

# Counting in the Landscape

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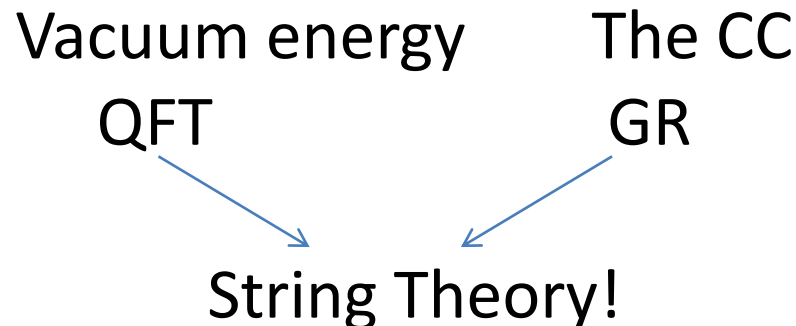
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# 1-Introduction

- Two types of parameters
  - 1-Fixed by physical arguments (uniqueness)
  - 2-Environmental (diversity)

It is difficult to distinguish!

- Which is the case for
  - 1-The Standard Model (Quantum,  $G_N \neq 0$ )
  - 2-The Cosmological Model (class.,  $\hbar=0$ )
- Both incomplete. A candidate: String Theory
- An observable for both: The angular stone



# The CC problem (the greatest crisis)

Theoretical framework to address the problem

i) Eternal Inflation (generic)

- Relaxation of vacuum energy
- Coleman-de Luccia instanton

ii) The string landscape

$$-10 = (3+1) + 6 \quad \text{CY}_3 \quad 10^{500} \text{ vacua}$$

i) + ii)  $\rightarrow$  Multiverse to solve the CC problem  
(environmentally)

Other ways to attack the CC problem:

1- Dynamical (minimum E)

2- Entropic (maximum S)

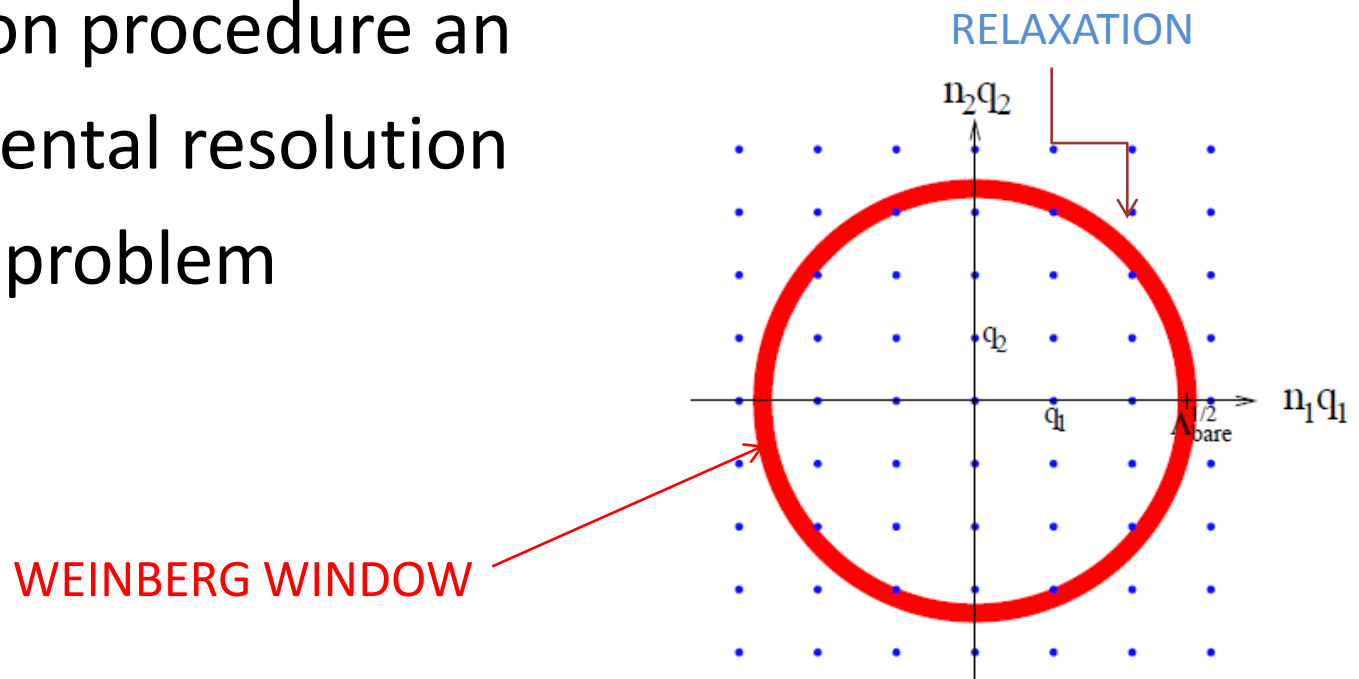
3- Symmetric

4- Environmental

(See Nobbenhuis, S.)

# The BP Landscape (generic)

- A large dimensional ( $J$ ) lattice
- We have a large number of vacua with the desired properties
- By relaxation procedure an environmental resolution of the CC problem



# Statistical Description

- Requires a counting procedure
- The naive way to count nodes (BP) has limited validity
- We make an exact count  $N(h)$  depending on a 't Hooft-like parameter  $h = J q^2$
- Two asymptotic regimes are obtained

$$h \rightarrow 0 \text{ (BP)}$$

$$h \rightarrow \infty \text{ (new)}$$

- Using the exact result we obtain a distribution of occupied fluxes

$$\alpha^*(h) = J_{\text{occup}} / J_{\text{tot}}$$

$$J \text{ small} \quad \alpha^*(h) \approx 1$$

$$J \text{ large} \quad \alpha^*(h) \approx 1/h$$

- If the moduli are stabilized by fluxes we have a potential problem. We study a toy model (work in progress)

# Plan of the talk

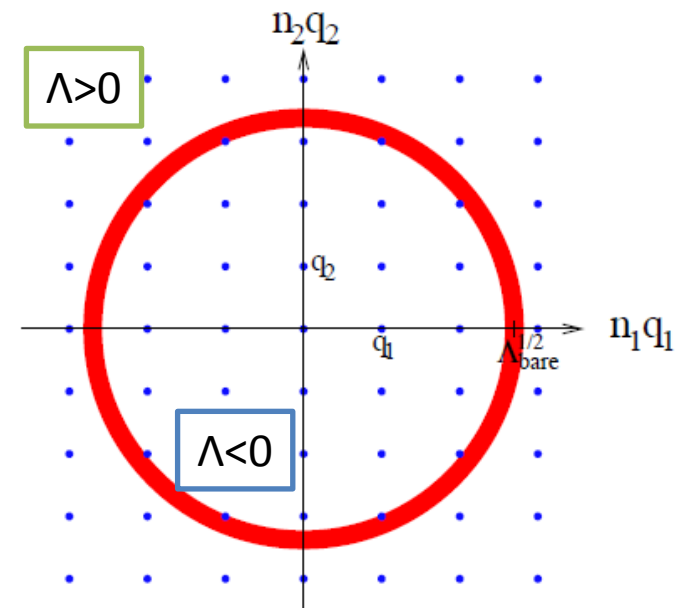
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# 1. Counting in the landscape

$$\Lambda = \Lambda_0 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^J n_j^2 q_j^2$$

$$(\Lambda \approx -E_0 + \frac{1}{2} |E|^2)$$

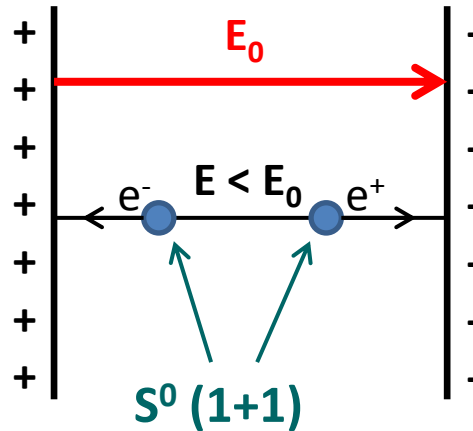
- $\Lambda_0 \approx -1$        $(8\pi G_N = \hbar = c = 1)$
- $(n_1, \dots, n_J)$       integers
- $\{q_i\}_{i=1, \dots, J}$        $J$  quantized fluxes



# An analogy

- 1+1 constant electric field: capacitor

The production of a pair ( $e^+ e^-$ ), an  $S^0$ , reduces the electric field



- M-theory/ 7 dimensional manifold  $\rightarrow$  4 dim = 3+1 The reduction of the CC is due to the formation of an  $S^2$  sphere (two legs of the M5 brane, the other three wrapping a 3-cycle of the 7-dim part)



# The discretum

- Fluxes quantized  $\Rightarrow$  Finely spaced levels  $\Rightarrow \Lambda \neq 0$
- Chances for non environmental mechanisms:

i) Entropic (A. Linde). Use the event horizon + holographic principle

$$S \approx \# \text{ of d.o.f.'s} = \text{Area Hor.} / 4 \approx \Lambda^{-1}$$

$$P(\Lambda) \approx \exp S \approx \exp \Lambda^{-1}$$

-In the continuum  $P(\Lambda)$  not well behaved

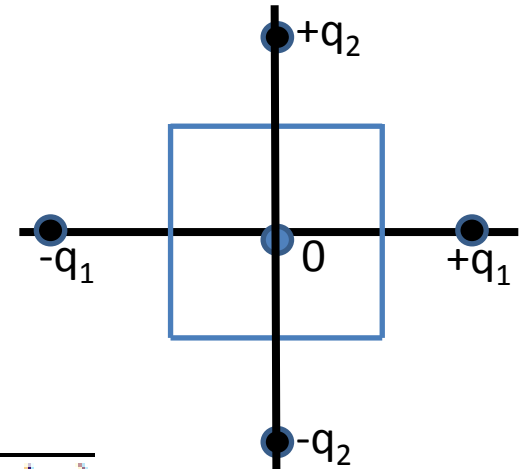
-In the discretum the smallest value  $\Lambda_0$  is strongly peaked

-The next to the smallest  $P(\Lambda_1) \approx P(\Lambda_0) \exp(-\Lambda_0)$

ii) Symmetric. Broken by quantum effects ( $\Lambda = \Lambda_0$ )

# The simplest count

- BP count: Divide volumes
- Ball:  $B^J(R_\Lambda)$  in flux space ( $\Lambda_0 \leq \Lambda \leq \Lambda_1 \approx 1$ )
- Voronoi cell  $Q$



$$\text{vol } \mathcal{B}^J(R_\Lambda) = \frac{R_\Lambda^J}{J} \text{vol } S^{J-1} \quad R_\Lambda = \sqrt{2(\Lambda - \Lambda_0)}$$

$$\text{vol } Q = \prod_{i=1}^J q_i \quad \text{vol } S^{J-1} = \frac{2\pi^{\frac{J}{2}}}{\Gamma(\frac{J}{2})}$$

$$\Omega_J(r) = \frac{\text{vol } \mathcal{B}^J(r)}{\text{vol } Q}$$

- BP establish the range of validity for its count:  
 $q_i < R / J^{1/2}$ , for all charges

# The large J limit

- In this limit strange things happens
- Whatever the charges, if  $J > J_c$  :  
 $\text{vol } Q > \text{vol } B^J(R) \approx 1/\Gamma(J/2)$
- This behavior is controlled by the dimensionless 't Hooft-like parameter  $h = J (q/R_0)^2$  where  $R_0^2 = 2|\Lambda_0|$  and  $q^J = \text{vol } Q$ . This strange behavior occurs when:

$$\frac{Jq^2}{R_0^2} > 2\pi e > 17$$

- Assuming a common charge  $q_i = q$  there is a value where the semi-diagonal of the Voronoi cell exceeds the radius of the sphere

$$d = q J^{1/2} / 2 > R_0 \Rightarrow h > 4$$

The region near the corner is devoid of states (no isotropy)

We need an exact formula valid for any  $h$

# The exact count

- “Brute force”

$$\Omega_J(r) = |\{\lambda \in \mathcal{L} : \|\lambda\| \leq r\}|$$

$$\Omega_J(r) = \sum_{\lambda \in \mathcal{L}} \chi_{[0,r]}(\|\lambda\|)$$

$$\chi_I(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } t \in I \\ 0 & \text{if } t \notin I \end{cases}$$

- The density of states is  $\omega_J(r) = \frac{\partial \Omega_J(r)}{\partial r}$

using  $\chi_{[0,r]}(\|\lambda\|) = \theta(\|\lambda\|) - \theta(\|\lambda\|^2 - r^2)$

we obtain  $\omega_J(r) = 2r \sum_{\lambda \in \mathcal{L}} \delta(r^2 - \|\lambda\|^2)$

Substituting the delta representation

$$\delta(r^2 - \|\lambda\|^2) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} e^{s(r^2 - \|\lambda\|^2)} ds$$

$$\gamma = \{c + i\tau : \tau \in \mathbb{R}, c > 0\}$$

# Some manipulation

$$\omega_J(r) = \frac{2r}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} e^{sr^2} \left[ \sum_{\lambda \in \mathcal{L}} e^{-s\|\lambda\|^2} \right] ds$$

$$\omega_J(r) = \frac{2r}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} e^{sr^2} \left[ \sum_{n_1 \in \mathbb{Z}} \cdots \sum_{n_J \in \mathbb{Z}} \prod_{j=1}^J e^{-sq_j^2 n_j^2} \right] ds$$

$$= \frac{2r}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} e^{sr^2} \left[ \prod_{j=1}^J \sum_{n_j \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{-sq_j^2 n_j^2} \right] ds$$

An old result!

$$= \frac{2r}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} e^{sr^2} \left[ \prod_{j=1}^J \vartheta(sq_j^2) \right] ds.$$

$$\vartheta(s) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{-sn^2} \equiv \theta_3(0; e^{-s})$$

A particular case of the Jacobi theta function

$$\theta_3(z; q) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} q^{n^2} e^{2\pi i n z}$$

# Two asymptotic regimes

- $S \rightarrow 0$ ;  $\vartheta(s) \rightarrow (\pi/s)^{1/2}$ : We reproduce the BP count

$$\omega_J(r) \approx \frac{2r}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} e^{sr^2} \left[ \prod_{j=1}^J \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{q_j^2 s}} \right] ds \quad \text{An Inverse Laplace Transform}$$

$$\omega_J(r) \approx \frac{\pi^{\frac{J}{2}}}{\text{vol } Q} \frac{2r}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} e^{sr^2} \frac{ds}{s^{\frac{J}{2}}} = \frac{2\pi^{\frac{J}{2}}}{\Gamma(\frac{J}{2})} \frac{r^{J-1}}{\text{vol } Q}$$

The validity of the BP count is given by

$$\boxed{h < \frac{2}{e} \approx 0.736} \quad h = \frac{Jq^2}{r^2} \quad \log q = \frac{1}{J} \sum_{i=1}^J \log q_i$$

# Two asymptotic regimes

- $\vartheta(s) \xrightarrow{s \rightarrow \infty} 1 + 2e^{-s}$  related with the previous one by Poisson summation formula

$$\vartheta(s) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{-sn^2} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{s}} \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{-\frac{\pi^2 m^2}{s}} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{s}} \vartheta\left(\frac{\pi^2}{s}\right)$$

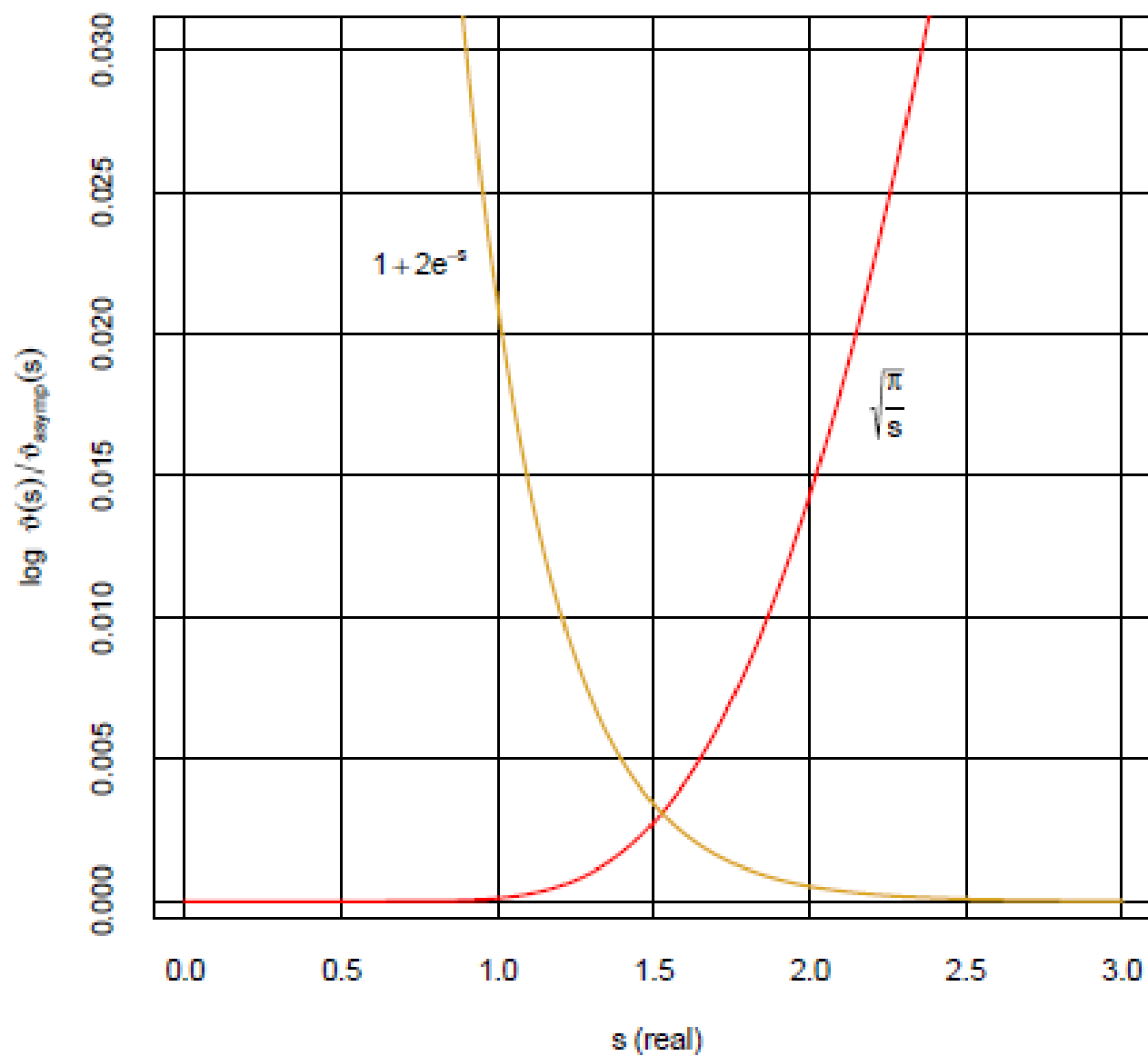
- We cannot solve the saddle point equation in closed form unless  $q_i = q$  ( $i=1, \dots, J$ )

$$\omega_J(r) = \frac{(2h-2)^{\frac{J}{h}}}{q\sqrt{2\pi h}} \left(\frac{h}{h-1}\right)^{J+\frac{1}{2}}$$

Valid for

$$\frac{Jq^2}{r^2} > 1 + \frac{e^2}{2} \approx 4.694$$

Complementary asymptotic approximations of  $\vartheta(s)$





### 3-Typical number of occupied fluxes

- Take a shell of width  $\varepsilon = R_\varepsilon - R$  with  $\varepsilon \ll q_i$  but with a large number of nodes  $N_\varepsilon \gg 1$
- We can count the number of states on the shell, e.g. the WW:  $R = R_0 = (2|\Lambda_0|)^{1/2}$

$$R_\varepsilon = \sqrt{2(\Lambda_\varepsilon - \Lambda_0)} \approx R_0 + \frac{\Lambda_\varepsilon}{R_0}$$

- The width of the shell is:  $\varepsilon = \Lambda_\varepsilon / R_0$

$$0 \leq \Lambda \leq \Lambda_\varepsilon = \Lambda_{\text{WW}}$$

- The number of states in the anthropic shell is

$$\mathcal{N}_{\text{WW}} = \frac{\omega_J(R_0)}{R_0} \Lambda_{\text{WW}}$$

# Fraction of occupied fluxes

- i) Take a state randomly on the shell
- ii) Find the typical # of non-vanishing components

This number is  $J$  for  $J = 1, 2, \dots$

Q: What happens for large  $J$  ?

- We compute the fraction of states in the shell having a fraction  $\alpha$  of turned on fluxes
- Selecting the state at random with unif. prob.  $\Rightarrow \alpha$  a discrete random variable  $[0, 1]$
- Assuming equal charges

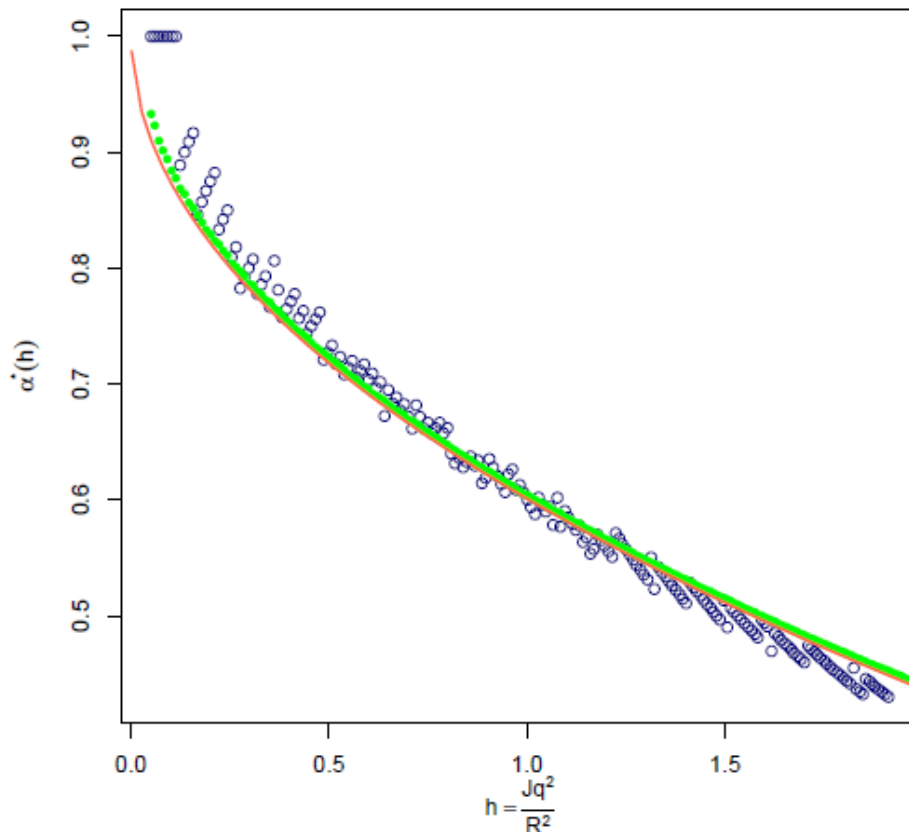
$$P(\alpha) = \frac{2R}{\omega_J(R)} \binom{J}{\alpha J} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\gamma} e^{\phi(s, \alpha)} ds \quad \text{with}$$

$$\phi(s, \alpha) = sR^2 + \alpha J \log[\vartheta(q^2 s) - 1]$$

# Results on # of fluxes $\neq 0$

- $P(\alpha)$  Gaussian around its peak  $\alpha^*$  with standard deviation  $1/J^{1/2}$
- $J\alpha^*(h)$  = typical # of occupied fluxes on the shell essentially also on the whole lattice

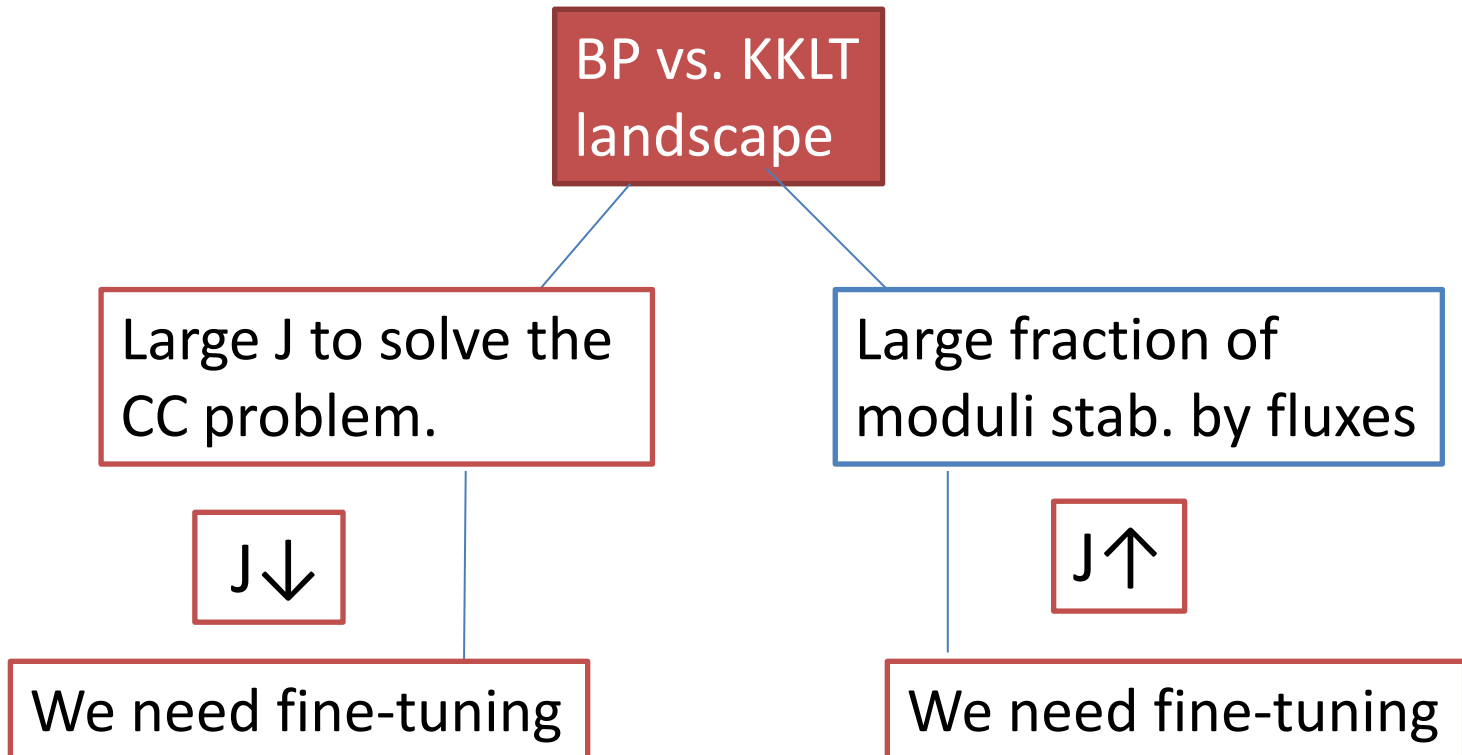
Sampling the typical number of non-vanishing fluxes



- The eff. dimension of the lattice is  $J_{\text{eff}} = J\alpha^*$ .
- When  $\alpha^* \neq 1$ : a “fractal” lattice!
- For large  $h$ ,  $\alpha^* \approx 1/h$

# 4- BP vs KKLT

- A potential problem (to be tested)
  - i) Consider a landscape with a large fraction of moduli stabilized by fluxes
  - ii) Use this landscape to address anthropically the CC problem



# A Toy Model (caution! Work in progress)

- The simplest case to
  - i) count fluxes in the landscape
  - ii) study moduli stabilization by fluxes
- 4D Einstein-Maxwell 4=2(1+1) (cosmological)  
(6D see A. Vilenkin) + 2 ( $\kappa=S^2, \text{vol}=V$ )

Only one modulus ! The  $S^2$  Volume

$$ds^2 = e^{2\phi(x,t)} (-dt^2 + dx^2) + e^{2\psi(z,w)} (dz^2 + dw^2)$$

- $\Lambda(4D) > 0$  (dS)

- Monopole:  $\mathbf{F} = \frac{Q}{V} e^{2\psi(z,w)} dz \wedge dw$

$$V = \text{vol } \mathcal{K} = \int_{\mathcal{K}} e^{2\psi(z,w)} dz \wedge dw \qquad \int_{\mathcal{K}} \mathbf{F} = Q$$

# The Einstein- Liouville equations

$$\begin{aligned}(\phi_{tt} - \phi_{xx})e^{-2\phi} &= \Lambda - \left(\frac{Q}{V}\right)^2 = \lambda \\ -(\psi_{zz} + \psi_{ww})e^{-2\psi} &= \Lambda + \left(\frac{Q}{V}\right)^2 = K\end{aligned}$$

Gaussian  
curvatures

- $g=0$  and  $K$  constant and Gauss-Bonnet  $\Rightarrow$

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathcal{K}} K e^{2\psi} dz dw = 2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{KV}{2\pi} = 2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad V = \frac{4\pi}{K}$$

- An algebraic relation for  $K$  with two branches

$$K = \Lambda + \left(\frac{Q}{V}\right)^2 = \Lambda + \left(\frac{QK}{4\pi}\right)^2$$

$$K_{\pm} = 2\Lambda \left(\frac{Q_{\max}}{Q}\right)^2 \left[ 1 \pm \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{Q}{Q_{\max}}\right)^2} \right]$$

# A maximum charge

$$Q_{\max} = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{\Lambda}}$$

- If  $Q > Q_{\max}$ ,  $K$  is complex, the compact part collapses  $\Rightarrow$  a singularity
- Two branches also for the 2D CC  $\lambda_{\pm} = 2\Lambda - K_{\mp}$
- The Dirac Q condition:  $Q e = 2\pi n \Rightarrow n_{\max} = \left\lfloor \frac{e}{\sqrt{\Lambda}} \right\rfloor$
- Our landscape has  $0 \leq |n| \leq n_{\max}$
- $n=0$  only one branch  $K=\lambda=\Lambda$ . Unstable, not supported by the em field
- If  $\Lambda < 0$ ,  $K_- < 0$  and only the  $K_+$  branch with  $\lambda_- = 2\Lambda - K_+ < 0$  (always)  
n not restricted

# Modulus stabilization ( a minimal charge)

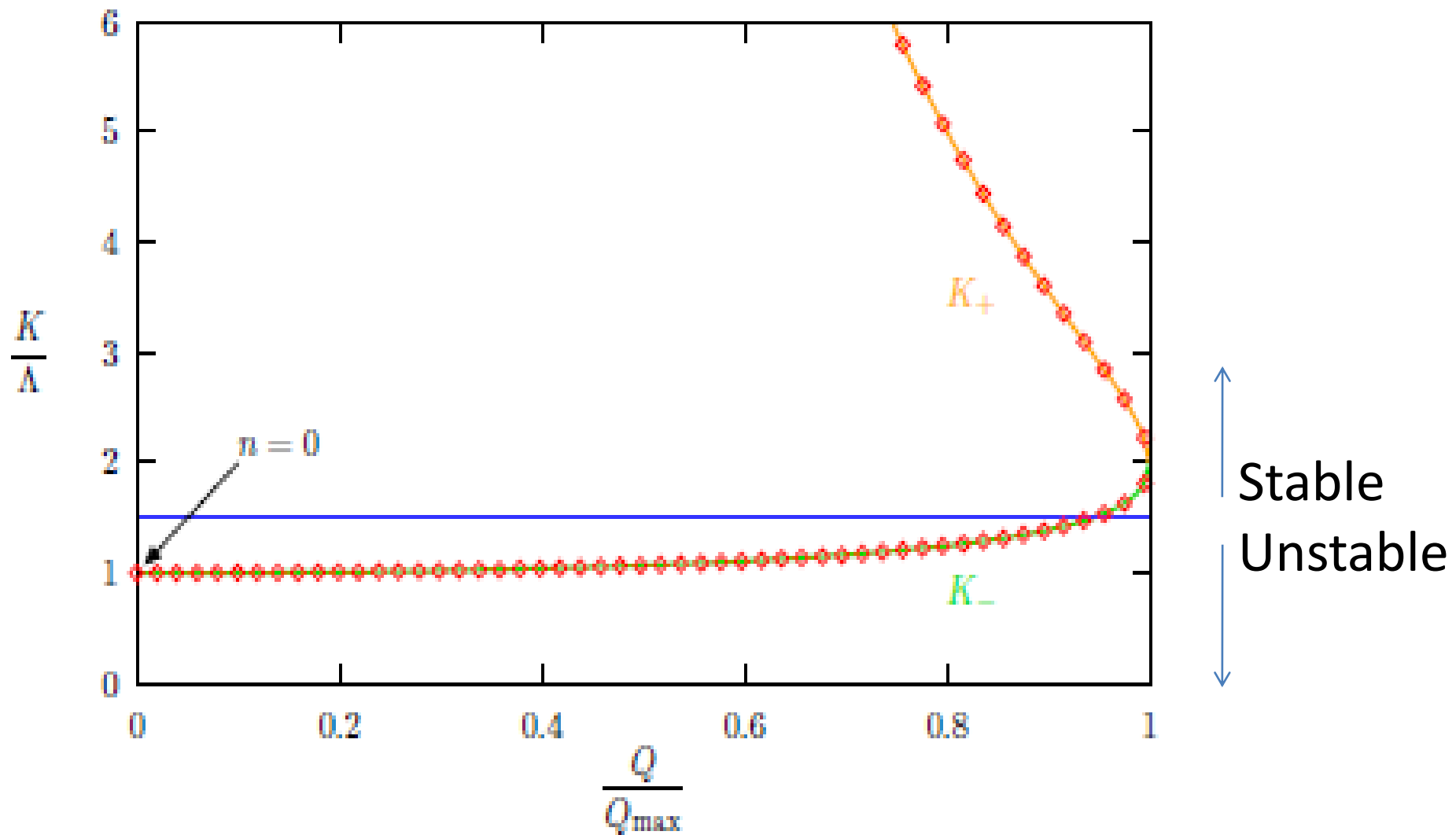
$$ds^2 = e^{2\phi(t,x)-2\xi(t,x)} (-dt^2 + dx^2) + e^{2\psi(z,w)+2\xi(t,x)} (dz^2 + dw^2)$$

Non compact  
Exchange  $V$   
Compact

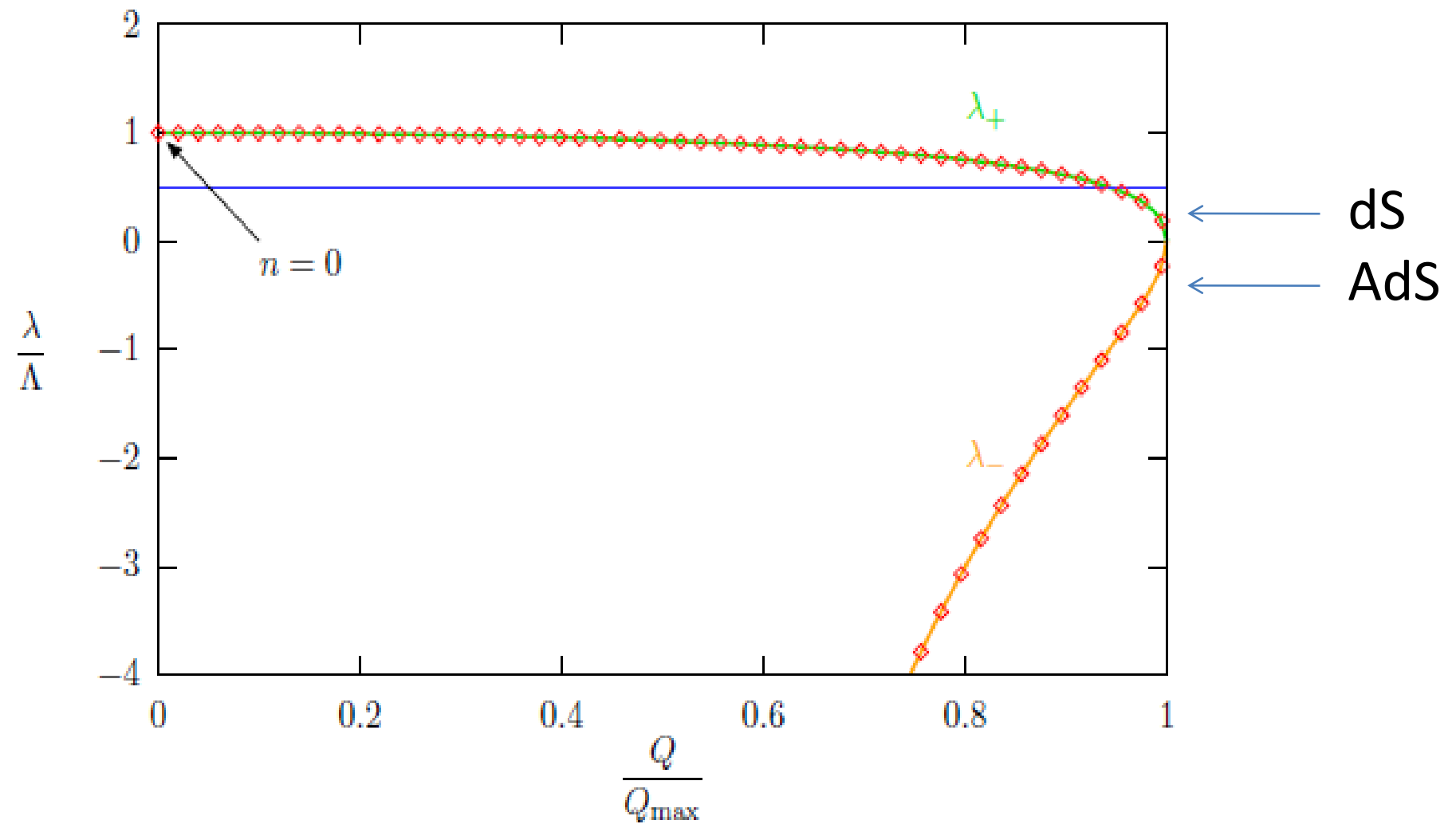
- Stabilization condition  $\Rightarrow Q > Q_{\min} = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} Q_{\max}$   
otherwise decompactification
- All states in the  $dS_2$  branch  
with  $n < n_{\min}$  are unstable (including  $n=0$ )
- Number of stable states in this one-flux landscape

$$\mathcal{N} = \underbrace{n_{\max}}_{\text{AdS}_2} + \underbrace{n_{\max} - n_{\min} + 1}_{\text{dS}_2} = 2 \left\lfloor \frac{e}{\sqrt{\Lambda}} \right\rfloor - \left\lceil \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} \frac{e}{\sqrt{\Lambda}} \right\rceil + 1 \approx \frac{e}{\sqrt{\Lambda}} \left( 2 - \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} \right)$$





$$U_{\text{eff}}''(\xi=0) = 2K - 3\Lambda > 0$$



$$Q_{\max} = 50.265 \Rightarrow N = 53 \text{ (50 AdS, 3 dS)}$$

# 5- Conclusions

1. We have developed an exact way to count on a BP landscape
2. Two asymptotic regimes, controlled by a 't Hooft- like parameter ( $h$ ), have been studied
3. We have obtained the typical fraction of active fluxes  $\alpha^*(h)$ . For large  $h$ ,  $\alpha^* \approx 1/h$
4. We speculate on the tension between a large  $J$  (to solve the CC problem) and the previous result
5. We have begun to explore the landscape of a toy model. Preliminary results for the one-flux case are presented
6. The extension to a large number of moduli using a  $g>0$  surface is under scrutiny

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# A richer landscape ( $g > 0$ )

- A complex Riemann curve

$$y^2 = P_k(u)$$

$$P_k(u) = u^k + a_{k-2}u^{k-2} + \cdots + a_1u + a_0$$

The genus is related with the polynomial degree by  
 $k=2g+2$

