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# Testing the string theory landscape in cosmology



# 1. Cosmology Today

#### Big Bang theory has been firmly established



Strong evidence for Inflation



- highly Gaussian fluctuations
- almost scale-invariant spectrum

only to be confirmed (by tensor modes?)

• "standard" cosmological model  $= \Lambda CDM$  with scale inv spectrum

cosmological parameters (~ 5% accuracy)

 $\Omega_b h^2$ 

 $\Omega_c h^2$ 

 $\Omega_{\Lambda}$ 

 $n_s$ 

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baryon density **CDM** density vacuum density curvature pert amplitude

 $\Delta^2_{\mathcal{R}}$ spectral index reionzation optical depth tensor/scalar ratio

 $0.02313^{+0.00073}_{-0.00072}$  $0.1068^{+0.0062}_{-0.0063}$  $0.757 \pm 0.031$  $(2.28 \pm 0.15) \times 10^{-9}$  $0.982^{+0.020}_{-0.019}$  $0.091 \pm 0.015$ < 0.36 (95% CL)

Larson et al '10

1% accuracy expected by PLANCK

#### What's next?

# 2. String theory landscape

Lerche, Lust & Schellekens ('87), Bousso & Pochinski ('00), Susskind, Douglas, KKLT ('03), ...

- > There are ~  $10^{500}$  vacua in string theory
  - vacuum energy  $\rho_{\text{v}}$  may be positive or negative
  - typical energy scale ~  $M_P^4$
  - some of them have  $\rho_v <<\!\! M_P{}^4$



Is there any way to know what kind of landscape we live in?

Or at least to know what kind of neighborhood we live in?

# distribution function in flux space



may explain the origin of gauge symmetry in our Universe

- > A universe jumps around in the landscape by quantum tunneling
  - it can go up to a vacuum with larger  $\rho_v$ ( dS space ~ thermal state with  $T = H/2\pi$  )
  - if it tunnels to a vacuum with negative  $\rho_v$ , it collapses within t ~  $M_P/|\rho_v|^{1/2}$ .
  - so we may focus on vacua with positive  $\rho_v$ : dS vacua



#### Anthropic landscape

Not all of dS vacua are habitable.

"anthropic" landscape Susskind ( '03)

• A universe jumps around in the landscape and settles down to a final vacuum with  $\rho_{v,f} \sim M_P^2 H_0^2 \sim (10^{-3} \text{eV})^4$ .

 $\rho_{v,f}$  must not be larger than this value in order to account for the formation of stars and galaxies.

 Just before it has arrived the final vacuum (=present universe), it must have gone through an era of (slow-roll) inflation and reheating, to create "matter and radiation."

 $\rho_{vac} \rightarrow \rho_{matter} \sim T^4$ : birth of Hot Bigbang Universe

> Most plausible state of the universe before inflation is a dS vacuum with  $\rho_v \sim M_P^4$ . dS = O(4,1) → O(5) ~ S<sup>4</sup>

false vacuum decay via O(4) symmetric (CDL) instanton Coleman & De Luccia ( '80)

 $O(4) \rightarrow O(3,1)$ 

inside bubble is an open universe



> Natural outcome would be a universe with  $\Omega_0 <<1$ .



> Anthropic principle suggests that # of e-folds of inflation inside the bubble (N=H $\Delta$ t) should be ~ 50 – 60 : just enough to make the universe habitable.

Garriga, Tanaka & Vilenkin ('98), Freivogel et al. ('04)

> Observational data excluded open universe with  $\Omega_0 < 1$ .

> Nevertheless, the universe may be slightly open:

 $1 - \Omega_0 = 10^{-2} \sim 10^{-3}$ may be tested by PLANCK+BAO

Colombo et al. ( '09)

# What if $1-\Omega_0$ is actually confirmed to be non-zero:~ $10^{-2} - 10^{-3}$ ?

revisit open inflation!

### see if we can say anything about Landscape

### 3. Open inflation in the landscape

- constraints from scalar-type perturbations –
- Simplest polynomial potential

• 
$$\phi^4$$
 potential:  $V = \frac{m^2}{2}\phi^2 - \frac{v}{3}\phi^3 + \frac{\lambda}{4}\phi^4$ 

• tunneling to a potential maximum ~ stochastic inflation Hawking & Moss ('82) Starobinsky ('84)



Two- (multi-)field model: "quasi-open inflation" Linde, Linde & Mezhlumian ( '95)

- "heavy" field  $\sigma$  = false vacuum decay
- "light" field  $\phi$  = inflaton

$$V(\phi,\sigma) = V_{\sigma}(\sigma) + \frac{m_{\phi}^2}{2}\phi^2$$

~ perhaps naturally/easily realized in the landscape





• If N ~< 60, too large supercurvature perturbation of  $\phi$ 

$$p^{2} = p_{sc}^{2} \approx -|K|; \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \Delta_{K} + p^{2} + |K| \end{bmatrix} Y_{plm}(r,\Omega) = 0$$

 $\delta \phi_{sc} \sim \frac{H_F}{2\pi}? \quad \frac{H_R}{2\pi} \qquad H_F$ : Hubble at false vacuum  $H_R$ : Hubble after fv decay

MS & Tanaka ( '96)



#### 4. Tensor perturbation in open inflation

Yamauchi, Linde, MS, Naruko & Tanaka ('11)

• if  $\rho_{fv} \sim M_p^4$ , the universe will most likely tunnel to a point where the energy scale is still very high.

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Linde, MS & Tanaka ('99)
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 $\Rightarrow$  rapid-roll stage will follow right after tunneling.

• perhaps no strong effect on scalar-type pert's:



# but tensor perturbations may not be suppressed at all.

$$h^{TT} \sim \frac{H}{M_P} \quad ?$$

Memory of  $H_F$  (Hubble rate in the false vacuum) may remain in the perturbation on the curvature scale

could lead to strong constraints/implications



 $Log_{10}[a(t) H_*]$ 

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• two effects from tunneling: bubble wall + rapid roll



- ▶ bubble-nucleation at r<sub>c</sub>=0
- C-region: ~ outside the bubble  $ds^2 = a_c^2(\eta_c) (d\eta_c^2 - dr_c^2 + \cosh^2 r_c d\Omega^2)$   $\widehat{1}$ time
- R-region: inside the bubble

Euclidean vacuum  $\Rightarrow$  C-region  $\Rightarrow$  R-region

#### > Effect of tunneling/bubble wall on $P_T(p)$

high freq continuum + low freq resonance p > 1  $p \sim 0$ 

wall fluctuation mode



#### > rapid-roll phase ( $\mathcal{E}_*$ -)dependence of $P_T(p)$



CMB anisotropy due to wall fluctuation (W-)mode
 MS, Tanaka & Yakushige ('97)



• CMB anisotropy from rapid roll phase



small  $\ell$  modes enhanced for  $\mathcal{E}_* \thicksim 1$ 

## 5. Summary

> Open inflation has attracted renewed interest in the context of string theory landscape

anthropic principle + landscape  $\implies 1-\Omega_0 \sim 10^{-2} - 10^{-3}$ 

Landscape is already constrained by observations
If inflation after tunneling is short (N ~ 60):

- simple polynomial potentials  $a\phi^2 b\phi^3 + c\phi^4$  lead to HM-transition, and are ruled out
- simple 2-field models, naturally realized in string theory, are ruled out

due to large scalar-type perturbations on curvature scale

> Tensor perturbations may also constrain the landscape "single-field model"

• not easy to implement models with short slow-roll inflation right after tunneling in the string landscape.

if  $\varepsilon <<1$ , energy scale must have been already very low.

• there will be a rapid-roll phase after tunneling.

 $\varepsilon = \frac{M_P^2}{2} \left(\frac{V'}{V}\right)^2 \gtrsim 1$  right after tunneling

 unless ε>>1, the memory of pre-tunneling stage persists in the IR part of the tensor spectrum

large CMB anisotropy at small  $\ell \propto (1 - \Omega_0)^1$ 

due to either wall fluctuation mode or evolution during rapid-roll phase

We are already testing the landscape!

# 6. Other signatures?

• CMB cold/hot spots = bubble collision?

Aguirre & Johnson '09, Kleban, Levi & Sigurdson '11,...



Non-Gaussianity from bubbles / NG hot spots?
 Blanco-Pillado & Salem '10, Sugimura et al. in progress

Populating landscape / resonant tunneling?
 Tye & Wohns '09, Brown & Dahlen '11

• Measure problem / etc. etc. ...

Garriga & Vilenkin '08, Freivogel '11, Vilenkin '11, ....

#### finally, extrapolating history...

bigbang theory ~ 1940 strong evidence 1965 (+25), confirmation 1990 (+50)

inflation theory ~ 1980 strong evidence 2000 (+20), confirmation 2020? (+40?)

string landscape ~ 2000 strong evidence 2015? (+15?), confirmation 2030? (+30?)