

# M-Theory on G2-Manifolds: *Supersymmetry Breaking & Moduli-Axions Physics*

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& work in progress*

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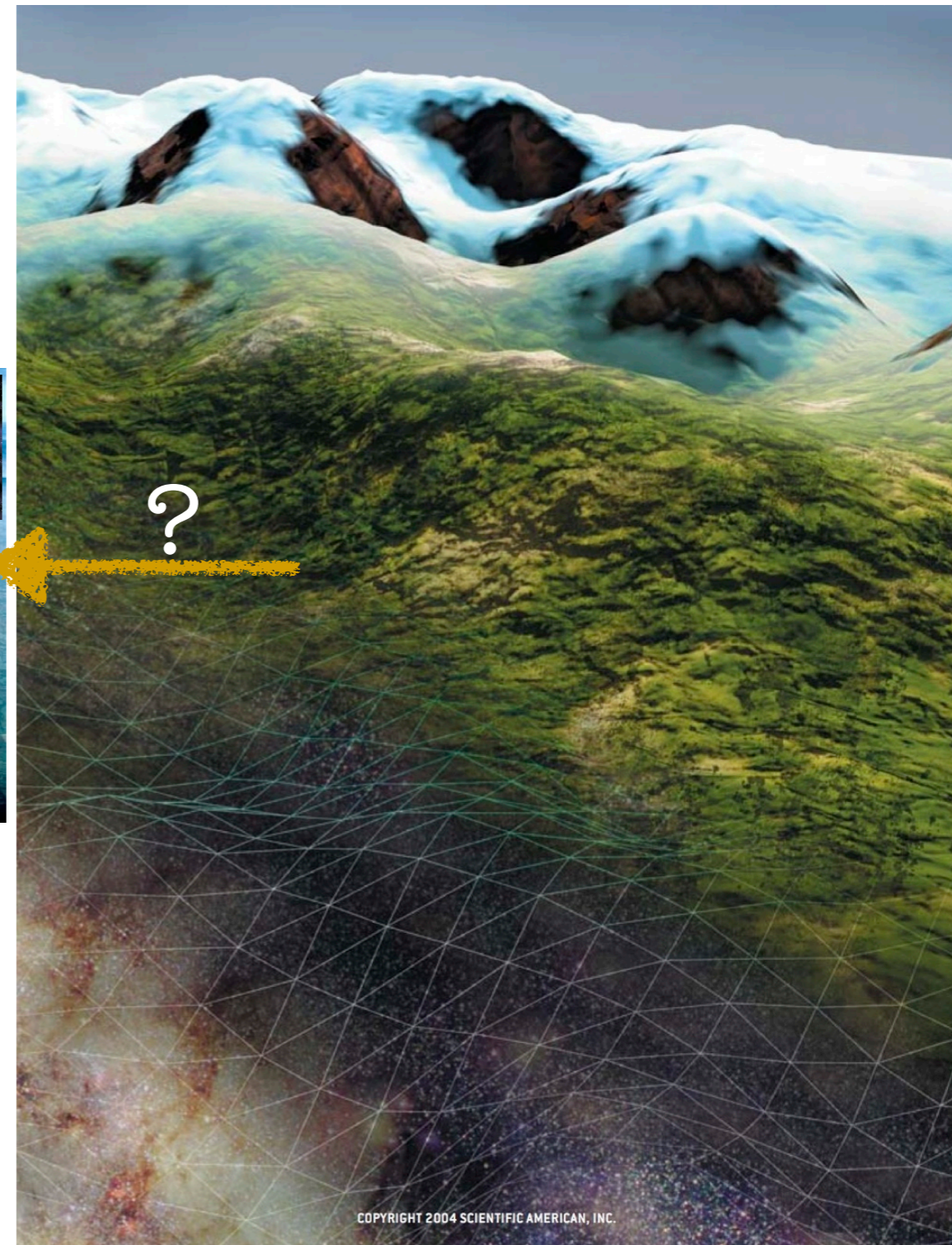
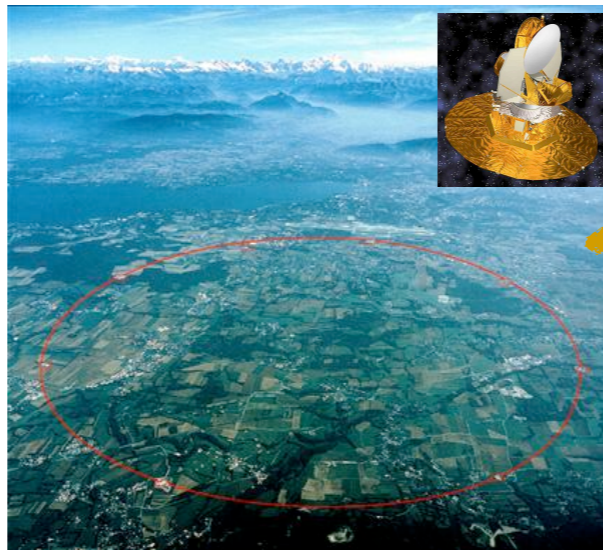
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# M-Theory on Singular G2 Holonomy Manifold

✓ Study 4 dimensional vacua of M-Theory compactified on a manifold of G2 holonomy and with particular kind of singularities.

? If there exists a vacuum which accommodates our empirical knowledge from colliders and satellites.

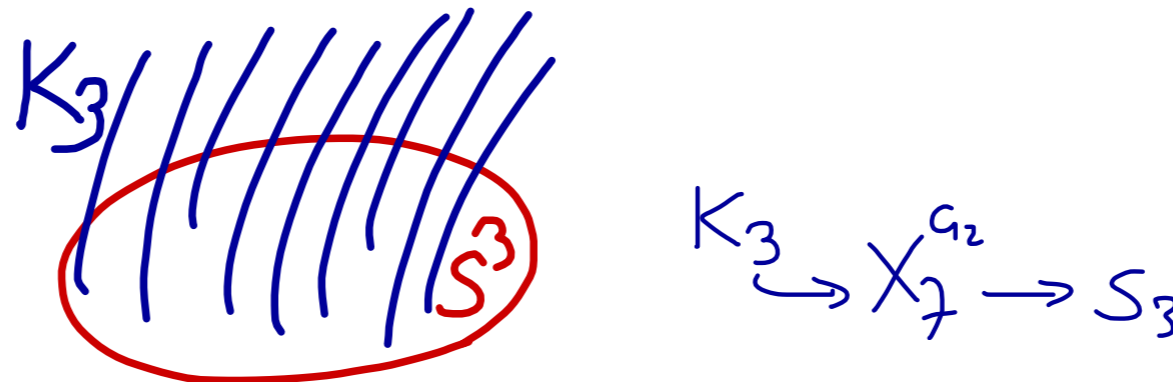


$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}}(24 \text{ dimensionless} + M_{\text{EW}}, 60 \text{ dof's})$$
$$\Omega_{\Lambda} = 0.725 \pm 0.016 \quad w = 1.10 \pm 0.14(68\% \text{CL})$$
$$\Omega_b h_0^2 = 0.02255 \pm 0.00054$$
$$\Omega_{\text{DM}} h_0^2 = 0.1126 \pm 0.0036$$
$$\Delta_{\mathcal{R}}^2 = (2.430 \pm 0.091) \times 10^{-9} \quad n_s = 0.968 \pm 0.012$$

✓ If it is so, it may provide a framework for studying physics beyond (and explaining prop's of) the SM's particle physics and hot cosmology.

# M-Theory on Singular G2 Holonomy Manifold

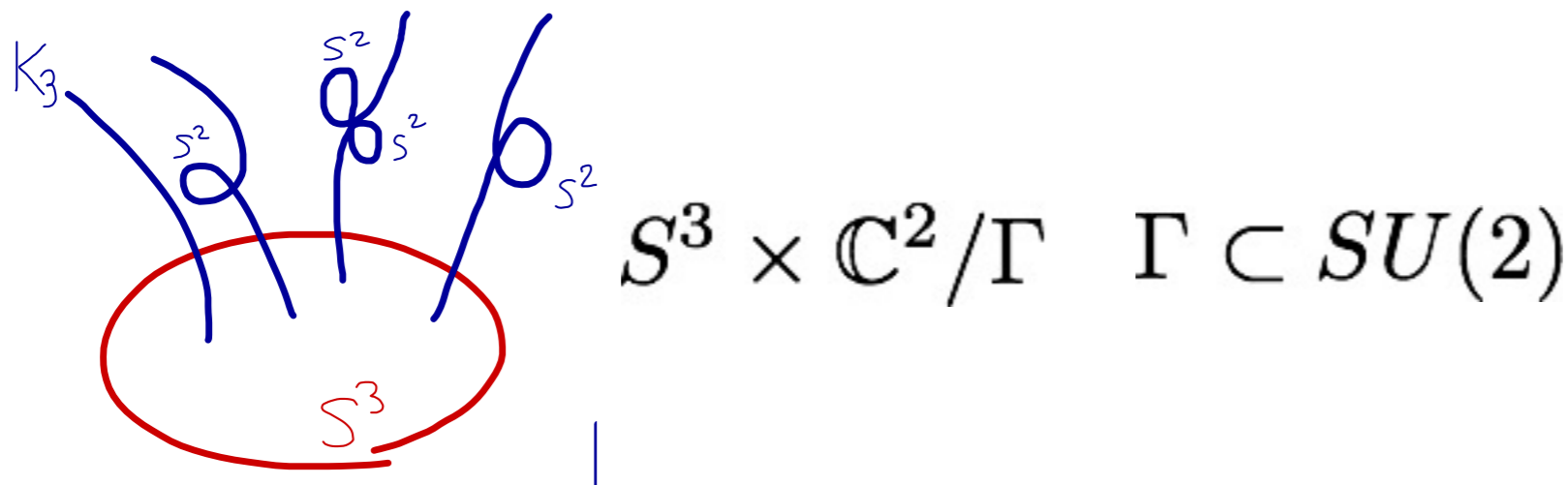
- ✓ Riemannian 7-dimensional G2-Manifolds are natural choices for M-Theory compactifications. [Acharya-Gukov '04 report and ref's]
  - ✓ No Yau-like existence theorem of G2-holonomy metric, as yet.
  - ✓ Compact/smooth examples have been constructed.
- G2-manifold as the total space of fibrationth: Fibers K3 surfaces vary over base  $S^3$ .



- ✓ There is a covariantly constant spinor and one covariantly constant 3-form but no covariantly constant vector.
- ✓ A G2-manifold is characterized by a G2-structure, aka (co)associative calibration.
- ✓ Low energy limit of KK reduction of 11-dimensional SUGRA: 4-dimensional SUGRA coupled to neutral chiral supermultiplets and Abelian vector supermultiplets.

# M-Theory on Singular G2 Holonomy Manifold

- ✓ To accommodate the SM degrees of freedom, singularities are needed. (Gauge symmetry enhancement at singularities.)
  - ✓ Non-Abelian gauge symmetries are supported at co-dimension 4 orbifold singularities of ADE types. They are 3-dimensional submanifolds.
  - ✓ Chiral matter is supported at co-dimension 7 conical singularities. At local enhancement of orbifold singularity by rank 1.
- [Acharya; Atiyah; Witten, '98, '01, '02]
- ✓ Fields localized at singularities in the compact manifold.



$\Gamma$	$\mathbb{Z}_{n+1}$	$\mathbb{D}_{k-2}$	T	$\mathbb{O}$	I
O	$n$	$4(k-2)$	24	48	120
G	$A_n$	$D_k$	$E_6$	$E_7$	$E_8$

- ✓ Yukawa-type superpotential interaction through Euclidean M2-branes (wrapping supersymmetric 3-cycles) connecting disparate conical singularities. Suppressed by the volume of instanton: Hierarchical.

# KK Compactification and The Moduli Space

✓ The low energy effective theory from M-Theory compactification on a singular G2-manifold has essential elements to resemble our vacuum. But, it has more; e.g. many modulus/axion fields, SUSY, ubiquitous U(1)'s

✓ In G2-compactification there is **ONE** type of moduli, **PAIRED** with axion

$$z_i = t_i + i s_i$$

The lowest components of the chiral superfields,  
(parametrize the complexified moduli space of dimension  $b_3$ )

✓ Moduli: periods of the associative 3-form.

✓ Axions: periods of the 3-form field, transform under a *shift symmetry*.

$$g_{ij} = \det(s)^{-1/9} s_{ij}$$

$$s_{ij} = \frac{1}{144} \Phi_{ikl} \Phi_{jmn} \Phi_{pqr} \epsilon^{klmnpqr}$$

$$\Phi = \sum_i^{b_3} s_i \Omega_i$$

$$C^{(3)} = \sum_i^{b_3} t_i \Omega_i + \sum_I^{b_2} A_I \wedge \omega_I$$

# Moduli Stabilization & SUSY Breaking

✓ The scalar potential of the low energy effective theory

$$V(s_i, t_i) = m_{\text{Pl}}^4 e^G \left( \sum G^i G_i - 3 \right)$$

✓ We use experimental/observational knowledge from phenomenology and cosmology to look for our vacuum in the vast moduli space of vacua.

0. Moduli/axions must get vacuum expectation values

(low scale phenomenological parameters are functions of them)

$$V'(s_i)_{@min} = 0 \quad V'(t_i)_{@min} = 0$$

1. Moduli/axions must receive mass in range compatible with cosmology.

$$V''(s_i)_{@min}^{1/2} \sim m_s \gtrsim 10's \text{ TeV} \quad \text{or} \quad m_s \lesssim 10^{-27} \text{ eV} \quad m_a \sim \text{more options}$$

2. Our vacuum has a tiny cosmological constant. To explain the smallness, in the absence of any better mechanism, it must be tunable at tree level.

$$V_{@min}(s_i, t_i) \lesssim \mathcal{O}(\text{meV}^4)$$

3. In our vacuum we see hierarchical scales:  $M_{\text{EW}} \lll m_{\text{Pl}}$

4. SUSY, if exists, must be broken at TeV scale in the visible sector, to stabilize the scale of the SM.

# Moduli Stabilization & SUSY Breaking

✓ A mechanism to satisfy the above criteria...

✓ The classic idea: strong gauge dynamics in the hidden sector generates a potential for the moduli and breaks supersymmetry at low scale.

$$\Lambda_{\text{LS}} \sim m_{\text{Pl}} e^{-2\pi/b_0\alpha} \quad [\text{Witten '81}]$$

✓ Fluxless G2 compactification implements this nice idea.

[Acharya, et al '06]

✓ Phenomenology: fluxes are not used to give the moduli vev's

✓ All moduli being paired with axions enjoy PQ shift symmetry.

✓ The only contributions to  $W$  are of non-perturbative nature.

# Moduli Stabilization & SUSY Breaking

- ✓ The non-perturbative superpotential

$$\mathcal{W} \supset C N_c e^{2\pi i f / N_c}$$

[Seiberg '94]

$$+ C(N_c - N_f) \det(q\bar{q})^{-1/(N_c - N_f)} e^{2\pi i f / (N_c - N_f)}$$

$$+ \lambda e^{2\pi i N \cdot z}$$

$$+ \lambda T_1 T_2 T_3 e^{2\pi i N \cdot z}$$

[Acharya, et al '06, '07]

[Acharya-MT '11]

- ✓ Single pure gauge dynamics, breaks SUSY and stabilizes all the moduli. BUT not in SUGRA limit!
- ✓ At least two non-perturbative effects are needed.
- ✓ Solo moduli dynamics does not generate de Sitter vacuum. Matter fields (not-from gravity sector) with high scale vev's are needed to uplift.
- ✓ Matter: quarks in the hidden sector, singlet exotic at singularities.
- ✓ Sufficiently large number of instantons are needed to stabilize all axion.



# Moduli Stabilization & SUSY Breaking

✓ A working model

[Acharya-MT '11]

✓ The superpotential

$$\mathcal{W}_{\text{HS}} = \left( A e^{2\pi i f_{\text{HS}}/P} + \lambda T_1 T_2 T_3 e^{2\pi i \tilde{N}_i z^i} \right) + \sum_{r=2}^{b_3+3} B_r e^{2\pi N_i^r z^i}$$

✓ The gauge kinetic function

$$f_{\text{HS}} = \sum_{i=1}^{b_3} N_{\text{HS}}^i z_i = \frac{\theta}{2\pi} + i \alpha_{\text{HS}}^{-1} \quad N_i = \int_{\gamma_3^{SU(P)}} \Phi \quad \tilde{N}_i = \int_{\gamma_3^{\text{mem}}} \Phi$$

✓ The Kahler potential

[Beasley, Witten '02]

$$K^{G_2}(s_i) = -3 \ln(4\pi^{1/3} V_X)$$

$$\sum_i^{b_3} s_i \partial_i V_X = 7/3$$

$$\sum_i^{b_3} s_i \partial_i K = -7$$

$$\sum_{i,j}^{b_3} s_i s_j \partial_i \partial_j K = 7$$

✓ Matter Kahler potential

$$K^{U_1} = \sum_{a=1}^3 \frac{\bar{T}_a T_a}{V_X}$$

[Acharya, Bobkov '07]

# Moduli Stabilization & SUSY Breaking

✓ Having worked out the scalar potential, we found metastable de Sitter solutions for the scalar potential IF for some (at least one)  $i$ , we have to the leading order the following relation

$$\frac{\lambda}{A} T_{01} T_{02} T_{03} e^{\sum_i (2\pi/P - 2\pi/(N_i/\tilde{N}_i)) N_i s_i} = \frac{N_i/\tilde{N}_i}{P} < 1 \quad \frac{N_i}{\tilde{N}_i} = n + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_{HS})$$

$$\langle s \rangle \sim m_{\text{Pl}} \quad \langle e^{K/2} F_s \rangle \sim \alpha_{\text{HS}} m_{3/2} \langle s \rangle \sim m_{1/2} m_{\text{Pl}}$$

$$\langle T \rangle \sim m_{\text{Pl}} \quad \langle e^{K/2} F_T \rangle \sim m_{3/2} \langle T \rangle \sim m_{3/2} m_{\text{Pl}}$$

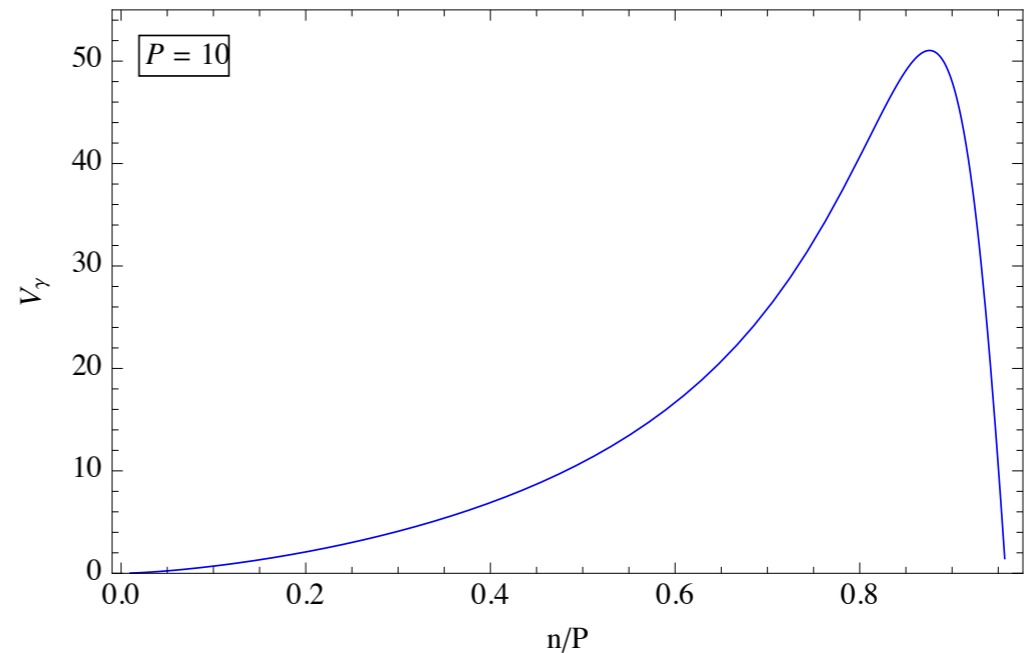
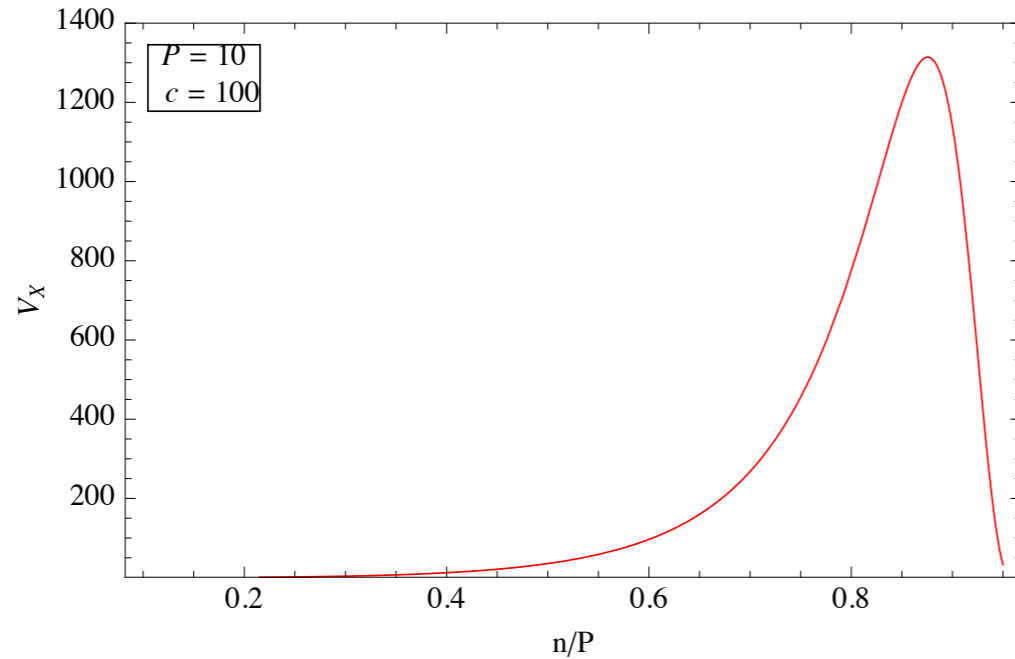
$$F_s \ll F_T$$

✓ Moduli get vev's in a regime where geometry makes sense, SUSY is broken via non-zero F-terms in a dS vacuum, moreover one can tune the cosmological constant to zero.

$$V_{@min} = \langle e^K (F_i^2 + F_T^2 - 3|W|^2) \rangle \approx 0$$

# Moduli Stabilization & SUSY Breaking

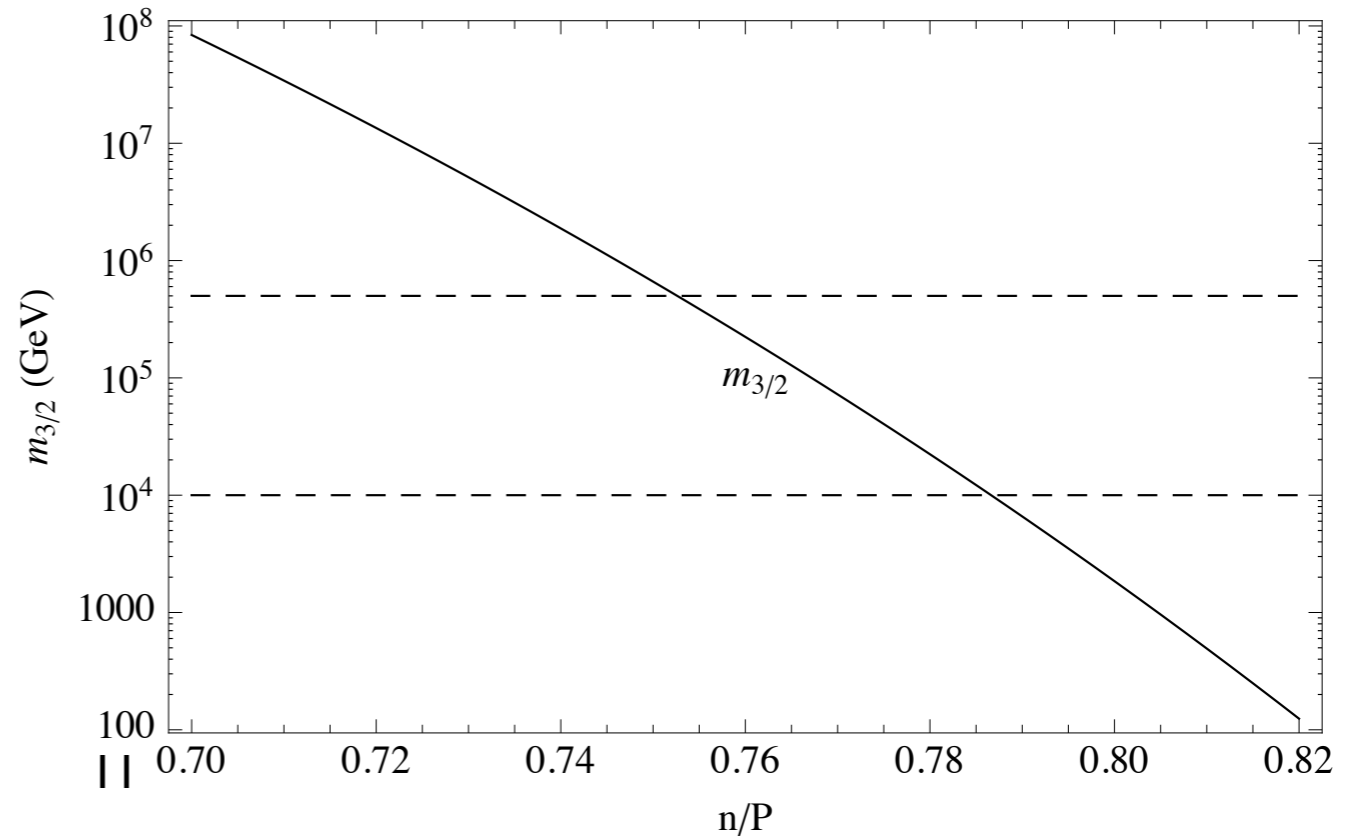
$$V_X(s_i) \sim \prod_{i=1}^{b_X^3} s_i^{a_i} \sim \alpha_{HS}^{-7/3}, \quad V_{\gamma_3}(s_i) \sim \sum_{i=1}^{b_X^3} N_i s_i = \alpha_{HS}^{-1}$$



$$m_{3/2} = m_{Pl} \langle e^G \rangle \sim m_{Pl} V_X^{-3/2} e^{-2\pi V_Q/P} \sim m_{Pl} \alpha_{HS}^{-7/3} e^{-2\pi/\alpha_{HS} P}$$

$$P=10, \alpha_{HS}^{-3/2}=100$$

✓ The gravitino mass:



✓ The same for moduli:

$$m_{ij} = \frac{\partial^2 V_{@min}(s_i)}{\partial s_i \partial s_j}$$

# Phenomenology of the Vacua

- ✓ Add the visible (the GUT-MSSM) sector.

$$\lim_{m_{\text{Pl}} \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{L}_{\text{local}}(\langle s \rangle, \langle F_s \rangle) = \mathcal{L}_{\text{global}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{soft}}$$

[Nilles'84, Brignole et.al. '97, ...]

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{local}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{HS}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{GUT}}$$

$$K = K_{\text{HS}} + K_{\text{GUT}} \quad \mathcal{W} = \mathcal{W}_{\text{HS}} + \mathcal{W}_{\text{GUT}} \quad f_{\text{GUT}} = \sum_{i=1}^{b^3} N_{\text{GUT}}^i z_i = \frac{\theta}{2\pi} + i \alpha_{\text{GUT}}^{-1}$$

- ✓ The MSSM sits on another 3-manifold with appropriate singularities.
- ✓ A generic bundle has  $\mathbb{Z}_P$  and  $\mathbb{T}$  type orbifold singularities.
- ✓ Generically 3-dim manifolds inside 7 dimensions do not intersect.  
SUSY breaking effects are gravity mediated.
- ✓ In these vacua a combination of non-perturbative effects and non-renormalizable effects generate hierarchical scales.

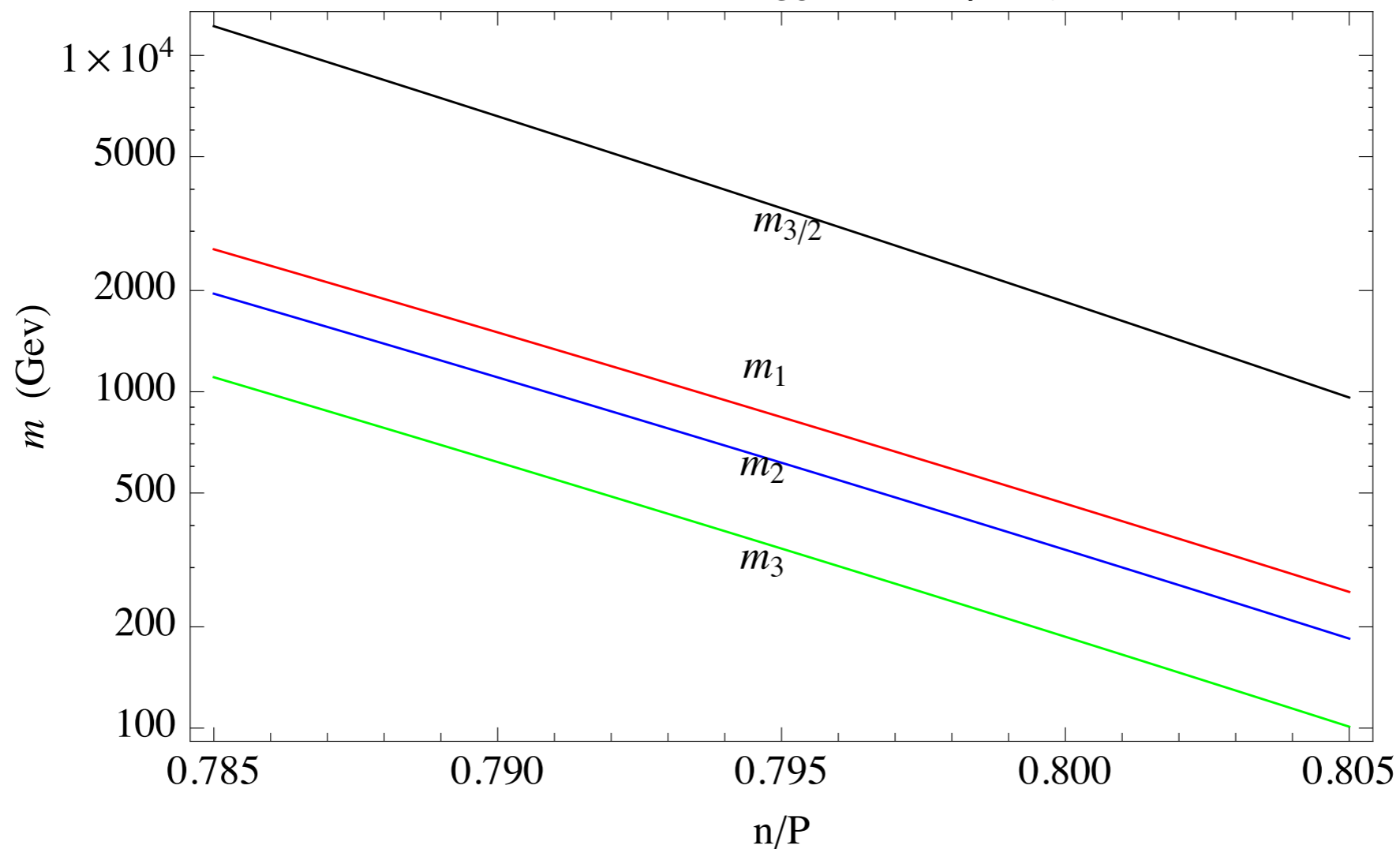
# Phenomenology of the Vacua

✓ The MSSM spectrum at the GUT scale: gaugino mass

$$m_{1/2}^{\text{tree}} \sim m_{\text{Pl}} \langle e^{K/2} F^i \partial_i f^{\text{SM}} / 2\text{Im} f^{\text{SM}} \rangle \sim \alpha_{\text{HS}} m_{3/2}$$

$$m_{1/2}^{\text{AMSB}} \sim (\alpha_{\text{GUT}}/4\pi) m_{3/2} \quad [\text{Gaillard et al'99, Bagger et al'99}]$$

$$P=10, A c^{-3/2}=100, \alpha_{\text{GUT}}^{-1}=25, \eta=1, \gamma=0.5$$

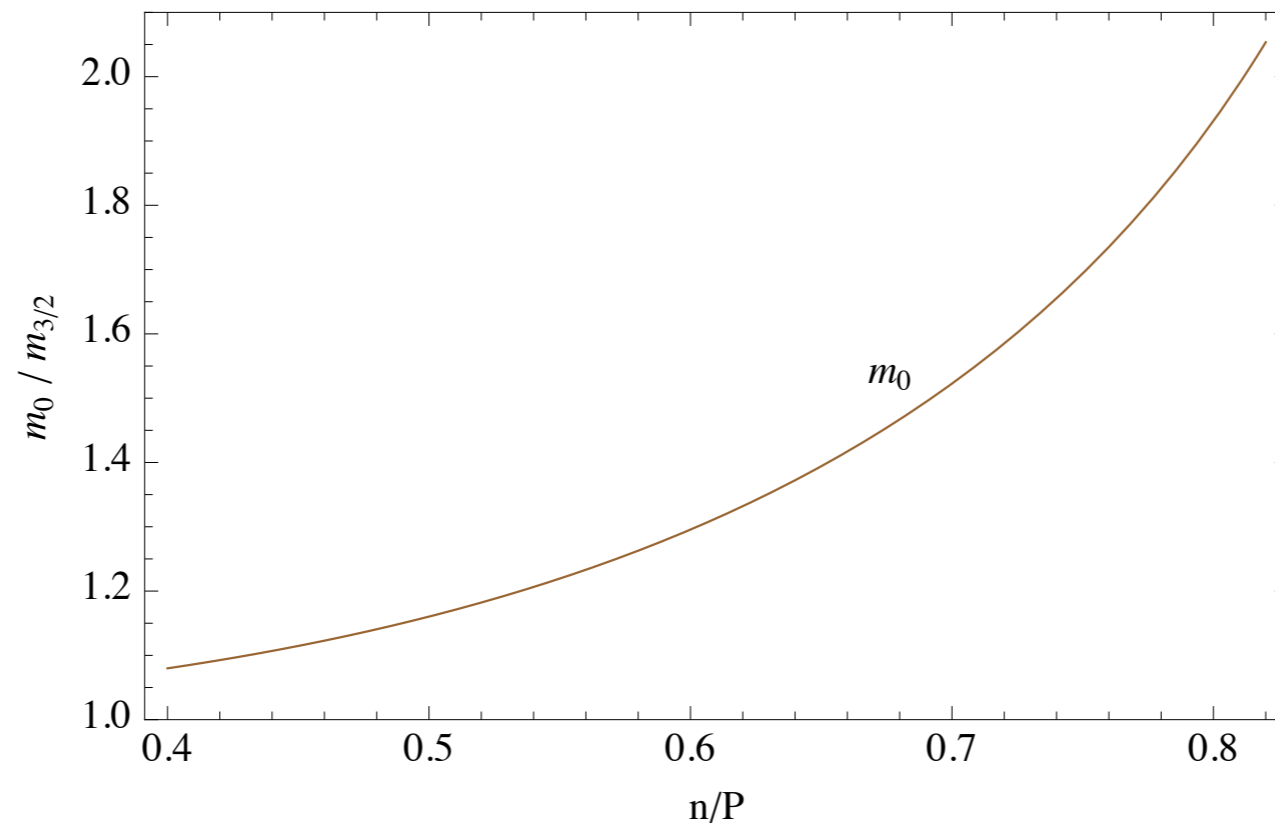


# Phenomenology of the Vacua

- ✓ The MSSM spectrum at the GUT scale: scalar mass

$$m_{\alpha\bar{\beta}}^2 = \left( m_{3/2}^2 - \sum_{I,\bar{J}} e^{K^X + U_1} F^I F^{\bar{J}} \partial_I \partial_{\bar{J}} \ln \tilde{K}^{VS} \right) \delta_{\alpha\bar{\beta}}$$

P=10, Ac<sup>-3/2</sup>=100, γ=0.5

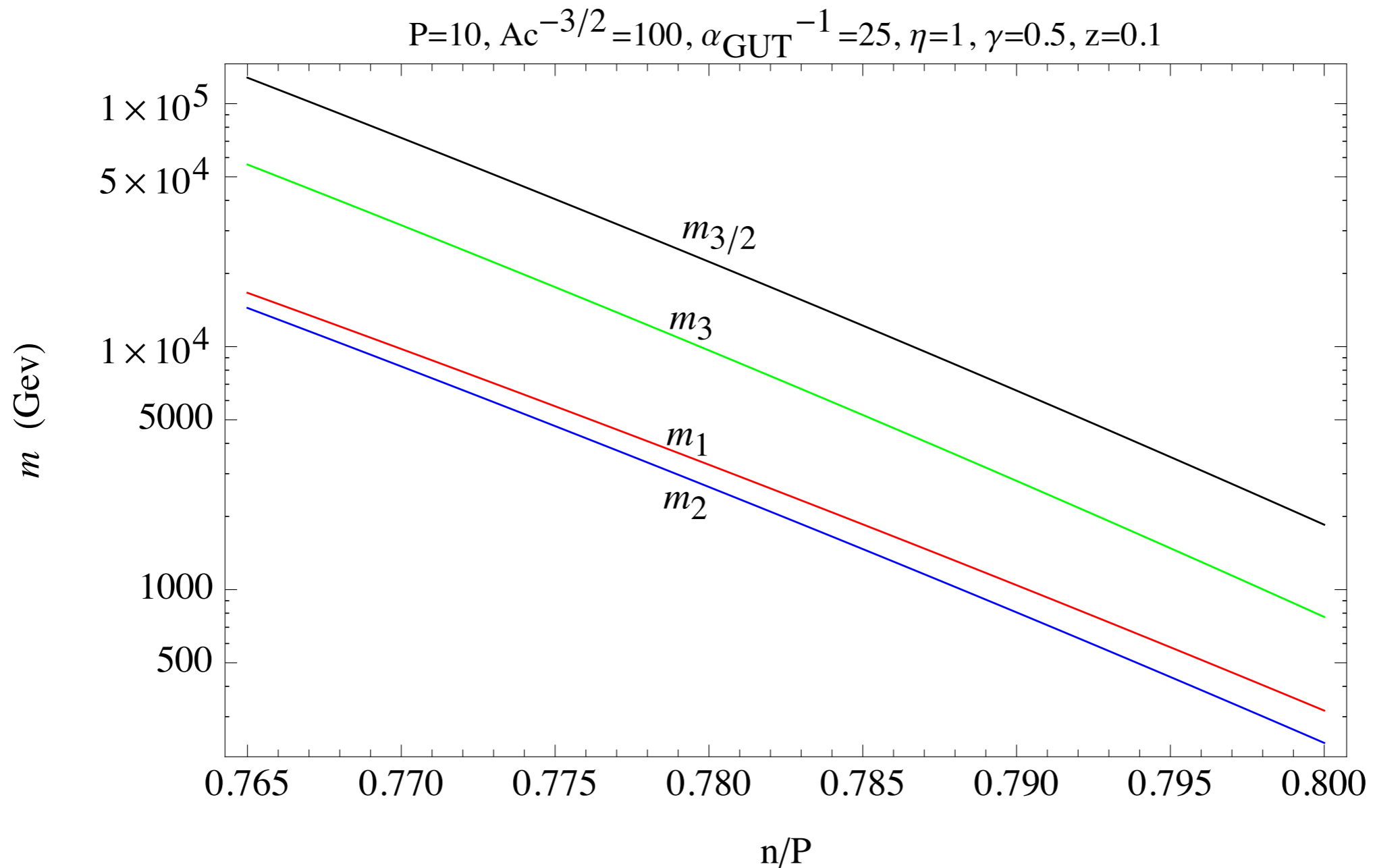


- ✓ The MSSM spectrum at the GUT scale: the rest of soft parameters

$$A \sim B_\mu \sim \mu \sim m_{3/2}$$

# Phenomenology of the Vacua

✓ The MSSM spectrum at the EW scale: gaugino mass



[See Kane et al '11,'12 for more collider phenomenology]

# Phenomenology of the Vacua

## ✓ The Axion mass

There are  $b_3 + 3$  axions. One linear combination of axions is stabilized along with moduli and gets mass. The rest are stabilized by exponentially smaller instanton corrections.

[Acharya et al '10]

$$\mathcal{W} \supset \mathcal{W}_{\text{SUSY}} + \sum_{r=2}^{b_3+2} B_r e^{2\pi N_i^r z^i}$$
$$V(s_i, t_i) = V(s_i, t_1) + V(t_i)$$
$$V(t_i) \sim m_{\text{Pl}}^2 m_{3/2}^2 e^{-2\pi(\hat{V}_i - V/P)}$$

## ✓ Axions mass:

$$m_t \sim m_{3/2} (m_{\text{Pl}}/f_a) e^{-\pi(\hat{V} - V/P)} \sim 10^{-32} m_{3/2} (\hat{V} = 25)$$

## ✓ Axions decay constant:

[Svrcek, Witten '06]

$$f_a \sim m_{\text{Pl}} \sqrt{2K_{ij}} \sim m_{\text{GUT}} \quad K_{ij} \sim (\alpha_{\text{HS}}/4\pi)^2$$



# Cosmology of the Vacua

- ✓ Include gravity and consider a Friedman Universe.
- ✓ An epoch of non-thermal moduli dominated Universe. Moduli oscillate and eventually decay.

$$H_{\text{osc}} \sim m_\varphi \sim m_{3/2}$$

$$H_{\text{decay}} \sim \Gamma_\varphi \sim m_\varphi \left( \frac{m_\varphi}{m_{\text{Pl}}} \right)^2$$

- ✓ Decay products scatter off each other and thermalize the Universe.

$$g_{*\text{rh}}^{1/4} T_{\text{rh}} \sim m_{\text{Pl}} \left( \frac{m_\varphi}{m_{\text{Pl}}} \right)^{3/2}$$

- ✓ Successful prediction of the (last) observable nucleosynthesis demands

$$T_{\text{rh}} \gtrsim \mathcal{O}(1)\text{MeV}$$

$$m_\varphi \gtrsim \mathcal{O}(1) \times 10 \text{ TeV}$$

# Cosmology of the Vacua

✓ The Wino LSP abundance:

$$n_\chi \sim n_{\varphi,d} \text{Br}_{\varphi \rightarrow \chi} \frac{m_\varphi}{m_\chi} \sim m_{\text{Pl}}^3 \text{Br}_{\varphi \rightarrow \chi} \frac{m_\varphi}{m_\chi} \left( \frac{m_\varphi}{m_{\text{Pl}}} \right)^5$$

$$\Gamma_{\text{ann}} \sim n_\chi^c \langle \sigma_{\text{ann}} v \rangle \lesssim H \quad n_\chi^c \sim \frac{\Gamma_\varphi}{\langle \sigma_{\text{ann}} v \rangle} \sim m_{\text{Pl}}^3 \frac{(m_\chi/m_\varphi)^2}{\langle \sigma_{\text{ann}} v \rangle m_\chi^2} \left( \frac{m_\varphi}{m_{\text{Pl}}} \right)^5$$

$$Y_f^\chi = \frac{n_c^\chi}{s_{\text{rh}}} \sim \frac{(m_\chi/m_\varphi)^2}{\langle \sigma_{\text{ann}} v \rangle m_\chi^2} \left( \frac{m_\varphi}{m_{\text{Pl}}} \right)^{1/2}$$

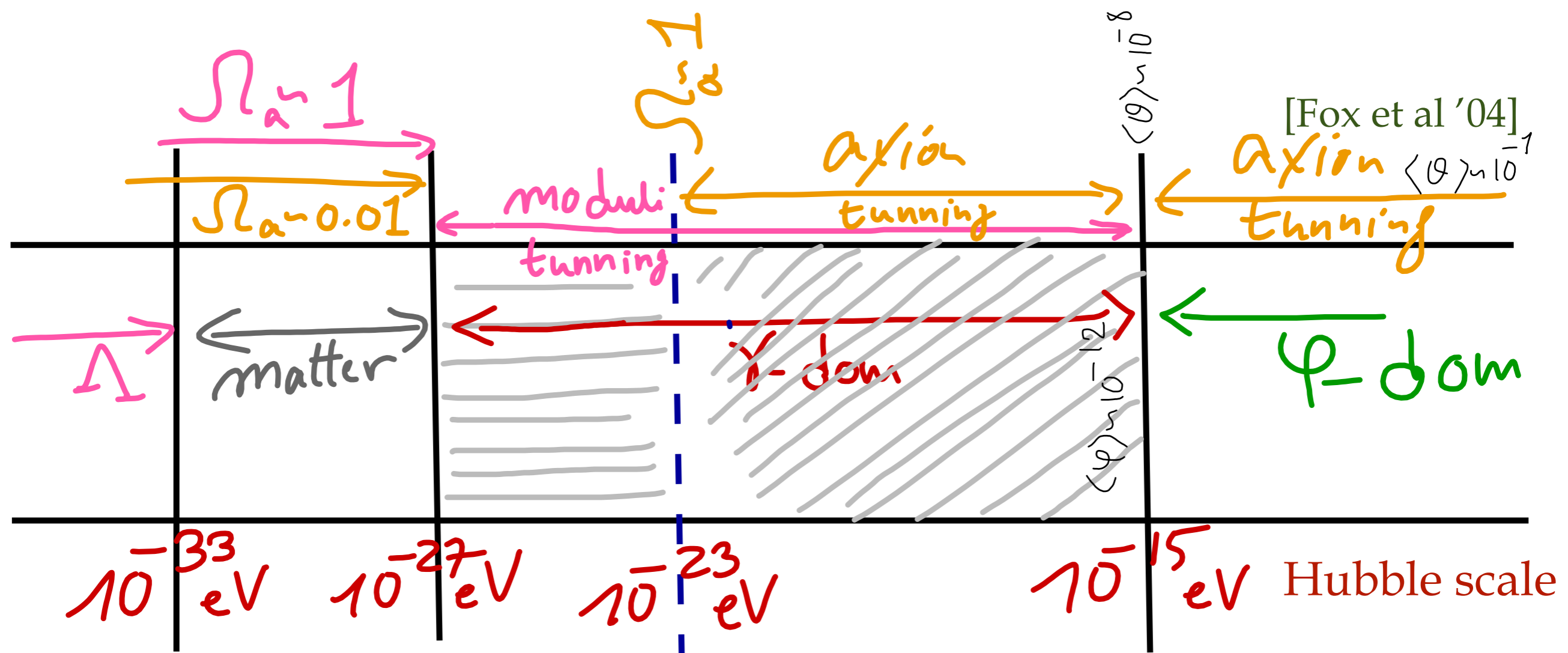
$$\Omega_\chi h^2 = \frac{m_\chi Y_0^\chi}{\rho_c/s_0 h^2} \sim 10^{-3} \left( \frac{m_\varphi}{m_{\text{Pl}}} \right)^{-1/2} \frac{(m_\chi/m_\varphi)^2}{\langle \sigma_{\text{ann}} v \rangle m_\chi^2} \lesssim 0.1$$

[Acharya et al '09]

$$m_\varphi \sim \mathcal{O}(100 \text{ TeV}) \quad m_\chi \sim \mathcal{O}(100 \text{ GeV}) \quad \langle \sigma_{\text{ann}} v \rangle \sim 3 \times 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

# Cosmology of the Vacua

- ✓ The axion abundance (in axiverse):
- ✓  $H \sim m_a$  In matter epoch, scalar condensate of a single axion coherent oscillations contributes about 0.01% to total dark matter. ( $f_a/m_{\text{Pl}} \sim 10^{-2}$ )
- ✓ Single axion can contribute more (up to 100%), if it starts oscillations in the radiation dominated universe.



# Cosmology of the Vacua

- ✓ Holography and Cosmology [Fischler-Susskind '98]
  - ✓ Covariant holographic bound: [Bousso '99]
- The entropy of matter on a light-sheet orthogonal to a spatial surface, cannot exceed the surface area. [Kaloper-Linde '99]
- It holds for any co-dimension 2 space-like surface in any spacetime (satisfying Einstein eq's). [Banks-Fischler'03]
- [Linde-Vanchurin'09]
- [MT, in preparation]

- ✓ The entropy in the reheating volume  $(T_{\text{RH}} L_{\text{RH}})^3 \leq (m_{\text{Pl}} L_{\text{RH}})^2$
- ✓ Adiabatic expansion  $(T_{\text{RH}} L_{\text{RH}})^3 = (T_0 L_0)^3$

$$L_{\text{RH}} = H_0^{-1} \frac{T_0}{T_{\text{RH}}} N_0^{1/3} \quad N_0 \gtrsim 10^3 \quad [\text{Silk et.al '11}]$$

- ✓ Upper bound on the reheat temperature

$$T_{\text{RH}} \leq m_{\text{Pl}} \left( \frac{H_0}{T_0} \right)^{1/2} N_0^{-1/6} \sim 5 \text{ TeV} \times N_0^{-1/6}$$

$$m_\varphi \lesssim 4 \times 10^8 \text{ GeV} \times N_0^{-1/6}$$

- ✓ Saturating the bound  $T_{\text{RH}} \sim 5 \text{ TeV} \times N_0^{-1/6}$

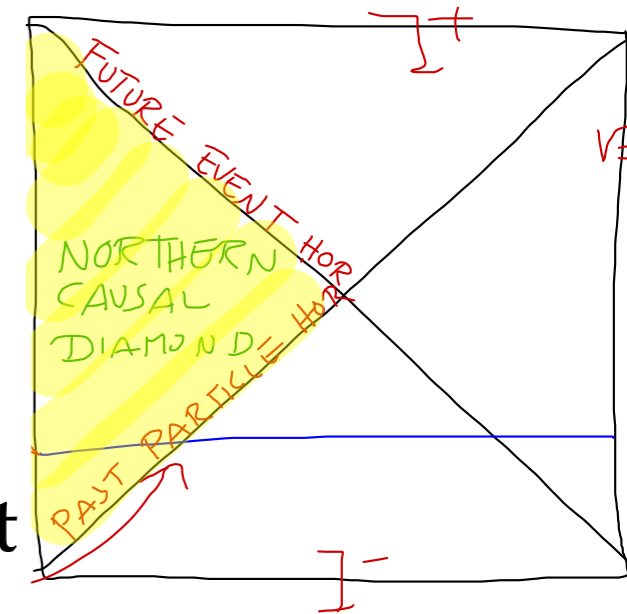
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- ✓ **Observations:** asymptotically de Sitter Universe in the far future.
- ✓ An observer is surrounded by a cosmological event horizon.
- ✓ The de Sitter horizon has finite non-zero entropy.

[Gibbons-Hawking'77]

$$S_{\text{Universe}} = S_{\text{dS}} = S_{\text{bulk}} + S_{\text{horizon}} = \left( \frac{m_{\text{Pl}}}{H_0} \right)^2$$

- ✓ A bound on the entropy of any matter system can be put in a causal domain of an asymptotically de Sitter universe.



$$(T_{\text{RH}} L_{\text{RH}})^3 \leq \left( \frac{m_{\text{Pl}}}{H_0} \right)^2$$

- ✓ Adiabatic expansion  $(T_{\text{RH}} L_{\text{RH}})^3 = (T_0 L_0)^3$

$$N_0 \leq \left( \frac{m_{\text{Pl}}}{H_0} \right)^2 \left( \frac{H_0}{T_0} \right)^3 \quad \text{bound saturates for } N_0 \sim 10^{33}$$

$$T_{\text{RH}} \sim 5 \text{ TeV} \times N_0^{-1/6} \sim 15 \text{ MeV} \quad m_\varphi \sim 80 \text{ TeV}$$

# Conclusions

Non-perturbative effects plus matter have been studied:

- ✓ All the moduli and axions are stabilized in SUGRA approximation.
- ✓ SUSY is spontaneously broken in a de Sitter vacuum.
- ✓ U(1) symmetries are Higgsed.
- ✓ Hierarchical scales produced.
- ✓ Interesting phenomenology and cosmology.

? We need to learn more about the G2-manifolds to do more precise analysis: challenge for G<sub>2</sub>geometer friends!

? Inflation in the G2 vacua. Slow-roll, N-flation do not work!

Higher curvature correction: inflation happens in another vacuum.

? Same stabilizing mechanism in the heterotic string theory.

Implemented successfully in IIB string theory on CY orientifold.

[Stuart Raby and company '10]

? Implications of holographic principle in compactifications.

*Thanks for Attention*