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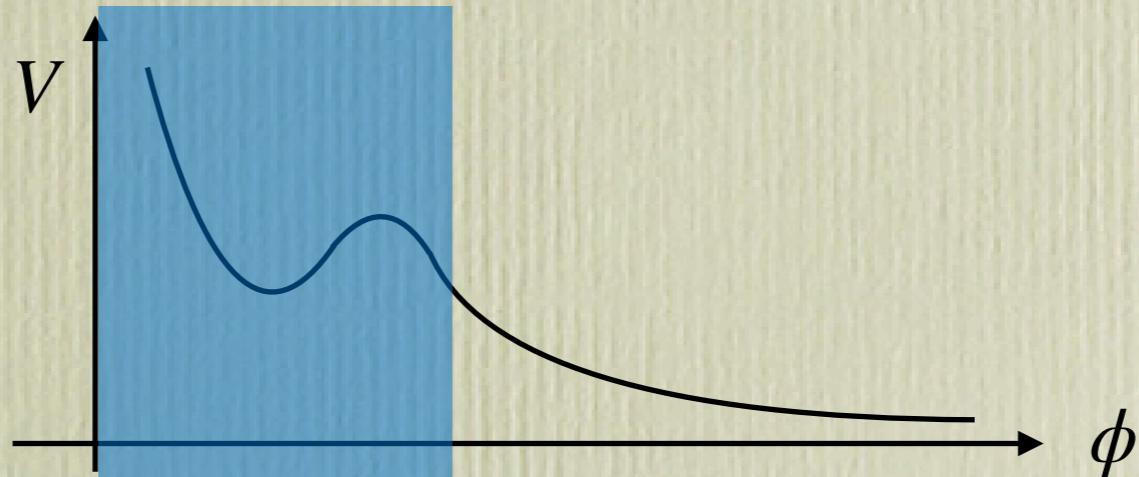


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- *dS critical points of extended supergravities are **sparse at best*** FRE, TRIGIANTE, VAN PROEYEN
- *Uplifts to String Theory only for models **without scale separation***
- *Generic Dine–Seiberg problem*



- *Swampland criteria (de Sitter, Transplanckian Censorship,...)*

*Our progress:*

## *Swampland constraints*

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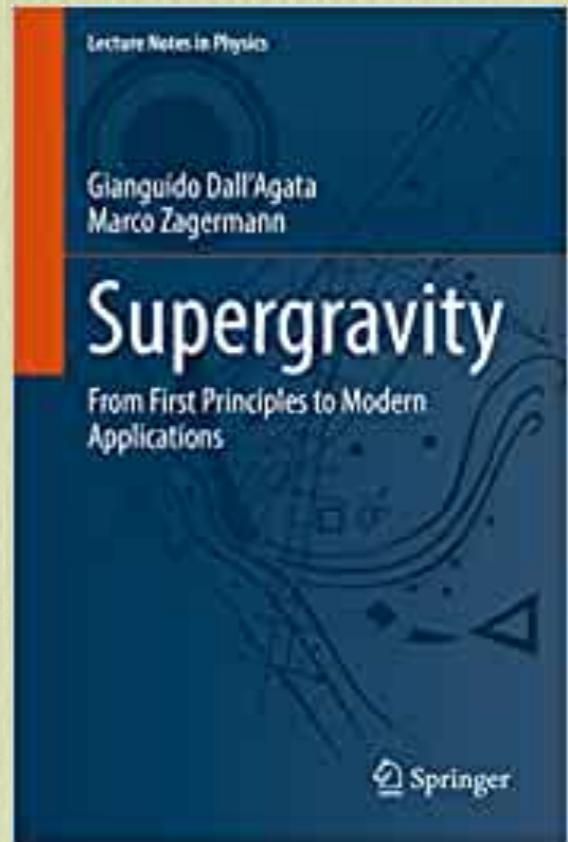
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  - **Non compact gaugings**
  - **de Roo–Wagemans symplectic angles**
  - **Fayet–Iliopoulos terms**

- *(meta)stable dS in  $N > I$  very sparse*
- *Suggested ingredients:*
  - ***Non compact gaugings***
  - ***Smart choice of symplectic frame***
  - ***Fayet–Iliopoulos terms***

- ➊ *(meta)stable dS in  $N > I$  very sparse*
- ➋ *Either:*
  - ➌ **Non compact gaugings**
  - ➍ *or:*
    - ➎ **Fayet–Iliopoulos terms**

BORGHESE, LINARES, ROEST 1112.3939

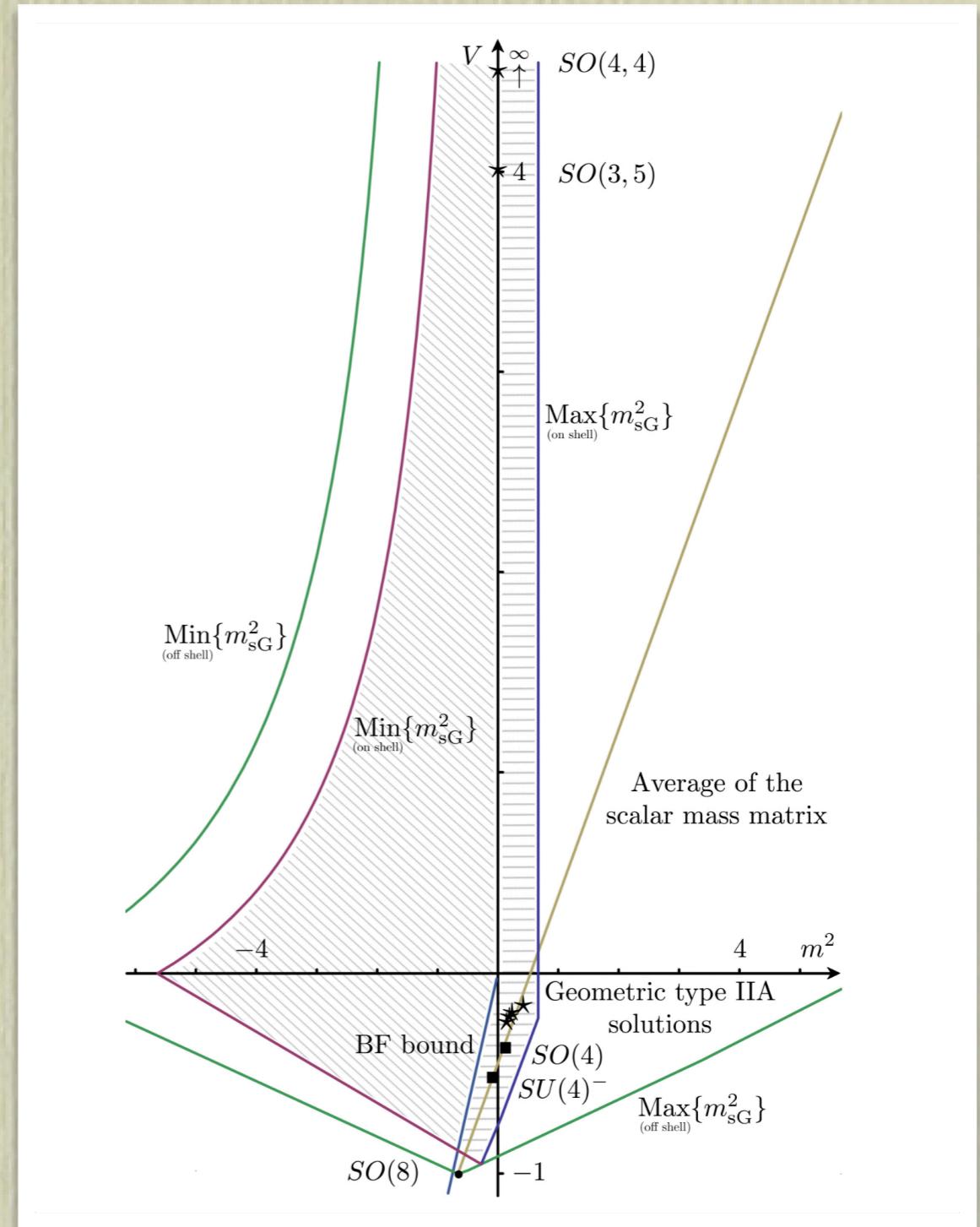
- Attempts at **no go** failed

N=8: BORGHESE, LINARES, ROEST

N=2: GOMEZ-REINO, LOUIS,  
SCRUCCA; CATINO, SCRUC

- $N=8$  example of  
*marginally unstable*  
*de Sitter in  $\text{SO}(4,4)_\omega$*

GD, INVERSO



# **WEAK GRAVITY vs. DE SITTER**

- **Swampland** conjectures **challenge** the survival of supergravity de Sitter vacua

- *dS conjecture* OOGURI, PALTI, SHIU, VAFA

$$|\nabla V| \geq \frac{c}{M_P} V \quad \text{or} \quad \min \left( \nabla_i \nabla_j V \right) \leq -\frac{c'}{M_P^2} V$$

- Surviving critical points challenged by other swampland conjectures  
(TPCC, SSWGC, Festina-Lente, **Magnetic-WGC**)

*Gravity +  $U(I)$* 

CRIBIORI, GD, FARAKOS

$$e^{-1}\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}M_P^2 R - \frac{1}{4g^2} F_{mn}F^{mn} - 3H^2 M_P^2 + \dots ,$$

+ charged matter  $\partial_m \chi + i q A_m \chi , \quad q \in \mathbb{Z}$

as **effective theory**

$$e^{-1}\mathcal{L}_{grav.} = M_P^2 \left( \frac{1}{2}R + \frac{\alpha}{\Lambda_{UV}^2} R^2 + \dots \right)$$

*On de Sitter  $R = 12H^2 \gg R^2/\Lambda_{UV}^2$*

Consistency:  $H \ll \Lambda_{UV}$

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$$\frac{1}{\Lambda_{UV}} \sim \lambda_{UV} \ll \lambda_{EFT} \lesssim \frac{1}{H}$$

Consistency:  $H \ll \Lambda_{UV}$

Magnetic WGC: The cutoff scale  $\Lambda_{UV}$  of the effective theory is bounded by the gauge coupling

$$\Lambda_{UV} \lesssim g M_P$$

ARKANI-HAMED, MOTL, NICOLIS, VAFA;  
HUANG, LI, SONG; ANTONIADIS, BENAKLI

Consistency bound:

$$H \ll g M_P$$

CRIBIORI, GD, FARAKOS

What we find:

- *large classes have*  $H \sim g q_{3/2} M_P$
- *Parametrically light gravitini in the Swampland*

- Example: de Sitter in  $N=2$  general matter coupled sugra

- Scalar geometry = **Special-Kähler** (vectors) +  
**Quaternionic-Kähler** (hypers)
- Encoded in

- Projective holomorphic coordinates  $X^\Lambda(z)$  and sections  
 $Z = (X^\Lambda, F_\Lambda)$
- Kähler potential:  $K = - \log i (\bar{X}^\Lambda F_\Lambda - X^\Lambda \bar{F}_\Lambda)$
- Covariantly holomorphic symplectic sections  
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• Vector and hyper isometries:  $k_\Lambda^I(z) \quad k_\Lambda^u(q)$

• and prepotentials:  $P_\Lambda^0(z, \bar{z}), \quad P_\Lambda^x(z, \bar{z}), \quad x = 1, 2, 3.$

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- Potential from (electric) gauging:

$$\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{V}_{D_1} + \mathcal{V}_{D_2} + \mathcal{V}_F$$

$$\mathcal{V}_{D_1} = |\bar{L}^\Lambda k_\Lambda^I|^2 = |D_I L^\Lambda P_\Lambda^0|^2$$

Non. Abelian vector gauging

$$\mathcal{V}_{D_2} = 4 |\bar{L}^\Lambda k_\Lambda^u|^2$$

Hyper gauging

$$\mathcal{V}_F = \left( g^{I\bar{J}} D_I L^\Lambda \bar{D}_{\bar{J}} \bar{L}^\Sigma - 3 L^\Lambda \bar{L}^\Sigma \right) P_\Lambda^x P_\Sigma^x$$

Hyper gauging +  
Fayet–Iliopoulos  
terms

- **Gravitino mass matrix:**  $m_{3/2\ ij} = i L^\Lambda P_\Lambda^x (\sigma^x)_{ij}$

- Example: Abelian gaugings in  $N=2$  CRIBIORI, GD, FARAKOS

- $N=2$  sugra + vectors +  $U(1)_R FI \quad P_\Lambda^x = e_\Lambda \delta_3^x$

- *Scalar Potential*

$$\mathcal{V} = e^K \left( g^{I\bar{J}} D_I W \overline{D}_{\bar{J}} \overline{W} - 3W\overline{W} \right) \quad D_I W = W_I + K_I W$$

$$W = \langle Q, Z \rangle = X^\Lambda e_\Lambda - F_\Lambda m^\Lambda$$

- *Unstable critical points, compatible with dS conj.*

$$\partial^J \partial_I \mathcal{V} D_J W = -2\mathcal{V} D_I W$$

- Non-minimal couplings,  $m_{3/2} = |X^\Lambda P_\Lambda^x| = 0, m^\Lambda = 0$

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$$D_m \psi_{nA} = \dots + \frac{i}{2} A_m^\Lambda e_\Lambda (\sigma^3)_A{}^B \psi_{nB}$$

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**In the  
swampland!!**

• Example: de Sitter in  $N=2$  general matter coupled sugra

- When  $m_{3/2\ ij} = i L^\Lambda P_\Lambda^x (\sigma^x)_{ij} = 0$ , the potential simplifies drastically:

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$$\mathcal{V} = \text{Tr} (Q^2) + 4 \left| \bar{L}^\Lambda k_\Lambda^u \right|^2$$

- where  $Q$  is the *charge matrix* of the gravitini

$$e^{-1} \mathcal{L}_{\text{kin. } 3/2} = - \bar{\psi}_m^i \gamma^{mnr} D_n(\omega) \psi_{ir} - i \bar{\psi}_m^i \gamma^{mnr} A_n^A Q_A{}^j \psi_{jr},$$

$$Q_A{}^j = \frac{1}{2} \left( \delta_i^j P_A^0 + \sigma^x{}_i{}^j P_A^x \right)$$

Canonically  
normalized  
gauge vectors

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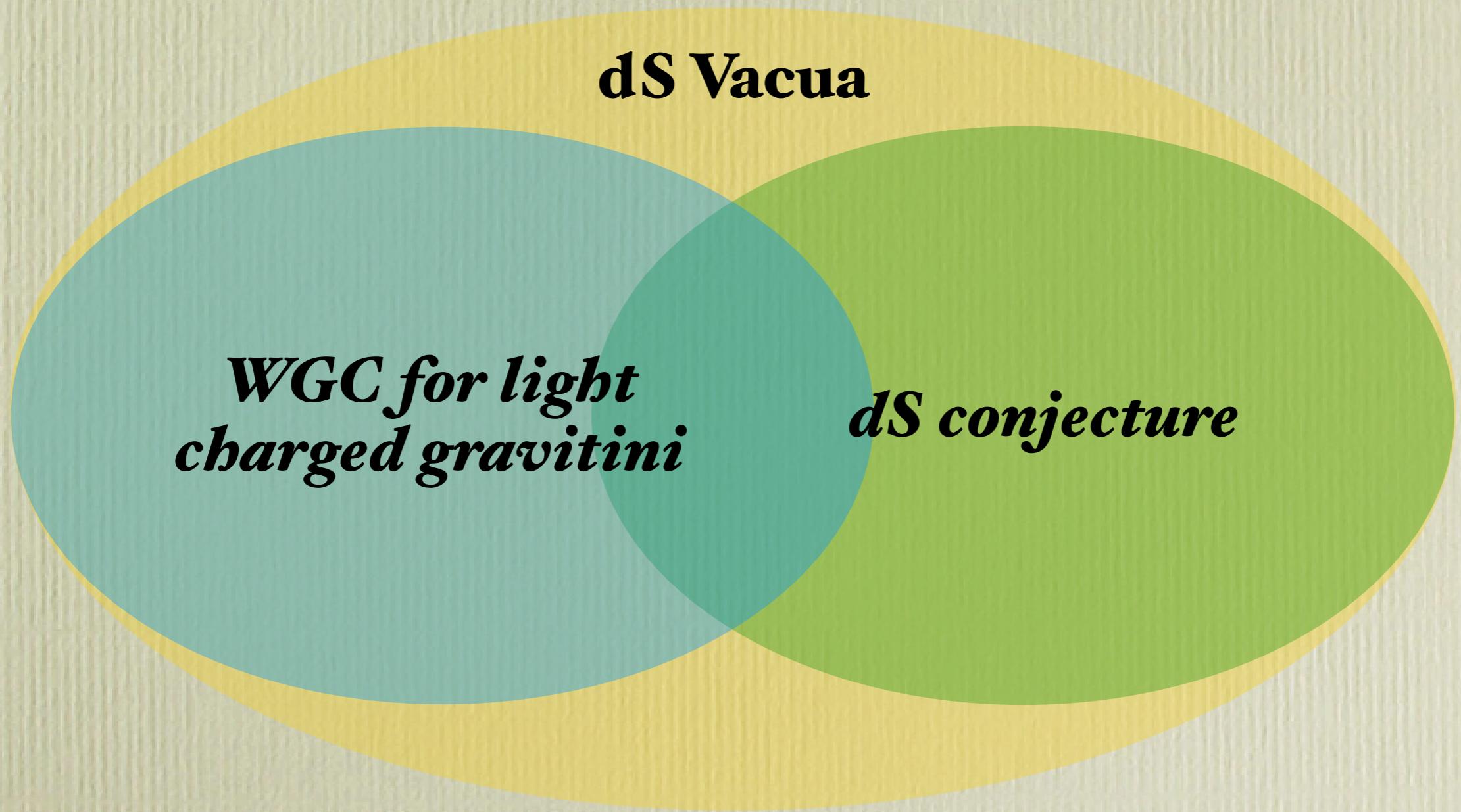
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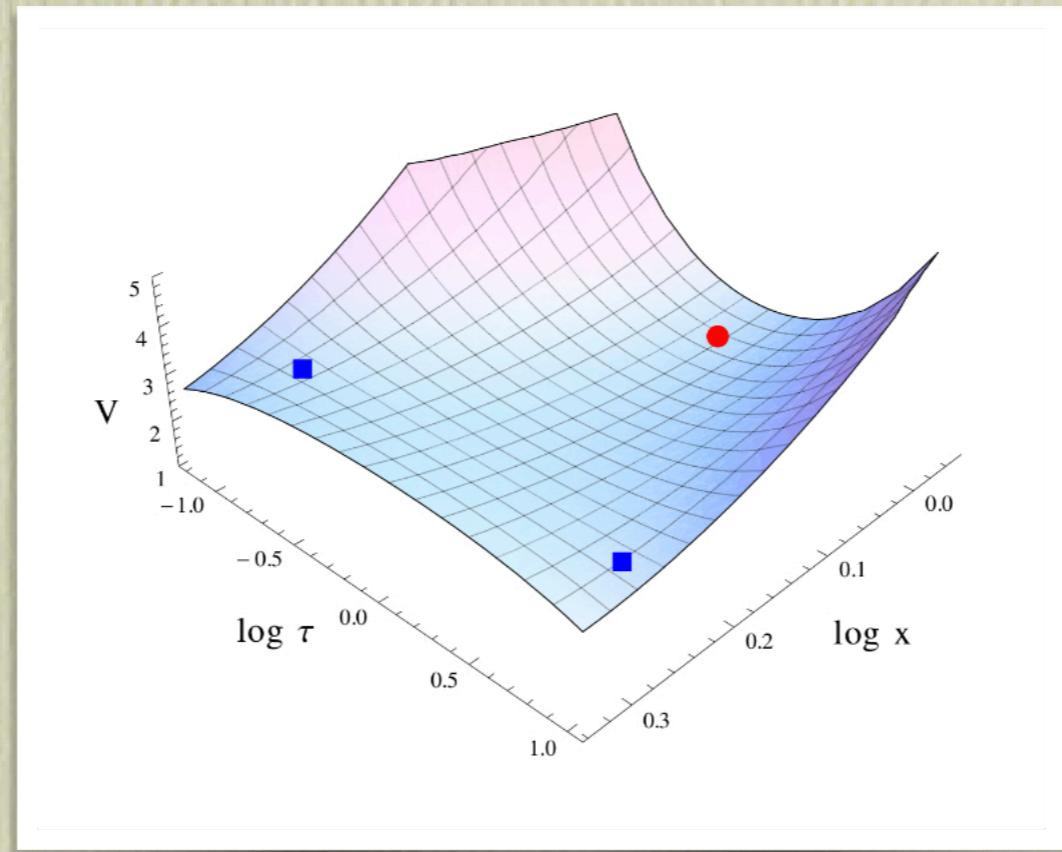
- *Massless charged gravitini w.r.t. Abelian residual gauge groups in gauged sugra put ANY de Sitter critical point in the swampland*
- *Direct proofs: N=1 D-terms, N=2, N=8*
- *WGC enough* (no need of dS conjectures)
- Large variety of examples of models within this class
- Proof of existence of models outside



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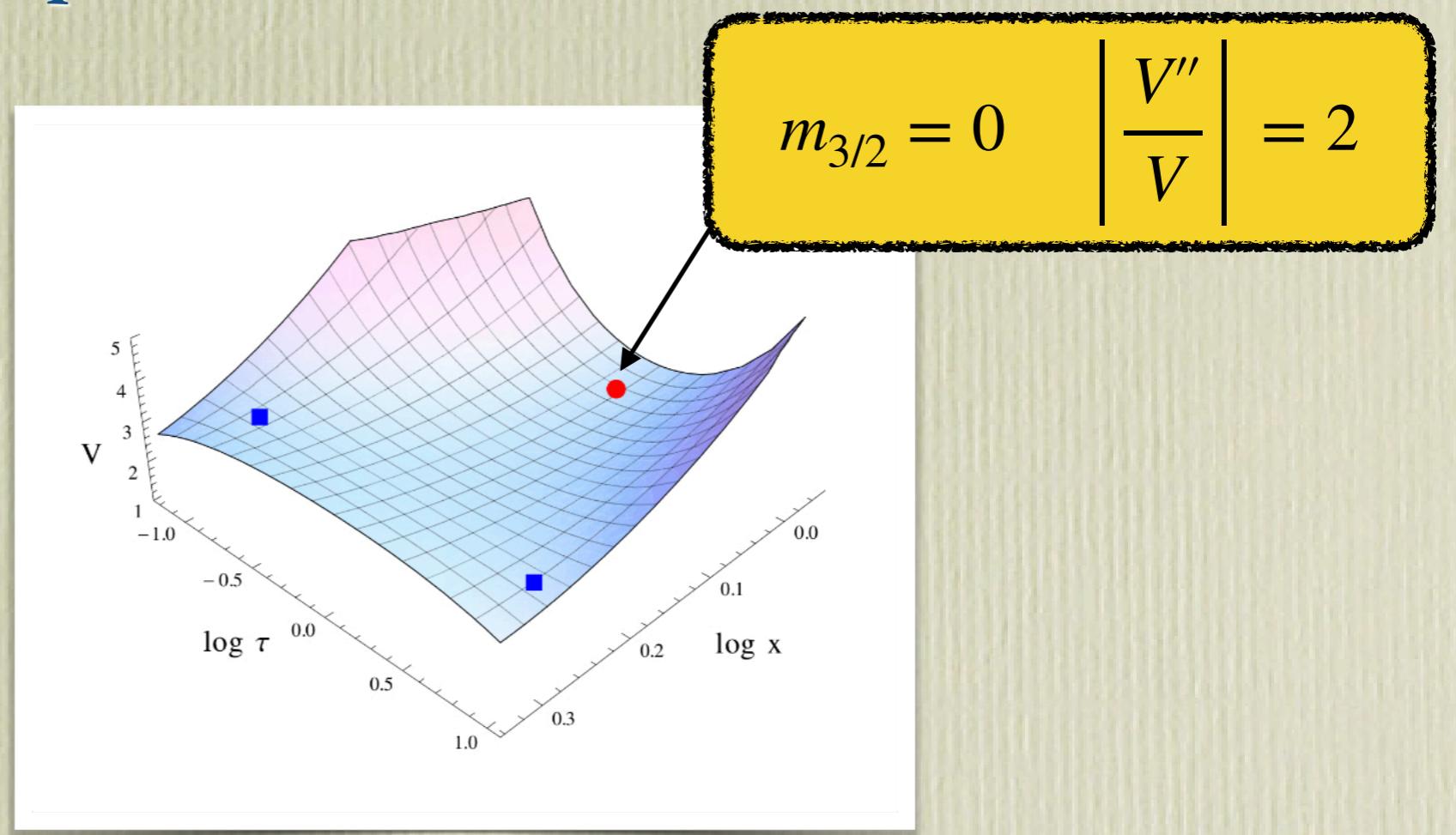
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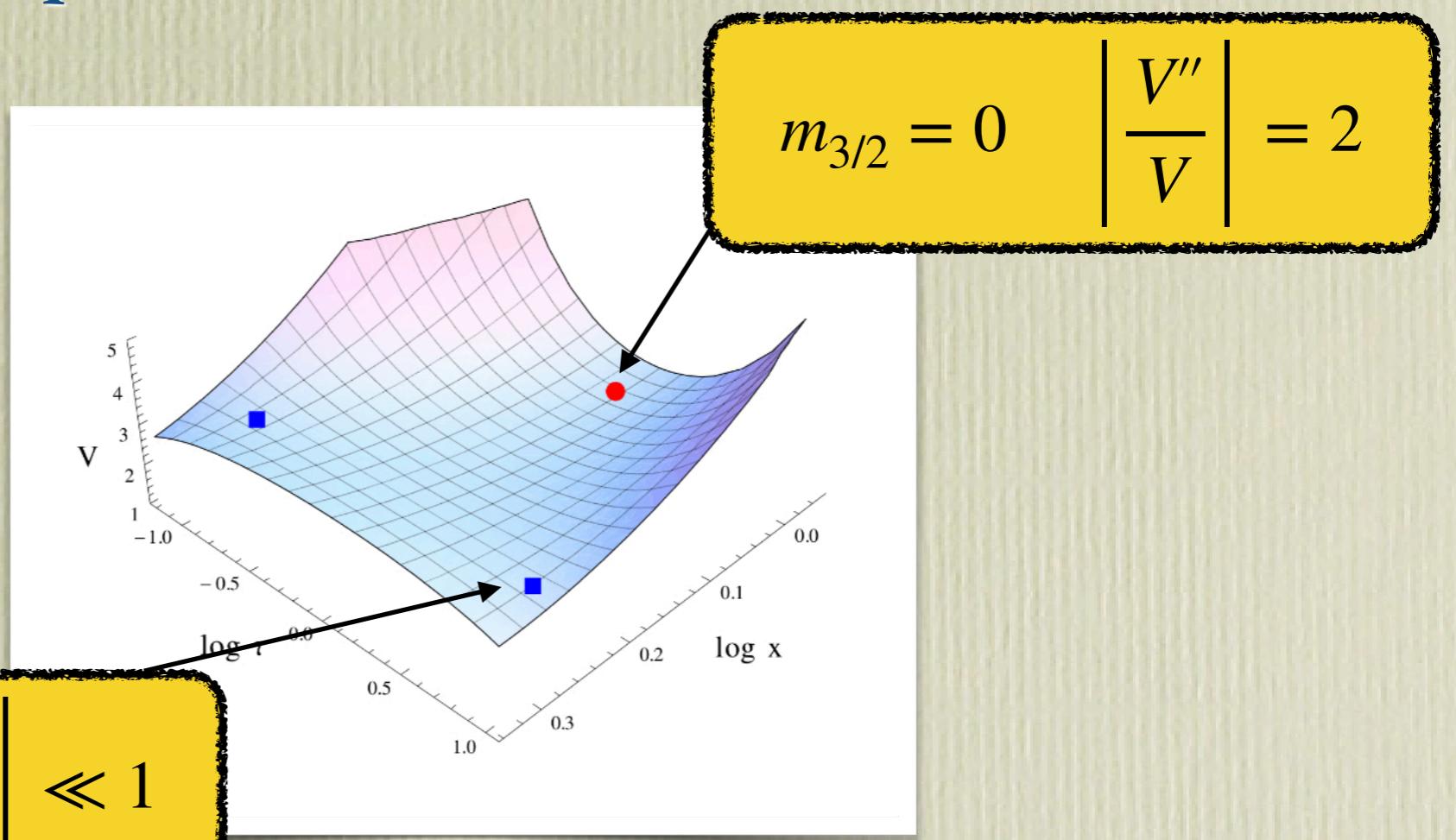


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$$m_{3/2} \neq 0 \quad \left| \frac{V''}{V} \right| \ll 1$$



- ***Generalization:***

- *Non-Abelian residual gauge groups*
- Parametrically light gravitino masses

Model with  $G = SO(3) \times O(1,1)$      $\mathcal{V} = 2 e_0^2 + 3 e_1^2$

**dS vacuum w/ *modulus z***

and  $G_{res} = U(1)$  {enh.  $SO(3)$ }

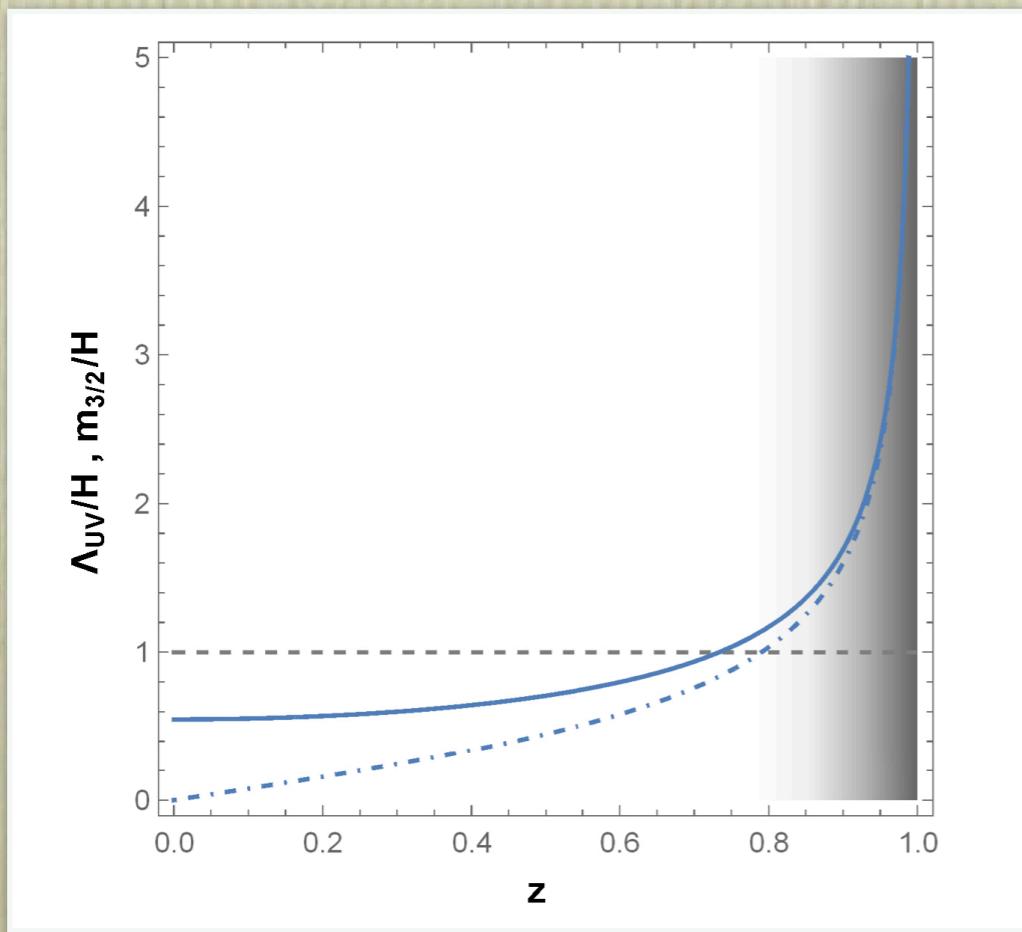
$$\Lambda_{UV} = e_1 \sqrt{\frac{1+z^2}{1-z^2}}$$

variable     $m_{3/2} = e_1 \frac{z}{\sqrt{1-z^2}}$

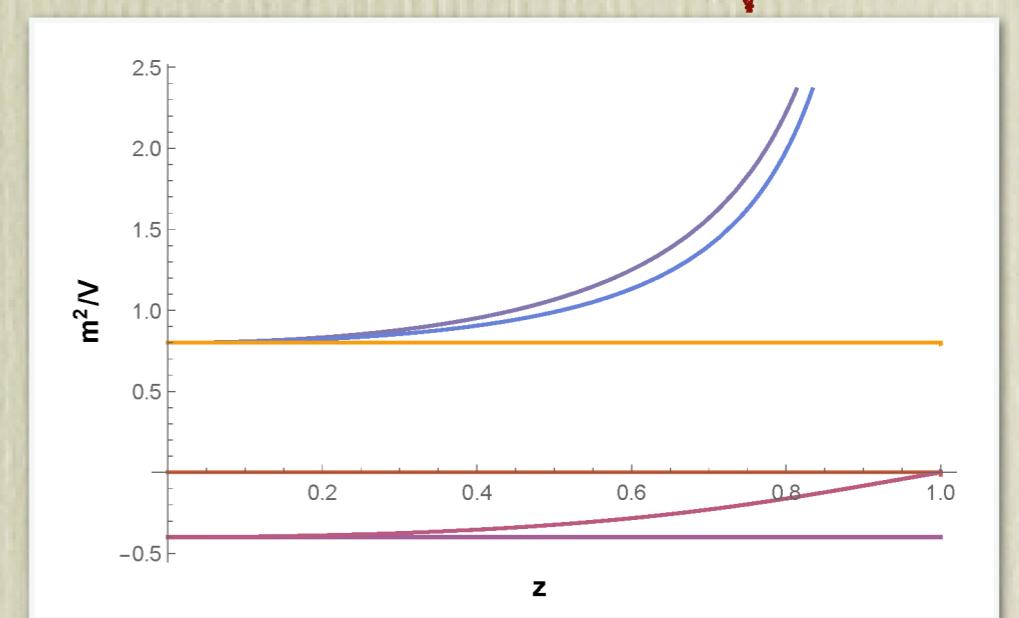
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Cutoff and  
gravitini



Scalar masses

## **Summarizing:**

*de Sitter landscape in supergravity is sparse*

*Characterization still uncertain*

*Swampland conjectures kills most supergravity models*

***Parametrically light charged gravitini are in  
the swampland***