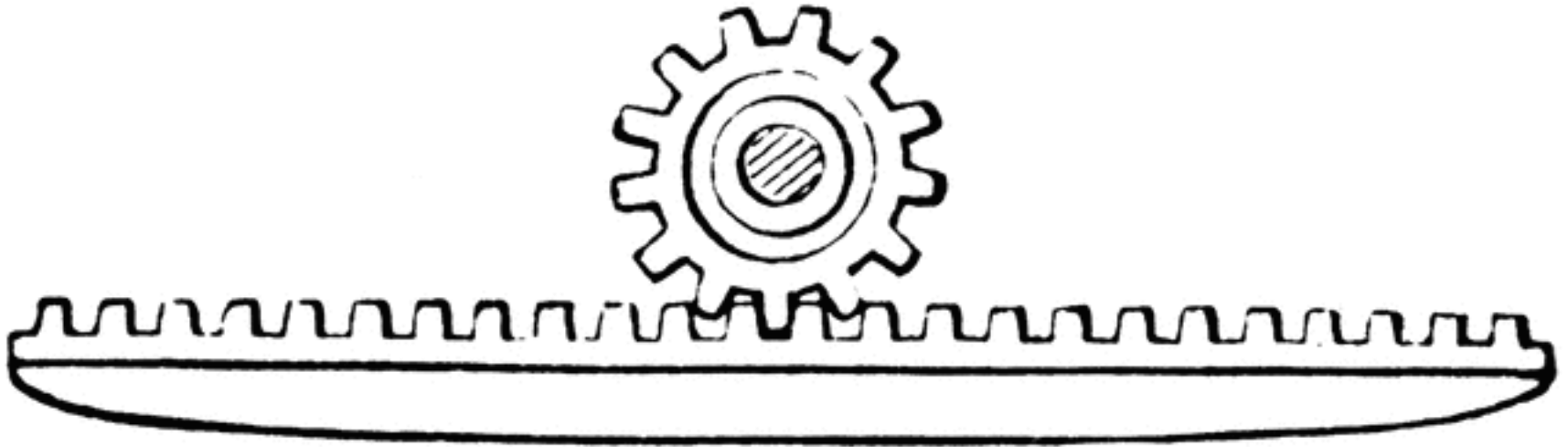


A Clockwork Theory



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Based on: Giudice, MM, 2016



On Masses and Scales

There is a fundamental difference between masses and scales, sometimes overlooked.

Example: Global Symmetry Breaking

$$V = \lambda \left(\frac{f^2}{2} - |\phi|^2 \right)^2 \longleftrightarrow \phi = \frac{f + \rho}{\sqrt{2}} e^{i\pi/f}$$

Massless Goldstone boson, massive radial mode:

$$m_\pi = 0 \quad , \quad m_\rho = \sqrt{2\lambda}f$$

At low energies, Goldstone self-interactions

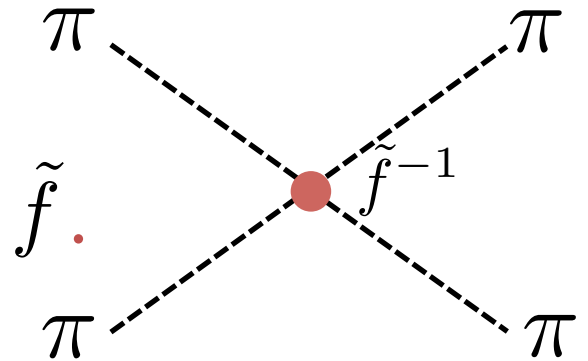
$$\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{1}{\tilde{f}^4} (\partial\pi)^4 \quad , \quad \tilde{f}^4 = 4\lambda f^4$$

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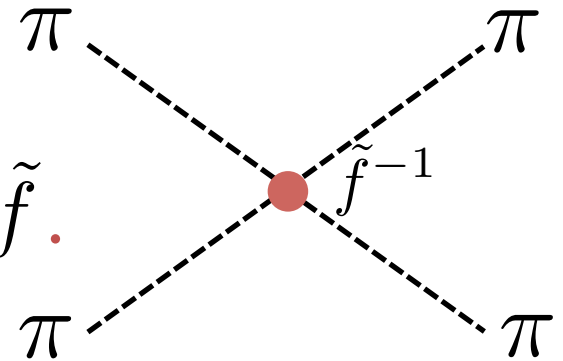
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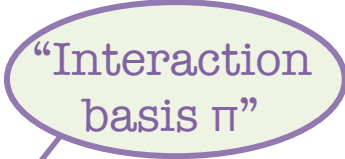
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Spontaneous symmetry breaking pattern:

$$U(1)^{N+1} \rightarrow \emptyset$$

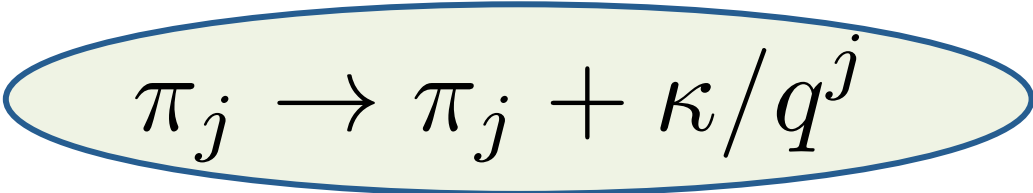
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Explicit symmetry breaking:

$$U(1)^{N+1} \rightarrow U(1)$$

So expect N pseudo-Goldstones and one true Goldstone.

Can identify true Goldstone direction from remaining shift symmetry

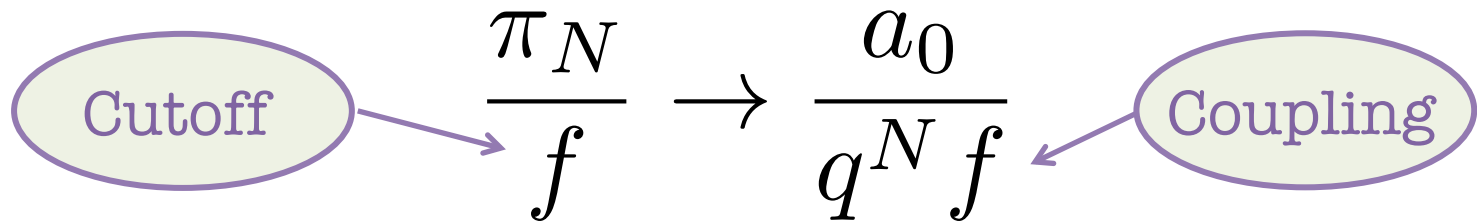

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A Clockwork Scalar

Identify Goldstone couplings by promoting shift parameter to a field:

$$\pi_j \rightarrow \pi_j + a(x)/q^j$$

Now, imagine we had some fields coupled to π_N .
Coupling to massless Goldstone becomes:


$$\text{Cutoff} \rightarrow \frac{\pi_N}{f} \rightarrow \frac{a_0}{q^N f} \leftarrow \text{Coupling}$$

Exponential separation between zero mode coupling and cutoff! This is generated entirely from the shift symmetry, not from the form of the interaction or potential.

A Clockwork Scalar

Peculiar spectrum, reminiscent of Condensed Matter...

Mass matrix

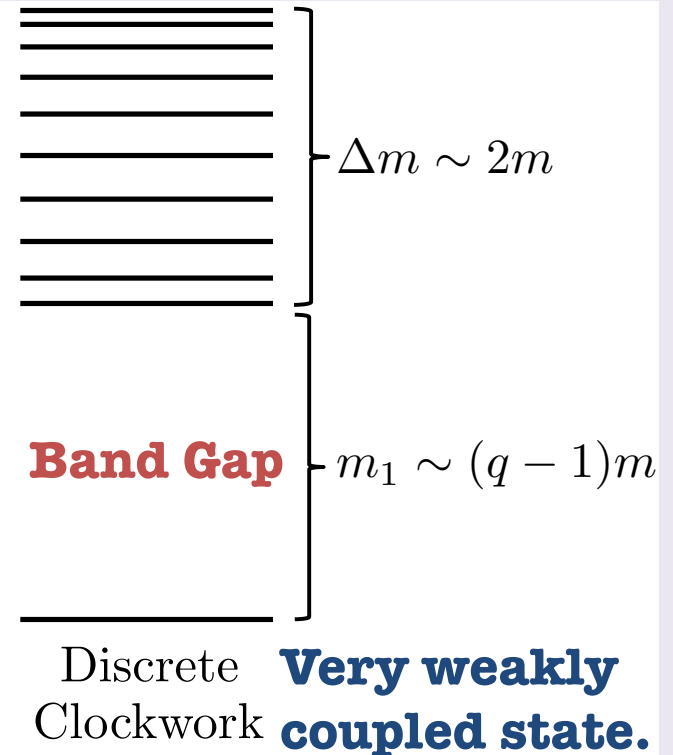
$$M_{\pi}^2 = m^2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -q & 0 & \cdots & & 0 \\ -q & 1+q^2 & -q & \cdots & & 0 \\ 0 & -q & 1+q^2 & \cdots & & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & & \vdots \\ & & & & 1+q^2 & -q \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & -q & q^2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Eigenvalues for “Clockwork Gears”

$$m_{a_k}^2 = \left(q^2 + 1 - 2q \cos \frac{k\pi}{N+1} \right) m^2$$

$k = 1, \dots, N$

Mass spectrum

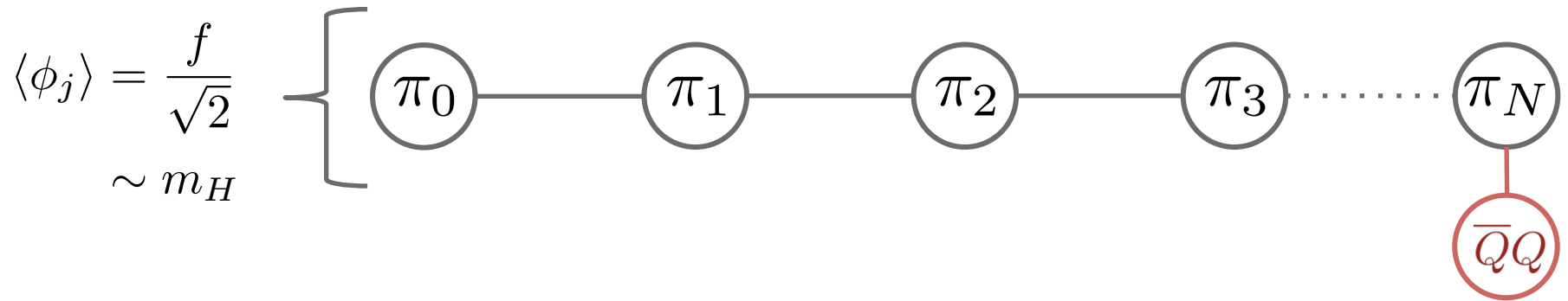


How might this be useful in practice?

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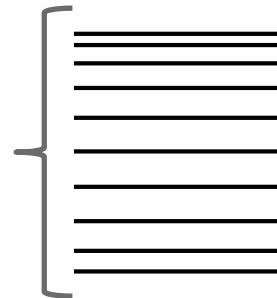
See also
Farina et
al 2016.

Imagine clockworking Peccei-Quinn at weak scale:



An invisible axion and band of weak-scale “gears”:

$$m_{a_j} \sim m_H, \quad \mathcal{L} \sim \frac{a_j}{f} \tilde{G}G$$

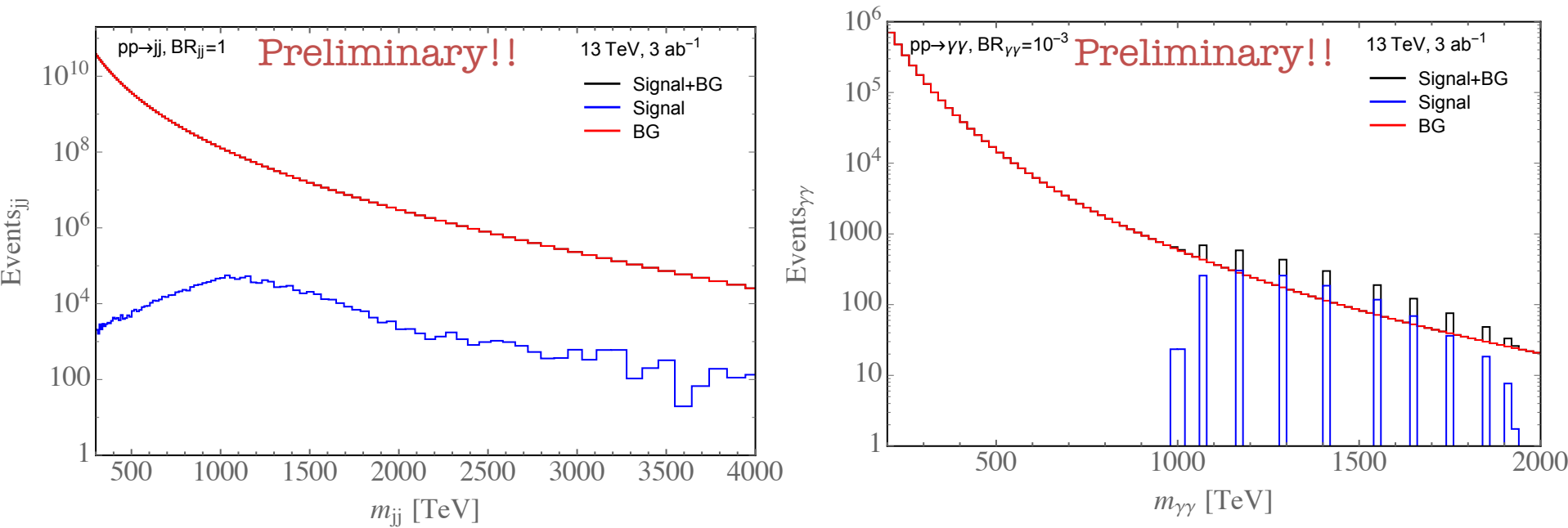


$$m_{a_j} \sim \frac{\Lambda_{QCD}^2}{q^N f}, \quad \mathcal{L} \sim \frac{a_j}{q^N f} \tilde{G}G$$

- Clockwork gears could show up as a band of states at colliders.
- Cosmology / thermal history of invisible axion radically altered: stays in thermal equilibrium to late times.

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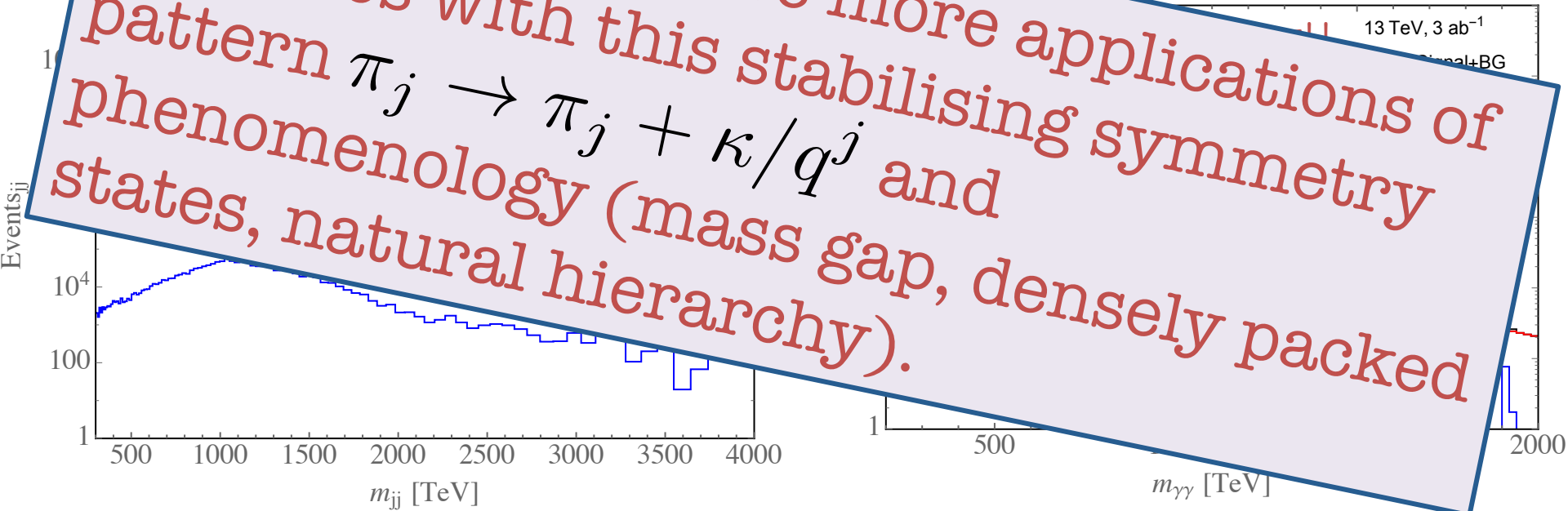
This work: Are there more applications of

scenarios with this stabilising symmetry

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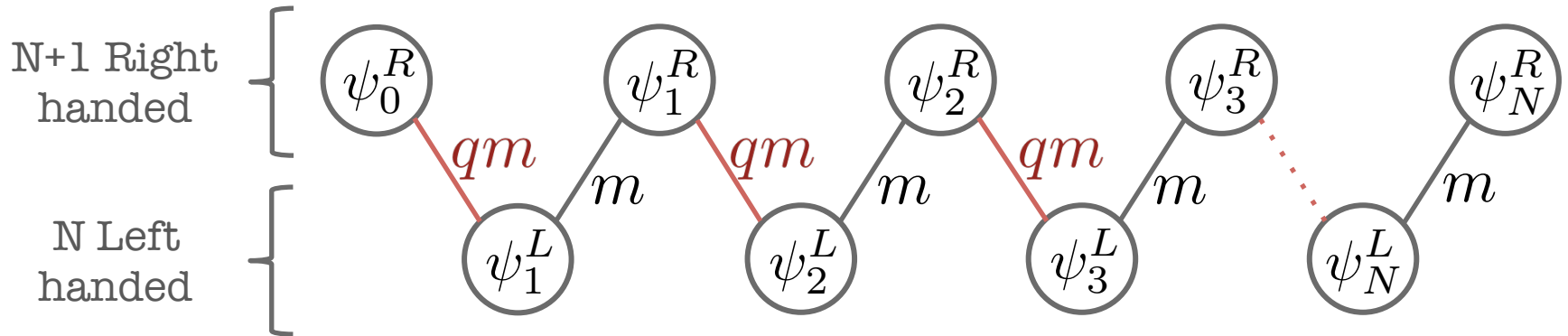
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Clockwork Fermion

Can also construct analogous fermion models:



One Weyl fermion left over to be massless. If last site is the RHD Neutrino, then clockworked interaction is:

$$\mathcal{L} = -\lambda H \bar{L}_L \psi_N^R \longrightarrow \mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{q^N} \lambda H \bar{L}_L \tilde{\psi}$$

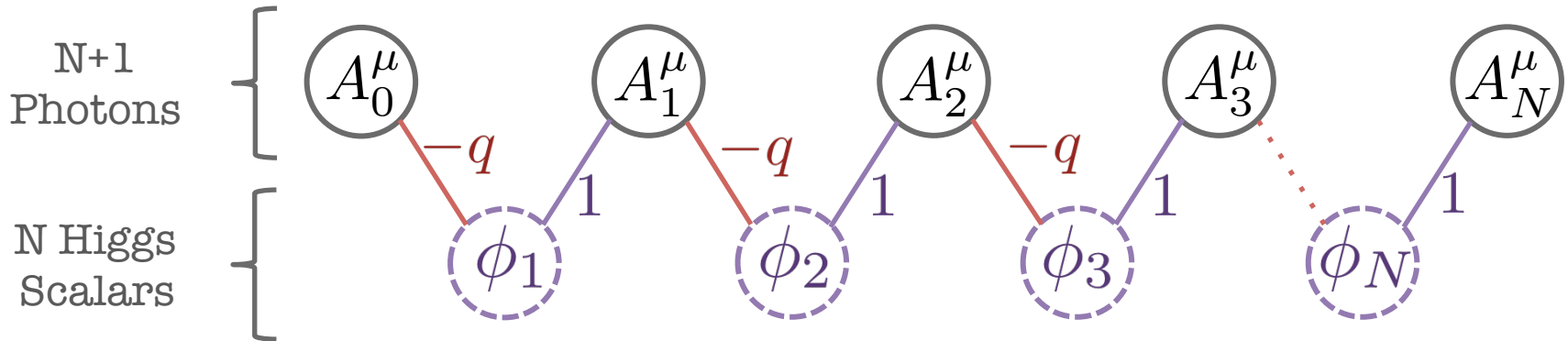
Tiny Dirac neutrino masses! Again, much interesting phenomenology to look into.

See Hambye,
Teresi, Tytgat

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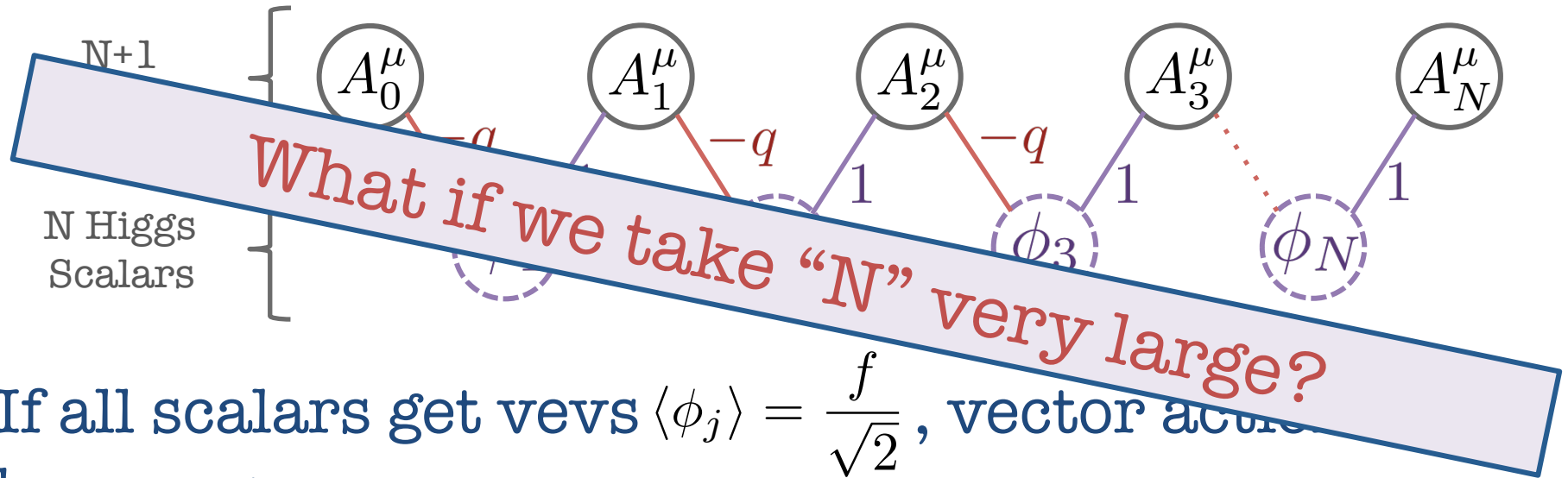
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The “j’t’h” field carries charge $Q_j^{CW} = q^{-j}$ under $U(1)_{CW}$. Axion of spontaneously broken symmetry couples proportional to charge, thus

$$\Delta\mathcal{L} = \frac{\partial_\mu a_0}{f} Q^{CW} J_{CW} \rightarrow \frac{\partial_\mu a_0}{q^N f} J_{CW}$$

This sets discrete gauge symmetry of axion.

Continue to Continuum

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$$m^2 f^2 \sum^{N-1} \left(e^{\frac{i}{f} (q\pi_{j+1} - \pi_j)} + h.c. \right)$$

So, if restricting to the original clockwork action, that's the end of the story. No gauged non-compact symmetries in string theory etc..

But let's keep looking anyway...

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This is a clockwork model

This is a particularly illuminating frame to work in...

If uncomfortable, just reverse:

in a 5D interval
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Including derivatives

$$\pi_{j+1} - \pi_j \rightarrow a \partial_y \pi$$

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In continuum limit $q \rightarrow 1 + \epsilon$, q^N fixed.
Thus in terms of complex scalars, non-local operators. Only EFT of pNGBs can be trusted.

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Deconstruct this action, with appropriate irrelevant operators, and you recover the original clockwork model.

If uncomfortable with basis, reverse field redefinition:

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See e.g. Antoniadis, Dimopoulos, Giveon, 2001.

What's the linear dilaton model?

$$\mathcal{S} = \int d^4x dy \sqrt{-g} \frac{M_5^3}{2} e^S (\mathcal{R} + g^{MN} \partial_M S \partial_N S + 4k^2)$$

Solution of Einstein's equations:

$$\langle S \rangle = \pm 2ky$$

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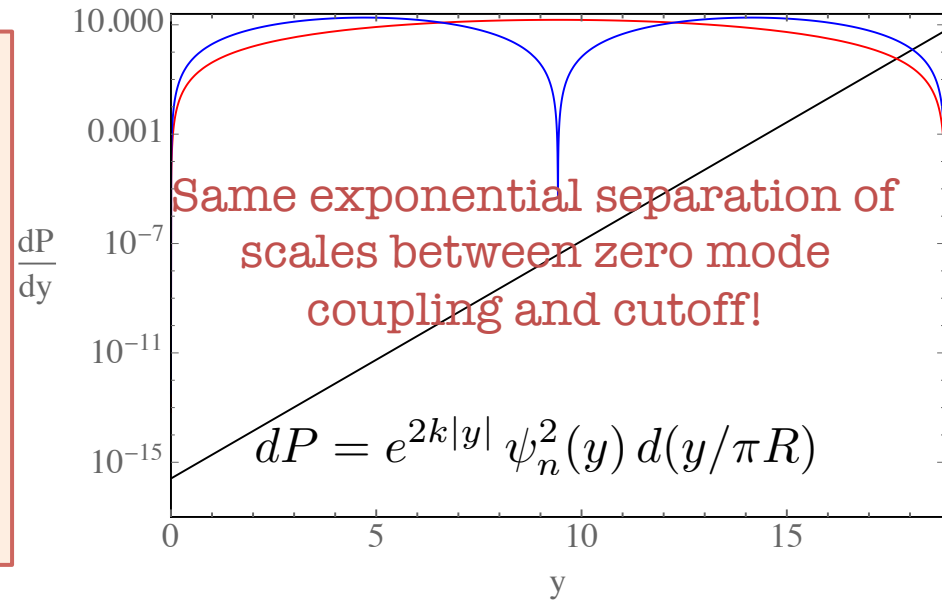
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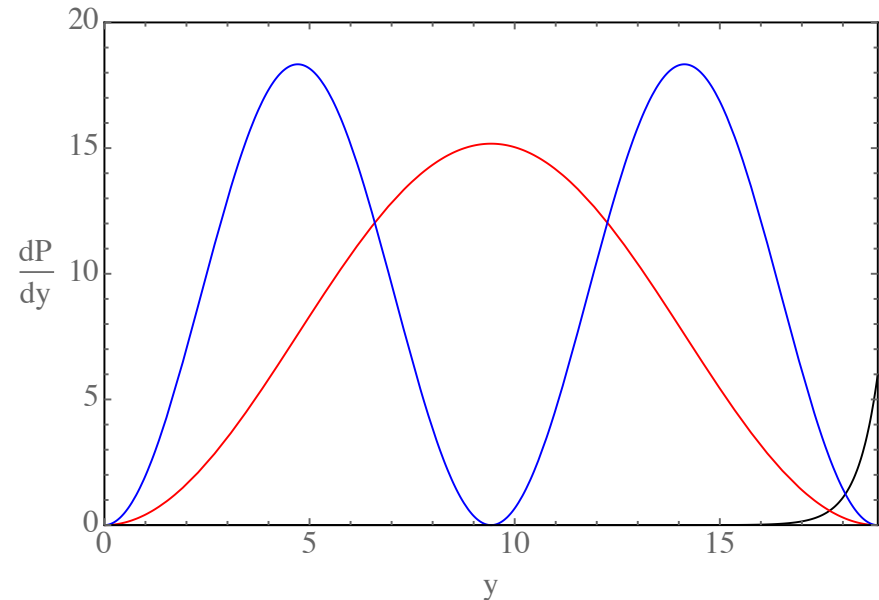
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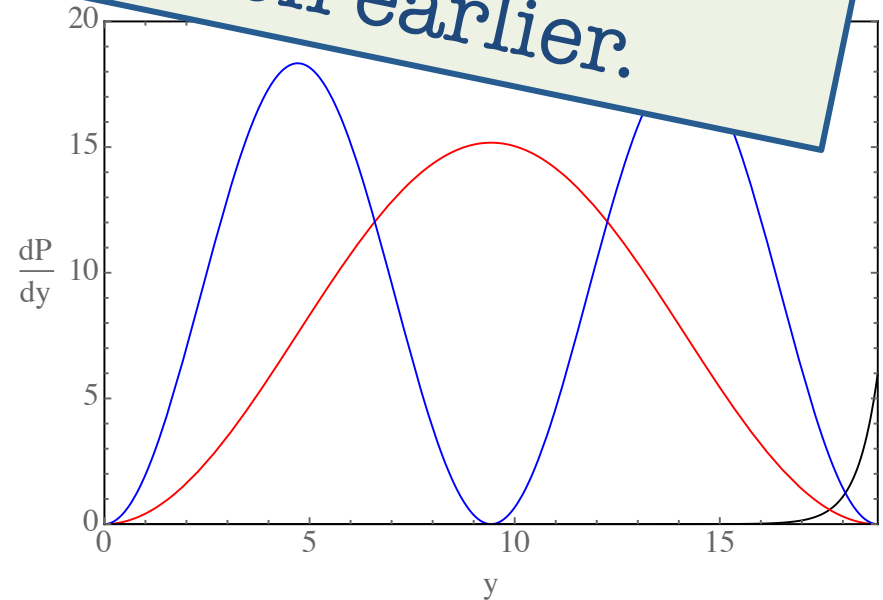
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 Mass spectrum, wavefunction, coupling
 pattern all continuum limit of discrete
 model, see QCD application earlier.

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Could also remove dilaton factor from topological term, but then zero mode couplings become position-independent: No longer a continuum limit of the clockwork.

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Localisation in terms of zero-mode coupling to gluons no longer varies exponentially with position. This is the central objection of Craig et al, with regard to the original clockwork model, and we are in complete agreement on this. But can we still use it for other purposes?

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preserved, including clockworked shift symmetry.

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to cutoff the same. Can now have compact symm.

Linear Dilaton Model

This means that any massless field (scalar, fermion, vector, graviton) placed in the linear dilaton background

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2} \int dy e^{-2ky} \left[\partial_\mu \pi \partial^\mu \pi + (\partial_y \pi)^2 \right]$$

Has the same physical localisation, mass spectrum, and hierarchy between zero-mode coupling, all canonically normalized fields obey symmetry

$$\pi_j \rightarrow \pi_j + \kappa/q^j$$

Linear Dilaton Model

The massless field (scalar, fermion, vector) in the linear

For us, all of these features are clockworky enough, but, as pointed out by Craig, Garcia-Garcia, and Sutherland, now position-independent means charges not clockworked, but this allows to go from non-compact to compact.

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Linear Dilaton Model

Things get really interesting when looking to the phenomenology...

See: Work in progress with Giudice, Kats, Torre, Urbano.

Previous related studies:

- Antoniadis, Arvanitaki, Dimopoulos, Giveon, 2011. (Large-k)
- Baryakhtar, 2012. (All-k)
- Cox, Gherghetta, 2012. (Dilatons)
- Giudice, Plehn, Strumia, 2004. Franceschini, Giardino, Giudice, Lodone, Strumia, 2011. (Large extra dimensions, pheno similar.)

Linear Dilaton Model

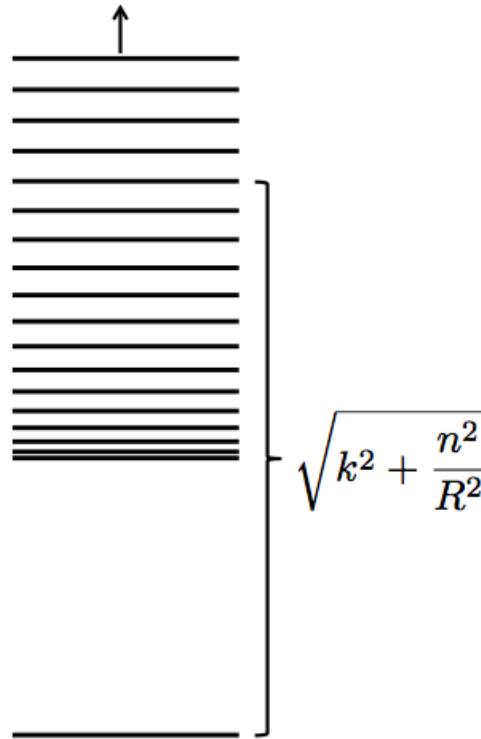
Irreducible prediction:

In this theory
Planck scale is:

$$M_P \sim \sqrt{\frac{M_5^3}{k}} e^{k\pi R}$$

So if all other
parameters at the
weak scale, require:

$$kR \sim 11$$



But the mass
spectrum is given by:

$$m_n \sim k \left(1 + \frac{n^2}{2(kR)^2} \right)$$

Thus the first few
states will always be
split by %'s, with the
relative splitting
decreasing for
heavier modes.

This splitting is thus a key prediction of the theory.

Linear Dilaton Model

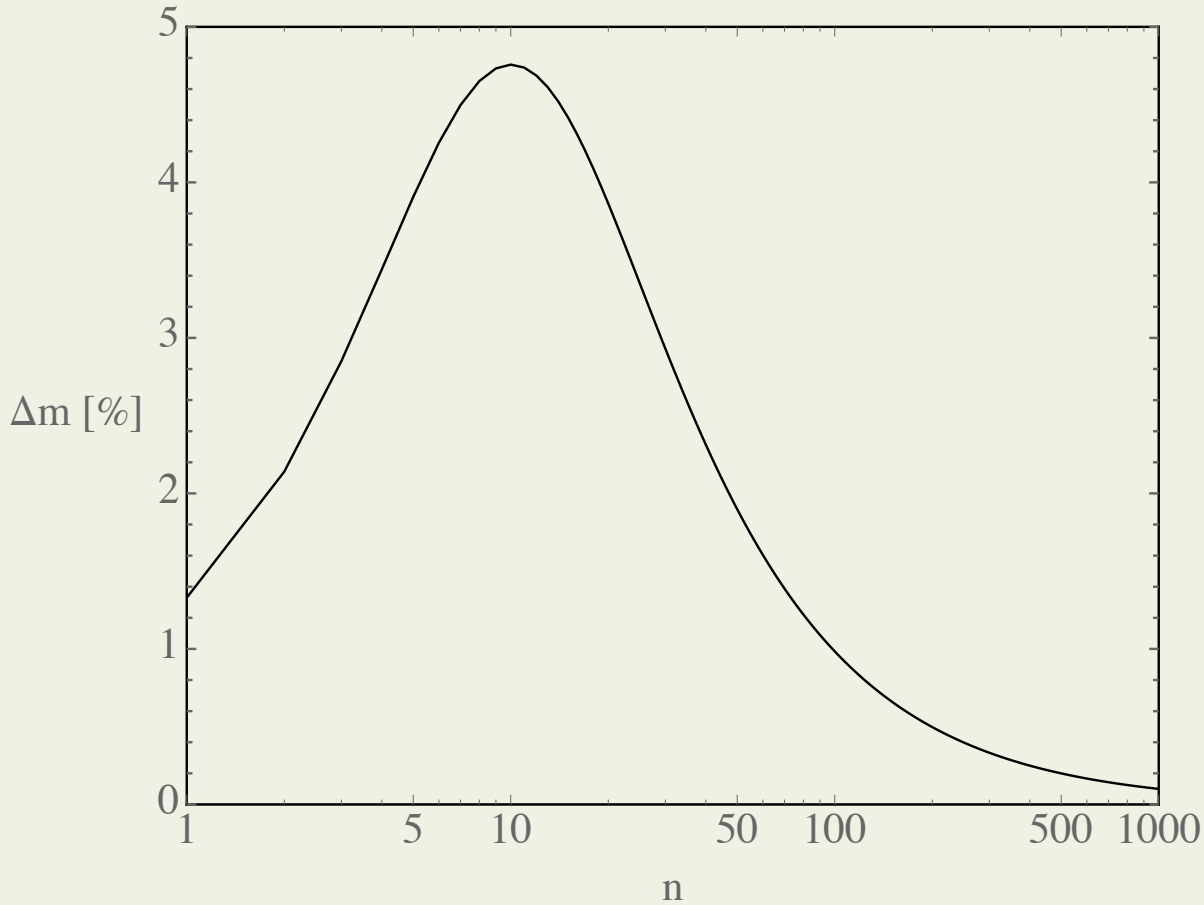
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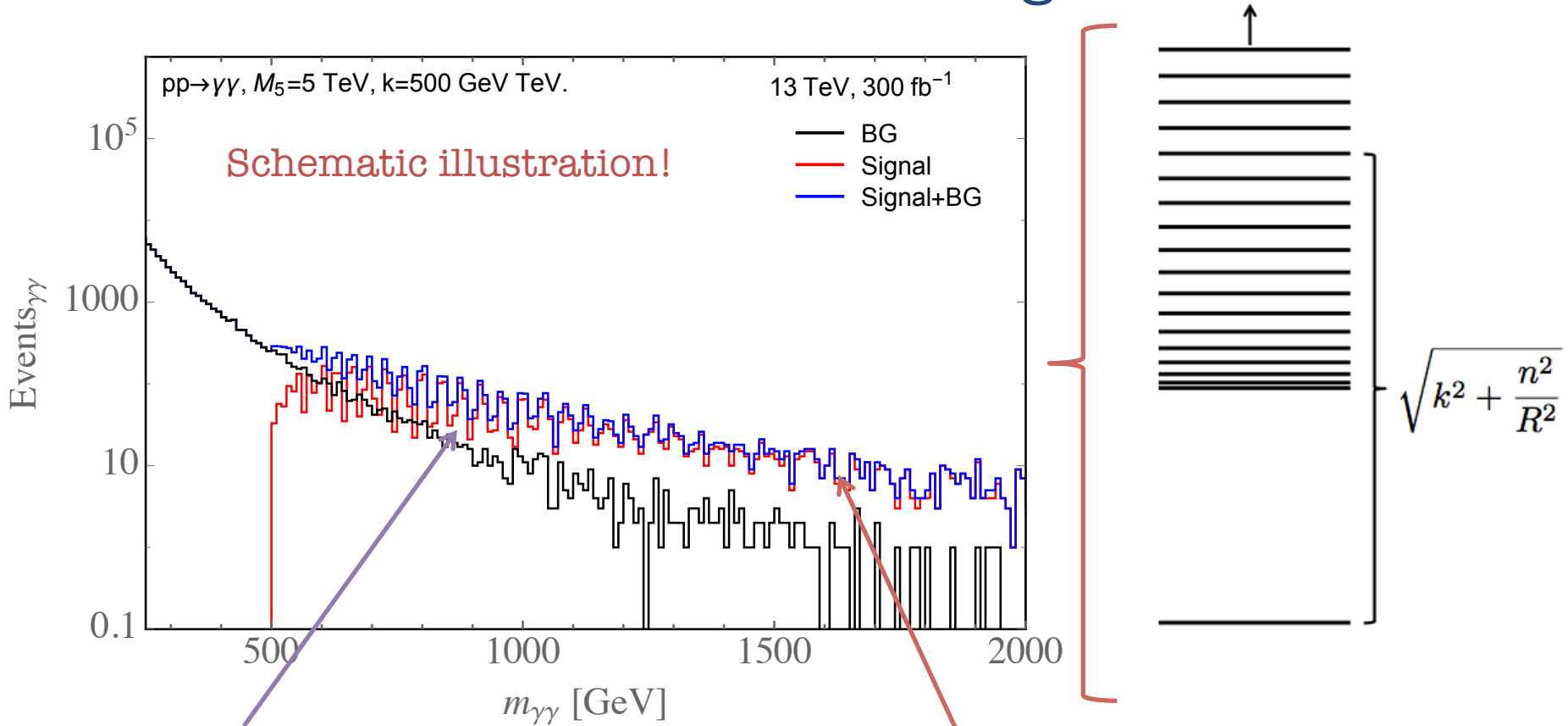
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Linear Dilaton Model

At colliders would look something like:



Most interestingly, due to splittings, signal appears to “oscillate”. Thus get extra sensitivity by doing spectral analysis... The “power spectrum” of LHC data!

Can search for continuum spectrum at high energies. BG modelling essential...

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