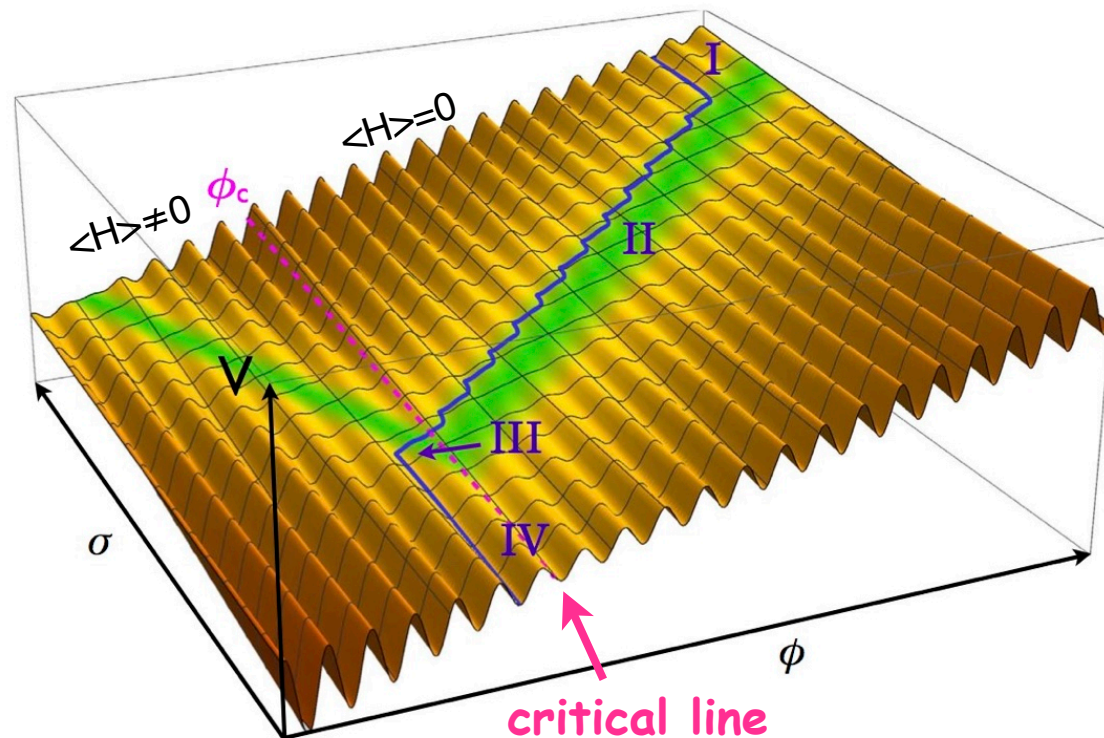


Cosmological Higgs-Axion Interplay for a Naturally Small Electroweak Scale

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Cosmological Relaxation of the EW scale:

A newborn paradigm following post-LHC Run I theorists' depression

ATLAS Exotics Searches* - 95% CL Exclusion Status: March 2016 [ATLAS Preliminary] $\int \mathcal{L} dt = (3.2 - 20.3) \text{ fb}^{-1}$ $\sqrt{s} = 8, 13 \text{ TeV}$

Model	ℓ, γ	Jets [†]	E_{miss}^{ℓ}	$f_{\mathcal{L}} \mathcal{E}(\text{fb}^{-1})$	Limit	Reference
Extra dimensions	ADD $G_{XX} \rightarrow g\ell\ell$	≥ 1	Yes	3.2	$M_{*} \geq 6.06 \text{ TeV}$	$n=2$ Preliminary 1402.2410
	ADD non-resonant $\ell\ell$	≥ 2	Yes	20.3	$M_{*} \geq 4.7 \text{ TeV}$	$n=3, 4, 5, 6$ 1311.2006
	ADD $\text{CMB} \rightarrow \ell\ell$	1	Yes	20.3	$M_{*} \geq 3.2 \text{ TeV}$	$n=6$ 1512.0150
	ADD CMB	2	Yes	3.6	$M_{*} \geq 8.2 \text{ TeV}$	$n=8$ 1512.0296
	ADD BH high Σp_T	≥ 1	Yes	3.2	$M_{*} \geq 2.99 \text{ TeV}$	$n=6, M_2 = 3 \text{ TeV}$ rot BH 1512.0296
	ADD BH multijet	≥ 2	Yes	3.6	$M_{*} \geq 9.55 \text{ TeV}$	$n=6, M_2 = 3 \text{ TeV}$ rot BH 1512.0296
	RS1 $G_{XX} \rightarrow \ell\ell$	≥ 2	Yes	20.3	$M_{*} \geq 2.99 \text{ TeV}$	$k/\tilde{M}_* = 0.1$ 1504.0911
	RS1 $G_{XX} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	2	Yes	20.3	$M_{*} \geq 2.99 \text{ TeV}$	$k/\tilde{M}_* = 0.1$ 1504.0911
	Bulk RS $G_{XX} \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \text{qq}\ell\ell$	1	Yes	3.2	$G_{XX} \text{ mass} \geq 1.06 \text{ TeV}$	$k/\tilde{M}_* = 1.0$ ATLAS-CONF-2015-075
	Bulk RS $G_{XX} \rightarrow HH \rightarrow \text{bbbb}$	4	Yes	3.2	$G_{XX} \text{ mass} \geq 475\text{--}785 \text{ GeV}$	$k/\tilde{M}_* = 1.0$ ATLAS-CONF-2015-017
	Bulk RS $G_{XX} \rightarrow \ell\ell$	1	Yes	20.3	$M_{*} \geq 2.99 \text{ TeV}$	$\text{TeV}^{-1}, \text{BR}(\mu^+ \rightarrow e\gamma) = 1$ 1505.07018
	2UED Higgs	$\geq 2, 3, 4$	Yes	3.2	$M_{*} \geq 1.46 \text{ TeV}$	ATLAS-CONF-2015-013
Gauge bosons	SSM $Z' \rightarrow \ell\ell$	2	Yes	3.2	$Z' \text{ mass} \geq 3.4 \text{ TeV}$	ATLAS-CONF-2015-070
	SSM $Z' \rightarrow \tau\tau$	2	Yes	19.5	$Z' \text{ mass} \geq 2.70 \text{ TeV}$	1502.07177
	Leptoquark $Z' \rightarrow b\bar{b}$	2	Yes	3.2	$Z' \text{ mass} \geq 1.9 \text{ TeV}$	Preliminary
	SSM $W' \rightarrow \ell\nu$	1	Yes	3.2	$W' \text{ mass} \geq 4.07 \text{ TeV}$	ATLAS-CONF-2015-063
	HVT $W' \rightarrow WZ \rightarrow \text{qq}\nu\ell$ model A	0	Yes	3.2	$W' \text{ mass} \geq 1.1 \text{ TeV}$	ATLAS-CONF-2015-068
	HVT $W' \rightarrow WZ \rightarrow \text{qq}\nu\ell$ model B	2	Yes	3.2	$W' \text{ mass} \geq 1.33\text{--}1.6 \text{ TeV}$	ATLAS-CONF-2015-073
	HVT $W' \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \ell\nu b\bar{b}$ model B	1	Yes	3.2	$W' \text{ mass} \geq 1.62 \text{ TeV}$	ATLAS-CONF-2015-074
	HVT $Z' \rightarrow ZW \rightarrow \nu\nu b\bar{b}$ model B	0	Yes	3.2	$Z' \text{ mass} \geq 1.75 \text{ TeV}$	ATLAS-CONF-2015-074
	LRSM $W_2' \rightarrow \ell\nu$	1	Yes	20.3	$W_2' \text{ mass} \geq 1.92 \text{ TeV}$	1410.4103
	LRSM $W_2' \rightarrow \ell\nu$	0	Yes	20.3	$W_2' \text{ mass} \geq 1.76 \text{ TeV}$	1410.0966
CI	CI $\text{qq}\ell\ell$	2	Yes	3.6	$A \geq 17.5 \text{ TeV}$ $\eta_{\text{SI}} = -1$	1512.0150
	CI $\text{qq}\ell\ell$	2	Yes	3.2	$A \geq 23.1 \text{ TeV}$ $\eta_{\text{SI}} = -1$	ATLAS-CONF-2015-070
	CI $\text{qq}\ell\ell$	$2, \mu, \text{SSB} \geq 1\bar{b}, 1\bar{t}$	Yes	20.3	$A \geq 6.3 \text{ TeV}$	1504.0465
DM	Axial vector mediator (Dirac DM)	0	Yes	3.2	$M_{*} \geq 1.0 \text{ TeV}$	Preliminary
	Scalar vector mediator (Dirac DM)	0	Yes	3.2	$M_{*} \geq 650 \text{ GeV}$	Preliminary
	ZZ_{eff} EFT (Dirac DM)	0	Yes	3.2	$M_{*} \geq 350 \text{ GeV}$	ATLAS-CONF-2015-080
LO	Scalar LO 1 st gen	2	Yes	3.2	$LO \text{ mass} \geq 1.07 \text{ TeV}$	$\beta = 1$ Preliminary
	Scalar LO 2 nd gen	2	Yes	3.2	$LO \text{ mass} \geq 1.03 \text{ TeV}$	$\beta = 1$ Preliminary
	Scalar LO 3 rd gen	1	Yes	20.3	$LO \text{ mass} \geq 860 \text{ GeV}$	$\beta = 0$ 1508.04735
Masses	VLD $\Upsilon\Upsilon \rightarrow H\ell + X$	1	Yes	20.3	$M_{*} \geq 250 \text{ GeV}$	Υ in (B) Υ doublet 1505.04306
	VLD $\Upsilon\Upsilon \rightarrow H\nu + X$	1	Yes	20.3	$M_{*} \geq 150 \text{ GeV}$	Υ in (B) Υ doublet 1505.04306
	VLD $\text{BB} \rightarrow H\ell + X$	1	Yes	20.3	$M_{*} \geq 750 \text{ GeV}$	isospin singlet 1505.04306
	VLD $\text{BB} \rightarrow H\nu + X$	2	Yes	20.3	$M_{*} \geq 750 \text{ GeV}$	B in (B) Υ doublet 1405.0000
	VLD $\text{QQ} \rightarrow W\ell W\ell$	1	Yes	20.3	$M_{*} \geq 890 \text{ GeV}$	1508.04261
	$T_{1,2} \rightarrow W\ell$	1	Yes	20.3	$M_{*} \geq 840 \text{ GeV}$	1505.04465
Excited	Excited quark $q^* \rightarrow \ell\nu$	1	Yes	3.2	$q^* \text{ mass} \geq 4.4 \text{ TeV}$	only u^* and d^* , $A = m(q^*)$ 1512.02910
	Excited quark $q^* \rightarrow \ell g$	2	Yes	3.6	$q^* \text{ mass} \geq 3.2 \text{ TeV}$	only u^* and d^* , $A = m(q^*)$ 1512.01530
	Excited quark $q^* \rightarrow \ell\gamma$	2	Yes	3.2	$q^* \text{ mass} \geq 2.1 \text{ TeV}$	Preliminary
	Excited quark $q^* \rightarrow \ell W$	1 or 2	Yes	20.3	$q^* \text{ mass} \geq 1.9 \text{ TeV}$	$\zeta_1 = \zeta_2 = \zeta_3 = 1$ 1512.02964
	Excited lepton ℓ^*	3	Yes	20.3	$\ell^* \text{ mass} \geq 3.0 \text{ TeV}$	$A = 3.0 \text{ TeV}$ 1411.2921
	Excited lepton ν^*	3	Yes	20.3	$\nu^* \text{ mass} \geq 1.8 \text{ TeV}$	$A = 1.6 \text{ TeV}$ 1411.2921
Other	LSTC $\mu\tau \rightarrow W\gamma$	1	Yes	20.3	$M_{*} \geq 960 \text{ GeV}$	1407.8150
	LRSM Majorana ν	2	Yes	20.3	$M_{*} \geq 400 \text{ GeV}$	$m(W_2) = 2.4 \text{ TeV}$ no mixing 1506.06020
	Higgs triplet $H^{\pm\pm} \rightarrow \ell\ell$	2	Yes	20.3	$M_{*} \geq 650 \text{ GeV}$	DY production, $\text{BR}(H^{\pm\pm} \rightarrow \ell^+\ell^-) = 1$ 1412.0287
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	Monopole (non-res prod)	1	Yes	20.3	$M_{*} \geq 697 \text{ GeV}$	$A_{\text{mon}} = 0.2$ 1410.5404
	Multi-charged particles	≥ 2	Yes	20.3	$M_{*} \geq 785 \text{ GeV}$	DY production, $ \ell = 5e$ 1504.04188
	Magnetic monopoles	≥ 1	Yes	7.0	$M_{*} \geq 1.34 \text{ TeV}$	DY production, $ \ell = \text{spin } 1/2$ 1508.06059

"It is in moments of crisis that new ideas develop," Gian Giudice

*Only a selection of the available mass limits on new states or phenomena is shown. Lower bounds are specified only when explicitly not excluded.
[†]Small-radius (large-radius) jets are denoted by the letter j (J).

2015 Theory
Highlight

The Relaxion

Graham, Kaplan, Rajendran [1504.07551]

New approach to tackle the Hierarchy problem in particle physics

Purpose of this talk is to discuss:

- the idea
- explicit models
- drawbacks & reasons for improvement
- experimental consequences



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The Hierarchy Problem

If Standard Model is an effective field theory below M_{Planck}

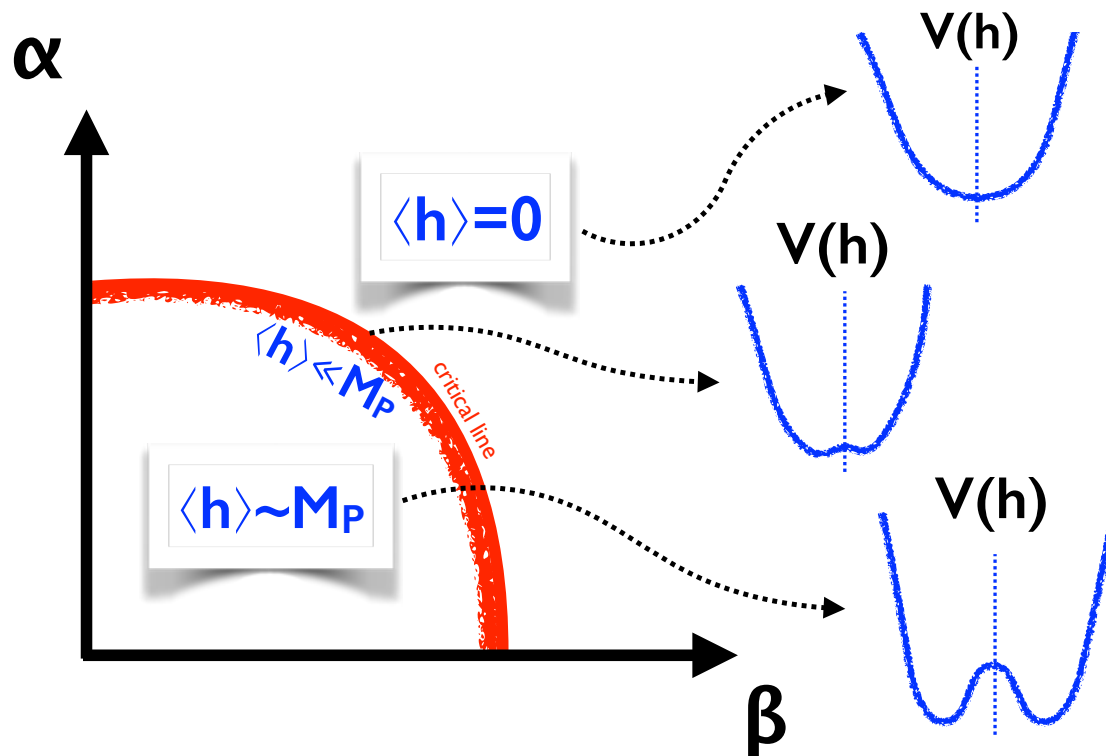
$$V = m_h^2 h^2 + \lambda h^4 \quad \text{Why} \quad m_h^2 \ll M_{\text{Planck}}^2 \quad ?$$

The Hierarchy Problem

In high energy completions of the Standard Model where the Higgs potential can be computed in terms of new parameters, α and β :

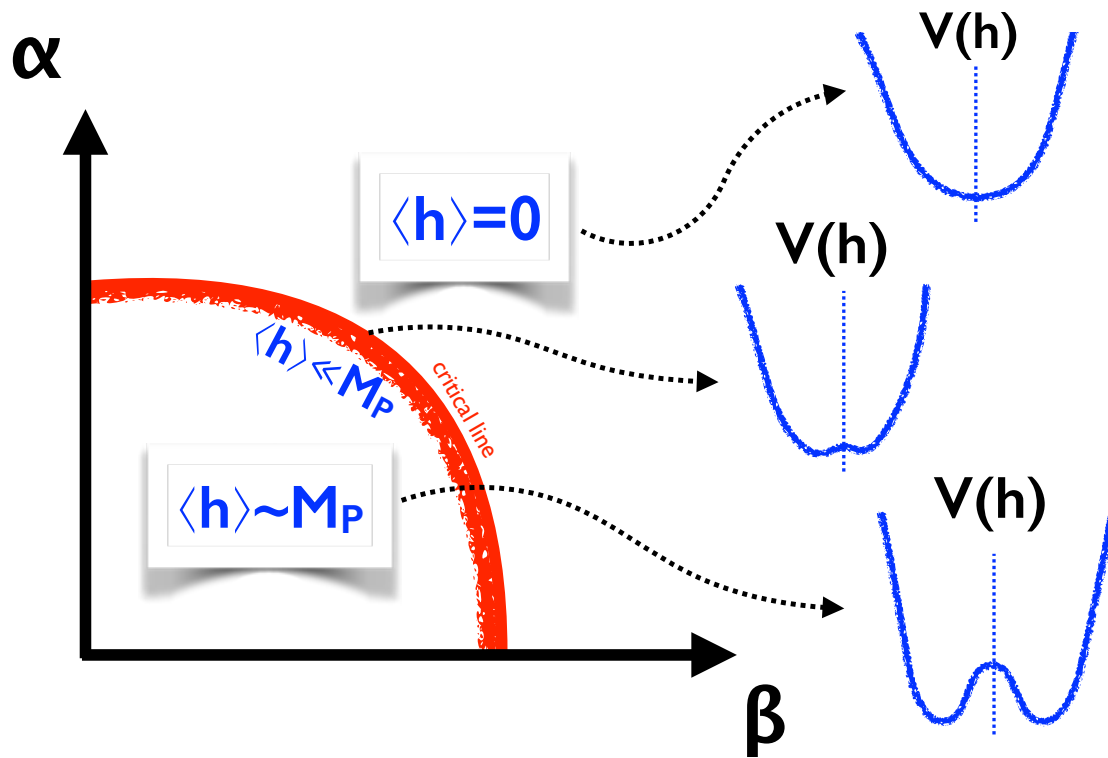
$$m_h^2 = m_h^2(\alpha, \beta)$$

Why does the Higgs vacuum reside so close to the critical line separating the phase with unbroken ($\langle H \rangle = 0$) from the phase with broken ($\langle H \rangle \neq 0$) electroweak symmetry?



The Hierarchy Problem

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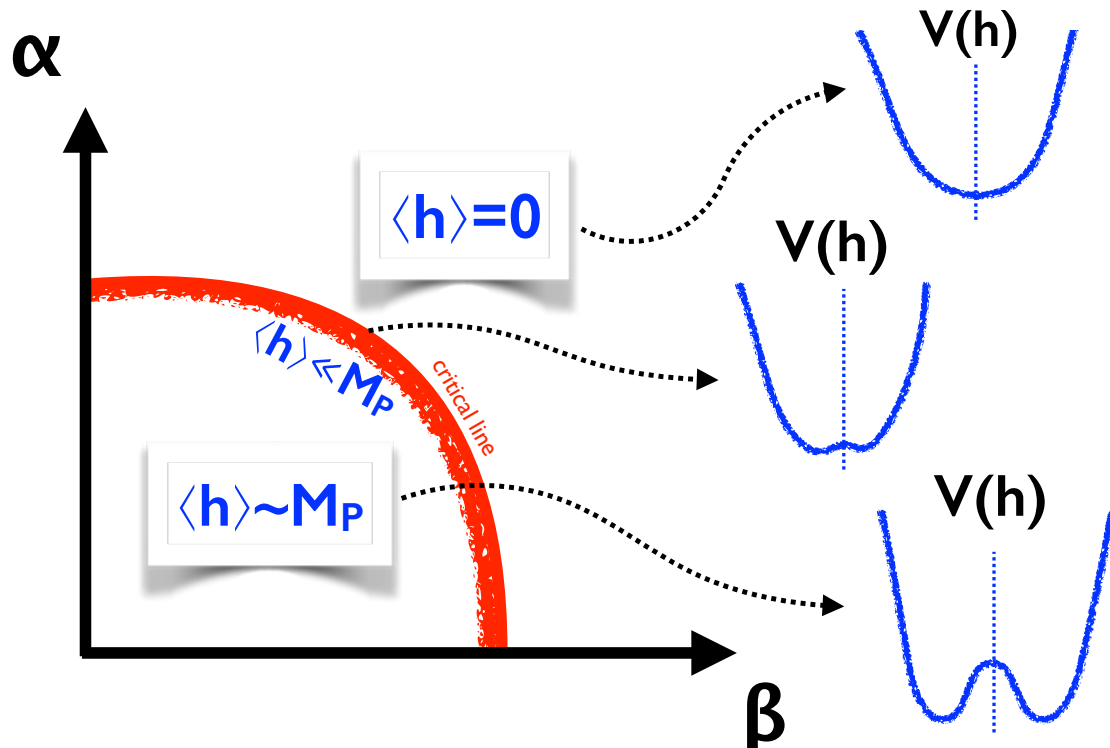


[Figure Credit: A. Pomarol]

Solution I: Critical line is special line with enhanced symmetry \rightarrow Supersymmetry
implications: Susy particles expected at the weak scale

The Hierarchy Problem

$$m_h^2 = m_h^2(\alpha, \beta)$$



New attempt : α and β are fields which have local minima in the broken phase. Cosmological evolution settles them in a minimum close to the critical line.

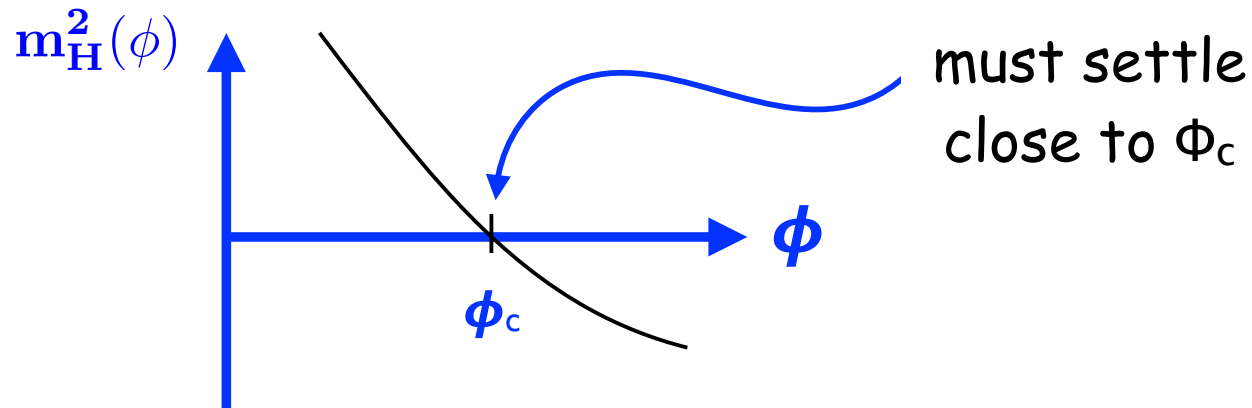
Key idea: Higgs mass parameter is field-dependent

$$m^2 |H|^2 \rightarrow m^2(\phi) |H|^2$$

Φ can get a value such that $m^2(\phi) \ll \Lambda^2$

from a dynamical interplay between H and Φ

UV
cutoff



m_H naturally stabilized due to back-reaction of the Higgs field after EW symmetry breaking !

New paradigm:

Hierarchies are induced/created by the time evolution/the age of the Universe

Dramatic implications for strategy to search for new physics explaining the Weak scale

The idea that hierarchies in force scales could have something to do with cosmological evolution goes back to Dirac (hypothesizes a relation between ratio of universe sizes to ratio of force strengths)

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the ratio of the mass of the proton to that of the electron), the larger numbers, namely the ratio of the electric to the gravitational force between electron and proton, which is about 10^{39} , and the ratio of the mass of the universe to the mass of the proton, which is about 10^{78} , are so enormous as to make one think that some entirely different type of explanation is needed for them.

According to current cosmological theories, the universe had a beginning about 2×10^9 years ago, when all the spiral nebulae were shot out from a small region of space, or perhaps from a point. If we express this time, 2×10^9 years, in units provided by the atomic constants, say the unit e^2/mc^3 , we obtain a number about 10^{39} . This suggests that the above-mentioned large numbers are to be regarded, not as constants, but as simple functions of our present epoch, expressed in atomic units. We may take it as a general principle that all large numbers of the order 10^{39} , 10^{78} . . . turning up in general physical theory are, apart from simple numerical coefficients, just equal to t , t^2 . . . , where t is the present epoch expressed in atomic units. The simple numerical coefficients occurring here should be determinable theoretically when we have a comprehensive theory of cosmology and atomicity. In this way we avoid the need of a theory to determine numbers of the order 10^{39} .

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A MECHANISM FOR REDUCING THE VALUE OF THE COSMOLOGICAL CONSTANTL.F. ABBOTT ¹*Physics Department, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA 02254, USA*

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A mechanism is presented for relaxing an initially large, positive cosmological constant to a value near zero. This is done by introducing a scalar field whose vacuum energy compensates for the initial cosmological constant. The compensating sector involves small mass scales but no unnatural fine-tuning of parameters. It is not clear how to incorporate this mechanism into a realistic cosmology.

$$V = \epsilon B/f_B - \Lambda_{\text{ph}}^4 \cos(B/f_B) + V_0,$$

Cosmic attractors and gauge hierarchy

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We suggest a new cosmological scenario which naturally guarantees the smallness of scalar masses and vacuum expectation values, without invoking supersymmetry or any other (nongravitationally coupled) new physics at low energies. In our framework, the scalar masses undergo discrete jumps due to nucleation of closed branes during (eternal) inflation. The crucial point is that the step size of variation decreases in the direction of decreasing scalar mass. This scenario yields exponentially large domains with a distribution of scalar masses, which is sharply peaked around a hierarchically small value of the mass. This value is the “attractor point” of the cosmological evolution.

Higgs (h) and Axion-like (ϕ) Interplay

3 terms:

$$V(\phi, h) = \Lambda^3 g \phi - \frac{1}{2} \Lambda^2 \left(1 - \frac{g\phi}{\Lambda} \right) h^2 + \epsilon \Lambda_c^4 \left(\frac{h}{\Lambda_c} \right)^n \cos(\phi/f)$$

relaxion rolling
potential

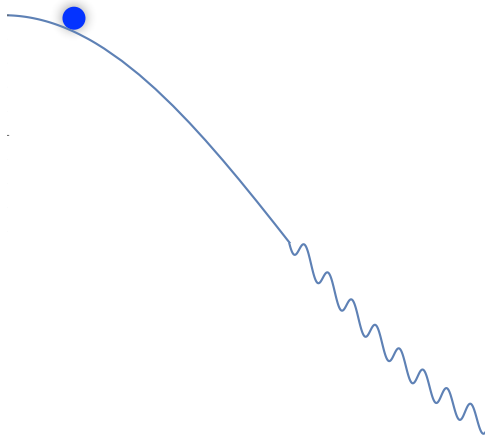
slope for ϕ to move
forward

relaxion-dependent
Higgs mass

ϕ scans the Higgs mass

Backreaction
sector

barrier stopping ϕ when
 $\langle h \rangle$ turns on



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$n=1,2,\dots$

**Barrier that stops ϕ
when $\langle h \rangle$ turns on**

periodic function for ϕ
as for axion-like states
generated at scale Λ_c

e.g: QCD axion case: $n=1$, $\Lambda_c \sim \Lambda_{QCD}$
 $\epsilon \sim y_u$

Higgs (h) and Axion-like (ϕ) interplay

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$g \ll 1$, breaks the shift symmetry $\phi \rightarrow \phi + c$

$\epsilon \ll 1$, breaks the shift symmetry

respects $\phi \rightarrow \phi + 2\pi f$

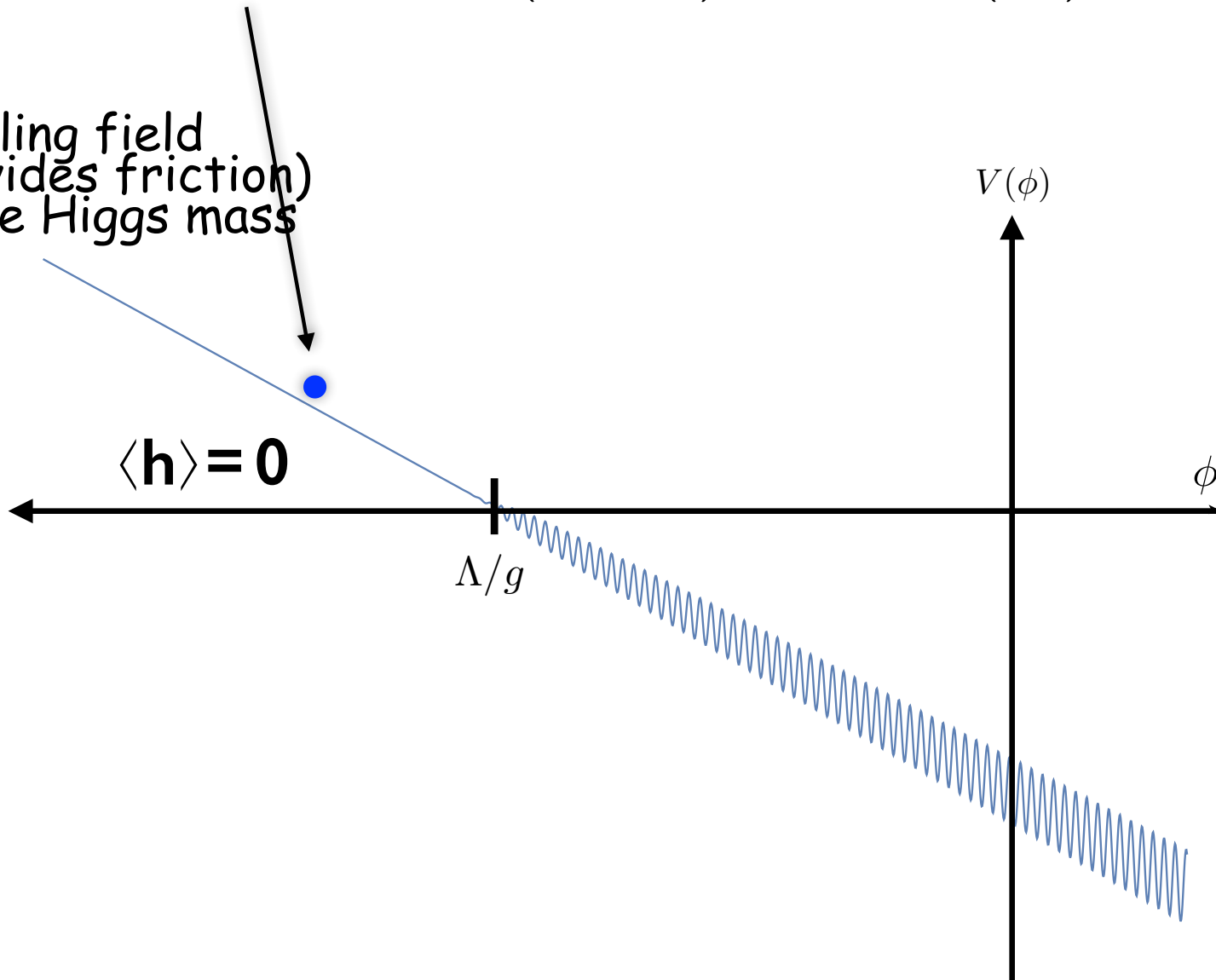
$\phi \rightarrow -\phi$

Potential stable under radiative corrections!

Cosmological evolution

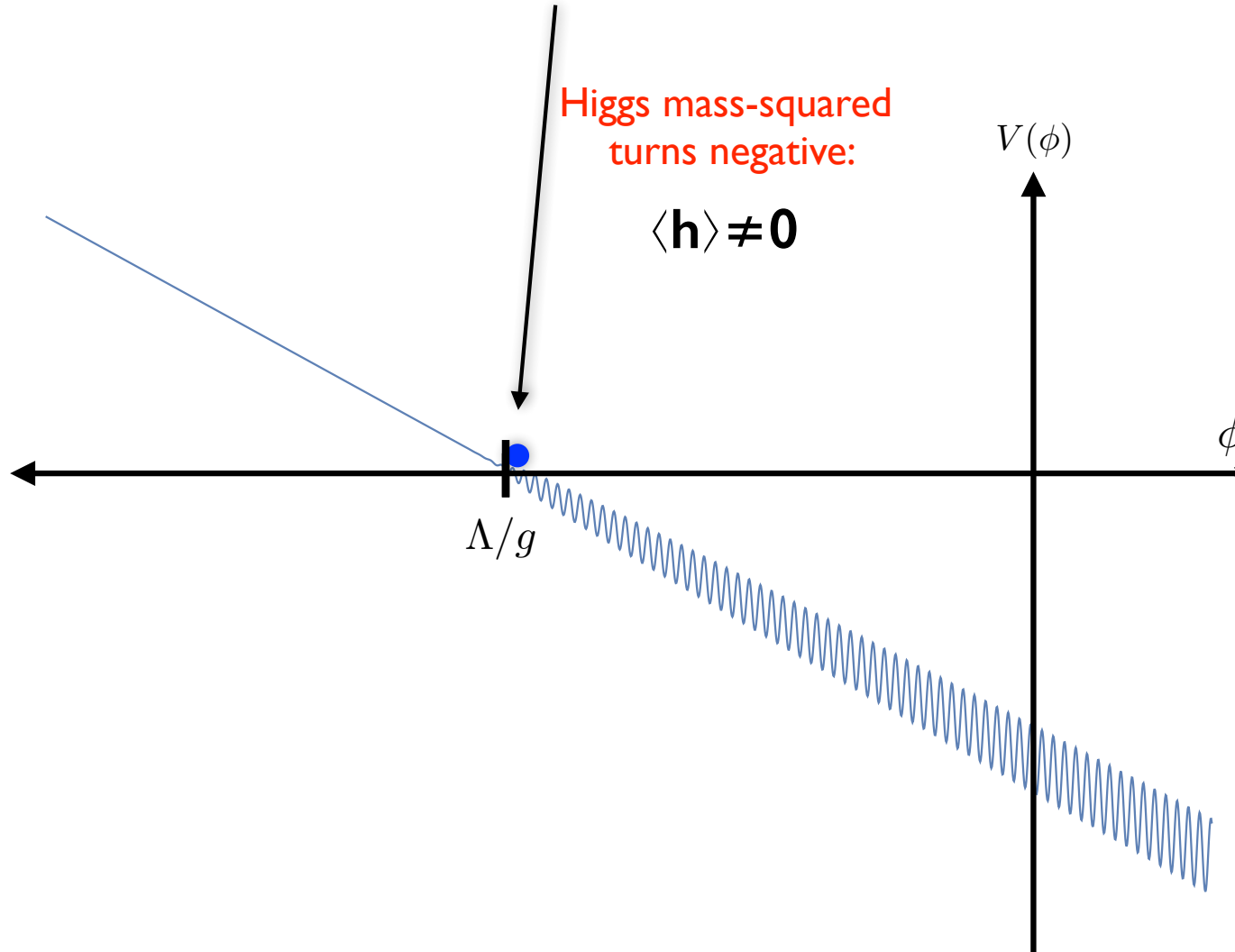
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slowly rolling field
(inflation provides friction)
that scans the Higgs mass



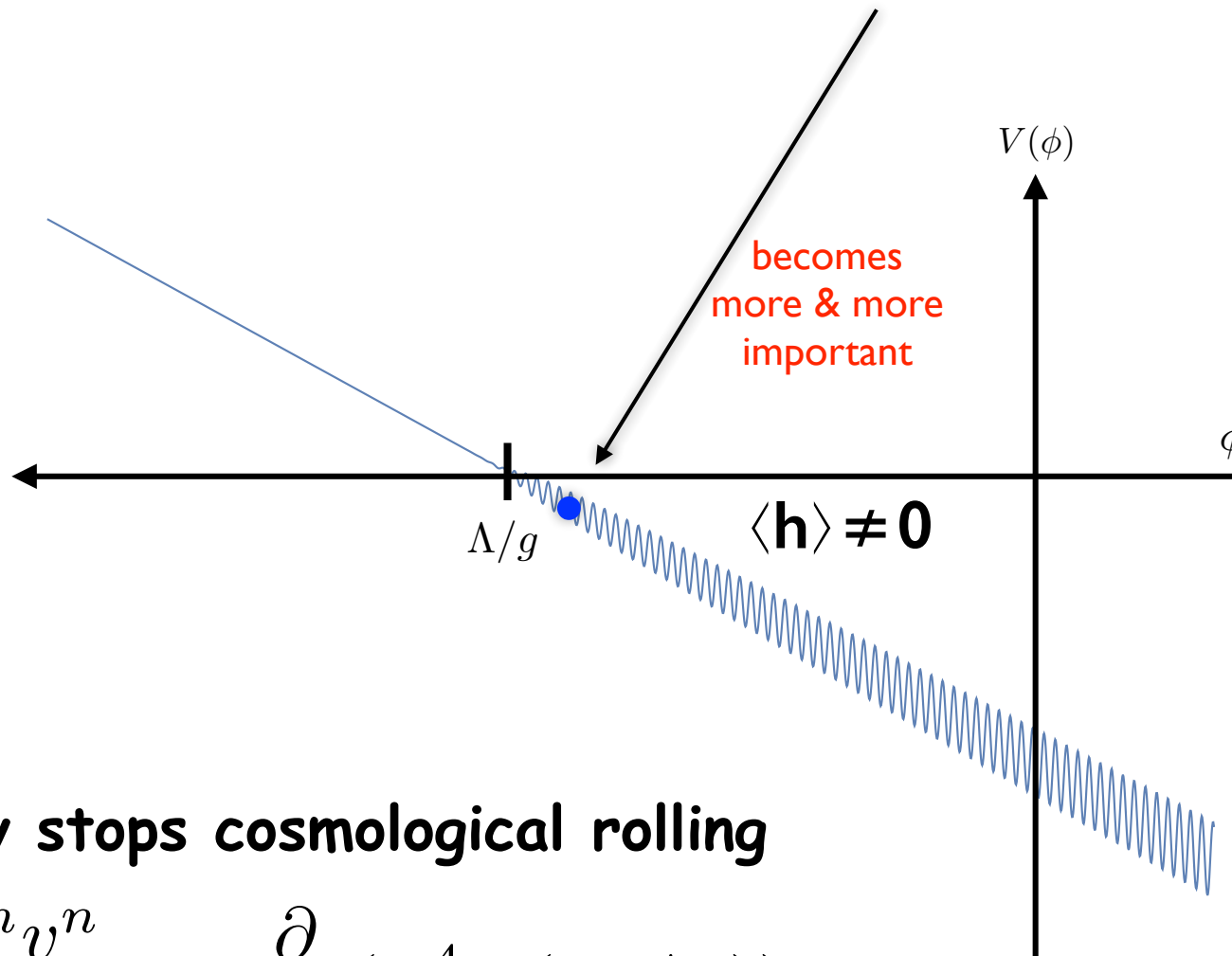
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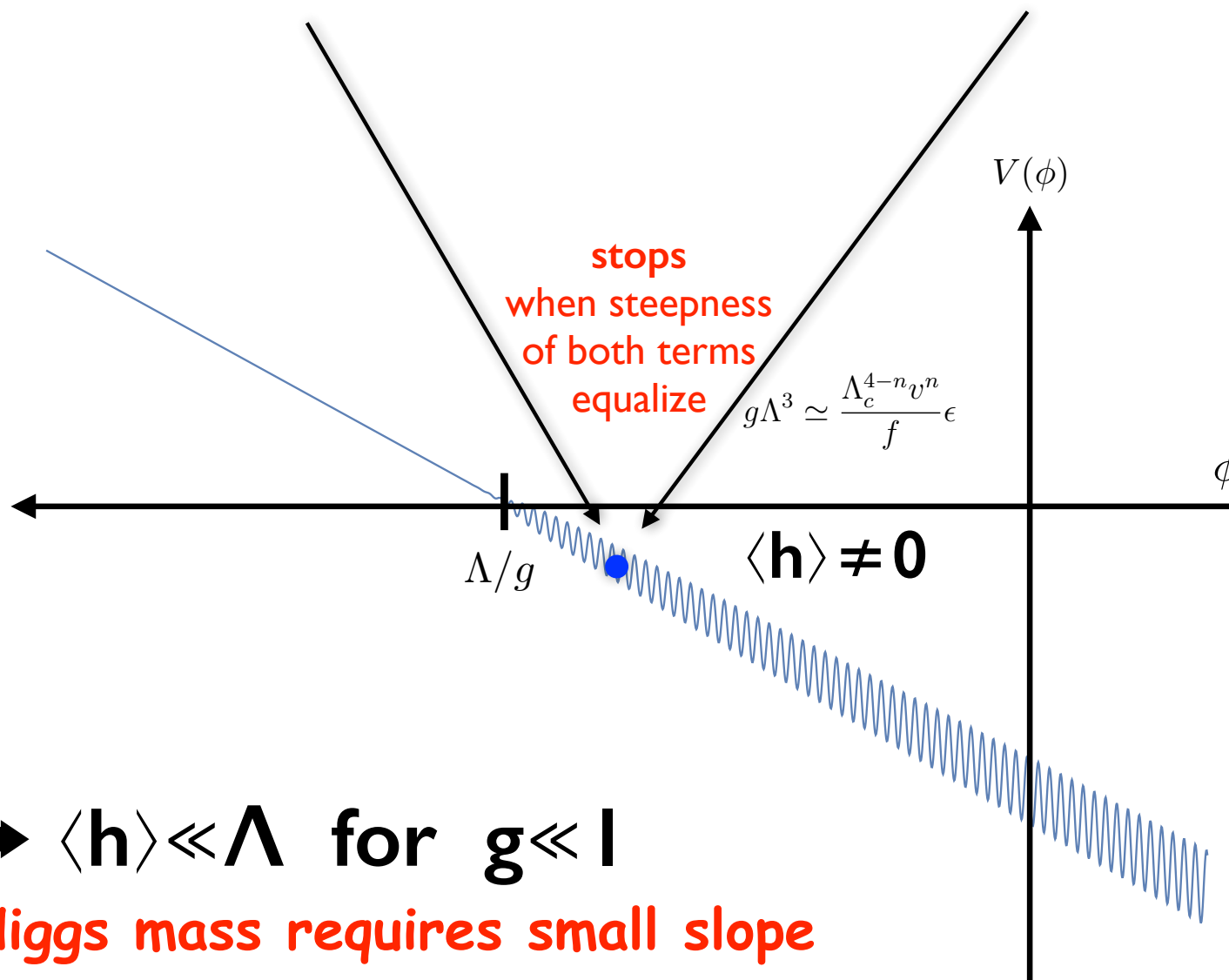


Higgs vev stops cosmological rolling

$$\frac{\Lambda_c^{4-n} v^n}{f} \epsilon \sim \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} (\Lambda^4 V(g\phi/\Lambda))$$

Cosmological evolution

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➡ $\langle h \rangle \ll \Lambda$ for $g \ll 1$

small Higgs mass requires small slope

Cosmological evolution

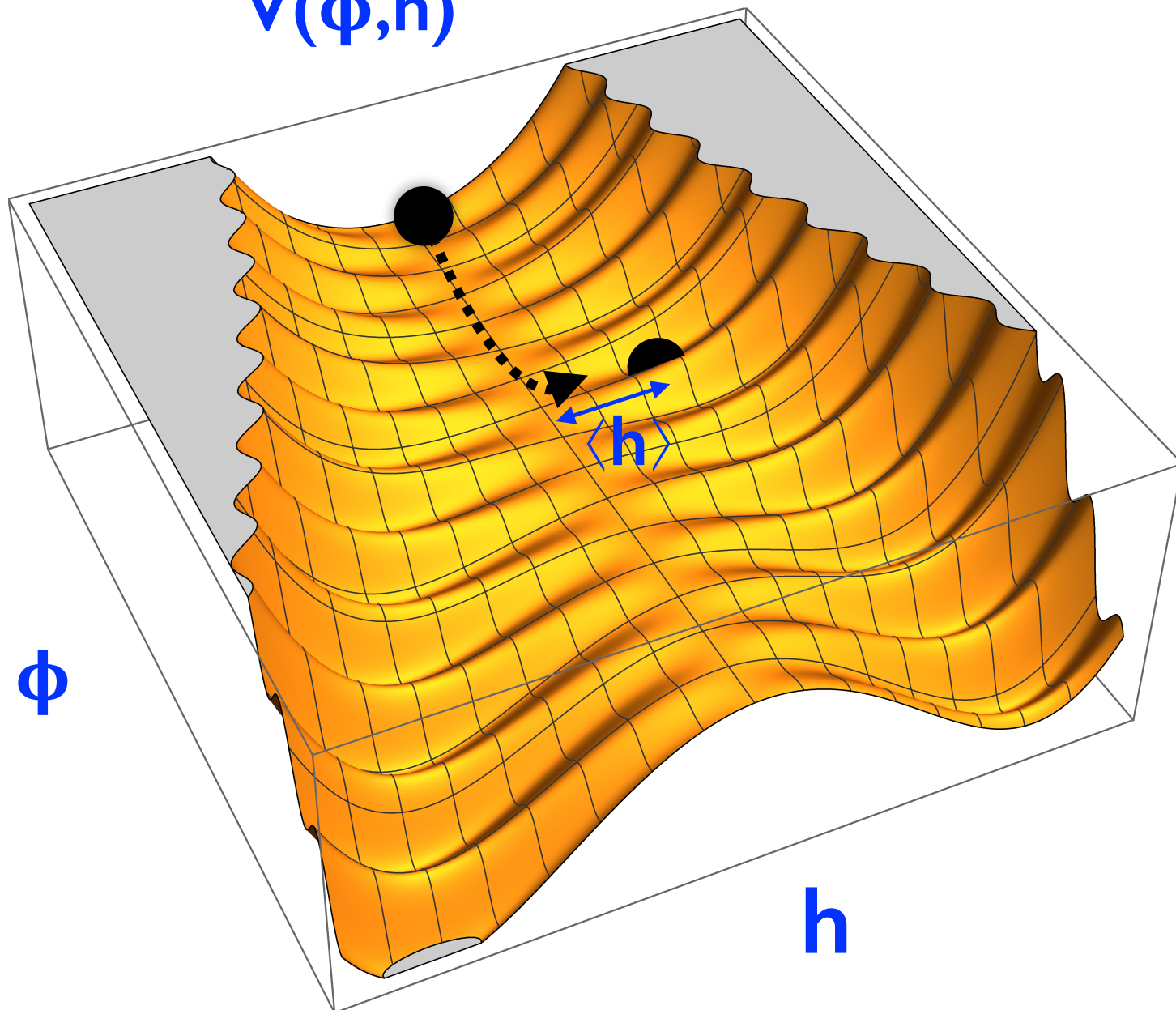
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Large field excursions for ϕ needed

$$\phi \sim \Lambda/g \gg \Lambda$$

No dependence on initial conditions, provided that
this takes place during inflation

$V(\phi, h)$



Conditions:

Slow rolling:

$$H_I > \frac{\Lambda^2}{M_P}$$

ensures that the energy density stores in Φ does not affect inflation

from friction due to inflation

Needed to avoid overshooting the EW range vacua

$$N_{efolds} \gtrsim \frac{H_I^2}{g^2 \Lambda^2}$$

for complete scanning of the Higgs mass

Classical rolling

classical displacement over one Hubble time

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quantum fluctuation

$$\frac{1}{H_I} \frac{d\phi}{dt} = \frac{1}{H_I^2} \frac{dV}{d\phi} = \frac{g\Lambda^3}{H_I^2}$$

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H_I

$$\rightarrow H_I \lesssim g^{1/3} \Lambda$$

putting all these constraints together tells you what is the maximal cutoff Λ

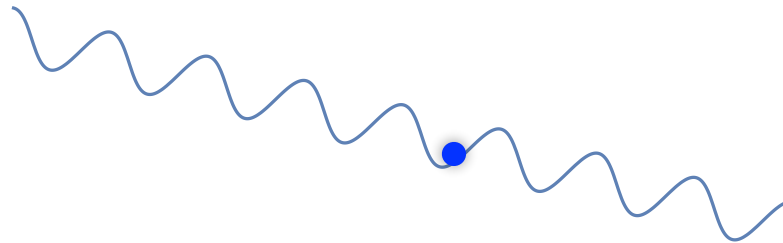
$$n=2: \quad \Lambda \lesssim (v^4 M_P^3)^{1/7} \simeq 2 \times 10^9 \text{ GeV}$$

Origin of $\epsilon \Lambda_c^4 \left(\frac{h}{\Lambda_c} \right)^n \cos(\phi/f)$

For n=1: From QCD condensate $\Lambda_c = \Lambda_{QCD}$

$$\frac{\phi}{f} \tilde{G}^{\mu\nu} G_{\mu\nu} \longrightarrow m_u(h) \langle q\bar{q} \rangle \cos(\phi/f)$$

but leads to $\theta_{QCD} \sim 1$ due to the tilt!



Problem solved if the tilt disappears at the end of inflation but one gets

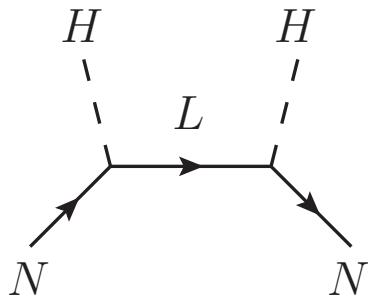
$$\Lambda \lesssim 30 \text{ TeV}$$

Origin of $\epsilon \Lambda_c^4 \left(\frac{h}{\Lambda_c} \right)^n \cos(\phi/f)$

For n=2: $\epsilon \Lambda_c^2 |H|^2 \cos(\phi/f)$ gauge invariant,
no need to rely on QCD

Similarly to QCD, the anomalous interaction term $\frac{\phi}{f} G'_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}'^{\mu\nu}$
can be rotated away by a chiral rotation for N, and replaced by the term

$$m_N e^{i\phi/f} \bar{N} N + h.c \rightarrow \Lambda^3 m_N \cos(\phi/f) \quad \text{where } \langle \bar{N} N \rangle \sim \Lambda^3$$



$$m_N \sim y^2 |H|^2 / m_L$$

but $\epsilon \Lambda_c^4 \cos(\phi/f)$ is generated by closing H in loop

Origin of

$$\epsilon \Lambda_c^4 \left(\frac{h}{\Lambda_c} \right)^n \cos(\phi/f)$$

For n=2:

$$\epsilon \Lambda_c^2 |H|^2 \cos(\phi/f) \quad \text{gauge invariant,}$$

no need to rely on QCD

but $\epsilon \Lambda_c^4 \cos(\phi/f)$ is generated by closing H in loop

and will stop \square before the Higgs vev develops

for the Higgs VEV to be responsible for stopping the rolling of phi, we need

$$\Lambda_c \lesssim v$$

coincidence problem!! similar to the mu pb in the MSSM

Important drawback: weak scale is put by hand.

Solution: make the envelop of the oscillatory potential field-dependent

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Cosmological Higgs-Axion INterplay (CHAIN)

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Two-scanners potential:

$$V(\phi, \sigma, H) = \Lambda^4 \left(\frac{g\phi}{\Lambda} + \frac{g_\sigma \sigma}{\Lambda} \right) + m^2(\phi) |H|^2 + A(\phi, \sigma, H) \cos(\phi/f)$$

$$A(\phi, \sigma, H) \equiv \epsilon \Lambda^4 \left(\beta + c_\phi \frac{g\phi}{\Lambda} - c_\sigma \frac{g_\sigma \sigma}{\Lambda} + \frac{|H|^2}{\Lambda^2} \right)$$

generated at
loop level

σ scans the
amplitude of the
oscillating term

generated by
strong dynamics
at scale Λ

ALPine Cosmology

$$V(\phi, \sigma, H) = \Lambda^4 \left(\frac{g\phi}{\Lambda} + \frac{g_\sigma\sigma}{\Lambda} \right) + m^2(\phi)|H|^2 + A(\phi, \sigma, H) \cos(\phi/f)$$

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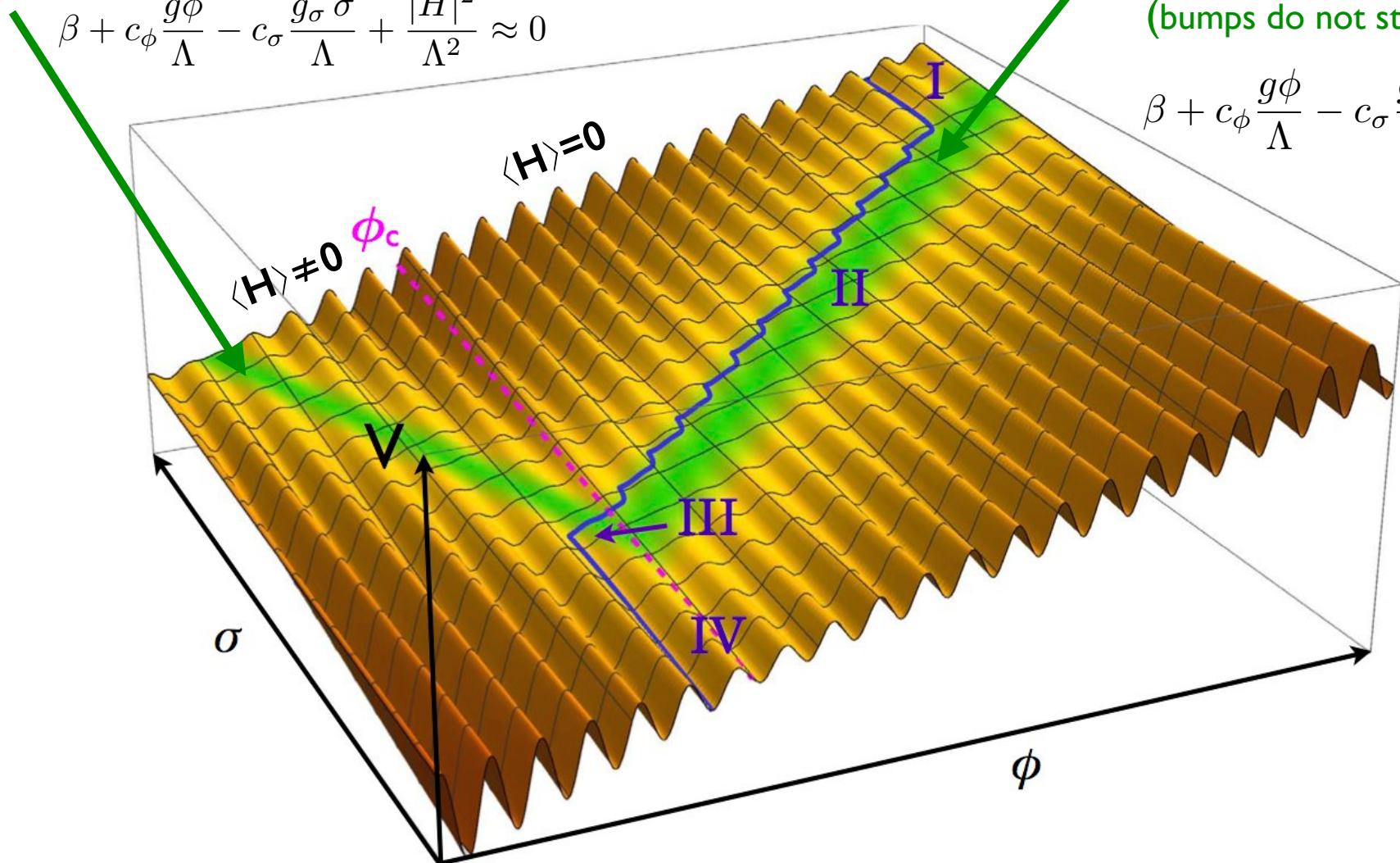
area where $A \approx 0$

$$\beta + c_\phi \frac{g\phi}{\Lambda} - c_\sigma \frac{g_\sigma\sigma}{\Lambda} + \frac{|H|^2}{\Lambda^2} \approx 0$$

area where $A \approx 0$

(bumps do not stop ϕ)

$$\beta + c_\phi \frac{g\phi}{\Lambda} - c_\sigma \frac{g_\sigma\sigma}{\Lambda} \approx 0$$



EX SCALE AS COSMOLOGICAL ERRATIC

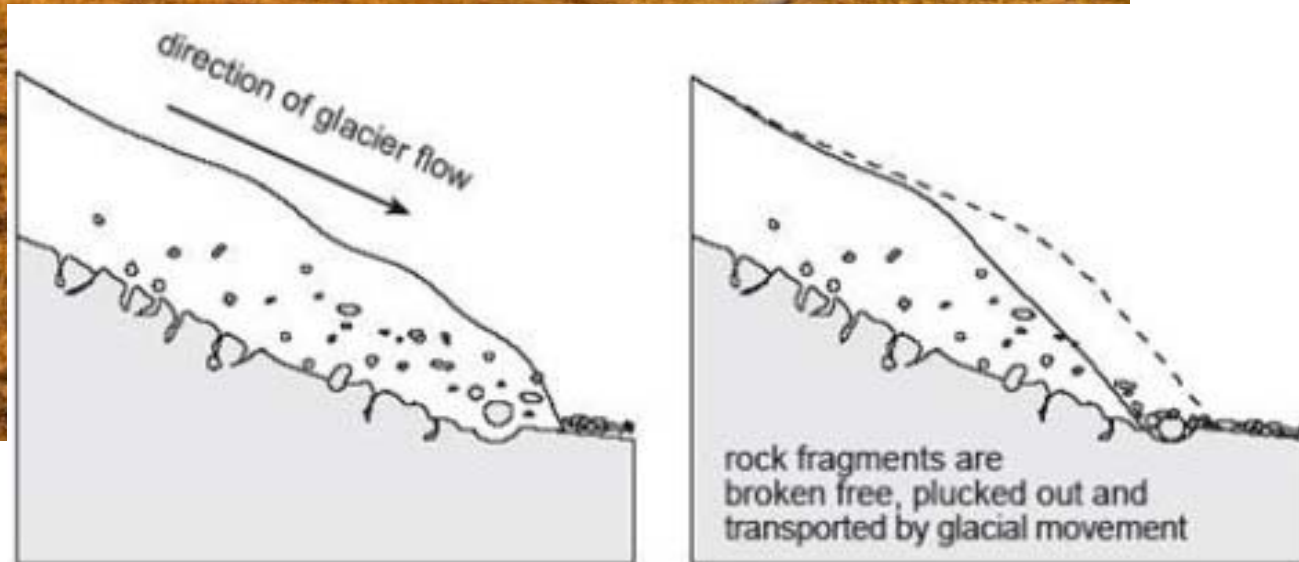
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Alberta, Canada

EW SCALE AS COSMOLOGICAL ERRATIC

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Unnatural large rocks differing in composition from the typical surrounding ones as a result of a long geological history.

The apparently unnatural EW scale is the result of a long cosmological evolution of an axion-like particle.

Conditions on parameters:

- $\epsilon \lesssim v^2/\Lambda^2$ to avoid to be dominated by terms like $\epsilon^2 \Lambda^4 \cos^2(\phi/f)$
- $H_I^3 \lesssim g_\sigma \Lambda^3$ to avoid quantum wiggles spoiling classical rolling
- $g_\sigma \lesssim g$ to avoid ϕ not tracking σ
- $\frac{\Lambda^2}{M_P} \lesssim H_I$ to avoid ϕ & σ affect inflation

Minimization: $v^2 \simeq \frac{g\Lambda f}{\epsilon}$

$$\frac{\Lambda^3}{M_P^3} \lesssim g_\sigma \lesssim g \lesssim \frac{v^4}{f\Lambda^3}$$



$$\Lambda \lesssim (v^4 M_P^3)^{1/7} \simeq 2 \times 10^9 \text{ GeV}$$

not yet fully solving the hierarchy problem
but pushing Λ beyond LHC & future colliders reach !

Phenomenological implications of this minimal model:

- Nothing at the LHC
- Only BSM below Λ :

Two light and very weakly coupled scalars:

$$m_\phi \sim 10^{-20} - 10^2 \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_\sigma \sim 10^{-45} - 10^{-2} \text{ GeV}$$

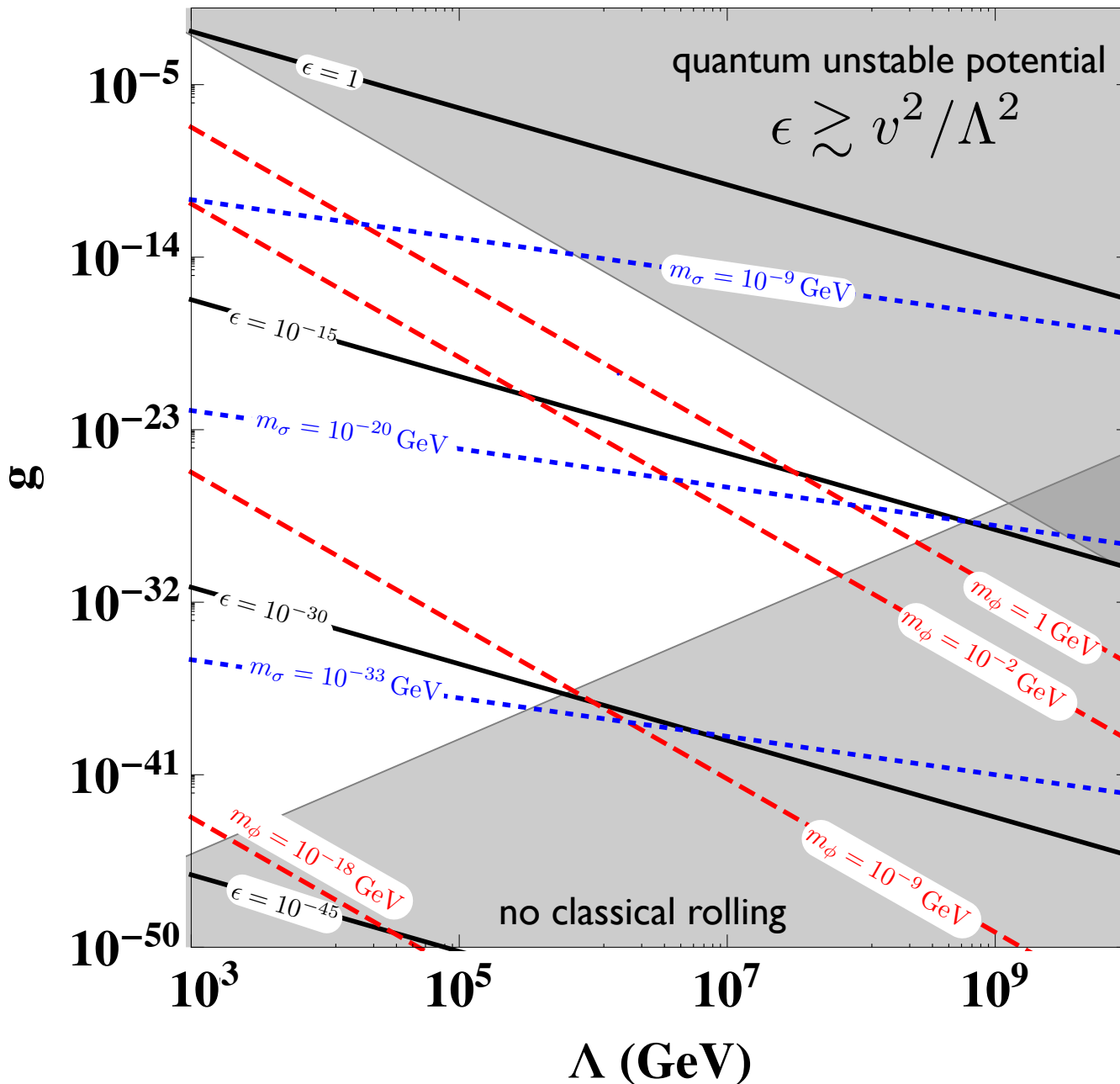
Couple to the SM through their mixing with the Higgs

benchmark values: $\Lambda \sim 10^9 \text{ GeV}$ \rightarrow $m_\phi \sim 100 \text{ GeV}$
 $\theta_{\phi h} \sim 10^{-21}$
 $\phi\phi hh$ -coupling $\sim 10^{-14}$
 $m_\sigma \sim 10^{-18} \text{ GeV}$
 $\theta_{\sigma h} \sim 10^{-50}$

- Experimental tests from cosmological overabundances, late decays, Big bang Nucleosynthesis, Gamma-rays, Cosmic Microwave Background ...

Phenomenological implications:

Taking $g_\sigma \sim 0.1g$ & $f \sim \Lambda$



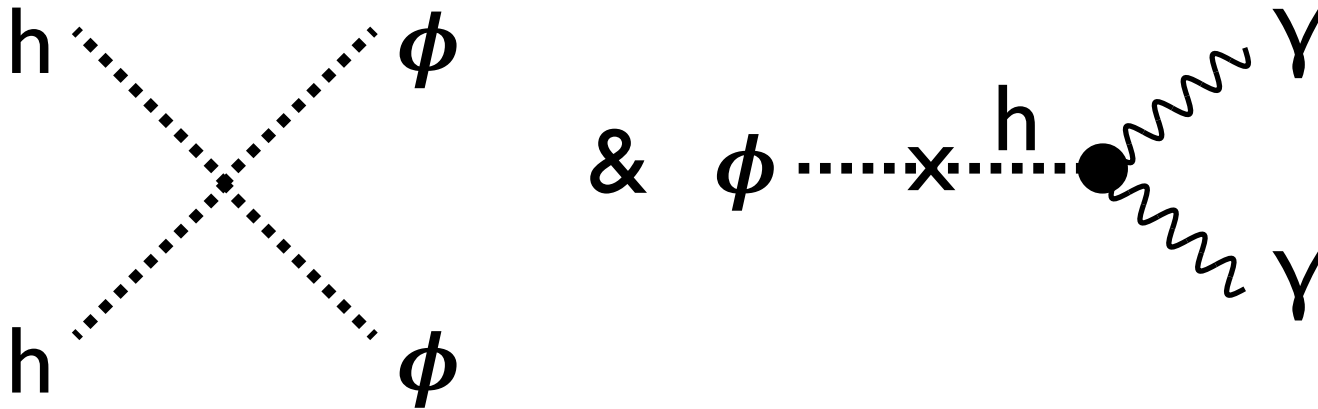
$$m_\phi^2 \sim \frac{\epsilon \Lambda^4}{f^2} \sim g \frac{\Lambda^5}{f v^2} \lesssim v^2$$

$$m_\sigma^2 \sim g_\sigma^2 \Lambda^2 \ll m_\phi^2$$

Physics of the slow-rollers:

σ stable \rightarrow Late classical oscillations \rightarrow cold dark matter

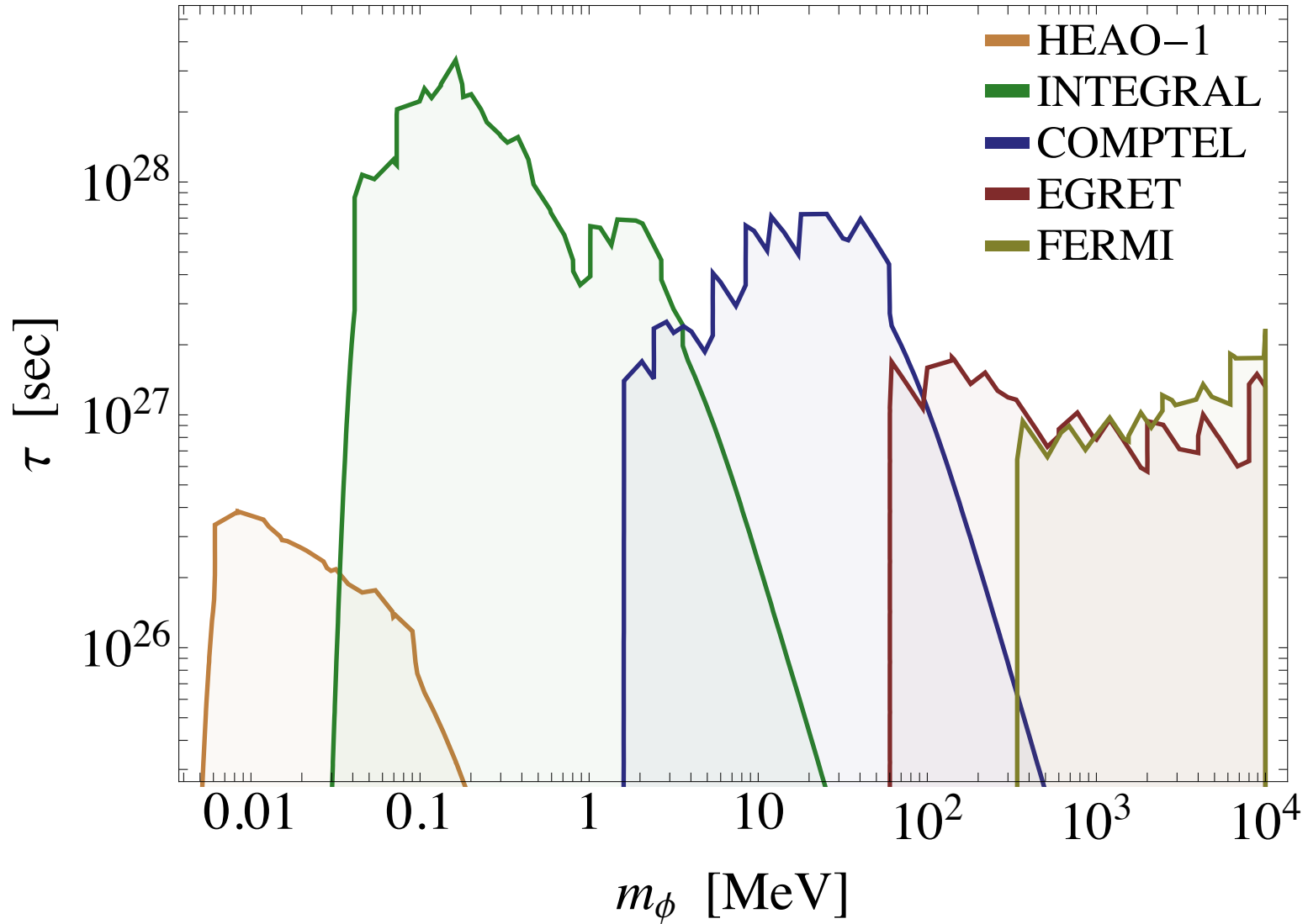
ϕ stable \rightarrow Late decays



Constraining Light and Long-Lived Dark Matter with gamma Ray observations

$\phi \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

[Essig et al, 1309.4091]



Cosmological constraints

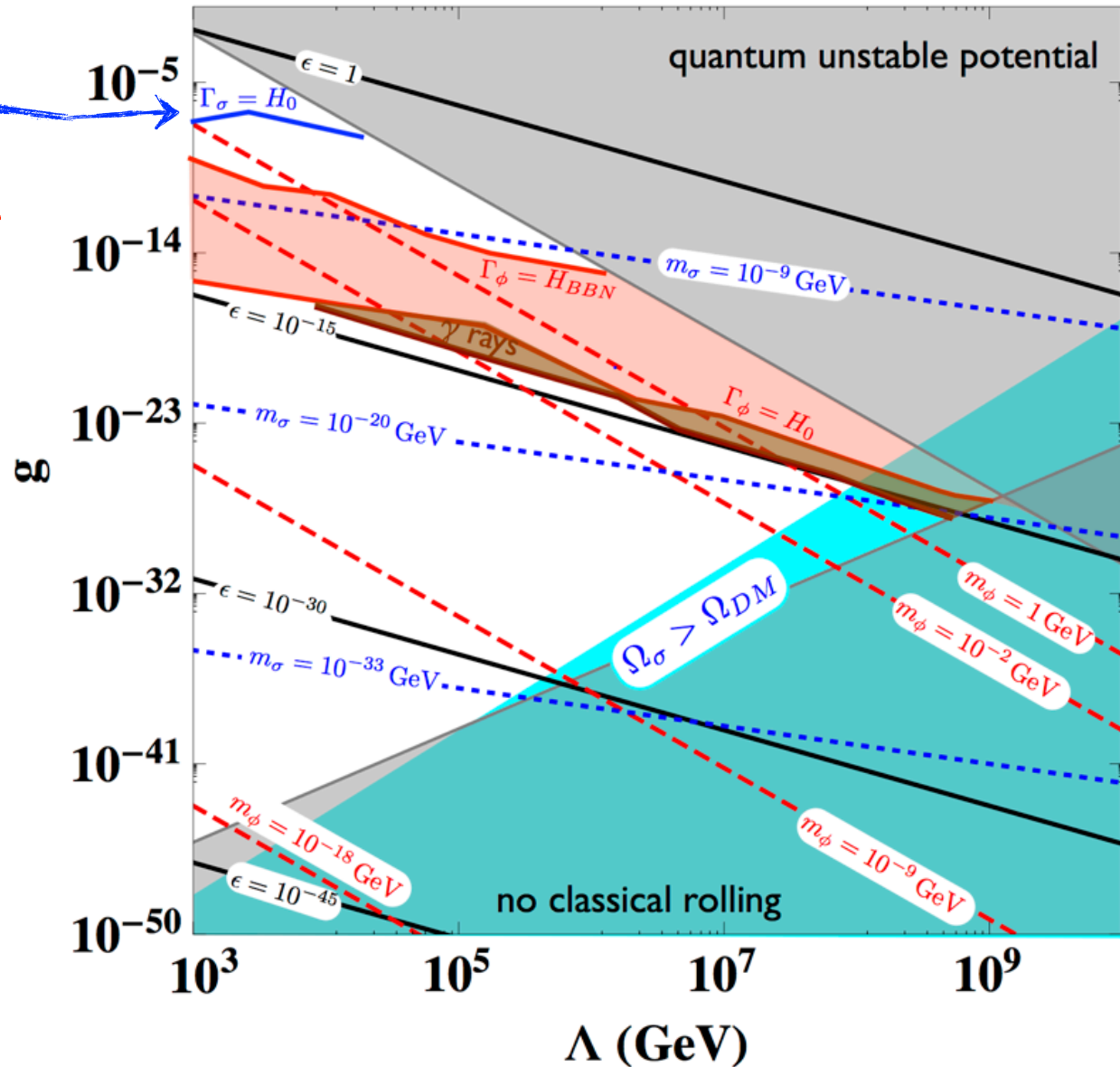
$$g = 10g_\sigma$$

$$f = \Lambda$$

σ decays within the age of the Universe

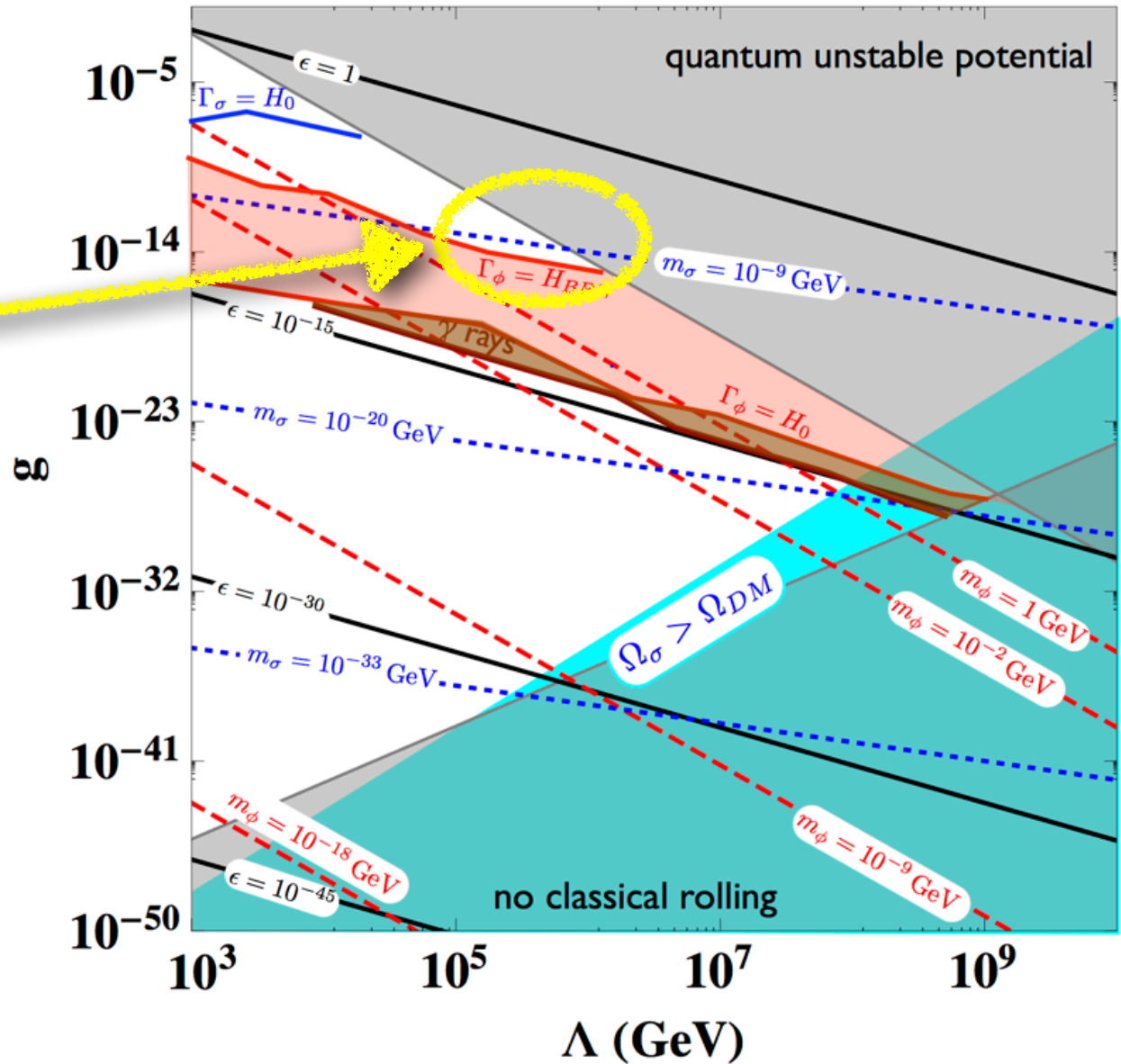
ϕ decays after BBN

ϕ cosmologically stable



A minimal solution to the Little Hierarchy

'reasonable' region with moderately small coupling, moderately large field excursion, and a cut off scale @100-1000 TeV



$$g = 10g_\sigma$$

$$f = \Lambda$$

The CHAIN mechanism

An existence proof of a model that generates a quantum stable large mass gap between the Higgs mass and the new physics threshold

Weak scale is not put by hand but generated dynamically

There are no light fermions to be found at the LHC

The only new physics scale:

$$\Lambda \sim \Lambda_c \gg v$$

Axions: ubiquitous in String Theory

Massless fields with axion-like properties generically arise in string theory compactifications

Their number is determined by the topology of the compact manifold
(non-equivalent embeddings of a closed two-surface into a reasonably complicated six-dimensional manifold.)

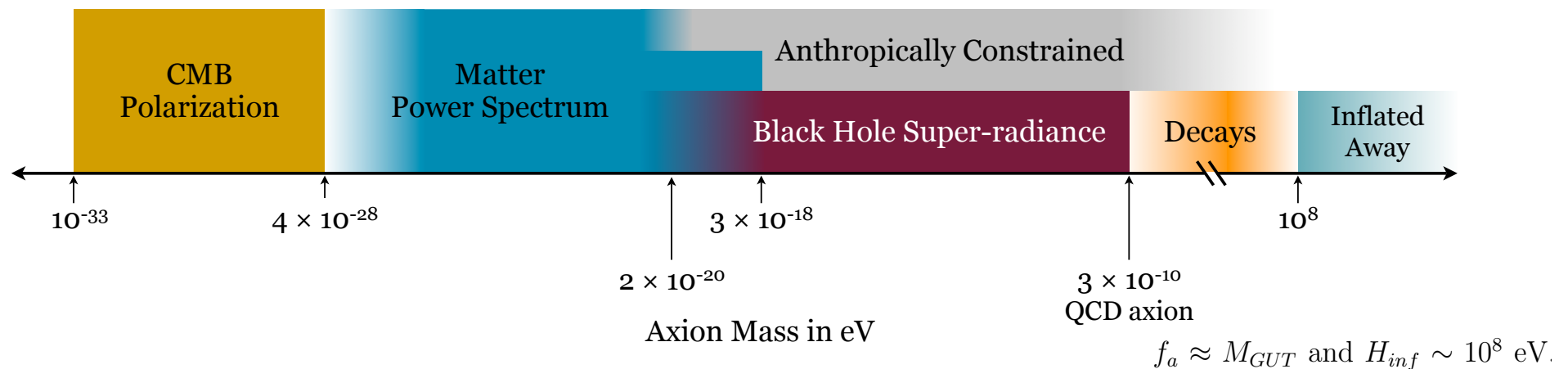
In most compactifications this number is of the order of several hundreds!

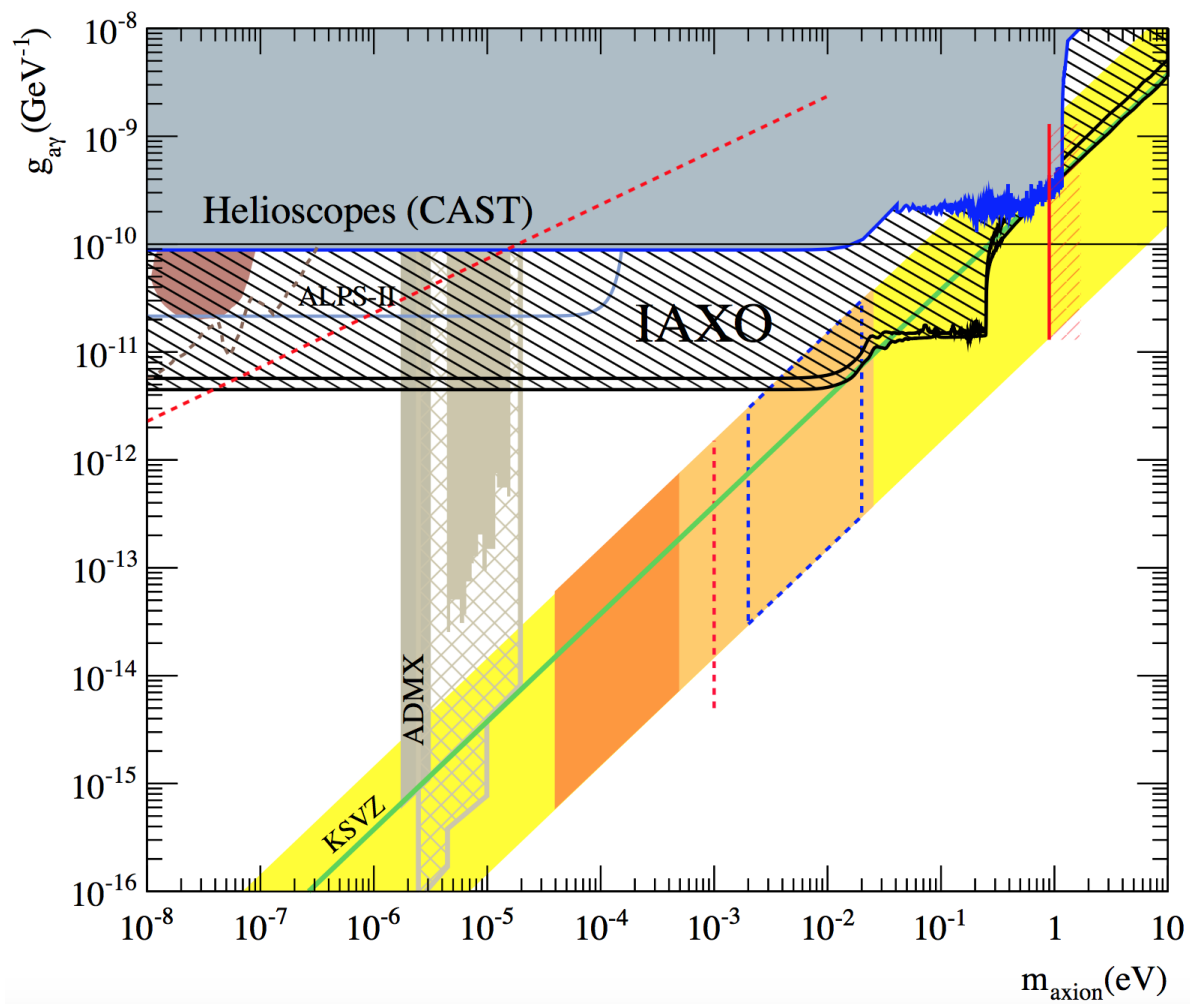
higher-dimensional gauge invariance -> shift symmetry in 4D!

broken non-perturbatively by couplings to gauge fields -> generates a mass

-> provides many particles with the qualitative properties of the QCD axion.

["String Axiverse" 0905.4720]





Summary

- A new approach to the hierarchy problem based on intertwined cosmological history of Higgs and axion-like states.
Connects Higgs physics with inflation & (DM) axions.

- An existence proof that technical naturalness does not require new physics at the weak scale

$$\Lambda < (v^4 M_P^3)^{1/7} = 3 \times 10^9 \text{ GeV}$$

- Change of paradigm:

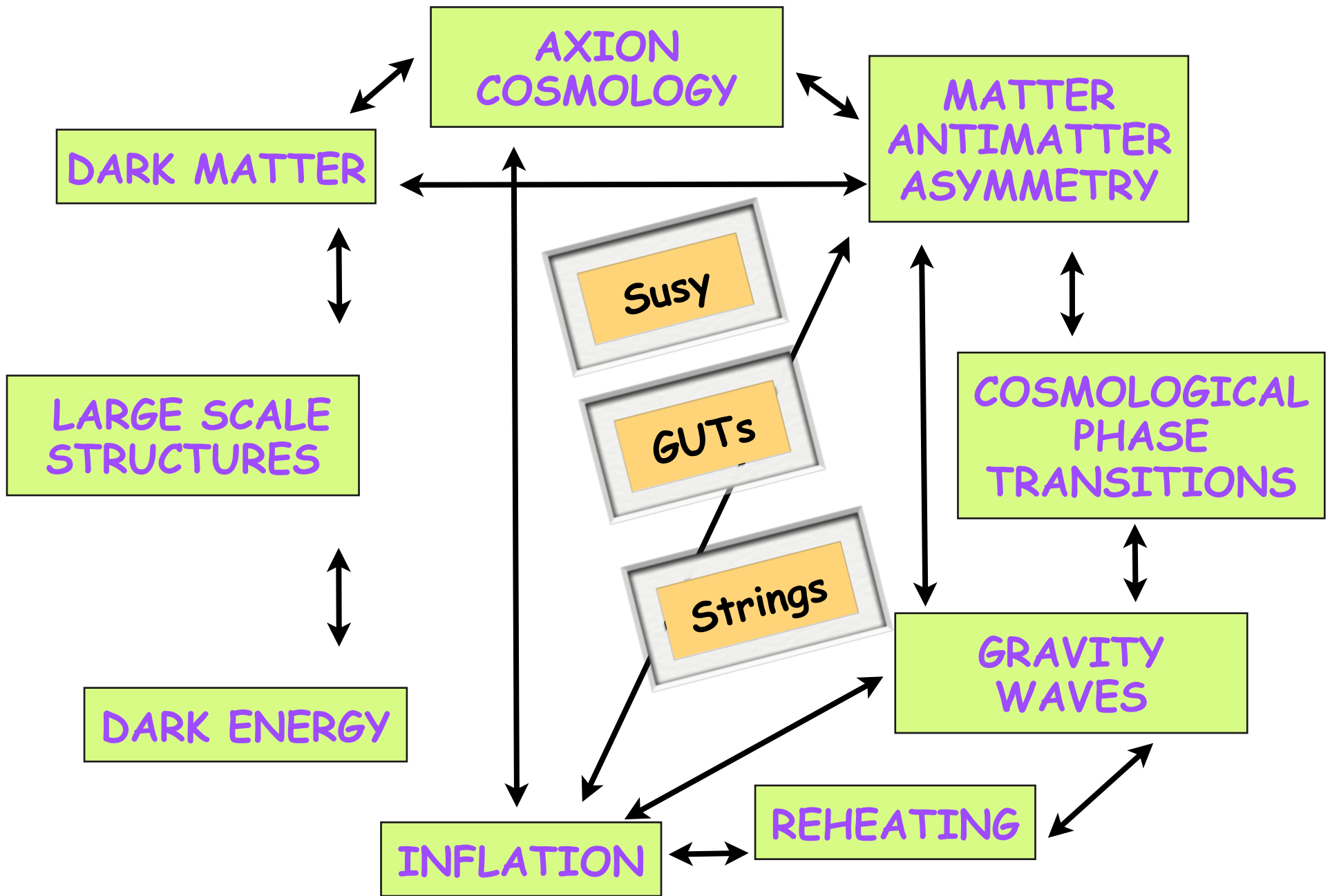
no signature at the LHC , new physics are weakly coupled light states which couple to the Standard Model through their tiny mixing with the Higgs.

- Experimental tests from cosmological overabundances, late decays, Big Bang Nucleosynthesis, Gamma-rays, Cosmic Microwave Background...



Not a complete theory !

A new playground at the crossroads between
particle phenomenology, cosmology, strings...



Works in all these interface areas is needed to get a consistent picture

Open Questions

- Main challenge: Large (superplanckian) field excursions
- > monodromy?
- Weak gravity conjecture
Heidenreich, Reece, Rudelius '15
Hebecker, Rompineve, Westphal '15
- UV completion?
Choi, Im '15
Kaplan, Rattazzi '15
- Inflation model building (at low scale)
- Signatures in low-energy experiments?
- Can other scales be relaxed too? SUSY breaking scale?
Batell, Giudice, McCullough '15
Evans, Gherghetta, Nagata, Thomas '16
- > Use the relaxion mechanism to solve the Little Hierarchy
and then SUSY takes over.

Supersymmetrize the SM + the QCD relaxion:

$$S = \frac{s + ia}{\sqrt{2}} + \sqrt{2} \theta \tilde{a} + \theta^2 F$$

Batell, Giudice, McCullough '15

relaxion superfield is the SUSY breaking sector

scanning of Higgs mass through scanning of SUSY breaking scale

Mass spectrum

Phenomenology

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

Annexes

Technical naturalness

$V(H, \Phi)$ is radiatively stable

The image shows two Feynman diagrams and two mathematical inequalities. The first diagram on the left shows a dashed line labeled Φ entering a dashed circle labeled h from the left, with a dot at the vertex. The second diagram on the right shows a dashed line labeled g entering a dashed line labeled x from the left. Below the first diagram is the expression $g\Lambda \times \frac{\Lambda^2}{16\pi^2}$. Below the second diagram is the expression $g\Lambda^3$. A green checkmark is to the right of the second expression. The inequalities are arranged as follows:

$$g\Lambda \times \frac{\Lambda^2}{16\pi^2} < g\Lambda^3 \quad \checkmark$$

Concerns about $V(h, \phi)$?

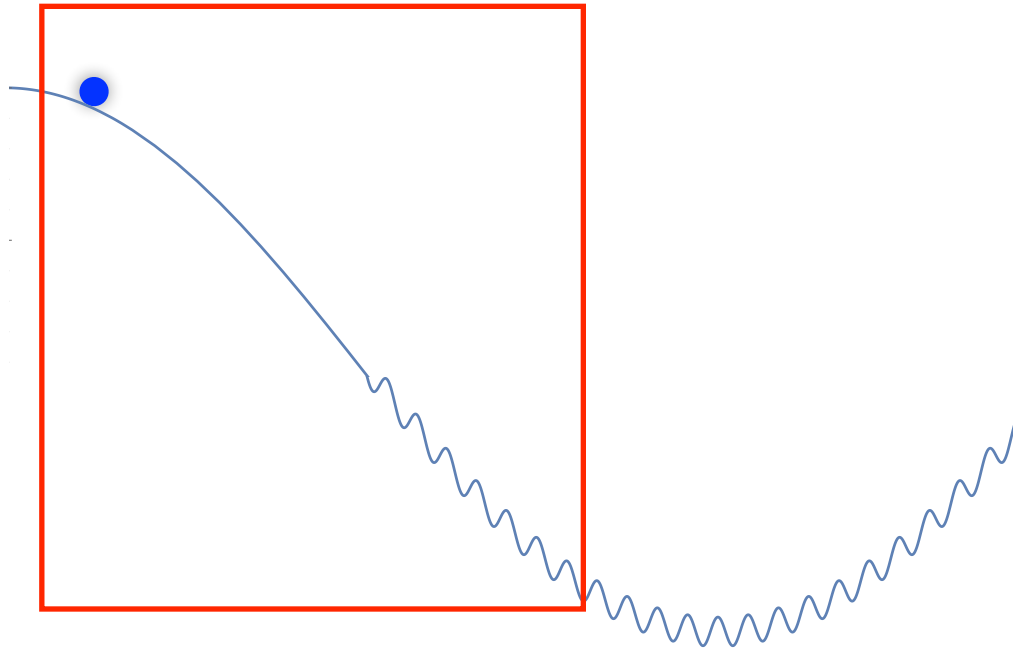
Relaxion potential may be obtained without breaking of shift symmetry but with hierarchy of decay constants, e.g. "clockwork axion"

Is this natural \rightarrow multiple axion models

Choi, Im'15

Kaplan, Rattazzi'15

$$V \sim A \cos\left(\frac{\phi}{f_{eff}}\right) + B \cos\left(\frac{\phi}{f_{eff}}\right) h^2 + C(h) \cos\left(\frac{\phi}{f}\right), \quad f_{eff} \sim e^{\zeta N} f \gg f$$



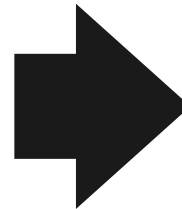
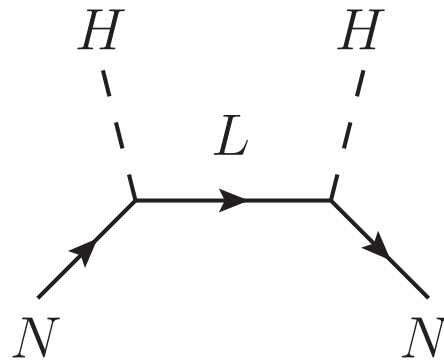
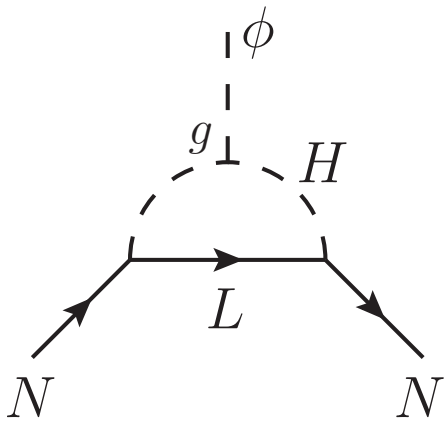
CHAIN UV Completion

New strong sector à la QCD with vector-like elementary quarks + axion-like field $\frac{\phi}{f} G'_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}'^{\mu\nu}$.

L $SU(2)_L$ Dirac doublet
 N $SU(2)_L$ Dirac singlet

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} &= \Lambda \bar{L}L + \epsilon \Lambda \bar{N}N \\ \mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk}} &= \sqrt{\epsilon} \bar{L}HN + h.c.. \\ \mathcal{L}_N &= \epsilon g \phi \bar{N}N + \epsilon g_\sigma \sigma \bar{N}N\end{aligned}$$

$\epsilon \rightarrow 0$, additional chiral symmetry (broken by axial anomaly)



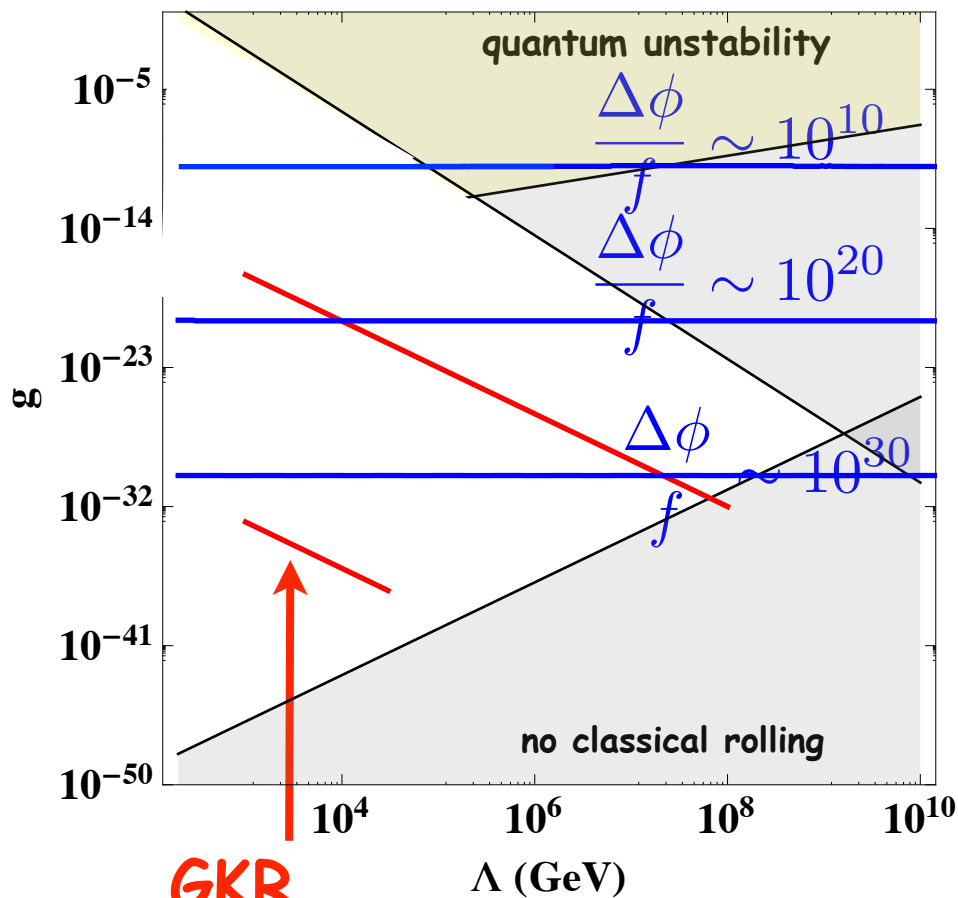
$$m_N \simeq \epsilon \left(\Lambda + g_\sigma \sigma + g \phi - \frac{|H|^2}{\Lambda} \right)$$

$\langle \bar{N}N \rangle \sim \Lambda^3 \quad \rightarrow \quad V = \Lambda^3 m_N \cos \frac{\phi}{f}$

composite baryons and mesons @ Λ but no light meson since axial $U(1)$ is anomalous

Comparison of relaxion models

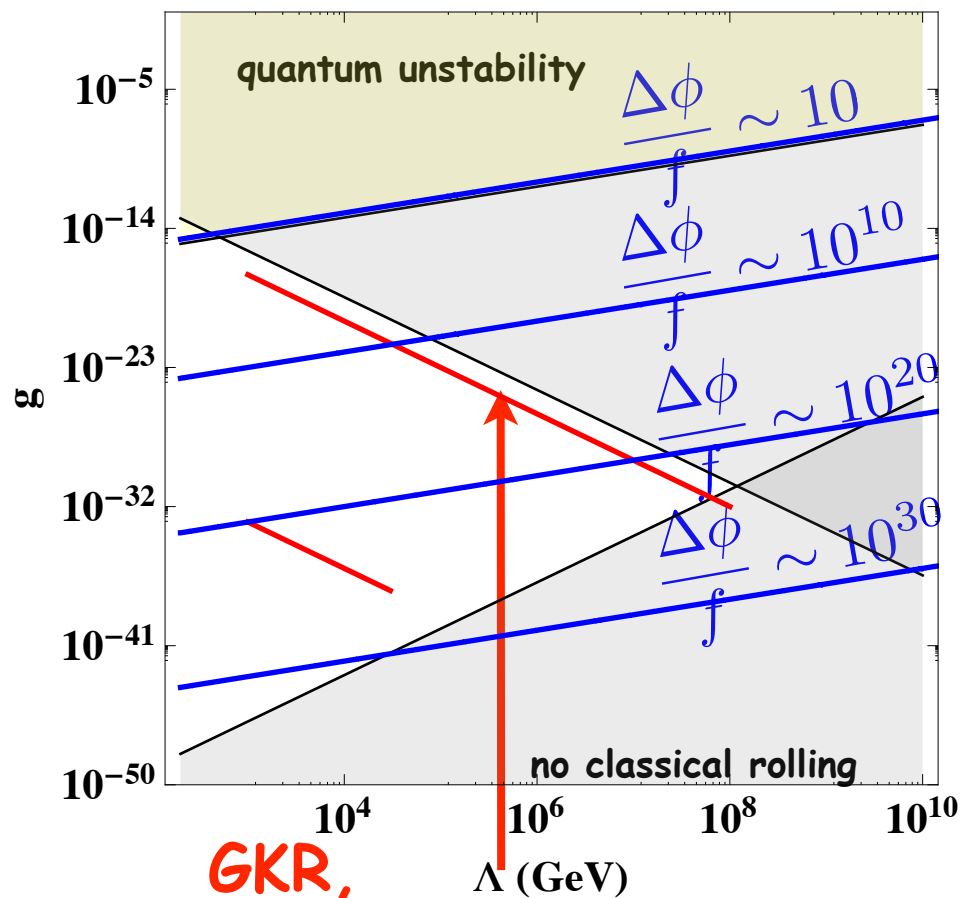
CHAIN $f = \Lambda$



QCD model

$$\frac{\Delta\phi}{f} \sim 10^{20} \quad N_e \sim 10^{47}$$

CHAIN $f = 10^{16} \text{ GeV}$



non-QCD model

$$\frac{\Delta\phi}{f} \sim 10^8 - 10^{28} \\ N_e \sim 10^{15} - 10^{50}$$

Comparison of relaxion models

	GKR 1	GKR 2	CHAIN with $f \sim M$
f	$f_{PQ} \sim 10^{10} - 10^{12} \text{ GeV}$	$\gtrsim M_{GUT} \sim 10^{16} \text{ GeV}$	$\gtrsim M$
g	$\frac{\Lambda_{QCD}^4 \Theta_{QCD}}{(M^3 f_{PQ})} \lesssim 10^{-36}$	$\frac{\Lambda_{EW}^4}{(M^3 M_{GUT})} \sim 10^{-30} - 10^{-20}$	$\lesssim v^4/M^4 \sim 10^{-26} - 10^{-6}$
M_{max}	30 TeV	10^8 GeV	10^9 GeV
m_ϕ	$\frac{\Lambda_{QCD}^2}{f_{PQ}} \lesssim 10^{-11} \text{ GeV}$	$\frac{\Lambda_{EW}^2}{M_{GUT}} \lesssim 10^{-12} \text{ GeV}$	$\sqrt{(gM^4/v^2)} \lesssim v$
$(\Delta\phi/f)$	$\left(\frac{M}{\Lambda_{QCD}}\right)^4 \frac{1}{\Theta_{QCD}} \gtrsim 10^{30}$	$(M/\Lambda_{EW})^4 \sim 10^8 - 10^{24}$	$g^{-1} \sim 10^6 - 10^{26}$
$N_e _{min}$	$\frac{M^8 f_{PQ}^2}{\Theta M_{Pl}^2 \Lambda_{QCD}^8} \gtrsim 10^{47}$	$\frac{M^8 M_{GUT}^2}{M_{Pl}^2 \Lambda_{EW}^8} \gtrsim 10^{12}$	$\frac{M^{10}}{v^8 M_{Pl}^2} \gtrsim \mathcal{O}(1)$

! Notation switched in this table . M is Λ !

Comparison of relaxation models

