



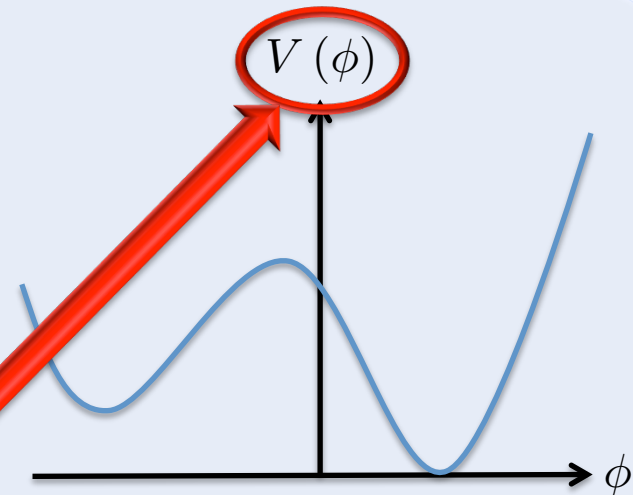
# Cosmological Inflation

- Is a high energy phase of accelerated expansion in the early Universe  $\ddot{a} > 0$
- Solves the Hot Big Bang horizon and flatness problems  $c^2 t^2 \gg a^2(t) \gg \ell_{\text{hor}}^2$
- Can be implemented with a single scalar field

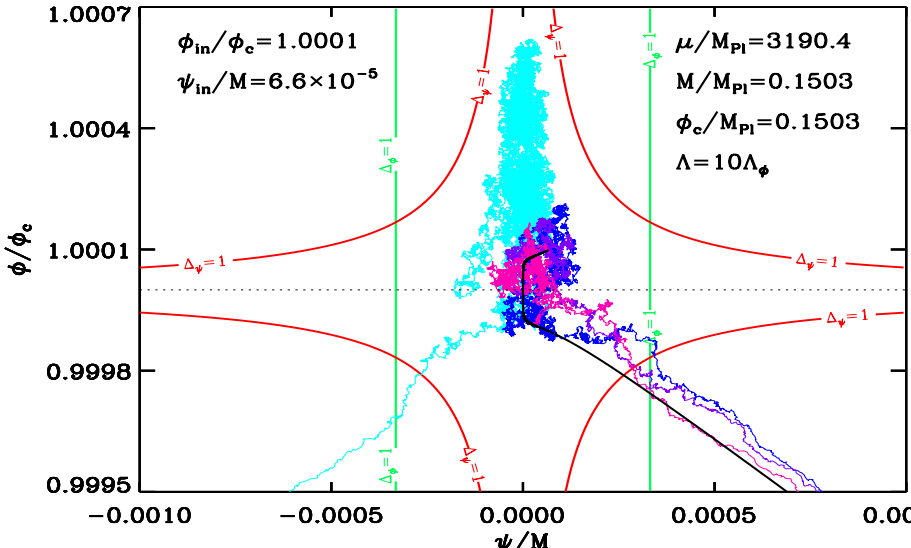

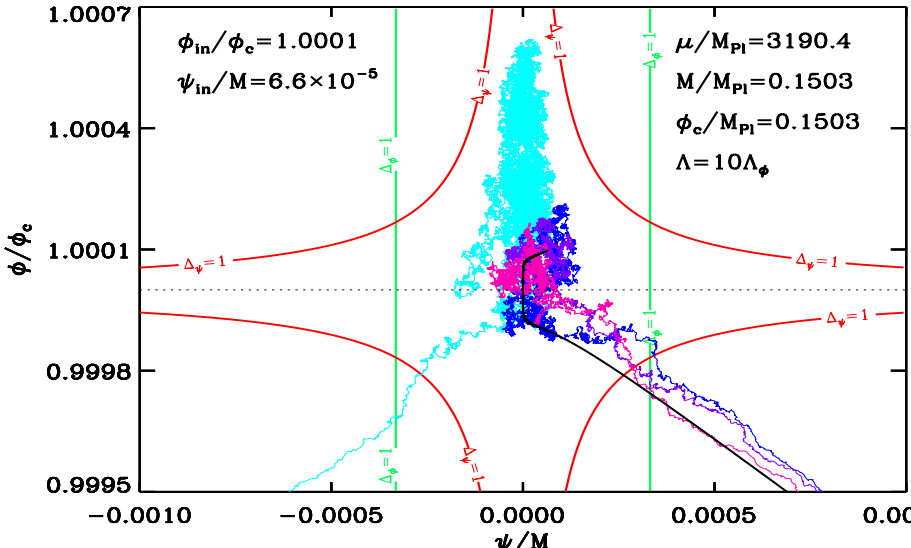

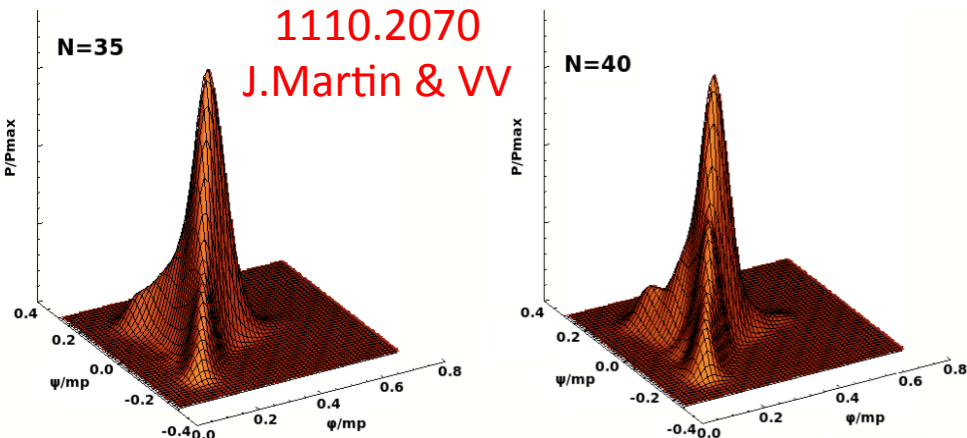

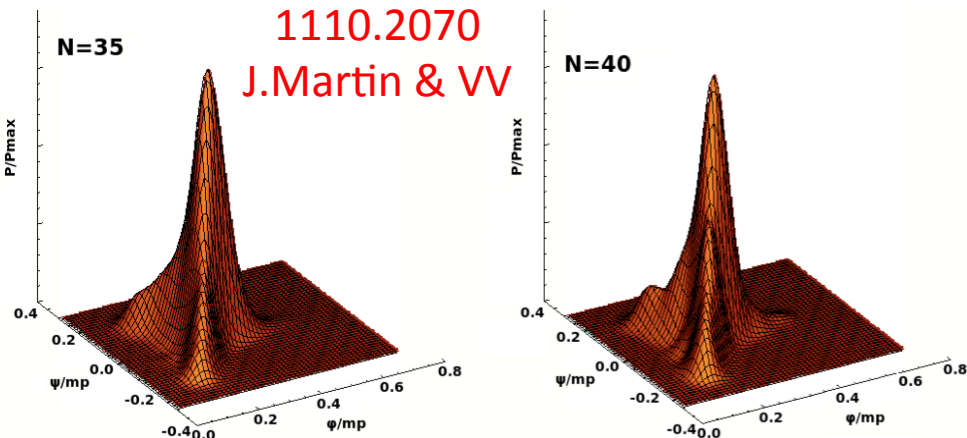

$$S = - \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi + V(\phi) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \rho = \frac{1}{2} (\dot{\phi})^2 + V(\phi) \\ p = \frac{1}{2} (\dot{\phi})^2 - V(\phi) \end{cases}$$

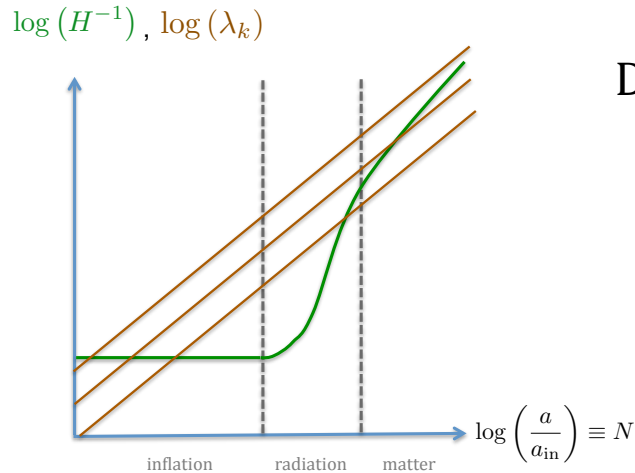
$$\ddot{a}/a = -\frac{1}{6M_{\text{P}}^2} (\rho + 3p) \quad \Longrightarrow \quad V(\phi) \gg \dot{\phi}^2$$



- Combined with QM, accounts for an almost scale invariant power spectrum

<div style="text-align: center;"><b>Observables</b></div> <div style="text-align: center;"><b>Physical Models</b></div>	Regular Single Field	Single Field with Features	Single Field Non-canonical K-term	Multiple Field	...	
scalar power spectrum $n_s \sim 1$ $\alpha_s \sim 0$	 <p> <math>\phi_{in}/\phi_c = 1.0001</math>  <math>\psi_{in}/M = 6.6 \times 10^{-5}</math>  <math>\mu/M_{Pl} = 3190.4</math>  <math>M/M_{Pl} = 0.1503</math>  <math>\phi_c/M_{Pl} = 0.1503</math>  <math>\Lambda = 10\Lambda_\phi</math> </p>					...
entropic & adiabatic perturbations $\mathcal{I} \ll \mathcal{R}$						...
gravity waves $r < 1$	 <p style="text-align: center;"> <span style="color: red;">1110.2070</span>  <span style="color: red;">J.Martin &amp; VV</span> </p>					...
non gaussianities $f_{nl}^{local} \lesssim 1$						...

# Slow-Roll Approximation



During inflation,  $H$  is almost constant

$$\epsilon_0 = \frac{H_{\text{in}}}{H} \simeq \text{constant}$$

Slow-Roll hierarchy: 
$$\epsilon_{n+1} = \frac{1}{\epsilon_n} \frac{d\epsilon_n}{dN}$$

Friedman equation:  $3M_{\text{Pl}}^2 H^2 = V + \dot{\phi}^2/2$

$$\Rightarrow \epsilon_1 = 3 \frac{\dot{\phi}^2 / (2V)}{1 + \dot{\phi}^2 / (2V)} \ll 1$$

Klein Gordon equation:  $\ddot{\phi} + 3H\dot{\phi} + V_\phi = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{\phi}^2 / V \ll 1 \quad \text{« slow roll »}$$

$$\epsilon_1 \simeq \frac{1}{2M_{\text{Pl}}^2} \left( \frac{V_\phi}{V} \right)^2$$

$$\epsilon_2 \simeq \frac{2}{M_{\text{Pl}}^2} \left[ \left( \frac{V_\phi}{V} \right)^2 - \frac{V_{\phi\phi}}{V} \right]$$

$$\epsilon_3 \simeq \text{etc...}$$

# Scalar Power Spectrum

Cosmological Fluctuations:

- are combined gauge invariant perturbations of the metric and of the inflaton field  $v$
- are the seeds of temperature anisotropies in the CMB  $v \propto \frac{\delta T}{T}$
- Follow a parametric amplifying equation of motion

$$v''_{\mathbf{k}} + \left[ k^2 - \frac{(a\sqrt{\epsilon_1})''}{a\sqrt{\epsilon_1}} \right] v_{\mathbf{k}} = 0$$

Power Spectrum:

$$P_v(k) = \frac{k^3}{2\pi^2} \langle \hat{v}_k^2 \rangle$$

$$= \frac{a^2 H^2}{8\pi^2 M_{\text{Pl}}^2 \epsilon_{1\Diamond}} \left[ 1 - (2\epsilon_{1\Diamond} + \epsilon_{2\Diamond} + \dots) \ln \frac{k}{k_\Diamond} + \left( 2\epsilon_{1\Diamond}^2 + \epsilon_{1\Diamond}\epsilon_{2\Diamond} + \frac{\epsilon_{2\Diamond}^2}{2} - \frac{\epsilon_{2\Diamond}\epsilon_{3\Diamond}}{2} + \dots \right) \ln^2 \frac{k}{k_\Diamond} + \dots \right]$$

Spectral index  $n_S = \left. \frac{d \ln P}{d \ln k} \right|_{k_*}$

$$n_S^{\text{Planck}} \sim 0.96$$

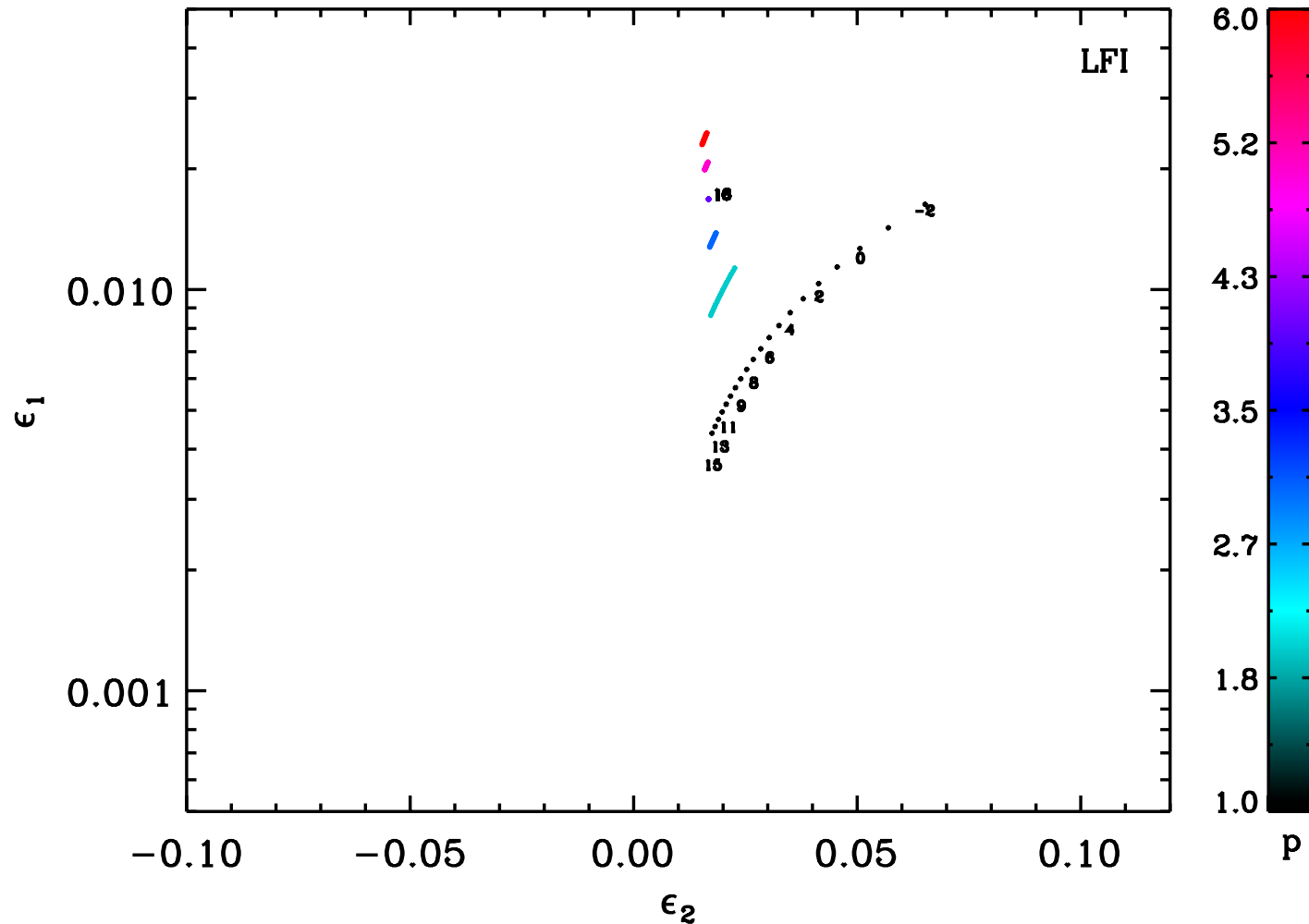
Gravity waves:

$$r = \frac{P_h(k_\Diamond)}{P_v(k_\Diamond)} = 16\epsilon_{1\Diamond} + \dots$$

# Confronting Models with Data

An example: « large field inflation »

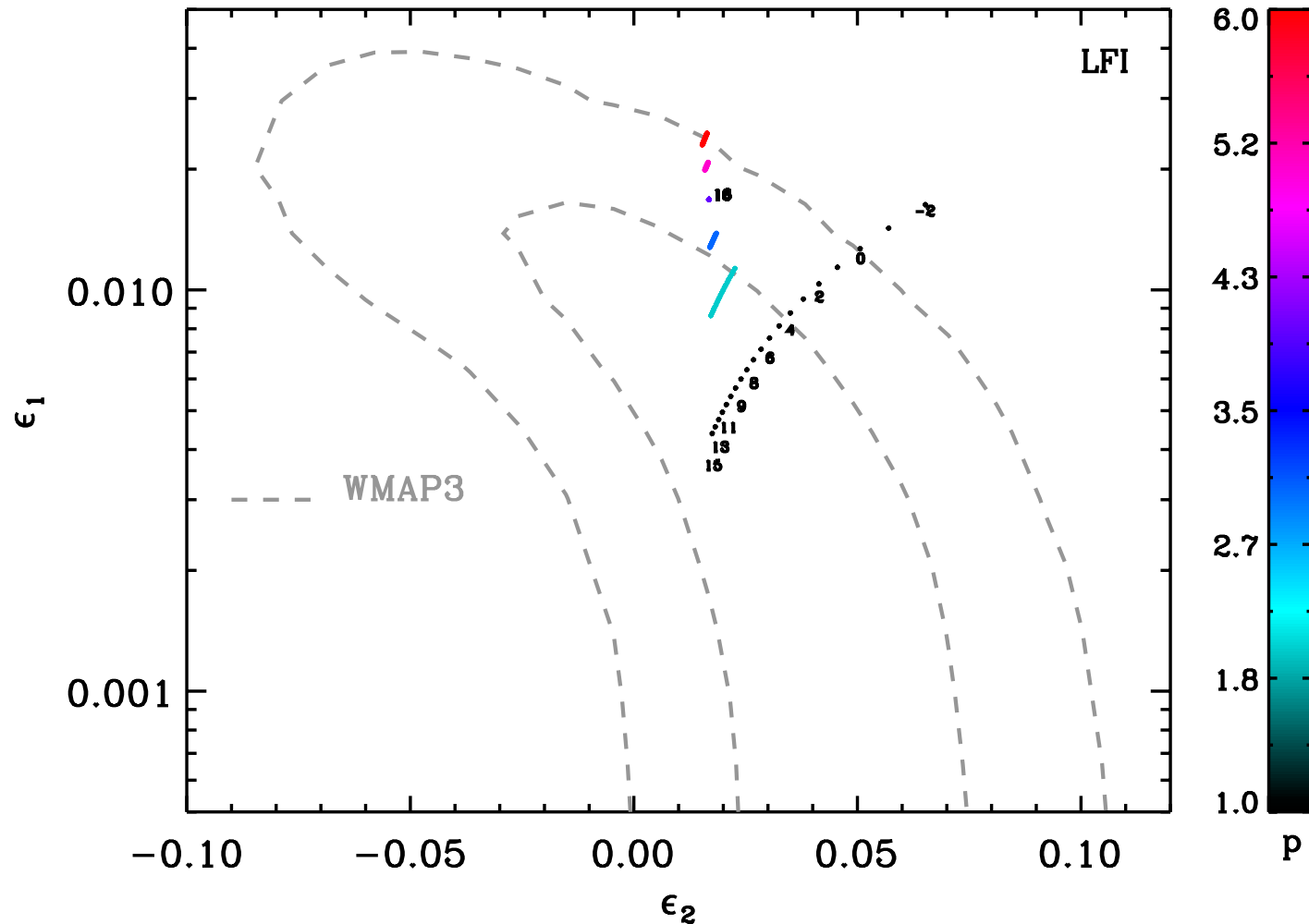
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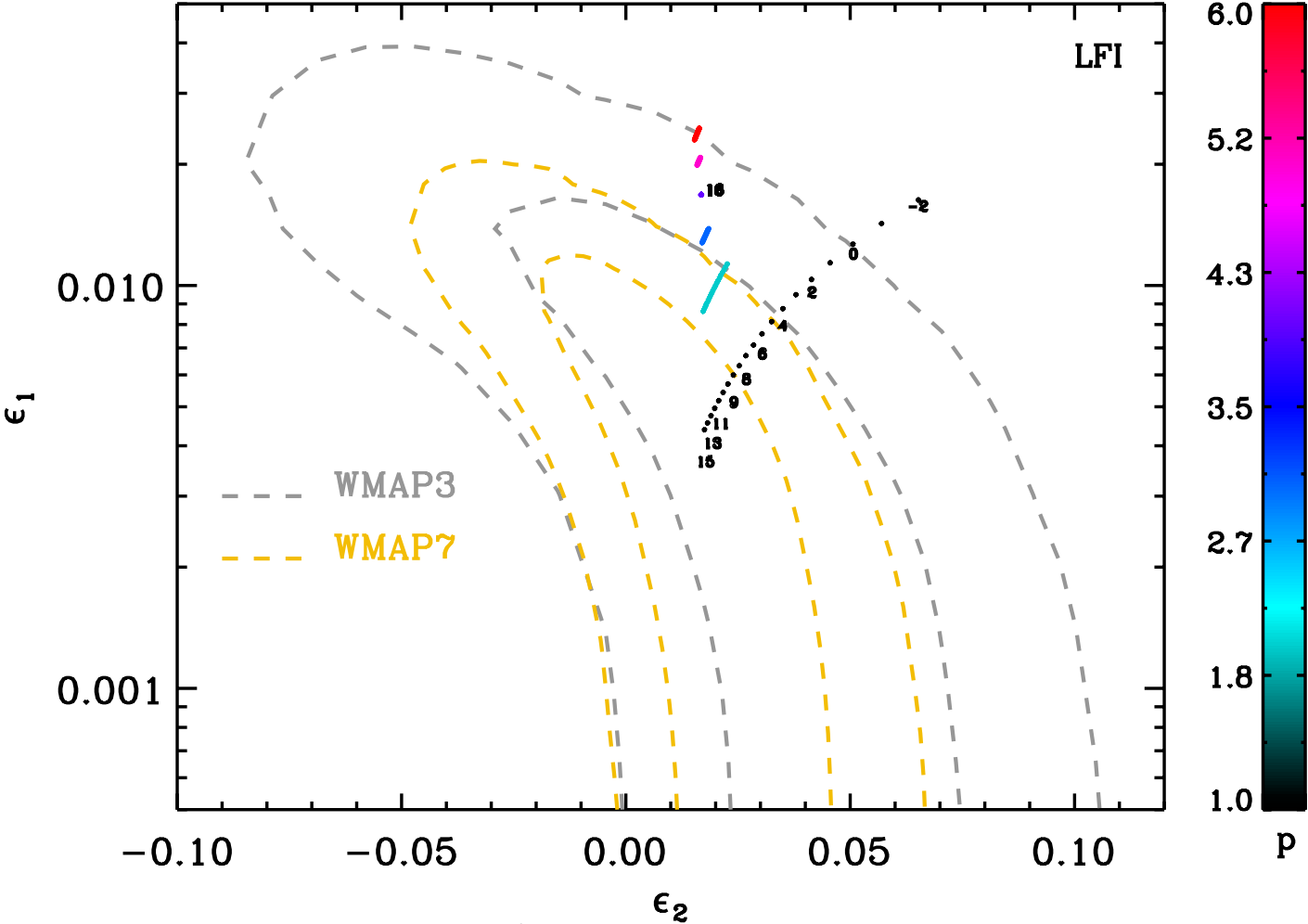
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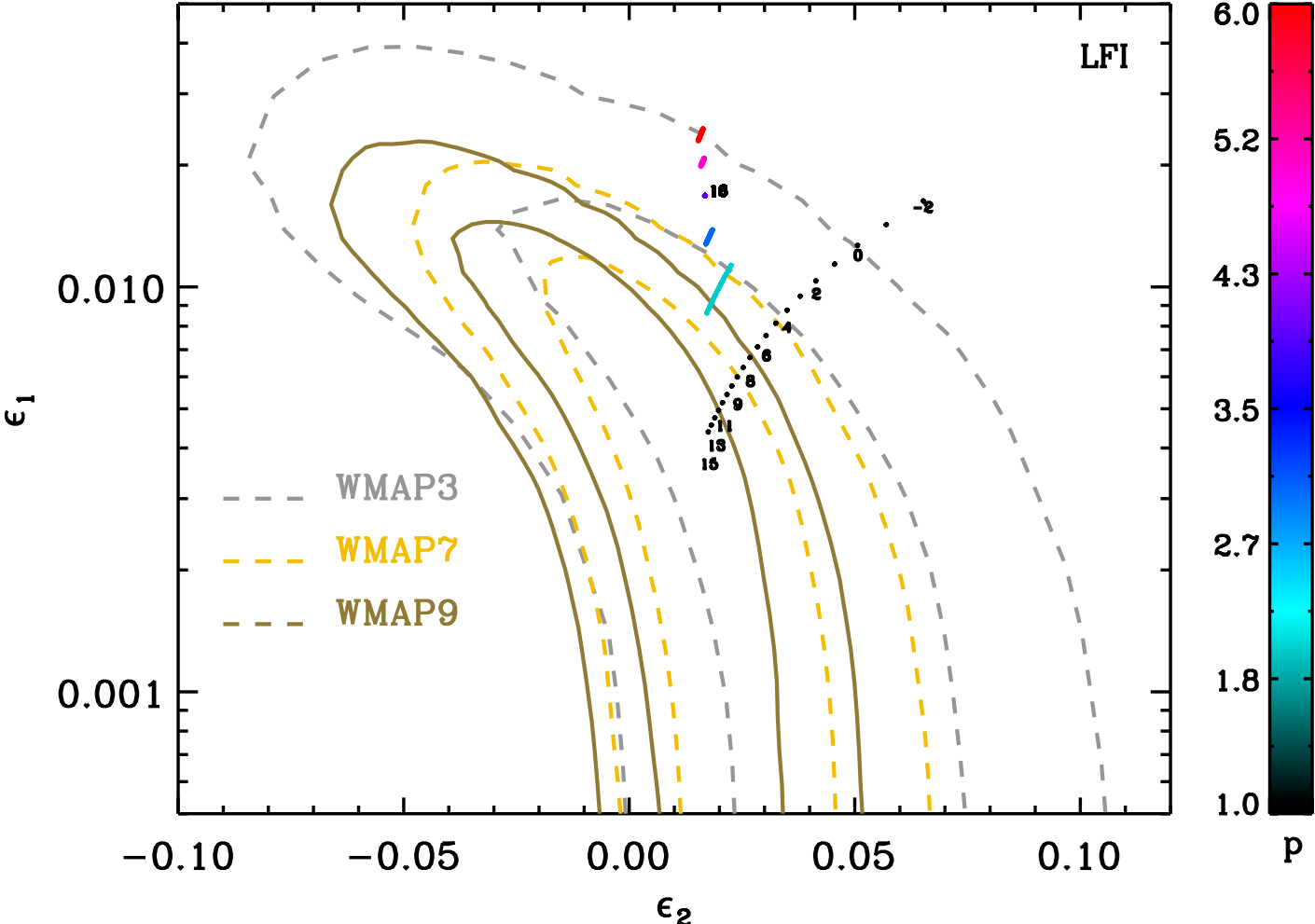




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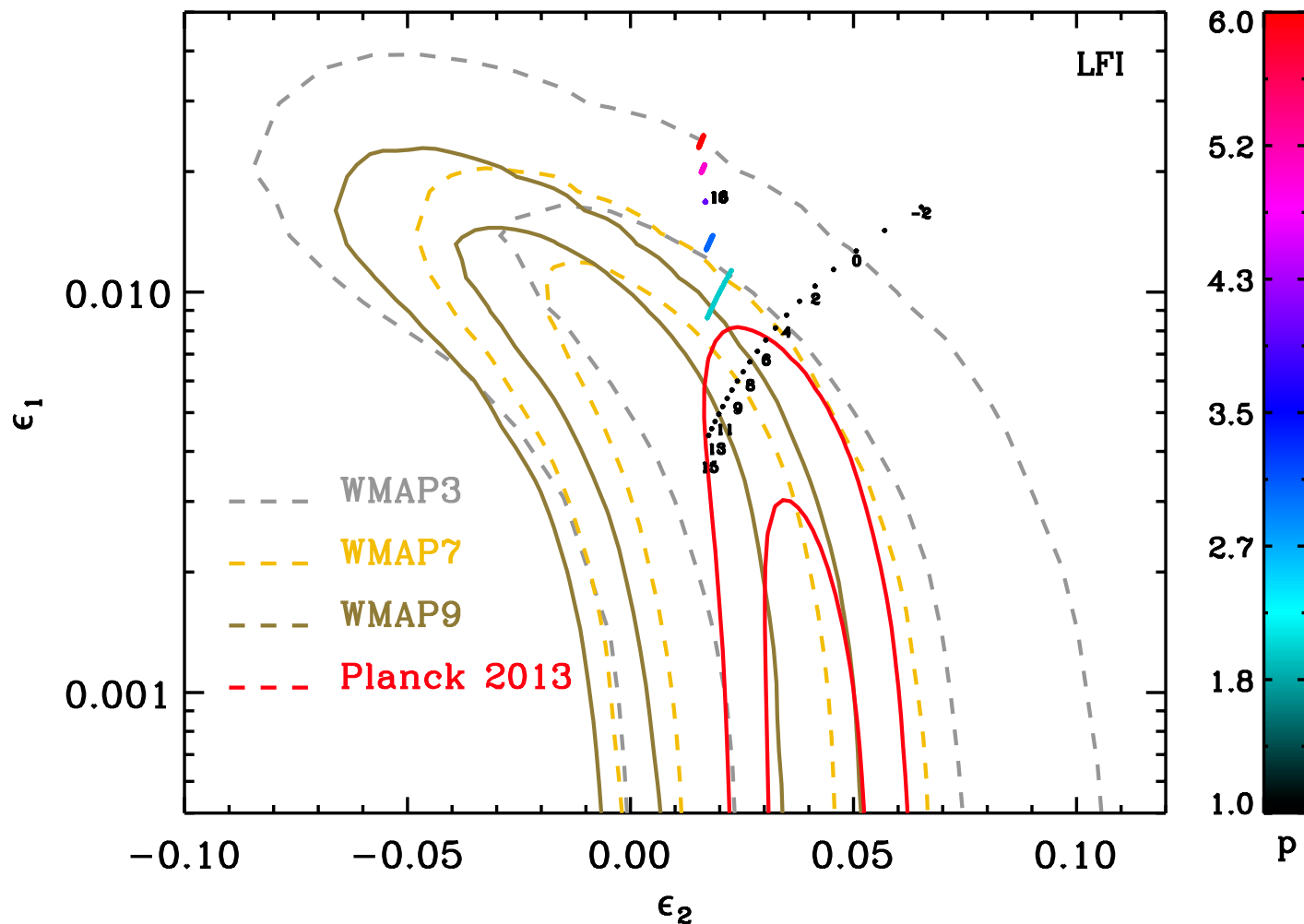
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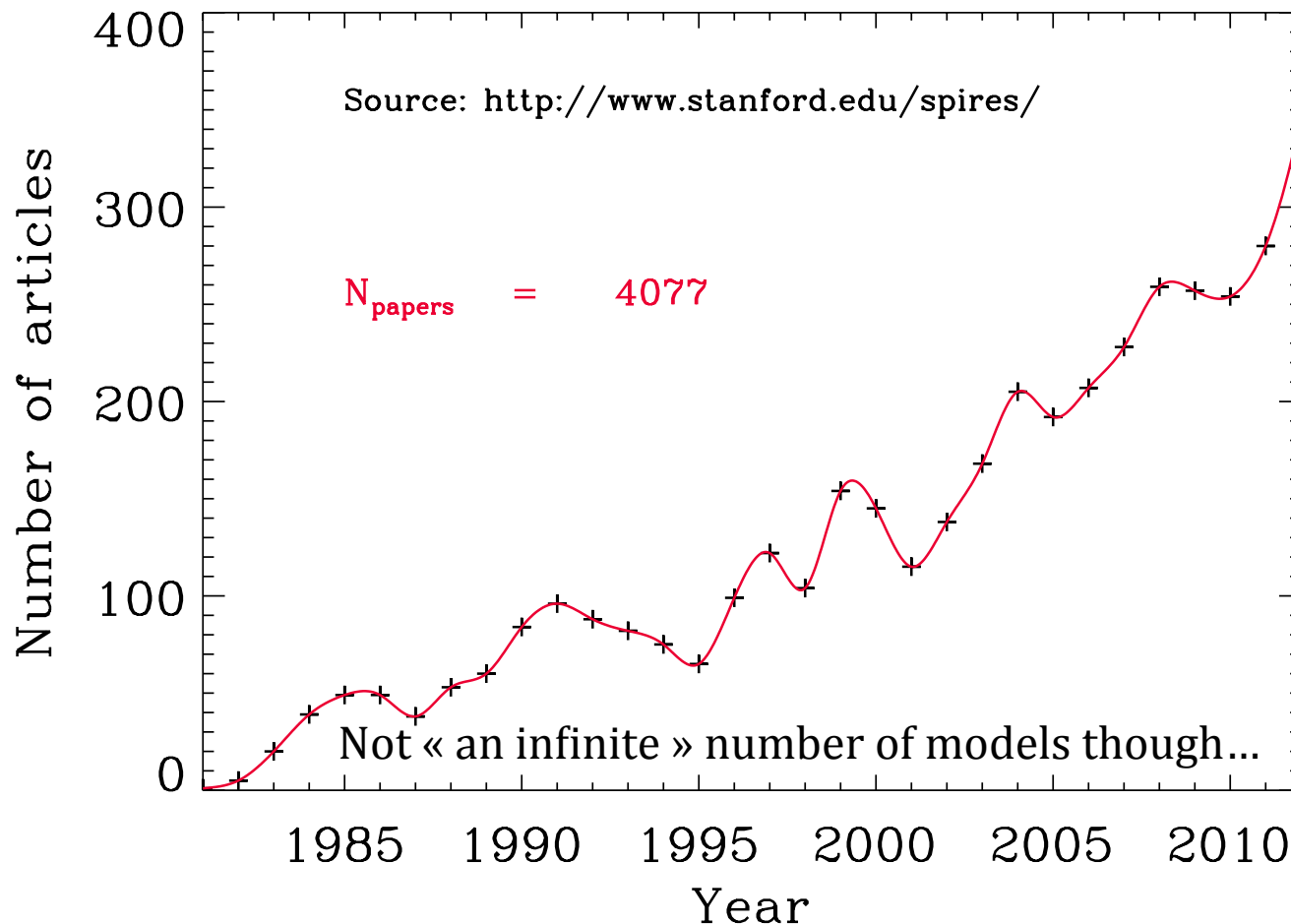
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Repeat the analysis  
for all single field, canonical k,  
model?



Which models? How many of them?



# Proliferation of inflationary models<sup>1</sup>

5-dimensional assisted inflation  
anisotropic brane inflation  
anomaly-induced inflation  
assisted inflation  
assisted chaotic inflation  
boundary inflation  
brane inflation  
brane-assisted inflation  
brane gas inflation  
brane-antibrane inflation  
braneworld inflation  
Brans-Dicke chaotic inflation  
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bulky brane inflation  
chaotic hybrid inflation  
chaotic inflation  
chaotic new inflation  
D-brane inflation  
D-term inflation  
dilaton-driven inflation  
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double inflation  
double D-term inflation  
dual inflation  
dynamical inflation  
dynamical SUSY inflation  
eternal inflation  
extended inflation

extended open inflation  
extended warm inflation  
extra dimensional inflation  
F-term inflation  
F-term hybrid inflation  
false vacuum inflation  
false vacuum chaotic inflation  
fast-roll inflation  
first order inflation  
gauged inflation  
generalised inflation  
generalized assisted inflation  
generalized slow-roll inflation  
gravity driven inflation  
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new inflation  
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non-commutative inflation  
non-slow-roll inflation  
nonminimal chaotic inflation  
old inflation  
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polynomial chaotic inflation  
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power-law inflation

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quasi-open inflation  
quintessential inflation  
R-invariant topological inflation  
rapid asymmetric inflation  
running inflation  
scalar-tensor gravity inflation  
scalar-tensor stochastic inflation  
Seiberg-Witten inflation  
single-bubble open inflation  
spinodal inflation  
stable starobinsky-type inflation  
steady-state eternal inflation  
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successful D-term inflation  
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supersymmetric inflation  
supersymmetric topological inflation  
supersymmetric new inflation  
synergistic warm inflation  
TeV-scale hybrid inflation

A partial list of ever-increasing number of inflationary models!

<sup>1</sup>From E. P. S. Shellard, *The future of cosmology: Observational and computational prospects*, in *The Future of Theoretical Physics and Cosmology*, Eds. G. W. Gibbons, E. P. S. Shellard and S. J. Rankin (Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, England, 2003).

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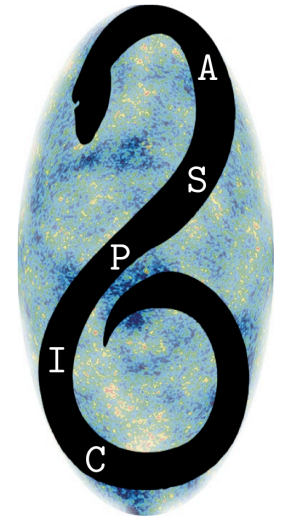
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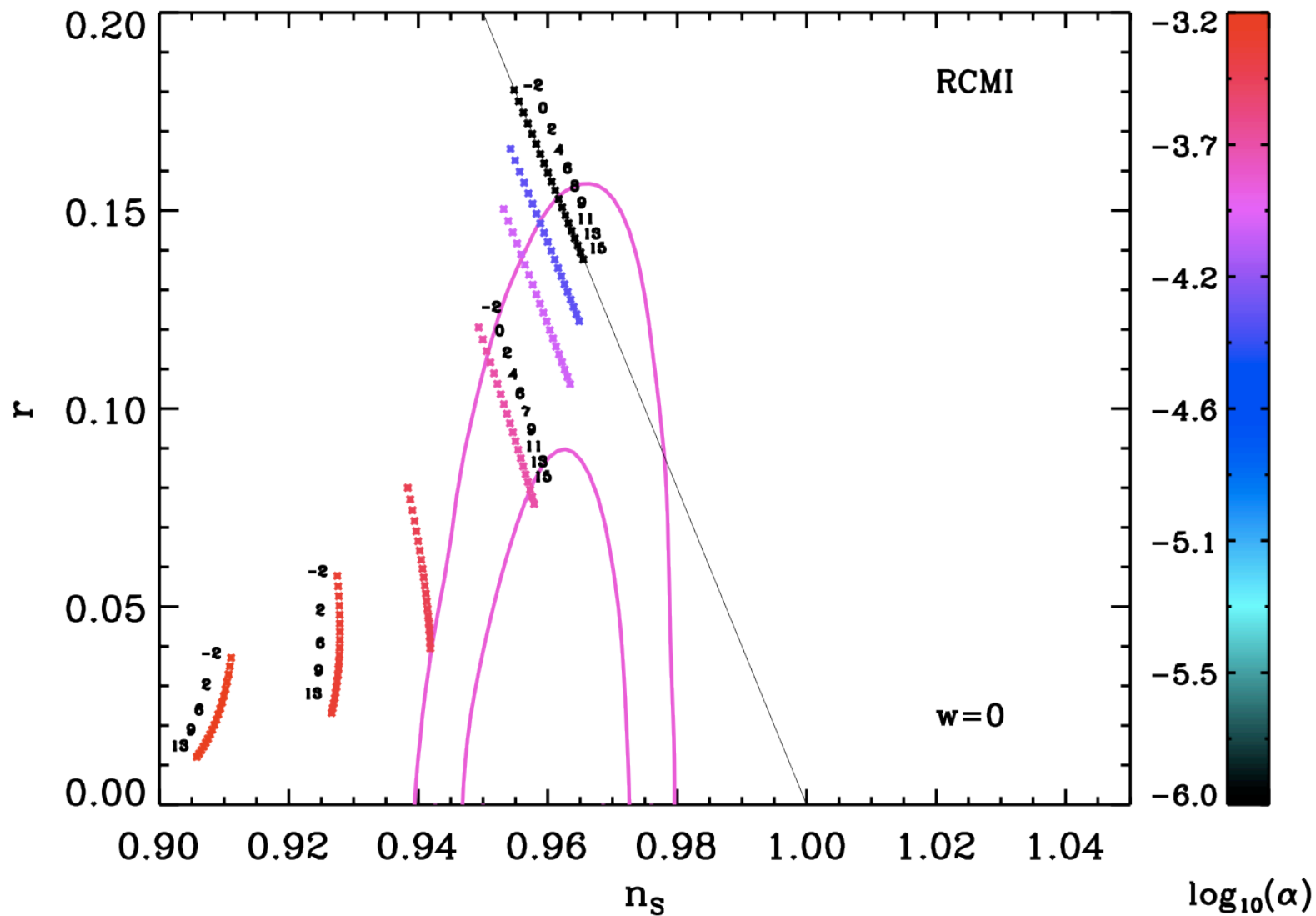
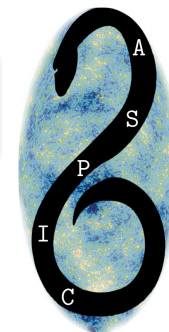
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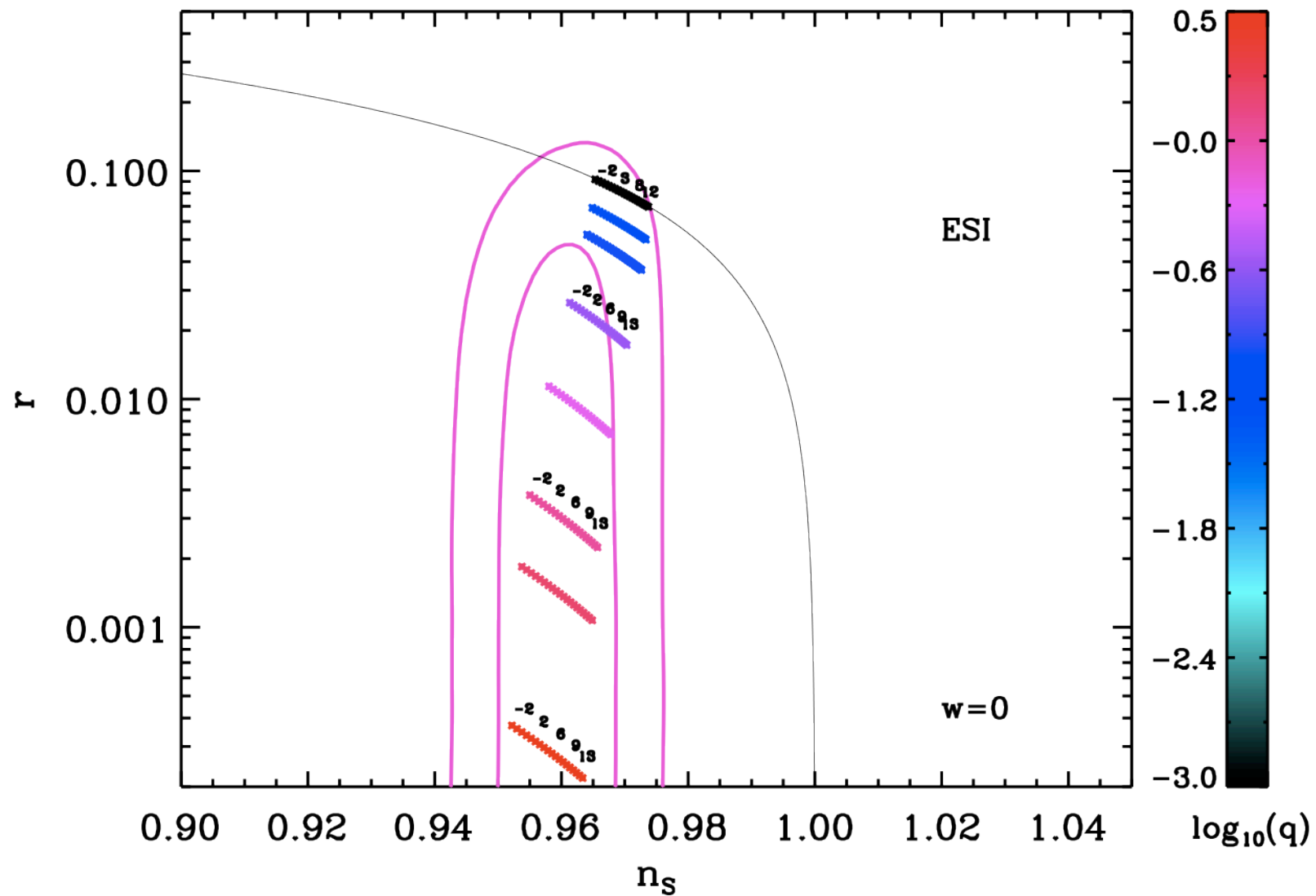
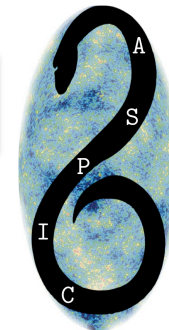
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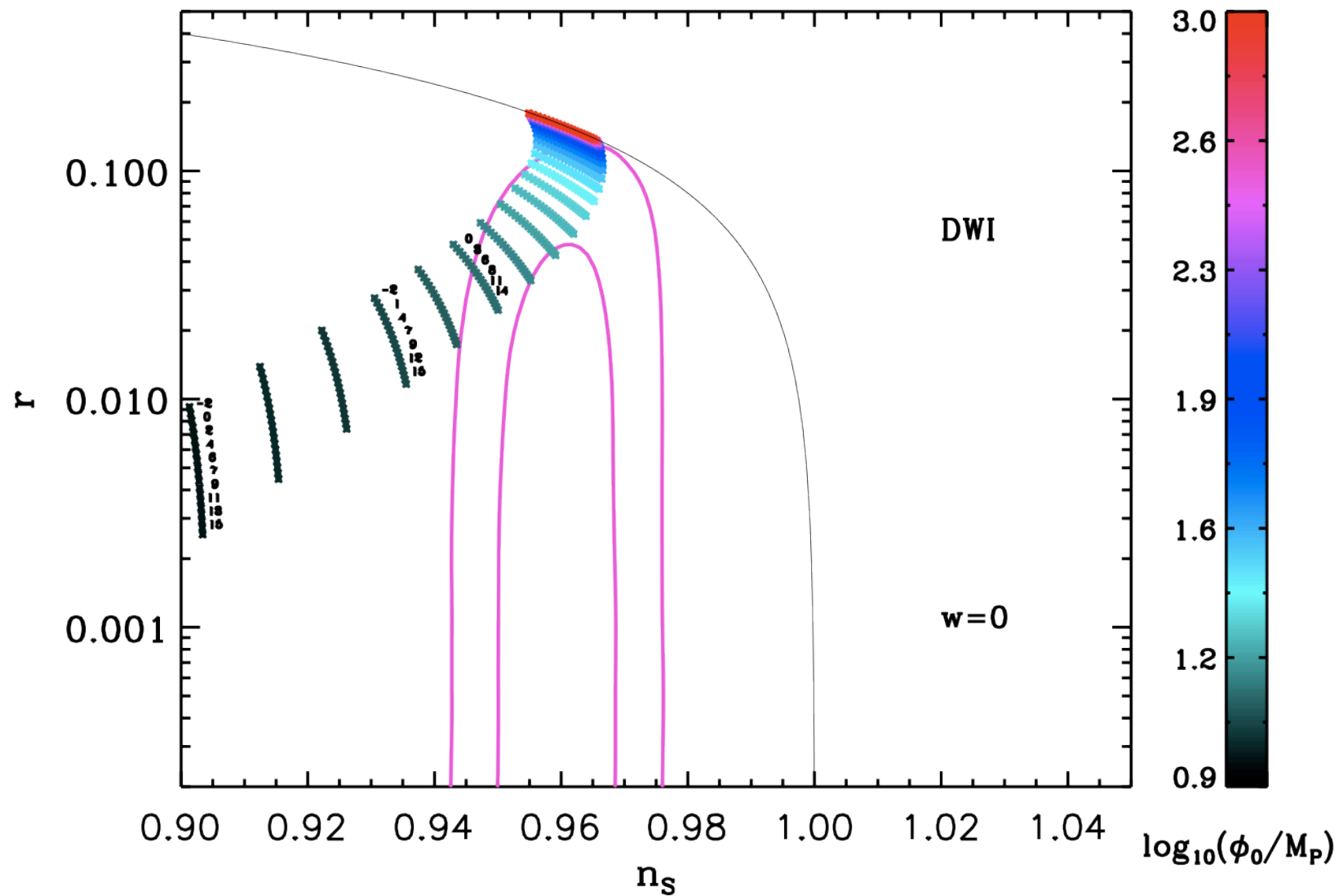
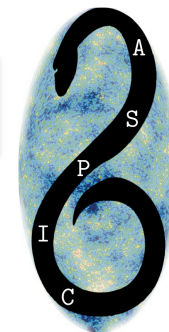
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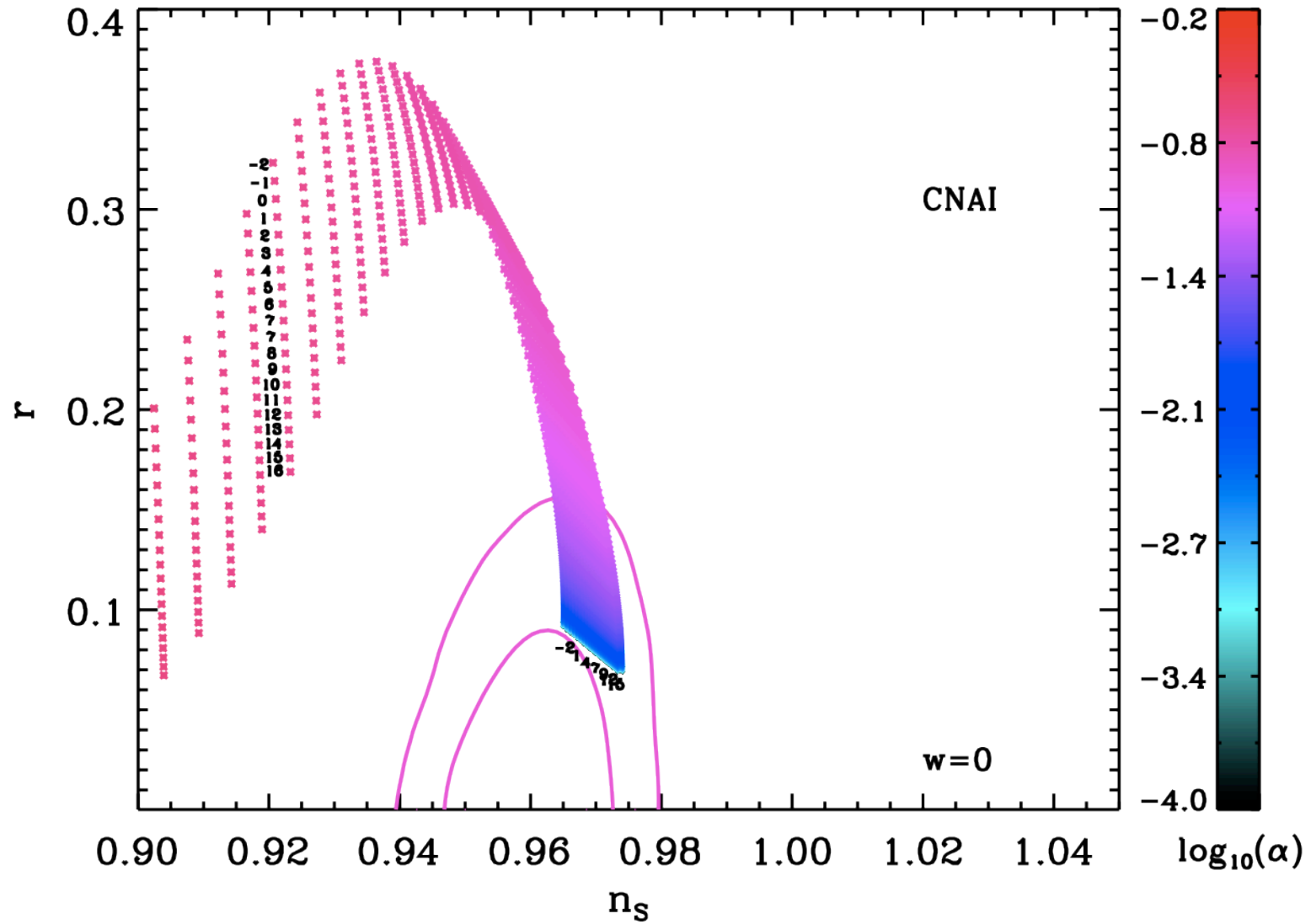
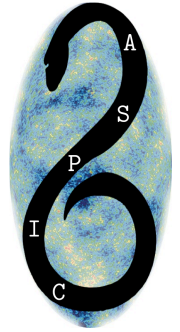


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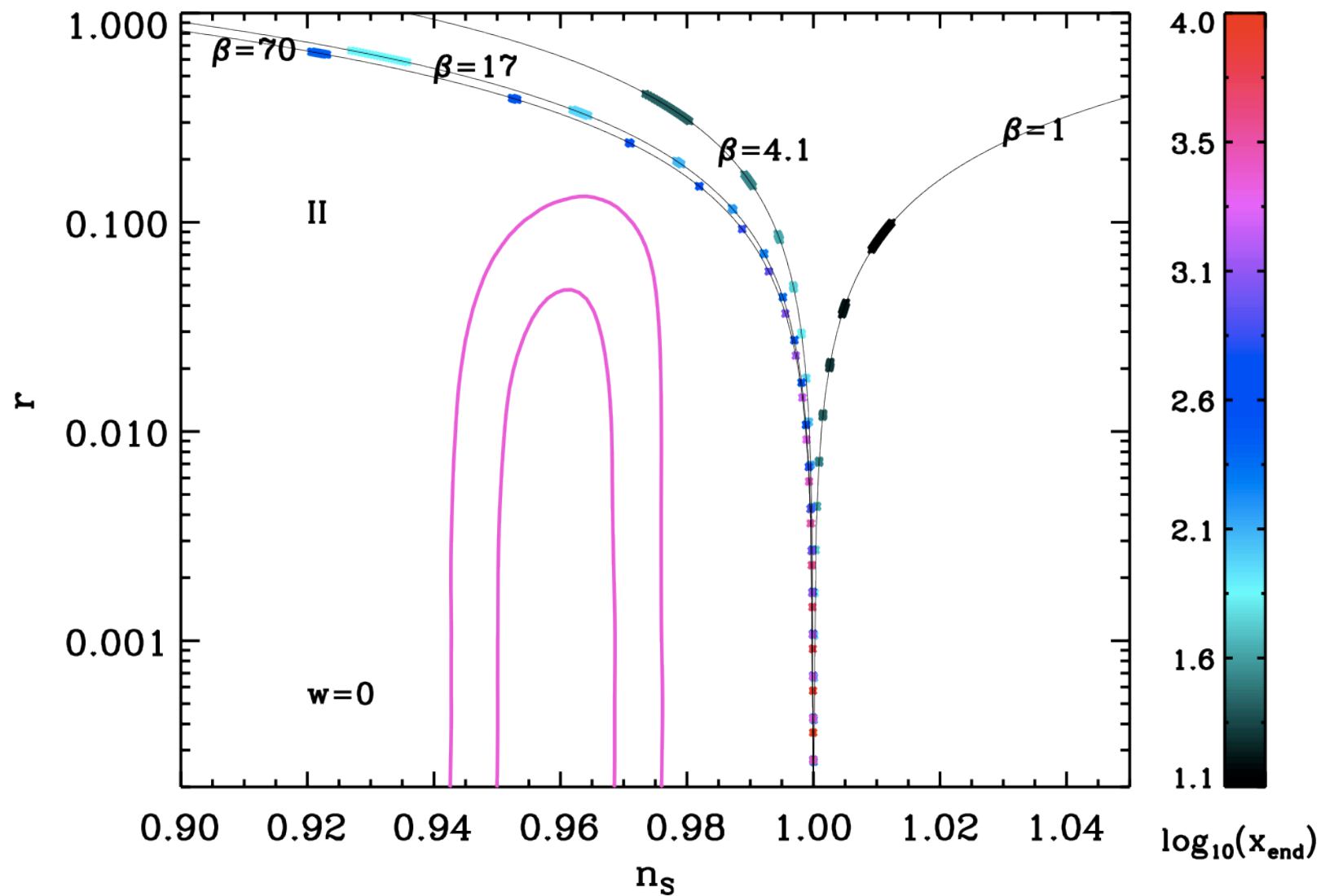
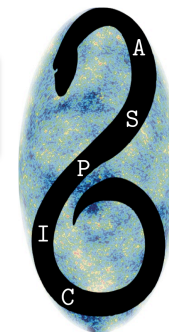




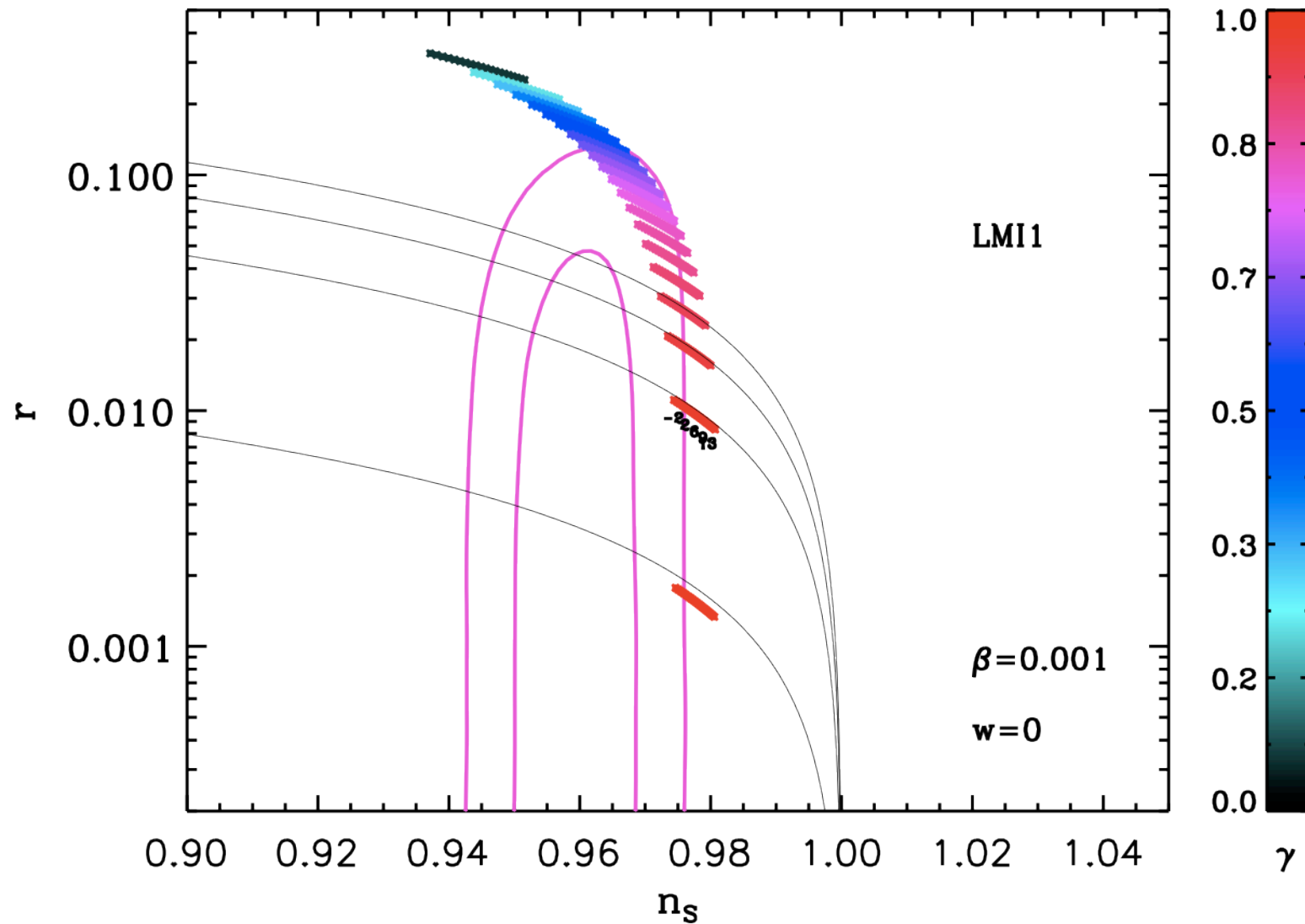
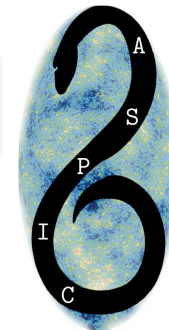
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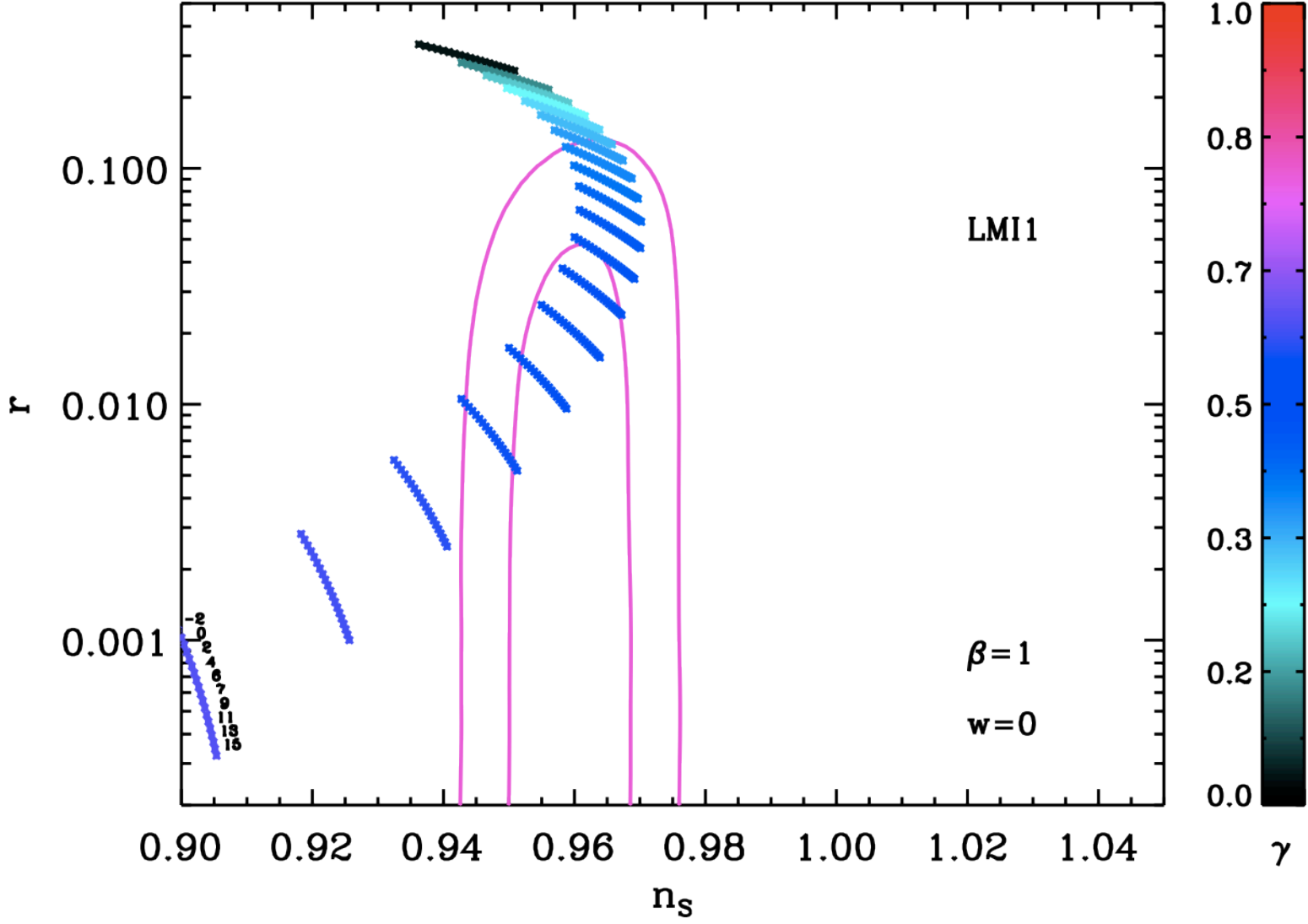
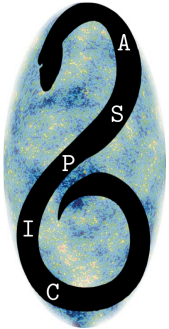
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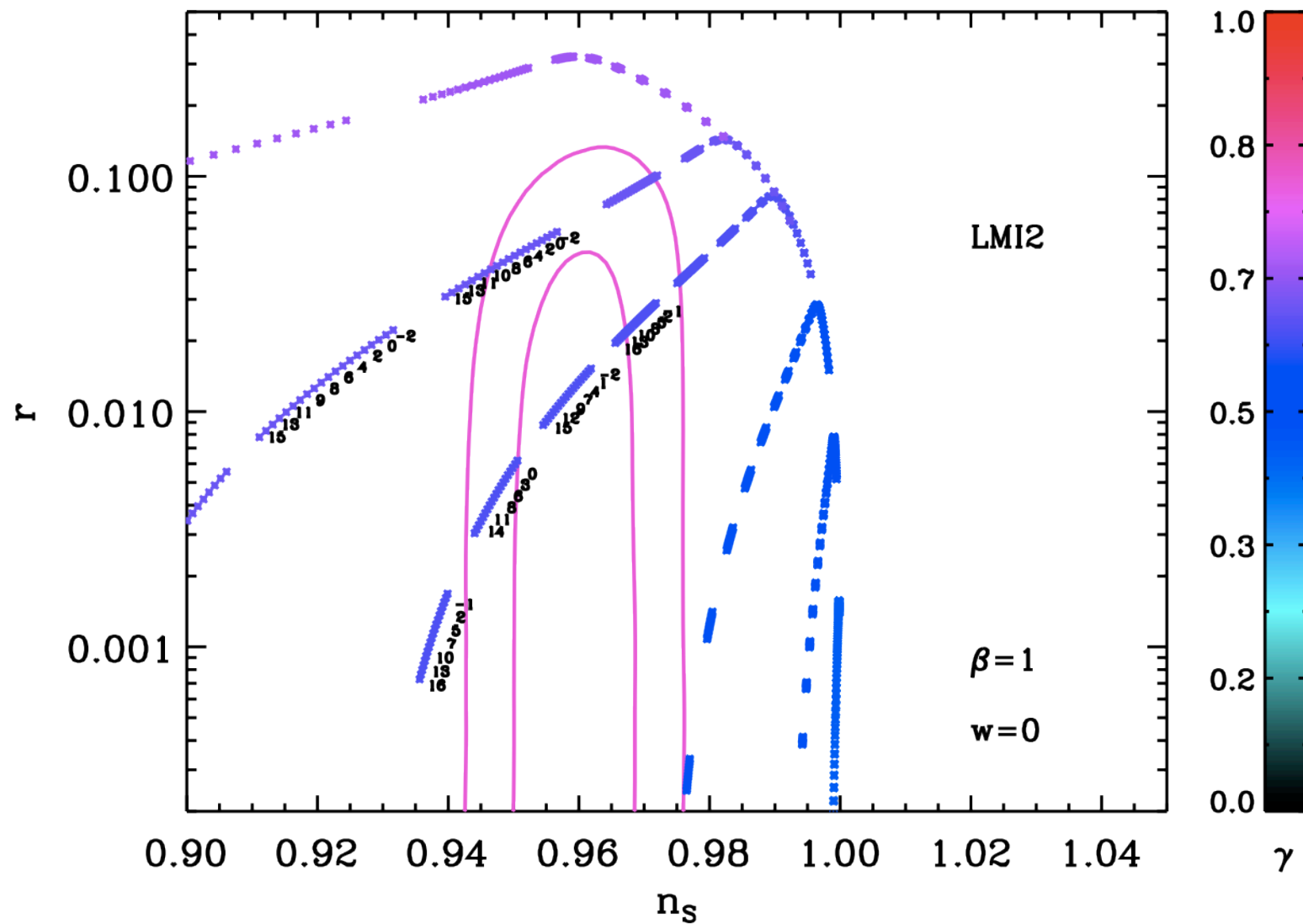
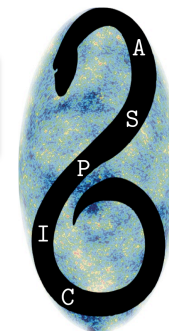
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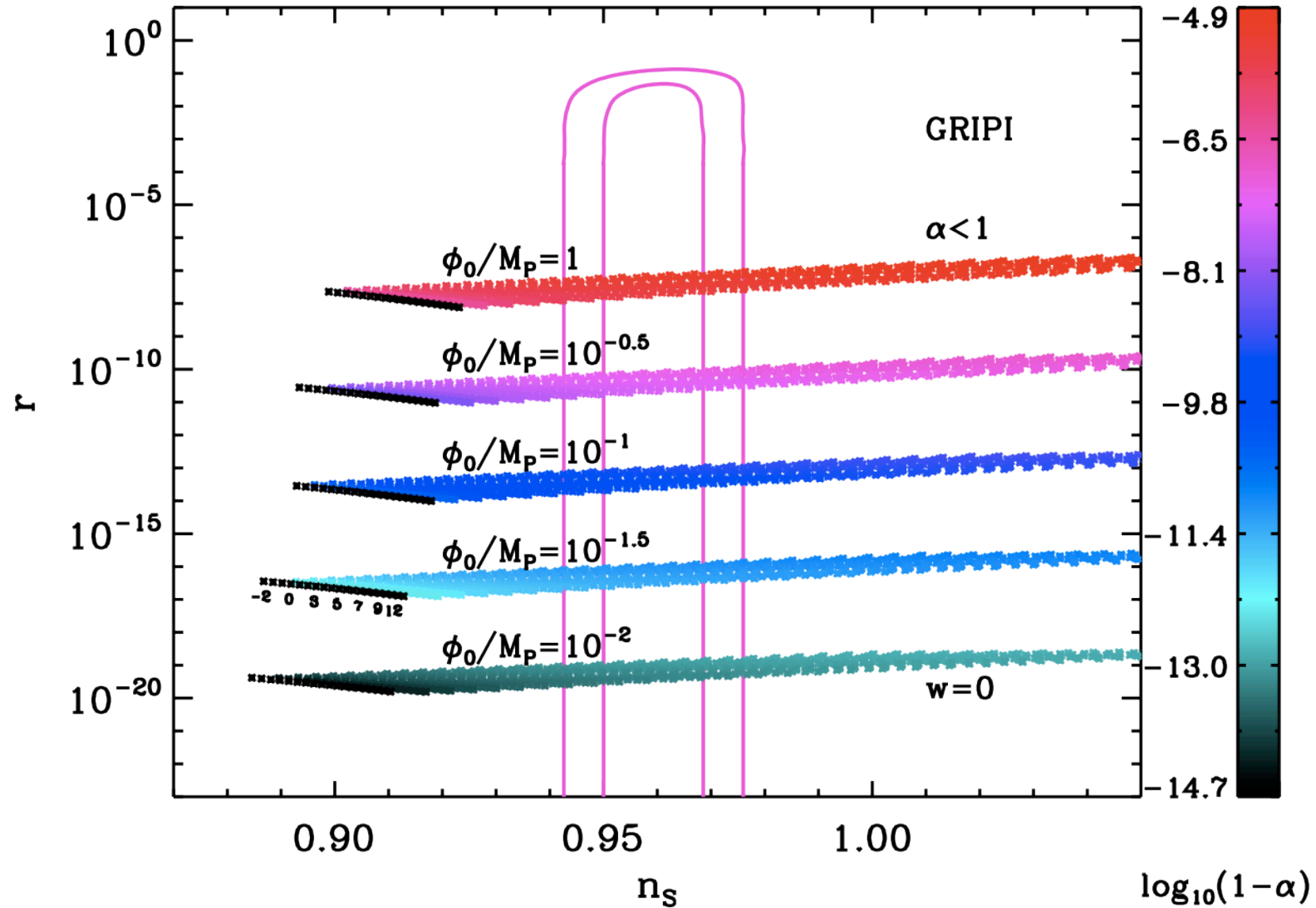
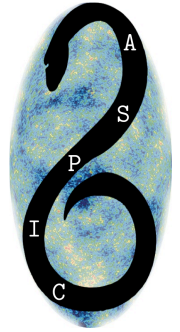
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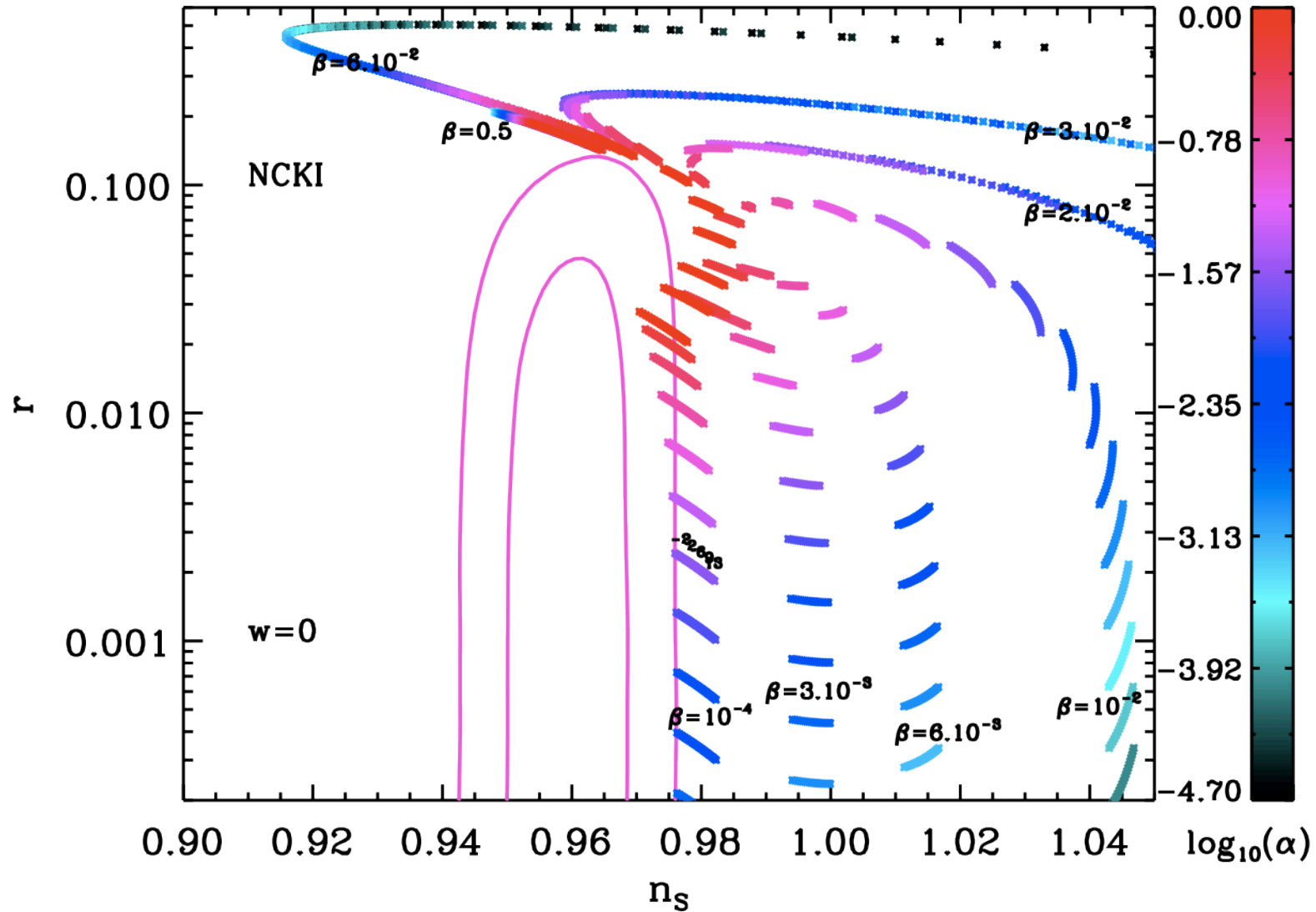
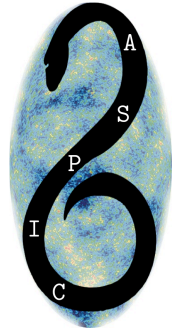
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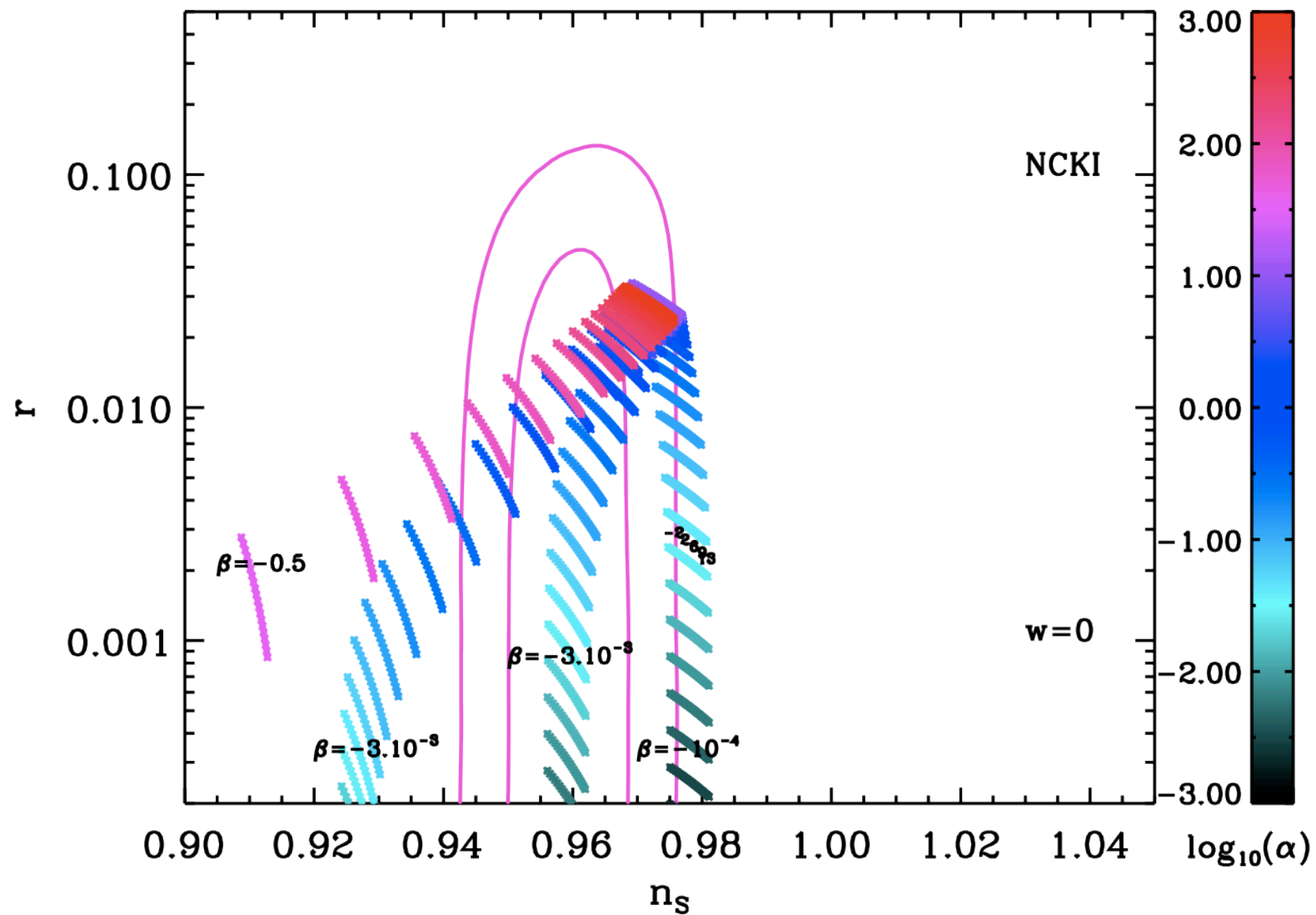
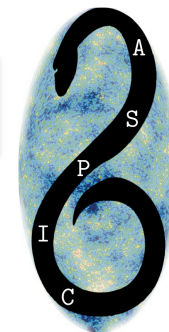
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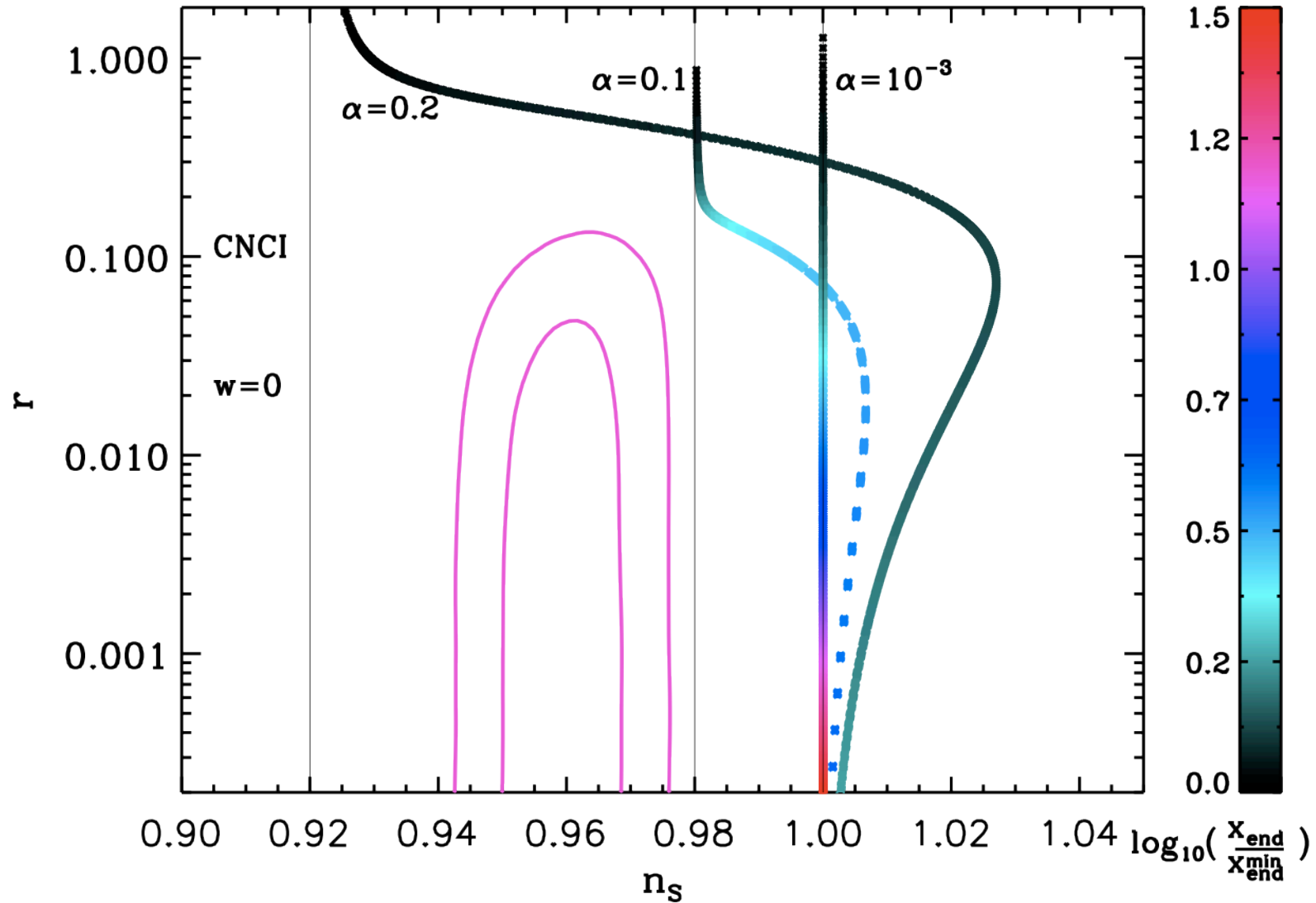
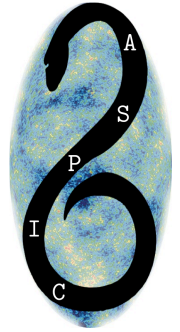


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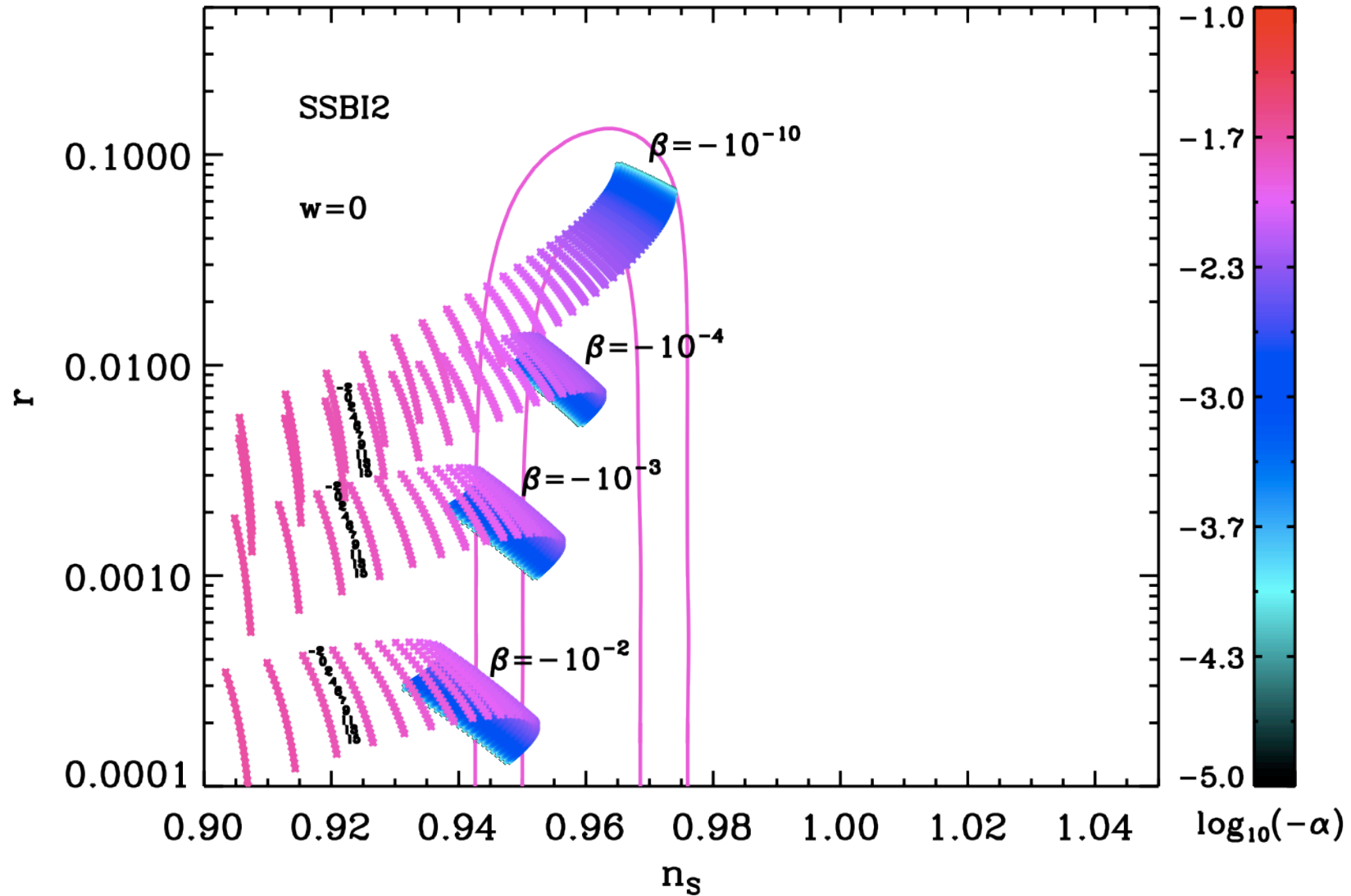
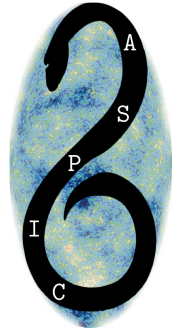




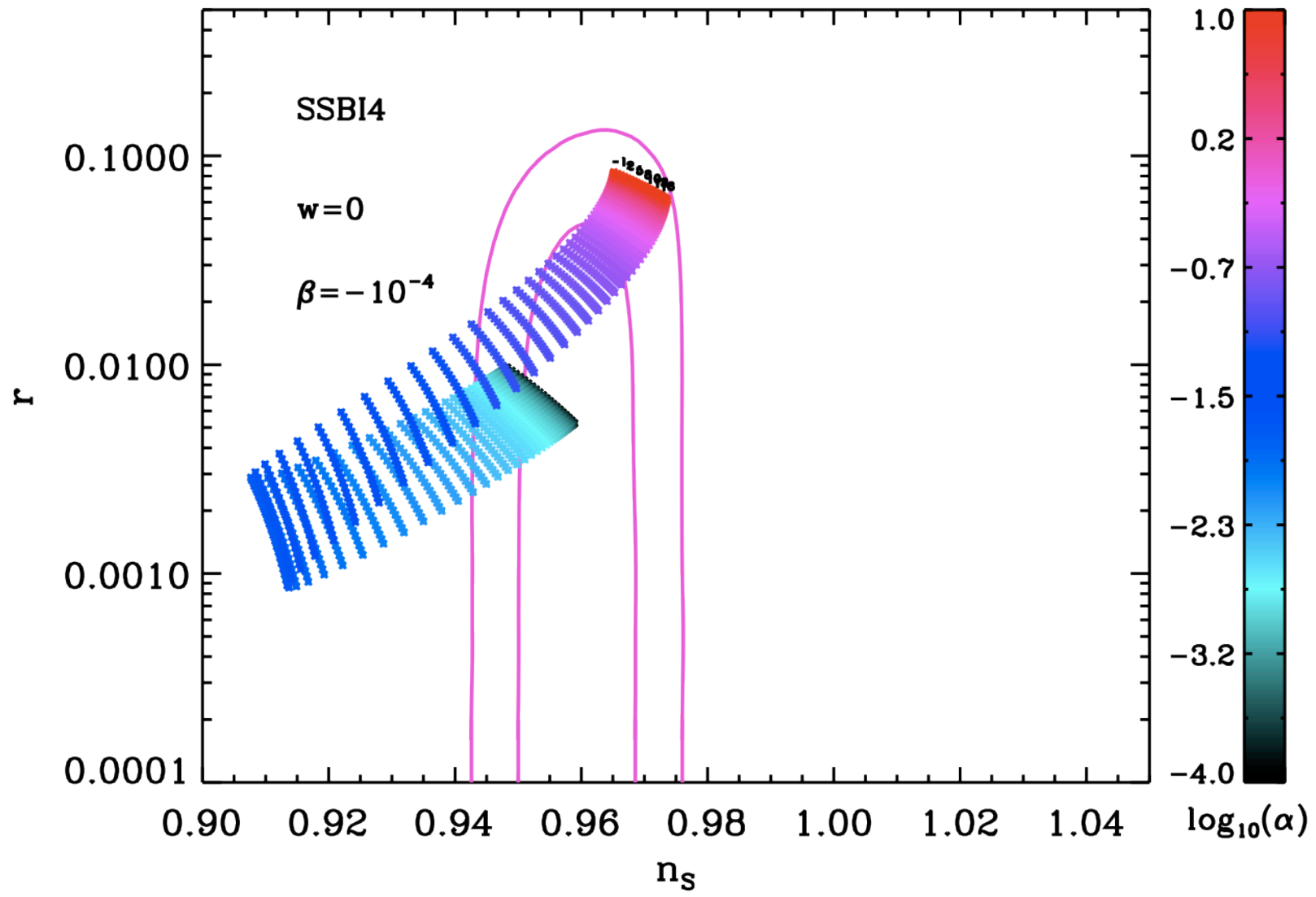
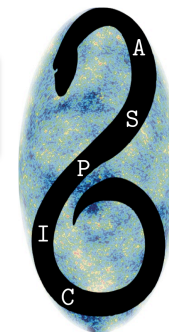
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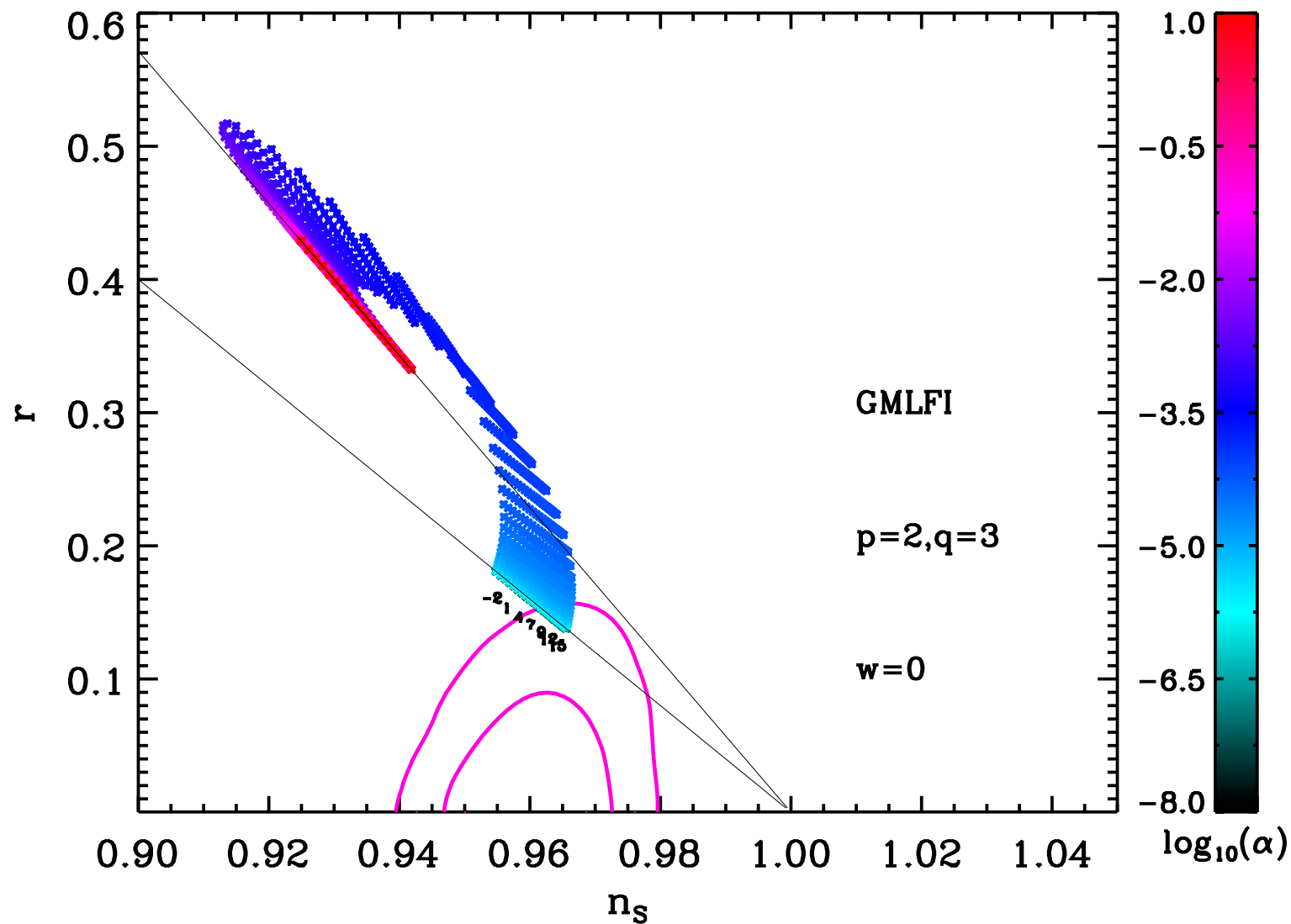
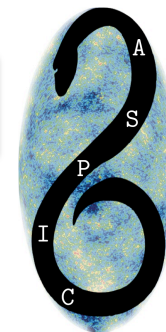


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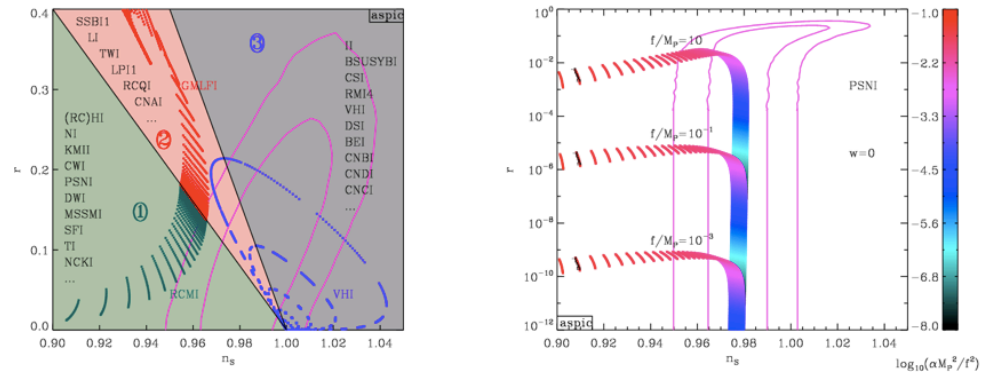


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### Accurate Slow-roll Predictions for Inflationary Cosmology



Reheating consistent slow-roll predictions for a subset of inflationary models supported by **aspic** (left). The right panel features the Pseudo Natural Inflation (PSNI) predictions. The annotated values show the logarithmic energy scale,  $\log(E_{reh}/\text{GeV})$ , at which a matter dominated reheating ends ([arXiv:1303.3787](https://arxiv.org/abs/1303.3787)).

**Aspic** is a collection of fast modern fortran routines for computing various observable quantities used in Cosmology from definite single field inflationary models. It is distributed as a scientific library and aims at providing an efficient, extendable and accurate way of comparing theoretical inflationary predictions with cosmological data. **Aspic** currently supports 64 models of inflation, and more to come!

By observable quantities, we currently refer to as the Hubble flow functions, up to second order in the slow-roll approximation, which are in direct correspondence with the spectral index, the tensor-to-scalar ratio and the running of the primordial power spectrum. The **aspic** library also provides the field potential, its first and second derivatives, the energy density at the end of inflation, the energy density at the end of reheating, and the field value (or e-fold value) at which the pivot scale crossed the Hubble radius during inflation. All these quantities are computed in a way which is consistent with the existence of a reheating phase.

The code is released as a GNU software which compiles itself into both a static and shared library. As the list of inflationary models is always increasing, you are encouraged to add support for any model that would not yet be implemented.

Please, check the [MAN](#) file for a complete documentation and

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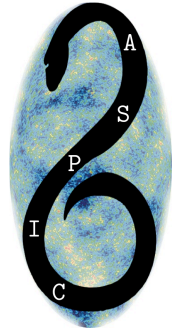
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For an exact integration of any inflationary models, without assuming slow-roll, checkout the [fieldinf](#) code and library.

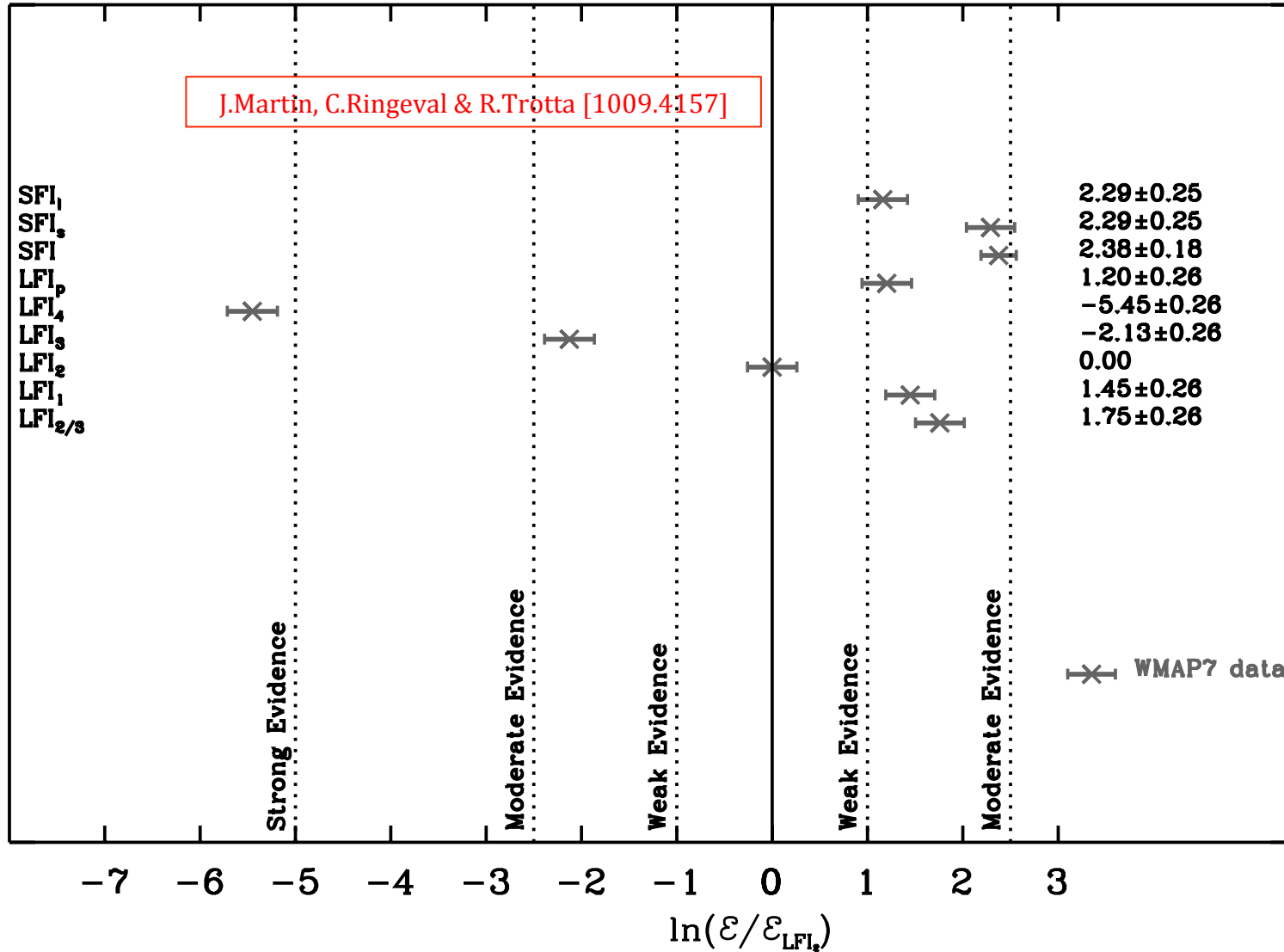
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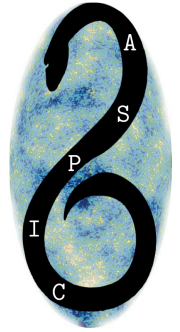
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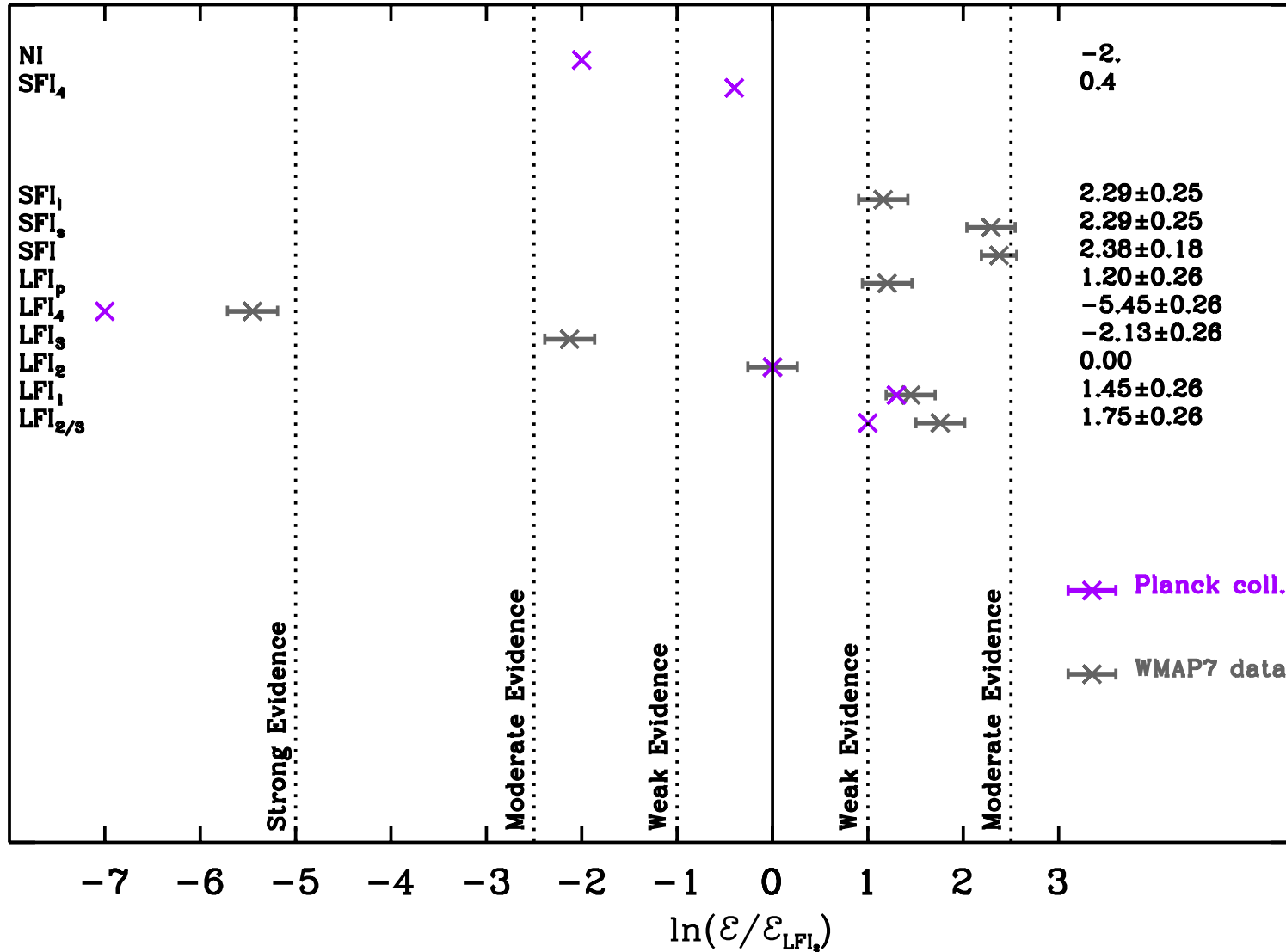
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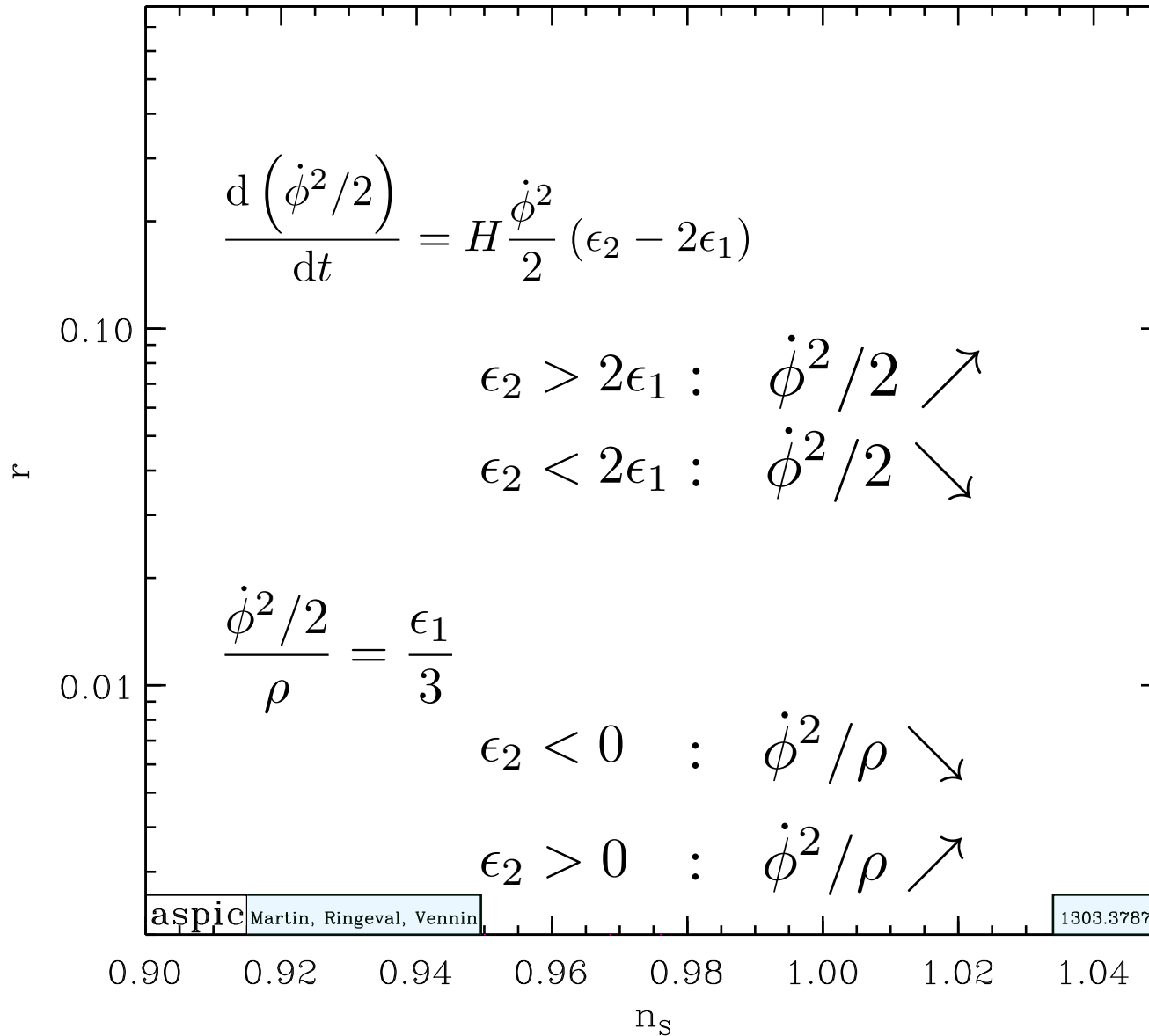
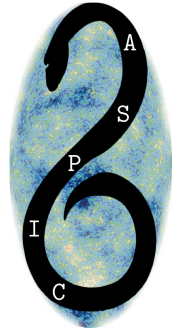
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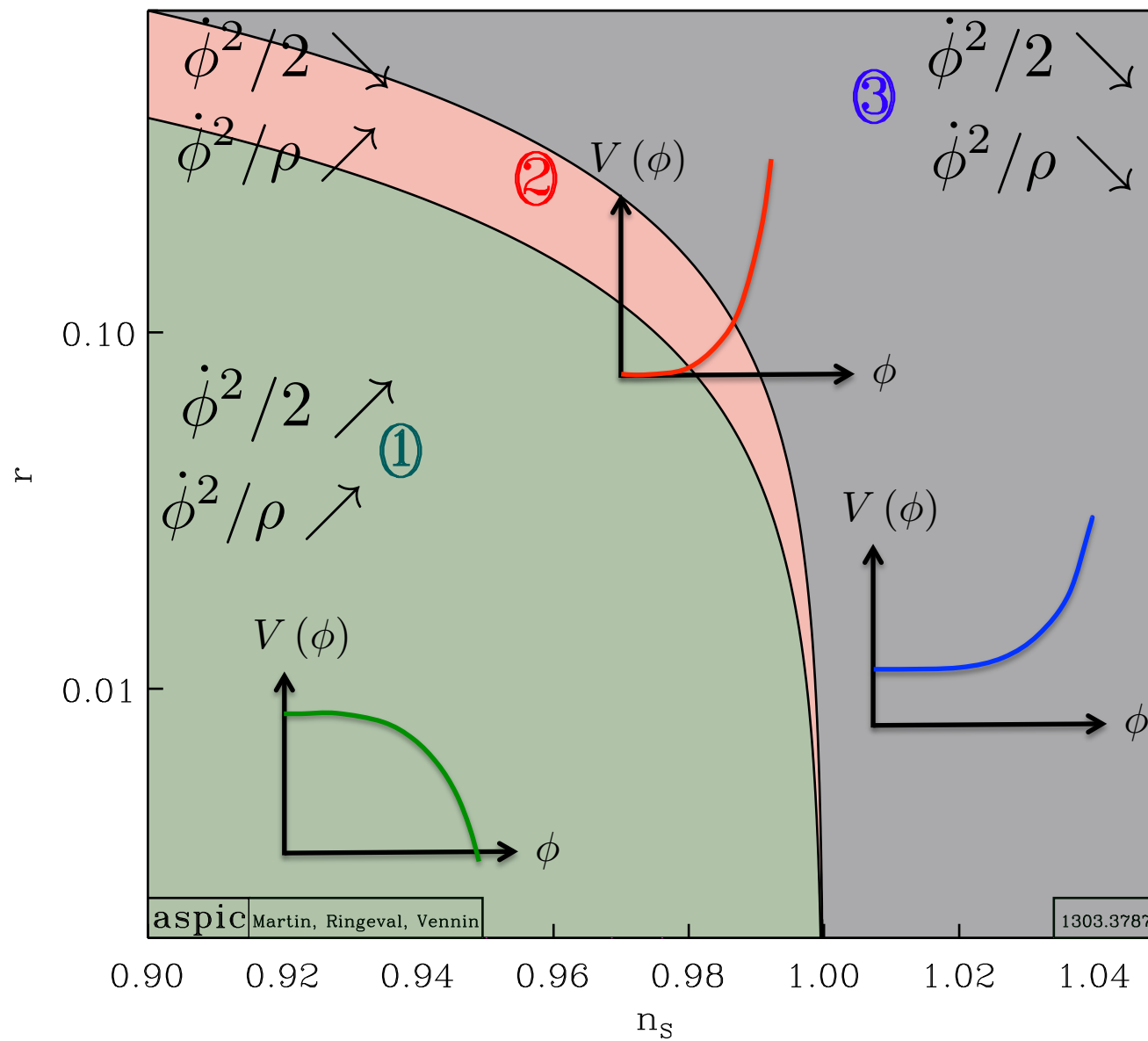
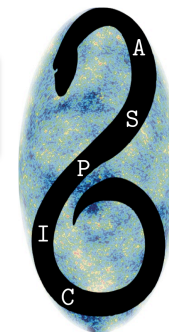




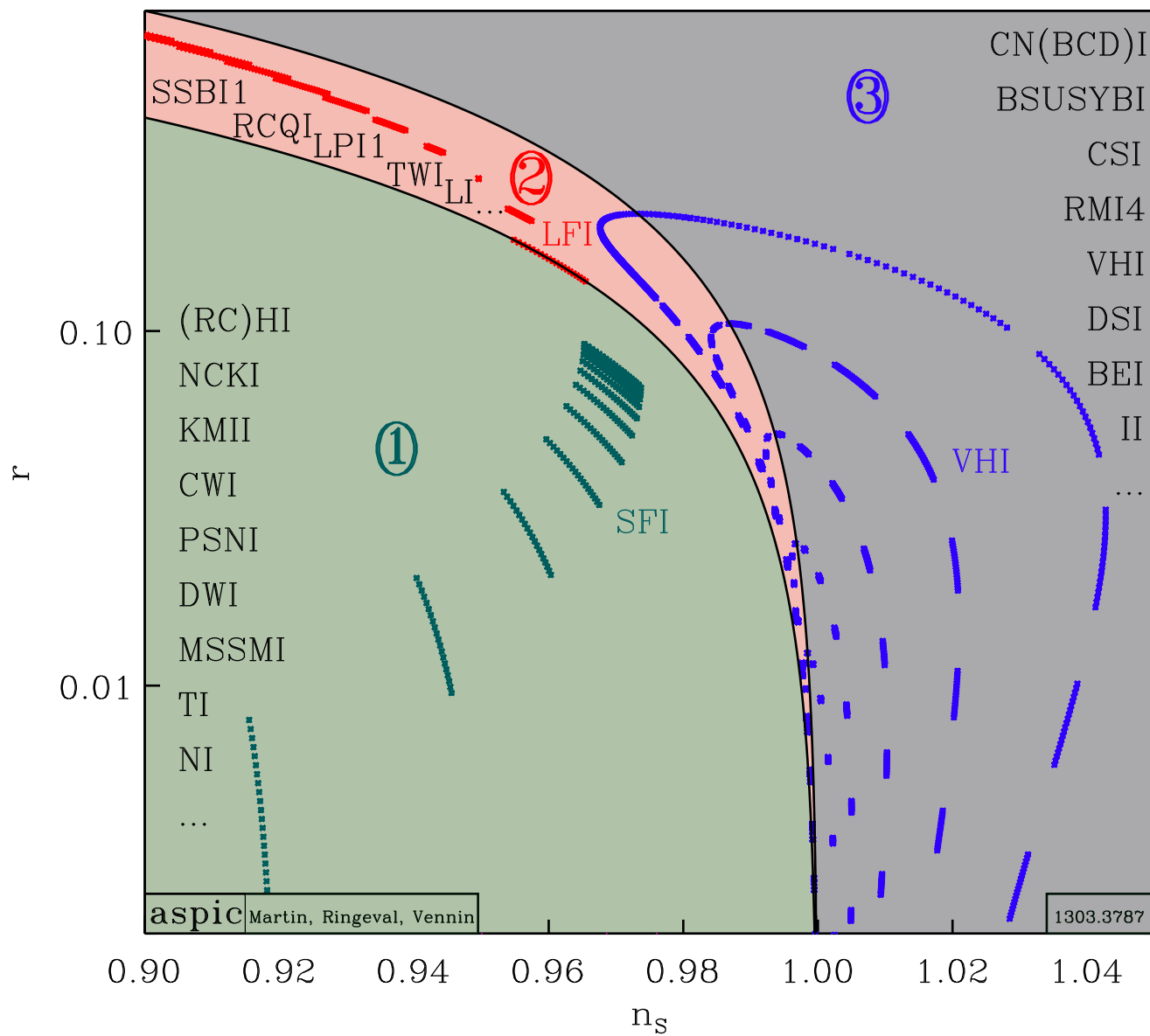
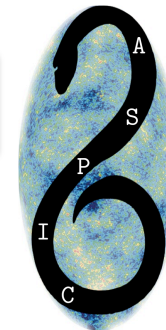
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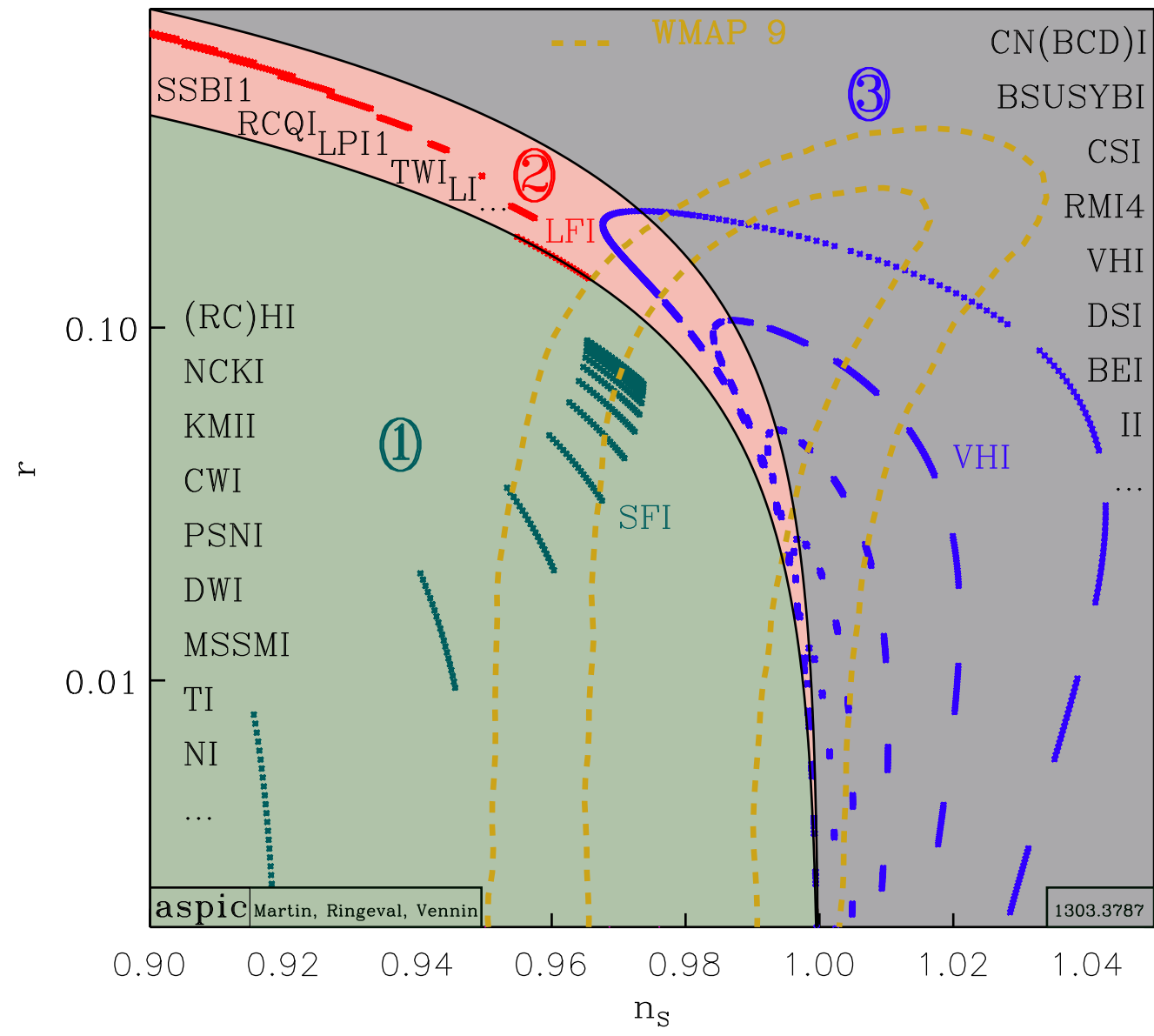
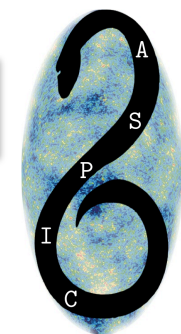
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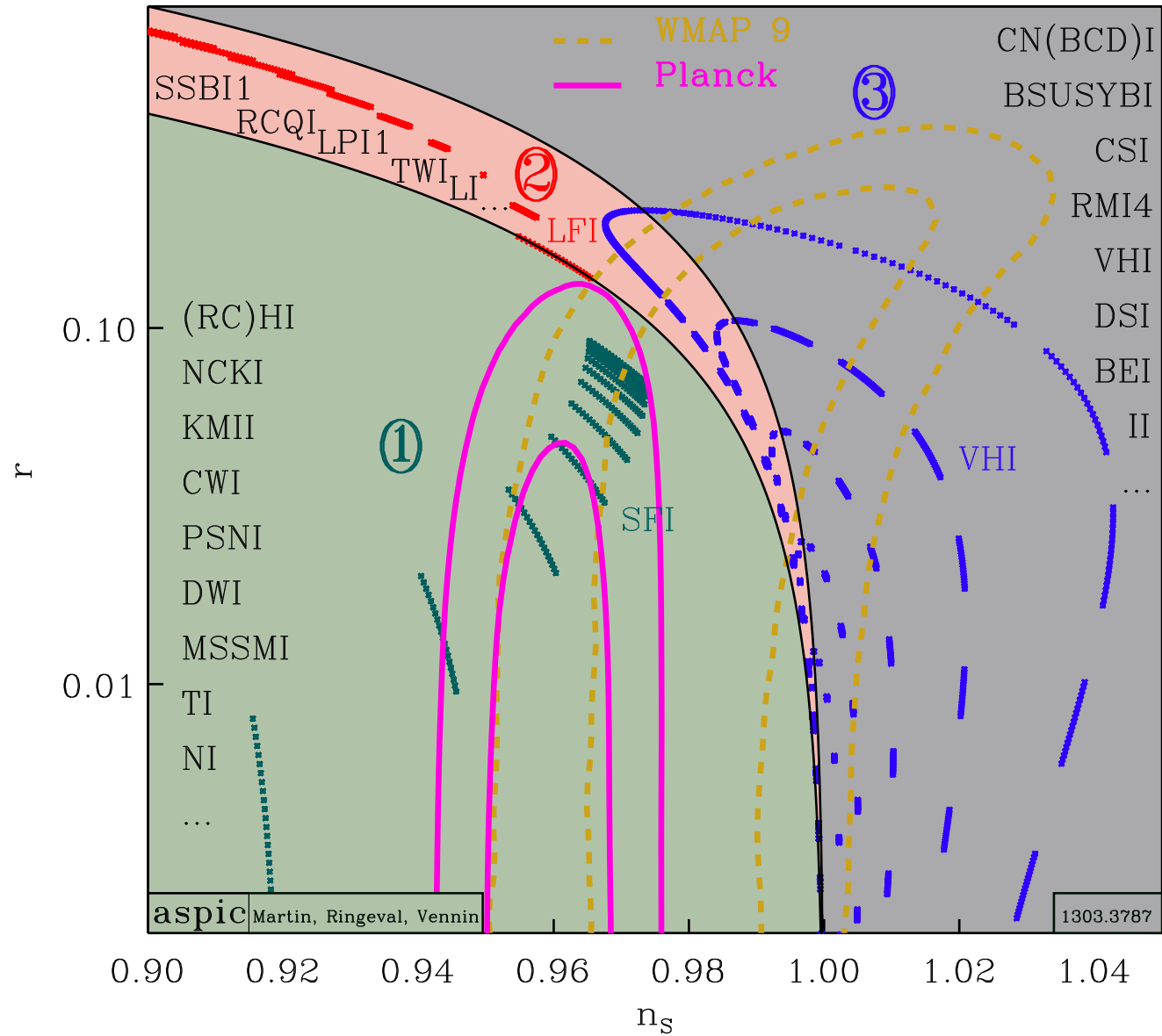
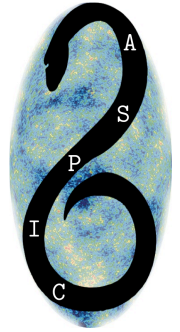
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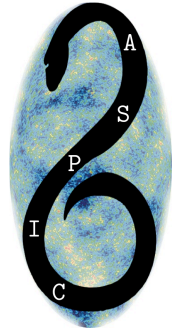
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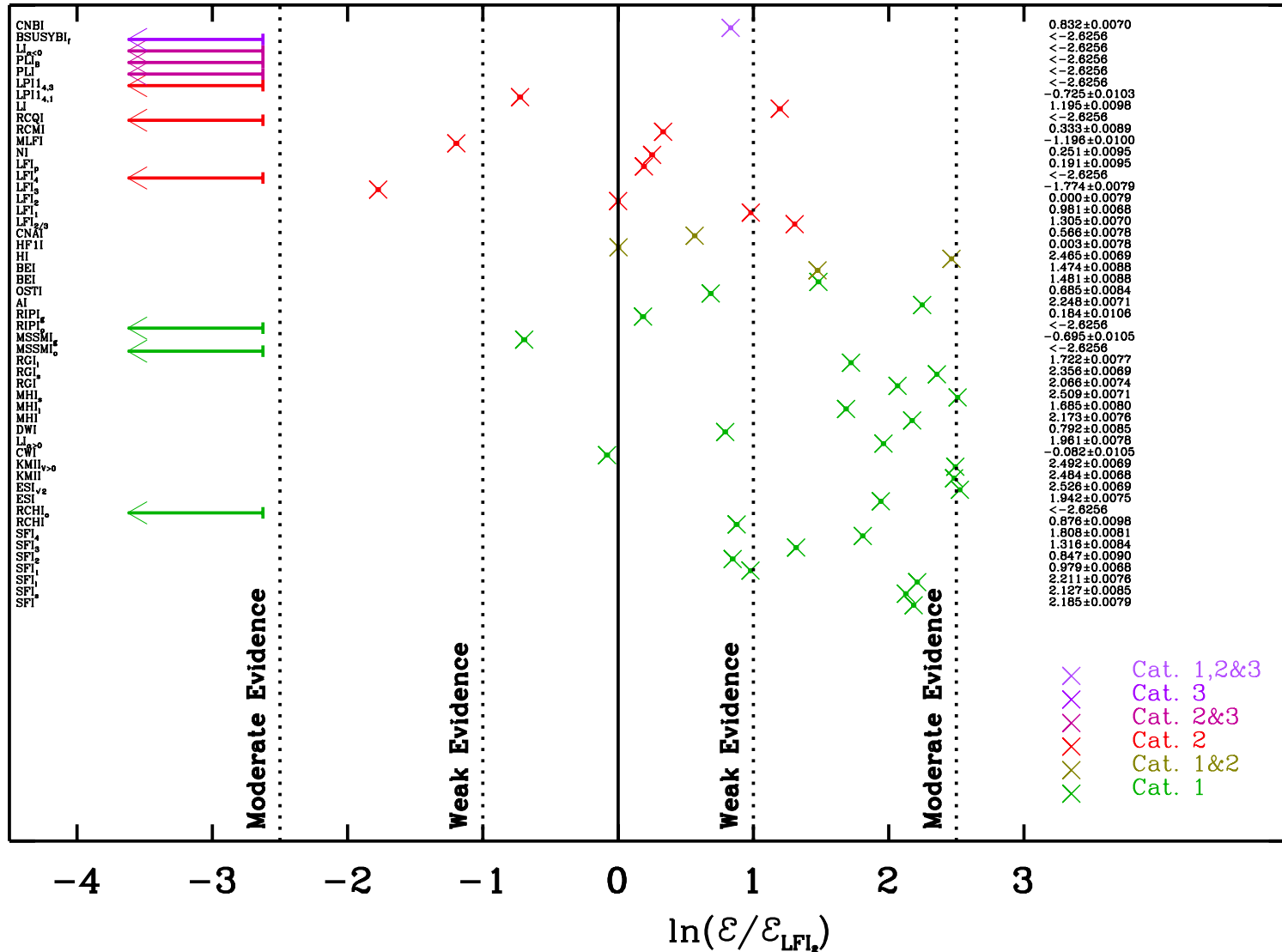
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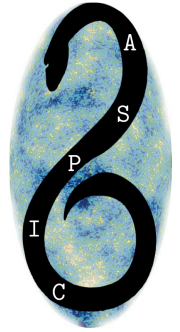
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— — — — — ➔ BEST MODELS



## And now what?



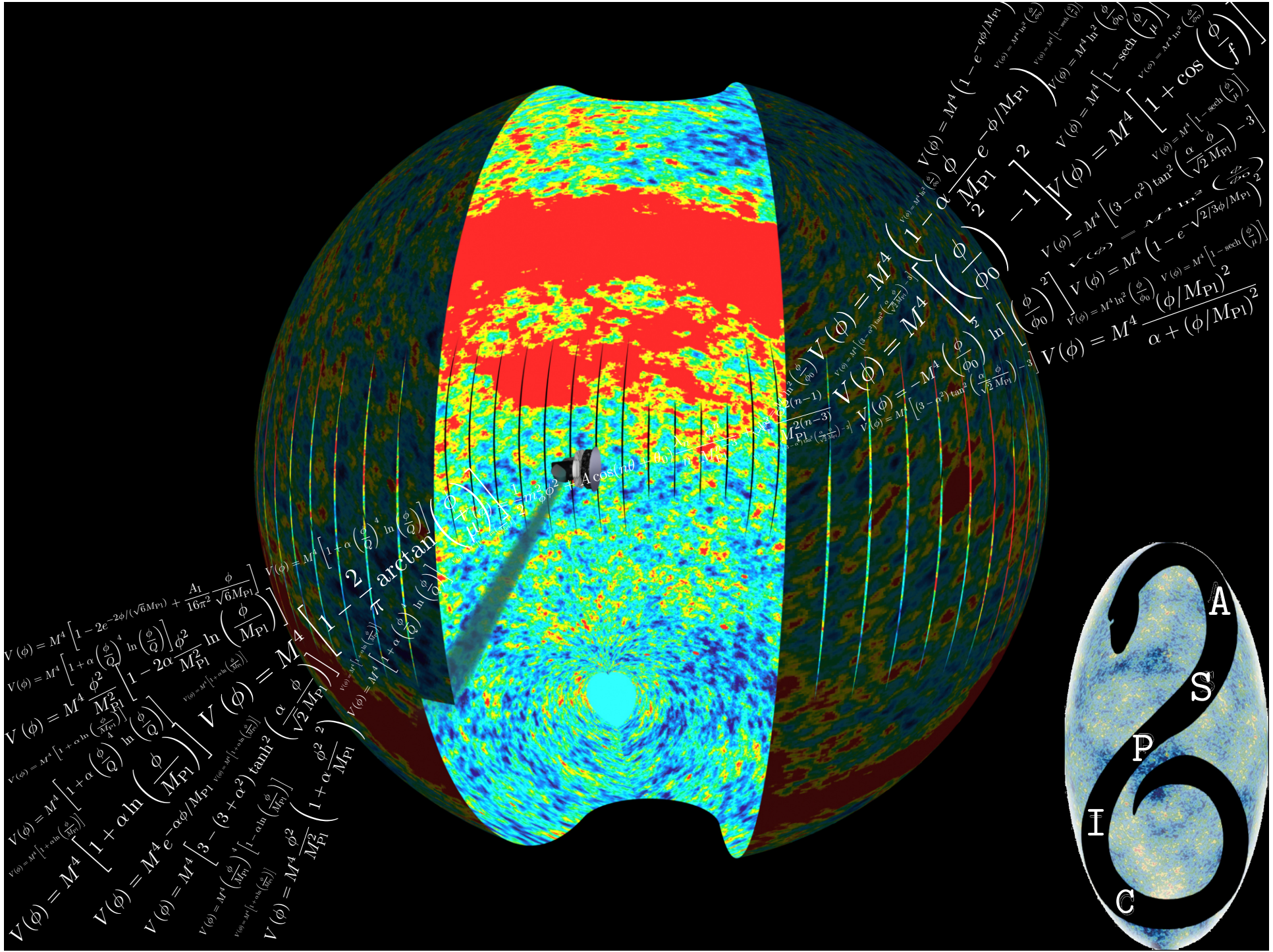
What the first results show:

- Some models clearly are « ruled out » by the data
- The best models of inflation lie in the first category

What should be obtained very soon:

- A complete model ranking [in prep]
- A comparison among various categories: **models statistics** [in prep]:
  - ◆ phenomenological / theory bases
  - ◆ inflationary energy scale
  - ◆ higher energy embedding theory: SUGRA/SUSY/STRING/...
  - ◆ etc ...
- Constraints on the reheating [in prep]
- etc ...





# Back-up slides

# Prior Specification on the parameters

Well specified parameters → Flat Priors

Unknown order of magnitude → Jeffrey Priors

A phenomenological model example: « Intermediate Inflation »

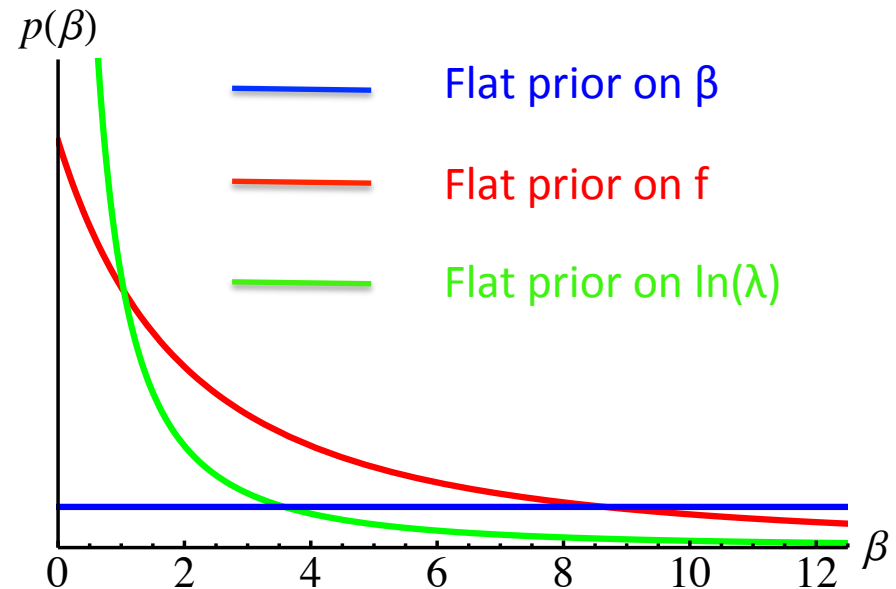
$$\rho + p = \gamma \rho^\lambda$$

$$f = 2 \frac{1 - \lambda}{1 - 2\lambda}$$

$$a(t) \propto \exp(A t^f)$$

$$\beta = 4 \left( \frac{1}{f} - 1 \right)$$

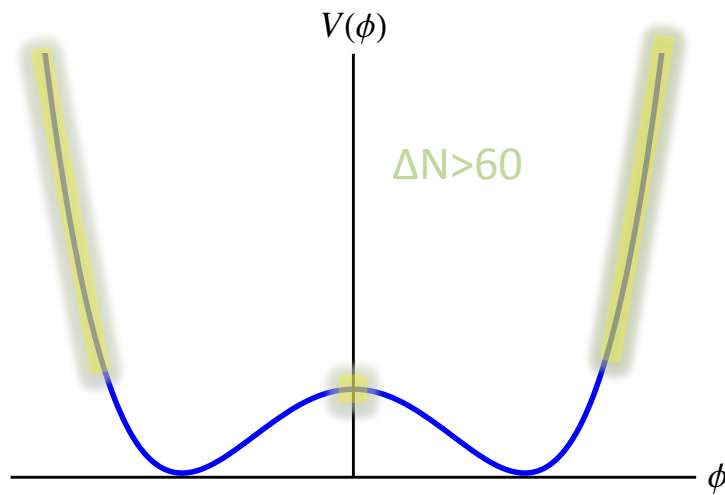
$$V(\phi) = M^4 \left[ \left( \frac{\phi}{M_{\text{Pl}}} \right)^{-\beta} - \frac{\beta^2}{6} \left( \frac{\phi}{M_{\text{Pl}}} \right)^{-\beta-2} \right]$$



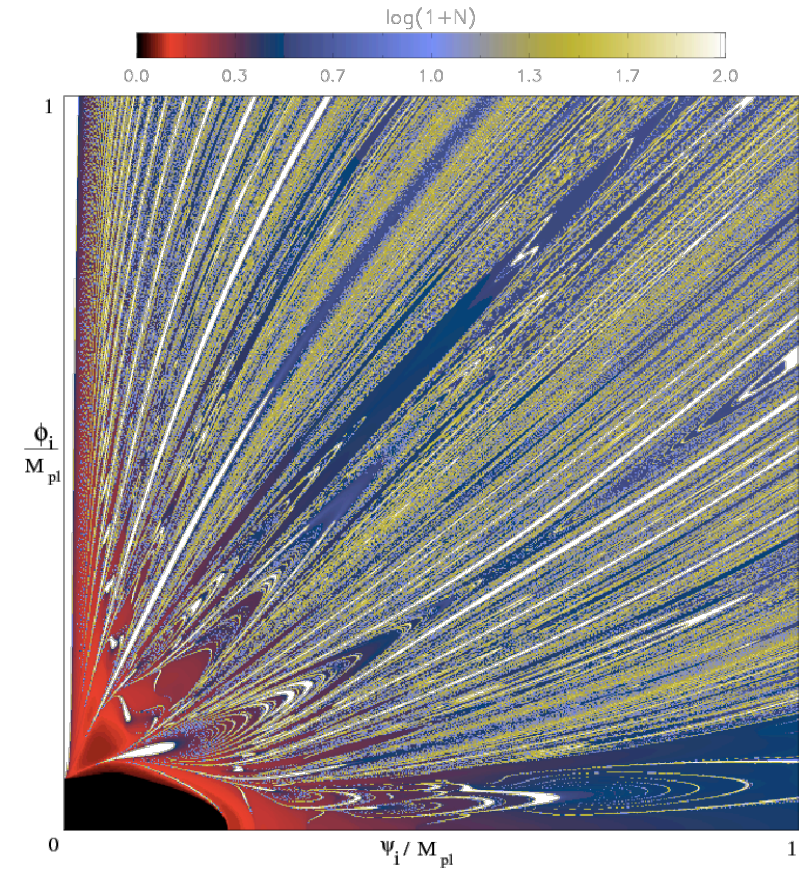
# Prior Specification on the models

Theoretical Grounds?

Initial Conditions Problem?



[Ijjas, Steinhardt & Loeb]



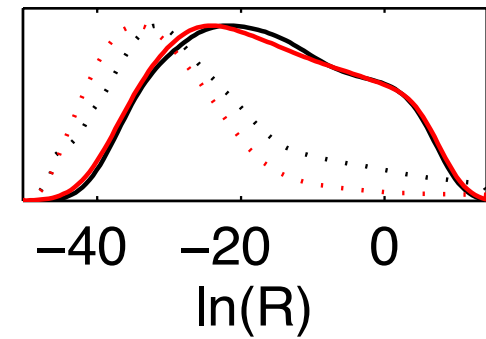
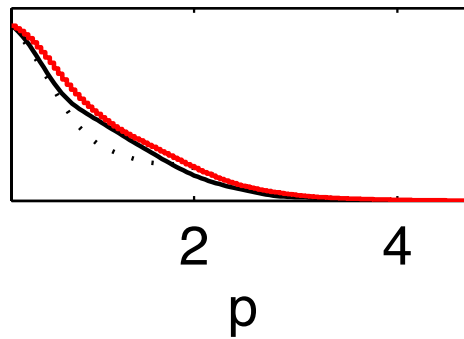
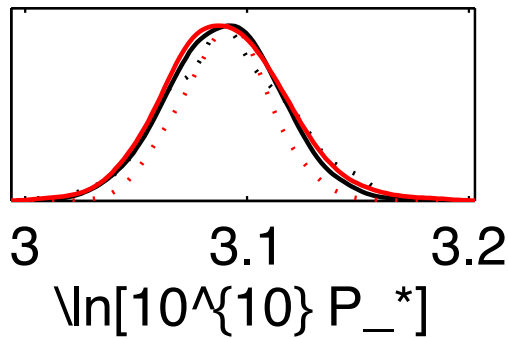
[Clesse, Ringeval & Rocher]

Homogenization / Isotropization?

Matzner, Piran, etc...

## Comparison with exact calculation

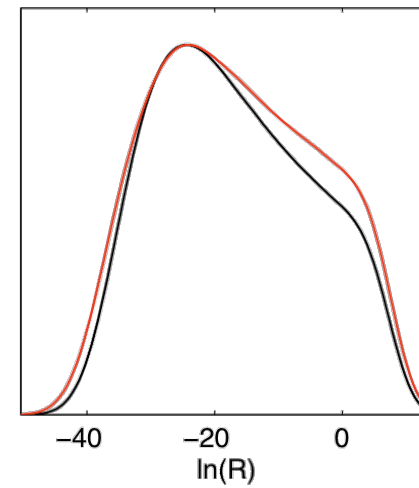
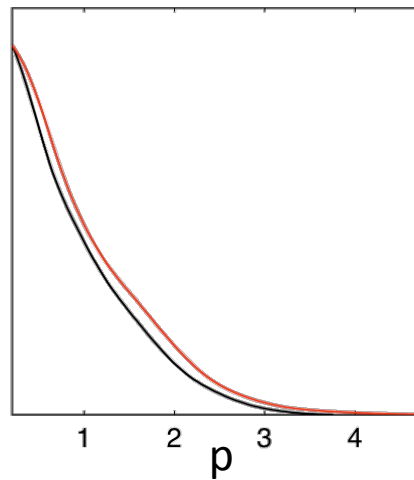
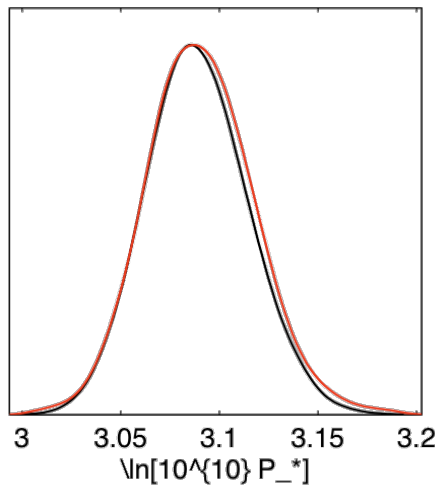
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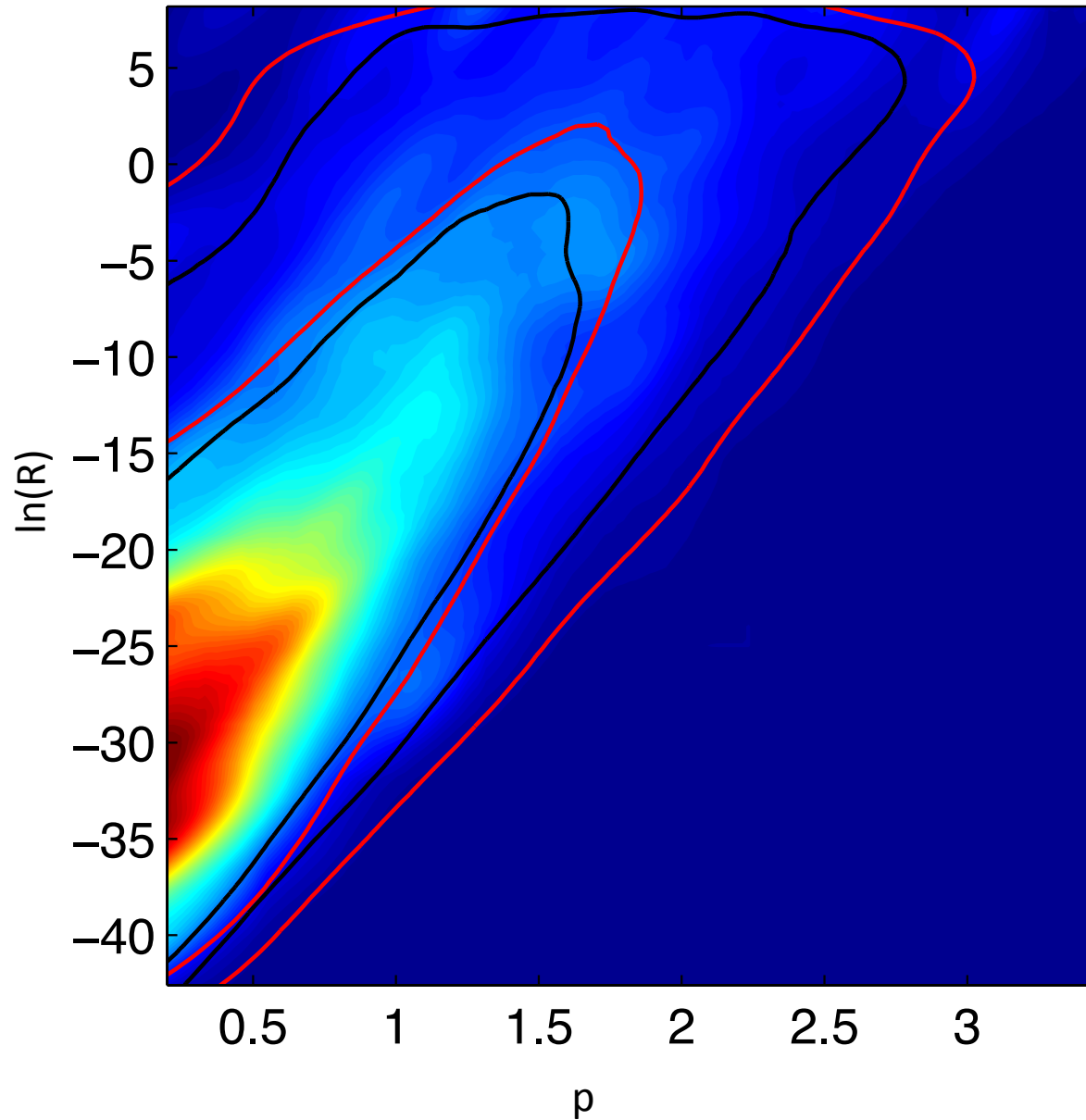
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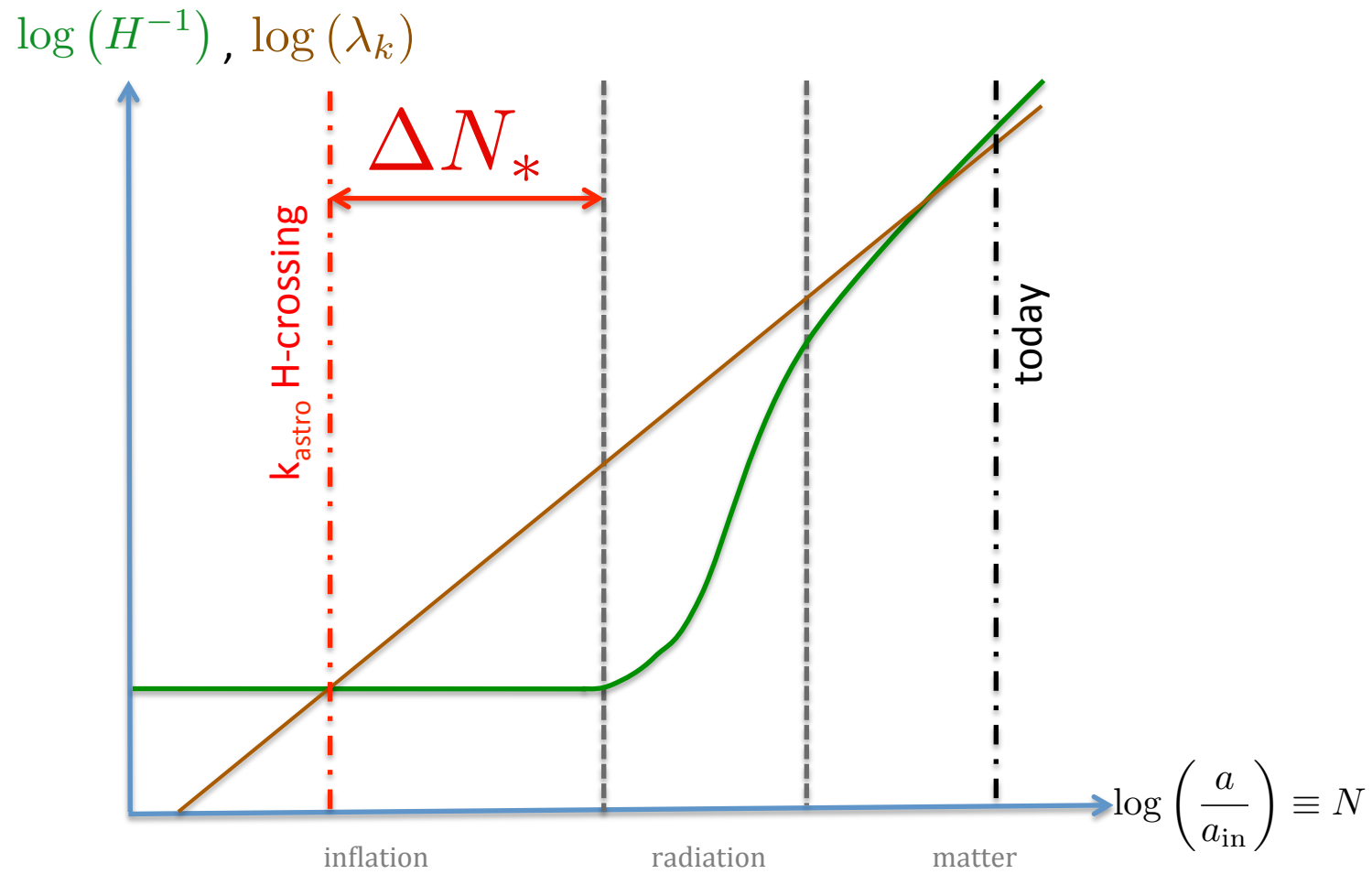
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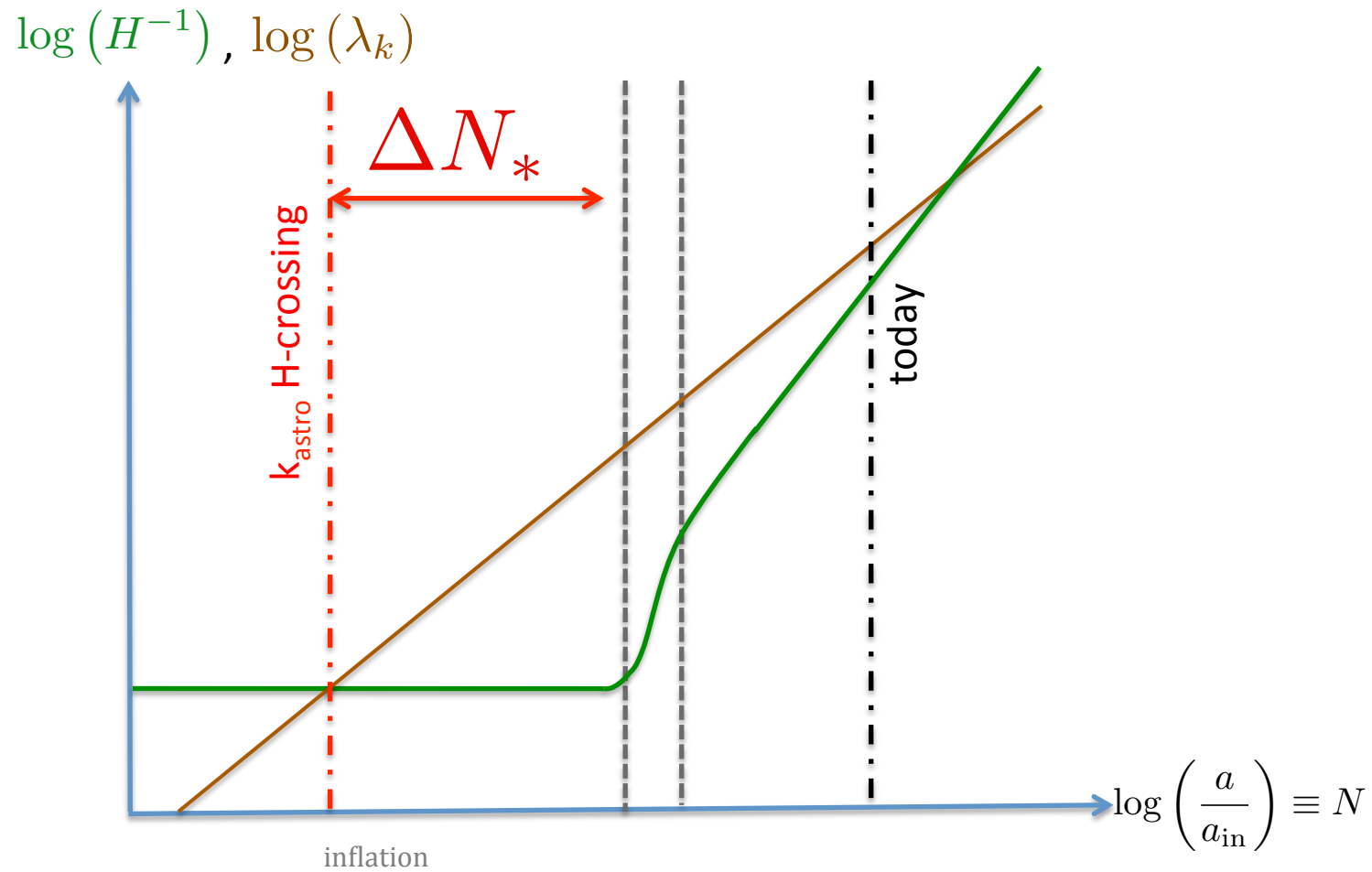
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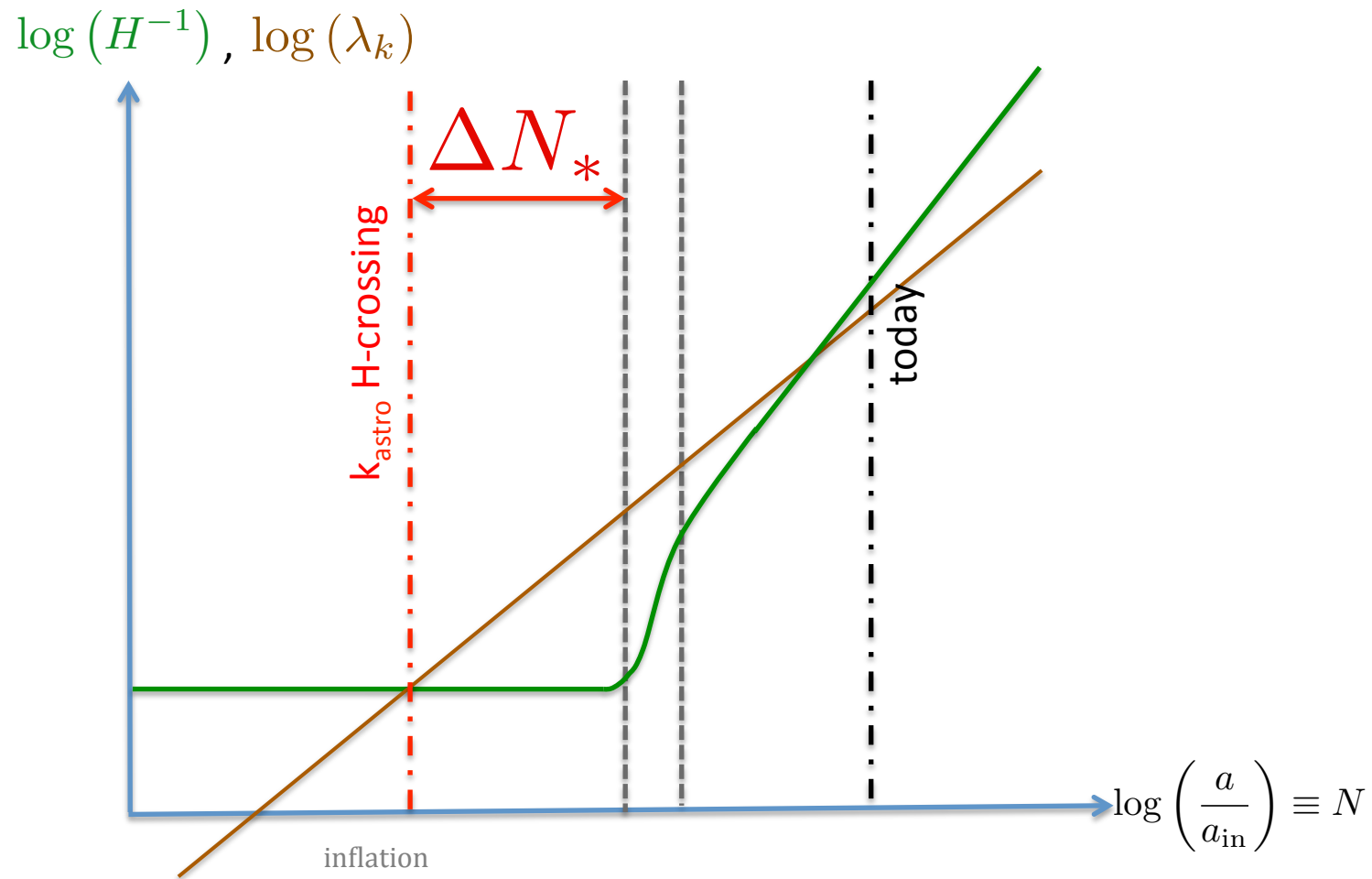
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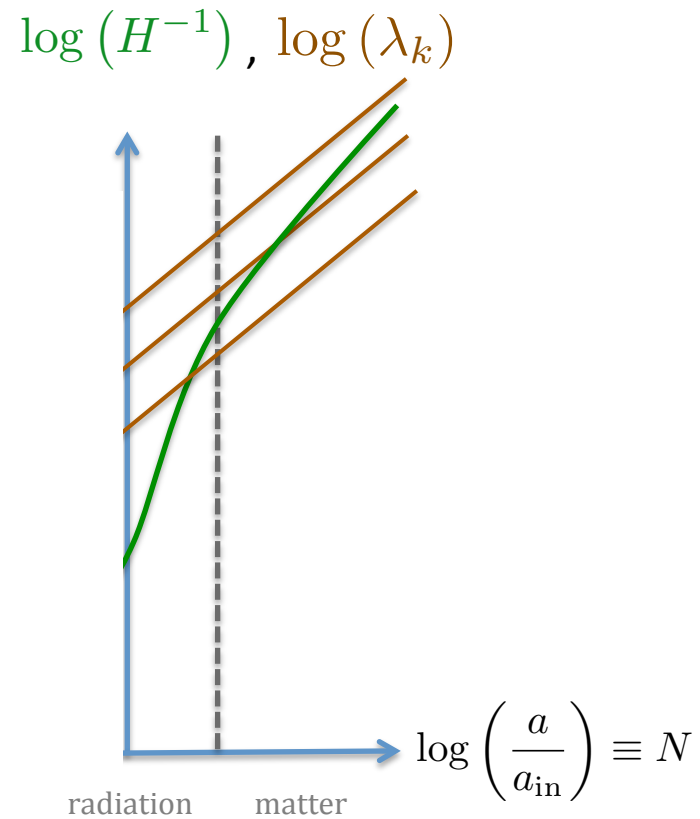
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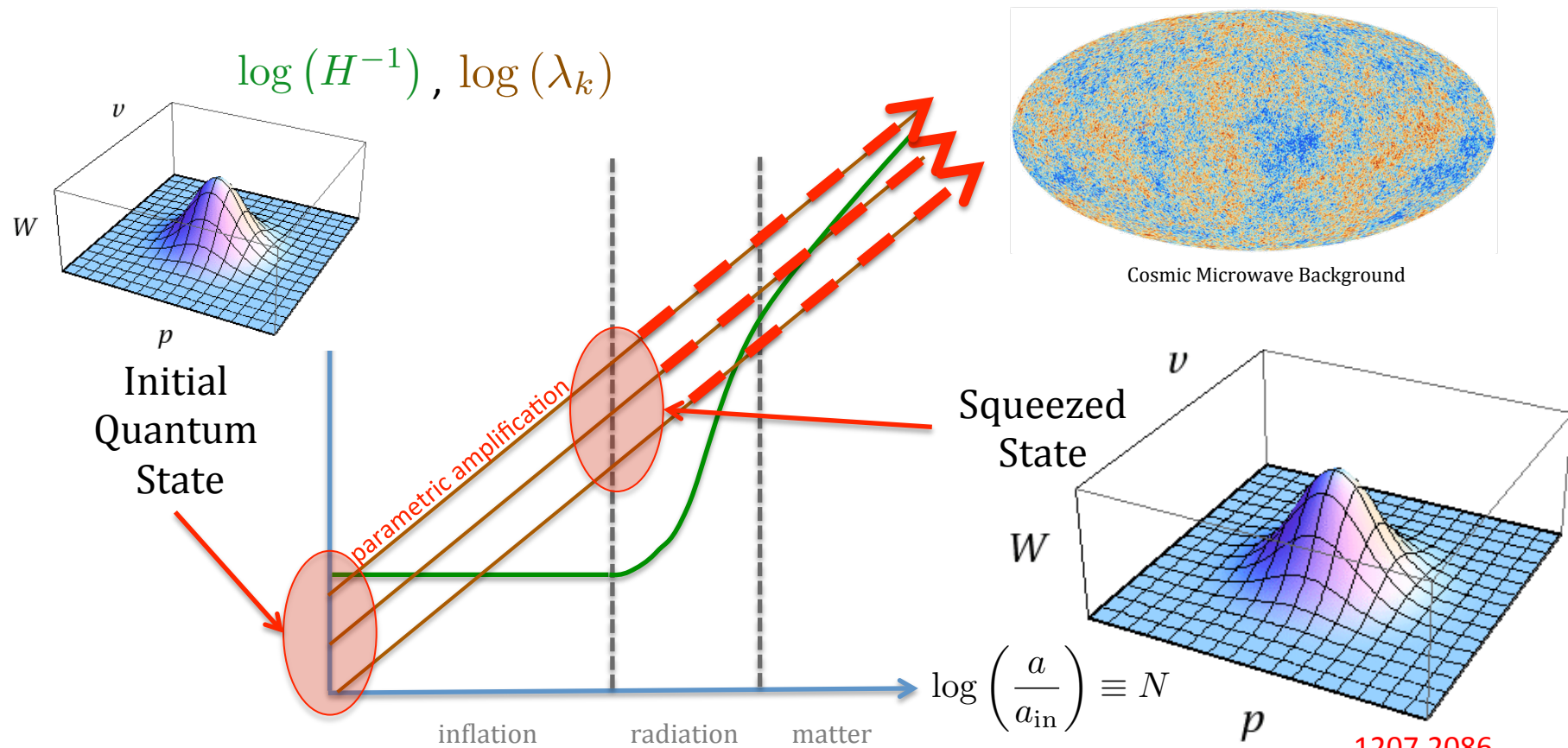
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Solves the **Horizon** Problem

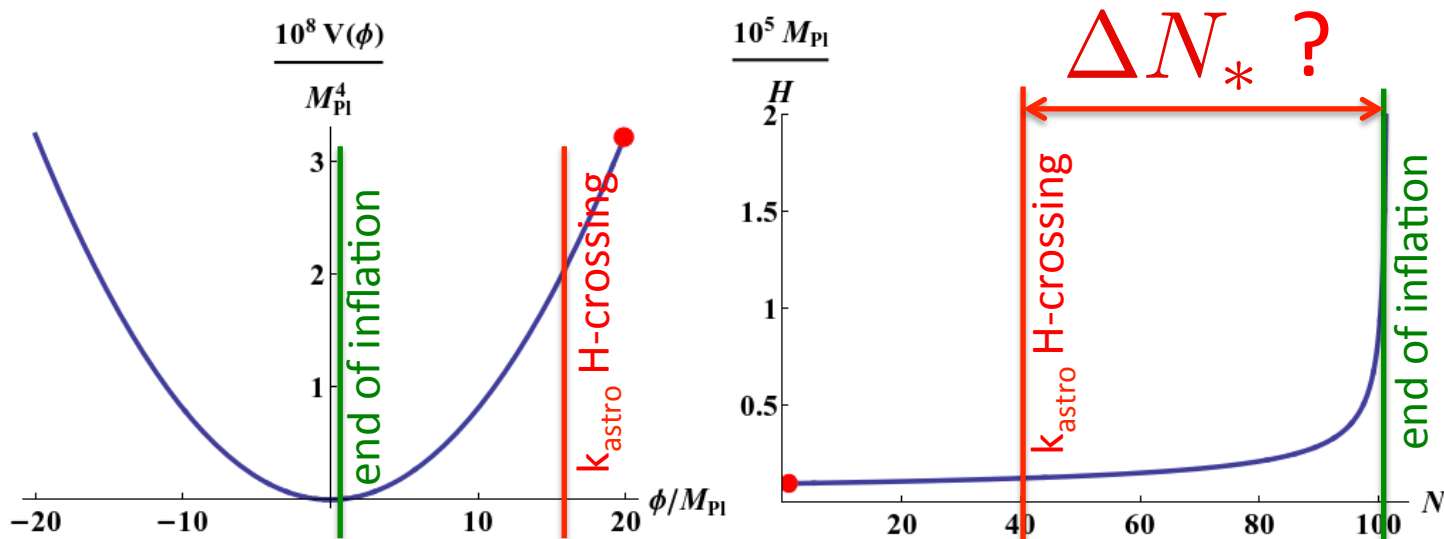


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Quantized fluctuations evolved over an expanding background

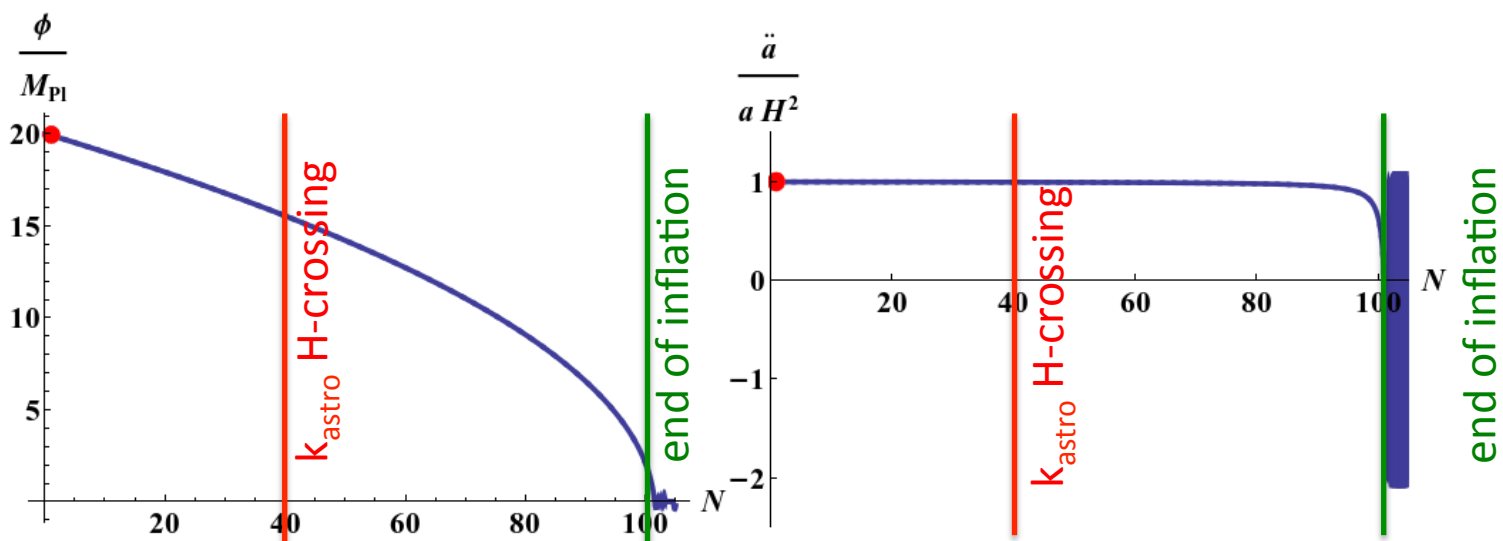


# Inflationary Dynamics

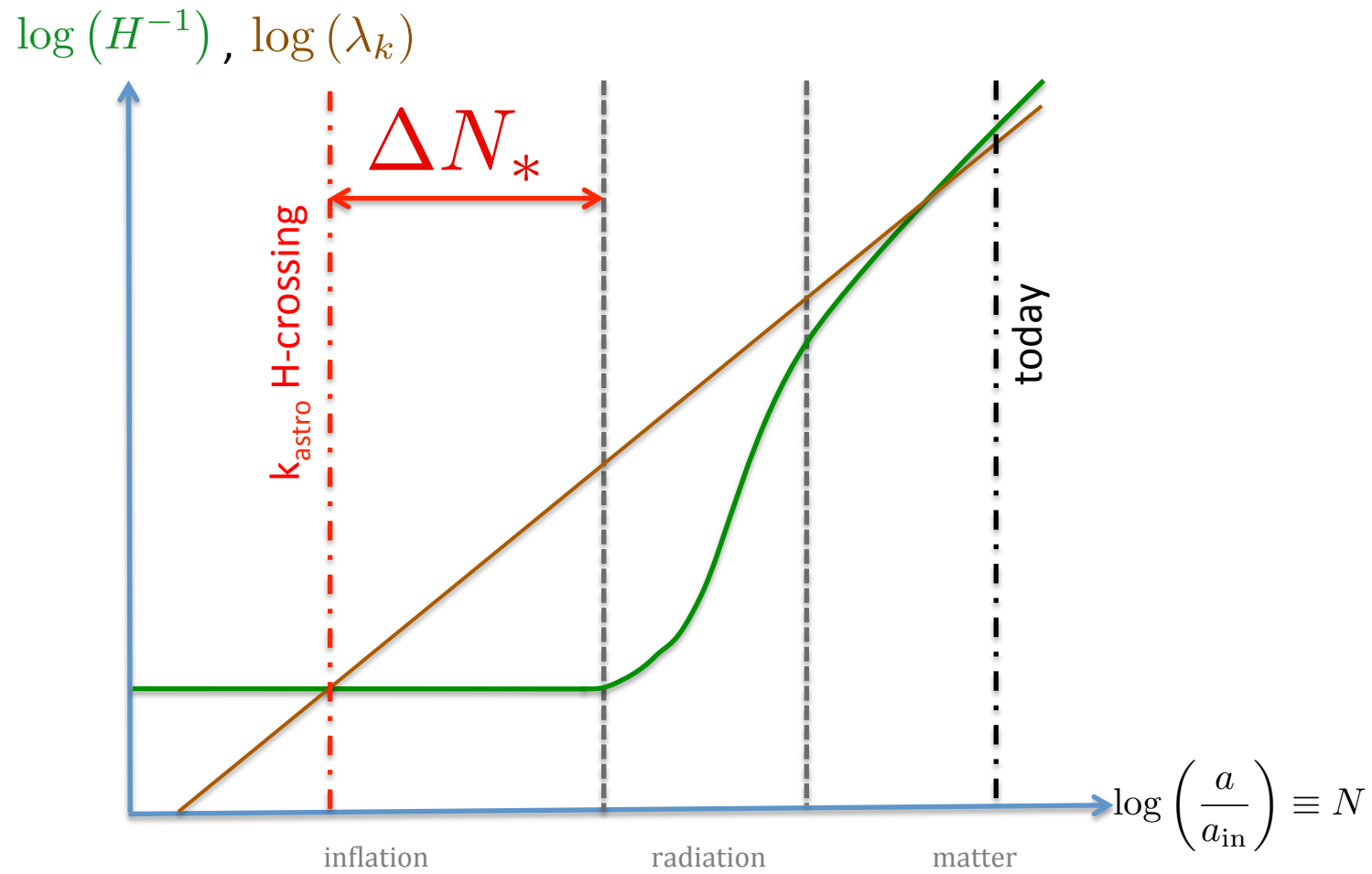


An example: « large field inflation »

$$V(\phi) = \frac{m^2}{2} \phi^2$$

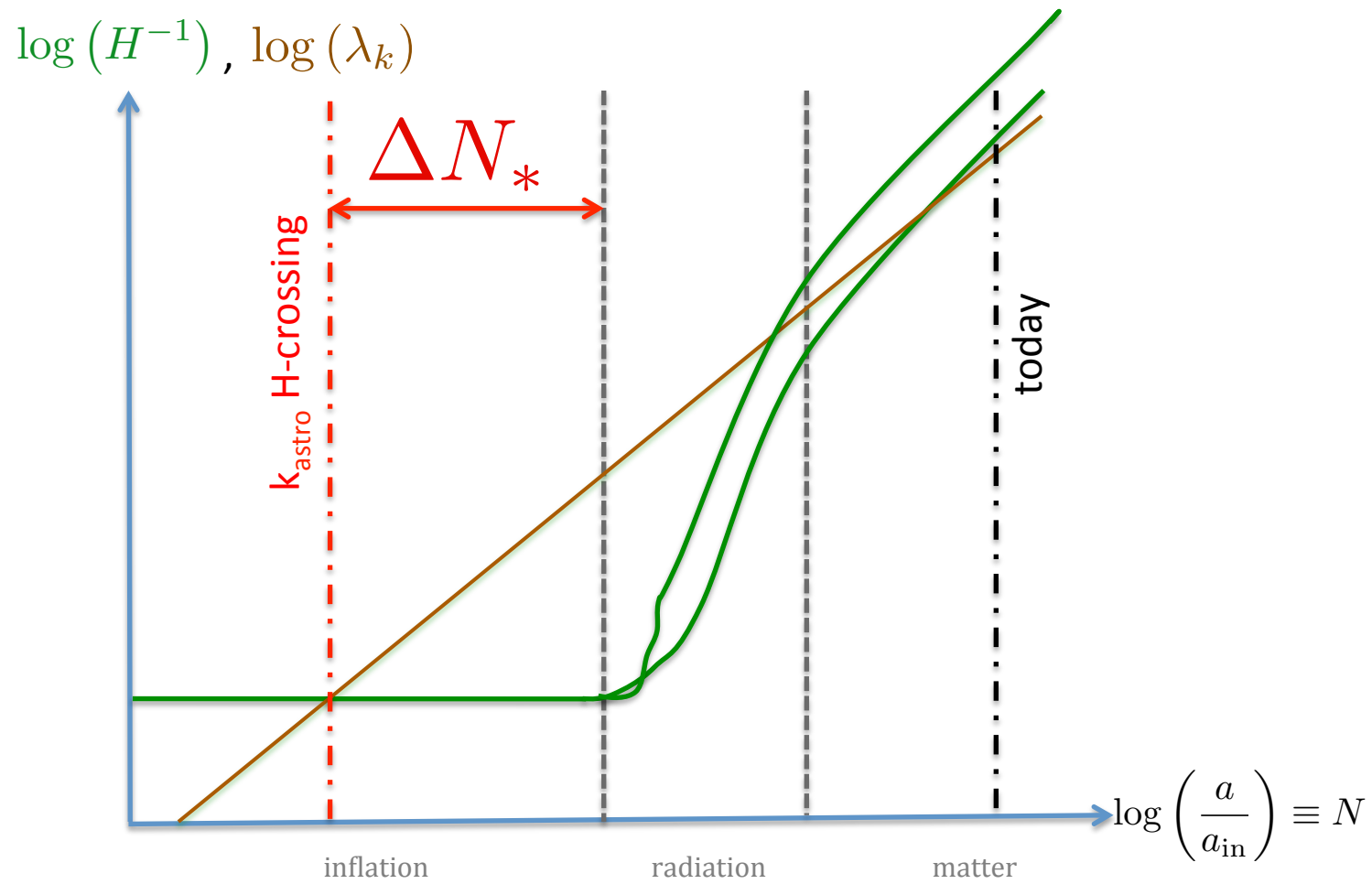


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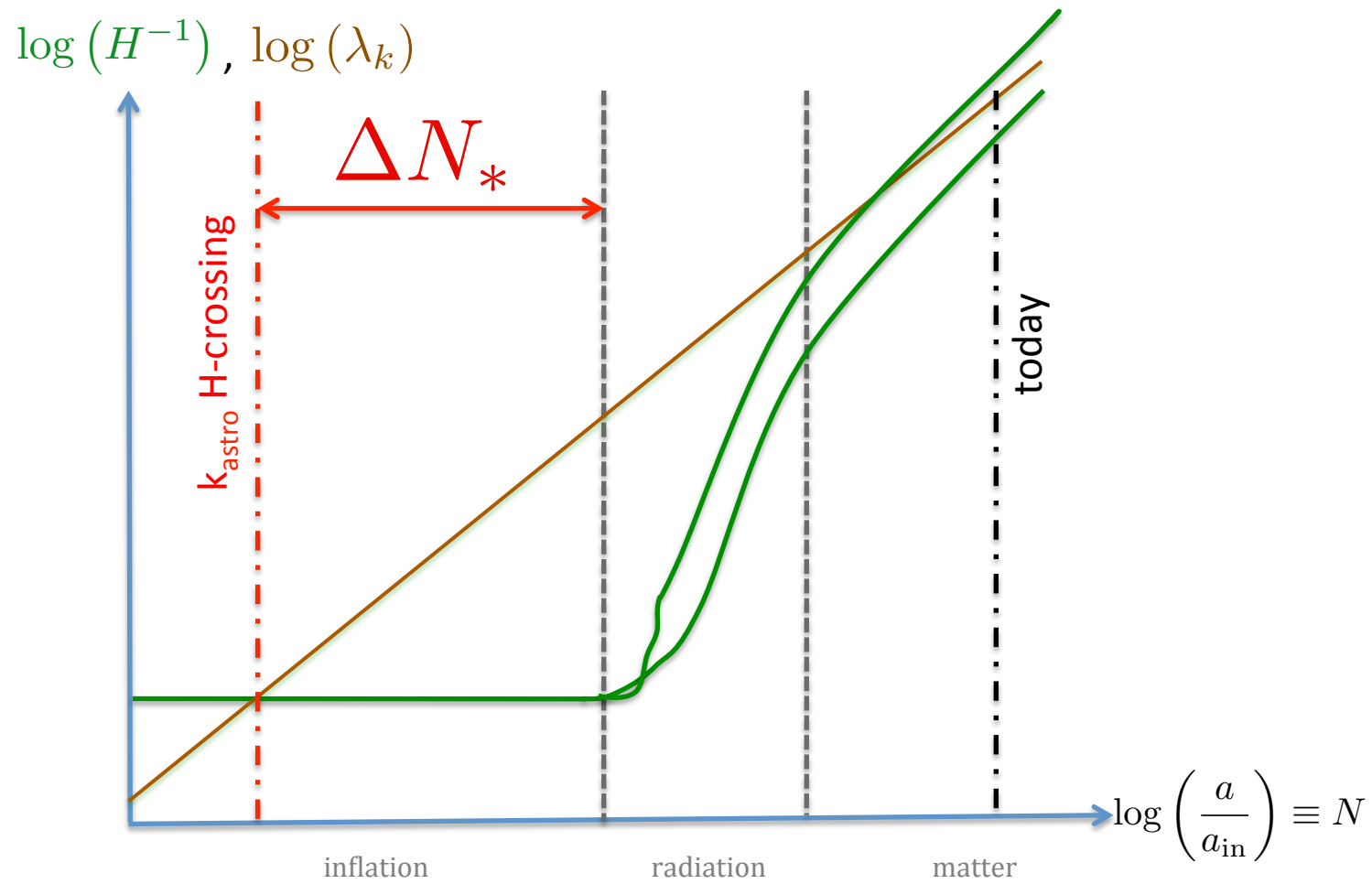
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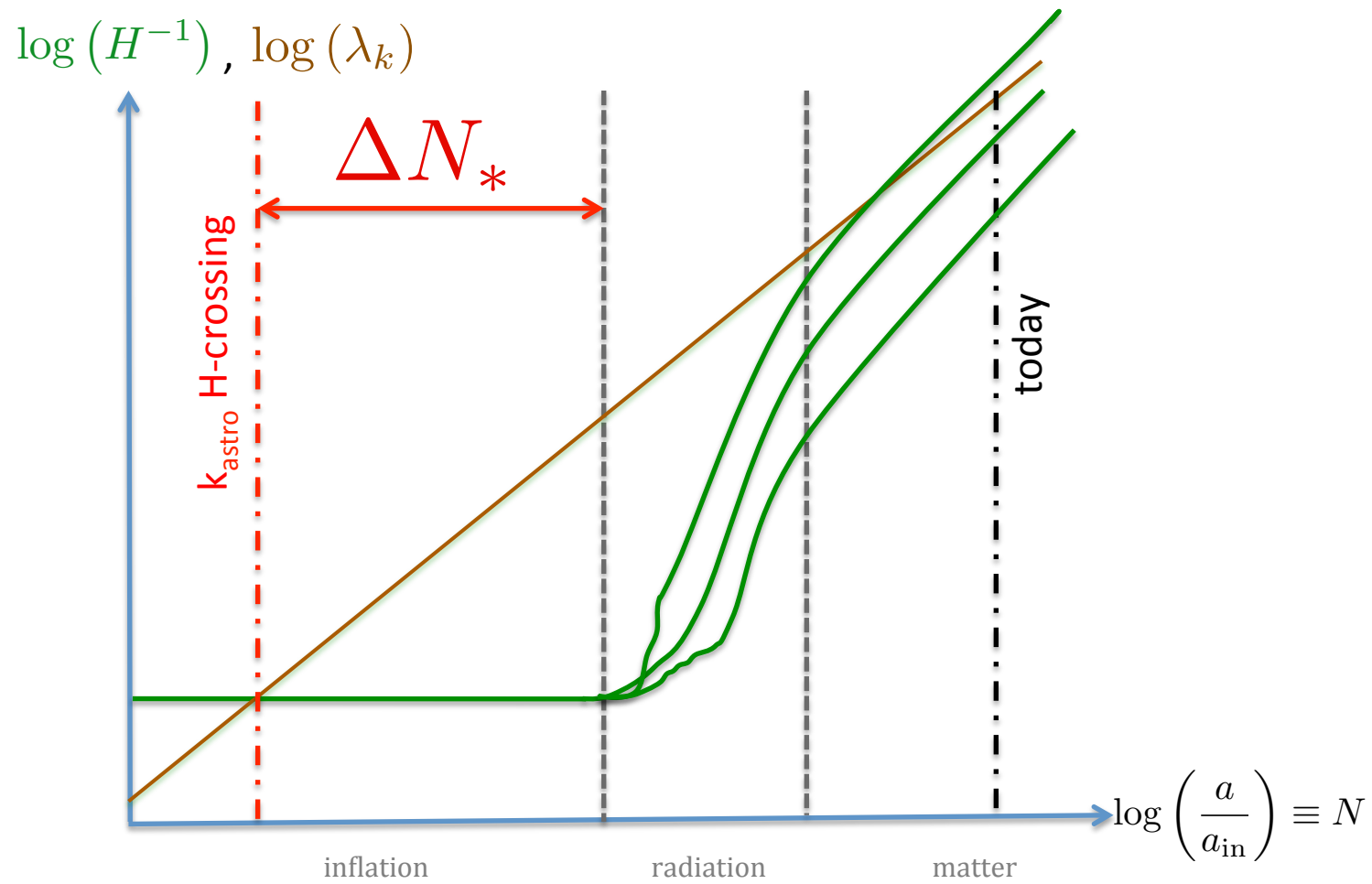
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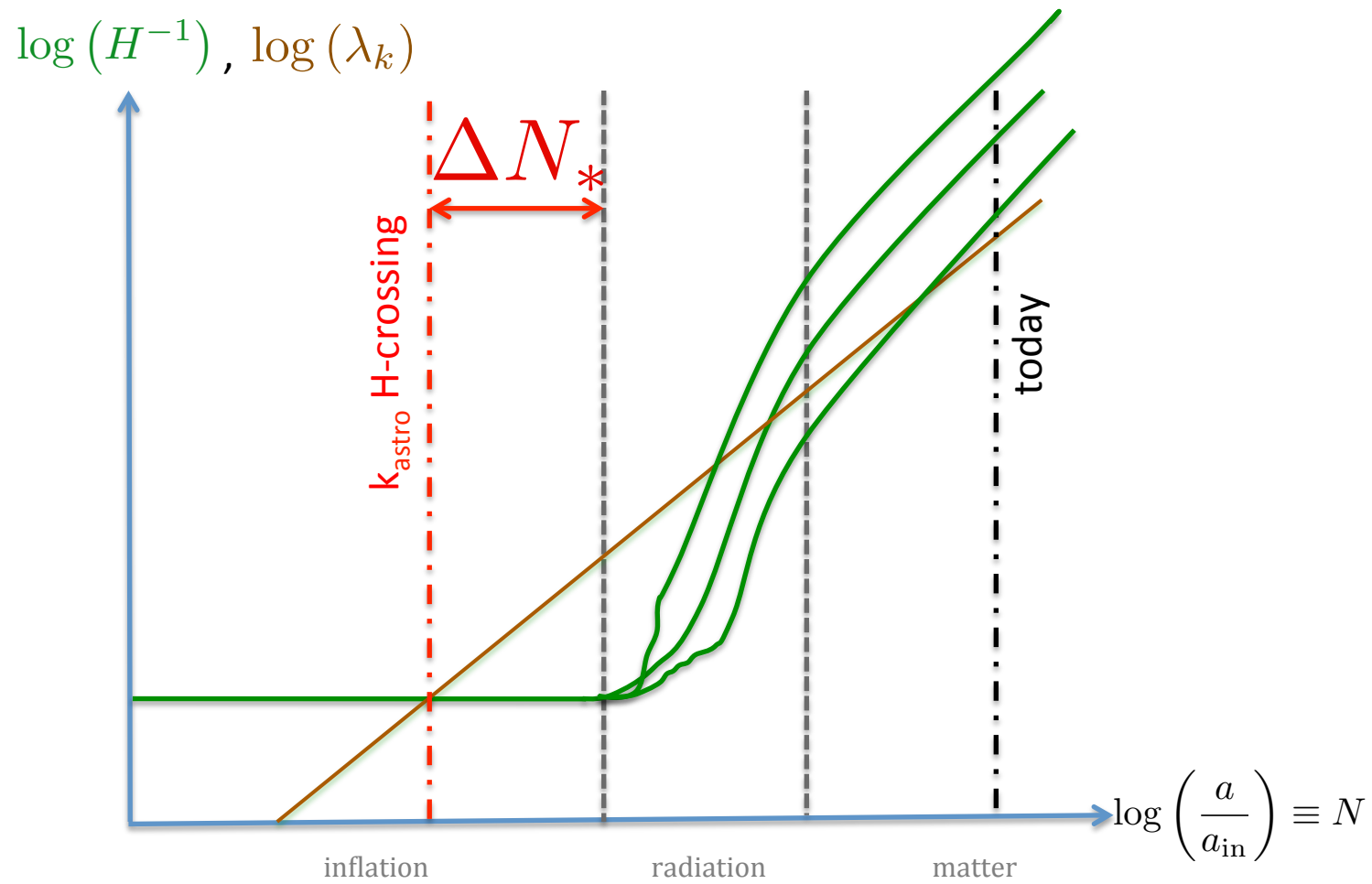
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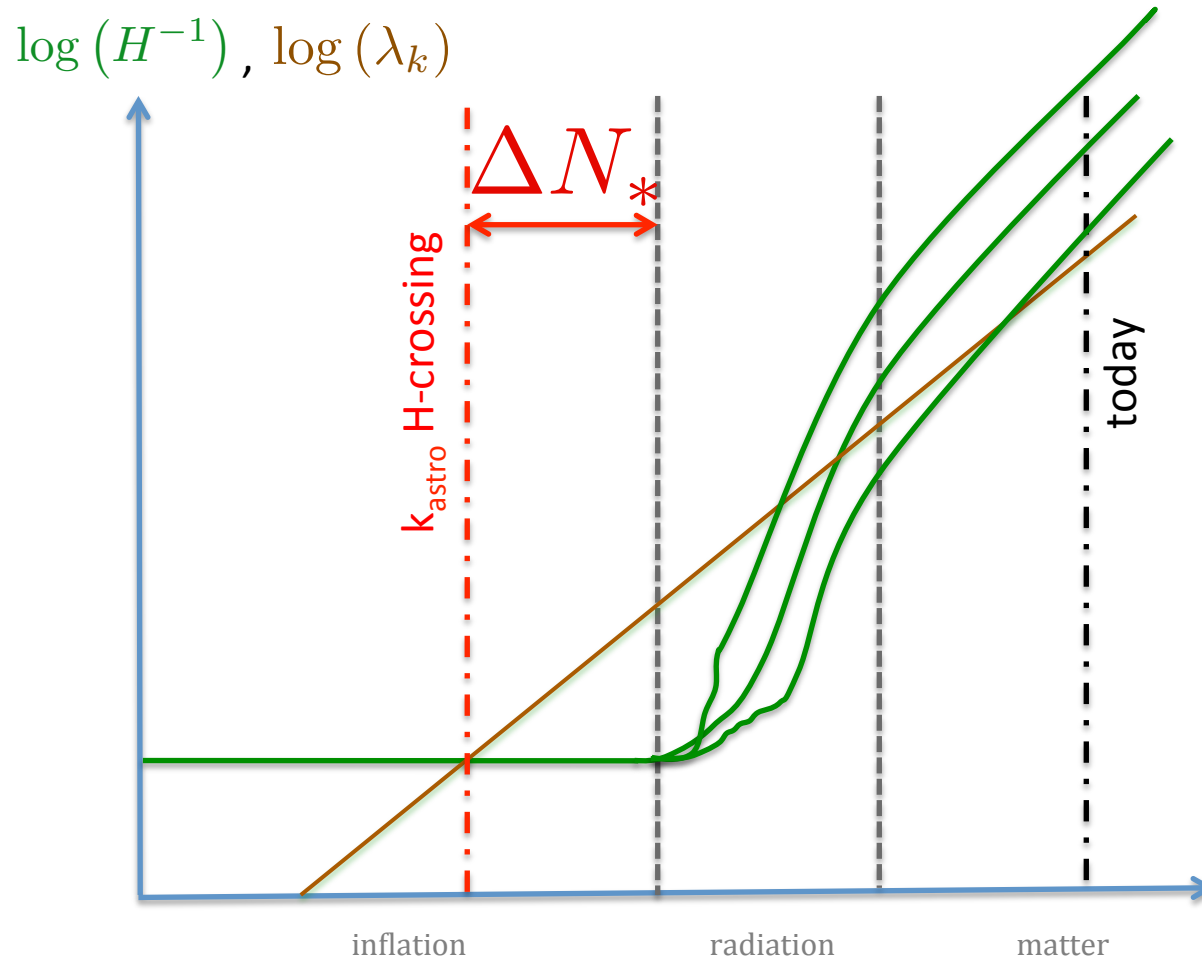


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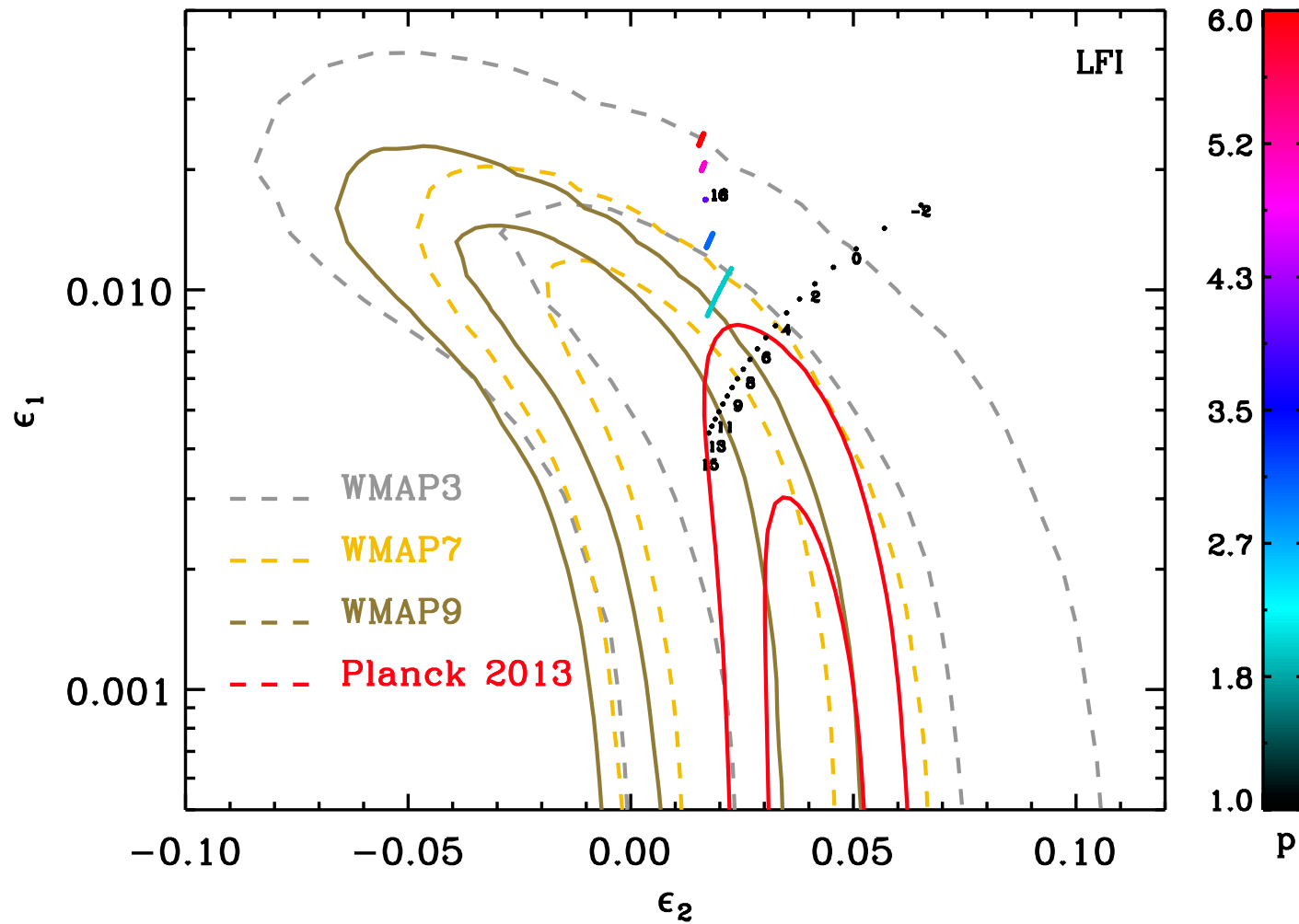


$$\Delta N_* (\bar{\rho}_{\text{reh}}, \bar{w}_{\text{reh}})$$

$$\rho_{\text{nuc}} < \bar{\rho}_{\text{reh}} < \rho_{\text{end}}$$

restrains  $\Delta N_*$  in some range

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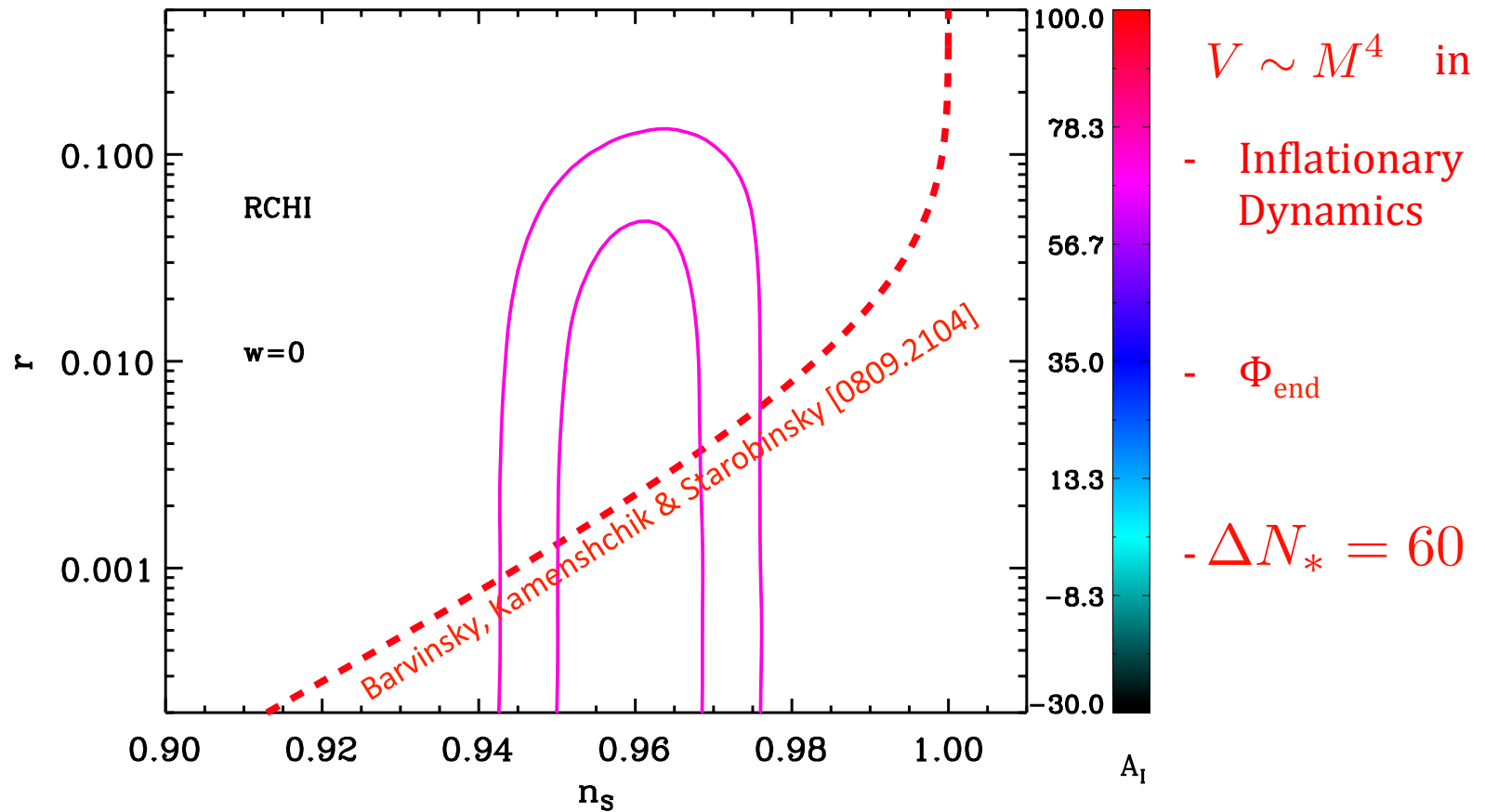
## Increased Observational Constraints

	$n_s (\pm 1\sigma)$	$r$ (95%CL)	$\alpha_s (\pm 1\sigma)$	$f_{\text{nl}}^{\text{local}} (\pm 1\sigma)$	$\mathcal{I}/\mathcal{R}$ (95%CL)
COBE 2	$1.21 \pm 0.57$				
COBE 4	$1.20 \pm 0.3$				
WMAP 1	$1.20 \pm 0.11$	$< 0.81$	$-0.077 \pm 0.05$	$40 \pm 49$	$< 32\%$
WMAP 3	$0.984 \pm 0.029$	$< 0.65$	$-0.055 \pm 0.03$	$30 \pm 42$	
WMAP 5	$0.960 \pm 0.013$	$< 0.43$	$-0.037 \pm 0.028$	$51 \pm 30$	$< 16\%$
WMAP 7	$0.968 \pm 0.012$	$< 0.36$	$-0.034 \pm 0.026$	$32 \pm 21$	$< 13\%$
WMAP 9	$0.9608 \pm 0.008$	$< 0.13$	$-0.019 \pm 0.025$	$37.2 \pm 19.9$	$< 15\%$
Planck 2013	$0.9603 \pm 0.007$	$< 0.11$	$-0.013 \pm 0.009$	$2.7 \pm 5.8$	$< 3.6\%$

# Need for exact Formulas

Example: Radiatively Corrected Higgs Inflation

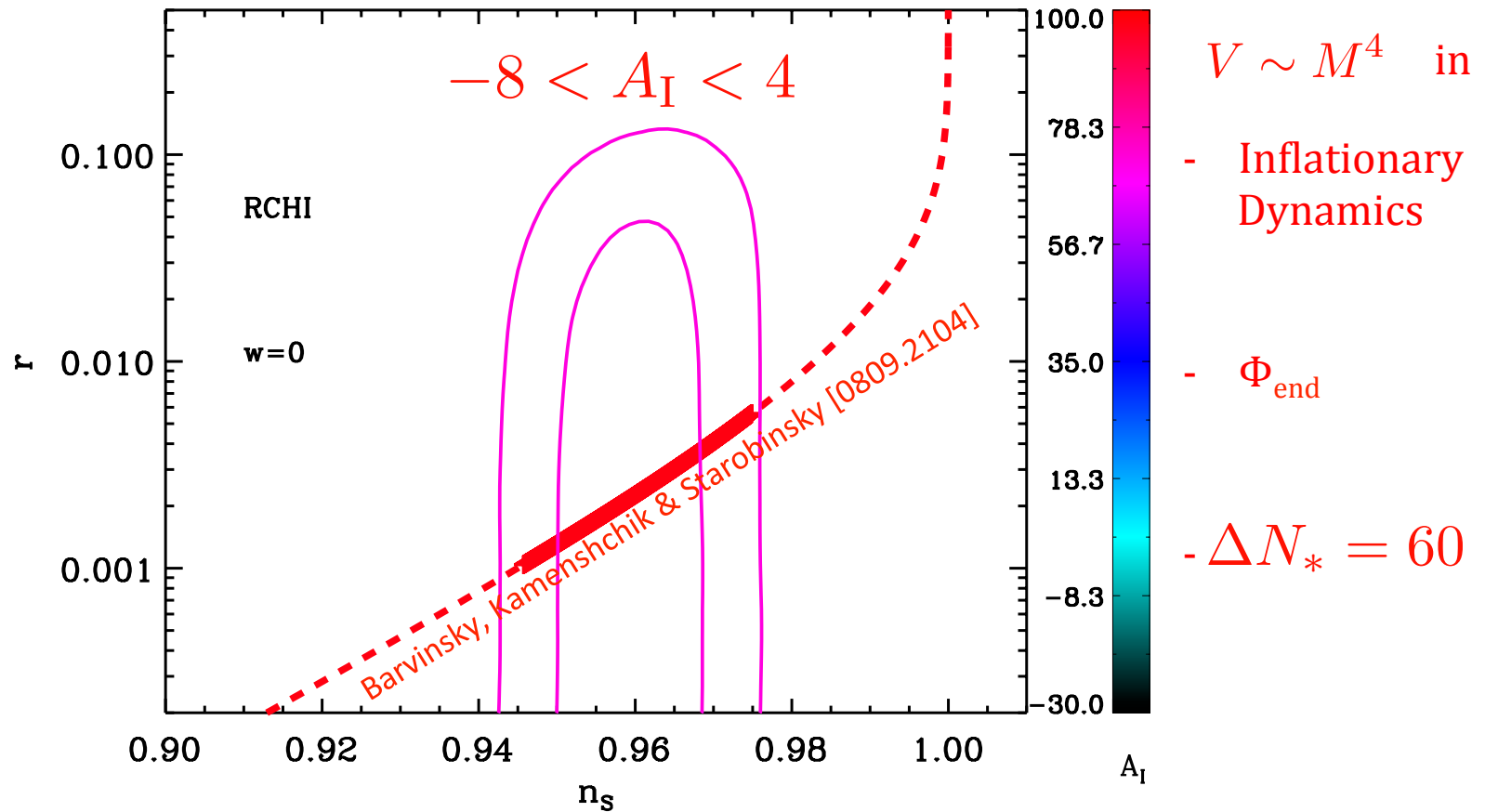
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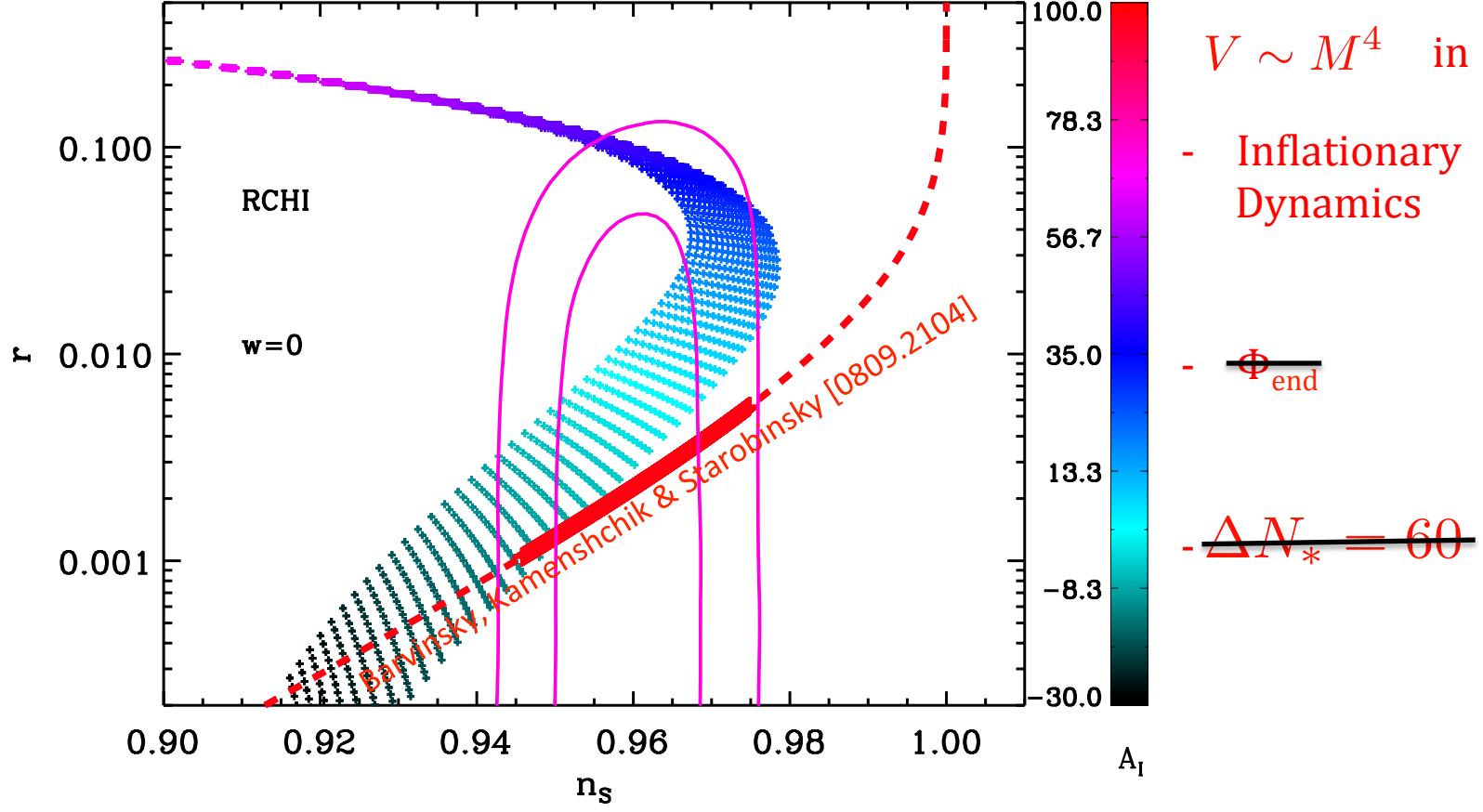


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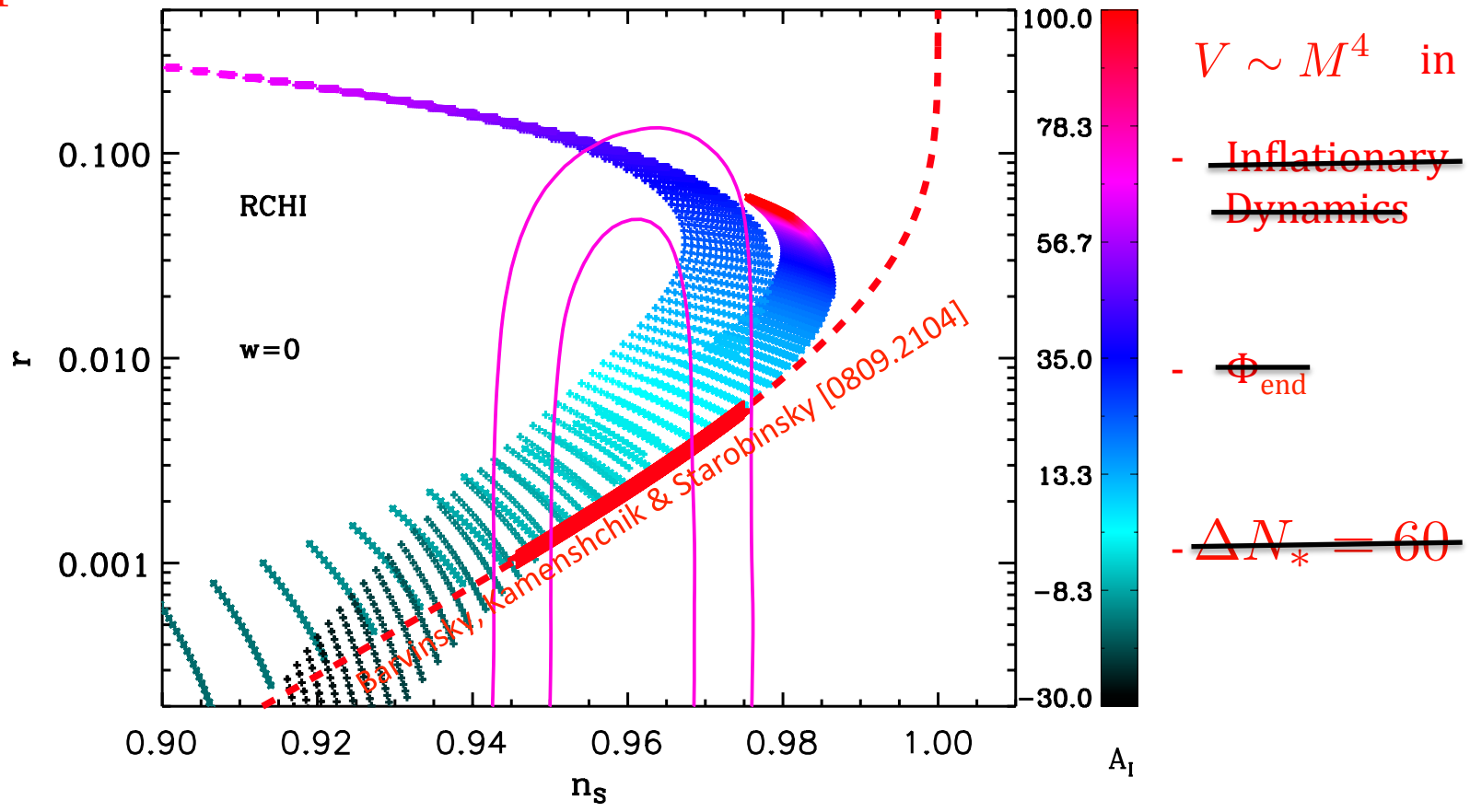
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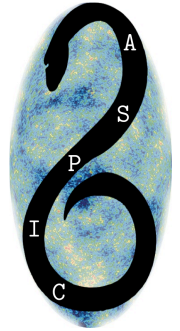
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Particle Physics:  
 $-48 < A_I < -20$

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# Bayesian Approach



$$P(A \cap B) = P_B(A)P(B) = P_A(B)P(A)$$



$$P_B(A) = \frac{P_A(B)P(A)}{P(B)}$$

Bayes Formula

posterior

$$P_{\text{data}}(\mathcal{M}) = \frac{P_{\mathcal{M}}(\text{data})P(\mathcal{M})}{P(\text{data})}$$

evidence

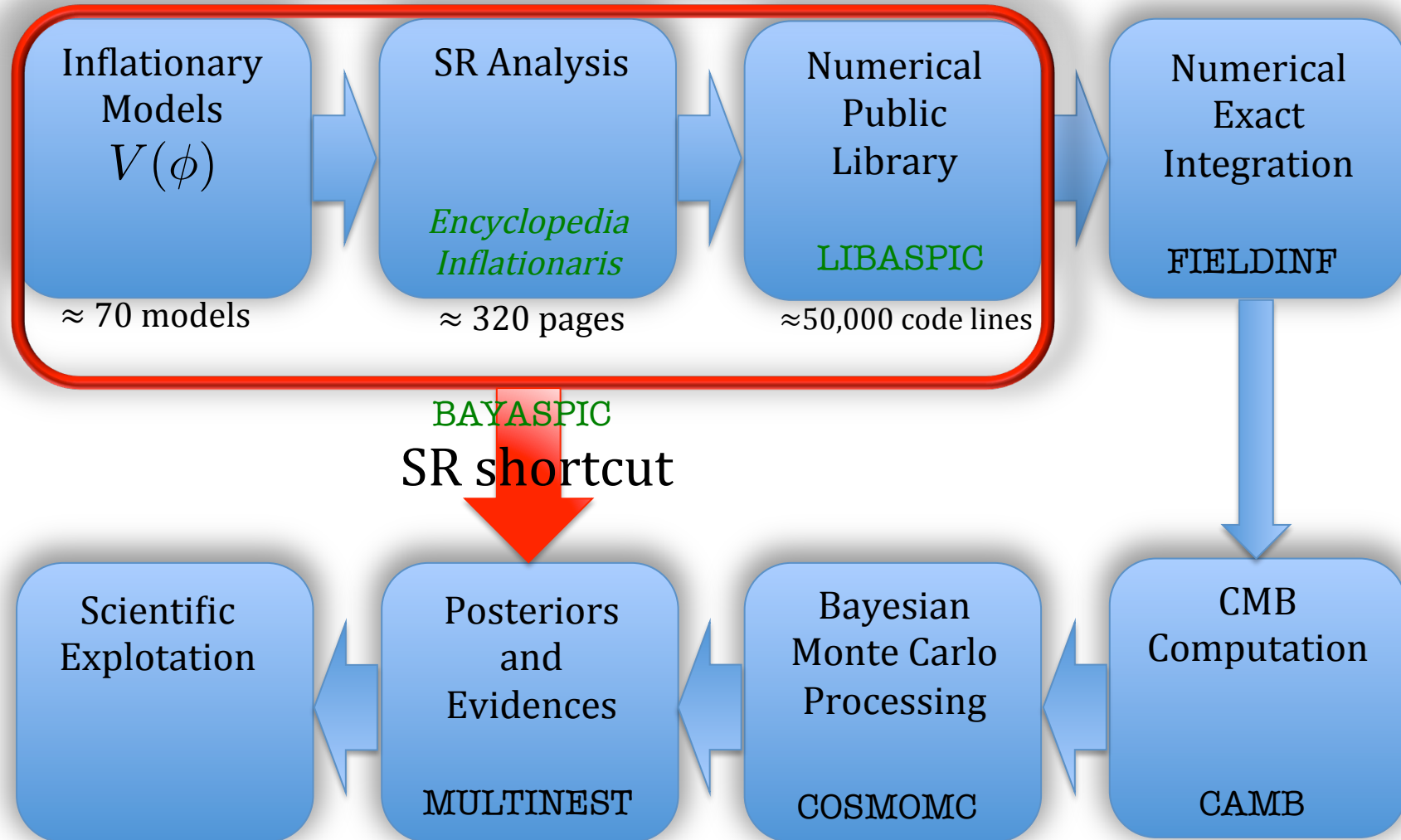
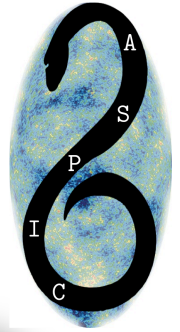
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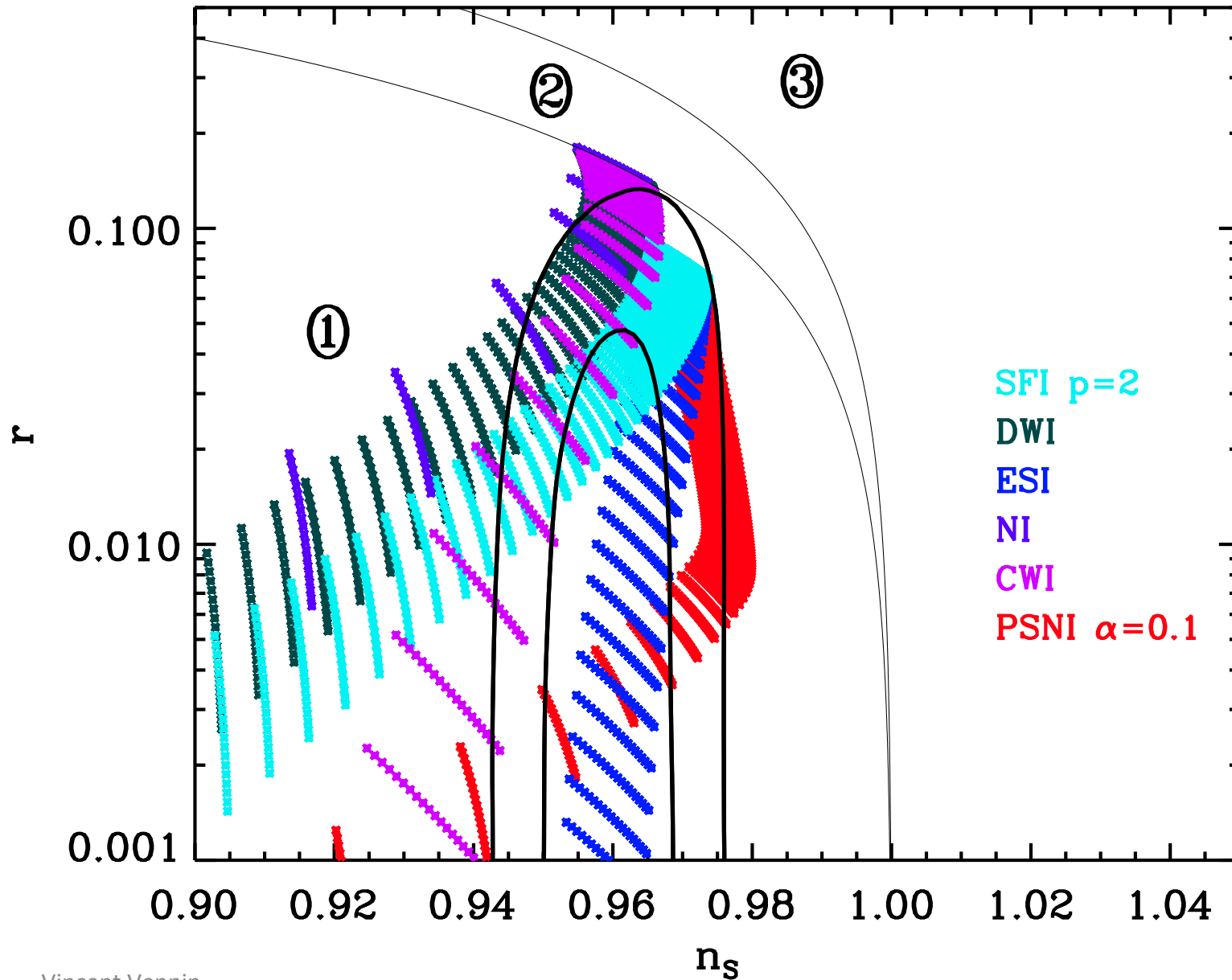
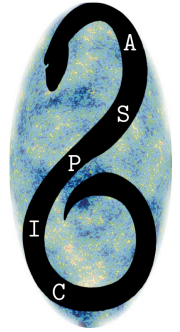
$$P(\text{data}) = \int_{\mathcal{M}} P(\mathcal{M})P_{\mathcal{M}}(\text{data})$$

**Evidence ratios:**  
updates the relative state of belief in two models

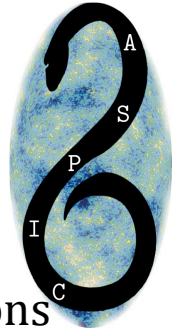
# Computational Pipeline: The ASPIC project



# Typological Classification



## Summary



- Inflation solves the Hot Big Bang problems, and provides a causal mechanism for generating cosmological perturbations from quantum fluctuations
- Its simplest versions (single scalar field with canonical kinetic term) account for all the observational facts about their statistics
- The accuracy of the data has improved so much that it now allows to distinguish between the models
- This can be achieved by means of semi analytical bayesian computation
- The **ASPIC** project has developed a publicly available numerical library of slow roll routines for  $\approx 70$  models, along with an *Encyclopedia Inflationaris*
- It is now providing for the first time the first evidence of these models and should allow to answer the question: **What is the best model of inflation?**
- It should be associated with complementary approaches: model independent calculation, potential reconstruction, etc..