

# Ripples in spacetime from broken SUSY

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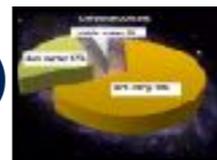
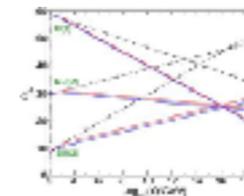
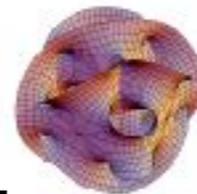
## Why still SUSY beyond TeV?

\* **Address** hierarchy problem and naturalness (little fine-tuning)

\* Included in unified description

\* Dark matter candidate (LSP)

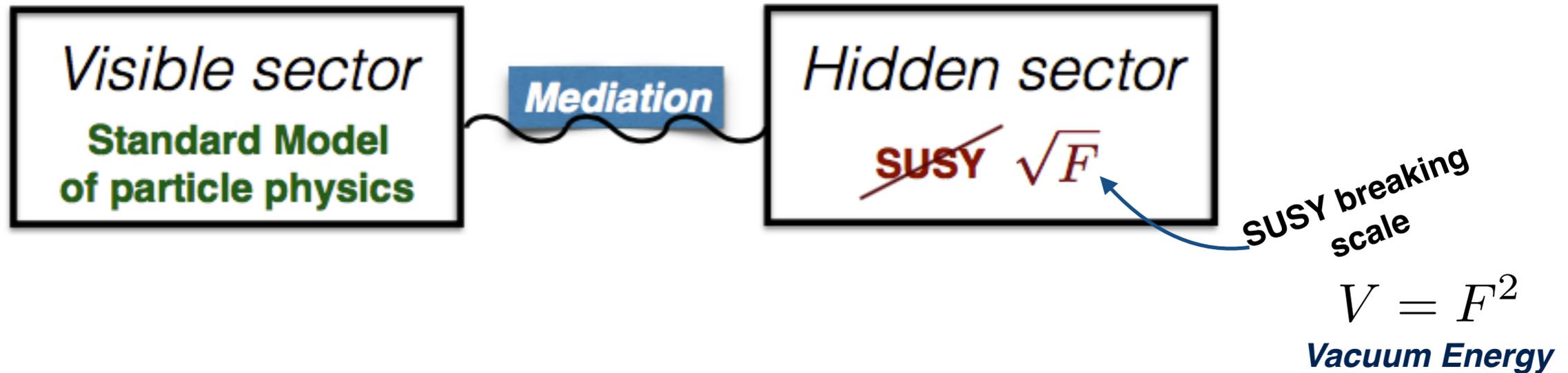
\* Admit a low energy SM limit (including also **SM-like BEH boson**)



***SUSY beyond TeV could be tested?  
Can SUSY reveals itself in GW?***

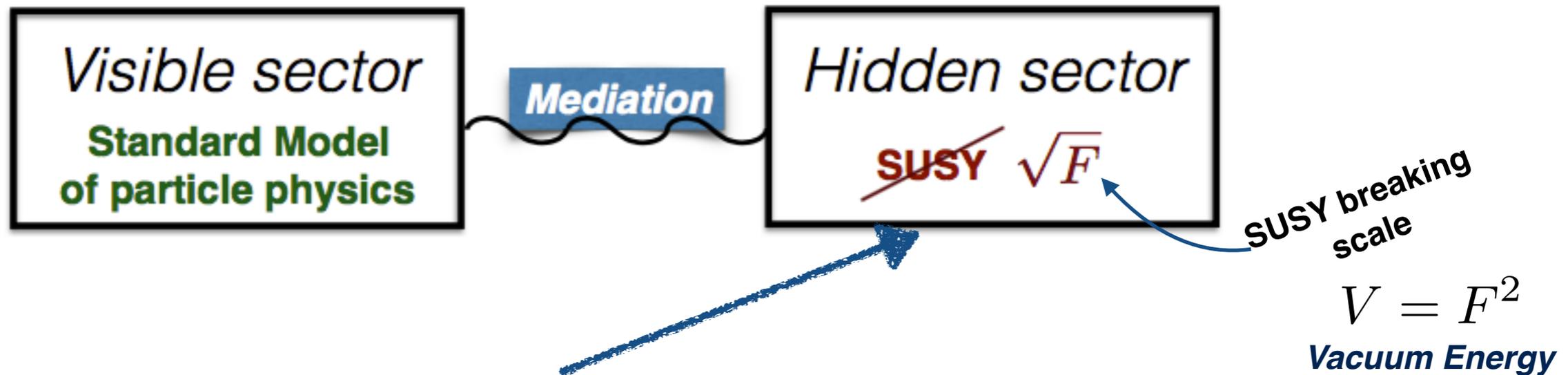
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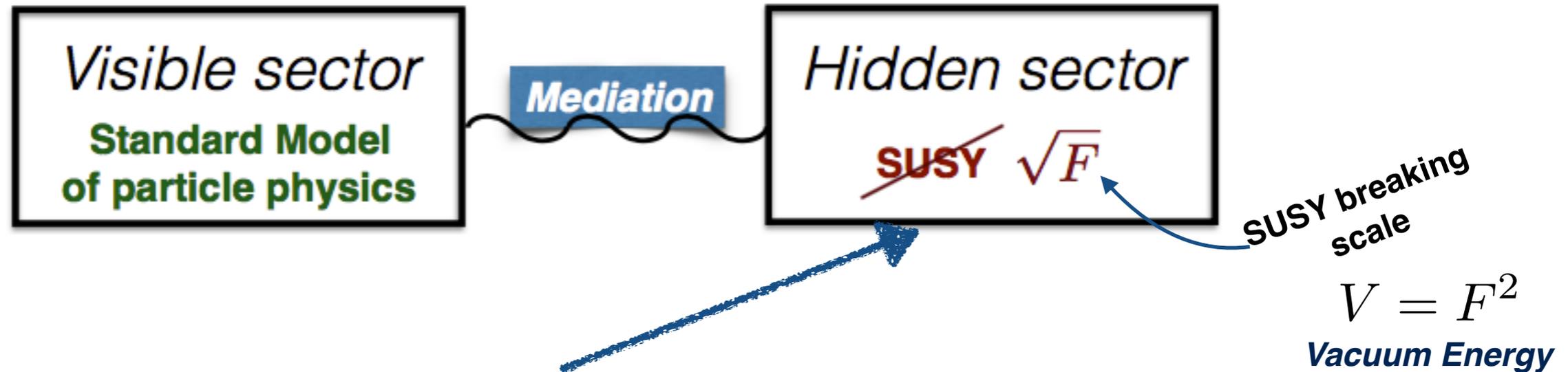
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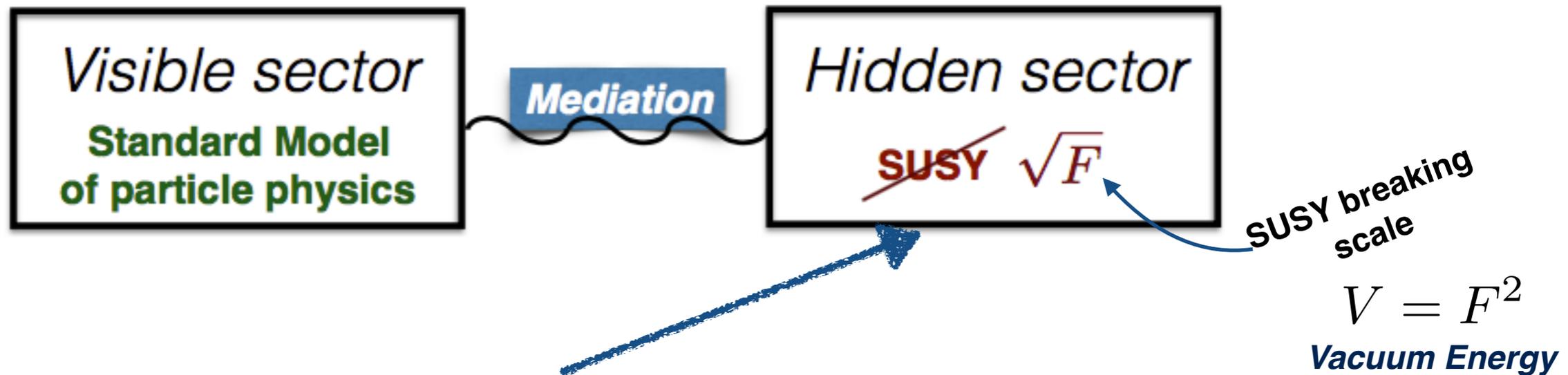
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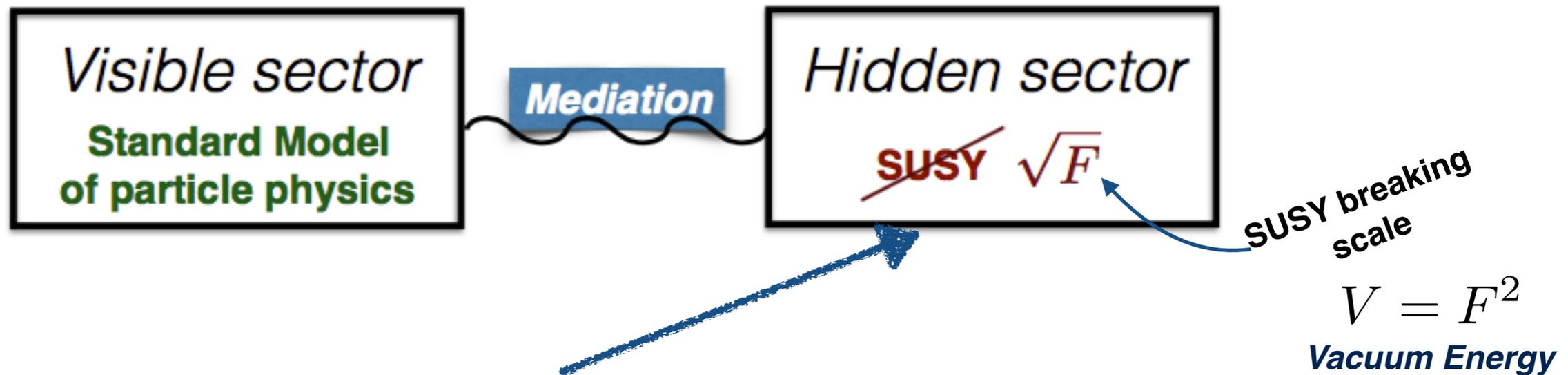
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? Properties of the PT ?

? How it correlates with sparticles ?

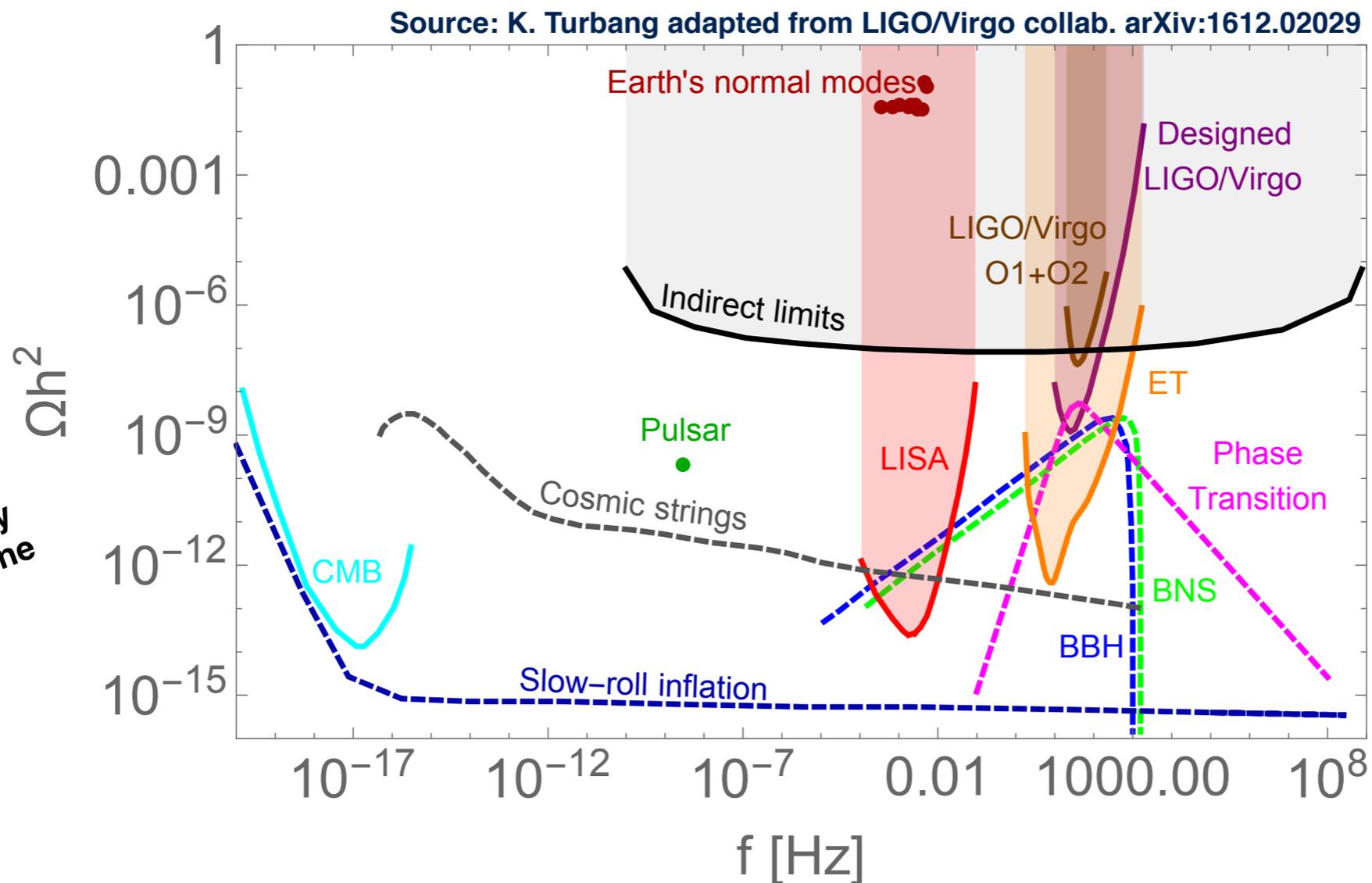
# Stochastic Background of GW



**WHAT IS IT?** *Looks like noise, detected by cross-correlation*  
 Allen Romano gr-qc/9710117

Analog of CMB  
 but for GW

SGWB  
 energy density  
 over critical one



AstroPhysical SGWB



Cosmological SGWB

*Experimental probes*

# Stochastic Background of GW

## ★AstroPhysical SGWB

- \* Superposition of unresolvable sources

**BBH**

**BNS**

- \* Predictable after LIGO/Virgo observations  
LIGO/Virgo Phys.Rev.D 100 (2019)

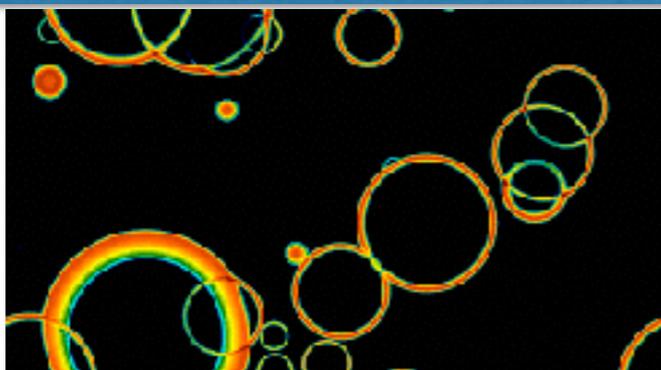
***! Most likely measured in next few years !***



## ★Cosmological SGWB

- \* Generated by energetic events during cosmological evolution

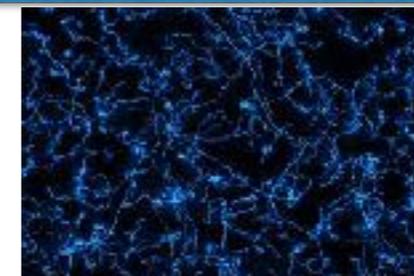
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arXiv: 1705.01783 D. Weir

**Inflation**

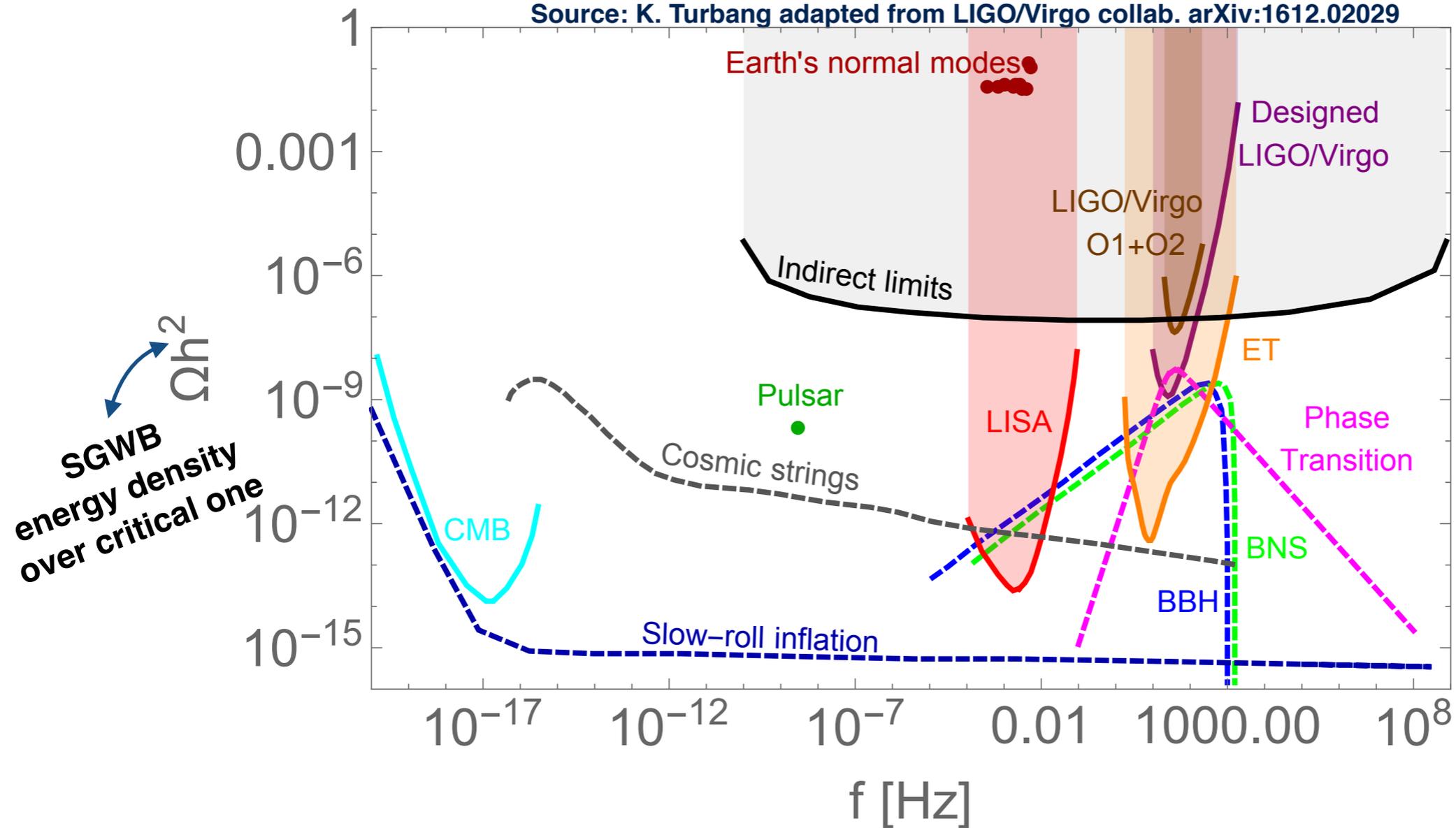
**Cosmic strings**



***Explore Universe earlier than CMB!***

# Stochastic Background of GW

Source: K. Turbang adapted from LIGO/Virgo collab. arXiv:1612.02029



## Experimental probes

- ★ CMB, Pulsar timing arrays (NANOgrav)
  - ★ Interferometers (LIGO/Virgo, LISA, ET, CE, BBO ....)
- LIGO/Virgo arXiv:2101.12130

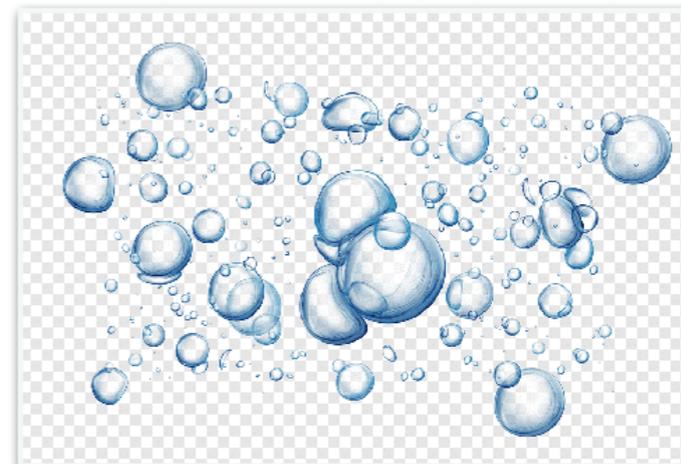
**Note: Astrophysical SGWB and cosmological SGWB will superimpose**

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- ◆ Characterized by bubble formations
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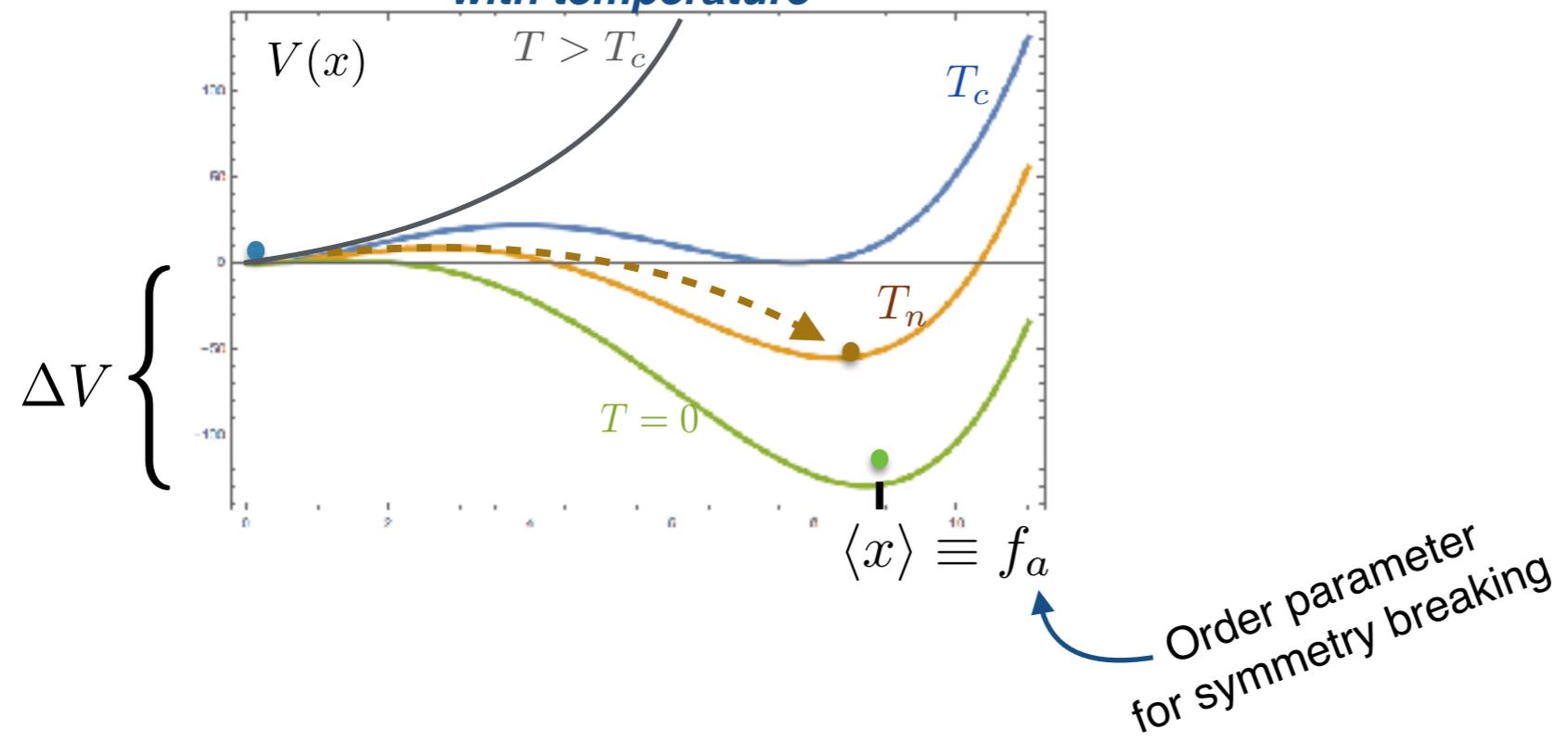
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**SUSY br sector!**

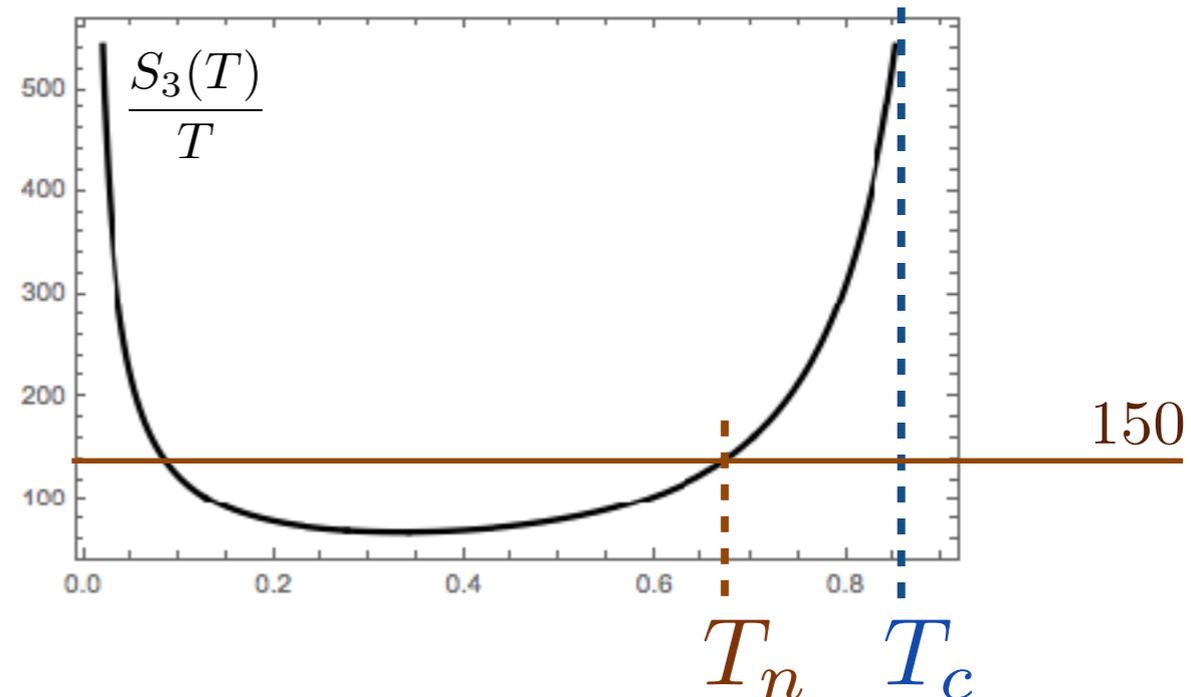
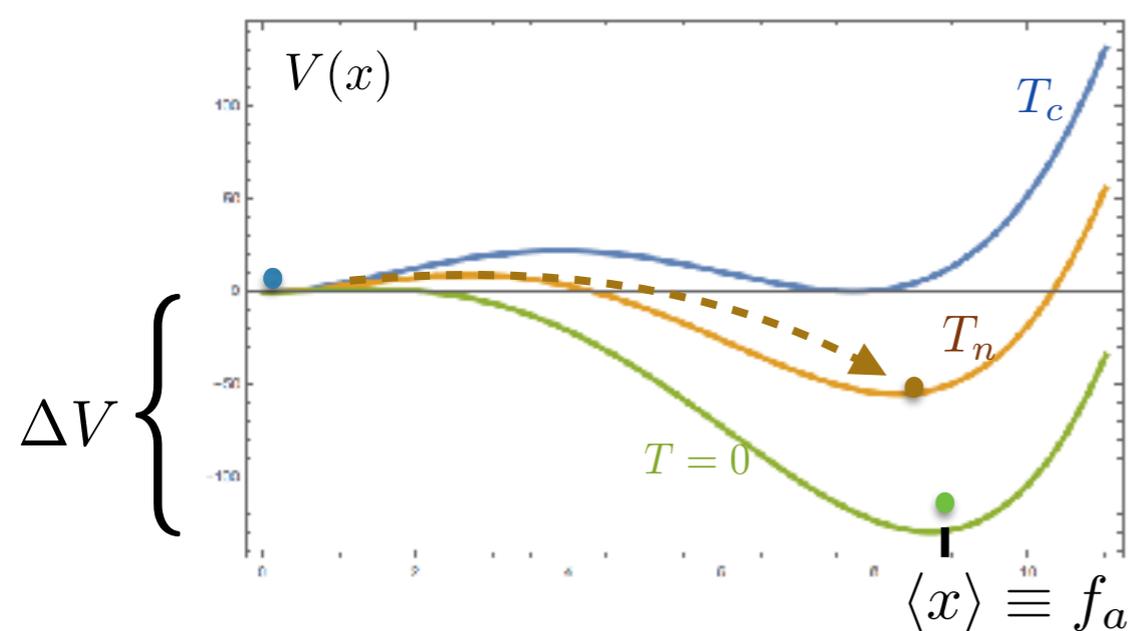
# First order Phase Transition

Described in terms of potential evolution  
with temperature





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## Parameters controlling PT properties and SGWB

**Energy released during phase transition**  $\longleftrightarrow \alpha(T_n) = \frac{30}{\pi^2 g_*(T_n) T_n^4} \left( \Delta V(T_n) - T_n \frac{d\Delta V(T_n)}{dT} \Big|_{T=T_n} \right)$

**Inverse time-scale of the phase transition**  $\longleftrightarrow \beta_H(T_n) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{\beta(T_n)}{H(T_n)} = T_n \frac{d}{dT} \left( \frac{S_3}{T} \right) \Big|_{T_n}$

### Bubble dynamics in cosmic plasma

- Bubble wall velocity/acceleration
- Correct estimation of friction in plasma
- Energy budget determines production mechanism
- Hydrodynamic simulations

# E.g. Sound Waves contribution

- \* If friction is significant dominant production mechanism is sound waves

## Sound Waves contribution

### SGWB amplitude

$$\Omega_* \sim \frac{1}{\beta_H} \left( \frac{\kappa_{sw} \alpha}{1 + \alpha} \right)^2$$

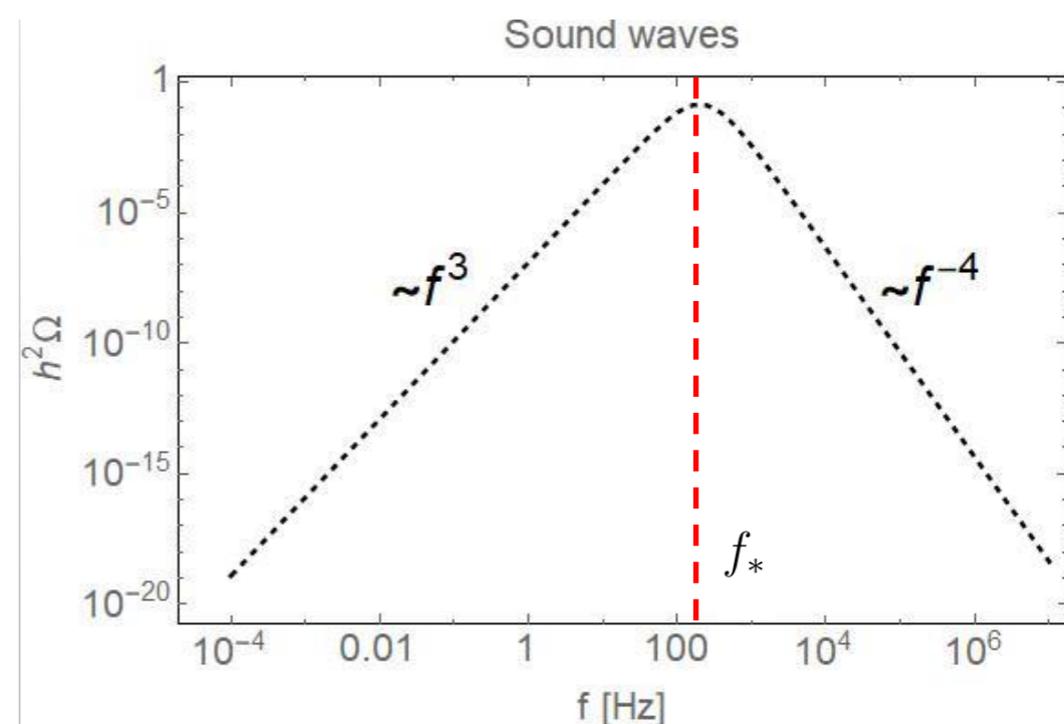
Precise number depends on simulation

Efficiency factor between 0 and 1.

### Peak frequency

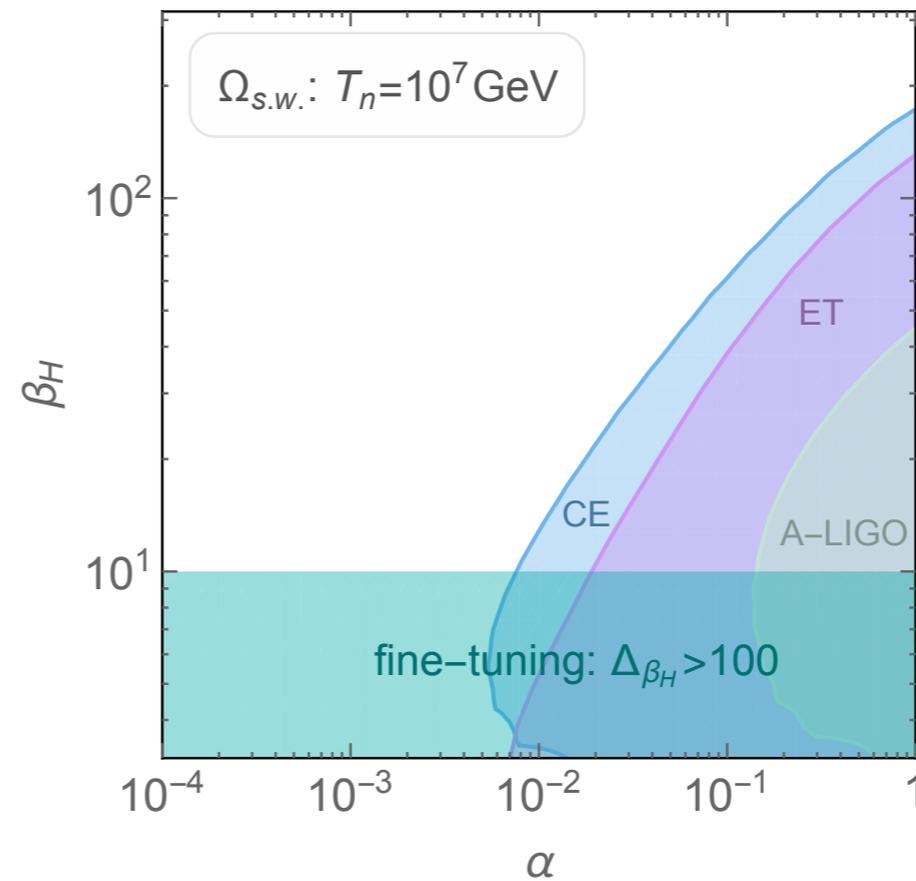
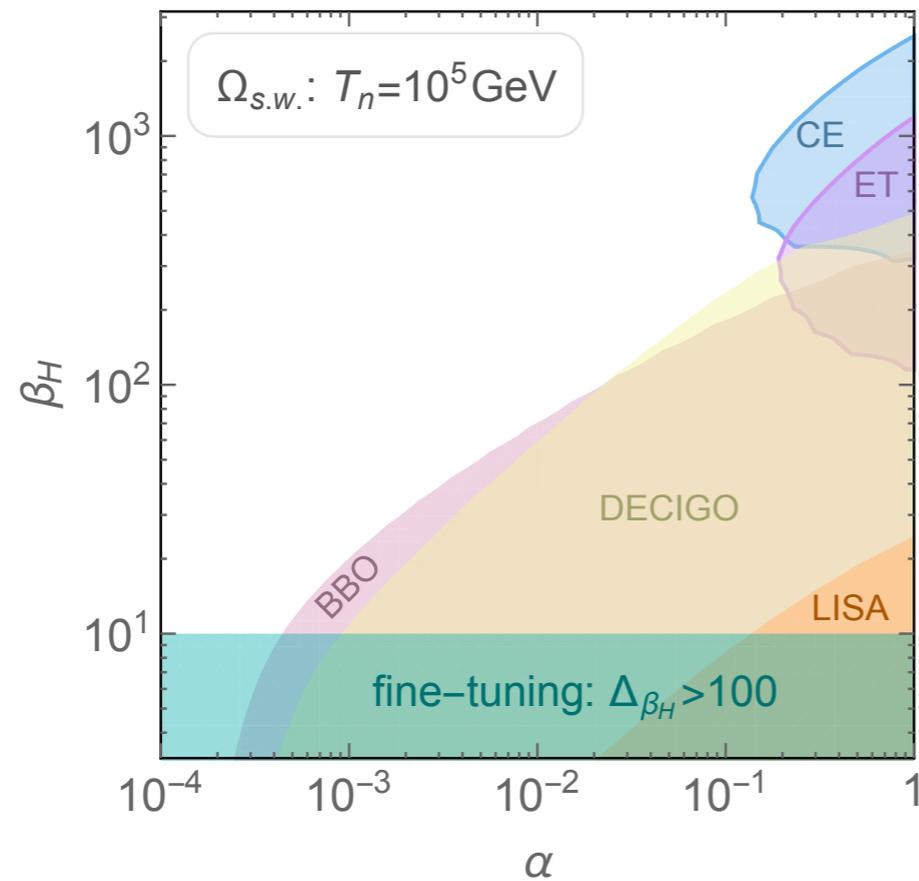
$$f_* \sim 10 \text{ Hz} \left( \frac{\beta_H}{100} \right) \left( \frac{T_n}{10^7 \text{ GeV}} \right)$$

### GW signal is broken power law



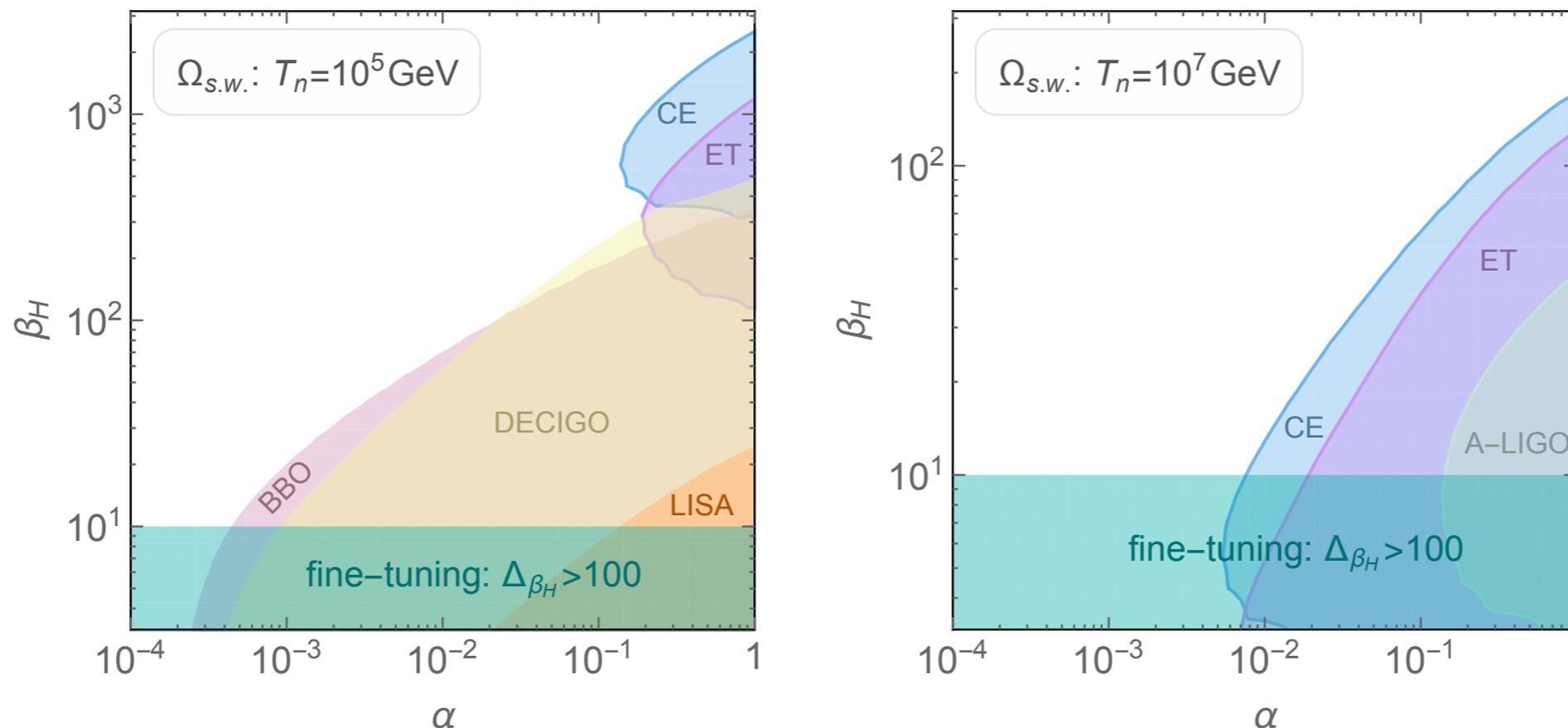
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Using Nucleation Condition one can show that

$$\beta_H(T_n) \simeq S'_3(T_n) - \mathcal{C} \sim O(100 - 150)$$

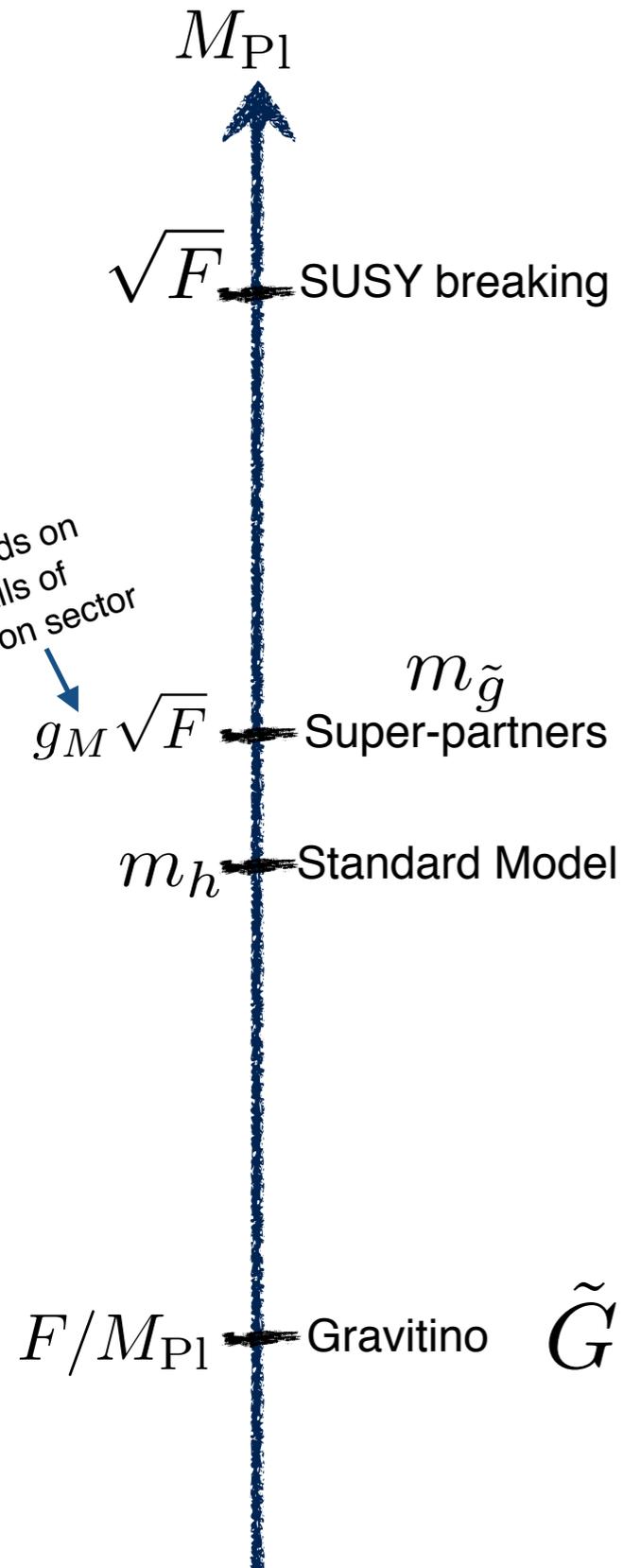
Unless fine-tuning to  
have cancellation

One can quantify and compute the tuning to get a small  $\beta_H$

$$\Delta_{\beta_H} \equiv \text{Max}_{\{p_i\}} \left| \frac{d \log \beta_H}{d \log p_i} \right|$$

Tuning measure a  
la Giudice-Barbieri

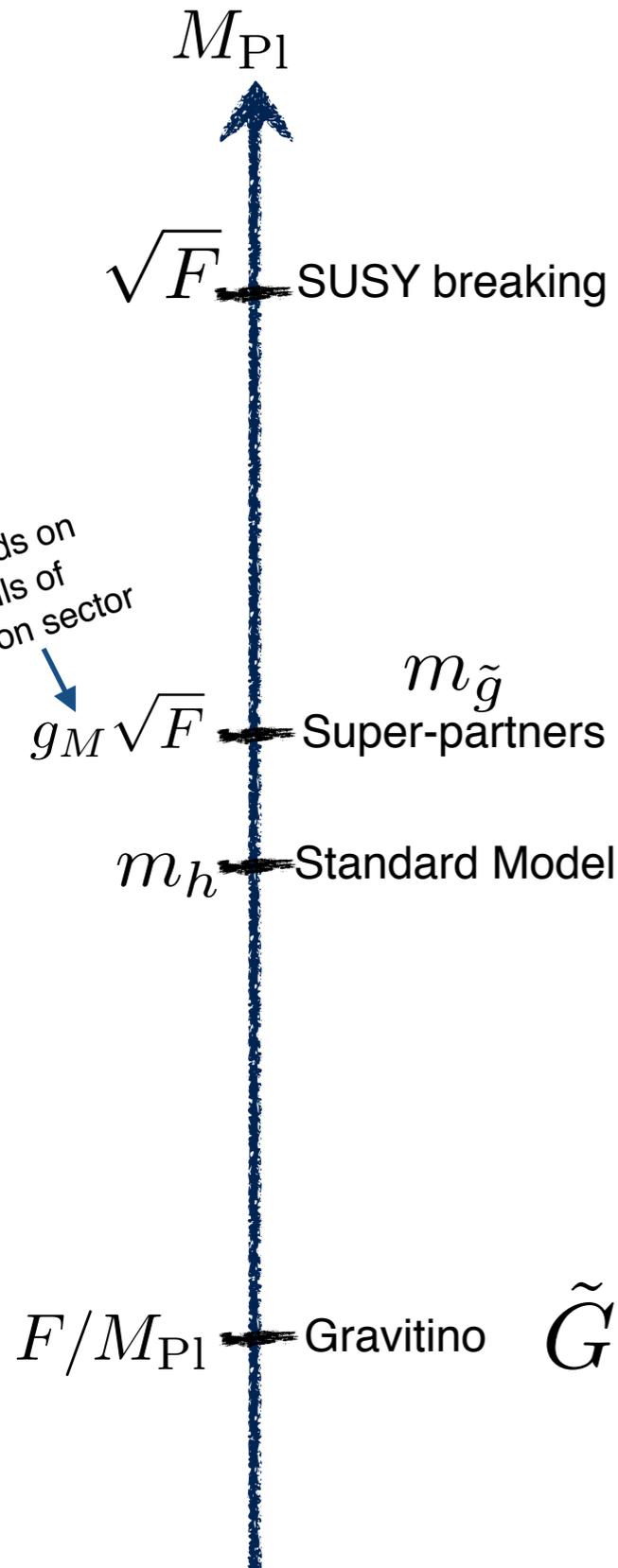
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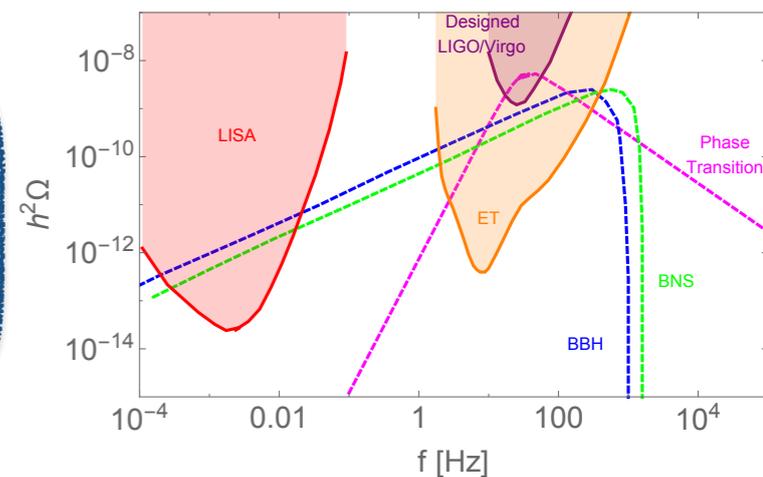


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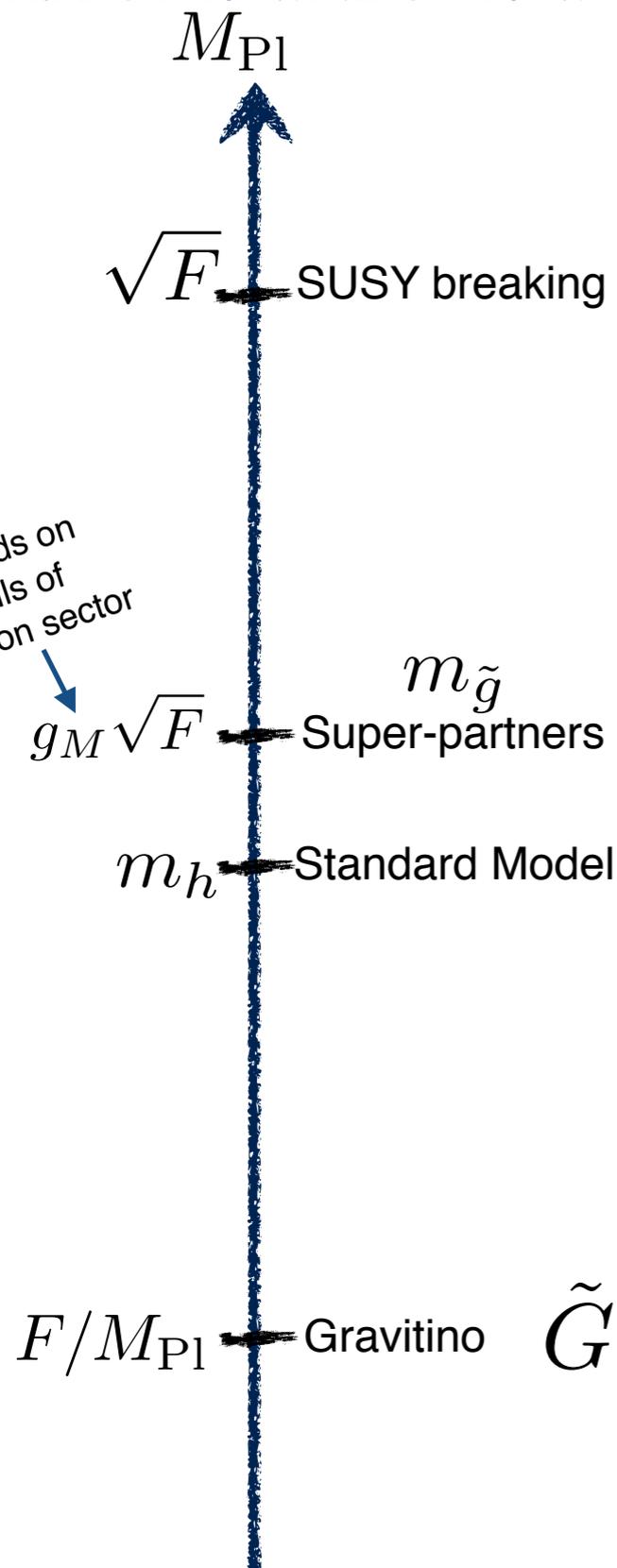
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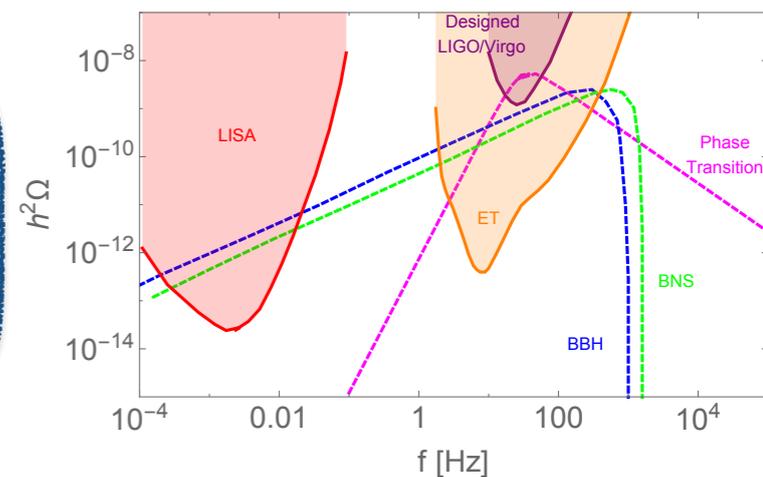
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**Low Energy SUSY breaking**  
*Gravitino is the LSP*

**Gravitino cosmology shapes the parameter space**

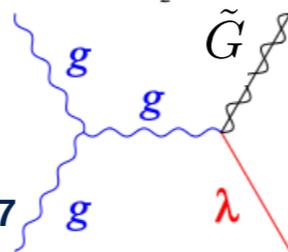


# SUSY scales in Low Energy SUSY-breaking

Universal gravitino Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{\tilde{G}} \supset \frac{1}{F} \partial^\mu \tilde{G} J_\mu$$

Rychkov, Strumia '07



$$T_{re} \gtrsim \sqrt{F}$$

Gravitino production in the plasma enhanced if it is light  $Y_{3/2} \sim C_{UV} \frac{T m_{\tilde{g}}^2}{m_{3/2}^2 M_{Pl}}$

Typically leads to Gravitino overabundance for large  $T_{re}$

Two ways out in LESB

## Ultra light Gravitino Thermal

Warm DM constraints

$$m_{3/2} < 16 \text{ eV}, \sqrt{F} \lesssim 260 \text{ TeV}$$

Collider bounds  $\sqrt{F} \gtrsim \text{TeV}$

**Model building challenges to get superpartners out of LHC**

## Heavy Gravitino DM Non Thermal

$$m_{3/2} \simeq \frac{F_0}{M_{Pl}}$$

$$\kappa = F/F_0 \lesssim 10^{-2} \left( \frac{\sqrt{F}}{10^7 \text{ GeV}} \right)^{1/2} \left( \frac{0.1}{g_M} \right)$$

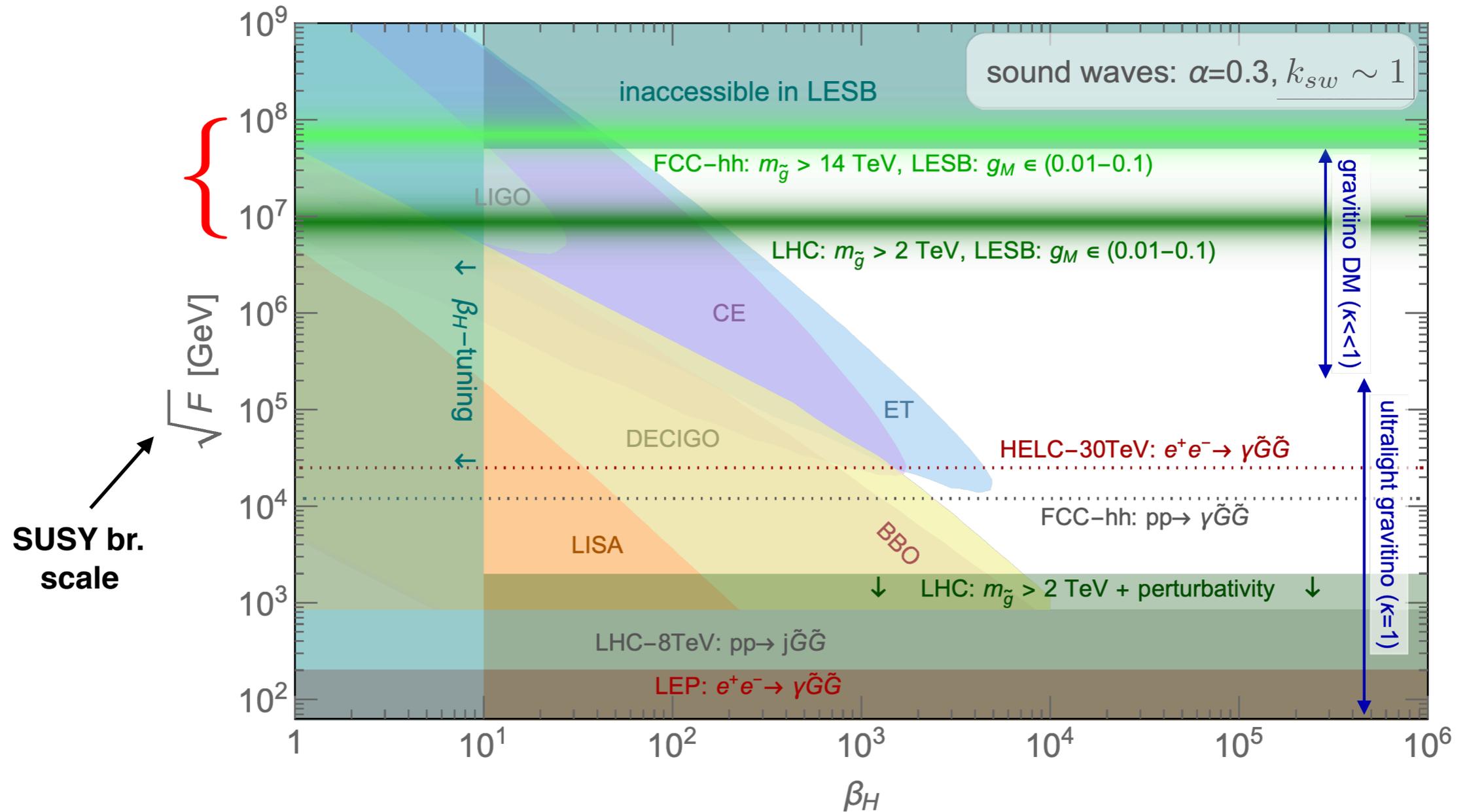
**Viable DM candidate in window**

$$10^5 \text{ GeV} < \sqrt{F} < 10^8 \text{ GeV}$$

Hall, Ruderman, Volansky arXiv:1302.2620

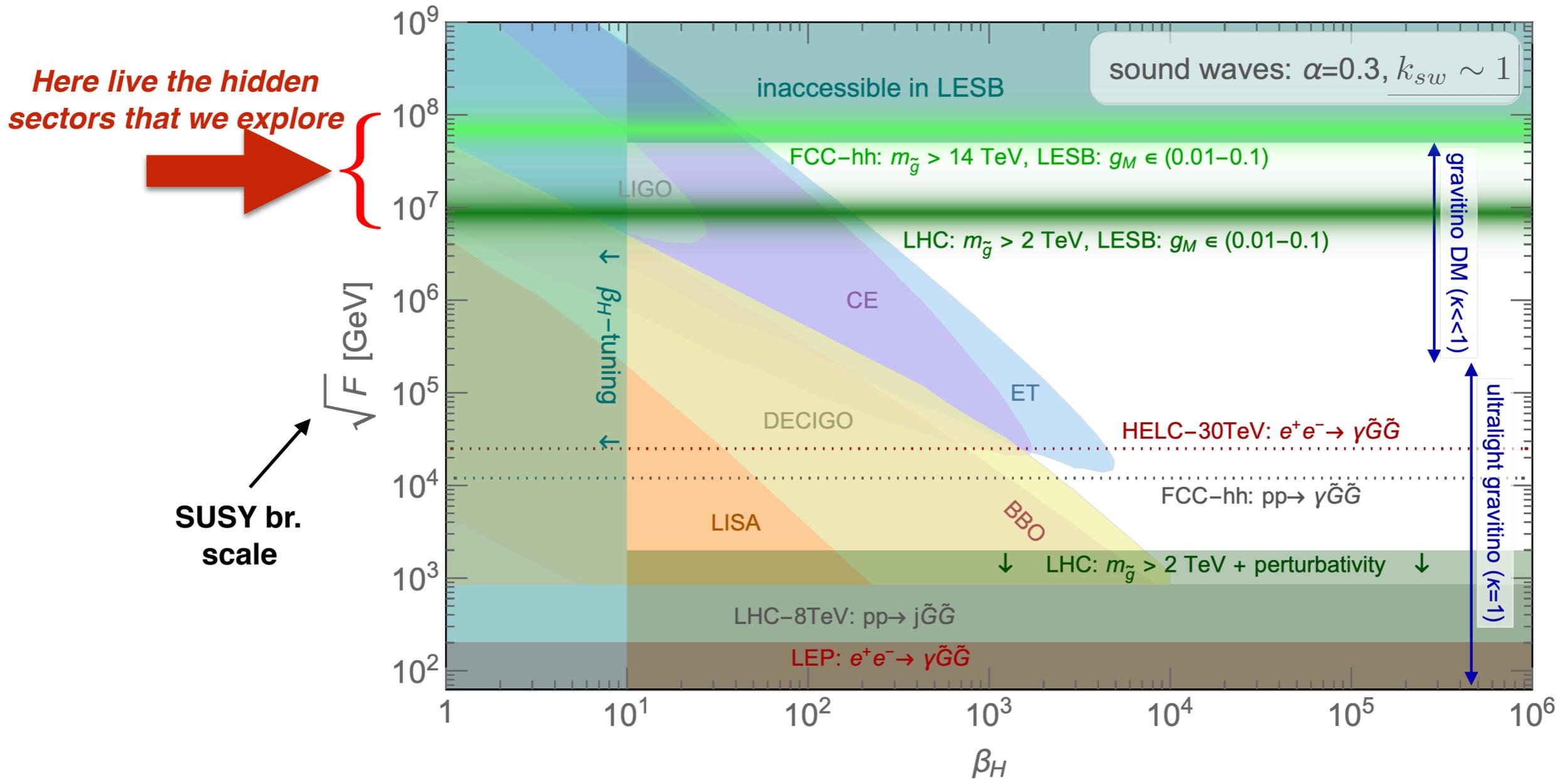
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**SBGW at high frequency**



**SUSY at reach for FCC**

# Hidden sector class

**SUSY and R breaking in the same chiral superfield**

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

Pseudo-modulus  $\rightarrow$   $x$   
 Goldstino  $\rightarrow$   $\tilde{G}$   
 SUSY breaking  $\rightarrow$   $F$

**R-charges:**  $R[x] = 2$ ,  $R[\tilde{G}] = 1$ ,  $R[F] = 0$

♦ **R-symmetry breaking occurs along  $x$**

$$\langle x \rangle \equiv f_a$$

$f_a$   $\rightarrow$  R-breaking scale

In typical models

$$f_a \gtrsim \sqrt{F}$$

**SUSY theorems:  $x$  is a pseudo-flat direction**

Komargodski and Shih '09

**We study EFT and PT along  $x$  direction in SUSY br models**

# PseudoModulus PT

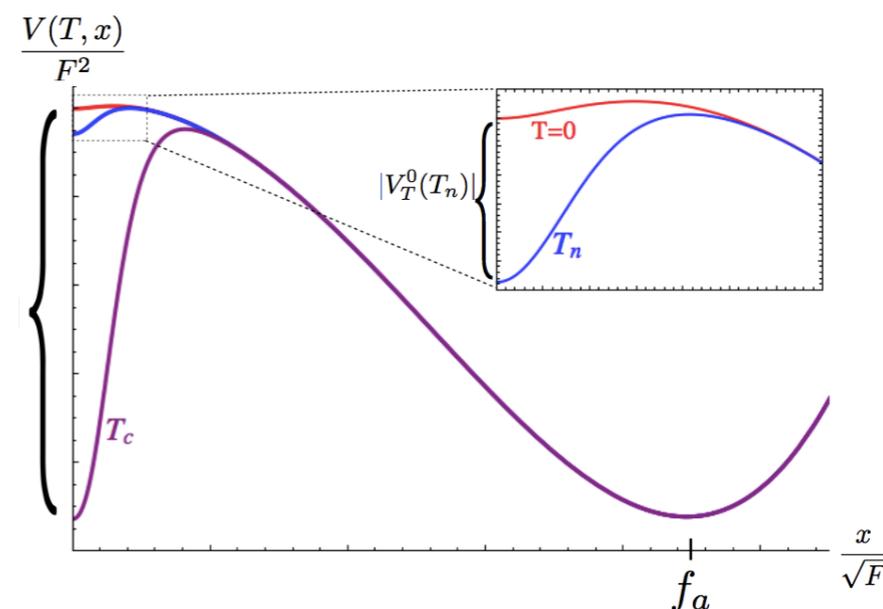
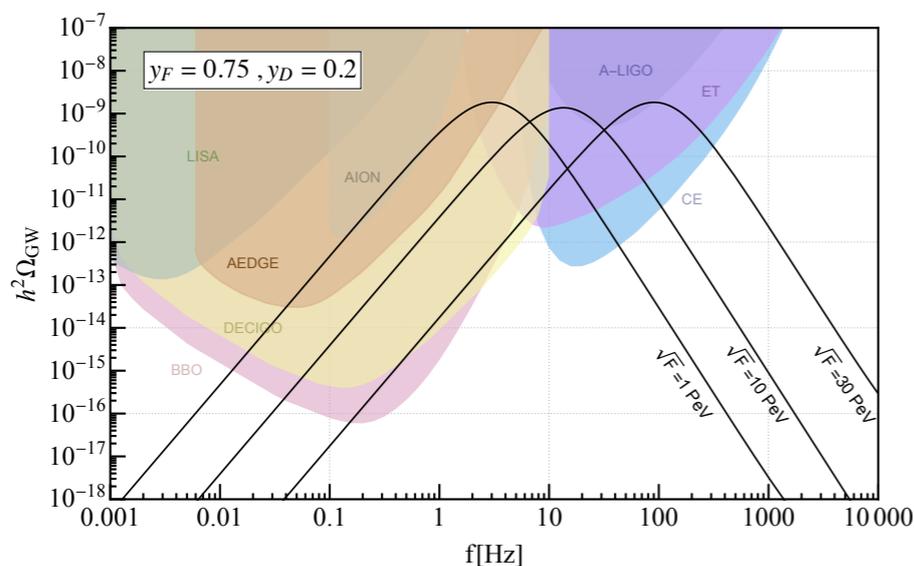
Now I focus on SUSY breaking sector dynamics

Pseudo-modulus

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★ Can  $R$ -symmetry breaking PT along pseudomodulus be first order?

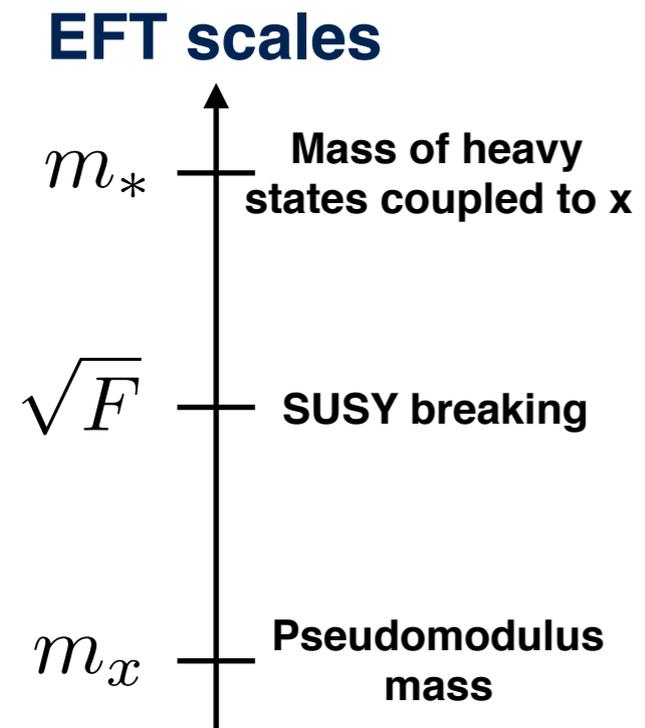
★ What are properties of scalar potential?



★ What are conditions to get strong GW signal?

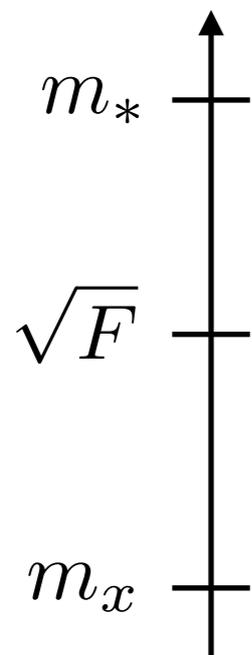
★ How it compares with known scenarios? (EW PT, supercooling ...)

# Pseudomodulus EFT

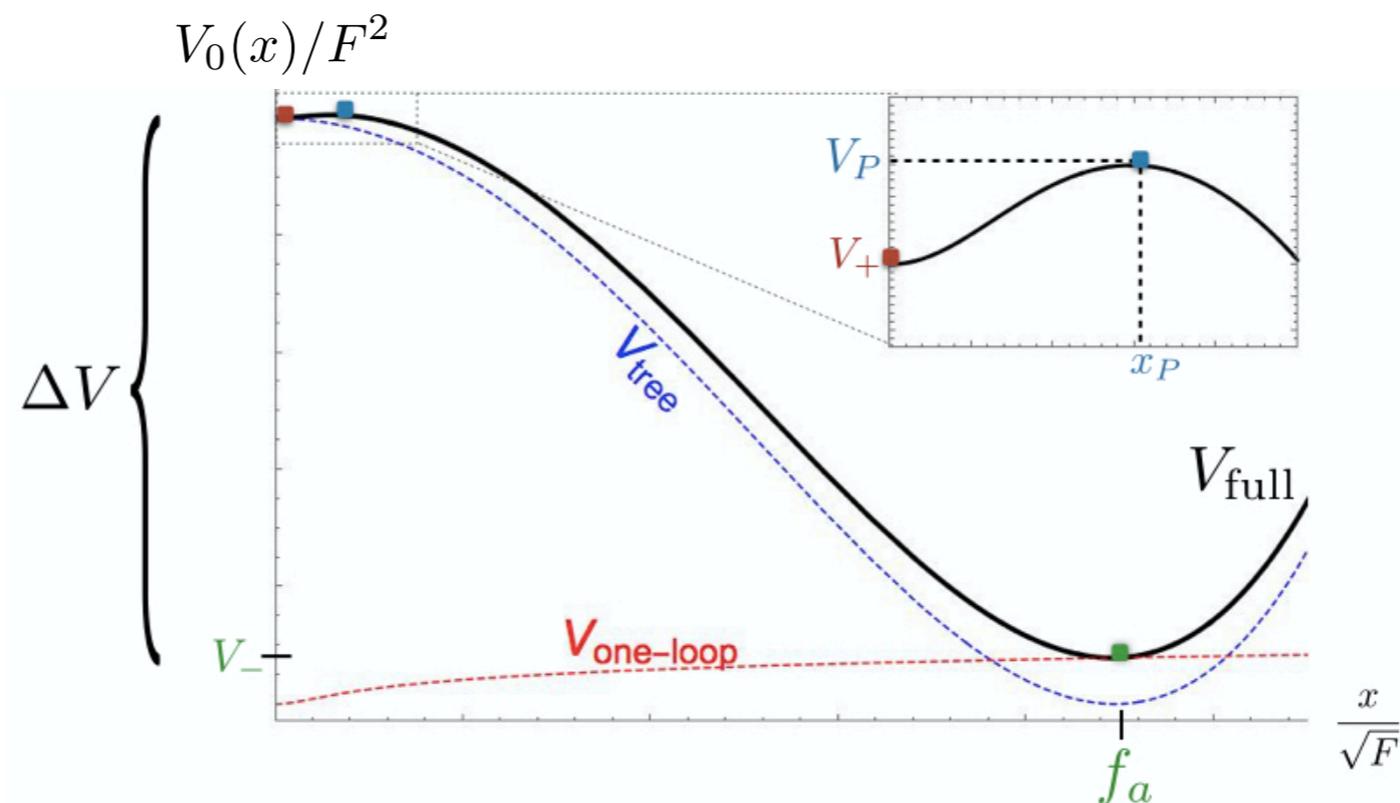


# Pseudomodulus potential with FOPT

EFT scales



★ *What are properties of potential?*



\* *Combine flat tree level potential plus loop corrections*

→ *Realize potentials exhibiting first order phase transition*

\* *Obtained by minimal deformation of basic O'Raifeartaigh models*

✓ *Marginal/Irrelevant R-breaking operators*  
 ✓ *Gauging of global symmetries*

Intriligator Seiberg Shih '07  
 Witten '81

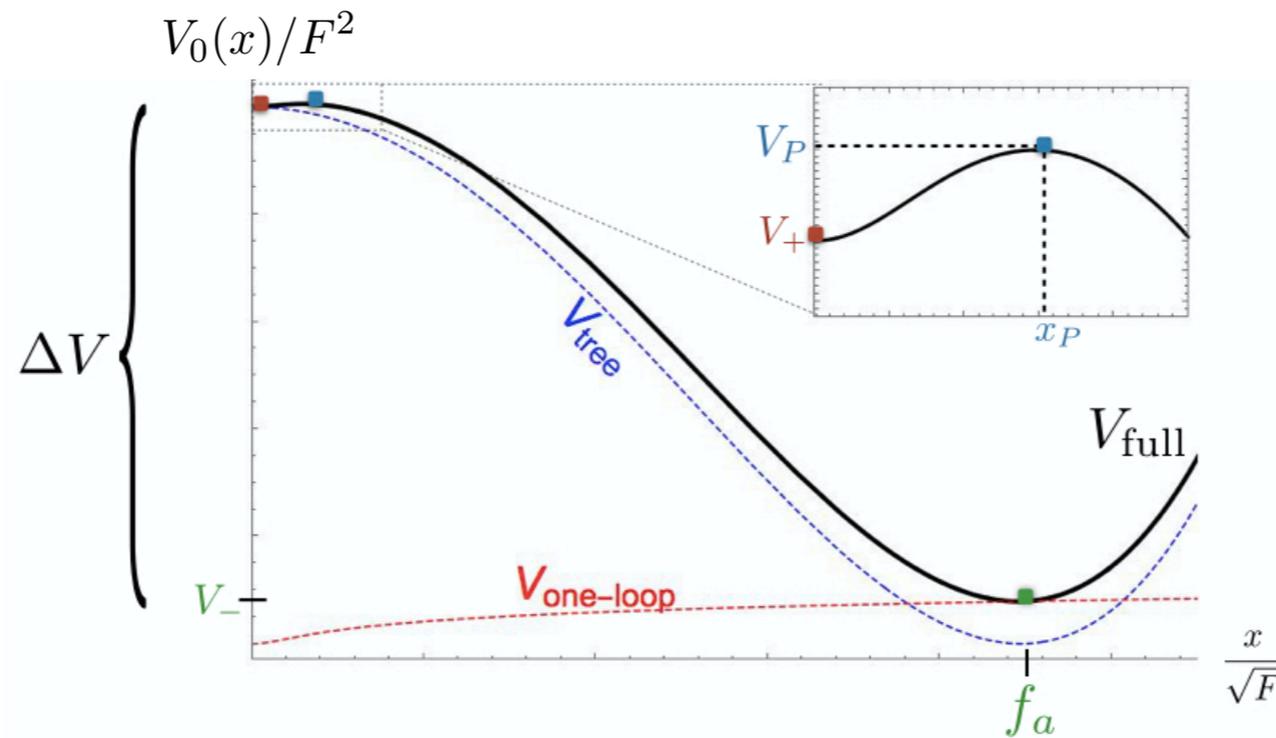
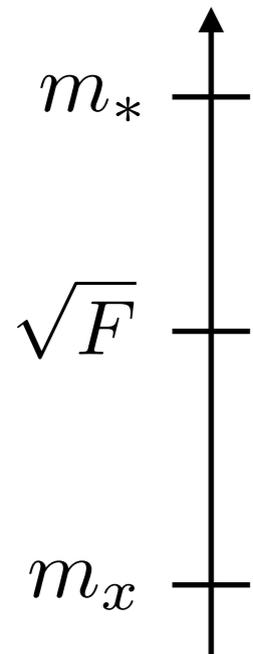
Basic  
 properties

\* *Potential is flat*  $f_a^4 \gg \Delta V$

\* *Barrier is small*  $\frac{V_P}{\Delta V} \simeq \frac{\lambda_{\text{eff}}^2}{16\pi^2}$

# Pseudomodulus toy model

## EFT scales



$$\Delta V = (\kappa_D F)^2$$

$$\langle x \rangle_{\text{true}} = f_a = \sqrt{\frac{F}{\epsilon_{\mathcal{R}}}}$$

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

$$\kappa_D = 1$$

Single scale  
SUSY breaking

Tree level  
contribution

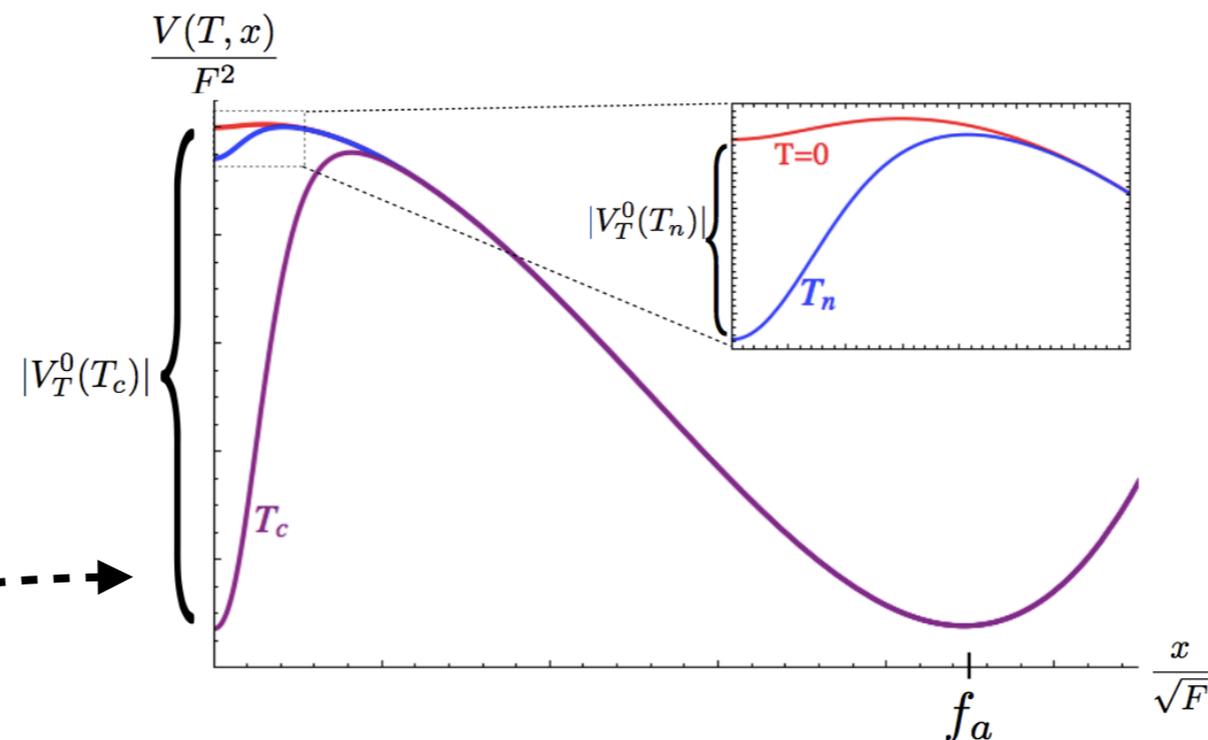
SUSY Mass of heavy  
states coupled to  $x$

**Pure log at  $x \rightarrow \infty$**

\* **Flatness of the potential:**  $\epsilon_{\mathcal{R}} < 1/\sqrt{\kappa_D}$

\* **Barrier is loop induced**

# Pseudomodulus potential at finite T



◆ Flatness of potential  $\longleftrightarrow$  low T expansion of  $V_T$  applies

◆ We expect  $T_n \sim \sqrt{F} \lesssim m_*$

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

Low T  
expansion

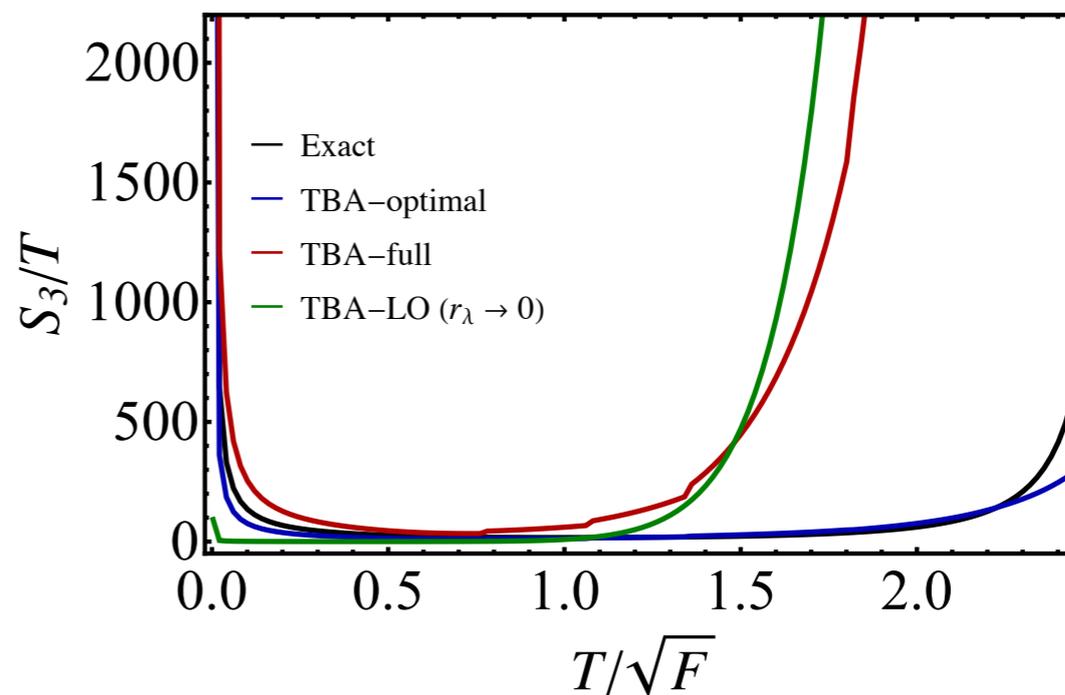
\* *Main effect of thermal corrections is to pull down the origin*

\* *In non-SUSY theories this could happen only with fine-tuning*

***SUSY protects the flat direction but is broken by thermal corrections***

# Pseudomodulus bounce action

**Triangular barrier approximation (TBA) works quite well**



◆ **Full analytic treatment: expand TBA for flat potential + small barrier**

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

Height of the peak of the potential barrier

Independent on the position of the peak at this order

◆ **Thermal dependences encoded in low-T**  $V_T^0 \sim -T^{5/2} m_*^{3/2} e^{-\frac{m_*}{T}}$

◆ **Bounce action scales as:**  $S_3/T \sim T^a e^{-m/T}$

◆ **Remarkable difference with:**

$$S_3/T \sim T^a$$

◆ **Standard high-T PT (as modified EW)**

$$S_3/T \sim 1/\log(m/T)$$

◆ **Supercooling**

# GW observables: analytics

## ◆ Nucleation temperature (by further expanding in small $V_P$ )

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

← Reduce  $T_n$  by increasing barrier or increasing distance in field space

$T_n^0 \sim m_*/2$

## ◆ Duration of phase transition

$$\beta_H = \dots \dashrightarrow \Delta\beta_H \gtrsim 4 \left( \frac{100}{\beta_H} \right)$$

To get small beta tuning is unavoidable

## ◆ Energy released

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

↑  
By taking  $T_n \sim m_*/2$

Two scales of SUSY breaking are needed to get sizeable alpha

***Our analytics are confirmed by numerical analysis in full models***

# A working model

*O’Raifeartaigh model is the minimal model to break SUSY spontaneously*

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

★ *It does not break R-symmetry (vacuum is at  $X=0$ )*

★ *We deform it to get R-symmetry breaking and another SUSY breaking scale*

Vaknin arXiv:1402.5851

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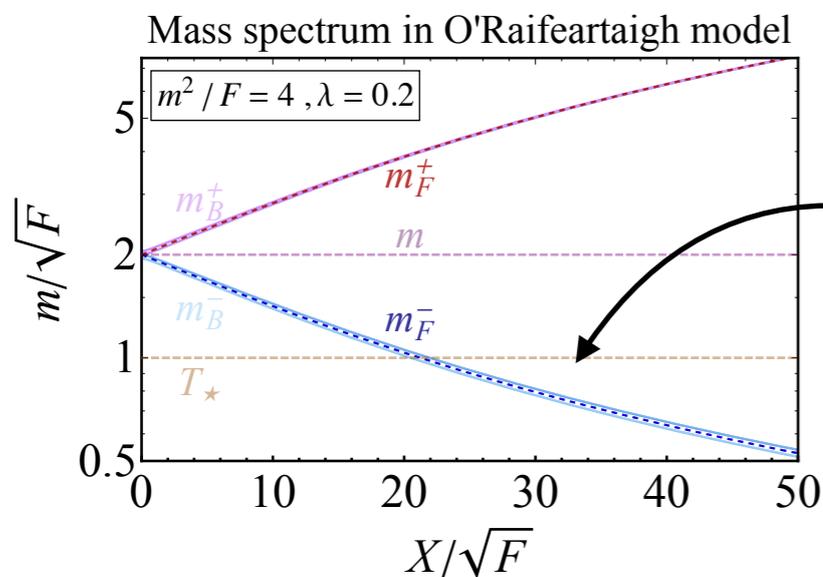
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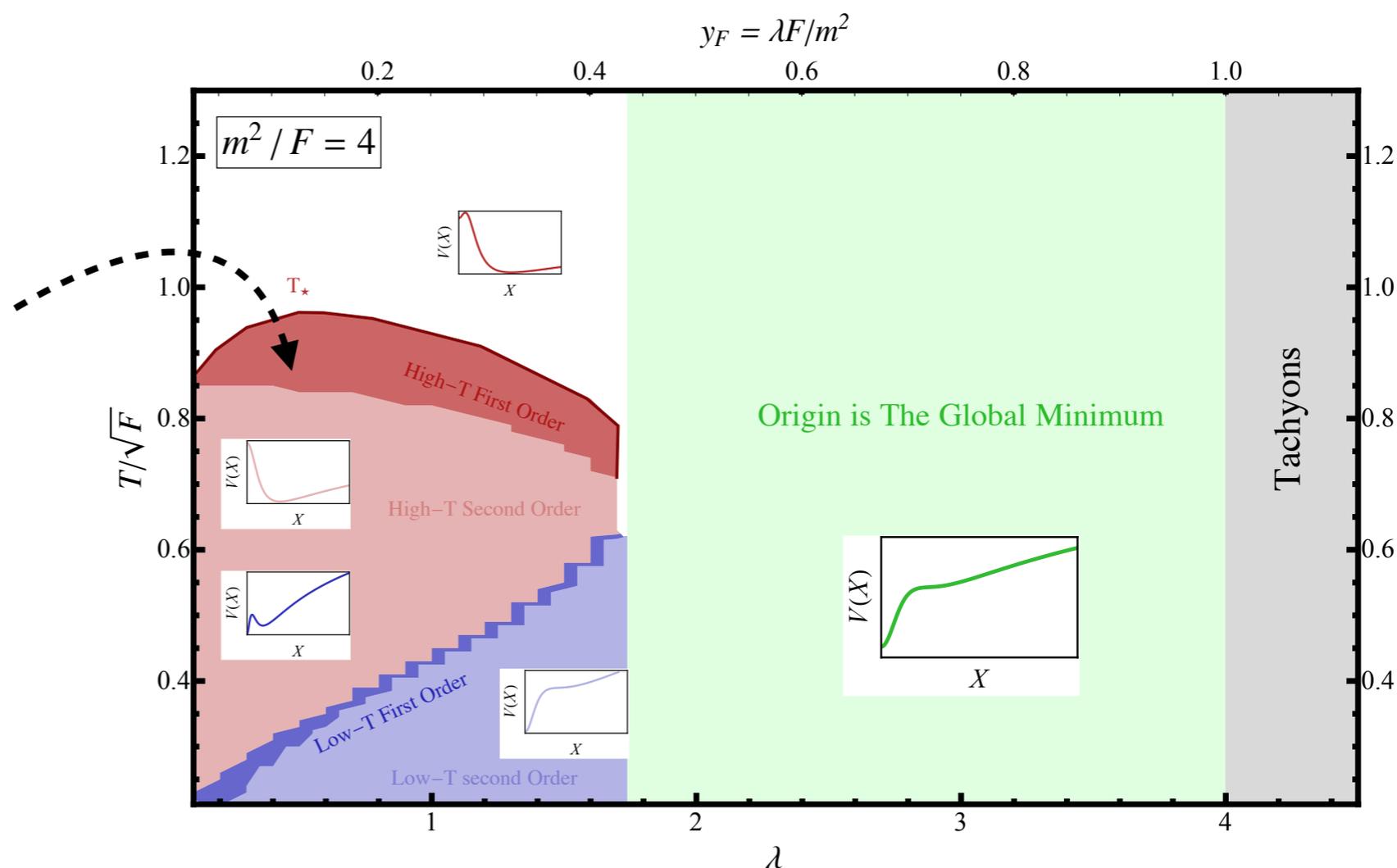
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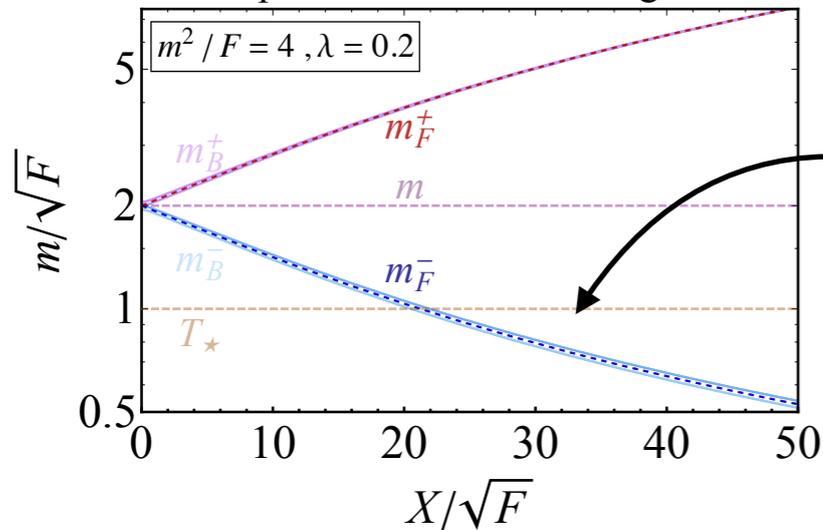
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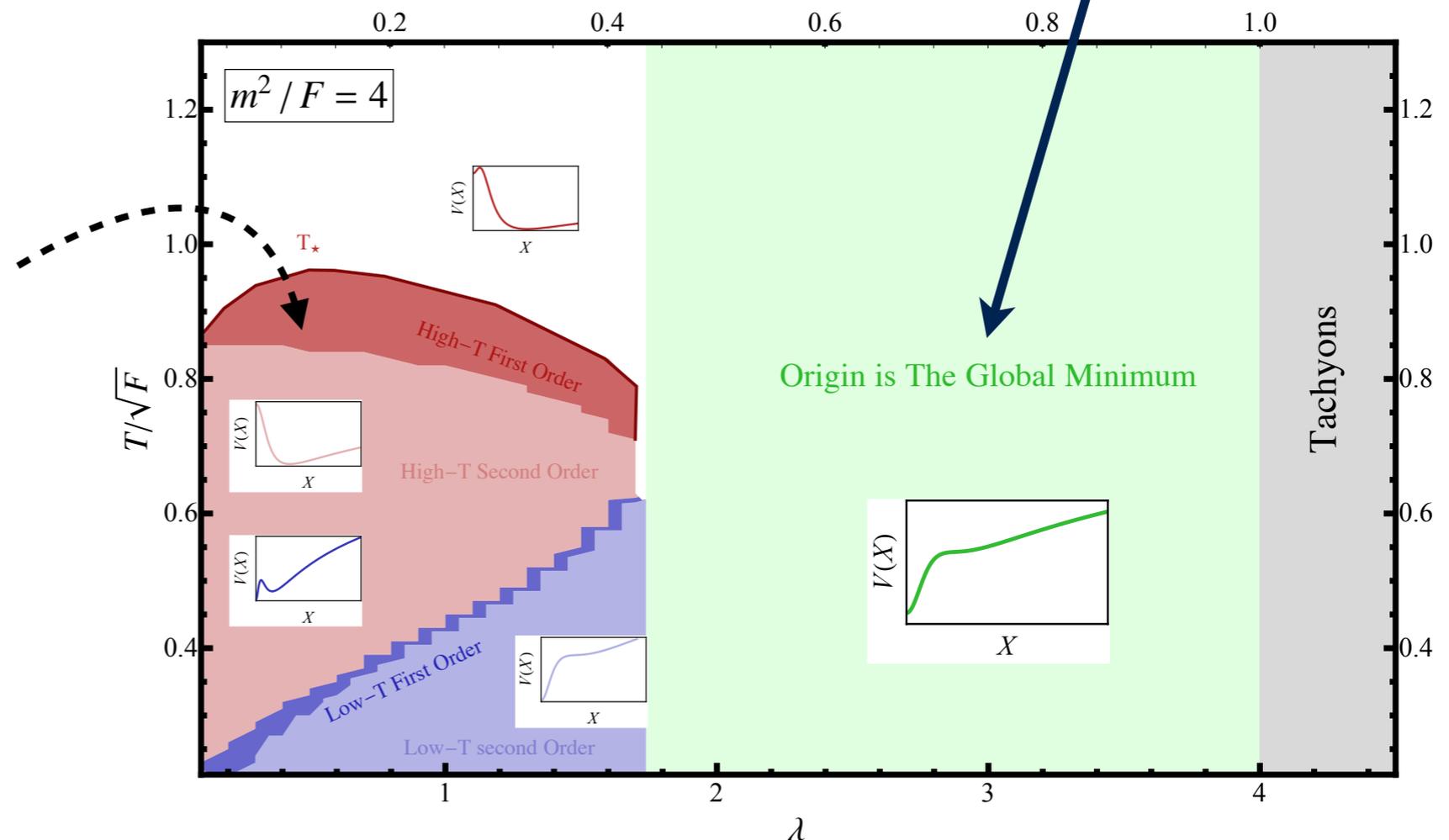
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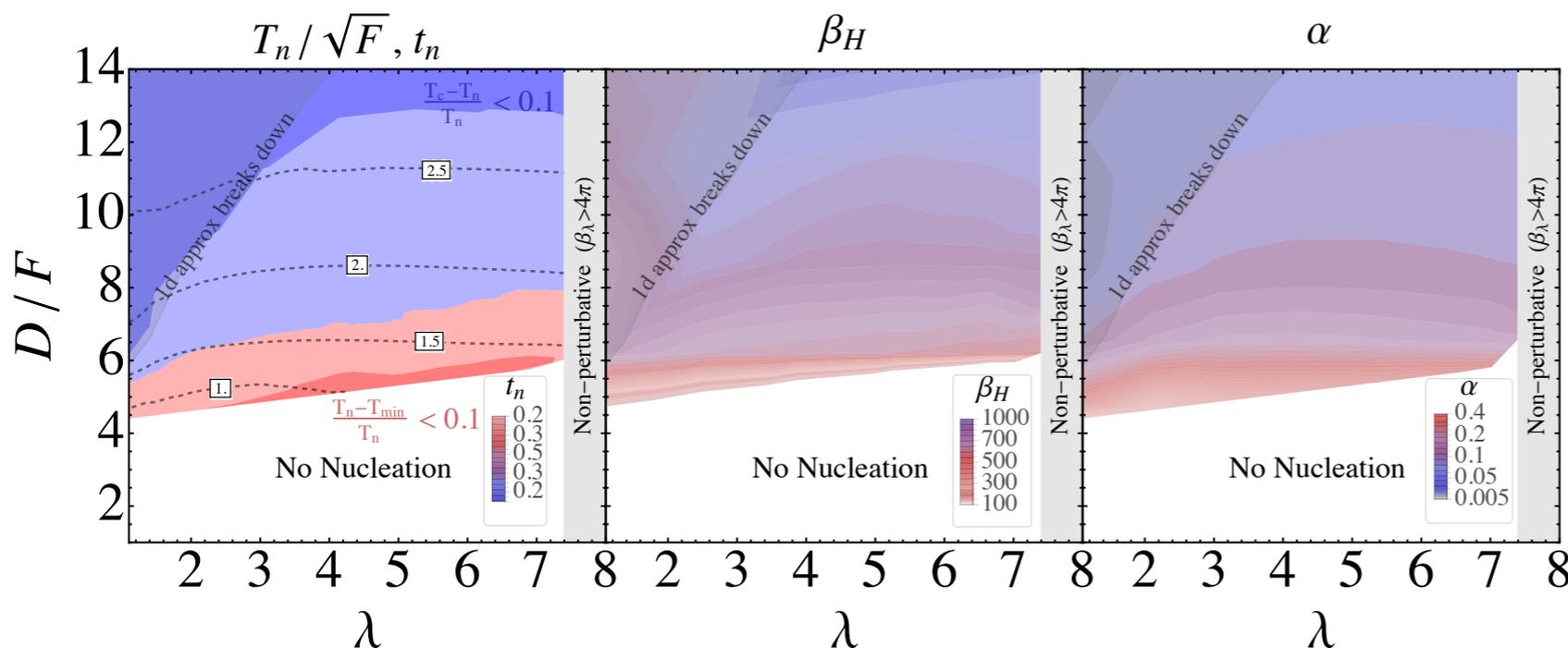
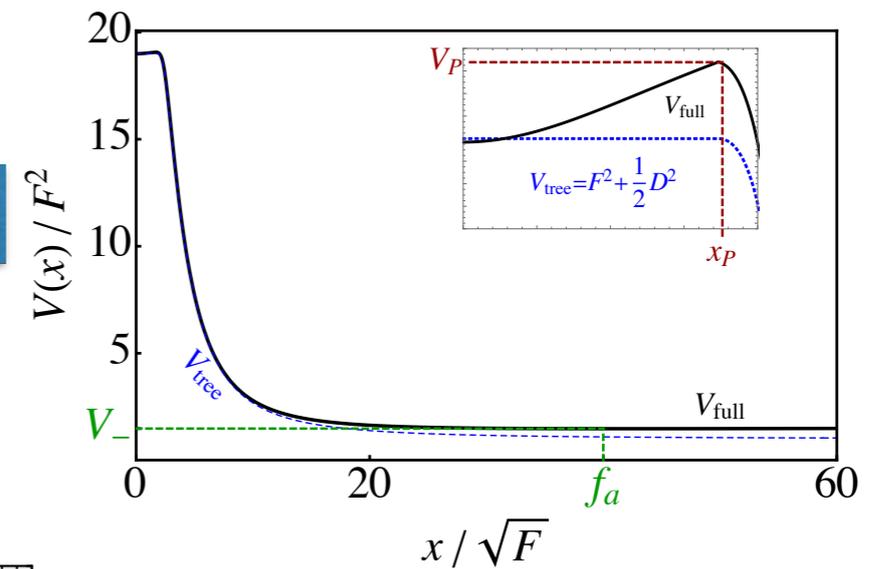
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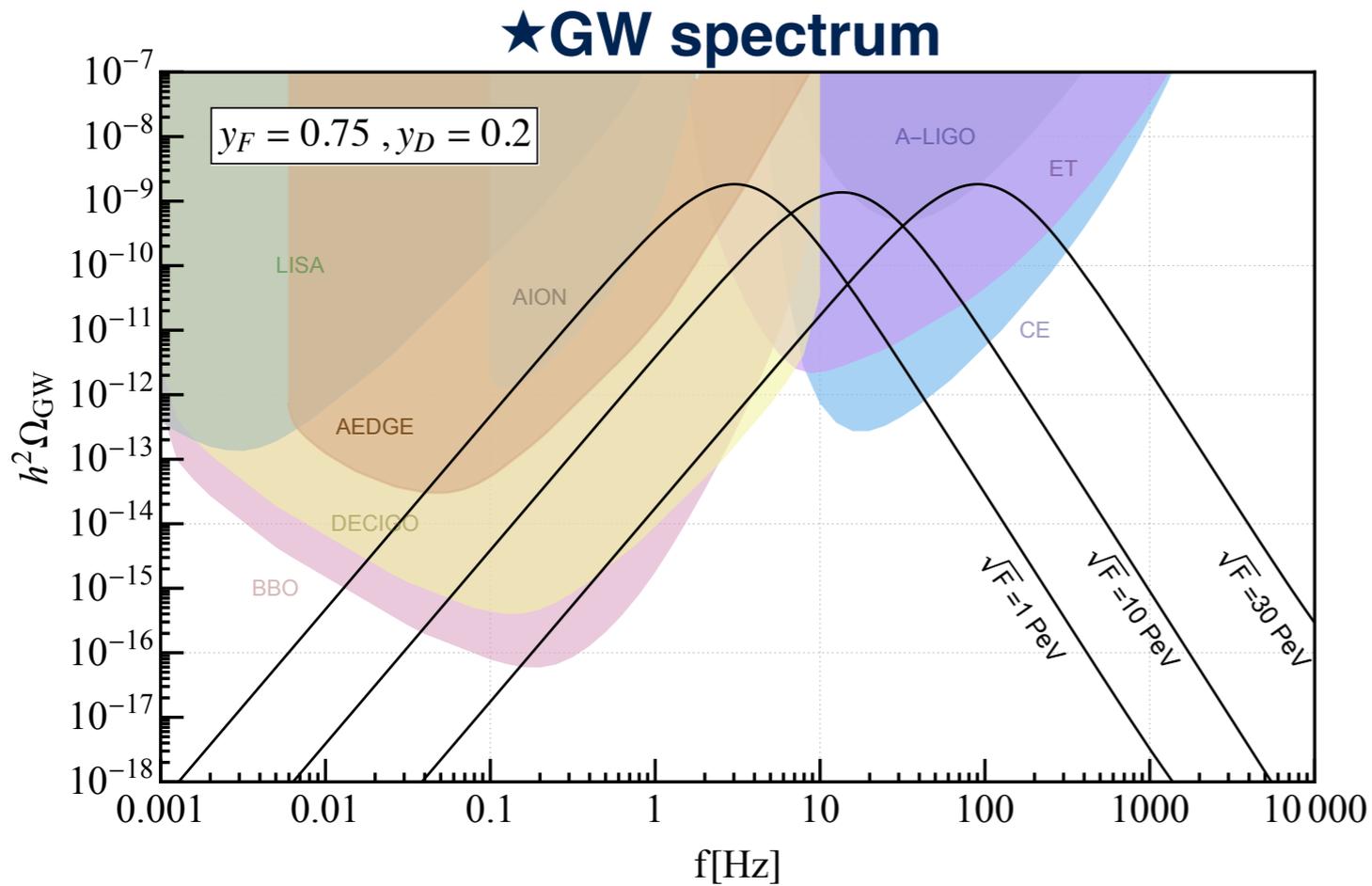
Flat potential with local minimum



PT parameters

Numerics employed, but  
low-T approximation  
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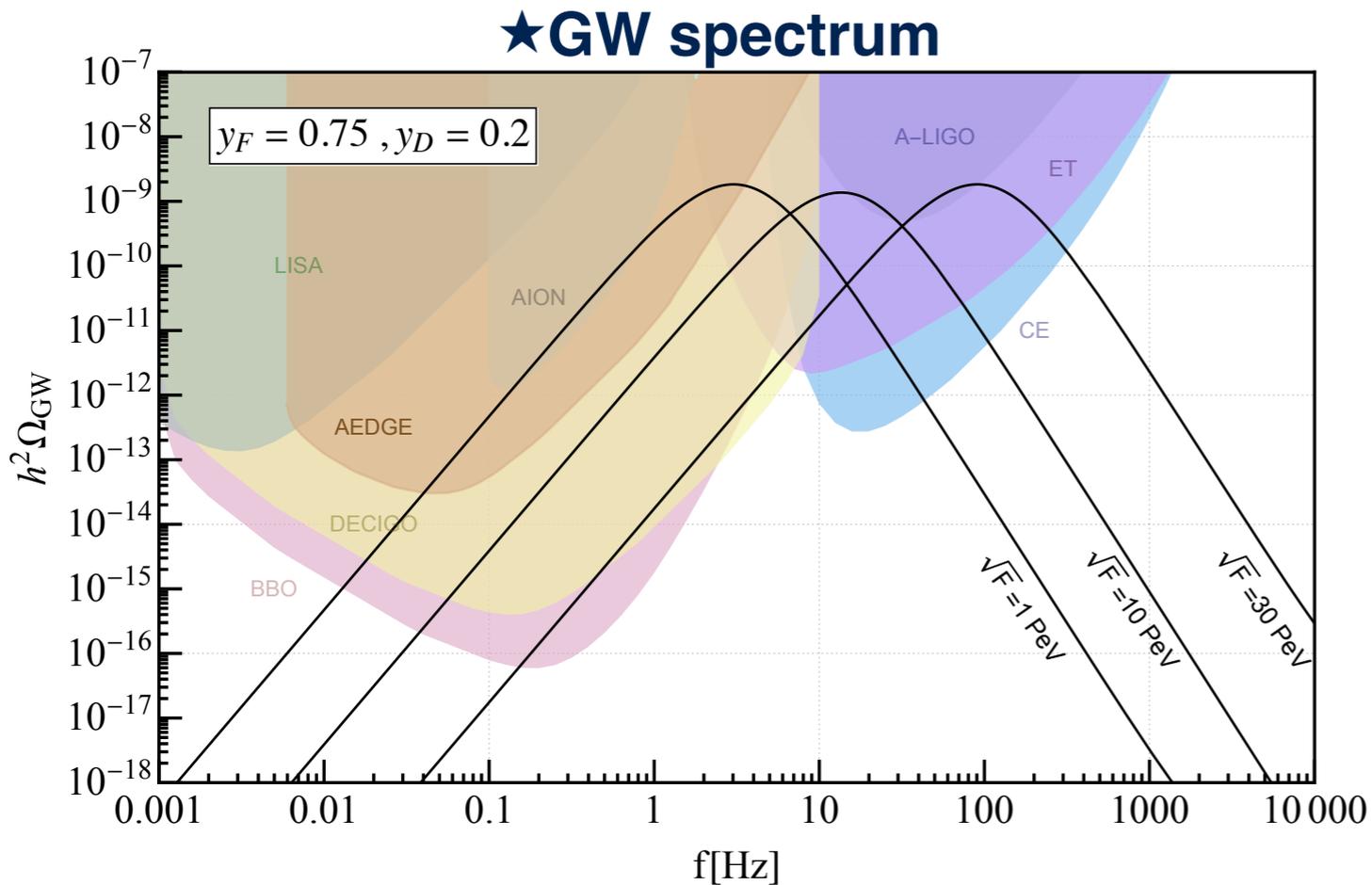


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## ★Prediction for Superpartner spectrum

*Add messenger in 5+bar5*

$$SU(6) \supset U(1)_D \times SU(5) \quad \mathcal{M}_{\text{mess}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\lambda f_a}{\sqrt{2}} & m \\ m & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

**Gaugino screening is unavoidable**

**A signal of SGWB at  $O(100)$  Hz correlates to gluino at reach of FCC-hh**

# Conclusions

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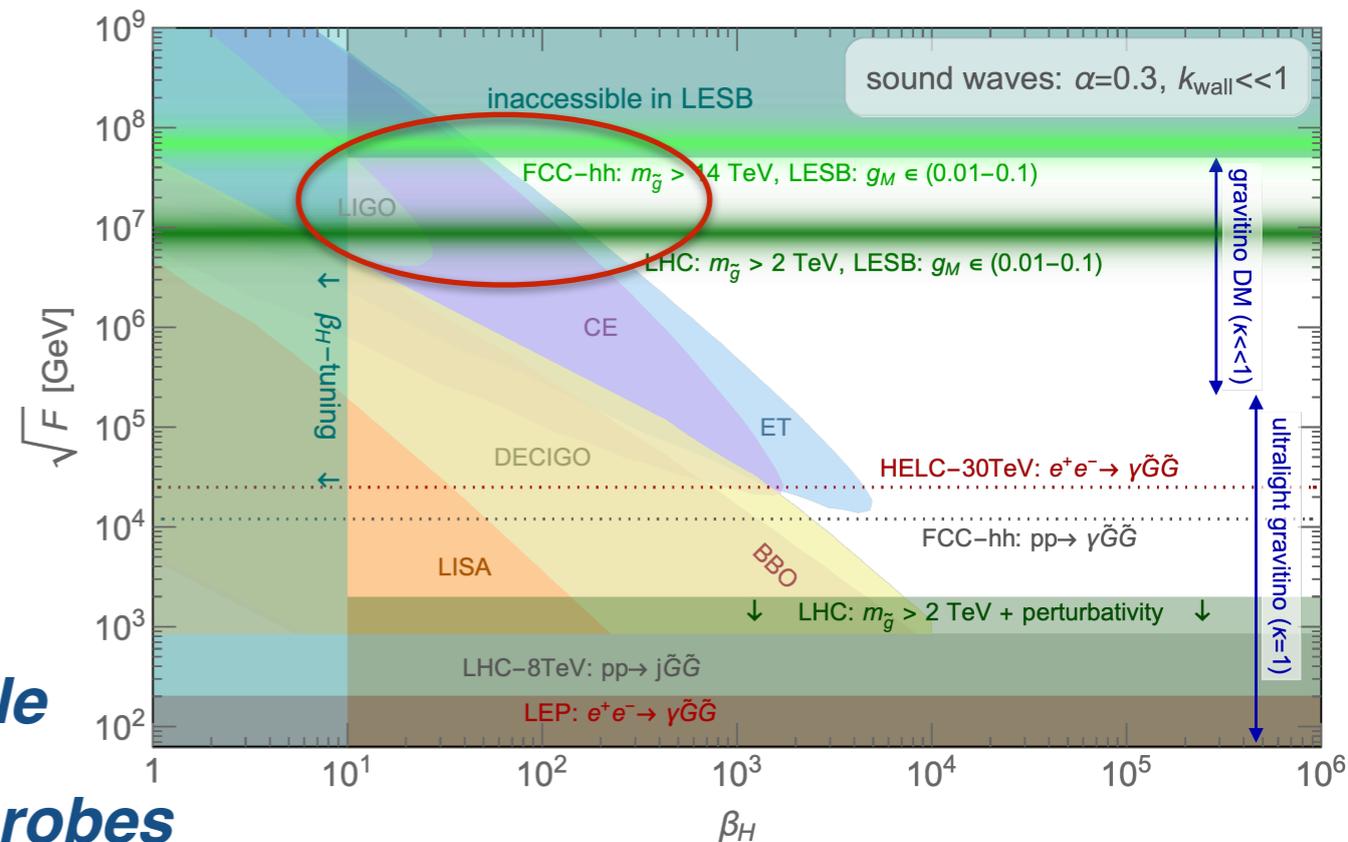
→ **Can deliver SBGW**

- \* FOPT along the universal pseudomodulus direction
- \* Two scales of SUSY br needed for large SBGW
- \* Beta tuning in parameter space (as any other QFT)

♦ **SBGW frequency point to SUSY br scale**

♦ **Interesting interplay with other SUSY probes (future colliders)**

♦ **Novel features in SUSY breaking pseudomodulus 1st order PT low-T expansion**



**SBGW could be the first sign of SUSY (breaking)!**  
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