

Meta-Stable Dynamical Supersymmetry Breaking Near Points of Enhanced Symmetry

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Motivation

- If SUSY relevant for hierarchy problem, then $M_{\text{SUSY}} \ll M_{\text{Planck}}$

- **Dynamical Supersymmetry Breaking (DSB)** (Witten)

→ can dynamically generate a scale related to ~~SUSY~~ scale that is hierarchically

smaller than any fundamental scale: $\Lambda = M e^{-c/g(M)^2} \ll M$

- Non-trivial “requirements” for (stable) ~~SUSY~~:

- **chiral** matter

(some exceptions, e.g. with massless vector-like matter (Intriligator, Thomas; Izawa, Yanagida))

- lifting of all non-compact flat directions & a spontaneously broken global symmetry are sufficient for DSB (Affleck, Dine, Seiberg)

- $U(1)_R$ – symmetry or non-generic superpotential (Nelson, Seiberg)

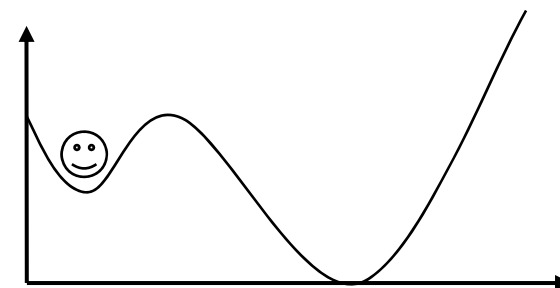
→ **DSB seems non-generic**

Motivation

- No such requirements for DSB in *meta-stable* vacua!

- Model Building Goals:

- Singlets coupled to DSB fields
- Renormalisable model (calculability)
- Large Global Symmetry (direct gauge mediated ~~SUSY~~)
- $U(1)_R$ spontaneously broken (nonzero gaugino masses)
+ small explicit breaking (non-zero R-axion mass)
- No relevant parameters, all scales dynamically generated



- Also: when building models look for features that may be important for the **landscape** of all possible SUSY gauge theories, and in the **landscape** of string vacua

Models with Moduli Dependent Masses

Consider two SUSY QCD sectors with (N_c, N_f, Λ) & (N'_c, N'_f, Λ') coupled by a singlet Φ

	$SU(N_c)$	$SU(N'_c)$	
Q_i	\square	1	$i = 1, \dots, N_f$
\bar{Q}_i	$\bar{\square}$	1	
$P_{i'}$	1	\square	$i' = 1, \dots, N'_f$
$\bar{P}_{i'}$	1	$\bar{\square}$	
Φ	1	1	

with tree-level superpotential

$$W = (\lambda_{ij} \Phi + \xi_{ij}) Q_i \bar{Q}_j + (\lambda'_{i'j'} \Phi + \xi'_{i'j'}) P_{i'} \bar{P}_{j'}$$

- Take global $SU(N_f)_V \times SU(N'_f)_V$ limit

→ Superpotential reduces to

$$W = (\lambda \Phi + \xi) \text{tr}(Q \bar{Q}) + (\lambda' \Phi + \xi') \text{tr}(P \bar{P})$$

Models with Moduli Dependent Masses (ctd)

For $\xi = \xi'$, can absorb masses into Φ

$$W = \lambda\Phi \operatorname{tr}(Q\bar{Q}) + \lambda'\Phi \operatorname{tr}(P\bar{P})$$

(can add $\kappa\Phi^3$ to W and stabilise Φ supersymmetrically; (Brümmer 0705.2153))

we'll find metastable vacua without this additional term)

Note:

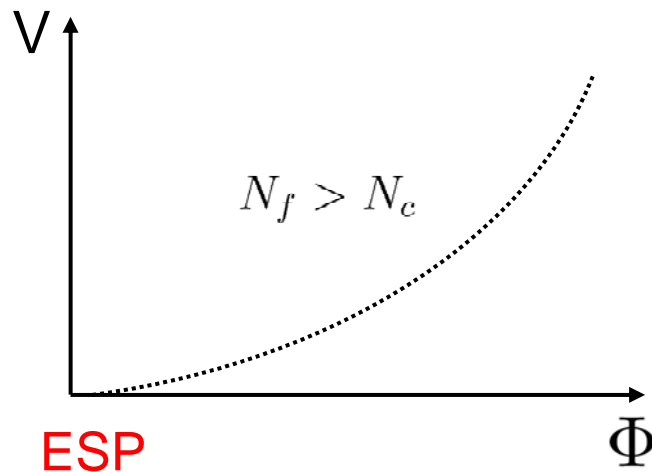
- **Enhanced Symmetry Point** (ESP) at which extra matter becomes massless **coincides** for both gauge groups ($\Phi = 0$)
- There is a non-anomalous discrete symmetry that can be gauged to make it technically natural for ESPs of both gauge groups to **coincide**
- W contains **no relevant parameters**, only **marginal** couplings

Thus consider: $W = \lambda\Phi \text{tr}(Q\bar{Q}) + \lambda'\Phi \text{tr}(P\bar{P})$

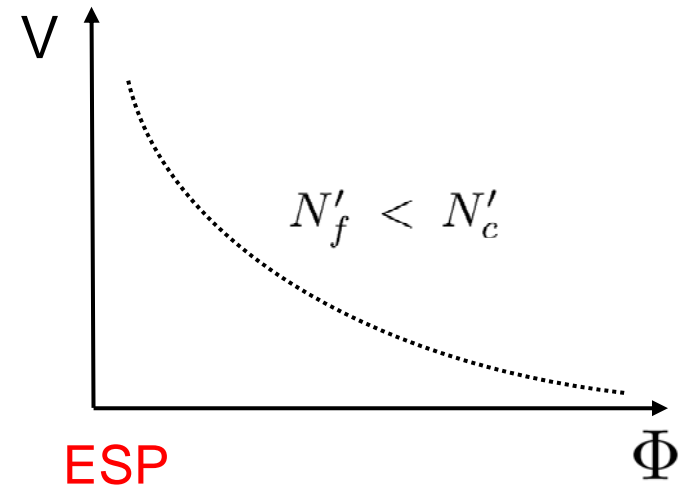
Far from ESP get **gaugino condensation** in both sectors

$$W = N_c \left[(\lambda\Phi)^{N_f} \Lambda^{3N_c - N_f} \right]^{1/N_c} + N'_c \left[(\lambda'\Phi)^{N'_f} \Lambda'^{3N'_c - N'_f} \right]^{1/N'_c}$$

Unprimed sector: pushes
towards ESP for $N_f > N_c$



Primed sector: pushes **away**
from ESP for $N'_f < N'_c$



SUSY vacua satisfy $W_\Phi = \partial W / \partial \Phi = 0$

Consider scales and energies $\Lambda' \ll E \ll \Lambda$

(i) $SU(N'_c)$ weakly coupled ($N'_f < N'_c$)

(ii) $SU(N_c)$ strongly coupled

→ choose $N_c + 1 \leq N_f < \frac{3}{2}N_c$ (free magnetic range); go to

IR free Seiberg dual, with gauge group $SU(\tilde{N}_c)$, $\tilde{N}_c = N_f - N_c$

Full superpotential is then:

$$W = m\Phi \operatorname{tr} M + h \operatorname{tr} qM\tilde{q} + \lambda'\Phi \operatorname{tr} P\bar{P} + (N'_c - N'_f) \left(\frac{\Lambda'^{3N'_c - N'_f}}{\det P\bar{P}} \right)^{1/(N'_c - N'_f)}$$

$$+ (N_f - N_c) \left(\frac{\det M}{\tilde{\Lambda}^{3N_c - 2N_f}} \right)^{1/(N_f - N_c)}$$

$$M_{ij} = Q_i \bar{Q}_j / \Lambda$$

$$m = \lambda\Lambda$$

$$\tilde{\Lambda} = \Lambda$$

ESP at $M = 0$

Landau pole in IR free Seiberg dual

Consider limit $\tilde{\Lambda} \rightarrow \infty$: neglect (only important for SUSY vacua)

- If take $\Lambda' \rightarrow 0$:

$$W_{cl} = m\Phi \operatorname{tr} M + h \operatorname{tr} qM\tilde{q} + \lambda'\Phi \operatorname{tr} P\bar{P}$$

as in **ISS** if $\Phi = \text{constant}$ (ISS = Intriligator, Seiberg, Shih)

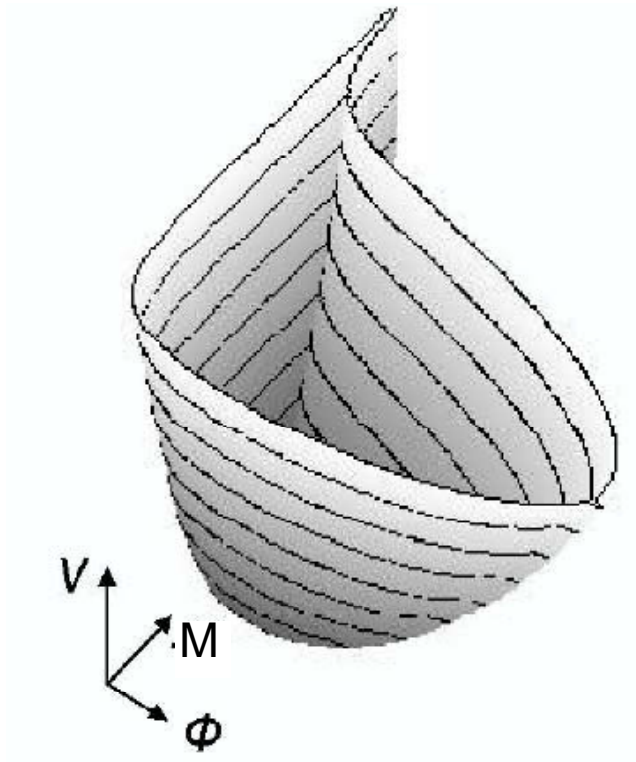
Find **moduli space of supersymmetric vacua**, given by $W_{\Phi} = 0$

- Now take Λ' **finite**, but $\lambda'\Phi \gg \Lambda'$ (\rightarrow near, not at, ESP)
- (P, \bar{P}) are massive, and may be integrated out;
again get gaugino condensation; W reduces to

$$W = m\Phi \operatorname{tr} M + h \operatorname{tr} qM\tilde{q} + N'_c \left[\lambda'^{N'_f} \Lambda'^{3N'_c - N'_f} \Phi^{N'_f} \right]^{1/N'_c}$$

- Find **no stable vacuum!**
- Runaway towards $M \rightarrow \infty, \Phi \rightarrow 0$

Global view of potential:



Plot made with the help of K. van den Broek's
"Vscape V1.1.0: An interactive tool for metastable vacua"
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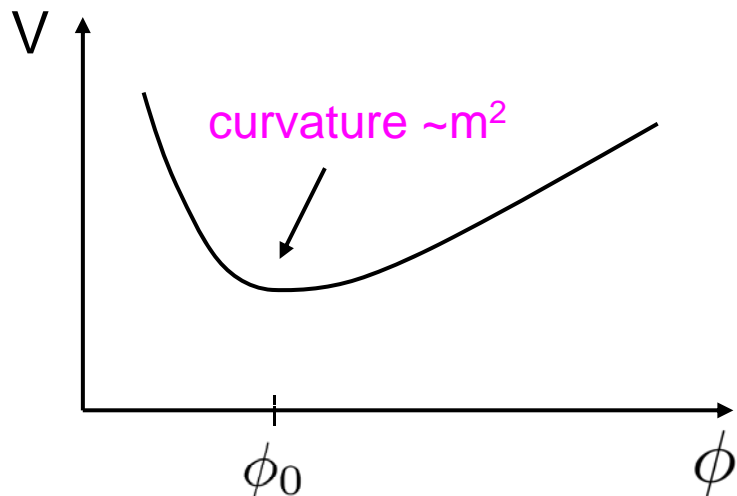
- Expand around ESP $M = 0$ and let $\phi = \langle \Phi \rangle$

$$q = (q_0 \quad 0) , \quad \tilde{q} = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{q}_0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} , \quad M = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 + X \cdot I_{N_c \times N_c} \end{pmatrix} \quad (*)$$

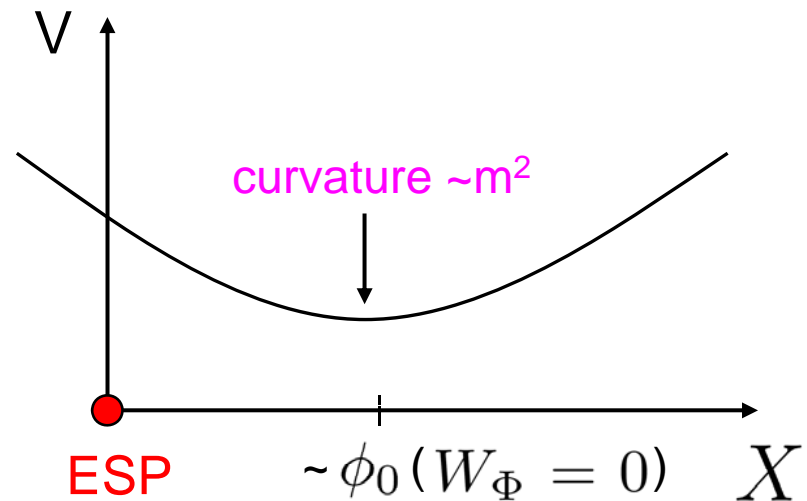
- q_0 and \tilde{q}_0 are $\tilde{N}_c \times \tilde{N}_c$ matrices, satisfying

$$h q_{0i} \tilde{q}_{0j} = -m \phi \delta_{ij} , \quad i, j = \tilde{N}_c + 1, \dots, N_f$$

- at $X = 0$



- at $\phi = \phi_0$



- **Perturbative** quantum corrections (Coleman-Weinberg potential) at 1-loop, from integrating out dominant massive fluctuations around (*):

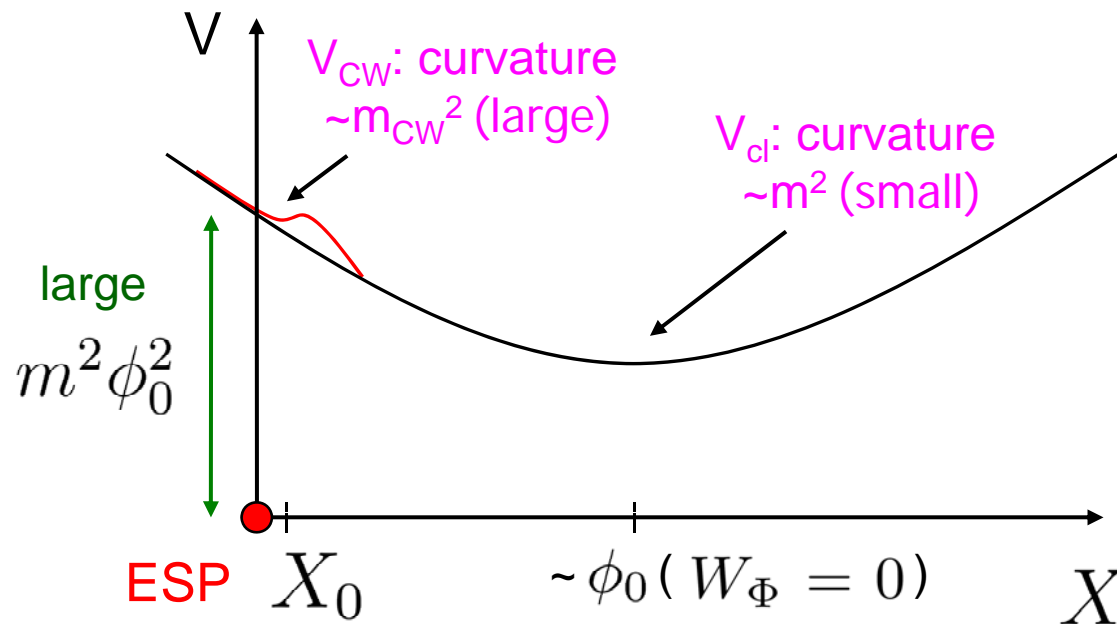
$$V_{CW} = \underbrace{N_c b h^3 m |\phi|}_{m_{CW}^2} |X|^2 + \dots \quad b = (\log 4 - 1) / 8\pi^2 \tilde{N}_c$$

(cf. **ISS**)

quadratic near ESP at $X = 0$
(logarithmic far from ESP)

- To create **metastable vacuum**, enough to take marginal coupling λ small enough such that

$$\epsilon \equiv \frac{m^2}{m_{CW}^2} = \frac{m}{N_c b h^3 \phi} \ll 1$$

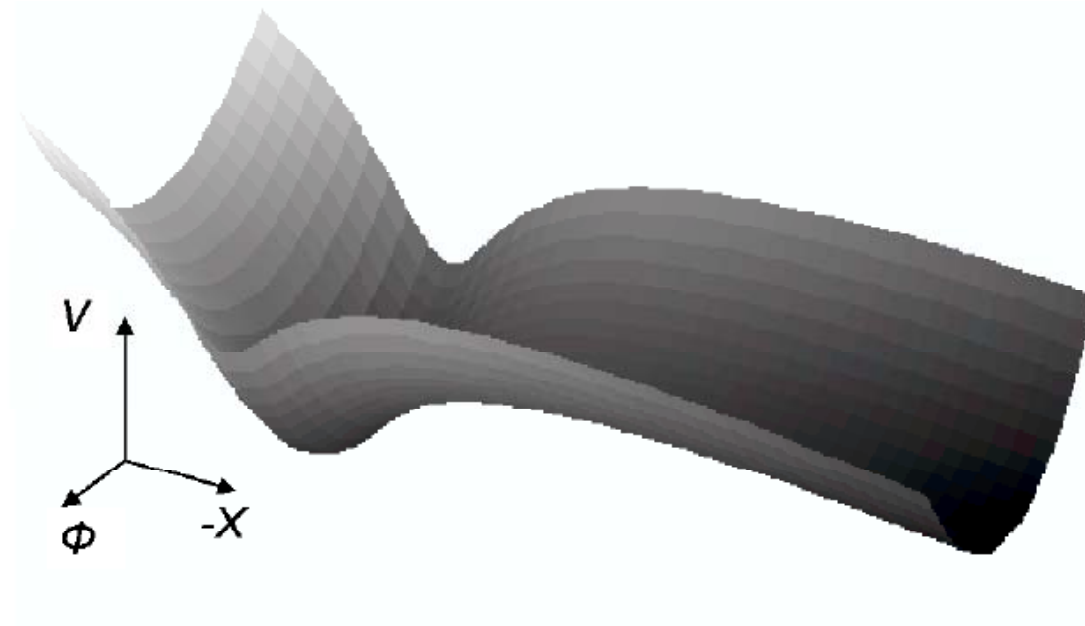


CW potential overwhelms curvature (but not height) of the classical potential near ESP

metastable vacuum at

$$|X_0| \sim \frac{m}{bh^3}$$

Potential near **metastable** vacuum:



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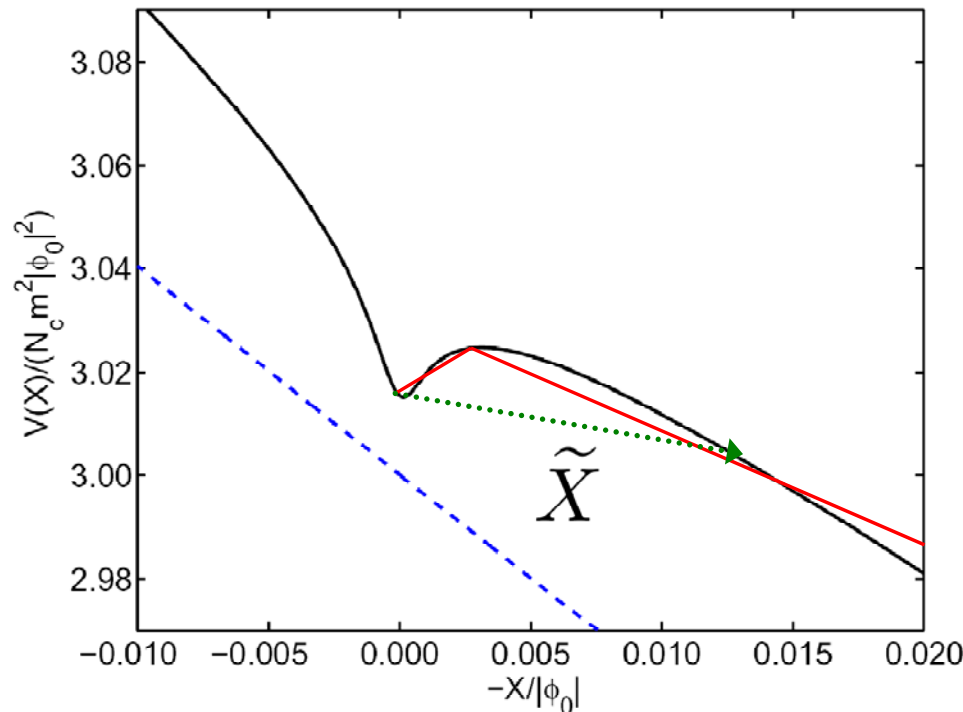
Pseudo-Runaway: runaways lifted by perturbative
quantum corrections

Lifetime of meta-stable vacua

Field tunnels in X-direction, with fixed $|\phi| = |\phi_0|$

Model potential in X-direction by a triangular barrier (Duncan & Jensen 1992)

Plot made with the help of "Vscope", 0705.2019



$$B \sim \frac{\tilde{X}^4}{V(X_{peak}) - V(X_0)}$$

$$\sim b h^3 \frac{1}{\epsilon^2}$$

$$\rightarrow \infty \text{ as } \epsilon \rightarrow 0$$

Meta-stable vacua are parametrically long-lived for

$$\epsilon \equiv \frac{m^2}{m_{CW}^2} = \frac{m}{N_c b h^3 \phi} \ll 1$$

- Higher order quantum corrections from CW, and perturbative corrections from g may be argued to be small
- $U(1)_R$ - symmetry is spontaneously broken \Rightarrow R-axion exists
- For finite Λ , $U(1)_R$ is also explicitly broken \Rightarrow R-axion massive
- Can embed SM gauge group inside global symmetry group of model to obtain renormalisable models of direct gauge mediated ~~SUSY~~
- For non-coincident ESPs can show that existence of metastable vacuum requires fine-tuning of relevant parameter
- In general, metastable vacua of above type come from

$$W = f(\Phi) + \lambda \Phi \text{tr}(Q\bar{Q}) \Rightarrow W = f(\Phi) + m\Phi \text{tr} M + h \text{tr} qM\tilde{q}$$

(near ESP, Seiberg dual for $N_c + 1 \leq N_f < \frac{3}{2}N_c$)

- Can find conditions on $f(\Phi)$ to obtain metastable vacua
- no fine-tuning in the case of coincident ESPs
- metastable ~~SUSY~~ seems rather generic near ESPs

Conclusions

Our ~~SUSY~~ model has the following desirable features:

- Renormalisability
- Large Global Symmetry
- No relevant parameters, all scales are dynamically generated
- spontaneous and explicit breaking of $U(1)_R$ – symmetry
- parametrically long-lived metastable vacua

Interesting feature: “pseudo-runaway” directions, i.e. runaway directions lifted by perturbative quantum corrections

Metastable ~~SUSY~~ seems rather generic near certain Enhanced Symmetry Points on Moduli Spaces

→ May have important implications for the landscape