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Does Current Data Prefer a Non-minimally Coupled Inflaton?

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- **Aim :** Understand the impact of a non-minimal coupling of the inflaton to the Ricci scalar, $\frac{1}{2}\xi R\phi^2$, on the inflationary predictions.
- **Study :** Focusing on the simplest inflationary model governed by the potential $V \propto \phi^2$
- **Data :** Planck and BICEP2/Keck Array 2015
- **Result :** Presence of a coupling ξ is favoured at a significance of 99% CL, $\xi \neq 0 \;\rightarrow 2\sigma$ level. Cross-correlation polarization spectra from BICEP2/Keck array and Planck, $r = 0.038^{+0.039}_{-0.030}$.

1 | Minimal coupled Inflaton in Jordan frame

For a minimal coupled inflaton, we set the $\xi = 0$. The action therefore takes the form,

$$S = \int d^4x\sqrt{-g}\left[\frac{M_p^2}{2}R - \frac{1}{2}\left(\partial\phi\right)^2 - V\left(\phi\right)\right] \tag{1.1}$$

The potential is taken as quadratic since it is the simplest one,

$$V\left(\phi\right) = \frac{1}{2}m^2\phi^2 \tag{1.2}$$

The derivatives are therefore,

$$V' = m^2\phi \tag{1.3}$$

$$V'' = m^2 \tag{1.4}$$

Slow-roll parameters are,

$$\epsilon = \frac{M_p^2}{16\pi}\left(\frac{V'}{V}\right)^2 = \frac{M_p^2}{4\pi\phi^2} \tag{1.5}$$

$$\eta = \frac{M_p^2}{8\pi}\frac{V''}{V} = \frac{M_p^2}{4\pi\phi^2} \tag{1.6}$$

Number of e-foldings can be calculated as shown below,

$$N = \int_{t_i}^{t_f} H dt \tag{1.7}$$

$$= \int_{\phi_i}^{\phi_f} \frac{H}{\dot{\phi}} d\phi \tag{1.8}$$

$$= -\frac{24\pi}{3M_p^2}\int_{\phi_i}^{\phi_f} \frac{V}{V'} d\phi \tag{1.9}$$

$$= -\frac{2\pi}{M_p^2}\left(\phi_f^2 - \phi_i^2\right) \tag{1.10}$$

2 | Non-minimal coupled Inflaton in Jordan frame

3 | Conformal transformation

4 | Non-minimal coupling in Einstein frame