

# OBSERVABLE GRAVITATIONAL WAVES FROM NON-MINIMAL INFLATION IN SUGRA

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### OUTLINE

#### NON-MINIMAL CHAOTIC INFLATION (NON-MCI)

THE NON-SUSY FRAMEWORK

THE SYNERGY BETWEEN  $f_R$  AND  $V_{CI}$

#### UNITARITY CONSTRAINT

THE ULTRAVIOLET (UV) CUT-OFF SCALE

#### SUPERGRAVITY EMBEDDING

THE GENERAL FRAMEWORK

KINETICALLY MODIFIED NON-MCI IN SUGRA

#### INFLATION ANALYSIS

ANALYTICAL RESULTS

NUMERICAL RESULTS

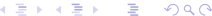
#### CONCLUSIONS

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$$r = 0.048_{-0.032}^{+0.035} \Rightarrow 0.01 \lesssim r \lesssim 0.085 \quad \text{AT 68\%C.L.}$$

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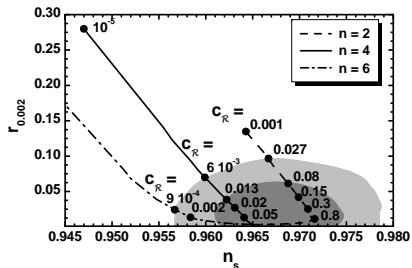
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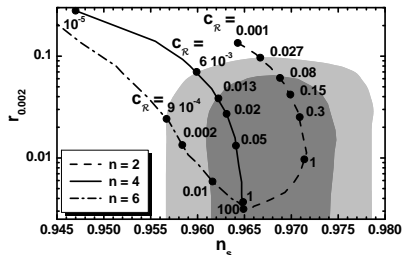
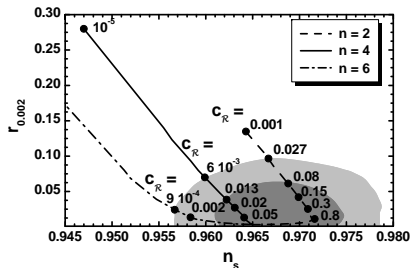
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## EINSTEIN FRAME COMPUTATION

- WE ANALYZE THE SMALL-FIELD BEHAVIOR OF THE THEORY EXPANDING  $S$  ABOUT  $\delta\phi = \phi - 0$  IN TERMS OF  $\widehat{\phi}^4$ . TO THIS END WE FIND  $\langle J \rangle$

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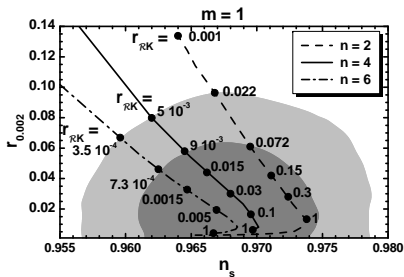
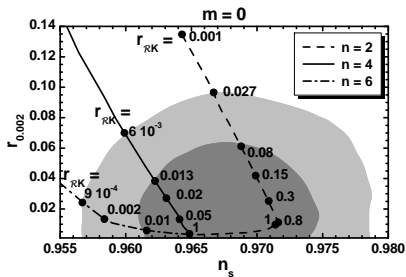
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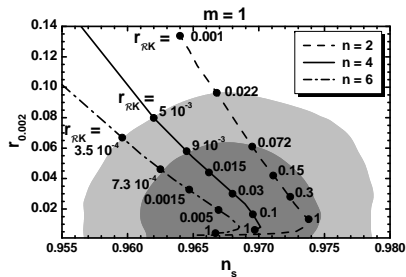
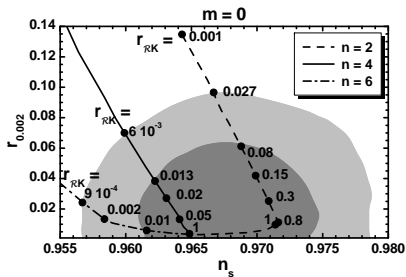


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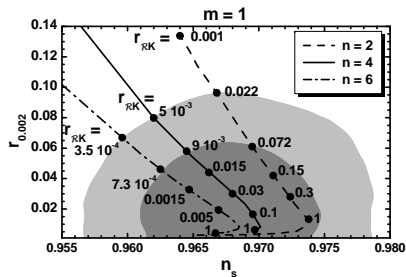
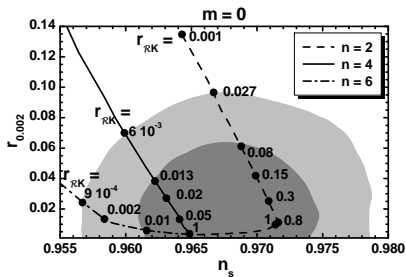
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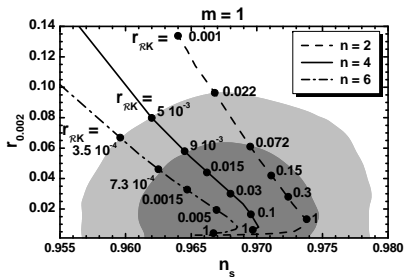
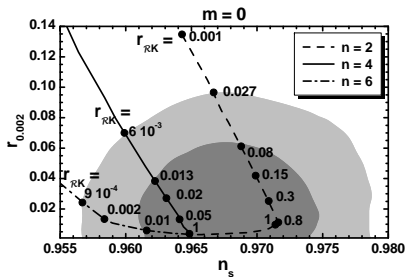
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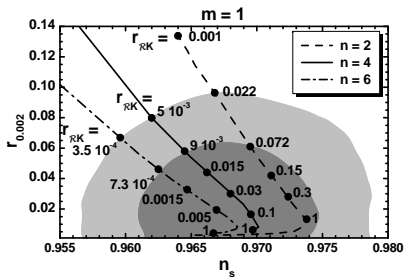
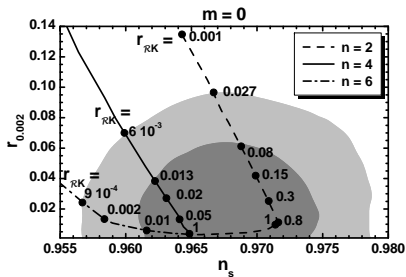
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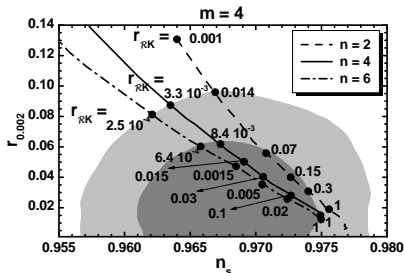
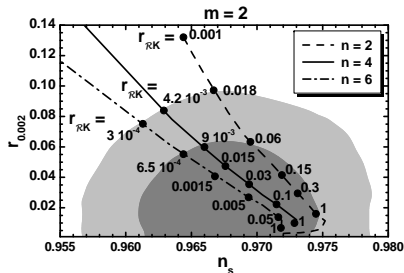
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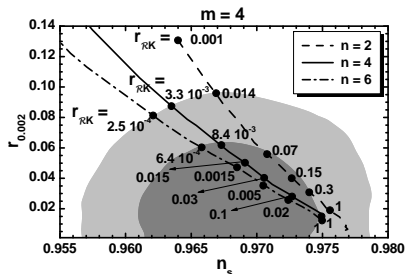
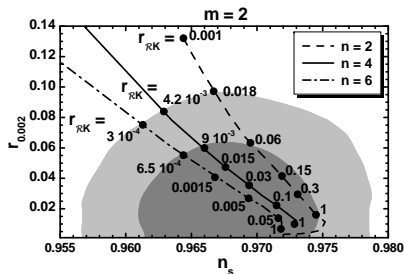


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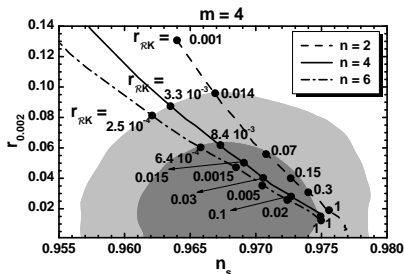
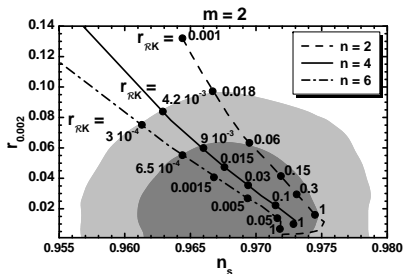


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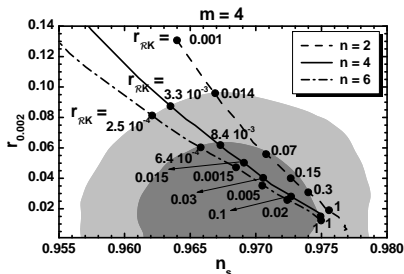
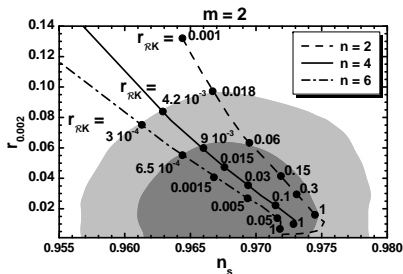


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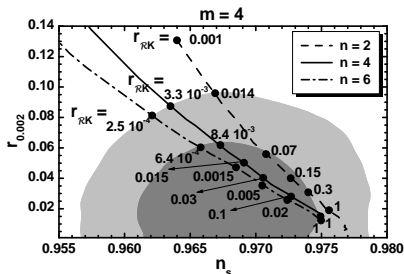
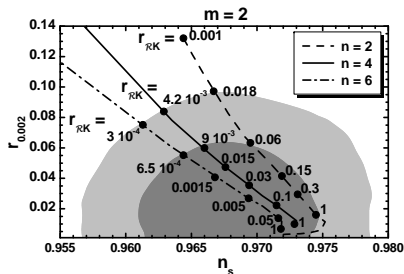


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- THIS SETTING CAN BE ELEGANTLY IMPLEMENTED IN SUGRA, EMPLOYING A **LOGARITHMIC KÄHLER POTENTIAL** WHICH INCLUDES AN HOLOMORPHIC FUNCTION AND A **SHIFT-SYMMETRIC QUADRATIC FUNCTION**  $F_{\text{K}}$  WHICH REMAINS INVISIBLE IN  $\widehat{V}_{\text{Cl0}}$  WHILE DOMINATES  $J$ .
- INFLATIONARY SOLUTIONS CAN BE ATTAINED EVEN WITH  $\phi < 1$  REQUIRING LARGE  $c_{\text{K}}$ 'S AND WITHOUT CAUSING ANY PROBLEM WITH THE PERTURBATIVE UNITARITY.
- A SIZABLE FRACTION OF THE ALLOWED PARAMETER SPACE OF OUR MODELS (WITH  $n = 4$ ) CAN BE STUDIED **ANALYTICALLY**.