

# Probing cosmological phase transitions with LISA

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**as well as next talk by D. Weir on status of the  
art on the predictions for the *GW* spectrum**

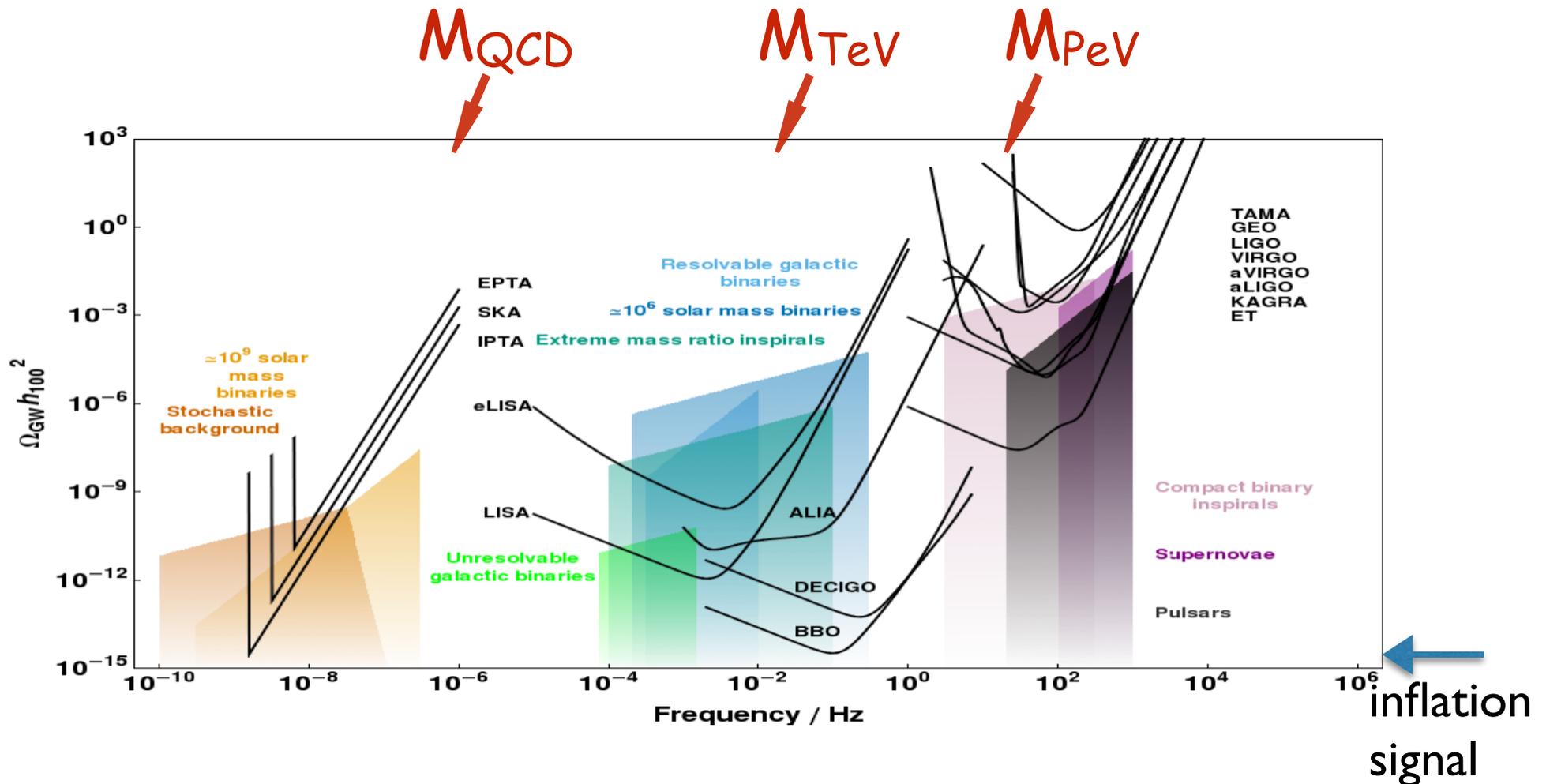
**My talk is to insist on the physics motivations**

# GW Stochastic background: isotropic, unpolarized, stationary

GW energy density:

$$\Omega_G = \frac{\langle \dot{h}_{ij} \dot{h}^{ij} \rangle}{G\rho_c} = \int \frac{dk}{k} \frac{d\Omega_G(k)}{d\log(k)}$$

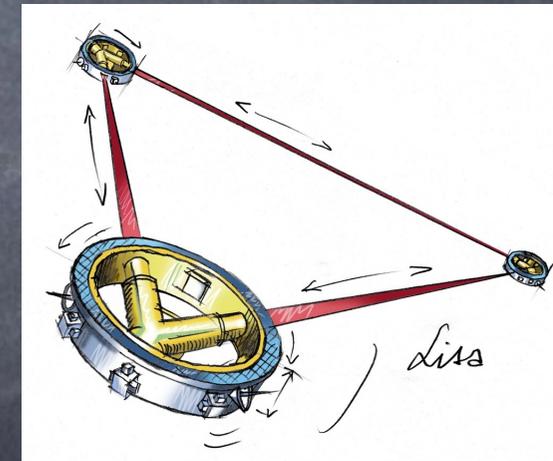
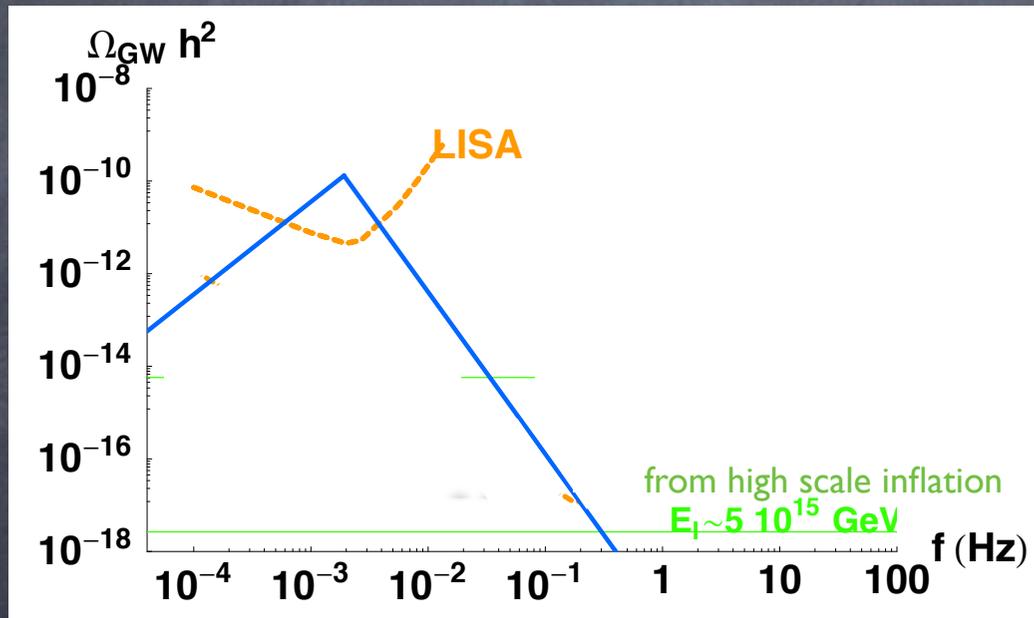
A huge range of frequencies



# Why should we be excited about milliHZ frequency?

$$f = f_* \frac{a_*}{a_0} = f_* \left( \frac{g_{s0}}{g_{s*}} \right)^{1/3} \frac{T_0}{T_*} \approx 6 \times 10^{-3} \text{mHz} \left( \frac{g_*}{100} \right)^{1/6} \frac{T_*}{100 \text{ GeV}} \frac{f_*}{H_*}$$

LISA: Could be a new window on the Weak Scale

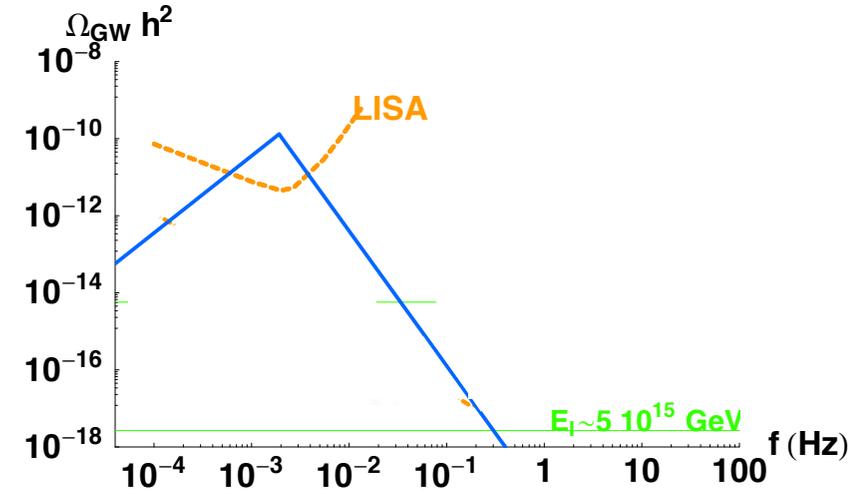
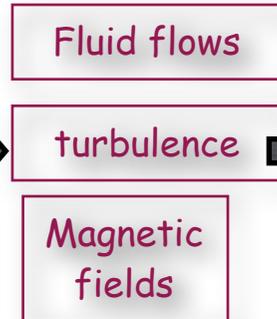
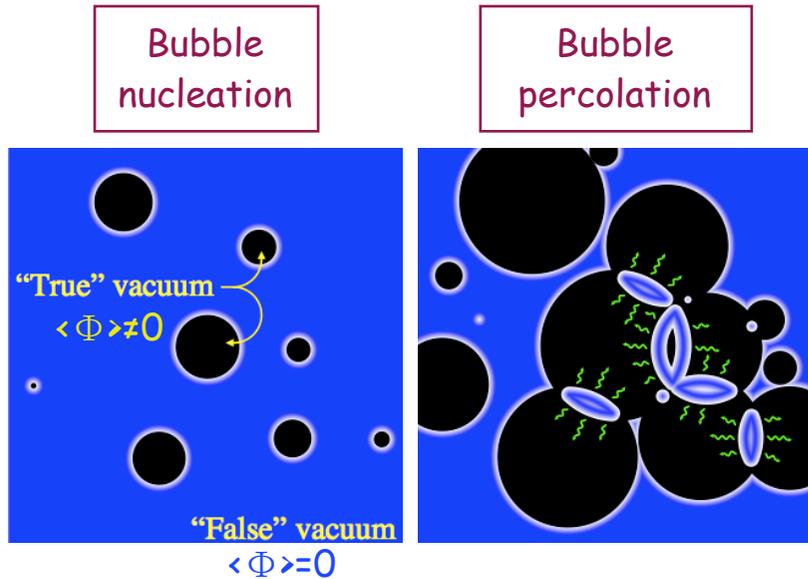


complementary to collider informations

# Which weak scale physics? $\Rightarrow$

## transition

Stochastic background of gravitational radiation



violent process if  $v$

$$f_{\text{peak}} \sim 10^{-2} \text{ mHz} \left( \frac{g_*}{100} \right)^{1/6} \frac{T_*}{100 \text{ GeV}} \frac{\beta}{H_*}$$

$$\Omega_{GW} \sim \frac{1}{(\beta/H)^2} \kappa^2$$

characterizes amount of supercooling  
Grojean-Servant hep-ph/0607107

- test of the dynamics of the phase transition
- relevant to models of EW baryogenesis
- reconstruction of the Higgs potential/study of new models of Electroweak symmetry breaking (little higgs, gauge-higgs, composite higgs,..)

# key quantities controlling the GW spectrum

$$\ddot{h}_{ij} + 2\mathcal{H}\dot{h}_{ij} + k^2 h_{ij} = 8\pi G a^2 T_{ij}^{(TT)}(k, t)$$

$$T_{ab}(\mathbf{x}) = (\rho + p) \frac{v_a(\mathbf{x})v_b(\mathbf{x})}{1 - v^2(\mathbf{x})}$$

Source of GW:  
anisotropic stress

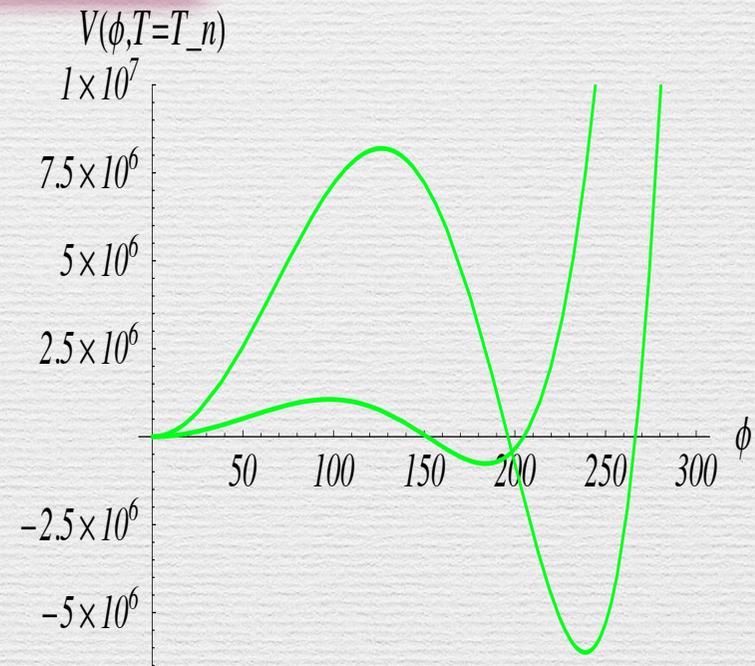
$\beta$  : (duration of the phase transition)<sup>-1</sup>

set by the tunneling probability  $P \propto e^{\beta t} \propto \frac{T^4}{H^4} e^{-S_3/T} \sim 1 \rightarrow \frac{S_3}{T} \sim 140$

and typically  $\frac{\beta}{H} \sim \mathcal{O}(10^2 - 10^3)$

$\alpha$  : vacuum energy density/radiation energy density

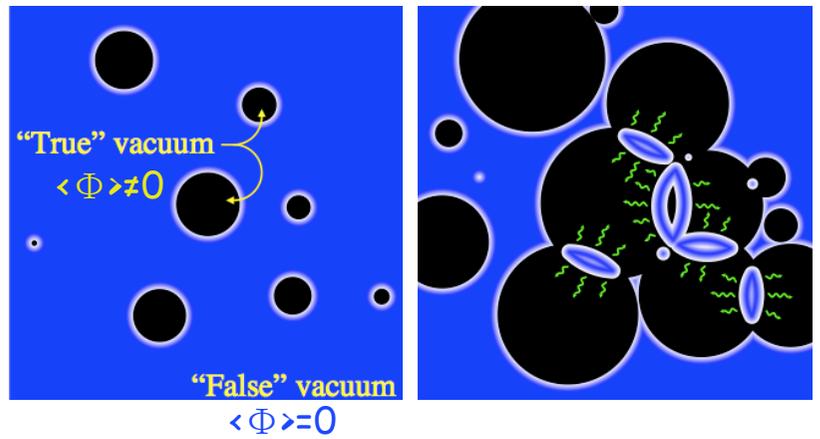
$\alpha$  and  $\beta$  : entirely determined by the effective scalar potential at high temperature



# Gravity wave signals from 1st order cosmological phase transitions

Bubble nucleation

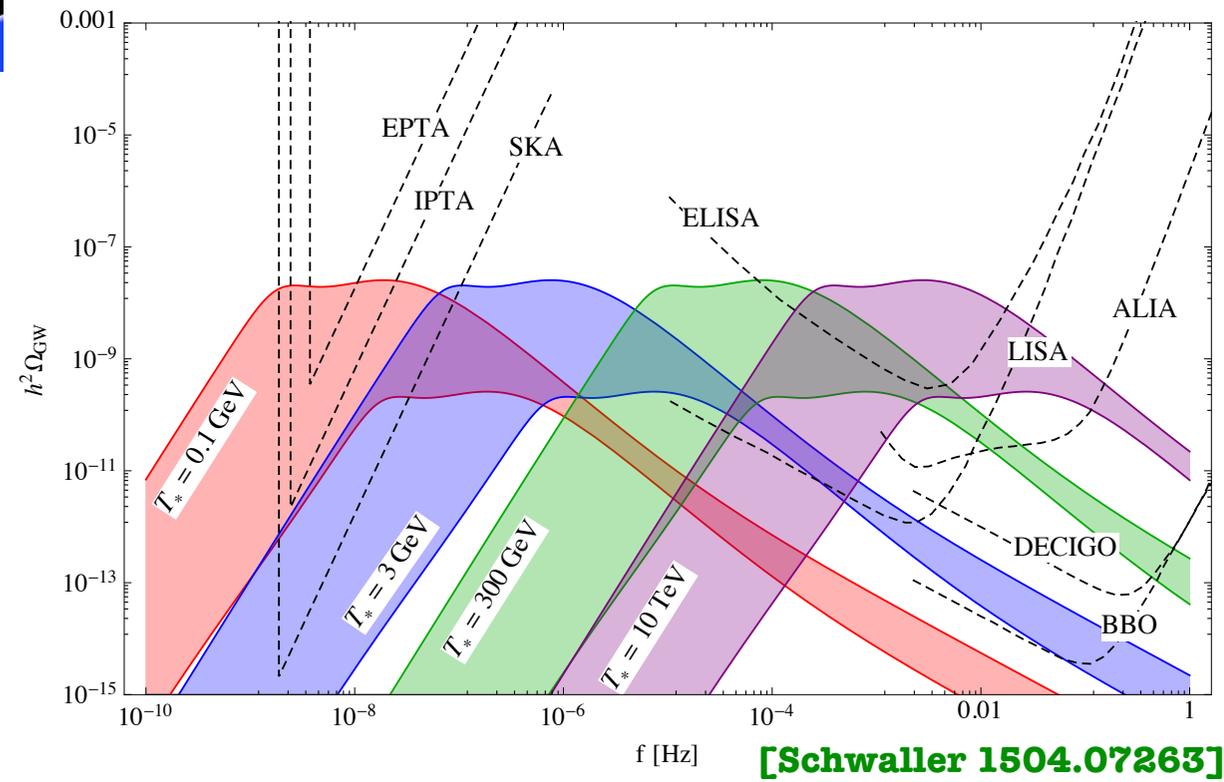
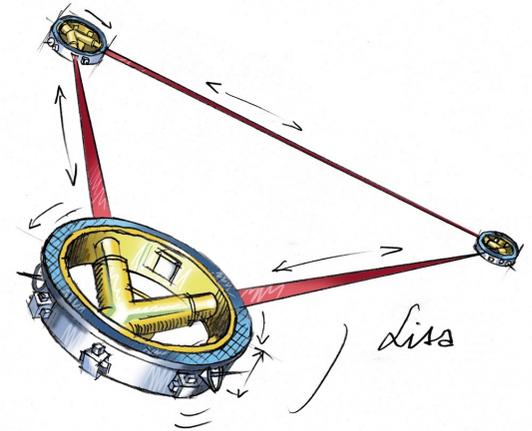
Bubble percolation



[eLISA Cosmology Working group, 1512.06239]

Stochastic background of gravitational radiation

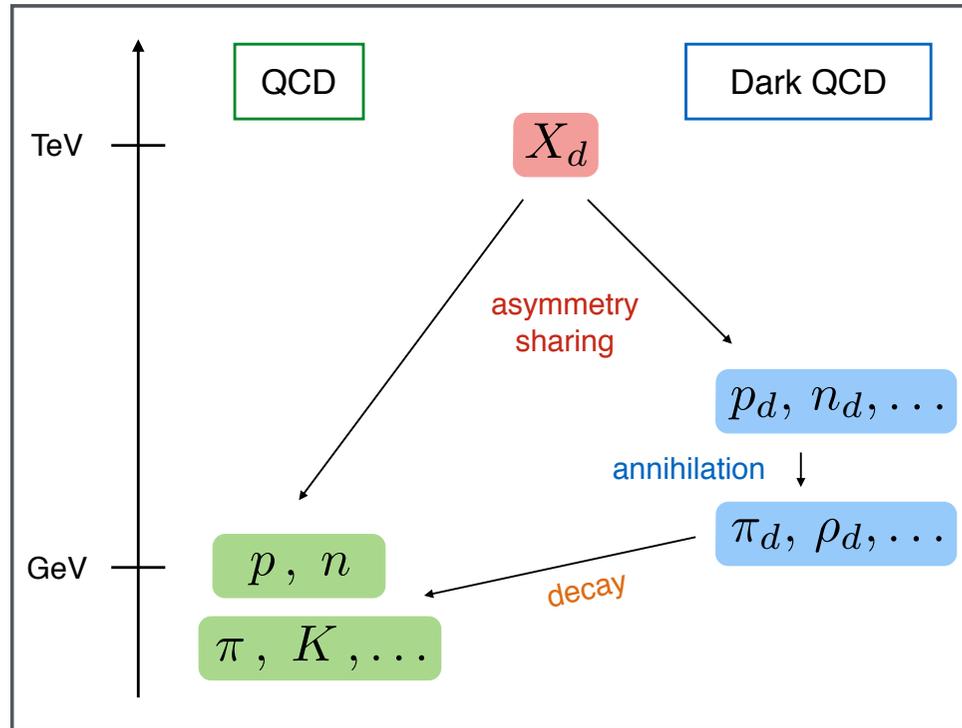
EW phase transition  
 -> mHz -> eLISA!



[Schwaller 1504.07263]

# e.g: from Dark QCD

Connecting Dark Matter and Baryogenesis



[Schwaller]

Estimate of the GW energy density at the emission time

$$\rho_{GW} \sim h^2 / 16\pi G$$

$$\delta G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu} \implies \beta^2 h \sim 8\pi G T \implies \dot{h} \sim 8\pi G T / \beta$$

where  $T \sim \rho_{kin} \sim \rho_{rad} v^2$

$$\Omega_{GW*} = \frac{H_*^2}{\beta^2} \frac{\rho_{kin}^2}{\rho_{tot}^2}$$

$\nearrow \kappa^2 \alpha^2 v^4$

$$\Omega_{GW*} \propto \frac{H_*^2}{\beta^2} \frac{\kappa^2 \alpha^2 v^4}{(\alpha+1)^2}$$

$\kappa$  : fraction of vacuum energy transformed into bulk fluid motions

3 parameters:  $\alpha, \beta, v$

# Fraction of the critical energy density in GW today

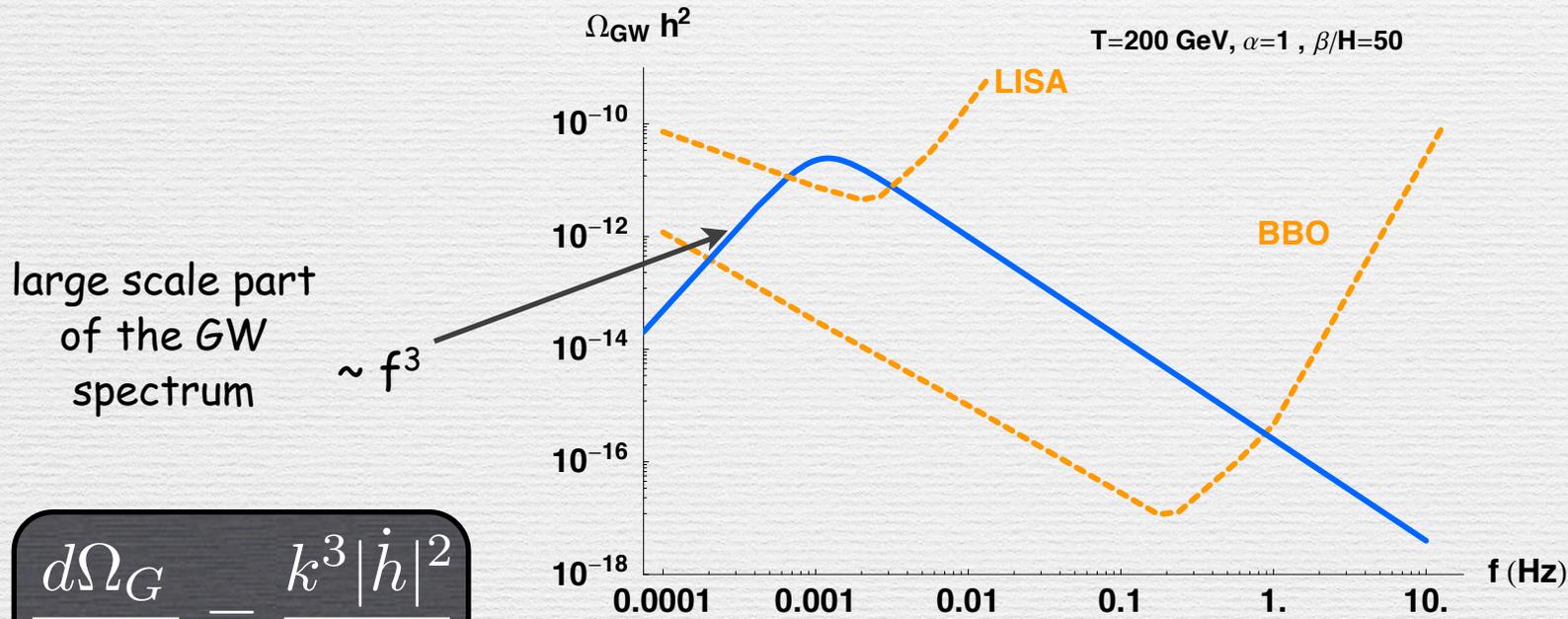
$$\Omega_{GW} = \frac{\rho_{GW}}{\rho_c} = \Omega_{GW*} \left(\frac{a_*}{a_0}\right)^4 \left(\frac{H_*}{H_0}\right)^2 \simeq 1.67 \times 10^{-5} h^{-2} \left(\frac{100}{g_*}\right)^{1/3} \Omega_{GW*}$$

has to be big ( $\geq 10^{-6}$ ) for detection

where we used:

$$\rho_{GW} = \rho_{GW*} \left(\frac{a_*}{a_0}\right)^4, \quad \rho_c = \rho_{c*} \frac{H_0^2}{H_*^2} \text{ and } H_0 = 2.1332 \times h \times 10^{-42} \text{ GeV}$$

# Expected shape of the GW spectrum



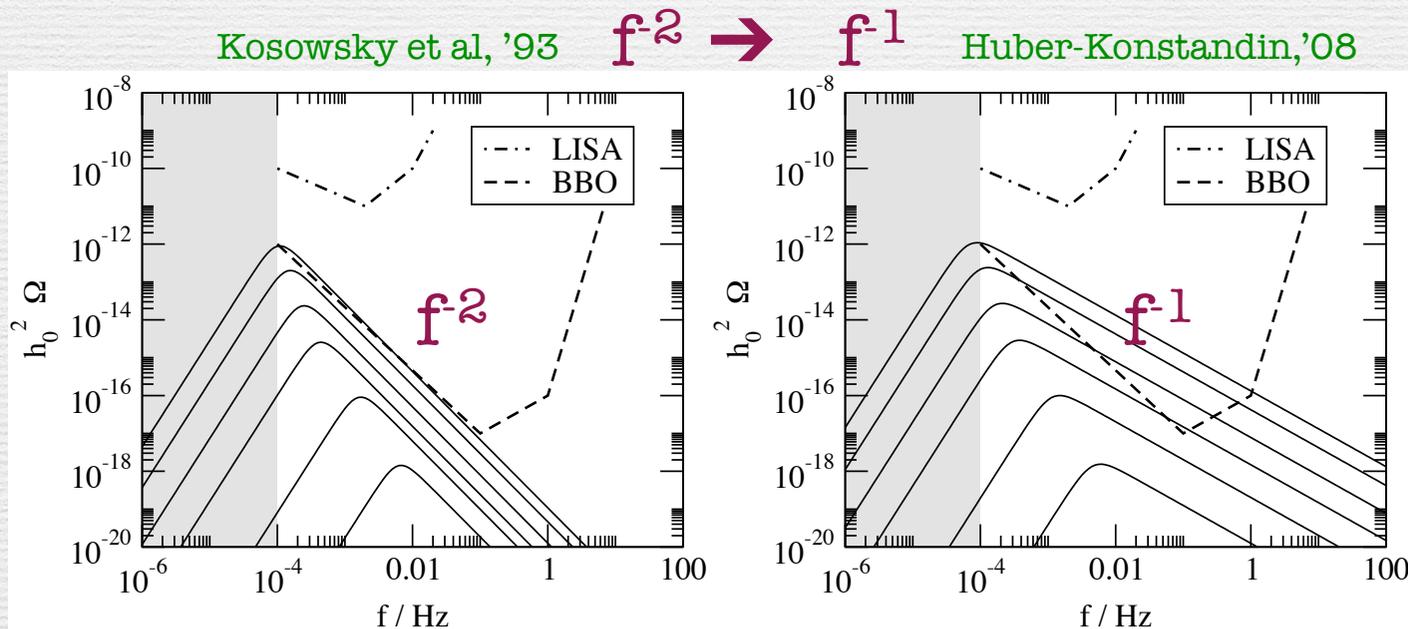
$$\frac{d\Omega_G}{d \ln k} = \frac{k^3 |\dot{h}|^2}{G\rho_c}$$

$$h_{ij}(\mathbf{k}, \eta) = \int_{\eta_{\text{in}}}^{\eta} d\tau \mathcal{G}(\tau, \eta) \Pi_{ij}(\mathbf{k}, \tau)$$

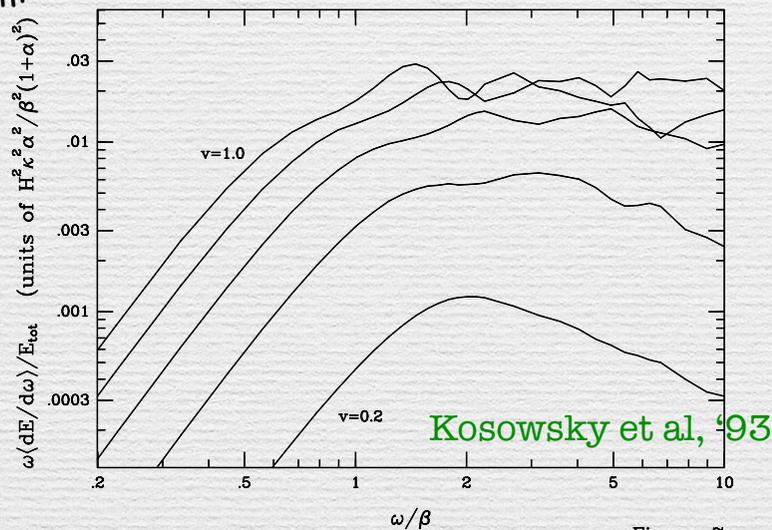
white noise for the anisotropic stress  $\rightarrow k^3$  for the energy density

CAUSAL PROCESS: source is uncorrelated at scales larger than the peak scale

# GW spectrum due to bubble collisions from numerical simulations: high frequency slope



derived from:



and much progress in the last few years, see next talk

simulations with many bubbles and high accuracy too demanding in the 90ies

# Bulk flow & hydrodynamics



higgs vacuum energy is converted into :

- kinetic energy of the higgs,
- bulk motion
- heating

$$\Omega_{GW} \sim \kappa^2(\alpha, v_b) \left(\frac{H}{\beta}\right)^2 \left(\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}\right)^2$$

fraction that goes into kinetic energy

$$\alpha = \frac{\epsilon}{\rho_{rad}}$$

$$\frac{\beta}{H} = \frac{1}{T} \frac{dS}{dT}$$

fraction  $\kappa$  of vacuum energy density  $\epsilon$  converted into kinetic energy

$$\kappa = \frac{3}{\epsilon \xi_w^3} \int w(\xi) v^2 \gamma^2 \xi^2 d\xi$$

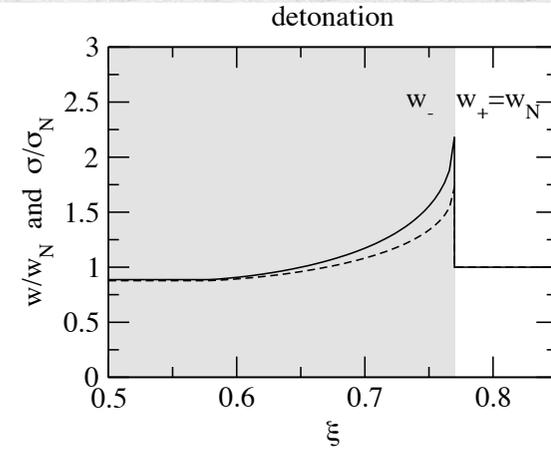
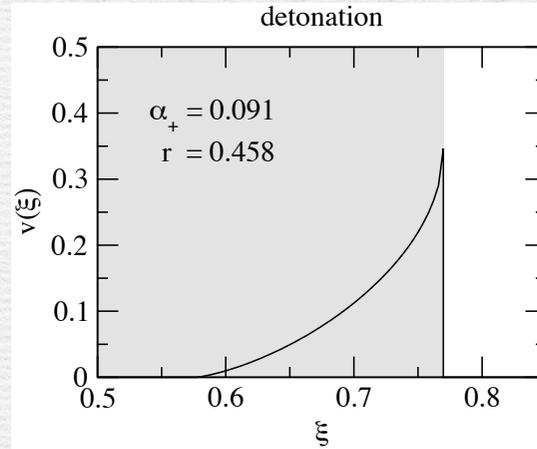
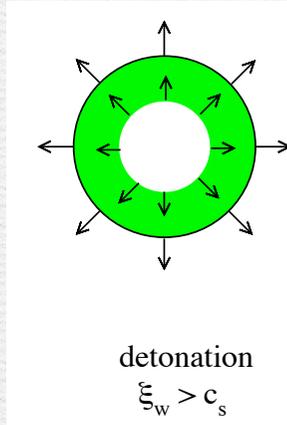
fluid velocity

wall velocity

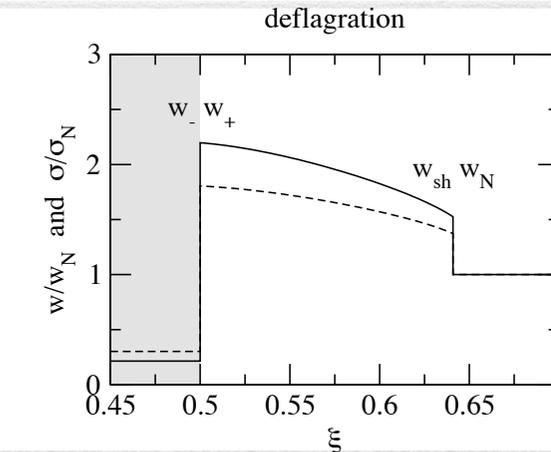
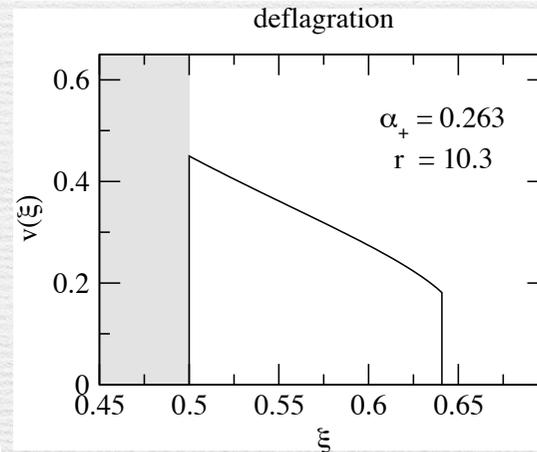
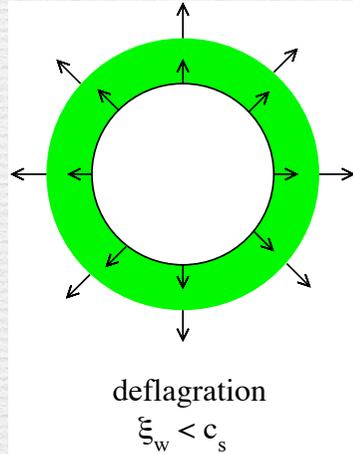
-> all boils down to calculating the fluid velocity profile in the vicinity of the bubble wall

Depending on the boundary conditions at the bubble front, there are three possible solutions:

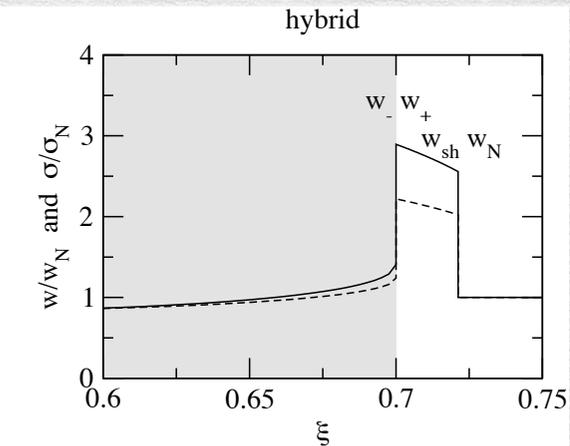
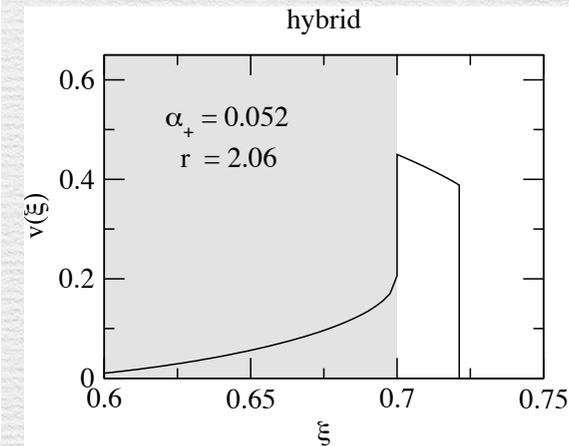
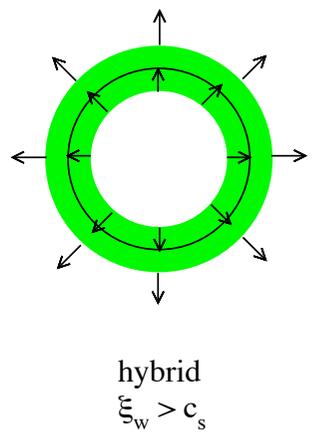
detonations -rarefaction wave



deflagrations -shock front

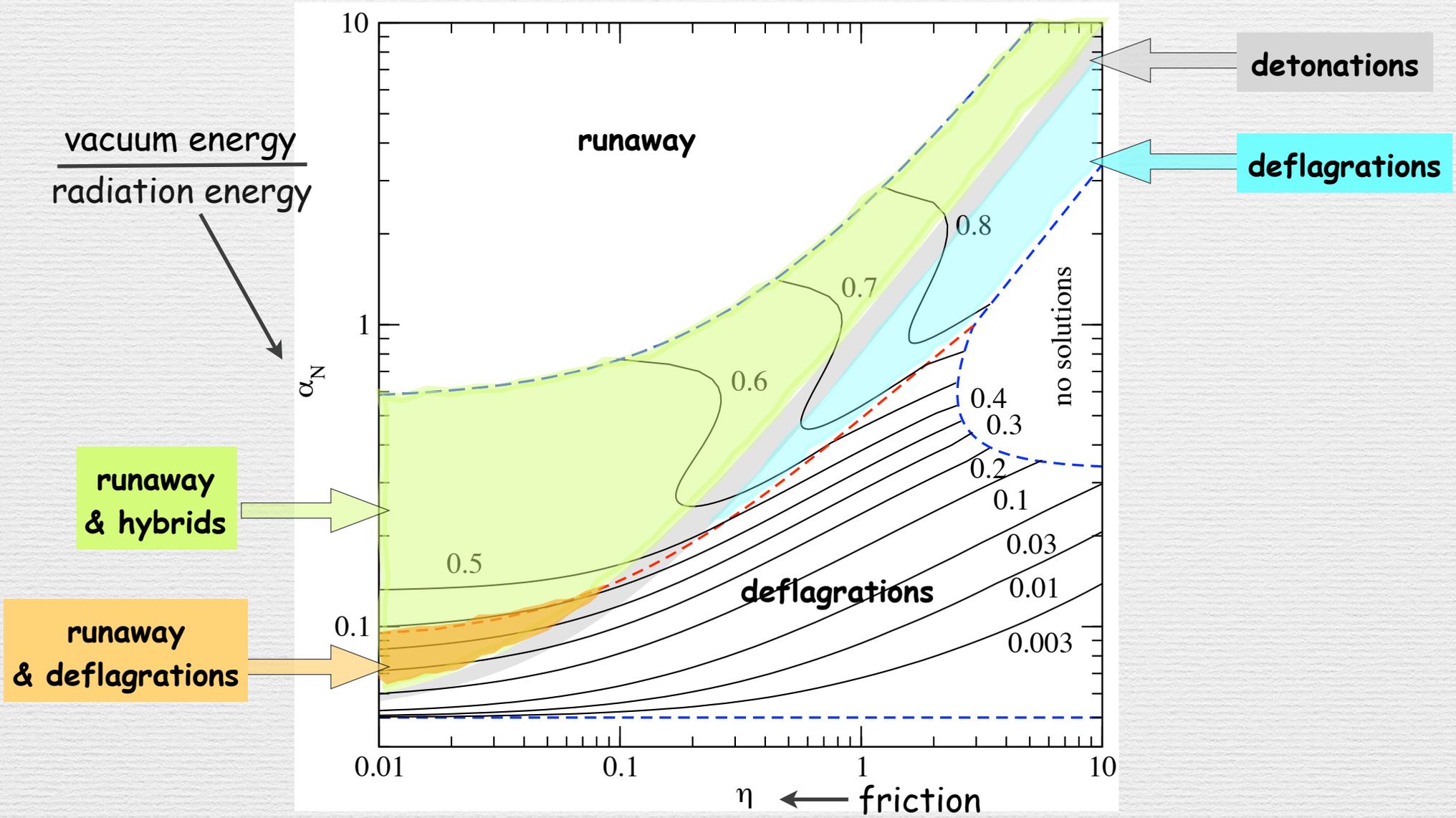


hybrids -both



# Model-independent $\kappa$ contours

Espinosa, Konstandin, No, Servant'10



$$\eta_{\text{SM}} \sim 10^{-3}$$

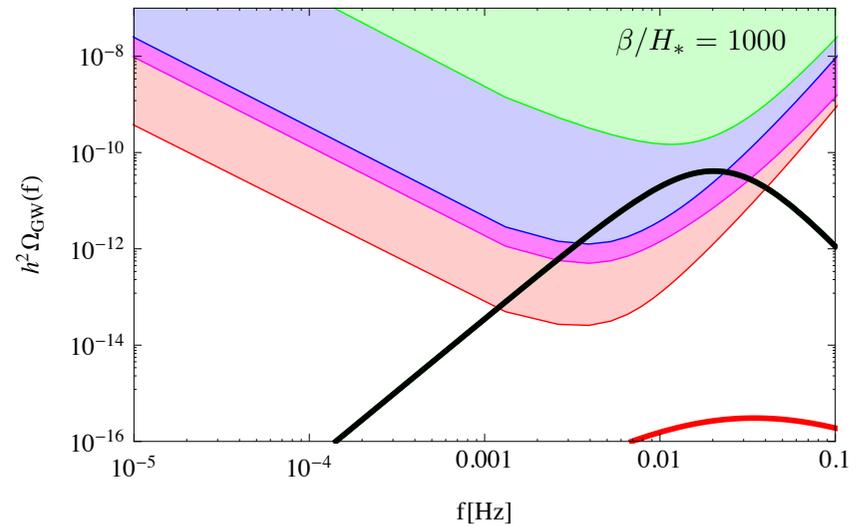
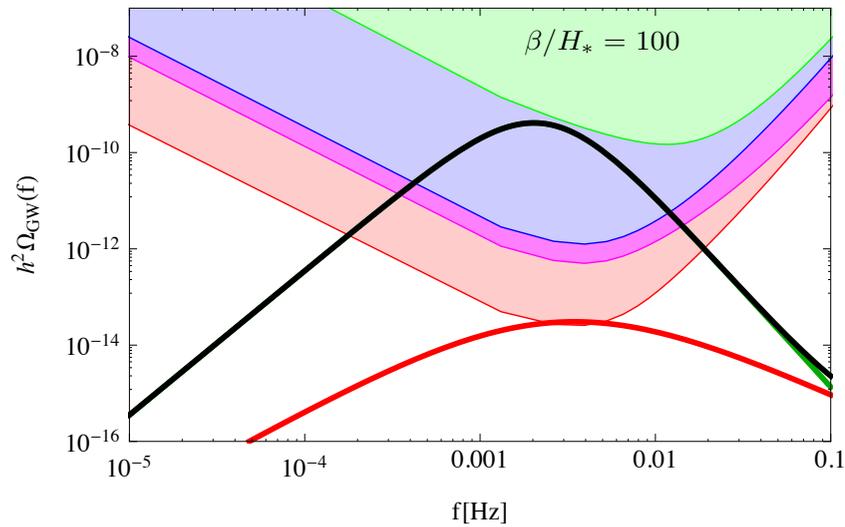
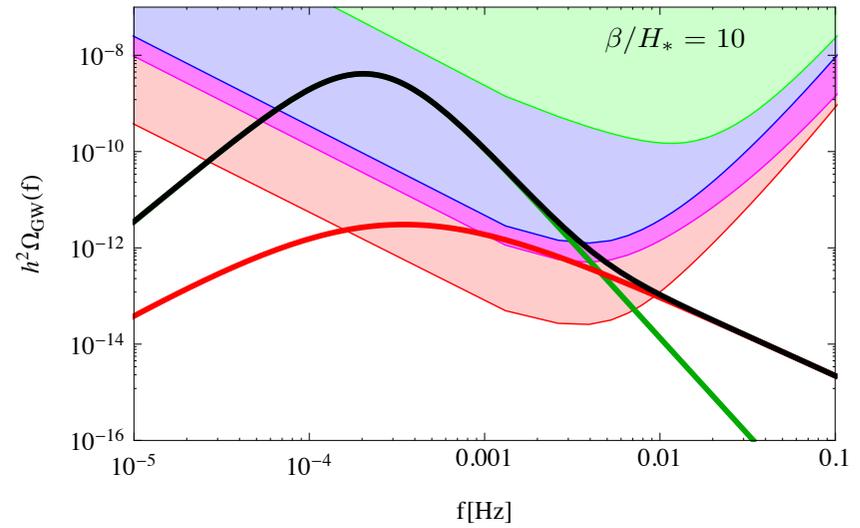
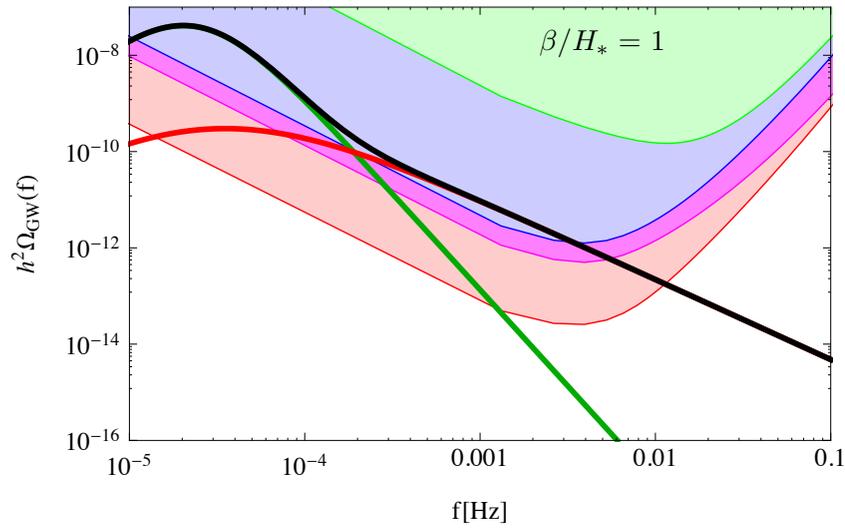
$$\eta_{\text{MSSM}} \sim 10^{-2}$$

$$v \sim 0.05 - 0.1$$

# Examples of Spectra

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$T_* = 100 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $\alpha = 0.5$ ,  $v_w = 0.95$

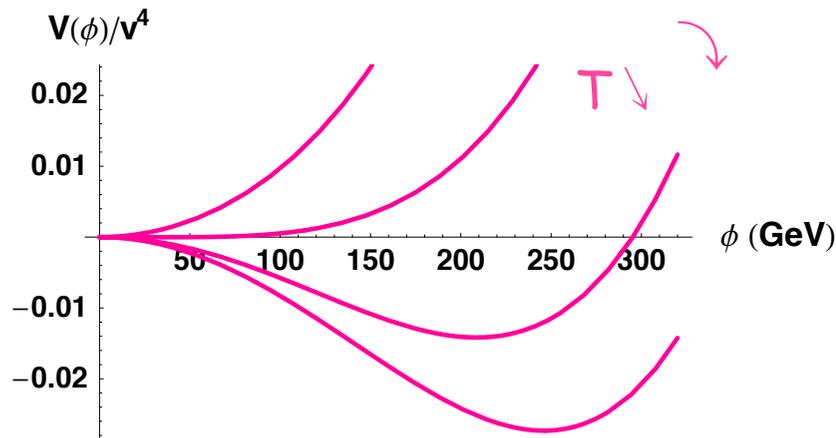


**Predictions depend on the particle Physics Model**

**What is the nature of the Electroweak Phase Transition?**

# The Higgs Mechanism

EW symmetry breaking is described by the condensation of a scalar field

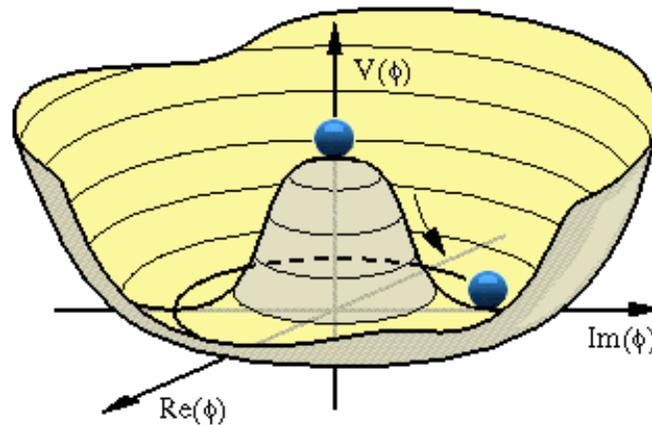


$$\Phi = \begin{bmatrix} \phi^+ \\ v + \frac{H}{\sqrt{2}} + i\varphi_Z \end{bmatrix}$$

Background value, Higgs medium

Higgs boson: excitation of the higgs medium

The Higgs selects a vacuum state by developing a non zero background value. When it does so, it gives mass to SM particles it couples to.



$$V(\Phi) = \frac{\mu^2}{2} \Phi^\dagger \Phi + \frac{\lambda}{4} (\Phi^\dagger \Phi)^2$$

Why is  $\mu^2$  negative?

the puzzle:

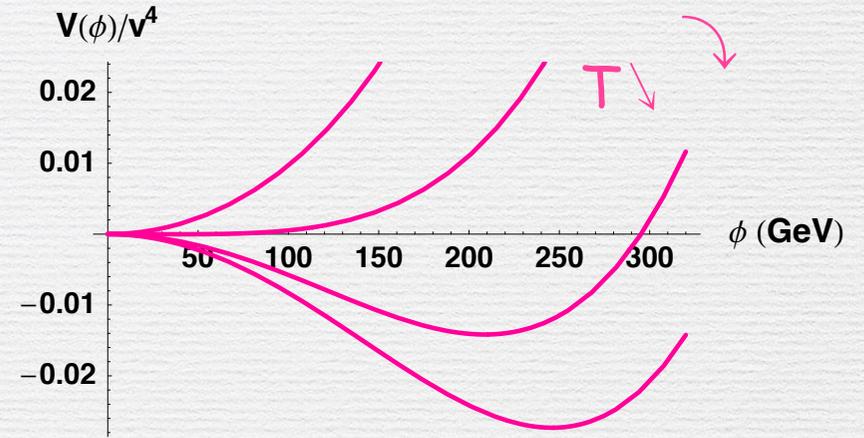
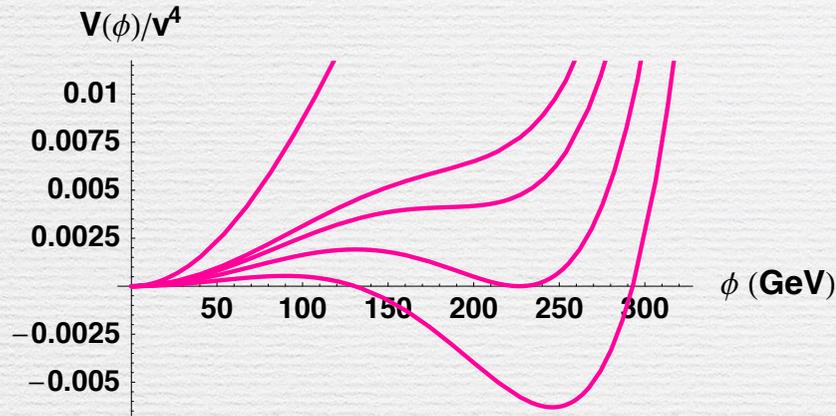
We do not know what makes the Higgs condensate.

We ARRANGE the Higgs potential so that the Higgs condensates but this is just a parametrization that we are unable to explain dynamically.

first-order

or

second-order?



In the SM, a 1st-order phase transition can occur due to thermally generated cubic Higgs interactions:

$$V(\phi, T) \approx \frac{1}{2}(-\mu_h^2 + cT^2)\phi^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4}\phi^4 - ET\phi^3$$

$$-ET\phi^3 \subset -\frac{T}{12\pi} \sum_i m_i^3(\phi)$$

Sum over all bosons which couple to the Higgs

In the SM:

$$\sum_i \simeq \sum_{W,Z}$$



not enough

for  $M_H > 72$  GeV, no 1st order phase transition

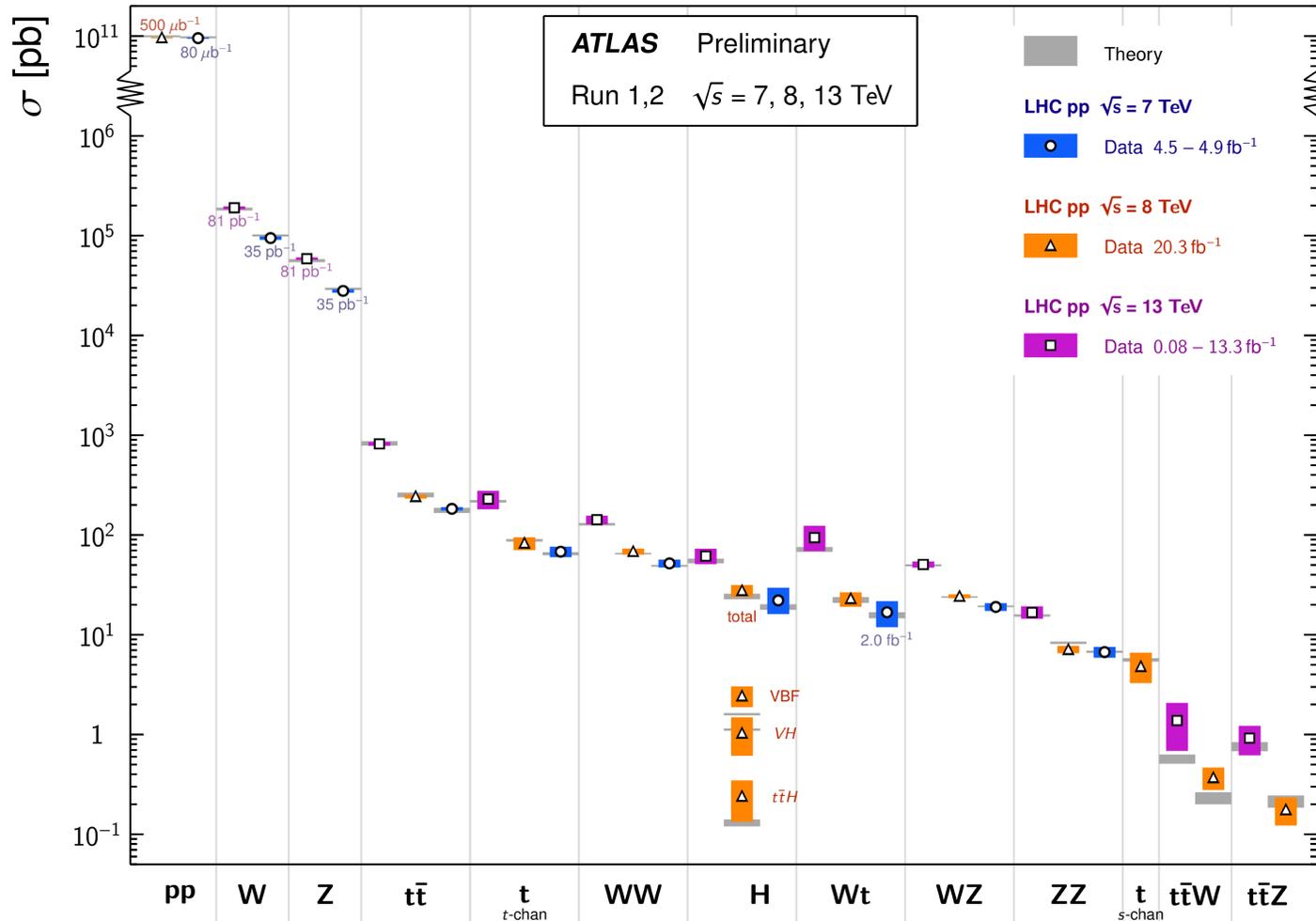
In the MSSM: new bosonic degrees of freedom with large coupling to the Higgs

Main effect due to the stop

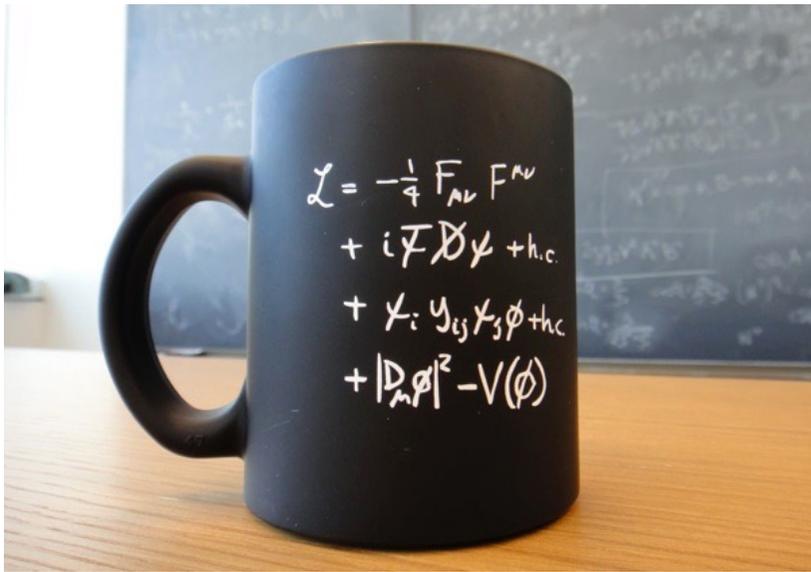
# So far, everything amazingly consistent with the Standard Model

Standard Model Total Production Cross Section Measurements

Status: August 2016



describes phenomena over many orders of magnitude!



But this equation fails to explain:

Baryon asymmetry of the universe

Dark Matter

Dark Energy

Inflation

Quantum Gravity

# The hierarchy problem: What is keeping the Higgs boson light?

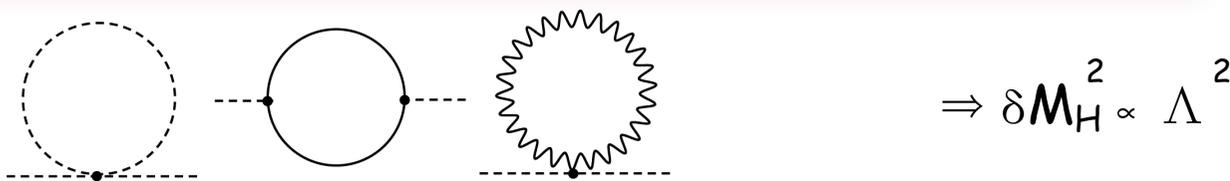
we need new degrees of freedom to cancel  $\Lambda^2$  divergences  
and ensure the stability of the weak scale

a problem that arises for any elementary SCALAR particle

does not arise for fermions (protected by chiral symmetry) or  
gauge bosons (protected by the gauge symmetry)

What is cancelling the divergent diagrams?

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A light Higgs calls for New Physics at the TeV scale

the "hierarchy problem": the main motivation for building the LHC

# Matter Anti-matter asymmetry of the universe

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$$5.7 \leq \eta_{10} \leq 6.7 \text{ (95\%CL)}$$

$\eta$  remains unexplained within the Standard Model

double failure:

- lack of out-of-equilibrium condition
- so far, no baryogenesis mechanism that works with only SM CP violation (CKM phase)

proven for standard  
EW baryogenesis

**Gavela, P. Hernandez, Orloff, Pene '94**  
**Konstandin, Prokopec, Schmidt '04**

attempts in cold EW  
baryogenesis

**Tranberg, A. Hernandez, Konstandin, Schmidt '09**  
**Brauner, Taanila, Tranberg, Vuorinen '12**

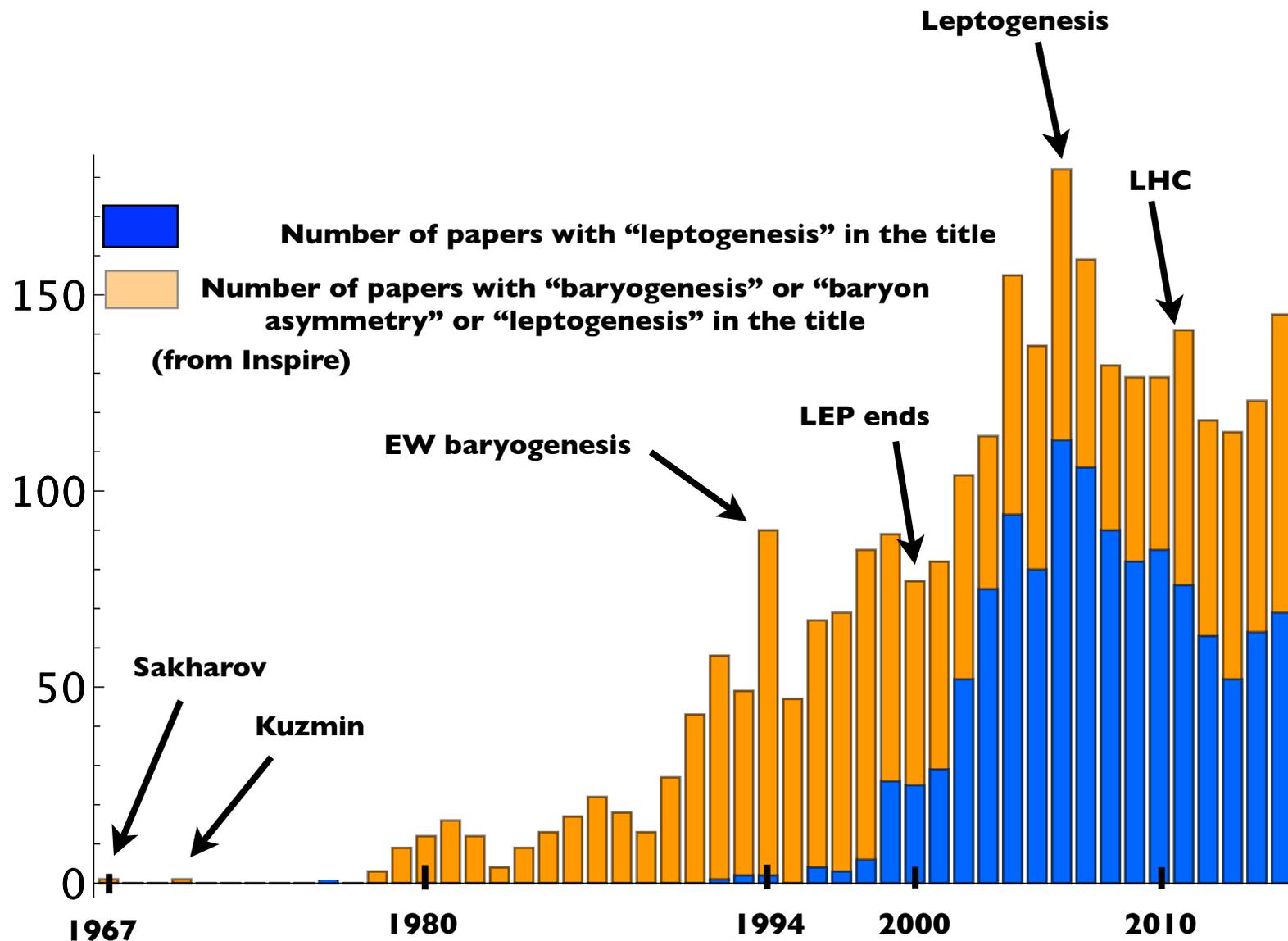
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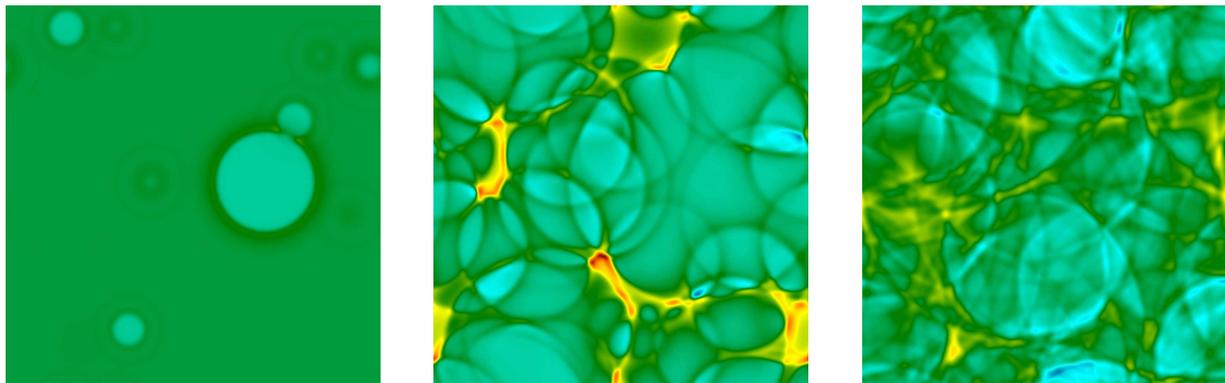
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**Plethora of baryogenesis models taking place at all possible scales**

# History of baryogenesis papers

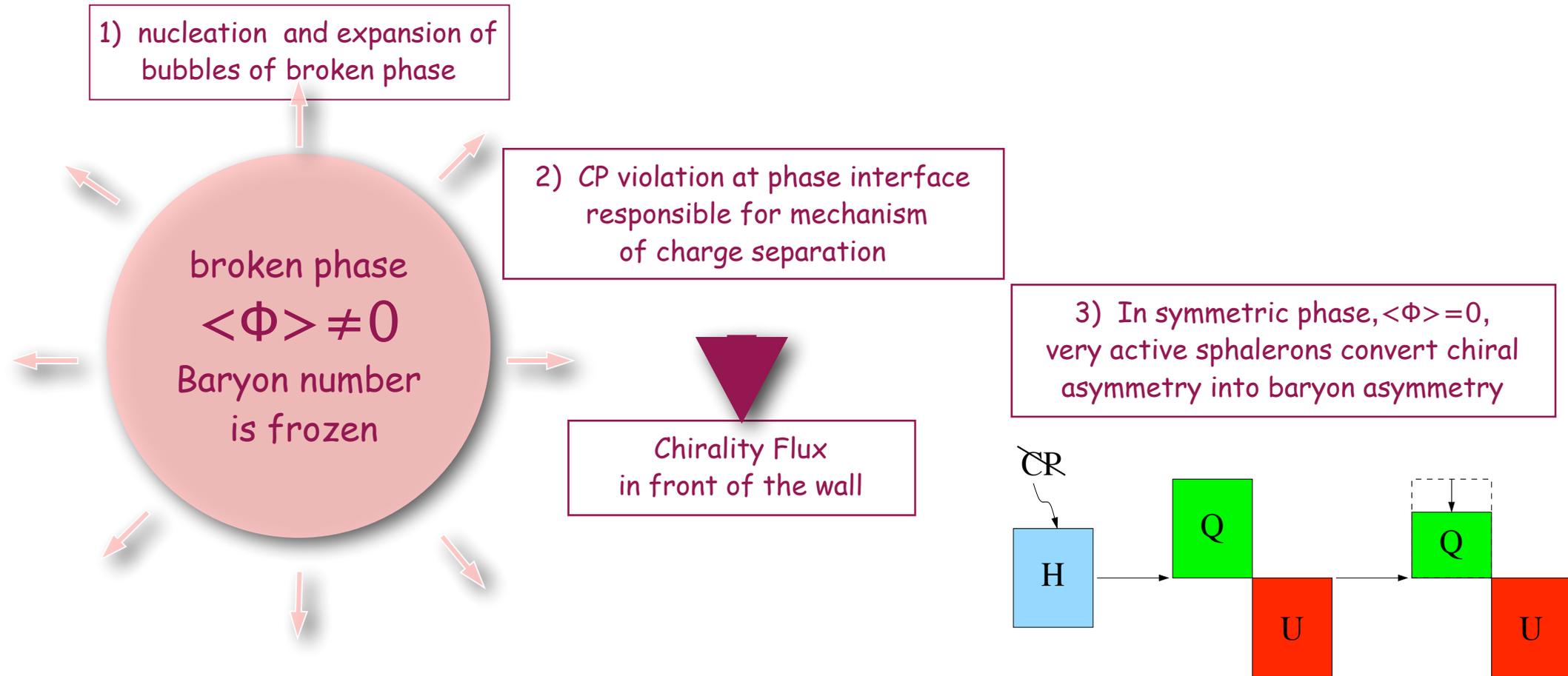


# Baryogenesis at a first-order EW phase transition



# Baryon asymmetry and the EW scale

Cohen, Kaplan, Nelson'91



Electroweak baryogenesis mechanism relies on a first-order phase transition satisfying  $\frac{\langle \Phi(T_n) \rangle}{T_n} \gtrsim 1$

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## The Electroweak Baryogenesis Miracle:

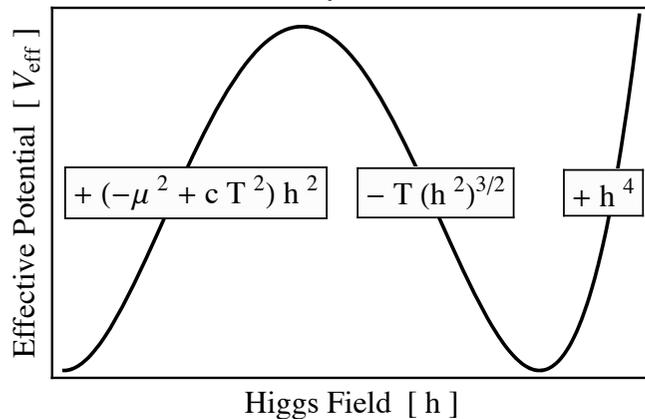
$$\eta_B = \frac{n_B}{s} = \frac{405\Gamma_{ws}}{4\pi^2 v_w g_* T} \int_0^\infty dz \mu_{BL}(z) e^{-\nu z}, \quad \nu = 45\Gamma_{ws}/(4v_w)$$

$$\Gamma_{ws} = 1.0 \times 10^{-6} T,$$

All parameters fixed by electroweak physics! If new CP violating source of order 1 then we get just the right baryon asymmetry!

The most common way to obtain a strongly 1st order phase transition by inducing a barrier in the effective potential is due to thermal loops of BOSONIC modes.

One adds new scalar coupled to the Higgs



Very constrained by LHC !

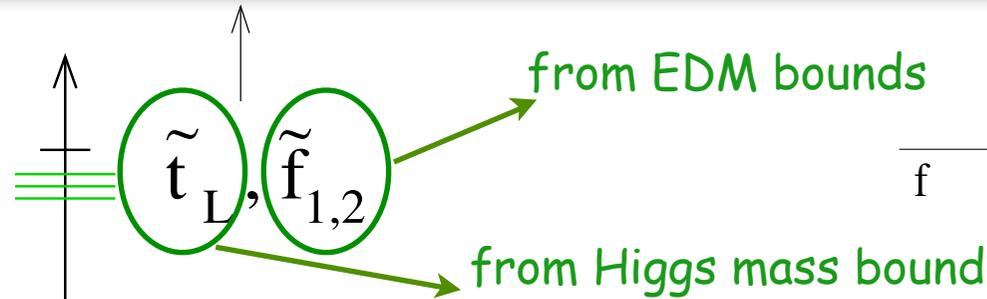
Katz, Perelstein '14

A strong 1st order PT leads to sizable deviations in  $hgg$  and  $h\gamma\gamma$  couplings and therefore in Higgs production rate and decays in  $\gamma\gamma$

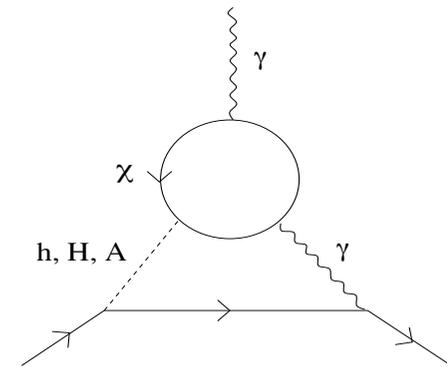
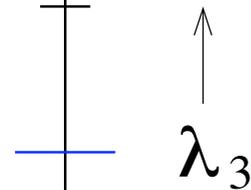
e.g: Light stop scenario in Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model

# The (former) EW baryogenesis window in the Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model: A Stop-split supersymmetry spectrum

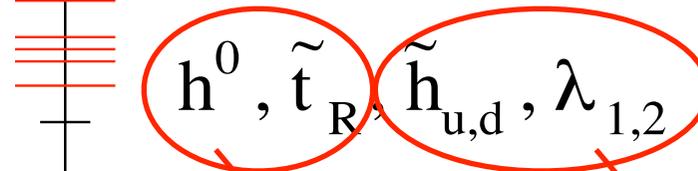
10 TeV



1 TeV



0.1 TeV



for strong 1st order phase transition  
for sufficient CP violation  $\propto \text{Im}(\mu M_2)$

excluded by recent higgs measurements and stop searches

see 1207.6330

The light stop scenario: testable at the LHC

bounds get relaxed when adding singlets or in BSSM

# Higgs mass measurement does not constrain the nature of the EW phase transition

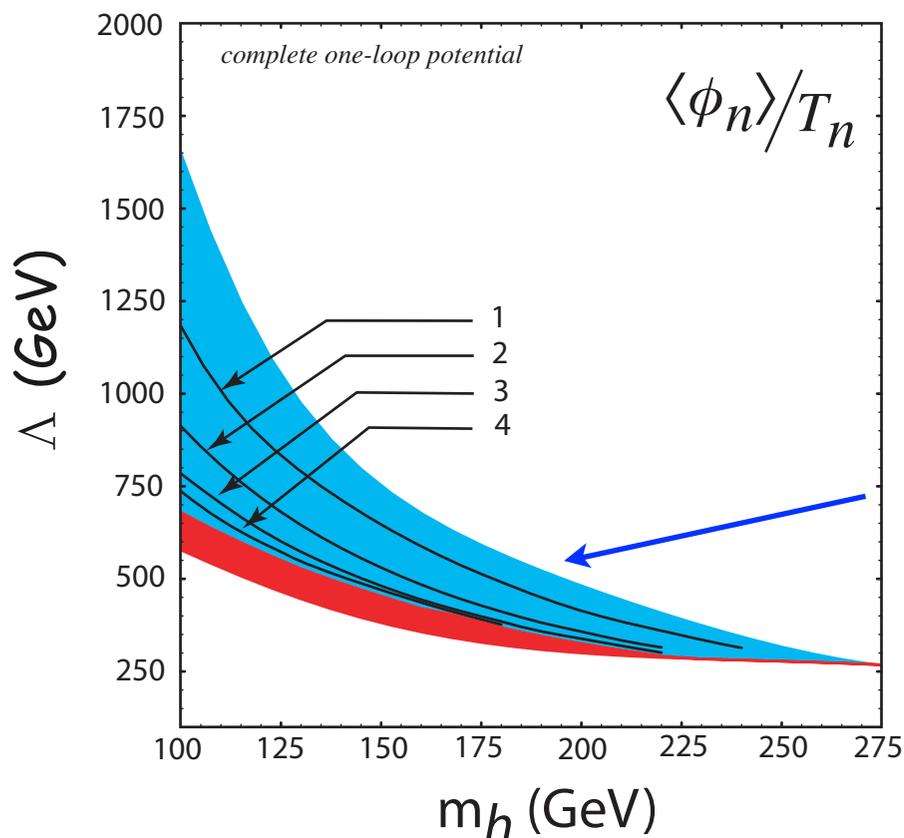
Easily seen in effective field theory approach:

Add a non-renormalizable  $\Phi^6$  term to the SM Higgs potential and allow a negative quartic coupling

$$V(\Phi) = \mu_h^2 |\Phi|^2 - \lambda |\Phi|^4 + \frac{|\Phi|^6}{\Lambda^2}$$

"strength" of the transition does not rely on the one-loop thermally generated negative self cubic Higgs coupling

strong enough  
for EW baryogenesis  
if  $\Lambda \lesssim 1.3 \text{ TeV}$



region where EW phase transition is 1st order

Grojean-Servant-Wells '04  
Delaunay-Grojean-Wells '08

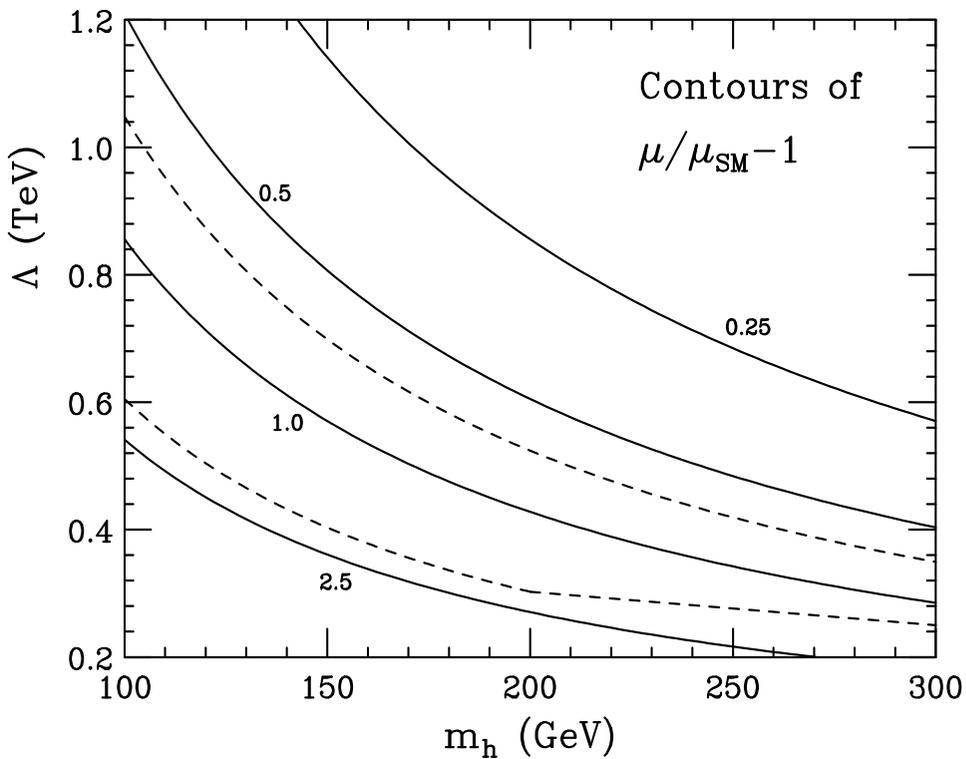
# but Typically large deviations to the Higgs self-couplings

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{m_H^2}{2} H^2 + \frac{\mu}{3!} H^3 + \frac{\eta}{4!} H^4 + \dots$$

where

$$\mu = 3 \frac{m_H^2}{v_0} + 6 \frac{v_0^3}{\Lambda^2}$$

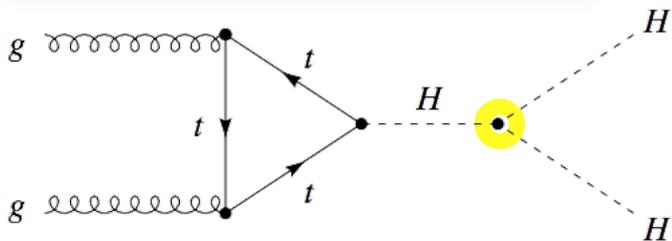
$$\eta = 3 \frac{m_H^2}{v_0^2} + 36 \frac{v_0^2}{\Lambda^2}$$



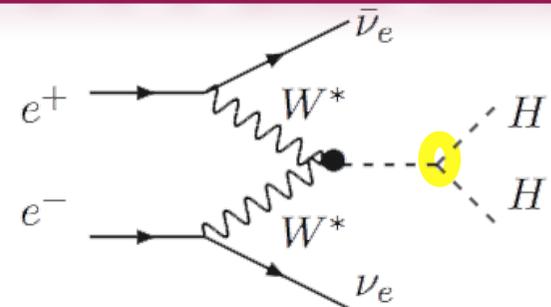
The dotted lines delimit the region for a strong 1st order phase transition

deviations between a factor 0.7 and 2

at a Hadron Collider



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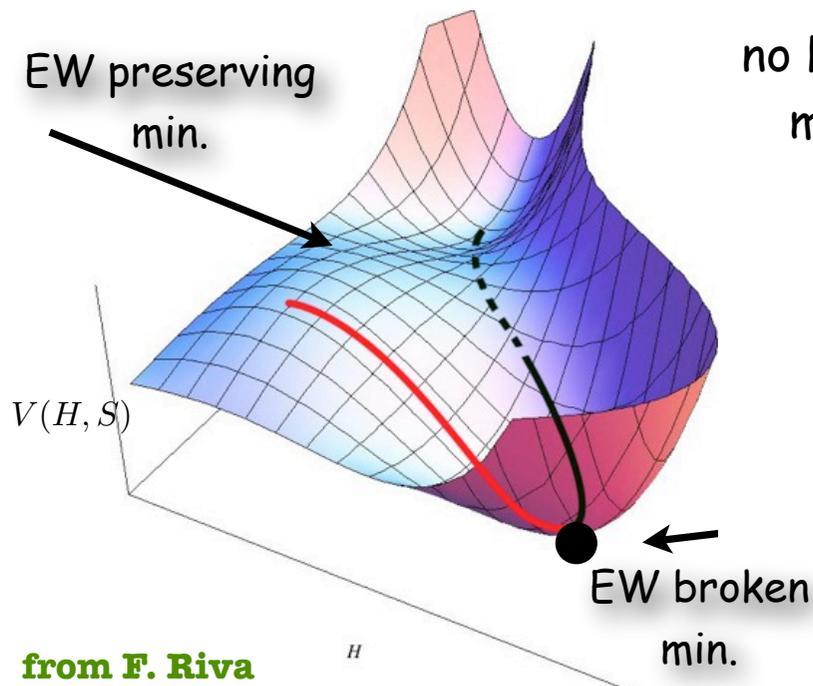


# The easiest way: Two-stage EW phase transition

*example: the SM+ a real scalar singlet*

e.g 1409.0005

$$V_0 = -\mu^2 |H|^2 + \lambda |H|^4 + \frac{1}{2} \mu_S^2 S^2 + \lambda_{HS} |H|^2 S^2 + \frac{1}{4} \lambda_S S^4.$$



from F. Riva

$S$  has no VEV today:

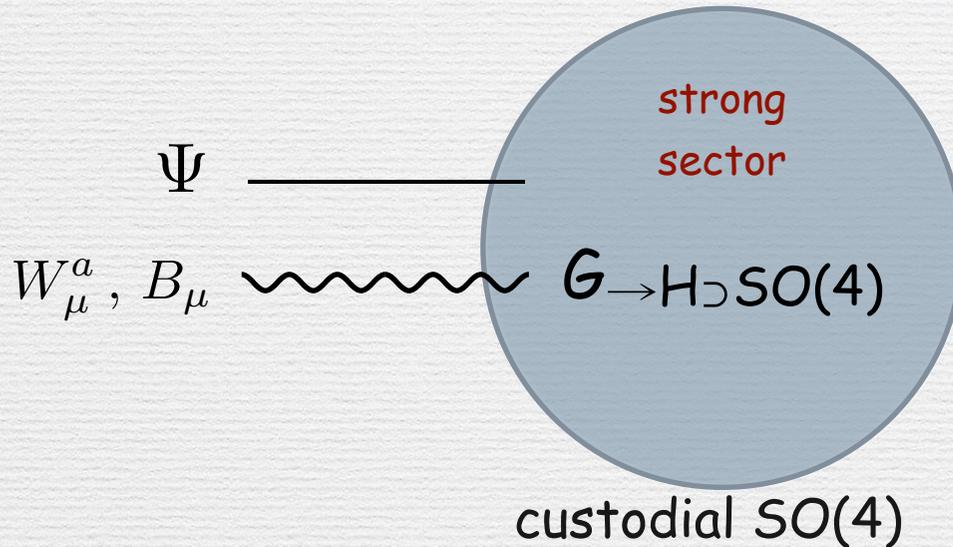
no Higgs- $S$  mixing  $\rightarrow$  no EW precision tests, tiny modifications of higgs couplings at colliders

**Poorly constrained**

$\rightarrow$  Espinosa et al, 1107.5441

Easy to motivate additional scalars, e.g:

New strong sector endowed with a global symmetry  $G$  spontaneously broken to  $H$   
 $\rightarrow$  delivers a set of Nambu Goldstone bosons



$$\mathcal{L}_{int} = A_\mu J^\mu + \bar{\Psi} O + h.c.$$

to avoid large corrections to the  $T$  parameter

$G$	$H$	$N_G$	NGBs rep. $[H] = \text{rep.}[\text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2)]$
SO(5)	SO(4)	4	$4 = (\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2}) \rightarrow$ <b>Agashe, Contino, Pomarol'05</b>
SO(6)	SO(5)	5	$5 = (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}) + (\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2})$
SO(6)	SO(4) $\times$ SO(2)	8	$4_{+2} + \bar{4}_{-2} = 2 \times (\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2})$
SO(7)	SO(6)	6	$6 = 2 \times (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}) + (\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2})$
SO(7)	$G_2$	7	$7 = (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{3}) + (\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2})$
SO(7)	SO(5) $\times$ SO(2)	10	$10_0 = (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1}) + (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{3}) + (\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2})$
SO(7)	$[\text{SO}(3)]^3$	12	$(\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2}, \mathbf{3}) = 3 \times (\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2})$
Sp(6)	Sp(4) $\times$ SU(2)	8	$(\mathbf{4}, \mathbf{2}) = 2 \times (\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2}), (\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2}) + 2 \times (\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{1})$
SU(5)	SU(4) $\times$ U(1)	8	$4_{-5} + \bar{4}_{+5} = 2 \times (\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2})$
SU(5)	SO(5)	14	$14 = (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{3}) + (\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2}) + (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})$



Another easy way to get a strong 1st-order PT:  
dilaton-like potential naturally leads to supercooling

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not a polynomial

$$V = \bar{V}(\sigma) + \frac{\lambda}{4} (\phi^2 - c\sigma^2)^2 \quad c = \frac{v^2}{\langle \sigma \rangle^2}$$

Higgs vev controlled by dilaton vev

(e.g. Randall-Sundrum scenario)

$$V(\sigma) = \sigma^4 \times f(\sigma^\epsilon)$$

a scale invariant function modulated by a slow evolution  
through the  $\sigma^\epsilon$  term

for  $|\epsilon| \ll 1$

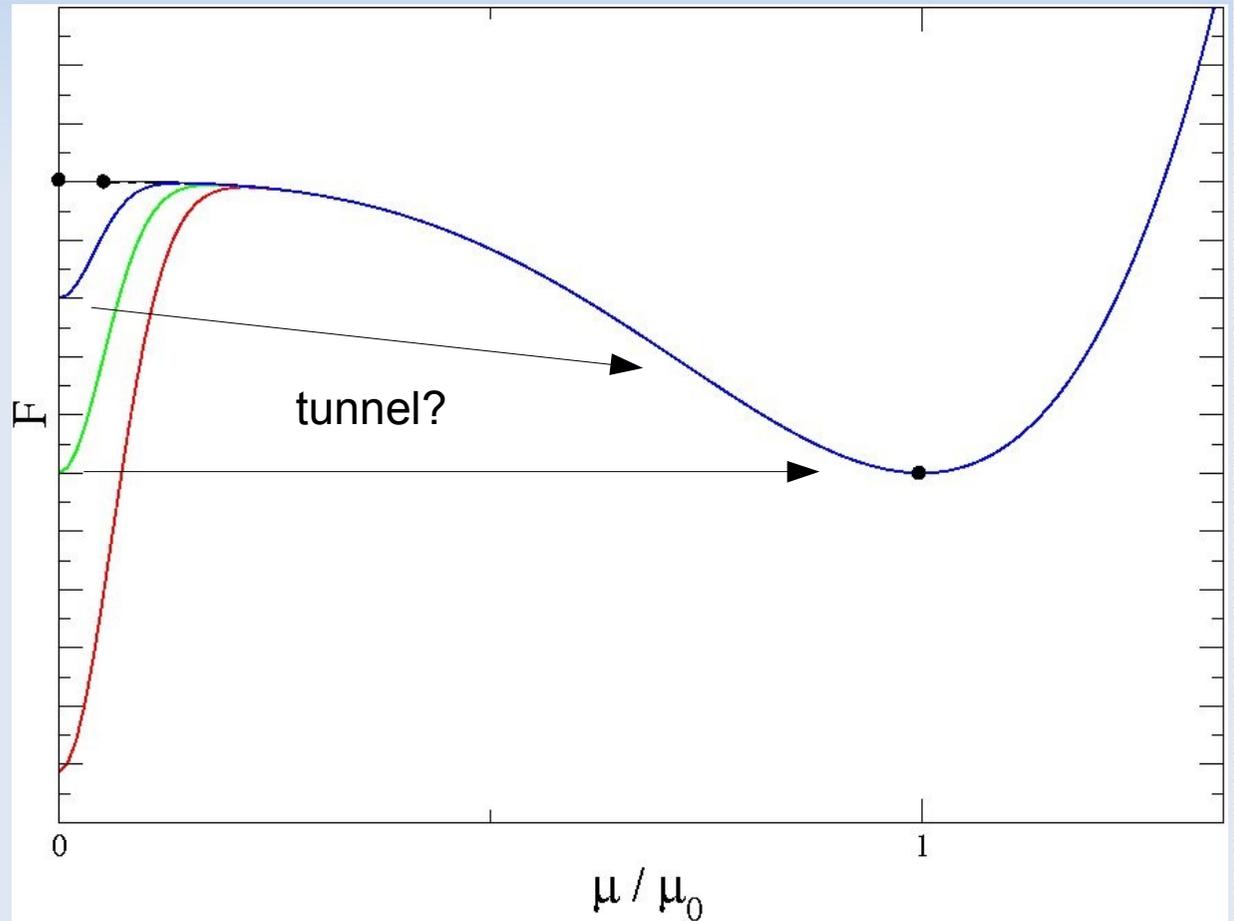
similar to Coleman-Weinberg mechanism where a slow  
Renormalization Group evolution of potential parameters can  
generate widely separated scales

**Nucleation temperature can be parametrically  
much smaller than the weak scale**

# Deconfining phase transition

Quarks/gluons that are confined in the broken phase induce a difference in free energy between the two phases

$$\Delta F = \frac{\pi^2}{90} \Delta g T^4$$



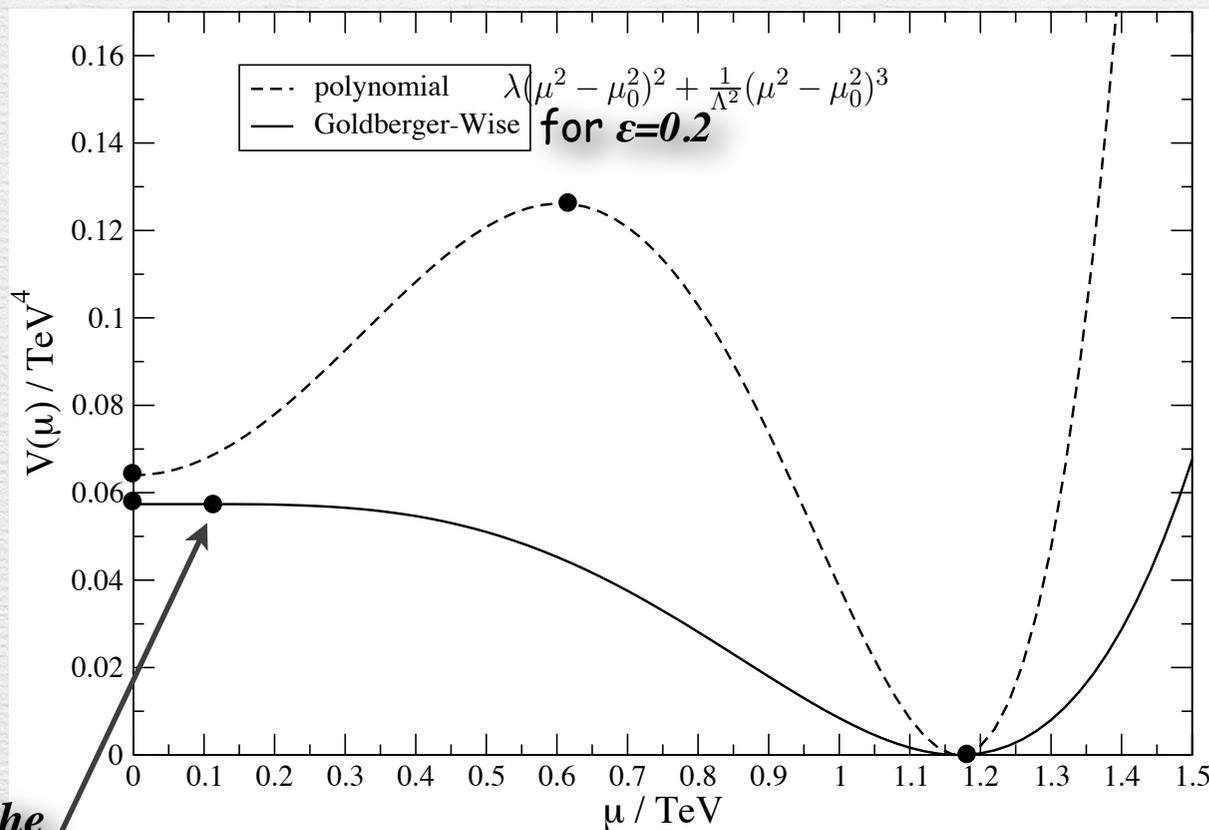
Creminelli, Nicolis, Rattazzi'01  
Randall, Servant'06

Hassanain, March-Russell, Schwelling'07  
Nardini, Quiros, Wulzer'07  
Konstandin, Nardini, Quiros'10  
Konstandin, Servant'11

sorry, notation switched from  $\sigma$  to  $\mu$

$$V(\mu) = \mu^4 P\left(\left(\frac{\mu}{\mu_0}\right)^\epsilon\right). \quad \text{Konstantin Servant '11}$$

The position of the maximum  $\mu_+$  and of the minimum  $\mu_-$  can be very far apart in contrast with standard polynomial potentials where they are of the same order



position of the maximum

The tunneling value  $\mu_r$  can be as low as  $\sqrt{\mu_+ \mu_-} \ll \mu_-$

Application:

# Baryogenesis from Strong CP violation

1407.0030

$$\mathcal{L} = -\bar{\Theta} \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi} G_{\mu\nu a} \tilde{G}_a^{\mu\nu}$$

today  $|\bar{\Theta}| < 10^{-11}$  as explained by Peccei-Quinn mechanism:

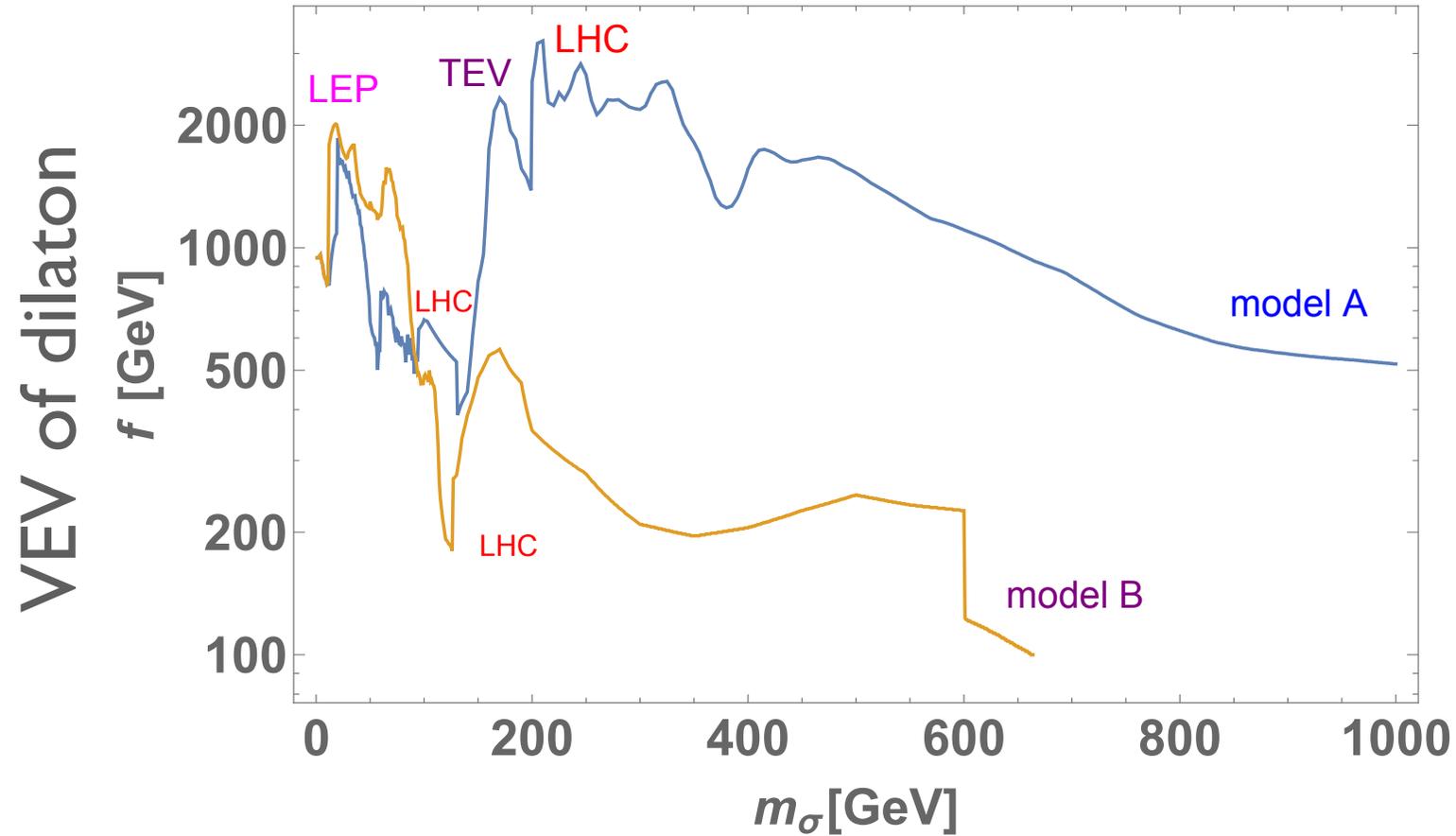
$\bar{\Theta} \rightarrow \frac{a(x)}{f_a}$  promoted to a dynamical field which relaxes to zero, to minimize the QCD vacuum energy.

in early universe, before the axion gets a mass around the QCD scale

$$|\bar{\Theta}| \sim 1$$

$\bar{\Theta}$  could have played any role during the EW phase transition.

# LHC constraints on the scale of conformal symmetry breaking (dilaton)



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# Summary of this part

- **SM+ 1 singlet scalar:** the most minimal and easiest way to get a strong 1st order EW phase transition, almost unconstrained by experimental data
- **Dilaton-like potentials:** a class of well-motivated and naturally strong 1st order phase transitions, with large supercooling
  - Phase transition takes place in vacuum: maximal Gravity Wave signal (no loss of energy in reheating of the plasma)
  - In ballpark of best eLISA sensitivity region
  - Natural framework for cold EW baryogenesis mechanism
  - Signatures at the LHC (light Higgs-like dilaton with suppressed couplings but accessible)

Another recent development:

# A first-order Electroweak Phase Transition in the Standard Model from Varying Yukawas

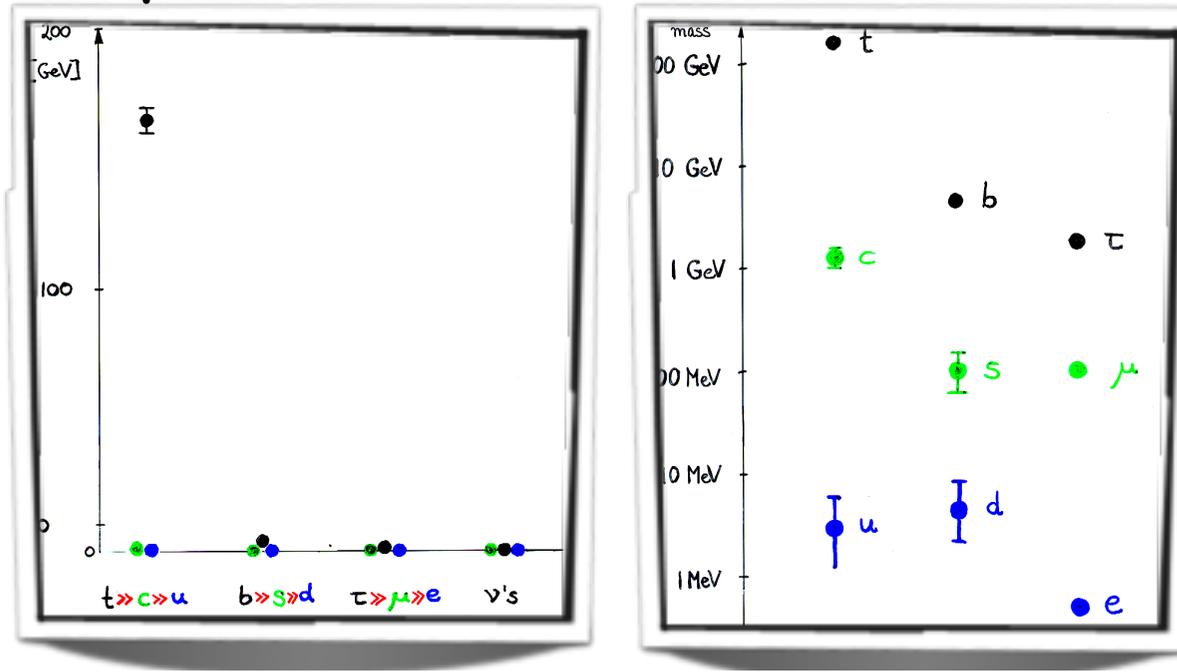
**Baldes, Konstandin,  
Servant, 1604.04526**

The new result:

The nature of the EW phase transition is completely changed when the Standard Model Yukawas vary at the same time as the Higgs is acquiring its vacuum expectation value.

# Origin of the fermion mass hierarchy?

the mass spectrum of the fermions is intriguing



fermion Yukawas

$$y_{ij} \bar{f}_L^i \Phi^{(c)} f_R^j$$

$$\langle \Phi \rangle = v/\sqrt{2}$$

fermion masses

$$m_f = y_f v/\sqrt{2}$$

There are three main mechanisms to describe fermion masses

$$m_f = y_f v / \sqrt{2}$$

1) Spontaneously broken abelian flavour symmetries as originally proposed by Froggatt and Nielsen

2) Localisation of the profiles of the fermionic zero modes in extra dimensions

3) Partial fermion compositeness in composite Higgs models

**may be  
related by  
holography**

**The scale at which the flavour structure emerges is not known.**

**Usually assumed to be high but could be at the EW scale.**

# Emerging Flavour during Electroweak symmetry breaking

There are good motivations to consider that the flavour structure could emerge during electroweak symmetry breaking

For Example, if the “Flavon” field dynamics is linked to the Higgs field

Extensive literature on models advocated to explain the fermion masses, however no study so far on the associated cosmology

On the other hand, in all flavour models, Yukawa couplings are controlled by the VEV of some scalar "flavons" and it is natural to wonder about their cosmological dynamics.

Our working assumption: the flavon couples to the Higgs and therefore the flavon and the Higgs VEV dynamics are intertwined.

# High Temperature Effective Higgs Potential

## 2) Barrier from the $T \neq 0$ one-loop potential:

$$V_1^T(\phi, T) = \sum_i \frac{g_i (-1)^F T^4}{2\pi^2} \times \int_0^\infty y^2 \text{Log} \left( 1 - (-1)^F e^{-\sqrt{y^2 + m_i^2(\phi)/T^2}} \right) dy.$$

$$V_f^T(\phi, T) = -\frac{gT^4}{2\pi^2} J_f \left( \frac{m_f(\phi)^2}{T^2} \right)$$

High-T expansion:

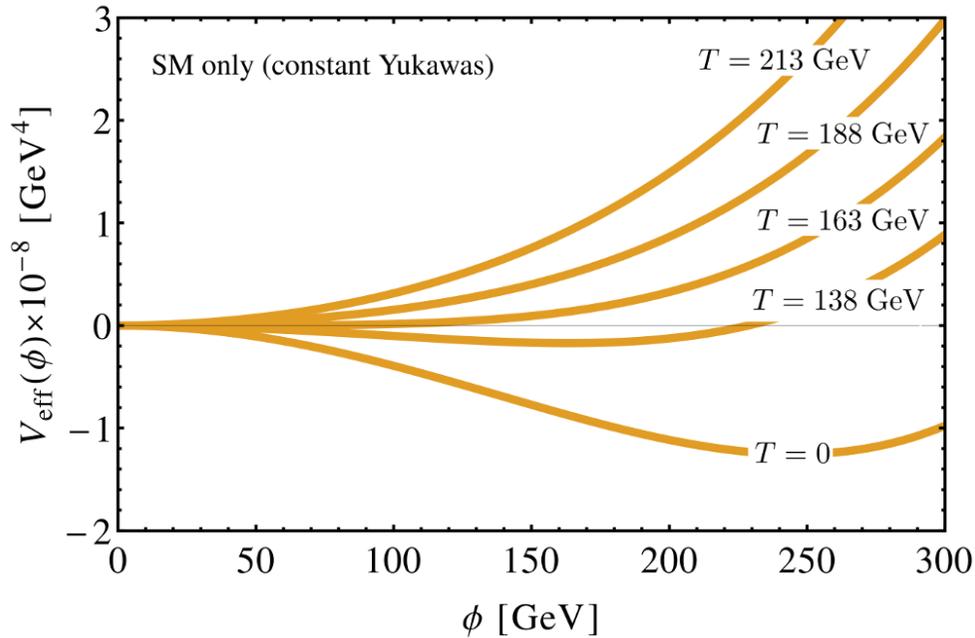
$$J_f(x^2) \approx \frac{7\pi^4}{360} - \frac{\pi^2}{24} x^2 - \frac{x^4}{32} \text{Log} \left[ \frac{x^2}{13.9} \right]$$

$$\delta V \equiv V_f^T(\phi, T) - V_f^T(0, T) \approx \frac{gT^2 \phi^2 [y(\phi)]^2}{96}$$

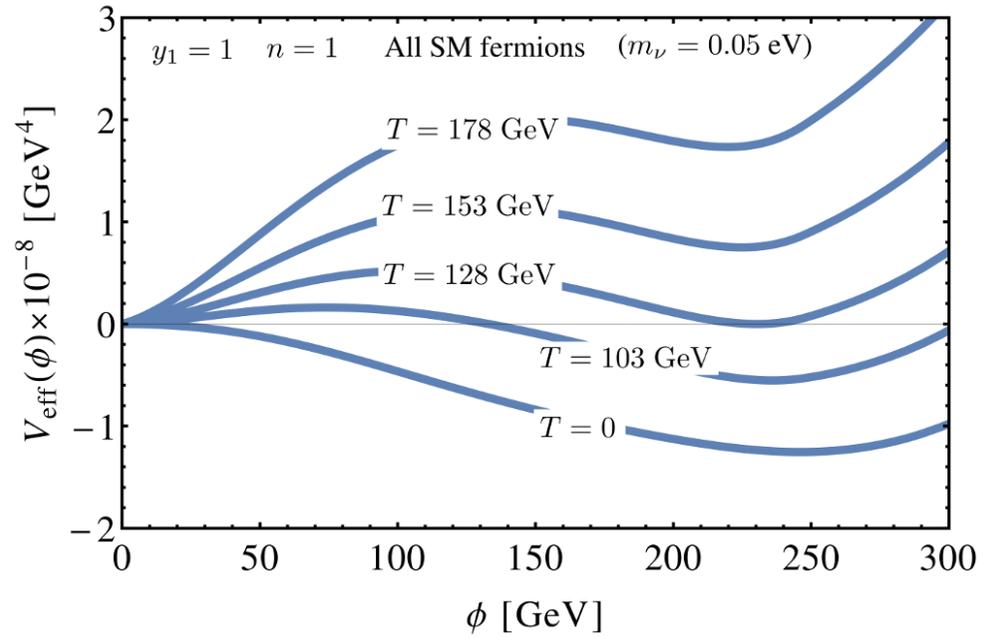
**Fermionic fields create a barrier!**

# Full one-loop effective Higgs potential with Daisy Resummation

**Standard Case  
(Constant Yukawas)**



**With varying  
Yukawas**



# Summary

Variation of the Yukawas of SM fermions from  $O(1)$  to their present value during the EW phase transition generically leads to a very strong first-order EW phase transition,

**This offers new routes for generating the baryon asymmetry at the electroweak scale, strongly tied to flavour models.**

Second major implication:

the CKM matrix as the unique  
CP-violating source !

**Bruggisser, Konstandin,  
Servant, to appear**

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_{CP} &= v^{-12} \text{Im Det} \left[ m_u m_u^\dagger, m_d m_d^\dagger \right] \\ &= J v^{-12} \prod_{i < j} (\tilde{m}_{u,i} - \tilde{m}_{u,j}^2) \prod_{i < j} (\tilde{m}_{d,i}^2 - \tilde{m}_{d,j}^2) \simeq 10^{-19},\end{aligned}$$

$$J = s_1^2 s_2 s_3 c_1 c_2 c_3 \sin(\delta) = (3.0 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-5},$$

Large masses during EW phase transition  
->no longer suppression of CKM CP violation

**Berkooz, Nir, Volansky '04**

# Conclusion

Scalar fields are ubiquitous in physics beyond the Standard Model

The second run of the LHC will provide new probes of models leading to first-order EWPT, which would have dramatic implications for EW baryogenesis , A beautiful framework for explaining the matter-antimatter of the universe relying on EW scale physics only.

Will take time before we get a final answer.

LISA: Beautiful and complementary window on the TeV scale

See next talk for detection prospects

Many well-motivated models predict a strong first-order EW phase transition.

Most recent example in connection with flavour models :  
Dynamical Yukawas during the Electroweak Phase Transition change the nature of the EW Phase Transition.