

Electroweak phase transition in the Z_3 –invariant NMSSM: Implications of LHC and Dark matter searches and prospects of detecting the gravitational waves

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Requirements for EWBG

Baryon asymmetry parameter $Y_B \equiv \frac{n_B}{s} \sim \frac{1}{7.04} \frac{n_B}{n_\gamma} \sim 10^{-10}$

Three necessary ingredients needed to create a baryon asymmetry
(**Sakharov's conditions**):

1> B -violation $\longrightarrow$ Possible from SU(2) sphalerons

2> C and CP -violation $\longrightarrow$ Present in SM but not large enough

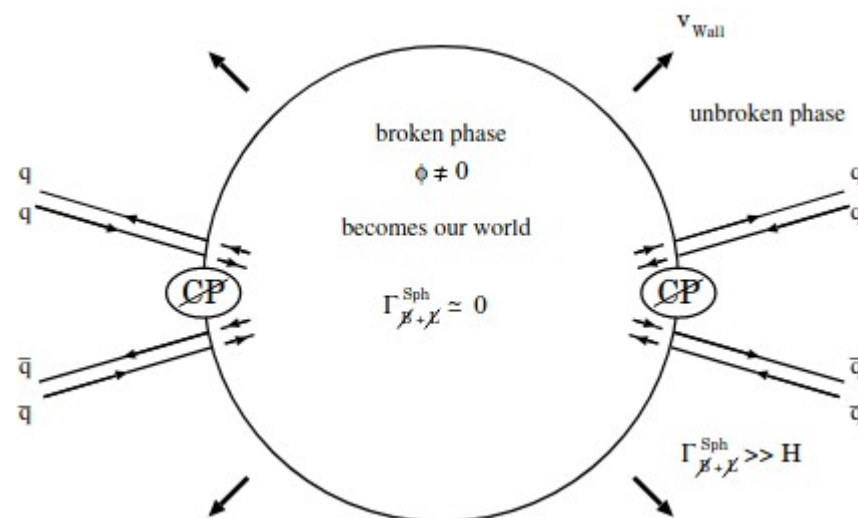
3> Departure from Thermal equilibrium $\longrightarrow$ No First Order Phase transition in the Higgs sector in SM

$\implies$ Need to go Beyond SM

Requires Strong FOPT in the Higgs sector

$$\frac{\phi(T_n)}{T_n} > 1.0$$

New sources of CP -violation and SFOEWPT may arise in supersymmetry.



SFOPT and NMSSM

SFOPT requires **large cubic term** in the scalar potential

└─ Bosonic dof add extra cubic terms to the finite temperature effective potential.

light squarks (as bosons loop contribution) are needed to satisfy SFOEWPT in MSSM.

→ **Ruled out from LHC direct search conditions**

singlet extension
of MSSM

→ NMSSM could satisfy SFOEWPT without light squarks
due to additional tree-level cubic interaction
($\hat{S}\hat{H}_u\cdot\hat{H}_d$) plus thermal loop corrections.

extra one CP -even (h_S) and CP -odd state (a_S)
in the neutral Higgs sector and one
additional neutralino state, called singlino ($\tilde{S}$)

$$\mathcal{W} = \mathcal{W}_{\text{MSSM}}|_{\mu=0} + \lambda \hat{S} \hat{H}_u \cdot \hat{H}_d + \frac{\kappa}{3} \hat{S}^3$$

$$\lambda \langle S \rangle \hat{H}_u \cdot \hat{H}_d \rightarrow \mu_{eff} \hat{H}_u \cdot \hat{H}_d$$

Solution to the well-known ' μ '-problem

$$-\mathcal{L}^{\text{soft}} = -\mathcal{L}_{\text{MSSM}}^{\text{soft}}|_{B\mu=0} + m_S^2 |S|^2 + (\lambda A_\lambda S H_u \cdot H_d + \frac{\kappa}{3} A_\kappa S^3 + \text{h.c.}).$$

Additional tree-level cubic terms

Extra tree-level correction in NMSSM.

125 GeV Higgs mass without significant
radiative corrections at relatively larger λ

Ellwanger et al., Phys.Rept. 496 (2010) 1-77

Larger trilinear couplings increase the tree-level cubic terms

Pietroni, 9207227

SFOPT and NMSSM

FT loop calculation prefers

relatively light

singlet-like $m_{a_S, h_S} \rightarrow$ Relatively low κ, A_κ

and doublet-like $m_{A, H} \rightarrow$ low A_λ

Higgs masses which tend to

Become EWPT first order and strong

Carena et al., Phys.Rev.D 85 (2012) 036003

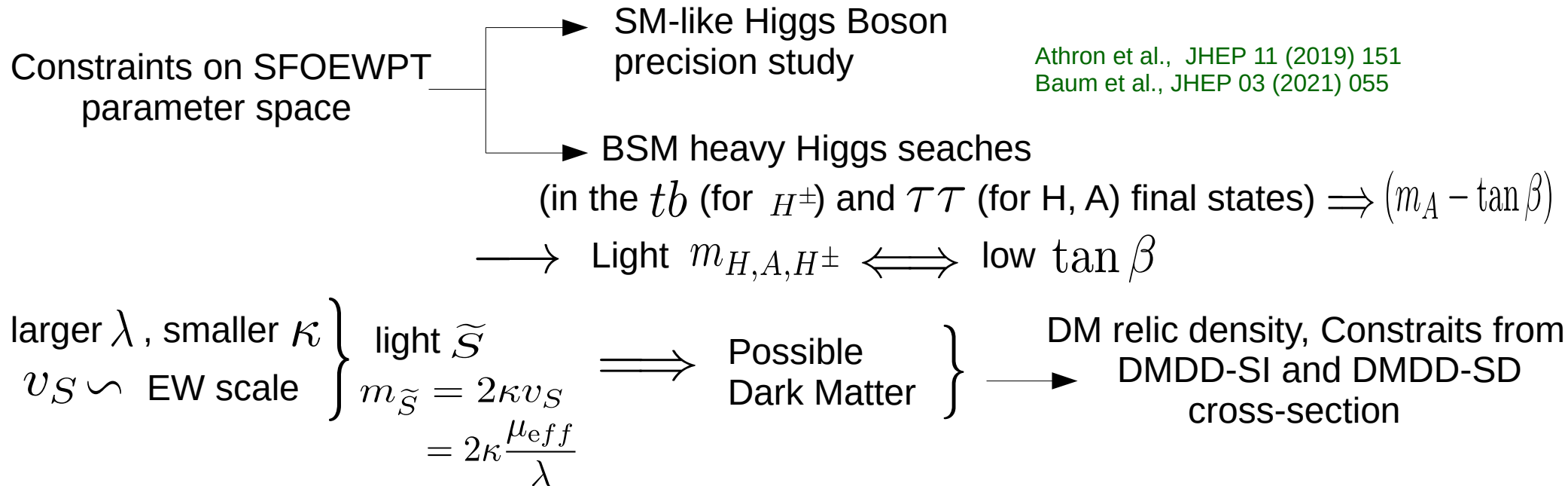
Kozaczuk et al., Phys.Rev.D 87 (2013) 7, 075011

Huang et al, Phys.Rev.D 91 (2015) 2, 025006

$$V_{\text{Total}} = V_{\text{Tree}} + V_{\text{CW}}^{1\text{-loop}} + V_{\text{counter terms}} + V_{\text{T}}^{1\text{-loop}} + V_{\text{daisy}}$$

$$(-1)^F g_i \frac{T^4}{2\pi^2} J_{\text{B/F}} \left(\frac{m_i^2(\Phi)}{T^2} \right)$$

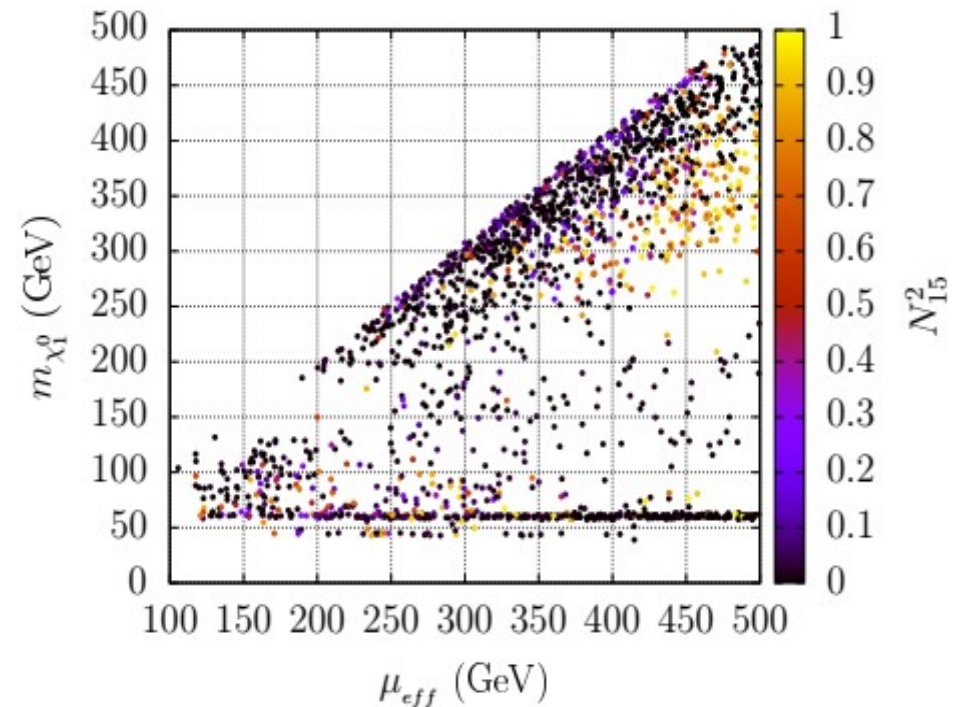
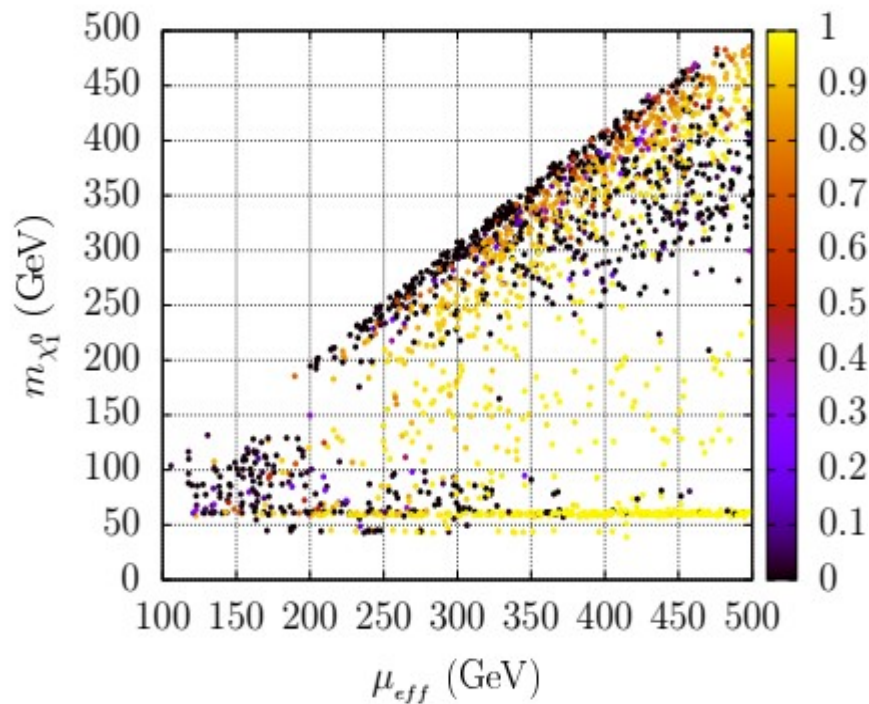
$$\begin{cases} J_B^{\text{high-T}}(y^2) = -\frac{\pi^4}{45} + \frac{\pi^2}{12}y^2 - \frac{\pi}{6}y^3 - \frac{1}{32}y^4 \log\left(\frac{y^2}{a_b}\right) \\ J_F^{\text{high-T}}(y^2) = \frac{7\pi^4}{360} - \frac{\pi^2}{24}y^2 - \frac{1}{32}y^4 \log\left(\frac{y^2}{a_f}\right) \end{cases}$$



Athron et al., JHEP 11 (2019) 151
Baum et al., JHEP 03 (2021) 055

Electroweakino searches put constraints on the the parameter space of the relatively low μ_{eff} (Higgsino-like states) with relatively lighter bino, singlino-like states.

Allowed primary sample



All points pass relevant Higgs and Dark Matter constraints

Significant amount of SFOEWPT favoured parameter space is ruled out

Electroweakino searches at the LHC would rule out more parameter points

Disallowed scenarios with low μ_{eff}

Inputs/Observables	BP-D1	BP-D2	BP-D3
$\lambda, \kappa, \tan\beta$ A_λ, A_κ (GeV) μ_{eff}, M_1 (GeV)	0.683, 0.060, 4.77 −1352.3, 134.5 −274.4, 478.8	0.547, 0.044, 2.87 978.4, −110.0 308.0, 460.3	0.565, 0.071, 2.87 963.5, −112.5 308.0, −57.2
$m_{\chi_{1,2,3,4}^0, \chi_1^\pm}$ (GeV) $m_{h_1, h_2, a_1, H^\pm}$ (GeV)	60.9, −304.3, 307.9, 479.4, −284.1 79.2, 124.4, 126.6, 1359.0	60.6, 312.7, −338.3, 468.1, 316.3 78.1, 122.2, 109.5, 963.8	−59.6, 91.1, 327.2, −338.4, 316.0 86.9, 123.0, 142.6, 963.6
Ωh^2 $\sigma_{\chi_1^0-p(n)}^{SI} \times \xi$ (cm ²) $\sigma_{\chi_1^0-p(n)}^{SD} \times \xi$ (cm ²)	4.9×10^{-4} $4.5(4.6) \times 10^{-47}$ $3.5(3.2) \times 10^{-42}$	4.4×10^{-4} $2.4(2.5) \times 10^{-47}$ $7.6(5.8) \times 10^{-43}$	4.8×10^{-3} $2.5(2.6) \times 10^{-47}$ $1.9(1.5) \times 10^{-43}$
First T_c (GeV) $\{h_d, h_u, s\}_{\text{False.vac.}}$ (GeV) $\{h_d, h_u, s\}_{\text{True.vac.}}$ (GeV) Second T_c (GeV) $\{h_d, h_u, s\}_{\text{False.vac.}}$ (GeV) $\{h_d, h_u, s\}_{\text{True.vac.}}$ (GeV) T_n (GeV) (Nucleation) $\{h_d, h_u, s\}_{\text{False.vac.}}$ (GeV) $\{h_d, h_u, s\}_{\text{True.vac.}}$ (GeV) $\gamma_{EW} = \Delta_{SU(2)}/T_n$	129.4 / 1st-order {0, 0, 0} {25.5, 145.6, −474.4} — — — No nucleation — — —	151.5 / 1st-order {0, 0, 0} {0, 0, 539.9} 112.7 / 2nd-order {0, 0, 661.7} {9.5, 31.5, 668.2} 96.2 / 1st-order {0, 0, 0} {67.0, 197.8, 774.8} 2.2	165.7 / 1st-order {0, 0, 0} {0, 0, 557.5.9} 105.6 / 1st-order {0, 0, 662.3} {12.8, 41.6, 669.0} 55.9 / 1st-order {0, 0, 0} {68.1, 199.2, 759.2} 3.8
CheckMATE result r -value Analysis ID Signal region ID	Excluded 1.12 CMS_SUS_16_039 SR_A30	Excluded 1.01 CMS_SUS_16_039 SR_A30	Excluded 2.13 CMS_SUS_16_039 SR_G05

‘Nucleation is More than Critical’ [Baum et al., JHEP 03 \(2021\) 055](#)

Exclusion of Parameter space of $\mu_{eff} \lesssim 300$ GeV with light singlino/bino -like states from the electroweakino searches.

Allowed benchmark scenarios

Input/Observables	BP-A1	BP-A2	BP-A3
$\lambda, \kappa, \tan\beta$	0.609, 0.326, 1.98	0.633, 0.216, 1.79	0.523, 0.041, 3.65
A_λ, A_κ (GeV)	477.0, 37.8	-558.7, -46.3	-1253.9, 138.1
μ_{eff}, M_1 (GeV)	421.8, 365.1	-398.7, 286.3	-334.5, -143.8
$m_{\chi_{1,2,3,4}^0, \chi_1^\pm}$ (GeV)	-360.9, 415.1, -447.5, 493.2, 431.5	284.5, -289.5, -421.8, -426.9, -412.1	-61.3, -139.2, -359.3, 359.7, -345.3
$m_{h_1, h_2, a_1, H^\pm}$ (GeV)	122.7, 449.0, 79.0, 818.4	126.9, 288.5, 84.8, 800.9	74.0, 124.7, 121.0, 1293.3
Ωh^2	0.107	0.119	1.96×10^{-3}
$\sigma_{\chi_1^0-p(n)}^{\text{SI}} \times \xi$ (cm ²)	$7.2(7.6) \times 10^{-48}$	$1.2(1.2) \times 10^{-46}$	$4.1(4.3) \times 10^{-47}$
$\sigma_{\chi_1^0-p(n)}^{\text{SD}} \times \xi$ (cm ²)	$9.4(7.3) \times 10^{-42}$	$3.5(2.8) \times 10^{-42}$	$1.1(0.8) \times 10^{-41}$
CheckMATE result	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed
r -value	0.08	0.14	0.55
Analysis ID	CMS_SUS_16_039	CMS_SUS_16_039	CMS_SUS_16_039
Signal region ID	SR_A08	SR_A28	SR_A31

Relatively larger μ_{eff} pass the constraints from the electroweakino searches in LHC

LSP DM can be highly bino or singlino-like and its relic abundance can fall within the Planck-observed band.

Under favorable circumstances, upwards of $\mu_{\text{eff}} \sim 335$ GeV could survive

Pattern of Phase Transition

BM No.	T_n (GeV)	$\{h_d, h_u, h_s\}_{\text{false}}$ (GeV)	$\xrightarrow{\text{Transition type}}$	$\{h_d, h_u, h_s\}_{\text{true}}$ (GeV)	$\gamma_{\text{EW}} = \frac{\Delta_{\text{SU}(2)}}{T_n}$
BP-A1	945.6	$\{0, 0, 0\}$	FO	$\{0, 0, 66.2\}$	
	86.2	$\{0, 0, 1000.8\}$	,,	$\{57.1, 112.5, 1000.3\}$	1.46
BP-A2	644.3	$\{0, 0, 0\}$	,,	$\{0, 0, -104.8\}$	
	94.5	$\{0, 0, -914.9\}$	,,	$\{48.5, 85.6, -914.8\}$	1.04
BP-A3	116.9	$\{0, 0, 0\}$	,,	$\{30.3, 113.8, -877.4\}$	1.01

For μ_{eff} on the larger side, a **two-step** phase transition is a more likely phenomenon with the first transition taking place in the singlet field direction followed by the other in the SU(2) field directions.

This is somewhat typical when the trivial and the global minima have a large separation between them in the field space. This is since a larger μ_{eff} corresponds to a larger v_S at zero temperature for a given λ , a feature that governs the field-separation at T_C .

Gravitational waves from FOPT

$$\Omega_{\text{GW}} h^2 \simeq \Omega_{\phi} h^2 + \Omega_{\text{sw}} h^2 + \Omega_{\text{turb}} h^2$$

sourced by
collisions of bubble walls

Kosowsky, et. al., PRL 69 (1992) 2026;
PRD 45 (1992) 4514
Huber, Konstandin, JCAP 0809 (2008) 022

sourced by
plasma sounds waves
(usually the dominant one)

Hindmarsh, et. al., PRL 112 (2014) 041301;
Hindmarsh, Hijazi, JCAP 12 (2019) 062

sourced by
plasma turbulence

Gogoberidze, et. al., PRD 76 (2007) 083002
Caprini, et. al., JCAP 0912 (2009) 024

Important quantities:

$$\alpha = \frac{\rho_{\text{vac}}}{\rho_{\text{rad}}^*} = \frac{1}{\rho_{\text{rad}}^*} \left[T \frac{\Delta V(T)}{\dot{T}} - \Delta V(T) \right] \Big|_{T_n}$$

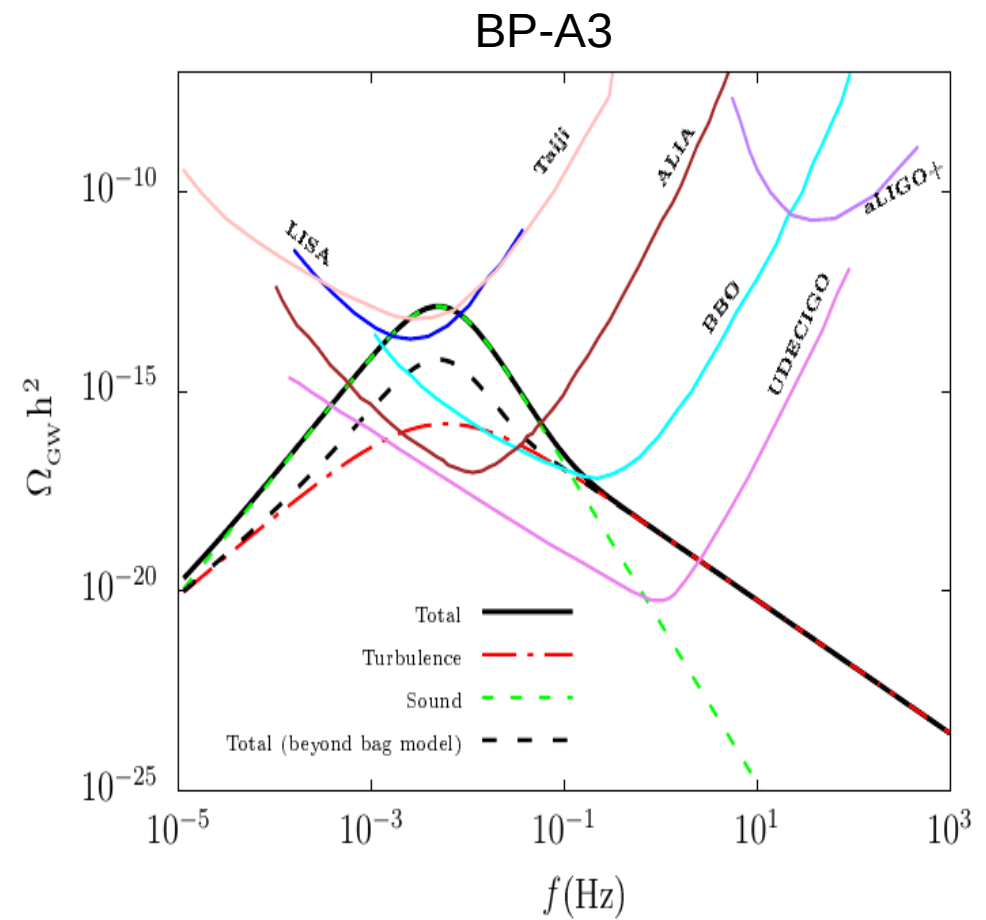
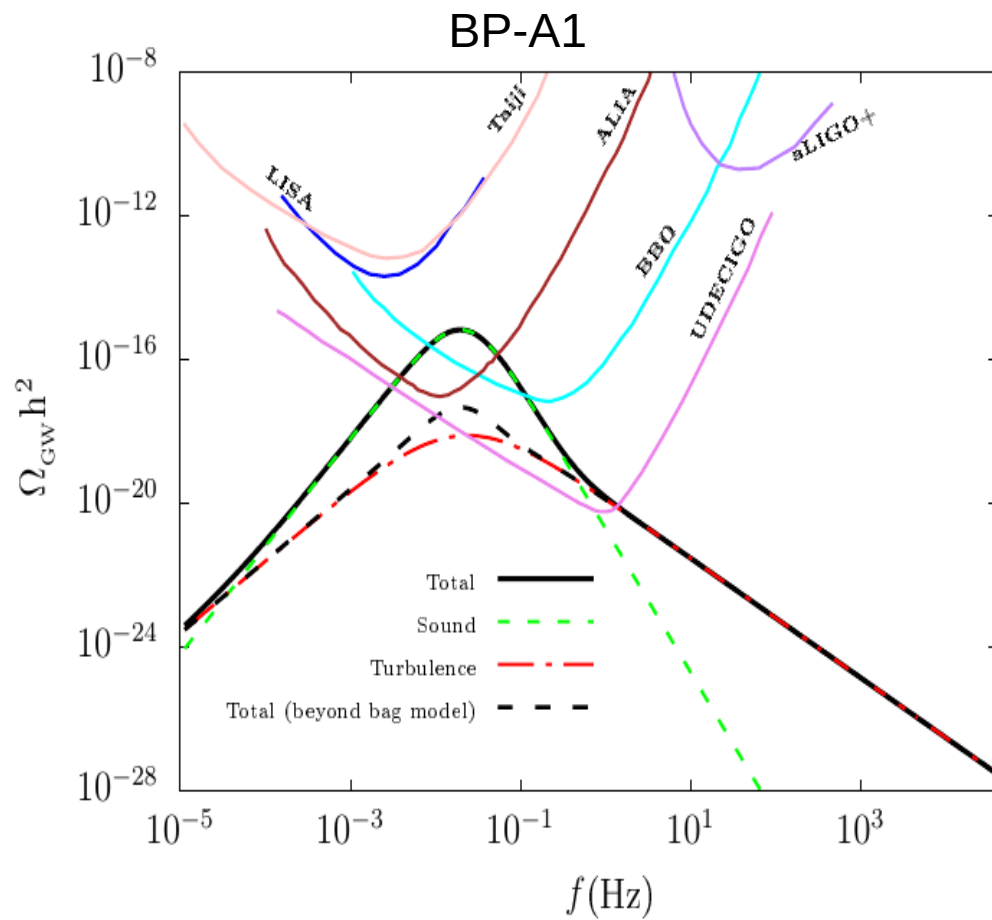
Related to the energy
budget of the FOPT

$$\beta = - \frac{dS_3(T)}{dt} \Big|_{t_n} \simeq H_n T_n \frac{d(S_3(T)/T)}{dT} \Big|_{T_n}$$

Related to the inverse
duration of the transition

v_w — the wall-velocity of the
expanding bubble

BP No.	T_n (GeV)	α	β/H_n
BP-A1	945.9	2.15×10^{-5}	1.19×10^7
	86.2	4.33×10^{-2}	1.21×10^3
BP-A2	644.3	1.12×10^{-4}	2.06×10^6
	94.5	1.82×10^{-2}	3.71×10^4
BP-A3	116.9	8.63×10^{-2}	2.22×10^2



Plots of GW energy density spectrum within and beyond the bag model with respect to frequency

[Gaise, et. al, JCAP 07 \(2020\)057](#)

The peak of GW spectrum lies within the sensitivity of various future proposed GW experiments

However, the SNR values are not found to be healthy enough to guarantee a positive detection in LISA and BBO.

Conclusion

The physics of the EWPT (and hence EWBG) becomes intricately connected to the DM and collider (LHC) phenomenologies.

Due to DM and collider constraints the SFOEWPT favoured parameter space (light μ_{eff}) is in tension. Electroweakino searches at the LHC pushes μ_{eff} towards higher side.

EWPT could still remain to be of strong, first-order type even for μ_{eff} as large as ~ 425 GeV

Two-step phase transition is a more likely phenomenon at larger μ_{eff}

Satisfying all experimental constraints SFOEWPT is still possible in NMSSM

The GW signals resulting from the strong FOPTs in these scenarios are likely to remain too weak to be detected at future dedicated experiments.