

Constant-roll inflation

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Canonical single field Inflation

$$3H^2 = \frac{\dot{\phi}^2}{2} + V \quad (M_{Pl} = 1)$$

$$-2\dot{H} = \dot{\phi}^2$$

$$\ddot{\phi} + 3H\dot{\phi} + \frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi} = 0$$

Slow-roll : $\ddot{\phi}/H\dot{\phi} \simeq 0$

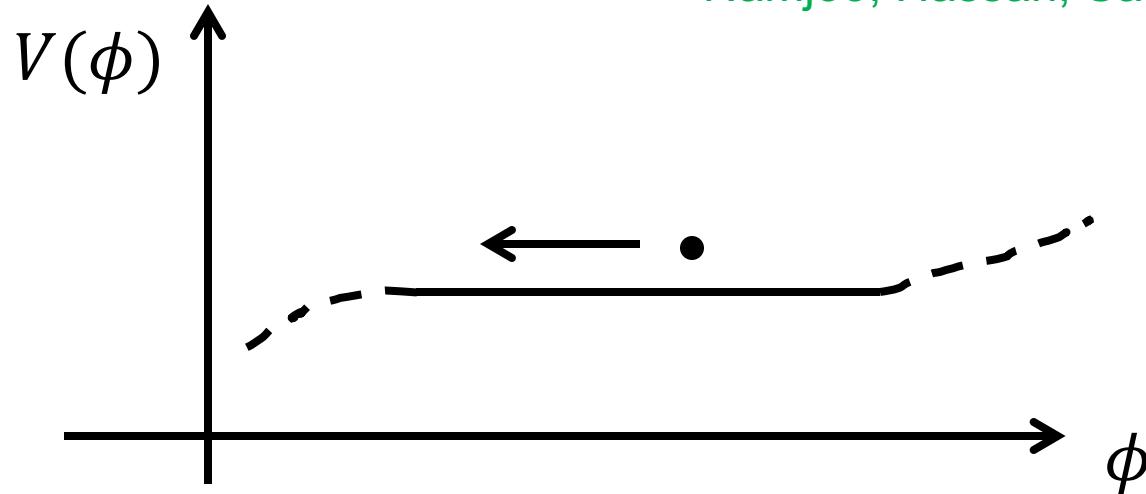
Ultra slow-roll : constant potential $\ddot{\phi} = -3H\dot{\phi}$

Constant-roll : generalization $\ddot{\phi} = \beta H\dot{\phi}$ (β : constant)



Ultra slow-roll inflation

Kinney, gr-qc/0503017
Namjoo, Hassan, Sasaki 1210.3692



Constant potential $V \simeq V_0$

$$\ddot{\phi} = -3H\dot{\phi} \Rightarrow \dot{\phi} \propto a^{-3}$$

$$3H^2 = \frac{\dot{\phi}^2}{2} + V \simeq V_0$$

Slow-roll parameter

$$\epsilon_H \equiv -\frac{\dot{H}}{H^2} = \frac{\dot{\phi}^2}{2H^2} \propto a^{-6}$$

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Curvature perturbation on superhorizon scales

$$\zeta_k = A_k + B_k \int \frac{dt}{a^3 \epsilon_H}$$

Constant mode



Slow-roll $\epsilon_H \simeq \text{const} \ll 1$: Decaying mode ✓

Ultra slow-roll $\epsilon_H \propto a^{-6}$: Growing mode ✗

While ϵ_H is small, $d\ln \epsilon_H / dN = -6$ violates SR.

One could have nearly scale-inv. spectrum with growing mode and then terminate USR, after which, however, growing mode becomes decaying mode and cannot explain observables, while a smooth transition from USR to SR may allow to take over amp. of growing mode to const. mode.

Generalization

Martin, HM, Suyama, 1211.0083

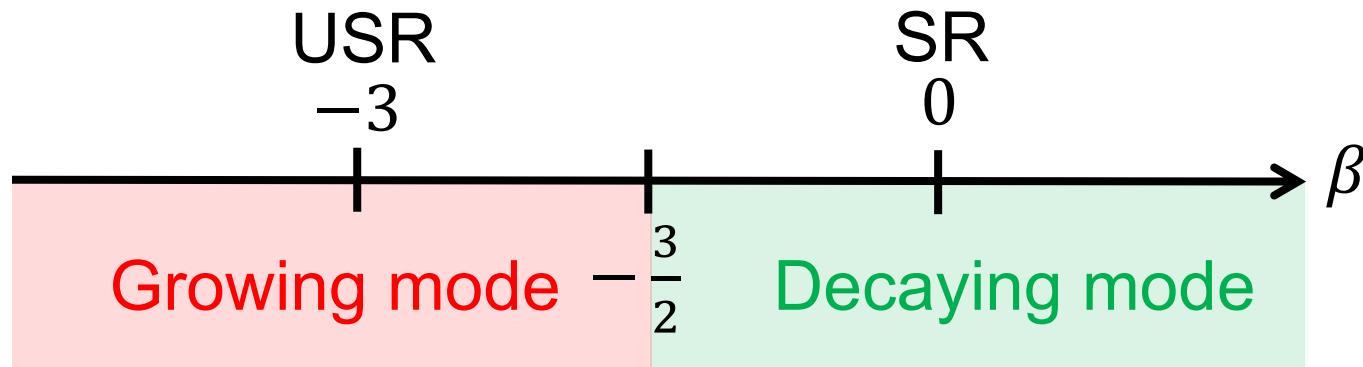
Constant roll $\ddot{\phi} = \beta H \dot{\phi} \Rightarrow \epsilon_H \propto a^{2\beta}$

Curvature perturbation on superhorizon scales

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Constant mode

$$\frac{d \ln \epsilon_H}{dN} = 2\beta \geq -3$$



Constant-roll potential

With constant-roll condition $\ddot{\phi} = \beta H \dot{\phi}$,

the evolution eq. $-2\dot{H} = \dot{\phi}^2$ or $\dot{\phi} = -2 \frac{dH}{d\phi}$ implies

$$\frac{d^2H}{d\phi^2} = -\frac{\beta}{2}H$$

Analytic solution:

$$H(\phi) = \text{linear comb. of } e^{\pm\sqrt{-\beta/2}\phi}$$

$$\Rightarrow V(\phi) = 3H^2 - 2 \left(\frac{dH}{d\phi} \right)^2 = \text{linear comb. of } e^{\pm\sqrt{-2\beta}\phi}$$

For each solution of $V(\phi)$,

we can derive analytic solution for $\phi(t), H(t), a(t)$.

Constant-roll potential

Analytic solutions include:

Abbott, Wise, 1984

Lucchin, Matarrese, 1985

a) $V \propto e^{\sqrt{-2\beta}\phi}$ with $\beta < 0$: Power-law inflation

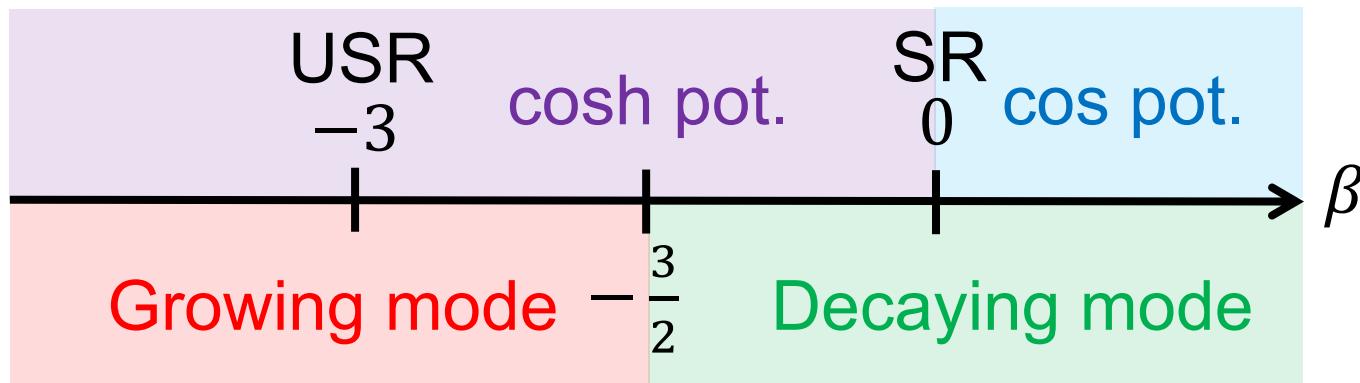


but $r = 8(1 - n_s) \approx 0.28$ is too large.

b) $V \propto \cosh(\sqrt{-2\beta}\phi) + \text{const}$ with $\beta < 0$: Known

Barrow, 1994

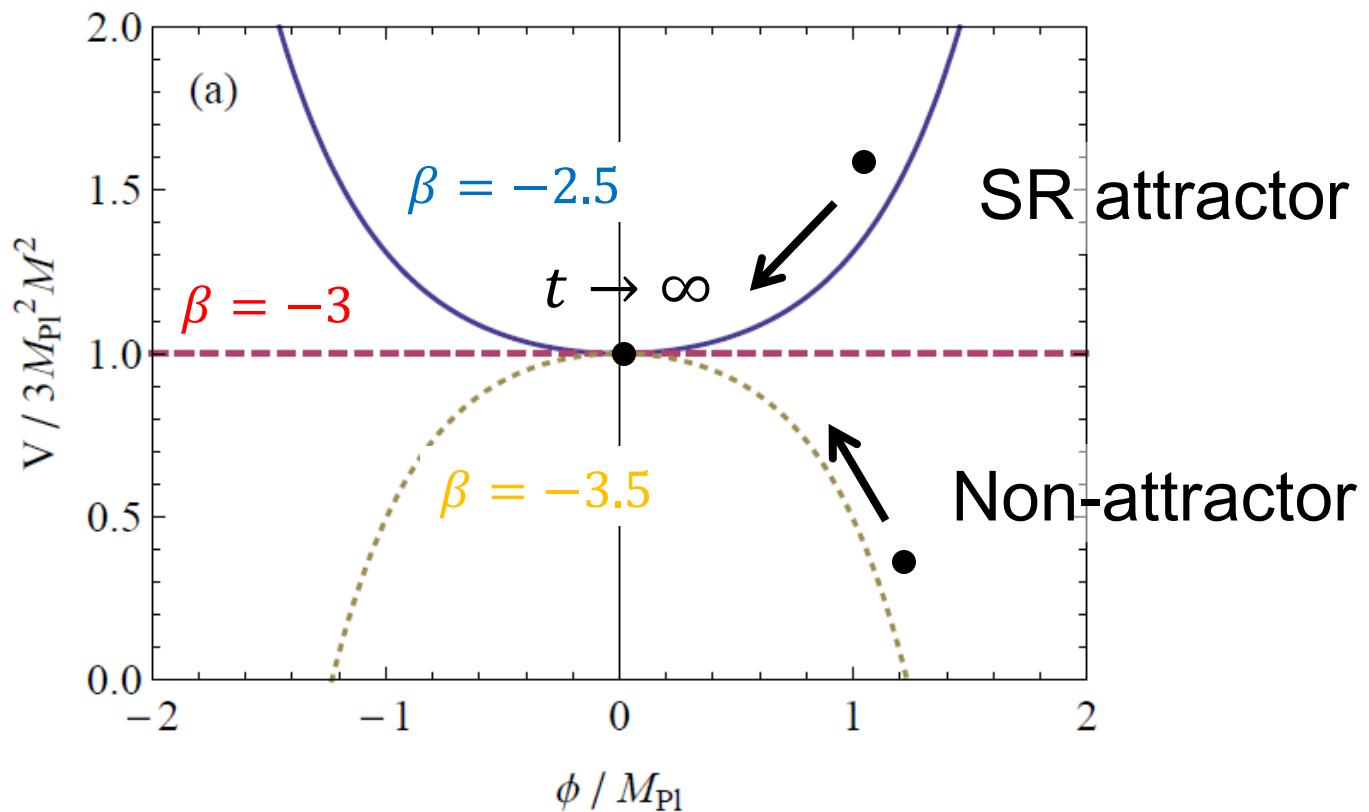
c) $V \propto \cos(\sqrt{2\beta}\phi) + \text{const}$ with $\beta > 0$: New potential



\cosh potential ($\beta < 0$)

$$\frac{V(\phi)}{M^2 M_{Pl}^2} = 3 \left[1 - \frac{3 + \beta}{6} \left\{ 1 - \cosh \left(\sqrt{-2\beta} \frac{\phi}{M_{Pl}} \right) \right\} \right]$$

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Analytic solution

$$\frac{\phi(t)}{M_{Pl}} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{-\beta}} \ln \left[\coth \left(\frac{-\beta}{2} Mt \right) \right] \rightarrow 0 \quad (t \rightarrow \infty)$$

$$\frac{H(t)}{M} = \coth(-\beta Mt) \rightarrow 1 \quad \epsilon_1 \equiv -\dot{H}/H^2$$

$$a(t) \propto \sinh^{-1/\beta}(-\beta Mt) \rightarrow e^{Mt} \quad \epsilon_{n+1} \equiv \dot{\epsilon}_n / H \epsilon_n$$

Slow-roll parameters

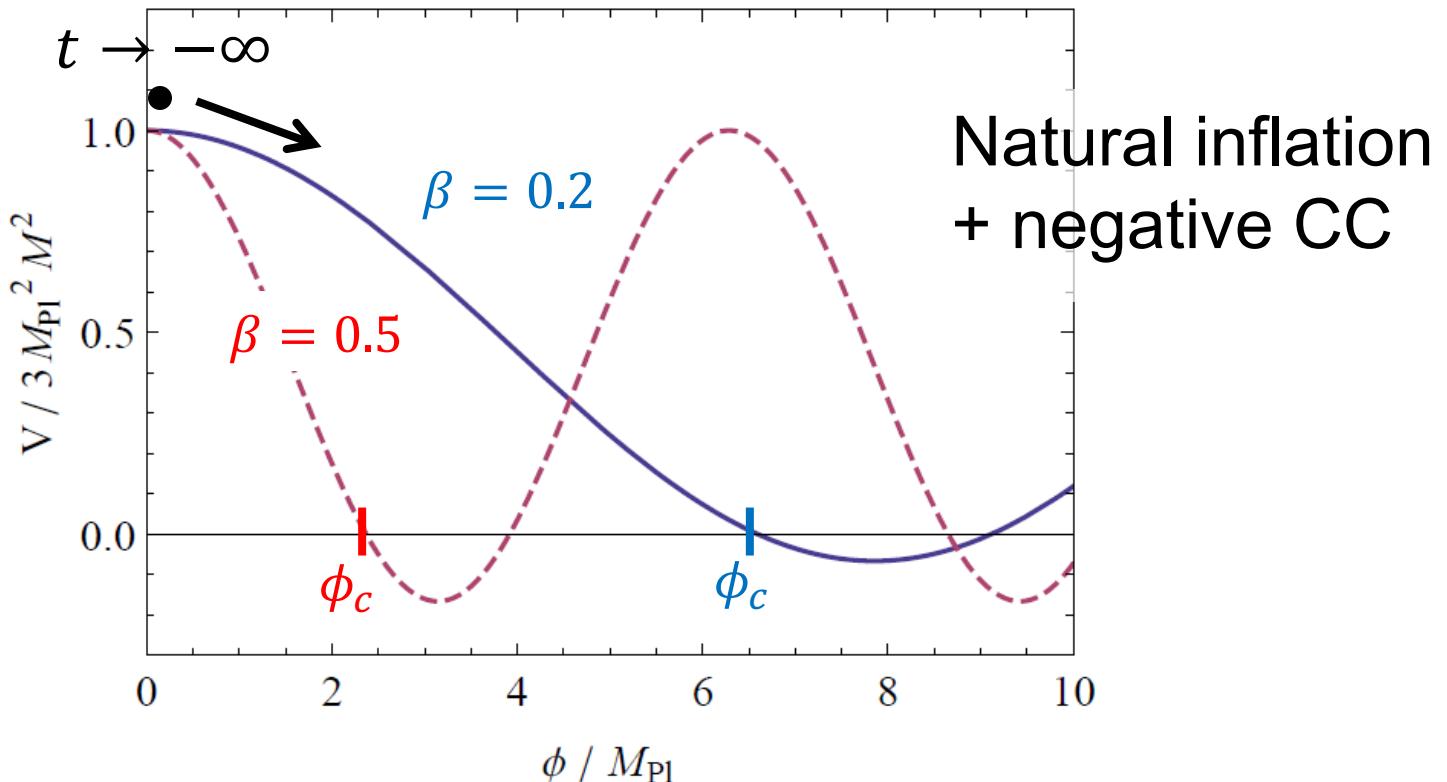
$$2\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_{2n+1} = -\beta / \cosh^2(-\beta Mt) \rightarrow 0$$

$$\epsilon_{2n} = 2\beta \tanh^2(-\beta Mt) \rightarrow 2\beta$$

New cos potential ($\beta > 0$)

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Analytic solution

$$\frac{\phi(t)}{M_{Pl}} = 2 \sqrt{\frac{2}{\beta}} \arctan(e^{\beta M t}) \rightarrow 0 \quad (t \rightarrow -\infty)$$

$$\frac{H(t)}{M} = -\tanh(\beta M t) \rightarrow 1 \quad \epsilon_1 \equiv -\dot{H}/H^2$$

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Same
asymptotic
values

Curvature perturbation

Mukhanov-Sasaki equation

$$\nu_k'' + \left(k^2 - \frac{z''}{z} \right) \nu_k = 0$$

where $\nu_k = \sqrt{2}z\zeta_k$ with $z = a\sqrt{\epsilon_1}$.

$$\epsilon_1 \equiv -\dot{H}/H^2$$

Without approximation,

$$\epsilon_{n+1} \equiv \dot{\epsilon}_n/H\epsilon_n$$

$$\frac{z''}{z} = a^2 H^2 \left(2 - \epsilon_1 + \frac{3}{2}\epsilon_2 + \frac{1}{4}\epsilon_2^2 - \frac{1}{2}\epsilon_1\epsilon_2 + \frac{1}{2}\epsilon_2\epsilon_3 \right)$$

For both cosh potential and cos potential,

$$\frac{z''}{z} \rightarrow \frac{(\beta+2)(\beta+1)}{\tau^2} = \frac{\nu^2 - 1/4}{\tau^2}$$

where

$$\nu \equiv \sqrt{(\beta+2)(\beta+1) + 1/4} = |\beta + 3/2|$$

Curvature perturbation

Since spectral index is given by

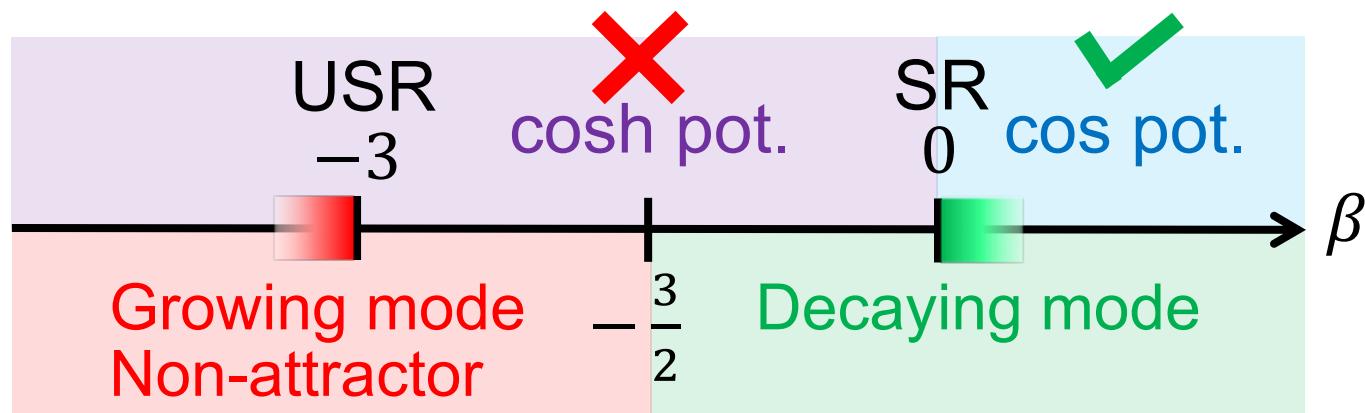
$$n_s - 1 = 3 - 2\nu = 3 - |2\beta + 3|$$

we obtain

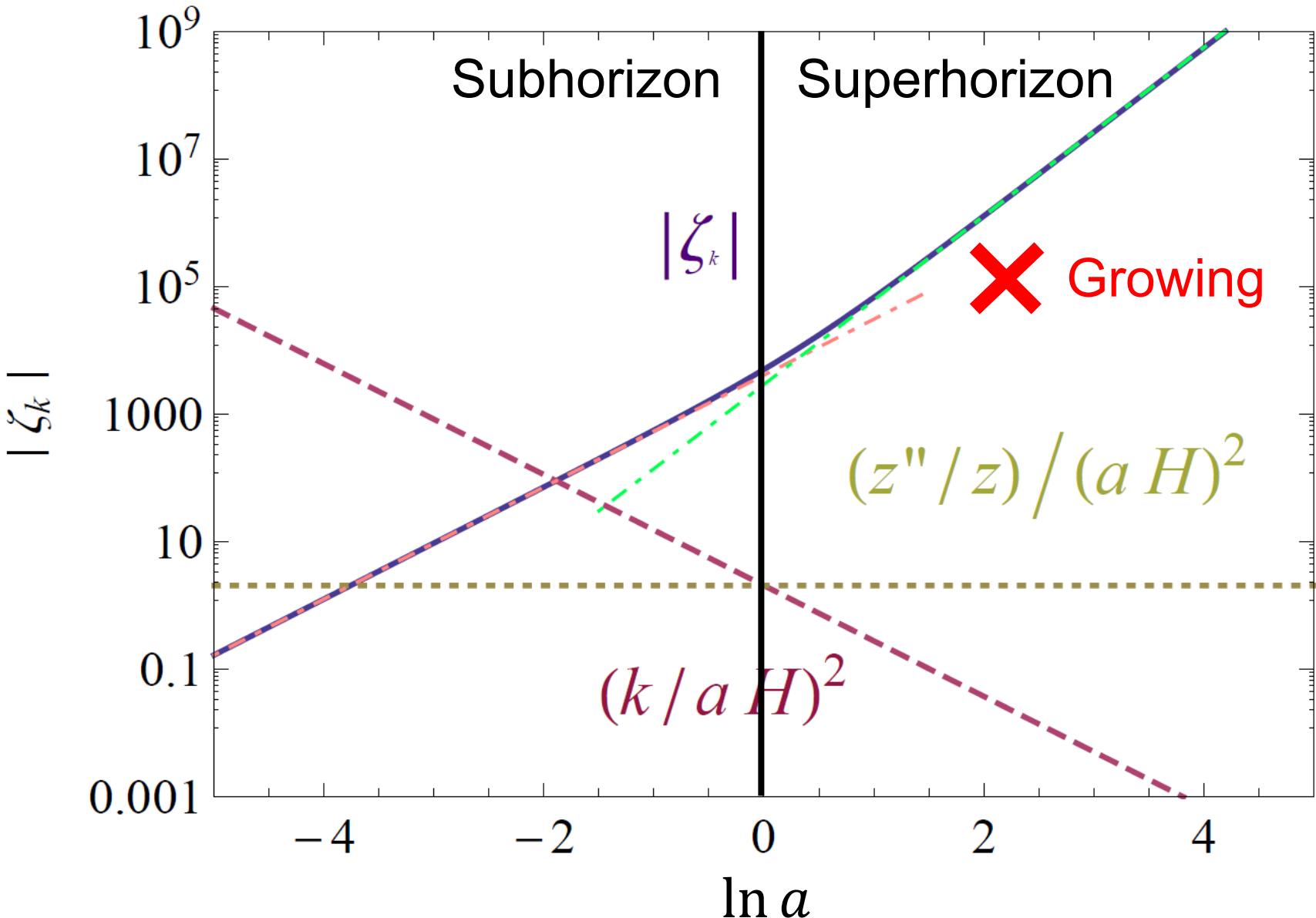
$$\beta = \frac{n_s - 7}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{1 - n_s}{2}$$

For $n_s = 0.96$,

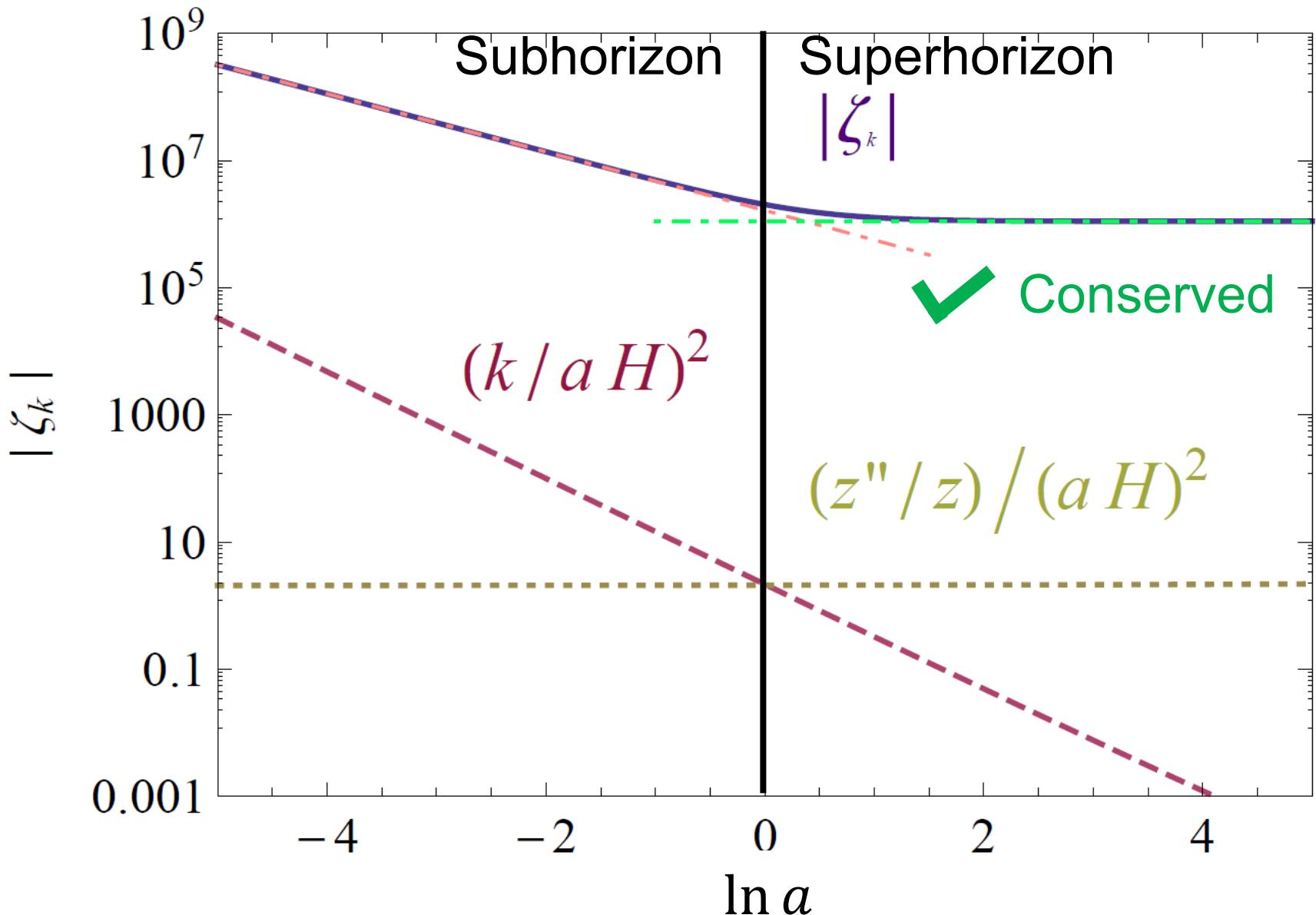
$$\beta = -3.02 \quad \text{or} \quad 0.02$$



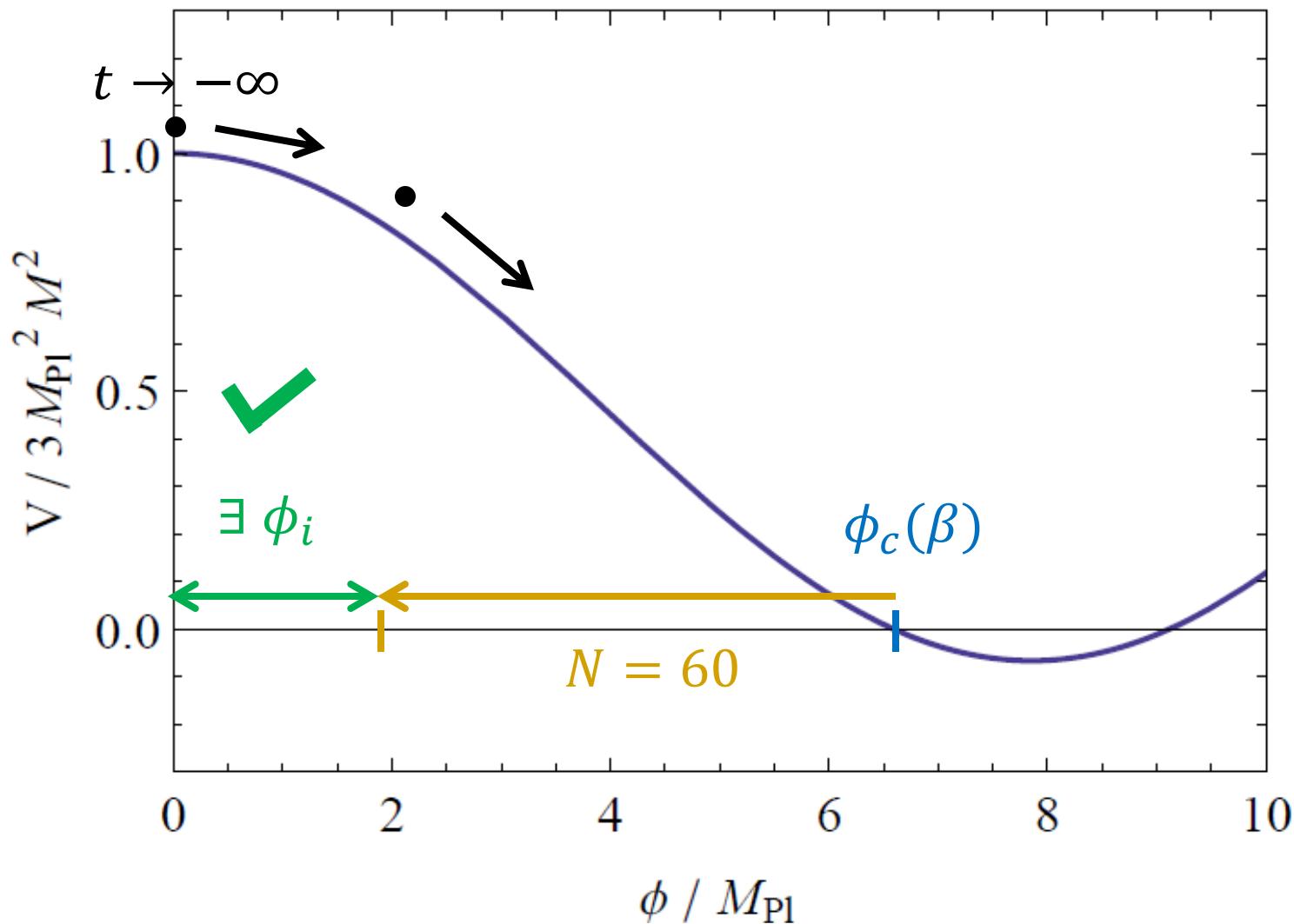
cosh potential $\beta = -3.02$



cos potential $\beta = 0.02$

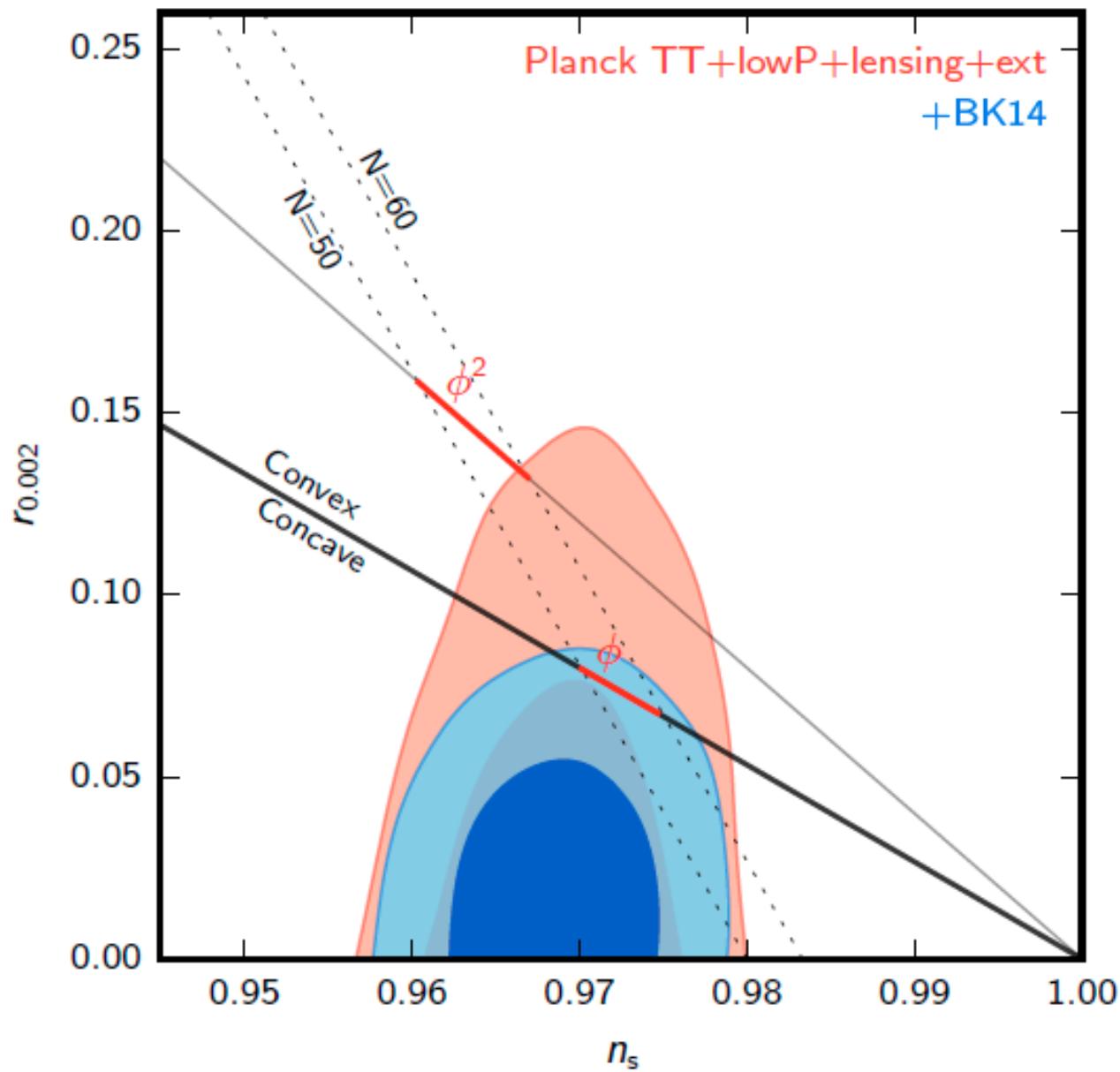


Sufficient number of efolds



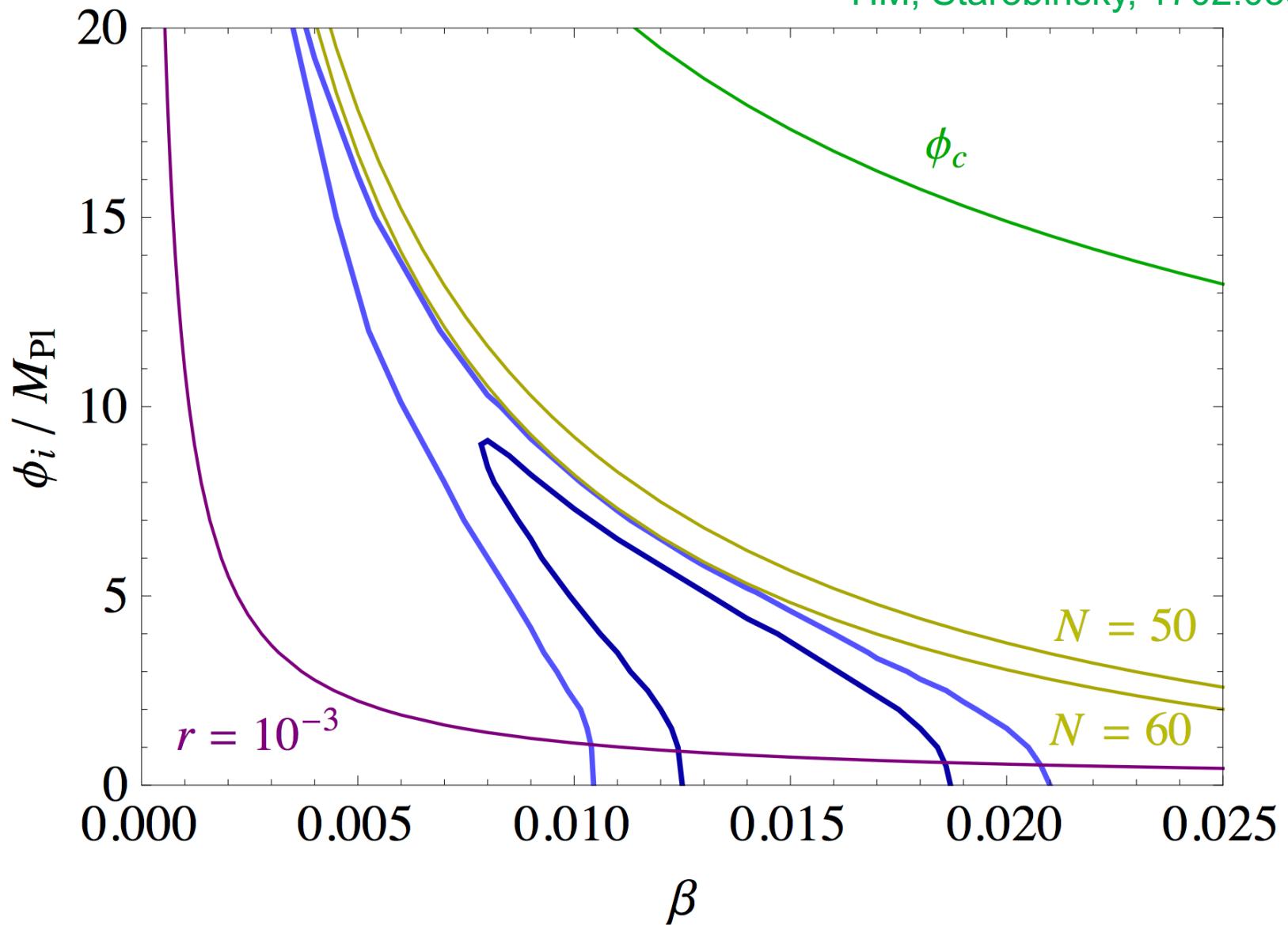
Observational constraint

Ade et al., 1510.09217



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HM, Starobinsky, 1702.05847



$f(R)$ constant-roll inflation

HM, Starobinsky, 1704.08188

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \frac{f(R)}{2}$$

EOM

$$F \equiv df/dR$$

$$3FH^2 = \frac{1}{2}(RF - f) - 3H\dot{F}$$

$$2F\dot{H} = -\ddot{F} + H\dot{F}$$

$$(M_{Pl} = 1)$$

Constant-roll condition

$$\ddot{F} = \beta H\dot{F}$$

allows one to find analytic solution for

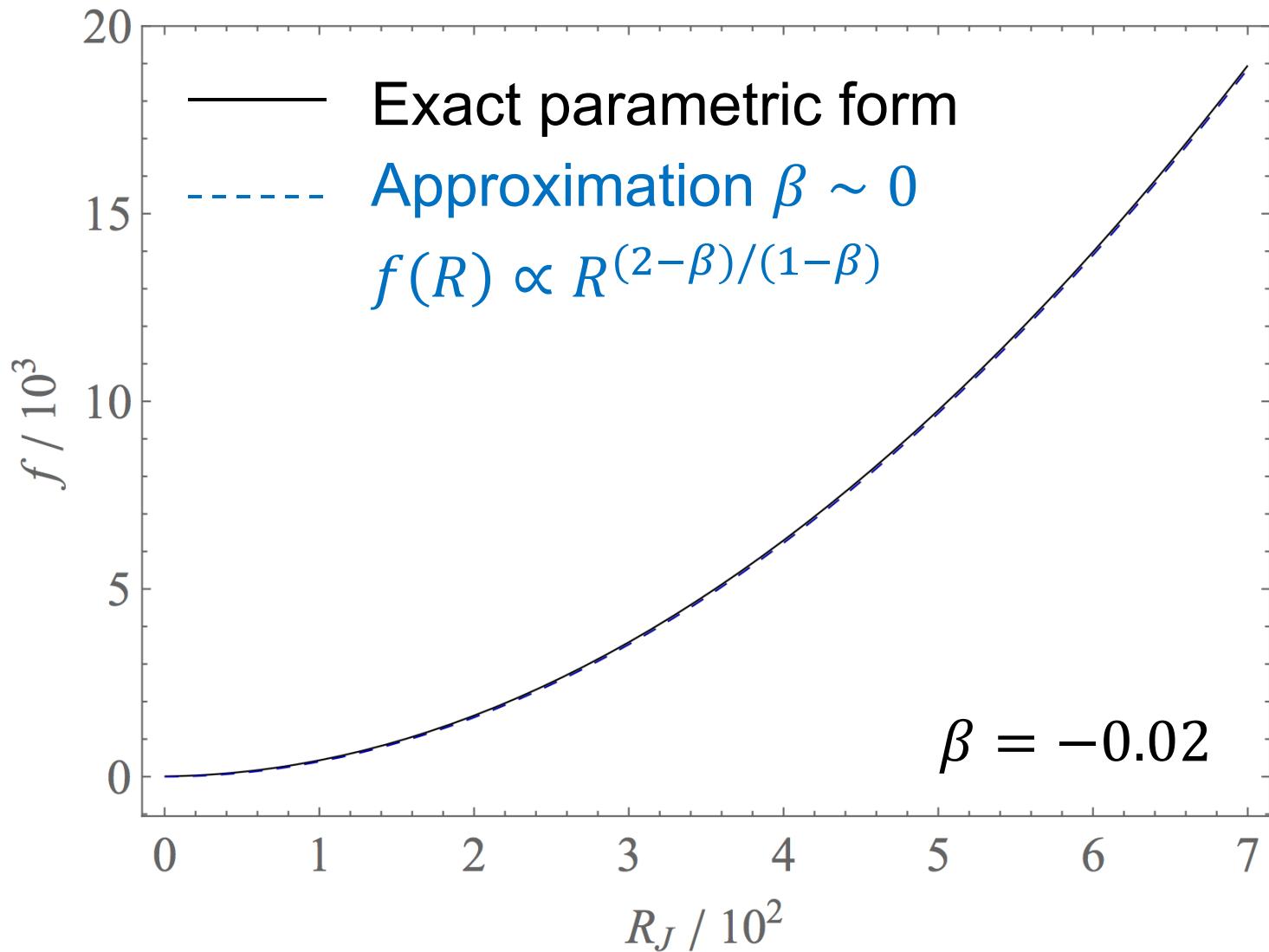
✓ $f(R)$ (parametric form)

✓ $V(\phi)$
✓ $\phi(t_E)$

} Einstein frame $g_{\mu\nu}^E = F g_{\mu\nu}^J$, $F = e^{\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}\phi}$

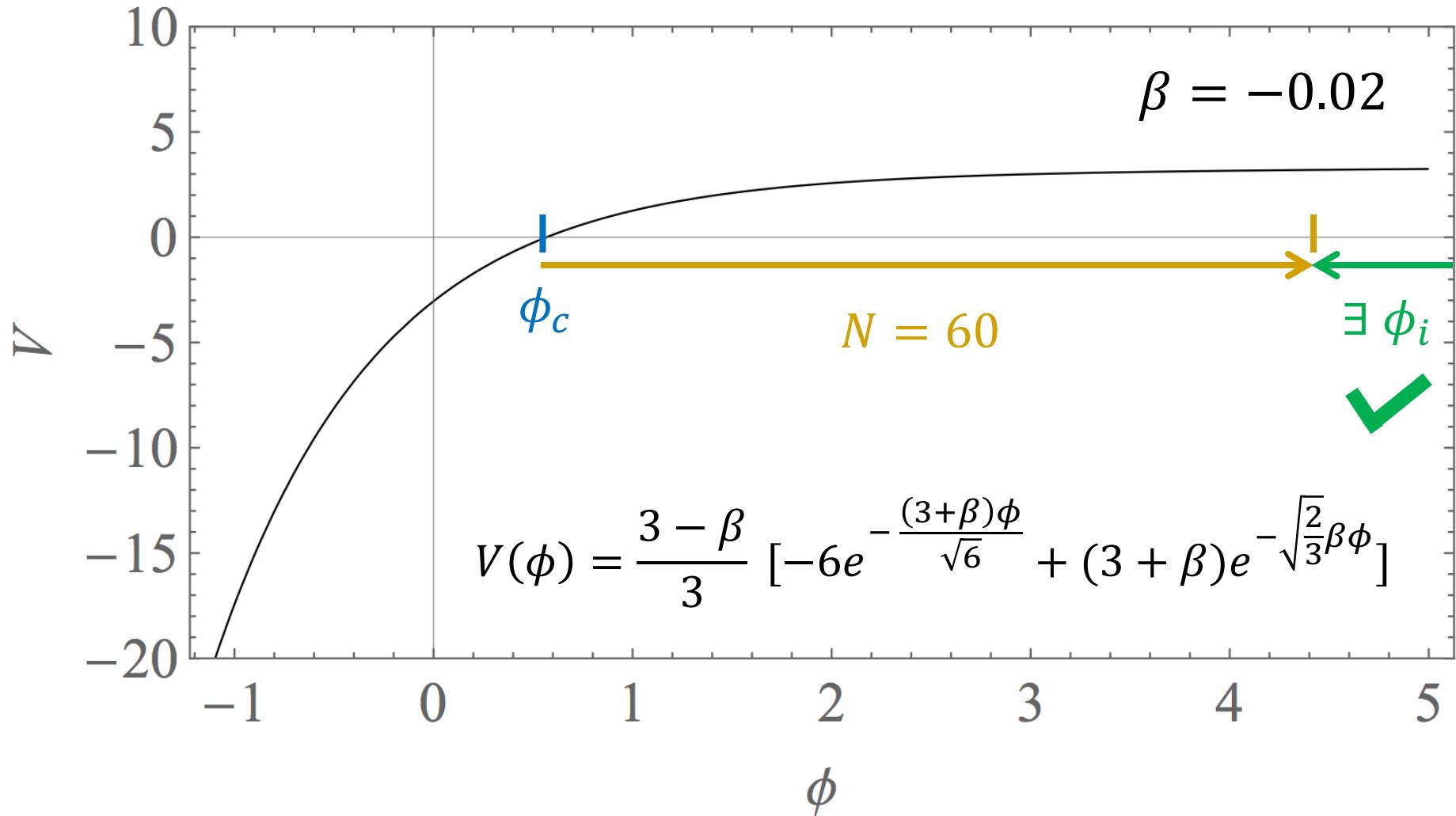
$f(R)$

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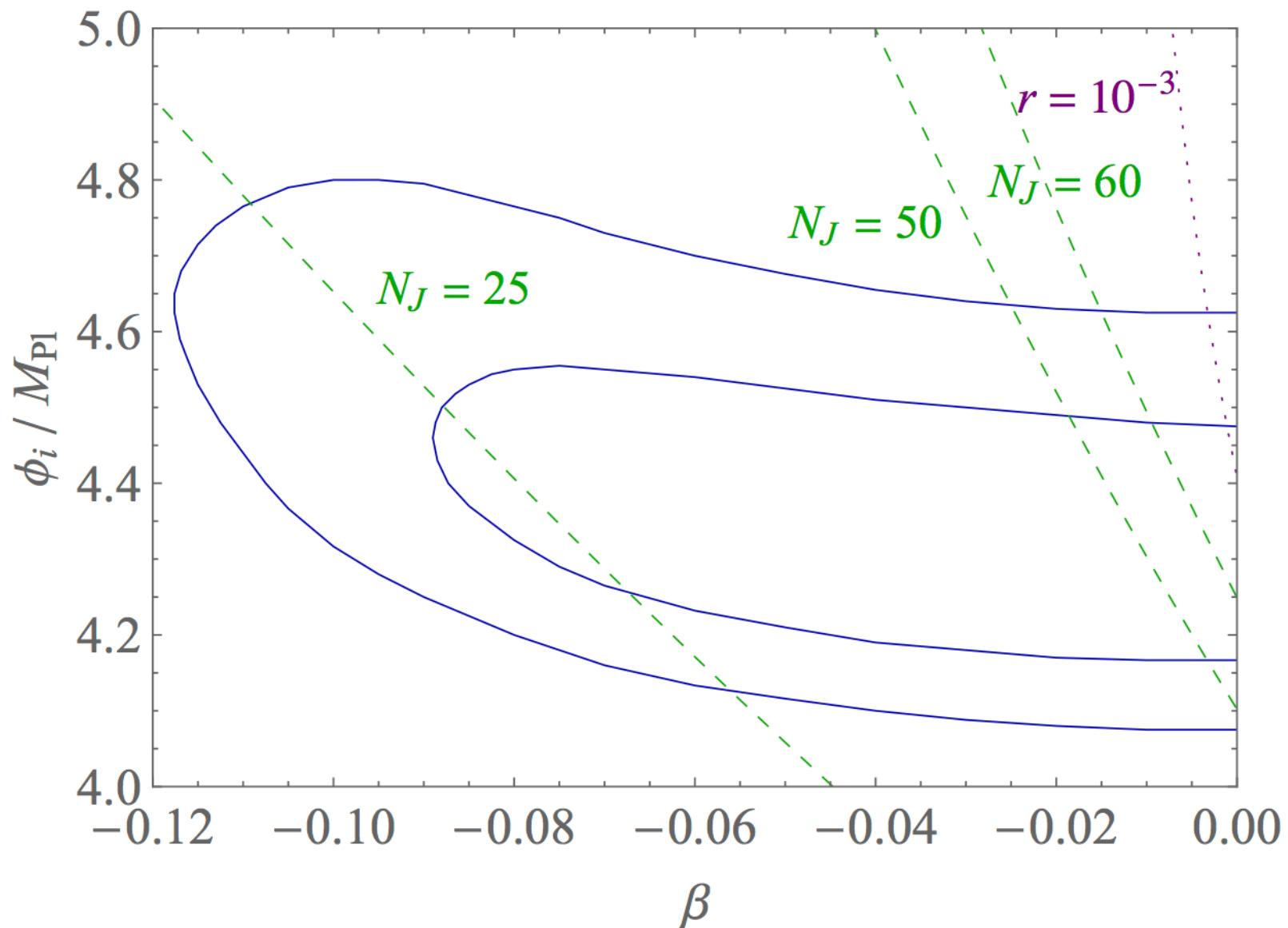
Einstein frame potential

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Observational constraint

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Summary

Constant-roll condition

$$\ddot{\phi} = \beta H \dot{\phi} \text{ or } \ddot{F} = \beta H \dot{F}$$

allows one to derive analytic solution of

$$V(\phi), \phi(t), H(t), a(t) \text{ and } f(R)$$

for which the condition is satisfied throughout evolution.

Constant-roll inflation

- ✓ Attractor
- ✓ ζ_k conserved
- ✓ $N \sim 60$
- ✓ n_s & r