

Spontaneous Baryogenesis in Continuum-Clockwork Axion Models

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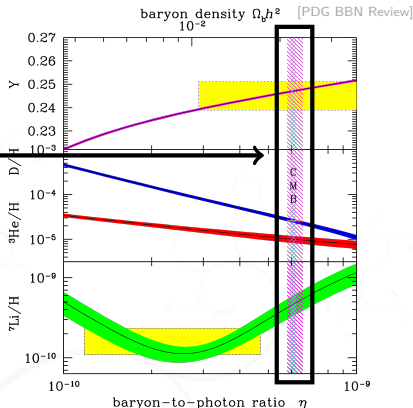
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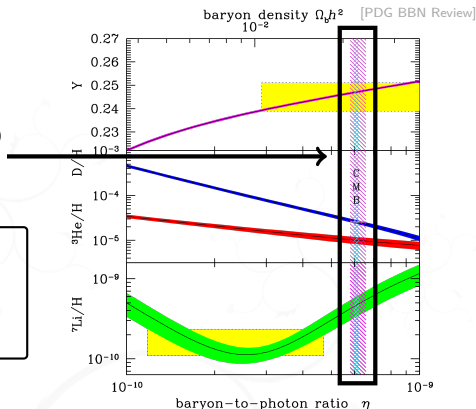
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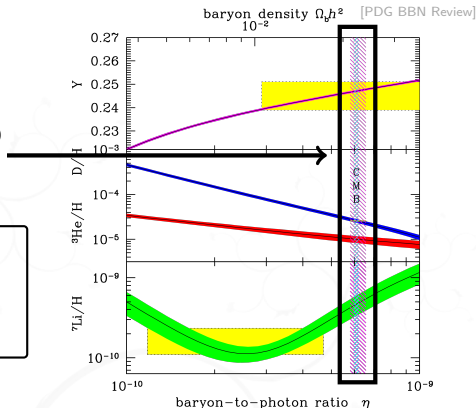
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effective **chemical potential**

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

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

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

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

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

then the rate for L -violation is fixed:

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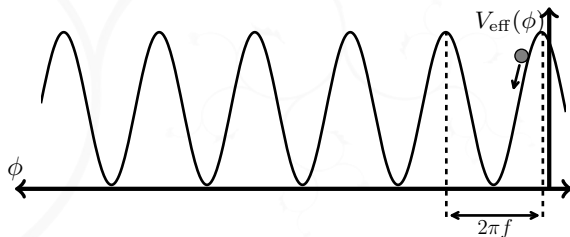
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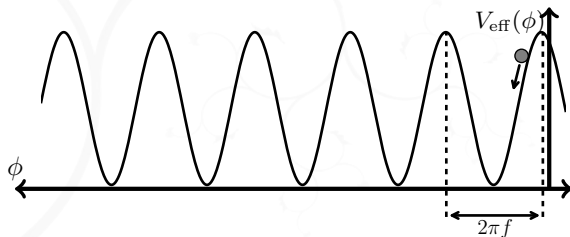
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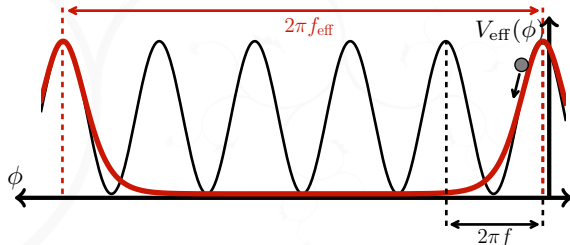
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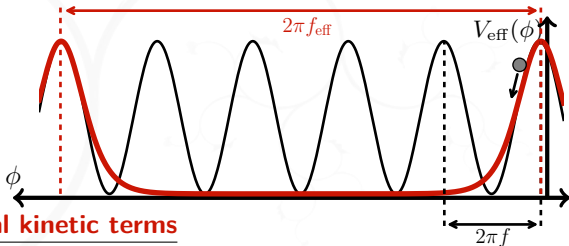
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\Rightarrow can appear via **non-canonical kinetic terms**



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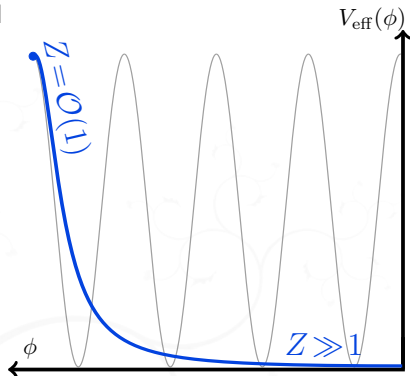
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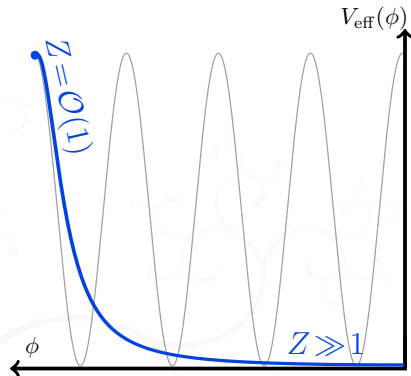
\Rightarrow in canonical basis $Z(\theta)$ has the effect of **deforming** effective potential $V_{\text{eff}}(\phi)$:

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\Rightarrow attractive features for $V_{\text{eff}}(\phi)$ can be re-interpreted as features for $Z(\theta)$



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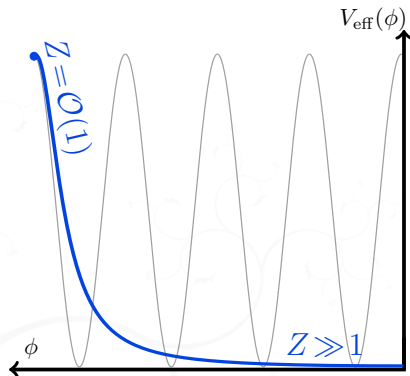


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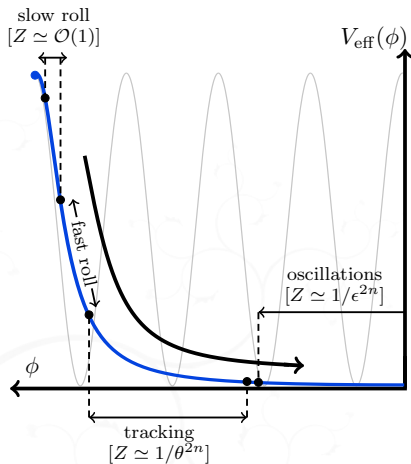
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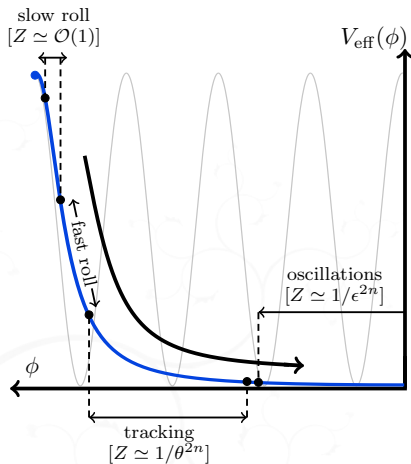
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insensitive to misalignment angle

Can we build **explicit models** which furnish such $Z(\theta)$?

EXAMPLE: continuum-clockwork axions

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

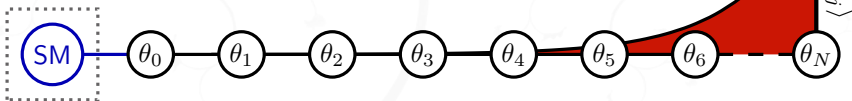
- Consider $N + 1$ Nambu-Goldstone bosons θ_j and introduce some “nearest-neighbor” interactions ($q > 1$):

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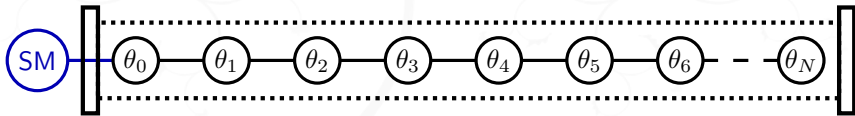
$\Rightarrow U(1)^{N+1}$ broken down to $U(1)_{\text{CW}} : \theta_j \rightarrow \theta_j + \alpha q^j$

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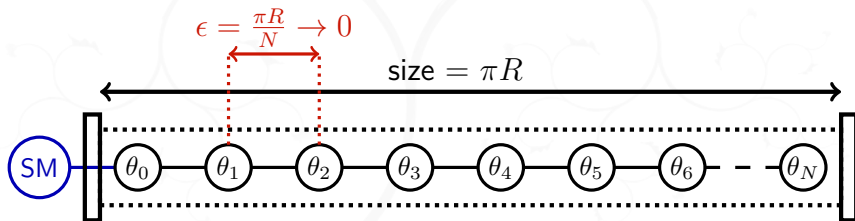


any couplings $q^{-N} \phi \mathcal{O}_{\text{SM}}$ **exponentially suppressed**



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

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



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for small $\epsilon \equiv e^{-\pi m R}$, which **satisfies our minimal requirements**.

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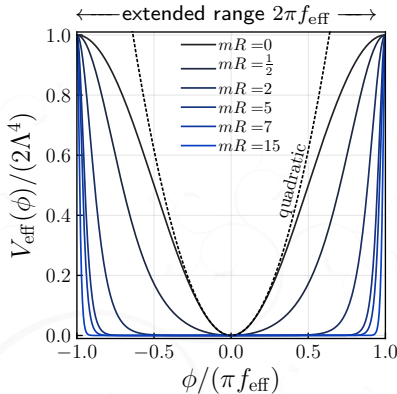
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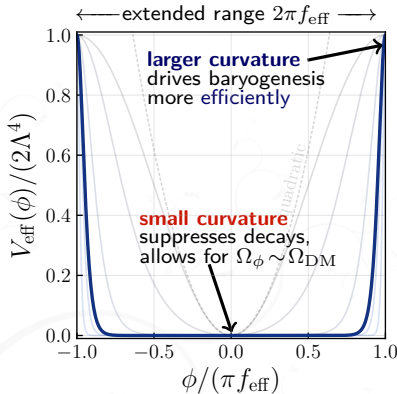
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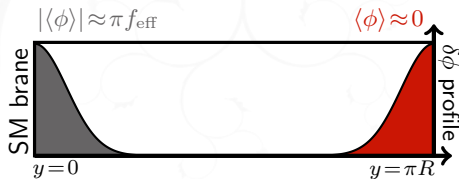
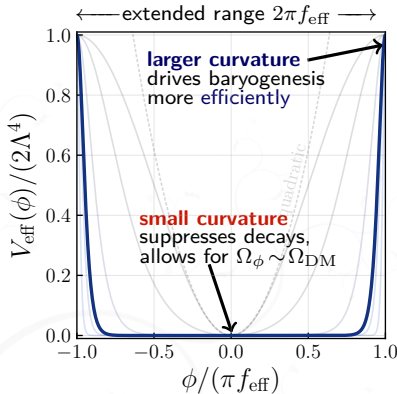
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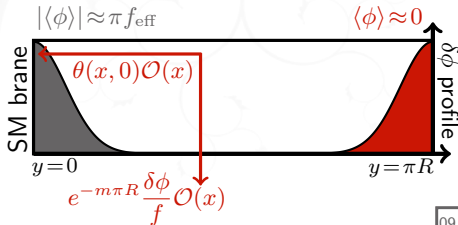
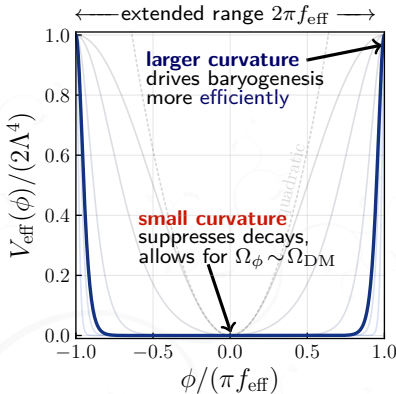
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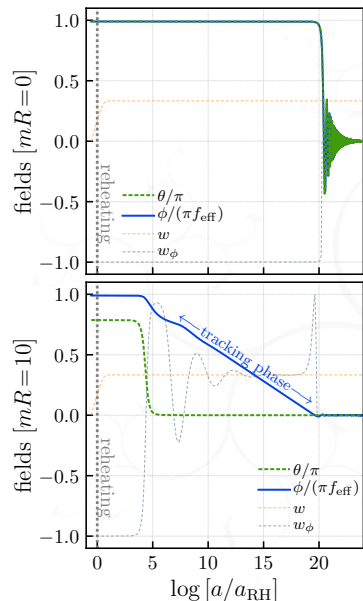
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and the axion evolution goes as

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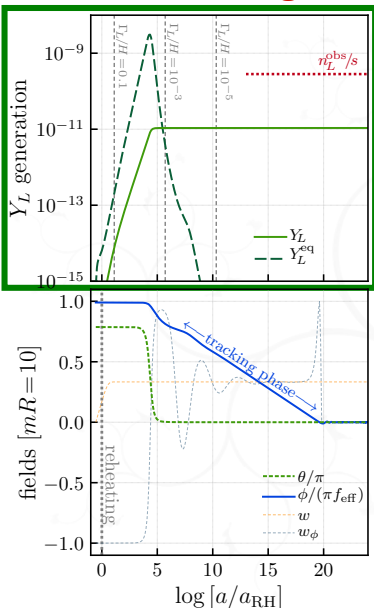
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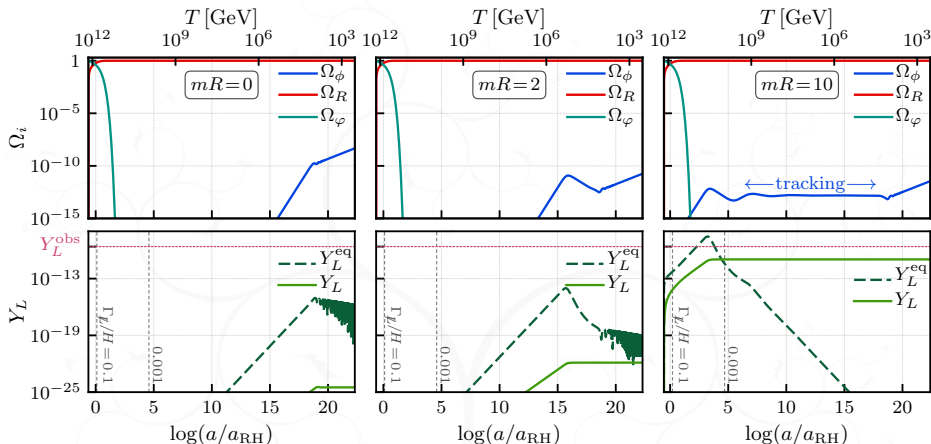
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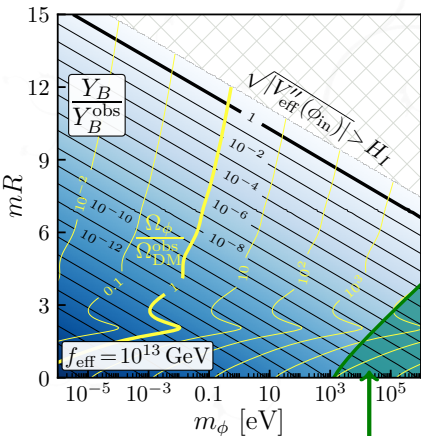
The axion Ω_ϕ , radiation Ω_R , inflaton Ω_φ , and lepton Y_L abundances:



The clockwork factor $mR > 0$
enhances generation of asymmetry
 while retaining **light axion field**

$$\frac{Y_L}{Y_L^{eq}} \approx \frac{1}{3} \sqrt{\frac{1}{5} \frac{m_\phi M_p}{T_{dec}^2}} e^{\pi mR/2}$$

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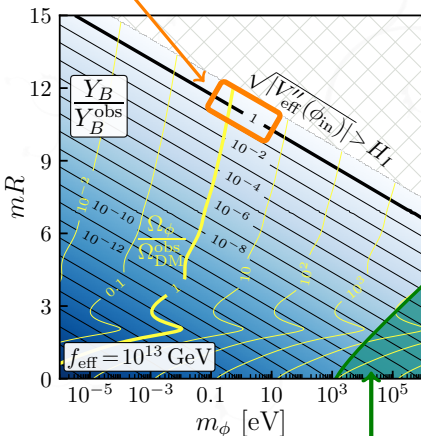
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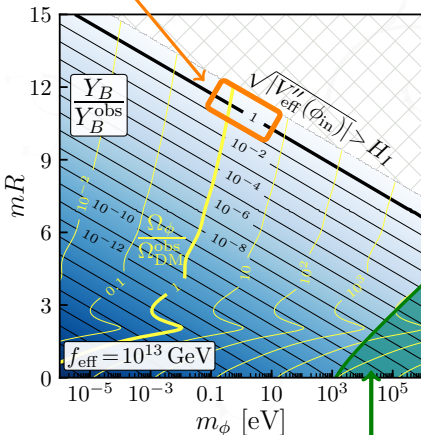
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constraints from **isocurvature**?
at first glance, presents a major concern for this type of scenario

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

Isocurvature Perturbations

- In general we analyze a scalar perturbation on the metric

$$ds^2 = (1 + 2\Phi)dt^2 - a(t)^2(1 - 2\Phi)d\vec{x}^2$$

and solve for the evolution of the corresponding perturbations

$\frac{k^2}{a^2}\Phi + 3H(H\Phi + \dot{\Phi}) = -\frac{\delta\rho_{\text{tot}}}{2M_p^2}$	gravitational potential
$\delta\ddot{\phi} + 3H\delta\dot{\phi}\left[\frac{k^2}{a^2} + V_{\text{eff}}''(\phi)\right]\delta\phi = 4\phi\dot{\phi}\dot{\Phi} - 2V_{\text{eff}}'(\phi)\Phi$	axion field
$\dot{\delta}_B - \frac{k^2}{a^2}v_{B\gamma} = -\Gamma_L\left(\delta_B - \frac{\delta\mu_{\text{eff}}}{\mu_{\text{eff}}}\right)\frac{n_L^{\text{eq}}}{n_L} + 3\dot{\Phi}$	baryons
$\dot{\delta}_\gamma - \frac{4}{3}\frac{k^2}{a^2}v_{B\gamma} = 4\dot{\Phi}$	photons
$\dot{v}_{B\gamma} + \frac{1}{4}\delta_\gamma = 0$	velocity potential

⇒ can solve numerically, but let us consider some useful analytical limits

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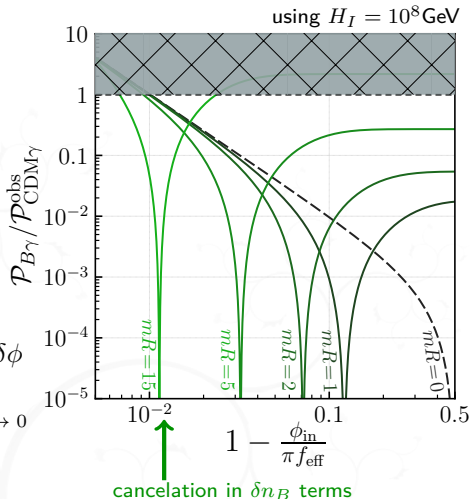
- If asymmetry were generated at equilibrium, then

$$n_B \propto \dot{\theta} T^2 \propto \frac{[V'_{\text{eff}}(\phi)]^2}{\sqrt{\left[1 - \frac{V_{\text{eff}}}{2\Lambda^4}\right] \frac{V_{\text{eff}}}{2\Lambda^4}}}$$

⇒ perturbation after decoupling:

$$\frac{\delta n_B}{n_B} \approx \underbrace{\left\{ 2 \frac{V''_{\text{eff}}(\phi)}{V'_{\text{eff}}(\phi)} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{V'_{\text{eff}}(\phi)}{V_{\text{eff}}(\phi)} \left[\frac{1 - \frac{V_{\text{eff}}}{\Lambda^4}}{1 - \frac{V_{\text{eff}}}{2\Lambda^4}} \right] \right\}}_{\text{inflection points/cancellations in terms can drive} \rightarrow 0} \delta\phi$$

- Serves as a good benchmark for our **out-of-equilibrium** generation, since numerics show only up to $\mathcal{O}(10)$ suppression of this result



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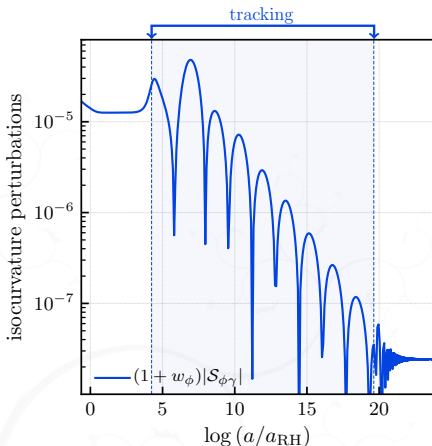
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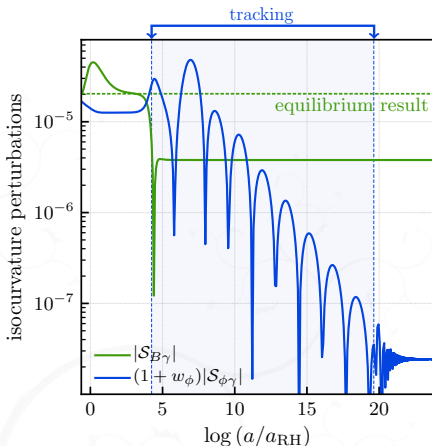
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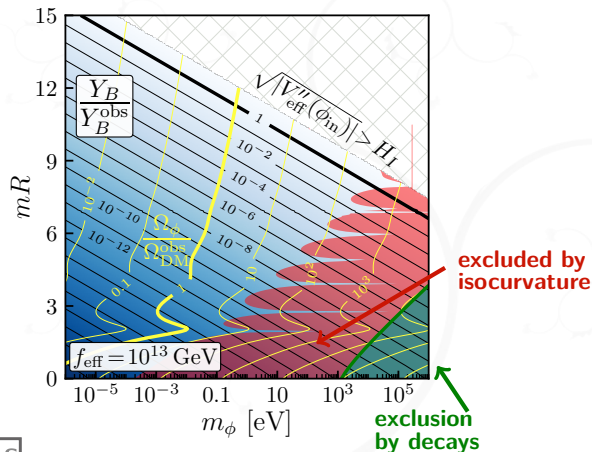
axion dynamics lead generically to a **suppression** of the axion $S_{\phi\gamma}$ and baryon $S_{B\gamma}$ isocurvature modes

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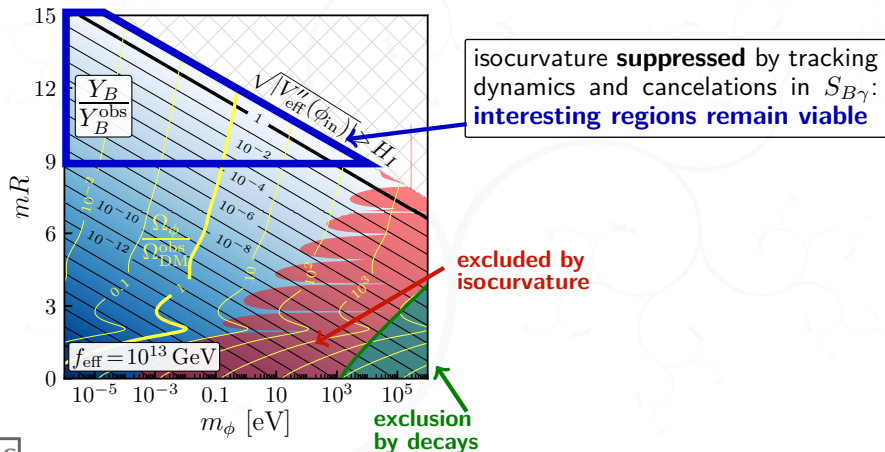


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