MULTIFIELD INFLATION IN SUPERGRAVITY AND STRING THEORY

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A period of accelerated quasi dS expansion in the very early universe $ds^2 = -dt^2 + a(t)^2 dx_i dx^i$

 $a(t) = a(0)e^{Ht}, \quad H = \frac{\dot{a}}{a} \sim \text{const.}$

Can explains why the universe is approximately homogeneous and spatially flat (flatness, horizon problems).





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- Within these theories, usually there are multiple degrees of freedom that could be relevant for inflation and give **interesting observational consequences** to be tested in forthcoming experiments (e.g. sourced gravitational waves, PBHs, non-Gaussianities, etc.)
- Recently revived quantum gravity constraints would seem to constraint single field inflation and large r.

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Solution Revisiting Multifield Inflation: fat inflatons, large turns and the η -problem

- Multifield Inflation in Supergravity: large turns, fat tachyons, PBHs and GWs
- Fat inflation in string inflation: D5-brane natural inflation
- Kähler inflation and chiral gravitational waves*
- Summary

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 $\Rightarrow M_{inf} < H < M_{heavy}$

 M_{Pl} M_s M_{heavy} Higher order corrections to V $\mathcal{O}_{p\geq 6} \to V(\phi) \left(\frac{\phi}{M_P}\right)^{p-4}$ would spoil slow-roll: **n-problem** H $\Delta \eta_V \gtrsim 1$ M_{inf} –

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Fig. 4.1. Mass spectra of inflationary models. Phenomenological models of inflation frequently assume a large hierarchy between one or more light inflaton fields and the extra states of the UV completion (I). On the other hand, concrete examples of inflation in string theory often contain fields with masses of order the Hubble scale (II) arising from the spontaneous breaking of supersymmetry. Robust symmetries, or fine-tuning, are required to explain the presence of scalars with masses $m \sim \sqrt{\eta} H$.

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In FRW spacetime, equations of motion are

$$H^{2} = \frac{1}{3M_{P}^{2}} \left(\frac{\dot{\varphi}^{2}}{2} + V(\phi^{a}) \right)$$
$$\ddot{\phi}^{a} + 3H\dot{\phi}^{a} + \Gamma^{a}_{bc}\dot{\phi}^{b}\dot{\phi}^{c} + g^{ad}V_{d} = 0$$

Here

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To learn more about multi field dynamics, it would be useful to project eoms in the basis:

• Kinematic basis: tangent and normal to inflationary trajectory (T^a,N^a) (most useful for perturbations' analysis)

1)

$$T^{a} = \frac{\dot{\phi}^{a}}{\dot{\varphi}}, \qquad T^{a}T_{a} = 1,$$

$$N_{a}N^{a} = 1, \qquad T_{a}N^{a} = 0$$

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[Gordon, Wands, Bassett, Maartens, '01;
Groot Nibbelink, van Tent, '01]

 Projecting the eoms along these two directions, take the simple form where

$$H^{2} = \frac{1}{3M_{\rm Pl}^{2}} \left(\frac{\dot{\varphi}^{2}}{2} + V(\phi^{a}) \right)$$
$$\ddot{\varphi} + 3H\dot{\varphi} + V_{T} = 0,$$
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 $egin{aligned} V_T &= V_a T^a, \quad V_N &= V_a N^a \ D_t T^a &= \dot{T}^a + \Gamma^a_{bc} T^b \dot{\phi}^c \ \Omega &\equiv rac{V_N}{\dot{arphi}} & turning \ rate \end{aligned}$

Define also dimensionless parameter

 $\omega \equiv \frac{\Omega}{H}$: measures the departure from geodesic trajectory

• Furthermore, the projections of the Hessian elements along the normal and tangent directions can be written as (exact)

[Achucarro, et al. '10; Hetz, Palma, '16; Christodoulidis, Roest, Sfakianakis, '18; Chakraborty et al. '19; Aragam et al. '21]

$$\frac{V_{TT}}{3H^2} = \frac{\Omega^2}{3H^2} + \epsilon - \delta_{\varphi} - \frac{\xi_{\varphi}}{3}, \qquad \frac{V_{TN}}{H^2} = \omega \left(3 - \epsilon + 2\,\delta_{\varphi} + \nu\right),$$

where

$$\epsilon \equiv -\frac{\dot{H}}{H^2} = \frac{\dot{\varphi}^2}{2M_{Pl}^2 H^2}, \quad \delta_{\varphi} \equiv \frac{\ddot{\varphi}}{H\dot{\varphi}}, \quad \xi_{\varphi} \equiv \frac{\ddot{\varphi}}{H^2\dot{\varphi}}, \quad \nu \equiv \frac{\omega}{H\omega}$$

 $V_{TT} = T^a T^b \nabla_a \nabla_b V$, etc.

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$$\epsilon_{T} \simeq \epsilon, \qquad \epsilon_{V} \simeq \epsilon \left(1 + \frac{\Omega^{2}}{9H^{2}}\right) \gtrsim \mathcal{O}(1) \qquad \text{if turn is large.}$$

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Furthermore:

[Chakraborty et al. '19; Aragam, Paban, Rosati, '20; Aragam et al. 21]

$$M_{Pl}^2 \frac{V_{TT}}{V} \simeq \frac{\Omega^2}{3H^2}, \qquad \frac{3}{\omega} \left(M_{Pl}^2 \frac{V_{TN}}{V} - \omega \right) \ll 1 \quad \& \quad \nu \ll 1$$

- Note that the minimal eigenvalue $\lambda \equiv \min(\nabla^a \nabla_b V)$, does not appear anywhere
- Typical models have small turns Ω/H and small V_{TT}/V
- A more interesting possibility arises when both terms are large and cancel each other (fat inflation)

FAT INFLATONS AND LARGE TURNS

- Consider the **minimal eigenvalue** of the field's mass matrix, λ ,

 $\lambda \equiv \min(\nabla^a \nabla_b V) \,.$

• Given any unit vector U^a , the following inequality is always satisfied

 $\lambda \le U_a \nabla^a \nabla_b V U^b.$

• Taking $U^a = T^a$ we then have:

 $\lambda \le V_{TT}$

FAT INFLATION

• Consider now the case $H^2 \ll \lambda$ that is, all scalar fields are heavier than the Hubble scale $\Rightarrow V_{TT}/H^2 \gg 1$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \frac{\Omega^2}{H^2} \gg 1 \qquad \qquad M_{Pl}^2 \frac{V_{TT}}{V} \simeq \frac{\Omega^2}{3H^2} \,,$$

Large turning rates / strongly non-geodesic trajectories

 Note that this new inflationary attractor is also possible for tachyonically fat fields

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[Chakraborty et al. '19; Aragam et al. 21]

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• Supergravity inspired α -attractor

$$g_{ab} = \frac{6\alpha}{(1-\phi^2-\chi^2)}\delta_{ab} \qquad \qquad \left(\mathbb{R} = -\frac{4}{3\alpha}\right)$$

$$V(\phi^a) = \frac{\alpha}{2} \left(m_{\phi}^2 \phi^2 + m_{\chi}^2 \chi^2 \right)$$



[See 26 o sidetrack inflation: Garcia-Saenz, Renaux-Petel, Ronayne, '18]

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- A natural way to generate transient large turns arises through transient violations of slow-roll*

[Bhattacharya, IZ, in progress]

FAT (MULTIFIELD) INFLATION AND THE SWAMPLAND

Recently proposed asymptotic dS conjectures require that

[Obied, Ooguri, Spodyneiko, Vafa; Garg, Krishnan; Ooguri, Palti, Shiu, Vafa, '18]

$$\frac{\nabla V}{V} \ge \frac{c}{M_{\rm Pl}}$$
 or $\frac{\min(\nabla^a \nabla_b V)}{V} \le -\frac{c'}{M_{\rm Pl}^2}$

 In multi field inflation, these conditions can be satisfied as (multi field inflation reproduction trajectories)

• Fat inflation has $H^2 \ll \lambda \leq V_{TT}$, second condition is not satisfied, while first condition may be satisfied in strongly non-geodesic trajectories [Hetz, Palma, '16; Achucarro, Palma, '18] [Chakraborty et al. '19]

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• Fat tachyonic inflation has $|\lambda/H^2| \gg 1 \implies$ second condition is satisfied, while first condition may be satisfied in strongly non-geodesic trajectories

PART II:

LARGE TURN MULTI FIELD ATTRACTOR IN SUPERGRAVITY

LARGE TURNING RATES IN SUGRA INFLATION

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Scalar potential for complex scalars: $\Phi^I = r^I + i\theta^I$

$$V = e^{K/M_{\rm Pl}^2} (K^{i\bar{\jmath}} D_i W D_{\bar{\jmath}} \bar{W} - 3|W|^2 M_{\rm Pl}^{-2})$$

 $K(\Phi, \bar{\Phi}) = K$ ähler potential

 $W(\Phi) =$ superpotential

$$K_{i\bar{j}} = \frac{\partial^2 K}{\partial \Phi^i \partial \bar{\Phi}^{\bar{j}}}$$

 $D_i = W_i + K_i W$
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Focus on two superfields with nilpotent Goldstino $S^2 = 0$

[Kallosh et al, '10-14]

 $K(\Phi,\bar{\Phi};S,\bar{S}): S \to -S, \quad \Phi \to \Phi + i\alpha \implies K(S\bar{S},S^2 + \bar{S}^2;\Phi + \bar{\Phi})$

 $W = SF(\Phi)$

Scalar potential for inflaton is

$$V = e^{K(\Phi,\Phi,0,0)/M_{\rm Pl}^2} K_{S\bar{S}}^{-1}(\Phi,\bar{\Phi},0,0) |F(\Phi)|^2$$

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We can use knowledge from field theory models to understand non-geodesic trajectories in sugra.

For this class of models, we can readily write

$$\epsilon_T = -\frac{M_{Pl}^2}{4K_{\Phi\bar{\Phi}}} \left(\frac{F_{\Phi}\bar{F} - F\bar{F}_{\bar{\Phi}}}{F\bar{F}}\right)^2$$

$$\frac{\Omega}{H} \simeq -M_{\rm Pl}^2 \frac{i\left(F_{\Phi}\bar{F} - F\bar{F}_{\bar{\Phi}}\right)}{F\bar{F}} \frac{\left(2K_{\Phi\bar{\Phi},\Phi}\right)}{(2K_{\Phi\bar{\Phi}})^2}, \simeq -M_{\rm Pl}\sqrt{2\epsilon_T} \frac{\left(2K_{\Phi\bar{\Phi},\Phi}\right)}{(2K_{\Phi\bar{\Phi}})^{3/2}}$$

• Tune F to ensure slow-roll, tune K to increase Ω/H

No-scale inspired model

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EGNO model

[Ellis, Garcia, Nanopoulos, Olive, '14; Aragam et al. '21]

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$$K = -3 \,\alpha \log \left[\Phi + \bar{\Phi} - c(\Phi + \bar{\Phi} - 1)^4 \right] + \frac{SS}{(\Phi + \bar{\Phi})^3}, \qquad (\mathbb{R}(c, \alpha))$$
$$W = SF(\Phi), \quad F(\Phi) = \sqrt{\frac{3}{4}} \,\frac{M}{a} \left(\Phi - a \right),$$

$$V = \frac{3}{4} \frac{M^2}{a^2} \frac{(\Phi + \bar{\Phi})^3 (a - \Phi)(a - \bar{\Phi})}{\left(\Phi + \bar{\Phi} - c \left[(\Phi + \bar{\Phi} - 1)\right]^4\right)^{3\alpha}}$$
$$= \frac{6M^2 r^3 \left(2r - c(1 - 2r)^4\right)^{-3\alpha} \left((a - r)^2 + \theta^2\right)}{a^2},$$

Tune K, $rest tuning (c, \alpha)$ to increase Ω/H



Scalar curvature

$$\left[\alpha = 1, \quad a = 1/2, \quad M = 10^{-3}, \quad c = 10^{3} \right]$$

• EGNO inflation ($\alpha = 1$, a = 1/2, $M = 10^{-3}$, $c = 10^{3}$)



Minimal eigenvalue, large and tachyonic (SdSC /)

Tuning further (c, α) can increase Ω/H



PART III: FAT INFLATION IN STRING THEORY D5-BRANE FAT INFLATION

D5-BRANE INFLATION

• Consider a warped compactification in type IIB string theory. A probe **D5-brane** moving in the radial and angular directions in a **warped resolved conifold**



[Becker, Leblond, Shandera, '07] [(Single field) Kenton-Thomas, '14; Chakraborty et al. '19]

WARPED GEOMETRY AND D5-BRANE DYNAMICS

• The 10D metric for the WRC we consider takes the form

[Pando Zayas, Tseytlin, 00; Klebanov, Murugan, '07]



$$ds^2 = \mathcal{H}^{-1/2}(\rho, \theta_2) ds^2_{FRW} + \mathcal{H}^{1/2}(\rho, \theta_2) ds^2_{RC},$$

Warp factor

6D resolved conifold metric

$$S_{5} = -T_{5} p \int_{\mathcal{W}_{6}} d^{6} \xi \sqrt{-\det(P_{6} [g_{ab} + B_{ab} + 2\pi \alpha' F_{ab}])} + \mu_{5} p \int_{\mathcal{W}_{6}} P_{6} [C_{6} + C_{4} \wedge (B_{2} + 2\pi \alpha' F_{2})]$$

$$T_{5} = \mu_{5} g_{s}^{-1} \qquad (g_{s} = \text{string coupling})$$

$$\mu_{5} = \left[(2\pi)^{5} \ell_{s}^{6} \right]^{-1} \qquad (\ell_{s} = \text{string scale}) \qquad V(r, \theta) = \phi(r) + \gamma(\overline{\Phi}_{-}(r) + \Phi_{h}(r, \theta))$$

$$p = \text{wraping number}$$
[Kenton-Thomas, '14;
Bauman et al. '07-10]

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• At the end of the day, the 4D action takes the form

$$S_4 = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{M_{\rm Pl}^2}{2} R_4 + \frac{1}{2} g_{ij} v^i v^j - V(r,\theta) \right]$$

where

$$g_{ij} = 4\pi p T_5 \mathcal{F}^{1/2} \operatorname{diag} \left(\frac{r^2 + 6u^2}{r^2 + 9u^2}, \frac{1}{6} (r^2 + 6u^2) \right), \quad v^i = (\dot{r}, \dot{\theta}_2), \quad \left(M_{Pl}^2 = V_w \left(\frac{1}{2} (2\pi)^7 g_s^2 \ell_s^8 \right)^{-2} \right) \\ \mathcal{F} \equiv \frac{\mathcal{H}}{9} (r^2 + 3u^2)^2 + (\pi \ell_s^2 q)^2, \\ \mathcal{H} = \left(\frac{L_{T^{1,1}}}{3u} \right)^4 \left(\frac{2}{\rho^2} - 2\ln \left(\frac{1}{\rho^2} + 1 \right) \right), \quad L_{T^{1,1}}^4 = \frac{27\pi}{4} N g_s \ell_s^4. \qquad (\rho = r/3u) \\ V(r, \theta) = V_0 + 4\pi p T_5 \mathcal{H}^{-1} \left[\mathcal{F}^{1/2} - \ell_s^2 \pi q g_s \right] + \gamma \left[\overline{\Phi}_- + \Phi_h \right], \quad \left(\gamma = 4\pi^2 \ell_s^2 p q T_5 g_s \right) \\ \overline{\Phi}_- = \frac{5}{72} \left[81 \left(9\rho^2 - 2 \right) \rho^2 + 162 \log \left(9 \left(\rho^2 + 1 \right) \right) - 9 - 160 \log(10) \right] \\ \Phi_h = a_0 \left[\frac{2}{\rho^2} - 2\log \left(\frac{1}{\rho^2} + 1 \right) \right] + 2a_1 \left[6 + \frac{1}{\rho^2} - 2(2 + 3\rho^2) \log \left(1 + \frac{1}{\rho^2} \right) \right] \cos \theta + \frac{b_1}{2} \left(2 + 3\rho^2 \right) \cos \theta.$$

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 $\left(\mathcal{H}_{min}^{-1/2}=\mathcal{H}_{tip}^{-1/2}
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Parameters and constraints

• The parameter, u, is the natural length of the throat, so $u > \ell_s$

• The constants (a_0, a_1, b_1) appearing in the potential are undetermined but small. (Coefficients of indep. solutions of the Laplace equation on the RC)

 The parameters (p,q) are the D5-brane wrapping and flux numbers, and N is the number of D3-branes sourcing the RC geometry. Backreaction constraints require [Becker, Leblond, Shandera, '07; Kooner, S. Parameswaran, IZ, '15

$$N \gg 1$$
, $p \ll 12N(2\pi)^2 \mathcal{H}^{-1/2} \frac{\ell_s^2}{r^2}$,

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• We fix the parameters (g_s, N, u) to ensure hierarchy of scales: $M_c \lesssim M_s \lesssim M_{Pl}$

- Vary the parameters (p,q), keeping track of the backreaction constraints.
- We then choose the coefficients (a_0, a_1, b_1) such that the amplitude of the scalar perturbations matches with observations.

N	g_s	ℓ_s	u	q	a_0	a_1	b_1
1000	0.01	501.961	$50\ell_s$	1	0.001	0.0005	0.001
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 $(M_s \sim 10^{-3} M_{Pl}, M_{c_{52}} \sim 10^{-4} M_{Pl}, H \sim 10^{-5} M_{Pl})$

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6	6.89		
5	6.22		
4	5.51		
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Inflationary trajectory



Slow-roll parameters





D5-BRANE FAT INFLATION
 turn_rate.nb
 Turning rates



Cosmological parameters: clear departure from SF



Non-Gaussianity

[Kaiser, Mazenc, Sfakianakis, '12]

 $f_{\rm NL} = -\frac{5}{6} \frac{{\rm N}^{,i} {\rm N}^{,j} {\rm N}_{;ij}}{({\rm N}_{,k} {\rm N}^{,k})^2} \,,$



D5-BRANE LIGHT INFLATION

• For a different choice of parameters, D5-brane model gives rise to light inflation with single field predictions

N	g_s	q	u	ℓ_s	a_0	a_1	b_1	\mathbb{R} ~	$\sim -10^2 M_{\rm Pl}^{-2}$
1000	0.01	70	$50l_s$	501.961	0.1	0.0001	0.0001		

with these parameters, the masses satisfy standard hierarchy $M_1 \lesssim H < M_2$ with $M_1/H \sim 0.35$



 $[(p,q)_{KT} = (0.22, 5929)]$

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Cosmological parameters:

Indistinguishable from single field







Fat natural inflation

Light natural inflation



FINAL COMMENTS

- Multifield inflation allows new inflationary attractor with (strong) non-geodesic trajectories.
- Solution Light fields are not needed, all fields can be heavy. Avoid η -problem
- Large-turns in supergravity rare and tachyonic, SdSC satisfied, but theoretically unmotivated
- Fat D5-brane model has challenges that would need to be addressed in a more complete model (moduli stabilisation, heaviest inflaton too heavy)
- Transient large turns induced from transient slow-roll violations in sugra. Rich phenomenology [Bhattacharya, IZ, in progress]
- Fat trajectories in D3-antiD3-brane multi-field inflation?

[Bhattacharya, Chakraborty, IZ, in progress]

DISCUSSION SLIDES

PART IV:

CHIRAL GRAVITATIONAL WAVES IN STRING INFLATION?

(SPECTATOR) CHROMONATURAL KÄHLER INFLATION

PRIMORDIAL GRAVITATIONAL WAVES AND THE LYTH BOUND

V

In scalar single field inflation, r is related to field displacement and scale of inflation: Lyth bound

[Lyth, '96; Boubekeur-Lyth, '05]

[Garcia-Bellido, Roest, Scalisi, IZ '14]



$$V^{1/4} \approx 1.8 \times 10^{16} \text{GeV} \left(\frac{r}{0.1}\right)^{1/4} \sim 10^{-2} M_{Pl}$$



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 sources tensor fluctuations may be distinguishable on the basis of its chirality,

 if large enough, may disentangle tensor-2-scalar ratio from inflationary scale and field range (Lyth bound)

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CNI-like PGW enhancement in supergravity and string [Dall'Agata, 18; McDonough, Alexander, 18] theory? [See also Obata-Soda, '16] 67

We consider a modified Kähler inflation ($r \leq 10^{-7}$) model as host with multiply wrapped magnetised D7-branes, as spectator CN sector.

[Similar set up to: Long, L. McAllister, and P. McGuirk, '14; Ben-Dayan, F. G. Pedro, and A. Westphal, '15; McDonough, Alexander, 18]

> **D**-brane inflation (open string inflation)

Dp

[Conlon-Quevedo, '05; Bond et al, '06; Blanco-Pillado et al., '09]

From SU(N) @ (N/2)SU(2) [Caldwell, Devulder, '17-18]

This set-up contains three parameters that we can use to realise SCNI

(N, M, n)

N =condensing group degree M = D7-brane magnetic flux n = D7-brane wrapping number

Kahler inflation (closed string inflation)

stringy parameters



configuration cartoon

[Holland, IZ, Tasinato, '20]

We aim at realising three goals when choosing the parameters of the model:

A successful cosmological background evolution

- A sufficiently large enhancement of the tensor fluctuations which become chiral and potentially detectable by future experiments
- A controllable backreaction from the tensor gauge fluctuations

[Holland, IZ, Tasinato, '20]

Solution The four dimensional $\mathcal{N}=1$ supergravity effective action including gauge fields is given by

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{M_{Pl}^2}{2} R - K_{i\bar{j}} \partial_\mu T^i \partial^\mu \overline{T}^{\bar{j}} - V(T^k) - \frac{\text{Re}(f_A(T^i))}{4} F^A_{\mu\nu} F^{A\,\mu\nu} + \frac{\text{Im}(f_A(T^i))}{4} F^A_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{A\,\mu\nu} \right]$$

 $T_i = K \ddot{a}$ hler moduli

 $K_{i\overline{j}}(T_i, \overline{T}_i) =$ scalar manifold metric

 $F = dA - A \wedge A$ non-Abelian D7-brane gauge field

 $f_A(T_i) =$ gauge kinetic function

 $g^2 = 1/\text{Re}(f_A)$ gauge coupling

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$$V = \frac{e^{K_{\rm cs}} (g_s M_{\rm Pl})^4}{8\pi} \left[V_2 + V_4 + \frac{3\xi W_0}{4\mathcal{V}^3} + \frac{\beta}{\mathcal{V}^2} + V_3 \right]$$

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RESULTS



Successful cosmological evolution



Large enhancement of tensor spectrum



Controllable backreation



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The values of the parameters however, represent a challenge for the string model construction

 $M = 10000, N \sim 10^5, n \sim 25$

Considering Fibre inflation as host, it is possible to improve on these values with a potentially observable chiral spectrum

$$M = 500, \ N = 5000, \ n = 1$$

 $r \sim 10^{-3} \rightarrow r \sim 10^{-2}$

FURTHER DISCUSSION SLIDES ON MULTI-FIELD INFLATION

D5-BRANE DOUBLE INFLATION

 For a different choice of parameters one could have a double inflation model. Interesting phenomenological implications



 However initial condition for r is inconsistent with approximations.

DYNAMICS OF LINEAR PERTURBATIONS

 The dynamics of the linear perturbations and cosmological predictions will depend on the hierarchies of the adiabatic and entropy modes' masses relative to each other, the Hubble parameter and the turning rate Ω.

> [Sasaki, Stewart, '96; Gordon, Wands, Bassett, Maartens, '00; Groot Nibbelink, van Tent,'01; Langlois, Renaux-Petel, '08] [Achucarro, Gong, Hardeman, Palma, Patil, '10; Achucarro, Atal, Cespedes, Gong, Palma, Patil, '12; Cespedes, Atal, Palma, '12...]

 The curvature of the scalar manifold R may also play an important role if negative and large, as it may trigger geometric destabilisation of the entropy modes

[Renaux-Petel, Turzynski, '15]

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$$\ddot{Q}_N + 3H\dot{Q}_N + \left(\frac{k^2}{a^2} + M^2\right)Q_N = -2\Omega\frac{\dot{\phi}}{H}\dot{\mathcal{R}}$$

where:

$$\frac{m_T^2}{H^2} \equiv -\frac{3}{2}\eta - \frac{1}{4}\eta^2 - \frac{1}{2}\epsilon\eta - \frac{1}{2}\frac{\dot{\eta}}{H}, \qquad \frac{M^2}{H^2} = \frac{V_{NN}}{H^2} + M_{\rm Pl}^2\,\epsilon\,\mathbb{R} - \frac{\Omega^2}{H^2},$$

 $(\mathbb{R} = \text{scalar's manifold curvature})$

at superhorizon scales: $\ddot{Q}_N + 3H\dot{Q}_N + (M^2 + 4\Omega^2) Q_N \approx 0$, M_{eff}^2

 M_{eff}^2 is related to the adiabatic perturbations speed of sound

$$c_s^{-2} = \frac{M_{eff}^2}{M^2}$$

[Achucarro et al. 10-12]

 $\left(\mathcal{R} = \frac{H}{\dot{\wp}}Q_T\right)$

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$$K = -\log[\Phi + \bar{\Phi} - S\bar{S}],$$
$$(\mathbb{R} = -4)$$
$$W = S(M\Phi + ie^{-b\Phi})$$
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[Cabo-Bizet, Loaiza-Brito, IZ, '16; Özsoy, Parameswaran, Tasinato, IZ, '18]



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