

Naturalness

standard searches and the relaxing way

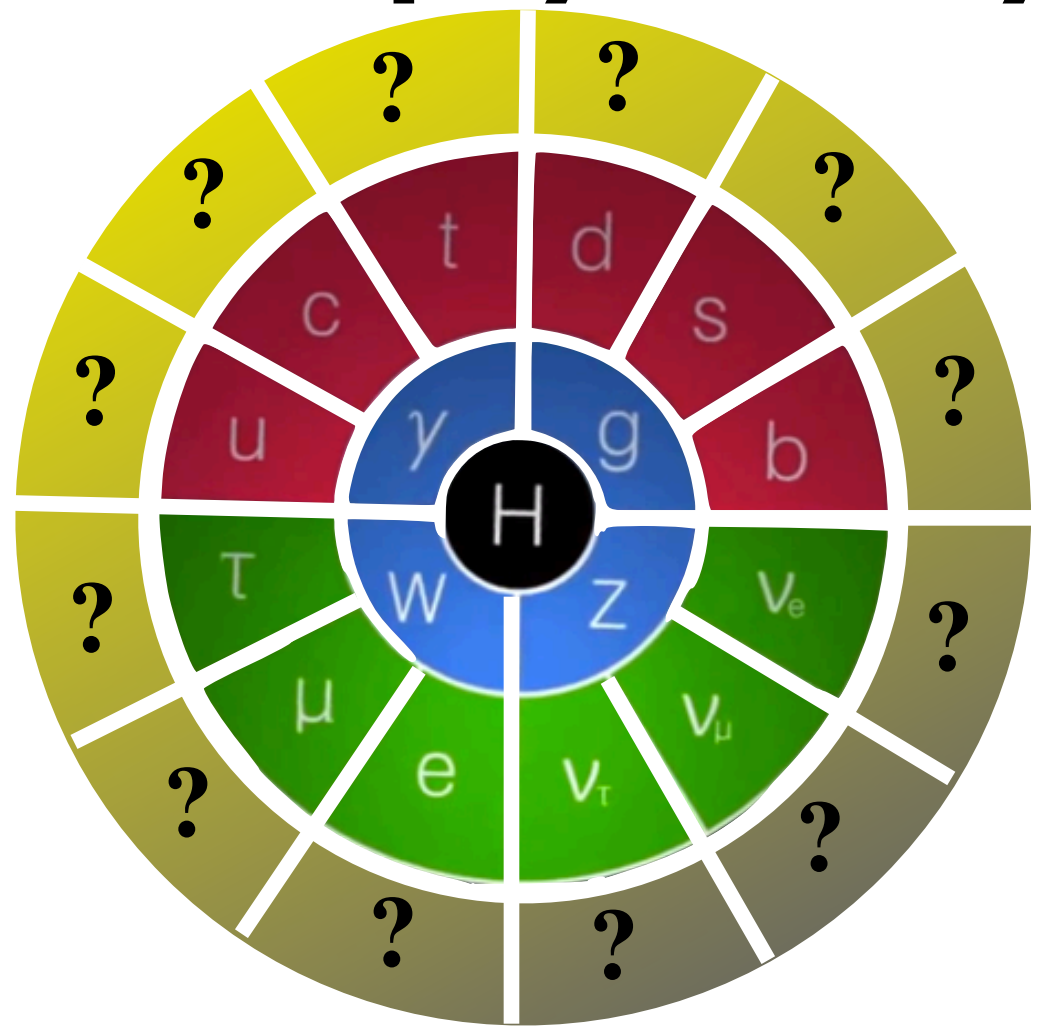
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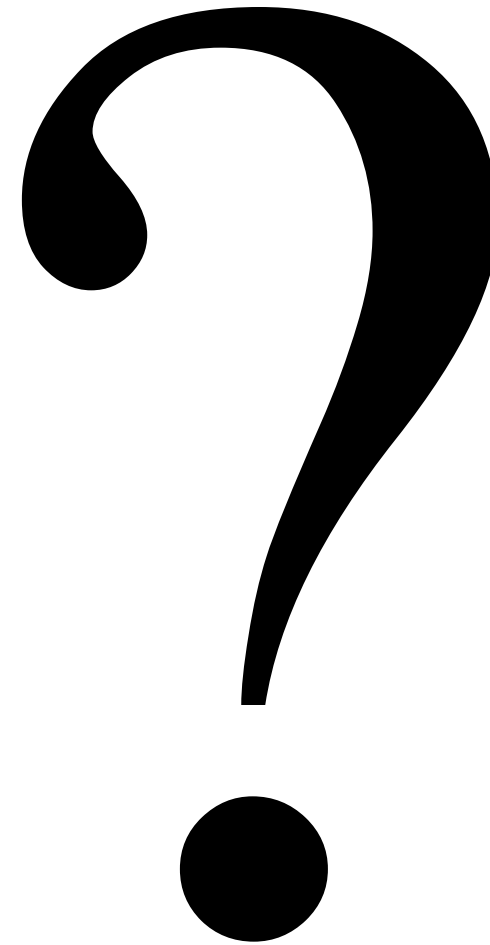
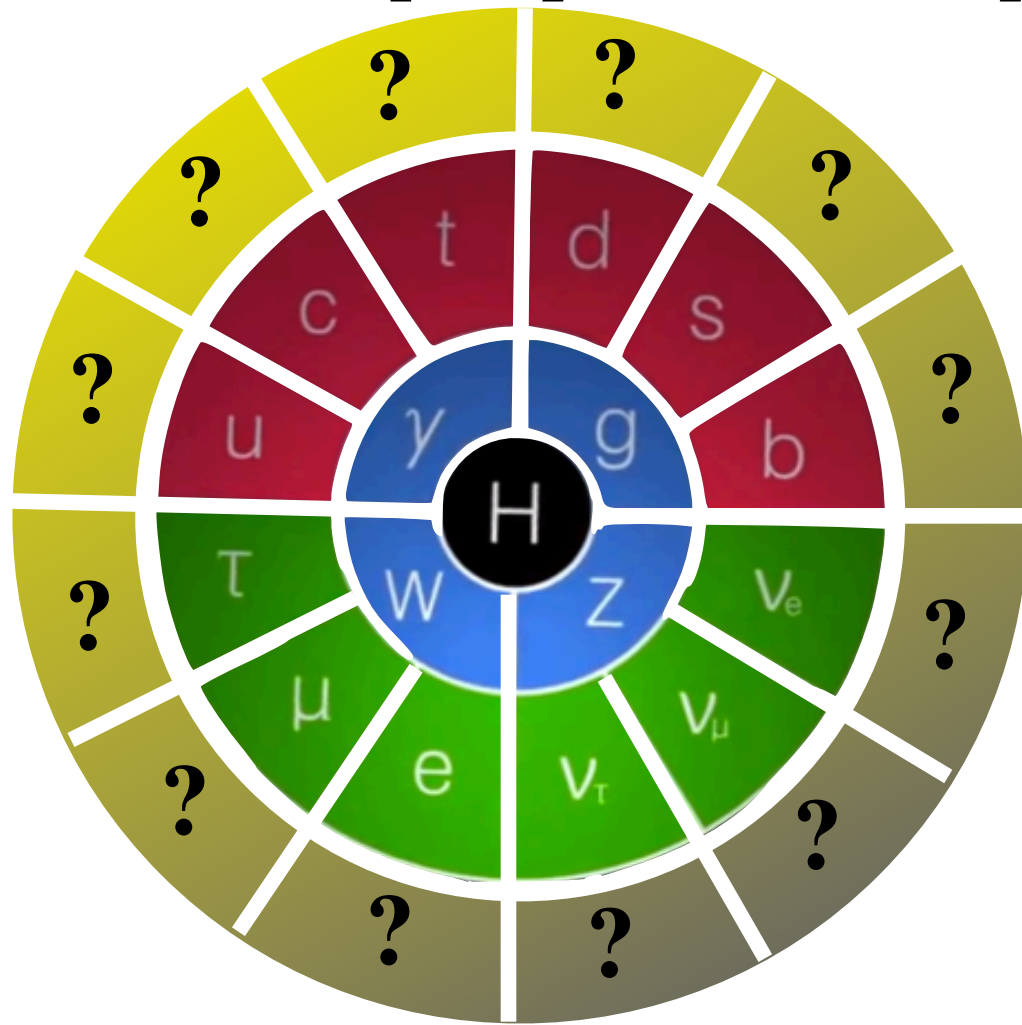
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I don't know. Nobody knows [If it were known, it would be part of the SM!]

Many evidences that BSM exist

We just don't know what it is

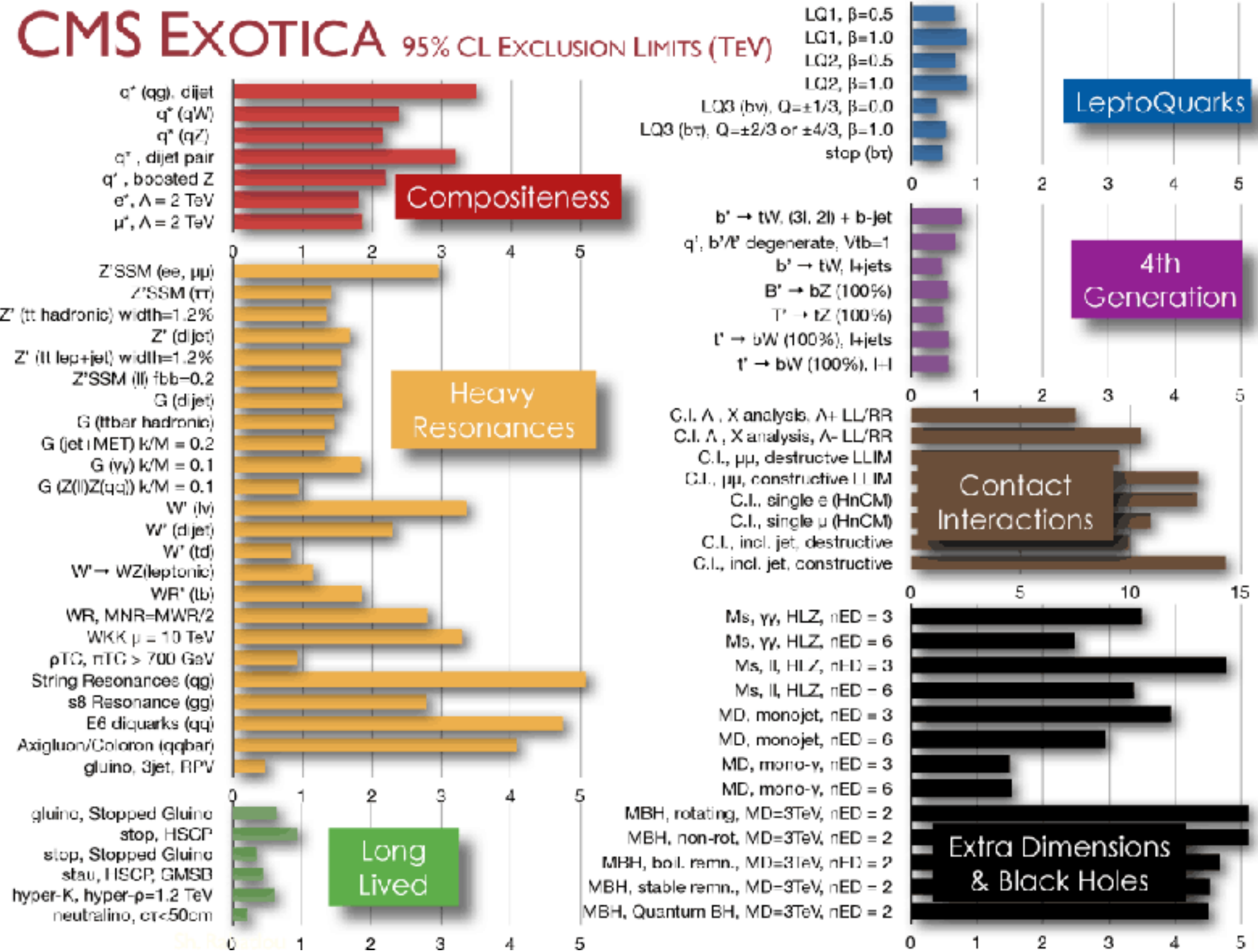
We have plenty of good ideas and there are rich opportunities

But no guarantee we are on the right track

We should stay open-minded and also learn from our failures

"Looking and not finding is different than not looking"

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theorists and experimentalists also need
to start speaking a common language

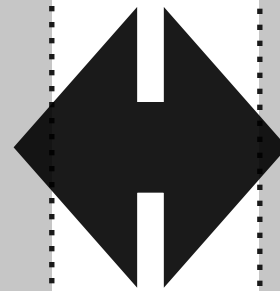
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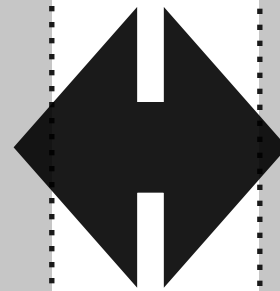
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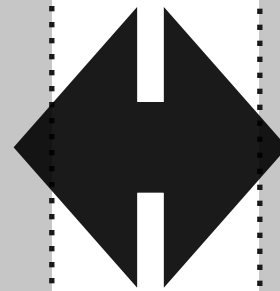
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Where is everyone?

even new physics at few hundreds of GeV might be difficult to see and could escape our detection

- **compressed spectra**
- **displaced vertices**
- **no MET, soft decay products, long decay chains**
- **uncoloured new physics**

~~R-susy~~ ◀

Neutral naturalness
(twin Higgs, folded susy) ◀

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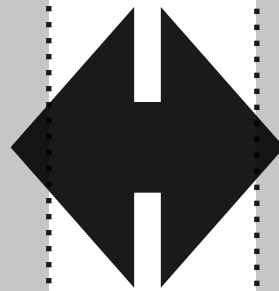
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Two approaches to make progress:

- ⊙ Theoretically motivated: UV gives constraints on IR (string, GUT, naturalness...)
- ⊙ Data driven: infer UV completions from IR data

Best objects at our disposal: Higgs, top, heavy mesons???

In this talk, I'll focus on the Higgs and I'll discuss both approaches.

► uncoloured new physics

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HEP with a Higgs boson

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The Higgs discovery has been an important milestone for HEP
but it hasn't taught us much about **BSM** yet

typical Higgs coupling deformation: $\frac{\delta g_h}{g_h} \sim \frac{v^2}{f^2} = \frac{g_*^2 v^2}{\Lambda_{\text{BSM}}^2}$

current (and future) LHC sensitivity
 $\mathcal{O}(10-20)\% \Leftrightarrow \Lambda_{\text{BSM}} > 500(g_*/g_{\text{SM}}) \text{ GeV}$

not doing better than direct searches unless in the case of strongly coupled new physics
(notable exceptions: New Physics breaks some structural features of the SM
e.g. flavor number violation as in $h \rightarrow \mu \tau$)

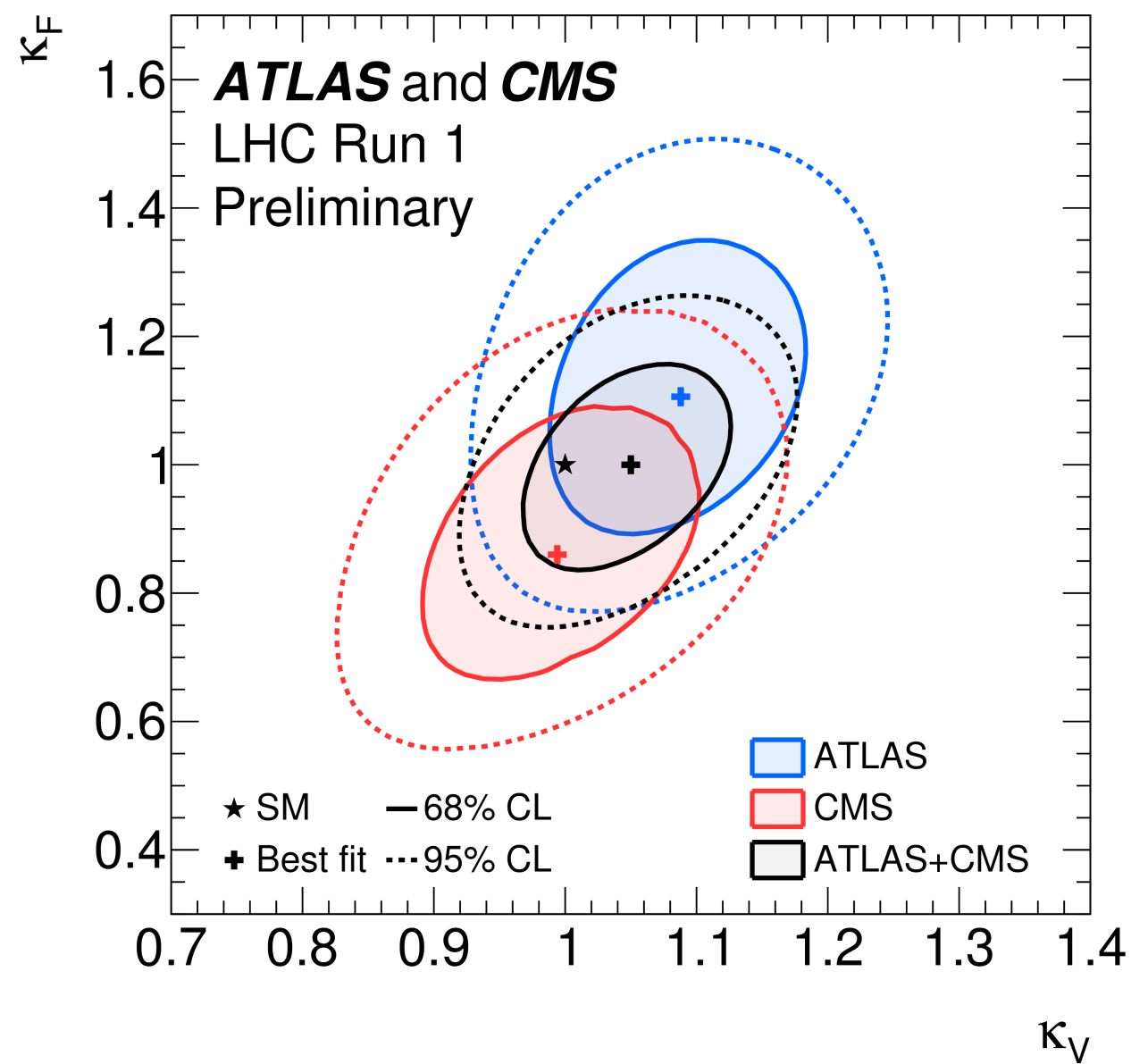
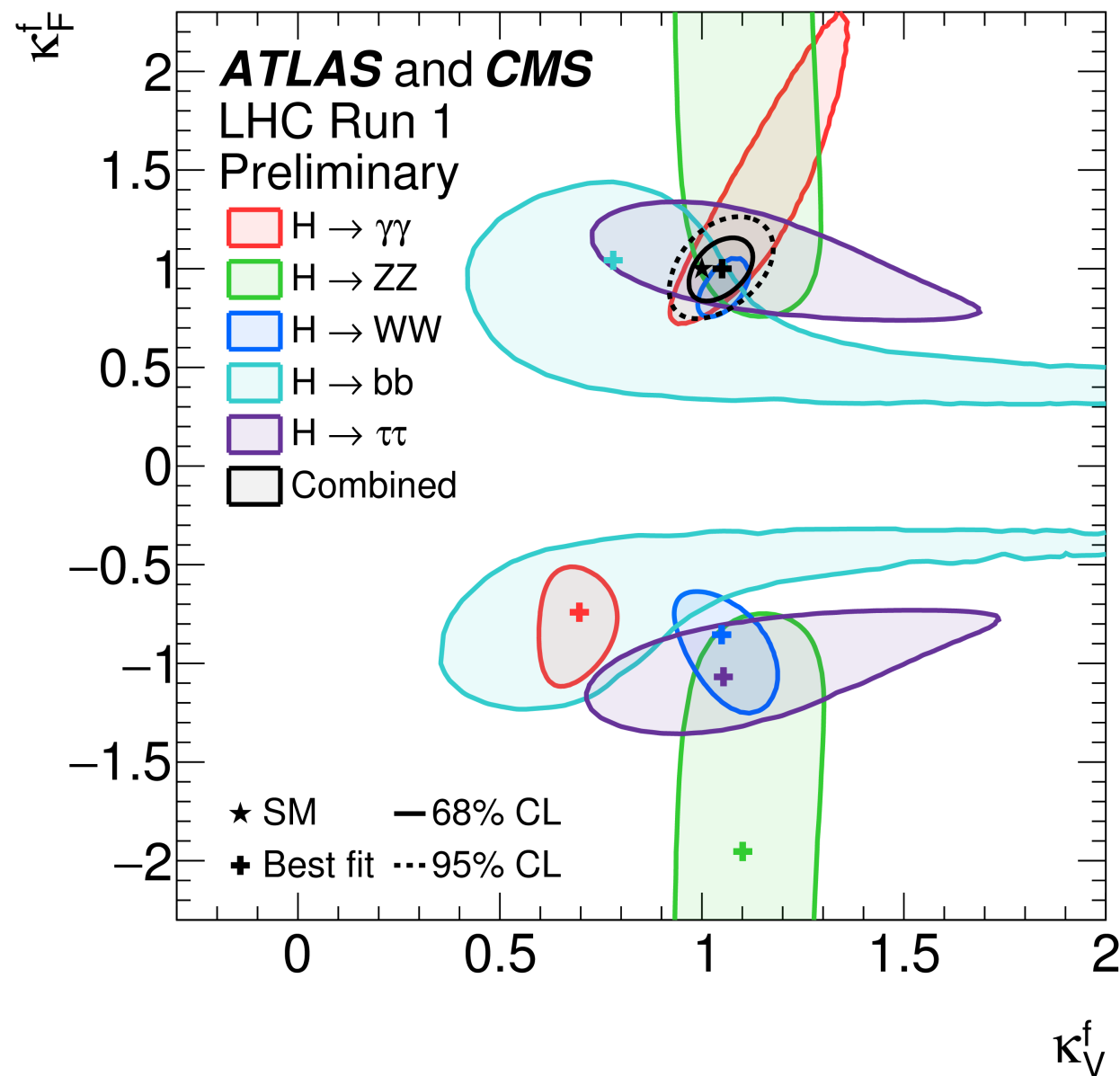
**Higgs precision program is very much wanted
to probe BSM physics**

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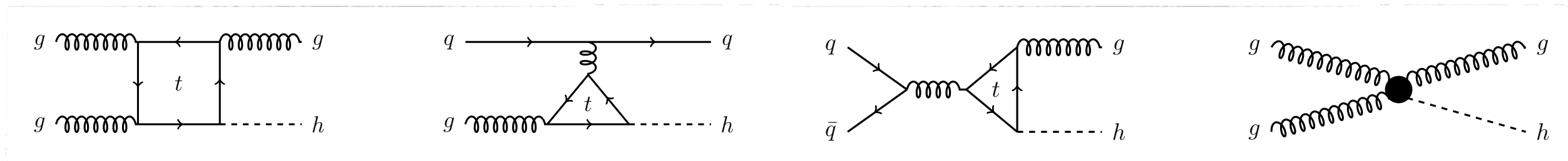

access to Higgs couplings @ m_H

Producing a Higgs with boosted additional particle(s)
probe the Higgs couplings @ large energy
(important to check that the Higgs boson ensures perturbative unitarity)

Examples of interesting channels to explore further:

1. off-shell $gg \rightarrow h^* \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$
2. boosted Higgs: Higgs+ high- p_T jet
3. double Higgs production

Boosted Higgs+jet



high p_T tail discriminates
short and long distance physics contribution to $gg \rightarrow h$

$$\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}, \int dt \mathcal{L} = 3 \text{ ab}^{-1}, p_T > 650 \text{ GeV}$$

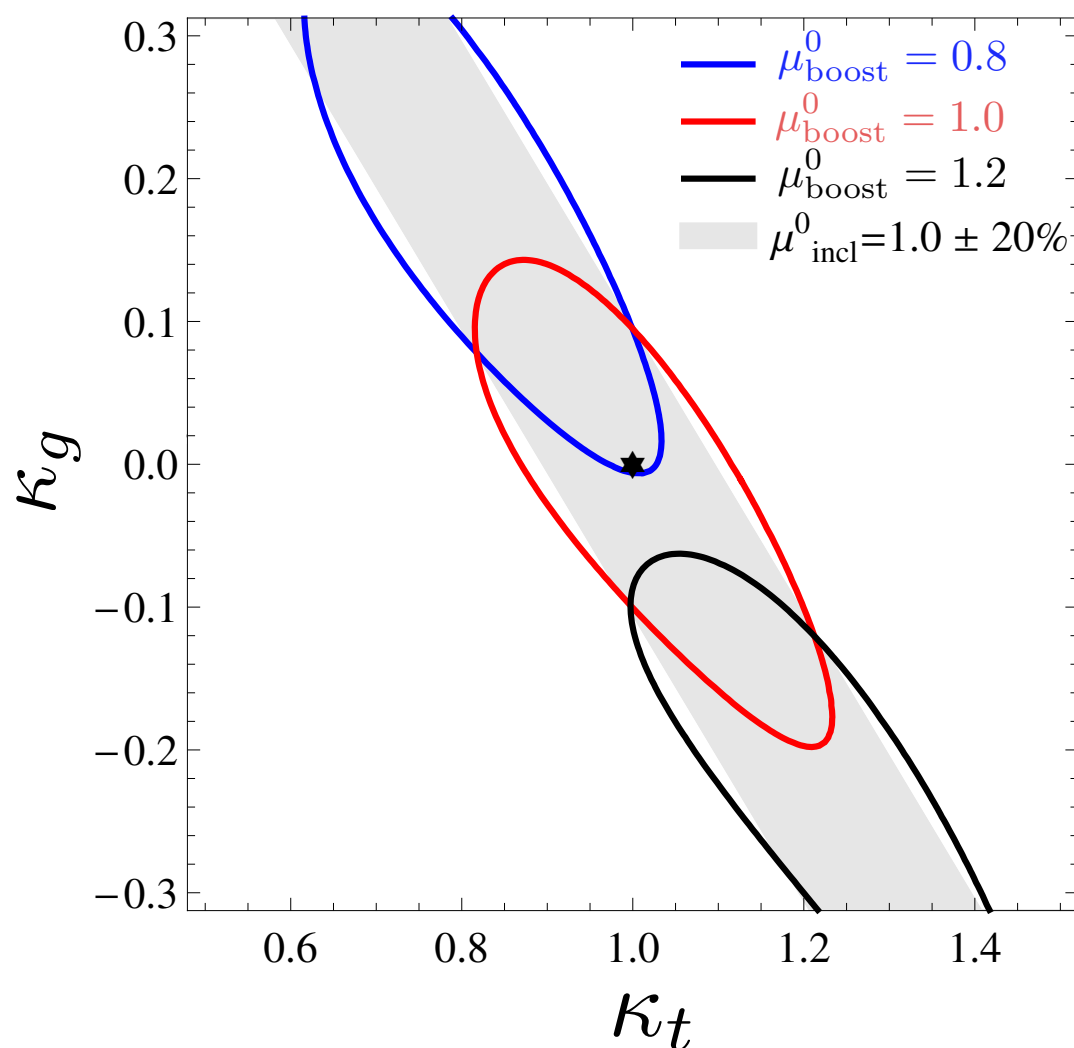
(partonic analysis in the boosted “ditau-jets” channel)

see Schlaffer et al '14 for a more complete analysis
including WW channel

10-20% precision on K_t



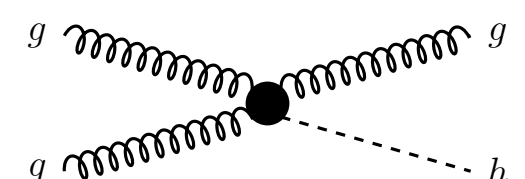
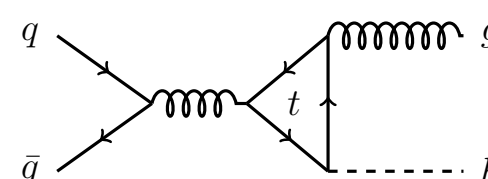
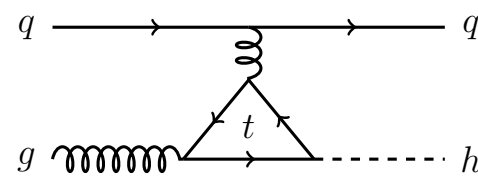
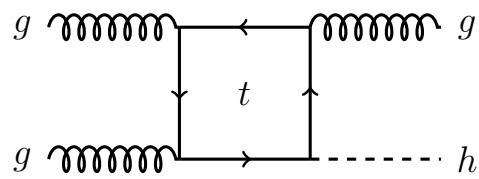
competitive/complementary to htt channel
for the measure the top-Higgs coupling



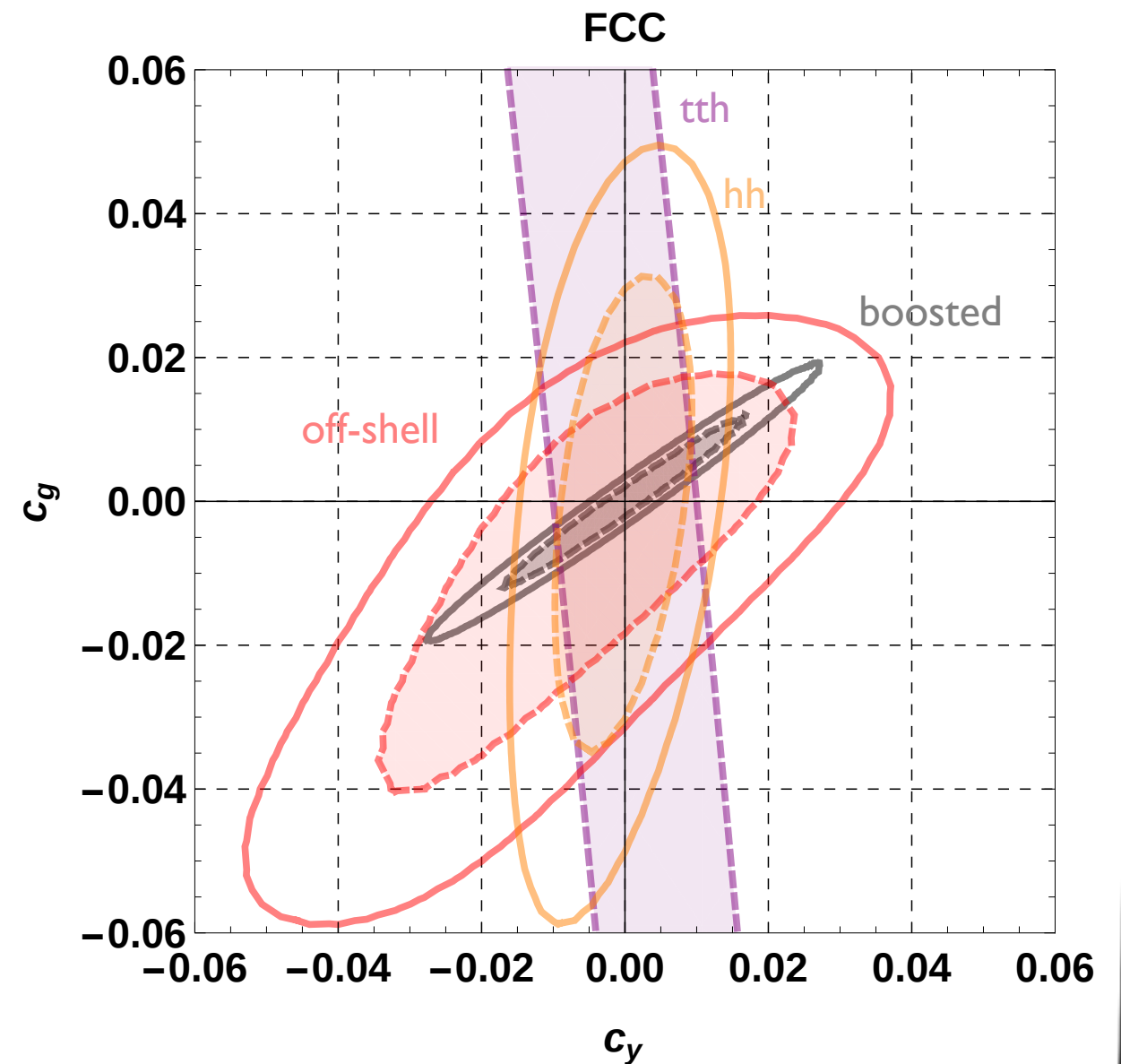
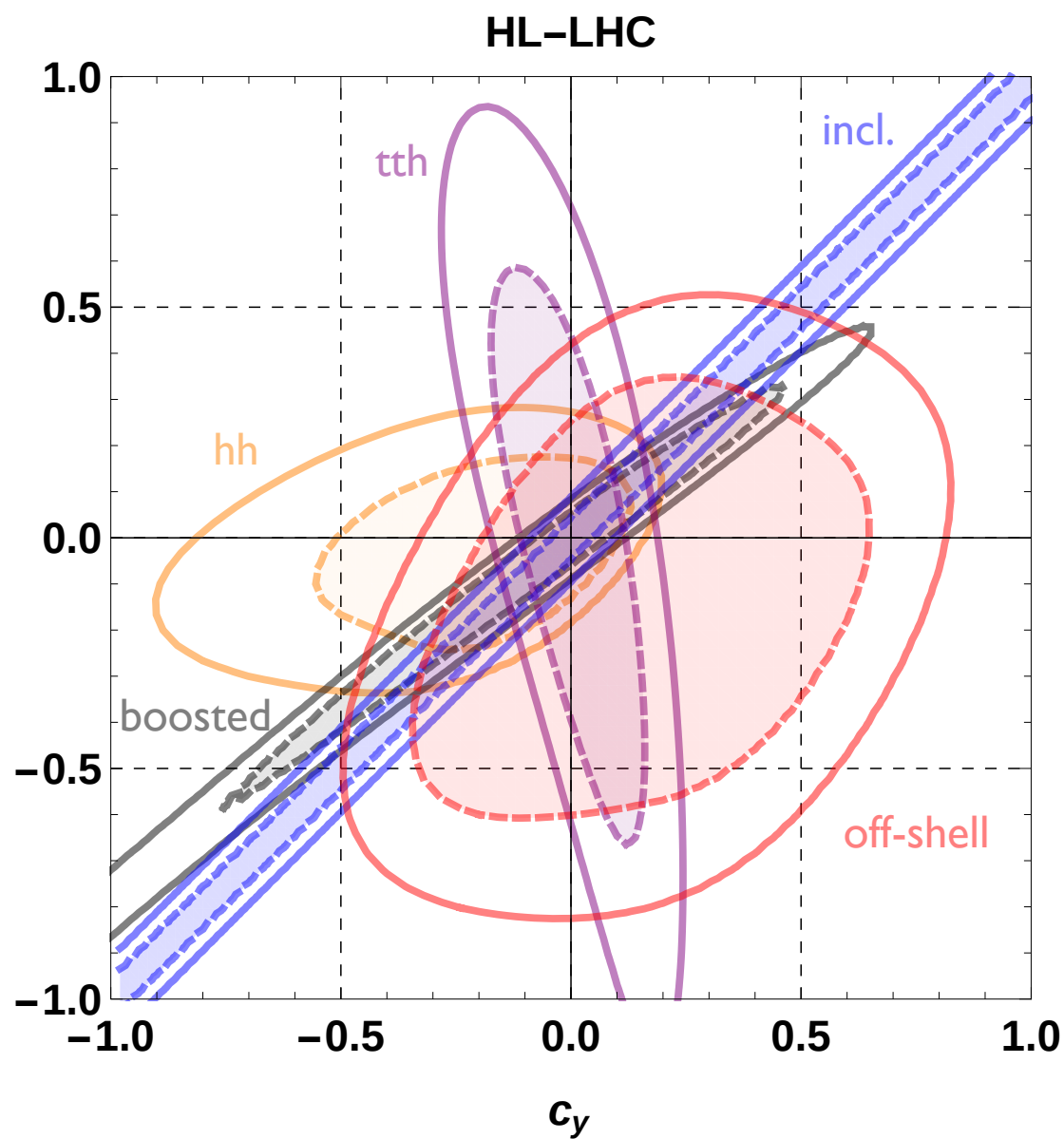
Are the NLO_m QCD corrections (not known) going to destroy all the sensitivity?
Frontier priority: N³LO_∞ for inclusive x_s or NLO_{mt} for p_T spectrum?

Grojean, Salvioni, Schlaffer, Weiler '13
see also Azatov, Paul '13

Boosted Higgs+jet



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Azatov, Grojean, Paul, Salvioni '16

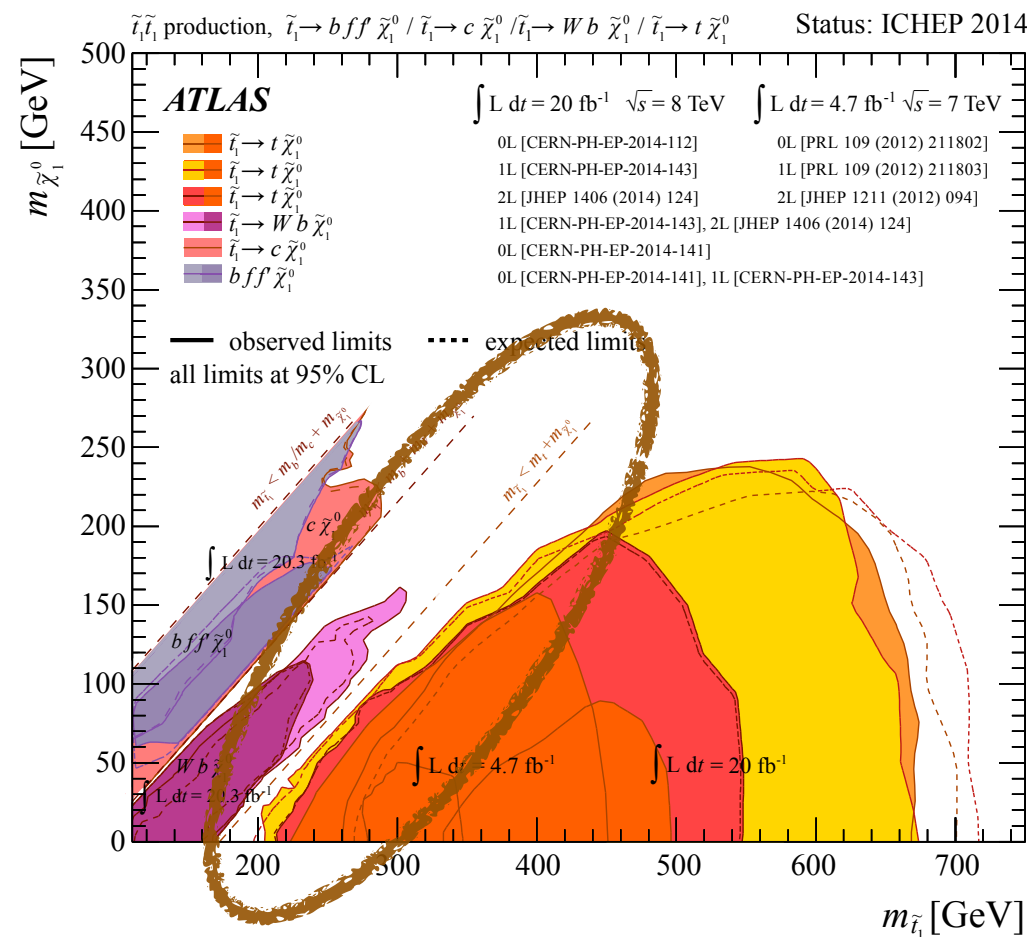
Light stop searches from Higgs+jet

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... or not if $\Delta_t \approx 0 \Rightarrow$ light stop window in the MSSM

(stop right $\sim 200\text{-}400\text{GeV}$ $\sim$ neutralino w/ gluino $< 1.5\text{ TeV}$)



There are various arguments that favour this light stop region

- ◆ flavor constraints ($\epsilon_K, B \rightarrow X_s + \gamma$)
- ◆ RG evolution
- ◆ DM

Delgado et al '12

inclusive Higgs measurements cannot rule out light stop
and difficult direct search (trigger on stop+extra jet)

One prime example where large statistics opens up new search strategy

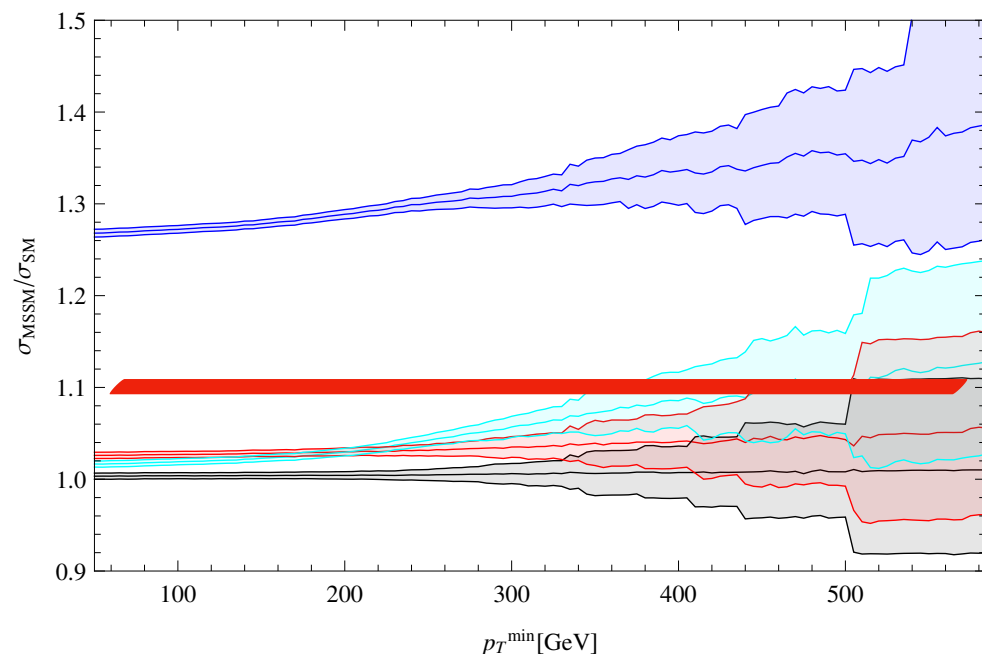
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- P1: $m_{t1}=395, m_{t2}=2412, A_t=2420, \Delta_t=0.002$
- P2: $m_{t1}=192, m_{t2}=1224, A_t=1220, \Delta_t=0.01$
- P3: $m_{t1}=259, m_{t2}=1212, A_t=0, \Delta_t=0.12$
- P4: $m_{t1}=226, m_{t2}=484, A_t=532, \Delta_t=0.015$

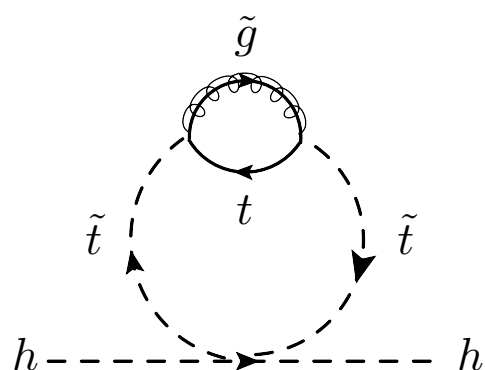
Light stop benchmark
that leaves no signal in inclusive rate
but predicts different tail in p_T
distribution

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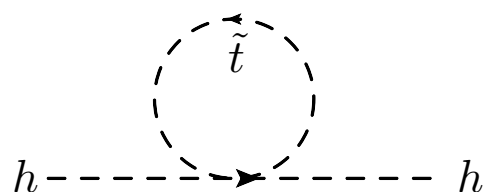
but $O(10\%)$ sensitivity on boosted $h+j$ can
close up the light stop window
Low rate $\Leftrightarrow$ large luminosity needed

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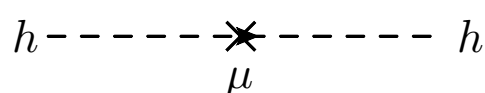
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$$\delta m_H^2 \sim -\frac{y_t^2}{\pi^2} \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} m_{gluino}^2 \left(\log \frac{\Lambda}{m_{gluino}} \right)^2$$



$$\delta m_H^2 \sim -\frac{3}{8\pi^2} y_t^2 m_{stop}^2 \log \frac{\Lambda}{m_{stop}}$$



$$\delta m_H^2 \sim |\mu|^2$$

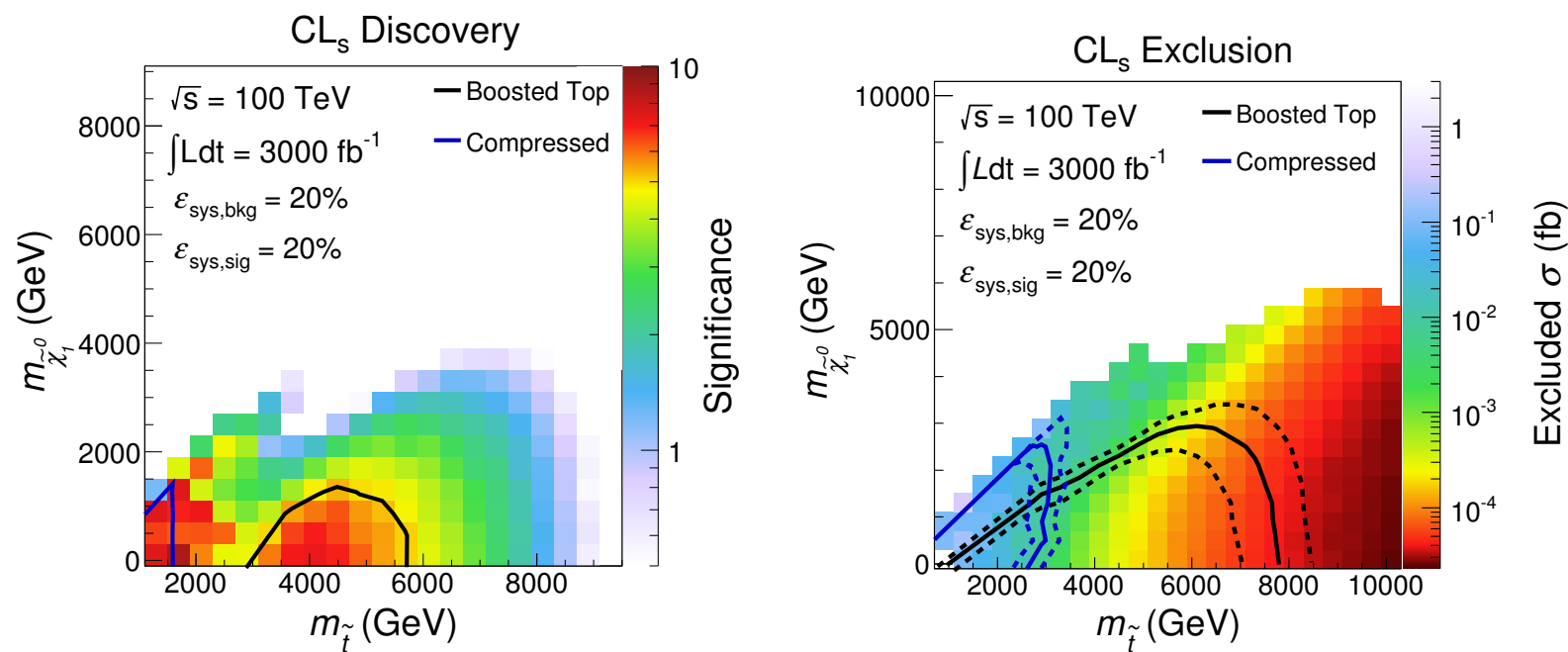
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light stops, light gluinos!
well tested @ LHC
but most questionable predictions
(RG effects)

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light Higgsinos!
very low sensitivity @ LHC
ILC needed to probe the other side

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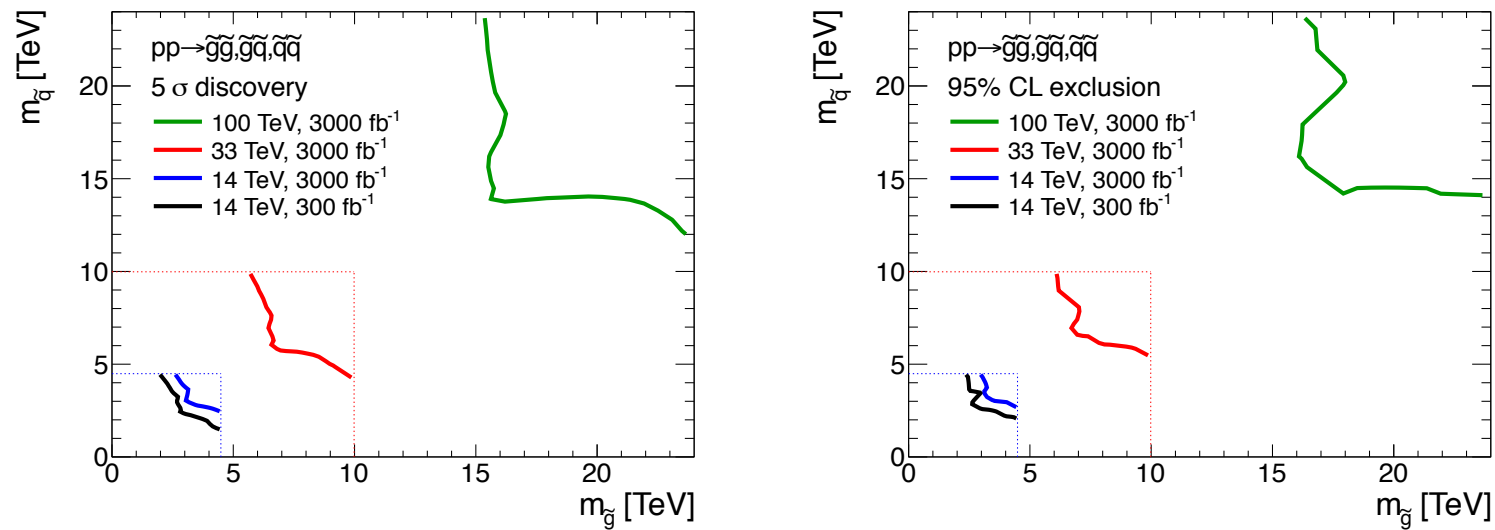
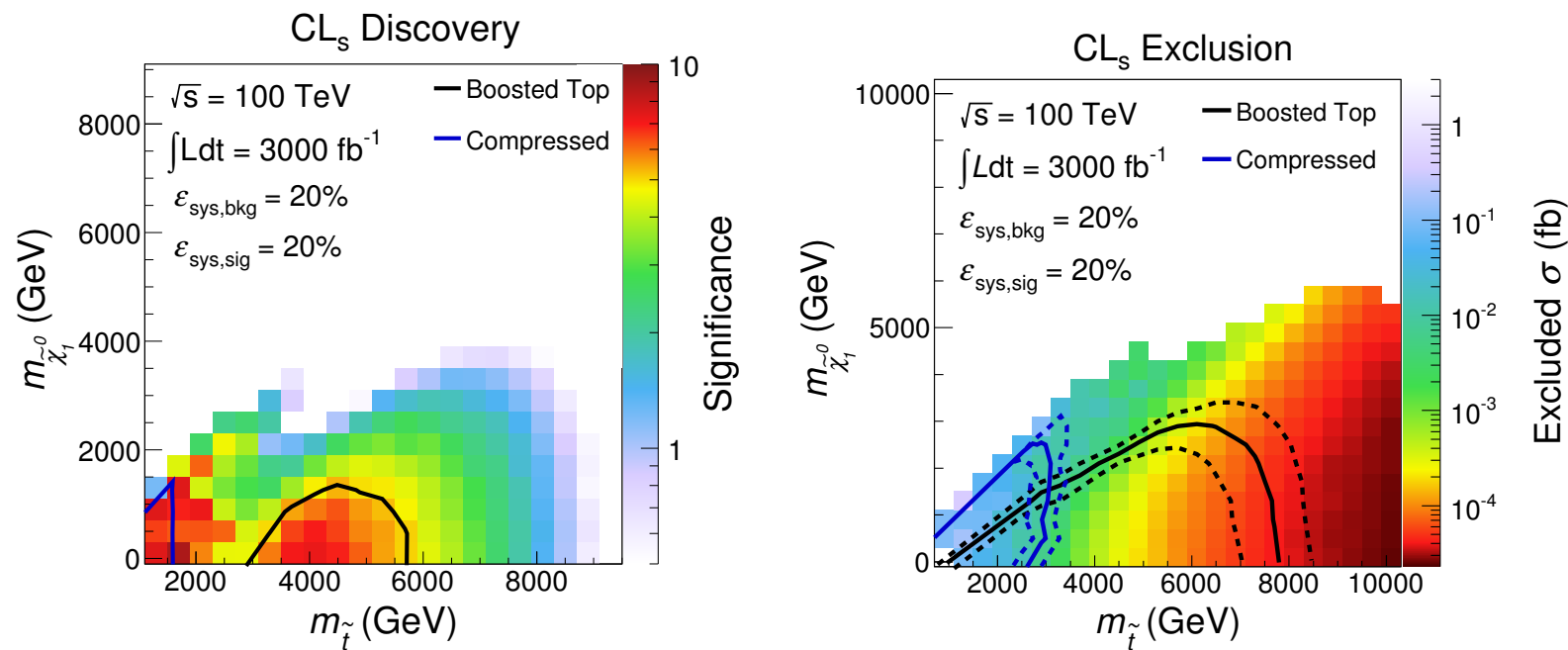


Fig. 16: Results for the gluino-squark-neutralino model. The neutralino mass is taken to be 1 GeV. The left [right] panel shows the 5σ discovery reach [95% CL exclusion] for the four collider scenarios studied here. A 20% systematic uncertainty is assumed and pile-up is not included.



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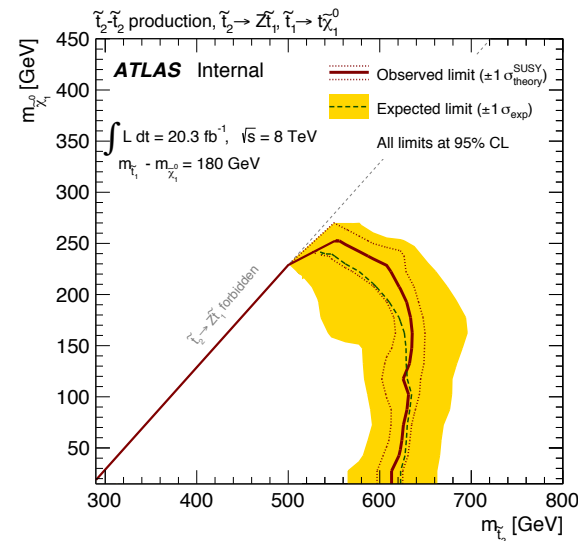
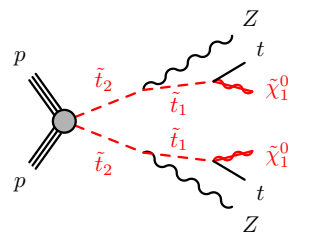
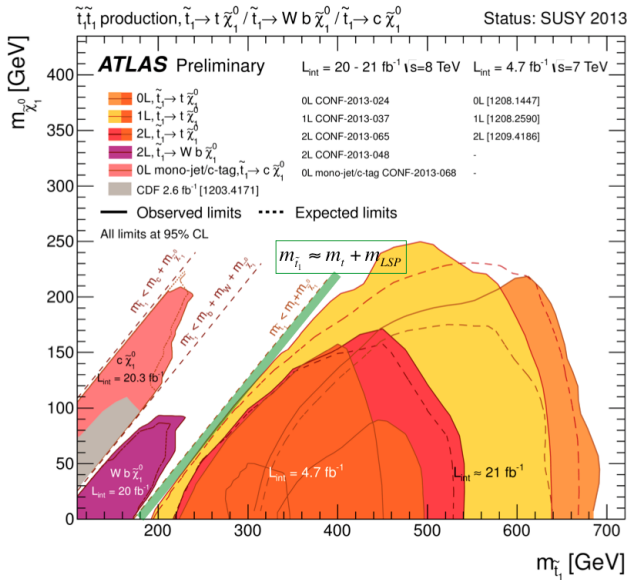
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Natural SUSY: beyond standard searches

Searching for light stop from heavy stop decay

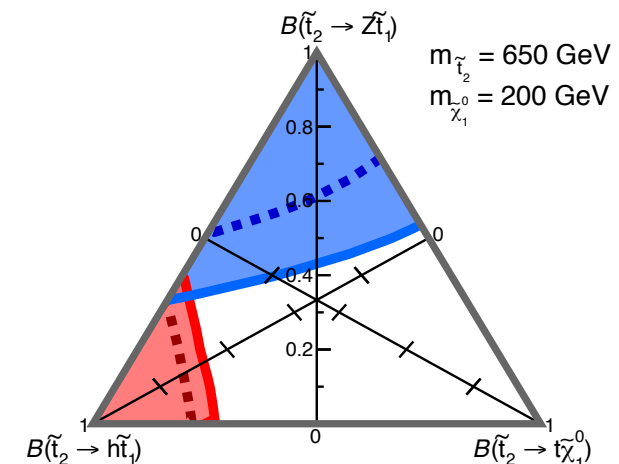
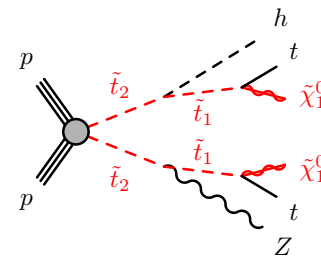
~ RUN 1 ~

- 2012 (20 fb⁻¹): stops searches based on $\tilde{t}_1\tilde{t}_1$ production, with $\tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow t\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ or $\tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow b\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$
- No sensitivity for $\tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow t\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ with $m_{\tilde{t}_1} \gtrsim m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} + m_t$: very similar to SM $t\bar{t}$
- **[New at the LHC]** Production of the heavier stop mass eigenstate ($\tilde{t}_2$) relying on the $\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow Z\tilde{t}_1$ decay to reduce $t\bar{t} \rightarrow$ Signature: $Z(l^+l^-)+l+b+E_T^{\text{miss}}$
- Eur. Phys. J. C 74 (2014) 2883 (20 fb⁻¹)



~ RUN 2 ~

- ATLAS-CONF-2016-038 (13 fb⁻¹): explore $\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow Z\tilde{t}_1$ with $3l+b+E_T^{\text{miss}}$
- JHEP 1708 (2017) 006 (36 fb⁻¹): analysis extended to $\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow h\tilde{t}_1$ with $1l+4b+E_T^{\text{miss}}$
- Interpretations for varying BRs in $\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow h\tilde{t}_1/Z\tilde{t}_1$ and also for $\tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow t\chi_2^0$, $\chi_2^0 \rightarrow h/Z\tilde{\chi}_1^0$



ATLAS $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV, 36.1 fb⁻¹
 $\tilde{t}_2\tilde{t}_2$ production, $\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow Z\tilde{t}_1, h\tilde{t}_1, t\tilde{\chi}_1^0, \tilde{t}_1 \rightarrow t\tilde{\chi}_1^0$
 $m_{\tilde{t}_1} = m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} + 180$ GeV
 Observed 3l1b
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 All limits at 95% CL

X. Poveda @ DESY'17

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Apparent fine-tunings have always pointed to new degrees of freedom

The different paths to Higgs naturalness

► Single vacuum

the low Higgs mass is screened from large quantum corrections by

1. a symmetry (Susy, PQ)
2. a form factor (composite Higgs)
3. a low UV scale (xdim, RS, large N...)
4. a combination of the above

► Multiple vacua

many metastable vacua
with a vast range of values for m_H
Dynamical (or anthropic selection) of $m_H \ll \Lambda$

1. anthropic multiverse
2. NNaturalness with 10^{16} copies of SM
3. relaxion and cosmological scanning with non-trivial back reaction

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hierarchies result from **dynamics** not from **symmetries** anymore!

important consequences on the spectrum of new physics

Higgs-axion cosmological relaxation

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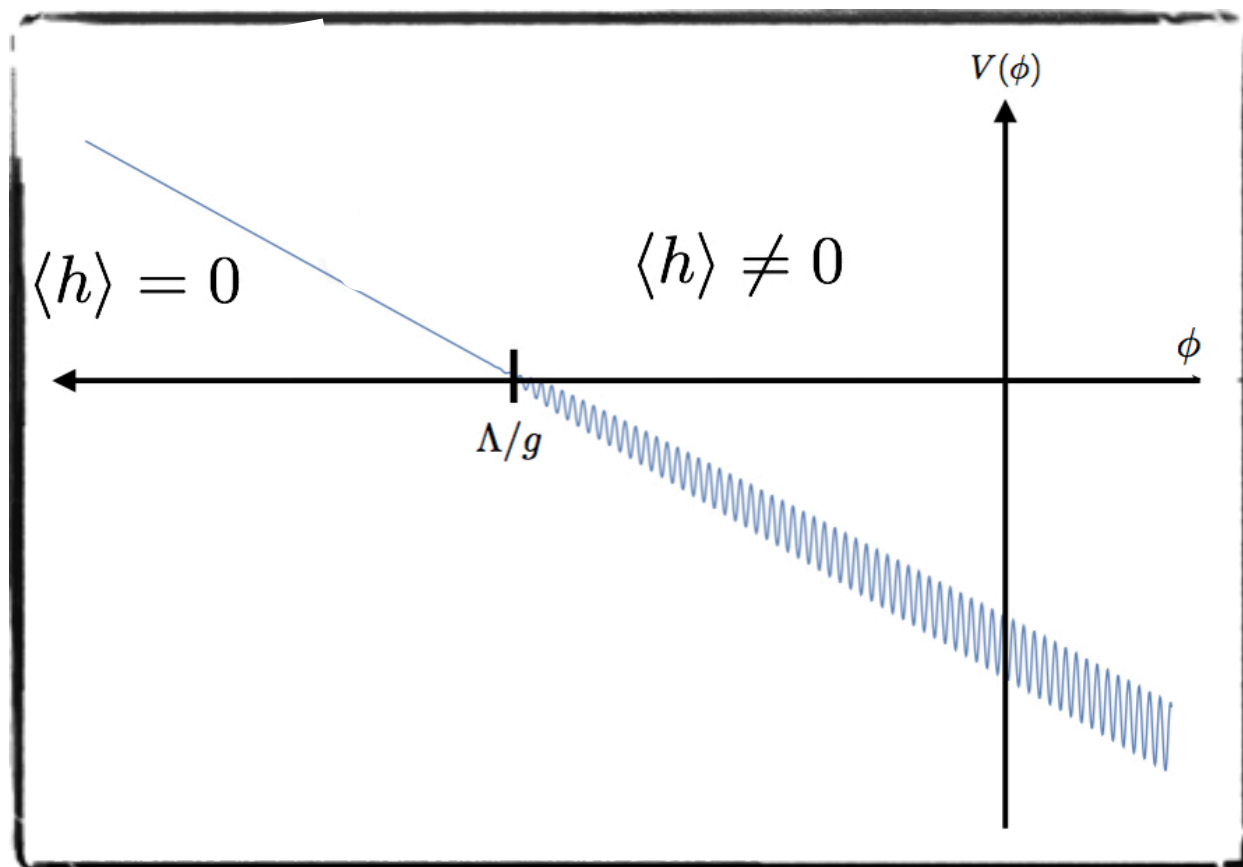
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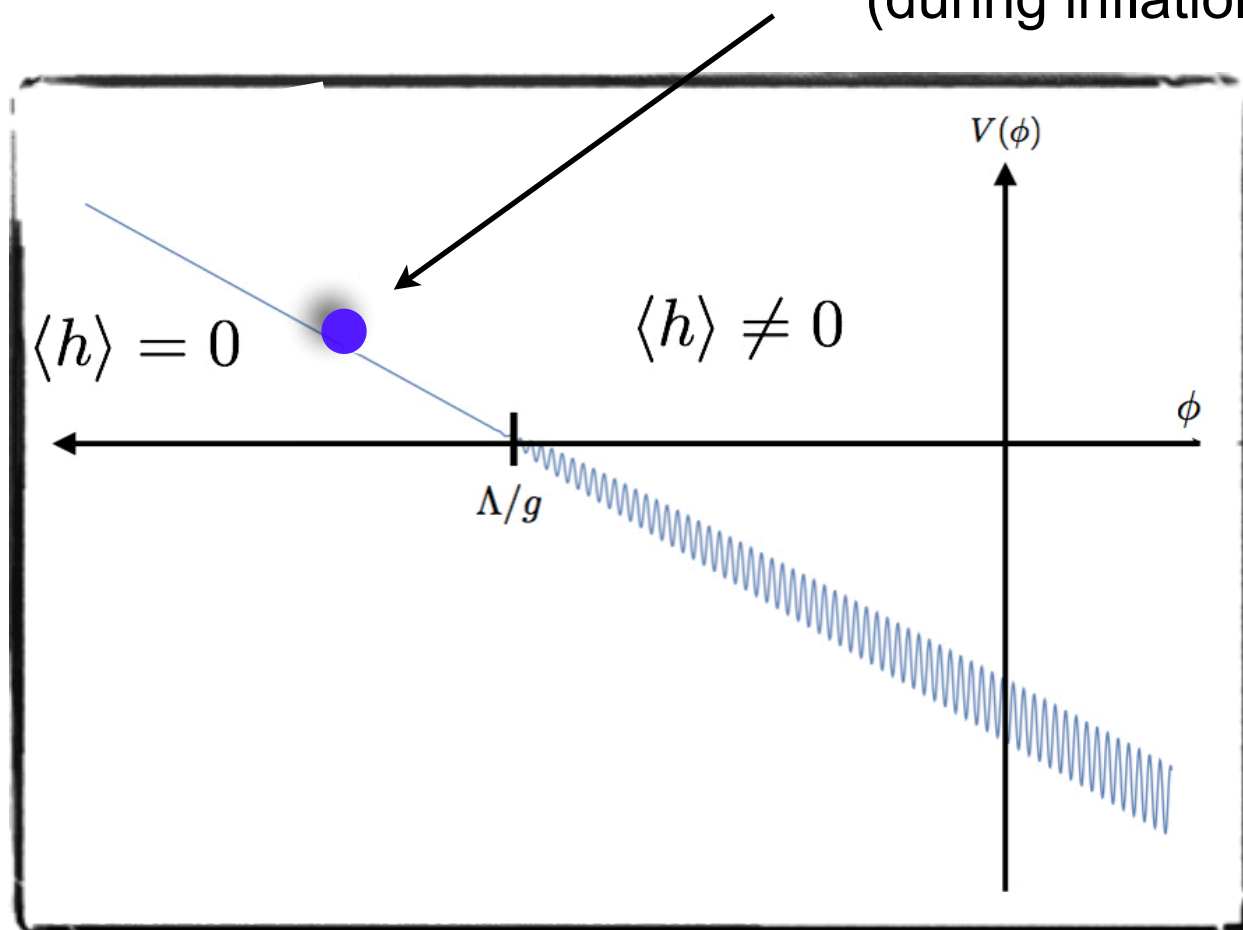
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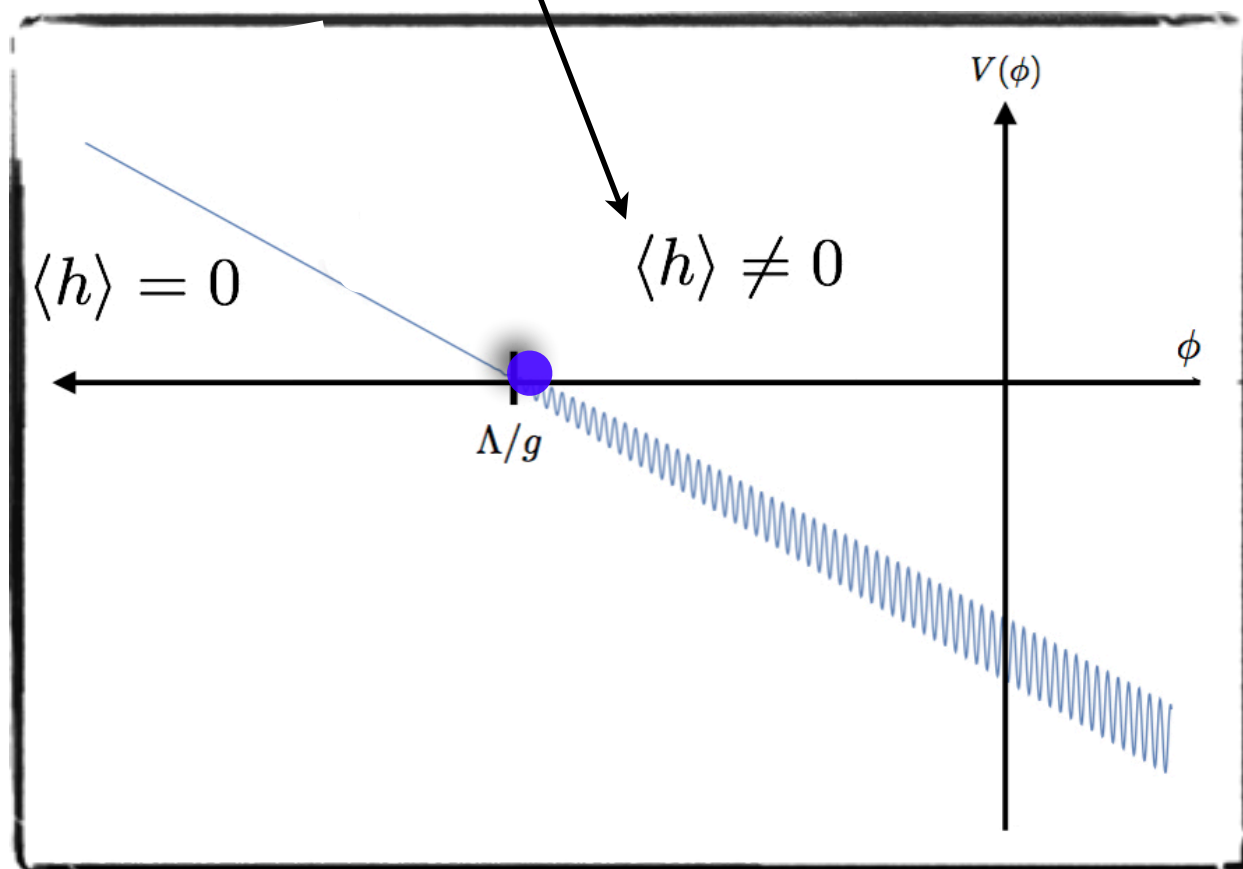
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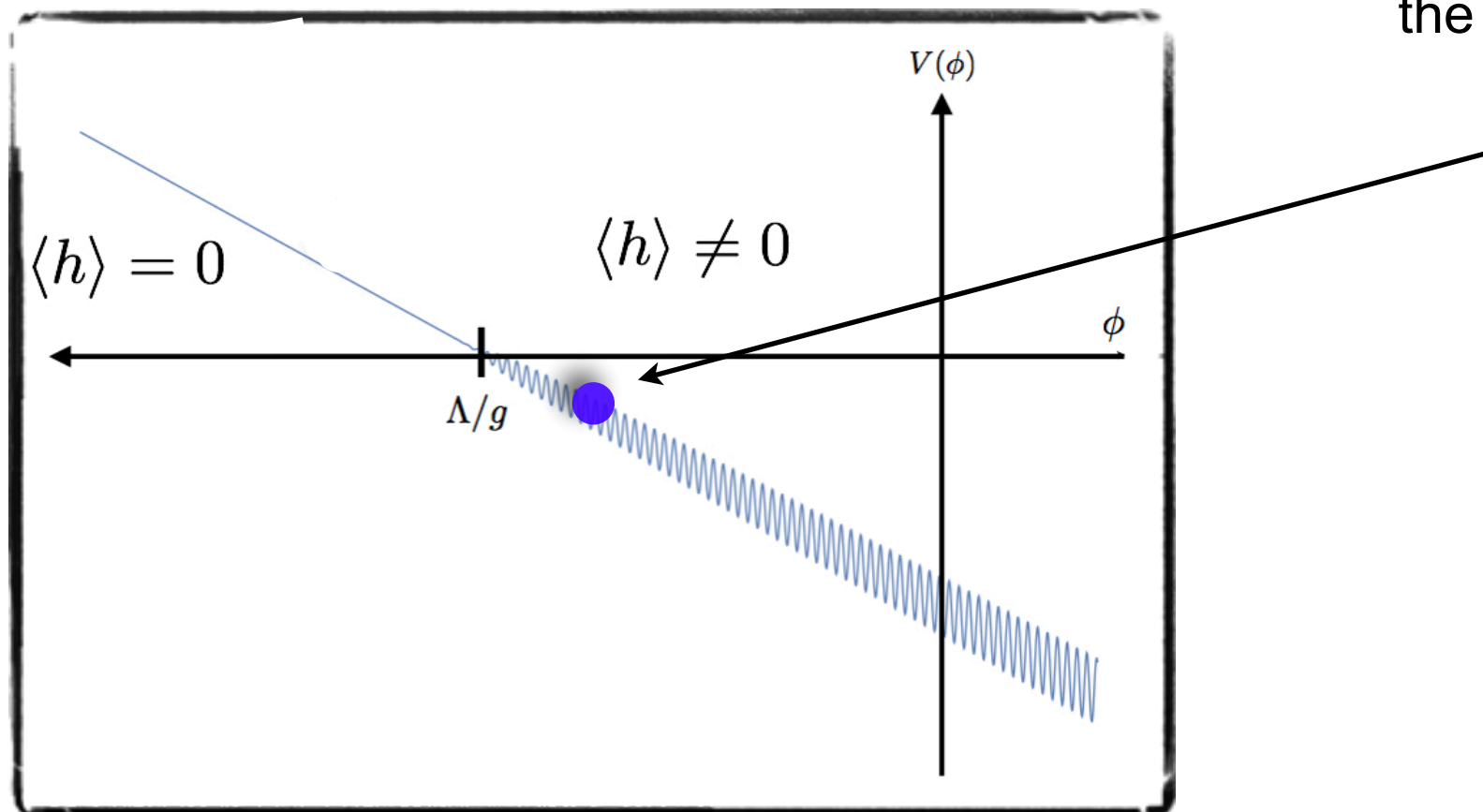
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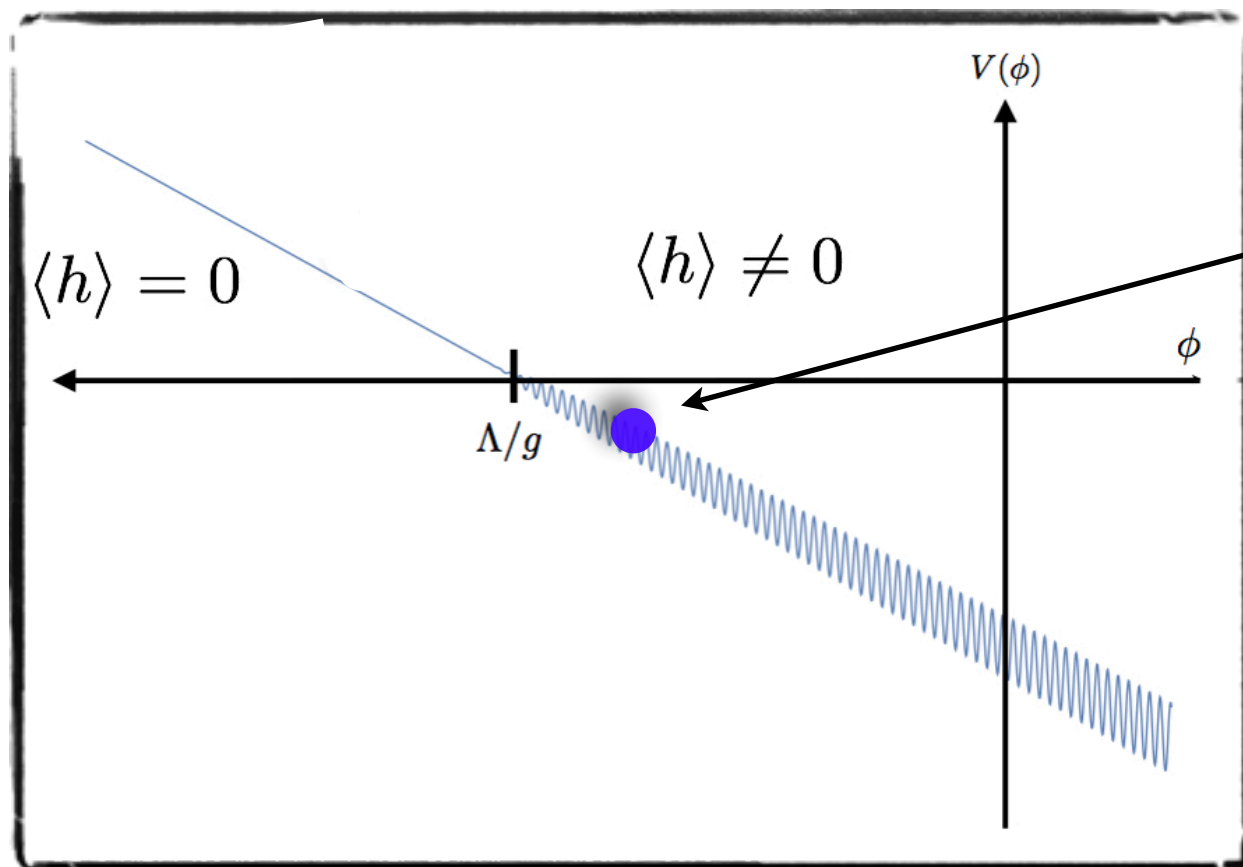
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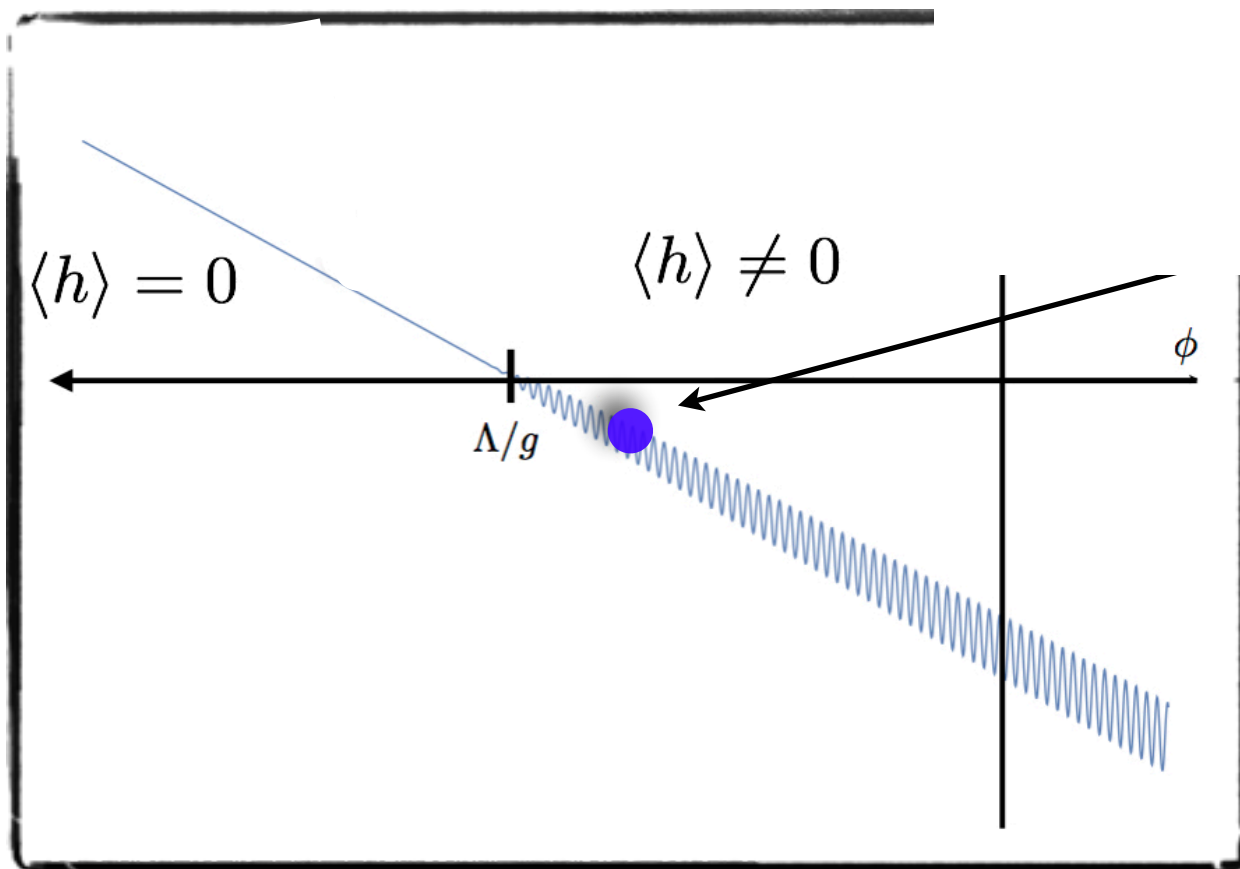
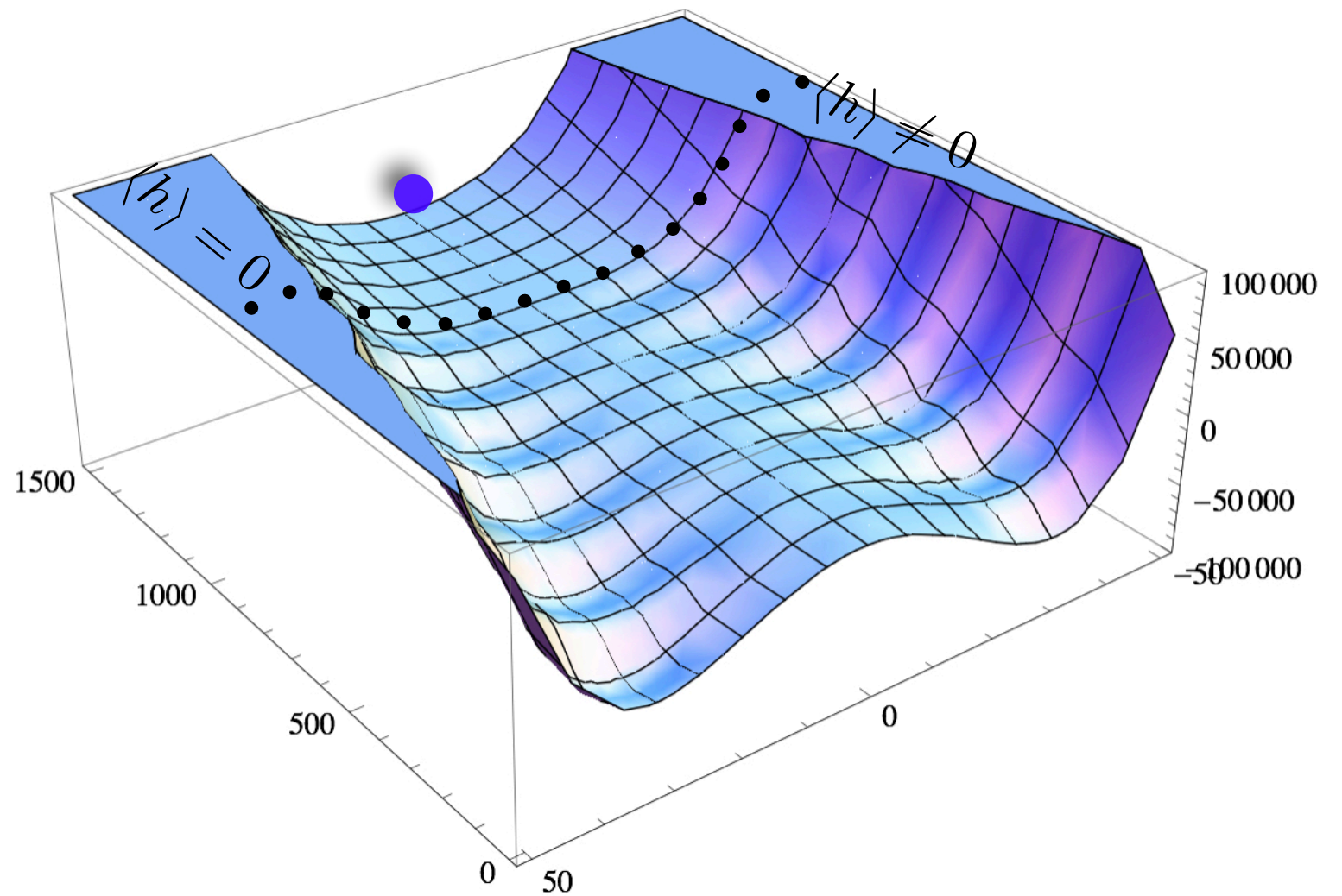
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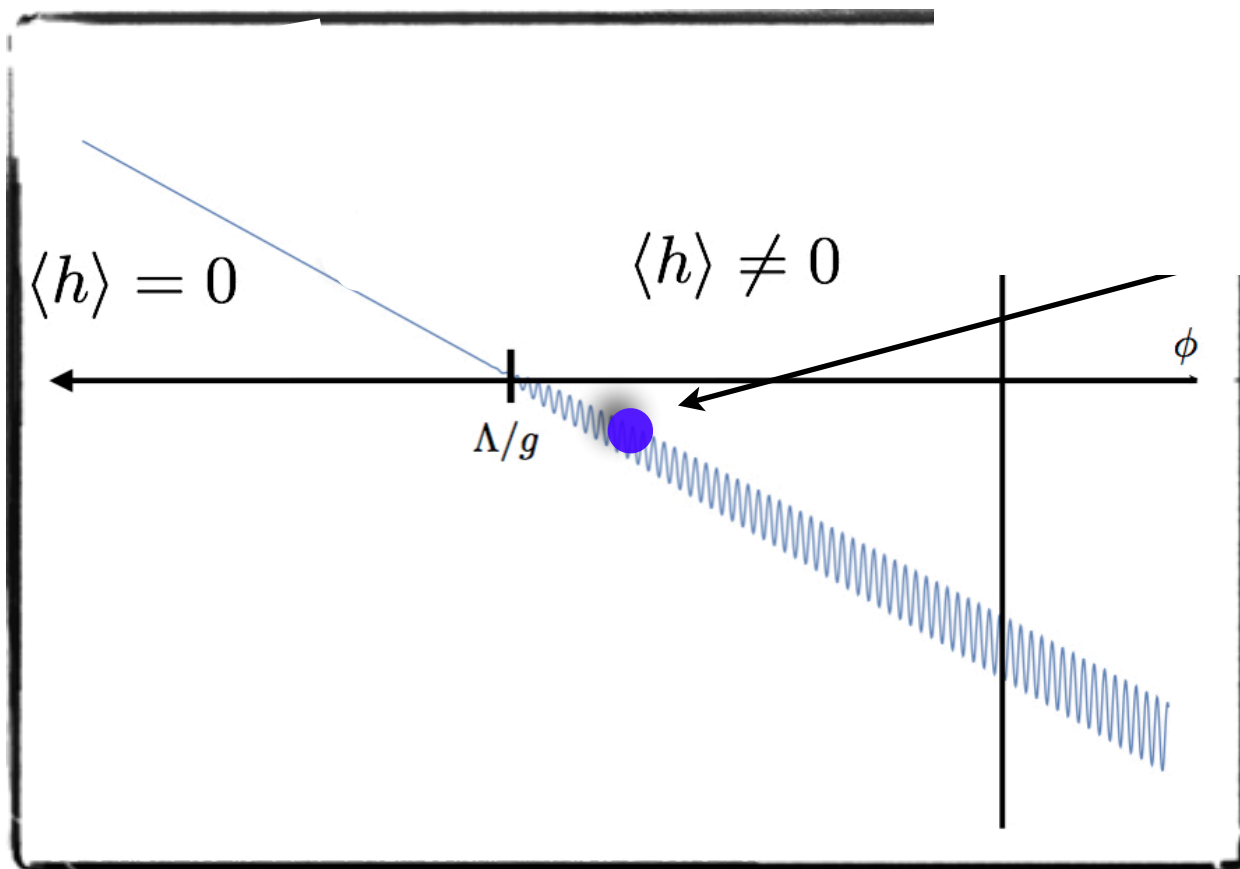
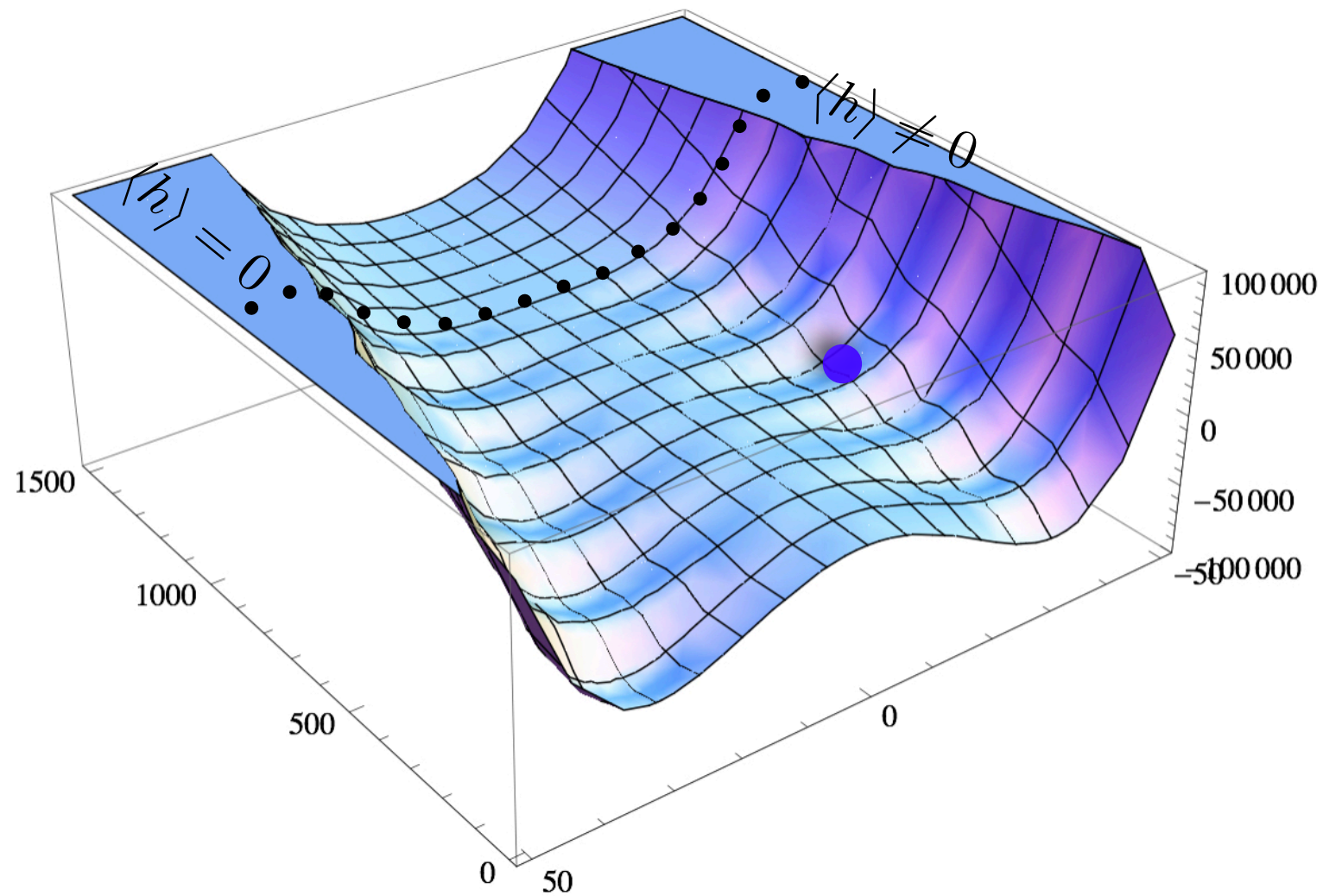
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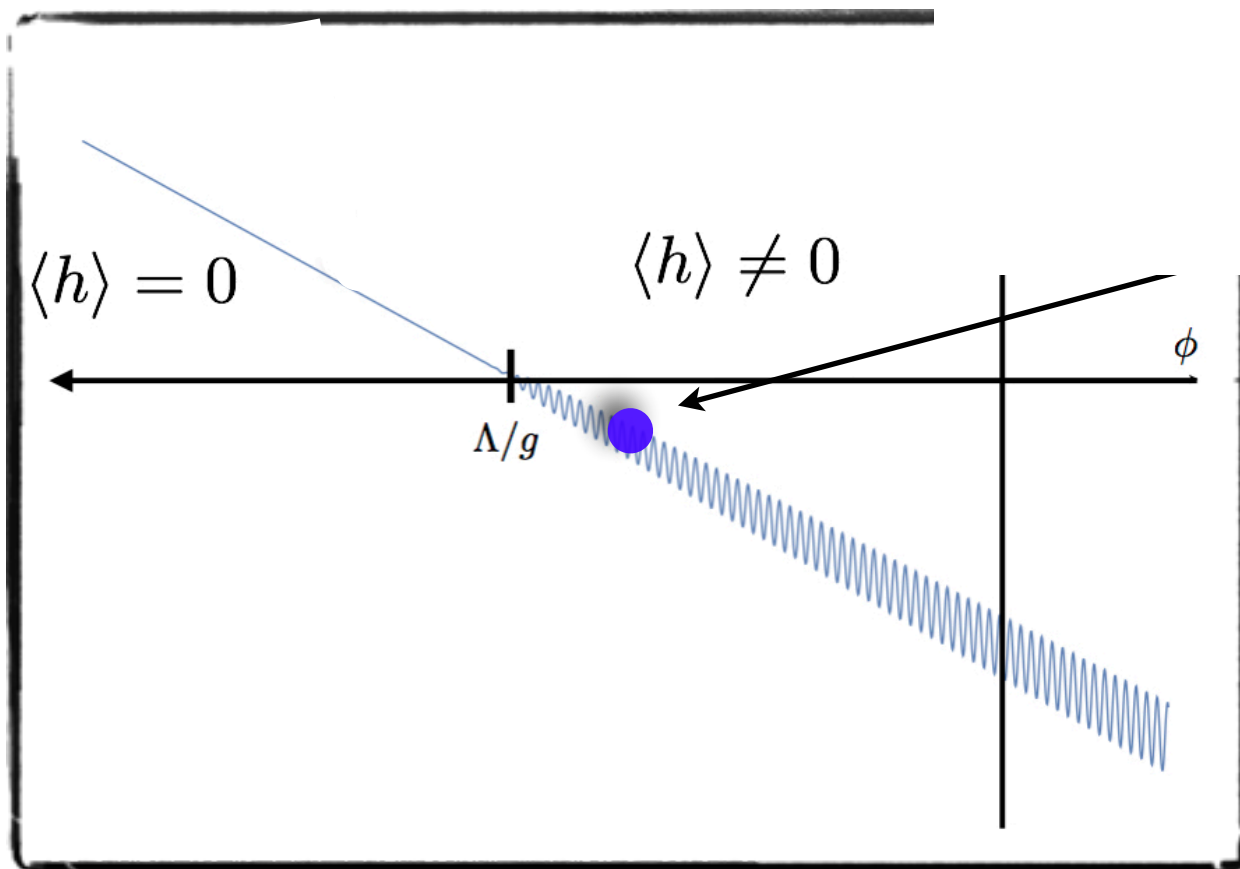
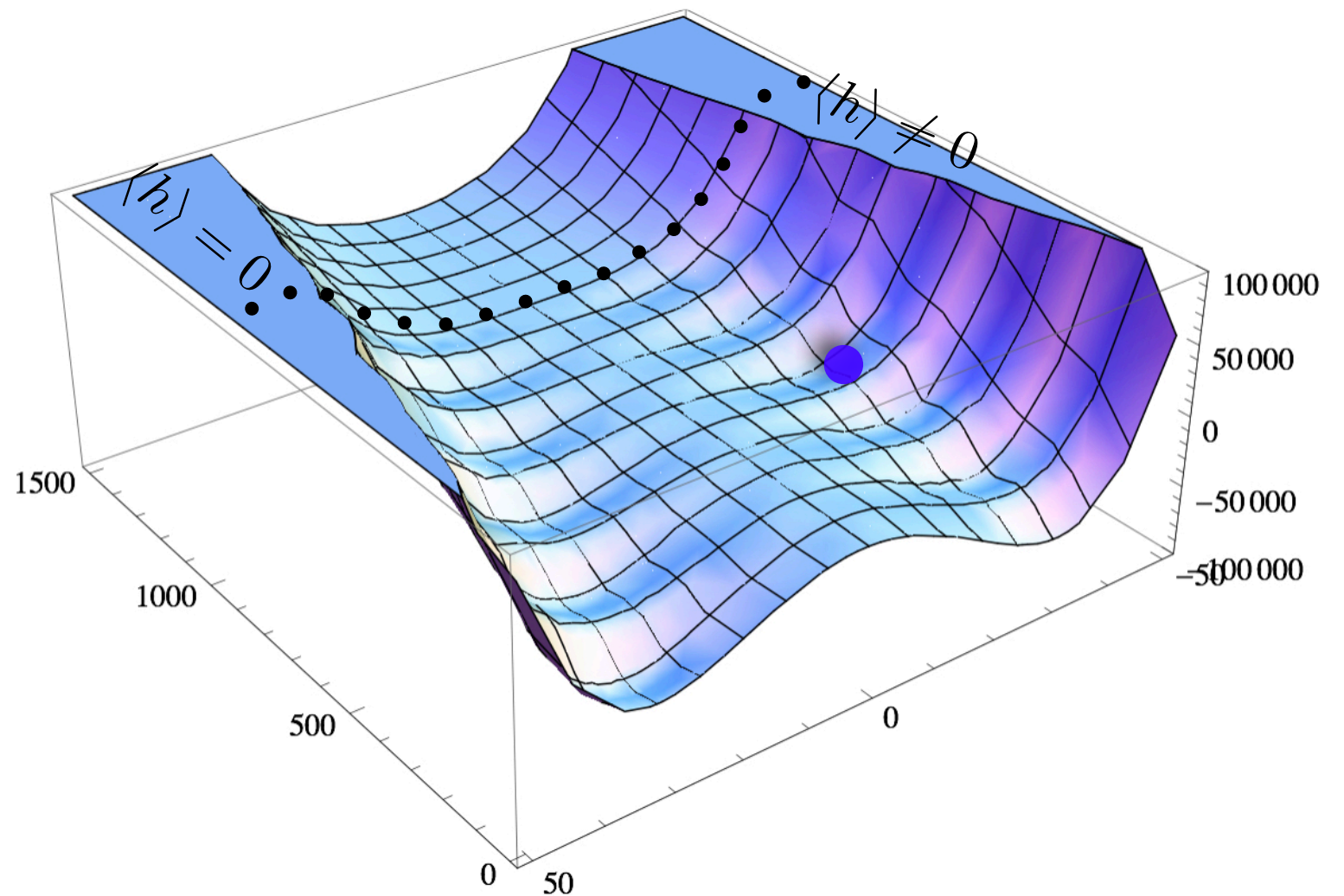
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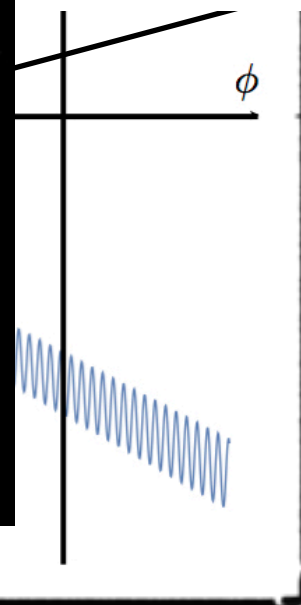
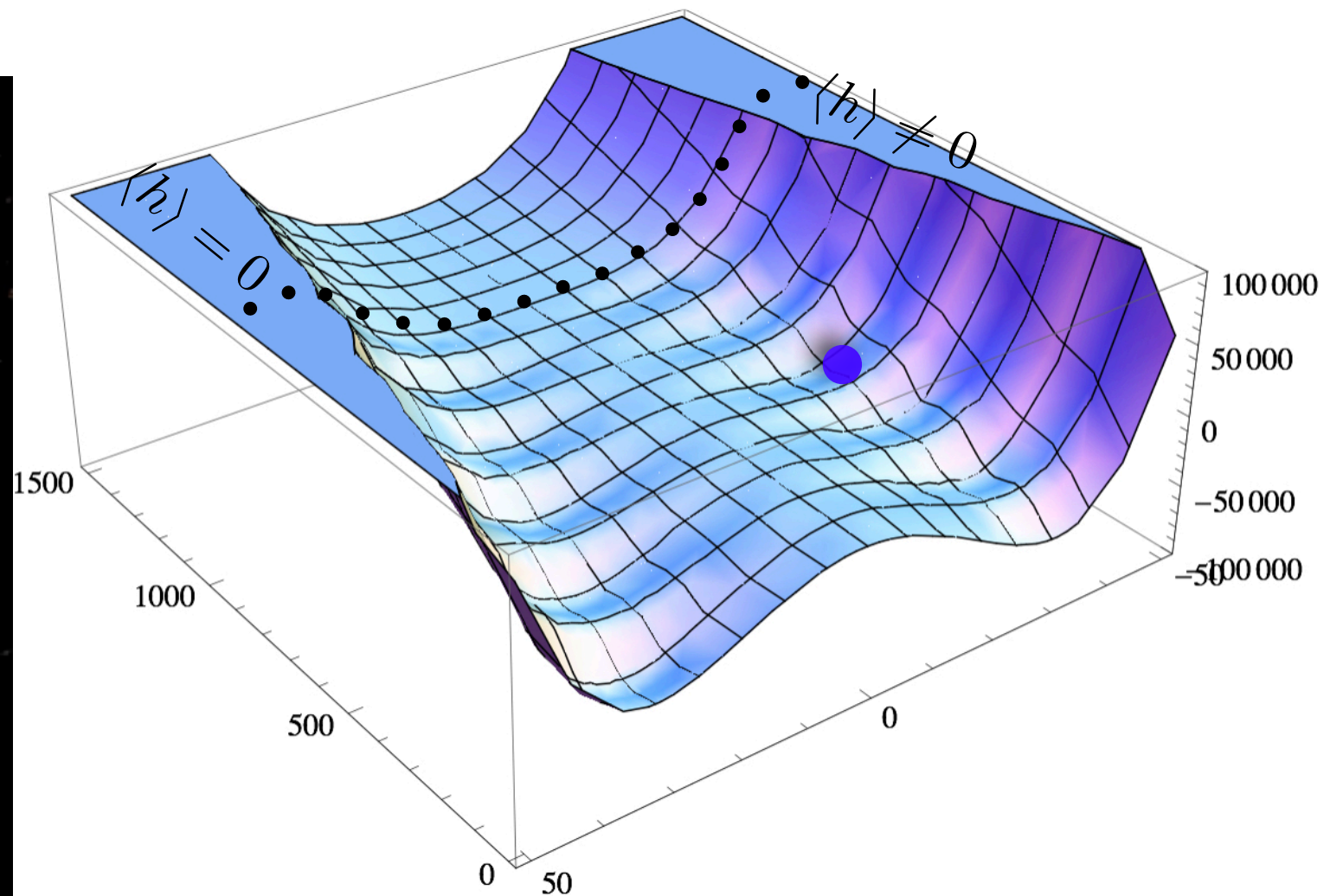


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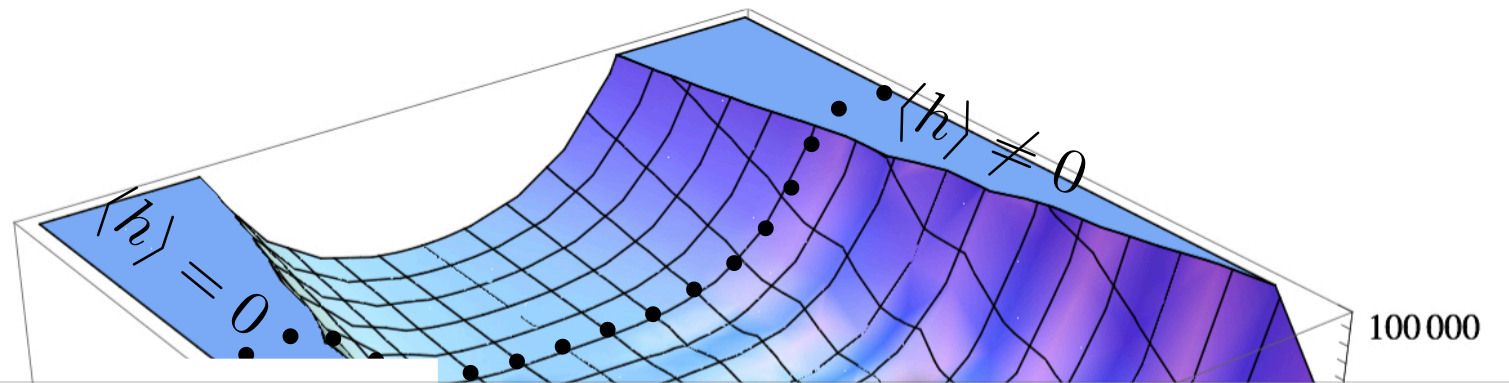
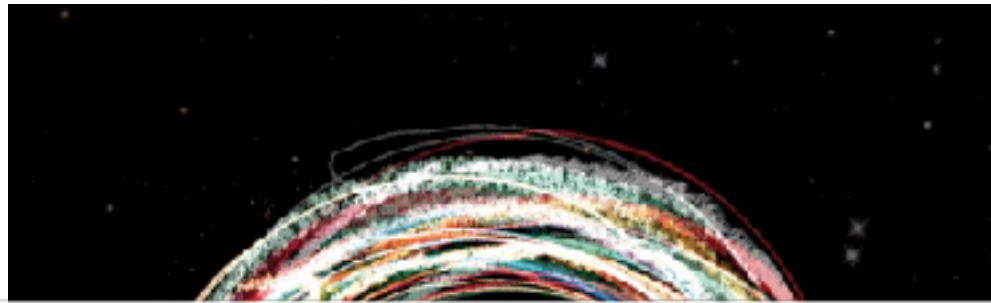


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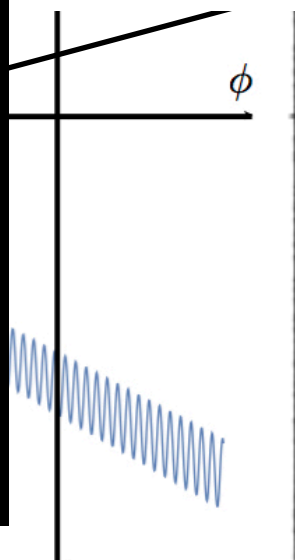
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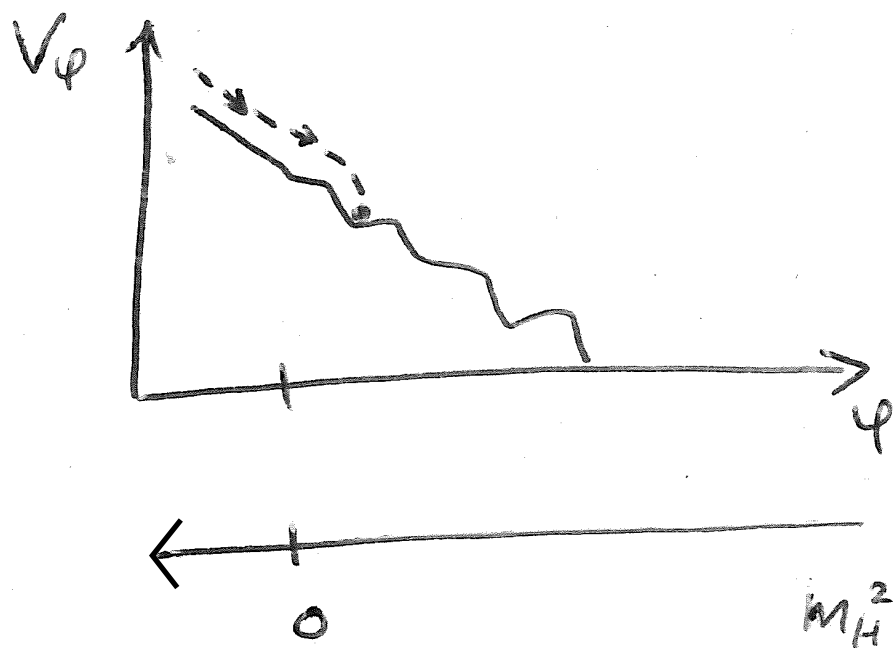
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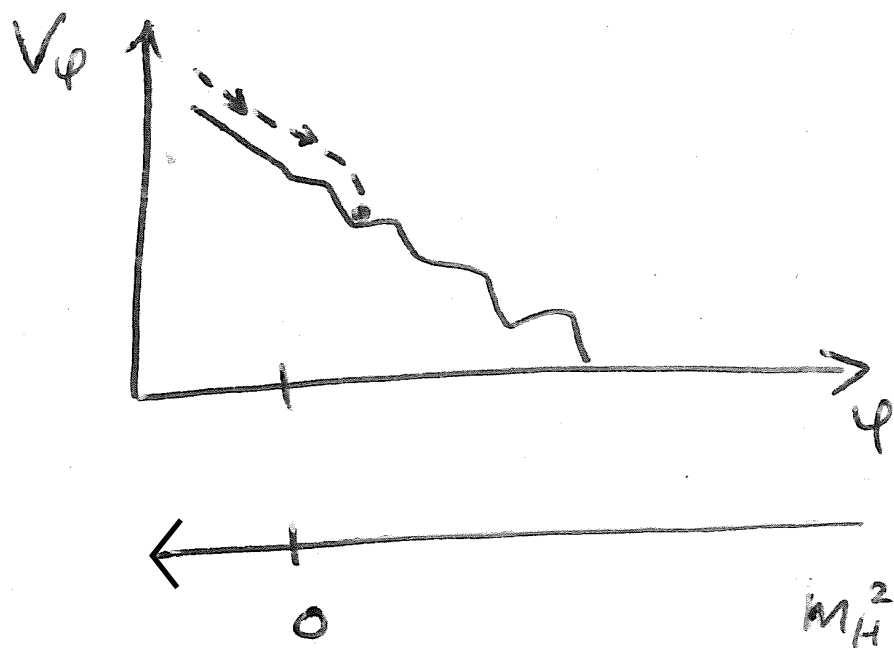
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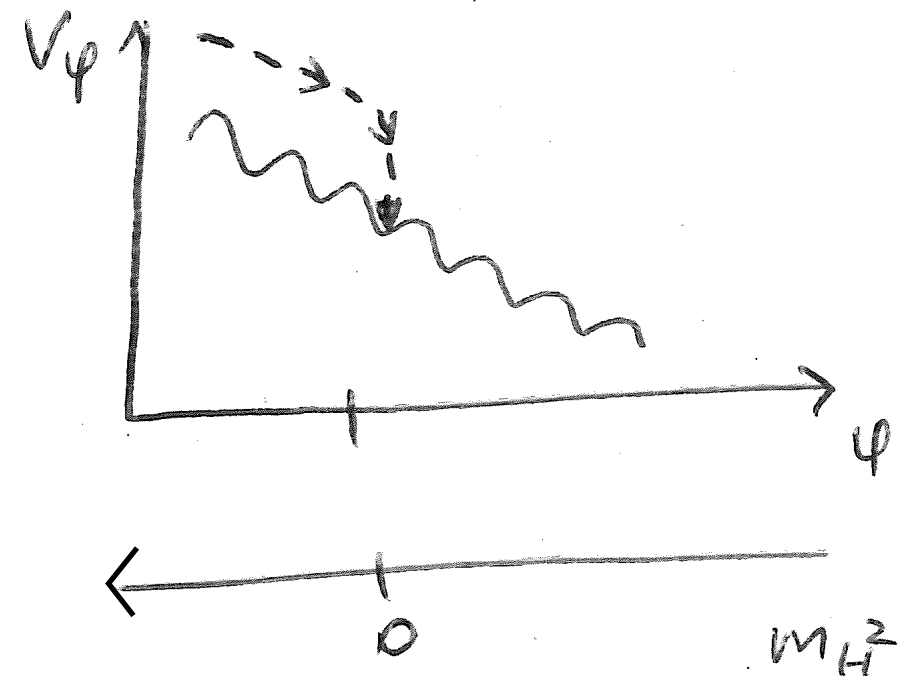


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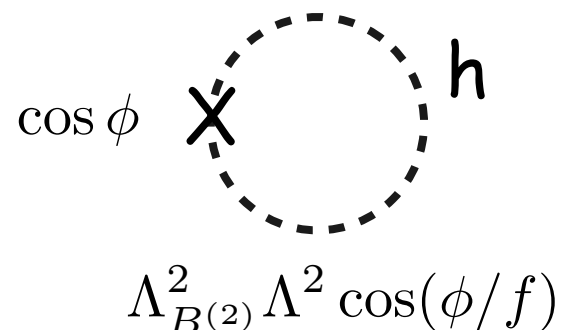
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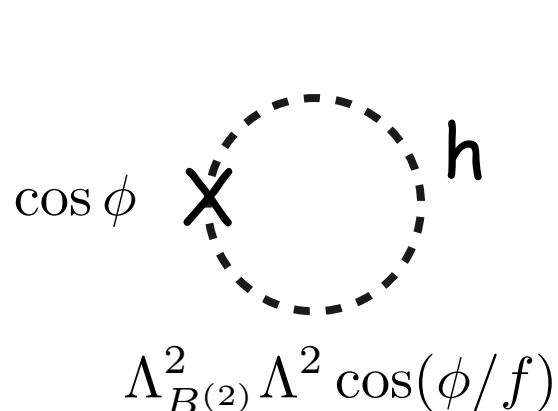
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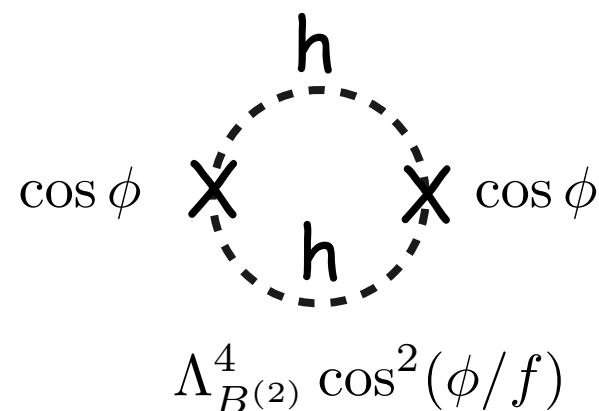
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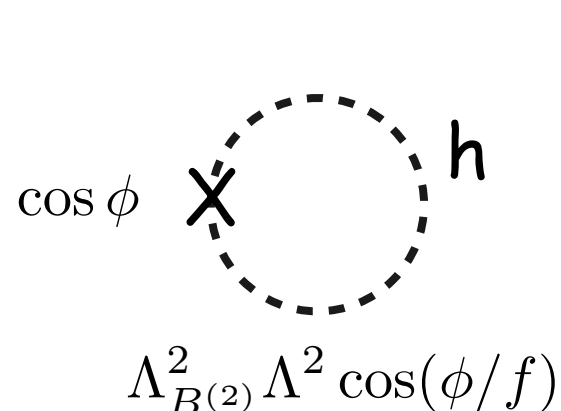
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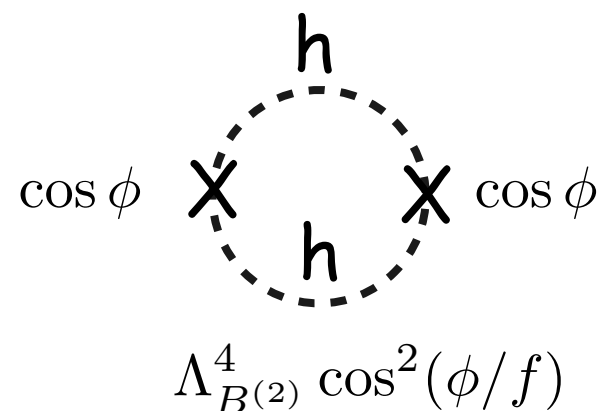
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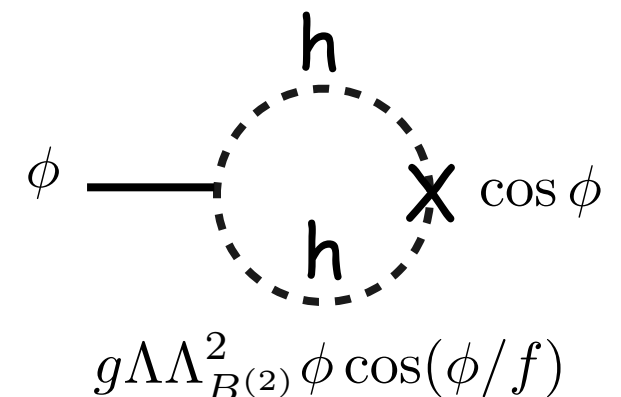
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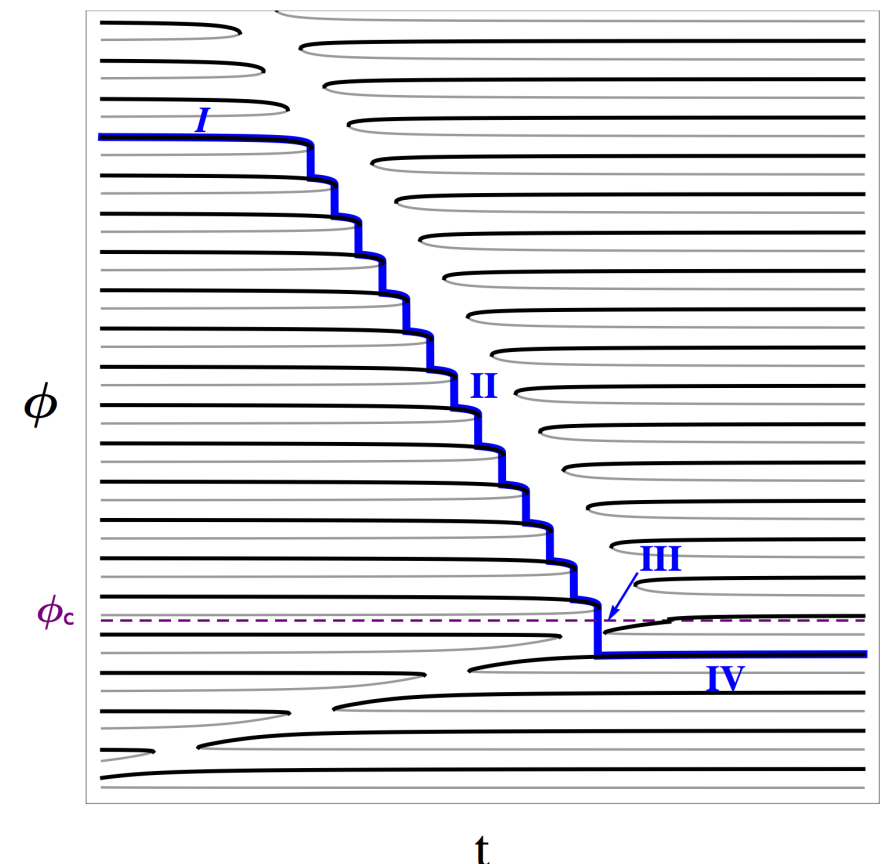
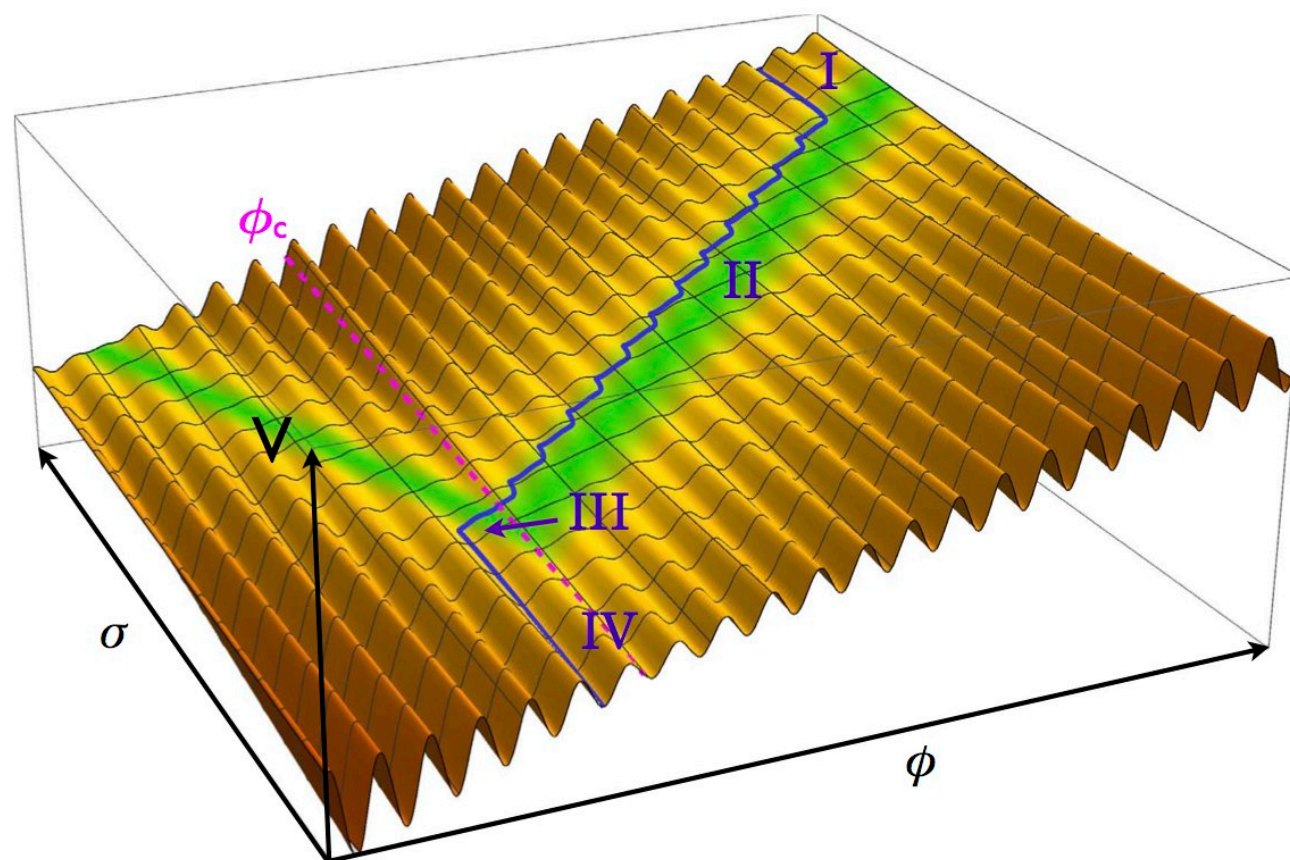
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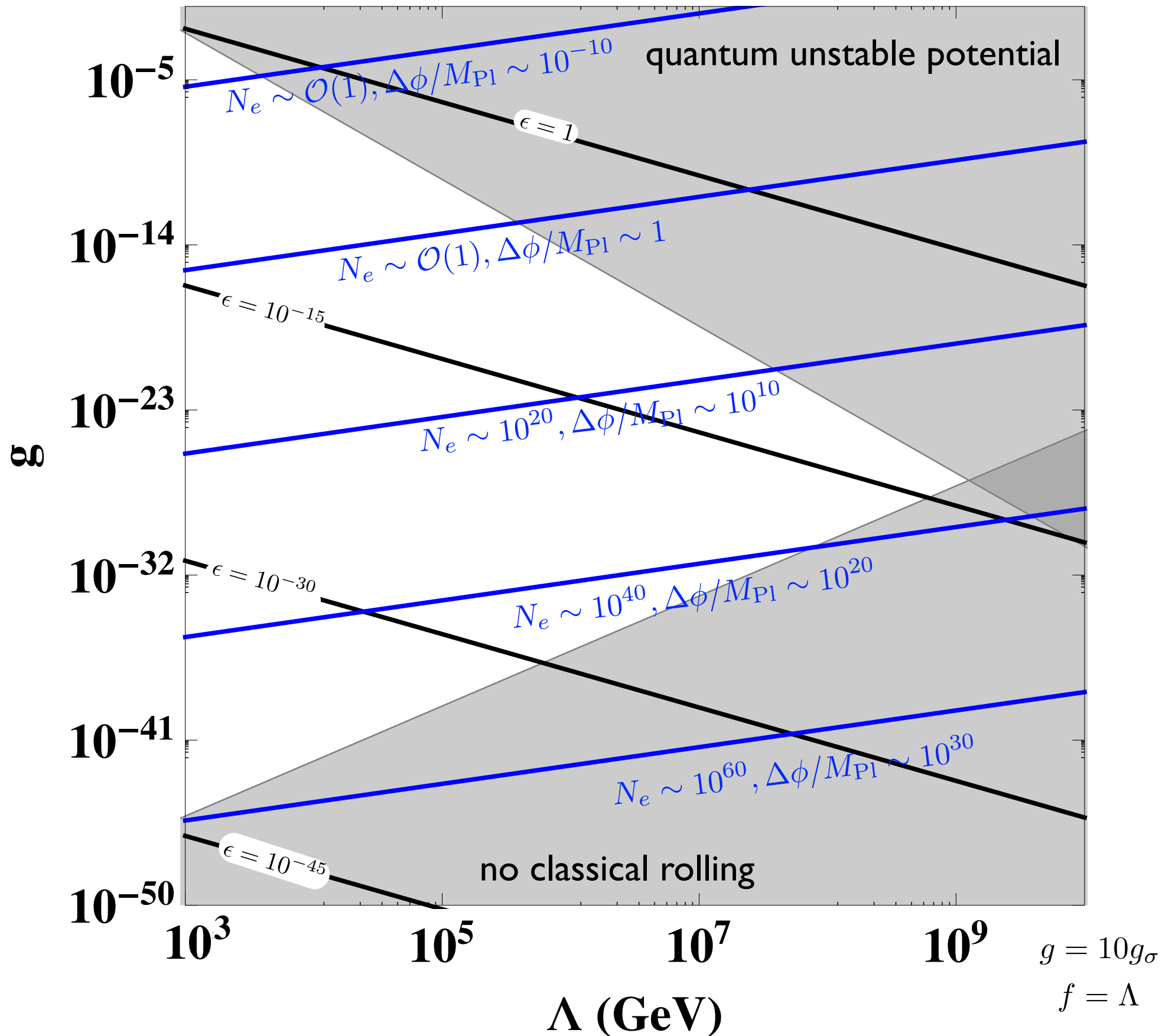
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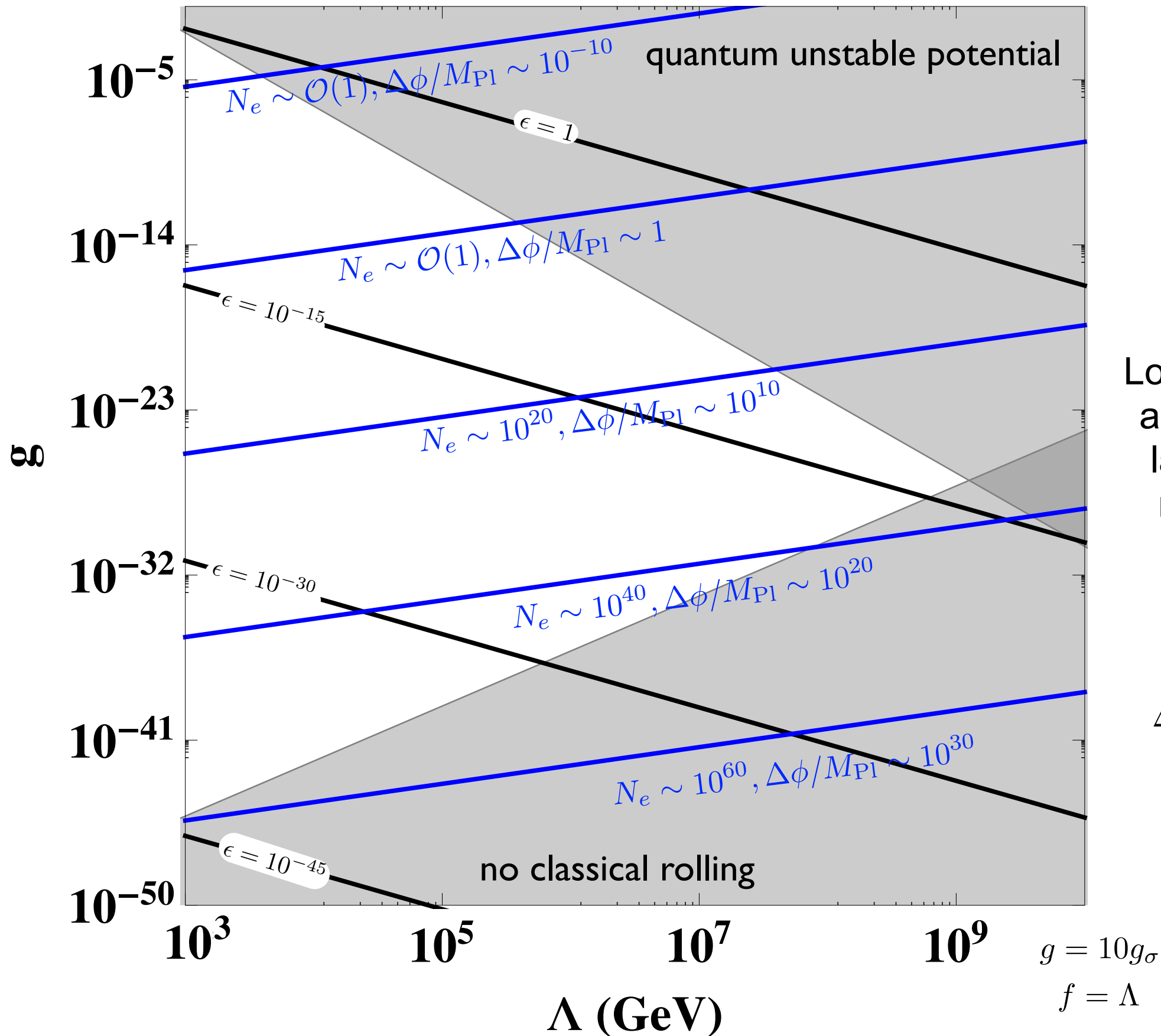
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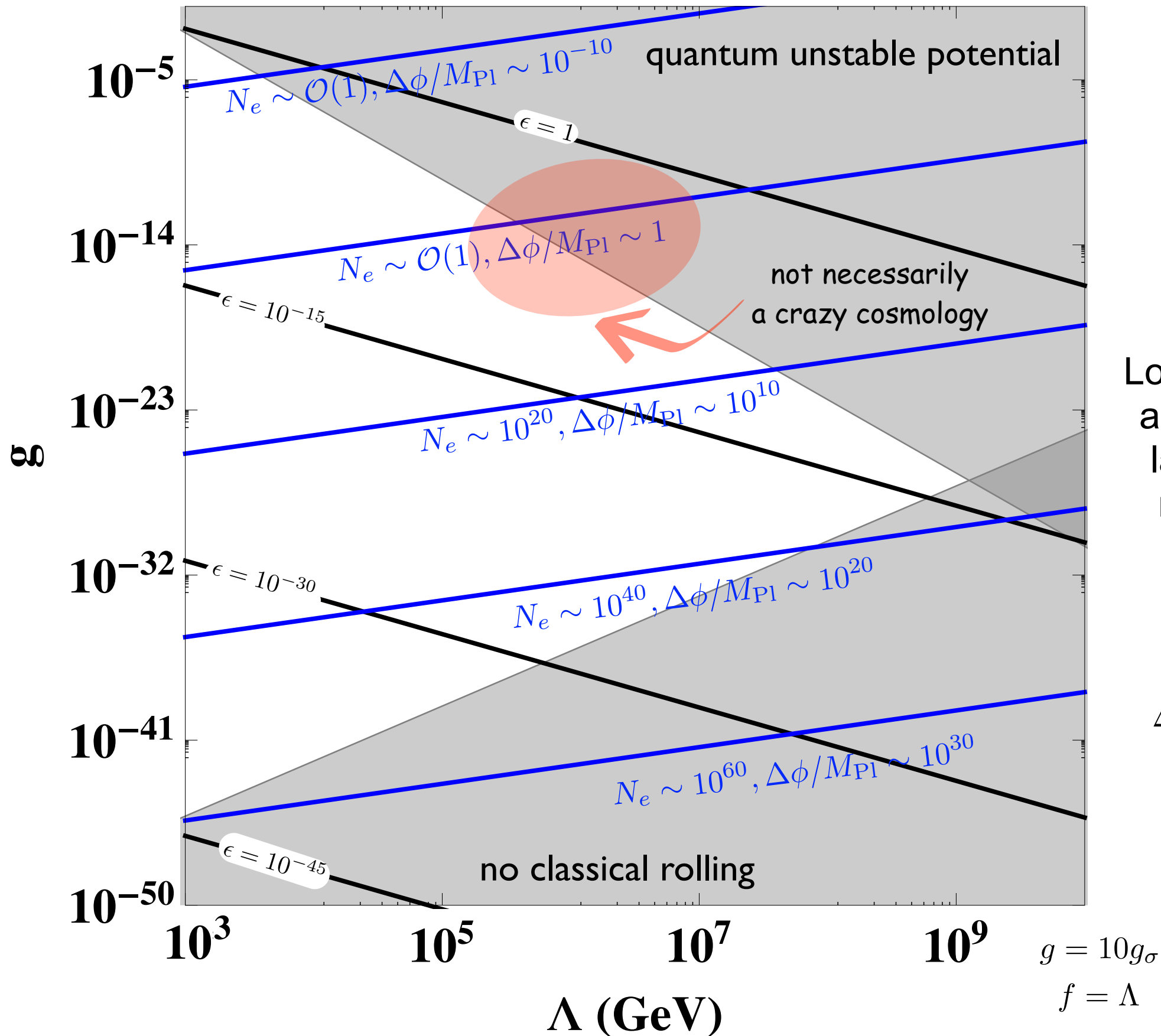
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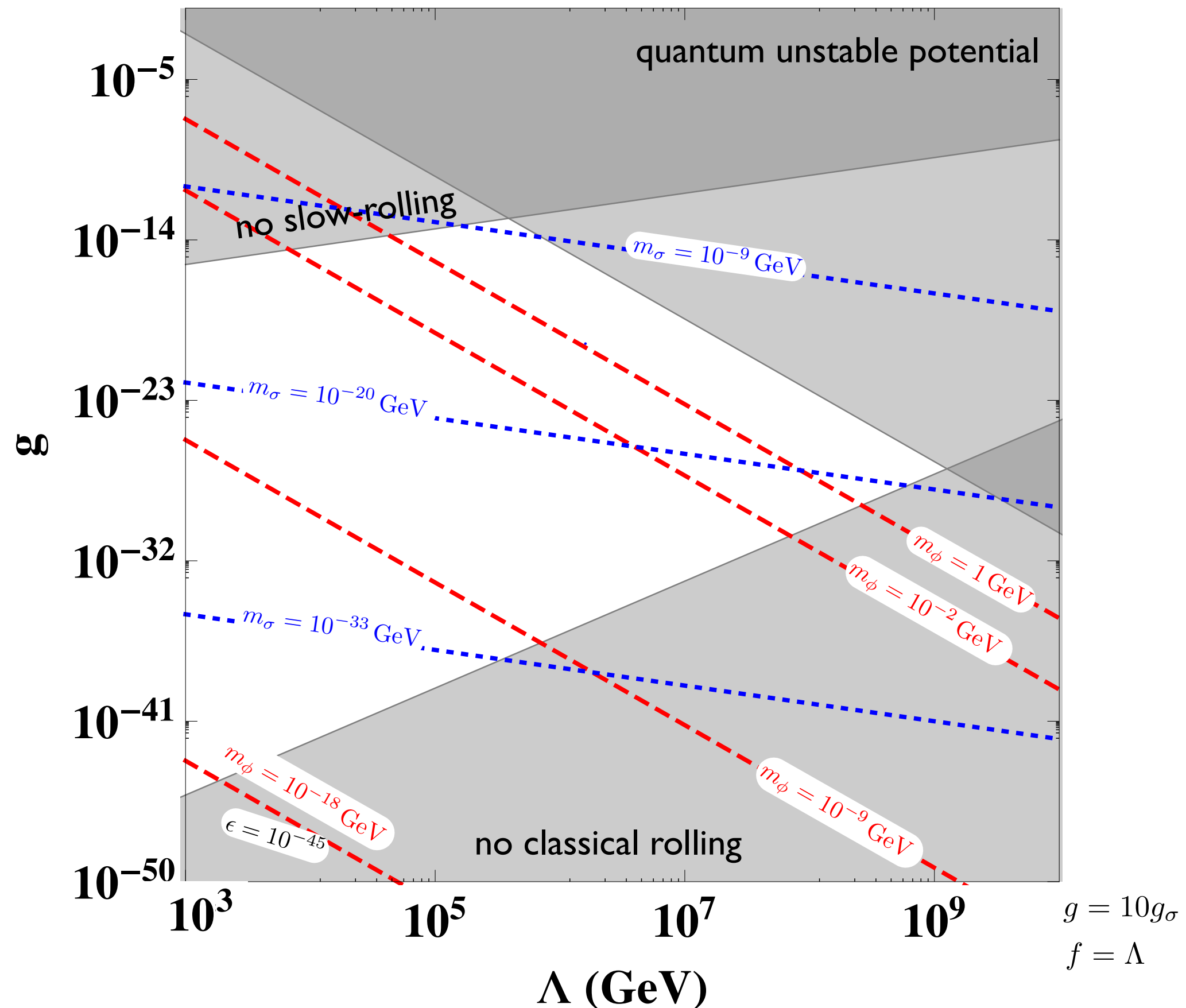
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A QFT rationale for light and weakly coupled degrees of freedom

Espinosa et al '15

Flacke et al '16

Choi and Im '16

~interesting cosmology signatures~

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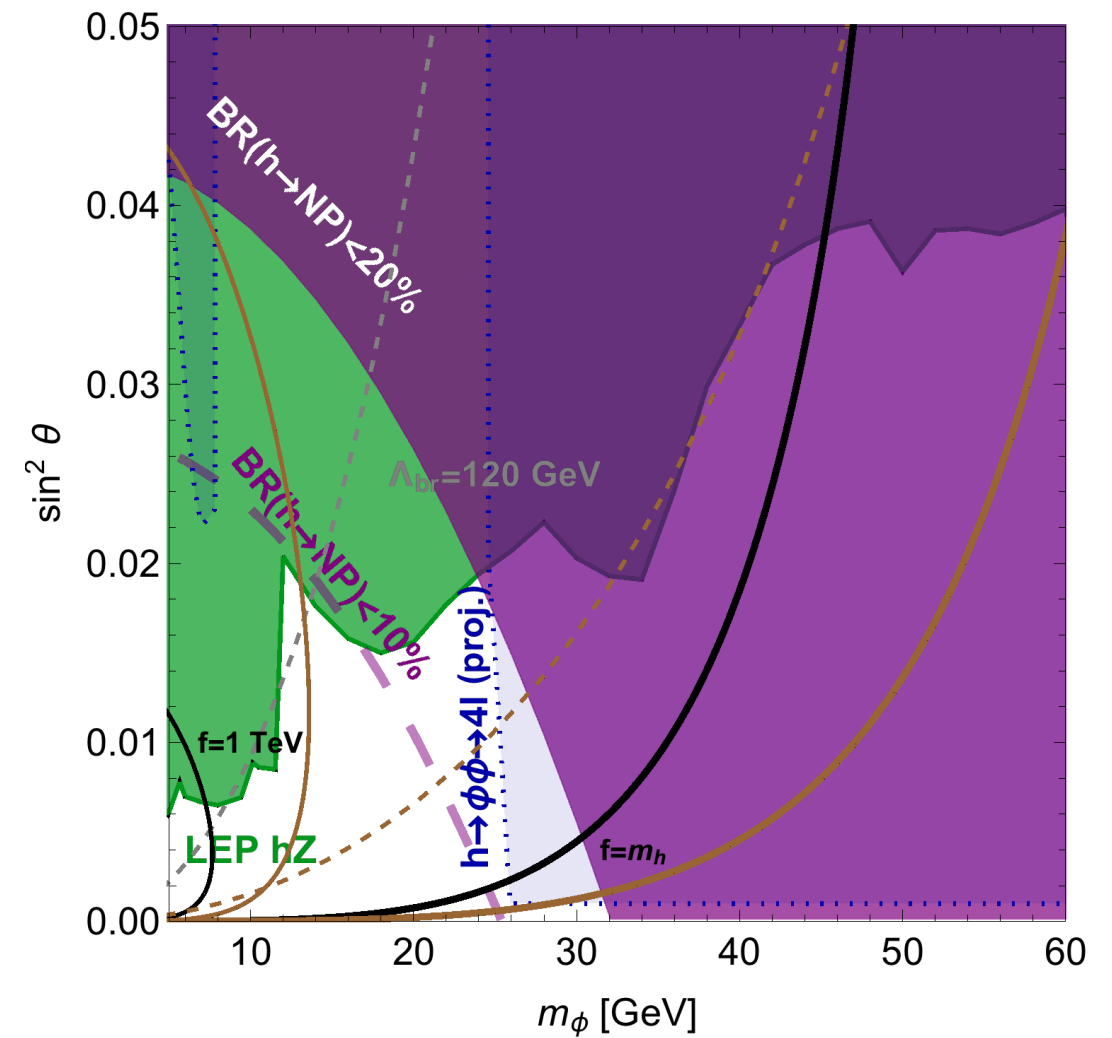
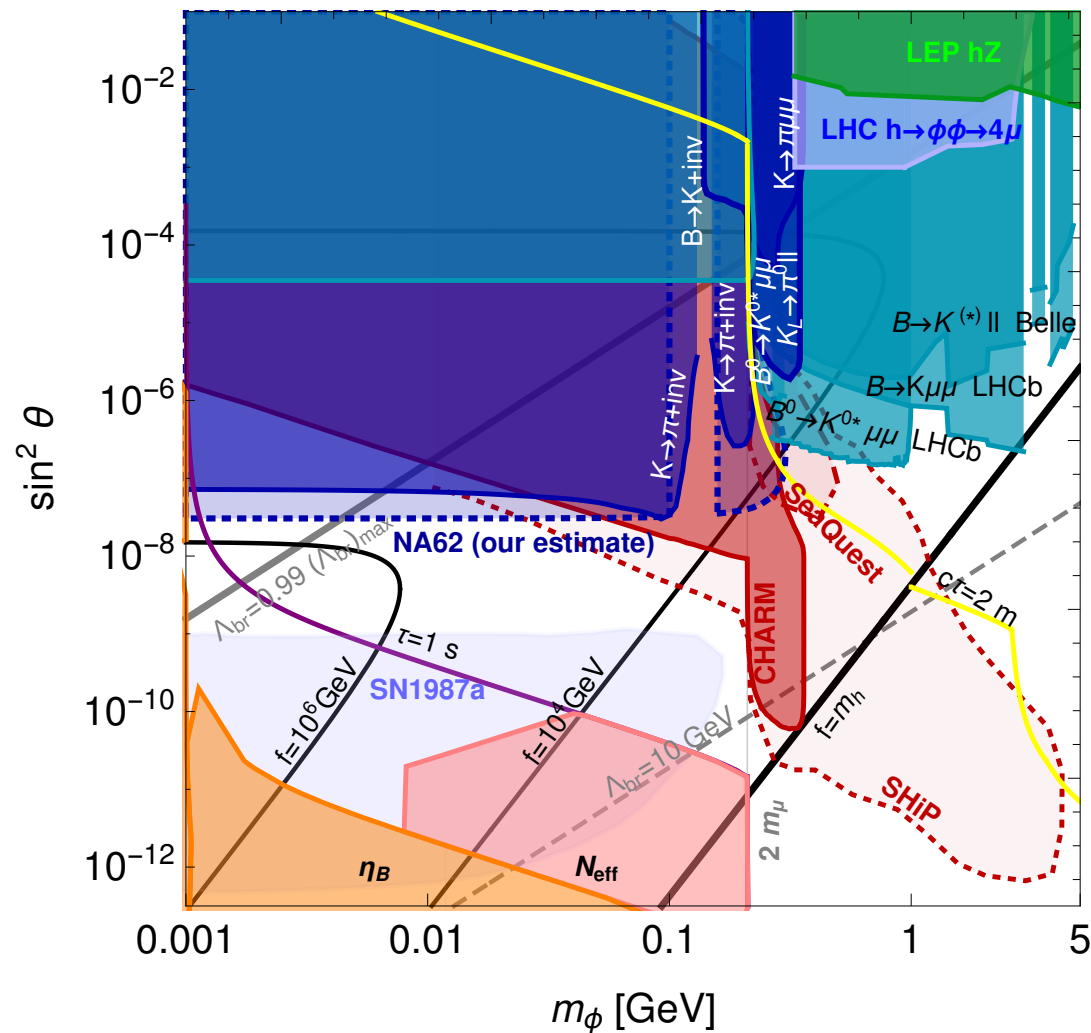
G. Perez et al 'in progress

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Pheno of models w/ TeV scale new physics to generate potential barrier studied by Weizmann people



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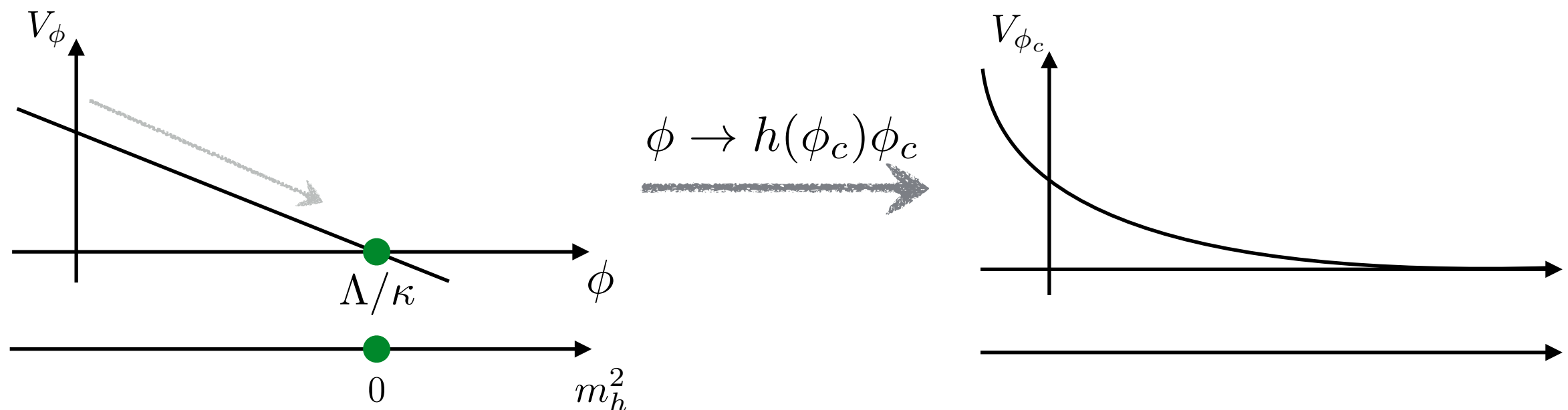
Relaxing without multiple vacua: pole attractors

Matsedonskyi, Montull '17

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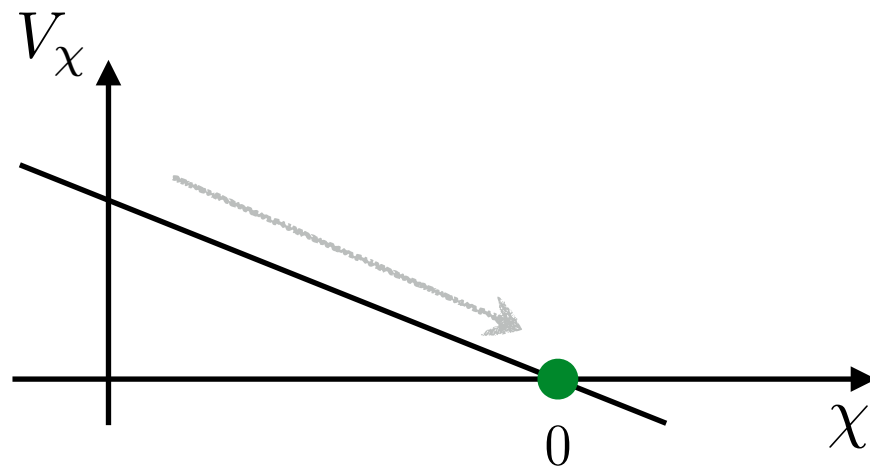
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- The slope of the relaxion potential and coupling to the Higgs decrease and the scanning effectively stops.
- derivative Higgs-relaxion couplings becomes non-perturbative
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Pole attractors: minimal realistic model

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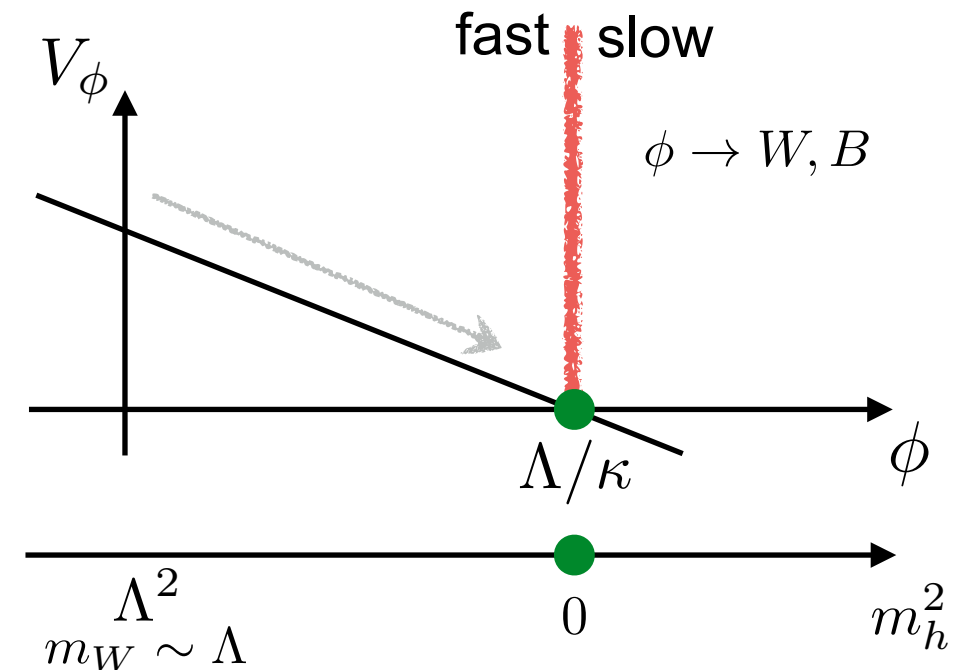


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motivated by SUSY-based inflation models

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* f controls particle friction

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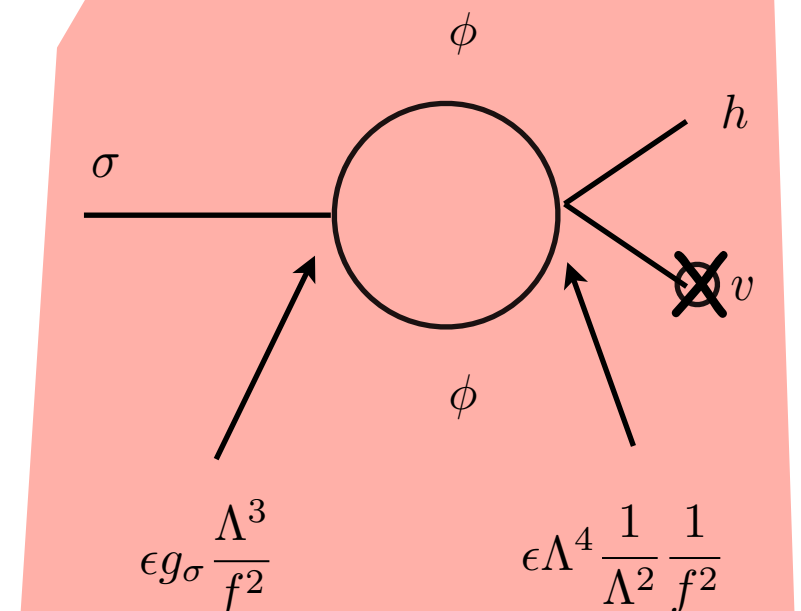
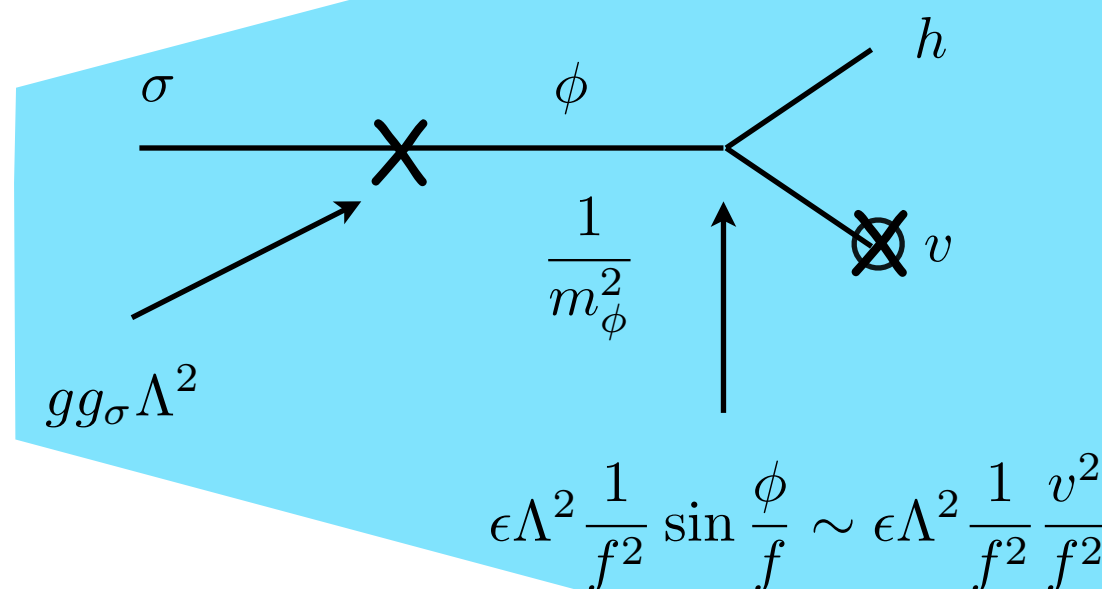
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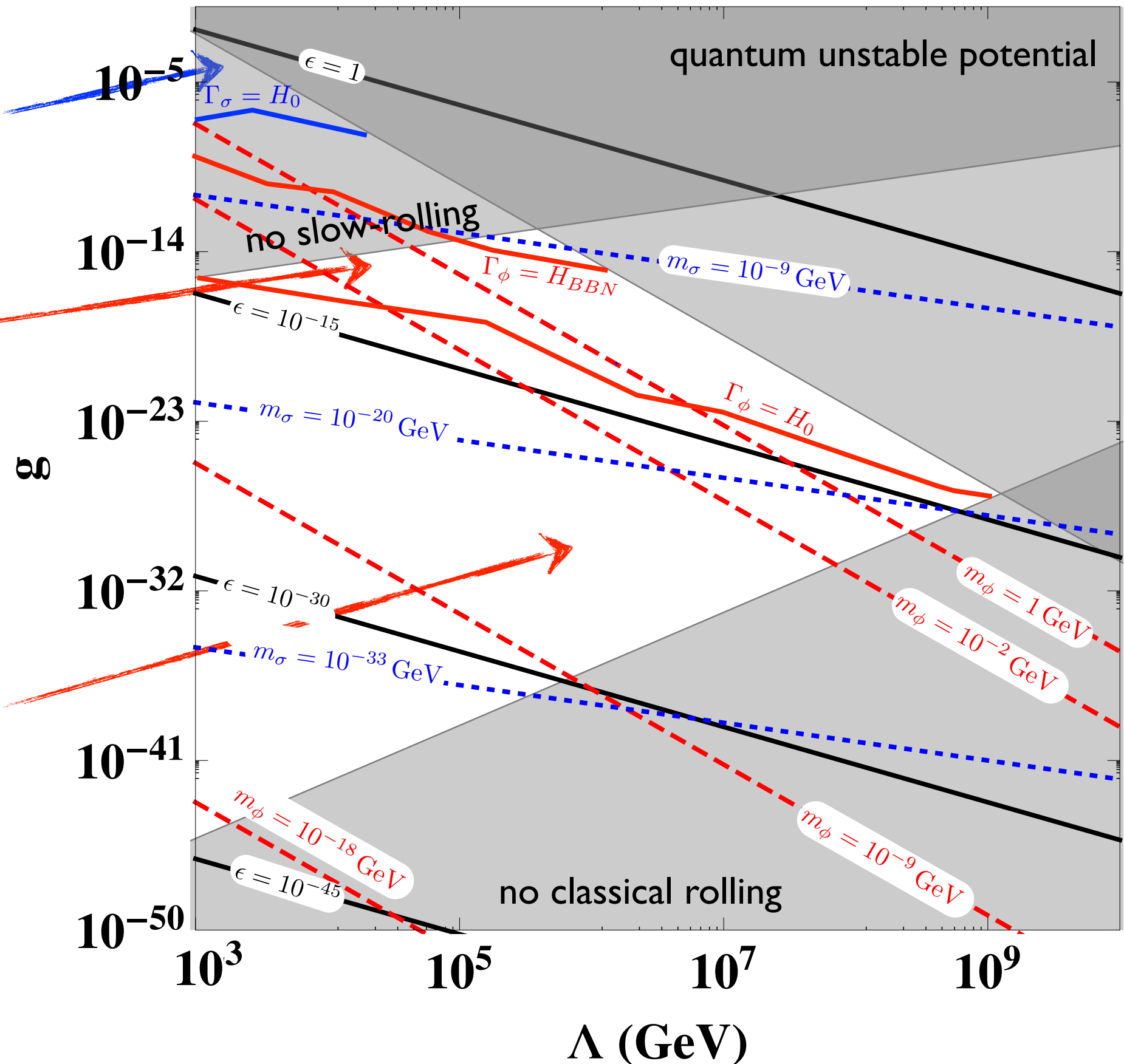
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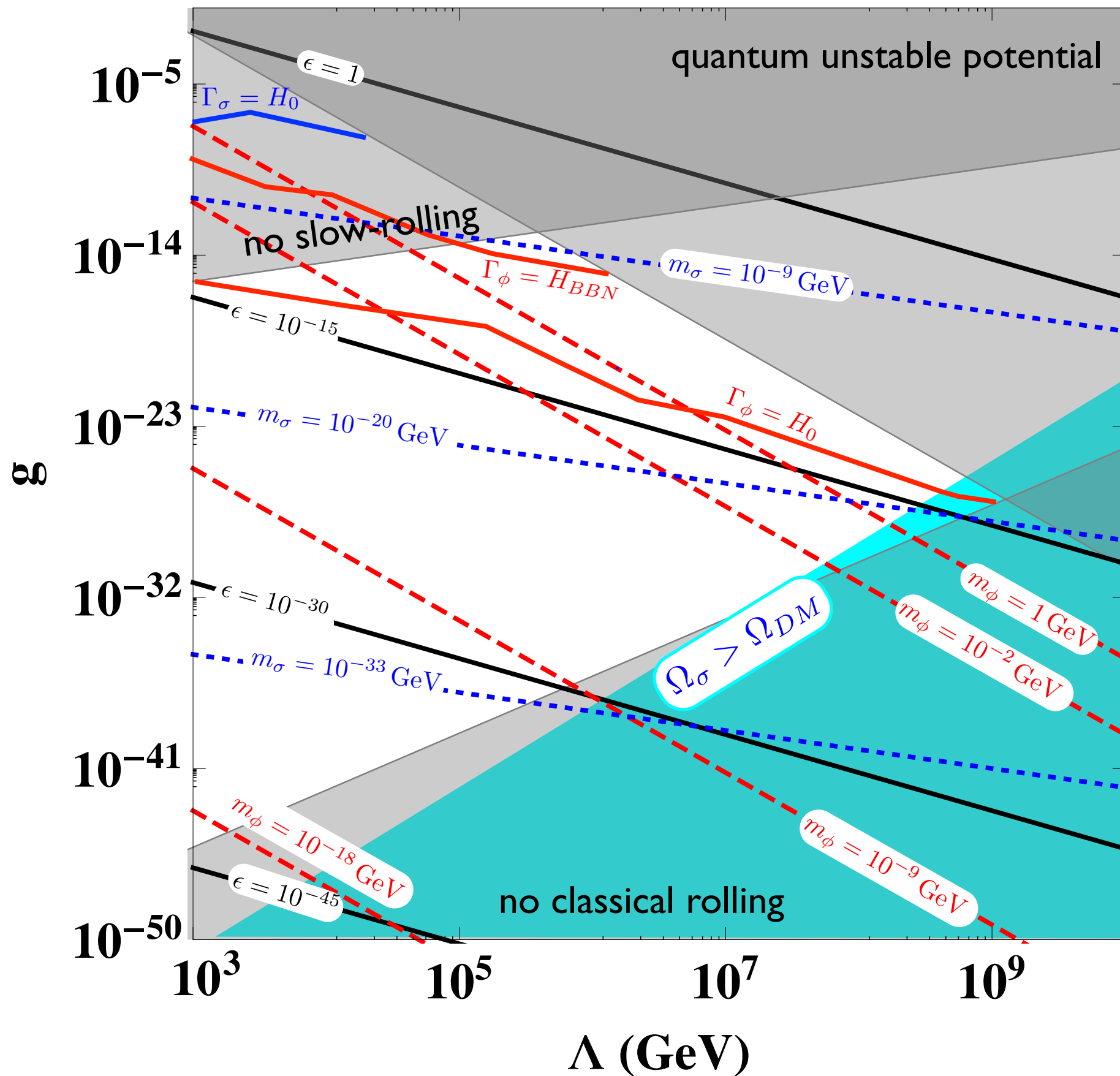
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