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Abstract:

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Begin with another anthropic coincidence:

We live in a string vacuum

(because string theory addresses all the basic issues)

Without TeV scale data it would become essentially impossible to gain an understanding of our string vacuum – this scale emerges from compactification and supersymmetry breaking, etc. – so the data tells us about those, and how the ground state emerges

At the limit of technology, and the limit of cost, and the limit of society's tolerance for funding acquisition of knowledge, we are barely able to study the TeV scale -- And the laws of electromagnetism allow it!

So, remarkably, we live in a universe where we can describe and understand our string vacuum!

What do we want to understand about our string vacuum?

- What stabilizes the hierarchy between the weak and Planck scales?
- Why our forces $[SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)]$ and our fundamental particles?
- How is the electroweak symmetry broken?
- Supersymmetry? How is it broken?
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- How do the fermion masses and their hierarchy originate?
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These are what need
explaining

Three things have led some particle theorists to take seriously the idea of the multiverse

- Many solutions of string theory
- Eternal inflation
- No explanation yet of why the cosmological constant is small, or its value

What does the landscape or the multiverse have to do with learning about our string vacuum, and what we want to understand?

Two related perspectives:

- Seems to be “orthogonal” – IIB flux vacua, counting, do not seem to affect any understanding of the issues above – seems to be many equivalent vacua *with any given set of phenomenological properties*
- In constructing any particular vacuum, do not expect to get a small CC – Calculate a scalar potential, and must tune its value at the minimum to be small – may be crucial to do so -- can only do that tuning if have enough essentially equivalent vacua – Doing that seems to give testable predictions about LHC signatures, dark matter, etc!

Most of rest of talk – pursue the 2nd point:

- Take as an example our M theory compactification on a G2 manifold and illustrate how the tuning may work, and how it implies predictions – and how it addresses most of what we would like to understand about our vacuum
- Discuss a little how much we can hope to calculate about any particular string vacuum?
 - everything?
 - nothing – i.e. can we find ours
 - everything but CC? – *argumentum ad antiquitatem* [for our purposes, if you haven't been able to calculate something so far, you will never be able to calculate it]?
- Briefly discuss superposition of vacua to explain why CC is not large – Bloch spectrum – relax to lowest state – gives a different inflation approach, predictive

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STRINGY

- 7 compact dimensions form a space with G_2 holonomy, preserves $N=1$ supersymmetry in 4D
- ❑ **No fluxes** -- not needed for stabilization in our case, tend to raise masses to string scale
- In these vacua, non-Abelian gauge fields localized along 3D submanifolds at which there is an orbifold singularity [Acharya, [th/9812205](#); [th/0011089](#); Acharya-Gukov [th/0409191](#)]
- Chiral fermions localized at points at which there are conical singularities [Acharya and Witten, [th/0109152](#), Acharya and Gukov, [th/0409191](#); Araya and Witten, [th/0107177](#)]
- Generically two 3D submanifolds do not intersect in a 7D space, so no light matter fields charged under both SM gauge group and hidden sector gauge groups \rightarrow susy breaking generically gravity mediated in these vacua

A set of Kahler potentials, consistent with G_2 holonomy and known to describe some explicit examples, was given by Beasley-Witten [th/0203061](#); Acharya, Denef, Valandro [th/0502060](#), with

$$K = -3 \ln(4\pi^{1/3} V_X)$$

$$V_X = \prod_{i=1}^N s_i^{a_i}, \text{ with } \sum_{i=1}^N a_i = 7/3$$

The a_i are rational numbers.

Assume hidden sector gaugino condensation

$$W = \sum_{k=1}^M A_k e^{ib_k f_k}$$

gauge kinetic function

One term enough to stabilize all relevant moduli generically – but we are not guaranteed to be in region where supergravity approximations valid

Keep two terms for analytic treatments, more numerically – enough to find solutions with good properties such as being in supergravity regime, simple enough to do most calculations semi-analytically (as well as numerically) – have checked some results more generally

$b_k = 2\pi/c_k$ where c_k are dual coxeter numbers of hidden sector gauge groups --- A_k are constants of order unity, and depend on threshold corrections to gauge couplings, some computed by Friedmann and Witten

The gauge kinetic functions here are integer linear combinations of all the moduli (Lukas, Morris th/0305078),

$$f_k = \sum_{i=1}^N N_i^k z_i.$$

The microscopic constants a_i , b_k , A_k , N_i^k are determined for a given G_2 manifold (but not yet known for relevant ones) --they completely characterize the vacua -- these constants not dependent on moduli

Focus analytically on the (well-motivated) case where two hidden sector gauge kinetic functions are equal (the corresponding three-cycles are in the same homology class)

Include massless hidden sector quark states Q with N_c colors, N_f flavors, $N_f < N_c$ -- then (Affleck, Dine, Seiberg PRL 51(1983)1026, Seiberg hep-th/9402044, hep-th/9309335, see also Lebedev, Nilles, Ratz th/0603047)

$$W = A_1 e^{i \frac{2\pi}{N_c - N_f} \sum_{i=1}^N N_i^{(1)} z_i} \det(\tilde{Q} Q)^{-\frac{1}{N_c - N_f}} = A_1 \phi^a e^{i b_1 f_1}$$

and define an effective meson field

$$\phi \equiv \left(\det(\tilde{Q} Q) \right)^{1/2} = \phi_0 e^{i\theta}$$

The N=1 SUGRA scalar potential is then given by:

$$\begin{aligned}
 V = & \frac{e^{\phi_0^2}}{48\pi V_X^3} [(b_1^2 A_1^2 \phi_0^{2a} e^{-2b_1 \vec{\nu} \cdot \vec{a}} + b_2^2 A_2^2 e^{-2b_2 \vec{\nu} \cdot \vec{a}} + 2b_1 b_2 A_1 A_2 \phi_0^a e^{-(b_1+b_2) \vec{\nu} \cdot \vec{a}} \cos((b_1 - b_2) \vec{N} \cdot \vec{t} + a\theta)) \\
 & \times \sum_{i=1}^N a_i (\nu_i)^2 + 3(\vec{\nu} \cdot \vec{a}) (b_1 A_1^2 \phi_0^{2a} e^{-2b_1 \vec{\nu} \cdot \vec{a}} + b_2 A_2^2 e^{-2b_2 \vec{\nu} \cdot \vec{a}} + (b_1 + b_2) A_1 A_2 \phi_0^a e^{-(b_1+b_2) \vec{\nu} \cdot \vec{a}} \\
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 & \times \cos((b_1 - b_2) \vec{N} \cdot \vec{t} + a\theta)) + \frac{3}{4} \phi_0^2 (A_1^2 \phi_0^{2a} \left(\frac{a}{\phi_0^2} + 1 \right)^2 e^{-2b_1 \vec{\nu} \cdot \vec{a}} + A_2^2 e^{-2b_2 \vec{\nu} \cdot \vec{a}} \\
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 \end{aligned} \tag{101}$$

- Can minimize the above potential analytically in the large hidden sector 3-cycle volume approximation (i.e. volumes >1 , supergravity approximation valid). Consistently take higher order effects into account.
- After long analysis, find to lowest order $[P, Q]$ ranks of hidden sector gauge groups]

$Q-P > 2$

$$s_i = \frac{a_i \nu}{N_i}, \quad \text{with} \quad \nu \approx \frac{3}{14\pi} \frac{PQ}{Q-P} \log \left(\frac{A_1 Q}{A_2 P} \right)$$

$$\phi_0^2 \approx 1 - \frac{2}{Q-P} + \sqrt{1 - \frac{2}{Q-P}} - \frac{7}{P \log \left(\frac{A_1 Q}{A_2 P} \right)} \left(\frac{3}{2} + \sqrt{1 - \frac{2}{Q-P}} \right)$$

P_{eff}

“unique” for a given set of microscopic parameters.

- leading order condition for energy density at minimum to be positive easy to satisfy \rightarrow deSitter minimum, metastable

$$3 - \frac{8}{Q-P} - \frac{28}{P \log\left(\frac{A_1 Q}{A_2 P}\right)} < 0$$

- equality makes potential vanish at minimum \rightarrow

$$P \log\left(\frac{A_1 Q}{A_2 P}\right) = \frac{28(Q-P)}{3(Q-P)-8}$$

$$Q-P=3$$

- $\rightarrow \sim 30\%$ of entire parameter space (defined so supergravity valid) has gravitino mass $\lesssim 100$ TeV – once use condition to give zero at minimum, **all** solutions below ~ 100 TeV
- \rightarrow Gaugino masses suppressed over entire parameter space by stringy factor $P_{\text{eff}} \lesssim 84$

Recall – no fluxes, no anti-branes – susy broken spontaneously

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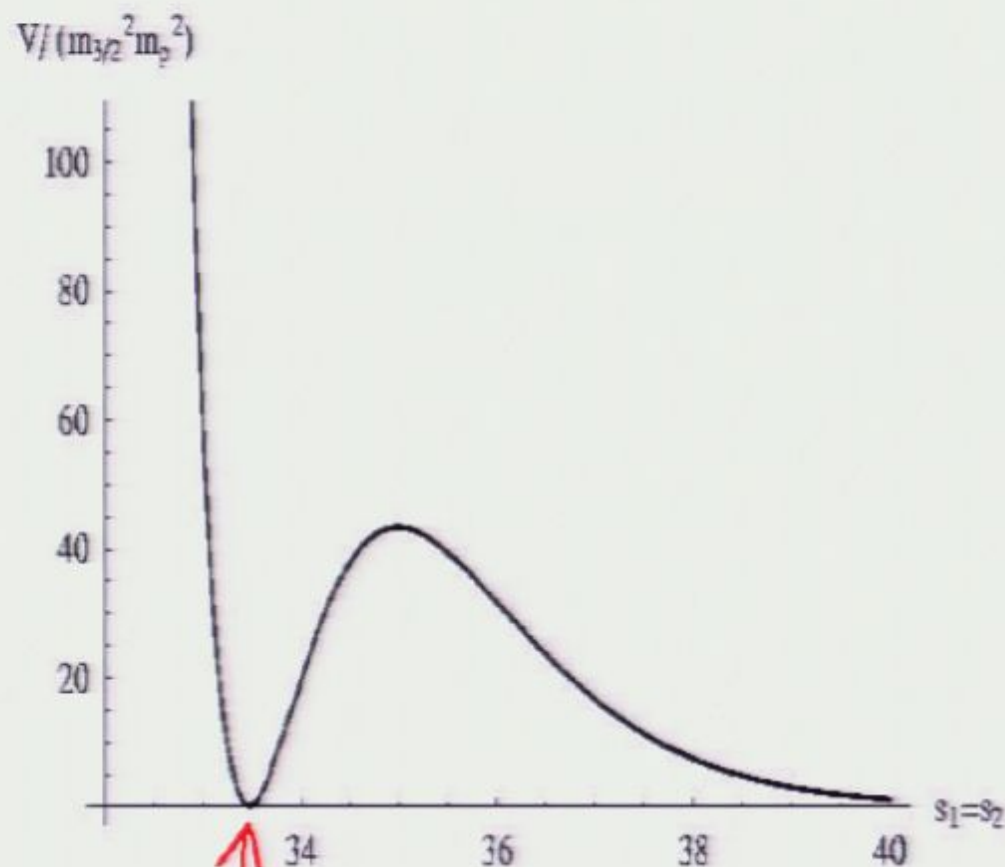


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Compute GRAVITINO MASS

$$m_{3/2} = m_p \sqrt{2\pi^3} A_2 \left| \frac{P}{Q} \phi_0^{-\frac{2}{P}} - 1 \right| \left(\frac{28Q}{3(Q-P)-8} \right)^{-\frac{7}{2}} e^{-\frac{28}{3(Q-P)-8}} \prod_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{7N_i}{3a_i} \right)^{\frac{3a_i}{2}} e^{\phi_0^2/2}$$

where the meson vev is now given by:

$$\phi_0^2 \approx -\frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{Q-P} + \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{1 - \frac{2}{Q-P}} + \frac{2}{Q-P} \sqrt{1 - \frac{2}{Q-P}}.$$

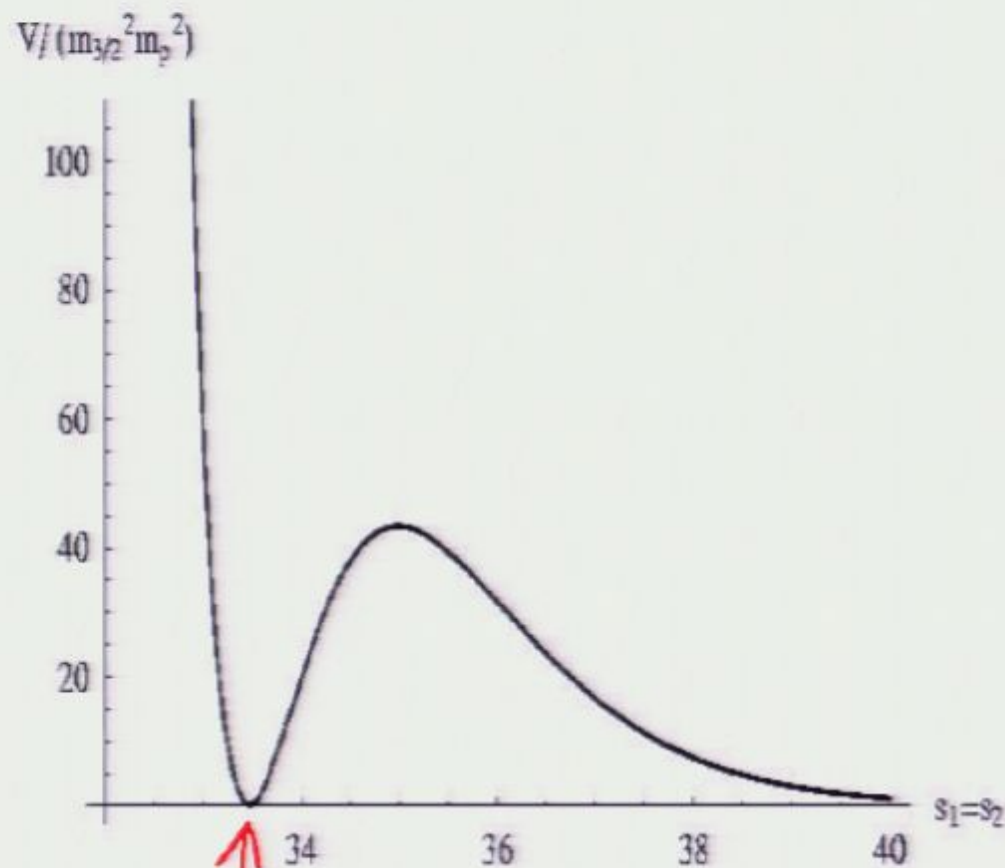


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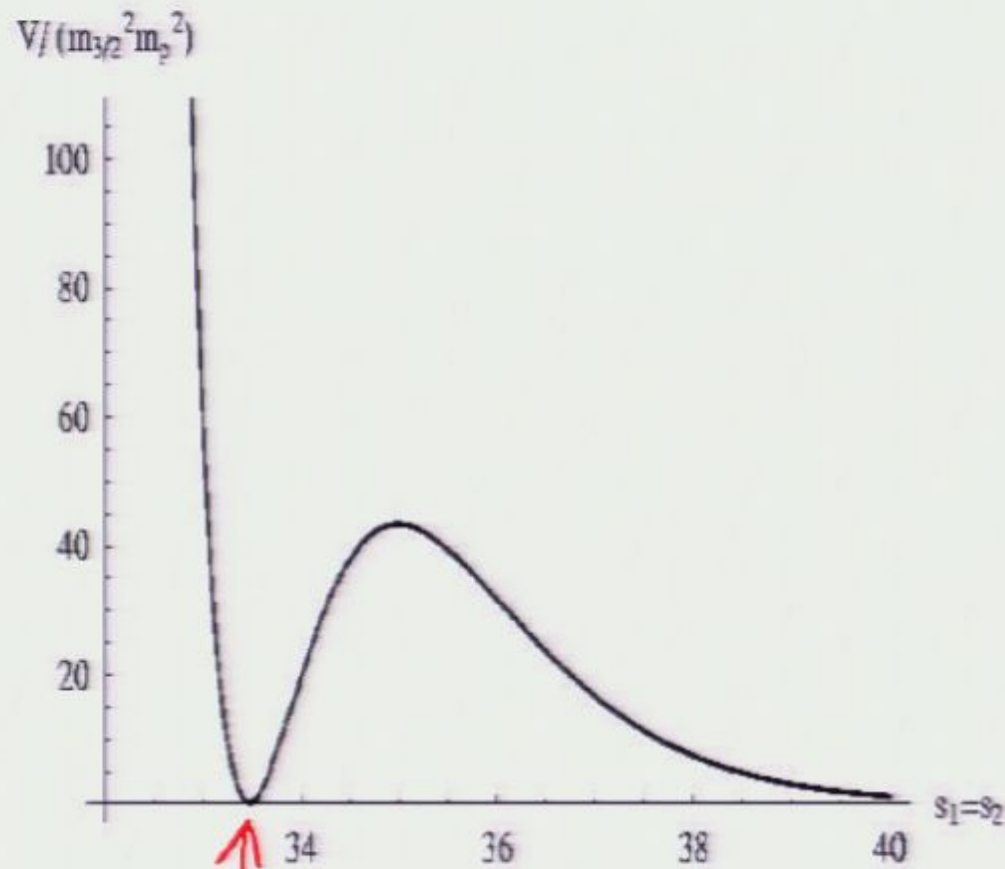


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Condition from setting CC to zero at tree level seems to imply a relation between small CC and $M_{3/2} \sim \text{TeV}$
→ do not have to *independently* tune CC to be small and $M_{3/2}$ to be $\sim \text{TeV}$!

TREE LEVEL GAUGINO MASSES

- Universal since assume SU(5) or similar unification near string scale
- With same assumptions as used so far, get

$$M \approx - \frac{e^{-i\gamma_W}}{P \log\left(\frac{A_1 Q}{A_2 P}\right)} \left(1 + \frac{2}{\phi_0^2 (Q - P)} + \frac{7}{\phi_0^2 P \log\left(\frac{A_1 Q}{A_2 P}\right)} \right) \times \underline{m_{3/2}}$$

- Independent of SM or hidden sector gauge kinetic functions and details of internal manifold (a_i) and number of moduli N
- Gaugino masses suppressed by factor that depends (only) on microscopic theory, corrections $\sim 1/(\text{volume of 3-cycle})$

$$M \approx - \frac{e^{-i\gamma_W}}{84} \left(1 + \frac{2}{3\phi_0^2} + \frac{7}{84\phi_0^2} \right) \times m_{3/2} \approx -e^{-i\gamma_W} \underline{0.024 \times m_{3/2}}$$

- Anomaly mediated gaugino masses

Gaillard, Nelson, Wu, hep-th/0905122; Bagger et. al.: hep-th/9911029

$$(M)_a^{mn} = -\frac{g_a^2}{16\pi^2} \left[-\left(3C_a - \sum_\alpha C_a^\alpha\right) e^{\tilde{K}/2} W^* + \left(C_a - \sum_\alpha C_a^\alpha\right) e^{\tilde{K}/2} F^m K_m + 2 \sum_\alpha C_a^\alpha e^{\tilde{K}/2} F^m \partial_m \ln \tilde{K}_\alpha \right]$$

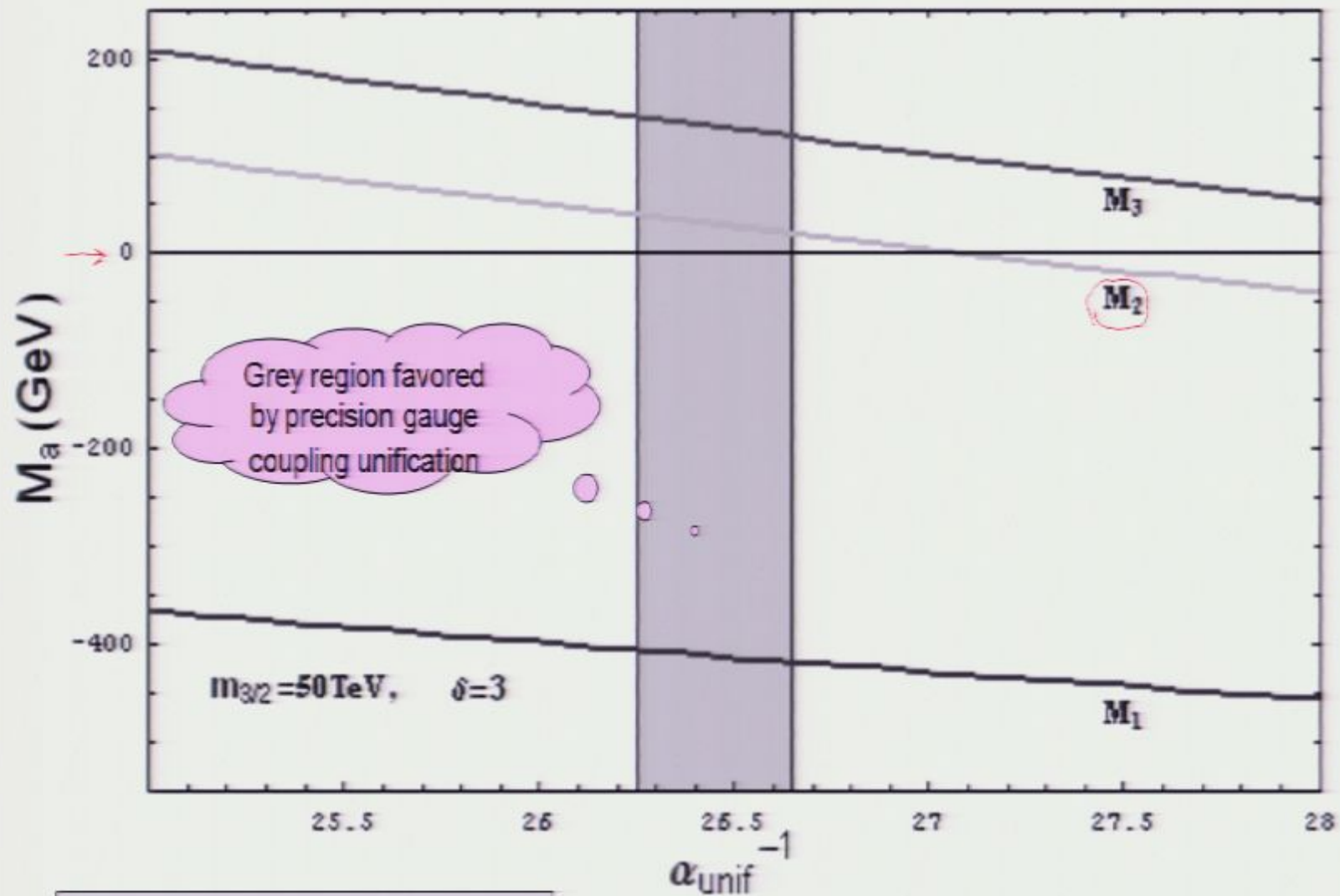
--Note depends on α_{unif} -- potential contributions from KK threshold effects zero here

- Lift the Type IIA Kahler potential (Bertolini et al th/0512067) to M-theory.

$$\tilde{K}_{\bar{\alpha}\beta} = \delta_{\bar{\alpha}\beta} \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\Gamma(1-\theta_i^\alpha)}{\Gamma(\theta_i^\alpha)} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \quad \tan(\pi\theta_i^\alpha) = c_i^\alpha(s_i)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

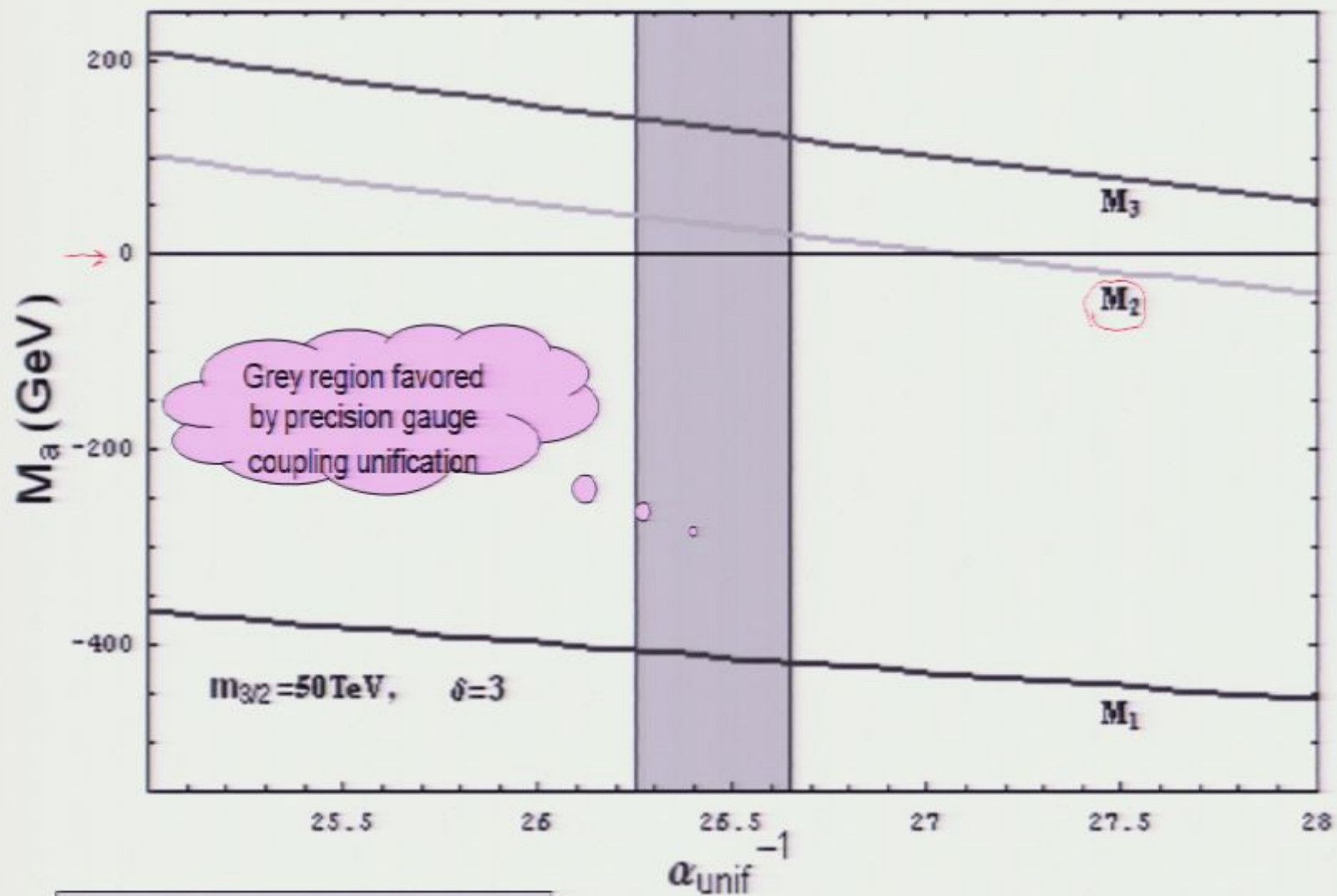
Tree level and anomaly mediated contributions almost same size, so major cancellations, depending on α_{unif} -- somewhat surprising

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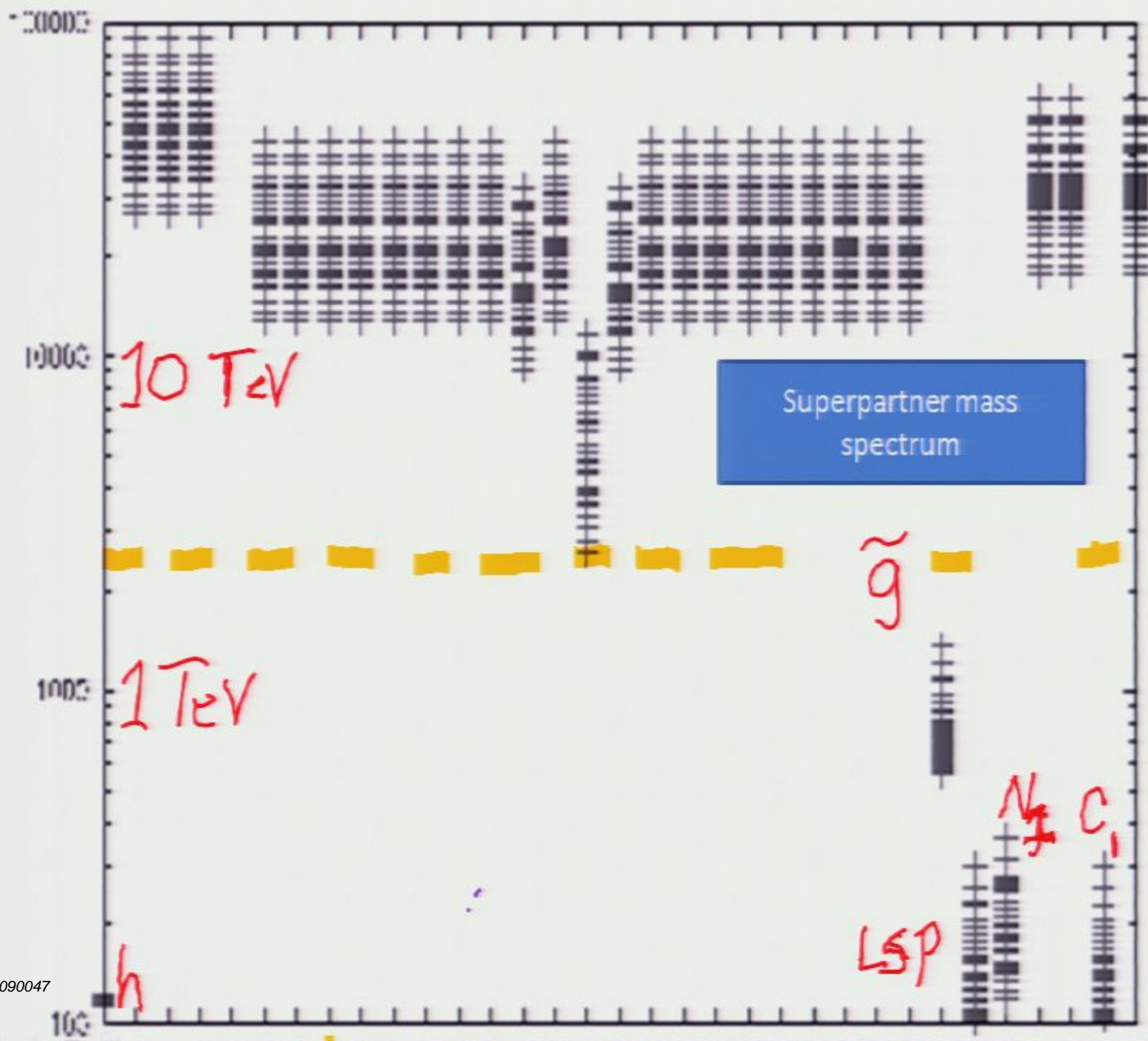
High scale scalar masses

$$m_\alpha^2 \approx \cancel{V_0} + m_{3/2}^2 \left[1 + \frac{9}{4P^2 \ln^2 \left(\frac{A_1 Q}{A_2 P} \right)} \left(1 + \frac{2}{(Q-P)\phi_0^2} + \frac{7}{\phi_0^2 P \ln \left(\frac{A_1 Q}{A_2 P} \right)} \right)^2 \right. \\ \left. \times \frac{1}{4\pi} \sum_i \left\{ l^2 \psi_i^\alpha \sin^2(2\pi\theta_i^\alpha) + l^2 \psi_i^\alpha \sin(4\pi\theta_i^\alpha) - 2l \psi_i^\alpha \sin(2\pi\theta_i^\alpha) \right\} \right]$$

- If we require zero CC at tree-level and $Q - P = 3$:

$$m_\alpha^2 \approx m_{3/2}^2 \left[1 - \frac{0.0013}{4\pi} \sum_i \left\{ l^2 \psi_i^\alpha \sin^2(2\pi\theta_i^\alpha) + l^2 \psi_i^\alpha \sin(4\pi\theta_i^\alpha) - 2l \psi_i^\alpha \sin(2\pi\theta_i^\alpha) \right\} \right]$$

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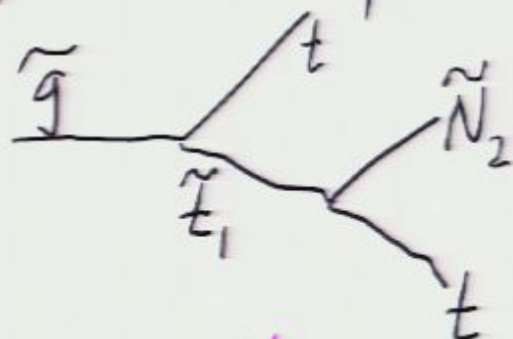


- gluinos produced, $\sigma \sim \text{few pb}$
- RGE running from $M_{3/2}$ and scalar scale gives lightest stop significantly lighter than other scalars (few TeV), so it dominates gluino decay

$$\tilde{t}_1 \approx \tilde{t}_R, \quad \tilde{N}_1 \approx \tilde{W}^0, \quad \tilde{C}_1^\pm \approx \tilde{W}_1^\pm$$

• So \tilde{N}_1, \tilde{C}_1 mainly don't couple to \tilde{t}_1

• So dominant gluino decay is



→ 4 tops!
+ ...

• Also some $\tilde{g} \rightarrow tb\tilde{C}_1^\pm$ from mixing, and $\tilde{g} \rightarrow \tilde{N}_2 g \sim \frac{1}{2}\%$

• $\tilde{N}_2 \rightarrow W\tilde{C}$
→ $l\nu, q'\bar{q}$

Assume tuning allowed – naively need $\sim 10^{90}$ vacua with SM forces and quarks and leptons, essentially same superpartner spectra, etc

Actually, if just use criterion that don't want to affect LHC predictions, could use ~ 10 GeV, so $\sim 10^{40}$ – but maybe many of the others excluded by Weinberg anthropic argument – need to know measure to say that, and can in principle calculate the measure – interesting to work out which predictions, explanations need CC small

But do need multiverse to understand our string vacuum!

Having ***small*** CC (< few GeV) has indirect implications for our string vacuum as well – gaugino masses suppressed, observable – dark matter and its relic density – etc

Actual value of CC, i.e. dark energy, seems not to be important here

Assumed some LHC signal – supersymmetry only interesting one
since it can connect the EW, TeV scales with the “Planck” scale

Supersymmetry has an “ultraviolet completion”

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Red, plus LEP/Tevatron
light Higgs, and no effects
BTSM point to
supersymmetry

What can we calculate in our string vacuum?

- measure a few things, calculate some, understand list
- also calculate CC? small? Value?

Now turn to a phenomenological approach/framework to early universe cosmology, in which quantum fluctuations

- o could give a small positive non-anthropic cosmological constant, and
- o could give satisfactory inflation without scalar field inflatons

- several major assumptions
- first summarize approach and examine if phenomenologically all right
 - then hope to fill in top-down derivations of assumptions
- summarize issues and obstacles
- unconventional

hep-th/0311152 GK, Perry, Zytchow

- basic idea, coherent wave function of the universe over many vacua, quantum mechanics \rightarrow Bloch band structure – field theory calculation

hep-th/0407217 GK, Perry Zytchow

- de Sitter two well tunneling

hep-th/0610054 Adams, Watson, GK, Perry

- inflation from quantum fluctuation energy densities in Bloch levels

OVERVIEW

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Radiation (gravitons, massless string states) emitted from transitions to lower levels, plus initial amount

Inflation ends when $\rho_\Lambda \approx \rho_{rad}$, and $\rho_\Lambda \approx \rho_{\Lambda,0} e^{-\Gamma t}$,

so $\rho_{rad,end} \approx \rho_{\Lambda,0} e^{-\Gamma t_{end}}$

Number of efolds about $H t_{end} \approx 60$, so $\rho_{rad,end} \sim \rho_{\Lambda,0} e^{-3}$

$$3H^2 = \frac{8\pi}{M_p^2} (\rho_\Lambda + \rho_r),$$

$$\frac{\ddot{a}}{a} = \frac{8\pi}{3M_p^2} (\rho_\Lambda - \rho_r),$$

$$\dot{\rho}_\Lambda = -\Gamma \rho_\Lambda,$$

$$\dot{\rho}_r = -4H \rho_r + \Gamma \rho_\Lambda.$$

-- Radiation can be helpful in avoiding overshoot problem for stabilizing moduli [Brustein, de Alwis, Martens th/0408160]

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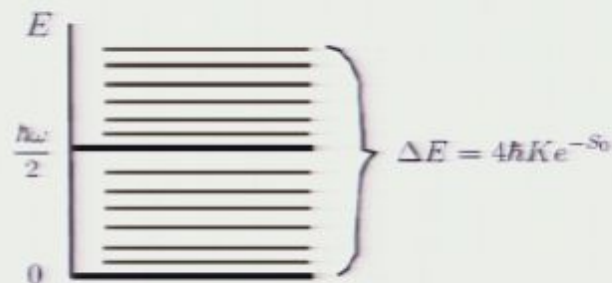
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For our case:

- Minima not points in physical space, rather particular (e.g. Calabi-Yau) spaces corresponding to a particular vacuum state – each has SM gauge group, approximate couplings, three families etc but different hidden $U(1)$ charges, interchanges of moduli in gauge kinetic function, brane-antibrane pairs, etc
- Usual use of instantons is as mechanism so universe can start in some vacuum and evolve to a different one – here not spacetime tunneling but a mechanism for a non-perturbative calculation of the energy spectrum

Generalize to field theory [th/0311152]

- Energy \rightarrow energy density
- Eigenstates of Hamiltonian will have wave functions spread out over many minima – Hawking-Moss tunneling removes degeneracies, pushing levels up and down repeatedly
- Suppose potential consists of d-dimensional hypercube lattice of minima in field space – d determined by which minima can communicate with each other via instantons (not usual tunneling) – separate θ for each direction – repeat calculation

$$\rho(\{\theta_i\}) = \rho_0 - 2 \sum_i^d \mathcal{K} \cos \theta_i e^{-S_0/\hbar}$$

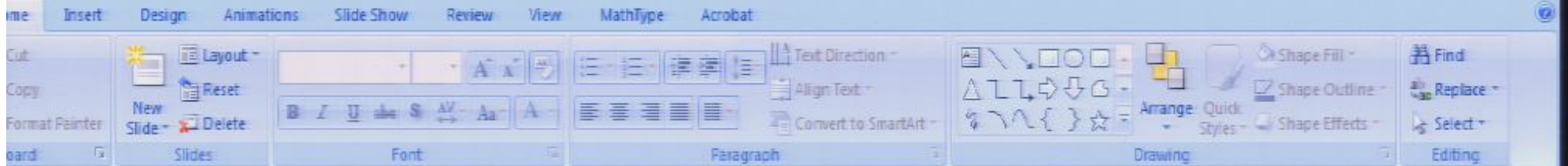
- So ground state $\rho_{min} = \rho_0 - 2\mathcal{K}d e^{-S_0/\hbar}$
- Cannot calculate ρ_{min} yet, assume small

Superpositions, decoherence

- As inflation begins, in 4D world – wave function is superposition of states with Standard Model, trace over many unobserved degrees of freedom of 6D or 7D world, string excitations, KK modes from compactification, U(1) charges, etc, etc
- Degeneracies are surely present, not enough known about string vacua to give up
- Two issues – early superposition – late coherence, as inflation ends
- If late transitions rapid enough perhaps they preserve the superposition properties as a relic of the superposition era
- Dienes, Thomas [arXiv:0806.3364](https://arxiv.org/abs/0806.3364)

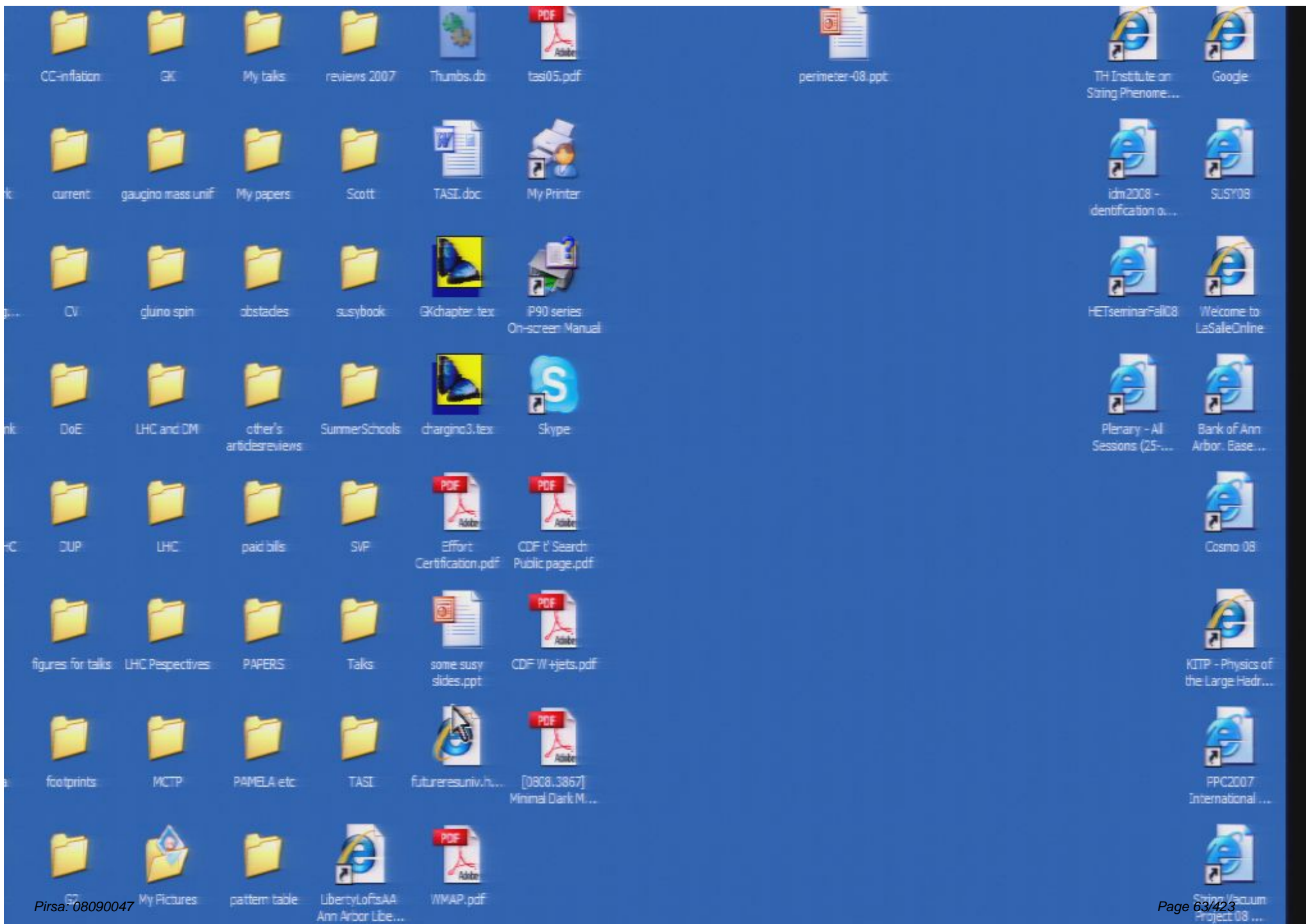
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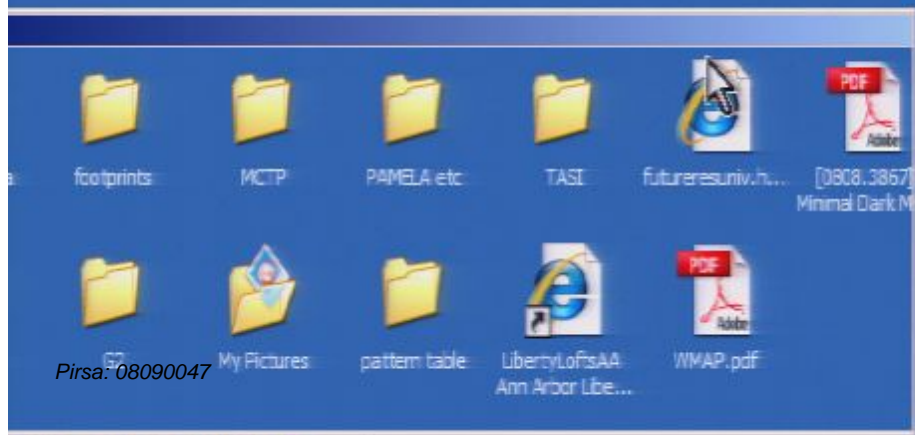
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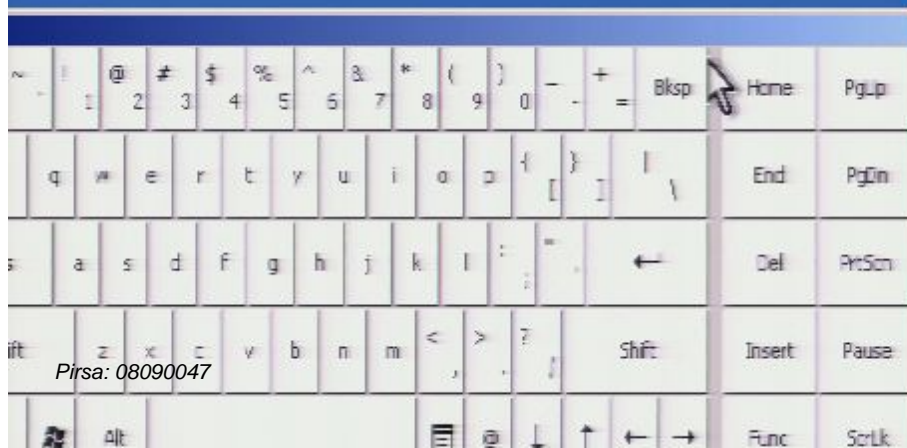


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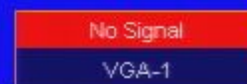
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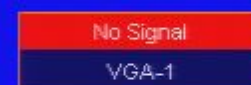
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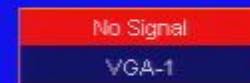
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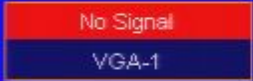


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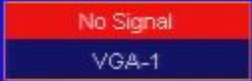
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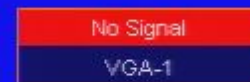






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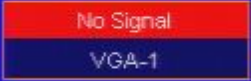




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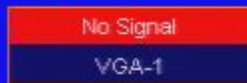
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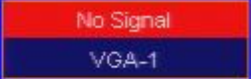
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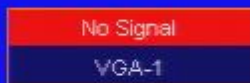
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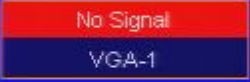
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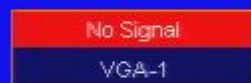


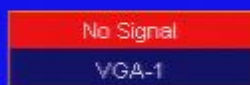




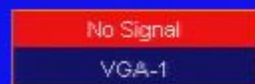


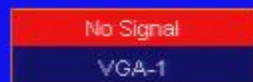


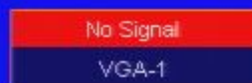




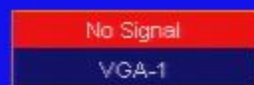




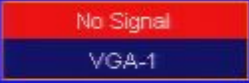


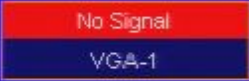


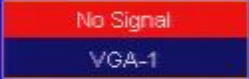


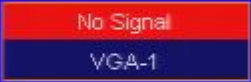


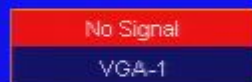


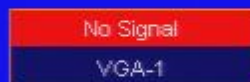




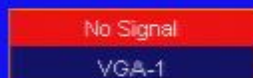












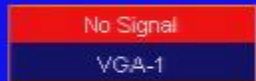


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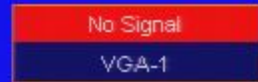
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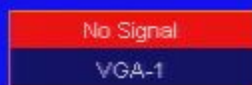
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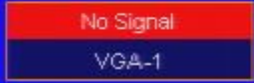
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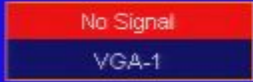
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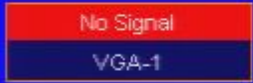
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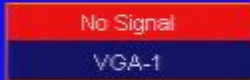


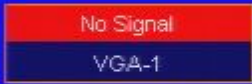




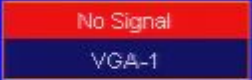




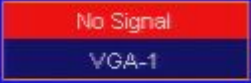




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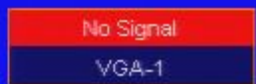






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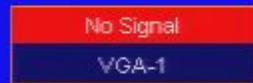
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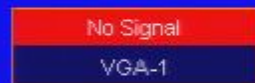


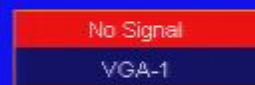


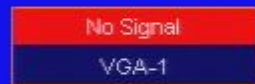


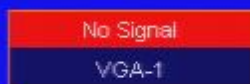


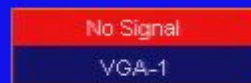


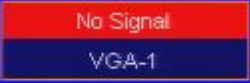


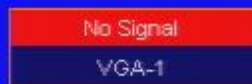


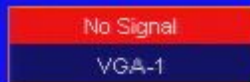




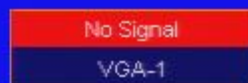












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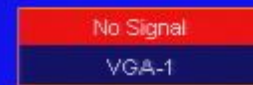
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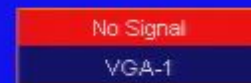
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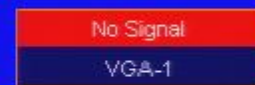


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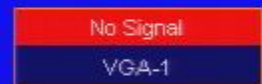




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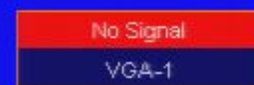
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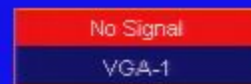
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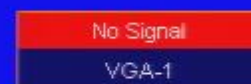




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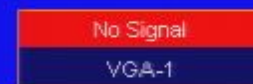
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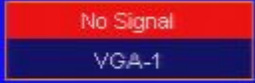


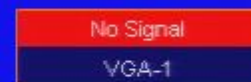


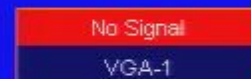
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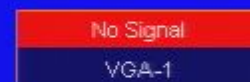














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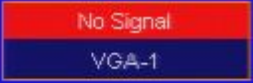
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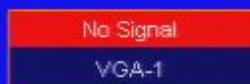
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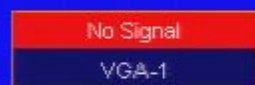


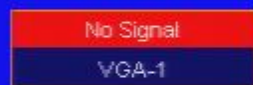


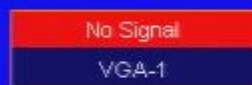


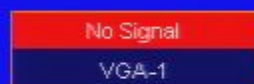


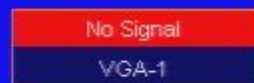
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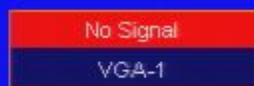








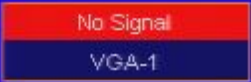


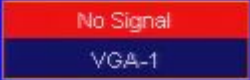


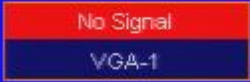


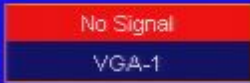


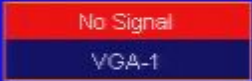


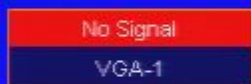


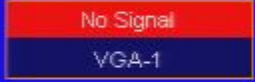


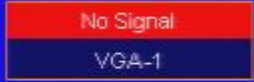


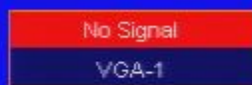








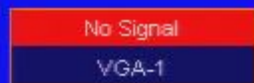






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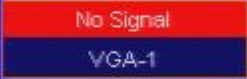


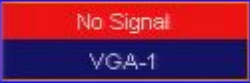
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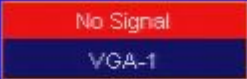
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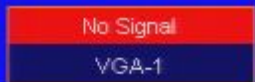
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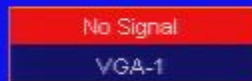
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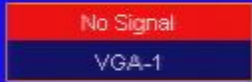
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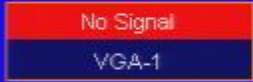


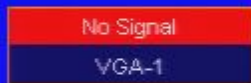
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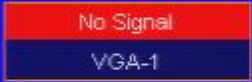
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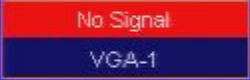
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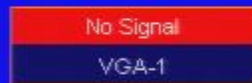
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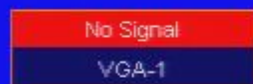
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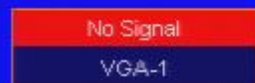


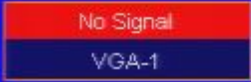
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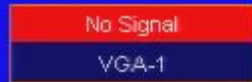
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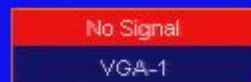


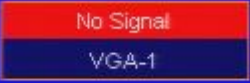


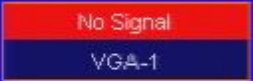


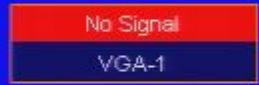


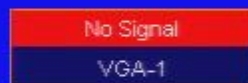


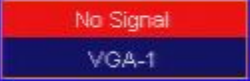


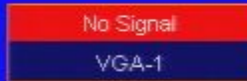


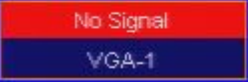


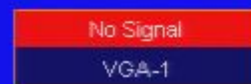


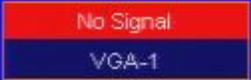






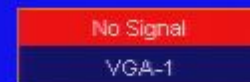




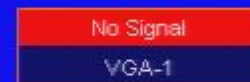


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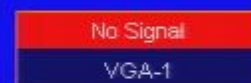
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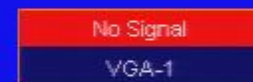


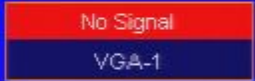




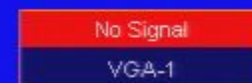
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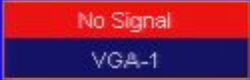


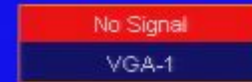








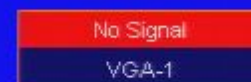








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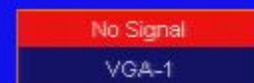
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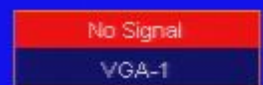
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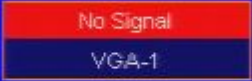






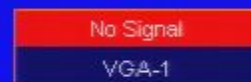
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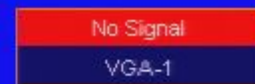
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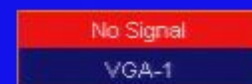
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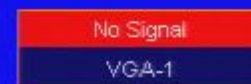
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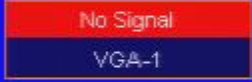
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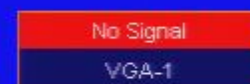


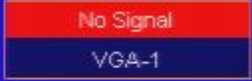
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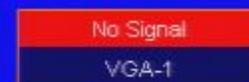
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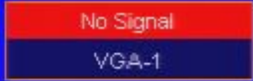
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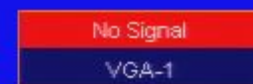














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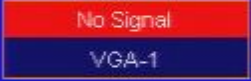


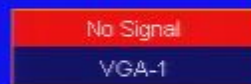
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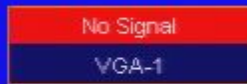
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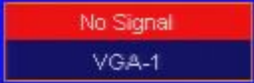




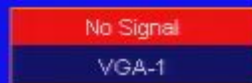


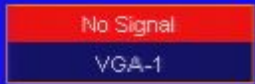
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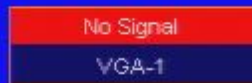
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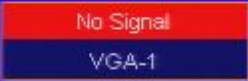


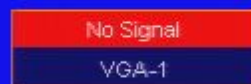


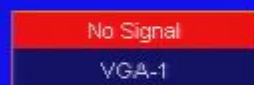


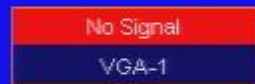


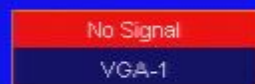


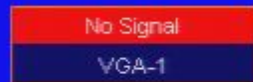


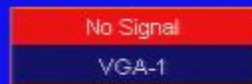








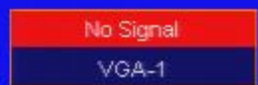






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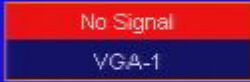
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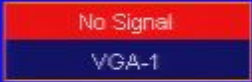
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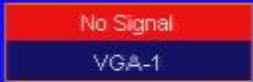
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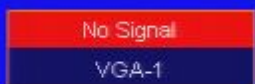
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