

Fast-roll eras, primordial fluctuations and the lowest CMB multipoles: theory and observations

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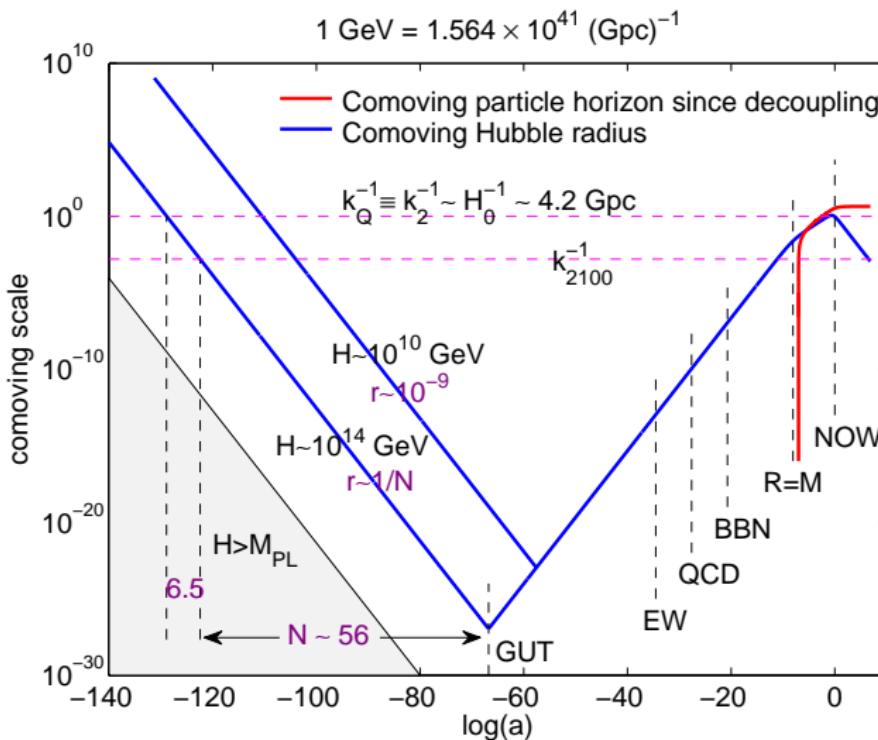
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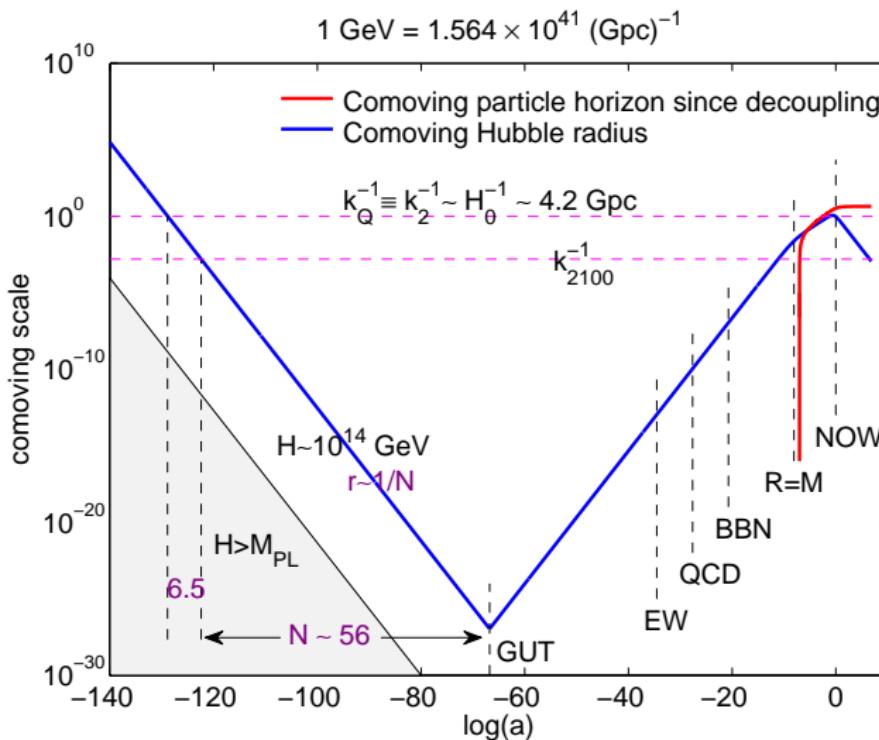
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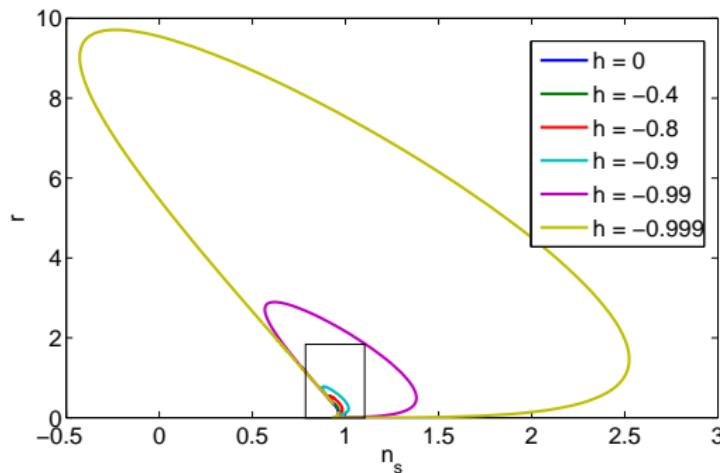
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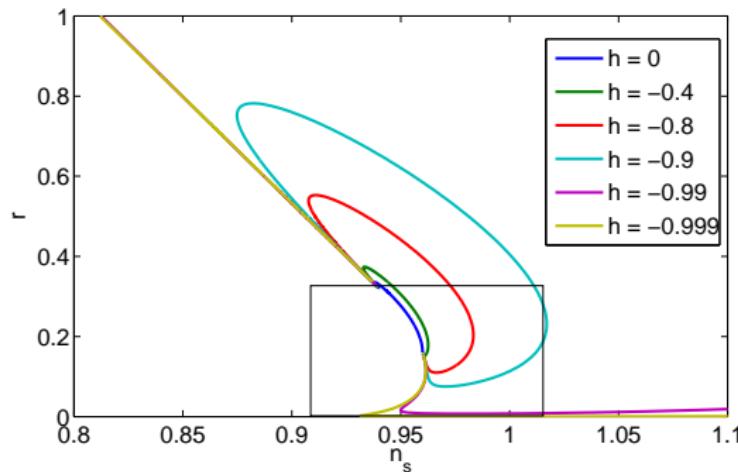
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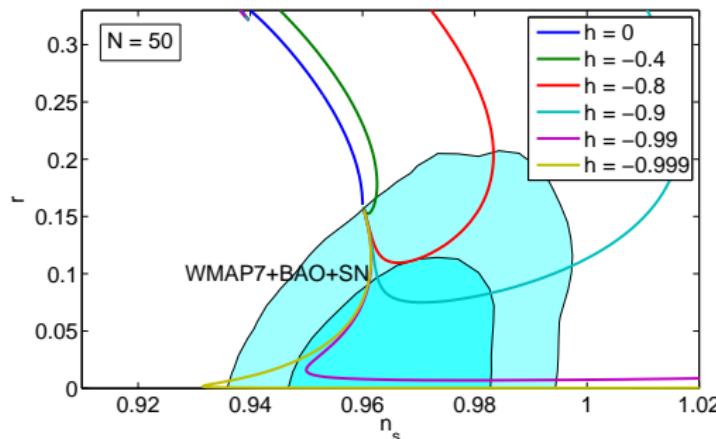
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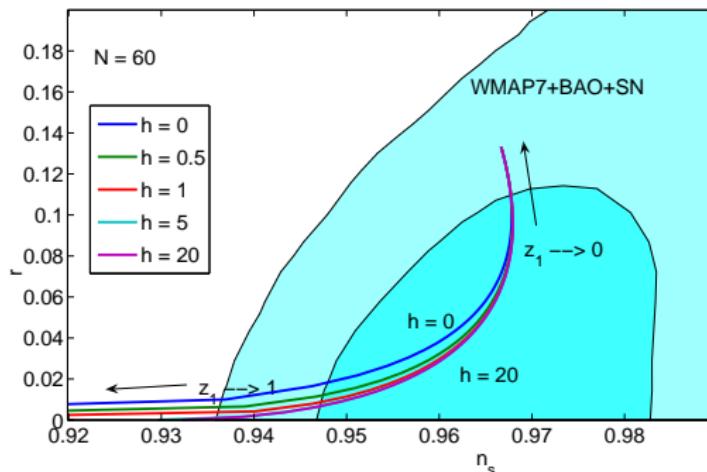
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MCMC analysis of current data **plus** Ginsburg-Landau stability arguments point to double-well type potentials with the inflaton ϕ rolling from a region of negative curvature near $\phi = 0$ (the “false vacuum”) toward the true absolute minimum ϕ_{min} of the potential where $v(\phi_{min}) = v'(\phi_{min}) = 0$.

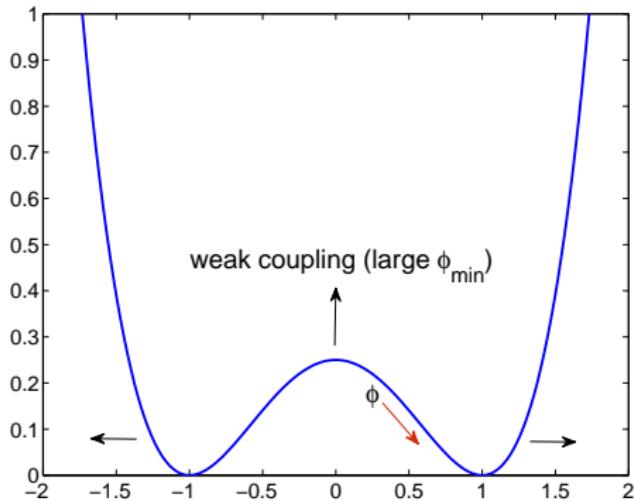
In general

$$v(\phi) = \phi_{min}^2 F(\phi/\phi_{min})$$

with $F(x) \simeq F_0 - \frac{1}{2}x^2$ as $x \rightarrow 0$.

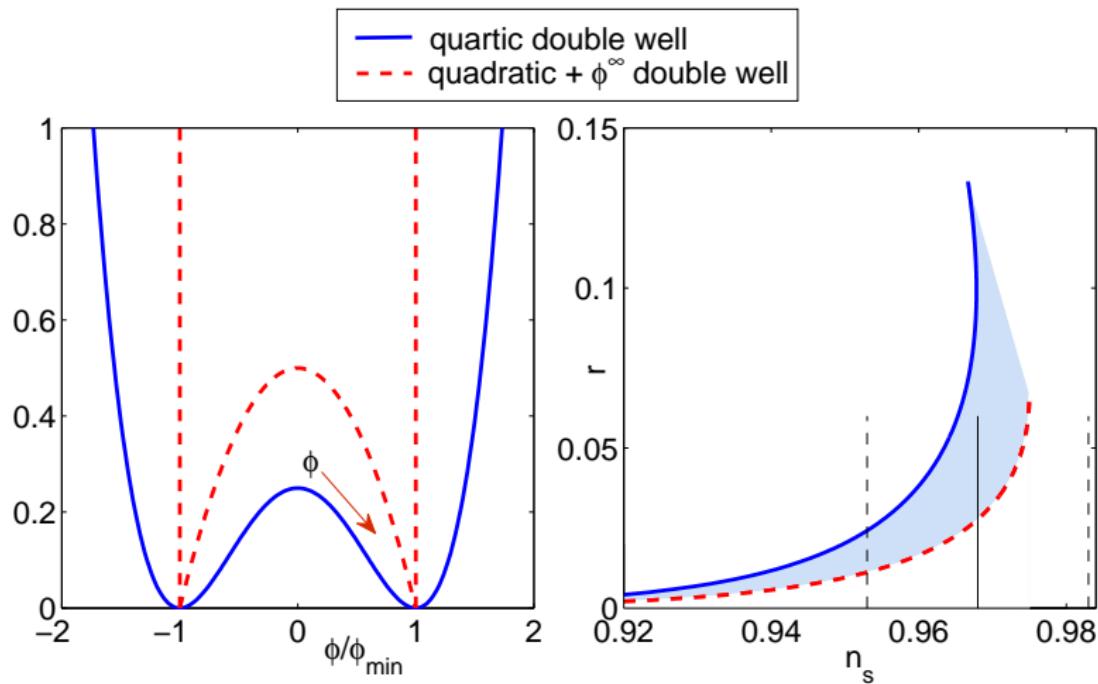
For instance BNI
(Binomial New Inflation)

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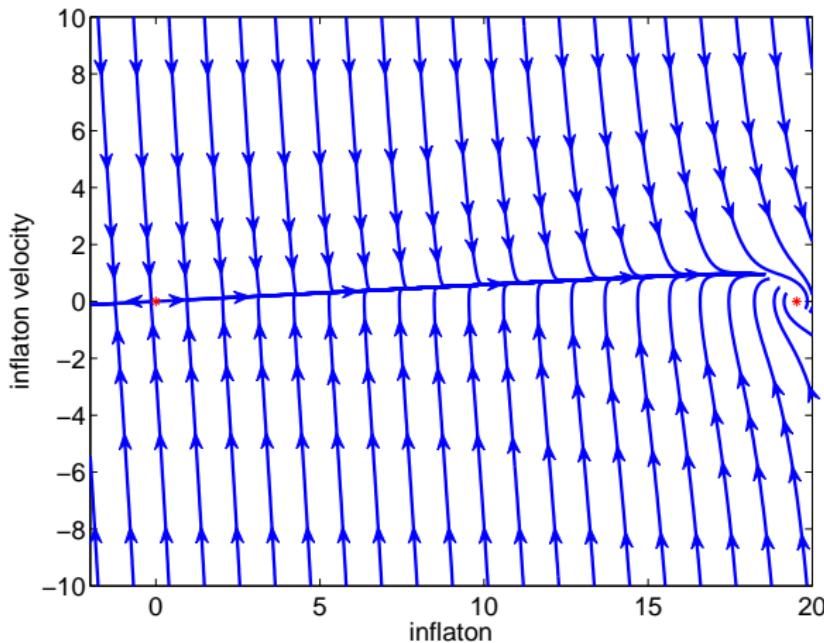


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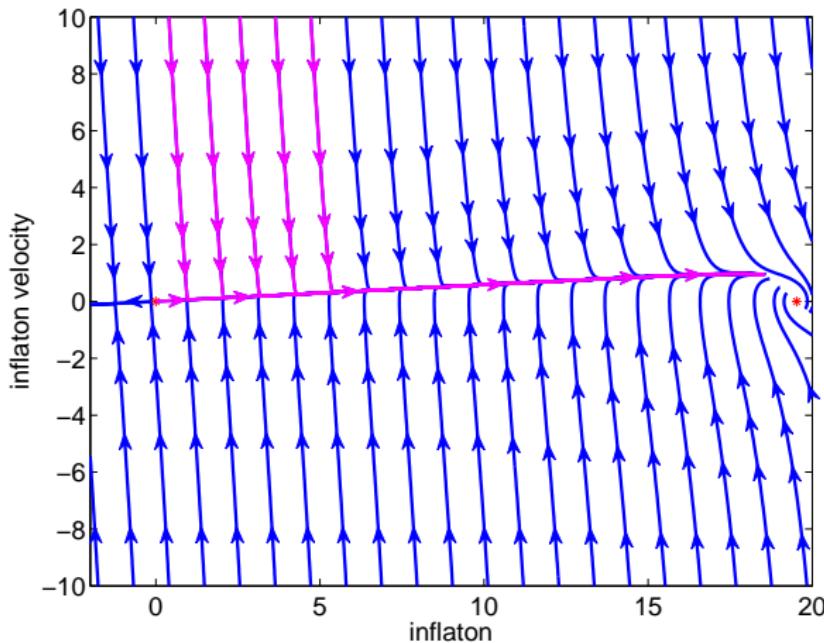
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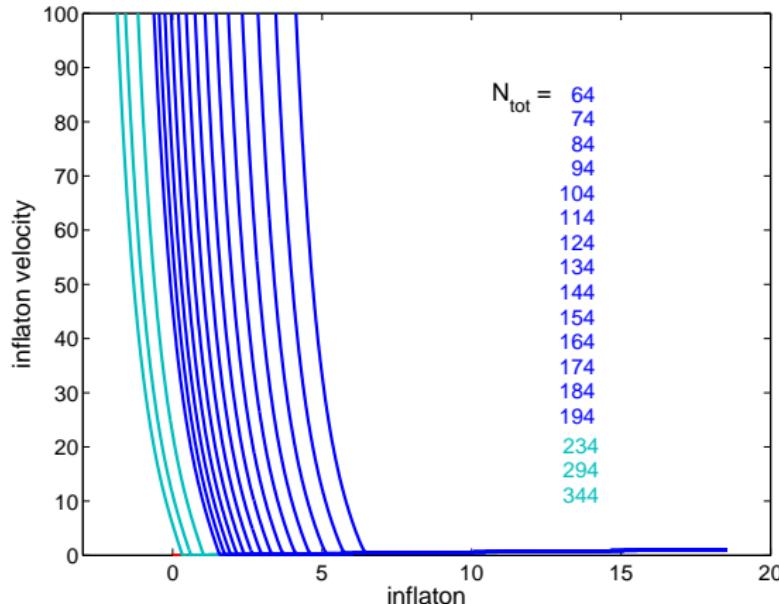
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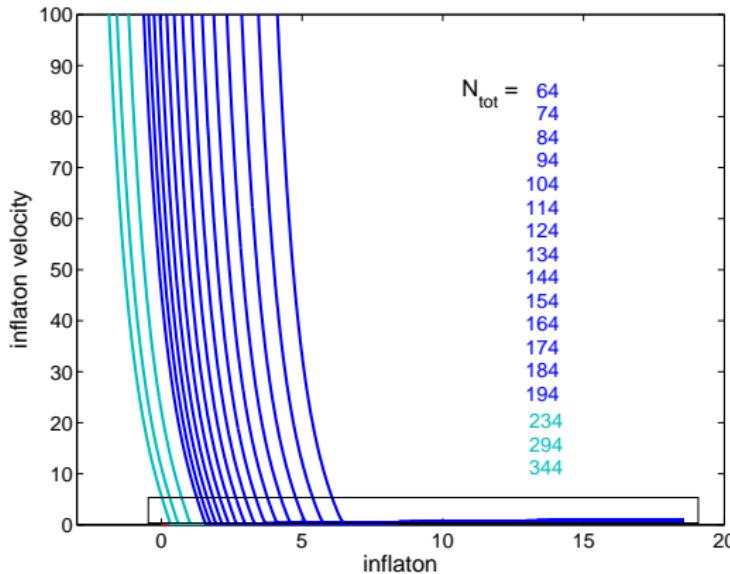
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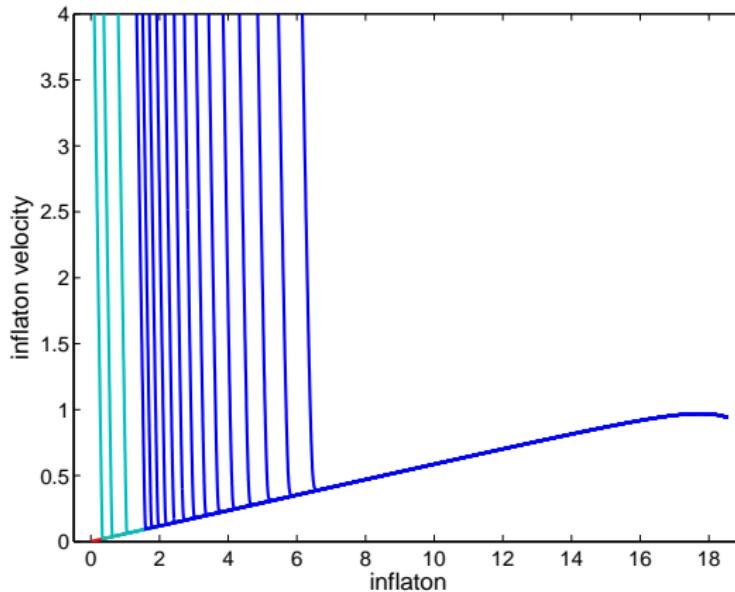
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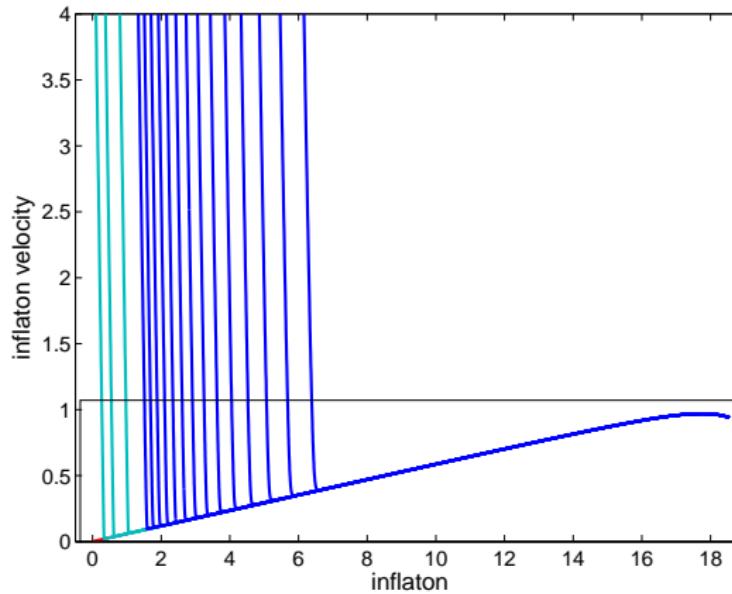
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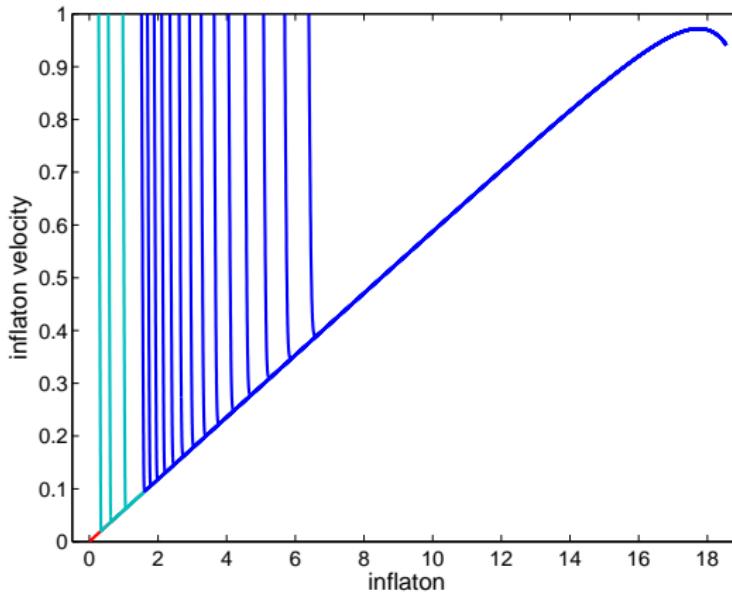
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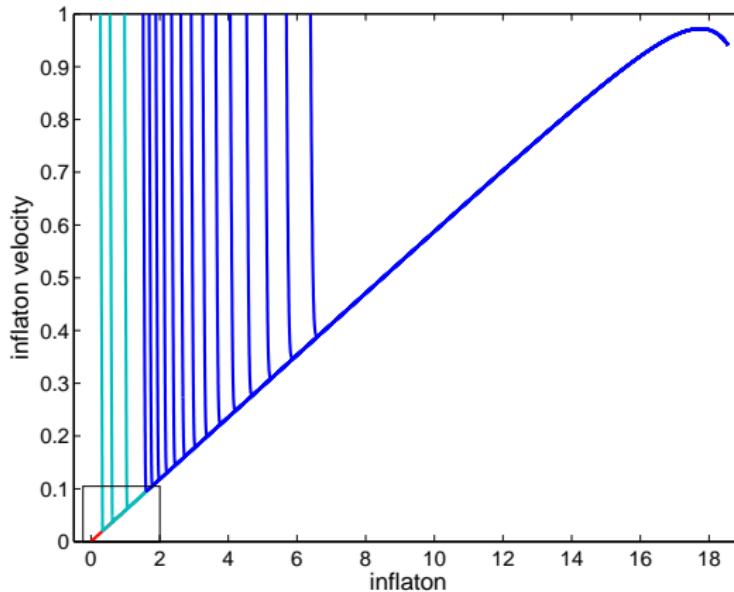
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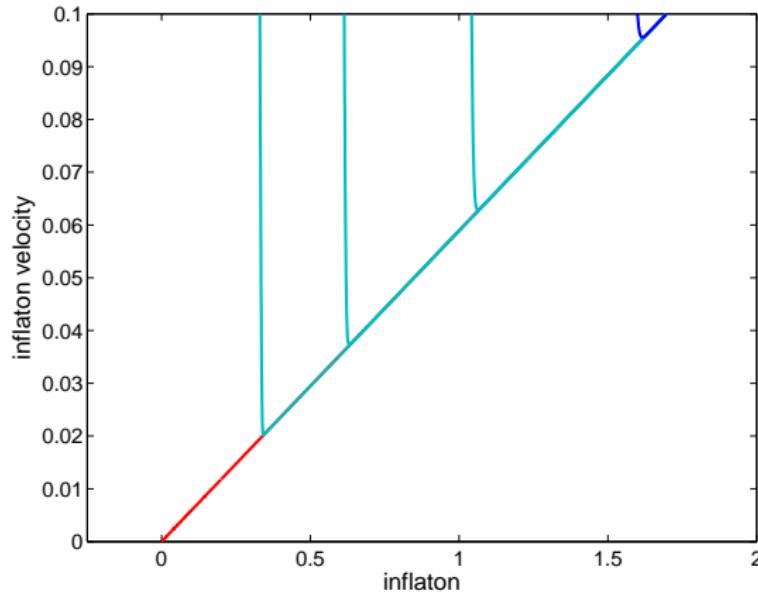
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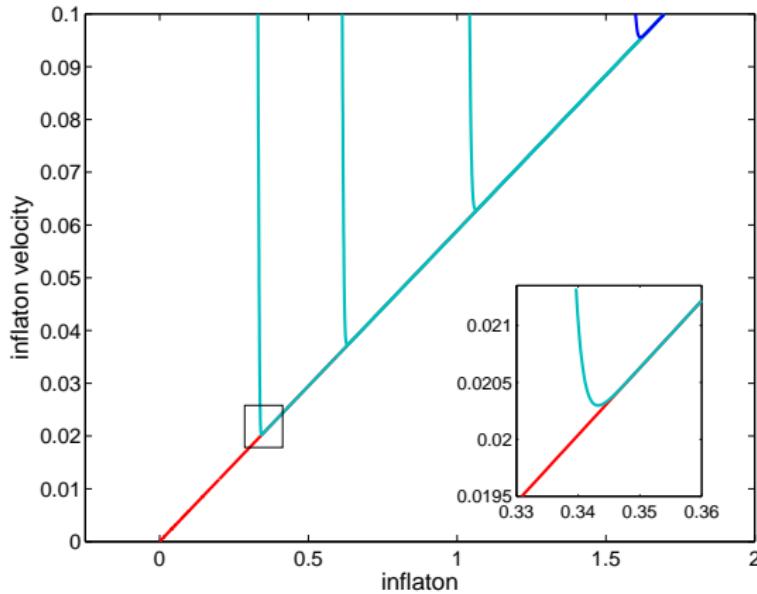
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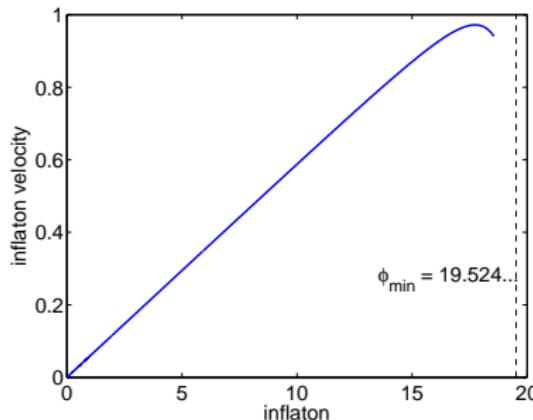


The extreme slow-roll solution (sort of half de Sitter)

$$\ddot{\phi} + 3h\dot{\phi} + \dot{\phi} = 0$$

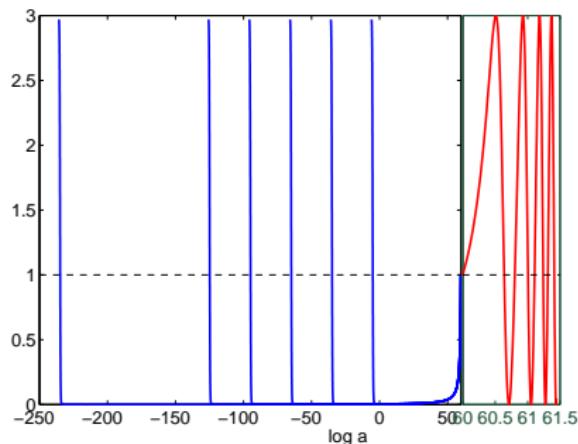
$$\phi \propto \exp(\alpha t), \quad t \rightarrow -\infty$$

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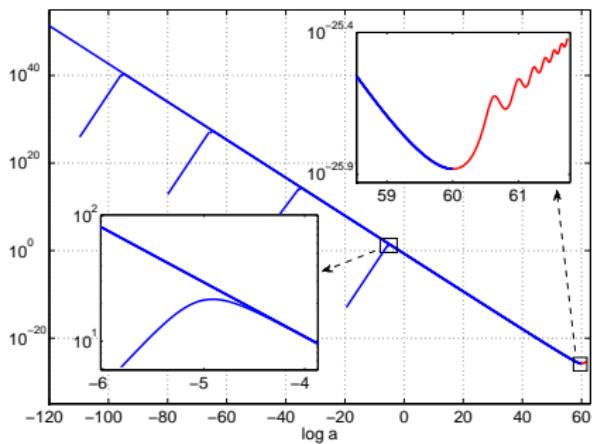


	start	$a = 1$	end: $\dot{a} = 0^+$
t	-344.9514017...	0	17.40482446...
ϕ	10^{-8}	6.7484118...	18.5586530...
$\dot{\phi}$	$\alpha 10^{-8} = 5.89371084... 10^{-10}$	0.3973384...	0.94150557...
$\log a$	-1938.4867948...	0	60
h	$(12g)^{-1/2} = 5.6361006...$	4.9653973...	0.6657449...
η	$-\infty$ (f.a.p.p)	-0.2020610...	0

$$\varepsilon_V = -\frac{\dot{h}}{h^2} = \frac{3\dot{\phi}^2}{\dot{\phi}^2 + 2V(\phi)}$$



comoving Hubble radius = $\frac{1}{ah}$



N_{slowroll}	63	93	123	153...	233
N_{fastroll}	0.917...	0.855...	0.819...	0.797...	0.773...

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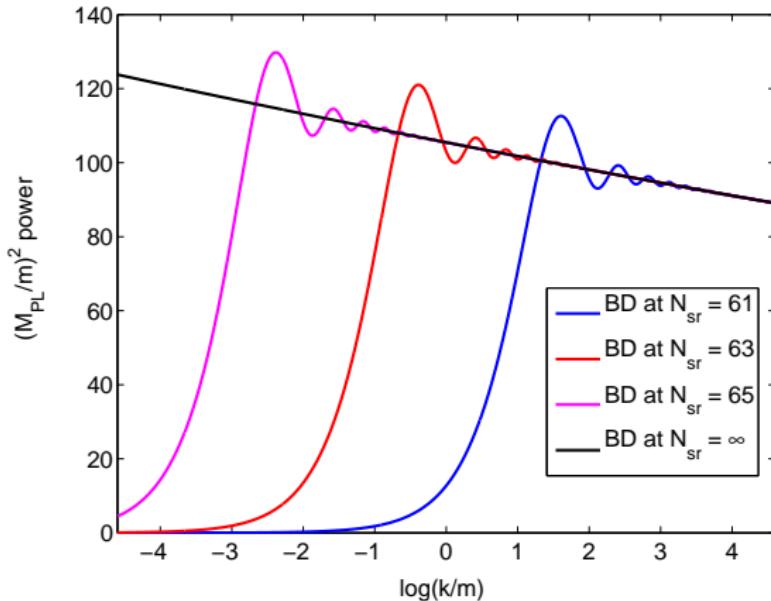
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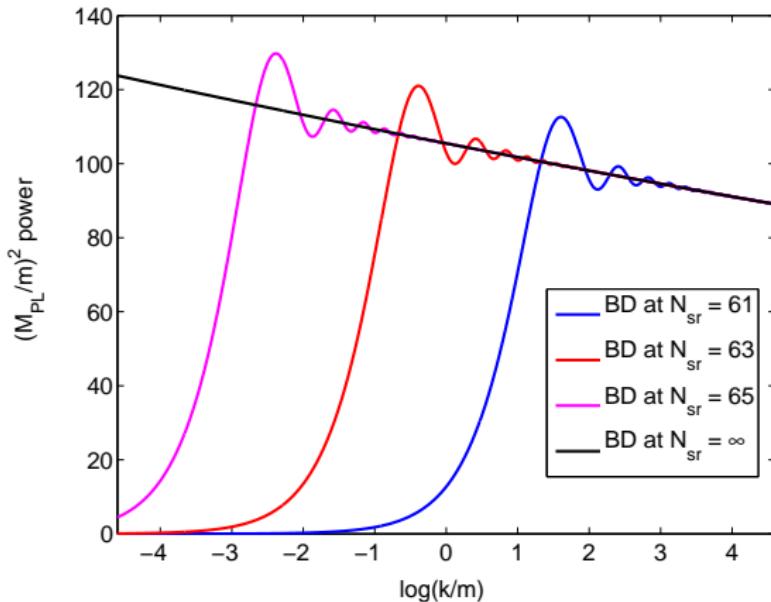
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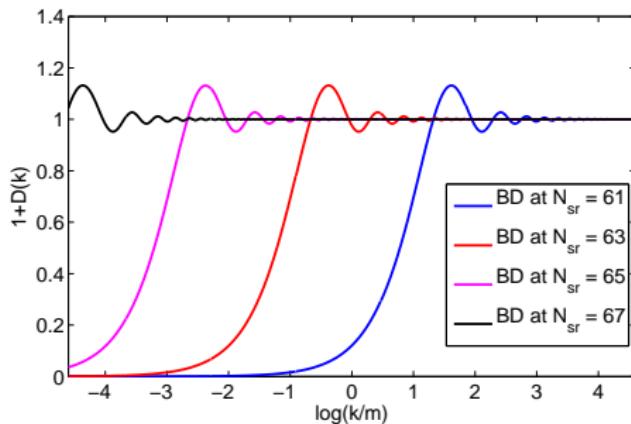
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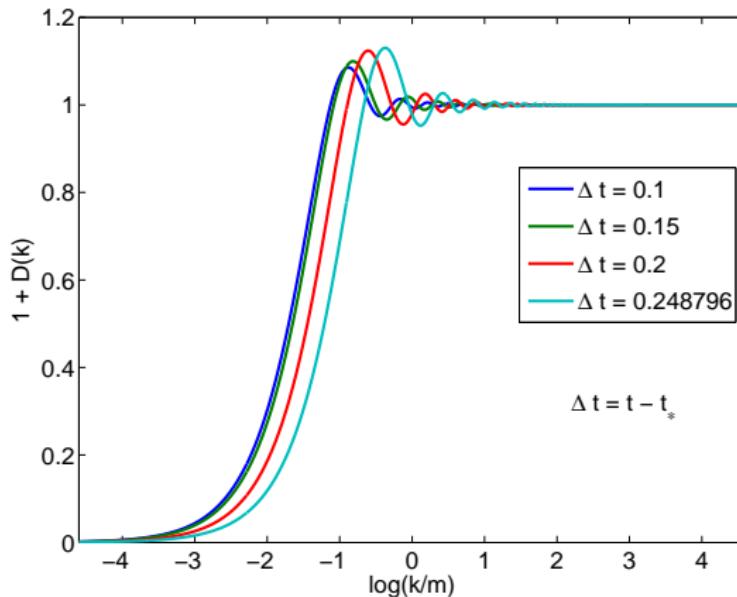
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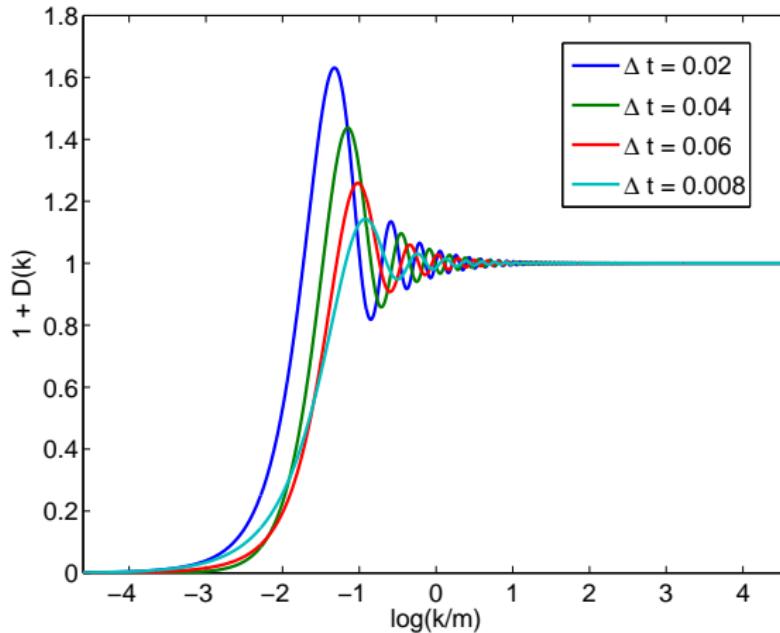
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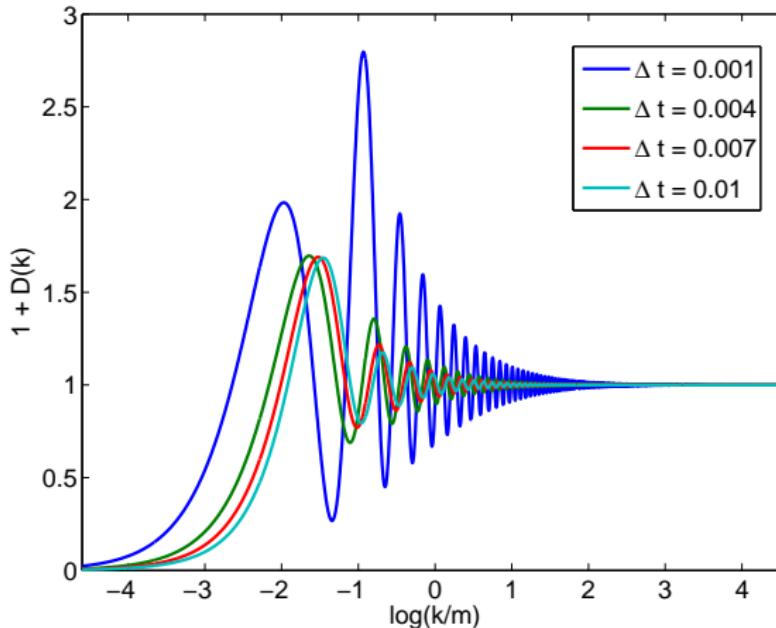
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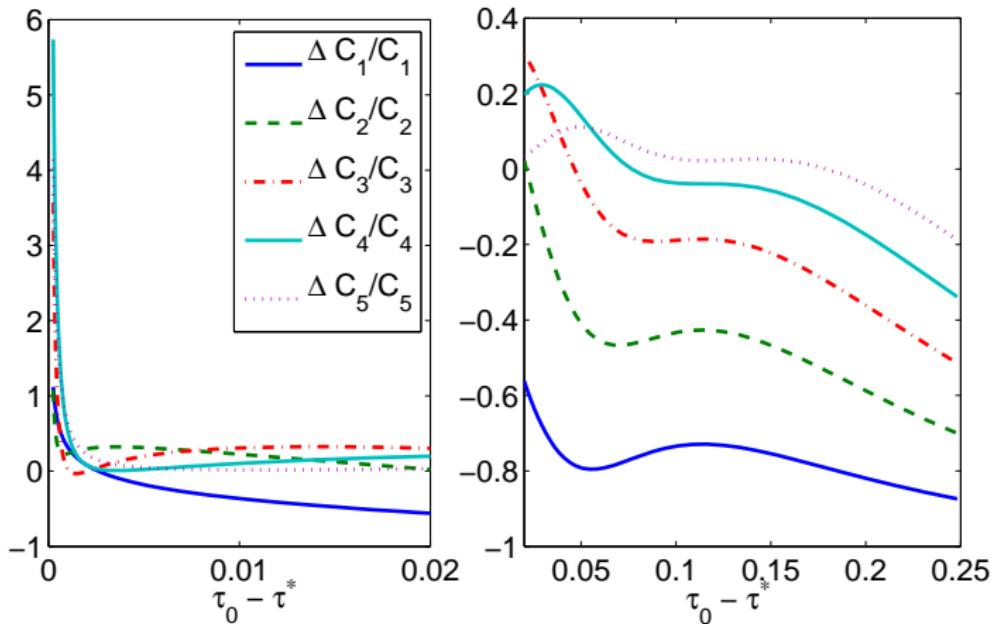
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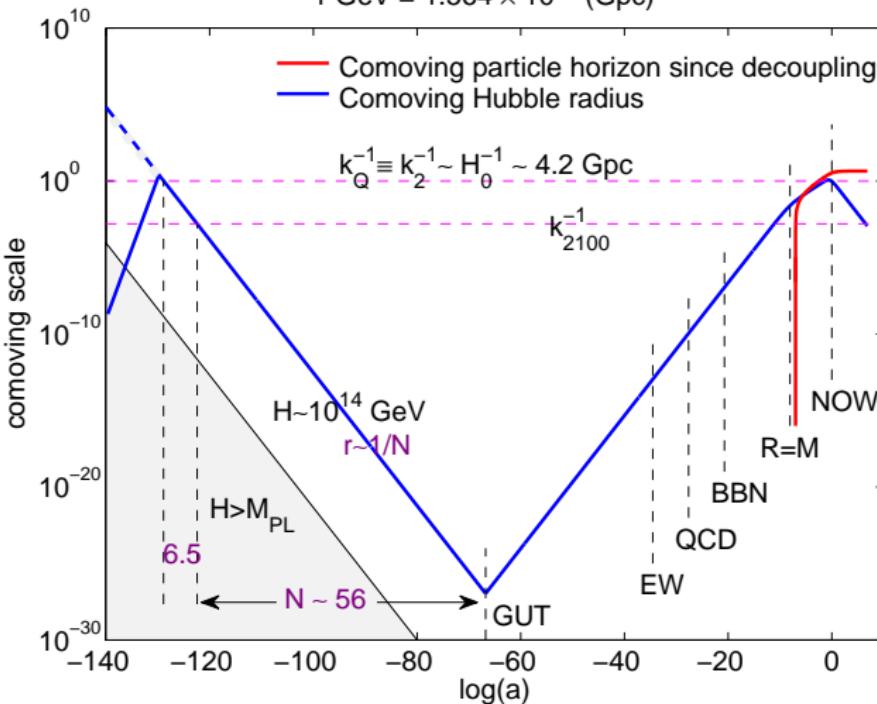


Basics with fast-roll

[units: $c = \hbar = 1$]

$$ds^2 = dt^2 - a(t)dx^2, \quad H = \dot{a}/a$$

$$1 \text{ GeV} = 1.564 \times 10^{41} (\text{Gpc})^{-1}$$



MD stage:

$$\frac{1}{aH} \sim \sqrt{a}$$

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$$\frac{1}{aH} \sim a$$

inflation:

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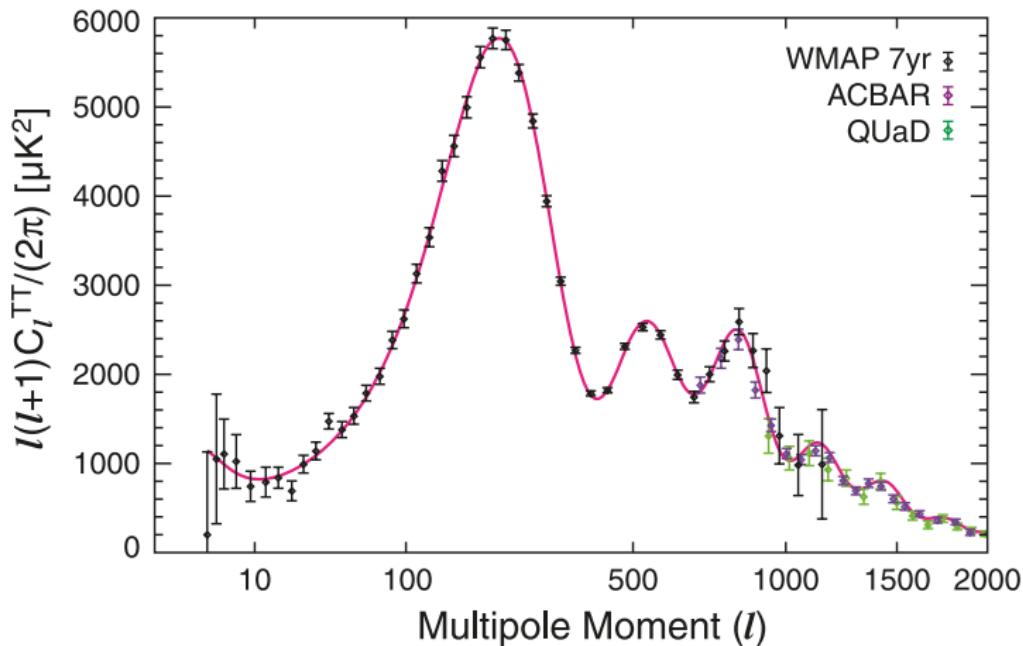
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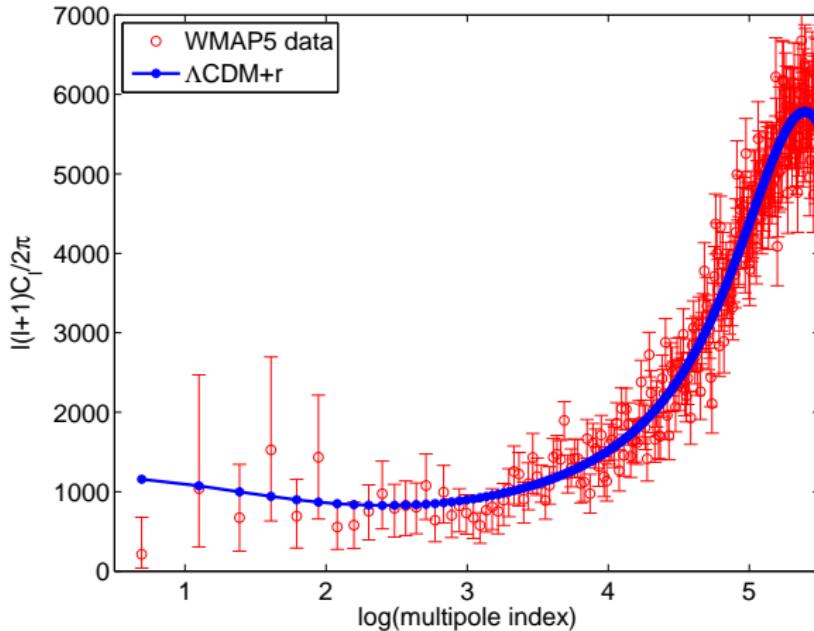
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from Komatsu, E., et.al., arXiv:1001.475 [astro-ph] 26 Jan 2010



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WMAP5 unbinned C_ℓ for $\ell \leq 250$ 

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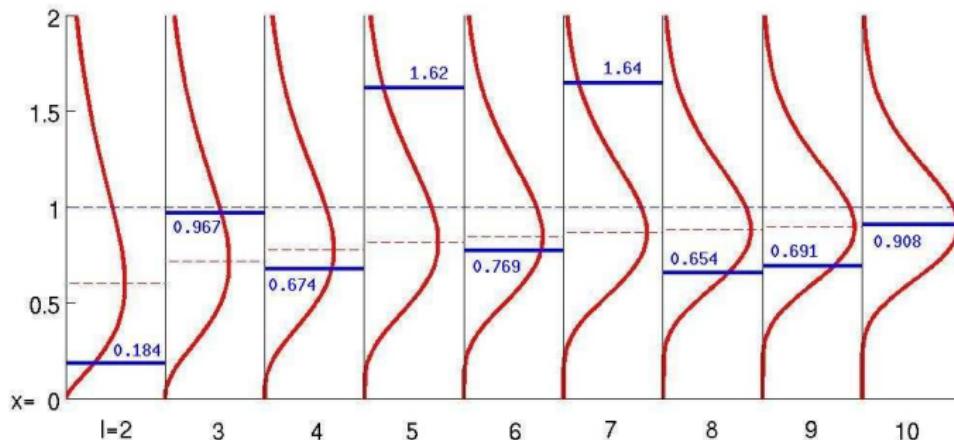
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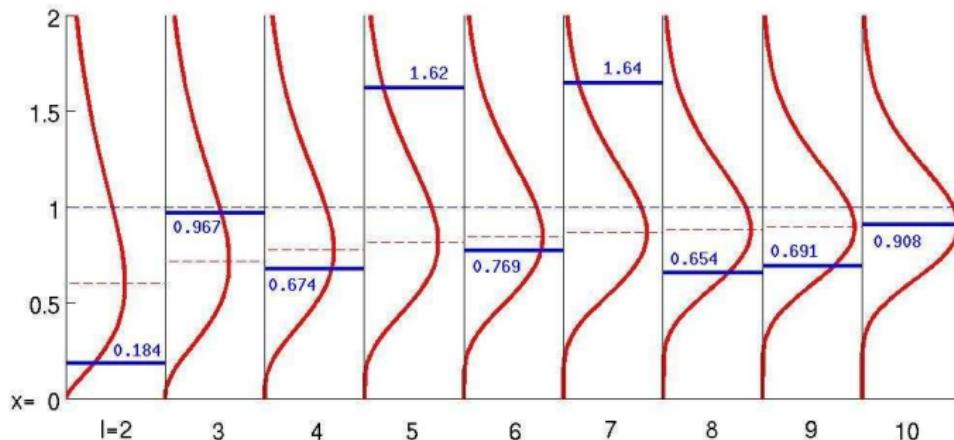
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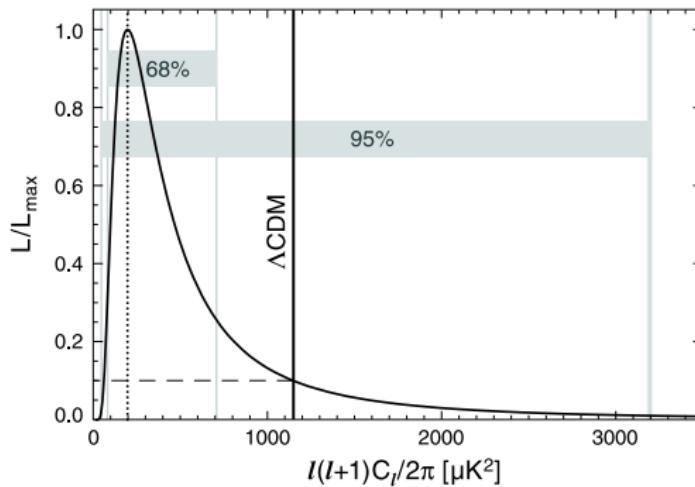
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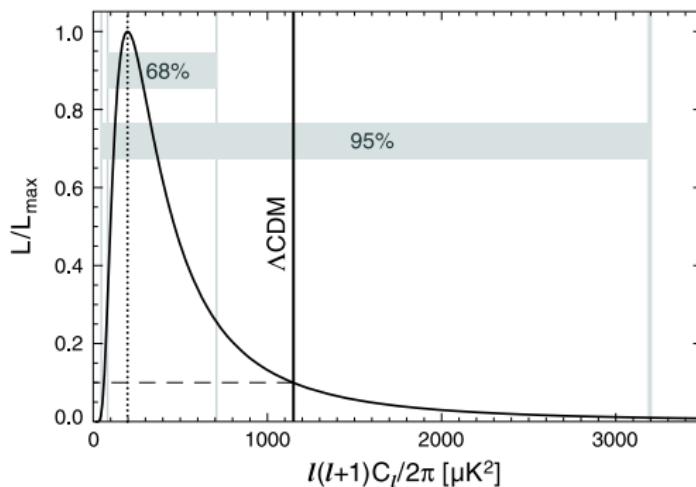
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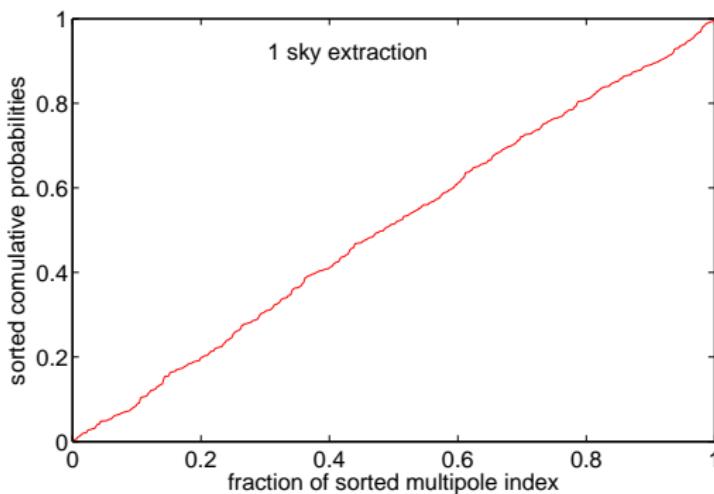
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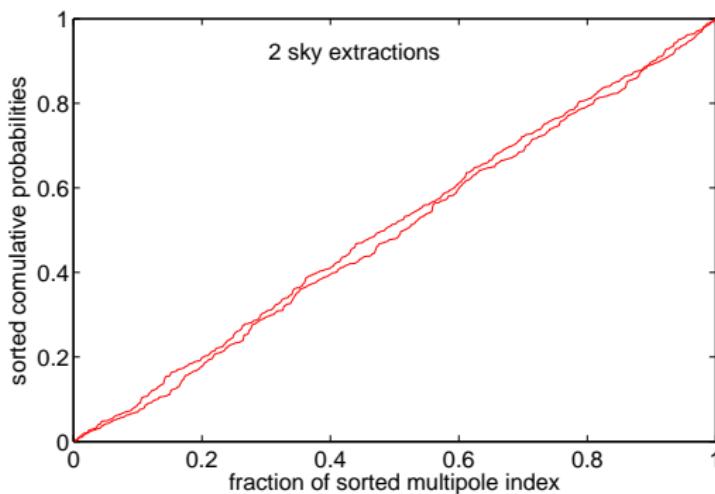


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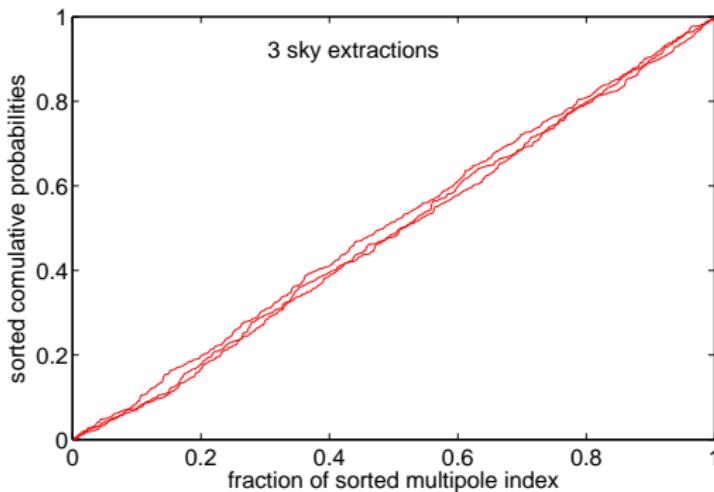


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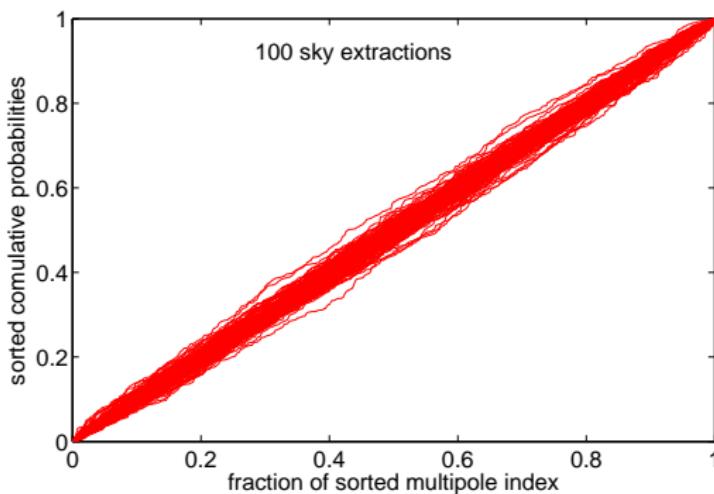


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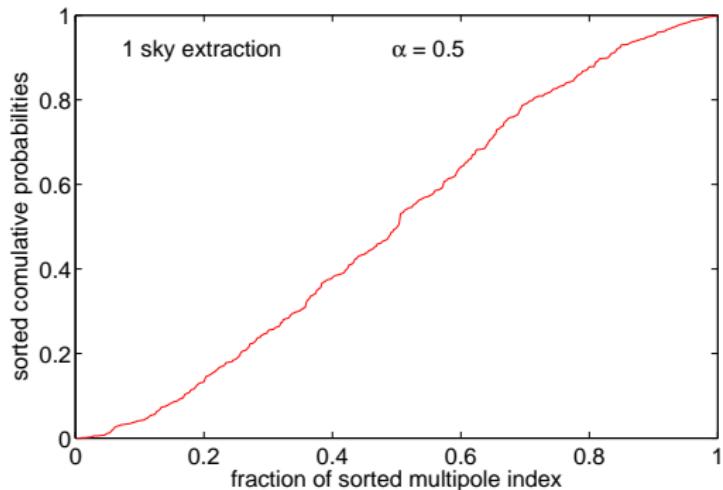
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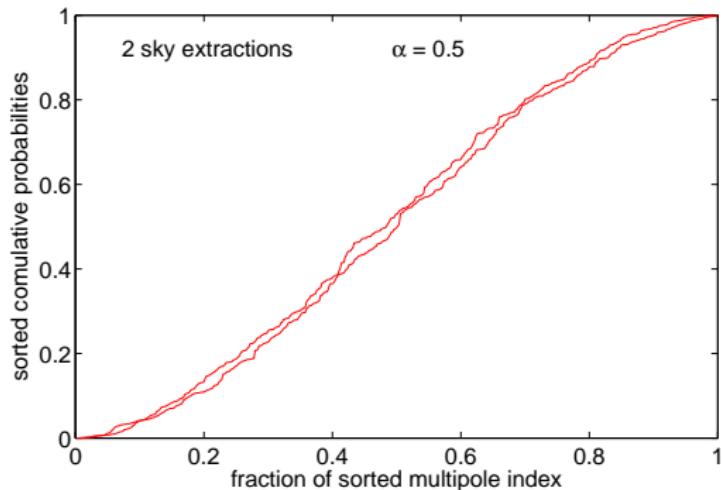


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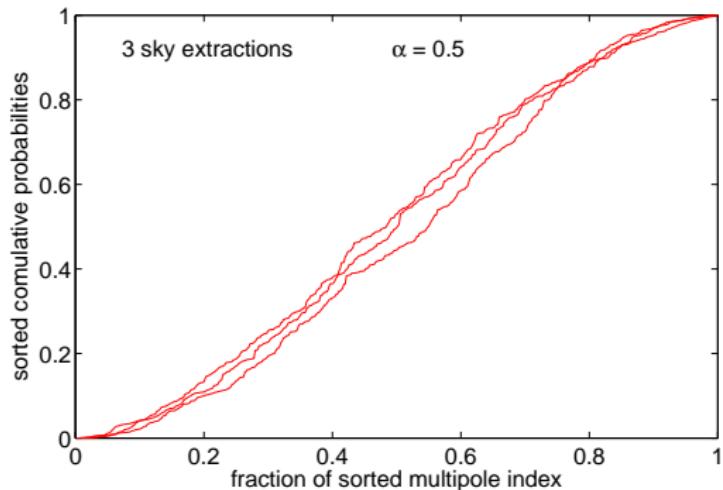
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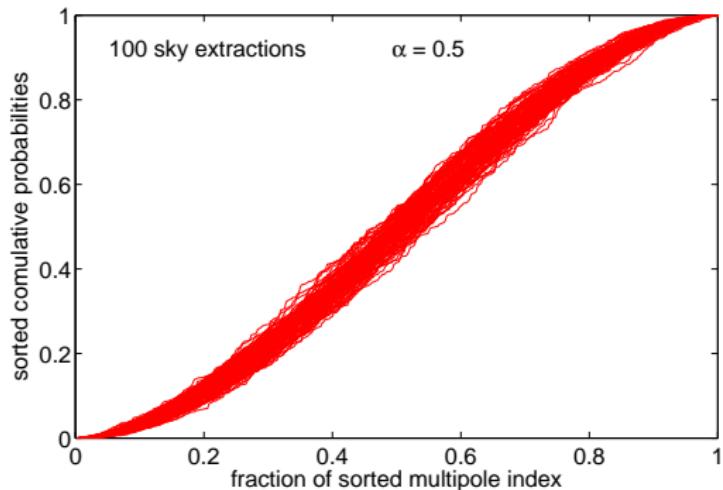
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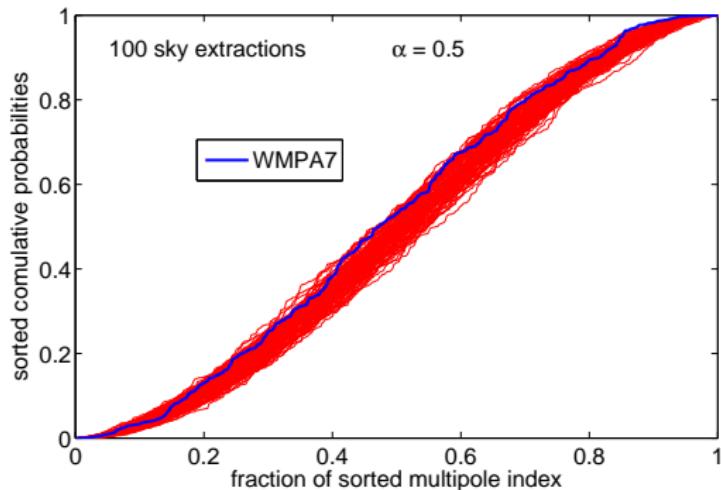
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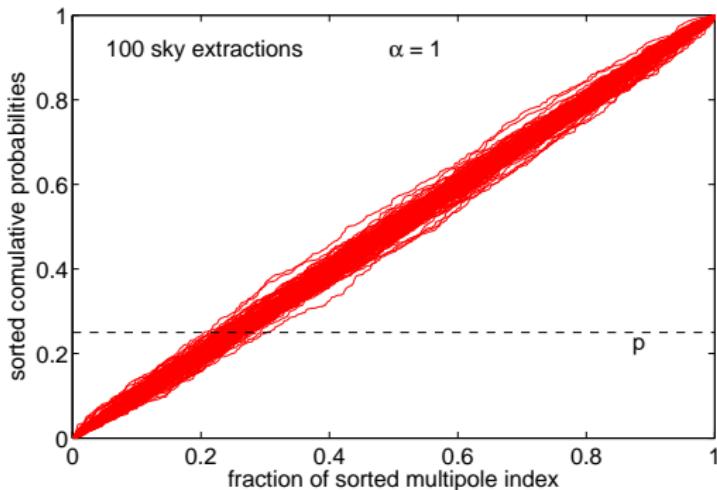
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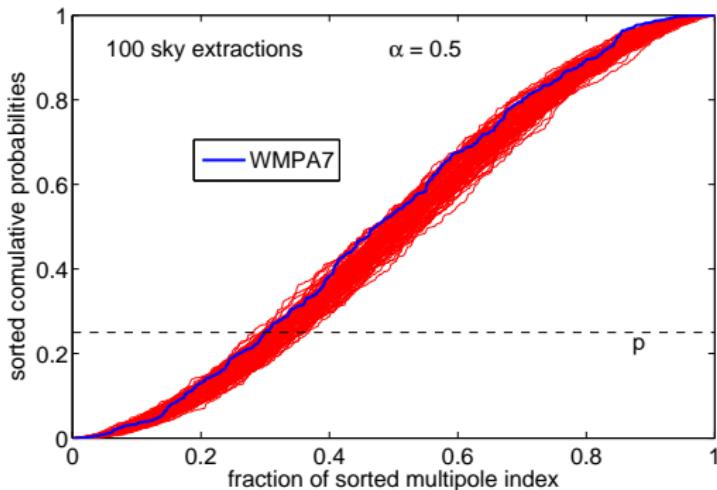
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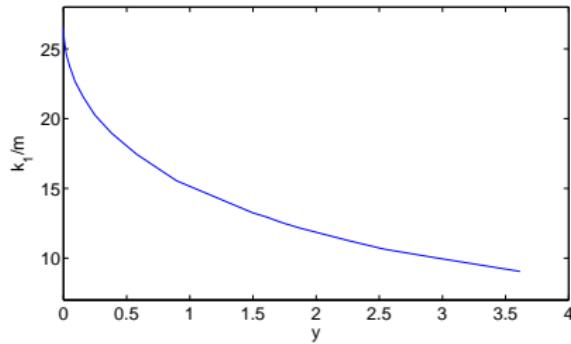
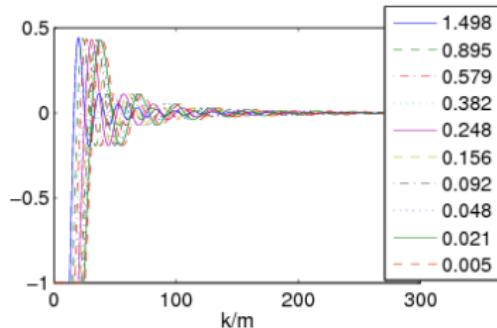
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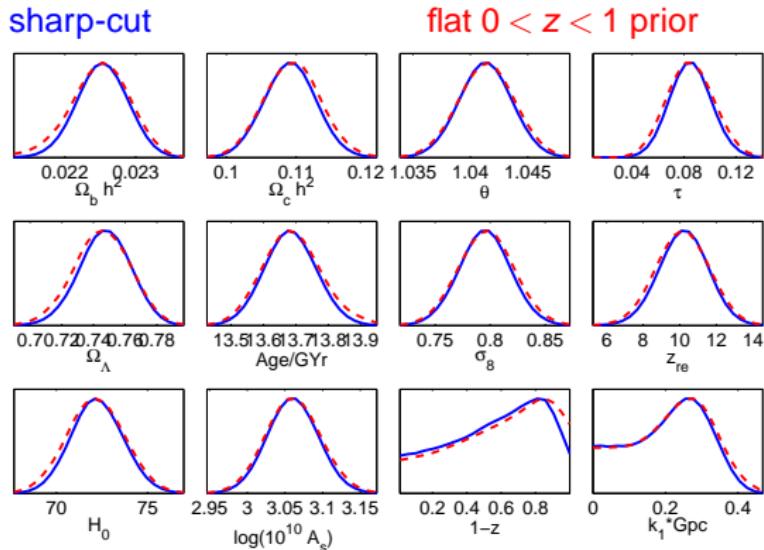
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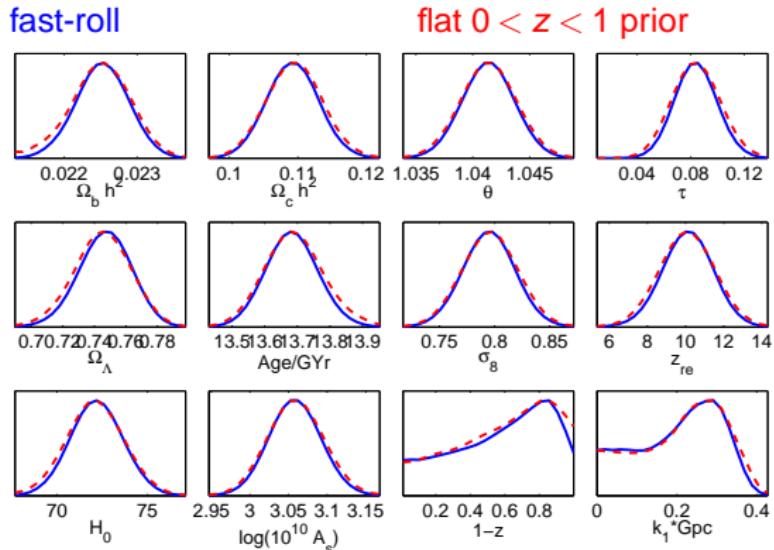
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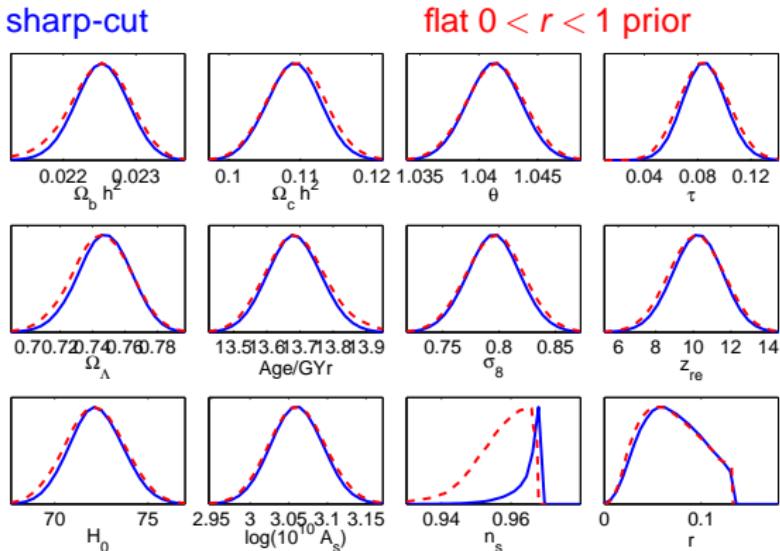
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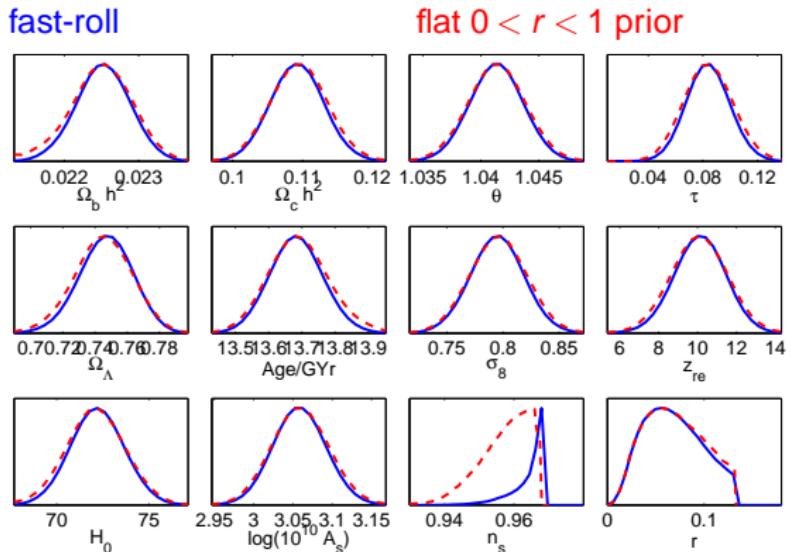
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