

# Probing the relaxed relation across frontiers

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# Outline

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- Intro, 21st century log crisis/opportunity
- Case study, relaxed-relaxion, a few lessons
- Relaxion searches \w energy, luminosity on Earth, the sun (XENON1T)
- Precision (isotope shift spectroscopy)
- Conclusions

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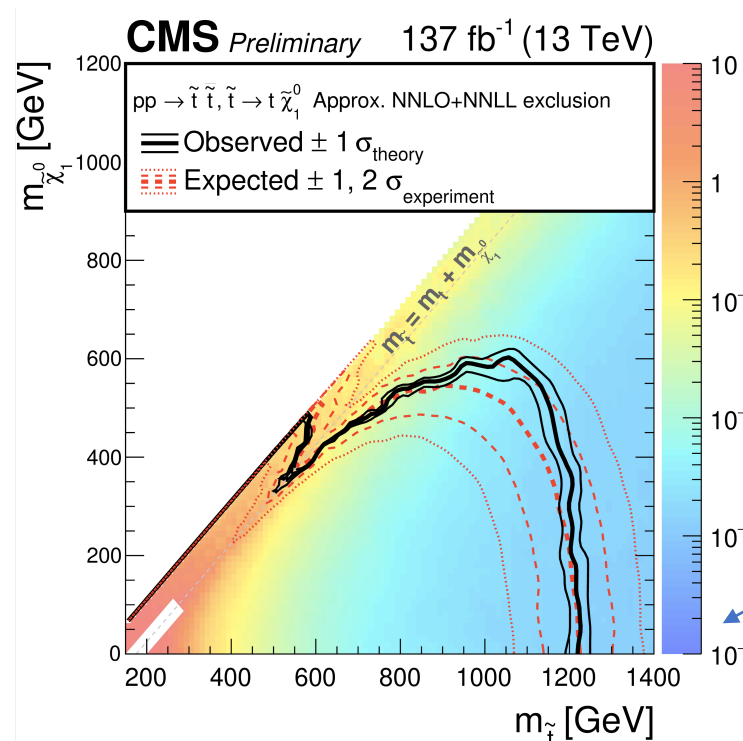
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# Conventional wisdom

- For  $> 40$  yrs Higgs served us as anchor to determine the new phys. (NP) scale.

*Sym' based solution to Naturalness  $\Leftrightarrow$  TeV NP* (still the most compelling)

- Conventional NP searches @ E-frontier, polynomial time-progress, linear scale 2019:



**Summary and Outlook**

- ◆ ATLAS and CMS have a comprehensive program of searches for new physics decaying to 3rd gen. particles
- ◆ Results are starting to become available with the full Run 2 dataset

**New Physics?**

**No significant excess has been observed yet.**

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- Are they all anthropic solutions ? Is it satisfying for the weak scale?

Giudice, Kehagias & Riotto; Kaloper & Westphal; Dvali (19);  
Agrawal, Barr, Donoghue & Seckel (98); Arkani-Hamed, Dimopoulos & Kachru (05);  
Harnik Kribs & GP (06); Gedalia, Jenkins & GP (11);

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- New scalar common to several of above: concretely let us consider the relaxion:

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under some assumption allows for a concrete QFT realisation.

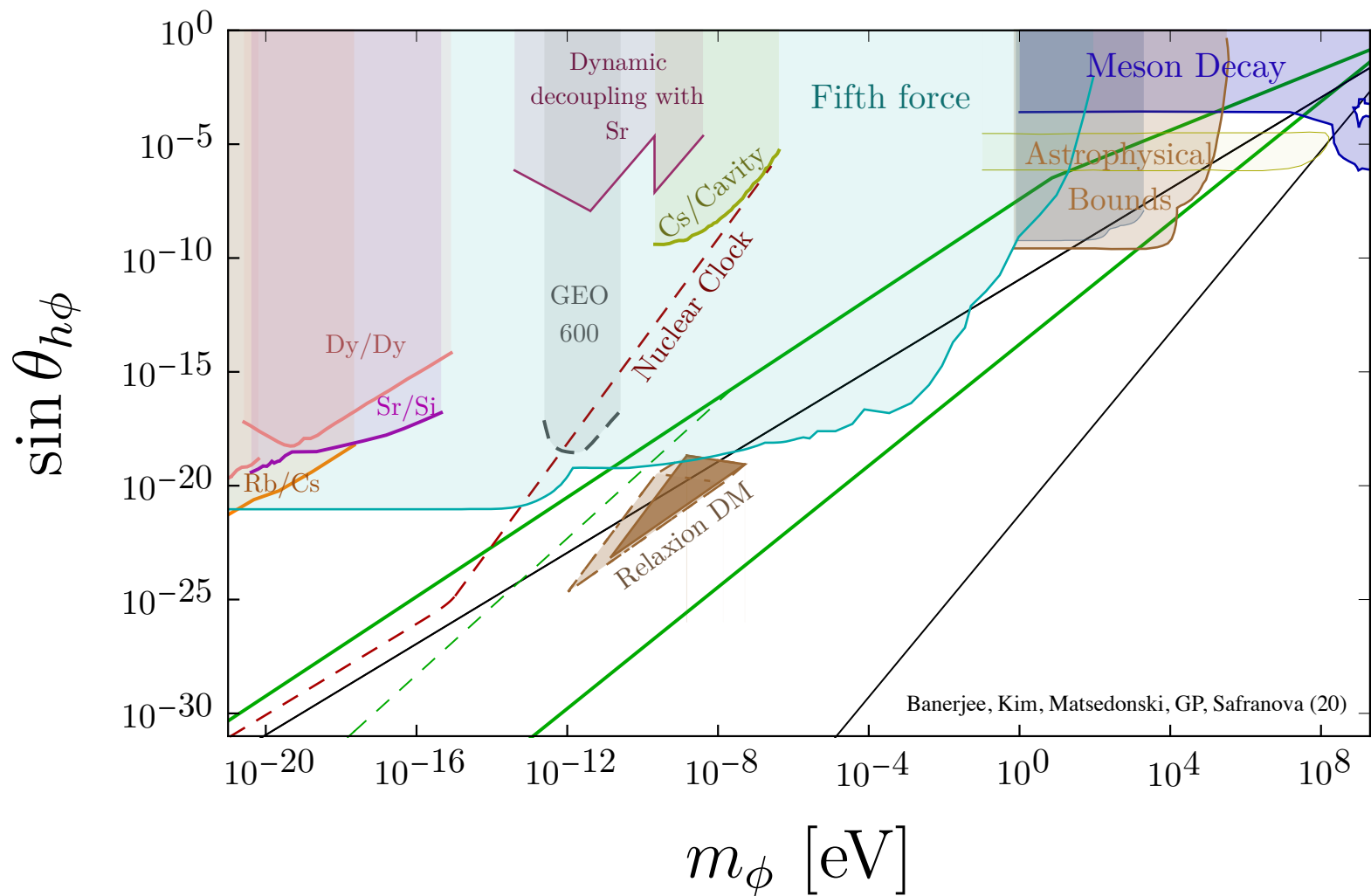
- Bottomline here: relaxion is axion-like-particle (ALP)-DM that (due to CP violation) can be described as scalar mixes w the Higgs but with weird (shallow) potential.

Flacke, Frugiuele, Fuchs, Gupta & GP; Choi & Im (16); Banerjee, Kim & GP (18)

- Searching the relaxion => *log crisis* as follows:

# The relaxion (Higgs portal) parameter space & the *log crisis*

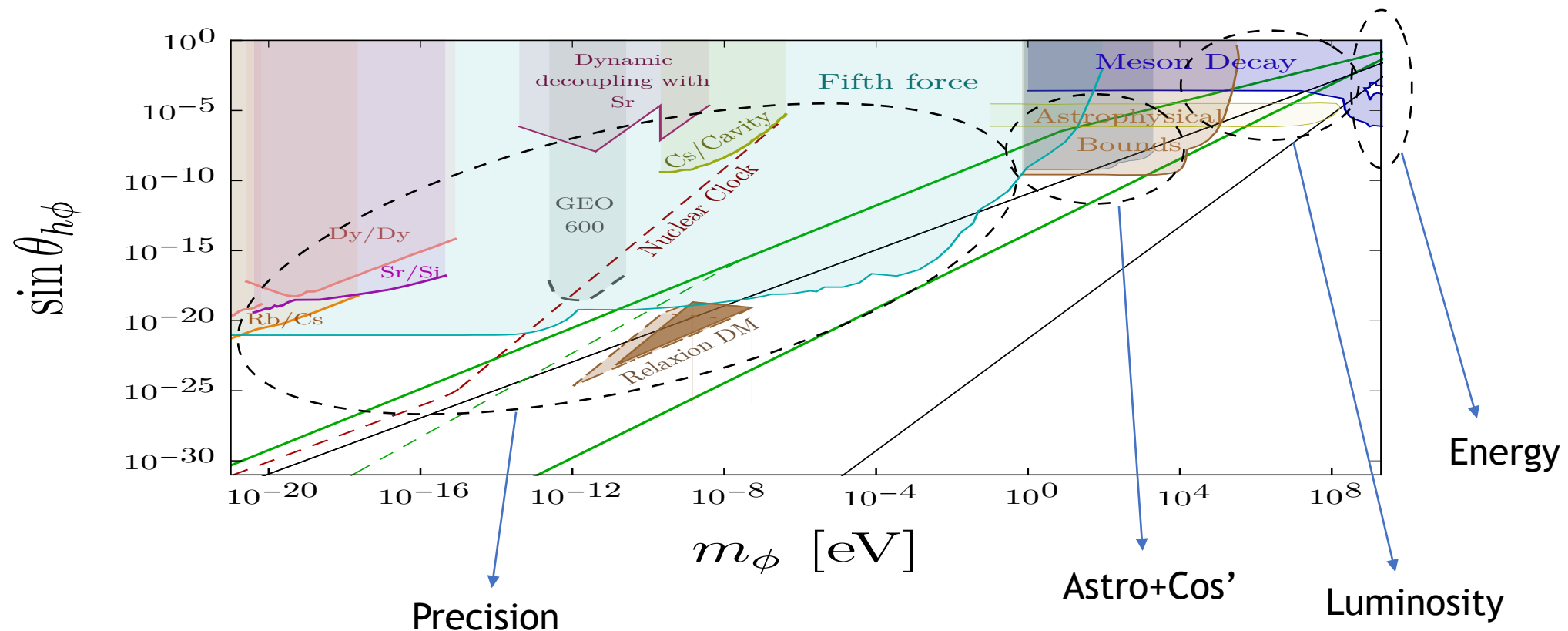
Overview plot: the relaxion 30-decade-open parameter space





# The log crisis, toy example, lessons

- Lesson 1 - finding NP requires diverse approach, searches across frontier
- Lesson 2 - experimentally, worth checking where many decades are covered:

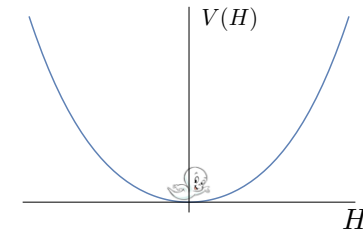
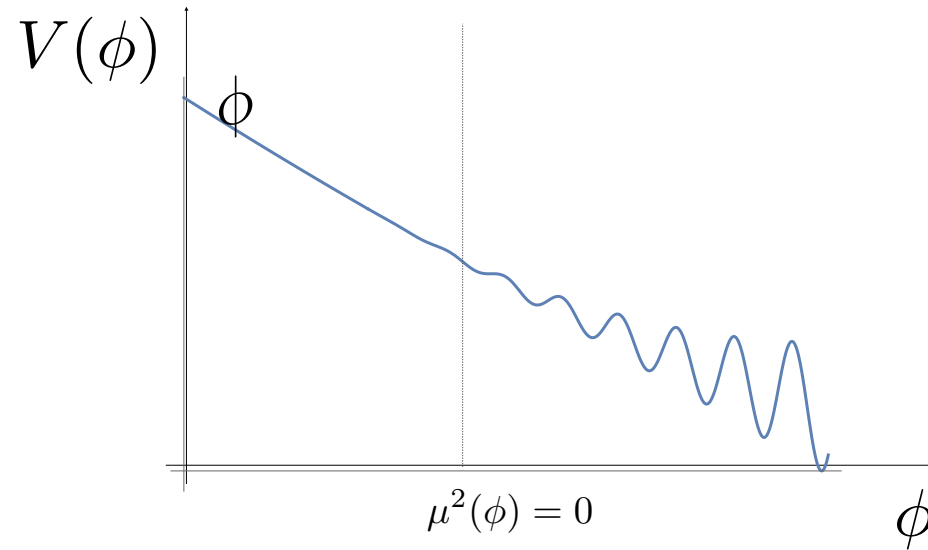


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# A comment about the hierarchy problem

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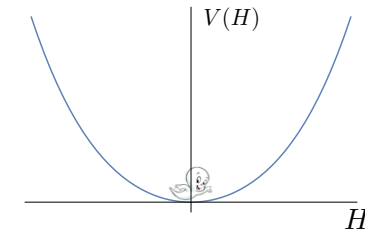
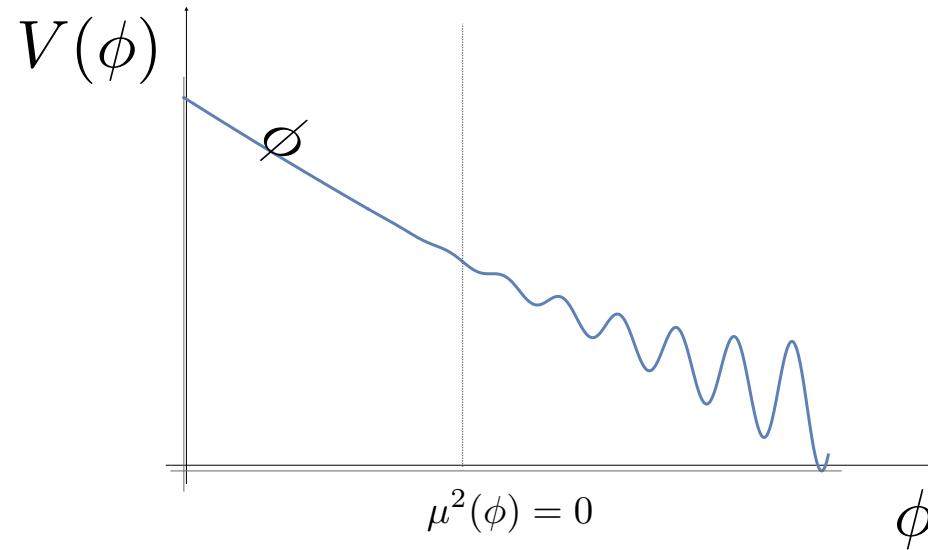
The hierarchy problem: we need to understand why today  $\mu^2(\phi_{\text{today}}) \ll \Lambda^2$

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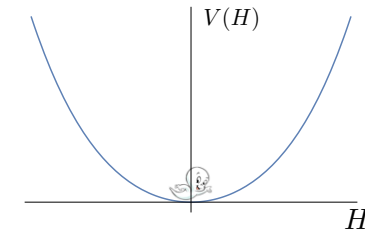
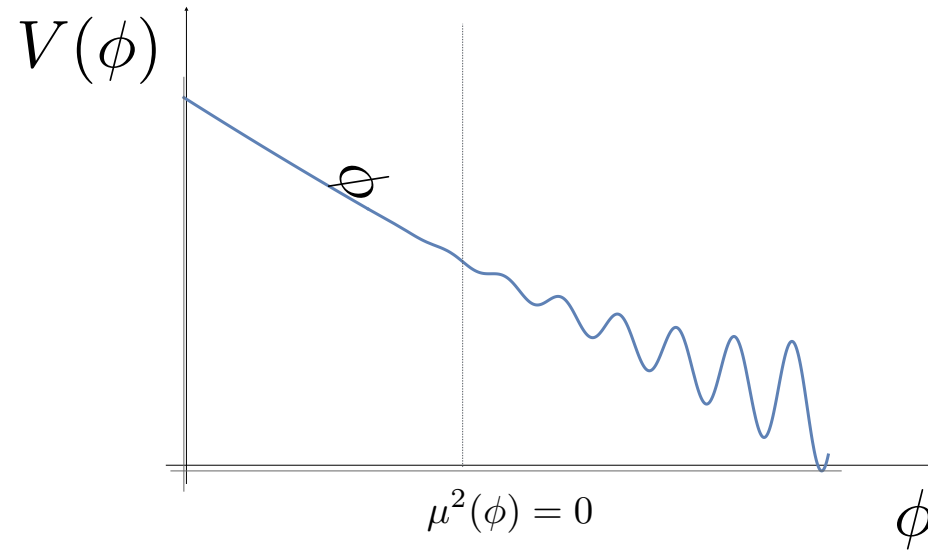


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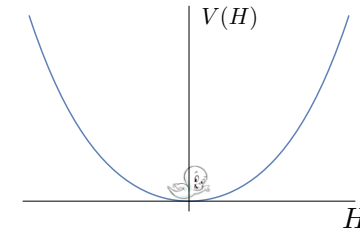
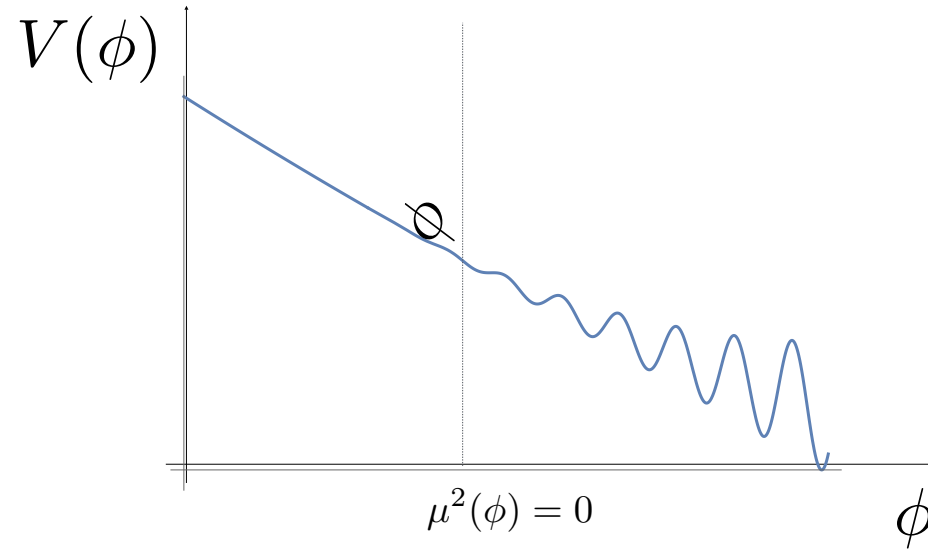


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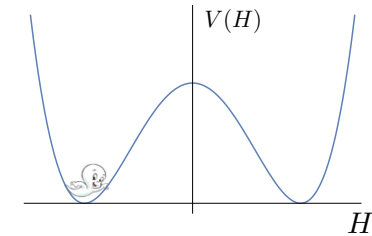
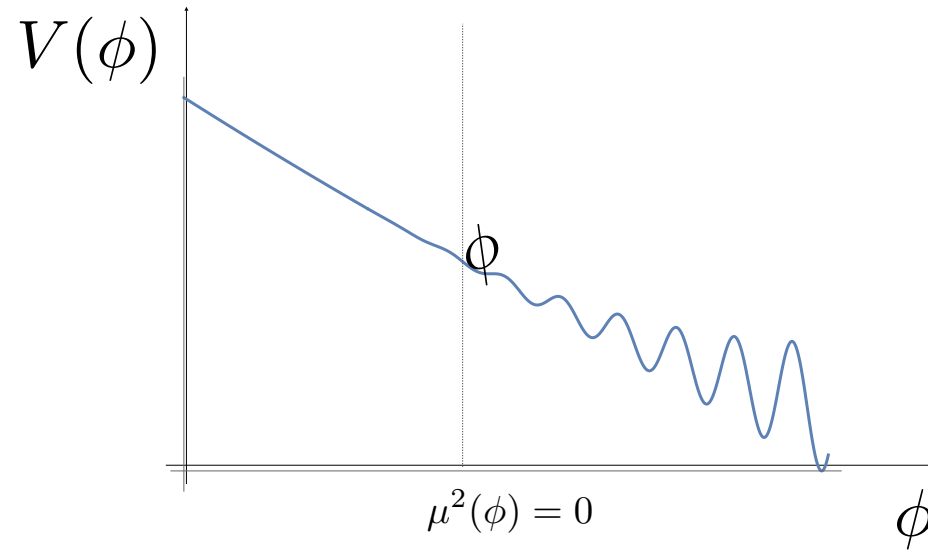


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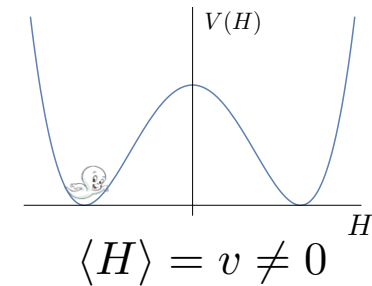
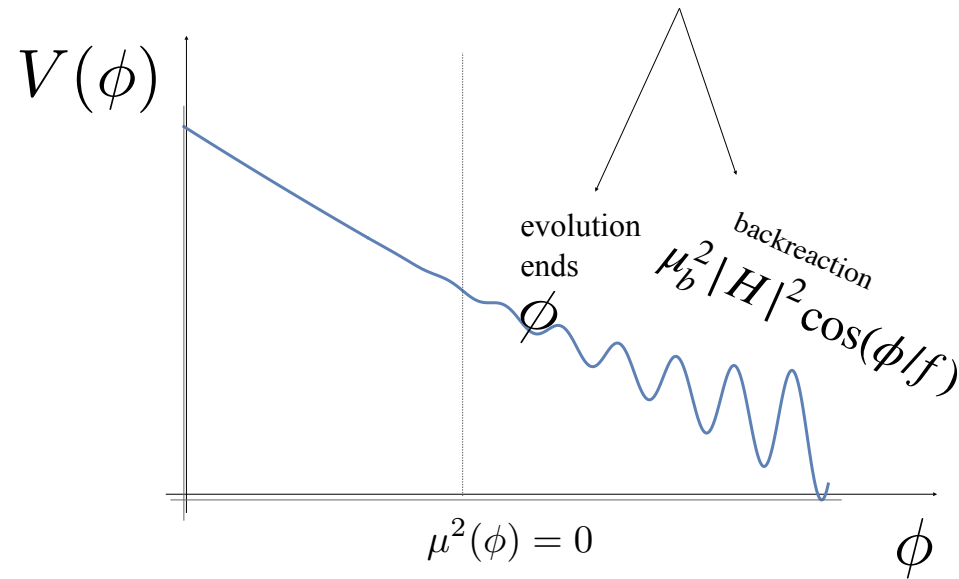


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# The relaxion parameter space

- As effective relaxion models can be described as a Higgs portal:

$$L_S \in m_S^2 SS + \mu SH^\dagger H + \lambda S^2 H^\dagger H, \quad \text{with } S = \text{light scalar} \ \& \ H = \text{SM Higgs} .$$

Naive naturalness implies:  $\sin \theta \simeq \mu / \langle H \rangle \lesssim \frac{m_S}{\langle H \rangle} \left( \& \ \lambda \lesssim \frac{m_S^2}{\langle H \rangle^2} \right)$ .

- However, the (“relaxed”) relaxion parameter space, goes well above the natural mixing region => interesting & encouraging for pheno.

Banerjee, Kim, Matsedonski, GP & Safranov (20)

## 3 differences from generic Higgs portal

- (i) Lower + upper bound on mixing angle, apparent unnaturalness
- (ii) Tiny “distance” between 1st minimum & maximum
- (iii) [Relaxion has also parity-odd-ALP (axion-like-particle) couplings]

# Point i: Relaxion's naive parameters (similar to ALP, backreaction domination)

$$m_\phi^2 \sim \partial_\phi^2 V_{br}(\phi, h) \sim \frac{\mu_b^2 v_{EW}^2}{f^2} \cos \frac{\phi_0}{f} \sim 1$$

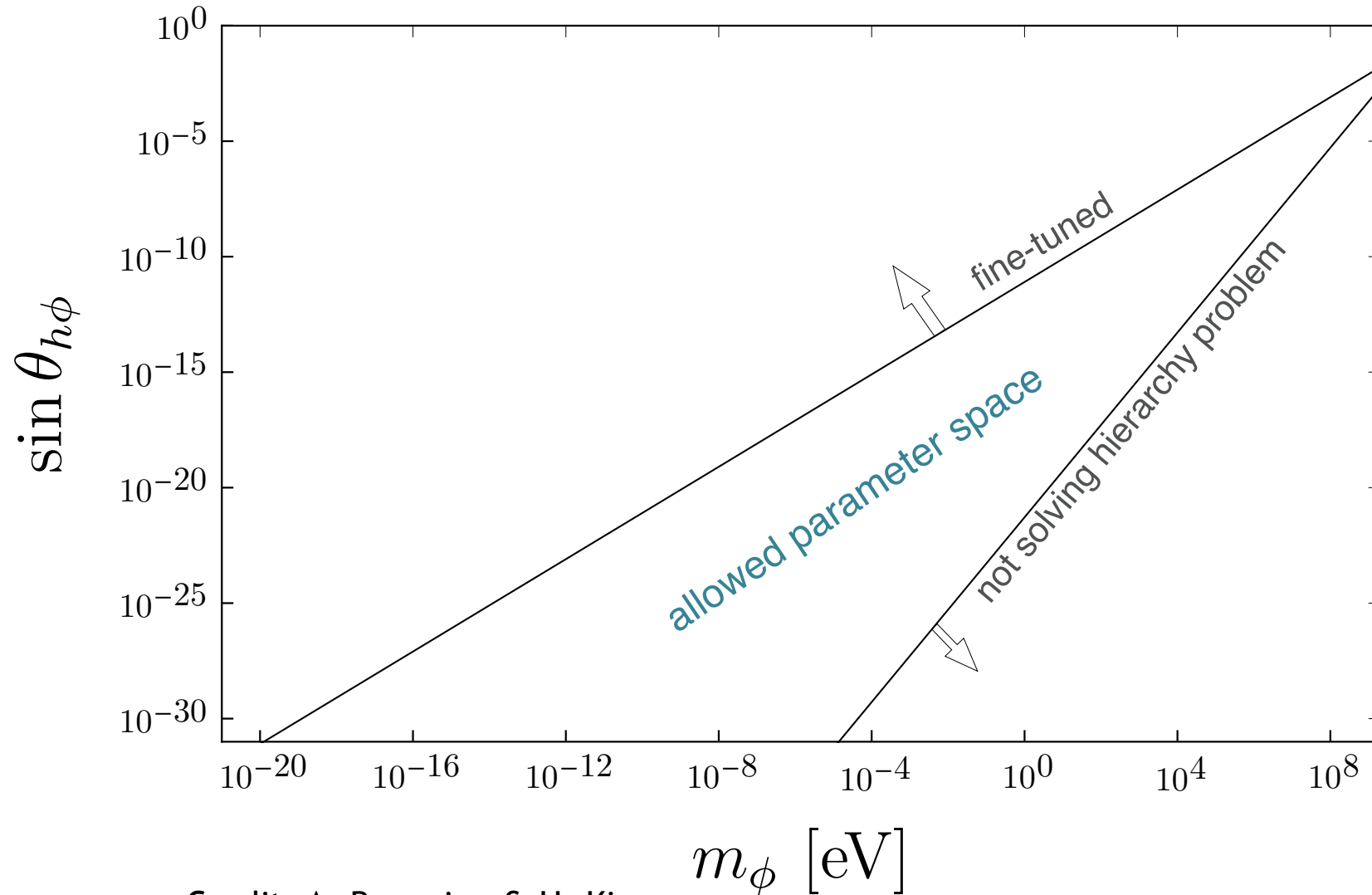
$$\sin \theta_{h\phi} \sim \partial_\phi \partial_h V_{br}(\phi, h) / v_{EW}^2 \sim \frac{\mu_b^2}{f v_{EW}} \sin \frac{\phi_0}{f}$$

Naively: mixing angle in terms of mass  $\sin \theta_{h\phi} \sim \frac{m_\phi}{v_{EW}} \frac{\mu_b}{v_{EW}}$

Maximum mixing angle  $(\sin \theta_{h\phi})_{\max} \sim \frac{m_\phi}{v_{EW}}$  **Naturalness bound**

Minimum mixing angle  $(\sin \theta_{h\phi})_{\min} \sim \frac{m_\phi^2 \Lambda_{\min}}{v_{EW}^3}$

# The relaxion's naive parameter space




Credit: A. Banerjee & H. Kim

# (Less naive treatment)

$$V(\phi, h) = (\Lambda^2 - \Lambda^2 \frac{\phi}{f_{\text{eff}}}) |h|^2 - \frac{\Lambda^4}{f_{\text{eff}}} \phi - \mu_b^2 |H|^2 \cos \frac{\phi}{f} \quad v^2(\phi) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{when } \phi < f_{\text{eff}} \\ > 0 & \text{when } \phi > f_{\text{eff}} \end{cases}$$

Relaxion stopping point determines the EW scale  $\frac{\Lambda^4}{f_{\text{eff}}} \sim \frac{\mu_b^2 v_{\text{EW}}^2}{f}$

Higgs mass change for  $\Delta\phi = 2\pi f$   $\frac{\Delta v^2}{v^2} \sim \frac{\Lambda^2}{f_{\text{eff}}} \frac{f}{v^2} \sim \frac{\mu_b^2}{\Lambda^2} \equiv \delta^2 \ll 1$

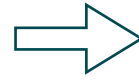
*Resolution parameter* 

$$V_{\text{br}} = -\mu_b^2 |H|^2 \cos \frac{\phi}{f} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{Potential height grows incrementally}$$

# Stopping condition, fine resolution => tuned (relaxed) mass

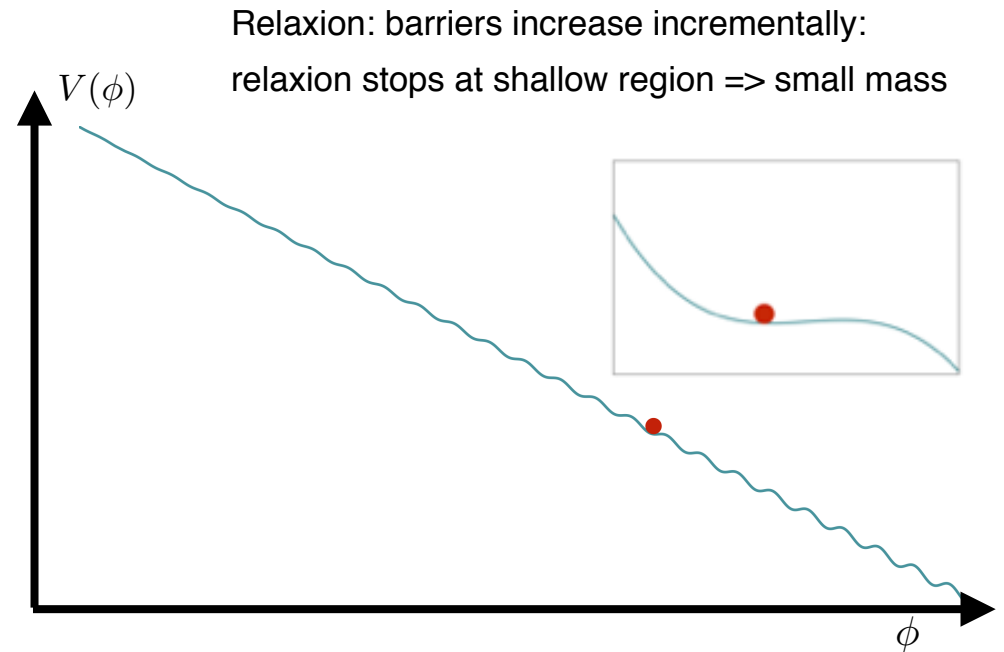
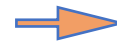
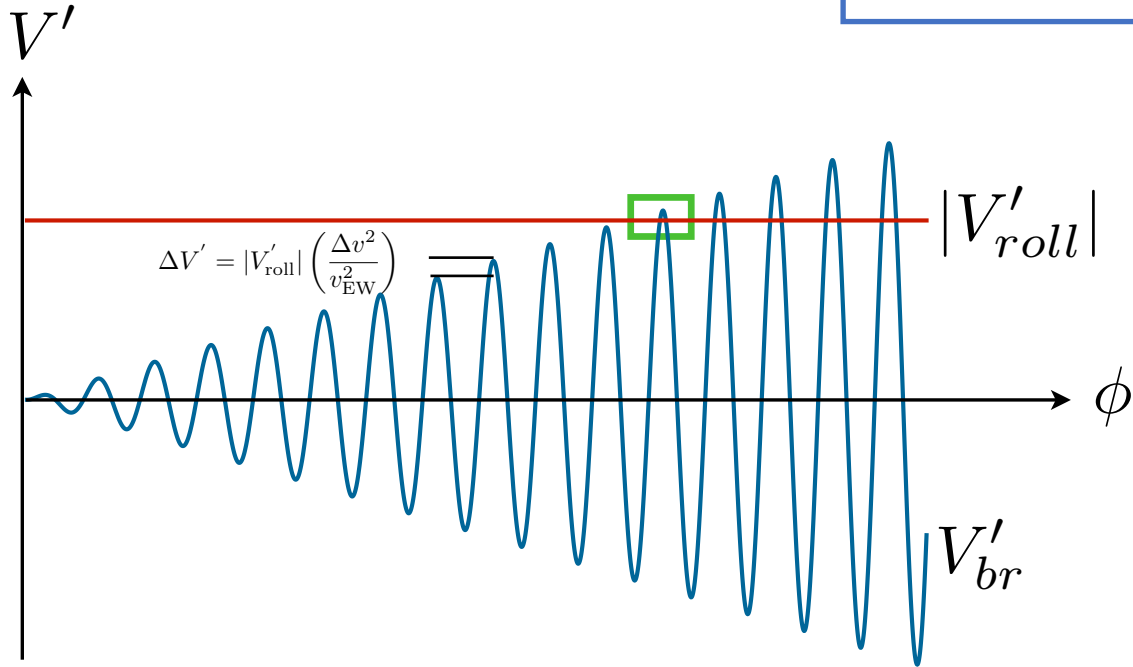
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$$V'_\phi = 0 \Rightarrow \sin \theta = \frac{v_{EW}^2}{v^2(\phi)} + \frac{v_{EW}^2}{\Lambda^2}$$



$$\frac{\phi_0}{f} \sim \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ upto resolution factors}$$

$$m_\phi^2 \approx \delta \times (m_\phi^2)_{naive} \ll (m_\phi^2)_{naive}$$

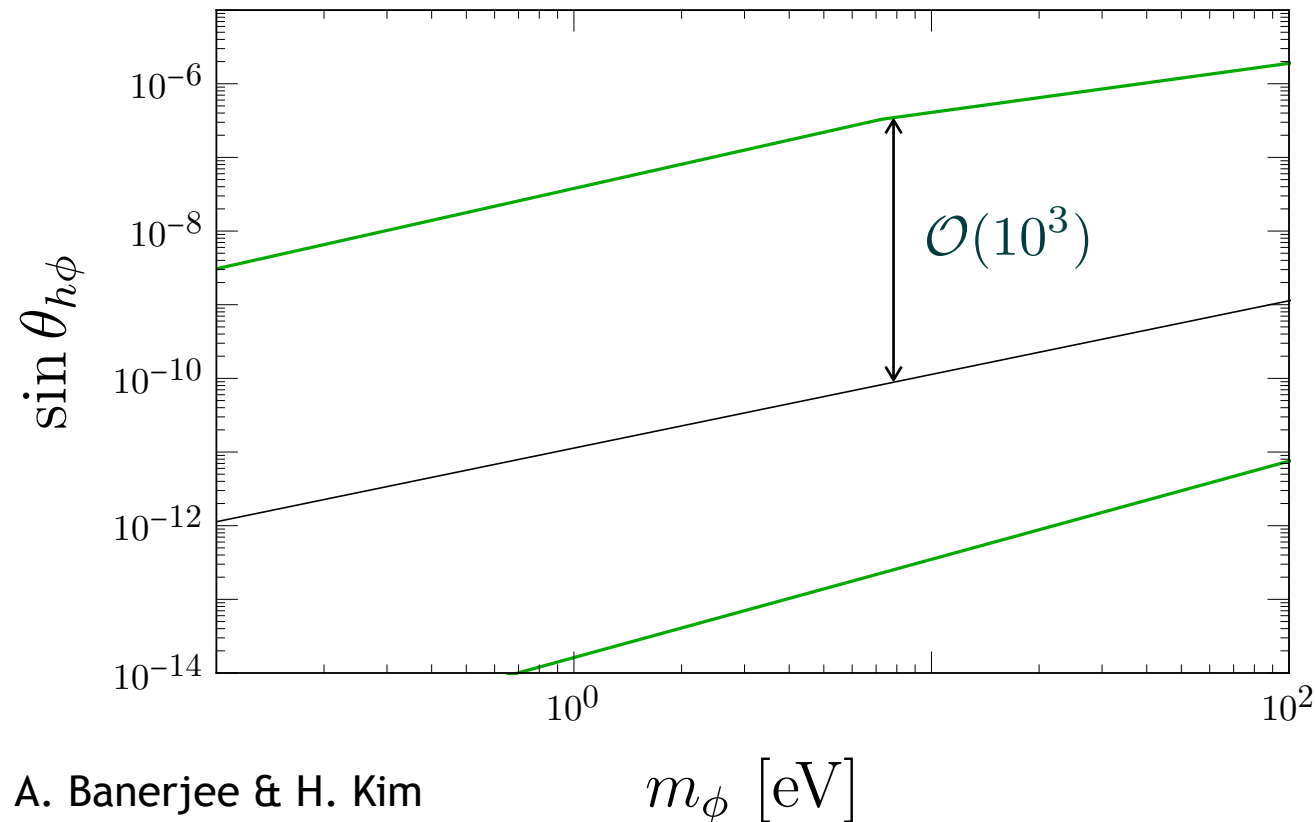


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# Relaxed mass => natural violation of naturalness bound

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Max. Mixing angle:  $\sin \theta_{h\phi}^{\max} = \left( \frac{m_\phi}{v_{EW}} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \gg \left( \frac{m_\phi}{v_{EW}} \right)_{\text{naturalness}}$



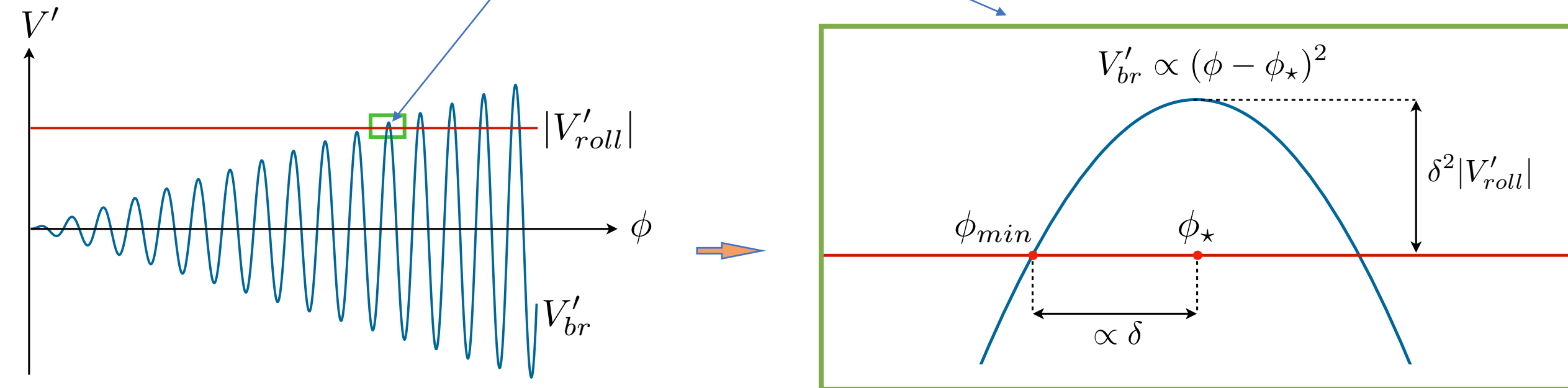
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# Point ii: Distance between 1st min. & max. & relaxion as chameleon

1st min. & maximum are very close, environmental effects may destabilised:

$$\Delta\phi_{\text{mima}}/f \sim \delta \Rightarrow \Delta\phi_{\text{mima}} \sim \sin\theta_{h\phi} v^{5/3}/m_\phi^{2/3} \ll f$$

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# Intro, new search strategies

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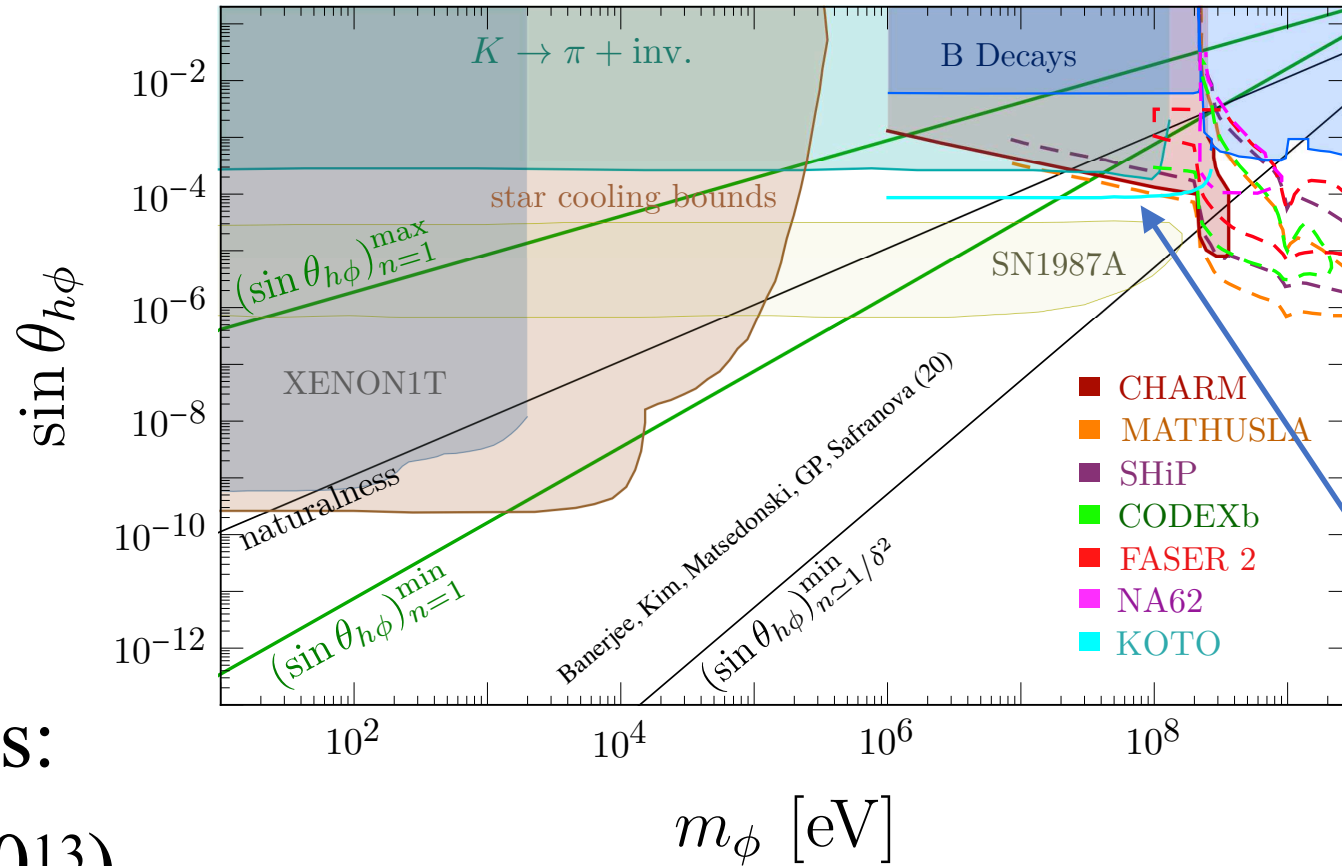
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# Luminosity & precision: the era of Kaon factories



The Kaon factories:

# of Kaon of  $O(10^{13})$

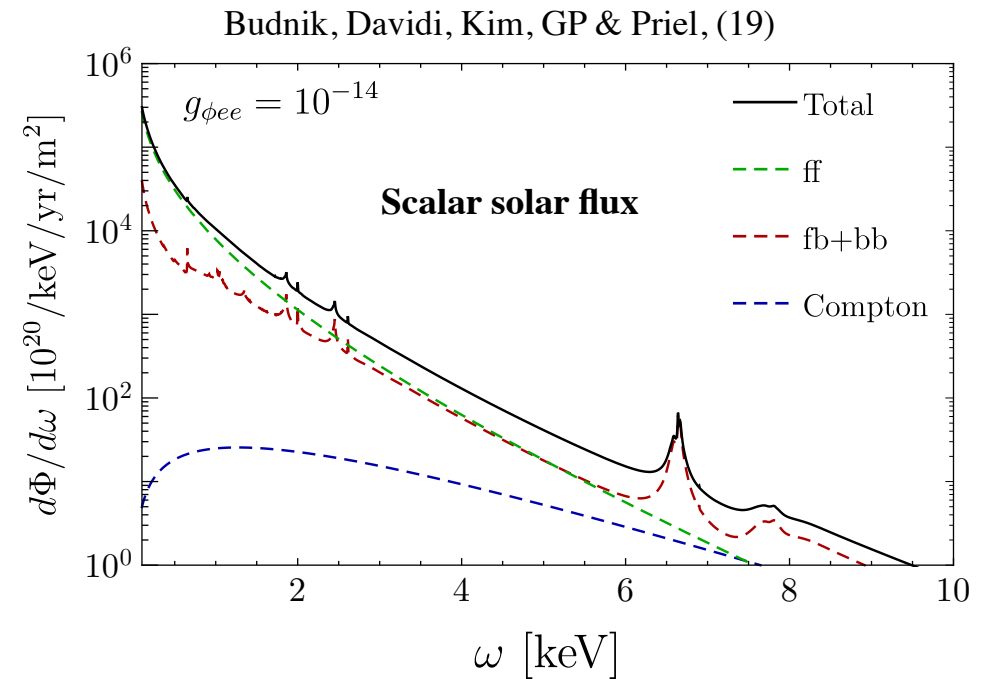
aiming for BR of  $O(10^{-11})$  soon (factor  $10^{2-3}$ )!

KOTO "hint"

# The solar relaxion

- The relaxion is copiously produced in the solar core. (via Bremsstrahlung & resonant processes)
- This flux can be absorbed by liquid xenon dark matter (DM) detectors.
- Used XENON (19) & LUX (17) to constrain the relaxion-electron couplings ( $g_{\phi ee}$ ):

Redondo (13)

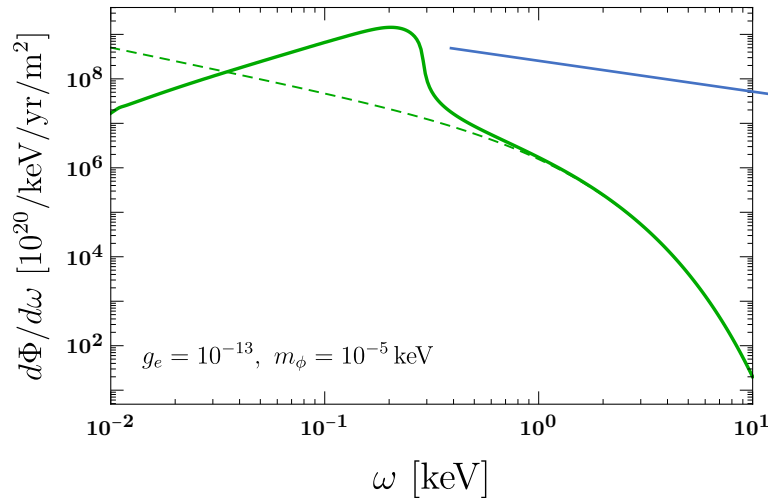


The coupling to electrons is chosen to be  $g_{\phi ee} = 10^{-14}$ , and scalar taken to be massless. Green dashed line is Bremsstrahlung flux from electrons interacting with hydrogen and helium ions, red dashed line is the flux due to recombination and transitions of bounded electrons in heavier elements, blue dashed line is the flux from Compton-like scattering, black line is the total scalar flux.

# Can search for it with S1 (high threshold) & \w S2 (low threshold)

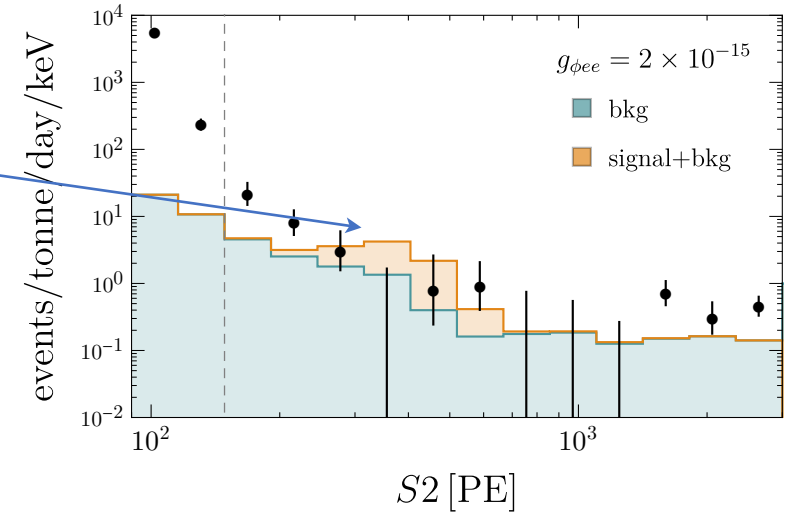
Hardy and R. Lasenby (17)

unpublished: resonant spectrum



The dashed line ignores the mixing between scalar and longitudinal photon excitation, while solid line includes it.

XENON1T (19) data + relaxion's resonant production



XENON1T data = black dots, blue histogram = partial background model, signal = orange histogram (massless scalar,  $g_{\phi ee} = 2 \times 10^{-15}$  - the peak around 400 PE corresponds scalar  $E \sim 0.2$  keV.

Massless case:  $g_{\phi ee} < 2 \times 10^{-15}$

$\sin \theta < 7 \times 10^{-10}$

# XENON1T result on S1 (not looking at scalars)

E. Aprile et al., “Observation of Excess Electronic Recoil Events in XENON1T,” arXiv:2006.09721 [hep-ex].

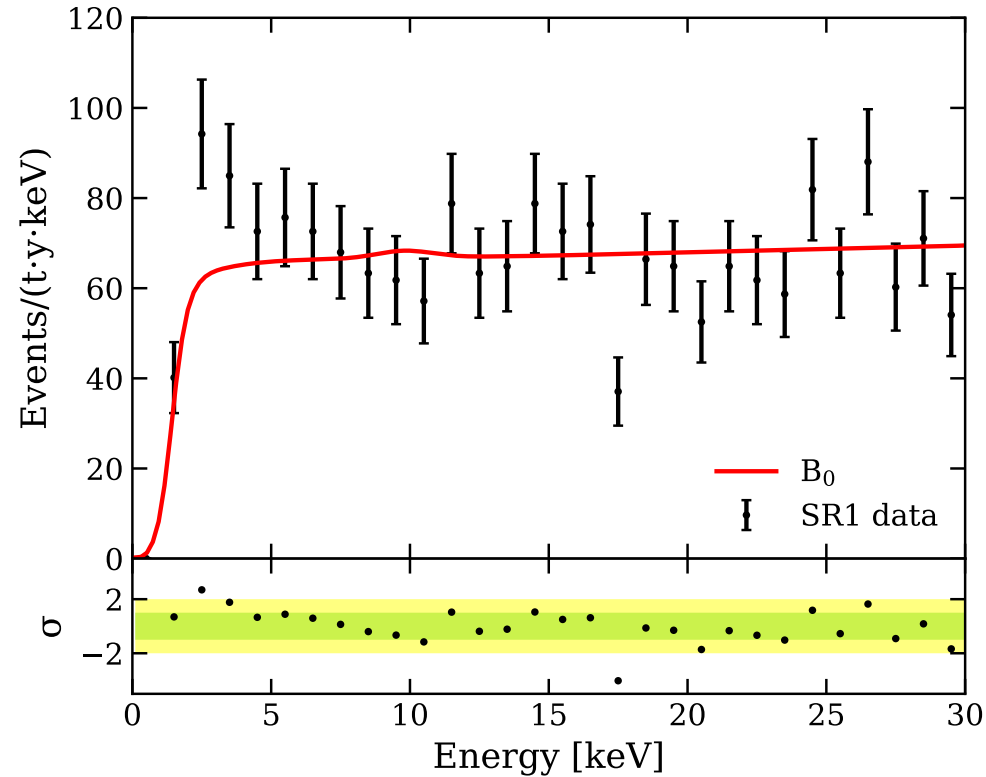
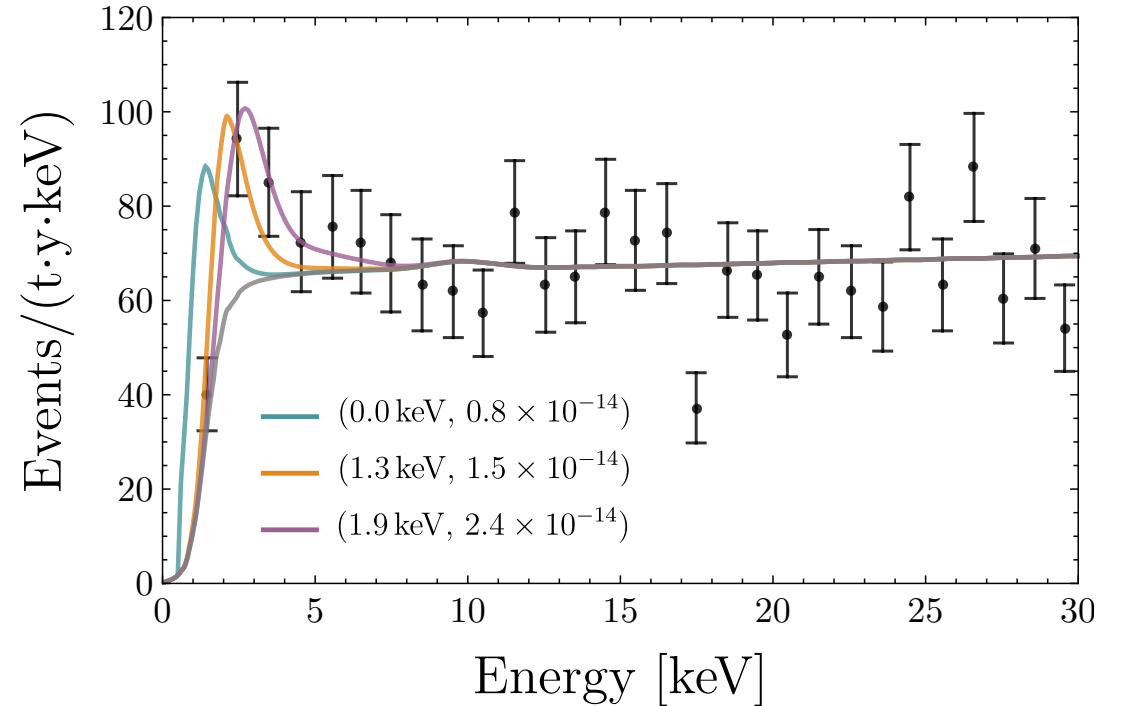
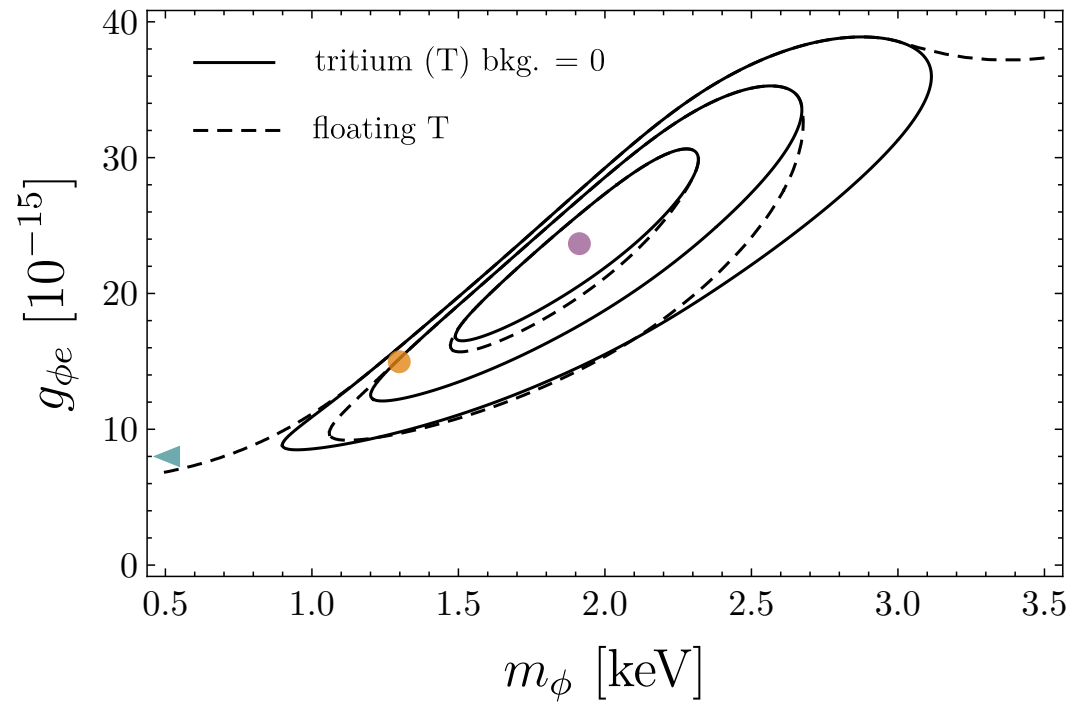


FIG. 4. A zoomed-in and re-binned version of Fig. 3 (top), where the data display an excess over the background model  $B_0$ . In the following sections, this excess is interpreted under solar axion, neutrino magnetic moment, and tritium hypotheses.

# Fitting to scalar preliminary, S1

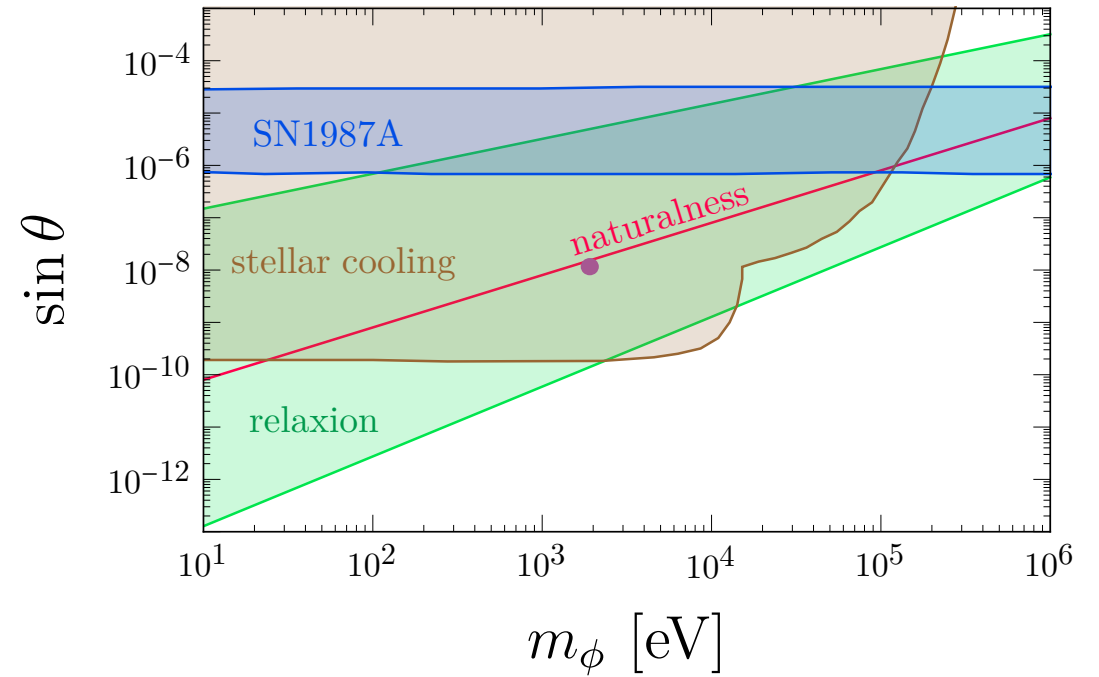
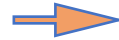
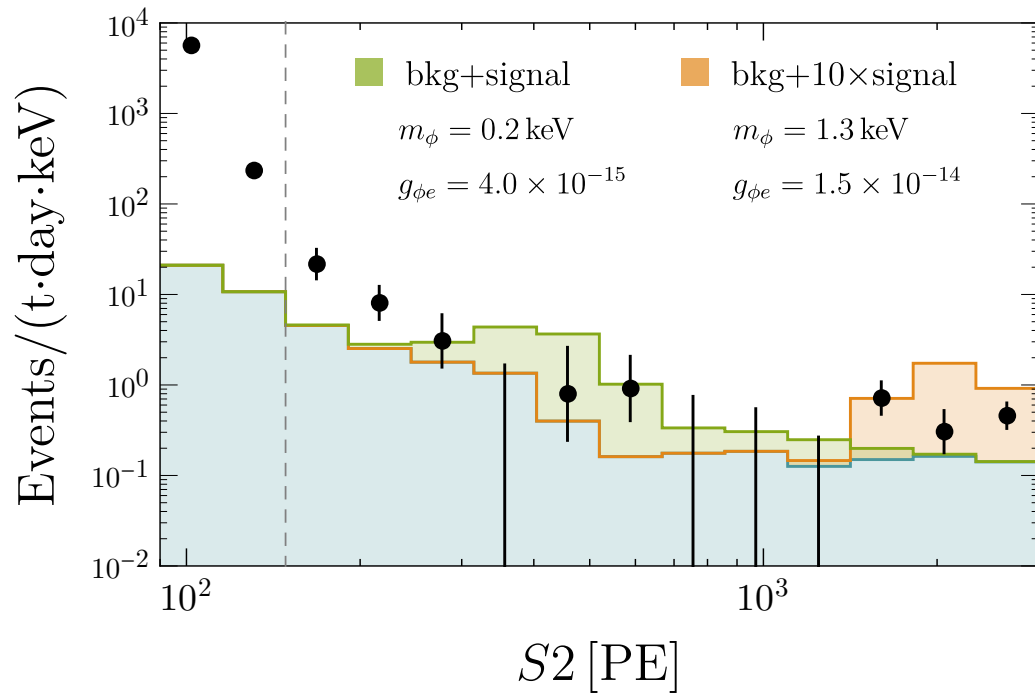
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Left: showing the 1-2-3sigma CL with and without the BG. The three benchmark points with  $m_{\phi} = (0, 1.3, 1.9)$  keV and  $g_{\phi e} = (0.8, 1.5, 2.4) \times 10^{-14}$ , are marked in green, orange and purple, respectively. The purple (BM<sub>3</sub>) is the best fit point. Right: The signal+background is shown for the three benchmark point. The black points and gray line are data and background (without tritium) from XENON1T.

# Fitting to scalar preliminary, S2; notice the background is not completely known!

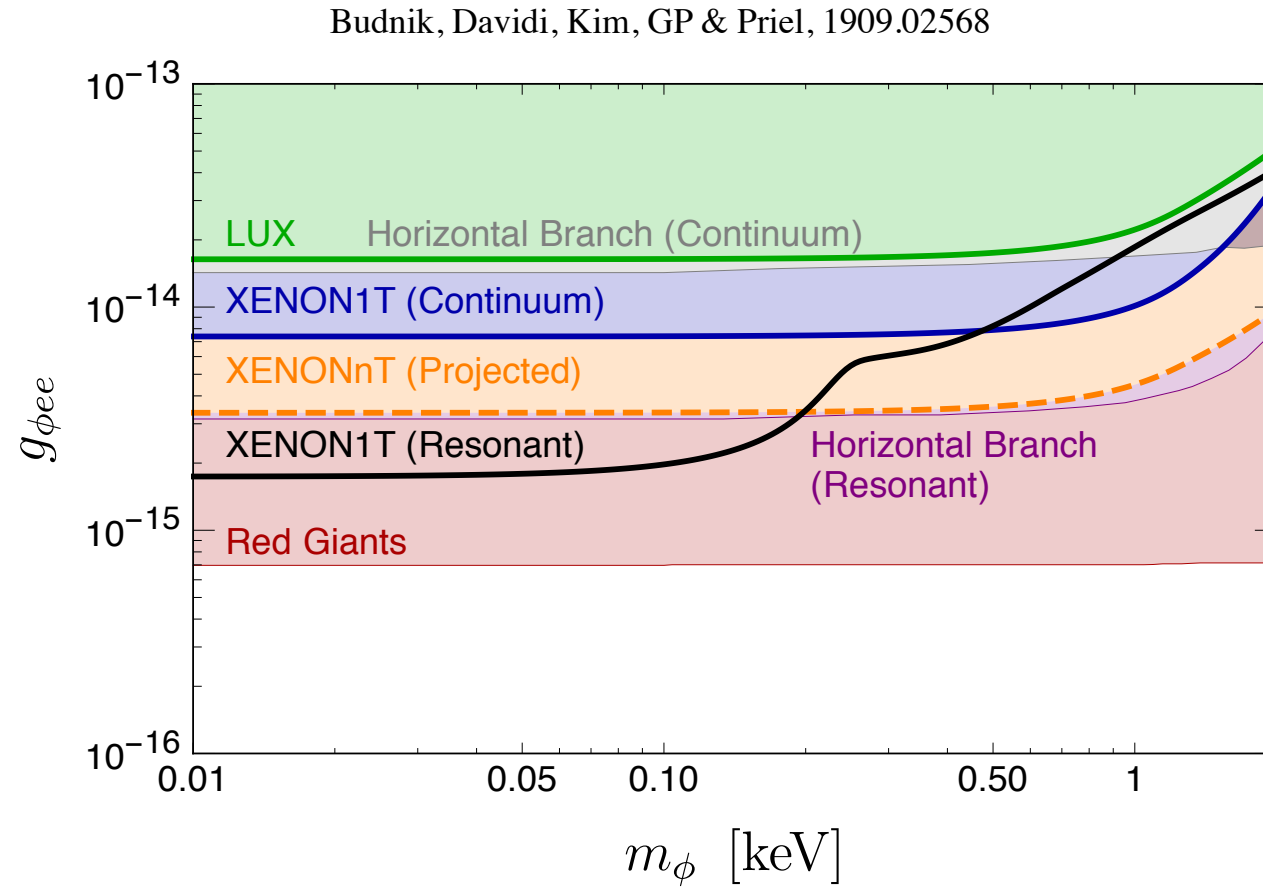
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Strong tension with red-giant (RG) observation if the mass is keV.

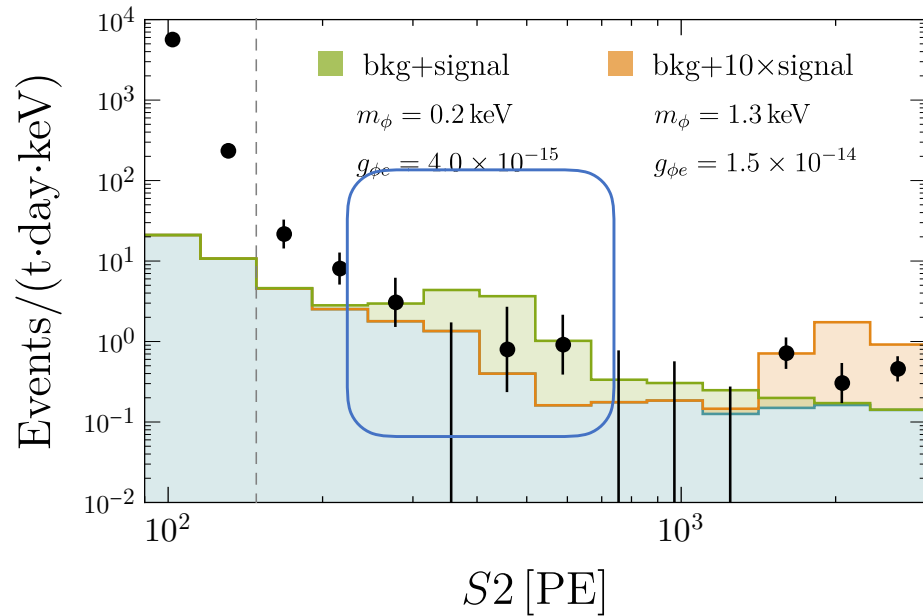


## S2: Tension is lower for $< 300\text{eV}$



# S2: Tension is lower for mass of 200 eV => relaxion = Chameleon

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$$\frac{\Delta\phi_{\text{RG}}}{\Delta\phi_{\text{mima}}} \sim \frac{g_{\phi pp}}{10^{-6}} \times \left( \frac{200 \text{ eV}}{m_\phi} \right)^{\frac{8}{3}} \theta_{\text{min}}$$

For max. allowed natural coupling to protons inside the red giant the relation is destabilised for mass of order 200 eV.

# Precision Front

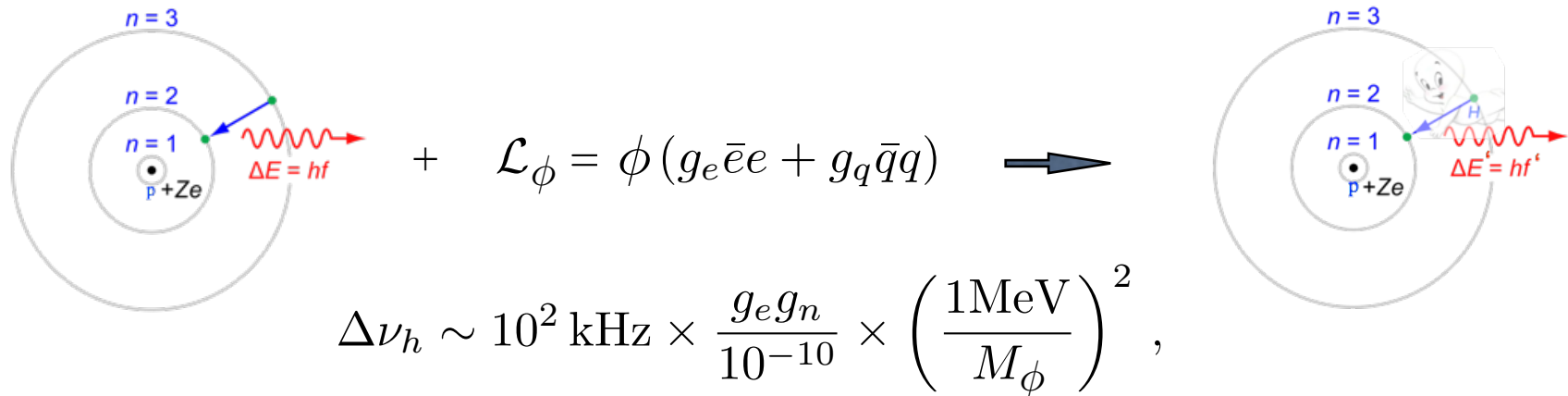
- (i) virtual processes searching for atomic-range “Yukawa” force
- (ii) time-depend. background if relaxion/scalar = ultra-light dark matter (DM)

Recent progress:

Hunting “heavy” relaxation with isotope shift spectroscopy

# Basic concept: precision isotope shift spectroscopy

- ◆ New forces acts on electron & quarks leads to change of energy levels.

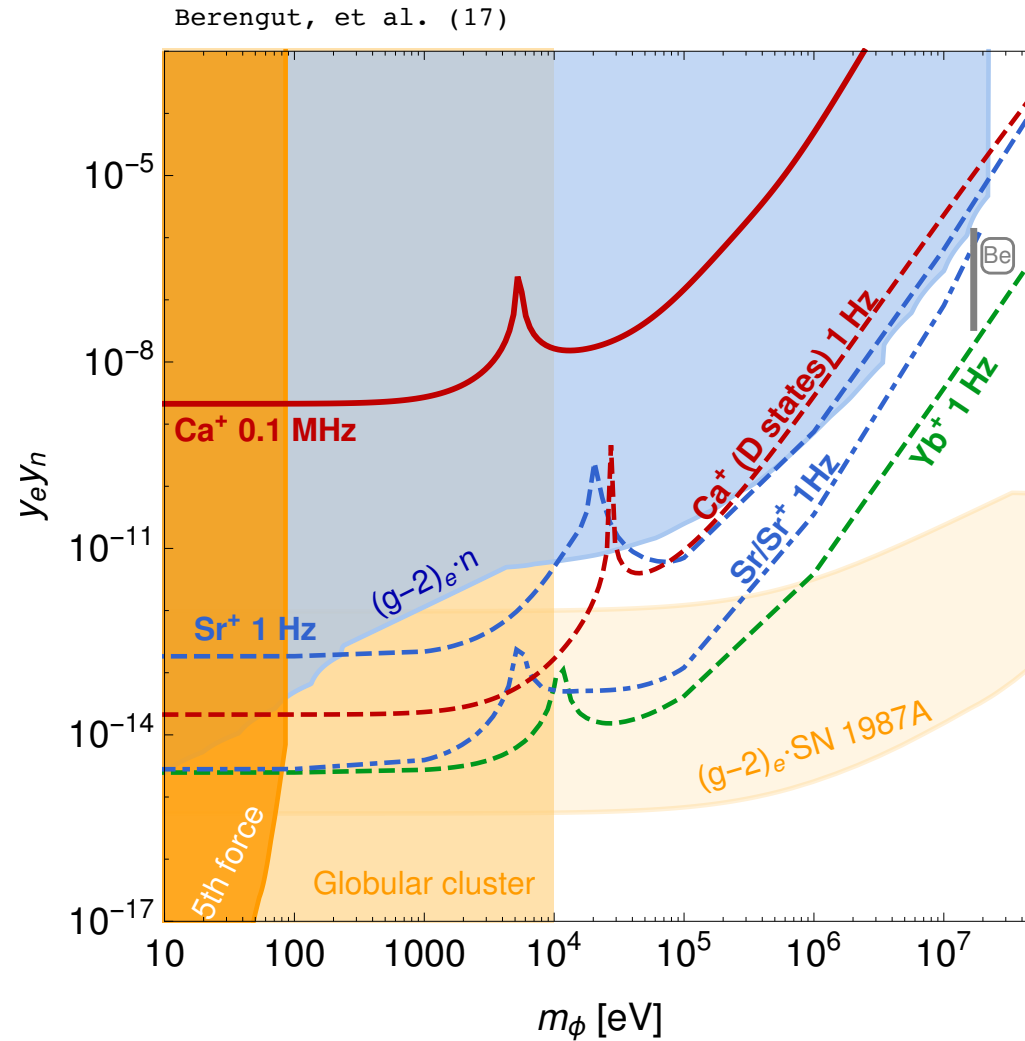


Delaunay, Ozeri, GP & Soreq (16)

- ◆ We cannot switch on and off these light Higgs-like couplings.
- ◆ Use different isotopes to effectively compare force mass dependence.
- ◆ Suppress nuclear effects via 2 transition comparison => **King Linearity**.

$$\left[ \left( \nu_{ij}^\alpha \right)_{\text{SM}} \simeq K^\alpha \mu_{ij} + F^\alpha \delta \langle r^2 \rangle_{ij} \implies \bar{\nu}_{ij}^\alpha \propto \bar{\nu}_{ij}^{\alpha'} \right] \quad \text{King (1963)}$$

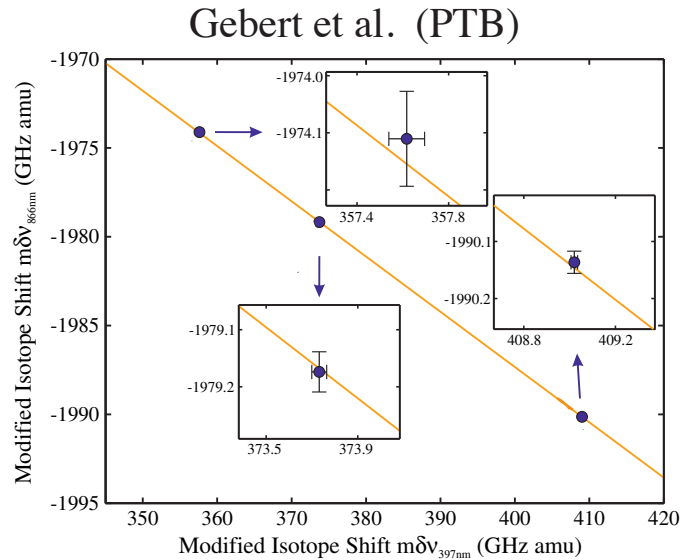
# Bounds & sensitivity



# Recent ex. improving bounds by $10^3$

Search for King-linearity-violation (KLV), from  $O(100)$  kHz to  $O(100)$ .

2015: Isotope shift @  $1:10^4$

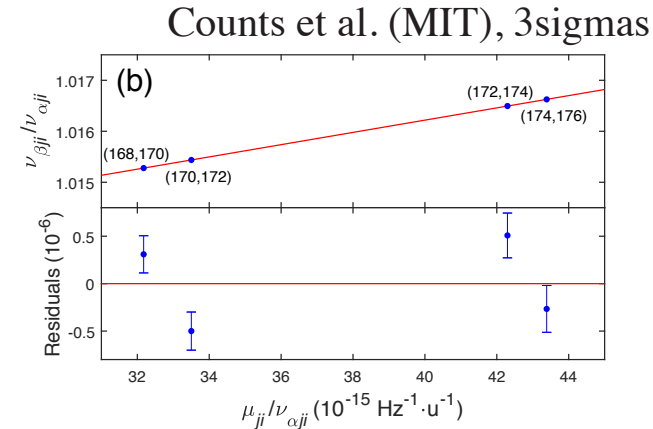


$\text{Ca}^+$  ( $A=40,42,44,48$ )

$D_{3/2} - P_{1/2}$

$S_{1/2} - D_{5/2}$

2020: Isotope shift @  $1:10^7$

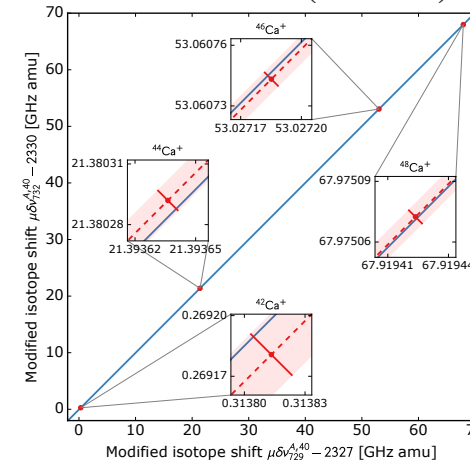


$\text{Yb}^+$  ( $A=168,70,72,74,76$ )

$S_{1/2} - D_{3/2}$

$S_{1/2} - D_{5/2}$

Solaro et al. (Aarhus)



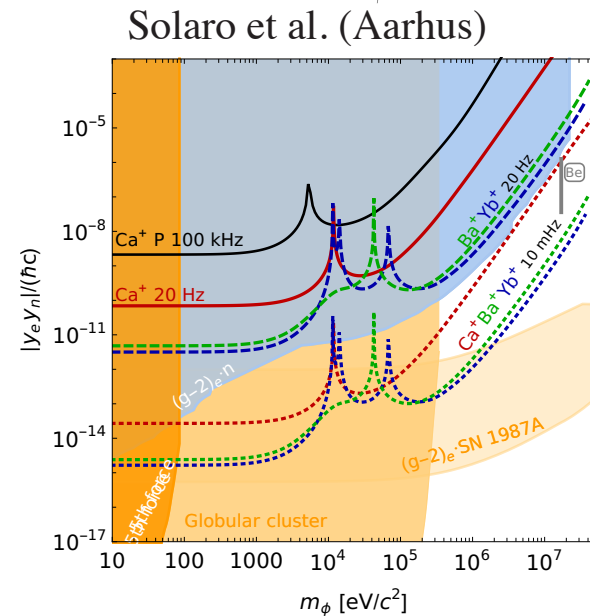
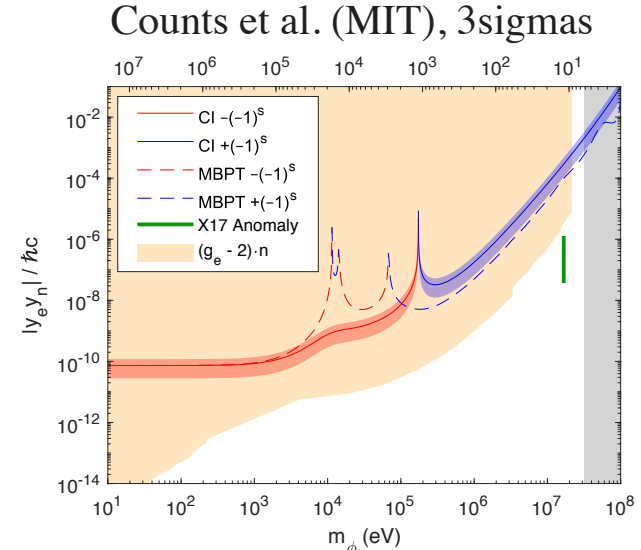
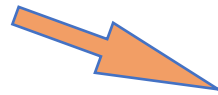
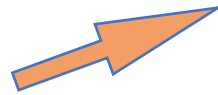
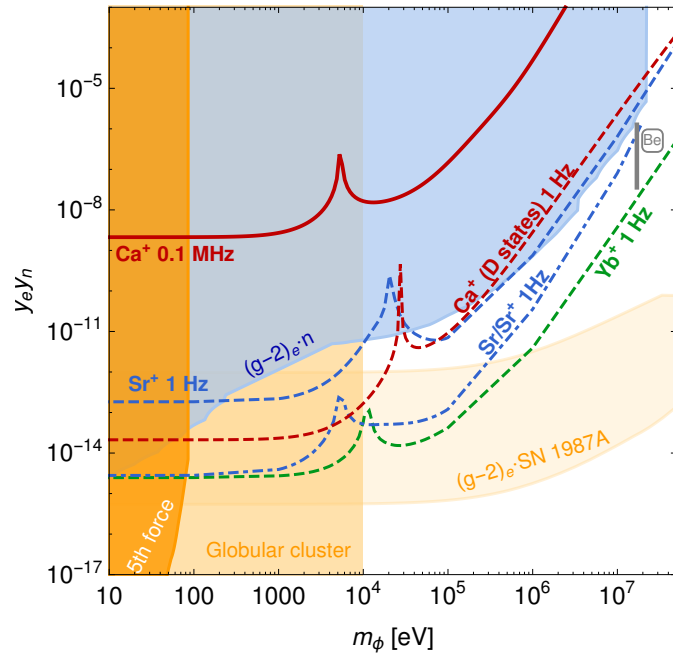
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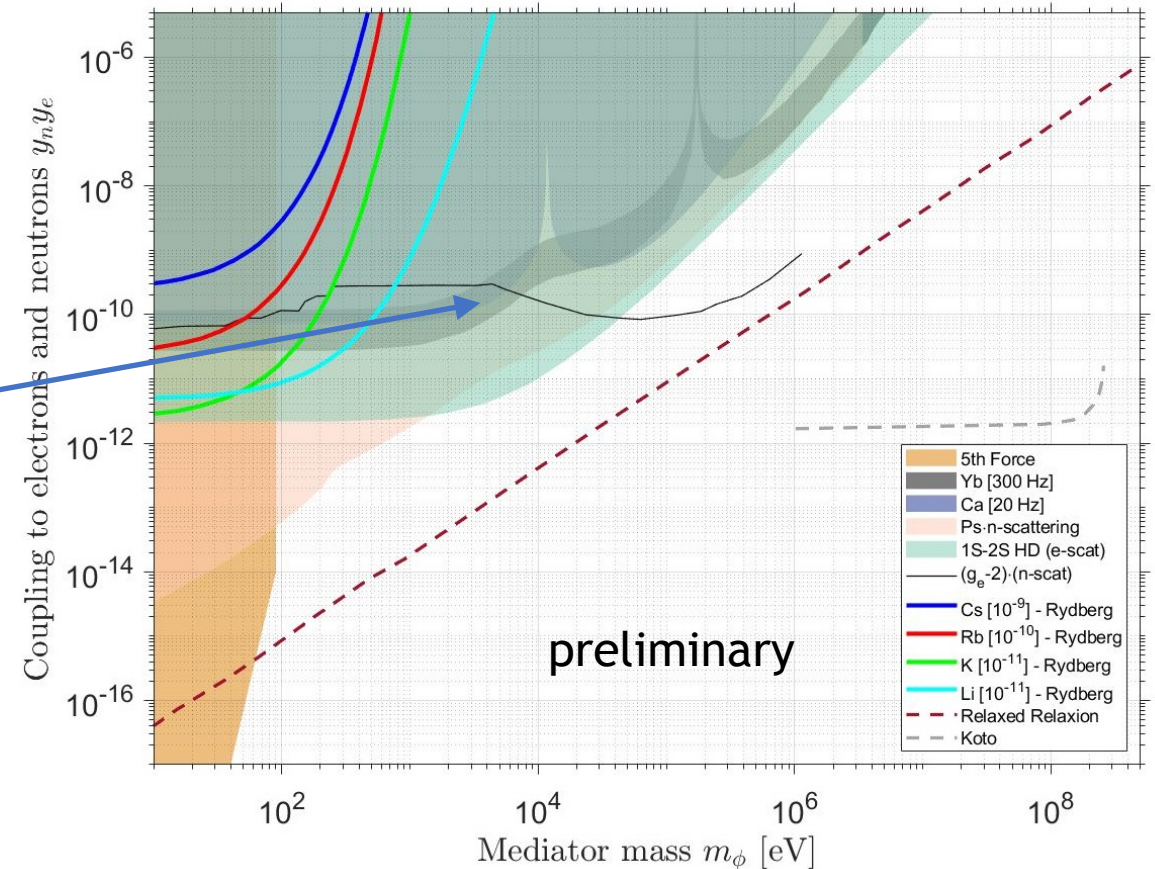




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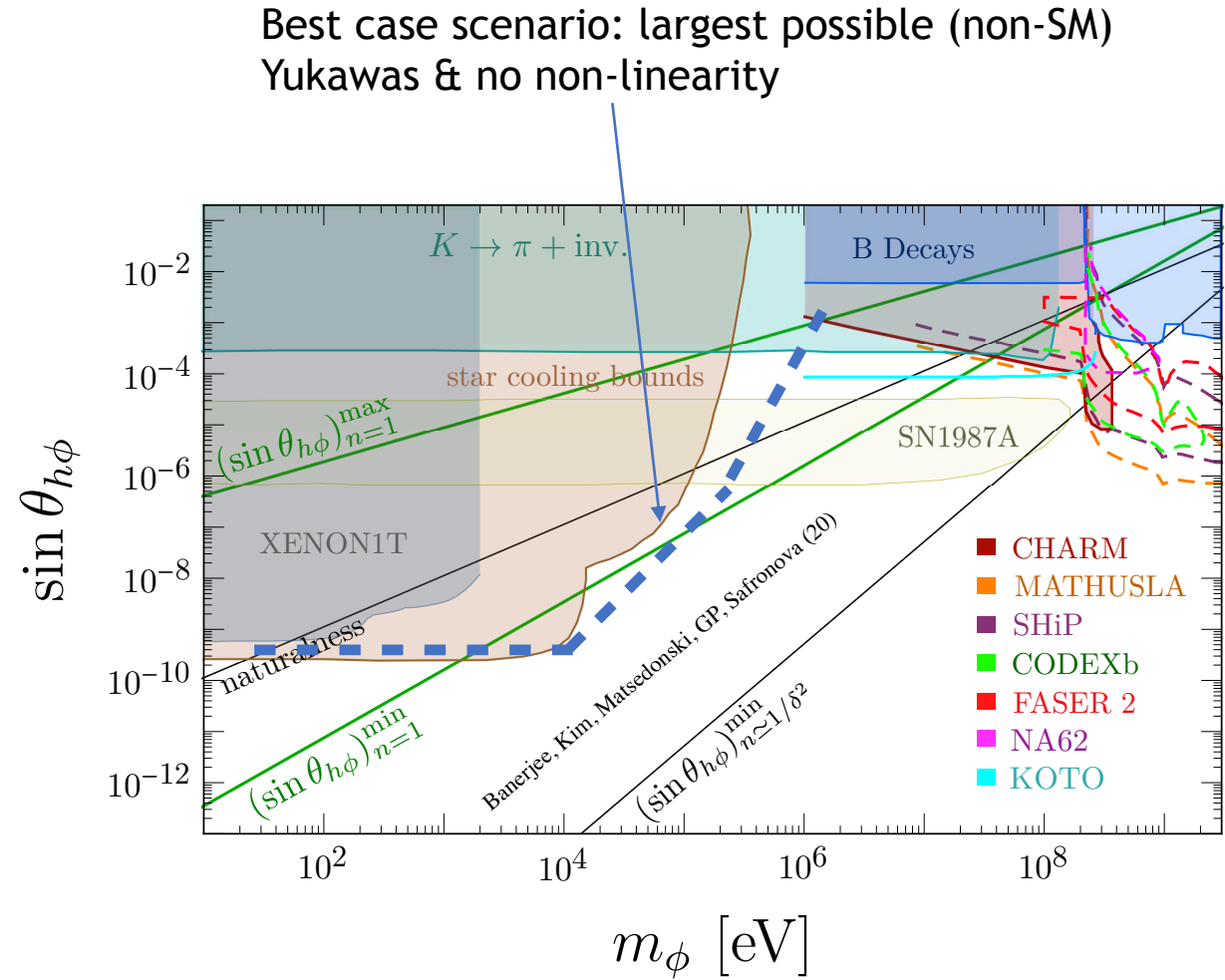
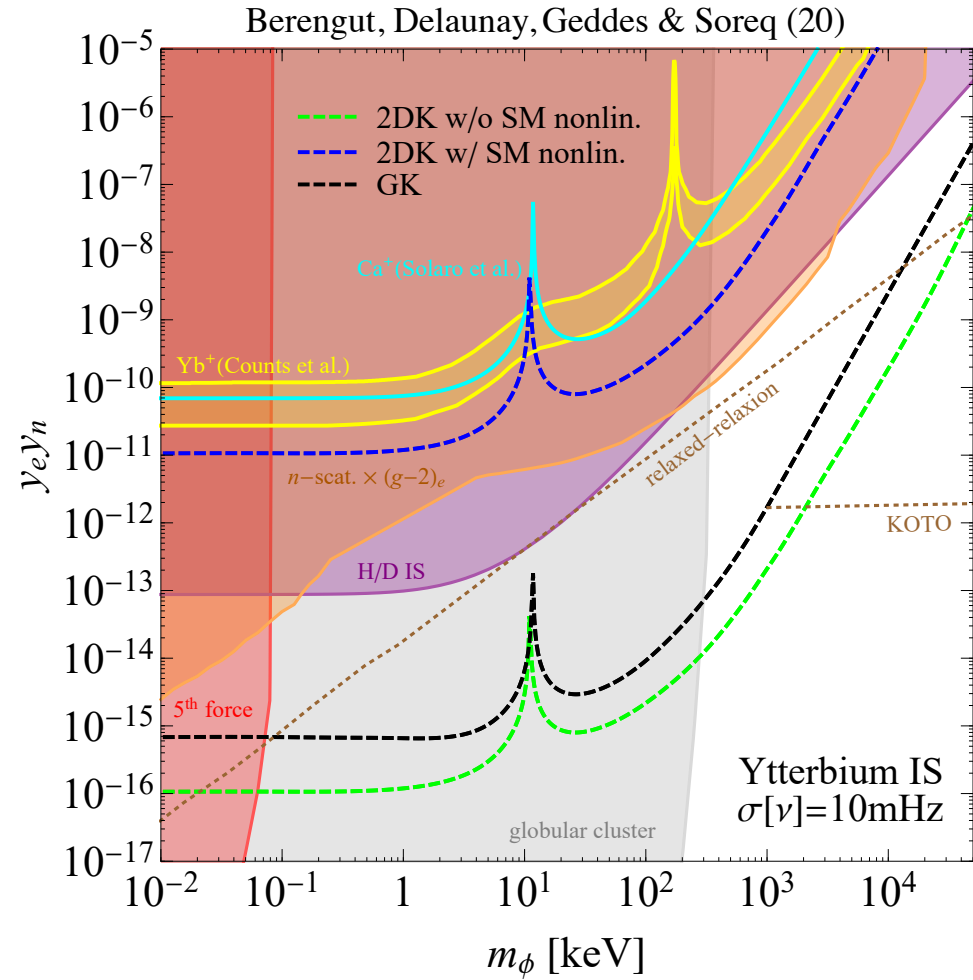
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See also: Jones, Potvliege & Spannowsky (19); Capolupo et al. (20)



Duque-Mesa, Geller, Firstenberg, Fuchs, Ozeri, GP & Shpilman, in prep.

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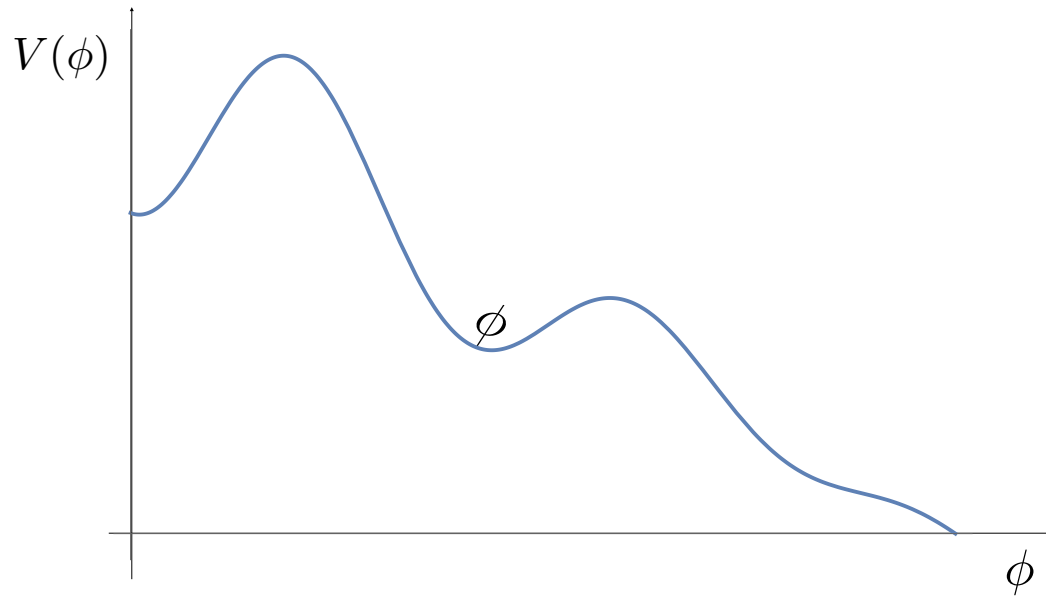
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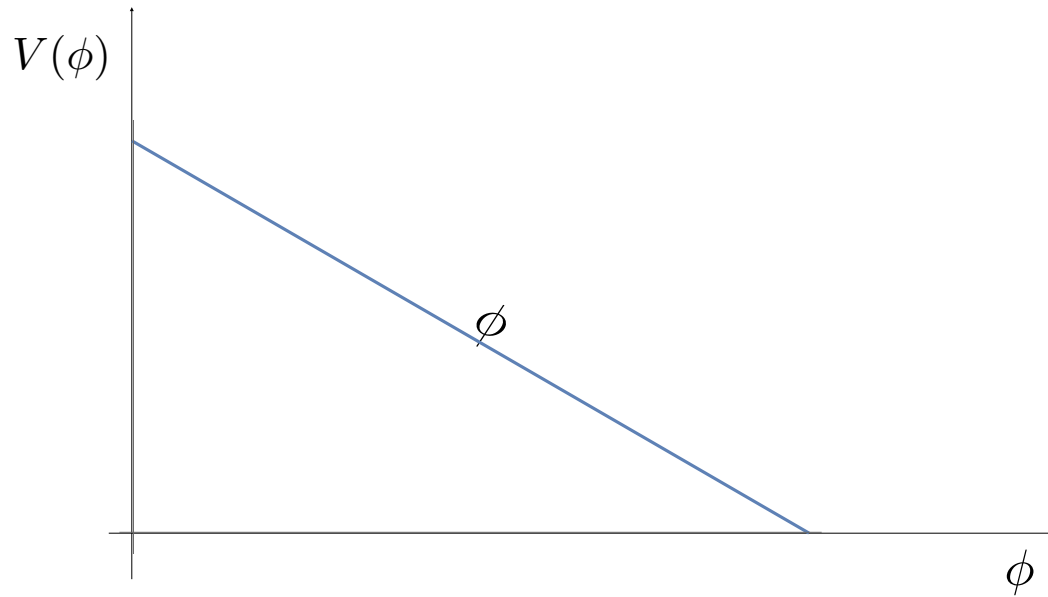
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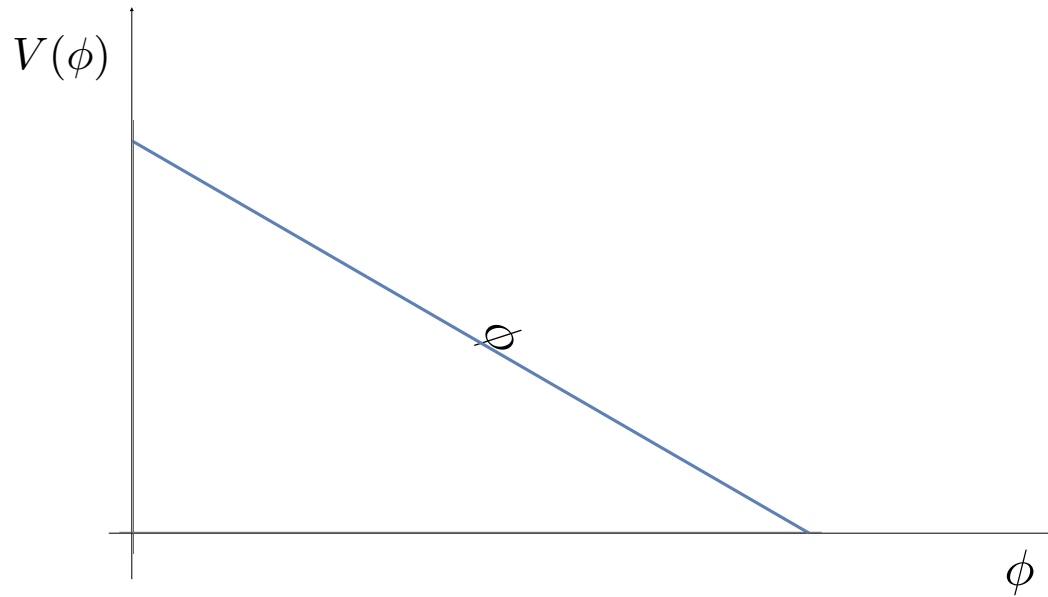


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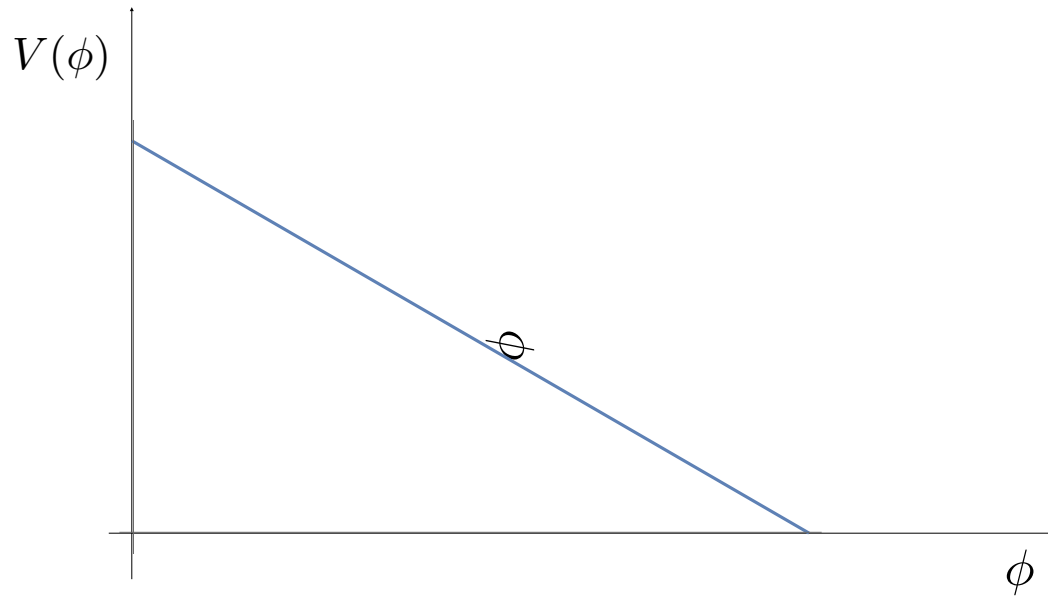


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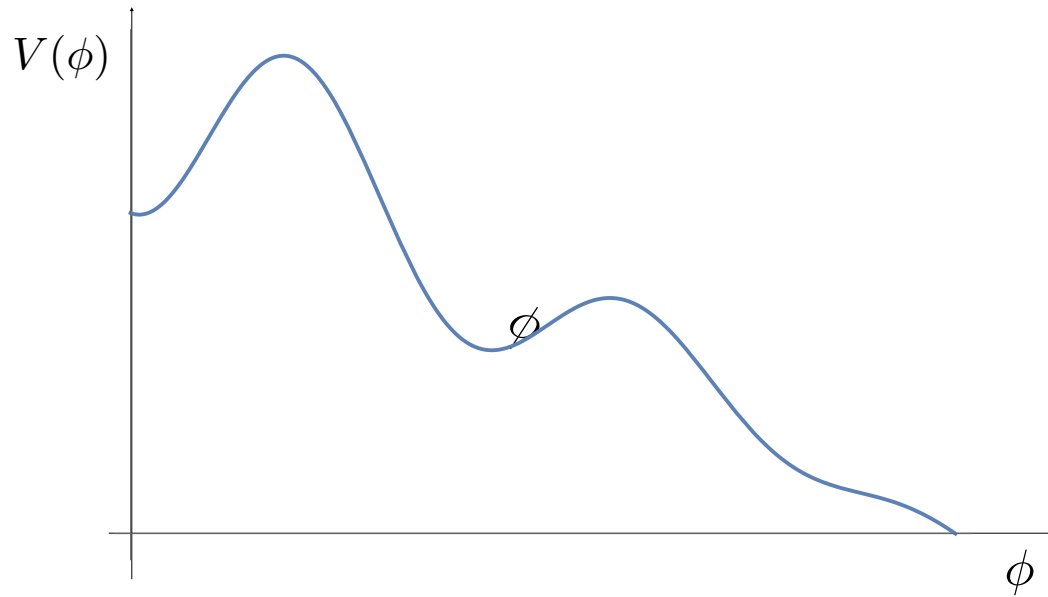


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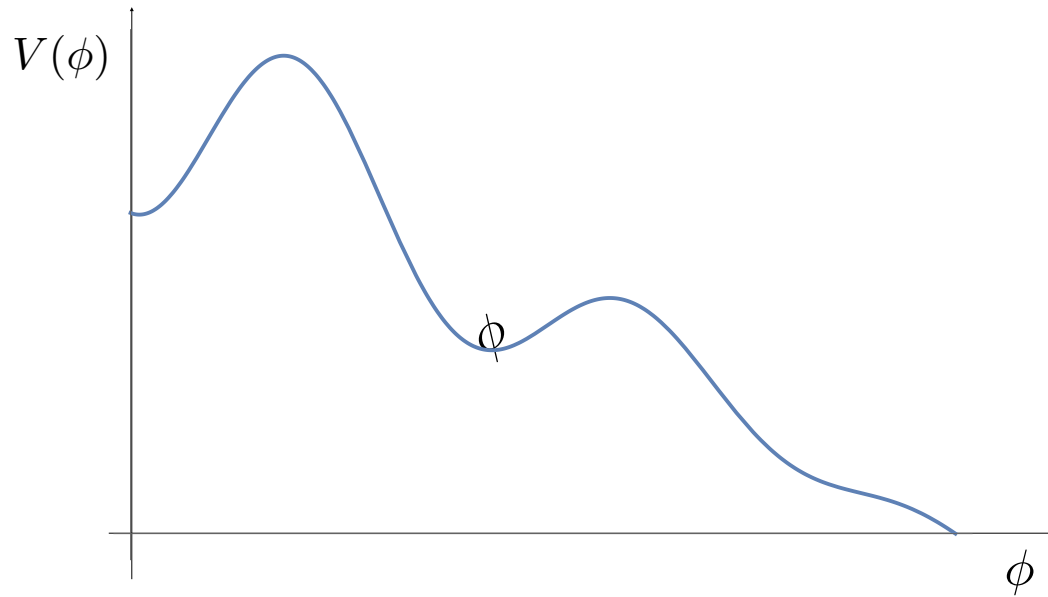
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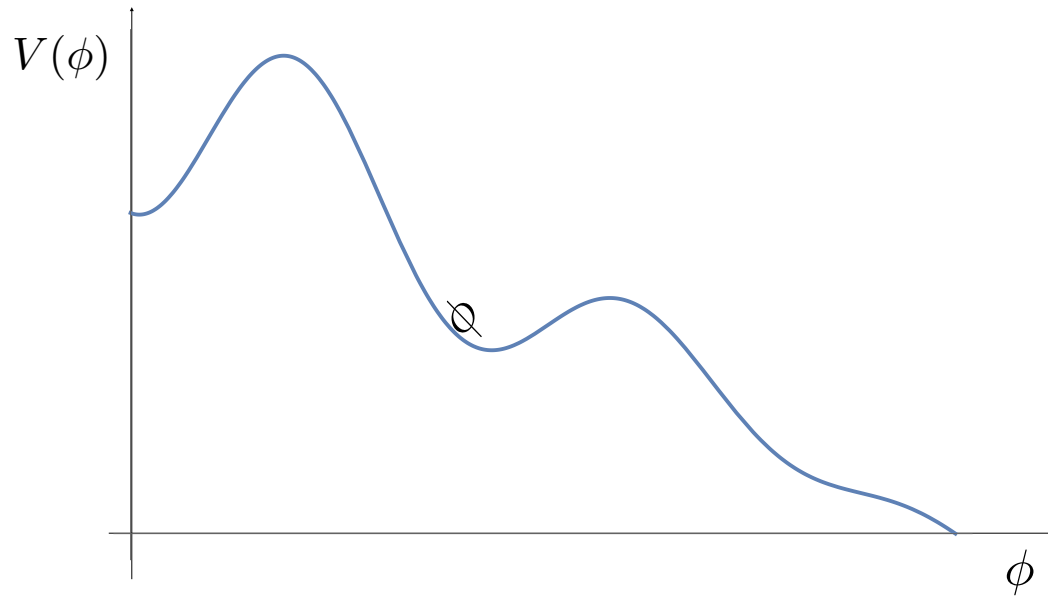


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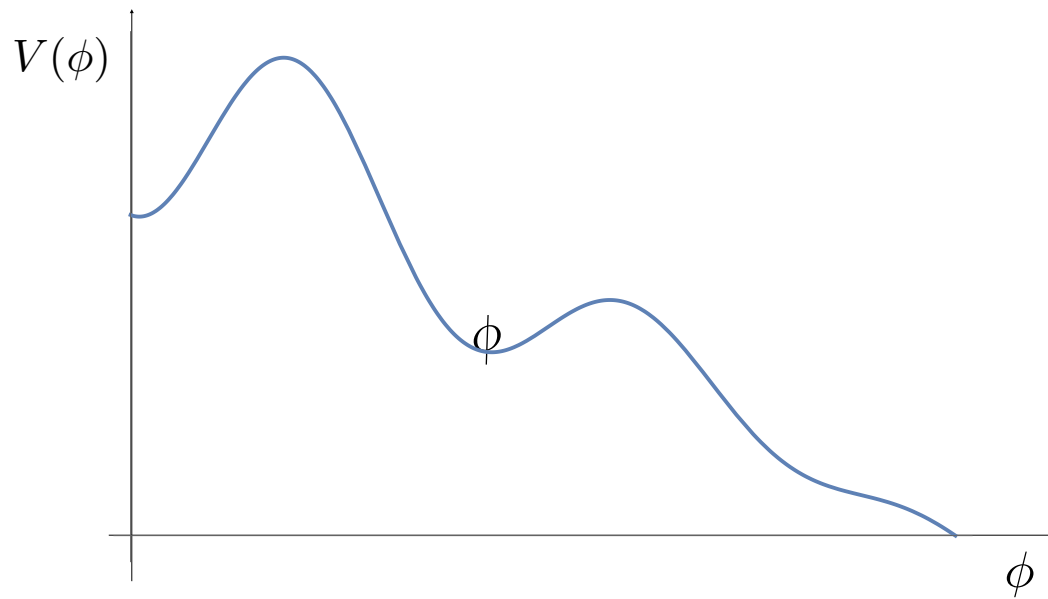


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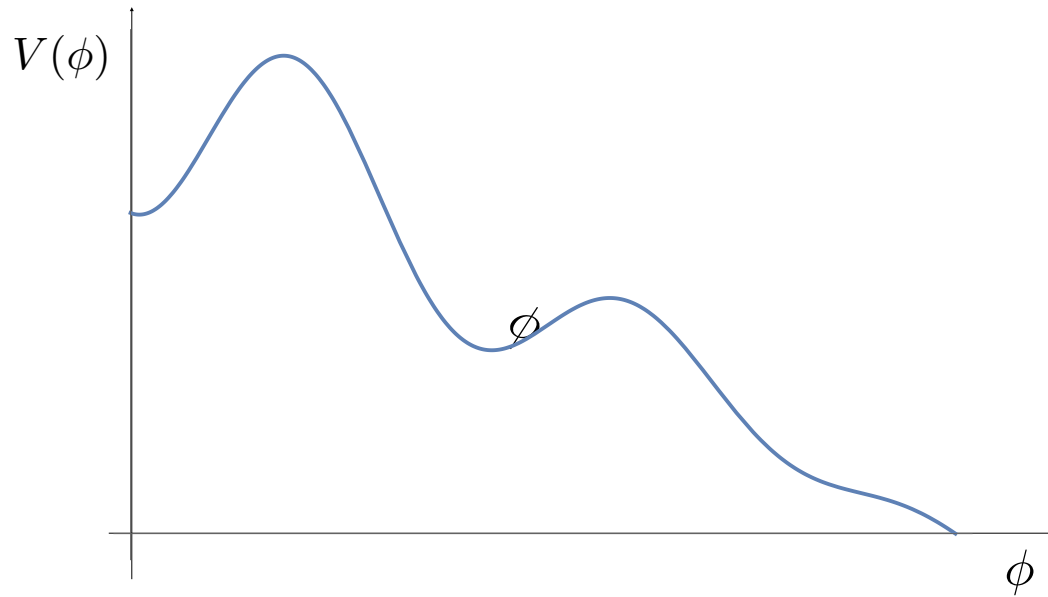


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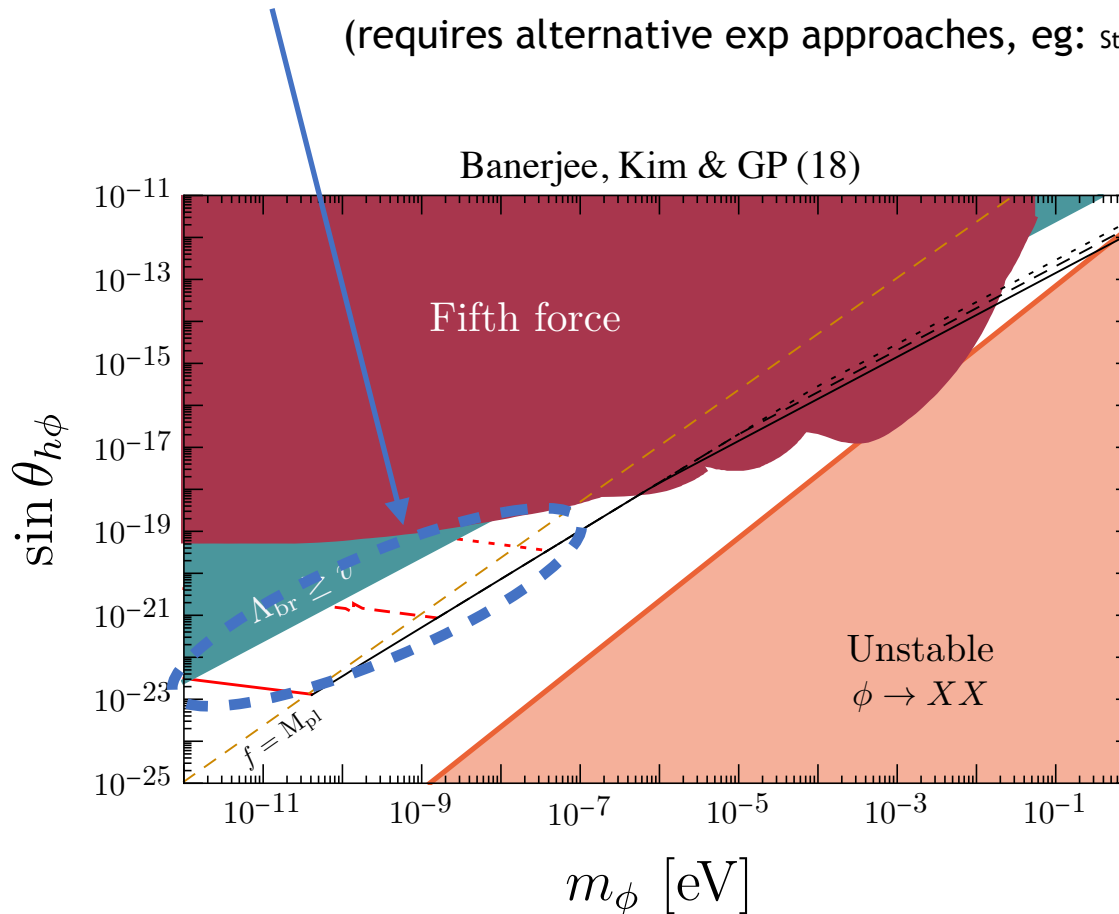
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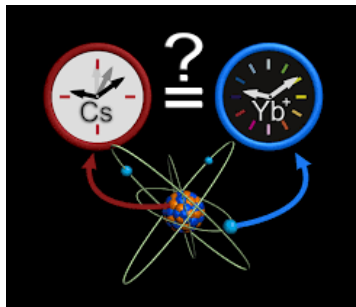


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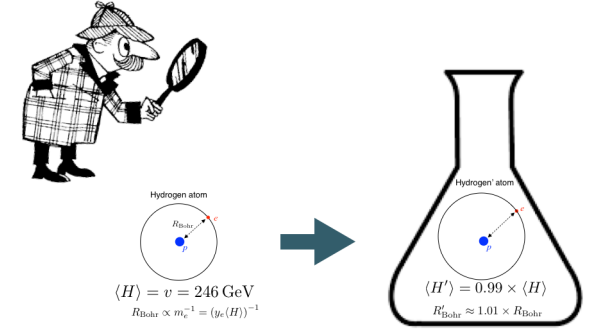
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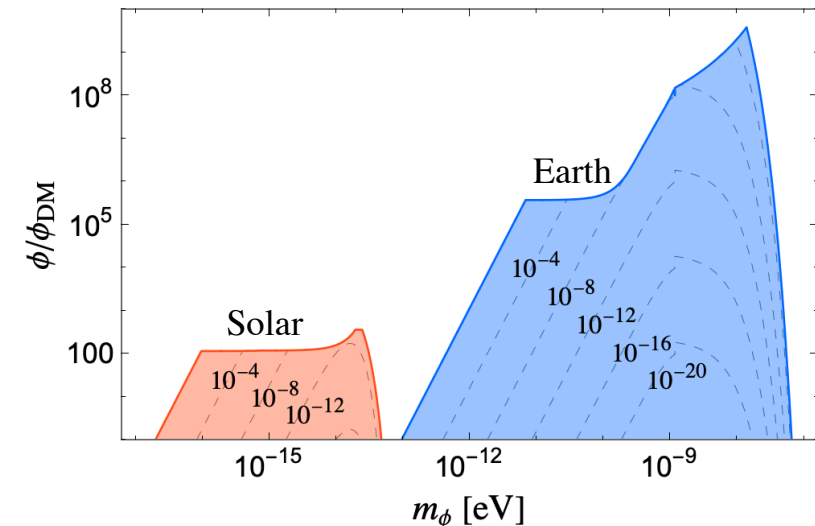
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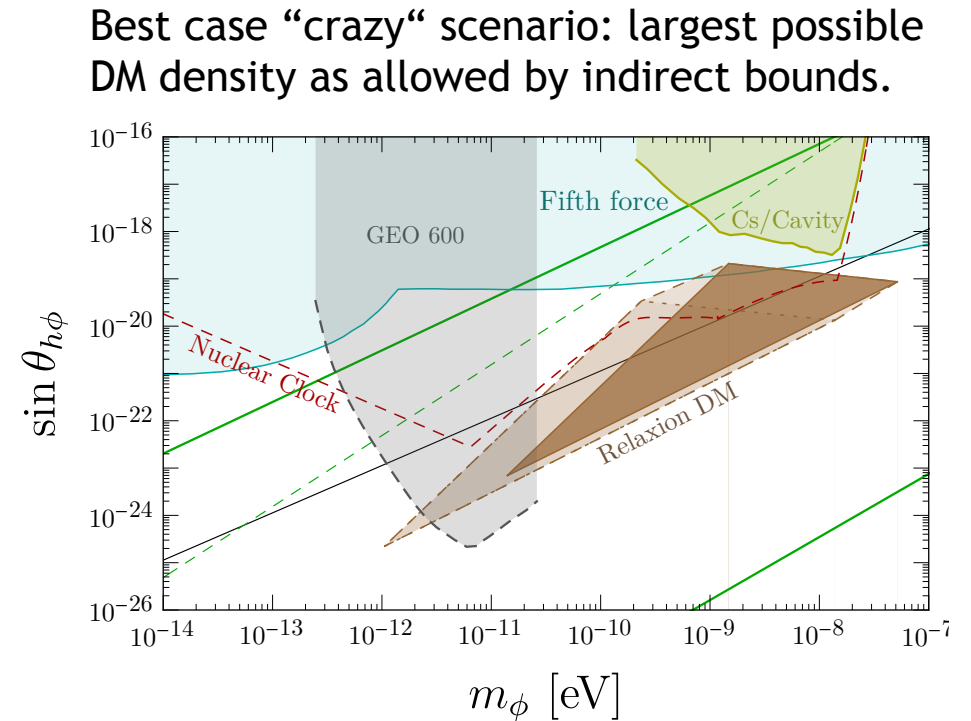
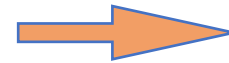
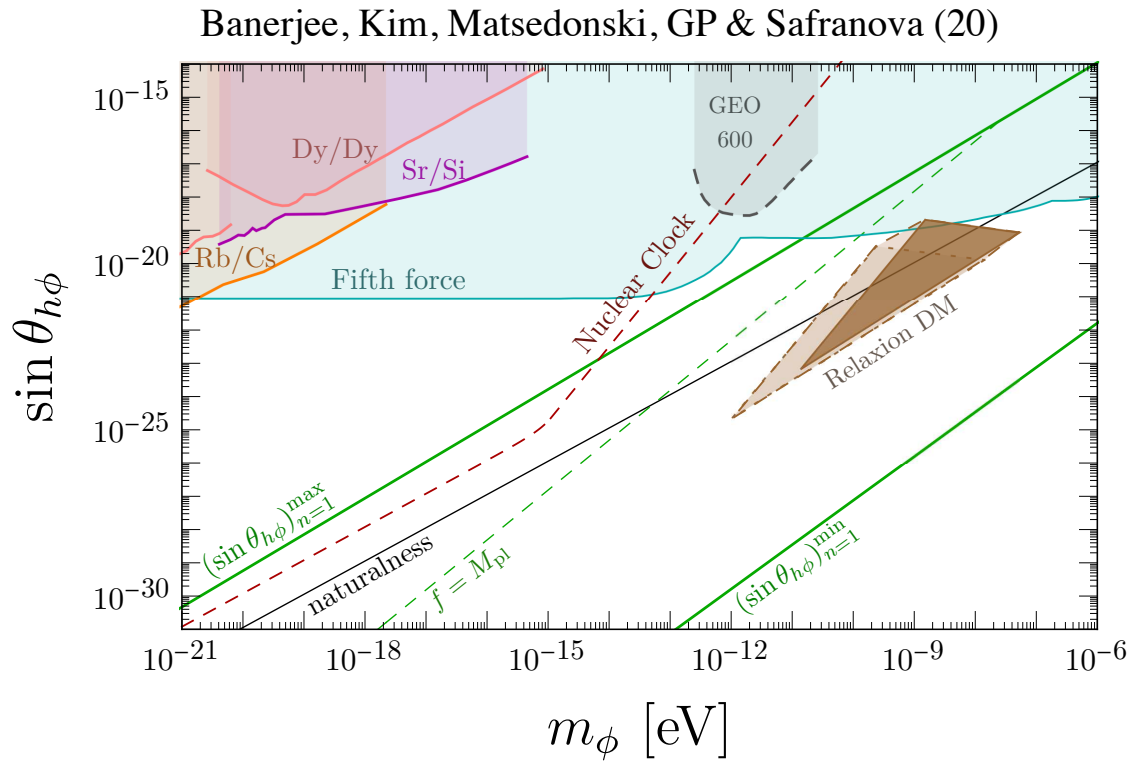
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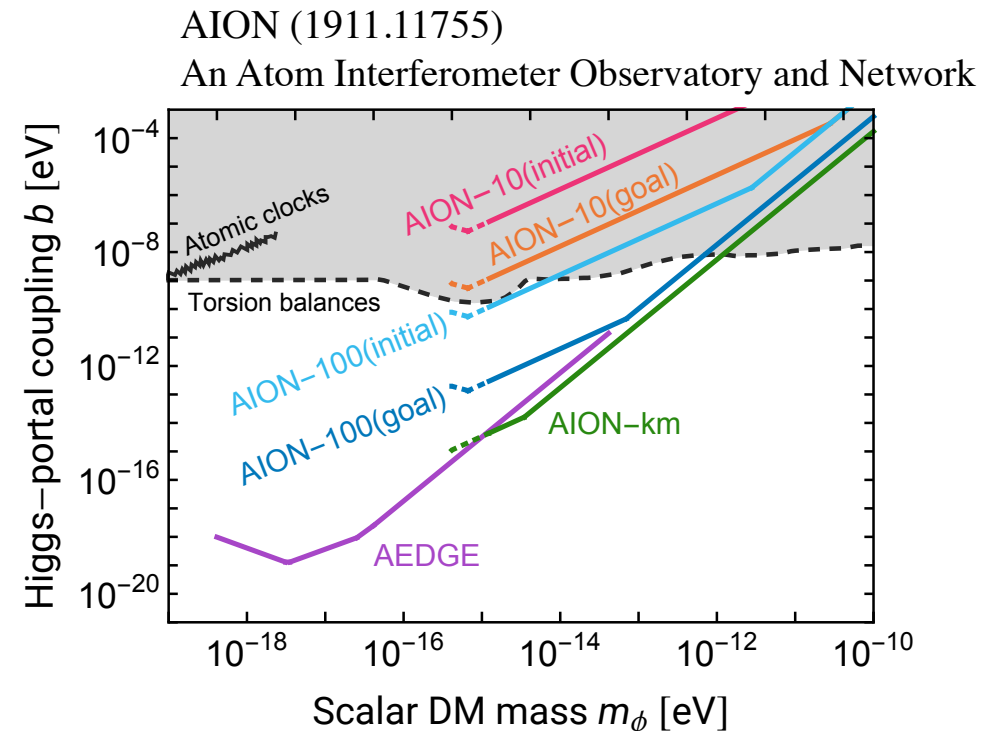
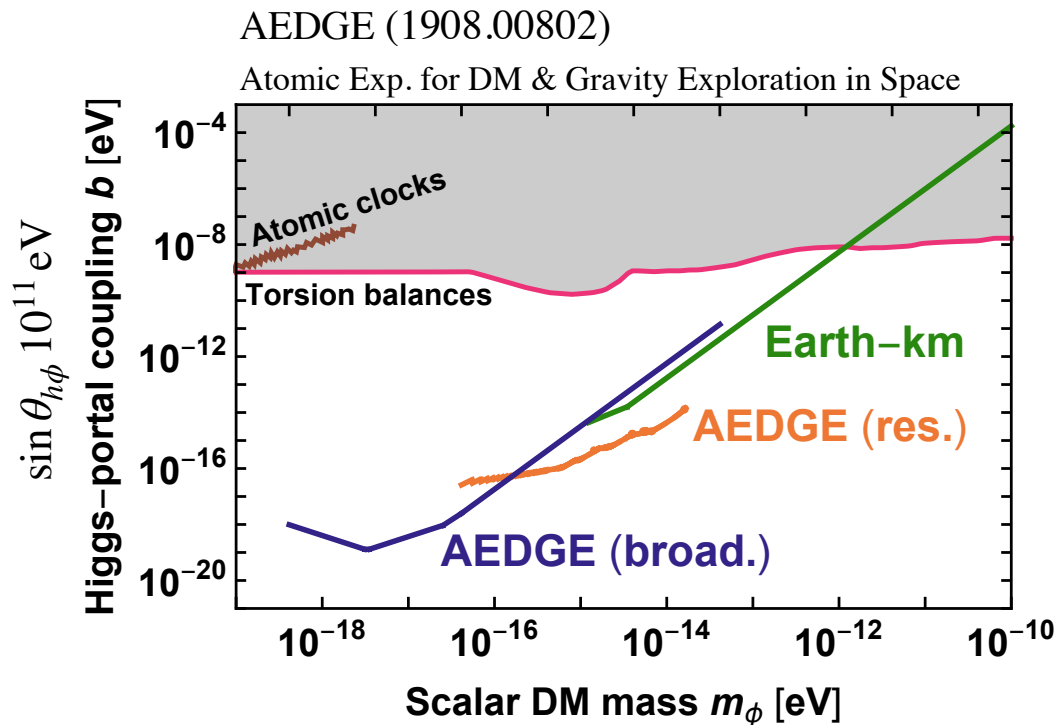
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ELGAR, 1911.03701; MIGA, Sci. Rep. (18); MAGIS, 1711.02225; ZAIGA 1903.09288.

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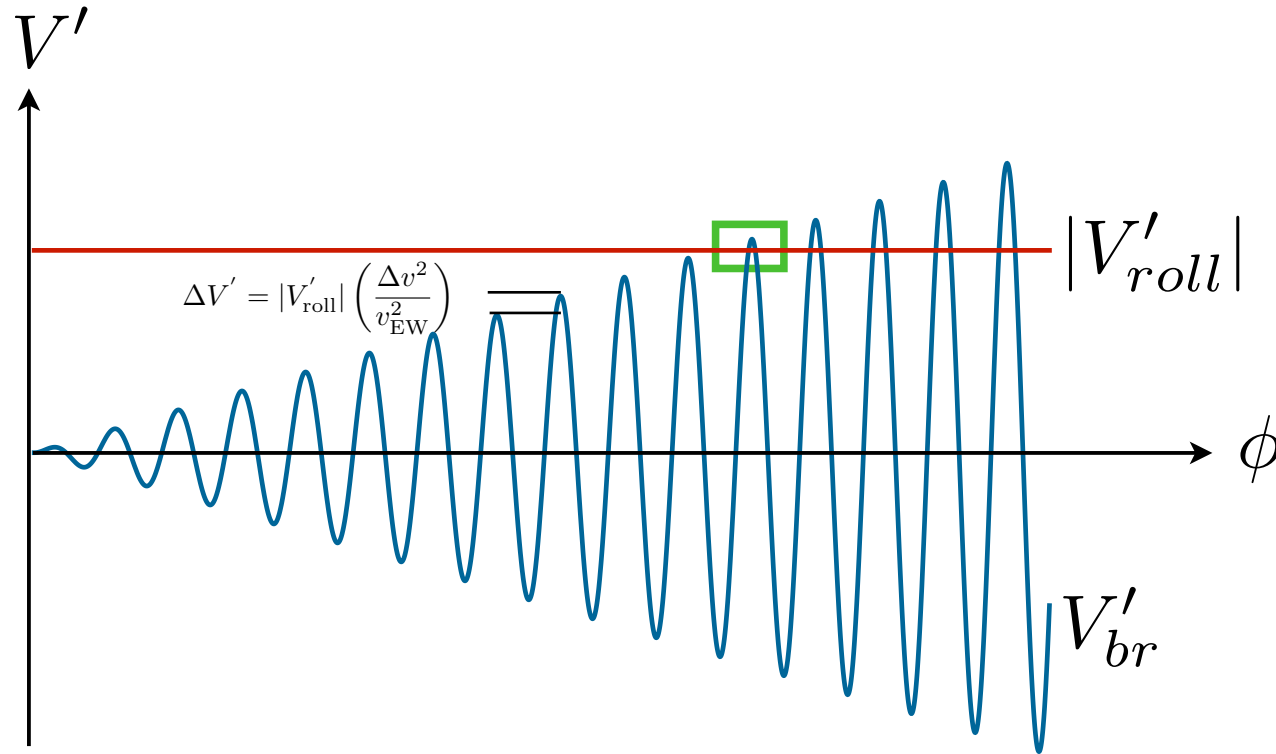
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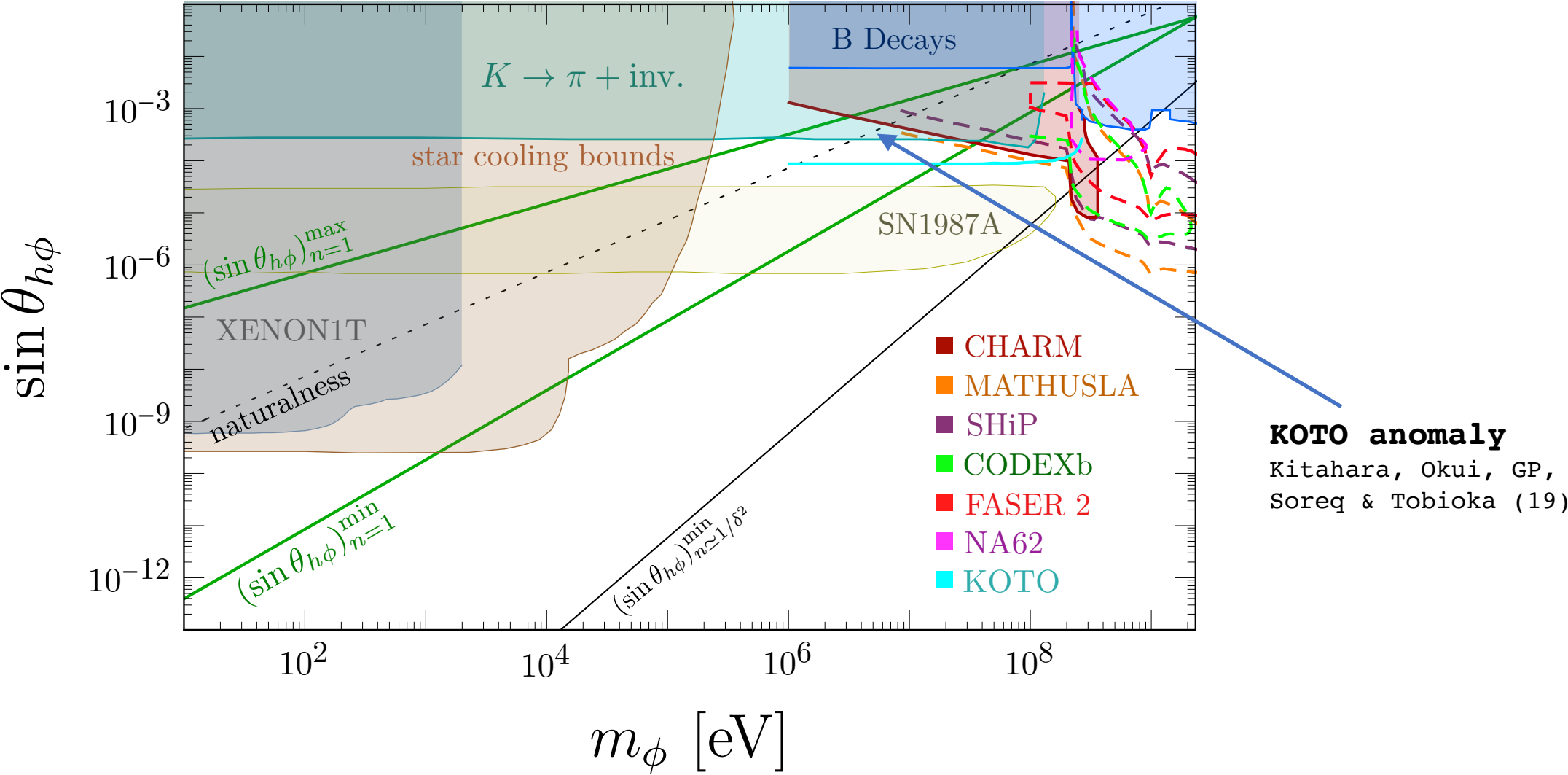


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# Overview: accelerator probes of relaxion

Prelim: Banerjee, Kim, Matsedonski, GP, Safranova



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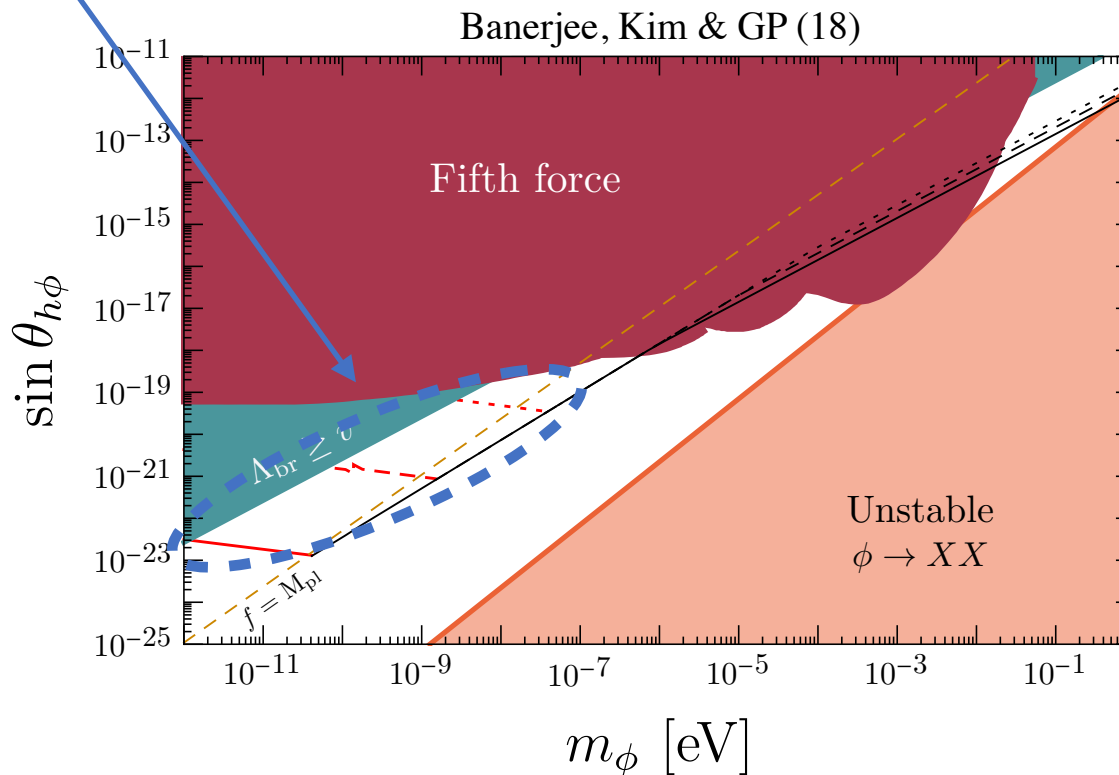
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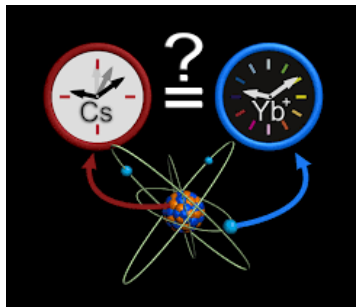
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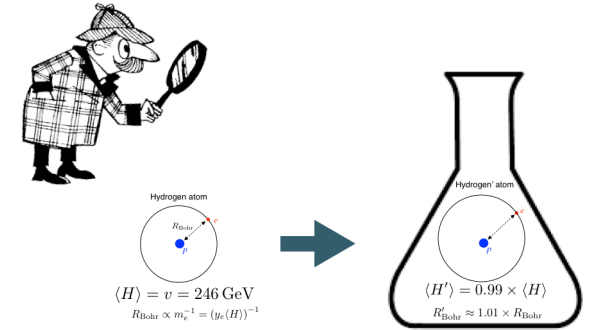
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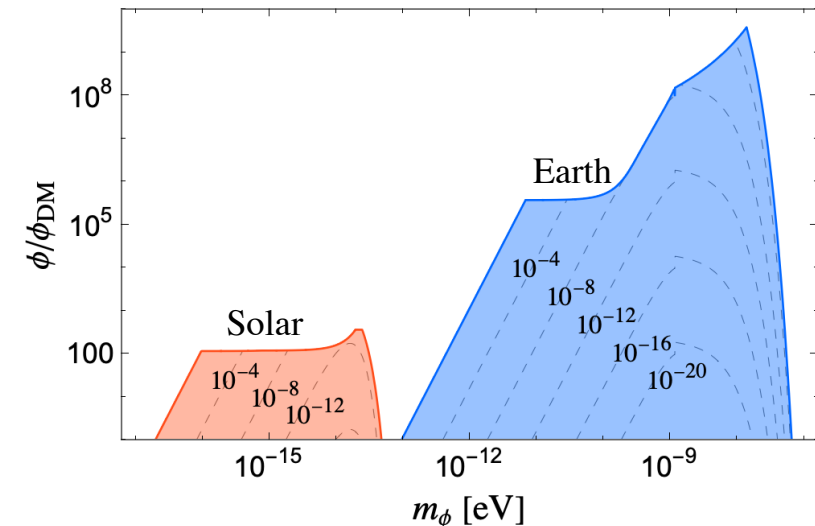
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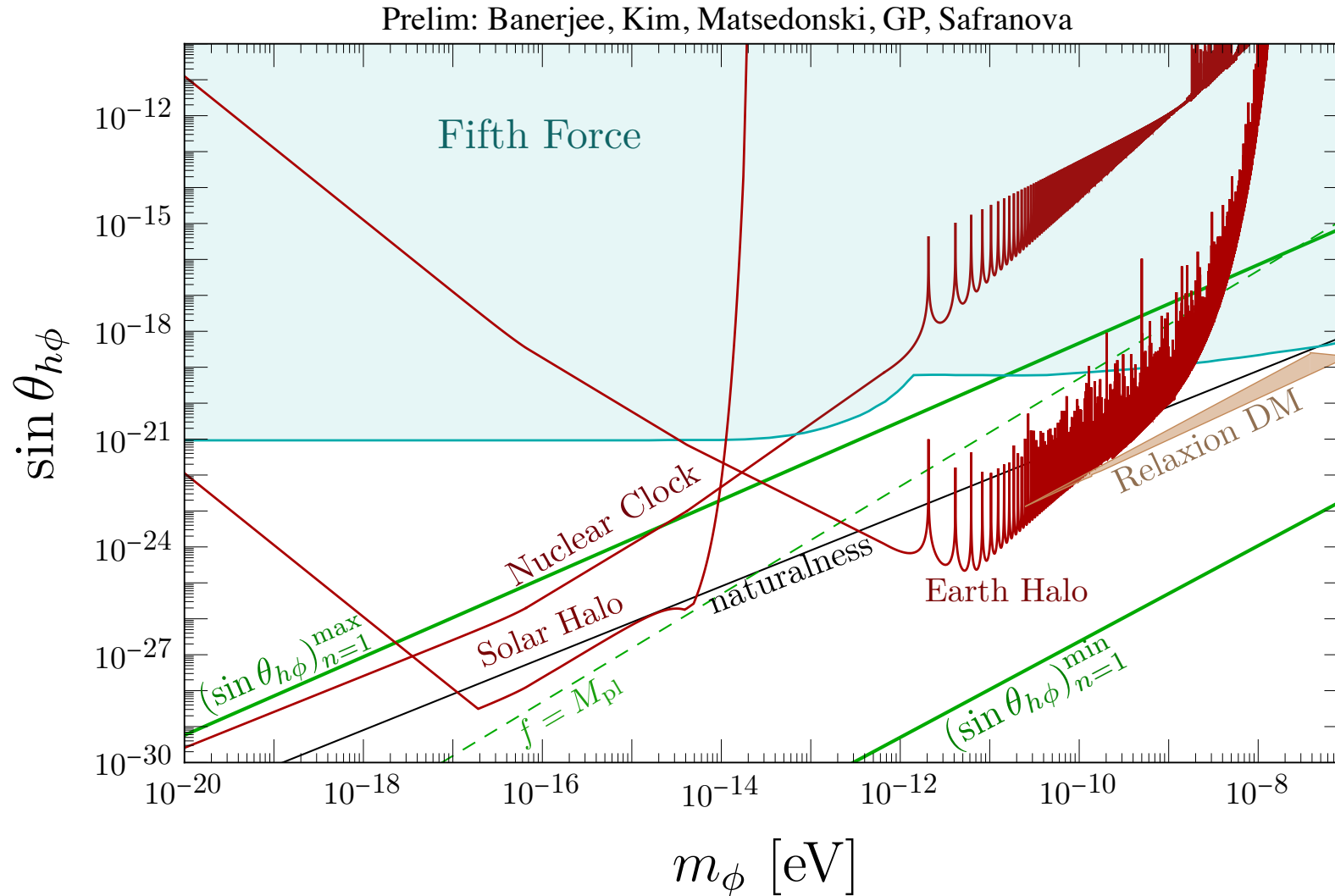
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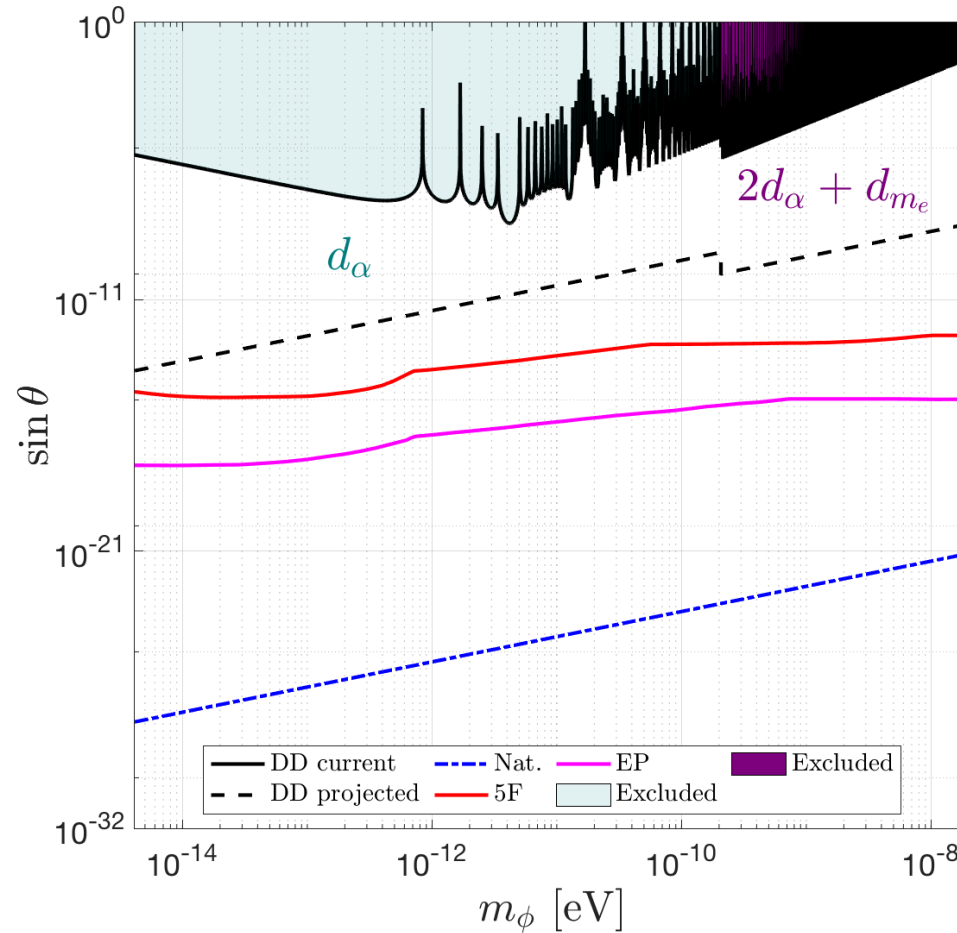
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# Ideal system, nuclear clock



# Beyond 1 Hz DM mass \w dynamical decoupling

Aharony, Akerman, Ozeri, GP & Shaniv & Savoray (19) [via ion-cavity comparison]

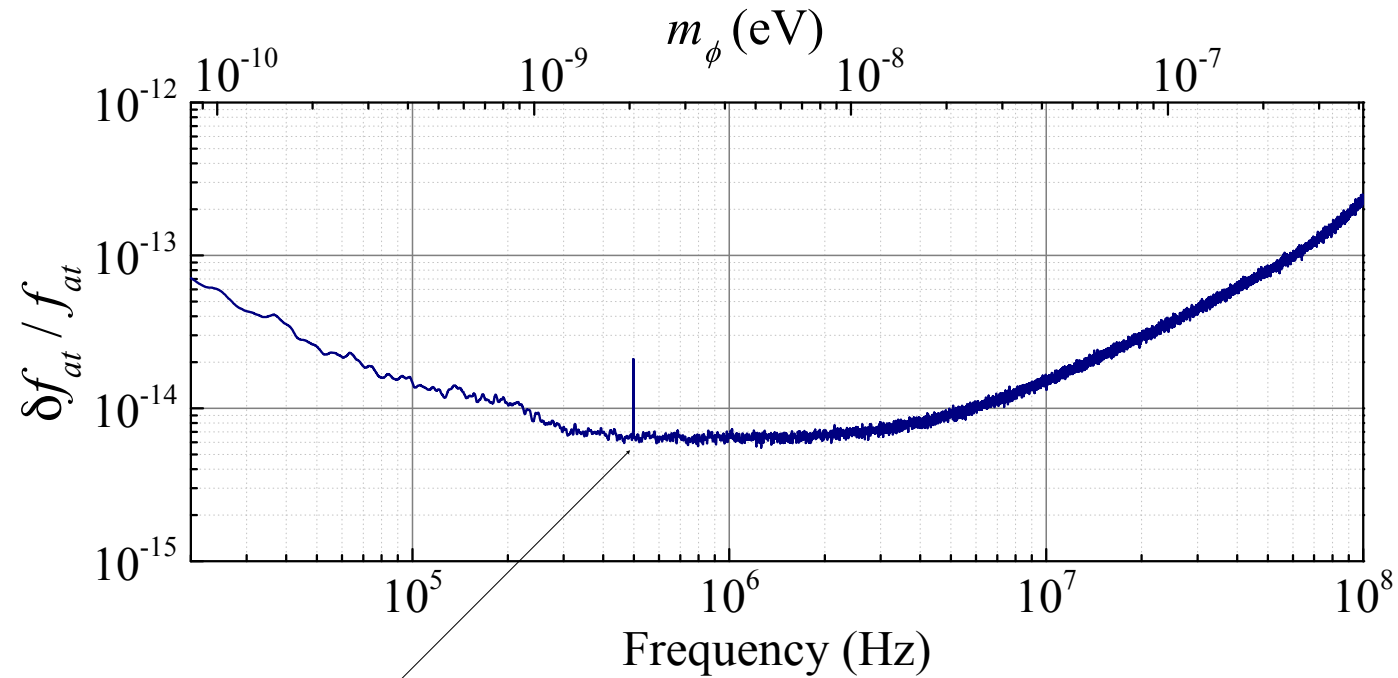


The bounds on the mixing angle of a relaxion DM: Black – current and projected bounds from DD experiments at 95% CL. Red – Bounds from fifth force experiments. Magenta – EP-tests bounds. Dash-dotted – Bounds from Naturalness.

# Beyond 1 Hz DM mass \w polarization spectroscopy

Antypas, Tretiak, Garcon, Ozeri, GP & Budker, (19)

Cs  $6S_{1/2} \rightarrow 6P_{3/2}$  transition frequency (10 GHz)



3rd laser harmonics.



# Cavity-cavity comparisons - stay tune for Fri.

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**Stadnik** & Flambaum (14); Grote & **Stadnik** (19) ..

# The (rel)axion frontier

# Axial coupling searches of relaxion DM

- The relaxion being an axion-like-particle (ALP) obtain pseudo-scalar coupling to matter, that are model dependent.

See e.g.: Graham, Kaplan & Rajendran; Gupta, Komargodski, GP & Ubaldi (15); Davidi, Gupta, GP, Redigolo & Shalit (17,18)

- Generically, one loop below backreaction scale we expect axial coupling to be induced.



Motivate us to search for an associated signal via “magnetometers”

Banerjee, Budker, Eby, Flambaum, Kim, Matsedonskyi & GP (19)

# Axial coupling searches of relaxion DM

- One can look at signals at variety of experiments (we consider 2):

ABRACADABRA  $\nabla \times \vec{B} = \frac{\partial \vec{E}}{\partial t} - g_{\phi\gamma\gamma} \left( \vec{E} \times \nabla\phi - \vec{B} \frac{\partial\phi}{\partial t} \right)$ . Kahn, Safdi & Thaler (16); Ouellet et al (18)  $\left( \mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{1}{4} g_{\phi\gamma\gamma} \phi F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} \right)$

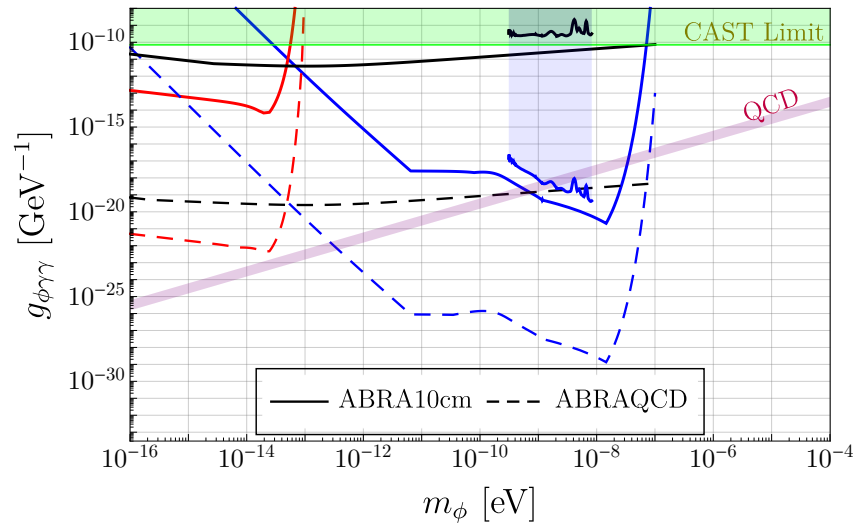
CASPEr(Wind)  $H \simeq -[(d_a/I)\vec{I} \cdot \vec{E} + (\mu_n/I)\vec{I} \cdot \vec{B}_\phi] \cos(m_\phi t)$ .  $\vec{d}_a = g_{ad} \phi \vec{I}$ ,  $\vec{B}_\phi = g_{\phi NN} \gamma_n^{-1} \nabla\phi$ .  $\left( \mathcal{L} \supset g_{\phi NN} \partial_\mu \phi \vec{N} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 N - \frac{i}{2} g_d \phi \vec{N} \sigma_{\mu\nu} \gamma_5 N F^{\mu\nu} + \dots \right)$

Budker, Graham, Ledbetter, Rajendran & Sushkov (13); Jackson Kimball et al (2017)

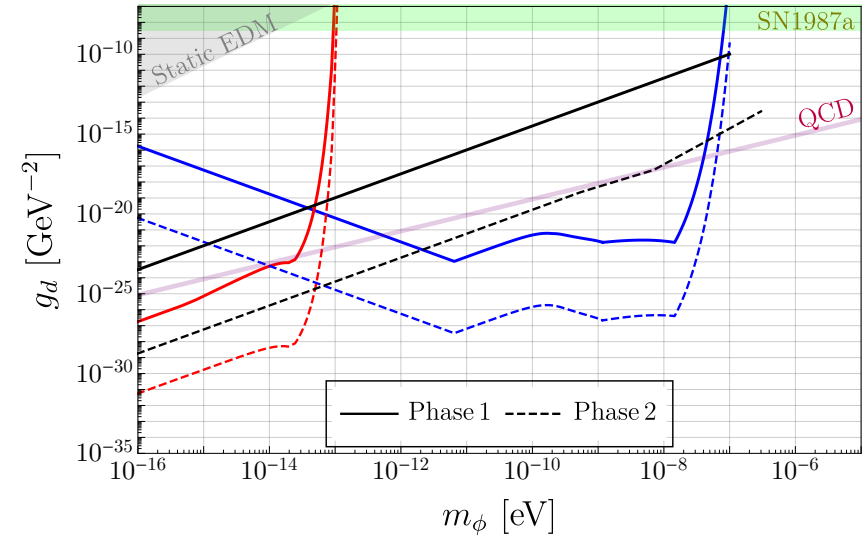
- In the case of axion-halo the “wind” is replaced by density gradient which is orientation-dependent => new type of signature.

# Axial coupling searches of relaxion DM

Banerjee, Budker, Eby, Flambaum, Kim, Matsedonskyi & GP (19)



Sensitivity to  $g_{\phi\gamma\gamma}$  in the ABRACADABRA experiment. Black lines: projected sensitivity for background axion dark matter; blue lines: sensitivity for Earth axion halo; red: sensitivity for solar axion halo. The shaded regions represent the QCD axion band (purple), the current CAST constraint (green), and the current ABRACADABRA constraint (black/blue).



Sensitivity to  $g_d$  in presence of an axion halo for CASPER-Electric; the blue (red) curves represent the Earth-based (Sun-based) halo, the black lines represent the standard background DM density, and the shaded regions are current constraints from astrophysics (green) and static EDM searches (gray).

# Conclusions

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- Higgs physics has been always our beacon for new physics.
- Null-results + new theories (ex.: relaxion)  $\Rightarrow$  log crisis/opportunity, calls for experimental diversity.
- Accelerators provided a unique opportunity to search for (relaxed) relaxion.
- Ultra-light relaxion DM  $\Rightarrow$  Higgs VEV oscillating  $\Rightarrow$  exciting signals ...
- Signals are correlated with axion-searches which is a unique property.