

# **Inflationary universe in unimodular $F(T)$ gravity**

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# I. Introduction

- **Recent observations of Type Ia Supernova (SNe Ia) has supported that the current expansion of the universe is accelerating (Dark energy problem).**

[Perlmutter *et al.* [Supernova Cosmology Project Collaboration],  
Astrophys. J. 517, 565 (1999)]

[Riess *et al.* [Supernova Search Team Collaboration], Astron. J. 116, 1009 (1998)]

**2011 Nobel Prize in Physics**

- **Suppose that the universe is strictly homogeneous and isotropic.**



**There are two approaches to explain the current accelerated expansion of the universe.**

**Reviews: E.g.,**

**[Copeland, Sami and Tsujikawa, *Int. J. Mod. Phys. D* 15, 1753 (2006)]**

**[Nojiri and Odintsov, *Phys. Rept.* 505, 59 (2011); *Int. J. Geom. Meth. Mod. Phys.* 4, 115 (2007)]**

**[Capozziello and Faraoni, *Beyond Einstein Gravity* (Springer, 2010)]**

**[De Felice and Tsujikawa, *Living Rev. Rel.* 13, 3 (2010)]**

**[Clifton, Ferreira, Padilla and Skordis, *Phys. Rept.* 513, 1 (2012)]**

**[KB, Capozziello, Nojiri and Odintsov, *Astrophys. Space Sci.* 342, 155 (2012)]**

**[Joyce, Jain, Khoury and Trodden, *Phys. Rept.* 568, 1 (2015)]**

**[Koyama, *Rept. Prog. Phys.* 79, 046902 (2016)]**

# Gravitational field equation

$$G_{\mu\nu} = \kappa^2 T_{\mu\nu}$$

**Gravity**

**Matter**

$G_{\mu\nu}$  : Einstein tensor,  $\kappa^2 \equiv 8\pi / M_{\text{Pl}}^2$ ,  $M_{\text{Pl}} = G_{\text{N}}^{-1/2}$

$T_{\mu\nu}$  : Energy-momentum tensor : Planck mass

$G_{\text{N}}$  : Gravitational constant

**(1) General relativistic approach**

→ **Dark Energy**

**(2) Extension of gravitational theory**

# (1) Candidates for dark energy

**Cosmological constant, Scalar field, Fluid**

# (2) Extension of gravitational theory

- **$F(R)$  gravity**  $F(R)$  : Arbitrary function of the Ricci scalar  $R$

[Capozziello, Carloni and Troisi, *Recent Res. Dev. Astron. Astrophys.* **1**, 625 (2003)]

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[Nojiri and Odintsov, *Phys. Rev. D* **68**, 123512 (2003)]

- **DGP braneworld scenario**

[Dvali, Gabadadze and Porrati, *Phys. Lett B* **485**, 208 (2000)]

[Deffayet, Dvali and Gabadadze, *Phys. Rev. D* **65**, 044023 (2002)]

## ▪ Galileon gravity

[Nicolis, Rattazzi and Trincherini, Phys. Rev. D 79, 064036 (2009)]

Review: E.g., [TsujiKawa, Lect. Notes Phys. 800, 99 (2010)]

## ▪ Horndeski theory

[Horndeski, Int. J. Theor. Phys. 10, 363 (1974)]

[Kobayashi, Yamaguchi and Yokoyama, Prog. Theor. Phys. 126, 511 (2011)]

## ▪ Massive gravity

[van Dam and Veltman, Nucl.Phys. B22, 397 (1970)]

[Zakharov, JETP Lett. 12, 312, (1970)]

[de Rham and Gabadadze, Phys.Rev. D 82, 044020 (2010)]

[de Rham, Gabadadze and Tolley, Phys. Rev. Lett. 106, 231101 (2011)]

## ▪ Bimetric gravity

[Hassan and Rosen, Phys. Rev. Lett. 108, 041101 (2012)]

[Hassan and Rosen, JHEP 1202, 126 (2012)]

- **Extended teleparallel gravity ( $F(T)$  gravity)**

$F(T)$  : Arbitrary function of the torsion scalar  $T$

[Bengochea and Ferraro, Phys. Rev. D 79, 124019 (2009)]

[Linder, Phys. Rev. D 81, 127301 (2010) [Erratum-ibid. D 82, 109902 (2010)]]

Review: E.g.,

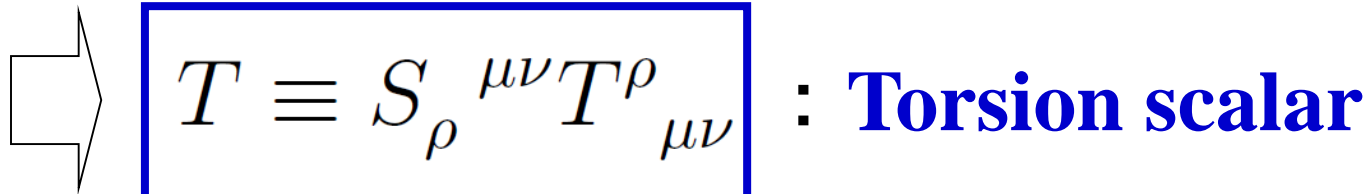
[Cai, Capozziello, De Laurentis and Saridakis, Rept. Prog. Phys. 79, 106901 (2016)]

# Teleparallel gravity

- $g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{AB} e_{\mu}^A e_{\nu}^B$        $\eta_{AB}$  : Minkowski metric
- $T_{\mu\nu}^{\rho} \equiv \Gamma_{\mu\nu}^{\rho(W)} - \Gamma_{\nu\mu}^{\rho(W)}$        $e_A(x^{\mu})$  : Orthonormal tetrad components
- $= e_A^{\rho} (\partial_{\mu} e_{\nu}^A - \partial_{\nu} e_{\mu}^A)$  : **Torsion tensor**
- $\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^{\rho(W)} \equiv e_A^{\rho} \partial_{\mu} e_{\nu}^A$  : Weitzenböck connection

- \*  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  are coordinate indices on the manifold and also run over 0, 1, 2, 3, and  $e_A(x^{\mu})$  forms the tangent vector of the manifold.
- \* An index  $A$  runs over 0, 1, 2, 3 for the tangent space at each point  $x^{\mu}$  of the manifold.





$$T \equiv S_{\rho}{}^{\mu\nu} T^{\rho}{}_{\mu\nu} : \text{ Torsion scalar}$$

$$S_{\rho}{}^{\mu\nu} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \left( K^{\mu\nu}{}_{\rho} + \delta_{\rho}^{\mu} T^{\alpha\nu}{}_{\alpha} - \delta_{\rho}^{\nu} T^{\alpha\mu}{}_{\alpha} \right)$$

: Super-potential tensor

$$K^{\mu\nu}{}_{\rho} \equiv -\frac{1}{2} \left( T^{\mu\nu}{}_{\rho} - T^{\nu\mu}{}_{\rho} - T_{\rho}{}^{\mu\nu} \right)$$

: Co-torsion tensor

[Hehl, Von Der Heyde, Kerlick and Nester, *Rev. Mod. Phys.* **48**, 393 (1976)]

[Hayashi and Shirafuji, *Phys. Rev. D* **19**, 3529 (1979)]

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# Extended teleparallel gravity

**Action**  $S = \int d^4x |e| \left( \frac{F(T)}{2\kappa^2} + \mathcal{L}_M \right) : F(T) \text{ gravity}$

$|e| = \det(e_\mu^A) = \sqrt{-g} \quad * F(T) = T : \text{Teleparallel gravity}$

$\mathcal{L}_M$  : Matter Lagrangian

$T^{(M)}_\rho{}^\nu$  : Energy-momentum tensor of matter

## Gravitational field equation

$$e^{-1} \partial_\mu (e e_A^\rho S_\rho{}^{\mu\nu}) \frac{dF(T)}{dT} + e_A^\rho S_\rho{}^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu (T) \frac{d^2 F(T)}{dT^2} - \frac{dF(T)}{dT} e_A^\lambda T^\rho{}_{\mu\lambda} S_\rho{}^{\nu\mu} + \frac{1}{4} e_A^\nu F(T) = \frac{\kappa^2}{2} e_A^\rho T^{(M)}_\rho{}^\nu$$

[Bengochea and Ferraro, Phys. Rev. D **79**, 124019 (2009)]

# Unimodular gravity

[Anderson and Finkelstein, Am. J. Phys. 39, 901 (1971)]

[Buchmuller and Dragon, Phys. Lett. B 207, 292 (1988)]

[Henneaux and Teitelboim, Phys. Lett. B 222, 195 (1989)]

[Unruh, Phys. Rev. D 40, 1048 (1989)]

[Ng and Dam, J. Math. Phys. 32, 1337 (1991)]

[Finkelstein, Galiautdinov and Baugh, J. Math. Phys. 42, 340 (2001)]

$$\sqrt{-g} = 1 : \text{Unimodular condition}$$

[Nojiri, Odintsov and Oikonomou, JCAP 1605, 046 (2016); Phys. Rev. D 93, 084050 (2016)]

[Saez-Gomez, Phys. Rev. D 93, 124040 (2016)]

→ **The cosmological constant arises as the trace-free part of the gravitational field equations, as long as the determinant of the metric is fixed to a number or a function.**

# Unimodular condition

**Flat Friedmann-Lemaître-Robertson-Walker (FLRW) metric**

$$ds^2 = dt^2 - a^2(t) \left[ (dx^1)^2 + (dx^2)^2 + (dx^3)^2 \right]$$

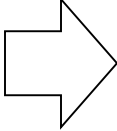
$$e_{\mu}^A = \text{diag}(1, a(t), a(t), a(t)) \quad a(t) : \text{Scale factor}$$

$$\blacksquare d\tau \equiv a^3(t) dt \quad \mathcal{T} : \text{New time variable}$$

$$\longrightarrow ds^2 = a^{-6}(\tau) d\tau^2 - a^2(\tau) \left[ (dx^1)^2 + (dx^2)^2 + (dx^3)^2 \right]$$

$$a(\tau) \equiv a(t(\tau))$$

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \text{diag}(a^{-6}(\tau), -a^2(\tau), -a^2(\tau), -a^2(\tau))$$

  $|e| = \det(e_{\mu}^A) = \sqrt{-g} = 1$  : **Unimodular condition is satisfied.**

# Lagrange multiplier formulation of unimodular $F(T)$ gravity

[Lim, Sawicki and Vikman, JCAP 1005, 012 (2010)]

[Capozziello, Matsumoto, Nojiri and Odintsov, Phys. Lett. B 693, 198 (2010)]

[Capozziello, Makarenko and Odintsov, Phys. Rev. D 87, 084037 (2013)]

**Action** 
$$S = \int d^4x \left\{ |e| \left[ \frac{F(T)}{2\kappa^2} - \lambda \right] + \lambda \right\} + S_M$$

[Nassur, Ainamon, Houndjo and Tossa, arXiv:1602.03172 [gr-qc]]

$\lambda$  : Lagrange multiplier

$S_M$  : Action of matter

\* In the following, we set  $2\kappa^2 = 1$  for simplicity.

# Gravitational field equation

$$e^{-1} \partial_\mu (e e_A^\rho S_\rho^{\mu\nu}) \frac{dF(T)}{dT} + e_A^\rho S_\rho^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu (T) \frac{d^2 F(T)}{dT^2} - \frac{dF(T)}{dT} e_A^\lambda T^\rho_{\mu\lambda} S_\rho^{\nu\mu} + \frac{1}{4} e_A^\nu [F(T) - \lambda] = \frac{1}{4} e_A^\rho T^{(M)\nu}_\rho$$
$$T^{(M)\nu}_\rho = \text{diag}(\rho_M, -P_M, -P_M, -P_M)$$

## In the FLRW space-time

$$T = -6H(t)^2 = -6a^6(\tau)\mathcal{H}(\tau)^2$$

$H(t) \equiv \dot{a}(t)/a(t)$  : Hubble parameter

\* The dot denotes derivatives with respect to  $t$ .

$$\mathcal{H}(\tau) \equiv (da(\tau)/d\tau) / a(\tau)$$

## Gravitational field equation in the FLRW space-time

$$12a^6(\tau)\mathcal{H}^2\frac{dF(T)}{dT} + [F(T) - \lambda] - \rho_M = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} -48a^{12}(\tau)\mathcal{H}^2\left(3\mathcal{H}^2 + \frac{d\mathcal{H}}{d\tau}\right)\frac{d^2F(T)}{dT^2} + [F(T) - \lambda] \\ + 4a^6(\tau)\left(6\mathcal{H}^2 + \frac{d\mathcal{H}}{d\tau}\right)\frac{dF(T)}{dT} + P_M = 0 \end{aligned}$$

**Eliminating the term  $(F(T) - \lambda)$  from these equations,**

$$\longrightarrow 4a^6(\tau)\left(3\mathcal{H}^2 + \frac{d\mathcal{H}}{d\tau}\right)\left[2T\frac{d^2F(T)}{dT^2} + \frac{dF(T)}{dT}\right] + \rho_M + P_M = 0$$

**Continuity equation  
for the matter fluid**

$$\therefore \frac{d\rho_M}{d\tau} + 3\mathcal{H}(\rho_M + P_M) = 0$$

# Reconstruction of unimodular $F(T)$ gravity

- **We present the method of reconstructing the  $F(T)$  form that generates a given scale-factor evolution.**

$$\frac{dT}{d\tau} = -12a^6(\tau)\mathcal{H} (3\mathcal{H}^2 + d\mathcal{H}/d\tau)$$

$$\longrightarrow -\frac{1}{3\mathcal{H}} \left[ 2T \frac{d}{d\tau} \left( \frac{dF(T)}{dT} \right) + \frac{dF(T)}{d\tau} \right] + \rho_M + P_M = 0$$

- **General power-law form**       $p$  : Constant

$$a(t) = a_* \left( \frac{t}{t_*} \right)^p \quad a_* : \text{Value of } a \text{ at the time } t_*$$



▪ **Relation between  $\tau$  and  $t$**  :  $\tau = \frac{a_*^3 t_*}{3p+1} \left( \frac{t}{t_*} \right)^{3p+1}$

$$\longrightarrow a(\tau) = \left( \frac{\tau}{\tau_*} \right)^q \quad q \equiv \frac{p}{3p+1}$$

$$H = p/t \quad \tau_* \equiv \frac{t_*}{a_*^{1/p} (3p+1)}$$

$$\mathcal{H} = q/\tau$$

$$\Rightarrow T = -6 \left( \frac{q}{\tau_*} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\tau}{\tau_*} \right)^{2(3q-1)}$$

$$d/dT = - \left\{ \tau_*^3 / [12q^2 (3q-1)] \right\} (\tau/\tau_*)^{-3(2q-1)} d/d\tau$$

▪ **Constant equation-of-state of matter:**  $w = P_M / \rho_M$

$\rho_M, P_M$  : Energy density and pressure of matter

$$\rightarrow \rho_M = \rho_{M*} \left( \tau / \tau_* \right)^{-3q(1+w)} \quad \rho_{M*} : \text{Value of } \rho_M \text{ at } \tau = \tau_*$$

⇒ **Differential equation in terms of  $\mathcal{T}$**

$$\frac{d^2 F(\tau)}{d\tau^2} + \frac{(2 - 3q)}{\tau} \frac{dF(\tau)}{d\tau} - \frac{3q(3q - 1)(1 + w) \rho_{M*}}{\tau_*^{-3q(1+w)}} \tau^{-3q(1+w)-2} = 0$$

**General solution:**  $F(\tau) = c_1 \tau^{3q-1} - \frac{(3q - 1) \rho_{M*}}{[3q(2 + w) - 1]} \left( \frac{\tau}{\tau_*} \right)^{-3q(1+w)} + c_2$

$c_1, c_2$  : Constants

$$\longrightarrow F(T) = c_1 \frac{\tau_*^{3q}}{\sqrt{6q}} \sqrt{-T} + c_2 - \frac{(3q-1)(6q^2)^{\frac{3q(1+w)}{2(3q-1)}} \tau_*^{-\frac{3q(1+w)}{3q-1}} \rho_{M*}}{[3q(2+w)-1]} (-T)^{-\frac{3q(1+w)}{2(3q-1)}}$$

$$\lambda(\tau) = -2\rho_{M*} \left( \frac{\tau}{\tau_*} \right)^{-3q(1+w)} + c_2$$

$$\lambda(T) = -2\rho_{M*} (6q^2)^{\frac{3q(1+w)}{2(3q-1)}} \tau_*^{-\frac{3q(1+w)}{3q-1}} (-T)^{-\frac{3q(1+w)}{2(3q-1)}} + c_2$$

▪ **In the vacuum case, i.e., when  $\rho_M = 0$  and  $P_M = 0$ ,**

$$F(T) = c_1 \sqrt{-T} + c_2$$

$$\lambda = c_2$$

# III. Inflationary Cosmology

- Hubble slow-roll parameters

$$\epsilon_{n+1} \equiv \frac{d \ln |\epsilon_n|}{dN} \quad n : \text{Positive integer}$$

$N \equiv \ln\left(\frac{a}{a_i}\right)$  : e-folding number during inflation

$a_i$  : Scale factor  $\mathcal{A}$  at the beginning of inflation  $t_i$

$H_i$  : Value of  $H$  at  $t = t_i$

$$\epsilon_0 \equiv \frac{H_i}{H}$$

\* Inflation ends when  $\epsilon_1 = 1$ .

# Hubble slow-roll parameters

$$\epsilon_1 \equiv -\frac{\dot{H}}{H^2}$$

$$\epsilon_2 \equiv \frac{\ddot{H}}{H\dot{H}} - \frac{2\dot{H}}{H^2}$$

$$\epsilon_3 \equiv \left(\ddot{H}H - 2\dot{H}^2\right)^{-1} \left[ \frac{H\dot{H}\ddot{H} - \ddot{H}(\dot{H}^2 + H\ddot{H})}{H\dot{H}} - \frac{2\dot{H}}{H^2}(H\ddot{H} - 2\dot{H}^2) \right]$$

# Planck 2015 results

[Ade *et al.* [Planck Collaboration], arXiv:1502.02114]

- (1) **Spectral index of power spectrum of the curvature perturbations**

$$n_s = 0.968 \pm 0.006 \quad (68\% \text{ CL})$$

- (2) **Tensor-to-scalar ratio**

$$r < 0.11 \quad (95\% \text{ CL})$$

## Keck Array and BICEP2 constraints

$$r_{0.05} < 0.09 \quad (0.07) \quad (95\% \text{ CL})$$

(Combined results with the Planck analysis)

[Ade *et al.* [Keck Array and BICEP2 Collaborations], arXiv:1510.09217]

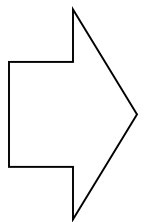
# Planck 2015 results (2)

[Ade *et al.* [Planck Collaboration], arXiv:1502.02114]

## (3) Running of the spectral index $n_s$

$$\alpha_s \equiv \frac{dn_s}{d \ln k} = -0.003 \pm 0.007 \quad (68\% \text{ CL})$$

$k$  : Wave number



$R^2$  (Starobinsky) inflation is suggested by the observational values of  $n_s$  and  $r$ .

[Starobinsky, Phys. Lett. B 91, 99 (1980)]

# Inflationary observables

- **Spectral index of the curvature perturbations**

$$n_s \approx 1 - 2\epsilon_1 - 2\epsilon_2$$

- **Tensor-to-scalar ratio**

$$r \approx 16\epsilon_1$$

- **Running of the spectral index  $n_s$**

$$\alpha_s \approx -2\epsilon_1\epsilon_2 - \epsilon_2\epsilon_3$$

- **Spectral index of the tensor perturbations (primordial gravitational waves)**

$$n_T \approx -2\epsilon_1$$



# Inflation

- **de Sitter inflation**

$$a(t) = e^{H_{\text{inf}} t}$$

$$\longrightarrow \tau = \frac{1}{3H_{\text{inf}}} e^{3H_{\text{inf}} t},$$

$H_{\text{inf}}$  :

Constant Hubble parameter  
at the inflationary stage

$$a(\tau) = (H_{\text{inf}} \tau)^{1/3}$$

- **Power-law inflation**

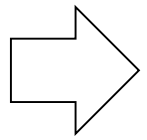
$$a(t) = a_* \left( \frac{t}{t_*} \right)^p,$$

$$a(\tau) = \left( \frac{\tau}{\tau_*} \right)^q$$

$$q = p/(3p + 1)$$

$$\tau_* = t_* / [a_*^{1/p} (3p + 1)]$$

- **In the limit  $p \rightarrow \infty$  and  $t_* \rightarrow \infty$  with  $p/t_* = H_* = \text{const.}$ , the power-law expansion gives de Sitter expansion with  $H_{\text{inf}} = 3H_*$ .**



## **FLRW metric under the unimodular condition**

$$ds^2 = \left( \frac{\tau}{\tau_*} \right)^{-6q} d\tau^2 - \left( \frac{\tau}{\tau_*} \right)^{2q} \left[ (dx^1)^2 + (dx^2)^2 + (dx^3)^2 \right]$$

- $q = 1/3 \rightarrow$  **de Sitter inflation**
- $1/4 < q < 1/3$  (i.e.,  $p > 1$ )  
 $\rightarrow$  **Power-law inflation**
- $p < 0$  (i.e.,  $q < 0$  or  $q > 1/3$ )  
 $\rightarrow \dot{H} = -p/t^2 > 0$  : **Super-inflation**

# Power-law inflation

- Hubble slow-roll parameters

$$\epsilon_1(N) \equiv -\frac{H'(N)}{H(N)} \quad , \quad \epsilon_2(N) \equiv \frac{H''(N)}{H'(N)} - \frac{H'(N)}{H(N)}$$

$$\epsilon_3(N) \equiv \left[ \frac{H(N)H'(N)}{H''(N)H(N) - H'(N)^2} \right] \left[ \frac{H'''(N)}{H'(N)} - \frac{H''(N)^2}{H'(N)^2} - \frac{H''(N)}{H(N)} + \frac{H'(N)^2}{H(N)^2} \right]$$

\* The Prime denotes derivatives with respect to  $N$ .

$$\longrightarrow \epsilon_1 = \frac{1}{p}, \quad \epsilon_2 = 0, \quad \epsilon_3 = \frac{1}{p},$$

$$\Rightarrow n_s \approx 1 - \frac{2}{p}, \quad r \approx \frac{16}{p}, \quad \alpha_s \approx 0, \quad n_T \approx -\frac{2}{p}$$

$$\longrightarrow r = 8(1 - n_s) \qquad p = q/(1 - 3q) \quad 27$$

# Observables for power-law inflation

- If  $p = 100$ , i.e.,  $q = 0.332$ ,

$$\Rightarrow n_s \approx 0.98, \quad r \approx 0.16$$

$$\alpha_s = 0, \quad n_T \approx -0.02$$

# $R^2$ (Starobinsky) inflation

[Starobinsky, Phys. Lett. B 91, 99 (1980)]

## Action

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \left( R + \frac{1}{6M^2} R^2 \right)$$

$g$  : Determinant of the metric  $g_{\mu\nu}$

$R$  : Scalar curvature

$M$  : Constant with mass dimension

## ▪ Hubble parameter

$$H = H_* - \frac{M^2}{6} (t - t_*) \quad H_* : \text{Value of } H \text{ at } t = t_*$$

[Starobinsky, Phys. Lett. B 91, 99 (1980)]

[Barrow and Cotsakis, Phys. Lett. B 214, 515 (1988)]

[Odintsov and Oikonomou, Phys. Rev. D 92, 024016 (2015);  
Phys. Rev. D 92, 124024 (2015)]

## ▪ Scale factor

$$a(t) = a_* \exp \left[ H_* (t - t_*) - (M^2/12) (t - t_*)^2 \right]$$

→ **For**  $t \ll t_*$  ,

$$a(t) = a_* \exp \left\{ [H_* + (M^2/6) t_*] t - [H_* + (M^2/12) t_*] t_* \right\}$$

$$\longrightarrow \tau = \bar{\tau} + \frac{a_*^3}{3H_* + (M^2/2)t_*} \exp \left[ \left( 3H_* + \frac{M^2}{2}t_* \right) t - \left( 3H_* + \frac{M^2}{4}t_* \right) t_* \right]$$

$$a(\tau) = \left( 3H_* + \frac{M^2}{2}t_* \right)^{1/3} (\tau - \bar{\tau})^{1/3} \quad \bar{\tau} : \text{Constant}$$

$$\mathcal{H} = 1 / [3 (\tau - \bar{\tau})]$$

$$T = -6 [H_* + (M^2/6)t_*]^2$$

- **e-folding number at the inflationary stage**

$$N \equiv \ln \left( \frac{a_f}{a_i} \right) = - \int_{t_f}^{t_i} H(\tilde{t}) d\tilde{t}$$

$a_f$  : Value of  $a$  at the end of inflation  $t_f$

$$\longrightarrow N = - \left( H_* + \frac{M^2}{6} t_* \right) (t_i - t_f) + \frac{M^2}{12} (t_i^2 - t_f^2)$$

$$\implies t_f = 6 \frac{H_*}{M^2} + t_* + M^{-2} \left\{ (6H_* + M^2 t_*)^2 + M^2 \left\{ t_i [M^2 (t_i - 2t_*) - 12H_*] - 12N \right\} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

## ▪ Hubble slow-roll parameters

$$\epsilon_1 = \frac{6M^2}{[6H_* - M^2 (t_f - t_*)]^2}$$

$$\longrightarrow \epsilon_1(N) = \frac{6M^2}{(6H_* + M^2 t_*)^2 + M^2 \left\{ t_i [M^2 (t_i - 2t_*) - 12H_*] - 12N \right\}}$$

$$\epsilon_2(N) = 2\epsilon_1(N), \quad \epsilon_3(N) = 2\epsilon_1(N)$$



# Observables for $R^2$ (Starobinsky) inflation

$$n_s(N) = 1 - 6 \epsilon_1(N), \quad r(N) = 16 \epsilon_1(N)$$

$$\alpha_s(N) = -8 \epsilon_1^2(N), \quad n_T(N) = -2 \epsilon_1(N)$$

$$t_i = 1/H_*, \quad t_* = 3/H_*, \quad H_*/M = 0.04$$

▪ **For  $N = 50$ ,**

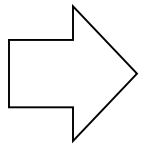
$$\underline{n_s \approx 0.981, \quad r \approx 0.049}$$

$$\underline{\alpha_s = -7.78 \times 10^{-5}, \quad n_T \approx -0.0062}$$

▪ **For**  $N = 60$ ,

$$\underline{n_s \approx 0.98, \quad r \approx 0.053}$$

$$\underline{\alpha_s = -8.85 \times 10^{-5}, \quad n_T \approx -0.0067}$$



**These results are consistent with the Planck analysis.**

$$r = \frac{8}{3}(1 - n_s), \quad \alpha_s = -\frac{2}{9}(1 - n_s)^2$$

# A specific model

$$F(T) = \alpha_1 \sqrt{T} + \alpha_2 T^n$$

$$\lambda(T) = \alpha_3 T^n \quad \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \text{ and } n (\neq 0, 1/2)$$

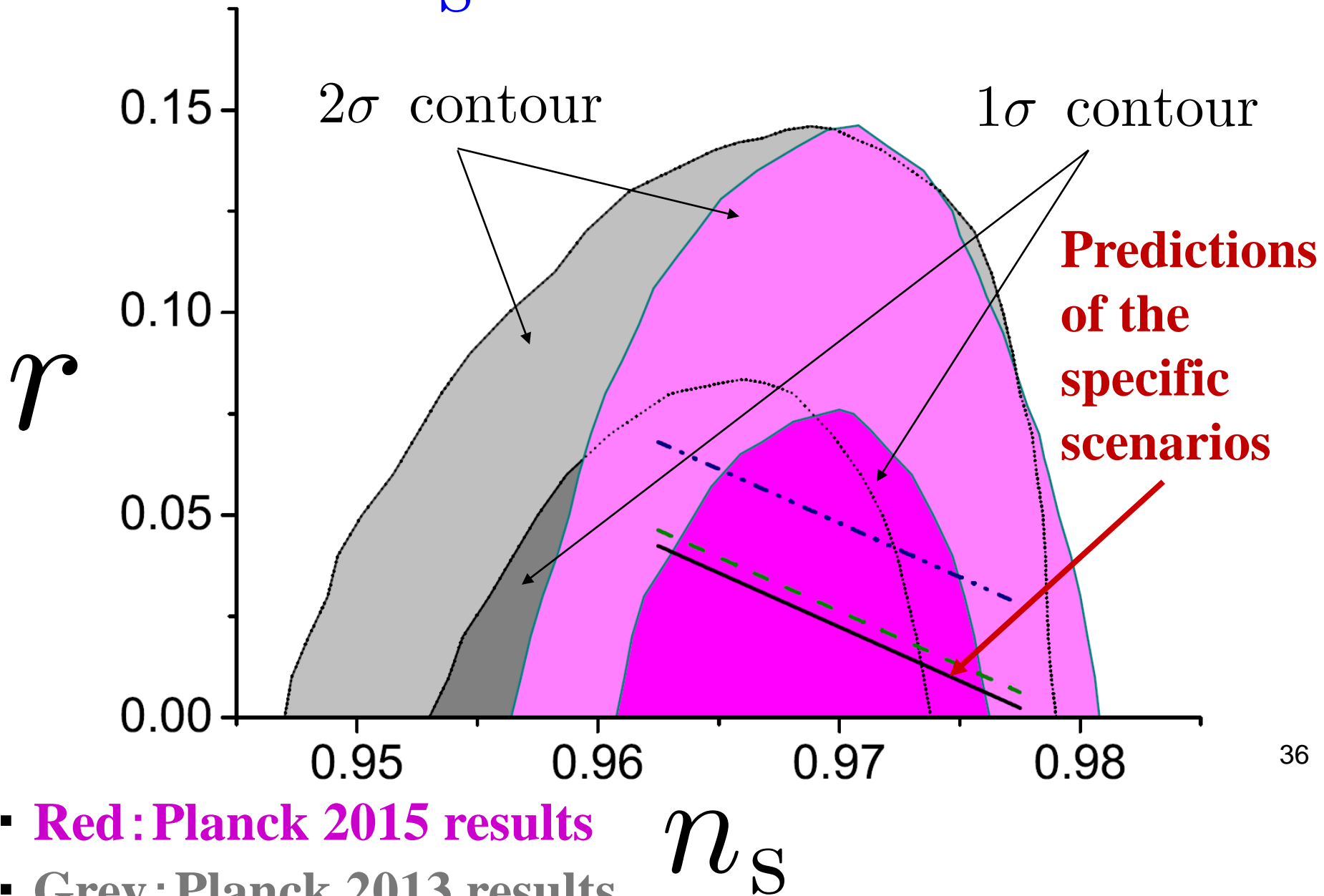
\* We set  $\alpha_1 = 1$ . : Constants

**(i)**  $n = 2, \alpha_2 = 1, \alpha_3 = -3.00006$  : **Black solid curve**

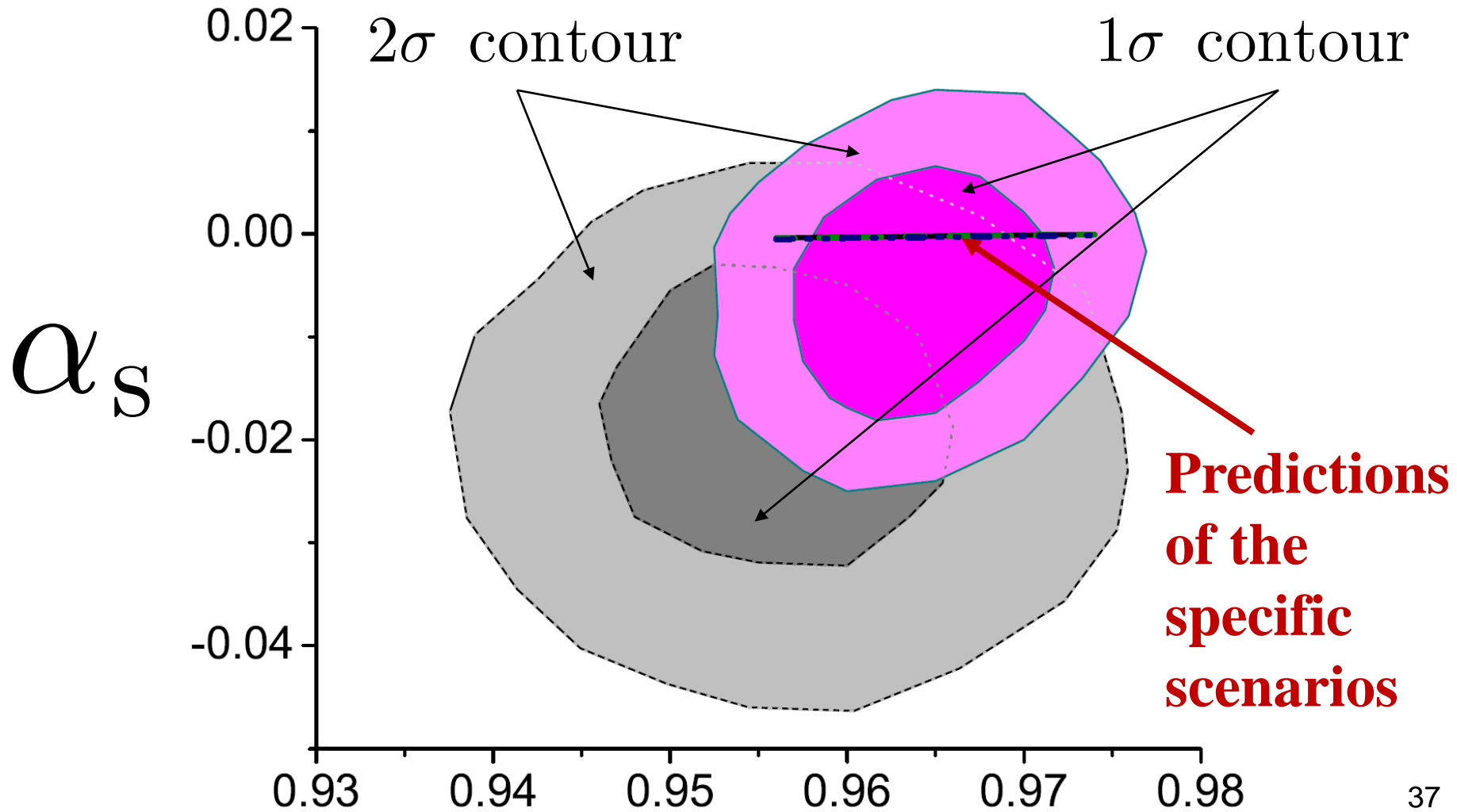
**(ii)**  $n = 4, \alpha_2 = 1, \alpha_3 = -7.00012$   
: **Green dashed curve**

**(iii)**  $n = 2, \alpha_2 = 0.333, \alpha_3 = -1$   
: **Blue dashed-dotted curve**

# $n_s - r$ Contours



# $\alpha_s - r$ Contours



- **Red: Planck 2015 results**
- **Grey: Planck 2013 results**

# VI. Conclusions

- **We have considered inflationary cosmology in the context of unimodular  $F(T)$  gravity.**
- **We have analyzed the power-law inflation and  $R^2$  (Starobinsky) inflation under the unimodular condition.**
- **We have shown that for  $R^2$  (Starobinsky) inflation, the spectral index  $n_s$ , the tensor-to-scalar ratio  $\mathcal{r}$ , and the running  $\alpha_s$  of the spectral index  $n_s$  can be consistent with the recent Planck results.**