

Hunting Inflaton at FASER

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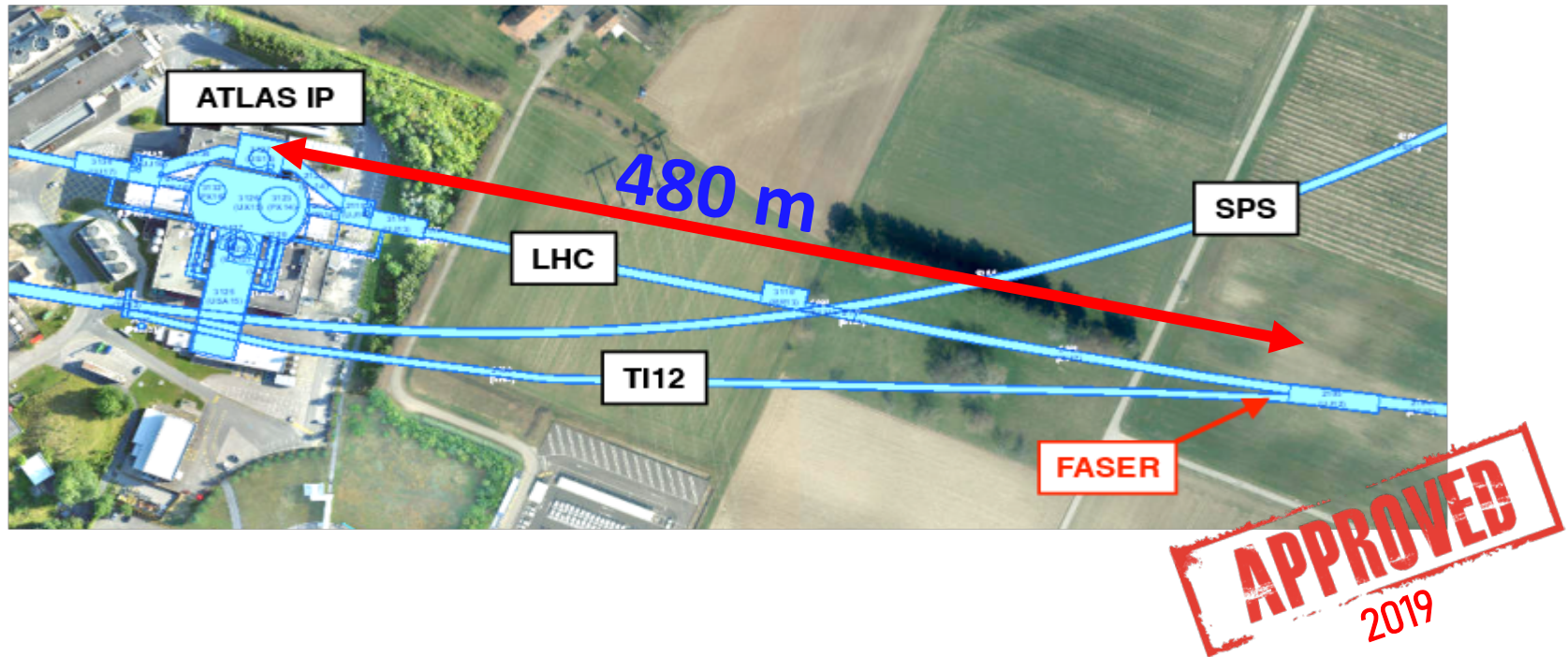
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FASER- Forward Search Experiment at LHC



FASER specializes in search for

- A Light,
- Weakly Interacting,
- Electrically Neutral,
- Long-lived Particle.

Possible New Light Physics from Beyond the Standard Model accessible to FASER:

- Dark New Vector Bosons
- Dark Scalars
- Pseudo-Scalars
(Axion-Like Particles)
- Dark Pseudo-Scalars
- Neutral Leptons

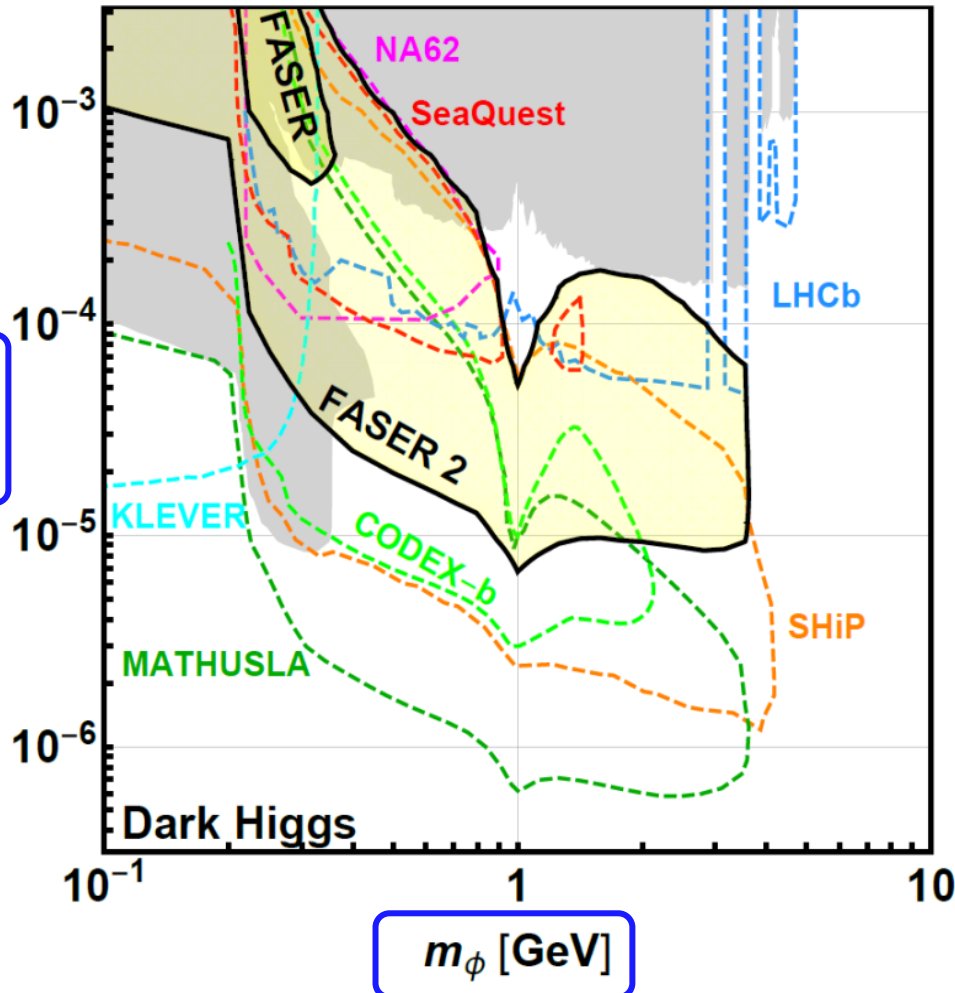


(I) FASER Search for Dark Higgs

FASER : LHC RUN-3

FASER2 : HL-LHC

arXiv: 1811.12522



Scalar/Higgs Mixing

$$\begin{bmatrix} h \\ \phi \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{h} \\ \tilde{\phi} \end{bmatrix}$$

Flavor Basis Mass Basis

Gray Shaded Region Excluded by CHARM, Belle and LHCb Experiments

OUR WORK:

Dark Higgs \longleftrightarrow Inflaton

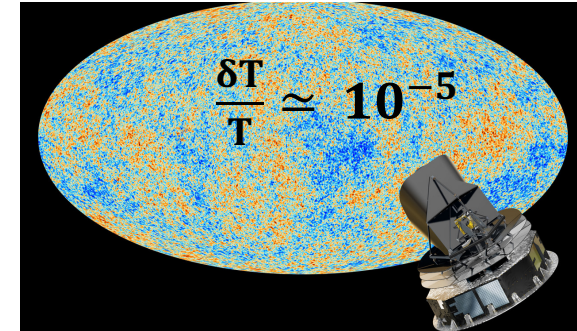
(II) Cosmological Inflation

Rapid Accelerated Expansion of Early Universe

Solves Three Major Cosmic Puzzles:

Alan H. Guth
Phys. Rev. D 23, 347

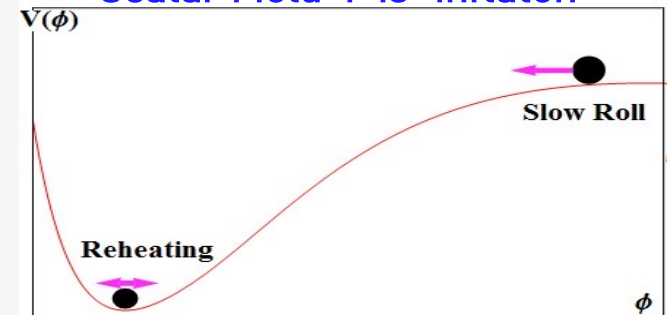
- Flatness of the Universe
- Uniformity of Cosmic Microwave Background
- Explains the origin of these “tiny” fluctuation which are essential to produce the large scale structures we see today!



Slow-roll Inflation

- Universe expand when “inflaton” slowly rolls down its “flat” potential.
- Inflation decays and reheats the universe (Big Bang Nucleosynthesis)

Scalar Field Φ is “Inflaton”



Q. What is the connection between inflation and particle physics?

Non-Minimal Inflation Scenario

D. S. Salopek, J. R. Bond, and J. M. Bardeen, Phys. Rev. D 40, 1753

Action:

$$\mathcal{S}_J = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[-\frac{1}{2} f(\phi) \mathcal{R} - \frac{1}{2} (\nabla\phi)^2 - V_J(\phi) \right]$$

Non-Minimal
Gravitational Coupling:

$$f(\phi) = 1 + \xi \phi^2$$

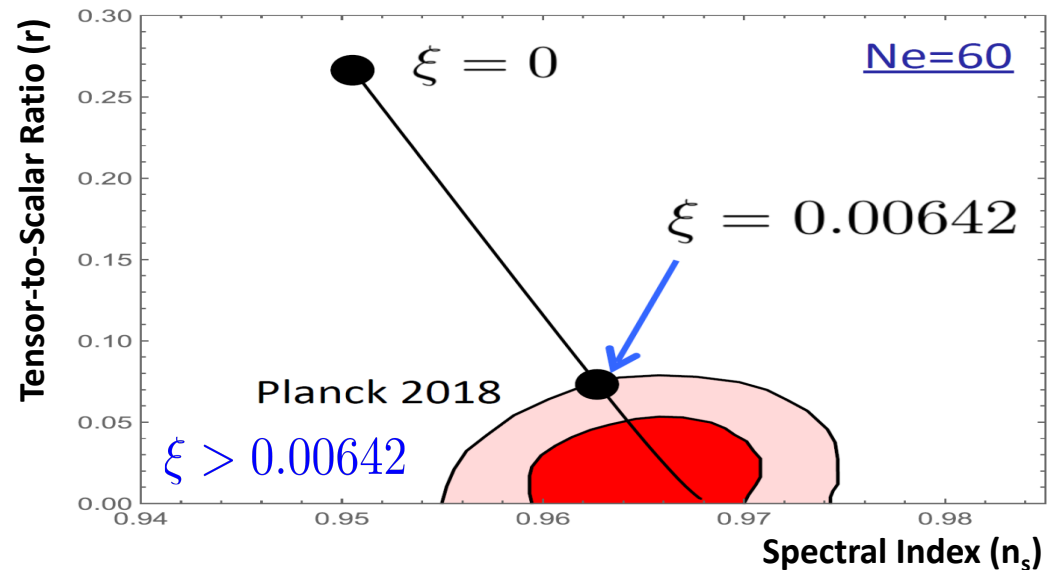
$$\xi > 0$$

Inflationary Predictions: Uniquely Determined by ξ

Inflaton
Potential

$$V_J = \frac{\lambda}{4} \phi^4$$

$\lambda \leftrightarrow \xi$
One-to-One



(III) Classical Conformal U(1)_X Extended SM

*S. Oda, N. Okada, and D. s. Takahashi,
[arXiv:1504.06291 [hep-ph]]*

	SU(3) _c	SU(2) _L	U(1) _Y	U(1) _X
q_L^i	3	2	1/6	$(1/6)x_H + (1/3)$
u_R^i	3	1	2/3	$(2/3)x_H + (1/3)$
d_R^i	3	1	-1/3	$(-1/3)x_H + (1/3)$
ℓ_L^i	1	2	-1/2	$(-1/2)x_H - 1$
e_R^i	1	1	-1	$-x_H - 1$
H	1	2	-1/2	$(-1/2)x_H$
N_R^i	1	1	0	-1
Φ	1	1	0	2

Z' is the U(1)_X gauge boson

$$Q_X = Q_Y x_H + Q_{B-L}$$

□ x_H is a free parameter

□ **B-L Limit:** ($x_H \rightarrow 0$)

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Scalar Field Φ is "Inflaton"

Scalar
Potential

$$V = \lambda_H (H^\dagger H)^2 + \lambda_\Phi (\Phi^\dagger \Phi)^2 - \lambda_{\text{mix}} (H^\dagger H) (\Phi^\dagger \Phi)$$

- Classical Conformal Invariance Forbids Mass Terms
- Electroweak Symmetry Breaking induced by Φ VEV

CW Inflaton Potential

$$V(\phi) = \frac{\lambda_\Phi}{4} \phi^4 + \frac{\beta_\Phi}{8} \phi^4 \left(\ln \left[\frac{\phi^2}{v_X^2} \right] - \frac{25}{6} \right)$$

$$\beta_\Phi \simeq \frac{1}{16\pi^2} (96g_X^4 - 3Y_M^4)$$

$$\langle \Phi \rangle = v_X / \sqrt{2}$$

Mass Spectrum

$$m_h^2 = \lambda_{\text{mix}} v_X^2 = 2\lambda_H v_h^2$$

$$m_\phi^2 = \frac{3\overline{g_X}^2}{2\pi^2} m_{Z'}^2 \left(1 - 2 \left(\frac{m_N}{m_{Z'}} \right)^4 \right)$$

$$m_{Z'} > 2^{1/4} m_N$$

$$\theta \simeq \frac{v_h}{v_X} = \frac{2\overline{g_X} v_h}{m_{Z'}} \ll 1$$

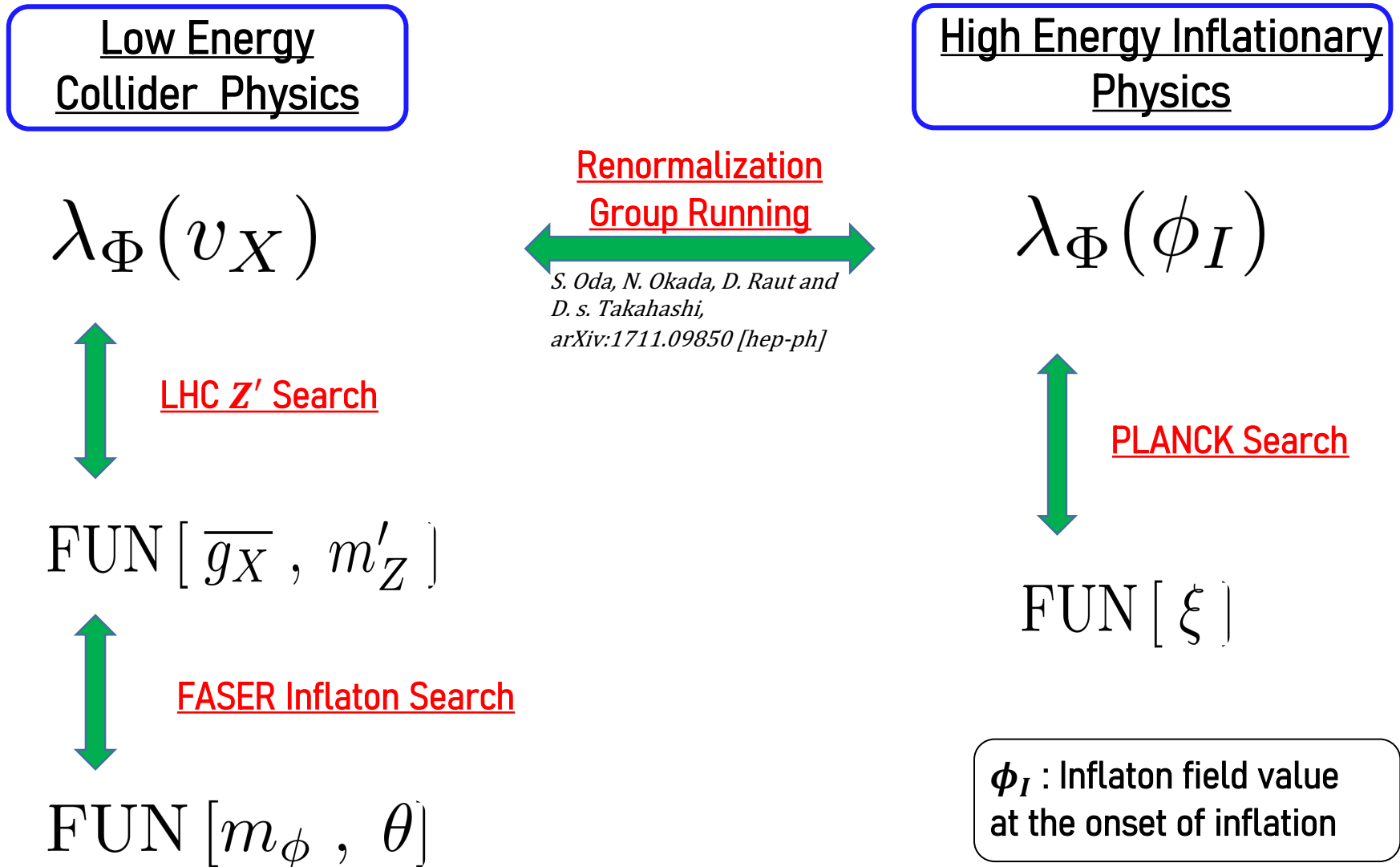
All the couplings are evaluated at v_X

Benchmark
($m_N = \frac{m_{Z'}}{3}$)

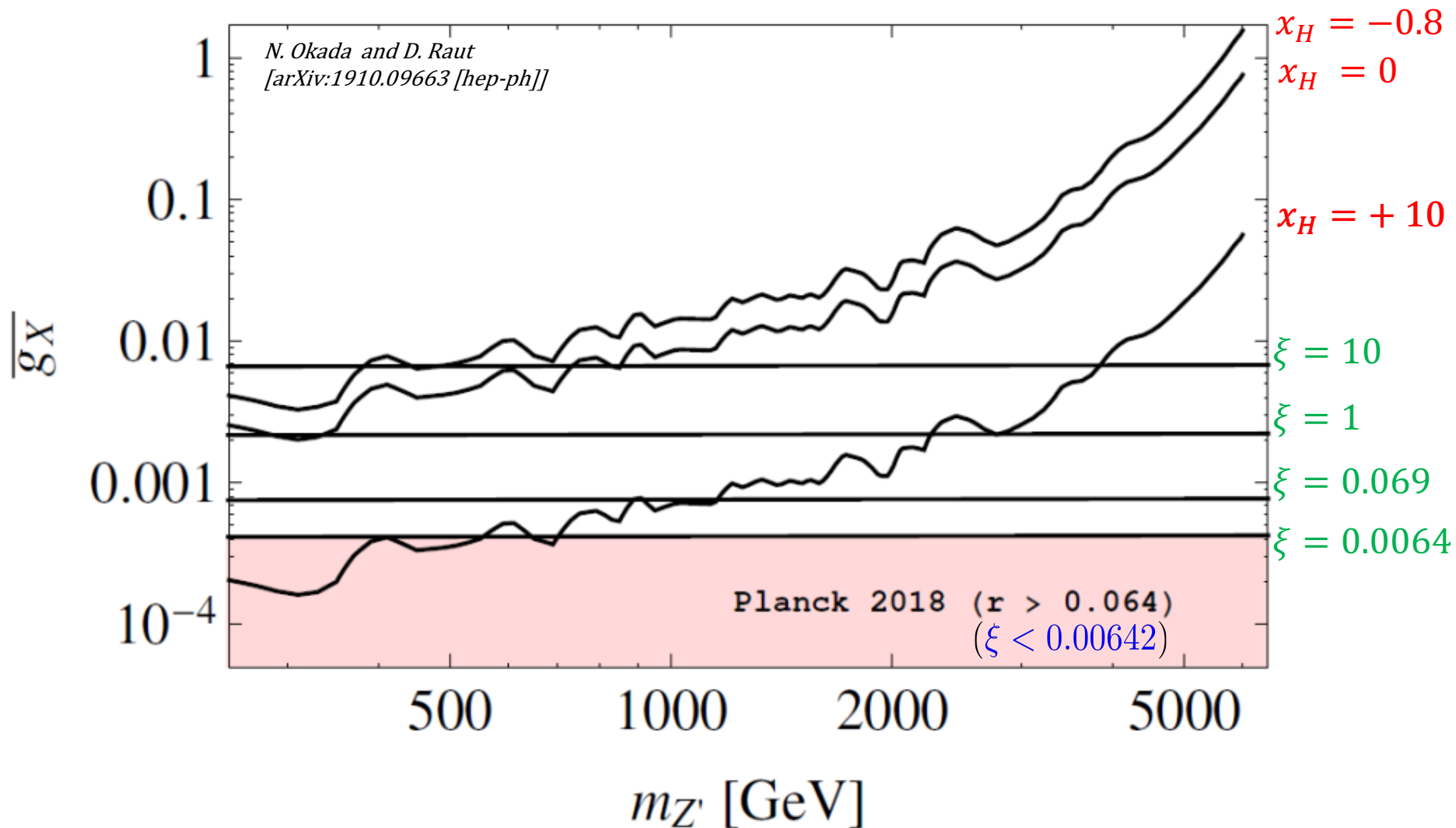
$$(m_\phi, \theta) = \text{FUN} [m_{Z'}, \overline{g_X}]$$

$m_\phi \leftrightarrow \theta$
One-to-One

(IV) Inflaton and Collider Physics

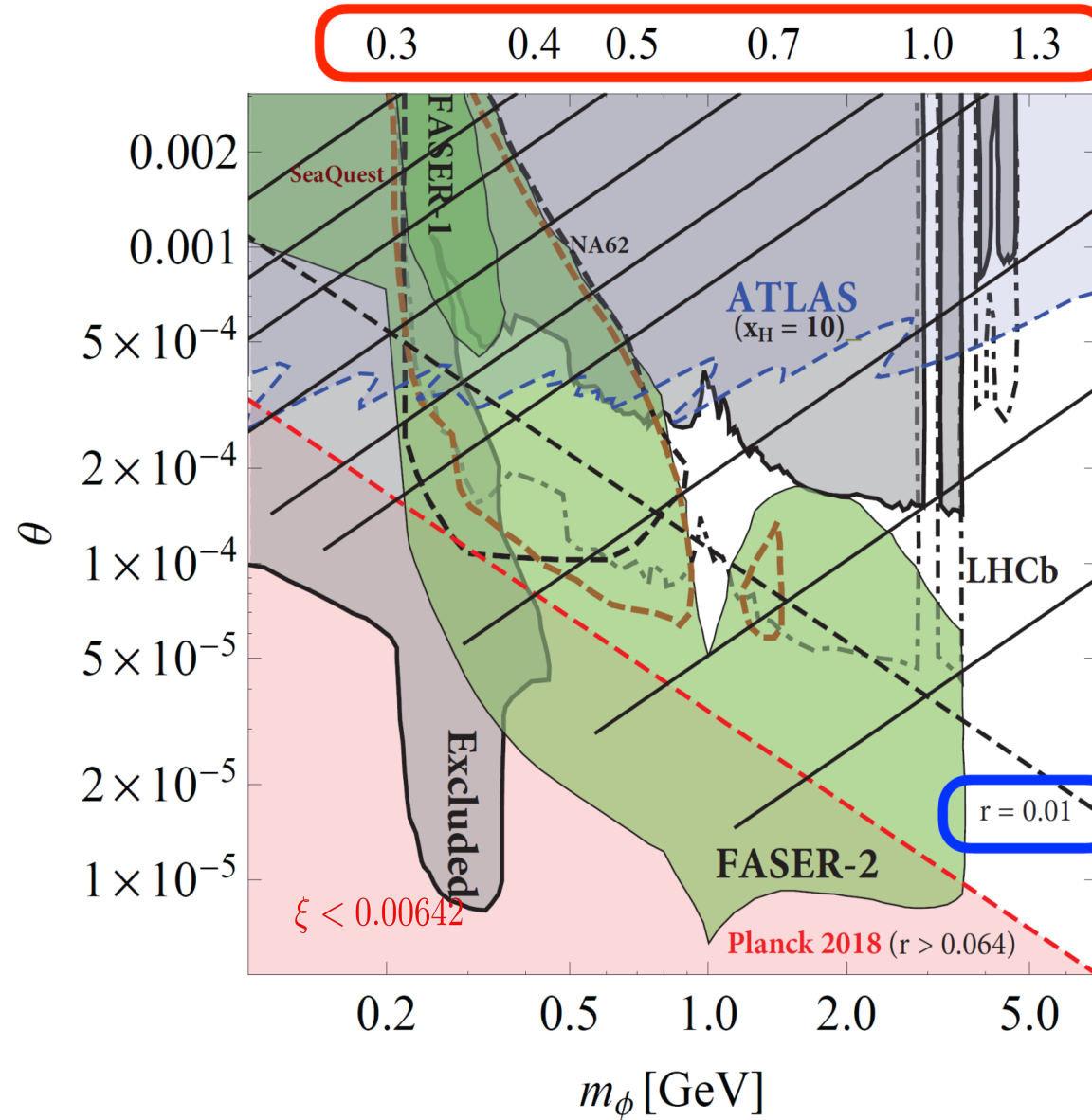


Z' Boson Resonance Search at LHC



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 [arXiv:1910.09663 [hep-ph]]



$m_{Z'} [\text{TeV}]$

CW Potential with
 Classical Conformal
 Invariance

$$m_\phi \leftrightarrow \theta$$

(One-to-One)

Inflaton Mass &
 Coupling Range

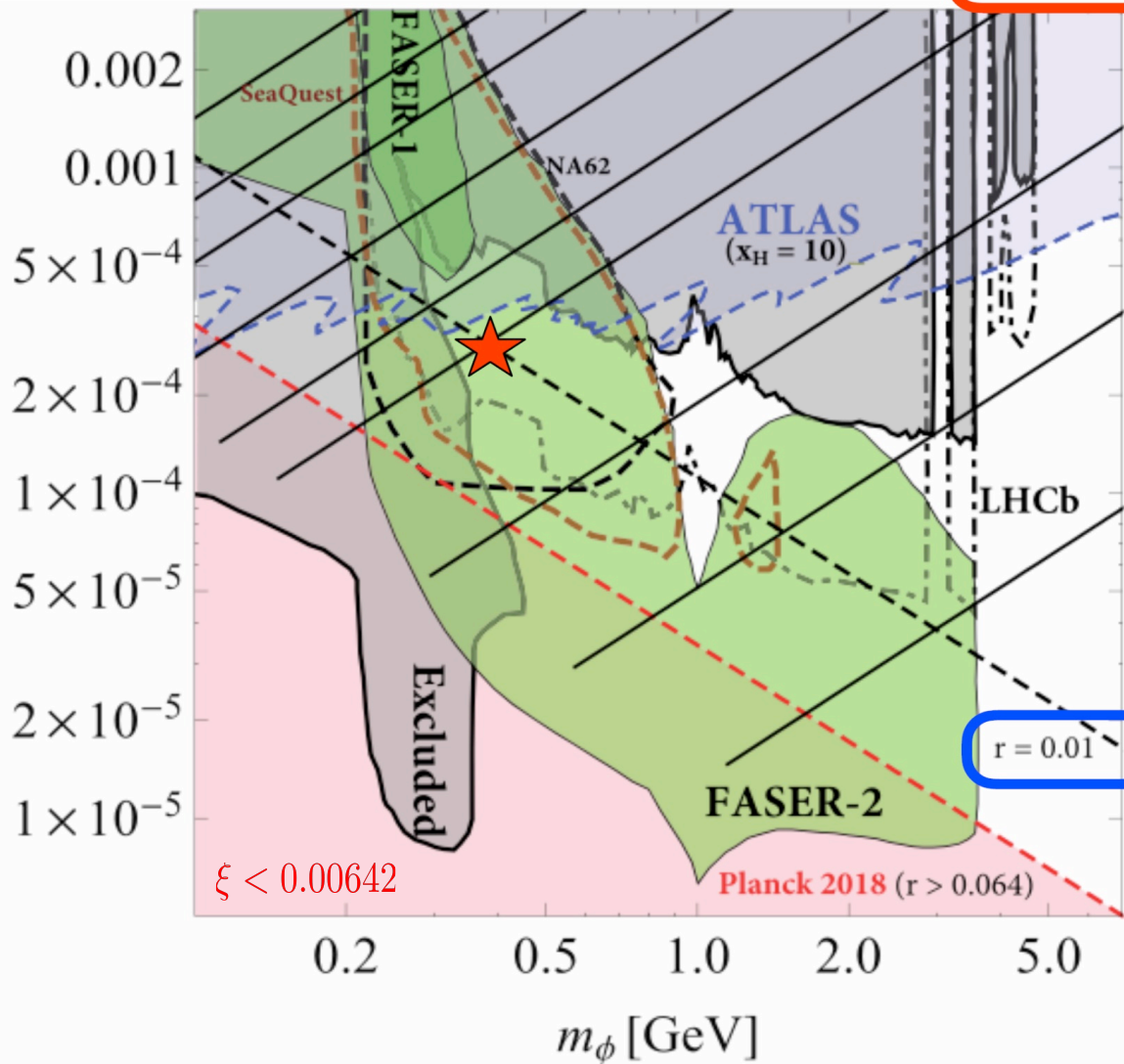
$$10^{-5} \lesssim \theta \lesssim 10^{-3}$$

$$0.3 \lesssim m_\phi [\text{GeV}] \lesssim 3$$

Complementarity with Other Searches

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[arXiv:1910.09663 [hep-ph]]

$$m_{Z'} [\text{TeV}] = 1.3$$



Cross checked by

- Future CMB measurements
- Z' -boson resonance search at HL-LHC

Summary

We considered a non-minimal quartic inflation scenario in the minimal $U(1)_X$ model with classical conformal invariance, where the $U(1)_X$ Higgs field is identified to be the inflaton.

- We have shown that the FASER can search for the inflaton:

Inflaton Mass & Coupling

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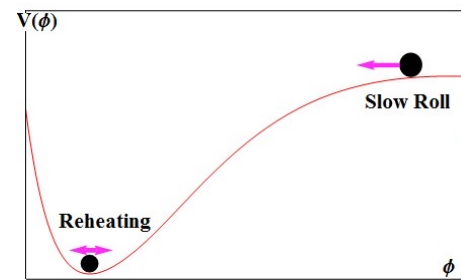


- Because of classical conformal invariance and the radiative $U(1)_X$ symmetry breaking, the FASER search is complementary and accessible to:

- Z boson Resonance Search at the LHC
- Future CMB Measurementss

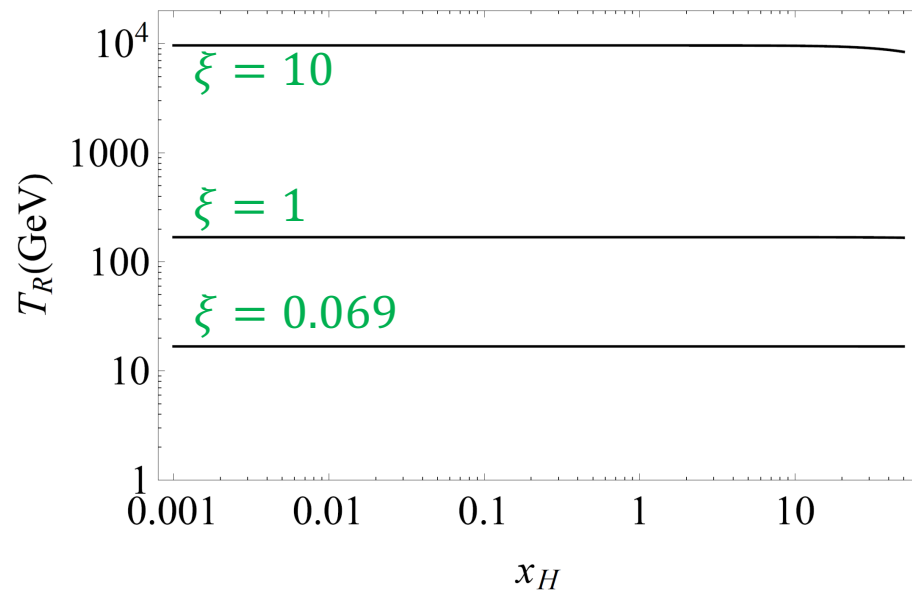
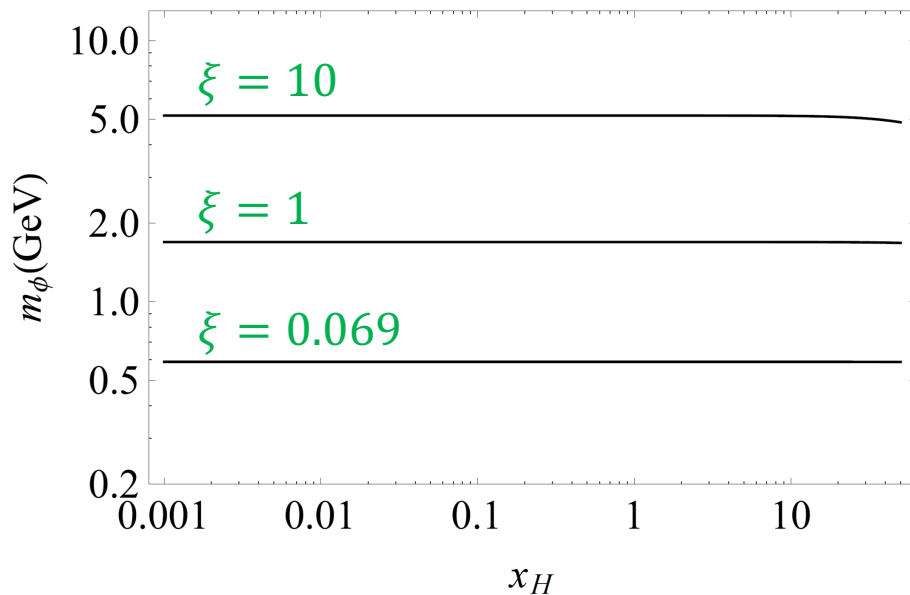
$m_{Z'}$ [TeV]	The range covered by FASER
0.7	$5.7 \times 10^{-3} \leq r \leq 6.0 \times 10^{-3}$
1.0	$5.3 \times 10^{-3} \leq r \leq 1.0 \times 10^{-2}$
1.3	$6.1 \times 10^{-3} \leq r \leq 1.4 \times 10^{-2}$
2.6	$7.7 \times 10^{-3} \leq r \leq 6.4 \times 10^{-2}$
5.0	$4.7 \times 10^{-3} \leq r \leq 6.4 \times 10^{-2}$
10	$7.0 \times 10^{-3} \leq r \leq 6.4 \times 10^{-2}$

Backup Slides: Reheating



$$T_R \simeq \left(\frac{90}{\pi^2 g_*} \right)^{1/4} \sqrt{\Gamma_\phi M_P}$$

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$$T_R \simeq 486 \text{ GeV} \sqrt{N_c} \left(\frac{m_f [\text{GeV}]}{1} \right) \left(\frac{\theta}{10^{-3}} \right) \left(\frac{\overline{g_X}}{10^{-3}} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{1000}{m_{Z'} [\text{GeV}]} \right)^{1/2}$$