

**Accelerating Universe  
in  
Effective String Theory**

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## **Collaboration with Nobuyoshi Ohta and Ryo Wakebe**

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# Introduction

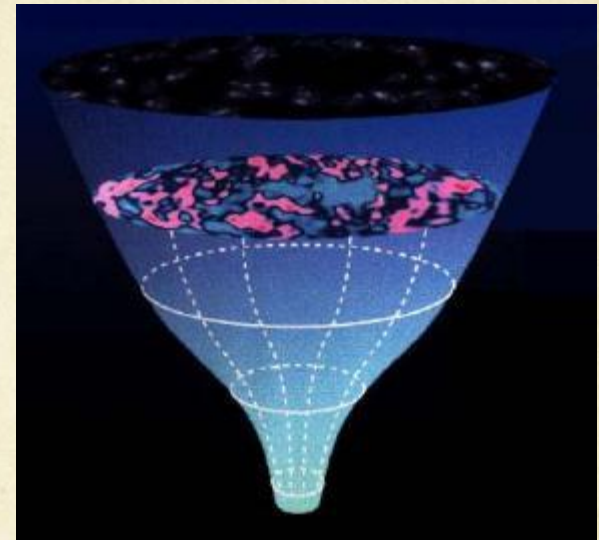
**Big Bang scenario** very successful

confirmed by three famous observations

Hubble expansion law (1929)

Cosmic microwave background (1965)

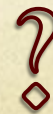
Light element abundance



## Theoretical difficulties:

- horizon problem
- flatness problem
- monopole problem (if GUT)
- cosmological constant problem
- dark energy
- initial singularity

Inflation



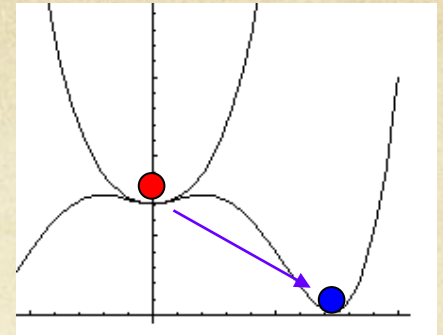
Quantum gravity or superstring ?

# Inflation

## ❖ Potential type models

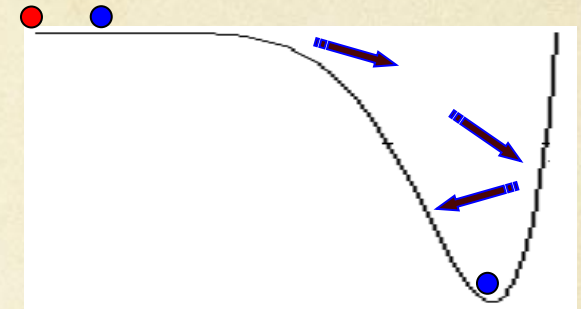
Old inflation (K. Sato, Guth)

New inflation (Linde, Albrecht-Steinhardt)



based on GUTs

large density fluctuation



Chaotic inflation (Linde)

$$V(\phi) = \frac{1}{2}m^2\phi^2 \quad V(\phi) = \frac{1}{4}\lambda\phi^4$$

density fluctuation  $\Rightarrow$   $\lambda \leq 10^{-12}$

phenomenological model

What is an inflaton  $\phi$ ?

an inflationary model based on particle physics !

✧ bottom-up

SUSY potential

phenomenological

✧ top-down

superstring (or 10D supergravity)

higher dimensions

**compactification**

**Dp-brane**

a p-dimensional soliton-like object



brane inflation

## ❖ Kinetic type models

### Higher-curvature model

A. Staribinski ('80)

Quantum corrections  $\longrightarrow$  Higher curvature terms

$$S = \frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} [R + \alpha R^2] \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{de Sitter solution}$$

### K-inflation model

C. Armendáriz-Picóna, T. Damourb, V. Mukhanov (99)

non-canonical kinetic term

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{1}{2\kappa^2} R + P(\phi, X) \right] \quad X = \frac{1}{2} (\nabla\phi)^2$$

Note:  $f(R)$  gravity theory is equivalent to the Einstein theory + a scalar field  $\Phi$  with a potential

Staribinski model

$$S = \frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} [R + \alpha R^2]$$



Conformal transformation

KM, ('88)

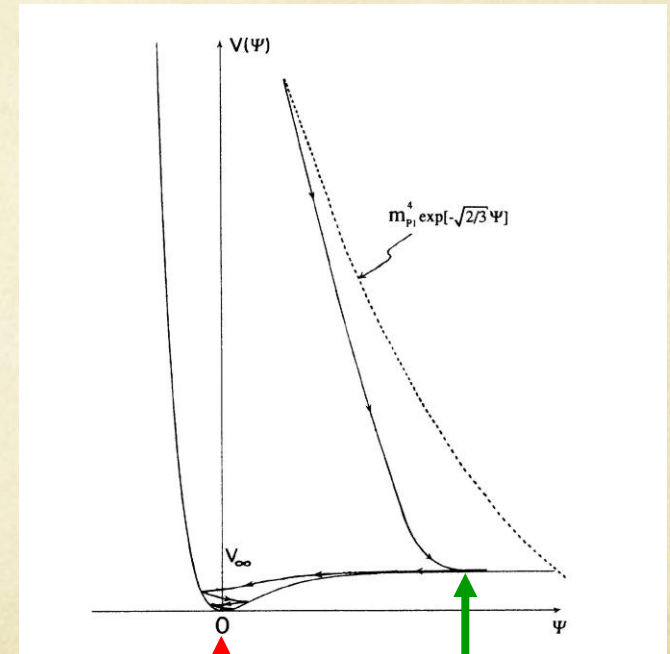
$$\bar{g}_{\mu\nu} = \Omega^2 g_{\mu\nu} \quad \Omega^2 = 1 + 2\alpha R$$

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-\bar{g}} \left[ \frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \bar{R} - \frac{1}{2} (\bar{\nabla} \Phi)^2 - V(\Phi) \right]$$

$$\Phi = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \ln(1 + 2\alpha R)$$

$$V(\Phi) = \frac{1}{8\alpha\kappa^2} \left( 1 - e^{-\sqrt{2/3}\kappa\Phi} \right)^2$$

$\alpha$  should be very large  $\alpha \gg \ell_{PL}^2 = \frac{1}{m_{PL}^2}$



reheating

inflation

# Higher-order correction in superstring

$$S = d^D X \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{1}{2\kappa^2} R + c_1 \alpha' e^{-2\phi} L_2 + c_2 \alpha'^2 e^{-4\phi} L_3 + c_3 \alpha'^3 e^{-6\phi} L_4 \right]$$

$$L_2 = E_4 = R_{GB}^2 = R^2 - 4R_{\alpha\beta}R^{\alpha\beta} + R_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}R^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}$$

$$L_3 = E_6 + R^{\mu\nu}_{\alpha\beta} R^{\alpha\beta}_{\rho\sigma} R^{\rho\sigma}_{\mu\nu}$$

$$L_4 = E_8 + \text{4th order terms of } R^{\mu\nu}_{\alpha\beta}$$

M.C. Bento, O. Bertolami, ('96)

A.A. Tseytlin, ('00)

K. Becker, M. Becker, ('01)

$(c_1, c_2, c_3)$

Bosonic string

$$\left( \frac{1}{4}; \frac{1}{48}; \frac{1}{8} \right)$$

Heterotic string

$$\left( \frac{1}{8}; 0; \frac{1}{8} \right)$$

Type II string

$$\left( 0; 0; \frac{1}{8} \right)$$

Gauss-Bonnet term

4<sup>th</sup> order



# Heterotic superstring theory

Quantum corrections

R.R. Metsaev A.A. Tseytlin, ('87)

$$S = \frac{1}{2\kappa_{10}^2} \int d^{10}x \sqrt{-g} e^{-2\phi} \left[ R + 4(\nabla\phi)^2 + \alpha_2 R_{ABCD}^2 \right] \quad \alpha_2 = \frac{\alpha'}{8}$$

ghosts

**Ambiguity in the effective action due to field redefinition**

$$S = \frac{1}{2\kappa_{10}^2} \int d^{10}x \sqrt{-g} e^{-2\phi} \left[ R + 4(\nabla\phi)^2 + \alpha_2 \left( R_{GB}^2 - \frac{1}{16} (\nabla\phi)^4 \right) \right]$$

$$R_{(GB)}^2 = R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} R^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} - 4R_{\mu\nu} R^{\mu\nu} + R^2$$

B. Zwiebach, ('85)

# Gauss-Bonnet term

H. Ishihara, ('86)

$$S = \int d^D X \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{R}{2\kappa^2} + \alpha \left( R^2 - 4R_{\alpha\beta}R^{\alpha\beta} + R_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}R^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} \right) \right]$$

ansatz

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + a^2(t)d\Omega_1^2 + b^2(t)d\Omega_2^2$$

$d\Omega_1^2$   $d\Omega_2^2$   
maximally symmetric space

de Sitter type

$$a(t) = \exp(p_1 t), \quad b = \exp(p_2 t)$$

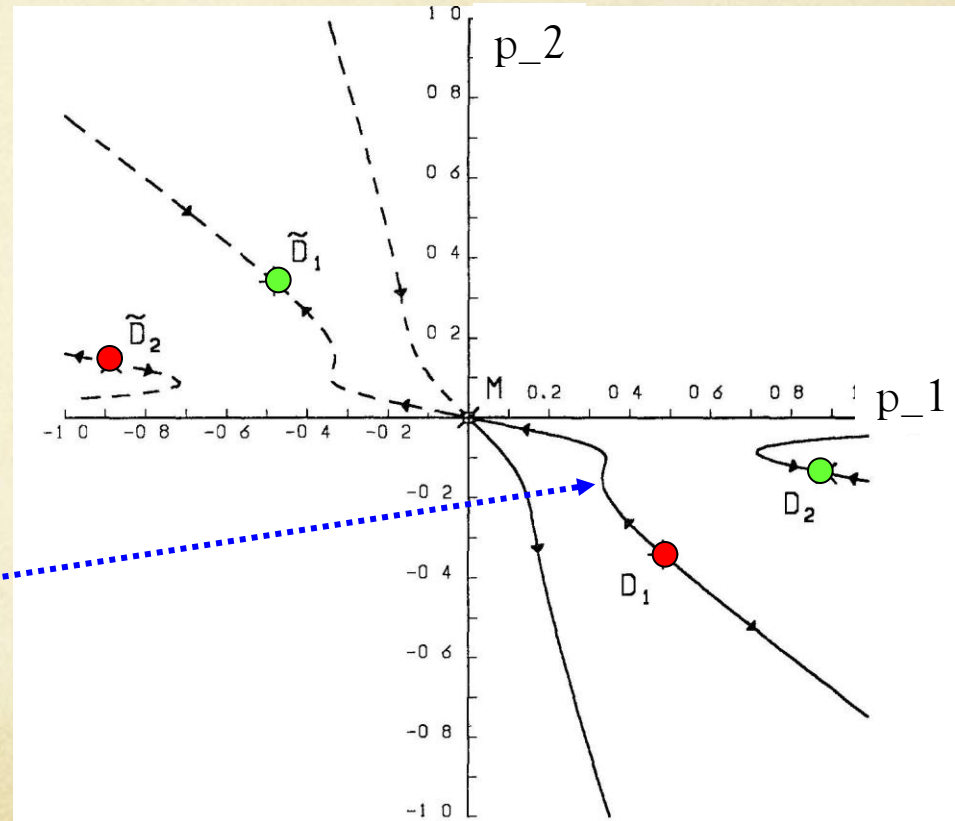
4 solutions

$$(p_1, p_2) = \pm(0.48, -0.34)$$

$$(p_1, p_2) = \pm(0.89, -0.15)$$

Inflation(?) → Minkowski

tuning is required



➤ Our three space in the Einstein frame

$$ds_4^2 = -dt_E^2 + a_E^2 d\Omega_1^2 \qquad ds^2 = b^{-6} ds_4^2 + b^2 d\Omega_2^2$$

$$a_E \propto t_E^p \qquad p = \frac{p_1 + 3p_2}{3p_2} = 0.53, -0.98$$

**Non-inflationary expansion**

➤ Effect of a dilaton field  $\phi$

K. Bamba, Z. K. Guo and N. Ohta ('07)

Fixed points:

Power law expansion in 10 dimensions

$$a \propto t^{p_1} \qquad b \propto t^{p_2} \qquad p_1 > 1, \quad p_2 < 0$$

$$a_E \propto t_E^p \qquad p < 1$$

**Non-inflationary expansion**

The result is similar

**However, there exists  
more ambiguity in the order of  $\alpha'$  correction  
via field definition**

Field redefinition:  $g_{AB} \rightarrow g_{AB} + \delta g_{AB}$        $\phi \rightarrow \phi + \delta\phi$

$$\delta g_{AB} = \alpha_2 \{ b_1 R_{AB} + b_2 \nabla_A \phi \nabla_B \phi + g_{AB} [ b_3 R + b_4 (\nabla \phi)^2 + b_5 \nabla^2 \phi ] \}$$

$$\delta \phi = \alpha_2 \{ c_1 R + c_2 (\nabla \phi)^2 + c_3 \nabla^2 \phi \}$$

**8 unknown parameters**

**Macroscopic objects (BH, the Universe)  
should not depend on field redefinition**

It would be true if we include all orders of correction.

There exists some ambiguity because of the  $\alpha'$  correction.

**Some of the coupling constants may well approximate  
the exact effective action, if any.**

**Look for the possibility of inflation (or accelerating universe).**

$$S = \frac{1}{2\kappa_{10}^2} \int d^{10}x \sqrt{-g} e^{-2\phi} \left[ R + 4(\nabla\phi)^2 + \alpha_2 R_{ABCD}^2 \right] \quad \alpha_2 = \frac{\alpha'}{8}$$

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$$S = \frac{1}{2\kappa_{10}^2} \int d^{10}x \sqrt{-g} e^{-2\phi} \left\{ R + 4(\nabla\phi)^2 + \alpha_2 \left[ R_{ABCD}^2 + b_1 R_{AB}^2 + \frac{1}{2} (4c_1 - b_1 - 8b_3) R^2 \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. + (b_2 + 4b_1) R_{AB} \nabla^A \phi \nabla^B \phi + \frac{1}{2} (4c_2 - 16c_1 - b_2 + 40b_3 - 8b_4) R (\nabla\phi)^2 \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. + (2c_3 + 8c_1 - b_1 - 18b_3 - 4b_5) R (\nabla^2 \phi) - 4(2c_2 - b_2 - 5b_4) (\nabla\phi)^4 \right. \right. \\ \left. \left. + (8c_2 - 8c_3 - 3b_2 - 18b_4 + 20b_5) \square\phi (\nabla\phi)^2 + 2(4c_3 - 9b_5) (\square\phi)^2 \right] \right\}.$$

**higher derivative terms in the equations of motion**

We restrict the generalized effective action to the Galileon type

## Second order derivatives in the equations of motion


$$b_1 = -4, \quad b_5 = 4b_3,$$

$$c_1 = 2b_3 - \frac{1}{2}, \quad c_2 = -2b_3 + 2b_4 + 2, \quad c_3 = 9b_3$$

$$S = \frac{1}{2\kappa_{10}^2} \int d^{10}x \sqrt{-g} e^{-2\phi} \left[ R + 4(\nabla\phi)^2 + \alpha_2 \left\{ R_{GB}^2 + \lambda(\nabla\phi)^4 + \mu G^{AB} \nabla_A \phi \nabla_B \phi + \nu \square\phi (\nabla\phi)^2 \right\} \right]$$

$$G^{AB} = R^{AB} - \frac{1}{2} R g^{AB} \quad : \text{Einstein tensor}$$

$$\lambda + 2(\mu + \nu) + 16 = 0.$$

Two free parameters  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  from the freedom of field redefinition

4D effective action = two Galileon type scalar fields

$$S = S_0 + \alpha_2 S_1$$

$$S_0 = \frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ R - \frac{3}{2} (\nabla w)^2 - \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \phi)^2 \right]$$

$$S_1 = \frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} e^{-\frac{\phi+3w}{2}} \left[ R_{\text{GB}}^2 + \frac{1}{2} G^{\mu\nu} \{ 3\nabla_\mu w \nabla_\nu w - 6\nabla_\mu \phi \nabla_\nu w + 35\nabla_\mu \phi \nabla_\nu \phi \} \right]$$

$$-3(\nabla w)^2 \nabla^2 w - \frac{3}{2} \left[ (\nabla w)^2 \nabla^2 \phi + 2(\nabla w \cdot \nabla \phi) \nabla^2 w \right] + \frac{63}{2} (\nabla \phi)^2 \nabla^2 \phi$$

$$+ \frac{189}{16} (\nabla \phi)^4 + \frac{111}{8} (\nabla \phi)^2 (\nabla w)^2 + \frac{39}{16} (\nabla w)^4 + \frac{3}{2} (\nabla w)^2 (\nabla \phi \cdot \nabla w) - \frac{105}{4} (\nabla \phi \cdot \nabla w)^2$$

$$+ \mu G^{\mu\nu} \nabla_\mu \phi \nabla_\nu \phi + \frac{\mu}{4} \left\{ 12 \nabla^2 \phi (\nabla \phi)^2 + 7 (\nabla \phi)^4 - 6 (\nabla w \cdot \nabla \phi)^2 + 3 (\nabla w)^2 (\nabla \phi)^2 \right\}$$

$$+ \lambda (\nabla \phi)^4 + \nu \left\{ \nabla^2 \phi + 2 (\nabla \phi)^2 \right\} (\nabla \phi)^2$$

$$d\hat{s}_{10} = \exp \left[ \frac{\phi + 3w}{2} \right] ds_4^2 + \exp \left[ \frac{\phi - w}{2} \right] d\Omega_6^2$$

$$ds_4^2 = g_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu$$

flat 6D space

# Cosmological solutions

$$ds_{10}^2 = -dt^2 + e^{2u_1(t)} d\Omega_3^2 + e^{2u_2(t)} d\Omega_6^2$$



$d\Omega_3^2, d\Omega_6^2$ : flat Euclidian spaces

Basic eqs. Equations for  $\Theta = \dot{u}_1$ ,  $\theta = \dot{u}_2$ , and  $\varpi = \dot{\phi}$

$$\mathcal{F}(\Theta, \theta, \varpi) = 0,$$

$$\mathcal{F}^{(p)}(\dot{\Theta}, \Theta, \dot{\theta}, \theta, \dot{\varpi}, \varpi) = 0,$$

$$\mathcal{F}^{(q)}(\dot{\Theta}, \Theta, \dot{\theta}, \theta, \dot{\varpi}, \varpi) = 0,$$

$$\mathcal{F}^{(\phi)}(\dot{\Theta}, \Theta, \dot{\theta}, \theta, \dot{\varpi}, \varpi) = 0,$$

“Bianchi” identity:

$$\dot{\mathcal{F}} + (3\Theta + 6\theta - 2\varpi)\mathcal{F} = 3\Theta\mathcal{F}^{(p)} + 6\theta\mathcal{F}^{(q)} + 8\varpi\mathcal{F}^{(\phi)}$$



**Fixed points:**  $\Theta = \Theta_0, \theta = \theta_0, \varpi = \varpi_0$  : constants

$$u_1 = \Theta_0 t + \text{constant},$$

$$u_2 = \theta_0 t + \text{constant},$$

$$\phi = \varpi_0 t + \text{constant}.$$

$$ds_{10}^2 = -dt^2 + e^{2\Theta_0 t} d\Omega_3^2 + e^{2\theta_0 t} d\Omega_6^2$$

$$\phi = \varpi_0 t$$

**Algebraic equations:**

$$F(\Theta_0, \theta_0, \varpi_0) \equiv \mathcal{F}|_{\Theta=\Theta_0, \theta=\theta_0, \varpi=\varpi_0} = 0,$$

$$F^{(p)}(\Theta_0, \theta_0, \varpi_0) \equiv \mathcal{F}^{(p)}|_{\Theta=\Theta_0, \theta=\theta_0, \varpi=\varpi_0} = 0,$$

$$F^{(q)}(\Theta_0, \theta_0, \varpi_0) \equiv \mathcal{F}^{(q)}|_{\Theta=\Theta_0, \theta=\theta_0, \varpi=\varpi_0} = 0,$$

$$F^{(\phi)}(\Theta_0, \theta_0, \varpi_0) \equiv \mathcal{F}^{(\phi)}|_{\Theta=\Theta_0, \theta=\theta_0, \varpi=\varpi_0} = 0.$$



One simple equation:

$$\begin{aligned} & F^{(q)} - F^{(p)} \\ &= (\Theta_0 - \theta_0) (3\Theta_0 + 6\theta_0 - 2\varpi_0) (2 + 8\Theta_0^2 + 80\Theta_0\theta_0 + 80\theta_0^2 - 32\Theta_0\varpi_0 - 80\theta_0\varpi_0 - \varpi_0^2\mu) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Three cases:

1.  $\Theta_0 = \theta_0,$

2.  $3\Theta_0 + 6\theta_0 - 2\varpi_0 = 0,$

3.  $2 + 8\Theta_0^2 + 80\Theta_0\theta_0 + 80\theta_0^2 - 32\Theta_0\varpi_0 - 80\theta_0\varpi_0 - \varpi_0^2\mu = 0$

# de Sitter solution

$$3\theta_0 = \varpi_0$$

case	fixed point $(\Theta_0, \theta_0, \varpi_0)$	$H = \Theta_0$	$\nu$
1. $[\Theta_0 = \theta_0]$	$(\Theta_0, \Theta_0, 3\Theta_0)$	$\pm \sqrt{\frac{2}{9\mu + 160}}$	$-(3\mu + 32)$
2. $[3\Theta_0 + 6\theta_0 - 2\varpi_0 = 0]$	—	—	—
3. $[2(1 + 4\Theta_0^2 - 8\Theta_0\theta_0 - 80\theta_0^2) = 9\theta_0^2\mu]$	$(\Theta_0, -2.94771\Theta_0, -8.84313\Theta_0)$	$\pm \frac{0.159922}{\sqrt{\mu + 17.0724}}$	$-3.86891\mu - 45.4052$
	$(\Theta_0, 0.583777\Theta_0, 1.75133\Theta_0)$	$\pm \frac{0.807509}{\sqrt{\mu + 18.2148}}$	$-3.40790\mu - 39.2874$

one parameter family

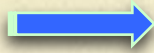
$$a = \exp[\Theta_0 t], \quad b = \exp[\theta_0 t], \quad \text{and} \quad e^\phi = \exp[\varpi_0 t],$$

$$(\Theta_0, \theta_0, \varpi_0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu + 17.0724}} (0.159922, -0.471405, -1.41421)$$

$$H \equiv \Theta_0 = \frac{0.159922}{\sqrt{\mu + 17.0724}} \alpha_2^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{0.452328}{\sqrt{\mu + 17.0724}} (\alpha')^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

# Power law solution

$$3\theta_0 \neq \varpi_0$$

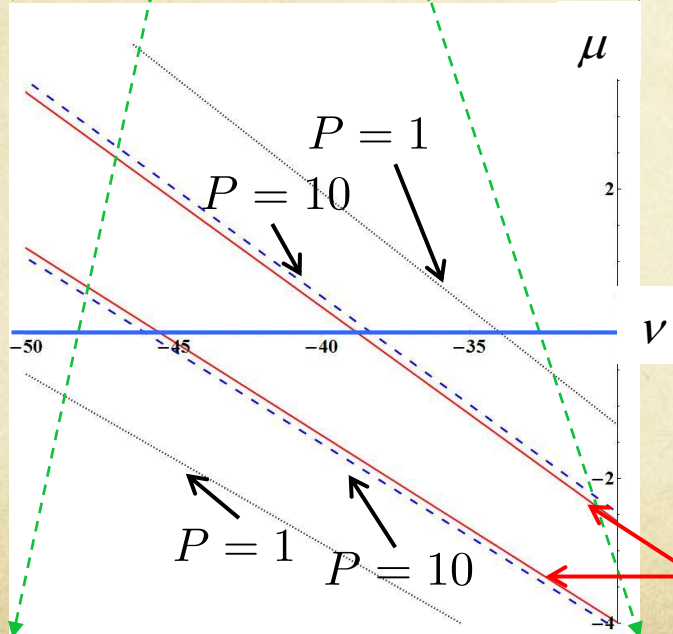
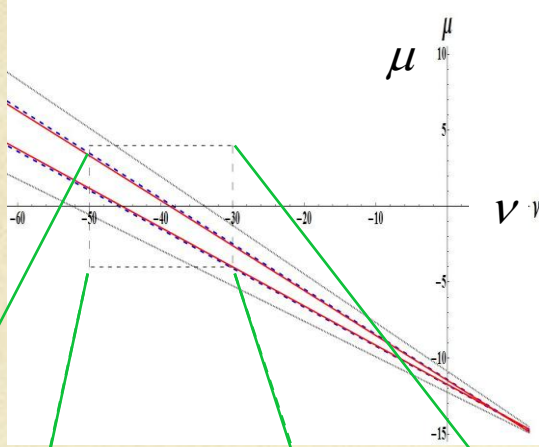
two-parameter family  $(\mu, \nu)$   the power exponent  $P$

## examples

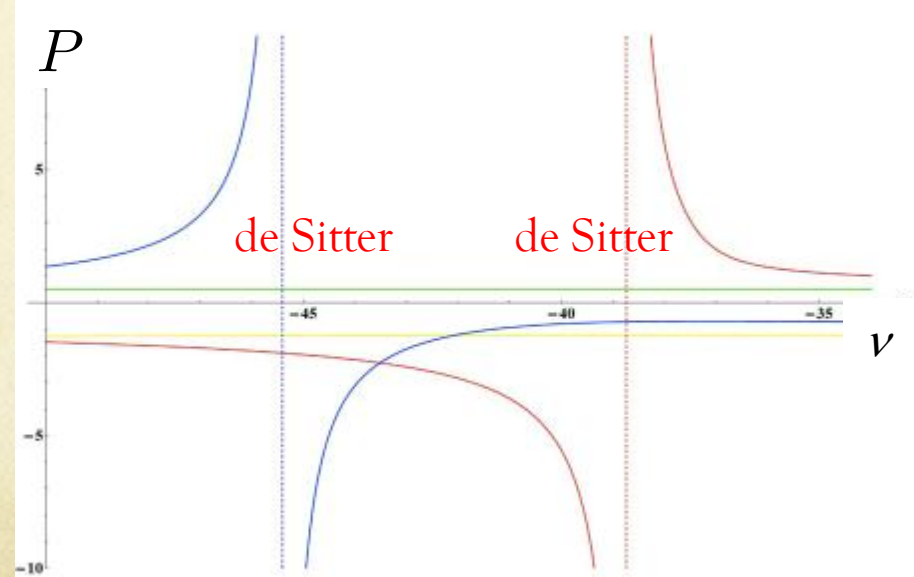
case	$\mu$	$\nu$	fixed point $(\Theta_0, \theta_0, \varpi_0)$	$P$	A/D	$M_0$	stability
1.	-15.4	14.1	(0.307622, 0.307622, 0.903627)	16.9893	A	-0.961344	S
			(-0.250813, -0.250813, -1.30743)	0.548081	D	-0.357553	S
	-12	4	(-0.118465, -0.118465, -0.685402)	0.641022	D	-0.304618	S
	0	48.2	(-0.0787943, -0.0787943, -0.346152)	0.016844	D	0.282184	US
2.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3.	-15.4	14.1	(0.107856, -0.364542, -1.10847)	8.26718	A	-0.353253	S
			(0.0060359, 0.431902, 0.727932)	1.01063	A	-1.15366	S
			(0.948509, -0.0160689, 0.334445)	-1.47878	A	-2.08022	S
			(-0.765888, 0.0881743, -1.01054)	0.399332	D	-0.252459	S
	-12	4	(0.909500, -0.063855, 0.198882)	-1.329387	A	-1.947607	S
			(0.323252, -0.235434, -0.517073)	-0.708264	A	-0.591299	S
			(-0.567964, 0.235739, -0.347272)	0.461385	D	-0.405089	S
			(-0.035670, 0.325903, 0.508717)	0.923944	D	-0.830977	S
	0	48.2	(0.7982, -0.166337, -0.107164)	-1.03702	A	-1.61091	S
			(0.895263, -0.117903, 0.0561875)	-1.18412	A	-1.86599	S
			(-0.101297, -0.0676883, -0.346229)	0.292438	D	0.0175641	US
			(-0.111046, -0.0629703, -0.346321)	0.294546	D	0.0183167	US
			(-0.344151, 0.332526, 0.169237)	0.968383	D	-0.624232	S
			(-0.505956, 0.318319, -0.0787433)	1.05549	D	-0.549534	S

# Fixed point solutions

two-parameter family



$\mu=0$



## Stability of fixed points

$$\Theta = \Theta_0 + \delta\Theta, \theta = \theta_0 + \delta\theta, \text{ and } \varpi = \varpi_0 + \delta\varpi$$

### Perturbation equations

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} \delta\Theta \\ \delta\theta \\ \delta\varpi \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{M}_0 \begin{pmatrix} \delta\Theta \\ \delta\theta \\ \delta\varpi \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{M}_0 = M_0 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

degenerate

$$M_0 = -(3\Theta_0 + 6\theta_0 - 2\varpi_0)$$

stability condition  $M_0 < 0$ .

All accelerated expanding universe are stable.

$$(\Theta_0 + 3\theta_0 - \varpi_0) > 0 \quad \& \quad \Theta_0 > 0$$

## Summary

Extending the effective action by **field redefinition**, we find **de Sitter** expanding (or **accelerating**) universe in the context of superstring (supergravity) with corrections of the curvatures and a dilaton field.

As the similar to other kinematical model, we still have the following basic problems:

**graceful exit**  $\longleftrightarrow$  moduli fixing by flux

**reheating of the Universe**

**density fluctuations**



**Thank you for your attention**

