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# Vacuum Bubbles : revisited

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### 1. Motivations

Observation : Our universe is expanding with acceleration
 needs positive cosmological constant

- The string theory landscape provides a vast number of metastable vacua.
- How can we be in the vacuum with positive cosmological constant ?



- KKLT(Kachru, Kallosh, Linde, Trivedi, PRD 2003))
- an alternative way ?
- : Revisit the gravity effect in cosmological phase transitions
- (\*) In the early universe with or without cosmological constants, Can we obtain the mechanism for the nucleation of a false vacuum bubble? Can a false vacuum bubble expand within the true vacuum background?

(\*) Or, the domain wall universe with charged BHs in the bulk spacetime? (describe the dynamics of a domain wall universe with the charged BH.)

#### We will study and classify vacuum bubbles in various setup.



# **Basics : Bubble formation**

- Nonperturbative Quantum Tunneling

Vacuum-to-vacuum phase transition rate

$$\Gamma/V = Ae^{-B/\hbar} [1 + O(\hbar)]$$



B: Euclidean Action (semiclassical approx.)

- S. Coleman, PRD 15, 2929 (1977)
- S. Coleman and F. De Luccia, PRD21, 3305 (1980)
- S. Parke, PLB121, 313 (1983)

A: determinant factor from the quantum correction C. G. Callan and S. Coleman, PRD 16, 1762 (1977) (1) Tunneling in Quantum Mechanics

- particle in one dim. with unit mass

-Lagrangian 
$$L = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{dq}{dt} \right)^2 - V(q)$$

 Quantum Tunneling: (Euclidean time -∞< τ < 0) The particle (at "false vacuum" q₀) penetrates the potential barrier and materializes at the escape point, σ, with zero kinetic energy,

Tunneling probability

$$\Gamma/V = Ae^{-B/\hbar} [1 + O(\hbar)]$$
where  $\overline{S} = B = \int d\tau L_E(q(\tau)) = \int d\tau \left[ \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{dq}{d\tau} \right)^2 + V(q) \right] =$ Classical Euclidean action (difference)  
Eq. of motion:  $\tau = it$  boundary conditions  
 $\frac{d^2q}{d\tau^2} + (-\frac{dV}{dq}) = 0$ 
 $\mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{i}} = \mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{f}} = \mathbf{0}$ 
 $\lim_{\tau \to \infty} q(\tau) = q_o, \frac{dq}{d\eta}|_{\tau=0(\sigma)} = 0$ 

 $\rightarrow$  The bounce solution is a particle moving in the potential –V in time  $\tau$  is unstable (exists a mode w/ negative eigenvalue)

• Time evolution after tunneling : (back to Minkowski time, t > 0) Classical Propagation after tunneling (at  $\tau = 0$ )



### (2) Tunneling in multidimension

#### Lagrangian

$$L = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} q_i q_j - V(q) \qquad V(q_{oi}) = V(\sigma_i) = 0$$

The leading approx. to the tunneling rate is obtained from the path and endpoints  $\sigma_i$  that minimize the tunneling exponent B.

$$B = 2\int_{S1}^{S2} ds (2V)^{1/2} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\tau L_E = S_E$$
  
$$\delta \int d\tau L_E^b = 0 \qquad L_E = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d\vec{q}}{d\tau} \bullet \frac{d\vec{q}}{d\tau} + V \qquad \longrightarrow \qquad \frac{d^2\vec{q}}{d\tau^2} = \frac{\partial V}{\partial \vec{q}}$$

Boundary conditions for the bounce

$$\lim_{\tau \to -\infty} q_i(\eta) = q_{oi}, \frac{dq_i}{d\tau}|_{\tau=0(\sigma_i)} = 0$$

Time evolution after the tunneling is classical with the ordinary Minkowski time.



## (3) Tunneling in field theory (in flat spacetime )



O(4)-symmetry : Rotationally invariant Euclidean metric

$$ds^{2} = d\eta^{2} + \eta^{2} [d\chi^{2} + \sin^{2}\chi(d\theta^{2} + \sin^{2}\theta d\phi^{2})] \qquad (\eta^{2} = \tau^{2} + r^{2})$$

Tunneling probability factor

$$B = S_E = 2\pi^2 \int_0^\infty \eta^3 d\eta \left[ \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \eta} \right)^2 + U(\Phi) \right]$$

The Euclidean field equations boundary conditions

$$\Phi'' + \frac{3\eta'}{\eta} \Phi' = \frac{dU}{d\Phi} \qquad \qquad \lim_{\eta \to \infty} \Phi(\eta) = \Phi_F, \frac{d\Phi}{d\eta}|_{\eta=0} = 0$$

"Particle" Analogy:

The motion of a particle located at position phi at time eta

"Particle" moving in the potential –U, with the damping force inversely proportional to time

At time 0, the particle is released at rest (The initial position should be chosen such that) at time infinity, the particle will come to rest at  $\Phi_F$ .



### **Thin-wall approximation**



Large 4dim. spherical bubble with radius R and thin wall

η

#### In the wall

$$B_{wall} = 2\pi^2 \eta^3 S_o,$$

where 
$$S_o = \int_{\Phi_T}^{\Phi_F} \sqrt{2[U(\Phi) - U(\Phi_T)]} d\Phi$$

inside the wall 
$$B_{in} = -\frac{1}{2}\pi^2\eta^4\varepsilon$$

### the radius of a true vacuum bubble

$$\eta = 3S_o / \varepsilon$$

the nucleation rate of a true vacuum bubble

$$B_o = S_E = \frac{27\pi^2 S_o^4}{2\varepsilon^3}$$

### **Evolution of the bubble**

The false vacuum makes a quantum tunneling into a true vacuum bubble at time t = 0, described by

$$\Phi(t=0,\vec{x}) = \Phi(\tau=0,\vec{x})$$
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\Phi(t=0,\vec{x}) = 0.$$

Note that  $\Phi$  is a function of  $\eta$ 

$$(\eta^2 = \tau^2 + r^2)$$

Afterwards, it evolves according to the classical equation of motion

$$-\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial^2 t} + \nabla^2 \Phi = U'(\Phi)$$

The solution (by analytic continuation)

$$\Phi(t, \vec{x}) = \Phi(\eta = (|\vec{x}|^2 - t^2)^{1/2})$$



Note : 1) Analytic continuation in the presence of gravity is nontrivial. 2) The evolution of the (bubble or domain) wall can also be studied using the junction conditions

### 2. Bubble nucleation in the Einstein gravity

S. Coleman and F. De Luccia, PRD21, 3305 (1980)

#### Action

$$S = \int \sqrt{g} d^4 x \left[ \frac{R}{2\kappa} - \frac{1}{2} \nabla^{\alpha} \Phi \nabla_{\alpha} \Phi - U(\Phi) \right] + S_{boundary}$$

**Einstein equations** 

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}g_{\mu\nu}R = \kappa T_{\mu\nu} \qquad T_{\mu\nu} = \left[\nabla_{\mu}\Phi\nabla_{\nu}\Phi - g_{\mu\nu}(\frac{1}{2}\nabla^{\alpha}\Phi\nabla_{\alpha}\Phi + U)\right]$$

Bubble nucleation rate

$$\Gamma/V = A \exp[-B/\hbar]$$

O(4)-symmetric Ansatz : Rotationally invariant Euclidean metric

$$ds^{2} = d\eta^{2} + \rho^{2}(\eta) [d\chi^{2} + \sin^{2}\chi(d\theta^{2} + \sin^{2}\theta d\phi^{2})]$$

The Euclidean field equations

 $\Phi'' + \frac{3\rho'}{\rho} \Phi' = \frac{dU}{d\Phi} \qquad \rho'^2 = 1 + \frac{\kappa \rho^2}{3} (\frac{1}{2} \Phi'^2 - U)$ (Scalar eq. of motion & Einstein eq.)

boundary conditions

U

Φ\_

U₀+ε

Φ\_

$$\lim_{\eta \to \eta(\max)} \Phi(\eta) = \Phi_F, \frac{d\Phi}{d\eta}|_{\eta=0} = 0$$



FIG. 2: The typical vacuum bubble profile with the wall in the middle. At  $\eta = 0$  the starting point is somewhere near  $\Phi_T$ , stays there for a time and goes to  $\Phi_F$  and stays at that point from thereafter.

### (i) From de Sitter to flat spacetime

the radius of a true vacuum bubble

$$\vec{\rho} = \frac{\eta}{1 + (\eta/2\Lambda)^2}$$

where  $\Lambda = (\kappa \varepsilon/3)^{-1/2}$ 

#### the nucleation rate of a true vacuum bubble

Note : 1) ρ bar less than η and less than or equal to Λ,
2) Transition probability increases. (B < B<sub>0</sub>)

(ii) From flat to Anti-de Sitter spacetime

the radius of a true vacuum bubble

$$\bar{\rho} = \frac{\eta}{1 - (\bar{\eta}/2\Lambda)^2}$$

 $B = \frac{B_o}{\left[1 - (\eta/2\Lambda)^2\right]^2}$ 

the nucleation rate of a true vacuum bubble

Note :  $\rho$  bar larger than  $\eta$ . Transition probability decreases. (B > B<sub>0</sub>) For small enough  $\varepsilon$ , false vacuum can be stable

$$B = \frac{B_o}{\left[1 + \left(\bar{\eta}/2\Lambda\right)^2\right]^2}$$

# (iii) the case of arbitrary vacuum energy S. Parke, PLB121, 313 (1983)



### •Evolution of the bubble

→ via analytic continuation back to Lorentzian time
 Ex) de Sitter -> de Sitter : A. Brown & E. Weinberg, PRD 2007

#### **Cases for True & False Vacuum Bubble :**



	False-to-true	True-to-false
De Sitter – De Sitter	0	0
De Sitter – Flat	0	?
De Sitter – Anti-de Sitter	Ο	?
Flat – Anti-de Sitter	0	?
Anti-de Sitter – Anti- de Sitter	0	?

### True & False Vacuum Bubbles

	False- to-true	True-to- false (*)	
	(True vac. Bubble)	(False vac. Bubble)	
De Sitter – de Sitter	Ο	O (*)	
Flat – de Sitter	0	0	
Anti de Sitter – de Sitter	0	0	
Anti de Sitter – flat	0	0	
Anti de Sitter – Anti de Sitter	0	0	

#### Anti de Sitter - de Sitter



FIG. 8. The false vacuum bubble profiles for several values of  $\tilde{\epsilon}$  and  $\xi$  in case 3. Here  $\xi$  is taken to be positive. The three curves are (a) solid curve:  $\tilde{\epsilon} = 0.01$  and  $\xi \simeq 0.328$ ; (b) dotted curve:  $\tilde{\epsilon} = 0.02$  and  $\xi \simeq 0.414$ ; (c) dashed curve:  $\tilde{\epsilon} = 0.03$  and  $\xi \simeq 0.508$ .



FIG. 9. The evolution of  $\tilde{\rho}(\tilde{\eta})$  in case 3. The solid curve is the solution of  $\tilde{\rho}$  with  $\tilde{\epsilon} = 0.01$ . In the region inside the bubble,  $\rho = \Lambda \sin \frac{\eta}{\Lambda_{\star}}$ , and outside the bubble,  $\rho = \Lambda_2 \sin \frac{\eta}{\Lambda_{\star}}$ .

(\*) exists in

(1)non-minimally coupled gravity (W.Lee, BHL, C.H.Lee, C.Park, PRD(2006))

#### or in

(2)Brans-Dicke type theory (H.Kim,BHL,W.Lee, Y.J. Lee, D.-H.Yoem, PRD(2011))

$$\begin{split} S &= \int \sqrt{g} d^4 x \bigg[ \frac{R}{2\kappa} - \frac{1}{2} \nabla^\alpha \Phi \nabla_\alpha \Phi - \frac{1}{2} \xi R \Phi^2 - U(\Phi) \bigg] \\ &+ S_b, \end{split}$$

$$\Phi'' + \frac{3\rho'}{\rho} \Phi' - \xi R_E \Phi = \frac{dU}{d\Phi},$$

$$p^{\prime 2} = 1 + \frac{\kappa \rho^2}{3(1 - \xi \Phi^2 \kappa)} \left(\frac{1}{2} \Phi^{\prime 2} - U\right),$$

Condition:  $\xi R_E \Phi > \frac{3\rho'}{\rho} \Phi'$ .

Dynamics of False Vacuum Bubble :

Can exists an expanding false vacuum bubble inside the true vacuum

BHL, C.H.Lee, W.Lee, S. Nam, C.Park, PRD(2008) (for nonminimal coupling)

BHL, W.Lee, D.-H. Yeom, JCAP(2011) (for Brans-Dicke)



the size of the background space (or bubble) will be called "large" (or "small") if its size is larger than half of the de Sitter space itself.

By redefining  $\eta \rightarrow \eta_{max} - \eta$  we get False Vacuum Bubbles with finite geometry.

#### 2-2. vacuum bubbles with finite geometry



Figure 2: dS-dS cases.  $\epsilon = 0.04$ ,  $\kappa = 0.1$ , and  $U_0 = 0.1$  for for top figure.  $\epsilon = 0.04$ ,  $\kappa = 0.2$ , and  $U_0 = 0.1$  for for bottom figure.

dS-flat



Figure 4: ds-flat cases.  $\epsilon = 0.04$ ,  $\kappa = 0.1$ , and  $U_0 = 0.0077$  for for top figure.  $\epsilon = 0.04$ ,  $\kappa = 0.3$ , and  $U_0 = 0.0077$  for for bottom figure.

dS-AdS



BHL, C.H. Lee, W.Lee & C.Oh,

Figure 3: dS-AdS cases.  $\epsilon = 0.04$ ,  $\kappa = 0.1$ , and  $U_0 = -0.04$  for for top figure.  $\epsilon = 0.04$ ,  $\kappa = 0.3$ , and  $U_0 = -0.04$  for for bottom figure.

#### flat-AdS and AdS-AdS



Figure 5: Flat-AdS and AdS-AdS cases.  $\epsilon=0.05,~\kappa=0.7,~{\rm and}~U_0=-0.09868$  for flat-AdS case.  $\epsilon=0.02,~\kappa=0.7,~{\rm and}~U_0=-0.05$  for AdS-AdS case.

### 3 Tunneling between the degenerate vacua

∃ Z2-symm. with finite geometry bubble Boundary condition (consistent with Z2-sym.

$$\rho|_{\eta=0} = 0, \ \rho|_{\eta=\eta_{max}} = 0, \ \frac{d\Phi}{d\eta}\Big|_{\eta=0} = 0, \ \text{and} \ \frac{d\Phi}{d\eta}\Big|_{\eta=\eta_{max}} = 0$$

- in de Sitter space.

The numerical solution by Hackworth and Weinberg. The analytic computation and interpretation : (BHL & W. Lee, CQG (2009))

This tunneling is possible due to the changing role of the second term in Eucildean equation from damping to accelerating during the phase transition.







B.-H. L, C. H. Lee, W. Lee & C. Oh, PRD82 (2010)

# **Euclidean Solutions**

(1) Instanton solution (symmetric double-well potential)



The action has the same value as the action obtained in connection with the WKB calculation of the splitting in the energies of the two lowest levels for the double well potential.

$$E_{\pm} = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}a}{2} \pm Ke^{-S_E}$$

(2) Bounce solution (asymmetric double-well potential)



Decay of the background vacuum state or the nucleation of a vacuum bubble

$$E_o = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}a}{2} - \frac{i}{2}|K|e^{-S_E}$$



This type of solutions is possible only if gravity is taken into account.

2.Oscillaing solutions - between dS-dS degenerate vacua



 $\tilde{U}_o = 0.5$  and  $\tilde{\kappa} = 0.04$ 

#### 3.Oscillaing solutions - between AdS-AdS degenerate vacua

$$\tilde{U}_o = -0$$
 and  $\tilde{\kappa} = 0.4$ 



The phase space of solutions

 $0 \leq \tilde{\kappa} \leq 1$ 



The y-axis represents no gravity.

the notation (n\_min, n\_max), where n\_min means the minimum number of oscillations and n\_max the maximum number of oscillation



the schematic diagram of the phase space of all solutions including another type solution and the number of oscillating solutions with different κs.

The left figure has  $\kappa = 0$  line indicating no gravity effect. In the middle area including the flat case, n\_min and n\_max are increased as  $\kappa$  and  $\kappa$ Uo are decreased. The tendencies are indicated as the arrows. In the left lower region, there exist another type solution.

The right figure shows n\_min and n\_max are changed in terms of  $\kappa$ Uo and  $\kappa$ . As we can see from the figure, n\_max and n\_min are increased as  $\kappa$ Uo is decreased.

### 4. Black Hole Pair creation by a domain wall Introduction Gwak, B.-H. L., W. Lee, Minamitsuii, arXiv:1101.5748

The system with a domain wall with Z\_2 symmetry by (1) cut-and-paste method Caldwell, Chamblin and Gibbons, PRD(1996)

- (2) by the instanton solution
  - Hackworth and E. J. Weinberg, PRD (2005);
  - B.-H. L. and W. Lee, CQG(2009);
  - B.-H. L, C. H. Lee, W. Lee, and C. Oh, PRD 82, 024019 (2010)].



the location of black holes

### Application to the braneworld cosmology

After the nucleation, the domain wall (that may be interpreted as our braneworld universe) evolves in the radial direction of the bulk spacetime.

$$r = a(\tau), \quad \dot{a}^2 + V(a) = 0$$

#### The equation becomes

$\dot{a}^2$	1	1,	$2m_*$	$q^2$
$\overline{a^2}$ +	$\overline{a^2}$ =	$=\frac{1}{3}\lambda$	$+ - a^4$	$\overline{a^6}$ ,

 $\lambda = 3A$ : the effective cosmological constant. mass term ~ the radiation in the universe charge term ~ the stiff matter with a negative energy density.

#### **Cosmological solutions**

the expanding domain wall (universe) solution (a > r\*,+). approaching the de Sitter inflation with  $\lambda$ , since the contributions of the mass and charge terms are diluted.

<u>contracting solution</u> (a < r\*,+) : the initially collapsing universe. The domain wall does not run into the singularity & experiences a bounce since there is the barrier in V(a) because of the charge q.

### 5. Summary and Discussions

- We reviewed the formulation of the bubble.
- False vacua exist e.g., in non-minimally coupled theory.
- Vacuum bubbles with finite geometry, with the radius & nucleation rate
- The tunneling of degenerate vacua in dS, flat, & AdS. Obtained the transition rate and the radius of a bubble.
- Exists Oscillating solutions; can make the thick domain wall.
- Similar analysis for the Fubini instanton under investigation
- Physical role and interpretation of many solutions are still not clear.
- Studied a magnetically charged BH pair separated by a domain wall in the 4 or 5-dimensional spacetime with a cosmological constant.
- The application to the braneworld cosmology has been discussed.
- Can it be another alternative model for the accelerating expanding universe?

