

# CMB Anomalies in the Light of BICEP2

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Based on:

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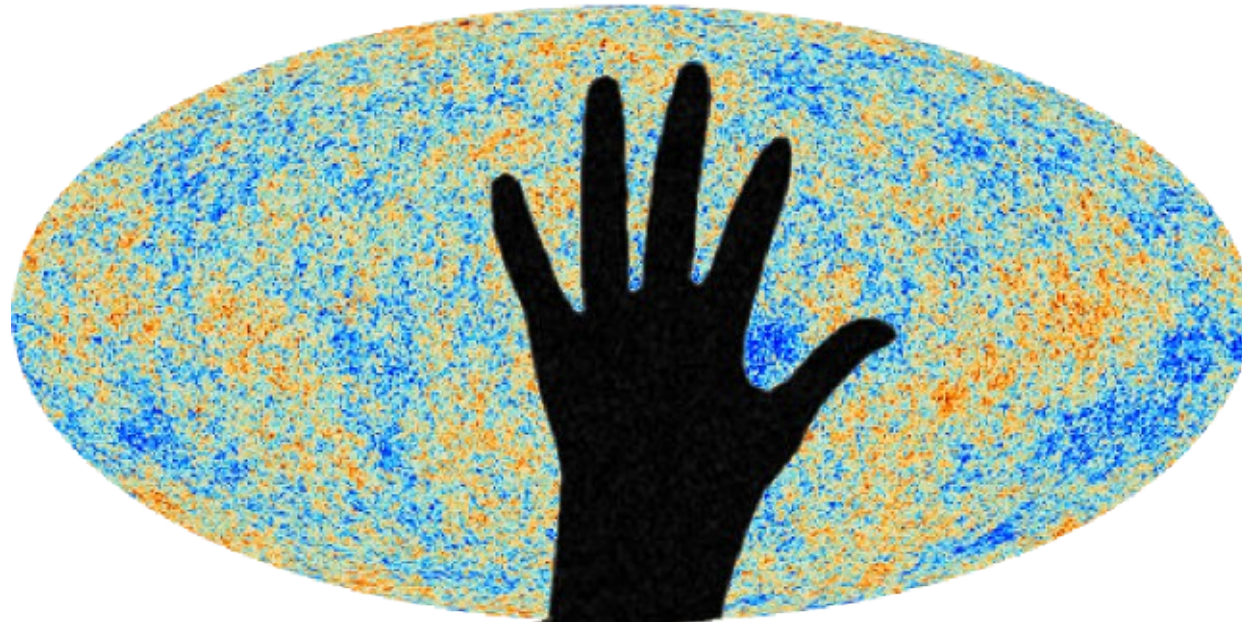
} (blue spectra)

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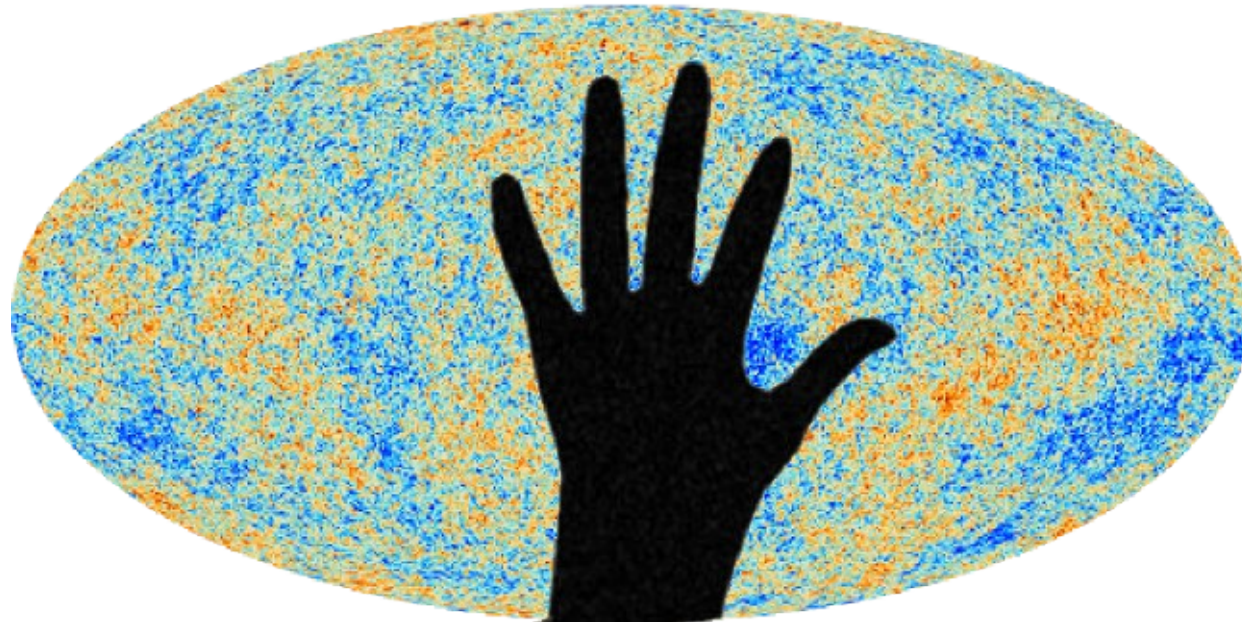
} (anisotropies)



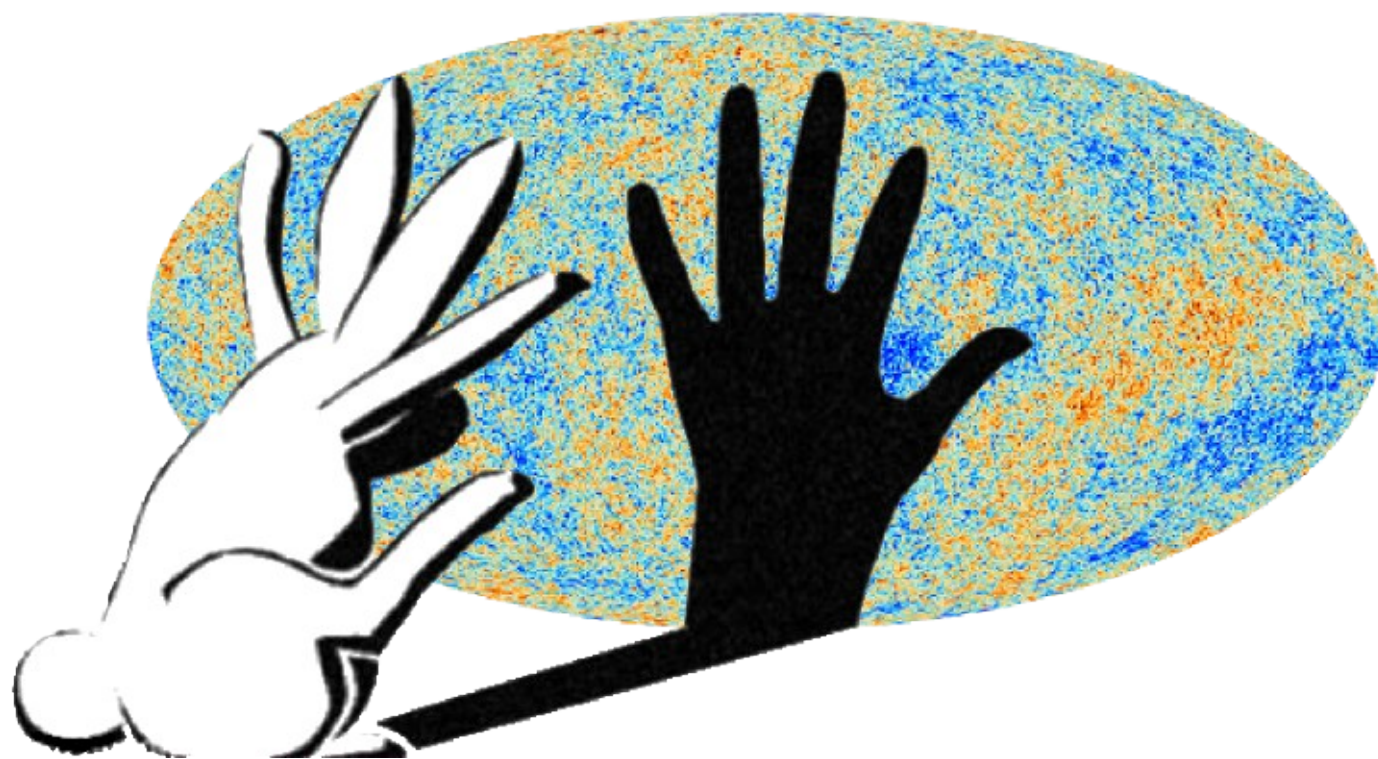
The BICEP2 discovery of  $r = 0.2$   
is considered to be “Fingerprint of God”,



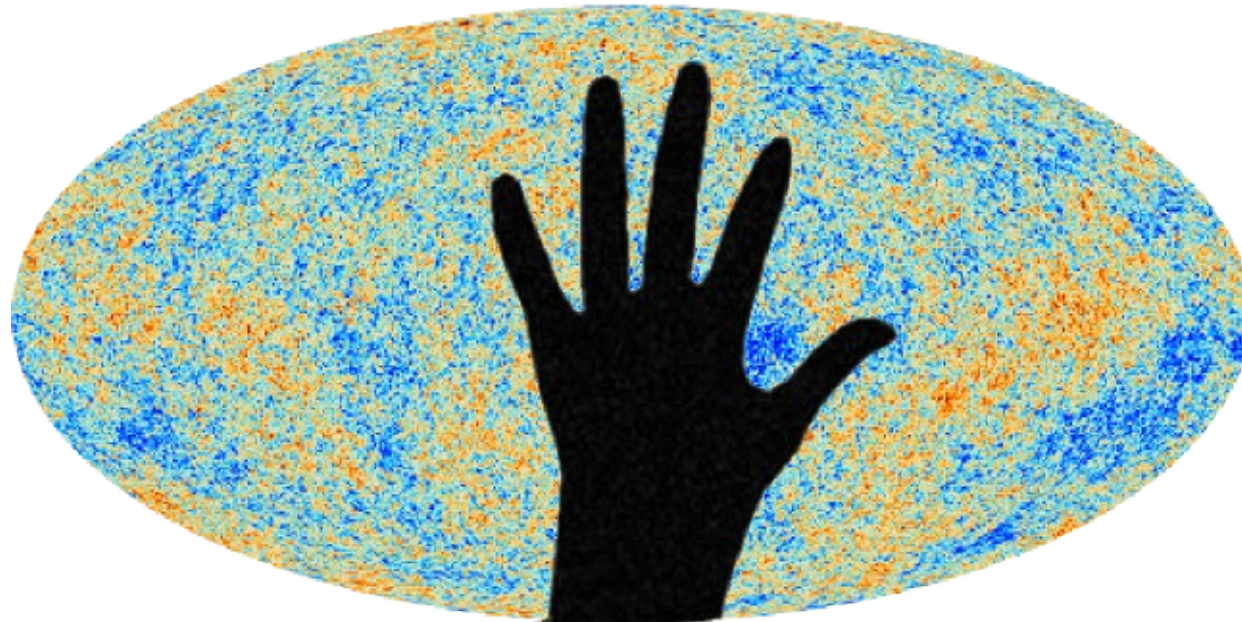
Big surprise for us  
小伙伴们都惊呆了  
Figure from YouTube



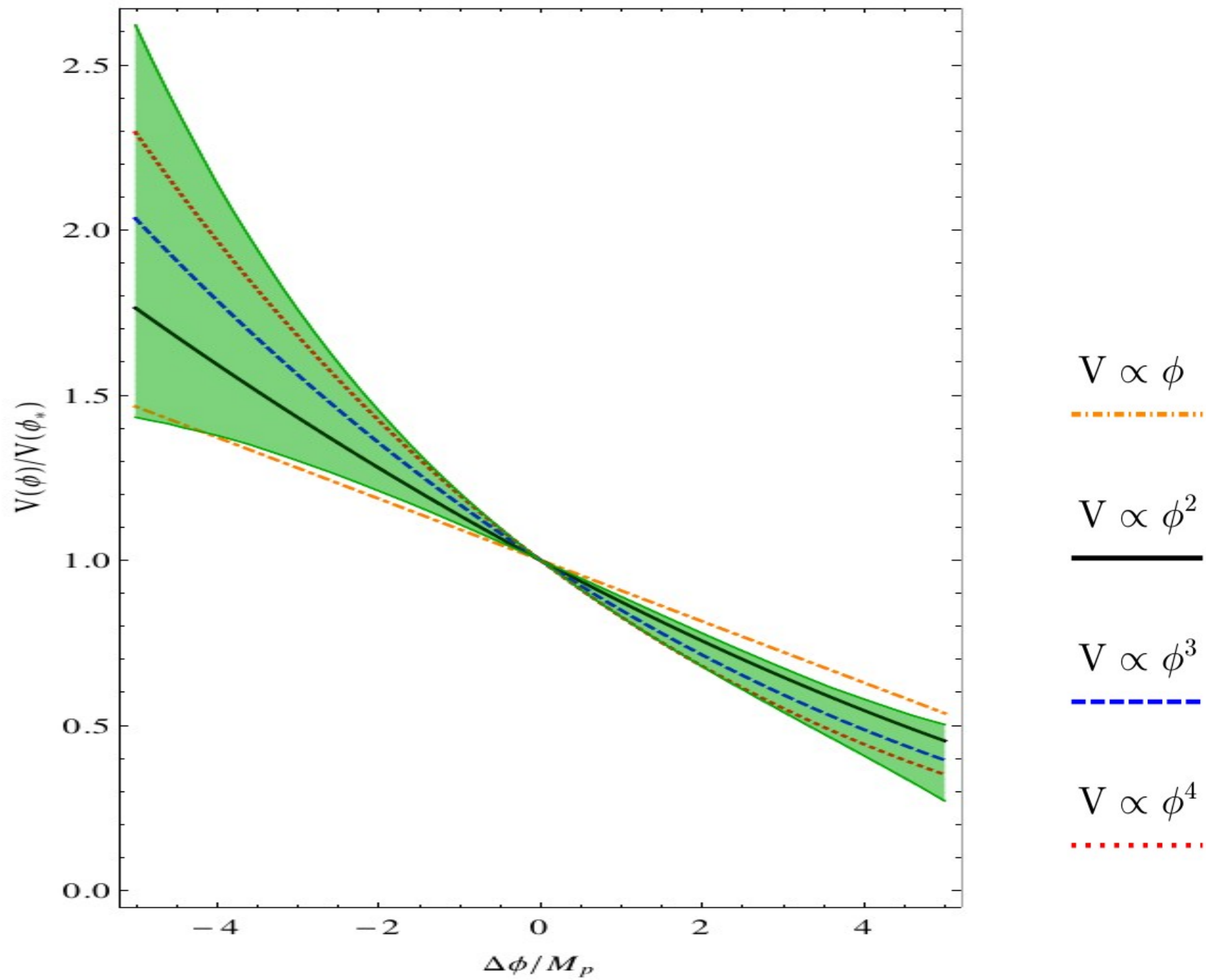
... if it is primordial.  
Recently there is a debate about dust.  
We need to be patient ...



dust



Let's remove the rabbit (at least for now)  
and think about cosmological implications



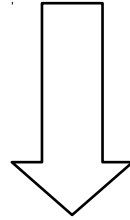
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- Direction dependent power asymmetries
- About  $2\sigma$  of local shape non-Gaussianity
- Deficit of power
- Mode alignment
- Cold spot ...

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Now  $r=0.2$  provides such a mechanism.

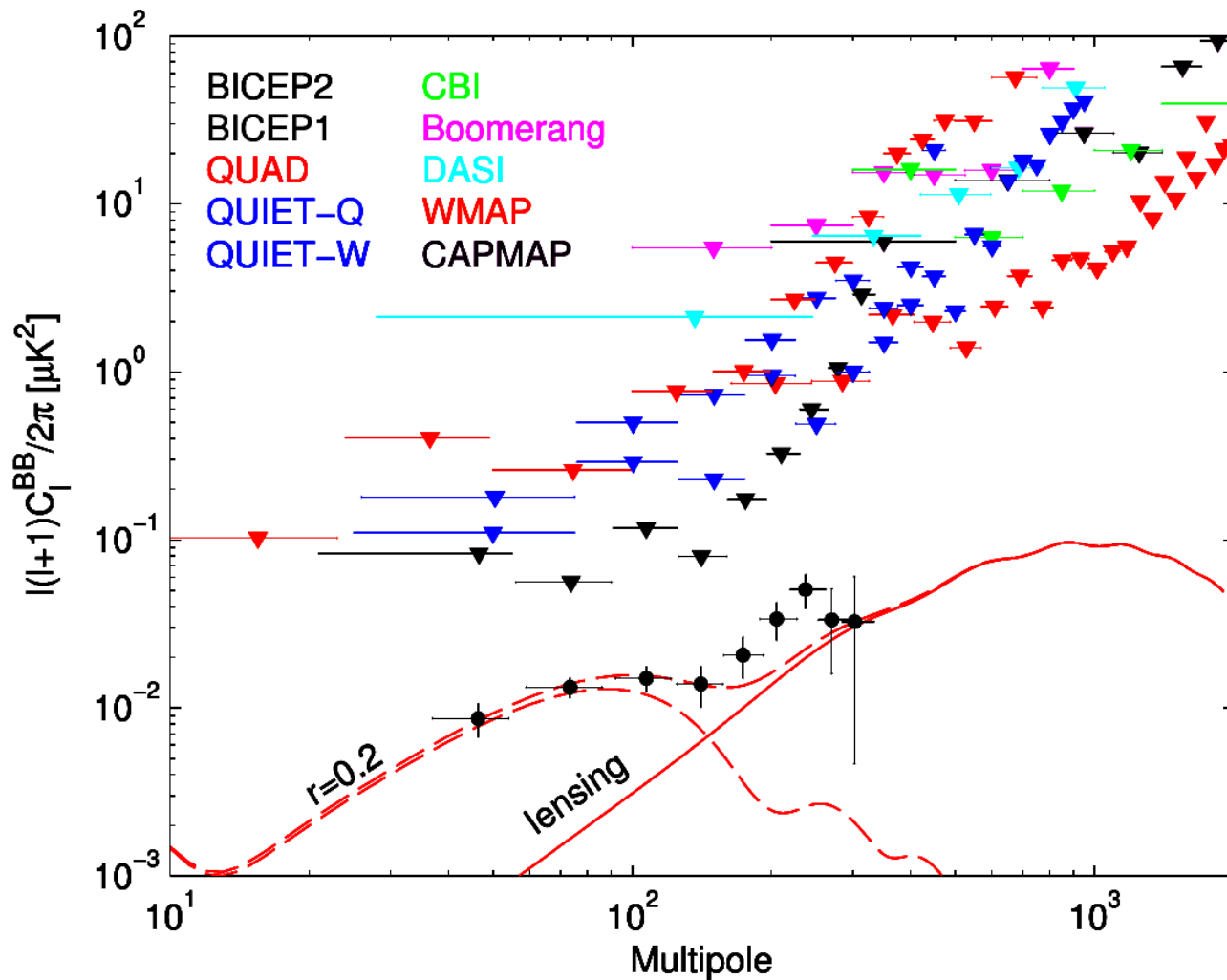


Figure from BICEP2

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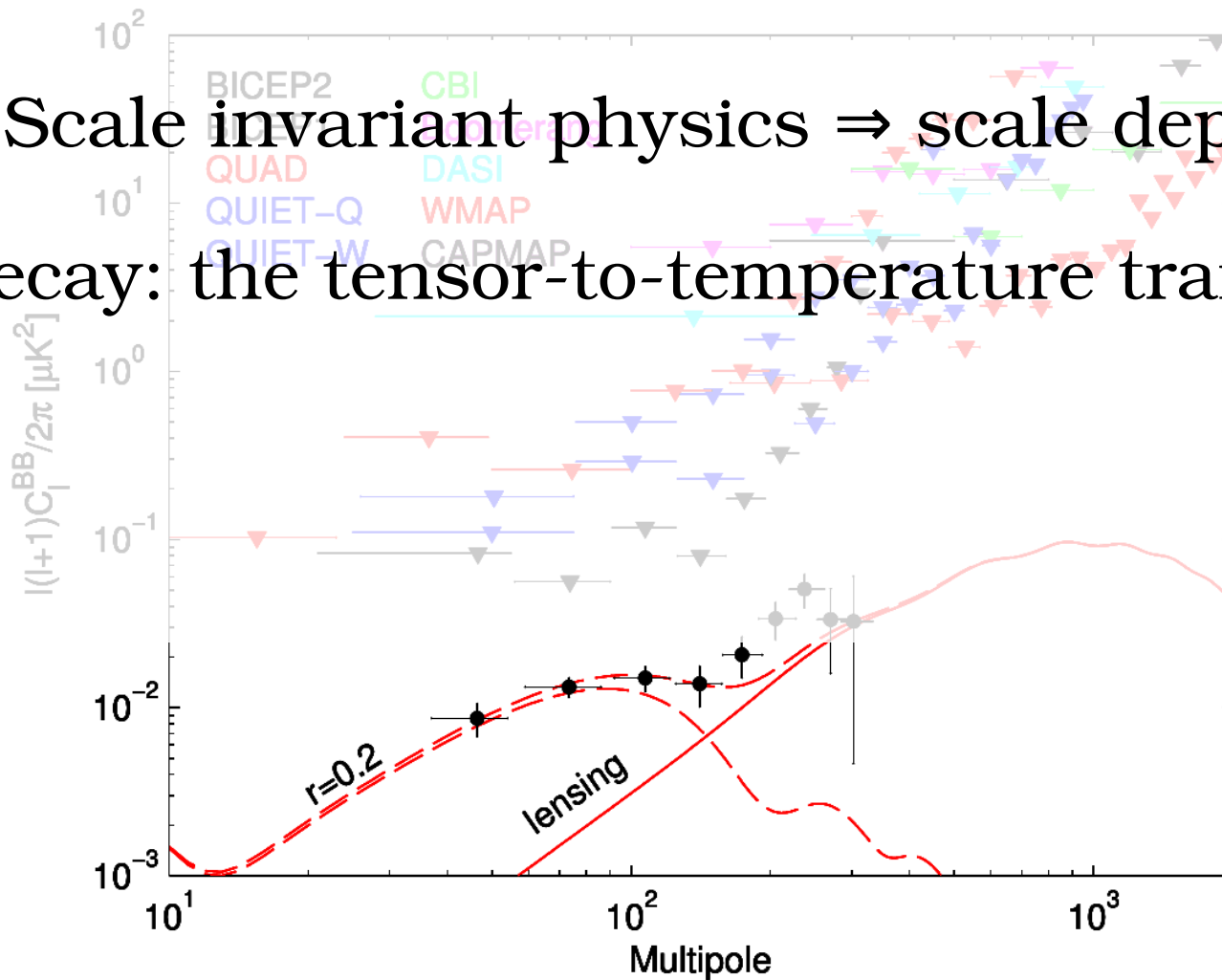
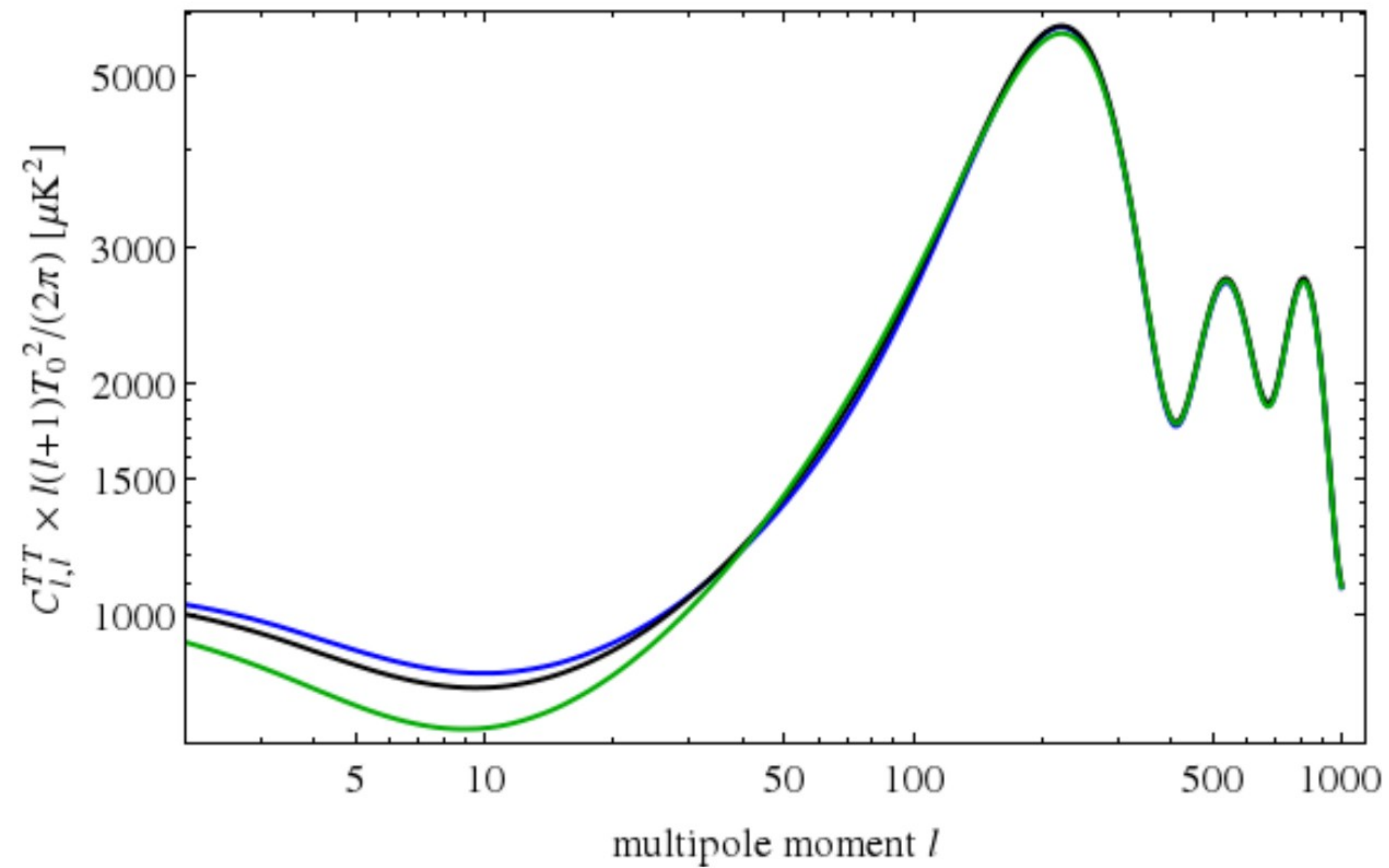


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Example: Anisotropy

- Case 1: anisotropic inflation
- Case 2: solid inflation

Scalar (relatively) isotropic, tensor anisotropic

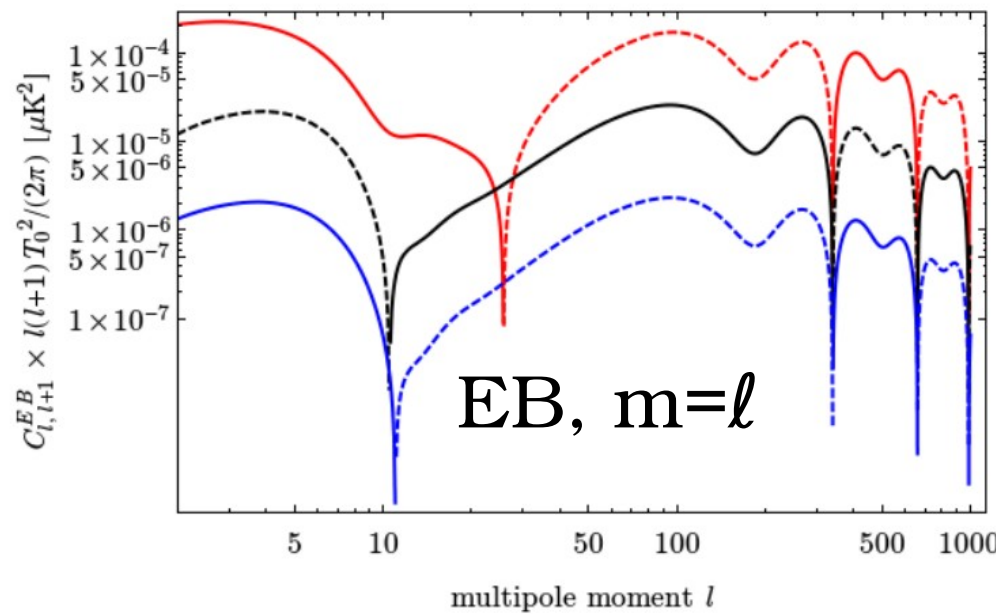
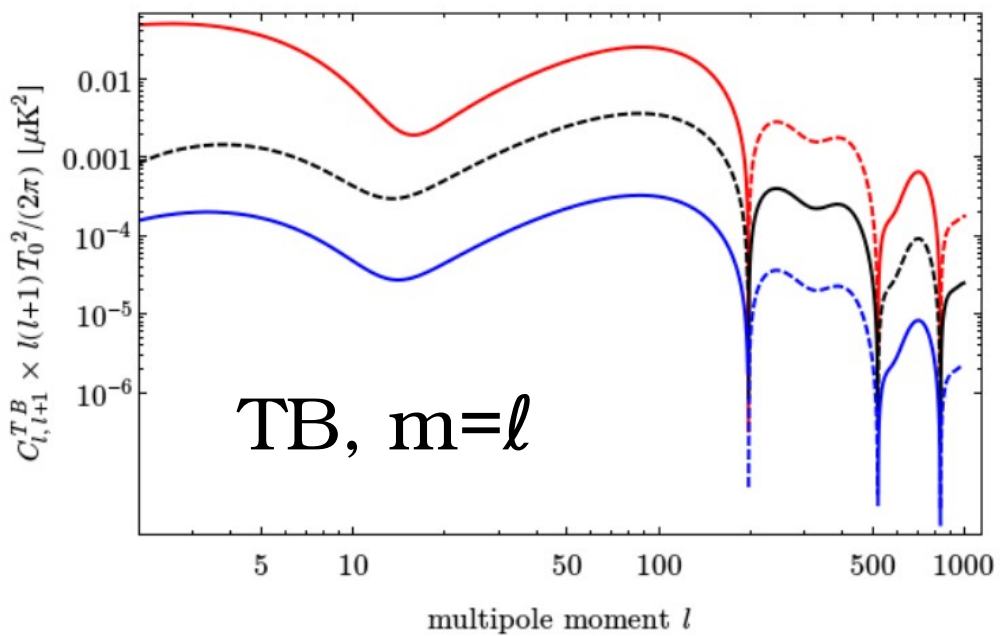
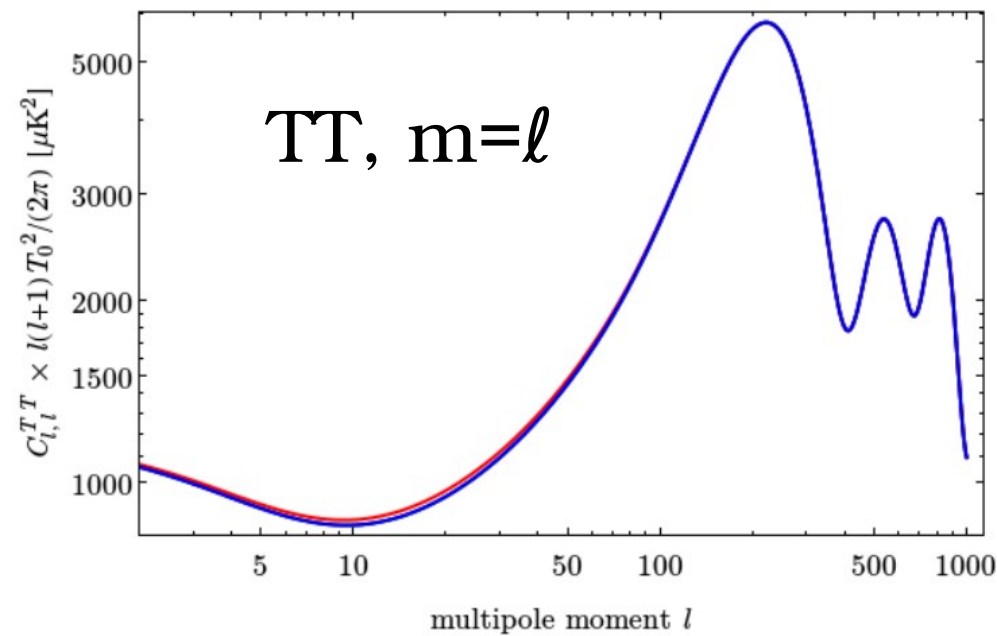
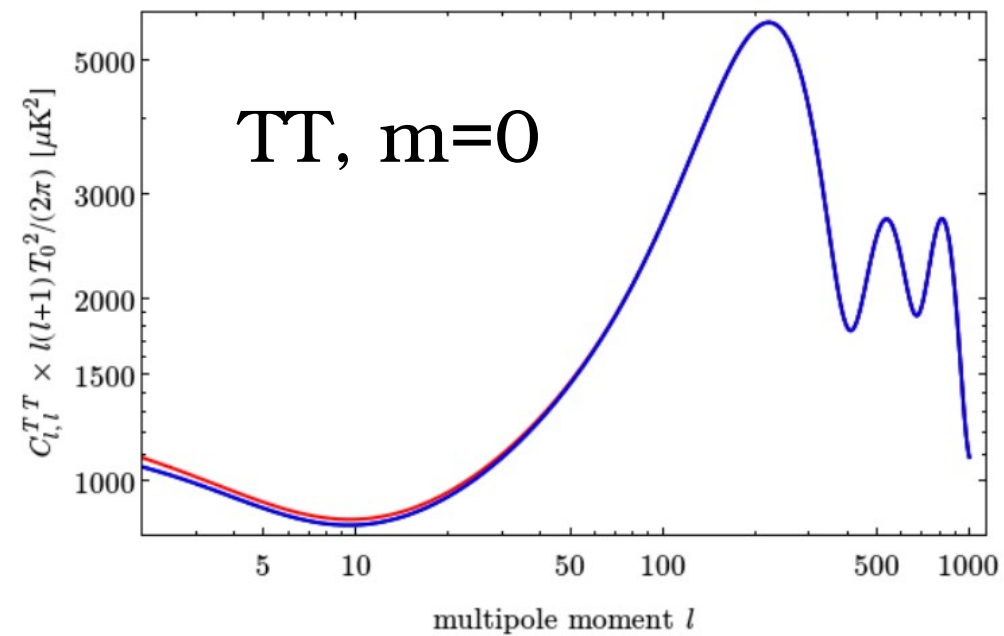
Charged anisotropic inflation,  $V = m^2 \phi^2$

$$g^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{D}_\mu \phi \mathcal{D}_\nu \phi \rightarrow -e^2 g^{ij} \phi^2 A_i A_j$$

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$$g^{ij} \phi^2 A_i A_j \rightarrow h^{ij} \phi^2 A_i A_j \rightarrow P^h(\mathbf{k}) = P_0^h(k) (1 + g_*^h \cos^2 \theta)$$

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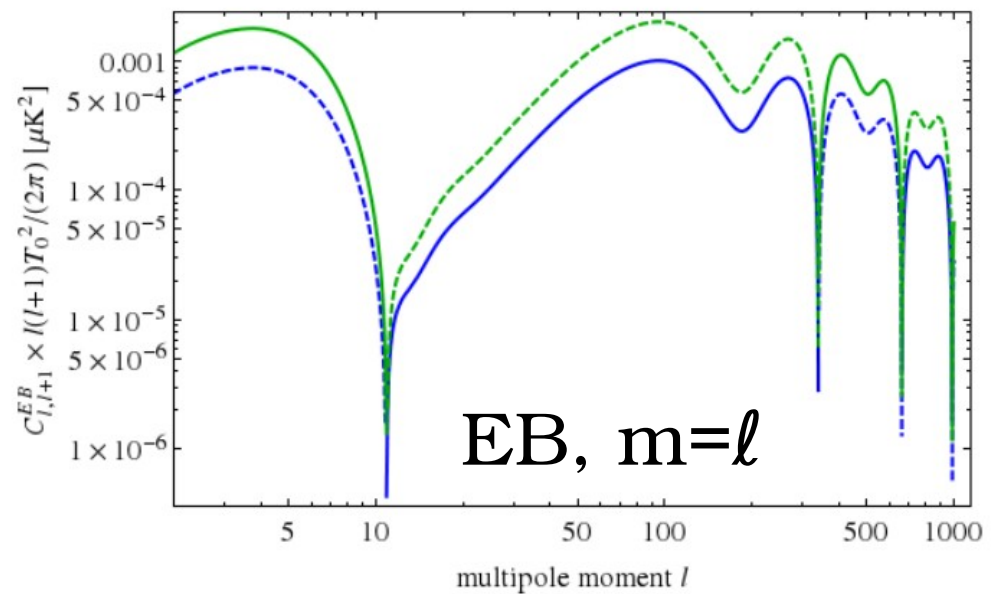
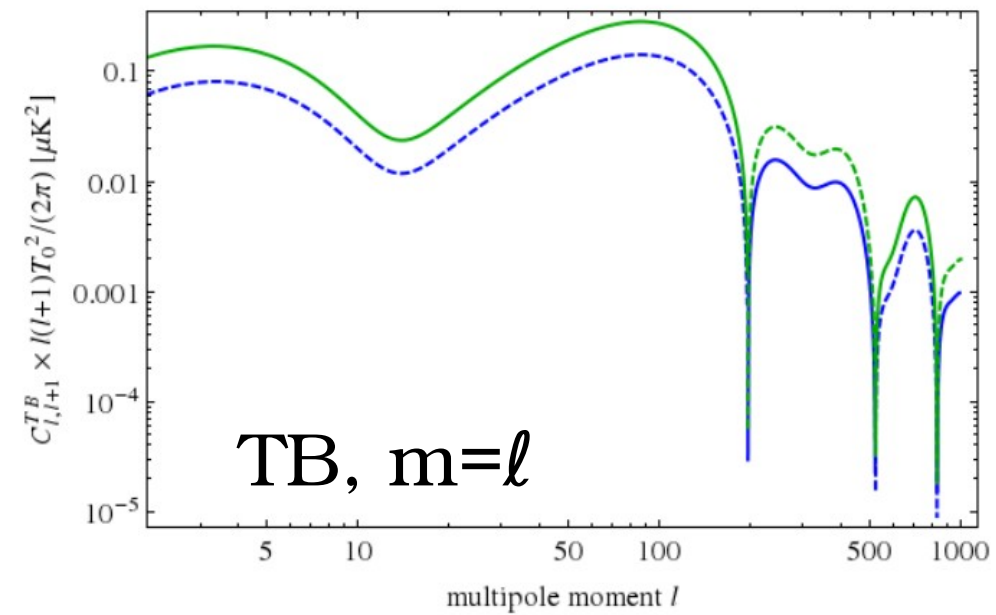
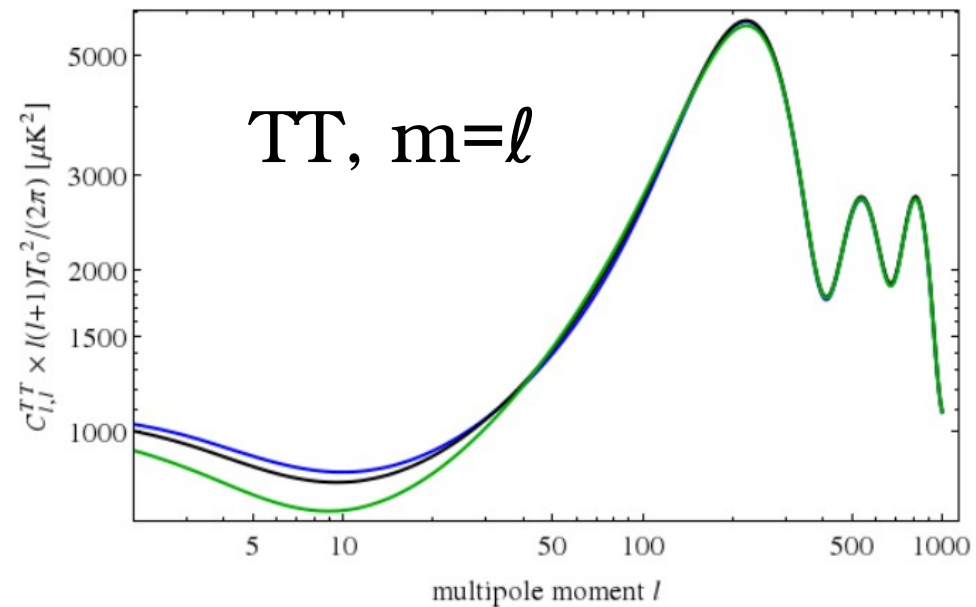
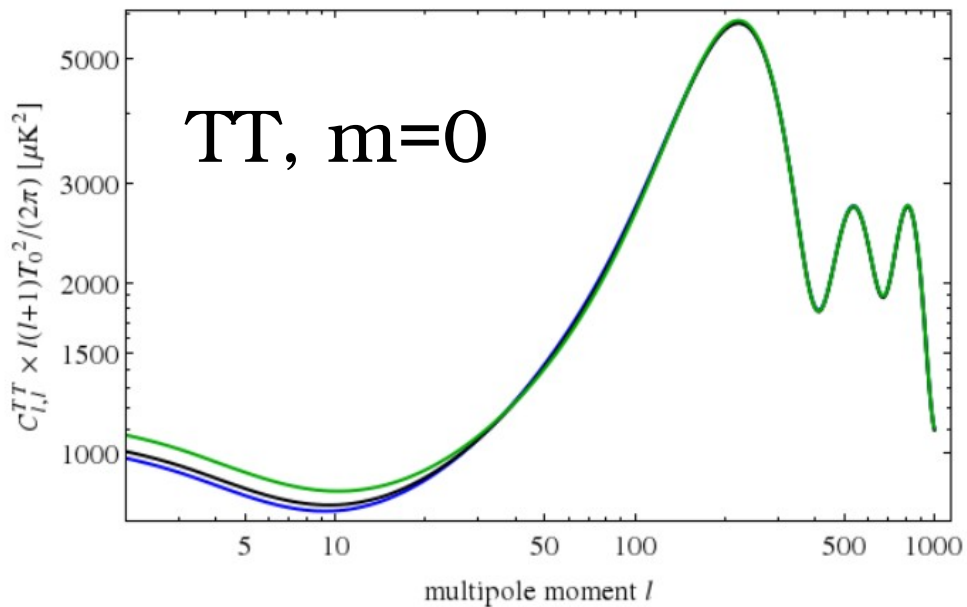
$$\delta P_\zeta: \quad \text{---} \overset{\zeta}{\text{---}} \ast \overset{\zeta}{\text{---}} \text{---}$$

$$\delta_{(1)} P_h: \quad \overset{h_+, h_x}{\text{---}} \bullet \overset{h_+, h_x}{\text{---}}$$

$$\delta_{(2)} P_h: \quad \overset{h_+}{\text{---}} \times \overset{\zeta}{\text{---}} \times \overset{h_+}{\text{---}}$$

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# New anomalies brought by BICEP2

Tension implies  $n_t > 0$  ?

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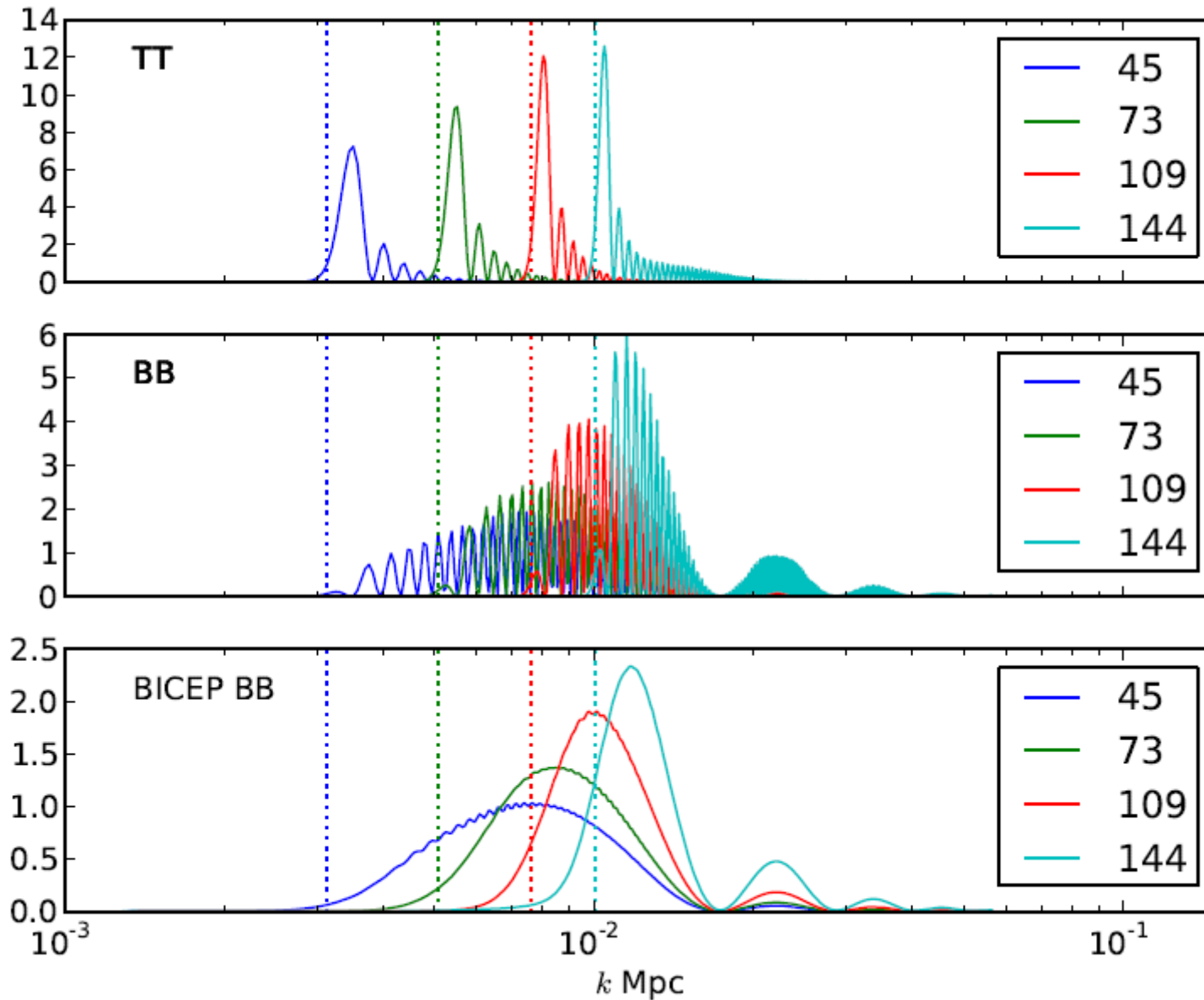


Figure by Lewis (CosmoCoffee)

How precise do we know about  $n_t$ ?

$$\Delta n_t \sim \Delta \ln k / \Delta \ln r \sim (0.003/0.01) / (0.06/0.2) \sim 1$$

$$\Delta k \sim 0.003/\text{Mpc at } k \sim 0.01/\text{Mpc}$$

$$\longrightarrow \longleftarrow \Delta r \sim 0.06 \text{ at } r \sim 0.2$$

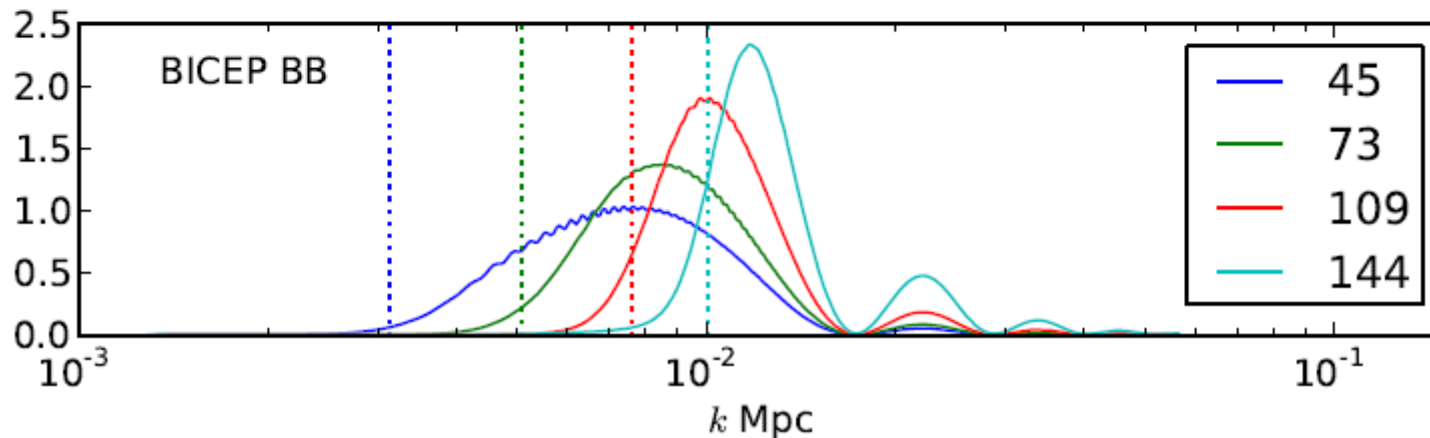
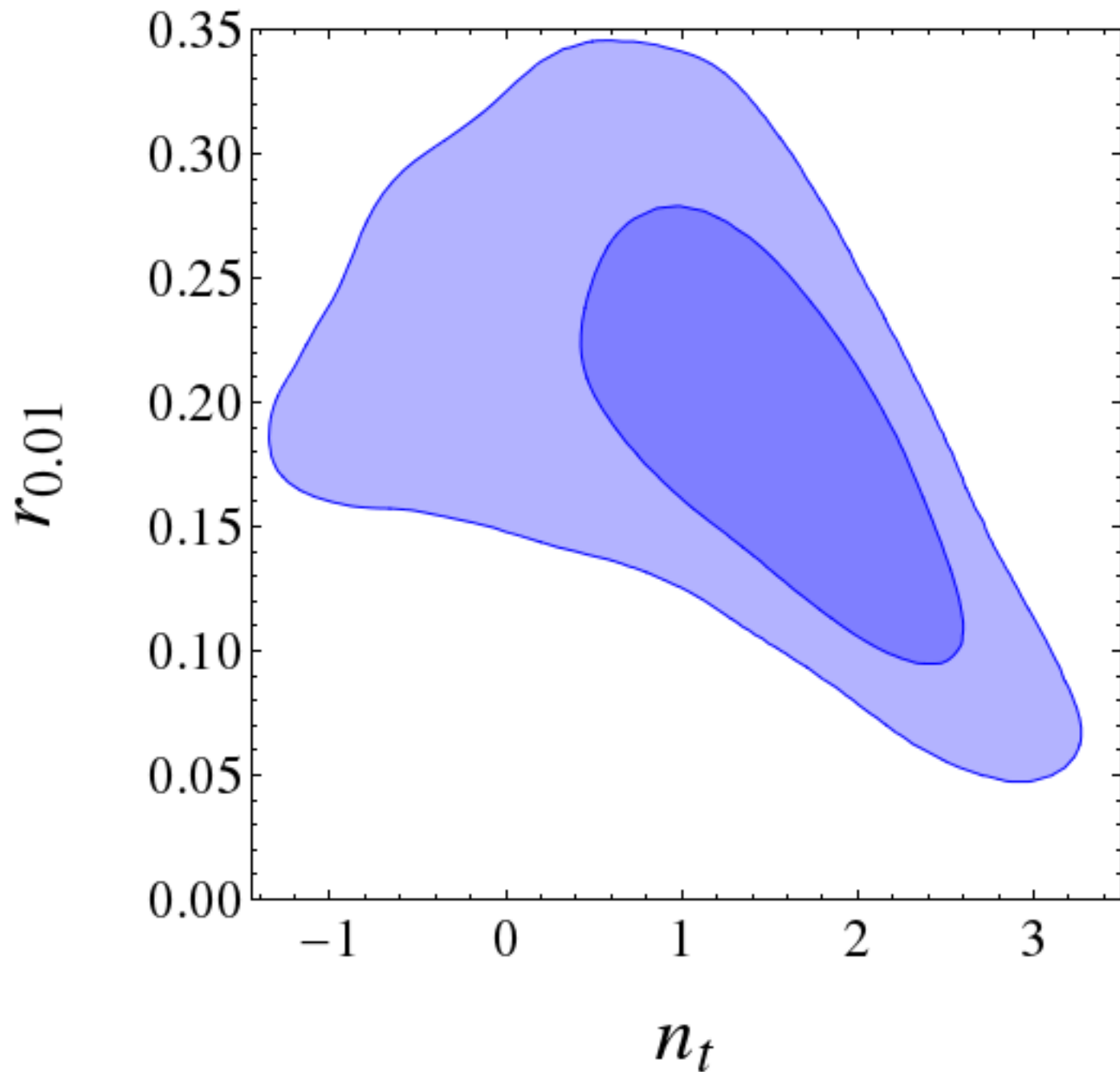


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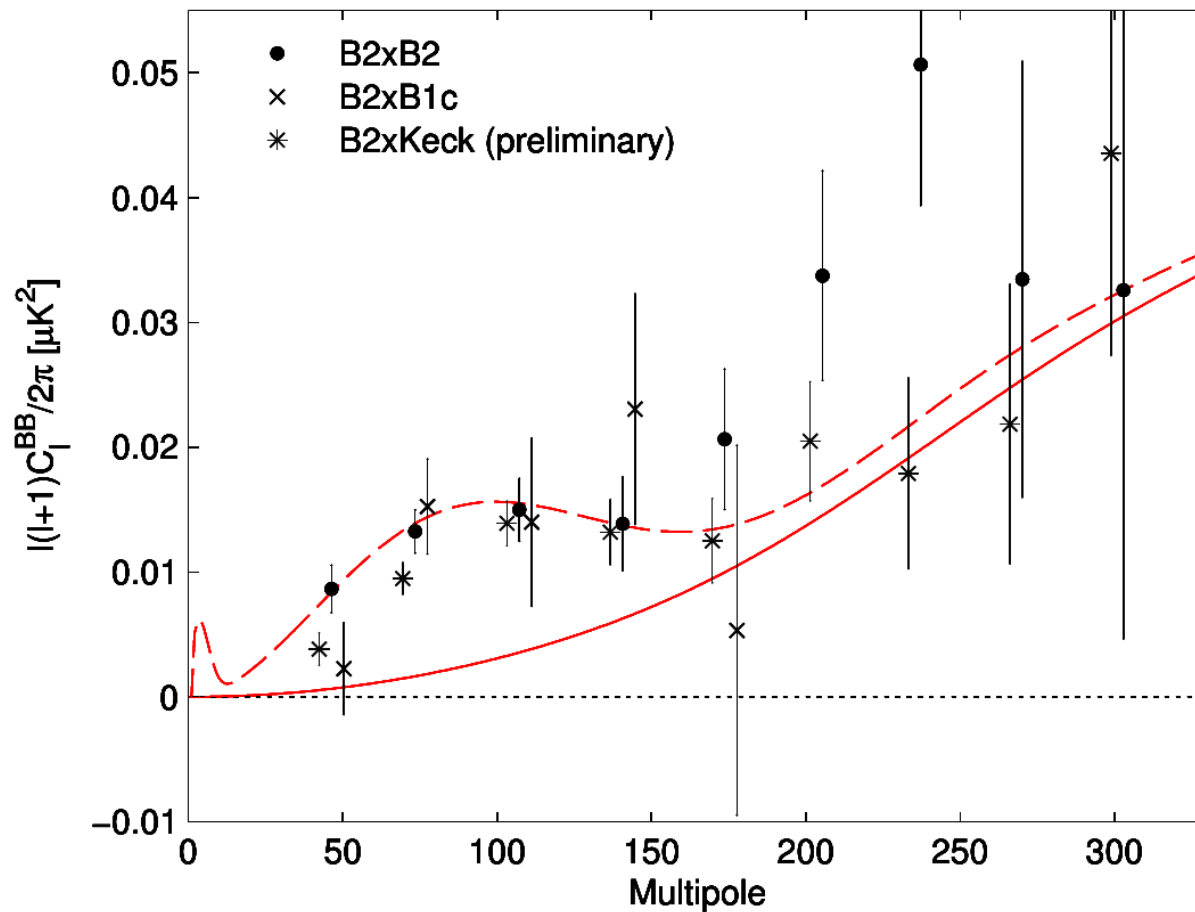
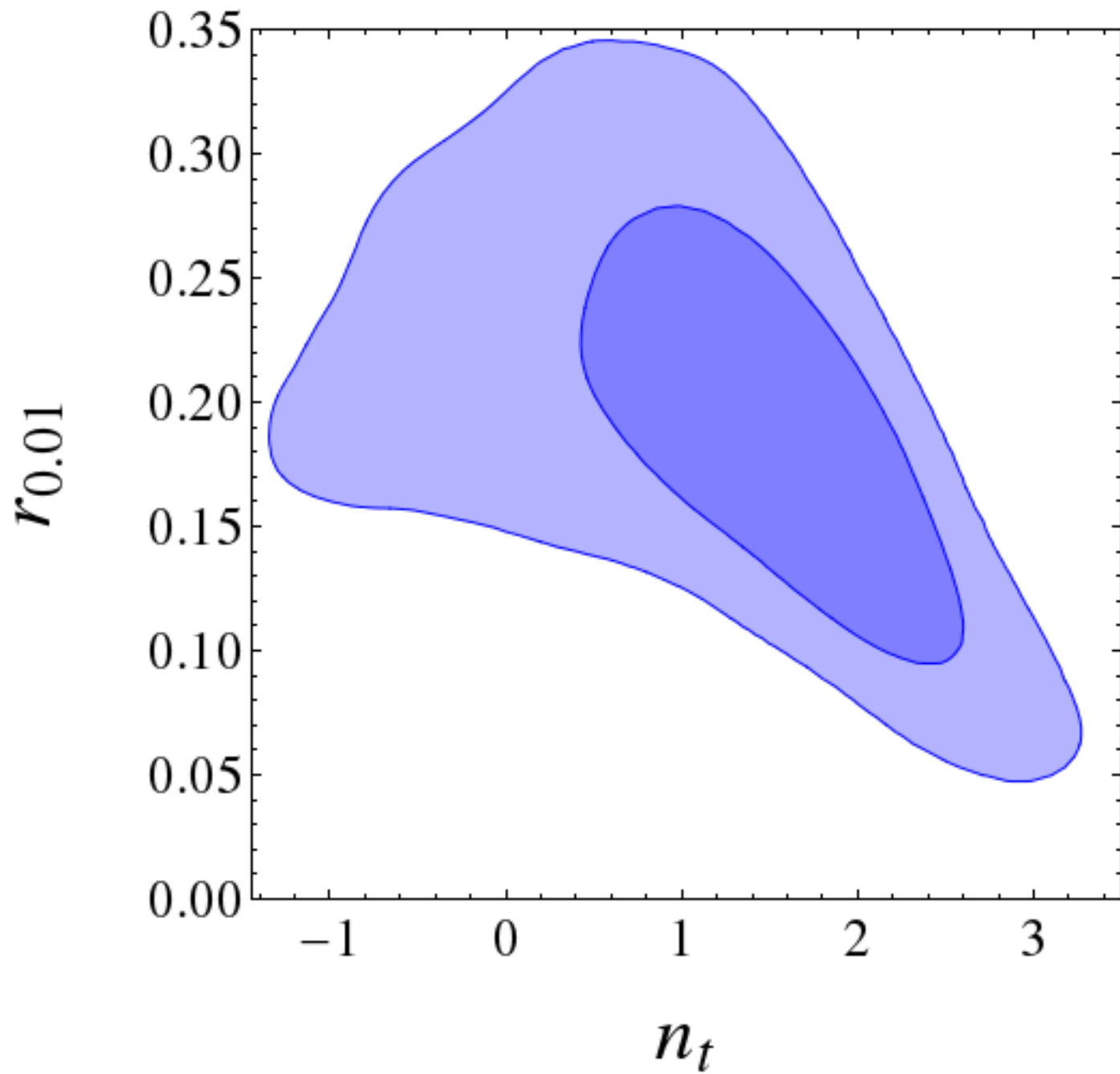
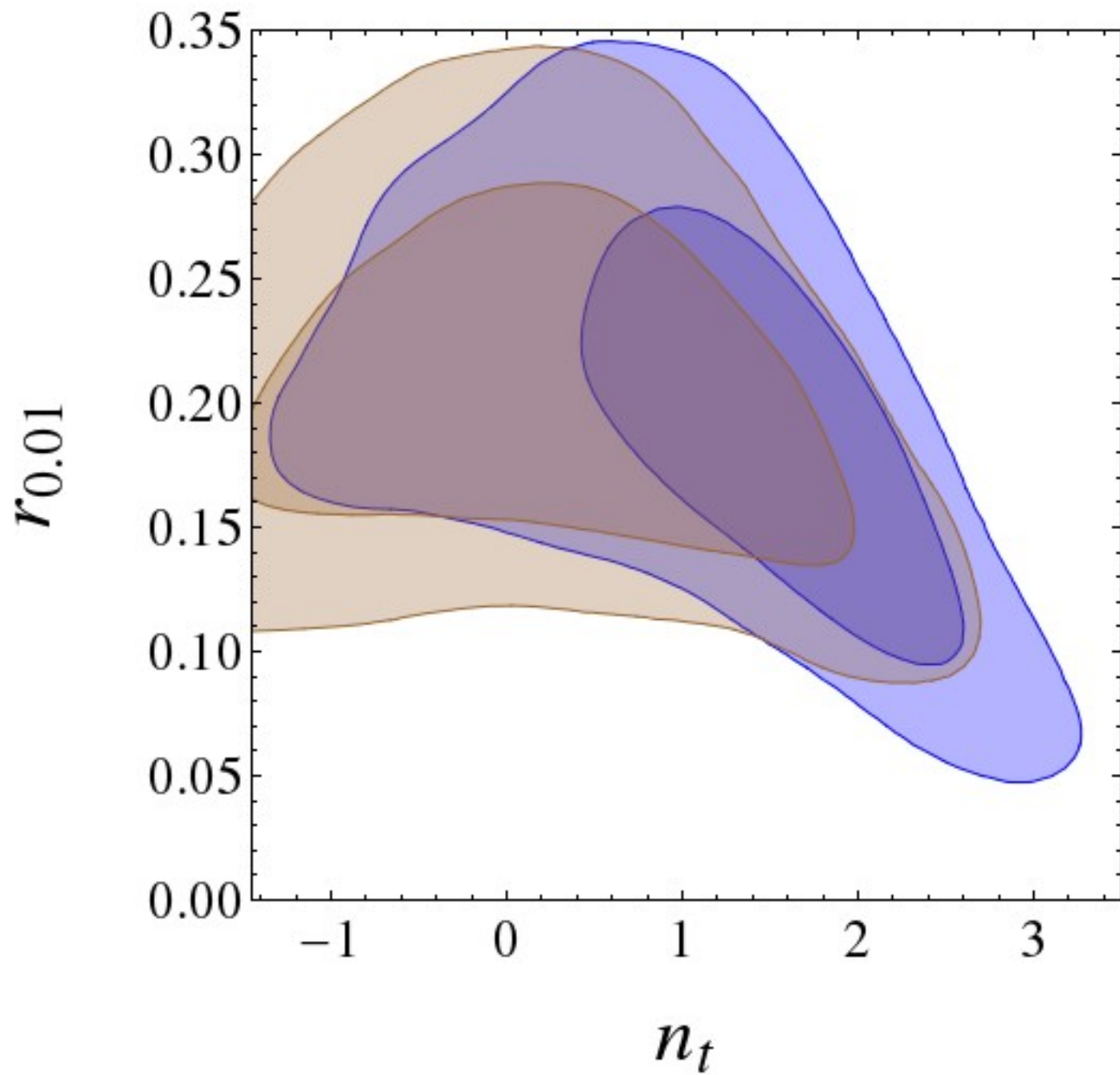


Figure: BICEP2



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BICEP2 5bins

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The Planck side:

power deficit @  $l \leq 40$   
@ 5%~10% @  $2.5 \sim 3\sigma$

Another enhancement by  
5% ( $r=0.1$ ) ~10% ( $r=0.2$ )  
would be another  $2.5 \sim 3\sigma$

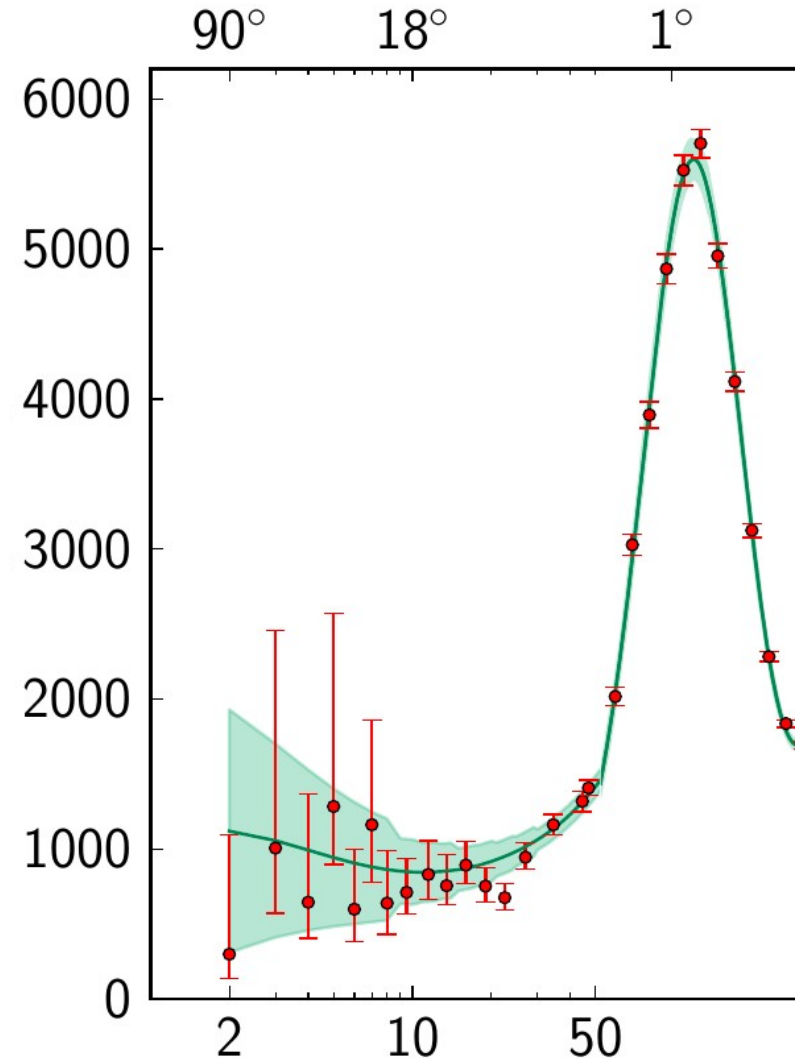
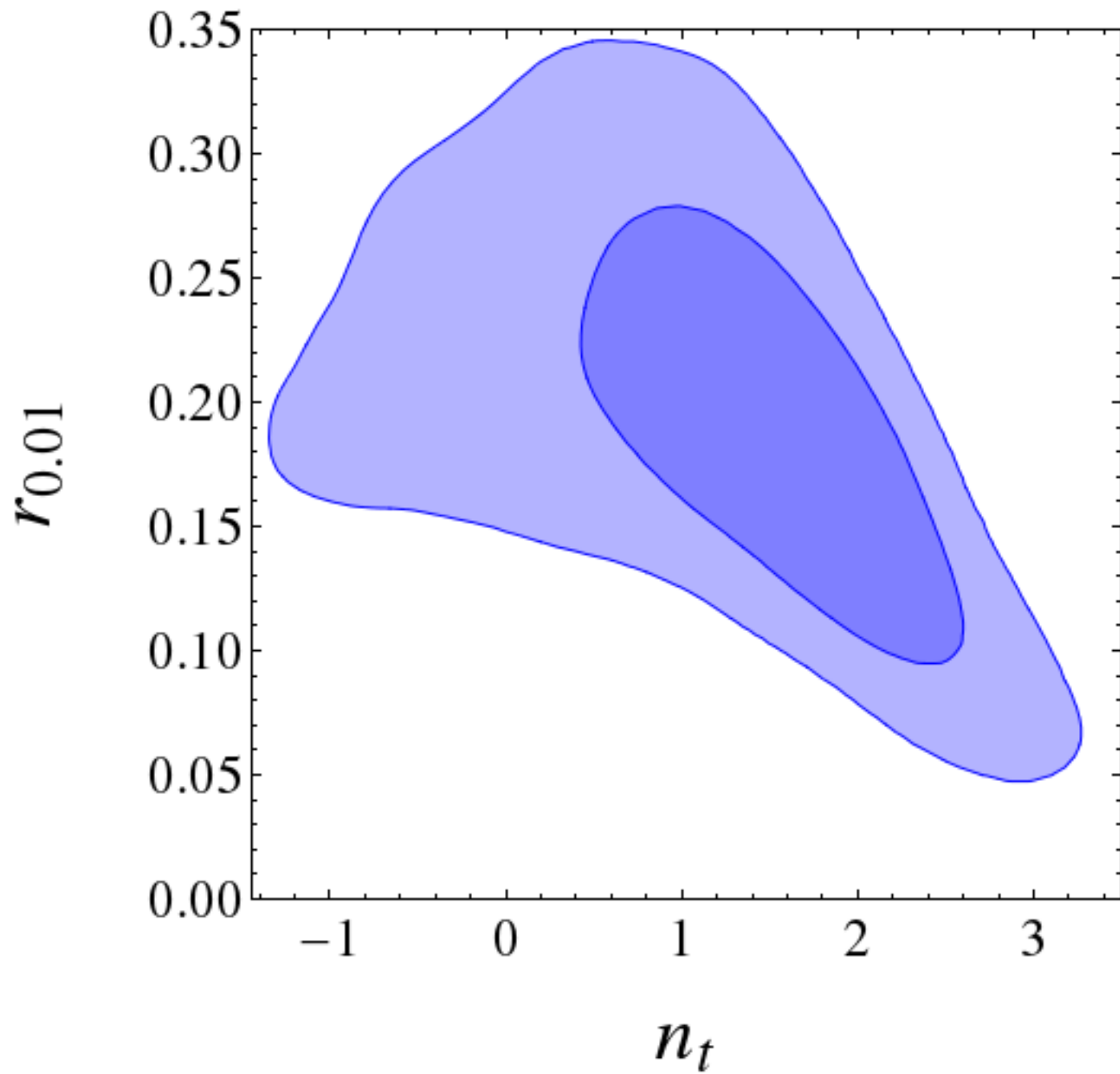
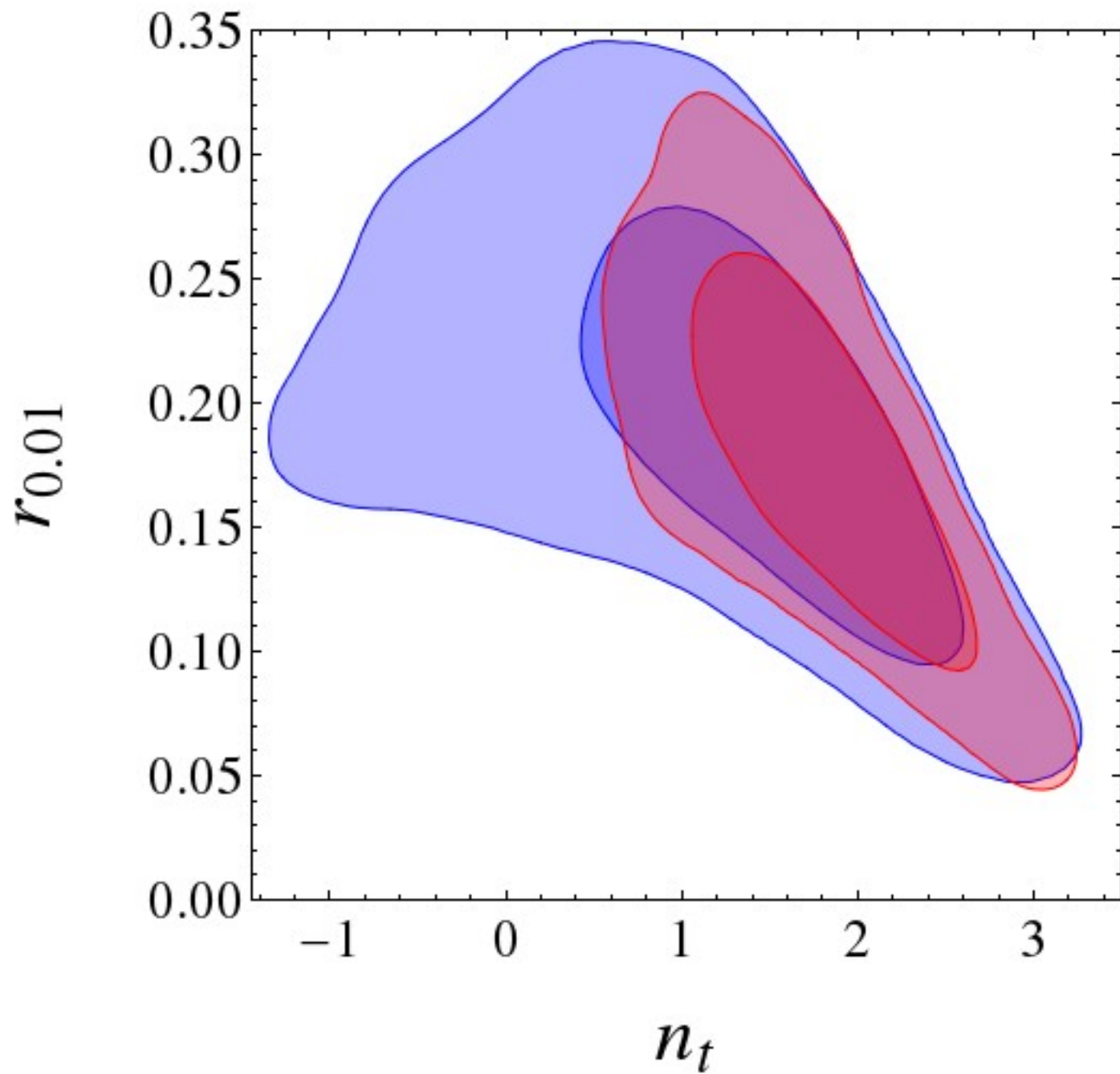


Figure: Planck XV





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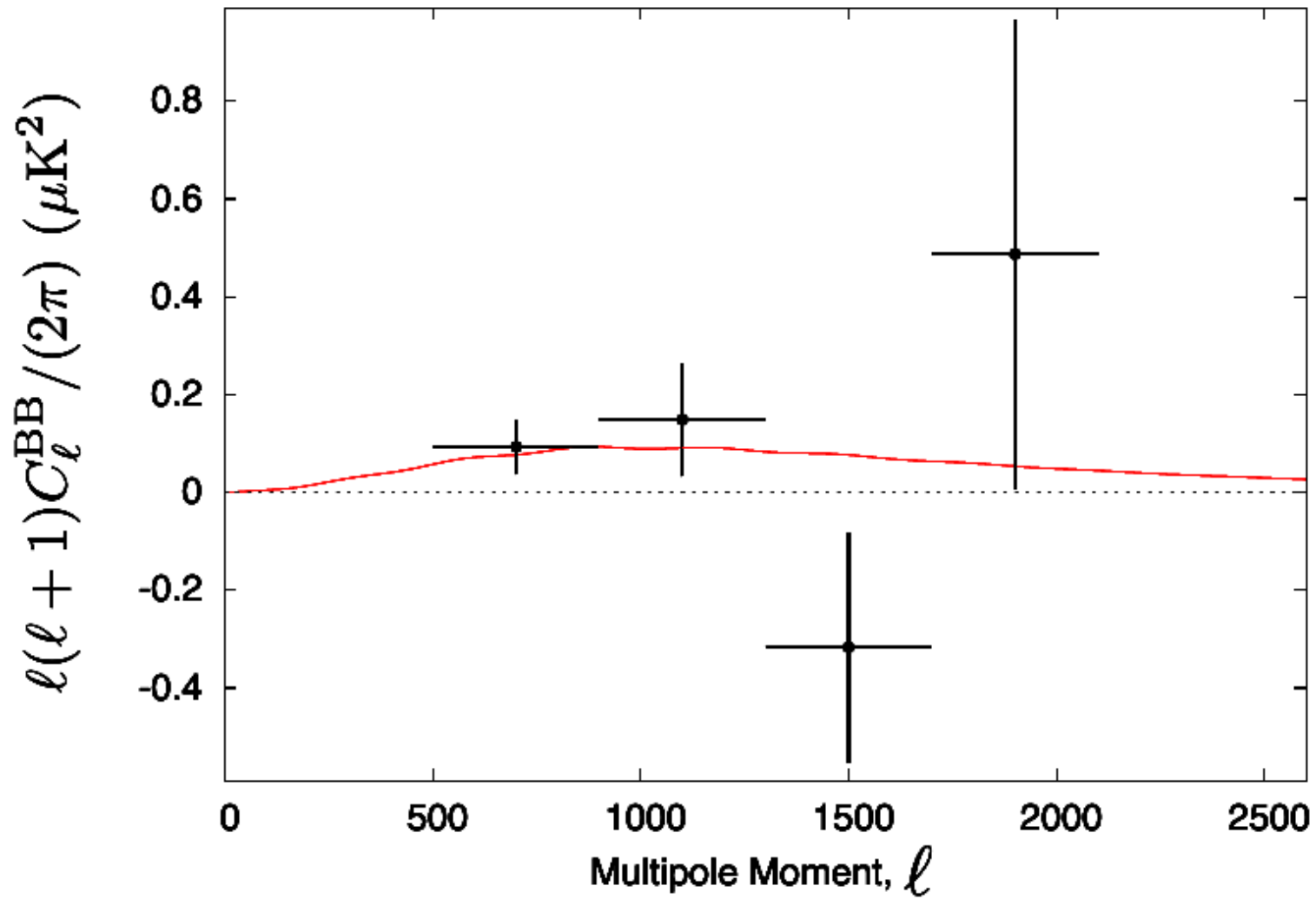
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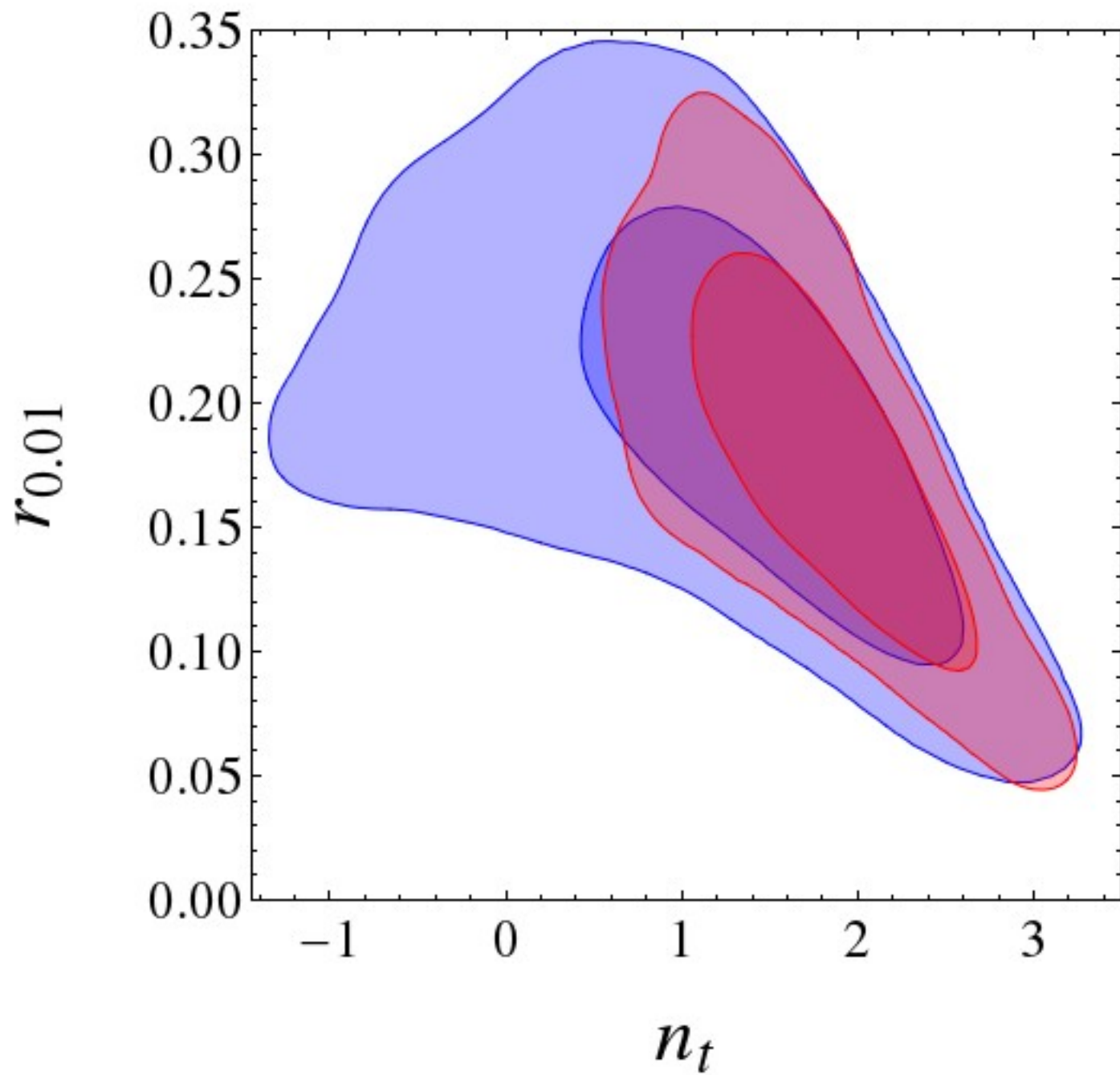
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(need direct detection)

(cross correlation does not help)

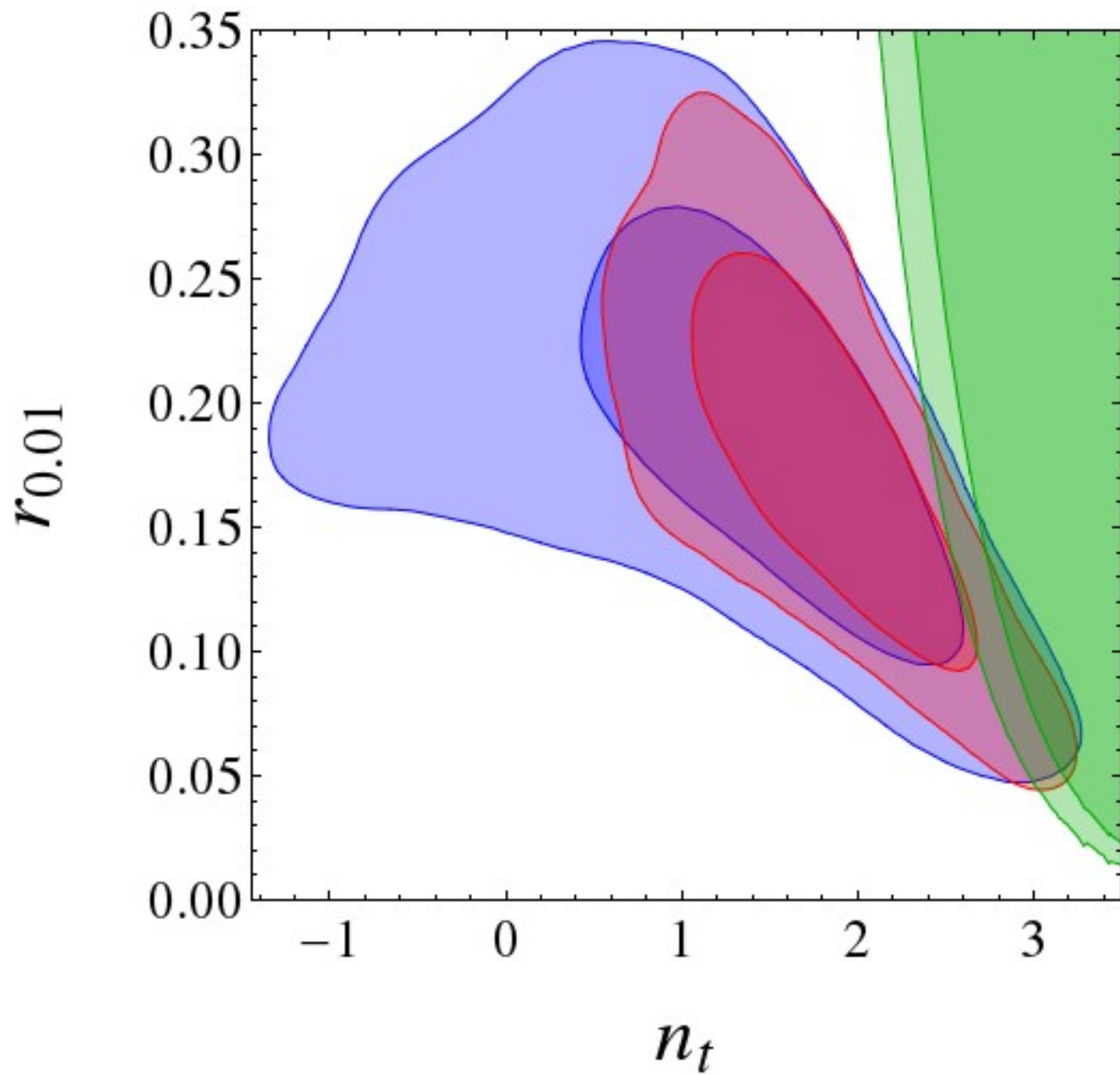
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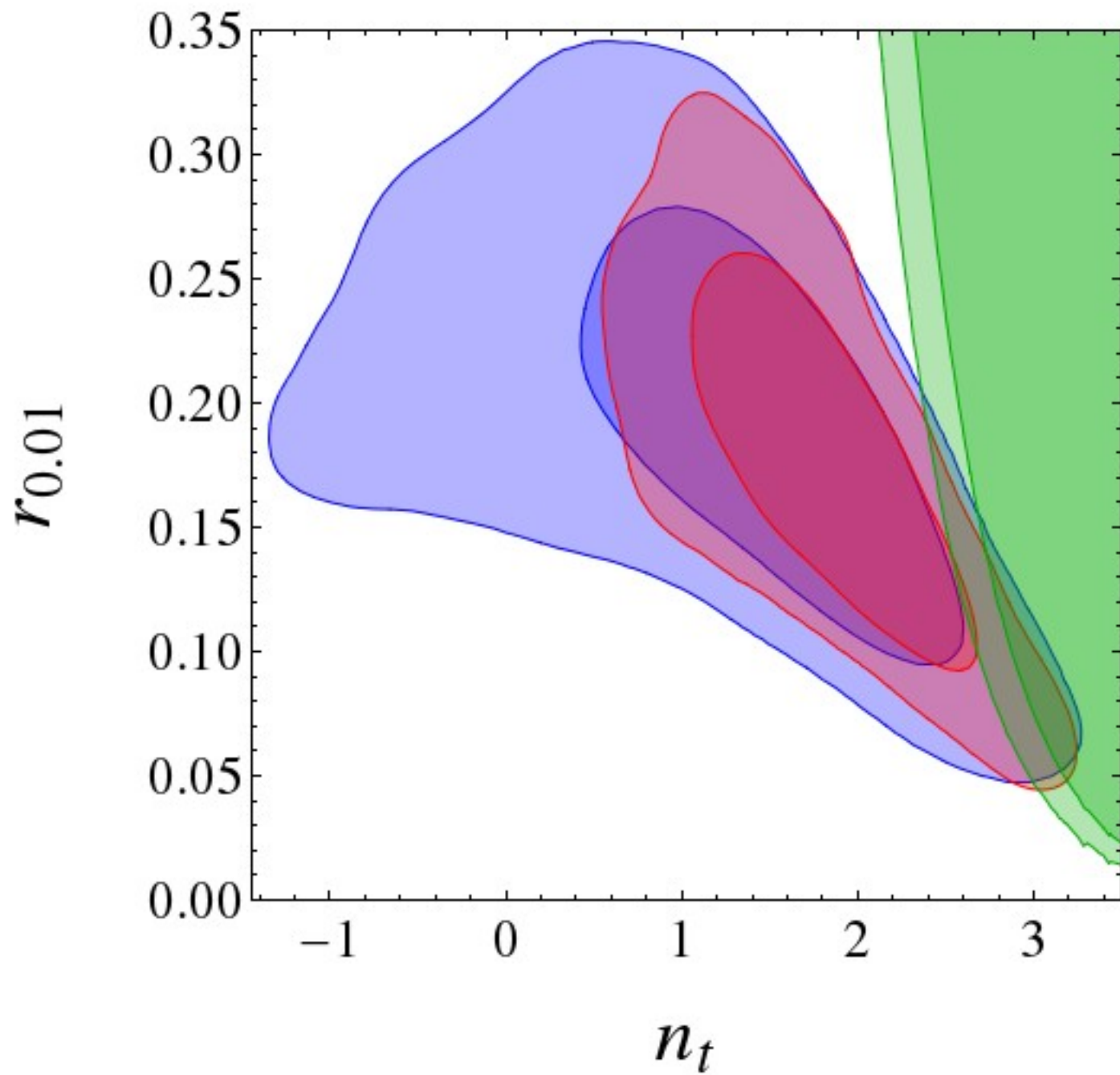
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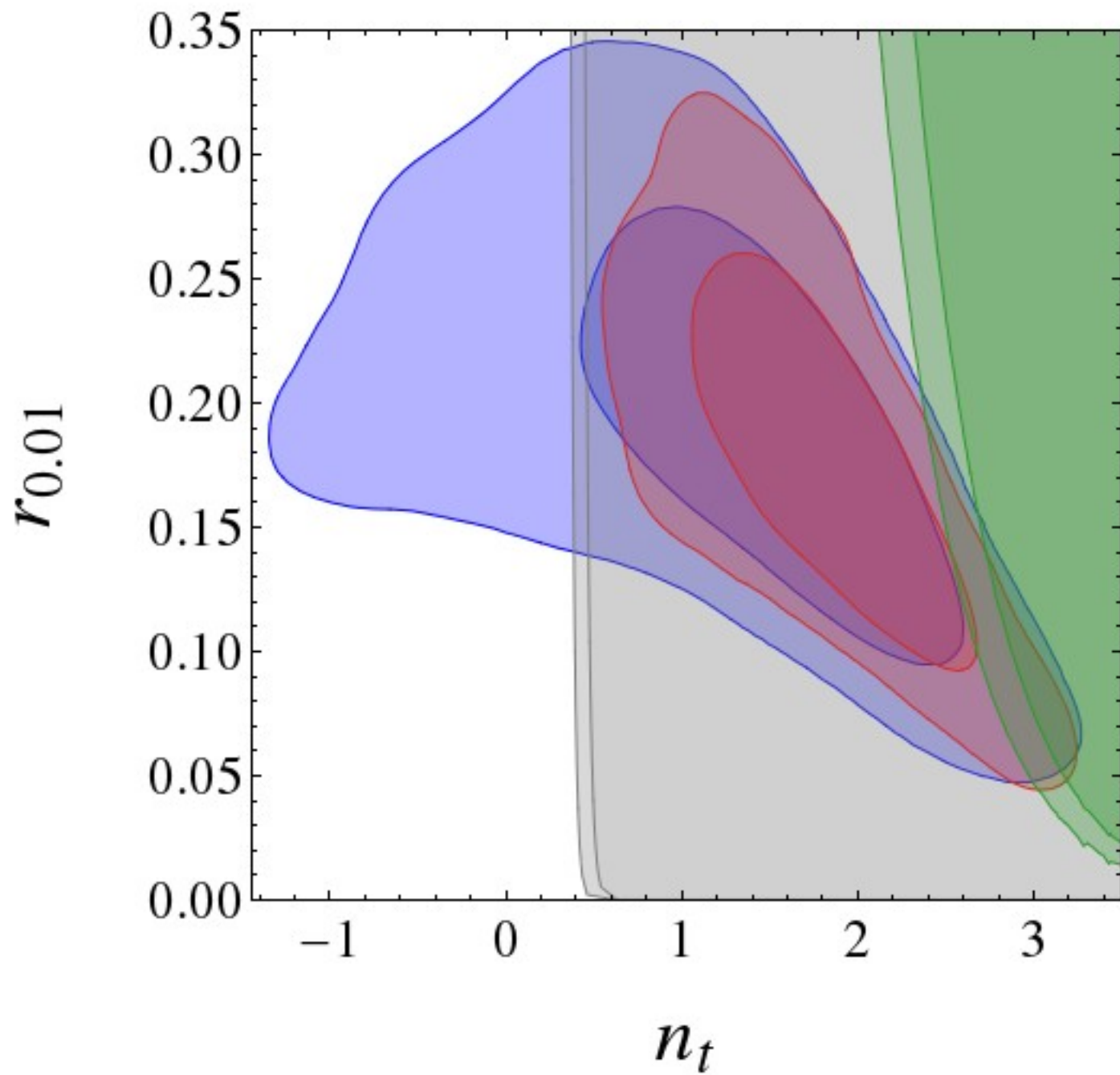
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Further, if assuming zero running of  $n_t$ ,  
the tensor spectrum becomes non-perturbative  
near the end of inflation.



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Assuming  
constant  $n_t$  for  
50~60 e-folds

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But there may also be  
foreground, running, isocurvature, neutrinos...

Advantage of  $n_t$ :

- Higher confidence level
- Can be tested soon (Planck)

Disadvantage of  $n_t$ :

- Smaller theoretical prior (read: challenge)

Tension between BICEP2 and Planck:

Not in tension? B. Audren, D. G. Figueroa, T. Tram, 1405.1390

Dangerous to measure tension of huge data sets  
by one number!

Need to define null/alternative hypothesis

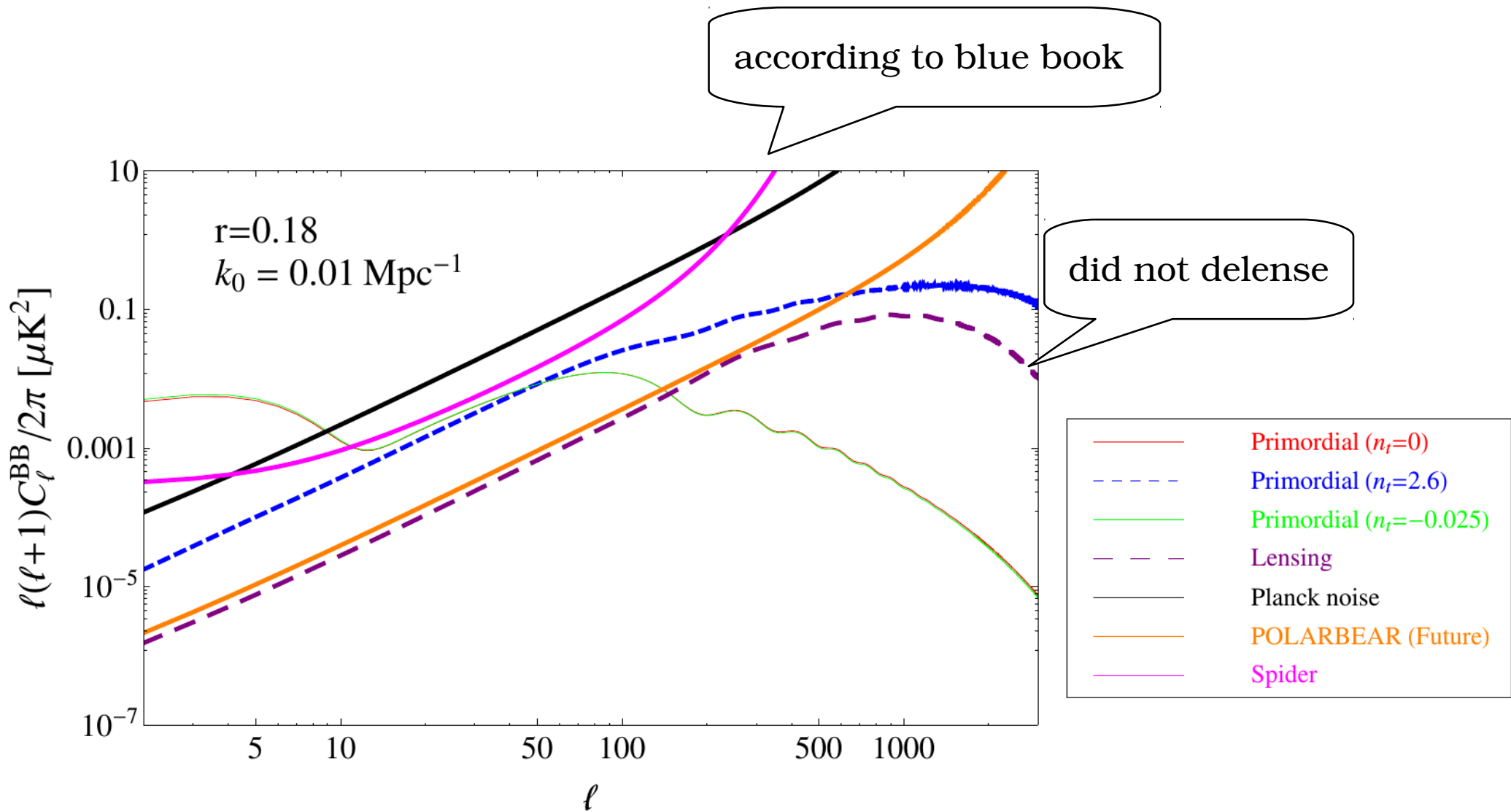
$n_t=0$ /blue  $n_t$ : Tension is at about  $2\sim 3\sigma$

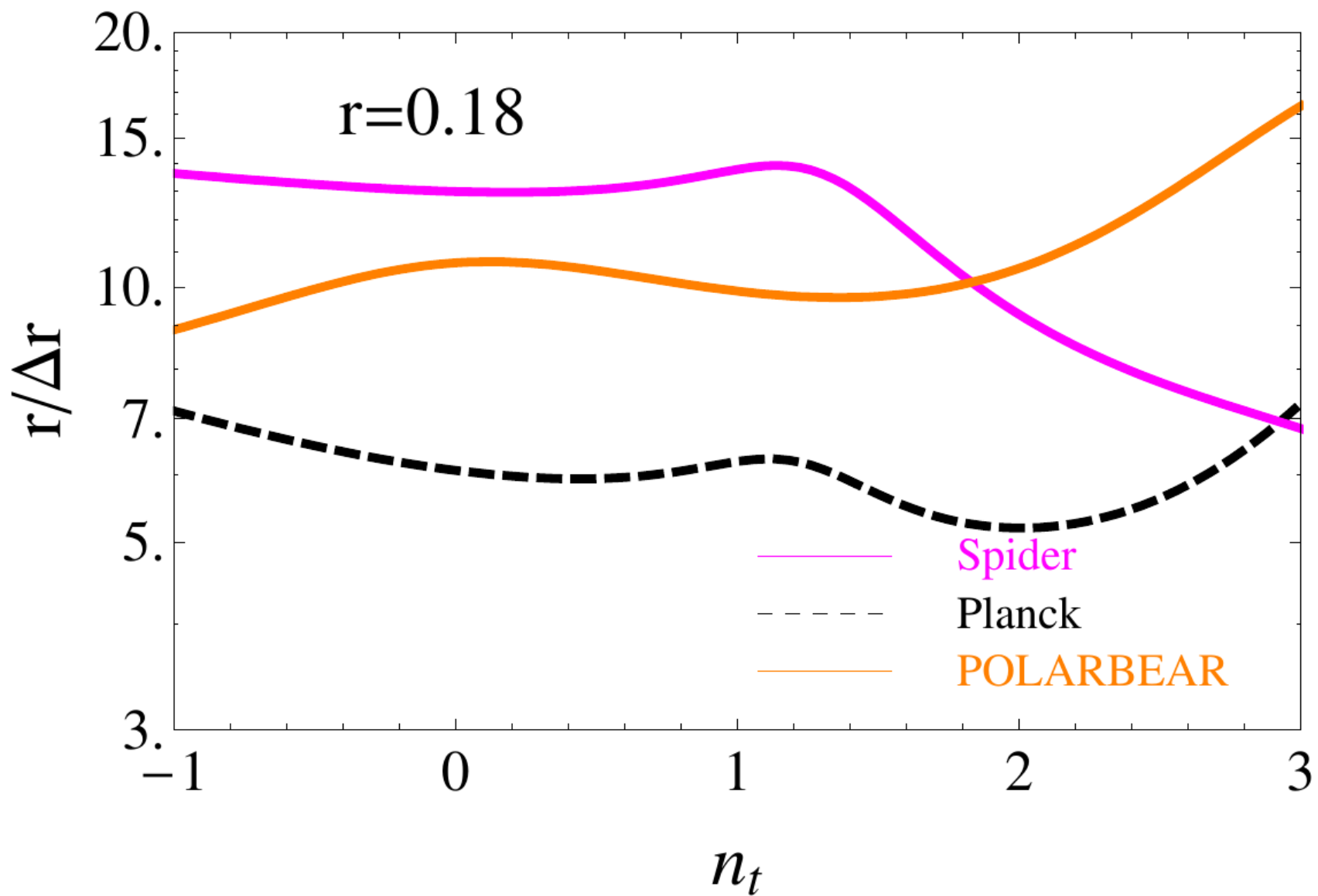
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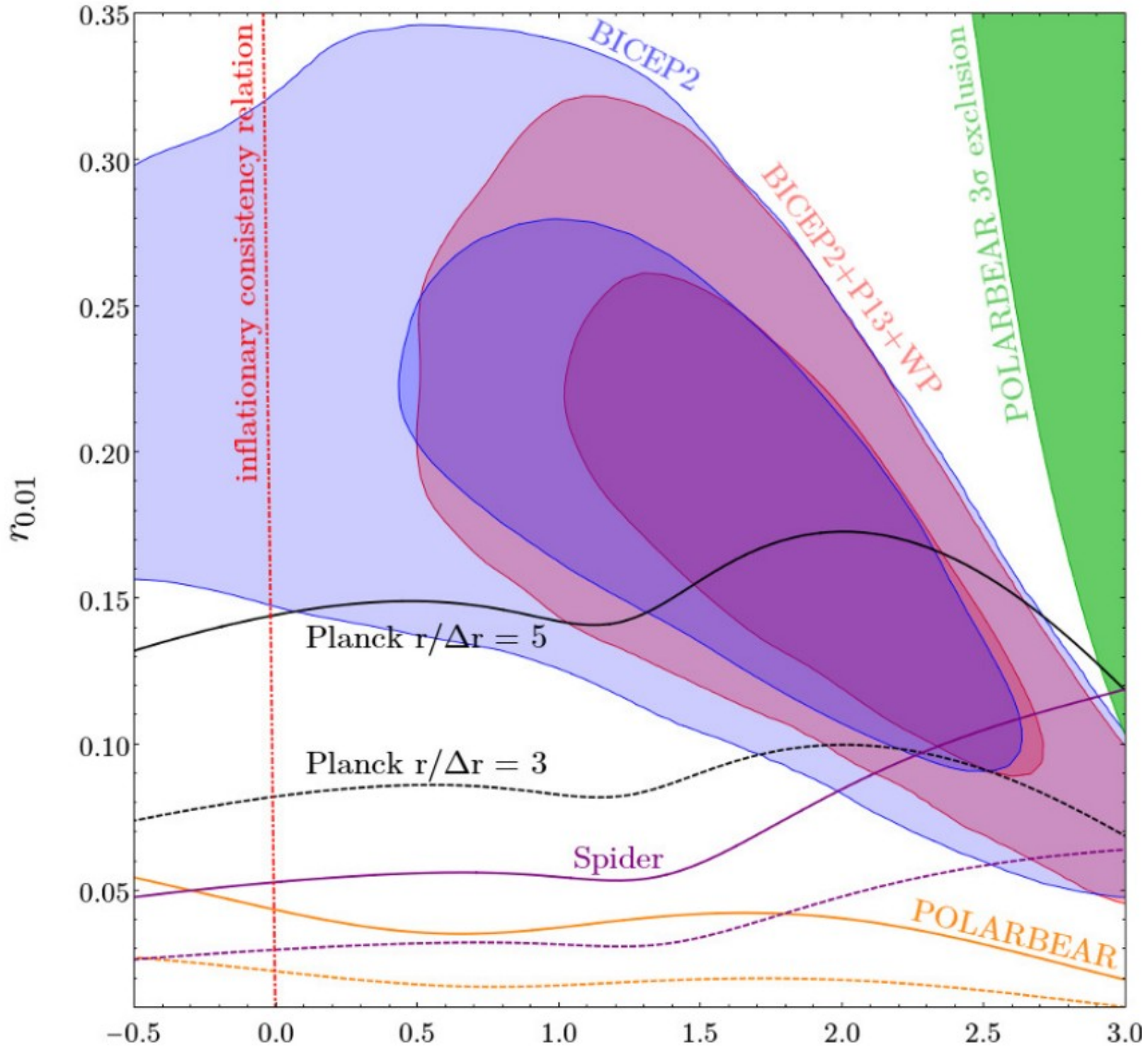
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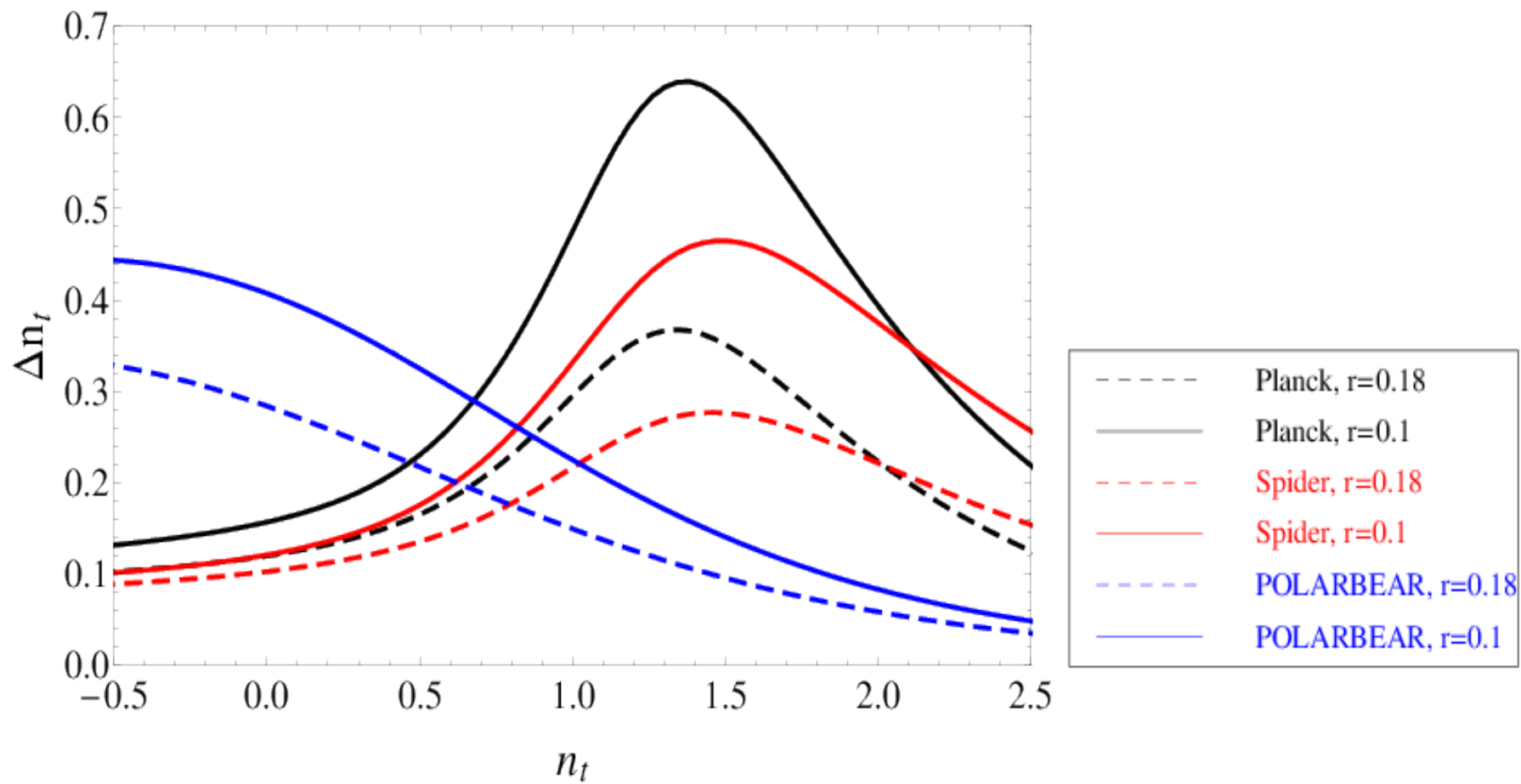
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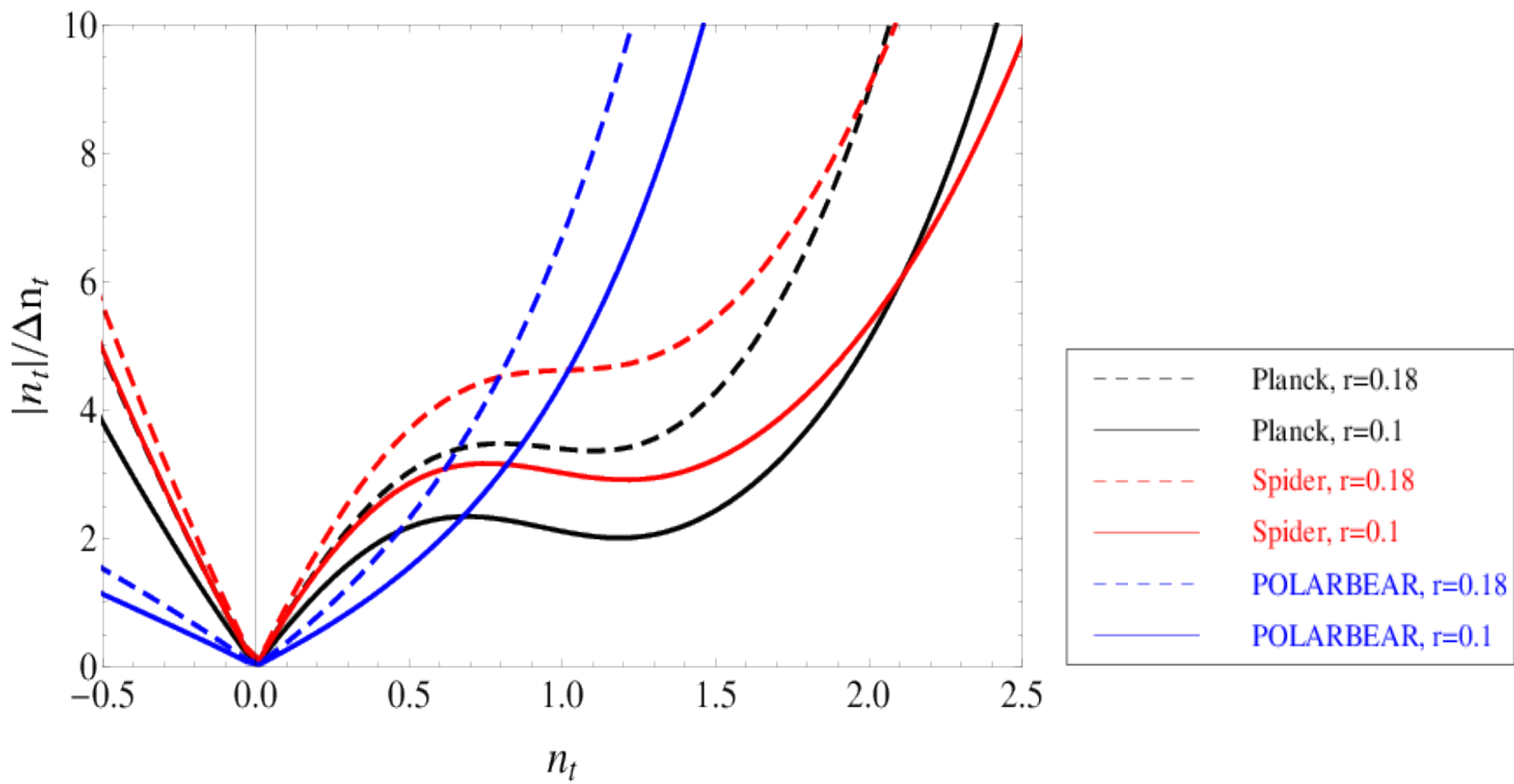












## Theories with blue $n_t$ :

### Inflation:

- Modified vacuum
- Particle production
- Modified tensor dispersion relation
- Galileons
- Solid inflation

### Alternative to inflation:

- String gas cosmology (prediction)
- Matter bounce

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