

Inflation through hidden Yukawa couplings in the extra dimension

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Based on work (in progress) with Y. Tatsuta (Waseda).

What we want to focus on

An inflation model \leftrightarrow Symmetries

Planck unit in this talk

$$M_{\text{Pl}} \simeq 2.4 \times 10^{18} \text{ GeV} \equiv 1.$$

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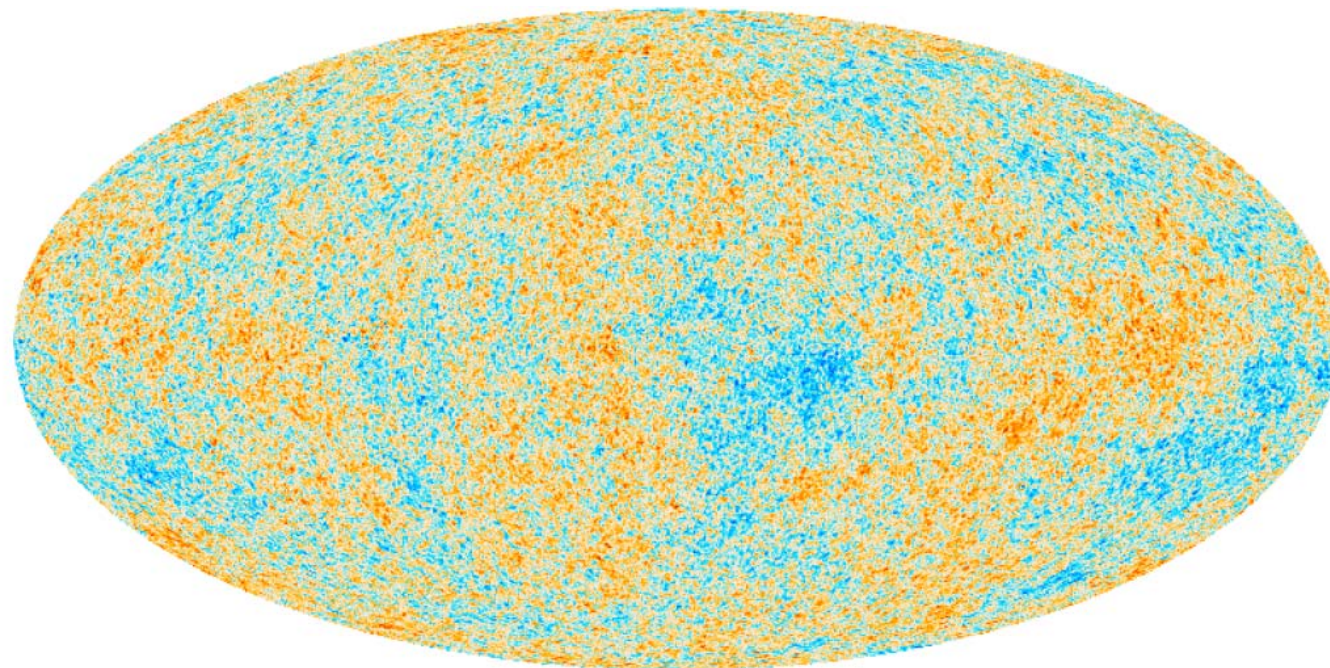
1. Introduction: Review of inflation

Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB)

[Planck collaborations]

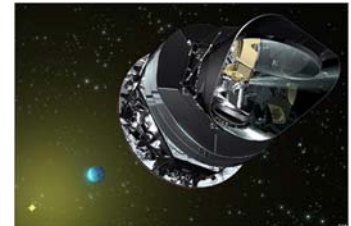
CMB fluctuation: $\Delta T/T \sim 10^{-5}$

where $T \sim 2.7$ K.



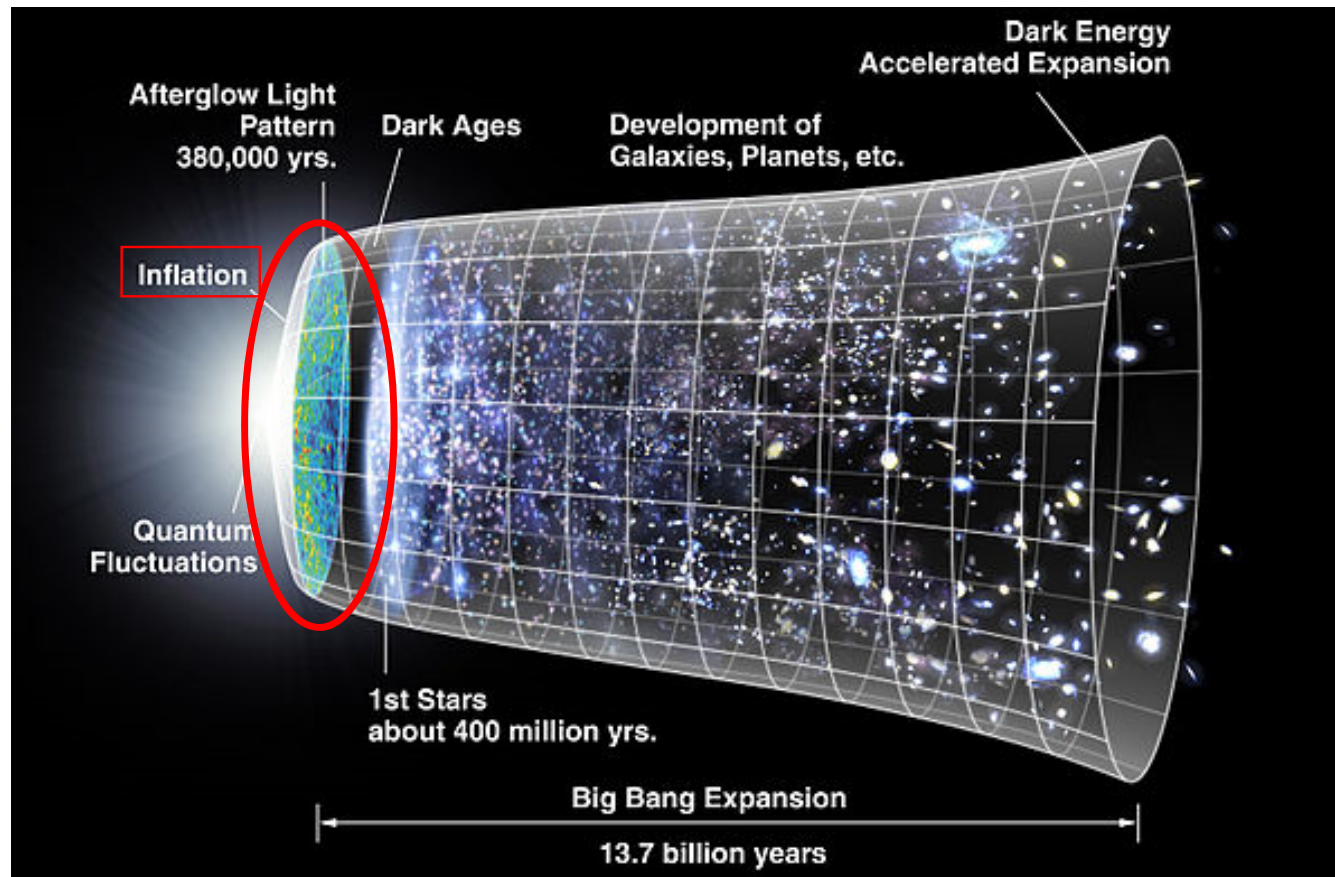
-500  500 μK_{CMB}

Planck satellite



Inflation: origin of CMB

Accelerating expansion of the universe



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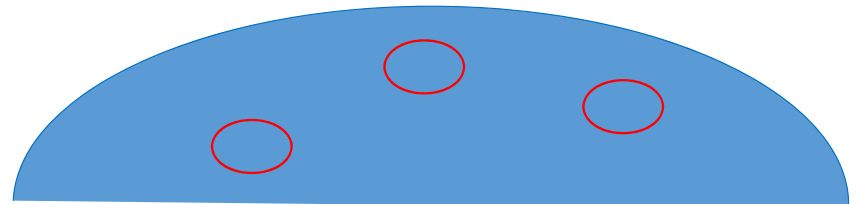


Why inflation?

- Generating density fluctuations : $\Delta T/T \sim 10^{-5}$
= seeds of galaxies (= those of us)
- Solutions for fine-tuning problems by the expansion
 - Flatness problem: $\Omega_{\text{curvature}} \ll 1$
 - Horizon problem : $T \sim 2.7\text{K}$ in CMB all over the sky



Inflation



(Flat) Friedmann-Robertson-Walker metric

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + a(t)^2 \delta_{ij} dx^i dx^j$$

$a(t)$: Scale factor

$$H = \frac{\dot{a}}{a} : \text{Hubble parameter}$$

Inflation driven by an inflaton ϕ

- EOM

$$\ddot{\phi} + 3H\dot{\phi} + V' = 0$$

- Friedman Eq.

$$H^2 = \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1}{2}\dot{\phi}^2 + V\right)$$

- Slow-roll conditions

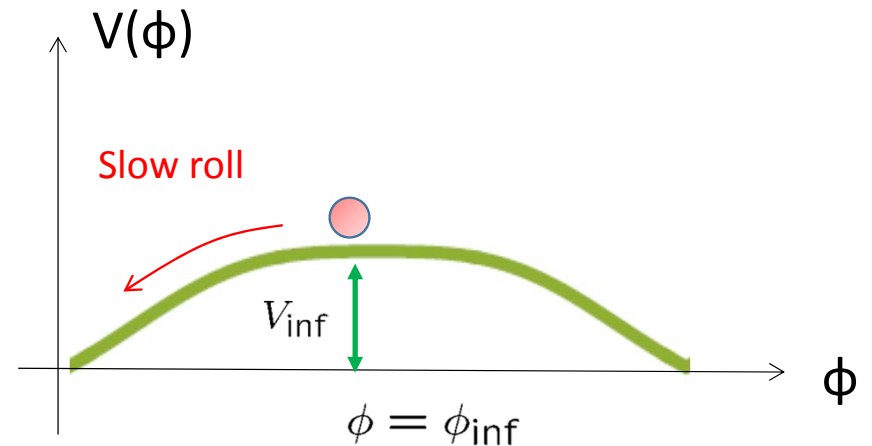
$$\frac{\dot{H}}{H^2} \ll 1, \quad \ddot{\phi} \ll H\dot{\phi}$$



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Inflation!!

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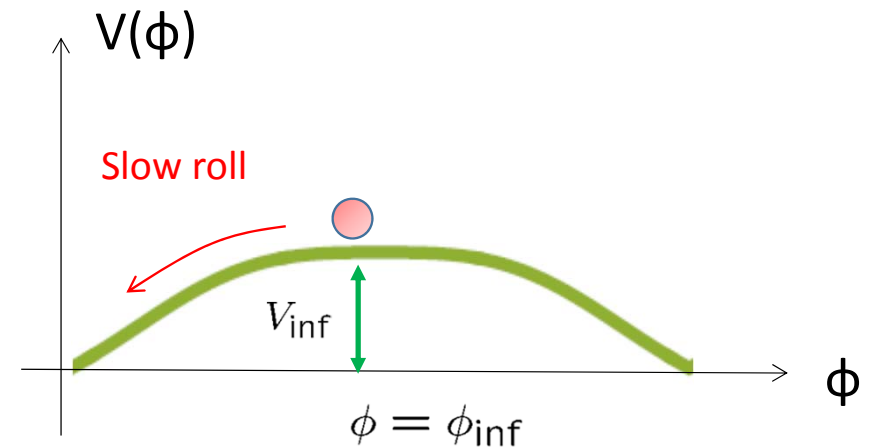
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Metric perturbation

- Perturbations to FRW metric:

$$ds^2 = -dt^2 + a(t)^2 e^{2\zeta(t, \vec{x})} [\delta_{ij} + h_{ij}(t, \vec{x})] dx^i dx^j$$

ζ : Scalar perturbation from inflaton

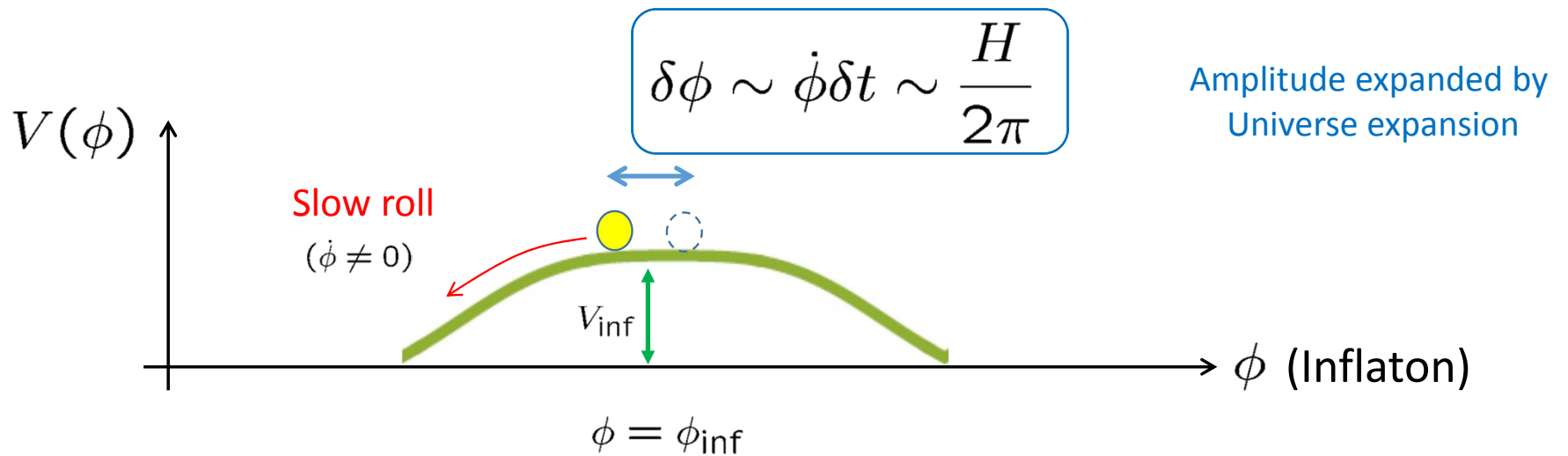
h : Tensor perturbation

(gravitational wave itself from inflation energy V_{inf})

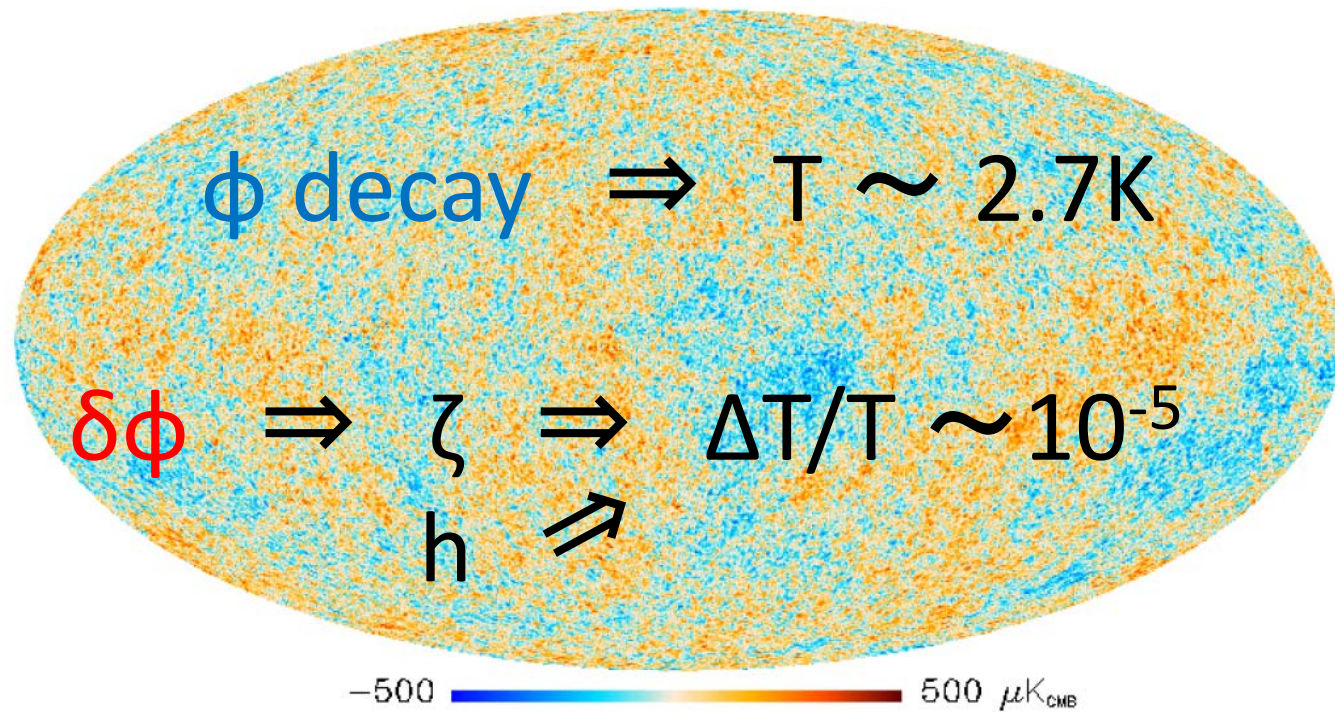
→ B-mode polarization in CMB photon

$\zeta =$ Inflaton's quantum fluctuation $\delta\phi$

$$\zeta \sim \frac{\delta\rho_\phi}{\rho_\phi} \sim H\delta t \sim \frac{H}{\dot{\phi}}\delta\phi \sim \frac{V^{3/2}}{V'}$$



CMB fluctuation generated by inflaton



Theory and observations

[Planck collaboration]

$$P_{\zeta} \simeq \frac{2V}{3\pi^2 r} \left(\frac{k}{k_0}\right)^{n_s-1}$$

$$n_s \simeq 1 - 3\left(\frac{V'}{V}\right)^2 + 2\left(\frac{V''}{V}\right)$$

$$r \simeq 8\left(\frac{V'}{V}\right)^2$$

$$P_{\zeta}^{\text{obs}}(k = k_0) \simeq 2.5 \times 10^{-9}$$

$$k_0 = 0.002 \text{Mpc}^{-1}$$

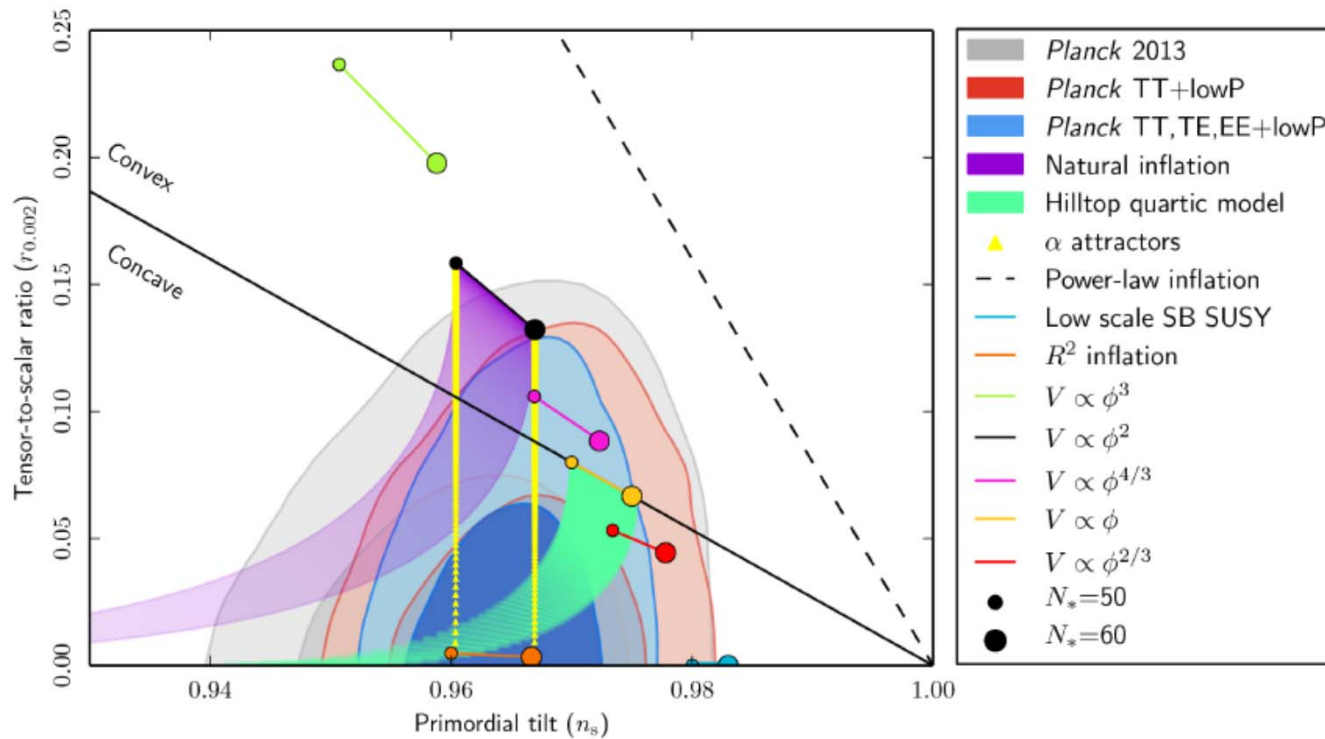
P_{ζ} : Power spectrum = $(\Delta T/T)^2$ from scalar, $P_{\zeta} \simeq (\Delta T/T)_{\text{scalar}}^2$

n_s : Spectral index = scale dependence of P_{ζ}

r : Tensor to scalar ratio = $(\Delta T/T)^2$ ratio of gravitational wave to scalar, $r \simeq \frac{(\Delta T/T)_{\text{tensor}}^2}{(\Delta T/T)_{\text{scalar}}^2}$

(n_s, r) -contour: focus on small r

[Planck 2015 collaborations]

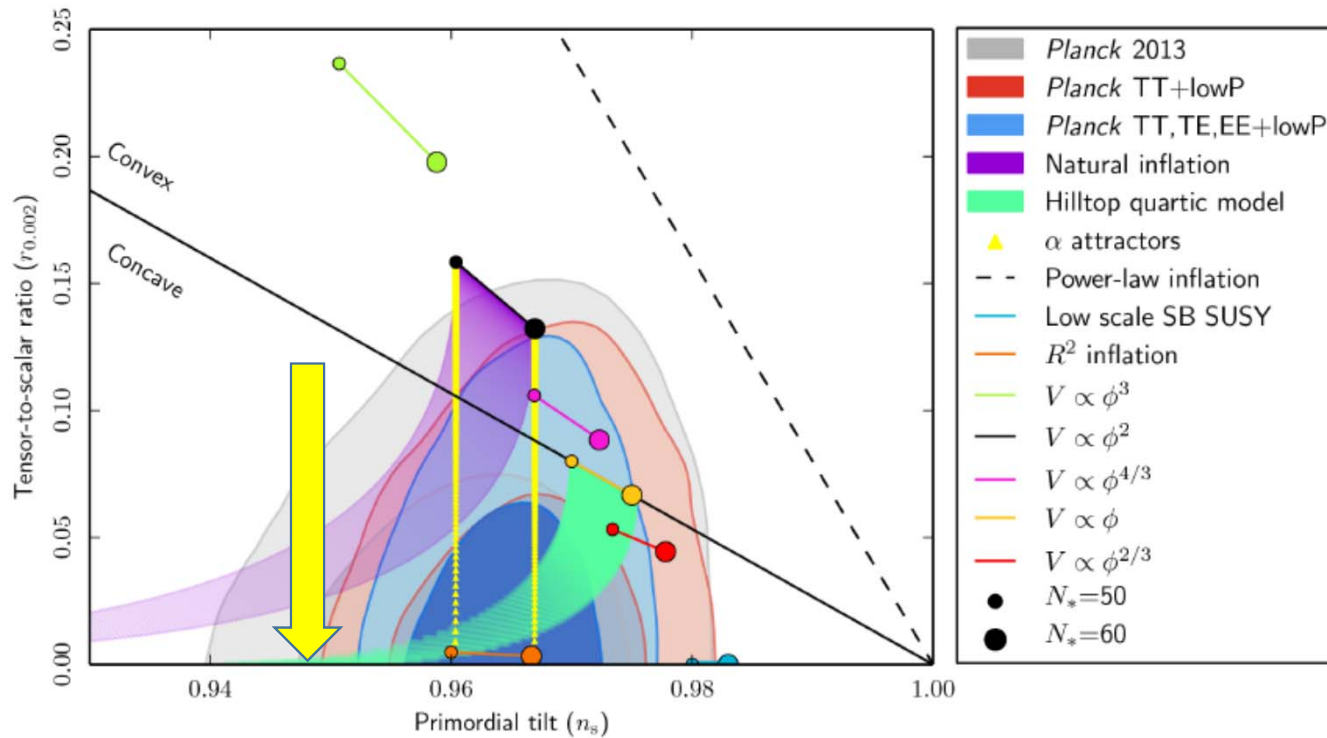


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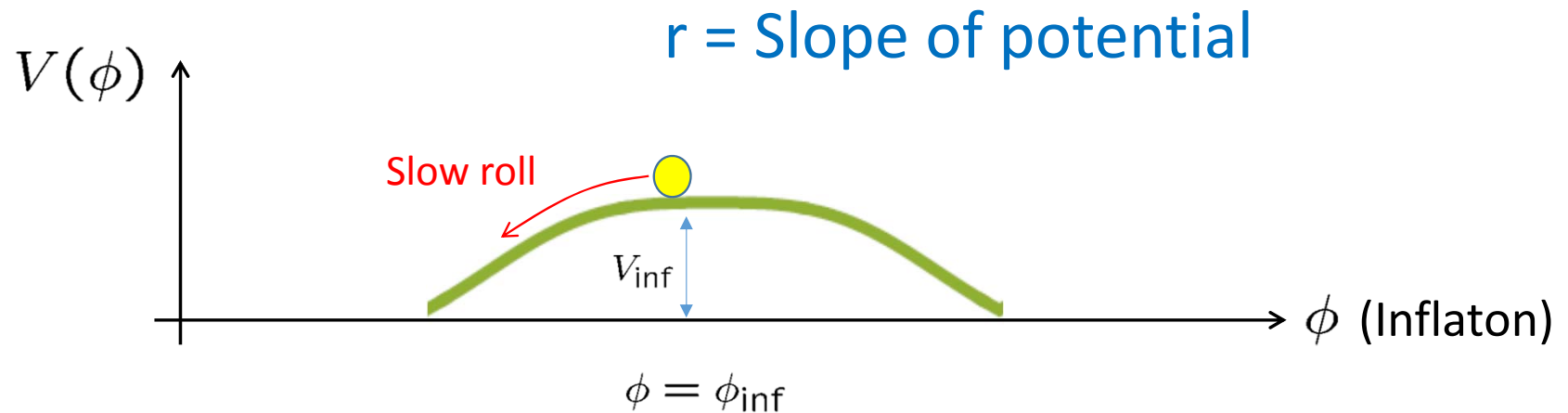
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Small r can be favored.

2. Flat inflaton potential & symmetry

Inflaton potential: very small slope and curvature



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Observations: $\hat{1}$ $\hat{1}$ $\hat{1}$

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- **Natural inflation**: broken but **a discrete shift symmetry below Λ** [Freese, Frieman, Olinto]

$$\phi \rightarrow \phi + 2\pi f; \quad V(\phi) = \Lambda^4 \cos\left(\frac{\phi}{f}\right).$$

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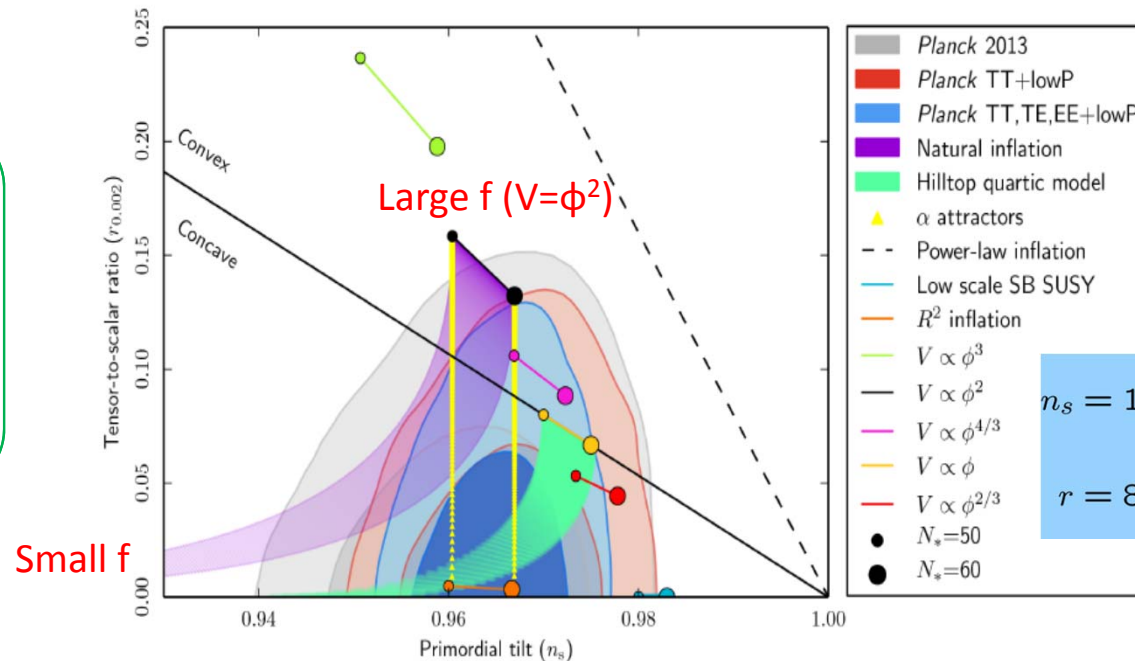
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$$\left(\frac{V'}{V}\right)^2 \sim \frac{V''}{V} \sim \frac{1}{f^2} \ll 1.$$

Remark: $\frac{V^3}{V'^2} = \text{fixed}$

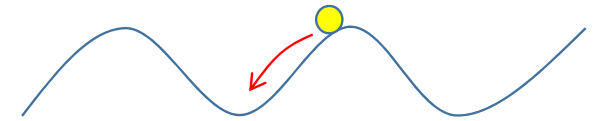


$$n_s = 1 + 2\frac{V''}{V} - 3\left(\frac{V'}{V}\right)^2;$$

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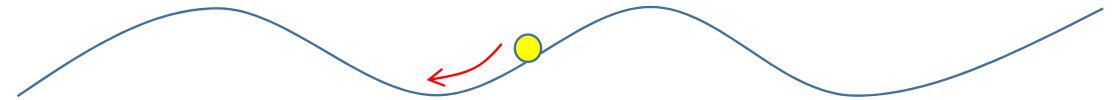
Natural inflation and f-dependence

- **f → small**: ϕ_{inf} is near hilltop for a long slow-roll:



$$\phi_{\text{inf}} \sim \pi f \rightarrow \epsilon \sim 0 \ll |\eta|.$$

- **f → large**: Chaotic inflation



$$V = \frac{m^2}{2}\phi^2, \quad r = 0.16 \left(\frac{50}{N} \right), \quad \epsilon = \eta = \frac{1}{2N}$$

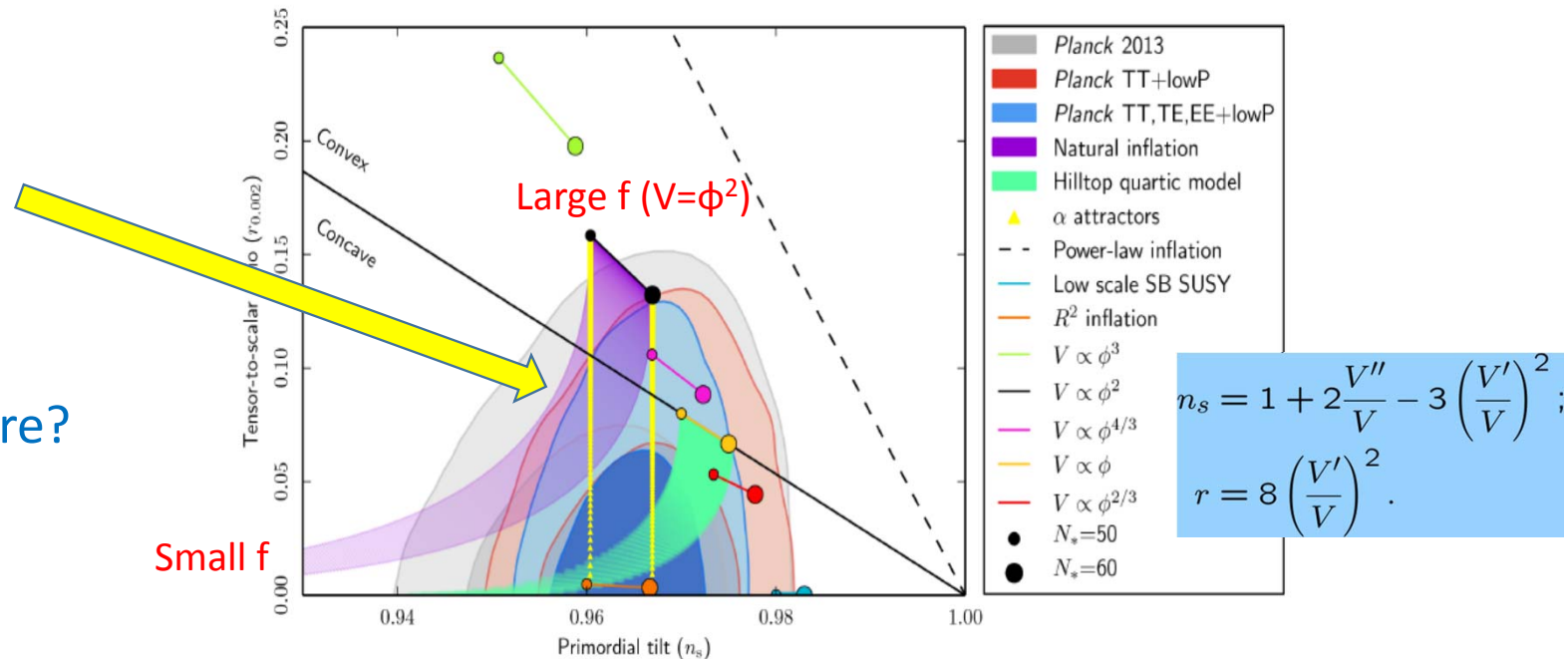
$$N = \log(a_f/a_{\text{inf}}) = \int_{t_{\text{inf}}}^{t_f} H dt \simeq \int_{\phi_f}^{\phi_{\text{inf}}} \frac{V}{V'} d\phi \quad : \text{e-folding}$$

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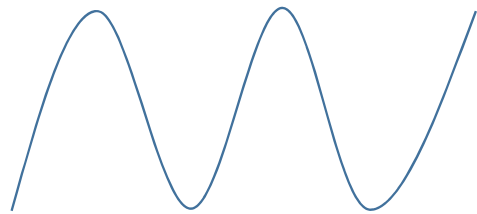
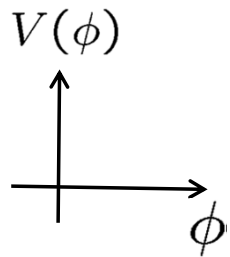
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- But, want a smaller r .
- $f > 5 M_{\text{pl}}$:
Weak gravity conjecture?

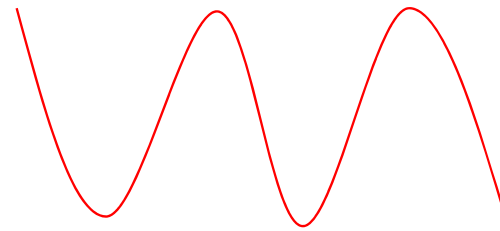


Natural inflation for a small r ?

- An idea: a cancellation against a big cosine function in potential



$$\Lambda^4 \cos(\phi/f), \quad f < M_{\text{Pl}}$$



$$\delta V(\phi)$$



Flatter & low potential

Multi-natural inflation: a bottom-up approach

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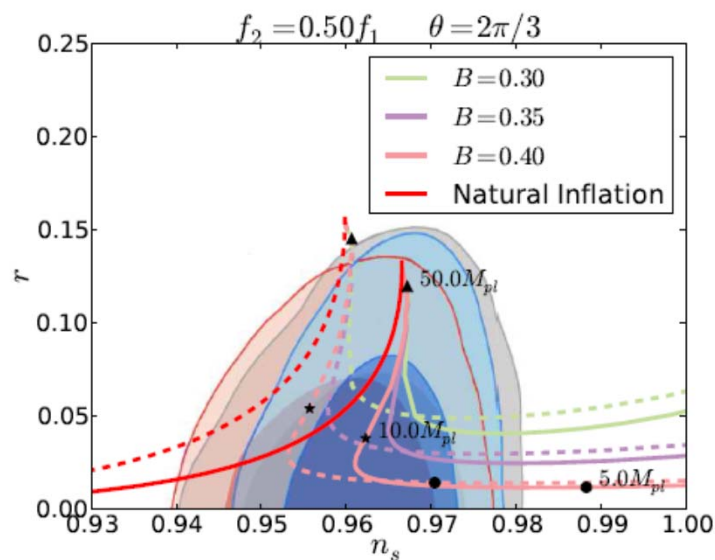
$$V(\phi) = V_0 - \Lambda^4 \left[\cos \left(\frac{\phi}{f_1} \right) + B \cos \left(\frac{\phi}{f_2} + \theta \right) \right].$$

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- $r < 0.11$
 - $f_1, f_2 < M_{\text{pl}}$ via a tuning: $B \sim (f_2/f_1)^2$, $\theta \sim -\pi(f_1/f_2)$
- Good against weak gravity conjecture.

Cf. Possible to have a modulation for $f_1 \gg f_2$ & $B \ll 1$ (Running n_s).

A UV completion and compactification

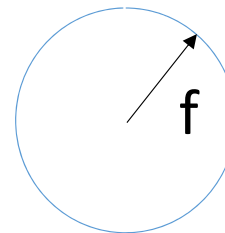
- Q. How is this model controlled? :
 - What are discrete symmetries for control?
 - What are their origins?

- **A. Discrete symmetry from compactification of extra dimension**

▪▪ Discreteness = Compactness

$$\phi \equiv \phi + 2\pi f$$

ϕ -space
on a circle

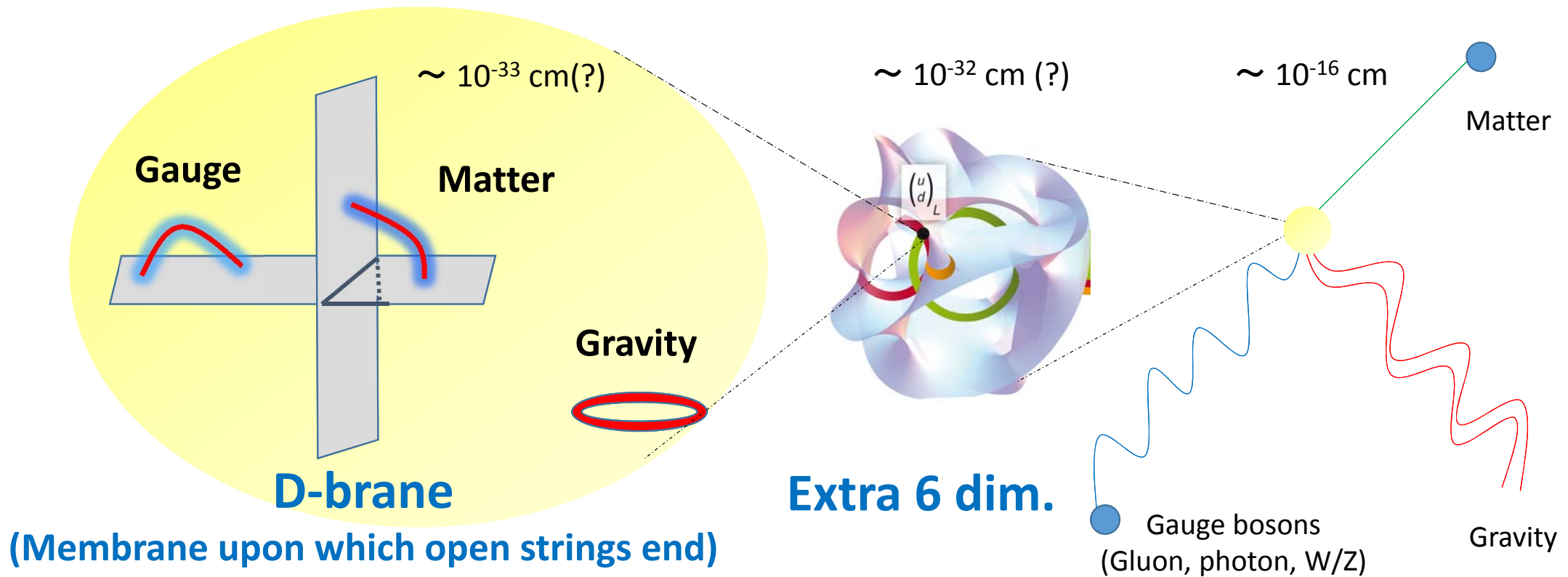


Compactification of extra dim.
relevant to ϕ -periodicity



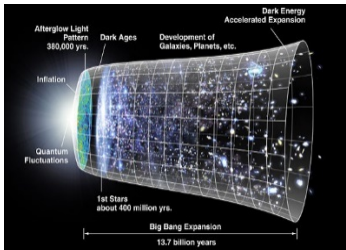
3. A UV completion in the string theory

String theory as the origin of forces & matter



String theory compactification on torus

- Let $10D = 4D \text{ spacetime} + 2d \text{ torus } (T^2) + X_4 \text{ (something)}$



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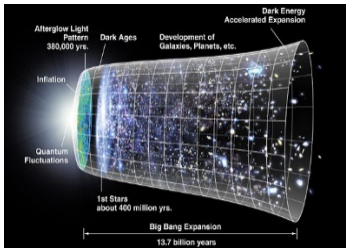


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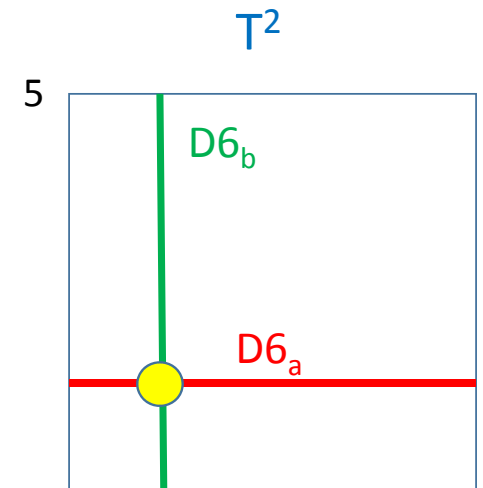
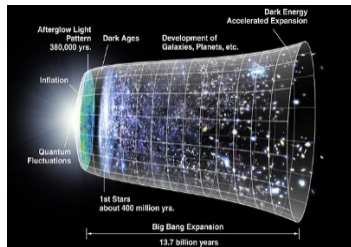


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- Inflation energy: SUSY-breaking by Izawa-Yanagida-Intriligator-Thomas (IYIT)

$$W = y_{ijk} X^i Y^j \Phi^k \quad \rightarrow \quad y_{ijk} \mathcal{M}^{ij} \Phi^k + Z \left[\text{Pf}(\mathcal{M}) - \Lambda_{SU(2)}^4 \right]$$

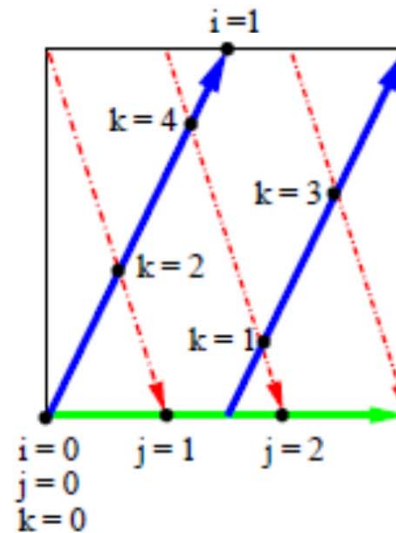
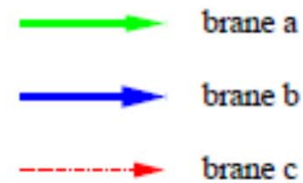
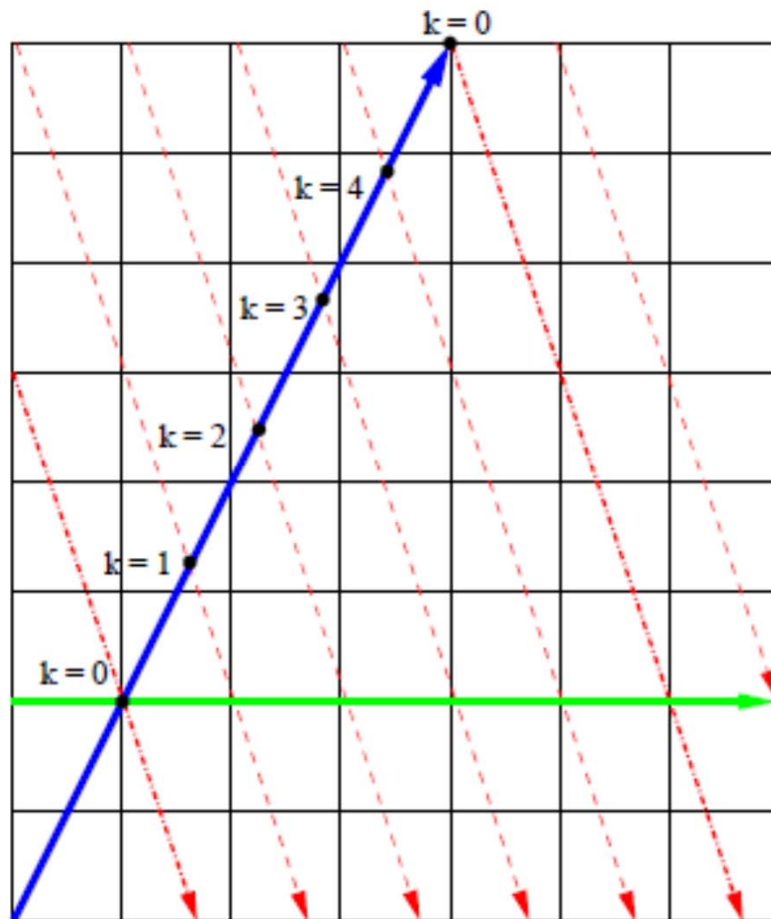
An example of D6-brane configuration

Spacetime	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
D6 _a	○	○	○	○	○	×	○	×	○	×
D6 _b	○	○	○	○	×	○	×	○	○	×



An example of D6-branes on T^2

[Cremades-Ibanez-Marhesano]



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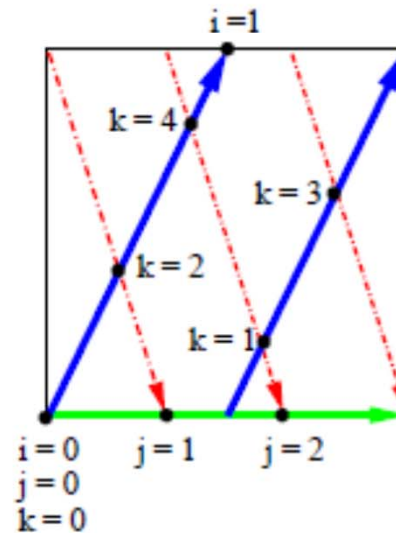
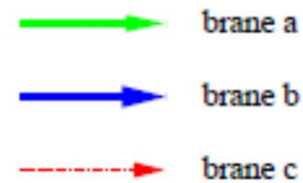
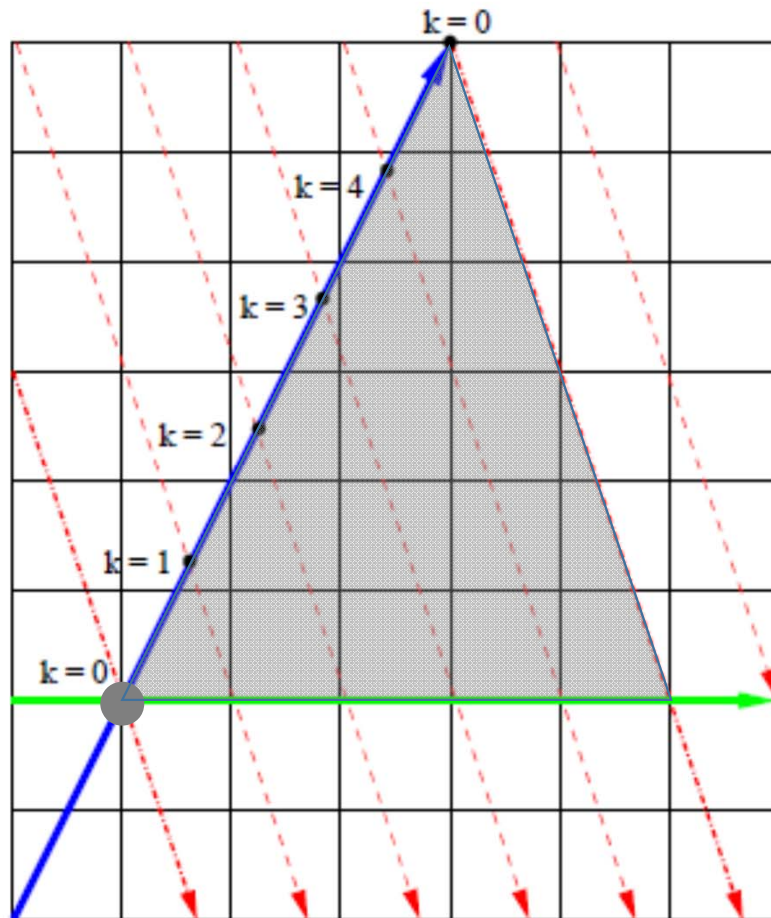
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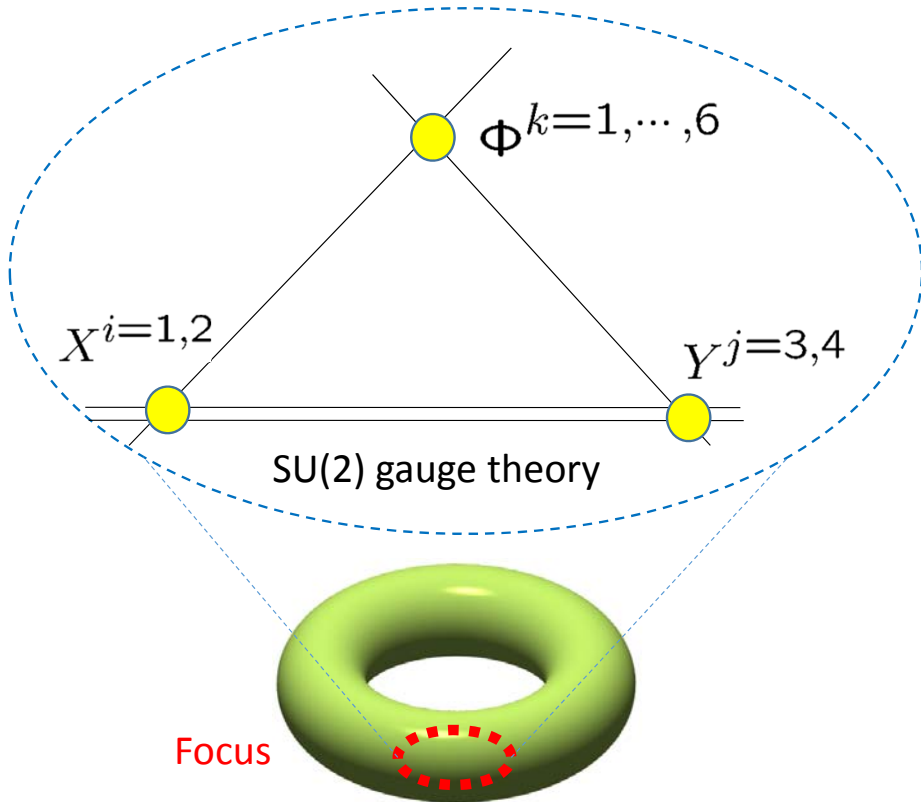
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Intersecting D-branes on 2D torus

- Discrete symmetries from “Torus property \times D-brane configuration”:



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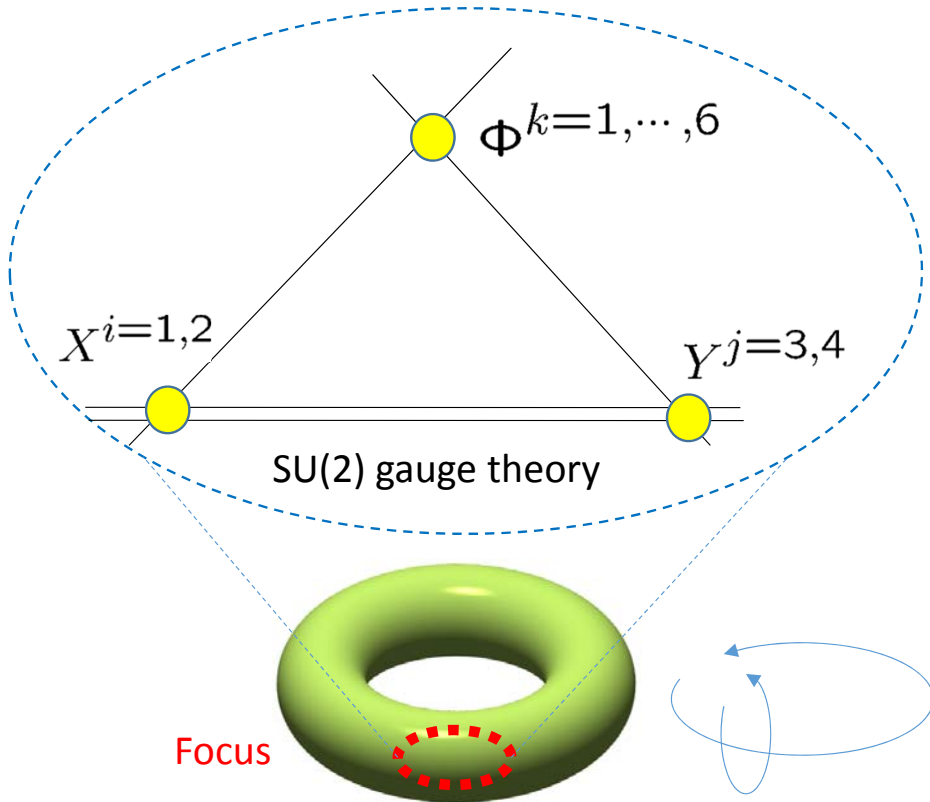
$$SL(2, \mathbb{Z}) \times (\text{periodicity}) \times (\mathbb{Z}_2)^2$$

relevant to control y_{ijk} .

(preliminary result)

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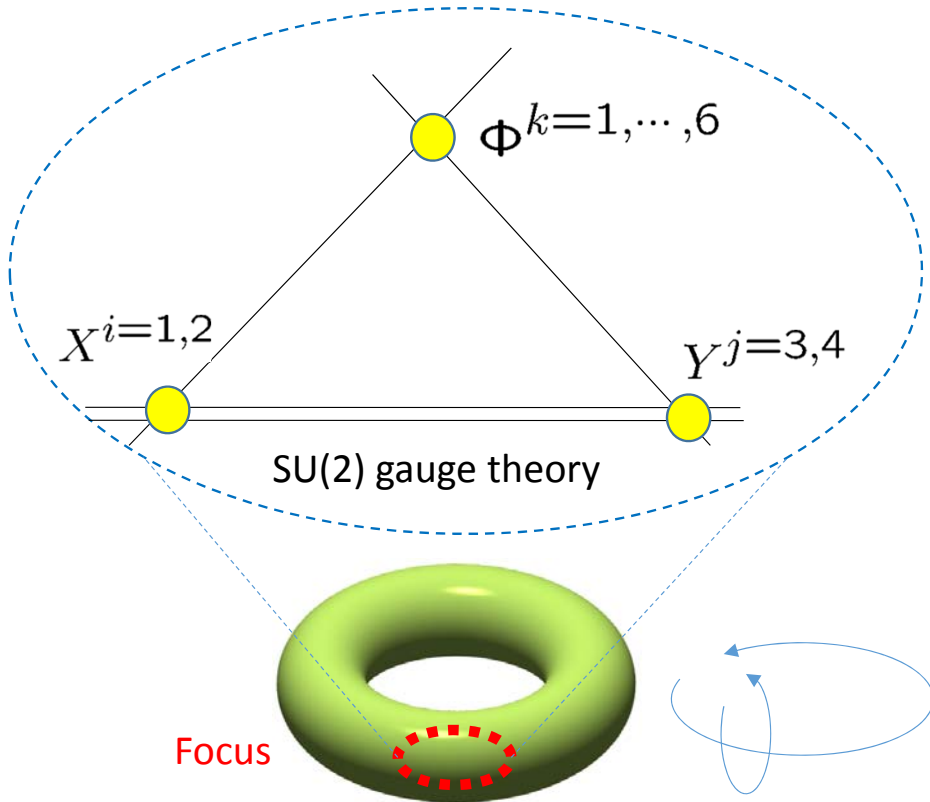
B: NS B-field axion, **A:** torus area

$\nu + b$: brane position moduli

a : brane intersection #-dependent number

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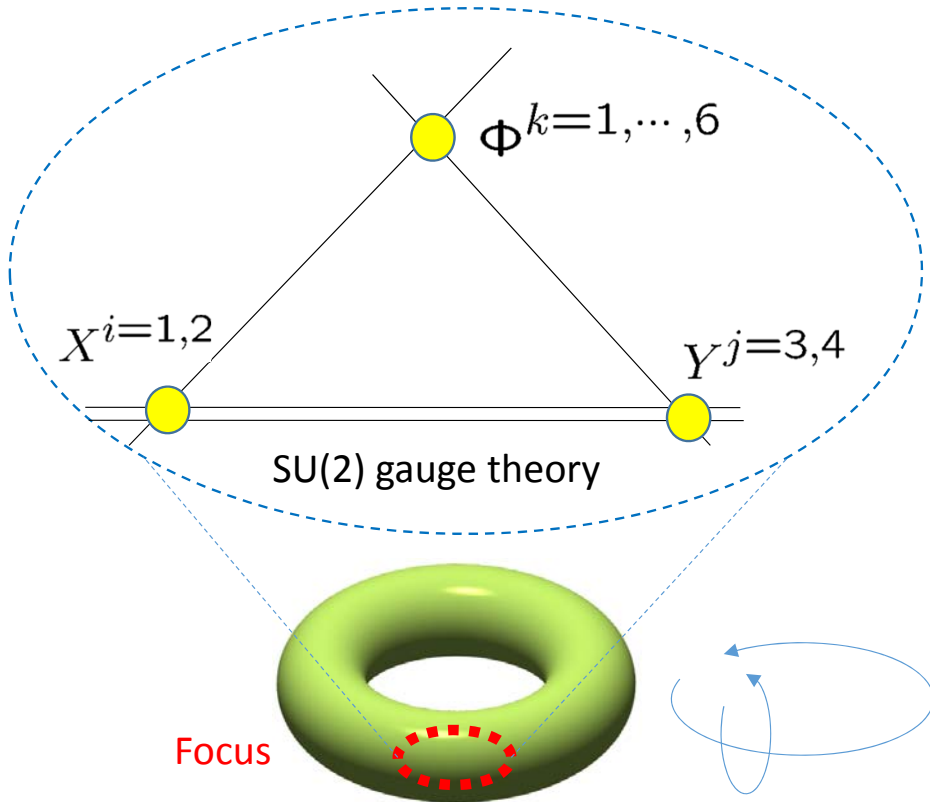
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- Periodicity : $\nu \rightarrow \nu + n + m\tau, \quad m, n \in \mathbb{Z}.$
- $SL(2, \mathbb{Z}) : \tau \rightarrow \frac{a\tau + b}{c\tau + d}, \quad ad - bc = 1, \quad a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}.$

(T-dual of complex structure on T^2)

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$$= \text{1} \times \text{wrapping string} + \text{2} \times \text{wrapping string} + \dots$$

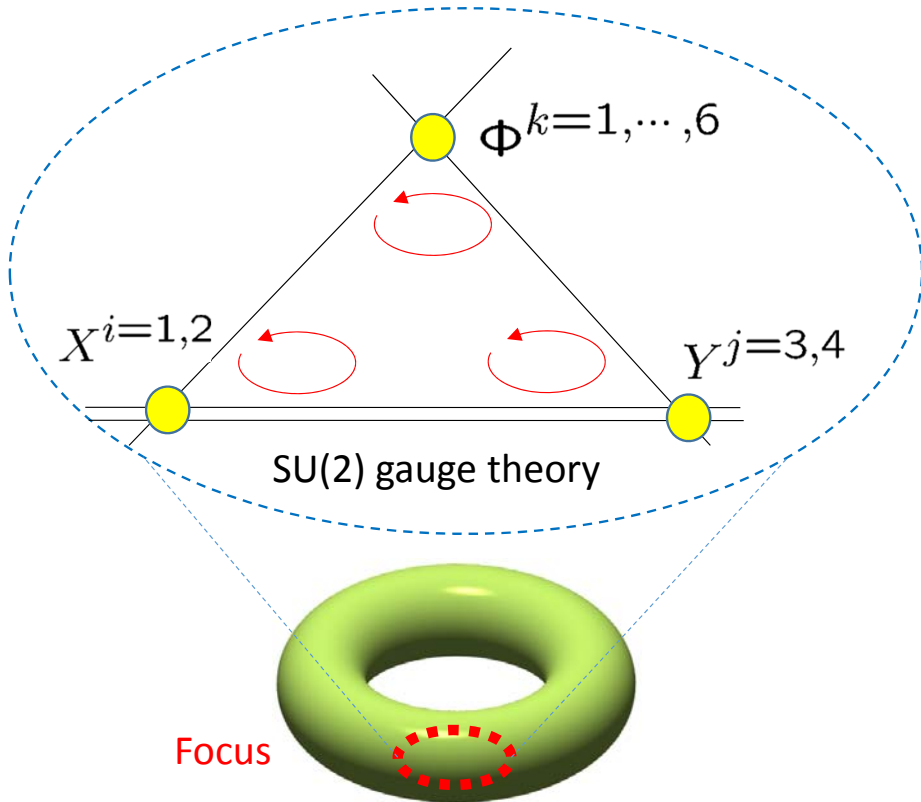
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$(\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2)$ invariant Yukawa coupling y_{ijk} :

1. $(X^i, Y^j, \Phi^k) \rightarrow (-X^i, -Y^j, \Phi^k)$
2. $\rightarrow (X^i, -Y^j, -\Phi^k)$



Low energy W & explicit form of Yukawas

- Low energy W in IYIT model:

$$W = y_{ijkl} \mathcal{M}^{ij} \Phi^k$$

with taking $\text{Pf}(\mathcal{M}) = -\mathcal{M}_{13}\mathcal{M}_{24} = \Lambda^4$.

$$(|\mathcal{M}_{13}| = |\mathcal{M}_{24}|)$$

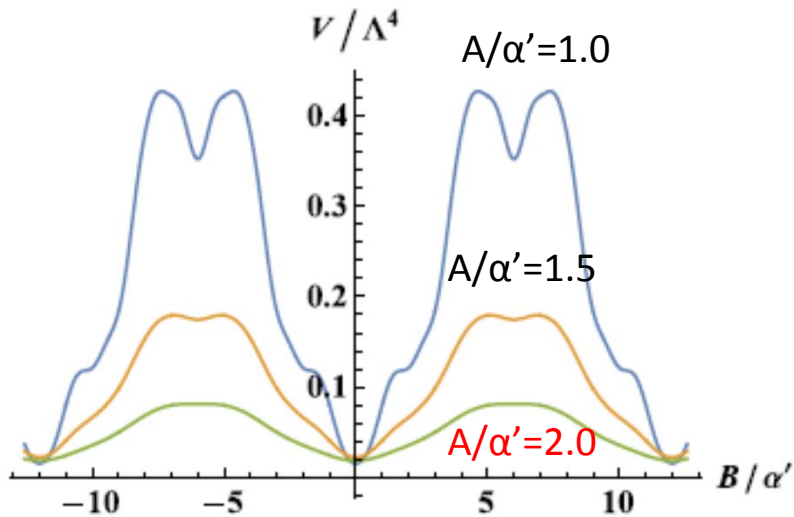
$$\begin{aligned}
 y_{131} = y_{243} &= \vartheta \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} (\varphi, 6(B+iA)/\alpha') + \vartheta \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} (\varphi, 6(B+iA)/\alpha'), \\
 y_{241} = y_{135} &= \vartheta \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} (\varphi, 6(B+iA)/\alpha') + \vartheta \begin{bmatrix} \frac{5}{6} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} (\varphi, 6(B+iA)/\alpha'), \\
 y_{142} = y_{236} &= \vartheta \begin{bmatrix} \frac{5}{12} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} (\varphi, 6(B+iA)/\alpha') + \vartheta \begin{bmatrix} \frac{11}{12} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} (\varphi, 6(B+iA)/\alpha'), \\
 y_{232} = y_{144} &= \vartheta \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{12} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} (\varphi, 6(B+iA)/\alpha') + \vartheta \begin{bmatrix} \frac{7}{12} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} (\varphi, 6(B+iA)/\alpha'), \\
 y_{133} = y_{245} &= \vartheta \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{6} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} (\varphi, 6(B+iA)/\alpha') + \vartheta \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} (\varphi, 6(B+iA)/\alpha'), \\
 y_{234} = y_{146} &= \vartheta \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} (\varphi, 6(B+iA)/\alpha') + \vartheta \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{4} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} (\varphi, 6(B+iA)/\alpha'),
 \end{aligned}$$

Scalar potential

$$\frac{V}{\Lambda^4} \simeq (|y_{131}|^2 + |y_{133}|^2 + |y_{135}|^2 - 2\text{Re}(y_{131}^* y_{133} + y_{133}^* y_{135} + y_{135}^* y_{131}))$$

$$= 4 \left(-e^{-\frac{3}{2}\pi A/\alpha'} \cos\left(\frac{3}{2}\pi\phi/f\right) + e^{-\frac{1}{6}\pi A/\alpha'} \cos\left(\frac{1}{6}\pi\phi/f\right) - e^{-\frac{2}{3}\pi A/\alpha'} \cos\left(\frac{2}{3}\pi\phi/f\right) \right)$$

$$V(\phi) \sim C - \lambda\phi^4 \quad \text{for } A/\alpha' \simeq 2.$$



- Inflaton ϕ :
$$\frac{\phi}{f} \equiv 6 - \frac{B}{\alpha'}$$

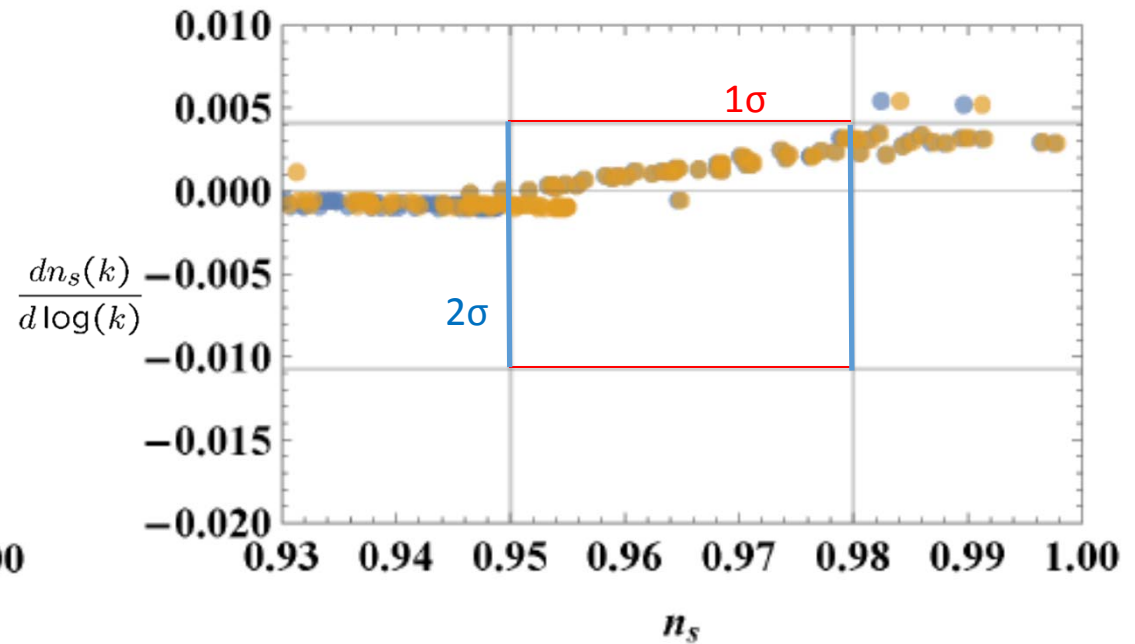
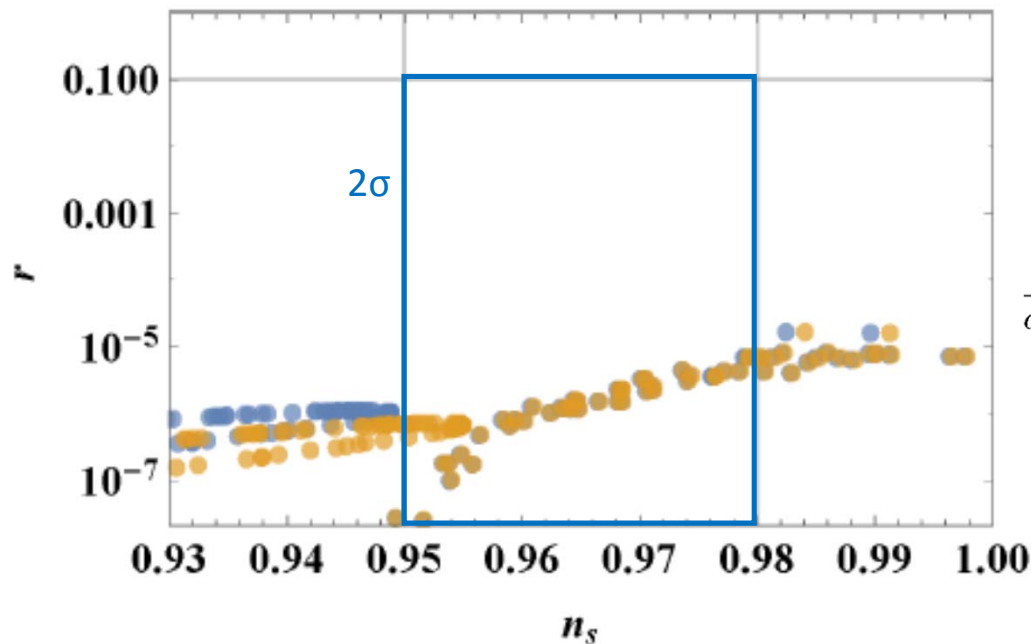
- Decay constant f :

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{kin}} \equiv \frac{f^2}{2} [\partial(B/\alpha')]^2 \equiv \frac{1}{2} (\partial\phi)^2$$

Results for string inspired case of $f = \frac{\alpha'}{\sqrt{2}A} M_{\text{Pl}}$

Plots for $1.65 \leq A/\alpha' \leq 1.95$.

- N=50
- N=60



$A/\alpha' \sim 1.81$; $f \sim 0.39 M_{\text{Pl}}$ for Planck results

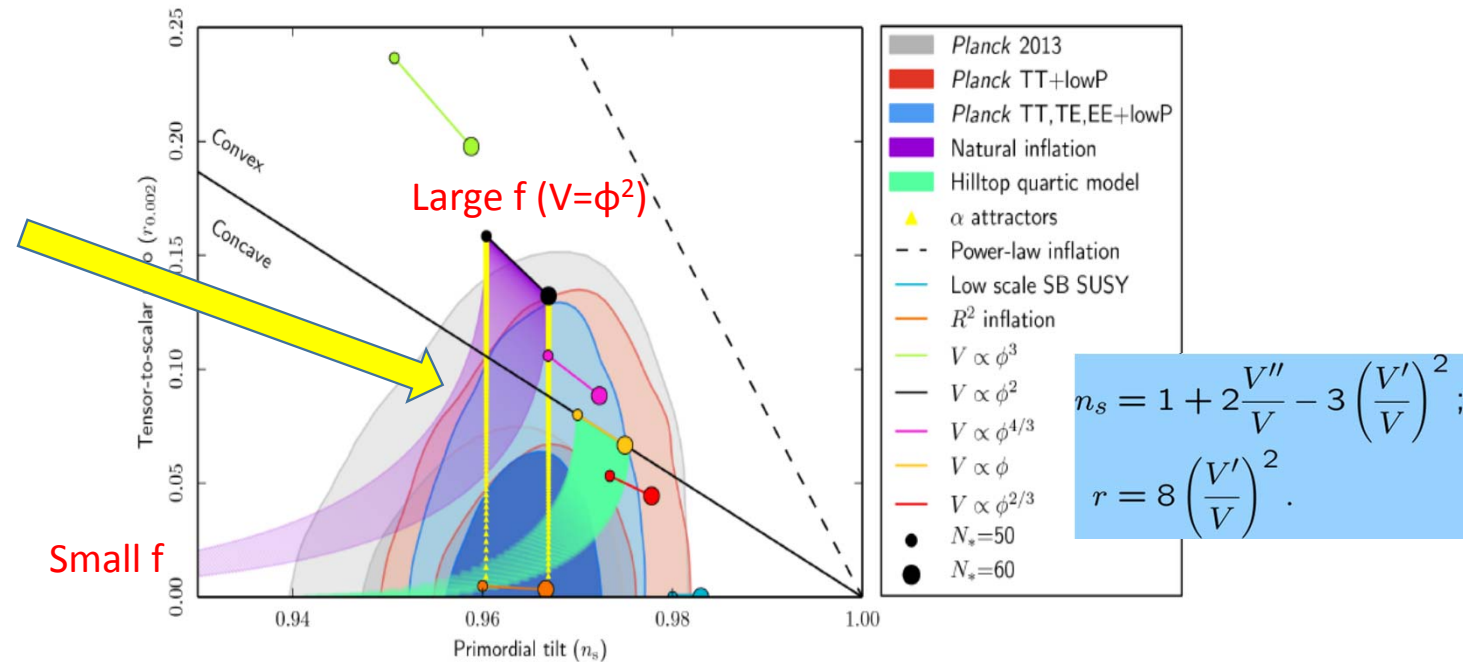
4. Review of other attempts for natural inflation

Natural inflation & discrete shift symmetry

Natural inflation: well-controlled by a discrete shift symmetry

$$\phi \rightarrow \phi + 2\pi f; \quad V = \Lambda^4 \cos\left(\frac{\phi}{f}\right).$$

- $f > 5 M_{\text{pl}}$:
Weak gravity conjecture?



Aligned natural inflation for $f > M_{\text{Pl}}$

- Two axions: $\phi_1 \rightarrow \phi_1 + 2\pi f_1$, $\phi_2 \rightarrow \phi_2 + 2\pi f_2$

[Kim, Nilles, Peloso]

$$V = \Lambda_1^4 \cos\left(n_1 \frac{\phi_1}{f_1} + n_2 \frac{\phi_2}{f_2}\right) + \Lambda_2^4 \cos\left(m_1 \frac{\phi_1}{f_1} + m_2 \frac{\phi_2}{f_2}\right) \quad n_i, m_i \in \mathbb{Z}$$

For $\Lambda_1 \gg \Lambda_2$, $\phi \equiv \frac{f_1 f_2}{\sqrt{(n_1 f_1)^2 + (n_2 f_2)^2}} \left(-n_2 \frac{\phi_1}{f_2} + n_1 \frac{\phi_2}{f_1}\right)$ becomes **inflaton**:

$$V_{\text{eff}} = \Lambda_2^4 \cos\left(\frac{\phi}{f_{\text{eff}}}\right)$$

$$f_{\text{eff}} = \frac{\sqrt{(n_1 f_1)^2 + (n_2 f_2)^2}}{|n_1 m_2 - n_2 m_1|}$$

The weak gravity conjecture

[Arkani-hamed, Motl, Nicolis, Vafa]

The conjecture: “The gravity is the weakest force.”

$$q \gtrsim \frac{m}{M_{\text{Pl}}}.$$

$$\left(F_{U(1)} = \frac{q^2}{r^2} \gtrsim F_g = G_N \frac{m^2}{r^2} \right)$$

- But, one might have an axion interaction of $M_{\text{Pl}} < f$: $\mathcal{L} = \frac{\phi}{f} \mathcal{O} < \frac{\phi}{M_{\text{Pl}}} \mathcal{O}$.
- What if we have a weaker force than gravity?

$$M_P \equiv 1$$

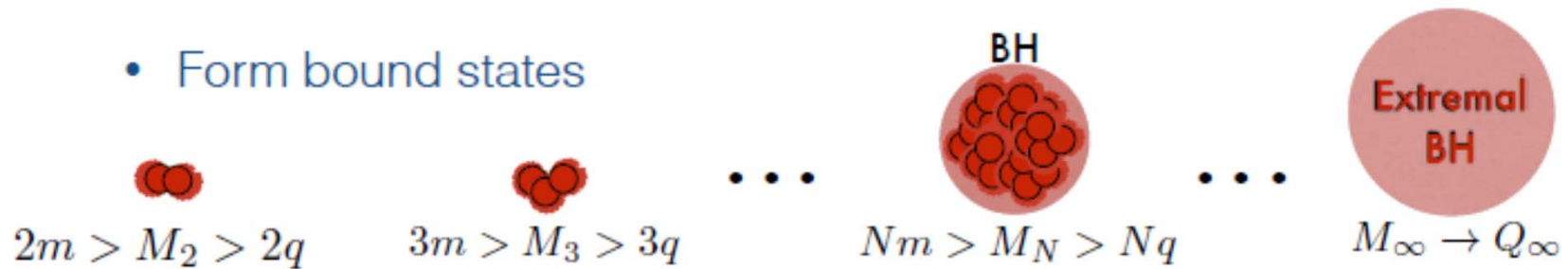
The Weak Gravity Conjecture

[Slide from G. Shiu]

- Take a U(1) and a single family with $q < m$ (WGC)



- Form bound states



- All these (BH) states are stable. Trouble w/ remnants [Susskind '95](#)

($G_N \rightarrow 0$ via Bekenstein-Hawking formula)

- Need a light state into which they can decay

$$\frac{q}{m} \geq "1" \equiv \frac{Q_{Ext}}{M_{Ext}}$$

The weak gravity conjecture for axion

[Arkani-hamed, Motl, Nicolis, Vafa]

The conjecture for axion potential via one instanton effect:

$$\frac{1}{f} \gtrsim \frac{S}{M_{\text{Pl}}}$$

$$V_{1\text{-inst}} = e^{-S} M_{\text{Pl}}^4 \cos\left(\frac{\phi}{f}\right)$$

- Axion interaction for $M_{\text{Pl}} < f$: $\mathcal{L} = \frac{\phi}{f} \mathcal{O} < \frac{\phi}{M_{\text{Pl}}} \mathcal{O}$.

A possible loophole

[Slide from G. Shiu]

- The WGC requires $f \cdot m < 1$ for ONE instanton, but not ALL

$$V = e^{-m} \left[1 - \cos \left(\frac{\Phi}{F} \right) \right] + e^{-M} \left[1 - \cos \left(\frac{\Phi}{f} \right) \right]$$

With $1 < m \ll M$, $F \gg M_P > f$, $M \times f \ll 1$

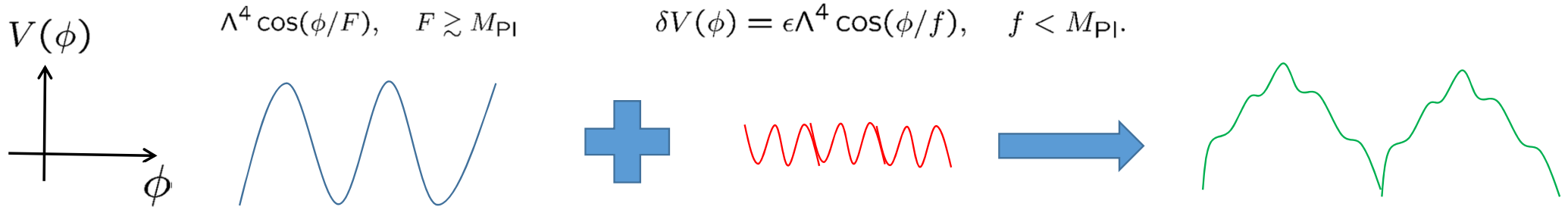
Multi-natural inflation!

- The second instanton fulfills the WGC, but is negligible, an “spectator”. Inflation is governed by the first term.

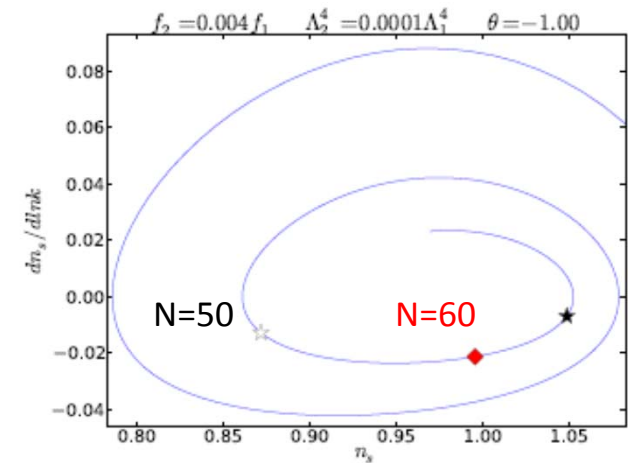
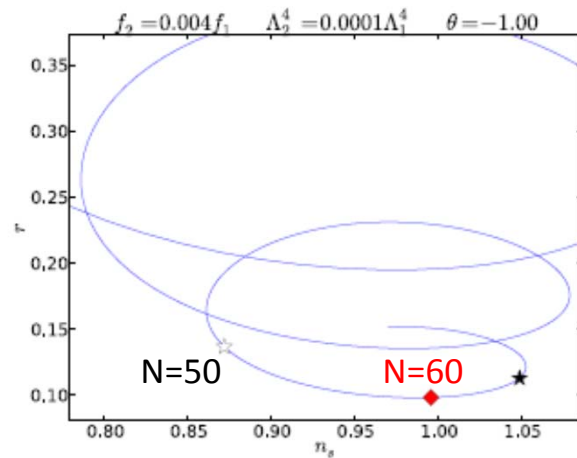
Potential with modulations

Again, [Czerny, Takahashi]; [Czerny, TH, Takahashi]; [TH, Takahashi]; [Kobayashi, Takahashi]; [Czerny, Kobayashi, Takahashi]; [TH, Kobayashi, Seto, Yamaguchi]

- Potential studied independently regardless of WGC:

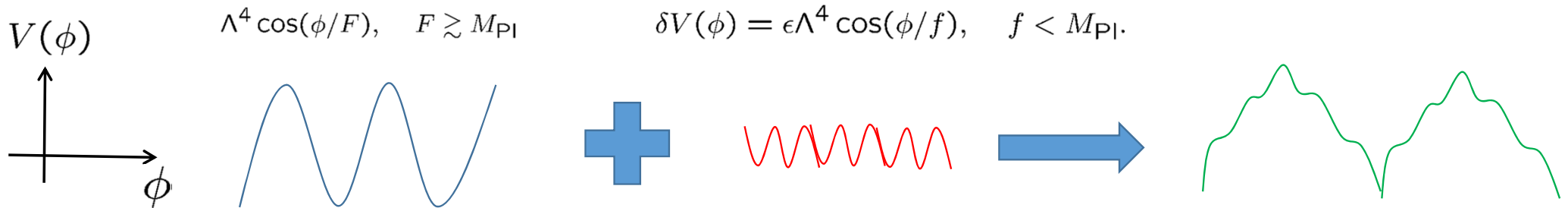


[Czerny, Kobayashi, Takahashi]
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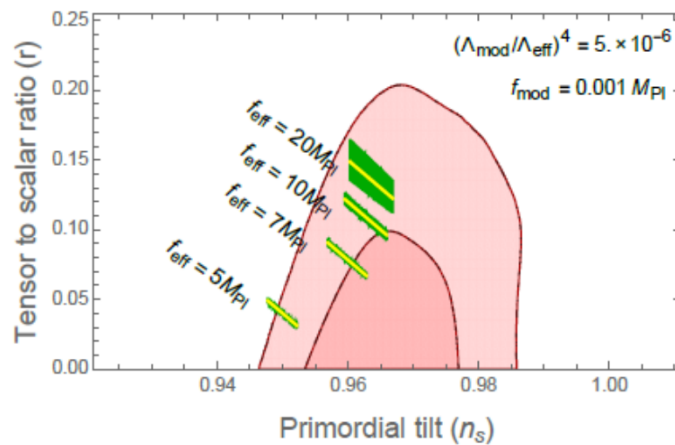


Recent studies of potentials with modulation

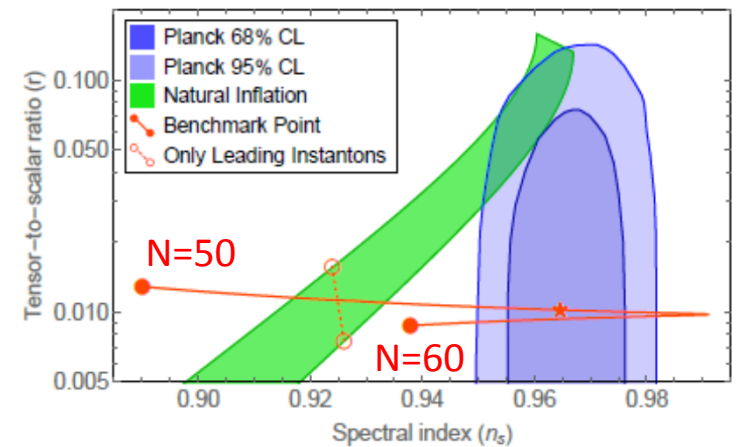
- Potential via WGC = Multi-natural inflation!:



[Choi et al.]
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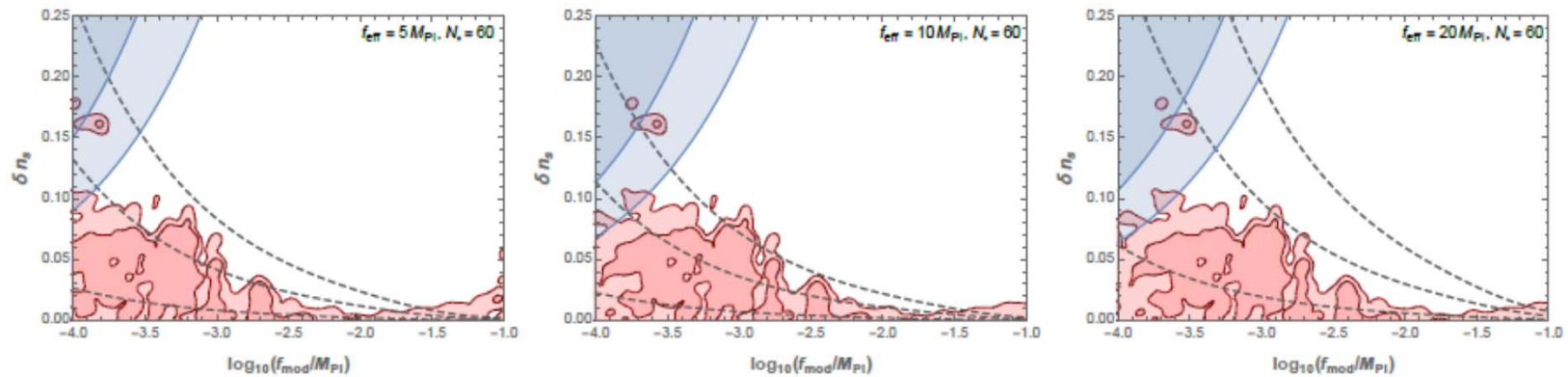
[Kappl et al.]
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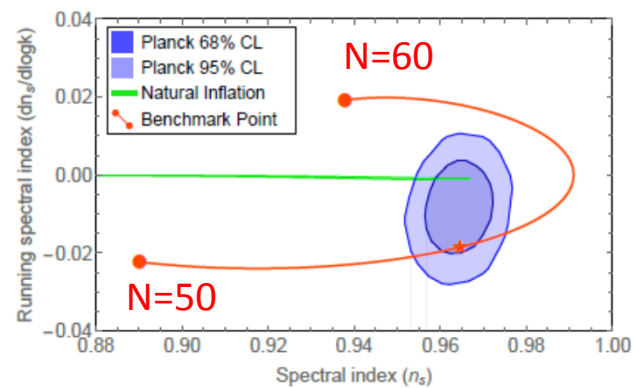
Potential with modulations: running n_s

$$= \frac{dn_s(k)}{d \log(k)}$$

[Choi et al.]
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[Kappl et al.]
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4. Conclusion & discussion

Conclusion

- Planck result can suggest a small r (< 0.11).
- **Discrete symmetries** control an inflation model; \exists **multi-instantons**.
- **UV completion**: compactification periodicity and brane configuration:
 $SL(2, \mathbb{Z}) \times (\text{periodicity}) \times (\mathbb{Z}_2)^2 + \text{constraint on torus area } (A/\alpha' \sim 2)$.

(preliminary result)

- General message:

Compactification may help slow roll inflation due to discrete symmetries.

Discussion

- Moduli stabilization during inflation required:

$$H_{\text{inf}} \sim \text{gravitino mass} < \text{Heavy moduli.}$$

Flux + racetrack (KL) model would help this issue.

Otherwise, slow roll inflation may be broken by a large inflaton mass via:

- Heavy moduli-inflaton mixing
- Quantum corrections from SUSY-breaking.

Appendix

The Weak Gravity Conjecture

[Slide from G. Shiu]

Arkani-Hamed et al. '06

- For bound states to decay, there must \exists a particle w/

$$\frac{q}{m} \geq "1" \equiv \frac{Q_{Ext}}{M_{Ext}}$$

Strong-WGC: satisfied by lightest charged particle

Weak-WGC: satisfied by any charged particle

