

Cosmological Implications of the LARGE Volume String Scenario

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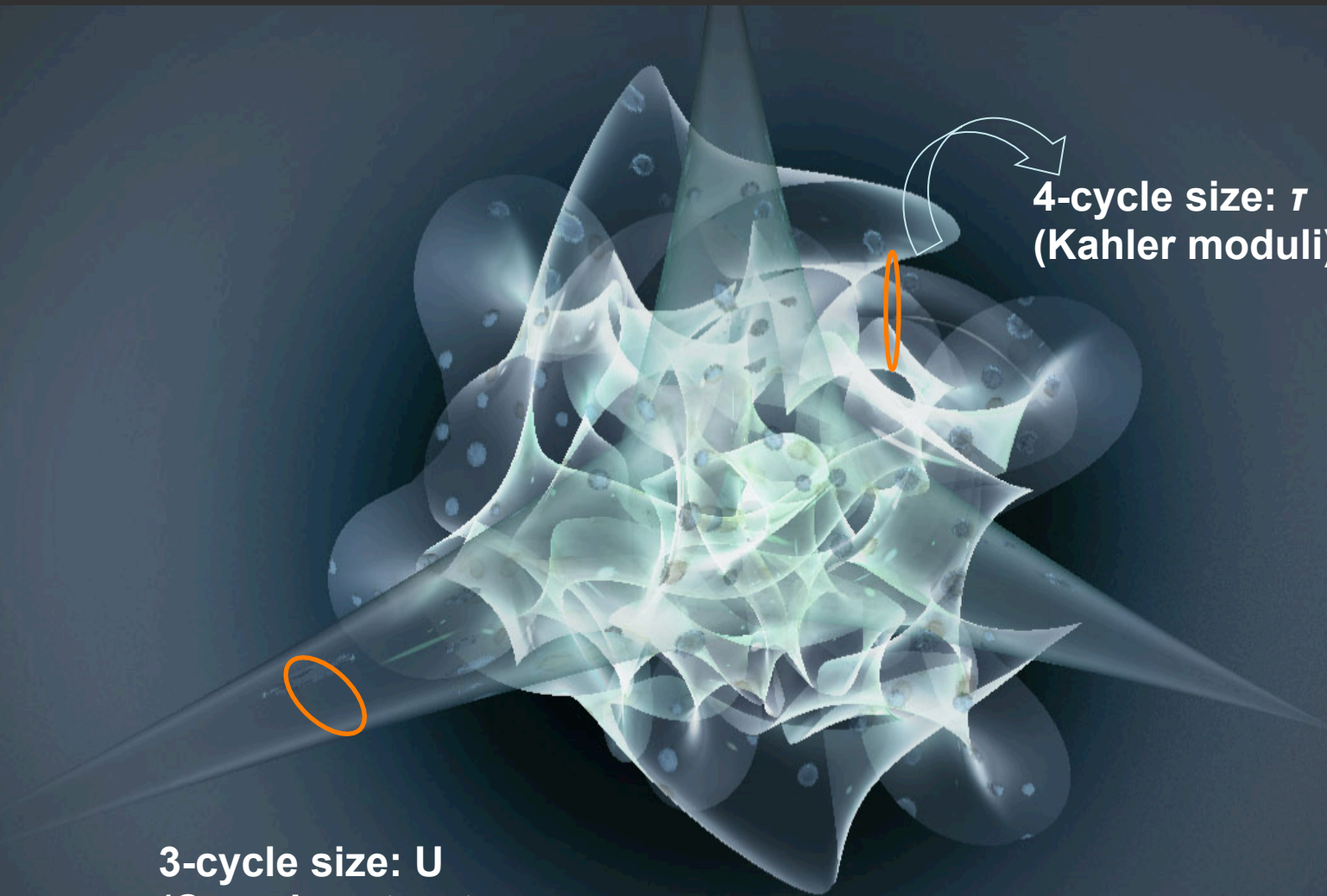
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String Scenarios: Some cosmology challenges

- Big-bang singularity \times
- Cosmological inflation or alternatives
- After inflation
- Current acceleration
- Consistency with low energy phenomenology

MODULI STABILISATION



3-cycle size: U
(Complex structure
moduli) + Dilaton S

4-cycle size: τ
(Kähler moduli)

String Scenarios

- **IIB (+F-theory)**

KKLT
LVS



**Moduli
Stabilisation**

- **IIA**

- **Heterotic**

- **G2 manifolds**

GKP Overview

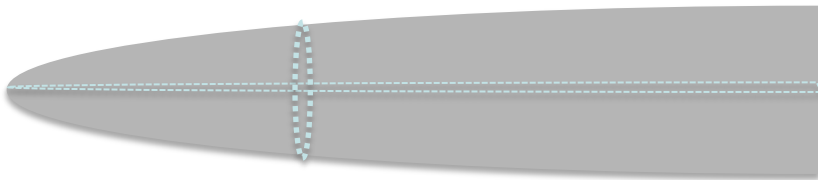
1. Fluxes: GVW $W_0 = \int G \wedge \Omega$

$$G_3 = F_3 - iSH_3, \quad \int F_3 = 2\pi M, \quad \int H_3 = -2\pi K$$

Fix CS moduli: z and dilaton: S

2. Warped throats

$$z^{1/3} = e^A = e^{-\frac{2\pi K}{3g_s M}} \equiv e^{-\alpha}$$



KKLT Overview

- Nonperturbative effects: $W_{np} = \sum A_i e^{-a_i T_i}$

SUSY AdS Vacua: DW=0

- Anti D3 brane (SUSY breaking+uplift)

$$V_{\text{uplift}} = \frac{D^2}{(T + T^*)^\alpha} = \frac{D^2}{\mathcal{V}^{2\alpha/3}} \quad \begin{cases} \alpha = 3 & \text{KKLT} \\ \alpha = 2 & \text{KKLMMT} \end{cases}$$



LARGE Volume Scenario

Perturbative corrections to K:

$$K = -2 \ln \left(\mathcal{V} + \frac{\hat{\xi}}{2} \right)$$

$$V_F \propto \left(\frac{K^{S\bar{S}} |D_S W|^2 + K^{a\bar{b}} D_a W \bar{D}_{\bar{b}} \bar{W}}{\mathcal{V}^2} \right) + \left(\frac{Ae^{-2a\tau}}{\mathcal{V}} - \frac{Be^{-a\tau} W_0}{\mathcal{V}^2} + \frac{C|W_0|^2}{\mathcal{V}^3} \right)$$

$$\mathcal{V} \sim e^{a\tau}$$

with $\tau \sim \text{Re } S \sim 1/g_s > 1$.

Exponentially large volume for weak coupling
(SUSY broken by Fluxes, AdS)

Other de Sitter 'Uplift'

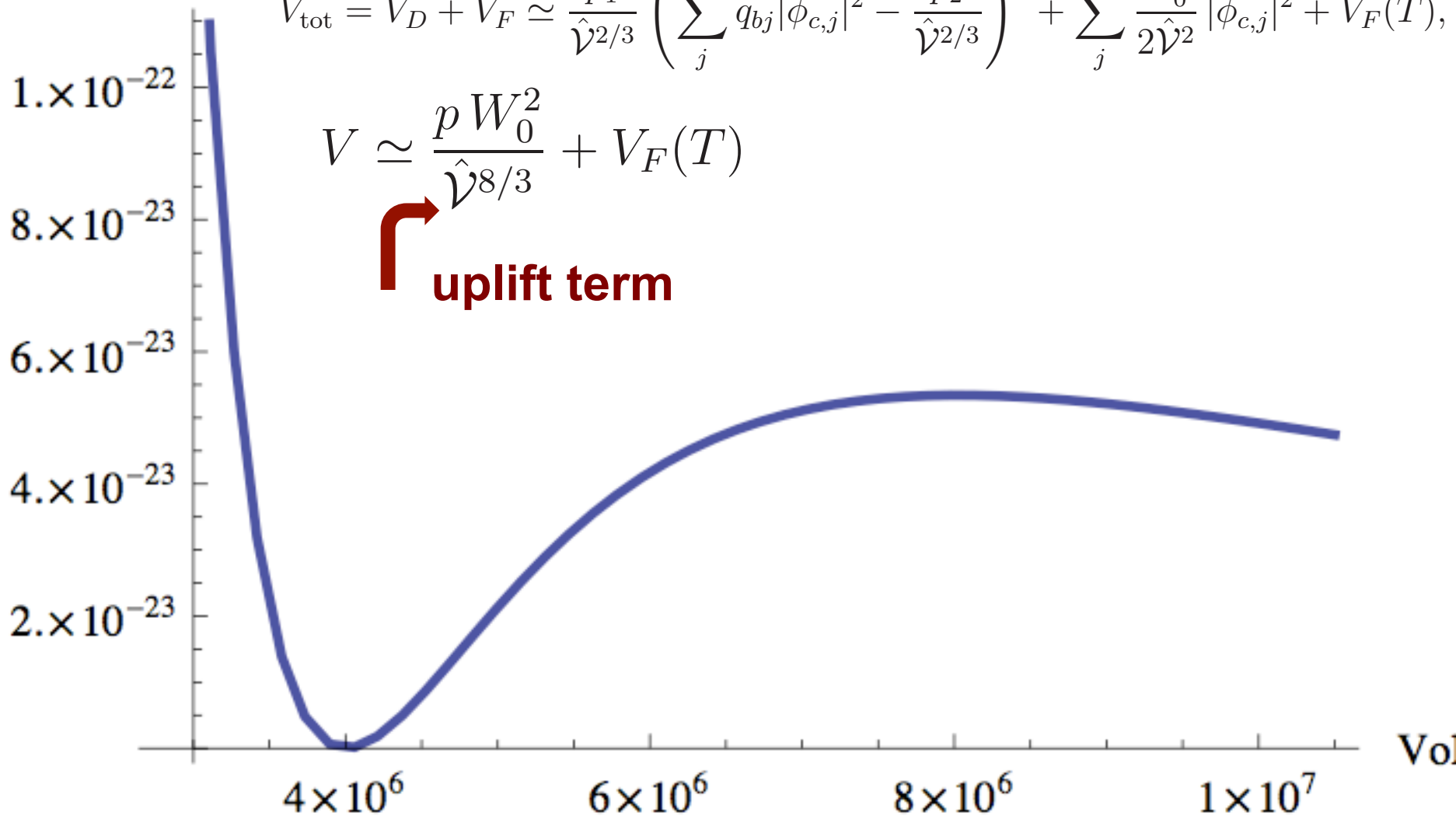
- From F/D terms, hidden matter Burgess et al, Dudas et al, Villadoro-Zwirner, Cicoli et al, T-branes (Cicoli, FQ, Valandro [arXiv:1512.04558](https://arxiv.org/abs/1512.04558))
- From non-perturbative effects on hidden brane at singularities
- ...

dS Moduli Stabilisation

$$V_{\text{tot}} = V_D + V_F \simeq \frac{p_1}{\hat{V}^{2/3}} \left(\sum_j q_{bj} |\phi_{c,j}|^2 - \frac{p_2}{\hat{V}^{2/3}} \right)^2 + \sum_j \frac{W_0^2}{2\hat{V}^2} |\phi_{c,j}|^2 + V_F(T),$$

$$V \simeq \frac{p W_0^2}{\hat{V}^{8/3}} + V_F(T)$$

uplift term



Relevant Scales

String Scale

$$M_s = \frac{g_s^{1/4} M_P}{\sqrt{4\pi\mathcal{V}}},$$

Kaluza Klein Scale

$$M_{KK} \simeq \frac{M_P}{\sqrt{4\pi\mathcal{V}^{2/3}}},$$

Gravitino mass

$$m_{3/2} \simeq \left(\frac{g_s^2}{2\sqrt{2\pi}} \right) \frac{W_0 M_P}{\mathcal{V}}.$$

Volume modulus mass

$$m_{\mathcal{V}} \simeq m_{3/2} / \sqrt{\mathcal{V}}.$$



Vacuum decay rates

$$\Gamma \sim e^{-\mathcal{V}^3}.$$

Constraints on the volume

- Validity of EFT ($m_{3/2} \ll M_{\text{kk}}$) : $V \gg 10^3$
- CMP ($m_{\text{volume}} > 30 \text{ TeV}$): $V < 10^9$

Ranges of relevant scales (GeV)

$$10^{17} > M_s > 10^{14}$$

$$10^{15} > m_{3/2} > 10^{10}$$

$$10^{12} > M_{1/2} > 10^2$$

$$10^7 > T_{\text{RH}} > 1$$

LVS vs KKLT

- $W_0 \sim 0.1-100$
 - AdS non SUSY
 - Minimum: perturbative in big cycle vs non-perturb. in small cycle
 - Uplift: anti D3 branes, D-terms...
 - Small parameter = $1/V$
 - SUSY broken by fluxes
 - Many moduli: need $h_{21} > h_{11} > 1$ + one blow up, the rest by loop effects/D-terms
- $W_0 \ll 1$
 - AdS SUSY
 - Minimum: tree-level vs non-perturbative
 - Uplift: anti D3 branes...(no D-terms)
 - Small parameter W_0
 - SUSY broken by uplifting mechanism
 - Many moduli: non-perturbative effects for each of them or ...

Revisiting Anti D3 Brane Uplift

Nilpotent Superfields EFT

Rocek, Komargodski-Seiberg, Dudas et al, Kallosh et al, D'allagata et al...

$$X = X_0(y) + \sqrt{2}\psi(y)\theta + F(y)\theta\bar{\theta}$$

$$X^2 = 0$$

$$X_0 = \frac{\psi\psi}{2F}$$

$$K = K_0 X X^*$$

$$W = \rho X + W_0$$

$$V = K_0^{-1} \left\| \frac{\partial W}{\partial X} \right\|^2 = \frac{|\rho|^2}{K_0} \geq 0$$

$$\mathcal{L} = -\rho^2 + i\partial_a \bar{\psi} \bar{\sigma}^a \psi + \frac{1}{4\rho^2} \bar{\psi}^2 \partial^2 \psi^2 - \frac{1}{16\rho^6} \psi^2 \bar{\psi}^2 \partial^2 \psi^2 \partial^2 \bar{\psi}^2$$

~ Volkov-Akulov !

Nilpotent Superfields and KKLT

Goldstino: Nilpotent
chiral superfield

$$X^2(x, \theta) = 0.$$

KKLT $K = -3 \log(T + T^*) + c(T + T^*)^n XX^* + ZCC^* + \dots$

$$Z = (T + T^*)^m + b(T + T^*)^k XX^*$$

$$W = W_0 + W_{\text{matter}} + W_{np} + \boxed{\rho X}$$

Plug into SUGRA expression for V , $V = V_{\text{KKLT}} + V_{\text{uplift}}$:

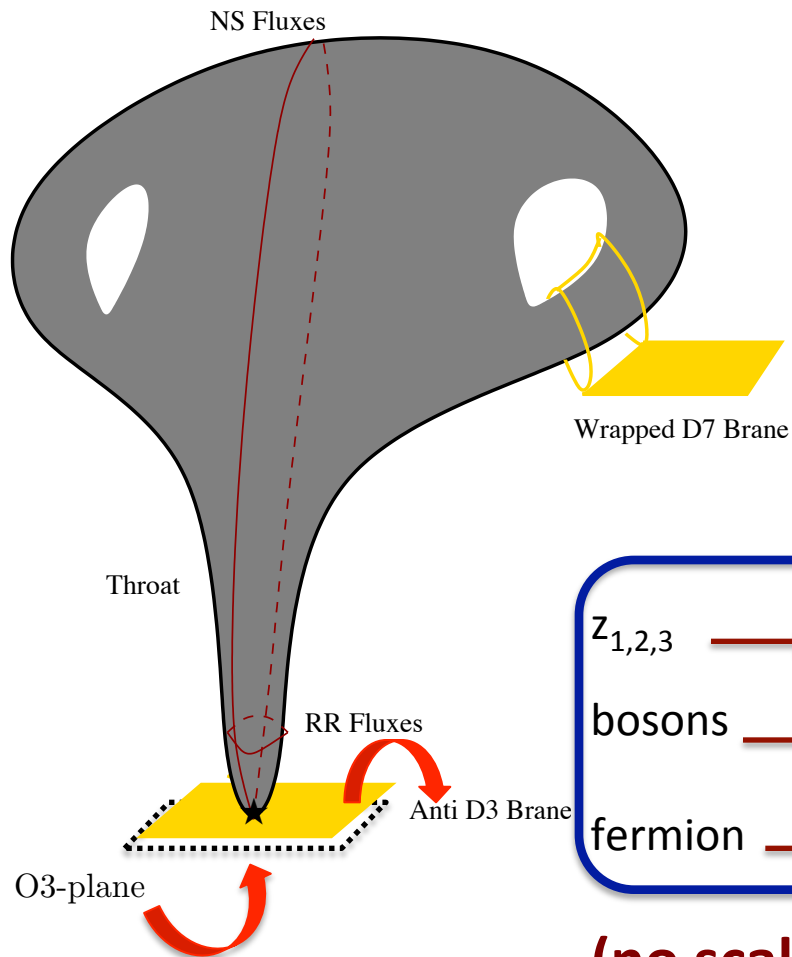
$$V_{\text{uplift}} = \frac{|\rho|^2}{c(T + T^*)^{n+3}} \quad (\text{like KKLT, KKLMNT})$$

Kalosh et al. 2013-15
see also Polchinski
@ SUSY 2015

Antibrane uplift from manifestly SUSY EFT!

Anti D3 Brane/O3- Spectrum

Kallosch, Uranga, FQ
[arXiv:1507.07556](https://arxiv.org/abs/1507.07556)



| | | |
|-------------|-------------------|--------------|
| $z_{1,2,3}$ | \longrightarrow | $-z_{1,2,3}$ |
| bosons | \longrightarrow | -bosons |
| fermion | \longrightarrow | fermion |

**Massless spectrum:
Fermion=Goldstino**

(no scalars, no gauge fields)

Metastability of dS LVS minima

- Brown-Teitelboim (+CdL) D5/NS5 brane nucleation
- AdS: Brane tension > upper bound, so stable in EFT
- dS: Decay rate $\sim \exp(-V^3)$

$$P_{\text{dS}}/P_{\text{AdS}} \sim e^{-V} \quad (\text{The larger the volume, more stable!})$$

$$P_{\text{dS}}/P_{\text{dec}} \sim e^{V^2}$$

(Also: no evidence for bubble of nothing decay)

Inflation

(moduli as inflatons)

e.g. 1: Swiss Cheese Calabi-Yau's



$$\mathcal{V} \sim \tau_l^{\frac{3}{2}} - \sum_{s=1}^{h^{1,1}-1} \tau_s^{\frac{3}{2}}.$$

e.g.

$$\mathbb{P}_{[1,3,3,3,5]}^{[15]}$$

$$\mathbb{P}_{1,2,2,10,15}^4(30)$$

$$\mathbb{P}_{1,1,2,2,6}^4(12)/\mathbb{Z}_2$$

$$\mathbf{M}_n^{(\text{dP}_8)^n}$$

Kähler Moduli Inflation (Blow-up)

$$V = \sum_i \frac{8(a_i A_i)^2 \sqrt{\tau_i}}{3\mathcal{V}\lambda_i \alpha} e^{-2a_i \tau_i} - \sum_i 4 \frac{a_i A_i}{\mathcal{V}^2} W_0 \tau_i e^{-a_i \tau_i} + \frac{3\xi W_0^2}{4\mathcal{V}^3}.$$

Conlon-FQ

Bond et al.

...

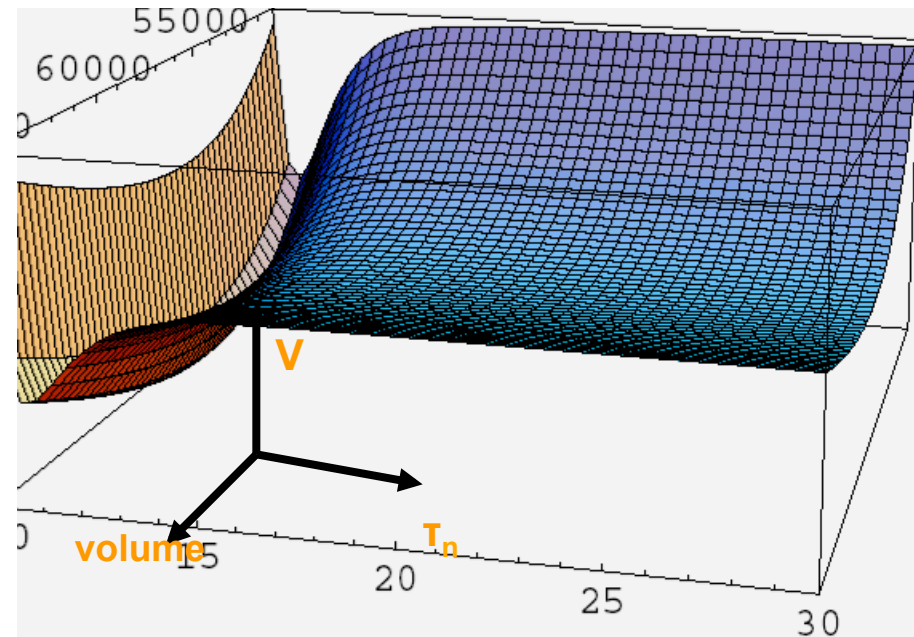
$$V \cong V_0 - \frac{4W_0 a_n A_n}{\mathcal{V}^2} \left(\frac{3\mathcal{V}}{4\lambda}\right)^{2/3} (\tau_n^c)^{4/3} \exp \left[-a_n \left(\frac{3\mathcal{V}}{4\lambda}\right)^{2/3} (\tau_n^c)^{4/3} \right].$$

Calabi-Yau: $h_{2,1} > h_{1,1} > 2$

Small field inflation ($r \ll \ll 1$)

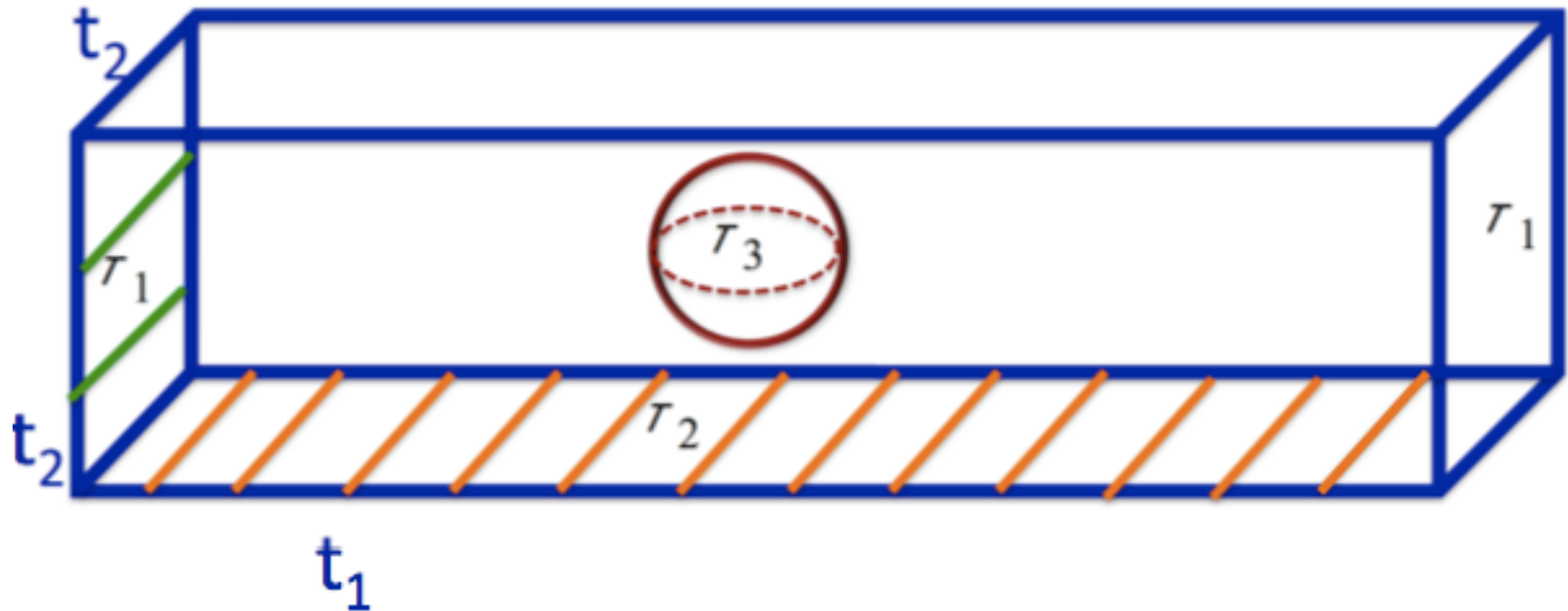
$0.960 < n < 0.967$

Loop corrections??



e.g. 2: Fibre Calabi-Yau

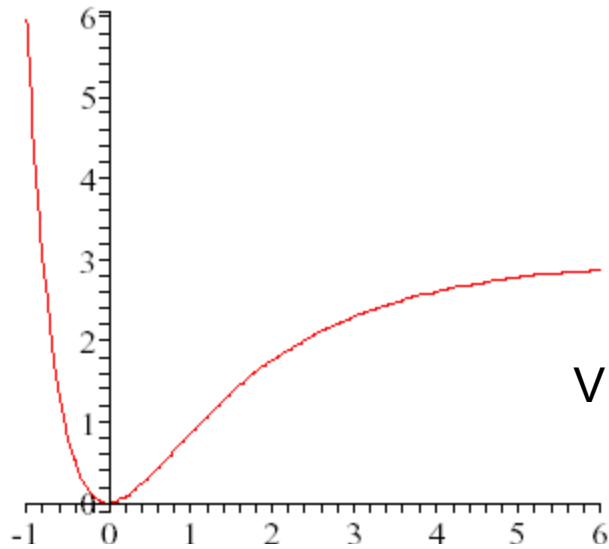
e.g.
$$\mathcal{V} = \lambda_1 t_1 t_2^2 + \lambda_2 t_3^3,$$
$$\tau_i = \partial \mathcal{V} / \partial t_i,$$



Fibre Inflaton

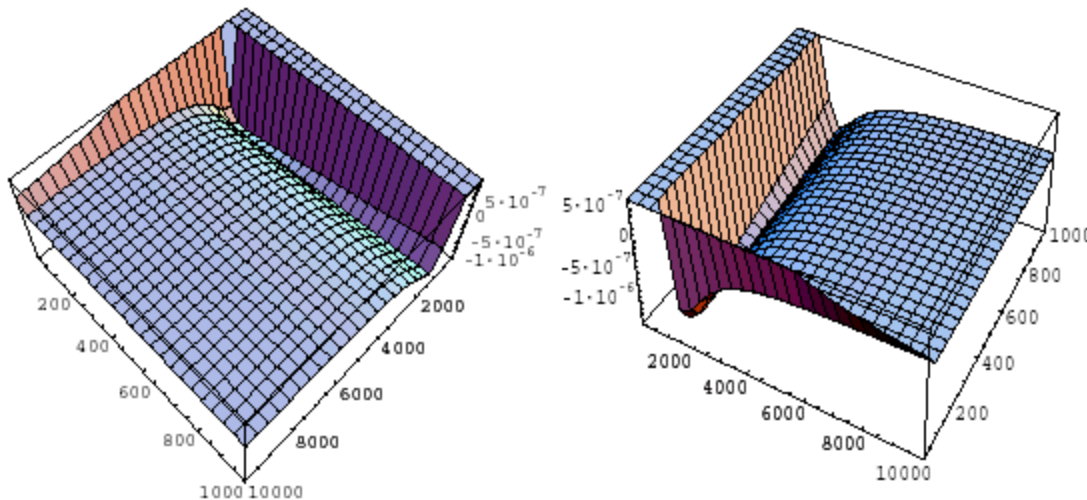
Burgess, Cicoli, FQ

$$\mathcal{V} = \alpha \left[\sqrt{\tau_1} (\tau_2 - \beta \tau_1) - \gamma \tau_3^{3/2} \right],$$



$$V = \frac{m_\phi^2}{4} \left(3 - 4e^{-\kappa\hat{\phi}/2} + e^{-2\kappa\hat{\phi}} \right)$$

$$\kappa = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}.$$



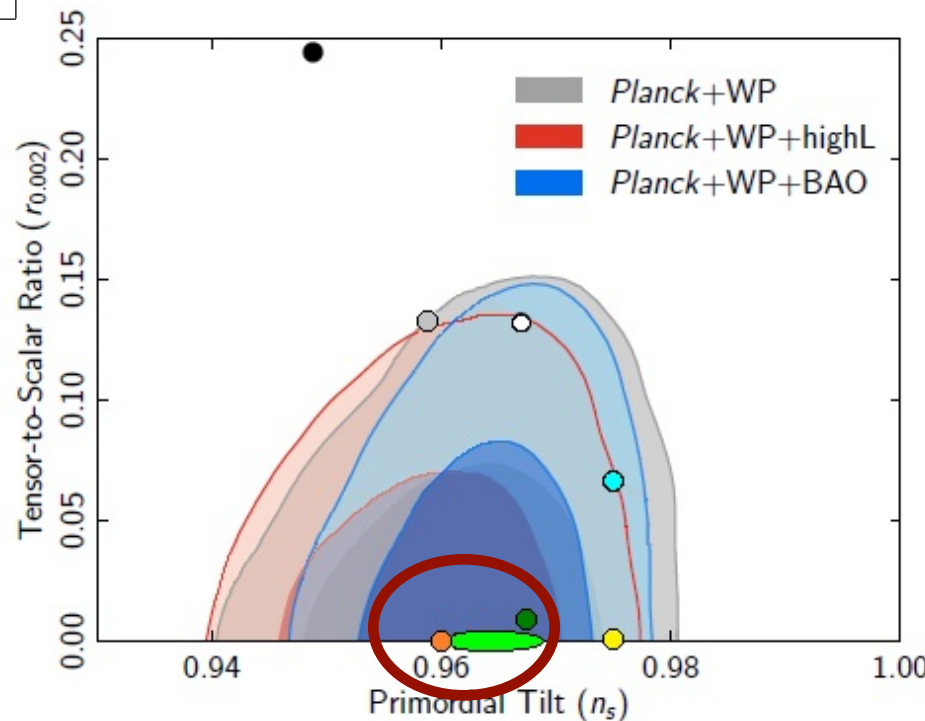
$$\epsilon \simeq \frac{8}{3 \left[3 e^{\kappa\hat{\phi}/2} - 4 \right]^2},$$

$$\eta \simeq -\frac{4}{3 \left[3 e^{\kappa\hat{\phi}/2} - 4 \right]},$$

$$\epsilon \simeq \frac{3\eta^2}{2}.$$

| String Scenario | n_s | r |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| D3/ $\overline{D3}$ Inflation | $0.966 \leq n_s \leq 0.972$ | $r \leq 10^{-5}$ |
| Inflection Point Inflation | $0.92 \leq n_s \leq 0.93$ | $r \leq 10^{-6}$ |
| DBI Inflation | $0.93 \leq n_s \leq 0.93$ | $r \leq 10^{-7}$ |
| Wilson Line Inflation | $0.96 \leq n_s \leq 0.97$ | $r \leq 10^{-10}$ |
| D3/D7 Inflation | $0.95 \leq n_s \leq 0.97$ | $10^{-12} \leq r \leq 10^{-5}$ |
| Racetrack Inflation | $0.95 \leq n_s \leq 0.96$ | $r \leq 10^{-8}$ |
| N – fflation | $0.93 \leq n_s \leq 0.95$ | $r \leq 10^{-3}$ |
| Axion Monodromy | $0.97 < n_s < 0.98$ | $0.04 < r < 0.07$ |
| Kahler Moduli Inflation | $0.96 \leq n_s \leq 0.967$ | $r \leq 10^{-10}$ |
| Fibre Inflation | $0.965 \leq n_s \leq 0.97$ | $0.0057 \leq r \leq 0.007$ |
| Poly – instanton Inflation | $0.95 \leq n_s \leq 0.97$ | $r \leq 10^{-5}$ |

Overall, string inflation models in good shape after Planck 2013-2015



Fibre vs Starobinsky Inflation

- Starobinsky $\alpha=1$, Fibre $\alpha=2$.
- Starobinsky from strings?

$$f(R) = R + \frac{a_2}{M^2}R^2 + \frac{a_3}{M^4}R^3 + \frac{a_4}{M^6}R^4 + \dots$$

$$V(\phi) = \frac{M^2}{2\kappa^2} e^{-2\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}\phi} (U_0 + U_1 e^{\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}\phi} + U_2 e^{2\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}\phi} + U_3 e^{3\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}\phi} + \dots)$$

- Fibre very generic: Most known CY are fibrations (Anderson, Gray, et al 2015)

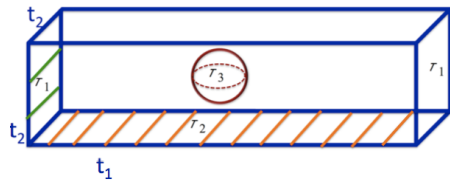
Summary of Fibre Inflation

- String model of inflation with moduli stabilisation incorporated.
- Similar physics but much better rooted than Starobinsky duals (UV completion, tuning, etc.)
- Multi field generalisations (but only small non-gaussianities, Burgess et al 2010, 2012)
- Low l effects, α' inflation, global realisation (Cicoli et al. 2016)

Kahler+Fibre Inflation

Stringy realisation of α -attractors

- $\alpha=2$ (fibre inflation) Burgess, Cicoli, FQ (2007)

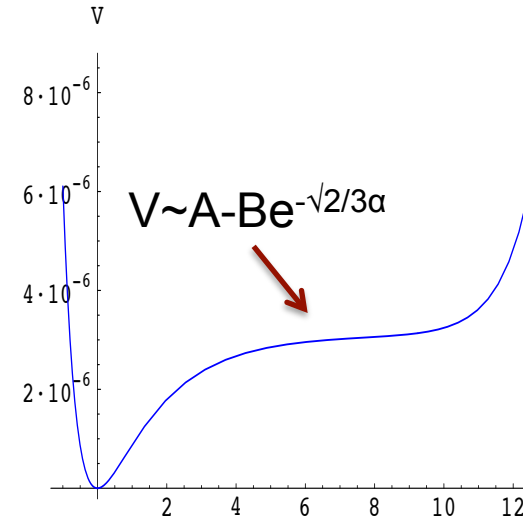


- $\alpha=(V \ln V)^{-1}$ (Kahler blow-up inflation)

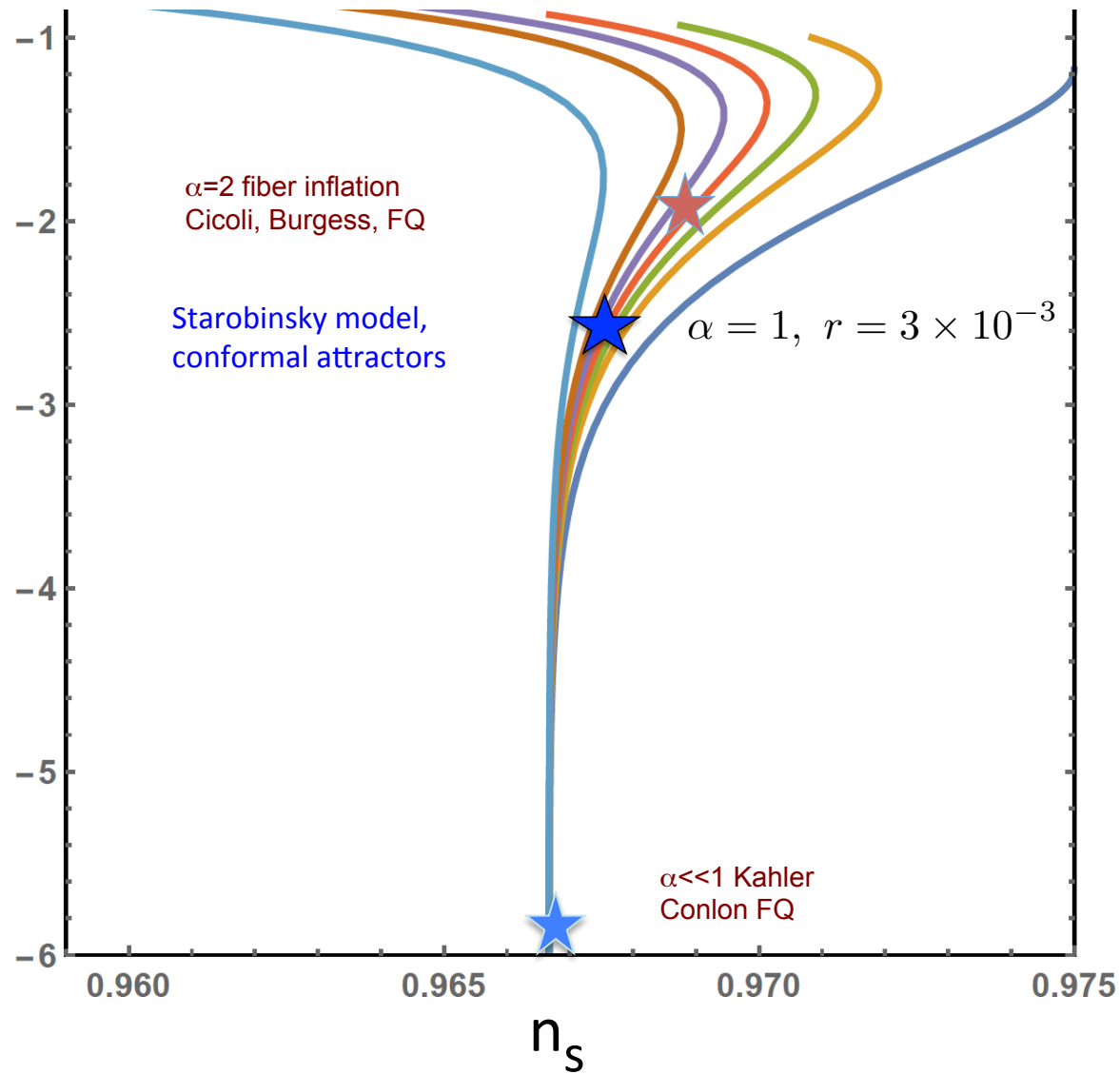
- Conlon, FQ (2006)



- ... $\alpha=(\ln V)^{-1}$ (polyinstanton inflation) Cicoli, Pedro, Tasinato (2011)



Inflation: Fibre+Kahler

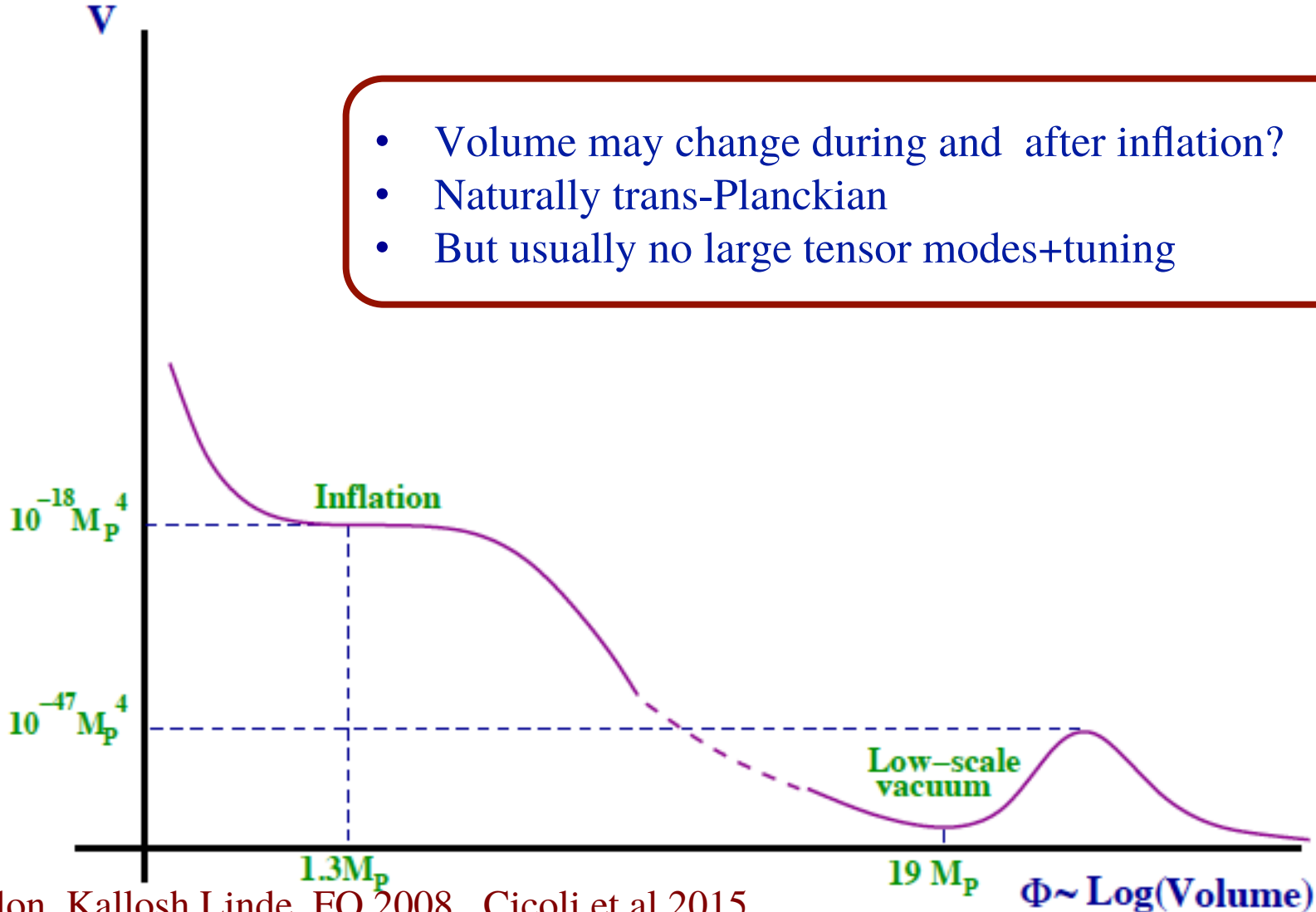


From Kallosh

Volume inflation?

(Inflation + ~~SUSY~~ Scales)

- Volume may change during and after inflation?
- Naturally trans-Planckian
- But usually no large tensor modes+tuning



After Inflation

General prediction

Axion partner of the volume:

mass $< \exp(-\text{volume}) < 10^{-22}$ eV

Dark energy or matter and dark radiation

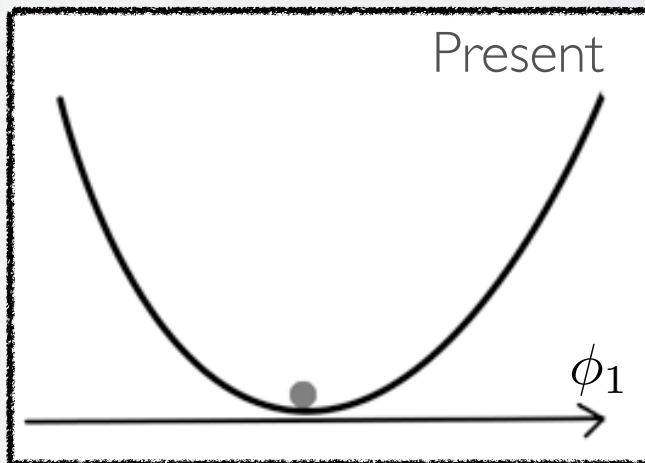
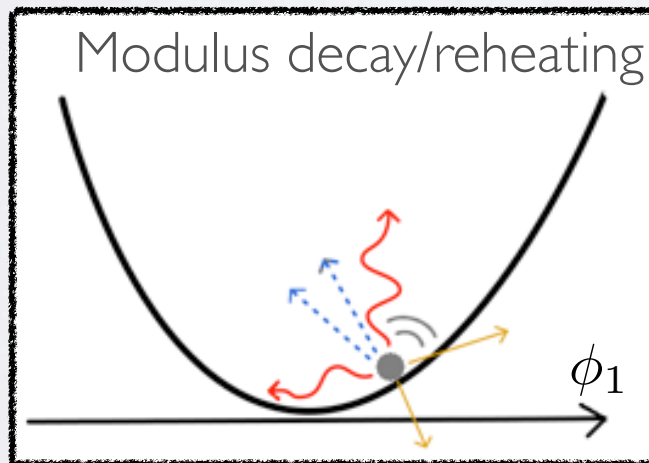
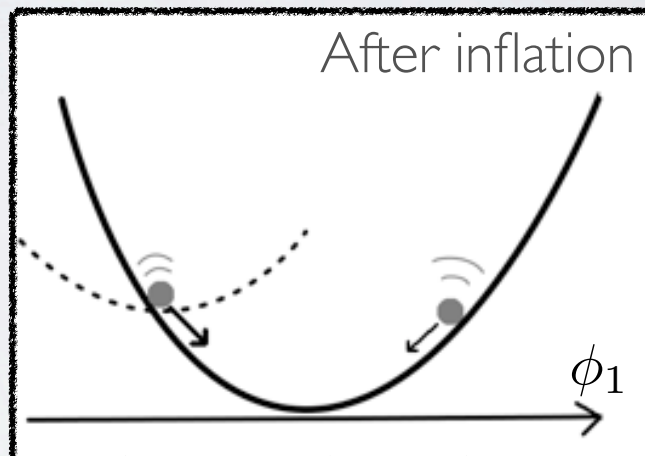
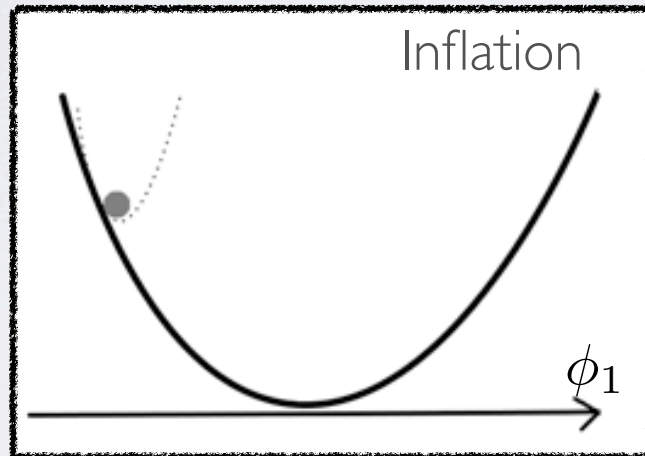
Cosmological Moduli Problem

- Usually moduli masses = $m_{3/2}$
(de Carlos et al 1993, Scrucca-Gomez-Reino 2008)
- And assume soft terms = $m_{3/2}$
- Identify $m_{3/2}=1$ TeV

But LVS is nongeneric scenario

- Volume modulus mass $\ll m_{3/2}$
- So CMP more acute than expected!
- Unless $m_{3/2} \gg 1$ TeV

Cosmological Moduli 'Problem'



$$\Gamma_\phi \sim \frac{1}{8\pi} \frac{m_\phi^3}{M_{\text{Pl}}^2}$$

$$T > O(1 \text{ MeV}), \text{ so } m_\phi \gtrsim 3 \cdot 10^4 \text{ GeV}$$

Coughlan et al 1983, Banks et al, de Carlos et al 1993

e.g. After Kahler Inflation

Explicit computation of Vacuum misalignment

$$Y = \frac{\delta\varphi}{M_{\text{pl}}} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}\delta\phi \simeq 2\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}R\phi_* \simeq 0.1 - 1$$

M.Cicoli, K. Dutta, A.
Maharana, FQ
[arXiv:1604.08512](https://arxiv.org/abs/1604.08512)

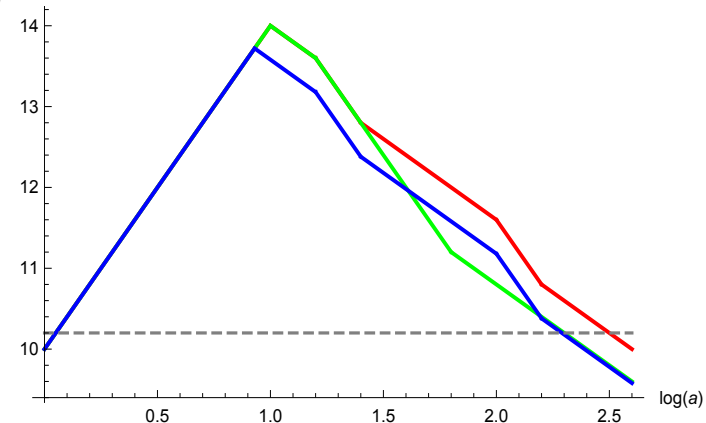
Number of efoldings:

$$N_e + \frac{1}{4}N_{\text{mod}} + \frac{1}{4}(1 - 3w_{\text{re}})N_{\text{re}} \approx 57 + \frac{1}{4}\ln r + \frac{1}{4}\ln\left(\frac{\rho_*}{\rho_{\text{end}}}\right)^{\log(aH)}$$

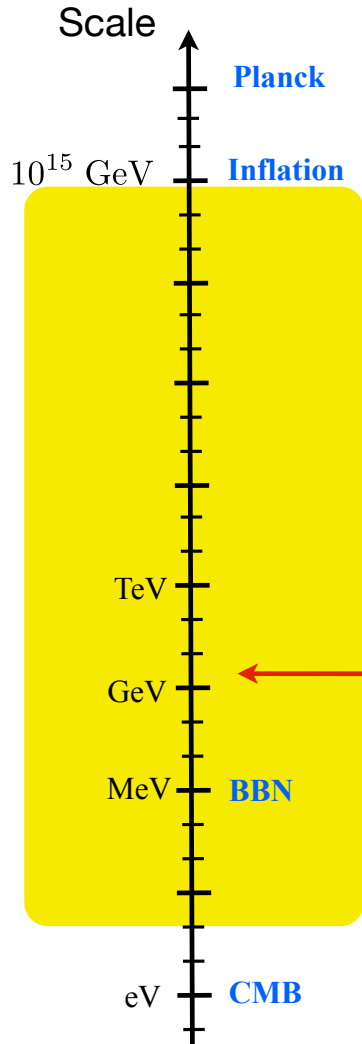
$$\left(55 - \frac{1}{4}N_{\text{mod}}\right) \pm 5$$

$$N_{\text{mod}2} \approx \frac{2}{3}\ln\left(\frac{16\pi\mathcal{V}^{5/2}(\ln\mathcal{V})^{5/2}Y^4}{10\beta^2}\right)$$

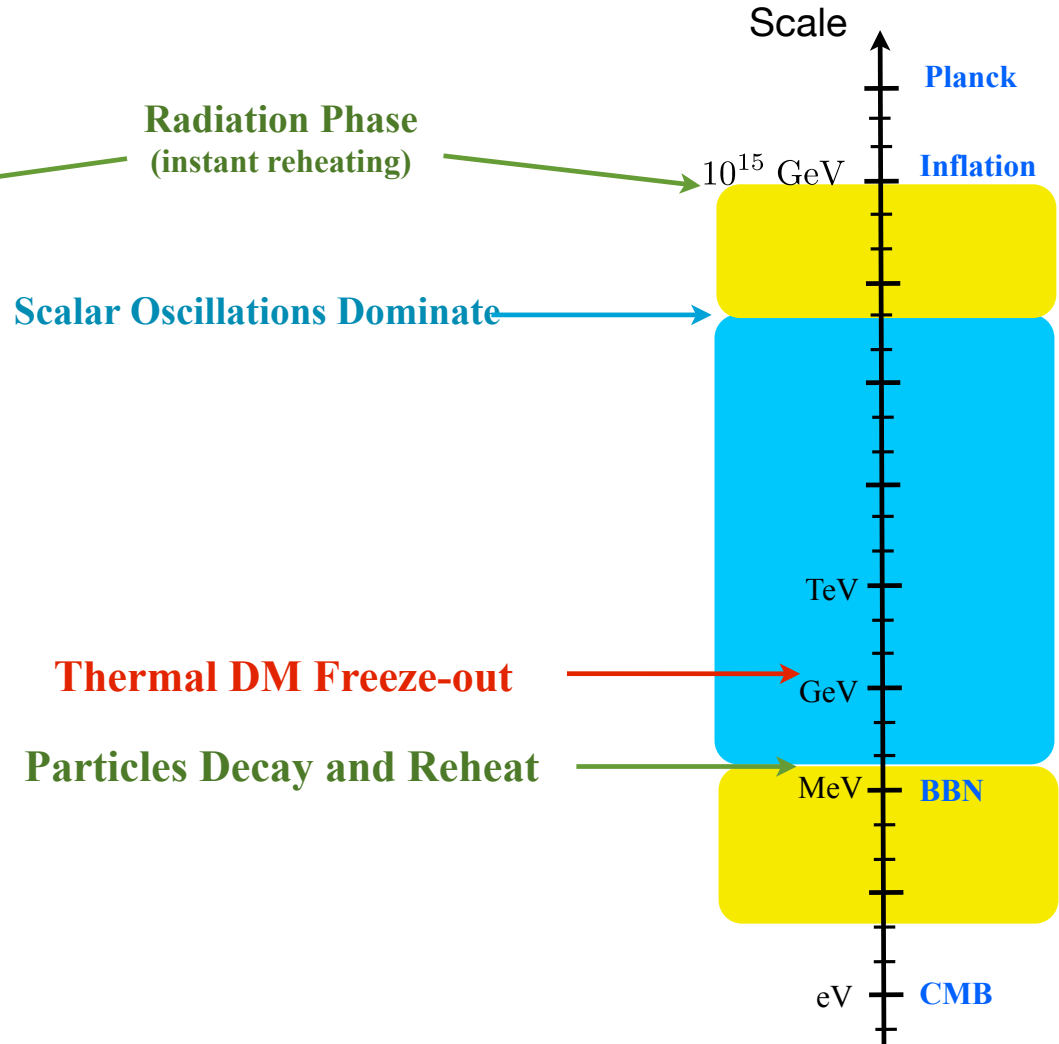
$$N_e \simeq 44.65 + \frac{1}{4}\ln\left(\frac{\rho_*}{\rho_{\text{end}}}\right) \simeq 45 \quad n_s \simeq 0.955.$$



Thermal History



Alternative History

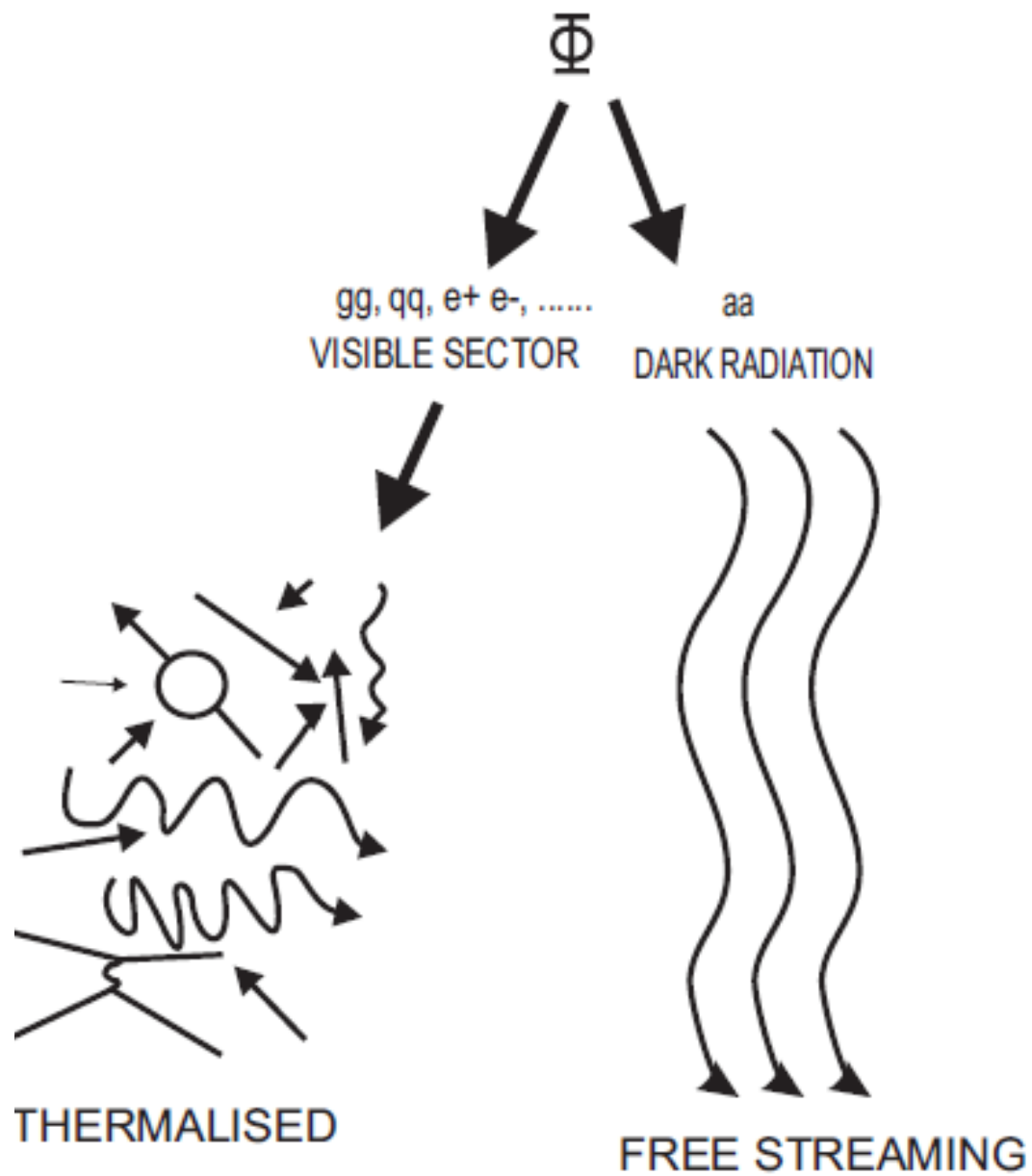


Radiation Phase
(instant reheating)

Scalar Oscillations Dominate

Thermal DM Freeze-out

Particles Decay and Reheat



Volume Reheating*

*Sequestered scenarios

M.Cicoli, J.P. Conlon, FQ arXiv:1208.3562

T. Higaki, F.Takahashi arXiv:1208.3563

$$\Gamma_{\Phi \rightarrow a_b a_{\bar{b}}} = \frac{1}{48\pi} \frac{m_{\Phi}^3}{M_P^2} \quad \text{Volume axion } a_b$$

$$\Gamma_{\Phi \rightarrow H_u H_d} = \frac{2Z^2}{48\pi} \frac{m_{\Phi}^3}{M_P^2} \quad \text{Higgses}$$

$$\Gamma_{\Phi \rightarrow BB} = \left(\frac{\lambda}{3/2}\right)^2 \frac{9}{16} \frac{1}{48\pi} \frac{m_{\Phi}^3}{M_P^2} \quad \text{Closed string axions}$$

$$\Gamma_{\Phi \rightarrow C\bar{C}} \sim \frac{m_0^2 m_{\Phi}}{M_P^2} \ll \frac{m_{\Phi}^3}{M_P^2} \quad \text{Matter scalars } C$$

$$T_{reheat} \sim \frac{m_{\Phi}^{3/2}}{M_{Pl}^{1/2}} \sim 0.6 \text{ GeV} \left(\frac{m_{\Phi}}{10^6 \text{ GeV}} \right)^{3/2} .$$

Dark Radiation

Energy density:

$$\rho_{total} = \rho_{\gamma} \left(1 + \frac{7}{8} \left(\frac{4}{11} \right)^{4/3} N_{eff} \right).$$

Standard Model $N_{eff}=3.04$

At CMB: WMAP, ACT, SPT

$$3.12 \kappa \leq \Delta N_{eff} \leq 3.48 \kappa$$
$$\kappa = (1 + 9n_a/16)/n_H Z^2$$

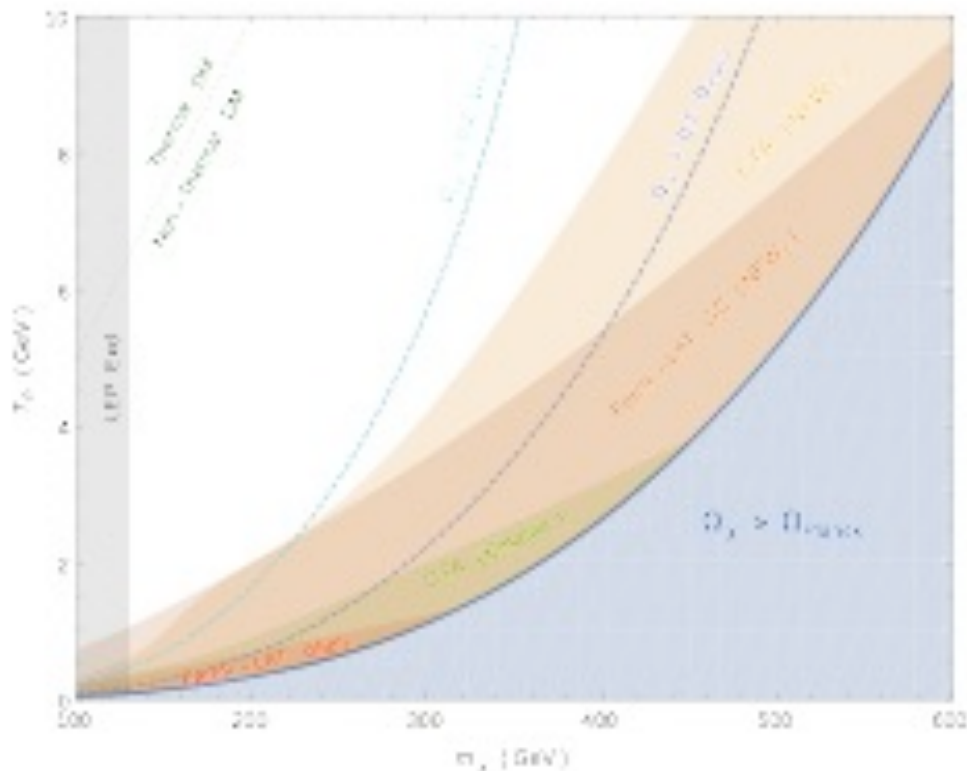
Simplest Z=1:

$$1.56 \leq \Delta N_{eff} \leq 1.74$$

General: Strong constraints on matter and couplings!

$$0.14 \lesssim \Delta N_{eff} \lesssim 1.6$$

MSSM: Non-thermal Higgsino DM



Model independent indirect search 300-600 GeV Higgsinos
all others multi TeV

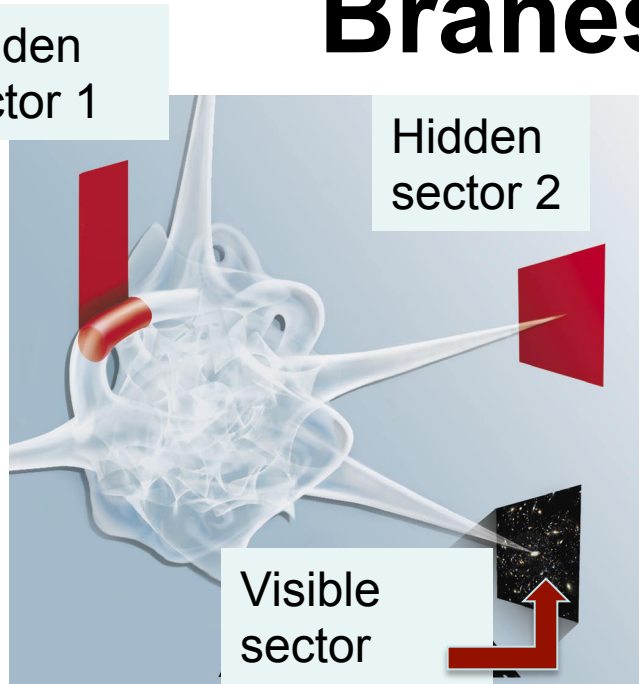
CONCLUSIONS

- Several stringy (EFT) de Sitter scenarios
- Several inflationary scenarios with concrete predictions (blow-up: $r \ll 1$, low-energy SUSY, loops? Fibre: $r < 0.01$, too large SUSY scale)
- CMP: after inflation signature of strings (e.g. dark radiation, non-thermal MSSM,...)
- Most known ingredients used (stringy vs simplicity): geometry, fluxes, branes, perturbative, non-perturbative effects

De Sitter 3:

**DILATON DEPENDENT
NON-PERTURBATIVE EFFECTS
(ON LVS)**

Hidden Sector on Branes@Singularities



Burgess, Cicoli, Maharana, FQ 2012

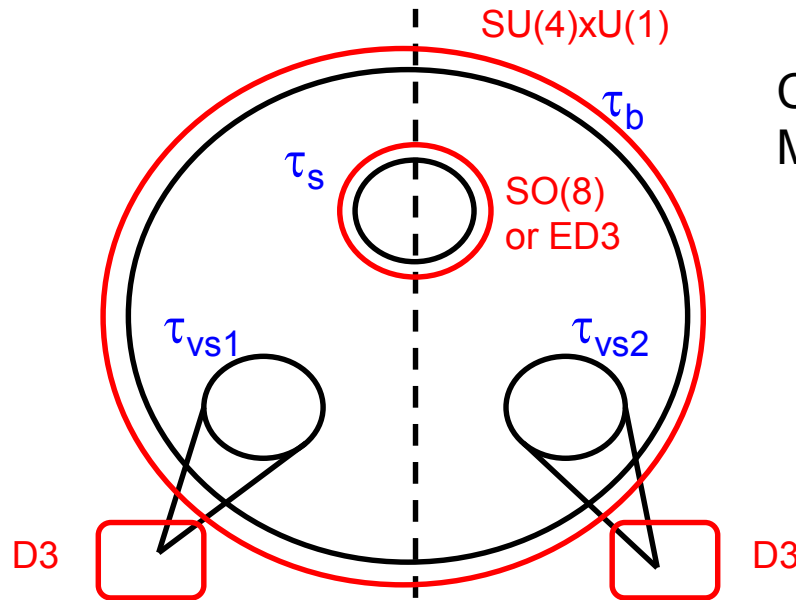
$$W_{\text{np}} = A e^{-aT} + B e^{-b(S+hQ)}$$

$$V = V_{\text{LVS}} + V_{\text{up}}$$

$$V_{\text{up}} \propto h^2 \frac{e^{-2b\langle s \rangle}}{\mathcal{V}},$$

Not explicit CY realisation yet

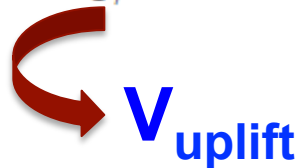
CONCRETE COMPACT CY



Cicoli, Klevers, Krippendorf,
Mayhofer, FQ, Valandro 2013

$$V_{\text{tot}} = V_D + V_F = \frac{1}{2\mathcal{V}^{2/3}} \left(\frac{q_\phi}{s} |\phi_{\text{ds}}|^2 - \frac{3q_b}{8\pi\mathcal{V}^{2/3}} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{s} m_{3/2}^2 |\phi_{\text{ds}}|^2 + V_{\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{V}^{-3})}$$

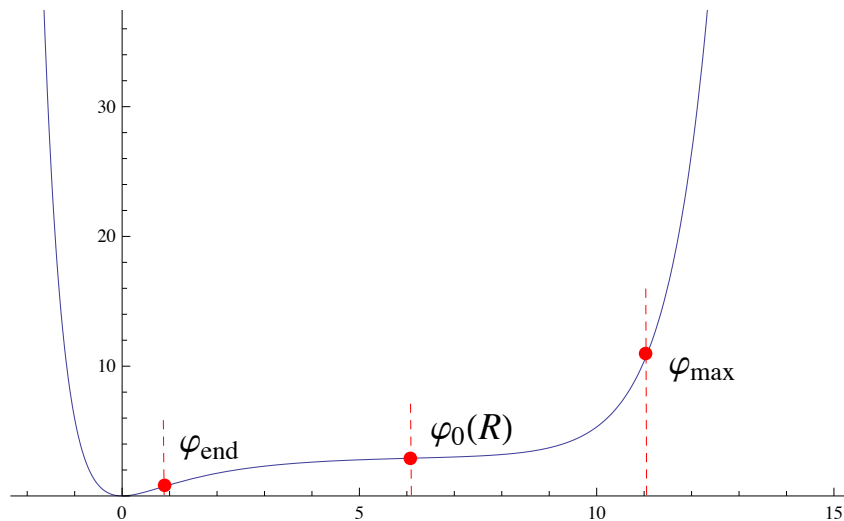
$$V_{\text{tot}} = V_{D,0} + \frac{3q_b}{16\pi q_\phi} \frac{W_0^2}{s\mathcal{V}^{8/3}} + V_{\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{V}^{-3})}$$

 **V** uplift

Also from T-Branes (M.
Cicoli, FQ, R. Valandro)

Enhancing the value of r?

$$V \simeq \frac{C_2}{\langle \mathcal{V} \rangle^{10/3}} \left[(3 - R) - 4 \left(1 + \frac{1}{6} R \right) e^{-\kappa \hat{\varphi}/2} + \left(1 + \frac{2}{3} R \right) e^{-2\kappa \hat{\varphi}} + R e^{\kappa \hat{\varphi}} \right]$$



$R \ll 1$

- $n_s = 0.98$ and $r=0.01$ for $N_e \simeq 50$
- $n_s = 0.99$ and $r=0.01$ for $N_e \simeq 60$

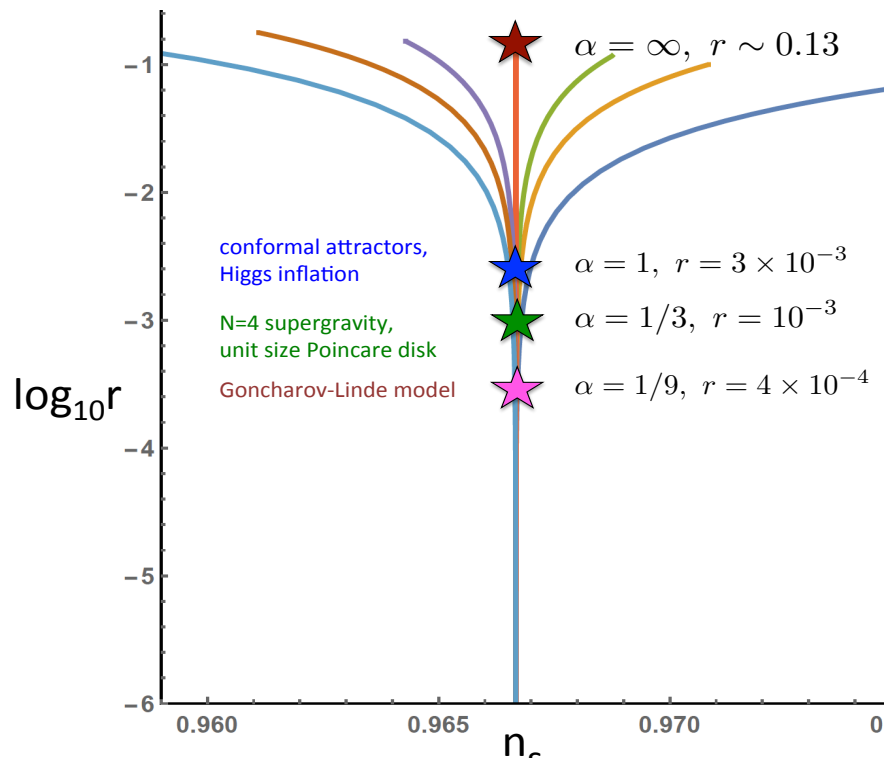
May need $N_{\text{eff}} > 3.04$?

Comments on α -attractors

Kalosh and Linde

$$K = -3\alpha \ln(T + \bar{T}) \quad \mathcal{R}_K = -\frac{2}{3\alpha} \quad \text{Moduli space curvature}$$

$$n_s = 1 - \frac{2}{N}, \quad r = \alpha \frac{12}{N^2}, \quad r \approx 3\alpha \times 10^{-3}$$



Questions:

**Quantum
corrections?**

Stringy realisation?

e.g. Non-Thermal Dark-Matter (MSSM)

- KKLT: gravitino decay
- KKLT: D7 Higgsino overproduction
- KKLT:D3 small region allowed Higgsino DM
- LVS: Volume decay
- LVS:D7 Higgsino overproduction
- LVS: D3: allowed region to be constrained by 1Ton (Xenon, CTA) and 100TeV (not LHC).