Inflation, B-mode targets and fundamental physics

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The energy scale of inflation

$$V^{1/4} \sim 1.04 \times 10^{16} \text{ GeV } \left(\frac{r}{0.01}\right)^{1/4}$$
 GUT

The energy of inflationary perturbations

$$H = \frac{1}{M_{Pl}} \sqrt{V/3} \sim 2.6 \times 10^{13} \text{GeV} \left(\frac{r}{0.01}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

If primordial gravitational wave will be detected

 $r \approx 10^{-2}$ $H \approx 2.6 \times 10^{13} \text{GeV}$ $r \approx 10^{-3}$ $H \approx 0.8 \times 10^{13} \text{GeV}$

> we will probe energies billion times higher than the energies probed at LHC

LIGO detected GW from binary black holes and neutron stars, with the wavelength of thousands of kilometers

But, the primordial GW affecting the CMB have a wavelength of billions of light-years!!!

The Gravitational Wave Spectrum



Test of Quantum Gravity

Test of General Relativity



If B-modes will be discovered soon, $r > 10^{-2}$ natural inflation models, axion monodromy models, α -attractor models,..., will be validated No need to worry about log scale r

Otherwise, we switch to $\log r$ to see 10⁻³ < r < 10⁻²



Starobinsky and Higgs, α =1, n=1

Plateau potentials α**-attractors**



Meaning of the measurement of the curvature of the 3d space

k=+1, k=-1, k=0 Spatial curvature parameter $ds^2 = -dt^2 + a(t)^2 \gamma_{ij} dx^i dx^j$ $\Omega_K = -0.0004 \pm 0.00036$

Closed, open or flat universe



In the context of new supergravity cosmological models, measuring r means measuring the curvature of the hyperbolic geometry of the moduli space

$$n_s = 1 - rac{2}{N}, \qquad r = lpha rac{12}{N^2}$$
 $R_K = -rac{2}{3lpha}$
scalar fields are coordinates
of the Kahler geometry
Decreasing r, decreasing $lpha$,
increasing curvature R_K

$$B\alpha = R_{\mathrm{Escher}}^2 \approx 10^3 r$$



Hyperbolic geometry of a Poincaré disk http://mathworld.wolfram.com/PoincareHyperbolicDisk.html

For a unit size Poincare disk:

$$r \sim 10^{-3} \qquad \alpha = \frac{1}{3}$$

Next CMB satellite mission target

Alpha-Attractors and B-mode Targets

CMB-S4



Based on CMB data on the value of the tilt of the spectrum n_s as a function of N we have deduced that hyperbolic geometry of a Poincaré disk suggests a way to explain the experimental formula



Using a consistent reduction from maximal $\mathcal{N}=8$ supersymmetry theories: M-theory in d=11, String theory in d=10, maximal supergravity in d=4, to the minimal $\mathcal{N}=1$ supersymmetry we have deduced the favorite models with hyperbolic geometry with $R^2_{Escher} = 3\alpha = 7,6,5,4,3,2,1$







Seven new targets

3×10

Dark Energy with α -attractors : w=-1, in most cases

Work in progress: Y. Arkami et al





LiteBird?

Euclid?

Short Summary of the talk

- B-mode detection, if it will take place, will probe energies at about 10¹³ GeV, billion times higher than the energies probed at LHC
- Whereas LIGO discovery of gravitational waves confirms General Relativity, a discovery of primordial gravitational waves will confirm our understanding of Quantum Gravity, up to energies of inflation, since we describe inflationary perturbations using both General Relativity and Quantum field Theory
- The range of B-mode space detectors $10^{-3} < r < 10^{-2}$ is particularly interesting since it has targets from the fundamental physics: string theory, M-theory, maximal supergravity

Seven values scanning the range between 10⁻³ and 10⁻²

$$\begin{array}{ll} r\approx 3\alpha \, \frac{4}{N^2} & n_s\approx 1-\frac{2}{N} & \alpha \text{-attractor models} \\ \\ \text{Example} \\ n_s\approx 0.963 \\ \text{N=55 e-foldings} & 3\alpha = 7,6,5,4,3,2,1 & \text{Starobinsky and Higgs,} \\ \\ \alpha = 1 & \alpha = 1 \end{array}$$