



# Extra Peccei-Quinn symmetry breaking effects on QCD axion dark matter

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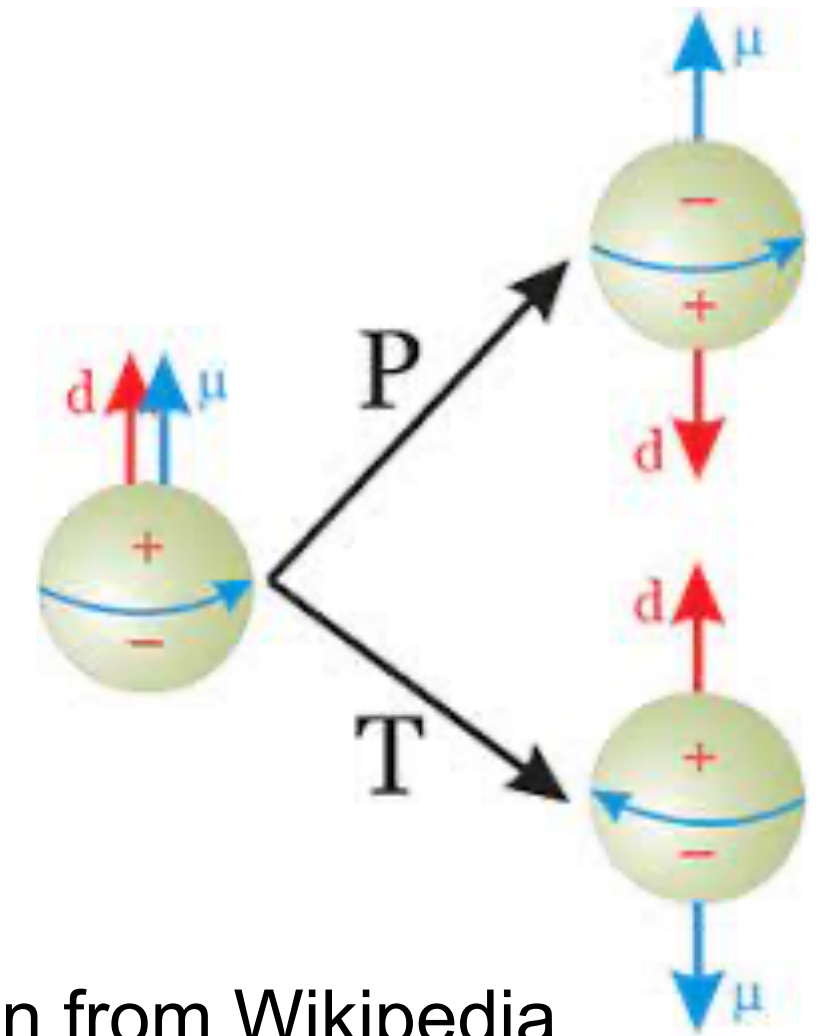
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# 1. Introduction

## Strong CP problem

The CP violation in QCD induces the neutron electric dipole moment (nEDM).



Taken from Wikipedia

$$-\mathcal{L} = \theta \frac{g_s^2}{32\pi^2} G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}^{a\mu\nu} + (\bar{q}_L M_q q_R + \text{h.c.}) \quad M_q : \text{(complex) quark mass matrix}$$

➔  $|d_n| \simeq 1.2 \times 10^{-16} |\bar{\theta}| e \text{ cm} \quad \bar{\theta} \equiv \theta + \arg(\det M_q)$

Pospelov and Ritz hep-ph/9908508

$$< 1.8 \times 10^{-26} e \text{ cm} \quad (90\% \text{C.L.}) \Leftrightarrow |\bar{\theta}| \lesssim 10^{-10}$$

Abel et al, 2001.11966

Why is  $\bar{\theta}$  so small?

# Peccei-Quinn (PQ) mechanism

Peccei, Quinn '77, Weinberg '78, Wilczek '78

The theta parameter is promoted to a dynamical field,  
QCD axion  $\phi$ .

$$-\mathcal{L} \supset \left( \bar{\theta} + \frac{\phi}{f_\phi} \right) \frac{g_s^2}{32\pi^2} G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}^{a\mu\nu}$$

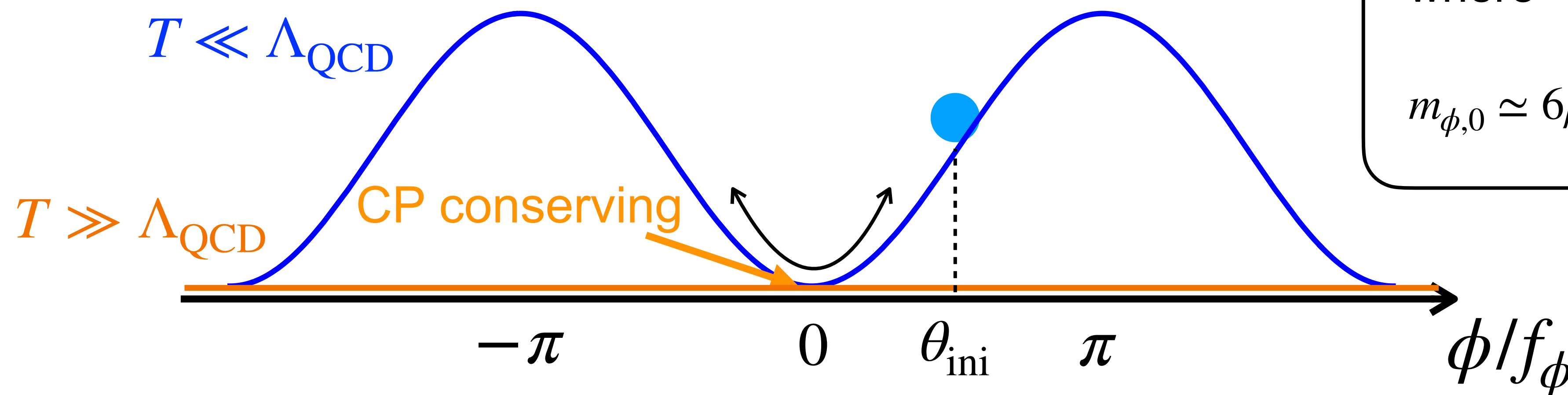
Axion mass

$$m_\phi(T) \simeq m_{\phi,0} \left( \frac{T}{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}} \right)^{-b} \quad (T \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}})$$

where  $b = 3.92$ ,  $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} = 0.15\text{GeV}$ ,

$$m_{\phi,0} \simeq 6\mu\text{eV} \left( \frac{f_\phi}{10^{12}\text{GeV}} \right)^{-1} \quad (T \ll \Lambda_{\text{QCD}})$$

Borsanyi, et al. 1606.07494  
Gorghetto and Villadoro, 1812.01008

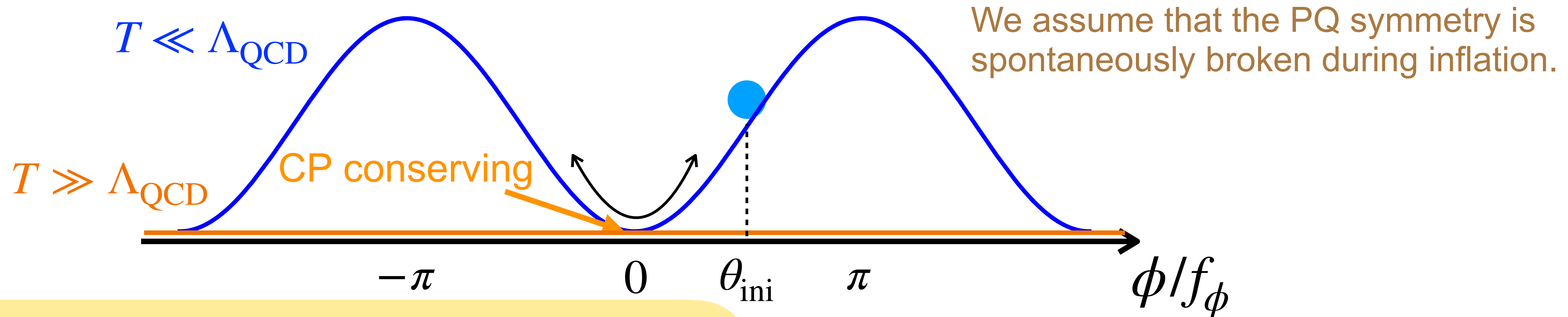


The Strong CP problem can be dynamically solved !

# Misalignment mechanism

Preskill, Wise, Wilczek '83, Abbott, Sikivie, '83,  
Dine, Fischler, '83

The oscillation energy contributes to the DM abundance.



## Axion abundance

$$\Omega_\phi h^2 \simeq 0.14 \theta_{\text{ini}}^2 F(\theta_{\text{ini}}) \left( \frac{f_\phi}{10^{12} \text{GeV}} \right)^{1.17}$$

## Anharmonic factor

$$F(\theta_{\text{ini}}) = \left[ \ln \left( \frac{e}{1 - \theta_{\text{ini}}^2/\pi^2} \right) \right]^{1.17}$$

Ballesteros et al, 1610.01639

Lyth '92, Bae, Huh and Kim 0806.0497,  
Visinelli and Gondolo 0903.4377

The DM abundance can be explained for  $f_\phi \simeq 10^{12} \text{GeV}$  and  $\theta_{\text{ini}} \sim 1$ .

# The current constraints on axion-photon coupling

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{g_{\phi\gamma}}{4} \phi F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}$$

where

$$g_{\phi\gamma} = \frac{c_{\gamma}\alpha}{2\pi f_{\phi}}$$

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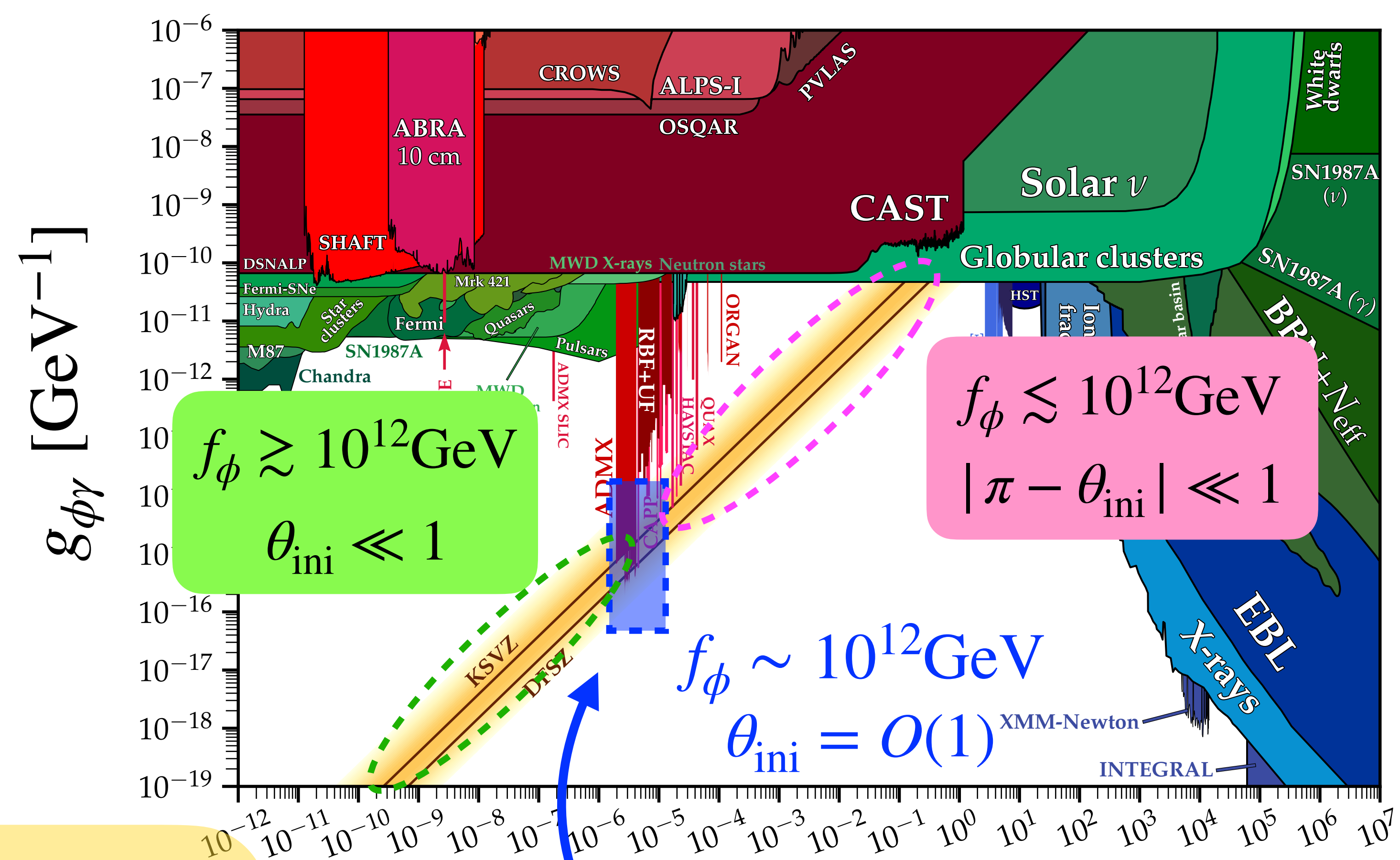
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<https://cajohare.github.io/AxionLimits/>  $m_{\phi,0}$  [eV]

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e.g. stochastic axion scenario

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Graham, Scherlis, 1805.07362. Takahashi, Yin, Guth, 1805.08763. SN, Takahashi, Yin, 2002.12195 for ALP

cf. energy dissipation

Papageorgiou, Quilez, & Schmitz, 2206.01129.  
Choi, Im, Kim, & Seong, 2206.01462.

In prep. w/ Jeong+

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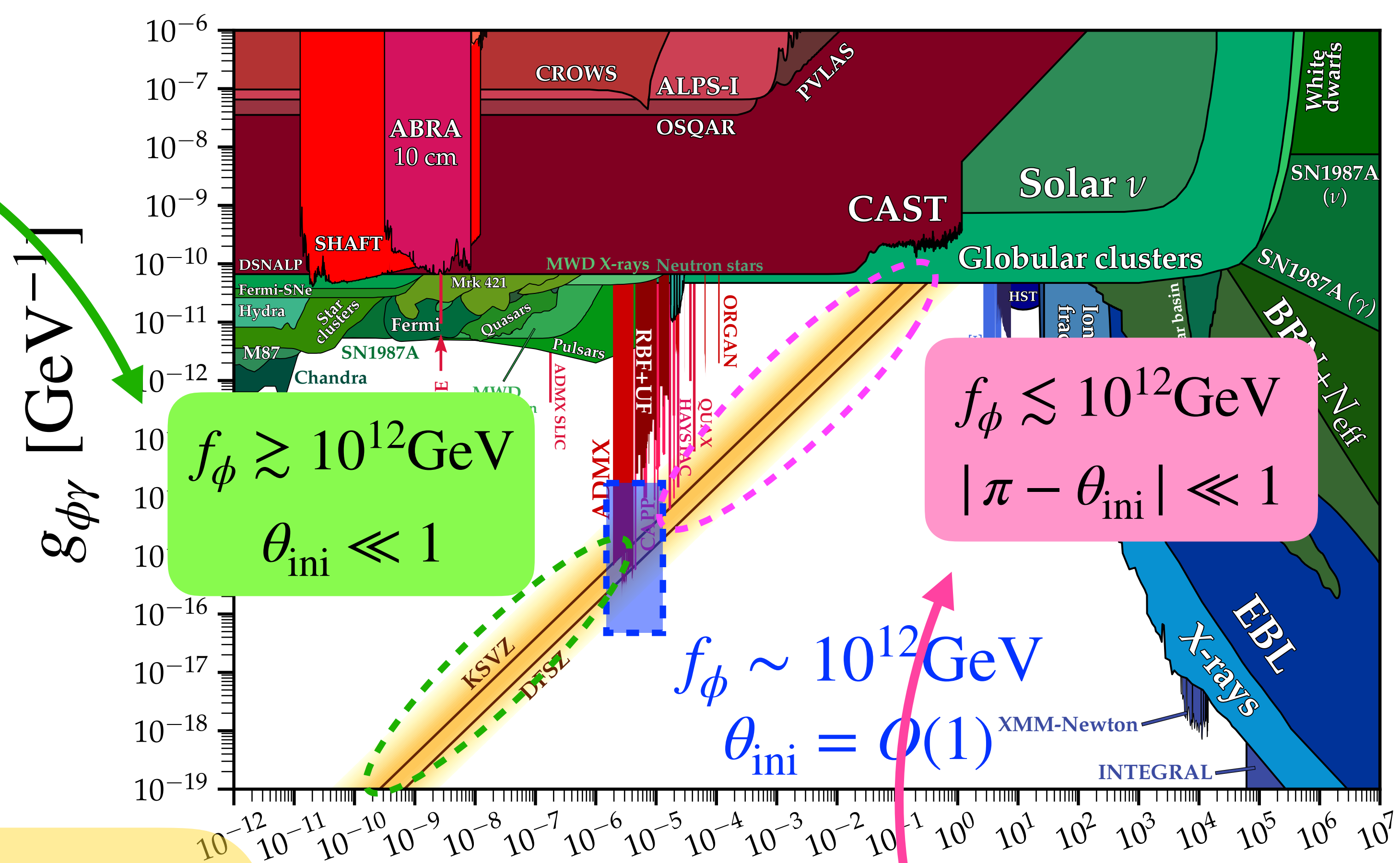
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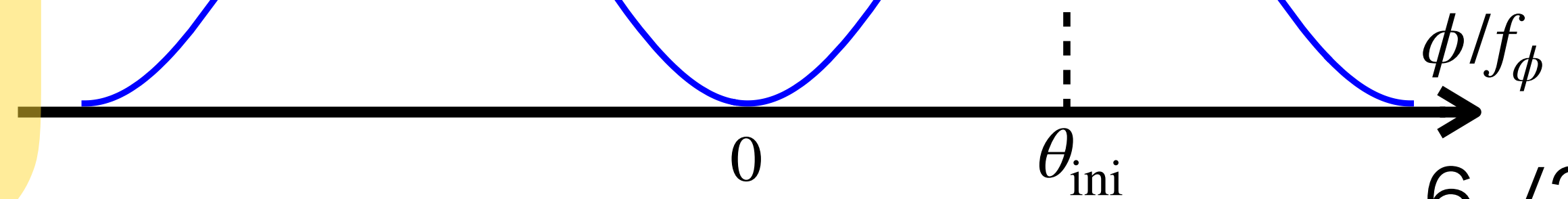
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## Anharmonic effect

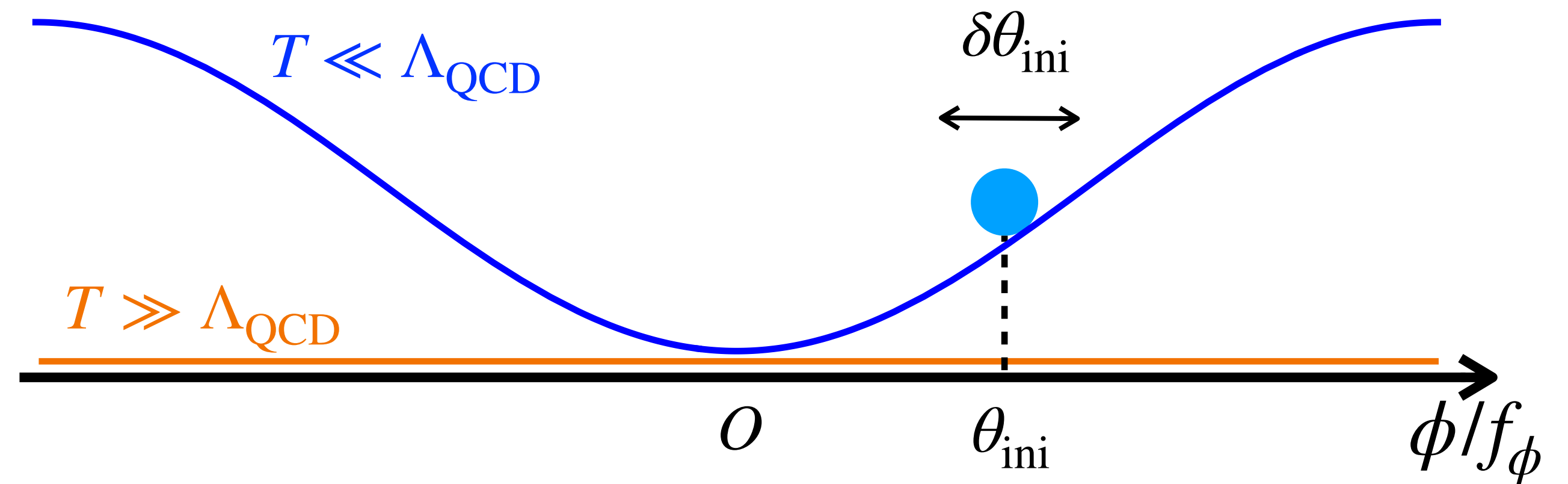
Co, Gonzalez, Harigaya 1812.11192,  
Takahashi, Yin 1702.03284, 1908.06071



# Isocurvature perturbations

The axion acquires quantum fluctuation during inflation.

$$\delta\theta_{\text{ini}} = \frac{H_{\text{inf}}}{2\pi f_\phi}$$
$$\rightarrow \frac{\delta\rho_\phi}{\rho_\phi} \sim \frac{2\delta\theta_{\text{ini}}}{\theta_{\text{ini}}}$$

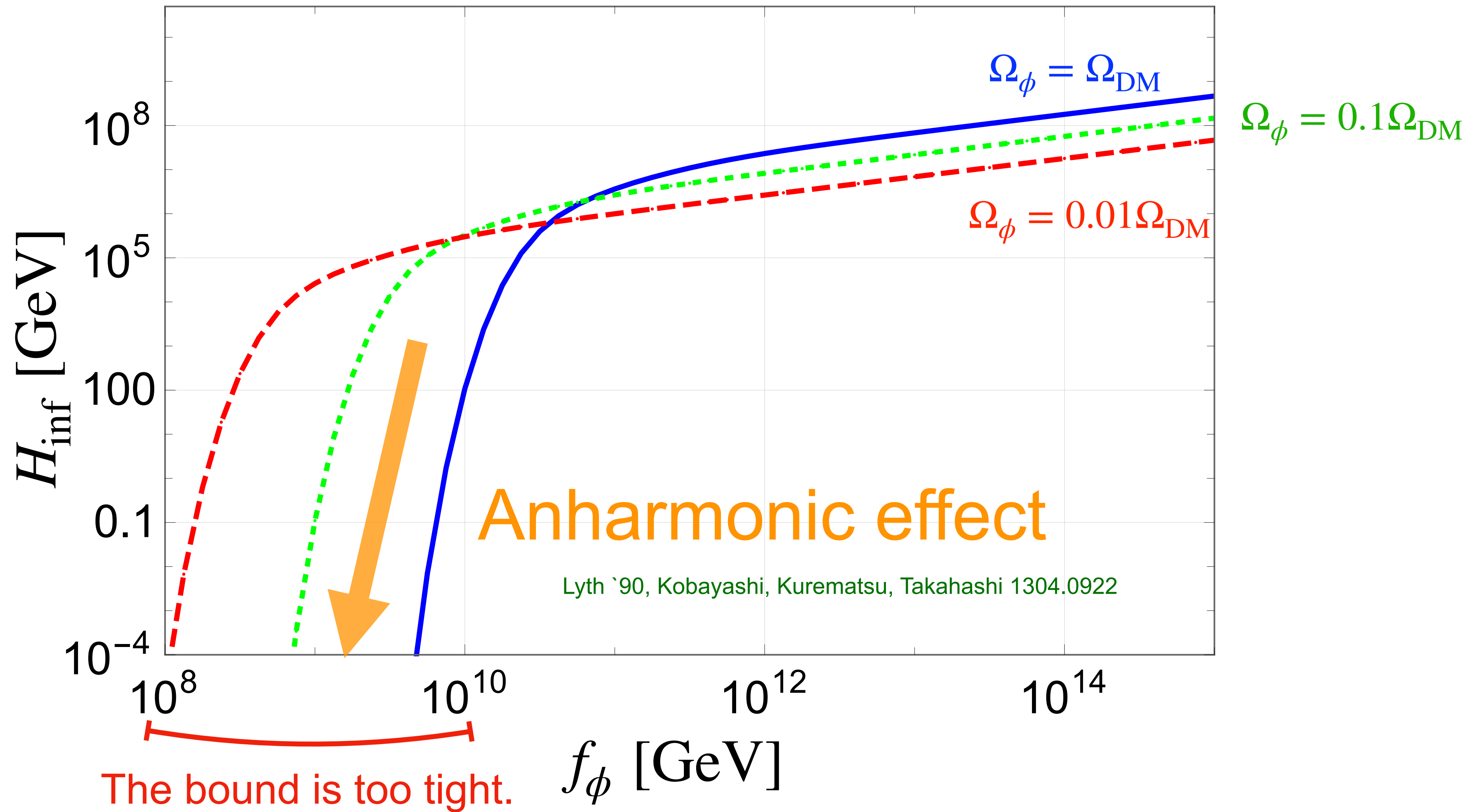


It leaves an imprint on the CMB spectrum.

$$\Delta_S^2 \simeq \left( \frac{\Omega_\phi}{\Omega_{\text{DM}}} \frac{\partial \ln \Omega_\phi}{\partial \theta_{\text{ini}}} \frac{H_{\text{inf}}}{2\pi f_\phi} \right)^2 < 8.3 \times 10^{-11}$$

Planck Collaboration

# Isocurvature bound on $H_{\text{inf}}$





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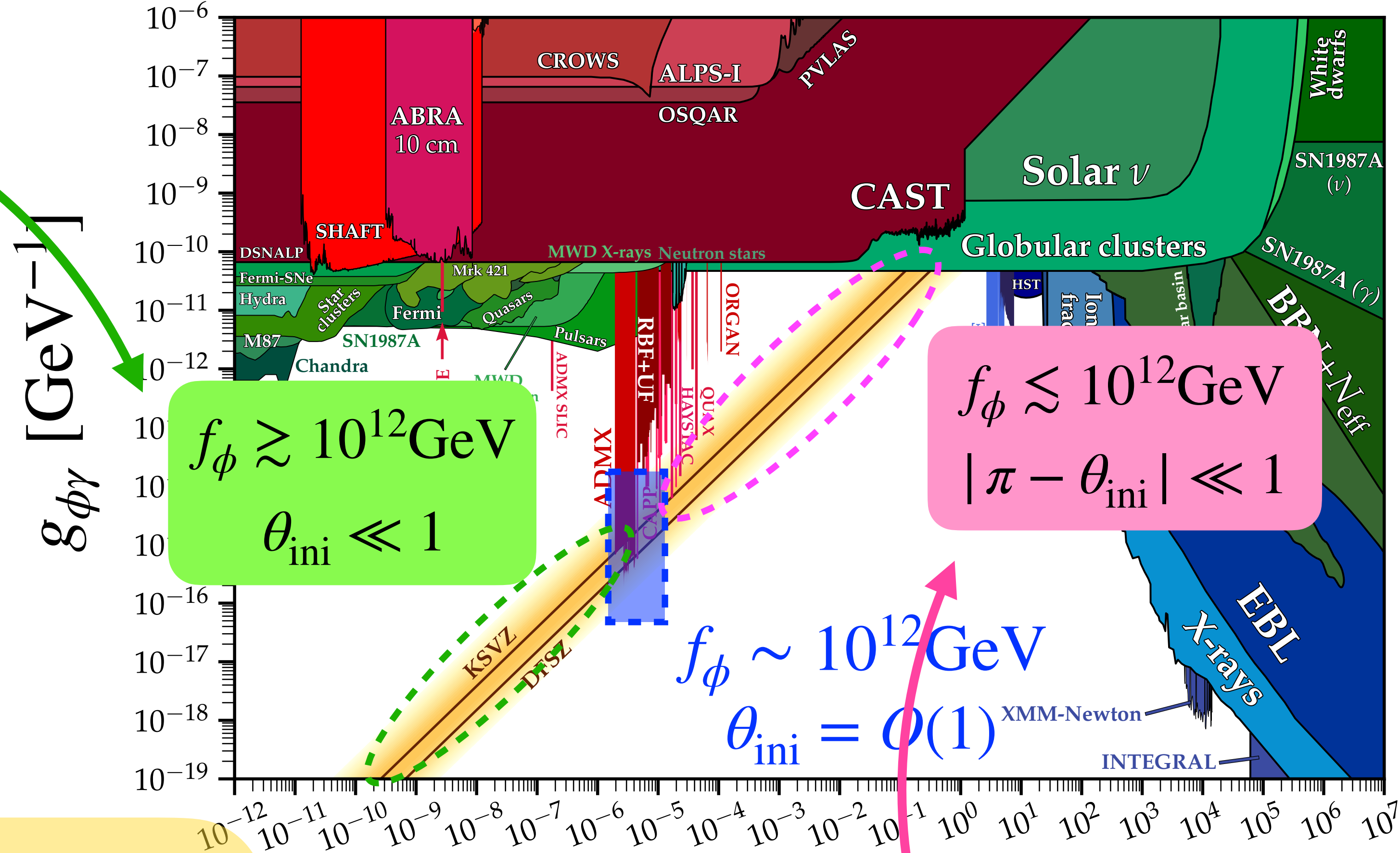
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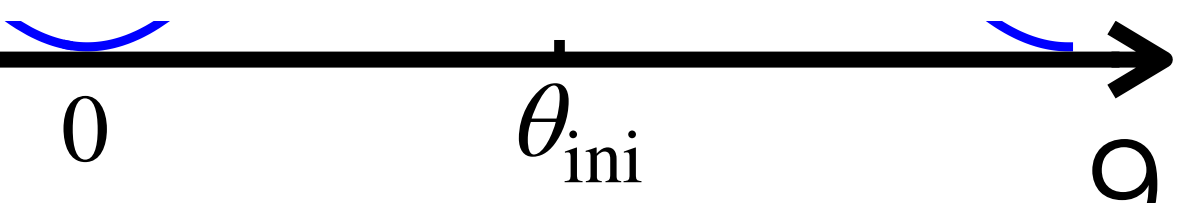


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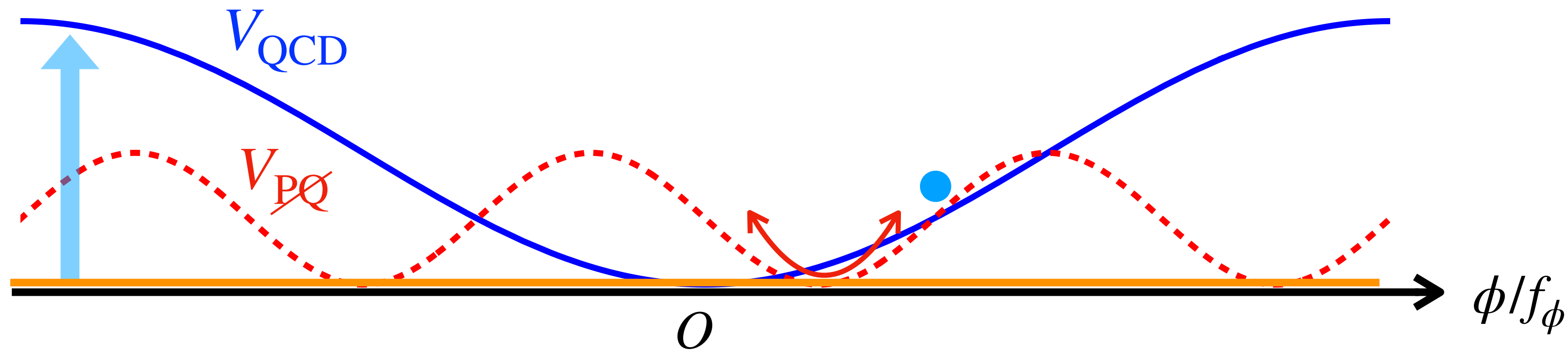
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Severe isocurvature bound



# Any global symmetry is believed to be explicitly broken.

Hawking '75, Kallosh, Linde, Linde, Suskind hep-th/9502069,  
Harlow and Ooguri 1810.05337, Yonekura 2011.11868



The nEDM bound  $|\bar{\theta}| \lesssim 10^{-10}$  requires the extra potential to be highly suppressed. **PQ quality problem** In prep. w/ Nakai+

However, the axion can be temporarily trapped by extra PQ symmetry breaking in the very early universe.

**The extra PQ breaking effects can alter the axion dynamics !**

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# 2. Experimental bounds on extra ~~PQ~~

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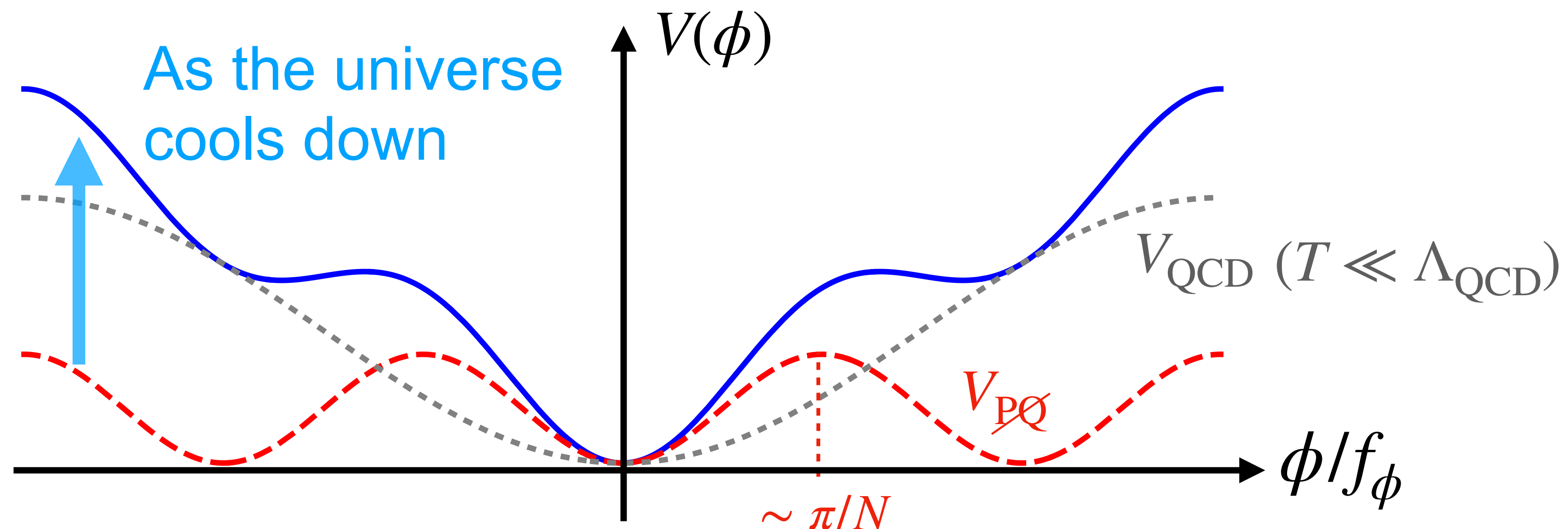
We consider the following potential.

Axion potential

$$V(\phi) = V_{\text{QCD}}(\phi) + V_{\text{PQ}}(\phi)$$

where

$$V_{\text{QCD}}(\phi) = m_{\phi}^2(T) f_{\phi}^2 \left( 1 - \cos \frac{\phi}{f_{\phi}} \right) \quad V_{\text{PQ}} = \Lambda_H^4 \left[ 1 - \cos \left( N \left( \frac{\phi}{f_{\phi}} - \theta_H \right) \right) \right]$$



# nEDM bound

The extra potential  $V_{\cancel{PQ}}$  is parametrized by the following two:

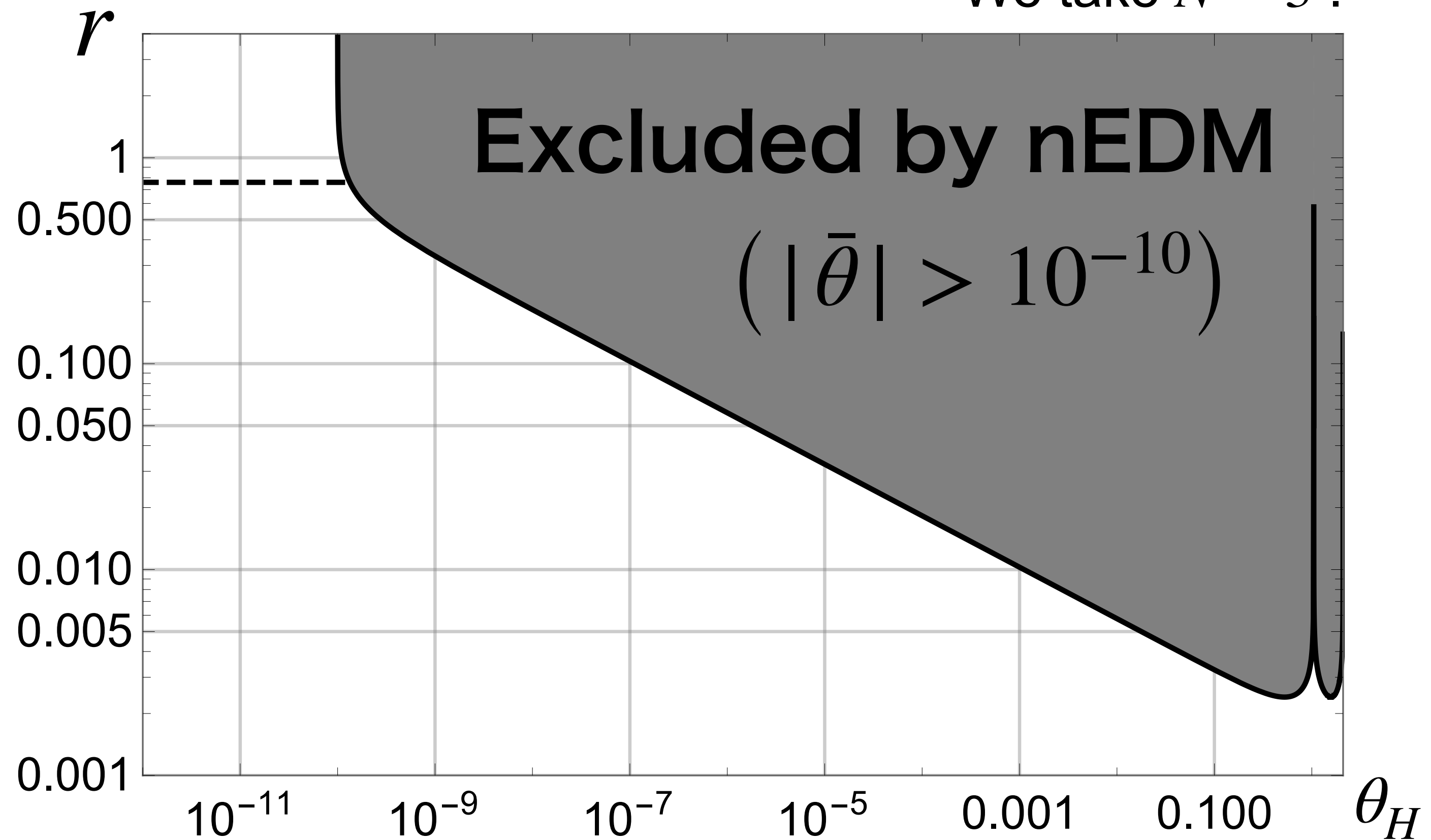
We take  $N = 3$ .

- Relative height :  $r \equiv \Lambda_H / \sqrt{m_{\phi,0} f_\phi}$

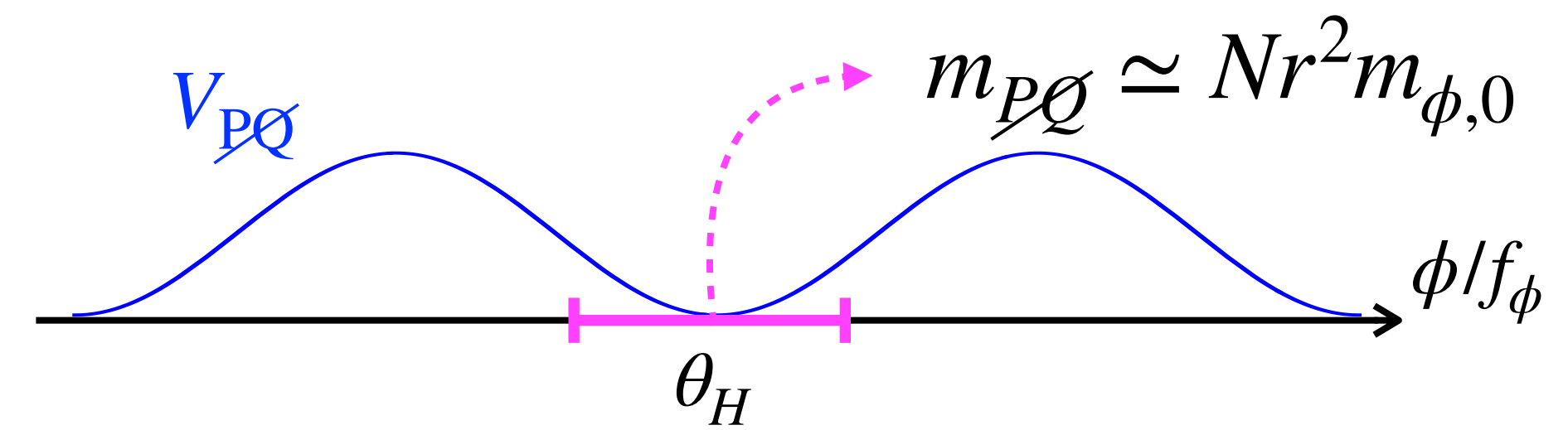
- Relative phase :  $\theta_H$

nEDM bound :  $|\bar{\theta}| \lesssim 10^{-10}$

$$\rightarrow r \lesssim \left| \frac{10^{-10}}{N \sin(N(10^{-10} - \theta_H))} \right|^{1/4}$$



# 3. Axion abundance



The dynamics becomes nontrivial when the axion starts to oscillate by the extra potential.

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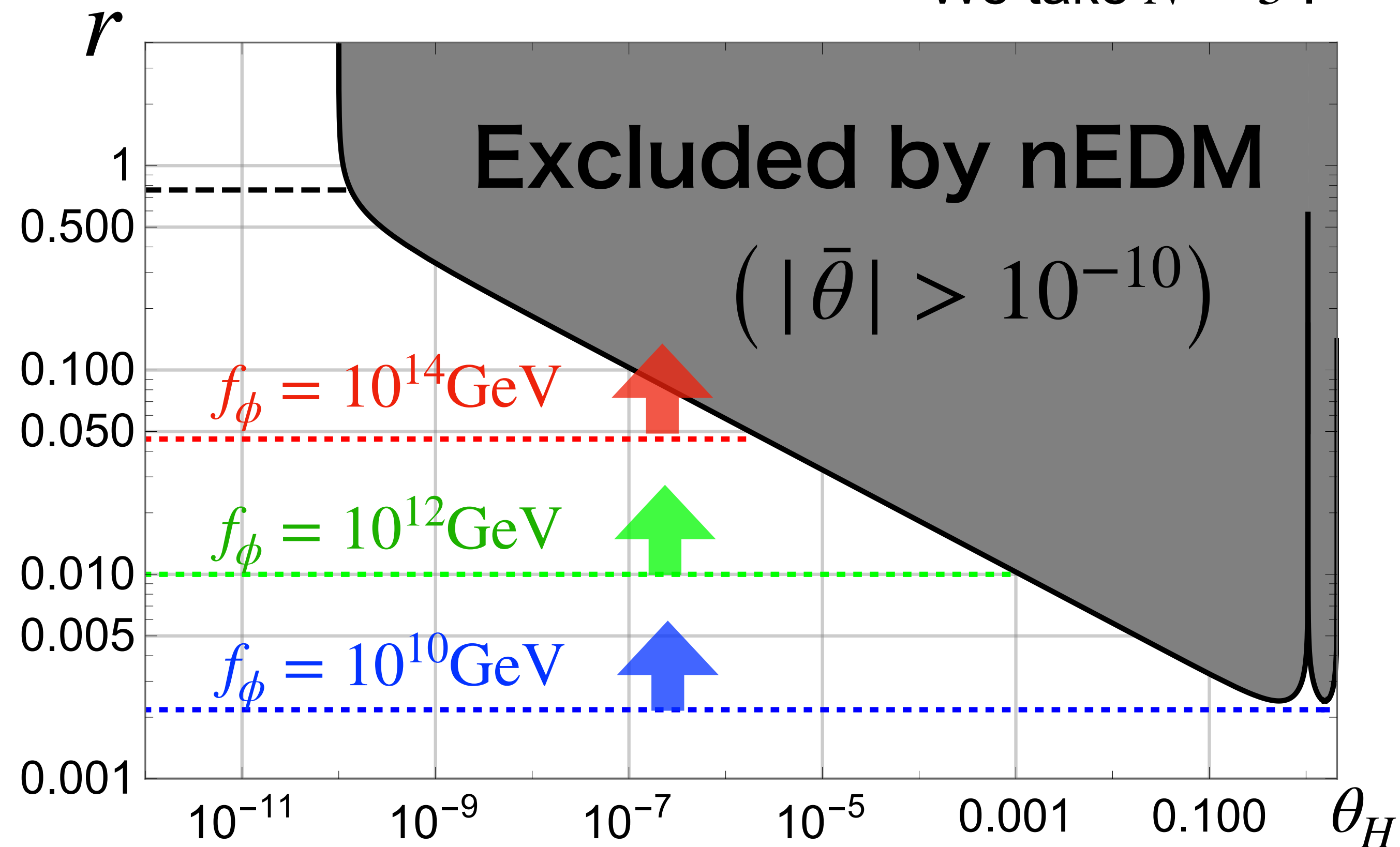
Strong trapping condition :

$$T_{\text{osc}} > T_{\text{osc}}^{(\text{conv})}$$

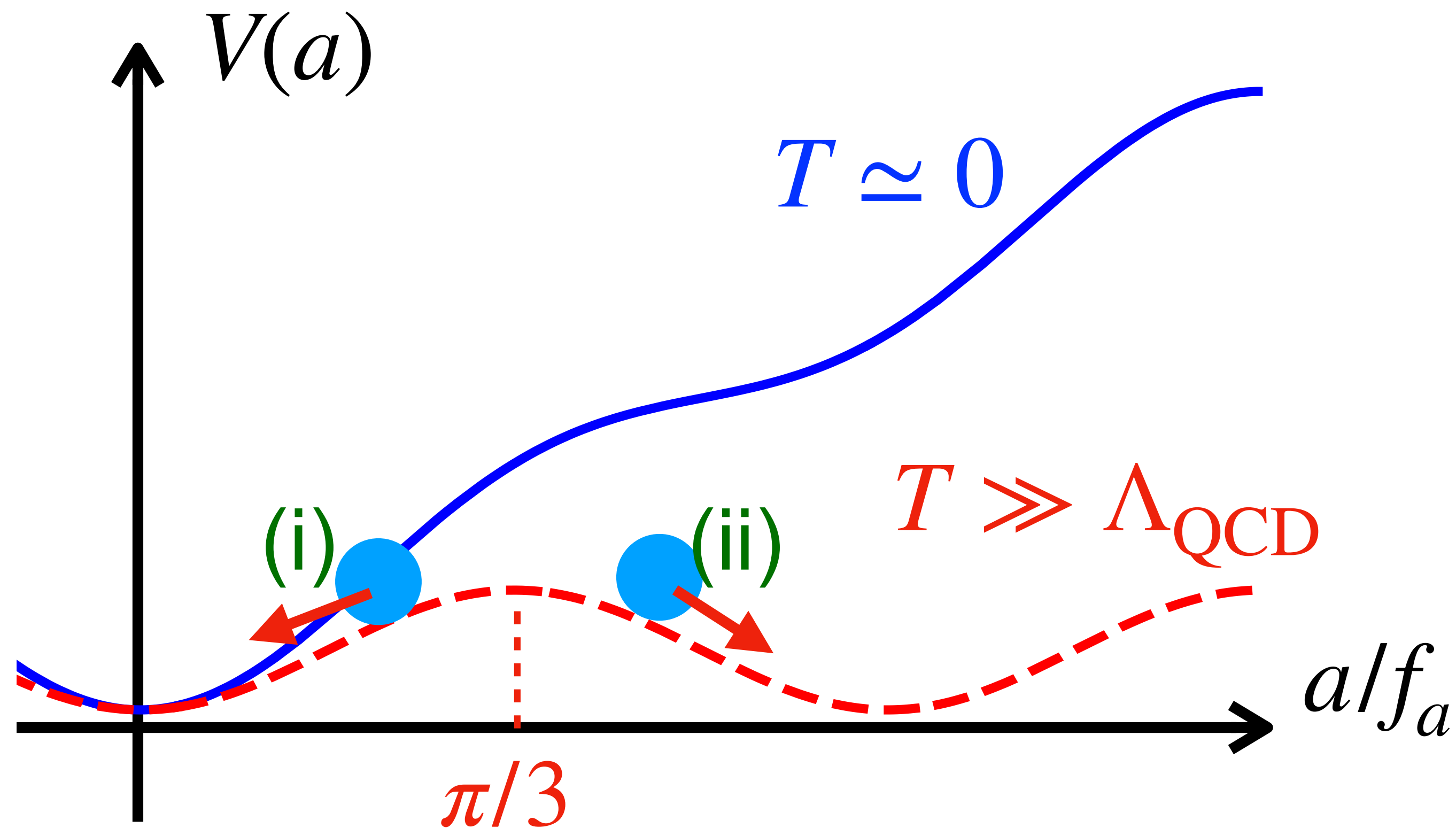
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$$m_{PQ} \simeq H \qquad m_{\phi}(T_{\text{osc}}^{(\text{conv})}) \simeq H$$

$$Nr^2 \gtrsim 3.0 \times 10^{-4} \left( \frac{g_*(T_{\text{osc}})}{80} \right)^{0.33} \left( \frac{f_{\phi}}{10^{12} \text{ GeV}} \right)^{0.66}$$



Under the condition,  $T_{\text{osc}} > T_{\text{osc}}^{(\text{conv})}$ , the axion dynamics can be divided into two cases.



(i) Smooth shift regime

$$|\theta_{\text{ini}} - \theta_H| < \pi/N$$

(ii) Trapped regime

$$|\theta_{\text{ini}} - \theta_H| > \pi/N$$

Here we assume  $N = 3$ .

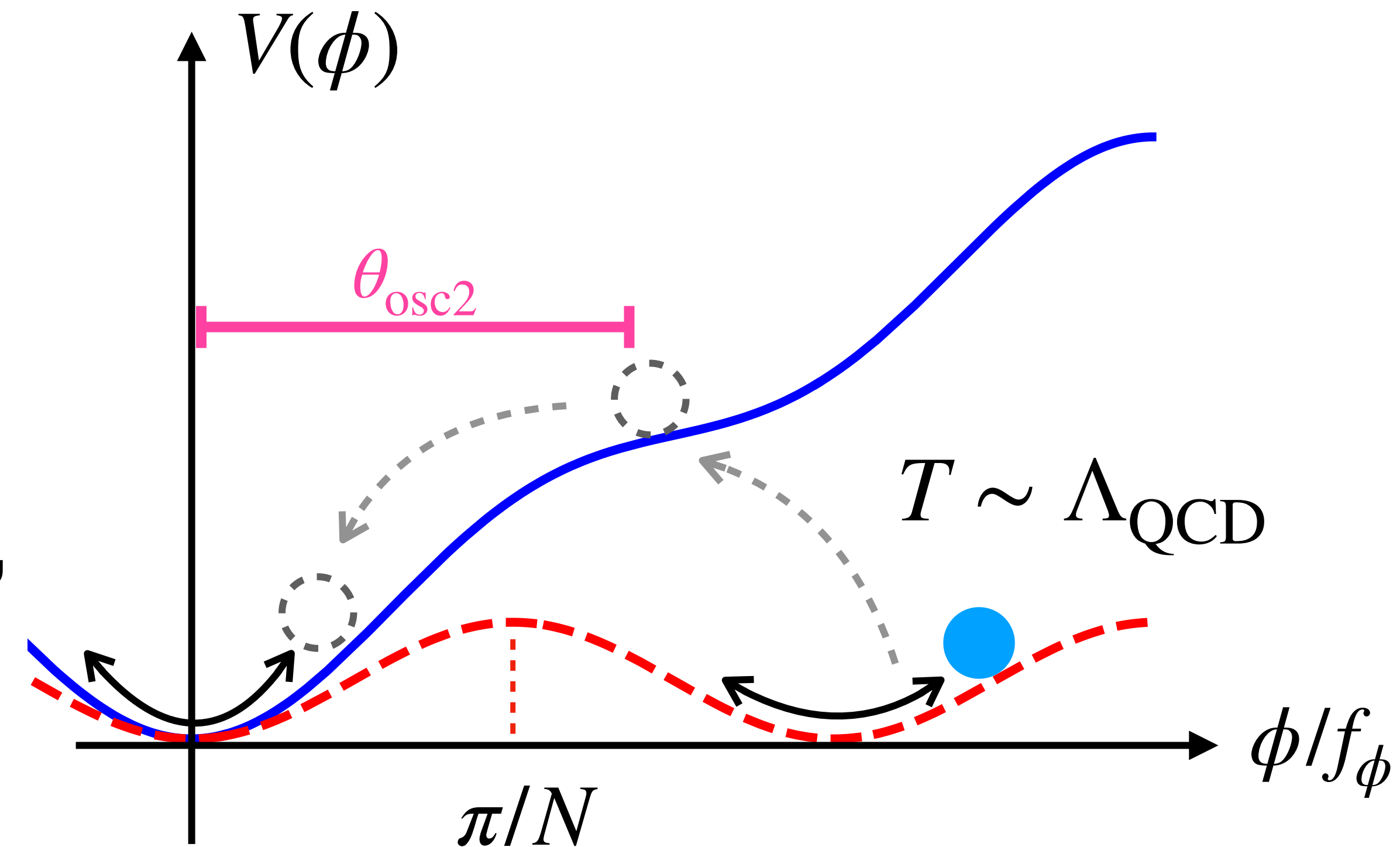
cf) Trapped misalignment

Di Luzio, Gavela, Quilez, and Ringwald, 2102.01082.

Higaki, Jeong, Kitajima, and Takahashi, 1603.02090.

## (ii) Trapped regime ( $|\theta_{\text{ini}} - \theta_H| > \pi/N$ )

- The axion is temporarily trapped around the wrong minimum until  $T \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ .
- The wrong minimum disappears, and then the axion starts to oscillate about the origin.



$$\rightarrow T_{\text{osc2}} \sim 0.4 \text{ GeV} \left( \frac{Nr^4}{3 \times 10^{-4}} \right)^{-0.13}$$

It is independent of  $f_\phi$ .

- The amplitude is almost independent of  $\theta_{\text{ini}}$ .



## (ii) Trapped regime ( $|\theta_{\text{ini}} - \theta_H| > \pi/N$ )

- Oscillation amplitude  $\theta_{\text{osc2}} \sim \pi/N$
- Oscillation timing  $T_{\text{osc2}} \sim 0.4 \text{ GeV} \left( \frac{Nr^4}{3 \times 10^{-4}} \right)^{-0.13}$

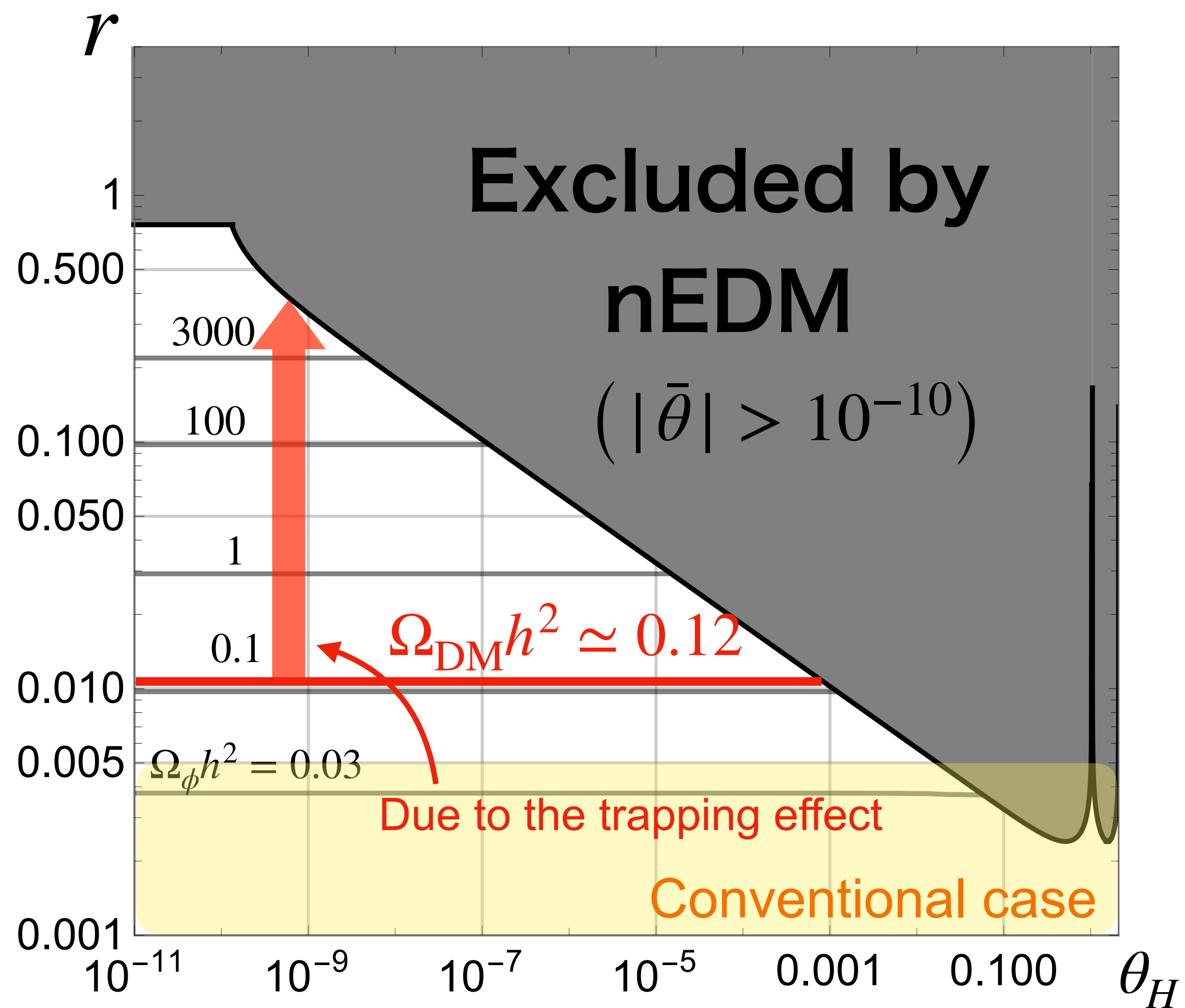
$$\Omega_\phi h^2 \simeq 0.25 \theta_{\text{osc2}}^2 \left( \frac{g_*(T_{\text{osc2}})}{60} \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{Nr^4}{10^{-6}} \right)^{0.88}$$

For stronger trapping, the potential height is higher and the oscillation is delayed.

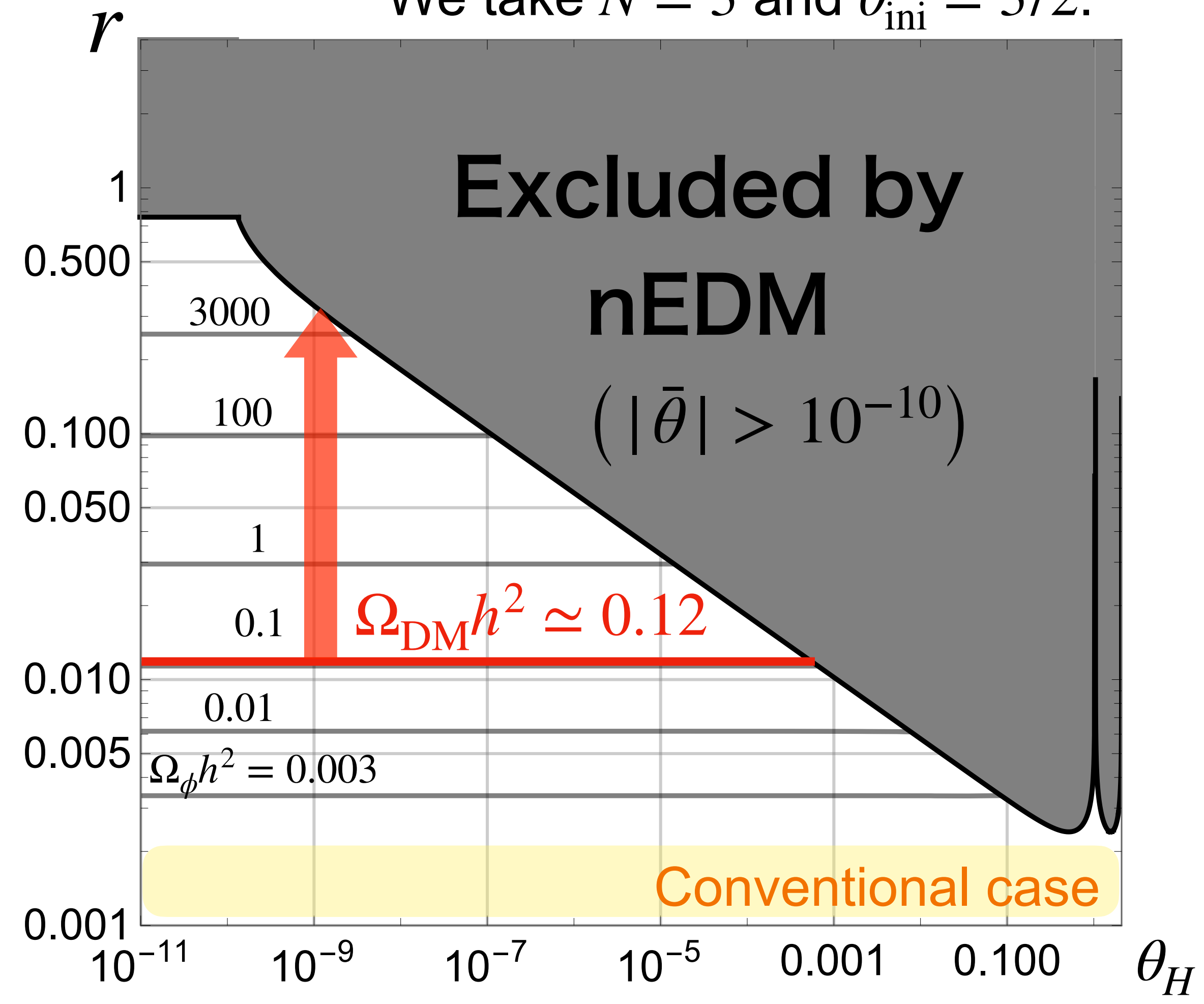
DM can be explained for arbitrary (small)  $f_\phi$  and  $\theta_{\text{ini}} (> \pi/N)$  if  $r \sim 0.01$ .

# $\Omega_\phi h^2$ as a function of $\theta_H$ and $r$

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We take  $N = 3$  and  $\theta_{\text{ini}} = 3/2$ .



DM can be explained for  $f_\phi \lesssim 10^{11} \text{ GeV}$ , if  $r \sim 0.01$ .

# 4. Isocurvature bounds

In the trapped regime, we need more careful estimate because the abundance does not depend on  $\theta_{\text{ini}}$  so much.

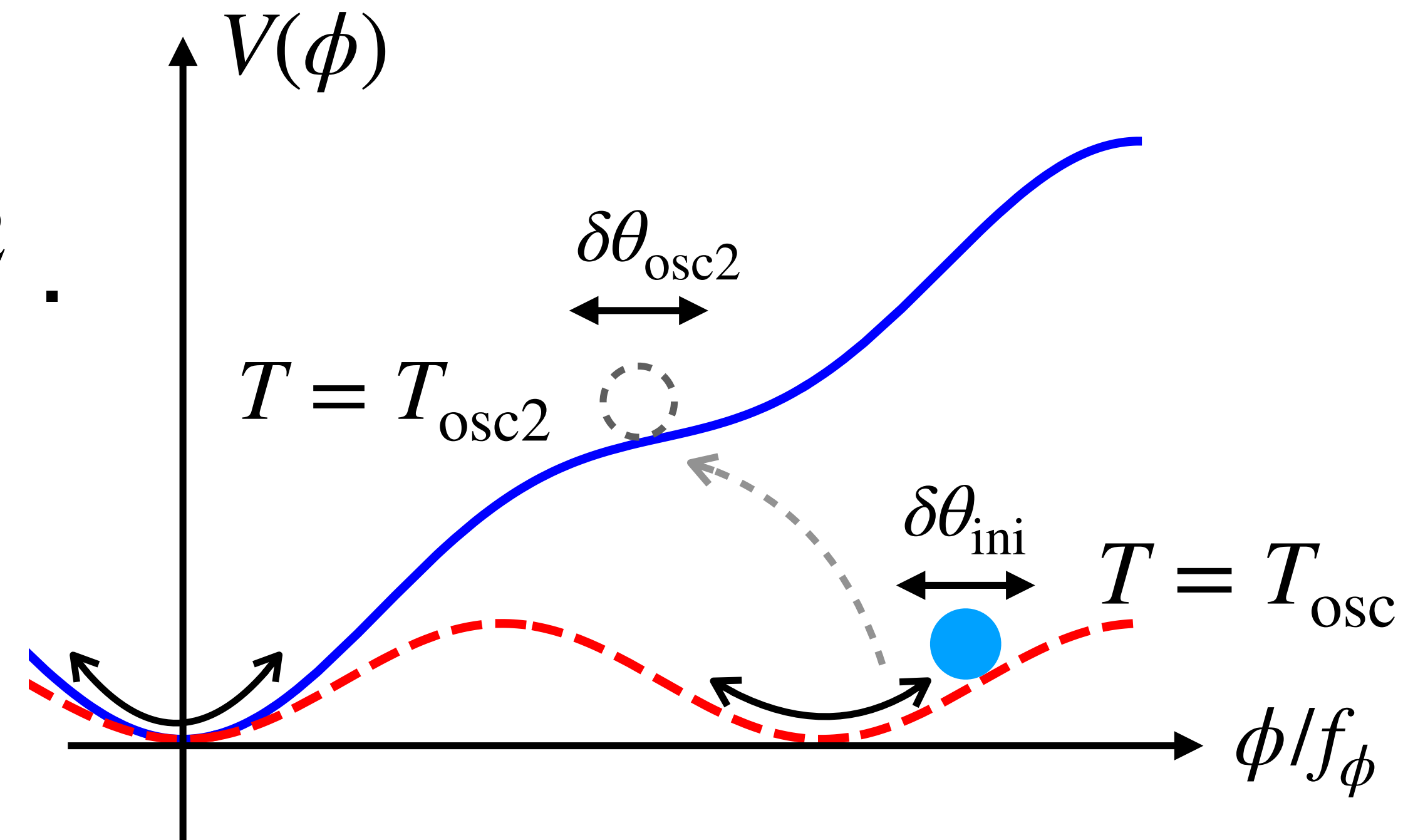
$$\Delta_S^2 \simeq \left( \frac{\Omega_\phi}{\Omega_{\text{DM}}} \frac{\partial \ln \Omega_\phi}{\partial \theta_{\text{ini}}} \frac{H_{\text{inf}}}{2\pi f_\phi} \right)^2$$

$\sim 0$

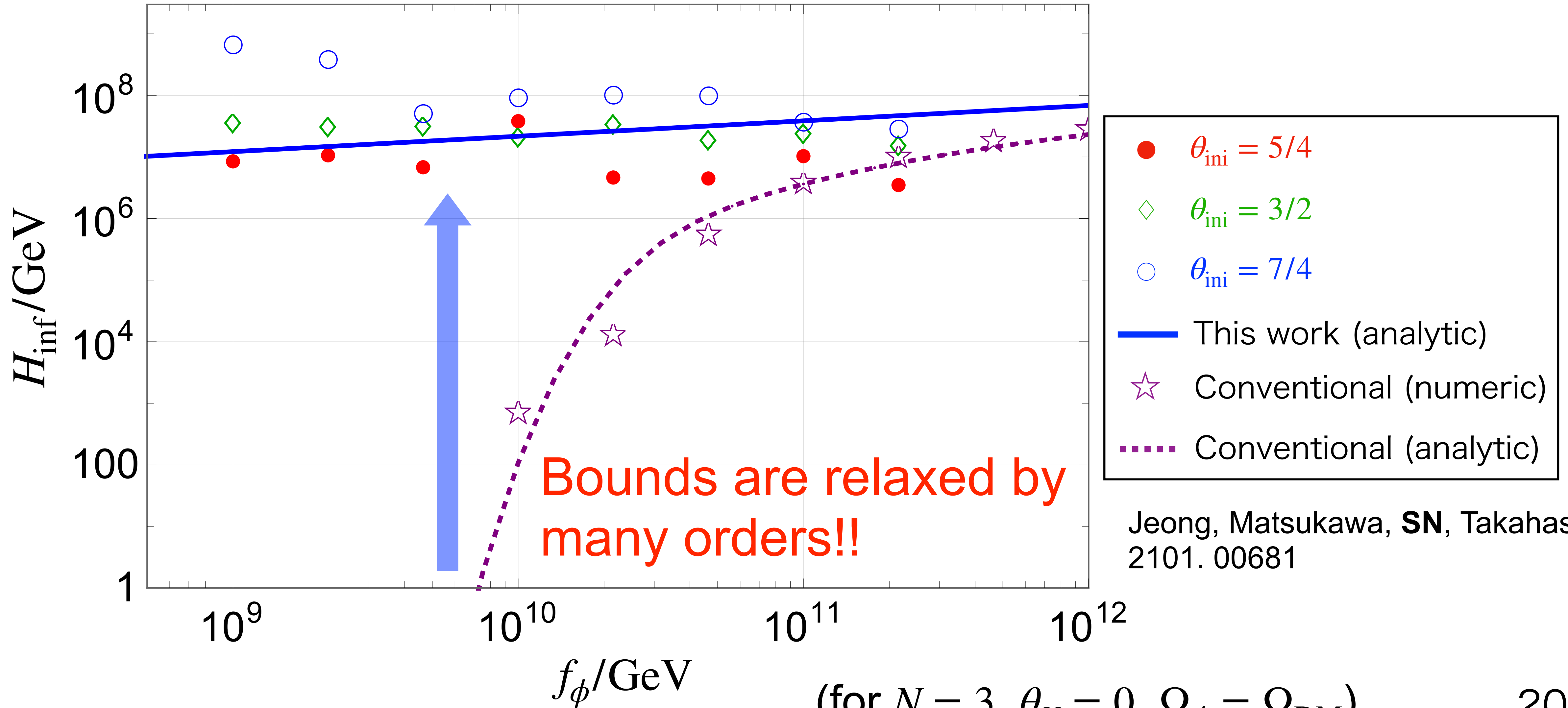
The axionic fluctuation is redshifted after the axion oscillation,  $\delta\phi \propto a^{-3/2}$ .

$$\delta\theta_{\text{osc2}} \simeq \left( \frac{a_{\text{osc}}}{a_{\text{osc2}}} \right)^{3/2} \delta\theta_{\text{ini}} \simeq \left( \frac{T_{\text{osc2}}}{T_{\text{osc}}} \right)^{3/2} \delta\theta_{\text{ini}} \propto r^{-\frac{8}{b}-4}$$

→ 
$$\Delta_S^2 \simeq \left( R_\phi \frac{\partial \ln \Omega_\phi}{\partial \theta_{\text{osc2}}} \left( \frac{T_{\text{osc2}}}{T_{\text{osc}}} \right)^{3/2} \frac{H_{\text{inf}}}{2\pi f_\phi} \right)^2$$



# Isocurvature bounds on $H_{\text{inf}}$



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(for  $N = 3, \theta_H = 0, \Omega_{\phi} = \Omega_{\text{DM}}$ )

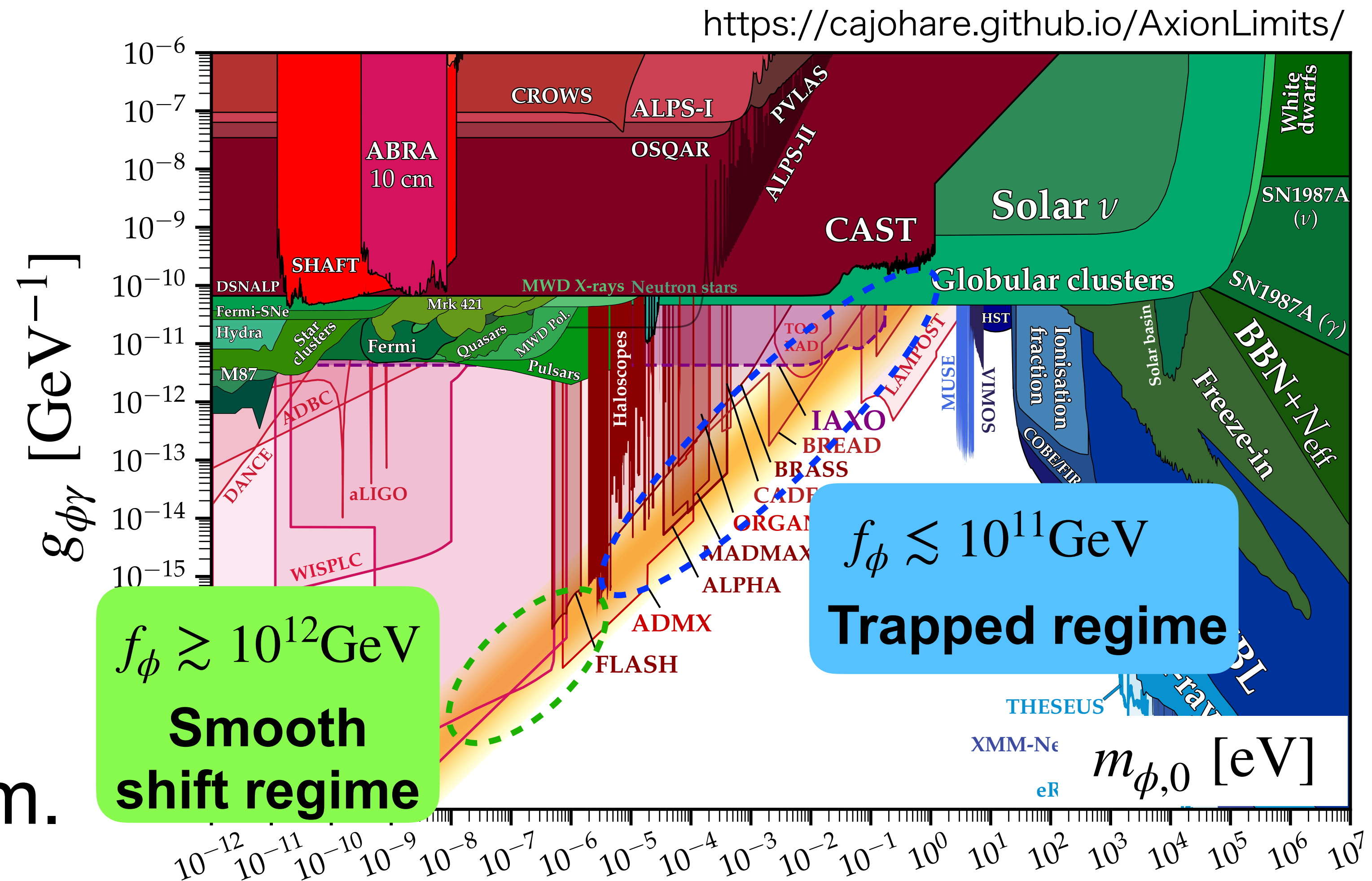
# 5. Summary

- We studied the effects of extra PQ symmetry breaking on the QCD axion DM.

- $\Omega_\phi h^2$  increases with  $r$ .

- DM can be explained for arbitrary  $f_\phi \lesssim 10^{11} \text{ GeV}$  if taken  $r \sim 0.01$ .

- No isocurvature problem.



# For your interest

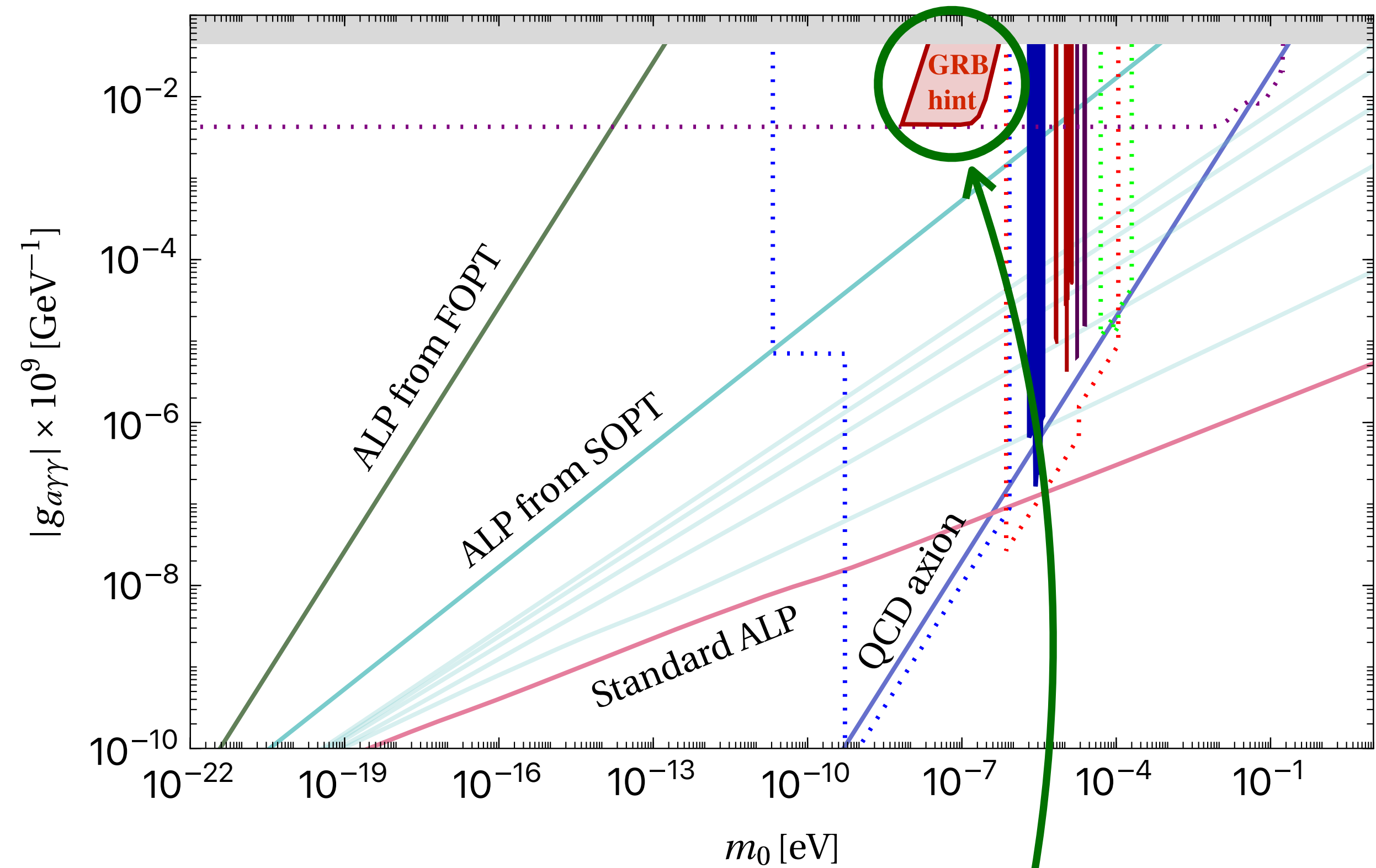
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