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Polynomial Inflation

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Monomial inflationary models have been ruled out by latest B-mode experiments. In this talk, I will show that a simple and well motivated polynomial of degree four can nevertheless fit comfortably well current CMB data. The model predicts a running of the spectral index $\alpha \sim -10^{-3}$, which is testable by next generation CMB experiments. A full model parameter space was obtained by considering BBN constraint on reheating temperature and radiative stability. The inflationary scale can be as low as Hinf ~ 1 MeV, or as high as $\sim 10^{4}$ 10 GeV. Similarly, the reheating temperature can lie between its lower bound of ~ 4 MeV and about 4 $\times 10^{8}$ (10 11) GeV for fermionic (bosonic) inflation decays. The model is renormalizable and very simple, which can be easily extended for post-inflationary production of dark matter and leptogenesis.

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