

Studies on the primordial perturbations

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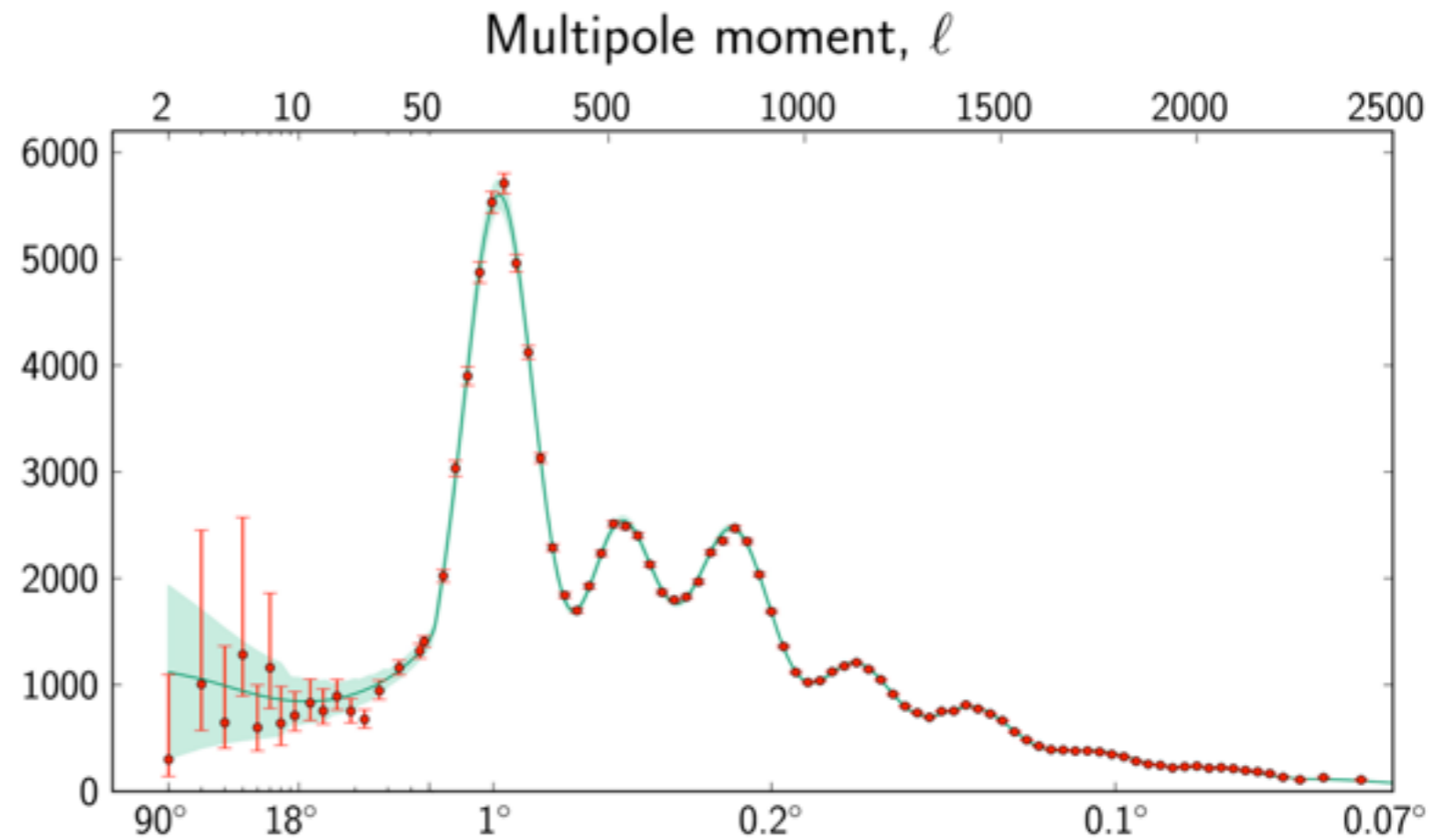
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- Generating scale-invariant density perturbation in contracting universe
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Generating Scale Invariant Density Perturbation in Contracting Universe

PLANCK



Primordial (scalar) perturbations: adiabatic, nearly scale-invariant, negligible non-Gaussianities

$$\mathcal{P}_\zeta = A_s (k/k_*)^{n_s - 1} \quad n_s = 0.969 \pm 0.010$$

$$f_{NL} = 2.7 \pm 5.8(\text{Local}), \quad -42 \pm 75(\text{Equilateral}), \quad -25 \pm 39(\text{Orthogonal})$$

Consistent with single field slow-roll inflation!

Generation of scalar perturbation in single field model

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{g} \left(\frac{M_p^2}{2} R + \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi - V(\phi) \right)$$

Background $ds^2 = a^2(\eta) \eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu$ $\epsilon = -\frac{\dot{H}}{H^2} = \frac{3}{2}(1+w) = \frac{1}{2M_p^2} \frac{\phi'^2}{\mathcal{H}^2}$

Perturbation

$$S_2 = M_p^2 \int d^4x \sqrt{g} \epsilon g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \zeta \partial_\nu \zeta$$

$\zeta = -\Psi - \frac{\mathcal{H}}{\phi'} \delta\phi$ **curvature perturbation, gauge invariant**

$$S_2 = \int d^4x (M_p^2 \epsilon a^2) \eta^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \zeta \partial_\nu \zeta = \int d^4x \left[\eta^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu u \partial_\nu u + \frac{z''}{z} u^2 \right]$$

$$z = M_p a \sqrt{\epsilon}, \quad u = z \zeta$$

$w = \text{constant}$

$$\frac{z''}{z} = \frac{a''}{a} = \frac{1-3w}{(1+3w)^2} \frac{2}{\eta^2}$$

Quantization

$$S_2 = \int d^4x [\eta^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \hat{u} \partial_\nu \hat{u} + \frac{z''}{z} \hat{u}^2] \quad \hat{\zeta} = \frac{\hat{u}}{z}$$

$$\hat{u}_{\vec{k}} = \hat{a}_{\vec{k}} u_k + \hat{a}_{\vec{k}}^\dagger u_k^* \quad [\hat{a}_{\vec{k}}, \hat{a}_{\vec{k}'}^\dagger] = \delta^3(\vec{k} - \vec{k}') \quad \hat{a}_{\vec{k}} |0\rangle = 0$$

$$u_k'' + \left(k^2 - \frac{z''}{z}\right) u_k = 0$$

Deep inside horizon

$$k|\eta| \gg 1$$

Bunch-Davies vacuum

$$u_k = \frac{e^{-ik\eta}}{\sqrt{2k}} \longrightarrow u_k = \sqrt{-\frac{\pi}{2}\eta} [C_1 H_\nu^{(1)}(-k\eta) + C_2 H_\nu^{(2)}(-k\eta)] \longrightarrow u_k \sim (-\eta)^{1/2} (-k\eta)^{-\nu}$$

Outside horizon

$$k|\eta| \sim 0$$

$-\infty$

$$C_1 = e^{i\frac{2\nu+1}{4}\pi} / \sqrt{2}, \quad C_2 = 0$$

$\eta = 0$

$$\nu = \frac{3}{2} \left| \frac{w-1}{1+3w} \right|$$

Power spectrum

$$\mathcal{P}_u(k) = \frac{k^3}{2\pi^2} |u_k|^2 \rightarrow A(-\eta)^{1-2\nu} k^{3-2\nu}$$

$$\mathcal{P}_\zeta = \frac{1}{z^2} \mathcal{P}_u(k) \rightarrow B(-\eta)^{1-2\nu - \frac{4}{1+3w}} k^{3-2\nu} \quad n_s = 4 - 2\nu$$

Scale-invariance

$$\nu = \frac{3}{2} \left| \frac{w-1}{1+3w} \right|$$

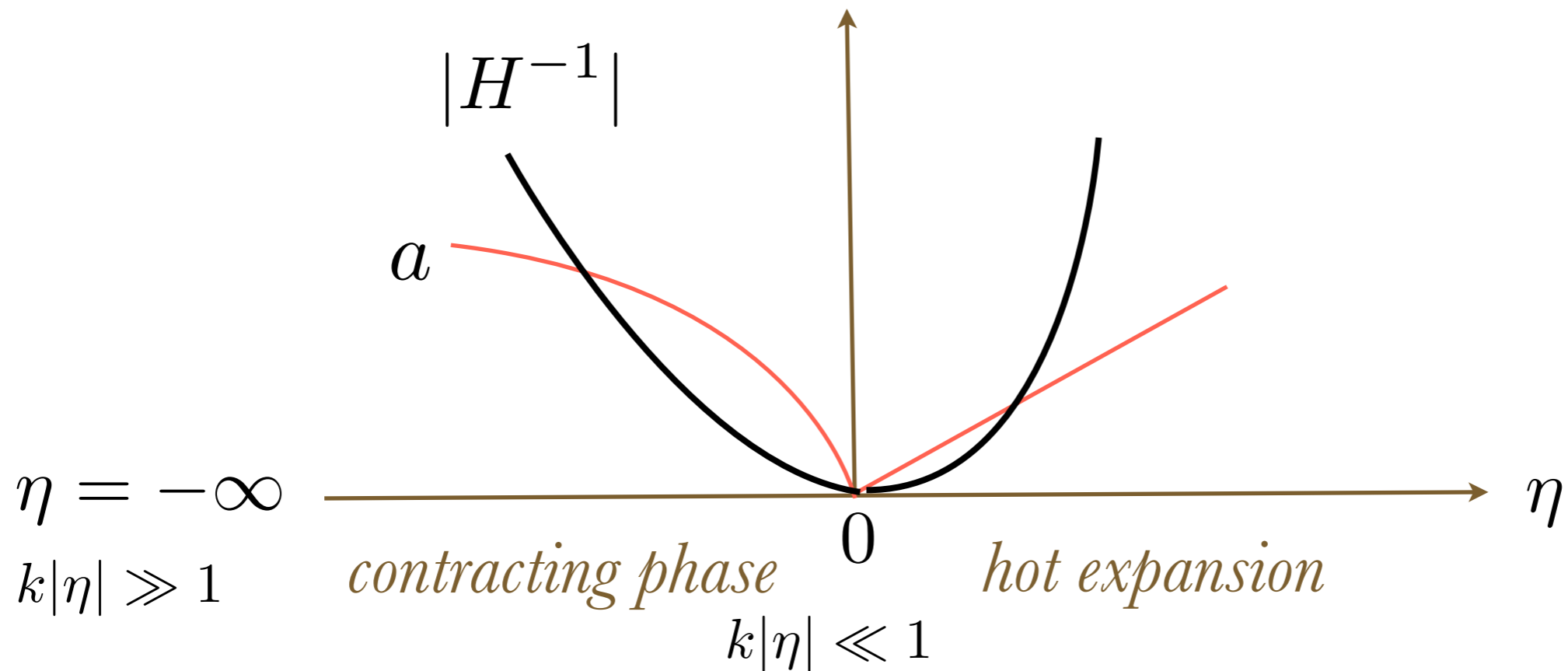
$$n_s = 1, \quad \nu = \frac{3}{2} \quad \frac{z''}{z} = \frac{a''}{a} = \frac{2}{\eta^2}$$

(1) $w = 0$, $\mathcal{P}_\zeta \sim (-\eta)^{-6}$ Finelli & Brandenberger, PRD (2002); Wands, PRD (1999)

matter bounce, unstable background

(2) $w = -1$, $\mathcal{P}_\zeta \rightarrow \text{const.}$ $a = -\frac{1}{H\eta}$ de Sitter space, inflation

Bouncing universe: alternative to inflation



$|H^{-1}|$ shrinks faster than $\frac{a}{k}$ as long as $w > -1/3$

$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{a'}{a} = aH \propto \frac{1}{\eta} \quad \left| \frac{k}{aH} \right| \sim k|\eta|$$

Flattening and isotropizing the universe by the contracting phase

Without $w > 1$ component

$$H^2 = \frac{1}{3M_p^2} \left(\frac{\rho_m}{a^3} + \frac{\rho_r}{a^4} + \frac{\sigma^2}{a^6} \right) - \frac{k}{a^2}$$

dominates the universe, highly anisotropic

Belinsky, Khalatnikov & Lifshitz, Adv. Phys. (1970)

With $w > 1$ component

$$H^2 = \frac{1}{3M_p^2} \left(\frac{\rho_m}{a^3} + \frac{\rho_r}{a^4} + \frac{\sigma^2}{a^6} + \frac{\rho_\phi}{a^{3(1+w_\phi)}} \right) - \frac{k}{a^2}$$

dominant, others are
suppressed

Erickson, Wesley, Steinhardt, Turok, PRD(2004)

Ekpyrotic phase: slow contraction with $w > 1$

Khoury, Ovrut, Steinhardt, Turok, PRD (2001); Steinhardt & Turok, PRD (2002)

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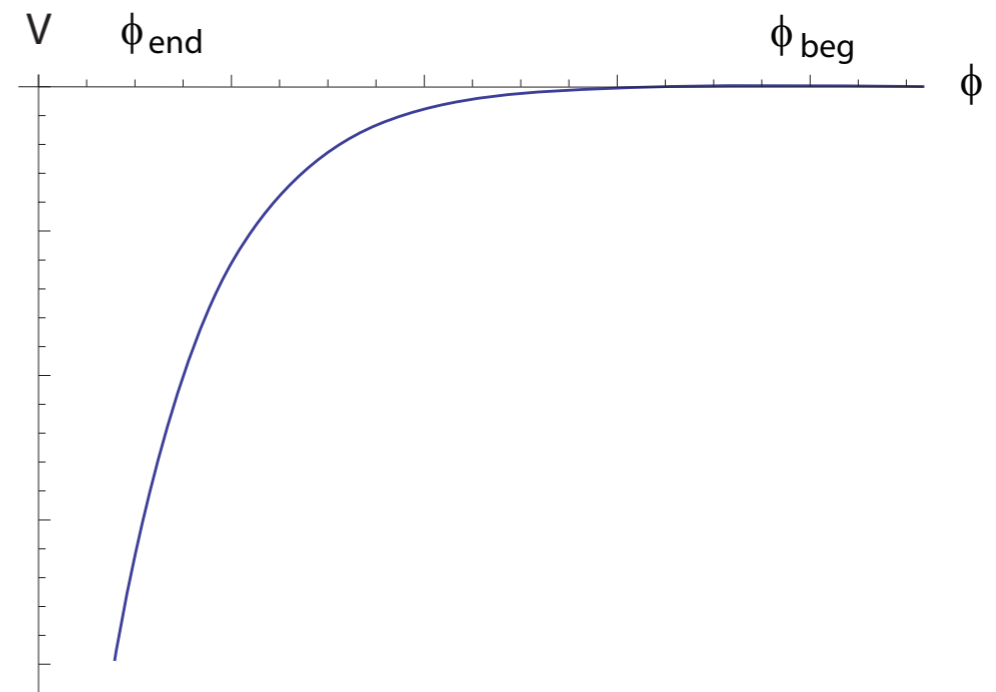
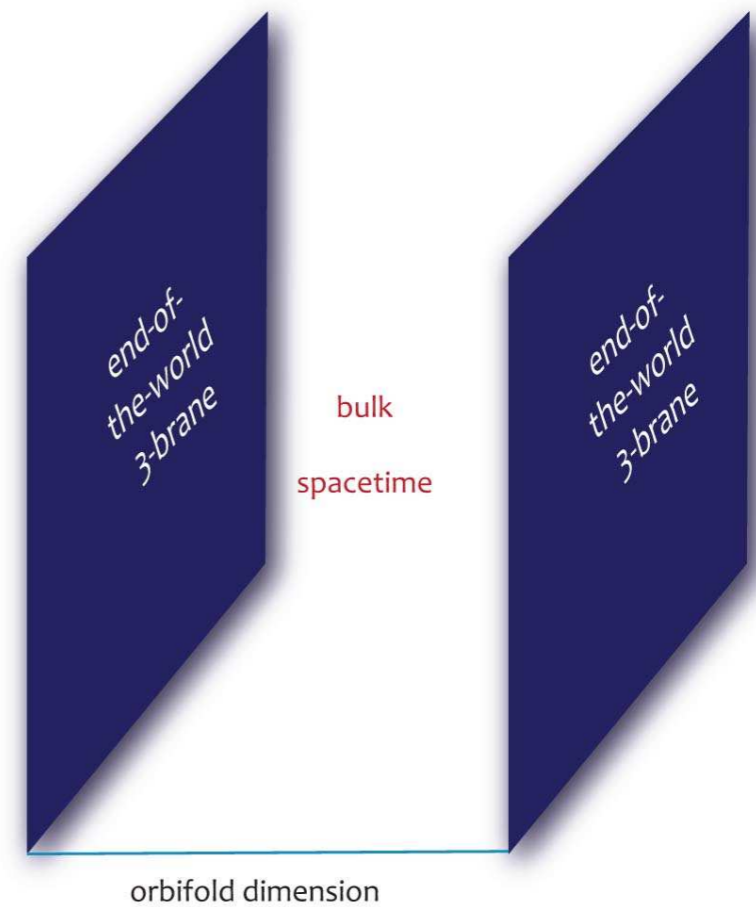
Negative steep potential

$$V = -V_0 e^{-\frac{c}{M_p} \phi}$$

$$w = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \dot{\phi}^2 - V}{\frac{1}{2} \dot{\phi}^2 + V} > 1$$

Scaling solution (stable)

$$w = \frac{c^2}{3} - 1 > 1$$



The curvature perturbation produced in single field Ekpyrotic model has a strongly blue spectrum, excluded by observations

$$n_s = 3 - \frac{2}{1 + 3w} > 2.5$$

Rapid varying w model

$$V = V_0(1 - e^{-\frac{c}{M}\phi}) \quad \text{Khoury \& Steinhardt, PRL (2010)}$$

Scale-invariant perturbations are generated during the transition

$$w \simeq -1 \rightarrow w \gg 1$$

Large non-Gaussianities, not compatible with results of PLANCK

Standard entropic mechanism

Lehners, McFadden, Turok & Steinhardt, PRD (2007), Lehners & Steinhardt, arXiv:1304.3122

Multi fields

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi_1 \partial^\mu \phi_1 + \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi_2 \partial^\mu \phi_2 + V_1 e^{-\frac{c_1}{M_p} \phi_1} + V_2 e^{-\frac{c_2}{M_p} \phi_2}$$

Projection into directions along and orthogonal to the background trajectory

$$\sigma'^2 = \phi_1'^2 + \phi_2'^2 \quad \cos \theta \equiv \phi_1' / \sigma' \quad \sin \theta \equiv \phi_2' / \sigma'$$

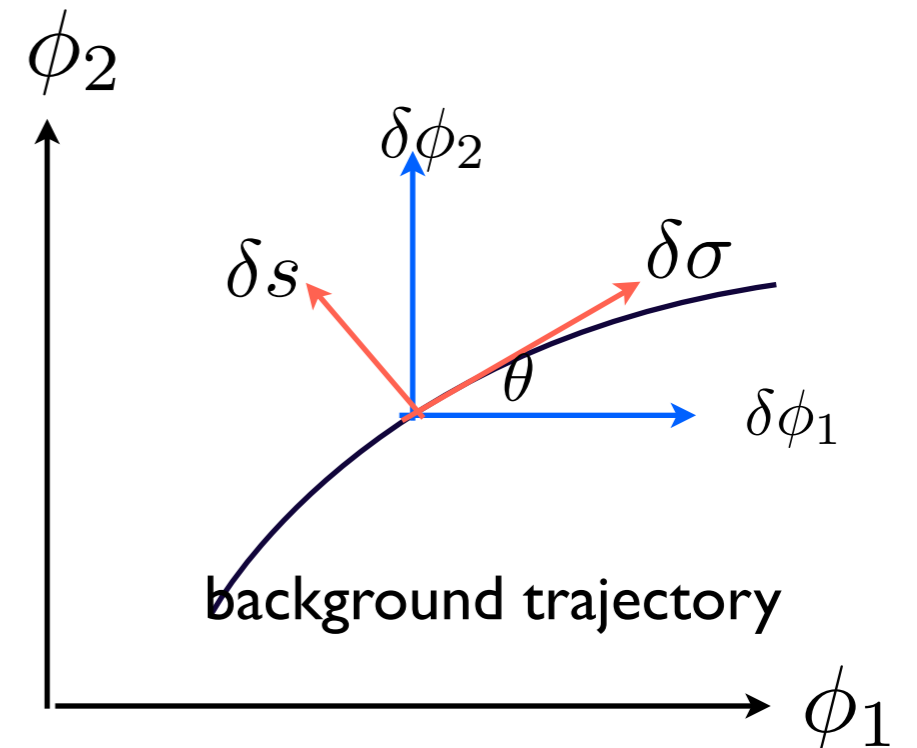
$$\sigma' = \phi_1' \cos \theta + \phi_2' \sin \theta$$

$$s' = -\phi_1' \sin \theta + \phi_2' \cos \theta = \frac{-\phi_1' \phi_2' + \phi_2' \phi_1'}{\sigma'} = 0$$

adiabatic perturbation $\delta\sigma = \delta\phi_1 \cos \theta + \delta\phi_2 \sin \theta$

entropy perturbation $\delta s = -\delta\phi_1 \sin \theta + \delta\phi_2 \cos \theta$

Gordon, Wands, Bassett, Maartens, PRD (2001)



$$\delta\sigma'' + 2\mathcal{H}\delta\sigma' + (k^2 + a^2V_{\sigma\sigma} - \theta'^2)\delta\sigma = -2a^2V_{\sigma}\Psi + 4\sigma'\Psi' + 2a\left(\frac{\theta'\delta s}{a}\right)' - 2a^2V_{\sigma}\frac{\theta'}{\sigma'}\delta s$$

$$\delta s'' + 2\mathcal{H}\delta s' + (k^2 + a^2V_{ss} + 3\theta'^2)\delta s = 4M_p^2k^2\frac{\theta'}{\sigma'}\Psi$$

$$V = -\sum_i V_i e^{-\frac{c_i}{M_p}\phi_i}$$

$$V_{\sigma} \equiv \cos\theta V_{\phi_1} + \sin\theta V_{\phi_2}$$

$$V_{\sigma\sigma} \equiv \sin^2\theta V_{\phi_2\phi_2} + \sin 2\theta V_{\phi_1\phi_2} + \cos^2\theta V_{\phi_1\phi_1}$$

$$V_{ss} \equiv \sin^2\theta V_{\phi_1\phi_1} - \sin 2\theta V_{\phi_1\phi_2} + \cos^2\theta V_{\phi_2\phi_2}$$

Adiabatic and entropy perturbations are decoupled if $\theta' = 0$
 Otherwise the entropy perturbation can source the adiabatic perturbation.

The reprocessed adiabatic perturbation inherits the same shape of the entropy perturbation

Scaling solution $\theta' = 0$

background trajectory is a straight line

$$\frac{\phi'_1}{\phi'_2} = \frac{c_2}{c_1}, \quad w = \frac{c_1^2 c_2^2}{3(c_1^2 + c_2^2)} - 1 \quad \sin \theta = \frac{c_1}{\sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2}}, \quad \cos \theta = \frac{c_2}{\sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2}}$$

$$\delta s'' + 2\mathcal{H}\delta s' + (k^2 + a^2 V_{ss})\delta s = 0 \quad v \equiv a\delta s$$

$$v'' + \left(k^2 - \frac{a''}{a} + a^2 V_{ss}\right)v = 0 \quad -\frac{a''}{a} + a^2 V_{ss} \rightarrow -\frac{2}{\eta^2} \text{ when } w \gg 1$$

scale-invariant entropy perturbation!

During the Ekpyrotic phase, adiabatic perturbation is negligibly small, entropy perturbation is scale-invariant.
After the Ekpyrotic phase, entropy perturbation converts into the adiabatic perturbation. The conversion happens when $\theta' \neq 0$

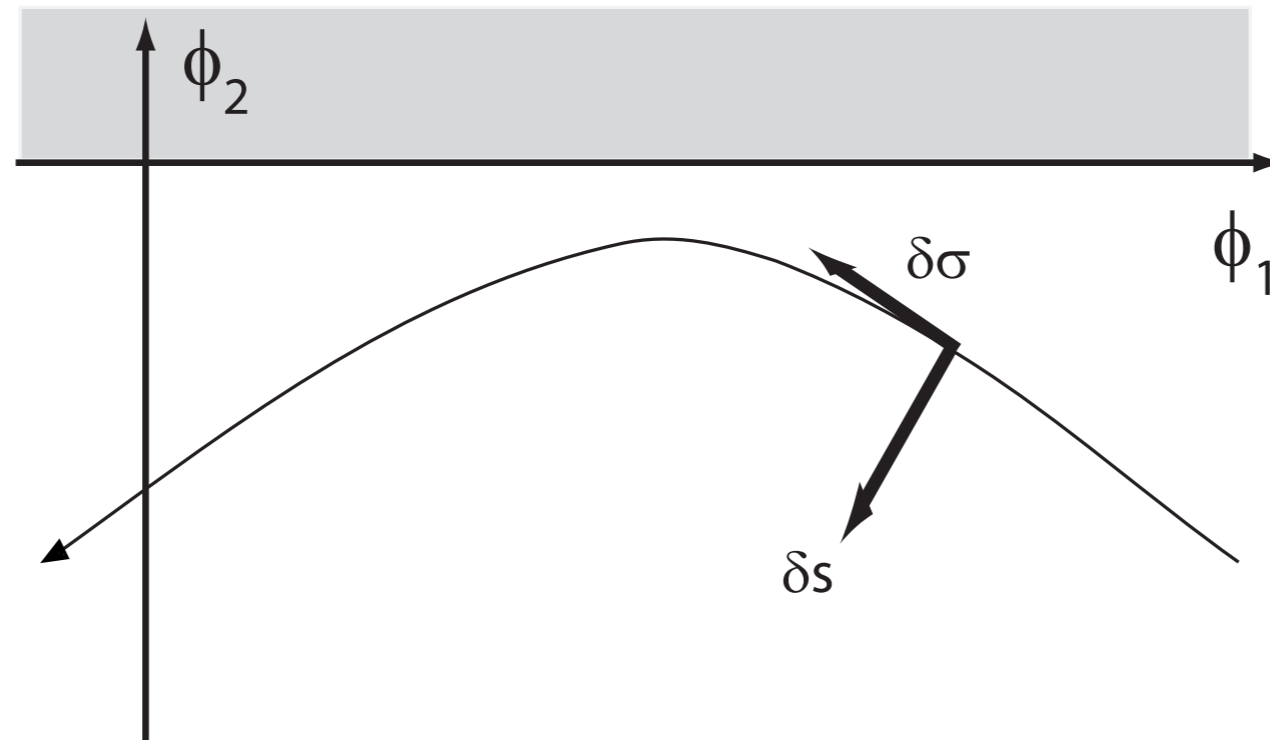


Fig. 6. The trajectory in field space reflects off a boundary at $\phi_2 = 0$. The entropy perturbation, denoted δs , is orthogonal to the trajectory. The bending causes the conversion of entropy modes into adiabatic modes $\delta \sigma$, which are perturbations tangential to the trajectory.

Lehners, McFadden, Turok & Steinhardt, PRD (2007)

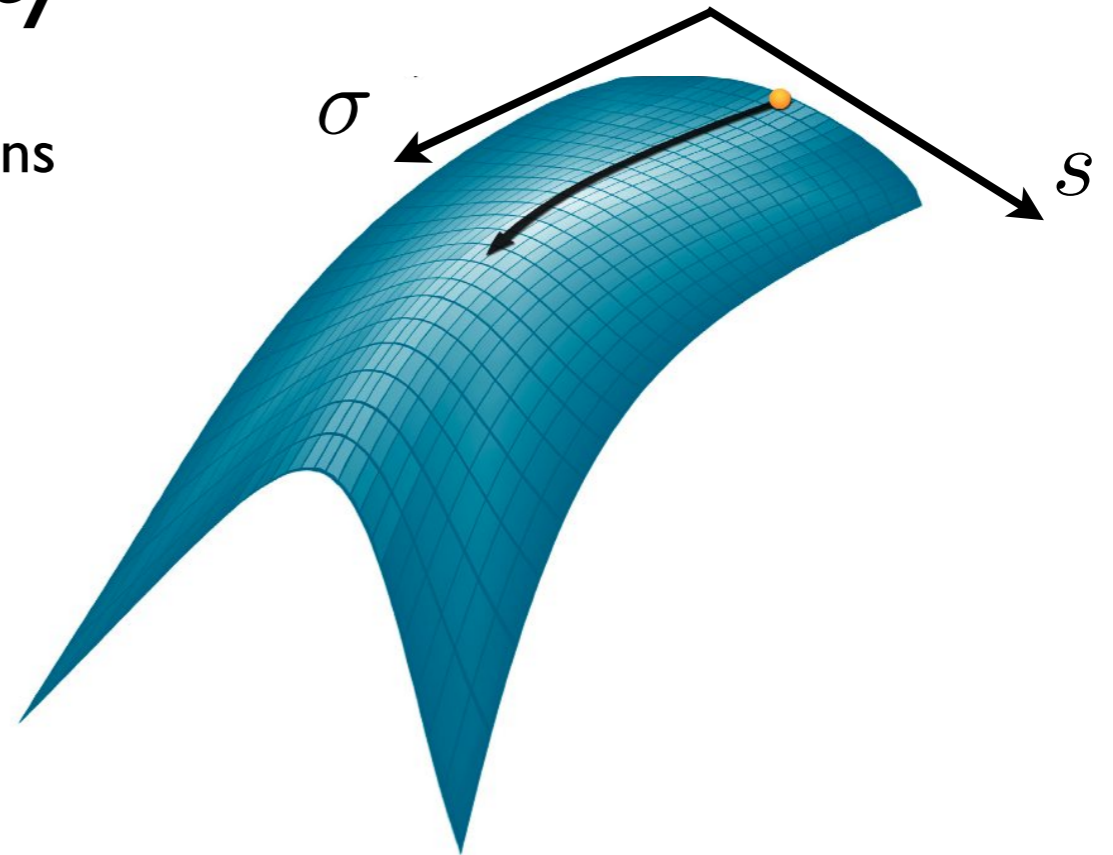
Difficulty: tachyonic instability

Fields (including background and perturbations) rotations

$$\sigma = \phi_1 \cos \theta + \phi_2 \sin \theta$$

$$s = -\phi_1 \sin \theta + \phi_2 \cos \theta$$

only valid when $\theta' = 0$



$$S_s = \int d^4x \sqrt{g} \left[\frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu s \partial_\nu s - V(\sigma, s) \right]$$

$$V(\sigma, s) = - \exp\left(-\frac{c_1 c_2}{\sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2} M_p} \sigma\right) \left[V_1 \exp\left(\frac{c_1^2}{\sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2} M_p} s\right) + V_2 \exp\left(-\frac{c_2^2}{\sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2} M_p} s\right) \right]$$

Koyama & Wands, JCAP (2007); Koyama, Mizuno, Wands, Class. Quant. Grav. (2007)

Buchbinder, Khoury & Ovrut, JHEP (2007)

General argument

$$S_s = \frac{1}{2} \int d^4x a^2 [\eta^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu s \partial_\nu s - a^2 m_s^2 s^2]$$

$$m_s^2 = \frac{\partial^2 V(\sigma, s)}{\partial s^2} \qquad \frac{a''}{a} = \frac{1 - 3w}{(1 + 3w)^2} \frac{2}{\eta^2}$$

$$v'' + \left(k^2 - \frac{a''}{a} + a^2 m_s^2\right) v = 0$$

Scale-invariance requires $\frac{a''}{a} - a^2 m_s^2 = \frac{2}{\eta^2}$ $a^2 m_s^2 = \left[\frac{1 - 3w}{(1 + 3w)^2} - 1\right] \frac{2}{\eta^2}$

$$w > 1, \quad m_s^2 < 0$$

Scaling solution $\frac{\phi'_1}{\phi'_2} = \frac{c_2}{c_1}$, $w = \frac{c_1^2 c_2^2}{3(c_1^2 + c_2^2)} - 1$ **is unstable**

Non-minimal couplings

Mingzhe Li, arXiv:1306.0191, Physics Letters B 724 (2013) 192-197

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi + V_0 e^{-\frac{\lambda}{M_p} \phi} + \frac{1}{2} e^{-\frac{\alpha}{M_p} \phi} \partial_\mu \chi \partial^\mu \chi$$

In our case $\lambda = \alpha$ $\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi + e^{-\frac{\lambda}{M_p} \phi} \left(\frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \chi \partial^\mu \chi + V_0 \right)$

EOM

$$\square \phi + \frac{\lambda}{M_p} e^{-\frac{\lambda}{M_p} \phi} \left(\frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \chi \partial^\mu \chi + V_0 \right) = 0$$

$$\square \chi - \frac{\lambda}{M_p} \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \chi = 0$$

$$\mathcal{H}^2 = \frac{1}{6M_p^2} \left(\phi'^2 + \chi'^2 e^{-\frac{\lambda}{M_p} \phi} - 2a^2 V_0 e^{-\frac{\lambda}{M_p} \phi} \right)$$

$$x \equiv \frac{\phi'}{\sqrt{6}M_p\mathcal{H}}, \quad y \equiv \frac{e^{-\frac{\lambda}{2M_p}\phi}\chi'}{\sqrt{6}M_p\mathcal{H}}, \quad z \equiv \frac{a\sqrt{V_0}e^{-\frac{\lambda}{2M_p}\phi}}{\sqrt{3}M_p\mathcal{H}}$$

$$x^2 + y^2 - z^2 = 1 \quad x^2 + y^2 \geq 1$$

Di Marco, Finelli, Brandenberger, PRD (2003)

$$\dot{x} = 3x(x^2 + y^2 - 1) - \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}\lambda(x^2 + 2y^2 - 1)$$

$$\dot{y} = 3y(x^2 + y^2 - 1) + \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}\lambda xy$$

$$\dot{x} \equiv dx/d\ln a, \quad \dot{y} \equiv dy/d\ln a$$

Critical points (scaling solutions)

$$x = x_0, \quad y = y_0 \quad \text{with} \quad \dot{x}_0 = 0, \quad \dot{y}_0 = 0$$

$$(i) (x_0 = -1, y_0 = 0) \quad (ii) (x_0 = 1, y_0 = 0) \quad (iii) (x_0 = \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{6}}, y_0 = 0)$$

(In)stabilities

$$X = x - x_0 \quad Y = y - y_0$$

$$\dot{X} = (9x_0^2 - \sqrt{6}\lambda x_0 - 3)X, \quad \dot{Y} = (3x_0^2 + \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}\lambda x_0 - 3)Y$$

$$|X| \sim \exp[(9x_0^2 - \sqrt{6}\lambda x_0 - 3) \ln a], \quad |Y| \sim \exp[(3x_0^2 + \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}\lambda x_0 - 3) \ln a]$$

Contracting universe, $\ln a$ decreases

$$\text{Stable solutions, } 9x_0^2 - \sqrt{6}\lambda x_0 - 3 > 0, \quad 3x_0^2 + \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}\lambda x_0 - 3 > 0$$

Assuming positive λ

(i) $(x_0 = -1, y_0 = 0)$ **unstable**

(ii) $(x_0 = 1, y_0 = 0)$ **stable if** $\lambda < \sqrt{6}$
 $z_0 = 0$ $w = 1$ $\phi \rightarrow +\infty$

dynamically equivalent to single field model, blue power spectrum

$$(iii) \left(x_0 = \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{6}}, y_0 = 0\right) \quad \text{stable if} \quad \lambda > \sqrt{6}$$

$$w = \frac{\lambda^2}{3} - 1 > 1 \quad x_0 = \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{6}} > 1, \quad y_0 = 0 \quad z_0 = -\sqrt{\frac{\lambda^2}{6} - 1}$$

This is what we need!

Damping by the non-minimal coupling

$$\chi'' + 2\mathcal{H}\chi' - \frac{\lambda}{M_p}\phi'\chi' = \chi'' - (\sqrt{6}\lambda x_0 - 2)\mathcal{H}\chi' = \chi'' - (\lambda^2 - 2)\mathcal{H}\chi' = 0$$

$$\sigma'^2 = \phi'^2 + \chi'^2 e^{-\frac{\lambda}{M_p}\phi}$$

$$\sigma' = \phi' \cos \theta + \chi' e^{-\frac{\lambda}{2M_p}\phi} \sin \theta$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\phi'}{\sigma'}, \quad \sin \theta = \frac{\chi' e^{-\frac{\lambda}{2M_p}\phi}}{\sigma'}$$

$$\chi' = 0, \quad \theta = 0 \quad \sigma = \phi$$

$$s \propto \chi$$

χ is a spectator, always corresponds to entropy direction

Entropy perturbation

$$S_\chi = \frac{1}{2} \int d^4x (\sqrt{g} + \delta\sqrt{g}) e^{-\frac{\lambda}{M_p}(\phi + \delta\phi)} (g^{\mu\nu} + \delta g^{\mu\nu}) \partial_\mu (\chi + \delta\chi) \partial_\nu (\chi + \delta\chi)$$

Quadratic action, considering $\partial_\mu \chi = 0$

$$S_{\delta\chi} = \frac{1}{2} \int d^4x \sqrt{g} e^{-\frac{\lambda}{M_p}\phi} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \delta\chi \partial_\nu \delta\chi$$

$$z_0^2 = \frac{a^2 V_0 e^{-\frac{\lambda}{M_p}\phi}}{3M_p^2 \mathcal{H}^2} = \frac{\lambda^2}{6} - 1, \quad e^{-\frac{\lambda}{M_p}\phi} = \frac{(\lambda^2 - 6)M_p^2 \mathcal{H}^2}{2a^2 V_0}$$

$$\begin{aligned} S_{\delta\chi} &= \frac{1}{2} \int d^4x a^2 e^{-\frac{\lambda}{M_p}\phi} \eta^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \delta\chi \partial_\nu \delta\chi \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int d^4x \frac{(\lambda^2 - 6)M_p^2 \mathcal{H}^2}{2V_0} \eta^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \delta\chi \partial_\nu \delta\chi \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{2}{1 + 3w} \frac{1}{\eta} = \frac{2}{\lambda^2 - 2} \frac{1}{\eta}$$

$$S_{\delta\chi} = \frac{1}{2} \int d^4x \frac{1}{h^2 \eta^2} \eta^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \delta\chi \partial_\nu \delta\chi \quad h = \frac{\lambda^2 - 2}{M_p} \sqrt{\frac{V_0}{2(\lambda^2 - 6)}}$$

Massless field living in an effective de Sitter space $\bar{g}_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{h^2 \eta^2} \eta_{\mu\nu}$

$$S_{\delta\chi} = \frac{1}{2} \int d^4x \sqrt{\bar{g}} \bar{g}^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \delta\chi \partial_\nu \delta\chi$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{\delta\chi}^{1/2} = \frac{h}{2\pi} \quad \text{scale-invariant, do not need } w \gg 1$$

The conversion to adiabatic perturbation can only take place after the bounce via

(1) curvaton mechanism Lyth & Wands, PLB (2002)

(2) modulated preheating

$$V_{eff} \sim g(\chi)\xi\bar{\psi}\psi \quad \Gamma \propto g^2$$

$$\zeta \sim \frac{\delta\Gamma}{\Gamma} \sim 2\frac{d\ln g}{d\chi}\delta\chi$$

Dvali, Gruzinov, Zaldarriaga, PRD (2004); Kofman, astro-ph/0303614;
Battefeld, PRD (2008)

More general case, $\lambda \neq \alpha$

Attractor solution is unchanged

$$S_{\delta\chi} = \frac{1}{2} \int d^4x a^2 e^{-\frac{\alpha}{M_p} \phi} \eta^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \delta\chi \partial_\nu \delta\chi = \frac{1}{2} \int d^4x q^2 \eta^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \delta\chi \partial_\nu \delta\chi$$

$$a \propto \eta^\beta \text{ with } \beta = -\frac{\lambda\alpha - 2}{\lambda^2 - 2} \quad u \equiv q\delta\chi$$

$$u_k'' + \left(k^2 - \frac{q''}{q}\right)u_k = u_k'' + \left(k^2 - \frac{\beta(\beta - 1)}{\eta^2}\right)u_k = 0$$

$$u_k = \sqrt{-\frac{\pi}{2}\eta} H_\nu^{(1)}(-k\eta) \quad \nu = \frac{1}{2} - \beta$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{\delta\chi} \sim k^{2+2\beta}$$

$$p = \alpha - \lambda \quad n_s = 1 - \frac{2\lambda p}{\lambda^2 - 2}$$

small red tilt spectrum $0 < p \ll 1$

Another non-minimal coupling model

$$S_\chi = -\frac{1}{2} \int d^4x \sqrt{g} \frac{R}{M^2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \chi \partial_\nu \chi$$

$$R = 6a''/a^3 = 6(\mathcal{H}' + \mathcal{H}^2)/a^2 = \frac{12(1 - 3w)}{(1 + 3w)^2 a^2 \eta^2}$$

$$S_{\delta\chi} = \frac{1}{2} \int d^4x \frac{1}{\tilde{h}^2 \eta^2} \eta^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \delta\chi \partial_\nu \delta\chi$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{\delta\chi}^{1/2} = \frac{\tilde{h}}{2\pi} \quad \tilde{h} = \frac{(1 + 3w)M}{2\sqrt{3(3w - 1)}}$$

Non-Gaussianities were small, Fertig, Lehnert and Mallwitz, arXiv:1310.8133

A general mechanism for producing scale-invariant perturbations and small non-Gaussianity in ekpyrotic models

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$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left(\frac{R}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi - V(\phi) - \frac{1}{2} \Omega^2(\phi) \partial_\mu \chi \partial^\mu \chi \right).$$

Analogies I: Conformal rolling model

Rubakov, JCAP (2009)

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{g} [g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi^* - \frac{R}{6} |\phi|^2 - (-h^2 |\phi|^4)]$$

Conformal symmetry + $U(1)$ symmetry

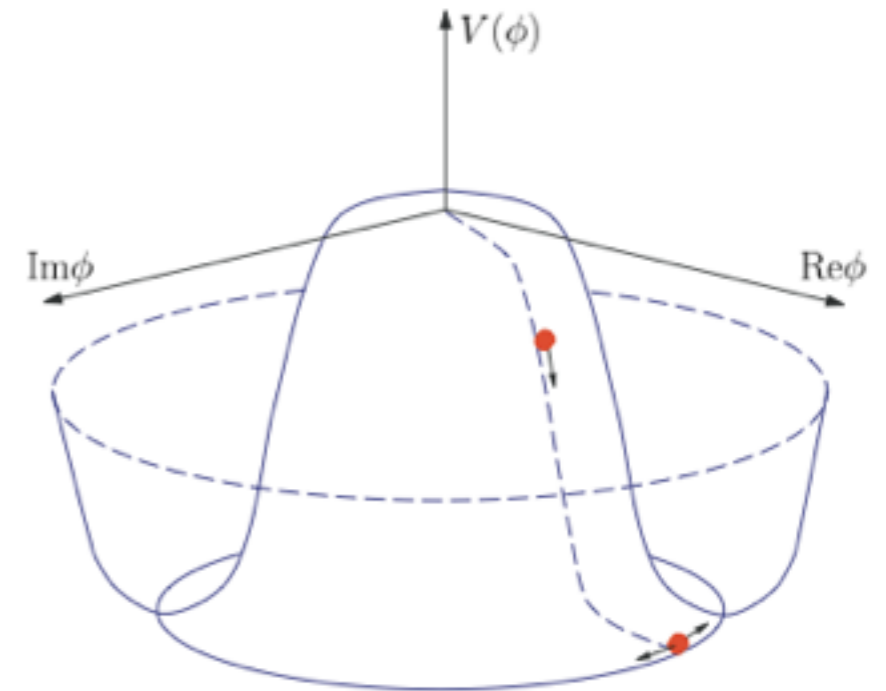
$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu f \partial^\mu f - \frac{R}{12} f^2 + \frac{h^2}{4} f^4 + \frac{1}{2} f^2 \partial_\mu \theta \partial^\mu \theta \quad \phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} f e^{i\theta}$$

f : conformal weight 1 θ : conformal weight 0

$$F = af \quad F'' = h^2 F^3 \quad \text{Attractor solution} \quad F = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{-h\eta}$$

It breaks conformal symmetry spontaneously!

$$S_\theta = \int d^4x \sqrt{g} \mathcal{L}_\theta = \int d^4x \frac{F^2}{2} \eta^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \theta \partial_\nu \theta = \int d^4x \frac{1}{h^2 \eta^2} \eta^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \theta \partial_\nu \theta \quad \mathcal{P}_\theta^{1/2} = \frac{h}{2\pi}$$



$$\mathcal{L} = f^2 e^{2\pi} (\partial\pi)^2 + \frac{f^3}{\Lambda^3} (\partial\pi)^2 \square\pi + \frac{f^3}{2\Lambda^3} (\partial\pi)^4$$

Solution, emergent universe

$$e^\pi = -\frac{1}{H_0 t}, \quad H_0^2 = \frac{2\Lambda^3}{3f}, \quad -\infty < t < 0, \quad g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu}$$

$$SO(4, 2) \rightarrow SO(4, 1)$$

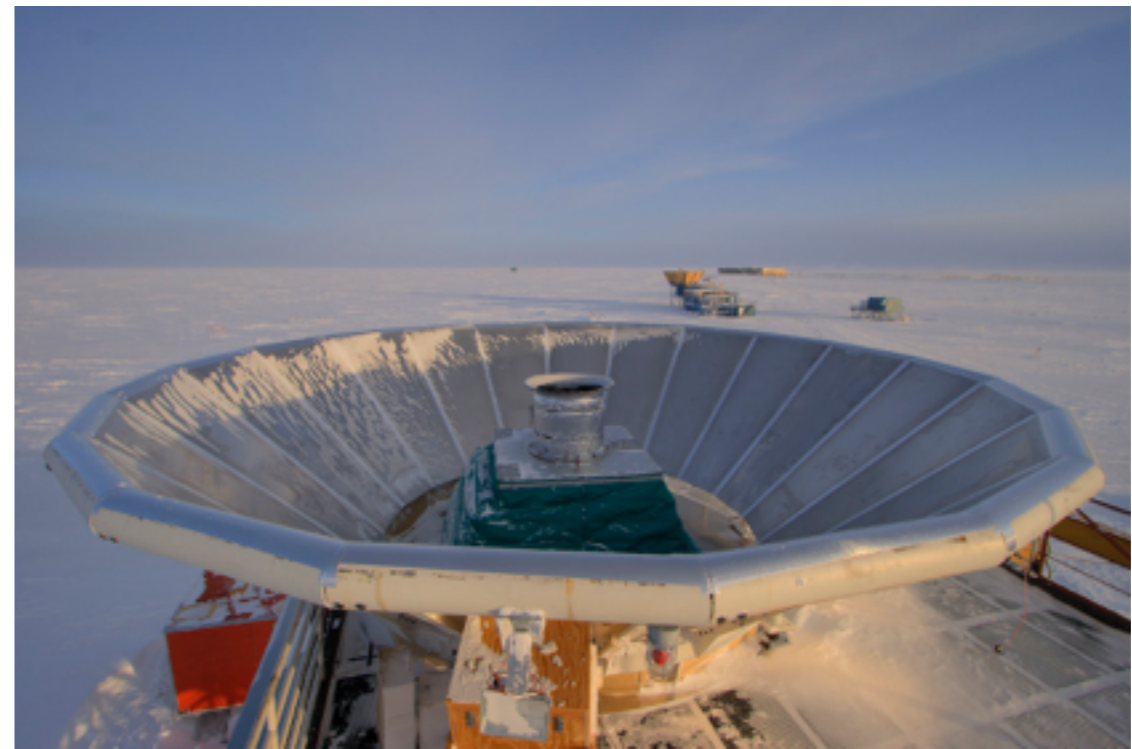
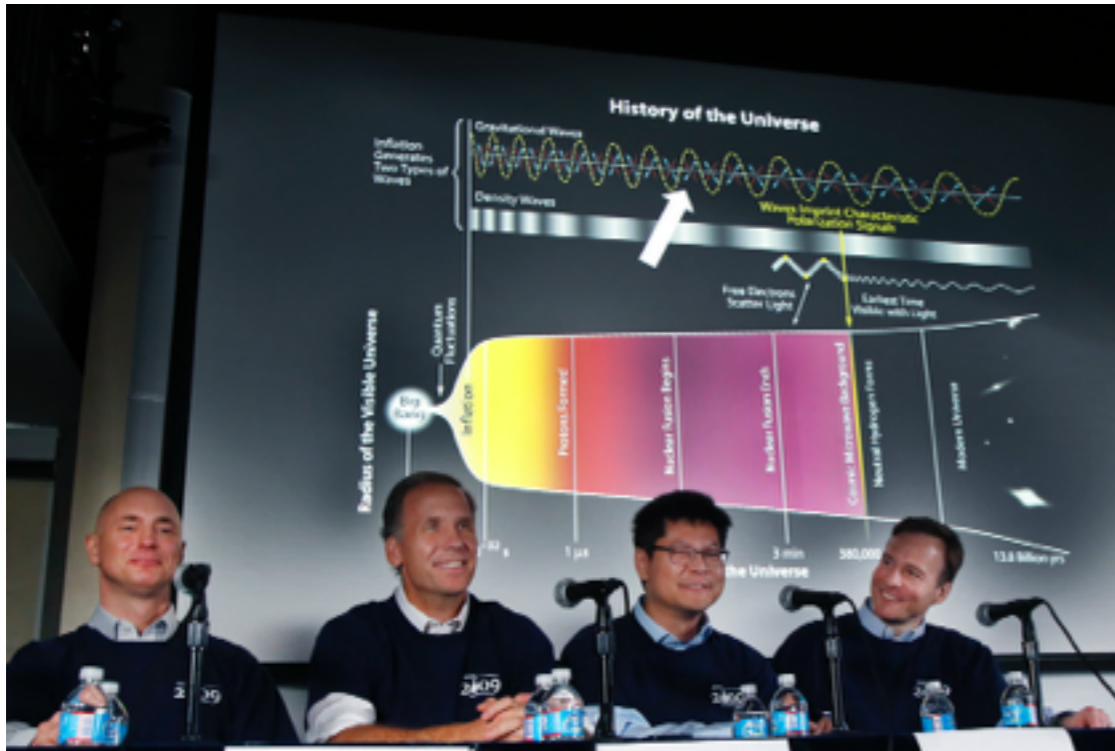
Coupling to a massless scalar

$$S_\sigma = \int d^4x e^{2\pi} (\partial\sigma)^2 = \int d^4x \frac{1}{H_0^2 t^2} \eta^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \sigma \partial_\nu \sigma \quad \mathcal{P}_\sigma^{1/2} = \frac{H_0}{2\pi}$$

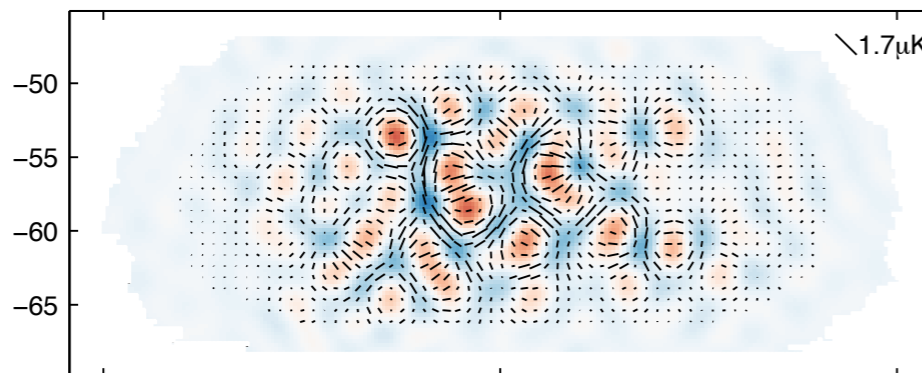
Phenomenological Lagrangian non-linearly realized conformal symmetry was constructed in Hinterbichler & Khoury, JCAP (2012); Hinterbichler, Joyce, Khoury, JCAP (2012)

Inflation Models with Flat Potentials

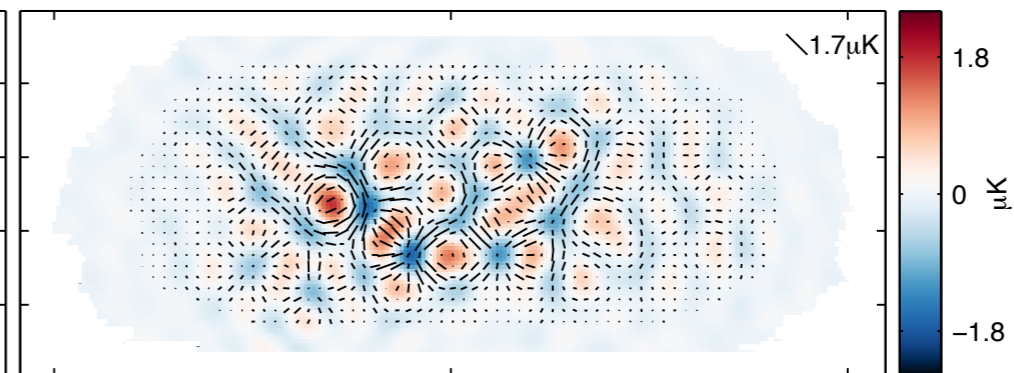
BICEP: Background Imaging of Cosmic Extragalactic Polarization (宇宙河外偏振背景成像)



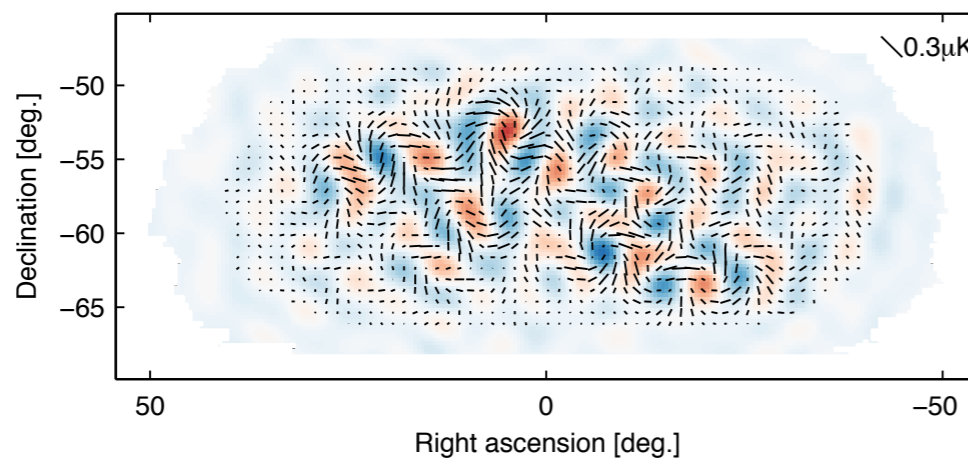
BICEP2: E signal



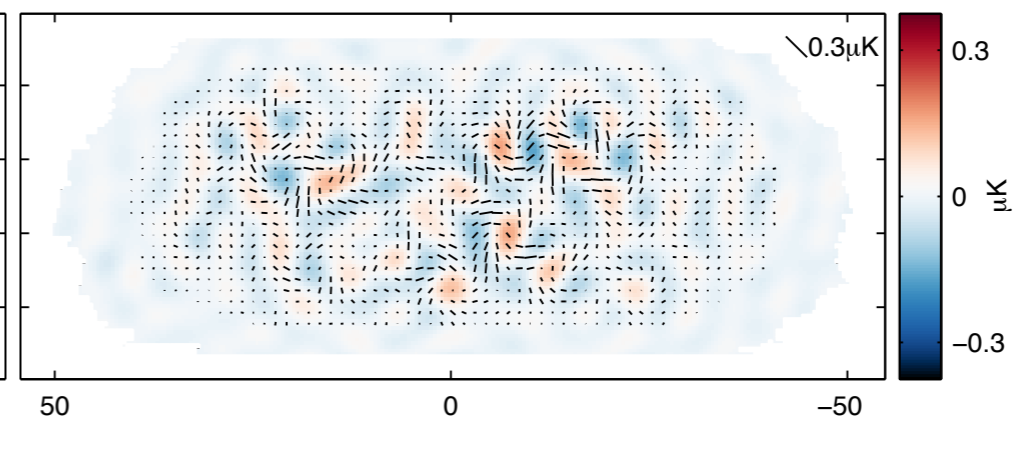
Simulation: E from lensed- Λ CDM+noise



BICEP2: B signal



Simulation: B from lensed- Λ CDM+noise



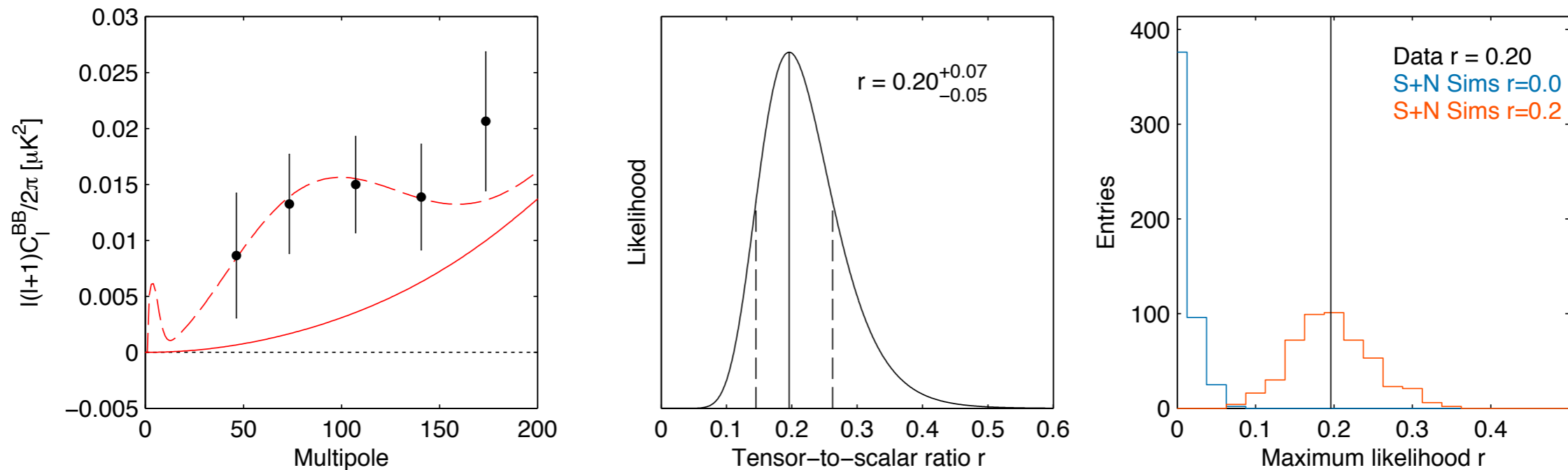


FIG. 10.— *Left:* The BICEP2 bandpowers plotted with the maximum likelihood lensed- Λ CDM+ $r = 0.20$ model. The uncertainties are taken from that model and hence include sample variance on the r contribution. *Middle:* The constraint on the tensor-to-scalar ratio r . The maximum likelihood and $\pm 1\sigma$ interval is $r = 0.20^{+0.07}_{-0.05}$, as indicated by the vertical lines. *Right:* Histograms of the maximum likelihood values of r derived from lensed- Λ CDM+noise simulations with $r = 0$ (blue) and adding $r = 0.2$ (red). The maximum likelihood value of r for the real data is shown by the vertical line.

Well fit to single field slow roll inflation model

Primordial perturbations:

initial conditions seeded anisotropies and large scale structures

$$\text{Scalar } P_s(k) = A_s(k_*) \left(\frac{k}{k_*} \right)^{n_s(k_*) - 1 + \frac{1}{2} \alpha_s(k_*) \ln(k/k_*)}$$

$$\text{Tensor } P_t(k) = A_t(k_*) \left(\frac{k}{k_*} \right)^{n_t(k_*)}$$

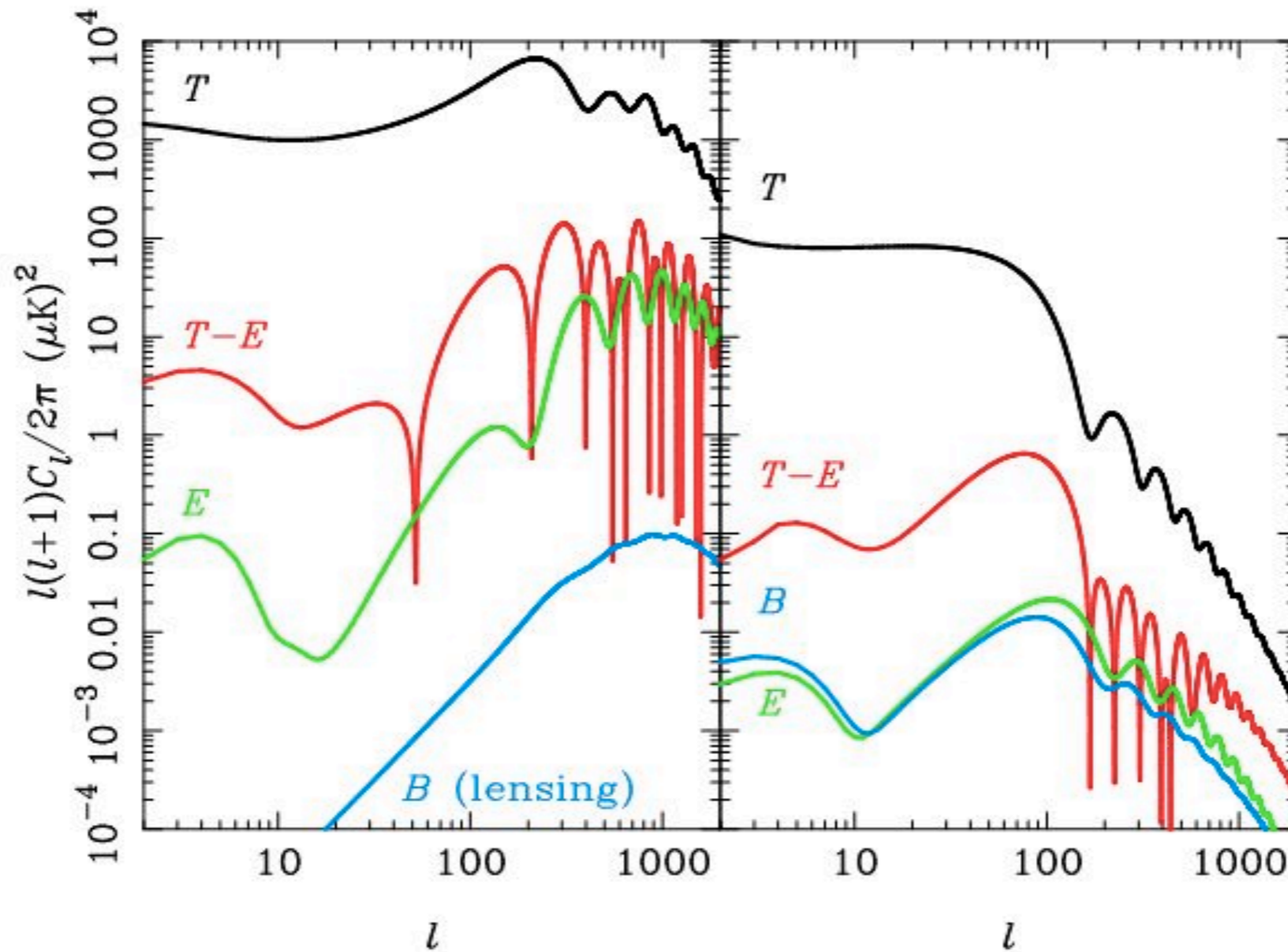
$$r = P_t(k_*) / P_s(k_*)$$

spectral indices: n_s , n_t

scale invariance: $n_s = 1$, $n_t = 0$

Scalar

Tensor



Challinor & Peiris, arXiv:0903.5158

r=0.22

T, E: dominated by scalar perturbation

B: large scales ($l < 100$) dominated by primordial gravitational waves;
small scales dominated by lensing effect

Primordial perturbations from quantum fluctuations

Gravitational waves, spacetime ripples, quantized!

Inflation (single field)

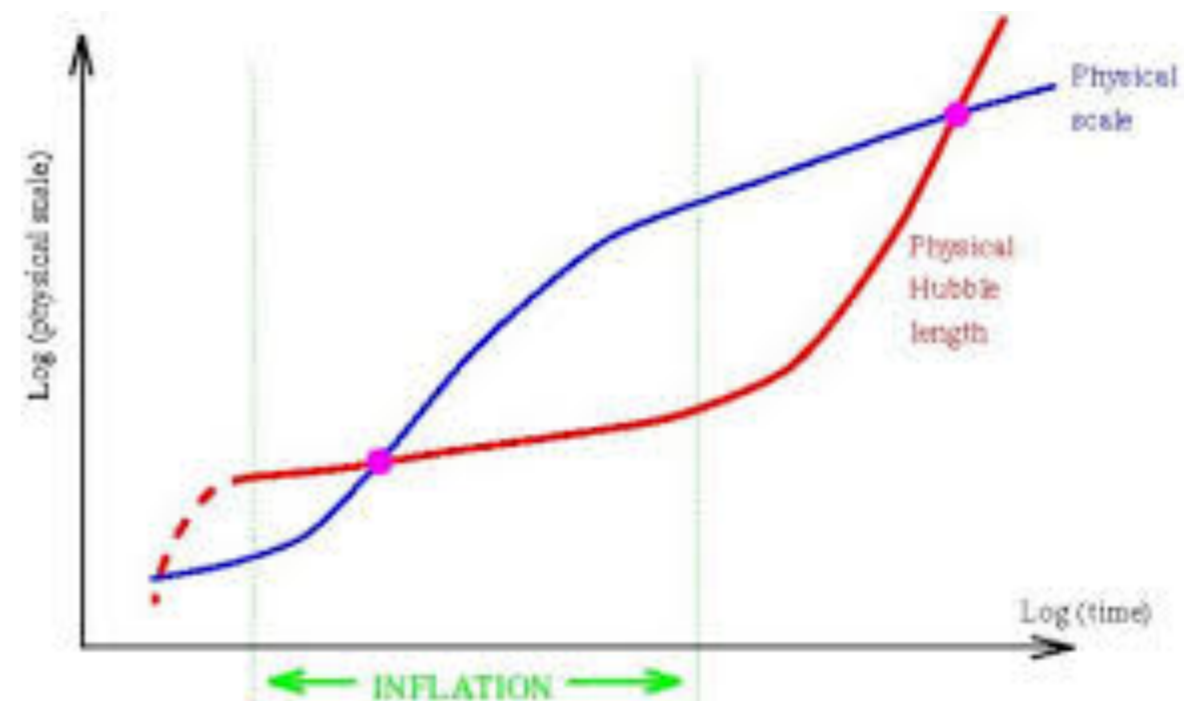
$$P_s(k) = \left(\frac{H}{\dot{\phi}}\right)^2 \left(\frac{H}{2\pi}\right)^2 \Big|_{k=aH}$$

$$P_t(k) = \frac{8}{M_{\text{pl}}^2} \left(\frac{H}{2\pi}\right)^2 \Big|_{k=aH} \quad r = -8n_t$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial\phi)^2 - V(\phi)$$

$$r = 0.2 \quad V^{1/4} \sim 2 \times 10^{16} \text{ GeV}$$

$$H_{in} \sim 10^{14} \text{ GeV}$$



Slow-roll parameters

ϵ, η, ξ

$$M_p^2 = \frac{1}{8\pi G}$$

$$\epsilon \equiv -\frac{\dot{H}}{H^2} = \frac{dH^{-1}}{dt} = \frac{3}{2}(1+w) \ll 1, \quad |\delta| \equiv \left| \frac{\ddot{\phi}}{H\dot{\phi}} \right| \ll 1 \quad \eta \equiv \epsilon - \delta, \quad |\eta| \ll 1$$

$$H^2 = \frac{1}{3M_p^2} \left(\frac{\dot{\phi}^2}{2} + V \right) \simeq \frac{V}{3M_p^2}$$

$$\ddot{\phi} + 3H\dot{\phi} + V_\phi = 0, \quad 3H\dot{\phi} + V_\phi \simeq 0$$

$$\epsilon \simeq \frac{M_p^2}{2} \left(\frac{V_\phi}{V} \right)^2, \quad \eta \simeq M_p^2 \frac{V_{\phi\phi}}{V}$$

$$\xi \equiv M_p^4 \frac{V_\phi V_{\phi\phi\phi}}{V^2} \sim \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2, \eta^2)$$

e-folding number

$$N \equiv \ln\left(\frac{a_f}{a_*}\right) = \int_{t_*}^{t_f} H(t') dt' \simeq \frac{1}{M_p^2} \int_{\phi_f}^{\phi_*} \frac{V}{V_\phi} d\phi$$

$$\epsilon, \eta \sim N^{-1}, \quad \xi \sim N^{-2}$$

Pivot scale $k_* = a_* H_*$ $\frac{k_*}{a_0} = 0.002 \text{Mpc}^{-1}$ or 0.05Mpc^{-1}

$$\ln\left(\frac{k_*}{a_0 H_0}\right) = \ln \frac{H_*}{H_0} + \ln \frac{a_*}{a_0} = \ln \frac{H_*}{H_0} + \ln \frac{a_*}{a_f} + \ln \frac{a_f}{a_{re}} + \ln \frac{a_{re}}{a_{eq}} + \ln \frac{a_{eq}}{a_0}$$

$$N = -\ln\left(\frac{k_*}{a_0 H_0}\right) + \ln\left(\sqrt{\frac{V_*}{3M_p^2}} H_{eq}^{-1}\right) + \ln(219\Omega_0 h) + \frac{1}{4} \ln \frac{\rho_{eq}}{\rho_{re}} + \frac{1}{3(1+w_{re})} \ln \frac{\rho_{re}}{\rho_f}$$

$$N \sim 50 - 60$$

Uncertainty is from reheating

$$(a\delta\phi_k)'' + \left(k^2 - \frac{z''}{z}\right)(a\delta\phi_k) = 0, \text{ spatially - flat gauge } \psi = 0$$

$$(ah^{+, \times})'' + \left(k^2 - \frac{a''}{a}\right)(ah^{+, \times}) = 0 \quad z = a \frac{\dot{\phi}}{H}$$

Vacuum fluctuations, Bunch-Davies vacuum

$$a\delta\phi_k, ah^{+, \times} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2k}} e^{-ik\eta}, \quad \frac{k}{aH} \rightarrow \infty$$

Power spectra $P_s(k) = \left(\frac{H}{\dot{\phi}}\right)^2 \left(\frac{H}{2\pi}\right)^2 \Big|_{k=aH}$ $r = \frac{P_t}{P_s} = 16\epsilon$

$$P_t(k) = \frac{8}{M_{\text{pl}}^2} \left(\frac{H}{2\pi}\right)^2 \Big|_{k=aH}$$

Slow-roll

$$P_s = \frac{V}{24\pi^2 M_p^4 \epsilon} \Big|_{k=aH} \quad P_t = \frac{2V}{3\pi^2 M_p^4} \Big|_{k=aH}$$

$$n_s - 1 = \frac{dP_s}{d \ln k} = -6\epsilon + 2\eta \quad n_t = \frac{dP_t}{d \ln k} = -2\epsilon \quad \alpha_s = \frac{dn_s}{d \ln k} = 16\epsilon\eta - 24\epsilon^2 - 2\xi$$

Consistency relation

$$r = -8n_t$$

Slow-rolling gives $\alpha_s \sim 10^{-3}$

Planckian excursion

$$\left| \frac{d\phi}{dN} \right| = M_p^2 \left| \frac{V_\phi}{V} \right| = \sqrt{\frac{r}{8}} M_p$$

Lyth bound (Lyth, PRL (1997)) $|\Delta\phi| = |\phi_f - \phi_*| = N \sqrt{\frac{r}{8}} M_p$

$$r = 0.2, \quad |\Delta\phi| \simeq (8.0 - -9.5) M_p$$

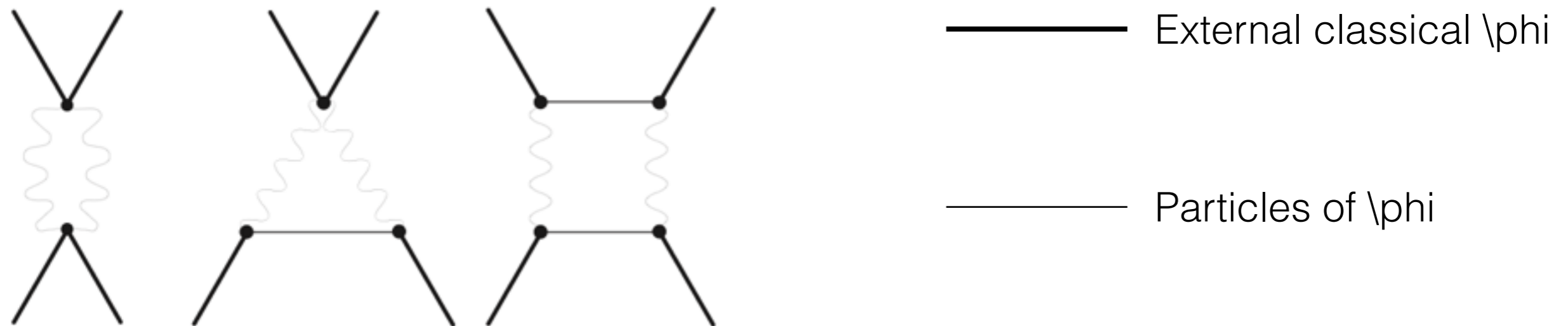
$$\phi > M_p, \quad V(\phi) = \frac{1}{2} m^2 \phi^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4} \phi^4 + \underbrace{\sum_n \lambda_n \frac{\phi^{4+n}}{M_p^n}}_{\text{Wilson coefficients}}$$



Out of control, spoils the flatness of the potential

Wilson coefficients: $\lambda_n \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$

Linde, hep-th/0503203; arXiv:0705.0164;
 Kehagias and Riotto, arXiv:1403.4811



One loop corrections from quantum gravity

Smolin, PLB (1980)

$$\Delta V = \lambda_1 V_{\phi\phi} \frac{V}{M_p^2} \ln \frac{\Lambda^2}{M_p^2} + \lambda_2 \frac{V^2}{M_p^4} \ln \frac{\Lambda^2}{M_p^2} = \left(\tilde{\lambda}_1 \frac{V_{\phi\phi}}{M_p^2} + \tilde{\lambda}_2 \frac{V}{M_p^4} \right) V$$

ϕ itself does not have physical meaning,
 enters in the theory only through V and $V_{\phi\phi}$

$$V_{\phi\phi} \ll M_p^2, \quad V \ll M_p^4 \quad \tilde{\lambda}_1, \tilde{\lambda}_2 \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$$

Symmetries to protect the flatness of the inflaton potential

1, supersymmetry

SUSY provides flat directions, but is broken during inflation due to positive vacuum energy.

Supergravity corrections give a mass $\sim H$ to any flat directions,
Coperland, Liddle, Lyth, Stewart and Wands, PRD (1994)

Spoils slow-roll condition $|\eta| < 1, m = \sqrt{V_{\phi\phi}} < H$

2, shift symmetry $\phi \rightarrow \phi + C$ PNLB

Natural inflation model, Freese, Frieman and Olinto, PRL (1990)

$$V = \Lambda^4 \left(1 - \cos \frac{\phi}{f}\right), \quad m \sim \frac{\Lambda^2}{f}, \quad H \simeq \frac{\Lambda^2}{\sqrt{3}M_p}$$

f : spontaneous breaking scale of global symmetry

$$\epsilon = \frac{M_p^2}{2f^2} \frac{1 + \cos \frac{\phi}{f}}{1 - \cos \frac{\phi}{f}} \quad \eta = \frac{M_p^2}{f^2} \frac{\cos \frac{\phi}{f}}{1 - \cos \frac{\phi}{f}} \quad \delta = \epsilon - \eta = \frac{M_p^2}{2f^2}$$

$|\delta| \ll 1, f \gg M_p/\sqrt{2}$ Outside the range of validity of EFT

Quantum gravity effects, e.g., virtual black holes, break global symmetries.

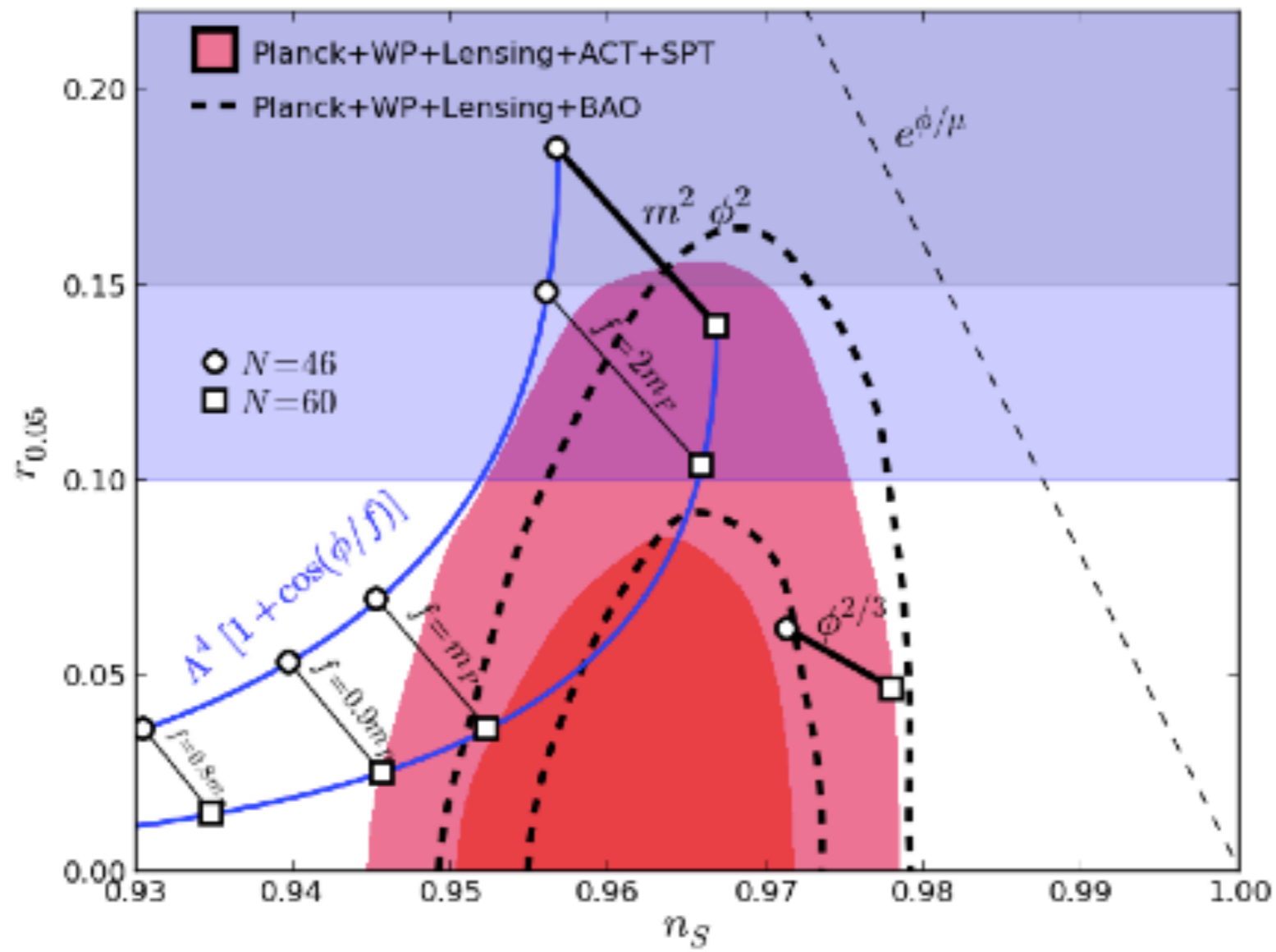
They are proportional to $(\frac{f}{M_p})^n$, unsuppressed.

R.Kalosh, A.Linde, D.Linde and L.Susskind, PRD(1995);

M.Kamionkowski and J.March-Russell, PLB(1992);

S.Barr and D.Seckel, PRD(1992)

Freese and Kinney, arXiv: 1403.5277



Extranatural inflation, extra dimensional version of natural inflation
Arkani-Hamed, Cheng, Creminelli and Randall, PRL(2003)

5d model, extra dimension compactified on a circle R

Abelian field A_a

Extra component A_5 propagates in the bulk

no local potential due to higher dimensional gauge invariance

shift symmetry, similar to 4d PNGB

Non-local potential for Wilson loop $e^{i\theta} = e^{i \oint A_5 dx^5}$ in the presence of charged fields in the bulk

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2 g_4^2 (2\pi R)^2} (\partial\theta)^2 - V(\theta) + \dots \quad g_4^2 = g_5^2 / (2\pi R)$$

Massless charged fields, one-loop $V(\theta) = -\frac{1}{R^4} \sum_I (-1)^{F_I} \frac{3}{64\pi^6} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos(nq\theta)}{n^5}$;

Boson $F_I = 0$

Fermion $F_I = 1$

Hosotani, PLB(1983); Hatanaka, Inami and Lim, MPLA(1998);

Antoniadis, Benakli and Quiros, New J. Phys. (2001);

von Gersdorff, Irgens and Quiros, NPB(2002);

Cheng, Matchev and Schmaltz, PRD(2002)

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial\phi)^2 - \frac{3}{64\pi^6 R^4} \left(1 - \cos \frac{\phi}{f_{\text{eff}}}\right) \quad \phi = f_{\text{eff}}\theta$$

$$f_{\text{eff}} = \frac{1}{2\pi g_{4d} R}$$

For sufficiently small g_4 , $f_{\text{eff}} \gg M_p$

Quantum gravity corrections are negligible as long as $R^{-1} < M_p$

Virtual black holes cannot spoil gauge symmetry,
non-local effects suppressed by $e^{-2\pi M_5 R}$

Similar consideration for quintessence dark energy

“Quintessence and the rest of the world”, S. Carroll, PRL (1998)

Nearly massless $m_\phi \sim \sqrt{V_{\phi\phi}} < H_0 \sim 10^{-33} \text{eV}$

Hypothetical couplings (besides the gravity) to SM particles:

1, direct coupling

$$c \frac{\phi}{M} \mathcal{L}(\bar{\psi}\psi, F_{\rho\sigma}F^{\rho\sigma}, G_{\rho\sigma}G^{\rho\sigma}, \dots)$$

A. Long range force, violates equivalence principle, constrained to $c \leq 10^{-4}(M/M_{pl})$;

B. Instability under quantum corrections, $\delta m_\phi \simeq \frac{\Lambda^2}{4\pi M} \sim 10^{-7} \text{eV} \gg m_\phi$,
 $M \sim M_{pl}$, $\Lambda \sim \Lambda_{ew}$.

2, derivative coupling, pseudo-Goldstone originated from $U(1)$ symmetry breaking

$$\frac{c}{M} \partial_\mu \phi \mathcal{O}^\mu(\psi, F_{\rho\sigma}, G_{\rho\sigma}, \dots)$$

A. shift symmetry $\phi \rightarrow \phi + \text{const.}$, guarantees the flatness of the potential;

B. propagates spin-dependent force, short range, much weaker constraint from astrophysics $M \geq 10^{10} \text{Gev}$, *PDG*.

Quintessence as a PNGB proposed by Frieman, Hill, Stbbins and Waga, PRL (1995)

$$V = \Lambda^4 \left(1 - \cos \frac{\phi}{f}\right), \quad m \sim \frac{\Lambda^2}{f}, \quad H \simeq \frac{\Lambda^2}{\sqrt{3}M_p}$$

“Gauge Quintessence”, Pilo, Rayner and Riotto, PRD(2003)

Massive charged fields in the bulk, one-loop

$$V(\theta) = \frac{1}{128\pi^6 R^4} \text{Tr} \left[V(r_a^F, \theta) - V(r_a^B, \theta) \right] \quad \text{Delgado, Pomarol and Quiros, PRD (1999)}$$

$$V(r_a, \theta) = x_a^2 \text{Li}_3(r_a e^{-x_a}) + 3x_a \text{Li}_4(r_a e^{-x_a}) \\ + 3 \text{Li}_5(r_a e^{-x_a}) + h.c. ,$$

with

$$r_a = e^{iq_a \theta} , \quad x_a = 2\pi R M_a ,$$

and the poly-logarithm function $\text{Li}_k(z)$ are

$$\text{Li}_k(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n^k} .$$

An inflation model with large variations in spectral index

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Consider two fields coupling to A_5 $M_1 = 0, M_2 > R^{-1}$

$$V(\theta) = -\frac{3}{64\pi^6 R^4} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^3} \left[(-)^{F_1} \frac{\cos(nq_1\theta)}{n^2} + (-)^{F_2} e^{-nx_2} \left(\frac{x_2^2}{3} + \frac{x_2}{n} + \frac{1}{n^2} \right) \cos(nq_2\theta) \right]$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial\phi)^2 - V_0 \left[1 - \cos\left(\frac{q_1\phi}{f_{\text{eff}}}\right) - \sigma \cos\left(\frac{q_2\phi}{f_{\text{eff}}}\right) \right]$$

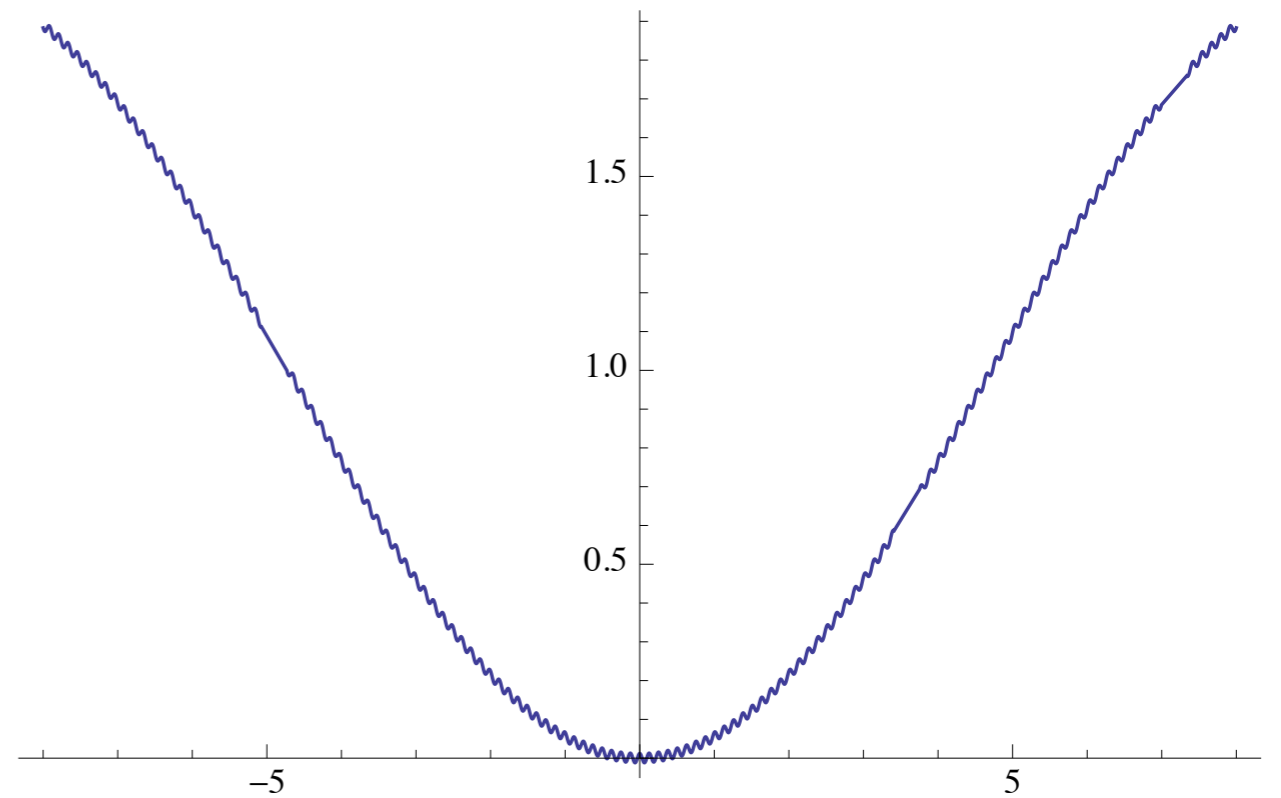
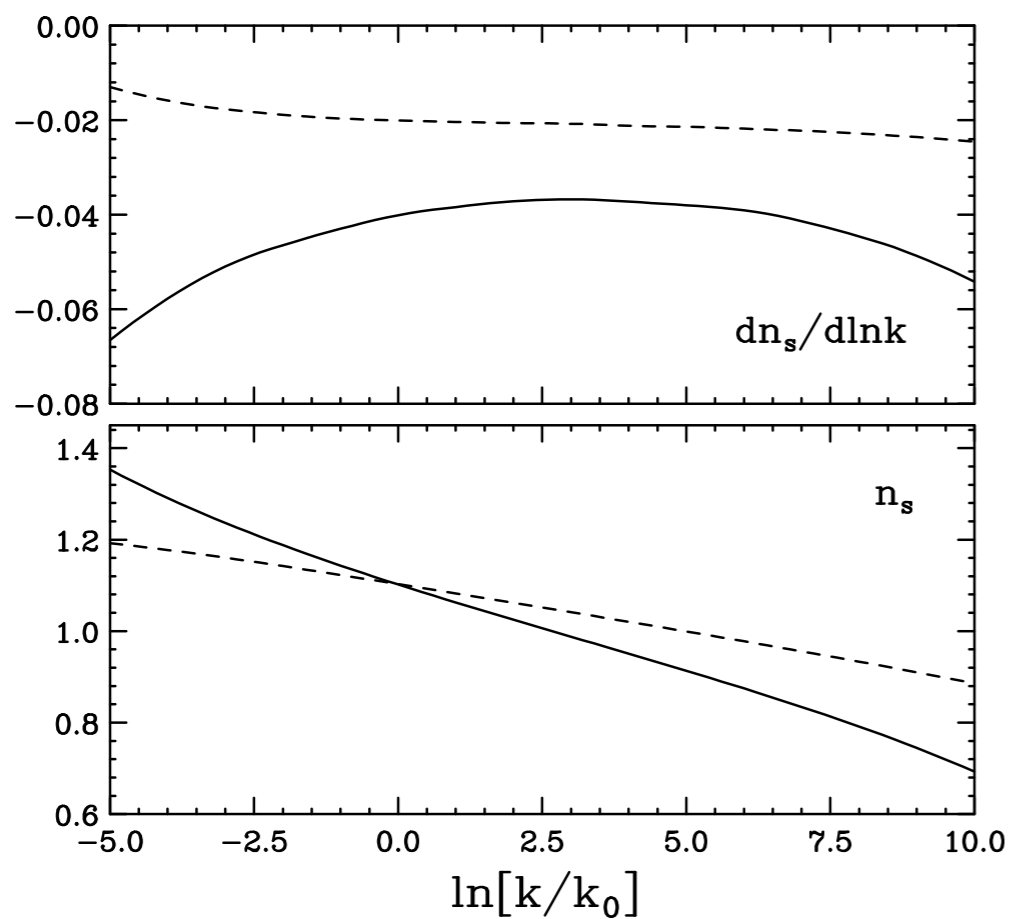
where

$$\sigma = (-)^{F_2+1} e^{-x_2} \left(\frac{x_2^2}{3} + x_2 + 1 \right), \quad V_0 = \frac{3}{64\pi^6 R^4}$$

Parameters

$$\mu = q_1 M_p / f_{\text{eff}} \sim \mathcal{O}(0.1 - 1), \quad \kappa = q_2 / q_1 \gg 1, \quad \sigma \ll 1$$

Extranatural inflation modulated by rapid oscillations
Slow-rolling is slightly broken



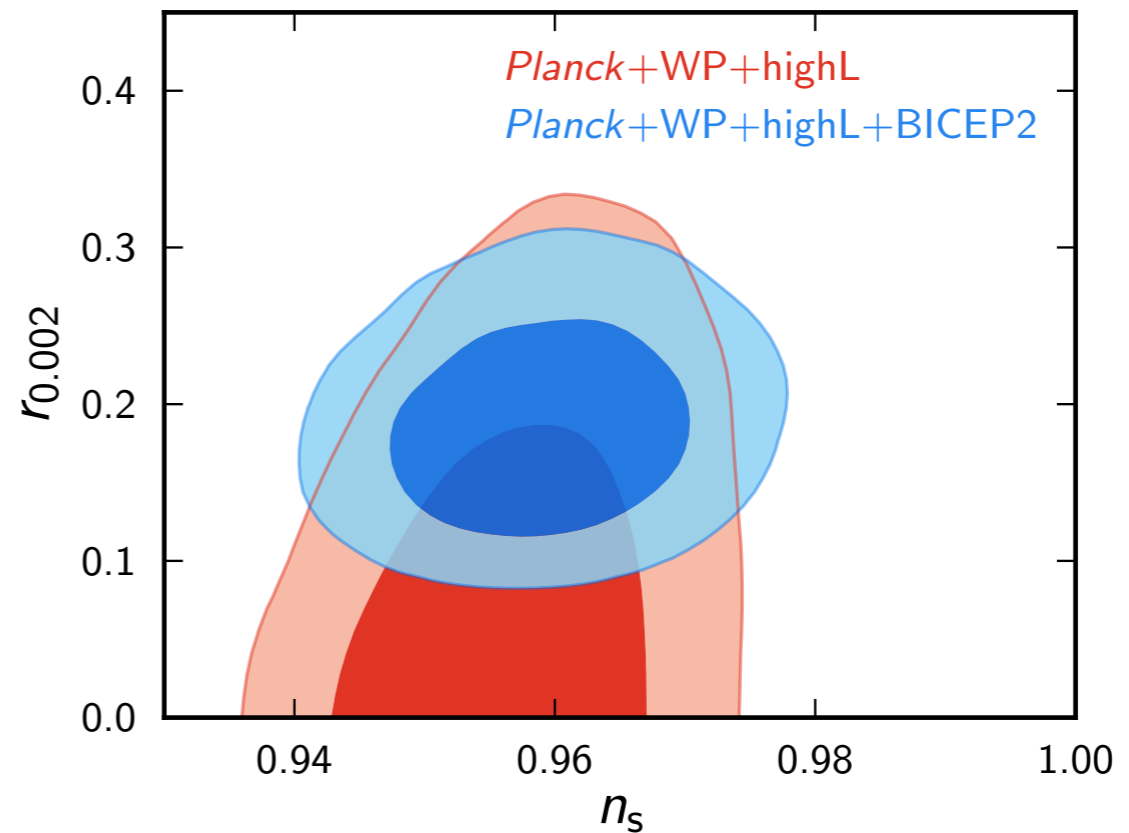
Tension between BICEP2 and Planck

$$r_{0.002} < 0.11 \quad (95\%; \text{no running})$$

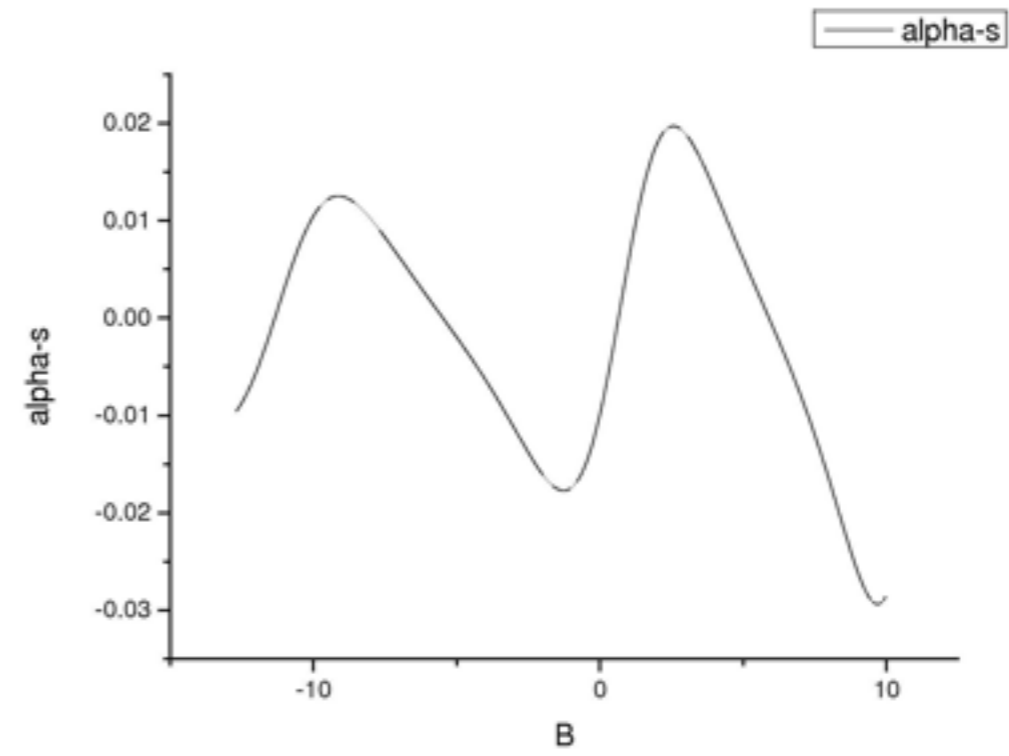
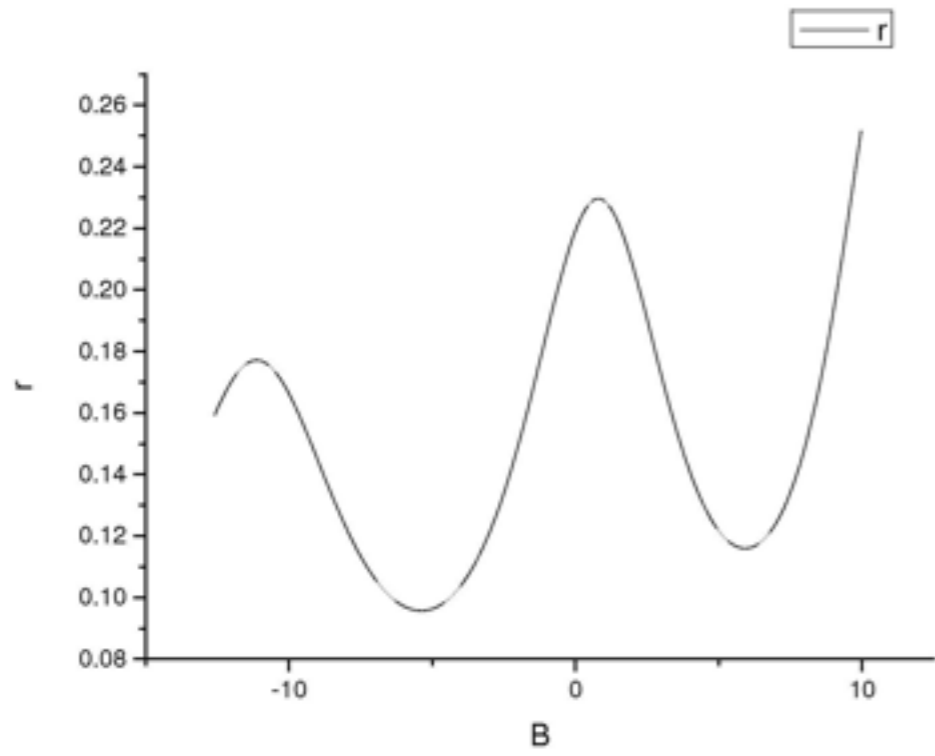
$$r_{0.002} < 0.26 \quad (95\%; \text{including running})$$

$$r_{0.002} = \left(\frac{A_t}{A_s} \right)_{k=0.002 Mpc^{-1}}$$

$$\text{Slow - roll : } \frac{dn_s}{d \ln k} \sim 10^{-3}$$



$$dn_s/d \ln k = -0.028 \pm 0.009 (68\%)$$



Fitting to BICEP2 and Planck is ongoing

Conclusions

- If the results of BICEP2 are not true, alternatives to inflation are still alive and there are various mechanisms to generate nearly scale-invariant density perturbations
- If BICEP2 is confirmed, single field inflationary universe is the most natural scenario for the very early universe. The question left is its validity within the effective field theory.