

# Topological Inflation and D Anti D brane Annihilation

Or Inflation From a Bang

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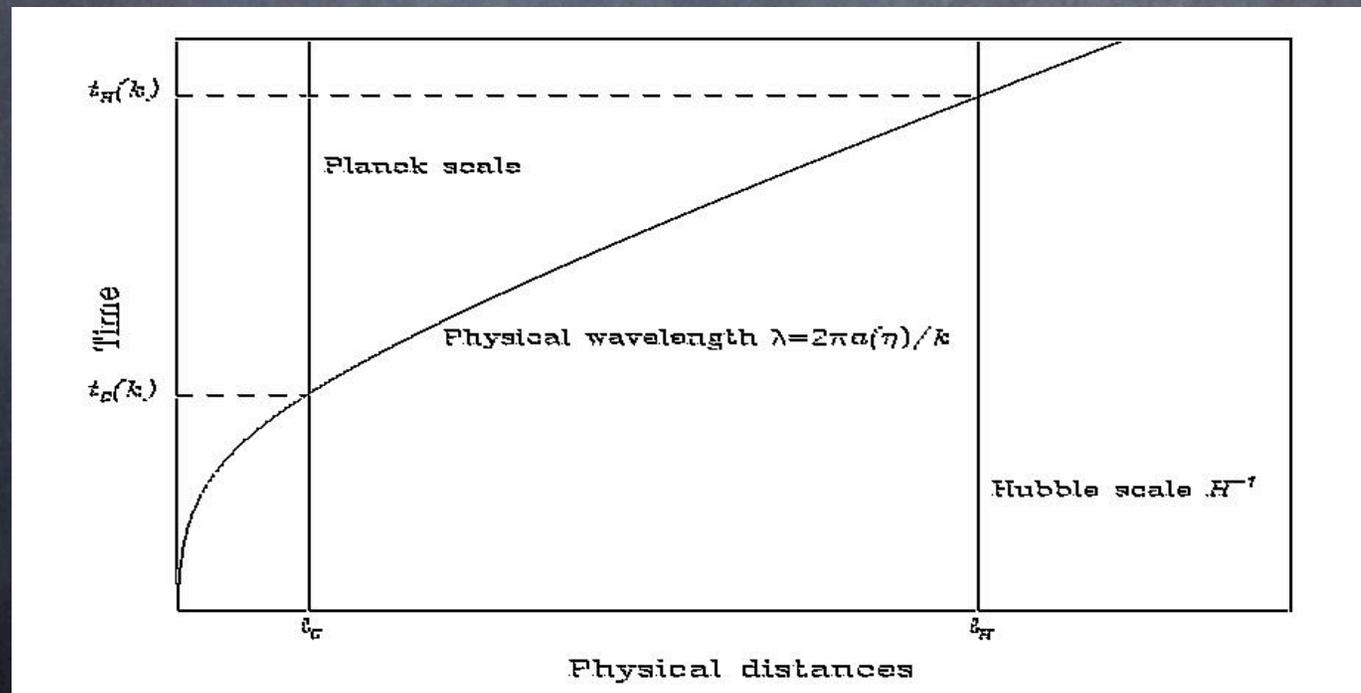
IV. Inflation from D-brane Annihilation

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- Scalar field driven inflation models are singular at  $t \rightarrow 0$
- The Fluctuation Problem requires technically unnatural fine tuning of  $\epsilon \sim 10^{-14}$
- Transplanckian Problem: Initial Fluctuations for LSS



# What is the Lesson?

- ❑ Inflation has provided an economical framework to predict the features of CMB and resolve problems of SBB. . .
- ❑ But it still lacks a concrete realization in  
A fundamental theory of quantum gravity.
- ❑ QFT weakly coupled to Gravity is not enough!

# D-branes and Inflation

: Why can it help?

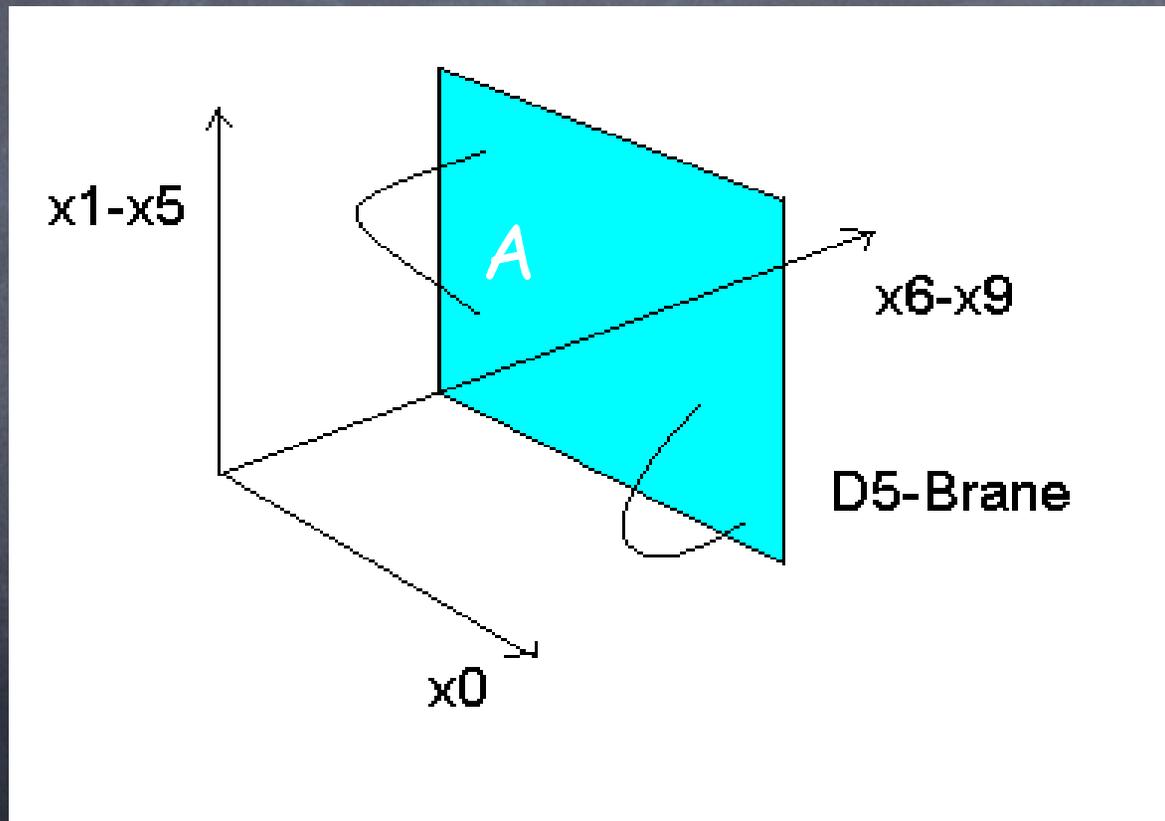
- D-brane dynamics encode field theories → this will be useful for a depiction of inflation
- Massless  $W, V$  fields can be good candidates for inflatons.
- Massless open string modes decouple from closed string modes → D-branes can be very heavy without causing backreaction. This may give insight into Transplanckian Problem since we can trace fluct. History to  $l_p$

# D-brane WV Dynamics

Longitudinal fluctuations  
encode

Gauge fields

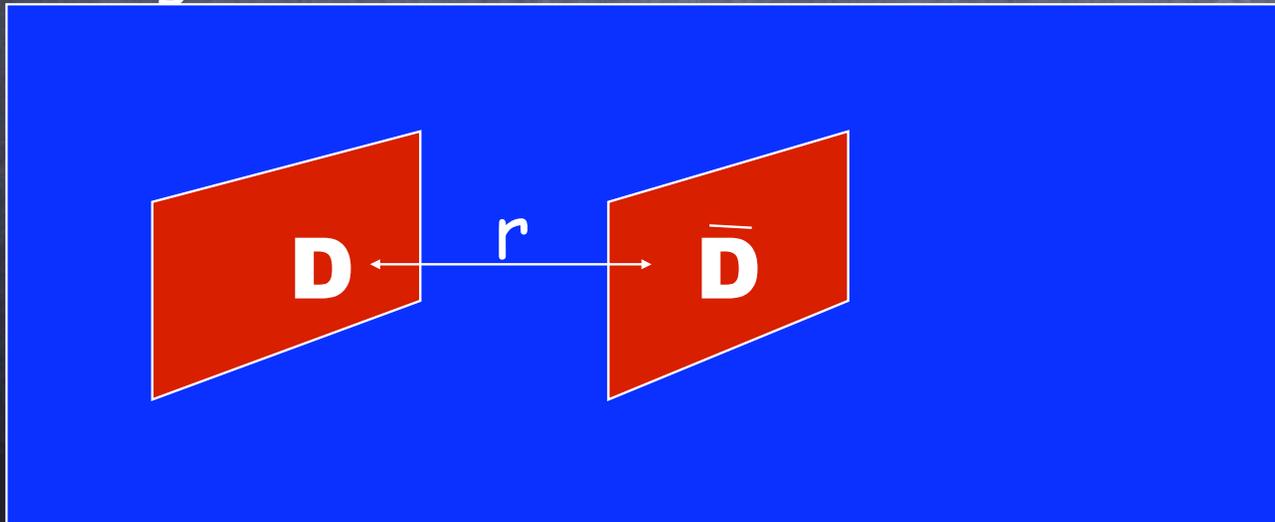
Transverse fluctuations  
encode scalars



# Origin of D-Species:

## Slow Roll D-brane Inflation

- Slow roll inflation is realized from a Coloumbic potential  $V(r)$  which depends on the separation between two D-branes.
- This is encoded in the DBI Action (massless Open String modes) ; Cylinder diagram



$$S = S_{\text{bulk}} + S_D + S_D$$

In an AdS<sub>5</sub> × S<sup>5</sup> background the WV action takes the form

$$S = -T_3 \int \sqrt{-g} d^4x \left( \frac{r_1^4}{R^4} \right) \sqrt{1 - \frac{R^4}{r_1^4} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu r_1 \partial_\nu r_1} + T_3 \int (C_4)_{tx^1x^2x^3} dt dx^1 dx^2 dx^3$$

Considering small velocities

$$S = \int d^4x \left( \frac{1}{2} T_3 g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu r_1 \partial_\nu r_1 - 2T_3 \frac{r_0^4}{R^4} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{N} \frac{r_0^4}{r_1^4} \right) \right)$$

- This is a description of a D3 brane moving in an  $AdS_5 \times X_5$  (warped) with 3-form flux. (Giddings, Kachru, Polchinski; DeWolfe, Giddings; KKLT, KKLMT)

In The original Slow Roll D-brane scenario this warp factor in the second term was missing. Without warping slow roll conditions are inconsistent.

- The Flux causes warping and 'flattens' potential leading to consistent slow roll conditions.  $\epsilon_{new} = \epsilon e^{-k/g_s M} \ll 1$

There is still a problem!

KKLT says: A successful stringy inflation must incorporate volume stabilization of internal dimensions!

$$2r = \rho + \bar{\rho} - k(\phi, \bar{\phi})$$

Volume of CY depends on slow roll field

$$T_{D3} \int d^4x \frac{\partial_\mu \phi^i \partial^\mu \bar{\phi}^{\bar{k}} k_{i\bar{k}}}{\rho + \bar{\rho}}$$

$$K(\rho, \phi, \bar{\rho}, \bar{\phi})_{D3} = -3 \log(\rho + \bar{\rho} - k(\phi, \bar{\phi}))$$

At small field values (slow roll) the inflaton gets a planck mass...spoils slow roll conditions.

# Where to go from here?

Since F-term spoils the slow roll condition -

Deal with D-term (this is being pursued) .

Evade slow roll inflation altogether

-> This will be our approach.

What are the general initial conditions for D-brane inflation?

Why is brane anti-brane interaction giving us inflation?

## From Cliffords Lecture...

'Instability is non necessarily a bad thing'

The key physics for inflation is the same:

Consider the annihilation of two D-branes.

- D-branes annihilate from a tachyonic instability

- Inflation is also an instability towards superluminal expansion

The initial conditions for inflation

Is met by connecting the two instabilities.

What is this Connection?

# A Different Outlook: Topological Inflation

Topological Defects trap false vacuum energy  
at their core.

From the Friedmann eq. If the core radius is  
comparable to Hubble radius  $\rightarrow$  INFLATION!

## Lagrangian with Global $Z_2$ Symmetry

$$L = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu\phi)^2 - \frac{\lambda}{4}\left(\phi^2 - \frac{m^2}{\lambda}\right)^2$$

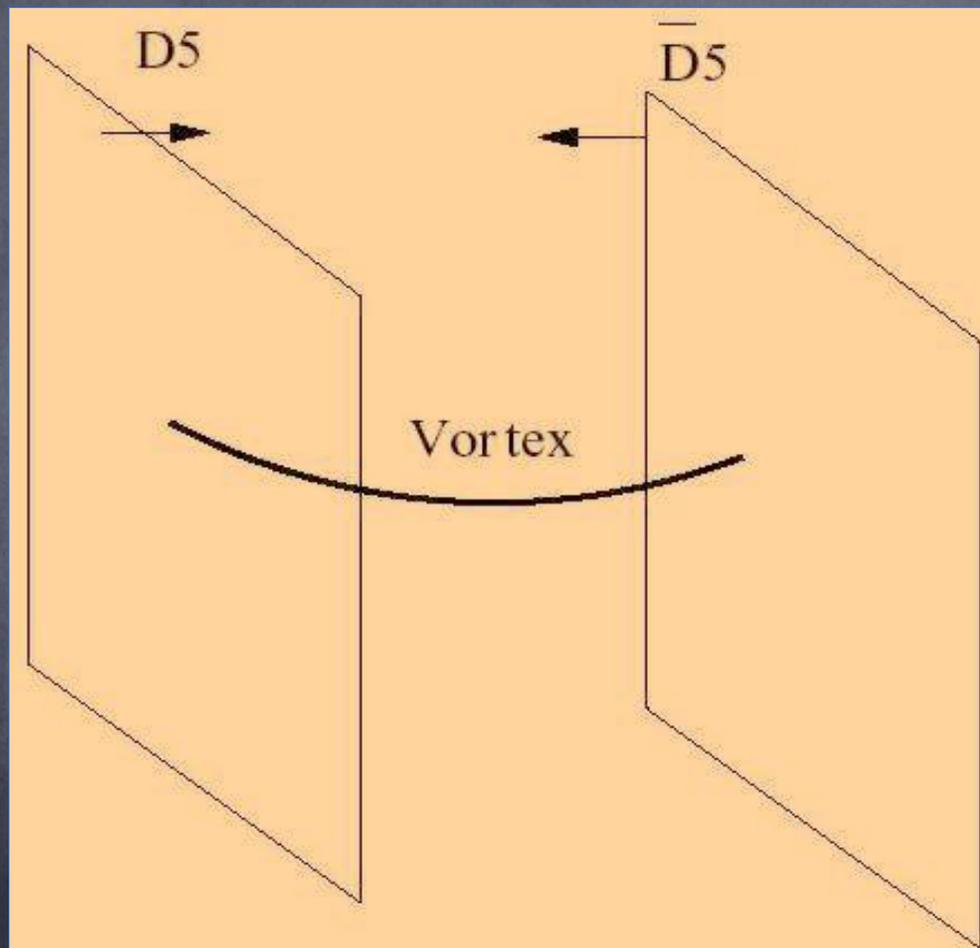
Admits Topologically Stable Walls

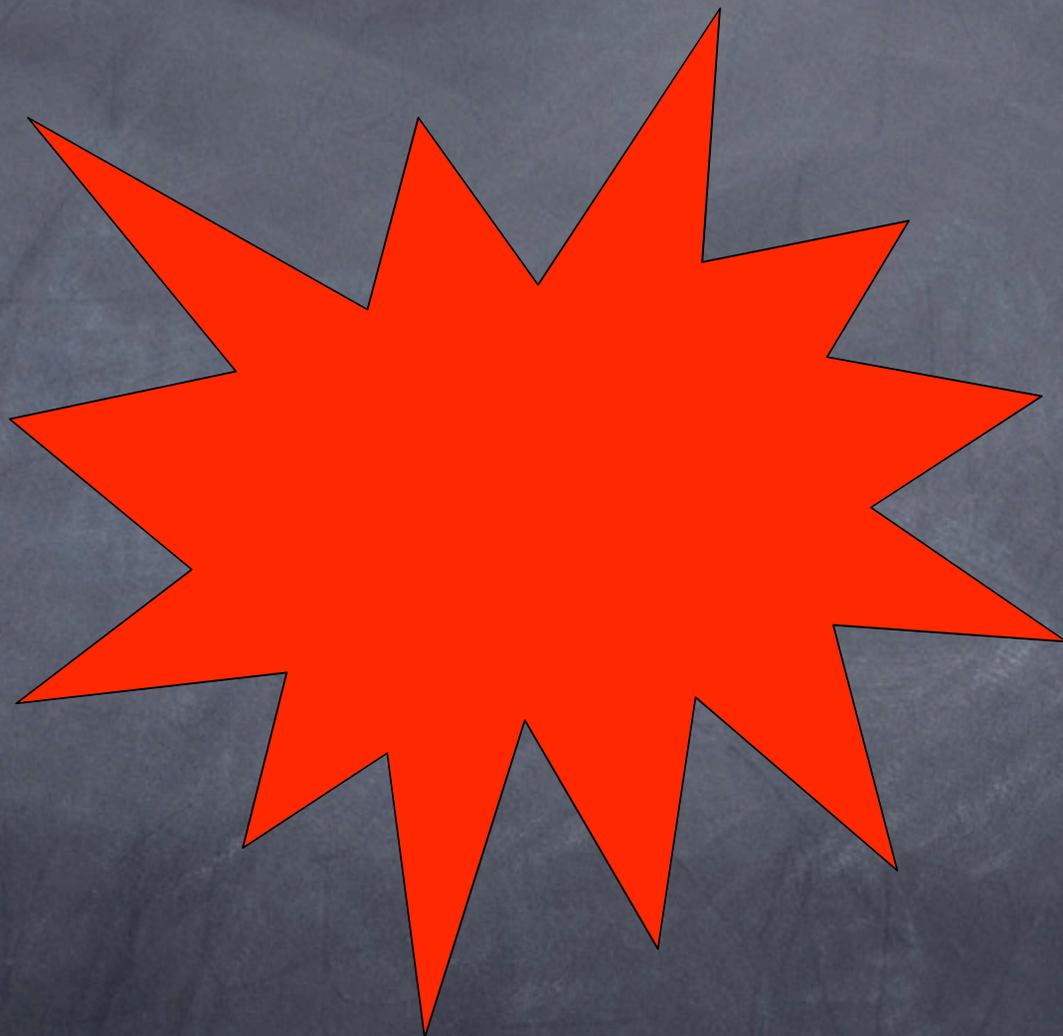
$$\phi = \eta \tanh\left(\sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{2}}\eta x\right)$$

Plug into  $L$  and balance KE with PE  
Solve for the thickness of core radius

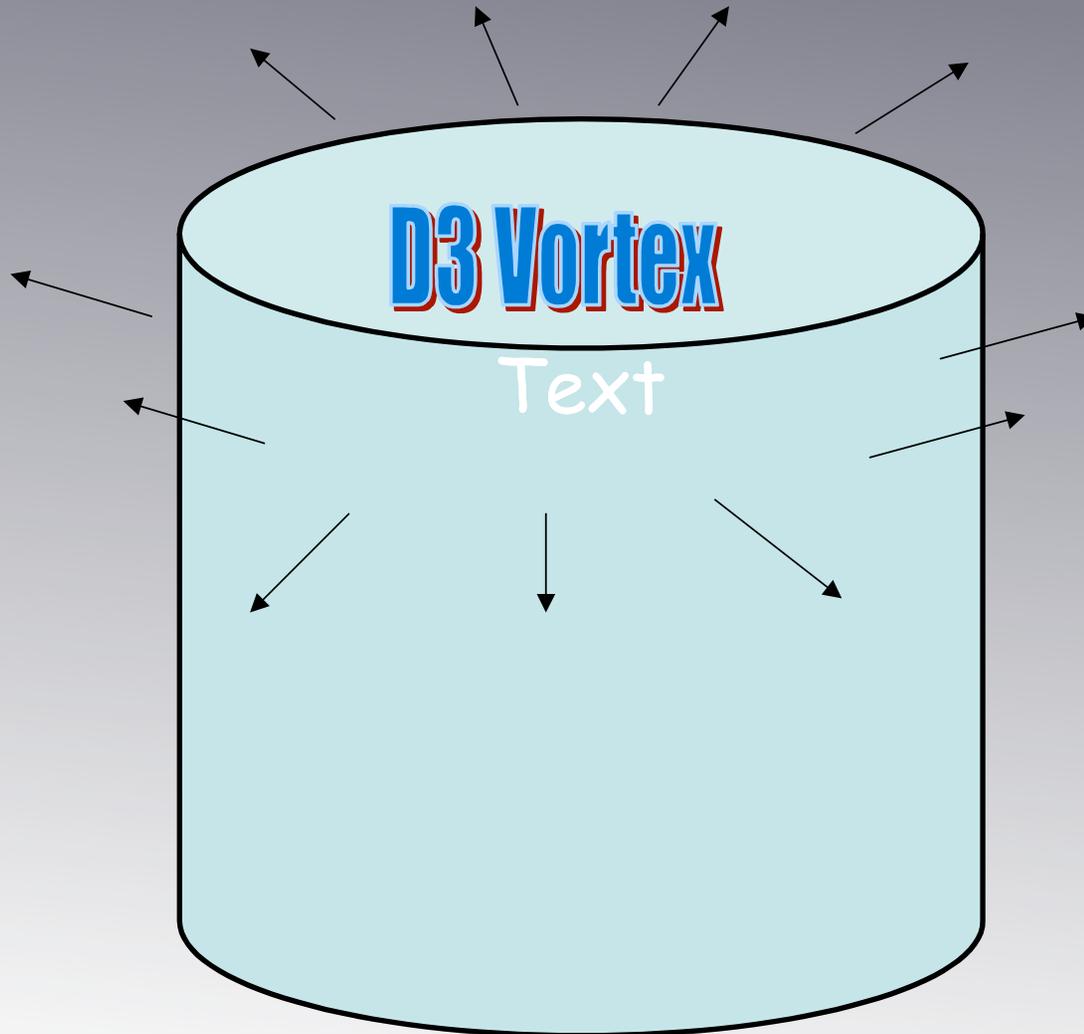
$$\delta_0 \simeq \eta(V_0^{1/2})$$

# THE MECHANISM





# The Vortex Core Inflates



When the D5-D5 annihilate  
A co-dimension 2 Tachyonic vortex forms  
on the D5 worldvolume. (Sen)

$$2T_D + V(T_0) = 0$$

The Vortex is D3 Brane (K-theory).

D5-D5 WV Theory

$$U(1) \times U(1) \rightarrow U(1)$$

$$\Pi_1(\mathcal{M}) \equiv \Pi_1(G/H) = \mathbb{Z}$$

The false vacuum energy at the core  
of the defect drives Topological Inflation

# How Does Topological Inflation Work?

The defect's core radius has trapped false vacuum energy

$$\delta_0 \simeq \eta(V_0^{1/2})$$

From the E.E inflation occurs when  $H$  is constant

$$H^2 = \frac{8\pi}{3}G\rho$$

Putting the above two together

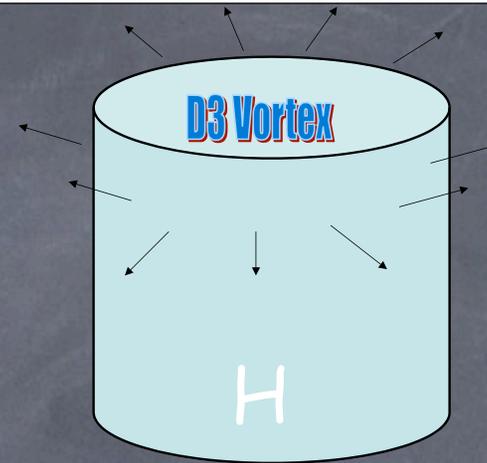
$$H_0^{-1} = M_p \left( \frac{3}{8\pi V_0} \right)^{1/2}$$

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$$\eta \geq M_p$$

This is Problematic for F.T

## But it works in String Theory!



- Core of D3 vortex is comparable to Hubble.
- Potential Energy in core is larger than tension energy.
- Simultaneously, string coupling can be small.
- $V(T=0) \ll M_{pl}^4$
- Topological inflation can work in String Theory

Assume:  $M_4 \times R_6$  Compactification

Assume:  $M_4$  is stabilized (ie flux)

6D Newton coupling  $\Rightarrow G^6 = \frac{(\alpha')^4 g_s^2}{V(T^4)}$

Condition for Topological  
Inflation  $\Rightarrow H_0^{-1} = M_{Pl} \left( \frac{3}{8\pi V_0} \right)^{1/2}$

Tachyon  
potential  $\Rightarrow V(T, \bar{T}) = \tau (\alpha')^2 (|T|^2 - (\alpha')^{-1})^2$

Which will be consistent if:  $\Rightarrow \alpha' < m_{Pl}^2$

Total Action

$$S_{Tot} = S_{Grav} + S_{DBI}^{D-\bar{D}} + S_{WZ}^{D-\bar{D}}$$

Wess-Zumino

$$\mathcal{L}_{WZ} = T_{D5} \int_{M_6} C \wedge \text{Str} e^{2\pi i \alpha' \mathcal{F}}$$

Supertrace

$$\text{Str} M = \text{Tr}(-)^F M = \text{Tr} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} M$$

$$T_{D5} \int_{M_6} \mathcal{C}_4 \wedge (2\pi\alpha') dT \wedge d\bar{T}$$

Energy  
Momentum

$$T_{\mu\nu} = \frac{\delta S}{\delta g^{\mu\nu}} = D_\mu T \bar{D}_\nu \bar{T} + D_\nu T \bar{D}_\mu \bar{T} - g^{\alpha\beta} F_{\mu\alpha}^- F_{\nu\beta}^- + g_{\mu\nu} \mathcal{L}$$

E.O.M

$$\nabla^\nu F_{\mu\nu}^- = ie(\bar{T} \nabla_\mu T - T \nabla_\mu \bar{T}) - 2e^2 A_\mu^- T \bar{T}$$

## D3-Vortex

$$T(t, r) = \phi(t, r)e^{in\theta}$$

$$A_{\mu}^{-} = \frac{n}{e}\beta(t, r)\nabla_{\mu}\theta$$

## General Metric

$$ds_{5+1}^2 = g_{\mu\nu}dx^{\mu}dx^{\nu} + g_{ij}dx^i dx^j$$

$$ds_{5+1}^2 = -dt^2 + B(t, r)^2 dr^2 + H(t, r)^2 (dx_1^2 + dx_2^2 + dx_3^2 + C^2(r, t)r^2 d\theta^2)$$

E.O.M for  
Tachyon

$$\ddot{T} + \left(\frac{\dot{B}}{B} - \frac{\dot{C}}{C} - \frac{\dot{H}}{H}\right)\dot{T} + \frac{T''}{B^2} + \frac{1}{C^2 r^2}T(1 - \alpha)^2 + T(T^2 - \psi^2) = 0$$

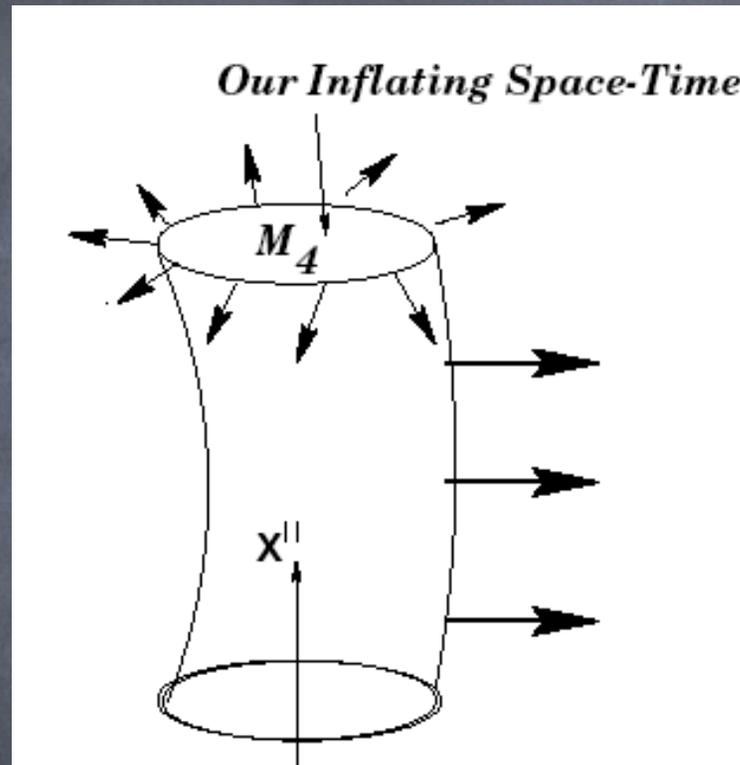
Condition for

$$\frac{\dot{B}}{B} = \frac{\dot{C}}{C} = \frac{\dot{H}}{H} = \sqrt{\frac{8\pi G}{3}V(T=0)}$$

Topological Inflation!

**Solution Interpolates  $dS_4 \times \mathbb{R}_2 \leftrightarrow dS_6$**

# The Role of Cosmic Strings



Gauge field corresponds to a cosmic string  
When there is a cosmic string we get 4D  
deSitter

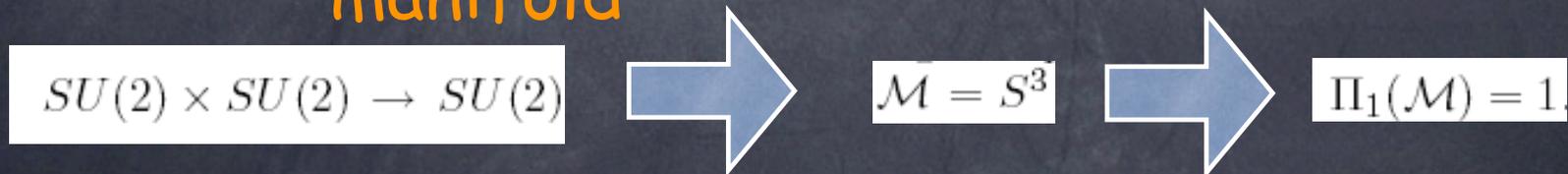
But Defect is Topological, so inflation lasts ad  
infinitum.

Solution: Inflate from Embedded Vortex  
By D5-D5 in Type I

In Type I D3 is unstable because WV theory  
goes to  
 $U(1) \times U(1) \rightarrow SU(2) \times SU(2)$   
due to orientifold projection

The D3 is unstable  $\rightarrow$  we get an embedded defect.

When D5s annihilate the vacuum  
manifold



So inflation can last for a finite time  
as long as defect is stable  
when it unwinds INFLATION ENDS

We can stabilize with plasma effects from the  
other SU(2).

Effective W.V theory

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{1}{4}F^{\mu\nu}F_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2}\bar{D}_\mu\chi D^\mu\chi + \frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu\bar{\phi}\partial^\mu\phi - V(\phi,\chi)$$

$$V(\phi,\chi) \equiv V_0(\phi,\chi) = \lambda(|\phi|^2 + |\chi|^2 - \eta^2)^2$$

In the presence of thermal bath of gauge field

$$\langle A_\mu \rangle = 0, \quad \langle A_\mu A^\mu \rangle = \kappa T^2$$

The effective potential becomes

$$V(\phi, \chi) = V_0(\phi, \chi) + g^2 \kappa T^2 |\chi|^2$$

Hence, the vacuum manifold is lifted in charged scalar field directions

 Vacuum manifold of effective pot. becomes circle so embedded D3 vortex is stable until  $T < T_c$

# Stringy Graceful Exit

- D5s annihilate  $\rightarrow$  Unstable D3
- Open-string plasma stabilize D3
- Inflation begins until  $T_c$
- Vortex unwinds  $\rightarrow$  inflation ends
- If  $T_c$  is  $10^{-10}$  GeV (recombination)
- Onset of inflation  $10^{17}$  GeV  $\rightarrow$  62 e-foldings

# Graceful exit..

- for such small efoldings the physical wavelength of comoving scales which correspond to present day cosmological scales was  $>$  planck length
- This solves Transplanckian problem!

# Discussion

- We have shown that it is possible to get a consistent D-brane inflationary scenario with D-brane via Topological Inflation.
- Our assumptions need to be checked (moduli stabilization)
- Cosmic strings are robust and seem to play a direct role in 6D-4D inflation.