

Title: Ripples in Spacetime from broken SUSY

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Abstract: If we live in a supersymmetric world, SUSY has to be broken at some (high) scale. I will show how the presence of a SUSY-breaking hidden sector can lead to gravitational wave (GW) signals at future interferometers. I will focus on first order phase transitions that can occur along the pseudomodulus universally related to SUSY breaking. Current bounds on the superpartners are compatible with GW signals at future interferometers, while the observation of a GW signal from a SUSY-breaking hidden sector would imply superpartners within the reach of future colliders. Along the way, I will analyze the new field theoretical features of the phase transition along the pseudomodulus direction. These allow us to pinpoint what are the necessary requirements for a SUSY-breaking hidden sector to lead to strong GW signals.

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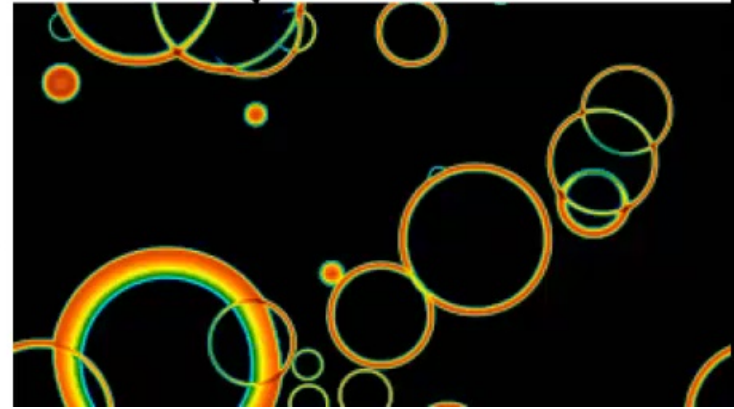


How we will discover SUSY?

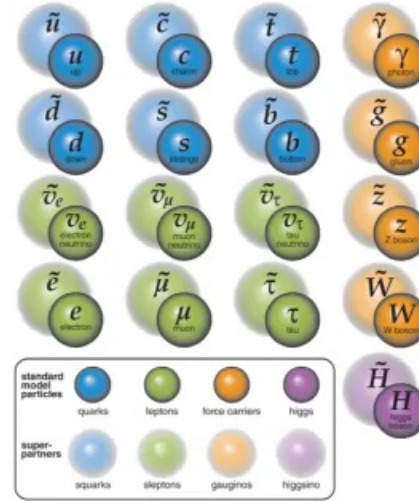
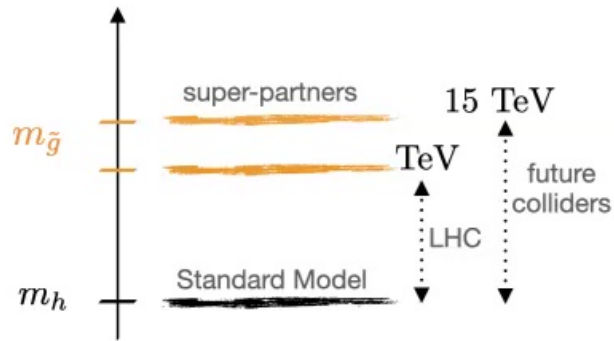
This talk is going to be a journey which starts from this first (vintage) question

and ends up saying something new about a second (yet-to-be-defined) question

Which QFTs give rise to Gravitational Waves?



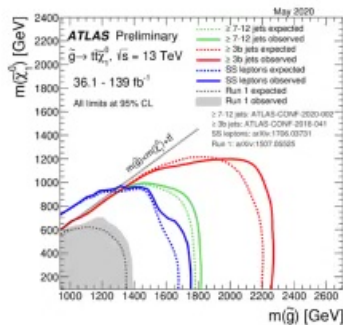
How we did not discover natural SUSY



A purely collider perspective on SUSY has the super-partner scale as a target

and the naturalness of the EW scale as main motivation

$$m_{\tilde{g}} \lesssim 1 \text{ TeV} \left(\frac{\Delta_h^{-1}}{1\%} \right)^* \dots \quad \Delta_h \equiv \frac{\delta m_h^2}{m_h^2}$$



LHC results call into question this perspective

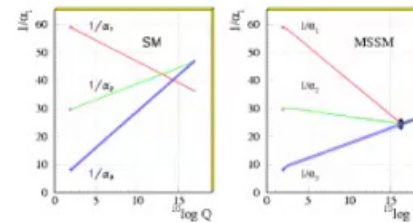
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Which SUSY ?

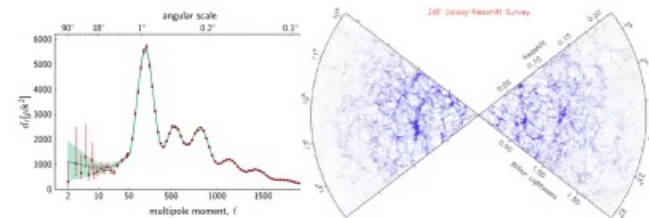
Putting the mystery of the EW scale aside

A SUSY Universe at high energies will still be welcome:

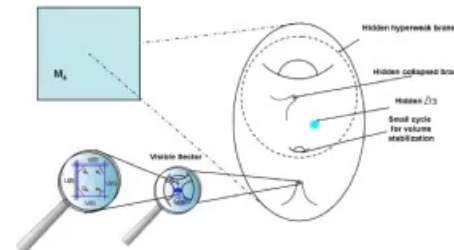
perturbative gauge coupling unification



Dark Matter candidates: WIMPs, gravitino, ...

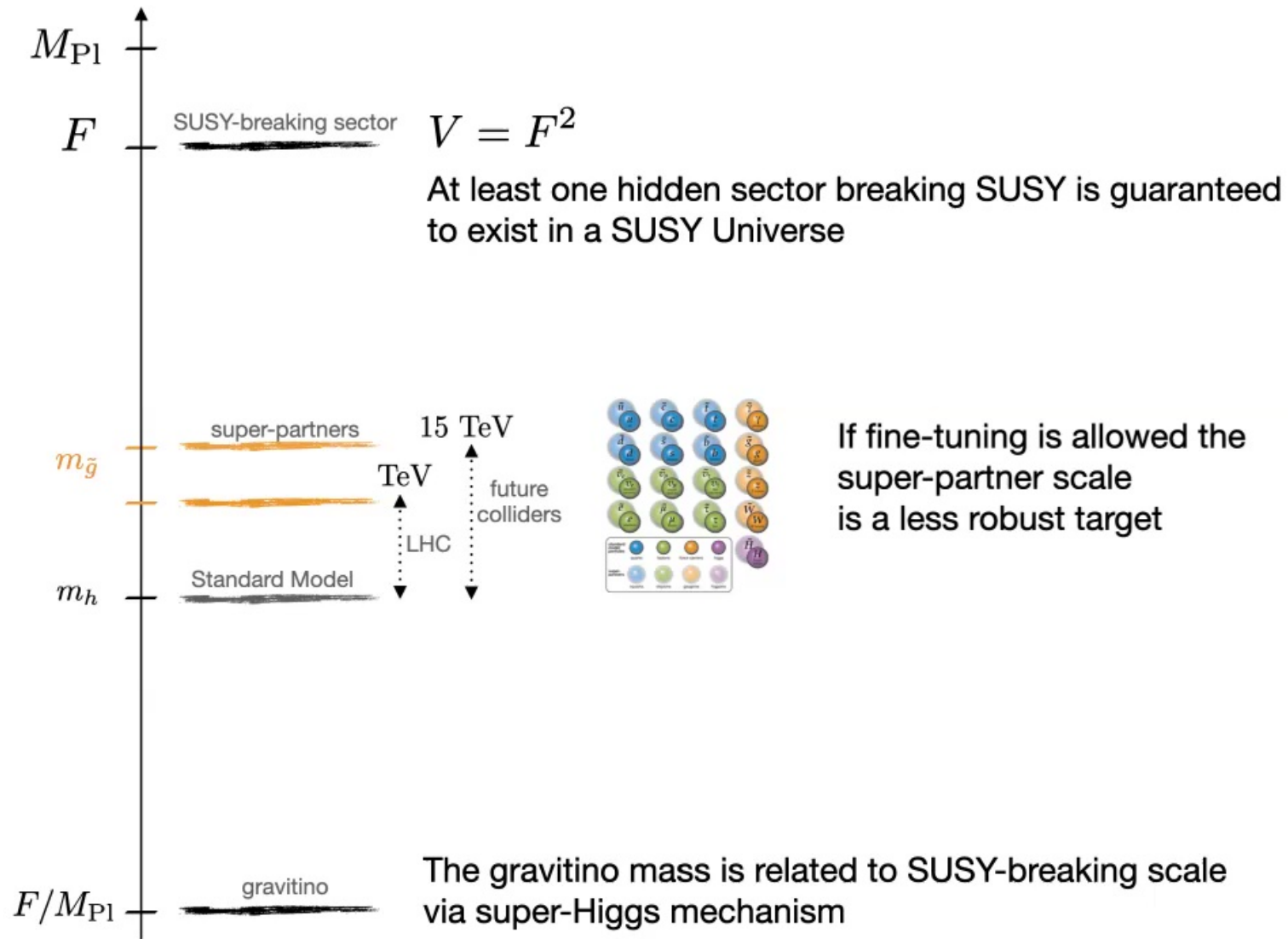


embedding in string theory

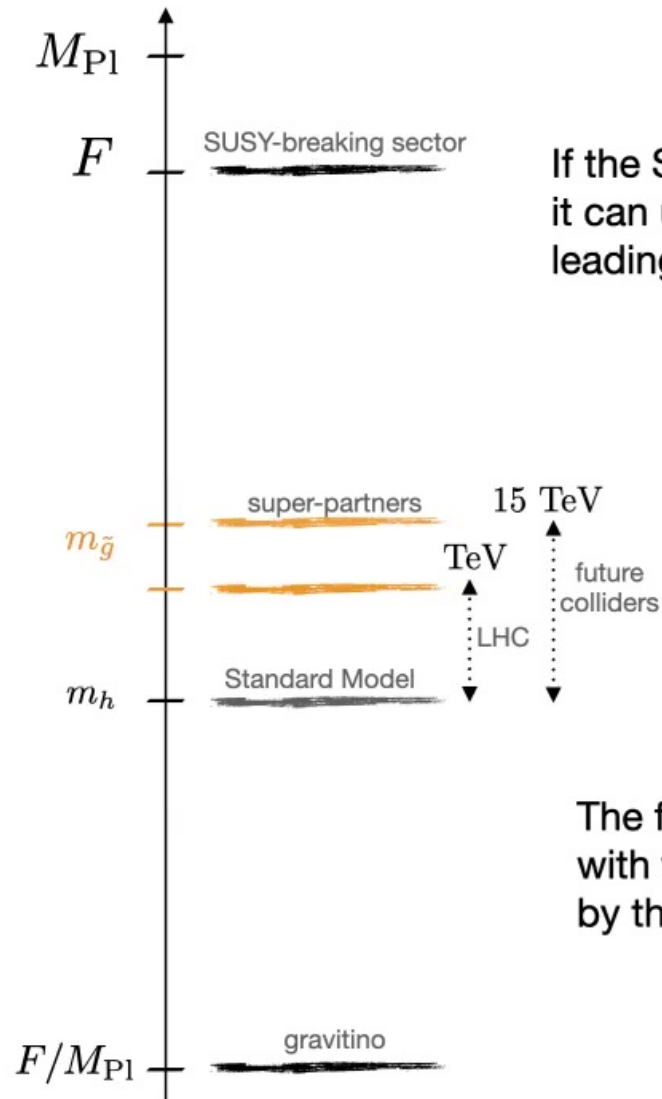


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How we will discover unnatural SUSY?



Our goal here

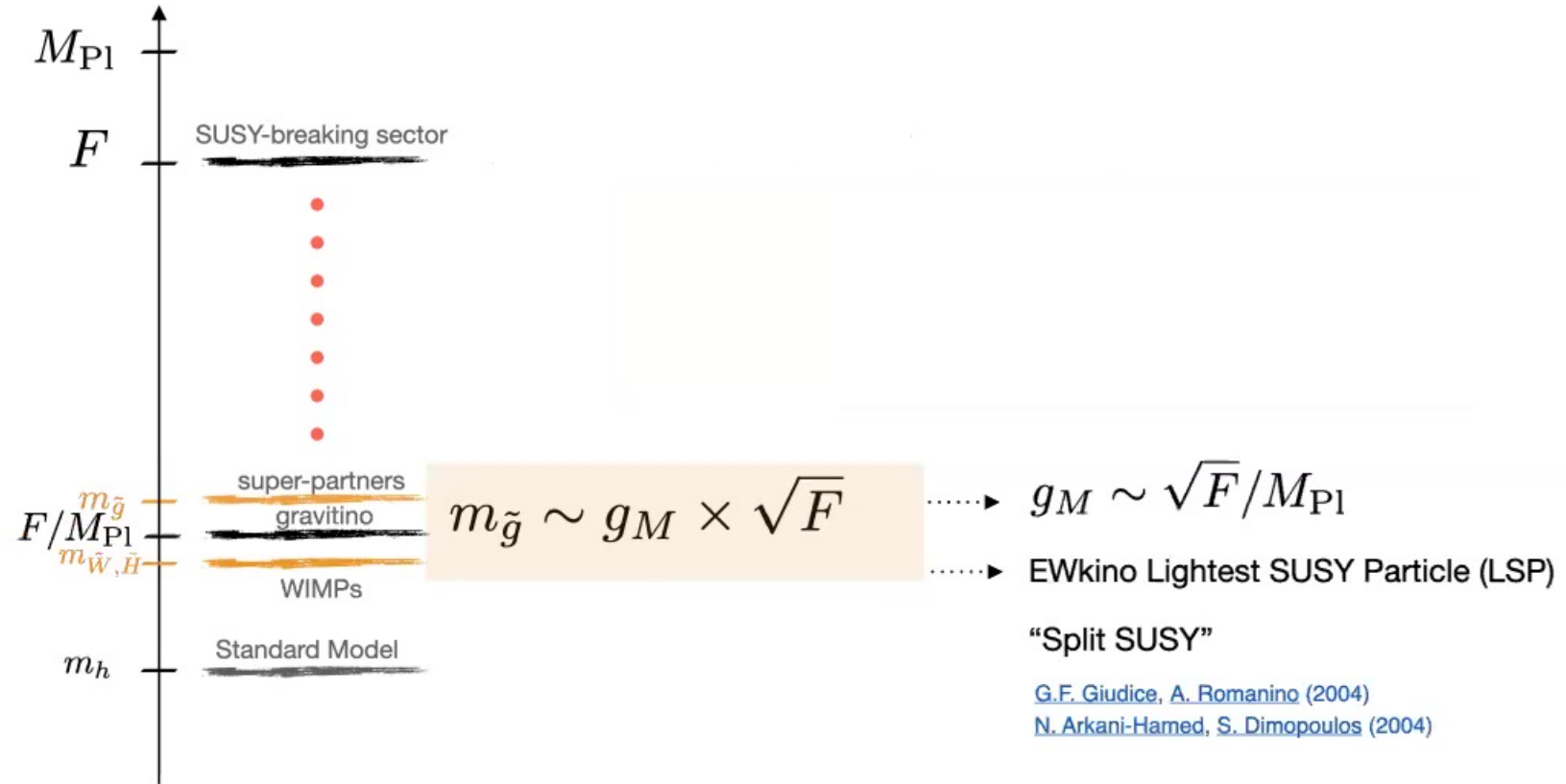


If the SUSY-breaking sector is reheated after inflation, it can undergo a 1st order PT* leading to GW signals at future interferometers

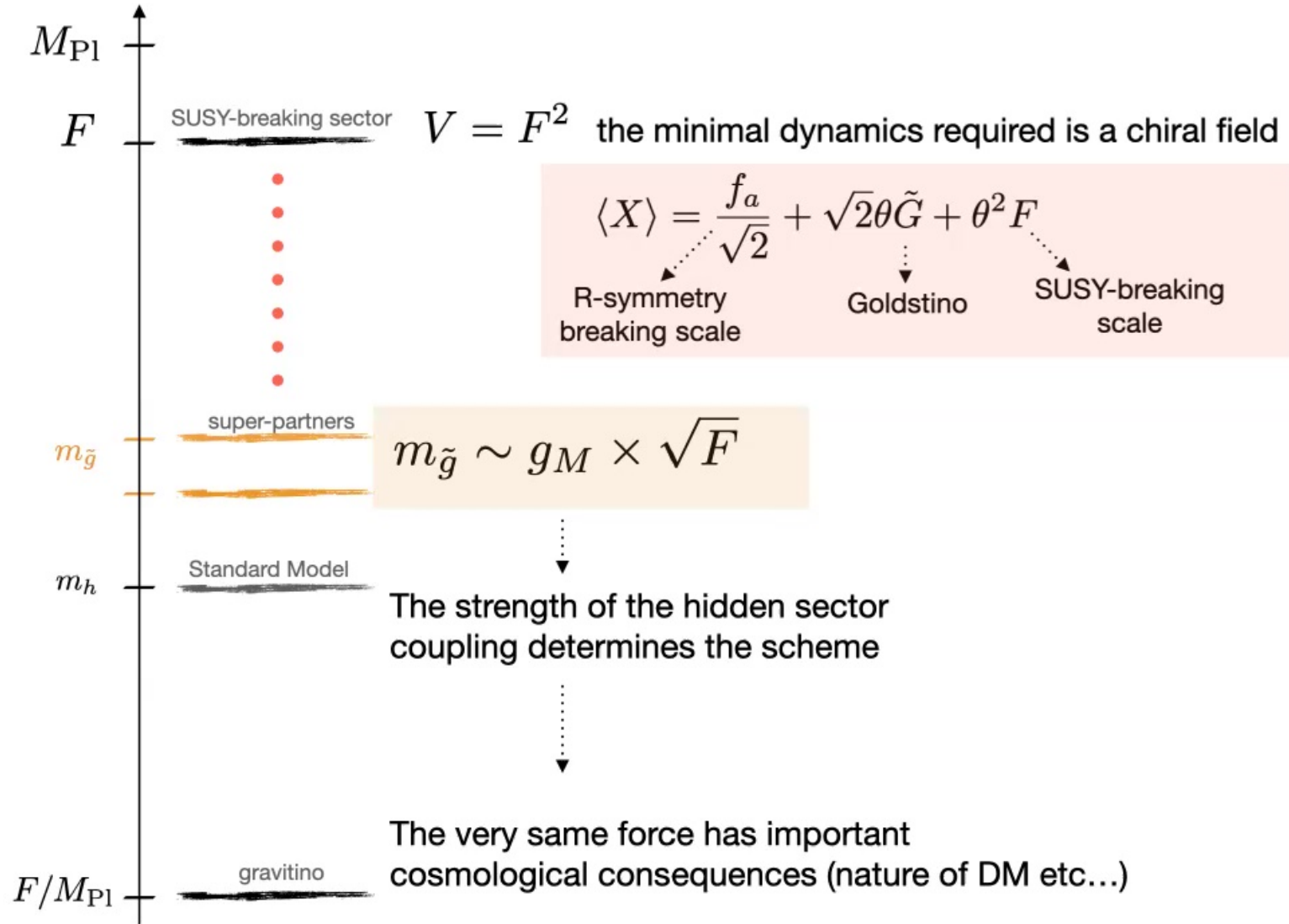
The frequency of the signal correlates with the SUSY-spectrum and it is constrained by the requirement of a viable cosmology

* the question about the nature of this PT will be the topic of the second part of the talk

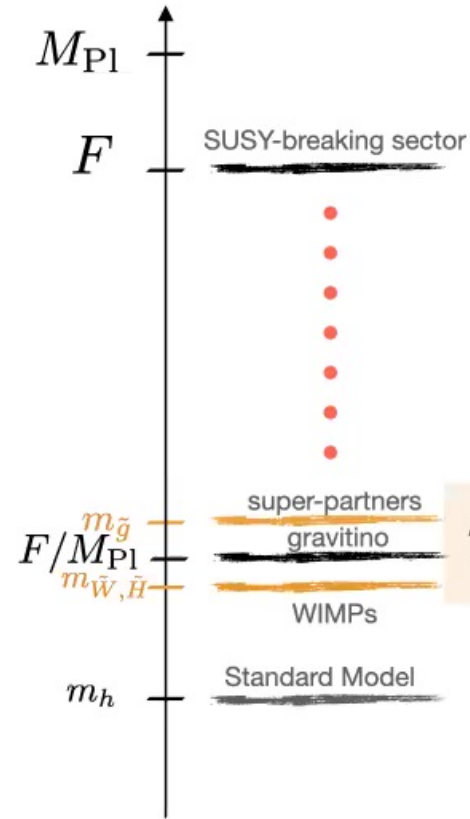
Gravity Mediation



The SUSY Universe



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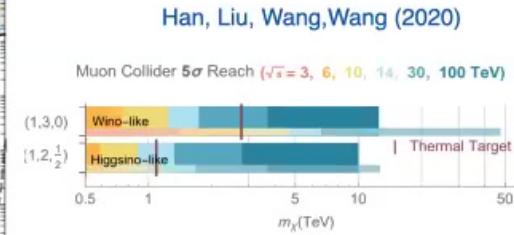
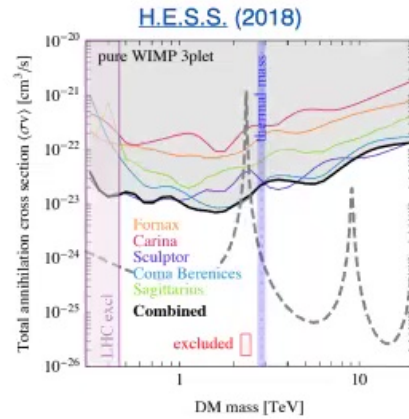
$$m_{\tilde{g}} \sim g_M \times \sqrt{F}$$

$$g_M \sim \sqrt{F}/M_{Pl}$$

EWkino Lightest SUSY Particle (LSP)

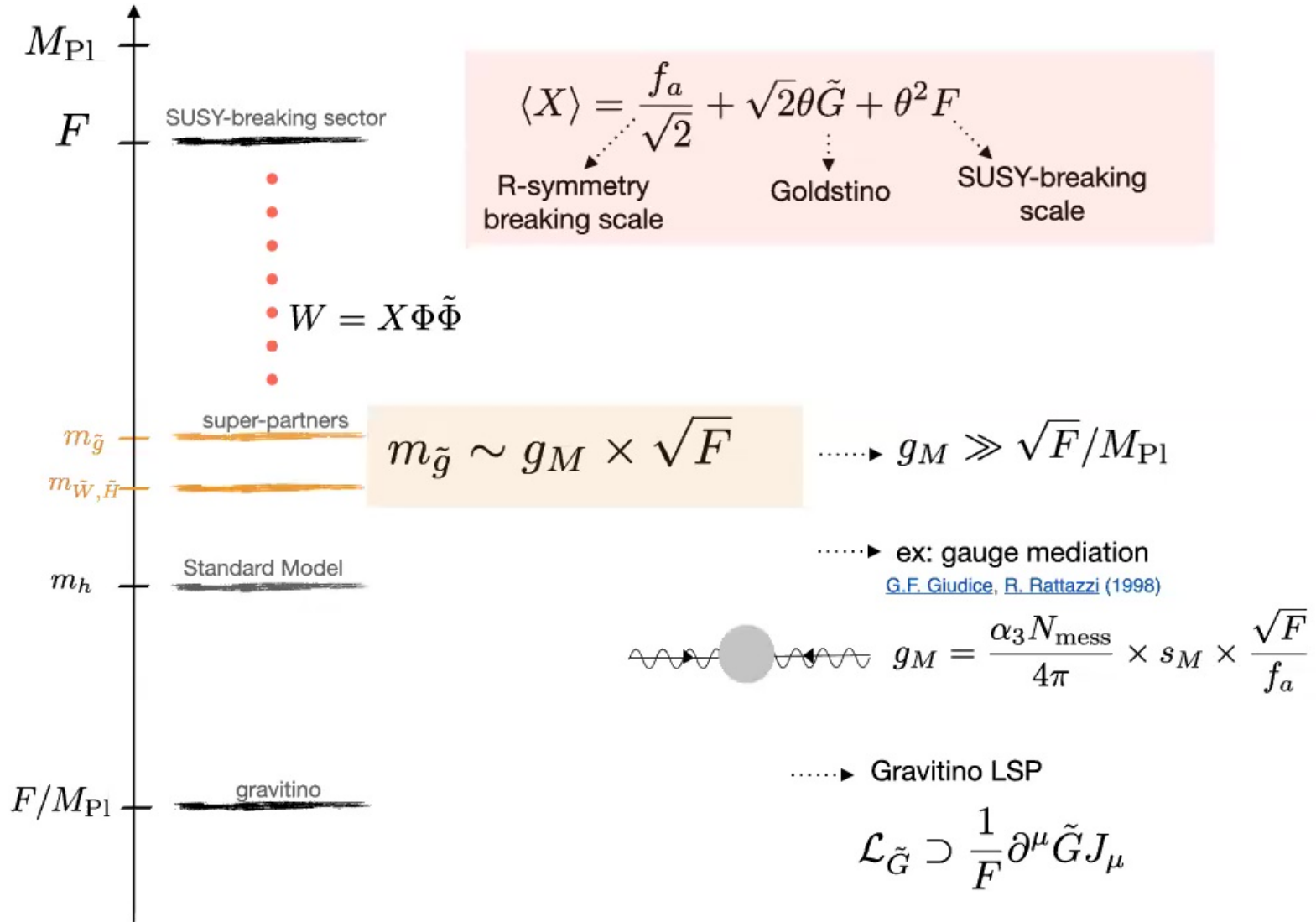
“Split SUSY”

[G.F. Giudice, A. Romanino \(2004\)](#)
[N. Arkani-Hamed, S. Dimopoulos \(2004\)](#)



The main signal to hunt for are the WIMPs! (in)direct detection + future colliders

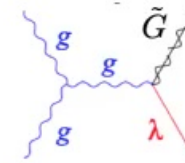
Low-energy SUSY-breaking



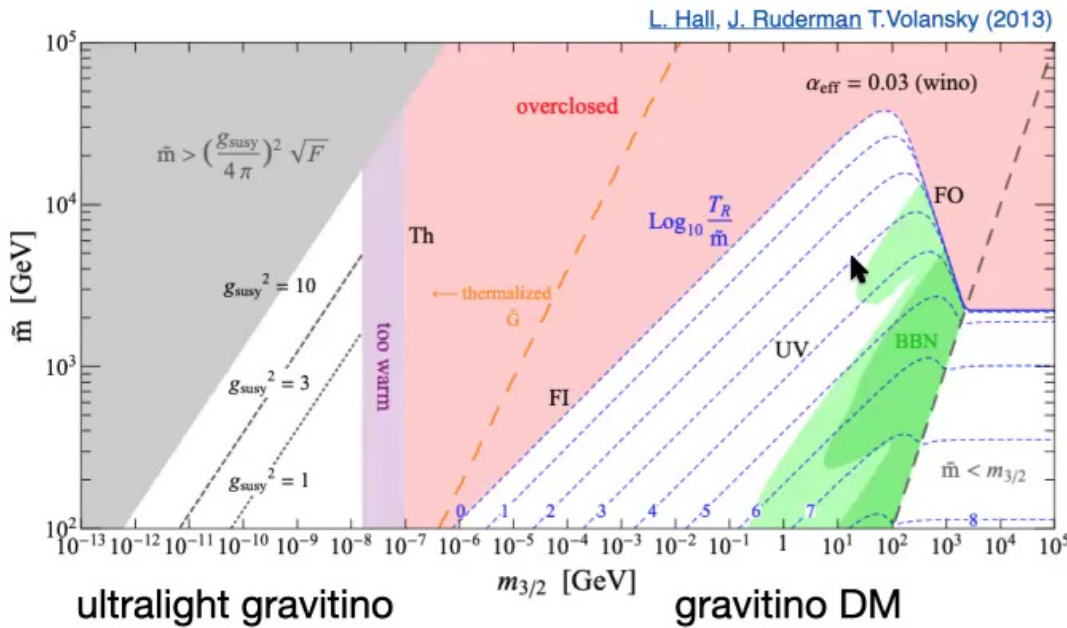
Gravitino cosmology

The gravitino cosmology shapes the parameter space if we require $T_{r.h.} \gtrsim \sqrt{F}$

This is known as “gravitino problem” $\mathcal{L}_{\tilde{G}} \supset \frac{1}{F} \partial^\mu \tilde{G} J_\mu \dots \rightarrow$



S. Rychkov, A. Strumia (2007)



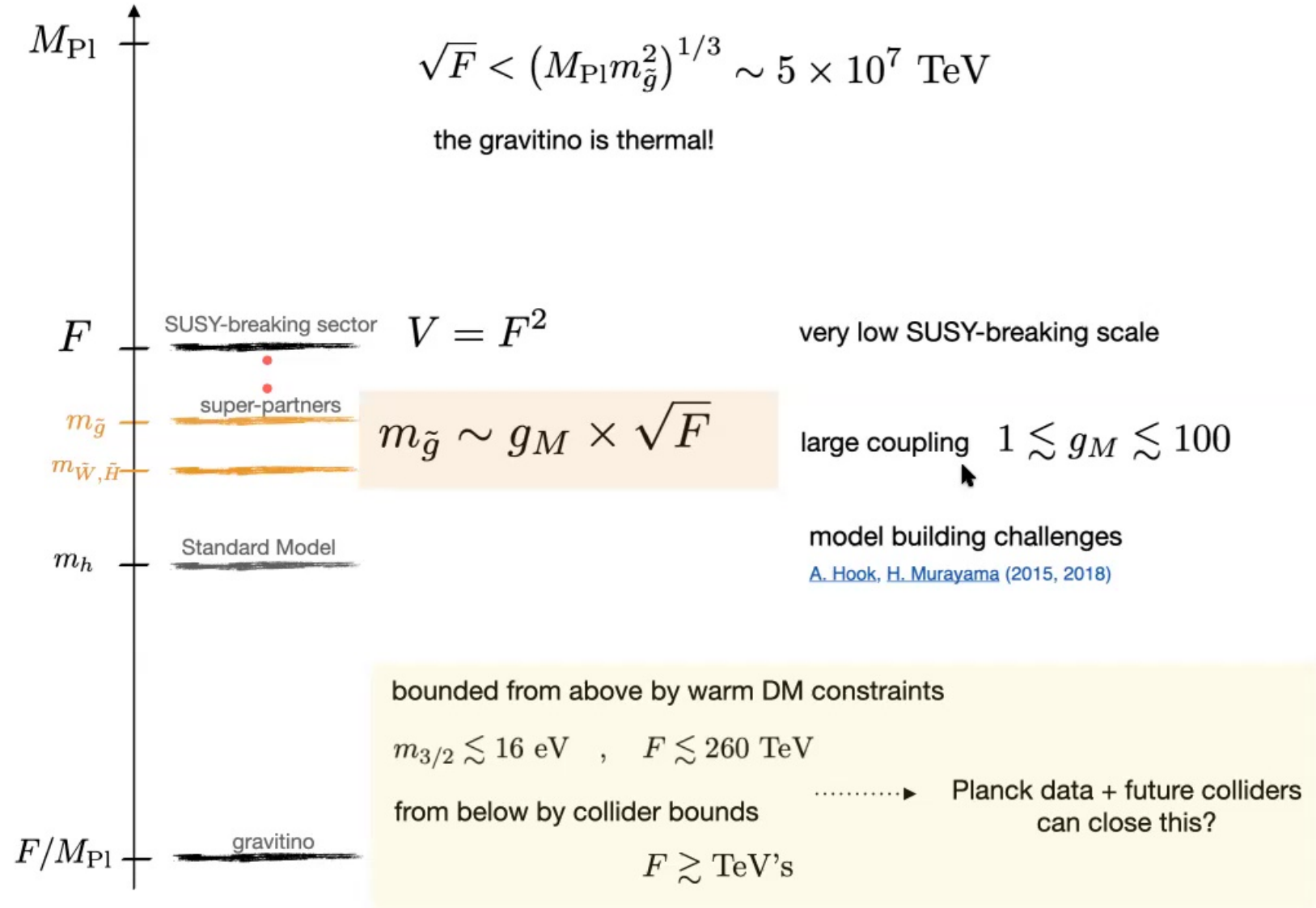
The gravitino production from the plasma is enhanced if it is light

$$Y_{3/2} \sim C_{UV} \frac{M_3^2 T}{m_{3/2}^2 M_{Pl}}$$

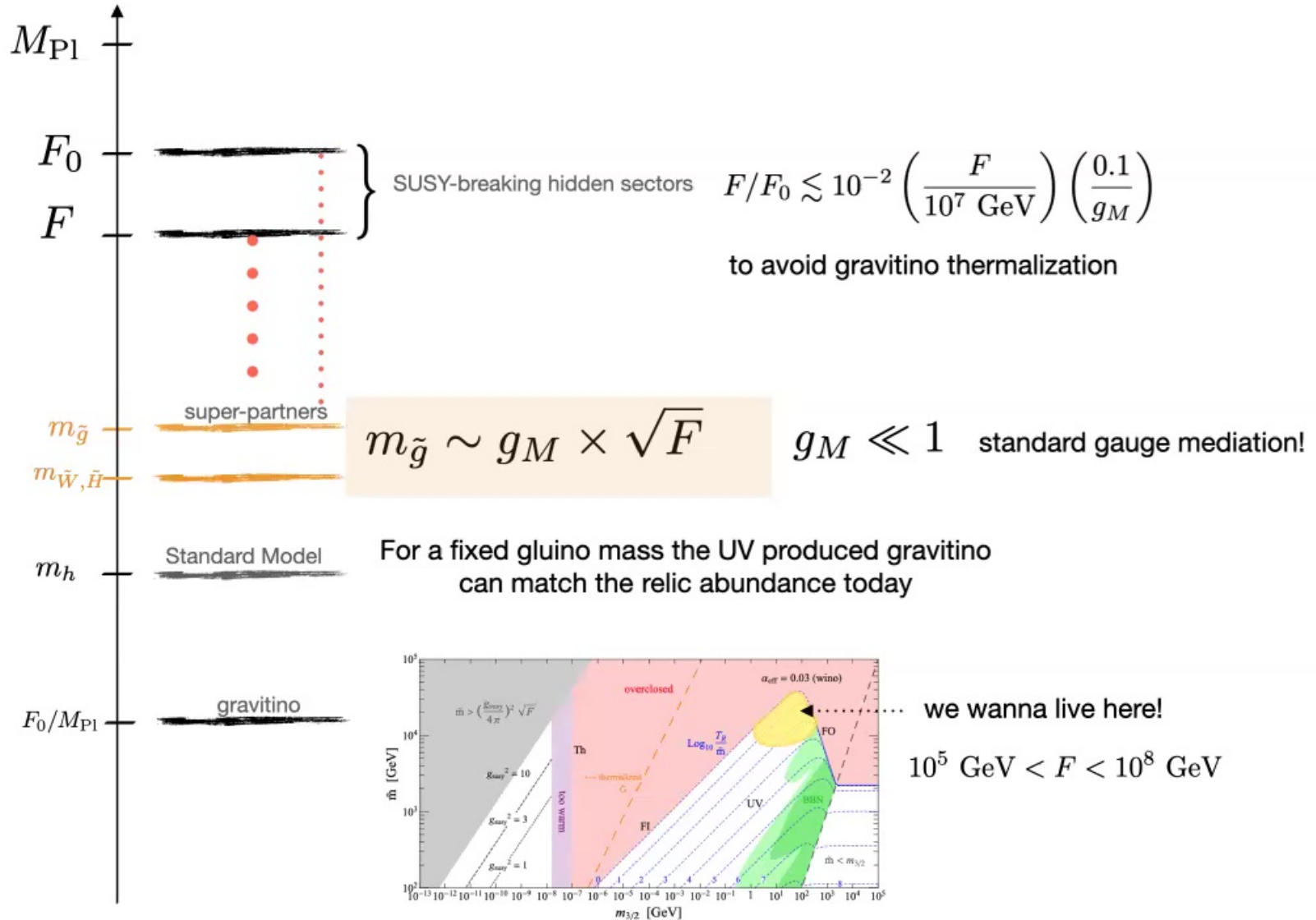
This lead generically to problems with Gravitino overabundance

$$m_{3/2} Y_{3/2} < 0.27 T_{eq}$$

Ultralight Gravitino Window



Gravitino Dark Matter



The pseudomodulus phase transition

$$X = \frac{x}{\sqrt{2}} e^{2ia/f_a} + \sqrt{2}\theta\tilde{G} + \theta^2 F$$

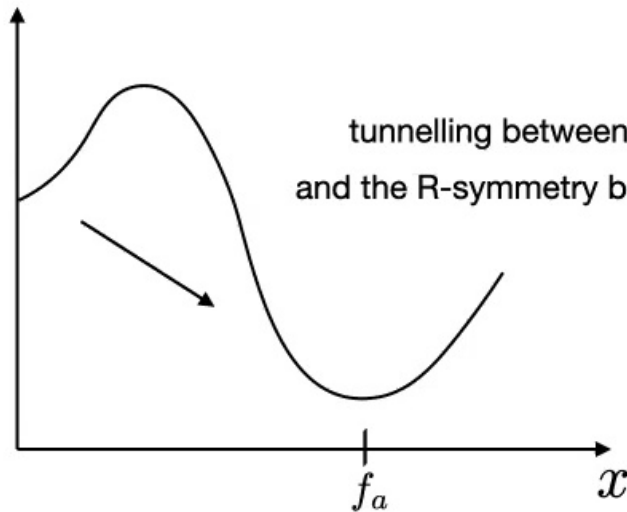
↓ Goldstino
 ↓ SUSY-breaking scale

↓ the complex pseudomoduls

The R-axion a is the Goldstone of R-symmetry broken spontaneously

The radial mode x is massless at tree-level $W = FX \rightarrow m_x \sim \frac{\lambda^2}{16\pi^2} F/m_*$

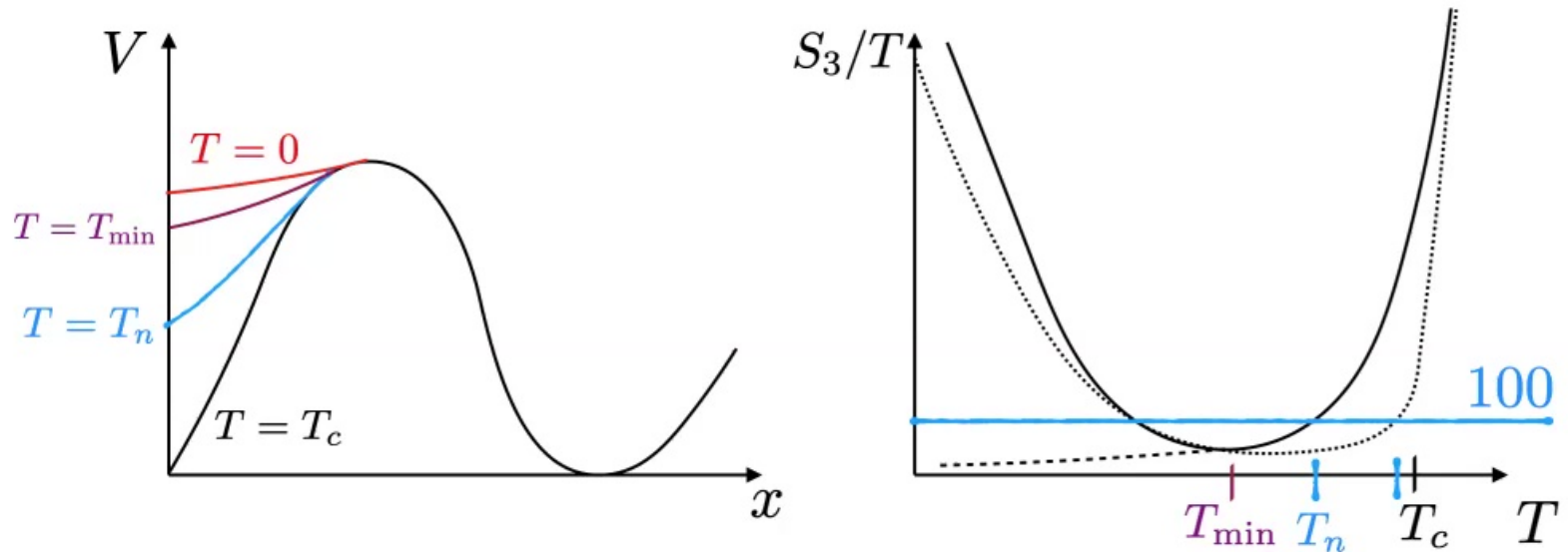
$m_x \ll m_*$ at weak coupling



* breaking R-symmetry is necessary to have Majorana gaugino masses

1st order Phase Transitions

Let me assume that the SUSY-breaking sector produces a first order phase transition (later we will see how)

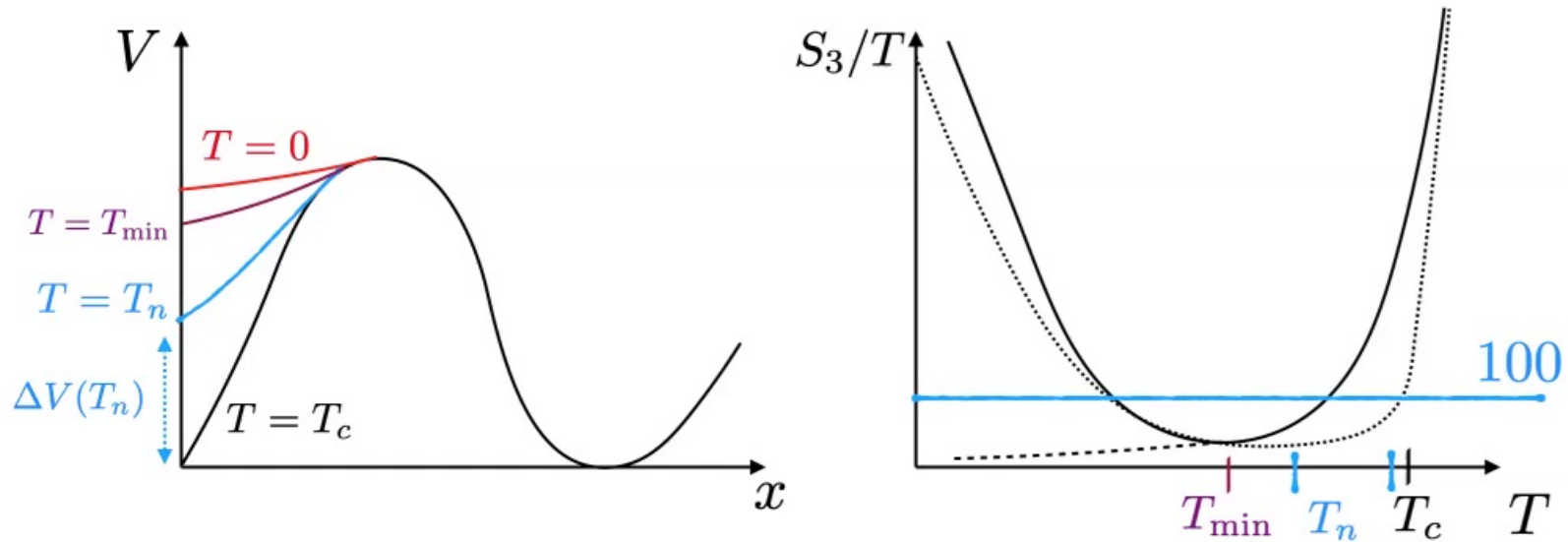


If thermal fluctuations dominate, the tunnelling probability is encoded in

$$\Gamma(T) \simeq T^4 \left(\frac{S_3}{2\pi T} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \exp(-S_3/T)$$

When one bubble per Hubble volume nucleates $\frac{S_3(T_n)}{T_n} \simeq 100$

Gravitational Waves signal from 1st order Phase Transitions

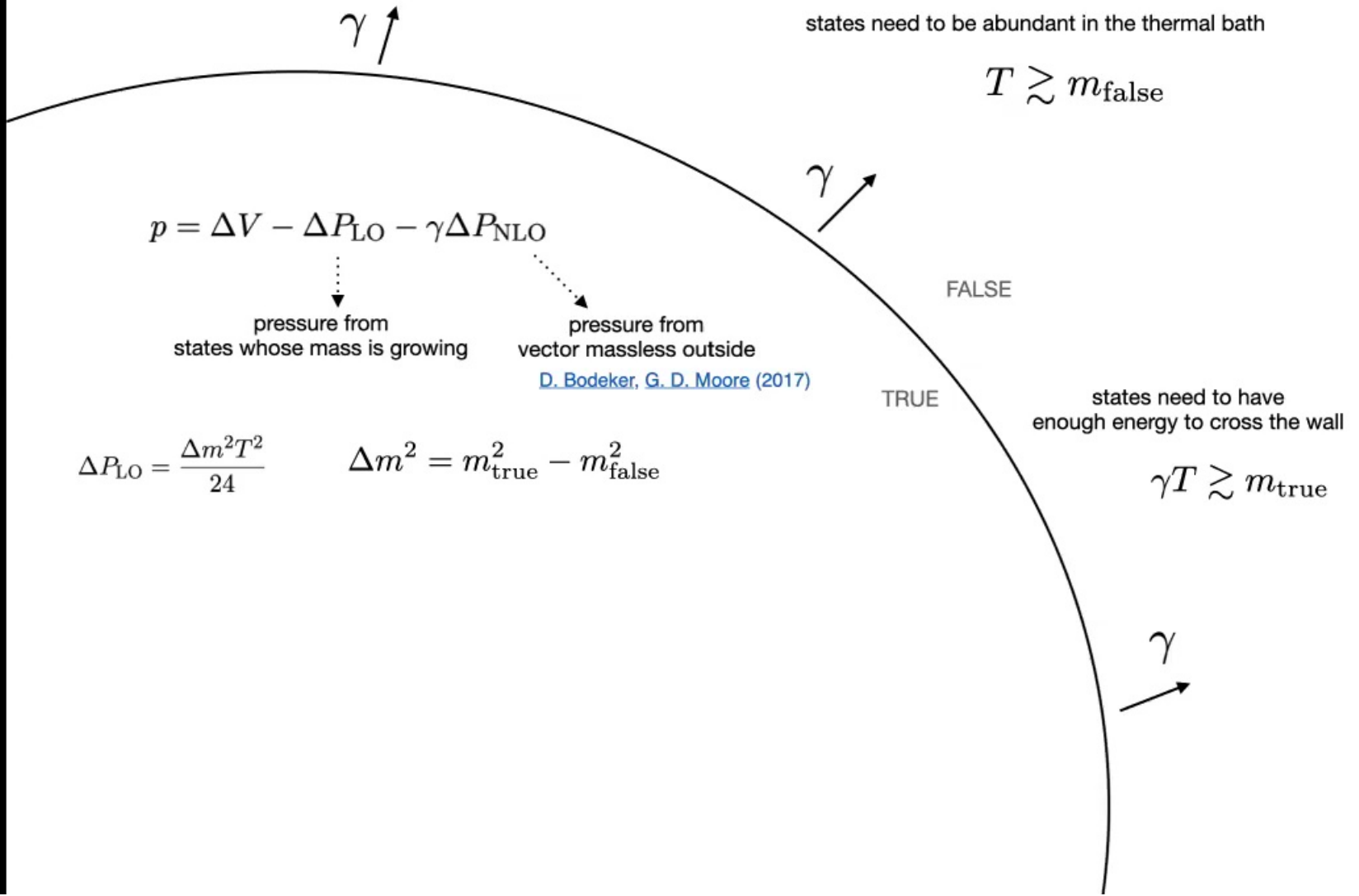


The detectability of the GWs signal depends on:

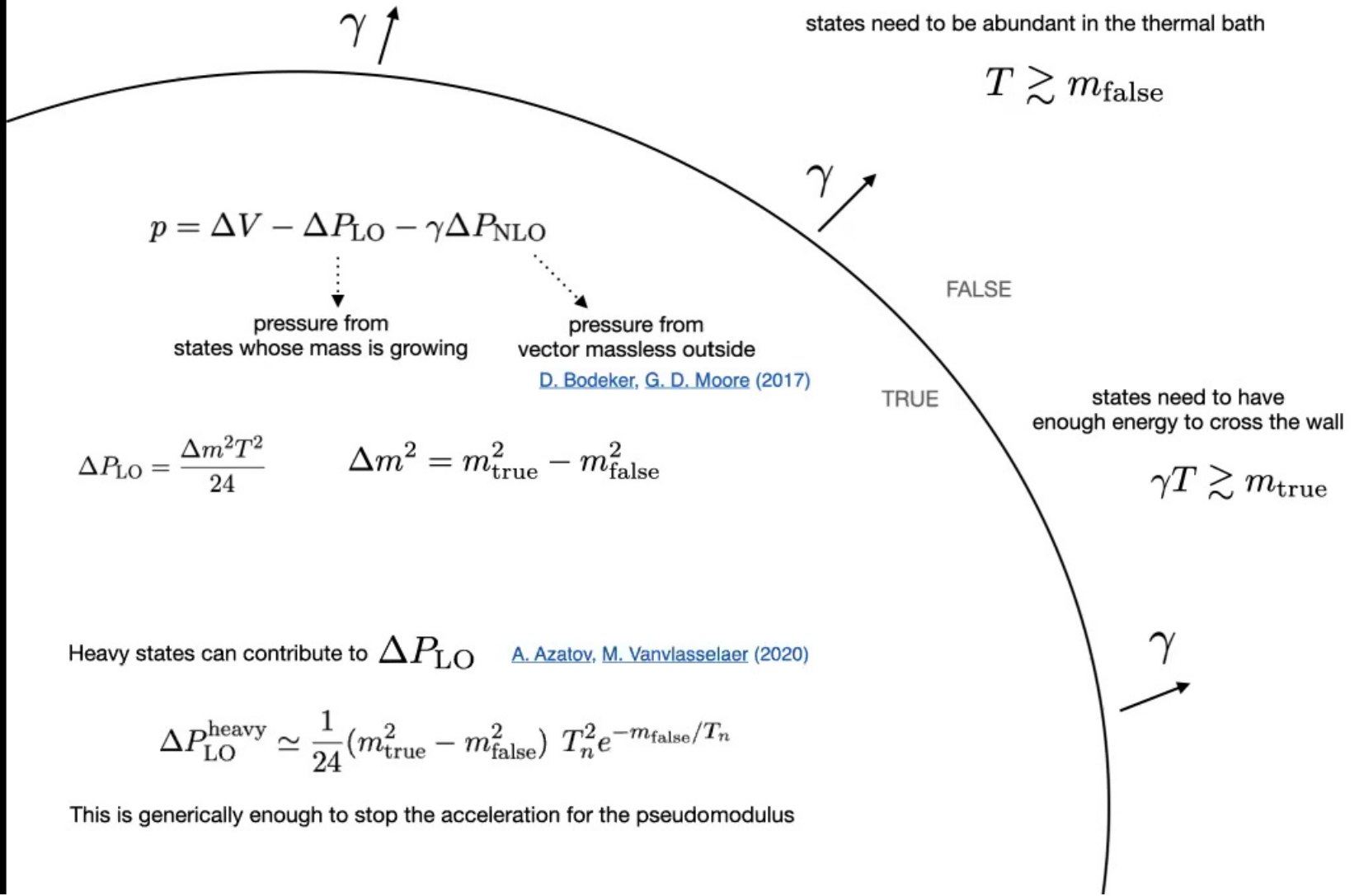
- The energy released during the PTs $\alpha(T_n) \sim \frac{\Delta V(T_n)}{\rho_R(T_n)}$
- The duration of the PTs $\beta_H(T_n) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{\beta(T_n)}{H(T_n)} = T_n \frac{d}{dT} \left(\frac{S_3}{T} \right) \Big|_{T=T_n}^*$
- The behavior of the bubbles in the cosmic plasma

* in PTs with a mass gap
there is always a T s.t $\beta_H(T_{\min}) = 0$

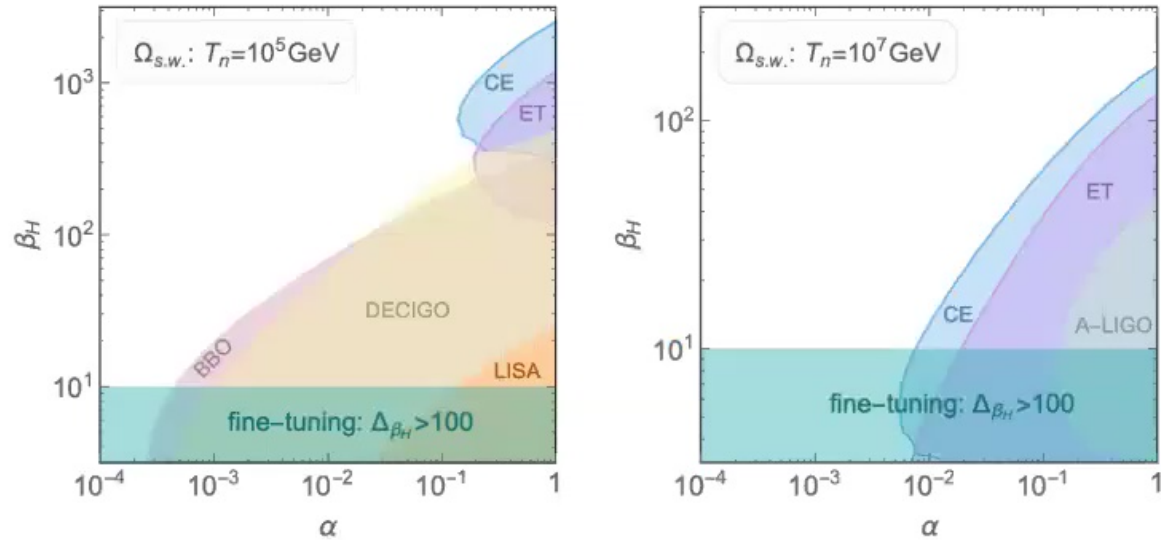
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GW signal



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$$\beta_H(T_n) \simeq S'(T_n) - \mathcal{C} \sim 100 \quad \text{unless I tune the two terms to partially cancel}$$

Having a very small duration seems to be a highly non-generic prediction of any PT

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this “beta-tuning” can be computed
in a model a’ la Giudice-Barbieri

The simplest explicit model

O’Raifeartaigh $W = -FX + \lambda X\Phi_1\tilde{\Phi}_2 + m(\Phi_1\tilde{\Phi}_1 + \Phi_2\tilde{\Phi}_2)$

+ R-breaking $W_{\mathcal{R}}(X) = \frac{1}{3}\epsilon X^3$

this matches perfectly to the toy potential with $\kappa_D = 1$

$$V_0(x) = \kappa_D^2 (F - \epsilon_{\mathcal{R}} x^2)^2 + \frac{\lambda^2}{32\pi^2} |F|^2 \log\left(\frac{\lambda^2 x^2 + m_*^2}{m_*^2}\right)$$

* $\kappa_D = 1$
single scale
SUSY-breaking

* $\epsilon_{\mathcal{R}} < 1/\sqrt{\kappa_D}$
to ensure flatness

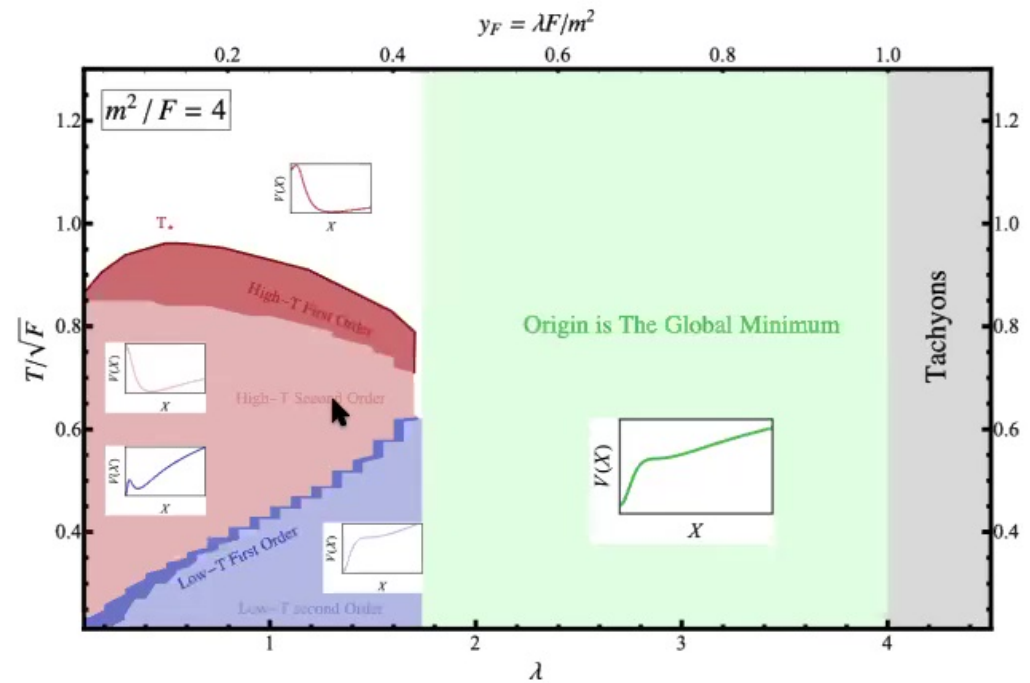
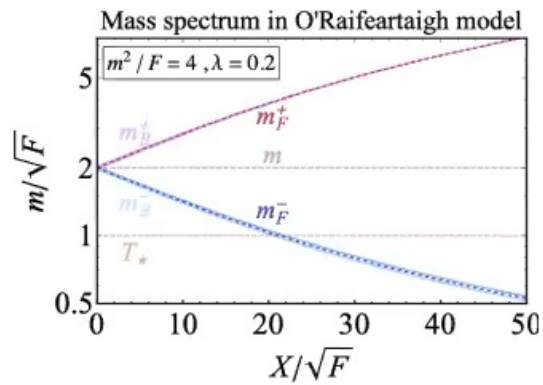
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The O'Raifeartaigh phase diagram

see also [A. Katz \(2009\)](#)

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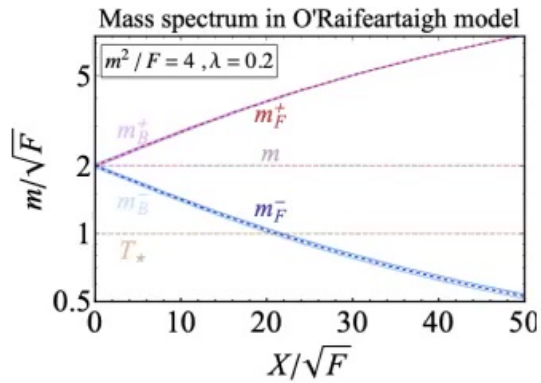


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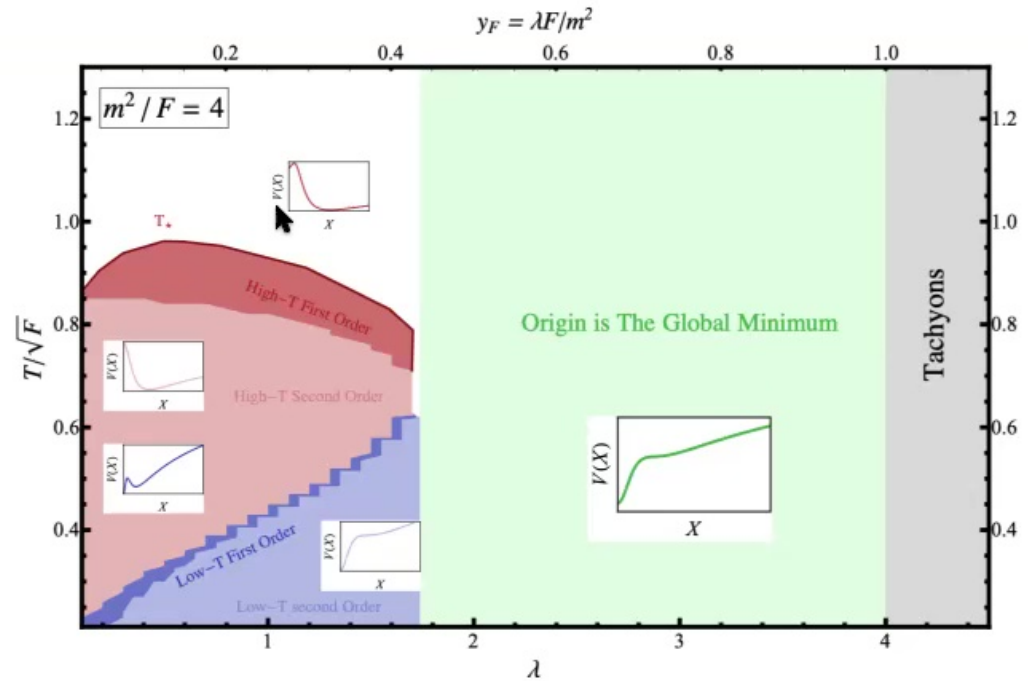
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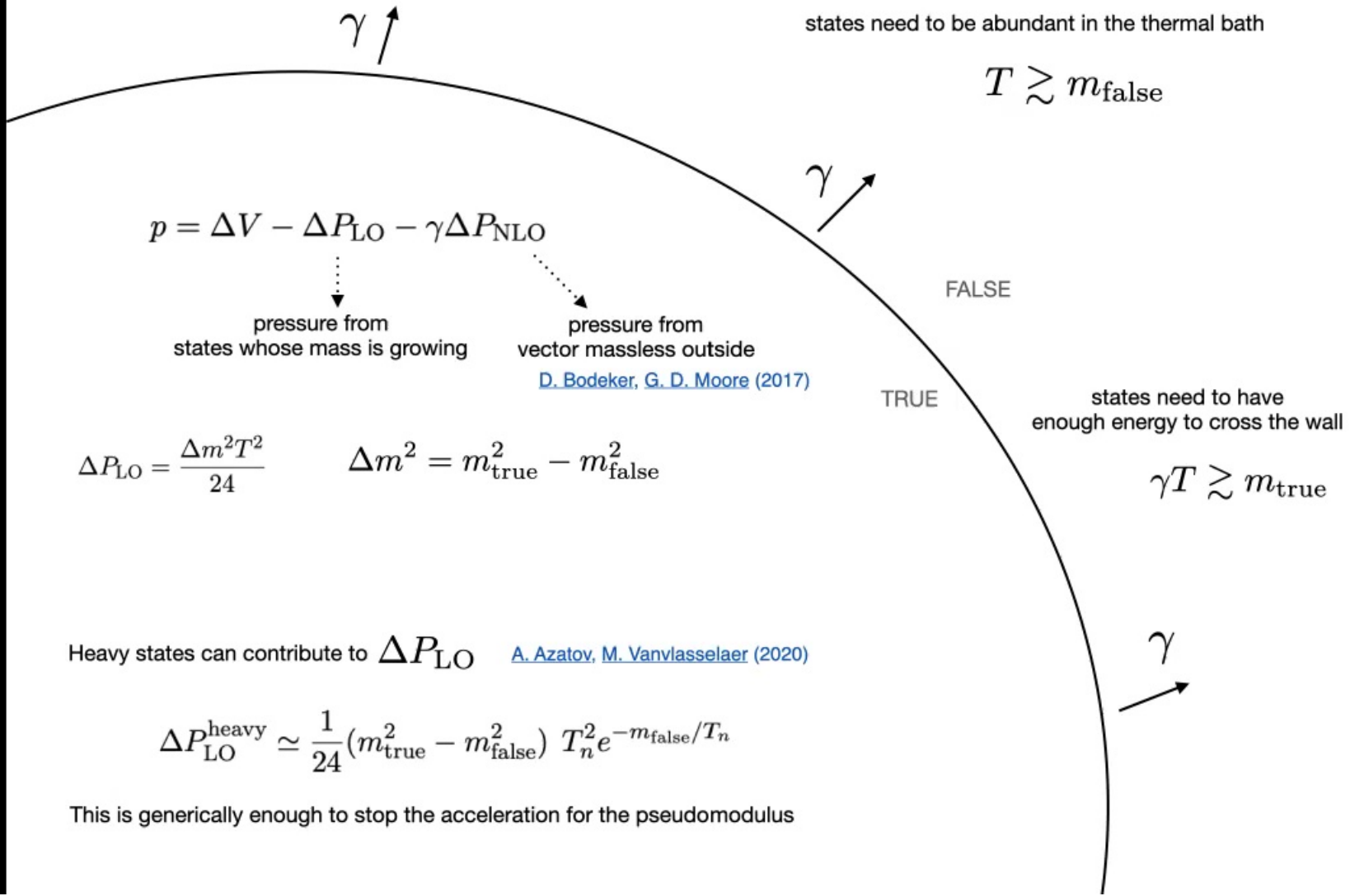


$$x_* \simeq \frac{2\sqrt{2}\pi T}{\lambda y_F}, \quad T_* \sim 0.23\sqrt{y_F}m,$$

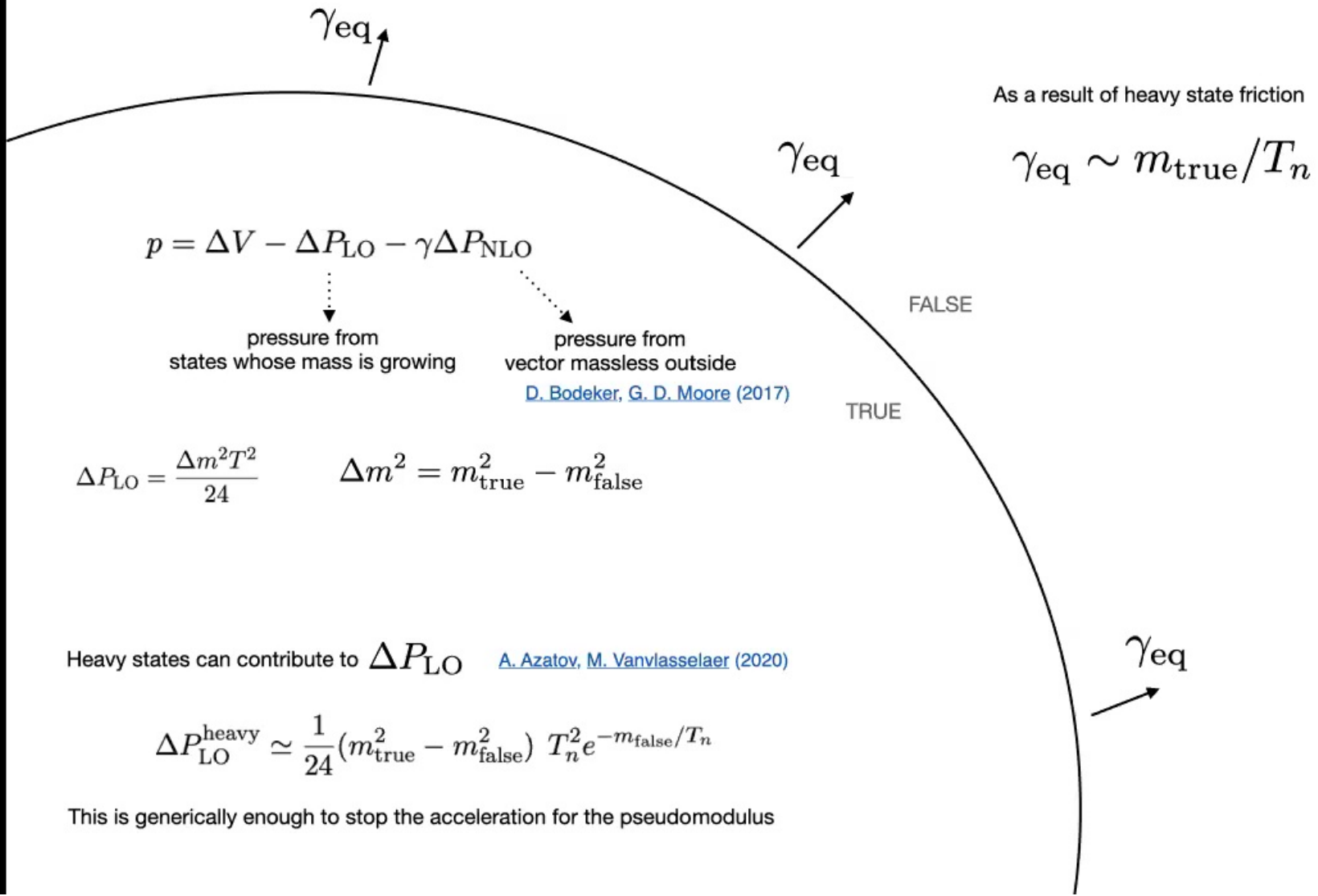
competition between thermal and loop corrections



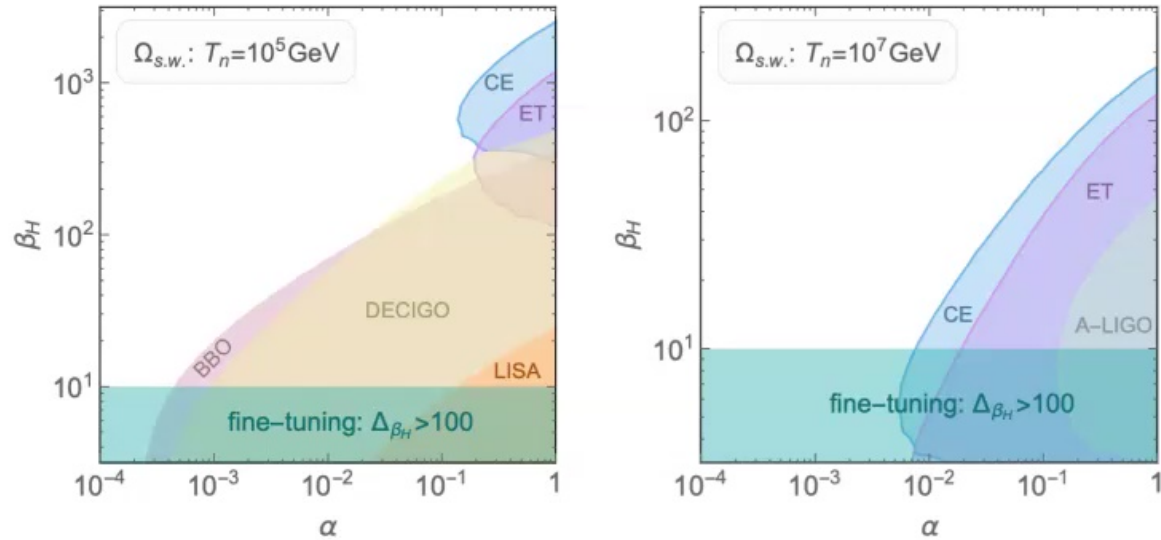
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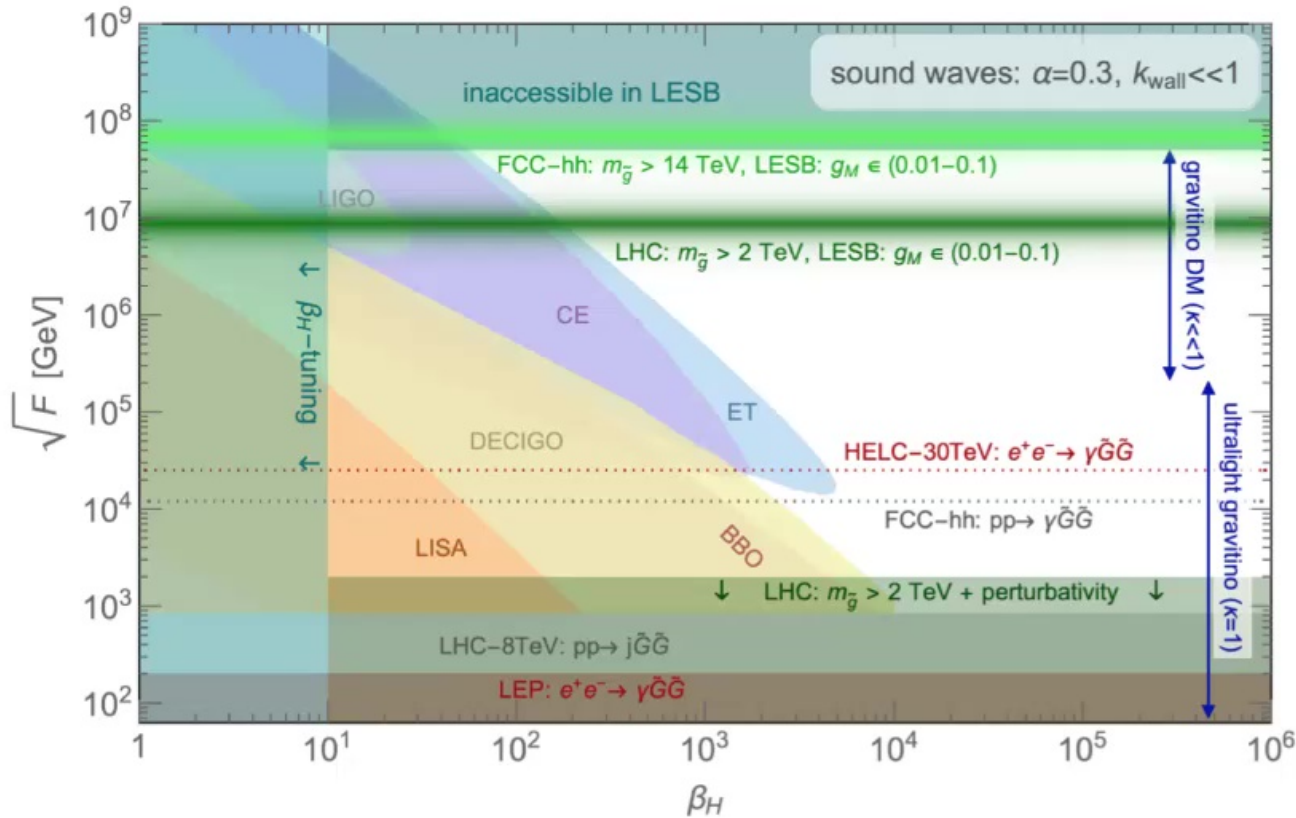
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How we will discover Low Energy SUSY breaking

GRAVITINO DM: The gravitino problem bounds the GWs frequency to be always within reach of A-LIGO, CE and ET

Calculable models live at high F

They will be fully tested at FCC-hh!



The nature of the pseudomodulus PT: Goals

- How S_3/T depends qualitatively with temperature?

Higgs $\rightarrow S_3/T \sim T^\alpha$ high-T expansion

dilaton $\rightarrow S_3/T \sim 1/\log m/T$ supercooling

pseudomodulus $\rightarrow S_3/T \sim T^\alpha e^{-m/T}$ low-T expansion

- Can we extract a parametric dependence of S_3/T in terms of theory parameters?

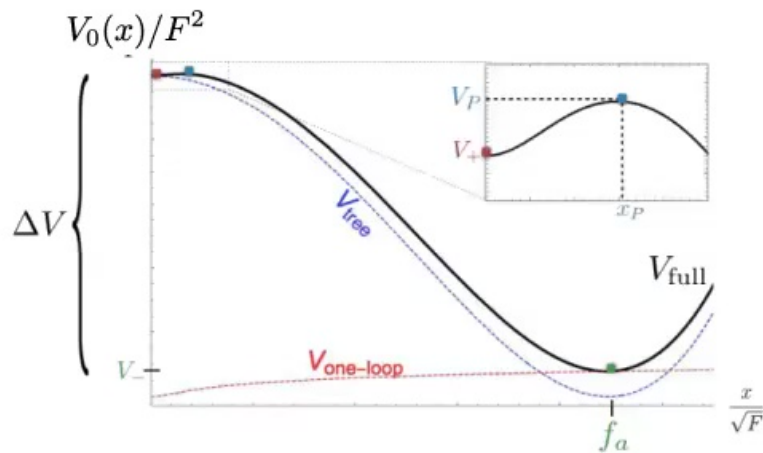
..... \rightarrow trying to answer the question how generic is a strong first order PT
for a given class of models

The pseudomodulus potential at T=0

$$m_x \sim \frac{\lambda^2}{16\pi^2} F/m_* \quad m_x \ll m_*$$

at weak coupling

$$V_{\text{eff}}(x) = V_0(x) + V_T(x)$$



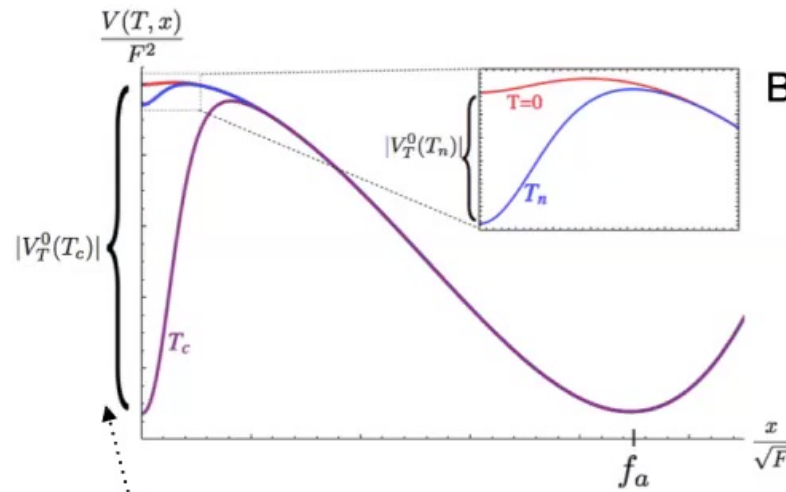
- **The potential is flat** $f_a^4 \gg \Delta V$ loop corrections asymptote to a Log at large field value
- **The barrier is small** $\frac{V_P}{\Delta V} = \frac{\lambda_{\text{eff}}^2}{16\pi^2}$ $\lambda_{\text{eff}} \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$
- **The position of the barrier** does not affect the bounce much (see later)

The pseudomodulus potential at finite T

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By construction, the scale setting the potential is below the cutoff

$$T_n \sim \sqrt{F} \lesssim m_*$$

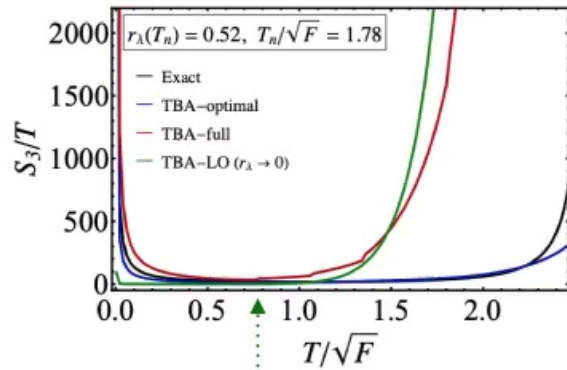
the low-T expansion applies at nucleation

Thermal corrections only make the origin deeper in this limit

$$V_T(x) \simeq -N T^4 \left(\frac{\lambda^2 x^2 + m_*^2}{(2\pi T)^2} \right)^{3/4} e^{-\sqrt{\frac{\lambda^2 x^2 + m_*^2}{T^2}}}$$

$$N = N_{\text{bosons}} + N_{\text{fermions}}$$

The pseudomodulus bounce action I



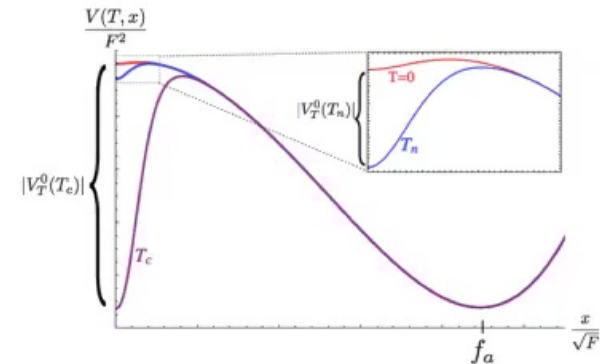
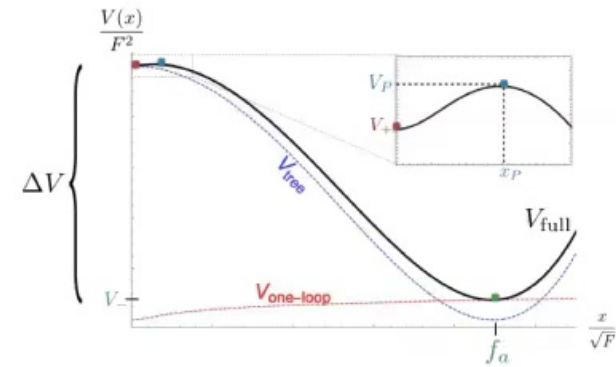
x_P -independent!

$$\frac{S_3}{T} \simeq \frac{144\sqrt{2}\pi}{5T} \frac{(V_P - V_T^0)^{5/2} f_a^3}{(\Delta V)^3}$$

The bounce is independent on the position of the barrier in this limit!

A simple triangular barrier approximates the full bounce quite well

For a fully analytical treatment we expand for flat potential + small barrier

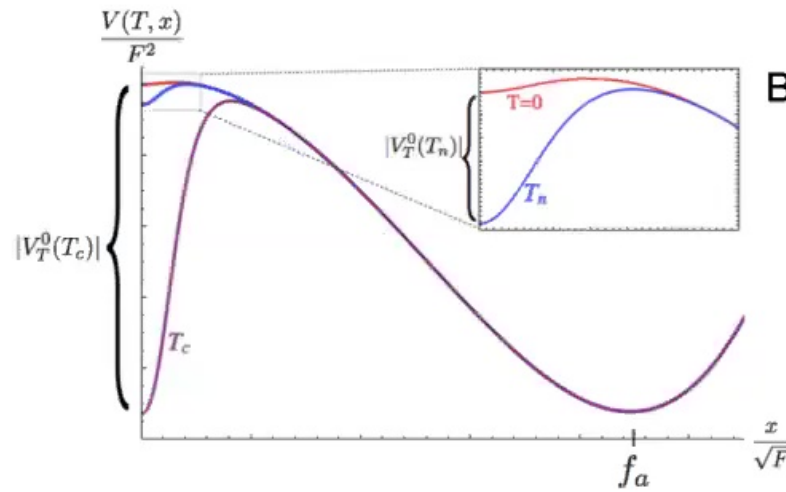


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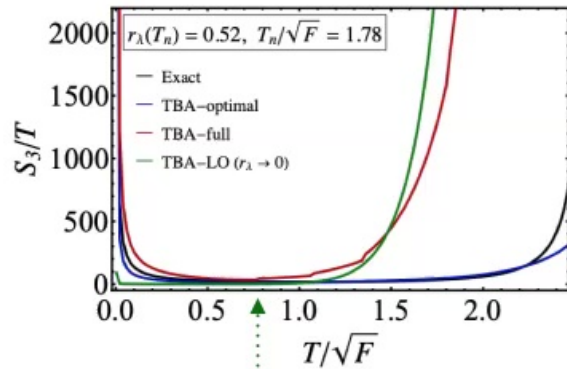
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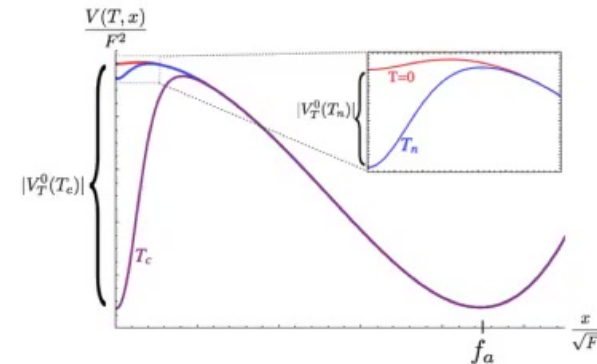
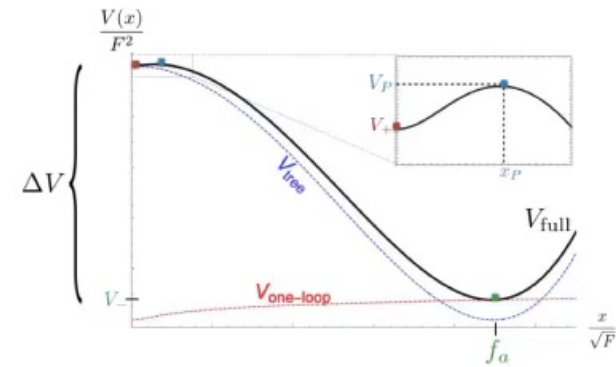
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In the same approximation we can get the nucleation temperature analytically in a systematic expansion $V_P/V_T^0 \ll 1$

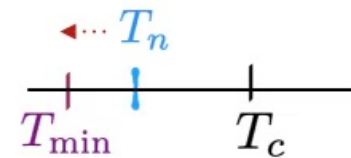
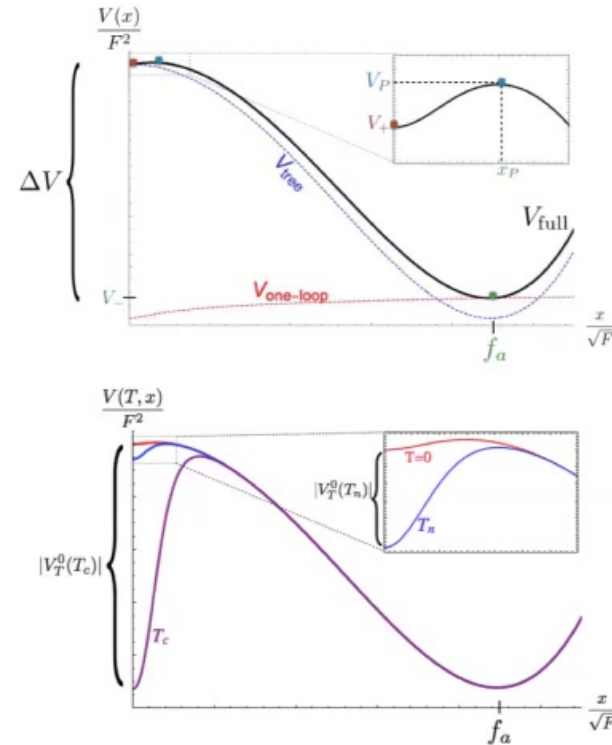
$$T_n \simeq T_n^0 \left(1 - \frac{7}{c^{2/5}} \frac{V_P}{m_*^4} \left(\frac{T_n^0}{m_*} \right)^{3/5} \left(\frac{f_a m_*^3}{\Delta V} \right)^{6/5} \right)$$

where $T_n^0 \sim m_*/2$

The competition of the two terms shows that the nucleation temperature can be diminished down to the minimal temperature by increasing the barrier or the distance in field space

Since $\alpha \sim \Delta V/T_n^4$

at the boundary of nucleation the signal is enhanced!



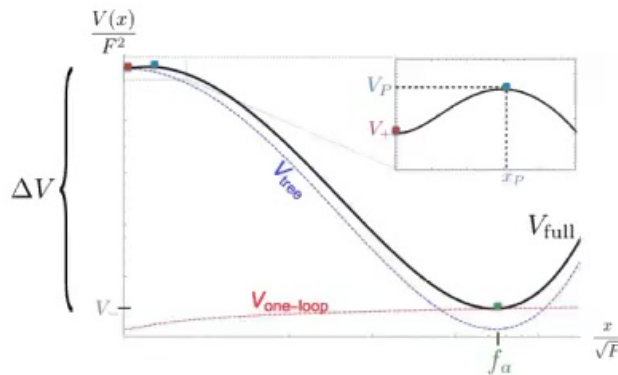
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$$\langle x \rangle_{\text{true}} = f_a = \sqrt{\frac{F}{\epsilon_R}}, \quad \Delta V = (\kappa_D F)^2,$$

$$\alpha = \frac{30}{g_*(T_n)\pi^2} \left(\frac{\kappa_D F}{T_n^2}\right)^2 \sim 10^{-2} \kappa_D^2 \left(\frac{F}{m_*^2}\right)^2 \left(\frac{230}{g_*(T_n)}\right) \dots$$

no-tuning
 $T_n \sim m_*/2$

2 SUSY-breaking scales
are needed to have large
alpha!

What did we learn

As long as the barrier is *small* and the potential is *flat* the bounce is *independent* on the position of the barrier

At the *boundary of nucleation* the signal is *enhanced* if we allow for cancellations

For a generic nucleation temperature, 2 SUSY-breaking scales are needed to get a sizeable GW signal

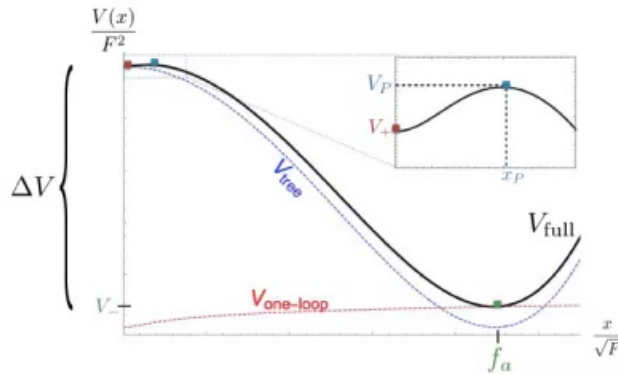
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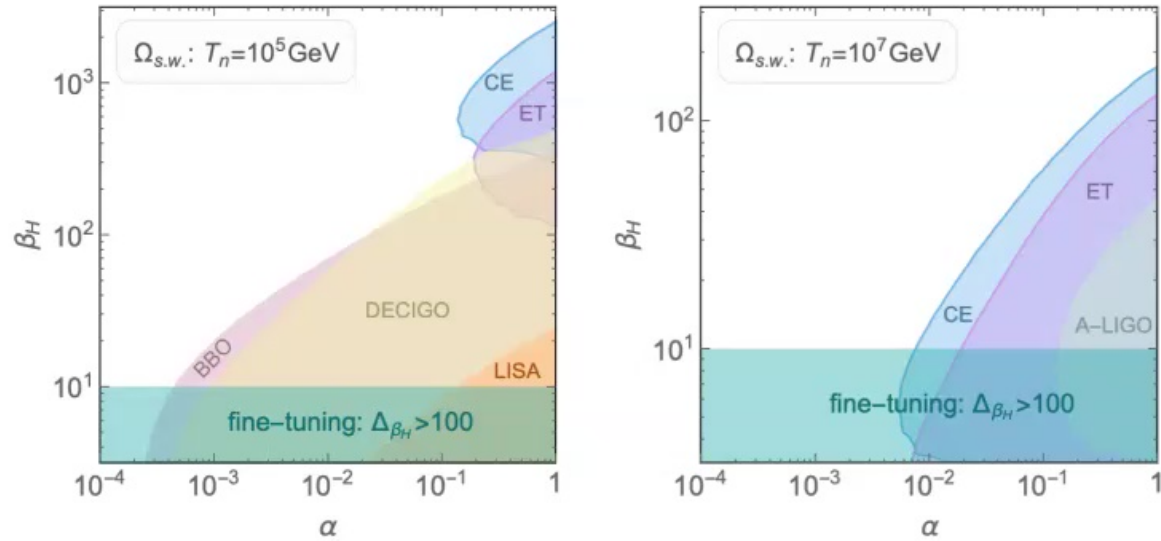
$$\langle x \rangle_{\text{true}} = f_a = \sqrt{\frac{F}{\epsilon_R}}, \quad \Delta V = (\kappa_D F)^2,$$

$$\alpha = \frac{30}{g_*(T_n)\pi^2} \left(\frac{\kappa_D F}{T_n^2}\right)^2 \sim 10^{-2} \kappa_D^2 \left(\frac{F}{m_*^2}\right)^2 \left(\frac{230}{g_*(T_n)}\right) \dots$$

no-tuning
 $T_n \sim m_*/2$

2 SUSY-breaking scales
are needed to have large
alpha!

GW signal



Using the nucleation condition the duration of the PT can be written as

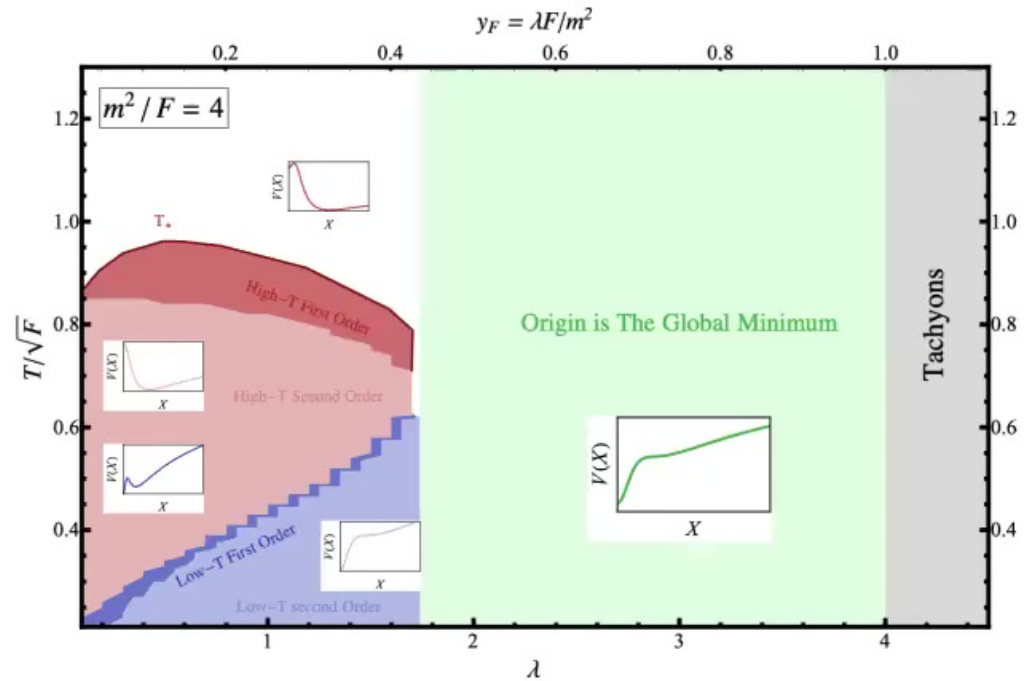
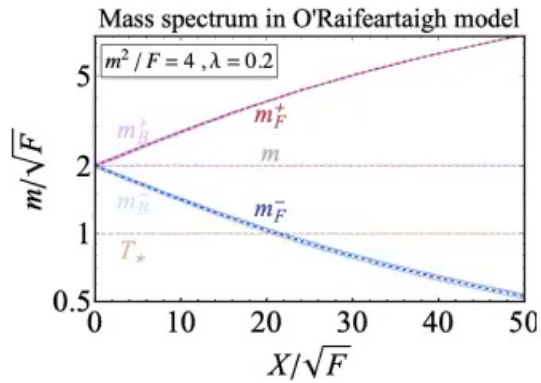
$$\beta_H(T_n) \simeq S'(T_n) - \mathcal{C} \sim 100 \quad \text{unless I tune the two terms to partially cancel}$$

The O'Raifeartaigh phase diagram

see also [A. Katz \(2009\)](#)

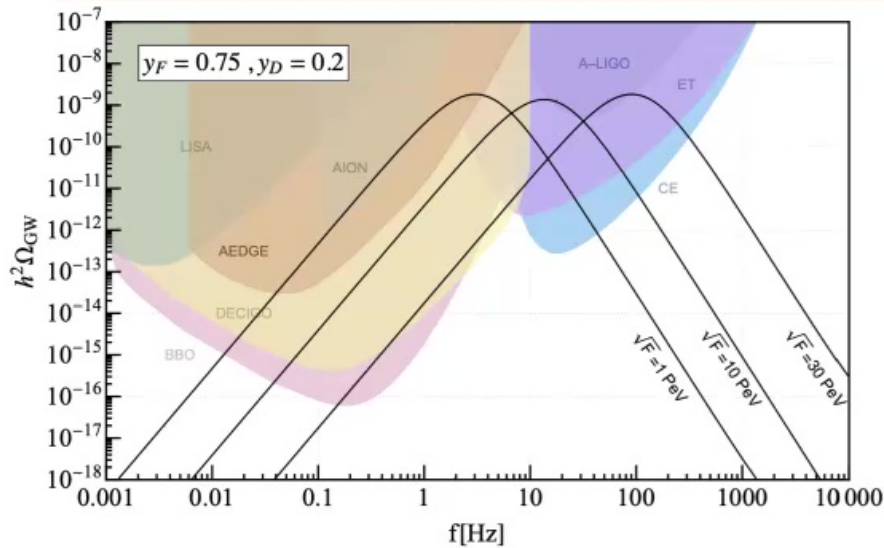
$$W = -FX + \lambda X \Phi_1 \tilde{\Phi}_2 + m(\Phi_1 \tilde{\Phi}_1 + \Phi_2 \tilde{\Phi}_2)$$

	X	Φ_1	$\tilde{\Phi}_1$	Φ_2	$\tilde{\Phi}_2$
$U(1)_R$	2	0	2	2	0
$U(1)_D$	0	1	-1	1	-1



A full model of Low Energy SUSY breaking

Prediction for GWs



Prediction for the superpartner spectrum

$$SU(6)/U(1)_D \supset SU(5) \quad \text{and messengers in the } \mathbf{5} + \bar{\mathbf{5}} \quad \mathcal{M}_{\text{mess}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\lambda f_a}{\sqrt{2}} & m \\ m & 0 \end{pmatrix}^*$$

$$m_{\bar{g}} \simeq 2 \text{ TeV} \left(\frac{F}{30 \text{ PeV}} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{y_F}{0.75} \right)^3 \left(\frac{F}{2.5D} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{\lambda}{4} \right) \left(\frac{g}{0.4} \right)$$

* gaugino screening is unavoidable since we want to avoid massless messengers along the pseudomodulus



How we will discover SUSY?

Future colliders can possibly nail unnatural SUSY scenarios if the SUSY-breaking hidden sector is reheated

The frequency of GWs expected from the hidden sector correlates with the SUSY spectrum

Which QFTs give rise to Gravitational Waves?

The SUSY-breaking pseudomodulus features a new type of 1st order PTs

- *low-T expansion
- *pressure from Boltzmann suppressed states
- *GWs are unlikely to be detectable in single scale models

