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## Constraining the parameters of Warm Inflationary models

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# Standard Cold Inflation

Phase of accelerated expansion in the early Universe for a brief duration.

- Inflation starts when energy density of inflaton  $\rho_\phi$  dominates
- The Universe undergoes a nearly exponential expansion.
- The number density of all species dilute away and the Universe supercools.
- There is a *reheating* phase during which the particles are created by the inflaton decay.
- The Universe attains temperature during reheating.

# Warm Inflation <sup>1</sup>

- An alternate description of inflation.
- In this scenario also, the condition of inflation is  $\rho_\phi > \rho_r$ .
- The difference is that inflaton coupling to other fields relevant both *during and after* the inflationary phase.
- The inflaton dissipates into particles during inflation as well.
- As radiation is created during the inflation, the Universe has a temperature  $T$ , and hence *warm*.

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<sup>1</sup>A. Berera and L. Z. Fang, Phys. Rev. Lett. **74**, 1912 (1995), A. Berera, Phys. Rev. Lett. **75**, 3218 (1995).

# Evolution equations in warm inflation

**Equation of motion for the inflaton field  $\phi$**  is given as

$$\ddot{\phi} + (3H + \Upsilon)\dot{\phi} + V'(\phi) = 0 \quad (1)$$

- $\Upsilon\dot{\phi}$  is a dissipative term due to inflaton interactions with other fields.

Defining a **dissipation parameter**  $Q \equiv \frac{\Upsilon}{3H}$ , we obtain

$$\boxed{\ddot{\phi} + 3H(1 + Q)\dot{\phi} + V'(\phi) = 0} \quad (2)$$

$Q > 1 \rightarrow$  **strong dissipative WI**       $Q < 1 \rightarrow$  **weak dissipative WI**

The **radiation energy density**,  $\rho_r$  evolves as

$$\boxed{\dot{\rho}_r + 4H\rho_r = \Upsilon\dot{\phi}^2} \quad (3)$$

In the **slow roll approximation**,

we approximate  $\ddot{\phi} \approx 0$ , which gives

$$\dot{\phi} \approx \frac{-V'(\phi)}{3H(1+Q)}$$

and  $\dot{\rho}_r \approx 0$ , which gives

$$\rho_r \approx \frac{\Upsilon}{4H} \dot{\phi}^2 = \frac{3}{4} Q \dot{\phi}^2$$

# What do we observe today?

## Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB) Radiation

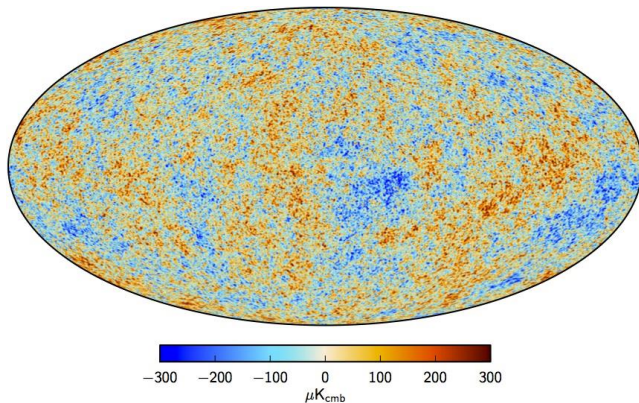


Figure : CMB seen by Planck. Temperature anisotropies: 1 part in  $10^5$ .

Source: [www.esa.int](http://www.esa.int)

# Observables

- Two point correlation function of density fluctuations generated during inflation - **Primordial power spectrum**,  $P_{\mathcal{R}}(k)$ . It has an amplitude  $A_S$ .
- **Spectral index** is a measure of the tilt of power spectrum at a fiducial scale, pivot scale.

$$n_s - 1|_{k=k_P} = \left. \frac{d \ln P_{\mathcal{R}}(k)}{d \ln(k/k_P)} \right|_{k=k_P} .$$

- Two point correlation function of tensor fluctuations,  $P_T(k)$  has an amplitude  $A_T$ .
- **Tensor-to-scalar ratio**,

$$r = \frac{A_T}{A_S}$$



## Primordial power spectrum in warm inflation

The primordial power spectrum for warm inflation in the weak dissipative regime is given as<sup>2</sup>

$$P_{\mathcal{R}}(k) = \left( \frac{H_k^2}{2\pi\dot{\phi}_k} \right)^2 \left[ \coth \left( \frac{H_k}{T_k} \right) + \left( \frac{T_k}{H_k} \right) \frac{2\sqrt{3}\pi Q_k}{\sqrt{3 + 4\pi Q_k}} \right]$$

It has contributions because of temperature  $T$  and the dissipation  $Q$ .

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<sup>2</sup>S. Bartrum, M. Bastero-Gil, A. Berera, R. Cerezo, R. O. Ramos and J. G. Rosa, Phys. Lett. B **732**, 116 (2014).

# Motivation of this work

- The *Planck* measurements of temperature anisotropies in the CMB have put tight constraints on cosmological parameters ( $n_s, r$ ).
- The inflationary potentials  $V(\phi) = \lambda\phi^4, \lambda\phi^6$  are ruled out to be viable models in the standard cold inflation.
- We are estimating the range of parameters for which these are viable models of inflation in the context of *Warm Inflation*.
- This is significant because these these allowed range of parameters are important for constructing inflation from first principles.

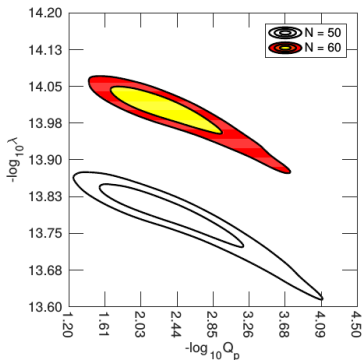
## Warm Inflation Models considered

- $V(\phi) = \lambda\phi^4$ , with dissipation coefficient  $\Upsilon = C_\phi \frac{T^3}{\phi^2}$ .
- $V(\phi) = \lambda\phi^4$ , with dissipation coefficient  $\Upsilon = C_T T$ .
- $V(\phi) = \frac{\lambda}{M_{Pl}^2} \phi^6$ , with dissipation coefficient  $\Upsilon = C_\phi \frac{T^3}{\phi^2}$ .
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The different forms of dissipation coefficient  $\Upsilon$ , arises from many mechanisms in which inflaton decay <sup>3</sup>.

<sup>3</sup>I. G. Moss and C. Xiong, hep-ph/0603266.

**Model I: <sup>4</sup>**  $V(\phi) = \lambda\phi^4$ , with  $\Upsilon = C_\phi \frac{T^3}{\phi^2}$



**Figure :** Joint probability of  $-\log_{10} \lambda$  and  $-\log_{10} Q_P$  in the weak dissipative regime.

**For  $N_P = 50$ ,**

Mean value of  $\lambda = 1.66 \times 10^{-14}$

Mean value of  $Q_P = 3.7 \times 10^{-3}$

$n_s = 0.9660$

$r = 0.0275$

**For  $N_P = 60$ ,**

Mean value of  $\lambda = 1.0 \times 10^{-14}$

Mean value of  $Q_P = 4.4 \times 10^{-3}$

$n_s = 0.9712$ ,

$r = 0.0222$

<sup>4</sup>R. Arya, A. Dasgupta, G. Goswami, J. Prasad, R. Rangarajan, JCAP02 (2018) 043

## Model II: $V(\phi) = \lambda\phi^4$ with $\Upsilon = C_T T$

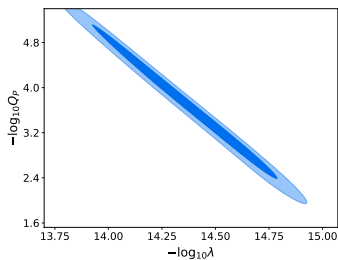


Figure : Joint probability in the weak dissipative regime for  $N_P = 60$ .

Mean value of  $\lambda = 4.07 \times 10^{-15}$   
 Mean value of  $Q_P = 2.29 \times 10^{-4}$   
 $n_s = 0.967$   
 $r = 0.0330$

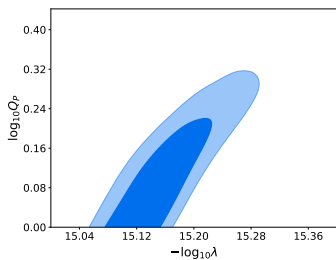
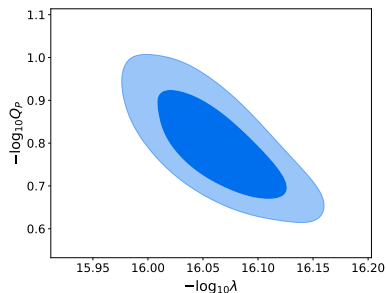


Figure : Joint probability in the strong dissipative regime for  $N_P = 60$ .

Mean value of  $\lambda = 6.82 \times 10^{-16}$   
 Upper limit of  $Q_P = 1.43$   
 $n_s = 0.973$   
 $r = 0.000214$

**Model III:**  $V(\phi) = \frac{\lambda}{M_{Pl}^2} \phi^6$  with  $\Upsilon = C_\phi \frac{T^3}{\phi^2}$



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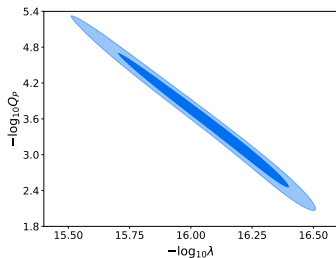
Mean value of  $\lambda = 8.63 \times 10^{-17}$

Mean value of  $Q_P = 0.1588$

$n_s = 0.969$

$r = 0.00480$

**Model IV:**  $V(\phi) = \frac{\lambda}{M_{Pl}^2} \phi^6$ , with  $\Upsilon = C_T T$



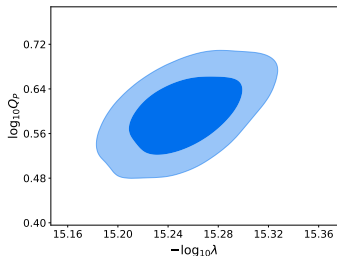
**Figure :** Joint probability in the weak dissipative regime for  $N_P = 60$ .

Mean value of  $\lambda = 8.51 \times 10^{-17}$

Mean value of  $Q_P = 2.88 \times 10^{-4}$

$n_s = 0.956$

$r = 0.0451$



**Figure :** Joint probability in the strong dissipative regime for  $N_P = 60$ .

Mean value of  $\lambda = 5.59 \times 10^{-16}$

Mean value of  $Q_P = 3.94$

$n_s = 0.970$

$r = 0.0000426$

## Conclusion

- In warm inflation, radiation production takes place during the inflationary phase also and therefore the Universe has temperature.
- We studied  $\lambda\phi^4$  and  $\lambda\phi^6$  models of inflation with two types of dissipation coefficient.
- We obtained the joint and marginalised distribution for the model parameters,  $\lambda$  and  $Q_P$ . This is crucial for model building.
- For the mean values of parameters, we calculated the  $n_s$  and  $r$ , and found them to be consistent with the *Planck* observations.

# Thank you