

Analytical approximations for curved primordial power spectra

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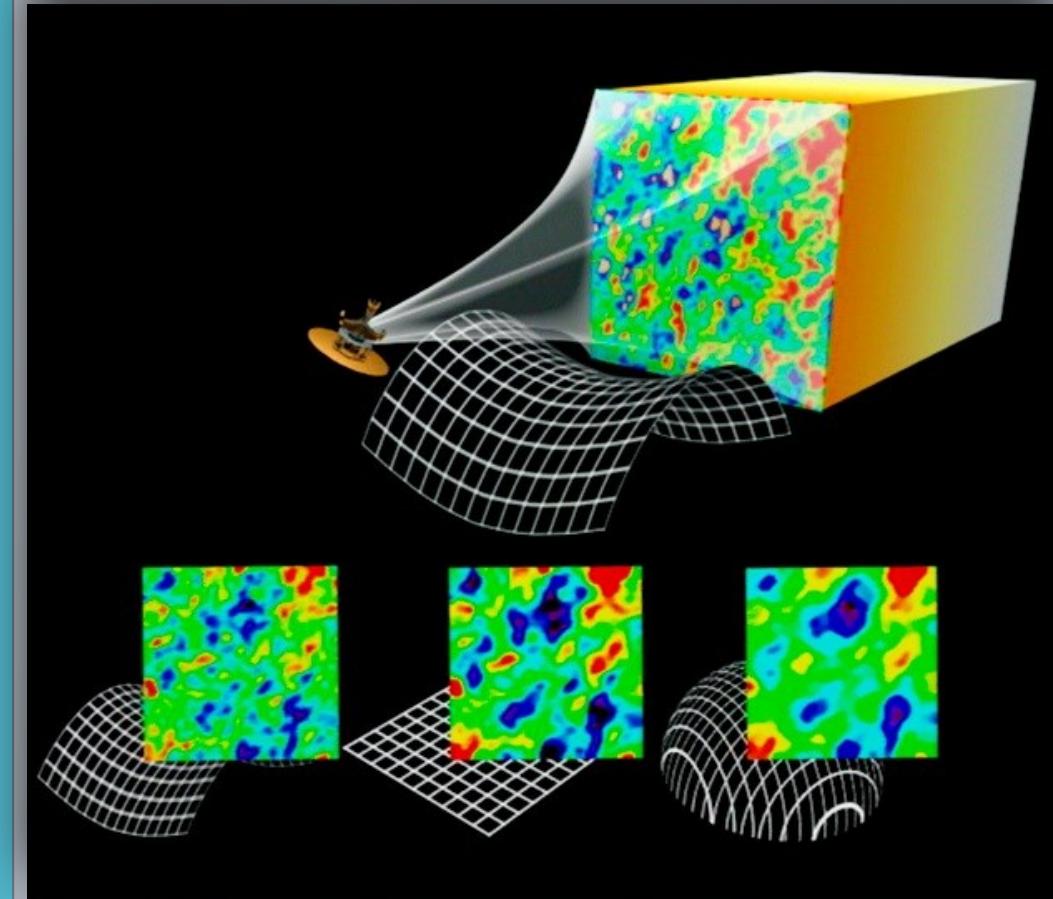
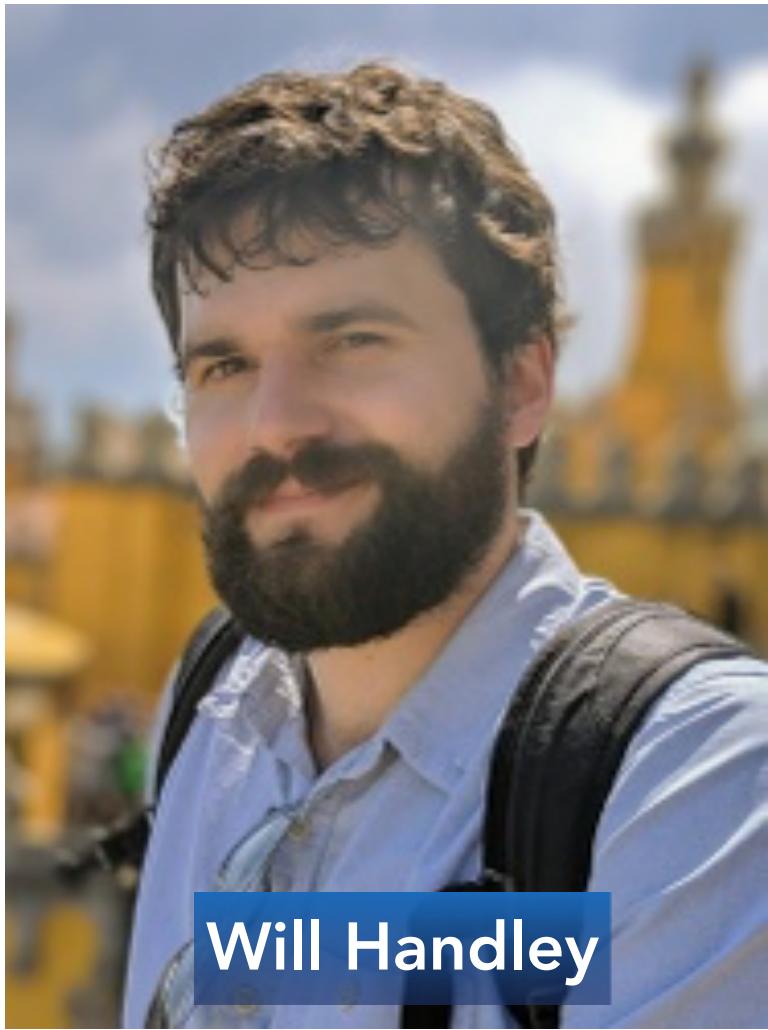
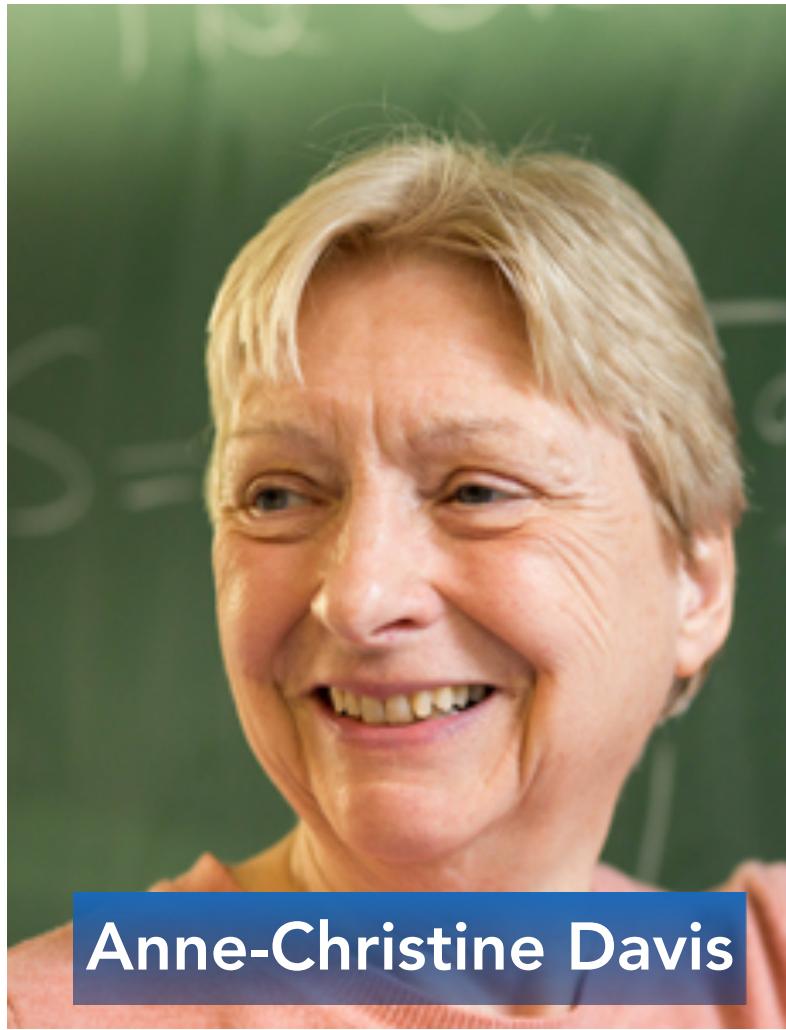


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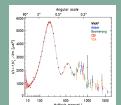
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$$H(a) = \frac{\dot{a}}{a} = H_0 \sqrt{(\Omega_{c,0} + \Omega_{b,0})a^{-3} + \Omega_{r,0}a^{-4} + \Omega_{k,0}a^{-2} + \Omega_{\Lambda}}$$

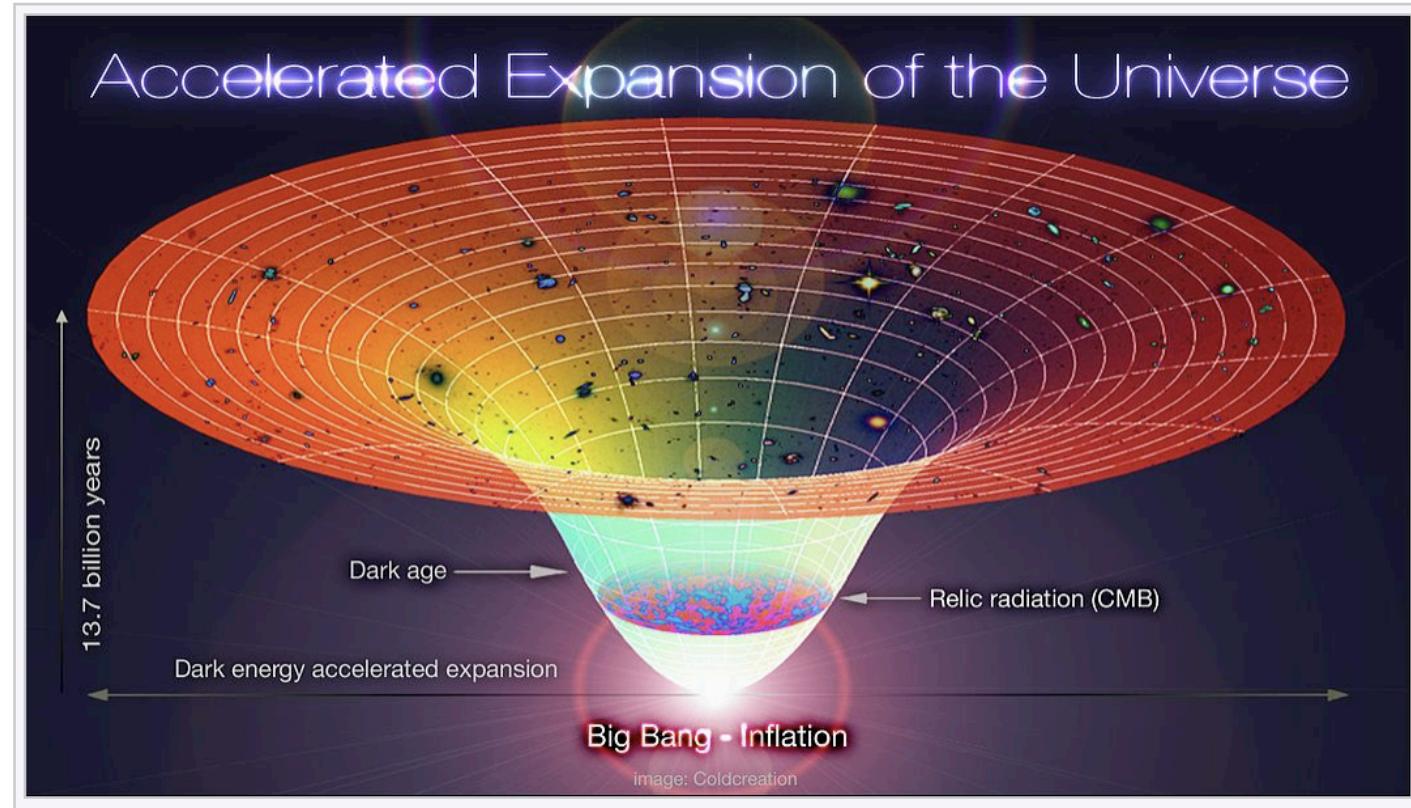


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Λ CDM model

Standard model of Cosmology (Λ CDM) consists of:

- Ω_m – matter
- Ω_Λ – dark energy
- Ω_r – radiation
- and $\Omega_k = 0$
- *Flat universe* → $K=0$
- *Open universe* → $K=-1$
- *Closed universe* → $K=+1$

Why curved inflation?

Eternal ~~In~~flation

Just-enough ~~In~~flation



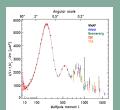
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Slow-roll (SR)

$$w_\phi = \frac{P_\phi}{\rho_\phi} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}\dot{\phi} - V(\phi)}{\frac{1}{2}\dot{\phi} + V(\phi)}, \quad \longrightarrow \quad \dot{\phi}^2 \ll V(\phi)$$

Kinetic-Dominance (KD)

$$\dot{\phi}^2 \gg V(\phi)$$



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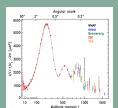
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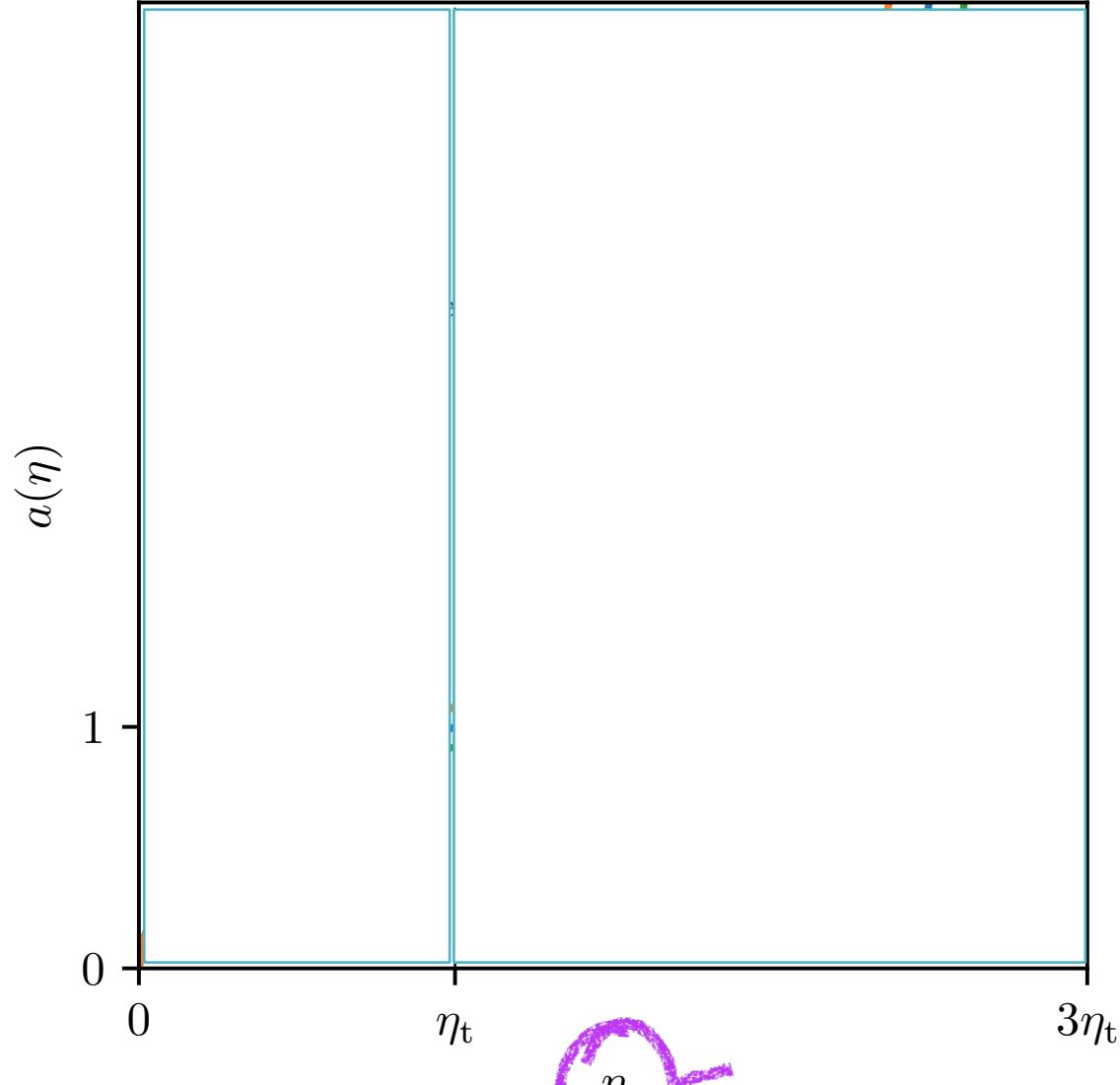
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Working with conformal time!

Background equations

$$(\phi')^2 \gg a^2 V(\phi)$$

(Kinetic Dominance)

$$\mathcal{H}' + 2\mathcal{H}^2 + 2K = \cancel{\approx} V(\phi), \approx 0$$

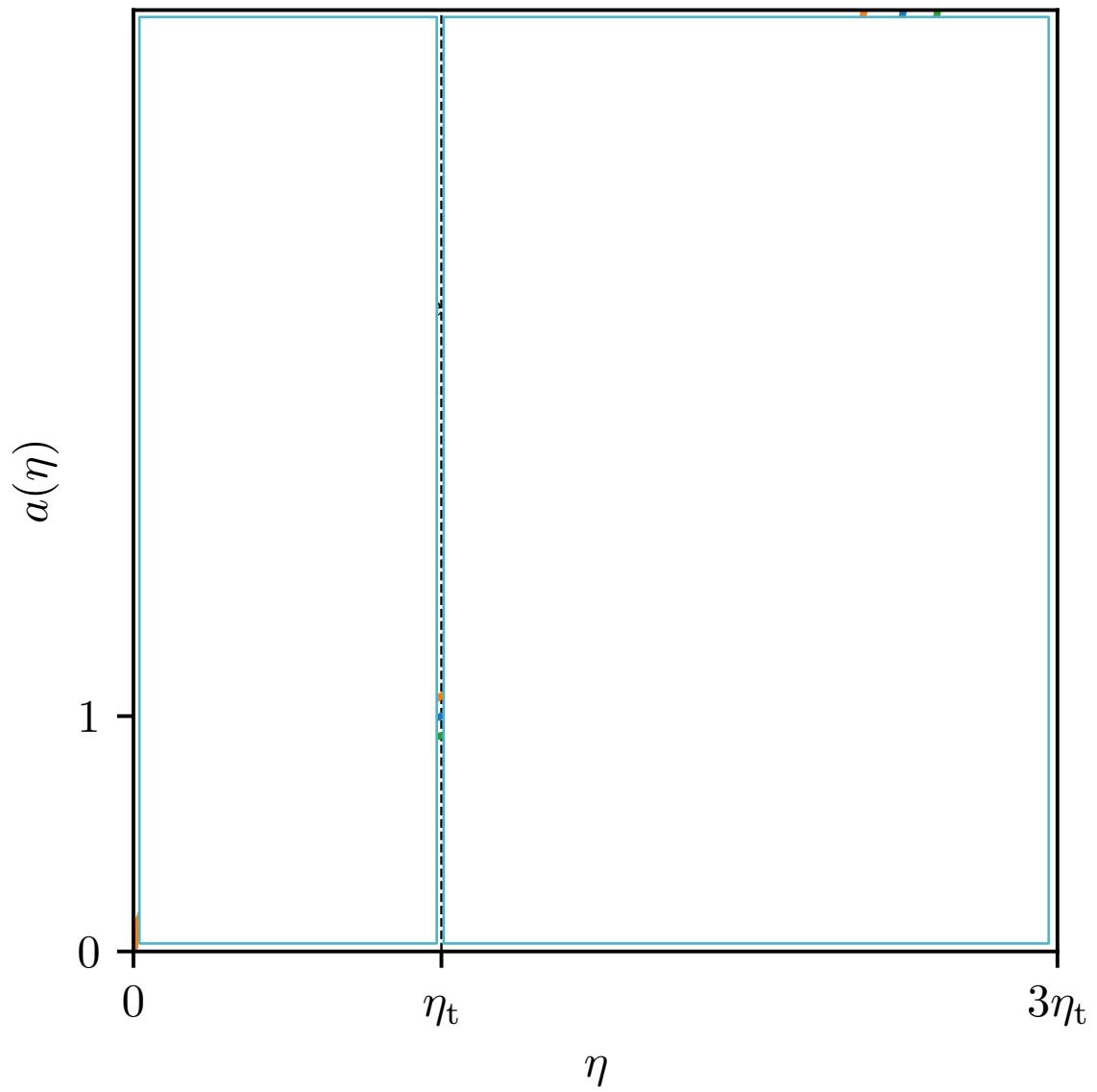
$$a = \sqrt{S_K(2\eta)} : 0 \leq \eta < \eta_t$$

$$S_K(x) = \begin{cases} \sin(x) & K = +1 \\ x & K = 0 \\ \sinh(x) & K = -1 \end{cases}$$

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$$\mathcal{H}' - \mathcal{H}^2 - K = \frac{1}{2}\phi'^2. \approx 0$$

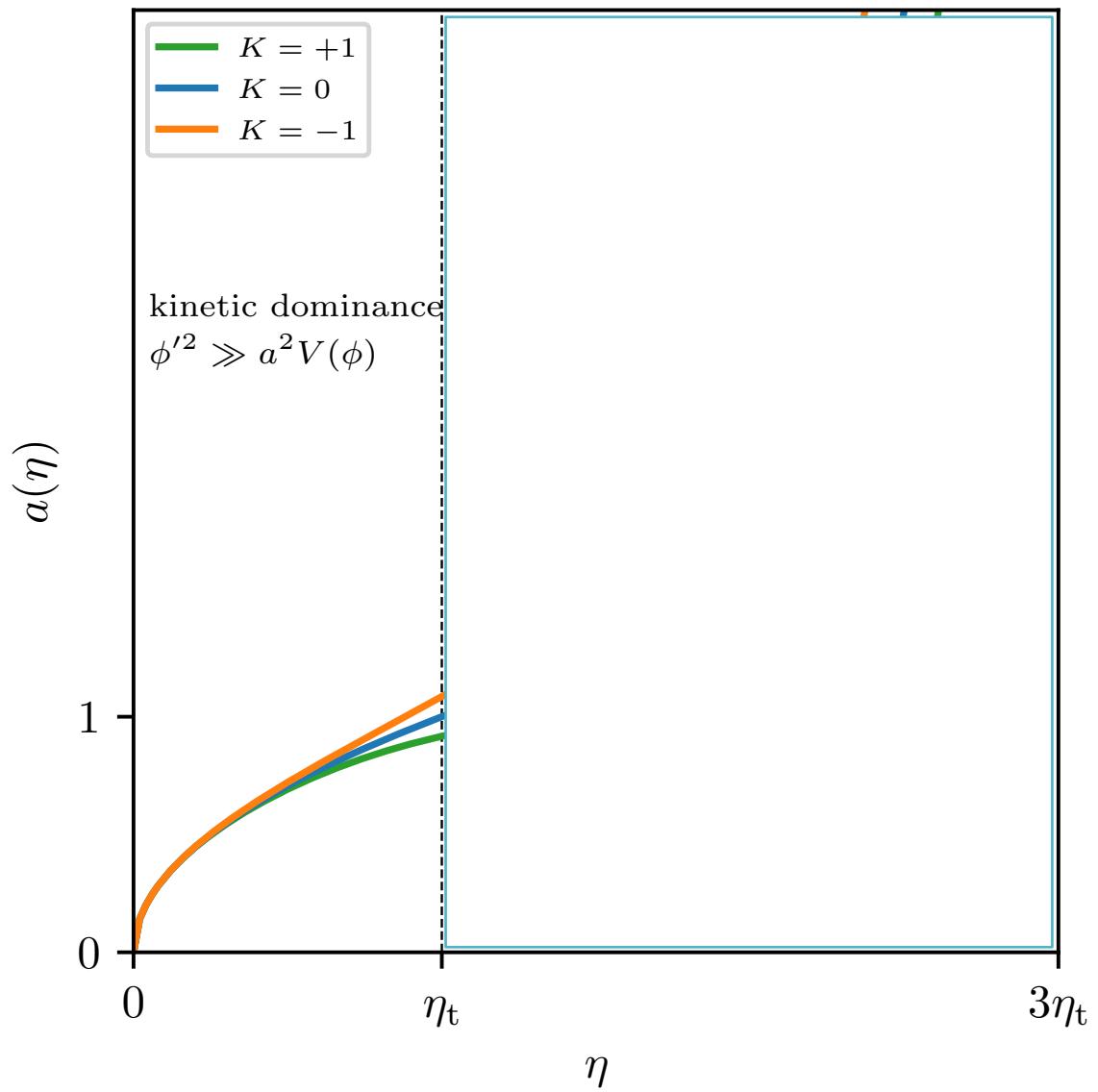
$$a = [S_K(2\eta_t)]^{3/2}/S_K(3\eta_t - \eta) : \eta_t \leq \eta < 3\eta_t$$

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Curved Mukhanov-Sasaki (MS) equation

$$v = \mathcal{Z}\mathcal{R}, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{Z} = \frac{a\phi'}{\mathcal{H}}\sqrt{\frac{\mathcal{D}^2}{\mathcal{D}^2 - K\mathcal{E}}}, \quad \mathcal{E} = \frac{\phi'^2}{2\mathcal{H}^2}.$$

$$v_k'' + \left[\mathcal{K}^2 - \left(\frac{\mathcal{Z}''}{\mathcal{Z}} + 2K + \frac{2K\mathcal{Z}'}{\mathcal{H}\mathcal{Z}} \right) \right] v_k = 0.$$

$$\mathcal{K}^2(k) = \begin{cases} k^2, & k \in \mathbb{R}, k > 0 : K = 0, -1, \\ k(k+2), & k \in \mathbb{Z}, k > 2 : K = +1. \end{cases}$$

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Logolinear series expansions

$$x(\eta) = \sum_{j,k} [x_j^k] \eta^j (\log \eta)^k,$$

where $[x_j^k]$ are twice-indexed real constants defining the series, with square brackets used to disambiguate powers from superscripts. We make definitions for upper and lower indexed functions of η via partial summation:

$$x_j(\eta) = \sum_k [x_j^k] (\log \eta)^k, \quad [x^k](\eta) = \sum_j [x_j^k] \eta^j,$$

$$x(\eta) = \sum_j x_j(\eta) \eta^j = \sum_k [x^k](\eta) (\log \eta)^k.$$

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Logolinear series expansions

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Up to the first curvature terms, we have:

$$\phi' = \pm \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{1}{\eta} \pm \frac{\sqrt{6}K}{3}\eta + \mathcal{O}(\eta^3),$$

$$\mathcal{H} = N' = \frac{1}{2\eta} - \frac{2K}{3}\eta + \mathcal{O}(\eta^3),$$

$$a = e^N = e^{N_p} \eta^{1/2} - \frac{e^{N_p} K}{3} \eta^{5/2} + \mathcal{O}(\eta^{9/2})$$



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$$\frac{\mathcal{Z}''}{\mathcal{Z}} + 2K + \frac{2K}{\mathcal{H}} \frac{\mathcal{Z}'}{\mathcal{Z}} = -\frac{1}{4\eta^2} + \frac{32K}{3} - \frac{24K^2}{\mathcal{K}^2(k)} + \mathcal{O}(\eta^2).$$

$$v_k'' + \left[\mathcal{K}^2 - \left(\frac{\mathcal{Z}''}{\mathcal{Z}} + 2K + \frac{2K\mathcal{Z}'}{\mathcal{H}\mathcal{Z}} \right) \right] v_k = 0.$$

$$v_k'' + \left[\kappa_-^2 + \frac{1}{4\eta^2} \right] v_k = 0,$$

$$\kappa_-^2(k) = \mathcal{K}^2(k) - \frac{32K}{3} + \frac{24K^2}{\mathcal{K}^2(k)}.$$

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(Ultra-Slow-Roll)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\mathcal{Z}''}{\mathcal{Z}} + 2K + \frac{2K\mathcal{Z}'}{\mathcal{H}\mathcal{Z}} &\simeq \frac{a''}{a} + 4K \\ &= \frac{2}{(\eta - 3\eta_t)^2} - \frac{11K}{3} + \mathcal{O}[(\eta - 3\eta_t)^2]. \end{aligned}$$

$$v_k'' + \left[\mathcal{K}^2 - \left(\frac{\mathcal{Z}''}{\mathcal{Z}} + 2K + \frac{2K\mathcal{Z}'}{\mathcal{H}\mathcal{Z}} \right) \right] v_k = 0.$$

$$v_k'' + \left[\kappa_+^2 - \frac{2}{(\eta - 3\eta_t)^2} \right] v_k = 0,$$

$$\kappa_+^2 = \mathcal{K}^2(k) - \frac{11K}{3}.$$

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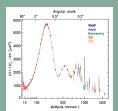
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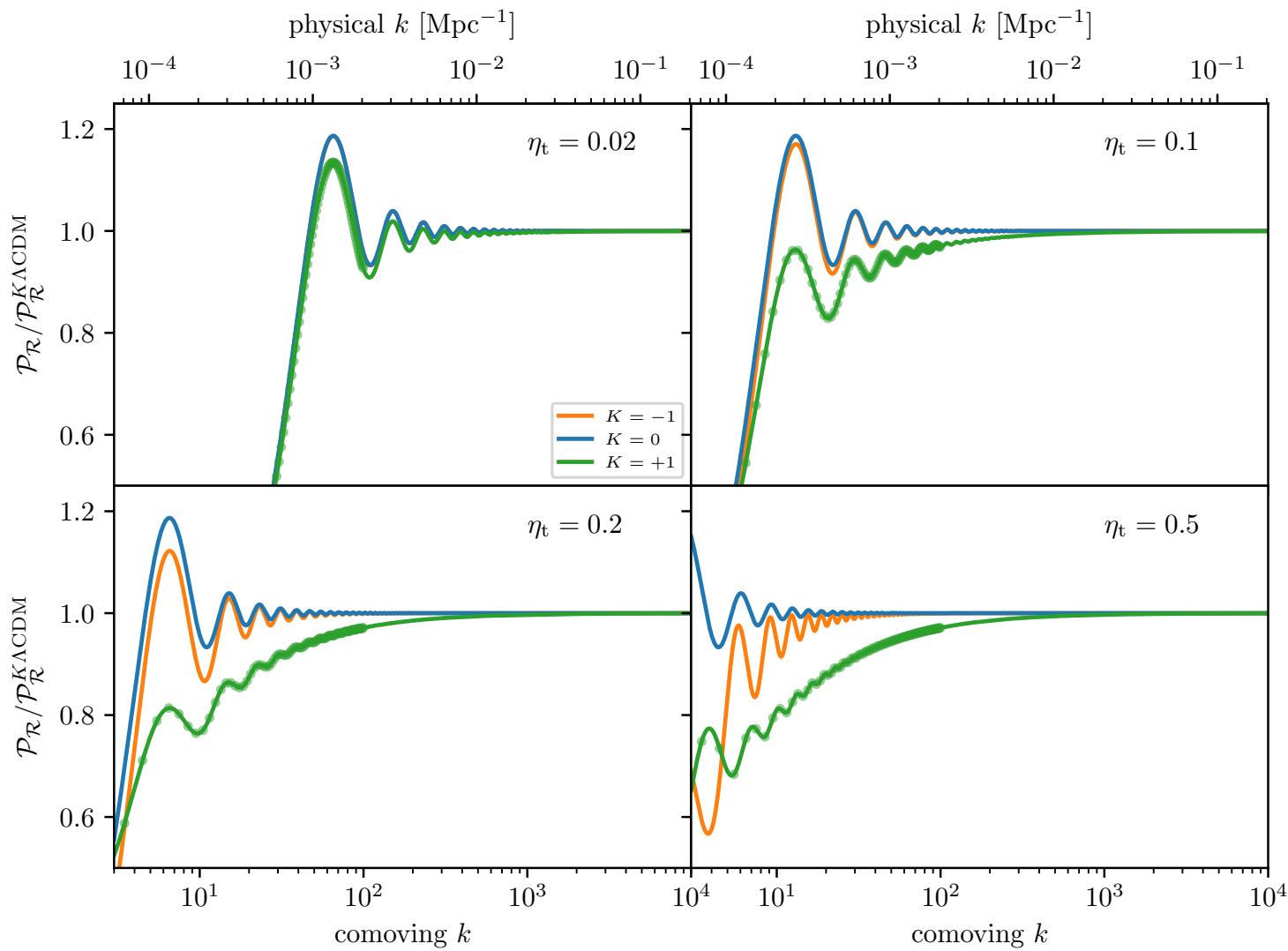


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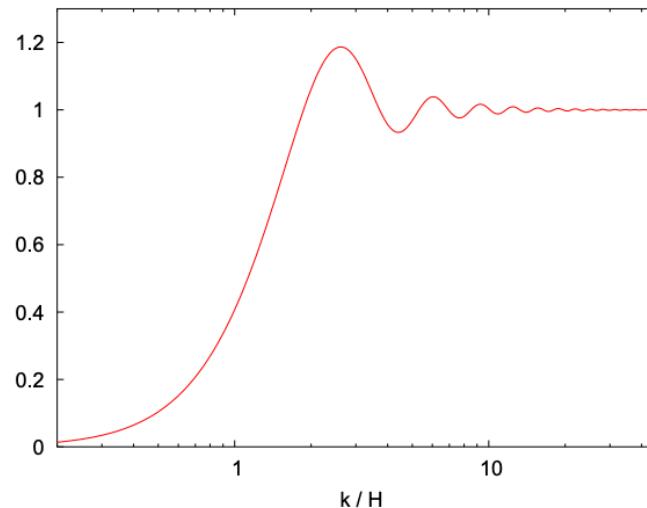
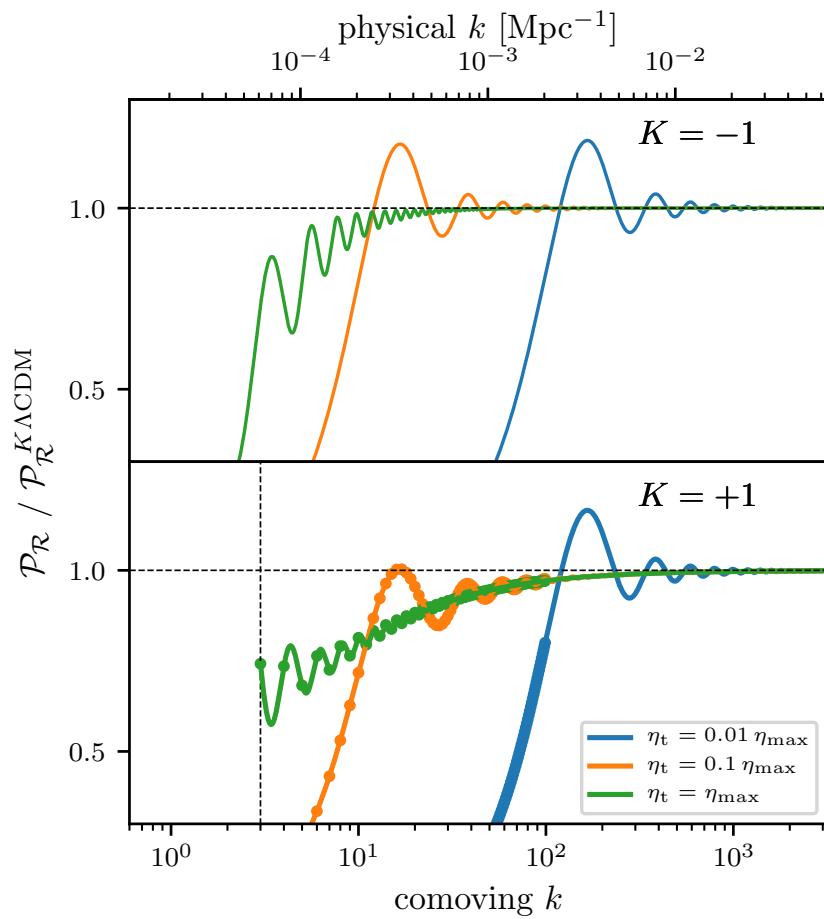
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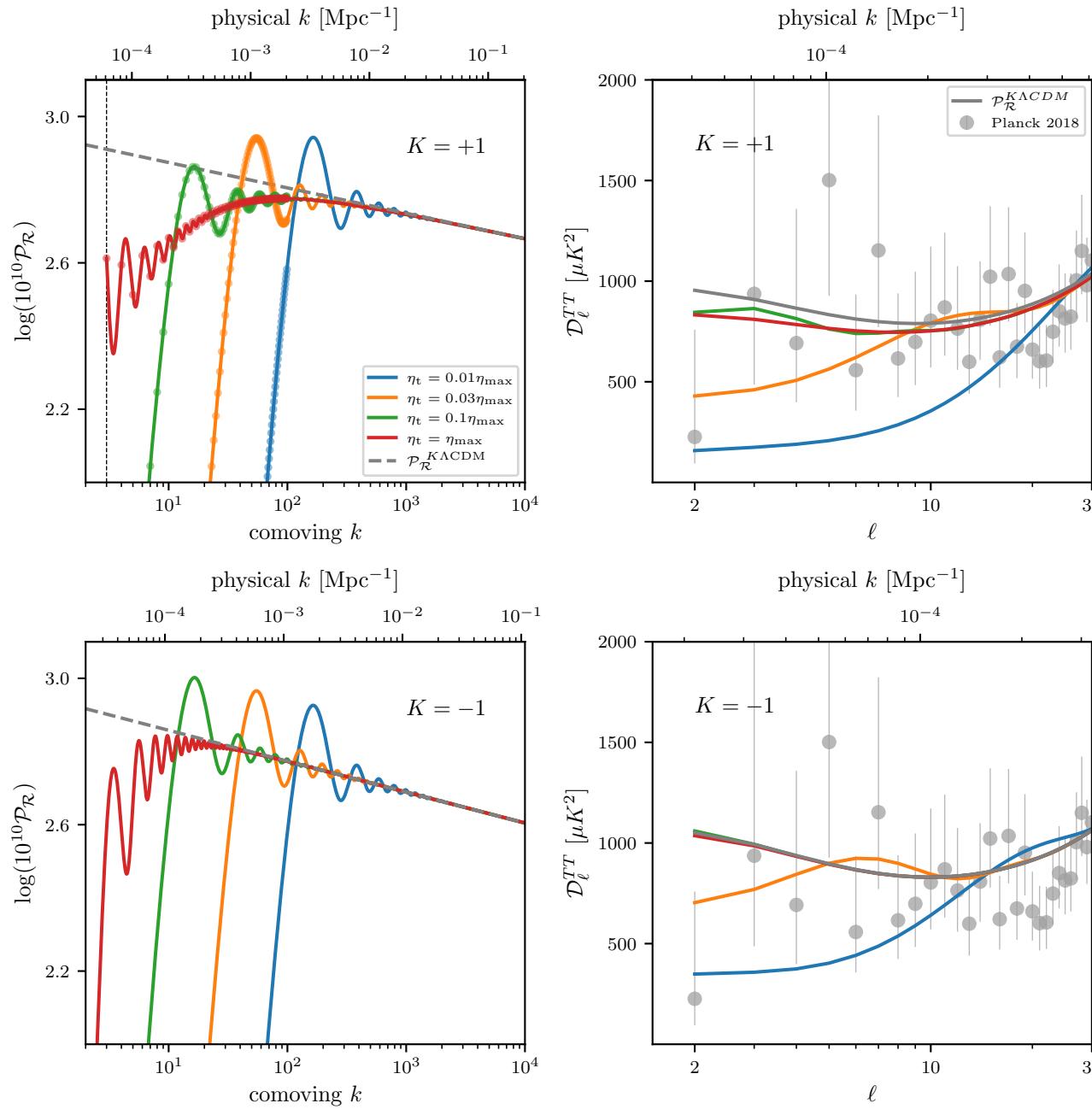
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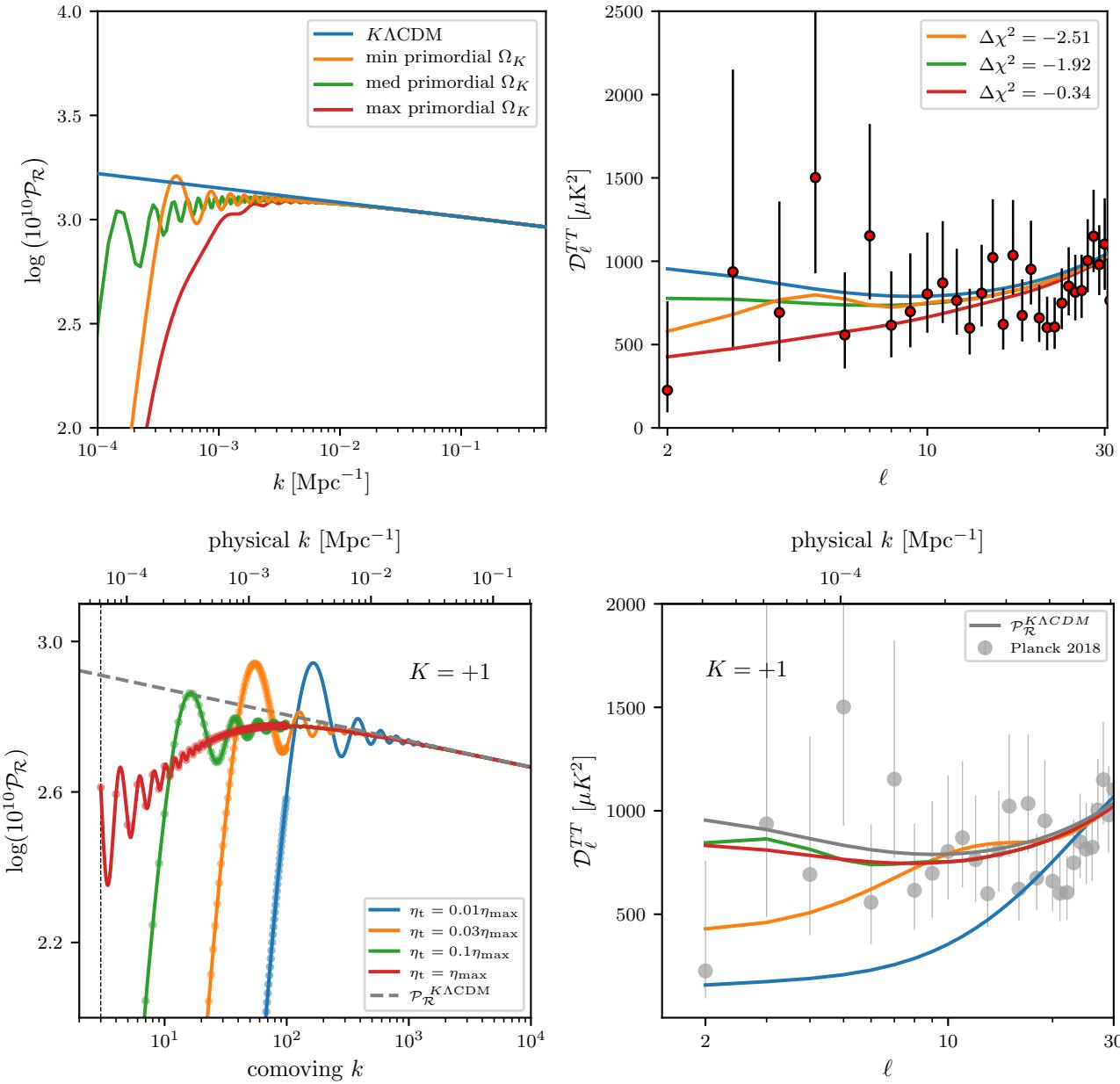
CMB Spectra



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Conclusions + Future

We have now:

- Derived an analytical method to compute curved primordial power spectra.
- Gained better insight into the physics of curved inflating universes.
- A framework, which can be extended to include potential dependance as well as varying initial conditions.

Current and future work includes:

- Combining our work on curvature and upcoming work on initial conditions (Gessey-Jones *et al.* *in prep*).
- Extending our “general” Contaldi approximation to three-point function (bispectrum) calculations.

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