

ancestor : someone from whom
you are descended, “祖先”

Testing *ancestor* vacuum fluctuations as the origin of dark energy from galaxy surveys

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Inflation

+ Quantum tunneling

+ Dark energy

= Fun! 

Ultralight scalar field and quantum backreaction

- Superhorizon fluctuations can contribute to $\langle \phi^2 \rangle$

$$\langle \phi^2 \rangle = \int_{k < 1/aH} \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} \langle |\phi_{\mathbf{k}}|^2 \rangle \approx \frac{H_I^4}{m_0^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \langle T_{\mu\nu} \rangle \approx m_0^2 \langle \phi^2 \rangle g_{\mu\nu} \approx H_I^4 g_{\mu\nu}$$

- To have the same order of magnitude of DE, we need

$$H_I^4 \approx \rho_\Lambda = \Omega_\Lambda H_0^2 M_P^2$$

The low-energy scale of inflation is required.

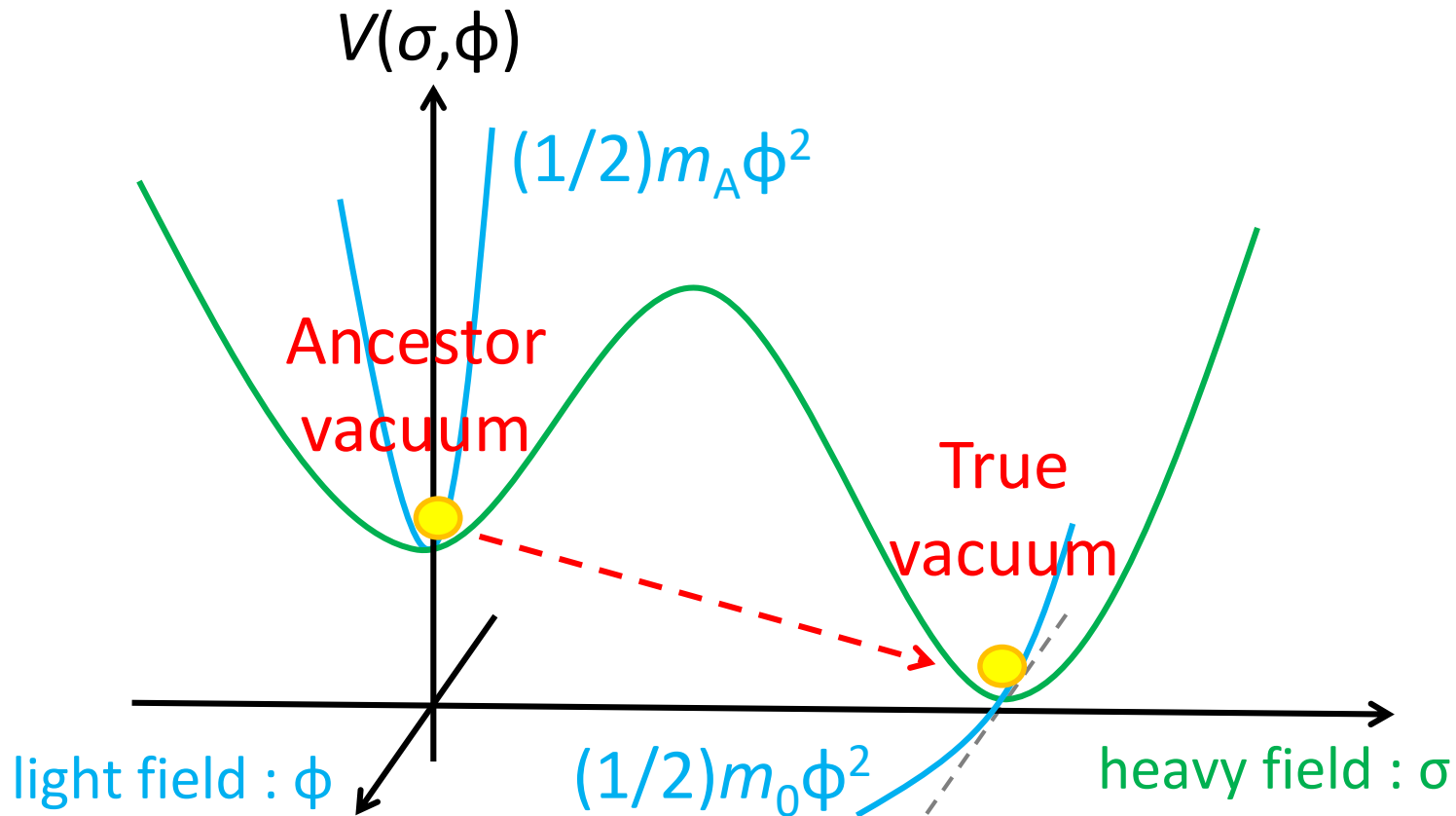
Our model

□ Assumptions:

- ✓ Our Universe have been created by bubble nucleation due to *Coleman-De Luccia* (CDL) quantum tunneling
- ✓ Consider a scalar field σ to realize the false vacuum decay
- ✓ Consider another ultralight scalar field ϕ with $\langle\phi\rangle=0$ (i.e., fully quantum field)

Our model

- ✓ The field ϕ has the mass $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} m_A \text{ before tunneling} \\ m_0 \text{ after tunneling} \end{array} \right.$



Order-of-magnitude argument

- In the **ancestor vacuum**, the 2pt func is $\langle \phi^2 \rangle \approx \frac{H_A^4}{m_A^2}$
- Assuming $m_0 \lesssim H_0$, the field is almost frozen until now.
- The energy-momentum tensor for ϕ can read

$$\langle T_{\mu\nu} \rangle \approx m_0^2 \langle \phi^2 \rangle g_{\mu\nu} \approx H_A^4 \left(\frac{m_0}{m_A} \right)^2 g_{\mu\nu}$$

- To have $\rho \sim \rho_\Lambda \sim M_P^2 H_0^2$, we just need

$$\frac{m_A}{H_A} \sim \frac{H_A}{M_P} \quad \rightarrow \text{Easier to realize!}$$

Difference from *quintessence*

- There is no ambiguity of the initial condition for the field, (unlike in classical analysis).
- The mode of ϕ is **NOT strictly homogeneous** due to the gradient term $\langle (\nabla \phi)^2 \rangle$.

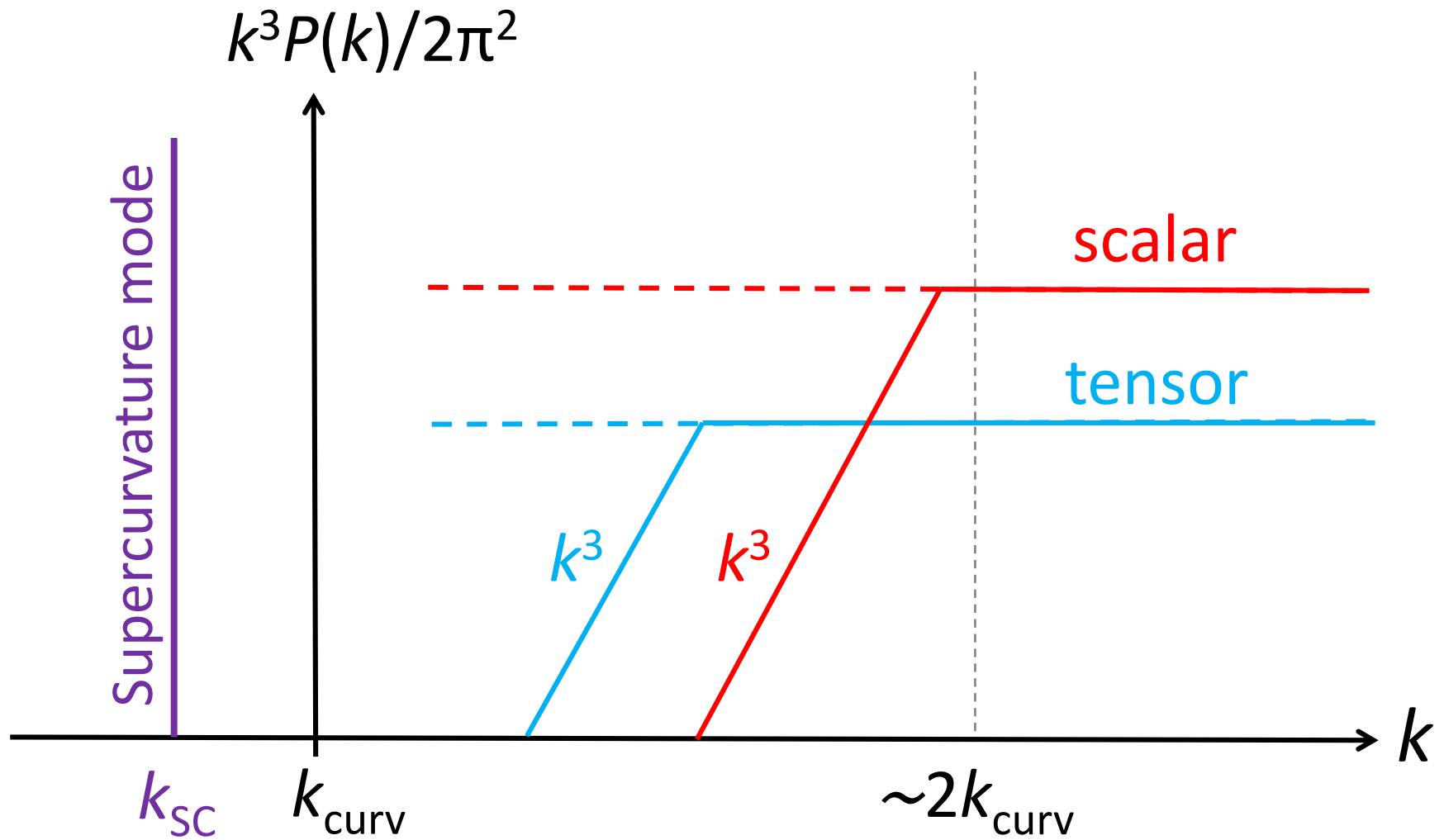
$$\rho = \frac{1}{a^2} \left\langle \frac{1}{2} \phi'^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \phi)^2 + \frac{1}{2} m^2 a^2 \phi^2 \right\rangle$$
$$P = \frac{1}{a^2} \left\langle \frac{1}{2} \phi'^2 - \frac{1}{6} (\nabla \phi)^2 - \frac{1}{2} m^2 a^2 \phi^2 \right\rangle$$

[almost frozen] $w=-1/3$ $w=-1$

Observational features

- Universe created by CDL bubble nucleation should have negative spatial curvature : $\Omega_{K,0} > 0$
- There is a pre-inflationary phase: Ancestor vacuum de Sitter expansion with Hubble H_A ($> H_I$)
- A “**Supercurvature mode**” represents the residual effect of the ancestor vacuum.

Power spectrum for scalar/tensor



(若干の適当さを含みます)

Energy-momentum tensor for SC

$$\rho_{\text{SC}} \approx \left(\frac{2\epsilon}{R_{\text{curv}}^2 a^2} + \frac{1}{2} m_0^2 \right) \langle \phi^2 \rangle_{\text{SC}}$$

$$P_{\text{SC}} \approx - \left(\frac{2\epsilon}{3R_{\text{curv}}^2 a^2} + \frac{1}{2} m_0^2 \right) \langle \phi^2 \rangle_{\text{SC}}$$

$$\text{with } \langle \phi^2 \rangle_{\text{SC}} \approx \frac{H_{\text{A}}^4}{m_{\text{A}}^2}$$

The ancestor vacuum fluctuations can affect the evolution of the present Universe through EMT, and thus we can test the model of the ancestor vacuum DE.

Observational signatures

- The equation-of-state (EOS) parameter can be obtained by taking the ratio of P and ρ , and becomes

$$w \approx \frac{\frac{2\epsilon}{3R_{\text{curv}}^2 a^2} + \frac{1}{2}m_0^2}{\frac{2\epsilon}{R_{\text{curv}}^2 a^2} + \frac{1}{2}m_0^2} \approx \frac{1 + \frac{2}{3}\tilde{\epsilon}(1+z)^2}{1 + 2\tilde{\epsilon}(1+z)^2}$$

- The EoS parameter depends on a single parameter:

$$\tilde{\epsilon} = \frac{\epsilon}{m_0^2 R_{\text{curv}}^2} \approx \frac{(m_A/H_A)^2}{(m_0/H_0)^2} \Omega_{\text{K},0}$$

Observational signatures

- The amplitude of the energy density is determined by the cosmological constant :

$$\rho_{\text{SC}} \approx 3M_{\text{P}}^2 H_0^2 \Omega_{\Lambda} \left[1 + 2\tilde{\epsilon}(1+z)^2 \right]$$

- To extract the information of the ancestor vacuum, we need to detect $\tilde{\epsilon}$ (or ξ) from observations !

$$\tilde{\epsilon} \approx \frac{(m_{\Lambda}/H_{\Lambda})^2}{(m_0/H_0)^2} \Omega_{\text{K},0} = \xi \Omega_{\text{K},0}$$

Meaning of ξ

- The ancestor vacuum parameter H_A and m_A are fixed in terms of ξ (and Ω_Λ):

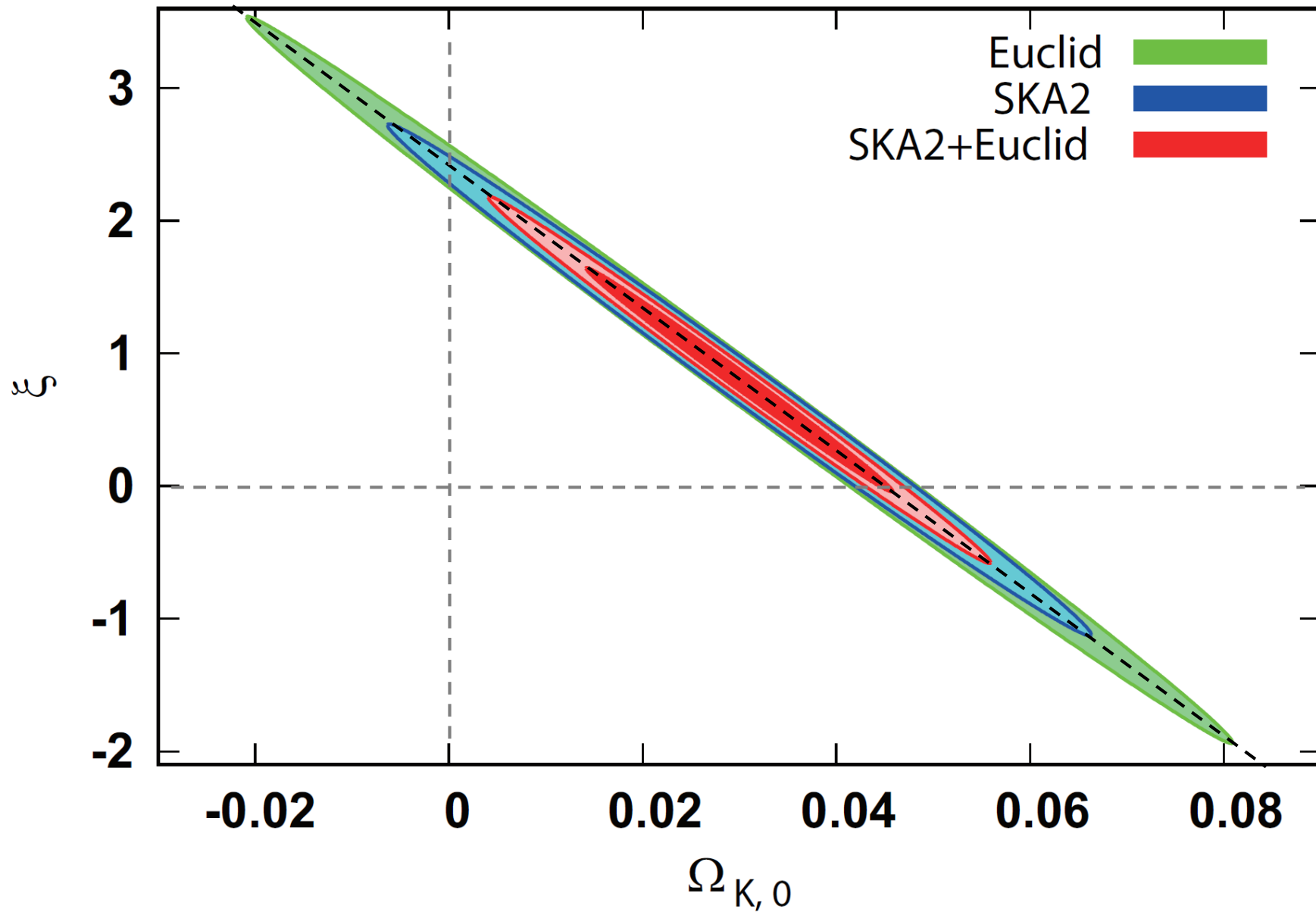
$$H_A = \mathcal{O}(1)\xi^{1/2} M_{\text{P}}$$

$$m_A = \mathcal{O}(1)\xi \frac{m_0}{H_0} M_{\text{P}}$$

Determination of ξ from observations corresponds to testing the energy-scale of the ancestor vacuum!

Note: If other observable, which is sensitive to not $\tilde{\varepsilon}$ but ε itself, we can distinguish m_A from m_0 .

degeneracy along $(1 + 2\xi \Omega_\Lambda) \Omega_{K,0} = \text{const}$



Discussion

- There is a strong degeneracy along $(1+2\xi\Omega_\Lambda)\Omega_{K,0} = \text{constant}$ direction.

(\therefore) The background equations strictly coincide with those in open- Λ CDM with the modified $\Omega_{K,0}$:

$$\frac{H^2}{H_0^2} = \frac{\Omega_{m,0}}{a^3} + \frac{(1 + 2\xi\Omega_\Lambda)\Omega_{K,0}}{a^2} + \Omega_\Lambda$$

The angular diameter distance $D_A(z)$, which is defined by using the true $\Omega_{K,0}$, can break this degeneracy.