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Some Properties of $O(32)$ Superstrings

Edward Witten (Princeton U.)

Oct 1984 - 12 pages

Phys.Lett. B149 (1984) 351-356



(He was 32)

- First String Pheno paper
- $U(1)$ bundles, axions....

First decade: Heterotic Monopoly

1985

CY Het.

Orbifolds, free fermions, Gepner...

T-duality effective actions

1990

S-duality

Gaugino condensation, moduli fixing

Soft terms

1995

String GUT's

Second decade: Type II resurects

1995

M-theory Revolution
D-branes, F-theory...

ADD large dimensions

Toroidal orientifolds

Randall-Sundrum

2000

D3, D7 at singularities

Intersecting D6-branes

GKP

KKLT

2005

Landscape studies

Third decade: eclectic

2005

Large Volume Scenario

Heterotic revisited

D-instantons and applications

2010

F-theory GUT's

Discrete symmetries

(Higgs found at LHC)

Large field inflation
(Planck, BICEP2)

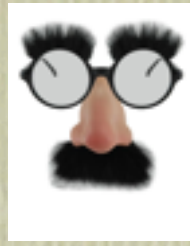
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We are exploring terra incognita...

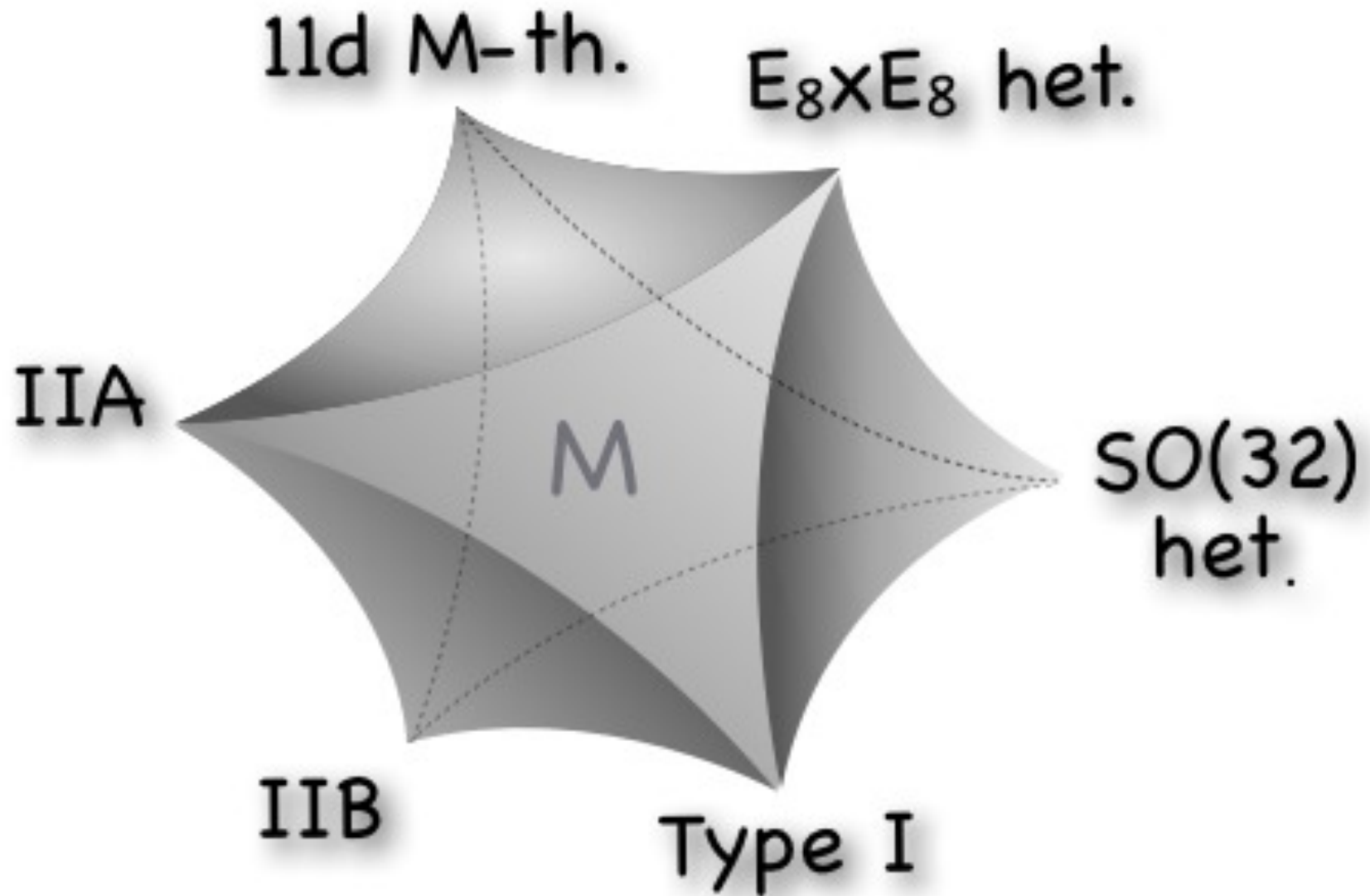


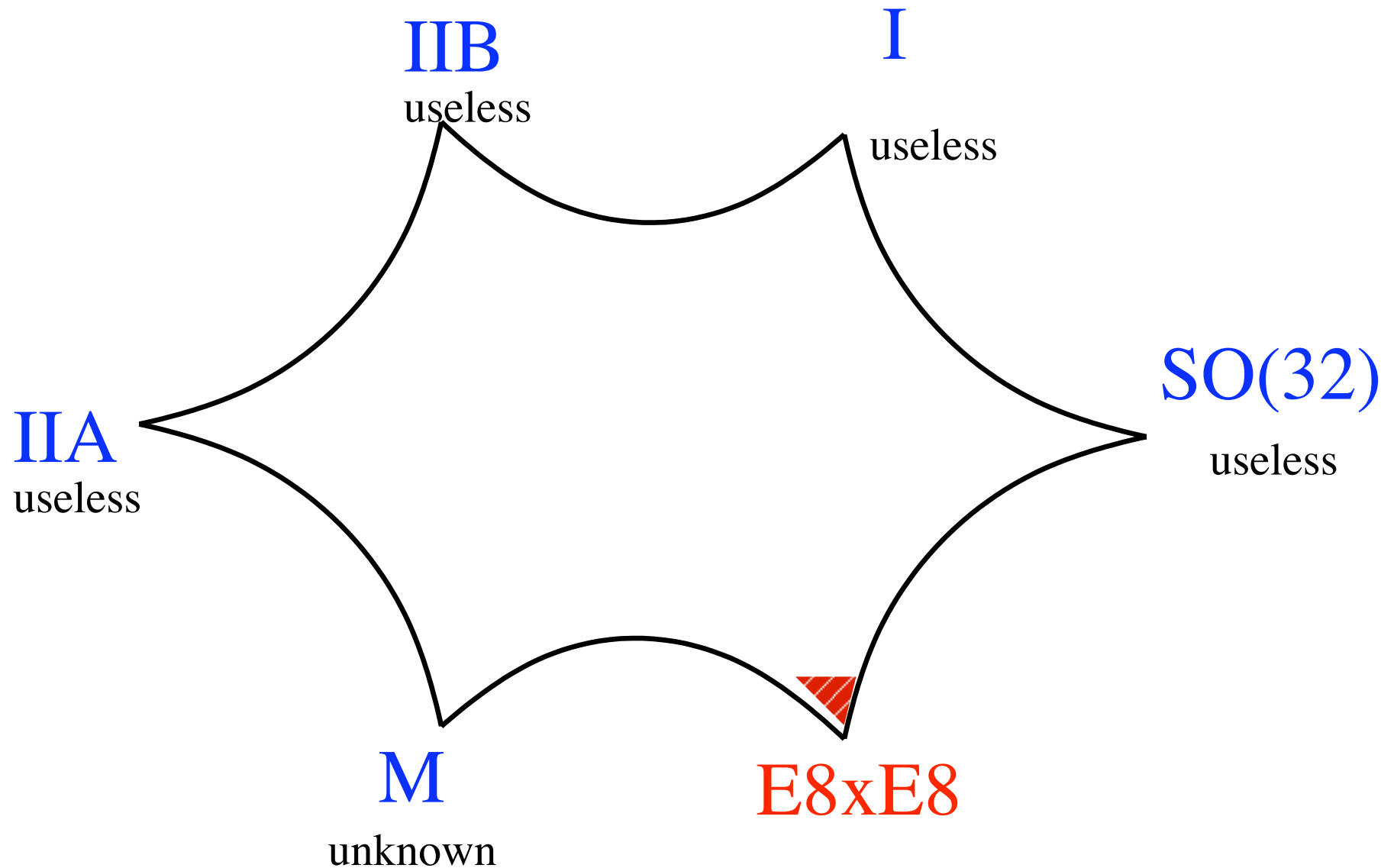
...very much like XVI c. explorations



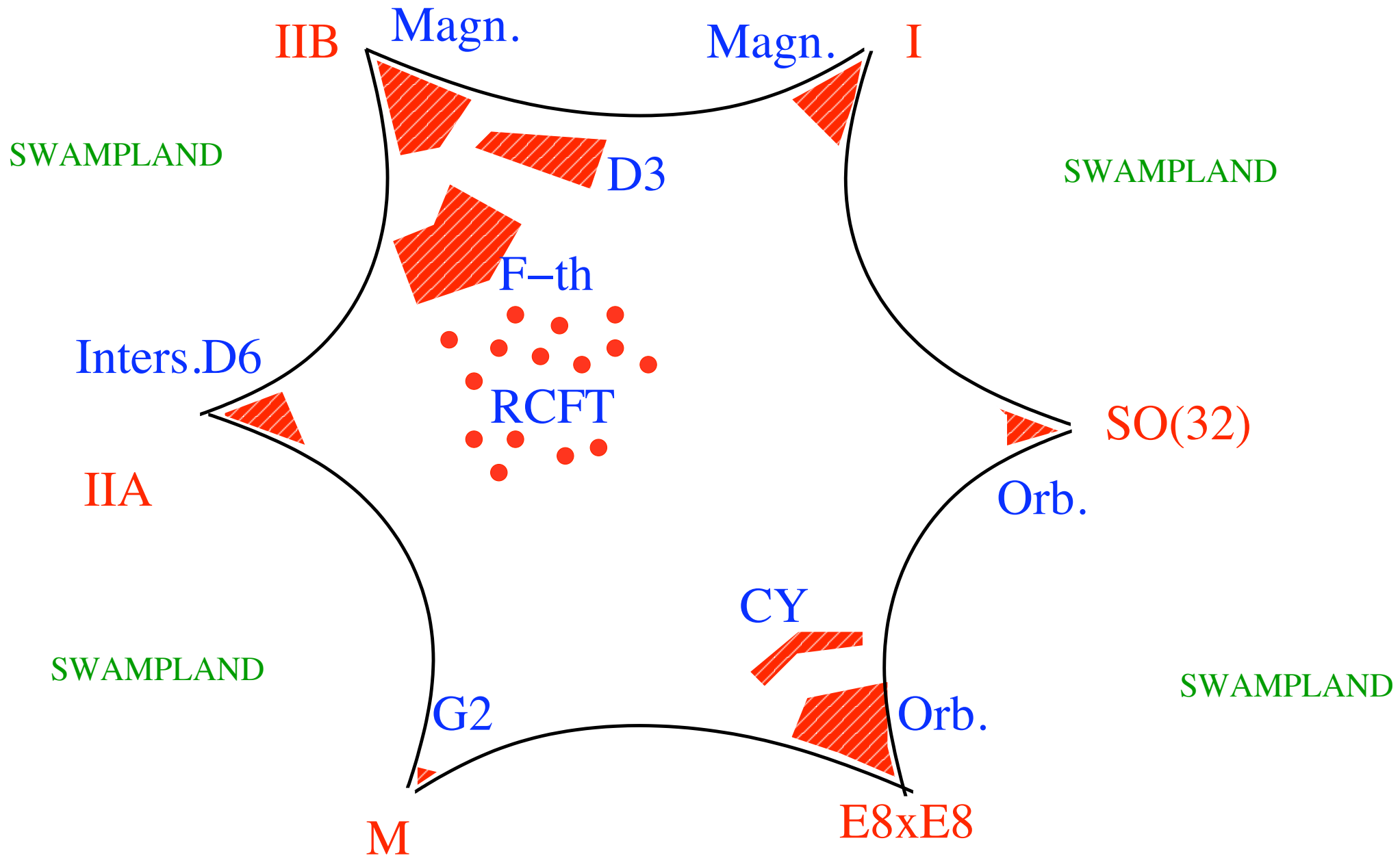
Knowledge of string vacua and
effective action **accumulates**

We are unveiling the rich structure
of string theory in its application
as a **unified theory of all interactions**



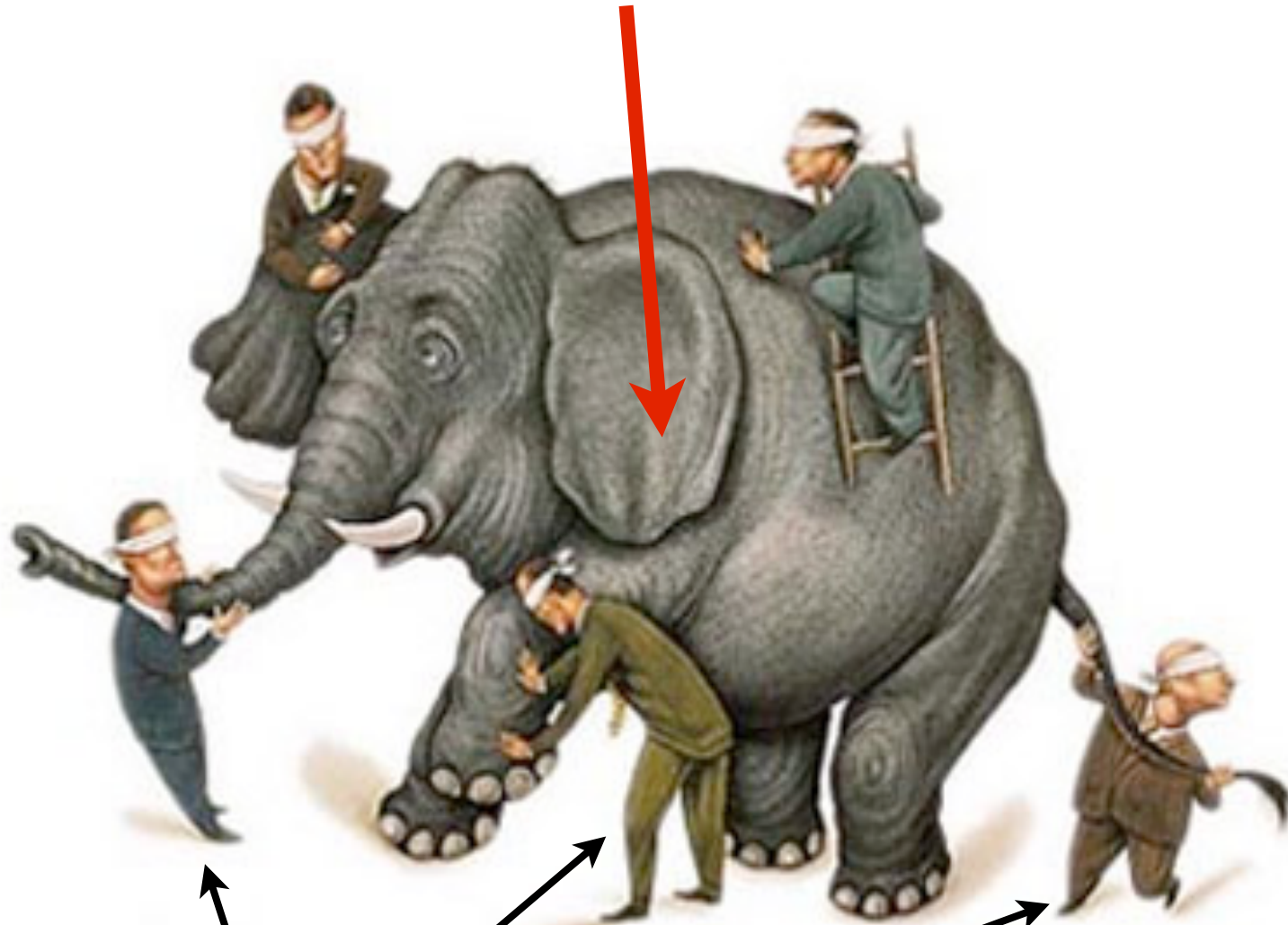


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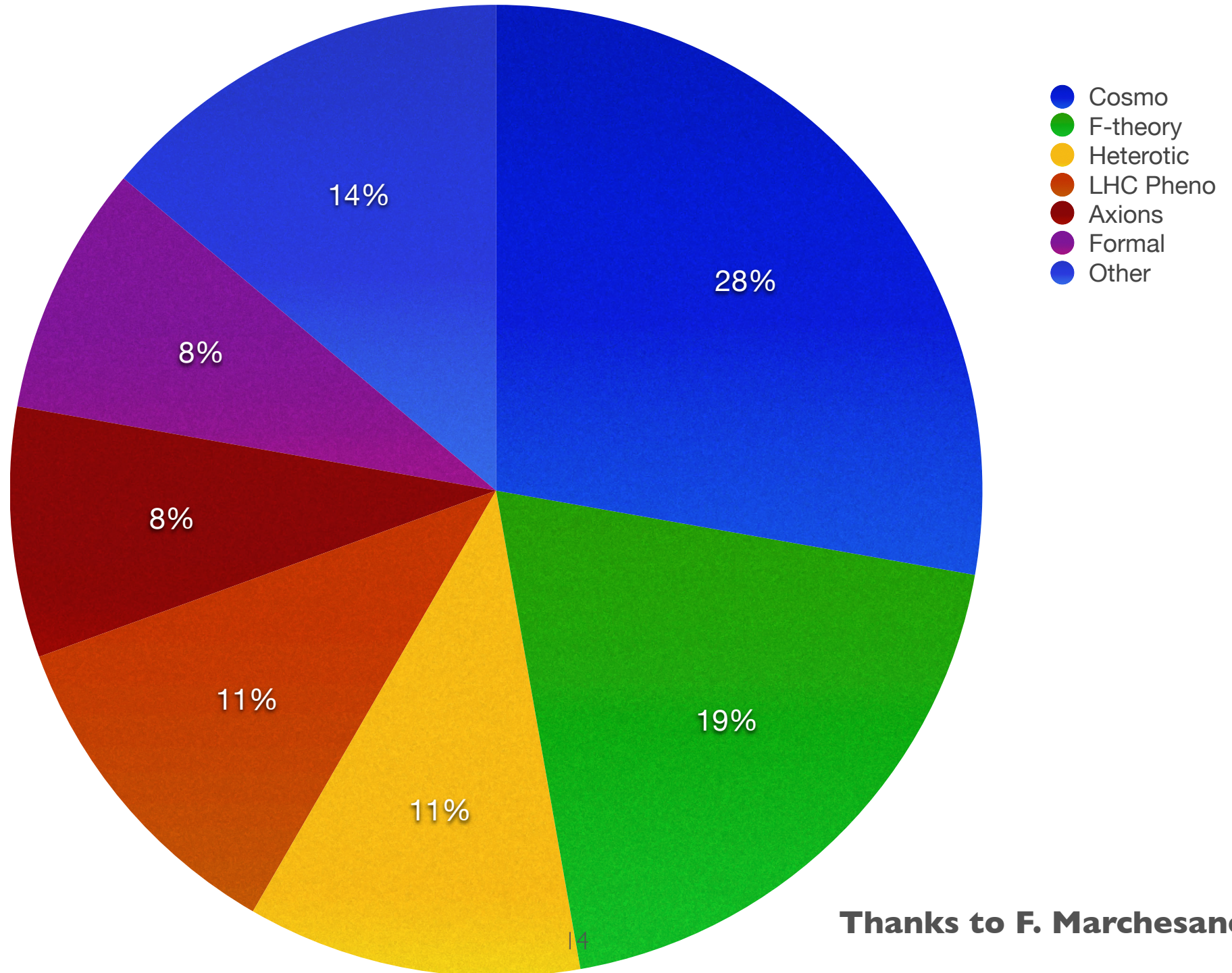
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String/M-theory



String phenomenologists

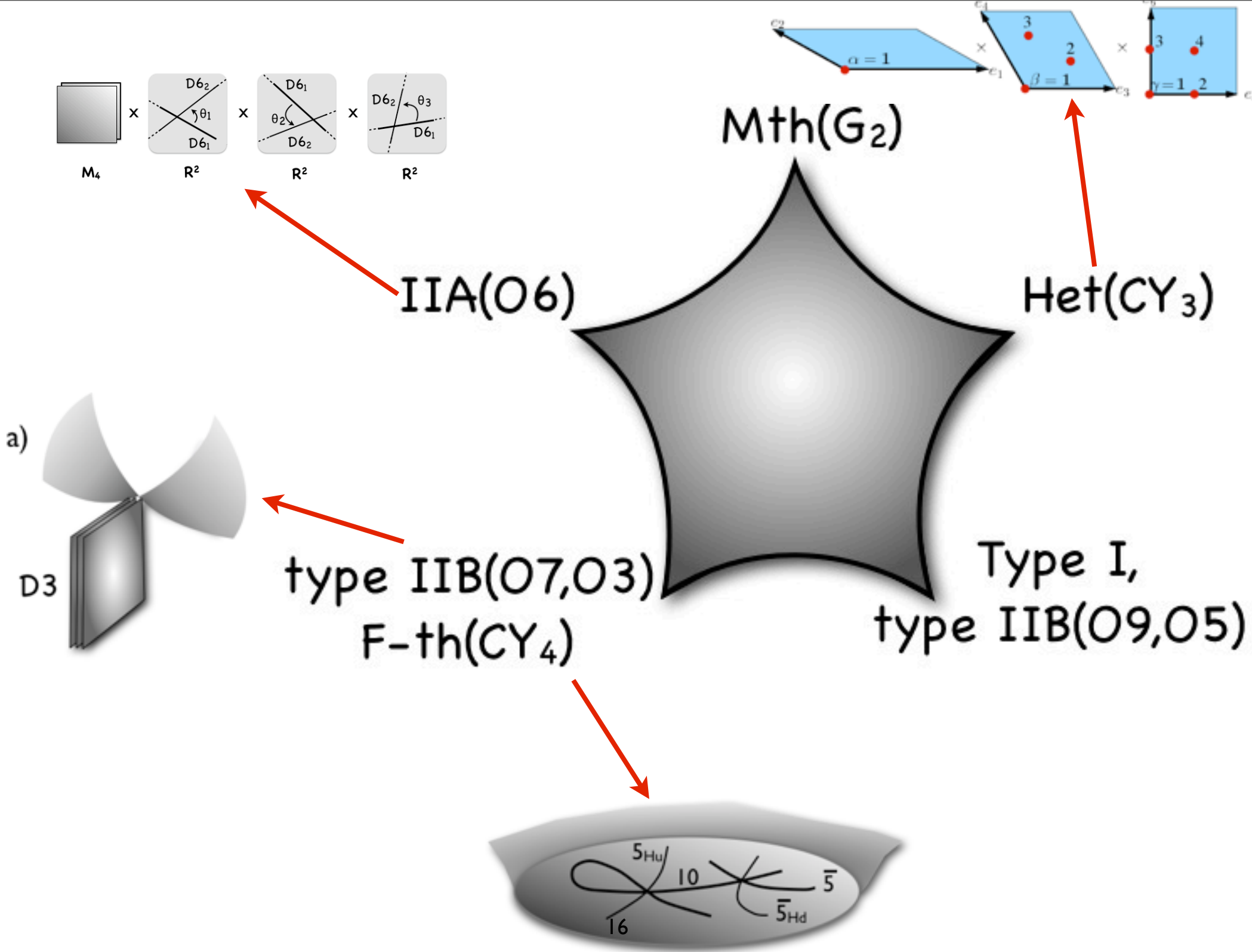
Topics plenary talks at String Pheno 2014



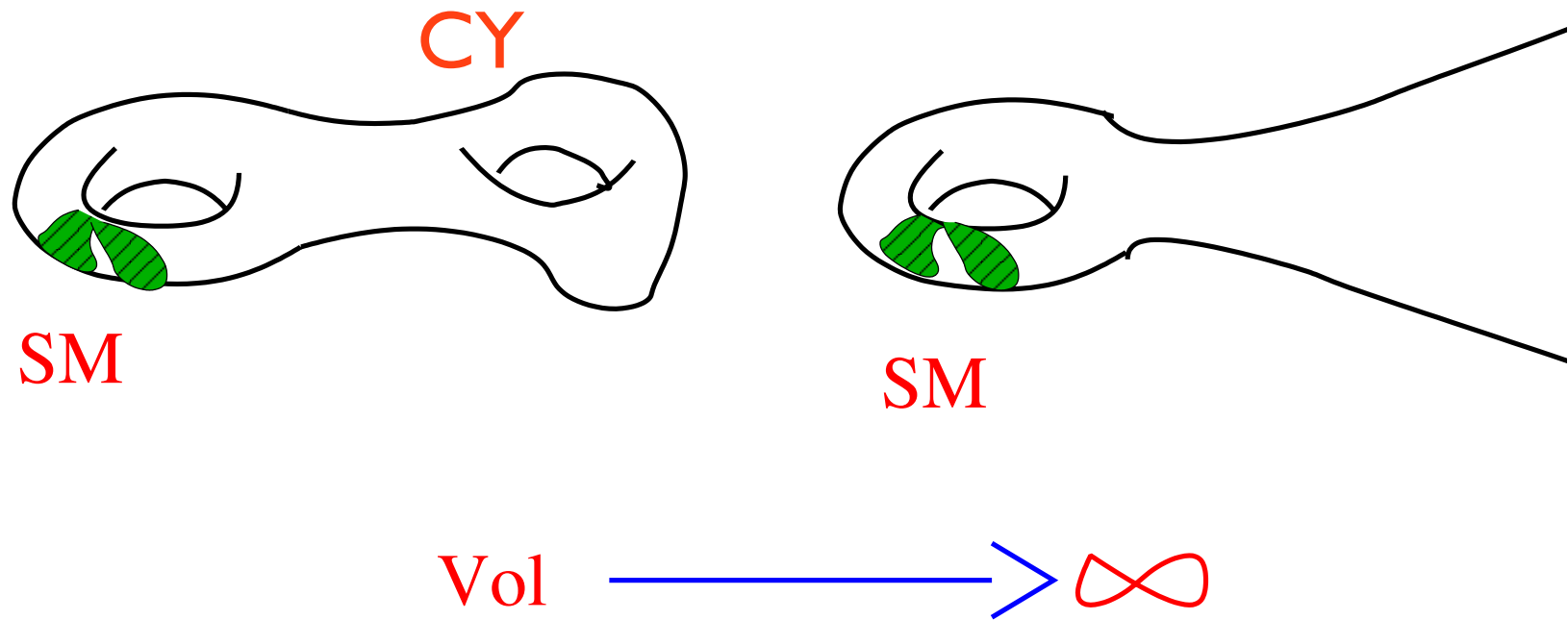
Thanks to F. Marchesano

Charting the vacua





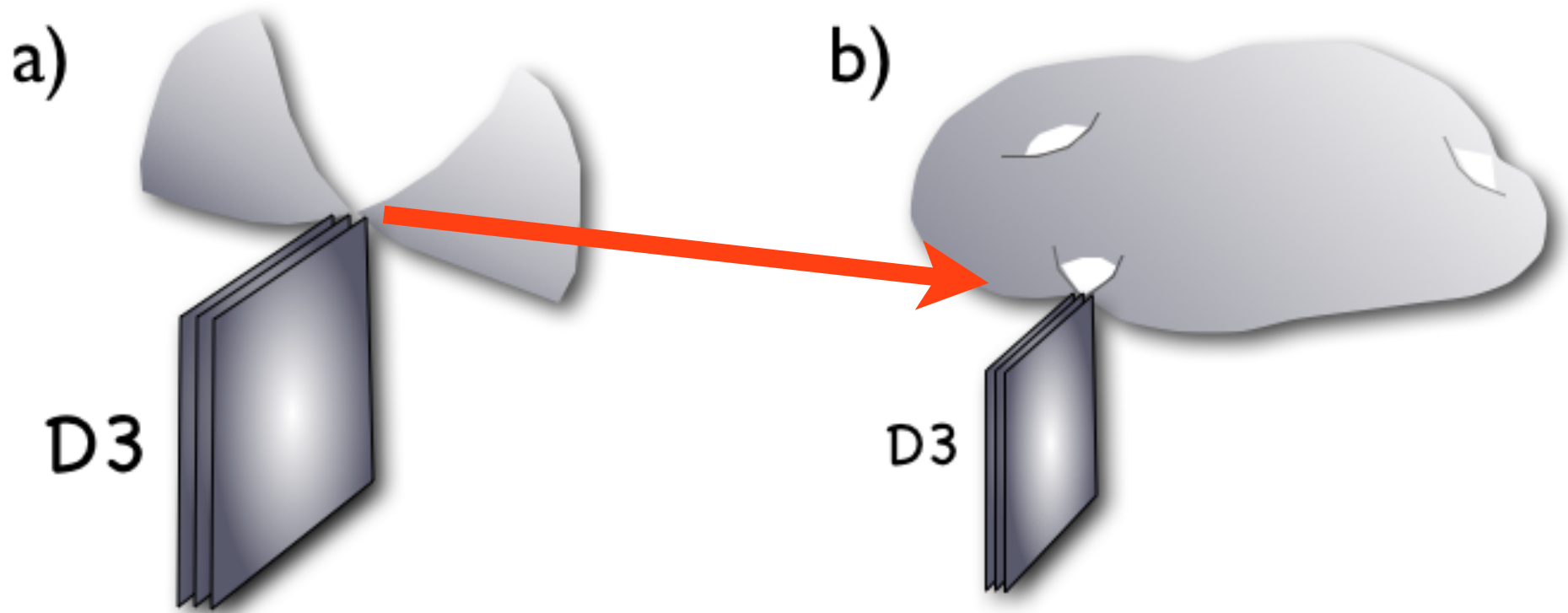
D-branes allow for localized SM



Bottom-up local approach

(Sure, a global solution better, but...)

Example:

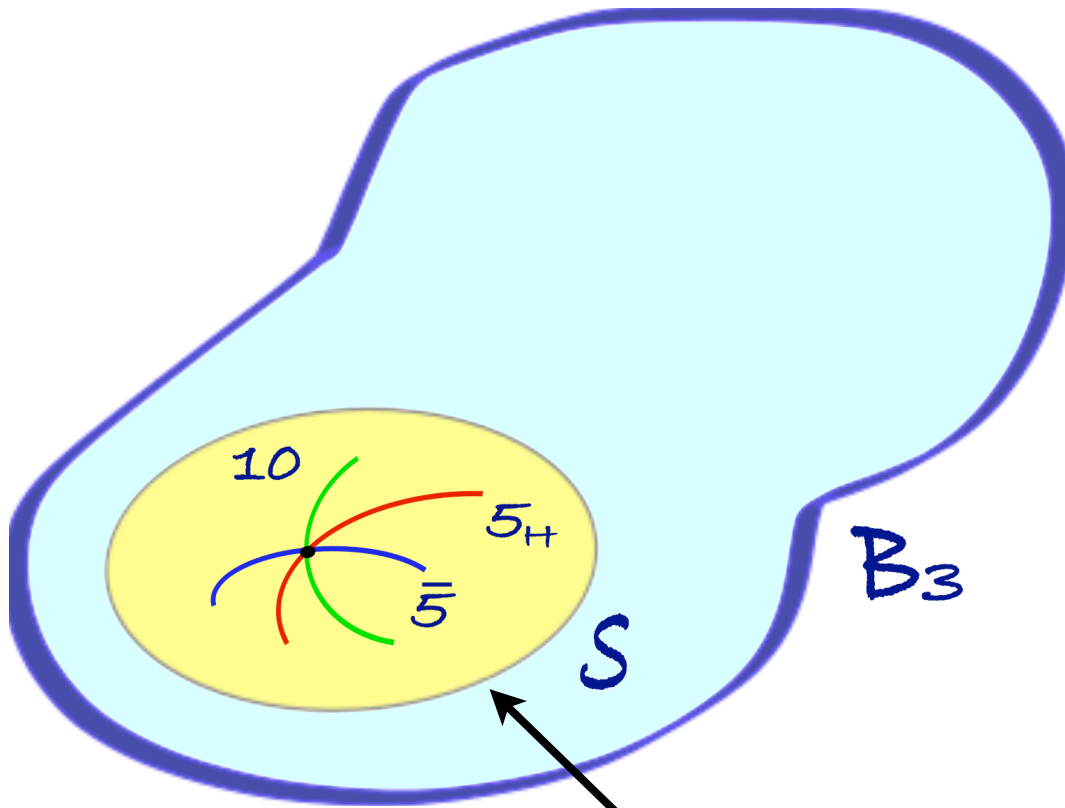


Also : F-theory local GUT's

F-theory SU(5)

Vafa '96

- F-theory may be considered as a non-perturbative version of Type IIB orientifolds.



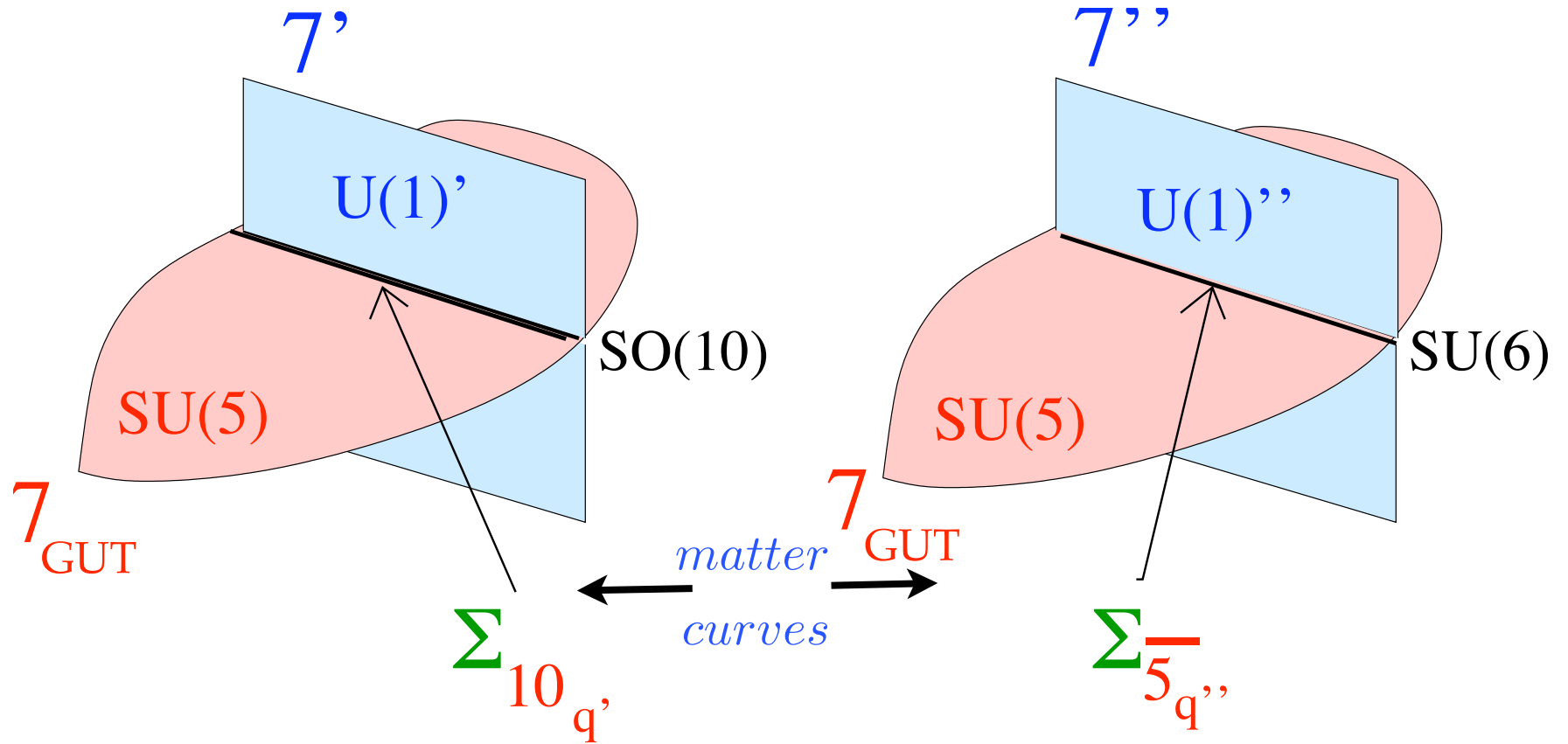
$$X_4 \sim T^2 \times B_3$$

The c.s. modulus of 2-torus is identified with complex dilaton
(varying over B_3)

Beasley, Heckman, Vafa '08
Donagi & Wijnholt '08

SU(5) 7-branes wrap a 4-cycle S
(singularities in the fibration)

Matter curves:



- At matter curves there are $U(1)'$ fluxes $F_{U(1)'}$ needed for chirality.
- $SU(5)$ is broken by an additional hypercharge flux F_Y

- **F-theory**: Interesting **in its own right**: possibly one of the **most general class** of compactifications.
- New phenomena could be uncovered
- **Phenomenological virtues** (compared to IIB orientifolds): 1) **Allow for top quark Yukawa**, 2) **Aproximate unification of coupling constants**

*Talks: Collinucci, Cvetič, Schafer-Nameki, Grimm,
Weigand, Garcia-Etxebarria, Mayrhofer,*

F-theory developments

- 1) $U(1)$'s in F-theory.

Important:

- May be required to forbid dim 4, 5 **proton decay** operators, as well as a **mu-term**.
- Give rise to **chirality** on the matter curves
- **Hypercharge flux**: $SU(5)$ breaking and doublet triplet splitting

- The $U(1)$ structure given by elliptic fibrations with **extra sections** (beyond the zero one): **Mordell-Weil** group

$$SU(5) \times U(1)^n$$

Each extra section comes with a $\omega_{(1,1)}$ form

Reduction of $C_3 = A \wedge \omega_{(1,1)}$ gives a $U(1)$

- Construction of G_4 fluxes

A lot of progress:

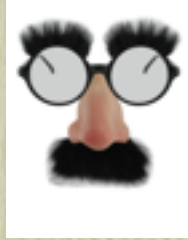
*Cvetič, Schafer-Nameki, Grimm, Weigand,
Garcia-Etxebarria, Mayrhofer,*

- **Direct $SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1) \times U(1)$ (local) F-theory models (rank $M-W=2$)** *Weigand talk*

The two **phenomenological motivations** lost (unification and t-quark Yukawa). Still interesting. May be better suited for **large SUSY breaking** scale $> 10^{11}$ GeV

- Fibrations without a section *Garcia-Etxebarria talk*
- Model building. **Global F-theory compactifications**

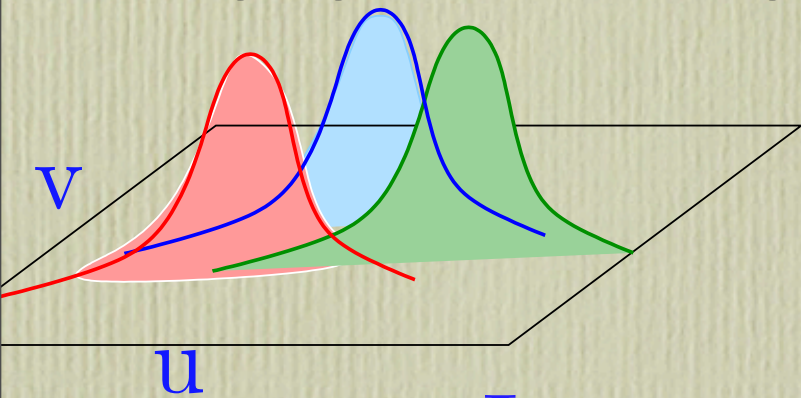
Comment:



- $U(1)$'s phenomenologically motivated in F-theory by p -stability, μ -term....
- $U(1)$ technology is slightly painful....
- If SUSY breaking scale above 10^{11} GeV, no such $U(1)$'s would be required, easier model-building

Ultra-local modelling

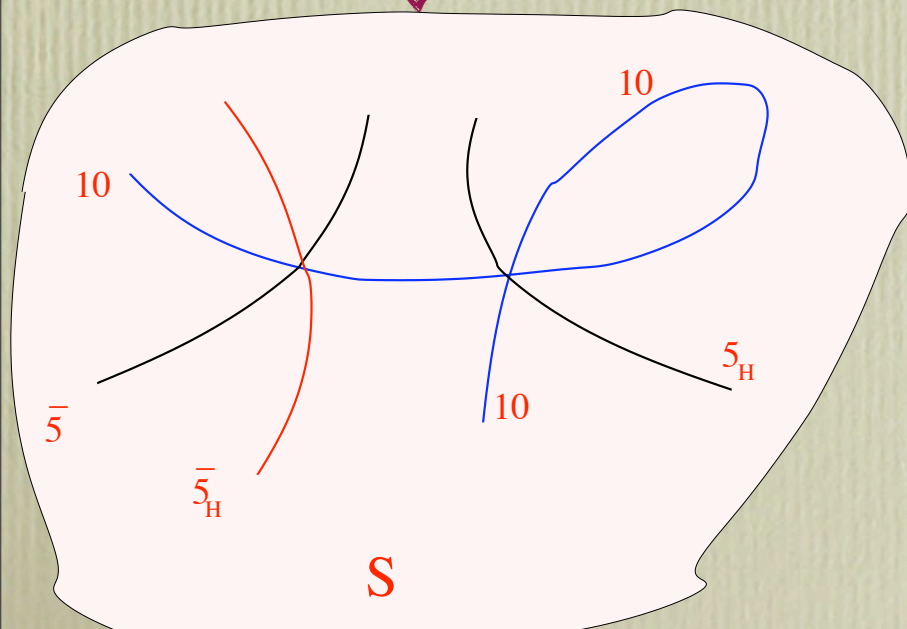
- Chiral fields appear from 8d 7-brane action compactified on S : from 8d gauge bosons and geometric moduli A_M, Φ



$$W = \int_S \text{Tr}(A \wedge A \wedge \Phi)$$

$$\Psi_{\bar{5}, 10 i} \sim e^{-\sqrt{\left(\frac{M}{2}\right)^2 + m_s^4} |u|^2} e^{-\frac{|M|}{2} |v|^2} f_i(v)$$

localized on matter curves



*Beasley, Heckman, Vafa '08;
Font, L. '08; Dudas, Palti '09;
Leontaris, Ross 2010*

$$Y^{ij} = \int_S d\mu \psi_1^i \psi_2^j \varphi$$

- Yukawa couplings are typically **rank=1**: (**good starting point**)

- Non-pert. effects give mass to first two generations.

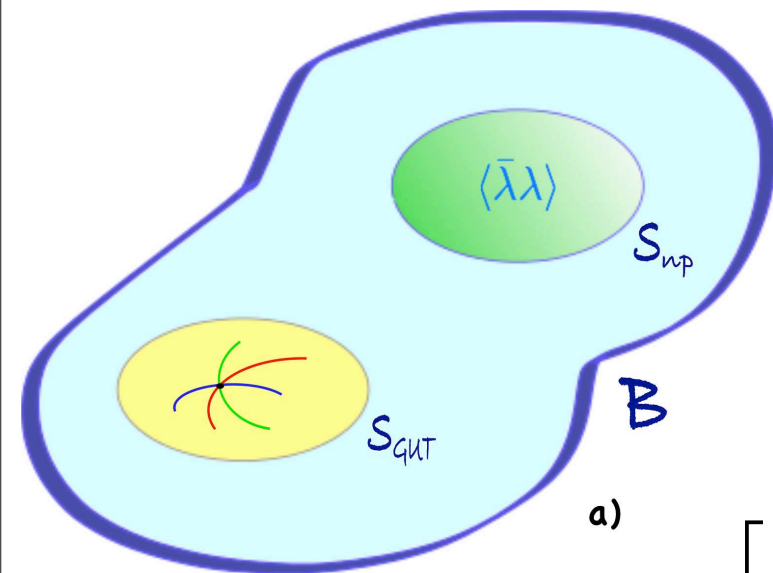
Cecotti, Cheng, Heckman, Vafa '09

Marchesano, Martucci '10

Aparicio, Font, L. J., Marchesano '11

Font, L. J., Marchesano, Regalado '12

Font, Marchesano, Regalado, Zocarrato '13



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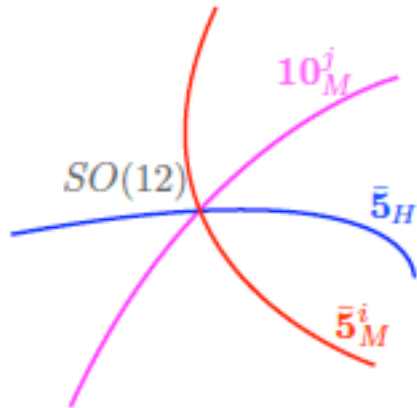
$$W = m_*^4 \left[\int_S \text{Tr}(\Phi_{xy} F) \wedge dx \wedge dy + \frac{\epsilon}{2} \sum_n \int_S \theta_n \text{STr}(\Phi_{xy}^n F \wedge F) \right]$$

One obtains fermion mass hierarchies $\simeq 1, \epsilon, \epsilon^2$

T-branes and Up-type Yukawas

Down-type

$$Y_D^{ij} : \bar{\mathbf{5}}_H \bar{\mathbf{5}}_M^i \mathbf{10}_M^j$$



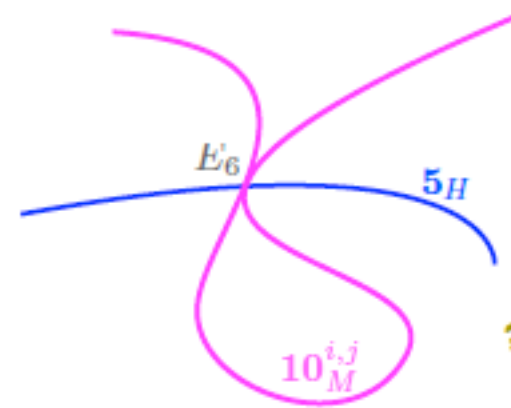
Intersecting branes, $[\langle \Phi \rangle, \langle \bar{\Phi} \rangle] = 0$

$$\langle \Phi \rangle \sim \begin{pmatrix} -x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & x - y \end{pmatrix} dx \wedge dy$$

$$\omega \wedge F = 0$$

Up-type

$$Y_U^{ij} : \mathbf{5}_H \mathbf{10}_M^i \mathbf{10}_M^j$$



Hayashi et al. '09
Cecotti et al. '10

T-branes, $[\langle \Phi \rangle, \langle \bar{\Phi} \rangle] \neq 0$

$$\langle \Phi \rangle \sim \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & y \end{pmatrix} dx \wedge dy$$

$$\omega \wedge F + \frac{1}{2} [\Phi, \bar{\Phi}] = 0$$

Analogous hierarchies in both D and U Yukawas

Font, Marchesano, Regalado, Zoccaratto 2013

Soft terms from fluxes on mat. curves

$$m_{\frac{2}{5}}^2 = \frac{M^2}{2} \left(1 - \frac{\tilde{M}}{2} \right) + \frac{q_Y}{4} \tilde{N}_Y M^2$$

$$m_{10}^2 = \frac{M^2}{2} \left(1 - \frac{\tilde{M}}{2} \right) - \frac{q_Y}{4} \tilde{N}_Y M^2$$

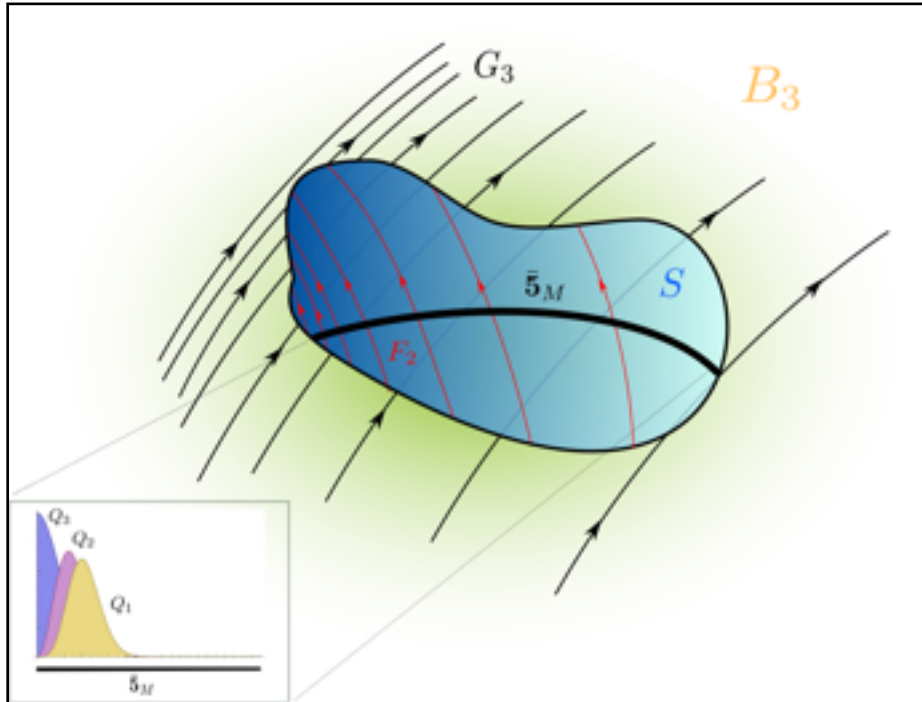
$$m_{ij}^2 = \frac{g_s}{4\text{Vol}(S)} \int_S d^2 z d^2 \bar{z} \sqrt{g_4} |G|^2 \left(1 - \left| \frac{F_-}{m} \right| \right) \varphi_i^+ (\varphi_j^+)^*$$

Hypercharge
dependent
soft terms

magnetic
2-form flux

3-form flux

localized w.f.



FCNC

constraints:

$$m_{\tilde{f}}^2 \geq (10 \text{ TeV})^2$$

(Not very good for LHC...)

Camara, L. J., Valenzuela

But there IS life beyond F-theory:

Heterotic:

Lukas, Vaudrevange, Rizos talks..

- Large class of $SU(5)$ models from Heterotic with $U(1)$ bundles (instead of $SU(N), N=3,4,5$):

35,000 $SU(5)$ models in CICY's (with a Higgs and no anti-10). May be broken to **MSSM with discrete W.L.**

Quite impressive...

Anderson, Constantin, Gray, Lukas, Palti 2013

Heterotic Orbifolds

The OrbifoldLandscape

orbifold	# MSSM	max. # of indep. WLs	# models with					# MSSM without $U(1)_{anom}$
			0 indep.	1 vanishing	2	3	≥ 4	
\mathbb{Z}_3 (1,1)	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
\mathbb{Z}_4	(1,1)	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
	(2,1)	128	3	128	0	0	0	0
	(3,1)	25	2	25	0	0	0	0
\mathbb{Z}_6 -I	(1,1)	31	1	31	0	0	0	0
	(2,1)	31	1	31	0	0	0	0
\mathbb{Z}_6 -II	(1,1)	348	3	13	335	0	0	1
	(2,1)	338	3	10	328	0	0	2
	(3,1)	350	3	18	332	0	0	2
	(4,1)	334	2	39	295	0	0	3
\mathbb{Z}_7 (1,1)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
\mathbb{Z}_8 -I	(1,1)	263	2	221	42	0	0	7
	(2,1)	164	2	123	41	0	0	5
	(3,1)	387	1	387	0	0	0	27
\mathbb{Z}_8 -II	(1,1)	638	3	212	404	22	0	7
	(2,1)	260	2	92	168	0	0	3
\mathbb{Z}_{12} -I	(1,1)	365	1	365	0	0	0	8
	(2,1)	385	1	385	0	0	0	9

Vaudrevange talk

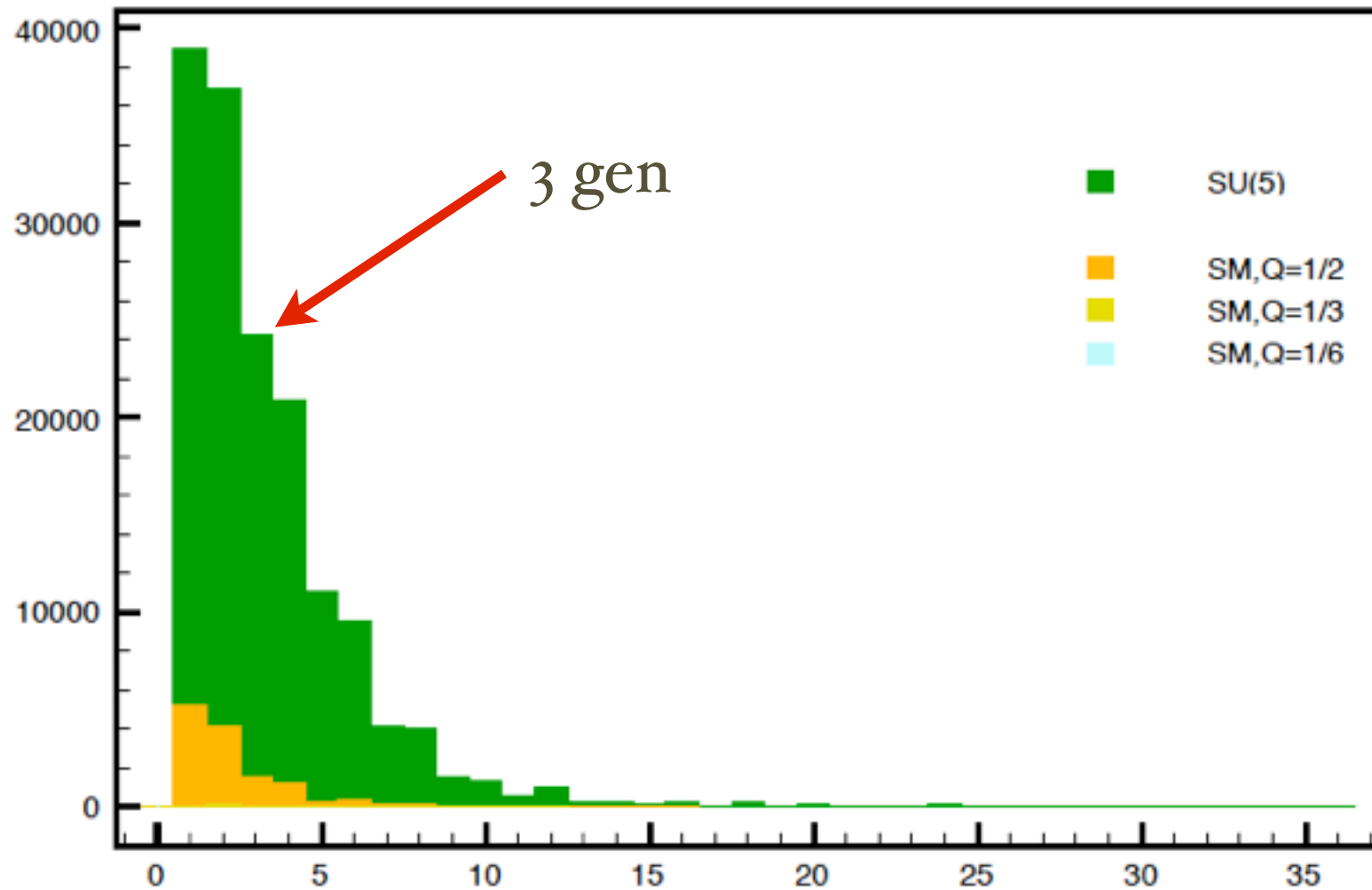
The OrbifoldLandscape

orbifold	# MSSM	max. # of indep. WLs	# models with					# MSSM without $U(1)_{anom}$
			0	1	2	3	≥ 4	
\mathbb{Z}_{12-II} (1,1)	211	2	135	76	0	0	0	3
$\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ (1,1)	101	6	0	59	42	0	0	0
$\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$ (1,1)	3632	4	67	2336	1199	30	0	10
$\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_6-I$ (1,1)	445	2	332	113	0	0	0	5
$\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_6-II$ (1,1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
$\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$ (1,1)	445	3	1	369	75	0	0	9
$\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_6$ (1,1)	465	1	441	24	0	0	0	0
$\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$ (1,1)	1466	3	11	529	921	5	0	1
$\mathbb{Z}_6 \times \mathbb{Z}_6$ (1,1)	1128	0	1128	0	0	0	0	0
total	11940							102



12,000 MSSM's

100 MSSM models without anomalous $U(1)$



Heterotic Gepner MSSM-like models

Figure 1: Distribution of the number of families for all tensor products combined.

(Schellekens et al. 2010)

Rizos: Free fermion PS models

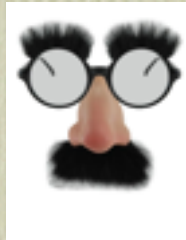
Discrete gauge symmetries

Uranga, Ratz,

- Appear both in Heterotic and Type II orientifolds:

$$\mathcal{L}_{4d} \sim n(B \wedge F) \quad \xleftrightarrow{dB = *da} \quad (da - nA) \wedge *(da - nA)$$

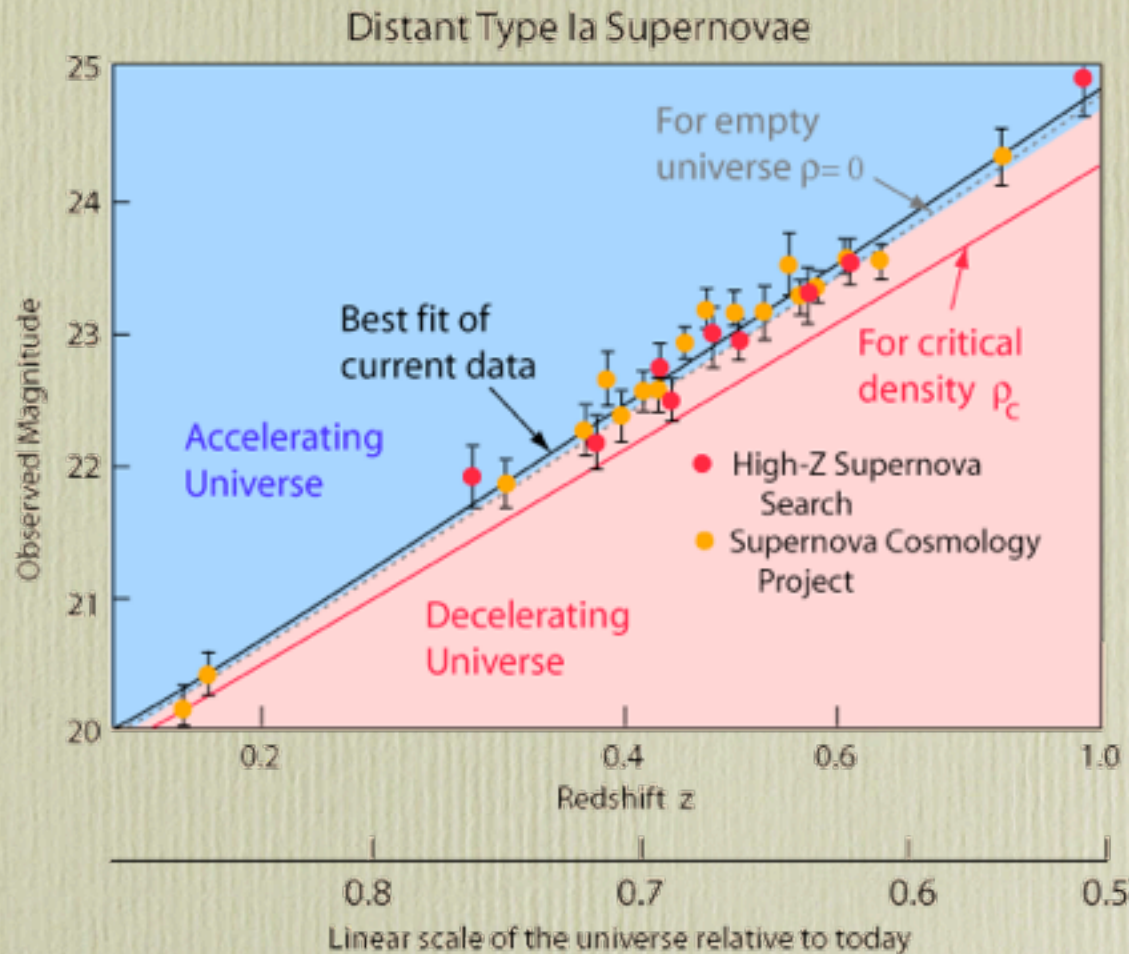
Also **non-Abelian**, which could be relevant for fermion structure.



- **R-parity or B-triality not terribly frequent in MSSM-like Type II vacua**

2(+1) Crucial Experimental inputs

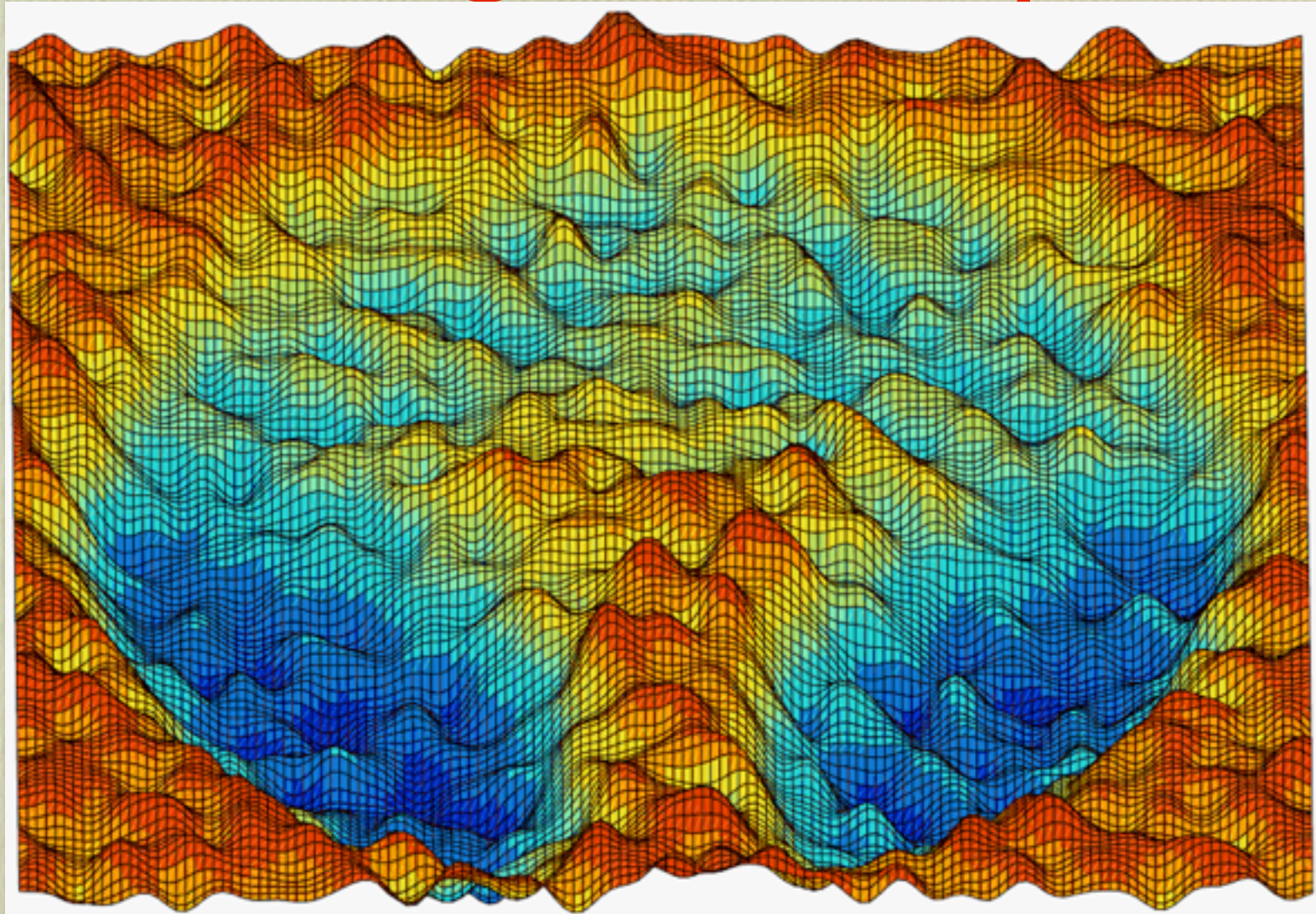
I) The Universe is accelerating



Dark energy = cosmological cons.

$$\Lambda_{c.c.} \simeq (10^{-3} \text{ eV})^4$$

The rich flux structure leads to a huge String Landscape



Small, positive c.c. may be environmentally selected



- A large landscape of vacua may be argued to be a **virtue rather than a shortcoming**
- It allows for an **anthropic understanding of the c.c.**



Interesting:

- The idea of the landscape an **anthropics has permeated the community**. More respectable.
- **Still not much recent work** on pure landscape issues...

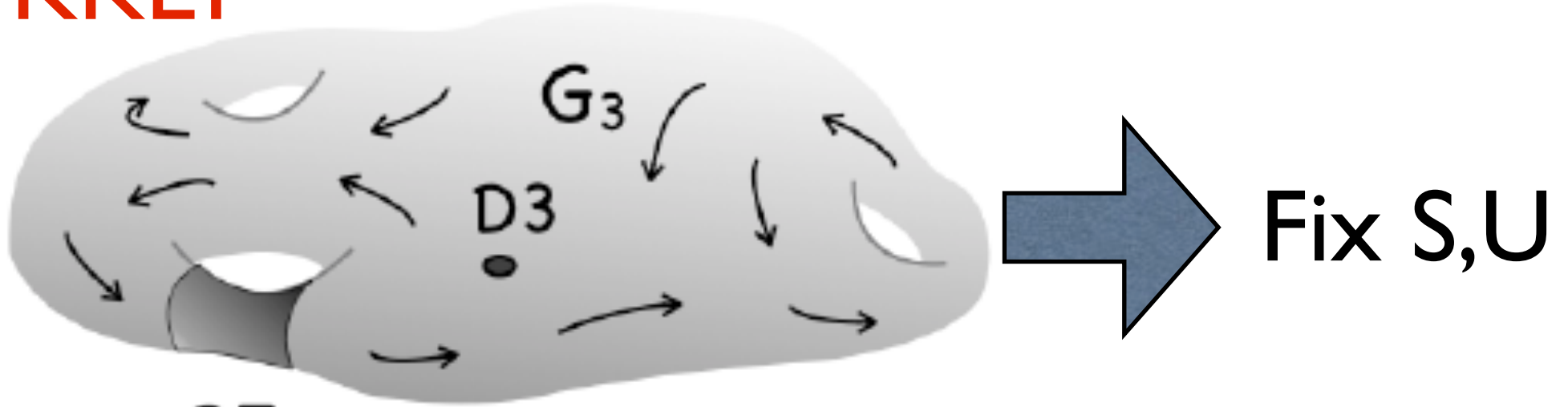
Moduli Fixing

Conlon, Zavala, ...

Landscape of vacua intimately connected to
moduli stabilization

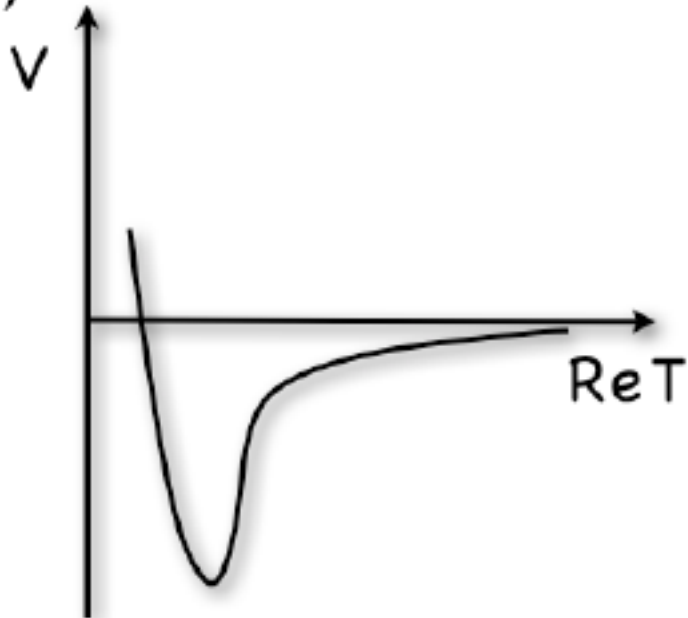
- First examples of moduli stabilization **still**
the paradigms in Type IIB: KKLT, LVS

KKLT

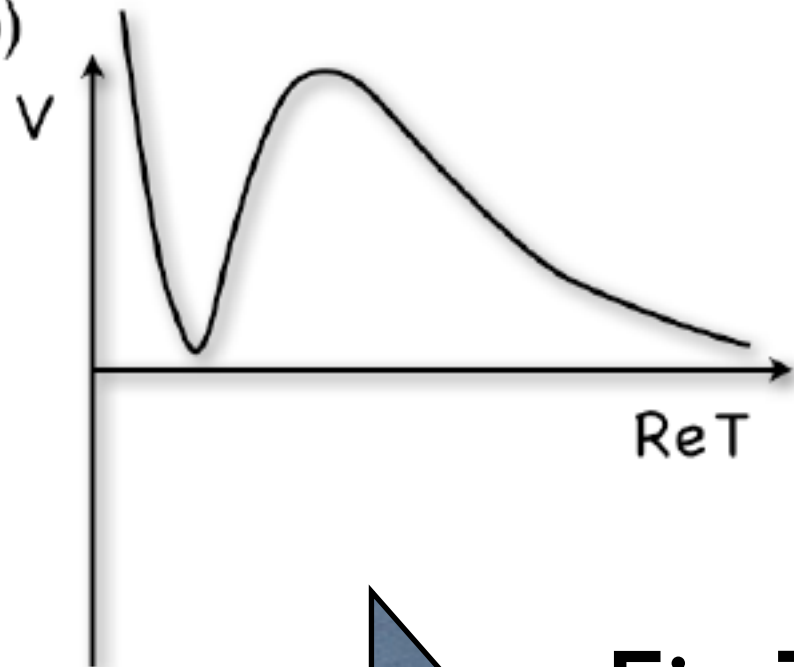


D7

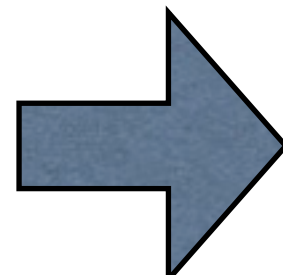
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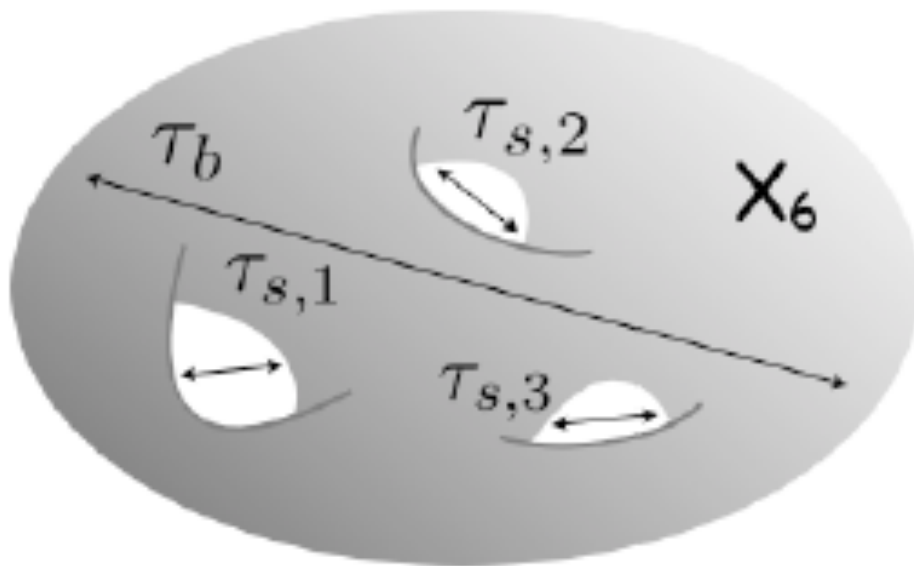


Instantons/Gaungino condensates



Fix T

Large Volume Scenario



- $\tau_b \gg \tau_{s_i}$
- Hierarchy of volumes and scales, parametrically controlled. Up-lifting less clear...
- SM on D3's (D7 also possible)
- A lot of work on low energy effective action, cosmology, ALP's,

- Progress towards first examples of **models with both moduli stabilization and a MSSM-like sector** (from D3-branes at singularities).

Cicoli et al. ...

- Possible **lamp-post effect**:

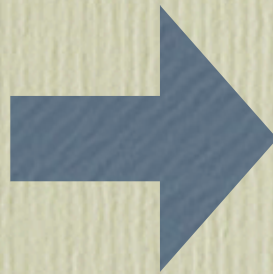
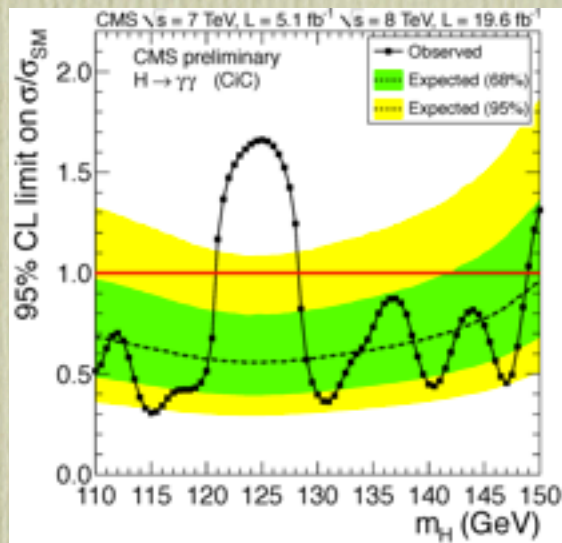


Present technology does not make use of ingredients like e.g. **non-geometric fluxes** (which are **mirror to IIA fluxes**)....could play an important role...

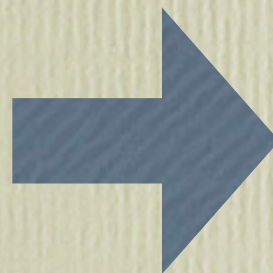
No example as yet able to reproduce the smallness of the c.c.

Conlon: further caveats.....

The **second crucial experimental input** comes from **LHC** and it is **two-fold**:



**** The Higgs**



**** Nothing else!**

Talks: Antoniadis, Ovrut, Kumar, Krippendorf, ...

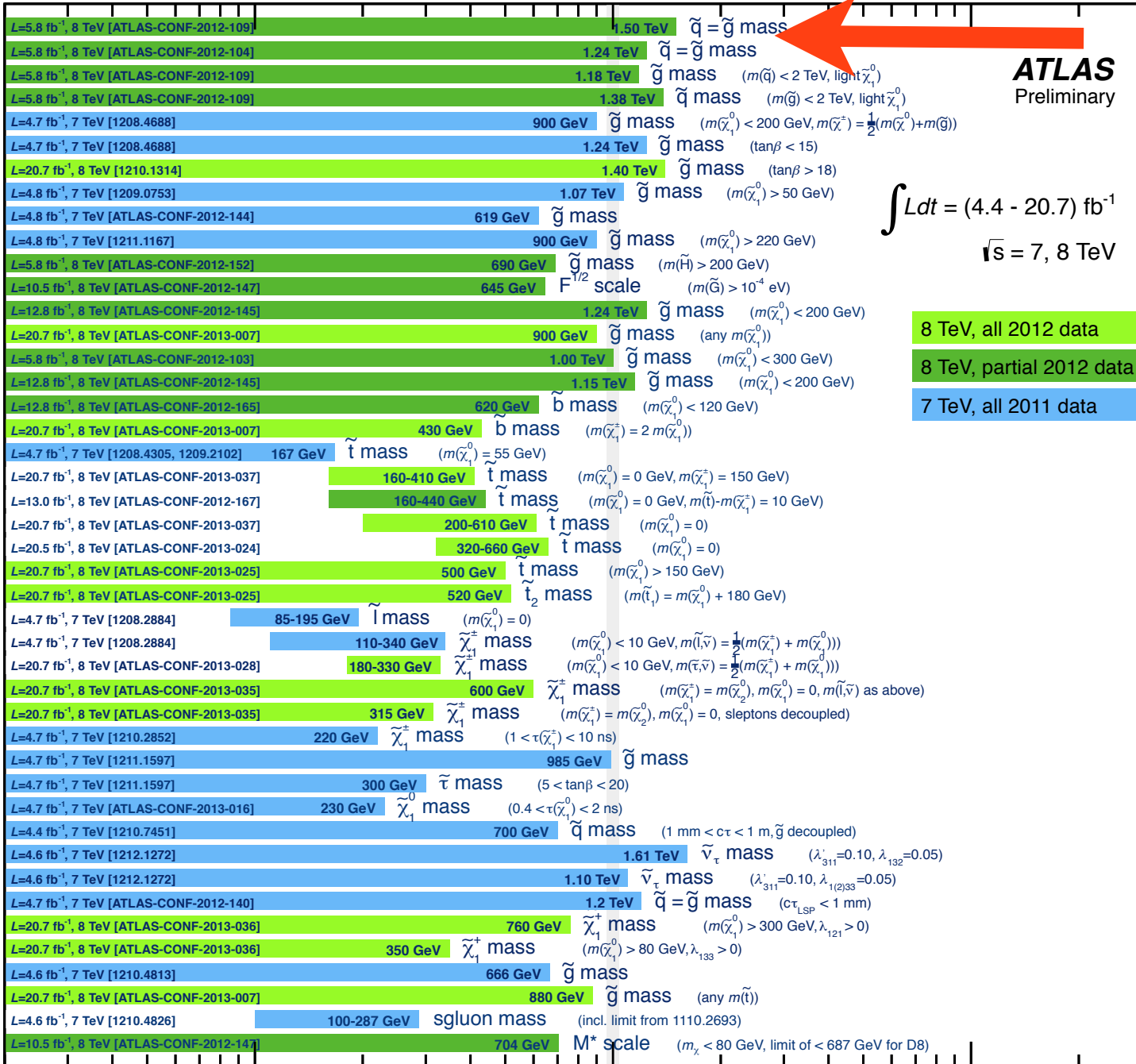
ATLAS SUSY Searches* - 95% CL Lower Limits (Status: March 26, 2013)

ATLAS
Preliminary

$$\int L dt = (4.4 - 20.7) \text{ fb}^{-1}$$

$$\sqrt{s} = 7, 8 \text{ TeV}$$

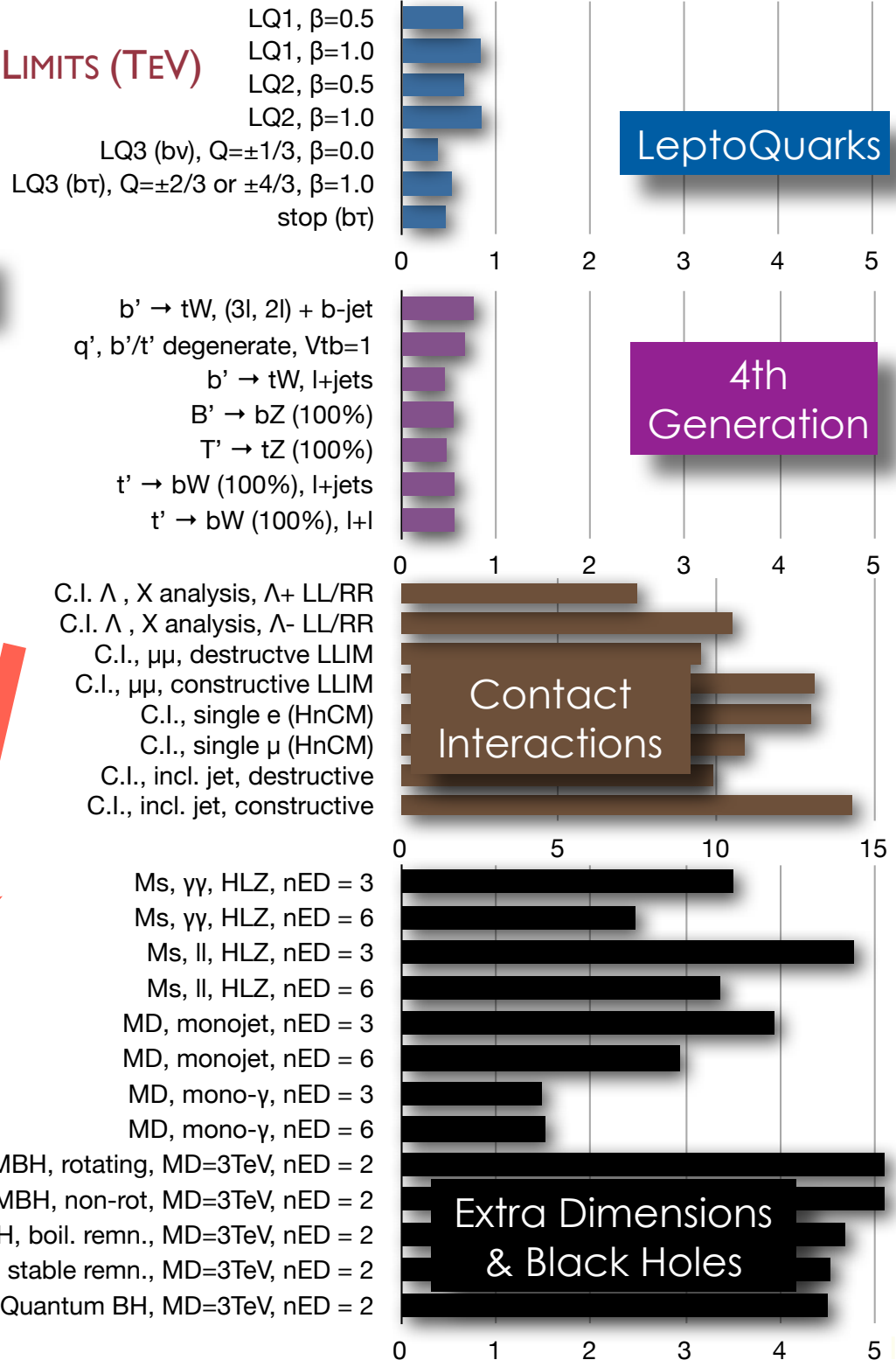
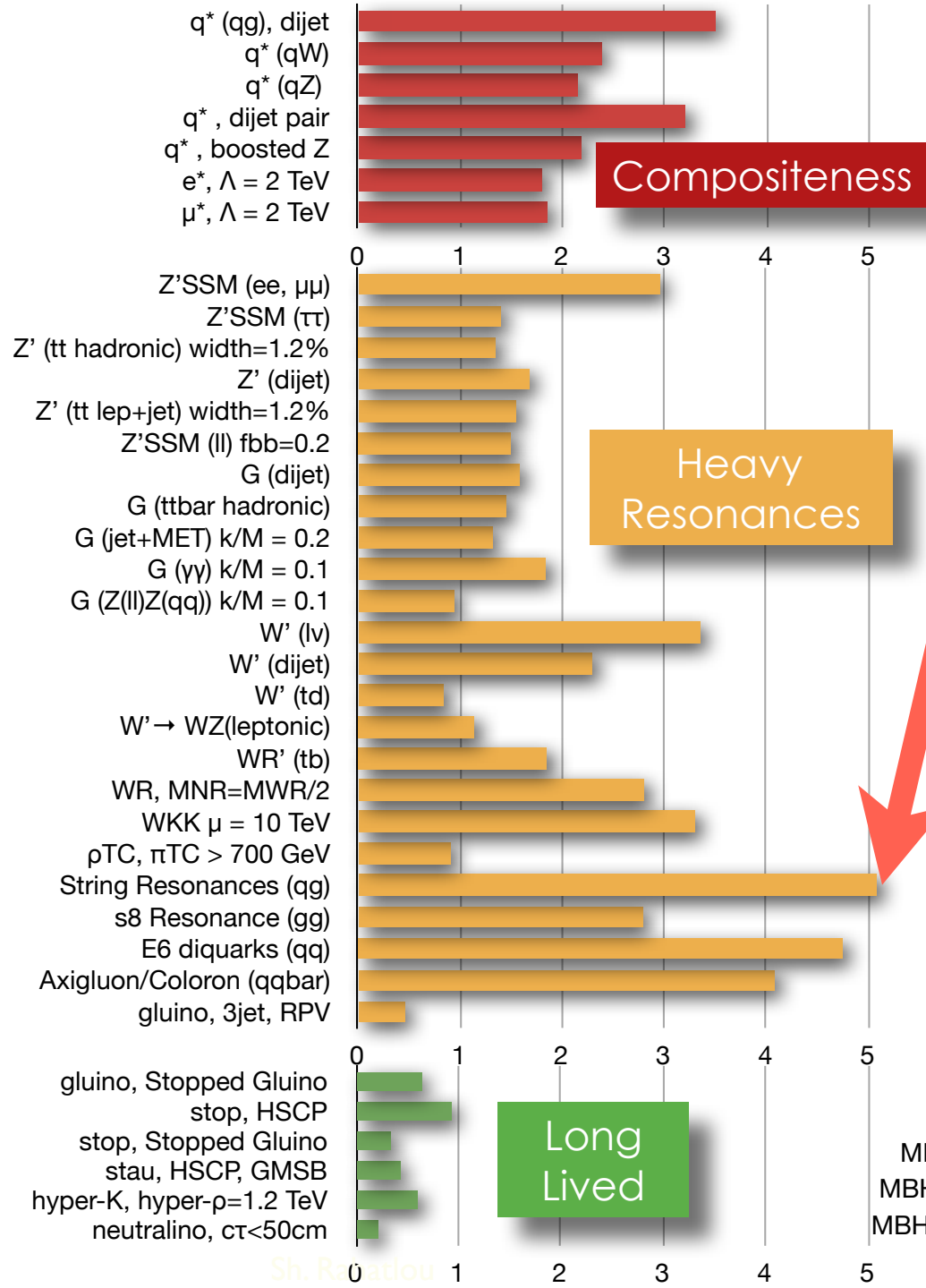
- Inclusive searches**
 - MSUGRA/CMSSM : 0 lep + j's + $E_{T,miss}$
 - MSUGRA/CMSSM : 1 lep + j's + $E_{T,miss}$
 - Pheno model : 0 lep + j's + $E_{T,miss}$
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 - Gluino med. $\tilde{\chi}^{\pm}$ ($\tilde{g} \rightarrow q\tilde{\chi}^{\pm}$) : 1 lep + j's + $E_{T,miss}$
 - GMSB ($\tilde{1}$ NLSP) : 2 lep (OS) + j's + $E_{T,miss}$
 - GMSB ($\tilde{\tau}$ NLSP) : 1-2 τ + j's + $E_{T,miss}$
 - GGM (bino NLSP) : $\gamma\gamma$ + $E_{T,miss}$
 - GGM (wino NLSP) : γ + lep + $E_{T,miss}$
 - GGM (higgsino-bino NLSP) : γ + b + $E_{T,miss}$
 - GGM (higgsino NLSP) : Z + jets + $E_{T,miss}$
 - Gravitino LSP : 'monojet' + $E_{T,miss}$
- 3rd gen. gluino mediated**
 - $\tilde{g} \rightarrow b\tilde{b}\chi^0$: 0 lep + 3 b-j's + $E_{T,miss}$
 - $\tilde{g} \rightarrow t\tilde{t}\chi^0$: 2 SS-lep + (0-3b-)j's + $E_{T,miss}$
 - $\tilde{g} \rightarrow t\tilde{t}\chi^0$: 0 lep + multi-j's + $E_{T,miss}$
 - $\tilde{g} \rightarrow t\tilde{t}\chi^0$: 0 lep + 3 b-j's + $E_{T,miss}$
- 3rd gen. squarks direct production**
 - $\tilde{b}\tilde{b}, \tilde{b}_1 \rightarrow b\tilde{b}\chi^0$: 0 lep + 2-b-jets + $E_{T,miss}$
 - $\tilde{b}\tilde{b}, \tilde{b}_1 \rightarrow t\tilde{t}\chi^0$: 2 SS-lep + (0-3b-)j's + $E_{T,miss}$
 - $\tilde{t}\tilde{t}$ (light), $\tilde{t} \rightarrow b\tilde{t}\chi^0$: 1/2 lep (+ b-jet) + $E_{T,miss}$
 - $\tilde{t}\tilde{t}$ (medium), $\tilde{t} \rightarrow b\tilde{t}\chi^0$: 1 lep + b-jet + $E_{T,miss}$
 - $\tilde{t}\tilde{t}$ (medium), $\tilde{t} \rightarrow b\tilde{t}\chi^0$: 2 lep + $E_{T,miss}$
 - $\tilde{t}\tilde{t}$ (heavy), $\tilde{t} \rightarrow t\tilde{t}\chi^0$: 1 lep + b-jet + $E_{T,miss}$
 - $\tilde{t}\tilde{t}$ (heavy), $\tilde{t} \rightarrow t\tilde{t}\chi^0$: 0 lep + 6(2b-)jets + $E_{T,miss}$
 - $\tilde{t}\tilde{t}$ (natural GMSB) : Z (\rightarrow ll) + b-jet + $E_{T,miss}$
 - $\tilde{t}_1\tilde{t}_1, \tilde{t}_2\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow \tilde{t}_1 + Z$: Z (\rightarrow ll) + 1 lep + b-jet + $E_{T,miss}$
- EW direct**
 - $\tilde{l}_1\tilde{l}_1, \tilde{l}_1 \rightarrow \tilde{l}\chi^0$: 2 lep + $E_{T,miss}$
 - $\tilde{\chi}_1^+\tilde{\chi}_1^+, \tilde{\chi}_1^0\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow \tilde{l}\nu(\tilde{l}\bar{\nu})$: 2 lep + $E_{T,miss}$
 - $\tilde{\chi}_1^+\tilde{\chi}_1^+, \tilde{\chi}_1^0\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow \tilde{\tau}\nu(\tilde{\tau}\bar{\nu})$: 2 τ + $E_{T,miss}$
 - $\tilde{\chi}_1^+\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow \tilde{l}\nu\tilde{l}(\tilde{\nu}\bar{\nu}), \tilde{l}\nu\tilde{l}(\tilde{\nu}\bar{\nu})$: 3 lep + $E_{T,miss}$
 - $\tilde{\chi}_1^+\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow W\tilde{\chi}_1^0 Z\tilde{\chi}_1^0$: 3 lep + $E_{T,miss}$
- Long-lived particles**
 - Direct $\tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm}$ pair prod. (AMSBB) : long-lived $\tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm}$
 - Stable \tilde{g} , R-hadrons : low β , $\beta\gamma$
 - GMSB, stable $\tilde{\tau}$: low β
 - GMSB, $\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow \gamma\tilde{G}$: non-pointing photons
 - $\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow q\tilde{q}\mu$ (RPV) : μ + heavy displaced vertex
 - LFV : $pp \rightarrow \tilde{\nu} + X, \tilde{\nu}_\tau \rightarrow e + \mu$ resonance
 - LFV : $pp \rightarrow \tilde{\nu} + X, \tilde{\nu}_\tau \rightarrow e(\mu) + \tau$ resonance
- RPV**
 - Bilinear RPV CMSSM : 1 lep + 7 j's + $E_{T,miss}$
 - $\tilde{\chi}_1^+\tilde{\chi}_2^0, \tilde{\chi}_1^+\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow W\tilde{\chi}_1^0, \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow e\bar{\nu}_\mu, e\nu_\mu$: 4 lep + $E_{T,miss}$
 - $\tilde{\chi}_1^+\tilde{\chi}_1^0, \dots, \tilde{\chi}_1^0\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow \tau\nu_e, e\tau\nu_\tau$: 3 lep + 1 τ + $E_{T,miss}$
 - $\tilde{g} \rightarrow q\tilde{q}$: 3-jet resonance pair
 - $\tilde{g} \rightarrow \tilde{t}\tilde{t}, \tilde{t} \rightarrow b\tilde{t}$: 2 SS-lep + (0-3b-)j's + $E_{T,miss}$
 - Scalar gluon : 2-jet resonance pair
 - WIMP interaction (D5, Dirac χ) : 'monojet' + $E_{T,miss}$

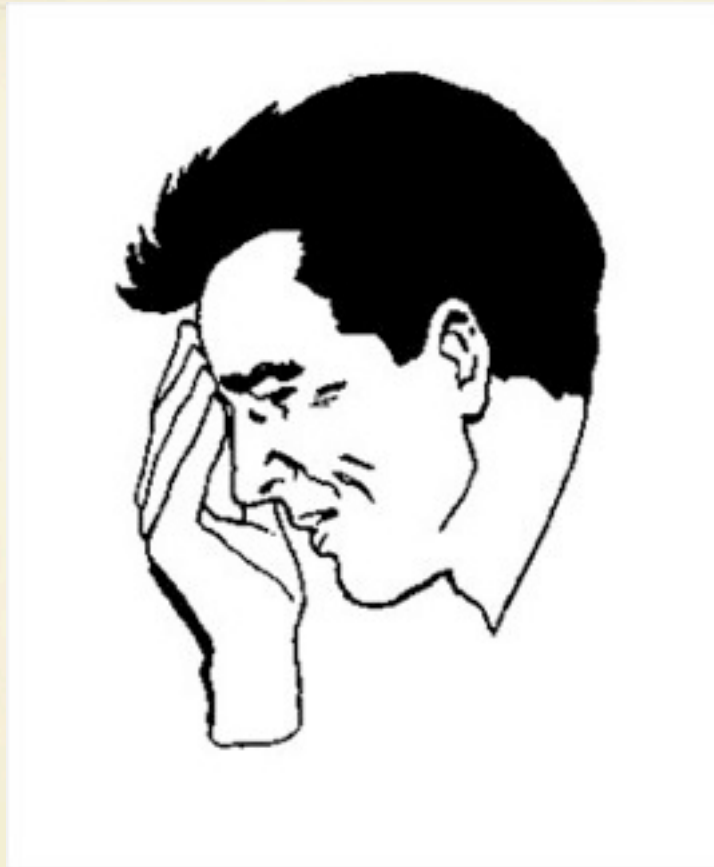


8 TeV, all 2012 data
8 TeV, partial 2012 data
7 TeV, all 2011 data

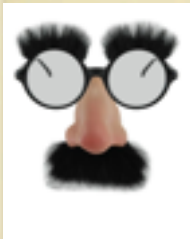
*Only a selection of the available mass limits on new states or phenomena shown.
All limits quoted are observed minus 1 σ theoretical signal cross section uncertainty.

CMS EXOTICA 95% CL EXCLUSION LIMITS (TeV)





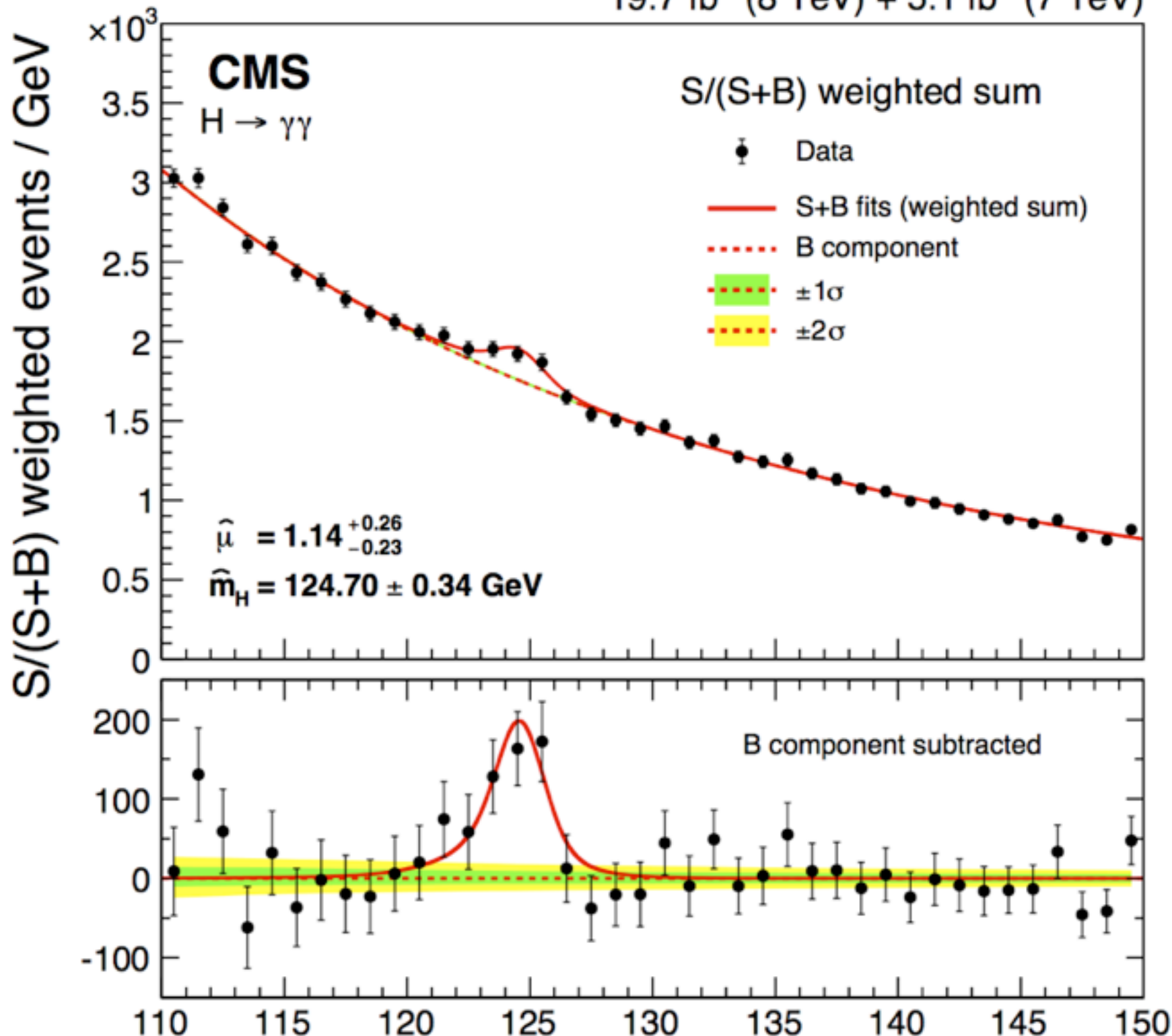
No sign so far of SUSY nor
anything BSM !!

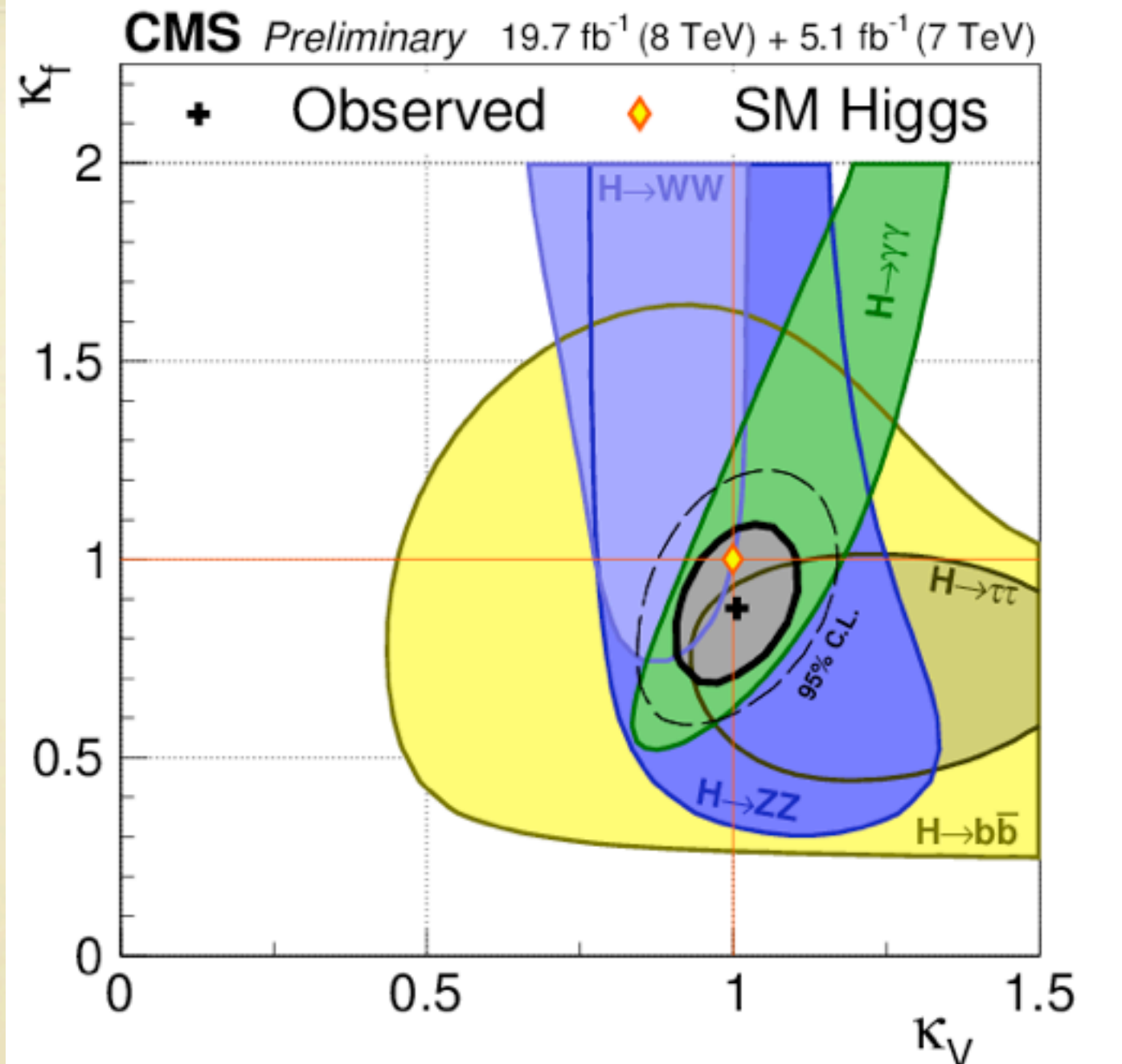


Perhaps new physics will arise at LHC-13 !!!

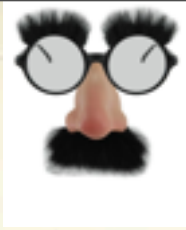
(perhaps ⁴⁶WW excess?)

19.7 fb⁻¹ (8 TeV) + 5.1 fb⁻¹ (7 TeV)



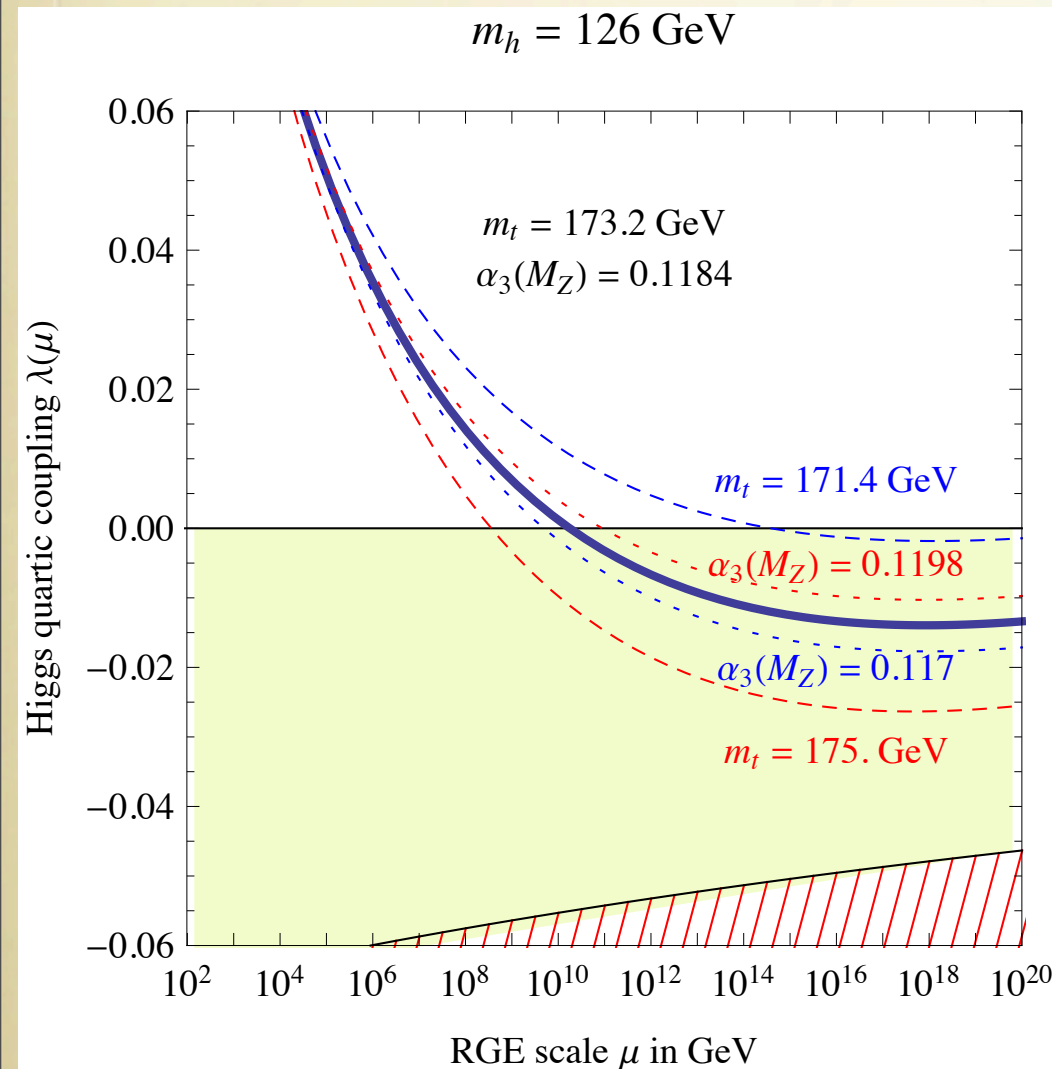


No sign of new physics in the Higgs couplings either...



STILL..

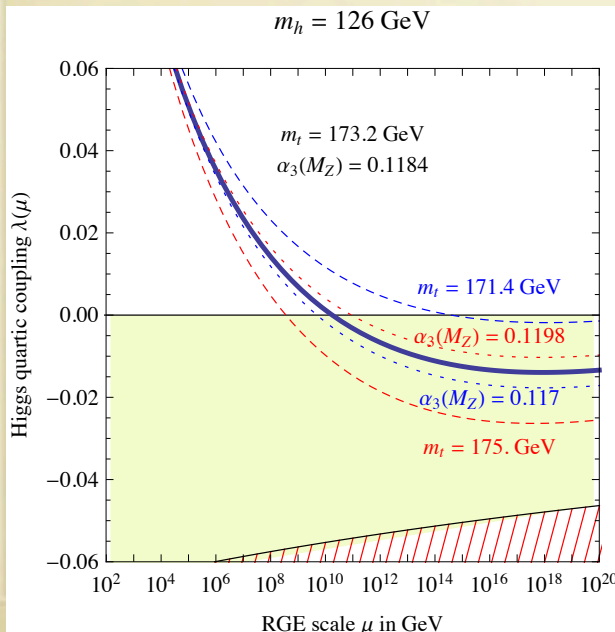
Just-SM unlikely to survive all the way to Planck scale:



- **‘Stability Problem’**: the Higgs potential unbounded well below the Planck scale....

String Theory Suggests SUSY is present at some scale

- 1) It is a fundamental **symmetry** of string theory
- 2) To avoid the presence of **tachyons** in string compactifications
- 3) Additional reason: to **stabilize the Higgs potential**:



$$V = D^2 + F^2 \geq 0$$

Potential positive definite automatically

SUSY could be realized at a scale $\gg 1 \text{ TeV}$

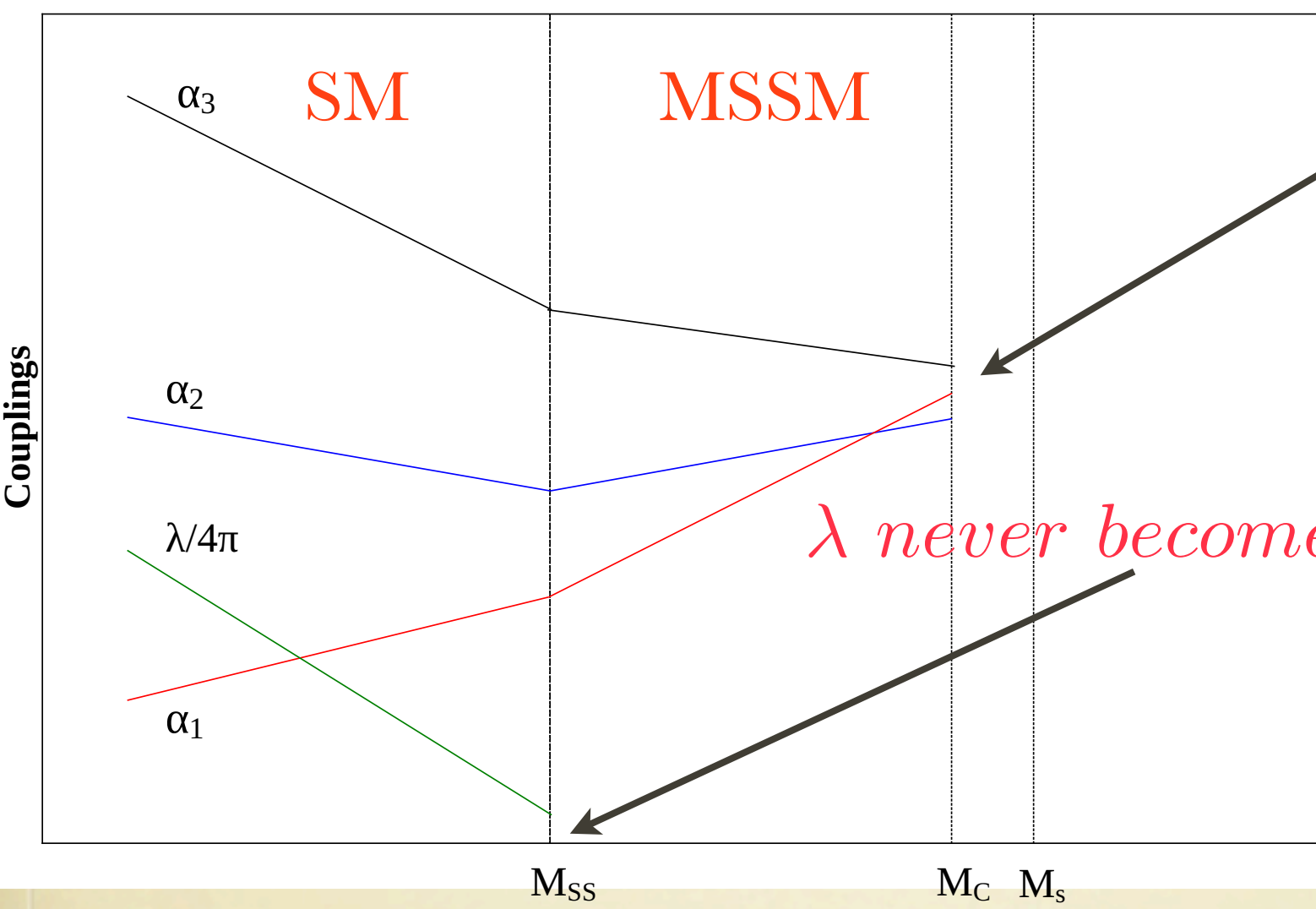
SUSY would be needed NOT to
stabilize the hierarchy
but to stabilize the SM vacuum

*This would require $M_{SS} \leq 10^{11} - 10^{13} \text{ GeV}$
(before λ becomes negative)*

The solution of the hierarchy problem would
be then anthropic again...

*Hebecker and Weigand '12, '13 L. J. Marchesano, Regalado, Valenzuela arXiv:12,
L. J. and Valenzuela 2013*

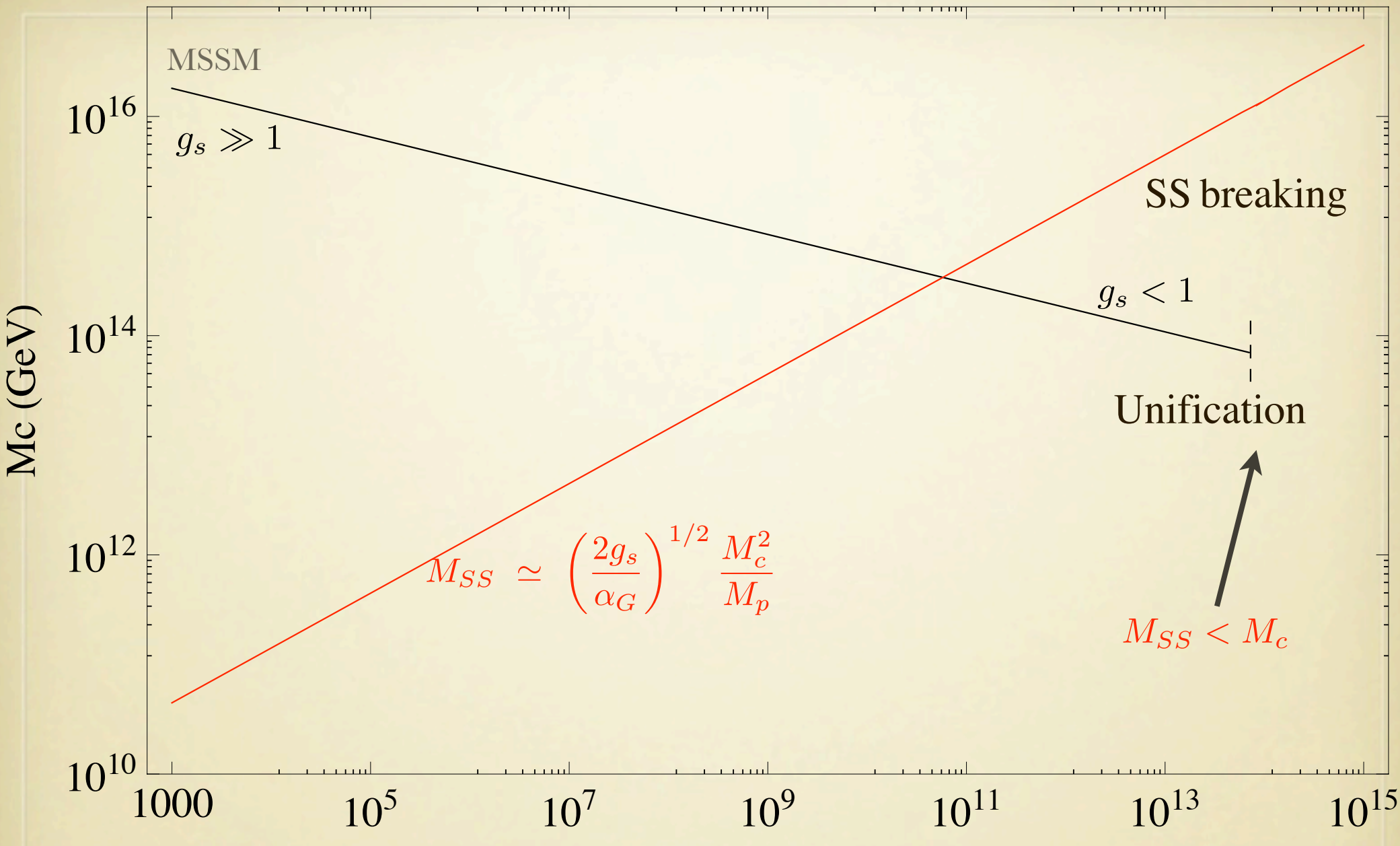
Threshold corrections
Blumenhagen '08



λ never becomes negative !!

Intermediate Scale SUSY Breaking

$m_H \simeq 125 \text{ GeV for } M_{ss} \simeq 10^{10} - 10^{13} \text{ GeV}$

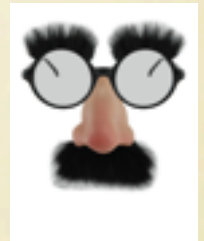


Unification + flux SUSY breaking: M_{ss} (GeV)

$$M_{SS} = 5 \times 10^{10} \text{ GeV} ; M_c = 3 \times 10^{14} \text{ GeV}$$

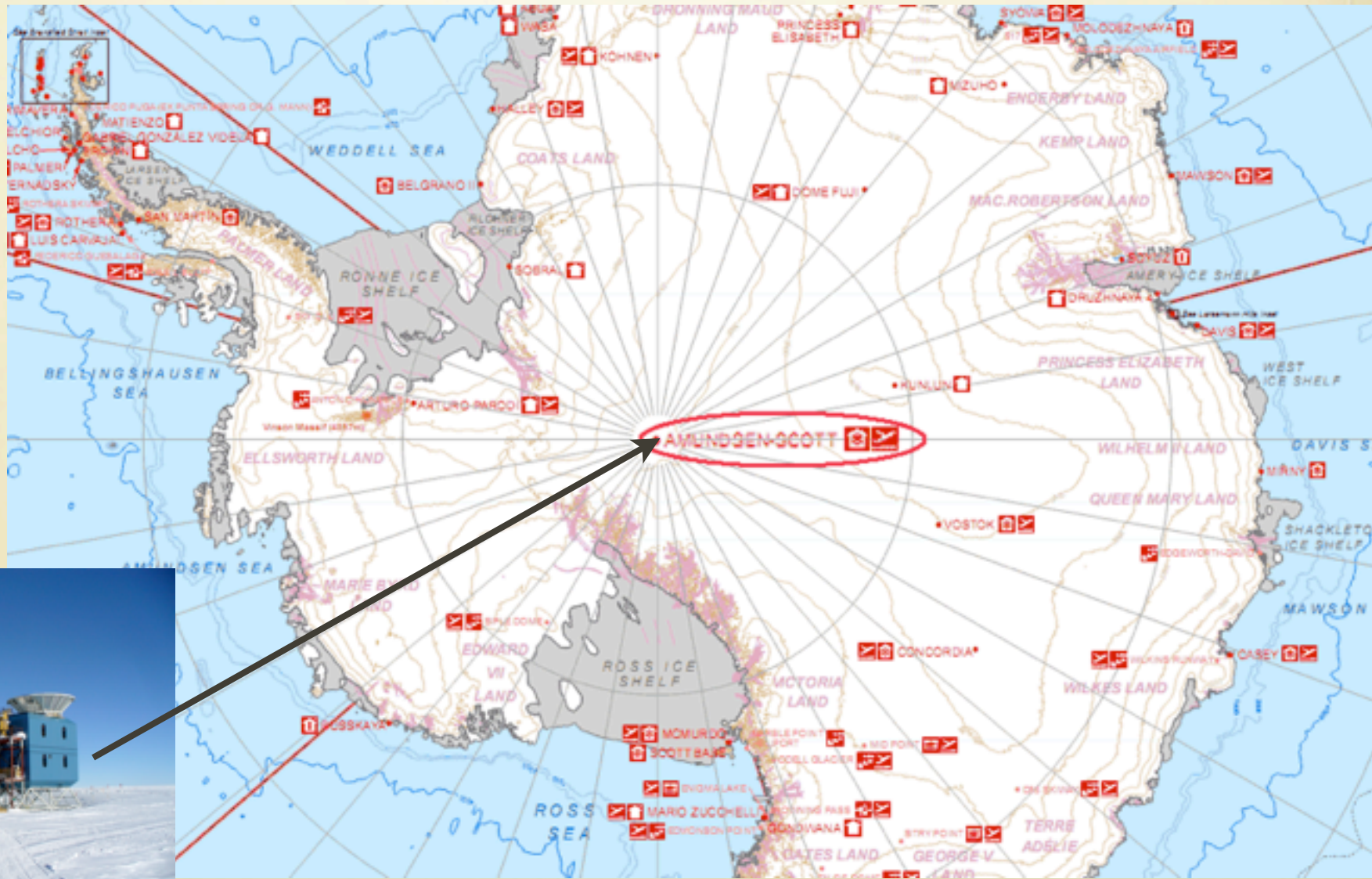
- **SUSY breaking scale** could be in the range $10^{10} - 10^{13} \text{ GeV}$. *Consistent with $m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}$*

- Such scales arise if **SUSY broken** by isotropic **bulk fluxes** in Type IIB+ gauge coupling unification



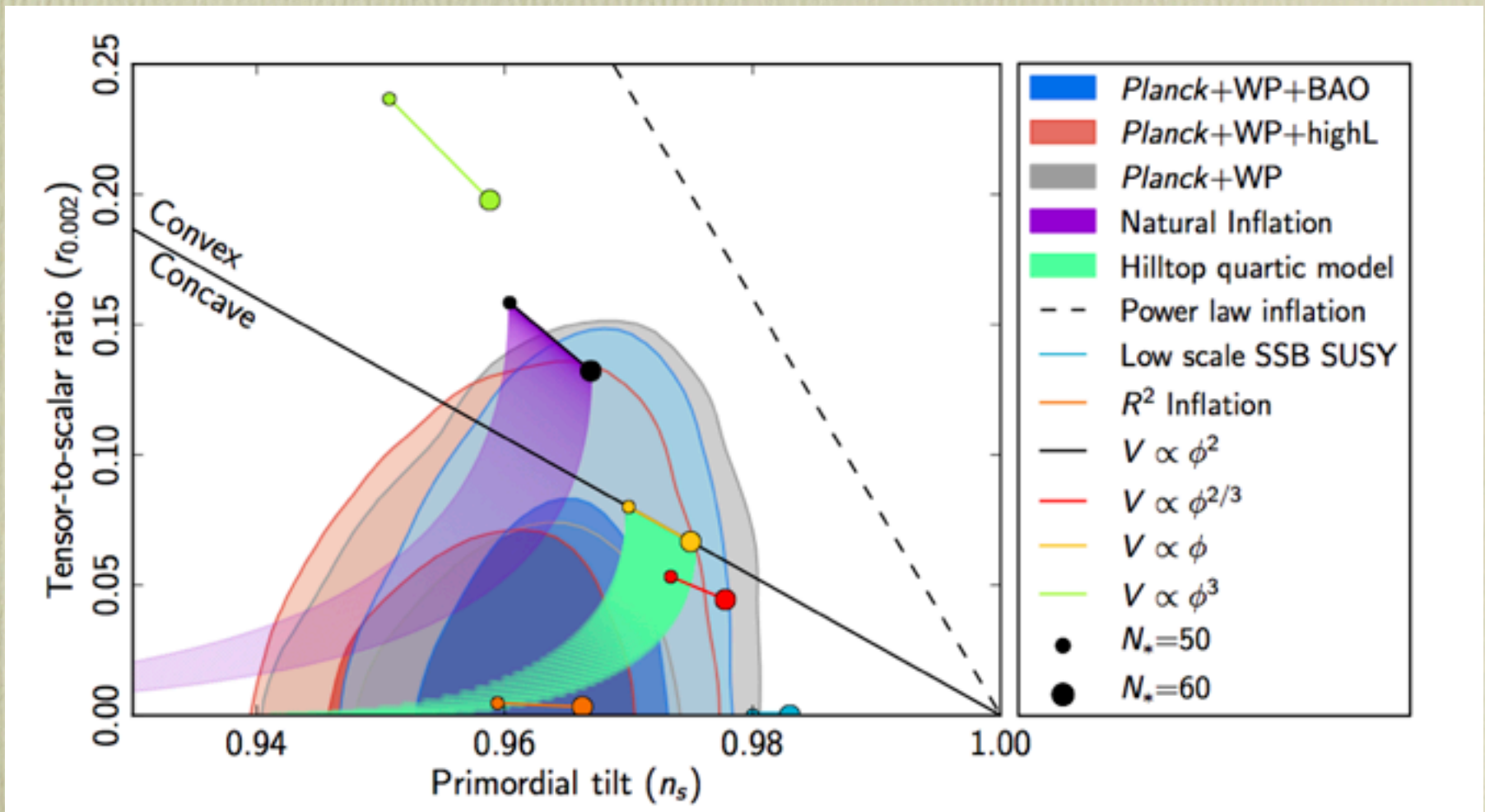
- **No symmetries needed** to suppress p-decay dim 4,5 operators nor doublet triplet splitting!!

The **third crucial experimental** input came (??) from the South Pole



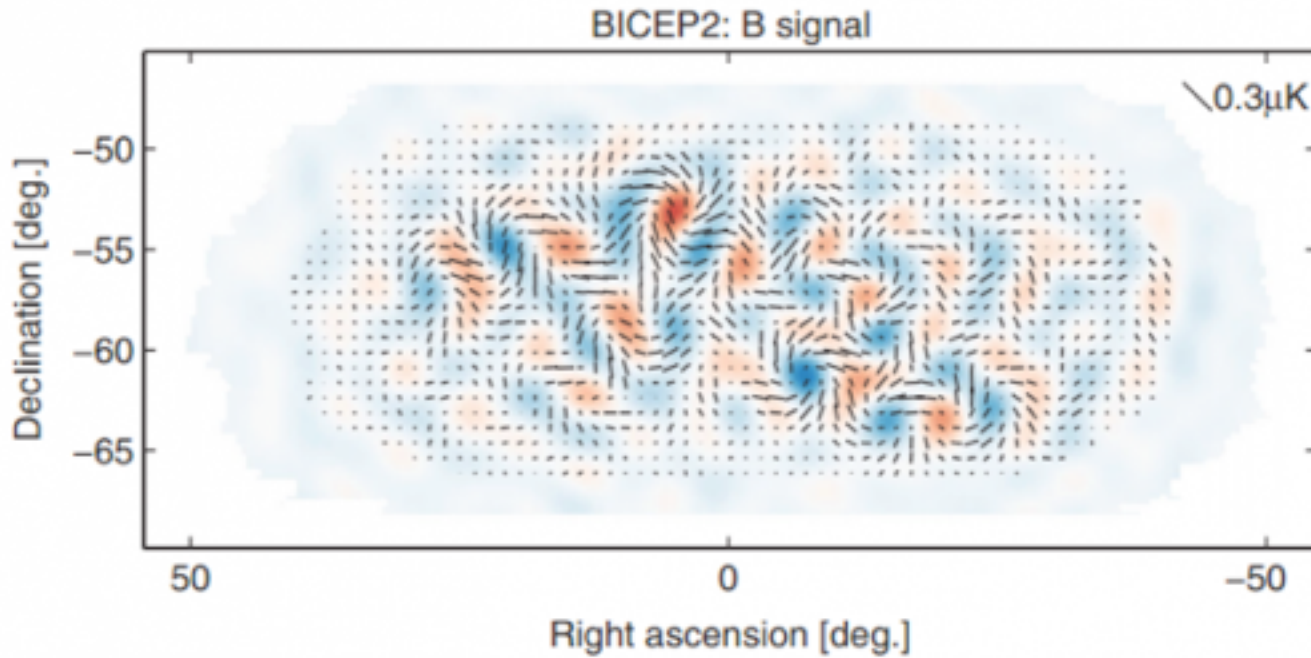
Inflation before March 17-th 2014

Planck:



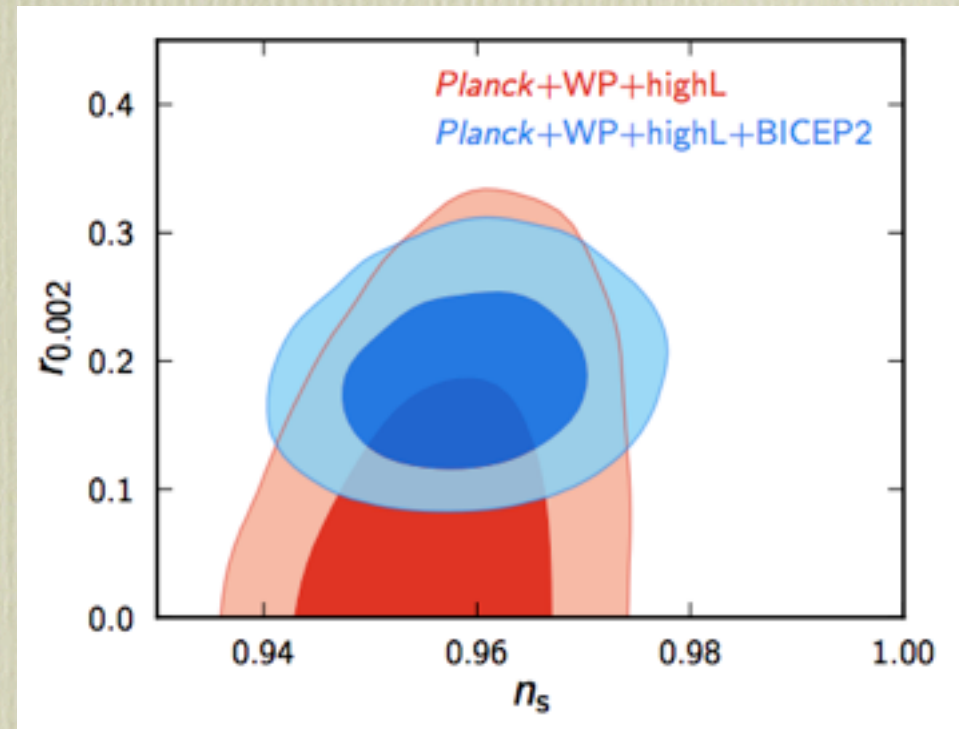
ϕ^n , $n \geq 2$ close to exclusion...

BICEP2

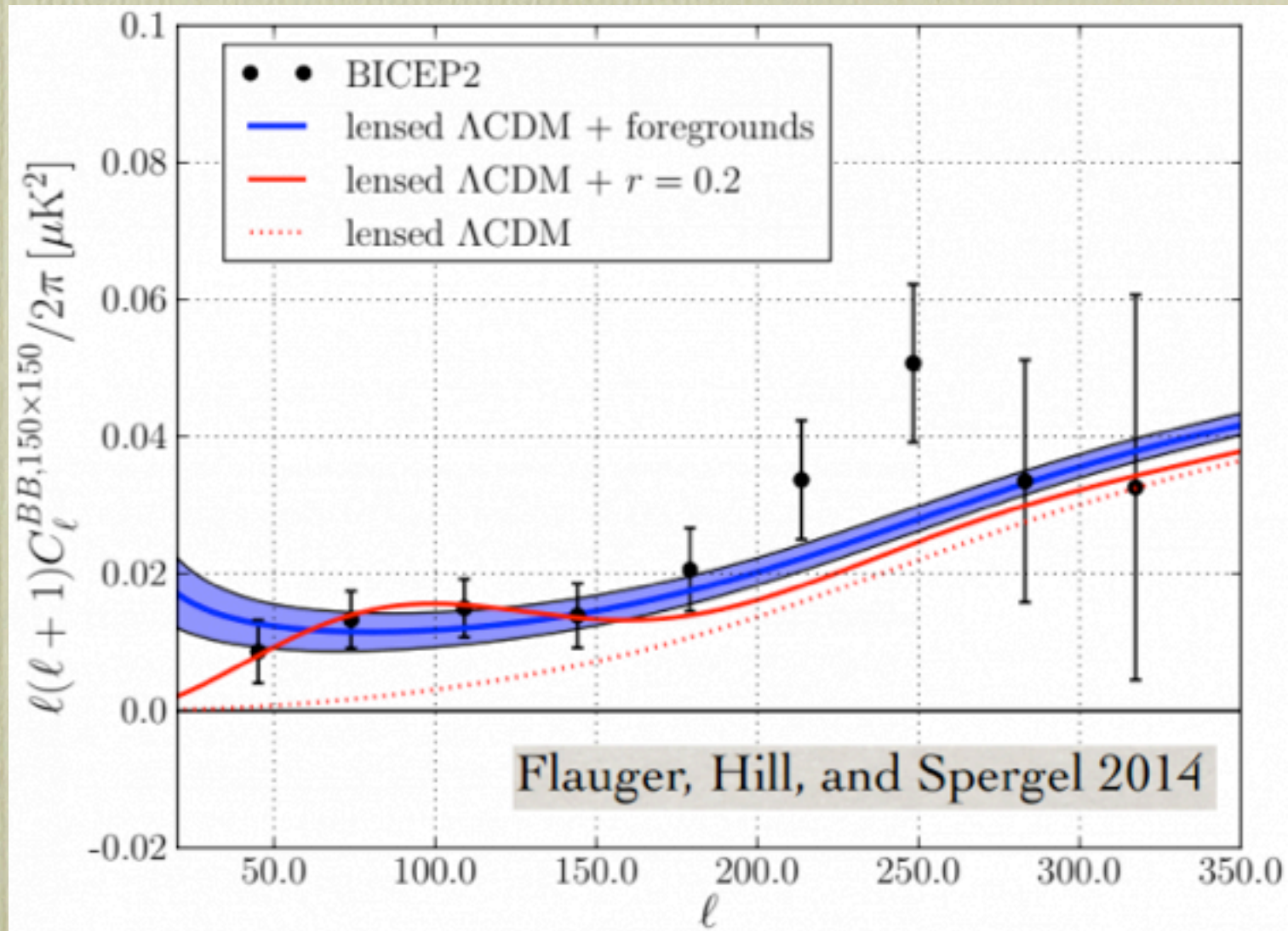


Primordial
B-modes

$$r = 0.1 - 0.2$$



But the dust still has to settle....



B-mode power spectrum

Slow roll inflation

$$\epsilon = \frac{M_p^2}{2} \left(\frac{V'}{V} \right)^2 \ll 1, \quad \eta = M_p^2 \frac{|V''|}{V} \ll 1$$

Perturbations:

Scalar spectral index : $n_s - 1 = 2\eta - 6\epsilon$

tensor/scalar ratio : $r = 16\epsilon$

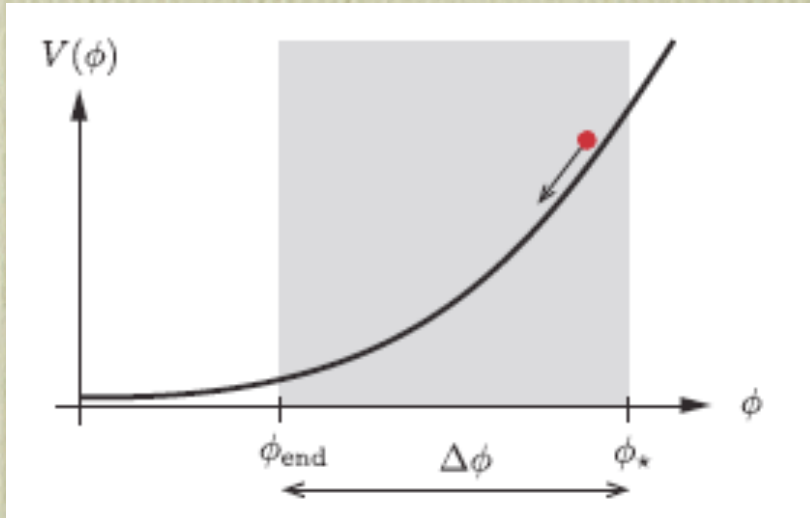
Number e - folds : $N_* = \frac{1}{M_p} \int_{\phi_{end}}^{\phi_*} \frac{d\phi}{\sqrt{2\epsilon}}$

Lyth bound: $\frac{\Delta\phi}{M_p} \geq 0.25 \left(\frac{r}{0.01} \right)^{1/2}$

Large r requires trans-Planckian inflaton excursions

Chaotic Inflation

Linde 88



$$V(\phi) = \mu^{4-p} \phi^p$$

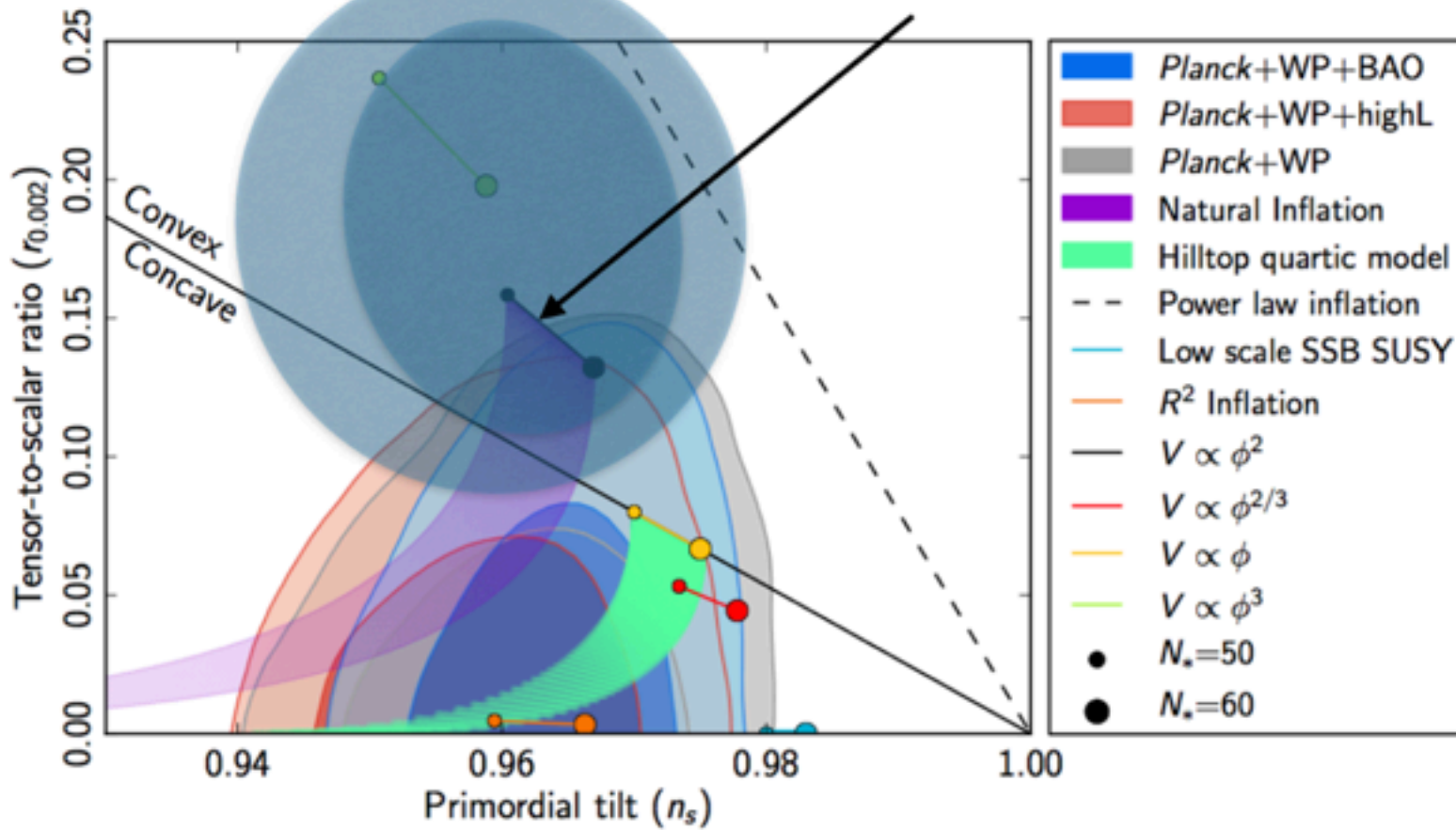
(Bauman McAllister book)

$$N_* \simeq \frac{1}{2p} \left(\frac{\phi_*}{M_p} \right)^2 \rightarrow \text{trans - Planckian}$$

$$n_s - 1 = - \frac{(2+p)}{2N_*}, \quad r = \frac{4p}{N_*}$$

BICEP2

Linde is here



$p = 1 :$	$n_s \approx 0.975$,	$r \approx 0.07$,	$\phi_* \approx 11M_{\text{pl}}$,
$p = 2 :$	$n_s \approx 0.967$,	$r \approx 0.13$,	$\phi_* \approx 15M_{\text{pl}}$,
$p = 3 :$	$n_s \approx 0.958$,	$r \approx 0.20$,	$\phi_* \approx 19M_{\text{pl}}$,
$p = 4 :$	$n_s \approx 0.950$,	$r \approx 0.27$,	$\phi_* \approx 22M_{\text{pl}}$.

$$\phi_* \geq 10 M_p$$

If BICEP2 correct:

$$V^{1/4} \simeq \left(\frac{r}{0.01} \right)^{1/4} \times 10^{16} \text{ GeV} \simeq 10^{16} \text{ GeV}$$

$$H_I \simeq \left(\frac{r}{0.20} \right)^{1/2} \times 10^{14} \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_I \simeq 10^{13} \text{ GeV}$$

String theory and large field inflation

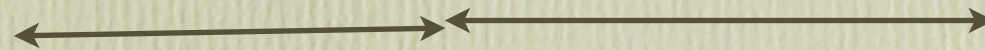
Talks:

*Nilles, Westphal, Burgess, Takahashi, Maharana,
Hebecker, Sagnotti, Uranga, Shiu, Kaloper, Lust...*

Scales in string large inflaton

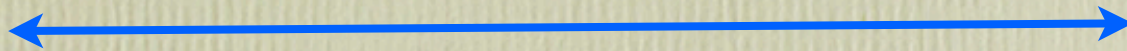
10^{13} 10^{14} 10^{16} 10^{18} 10^{19}

m_I H_I $V^{1/4}$ M_p ϕ_*



m_{moduli}

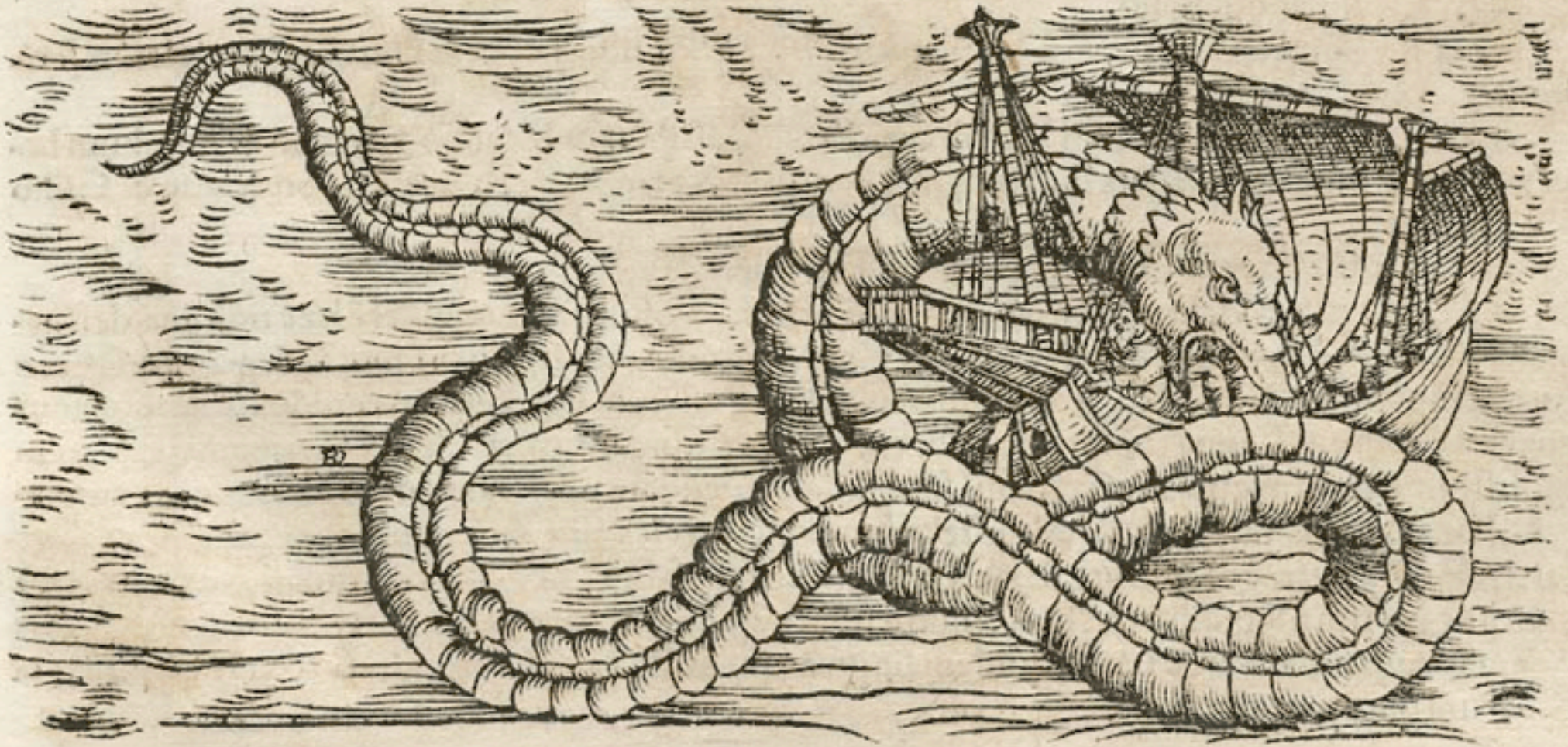
M_c, M_{str}



$D = 4$ field theory ok

$\phi_* \simeq 10M_p$ ok, as long as $V(\phi)^{1/4} \leq M_c, M_{\text{str}}$

But in the large field seas....



people say there are dragons....



Inocent
Inflaton

Uncontrolled
corrections

A shift
symmetry

String
Phenomenologist

10^{13}	10^{14}	10^{16}	10^{18}	10^{19}
m_I	H_I	$V^{1/4}$	M_p	ϕ_*

NEED:

- 1) *Stable* $m_I \ll M_p$ ($m_I \ll H_I$ if *SUSY*) : η problem
- 2) *Large* $\phi_* \gg M_p$ possible
- 3) *Corrections under control* for $\phi_* \gg M_p$

1), 3) \longrightarrow *shift symmetry* :

$$\phi \longrightarrow \phi + c$$

2) \rightarrow *periodic moduli fields*

$\longrightarrow \phi =$ *RR or NS axions; D – brane moduli*

Non-trans-Planckian axion inflation

1) *One axion*

Requires $f \geq 10 M_p$

$$V = \lambda^4 \left(1 - \cos \left(\frac{\phi}{f} \right) \right) \quad \dots \text{problematic in string theory}$$

see however [Grimm, 14](#)

2) *Two axions, two confining gauge groups*

KNP
2004

$$\sum_{i=1}^2 \frac{\phi_i}{f_i} (c_a^i (F_a \wedge F_a) + c_b^i (F_b \wedge F_b))$$

$$\rightarrow V = \Lambda_a^4 \left(1 - \cos \left(c_a^1 \frac{\phi_1}{f_1} + c_a^2 \frac{\phi_2}{f_2} \right) \right) + \Lambda_b^4 \left(1 - \cos \left(c_b^1 \frac{\phi_1}{f_1} + c_b^2 \frac{\phi_2}{f_2} \right) \right)$$

For $c_a^1 c_b^2 = c_b^1 c_a^2$ one effective f_{eff} can be very large

Embedded in string theory?

Ben-Dayan, Pedro, Westphal

3) *N axions : N -flation*

Dimopoulos et al 2008

$N \simeq 10 - 1000$, renormalize G_{Newton}

Maharana talk

Monodromy inflation



$V(\phi)$

*Silverstein, Westphal 08;
McAllister, Silverstein, Westphal
Kaloper, Sorbo 08*

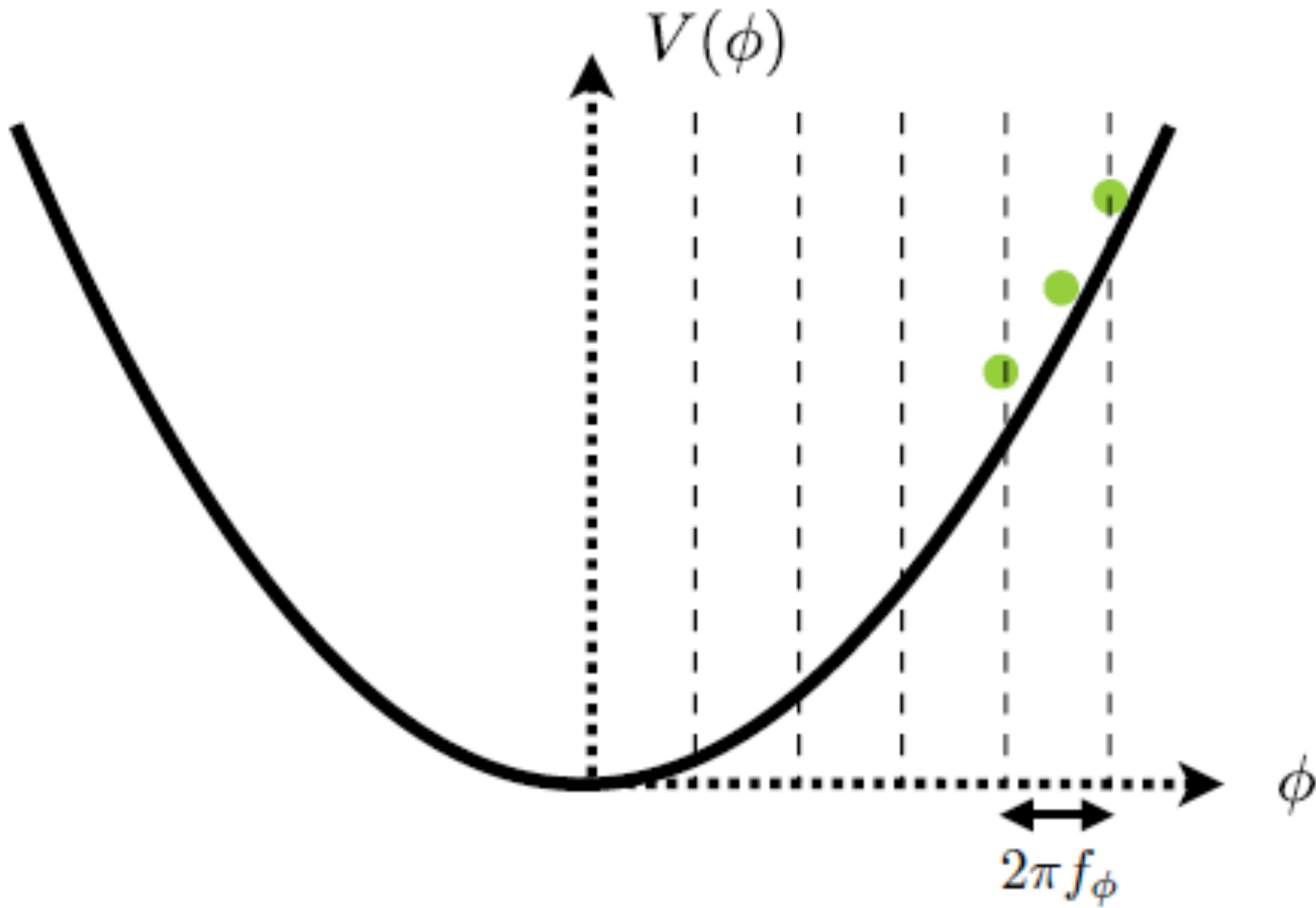
Gur-Ari, 13

Marchesano, Shiu, Uranga, 14

Talks:

Westphal, Hebecker,
Uranga, Shiu, Kaloper,...

$B_2, C_2, \phi_{\text{brane}}, \dots$



1) Monodromy inflation from DBI

Silverstein, Westphal 08:

McAllister, Silverstein, Westphal

Consider a $O(3)/O(7)$ IIB orientifold. Can have axionic moduli :

$$b = \int_{\Sigma_2^-} B_2 \quad , \quad c = \int_{\Sigma_2^-} C_2 \quad (\text{shift symmetry})$$

Consider a D5 – brane wrapping Σ_2^-

$$V_{DBI} \propto \int_{M_4 \times \Sigma_2^-} \sqrt{-\det(G + B)} \propto \sqrt{L^4 + b^2}$$

Breaks shift symmetry : linear potential for large b

*D3 tadpole cancellation
and preservation of shift
symmetry....*

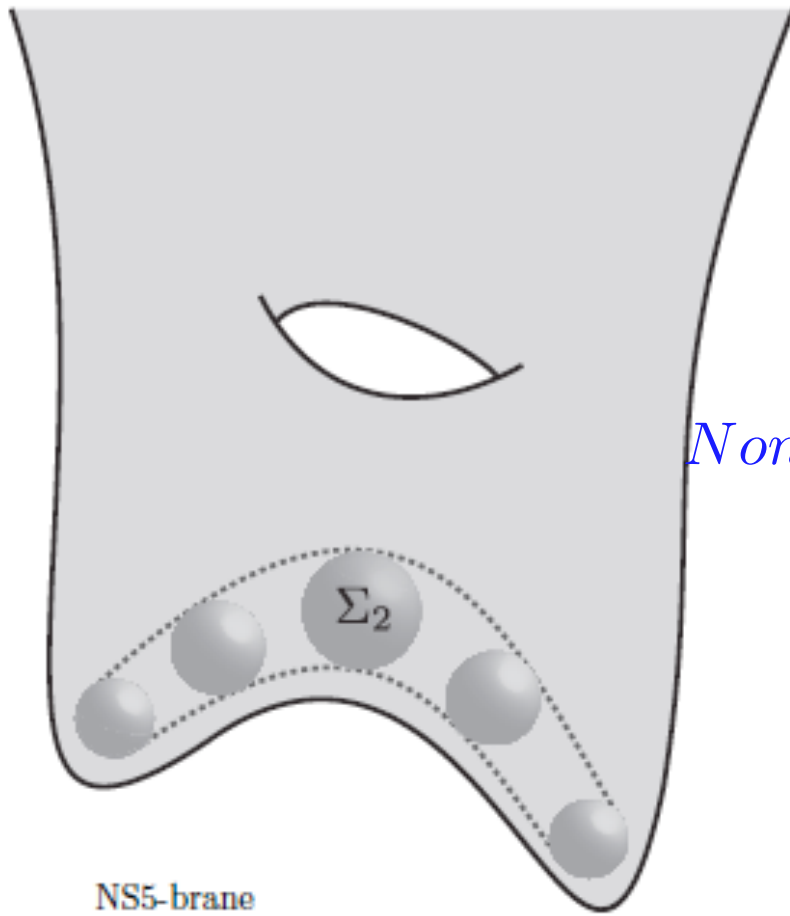
*Non – SUSY configuration. Back – reaction
could be strong*

$$V \simeq \mu^3 \phi + \Lambda^4 \cos\left(\frac{\phi}{f_a}\right)$$

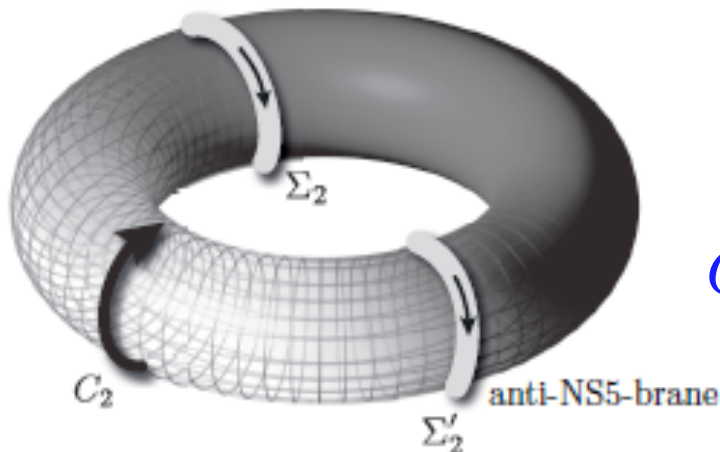
subleading modulations

Generalization with (p, q) – 7 – branes

(Palti, Weigand 14)



NS5-brane



(from Baumann+McAllister book 14)

2) Monodromy with no D-branes

- Monodromy induced on axions **via Fluxes:**

Kaloper, Sorbo 08;

Marchesano, Shiu, Uranga, 14

$$\int dx^4 |db_2 - C_3|^2 + |F_4|^2$$

$$C_3 \rightarrow C_3 + d\Lambda, \quad b_2 \rightarrow b_2 + \Lambda$$

$$d\phi = *db_2 \quad \phi F_4 + |F_4|^2 \longrightarrow (|F_4|^2)\phi^2$$

F – term monodromy from fluxes

shift symmetry has a gauge origin

may be embedded in string theory : $\phi = \text{massive W.L.}$

• Many examples:

1) *Type II – A* , $T = \int_{\Sigma_2} (J + iB_2) :$

$$W = eT - qT^2 + mT^3 , \quad m = F_0 , \quad q = \int_{\Sigma_2} F_2 , \quad e = \int_{\Sigma_2} F_4$$

quartic scalar potential

2) *See directly from D = 10 action :*

$$L = - \int dx^{10} \left(\frac{1}{g_s^2} |H_3|^2 + \sum_p |\tilde{F}_p|^2 \right)$$

e.g. $\tilde{F}_4 = dC_3 + C_1 \wedge H_3 + mB \wedge B, \rightarrow V \simeq m^2 |B|^4$

(expected to flatten at large B...)

3) Monodromy with D-branes + fluxes

- Inflatons are W.L. or position moduli from branes

Silverstein, Westphal 08;

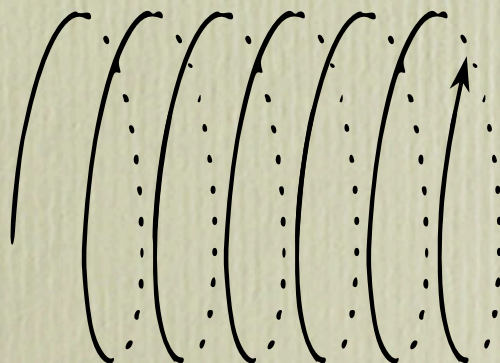
Gur-Ari 14; Marchesano et al 14

1) D – branes wrapping twisted tori

Inflaton = D – brane position on S^1 .

Monodromy from DBI + geometric flux

$$V(\phi) \simeq \phi^{2/3}, \phi, \phi^{6/5}, \phi^{4/3}, \phi^2 \quad (\text{for large } \phi)$$

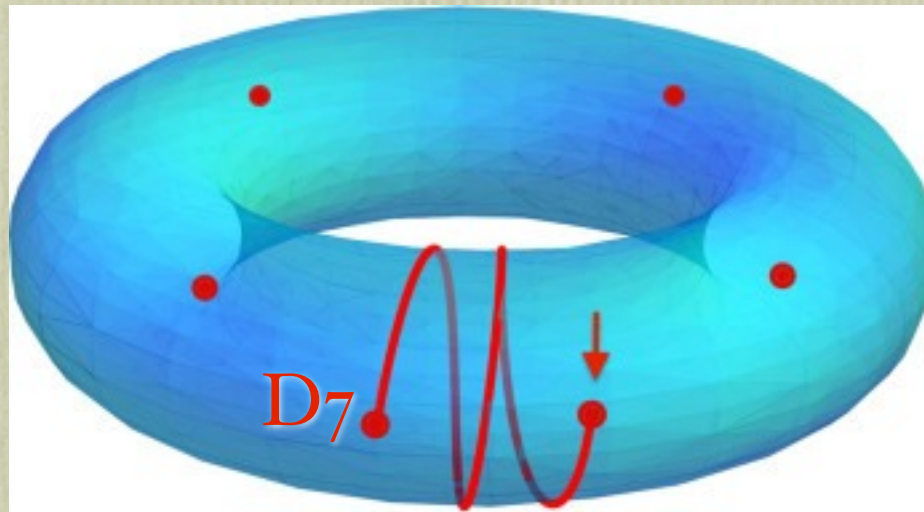


2) $D7$ – branes in IIB orientifolds with fluxes

Large c.s. limit features shift symmetry

Inflaton = position modulus

Hebecker, Kraus, Witkowski 14



Monodromy : superpotential from fluxes

Quadratic potential (for small field)

(also $D3'$'s wrapping 1 – cycles)

Shlaer 12

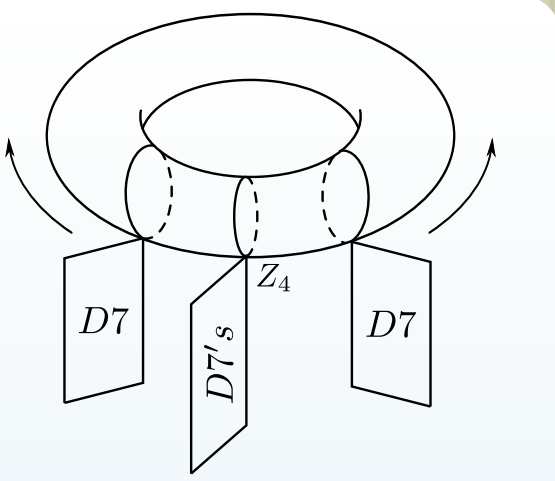
3) Inflaton as a SUSY partner of the Higgs

L. J. Valenzuela 14

6 D7-branes at $(\mathbf{C}^2 \times \mathbf{T}^2)/Z_4$

Gauge group: $U(3) \times U(2) \times U(1)$

Matter fields: $2(3, \bar{2}) + 2(1, \bar{3}) + \underbrace{(1, 2) + (1, \bar{2})}_{\text{vector pair: } H_u, H_d}$



$U(2) \times U(1) \rightarrow U(1) \times U(1)$

One $U(2)$ -brane + $U(1)$ -brane can leave the singularity in opposite directions.

Relative position:

$$\langle H \rangle \equiv \langle H_u + H_d^* \rangle \neq 0$$

↳ Inflaton

Open string modulus monodromy inflation:

- ◆ **Periodic** behaviour around 1-cycle of T^2 .
 - ◆ Addition of **closed string fluxes: generate monodromy** and the potential.
- Potential linear at large field from DBI.**

- **Chaotic inflation** naturally arises in string models where **inflaton=axion, W-L, D-moduli, may have a large field range**
- Stability at large field provided by continuous/**discrete shift symmetries** and **periodicity** of spectrum
- Generic: **flattening of potential** for large inflaton: N=1 SUGRA leading effective action may be **not sufficient....**



That's all very nice. But
you have first to fix all
moduli before talking
about inflation!!



Yep. But advances are done step by step. It is not unreasonable to assume that moduli are fixed at a somewhat larger scale and study the consequences.....



BICEP₂ announcement has been very **positive** for the field. If the results are confirmed, most string inflationary models ruled out. This shows explicitly that **experimental data can test the theory**



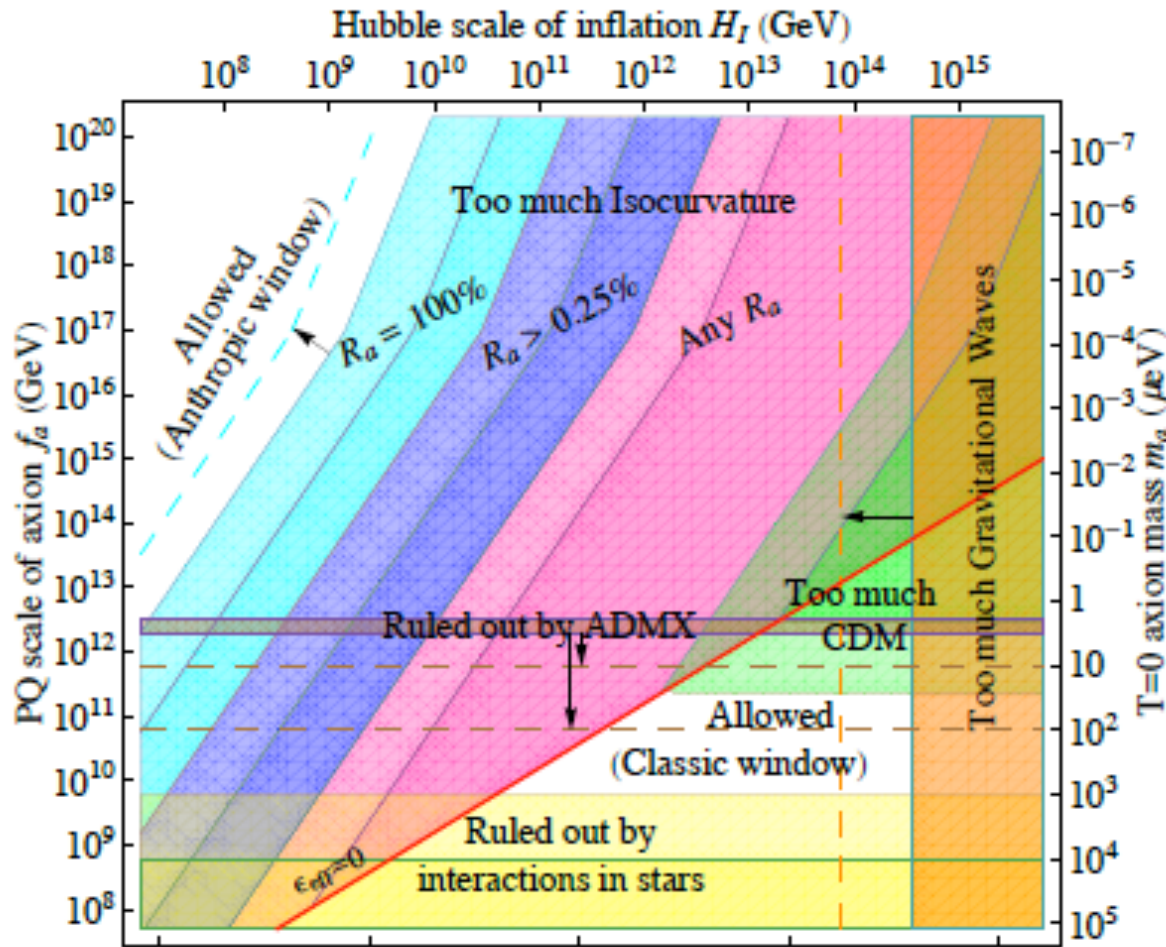
Even if eventually not confirmed, it has **forced us to test the theory** in a challenging regime, giving rise to brand new ideas and scenarios.

Axions and axion-like particles

- **Axion-like** particles are **abundant** in string theory (*from B_2, C_n, \dots*)
- One linear combination of these could remain massless and act as a **QCD axion**
- **Others** could also remain light and give rise to **cosmological and/or astrophysical** signatures.

Talks by Marsh, Conlon, parallels

QCD axions after BICEP2 (??)



$$f_a < 10^{12} \text{ GeV}$$

To avoid too much isocurvature perturbations..

Ringwald 14

Axion-like states in cosmo/astro

EXAMPLE: Pseudo-scalar partner of lightest modulus in LVS

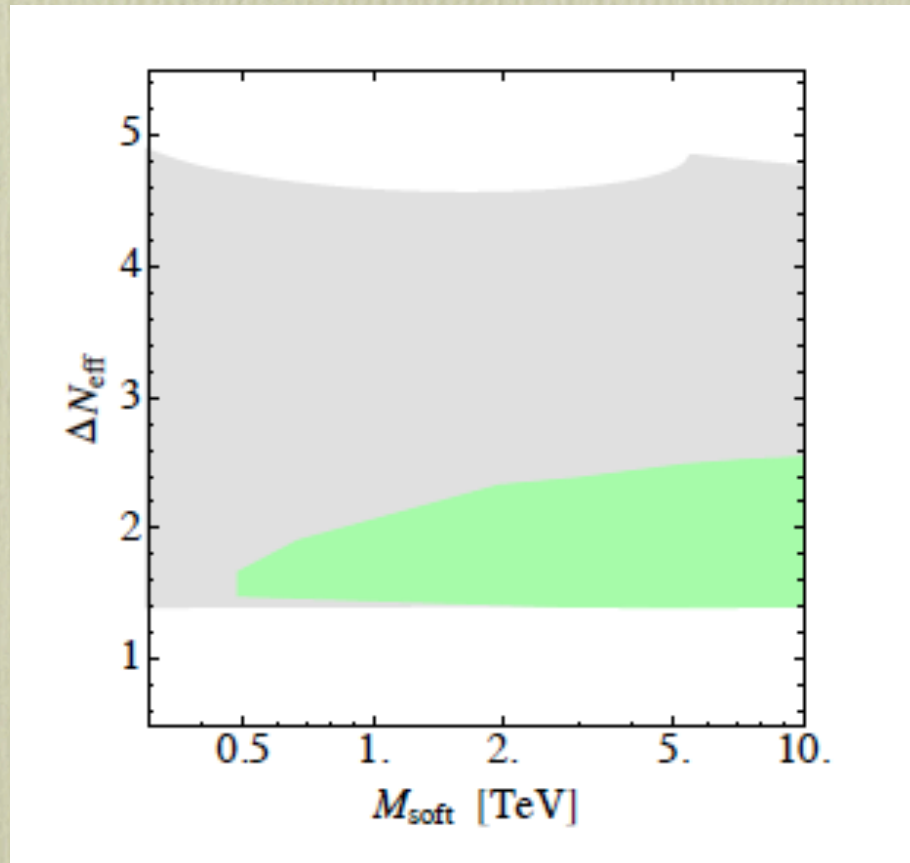
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- **Dark radiation**
- **Difuse gamma** rays in clusters of galaxies (axion-photon conversion)
- **3.55 KeV** gamma ray line in Andromeda and clusters

Dark radiation in minimal LVS:

Conlon, Marsh, Angus, . . . parallels

$$N_{eff} = 3.52^{+0.48}_{-0.45}, \text{ with } H_0 = 67.3 \pm 1.2 \text{ Km s}^{-1} \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$



- Shows how **data can rule out specific string models!**



COMMENT:

- **Axion-like** particles in string theory tend to get masses easily: **GS mechanism, bulk fluxes, instantons.....**
- It is probably **too optimistic** considering scenarios like **N-flation** or an ‘**axiverse**’ with hundreds of light ALP’s

Other data can give us important info

- **Proton decay**. Could be sizable in large SUSY-breaking

Talks by Hebecker, Kumar, Valenzuela

- **U(1)'s: milicharged particles**

Marchesano

- **SUSY at LHC**. If found, specific models provide **patterns for soft terms**

Talks by Antoniadis, Ovrut, Kumar, Krippendorff, ...

Formal versus less formal

- One historical characteristic of SP is that has always been **eager to explore possible phenomenological applications of new formal developments** (and viceversa, recall dualities).
- **E.g.**, Double field theory, Gauged supergravity, Instantons, Matrix models, Topological field theory,.... could perhaps be crucial in future developments...

Talks by Jockers, Martucci, Lust, Triendl..

Next decade:

2015

BICEP2 confirmed

SUSY found at LHC

M-theory/Geometry phenomenology

2020

Unified flux techniques developed

Axions detected

First complete stable SM vacua

2025

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THANK YOU!!!!

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