

Spontaneous Leptogenesis in Continuum-Clockwork Axion Models

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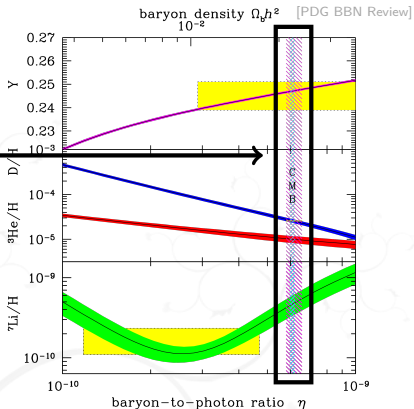
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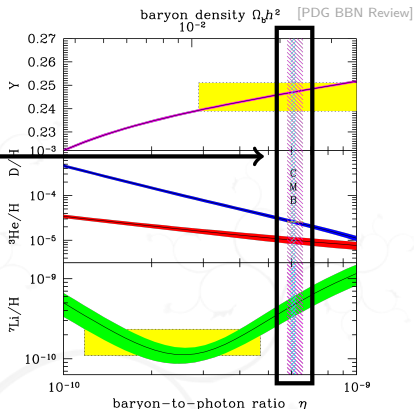
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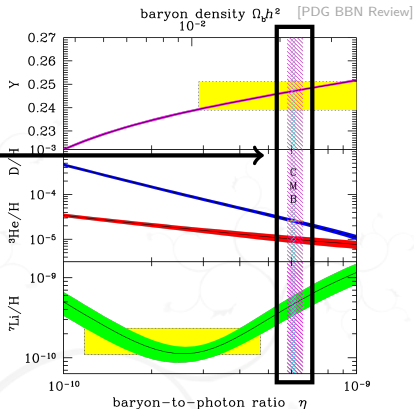
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effective **chemical potential**

$$\mu_{\text{eff}} \equiv \dot{\phi}/f$$

for lepton number density n_L

⇒ opportunity for **asymmetry generation even at equilibrium**

The $\mu_{\text{eff}} \neq 0$ **shifts equilibrium** n_L^{eq} value away from zero:

$$n_L^{\text{eq}} \propto \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \left[\frac{1}{e^{(p-\mu_{\text{eff}})/T} + 1} - \frac{1}{e^{(p+\mu_{\text{eff}})/T} + 1} \right] \approx \frac{1}{6} \mu_{\text{eff}} T^2$$

when L -violation occurs sufficiently fast $\Gamma_L \gg H$ but in general

$$\dot{n}_L + 3Hn_L = -\Gamma_L (n_L^{\text{eq}} - n_L)$$

\Rightarrow need to specify a **source of L -violation**:

Assume Weinberg operators, with heavy $M_* \sim \Lambda_{\text{GUT}} \gg T$ right-handed neutrinos:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} \supset -\frac{(LH)^2}{2M_*},$$

then the rate is fixed by experiment:

$$\Gamma_L = 4n_\ell^{\text{eq}} \langle \sigma_L v \rangle \sim \mathcal{O}(10^8 \text{ GeV}) \left(\frac{T}{10^{13} \text{ GeV}} \right)^3.$$

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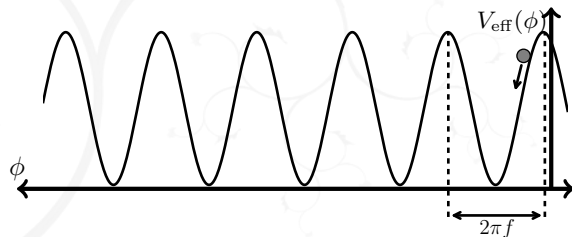
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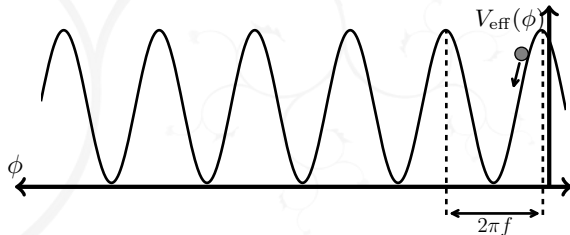
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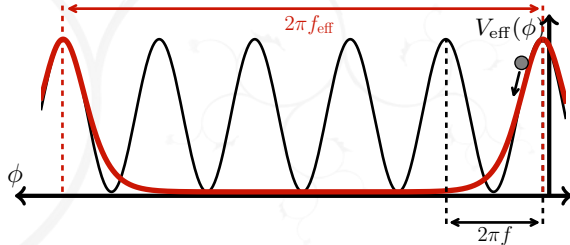
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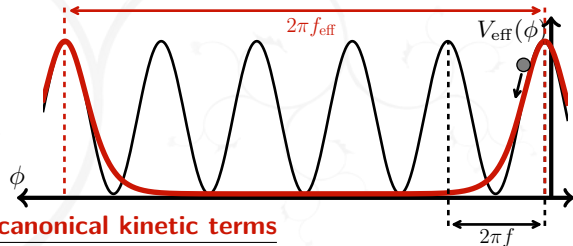
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how?: this can appear via **non-canonical kinetic terms**



Non-Canonical Kinetic Term

- As a toy model, consider a periodic scalar field $\theta(x)$ with non-trivial wavefunction renormalization $Z(\theta)$:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} &= -\frac{Z(\theta)}{2} f^2 (\partial_\mu \theta)^2 - \Lambda^4 (1 - \cos \theta) + \frac{\theta}{8\pi^2} [F\tilde{F}]_{\text{SM}} \\ &\equiv -\frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \phi)^2 - V_{\text{eff}}(\phi),\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

so that $\phi/f \equiv \int \sqrt{Z(\theta)} d\theta$ is canonically normalized.

- The effective potential $V_{\text{eff}}(\phi)$ has the desired properties if $Z(\theta) \gg 1$ towards the minimum ($\theta \rightarrow 0$), and $Z(\theta) \rightarrow 1$ at the edges

for example:

$$Z(\theta) = \frac{1}{1 + \epsilon - \cos \theta} \quad \text{for } \epsilon \ll 1$$

\Rightarrow suppresses mass $m_{\text{eff}}^2 = \frac{\Lambda^4}{f^2} \epsilon$ and enhances lifetime $\tau \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon^5}}$

physical origin for this scenario?: \rightarrow **continuum-clockwork models!**

discrete clockwork mechanism: [Choi et al. '14] [Kaplan, Rattazzi '15] [Choi, Im '15]

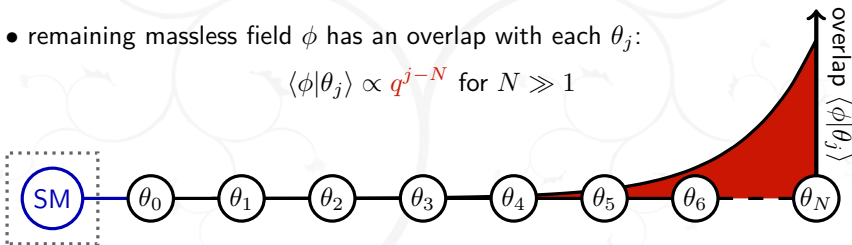
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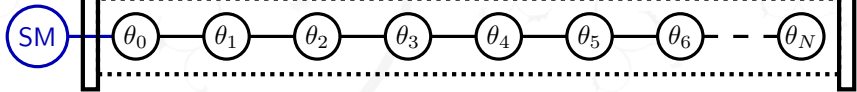
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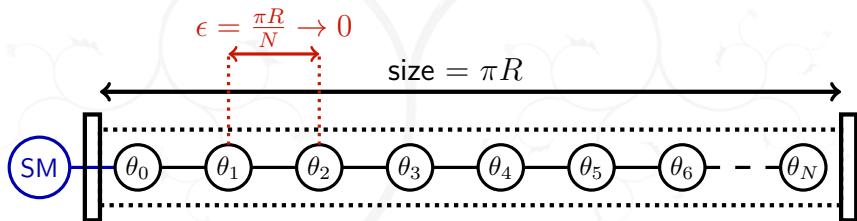


any couplings $q^{-N} \phi \mathcal{O}_{\text{SM}}$ exponentially suppressed



consider $N \rightarrow \infty$ **continuum limit:**

identify $y \equiv j\epsilon$ with **extra spatial coordinate**



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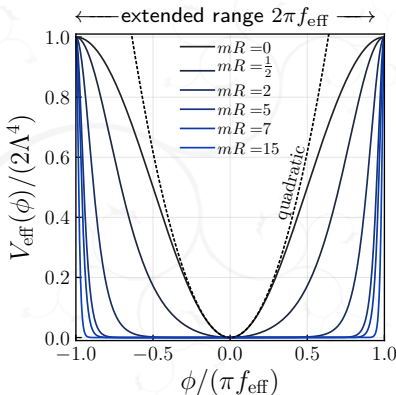
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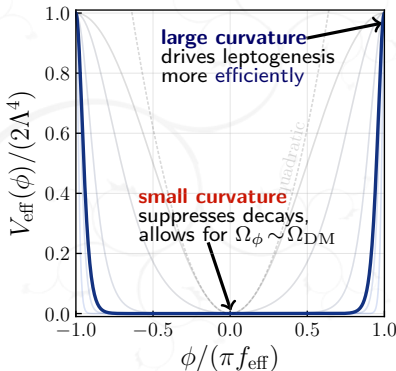
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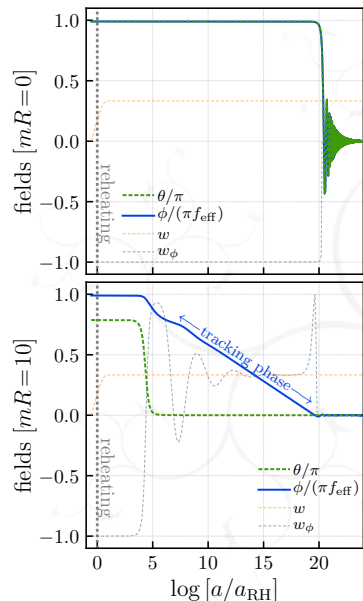
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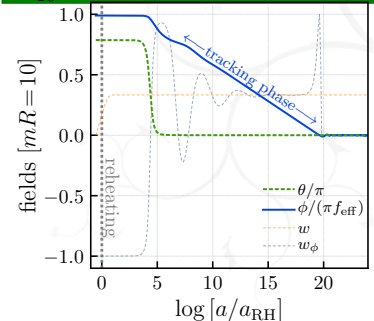
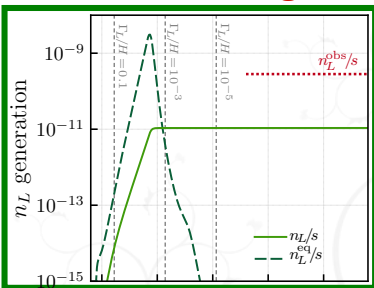
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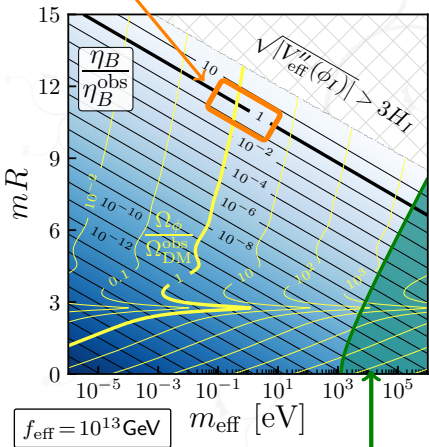
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Viable Regions from Numerical Simulations

the **baryon asymmetry** η_B and **axion abundance** Ω_ϕ can be achieved simultaneously in observed amounts:



- **decays suppressed** not only by small effective mass $m_{\text{eff}} = \Lambda^2 e^{-\pi m R} / f$, but also by suppressed couplings

$$\Gamma_\phi \sim \frac{m_{\text{eff}}^3}{f^2} e^{-\pi m R}$$

- **abundance at large mR** only weakly depends on clockwork factor $e^{\pi m R}$:

$$\frac{\Omega_\phi}{\Omega_{\text{DM}}^{\text{obs}}} \approx \left[\frac{f_{\text{eff}} / \log(4e^{\pi m R})}{10^{12} \text{ GeV}} \right]^2 \sqrt{\frac{m_{\text{eff}}}{3.7 \text{ meV}}}$$

- and **insensitive** to initial field

constraints from **isocurvature**?
 at first glance, presents a *major concern* for this type of scenario

Isocurvature Perturbations

The axion is subject to de-Sitter quantum fluctuations during inflation

$$\delta\phi = \frac{H_I}{2\pi}$$

In our model, ultimately manifested in isocurvature mode two ways:

① axion-photon isocurvature

$$S_{\phi\gamma} \equiv \frac{\delta\phi}{1+w_\phi} - \frac{3}{4}\delta\gamma$$

② baryon-photon isocurvature

$$S_{B\gamma} \equiv \frac{\delta n_B}{n_B} - \frac{3}{4}\delta\gamma$$

both show significant departures from standard ($mR = 0$) case

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- When ϕ is slowly rolling most of baryon number density n_B is produced:

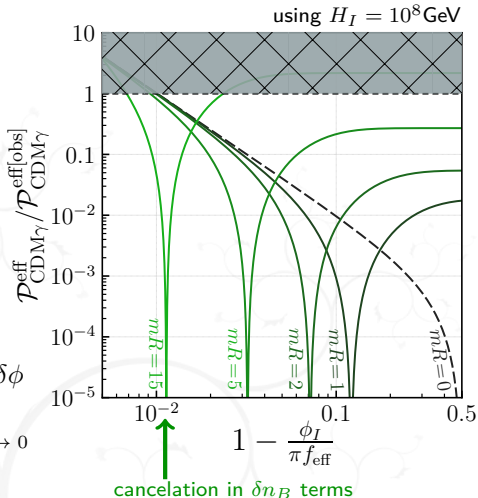
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⇒ perturbation at the end of slow roll:

$$\frac{\delta n_B}{n_B} \approx \left\{ 2 \frac{V''_{\text{eff}}(\phi)}{V'_{\text{eff}}(\phi)} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{V'_{\text{eff}}(\phi)}{V_{\text{eff}}(\phi)} \left[\frac{1 - \frac{V_{\text{eff}}}{\Lambda^4}}{1 - \frac{V_{\text{eff}}}{2\Lambda^4}} \right] \right\} \delta\phi$$

inflection points/cancellations in terms can drive $\rightarrow 0$

- Numerical simulations show **additional suppression** by up to $\mathcal{O}(10)$ factor



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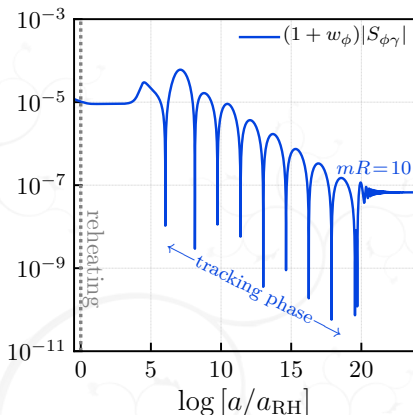
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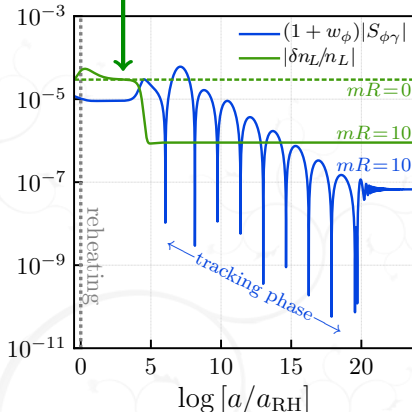
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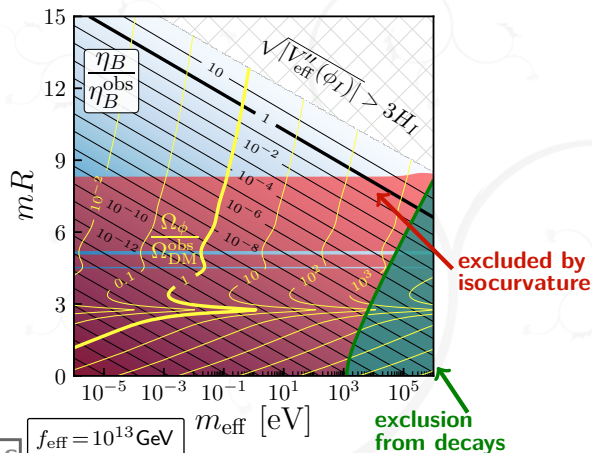
axion tracking dynamics lead generically to a **suppression** of the axion $S_{\phi\gamma}$ and baryon $S_{B\gamma}$ isocurvature modes

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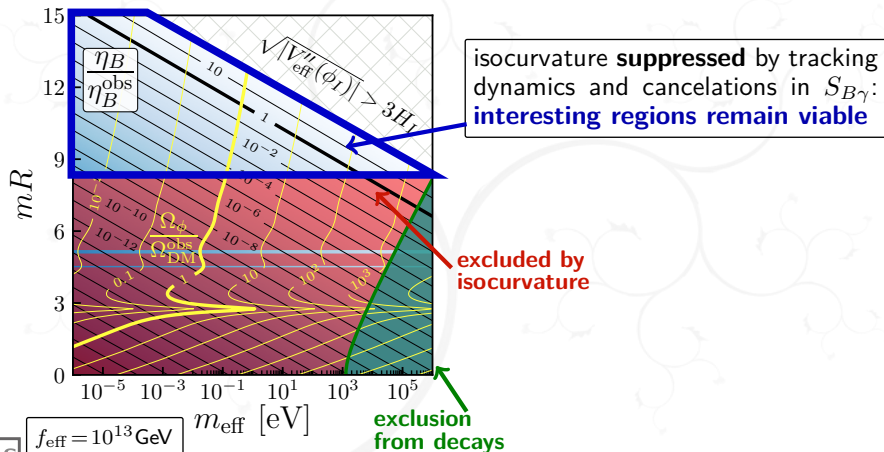


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TAKE-AWAY MESSAGE:

Taking advantage of deformations in the effective potential of **continuum-clockwork axion**, we can produce appropriate **matter-antimatter asymmetry** via spontaneous leptogenesis, with axion serving as **dark matter** candidate with proper abundance

- axion exhibits **“tracking behavior”** — driven towards radiation-like equation of state prior to coherent oscillations
- **suppression of isocurvature** and more efficient asymmetry production due to these dynamics
- we have provided an example, but *in general this can arise from models with non-canonical kinetic terms*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!



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A Brief Review for Context

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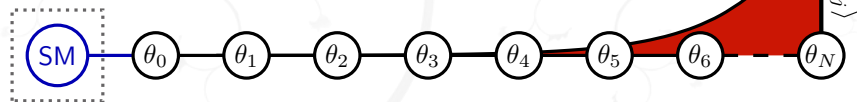
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that **localizes** ϕ toward end of θ_j -chain with “strength” set by q

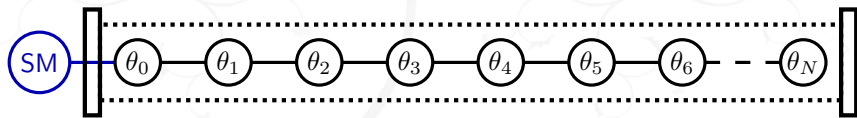
As a result, couplings to other operators $g\theta_j\mathcal{O}$ give **hierarchically different** contributions to massless mode $\sim gq^{j-N}\phi\mathcal{O}$



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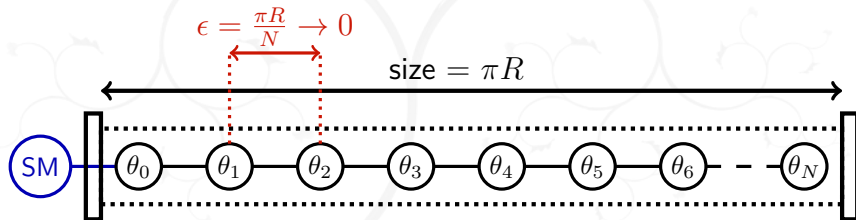


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consider $N \rightarrow \infty$ **continuum limit**:

identify $y \equiv j\epsilon$ with **extra spatial coordinate**



The Continuum-Clockwork Axion [Giudice et al. '16] [Craig et al. '17] [Choi et al. '17]

Taking the number of clockwork fields $N \rightarrow \infty$ we can construct a **continuum limit**:

$$\mathcal{S} = -\frac{f_5^3}{2} \int d^5x \left[(\partial_\mu \theta)^2 + (\partial_y \theta - m \sin \theta)^2 \right]$$

with y interpreted as coordinate of an S^1/\mathbb{Z}_2 flat **extra dimension** of size πR , and $\theta = \theta(x, y)$ is now a bulk angular field with periodicity $\theta \rightarrow \theta + 2\pi$

- The **bulk/boundary masses above** furnish a **massless 4D axion** $\phi(x)$:

$$\tan \left[\frac{\theta(x, y)}{2} \right] = e^{my} u[\phi(x)]$$

where

$$u[\phi(x)] = ie^{-\pi m R} \operatorname{sn} \left[\frac{\phi(x)}{2if} \middle| e^{-2\pi m R} \right]$$

Jacobi elliptic function

$$f \equiv \sqrt{\frac{f_5^3}{2m} (1 - e^{-2\pi m R})}$$

- A mode expansion for $\delta\theta \equiv \theta - \langle \theta \rangle$

$$\delta\theta(x, y) = f_0(y) \delta\phi(x) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_n(y) \delta\phi_n(x)$$

shows **localization** of the massless mode $\delta\phi$ is **retained**:

$$f_0(y) \propto \operatorname{sech} [m(y - y_0)]$$

$$y_0 \equiv -\log [\langle u(\phi) \rangle]$$

localization dependent on 4D axion VEV $\langle \phi \rangle$

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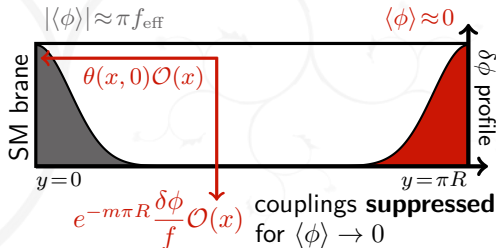
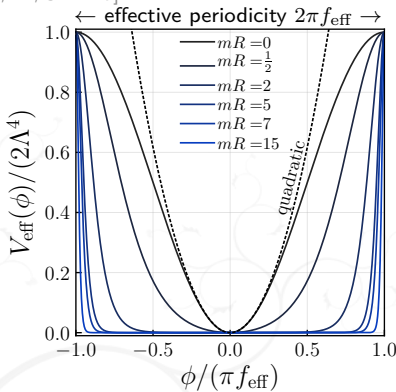
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$$V_{\text{eff}}(\phi) = \Lambda^4 \{1 - \cos[\theta(x, 0)]\}$$

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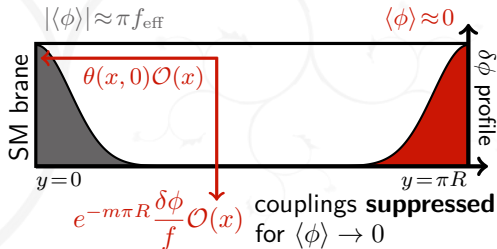
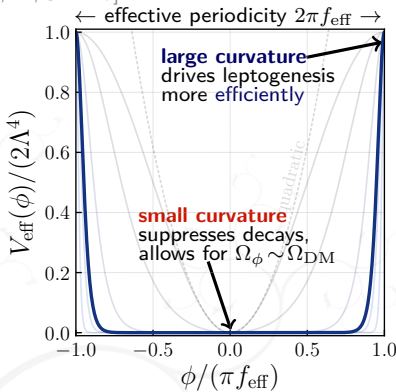
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Summary of the Model

The effective four-dimensional model then appears as

$$S_{\text{eff}} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[-\frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi - V_{\text{eff}}(\phi) - \mu_{\text{eff}} n_L + \dots \right]$$

The leptons couple to $\theta \equiv \theta(x, 0)$:

$$\mu_{\text{eff}} \equiv \dot{\theta} = \frac{\frac{\text{sgn}\{\phi\}}{2\Lambda^4} V'_{\text{eff}}(\phi)}{\sqrt{\left(1 - \frac{V_{\text{eff}}}{2\Lambda^4}\right) \frac{V_{\text{eff}}}{2\Lambda^4}}} \dot{\phi}$$

$\Rightarrow n_L^{\text{eq}} \propto \mu_{\text{eff}}$ **non-linear function of both $\{\phi, \dot{\phi}\}$** which **significantly** alters dynamics from the standard scenario:

$$\frac{d(n_L/s)}{d \log T} = \frac{T}{T_L} \left(\frac{n_L}{s} - \frac{n_L^{\text{eq}}}{s} \right)$$

$T_L \approx 1.73 \cdot 10^{13} \text{ GeV}$

To model during/after reheating:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\rho}_\varphi + 3H\rho_\varphi &= -\Gamma_\varphi \rho_\varphi && \text{inflaton} \\ \dot{\rho}_R + 4H\rho_R &= +\Gamma_\varphi \rho_\varphi + \Gamma_\phi \rho_\phi && \text{radiation} \end{aligned}$$

and the axion evolution goes as

$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{\phi} + (3H + \Gamma_\phi) \dot{\phi} + \frac{\partial V_{\text{eff}}}{\partial \phi} &= \underbrace{\frac{\partial \mu_{\text{eff}}}{\partial \dot{\phi}} \Gamma_L (n_L - n_L^{\text{eq}})}_{\text{backreaction usually negligible}} \end{aligned}$$