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The Best-Fit Cosmological Collider

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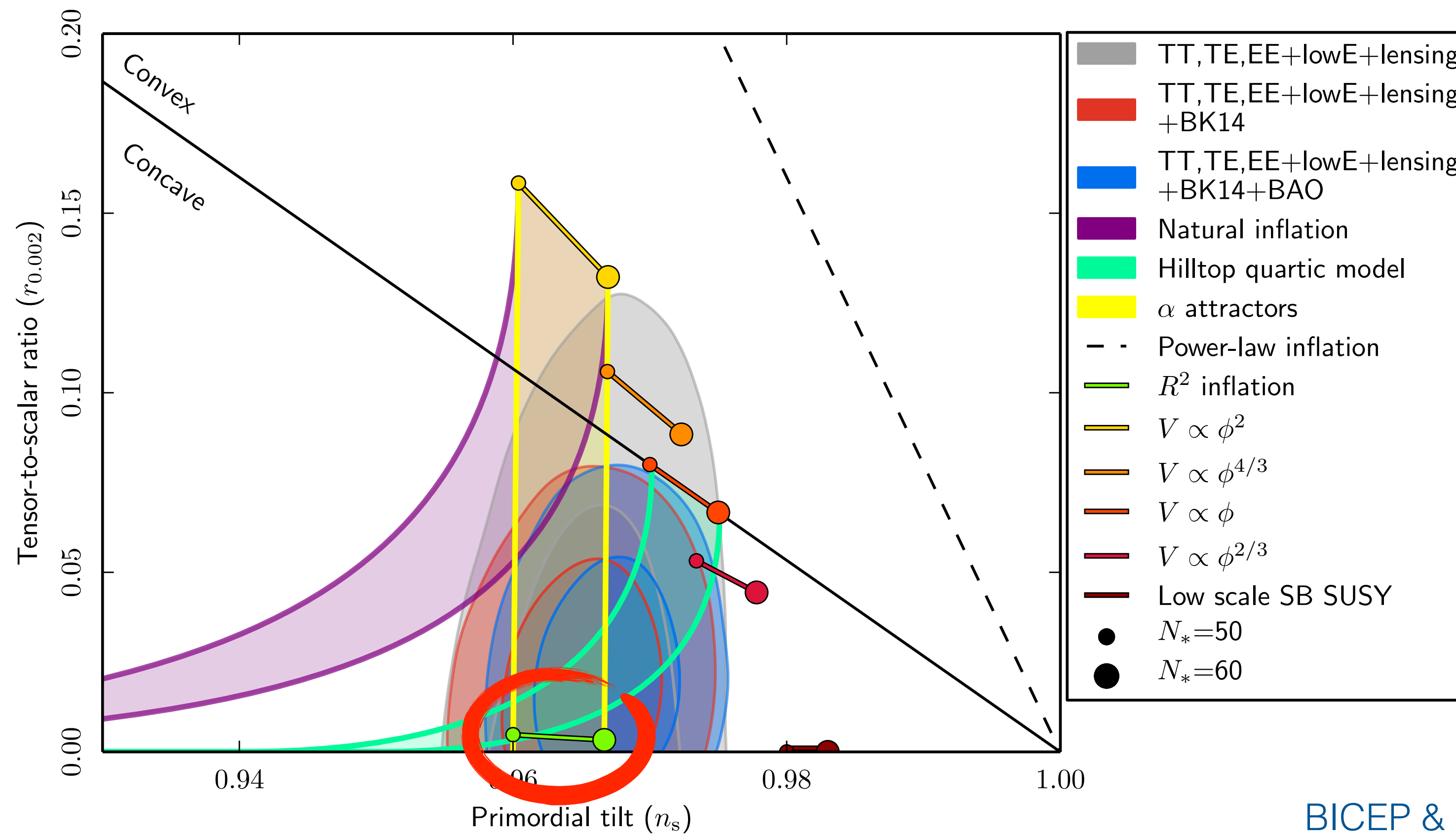
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Single-field slow-roll inflation in Einstein gravity



PLANCK (2018)

$$n_s = 0.9649 \pm 0.0042 \quad (1\sigma)$$

BICEP & Keck (2021)

$$r < 0.036$$

R² inflation

Starobinsky (1980, 1984)

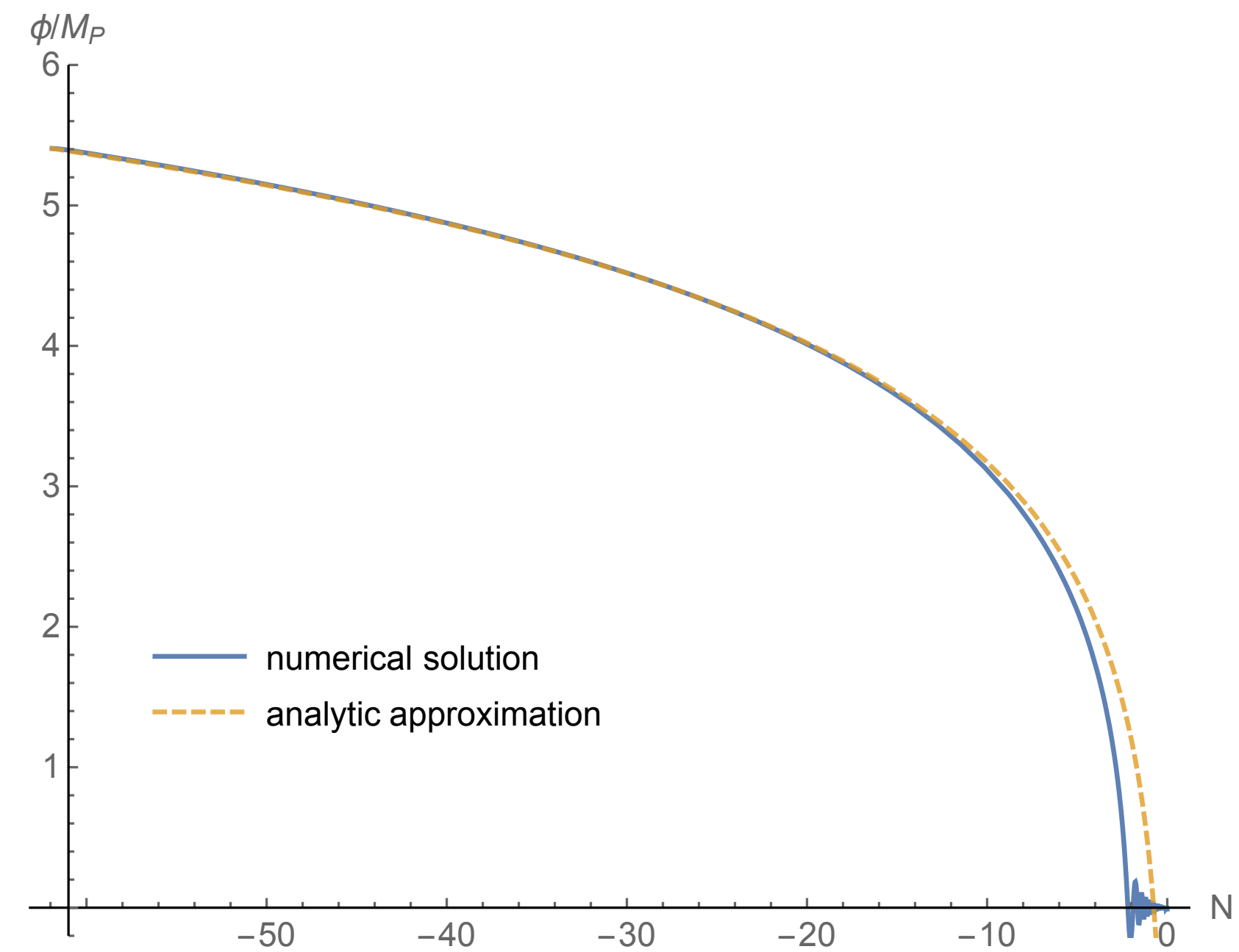
- (one of) the first, the most elegant (one-parameter) and the best-fit

[Maggiore 2018]

$$\begin{aligned} S &= \int d^4x \sqrt{-g_J} \frac{M_P^2}{2} \left[R_J + \frac{R_J^2}{6M^2} \right] \\ &= \int d^4x \sqrt{-g_E} \left[\frac{M_P^2}{2} R_E - \frac{1}{2} (\partial\phi)_E^2 - U(\phi) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$g_{\mu\nu}^J = e^{-\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \frac{\phi}{M_P}} g_{\mu\nu}^E$$

$\phi \equiv$ scalaron



Large-Field Inflation and the Cosmological Collider

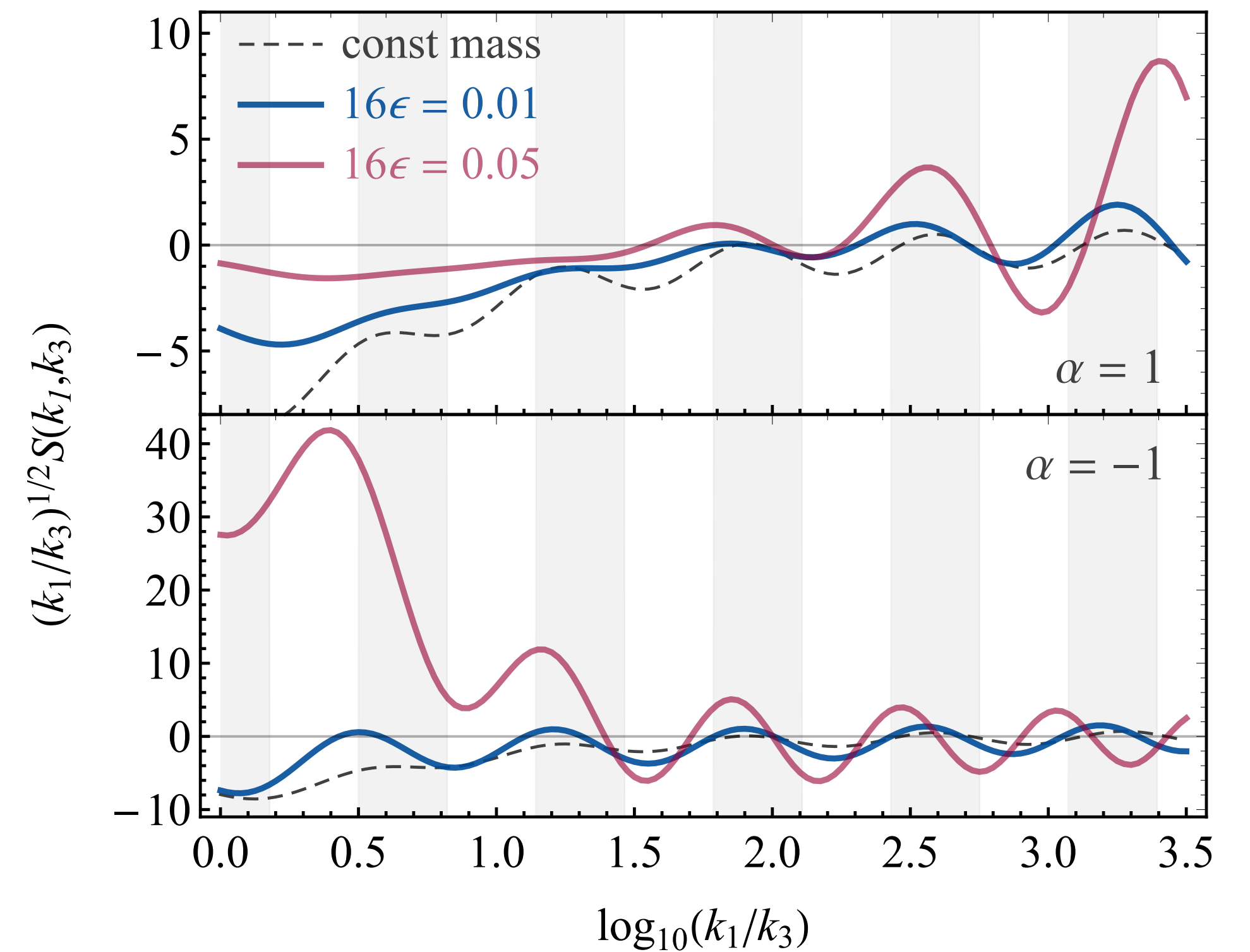
[2204.11869]

[Matthew Reece](#), [Lian-Tao Wang](#), [Zhong-Zhi Xianyu](#)

large field: $\Delta\phi/M_P > 1$

swampland distance conjecture: $\sim e^{-\alpha\phi/M_P}$

time-varying mass: $m^2(t) = e^{-\alpha\phi(t)/M_P} m_\sigma^2$



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large field : $\Delta\phi/M_P > 1$

conformal coupling with scalaron : $\sim e^{-\alpha\phi/M_P}$, $\alpha = \sqrt{2/3}$

time-varying mass : $m^2(t) = e^{-\alpha\phi(t)/M_P} m_\sigma^2$

The cosmological collider in R² inflation

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analytic inflaton + numerical massive scalar

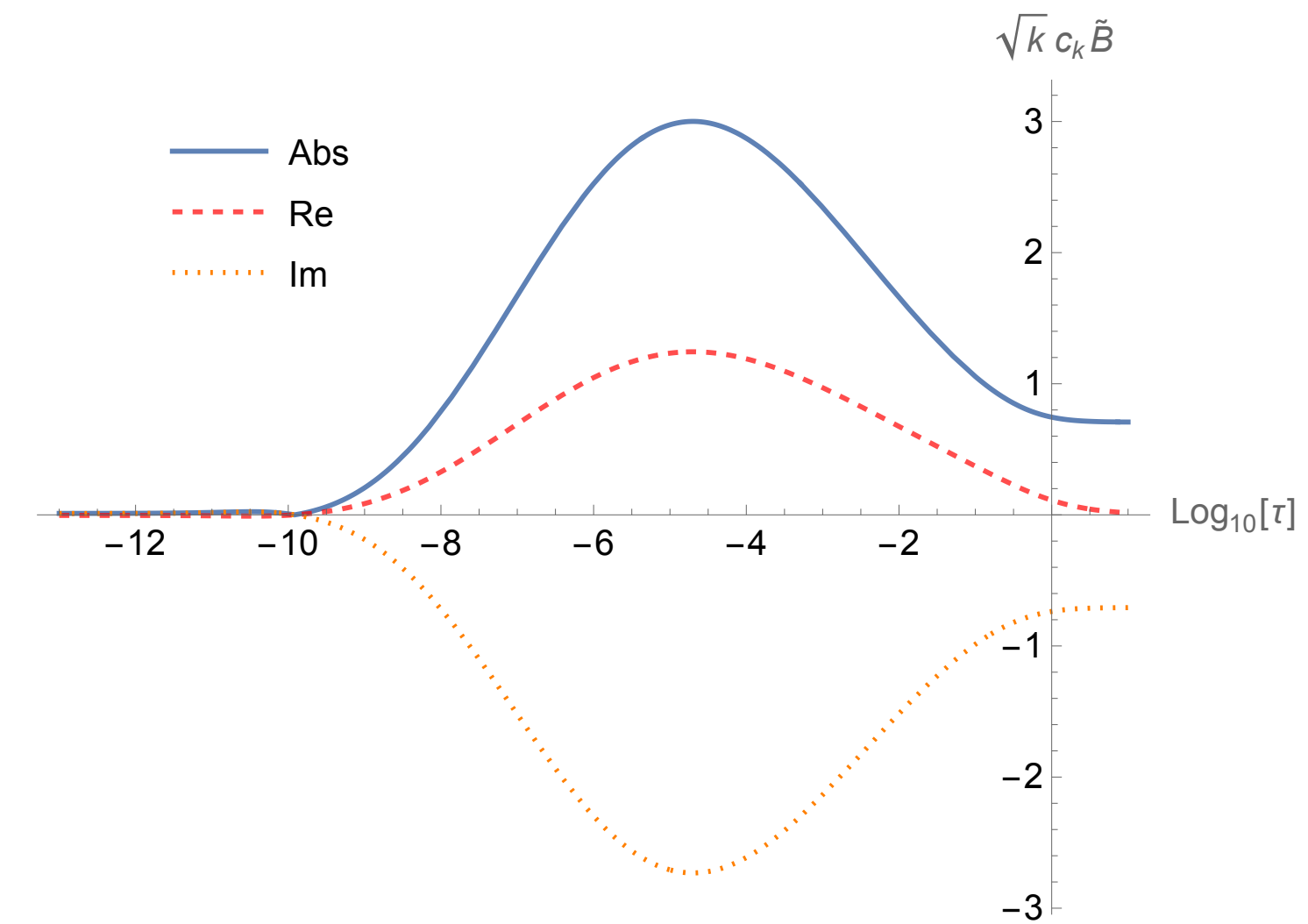
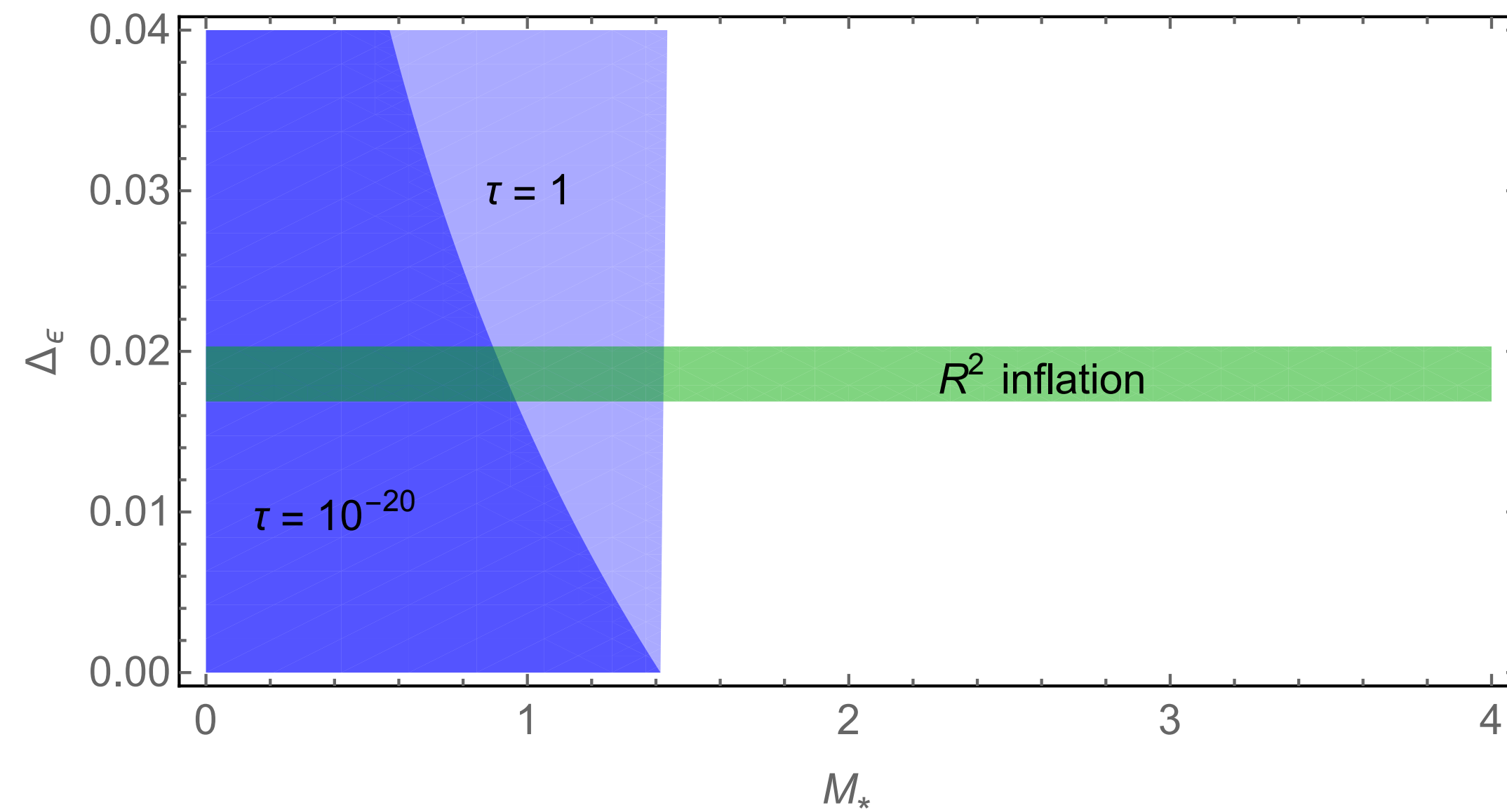
$$\ddot{\delta\sigma} + \left(3 - \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \frac{\dot{\phi}_0}{M_P H}\right) H \dot{\delta\sigma} + \left(\frac{k^2}{a^2} + e^{-\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \frac{\phi_0}{M_P}} V_{\sigma\sigma}\right) \delta\sigma = 0,$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \tau^2} \tilde{u}_k + \left[1 - \left(1 + \frac{\Delta_\epsilon}{2}\right) \left(2 + \frac{\Delta_\epsilon}{2}\right) \frac{1}{\tau^2} + \frac{M_*^2}{\tau^{2+\Delta_\epsilon}} \left(\frac{k}{k_*}\right)^{\Delta_\epsilon}\right] \tilde{u}_k = 0,$$

$$\tilde{u}_k(\tau) = c_k(\nu) \tilde{B}(\tau) e^{i\tau}, \quad c_k(\nu) = -\frac{i}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{k}} e^{i(\nu+1/2)\pi/2},$$

The cosmological collider in R^2 inflation

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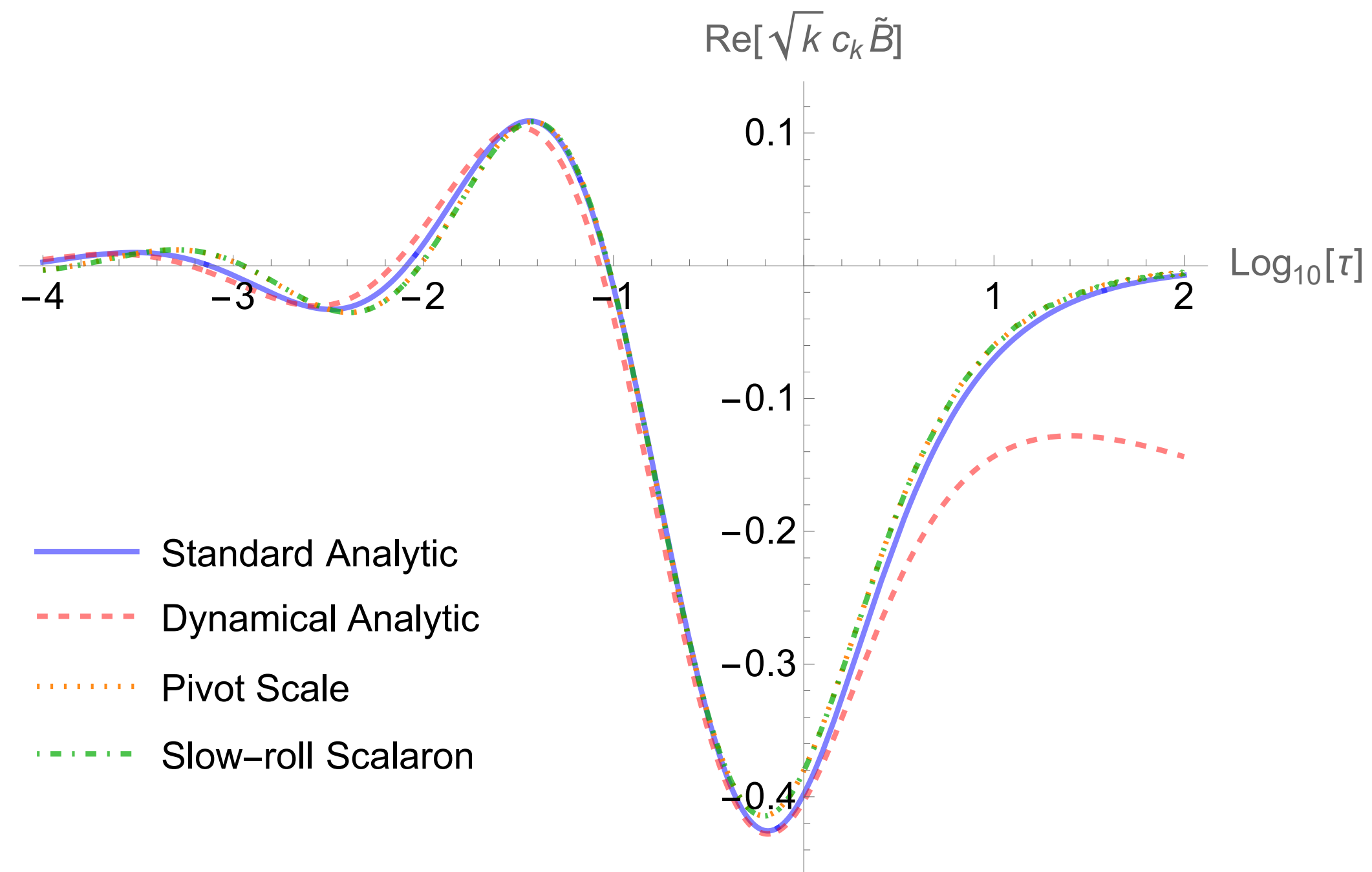
See also the cosmological tachyon collider: McCulloch, Pajer & Tong [2401.11009]

Factorized mode functions

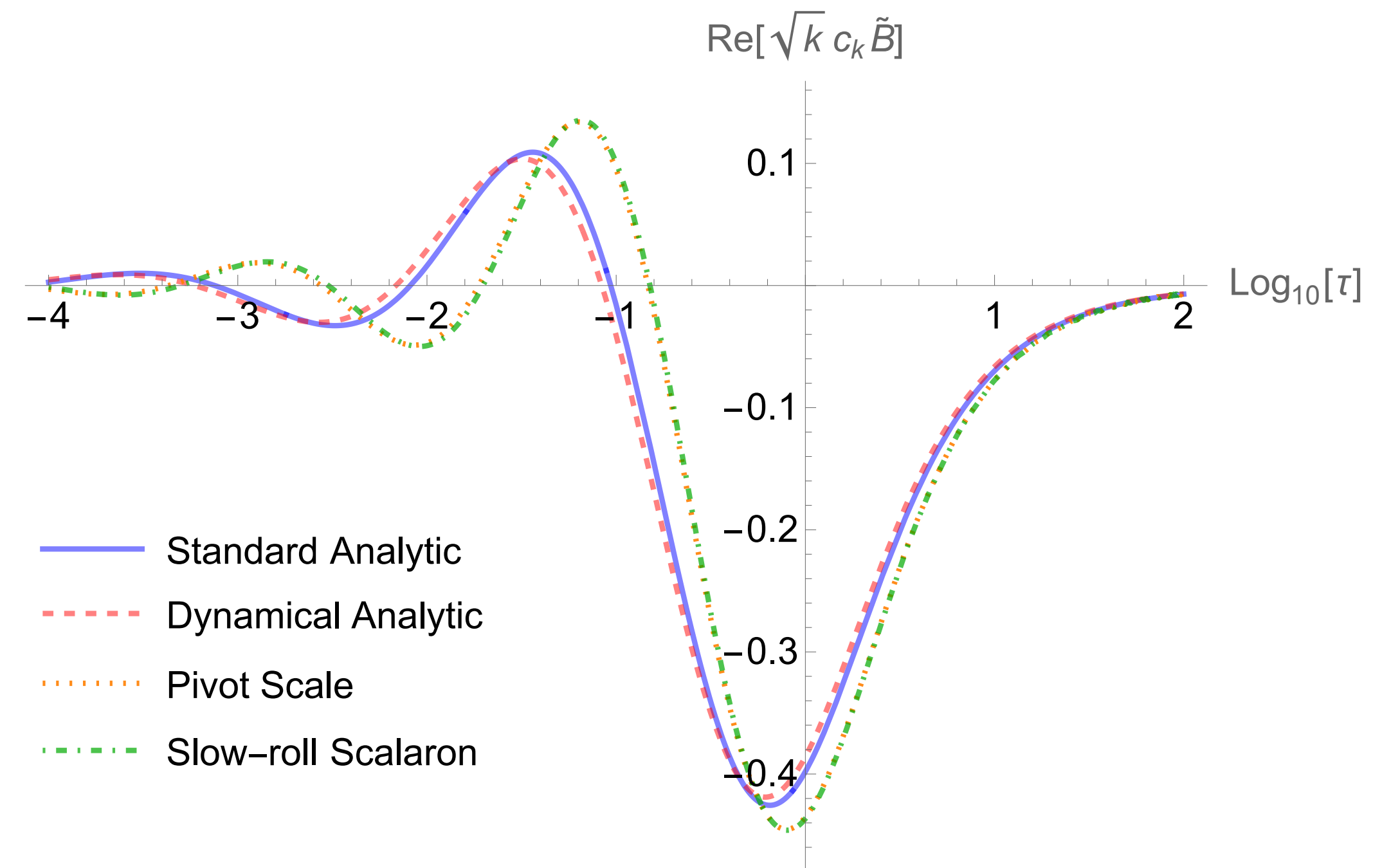
Dynamical Analytic: Aoki, Noumi, Sano & Yamaguchi [2312.09642]

Pivot Scale: Reece, Wang & Xianyu [2204.11869]

Slow-roll Scalaron: YPW [2404.05031]



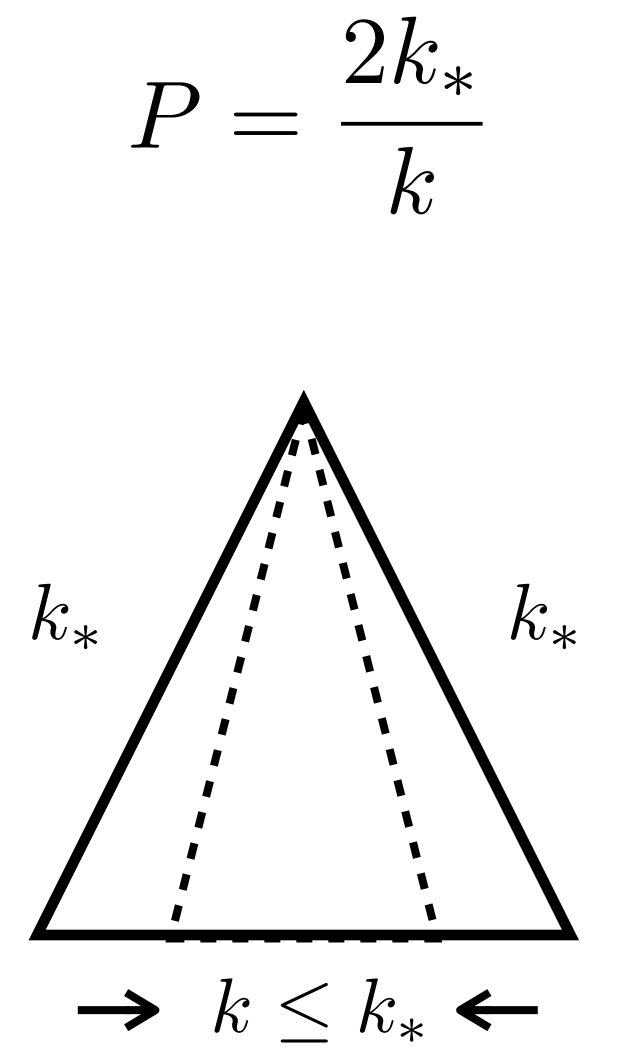
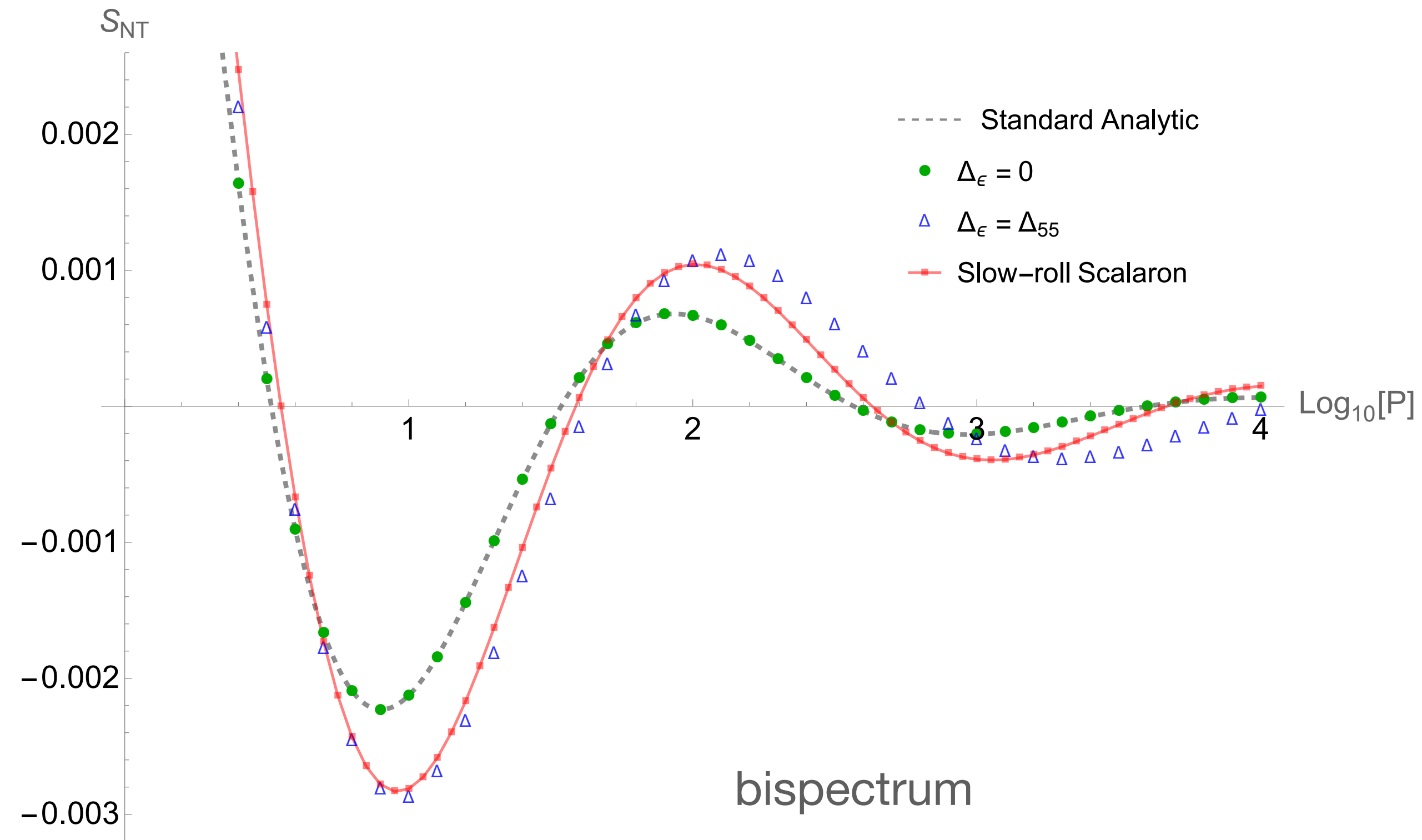
$$k/k_* = 1$$



$$k/k_* = 1000$$

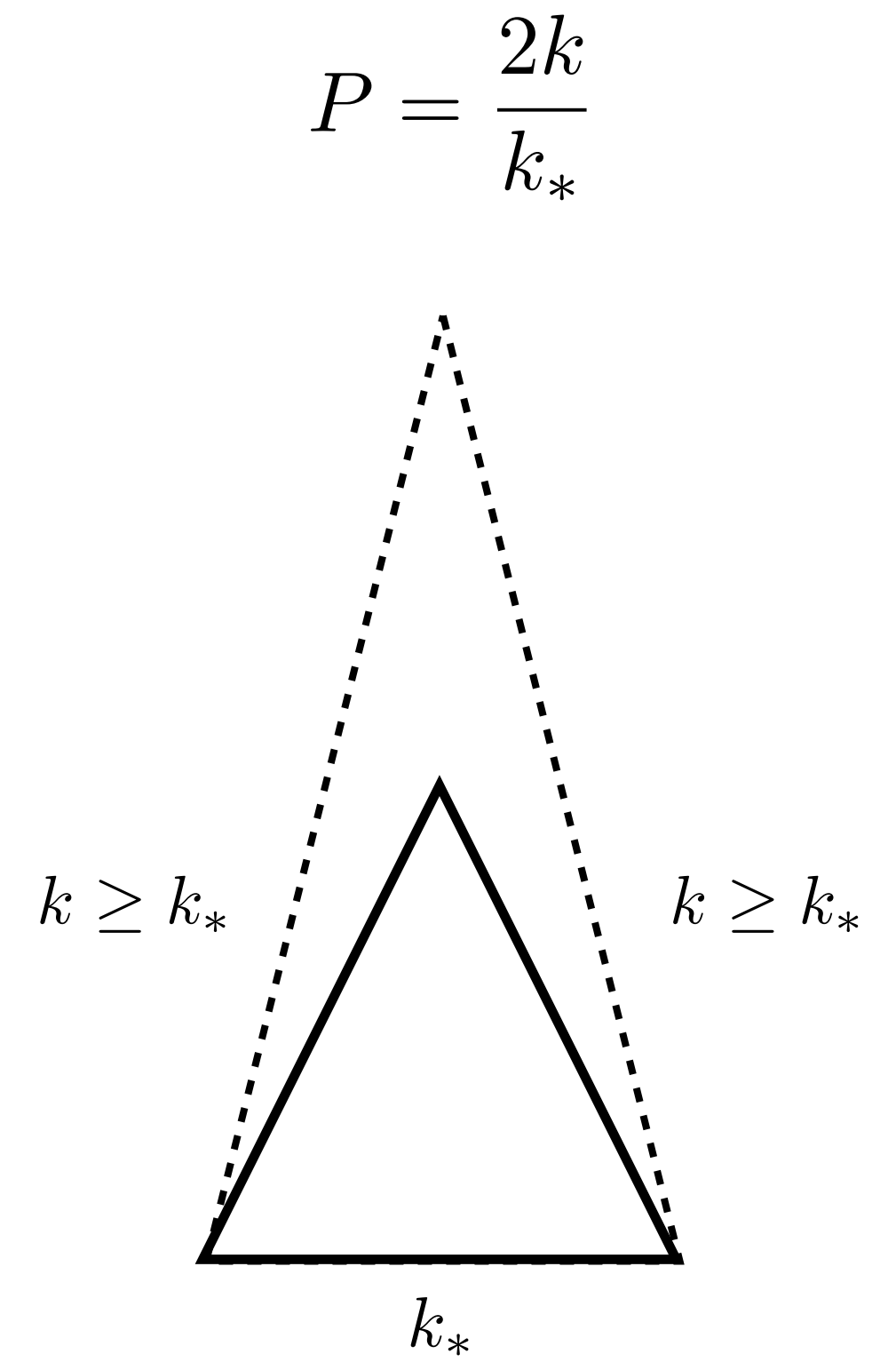
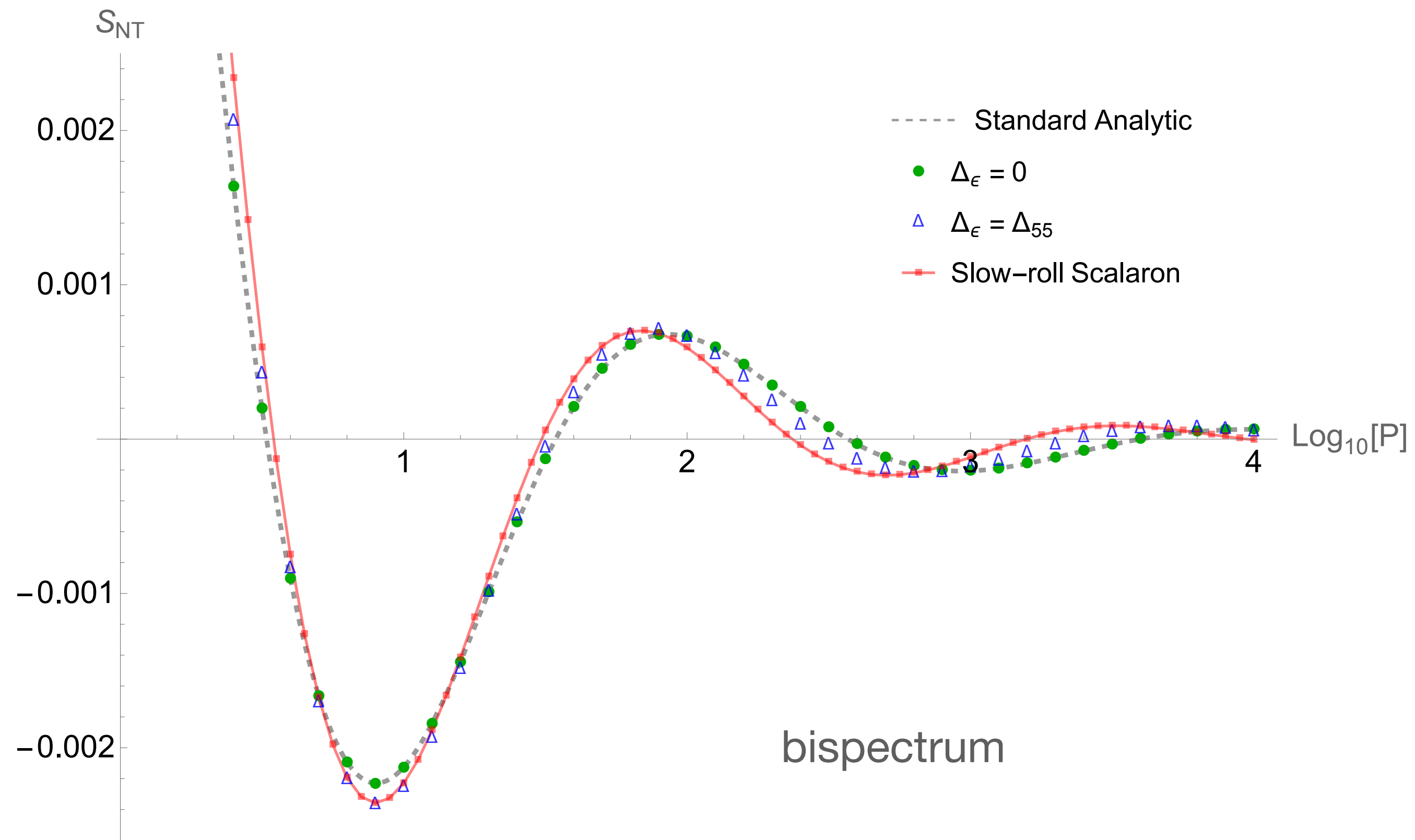
Bispectrum

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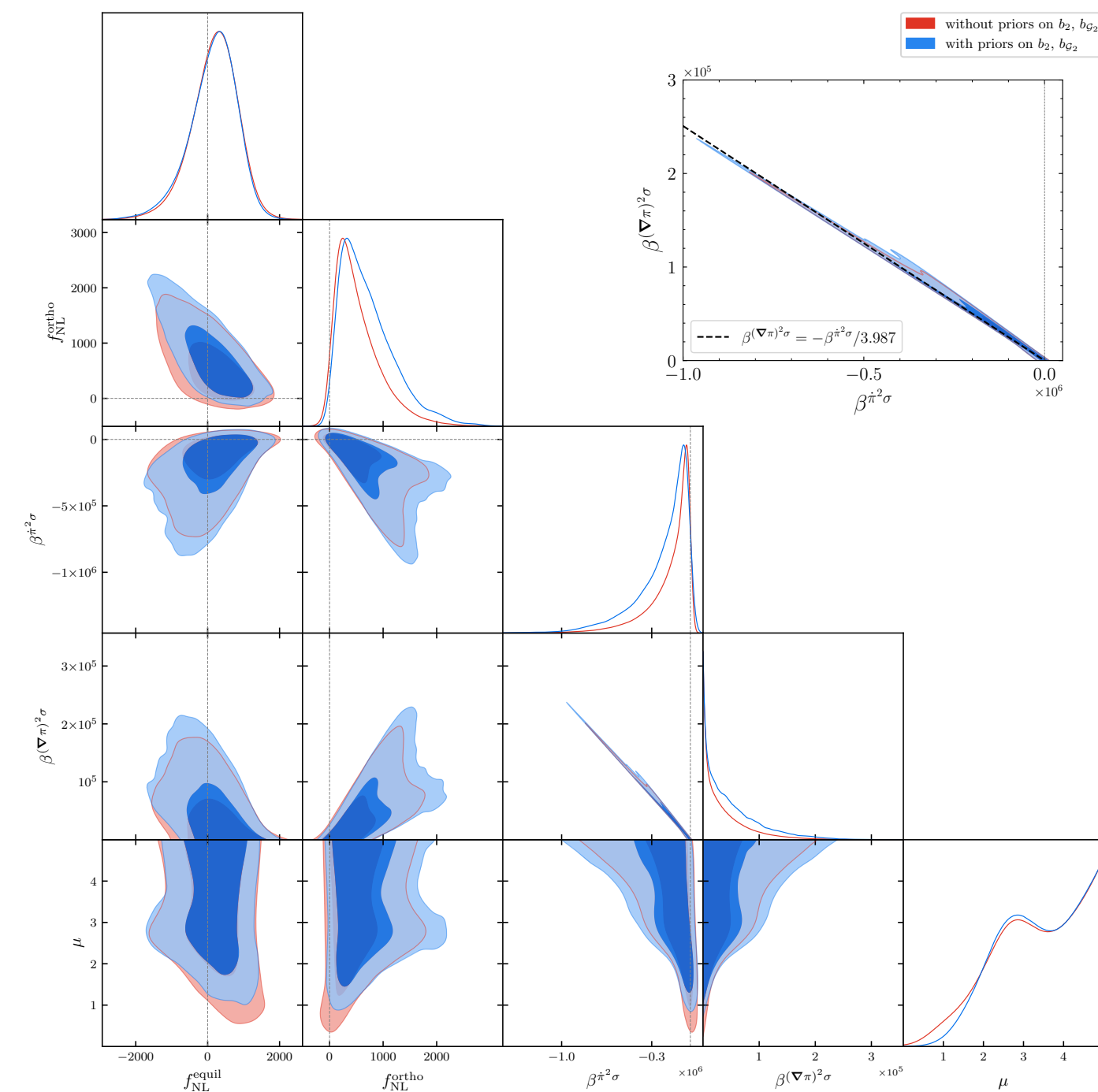
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A first report from Baryon Oscillation Spectroscopic Survey (BOSS):

Cabass, et.al. [2404.01894]

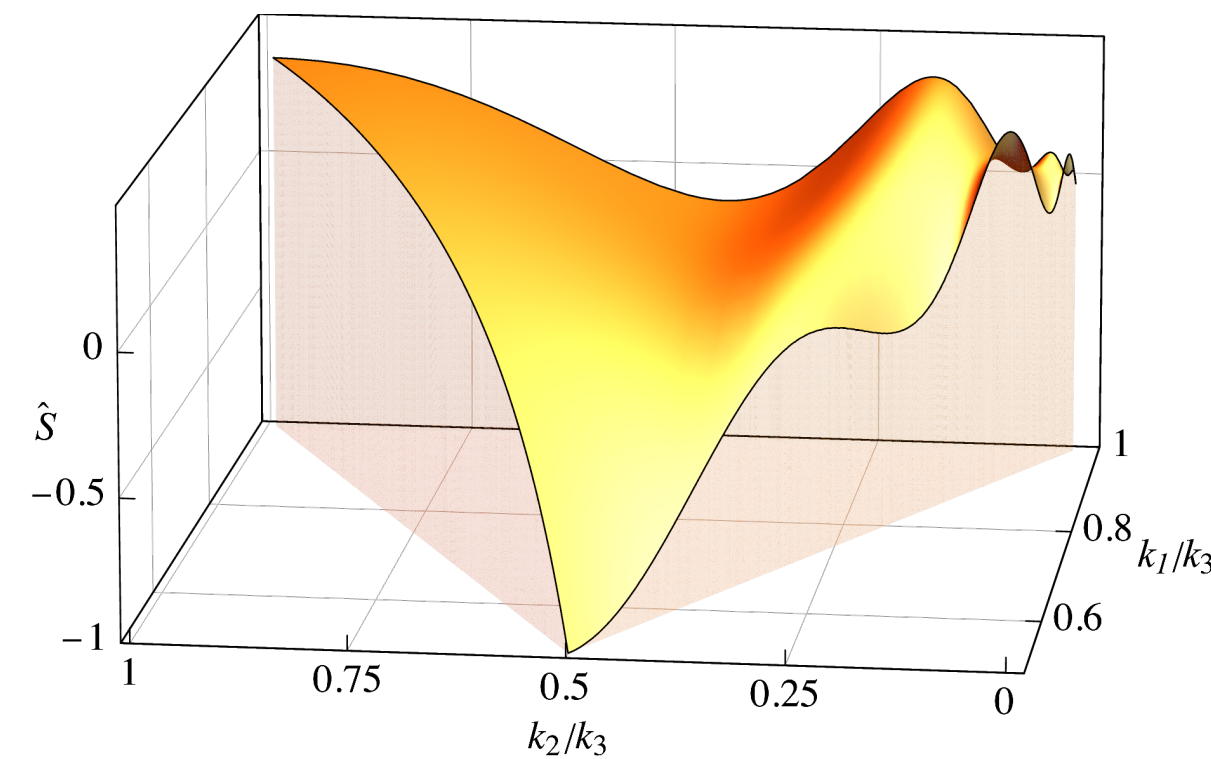
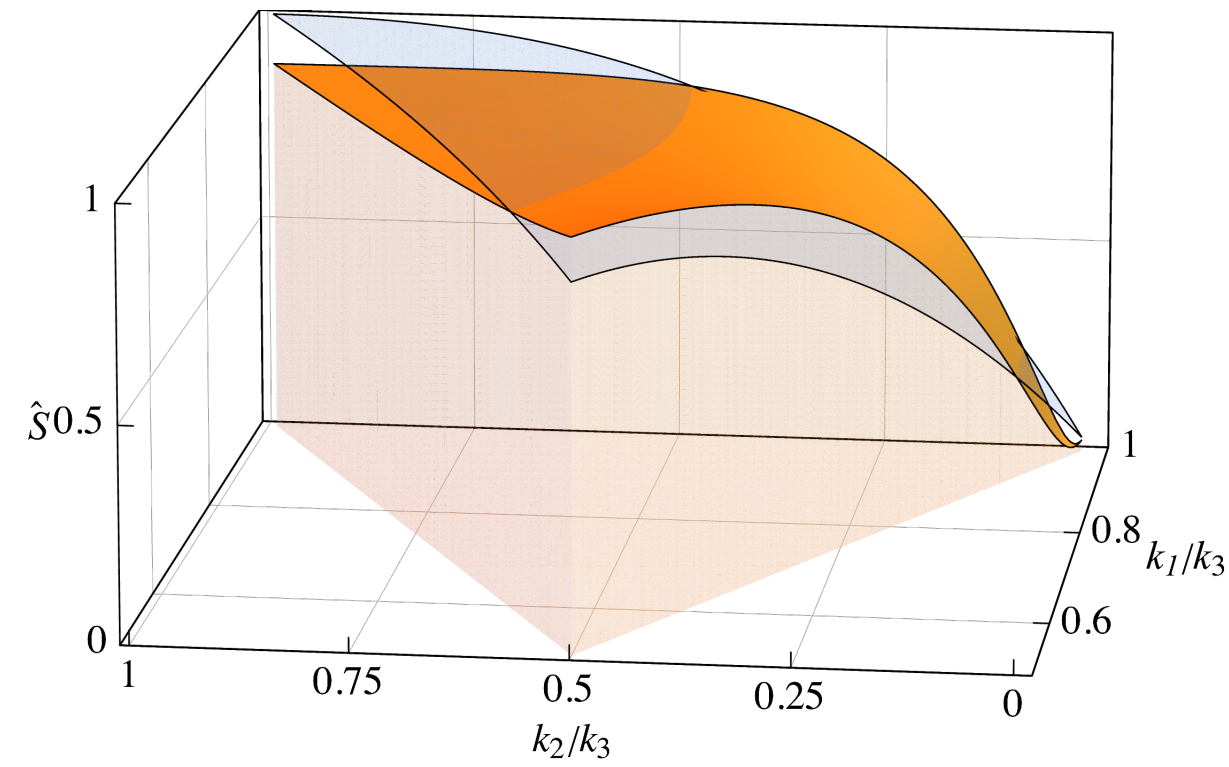


Parameter	without galaxy-formation priors			including galaxy-formation priors		
	mean	95% lower	95% upper	mean	95% lower	95% upper
$f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{equil}}$	1.9×10^2	-1.2×10^3	1.4×10^3	1.5×10^2	-1.2×10^3	1.4×10^3
$f_{\text{NL}}^{\text{ortho}}$	5.4×10^2	-1.2×10^2	1.5×10^3	7.1×10^2	-6.6×10^1	1.8×10^3
$\beta^{\dot{\pi}^2 \sigma}$	-1.6×10^5	-5.4×10^5	3.7×10^4	-2.0×10^5	-6.6×10^5	4.9×10^4
$\beta^{(\nabla \pi)^2 \sigma}$	–	–	$< 1.3 \times 10^5$	–	–	$< 1.6 \times 10^5$
μ	–	> 1.4	–	–	> 1.7	–

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A first report from Planck CMB data:

Sohn, Wang, Fergusson & Shellard [2404.07203]



Shape	Template	f_{NL} (68% CL)	Raw S/N	Adjusted S/N
Light scalar exchange [3]	(2.6)	10 ± 26	0.37	0.12
Scalar exchange I	(2.15)	11 ± 13	0.86	0.67
Scalar exchange II	(2.20)	-91 ± 40	2.3	1.8
Heavy-spin exchange	(2.24)	-59 ± 32	1.9	1.2
Massive spin-2 exchange	(2.27)	-2.1 ± 1.1	1.9	0.90
Equilateral collider [61]	(2.32)	-178 ± 72	2.5	0.90
Low-speed collider [42]	(2.33)	-9 ± 10	0.89	0.29
Multi-speed PNG [66]	(2.34)	-3.1 ± 2.3	1.3	0.61

Applications:

- (1) $f(R)$ gravity $\rightarrow e^{-\alpha\phi/M_P}$, $\alpha = \sqrt{2/3}$
- (2) Higgs inflation $\sim h^2\sigma^2 \sim \frac{M_P^2}{\xi} e^{\alpha\phi/M_P} \sigma^2$
- (3) The Standard Model mass spectrum.

Chen, Wang & Xianyu (2017a,b)

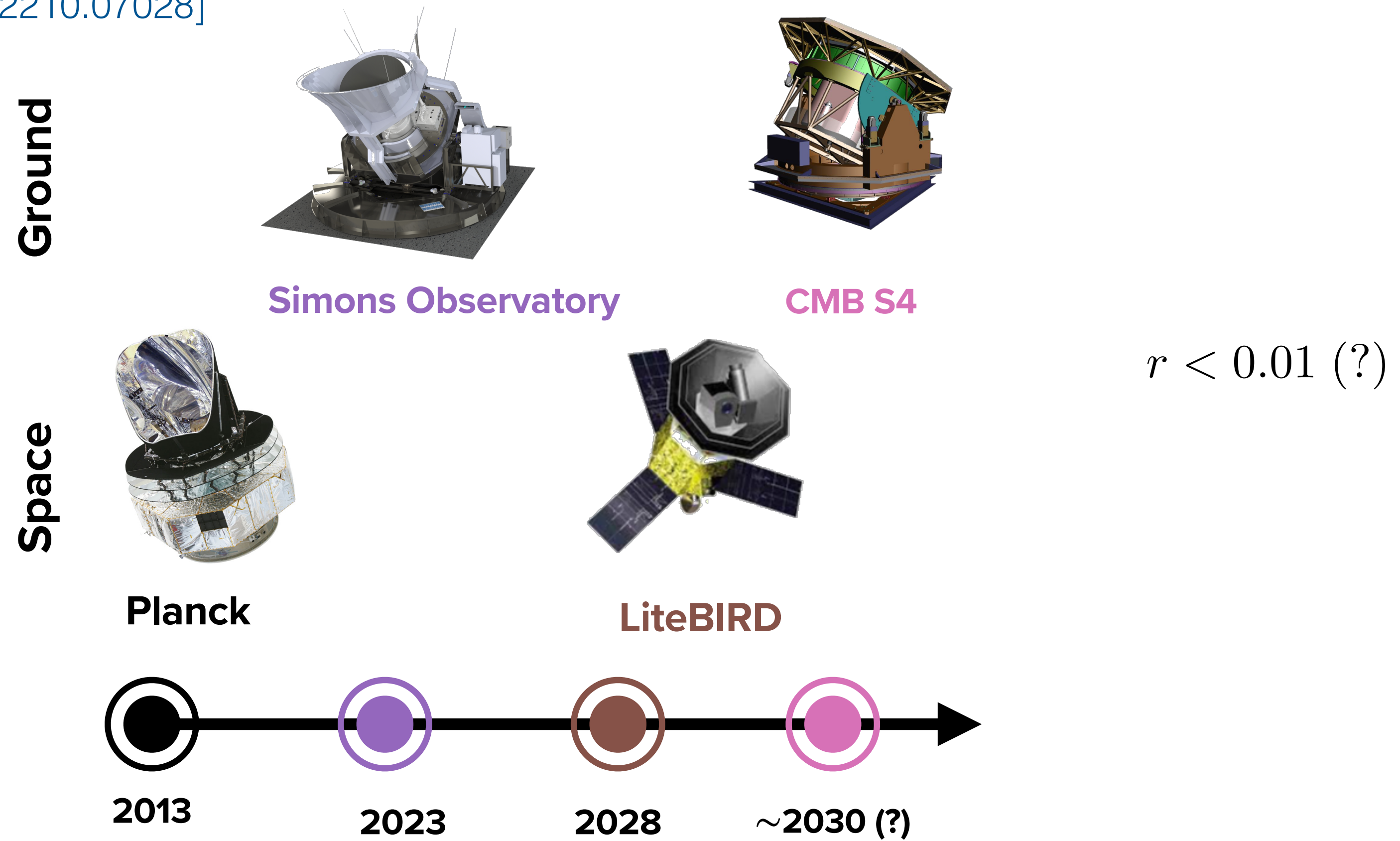
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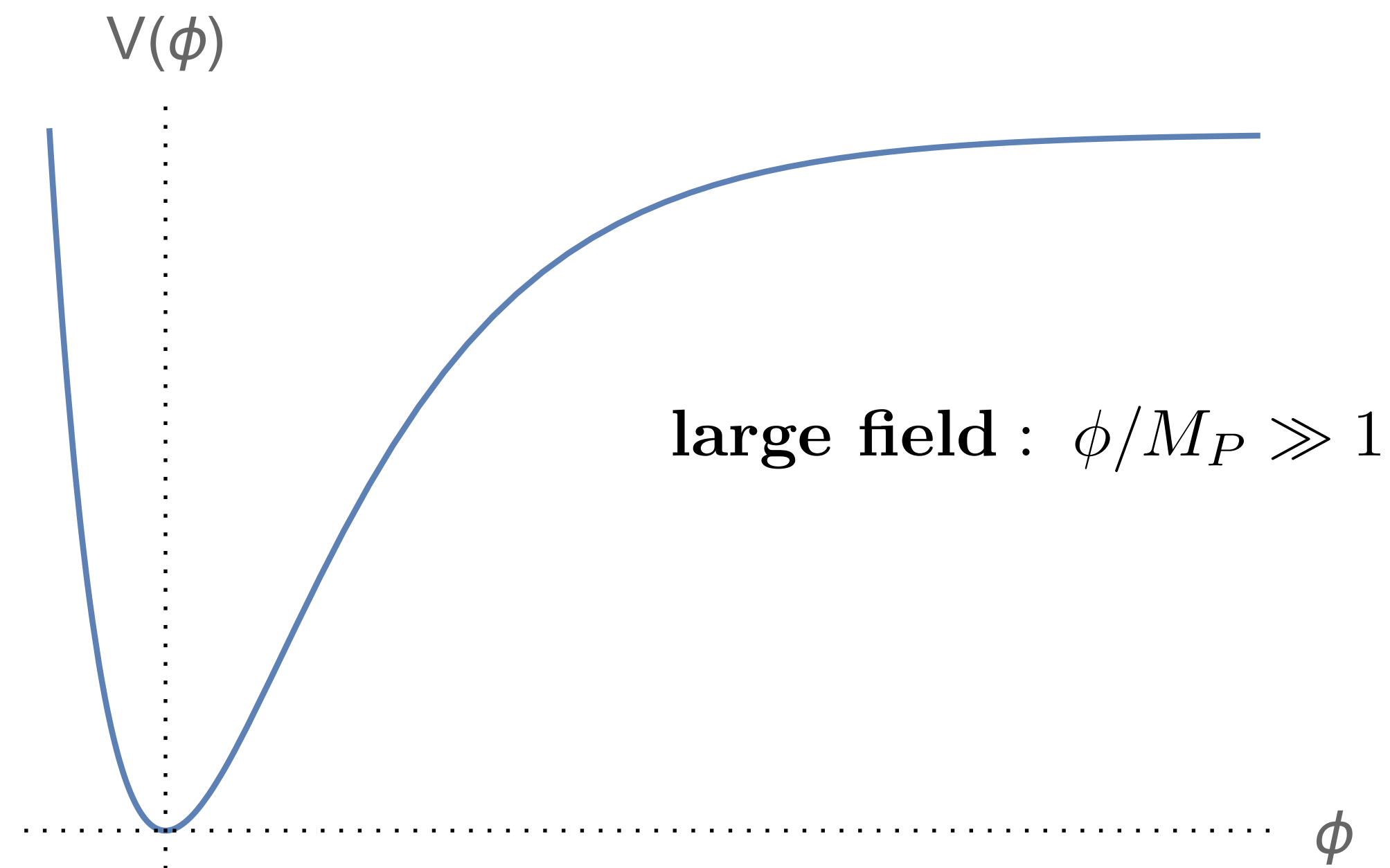
Future CMB experiments timeline

Braglia, Chen, Hazra & Pinol [2210.07028]



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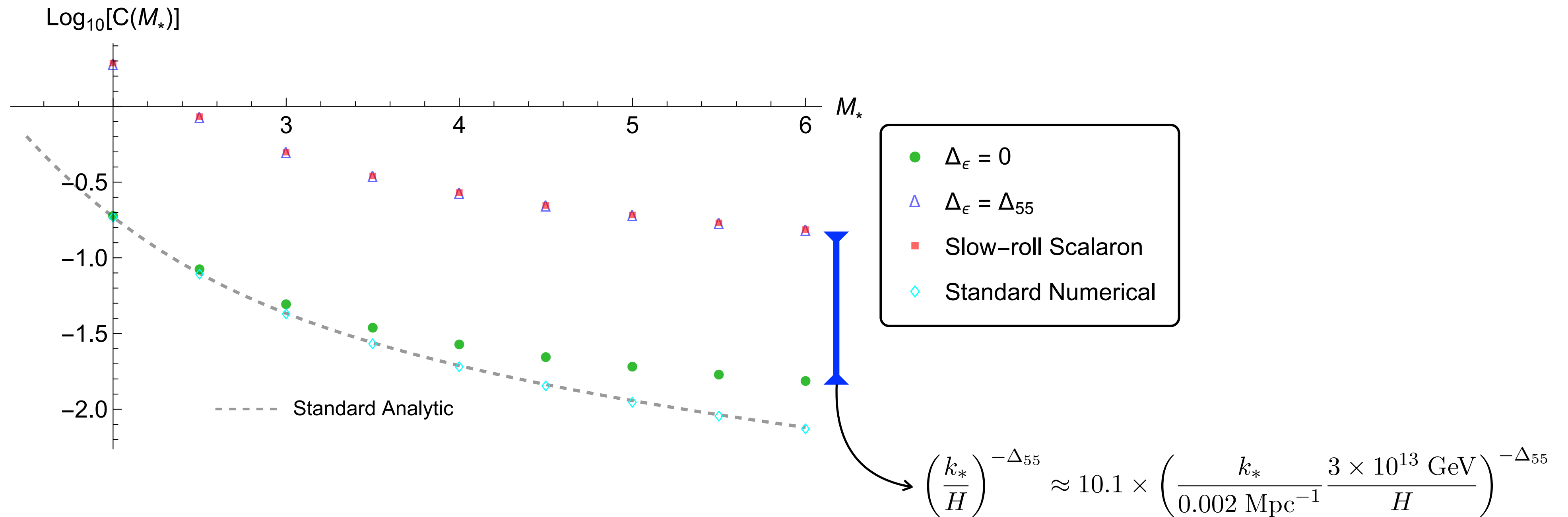


$$U(\phi) = \frac{3}{4} M_P^2 M^2 \left(1 - e^{-\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \frac{\phi}{M_P}} \right)^2$$

$$n_s - 1 \simeq -0.036 \times \frac{55}{\Delta N_*}$$
$$r \simeq 4.0 \times 10^{-3} \times \left(\frac{55}{\Delta N_*} \right)^2$$

Power spectrum

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power spectrum $\frac{\Delta P}{P_0} \sim \beta_{\text{model}} \times C(\Delta_\epsilon, M_*, k/k_*),$