

# What do WMAP and SDSS really tell about inflation?

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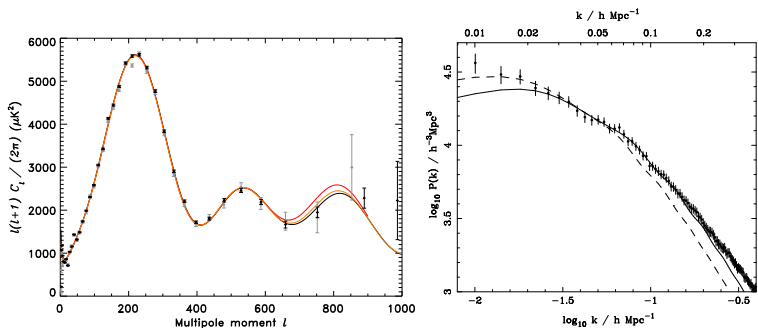
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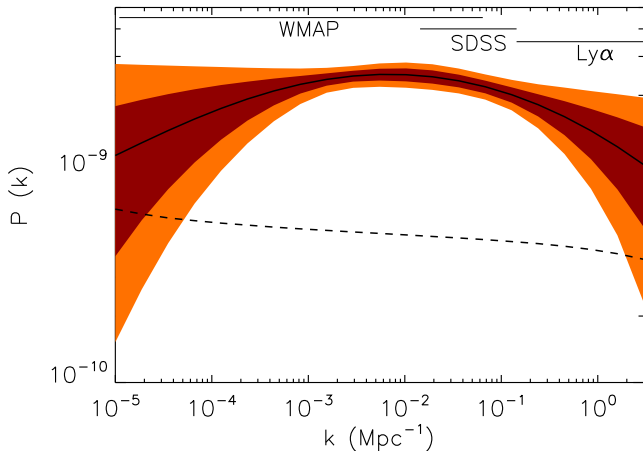
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WMAP3, from Spergel et al, astro-ph/0603449

SDSS-LRG5, from Percival et al, astro-ph/0608636



Taken from Easter & Peiris, astro-ph/0609003.

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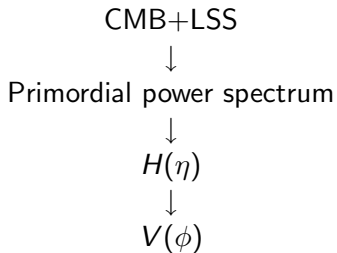
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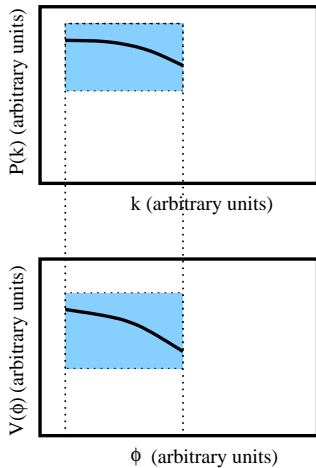
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$$\partial_\eta^2 \mu_{S,T} + \left[ k^2 - \frac{\partial_\eta^2 z_{S,T}}{z_{S,T}} \right] \mu_{S,T} = 0$$

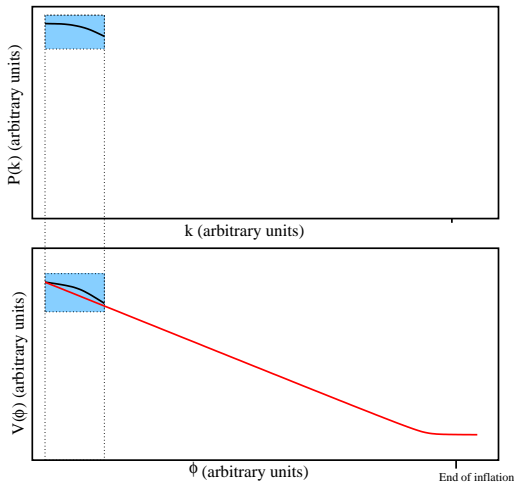
$$\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}}(k) = \frac{k^3}{8\pi^2} \left| \frac{\mu_S}{z_S} \right|^2$$

$$\mathcal{P}_h(k) = \frac{2k^3}{\pi^2} \left| \frac{\mu_T}{z_T} \right|^2$$

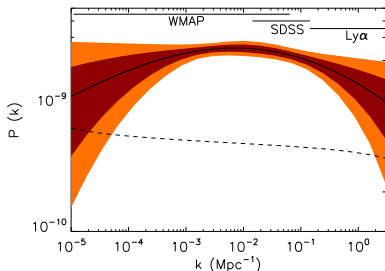




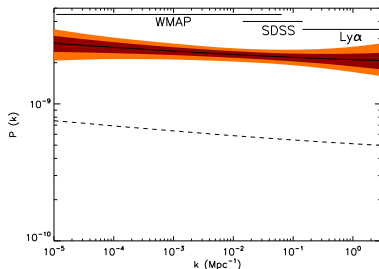




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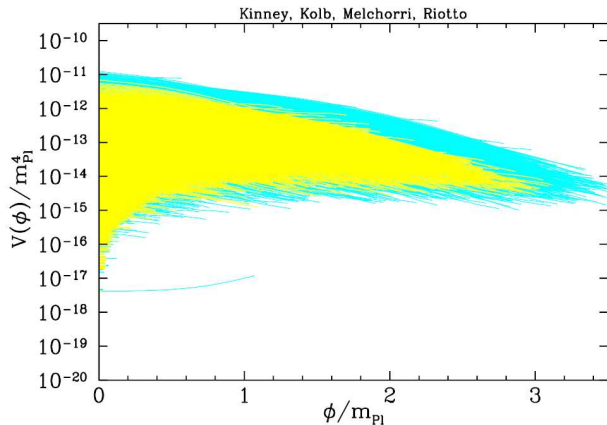


Fitting  $P(k) = k^{(n_s-1+\dots)}$ , selecting SR-inflationary models with  $N > 30$ . However: result heavily depends on parametrisation.

(see e.g. Ballesteros et al. 2006 for large running and  $N > 50$ )

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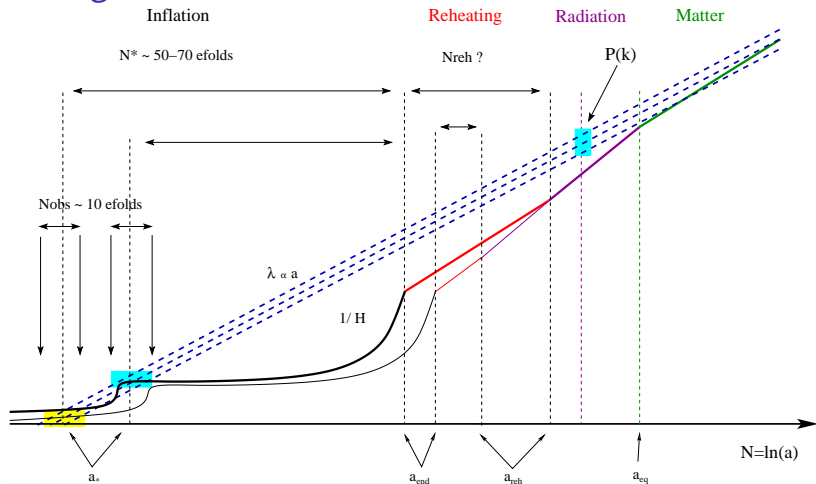
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Taken from Kinney et al., astro-ph/0605338.



# Reheating:



taken from Ringeval, astro-ph/0703486

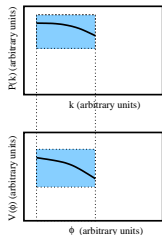
## Different purposes:

SR - extrapolate $\ddot{\phi} \approx 0$	No extrapolation $\ddot{\phi} = -3H\dot{\phi} - V'$
Elegant / simple	Conservative about unobservable epoch
Very predictive / constraining	Relies on data only
	Independent of reheating.

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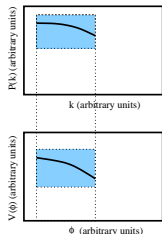
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Result applies to any theory of inflation which, during the observable window, has effectively one scalar degree of freedom.

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- ▶ No unique  $\dot{\phi}$  for  $V(\phi) \rightarrow$  one option is to always start in attractor solution.

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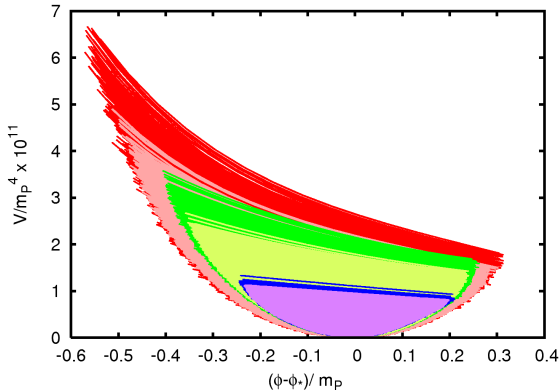
- ▶ Everything uniquely defined.
- ▶ Potentials equivalent to  $V(\ell \lambda_H(\phi))$ , but numerical calculation is the most accurate.

## Directly fit the inflaton potential, numerically

Slow Roll	$V(\phi)$	$H(\phi)$
$\ln[10^{10} \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}}^{k_*}]$	$\ln \left[ \frac{128\pi 10^{10} V_*^3}{3V_*'^2 m_P^6} \right]$	$\ln \left[ \frac{4 \times 10^{10} H_*^4}{H_*'^2 m_P^4} \right]$
$r$	$\left( \frac{V_*'}{V_*} \right)^2 m_P^2$	$\left( \frac{H_*'}{H_*} \right)^2 m_P^2$
$n_S$	$\frac{V_*'''}{V_*'} m_P^2$	$\frac{H_*'''}{H_*'} m_P^2$
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$$+ \Omega_b h^2, \Omega_{cdm} h^2, \theta \text{ \& } \tau$$

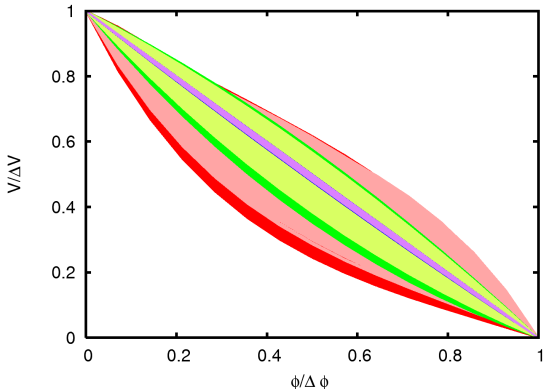
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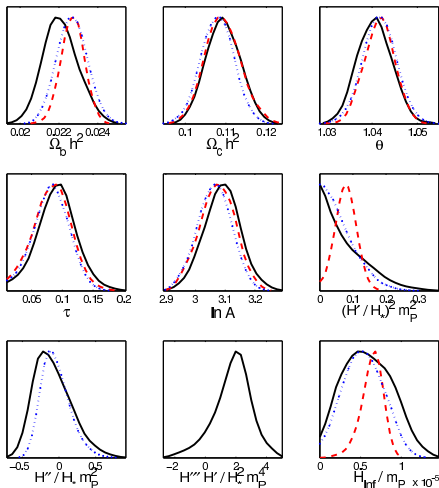


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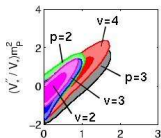


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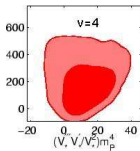
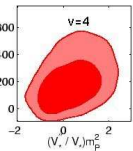
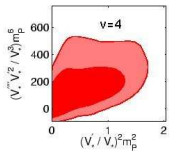
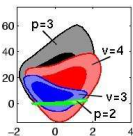
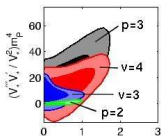
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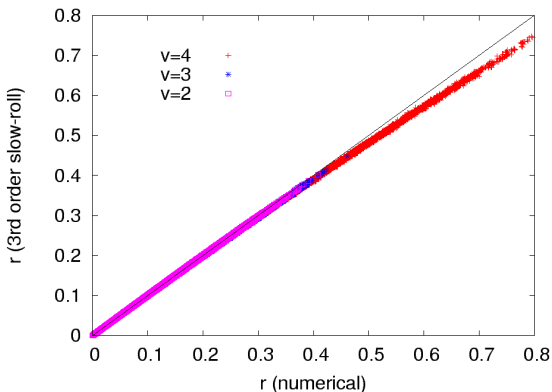
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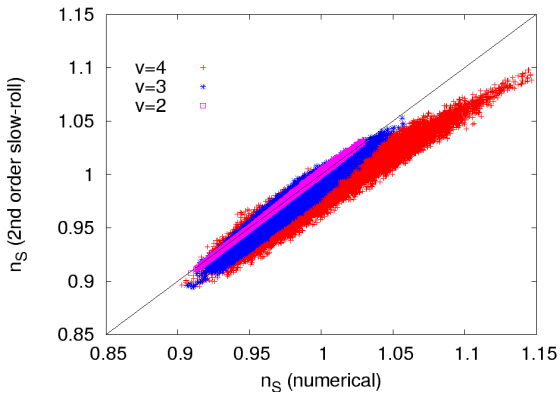
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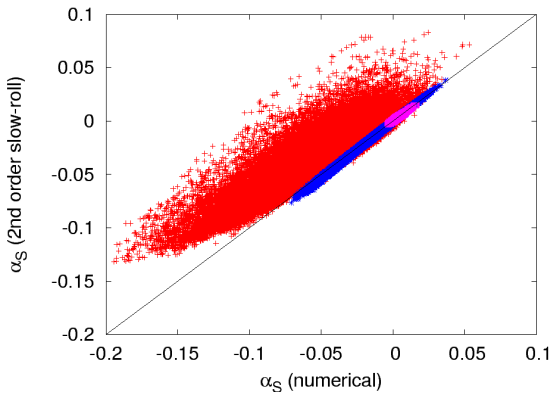
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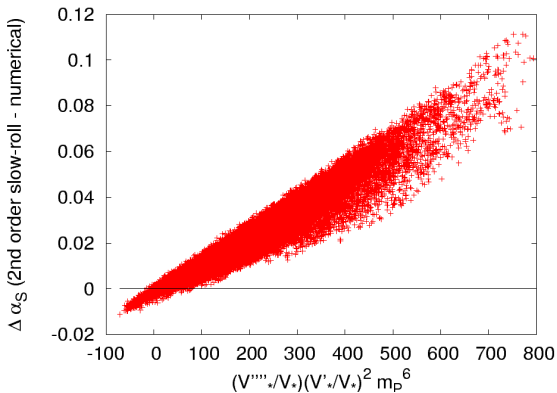
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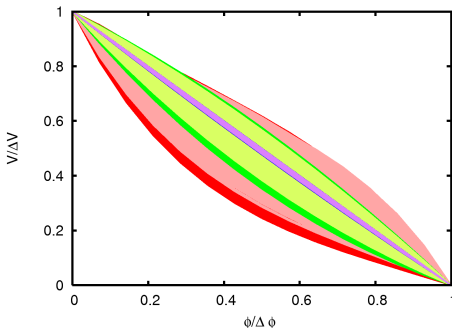
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- ▶ Previously obtained info on  $V(\phi)$  depends on strong assumptions
- ▶ Hint to go to one order higher in SR
- ▶ Conservative analysis of data constrains  $H(\phi)$  up to  $H'''$  and thereby  $V(\phi)$ .



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<sup>III</sup>Easter & Peiris, astro-ph/0603587.