

# Phenomenology of strong moduli stabilization

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# Strong moduli stabilization and uplift

In KKLT models of moduli stabilization,

$$W_{\text{KKLT}} = W_0 + Ae^{-a\rho}$$

the mass of the modulus is  $(\sigma = \text{Re } \rho)$

$$m_\sigma \simeq 2a \sigma_0 m_{3/2}$$

In order to have low (TeV) gravitino mass,

$$a \sigma \sim 30 \quad \text{so} \quad m_\sigma \simeq 60 m_{3/2}$$

KKLT models of moduli stabilization have therefore a decompactification problem during inflation,

when  $H \geq m_{3/2}$

The simplest way to avoid this is to strongly stabilize the vacuum by making  $m_\sigma \gg m_{3/2}$

This was achieved in the KL (Kallosh-Linde, 2004) scenario, where

$$W_{\text{KL}} = W_0 + Ae^{-a\rho} - Be^{-b\rho}$$

For the fine-tuned value

$$W_0 = -A\left(\frac{aA}{bB}\right)^{\frac{a}{b-a}} + B\left(\frac{aA}{bB}\right)^{\frac{b}{b-a}}$$

there is a **SUSY** Minkowski minimum

$$W_{\text{KL}}(\sigma_0) = 0, \quad D_\rho W_{\text{KL}}(\sigma_0) = 0, \quad V(\sigma_0) = 0$$

One can now detune slightly  $\rightarrow$  add  $\delta W_{\text{KL}} = \Delta$

This will shift the minimum to an AdS one with

$$V_{AdS} = -3m_{3/2}^2, \text{ where } m_{3/2}^2 = \frac{\Delta^2}{8\sigma^3} \ll 1$$

The mass of the modulus is

$$m_\sigma^2 = \frac{2}{9} W_{\rho,\rho}^2 \sigma_0 = \frac{2}{9} a A b B (a-b) \left( \frac{aA}{bB} \right)^{-\frac{a+b}{a-b}} \ln \left( \frac{aA}{bB} \right)$$

and is typically very heavy  $m_\sigma \gg m_{3/2}$

The uplift essentially does not change the potential/mass.

As a result, modulus contribution to SUSY breaking is

very small

$$D_\rho W \sim \frac{m_{3/2}}{m_\sigma} m_{3/2}$$

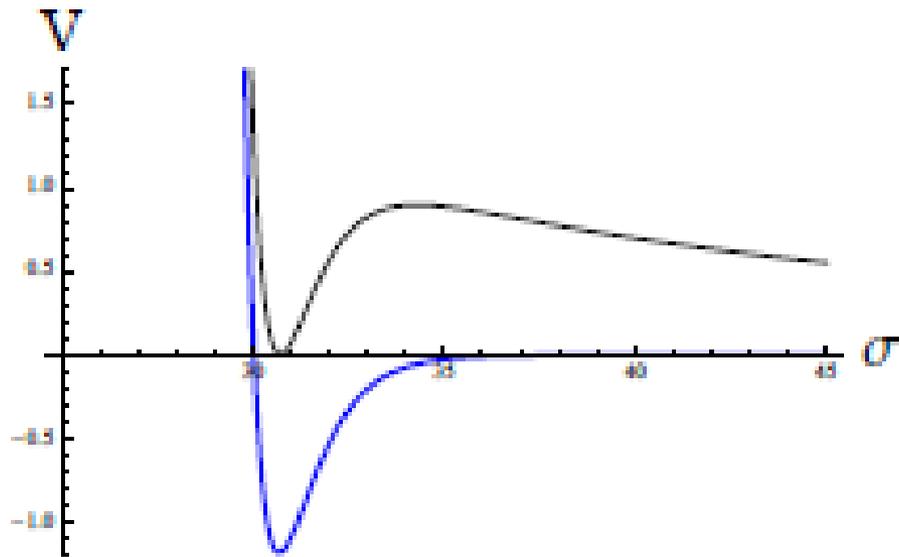


FIG. 1. Scalar potential of the KKLT model for the values of the parameters  $A = 1$ ,  $a = 1$  and  $W_0 = 10^{-12}$  before and after uplifting. The potential has been multiplied by a factor of  $10^{29}$  for clarity.

Figures taken from  
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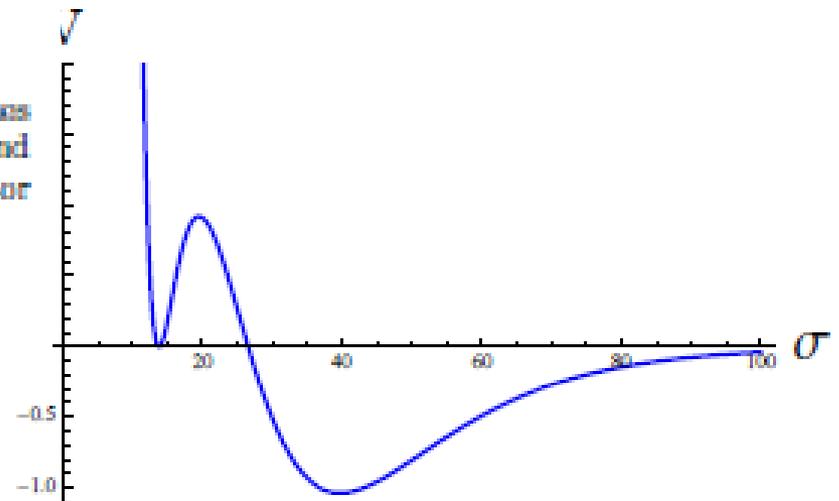


FIG. 2. Scalar potential of the KL model for the values of the parameters  $A = B = 1$ ,  $a = 0.1$ ,  $b = 0.05$ . The potential has been multiplied by a factor of  $10^7$  for clarity. The effect of uplifting is so small as compared to the height of the barrier in this model that one cannot distinguish an uplifted and non-uplifted potential on the scale of this figure.

Simplest **uplift** picture:

- F-term by a DSB or O'R sector, fields  $S$ , with a dynamical scale  $M$
- The uplift sector breaks SUSY in the rigid limit
- it is coupled only by gravity to KL and MSSM sectors

$$W = W_{\text{KL}}(\rho) + W_F(S) + W_{\text{MSSM}}(\rho, \Phi^i)$$

$$K = -3 \ln(\rho + \bar{\rho}) + K(S, \bar{S}) + K_{\text{MSSM}}(\rho, \bar{\rho}, \Phi^i, \bar{\Phi}^i)$$

Provided KL modulus mass and uplift sector masses  $\gg m_{3/2}$ , SUGRA interactions change the original KL and uplift sector dynamics in a **very tiny way**

(large literature starting with KKLT models: Lebedev, Nilles,Ratz; E.D.,Papineau,Pokorski; Koyabashi et al...)

Simplest examples of uplifts: O'KL and ISS.

Ex: O'KL

$$W_F(S) = M^2 S$$

$$K(S, \bar{S}) = S\bar{S} - \frac{(S\bar{S})^2}{\Lambda^2}$$

$M$ =dynamical scale;  $\Lambda$  is an effective scale from integrating out heavy states.

In this case we get :

$$M^4 = 3\Delta^2 = 24\sigma_0^3 m_{3/2}^2, \quad \langle S \rangle = \frac{\sqrt{3}\Lambda^2}{6} \ll 1$$

$$m_S^2 = \frac{3\Delta^2}{2\sigma_0^3\Lambda^2} = \frac{12m_{3/2}^2}{\Lambda^2} \gg m_{3/2}^2 \quad \text{and}$$

$$D_S W \sim \sigma_0^{3/2} m_{3/2}$$

- Since both moduli and uplift fields are very heavy

$$m_\sigma, m_S \gg m_{3/2}$$

there are no cosmological (Polony) moduli problems.

- Cosmological gravitino problem is also solved for

$$m_{3/2} \geq 30 \text{ TeV}$$

# Soft terms for matter fields

Soft terms for MSSM fields are given in general (for F-breaking) by

$$m_{i\bar{j}}^2 = m_{3/2}^2 (G_{i\bar{j}} - R_{i\bar{j}\alpha\bar{\beta}} G^\alpha G^{\bar{\beta}}) ,$$

$$(B \mu)_{ij} = m_{3/2}^2 (2\nabla_i G_j + G^\alpha \nabla_i \nabla_j G_\alpha) ,$$

$$(A y)_{ijk} = m_{3/2}^2 (3\nabla_i \nabla_j G_k + G^\alpha \nabla_i \nabla_j \nabla_k G_\alpha)$$

$$\mu_{ij} = m_{3/2} \nabla_i G_j ,$$

$$m_{1/2}^a = \frac{1}{2} (Re h_A)^{-1} m_{3/2} \partial_\alpha h_A G^\alpha ,$$

In our models with :

- strong moduli stabilization
- decoupling between uplift and matter fields

we find to a high accuracy  $m_0^2 = m_{3/2}^2$  ,

which fixes **the universal scalar masses**.

SUGRA contributions to A-terms and gaugino masses are very small, since  $D_\rho W \ll m_{3/2}$ ,  $\langle S \rangle \ll 1$

$$A \sim \max \left( m_{3/2} \Lambda^2, \frac{m_{3/2}^2}{m_\sigma} \right)$$

$$m_{1/2} \sim \frac{m_{3/2}^2}{m_\sigma}$$

The main contributions come from anomaly mediation:

$$m_{1/2}^a = \frac{b_a g_a^2}{16\pi^2} \frac{F^C}{C_0}, \quad A_{ijk} = -\frac{\gamma_i + \gamma_j + \gamma_k}{16\pi^2} \frac{F^C}{C_0}.$$

where

$$\frac{F^C}{C_0} = -\frac{1}{3} e^{K/2} K^{\alpha\bar{\beta}} K_\alpha \bar{D}_{\bar{\beta}} \bar{W} + m_{3/2} \simeq m_{3/2}$$

For the Higgs sector, we get

$$\mu = \mu_0 + m_{3/2}K_{12} \quad , \quad B\mu = (A_0 - m_{3/2})\mu_0 + 2m_{3/2}^2K_{12}$$

where  $\mu_0 = e^{K/2}W_{12}$  is the usual mu-term

and  $m_{3/2}K_{12}$  is a Giudice-Masiero contribution

Soft Higgs masses are  $m_1^2 = m_2^2 = m_{3/2}^2$  with our decoupling hypothesis. However, usually in string theory Higgses have a different origin compared to quarks/leptons. They could couple directly to the uplift field  $S$ , leading to **non-universal Higgs masses**.

- The spectrum is different compared to KKLT case (mixed modulus/anomaly: Choi,Falkowski,Nilles,Olechowski,2005), similar to « pure gravity mediation » : Ibe,Yanagida,2011.

# Low-energy phenomenology

Radiative EWSB is problematic unless, either :

- we start the running of parameters at a scale

$$M_{in} > M_{GUT} \quad \text{or}$$

- start with non-universal Higgs masses at  $M_{GUT}$  .

In the paper we explore the first option (we expect similar results for the second option), for a minimal ex.

$$\begin{aligned} W_5 = & \mu_\Sigma \text{Tr} \hat{\Sigma}^2 + \frac{1}{6} \lambda' \text{Tr} \hat{\Sigma}^3 + \mu_H \hat{\mathcal{H}}_1 \hat{\mathcal{H}}_2 + \lambda \hat{\mathcal{H}}_1 \hat{\Sigma} \hat{\mathcal{H}}_2 \\ & + (\mathbf{h}_{10})_{ij} \hat{\psi}_i \hat{\psi}_j \hat{\mathcal{H}}_2 + (\mathbf{h}_{\bar{5}})_{ij} \hat{\psi}_i \hat{\phi}_j \hat{\mathcal{H}}_1, \end{aligned} \quad (48)$$

where  $\hat{\phi}_i$  ( $\hat{\psi}_i$ ) correspond to the  $\bar{\mathbf{5}}$  ( $\mathbf{10}$ ) representations of superfields,  $\hat{\Sigma}(\mathbf{24})$ ,  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_1(\bar{\mathbf{5}})$  and  $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_2(\mathbf{5})$  represent the Higgs adjoint and five-plets. Here  $i, j = 1..3$  are generation indices and we suppress the SU(5) index structure for brevity.

$$\lambda = 1.35, M_{\text{in}} = 5 \times 10^{17} \text{ GeV}, \tan \beta = 25, \mu > 0$$

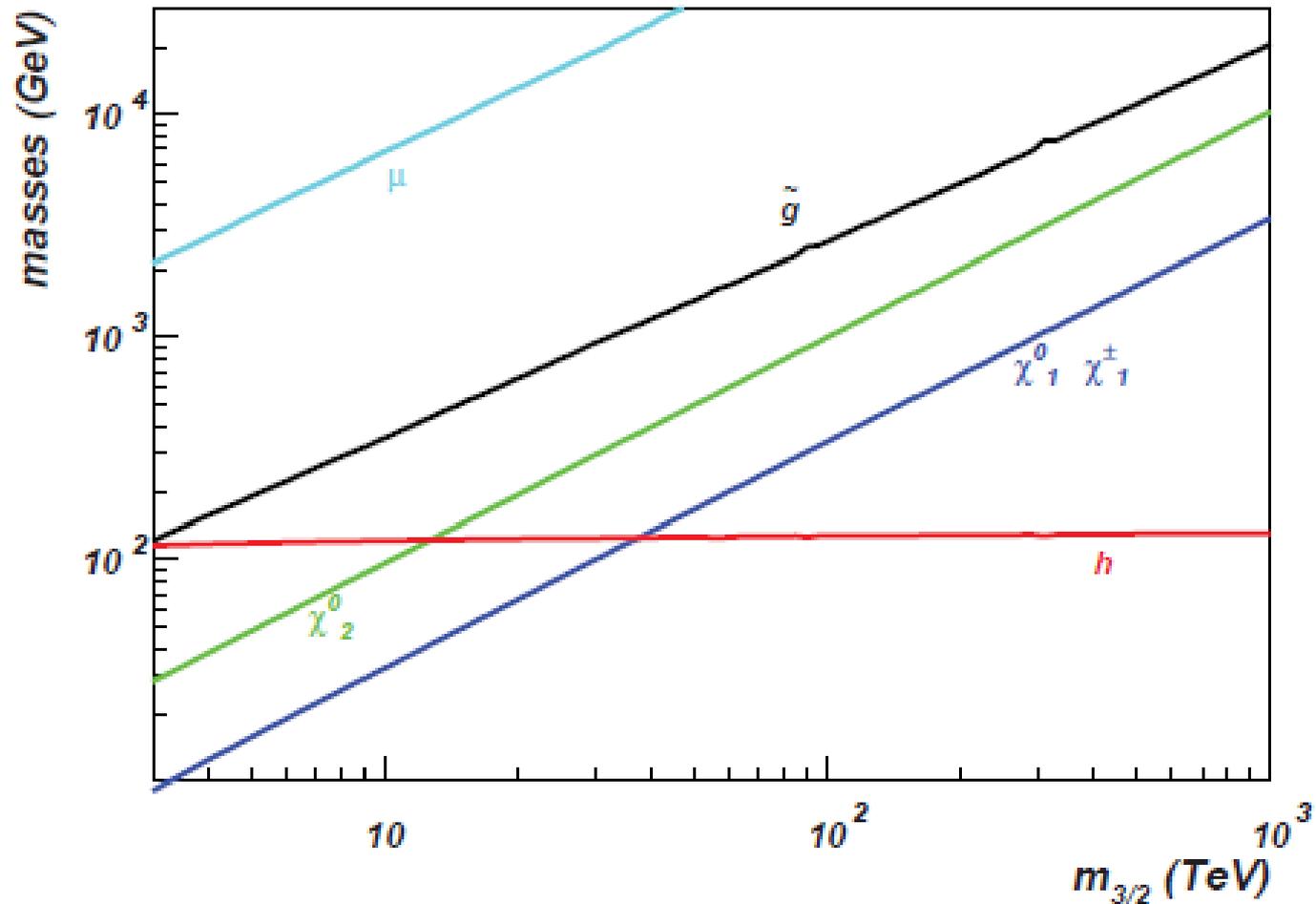
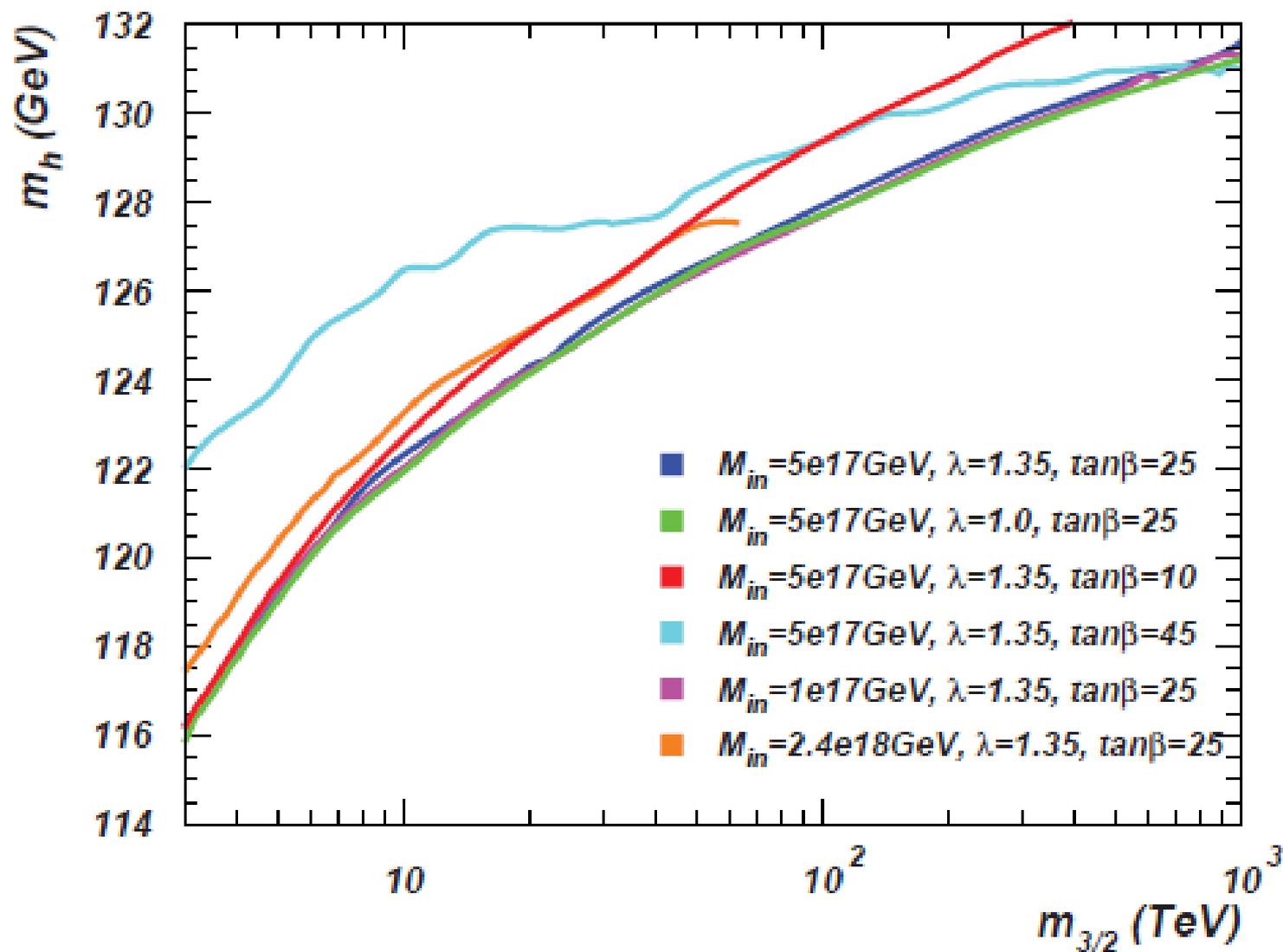


Fig. 1. The gaugino and chargino masses and the  $\mu$ -term as a function of the gravitino mass,  $m_{3/2}$ . Here we have chosen,  $\tan \beta = 25$ ,  $M_{\text{in}} = 5 \times 10^{17} \text{ GeV}$ ,  $\lambda = 1.35$ .



**Fig. 2.** *The Higgs mass as a function of the gravitino mass,  $m_{3/2}$ . Here we have chosen, several combinations of  $\tan\beta$ ,  $M_{in}$ , and  $\lambda$  as indicated on the figure.*

- LEP chargino mass limit  $m_{\chi^+} > 104 \text{ GeV}$

implies  $m_{3/2} \geq 31 \text{ TeV}$

- **The Higgs mass** at this value of  $m_{3/2}$  is 125.3 GeV (slight dependence on  $\tan\beta$  ).

- For  $30 \text{ TeV} \leq m_{3/2} \leq 10^3 \text{ TeV}$  and reasonable values of the other parameters we find

$$125 \text{ GeV} \leq m_h \leq 130 \text{ GeV}$$

-Only light superpartners are: gauginos , bino and gluinos.

- The LSP is the neutral wino (anomaly-mediation)

parameter	1	2	3	4	5
$m_{3/2}$ [TeV]	32	50	100	500	1000
$m_{\tilde{g}}$ [TeV]	1.0	1.5	2.7	11.1	20.8
$m_{\tilde{\chi}_1}$ [GeV]	107	168	338	1705	3423
$m_{\tilde{\chi}_2}$ [GeV]	314	495	1000	5130	10400
$m_{\tilde{\chi}_3}$ [TeV]	22.0	34.9	70.7	367	745
$m_{\tilde{\chi}_4}$ [TeV]	22.0	34.9	70.7	367	745
$m_{\chi_1^+}$ [GeV]	107	168	338	1705	3420
$m_{\chi_2^+}$ [TeV]	22.0	34.9	70.7	367	745
$m_{\tilde{t}_1}$ [TeV]	24.2	38.0	77.2	397	803
$m_{\tilde{t}_2}$ [TeV]	26.8	42.1	84.6	428	860
$m_{\tilde{b}_1}$ [TeV]	26.9	42.1	84.7	428	860
$m_{\tilde{b}_2}$ [TeV]	30.6	47.9	96.0	483	969
$m_{\tilde{q}_L}$ [TeV]	31.4	49.2	98.5	494	990
$m_{\tilde{u}_R}$ [TeV]	31.5	49.3	98.7	495	990
$m_{\tilde{d}_R}$ [TeV]	31.6	49.4	98.9	496	992
$m_{\tilde{\tau}_1}$ [TeV]	29.6	46.2	92.3	459	917
$m_{\tilde{\tau}_2}$ [TeV]	31.2	48.7	97.5	488	978
$m_{\tilde{\nu}_\tau}$ [TeV]	31.2	48.7	97.5	488	978
$m_{\tilde{e}_L}$ [TeV]	31.9	49.8	99.6	498	996
$m_{\tilde{e}_R}$ [TeV]	32.0	50.0	100	500	1000
$m_{\tilde{\nu}_L}$ [TeV]	31.9	49.8	99.6	498	996
$m_h$ [GeV]	125	127	128	131	132
$\mu$ [TeV]	20.4	32.3	65.0	333	673
$m_A$ [TeV]	19.5	30.6	58.4	262	494
$\Omega_{\tilde{\chi}} h^2$	0.0003	0.0008	0.0030	0.067	0.26
$\sigma^{\tilde{S}I}(\chi_1 p) \times 10^{14}$ [pb]	4.74	1.81	0.44	0.02	0.003
$\sigma^{SD}(\chi_1 p) \times 10^{12}$ [pb]	6.78	0.94	0.04	0.0008	0.001

**Table 1.** Input parameters and resulting masses and rates for benchmark points with  $M_{in} = 5 \times 10^{17}$  GeV,  $\lambda = 1.35$ ,  $\lambda_{\tilde{g}} = 1.35$ ,  $c_{\mathcal{S}} = -0.85$ ,  $\tan \beta = 25$ ,  $\mu > 0$  and  $m_t = 173.1$  GeV.

Dark matter relic density is **generically too small**. We presented three standard possibilities:

i) Non-thermal LSP's creation via gravitino decays. Thermal density comes out to be

$$\Omega_\chi h^2 = \frac{m_\chi}{m_{3/2}} \Omega_{3/2} h^2 = 0.4 \left( \frac{m_\chi}{\text{TeV}} \right) \left( \frac{T_R}{10^{10} \text{GeV}} \right).$$

Ex. that saturates WMAP

$$m_\chi \sim 100 \text{ GeV} , T_R \sim 3 \times 10^{10} \text{ GeV}$$

ii) Increase gravitino mass. Ex:

$$m_{3/2} \simeq 650 \text{ TeV} \Rightarrow \Omega_\chi h^2 \simeq 0.11$$

In this case higgs mass is 128.5 GeV, still possible.

iii) Dark matter is something else (axion ?)

# Conclusions

**Strong moduli stabilization** addresses cosmological questions:

- destabilization of internal space during inflation
- Polony moduli and gravitino cosmological problems

■ Our main hypothesis is **decoupling** of uplift sector

■ LEP constraints on chargino mass and DM relic density  $\longrightarrow 30 \text{ TeV} \leq m_{3/2} \leq 650 \text{ TeV}$  ,

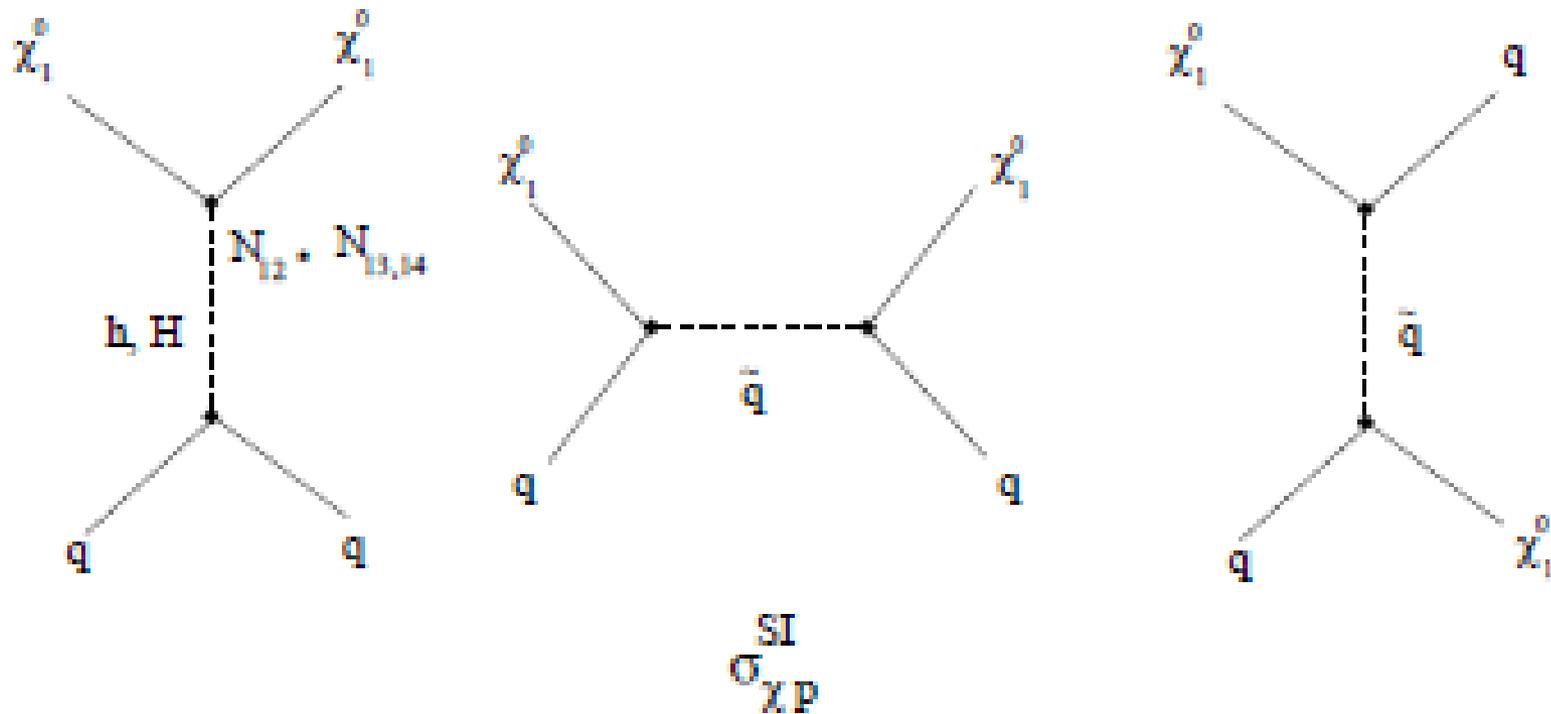
implying  $125 \text{ GeV} \leq m_h \leq 128.5 \text{ GeV}$

- Low-energy spectrum: particular version of **mini-split SUSY**: gaugino masses and A-terms given by anomaly mediation, heavy higgsinos
- LHC signatures of strong moduli stabilization are difficult :
  - no sizeable displaced vertices from gluinos decays
  - small mass difference between chargino and LSP wino leads to very soft pions in the decay

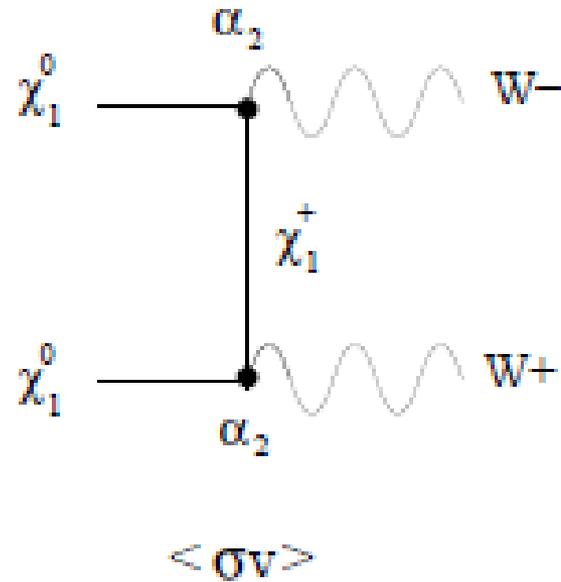
$$\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}^0 + \pi^\pm$$

which were argued to lead to observable charged track stubs.

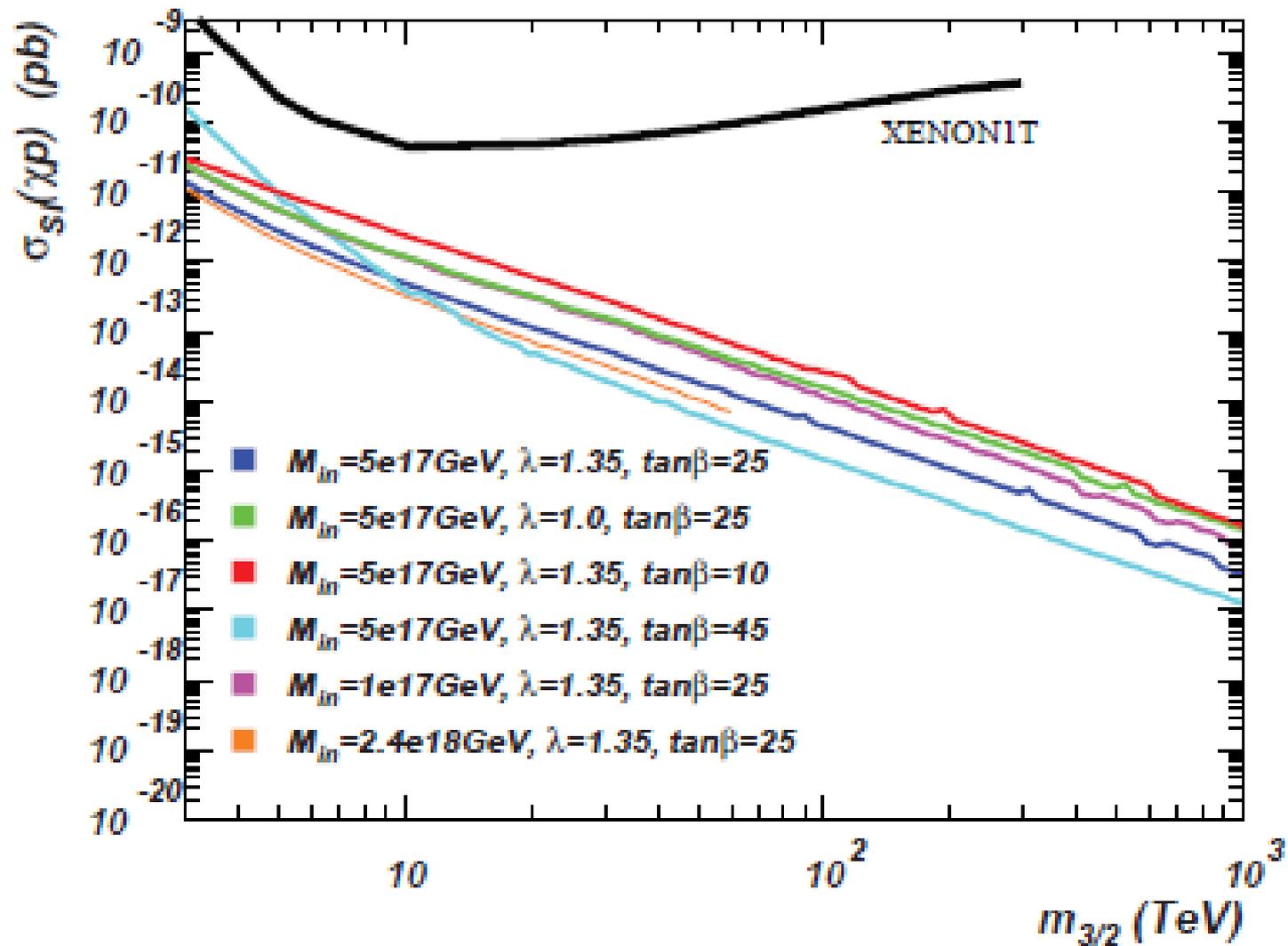
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**Fig. 5.** *Direct detection processes for the neutralino-nucleon elastic scattering.*



**Fig. 6.** *Main neutralino annihilation channel for indirect detection constraint imposed by FERMI.*



**Fig. 7.** The spin independent elastic cross section,  $\sigma_{\chi p}$ , as a function of the gravitino mass,  $m_{3/2}$ . Also shown is the projected limit for a XENON-1 ton detector [78].