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Modulus stabilisation and modular invariant hilltop inflation

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Modular flavour symmetry



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Gaugino condensation

Kähler function

$$G(au, \overline{ au}, S, \overline{S}) = \mathcal{K}(au, \overline{ au}, S, \overline{S}) + \log |\mathcal{W}(au, S)|^2$$

Kähler potential

 $\mathcal{K}(\tau, \overline{\tau}, S, \overline{S}) = K(S, \overline{S}) - 3\log(2\operatorname{Im} \tau)$

Tree level: $K(S,\overline{S}) \propto - \ln{(S+\overline{S})}$

Loop levels: Non-perturbative effects $\delta K(S, \overline{S})$

Superpotential

 $\mathcal{W}(\tau) \to (c\tau + d)^{-3} \mathcal{W}(\tau)$ Modular function of weight -3

Generate non-trivial superpotential via gaugino condensation. Nilles, PLB, 1982 A gauge group undergoing gaugino condensation gives rise to non-perturbative superpotential $\mathcal{W} \sim e^{-f_a/b_a}$ Dine et al., PLB, 1983 Ferrara et al., PLB, 1983

$$f_a = k_a S + b_a \ln \underline{\eta}^6(\tau) + \cdots$$

Dedekind η function

One-loop: Threshold corrections, Klein j function Anomaly cancellation $H(\tau) = ($

Kähler moduli τ + dilaton S

Modular invariant

Leedom, Righi, Westphal, JHEP, 2023 Crucial for stabilising the dilaton sector Shenker effects

Shenker, 1990

$$\mathcal{W}(\tau,S) = \frac{\Omega(S)H(\tau)}{\eta^6(\tau)}$$

 $H(\tau) = (\underline{j(\tau)} - 1728)^{m/2} j(\tau)^{n/3} \mathcal{P}(j(\tau))$

Modulus stabilisation – Single modulus

Scalar potential

Cremmer et al., 1983
$$V = e^{\mathcal{K}} \left(\mathcal{K}^{i\bar{j}} D_i \mathcal{W} D_{\bar{j}} \mathcal{W}^* - 3 |\mathcal{W}|^2 \right)$$

$$\begin{split} V(\tau,\overline{\tau},S,\overline{S}) &= \mathcal{C}(\tau,\overline{\tau},S,\overline{S}) \\ & \times \left[\mathcal{M}(\tau,\overline{\tau}) + \left(\mathcal{A}(S,\overline{S}) - 3 \right) |H(\tau)|^2 \right] \end{split}$$

Cvetic et al., NPB, 1991, Leedom, Righi, Westphal, JHEP, 2023

Condition A: $\Omega_S + K_S \Omega = 0$



 $D_i = \partial_i + (\partial_i \mathcal{K})$ Covariant derivative $\mathcal{K}_{i\overline{j}} = \partial_i \partial_{\overline{j}} \mathcal{K}$ Kähler matric $\mathcal{C}(\tau,\overline{\tau},S,\overline{S}) = \frac{e^{K(S,\overline{S})} |\Omega(S)|^2}{(2\operatorname{Im}\tau)^3 |\eta(\tau)|^{12}} ,$ $\mathcal{M}(\tau,\overline{\tau}) = \frac{(2\operatorname{Im}\tau)^2}{3} \left| \mathrm{i}H'(\tau) + \frac{H(\tau)}{2\pi} \widehat{G}_2(\tau,\overline{\tau}) \right|^2$ $\mathcal{A}(S,\overline{S}) = \frac{|\Omega_S + K_S \Omega|^2}{K_{\scriptscriptstyle C\overline{C}} |\Omega|^2} \;,$ **Condition B:** $\Omega_S + K_S \Omega \neq 0$ $V(\omega) > 0$ V(i) = 01

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V(i) > 0

 $V(\omega) = 0$ Leedom, Righi, Westphal, JHEP, 2023

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 $\frac{1}{4}n$

Modulus stabilisation – Multiple moduli

Flavour mixing pattern – More than one moduli are required if τ @ fixed points.



Modulus stabilisation – Multiple moduli

(m_1,n_1)	(m_3,n_3)	$ au_1$	$ au_3$	$\mathcal{A}(S,\overline{S})$	(m_1,n_1)	(m_3,n_3)	$ au_1$	$ au_3$	$\mathcal{A}(S,\overline{S})$
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 $(m_1, n_1) = (m_2, n_2) \neq (m_3, n_3)$

 $au_1 = au_2$ for the global minimum.

 $(\tau_1, \tau_3) = (\omega, \omega)$ is always the vacuum.

 $\tau = i$ is not always the minimum when m > 1.

At least one $(m_i, n_i) = (0,0)$, global dS vacua; All $(m_i, n_i) \neq (0,0)$, Minkowski vacua.

CP-violating vacuum near $\tau = \omega$ may still exist.

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$$(m_1, n_1) = (0,0)$$

 $(m_3, n_3) = (2,0)$ TM1 mixing

Varzielas, King, Zhou, PRD, 2020, King, Zhou, PRD, 2020, ...

 $(m_1, n_1) = (2,0)$ $(m_3, n_3) = (0,0)$ Littlest Seesaw

Varzielas, King, Levy, JHEP, 2022, de Anda, King, JHEP, 2023, ...

Modular inflation



Brout, Englert, Gunzig, 1978 Starobinsky, 1980 Kazanas, 1980 Sato, 1981 Guth. 1981 Linde, 1982 Albrecht & Steinhardt, 1982 Linde, 1983

Several issues in hot big-bang cosmology

Horizon problem; Flatness problem; Entropy problem; Primordial perturbation problems; ...

Moduli as natural candidates for inflaton in SUGRA!

A cosmological probe of modular symmetries

Kobayashi, Nitta, Urakawa, JCAP, 2016; Abe et al., JHEP, 2023; Gunji, Ishiwata, Yoshida, JHEP, 2022

Modular inflation

0.85

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0.0

Re τ

0.2

0.4

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-0.2

-0.4

Slow-roll behaviour near $au = \mathbf{i}$

 $192\pi^{4}$

Canonical normalisation

Scalar potential: quartic-hilltop approximation

$$\begin{split} \frac{V(x)}{\Lambda_V^4} &= \frac{512\pi^9(\mathcal{A}-3)}{\Gamma^{12}(1/4)} + \frac{\pi(192\pi^4 - \Gamma^8(1/4))(192(\mathcal{A}-2)\pi^4 - \Gamma^8(1/4))}{288\Gamma^{12}(1/4)}x^2 + \left[\left(\frac{128\pi^9}{9\Gamma^{12}(1/4)} - \frac{7\pi^5}{54\Gamma^4(1/4)} \right) \\ &+ \frac{\pi\Gamma^4(1/4)}{1152} \right) \mathcal{A} - \left(\frac{160\pi^9}{9\Gamma^{12}(1/4)} - \frac{2\pi^5}{27\Gamma^4(1/4)} - \frac{5\pi\Gamma^4(1/4)}{5184} + \frac{\Gamma^{12}(1/4)}{73728\pi^3} \right) \right] x^4 + \mathcal{O}(x^6) \; , \end{split}$$

Slow-roll parameters $\epsilon \equiv \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{V'}{V} \right)^2$, $\eta \equiv \frac{V''}{V}$ 75Observables $r \simeq 16\epsilon$, $n_s \simeq 1 - 6\epsilon + 2\eta$, $A_s = \frac{1}{24\pi} \frac{V}{\epsilon}$ -0.96570 0.960 \geq 65
$$\begin{split} r \ &\approx \ \left(\frac{3.78}{\hat{N}_e^6} + \frac{113}{\hat{N}_e^4}\mathfrak{a} - \frac{851}{\hat{N}_e^2}\mathfrak{a}^2\right) \times 10^{-6} \ , \\ n_s \ &\approx \ 1 - \frac{0.05}{\hat{N}_e^2} + 0.5\mathfrak{a} - 11.25\hat{N}_e^2\mathfrak{a}^2 \ . \\ n_s \ &\approx \ 1 - \frac{0.05}{\hat{N}_e^2} + 0.5\mathfrak{a} - 11.25\hat{N}_e^2\mathfrak{a}^2 \ . \\ n_s \ &< 0.956 \ \text{for} \ N_e < 60 \end{split}$$
0.945 55 0.0050.0100.0150.0200.0250.030 $n_{\rm s} = 0.9661 \pm 0.0040$ (68% CL), r < 0.036 (95% CL) Planck (2020), BICEP/KECK (2021)

Slow-roll behaviour near $au = \mathbf{i}$

• Modification from non-minimal $H(\tau)$





Summary

- Modulus stabilisation is crucial for determining the value of τ.
- Modular invariant inflation may be a possible probe of modular symmetries in the early universe.
- Fixed points are special: Special flavour structure; Modulus stabilisation; Orbifold compactification; Inflationary trajectory, ...

Obrígado!



Hessian matrix

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\Lambda_V^4 \partial \tau_i^2} &= \frac{\partial^2 \widetilde{\mathcal{C}}}{\partial \tau_i^2} \left[\widetilde{\mathcal{M}} + (\mathcal{A} - 3) |\mathcal{H}|^2 \right] + \widetilde{\mathcal{C}} \left[\frac{\partial^2 \widetilde{\mathcal{M}}}{\partial \tau_i^2} + (\mathcal{A} - 3) \mathcal{H}^* \frac{\partial^2 H^{(m_i, n_i)}}{\partial \tau_i^2} \right] ,\\ \frac{\partial^2 V}{\Lambda_V^4 \partial \tau_i \partial \overline{\tau}_j} &= \frac{\partial^2 \widetilde{\mathcal{C}}}{\partial \tau_i \partial \overline{\tau}_j} [\widetilde{\mathcal{M}} + (\mathcal{A} - 3) |\mathcal{H}|^2] + \widetilde{\mathcal{C}} \left[\frac{\partial^2 \widetilde{\mathcal{M}}}{\partial \tau_i \partial \overline{\tau}_j} + (\mathcal{A} - 3) \left| \frac{\partial H^{(m_i, n_i)}}{\partial \tau_i} \right|^2 \right] , \end{split}$$

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$$\frac{\partial^{2}\widetilde{C}}{\partial\tau_{i}\partial\tau_{j}} = -i\delta_{ij}\widetilde{C}\frac{\partial}{\partial\tau_{i}}\frac{\widehat{G}_{2}(\tau_{i},\overline{\tau}_{i})}{2\pi}, \qquad H = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^{2}V}{\partial s_{1}^{2}} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\partial^{2}V}{\partial t_{1}^{2}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\partial^{2}V}{\partial s_{3}^{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\partial^{2}V}{\partial s_{3}^{2}} \end{pmatrix} \\
\frac{\partial^{2}\widetilde{M}}{\partial\tau_{i}\partial\tau_{j}} = \delta_{ij}(2\operatorname{Im}\tau_{i})^{2} \left[i\frac{\partial^{2}H^{(m_{i},n_{i})}(\tau_{i})}{\partial\tau_{i}^{2}} + \frac{\mathcal{H}(\tau_{i})}{2\pi}\frac{\partial\widehat{G}_{2}(\tau_{i},\overline{\tau}_{i})}{\partial\tau_{i}} \right] \frac{\mathcal{H}^{*}(\tau_{i})}{\pi}\frac{\partial\widehat{G}_{2}^{*}(\tau_{i},\overline{\tau}_{i})}{\partial\tau_{i}}, \\
\frac{\partial^{2}\widetilde{M}}{\partial\tau_{i}\partial\overline{\tau}_{j}} = \delta_{ij}(2\operatorname{Im}\tau_{i})^{2} \left[\left| i\frac{\partial^{2}H^{(m_{i},n_{i})}(\tau_{i})}{\partial\tau_{i}^{2}} + \frac{\mathcal{H}(\tau_{i})}{2\pi}\frac{\partial\widehat{G}_{2}(\tau_{i},\overline{\tau}_{i})}{\partial\tau_{i}} \right|^{2} + \left| \frac{\mathcal{H}(\tau_{i})}{2\pi}\frac{\partial\widehat{G}_{2}(\tau_{i},\overline{\tau}_{i})}{\partial\overline{\tau}_{i}} \right|^{2} \right],$$

Series expansion of the scalar potential

Ramanujan identities indicate that the derivatives of Eisenstein series can be expressed as the linear combinations of the first few Eisenstein series.

 $\frac{dE_2}{d\tau} = 2\pi i \frac{E_2^2 - E_4}{12} ,$

 $\frac{dE_4}{d\tau} = 2\pi i \frac{E_2 E_4 - E_6}{3} ,$

 $\frac{dE_6}{d\tau} = 2\pi i \frac{E_2 E_6 - E_4^2}{2} \; .$

$$\begin{split} G_2|_{\tau=\mathrm{i}} &= \pi \ , \\ \left. \frac{\mathrm{d}G_2}{\mathrm{d}\tau} \right|_{\tau=\mathrm{i}} &= \frac{\pi\mathrm{i}}{6} \left[3 - \frac{\Gamma^8(1/4)}{64\pi^4} \right] \ , \\ \left. \frac{\mathrm{d}^2G_2}{\mathrm{d}\tau^2} \right|_{\tau=\mathrm{i}} &= -\frac{\pi}{2} \left[1 - \frac{\Gamma^8(1/4)}{64\pi^4} \right] \ , \\ \left. \frac{\mathrm{d}^3G_2}{\mathrm{d}\tau^3} \right|_{\tau=\mathrm{i}} &= -\frac{\pi\mathrm{i}}{4} \left[3 - \frac{3\Gamma^8(1/4)}{32\pi^4} - \frac{\Gamma^{16}(1/4)}{4096\pi^8} \right] \ , \\ \left. \frac{\mathrm{d}^4G_2}{\mathrm{d}\tau^4} \right|_{\tau=\mathrm{i}} &= \frac{\pi}{2} \left[3 - \frac{5\Gamma^8(1/4)}{32\pi^4} - \frac{5\Gamma^{16}(1/4)}{4096\pi^8} \right] \ , \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} \left. \frac{\mathrm{d}\eta}{\mathrm{d}\tau} \right|_{\tau=\mathrm{i}} &= \frac{\mathrm{i}\Gamma(1/4)}{8\pi^{3/4}} \\ \left. \frac{\mathrm{d}^2\eta}{\mathrm{d}\tau^2} \right|_{\tau=\mathrm{i}} &= -\frac{\Gamma(1/4)[288\pi^4 - \Gamma^8(1/4)]}{3072\pi^{19/4}} \;, \\ \left. \frac{\mathrm{d}^3\eta}{\mathrm{d}\tau^3} \right|_{\tau=\mathrm{i}} &= -\frac{5\mathrm{i}\Gamma(1/4)[96\pi^4 - \Gamma^8(1/4)]}{4096\pi^{19/4}} \;, \\ \left. \frac{\mathrm{d}^4\eta}{\mathrm{d}\tau^4} \right|_{\tau=\mathrm{i}} &= \frac{\Gamma(1/4)[322560\pi^8 - 6720\pi^4\Gamma^8(1/4) - 11\Gamma^{16}(1/4)]}{1572864\pi^{35/4}} \;. \end{split}$$

Evading the cosmological constant problem

Large vacuum energy after inflation can be eliminated by introducing a "waterfall" field direction.



$$\lambda = 0.32,$$

$$h(x) = 2.4(x^2 - 0.925)^2$$



 $\sigma \equiv y \Lambda_V$