

High-Scale Supersymmetry and Inflation Unified.



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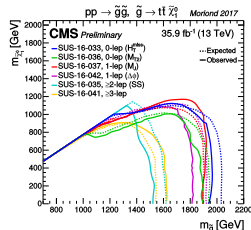
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- ▶ *Polonyi Inflation*, K. S. and Tsutomu T. Yanagida (Kavli IPMU, Tokyo), arXiv:1604.04911 [hep-ph].
- ▶ *A Unified Model of D-term Inflation*, Valerie Domcke (APC, Paris) and K. S., arXiv:1702.02173 [hep-ph].

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Supersymmetry: low-scale versus high-scale

[Talk by Tkaczyk on Monday]



Virtues of low-scale supersymmetry:

- 1 Solution to the (big) hierarchy problem.
- 2 R parity $\rightarrow$ stable LSP $\rightarrow$ dark matter.
- 3 Gauge unification at $\Lambda_{\text{GUT}} \sim 10^{16} \text{ GeV}$.
- 4 UV completion of the SM in string theory.

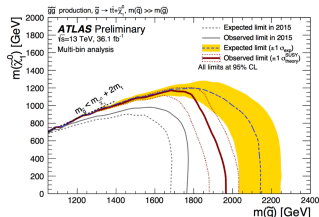
TeV-scale SUSY under increasing pressure:

- 1 So far, no evidence for SUSY at the LHC.
- 2 Higgs mass $m_h \simeq 125 \text{ GeV}$ calls for large radiative corrections from (s)top loops,

[Okada, Yamaguchi, Yanagida '91] [Ellis, Ridolfi, Zwirner '91]

$$m_h^2 < m_Z^2 + \frac{3g^2 m_t^4}{8\pi^2 m_W^2} \left[\ln \frac{m_{t_1}^2 + m_{t_2}^2}{2m_t^2} + \dots \right]$$

[Talk by Diaconu on Tuesday]



Low-scale SUSY no longer everybody's darling. Fermi scale instead outcome of other dynamics: *compositeness, conformal symmetry, relaxion, clockwork, ...* [Many talks at this conference]

Dynamical SUSY breaking as the origin of inflation

WHAT IF ...

... SUSY is not responsible for stabilizing the EW scale? Imagine $m_{\text{soft}} \gtrsim \mathcal{O}(10) \text{ TeV}$.

- ▶ No more gravitino / Polonyi problems in cosmology. Less tension from $\mathcal{CP}$ & FCNCs.
- ▶ Trivial mediation to the visible sector: solely via gravitational interactions (PGM, ...).

Prospect: Simpler models + less pheno constraints + keep virtues except for naturalness!

[Giudice, Luty, Murayama & Rattazzi '98] [Wells '03; '05] [Arkani-Hamed & Dimopoulos '05] [Ibe, Moroi & Yanagida '07; Ibe & Yanagida '12]

[Arkani-Hamed, Gupta, Kaplan, Weiner & Zorawski '12] [Hall & Nomura '12] [Arvanitaki, Craig, Dimopoulos & Villadoro '13]

Dynamical SUSY breaking as the origin of inflation

THEN: Intriguing new possibility! Inflation driven by ~~SUSY~~ vacuum energy Λ_{SUSY}^4 .

$$\langle V_{\text{SUGRA}} \rangle = \Lambda_{\text{SUSY}}^4 - 3e^{\langle K \rangle} \langle |W|^2 \rangle = \text{CC} \simeq 0, \quad \Lambda_{\text{SUSY}}^4 = \langle |F|^2 \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \langle D^2 \rangle$$

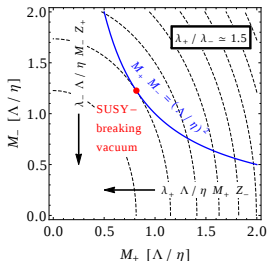
- ▶ Our idea: If Λ_{SUSY}^4 large enough, Λ_{SUSY}^4 may be the vacuum energy driving inflation!
- ▶ Goal: Inflation from *dynamical SUSY breaking*! No dimensionful input parameters.

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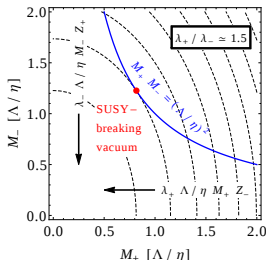
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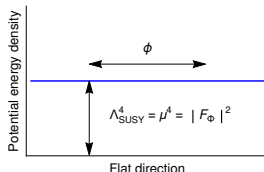
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- ▶ Φ tree-level flat direction in global SUSY. [Ray '06; Shih '08]
- ▶ IYIT Yukawa couplings $\rightarrow$ log corrections at one loop.

Intriguing possibility: Polonyi inflation! Use Φ as inflaton.



Polonyi inflation and late-time R symmetry breaking

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Further model ingredients:

- 1 Corrections to a canonical Kähler potential,

$$K = |\Phi|^2 + \frac{\varepsilon}{4} \frac{|\Phi|^4}{M_{\text{Pl}}^2}$$

- 2 No constant superpotential during inflation!
Generate at end of inflation to tune CC $\rightarrow 0$,

$$W_{\text{eff}} = \mu^2 \Phi + w, \quad w = \begin{cases} 0 & \varphi \gg \varphi_c \\ w_0 & \varphi \ll \varphi_c \end{cases}$$

E.g., trigger gaugino condensation in another hidden sector at small inflaton field values.

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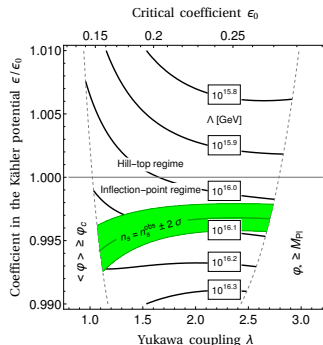
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Successful F-term inflation in the Polonyi potential

- ▶ Energy density $\mu^4 = |F_\Phi|^2$ not only responsible for SUSY in the MSSM, but also for inflation!
- ▶ Same potential as in F-term hybrid inflation, incl. SUGRA corrections, but in the limit $m_{3/2} \rightarrow 0$.
- ▶ No tadpole, no waterfall transition, no cosmic strings. Worry-free UV completion of FHI!

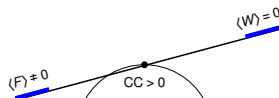
$A_s = A_s^{\text{obs}}$ requires a dynamical scale $\Lambda \sim 10^{16} \text{ GeV}$!

- ▶ “Prediction” of GUT scale Λ_{GUT} from A_s^{obs} .
- ▶ Soft scalar masses $m_0 \sim m_{3/2} \sim 10^{12} \text{ GeV}$.



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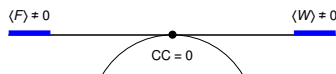
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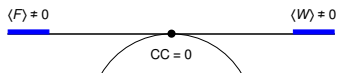


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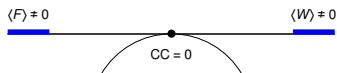
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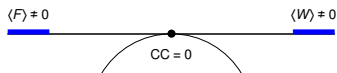
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- 3 Add new inflation sector: inflaton singlet S and charged waterfall fields Φ and $\bar{\Phi}$,
[Binetruy & Dvali '96] [Halyo '96]

$$W_{\text{inf}} = \kappa S \Phi \bar{\Phi}, \quad V_D = \frac{1}{2} g^2 \left[q_0 \xi - q(|\Phi|^2 - |\bar{\Phi}|^2) \right]^2$$

New possibility: SUSY breaking results in dynamical FI term, which drives inflation!

A consistent model of D-term inflation

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Further model ingredients:

- 1 Work in Jordan-frame supergravity with canonically normalized kinetic terms:

[Ferrara, Kallosh, Linde, Marrani, van Proeyen '10; '11] [FKL, Porrati '13]

$$-\frac{\Omega}{6} R = \left[\frac{M_{\text{Pl}}^2}{2} - \frac{1}{6} \left(F + \Phi^\dagger \Phi + \dots \right) \right] R$$

Inflaton sector sequesters from ~~SUSY~~ sector.
No SUGRA eta problem. Waterfall fields can become unstable at the end of inflation.

- 2 Slightly broken shift symmetry in σ direction:

[Kawasaki, Yamaguchi, Yanagida '00]

$$F = \frac{\chi}{2} (S + S^\dagger)^2 - \frac{(1 - \chi)}{2} (S - S^\dagger)^2$$

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Implications and applications

- ▶ No hard dimensionful input scale. ~~SUSY~~ at a very high scale. Recover once again Λ_{GUT} .

$$\frac{m_{3/2}}{5 \times 10^{12} \text{ GeV}} \sim \left(\frac{\sqrt{\xi}}{5 \times 10^{15} \text{ GeV}} \right)^{5/2}$$

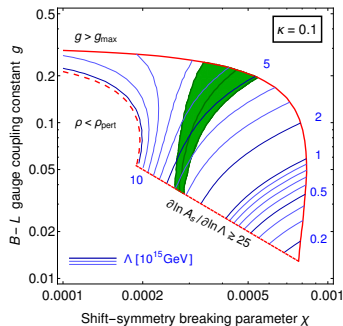
- ▶ Identify $U(1)_A$ with $U(1)_{B-L}$ and couple waterfall field Φ to right-handed neutrinos,

[Buchmüller, K. S., Vertongen '10; Buchmüller, Domcke, K. S. '12]

$$W \supset \frac{1}{2} h_i \Phi N_i N_i$$

- ▶ Employ in the two-field relaxion mechanism.

[Evans, Gherghetta, Nagata, Peloso '17]



Experimental signatures beyond inflation

Thermally produced winos with a fine-tuned mass as dark matter:

- ▶ Pure gravity mediation: anomaly-mediated gaugino masses $m_{3/2}/16\pi^2 \sim 10^{10} \text{ GeV}$.
[Dine & MacIntire '92] [Giudice, Luty, Murayama & Rattazzi '98] [Randall & Sundrum '99] [Bagger, Moroi & Poppitz '00]
- ▶ LSP (wino) overproduction during reheating in gravitino decay: $\psi_{3/2} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \text{LSP}$.
[Moroi & Randall '00] [Kawasaki, Takahashi & Yanagida '06] [Buchmüller, Domcke & K. S. '12]
- ▶ Assume anthropic selection of a fine-tuned wino mass. AMSB + Higgsino loops:
[Ibe, Matsumoto & Yanagida '12] [Hall, Nomura & Shirai '13]

$$M_{\text{wino}} \sim 3 \text{ TeV}$$

- ▶ Nonthermal relics reach thermal equilibrium. **Solution to the gravitino problem!**
- ▶ **Our prediction:** neutral/charged winos only sparticles at low energies (detectable!).

Experimental signatures beyond inflation

Gravitational waves from inflation, reheating, etc.

- ▶ GWs from inflation typically very weak. GWs from reheating model-dependent.
- ▶ Drastically enhanced if inflaton exhibits an axion-like coupling to gauge fields,
[Cook & Sorbo '12] [Barnaby, Pajer, Peloso '12] [Domcke, Pieroni, Binetruy '16]

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} \supset \frac{\varphi}{f} F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$$

- ▶ Fits well together with the inflaton shift symmetry in the case of D-term inflation.

Take-Home Messages

Questions: Embedding of inflation into particle physics? Role of SUSY in nature?

- 1 High-scale SUSY does not address the hierarchy problem; but offers new perspective on the interplay between SUSY breaking and cosmic inflation.
 - ▶ Inflation may be driven by F term or D term associated with SUSY breaking.
- 2 Models of dynamical SUSY breaking (e.g., the IYIT model) result in effective Polonyi models. May give rise to F-term hybrid inflation → *Polonyi inflation*.
 - ▶ Minimal and viable model; but requires *late-time R symmetry breaking*.
- 3 IYIT model coupled to Jordan-frame supergravity allows to realize D-term inflation in accord with all theoretical and phenomenological constraints.
 - ▶ Gauged flavor symmetry. Unifies SUSY breaking, inflation, and $B-L$ breaking!

Possible answer: Inflation and SUSY breaking may have single dynamical origin!

- ▶ DM signal at low energies. Further signatures from GWs, reheating, ...

Thank you for your attention!

Supplementary Material

IYIT Model of Dynamical SUSY Breaking

[Izawa & Yanagida '96; Intriligator & Thomas '96]

Simplest realization of DSB in vector-like gauge theories: $Sp(N)$ with $N_f = N + 1$ flavors.

- Supersymmetric gauge theory that becomes strongly coupled at *dynamical scale* Λ .

1 Flat moduli space at low energies [Seiberg '94; Luty '98]

- $Sp(1) \cong SU(2)$ with 4 fundamental quarks Ψ^i .
- Low-energy EFT in terms of composite mesons,

$$M^{ij} \sim \frac{1}{\Lambda} \langle \Psi^i \Psi^j \rangle, \quad \text{Pf}(M^{ij}) \sim \Lambda^2$$

- Instanton-induced (deformed) moduli constraint.

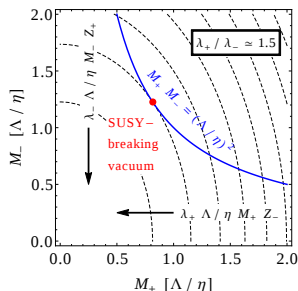
2 Lift flat directions by means of Yukawa interactions

- Coupling to singlets in tree-level superpotential,

$$W_{\text{tree}} = \lambda_{ij} Z_{ij} \Psi^i \Psi^j \rightarrow W_{\text{eff}} \sim \lambda_{ij} \Lambda Z_{ij} M^{ij}$$

- Global axial $U(1)_A$ associated with Ψ^i rotation,

$$[\Psi^{1,2}] = +q_0, \quad [\Psi^{3,4}] = -q_0$$



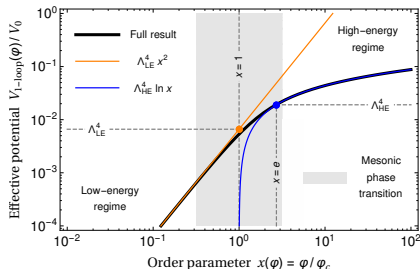
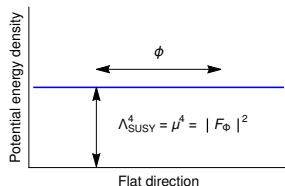
3 Yukawa couplings such that

- $|F_{Z_{\pm}}| = \lambda_{\pm} \Lambda \langle M_{\pm} \rangle \neq 0$
- F-term SUSY breaking.
- $\langle M_{\pm} \rangle \neq 0$ breaks $U(1)_A$.

Effective Polonyi model

Superpotential at low energies: $W_{\text{eff}} = \mu^2 \Phi + \dots$

- SUSY-breaking Polonyi field $\Phi = (Z_+ + Z_-)/\sqrt{2}$.
- In global SUSY, tree-level flat direction. [Ray '06; Shih '08]
- F-term SUSY-breaking scale $\mu^2 = \sqrt{2}\sqrt{\lambda_+\lambda_-}\Lambda^2$.



Radiative corrections:

- Yukawa couplings to quarks/mesons induce effective one-loop potential:

$$V_{\text{CW}} \sim \begin{cases} m_{\text{eff}}^2 \varphi^2 & ; \varphi \ll \varphi_c \\ m^4/16\pi^2 \ln \varphi/\varphi_c & ; \varphi \gg \varphi_c \end{cases}$$

- Strong stabilization around the origin.
- Log corrections at large field values.

Dynamical UV completion of the Polonyi model (in global SUSY): $W = \mu^2 \Phi + w_0$ [Polonyi '78]

- R -symmetry-breaking constant w_0 , so as to tune the cosmological constant to zero.

Inflation in the effective Polonyi model

Aim: Realize inflation in the effective potential for the Polonyi field Φ .

- ▶ **Main obstacle:** Large μ implies large w_0 . Gravitational corrections spoil slow-roll.
- ▶ **Way out:** Unbroken R symmetry in the sector responsible for $w_0 \Rightarrow w = 0$ initially.

Effective IYIT superpotential may be brought into the following form:

$$W_{\text{eff}} \simeq \kappa_{\Phi} \Phi \left[v^2 - \frac{1}{2} (X^n)^2 \right] + m_n S_n X^n$$

- ▶ **$SO(5)$ realization of F-term hybrid inflation (FHI) with massive waterfall fields.**
[Copeland *et al.* '94] [Dvali, Shafi, Schaefer '94]
- ▶ Mesons X^n : $SO(5)$ multiplet of *would-be* waterfall fields with masses $m_n \geq \kappa_{\Phi} v$.
- ▶ Stabilized by $SO(5)$ multiplet of IYIT singlets S_n , even at the end of inflation.

Big picture: SUSY breaking prior to R symmetry breaking $\Rightarrow$ Reason for inflation!

- ▶ Assume *late-time* R symmetry breaking. w_0 only generated at the end of inflation.
- ▶ Until then, (FHI-like) *Polonyi inflation* driven by the SUSY-breaking Polonyi F term.

R symmetry breaking via gaugino condensation

Idea: Gaugino condensation in a strongly coupled pure SYM theory. **Use to generate w_0 !**

[Veneziano & Yankielowicz '82]

- ▶ R -symmetry-breaking sector: SQCD with field-dependent masses, $W_R = P Q^i \bar{Q}^i$.
- ▶ $\langle P \rangle \gtrsim \tilde{\Lambda}$: Integrate out heavy quarks $\Rightarrow$ Pure SYM $\Rightarrow$ Gaugino condensation.

$$W_R^{\text{eff}} \rightarrow w = \frac{N_c}{16\pi^2} \tilde{\Lambda}_{\text{eff}}^3, \quad \tilde{\Lambda}_{\text{eff}}^{3N_c} = \langle P \rangle^{N_f} \tilde{\Lambda}^{3N_c - N_f}$$

Application to the scenario of Polonyi inflation:

- ▶ Introduce waterfall superpotential, $W_P = \alpha Y \left(v_P^2 - \frac{1}{2} P^2 \right) + \frac{\beta}{6} Y^3 + \dots$
- ▶ Competition between tachyonic mass in global SUSY and Hubble-induced mass,

$$m_{P^-}^2(\varphi) = -\alpha^2 v_P^2 + \frac{V(\varphi)}{M_{\text{Pl}}^2} + \Delta m^2(\varphi)$$

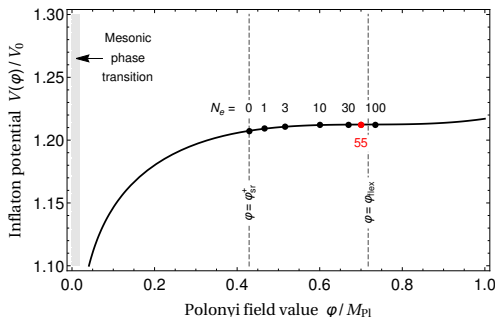
- ▶ Arrange parameters such that P becomes unstable only at small inflaton field values.

Waterfall transition in a separate sector $\Rightarrow$ Control over time of R symmetry breaking!

Scalar potential of Polonyi inflation

Ingredients: ① IYIT log corrections ② Near-canonical Kähler potential ③ $w = 0$ initially

$$V(\varphi) = \mu^4 \left[1 - \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \left(\frac{\varphi}{M_{\text{Pl}}} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{8} \left(1 - \frac{7\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{8\varepsilon^2}{3} \right) \left(\frac{\varphi}{M_{\text{Pl}}} \right)^4 + \dots \right] + \frac{6m^4}{16\pi^2} \ln \frac{\varphi}{\varphi_c}$$



Dynamics controlled by interplay b/t

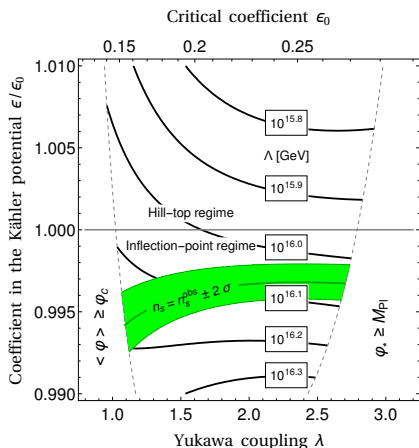
- ▶ Radiative log term
- ▶ SUGRA mass term

Saddle point for $\varepsilon = \varepsilon_0$

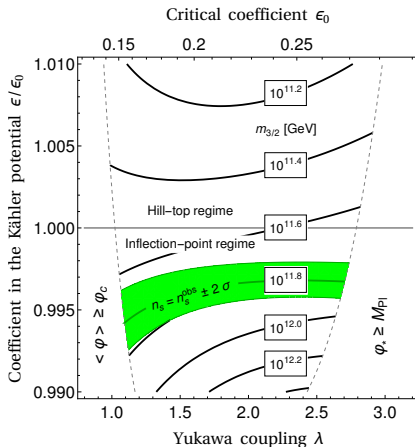
- ▶ $\varepsilon > \varepsilon_0$: Hill-top regime $\Rightarrow$ Fine-tuned initial conditions or inflaton stuck in false vacuum.
- ▶ $\varepsilon < \varepsilon_0$: Inflection-point regime

Expectation: $\varepsilon \sim \varepsilon_0$ maximizes # of e-folds. $\varepsilon < \varepsilon_0$ consistent with $\varphi_{\text{ini}} \sim M_{\text{Pl}}$. $\Rightarrow \varepsilon \lesssim \varepsilon_0$

Predictions of Polonyi inflation



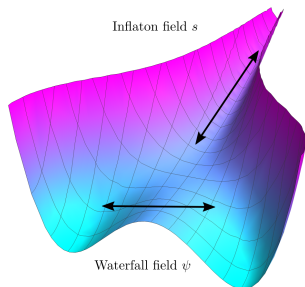
Dynamical scale $\Lambda \sim 10^{16} \text{ GeV}$



Gravitino mass $m_{3/2} \sim 10^{12} \text{ GeV}$

- **Similarity / equivalence of scales:** $\Lambda \sim \Lambda_{\text{GUT}}$ and $H \simeq m_{3/2}$. $\Rightarrow r \sim 10^{-5} \dots 10^{-4}$.

Connection to spontaneous $B-L$ breaking



$$W_{\text{inf}} = \kappa S \Psi \bar{\Psi}, \quad V_D = \frac{g^2}{2} \left[q_0 \xi - q \left(|\psi|^2 - |\bar{\psi}|^2 \right) \right]^2$$

Standard D-term inflation in a nutshell

[Binetruy & Dvali '96] [Halvø '96]

- ▶ In global SUSY, inflaton direction flat at tree level.
- ▶ Lifted by radiative log corrections (plus SUGRA).
- ▶ Waterfall transition at the end of inflation

$$\langle \psi \rangle = (q_0/q\xi)^{1/2} \text{ or } \langle \bar{\psi} \rangle = (-q_0/q\xi)^{1/2}$$

Identify waterfall transition with $B-L$ phase transition: $U(1)_A \rightarrow U(1)_{B-L}$

[Buchmüller, K. S., Vertongen '10; Buchmüller, Domcke, K. S. '12; Buchmüller, Domcke, Kamada, K. S. '13]

- ▶ Set $q = -2$ and choose $q_0 \xi < 0$, so that ψ can couple to right-handed neutrinos

$$W \supset \frac{1}{2} c_{ij} \psi N_i N_j \quad \rightarrow \quad W \supset \frac{1}{2} M_{ij} N_i N_j, \quad M_{ij} = c_{ij} \langle \psi \rangle$$

- ▶ Breaks $B-L$ in the visible sector $\Rightarrow$ type-I seesaw mechanism and leptogenesis.

[Minkowski '77] [Yanagida '79] [Gell-Mann, Ramond, Slansky '79] [Mohapatra & Senjanovic '80] [Fukugita & Yanagida '86]

Exciting possibility to unify the dynamics of SUSY breaking, inflation, and $B-L$ breaking!

Problems of standard D-term inflation

Standard D-term inflation is, however, plagued by several problems:

- 1 **Coupling FI terms to SUGRA** is a subtle story. Field-independent FI terms require exact global symmetries; field-dependent FI terms result in flat moduli directions.

[Binetruy *et al.* '04] [Komargodski & Seiberg '09; '10] [Dienes & Thomas '10] [Wieck & Winkler '14]

- 2 Other charged scalars (that do not couple to the inflaton) may **eat up the FI term**,

[Domcke, K. S. Yanagida '15] [Babu, K. S. Yanagida '16]

$$V_D = \frac{g^2}{2} \left[q_0 \xi - q_i \left(|\tilde{q}_i|^2 - |\tilde{\tilde{q}}_i|^2 \right) \right]^2 \Rightarrow \langle \tilde{q}_i \rangle = (q_0/q_i \xi)^{1/2}$$

- 3 In ordinary gravity mediation, S acquires a **SUGRA mass** that easily spoils slow-roll,

[Dumitrescu, Komargodski, Sudano '10] [Kawamura '11]

$$m_S = m_{3/2} \sim \frac{F}{M_{\text{Pl}}} \gg \frac{D}{M_{\text{Pl}}} \sim H_{\text{inf}}$$

- 4 In global SUSY, n_s deviates from the PLANCK best-fit value by about 2σ ,

[Binetruy & Dvali '96] [Halyo '96] [PLANCK '15]

$$n_s \simeq 1 - \frac{1}{N_e^*} \simeq 0.98 \quad \leftrightarrow \quad n_s^{\text{obs}} \simeq 0.9677 \pm 0.0060$$

- 5 The waterfall transition is accompanied by the production of **cosmic strings**. CMB constraints on the cosmic string tension rule out large parts of the parameter space.

[Battye, Garbrecht, Moss '10] [PLANCK '15]

Jordan-frame supergravity

SUGRA corrections can be tamed in Jordan-frame supergravity

[Ferrara, Kallosh, Linde, Marrani, van Proeyen '10; '11] [Ferrara, Kallosh, Linde, Porrati '13]

- ▶ Matter fields couple nonminimally to gravity via the *frame function* Ω_{tot} ,

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[-\frac{1}{6} \Omega_{\text{tot}}^2 R + \dots \right], \quad \Omega_{\text{tot}} = -3 M_{\text{Pl}}^2 \exp \left[-\frac{K_{\text{tot}}}{3 M_{\text{Pl}}^2} \right] = -3 M_{\text{Pl}}^2 + F_{\text{tot}}$$

Assume partial sequestering in the *kinetic function* F_{tot}

[Inoue, Kawasaki, Yamaguchi, Yanagida '92] [Randall & Sundrum '99] [Luty & Sundrum '02; '03] [Ibe, Izawa, Nakayama, Shinbara, Yanagida '06]

$$F_{\text{tot}} = F_{\text{hid}} + F_{\text{vis}} + F_{\text{inf}} + \frac{1}{M_*^2} F_{\text{hid}} F_{\text{vis}}, \quad F_{\text{inf}} = |\Psi|^2 + |\bar{\Psi}|^2 + F(S)$$

- ▶ Canonical terms for the waterfall fields $\Rightarrow$ No dangerous SUGRA-induced masses.
- ▶ MSSM sfermions couple directly to the IYIT sector $\Rightarrow$ Stabilized during/after inflation.

Approximate shift symmetry along the inflaton direction

[Kawasaki, Yamaguchi, Yanagida '00]

$$F(S) = \frac{1}{2} \chi (S + S^\dagger)^2 - \frac{1}{2} (1 - \chi) (S - S^\dagger)^2, \quad \chi \ll 1$$

- ▶ Canonical term yields Hubble-induced mass, $m_S^2 \sim H_{\text{inf}}^2$. In our case: $m_S^2 \sim \chi m_{3/2}^2$.

A consistent realization of D-term inflation

Ingredients for a successful model of D-term inflation

- 1 FI term generated by dynamics of a strongly coupled supersymmetric gauge theory.
- 2 Jordan-frame supergravity with canonical kinetic terms for all matter fields.
- 3 Approximate shift symmetry in the kinetic function along the inflaton direction.

This remedies all shortcomings of standard D-term inflation

- 1 Field-dependent FI term, $\xi = \langle M_- \rangle^2 - \langle M_+ \rangle^2$. Modulus $\cong B-L$ Goldstone multiplet.
- 2 MSSM sfermions stabilized thanks to direct coupling to the SUSY-breaking sector.
- 3 Sequestering $\Rightarrow$ slow-roll OK; waterfall fields become unstable at the end of inflation.
- 4 $n_s \simeq n_s^{\text{obs}}$, sensitive to amount of shift symmetry breaking, $V \supset -\chi m_{3/2}^2 \varphi^2$.
- 5 $B-L$ broken before the end of inflation in the IYIT sector $\Rightarrow$ no cosmic strings!

Note: This solution of the cosmic string problem only works in the D-term scenario,

$$W = \kappa S(v^2 - \psi\bar{\psi}), \quad V_D = \frac{g^2}{2} (q_0 \xi + \dots)^2, \quad [v] = 0, \quad [\xi] \neq 0$$