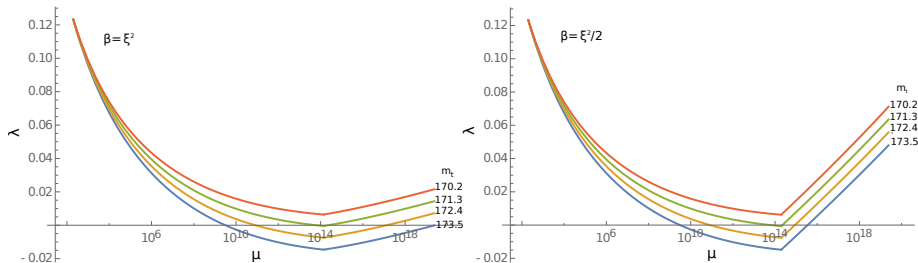
$$\beta + \frac{\xi^2}{\lambda} \simeq 2 \times 10^9$$

At small β like in the Higgs-inflation

heavy scalaron is integrated out

$$\frac{\xi^2}{4\pi} < \beta < \frac{\xi^2}{\lambda} \rightarrow 5 \times 10^{13} \text{ GeV} < m < 1.5 \times 10^{15} \text{ GeV}$$

Bonus: stable for a bit heavier top-quark



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Conclusions

- Higgs inflation is a viable cosmological model unique in minimality:
no new d.o.f., no new interactions to reheat the Universe
- however it suffers from the strong coupling problem:
predictivity $\delta\rho/\rho \leftrightarrow \lambda$ is lost
- R^2 -term with heavy scalaron cures the model:
it seems minimal, natural, Higgs-inflation predictions remain intact
- to refine them we must study the reheating
and improve the accuracy of Y_t , (m_h , α_s , etc) to convince it works indeed
... ILC, FCC, etc

Backup slides

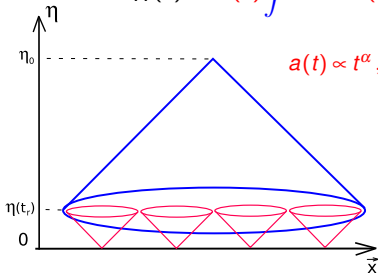
Horizon problem $l_H(t)$

a distance covered by photon emitted at $t = 0$

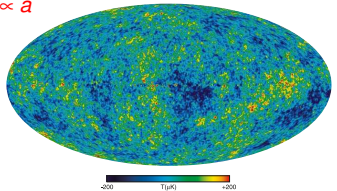
size of the causally connected part, that is the visible part of the Universe (“inside horizon”)

$$ds^2 = dt^2 - a^2(t) dx^2 = a^2(\eta) (d\eta^2 - dx^2) \qquad ds^2 = 0$$

$$l_H(t) = a(t) \int dx = a(t) \int d\eta = a(t) \int_0^t \frac{cdt'}{a(t')} \propto t \propto 1/H(t)$$



$$a(t) \propto t^\alpha, \quad 0 < \alpha < 1, \quad L_{phys} \propto a$$



$$l_{H_0}/l_{H,r}(t_0) \sim l_{H_0}/l_{H,r}(t_r) a(t_r)/a_0 \sim H_r/H_0 a(t_r)/a_0 \sim \sqrt{1+z_r} \simeq 30$$

Chaotic inflation at large fields: initial conditions

$$\ddot{X} - \Delta X/a^2 + 3H\dot{X} + V'(X) = 0$$

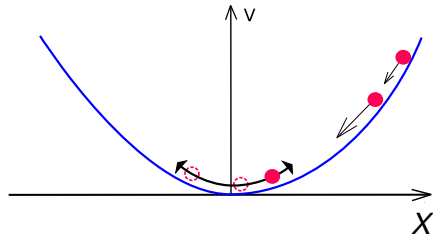
slow roll:

$$X_e > M_{Pl}$$

$\delta\rho/\rho \sim 10^{-5}$ requires

$$V_0 \simeq 10^{-12} \times M_{Pl}^4$$

inflation starts in a relatively
uniform domain of Planck size



Chaotic inflation, A.Linde (1983), A.Linde (1984)

$$\frac{1}{2}\dot{\phi}^2 \sim \frac{1}{2}(\partial_i\phi)^2 \sim V(\phi) \sim M_{Pl}^4$$

looks rather natural:

each of the form of inflaton energy
fluctuates similarly

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D.G., A.Panin (2014)

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“chaotic initial conditions” effective $M_{\tilde{P}}$

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The first inflationary model: ... from modified gravity!

$$S^{JF} = -\frac{M_P^2}{2} \int \sqrt{-g} d^4x \left[R - \frac{R^2}{6\mu^2} \right] \rightarrow \left[\left(1 - \frac{Q}{3\mu^2} \right) (R - Q) + \left(Q - \frac{Q^2}{6\mu^2} \right) \right],$$

Jordan Frame \rightarrow Einstein Frame get reed $\left(1 - \frac{Q}{3\mu^2} \right) = \Omega^2$ A.Starobinsky (1980)

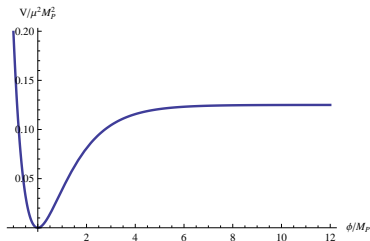
$$g_{\mu\nu}^{JF} \rightarrow g_{\mu\nu}^{EF} = \Omega^2 g_{\mu\nu}^{JF}, \quad \Omega^2 = \exp\left(\sqrt{2/3} \phi / M_P\right).$$

$$S^{EF} = \int \sqrt{-g^{EF}} d^4x \left[-\frac{M_P^2}{2} R^{EF} + \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu}^{EF} \partial^\mu \phi \partial^\nu \phi - \frac{3\mu^2 M_P^2}{4} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\Omega^2(\phi)} \right)^2 \right],$$

generation of perturbations $\sim 10^{-5}$

requires

$$V_0 \simeq 10^{-12} M_{Pl}^4$$



Inflationary models and quantum corrections

- inflationary predictions are robust
- but we cannot test them with low energy particle physics experiment
- including physics at reheating number of e-foldings N
- similar observation for many other models: Higgs-inflation, α -attractor, etc

- large fields:

exponentially flat

protected by
the shift invariance

$$\phi \rightarrow \phi + \text{const}$$

- small fields:

polynomial potential

protected by
the renormalizability

$$\phi^2 + \phi^4$$

- no way to match them at

$$\phi \sim M_P$$

