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Hunting Inflaton at FASER

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We consider the nonminimal quartic inflation in a classically conformal $\mathrm{U}(1)_X$ extended SM. We show that if the inflaton mass and its mixing angle with the SM Higgs field lie in a suitable range, the FASER experiment can search for the inflaton at the High Luminosity (HL)-LHC. Also because of the classical conformal invariance, the inflationary predictions and the LHC search for the $\mathrm{U}(1)_X$ gauge boson (Z') resonance are complementary. Therefore, three independent experiments, namely, the inflaton search at the FASER, the Z' boson resonance search at the HL-LHC and the precision measurement of the inflationary predictions, are complementary to test our inflation scenario.

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