

# Cosmology from M Theory Compactifications with Fluxes: Cosmic Speed-Up and Dark Energy

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## String or M Theory Cosmology: Motivations

Recent interest in string or M-theory cosmology is two fold

- (1) Can one derive a scalar potential from string/M theory that has stationary points (or positive extremum) with  $V > 0$ .
- (2) Can inflation and/or late-time acceleration of the four dimensional expanding universe (naturally) emerge from M-theory compactifications

The issue whether compactifications of  $d=10$  or  $d=11$  string or M-theory down to  $d=4$  should be time-independent or time-dependent may be discussed. If the first approach is closer to reality then "dark energy" is possibly a pure vacuum energy, so called cosmological constant. While if the compactification can be time-dependent, then the dark energy is dynamical, for example, a slowly varying scalar field, which may arise due to a slowly varying size of extra dimensions.

Many tentative effective models may be devised to explain primordial inflation as well as late-time acceleration of the universe

**But the central question is**

**Is 4d cosmology derivable from string/M theory compactification?**

## No-go theorem in a language of cosmology?

One of the obstacles for a de Sitter type compactification in supergravity theories is no-go theorem **Gibbons (1984), Maldacena-Nunez (2001)**

**The strong energy condition  $R_{00}^{(D)} \geq 0$  holds for 10 or 11d supergravities. If one allows extra dimensions to be warped and time-independent, then for a compactified theory this requires**

$$R_{00}^{(4)} \geq 0$$

**But this does not allow the universe to accelerate! So it must be violated during inflation. Consider a four-dimensional metric**

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + a(t)^2 \left( \frac{dr^2}{1 - kr^2} + r^2 d\Omega_2^2 \right),$$

**where  $k = -1, 0, +1$ . The time-time component of 4D Ricci tensor is**

$$R_{00}^{(4)} = -3 \frac{\ddot{a}(t)}{a(t)}$$

**Inflating spacetime means  $\ddot{a}/a > 0$  and hence  $R_{00}^{(4)} < 0$**

## No-go theorem in warped string compactifications

How the Gibbons-Maldacena-Nunez “no-go theorem” comes into this business? Consider a  $D$ -dimensional metric

$$ds_D^2 = A^2(\mathbf{y}) ds_4^2(\mathbf{x}) + d\Sigma_m^2(\mathbf{y}) \quad (m = D - 4)$$

$d\Sigma_m^2$  is the metric of some compact non-singular  $m$ -manifold  $\mathcal{M}$  with coordinates  $y$ . One computes

$$\mathbf{R}_{00}^{(D)}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{R}_{00}^{(4)}(\mathbf{x}) - \frac{1}{4} A^{-2}(\mathbf{y}) \nabla_y^2 A^4(\mathbf{y})$$

Multiplying by  $A^2$  and integrating over  $\mathcal{M}$  we find

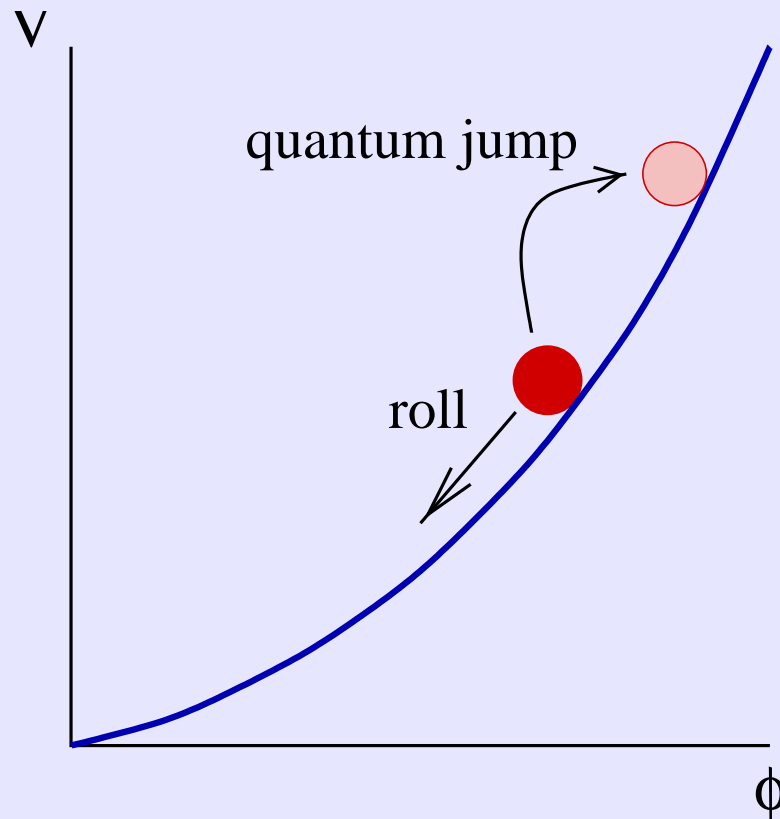
$$\left[ \int_{\mathcal{M}} A^2 \right] \mathbf{R}_{00}^{(4)} = \int_{\mathcal{M}} A^2 \mathbf{R}_{00}^{(D)}$$

The result is that

$$\mathbf{R}_{00}^{(D)} \geq 0 \quad \text{only if} \quad \mathbf{R}_{00}^{(4)} \geq 0$$

A contribution of  $p$ -form background fields does not affect this result!

## What really violated during inflation?



Roll  $\implies$  lower  $V \implies$  lower  $H$  (Hubble parameter)

Jump  $\implies$  higher  $V \implies$  higher  $H$

## What conditions really violated during inflation?

FRW:

$$\dot{H} = -4\pi G(\rho + p) + \frac{k}{a^2}$$

Inflating spacetime does not mean that  $|k| = 0$ , rather

$$\frac{k}{a^2} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{or negligibly small}$$

The condition  $\dot{H} > 0$  is too strong! This implies that

$$\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} > H^2 > 0 \Rightarrow \rho + p < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow N^\mu N^\nu T_{\mu\nu} < 0 \Rightarrow w = \frac{p}{\rho} < -1$$

Violation of NEC  $\Leftrightarrow$  Phantom Fields? Probably NOT!

In general, cosmic acceleration means that

$$\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} > 0, \quad H > 0 \Rightarrow -1 < w < -\frac{1}{3}$$

## Resolution: Hyperbolic Compactification

### How To Overcome No-Go Theorem?

- It is possible to explain cosmic acceleration of our four-dimensional universe from supergravity solutions, with or without background fluxes,

if

- 1) one gives up the condition of time-independence of internal space, and in addition,
- 2) the internal space is hyperbolic (a space of constant negative curvature)

—— Townsend and Woltharth [hep-th/0303097]

**This is an interesting observation**

Similar cosmology was studied by E. Kasner in 1921

Look! This is right after T. Kaluza but before O. Klein

## Kasner solutions

The Kasner-type metric

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + a(t)^2 dx_{\mathbb{R}^3}^2 + b(t)^2 ds^2(\mathbb{T}^m)$$

solves the  $4 + m$  dimensional vacuum Einstein equations if

$$a(t) = t^\alpha, \quad b(t) = t^\beta$$

$$\alpha = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{3m(m+2)}}{3(m+3)}, \quad \beta = \frac{m \mp \sqrt{3m(m+2)}}{m(m+3)}$$

Of course  $\alpha < 1$  and so these solutions in general do not give accelerating expansion of 4d spacetime. However, by using the time-shift symmetry

$$t \rightarrow t_\infty - t, \quad a(t) = (t_\infty - t)^\alpha$$

one can see that the scale factor yields accelerated expansion since  $\dot{a} > 0$  and  $\ddot{a} > 0$ . Unfortunately, in Einstein conformal-frame we find that the solution is actually decelerating!

## Accelerating Cosmologies: Some Known Examples

- $M_4 \times H_m$ : – First example of transient acceleration of a four-dimensional universe from supergravity compactification on hyperbolic spaces –Townsend-Wohlfarth (hep-th/0303097)

- **The solution is**

$$ds^2 = e^{-m\phi(t)} \left( -S^6 dt^2 + S^2 dx_3^2 \right) + r_c^2 e^{2\phi(t)} ds_{H_m}^2$$

$$\phi(t) = \frac{1}{m-1} \left( \ln K(t) - 3\lambda_0 t \right), \quad S^2 = K^{\frac{m}{m-1}} e^{-\frac{(m+2)}{(m-1)}\lambda_0 t}$$

$$K(t) = \frac{\lambda_0 r_c}{(m-1)} \frac{\beta}{\sinh[\lambda_0 \beta |t + t_1|]}, \quad \beta = \sqrt{3 + \frac{6}{m}}$$

- **This solution is obtainable from Space-like brane solutions in zero-flux limit – Ohta [hep-th/0303238] .**

- **The proper time  $\tau$  is defined by  $d\tau = S^3(t) dt$ . The conditions for expansion and acceleration are  $\frac{dS}{d\tau} > 0$ ,  $\frac{d^2S}{d\tau^2} > 0$ . **For example, when  $m = 7$ , the expansion factor is simply****

$$\frac{S(\tau_2)}{S(\tau_1)} = 3.04 \quad \text{Too small for inflation}$$

## Other Accelerating Solutions

- $M_4 \times \mathbb{R}_{m_1} \times H_{m_2}$ : Suppose we live in a flat  $4D$  spacetime, and the internal space is a product of flat and hyperbolic spaces.

**The logarithm of the scale factor is**

$$\ln(S(t)) = -\frac{(m_1 + m_2 - 4)}{4} \lambda_0 t + \frac{m_1}{2} a(t) + \frac{m_2}{2} b(t)$$

$$a(t) = \alpha_0 t, \quad b(t) = -\frac{m_1}{m_2 - 1} \alpha_0 t + \frac{1}{m_2 - 1} \ln \left( \frac{\beta}{\sinh((m_2 - 1)\beta t)} \right)$$

**For example, when  $m_1 = 1$  and  $m_2 = 6$  and  $\lambda_0 = 2\alpha_0$ , so the volume factor of  $\mathbb{R}^1$  is unity, then the four-dimensional universe accelerates in the time interval  $1.41 > 4\alpha_0 t > 0.14$ . The expansion factor is**

$$\frac{S(\tau_2)}{S(\tau_1)} = 3.38 \quad \text{Just a small improvement}$$

## Hyperbolic-Flux Compactification

- **The Kasner type solutions were first studied and generalized in supergravity by A. Chodos and S. Detweiler in 1980 by considering the bosonic part of D-dimensional supergravity with a  $(q + 2)$ -form field:**

$$\mathcal{L}_D = \frac{1}{16\pi G_D} \sqrt{-g_D} \left( R - \frac{8\pi G_D}{(q+2)!} F_{[q+2]}^2 \right)$$

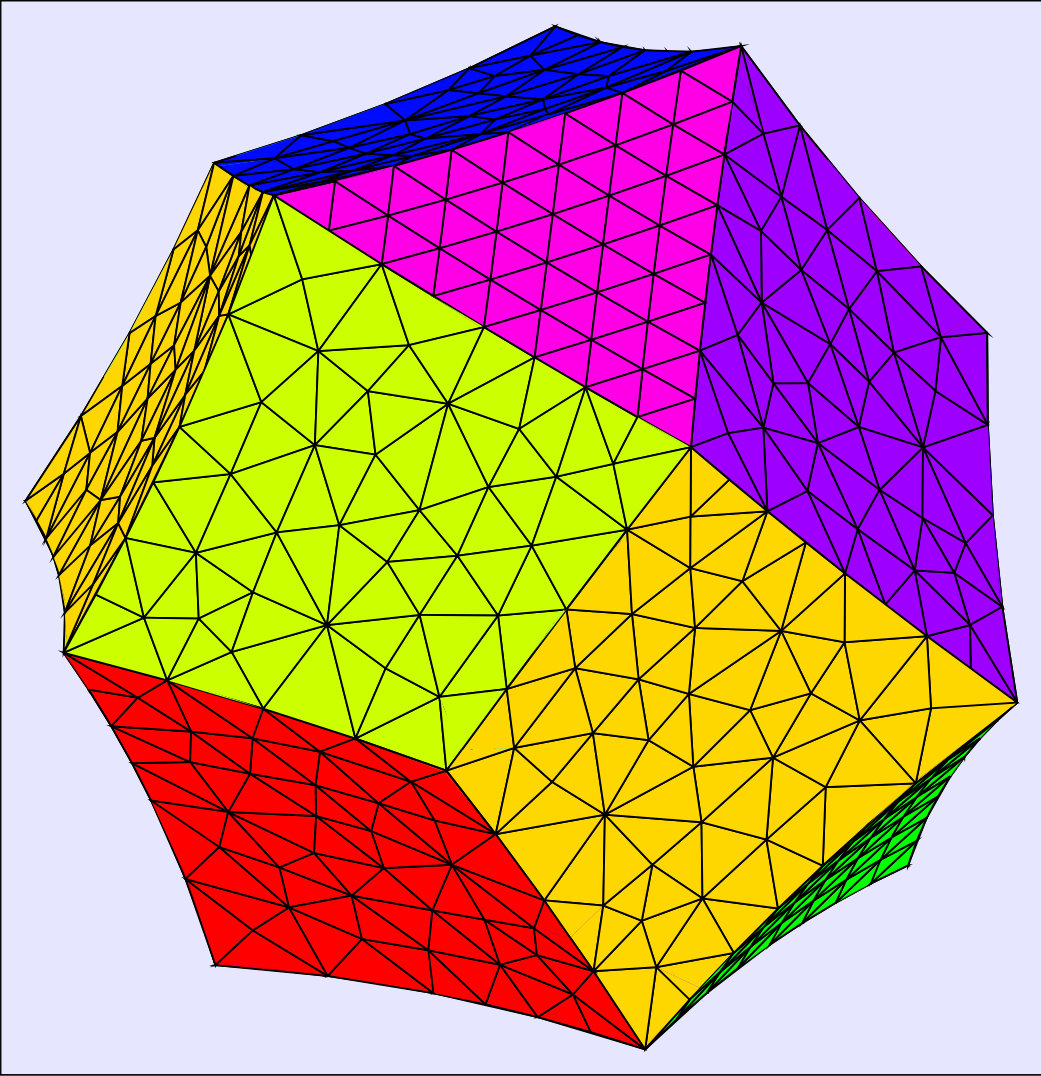
where  $F_{(q+2)} = dA_{(q+1)}$ . **The metric in Einstein conformal-frame reads**

$$ds_D^2 = e^{-\frac{2m}{d-2} \phi(t)} \left[ -dt^2 + a(t)^2 \left( \frac{dr^2}{1 - kr^2} + r^2 d\Omega_{d-2}^2 \right) \right] + r_c^2 e^{2\phi(t)} d\Sigma_{m, k_1}^2$$

**and  $d = q + 2$ . The values of  $k_i = -1, 0, +1$  correspond to the hyperbolic, flat or spherical space. In  $D = 11$  (i.e.,  $d = 4, m = 7$ ), one has 4-form anti-symmetric tensor matter fields as required by supersymmetry.**

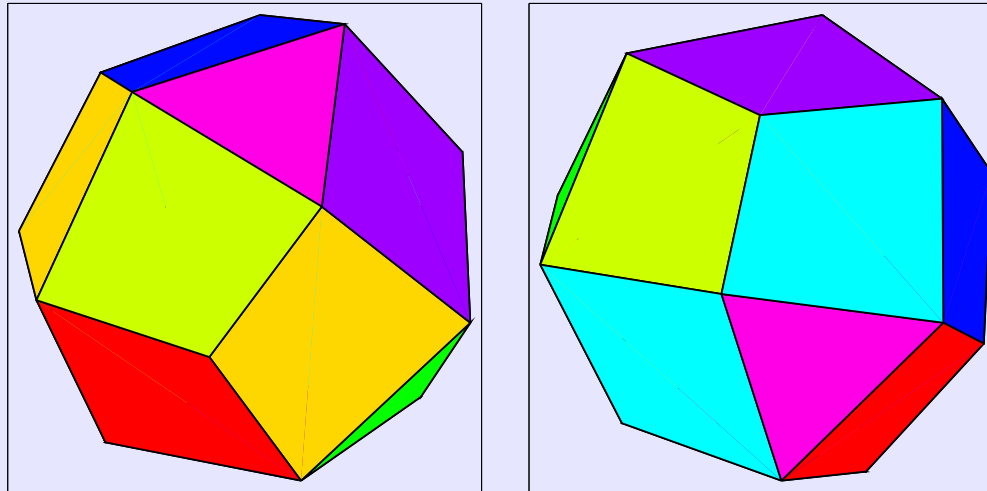
**Chodos and Detweiler studied the  $k_1 = 0$  cosmology, presumably, due to a mathematical simplicity. Besides, the metric was not written in Einstein conformal-frame, leading to the result that  $G_4 \propto t^{-1}$ , unacceptable!**

# Compact Hyperbolic Manifold



*Compact Hyperbolic 3-Space – Thurston Manifold*

## Compact Hyperbolic Manifold



*Compact Hyperbolic 3-Space – In Klein Coordinates (using SnapPea)*

**SnapPea is a computer program developed in order to study compact hyperbolic spaces, as well as compact hyperbolic orbifolds.**

**SnapPea can actually compute the volume, fundamental group, symmetry group, homology, Chern-Simon invariant and length spectrum of such spaces**

## Dimensional Reduction

Upon the dimensional reduction, the  $d$ -dimensional Lagrangian density is  
(IPN – hep-th/0309139)

$$\mathcal{L}_d = M_d^2 \sqrt{-g_d} \left( \frac{\mathcal{R}}{2} - \Lambda_d + \mathbf{K} - \mathbf{V}(\phi) \right)$$

where the kinetic and potential terms are

$$\mathbf{K} = - \frac{\lambda}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi$$

$$\frac{\mathcal{R}}{2} - \Lambda_d = k \frac{(d-2)(d-3)}{2a^2} + \frac{(d-1)(d-2)}{2} H^2 + (d-1) \frac{\ddot{a}}{a}$$

$$\mathbf{V}(\phi) = b^2 e^{-\frac{2(d-1)m}{d-2}\phi} - k_1 \frac{m(m-1)}{2r_c^2} e^{-\frac{2\lambda}{m}\phi(t)}$$

with  $\lambda \equiv \frac{m(m+d-2)}{(d-2)}$ . It turns out that a negatively curved geometry of the internal space (i.e.,  $k_1 = -1$ ) gives a positive exponential potential  $V(\phi)$  in  $d$ -dimensions, even if  $b = 0$ . In cosmology, practically, one sets  $d = 4$ .

We should note, on the way to proceed further, that dimensional reduction of any higher-dimensional theory is well defined only if  $d \geq 4$ , when  $k \neq 0$

## Can $1/R$ type gravity be derived from M-theory?

Is gravity of the type  $R + 1/R^n$ , with  $n > 0$ , derivable from M-theory? What seems plausible is that one can write an equivalent action containing the term  $1/R^n$  with  $n < 1$ , but it is unlikely that  $n \geq 1$  is obtained from classical compactifications of supergravity theories. **This holds even if one replaces field strengths by a higher-dimensional CC  $\Lambda$ , so that**

$$V(\phi) = \Lambda e^{-\frac{2m}{d-2}\phi} - k_1 \frac{m(m-1)}{2r_c^2} e^{-\frac{2\lambda}{m}\phi(t)}$$

Then also one could ask why Carroll et.al.'s model

$$\mathcal{L}[g_{\mu\nu}] = \frac{M_P^2}{2} \sqrt{g} \left( R - \frac{\mu^4}{R} \right)$$

**or equivalently**

$$\mathcal{L} = \sqrt{-\tilde{g}} \left( \frac{M_P^2}{2} \tilde{R} - (\partial\sigma)^2 - 2\mu^2 M_P^2 e^{-2\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \frac{\sigma}{M_P}} \sqrt{e^{\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \frac{\sigma}{M_P}} - 1} \right)$$

gives a power-law inflation? A possible reason is that the asymptotic form of potential is an exponential  $V(\sigma) \propto e^{-2\lambda(\sigma/M_P)}$  with  $\lambda < 1$ . Such an exponential potential is known to give an eternally accelerating expansion, although we do not know yet how to derive an exponential potential with  $\lambda < 1$  from string/M-theory compactifications.

## Four Dimensional Scalar Potential

- Is it possible to use M-theory motivated potentials for dark energy?

$$\mathcal{L} = \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{M_{\text{P}}^2}{2} \mathbf{R} - (\partial\varphi)^2 - 2\mathbf{V}(\varphi) \right]$$

- **The  $4d$  scalar potential arising from hyperbolic-flux compactification is**

$$\mathbf{V}(\varphi) = \frac{M_{\text{P}}^2}{r_c^2} e^{-2c \frac{\varphi}{M_{\text{P}}}} + M_{\text{P}}^2 \frac{f^2}{2} e^{-\frac{6}{c} \frac{\varphi}{M_{\text{P}}}}$$

**PS: If one prefers a normalization of  $\varphi$  such that the kinetic part is  $\dot{\varphi}^2/2$  and potential is  $V(\varphi)$ , then this is attained by the substitution  $\varphi \rightarrow \varphi/\sqrt{2}$  and  $c \rightarrow c/\sqrt{2}$**

**The canonical scalar  $\varphi$  is related to the original  $\phi$ , see the metric ansatz in slide (12), by the relation**

$$\phi = \sqrt{\frac{4}{m(m+2)}} \frac{\varphi}{M_{\text{P}}} + \frac{1}{m+2} \ln \frac{m(m-1)}{4}$$

$$f^2 = b^2 \left( \frac{4}{m(m-1)} \right)^{3/c^2}, \quad c \equiv \sqrt{\frac{m+2}{m}}$$

## Potential = Cosmological Constant ?

For all classical (string or Kaluza-Klein) compactifications, only  $c > 1$  arises in practice. In particular, for the hyperbolic compactification, since  $c = \sqrt{\frac{m+2}{m}}$ , one has  $1 \lesssim c < \sqrt{3}$  when  $m \geq 2$ .

In the M theory case  $m = 7$ , and so  $c = 3/\sqrt{7}$ , we find

$$V(\varphi) = \frac{M_{\text{P}}^2}{r_c^2} e^{-2\sqrt{9/7} \frac{\varphi}{M_{\text{P}}}} + \frac{M_{\text{P}}^2 f^2}{2} e^{-2\sqrt{7} \frac{\varphi}{M_{\text{P}}}}$$

• The late-time cosmology,  $\varphi \gg 1$ , is almost unaffected by the flux term. The first exponent  $\sqrt{9/7} \approx 1.1338$  is within the limit where astronomical data might be relevant,  $\lambda \lesssim \sqrt{6}/2 = 1.2247$ . The extra dimensions  $m = 4$  is marginal for which  $\lambda = \lambda_{\text{crit}}$ .

The value of  $r_c$  is not fixed by field equations. A reasonable value of  $r_c$  is  $\sim 1 \text{ TeV} \sim 10^{-15} \text{ cm}$  or even less, but bigger than string scale.

Then the above potential may be tuned to the present value of the cosmological constant, that is,  $V(\varphi) \sim 10^{-120}$ , in 4d Planck units, given that  $\varphi \sim 91$  and  $r_c \sim 1 \text{ TeV}$ .

## Four Dimensional Cosmology

For the single hyperbolic space as an internal manifold, we find that the  $\varphi$  equation of motion is (for a while, let me work in the units  $M^2 = (8\pi G)^{-1} = 1$ )

$$\ddot{\varphi} + 3H\dot{\varphi} + \frac{2k_1}{r_c^2} c e^{-2c\varphi} - \frac{3}{c} f^2 e^{-\frac{6}{c}\varphi} = 0$$

while the Friedman equation is

$$3H^2 = \dot{\varphi}^2 - \frac{2k_1}{r_c^2} e^{-2c\varphi} - \frac{3k}{a^2} + f^2 e^{-(6/c)\varphi}$$

Note that there is another equation which is independent of the background flux and the (radion/inflaton) coupling  $c$

$$H^2 - \frac{\ddot{a}}{a} + \frac{k}{a^2} = \dot{\varphi}^2$$

- Consider that the four dimensional universe is spatially flat ( $k = 0$ ). In this case it is convenient to define a new logarithmic time variable  $\tau$  by  $d\tau = e^{-c\varphi} dt$ ,  $\alpha(\tau) = \ln(a(t)) \Rightarrow a(t) = e^{\alpha(\tau)}$

## Examples of Transient Acceleration

In the case of zero flux ( $f = 0$ ) the solution is

$$\sqrt{3} \alpha = \delta_- \ln \cosh \frac{\gamma(\tau + \tau_1)}{r_c} + \delta_+ \ln \sinh \frac{\gamma(\tau + \tau_1)}{r_c} + \mathbf{A}$$

$$\varphi = \delta_- \ln \cosh \frac{\gamma(\tau + \tau_1)}{r_c} - \delta_+ \ln \sinh \frac{\gamma(\tau + \tau_1)}{r_c} + \mathbf{B}$$

$$\delta_{\pm} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3} \pm c}, \quad \gamma = \sqrt{\frac{3 - c^2}{2}}$$

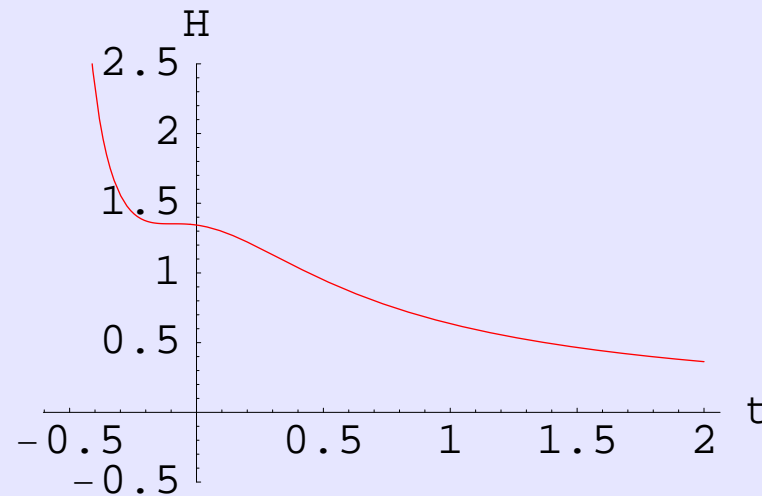
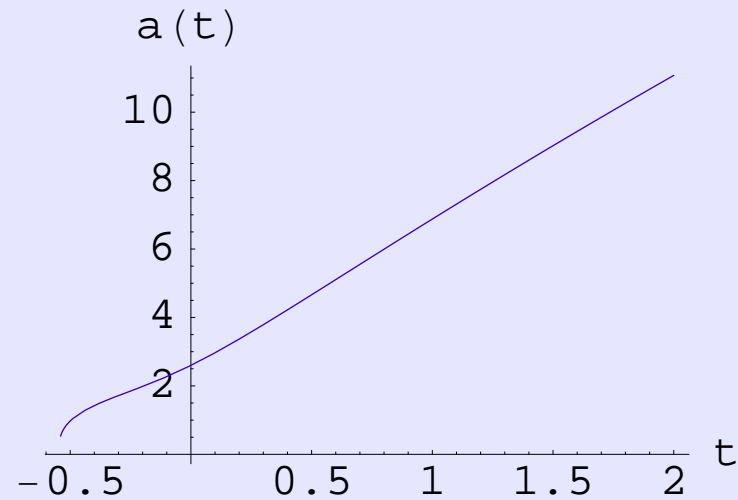
This gives (for simplicity we set  $\tau_1 = 0$ )

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{da/dt}{a} = e^{-c\varphi} \alpha'(\tau) > 0$$

$$\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = e^{-2c\varphi} \frac{2\gamma^2}{r_c^2} \left[ \frac{2(c^2 - 1)}{c^2 - 3} + \frac{2\sqrt{3}c (2 \cosh^2(\gamma\tau/r_c) - 1) - c^2 - 3}{3(3 - c^2) (\cosh^2(\gamma\tau/r_c) - 1) \cosh^2(\gamma\tau/r_c)} \right]$$

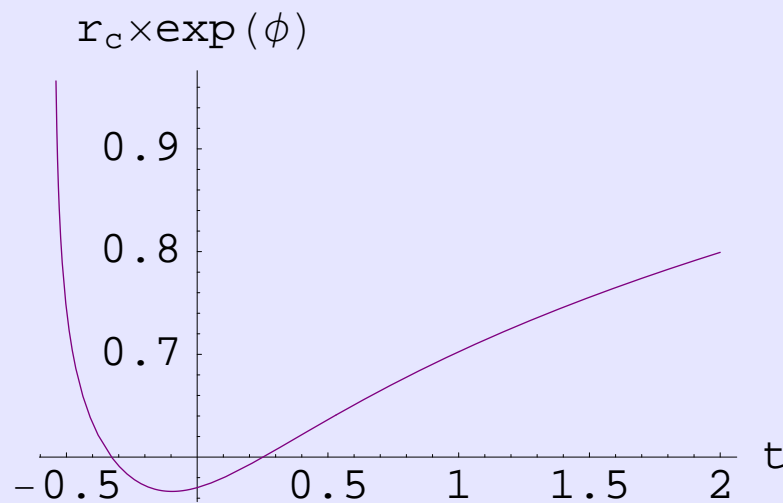
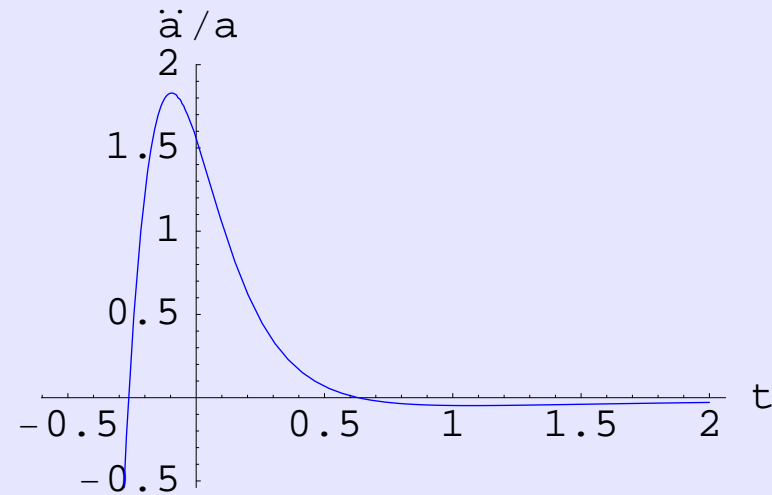
**The critical value  $c = 1$  separates qualitatively the different cosmologies.** Solutions with  $c > 1$  are only transiently accelerating, and  $c \leq 1$  allows eternally accelerating expansion even for the  $k=0$  cosmology. But  $c < 1$  is not obtainable from classical compactifications! **M-theory case is  $c = 1.13$**

## 4d scale factor and Hubble parameter for $k=0$ cosmology



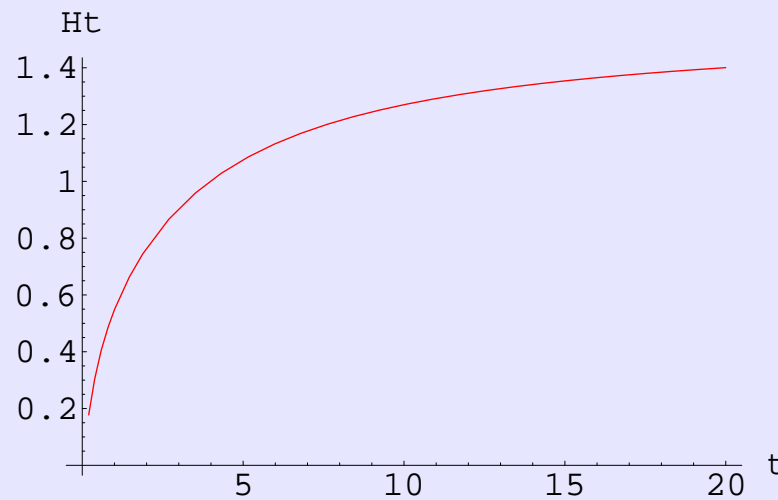
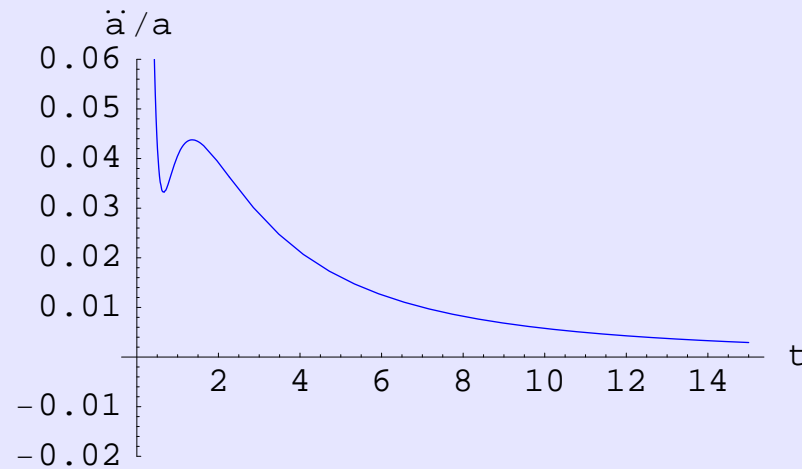
The parameters are fixed at  $c = 3/\sqrt{7}$ ,  $r_c = 0.4$ ,  $\tilde{b} = 1$ .

# Transient acceleration and bouncing of internal volume



Parameter are fixed at  $c = 3/\sqrt{7}$ ,  $r_c = 0.4$ ,  $\tilde{b} = 1$ ,  $k = 0$ ,  $k_1 = -1$ .

## An Example of Eternal Acceleration



*The parameter values are  $r_c = 0.8$ ,  $\tilde{b} = 4$ ,  $k = 0$ ,  $k_1 = -1$ , and  $c = 0.8$*

## Open Universe and Eternally Accelerating Expansion

Next consider case of  $k = -1$ . In the zero-flux limit, the solution is

$$\mathbf{a}(t) = \frac{c}{\sqrt{c^2 - 1}} t \equiv \mathbf{a}_0, \quad \varphi(t) = \frac{1}{c} \ln \left( \frac{ct}{r_c} \right) \equiv \varphi_0$$

This solution itself is not accelerating since  $\ddot{a}(t) = 0$ , but, to the lowest order, where a non-zero field strength parameter  $b > 0$  serves as a source term, the solution is accelerating when  $c < \sqrt{2}$ .

To lowest order in cosmological perturbations

$$\mathbf{a}(t) = \mathbf{a}_0 + \mathbf{a}_1, \quad \varphi = \varphi_0 + \varphi_1$$

the solution is

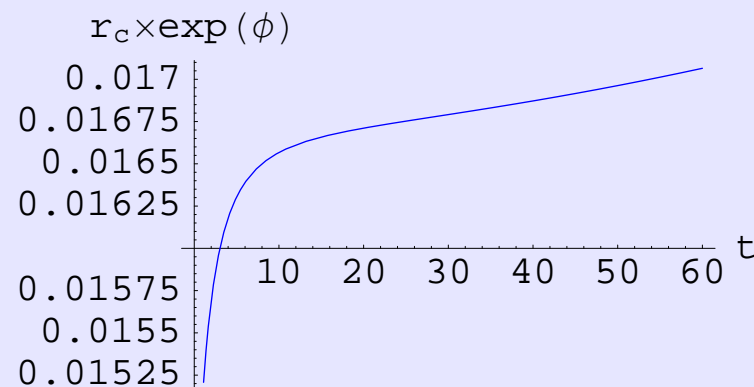
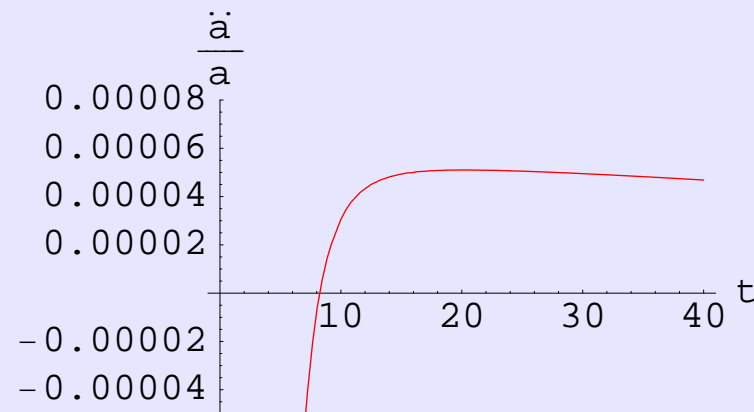
$$\mathbf{a}_1 = \beta t^n, \quad \varphi_1 = \beta \gamma t^{n-1}$$

where  $\beta$  is undetermined (but a small constant) and

$$\gamma = \frac{3(1-n)}{4} \sqrt{c^2 - 1}, \quad n = -\sqrt{\frac{4 - 3c^2}{c^2}}$$

Full classical non-linear equations give an eternally accelerating solution even if  $c > 1$ ! This result holds with a non-trivial background fluxes

# Eternally Accelerating Open Universe



We have set  $r_c = 0.001$ . For  $r_c \ll 1$ ,  $r_c e^\phi$  grows very slowly! See the next slide. In fact, for  $k = 0$ , the scale factor  $a(t)$  grows much faster with  $t$  as compared to the  $k = -1$  case. So  $k = -1$  cosmology might tend towards spatial flatness in the subsequent evolution, in order to describe the universe we now observe

## Internal space scale factors: Observationally too small

**Table 1:** The relation between  $r_c$  and the scale factors at  $t = 10$

$r_c$	$a(t)$	$r_c e^\phi$	$\varphi - \varphi_0$
$10^{-7}$	$5.4 \times 10^6$	$0.8 \times 10^{-5}$	16.1
$10^{-9}$	$1.8 \times 10^8$	$2.2 \times 10^{-7}$	20.1
$10^{-12}$	$4.0 \times 10^{10}$	$1.0 \times 10^{-9}$	26.3

**Table 2:** The relation between  $r_c$  and the scale factors at  $t = 1000$

$r_c$	$a(t)$	$r_c e^\phi$	$\varphi - \varphi_0$
$10^{-7}$	$1.9 \times 10^8$	$2.2 \times 10^{-5}$	20.5
$10^{-9}$	$7.0 \times 10^9$	$6.0 \times 10^{-7}$	25.5
$10^{-12}$	$1.4 \times 10^{12}$	$2.5 \times 10^{-9}$	30.5

**Table 3:** The relation between  $r_c$  and the scale factors at  $t = 10^{10}$

$r_c$	$a(t)$	$r_c e^\phi$	$\varphi - \varphi_0$
0.1	$1 \times 10^9$	35	22.5
0.001	$4 \times 10^{10}$	1	26.5
0.00001	$1.4 \times 10^{12}$	0.025	30.5

## Summary

- **A transient acceleration of the universe is generic for hyperbolic or flux compactifications of string/M-theory**
- In the presence of matter fields, a short inflationary phase due to hyperbolic extra dimensions may be used to explain cosmic acceleration of the present universe.
- If a spatial curvature of the universe is flat and its accelerated expansion will continue forever then such an acceleration may arise from a scalar potential of the form  $V \sim \exp(-2c\varphi)$  with the coupling constant  $c \leq 1$
- **However** since for all known classical (string or Kaluza-Klein) compactifications on some non-trivial curved internal spaces and/or toroidal spaces with fluxes, only  $c \gtrsim 1$  arises in practice **we are led to explore alternatives and we find that an eternally accelerating expansion is possible for the coupling  $c > 1$  only if the spatial curvature of the universe is negative.**
- It seems possible to use M-theory motivated potential for dark energy.