



# Probing the fate of the electroweak symmetry

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# EW symmetry in the SM

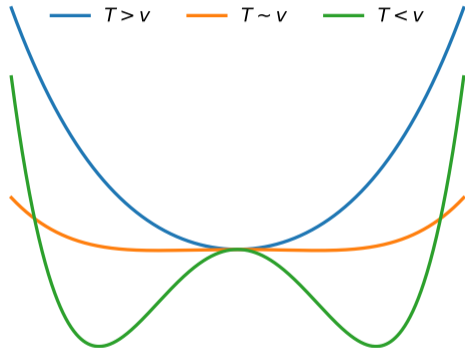
EW symmetry unbroken in early universe



Cross-over transition at  $T \sim v$



EW symmetry broken at  $T = 0$

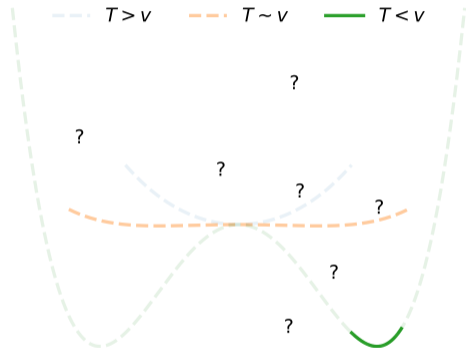


Each step is a model-dependent feature!

# EW symmetry beyond SM

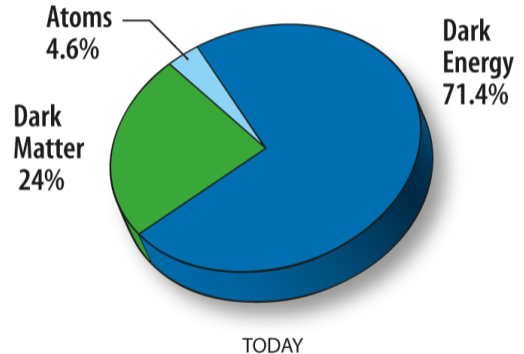
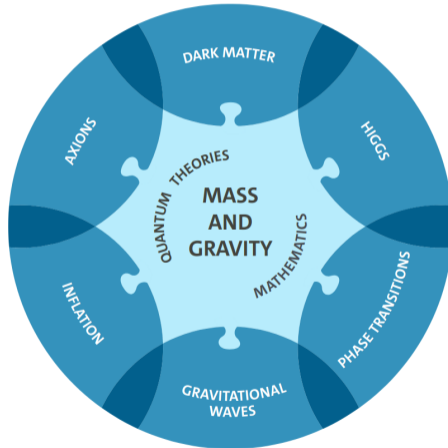
Other possibilities:

- EW symmetry non-restoration
- EW 1st-order phase transitions
- Vacuum trapping

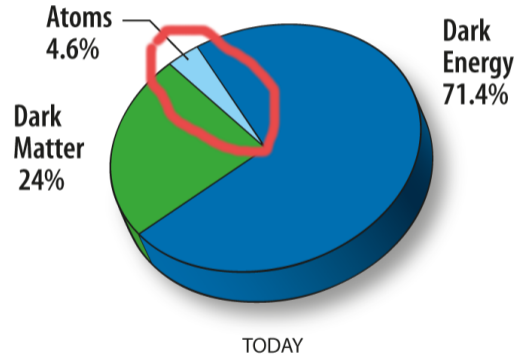
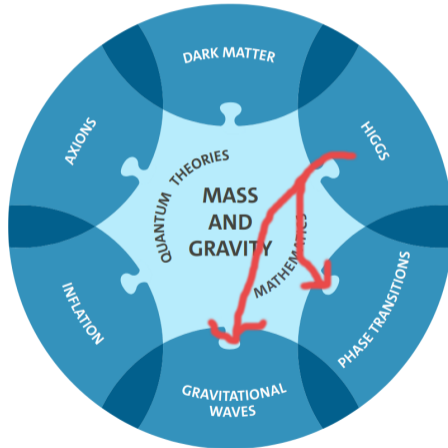


## Phenomenological consequences?

# Why do we care?



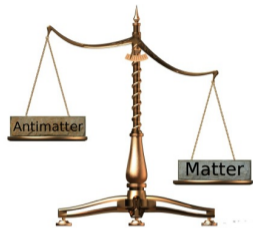
# Why do we care?



# Matter-antimatter asym.

SM prediction: We do not exist:  $\frac{n_b}{n_\gamma} \sim 6 \cdot 10^{-19}$

Observations: We exist:  $\frac{n_b}{n_\gamma} \sim 6 \cdot 10^{-10}$



[D0, Fermilab]

Baryon Asymmetry of the Universe (BAU)  $\rightarrow$  Sakharov conditions

1. B violation
2. Loss of thermal equilibrium
3. C and CP violation

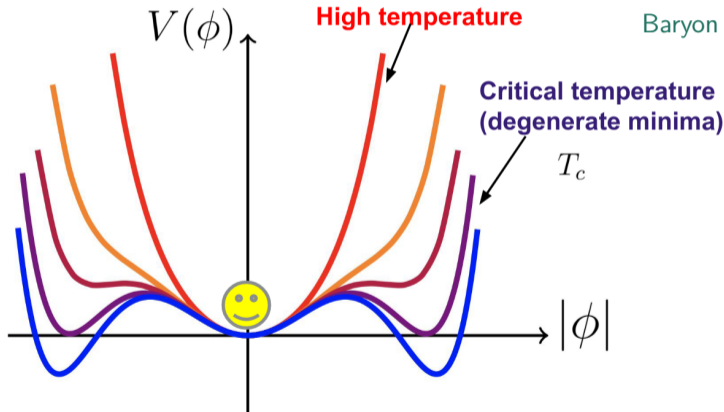
**Electroweak baryogenesis:** Requires BSM around the EW scale

# Matter-antimatter asym.

## 1st-order electroweak phase transition

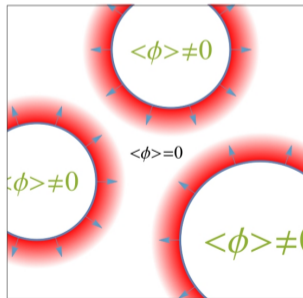
Necessary ingredient for EW baryogenesis

[Slide: Olalla Olea, Susy2021]



Baryon number preservation criterion:

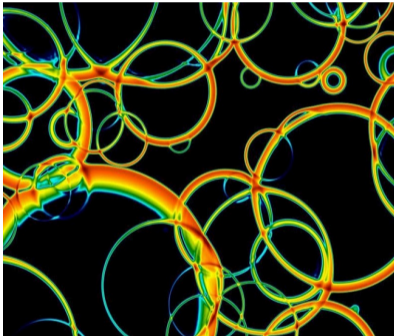
$$\frac{v}{T} \gtrsim 1$$



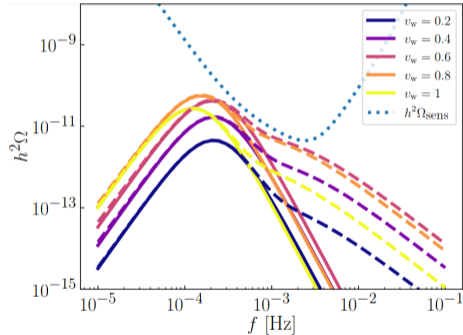
[José Miguel No]

# Gravitational waves

1st-order EWPT gives rise to a primordial stochastic GW background



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[T.B., S. Heinemeyer, J.M. No, M.O. Olea Romacho, G. Weiglein: 2208.14466]

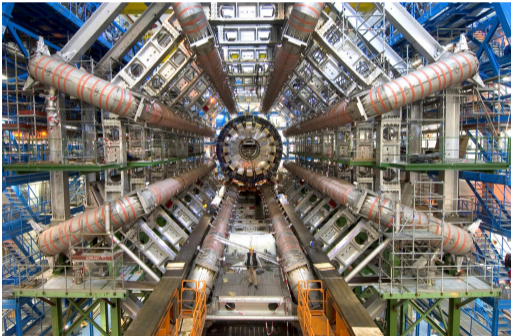
**Characteristic wavelength:**  $T_{EW} \approx 100 \text{ GeV} \leftrightarrow \lambda \approx 10^6 \text{ km}$



# Gravitational waves

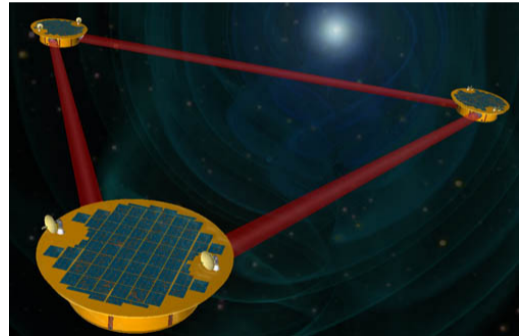
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LHC



[CERN]

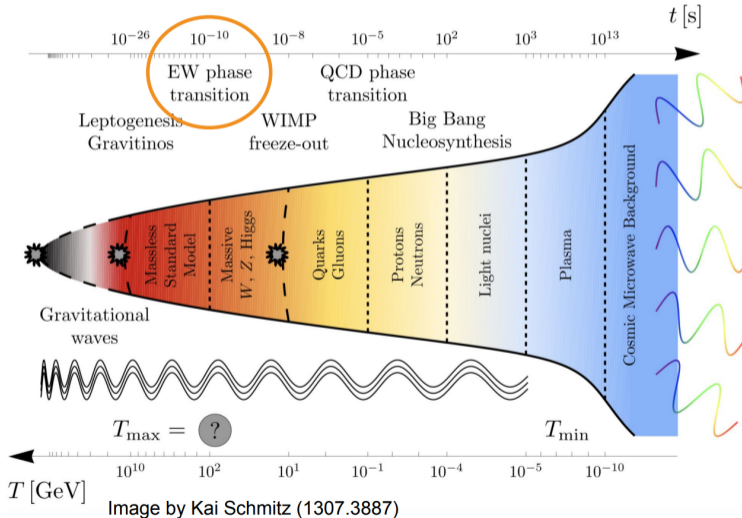
LISA



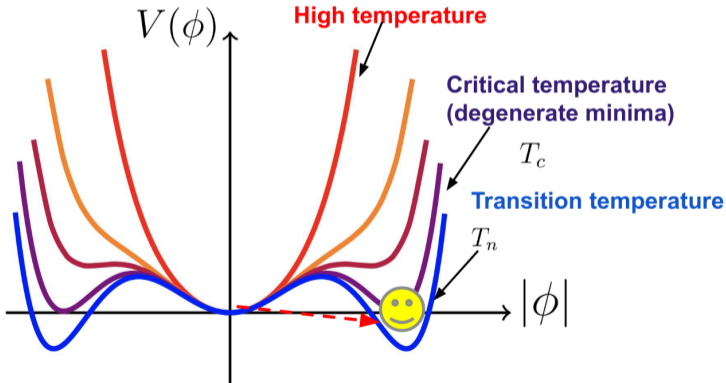
[NASA]

**Complementarity:** Colliders  $\leftrightarrow$  GW detectors

# The very<sup>2</sup> early universe



## 1st-order EW phase transition



Transition rate: ( $S_3$ : bounce action)

$$\Gamma \sim \exp(-S_3(T)/T)$$

Nucleation/transition temperature  $T_n$ :

$$\rightarrow S_3(T_n)/T_n \sim 140$$

Strength (energy budget):

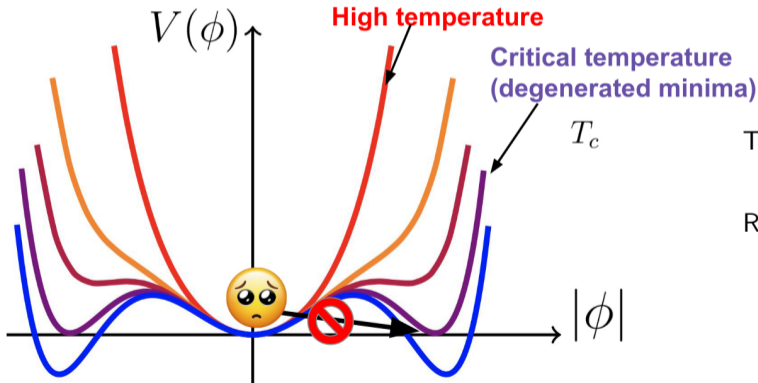
$$\alpha = \frac{1}{\rho_R} \left( \Delta V(T_n) - \left( \frac{T}{4} \frac{\partial \Delta V(T)}{\partial T} \right) \Big|_{T_n} \right)$$

Inverse duration:

$$\frac{\beta}{H} = T_n \left( \frac{d}{dT} \frac{S_3(T)}{T} \right) \Big|_{T_n}$$

# Alternative thermal histories

## Vacuum trapping



Transition cannot complete:

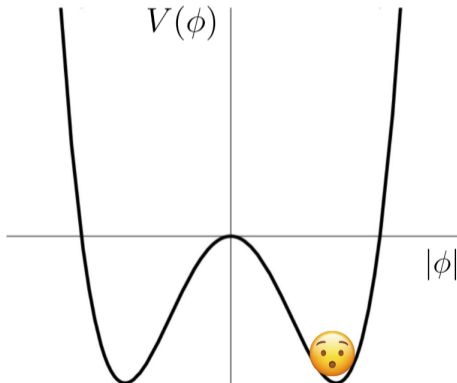
$$S_3/T > 140 \text{ for all } T$$

Reasons:

- Potential is too shallow
- Potential barrier is too large
- Separation of minima is too large

# Alternative thermal histories

## Electroweak symmetry non-restoration



Related to terms  $\sim c \Phi^2 T^2$  with  $c < 0$

→ Negative curvature in high- $T$  limit

→ EW-conserving origin is saddle point

Phenomenological consequences:

→ Active (new) field of research\*

→ Here: no GW signals at LISA

→ *High-scale EW baryogenesis*

Generically:

→ EWSB scale can be  $\gg$  EW scale

\* [Carena, Krause, Liu, Wang: 2104.00638],

[Chang, Olea, Tanin: 2210.05680],

[Matsedonskyi, Unwin, Wang: 2107.07560],

[Matsedonskyi, Servant: 2002.05174], [Glioti, Rattazzi, Vecchi, 1811.11740],

[Baldes, Servant, 1807.08770]

# The (next-to) 2HDM

**N2HDM** = **2HDM**( $\phi_1, \phi_2$ ) + Real Scalar Singlet( $\phi_s$ )

Scalar tree-level potential

$$\begin{aligned} V_{\text{tree}} = & m_{11}^2 |\Phi_1|^2 + m_{22}^2 |\Phi_2|^2 - m_{12}^2 (\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_2 + \text{h.c.}) + \frac{\lambda_1}{2} (\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_1)^2 + \frac{\lambda_2}{2} (\Phi_2^\dagger \Phi_2)^2 \\ & + \lambda_3 (\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_1) (\Phi_2^\dagger \Phi_2) + \lambda_4 (\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_2) (\Phi_2^\dagger \Phi_1) + \frac{\lambda_5}{2} [(\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_2)^2 + \text{h.c.}] \\ & \left( + \frac{1}{2} m_S^2 \Phi_S^2 + \frac{\lambda_6}{8} \Phi_S^4 + \frac{\lambda_7}{2} (\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_1) \Phi_S^2 + \frac{\lambda_8}{2} (\Phi_2^\dagger \Phi_2) \Phi_S^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

Extension of  $Z_2$  ( $\Phi_1 \rightarrow \Phi_1$  and  $\Phi_2 \rightarrow -\Phi_2$ ) to Yukawa sector  $\Rightarrow$  4 types of the **(N)2HDM**  
**Type-II:**  $u_R$  coupled to  $\Phi_2$ ,  $d_R$  and  $e_R$  coupled to  $\Phi_1$

**EW vacuum:**

$$\langle \Phi_1 \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v_1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \langle \Phi_2 \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \langle \Phi_S \rangle = v_S/\sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{R} \quad \tan \beta := v_2/v_1$$

**Scalar spectrum:** CP-even scalars  $h_1/h, h_2/H, h_3$ , CP-odd scalar  $A$ , charged scalars  $H^\pm$

# Effective potential

$$V_{\text{eff}} = \underbrace{V_{\text{tree}}(\phi_i) + V_{\text{CW}}(\phi_i) + V_{\text{CT}}(\phi_i) + V_{\text{T}}(\phi_i, T)}_{\text{tree-level + one-loop}} + \underbrace{V_{\text{daisy}}(\phi_i, T)}_{\text{resummed n-loop daisy diagrams}}$$

$V_{\text{tree}}$ : Classical (tree-level) potential

$V_{\text{CW}}$ : One-loop radiative corrections (at  $T = 0$ ) [S. R. Coleman, E. J. Weinberg (1973)]

$V_{\text{CT}}$ : UV-finite counterterm potential (OS conditions)

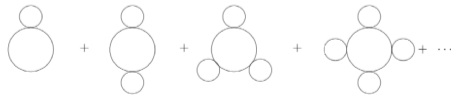
$V_{\text{T}}$ : One-loop thermal corrections [L. Dolan, R. Jackiw (1974)]

$V_{\text{daisy}}$ : Resummation of daisy diagrams [P. Arnold, O. Espinosa (1996)]

$$V_{\text{CW}}(\phi_i) = \sum_j \frac{n_j}{64\pi^2} (-1)^{2s_i} m_j^4(\phi_i) \left[ \ln \left( \frac{|m_j(\phi_i)|^2}{\mu^2} \right) - c_j \right]$$

$$V_{\text{T}}(\phi_i) = \sum_j \frac{n_j T^4}{2\pi^2} J_{\pm} \left( \frac{m_j^2(\phi_i)}{T^2} \right)$$

$$V_{\text{daisy}}(\phi_i) = - \sum_k \frac{T}{12\pi} \left( (\bar{m}_k^2(\phi_i, T))^{\frac{3}{2}} - (m_k^2(\phi_i))^{\frac{3}{2}} \right)$$



Daisy diagrams

[More details: M.Quiros, hep-ph/9901312]

# Analysis strategy

## 1. $T = 0$ analysis: Generate viable parameter points [ScannerS]

Hierarchical spectrum among the BSM scalar masses (facilitates a FOEWPT)

**Theoretical constraints:** (Meta-)stability of the EW vacuum [EVADE], perturbativity, unitarity

**Experimental constraints:** flavour physics, EW precision observables

$h_{125}$ , collider searches [HiggsSignals, HiggsBounds, SusHi, N2HDECAY]

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## 2. $T > 0$ analysis: Track the vacuum as a function of $T$ [cosmoTransitions]

**Minimization problem:** Find the (co-existing) minima of the potential at each  $T$

**Determine first-order phase transitions:** Nucleation (transition) temperature  $T_n$

$$\Gamma(T) = A(T) e^{-S_3(T)/T} \sim H^4(T) \quad \rightarrow \quad S_3(T_n)/T_n \sim 140$$

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## 3. Categorize parameter space of the model

→ Strong 1st-order EW PT    → EW SnR    → Vacuum trapping



Fate of electroweak symmetry in the early Universe:  
Non-restoration and trapped vacua in the N2HDM

# Origin of EW SnR

Toy model: BSM scalar  $\phi$  getting mass from Higgs field  $h$

$$\text{Debye mass: } \Pi_\phi = \left( \frac{\partial^2 V_T^{T \rightarrow \infty}}{\partial \phi^2} \Big|_{\phi=0} \right) / T^2$$

Tree-level bkg-field-dependent mass of  $\phi$ :  $m_\phi^2(T=0) = \mu_\phi^2 + \lambda_{\phi h} h^2$

The daisy diagrams add the following term to the effective potential:

$$V^{\text{full}}(T) \supset -\frac{T}{12\pi} [\mu_\phi^2 + \lambda_{\phi h} h^2 + \Pi_\phi T^2]^{3/2} = -\frac{T}{12\pi} [3h^4 \lambda_{\phi h}^2 \Pi_\phi T^2 + \dots]^{1/2}$$

Thermal mass of  $h$  (curvature at the "origin" of field space) at high  $T$ :

$$m_h^2(T) = \frac{\partial^2 V^{\text{full}}}{\partial h^2} \Big|_{h=0} \approx m_h^2(0) + \Pi_h T^2 - \frac{\lambda_{\phi h} \sqrt{\Pi_\phi}}{4\pi} T^2$$

EW symmetry non-restoration if at high  $T$ :

$$\Pi_h - \lambda_{\phi h} \sqrt{\Pi_\phi} / (4\pi) < 0$$

# Origin of FOEWPT

Formation of **potential-barrier** is not possible at classical level  
(symmetries  $\rightarrow$  no terms with odd powers of fields)



Barrier sourced by **radiative and thermal corrections**

## Source 1: $V_{CW}$

$$\rightarrow V_{\text{eff}} \sim \frac{m_\phi^3}{m_h^2} \left(1 - \frac{M^2}{m_\phi^2}\right)^3 h^3,$$

$$m_\phi^2 = M^2 + \lambda h^2$$

[Kanemura et al.]

$$\text{Here: } M^2 = \frac{m_{12}^2}{\sin \beta \cos \beta},$$

$$\text{with } m_\phi = m_{h_{2,3}}, m_A, m_{H^\pm}$$

## Source 2: $V_T$

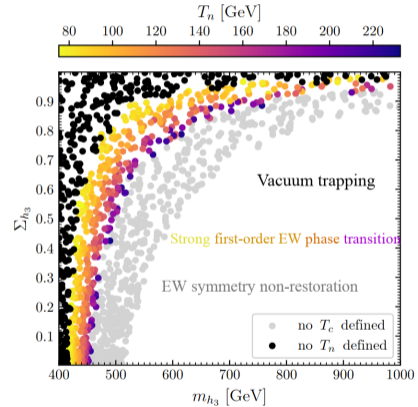
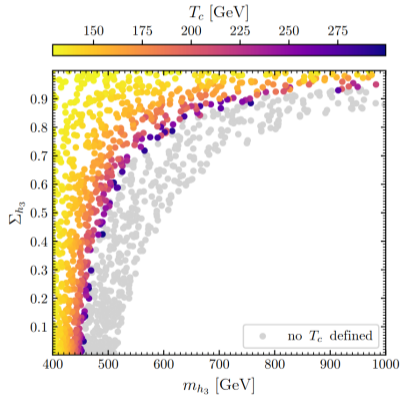
$$\rightarrow V_{\text{eff}} \sim -\frac{T}{12\pi} (\mu_\phi^2 + \lambda h^2 + \lambda T^2)^{3/2}$$

In order to be sizable both sources require **large quartic couplings**

( $\rightarrow$  **mass splittings** between BSM scalars)

# N2HDM Type 2

Alignment limit,  $\tan \beta = 2$ ,  $m_{h_1} = 125 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $m_{h_2} = M = 400 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $m_A = m_{H^\pm} = 650 \text{ GeV}$

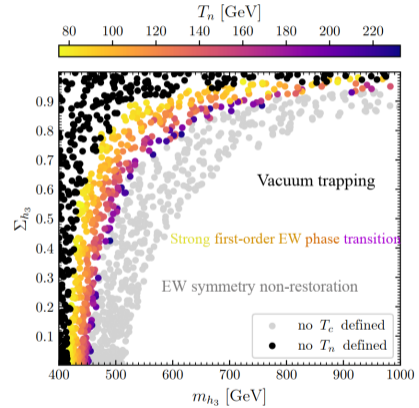
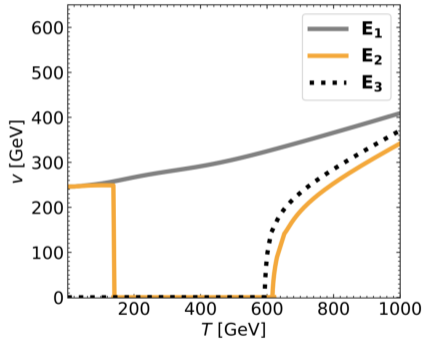


$\Sigma_{h_3}$ : Singlet admixture of  $h_3$

“Transition strength”  $v_c/T_c > 1$  not a viable indicator of a strong FOEWPT

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Black region unphysical | Grey region in principle allowed, but no FOEWPT

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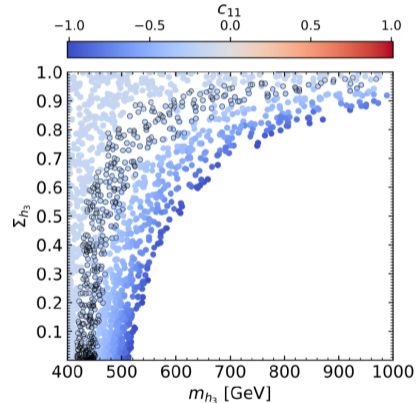
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$$H_{ij}^0 = \partial^2 V(\rho_k, T) / \partial \rho_i \partial \rho_j \Big|_{(0,0,0)}$$

$$c_{ii} \equiv \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} H_{ii}^0 / T^2$$

$$c_{11} \simeq -0.025 + c_1 - \frac{1}{2\pi} \left( \frac{3}{2} \lambda_1 \sqrt{c_1} \right. \\ \left. + \lambda_3 \sqrt{c_2} + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_4 \sqrt{c_2} + \frac{1}{4} \lambda_7 \sqrt{c_3} \right)$$

$$c_1 = \frac{1}{16} (g'^2 + 3g^2) + \frac{\lambda_1}{4} + \frac{\lambda_3}{6} + \frac{\lambda_4}{12} + \frac{\lambda_7}{24}$$



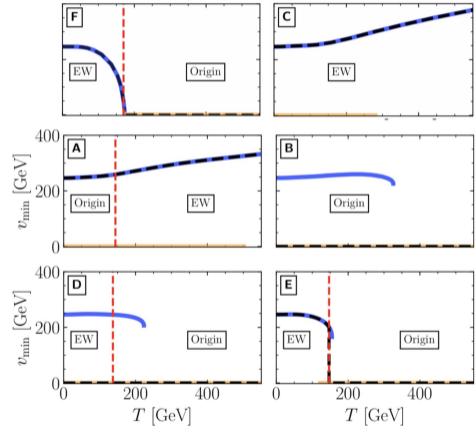
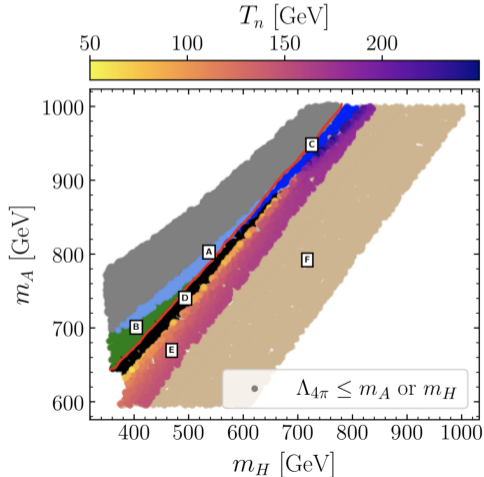
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EW SnR driven by Daisy resummation  $\rightarrow \lambda_i \gtrsim 1$  instead of  $\lambda_i < 0$  required

The trap in the early Universe: impact on the interplay between gravitational waves and LHC physics in the 2HDM

# 2HDM Type 2

**2HDM:**  $c_{\beta-\alpha} = 0$ ,  $t_\beta = 3$ ,  $m_H = M$ ,  $m_A = m_{H^\pm}$



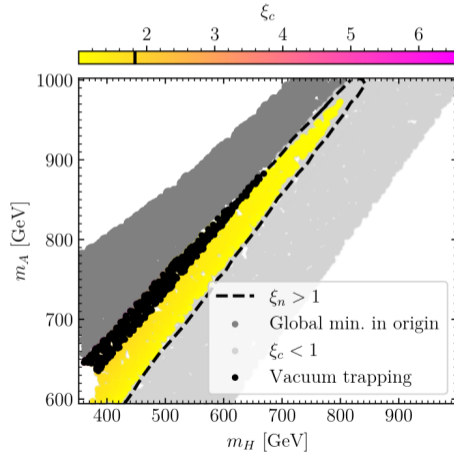
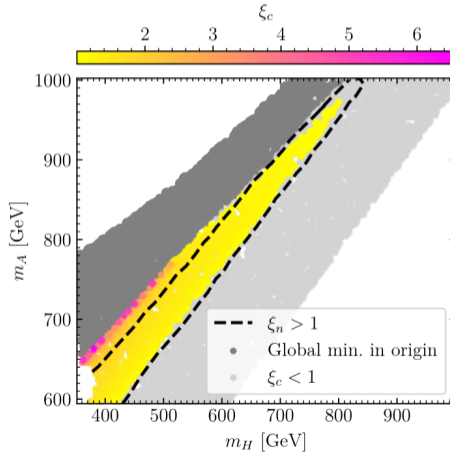
→ Rich thermal history of the 2HDM



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## Vacuum trapping!



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## Phenomenology

How to probe the thermal history at experiments?\*

1. Direct searches for additional Higgs bosons at the LHC
2. Stochastic gravitational-wave backgrounds at LISA
3. Non-resonant pair production of  $h_{125}$  at LHC and ILC

\*We only considered currently existing experiments or approved/non-fantasy future facilities

# 2HDM Type 2

## 1. Direct searches at the (HL-)LHC:

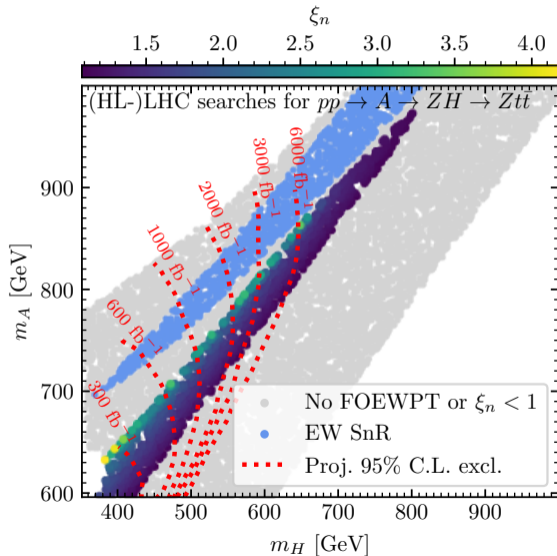
$$pp \rightarrow A \rightarrow ZH \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^- t\bar{t}$$

Vital to exploit the  $H \rightarrow t\bar{t}$  channel

No limits yet!

Red: Extrapolations of CMS  
projections for  $41 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

Huge discovery potential (low  $\tan \beta$ )



# 2HDM Type 2

## Gravitational waves from cosmological phase transitions

2HDM: Two relevant contribution

→ Soundwaves

→ Turbulances

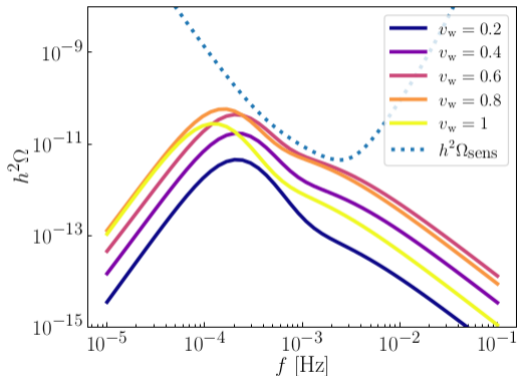
$$h^2\Omega_{\text{GW}}(f) = h^2\Omega_{\text{sw}}(f) + h^2\Omega_{\text{turb}}(f)$$

$h^2\Omega_{\text{sw,turb}}$  obtained from numerical simulations

→ Approximations as functions of  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta/H$ ,  $T_n$ ,  $g_{\text{eff}}$  and **bubble wall velocity**  $v_w$  (unknown)

Signal-to-noise ratio (SNR):

$$\text{SNR} = \sqrt{\mathcal{T} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} df \left[ \frac{h^2\Omega_{\text{GW}}(f)}{h^2\Omega_{\text{Sens}}(f)} \right]^2}$$



[More details: Caprini et al., 1910.13125]

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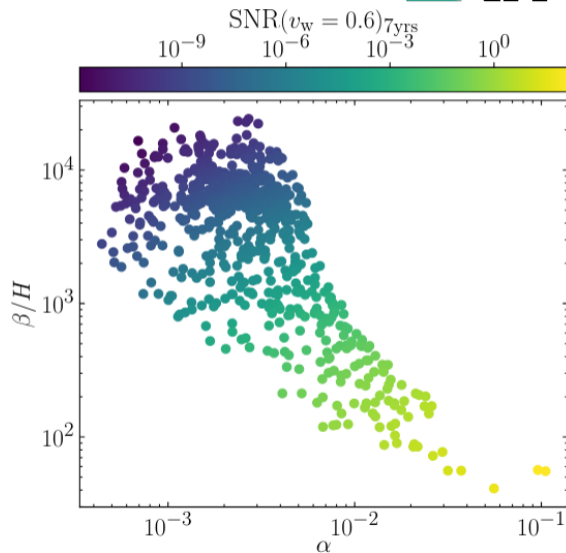
## 2. GW signals at LISA:

Detectable signals only in corners of parameter space

Limitations for interplay between LISA and (HL-)LHC

Vacuum trapping impedes stronger GW signals

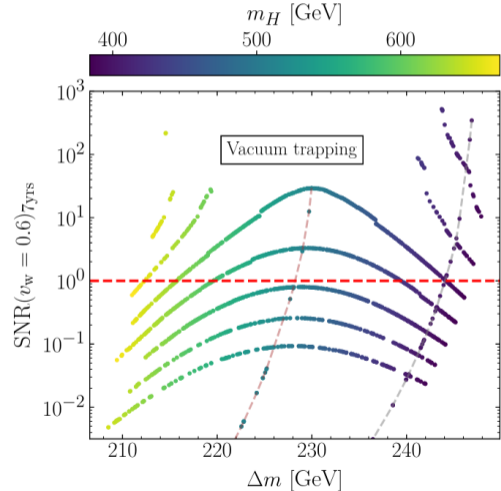
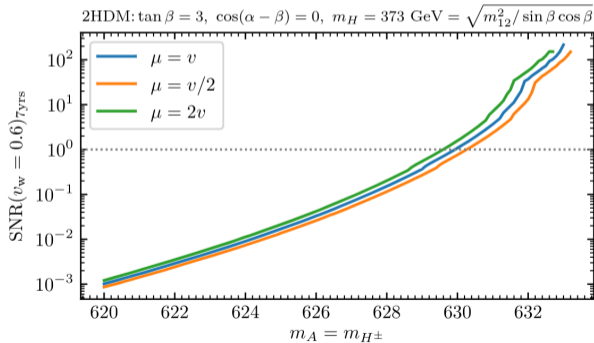
Focus on region with detectable GWs



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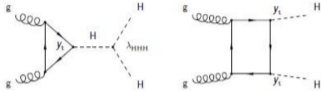
## 2. GW signals at LISA:

Changing masses of a few GeV has a drastic effect on the SNR



# 2HDM Type 2

## 3. Non-res. $h_{125}$ pair production:

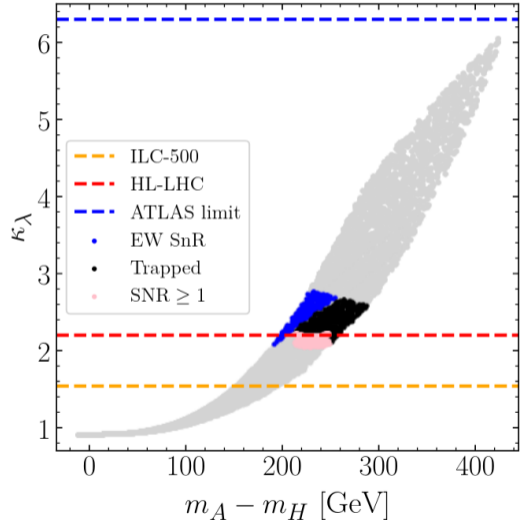


$$\kappa_\lambda = \frac{(\lambda_{hhh}^{2\text{HDM}})^{(1)}}{(\lambda_{hhh}^{\text{SM}})^{(0)}}$$

Expectations at LISA will be shaped by (HL-)LHC results

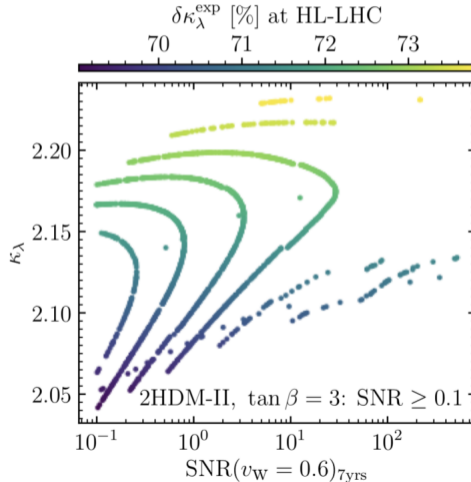
For points with potentially detectable GW signals:

$$\kappa_\lambda \sim 2 \sim \text{exp. HL-LHC limit}$$

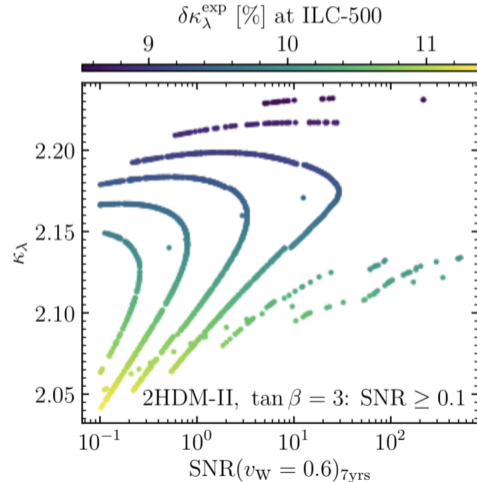


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## 3. Non-res. $h_{125}$ pair production:



(For  $\kappa_\lambda = 1$ :  $\delta\kappa_\lambda^{\text{exp}} = 60\%/27\%$  at HL-LHC/ILC-500)







# Bounce action

$$\Gamma(T) = A(T) e^{-S_3(T)/T}, \quad (15)$$

where  $S_3$  denotes the three-dimensional action for the “bounce” (multi-)field configuration  $\phi_B$  that interpolates between the metastable and EW vacua for  $T < T_c$ ,

$$S_3(T) = 4\pi \int r^2 dr \left[ \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{d\phi_B}{dr} \right)^2 + V_{\text{eff}}(\phi_B, T) \right]. \quad (16)$$

Specifically, the bounce  $\phi_B$  is the configuration of scalar fields  $\phi$  that solves the equations of motion derived from the action (16) with boundary conditions  $d\phi/dr|_{r=0} = 0$  and approaching the false vacuum at  $r \rightarrow \infty$ . Physically,  $\phi_B$  describes a bubble of the true vacuum phase nucleating in the false vacuum background. The prefactor  $A(T)$  is a functional determinant [69] given approximately by  $A(T) \sim T^4 (S_3/2\pi T)^{3/2}$  [70]. The onset of the FOEWPT occurs when the time integral of the transition rate (15) within a Hubble volume  $H$  becomes of order one. This defines the nucleation temperature  $T_n$  (see e.g. [72]) as

$$\int_{T_n}^{T_c} \frac{T^4}{H^4} \frac{A(T)}{T} e^{-S_3(T)/T} dT \sim 1, \quad (17)$$