

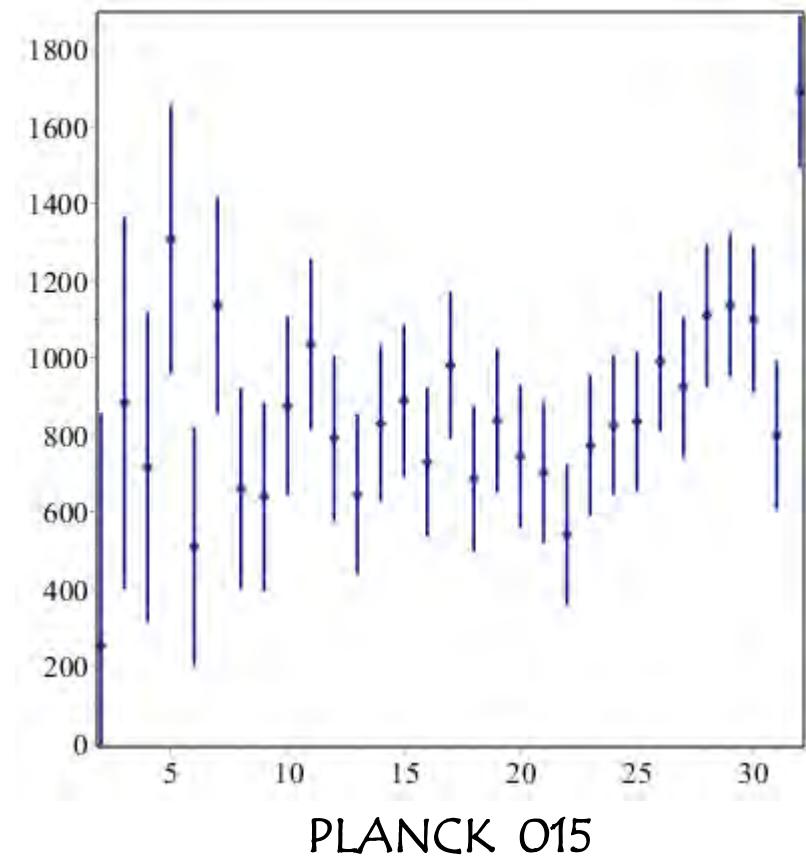
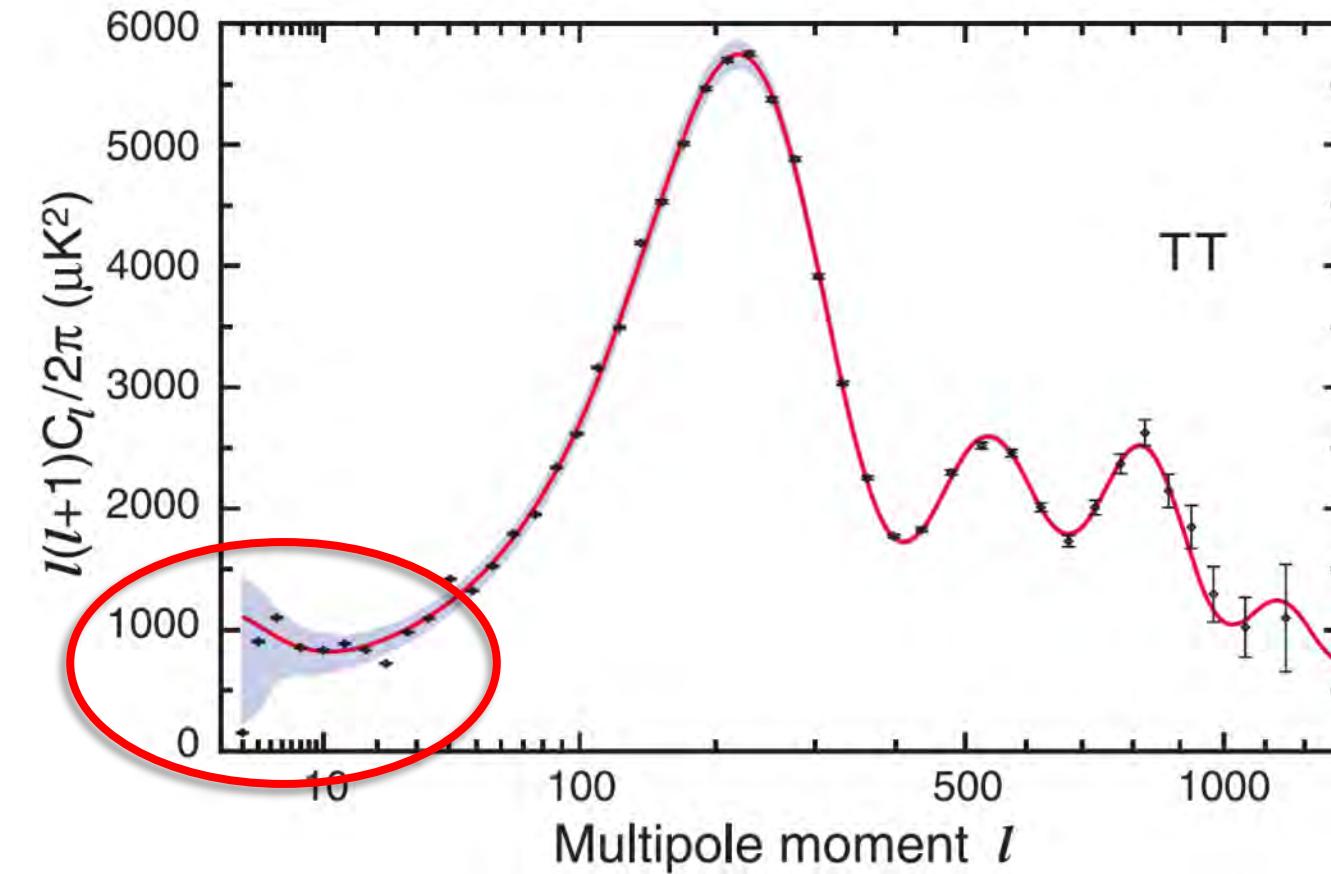
# *Reflections on SUSY Breaking and the Low- $\ell$ CMB*

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$$+ : A_\ell \sim \ell(\ell+1) \int \frac{dk}{k} P_R(k) j_\ell(k\Delta\eta)^2 \sim P_R \left( k = \frac{\ell}{\Delta\eta} \right)$$

- : Cosmic Variance

Signs of the onset of inflation ?

# Cosmological Potentials

- What potentials lead to slow-roll, and where ?

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + e^{2A(t)} d\mathbf{x} \cdot d\mathbf{x}$$



$$\ddot{\phi} + 3\dot{\phi}\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}\dot{\phi}^2 + \frac{2}{3}V(\phi)} + V' = 0$$

Driving force from  $V'$  vs friction from  $V$

- If  $V$  does not vanish : convenient gauge "makes the damping term neater"

$$ds^2 = e^{2B(t)} dt^2 - e^{\frac{2A(t)}{d-1}} d\mathbf{x} \cdot d\mathbf{x}$$

$$V e^{2B} = V_0$$

$$\tau = t \sqrt{\frac{d-1}{d-2}}, \quad \varphi = \phi \sqrt{\frac{d-1}{d-2}}$$

$$\dot{\varphi} + \dot{\phi}\sqrt{1 + \dot{\phi}^2} + \frac{V_\varphi}{2V}(1 + \dot{\phi}^2) = 0$$

$$\dot{A}^2 - \dot{\phi}^2 = 1$$

- Now driving from  $\log V$  vs  $O(1)$  damping

$$V = \varphi^n \rightarrow \frac{V'}{2V} = \frac{n}{2\varphi}$$

❖ Quadratic potential?

Far away from origin

(Linde, 1983)

❖ Exponential potential?

YES or NO

$$V(\varphi) = V_0 e^{2\gamma\varphi} \rightarrow \frac{V'}{2V} = \gamma$$

# $V = e^{2\gamma\varphi}$ : Climbing & Descending Scalars

- $\gamma < 1$ ? Both signs of speed

(Halliwell, 1987;..., Dudas and Mourad, 1999; Russo, 2004;  
Dudas, Kitazawa, AS, 2010)

- a. "Climbing" solution ( $\varphi$  climbs, then descends):

$$\dot{\varphi} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \sqrt{\frac{1-\gamma}{1+\gamma}} \coth \left( \frac{\tau}{2} \sqrt{1-\gamma^2} \right) - \sqrt{\frac{1+\gamma}{1-\gamma}} \tanh \left( \frac{\tau}{2} \sqrt{1-\gamma^2} \right) \right]$$

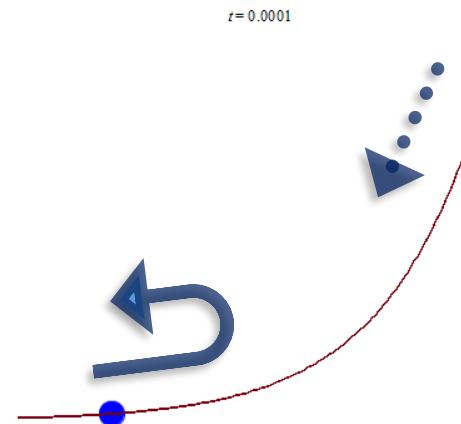
- b. "Descending" solution ( $\varphi$  only descends):

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Limiting  $\tau$ -speed (LM attractor):

(Lucchin and Matarrese, 1985)

$$v_{lim} = - \frac{\gamma}{\sqrt{1-\gamma^2}}$$



$\gamma = 1$  is "critical": LM attractor & descending solution disappear there and beyond

CLIMBING: in ALL asymptotically exponential potentials with  $\gamma \geq 1$  !

10D STRING THEORY HAS PRECISELY  $\gamma = 1$

- $\gamma = 1$ :

$$\varphi(\tau) = \varphi_0 + \frac{1}{2} \left[ \log |\tau - \tau_0| - \frac{1}{2} (\tau - \tau_0)^2 \right]$$

$$\mathcal{A}(\tau) = \mathcal{A}_0 + \frac{1}{2} \left[ \log |\tau - \tau_0| + \frac{1}{2} (\tau - \tau_0)^2 \right]$$

# A Newtonian Analogy

Particle subject to damping and constant force :

$$m \dot{v} + \beta v = f$$

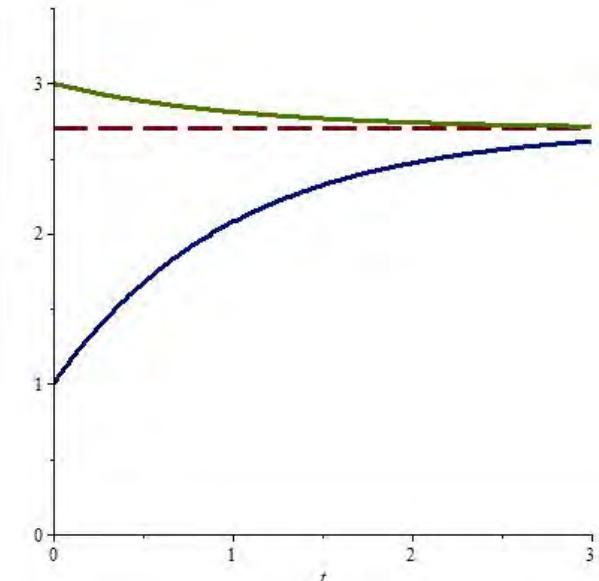
Limiting speed:

$$v_{lim} = \frac{f}{\beta}$$

$$v = v_{lim} + (v_0 - v_{lim}) e^{-\frac{\beta t}{m}}$$

Two classes of solutions:

- approach  $v_{lim}$  from **below** or from **above**



As  $\beta$  is reduced,  $v_{lim}$  increases without limit. The "upper branch" is eventually lost, and one is left with a single uniformly accelerated solution

# Critical Exponentials and BSB

(Dudas, Kitazawa, AS, 2010)  
 (AS, 2013)  
 (Fré, AS, Sorin, 2013)

- ❖ STRING THEORY PREDICTS the exponent in  $V = V_0 e^{2\varphi}$

- D=10 : Polyakov expansion and dilaton tadpole

$$\mathcal{S} = \frac{1}{2k_N^2} \int d^{10}x \sqrt{-\det g} \left[ R + \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi - T e^{\frac{3}{2}\phi} + \dots \right] \quad \rightarrow \quad \gamma = 1 \text{ (for } \varphi\text{)}$$

- D < 10 : two combinations of  $\phi$  and "breathing mode"  $\sigma \rightarrow (\Phi_s, \Phi_t)$
- $\Phi_t$  yields a "critical" potential ( $\gamma = 1$ ) if  $\Phi_s$  is stabilized

$$S_d = \frac{1}{2\kappa_d^2} \int d^d x \sqrt{-g} \left[ R + \frac{1}{2} (\partial\Phi_s)^2 + \frac{1}{2} (\partial\Phi_t)^2 - T_9 e^{\sqrt{\frac{2(d-1)}{d-2}} \Phi_t} + \dots \right]$$

- If  $\Phi_s$  is stabilized: a p-brane that couples via  $(g_s)^{-\alpha}$  yields:  
 [the D9-brane we met before had  $p=9, \alpha=1$ ]

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{12} (p + 9 - 6\alpha)$$

[ NOTE: all multiples of  $\frac{1}{12} \simeq 0.08$  ]

# Climbing with a SUSY Axion

- No-scale reduction + 10D tadpole  $\rightarrow$  KKLT uplift (Kachru, Kallosh, Linde, Trivedi, 2003)

$$T = e^{-\frac{\Phi_t}{\sqrt{3}}} + i \frac{\theta}{\sqrt{3}}$$

*(Cremmer, Ferrara, Kounnas, Nanopoulos, 1983)  
(Witten, 1985)*

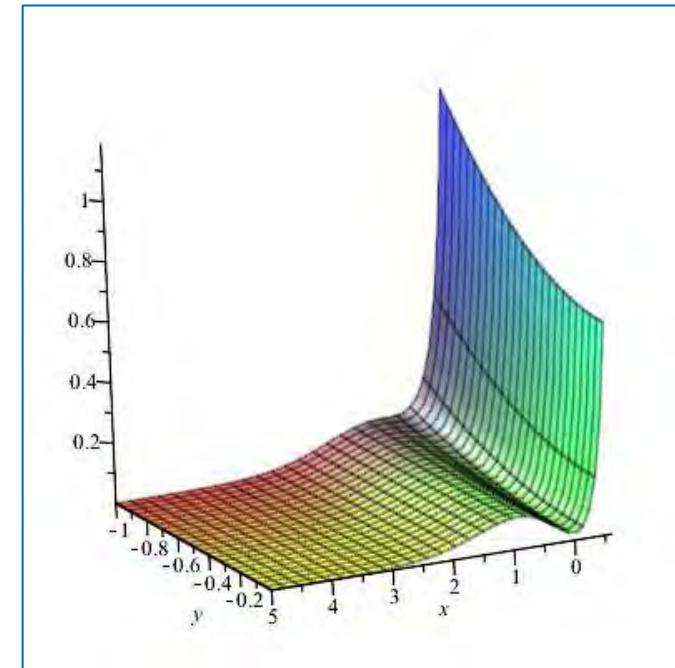
$$S_4 = \frac{1}{2\kappa_4^2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ R - \frac{1}{2} (\partial\Phi_t)^2 - \frac{1}{2} e^{\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\Phi_t} (\partial\theta)^2 - V(\Phi_t, \theta) + \dots \right\}$$

$$V(\Phi_t, \theta) = \frac{c}{(T + \bar{T})^3} + V_{(non\ pert.)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2x}{d\tau^2} &+ \frac{dx}{d\tau} \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dx}{d\tau}\right)^2 + e^{\frac{4x}{3}} \left(\frac{dy}{d\tau}\right)^2} + \frac{1}{2V} \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \left[ 1 + \left(\frac{dx}{d\tau}\right)^2 \right] \\ &+ \frac{1}{2V} \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} \frac{dx}{d\tau} \frac{dy}{d\tau} - \frac{2}{3} e^{\frac{4x}{3}} \left(\frac{dy}{d\tau}\right)^2 = 0, \\ \frac{d^2y}{d\tau^2} &+ \frac{dy}{d\tau} \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{dx}{d\tau}\right)^2 + e^{\frac{4x}{3}} \left(\frac{dy}{d\tau}\right)^2} + \left( \frac{1}{2V} \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} + \frac{4}{3} \right) \frac{dx}{d\tau} \frac{dy}{d\tau} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2V} \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} \left[ e^{-\frac{4x}{3}} + \left(\frac{dy}{d\tau}\right)^2 \right] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

OUTSIDE the well :

$$\frac{1}{2V} \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} \approx 1, \quad \frac{1}{2V} \frac{\partial V}{\partial y} \approx 0$$



# Climbing with a SUSY Axion

Leave aside momentarily the potential well → only "critical" uplift

- "Polar" variables :

$$\frac{dx}{d\tau} = r w , \quad e^{\frac{2x}{3}} \frac{dy}{d\tau} = r \sqrt{1 - w^2}$$

- Dynamical  $\gamma_{\text{eff}}$  ( $= w$ ) :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dr}{d\tau} + r \sqrt{1 + r^2} + w (1 + r^2) &= 0 \\ \frac{dw}{d\tau} - (1 - w^2) \left( \frac{2}{3} r - \frac{1}{r} \right) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

- Late-time attractors ("TOO FAST" FOR INFLATION)

- Close to the Big Bang :

$$\frac{dr}{d\tau} + (\epsilon + w) r^2 \approx 0 , \quad \frac{dw}{d\tau} - \frac{2}{3} r(1 - w^2) \approx 0$$

- Eqs. combine into:

$$\dot{r} \approx -2\epsilon r^2 \quad (Dudas, Kitazawa, AS 2010)$$

$$r \approx \frac{1}{2\epsilon\tau} , \quad w \approx \epsilon$$



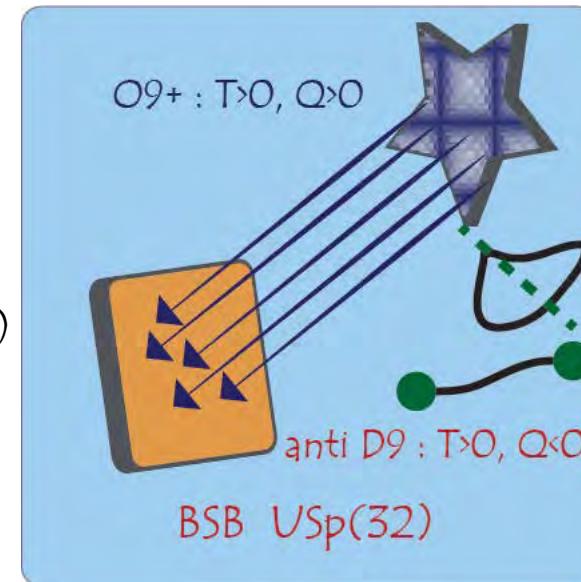
$$\dot{\Phi}_t \sim r w \approx \frac{1}{2\tau}$$

Climbing scalar !

# Brane SUSY Breaking

(Sugimoto, 1999)  
 (Antoniadis, Dudas, AS, 1999)  
 (Angelantonj, 1999)  
 (Aldazabal, Uranga, 1999)

- SUSY : D9 ( $T > 0, Q > 0$ ) +  $O9_-$  ( $T < 0, Q < 0$ )  $\rightarrow SO(32)$
- BSB : anti-D9 ( $T > 0, Q < 0$ ) +  $O9_+$  ( $T > 0, Q > 0$ )  $\rightarrow USp(32)$



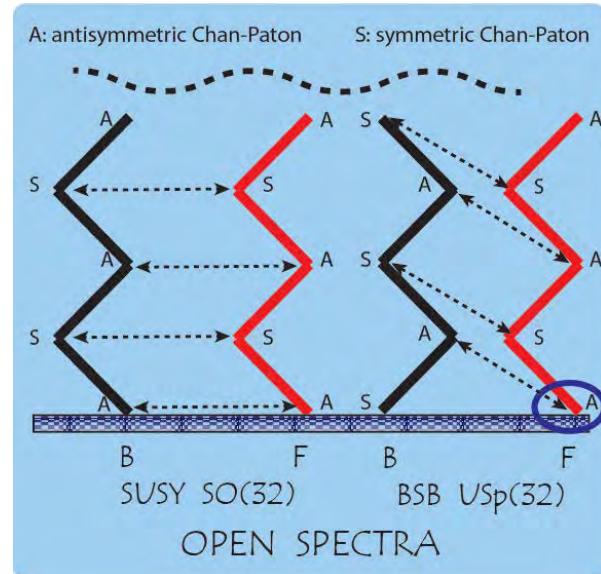
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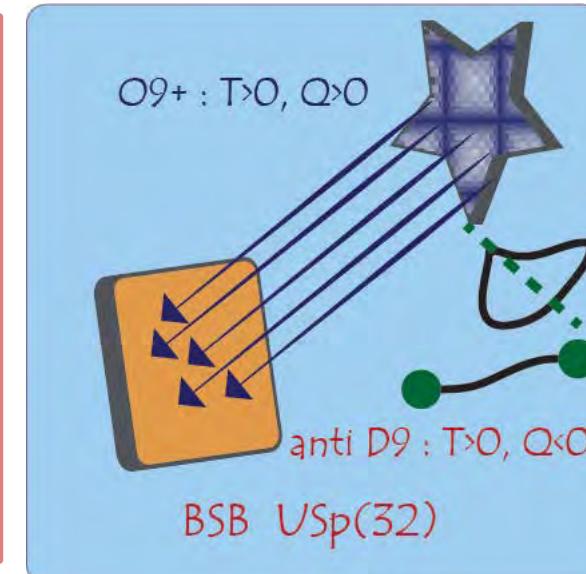
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## Tree – level BSB

- ❖ SUSY broken at string scale in open sector, exact in closed sector
- ❖ Stable vacuum (classically)
- ❖ Goldstino in open sector



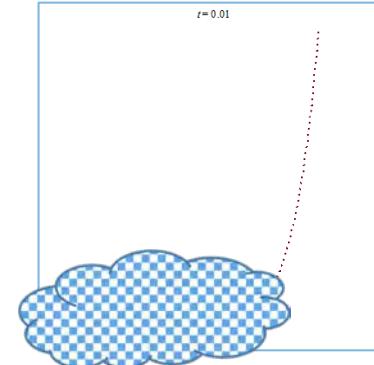
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# Onset of Inflation via BSB & Climbing?

- ❖ Critical exponential → CLIMBING
- ❖ NOT ENOUGH: need "flat portion" for slow-roll  
[Here we must "guess" (modulo previous slide)]



i. Two-exp:

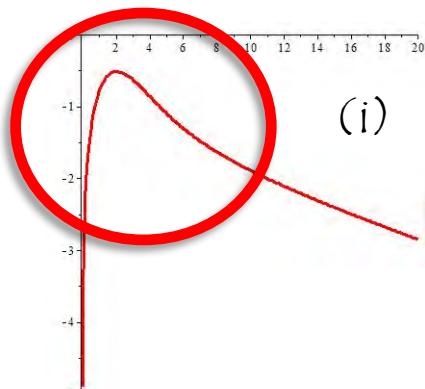
$$V(\varphi) = V_0 \left( e^{2\varphi} + e^{2\gamma\varphi} \right) \quad \left[ \gamma = \frac{1}{12} \rightarrow n_s = 0.957 \right] \text{ (PLANCK015 : } 0.968 \pm 0.06)$$

• More generally :

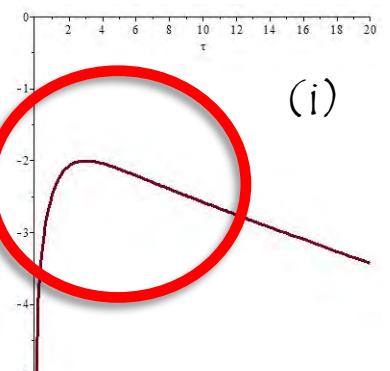
$$V(\varphi) = V_0 \left( e^{2\varphi} + e^{2\gamma\varphi} \right) + V'(\varphi)$$

ii. Two-exp + gaussian bump :

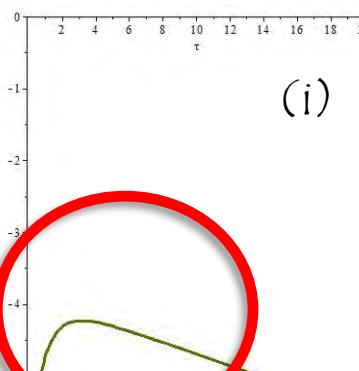
$$V(\varphi) = V_0 \left( e^{2\varphi} + e^{2\gamma\varphi} + a_1 e^{-a_2(\varphi+a_3)^2} \right)$$



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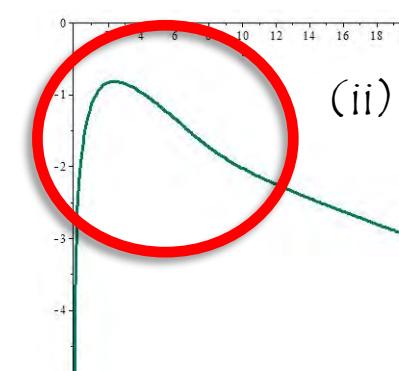


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$\varphi(\tau)$



(ii)

# Pre-inflationary Peaks

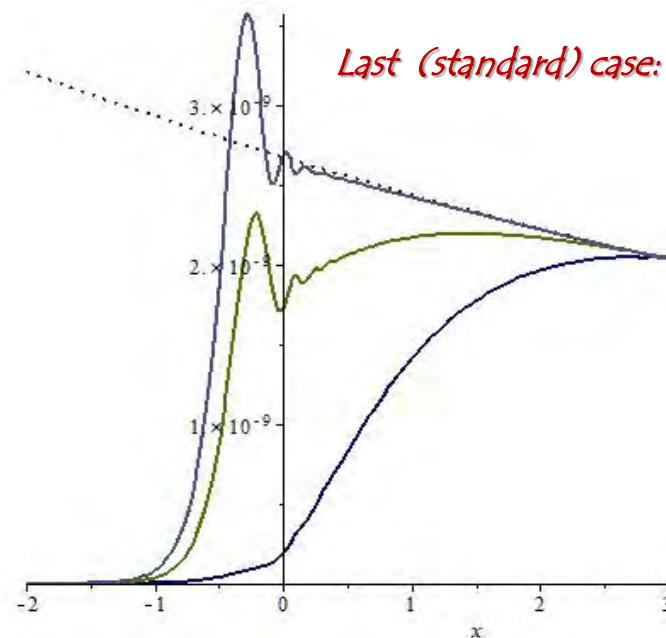
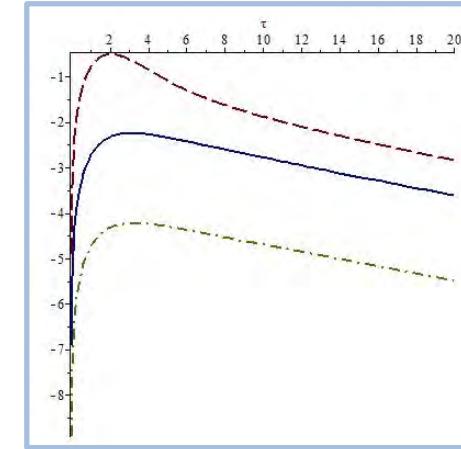
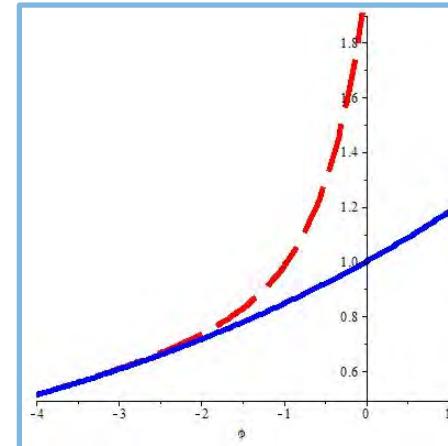
(Kitazawa, AS, 2014)

## Three Case Studies:

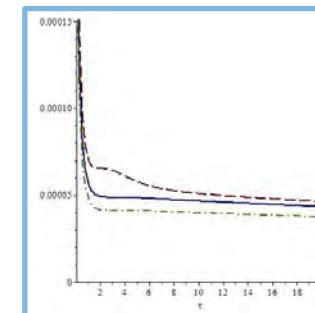
1.  $\varphi_0 = 0$ : "hard kick";
2.  $\varphi_0 = -2$ : intermediate case;
3.  $\varphi_0 = -4$ : NO "hard kick";

$$V(\varphi) = V_0 (e^{2\varphi} + e^{2\gamma\varphi})$$

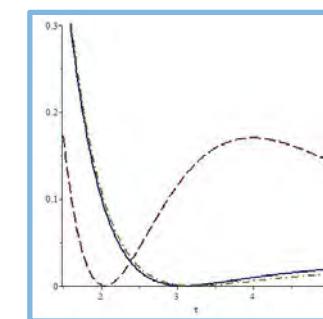
$$\begin{aligned} H &= k \sqrt{\frac{V(\varphi)}{3}} (1 + \dot{\varphi}^2) \\ \epsilon_\varphi &= -\frac{1}{H} \frac{dH}{dt_c} = \frac{3\dot{\varphi}^2}{1 + \dot{\varphi}^2} \\ \eta_\varphi &= \frac{1}{k^2 V} \frac{d^2 V}{d\varphi^2} = \frac{3}{2V} \frac{d^2 V}{d\varphi^2} \end{aligned}$$



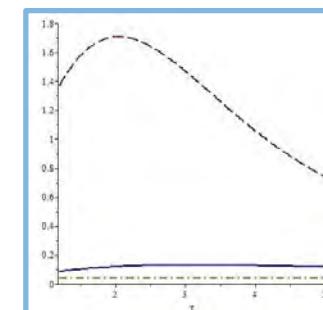
Last (standard) case: (Destri, de Vega, Sanchez, 2010)



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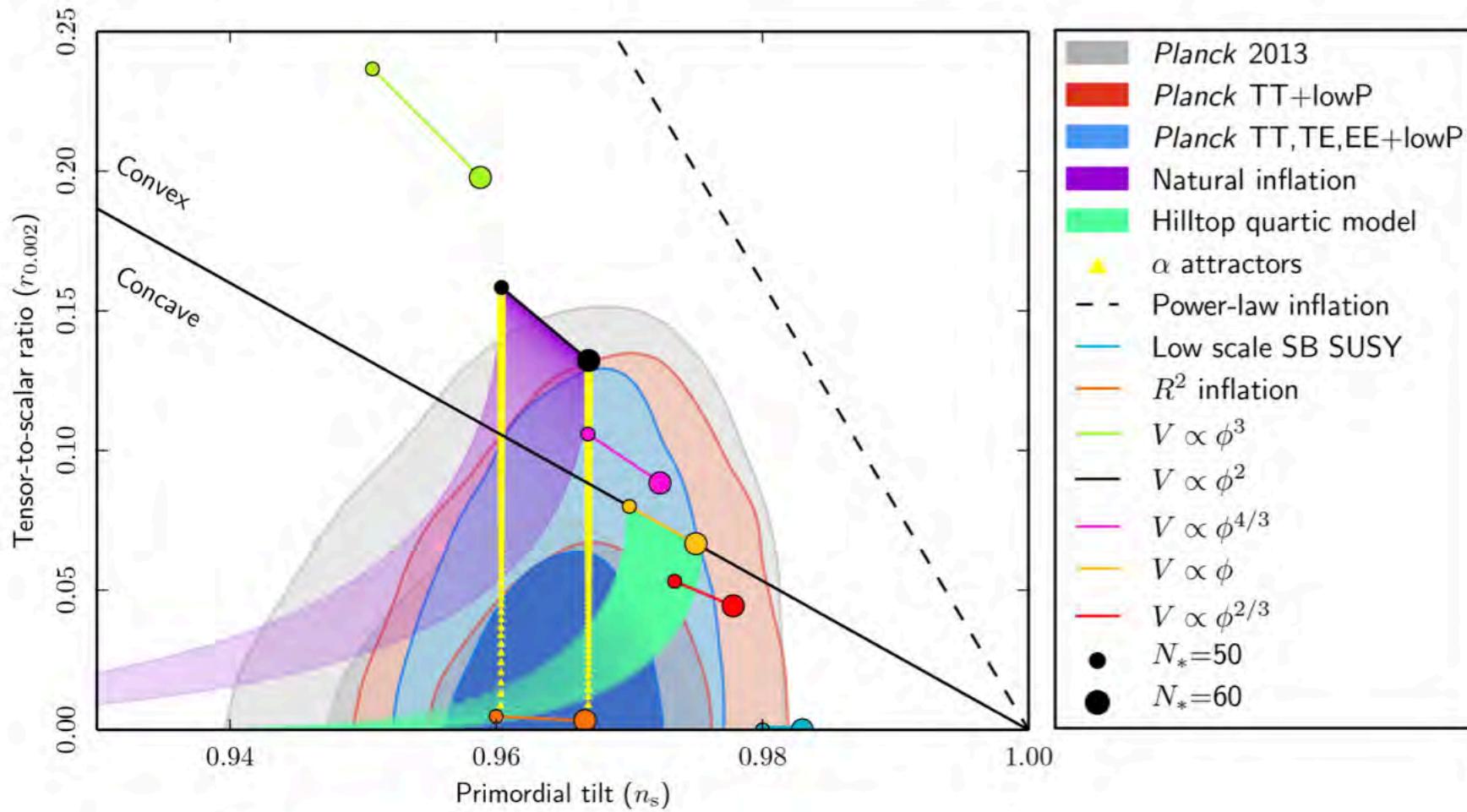


$\epsilon_\varphi$



$\eta_\varphi$

# *Onset of Inflation via BSB & Climbing?*



**Fig. 12.** Marginalized joint 68 % and 95 % CL regions for  $n_s$  and  $r_{0.002}$  from *Planck* in combination with other data sets, compared to the theoretical predictions of selected inflationary models.

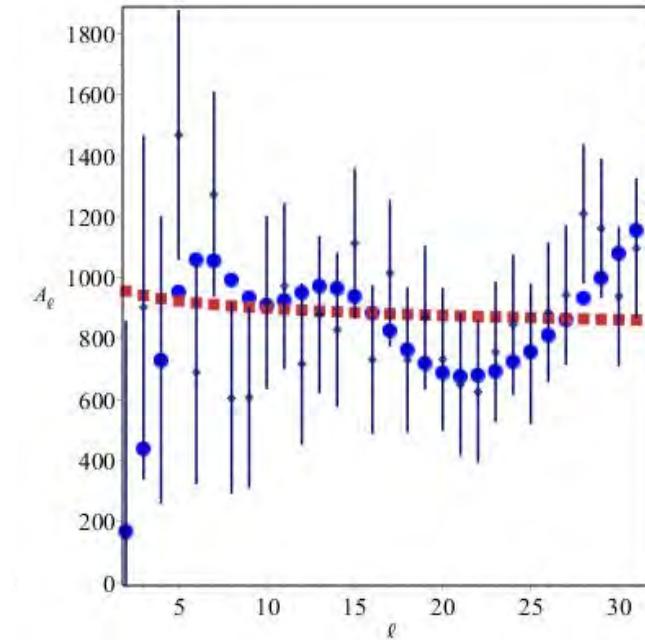
# An Optimal Starobinsky-like Case

$$A_\ell(\varphi_0, \mathcal{M}, \delta) = \mathcal{M} \ell(\ell+1) \int_0^\infty \frac{dk}{k} \mathcal{P}_\zeta(k, \varphi_0) j_\ell^2(k 10^\delta)$$

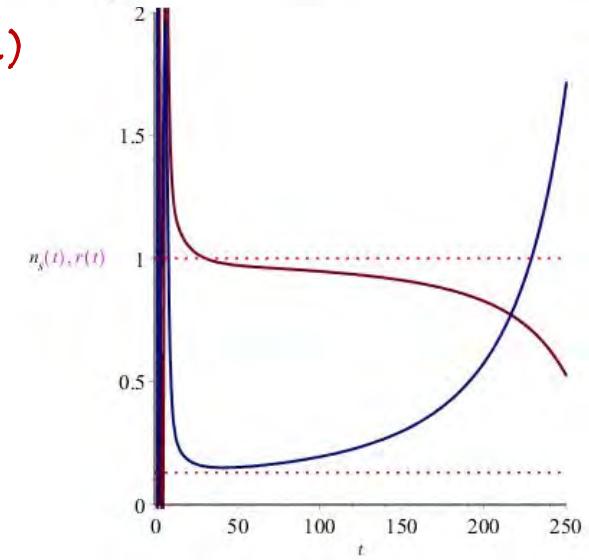
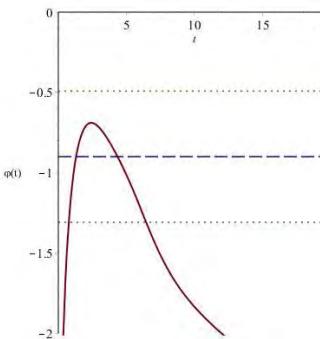
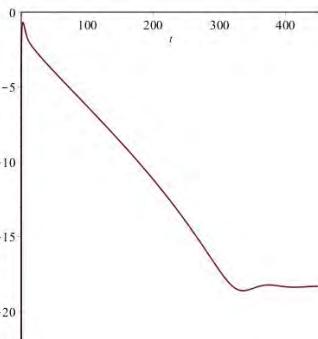
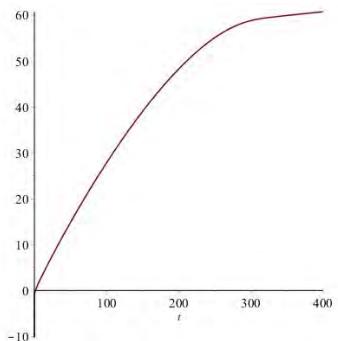
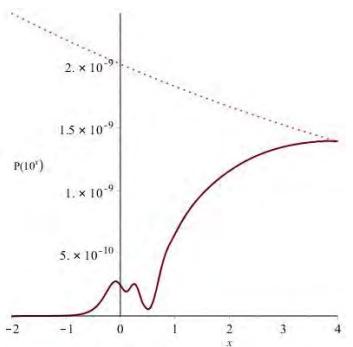
$$V(\varphi) = V_0 \left\{ e^{2\varphi} + \frac{1}{2} e^{2\gamma\varphi} + a_1 e^{-a_2(\varphi+a_3)^2} + \left[ 1 - e^{-\frac{2}{3}(\varphi+\Delta)} \right]^2 \right\} - v_0$$

$$(\gamma, a_1, a_2, a_3, \Delta) = (0.08, 0.09, 6, 0.9, 18)$$

- $N \sim 60$  e-folds
- $r < 0.16$
- $n_s \approx 0.96$



Comparison with WMAP9 ( $\chi^2/\chi_{\text{attr}}^2 \approx 0.4$ )



# *D=4: Non-linear SUSY and Brane SUSY Breaking*

- **BSB spectra always include a massless fermion singlet, a goldstino.** E.g., in D=10 Usp(32) gauge group, bosons in the adjoint and fermions in the (reducible) antisymmetric, whose singlet is the goldstino.
- **NO superpartners** (and no order parameter for supersymmetry in D=10) → **NON-LINEAR SUPERSYMMETRY**
- **BSB & NON-LINEAR SUPERSYMMETRY** *(Volkov Akulov, 1973)*
- **D=4 counterparts:** superspace methods that rest on **nilpotent superfields:**  $S^2 = 0$  *(Dudas, Mourad, 2001; Pradisi, Riccioni, 2001)*

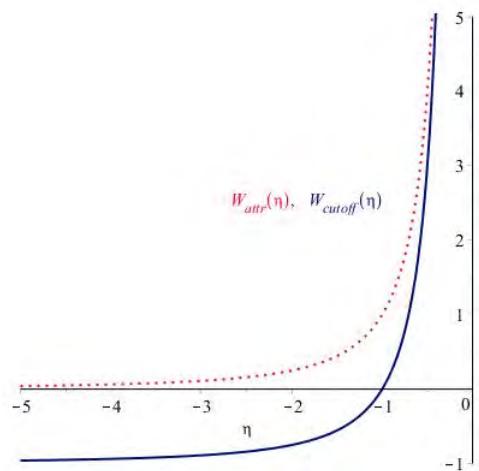
*(Rocek, 1978; Ivanov, Kapustnikov, 1978; Casalbuoni, De Curtis, Dominici, Feruglio, Gatto, 1989; Komargodski, Seiberg, 2009)*

$$\begin{aligned} S &= A + \theta \psi + \theta^2 F \\ S^2 &= 0 \longrightarrow A = \frac{\psi^2}{2F} \end{aligned}$$

**Much ongoing activity in Supergravity after**

*(Antoniadis, Dudas, Ferrara, AS, 2014; Ferrara, Kallosh, Linde, 2014)*

# Analytic Power Spectra from M-S Equation



$$\frac{d^2 v_k(\eta)}{d\eta^2} + [k^2 + \Delta^2 - W_s(\eta)] v_k(\eta) = 0$$

$$W'_s = \frac{\nu^2 - \frac{1}{4}}{\eta^2} - \Delta^2 \rightarrow P(k) \sim \frac{k^3}{[k^2 + \Delta^2]^\nu}$$

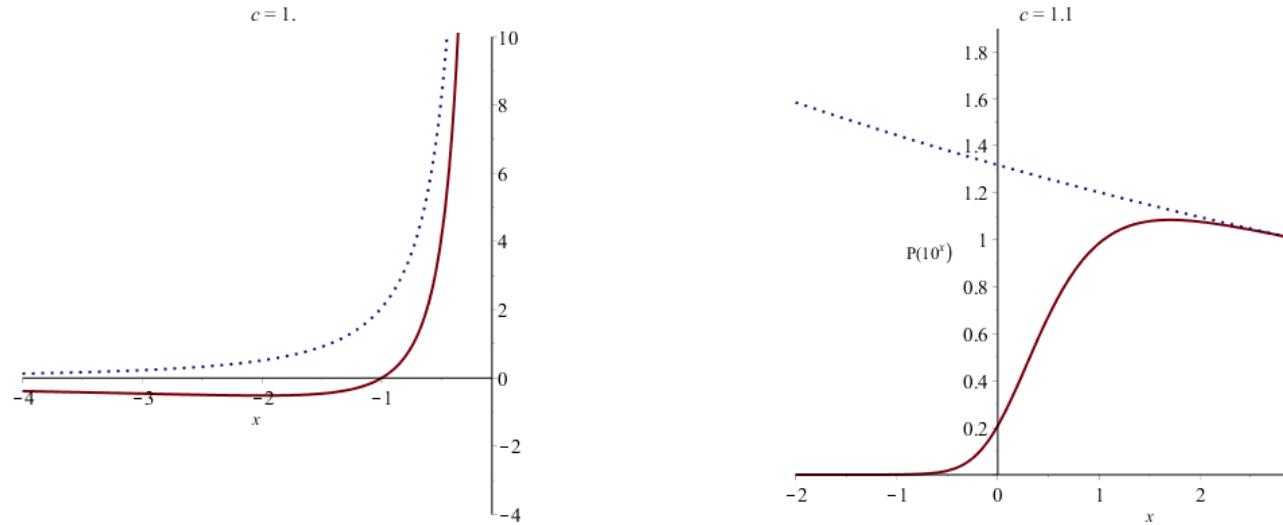
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(Dudas, Kitazawa, Patil, AS, 2012)

$$P_{\mathcal{R}}(k) \sim \frac{(k \eta_0)^3 \exp \left( \frac{\pi (\frac{c}{2} - 1)(\nu^2 - \frac{1}{4})}{\sqrt{(k \eta_0)^2 + (c - 1)(\nu^2 - \frac{1}{4})}} \right)}{\left| \Gamma \left( \nu + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{i (\frac{c}{2} - 1)(\nu^2 - \frac{1}{4})}{\sqrt{(k \eta_0)^2 + (c - 1)(\nu^2 - \frac{1}{4})}} \right) \right|^2 \left[ (k \eta_0)^2 + (c - 1)(\nu^2 - \frac{1}{4}) \right]^\nu}$$

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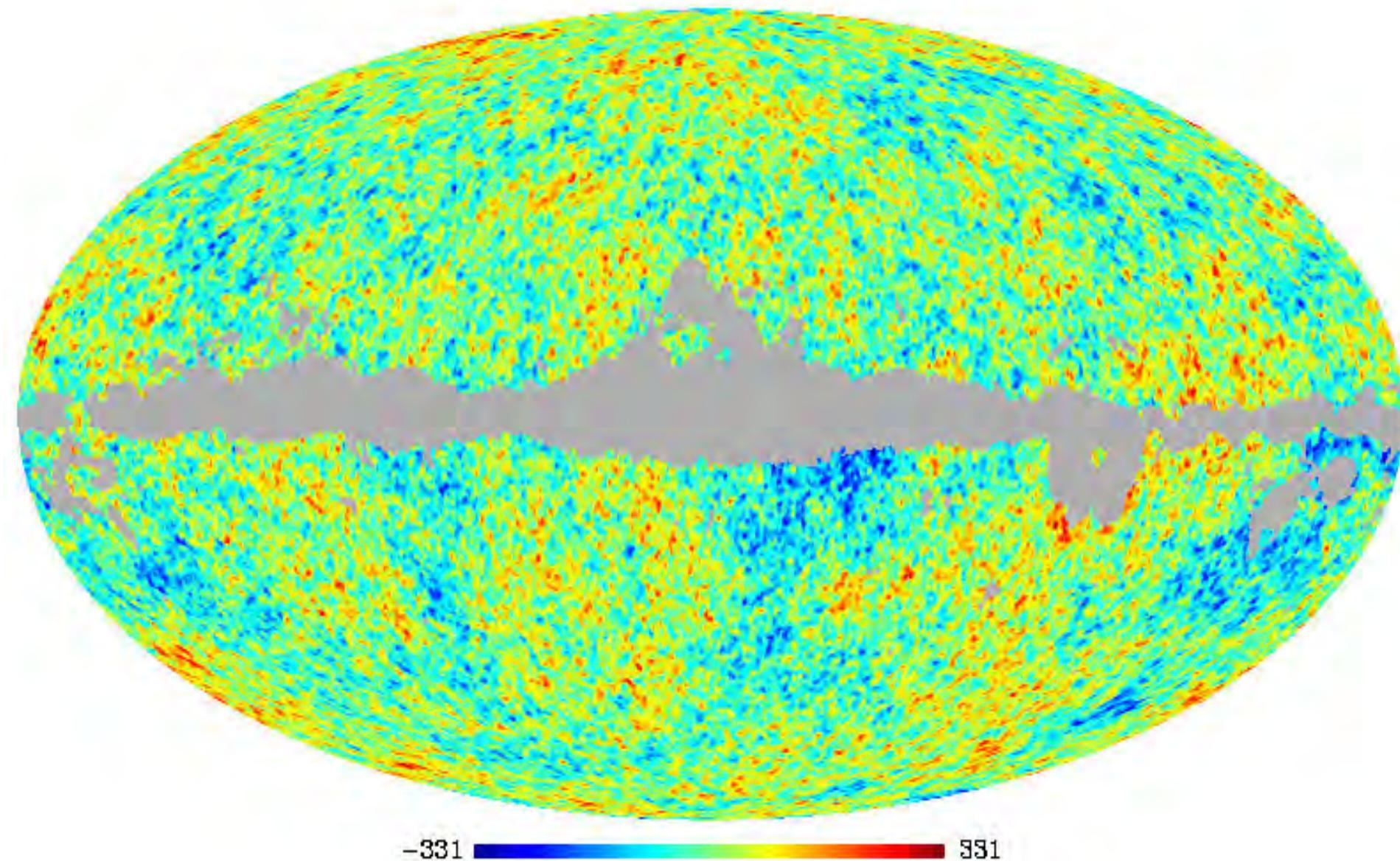
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Planck CMB



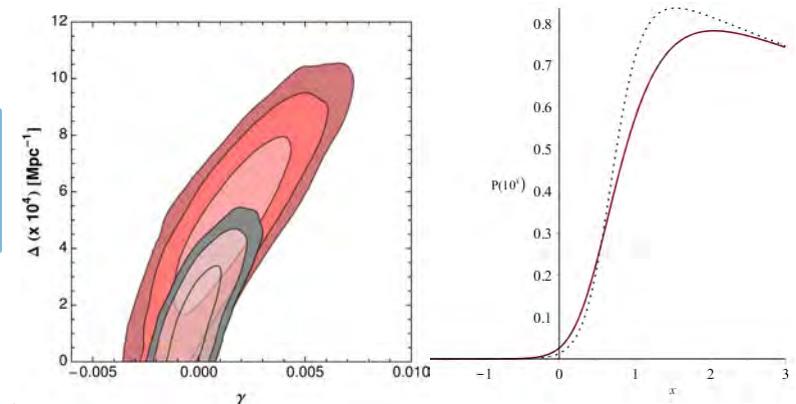
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# Pre-Inflationary Relics in the CMB?

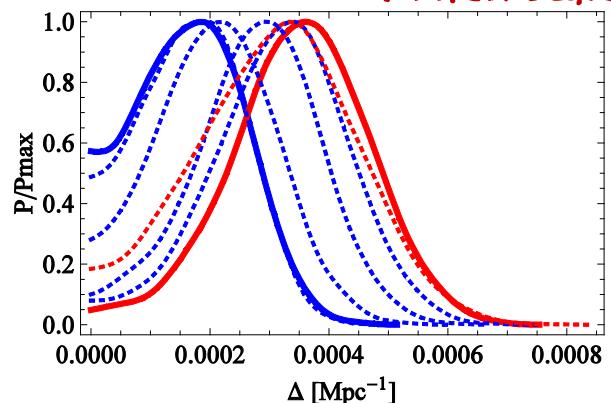
(Gruppuso, AS; Gruppuso, Kitazawa, Mandolesi, Natoli, AS, 2015)

(Dudàs, Kitazawa, Patil, AS, 2012)  
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$$\mathcal{P}(k) = A (k/k_0)^{n_s - 1} \rightarrow \frac{A (k/k_0)^3}{[(k/k_0)^2 + (\Delta/k_0)^2]^\nu}$$



- Extend  $\Lambda$ CDM to allow for low- $\ell$  suppression:
  - NO effects on standard  $\Lambda$ CDM parameters (6+16 nuisance)
  - A new scale  $\Delta$ . Preferred value? Depends on Galactic masking.



- What is the corresponding energy scale at onset of inflation?

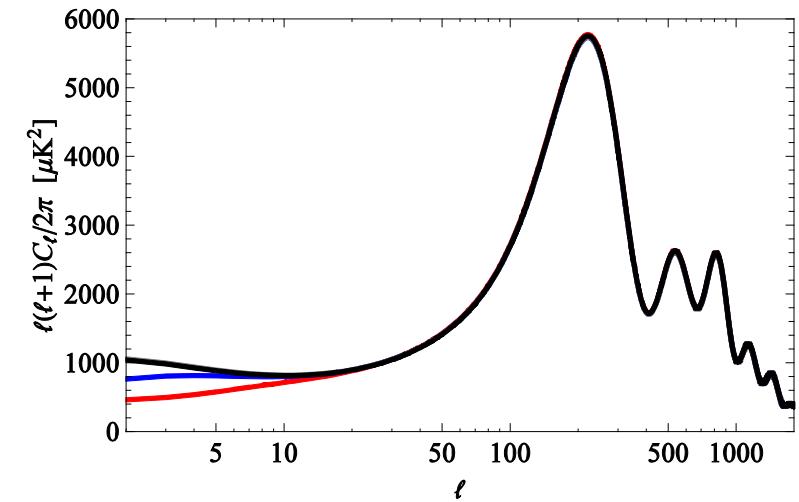
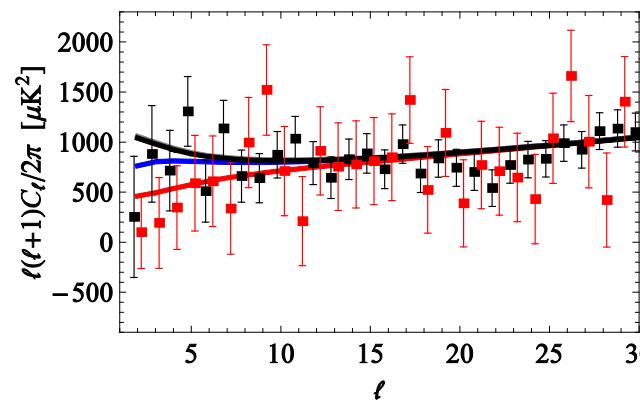
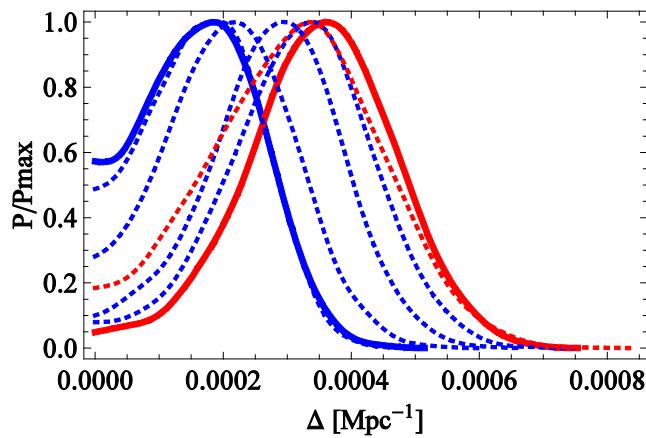
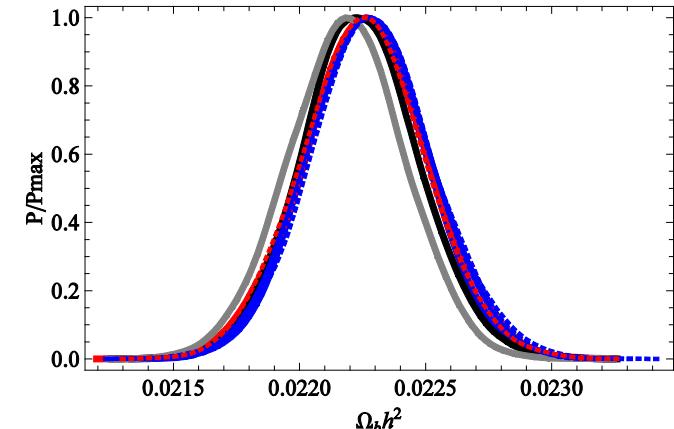
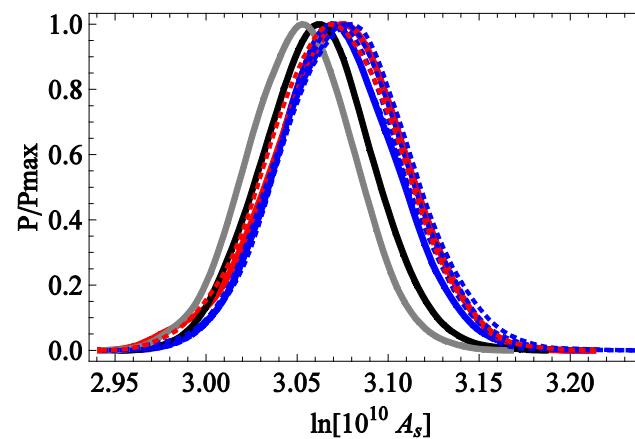
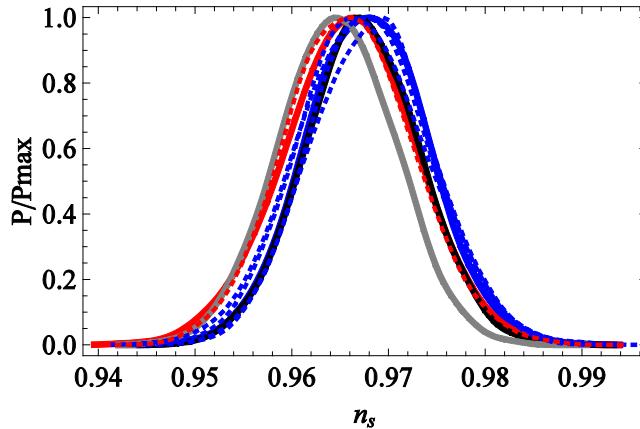
$$\Delta^{Infl} \sim 2.4 \times 10^{12} e^{N-60} \text{ GeV} \sim 10^{12} - 10^{14} \text{ GeV} \text{ for } N \sim 60 - 65$$

$$\Delta = (0.351 \pm 0.114) \times 10^{-3} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

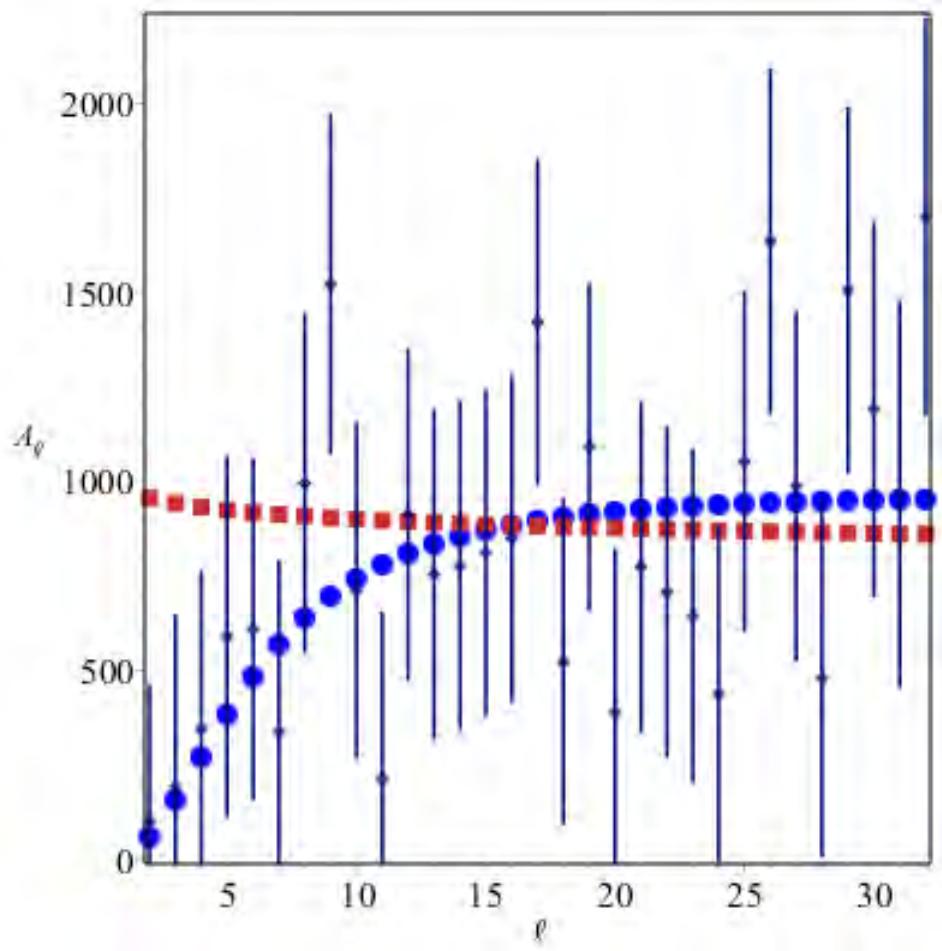
**RED :** + 30-degree extended mask

> 99% confidence level

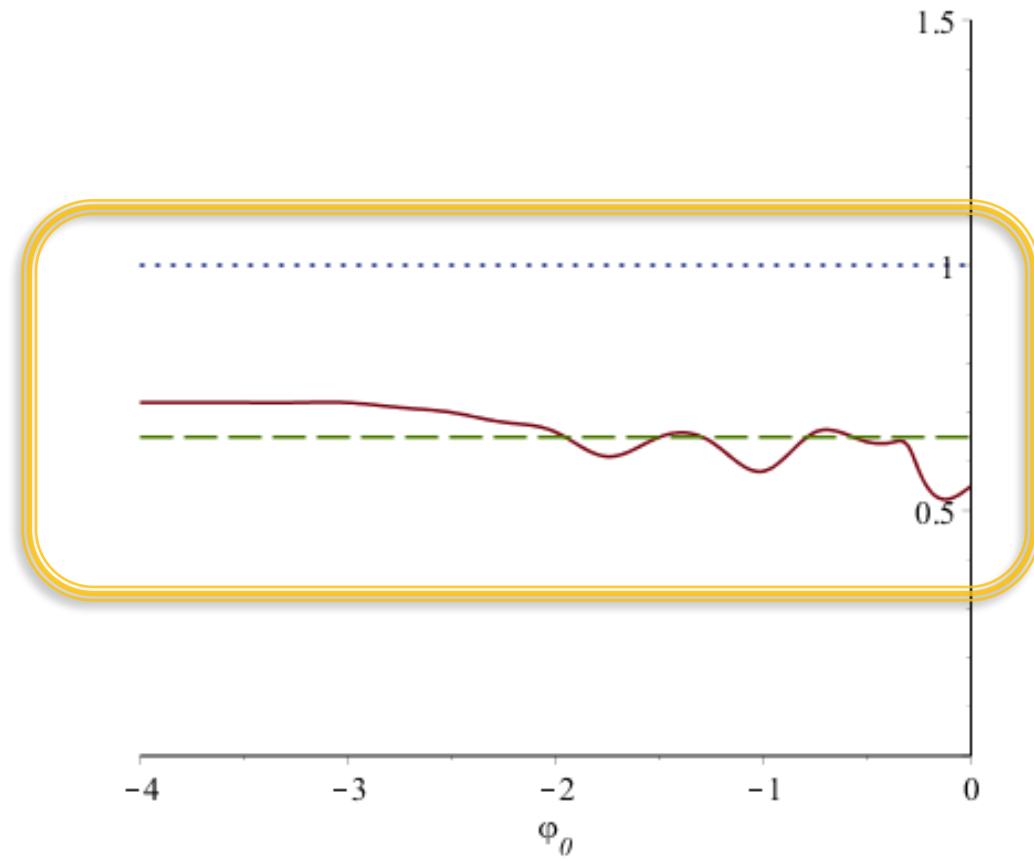
# $\Delta$ & Some Likelihood Tests



# *Widening the Galactic Mask*



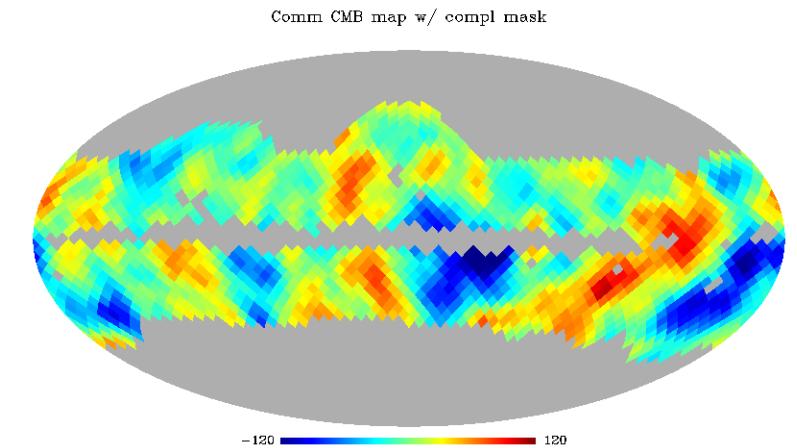
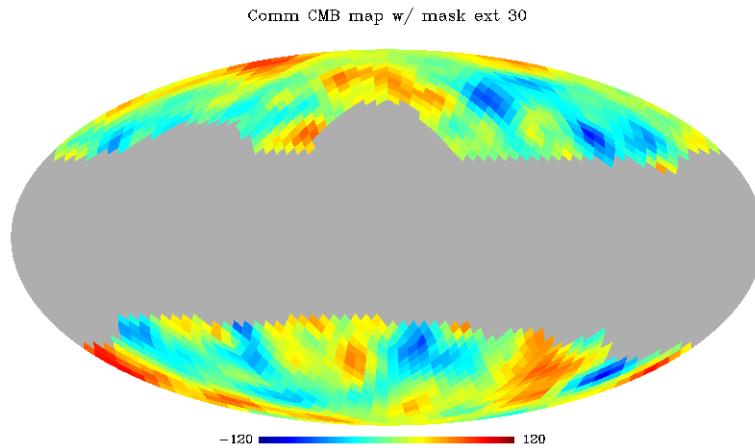
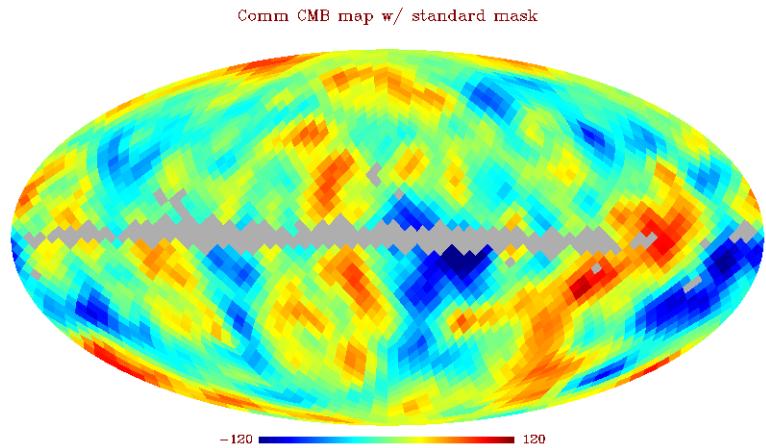
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Bielewski 12



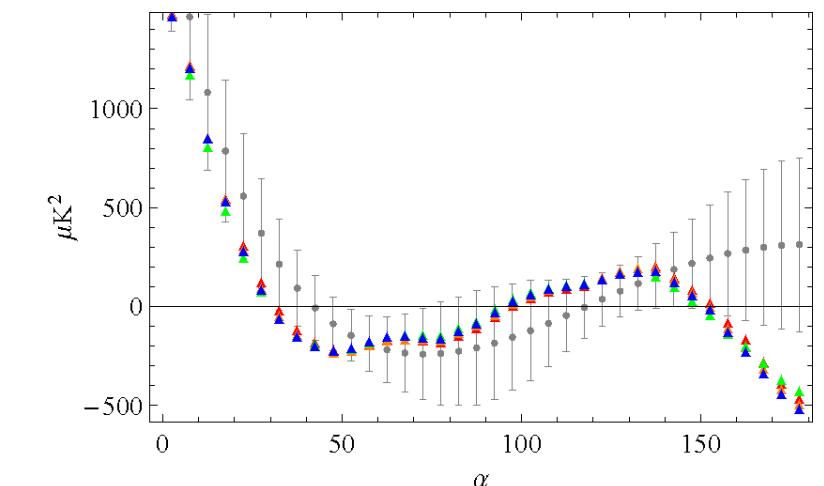
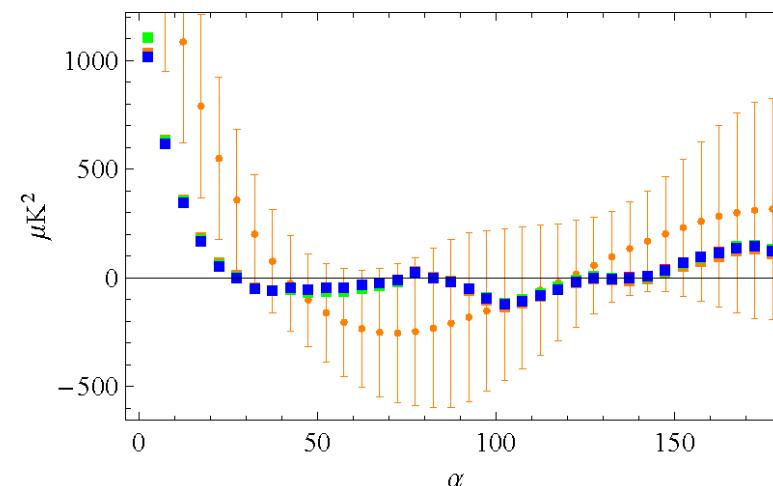
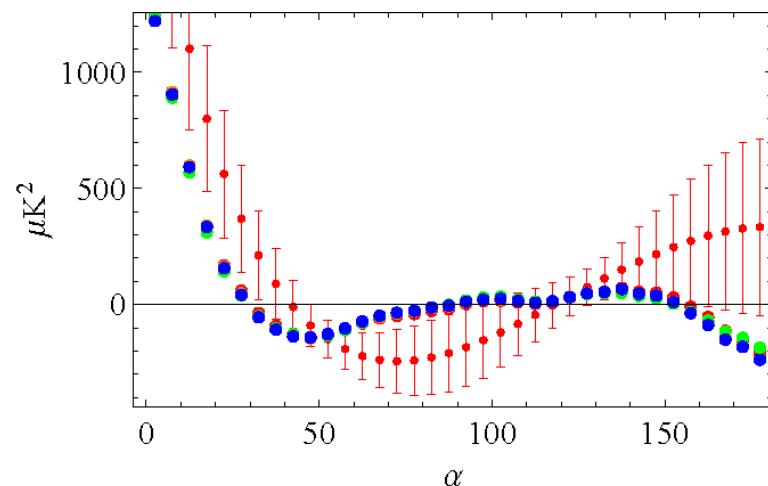
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# More in Detail

(Gruppuso, Kitazawa, Natoli, AS, in progress)

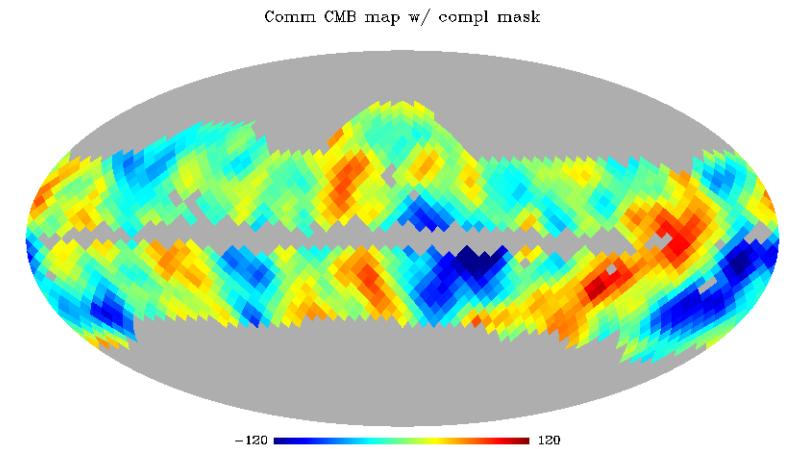
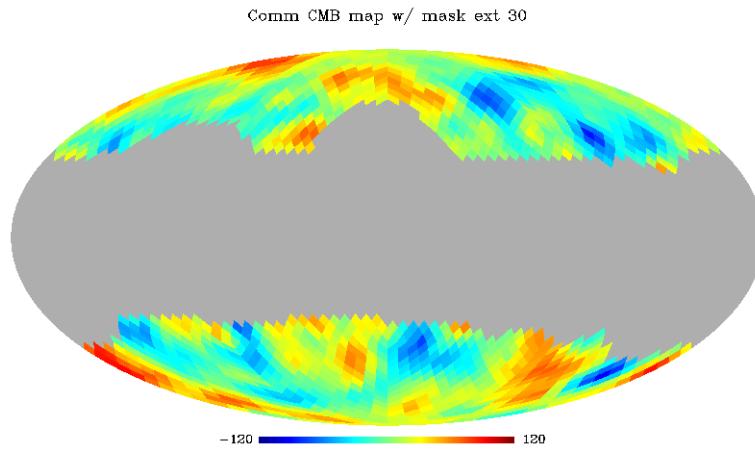
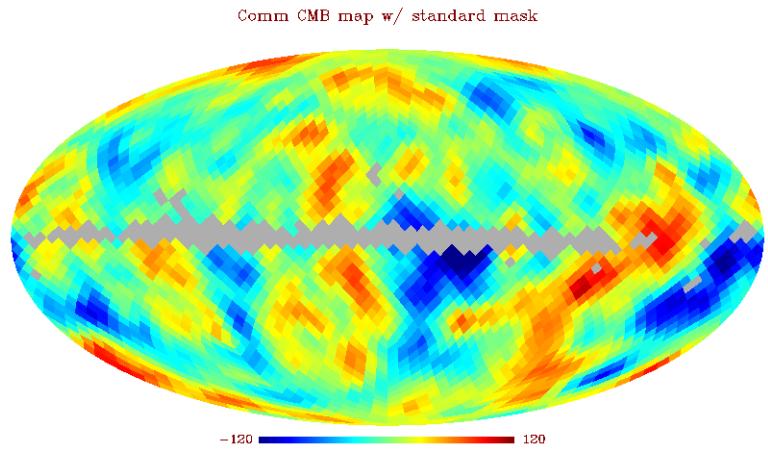


2 - Point : Two distinct regions

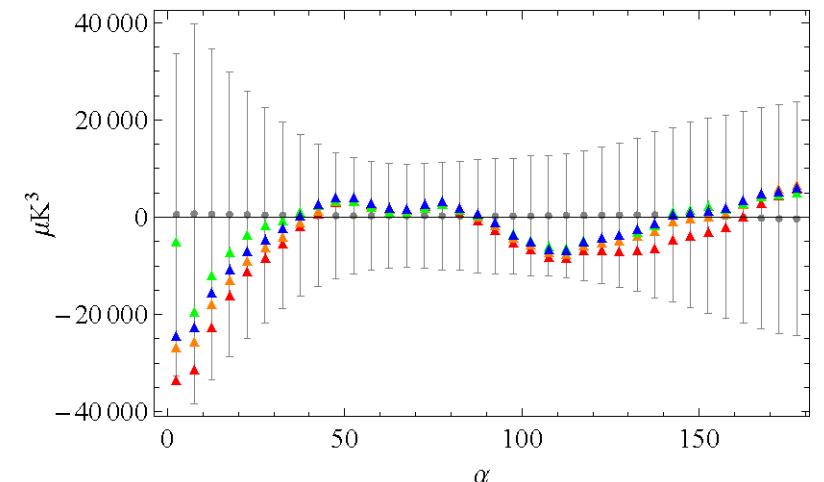
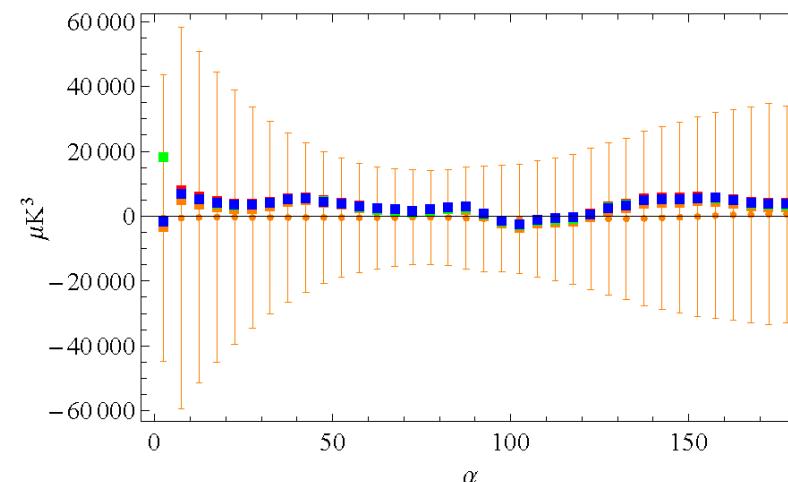
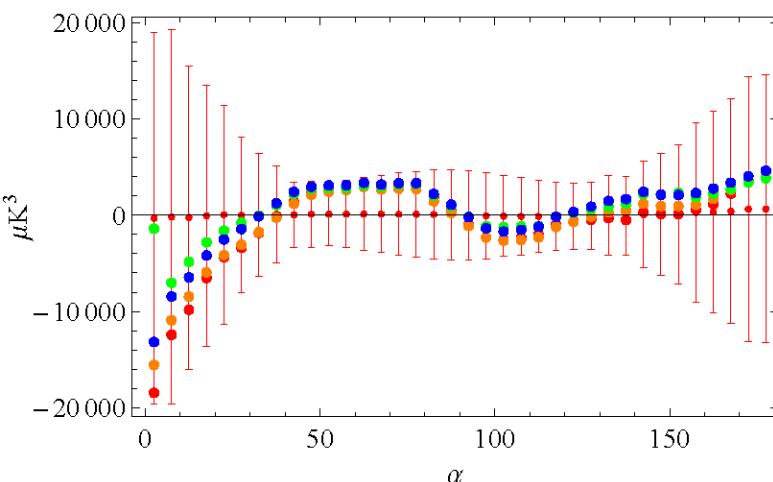


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3 – Point (collapsed): Everywhere Gaussian



# Tensor Perturbations

*(B-modes: enhanced at low  $\ell$  with climbing scalar)*

*(Dudas, Kitazawa, Patil, AS, 2012)*

**WKB:**

- area below  $W_{S,T}(\eta)$  determines the power spectra

$$v_k(-\epsilon) \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{|W_s(-\epsilon) - k^2|}} \exp \left( \int_{-\eta^*}^{-\epsilon} \sqrt{|W_s(y) - k^2|} dy \right)$$

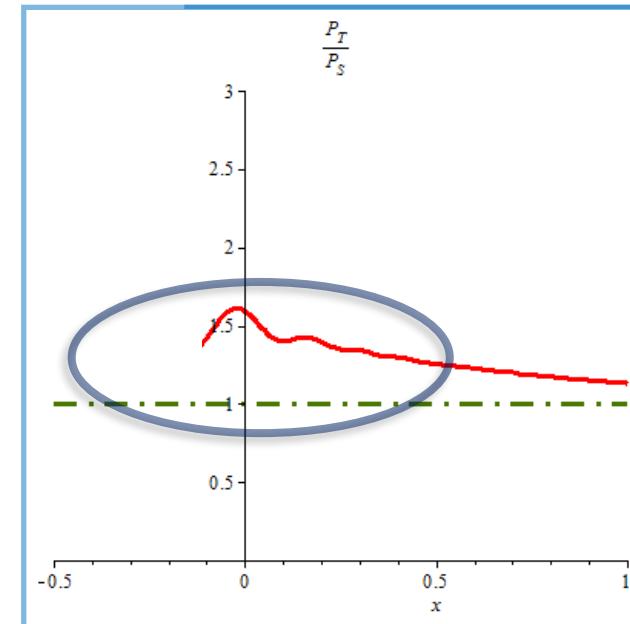
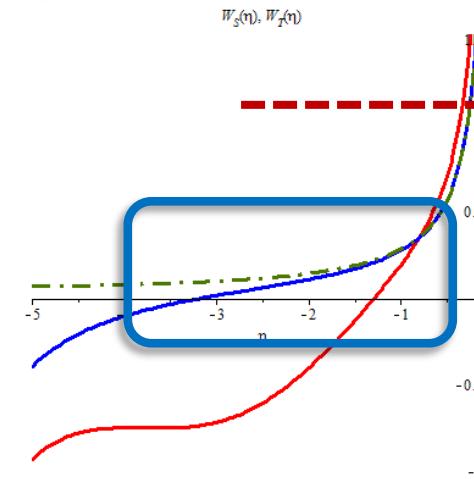
- **Scalar Power Spectra:** BELOW attractor  $W$

- **Tensor Power Spectra:** ABOVE

- **INDEED:** moving slightly away from the attractor trajectory (here the LM attractor) enhances the ratio  $P_T / P_S$
- **IN THE INFLATIONARY PHASE:**

$$V = V_0 (e^{2\varphi} + e^{2\gamma\varphi} + \dots) \simeq V_0 e^{2\gamma\varphi} \quad \left( \gamma < \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right)$$

$$\frac{W_S}{W_T} \approx 1 - 18 \frac{(1 - \gamma^2)^4}{(2 - 3\gamma^2)} \left[ \frac{d\varphi}{d\tau} + \frac{\gamma}{\sqrt{1 - \gamma^2}} \right]^2$$



# Summary

- BRANE SUSY BREAKING ( $d \leq 10$ ) : "hard" (critical) exponential potentials
  - Climbing:  $\gamma=1$  for  $D \leq 9 \rightarrow$  Mechanism to START INFLATION via a BOUNCE
  - Power Spectra: (wide) IR depression & pre-inflationary peaks
    - Naturally weak string coupling [Singular "string-frame metric" in  $D=10$ ] (unfortunately)
  - IR DEPRESSION OBSERVABLE? If we "were seeing" in CMB the *onset of inflation*
    - ❖ GALACTIC MASKING & QUADRUPOLE REDUCTION *(Gruppuso, Natoli, Paci, Finelli, Molinari, De Rosa, Mandolesi, 2013)*
    - ❖ Other (recent) work on low- $\ell$  depression:
      - (Contaldi, Peloso, Kofman, Linde, 2003)*
      - (Destri, De Vega, Sanchez, 2010)*
      - (Cicoli, Downes, Dutta, 2013)*
      - (Pedro, Westphal, 2013)*
      - (Bousso, Harlow, Senatore, 2013)*
      - (Liu, Guo, Pião, 2013)*
      - .....

Some evidence ( $> 99$  CL with wide mask,  $f_{\text{sky}} = 39\%$ ) for a cutoff scale

$$\Delta^{-1} \sim 2.8 \times 10^3 \text{ Mpc}$$

Some signs of distinct CMB behaviors close to the galactic plane and far away from it

*Thank You*