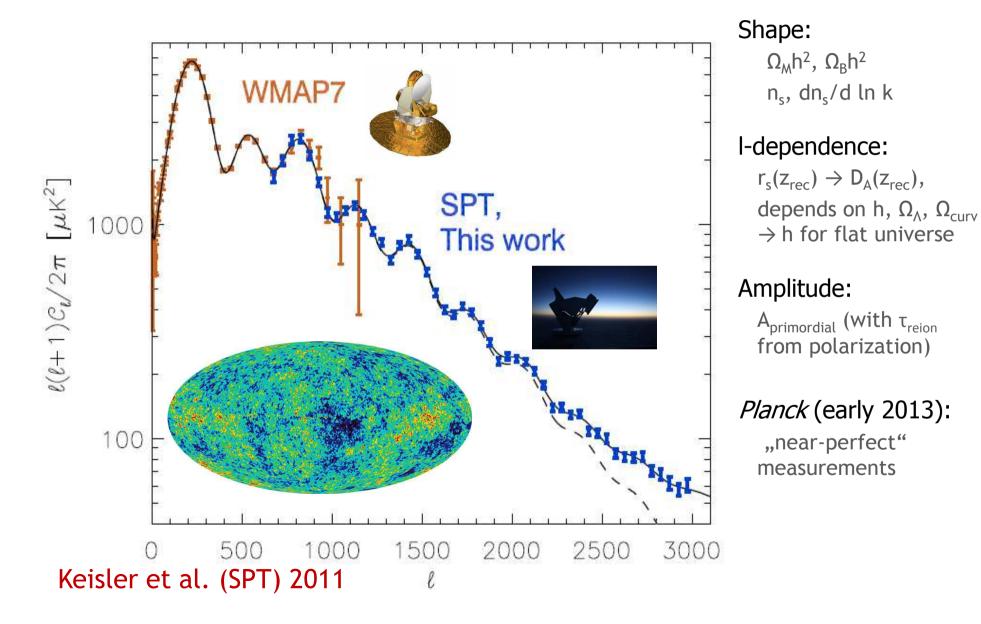
Light from the end of the tunnel: observational consequences of open and anisotropic inflation

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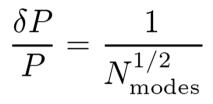
#### The Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB): Things will never be this easy (linear, thermal, unbiased...) again

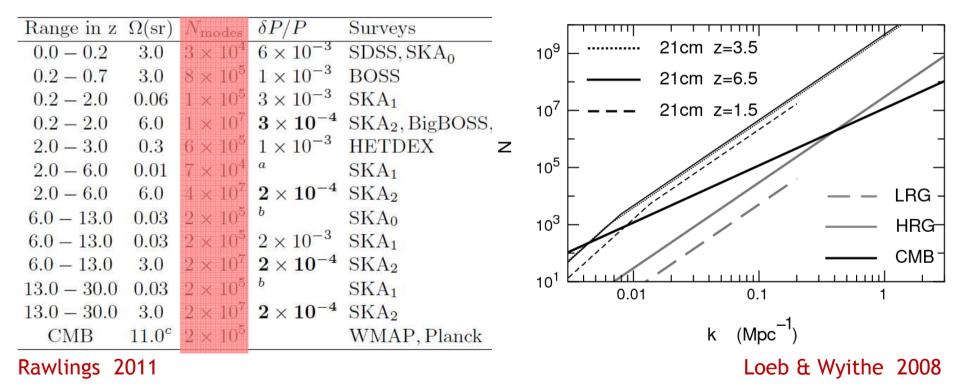


#### From surface to volume

Sampling variance gives fundamental limitation from observed number of modes:

 $\rightarrow$  3D (galaxies, hydrogen 21cm) superior to 2D (CMB)





#### Current and future galaxy surveys (selection)

SDSS III / BOSS (2009 - 2014):

0.3 < z < 0.6 ; ~1.5 million luminous red galaxies</li>
2.2 < z < 3 ; ~160,000 Lyman alpha forest quasar spectra</li>

WiggleZ (done):

0.2 < z < 1 ; ~240,000 blue emission-line galaxies

HETDEX (2013 – 2015):

1.9 < z < 3.5 ; ~0.8 million Lyman alpha emitters

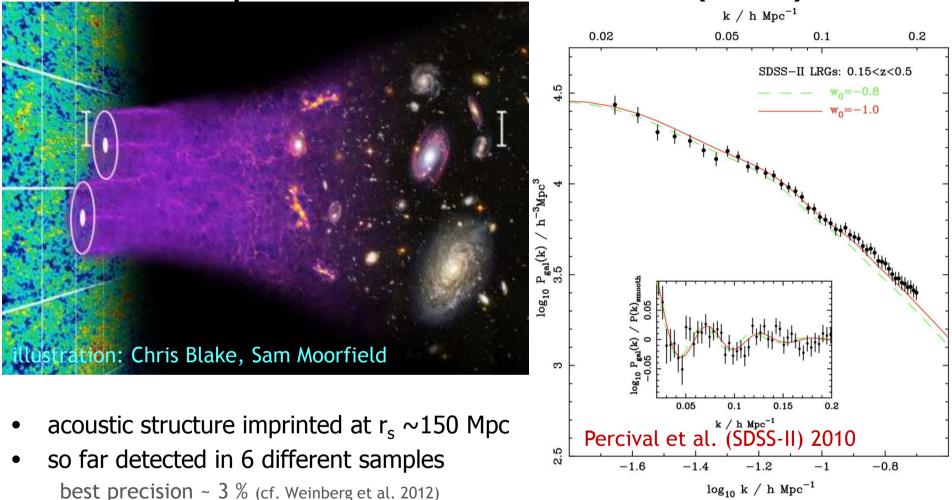
Pan-STARRS, DES, HSC, LSST, BigBOSS . . .

Euclid (~2019): 0.8 < z < 2 ; ~1.5 billion galaxies

Square Kilometer Array (~2020): HI-intensity mapping ; ~ 1 billion HI-galaxies at z < 6

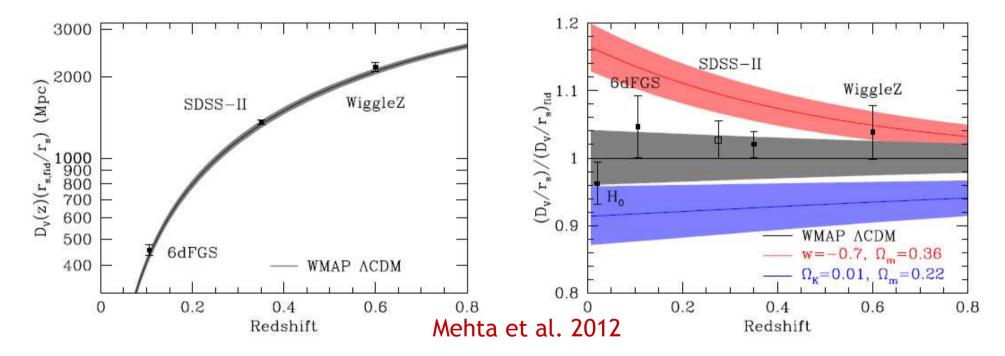


# Baryon acoustic oscillations (BAO)



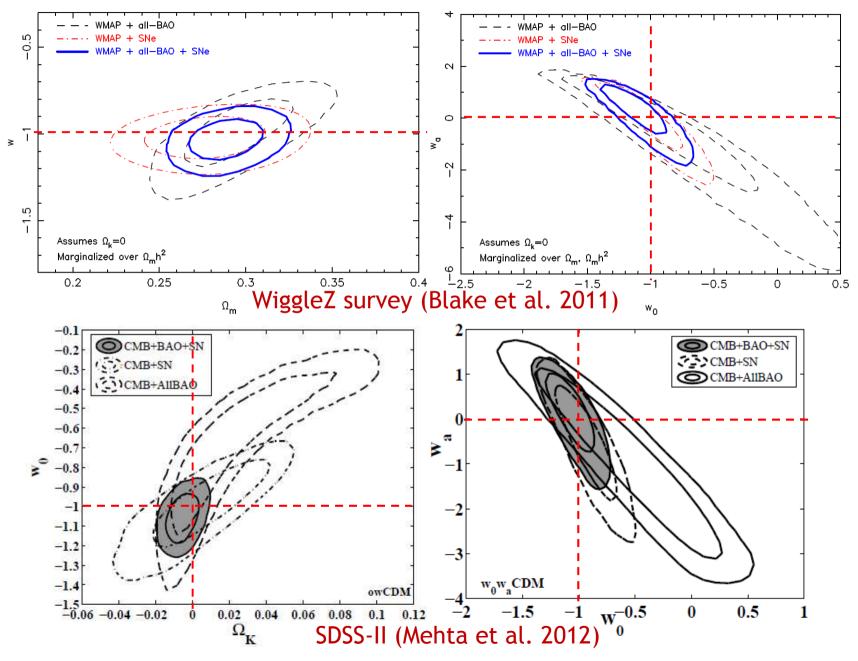
- D<sub>A</sub>(z)/r<sub>s</sub> from angular direction, H(z)r<sub>s</sub> from line-of-sight direction in Mpc, not Mpc h<sup>-1</sup> as supernovae
- only spherically averaged distance D<sub>V</sub> ~ D<sub>A</sub><sup>2/3</sup> H<sup>-1/3</sup> used so far in the future, use full 2-D power spectrum (Shoji, Jeong & Komatsu 2008)

# Consistency of sound horizon distances from CMB and BAO



Shaded regions are 1-sigma uncertainties in  $\Omega_{\text{M}}h^2$  around WMAP  $\Lambda\text{CDM}$  measurements.

### Current dark energy constraints from BAOs



# What can we expect to learn?

"Prediction is very difficult, especially about the future." (Niels Bohr)

#### Cosmological constant vs. something else:

- so far,  $\Lambda$  fits all the data
- even if  $w_a \neq 0$  etc. should be detected, there is no good reason to assume  $\Lambda=0$ , so  $\Lambda$  must still be included in the fits
- additional probe of modified gravity: linear growth factor G(a). GR predicts:

$$f_{\rm GR}(z) \equiv \frac{d \ln G}{d \ln a} \approx \Omega_M(z)^{\gamma} \quad , \quad \gamma \approx 0.55$$

- important to use many independent observables and redshifts
- is backreaction an issue?

#### Other interesting physics from large-scale structure:

- neutrino masses, warm dark matter constraints
- non-vanilla inflation (primordial non-Gaussianities)
- ...



# Inflation and QG phenomenology

Inflationary phenomenology is well protected against QG effects.

- 1. Initial state effects hidden beyond the horizon for N >> 60. Examples:
  - non-BD I: high-k excitations  $\rightarrow$  non-Gaussianities and/or oscillatory corrections to power spectrum
  - non-BD II: low-k effects from bubble geometry  $\rightarrow$  supercurvature perturbations
  - anisotropic initial conditions
  - a convincing case for detection will require non-zero curvature (i.e., N  $\sim$  60) plus a unique combination of some of the above
    - $\rightarrow$  need precise theory of initial conditions. Tunneling scenarios provide an example.
- 2. "trans-Planckian" effects. Popular classes of models:
  - boundary theories, either as initial state effect (see above) or on "new physics hypersurface"
  - nonlinear dispersion, modified uncertainty relations etc. strongly constrained by backreaction and adiabaticity (JN, Parentani '01)

### Initial conditions in dynamical spacetimes

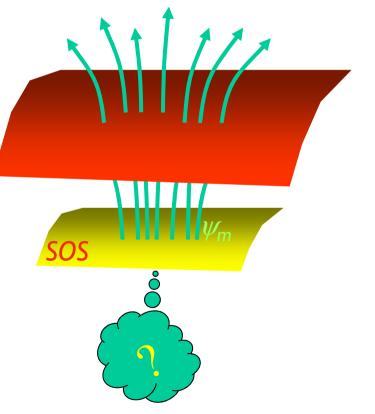
QFT in curved spacetimes: valid below cutoff  $\rm M < M_p$  , lives on smooth manifold

-initial cond.s for matter  $\psi_m$  assigned on "surface of semiclassicality (SOS)":

-gravity  $\rightarrow$  initial data needs to be arbitrarily densely spaced (density of d.o.f. infinite)

-Lorentz invariance for arbitrary boosts  $\rightarrow$  decoupling constrains choice of  $\psi_m$  (vacuum)

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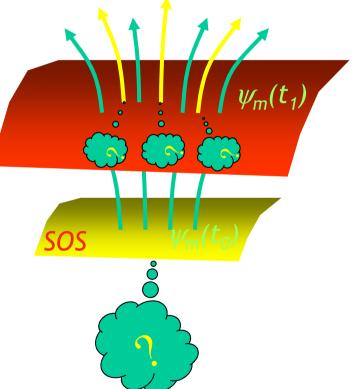
What if LI is broken (or simply meaningless) for  $I < M^{-1}$ ?

-SOS only well-defined for proper distances  $> M^{-1}$ 

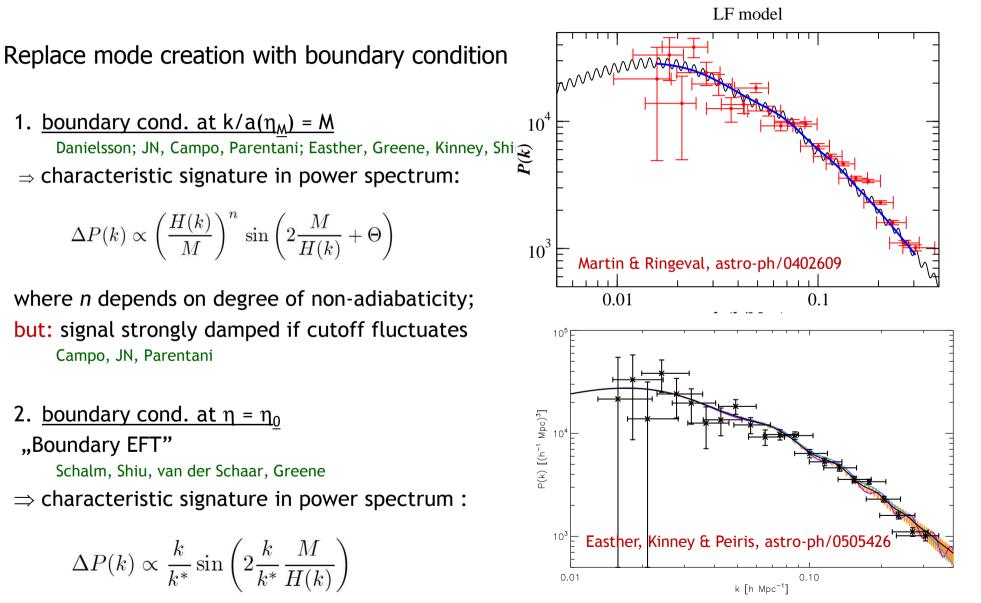
-gravity  $\rightarrow$  modes must be depleted or created (density of d.o.f. finite)

–  $\psi_{\text{m}}(t)$  constrained by phenomenology (backreaction, particle production)

-<u>Q</u>: Can selection of SOS *and*  $\psi_m(t)$  be described dynamically ("mode creation")?



### Boundary theories



# **Open Inflation**

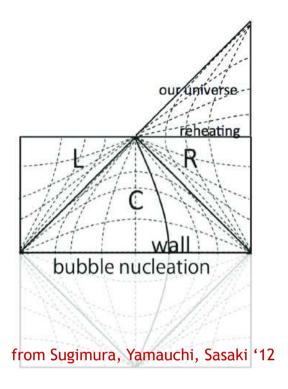
Introduced in the 90s to make inflation compatible with  $\Omega_m \sim 0.3$ 

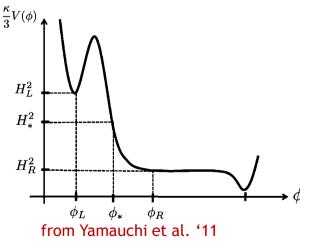
Linde, Sasaki, Tanaka, Yamamoto, Garcia-Bellido, Garriga, Montes, Lyth, Liddle,...

- false vacuum tunneling transitions produce bubbles of true vacuum with open homogeneous slices
- many models contain new, discrete "supercurvature modes" in their spectrum that originate from Cauchy data on the complete spacetime → amplitude sensitive to false vacuum scale:

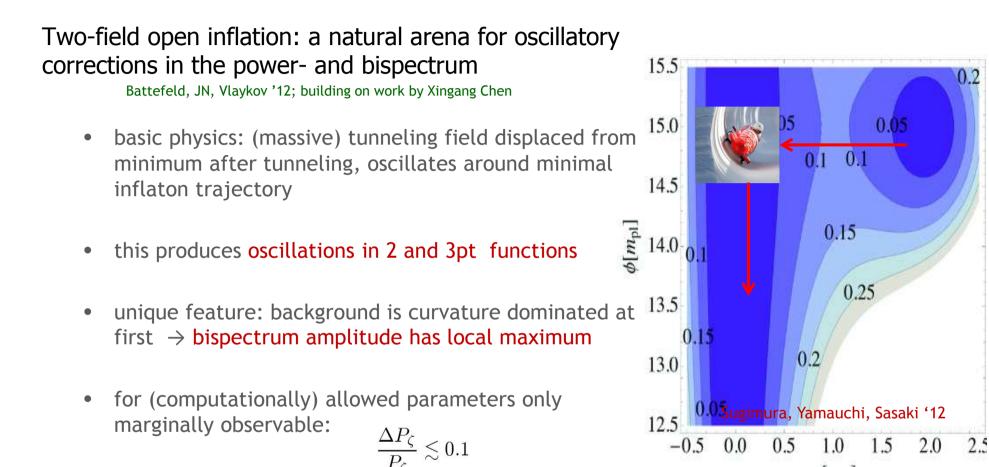
$$l(l+1) \, C_l^{
m sc} \propto H_F^2 \, \Omega_k^l$$

• single field models possible but need to be fine-tuned recently revisited by Vaudrevange, Westphal; Yamauchi, Linde, Naruko, Sasaki, Tanaka





# **Open Inflation**



combination with supercurvature modes?

 $\sigma[m_{\rm pl}]$ 

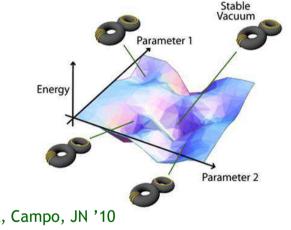
### Beyond the 4D Landscape

#### The standard string landscape is purely 4-dimensional

Transitions between vacua by means of Coleman-de Lucia type bubble nucleation + ensuing ("open") inflation

# Cosmological transitions between vacua with different numbers of large dimensions:

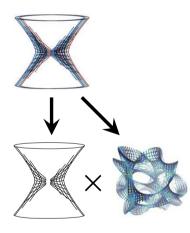
- dynamical compactification Carroll, Johnson, Randall '09
- dynamical decompactification Graham, Harnik, Rajendran '10; Blanco-Pillado, Salem '10; Adamek, Campo, JN '10
- close relationship with pair creation of charged black holes Carroll, Johnson, Randall '09; Blanco-Pillado, Schwartz-Perlov, Vilenkin '10



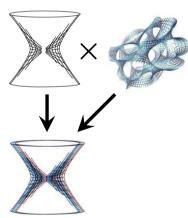
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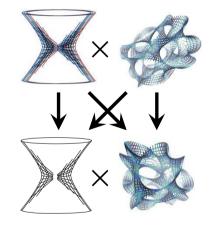
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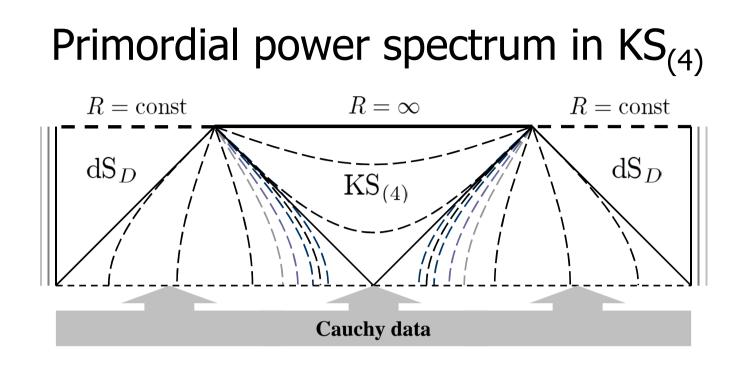
Example: creation of anisotropic Kantowski-Sachs spacetime Adamek, Campo, JN '10

schematically:  $dS_D \times S_2 \times \mathcal{M}_d \longrightarrow KS_{(4)} \times \mathcal{M}'_{d+D-2}$ 

spatial topology of KS:  $\mathbb{R} imes S_2$ 

alternative: decompactify 1 dimension  $\rightarrow$  Bianchi III ( $H_2 \times S_1$ ) Blanco-Pillado, Salem '10

 $\rightarrow$  fully specified anisotropic cosmology, look for signatures!



#### Consider test scalar field on KS<sub>(4)</sub> background:

- extend static region of  $dS_4$  beyond horizon  $\rightarrow KS_{(4)}$  foliation
- quantize, get positive frequency mode from regularity of Cauchy data
- compute power spectrum:

$$\mathcal{P} = \frac{H^2 \left| \Gamma \left( \frac{l+ik}{2} \right) \right|^2}{2 \left( k^2 + (l+1)^2 \right) \left| \Gamma \left( \frac{l+1+ik}{2} \right) \right|^2}$$

(l > 0)

# CMB signatures

#### Main effect: quadrupolar distortion

Corrections to correlation between multipole coefficients

$$\langle a_{lm} a_{l'm'}^* \rangle \propto \frac{H^2}{2\pi} \,\delta_{mm'} (\delta_{ll'} + \delta C_{ll'mm})$$

scale as

 $\delta C_{ll'mm} \propto \Omega_{k\perp}$ 

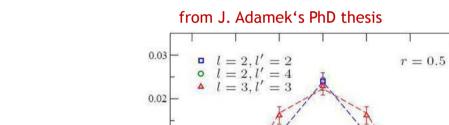
with the anisotropic curvature parameter

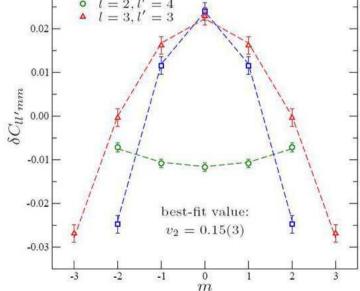
$$\Omega_{k\perp} = \frac{k_\perp}{a_\perp^2 H_\perp^2}$$

and

$$ds^{2} = -dt^{2} + a_{\perp}^{2} \left( \frac{dr^{2}}{1 - k_{\perp}r^{2}} + r^{2} d\phi^{2} \right) + a_{\parallel}^{2}(t) dz^{2}$$

However, anisotropic curvature would also produce an (unobserved) CMB quadrupole contribution of similar magnitude.





# The weakest link in the CMB?



Scales larger than ~60 degrees look somewhat funny:

see Copi, Huterer, Schwartz, Starkman '10 for review and original references

- alignment of quadrupole and octopole with each other and perpendicular to the ecliptic and to the dipole
- 2-pt angular correlation function practically zero at angles > 60 degrees
- hemispherical and quadrupolar power asymmetry

The significance of these effects is disputed, but at the very least we do not live in a typical realization of the standard inflationary model.

The  $KS_{(4)}$  model can account for the quadrupolar asymmetry if we ignore the quadrupole constraint on anisotropic curvature...

(to be continued)