

Hierarchies from landscape probability gradients and critical boundaries

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Introduction

Gauge Hierarchy problem:

$$\delta m_h^2 \propto \Lambda^2 \leftarrow \text{any physics that Higgs interacts with}$$

$$\text{e.g. } \frac{m_P^2}{m_h^2} \sim 10^{34}$$

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Single vacuum* approaches:

$$\delta m_h^2 = 0 \Lambda^2 + \mathcal{O}(100 GeV)$$



supersymmetry
compositeness
extra dimensions

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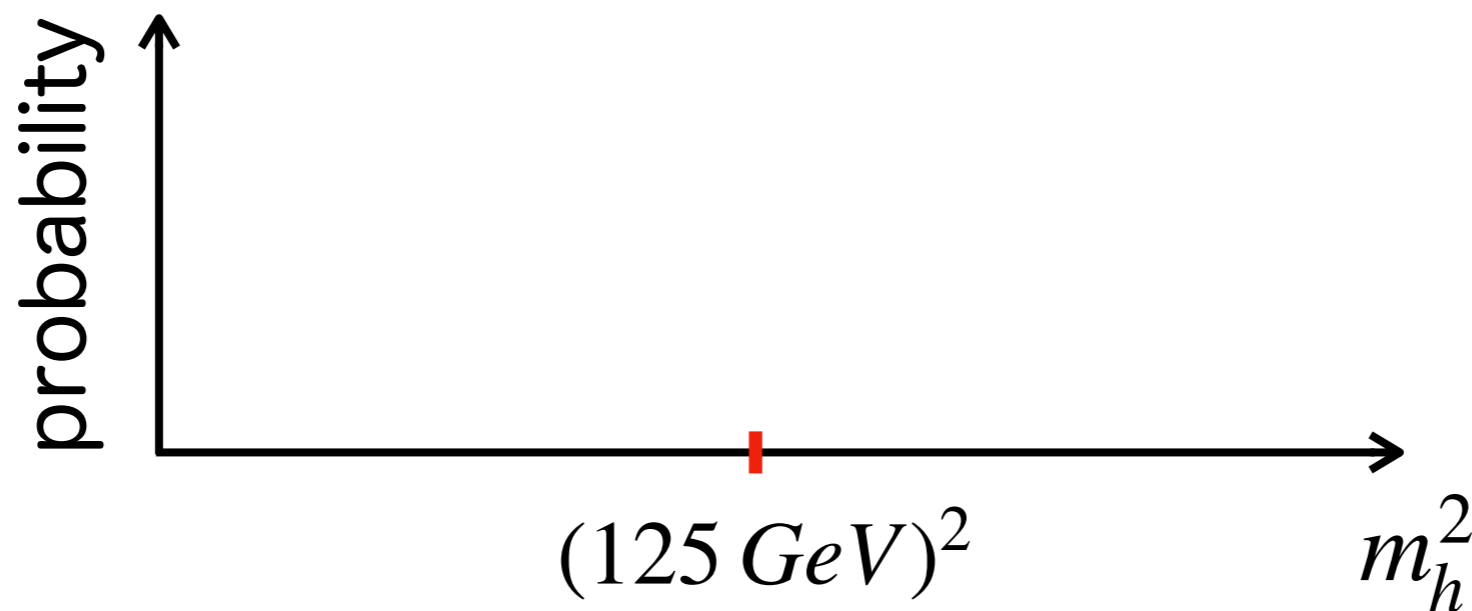
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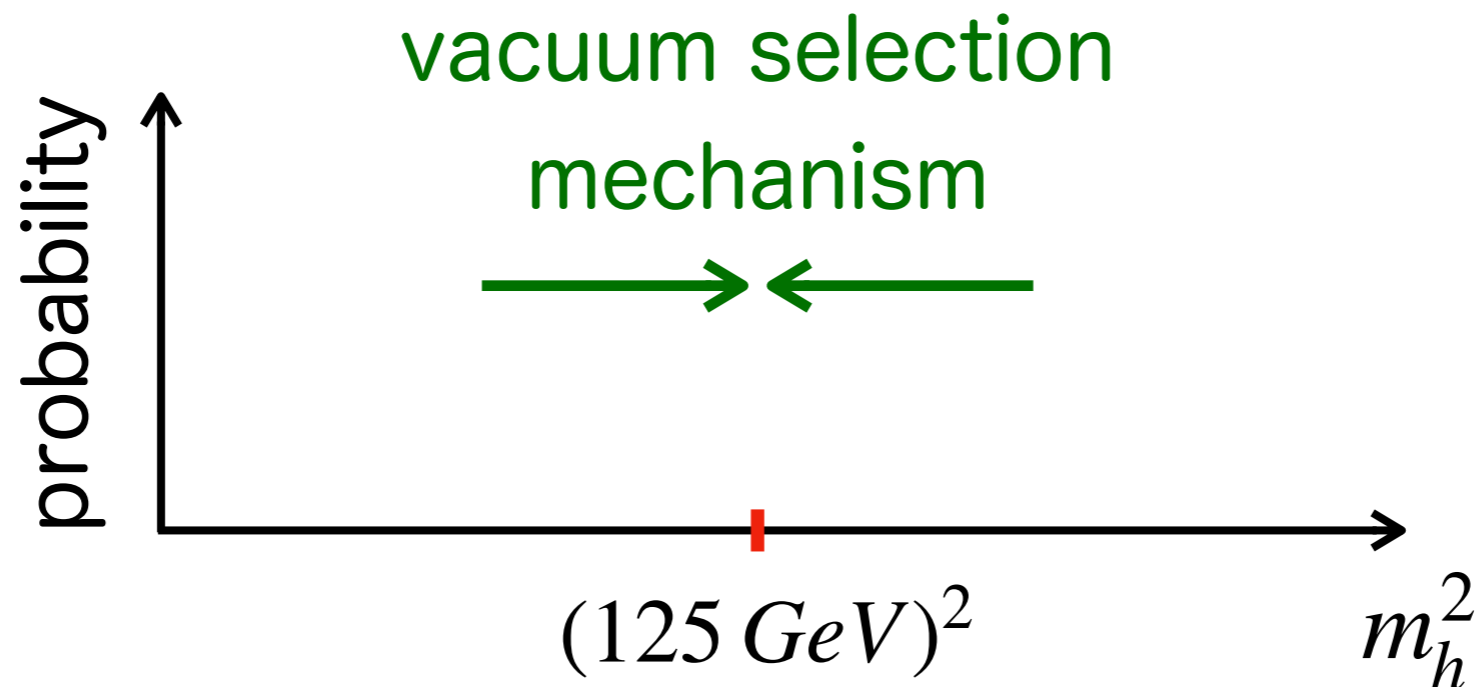
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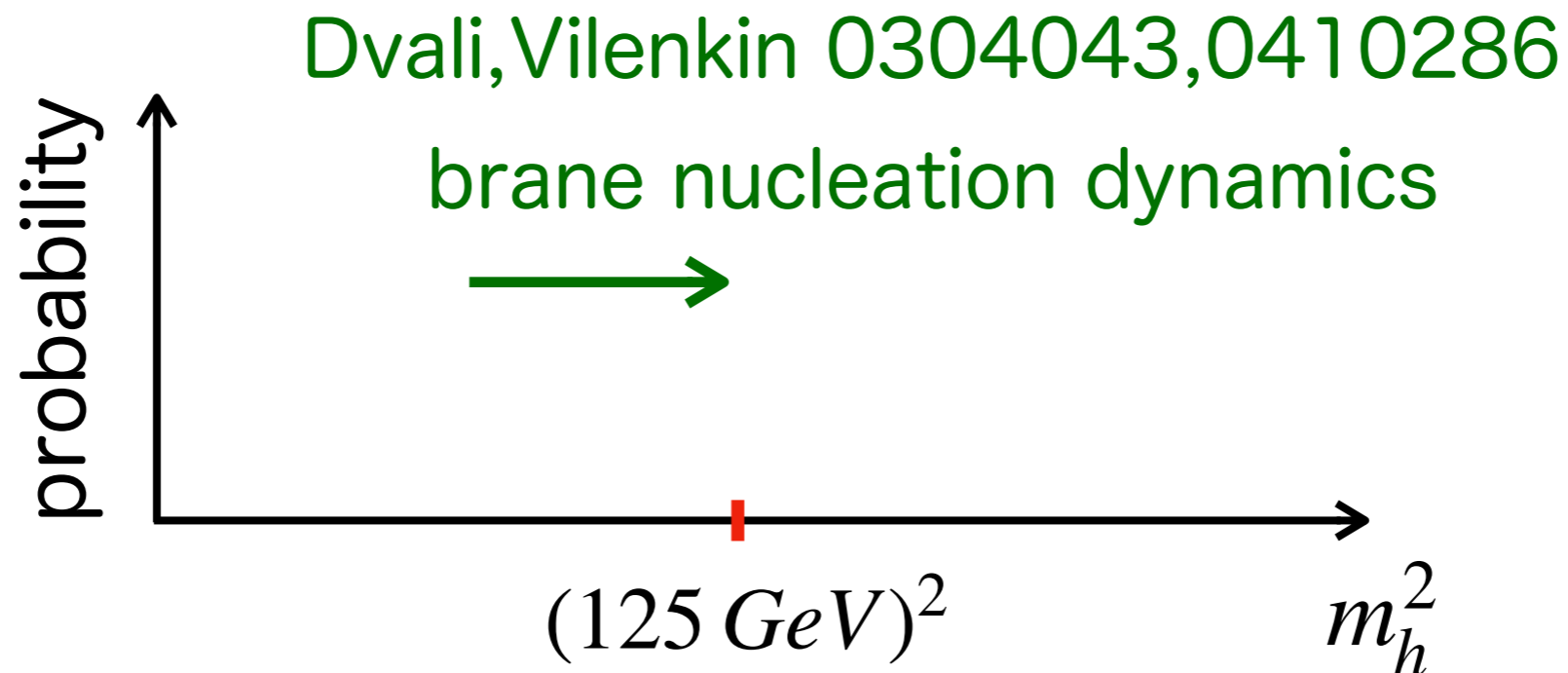
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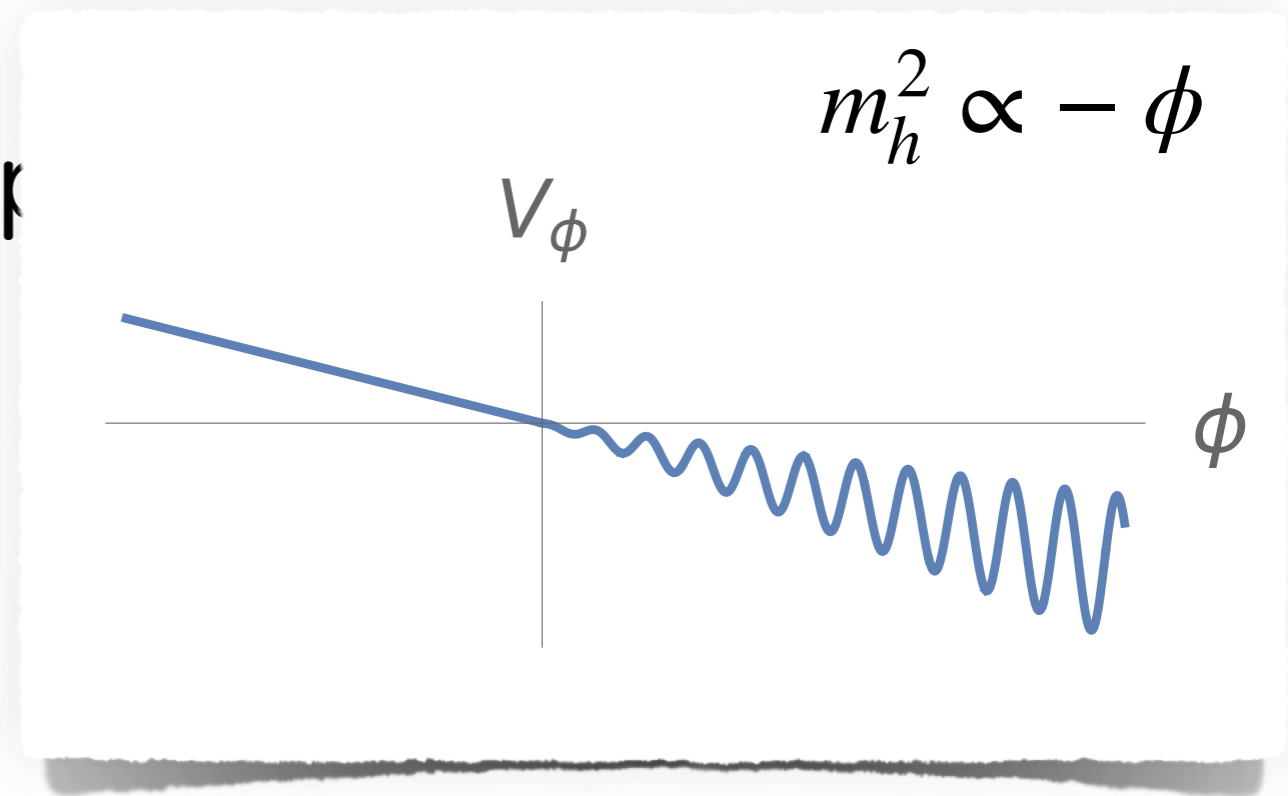
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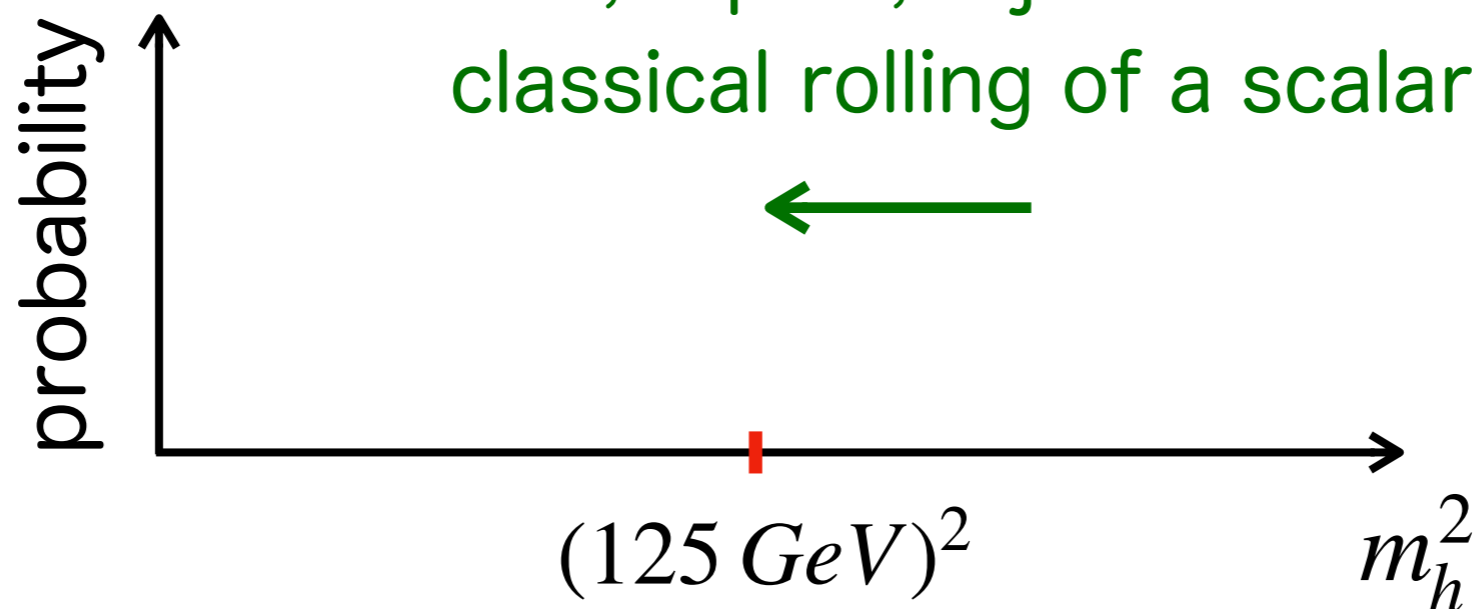
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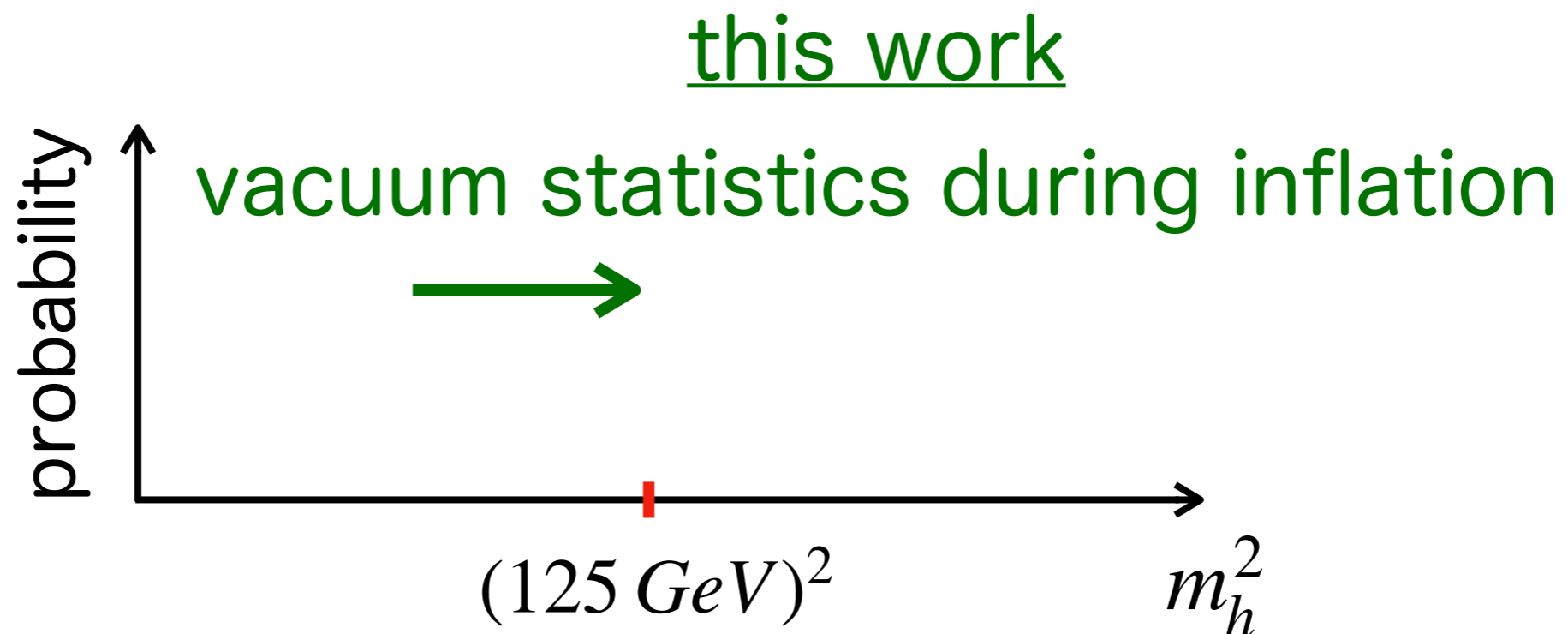
Graham, Kaplan, Rajendran 1504.07551
classical rolling of a scalar



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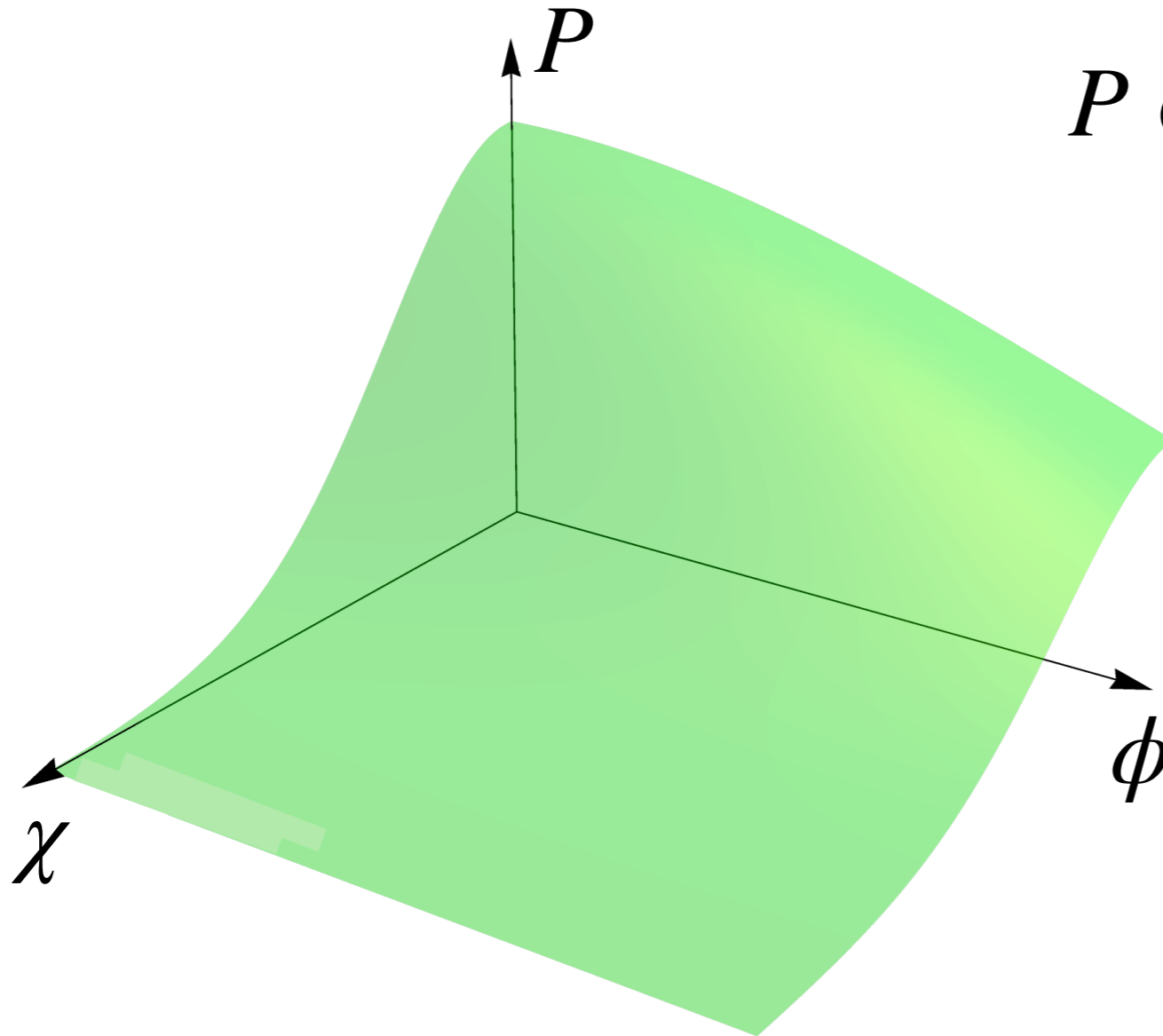
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Landscapes for both mH and CC. Why?

- $\frac{m_P^4}{\Lambda_{cc}(obs)} \sim 10^{120}$
- most straightforward approach to the smallness of CC is landscape + anthropics
- dynamics of the two landscapes generically interfere hence it is natural to consider them together

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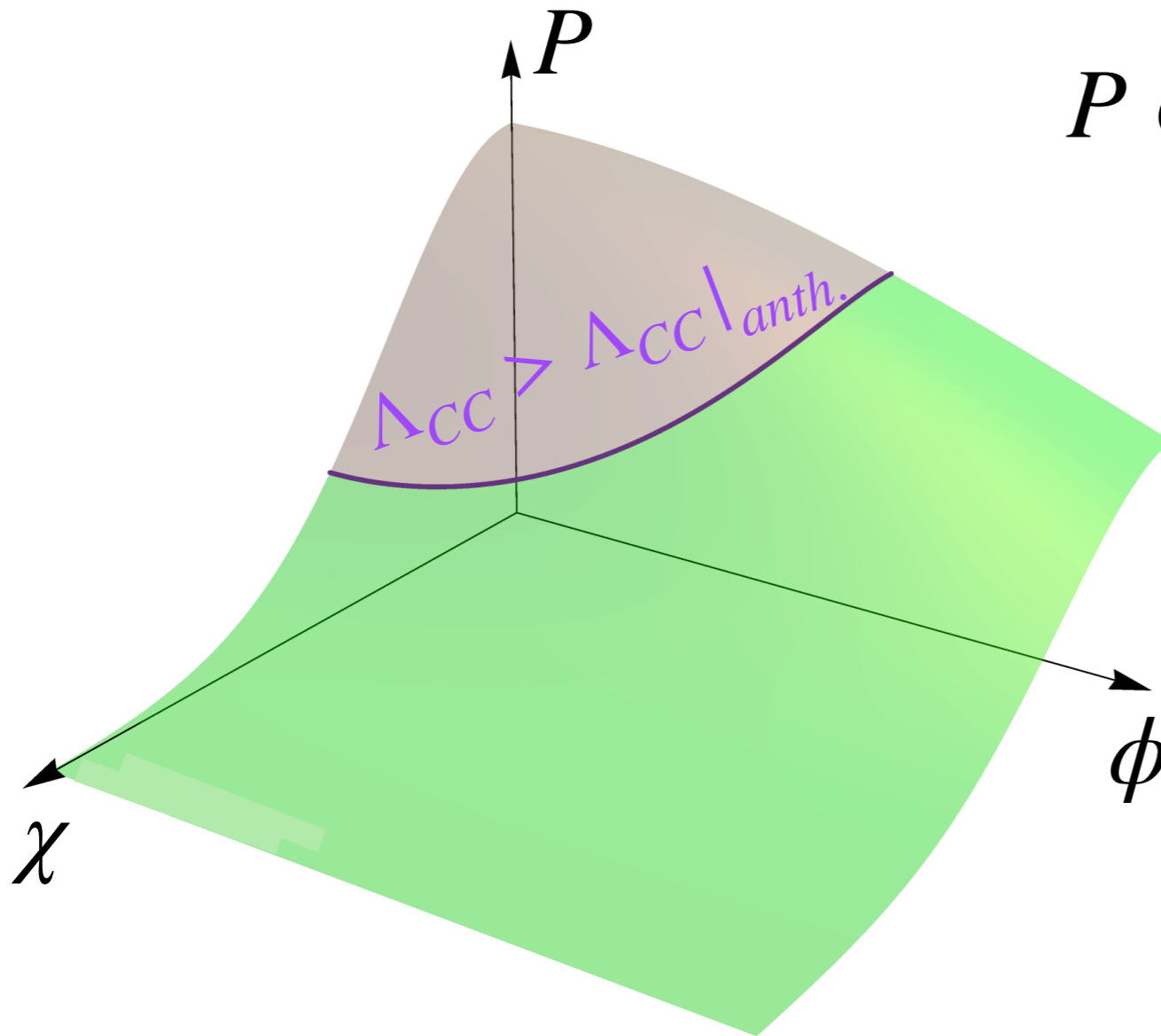
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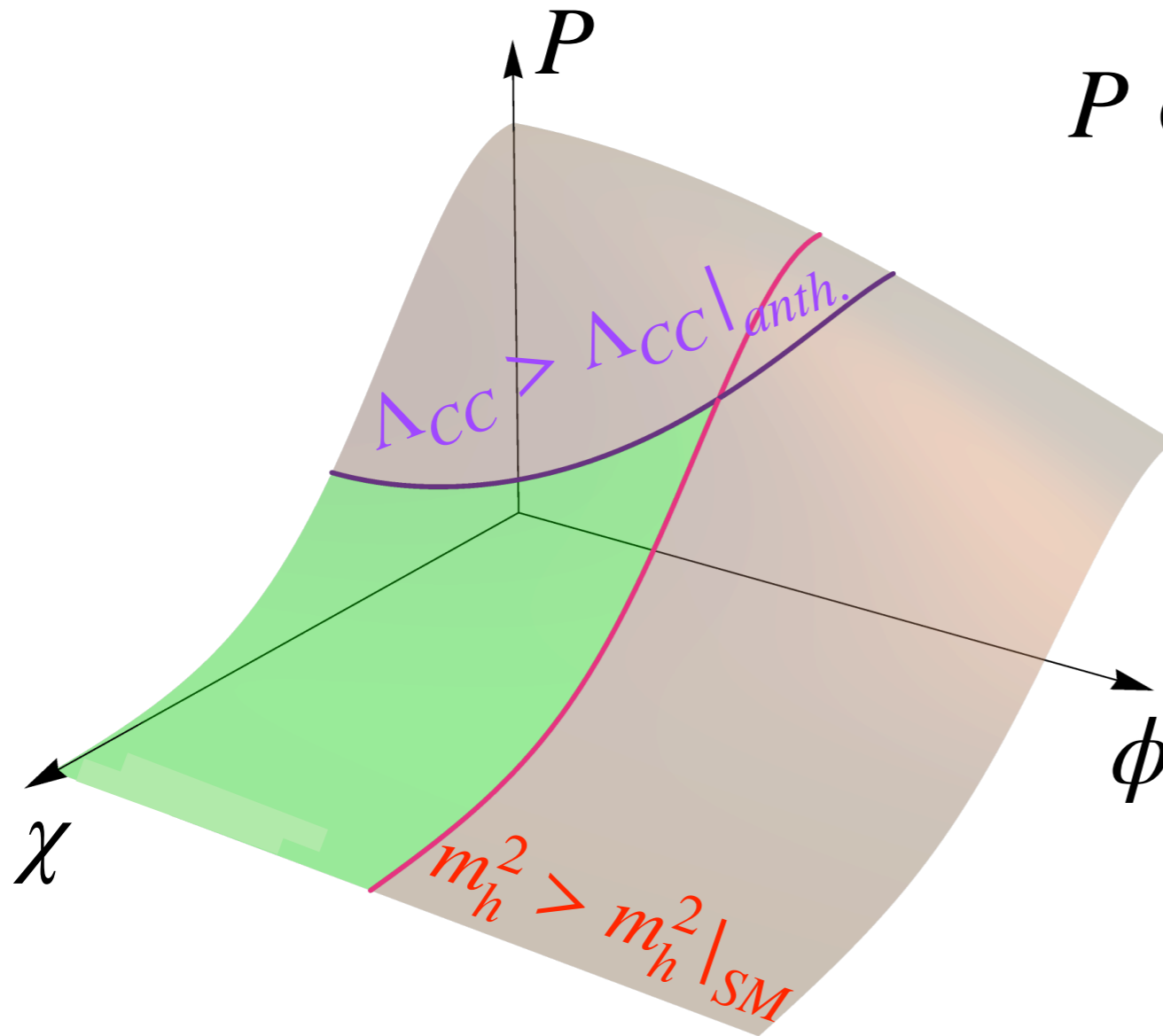


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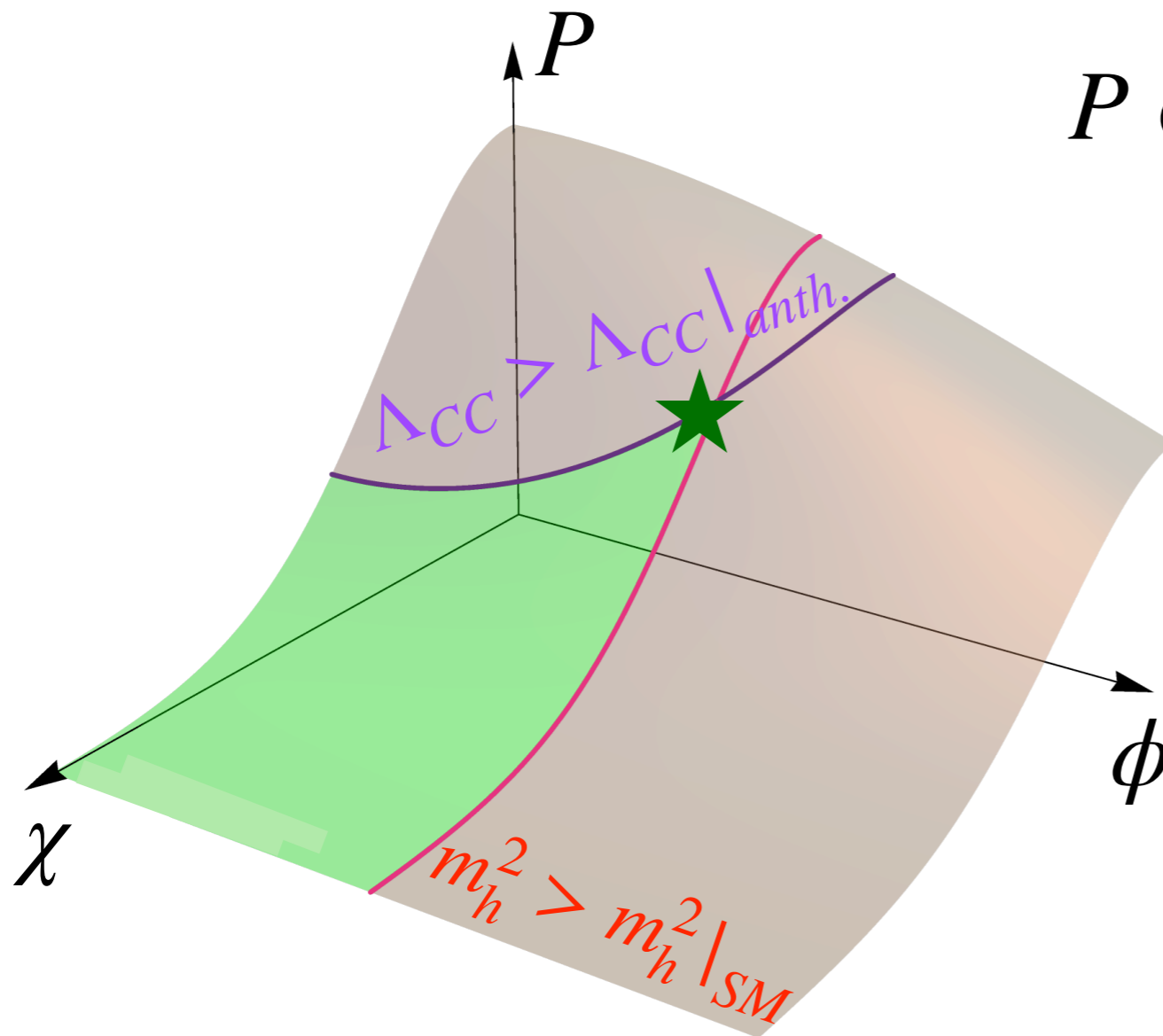
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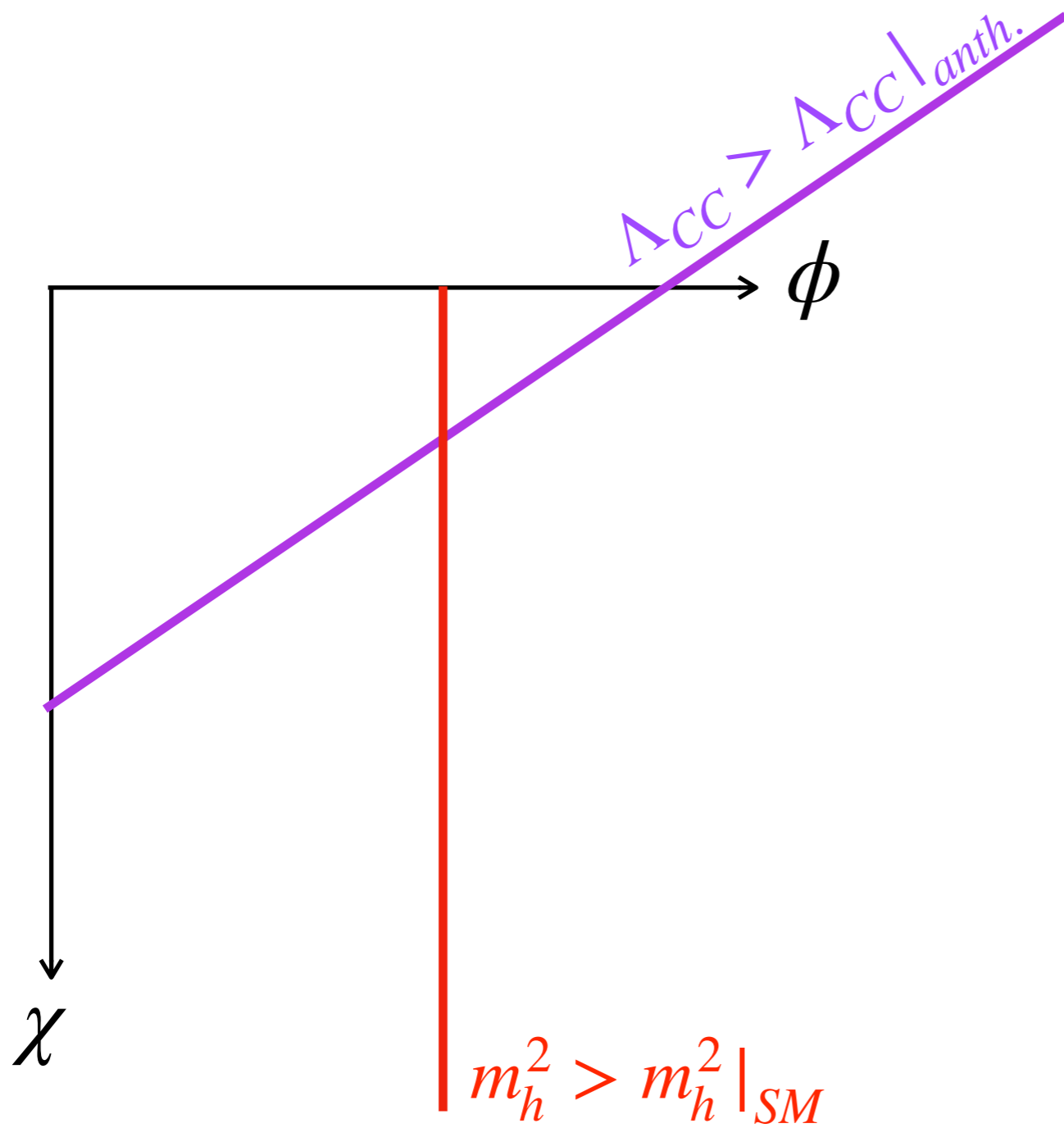
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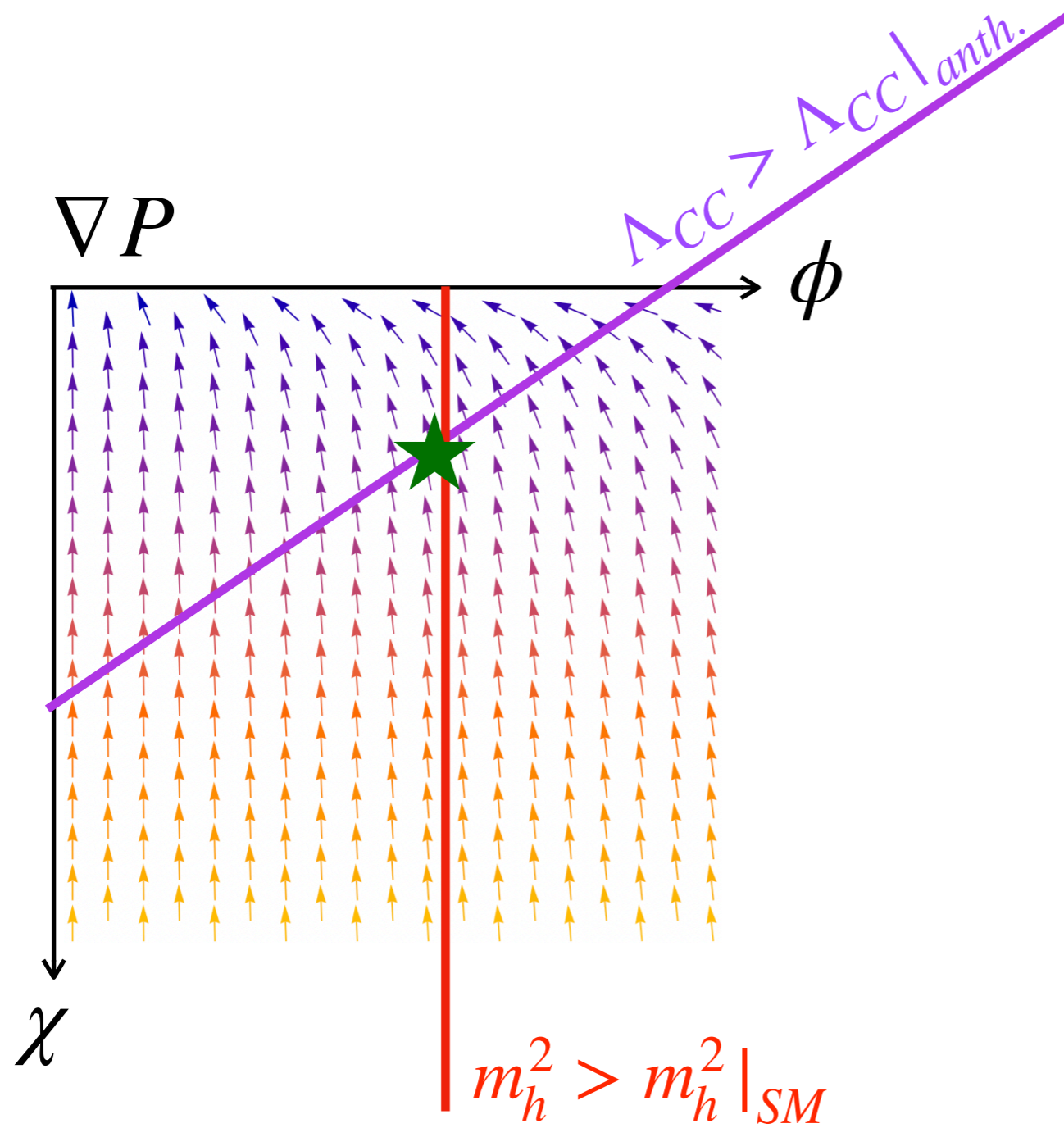


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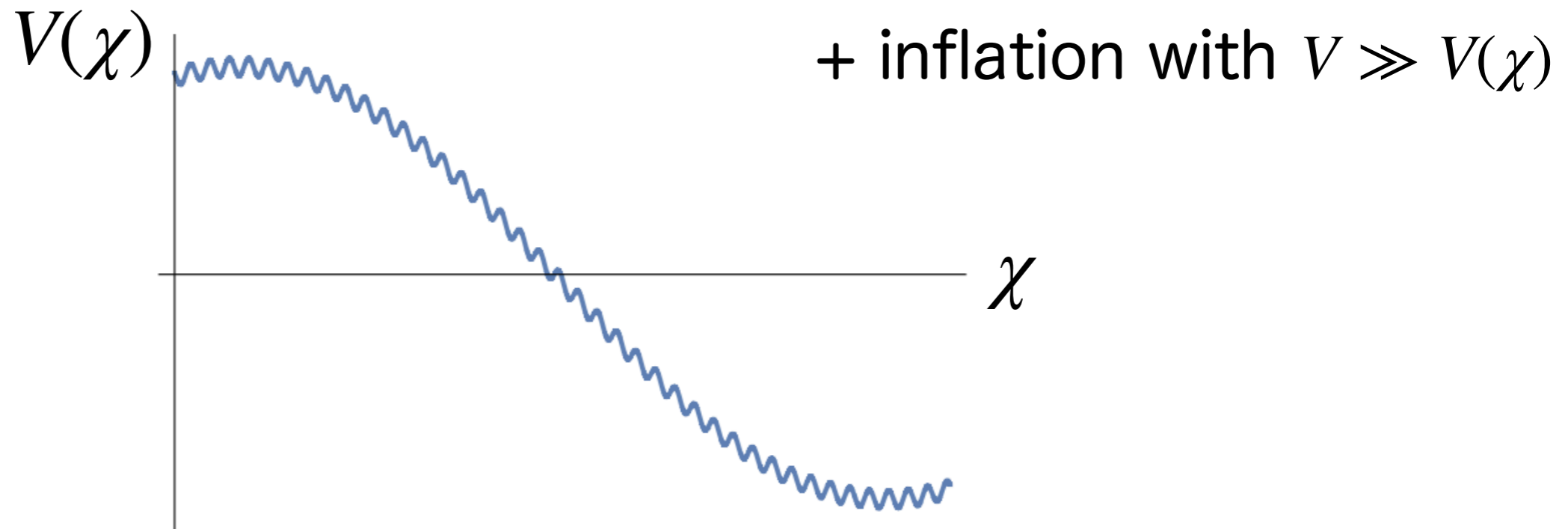
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Abbott '84

$\chi \propto$ some fundamental parameter

e.g. m_H^2

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1. standard volume-weighted measure

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2. local measures

R. Bousso, Phys. Rev. Lett. **97**, 191302 (2006), hep-th/0605263.

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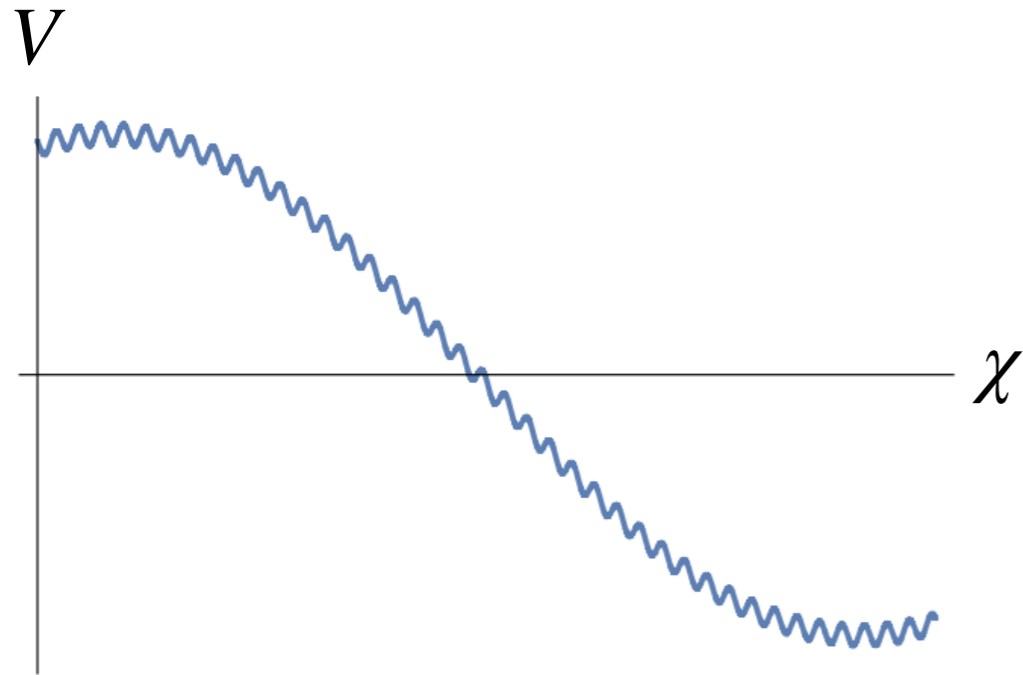
Volume-weighted measures

Probability to observe
some type of vacuum
(labeled e.g. by the Higgs
mass) \propto overall volume of
this vacuum at
some proper time t

*Youngness paradox: assumed to be solved by a version of the
stationary measure prescription

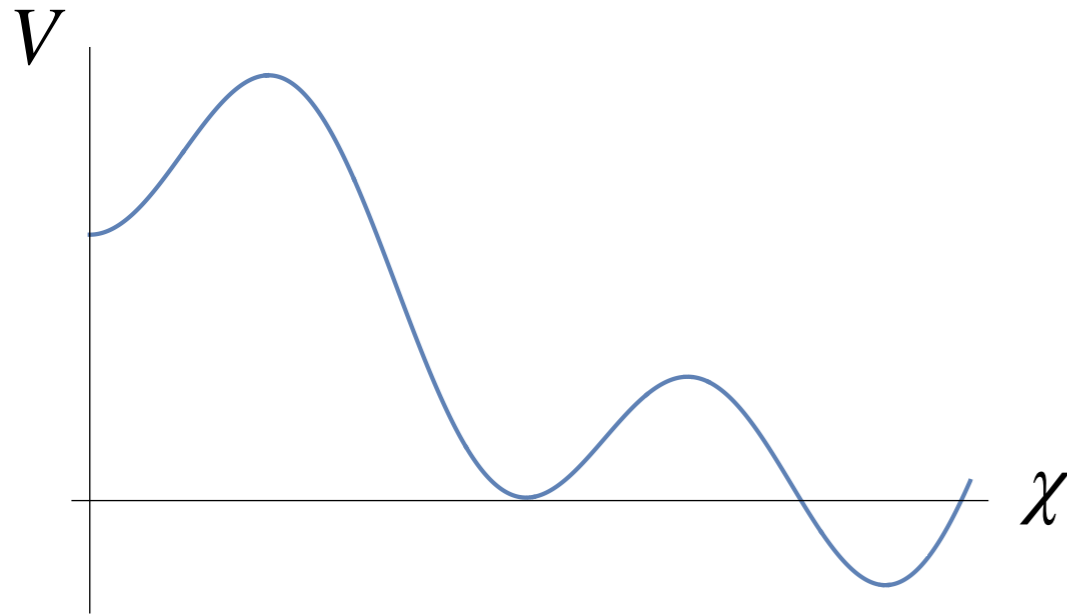
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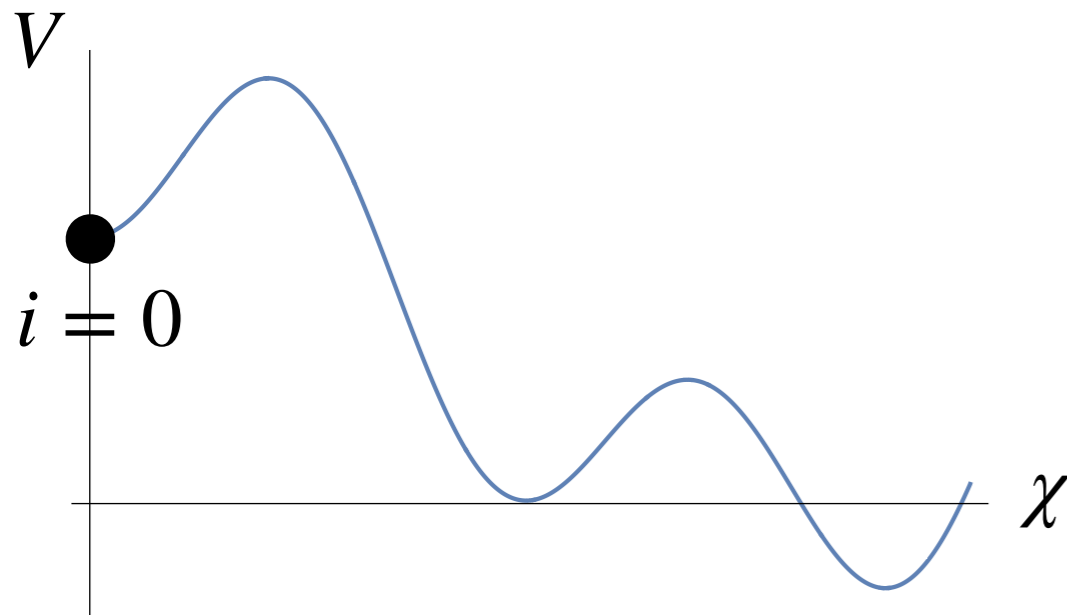
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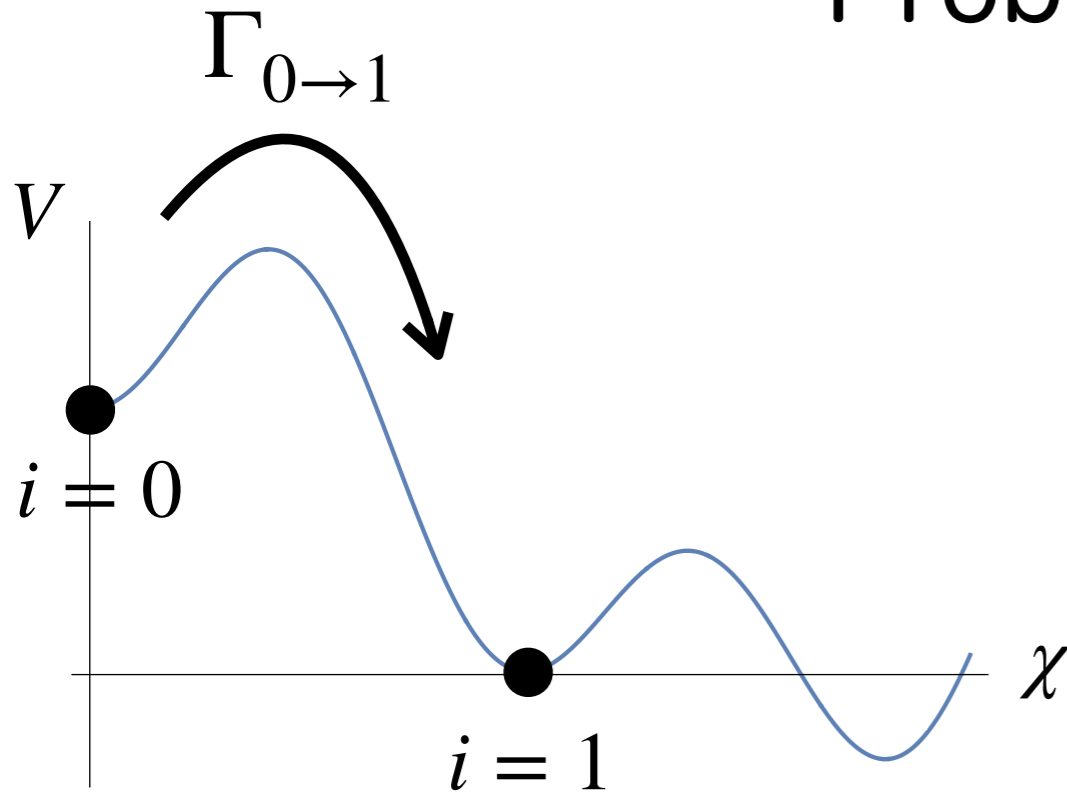


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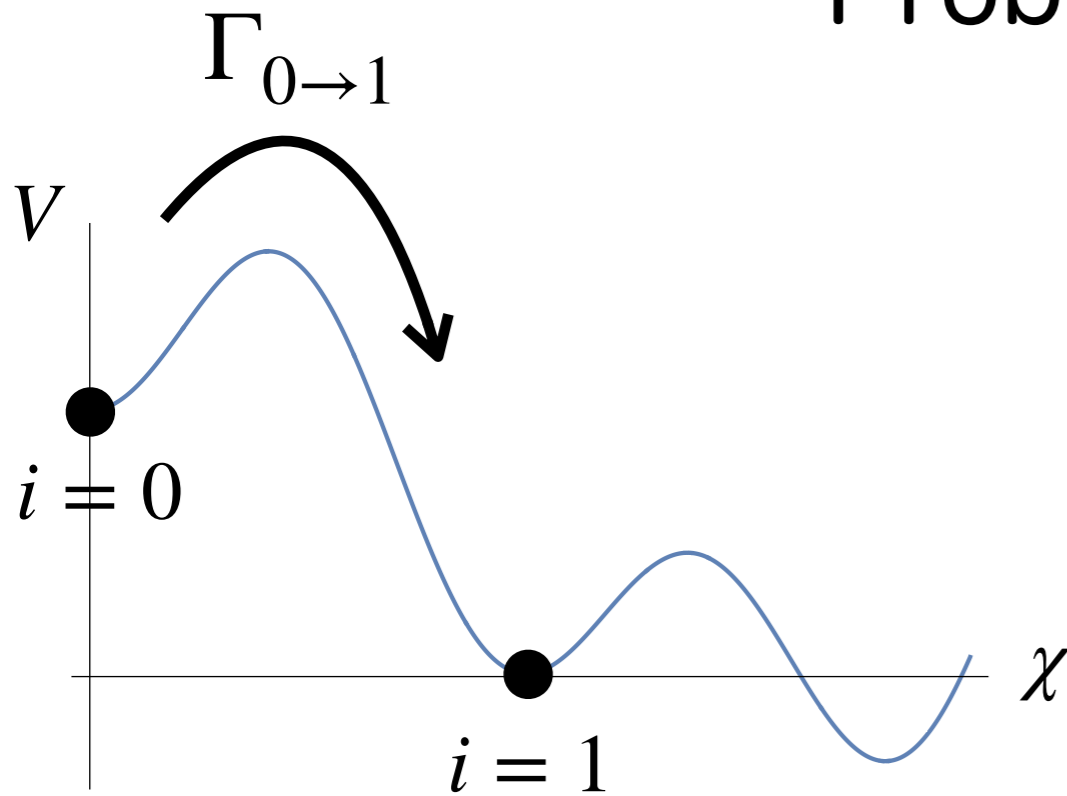


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The equation is annotated with orange boxes around the terms. The first term is $-P_i \sum_{j \neq i} \Gamma_{i \rightarrow j}$. The second term is $\sum_{j \neq i} P_j \Gamma_{j \rightarrow i}$, with a red $j = 0$ above the sum. The third term is $3H_i P_i$.

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$j = 0$

- Lower vacuum:

$$\dot{P}_1 \simeq 3H_1 P_1 + P_0 \Gamma_{0 \rightarrow 1}$$

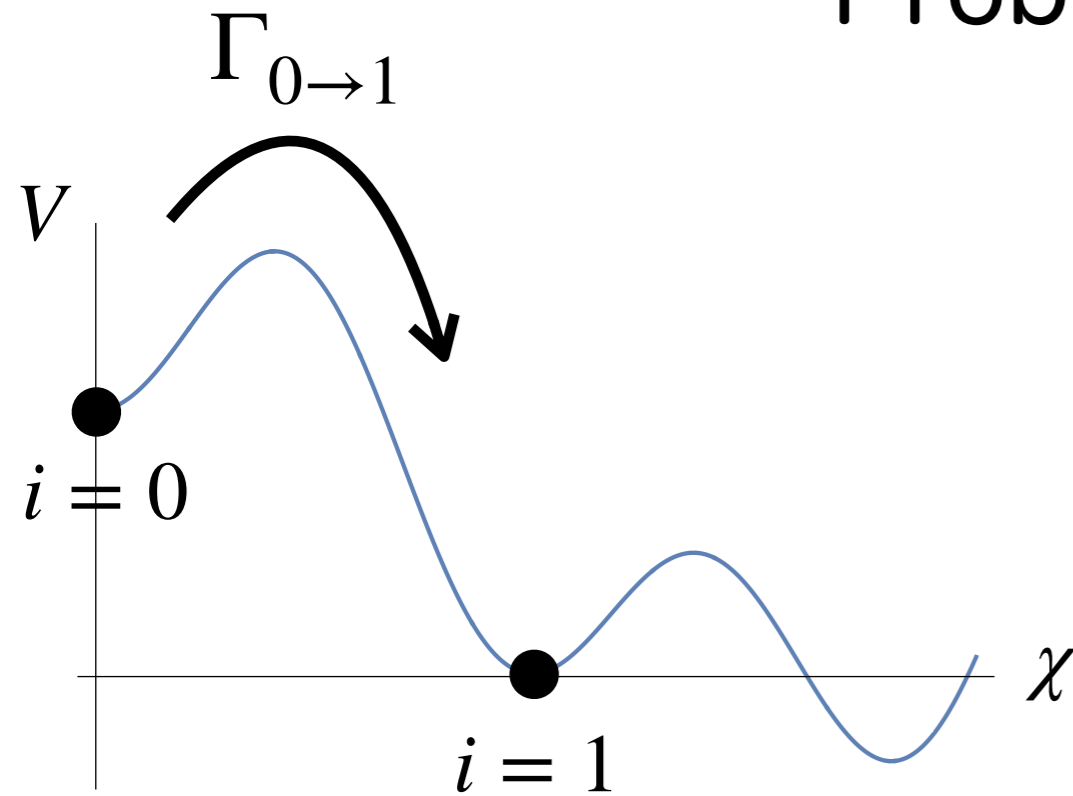


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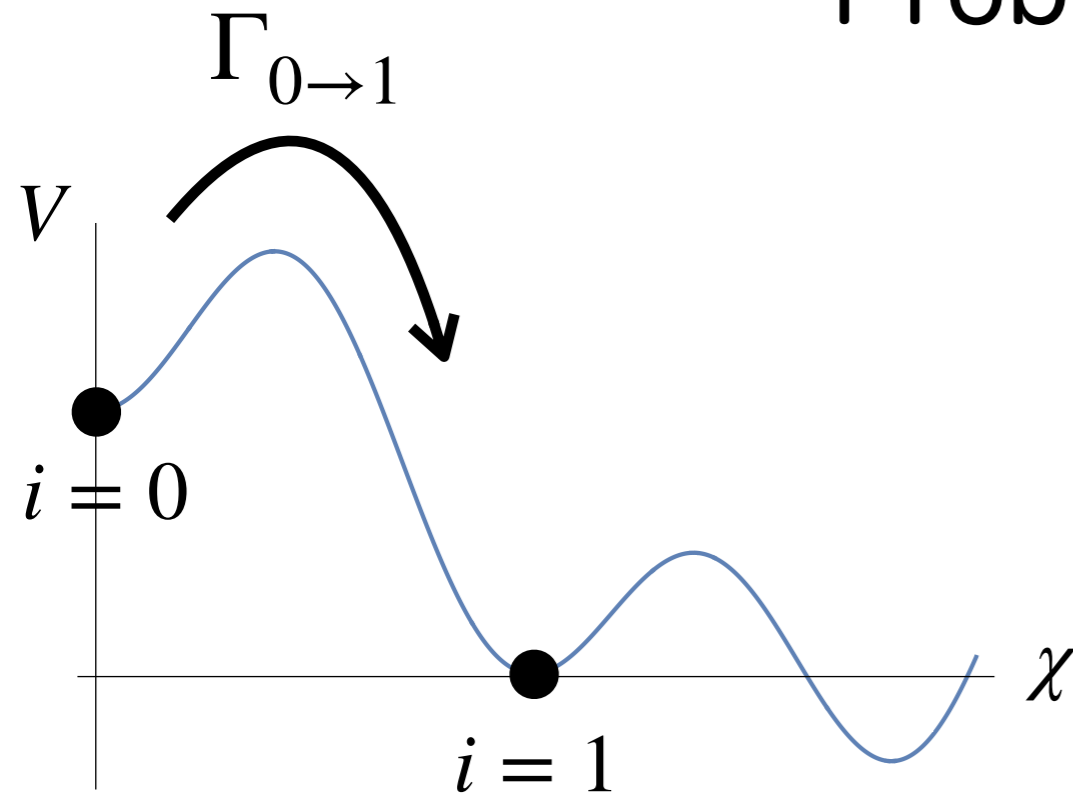
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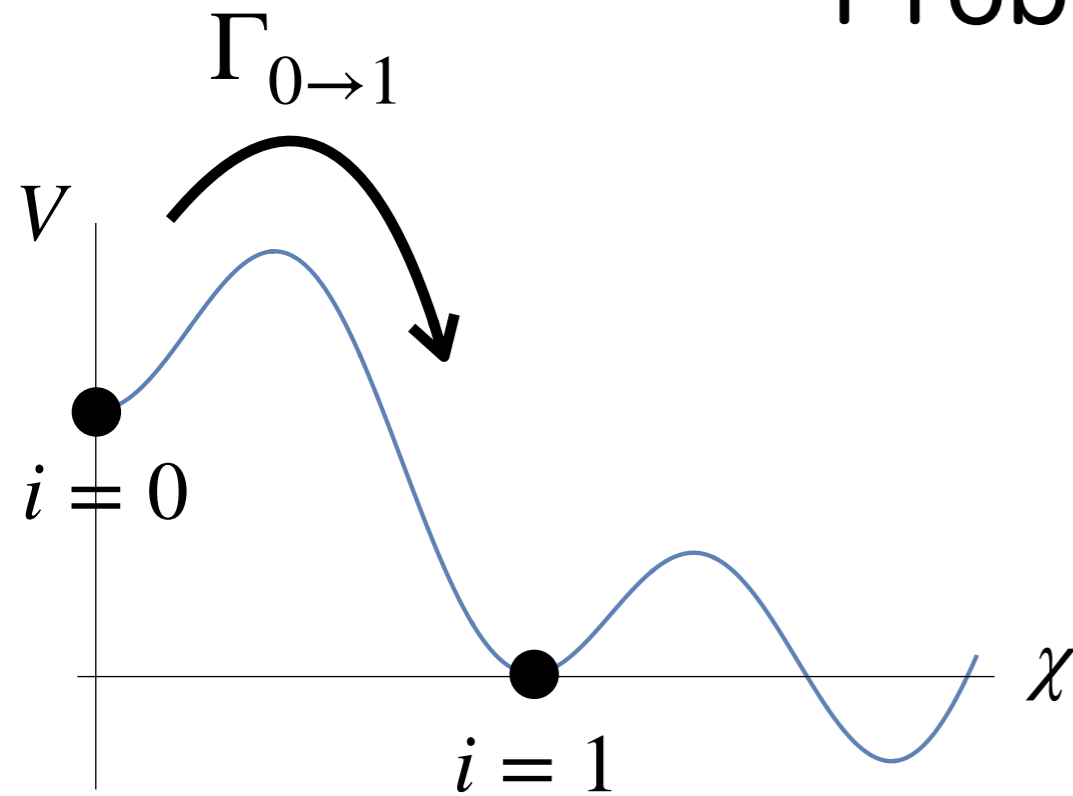
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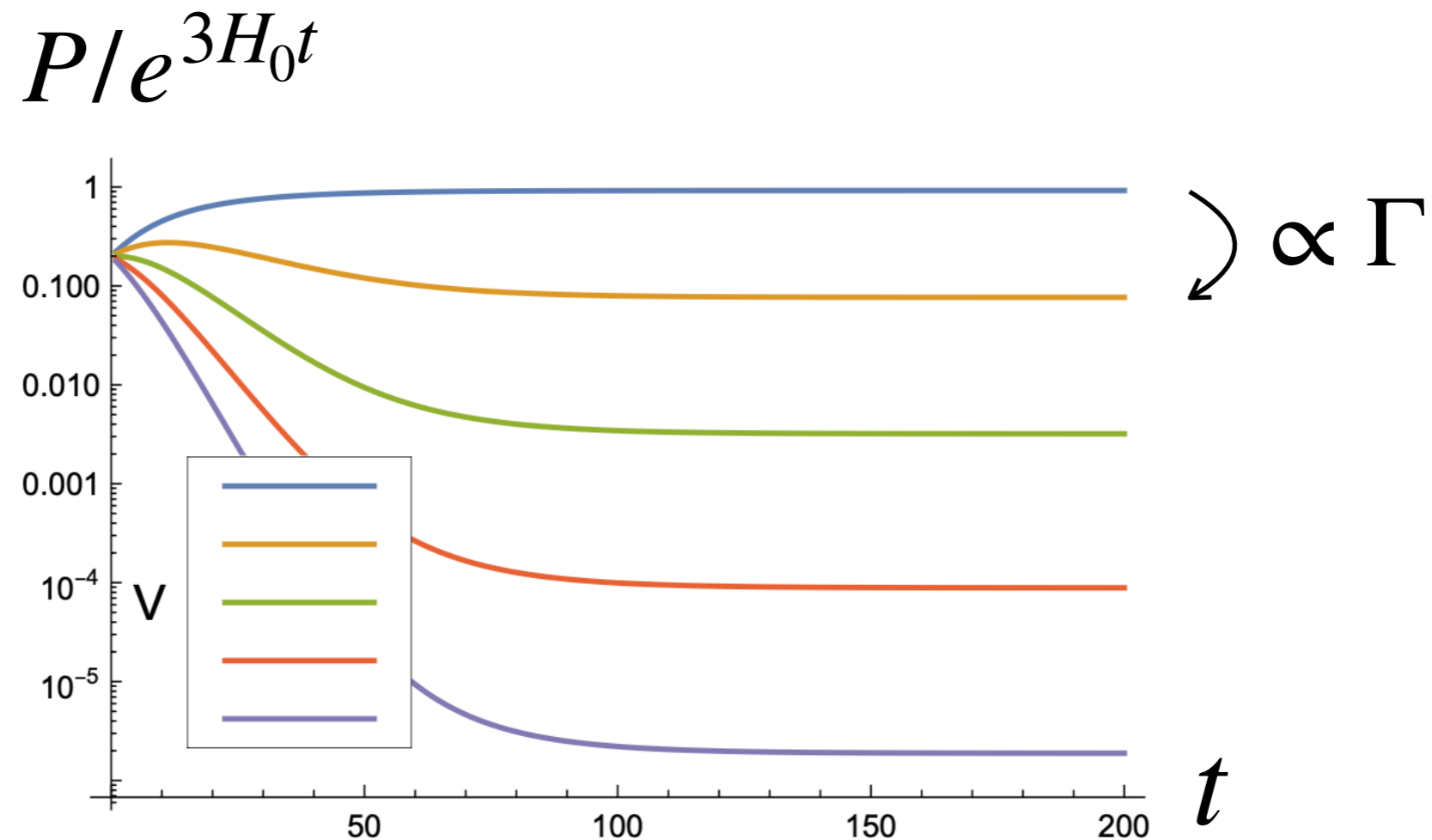
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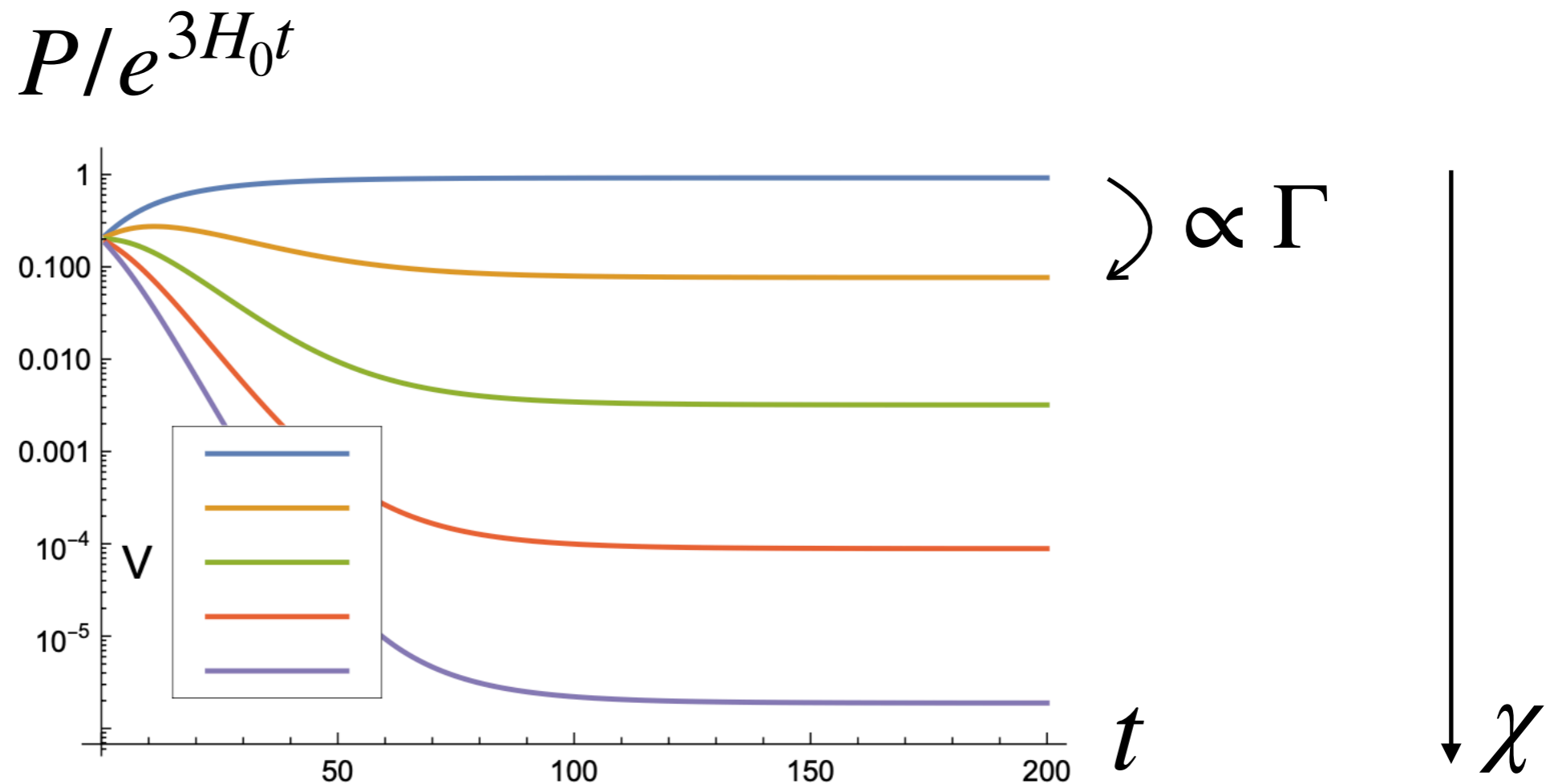
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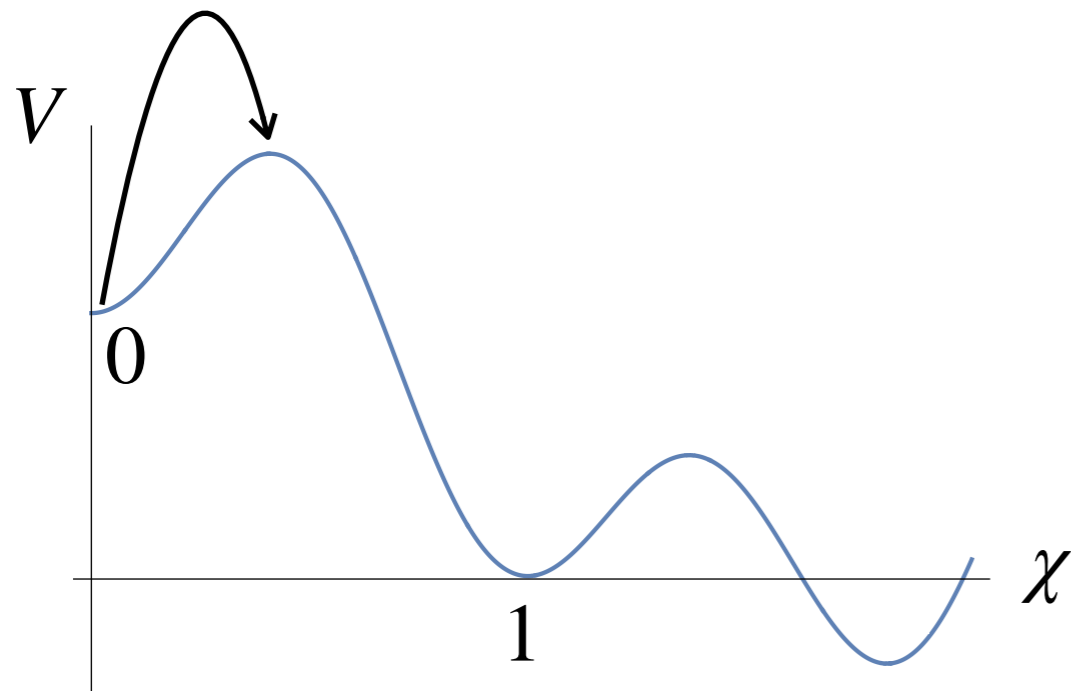


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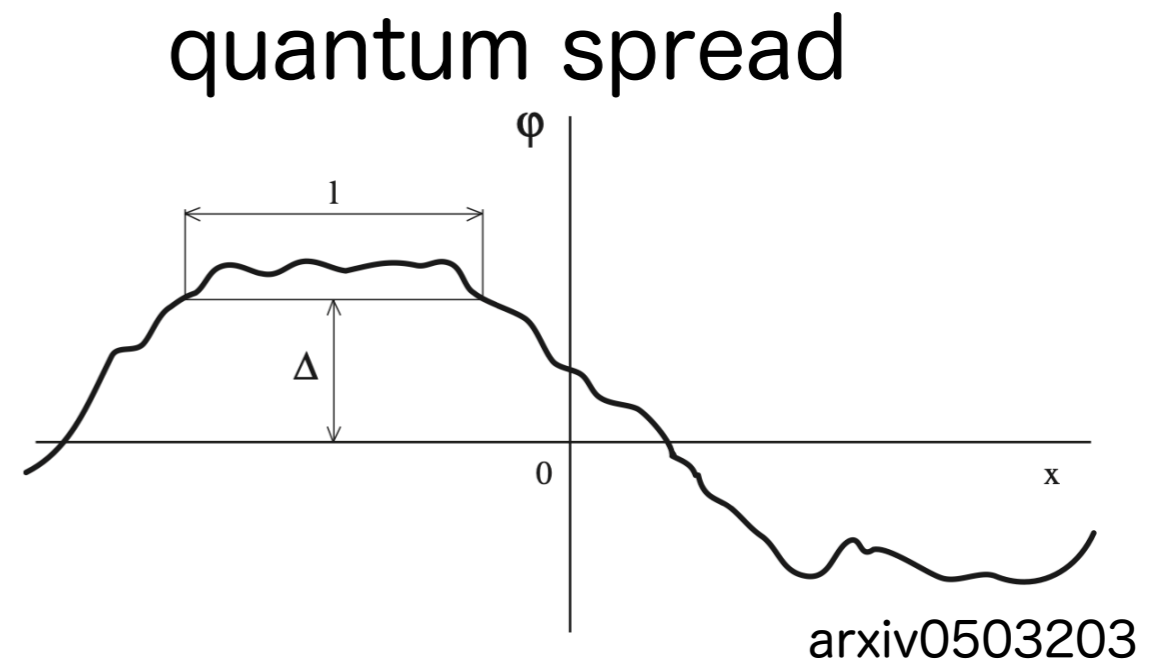
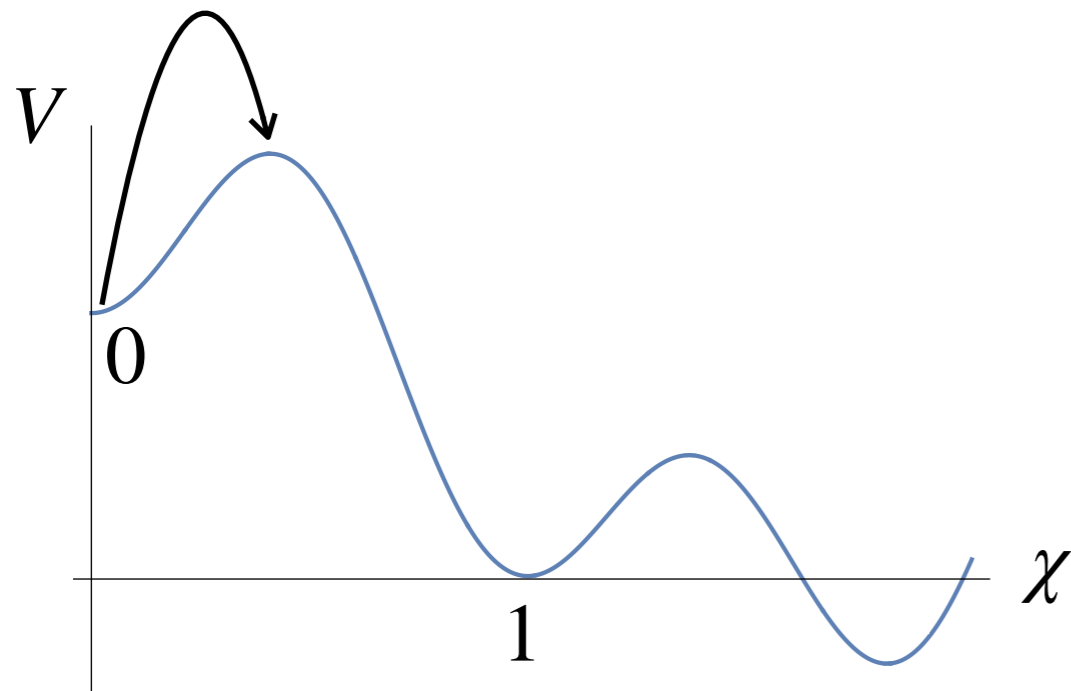


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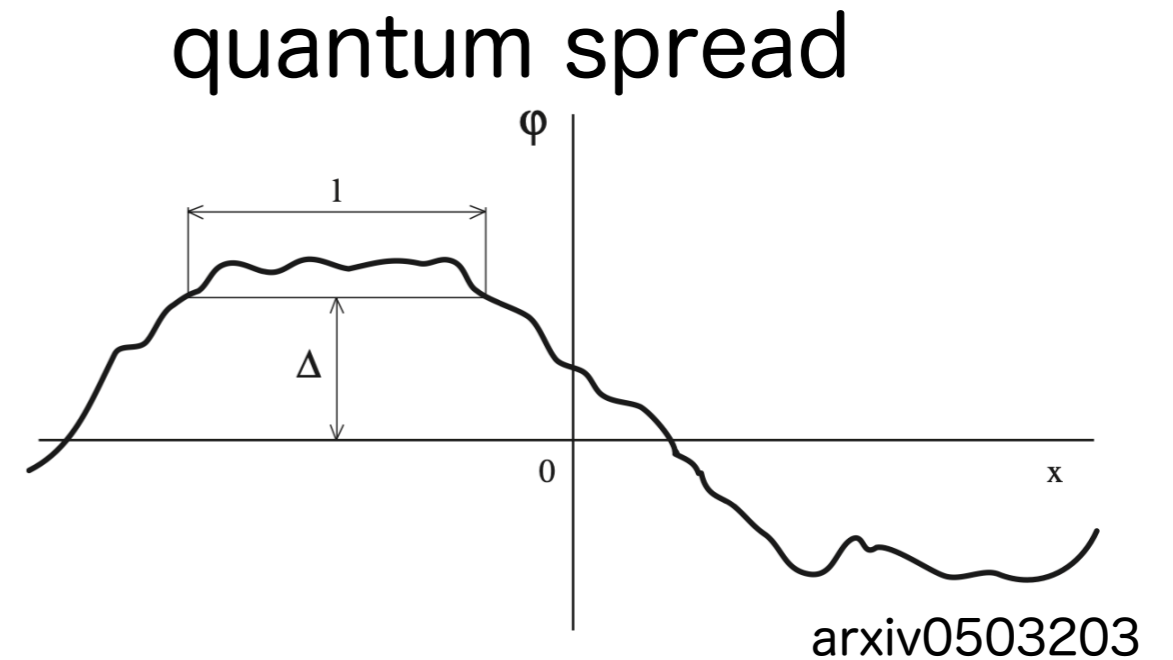
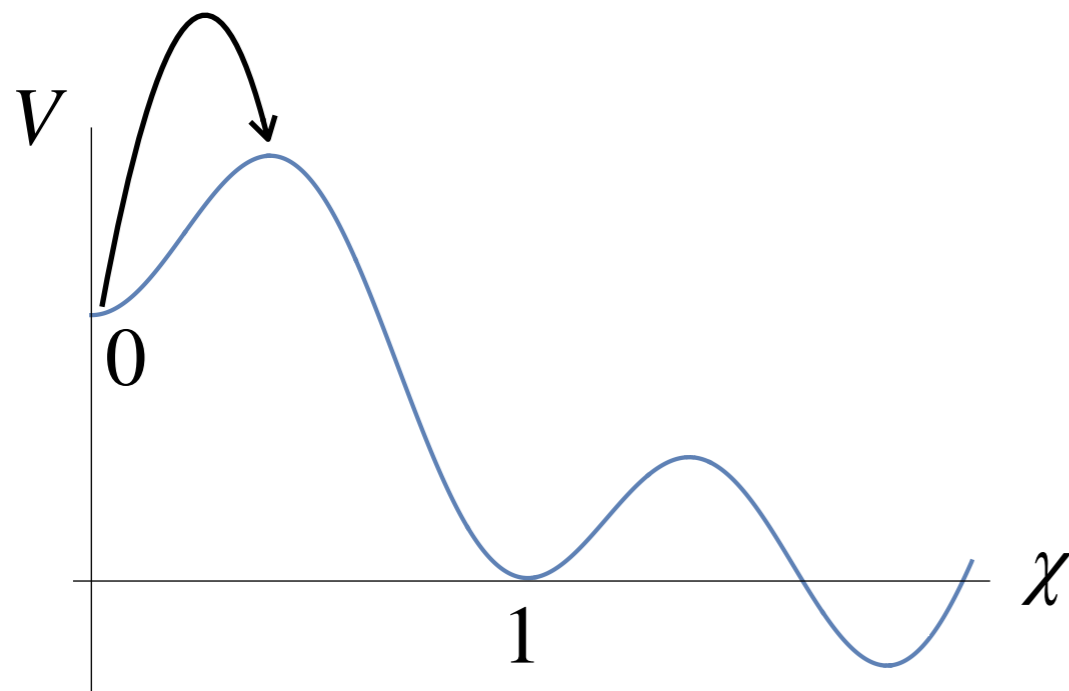
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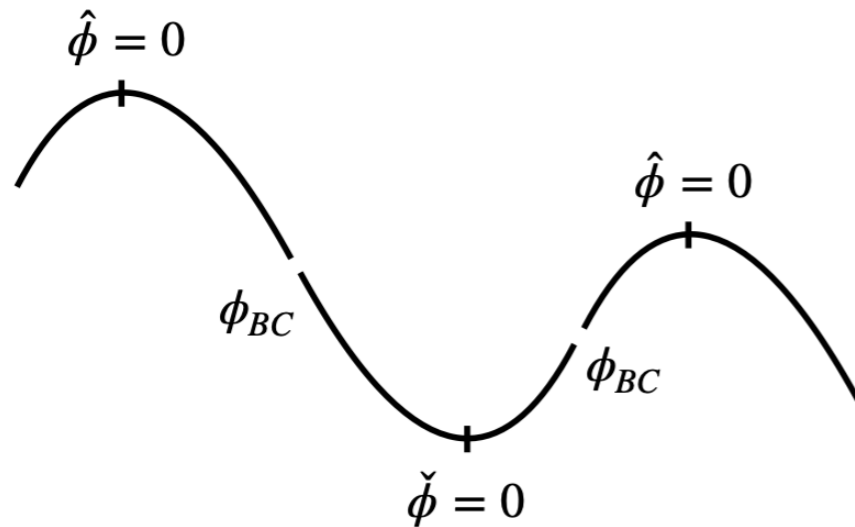


$$P(\chi_i) \rightarrow P(\chi)$$

$$\dot{P} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \left(\frac{H^{3(1-\beta)}}{8\pi^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} (H^{3\beta} P) \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi} \left(\frac{V'}{3H} P \right) + 3HP$$

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$$V = \Lambda + \frac{1}{2}m^2\phi^2$$

general solution:

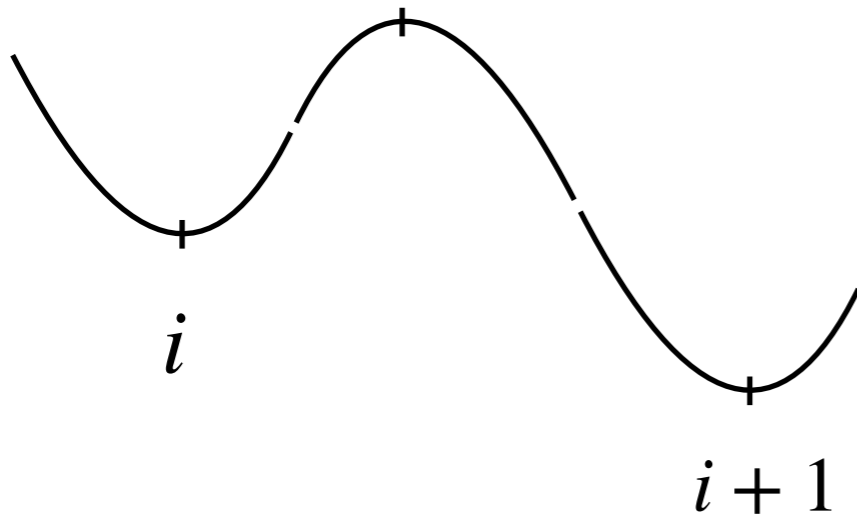
eigenmodes of $\nu \propto -H_s^2 + \dots$

Giudice,McCullough,You, 2105.08617

$$P_\nu = \exp[-A\phi^2] \{ \mathbf{c}_+ D_\nu [B\phi] + \mathbf{c}_- D_\nu [-B\phi] \} e^{3H_s t}$$

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Matching



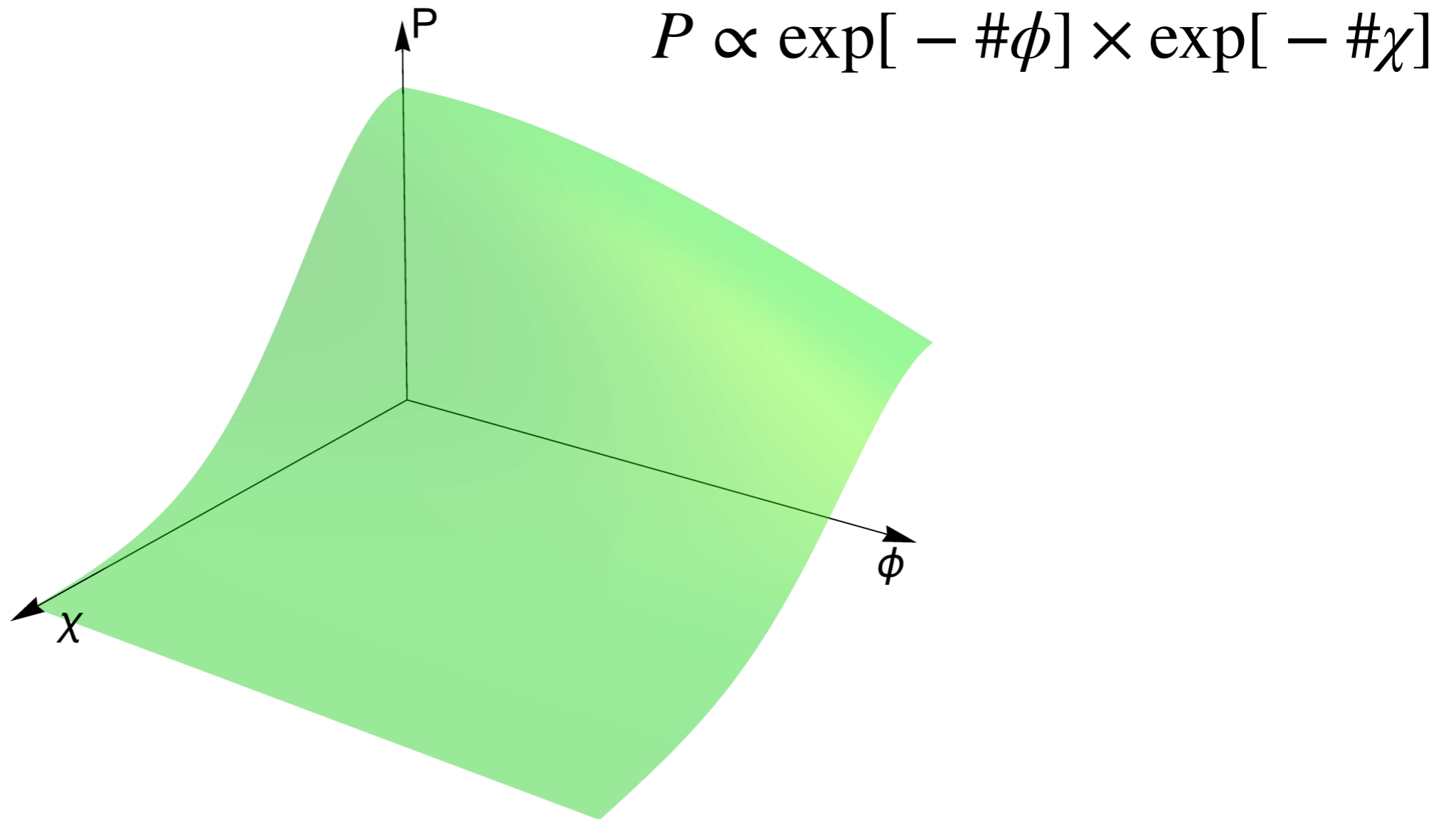
P drop between 2 minima:

$$\frac{\check{P}_{i+1}(0)}{\check{P}_i(0)} \simeq \frac{\Gamma[-\hat{\nu}_i]\Gamma[-\check{\nu}_{i+1}]}{2\pi} |B\phi_{\text{BC}}|^{2(\check{\nu}_i + \hat{\nu}_i + 1)} e^{-\frac{8\pi^2}{3} \frac{\Delta V_B}{H^4}} + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$$

$$\left(\epsilon \sim \frac{H^4}{m_p^2 m^2} \right) 36$$

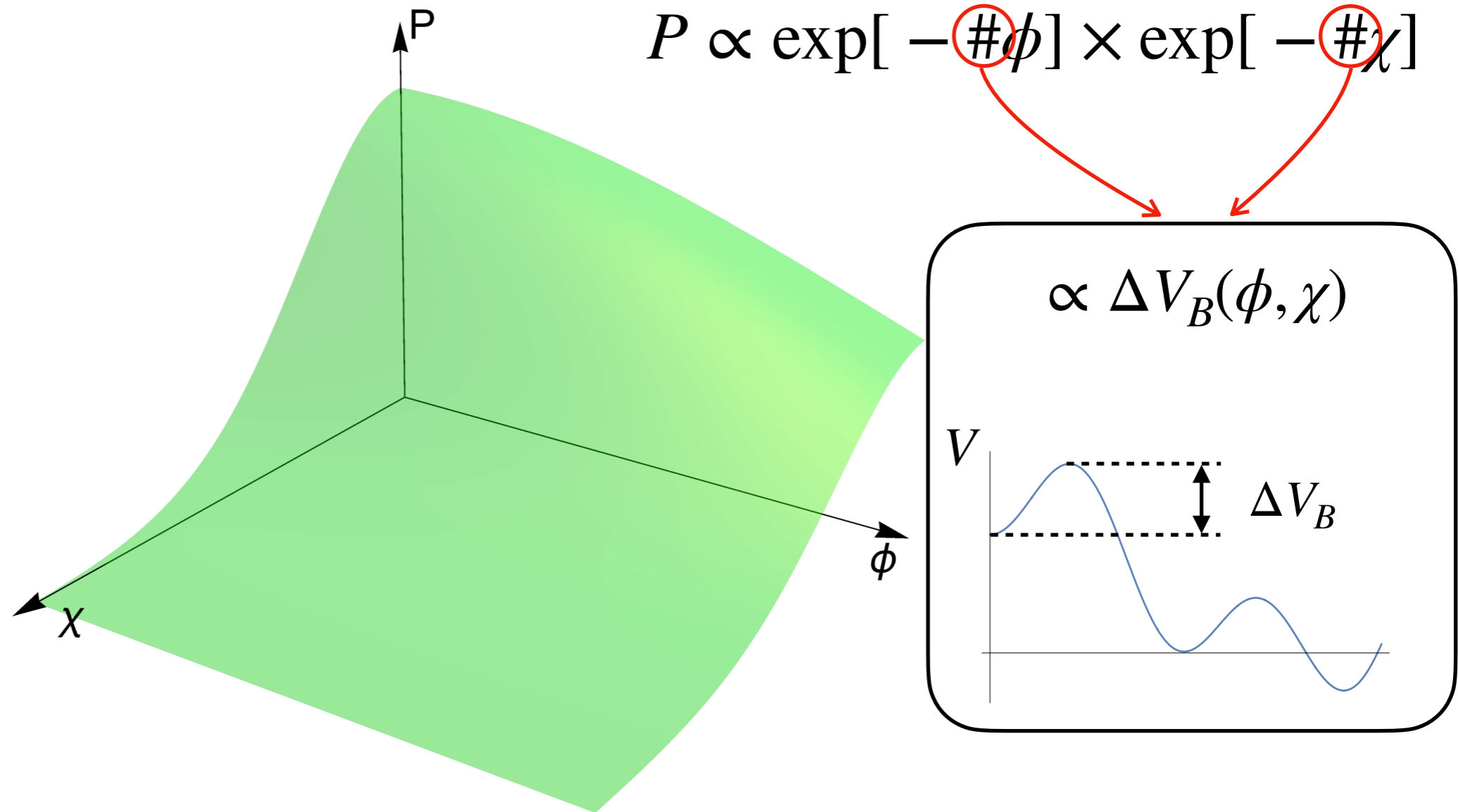
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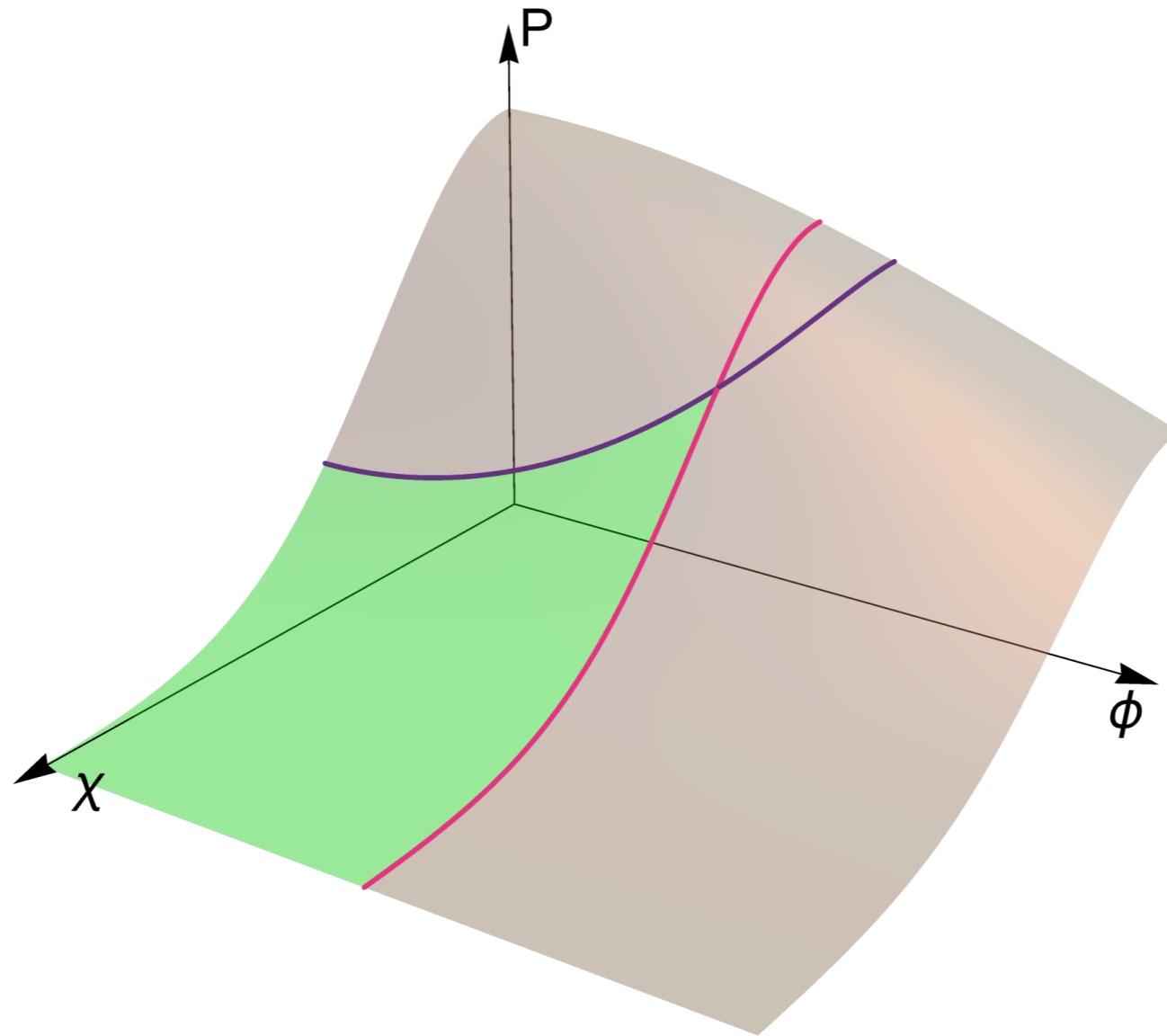
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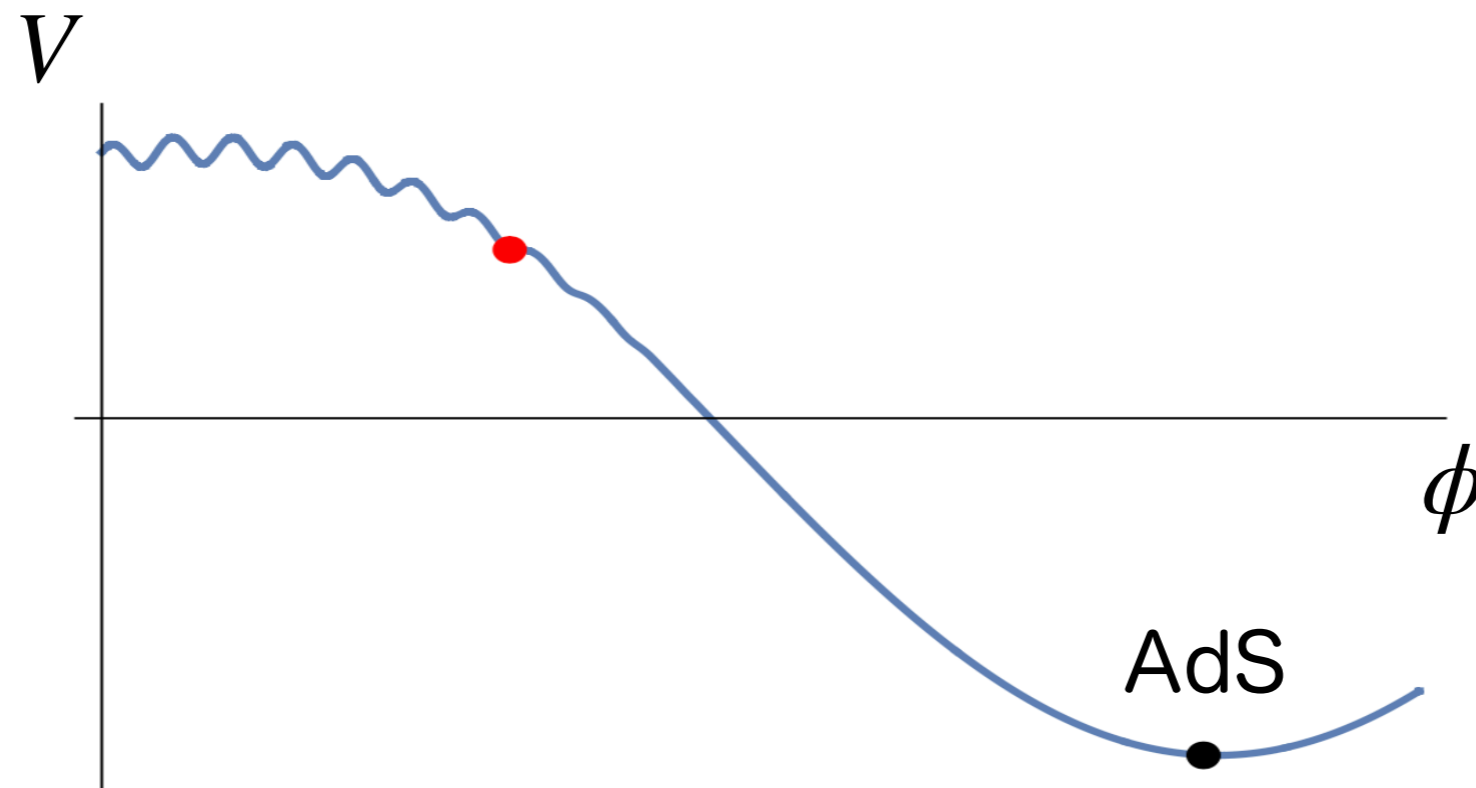
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We need to scan mH and introduce the boundaries

mH and CC from gradients & boundaries

Higgs-VEV dependent critical boundary

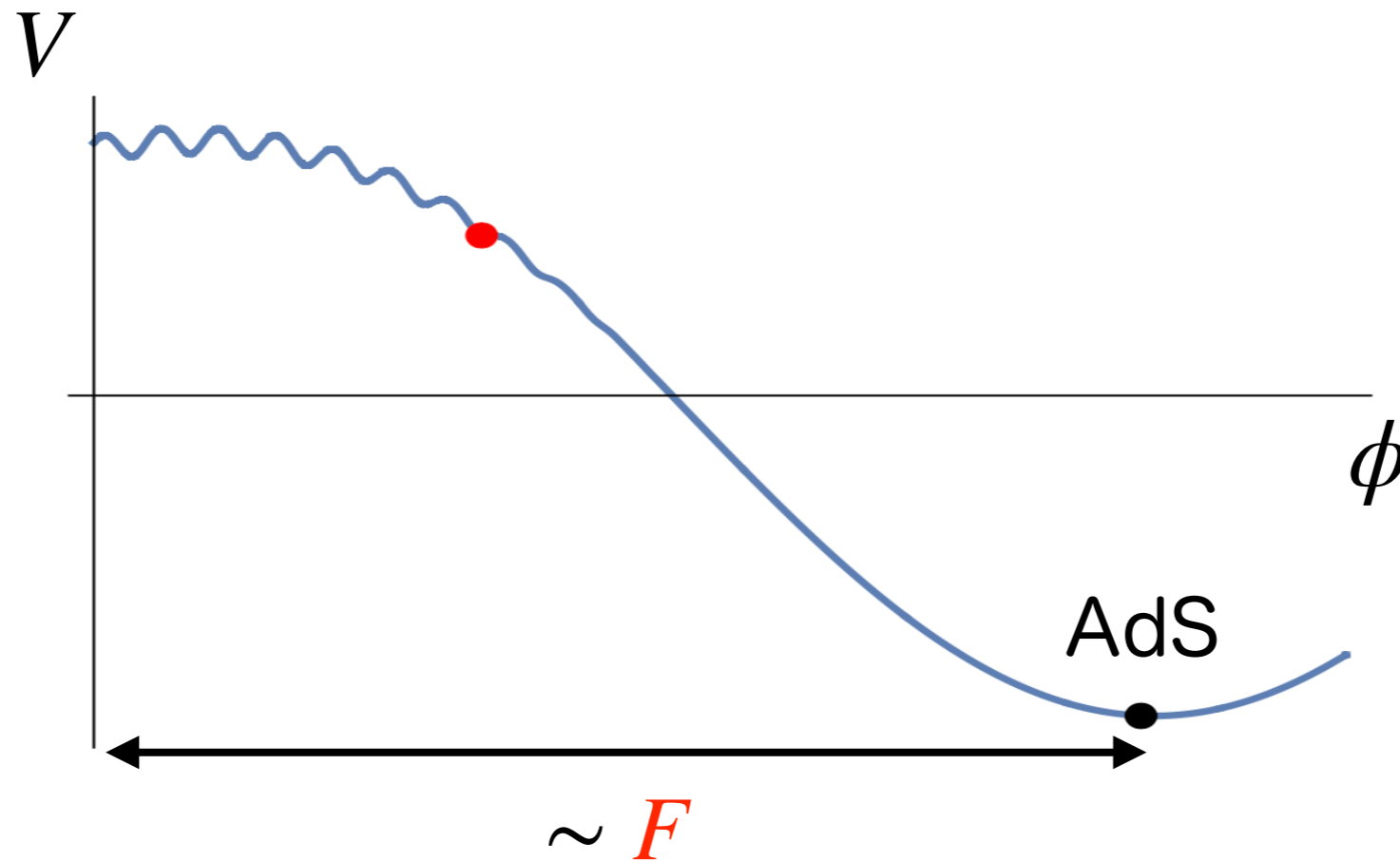


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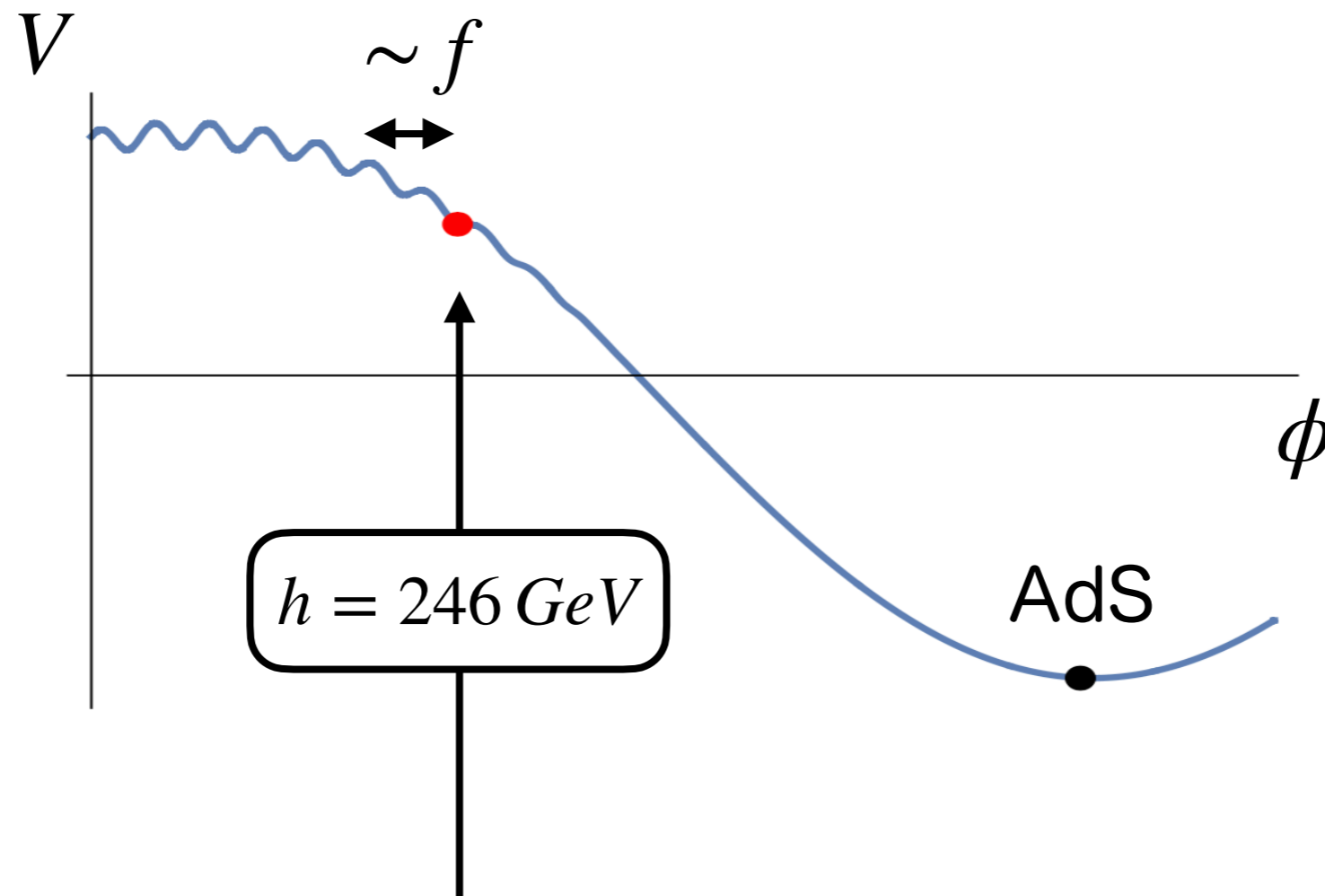
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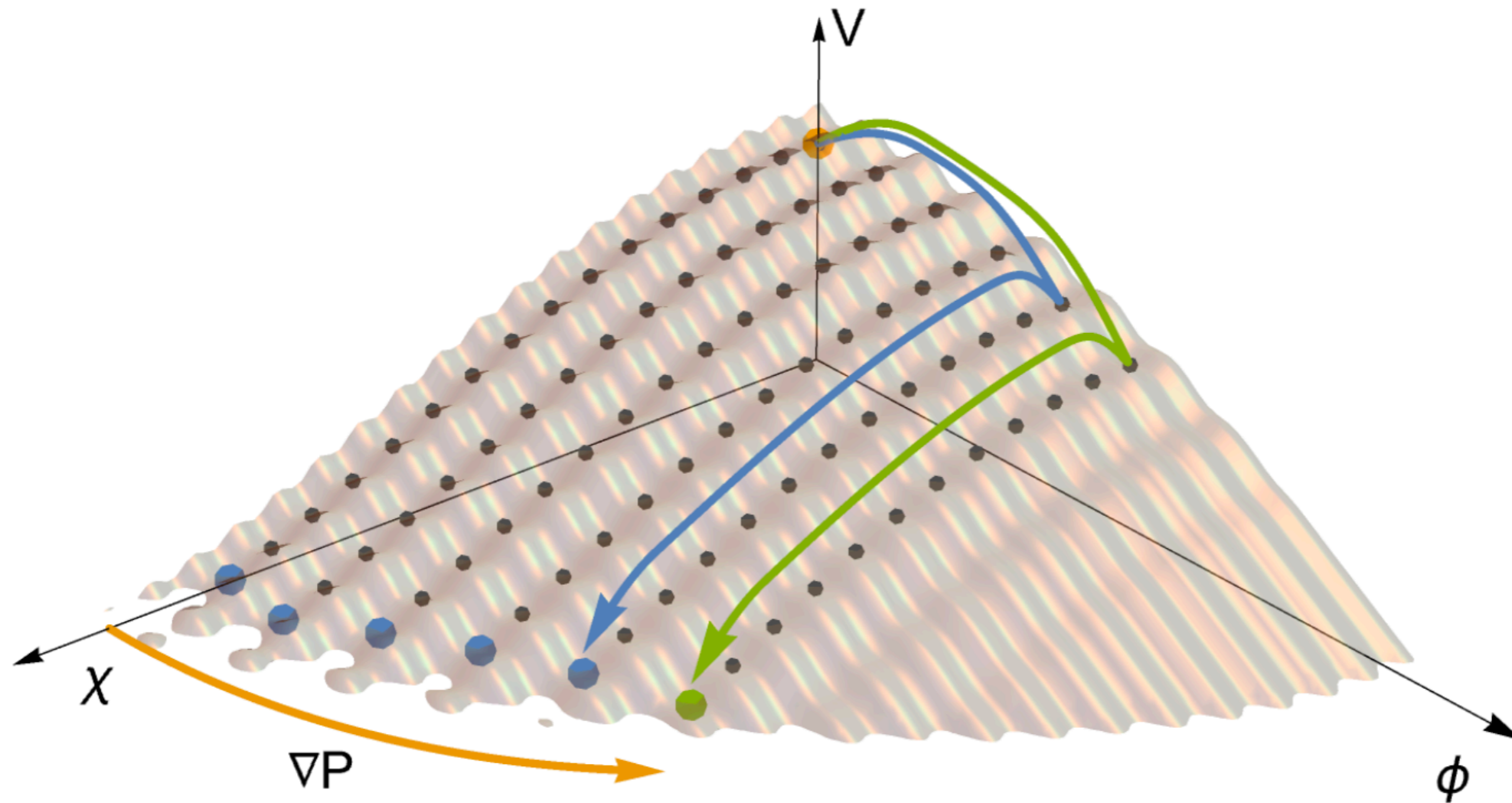
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factorization:

$$P(\phi, \chi) \simeq P(\phi) P(\chi)$$

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$$\frac{P_{\bullet\text{green}}}{P_{\bullet\text{blue}}} \sim \frac{\Gamma_{\phi}}{\Gamma_{\chi}} \gg 1$$

Armadillo

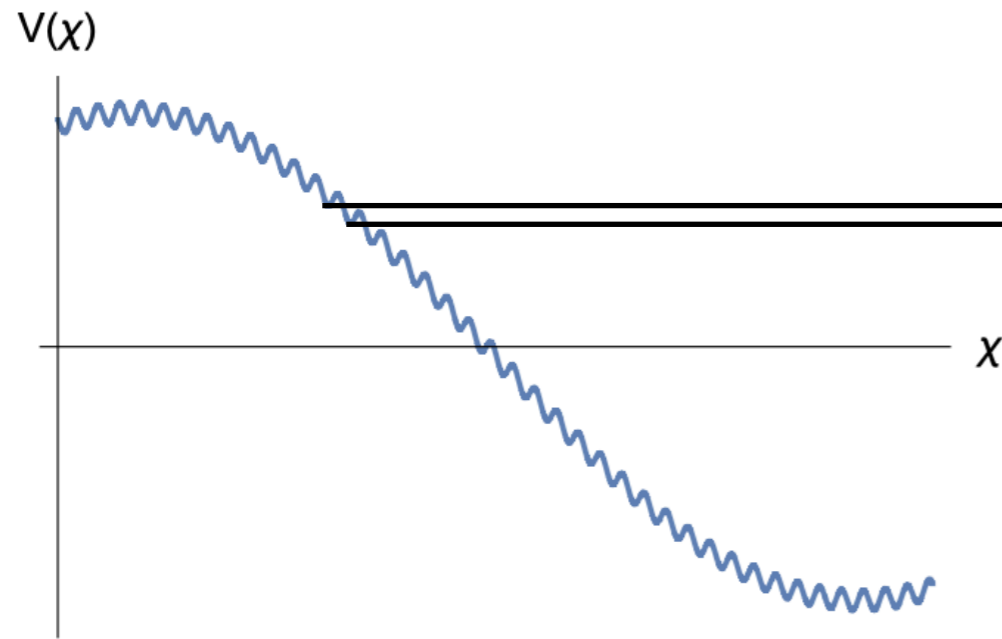


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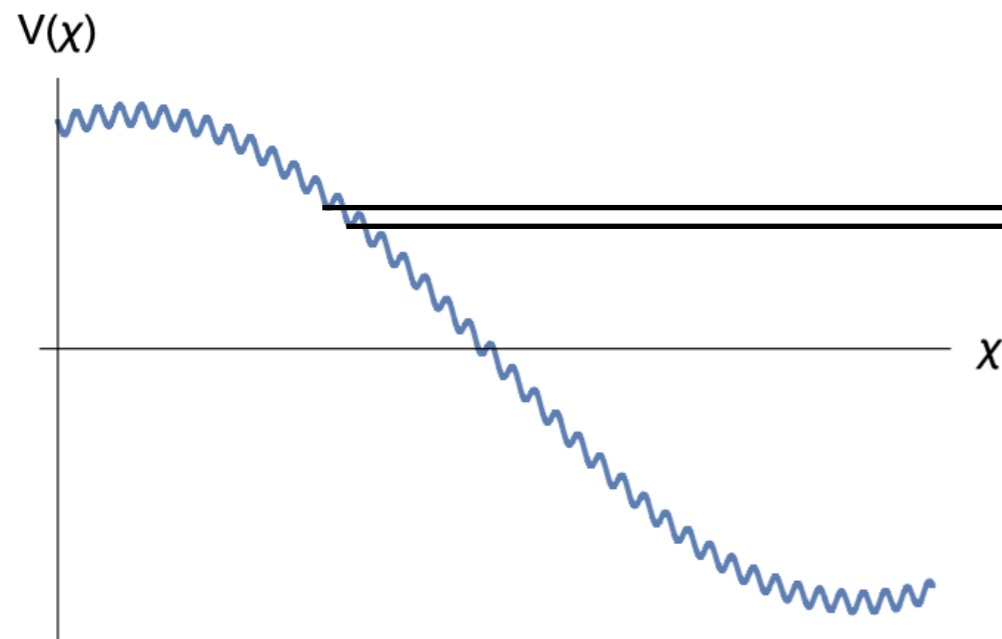
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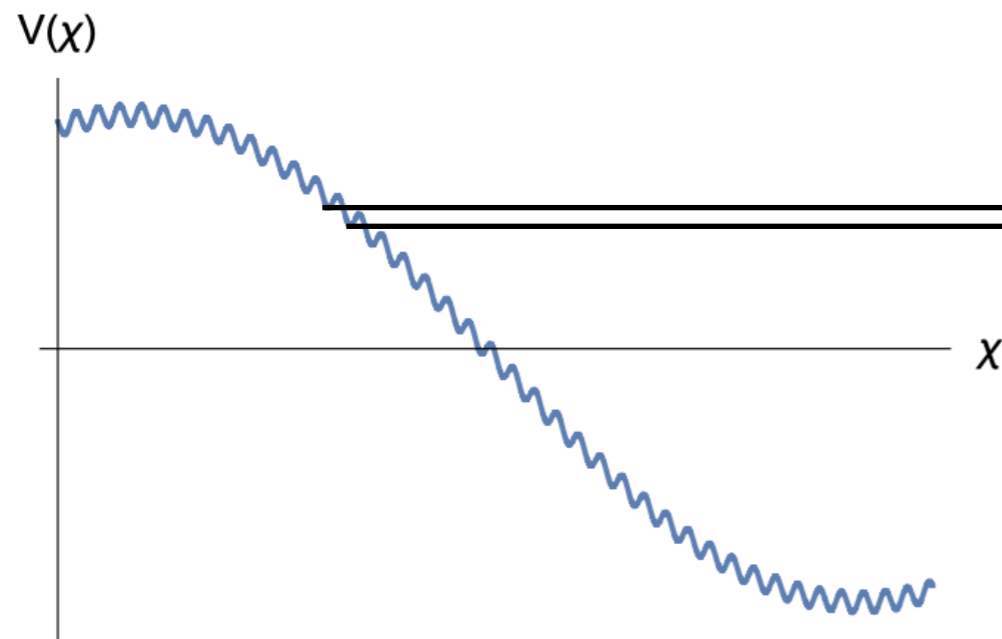
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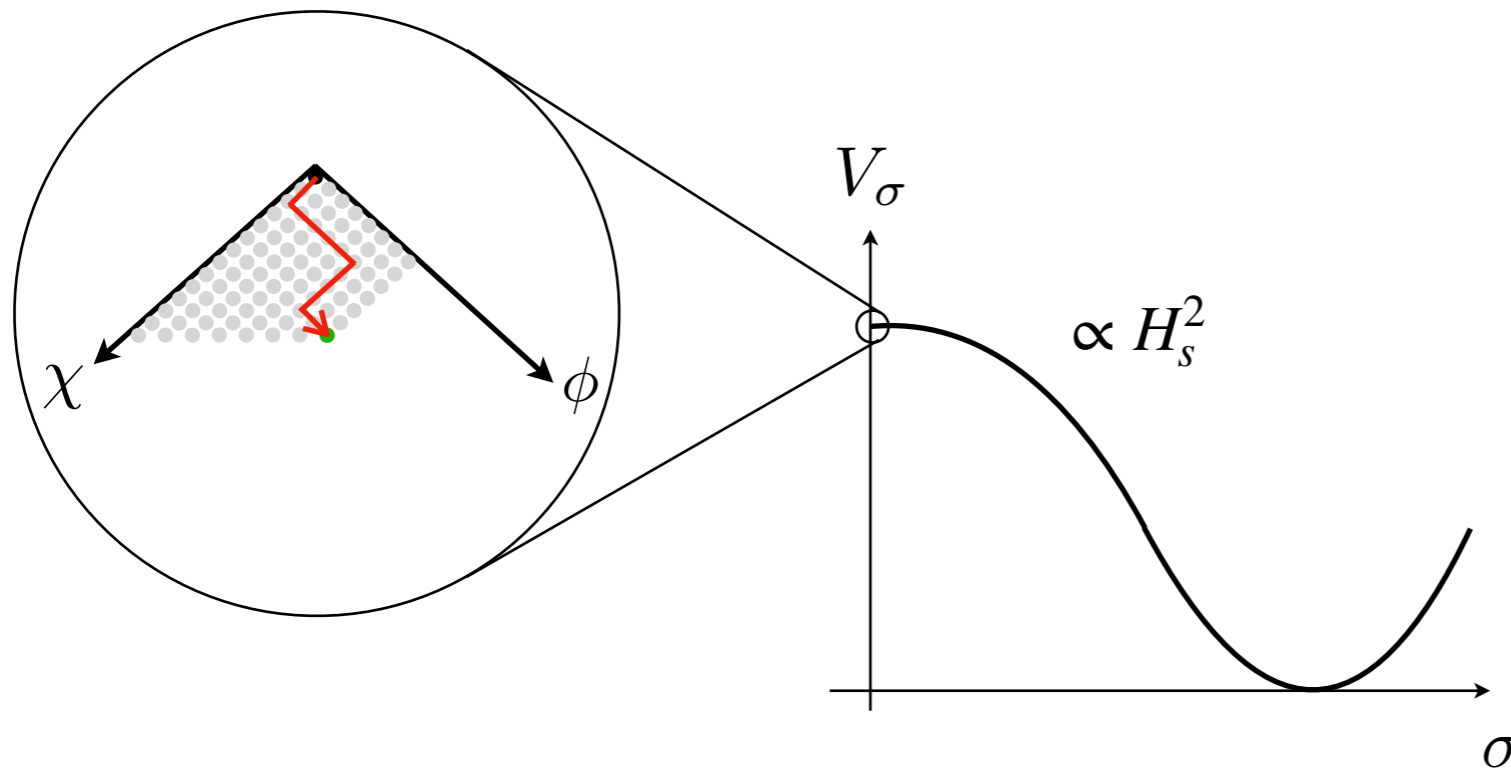
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We evade (1), (2) by assuming some additional fine-scanning sector.

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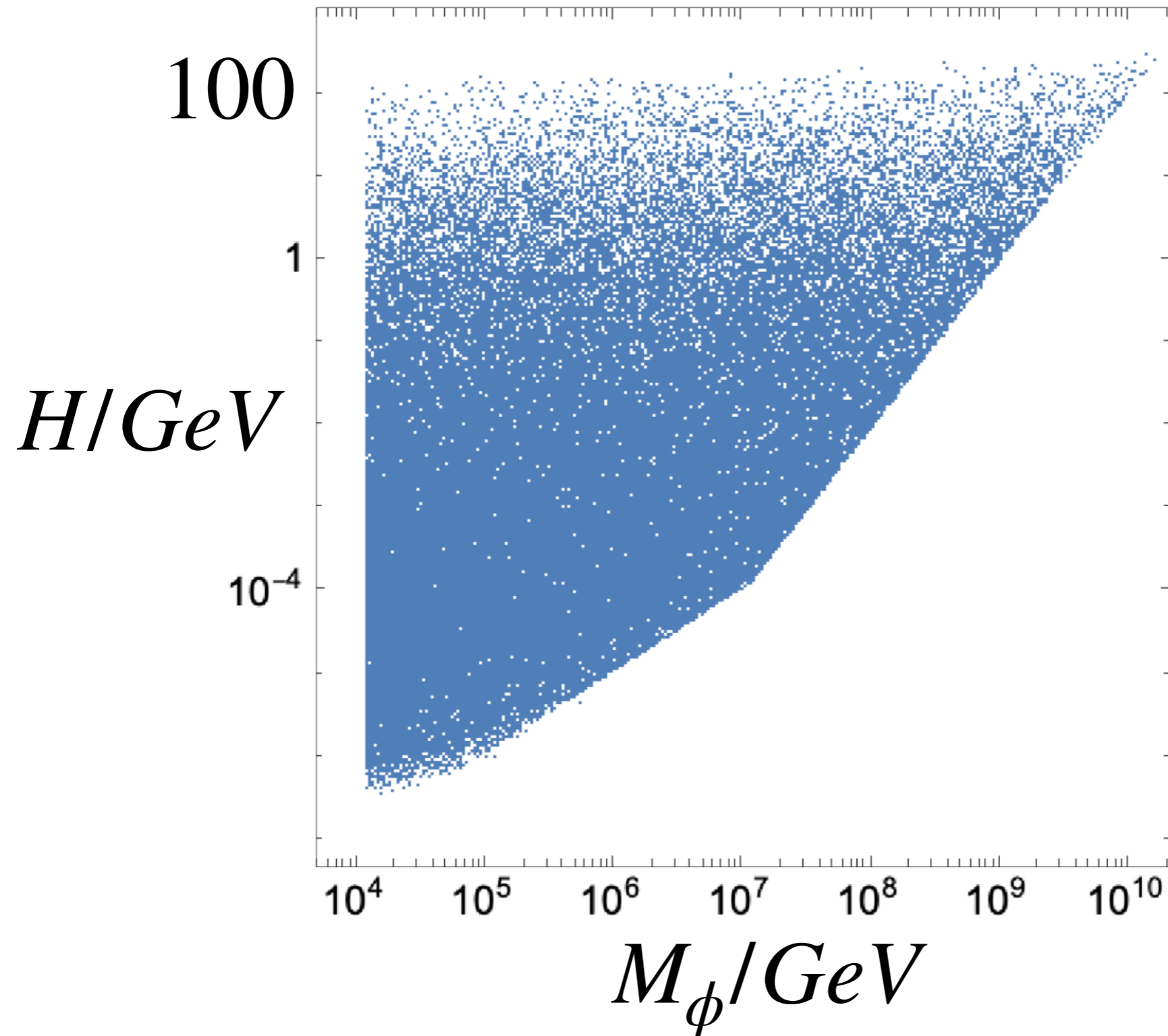
Slow-roll inflation



We assume some slow-roll inflation in the background, responsible for eternal inflation at a scale H_s

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Parameter space



~where new EW physics is

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Parameter space

- Hierarchical suppression over ϕ landscape requires

$$\Gamma_\phi \sim \exp\left[-\frac{8\pi^2}{3} \frac{\Delta V_B}{H^4}\right] \ll 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad H \lesssim \Delta V_B^{1/4} \sim \sqrt{\mu_\phi v_{SM}} \lesssim v_{sm}$$

I'm too restrictive here!

- Landscape energy contribution is subdominant in H_s

$$M_\phi \lesssim \sqrt{m_P H} \lesssim \sqrt{m_P v_{sm}}$$

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Parameter space

$$m_\phi \simeq 10^{-20} eV \dots 1 GeV$$

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$$m_\phi \simeq 10^{-20} eV \dots 1 GeV$$

$$m_\phi^2 \simeq \partial_h^2 [\mu^2 h^2 \cos \phi / f]$$

$$\simeq \mu^2 h^2 / f^2$$

$$\lesssim v_{SM}^4 / f^2$$

Local measures

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Motivation

Extrapolation of black hole complementarity to inflationary space.

The physically meaningful description of the universe should be confined to a region of space accessible to some hypothetical observer.

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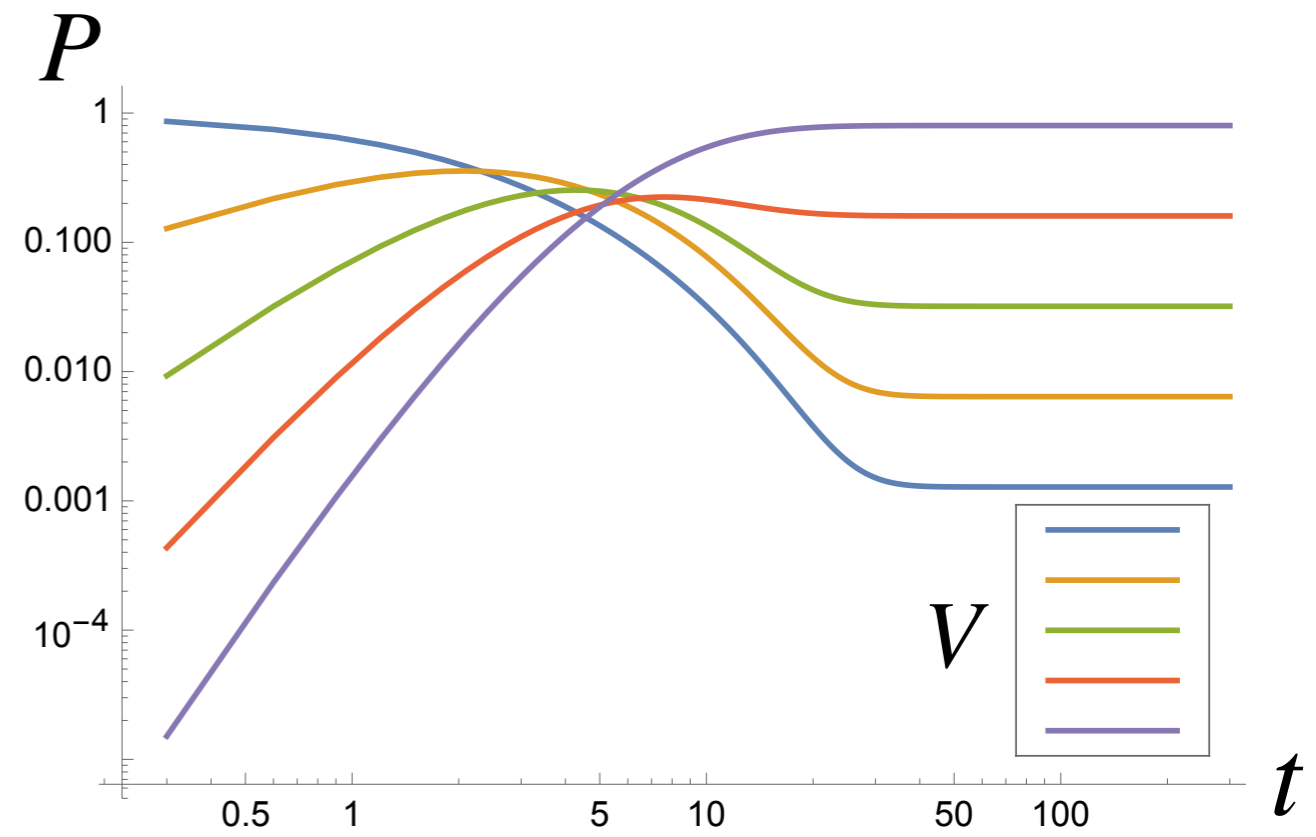
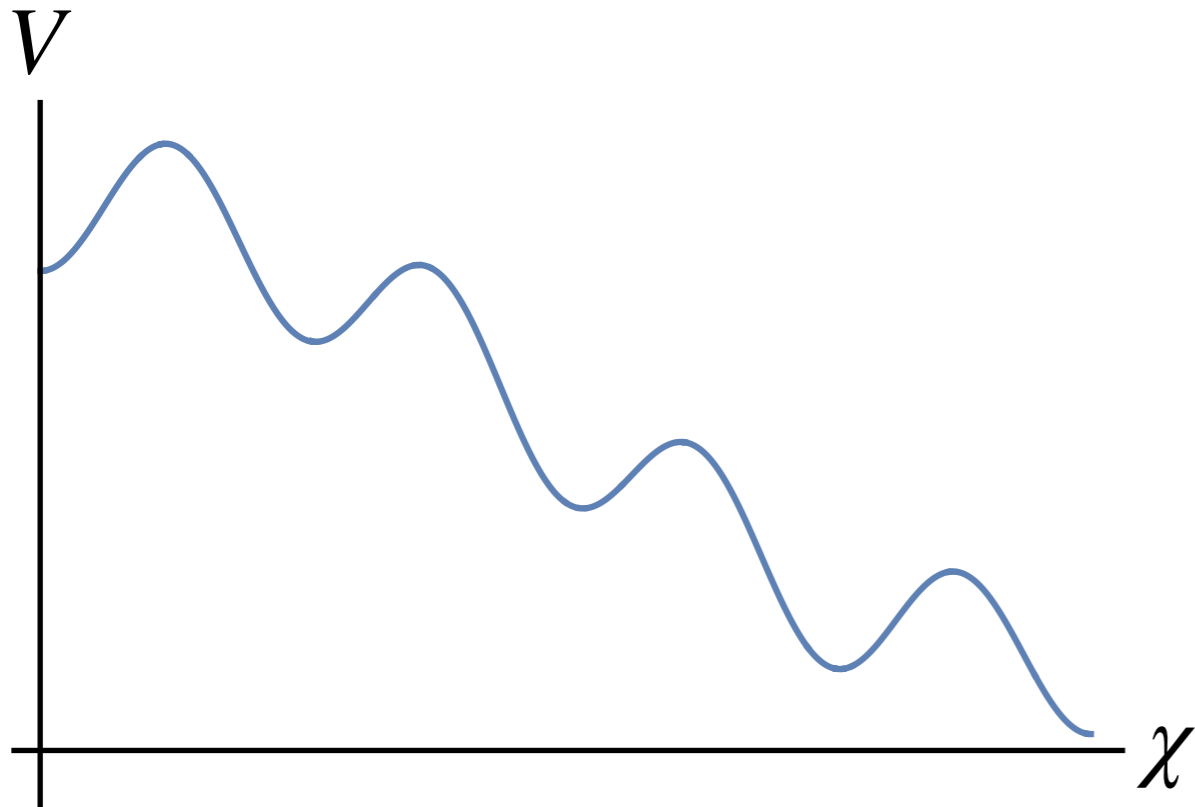
What is $P(\text{vac})$?

Time that a worldline spends (or a number of times it enters) in a given vacuum on its way to AdS

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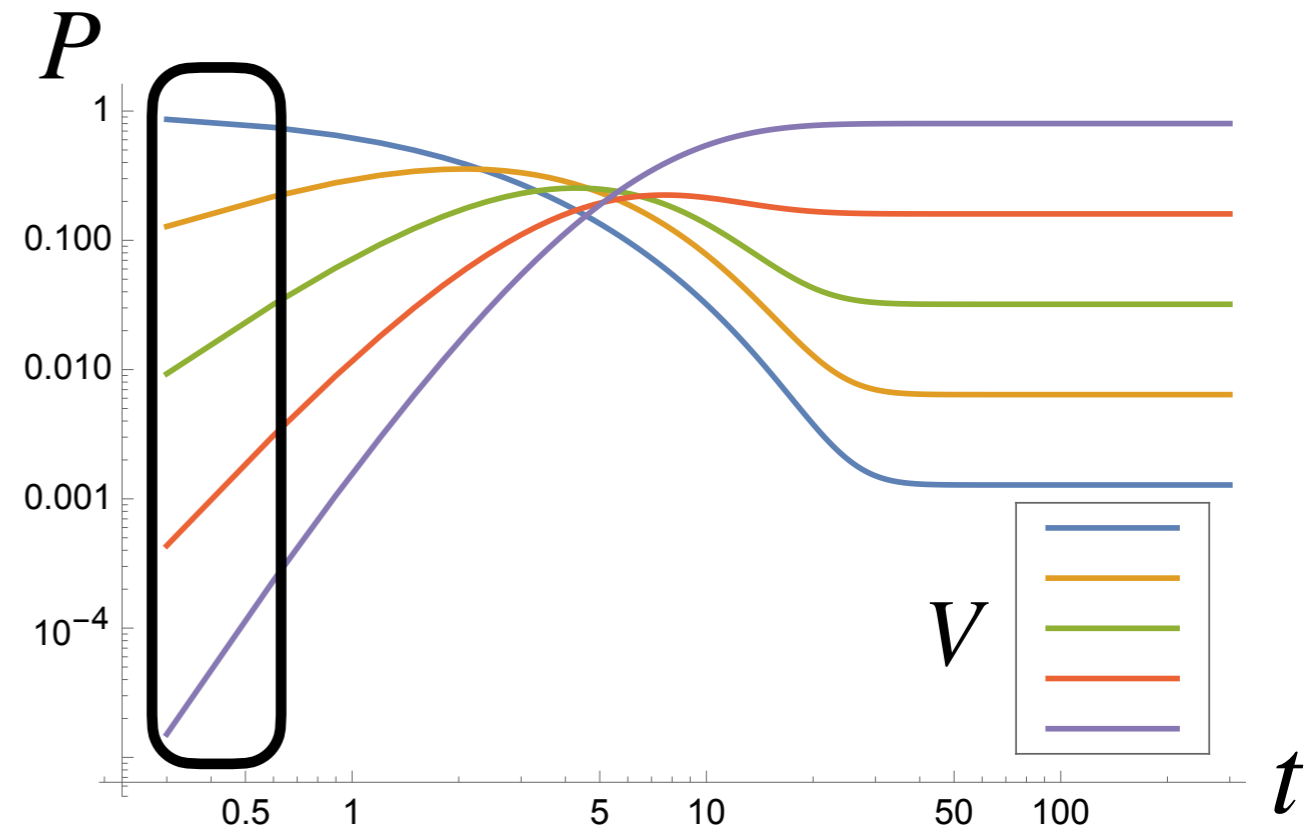
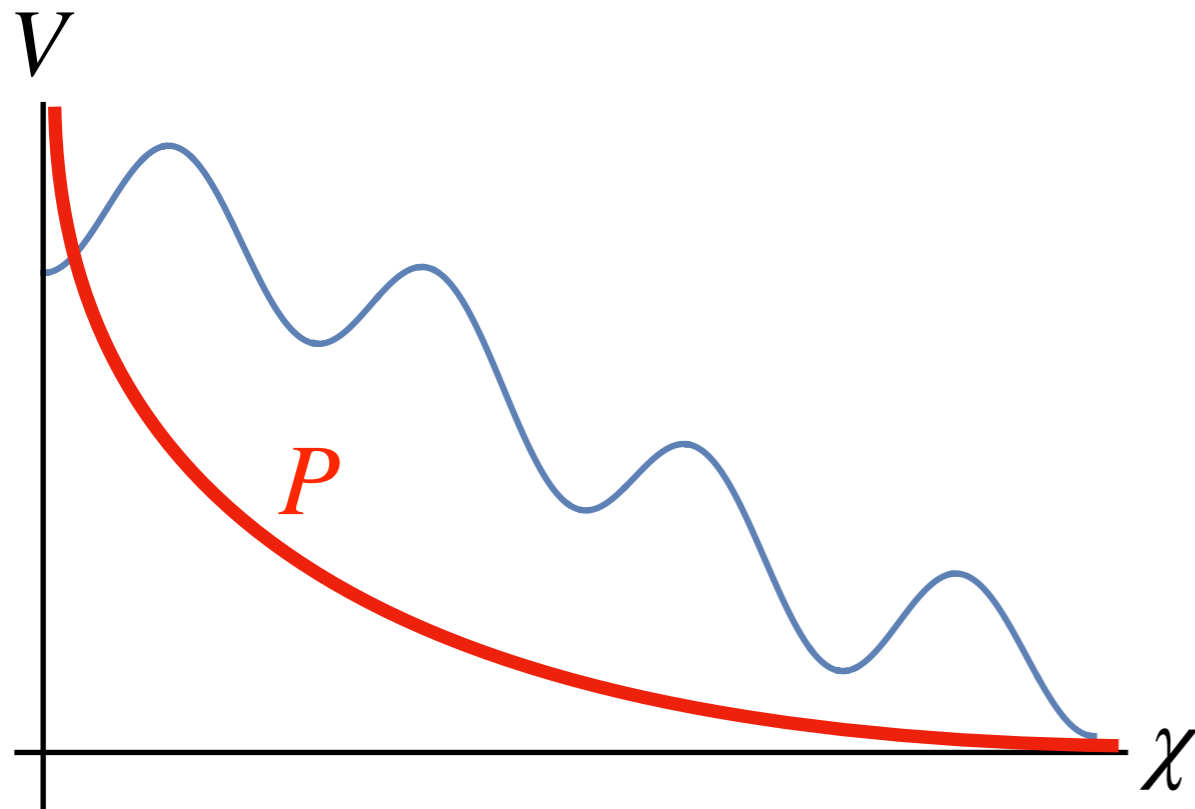
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1. Dominated by initial conditions

e.g. “quantum creation of the universe”

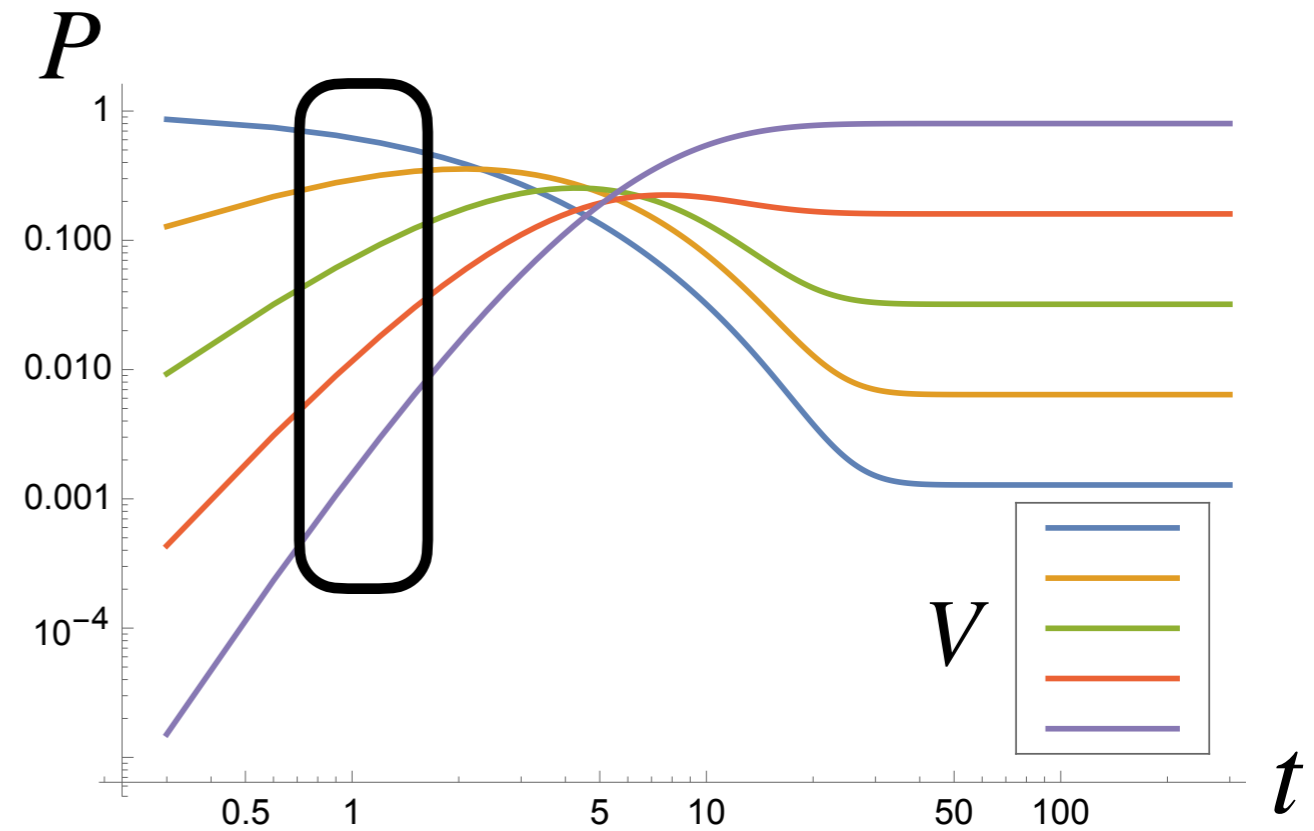
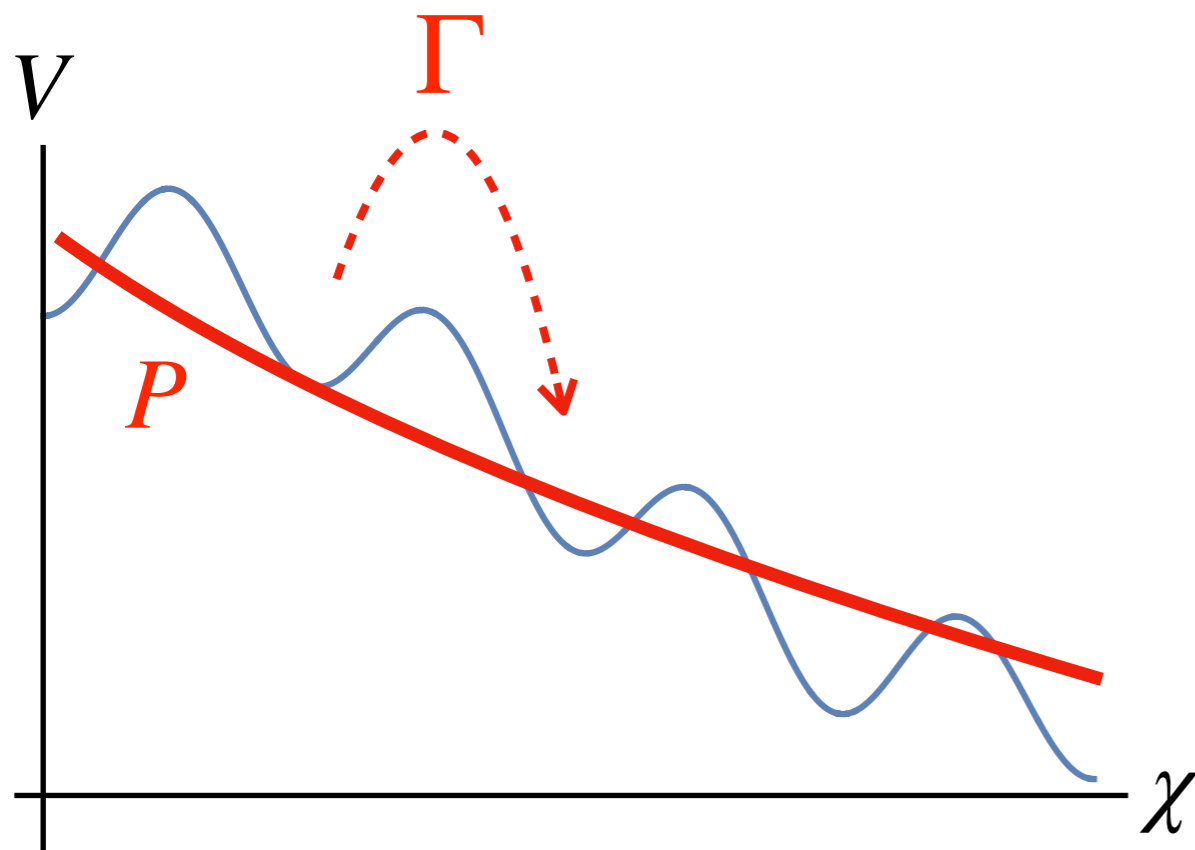
$$P(t = 0) \propto \exp \left[-\frac{3}{8} \frac{m_P^4}{V(\chi)} \right] \propto \exp \left[\frac{8\pi^2}{3} \frac{V(\chi)}{H^4} \right]$$

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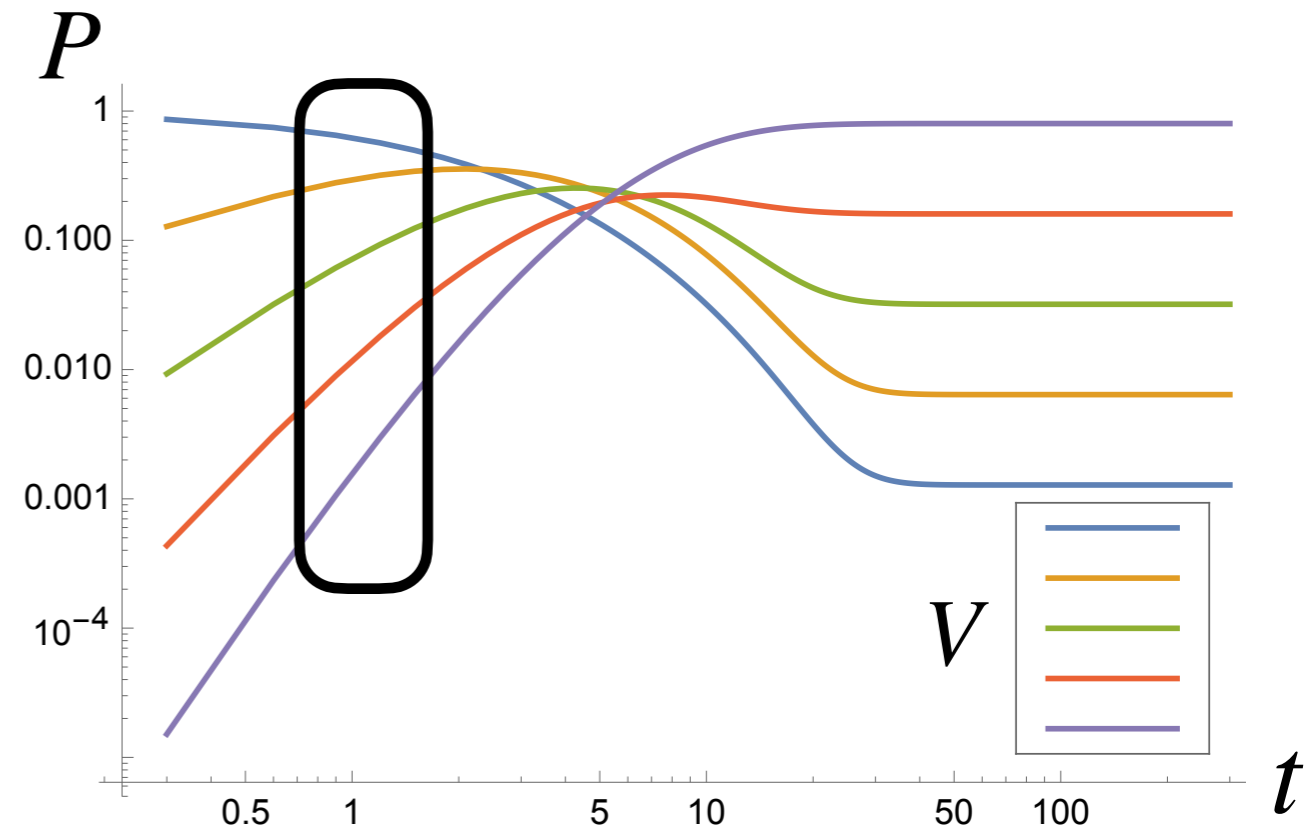
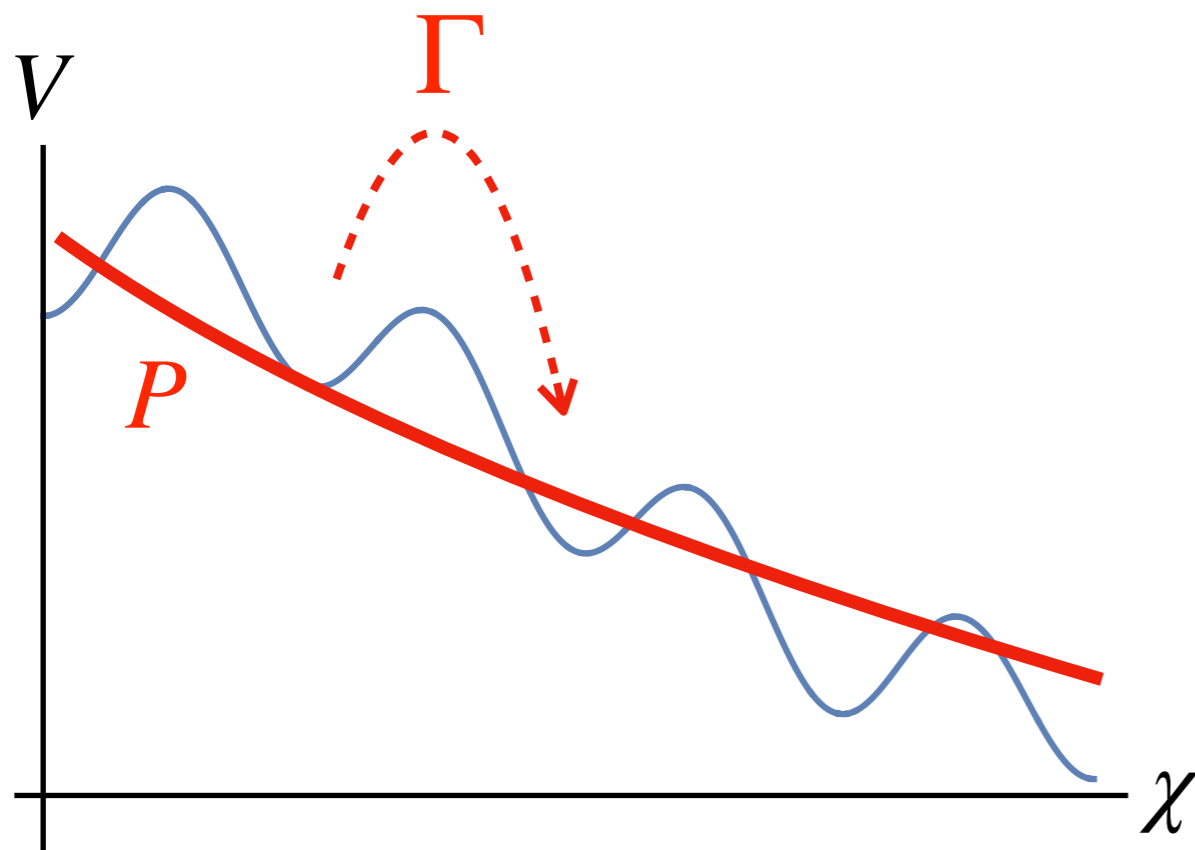


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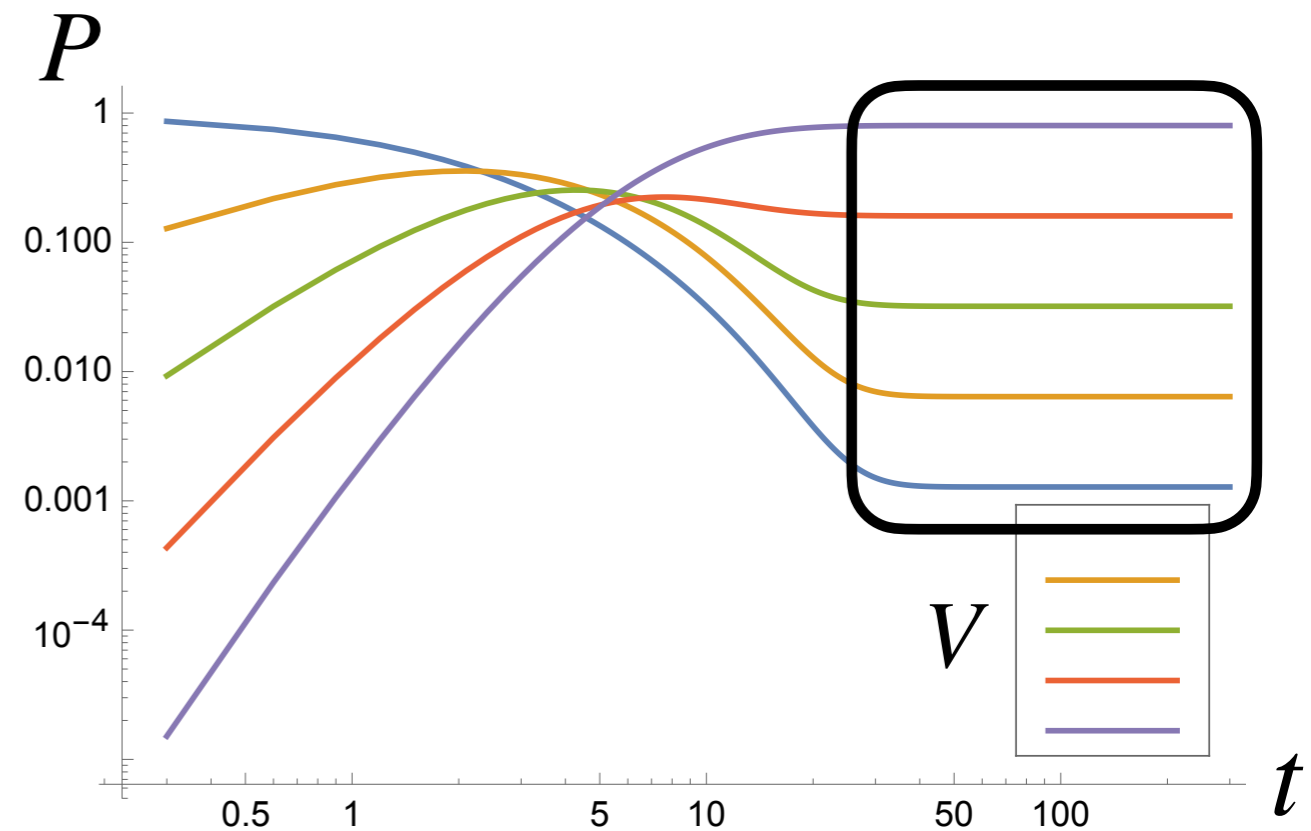
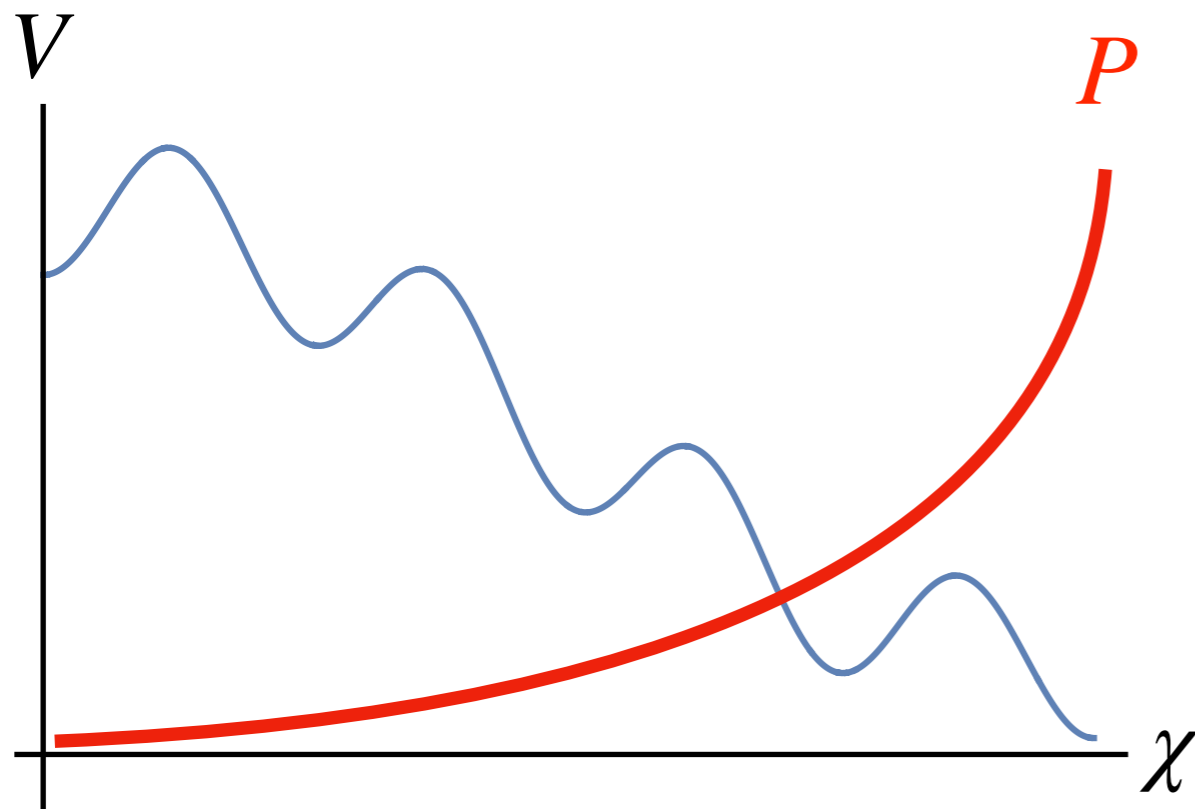


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$$P_i \simeq \frac{1}{i!} (\kappa t)^i P_{t=0} \simeq \frac{1}{i!} (\Gamma t)^i$$

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3. Equilibrium independent of I.C.
(if no sinks)

$$P_i \propto \exp \left[\frac{3}{8} \frac{m_P^4}{V(\chi_i)} \right] \propto \exp \left[-\frac{8\pi^2}{3} \frac{V(\chi_i)}{H^4} \right]$$

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3 regimes, end of slow-roll picks the time of sampling.

Regime 2 has probability defined by Γ similarly to the V -weighted case.

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All the pheno associated with the relaxation.
(although param. space is somewhat different)

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Come from the “trigger”

$$V(\phi, h) \supset \mu_\phi^2 h^2 \cos(\phi/f)$$

$$\sin \theta_{h\phi} \sim \mu^2 v / m_h^2 f$$

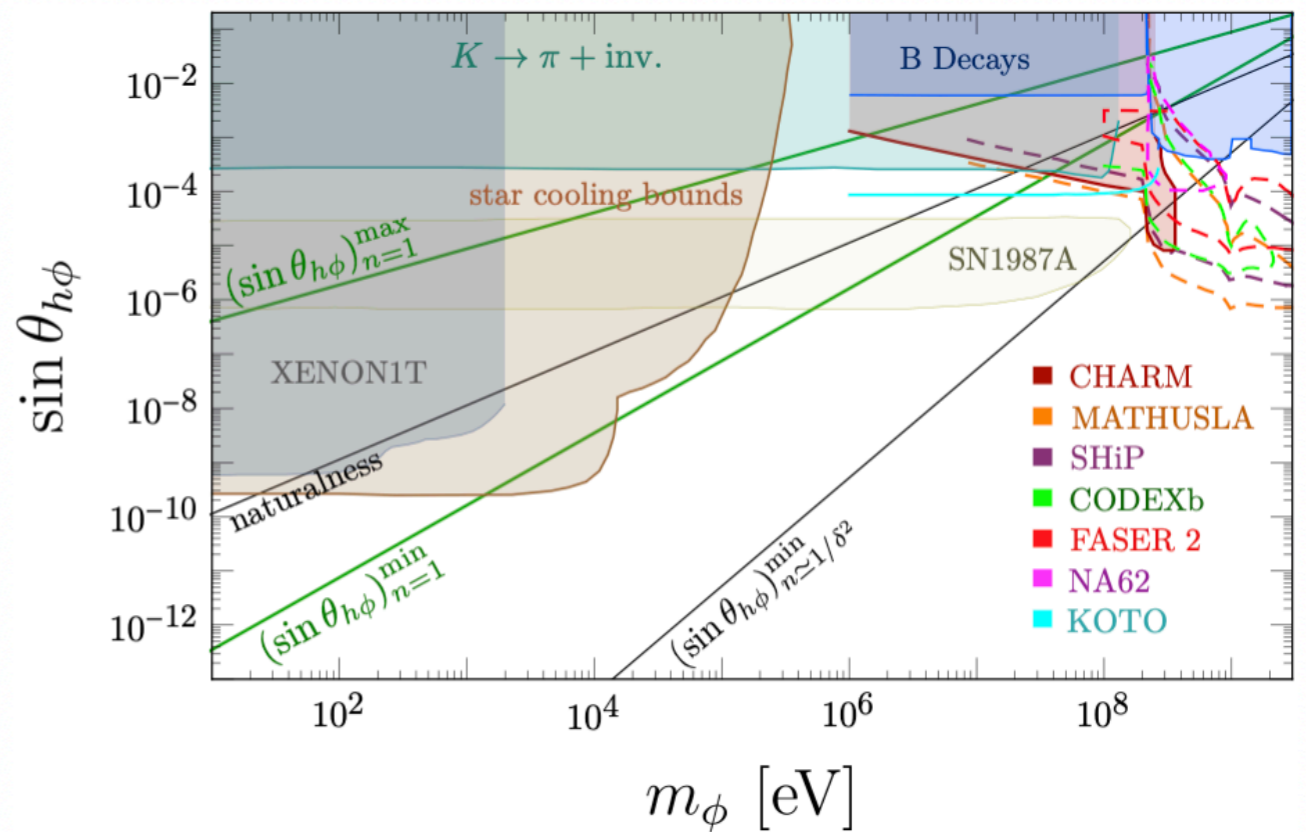
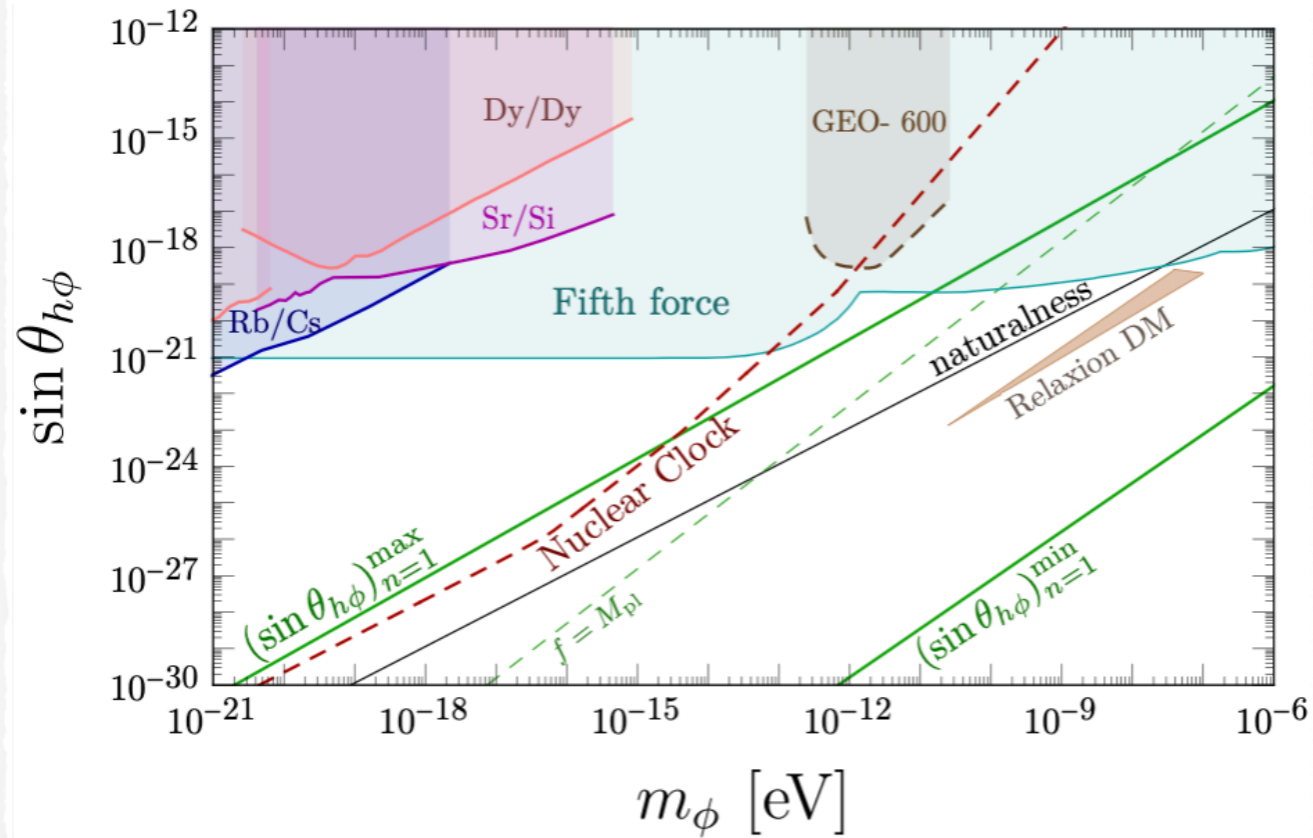
$$\phi \times [SM][SM]$$

other triggers discussed e.g. in Arkani-Hamed, D’Agnolo, Kim

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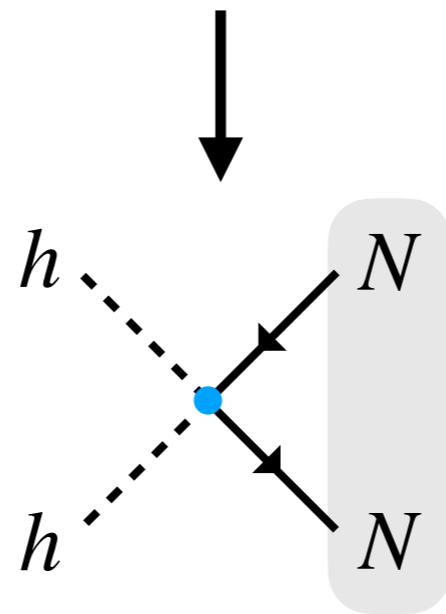
green lines delimit relaxation parameter space



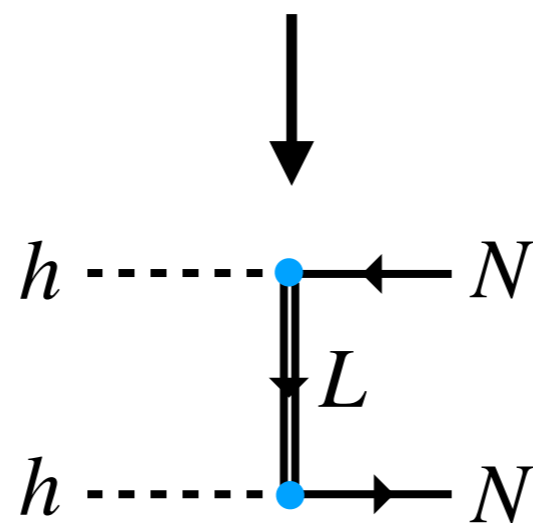
Banerjee, OM, Kim, Perez 2004.02899

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EW doublet fermion L

$$m_L \lesssim 4\pi v_{SM}$$

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- Can one probe the global landscape structure?
e.g. ϕ displacement by density effects:
 - Balkin, Serra, Springmann, Stelzl, Weiler 2106.11320
 - Hook, Huang 1904.00020

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Thank you!