

# Phenomenological implication of Continuum Clockwork

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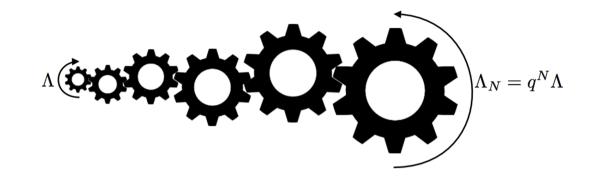
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## Outline

#### Idea of discrete clockwork

- Clockwork axion
- Clockwork photon



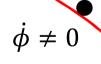
#### Continuum limit of clockwork

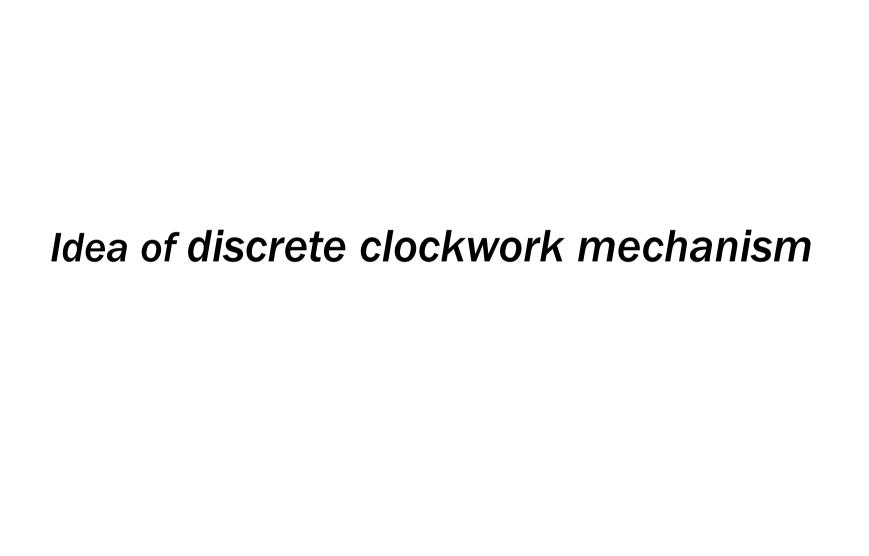
- Realization with 5d Geometry and Bulk/Boundary potentials

#### Phenomenological application

- Nontrivial wave-function renormalization
- Inflation, baryogenesis and dark matter via rolling Continuum CW ALPs

#### **Conclusions**





### KNP mechanism [Kim, Nilles, Peloso 04]

Proposal to obtain a trans-Planckian field excursion in the context of natural inflation

$$\frac{f^2}{2}(\partial_{\mu}\theta)^2 + \Lambda^4 \cos\theta \quad : a = \theta f \in [0, 2\pi f]$$

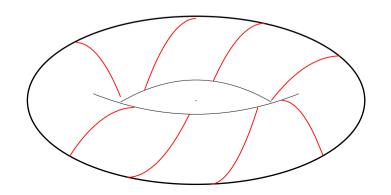
Introducing two axions with  $(\Lambda_H \gg \Lambda)$ 

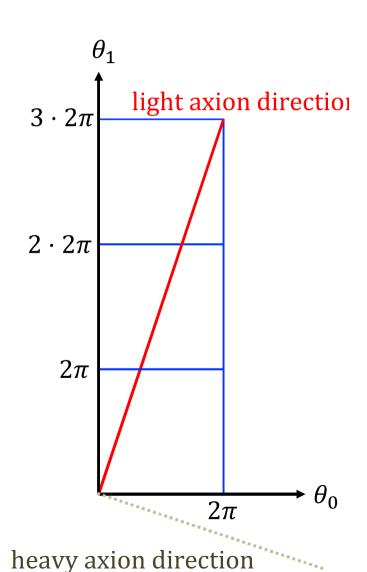
$$\frac{f^2}{2} \left( \left( \partial_{\mu} \theta_0 \right)^2 + \left( \partial_{\mu} \theta_1 \right)^2 \right) + \Lambda_H^4 \cos(3\theta_0 - \theta_1) + \Lambda^4 \cos\theta_0$$

Integrating out a heavy mode:

$$\frac{f^2(1+1/9)}{2} \left(\partial_{\mu}\theta_1\right)^2 + \Lambda^4 \cos\frac{\theta_1}{3}$$

: 
$$a = \sqrt{1 + 1/9} \,\theta_1 f \in [0, 3 \cdot 2\pi f \sqrt{1 + 1/9}]$$

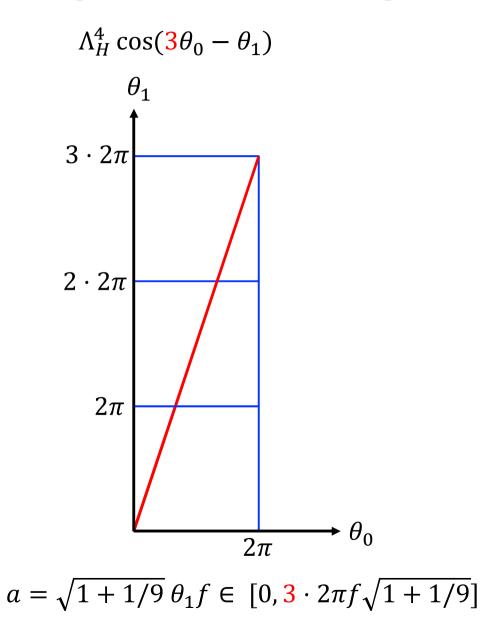


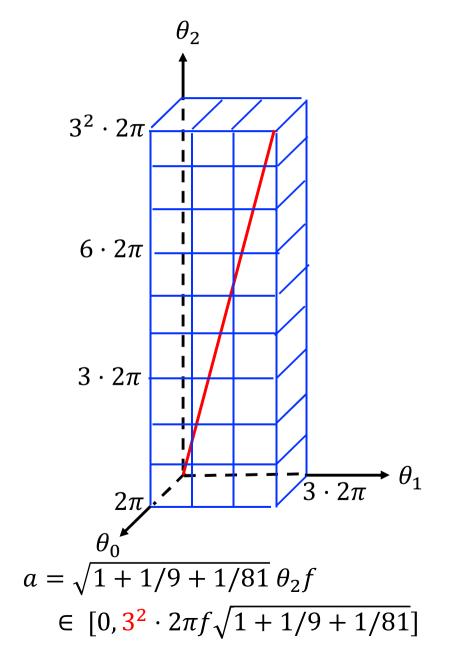


# Extending KNP mechanism

Adding one more axion: extending the axion period

$$\Lambda_H^4 \cos(3\theta_0 - \theta_1) + \Lambda_H^4 \cos(3\theta_1 - \theta_2)$$





### Clockwork axion

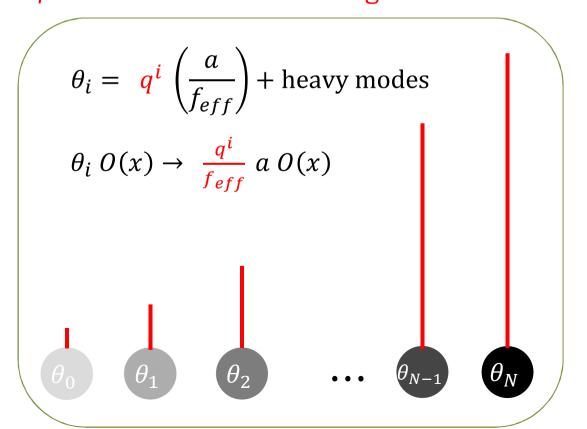
Considering N+1 axions with  $\sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \Lambda_H^4 \cos(3\theta_i - \theta_{i+1})$ 

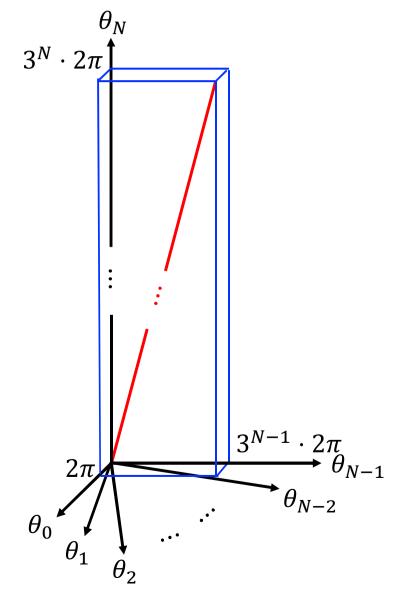
$$f_{eff} = q^N \ 2\pi f \sqrt{1 + q^{-2} + \cdots}$$

$$a = \sqrt{1 + 1/9 \cdots + 1/9^N} \,\theta_N f$$

$$\in [0, 3^N \cdot 2\pi f \sqrt{1 + 1/9 \cdots + 1/9^N}]$$

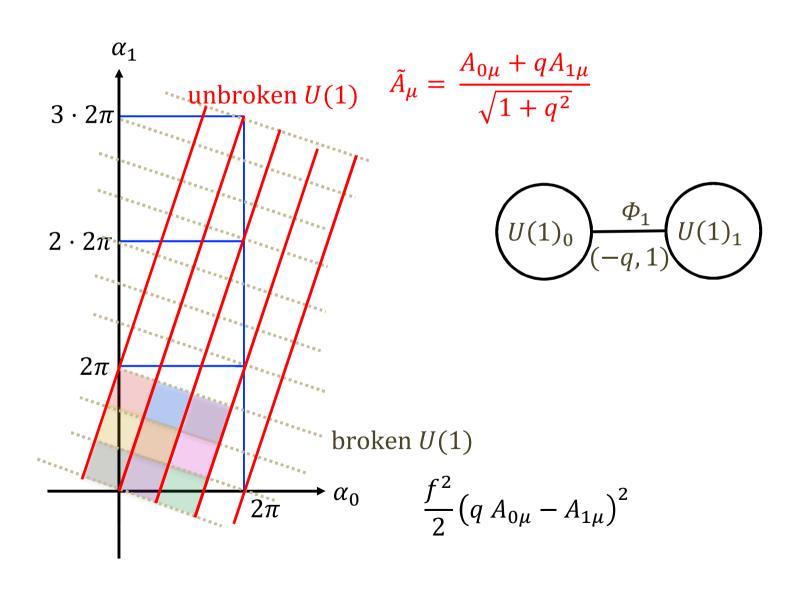
Exponential extending of the field excursion Exponential localization of the lightest mode at the last site



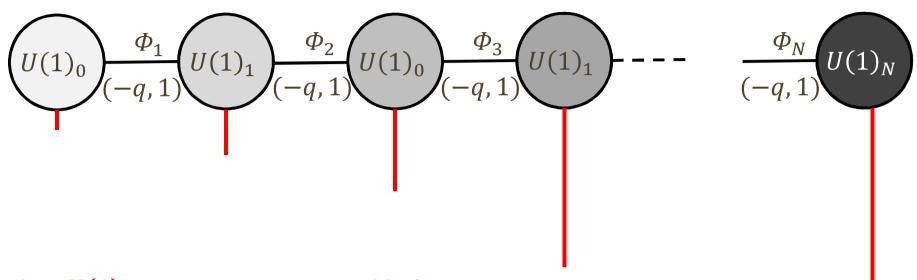


# Clockwork photon

Staring from gauged  $U(1)_0 \times U(1)_1$   $(A_{0\mu} \to A_{0\mu} + g^{-1}\partial_{\mu}\alpha_0$ ,  $A_{1\mu} \to A_{1\mu} + g^{-1}\partial_{\mu}\alpha_1)$  with a bilinear Higgs field:  $\Phi_1 \to \exp[i(q \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)]\Phi_1$   $(\langle \Phi_1 \rangle = f \neq 0)$ 



Clockwork U(1) can be constructed by introducing N+1 U(1) with N Higgs fields



Unbroken  $U(1)_{CW}$  gauge symmetry with  $A_{CW\mu}$ Exponentially small unit charge ( $\sim q^{-N+1}g \ll 1$ )

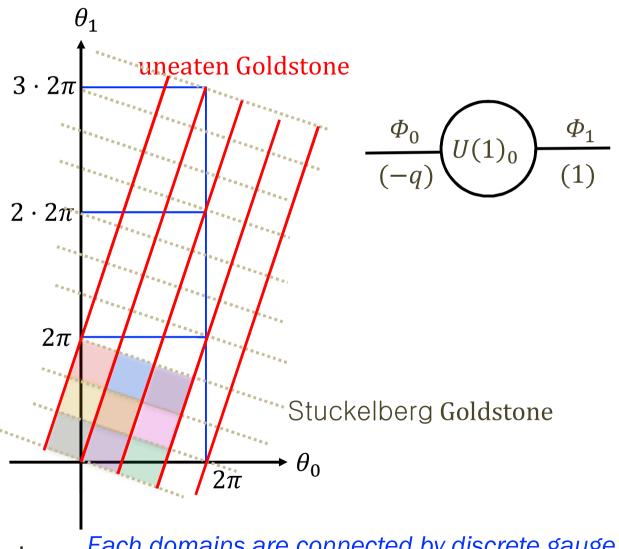
$$A_{i\mu} = \frac{q^i}{\sqrt{1 + q^2 + \cdots + q^{2N}}} A_{CW\mu} + \text{heavy modes}$$

$$g \ Q_i \ A_i^{\mu} J_{i\mu}(x) \to \frac{q^i g Q_i}{\sqrt{1 + q^2 + \cdots + q^{2N}}} A_{CW}^{\mu} J_{i\mu}(x)$$

### Clockwork Goldstone

[Feng, Shiu, Soler, Ye 14]

Two Goldstone boson  $(\theta_0, \theta_1)$ , one combination absorbed by the broken U(1) vector field





Each domains are connected by discrete gauge transformation

### Clockwork Goldstone

[Bonnefoy, Dudas, Pokorski 1804.01112]

Among N+1 Goldstones, N combinations are eaten by vector bosons for the broken U(1)s.

$$\frac{\phi_0}{(-q)} \underbrace{U(1)_0}_{(1,-q)} \underbrace{\phi_1}_{(1,-q)} \underbrace{U(1)_1}_{(1,-q)} \underbrace{U(1)_2}_{(1,-q)} - - - \underbrace{\frac{\phi_{N-1}}{(1,-q)}}_{(1,-q)} \underbrace{U(1)_{N-1}}_{(1)} \underbrace{\phi_N}_{(1)}$$

Uneaten Goldstone mode:

$$a = f \frac{\theta_0 + q \theta_1 \cdots + q^N \theta_N}{\sqrt{1 + q^2 + \cdots + q^{2N}}}$$

The Goldstone boson field period from

$$\theta_0 + q \, \theta_1 \cdots + q^N \theta_N \in [0, 2\pi]$$
 in a fundamental domain

is exponentially reduced as

$$a \in \left[0, 2\pi f / \sqrt{1 + q^2 + \dots + q^{2N}} \sim 2\pi f \ q^{-(N+1)}\right]$$

## Applications

#### For the CW zero mode

- \* Exponentially large (small) axion field period
- \* Exponentially small U(1) unit charge
- \* Couplings of the lightest mode to operators at two different sites are hierarchically different

#### Inflation, relaxion, QCD axion

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[Choi, Kim, Yun 14] [Higaki, Jeong, Kitajima, Takahashi 14,15,16]
[Choi, Im 15] [Farina, Pappadopulo, Rompineve, Tesi 16]
[Kaplan, Rattazzi 15]
[Kehagias, Riotto 17]
[Park, CSS 18]

Gravity [Giudice, McCullough 16]
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Neutrino mass [Giudice, McCullough 16]
[Hambye, Teresi, Tytgat 16]
[Park, CSS 17]
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Flavors, etc.

### **Continuum limit of CW**

# Up to quadratic order

CW mechanism up to quadratic order:

$$-\frac{1}{2}\sum_{i=0}^{N} (\partial_{\mu}\phi_{i})^{2} - \frac{1}{2}\sum_{i=0}^{N-1} M^{2}(\phi_{i+1} - q\phi_{i})^{2}$$

Extension to a continuum limit:  $\phi_i(x) \Rightarrow \Phi(x, y) \ (m\pi R \gg 1)$ 

$$-\frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{\pi R} dy \left[ \left( \partial_{\mu} \Phi \right)^{2} + \left( \partial_{y} \Phi - m \Phi \right)^{2} \right] \qquad m = \frac{q-1}{\epsilon} \Big|_{q \to 1, \epsilon \to 0}$$

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#### Physical interpretation:

Nontrivial 5D background geometry

$$-\frac{1}{2}\int_{0}^{\pi R}dy\sqrt{-G}G^{MN}\partial_{M}\Phi\partial_{N}\Phi$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi R} dy \sqrt{-G} G^{MN} \partial_M \Phi \partial_N \Phi \qquad ds^2 = e^{\frac{4}{3}my} (dx_\mu dx^\mu + dy^2)$$

$$\Phi \to e^{my} \Phi$$

Bulk and boundary mass terms in a flat 5D

[Giudice, McCullough 16]

$$-\frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\pi R} dy \left[ (\partial_M \Phi)^2 + m^2 \Phi^2 + 2m \Phi^2 (\delta(y) - \delta(y - \pi R)) \right]$$

# Continuum clockwork axion (1) Choi, Im, CSS 17]

Defining frame in 5D is important:

Nontrivial 5D background geometry  $\Theta \in [0, 2\pi]$ 

$$ds^2 = e^{\frac{4}{3}my}(dx_\mu dx^\mu + dy^2)$$

$$\int_{0}^{\pi R} dy \sqrt{-G} \left( -\frac{f^{3}}{2} G^{MN} \partial_{M} \Theta \partial_{N} \Theta \right) + \delta(y - y_{*}) \left( \frac{\Theta}{8\pi^{2}} G \tilde{G} + e^{i\Theta} \sqrt{-G}_{4} O(x) \right)$$

Flat zero mode profile along the 5<sup>th</sup> dim in the 5D field basis

$$\Theta(x,y) = \theta_{CW}(x) + e^{-my} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} KK \text{ modes}$$

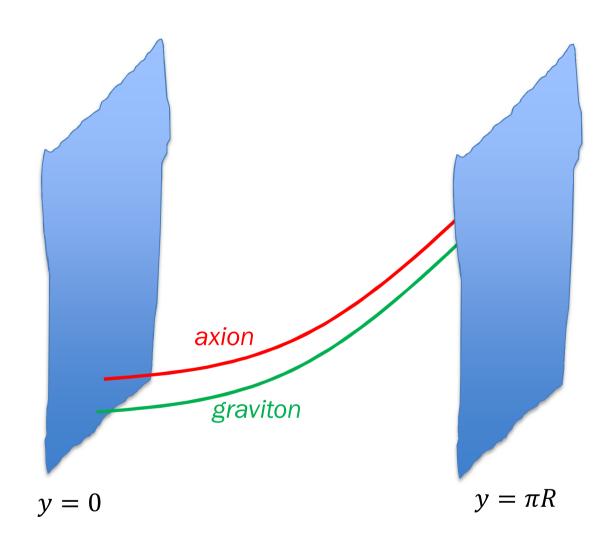
Integrating out KK modes  $(\theta_{CW}(x) \equiv \Theta(x, y_*))$ 

$$\frac{f^3}{4m} \left(e^{2m\pi R} - 1\right) \left(\partial_{\mu}\theta_{CW}\right)^2 + \frac{\theta_{CW}}{8\pi^2} G\tilde{G} + e^{i\theta_{CW}} \tilde{O}(x)$$

- Axion decay constant :  $f_{eff} \simeq \frac{e^{m\pi R}}{\sqrt{2m\pi R}} \sqrt{f^3\pi R} \gg \sqrt{f^3\pi R}$ However,  $M_{Pl} \simeq \frac{e^{m\pi R}}{\sqrt{2m\pi R}} \sqrt{M_5^3 \pi R} \gg \sqrt{M_5^3 \pi R}$
- No hierarchically different couplings between different branes

$$\left(\frac{f_{eff}}{M_{Pl}}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{f}{M_5}\right)^3$$

## Continuum clockwork axion (1)



$$L_5 = \int_0^{\pi R} dy \, \sqrt{G_5} \simeq \frac{1}{m} e^{2m\pi R/3} \gg \pi R$$
 Warped large volume

# Continuum clockwork axion (2)

Defining frame in 5D is important:

Bulk and boundary mass terms  $\Theta \in [0, 2\pi]$  with a periodic  $V(x) = V(x + 2\pi)$ 

$$\int_0^{\pi R} dy - \frac{f^3}{2} \left( \left( \partial_{\mu} \Theta \right)^2 + \left( \partial_{y} \Theta - m V(\Theta) \right)^2 \right) + \delta(y - y_*) \left( \frac{\Theta}{8\pi^2} G \tilde{G} + e^{i\Theta} O(x) \right)$$

$$Ex) V(x) = \sin x = x + O(x^3)$$

Localized zero in the 5D field basis at different positions for different  $\langle \Theta \rangle$ 

e.g. at 
$$\langle \Theta \rangle = 0$$
,  $\partial_y \delta \Theta - m \delta \Theta$  (localized at  $y = \pi R$ ) at  $\langle \Theta \rangle = \pi$ ,  $\partial_y \delta \Theta + m \delta \Theta$  (localized at  $y = 0$ )

Integrating out KK modes  $(\theta_{CW}(x) \equiv \theta(x, y_*))$ 

$$\frac{f^2}{2} Z(\theta_{CW}, y_*) (\partial_{\mu} \theta_{CW})^2 + \frac{\theta_{CW}}{8\pi^2} G\tilde{G} + e^{i\theta_{CW}} \tilde{O}(x)$$

- Axion decay constant :  $f_{eff} \simeq (\sqrt{mR}) \sqrt{f^3 \pi R}$  . No exponentially large
- Hierarchically different couplings depending on the axion expectation value

# Continuum clockwork axion (2)

$$Z(\theta_{CW}, y_*) =$$

$$2(f/m) \tanh m\pi R$$

$$\left(1 + \frac{\cosh(m\pi R - 2my_*)}{\cosh m\pi R}\right) - 2\left(\sinh\frac{(m\pi R - 2my_*)}{\cosh m\pi R}\right)\cos\theta_{CW} - \left(1 - \frac{\cosh(m\pi R - 2my_*)}{\cosh m\pi R}\right)\cos^2\theta_{CW}$$

Nontrivial wave-function renormalization

For 
$$m \to 0$$
 
$$Z(\theta_{CW}, y_*) \to f\pi R$$
 
$$For m\pi R \gg 1 \text{ (at } y_* = 0)$$
 
$$Z(\theta_{CW}, y_*) \to \frac{f}{m(1 + 2 e^{-2m\pi R} - \cos \theta_{CW})}$$
 
$$\sim \frac{f^3}{2m} \exp(2m\pi R) \text{ at } \theta_{CW} = 0$$
 
$$For m\pi R \gg 1 \text{ (at } y_* = \pi R)$$
 
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# Continuum clockwork photon (1)

In nontrivial 5D background U(1):  $A_M \to A_M + \partial_M \alpha \quad \alpha(x, y) \in [0, 2\pi]$ 

$$\int_{0}^{\pi R} dy \sqrt{-G} \left( -\frac{1}{4g_{5}^{2}} G^{MN} G^{PQ} F_{MP} F_{NQ} \right) + \delta(y - y_{*}) \left( \sqrt{-G_{4}} i \bar{\psi} e_{a}^{\mu} \gamma^{a} (\partial_{\mu} - i A_{\mu}) \psi \right)$$

Flat zero mode in the 5D field basis  $A_{\mu}(x,y) = A_{CW\mu}(x) + e^{-my} \sum_{n=1} KK \text{ modes}$ 

Integrating out KK modes  $(A_{CW}(x) \equiv A(x, y_*))$ 

$$-\frac{3}{8g_5^2m}(e^{2m\pi R/3}-1)(F_{CW})_{\mu\nu}(F_{CW})^{\mu\nu}+\bar{\tilde{\psi}}i\gamma^{\mu}(\partial_{\mu}-iA_{CW\mu})\tilde{\psi}$$

- Gauge coupling :  $g_{eff} \simeq e^{-m\pi R/3} g_5 \sqrt{m} \ll g_5/\sqrt{\pi R}$ However, for charged fields at a boundary  $\frac{m_\psi}{M_5} < \frac{g_5}{\sqrt{R}}$ ,  $\frac{m_\psi}{M_{Pl}} \le \frac{M_5}{M_{Pl}} \sim e^{-m\pi R} \ll g_{eff}$
- No hierarchically different couplings for different branes

# Continuum clockwork photon (2)

For 5D gauge symmetry,

bulk and boundary mass terms from the Stuckelberg kinetic term  $(\theta(x,y) \rightarrow \theta + \alpha)$ 

$$\int_0^{\pi R} dy \left\{ -\frac{1}{4g^2} F_{MN}^2 - \frac{M^2}{2g^2} (\partial_M \theta - A_M)^2 \left( 1 + \frac{2c_1}{M} \left( \delta(y) - \delta(y - \pi R) \right) \right) \right\}$$

Integrating out KK modes,

$$-\frac{1}{4}(F_{CW})_{\mu\nu}^{2} - \frac{M^{2}}{2}(1-c_{1}^{2})(\partial_{\mu}\theta - A_{CW\mu})^{2} + \bar{\psi}i\,\gamma^{\mu}(\partial_{\mu} - i\,e^{-c_{1}\,M\,(\pi R - y_{*})}A_{CW\mu})\psi$$

For  $c_1^2=1$ : CW gauge symmetry realizes not as  $U(1)_{CW}$  but as  $\mathbb{R}_{CW}$  from 5D U(1)! Massless  $\phi\equiv M\sqrt{1-c_1^2}~\theta$  decoupled

• Is it really OK? Well.. if starting from the 5D Higgs  $H(x,y)=f^3\left(1+\frac{\rho(x,y)}{f}\right)e^{i\theta(x,y)}$ ,

$$\frac{M^2}{2} \left( \left( 1 - c_1^2 \right) + c_2 \frac{h(x)}{f} \right) \left( \partial_{\mu} \theta - A_{CW\mu} \right)^2$$

 $c_1^2 \rightarrow 1$ : strong coupling regime (breakdown of perturbative theory) strongly disfavor

## Continuum clockwork Goldstone

In nontrivial 5D background

[Choi. Im. CSS 17] [Choi 03] [Flacke, Gripaios, March-Russell, Maybury 06]

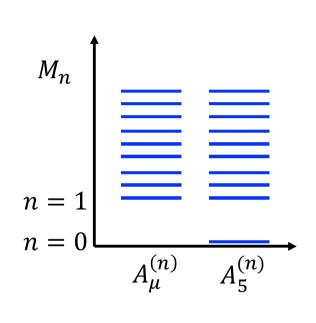
$$\int_{0}^{\pi R} dy \sqrt{-G} \left( -\frac{1}{4g_{5}^{2}} G^{MN} G^{PQ} F_{MP} F_{NQ} \right)$$

Opposite boundary condition  $A_{\mu}(y=0) = A_{\mu}(\pi R) = 0$ :

$$F_{\mu 5}^2 = \left(\partial_{\mu} A_5 - \partial_{y} A_{\mu}\right)^2$$

Except zero-mode, all modes becomes massive vector bosons

Integrating out KK modes,  $\left(\theta_{CW}(x) = \int_{0}^{\pi R} dy \, A_{5}\left(x,y\right)\right)$ 



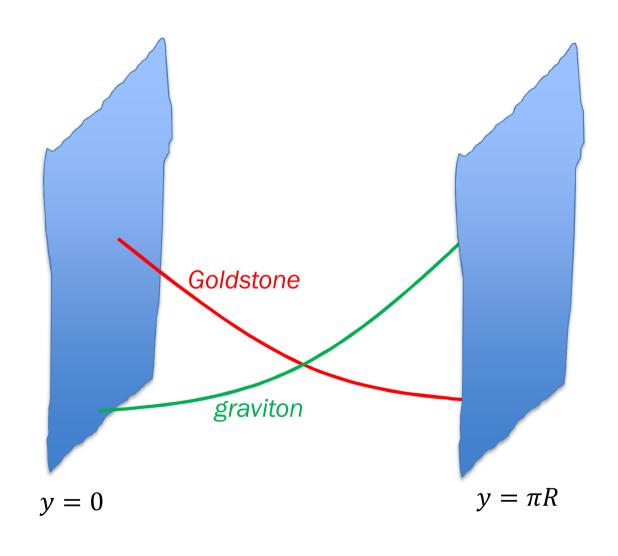
The zero mode kinetic term becomes

$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} = -\frac{m}{3g_5^2} \frac{\left(\partial_{\mu}\theta_{CW}\right)^2}{\left(1 - e^{-2m\pi R/3}\right)}$$

• Axion decay constant : 
$$f_{eff} \simeq \sqrt{\frac{m}{g_5^2}} \leq M_5$$
  $\left(\frac{f_{eff}}{M_{Pl}}\right) \sim e^{-m\pi R}$ 

Similar to the masses of low KK modes  $(f_{eff}/M_{KK}(n=1,2)) \sim 1/\sqrt{m\pi R}$ 

## Continuum clockwork Goldstone



# (Generalized) Linear Dilaton

The nontrivial 5D background

[Antoniadis, Arvanitaki, Dimopoulos, Giveon 11]

$$ds^2 = e^{\frac{4}{3}my}(dx_\mu dx^\mu + dy^2)$$

can be obtained from Linear Dilaton Model ( $\xi = 1, \Lambda_5, \Lambda_4 < 0$ )

$$\int_{0}^{\pi R} dy \sqrt{-G} \ e^{\xi S} \left( \frac{M_{5}^{3}}{2} R + \frac{M_{5}^{3}}{2} G^{MN} \partial_{M} S \partial_{N} S - \Lambda_{5} - \frac{\Lambda_{4}}{\sqrt{G_{55}}} (\delta(y) - \delta(y - \pi R)) \right)$$

In the Einstein frame,  $(c = \xi/\sqrt{4\xi^2 - 3})$ 

$$\int_{0}^{\pi R} dy \sqrt{-G} \left( \frac{M_{5}^{3}}{2} R - \frac{M_{5}^{3}}{2} G^{MN} \partial_{M} S \partial_{N} S - e^{-2cS/\sqrt{3}} \Lambda_{5} - \frac{e^{-cS/\sqrt{3}} \Lambda_{4}}{\sqrt{G_{55}}} (\delta(y) - \delta(y - \pi R)) \right)$$

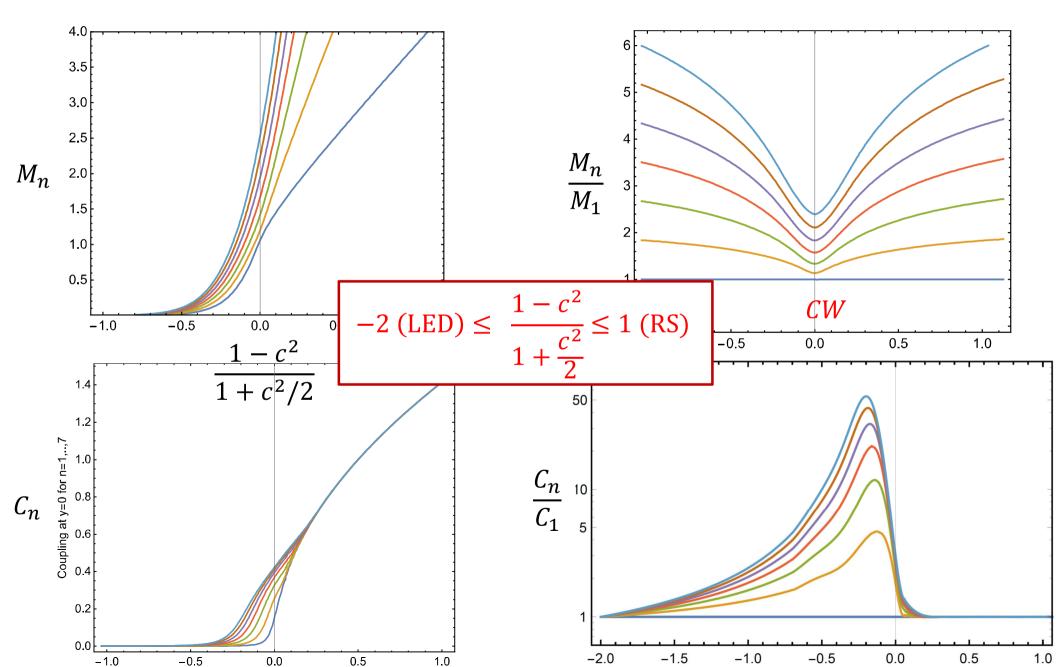
[Choi, Im, CSS 17]

For  $\xi \neq 1$  ( $c \neq 1$ ), more general metric realized  $ds^2 = e^{2k_1y} dx_\mu dx^\mu + e^{2c^2k_1y} dy^2$ 

$$k_1 = \sqrt{\frac{2\Lambda_5}{3(c^2 - 4)}}$$

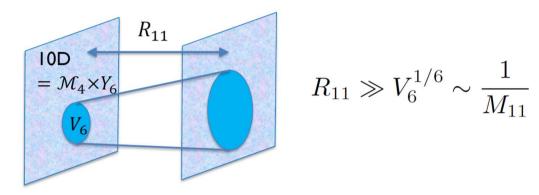
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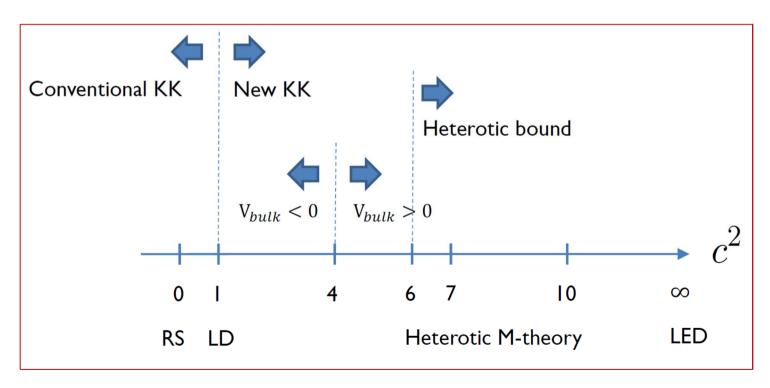
#### KK spectrum and couplings



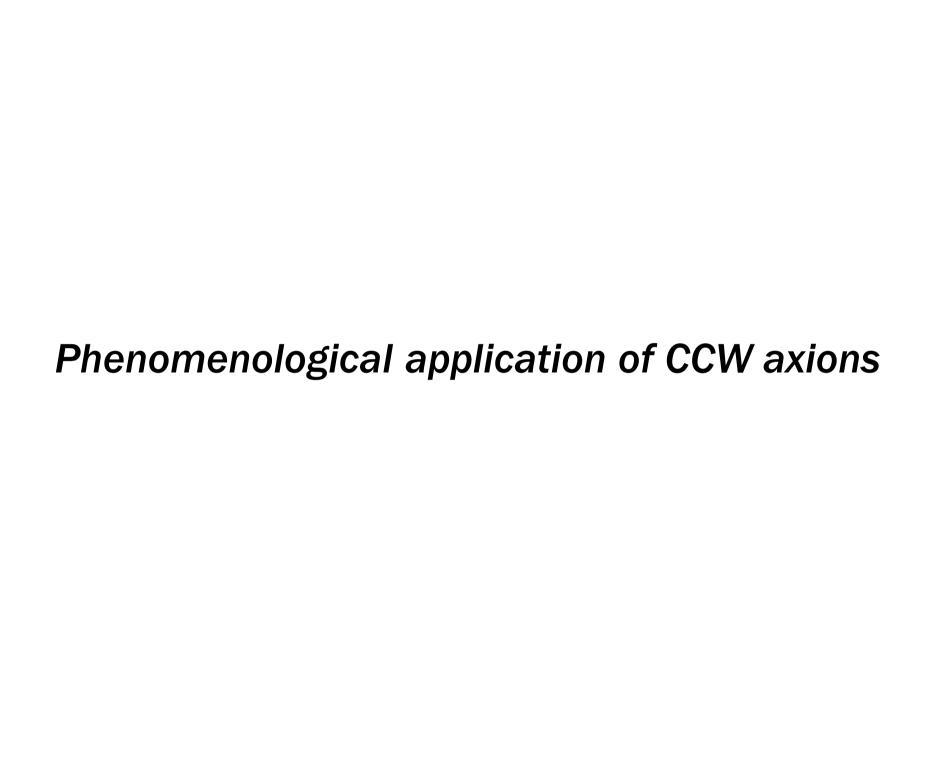
## (Generalized) Linear Dilaton

Can we realize  $c^2 > 1$ ? In heterotic M-theory  $c^2 \ge 6$  is obtained [Im, Nilles, Olechowski 1811.11838]





From Sang Hui's talk slides

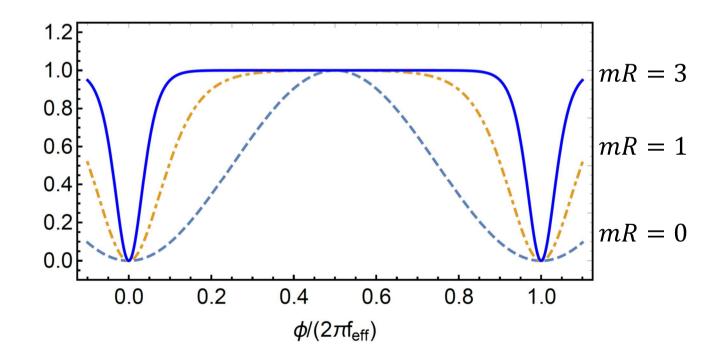


## Deform the axion potential

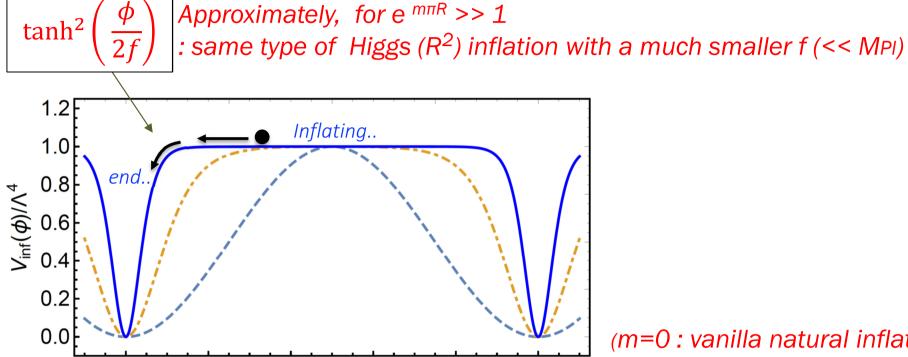
Nontrivial wave-function renormalization

$$-\frac{f^2}{2} Z(\theta_{CW}, y_*) (\partial_{\mu} \theta_{CW})^2 + \Lambda^4 \cos \theta_{CW} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_{\mu} \phi)^2 + \Lambda^4 \cos \theta_{CW} [\phi]$$

E.g. for 
$$y_* = \pi R$$
,  $Z(\theta_{CW} = 0, \pi R) \sim O(1)$ ,  $Z(\theta_{CW} = \pi, \pi R) \sim e^{2m\pi R} \gg 1$ 



The slope of the potential around the extremum is exponentially sensitive to  $m\pi R$ .



(m=0 : vanilla natural inflation)

Slow role parameters:  $\epsilon = \frac{M_{\rm Pl}^2}{2} \left(\frac{V'}{V}\right)^2, \ \eta = M_{\rm Pl}^2 \frac{V''}{V}$ 

 $\phi/(2\pi f_{eff})$ 

0.4

0.6

8.0

0.2

#### <u>Observables</u>

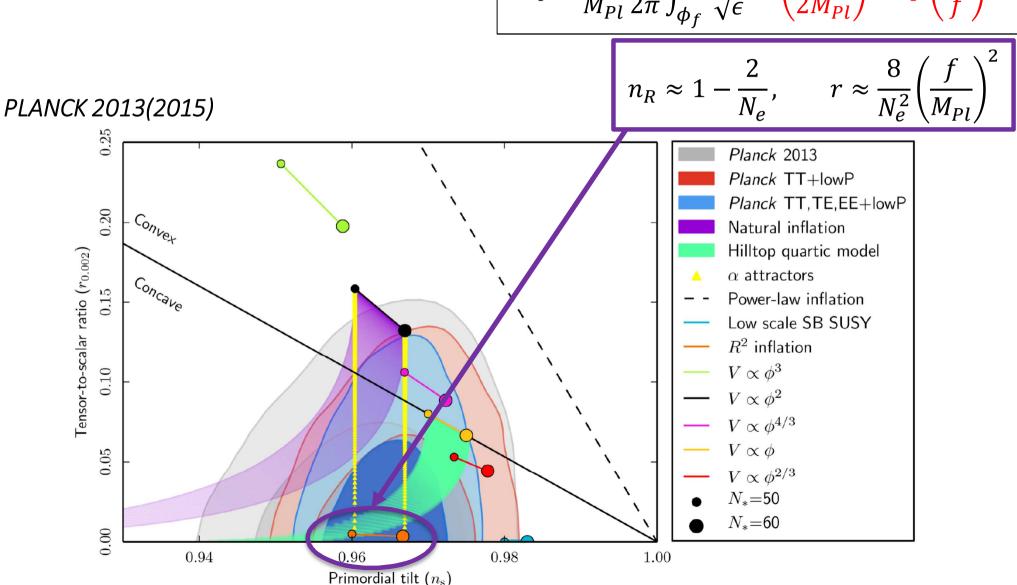
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Amplitude of the curvature perturbation:  $A_{\mathcal{R}}=rac{V}{24\pi^2M_{\mathrm{Pl}}^4\epsilon}$  , spectral tilt:  $n_{\mathcal{R}}=1-6\epsilon+2\eta$ tensor to scalar ratio:  $r=16\epsilon$ 

1.0

The slope of the potential around the extremum is exponentially sensitive to  $m\pi R$ .

$$N_e = \frac{1}{M_{Pl}} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\phi_f}^{\phi_i} \frac{d\phi}{\sqrt{\epsilon}} \approx \left(\frac{f}{2M_{Pl}}\right)^2 \exp\left(\frac{\phi_i}{f}\right)$$



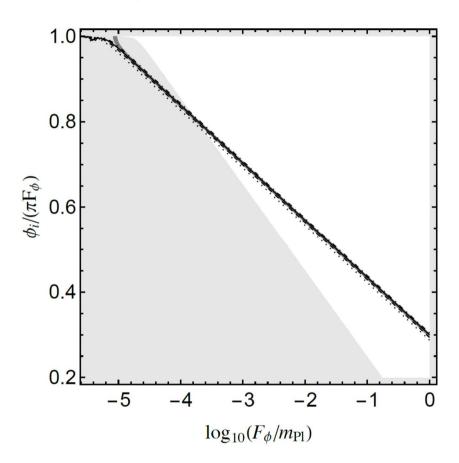
#### Natural Cliff Inflation [Gong, CSS 17]

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$$n_R \approx 1 - \frac{2}{N_e}, \qquad r \approx \frac{8}{N_e^2} \left(\frac{f}{M_{Pl}}\right)^2$$
 
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$$\frac{1}{N_e} = \frac{1}{N_e} \frac{1$$

Inflation with a sub-Planckian periodic potential can be achieved without tuning of initial

position of  $\phi_i$ .



$$N_e = \frac{1}{M_{Pl}} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\phi_f}^{\phi_i} \frac{d\phi}{\sqrt{\epsilon}} \approx \left(\frac{f}{2M_{Pl}}\right)^2 \exp\left(\frac{\phi_i}{f}\right)$$

$$n_R \approx 1 - \frac{2}{N_e}, \qquad r \approx \frac{8}{N_e^2} \left(\frac{f}{M_{Pl}}\right)^2$$

$$F_{\phi} = f_{\rm eff} \simeq 10 f_*$$

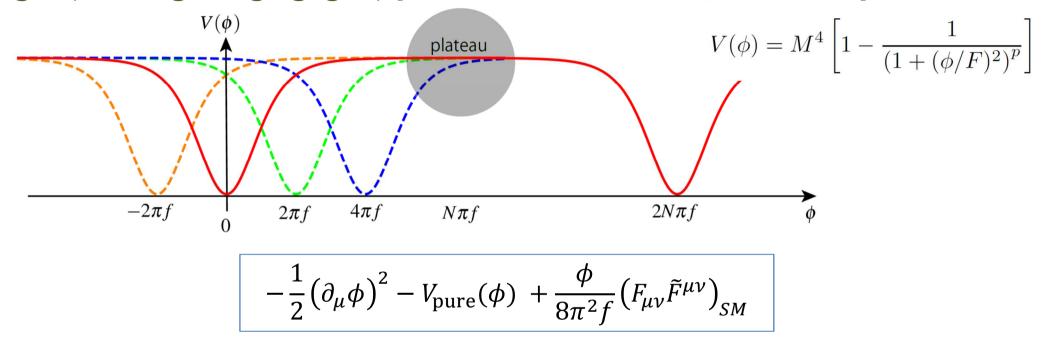
FIG. 2. The number of e-folds N and the specral index  $n_{\mathcal{R}}$  in the  $\log_{10}(F_{\phi}/m_{\rm Pl})$ - $\phi_i/(\pi F_{\phi})$  plane. We set N=40 (dotted), 50 (dashed), 60 (solid) and 70 (dot-dashed), and  $0.96 < n_{\mathcal{R}} < 0.97$  (dark shade). r < 0.07 is satisfied everywhere shown in this plot. The regime beyond the perturbative constraint  $\Lambda^4/(2f_5^3m) > 0.1$  (light shade) is also shown.

Reheating can be done by boundary interactions between the inflaton and the photons in the SM.

$$\int d^5x \sqrt{-g} \delta(y - y_b) c_{\gamma} \theta(x, y) F_{\mu\nu}(x) \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu}(x) \implies \delta \mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{c_{\gamma}}{f} e^{-m(\pi R - y_b)} \delta \phi F \tilde{F}$$

# Comparing with other deformed Natural Inf.

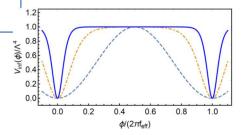
Scalar potentials induced by an anomalous coupling between the inflaton and a confining large N pure Yang-Mills gauge group [Nomura et.al. 1706.08522, 1711.10490]



N multi branches (tunneling is allowed), field independent coupling to the SM

$$-\frac{1}{2}(\partial_{\mu}\phi)^{2} - \Lambda^{4}(1 - \cos\theta_{CW}[\phi]) + \frac{\theta_{CW}[\phi]}{8\pi^{2}}(F_{\mu\nu}\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu})_{SM}$$
One branch, field dependent coupling to the SM

One branch, field dependent coupling to the SM : different (p)reheating history



## Spontaneous baryogenesis and dark matter

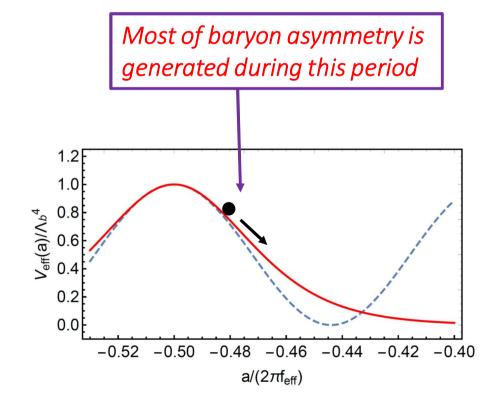
If the CCW axion couples to  $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$  gauge fields,

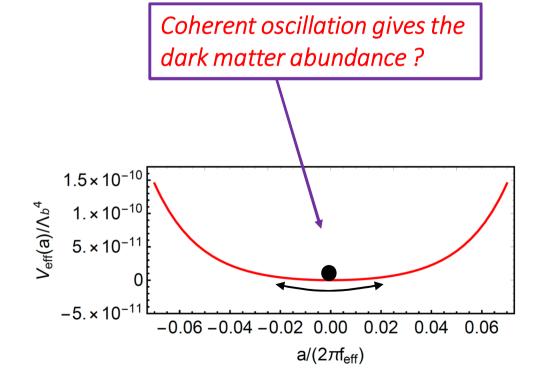
[Bae, Kost, CSS 1811.10655]

$$-\frac{1}{2}(\partial_{\mu}\phi)^{2} - \Lambda^{4}(1-\cos\theta_{CW}[\phi]) + \frac{\theta_{CW}[\phi]}{8\pi^{2}}(c_{1}W\widetilde{W} + c_{2}B\widetilde{B})$$

the rolling axion can generate a baryon asymmetry due to B+L anomaly

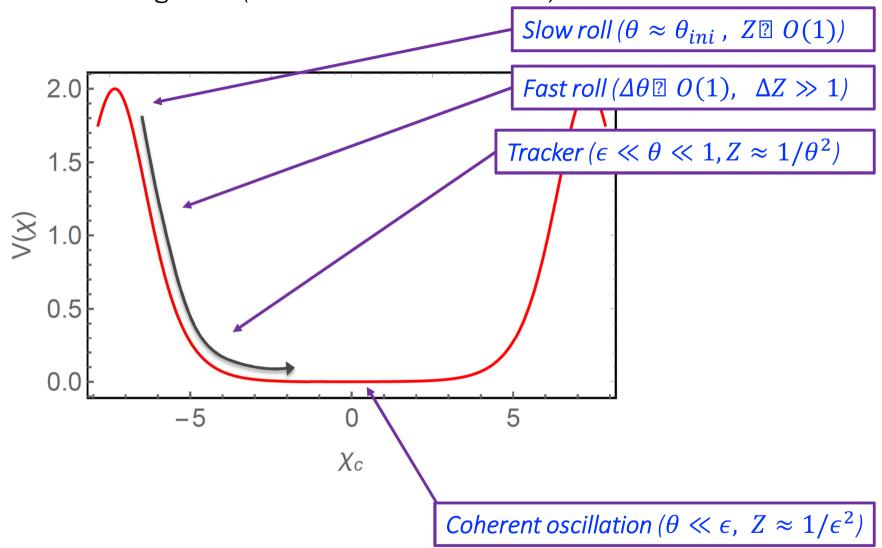
$$\left(\partial_{\mu}J_{B}^{\mu}\right) = \frac{N_{f}}{8\pi^{2}} \left(W_{\mu\nu}\widetilde{W}^{\mu\nu} - B_{\mu\nu}\widetilde{B}^{\mu\nu}\right)$$





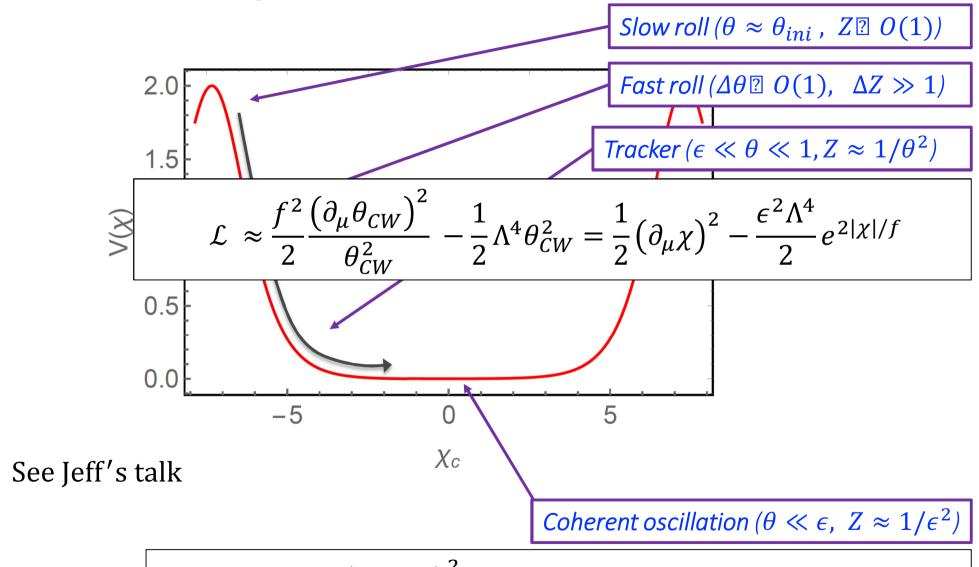
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The Journey with the rolling axion (in the canonical field basis) [Bae, Kost, CSS 1811.10655]



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$$\mathcal{L} \approx \frac{f^2}{2} \frac{\left(\partial_{\mu} \theta_{CW}\right)^2}{\epsilon^2} - \frac{1}{2} \Lambda^4 \theta_{CW}^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left(\partial_{\mu} \chi\right)^2 - \frac{\epsilon^2 \Lambda^4}{2f^2} \chi^2$$

#### Conclusions

- Discrete clockwork has very special features
- Natural extension to the continuum limit via 5D theory construction shows similar feature (spectrum and couplings relative to different KK modes). However the global structure is quite different
- Continuum clockwork axion is an example to provide a nontrivial wave-function

 Inflation, baryogenesis and dark matter could be related with rolling axion with deformed potential by CCW mechanism