

# No-Scale Inflation

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# Overview

- **Introduction**
  - Inflation
  - Supersymmetry and supergravity
- **No-scale inflation**
  - $R+R^2$  inflation in supergravity
  - Multifield effects
- **Reheating**
  - Perturbative decay of the modulus/matter inflaton
  - Combined CMB + reheating constraints
- **Conclusion**

# The FRW Universe

The homogeneous and isotropic Universe is described by the FRW metric

$$ds^2 = dt^2 - a(t)^2 \left[ \frac{dr^2}{1 - kr^2} + r^2(d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\phi^2) \right]$$

Modeling its content as an ideal fluid, the Einstein equations and energy-momentum conservation lead to

$$\begin{aligned} H^2 \equiv \left( \frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2 &= \frac{\rho}{3M_P^2} - \frac{k^2}{a^2} + \frac{\Lambda}{3} &\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \rho \propto a^{-4}, \quad a \propto t^{1/2} & \text{(matter)} \\ \rho \propto a^{-3}, \quad a \propto t^{2/3} & \text{(radiation)} \end{cases} \\ \dot{\rho} + 3H(\rho + p) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

For a density  $\rho_c = 3H^2 M_P^2$ ,  $k = 0$ . The density parameter has the present value

$$\Omega = \rho/\rho_c = 1.000 \pm 0.005 \quad (\text{Planck, 2015})$$

If the Universe is dominated by a fluid with  $p = w\rho$ , the particle horizon is

$$L_p = a(t) \int_0^t \frac{dt'}{a(t')} \sim H^{-1} \quad (\text{if } w > -1/3)$$

# Why inflation?

- The flatness problem

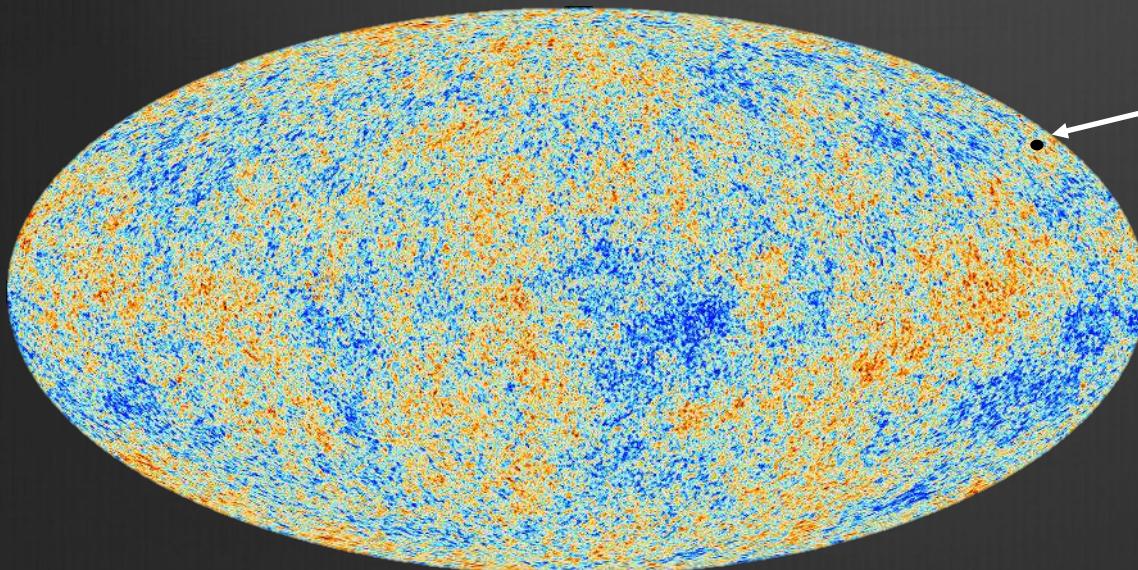
- The condition  $\Omega \approx 1$  is unstable. In the radiation dominated universe,

$$\Omega - 1 = \frac{k}{H^2 a^2} = \frac{90 M_P^2 \hat{k}}{g(T) T^2}$$

where  $\hat{k} = \frac{k}{a^2 T^2} = (\Omega_0 - 1) \frac{H_0}{T_0} < 10^{-61}$

$$\Rightarrow |\Omega - 1|_{\text{GUT}} < 10^{-57}$$

- The horizon problem



Size of particle horizon at recombination

But  $\frac{\Delta T}{T} \sim 10^{-5}$

# Why inflation?

- The relics problem

- Magnetic monopoles are created when a GUT group is broken
- They are heavy and stable  $\Rightarrow$  may overclose the universe

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{1 monopole} & \longrightarrow & \Omega_M \sim 10^{13} \\ \text{per horizon} & & \end{array}$$

- Small scale inhomogeneities

- There is a plethora of structure on smaller scales (stars, galaxies, clusters,...)
- At early times,  $t \lesssim 10^9 s$ ,  $\lambda_{\text{phys}} > H^{-1}$  for galactic scales

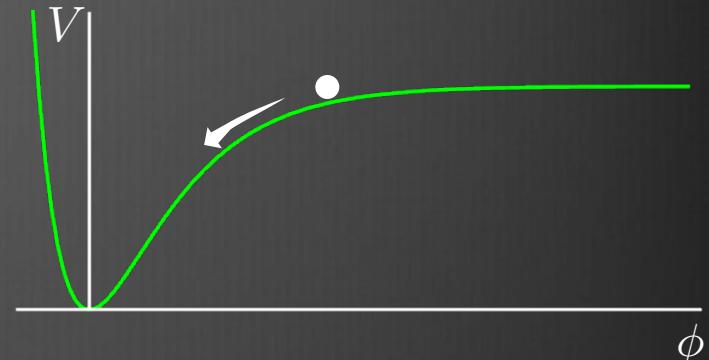
$$\frac{\delta\rho}{\rho} \sim t \quad \Rightarrow \quad \left. \frac{\delta\rho}{\rho} \right|_{t=t_P} \lesssim 10^{-57}$$

but random fluctuations predict  $\frac{\delta\rho}{\rho} \sim 10^{-40}$

# Scalar field inflation

A scalar field slowly rolling in its potential

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



In a flat FRW background,  $\phi(\mathbf{x}, t) \rightarrow \phi(t) + \delta\phi(\mathbf{x}, t)$

$$\ddot{\phi} + 3H\dot{\phi} + V'(\phi) = 0$$

$$H^2 = \frac{1}{3M_P^2} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \dot{\phi}^2 + V(\phi) \right]$$

Slow roll is possible if  $\epsilon, |\eta| \ll 1$ , where  $\epsilon = \frac{M_P^2}{2} \left( \frac{V'}{V} \right)^2$ ,  $\eta = M_P^2 \left( \frac{V''}{V} \right)$

Scale factor grows exponentially,  $a \sim e^{Ht}$ . Number of e-folds of inflation:

$$N \equiv \ln \left( \frac{a_f}{a_i} \right) = \int_{t_i}^{t_f} H dt \simeq -\frac{1}{M_P^2} \int_{\phi_i}^{\phi_f} \frac{V}{V'} d\phi$$

# Scalar field inflation

Standard cosmological problems are solved:

- **Flatness:**  $|\Omega - 1| \propto e^{-2Ht} \Rightarrow N_{\text{tot}} \gtrsim 70$
- **Horizon:**  $L_p(t) = H^{-1}(e^{Ht} - 1)$
- **Relics:** All previous content is diluted away,  $\rho \sim e^{-3Ht}$ . Matter and radiation are regenerated during *reheating*
- **Inhomogeneities:**

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}, t) = \phi(t) + \delta\phi(\mathbf{x}, t)$$

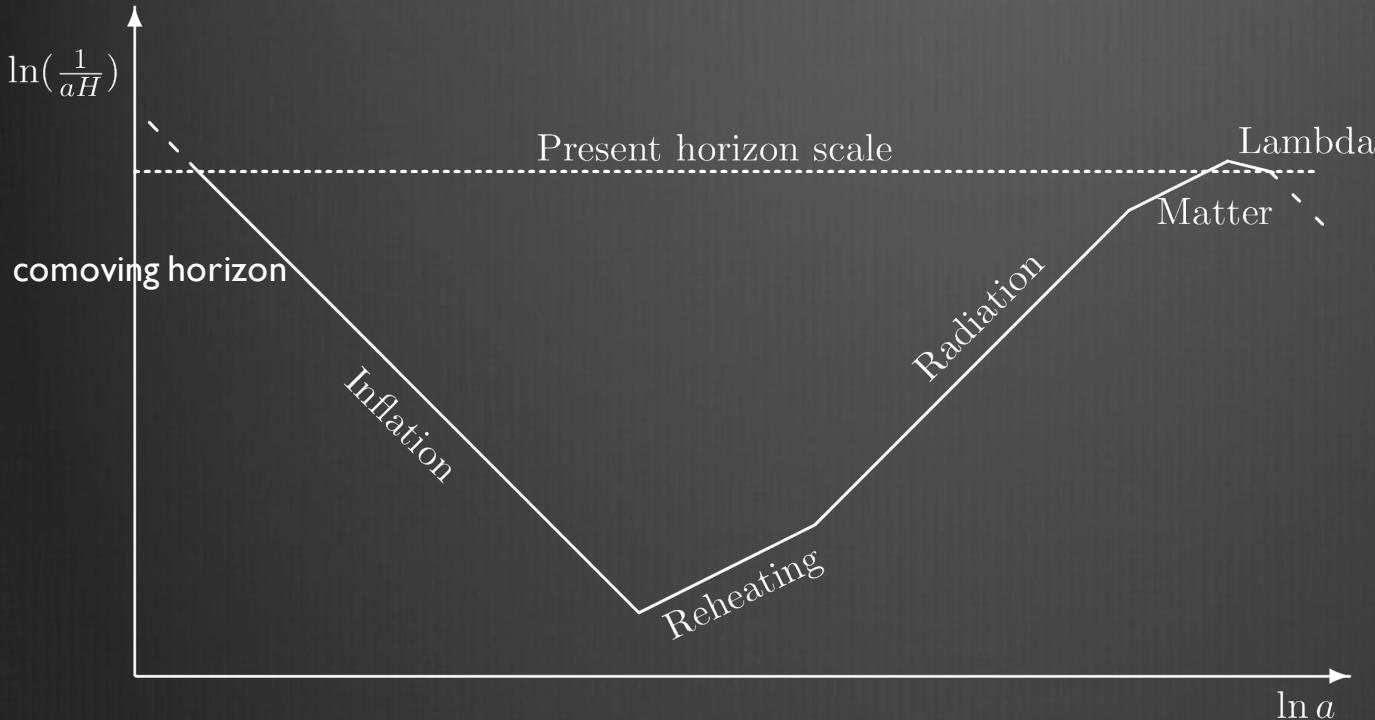
$$ds^2 = (1 + 2\Psi)dt^2 - a^2(1 - 2\Psi)d\mathbf{x}^2$$

$$\mathcal{R} = \frac{\dot{H}}{\dot{\phi}} \left( \delta\phi + \frac{\dot{\phi}}{H}\Psi \right) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}} = \frac{H^4}{4\pi^2\dot{\phi}^2} \left( \frac{k}{aH} \right)^{n_s-1}$$

  
comoving curvature perturbation

  
 $A_S$

# Why inflation?



On super-horizon scales,

$$\dot{\mathcal{R}} \simeq 0$$

At horizon reentry,

$$\mathcal{R} \sim \frac{\delta\rho}{\rho}$$

Tensor perturbations

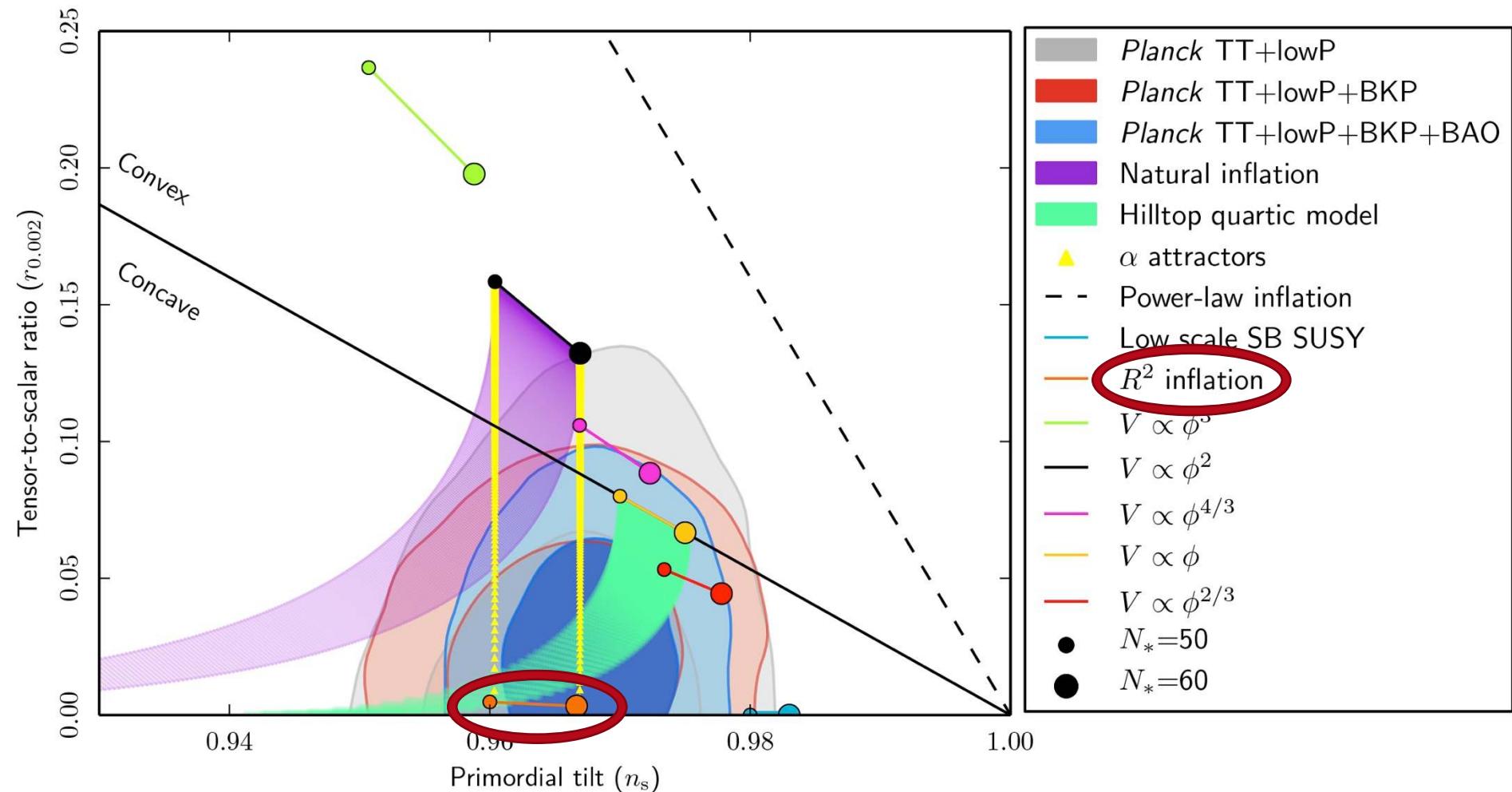
$$ds^2 = dt^2 - a^2(\delta_{ij} + h_{ij})dx^i dx^j \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathcal{P}_T = \underbrace{\frac{2}{\pi^2} H^2 \left( \frac{k}{aH} \right)^{-2\epsilon}}_{A_T}$$

# Planck 2015 results

$$\ln(10^{10} A_S) = 3.094 \pm 0.034,$$

$$n_s \simeq 1 - 6\epsilon + 2\eta,$$

$$r = \frac{A_T}{A_S}$$



# $R+R^2$ (Starobinsky) inflation

$$S = \frac{1}{2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left( R + \frac{R^2}{6m^2} \right) \quad (\text{Starobinsky, 1980})$$



$$\tilde{g}_{\mu\nu} = (1 + \phi/3m^2)g_{\mu\nu}, \quad \phi' = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \ln \left( 1 + \frac{\phi}{3m^2} \right)$$



$$= \int d^4x \sqrt{-\tilde{g}} \left[ \frac{\tilde{R}}{2} + \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \phi')^2 - \frac{3}{4}m^2 \left( 1 - e^{-\sqrt{2/3}\phi'} \right)^2 \right]$$



Starobinsky potential

$$n_s \approx 0.961 - 0.968$$

$$r \approx 0.0030 - 0.0042$$

# Why supersymmetry?

Supersymmetry is the spacetime symmetry that relates bosons and fermions. If it is realized in nature, it must be broken.

- It is the single extension of Poincare symmetry

$$\{Q_\alpha, Q_\beta\} = \{\bar{Q}_{\dot{\alpha}}, \bar{Q}_{\dot{\beta}}\} = 0, \quad \{Q_\alpha, \bar{Q}_{\dot{\alpha}}\} = 2\sigma_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^\mu P_\mu$$

$$Q|\text{Boson}\rangle = |\text{Fermion}\rangle, \quad Q|\text{Fermion}\rangle = |\text{Boson}\rangle$$

- Particles are arranged in irreps of the superalgebra (*supermultiplets*)

Chiral superfields: SM matter (Higgs) + SUSY partners

Vector superfields: SM gauge bosons + SUSY partners



$$\Phi \supset (\phi, \psi, F)$$

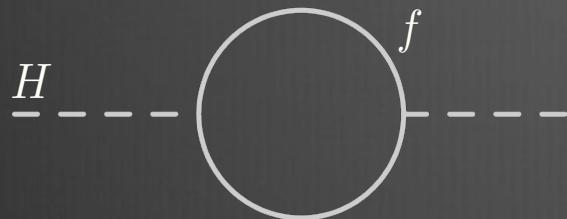
$$V^a \supset (A_\mu^a, \lambda^a, D^a)$$

Dark matter candidates

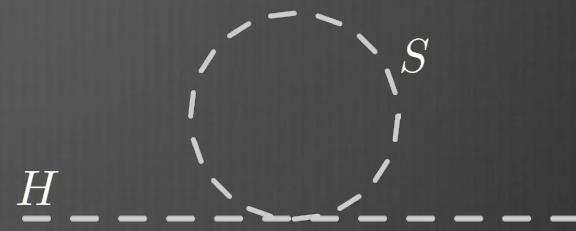
$$\langle \sigma v \rangle \sim \frac{\alpha_{\text{em}}^2}{m_\chi^2}$$

# Why supersymmetry?

- Provides a solution to the hierarchy problem

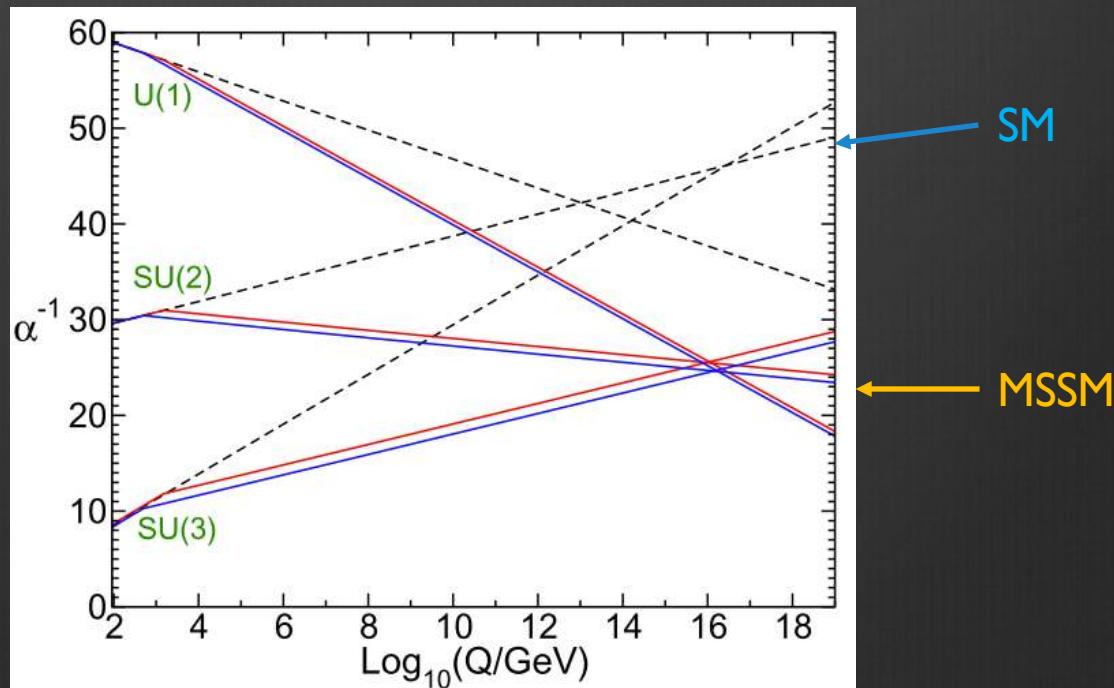


$$\Delta m_H^2 = \frac{\lambda_f^2}{8\pi^2} \left[ -\Lambda^2 + 6m_f^2 \ln \left( \frac{\Lambda}{m_f} \right) \right]$$



$$\Delta m_H^2 = \frac{\lambda_S}{16\pi^2} \left[ \Lambda^2 - 2m_S^2 \ln \left( \frac{\Lambda}{m_S} \right) \right]$$

- Allows gauge coupling unification



# Supergravity

When supersymmetry is promoted to a local symmetry, it contains GR (*supergravity*)

spin-2 graviton  $e_\mu^a$  + spin-3/2 gravitino  $\psi_\mu$

Coupling of supergravity to matter is in general complicated. It is determined by the (real) Kähler potential  $K(\Phi, \bar{\Phi})$  and the (holomorphic) superpotential  $W(\Phi)$  and gauge kinetic function  $f_{ab}(\Phi)$

Local supersymmetry is spontaneously broken if  $m_{3/2} = \langle e^{K/2} W \rangle \neq 0$

The scalar part of the Lagrangian

$$e^{-1} \mathcal{L}_S = K_j^i D_\mu \phi_i D^\mu \bar{\phi}^j - e^K \underbrace{\left[ (K^{-1})_i^j (K^i W + W^i) (K_j \bar{W} + \bar{W}_j) - 3|W|^2 \right]}_{\substack{\text{too steep!} \\ (\eta \text{ problem})}} \underbrace{\text{generically } V_0 \neq 0}_{}$$

# No-scale Supergravity

Consider

$$K = -3 \ln \underbrace{\left( T + \bar{T} - |\phi|^2/3 + \dots \right)}_{SU(N, I) / SU(N) \times U(I)} + \dots$$

Then,

- The scalar potential is flat, with vanishing cosmological constant
- Supersymmetry is broken with undetermined gravitino mass
- Flatness may be lifted by (mass) parameters in  $W$  that break the underlying symmetry
- Small parameters are natural and protected by supersymmetry
- The theory arises as the EFT of compactified string theory
- Inflaton candidates: volume modulus  $T$ , singlet matter field  $\phi$  (right handed s-neutrino)

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Then,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} &= (T + \bar{T} - |\phi|^2/3)^{-1} (\partial_\mu T, \partial_\mu \bar{\phi}) \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -\phi \\ -\bar{\phi} & T + \bar{T} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \partial^\mu \bar{T} \\ \partial^\mu \bar{\phi} \end{pmatrix} \\ &\quad - \frac{\hat{V}}{(T + \bar{T} - |\phi|^2/3)^2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{V} = |W^\phi|^2 + \frac{1}{3}(T + \bar{T})|W^T|^2 + \frac{1}{3} (W^T(\bar{\phi}\bar{W}_\phi - 3\bar{W}) + \text{h.c.})$$

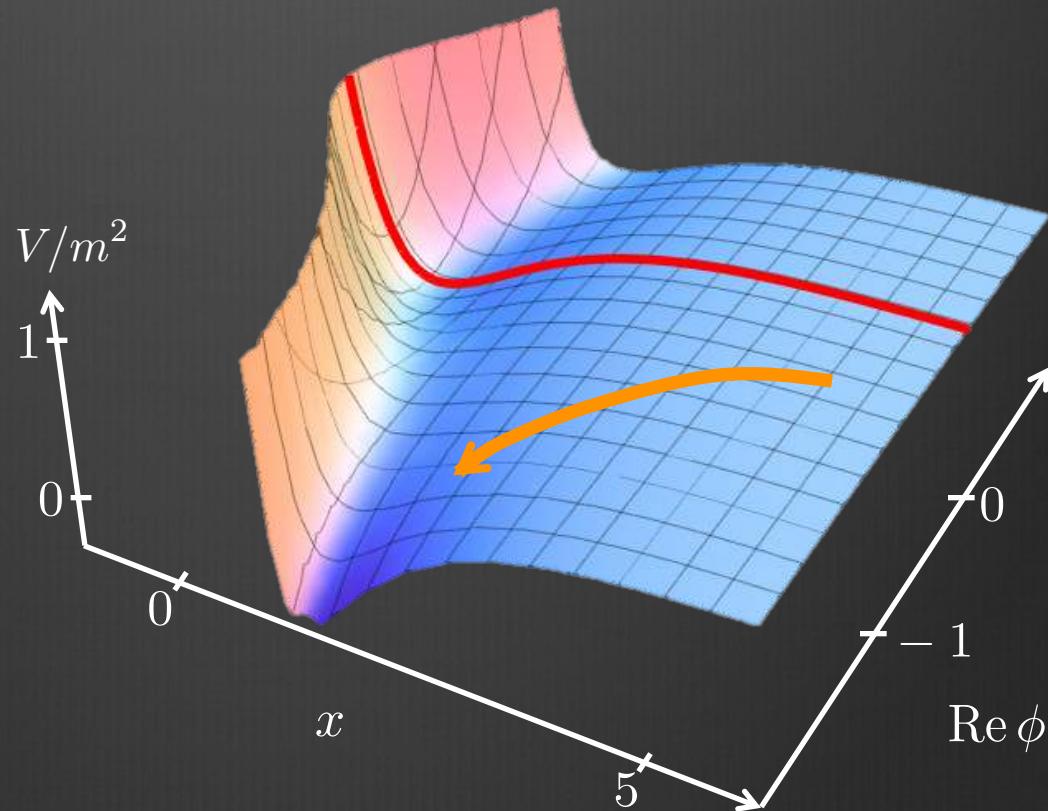
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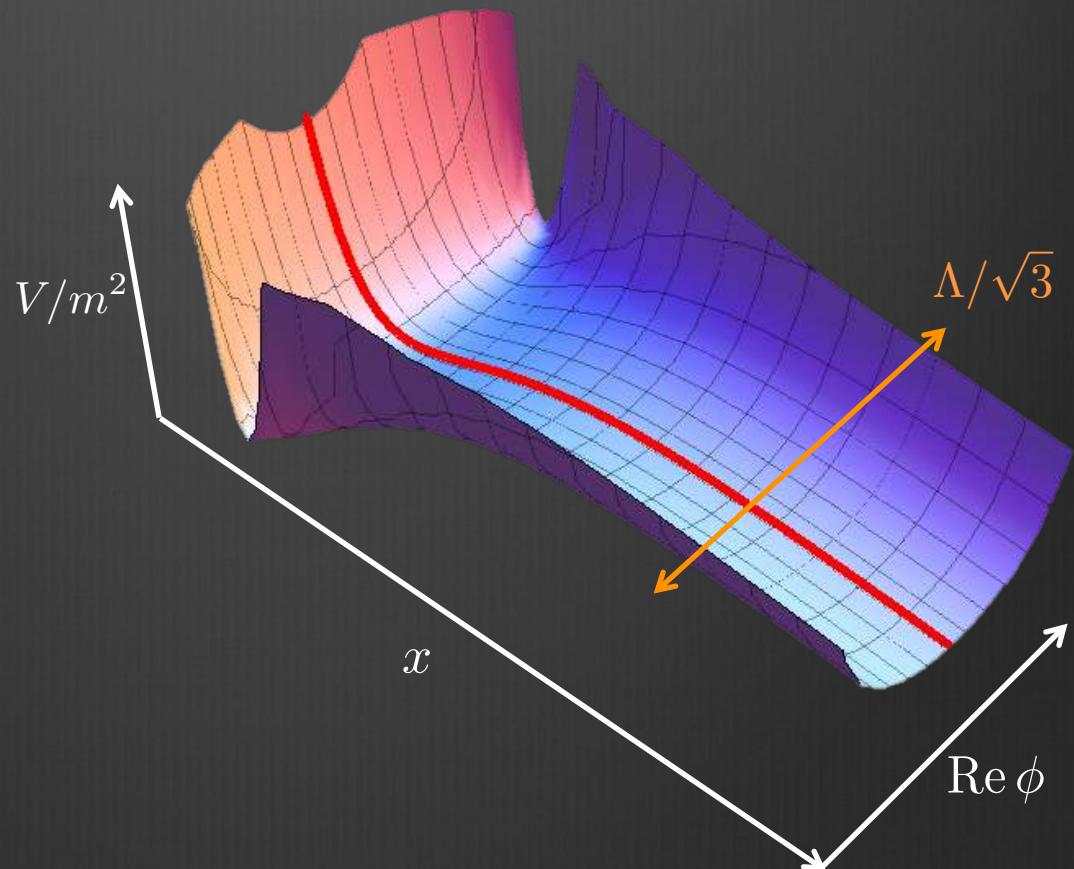
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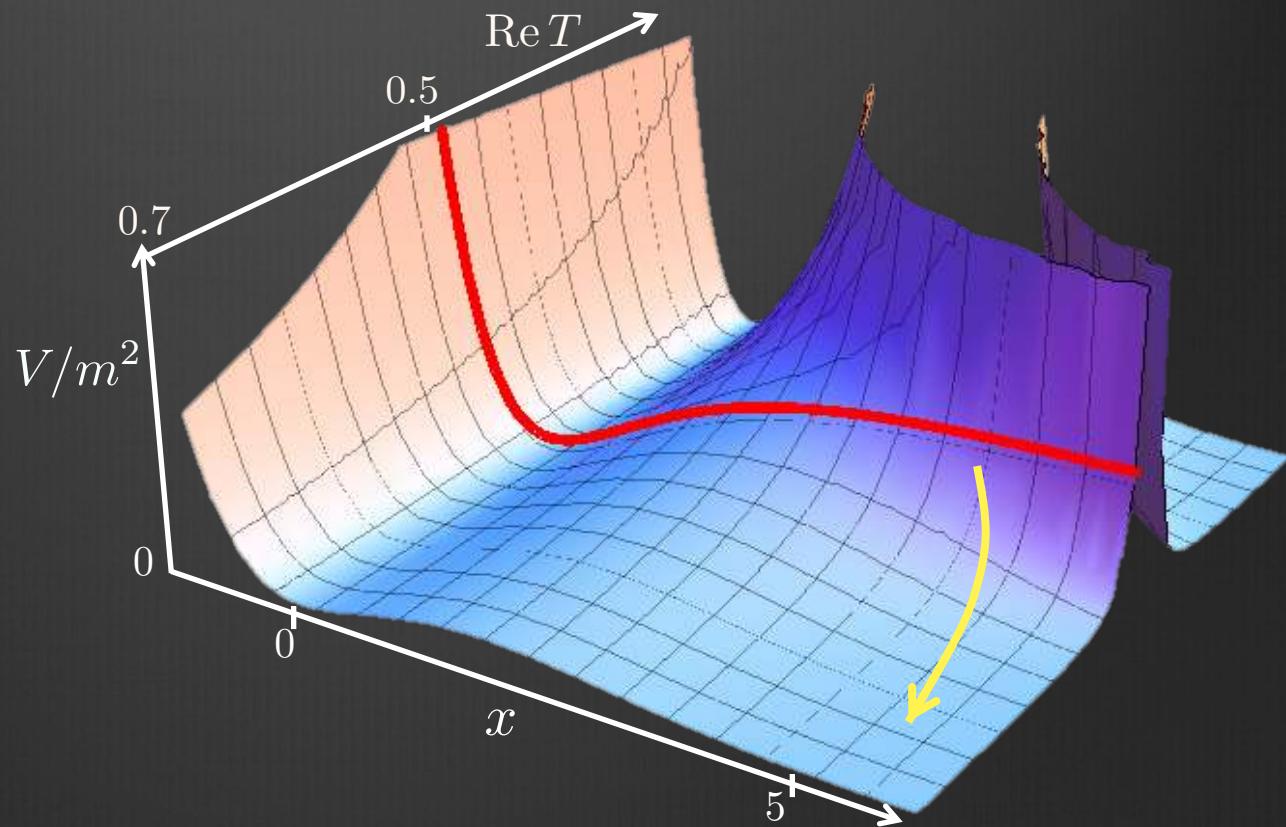
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$$\phi = \sqrt{3} \tanh(x/\sqrt{6})$$

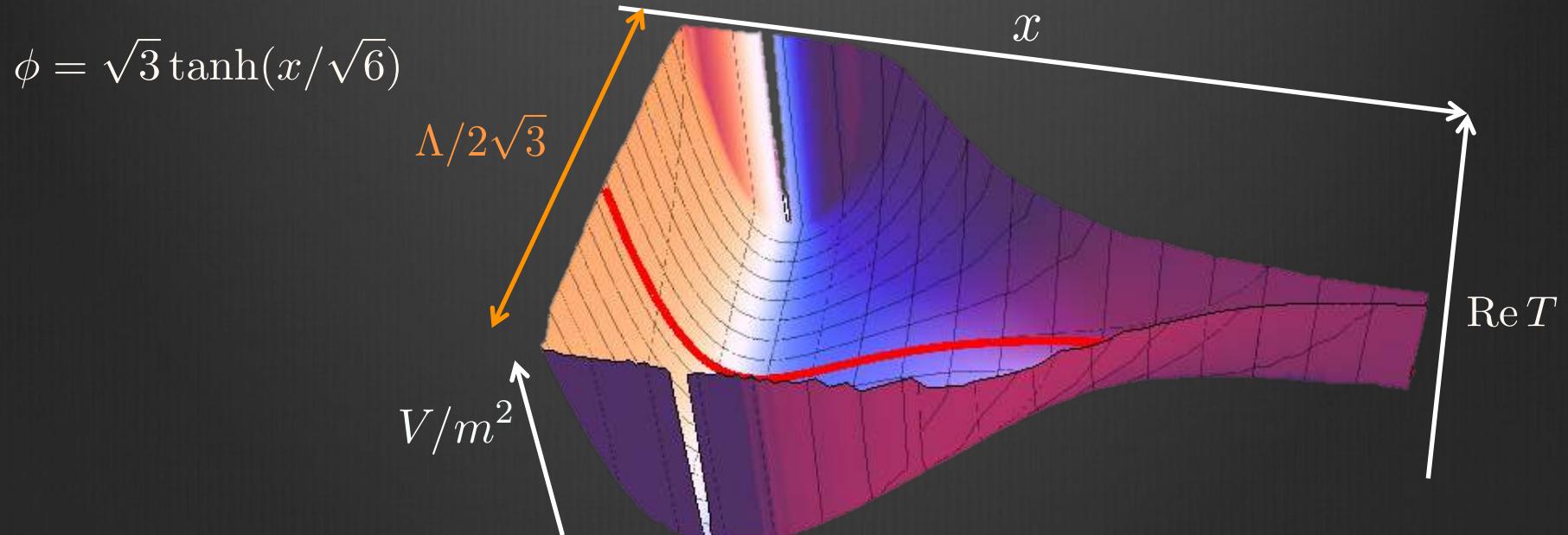


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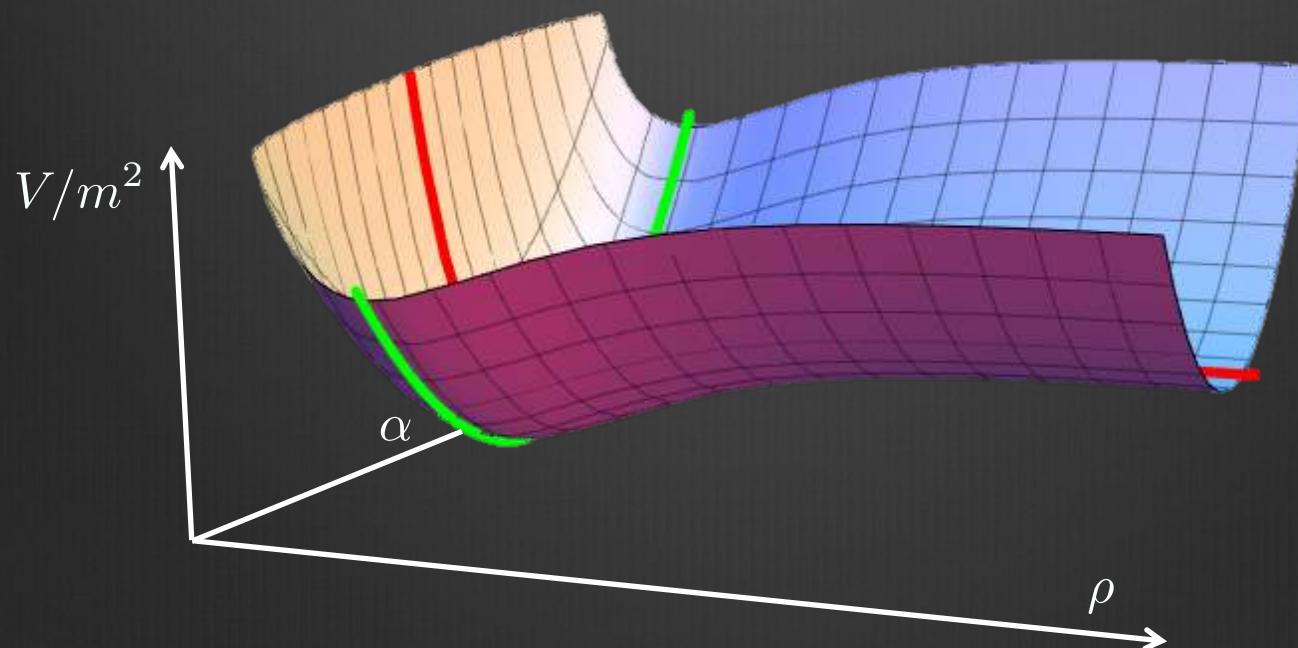
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$$W = \sqrt{3}m\varphi(T - 1/2)$$

$$V \propto e^{|\varphi|^2/(T+\bar{T})^3}$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \rho \partial^\mu \rho + \frac{1}{2} e^{2\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}\rho} \partial_\mu \alpha \partial^\mu \alpha - \frac{3}{4} m^2 \left(1 - e^{-\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}\rho}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{2} m^2 \alpha^2$$



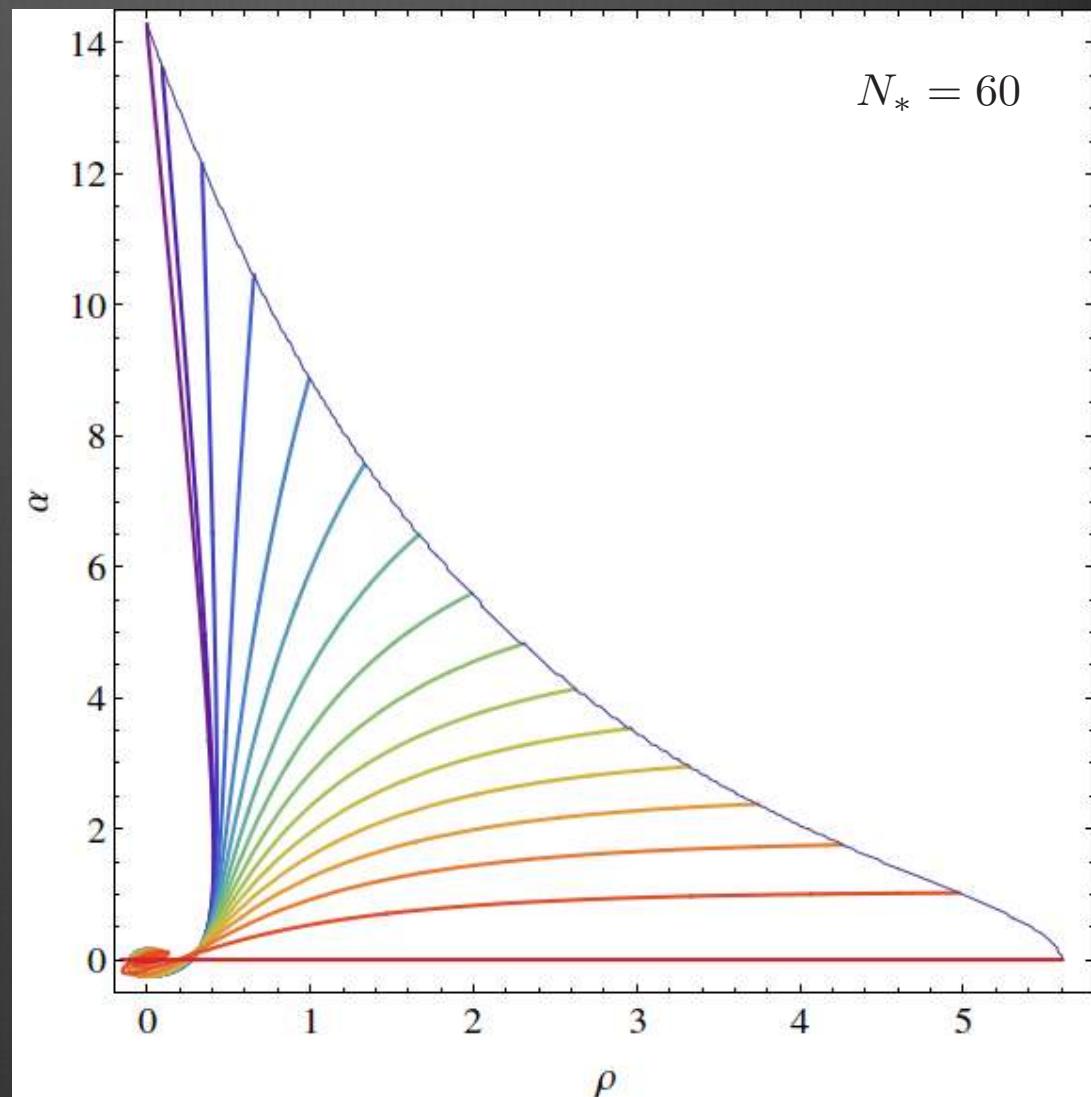
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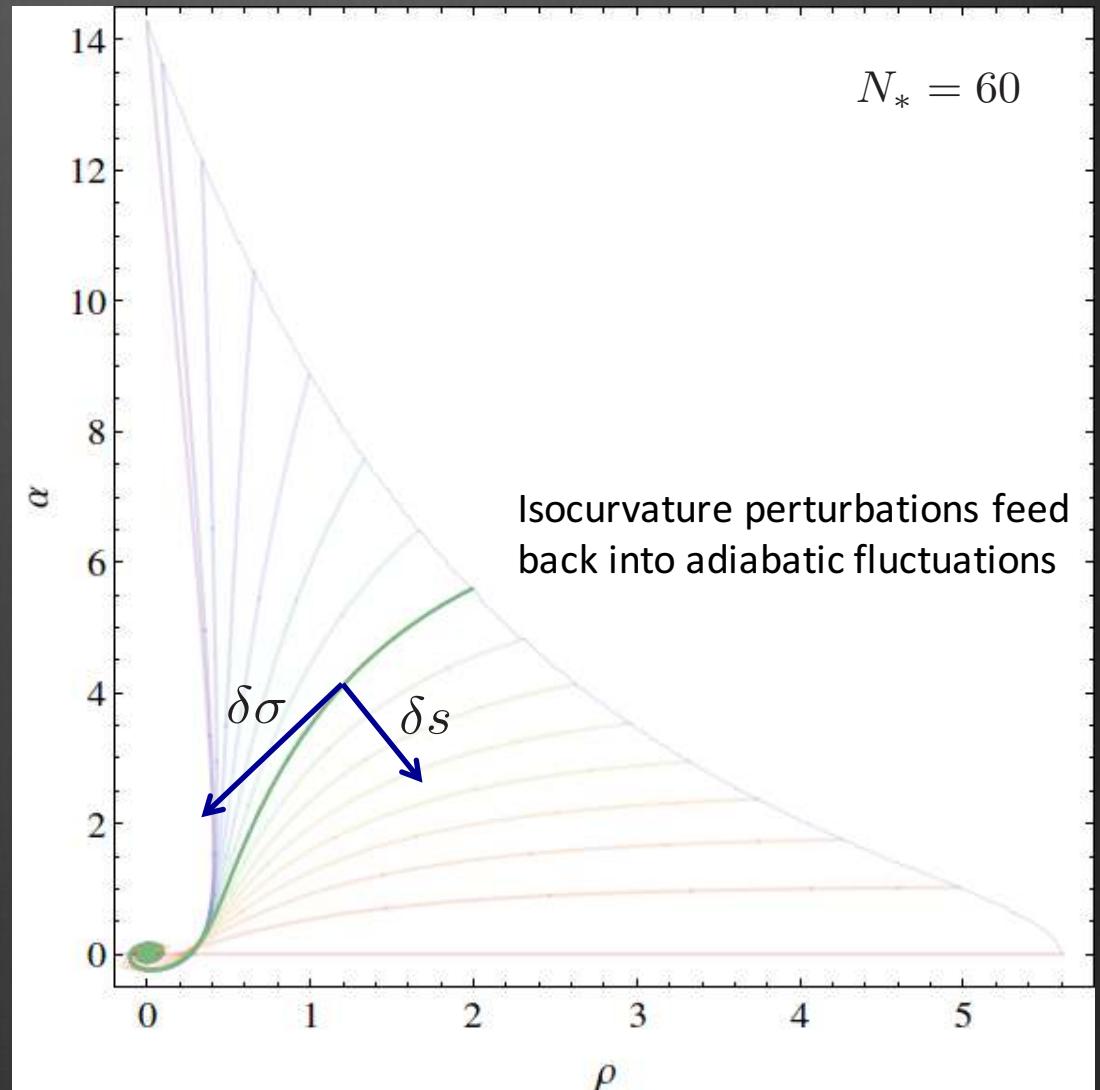
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# Two-field effects

Rewrite  $T = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\chi + i\zeta)$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{kin}} = \frac{1}{2}f(\chi, \zeta) [(\partial_\mu \chi)^2 + (\partial_\mu \zeta)^2] = \frac{3}{4\chi^2} [(\partial_\mu \chi)^2 + (\partial_\mu \zeta)^2]$$

Background:

$$\ddot{\chi} + 3H\dot{\chi} + \frac{1}{2}f^{-1} [(\dot{\chi}^2 - \dot{\zeta}^2)f_\chi + 2\dot{\chi}\dot{\zeta}f_\zeta] + f^{-1}V_{,\chi} = 0$$

$$\ddot{\zeta} + 3H\dot{\zeta} + \frac{1}{2}f^{-1} [(\dot{\zeta}^2 - \dot{\chi}^2)f_\zeta + 2\dot{\chi}\dot{\zeta}f_\chi] + f^{-1}V_{,\zeta} = 0$$

$$H^2 = \frac{1}{3} \left[ \frac{1}{2}f(\dot{\chi}^2 + \dot{\zeta}^2) + V \right]$$

Adiabatic and isocurvature decomposition:

$$\dot{\sigma} = \sqrt{f(\dot{\chi}^2 + \dot{\zeta}^2)}$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\mathbf{e}_\sigma = (\dot{\chi}/\dot{\sigma}, \dot{\zeta}/\dot{\sigma})$$

$$\mathbf{e}_s = (\dot{\zeta}/\dot{\sigma}, -\dot{\chi}/\dot{\sigma})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \delta\sigma &= \frac{f}{\dot{\sigma}}(\chi\delta\chi + \zeta\delta\zeta) \\ \delta s &= \frac{f}{\dot{\sigma}}(\chi\delta\zeta - \zeta\delta\chi) \end{aligned}$$

# Two-field effects

Gauge invariant perturbations:

$$Q_\sigma = \delta\sigma + \frac{\dot{\sigma}}{H}\Psi$$

$$Q_s = \delta s$$

$$\ddot{Q}_\sigma + 3H\dot{Q}_\sigma + 2\frac{V_s}{\dot{\sigma}}\dot{Q}_s + \left(\frac{k^2}{a^2} + C_{\sigma\sigma}\right)Q_\sigma + C_{\sigma s}Q_s = 0$$

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$$C_{\sigma s} = 6H\frac{V_s}{\dot{\sigma}} + 2\frac{V_s V_\sigma}{\dot{\sigma}^2} + 2V_{\sigma s} + \frac{\dot{\sigma}V_s}{H} - \frac{f_\chi\dot{\chi} + f_\zeta\dot{\zeta}}{f\dot{\sigma}}V_s + \frac{f_\zeta\dot{\chi} - f_\chi\dot{\zeta}}{f\dot{\sigma}}V_\sigma$$

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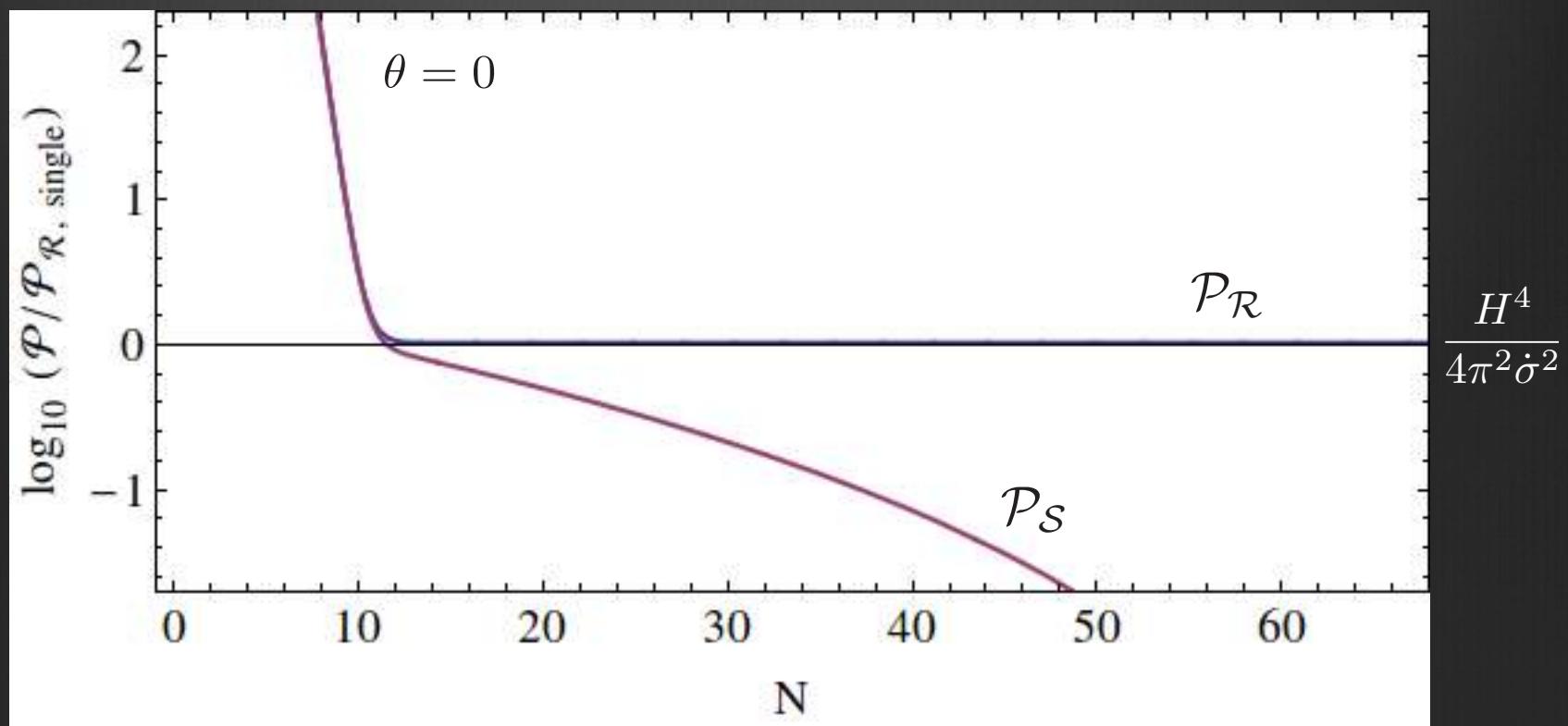
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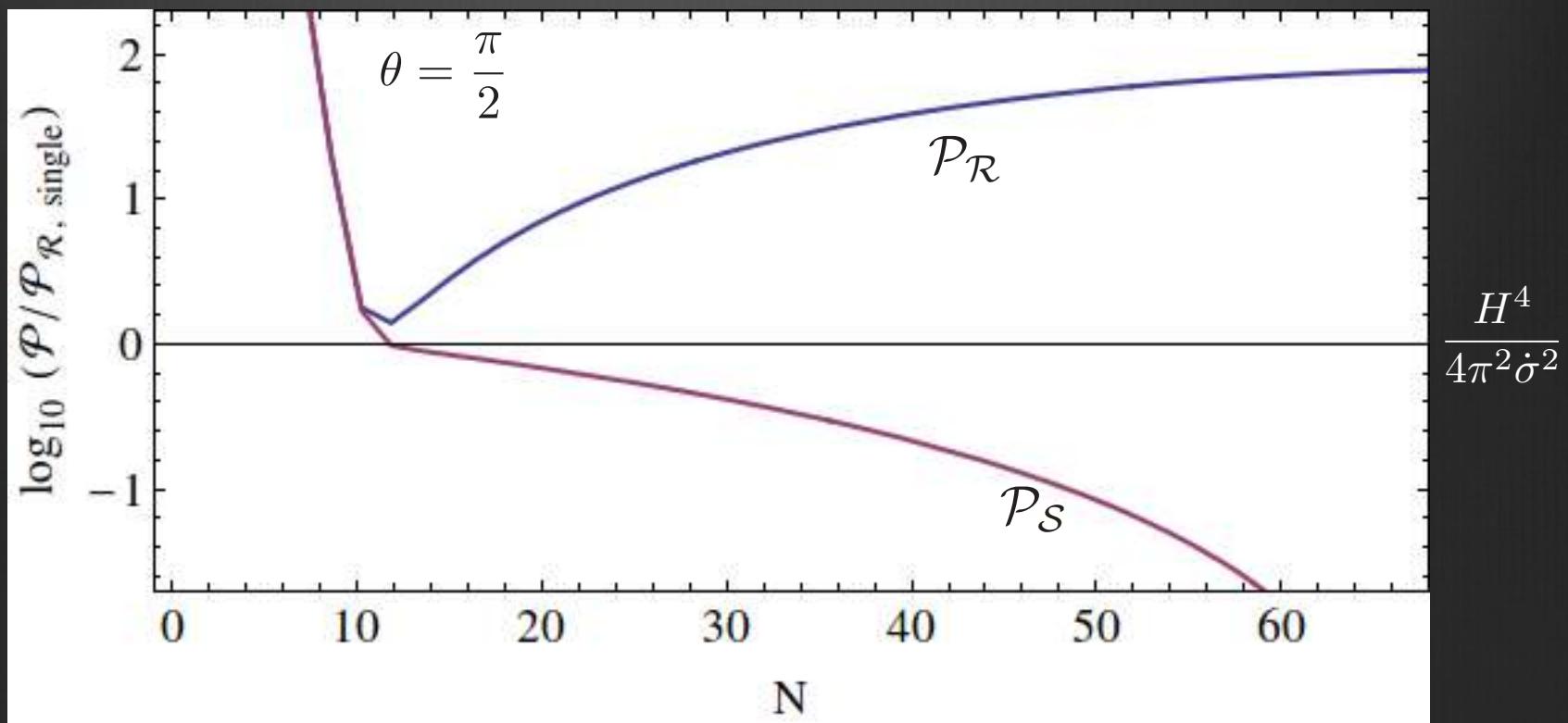


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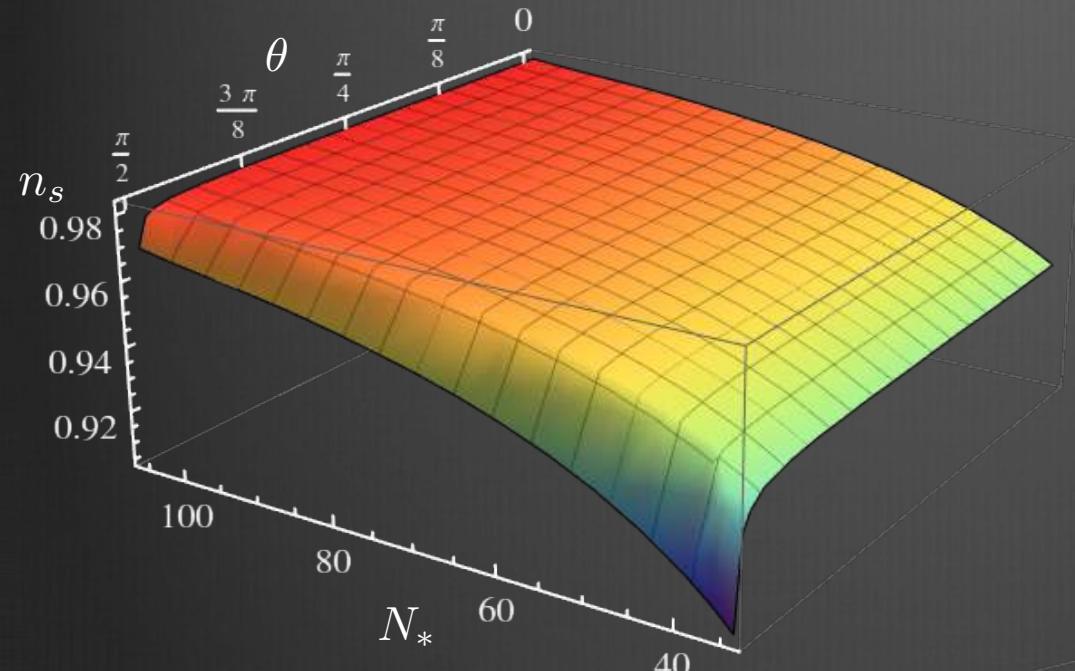
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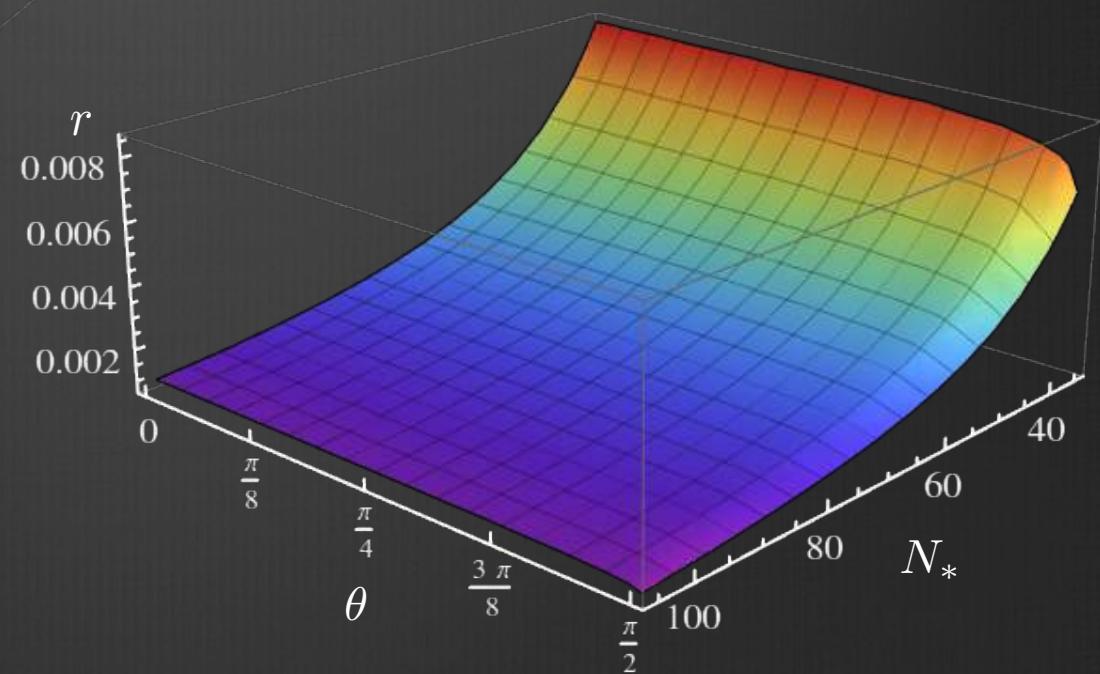
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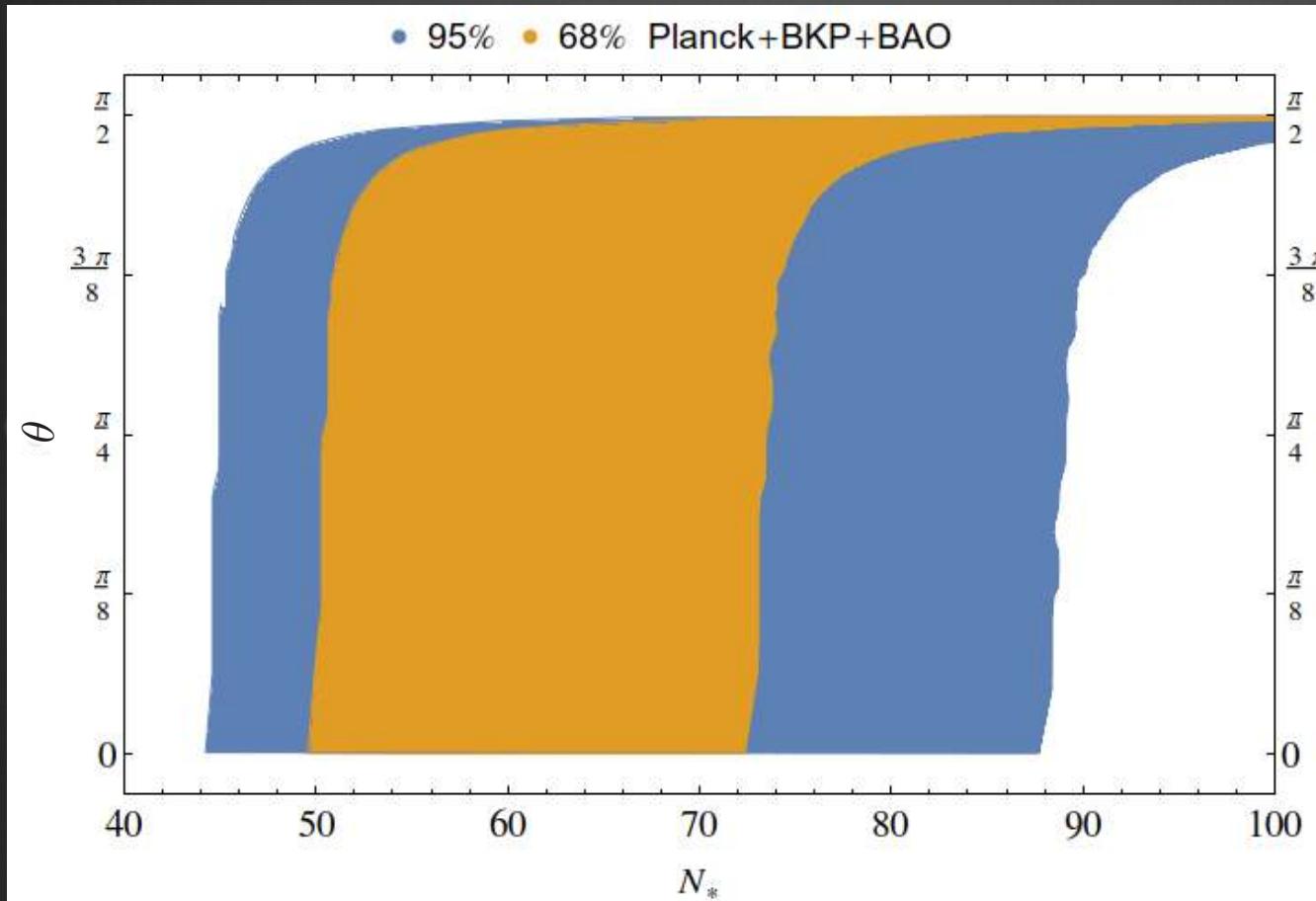


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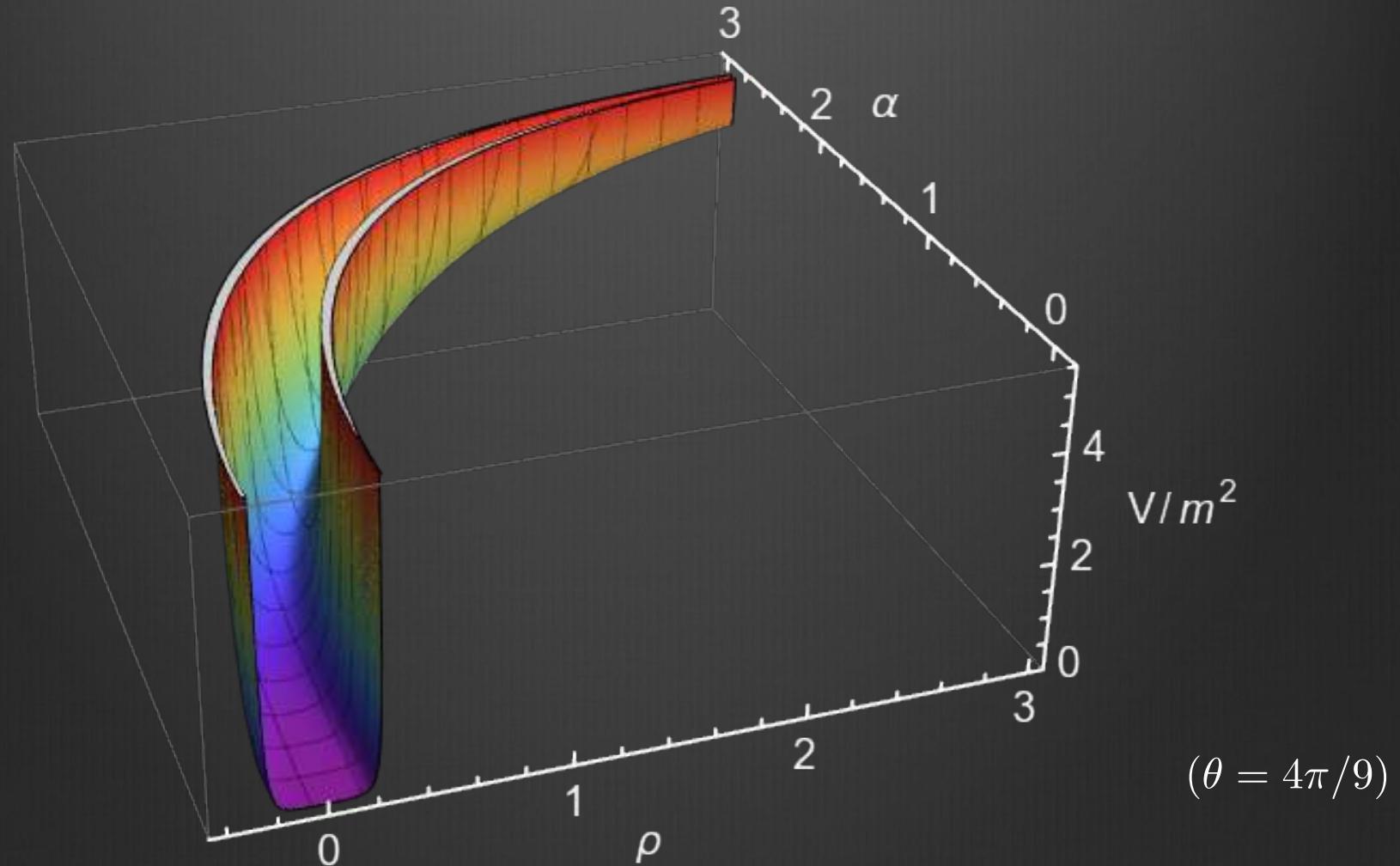
$$|f_{NL}| \lesssim 0.04$$



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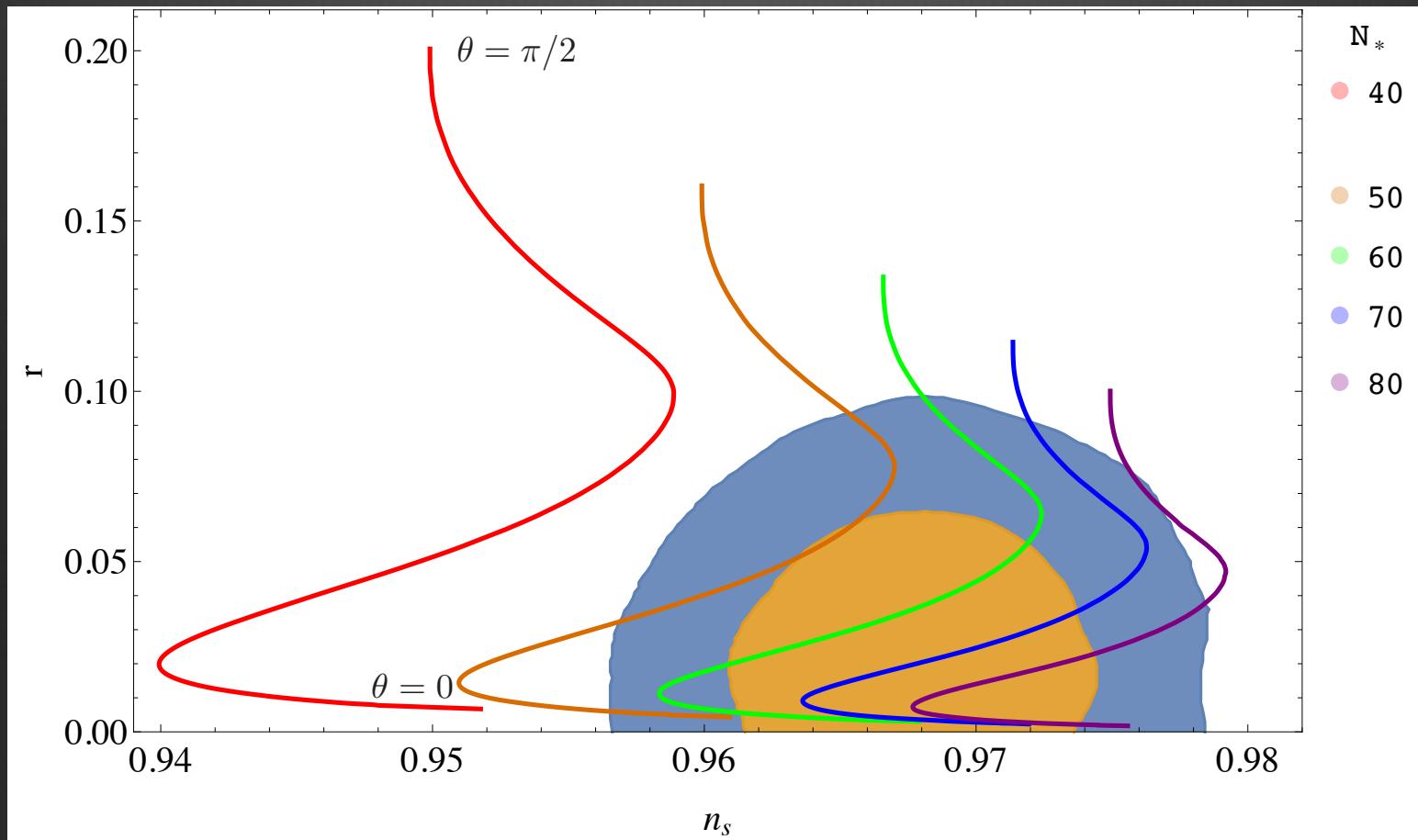
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$(c = 100)$

# Inflaton decay in no-scale models

Kähler potential from string compactifications ( $S, U_j$  fixed)

$$K = -3 \ln \left( T + \bar{T} - \frac{1}{3} \sum_j |\phi_j|^2 \right) + \sum_a \frac{|\varphi_a|^2}{(T + \bar{T})^{n_a}}$$

 Untwisted       Twisted

$\Rightarrow$  inflaton is either  $T$  or  $\phi_1$

Generic superpotential

$$W = W_{\text{inf}}(T, \phi_1) + W_M(T, \phi_i, \varphi_a; \mu)$$

with  $\mu \sim m_{3/2} \ll m$

# Inflaton decay in no-scale models

The supergravity Lagrangian ( $G = K + \ln |W|^2$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
e^{-1}\mathcal{L} = & -\frac{R}{2} + G_j^i D_\mu \phi_i D^\mu \bar{\phi}^j - e^G (G_i (G^{-1})_j^i G^j - 3) - \frac{1}{4} (\text{Re } f_{ab}) F_{a\mu\nu} F_b^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4} (\text{Im } f_{ab}) F_{a\mu\nu} \tilde{F}_b^{\mu\nu} \\
& - \frac{g^2}{2} (\text{Re } f_{ab}^{-1}) G^i T_{aij} \phi_j G^k T_{bkl} \phi_l - \frac{e^{-1}}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \bar{\psi}_\mu \gamma_5 \gamma_\nu D_\rho \psi_\sigma + \left[ \frac{i}{2} G_j^i \bar{\chi}_{iR} \gamma^\mu D_\mu \chi_R^j \right. \\
& + \frac{e^{-1}}{8} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \bar{\psi}_\mu \gamma_\nu \psi_\rho G^i D_\sigma \phi_i + \frac{i}{2} \bar{\chi}_{iR} \not{D} \phi_j \chi_R^k (-G_k^{ij} + \frac{1}{2} G_k^i G^j) + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} G_i^j \bar{\psi}_{\mu R} \not{D} \bar{\phi}^i \gamma^\mu \chi_{jL} \\
& + \frac{1}{2} \text{Re } f_{ab} \left( \frac{i}{2} \bar{\lambda}_a \not{D} \lambda_b + \frac{1}{4} \bar{\lambda}_a \gamma^\mu \sigma^{\nu\rho} \psi_\mu F_{b\nu\rho} - \frac{i}{2} G^i D^\mu \phi_i \bar{\lambda}_{aL} \gamma_\mu \lambda_{bL} \right) + \frac{1}{8} \text{Im } f_{ab} e^{-1} D_\mu (e \bar{\lambda}_a \gamma_5 \gamma^\mu \lambda_b) \\
& - \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} (f_{ab})^{,i} \bar{\chi}_{iR} \sigma^{\mu\nu} F_{a\mu\nu} \lambda_{bL} + \frac{i}{2} e^{G/2} \bar{\psi}_{\mu L} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \psi_{\nu R} + \frac{1}{2} g G^i T_{aij} \phi_j \bar{\psi}_{\mu R} \gamma^\mu \lambda_{aR} - g \sqrt{2} G_i^j T_{ajk} \phi_k \bar{\lambda}_{aL} \chi_R^i \\
& - \frac{1}{2} e^{G/2} (-G^{ij} - G^i G^j + G_k^{ij} (G^{-1})_l^k G^l) \bar{\chi}_{iR} \chi_{jL} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{G/2} G^i \bar{\psi}_{\mu L} \gamma^\mu \chi_{iL} \\
& + \frac{i}{16} G_i^j \bar{\chi}_{iL} \gamma_\sigma \chi_{jL} (\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \bar{\psi}_\mu \gamma_\nu \psi_\rho - i \bar{\psi}^\mu \gamma^5 \gamma_\sigma \psi_\mu) + \left( \frac{1}{8} G_{kl}^{ij} - \frac{1}{8} G_m^{ij} (G^{-1})_n^m G_{kl}^n - \frac{1}{16} G_k^i G_l^j \right) \bar{\chi}_{iR} \chi_{jL} \bar{\chi}_L^k \chi_R^l \\
& + \frac{1}{4} e^{G/2} (\bar{f}_{ab})_{,j} (G^{-1})_k^j G^k \bar{\lambda}_{aL} \lambda_{bR} + \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} (\text{Re } f_{ab})^{-1} (f_{bc})^{,k} G^i T_{aij} \phi_j \bar{\chi}_{kR} \lambda_{cL} + \frac{3}{32} [(\text{Re } f_{ab}) \bar{\lambda}_{aR} \gamma_\mu \lambda_{bR}]^2 \\
& - \frac{1}{32} (G^{-1})_l^k (f_{ab})^{,l} (\bar{f}_{cd})_{,k} \bar{\lambda}_{aR} \lambda_{bL} \bar{\lambda}_{cL} \lambda_{dR} + \frac{i}{4\sqrt{2}} (f_{ab})^{,i} \left( \bar{\chi}_{iR} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \lambda_{aL} \bar{\psi}_{\nu R} \gamma_\mu \lambda_{bR} + \frac{i}{2} \bar{\psi}_{\mu L} \gamma^\mu \chi_{iL} \bar{\lambda}_{aL} \lambda_{bL} \right) \\
& + \frac{i}{16} (\text{Im } f_{ab}) \bar{\lambda}_a \gamma^\mu \sigma^{\rho\sigma} \psi_\mu \bar{\psi}_\rho \gamma_\sigma \lambda_b + \frac{1}{16} \bar{\psi}_{iR} \gamma^\mu \psi_R^j \bar{\lambda}_{dL} \gamma_\mu \lambda_{cL} \left[ G_j^i (\text{Re } f_{cd}) + \frac{1}{2} \text{Re } (f_{ab}^{-1} (f_{ac})^{,i} (\bar{f}_{bd})_{,j}) \right] \\
& - \frac{1}{16} \bar{\chi}_{iR} \chi_{jL} \bar{\lambda}_{cR} \lambda_{dL} \left( -2 G_k^{ij} (G^{-1})_l^k (f_{cd})^{,l} + 2 (f_{cd})^{,ij} - \frac{1}{2} \text{Re } f_{ab}^{-1} (f_{ac})^{,i} (\bar{f}_{bd})_{,j} \right) \\
& - \frac{1}{128} \bar{\chi}_{iR} \sigma_{\mu\nu} \chi_{jL} \bar{\lambda}_{cR} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \lambda_{dL} \text{Re } (f_{ab}^{-1} (f_{ac})^{,i} (f_{fb})^{,j}) + \text{h.c.} \left. \right]
\end{aligned}$$

# Inflaton decay in no-scale models

Decay of the untwisted matter inflaton  $\phi_1$  (WZ):

Segregated inflation and matter sectors,  $W_1 = W_{1\alpha} = W_{1\alpha\beta} = \dots = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \Gamma(\phi_1 \rightarrow \text{matter}) = 0$$

No inflaton – modulus mixing,  $W_{1TT} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \Gamma(\phi_1 \rightarrow T T) = 0$$

$$\Gamma(\phi_1 \rightarrow \psi_{3/2}\psi_{3/2}) = 0$$

No gauge kinetic function dependence,  $\partial f_{\alpha\beta}/\partial\phi_1 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \Gamma(\phi_1 \rightarrow gg) = \Gamma(\phi_1 \rightarrow \tilde{g}\tilde{g}) = 0$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{if } \phi_1 \text{ as heavy singlet sneutrino, } \quad \Delta W &= y_\nu H_u L \phi_1 \\ \Rightarrow \quad \Gamma(\phi_1 \rightarrow H_u^0 \tilde{\nu}, H_u^+ \tilde{f}_L) &= m \frac{|y_\nu|^2}{16\pi} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Inflaton - modulus mixing, } \quad \Delta W = \zeta (T - 1/2)^2 \phi_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \Gamma(\phi_1 \rightarrow T T) = \Gamma(\phi_1 \rightarrow \psi_{3/2} \psi_{3/2}) = m \frac{|\zeta|^2}{72\pi}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma(\phi_1 \rightarrow gg) &= (p-3)^2 \frac{|\zeta \cdot f'(T)|^2}{216\pi \langle \text{Re } f \rangle^2} \left( \frac{N_G}{12} \right) \left( \frac{m_{3/2}}{m} \right)^2 m \\ &= \left( \frac{m}{m_{3/2}} \right)^2 \Gamma(\phi_1 \rightarrow \tilde{g} \tilde{g}) \end{aligned}$$

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Decay of the volume modulus inflaton  $T$  (Cecotti, EGNO):

Coupling to matter (untwisted  $n_i \equiv 1$ ),

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L} = & \frac{n_I}{\sqrt{3}} \delta T \Phi_I \partial_\mu \partial^\mu \bar{\Phi}^I - \frac{in_I}{2\sqrt{3}} \delta T \bar{\chi}_{IL} \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \chi_L^I \\
& + \frac{in_I}{2\sqrt{3}} \bar{\chi}_{IL} (\not{\partial} \delta T) \chi_L^I + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} W^{IJ} \delta T \bar{\chi}_{IL} \chi_{JR} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} W^{IJK} \delta T \Phi_K \bar{\chi}_{IL} \chi_{JK} \\
& - \frac{B_J^I}{\sqrt{3}} \delta T \Phi_I \bar{\Phi}^J - \frac{B_K^{IJ}}{2\sqrt{3}} \delta T \Phi_I \Phi_J \bar{\Phi}^K - \frac{B_{JK}^I}{2\sqrt{3}} \delta T \Phi_I \bar{\Phi}^J \bar{\Phi}^K \\
& - \frac{B_L^{IJK}}{6\sqrt{3}} \delta T \Phi_I \Phi_J \Phi_K \bar{\Phi}^L - \frac{B_{JKL}^I}{6\sqrt{3}} \delta T \Phi_I \bar{\Phi}^J \bar{\Phi}^K \bar{\Phi}^L - \frac{B_{KL}^{IJ} + C_{KL}^{IJ}}{4\sqrt{3}} \delta T \Phi_I \Phi_J \bar{\Phi}^K \bar{\Phi}^L \\
& + \text{h.c.} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{m_{3/2}}{m}\right) + \dots
\end{aligned}$$

$$B_{J_1 J_2 \dots}^{I_1 I_2 \dots} = [(n_a - 3) W^{I_1 I_2 \dots a} \bar{W}_{a J_1 J_2 \dots} - 2 W^{I_1 I_2 \dots k} \bar{W}_{k J_1 J_2 \dots}]$$

$$C_{KL}^{IJ} = -(3 + (n_I + n_J - 3)(n_K + n_L - 3)) W^{IJ} \bar{W}_{KL} + (n_I + n_M - 3) \delta_L^I W^{JM} \bar{W}_{MK}$$

# Inflaton decay in no-scale models

Decay of the volume modulus inflaton  $T$  (Cecotti, EGNO):

Decays to matter,

$$\Gamma(T \rightarrow \bar{\chi}_I \chi_J) = (n_I + n_J - 3)^2 \frac{|W^{IJ}|^2 m}{192\pi M_P^2}$$

$$\Gamma(T \rightarrow \Phi_I \bar{\Phi}^J) = (n_I + n_L - 3)^2 \frac{|W^{IL} \bar{W}_{LJ}|^2}{48\pi m M_P^2}$$

$$\Gamma(T \rightarrow \Phi_I \bar{\Phi}^J \bar{\Phi}^K) = (n_I + n_L - 3)^2 \frac{|W^{IL} \bar{W}_{LJK}|^2 m}{12(8\pi)^3 M_P^2}$$

$$\boxed{\Gamma(T \rightarrow \bar{\chi}_I \chi_J \Phi_K) = (n_I + n_J + n_K - 3)^2 \frac{|W^{IJK}|^2 m^3}{36(8\pi)^3 M_P^2}}$$

$$\Gamma(T \rightarrow \Phi_I \Phi_J \bar{\Phi}^K) = (n_I + n_J + n_L - 3)^2 \frac{|W^{IJL} \bar{W}_{LK}|^2 m}{12(8\pi)^3 M_P^2}$$

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$$\Gamma(T \rightarrow H_u^0 t_L \bar{t}_R, \tilde{t}_L \tilde{H}_u^0 \bar{t}_R, \bar{\tilde{t}}_R t_L \tilde{H}_u^0) = (2n_t + n_H - 3)^2 \frac{|y_t|^2 m^3}{12(8\pi)^3 M_P^2}$$

$T$ -dependent gauge kinetic function  $f_{\alpha\beta} = f(T) \delta_{\alpha\beta}$

$$\Gamma(T \rightarrow gg) = \frac{|f'(T)|^2}{32\pi \langle \text{Re } f \rangle^2} \left( \frac{N_G}{12} \right) \frac{m^3}{M_P^2}$$

All other rates suppressed by powers of  $\frac{m_{3/2}}{m}$

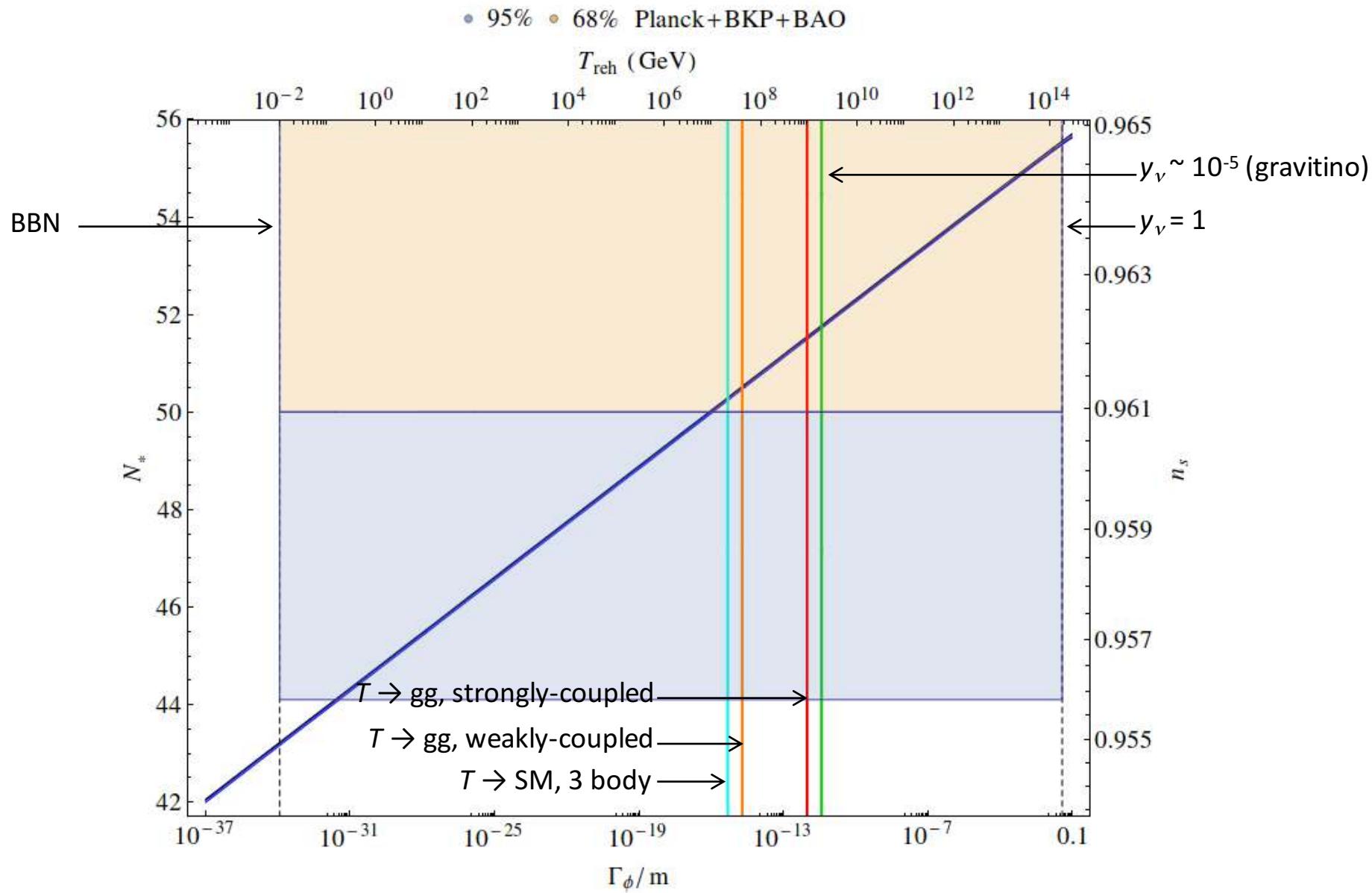
# CMB + Reheating for Starobinsky

$$N_* = 66.9 - \ln \left( \frac{k_*}{a_0 H_0} \right) + \frac{1}{4} \ln \left( \frac{V_*^2}{M_P^4 \rho_{\text{end}}} \right) + \frac{1 - 3w_{\text{int}}}{12(1 + w_{\text{int}})} \ln \left( \frac{\rho_{\text{reh}}}{\rho_{\text{end}}} \right) - \frac{1}{12} \ln g_{\text{reh}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 68.66 - \ln \left( \frac{k_*}{a_0 H_0} \right) + \frac{1}{4} \ln(A_{S*}) - \frac{1}{2} \ln \left( N_* - \sqrt{\frac{3}{8}} \frac{\phi_{\text{end}}}{M_P} + \frac{3}{4} e^{\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \frac{\phi_{\text{end}}}{M_P}} \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{1 - 3w_{\text{int}}}{12(1 + w_{\text{int}})} \left[ 2 \ln \left( \frac{\Gamma}{m} \right) - 1.832 \right] - \frac{1}{12} \ln g_{\text{reh}} \end{aligned}$$

$$w_{\text{int}} = \frac{1}{N_{\text{reh}} - N_{\text{end}}} \int_{N_{\text{end}}}^{N_{\text{reh}}} w(n) dn \approx \frac{0.743}{\ln(3.40 m/\Gamma)}$$

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