Embedding MSSM Inflation into the Minimal Left-Right Symmetric Model

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Outline

Slow-roll Inflation

- The universe dominated by a scalar field ("inflaton"), ϕ:
$\ddot{\phi} + 3H\dot{\phi} + V'(\phi) = 0$.
- Exponential expanding: $R(t) \propto e^{Ht}$.
- $\epsilon \equiv \frac{1}{2}M_P^2(V'/V)^2 \ll 1$; $\dot{\phi} = -\frac{V'}{3H}$ (Or, $|\eta \equiv M_P^2 V''/V| << 1$)
- "Reheating": After inflation, the inflaton oscillates around the global minimum and produces the entropy density.

(Lifted) Flat Directions in Supersymmetric Theories

The superpotential:

$$W = W_{renorm} + \sum_{n>3} \frac{\lambda}{M^{n-3}} \Phi^n .$$

$\Rightarrow$ Flat directions in MSSM are lifted by soft SUSY-breaking terms and by non-renormalizable terms. [Gherghetta, Kolda, Martin]

$\Rightarrow$ The scalar potential:

$$V = \frac{1}{2} m_\phi^2 \phi^2 + A \cos(n\theta + \theta_A) \frac{\lambda_n}{n M_P^3} \phi^n + \frac{\lambda_n^2}{M_P^2 (n-3)} \phi^{2(n-1)} .$$

MSSM Inflation [Allahverdi, Enqvist, Mazumdar]

Only n=6 (LLe, udd) flat directions can be inflaton candidates.
Parametrized by, e.g.,
$L_i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(0 \quad \phi)^T; \quad L_j = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(\phi \quad 0)^T; \quad e_k = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\phi,$
The scalar potential is:

$$V = \frac{1}{2}m_\phi^2\phi^2 - \frac{A\lambda_6}{6M_P^3}\phi^6 + \frac{\lambda_6^2}{M_P^6}\phi^{10}.$$

Tuning $A^2 = 40m_\phi^2$, at the saddle point,

$$\phi_0 = \left(\frac{m_\phi M_P^3}{\sqrt{10}\lambda_6}\right)^{1/4}; \quad V(\phi_0) = \frac{4}{15}m_\phi^2\phi_0^2,$$

With $m_\phi \sim 1 TeV, \lambda_6 \sim 1$,

$$\phi_0 \sim 10^{14} GeV; \quad H_{inf} \sim \frac{m_\phi \phi_0}{M_P} \sim (1-10)\mathrm{GeV};$$

$$n_s \simeq 1 - \frac{4}{N_{COBE}} \simeq 0.92; \quad \delta \simeq \frac{m_\phi M_P}{\phi_0^2} N_{COBE}^2 \sim 10^{-5}.$$

The Minimal Left-Right (LR) Symmetric Model [Aulakh et. al.]

- $U(1)_{B-L} \times SU(2)_R \rightarrow U(1)_Y$ by $SU(2)_R$ triplet Higgs.
- Heavy right-handed neutrino is naturally included. ($\Rightarrow m_\nu \sim m_D^2/M_R$)
- Parity is broken spontaneously.
- Subgroup of SO(10).

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$W_{ren} =$
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The Set-up

- $Q_c Q_c Q_c L_c$ flat direction: Lift by n=4 $Q_c Q_c Q_c L_c$. Parametrizing the fields such as $Q_{ci} = e^{i\theta_\phi}(\phi \quad 0)^T, \quad Q_{cj} = e^{i\theta_\phi}(0 \quad \phi)^T, \quad Q_{ck} = e^{i\theta_\phi}(0 \quad \phi)^T, \quad , L_{cj} = c_j e^{i\theta_j}(\psi \quad 0)^T, \quad L_{ck} = c_k e^{i\theta_k}(\psi \quad 0)^T$, ... ($j \neq k; c_j^2 + c_k^2 = 1$;$c_j, c_k \in \mathbf{R}$), flat directions:
  - $\psi = \phi; \quad \bar{\sigma} = \sigma = 0; \quad cos(2\theta_j - 2\theta_k) = 1 - \frac{1}{2c_j^2 2c_k^2}$. ("LR-symmetric" flat direction)
  - $\psi = 0; \quad \bar{\sigma} = \sqrt{-\frac{\phi^2}{4} + \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{\frac{64 m_\Sigma^2 M_P^2}{\lambda_\sigma^2} + \phi^4}}; \quad \sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\phi^2}{4} + \frac{1}{4}\sqrt{\ldots}}$. ("MSSM-like" flat direction)
- $W_{nr} = \frac{\lambda_\sigma}{4M_P}(\Sigma_c \bar{\Sigma}_c)^2 + \frac{\lambda_{4j}}{3M_P}\Phi^3 L_{cj} + \frac{\lambda_{4k}}{3M_P}\Phi^3 L_{ck}$.

The Dynamics

(i) "LR-symmetric" direction ($\overline{\sigma} = \sigma = 0$)

- Constraints:
  - Nucleon (non-)decay $\Rightarrow \lambda_4 \lesssim 10^{-8}$.
  - LR Symmetry breaking $\Rightarrow m_\Sigma \sim m_{soft}$.
- $V = V_\sigma + V_\phi + V_c$, where

$$V_\sigma = \left(m_\Sigma - \frac{\lambda_\sigma}{2M_P}\sigma\overline{\sigma}\right)^2 (\sigma^2 + \overline{\sigma}^2) + \frac{1}{2}m^2(\sigma^2 + \overline{\sigma}^2)$$

$$-\mu^2(\sigma\overline{\sigma} + h.c.) - \frac{\lambda_\sigma A_\sigma}{4M_P}(\sigma\overline{\sigma})^2,$$

$$V_\phi = \frac{1}{2}m_\phi^2\phi^2 - \frac{\lambda_4 A_4}{4M_P}\phi^4 + \frac{\lambda_4^2}{M_P^2}\phi^6.$$

$\Rightarrow \phi_0 = \sqrt{\frac{m_\phi M_P}{\lambda_4}}$

$\Rightarrow$ Consistent with observation.

(ii) "MSSM-like" direction ($\overline{\sigma} \neq 0, \sigma \neq 0$)

We "integrate out" the $\tilde{L_c}$ first: $\tilde{L_c} \simeq -\frac{\frac{\lambda_4}{3M_P}\overline{\sigma}^* \phi^3}{\left(\overline{\sigma}^2 + \frac{\lambda_4^2 \phi^4}{M_P^2}\right)}$

- $\phi \ll M_R$: $V \simeq \phi^2 \left(m^2 - \frac{\lambda^2 A \phi^4}{M_P^2 M_R} + \frac{\lambda^4 \phi^8}{M_P^4 M_R^2}\right)$
  $\Rightarrow V \rightarrow V_{MSSM}$, with $\lambda^2 \frac{M_P}{M_R} \rightarrow \lambda$.
  $\Rightarrow$ Smaller ϕ_0.
- $\phi \gg M_R$
  - $\overline{\sigma} \gg \frac{\phi^2}{M_P}$: $V \simeq \phi^2 \left(m^2 - \frac{\lambda^2 A \phi^5}{M_P^2 M_R^2} + \frac{\lambda^4 \phi^{14}}{M_P^4 M_R^8}\right)$
    $\Rightarrow$ Very complicated fine-tuning needed.
  - $\overline{\sigma} \ll \frac{\phi^2}{M_P}$: $V \simeq m^2 \phi^2 - A M_R^2 \phi + \frac{\lambda^2}{M_P^2} \phi^6$
    $\Rightarrow$ No flat potential.

$\Longrightarrow$ Works only for $\phi_0 < M_R$.

(ii') Assumption: $\exists$ A symmetry suppressing the $Q_c Q_c Q_c L_c$.
$\Rightarrow W_{nr} = \frac{\lambda_\sigma}{4M_P}(\Sigma_c \overline{\Sigma}_c)^2 + \frac{\lambda_7}{6M_P^4}\Phi^6 \Sigma_c$.

- $\phi \ll \sqrt{\frac{8m_\Sigma M_P}{\lambda}} : V \simeq \phi^2 \left(m^2 - \frac{A\lambda M_R}{M_P^4}\phi^4 + \frac{\lambda^2 M_R^2}{M_P^8}\phi^8 \right)$
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  $\Rightarrow \phi_0 \simeq \left(\frac{M_P^4 m}{\lambda_7 M_R} \right)^{1/4}$

$\Rightarrow$ Slightly larger ϕ_0 (compared to that in MSSM inflation), but works.

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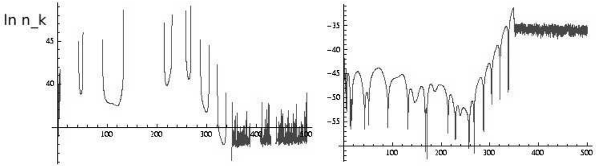
Particle Production

- Post-"MLRSM" inflation - "LR symmetric" direction. $SU(2)_R \times U(1)_{B-L}$ Symmetry breaking
  $\Rightarrow \exists \delta_0 \; (\sim \lambda_\sigma \frac{M_R^2}{M_P})$ [Aulakh et. al.]
  $\Rightarrow$ All ϕ $(\sim TeV)$, $\tilde{L_c}$ $(\sim 10^{14} GeV)$, δ_0 $(\sim TeV)$ start to oscillate.
  $\Rightarrow$ δ_0 slowly changing, $\tilde{L_c}$ rapidly fixed at the minimum.



$(m = 10^{-16} M_P, \quad m_\Sigma = 10^{-14} M_P, \quad \lambda_\sigma = 10^{-7}, \quad H = 10^{-18} M_P)^N$

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- Combining the information from cosmological observation with the collider signal, the model can be strongly constrained.
- Implications on Baryogenesis will be explored.