

# Suppressing the primordial tensor amplitude without changing the scalar sector in quadratic curvature gravity

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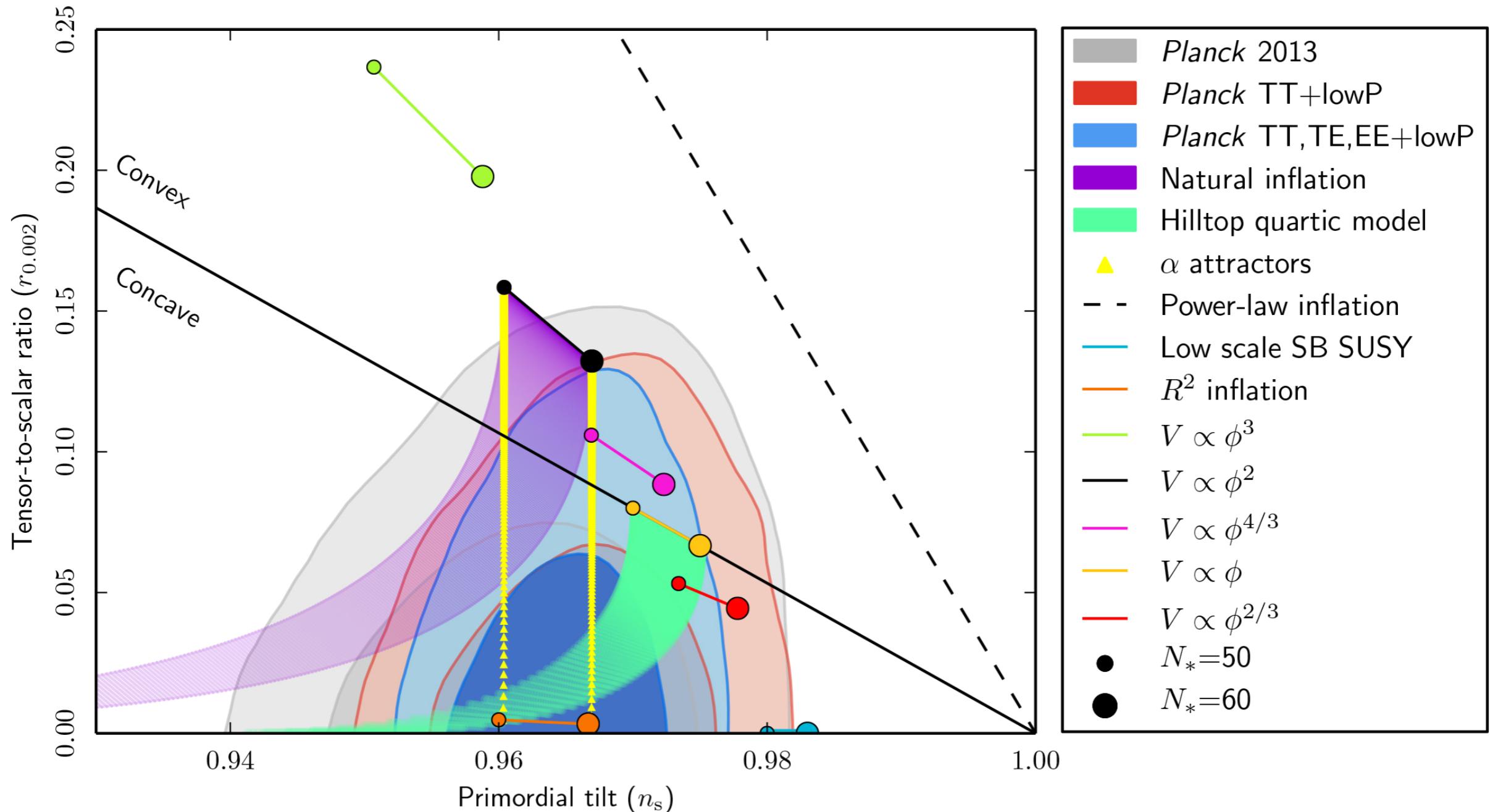
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# Constraints on Inflation model



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Yes, we can  
with higher curvature corrections

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Action:  $S = S_{\text{EH}} + S_\phi + S_{\text{higher}}$

$$S_{\text{EH}} = \frac{1}{2\kappa} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \mathcal{R}, \quad \kappa = 8\pi G$$

$$S_\phi = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} P(\phi, \partial^\mu \phi \partial_\mu \phi),$$

$$S_{\text{higher}} = \frac{1}{\kappa} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left( \frac{1}{M^2} \mathcal{R}_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \mathcal{R}^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} + \dots \right).$$

# Construction of theories

Theories we want have the properties as follows:

- No ghost degrees of freedom
- Changing the dynamics of tensor perturbations while the scalar perturbations is left unchanged

# Construction of theories

Construction with

the unit normal to constant  $\phi$  hypersurfaces

$$u_\mu := -\frac{\partial_\mu \phi}{\sqrt{-\partial^\nu \phi \partial_\nu \phi}},$$

the induced metric

$$\gamma_{\mu\nu} = g_{\mu\nu} + u_\mu u_\nu,$$

for example:  $\mathcal{R}_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \mathcal{R}_{\mu'\nu'\rho'\sigma'} \gamma^{\mu\mu'} \gamma^{\nu\nu'} \gamma^{\rho\rho'} u^\sigma u^{\sigma'}$

# Construction of theories

ADM decomposition

taking constant  $\phi$  hypersurfaces  
as constant time hypersurfaces,

$$ds^2 = -N^2 dt^2 + \gamma_{ij} (dx^i + N^i dt) (dx^j + N^j dt).$$

quadratic curvature terms

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{\gamma} N \times \{ & K^4, K_{ij} K^{ij} K^2, \dots, R^2, R_{ij} R^{ij}, \\ & K^2 R, K K^{ij} R_{ij}, \dots, D_i K_{jk} D^i K^{jk}, \dots \} \end{aligned}$$

# Cosmological perturbations

$$N = 1 + \delta N, \quad N_i = \partial_i \chi + \chi_i, \quad \gamma_{ij} = a^2 e^{2\zeta} (e^h)_{ij},$$

## About scalar perturbations

$$K_i{}^j = H \delta_i{}^j + \frac{1}{3} \delta K \delta_i{}^j + \delta \tilde{K}_i{}^j,$$

where

$$\delta K = -3H\delta N + 3\dot{\zeta} - \frac{1}{a^2} \partial^2 \chi,$$

$$\delta \tilde{K}_i{}^j = -\frac{1}{a^2} \left( \partial_i \partial^j - \frac{1}{3} \delta_i{}^j \partial^2 \right) \chi,$$

and

$$\delta R_i{}^j = -\frac{1}{a^2} \left( \partial_i \partial^j + \delta_i{}^j \partial^2 \right) \zeta.$$

Combinations for which the scalar variables are canceled out

$$2\partial_i \delta \tilde{K}_{jk} \partial^i \delta \tilde{K}^{jk} - 3\partial_i \delta \tilde{K}^{ik} \partial^j \delta \tilde{K}_{jk},$$

and

$$\delta R_{ij} \delta R^{ij} - \frac{3}{8} \delta R^2,$$

Including vector and tensor perturbations

$$\begin{aligned} 2\partial_i \delta \tilde{K}_{jk} \partial^i \delta \tilde{K}^{jk} - 3\partial_i \delta \tilde{K}^{ik} \partial^j \delta \tilde{K}_{jk} \\ = \frac{1}{2a^2} \left( \partial_i \dot{h}_{jk} \right)^2 + \frac{1}{4a^6} \left( \partial^2 \chi_i \right)^2, \end{aligned}$$

$$\delta R_{ij} \delta R^{ij} - \frac{3}{8} \delta R^2 = \frac{1}{4a^4} \left( \partial^2 h_{ij} \right)^2.$$

# Construction of Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}'_1 = \frac{\sqrt{\gamma}N}{M^2} \left( 2D_i \tilde{K}_{jk} D^i \tilde{K}^{jk} - 3D_i \tilde{K}^{ik} D^j \tilde{K}_{jk} \right),$$

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$$= \frac{\sqrt{-g}}{M^2} C_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} C_{\mu'\nu'\rho'\sigma'} \gamma^{\mu\mu'} \gamma^{\nu\nu'} \gamma^{\rho\rho'} u^\sigma u^{\sigma'}$$

# Tensor amplitudes in $\mathcal{L}_1$ and $\mathcal{L}_2$ model

## $\mathcal{L}_1$ model

$$S = S_{\text{EH}} + S_\phi + S_{\text{higher}}$$

$$S_{\text{higher}} = \frac{1}{\kappa} \int d^4x \mathcal{L}_1$$

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for tensor perturbations

$$S = \frac{1}{8\kappa} \int dt d^3x a^3 \left[ \dot{h}_{ij}^2 - \frac{1}{a^2} (\partial_k h_{ij})^2 + \frac{4}{M^2 a^2} (\partial_k \dot{h}_{ij})^2 \right]$$

## $\mathcal{L}_1$ model

$$f_k^\lambda(t) = \left(\frac{1}{4\kappa}\right)^{1/2} a^{3/2} \left(1 + \frac{4k^2}{M^2 a^2}\right)^{1/2} h_k^\lambda$$

$$\ddot{f}_k + \omega_k^2(t) f_k = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \omega_k^2 := & -\frac{1}{4} \left( H^2 + 2\dot{H} \right) + \frac{k^2/a^2 - 2H^2 - \dot{H}}{1 + 4k^2/M^2 a^2} \\ & - \frac{4H^2 k^2 / M^2 a^2}{(1 + 4k^2/M^2 a^2)^2} \end{aligned}$$

WKB solution for  $k^2/a^2 \gg H^2, M^2$

$$f_k \simeq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\omega_k}} \exp \left[ -i \int^t \omega_k(t') dt' \right]$$

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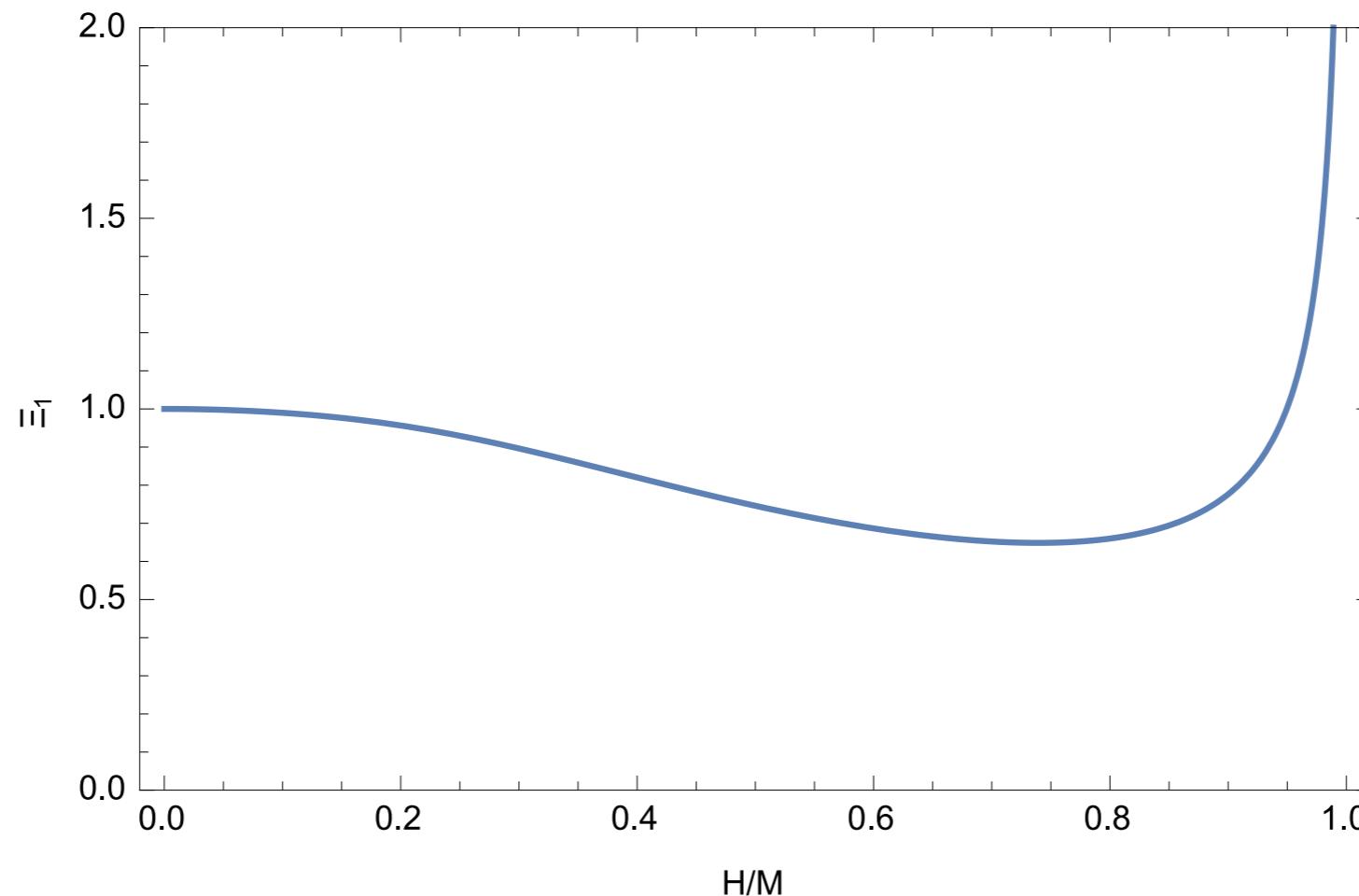
$$\mathcal{P}_T(k) = \frac{k^3}{\pi^2} |h_k|^2$$

N. Deruelle et al. JHEP **09**, 009 (2012)

$$\mathcal{P}_T = \frac{2\kappa H^2}{\pi^2} \Xi_1(H/M),$$

where

$$\Xi_1(x) := \frac{\cosh(\pi\nu/2) \coth(\pi\nu/2) |\Gamma(-1/4 + i\nu/4)|^4}{128\pi^2 x^3},$$



$$\nu := \sqrt{x^{-2} - 1}$$

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## $\mathcal{L}_2$ model

$$v_k^\lambda := (4\kappa)^{-1/2} a h_k^\lambda$$

$$\frac{d^2 v_k}{d\eta^2} + \omega_k^2(\eta) v_k = 0$$

$$\omega_k^2 := k^2 + \frac{k^4}{M^2 a^2} - \frac{1}{a} \frac{d^2 a}{d\eta^2}$$

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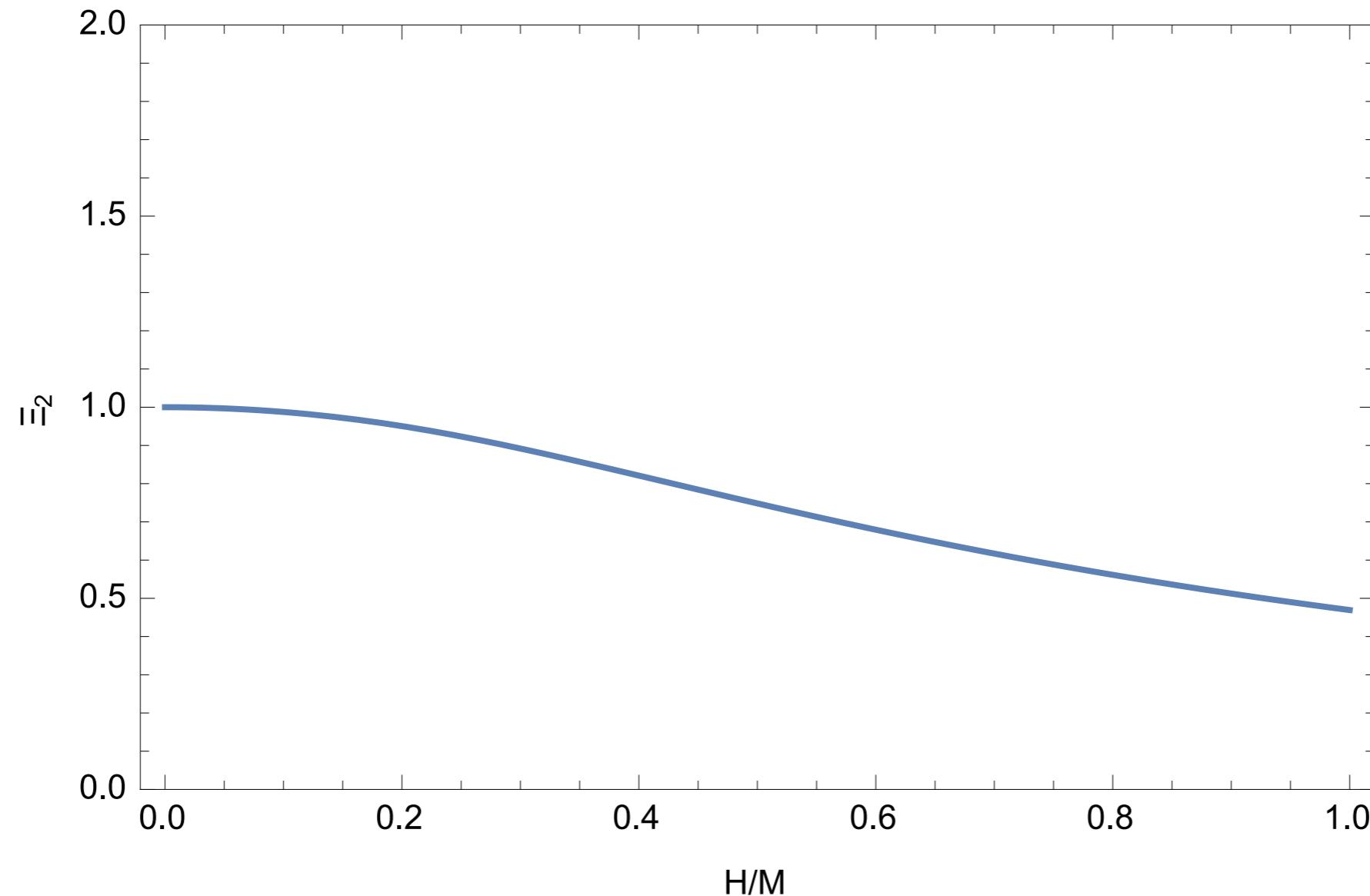
solution at large  $k$  in de Sitter background

$$v_k = \frac{e^{-\pi/8x} W_{i/4x, 3/4}(-ik^2\eta^2)}{(-2xk^2\eta)^{1/2}}$$

## $\mathcal{L}_2$ model

$$\mathcal{P}_T = \frac{2\kappa H^2}{\pi^2} \Xi_2(H/M)$$

$$\Xi_2(x) := \frac{\pi}{4} \left[ e^{\pi/(4x)} x^{3/2} |\Gamma(5/4 + i/(4x))|^2 \right]^{-1}$$



## $\mathcal{L}_2$ model

$\mathcal{L}_2$  contains

$$\mathcal{L}_2 \sim \frac{1}{M^2} \zeta (\partial^2 \zeta)^2$$

non-Gaussianity generated by this term

$$f_{NL} \sim \frac{H^2}{\epsilon M^2}$$

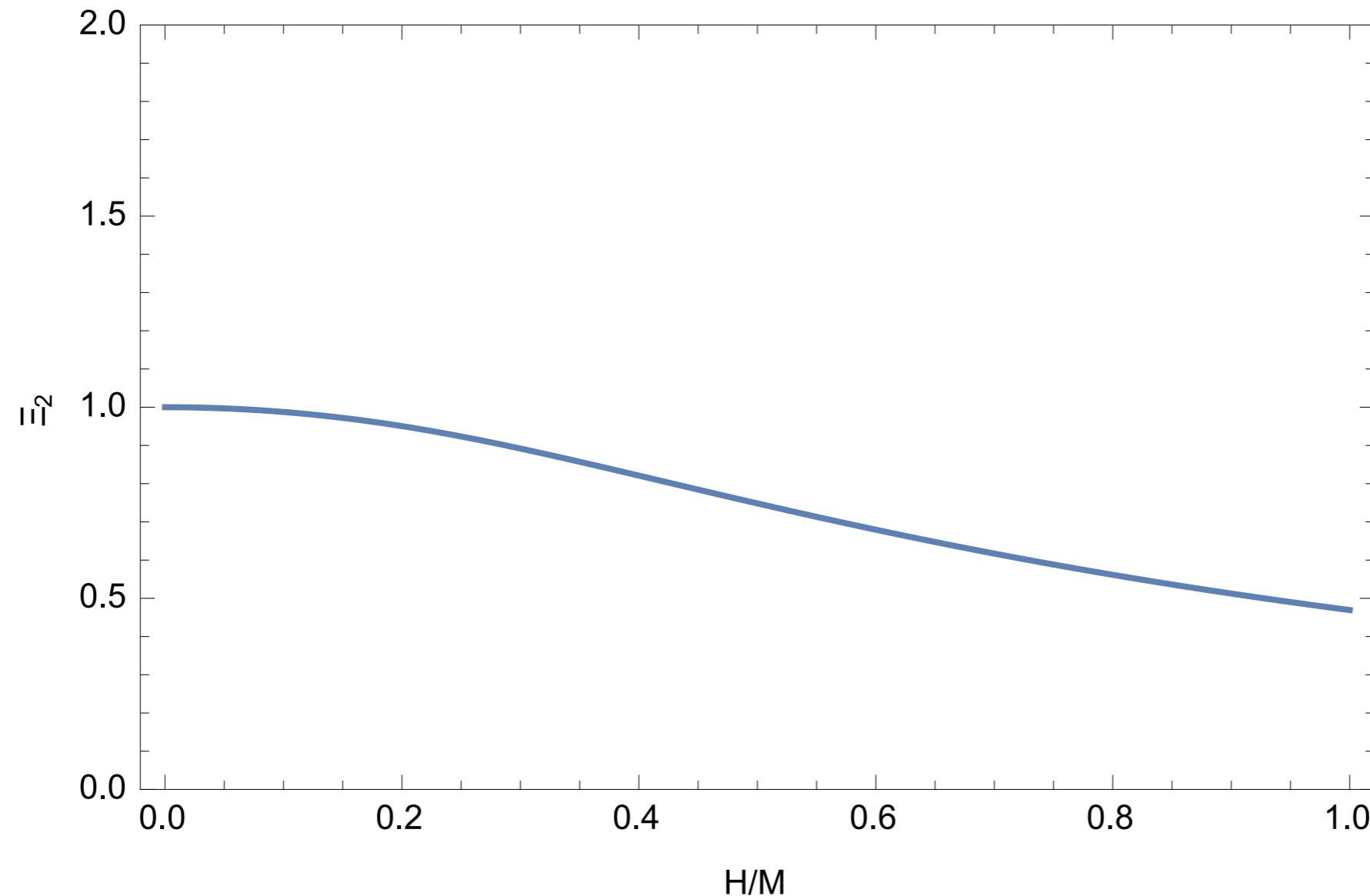
$$f_{NL} \lesssim 1$$

$$\frac{H}{M} \lesssim \epsilon^{1/2} \ll 1$$

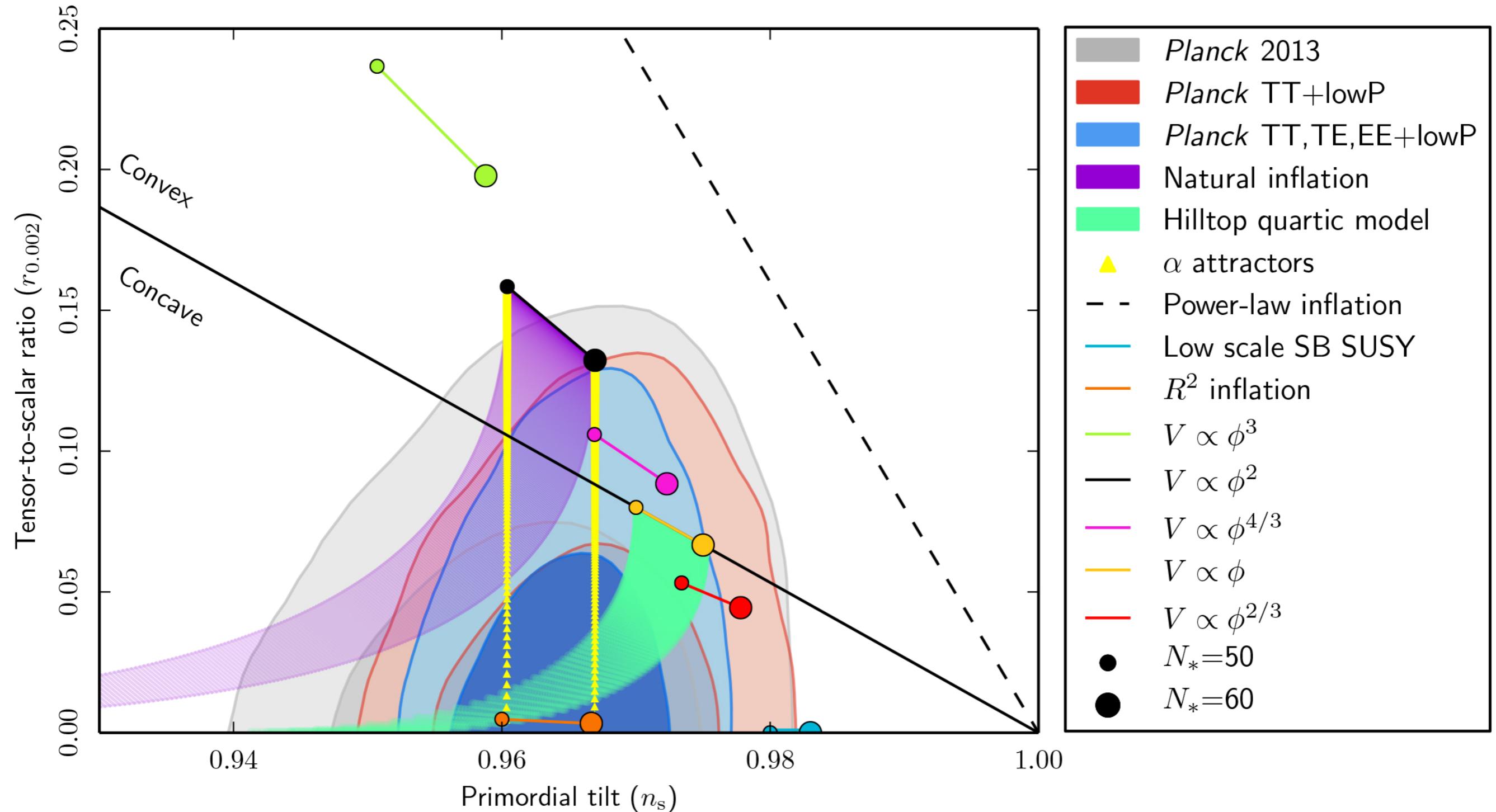
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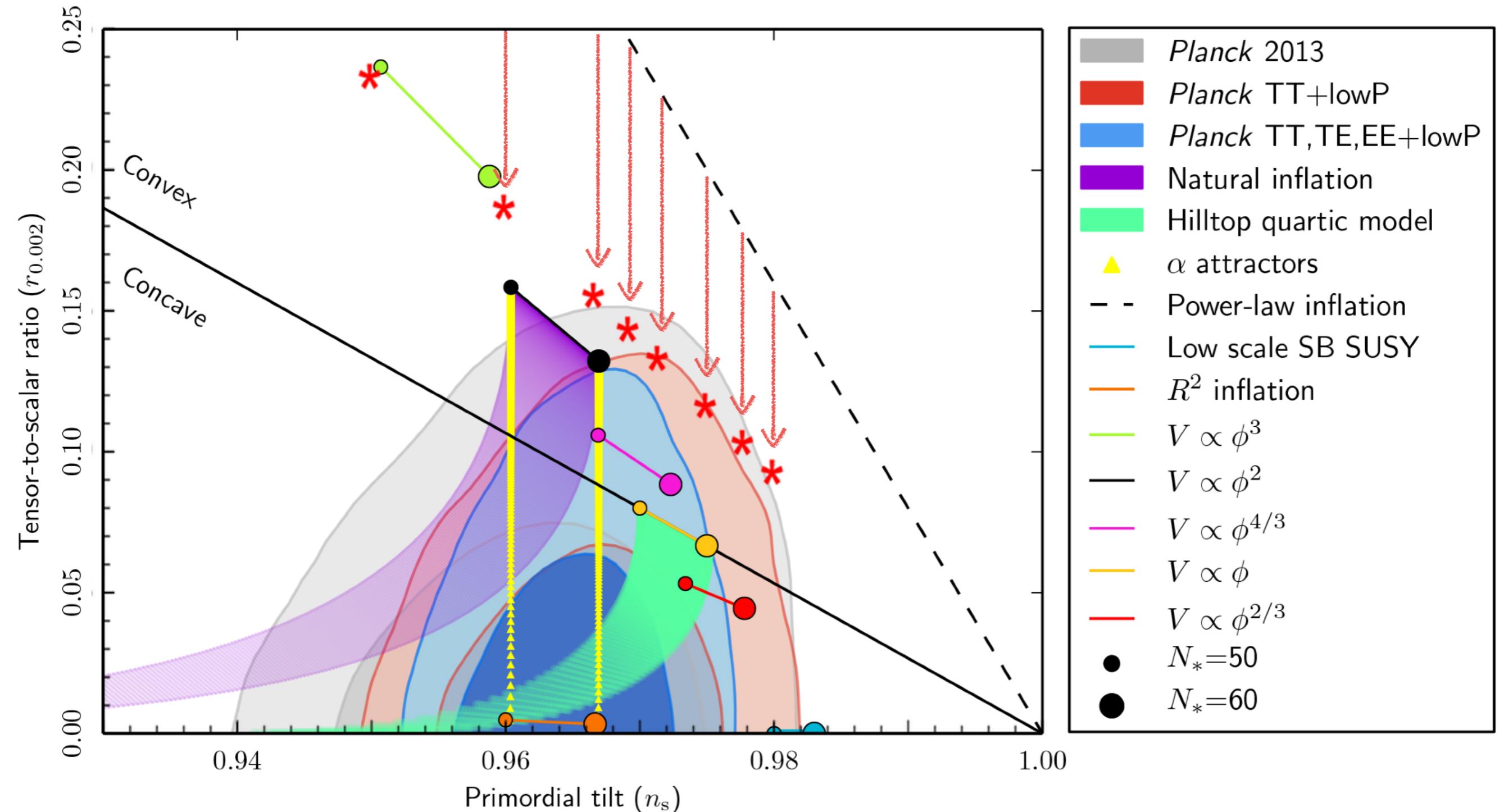
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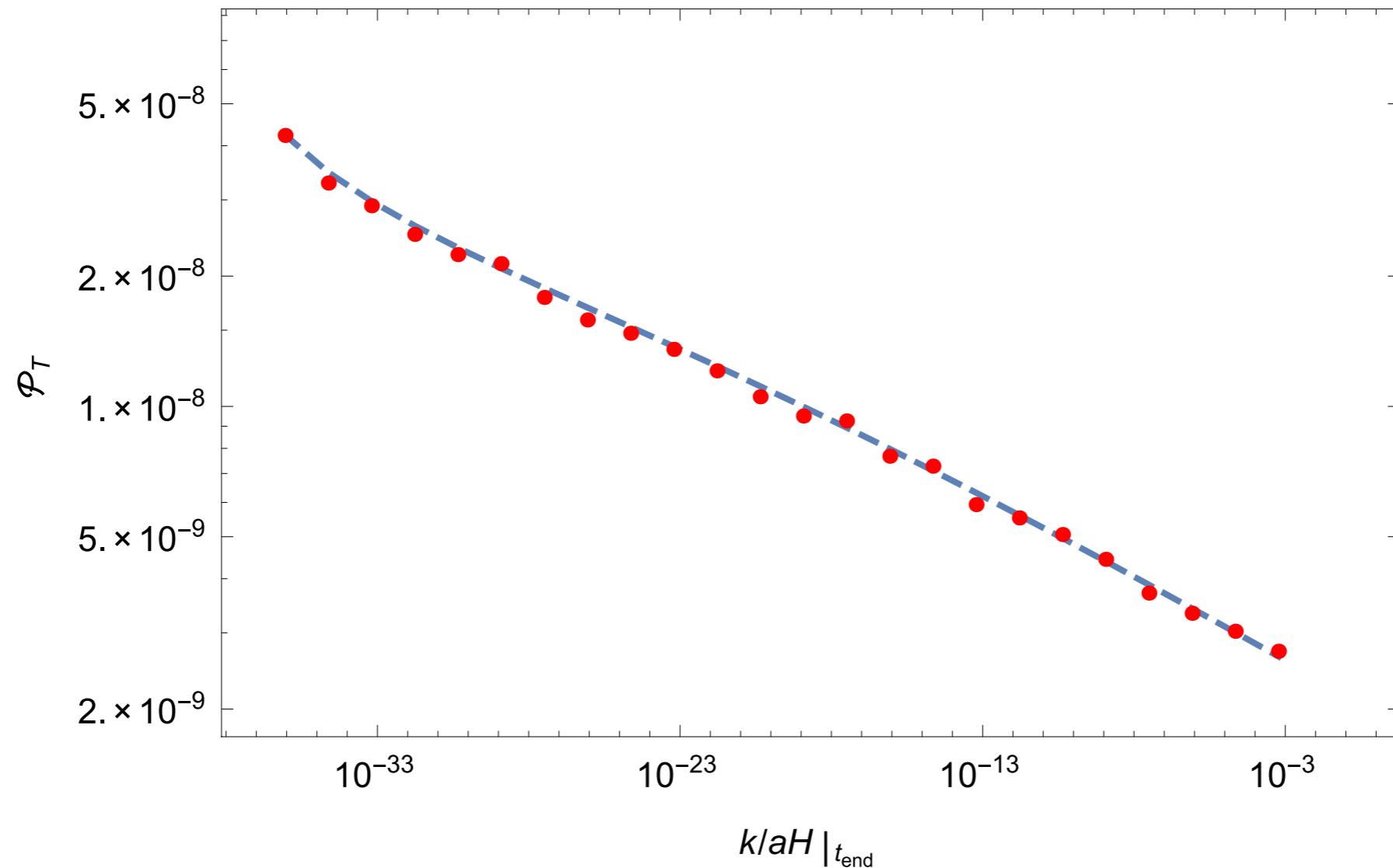
# Summary

- We construct two possible theories which change only the dynamics of tensor perturbations without changing scalar sector.
- One of the theories,  $\mathcal{L}_1$ , can decrease the tensor amplitude up to 65%.
- We can put some inflation models which are out of the observational constraints into the  $2\sigma$  contour with this suppression effect.



# $\mathcal{L}_1$ model

$$\mathcal{P}_T(k) = \frac{2\kappa H^2}{\pi^2} \Xi_1(H/M) \Big|_{k=aH}$$



Blue dashed line: analytic  
Red points: numerical

Tensor to scalar ratio  $r = 16\epsilon \Xi_1$

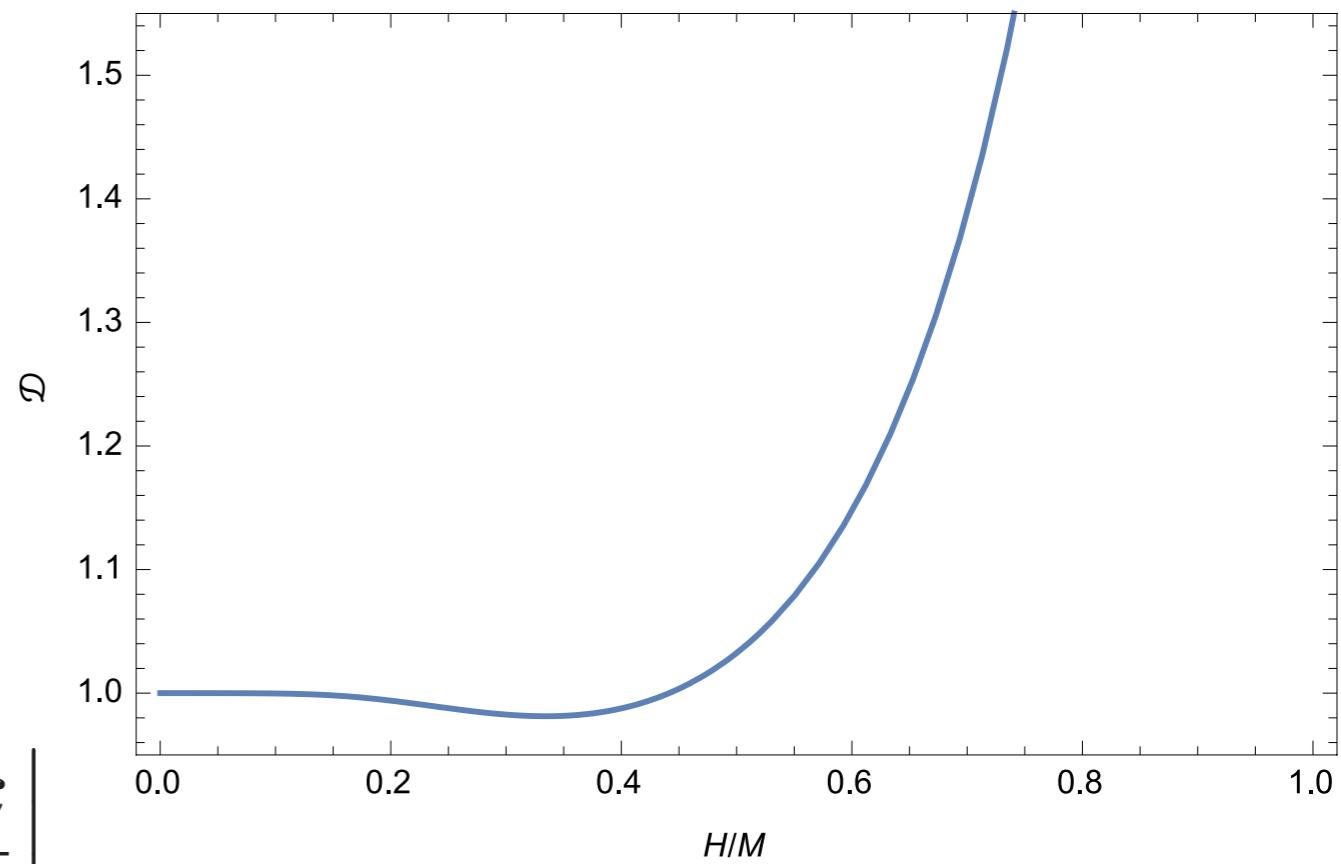
Tensor tilt  $n_T := d \ln \mathcal{P}_T / d \ln k$

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Consistency relation

$$-8n_T/r \simeq \mathcal{D}|_{k=aH}$$

$$\mathcal{D} := \frac{1 + (1/2)d \ln \Xi_1 / d \ln x}{\Xi_1} \Big|_{x=H/M}$$



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