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## Relaxion: Graham, Kaplan, Rajendran

first concrete example of SOC for EW

#### Not a complete theory

- Naturalness is sensitive to all distance scales problem postponed to
  - $\Lambda < 10^7 \text{ GeV} (\text{with } \theta \sim 1)$
  - $\Lambda < 10^{4-6} \text{ GeV} \text{ (with } |\theta| \sim 10^{-10} \text{)}$
  - $\Lambda < 10^9 \text{ GeV}$  (with more structure) Espinosa, Grojean, Panico, Pomarol. Pujolas, Servant
- Solution is specific to EW problem
  Matsedonskyi
  naturalness may re-emerge at HE (inflation, GUT, ...)



## Supersymmetry:

- Elegant solution to naturalness possibly related to unification of forces & quantum gravity
- Cures naturalness at any scale above  $\widetilde{m}$
- Not part of nature at the EW scale?





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Totality is not a mere heap, but the whole is beyond the sum of its parts, *Metaphysics, Book VIII,* 1045a.8-10

## **Relaxion:**

- (Natural) UV completion  $(\Lambda \rightarrow \widetilde{m})$
- No need for special relaxion-Higgs couplings (violating shift symmetry) a scanning field scans susy scale



 $E_{vac} = \left| \left\langle F_{susy} \right\rangle \right|^2$ 

## Supersymmetry:

- Little hierarchy explained
- Economical susy sector: only the relaxion superfield (bypass theorems on susy with metastable vacua) QCD determines the susy scale

### Setup:

#### susy SM + S with shift symmetry $S \rightarrow S + i\alpha$



$$\mathcal{L} = \int d^{4}\theta \left[ f^{2}K(S+S^{\dagger}) + Z_{i}(S+S^{\dagger}) \Phi_{i}^{\dagger}e^{V}\Phi_{i} \right] + \left[ \int d^{4}\theta U(S+S^{\dagger}) e^{-qS}H_{u}H_{d} \right]$$
  
+ 
$$\int d^{2}\theta \left( C_{a}(S) \operatorname{Tr}\mathcal{W}_{a}\mathcal{W}_{a} + \mu_{0} e^{-qS}H_{u}H_{d} + \operatorname{Yukawa int.} \right) + \operatorname{h.c.} \right],$$
  
$$1 = i\Theta_{2} = C_{2}S$$

$$C_a(S) = \frac{1}{2g_a^2} - \frac{i\Theta_a}{16\pi^2} - \frac{c_a S}{16\pi^2}.$$

## Break the shift symmetry:

$$W/f^2 = \frac{m}{2}S^2$$
  $V/f^2 = \frac{m^2}{2}(s^2 + a^2)\kappa(s)$ 

- $m \ll f$  is (technically) natural
- mimics (rel)axion monodromy
- no shift-breaking Higgs couplings

Assume *a* displaced from its minimum during inflation

Susy breaking:  $F \approx ma$ 



## SM feels susy breaking



Relaxation of susy breaking EW order parameter  $\mathscr{D}(a) \equiv \left(m_{H_u}^2 + |\mu|^2\right) \left(m_{H_d}^2 + |\mu|^2\right) - |B_{\mu}|^2$ 





•  $a_* \approx \mu / m$ 

 Higgs vev parametrically uncorrelated with susy scale (v << F)</li>

# Deep interplay between different scales (Susy broken by QCD) $\tilde{a}$ Relaxion-relaxino EFT below QCD scale q' $\tilde{q}^{c}$ $q^{c}$ q' q' q' $m_q \langle q^c q \rangle \to \Lambda^4/2$ $V(a) = \frac{m^2}{2} f^2 a^2 + \Lambda^4 \cos \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}, \qquad m_{\tilde{a}}(a) = m - \frac{\Lambda^4 \sin \frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}}{\sqrt{2} a m f^2}$ $V'(a)|_{a=\langle a\rangle} = 0 \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad m^2 f^2 \langle a \rangle = \frac{\Lambda^4}{\sqrt{2}} \sin \frac{\langle a \rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$

## Constraints

• slow-roll relaxion  $\Rightarrow m < \frac{\mu f}{M_P}$ 

• 
$$V_{relaxion} << V_{inflaton} \approx H^2 M_P^2 \implies H > \frac{\mu f}{M_P}$$

- relaxion-induced >> inflaton-induced  $\Rightarrow H < \mu$ soft terms soft terms ( $\approx H$ )
- inflaton does not disturb  $\Rightarrow H < \Lambda_{QCD}$ QCD-induced potential
- relaxion evolves classically  $\Rightarrow H^3 < mf\mu$

 $\mu$  < 500 TeV

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Mass spectrum
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$$\tilde{q}, \tilde{\ell}, \tilde{H}, s \sim 100 \text{ TeV}$$

$$\tilde{g}, \tilde{W}, \tilde{B} \sim 1 \text{ TeV}$$

$$SM \sim 100 \text{ GeV} \Leftrightarrow \text{MeV}$$

$$\tilde{a}(\tilde{G}) \sim \text{keV} \Leftrightarrow \text{GeV}$$

$$a \sim 10^{-2} \Leftrightarrow 10^{-5} \text{ eV}$$

Mass spectrum Phenomenology  $\tilde{q}, \tilde{\ell}, \tilde{H}, s \sim 100 \text{ TeV}$  OK for  $m_H$ , flavor, dim-5 p-decay  $\tilde{g}, \tilde{W}, \tilde{B} \sim 1 \text{ TeV}$  could be within LHC reach  $SM \sim 100 \text{ GeV} \Leftrightarrow \text{MeV}$  $\tilde{a}(\tilde{G}) \sim \text{keV} \leftrightarrow \text{GeV}$  LSP, DM for  $T_{RH} \sim \tilde{m}$  $a \sim 10^{-2} \iff 10^{-5} \text{ eV} \quad \text{DM for } f \sim 10^{11-12} \text{ GeV}$ (rel)axion couplings related to soft terms

## LHC phenomenology

Only gauginos ⇒

like anomaly-med mini-Split (but natural!)

- NLSP prompt decay, displaced vertex, or stable ⇒ like gauge-med
- Characteristic and unique signatures

Gluino NLSP: 
$$pp \rightarrow \tilde{g}\tilde{g} \rightarrow gg\tilde{a}\tilde{a}$$

- MET with low jet multiplicity
  - displaced vertices
  - long-lived color particles

$$\begin{split} \tilde{W} \text{ or } \tilde{B} \text{ NLSP: } pp \to \tilde{g}\tilde{g}, \quad \tilde{g} \to q\overline{q}(\tilde{B}, \tilde{W}^{\pm}, \tilde{W}^{0}) \\ \tilde{B} \to (\gamma, Z)\tilde{a} \\ \tilde{W}^{\pm} \to \pi^{\pm} \tilde{W}^{0} & \text{ variety of signals} \\ \to W^{\pm} \tilde{a} & \text{ chain of displaced vertices} \end{split}$$

 $\tilde{W}^0 \rightarrow (\gamma, Z) \tilde{a}$ 

## Conclusions

Supersymmetry: excellent candidate for UV completing the relaxion

- Scanning of Higgs mass through (automatic) scanning of susy-breaking scale
- Relaxion superfield is the susy-breaking sector
- Susy scale determined by QCD
- Natural version of mini-Split or high-scale susy
- New characteristic LHC signals
  Open problems: strong CP

non-compact axion super-Planckian excursion cosmology