

# Several Problems in Particle Physics and Cosmology Solved in One SMASH

Inflation, matter-anti-matter asymmetry, dark matter, neutrino oscillations, strong CP problem

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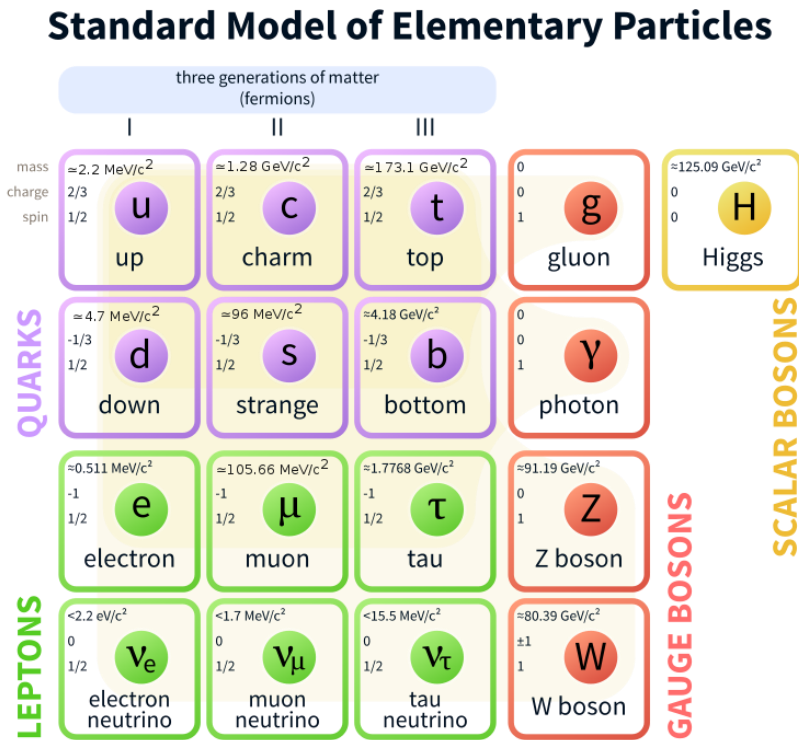
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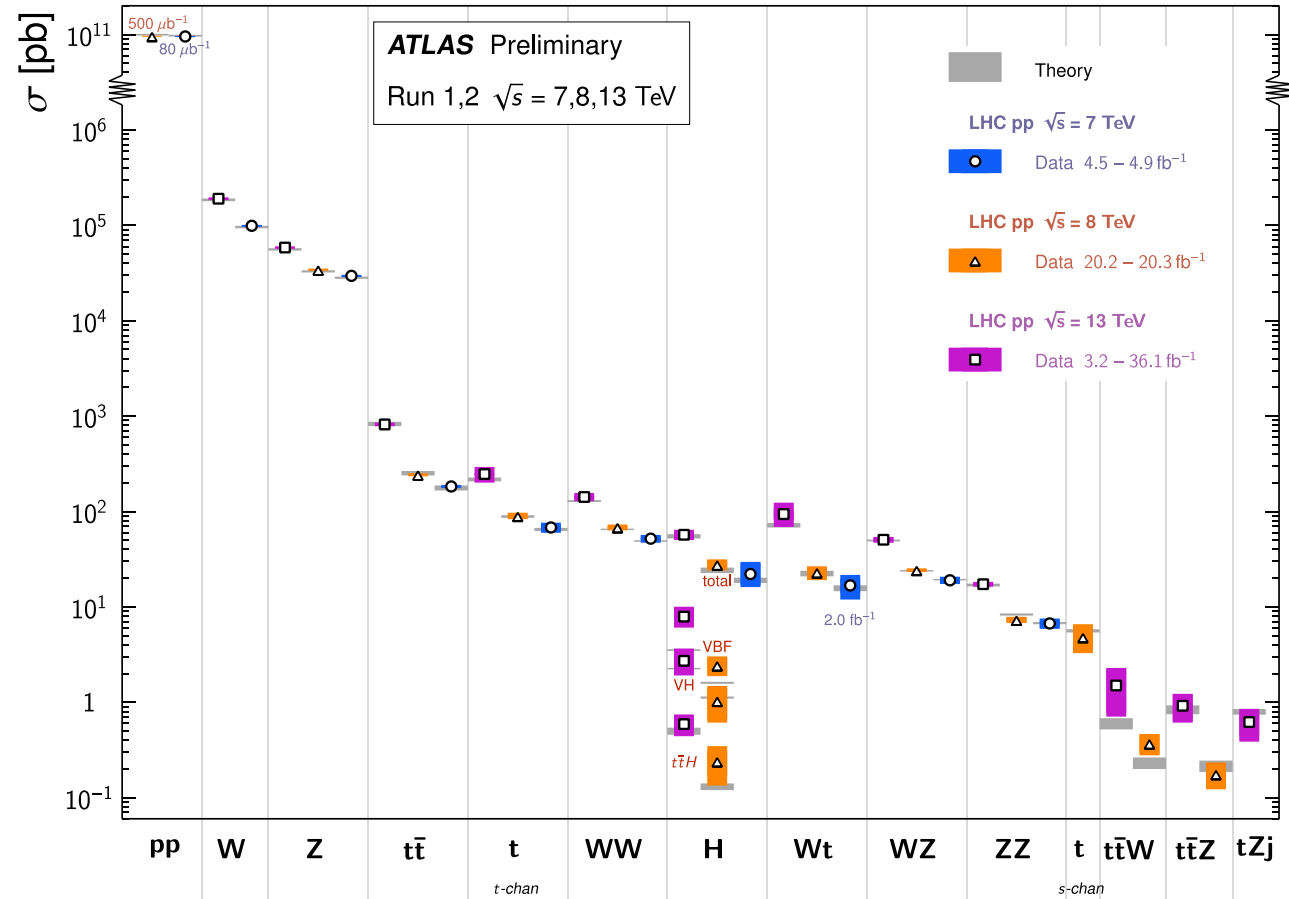
## Strong case for physics beyond the Standard Model

- Standard Model (SM) describes interactions of all known particles with remarkable accuracy



[Wikipedia]

Standard Model Total Production Cross Section Measurements Status: March 2018

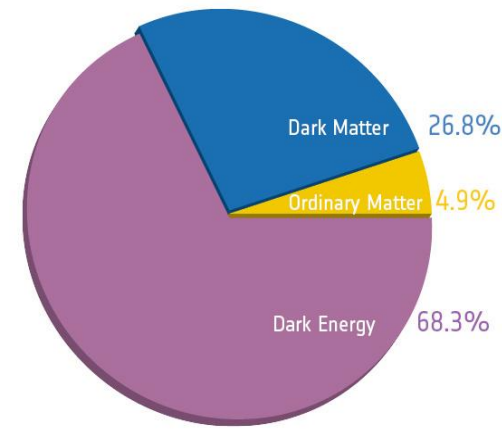


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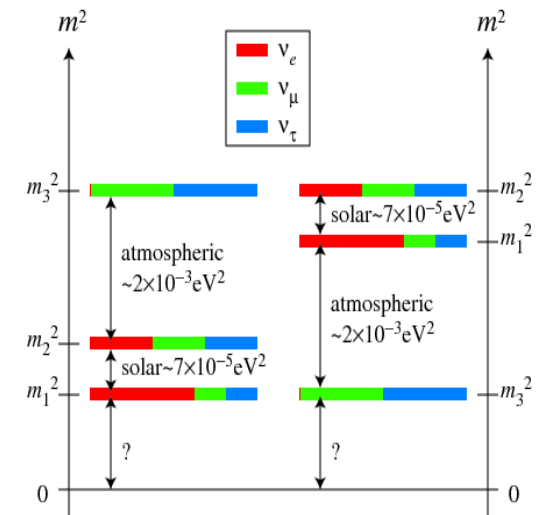
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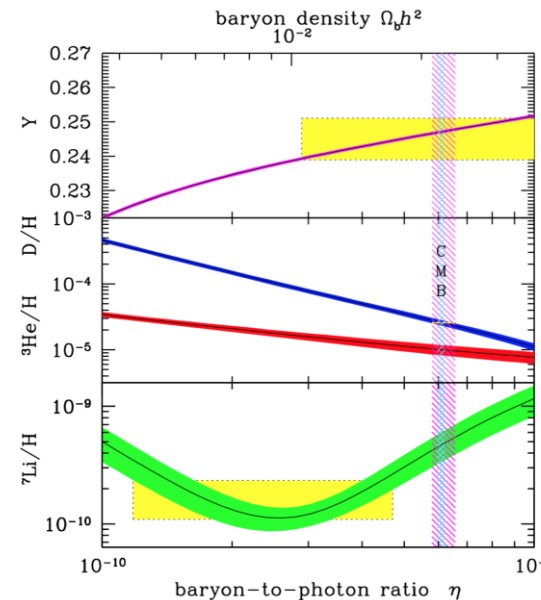
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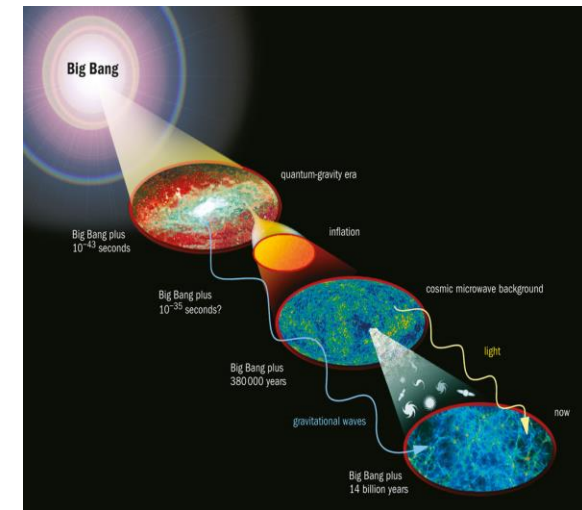
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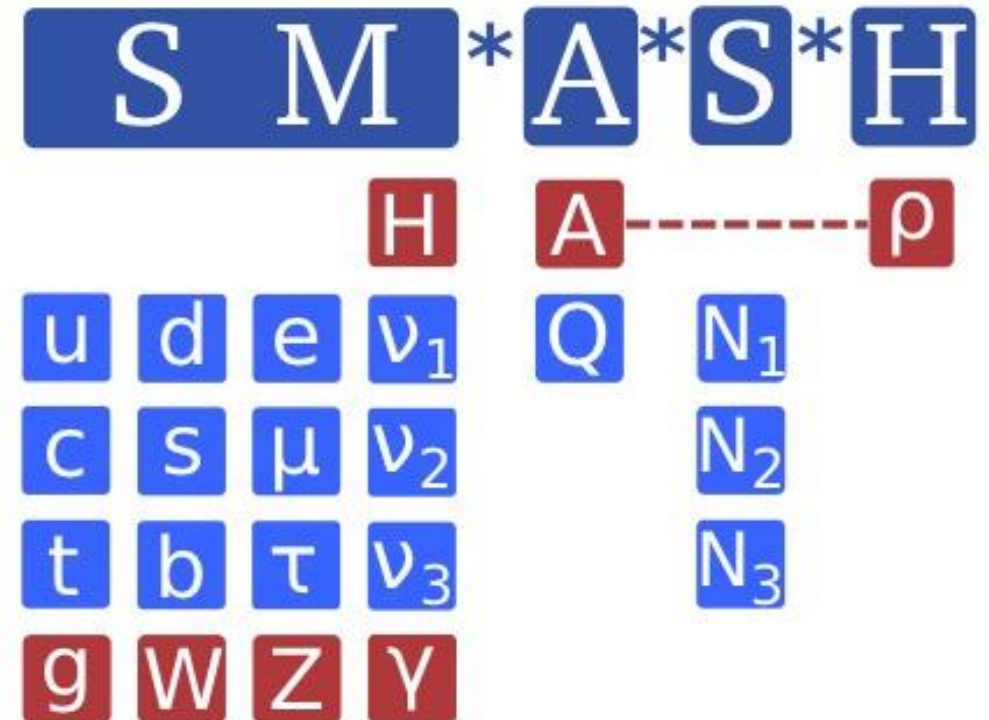
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- These problems may be intertwined in a minimal way, with a solution pointing to a new physics scale between  $10^9-11$  GeV

[Ballesteros, Redondo, AR, Tamarit, 1608.05414; 1610.01639]



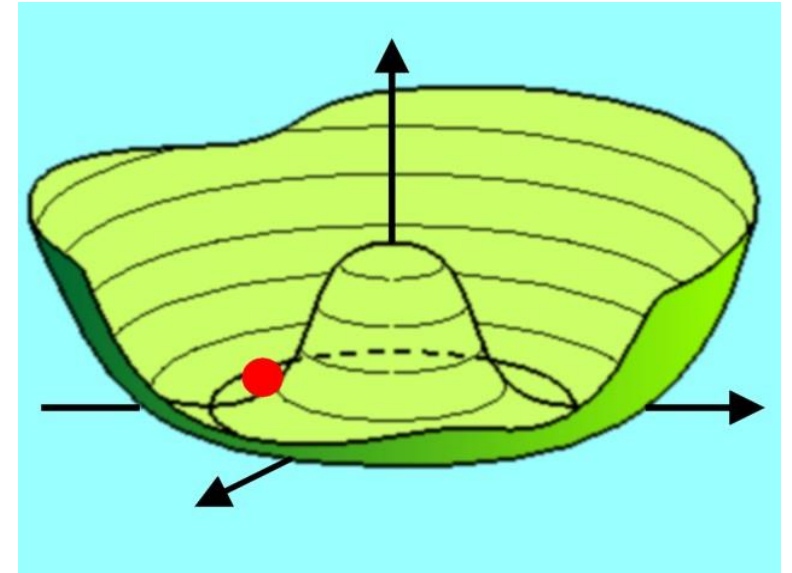
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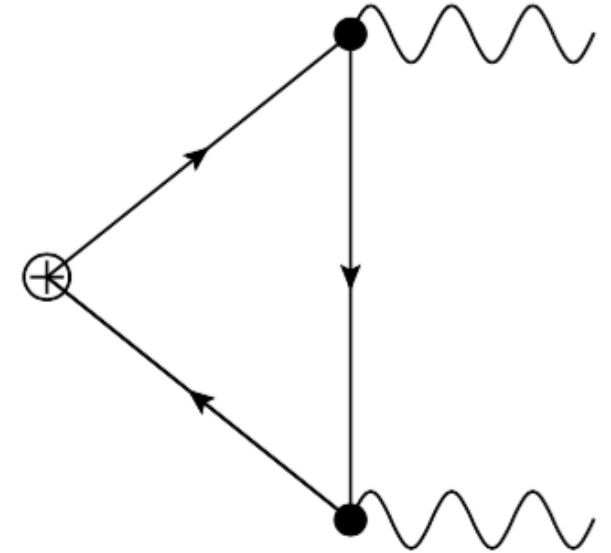
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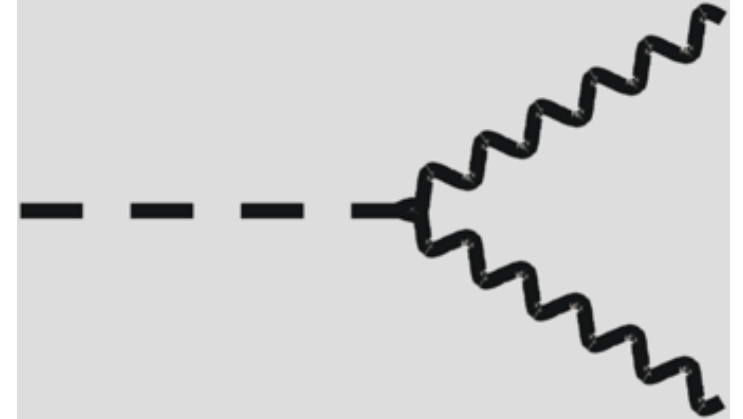
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- Low energy effective field theory at energies above  $\Lambda_{QCD}$  but below  $v$  ( $\ll v_{PQ}$ ): [Peccei,Quinn 77; Weinberg 78; Wilczek 78]

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} \theta(x) G_{\mu\nu}^b \tilde{G}^{b,\mu\nu}; \quad \theta(x) = A(x)/f_A; \quad f_A = v_{PQ}/N$$

[Kim 79; Shifman, Vainshtein, Zakharov 80; Zhitnitsky 80; Dine, Fischler, Srednicki 81; ...]



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## Axion couplings to SM at energies below QCD scale

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu A \partial^\mu A - \frac{1}{2} m_A^2 A^2 - \frac{\alpha}{8\pi} \frac{C_{A\gamma}}{f_A} A F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{C_{Af}}{f_A} \partial_\mu A \bar{\psi}_f \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \psi_f$$

- Axion mass:  $m_A = 57.0(7) \left( \frac{10^{11} \text{ GeV}}{f_A} \right) \mu\text{eV}$  [Grilli di Cortona et al. `16 ; Borsanyi et al. `16]
- Couplings of axion to SM suppressed by powers of

$$f_A = v_{\text{PQ}}/N \gg v = 246 \text{ GeV}$$

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rendering the axion „invisible“

- Photon coupling:  $C_{A\gamma} = \frac{E}{N} - 1.92(4)$  [Kaplan 85; Srednicki `85]
- Nucleon couplings: [Grilli di Cortona et al. `16]

$$C_{Ap} = -0.47(3) + 0.88(3)C_{Au} - 0.39(2)C_{Ad} - 0.038(5)C_{As} \\ - 0.012(5)C_{Ac} - 0.009(2)C_{Ab} - 0.0035(4)C_{At},$$

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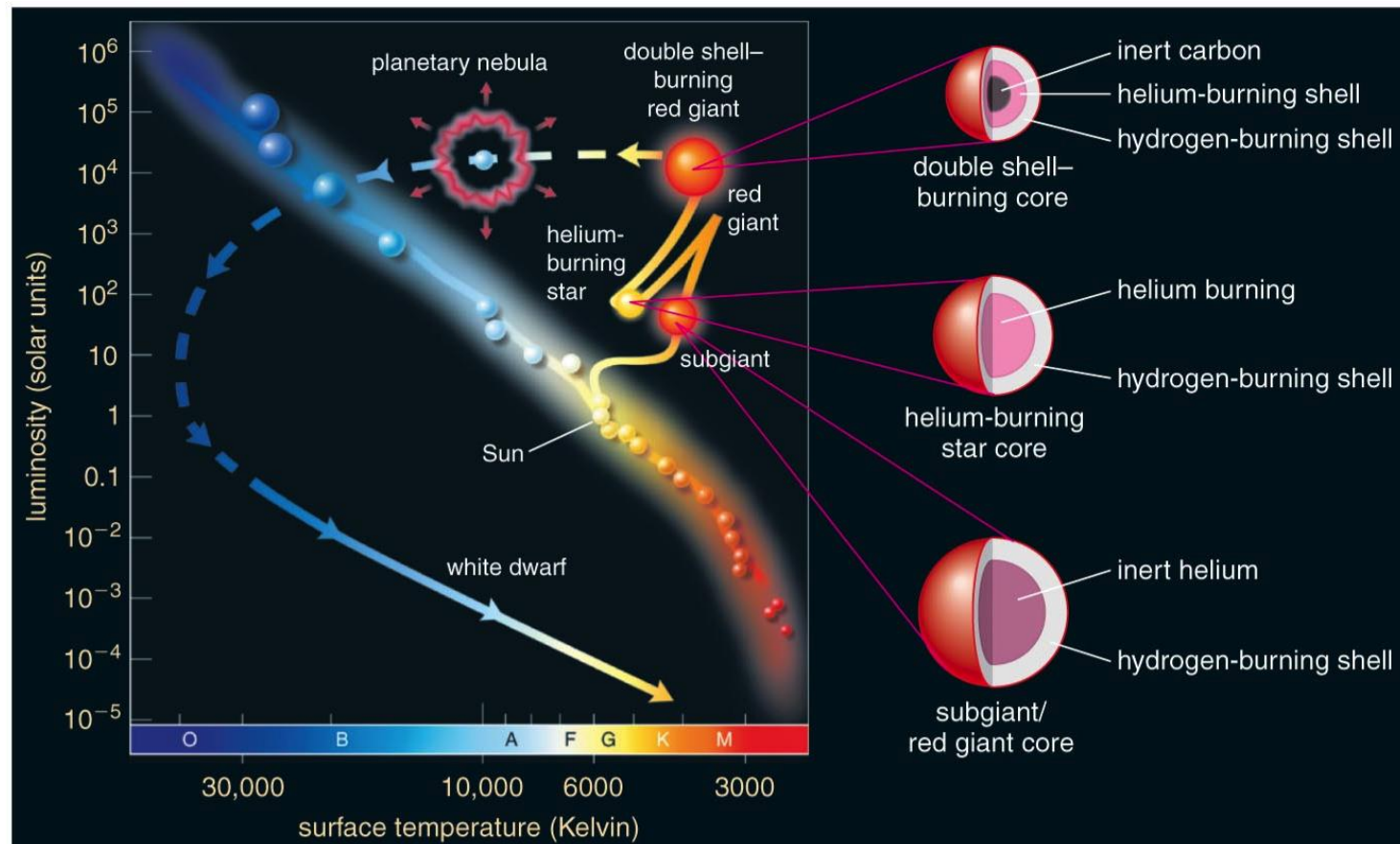
- Electron coupling very model-dependent



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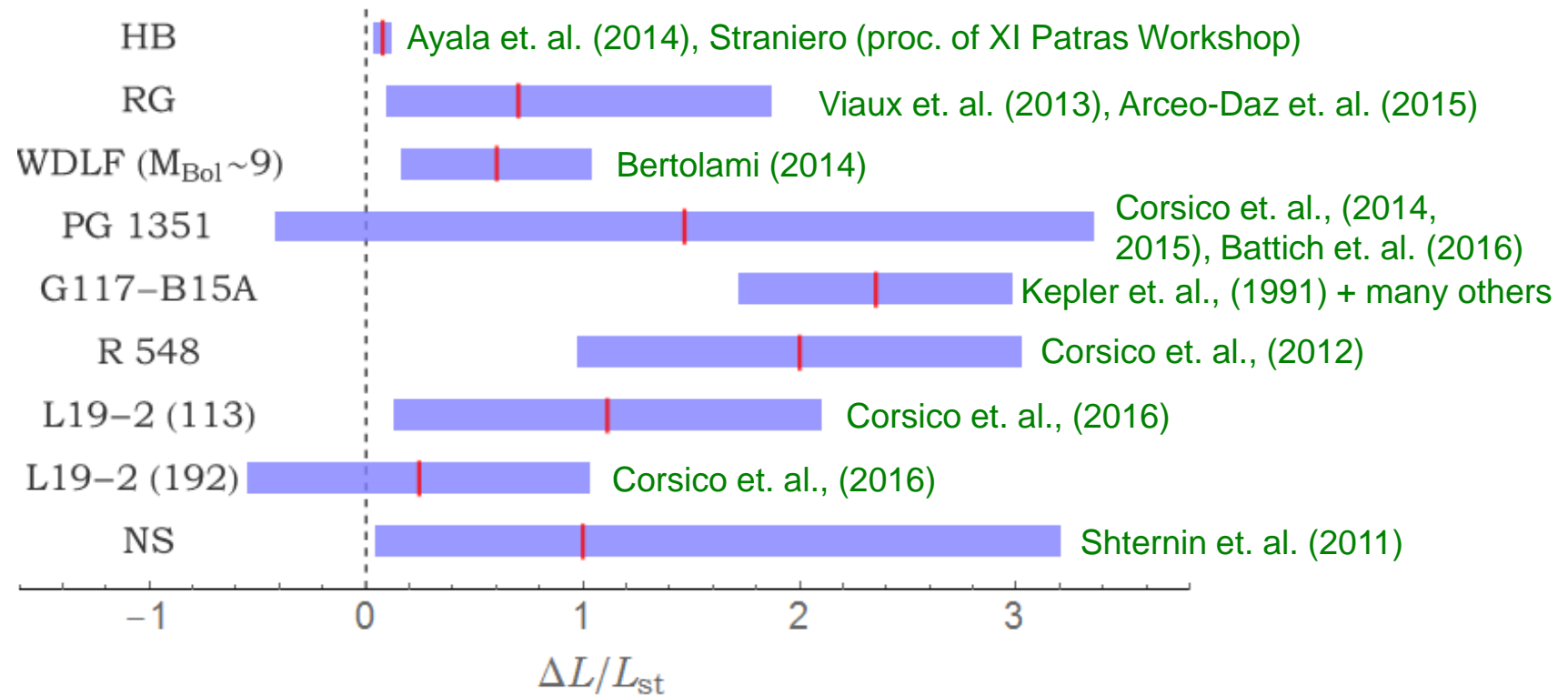
- Evolution of stars (Main Sequence – Red-Giant (RG) – Helium Burning (HB) – White Dwarf (WD)) sensitive to non-SM energy losses



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- Practically every stellar systems seems to be cooling faster than predicted by models:

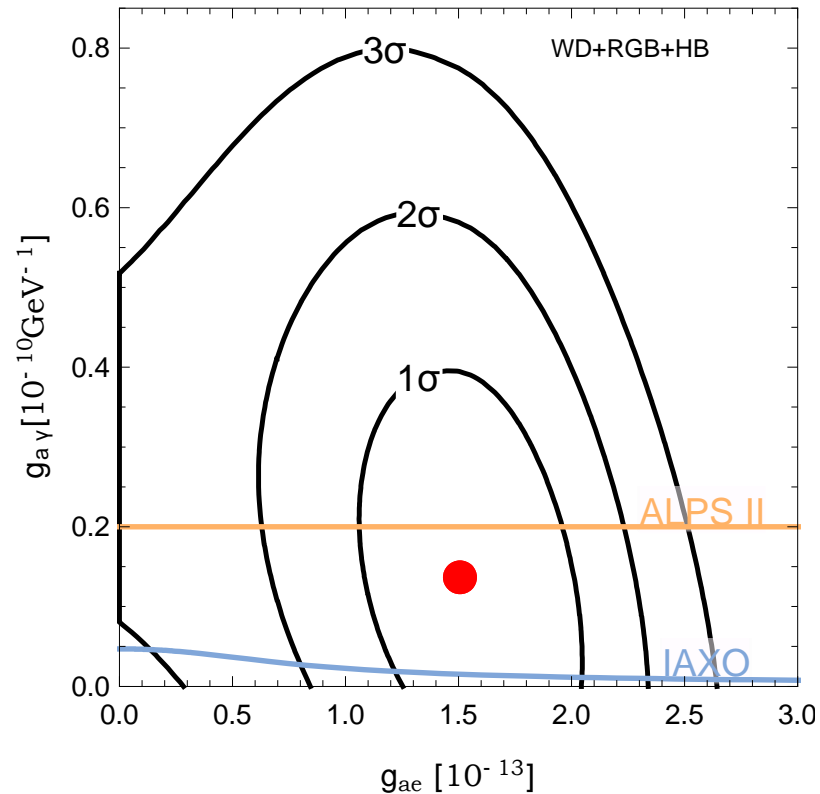


[Giannotti, Irastorza, Redondo, AR '15; Giannotti, Irastorza, Redondo, AR, Saikawa '17]

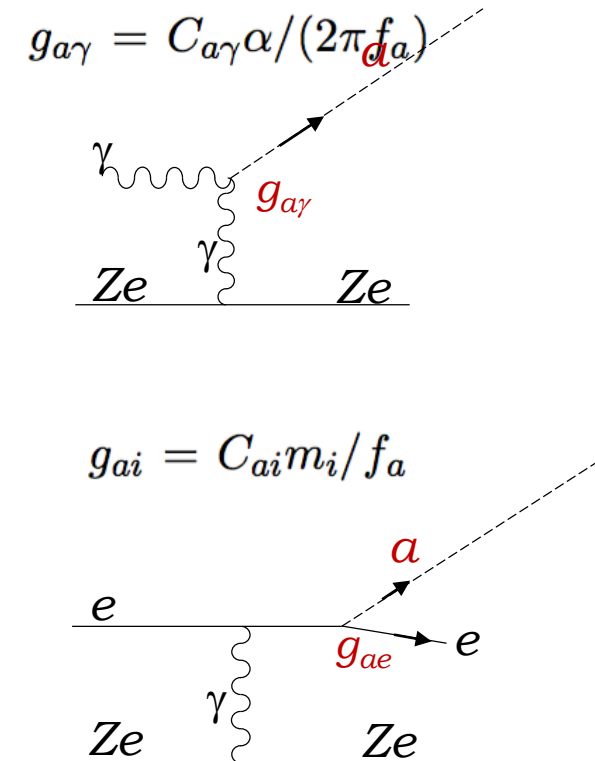
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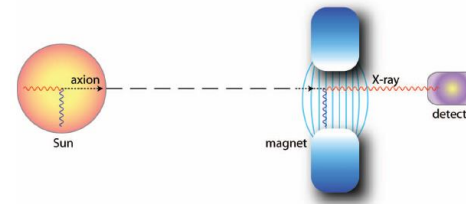
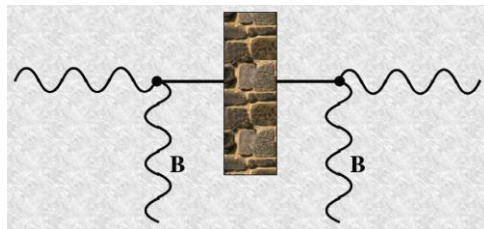
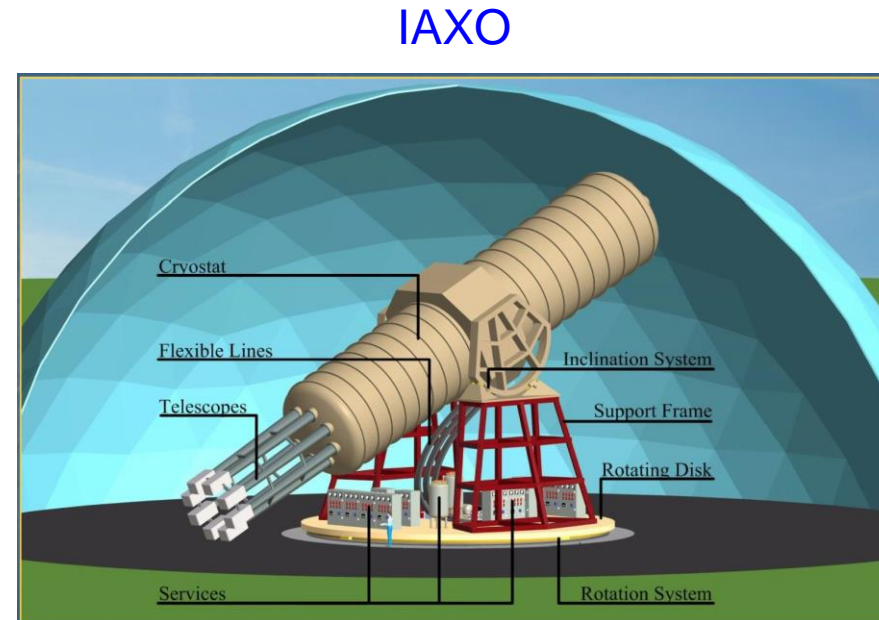
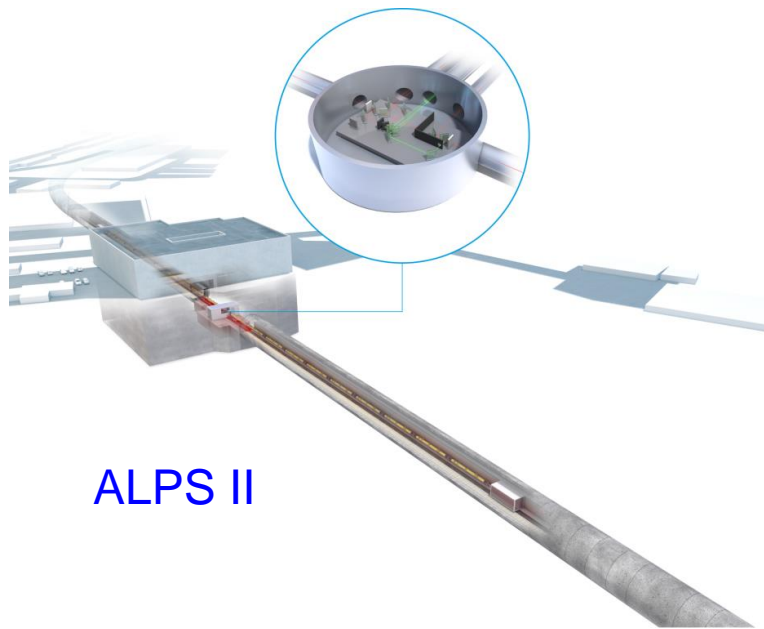
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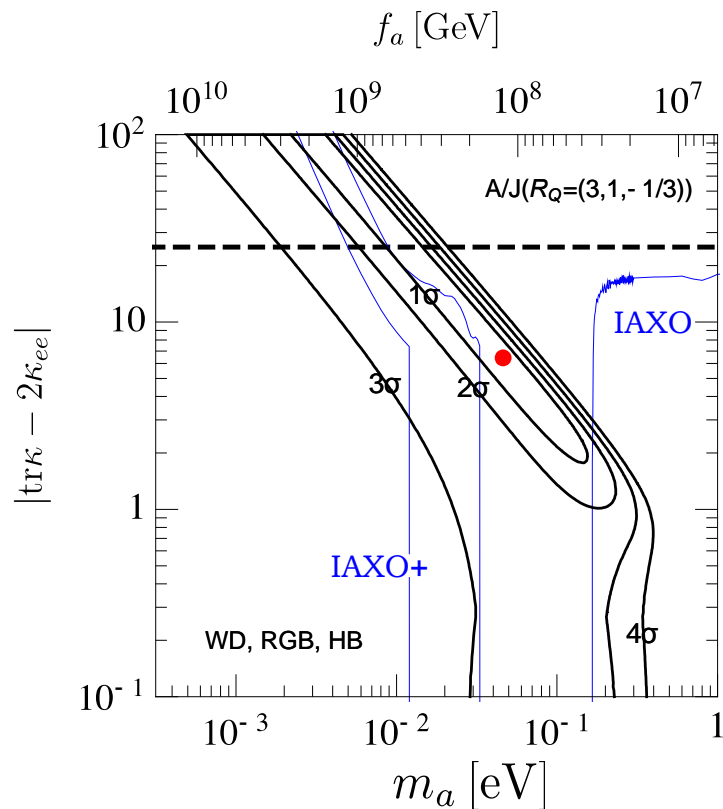
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$$C_{a\gamma} = \frac{2}{3} - 1.92(4)$$

$$C_{ae}^{A/J} \simeq -\frac{1}{16\pi^2 N} (\text{tr}\kappa - 2\kappa_{ee})$$

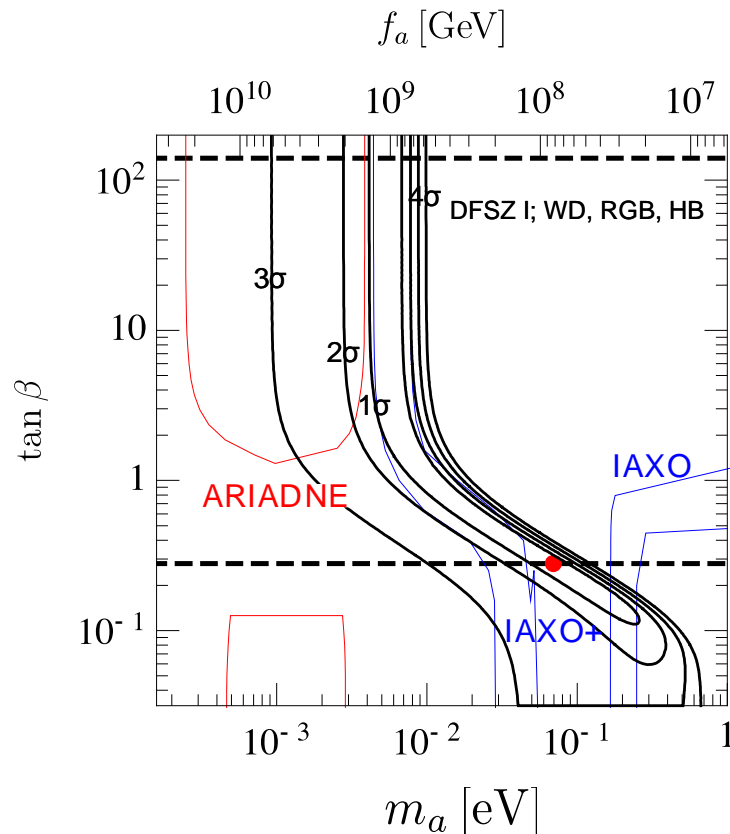
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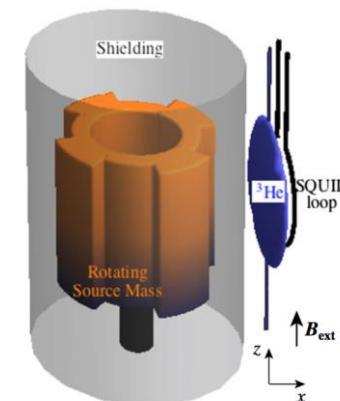


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$$f_a = \frac{v_{PQ}}{6}, \quad \tan \beta = \frac{v_u}{v_d}$$

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$$\tilde{g}_{\mu\nu} = \Omega^2(h, \rho) g_{\mu\nu} \quad \Omega^2 = 1 + \frac{\xi_H (h^2 - v^2) + \xi_\sigma (\rho^2 - v_\sigma^2)}{M_P^2}$$



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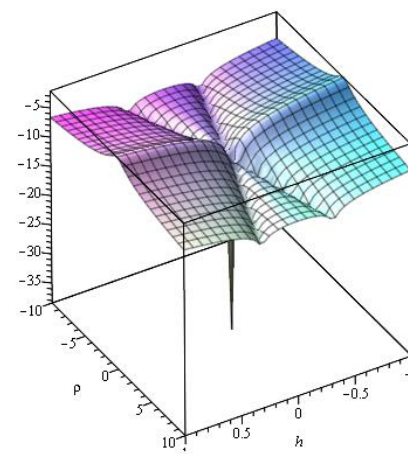
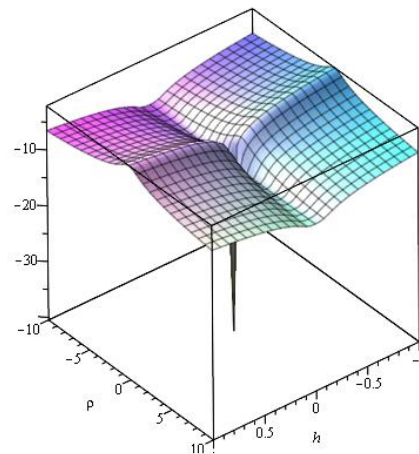
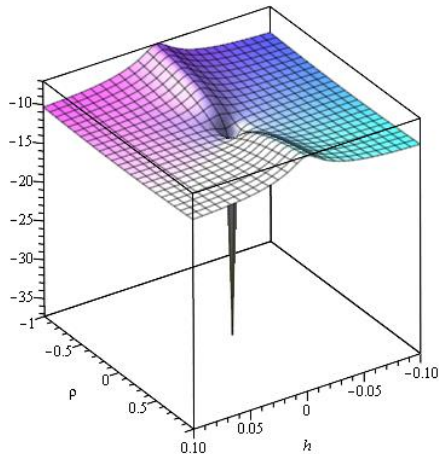
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- Potential has valleys = attractors for Higgs Inflation (HI), Saxion Inflation (SI) or mixed Saxion/Higgs Inflation (SHI), depending on relative signs of  $\kappa_H \equiv \lambda_{H\sigma}\xi_H - \lambda_H\xi_\sigma$ ,  $\kappa_\sigma \equiv \lambda_{H\sigma}\xi_\sigma - \lambda_\sigma\xi_H$



sign( $\kappa_H$ )	sign( $\kappa_\sigma$ )	Inflation
+	-	HI
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- Characteristics of primordial density fluctuations inferred from CMB fluctuations

$$A_s = (2.20 \pm 0.08) \times 10^{-9},$$

$$n_s = 0.967 \pm 0.004,$$

$$r < 0.07$$

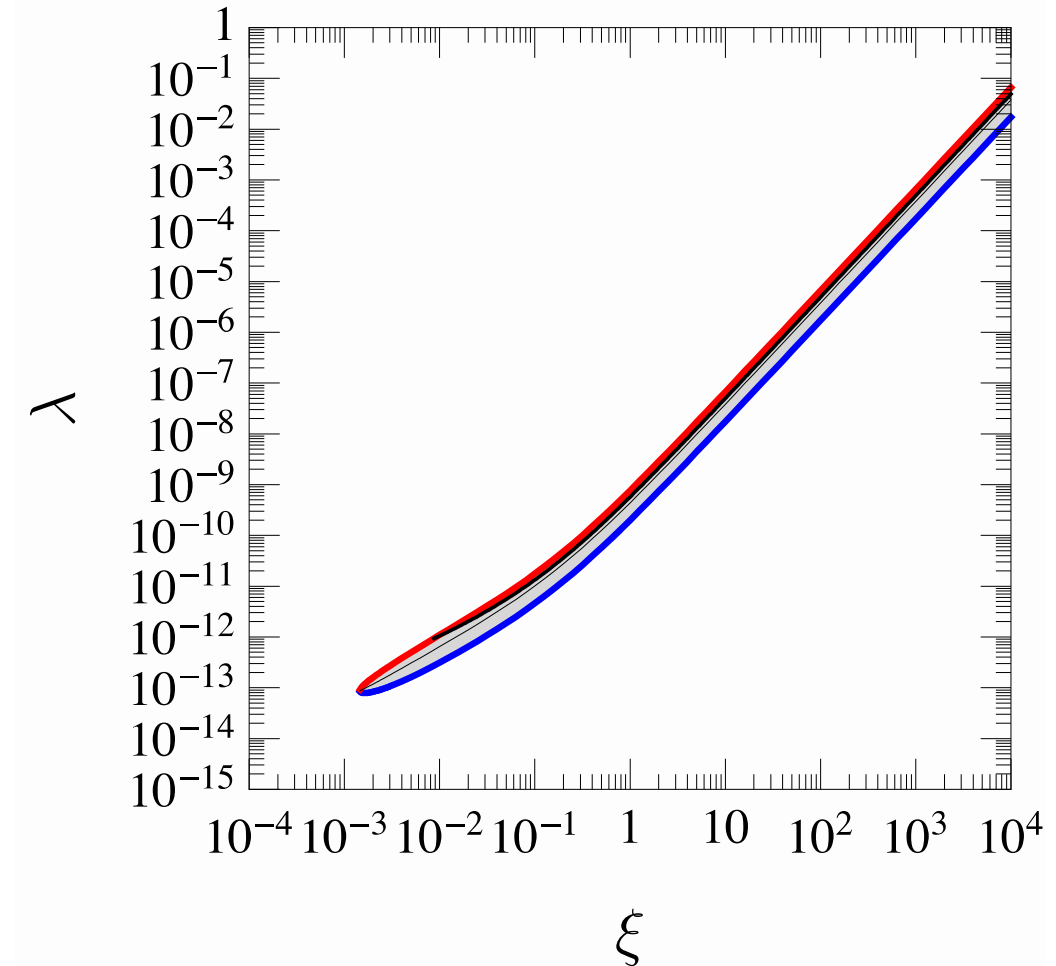
fit by  $\xi \simeq 2 \times 10^5 \sqrt{\lambda} \gtrsim 10^{-3}$

where

$$\xi = \begin{cases} \xi_H, & \text{for HI} \\ \xi_\sigma, & \text{for SI} \\ \xi_\sigma, & \text{for SHI} \end{cases}$$

$$\lambda = \begin{cases} \lambda_H, & \text{for HI} \\ \lambda_\sigma, & \text{for SI} \\ \lambda_\sigma \left(1 - \frac{\lambda_{H\sigma}^2}{\lambda_\sigma \lambda_H}\right), & \text{for SHI} \end{cases}$$

- HI has unitarity problem
- SI and SHI have no unitarity problem if  $\lambda_\sigma, \tilde{\lambda}_\sigma \lesssim 10^{-10}$

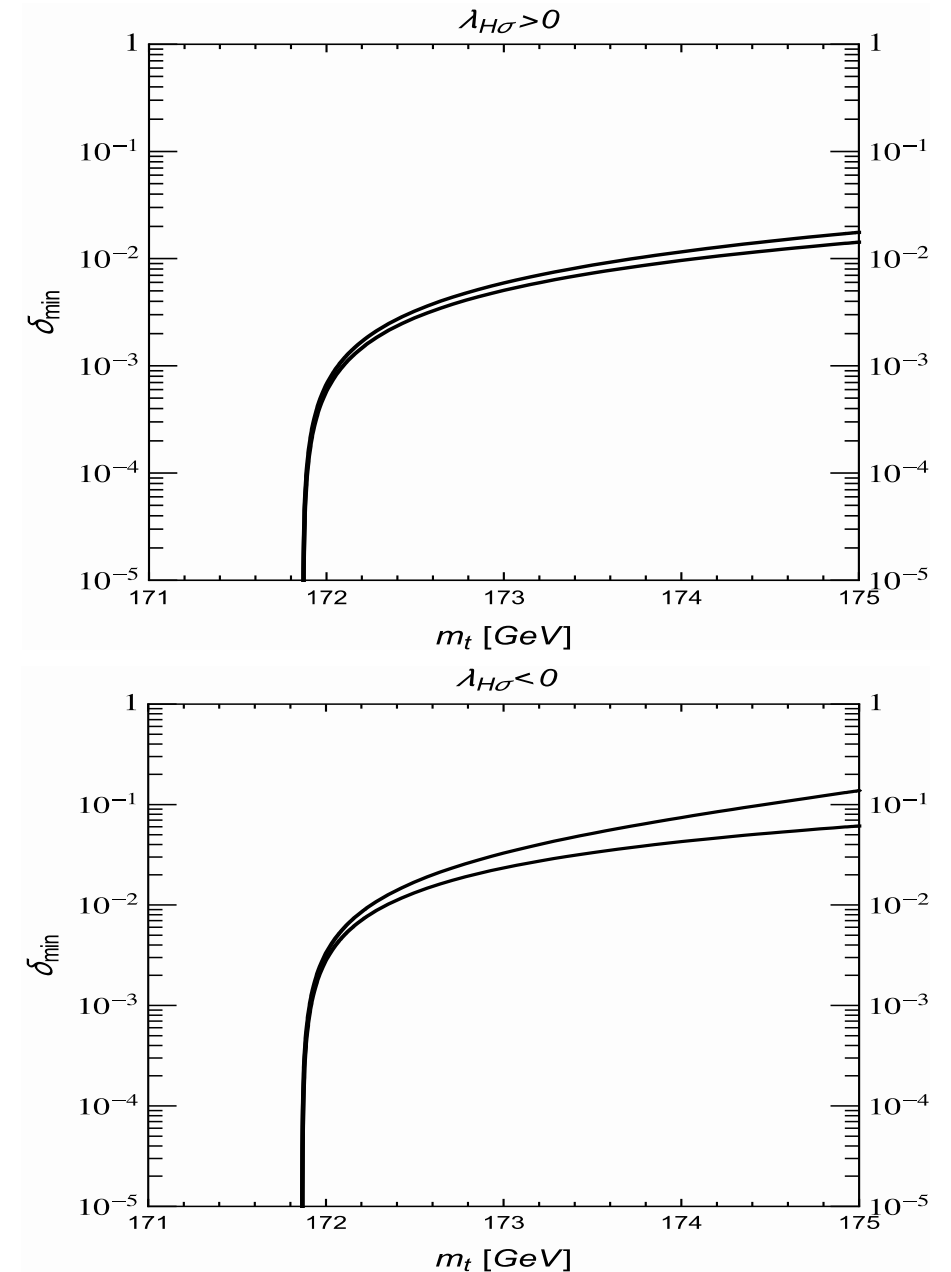


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- Stability up to Planck scale?
- SM-singlet scalar  $\sigma$  helps to stabilize scalar potential in Higgs direction through threshold effect associated with Higgs portal
  - When  $\rho$  integrated out, Higgs portal gives negative contribution to Higgs quartic,
$$\bar{\lambda}_H(m_h) = \lambda_H - \lambda_{H\sigma}^2 / \lambda_\sigma \Big|_{\mu=m_h}$$
  - At energies above  $m_\rho$ , true (and larger!) value of  $\lambda_H$  is revealed by integrating  $\rho$  in
- Stability up to Planck scale ensured if  $\delta = \lambda_{H\sigma}^2 / \lambda_\sigma \Big|_{\mu=m_h}$  exceeds a minimum value dependent on top mass



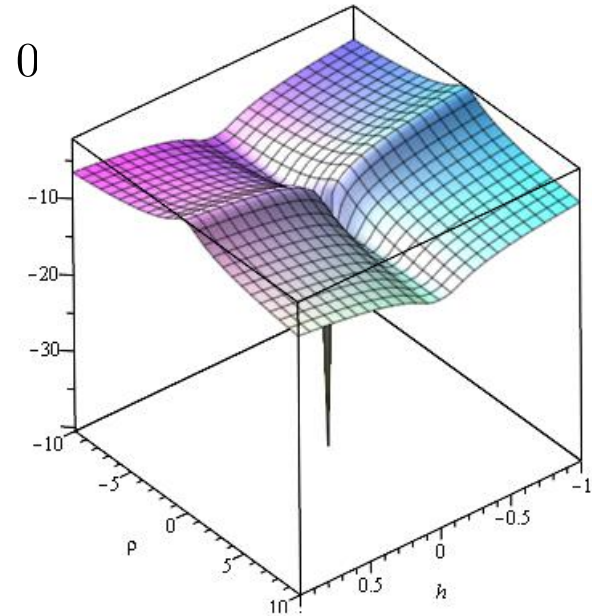
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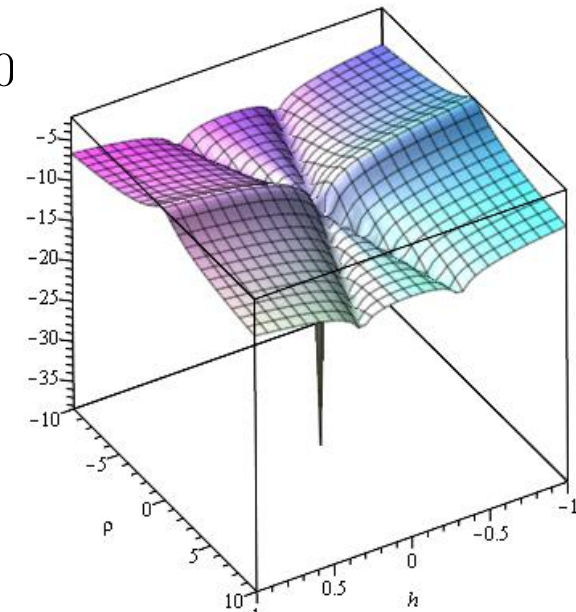
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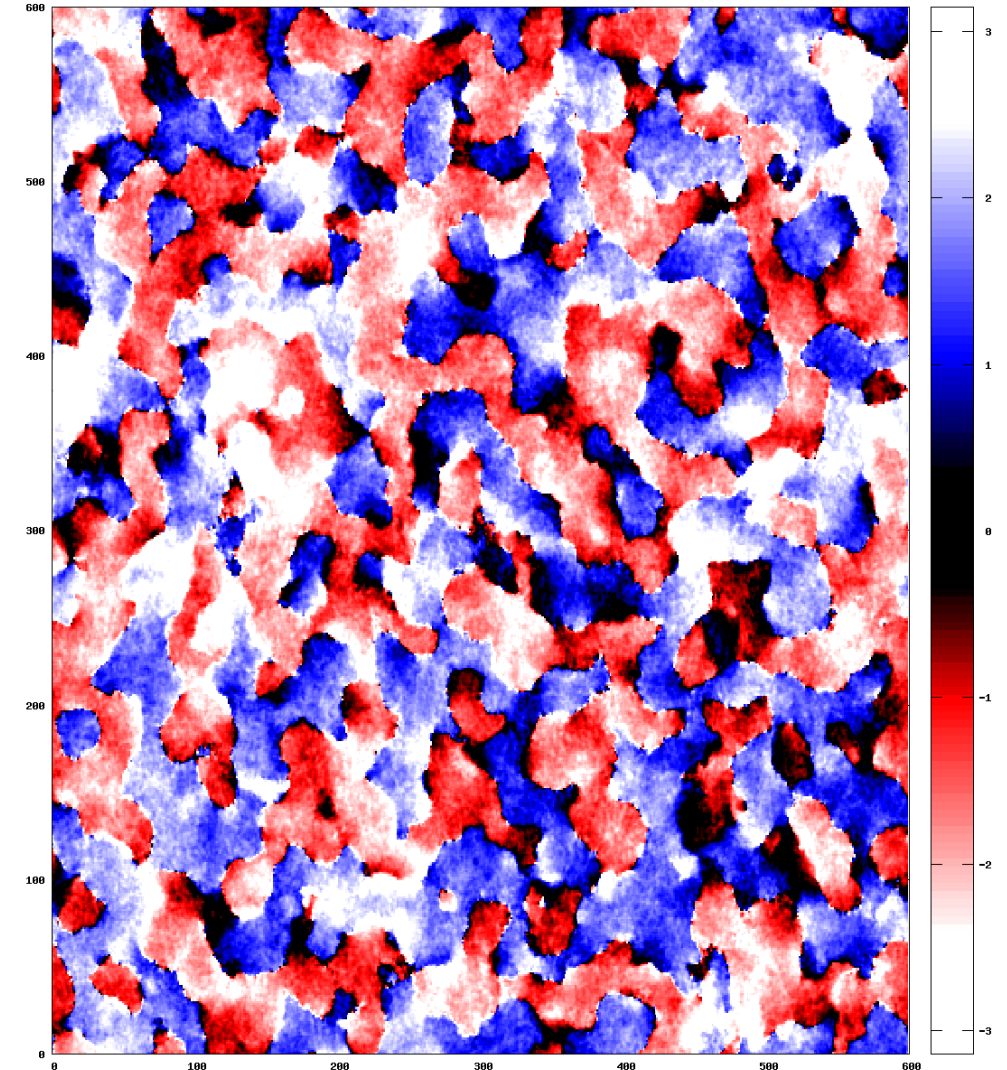
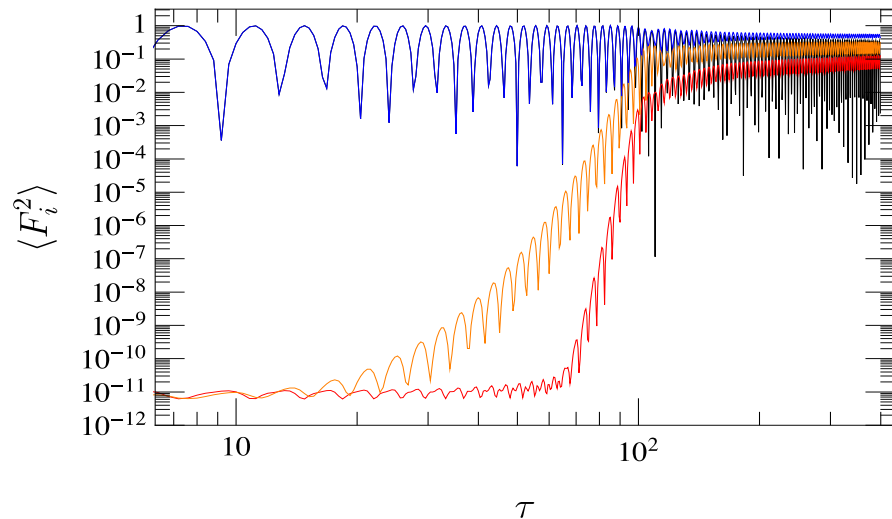


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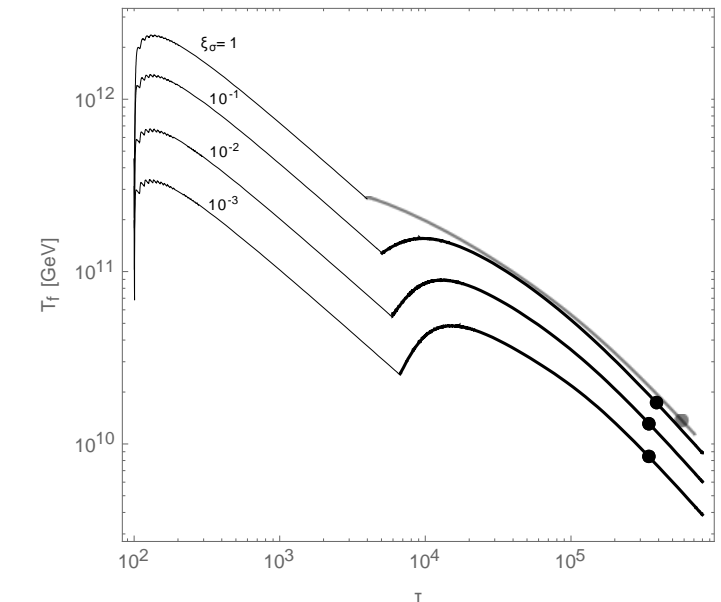
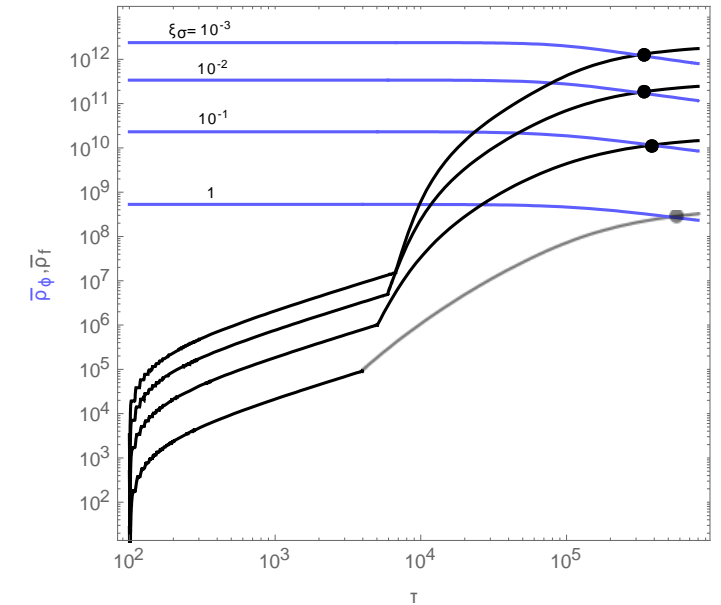
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- **SI**: Large induced particle masses quench inflaton decays or annihilations into SM particles

$$T_R \sim 10^7 \text{ GeV } v_{11} \lambda_{10}^{3/8} \delta_3^{-1/8} \quad \Delta N_\nu^{\text{eff}} \sim (\delta_3 v_{11} / \lambda_{10})^{-1/6}$$

- **SHI**: Higgs component of inflaton allows for production of SM gauge bosons

$$T_R \sim 10^{10} \text{ GeV} \quad \Delta N_\nu^{\text{eff}} \simeq 0.0268 \left( \frac{427/4}{g_{*s}(T_A^{\text{dec}})} \right)^{4/3}$$

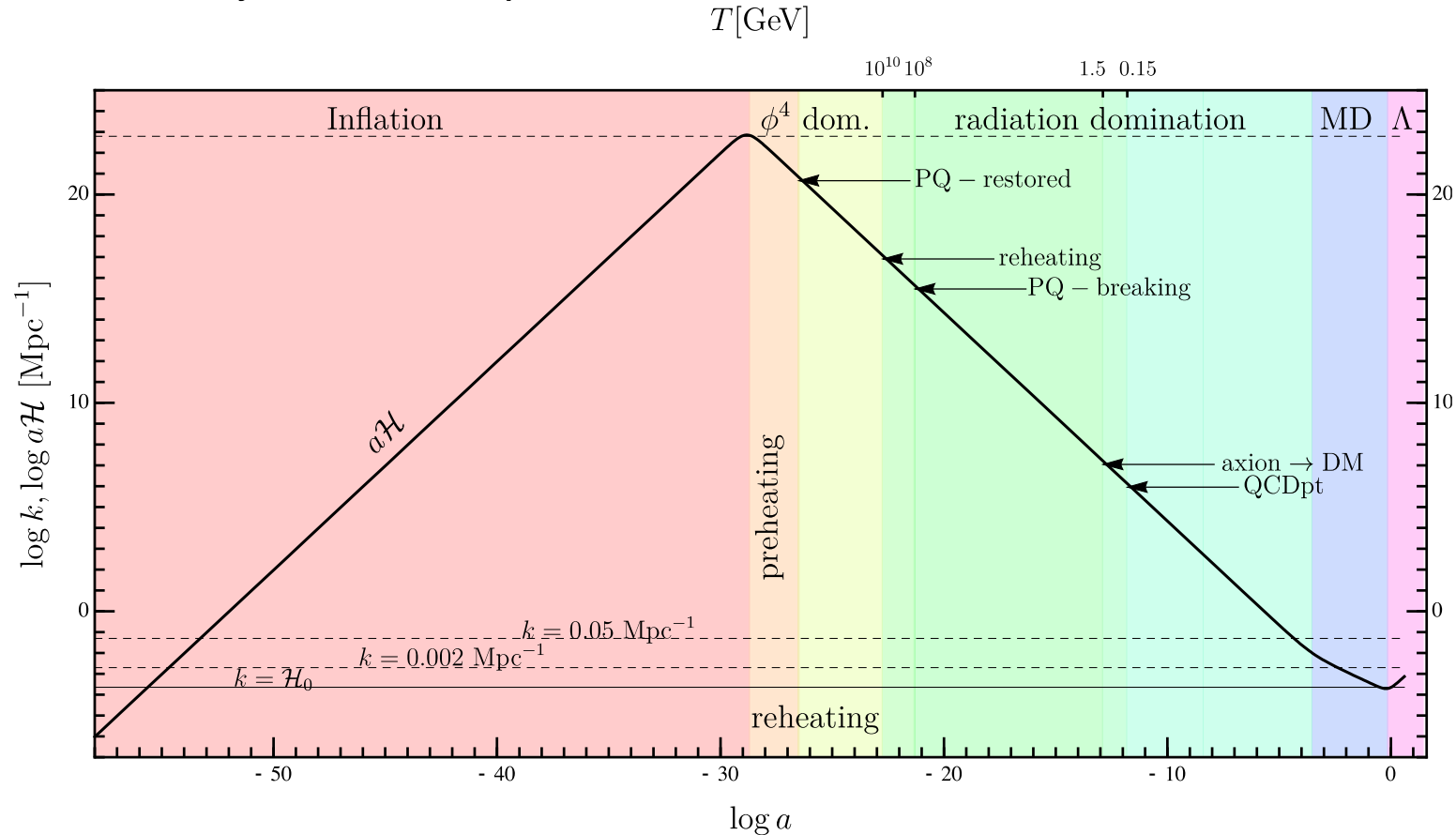


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- Expansion and thermal history of universe predicted



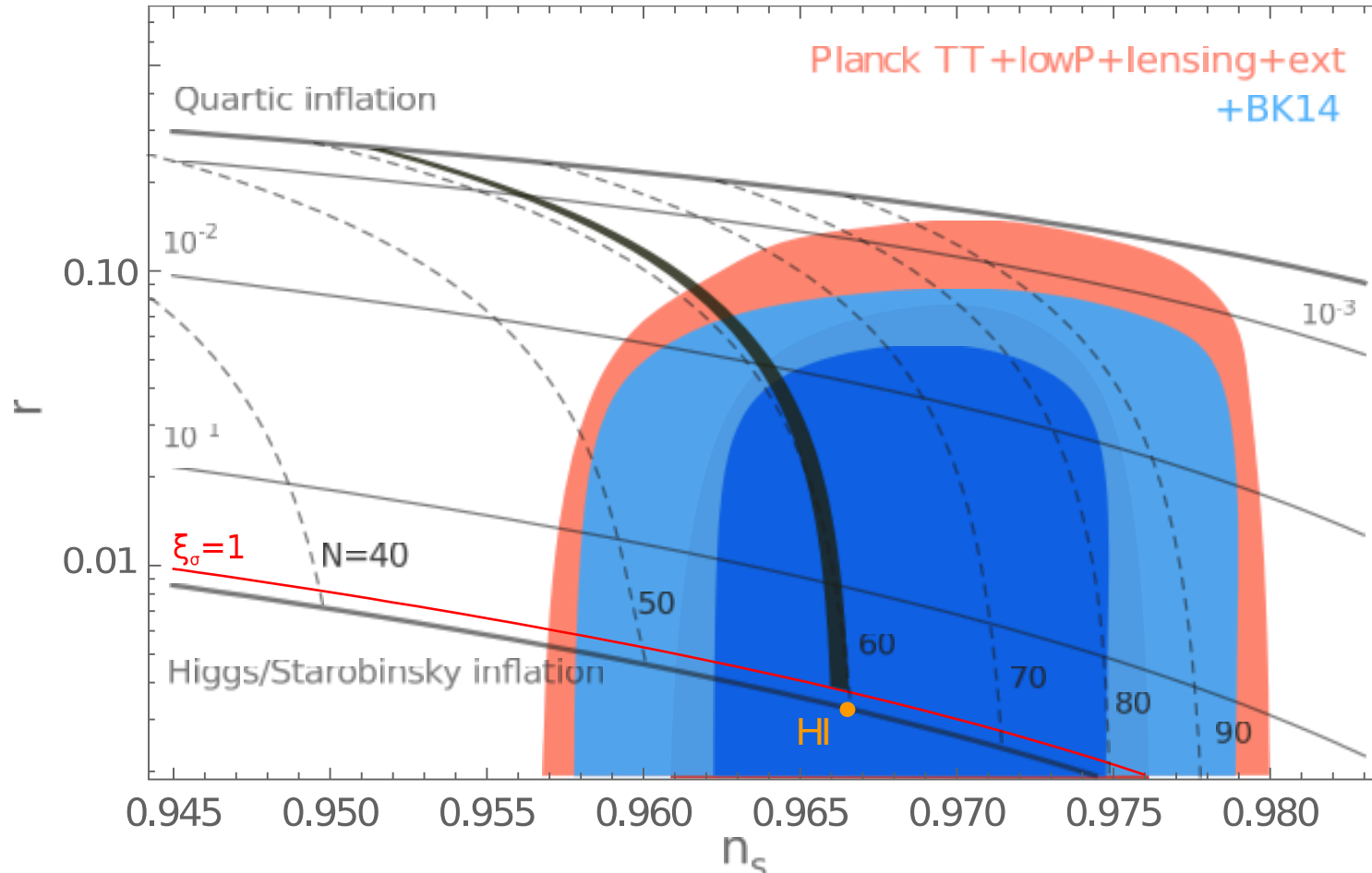
- Number of e-folds  $N(k)$  from the time a given comoving scale  $k$  leaves horizon until end of inflation predicted

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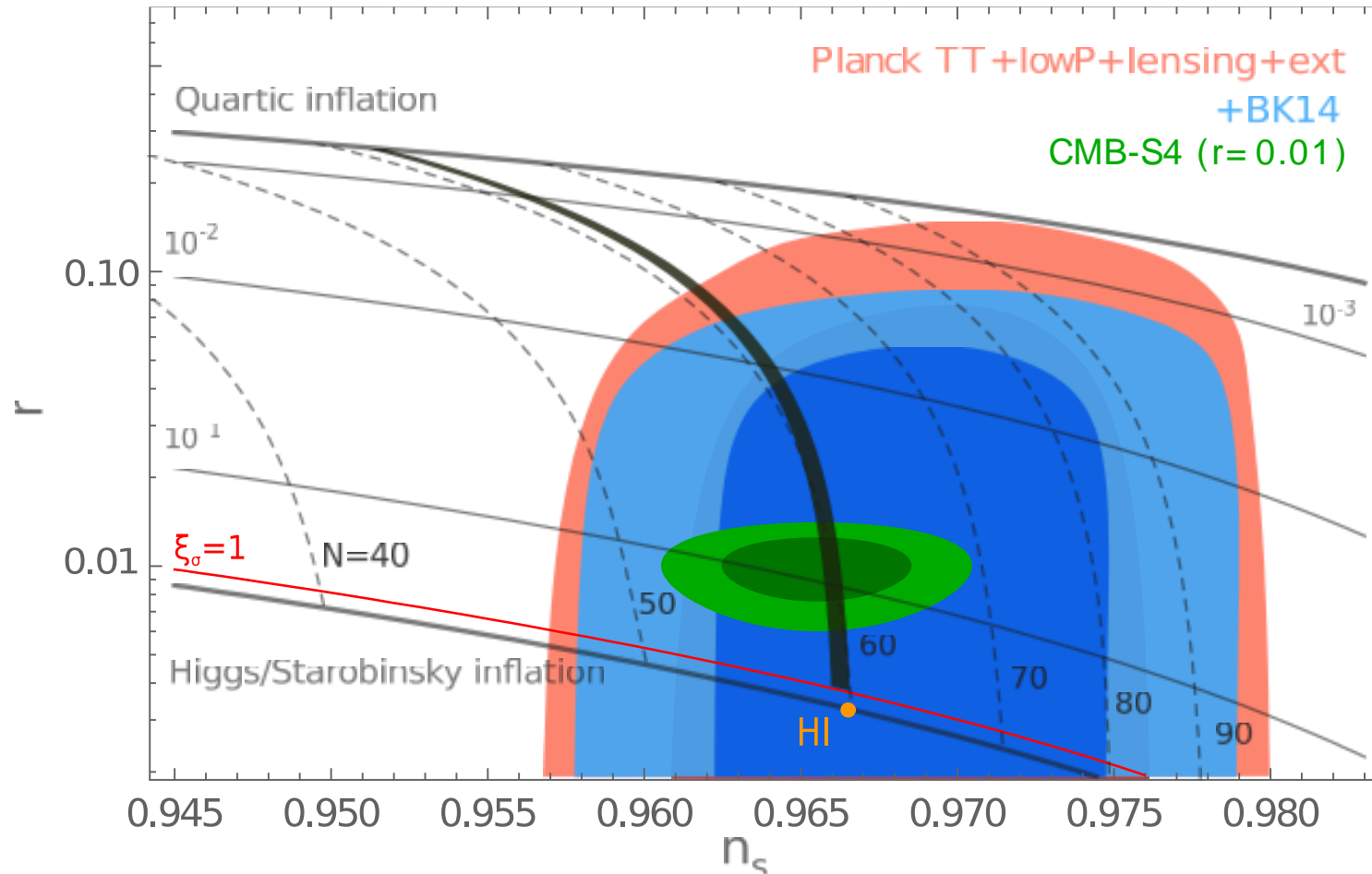
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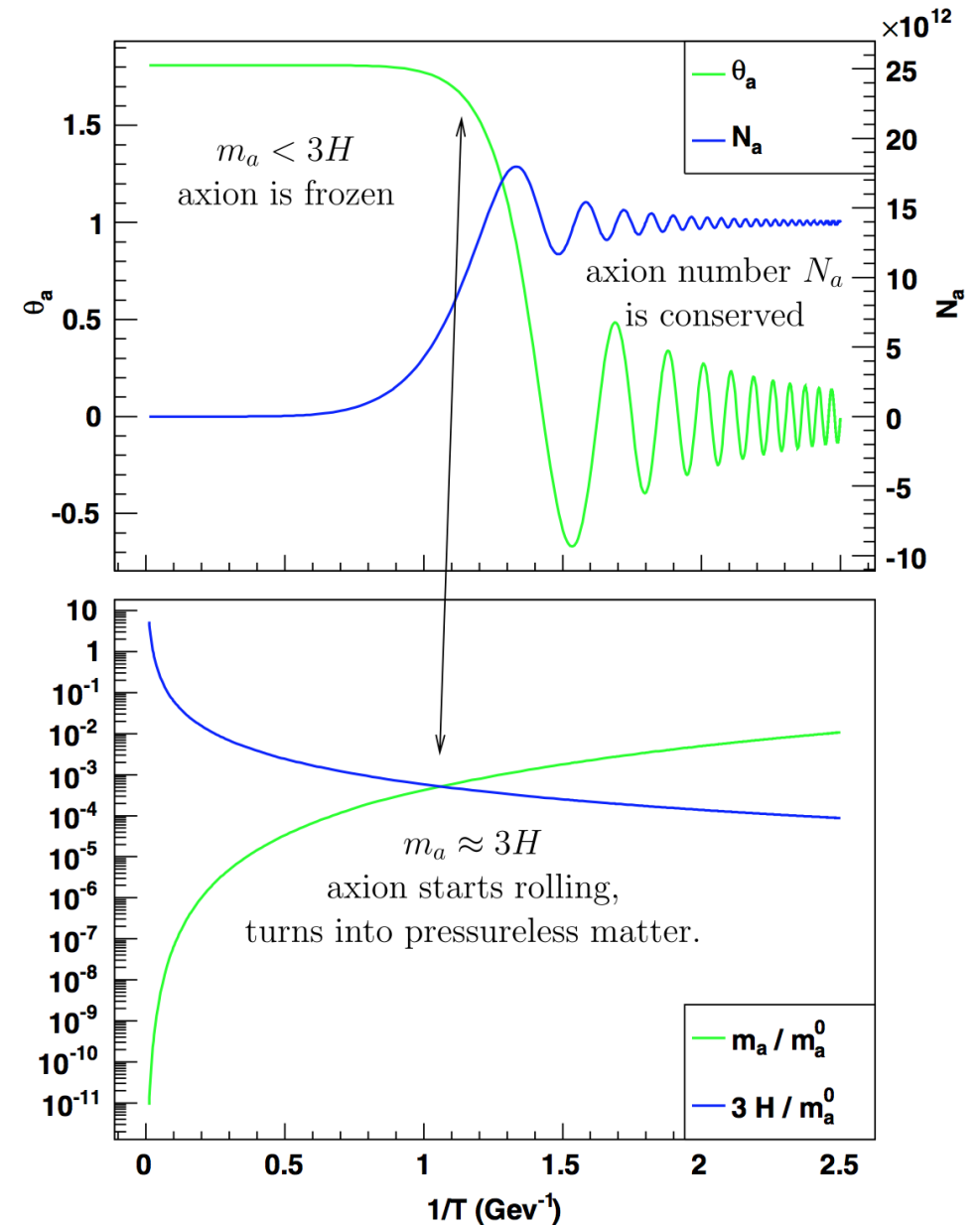
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[Preskill,Wise,Wilczek 83; Abbott,Sikivie 83; Dine,Fischler 83,...]



[Wantz,Shellard `09]

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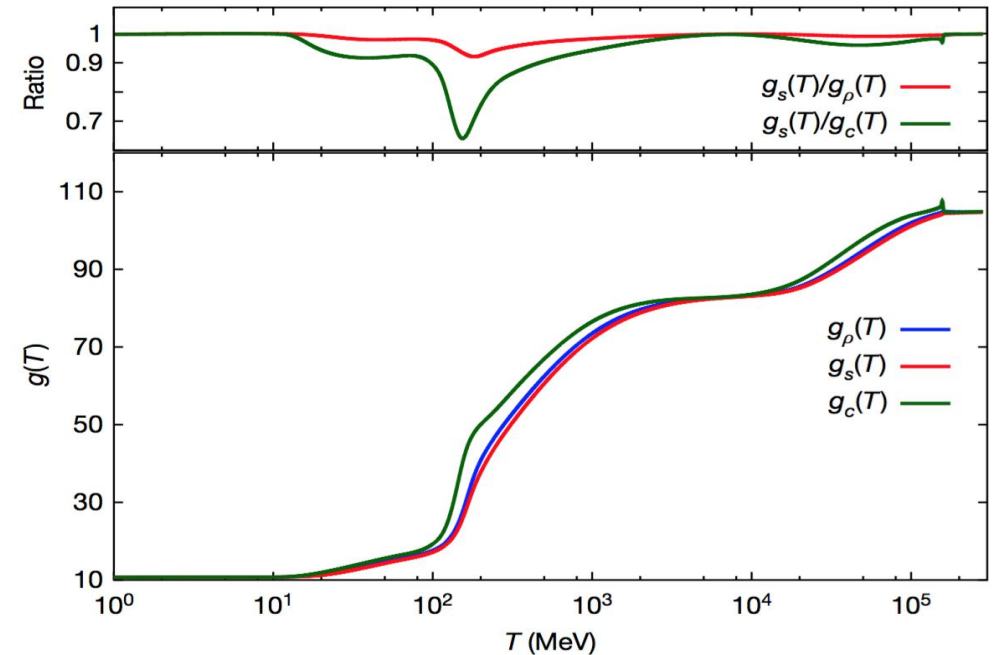
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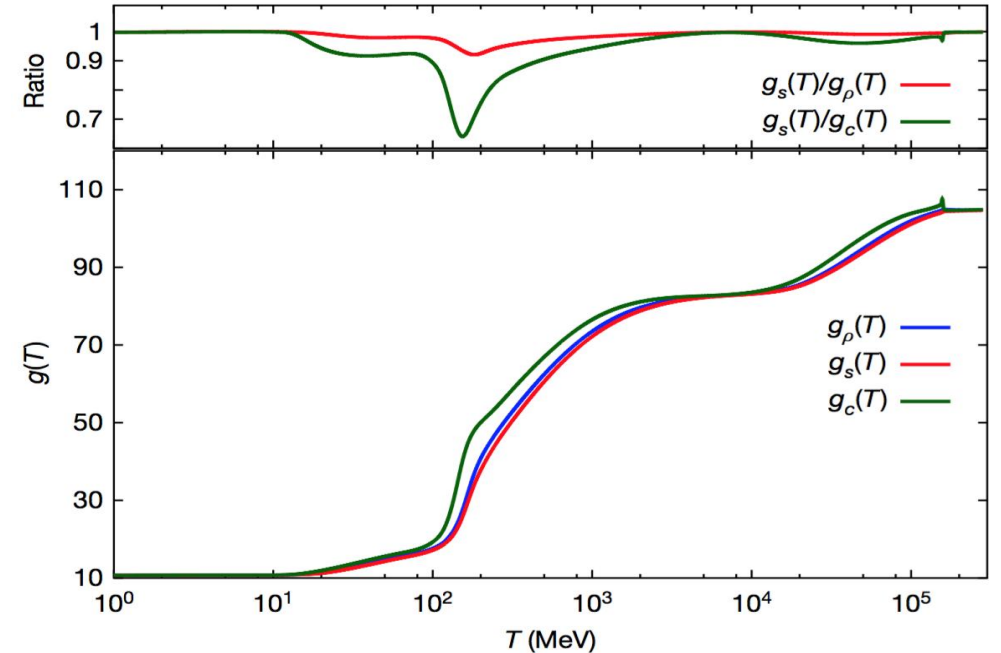
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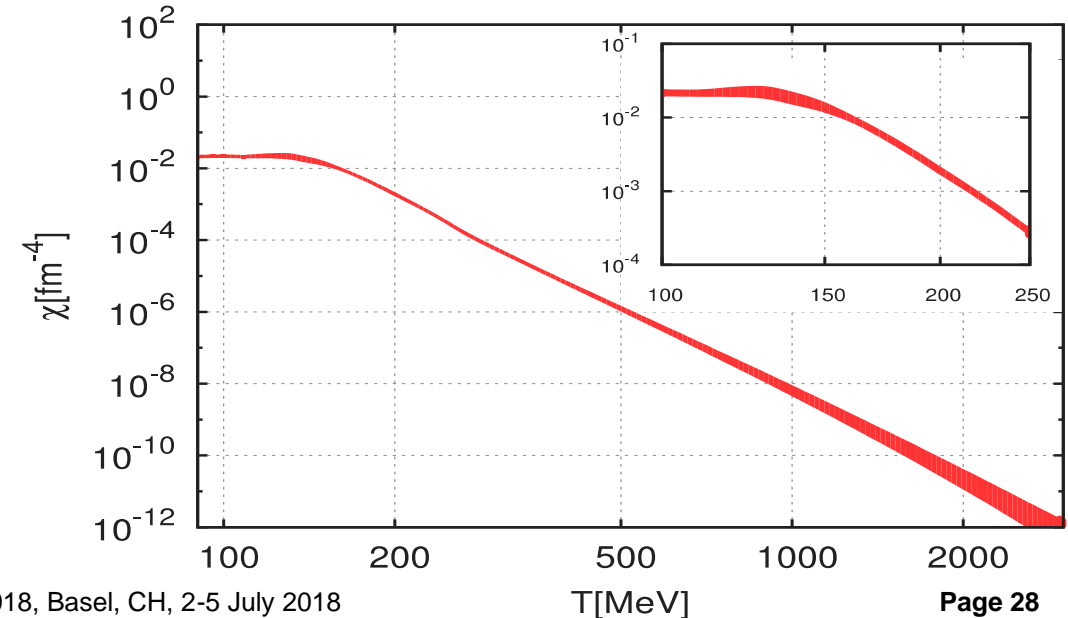
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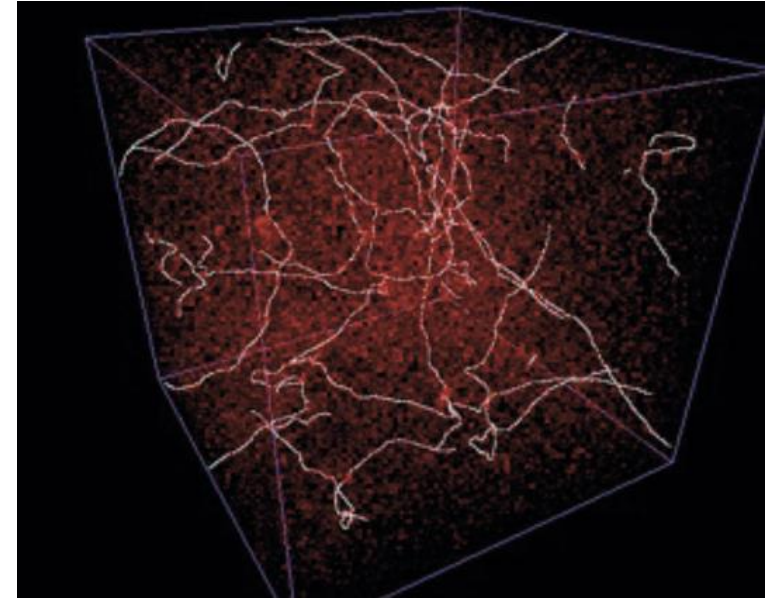
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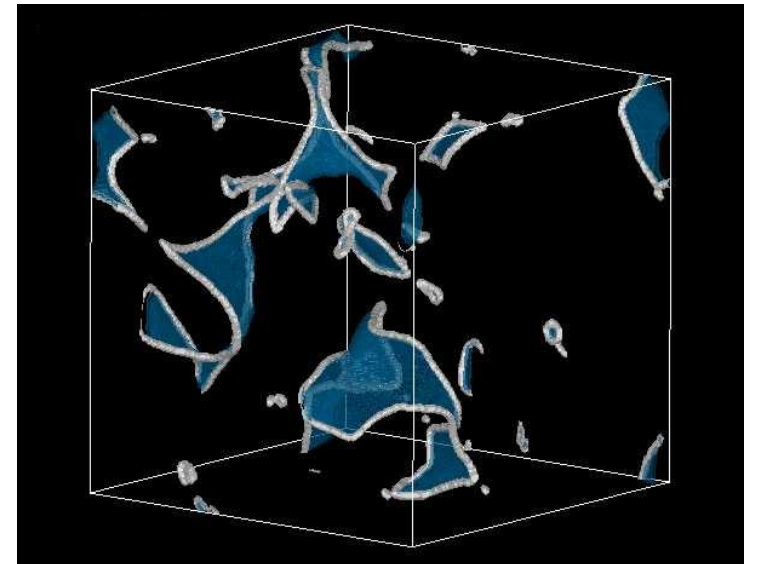
- Does not exceed observed CDM abundance for

$$m_A > 28(2) \mu\text{eV}$$

- Axions also produced by collapse of network of topological defects – strings and domain-walls –
  - Need field theoretic simulations to determine their contribution to dark matter



[Hiramatsu et al. ]



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$$4.4 \times 10^7 (1.3 \times 10^9) \text{ GeV} < f_A < 1 \times 10^{10} \text{ GeV} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad 0.56 \text{ meV} < m_A < 130 (4.5) \text{ meV}$$

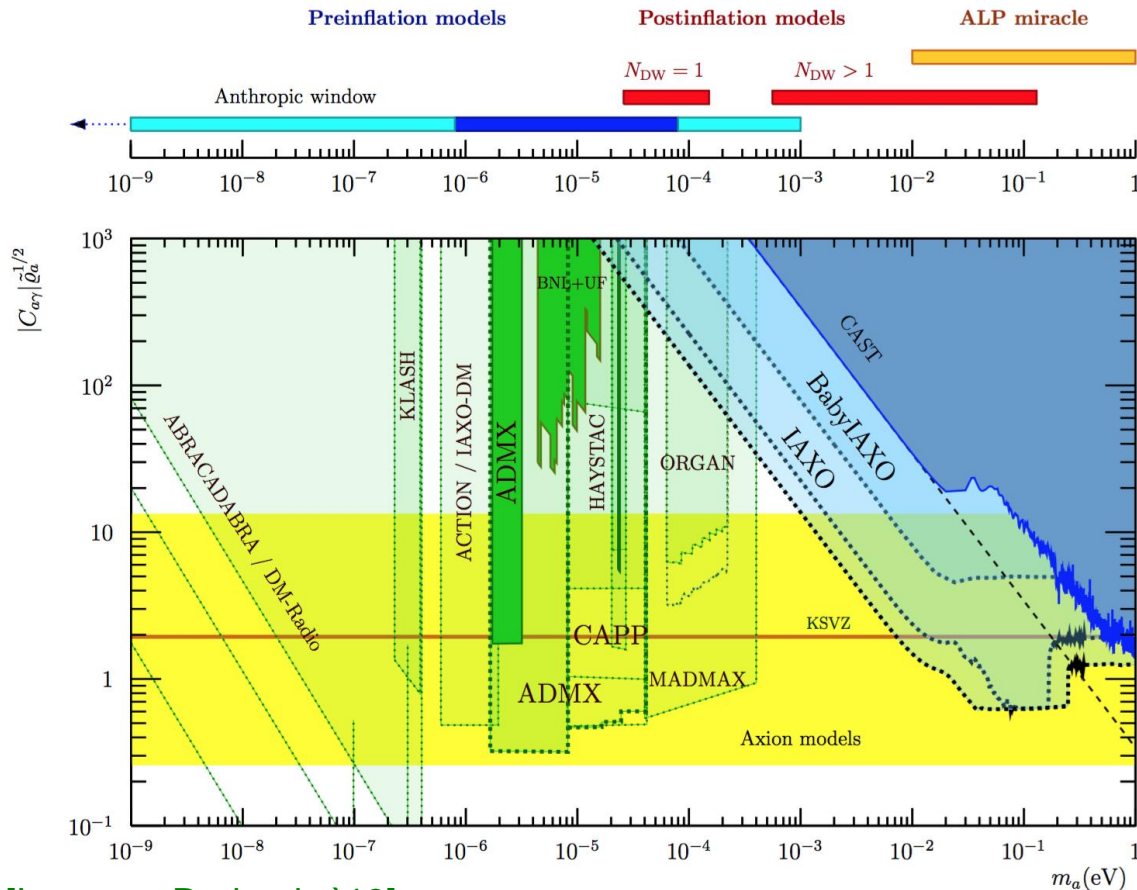
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AR,Saikawa `16]

- May postulate discrete symmetry to forbid lower dimensional operators e.g. [Dias et al. `14]
- Axion in this mass range may explain excessive stellar energy losses [Giannotti,Irastorza,Redondo,AR,Saikawa `17]

# Axion Dark Matter

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- Mass range will be probed in near future:

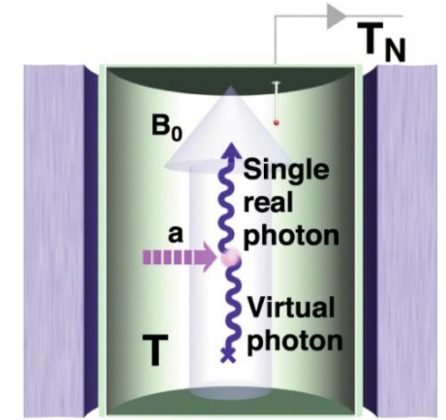


[Irastorza, Redondo `18]

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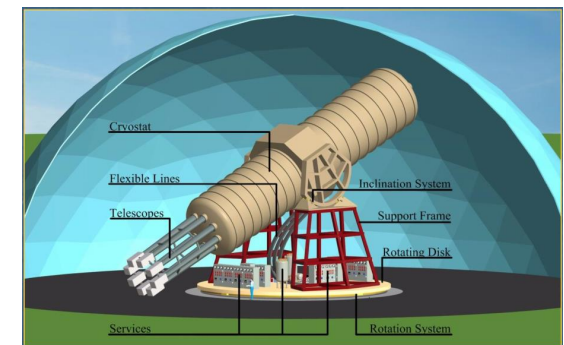
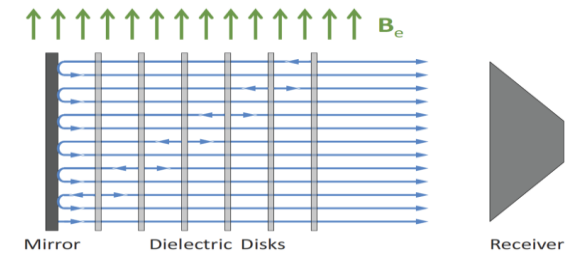
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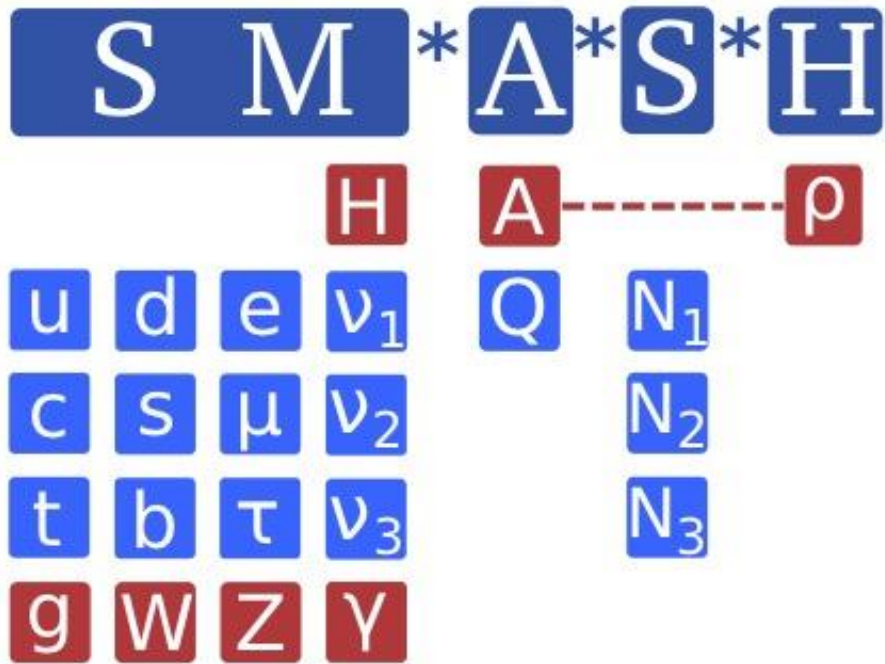
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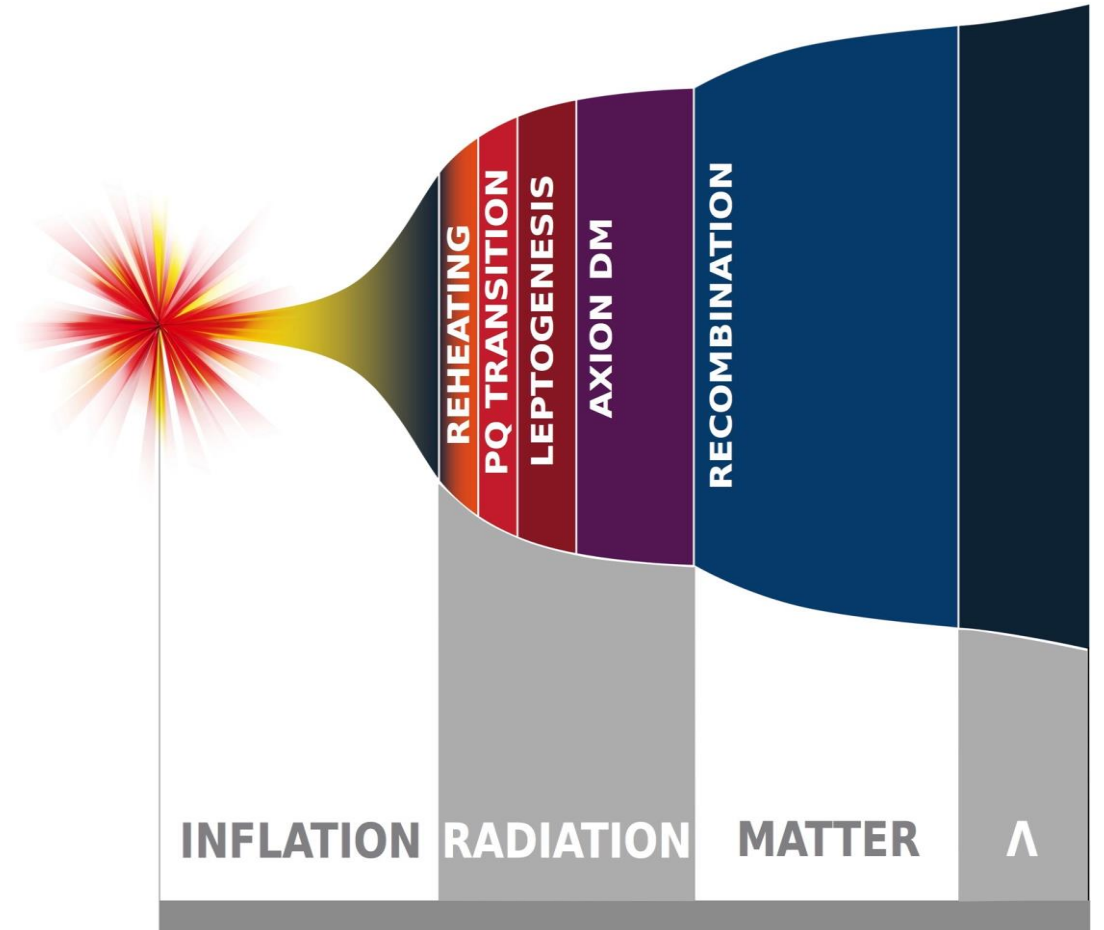
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- Complete and consistent history of the universe from inflation to now



[desy.de]

# Summary

- PQ extensions of SM very attractive:
  - Axion solves strong CP puzzle
  - Axion is dark matter candidate (for  $f_A \gtrsim 10^8 \text{ GeV} \Leftrightarrow m_A \lesssim 60 \text{ meV}$ )
  - Saxion/Higgs is inflaton candidate (for  $1 \gtrsim \xi_\sigma \simeq 2 \times 10^5 \sqrt{\lambda_\sigma} \gtrsim 10^{-3}$ )
- PQSM with saxion/Higgs inflation very predictive and thus experimentally testable in near future:
  - CMB observatories:  $r \gtrsim 0.004$ ;  $\Delta N_{\text{eff}}^\nu \gtrsim 0.03$
  - Axion dark matter experiments:  $m_A \gtrsim 30 \mu\text{eV}$

**STAY TUNED!**

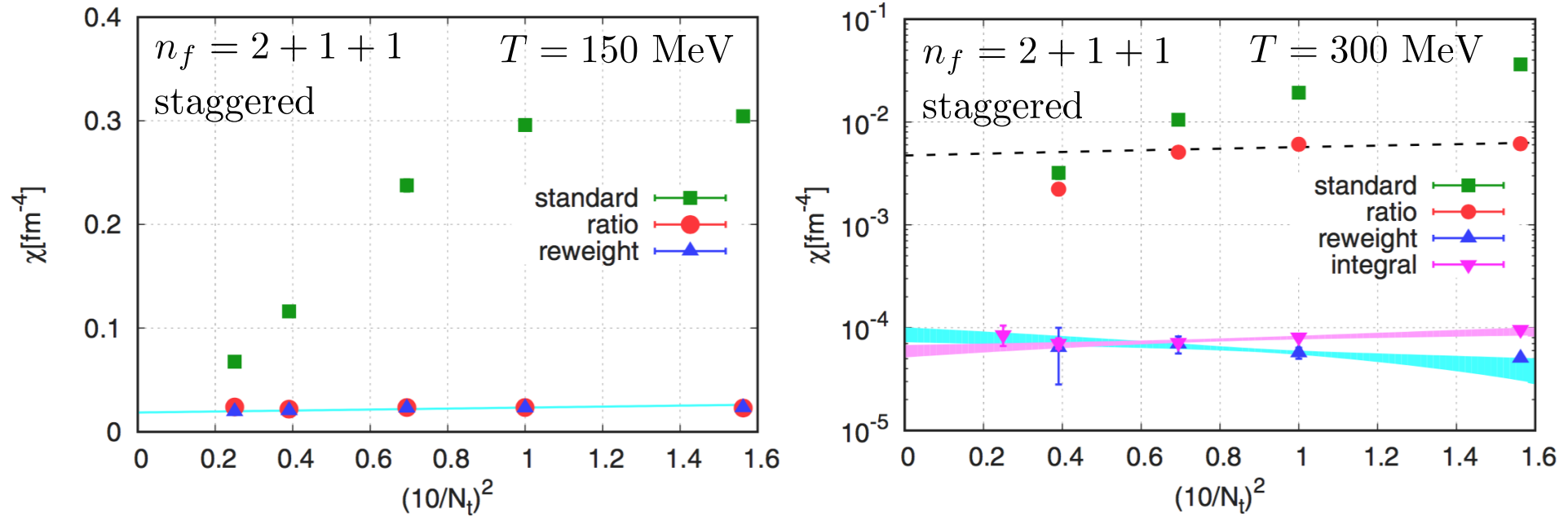
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- Topological susceptibility notoriously difficult to calculate on lattice
  1. Large cutoff effects when exploiting action with non-chiral quarks to calculate topological observables
  2. Tiny topological susceptibility needs extremely long simulation threads to observe enough changes of topological sectors
- Solutions of these problems:
  1. Eigenvalue reweighting technique: Substitute topology related eigenvalues of non-chiral quark Dirac operator with its corresponding eigenvalues in continuum
  2. Fixed sector integral technique: Measure logarithmic differential of topological susceptibility which is related to quantities to be measured in fixed topological sectors. Then integrate.

[Borsanyi et al. '16]

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- Comparison of lattice spacing dependence of topological susceptibility determined via different methods:

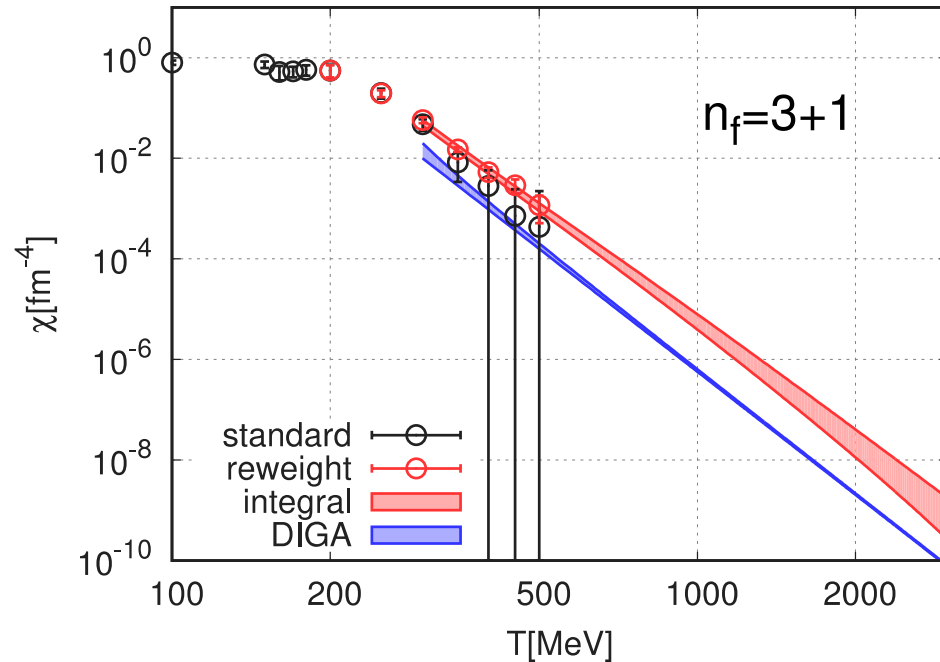


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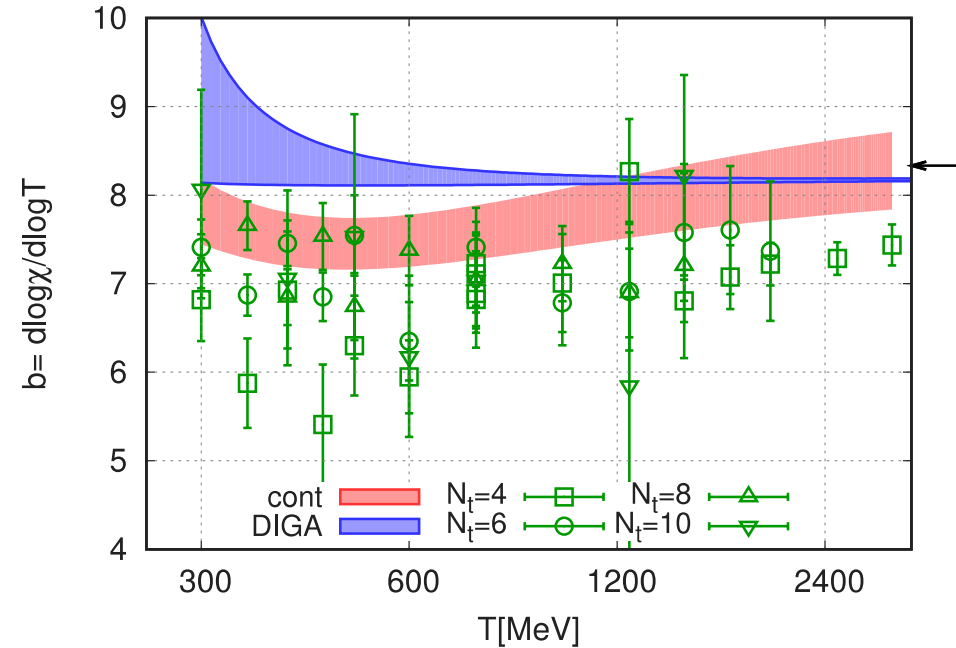
- At high temperatures, brute force („standard“) method and ratio method suffer from strong cutoff effects

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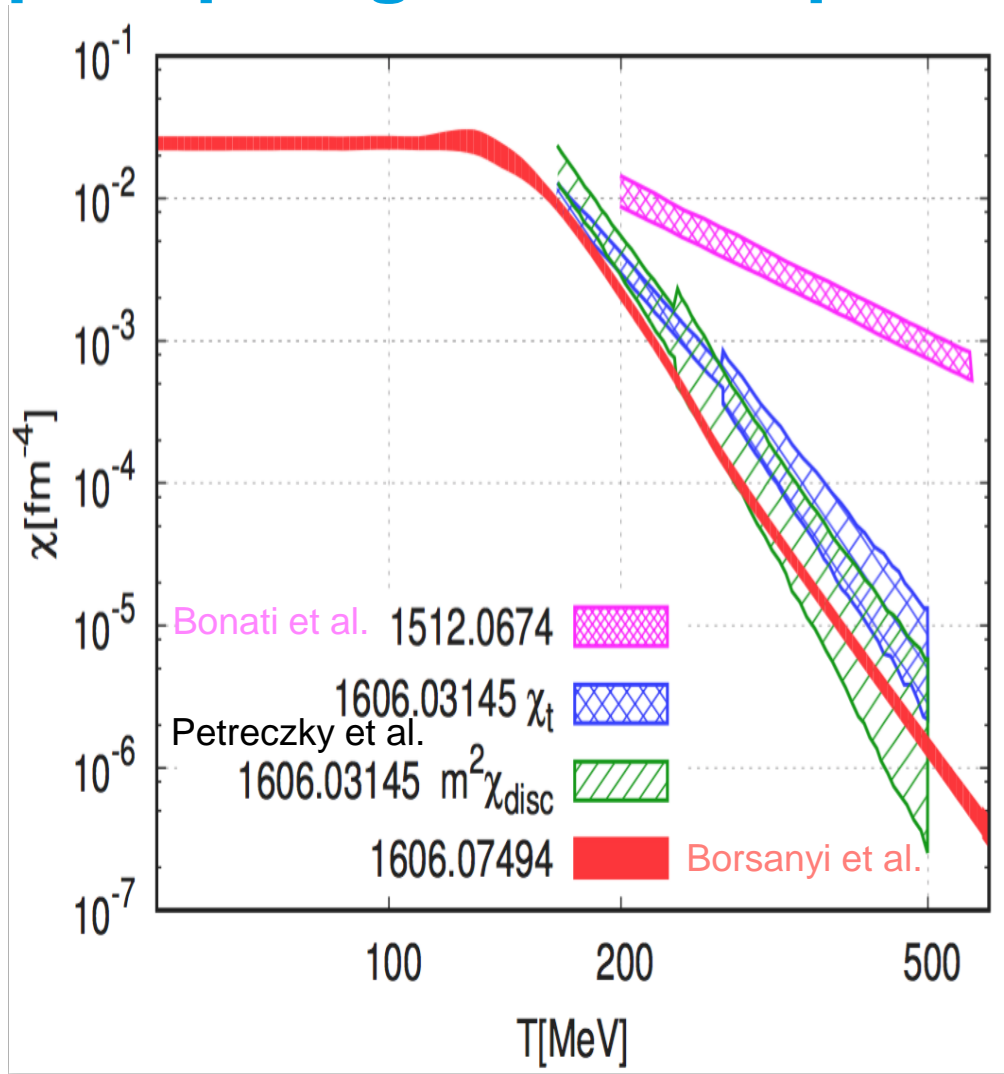


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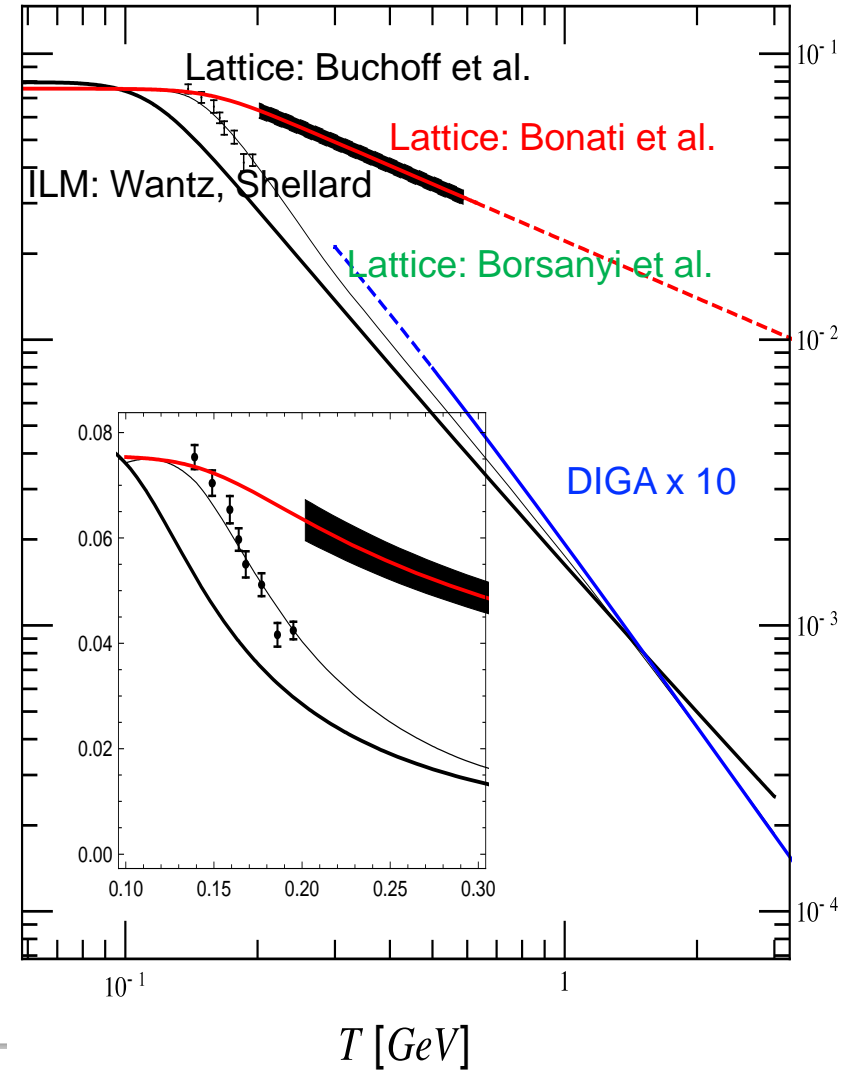


- Temperature slope close to dilute instanton gas approximation (DIGA)
- DIGA underestimates topological susceptibility by overall normalization „K factor“ of order ten (should be improved in two-loop DIGA)

# Back-Up: Topological Susceptibility



[Borsanyi `16]



[Ballesteros, Redondo, AR, Tamarit `16]

# Back-Up: DM Axion Mass in Post-Inflationary PQ SB Scenario

- For  $\kappa \gg 1$ , string's interactions with the long range PQ field ( $\propto f_A^2$ ) become less important relative to string evolution under tension ( $\propto f_A^2 \kappa$ )
- For  $\kappa \gg 1$ , string behavior should approach that of infinitely thin, i.e. local Nambu-Goto strings
- New method: exploit UV extension of PQ field theory, with additional comp-lex scalar and additional local U(1) symmetry, [Klaer, Moore `17]

$$T_{\text{str}} = \pi f_A^2 \kappa$$

$$\kappa = \ln(\sqrt{2\lambda_\sigma} f_A / H)$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{NG}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{GS}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{KR}},$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{NG}} = \bar{\kappa} \pi f_A^2 \int d\sigma \sqrt{y'^2(\sigma)(1 - \dot{y}^2(\sigma))},$$

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$$H_{\mu\nu\alpha} = f_A \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \partial^\beta \theta = \partial_\mu A_{\nu\alpha} + \text{cyclic},$$

$$j^{\mu\nu} = -2\pi f_A \int d\sigma (v^\mu y'^\nu - v^\nu y'^\mu) \delta^3(x - y(\sigma))$$

$$-\mathcal{L}(\varphi_1, \varphi_2, A_\mu) = \frac{1}{4e^2} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \left| (\partial_\mu - iq_1 A_\mu) \varphi_1 \right|^2 + \left| (\partial_\mu - iq_2 A_\mu) \varphi_2 \right|^2$$

$$+ \frac{m_1^2}{8v_1^2} \left( 2\varphi_1^* \varphi_1 - v_1^2 \right)^2 + \frac{m_2^2}{8v_2^2} \left( 2\varphi_2^* \varphi_2 - v_2^2 \right)^2 + \frac{\lambda_{12}}{2} \left( 2\varphi_1^* \varphi_1 - v_1^2 \right) \left( 2\varphi_2^* \varphi_2 - v_2^2 \right)$$



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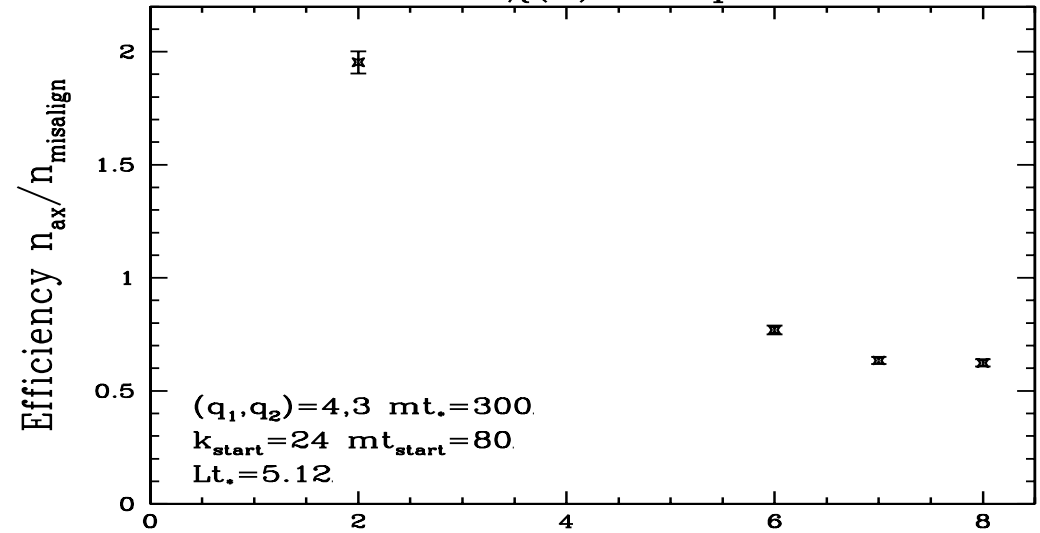
- Simple sum

$$\Omega_A^{\text{tot}} = \Omega_A^{\text{vr}} + \Omega_A^{\text{string+wall}}$$

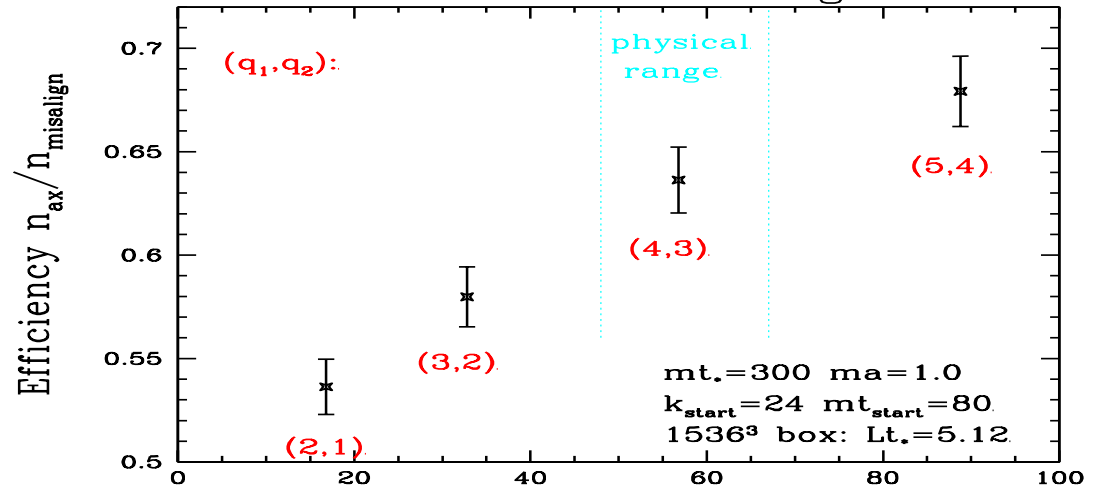
double counts

- Energy in domain walls is the energy of field misalignment, from values  $\theta \sim \pi$

Effect of  $\chi(T)$  steepness



$\chi$ -steepness  $n$  ( $\chi \propto T^{-n}$ )  
Axion Production vs String Tension



[Klaer, Moore '17]  $\kappa$  (string tension)

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  - [Dias et al. `14; Ballesteros et al. `16]
  - [Ernst,AR,Tamarit `18 and in prep.]
- Minimal scalar sector predicts GUT-scale decay constant
- Need to extend scalar sector in order to accommodate smaller decay constant

Minimal  $SO(10) \times U(1)_{PQ}$  models:

	$16_F$	$\overline{126}_H$	$10_H$	$210_H$	$45_H$	$S$	$10_F$	$N$
Model 1	1	-2	-2	4	-	-	-	3
Model 2.1	1	-2	-2	0	4	-	-	3
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