

# Sub-Planckian $G$ -axion inflation

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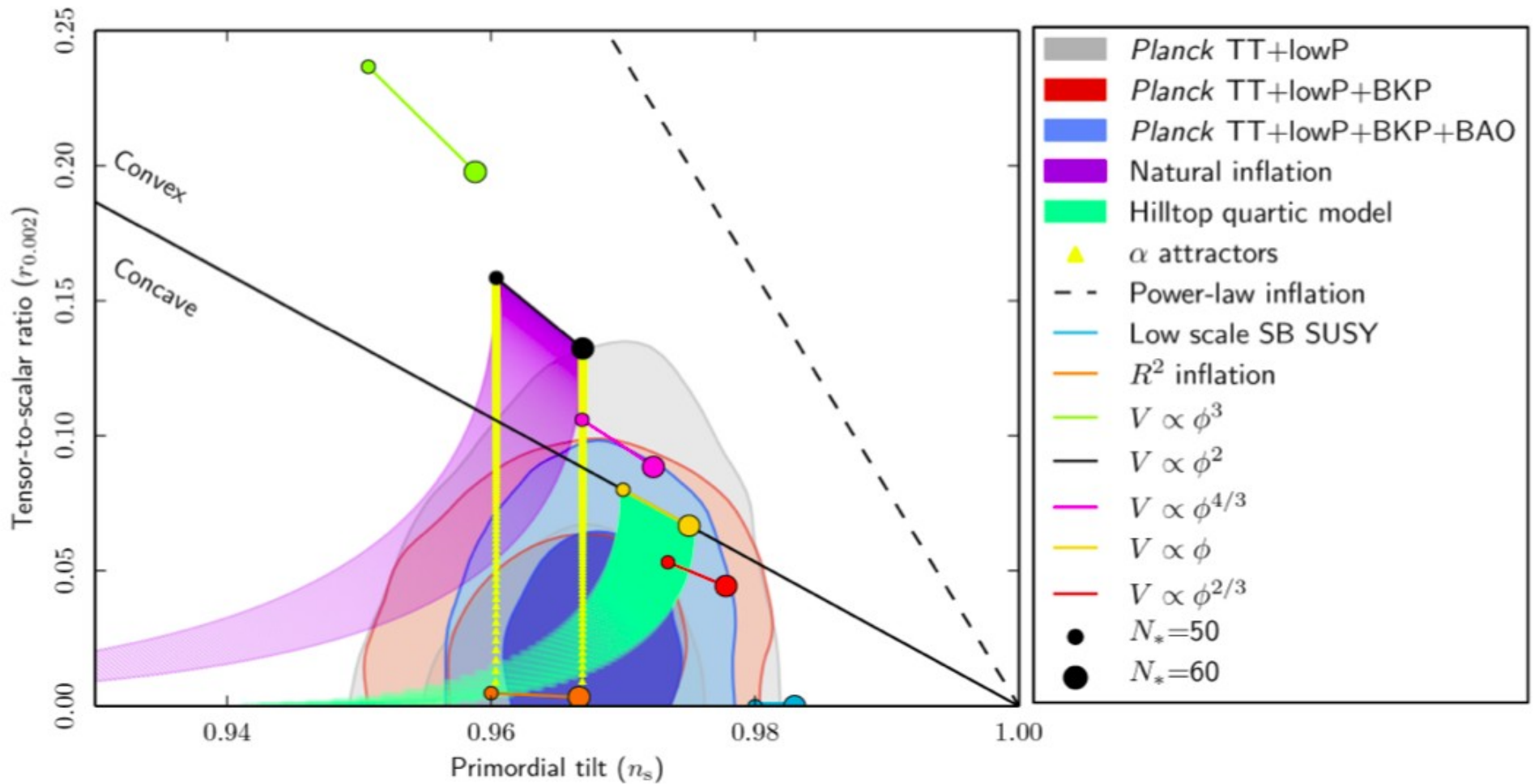
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# Plan

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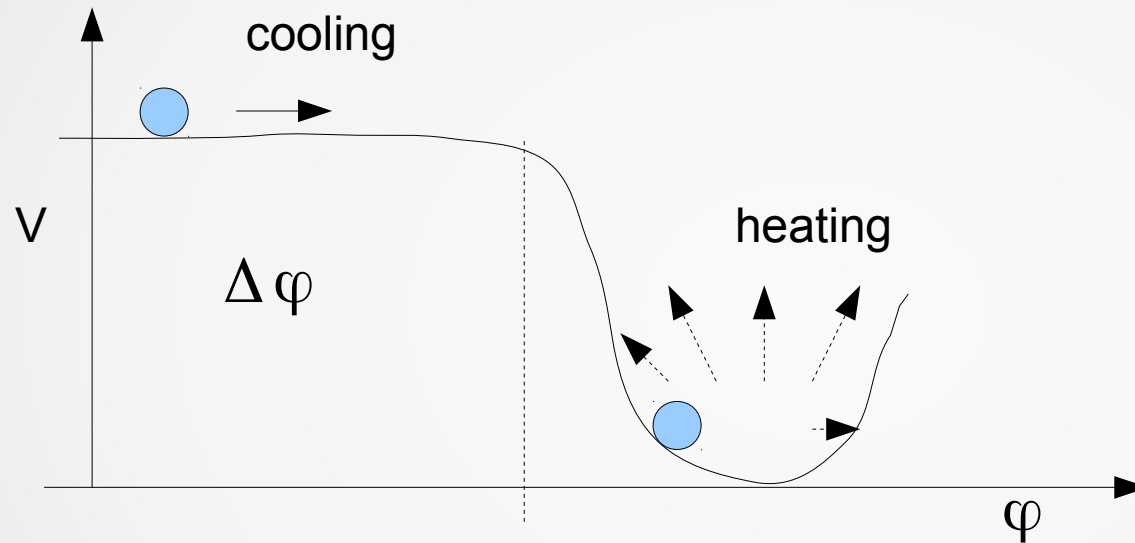
# Planck-2015



# Inflationary mechanism

Extremely successful in solving outstanding problems of cosmology

Simple realization: maintain flat potential for long enough time



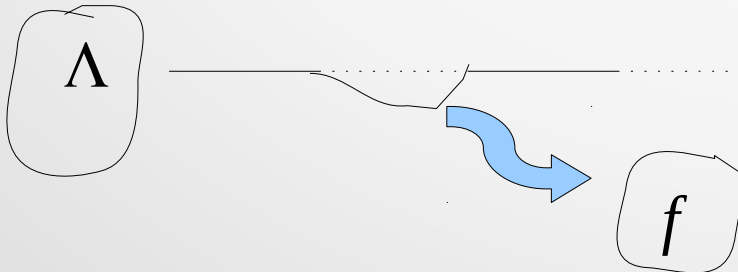
Scale factor

$$a(t) \sim e^{Ht}$$

$\eta$ -problem

$$\eta \sim M_p^2 \frac{V''(\varphi)}{V(\varphi)}$$

Natural guess: Shift symmetry (Natural inflation)



# Axion/Natural inflation

- who could be a good candidate?

Best and simplest possible candidate would be the Goldstone boson mode of a global U(1) scalar field theory.

- Interestingly this kind of theory was introduced to solve the strong CP problem in QCD, and Goldstone boson mode is called axion
- Axion/Natural Inflation, K. Freese, J. A. Frieman and A. V. Olinto, PRL. 65, 3233 (1990).

$$\mathcal{L} \sim \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \psi \partial^\mu \psi^* - \lambda (\psi^* \psi - f^2)^2 + \mathcal{L}_b$$

$$\psi = \langle \psi \rangle e^{i\varphi}$$

# Axion inflation (Natural) Freese et al 1990

One such model based on effective theory framework:

**Natural/axion** model

$$\mathcal{L}_g = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \varphi \partial^\mu \varphi - \Lambda^4 \left( 1 - \cos \frac{\varphi}{f} \right)$$

$$\frac{\Lambda}{f} < 1$$

U(1) breaking term

**Important symmetry:**  $\varphi = \varphi + 2\pi f$

Good!

$(f, \Lambda)$

- New problems:**

Planck observation demands:

$$f > M_p$$

$$\delta\varphi > M_p$$

**Super-Planckain!!**

# Problems and model building

- Potential Problem:  $\Lambda^4 \left( 1 - \cos \left( \frac{\phi}{f} \right) \right)$  ???
- Quantum gravity effect may not be negligible
- Effective field theory of inflation is in question.
- Alternatives: Aligned-axion : E. Kim, H. P. Nilles, M. Peloso JCAP 0501, 005 (2005)
- **Chromonatural Inflation** P. Adshead, M. Wyman, PRL, 108, 261302 (2012)
- **Stringy axionic N-flation** S. Dimopoulos et al. JCAP 0808, 003 (2008)
- **Axion monodromy** E. Silverstein and A. Westphal, Phys. Rev. D 78, 106003 (2008),
- **Warm Inflation**, A. Berera, Phys.Rev.Lett. 75 (1995) 3218
- **Electromagnetic dissipation** N. Barnaby, M. Peloso, PRL. 106, 181301 (2011)

# G-axion: Towards sub-Planckian model

DM, Phys.Lett. B720 (2013) 389,

DM, P.Saha, Phys.Rev. D91 (2015) 023504

Tsutomu Kobayashi, et al. Phys.Rev.Lett. 105 (2010) 231302

- We start with the following Lagrangian (**G**: Generalized)

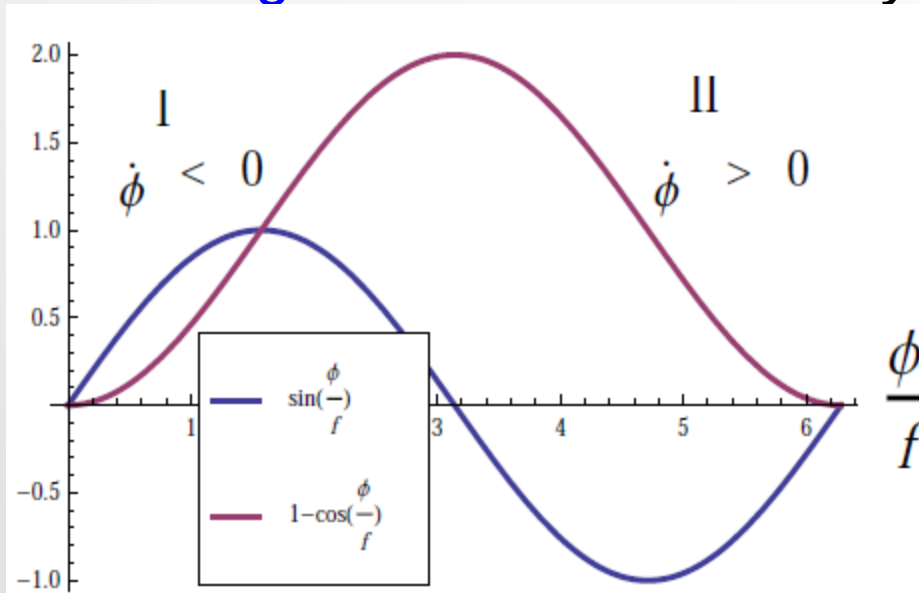
$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{M_p^2}{2} R - X - \frac{1}{s^3} M(\varphi) X \square \varphi - \Lambda^4 \left(1 - \cos \frac{\varphi}{f}\right)$$

analogous to Gauss-Bonnet

Introduce no ghost degree of freedom!

$$X = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \varphi \partial^\mu \varphi$$

Stable region: Inflation driven by G-term



$$\tau = \frac{M(\phi)\Lambda^4}{f} \sin\left(\frac{\phi}{f}\right) \gg 1.$$

Three parameters  
( $f, s, \Lambda$ )

GOAL: all parameters should be  $< M_p$



# Observables: $(n_s, r, dn_s^k)$

spectral index

$$n_s - 1 \equiv \frac{d \ln P_{\mathcal{R}}}{d \ln k} = -6\epsilon + 3\eta - \alpha,$$

Spectral running:

$$\frac{dn_s}{d \ln k} \equiv dn_s^k = -3\xi + 24\epsilon\eta - 24\epsilon^2 - 3\alpha^2 - 8\alpha\epsilon + 4\alpha\eta + 3\eta^2 + 18\beta.$$

Tensor to Scalar ratio:

$$r = -\frac{64\sqrt{6}}{9}\epsilon$$

$$n_s = 0.968 \pm 0.006$$

$$dn_s^k = -0.003 \pm 0.007$$

$$r_{0.05} < 0.07$$

## Modified Lyth bound

Keck Array, BICEP2 Collaborations: Phys. Rev. Lett. 116, 031302 (2016),  
Planck Collaborations. Phys. Rev. Lett. 114, 101301 (2015)

$$\Delta\phi = \delta\mathcal{N} \left| \frac{\sqrt{2\epsilon}}{\tau(\phi)^{\frac{1}{4}}} \right| \left[ 1 + \delta\mathcal{N} \left( 2\epsilon - \eta + \frac{\alpha}{2} \right) \right] \quad \tau = \frac{M(\phi)\Lambda^4}{f} \sin\left(\frac{\phi}{f}\right) \gg 1.$$

# Inflation: Simple example

- Simple Example

$$M(\phi) = \frac{1}{s^3}$$

- Spectral index

$$n_s^I \simeq 1 - \frac{3}{\mathcal{A}} \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\phi}{f}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\left(1 - \cos\left(\frac{\phi}{f}\right)\right)^2} + \frac{3}{2\mathcal{A}} \frac{\sqrt{\cos\left(\frac{\phi}{f}\right) \cot\left(\frac{\phi}{f}\right)}}{\left(1 - \cos\left(\frac{\phi}{f}\right)\right)}$$

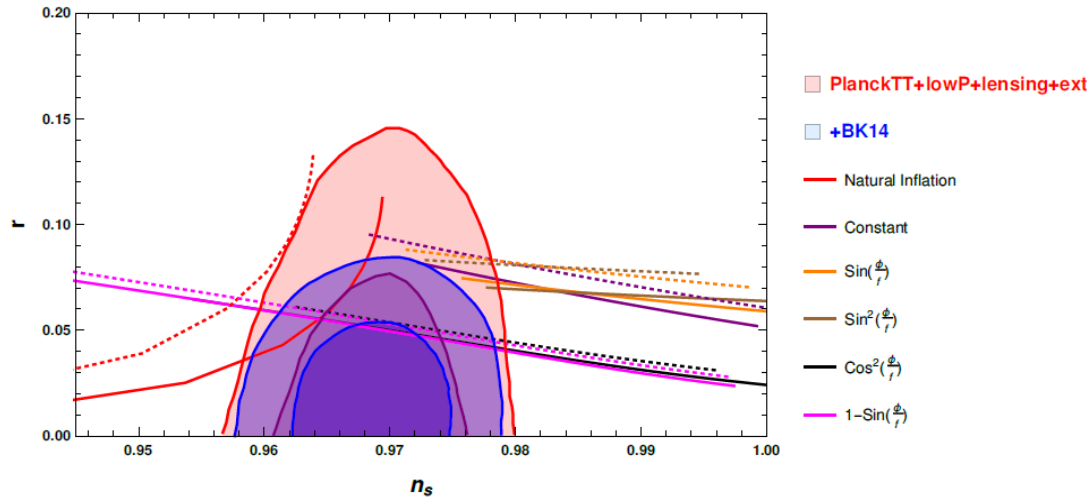
- E-folding Number

$$\mathcal{N}_I = -\mathcal{A} \left( 2\sqrt{\sin x} + \frac{\sqrt{2}\sqrt{1 + \sin x}}{\cos \frac{x}{2} + \sin \frac{x}{2}} \right. \\ \left. \times \text{EllipticF} \left[ \sin^{-1} \left( \cos \frac{x}{2} - \sin \frac{x}{2} \right), \frac{1}{2} \right] \right) \Big|_{x_1}^{x_2}$$

Where  $x = \phi/f$  and

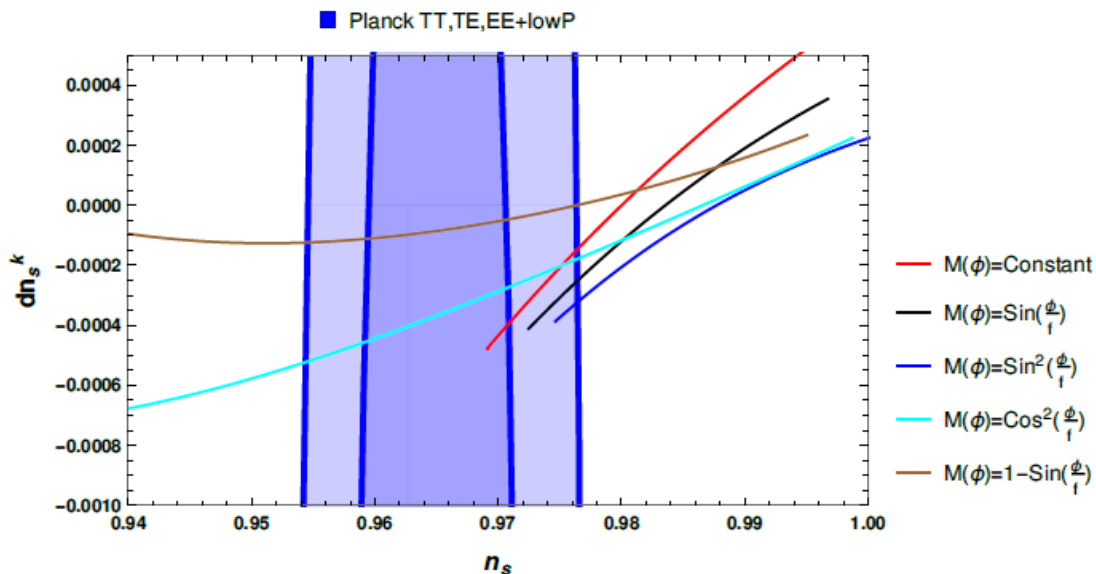
$$\mathcal{A} = \sqrt{\tau_0} (f/M_p)^2$$

# Planck and G-axion: ( $n_s$ vs $r$ ) and ( $dn_s^k$ vs $n_s$ )



$$P_{\mathcal{R}} = \frac{A\sqrt{6}}{32\pi^2} \left(\frac{\Lambda}{M_p}\right)^4 \frac{(1 - \cos \tilde{\phi}_1)^3 \sqrt{s^3 M(\tilde{\phi}_1)}}{\sin^{\frac{3}{2}} \tilde{\phi}_1} \simeq 2.4 \times 10^{-9}$$

$$\frac{s^3}{f^3} = \frac{1}{A^2} \frac{\Lambda^4}{M_p^4}$$



Sample values:

$$A = 40 \sim 300$$

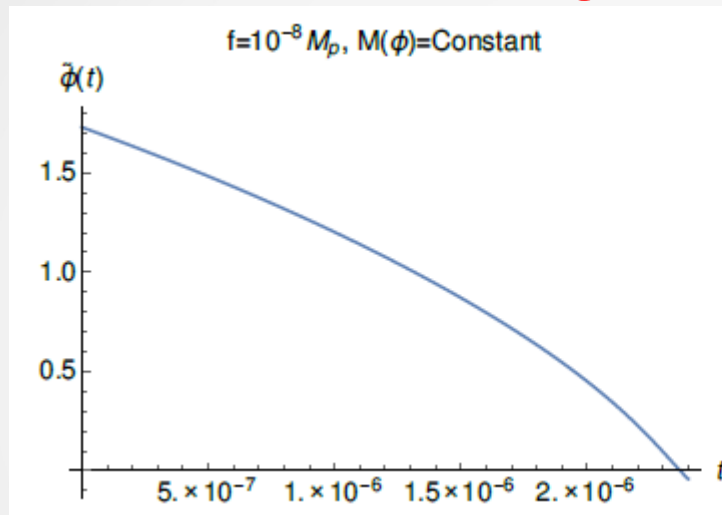
$$\Lambda \simeq 10^{-3} M_p ; \quad \delta\varphi < 10^{-1} M_p$$

$$f \simeq 10^{-2} M_p ; \quad s \simeq 10^{-5} M_p$$

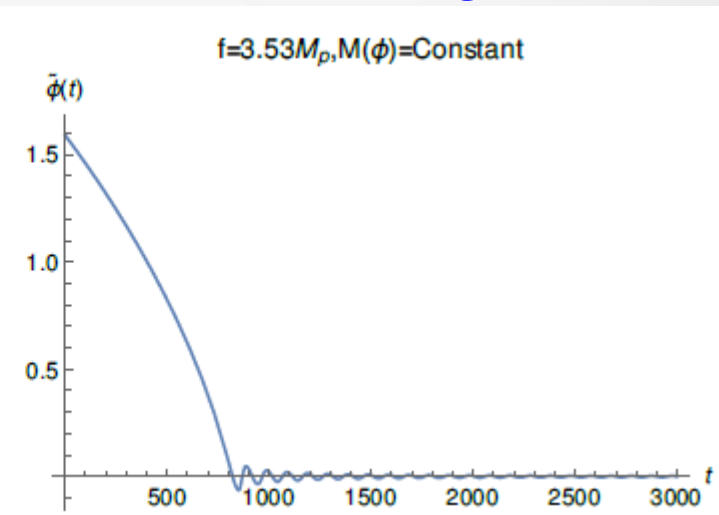
Not the end of the story!!

# Time evolution: End of inflation

No-oscillating



Oscillating



For each model, there exists a critical value of "f"

Summary of the scalar-field dynamics			
$M(\phi)$	$\mathcal{A}$	$f_c/M_p$	$\Delta\phi_c(=f_c(\phi_1 - \phi_2))$
Constant	76	3.24	4.85158
	94	3.53	4.86092
$\text{Sin}(\phi/f)$	92	0.94	1.29096
	110	0.99	1.27242

# Pre-heating

- Oscillating G-axion: Usual reheating scenario, parametric resonance
- Non-oscillating G-axion: We need to find out more efficient mechanism to transfer energy (Instant preheating?) G. Felder, L. Kofman, A.

Linde, Phys. Rev. D 59 (1999) 123523,

No shift symmetric coupling

$$\mathcal{L}_{int} = -\frac{1}{2}g^2\phi^2\chi^2 - h\bar{\psi}\psi\chi$$



$$\rho_r \sim 4 \times 10^{-15} g^2 M_p^4$$

adiabaticity violation

$$|m_\chi| \gtrsim m_\chi^2$$

Shift symmetric coupling

$$\mathcal{L}_{int} = -\frac{1}{2}M^2 \sin^2\left(\frac{\phi}{f}\right)\chi^2 - h\bar{\psi}\psi\chi$$



$$\rho_\chi = 4 \times 10^{-21} \frac{M_b}{f_b} M_p^4$$

Not too efficient

# Conclusions

- Usual axion inflation (super-Planckian!)  $f > M_p$
- We propose higher derivative extension (G-axion)
- Predictions are at the right ball part
- No-oscillation is preferred for  $f < M_p$
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# Future Directions

- Constructing UV theory ( Brane model )
- Effect of more higher derivative terms (shift symmetric)
- New mechanism of reheating
- Full non-linear evolution of coupled system after inflation
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