



# Multi-Phase Dynamical Symmetry Breaking by Scalar Dark Matter

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## 2 Motivation

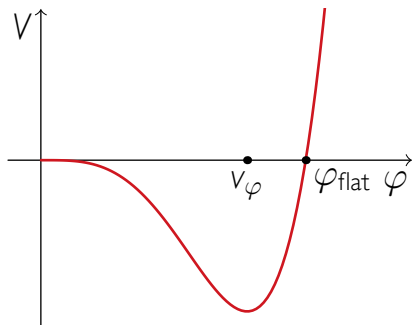
- Dynamical symmetry breaking can relieve the hierarchy problem
- Near the critical phase boundary both dilaton and Higgs can be light
- Quantum corrections driven by couplings to dark matter
- Model to explain (almost) everything  
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# 3 Mechanism

- **Multi-phase dynamical symmetry breaking**  
K.K., Luca Marzola, Martti Raidal, Alessandro Strumia  
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- **Model-independent collider phenomenology**  
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Subhadeep Mondal, Martti Raidal  
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- **Dark-matter-driven symmetry breaking**  
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## 4 Dynamical Symmetry Breaking

- No dimensionful terms in the scalar potential
- Symmetry broken by quantum corrections via the Coleman-Weinberg mechanism
- Minimum near the flat direction  
 $V(\mu_{\text{flat}}) = 0$



S. R. Coleman, E. J. Weinberg, Phys. Rev. D 7 (1973) 1888–1910

E. Gildener, S. Weinberg, Phys. Rev. D 13 (1976) 3333

## 5 Model with Scalar Dark Matter

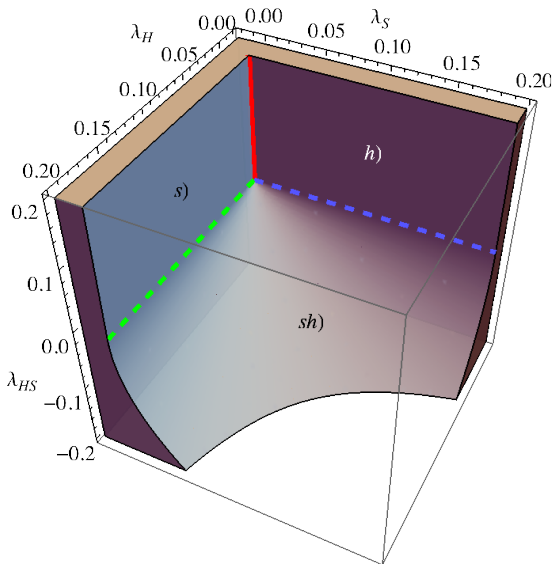
Tree-level scalar potential given by

$$V = \frac{1}{4}\lambda_H h^4 + \frac{1}{4}\lambda_S s^4 + \frac{1}{4}\lambda_{HS} h^2 s^2 \\ + \frac{1}{4}\lambda_{HS'} h^2 s'^2 + \frac{1}{4}\lambda_{SS'} s^2 s'^2 + \frac{1}{4}\lambda_{S'} s'^4$$

- In addition to the Higgs boson  $h$ , dilaton  $s$ , and dark matter  $s'$
- Invariant under a  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \otimes \mathbb{Z}'_2$  with  $s \rightarrow -s$  and  $s' \rightarrow -s'$
- VEVs  $\langle h \rangle \equiv v$  and  $\langle s \rangle \equiv w$

## 6 Phases: Higgs & Dilaton

- h)  $\lambda_H = 0$  and  $\lambda_S, \lambda_{HS} > 0$  for non-zero  $v$
- s)  $\lambda_S = 0$  and  $\lambda_H, \lambda_{HS} > 0$  for non-zero  $w$
- sh)  $\lambda_{HS} = -2\sqrt{\lambda_H\lambda_S} < 0$  and  $\lambda_H, \lambda_S > 0$  for both  $v$  and  $w$  non-zero



# 7 Two Regimes

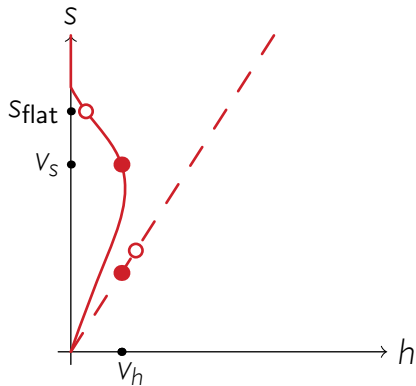
- In the Gildener-Weinberg regime,  $\lambda_{HS}(w) \approx \lambda_{HS}(s_{\text{flat}})$  and

$$\frac{v}{w} \approx \sqrt{\frac{-\lambda_{HS}(s_{\text{flat}})}{2\lambda_H}}$$

- In the multi-phase critical regime,  $\lambda_S(s_{\text{flat}}) \approx 0$ ,  $\lambda_{HS}(w) \ll \lambda_{HS}(s_{\text{flat}}) \approx 0$ ,  $s$  and  $sh$  phases coincide and the Gildener-Weinberg approximation breaks down



## 8 Two Regimes



⚠ Angles not drawn to scale



## 9 Quantum Corrections

- RGE running driven by couplings to dark matter
- In the critical limit, the single dominant mass scale is

$$m_{S'}^2 = \frac{1}{2}(\lambda_{SS'}s^2 + \lambda_{HS'}h^2)$$

- For  $\lambda_S \approx 0$  and  $\lambda_{HS} \approx 0$ ,  $\beta$ -functions given by

$$\beta_{\lambda_{HS}} \approx \frac{1}{2}\lambda_{SS'}\lambda_{HS'}, \quad \beta_{\lambda_S} \approx \frac{1}{4}\lambda_{SS'}^2$$

- Dark matter Higgs portal  $\lambda_{HS'}$  important for symmetry breaking *and* direct detection

# 10 Quantum Corrections

Effective potential

$$V_{\text{eff}} = V^{(0)} + V^{(1)} \approx V^{(0)}(\lambda_i(\mu = s))$$

Running couplings parametrised as

$$\lambda_S^{\text{eff}}(s) = \frac{\beta_{\lambda_S}}{(4\pi)^2} \ln \frac{s^2}{s_S^2},$$

$$\lambda_{HS}^{\text{eff}}(s) = \frac{\beta_{\lambda_{HS}}}{(4\pi)^2} \ln \frac{s^2}{s_{HS}^2}$$

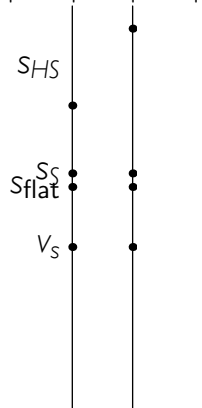
$$= \frac{\beta_{\lambda_{HS}}}{(4\pi)^2} \ln \frac{R s^2}{e^{-1/2} s_S^2}$$

■ The ratio

$$R = e^{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{s_S^2}{s_{HS}^2}}$$

small  $|\ln R|$

large  $|\ln R|$



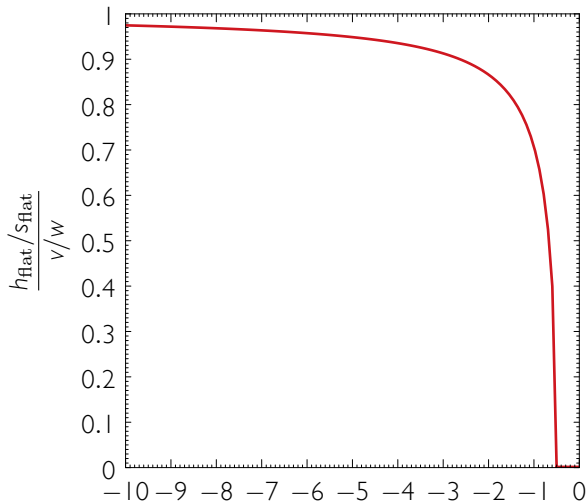
# || Quantum Corrections

- Flat direction scale  $s_{\text{flat}} \approx s_S$
- Dilaton VEV  $w \approx s_S e^{-1/4}$
- Higgs VEV

$$v = \frac{w}{4\pi} \sqrt{-\frac{\beta_{\lambda_{HS}} \ln R}{2\lambda_H}}$$

suppressed by quantum corrections

## 12 Quantum Corrections



$$\sqrt{\frac{\lambda_{HS}^{\text{eff}}(S_{\text{flat}})}{\lambda_{HS}^{\text{eff}}(w)}} = \frac{h_{\text{flat}}}{S_{\text{flat}}} \Big/ \frac{v}{w} = \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{2 \ln R}} \quad \text{if } \ln R < -\frac{1}{2}$$

# 13 Parameters

- Higgs mass  $m_h \approx \sqrt{2\lambda_H}v \approx 125.1$  GeV
- Higgs VEV  $v = 246.2$  GeV
- Free parameters:  $m_S, m_{S'}, \ln R$
- Dark matter self-coupling  $\lambda_{S'}$  largely irrelevant (not too large)
- Loop-level  $m_S^2 \propto \beta_{\lambda_S}, m_h^2 \propto \beta_{\lambda_{HS}}$ ,  
tree-level  $m_{S'}^2 \propto \lambda_{SS'}$

# 14 Parameters

$$\lambda_{SS'} \approx \frac{(4\pi)^2 m_s^2}{m_{s'}^2},$$

$$\lambda_{HS'} \approx -\frac{(4\pi)^2 m_h^2}{m_{s'}^2 \ln R},$$

$$w \approx \frac{\sqrt{2} m_{s'}^2}{4\pi m_s}$$

and

$$\theta \approx \frac{2\sqrt{2}\pi m_s m_h^2 v (1 + \ln R)}{(m_h^2 - m_s^2) m_{s'}^2 \ln R}$$

# 15 Dark Matter Abundance

- $\Omega_{\text{DM}} h^2 = 0.120 \pm 0.001$

N. Aghanim, et al., *Astron. Astrophys.* 641 (2020) A6

- Heavy-DM limit  $m_{S'} \gg m_s, m_h$ , where the non-relativistic DM annihilation cross section is simply given by

$$\sigma_{\text{ann}} v_{\text{rel}} \approx \frac{\lambda_{SS'}^2 + 4\lambda_{HS'}^2}{64\pi m_{S'}^2} \approx 4\pi^3 \frac{m_s^4 + 4m_h^4 / \ln^2 R}{m_{S'}^6}$$

- Higgs-dominated for  $m_s \ll m_h$ ,  
dilaton-dominated for  $m_s \gg m_h$

# 16 Direct Detection

Effective coupling to nucleons

$$\frac{f_N m_N}{v} h \bar{N} N,$$

gives

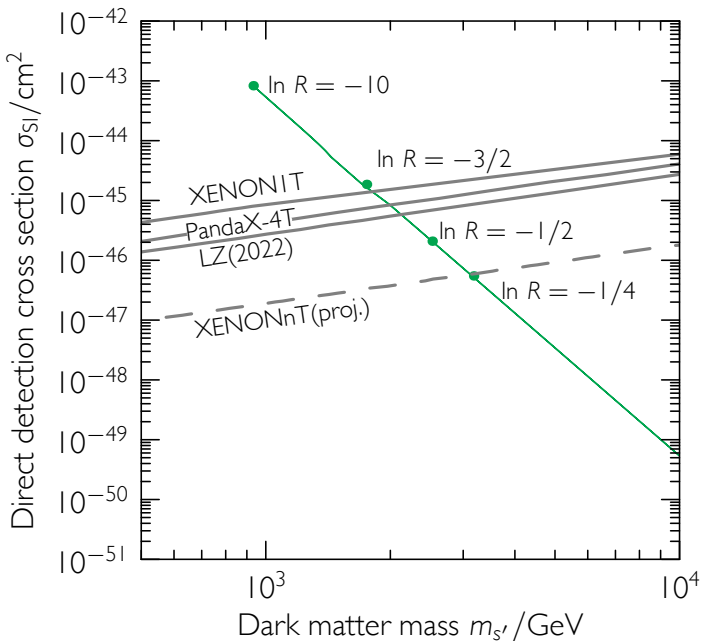
$$\sigma_{SI} \approx \frac{64\pi^3 f_N^2 m_N^4}{m_{S'}^6},$$

where  $m_N = 0.946$  GeV

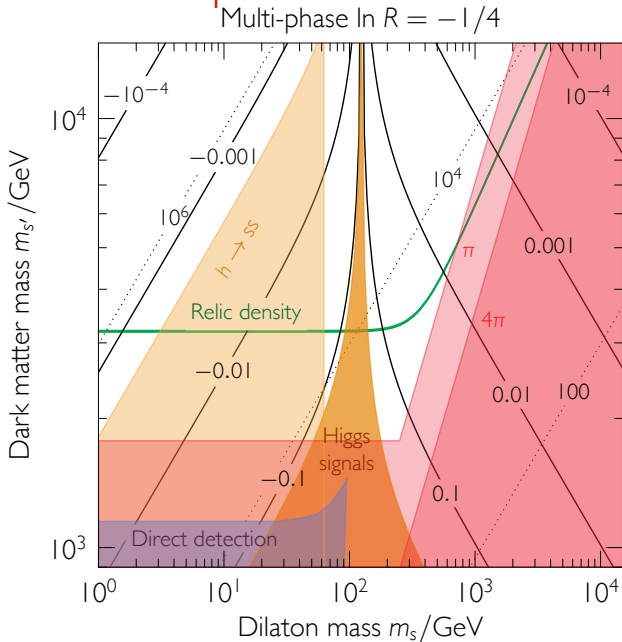
is the nucleon mass and  $f_N \approx 0.3$



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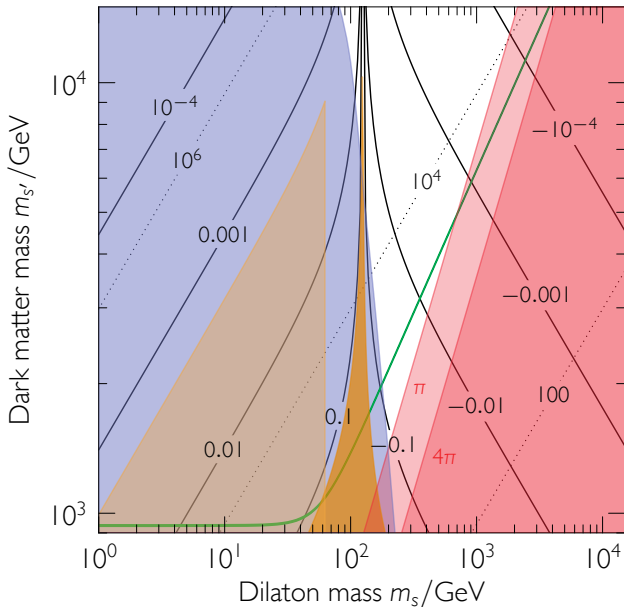


# 18 Parameter Space

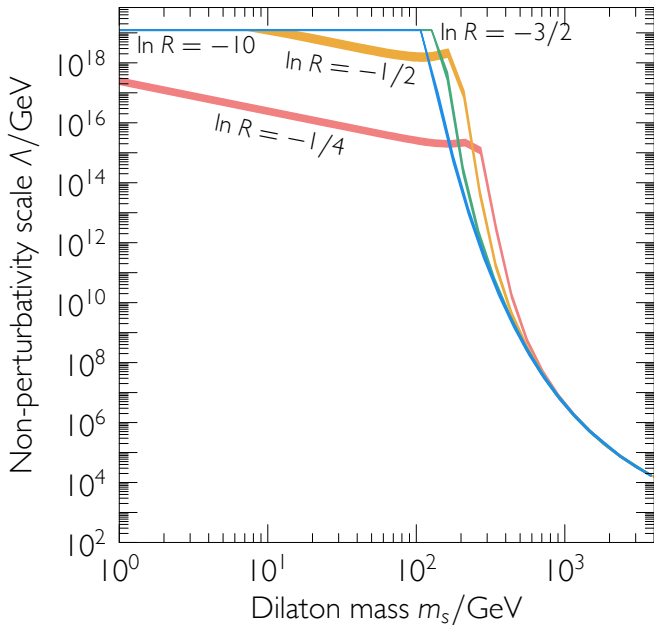


# 19 Parameter Space

Gildener-Weinberg limit  $\ln R = -10$



# 20 Perturbativity



## 21 Completing the Model

- Type-I seesaw mechanism with right-handed neutrinos  $N_R$
- Yukawa Lagrangian

$$-L_Y = y_H \bar{\ell} \tilde{H} N_R + \frac{y_S}{2} s \bar{N}_R^c N_R + \text{h.c.},$$

where  $\tilde{H} \equiv i\tau_2 H^*$

- Light enough neutrinos do not ruin the mechanism
- Can do leptogenesis
- Inflation with the dilaton  $s$

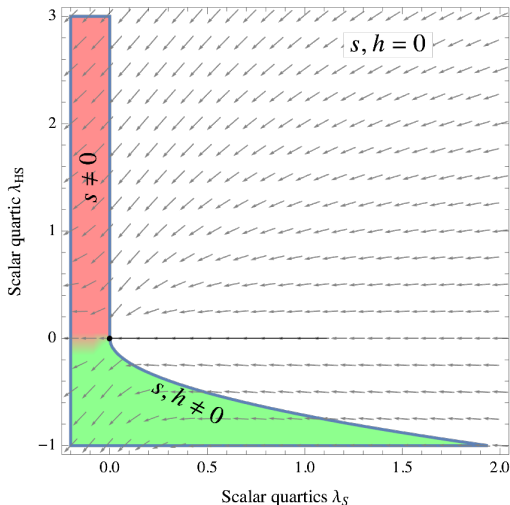
## 22 Brief on Freeze-In

- Dark matter mass  $m_{S'} \sim 10^8$  GeV
- Tiny couplings: for  $m_S = 10$  GeV,  
 $\lambda_{SS'} \sim 10^{-11}$ ,  $\lambda_{HS'} \sim 10^{-14}$ ,  
 $\lambda_S \sim 10^{-30}$ ,  $\lambda_{HS} \sim 10^{-27}$
- One large scale that gives rise to other scales
- Impossible to detect at accessible energies  
(except dilaton-Higgs mixing)

## 23 Conclusions

- One scale to rule them all:  
dynamical symmetry breaking  
driven by couplings to dark matter
- Crucial corrections to Gildener-Weinberg  
approximation in the multi-phase critical regime
- Both dilaton and Higgs mass loop-suppressed
- Clear prediction for direct detection
- Inflation & leptogenesis  
with heavy right-handed neutrinos

# 24 RGE Flow Attractor



- Starting from  $\lambda_S \gg \lambda_{HS} \gg 1$
- Takes  $(4\pi)^2$  orders of magnitude...



## 25 Parameters

$$m_h^2 \approx -\frac{\beta_{\lambda_{HS}}}{(4\pi)^2} w^2 \ln R \approx 2\lambda_H v^2,$$

$$m_s^2 \approx 2\frac{\beta_{\lambda_s}}{(4\pi)^2} w^2,$$

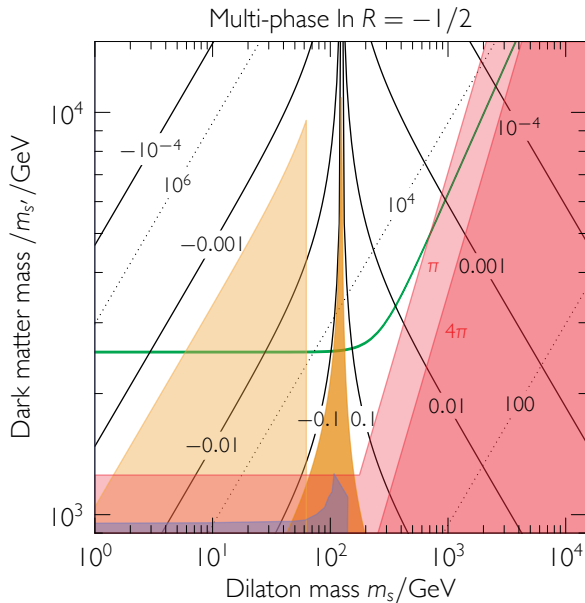
$$m_{s'}^2 \approx \frac{1}{2}\lambda_{SS'} w^2,$$

while the mixing angle is given by

$$\theta \approx \frac{m_{hs}^2}{m_s^2 - m_h^2} = \frac{\beta_{\lambda_{HS}} (1 + \ln R) v}{2\beta_{\lambda_s} + \beta_{\lambda_{HS}} \ln R w},$$

where  $m_{hs}^2$  is the mixing mass term among  $h$  and  $s$

# 26 Parameter Space



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