

# Quintessence Saves Higgs Instability

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Beyond the BSM

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# Outline

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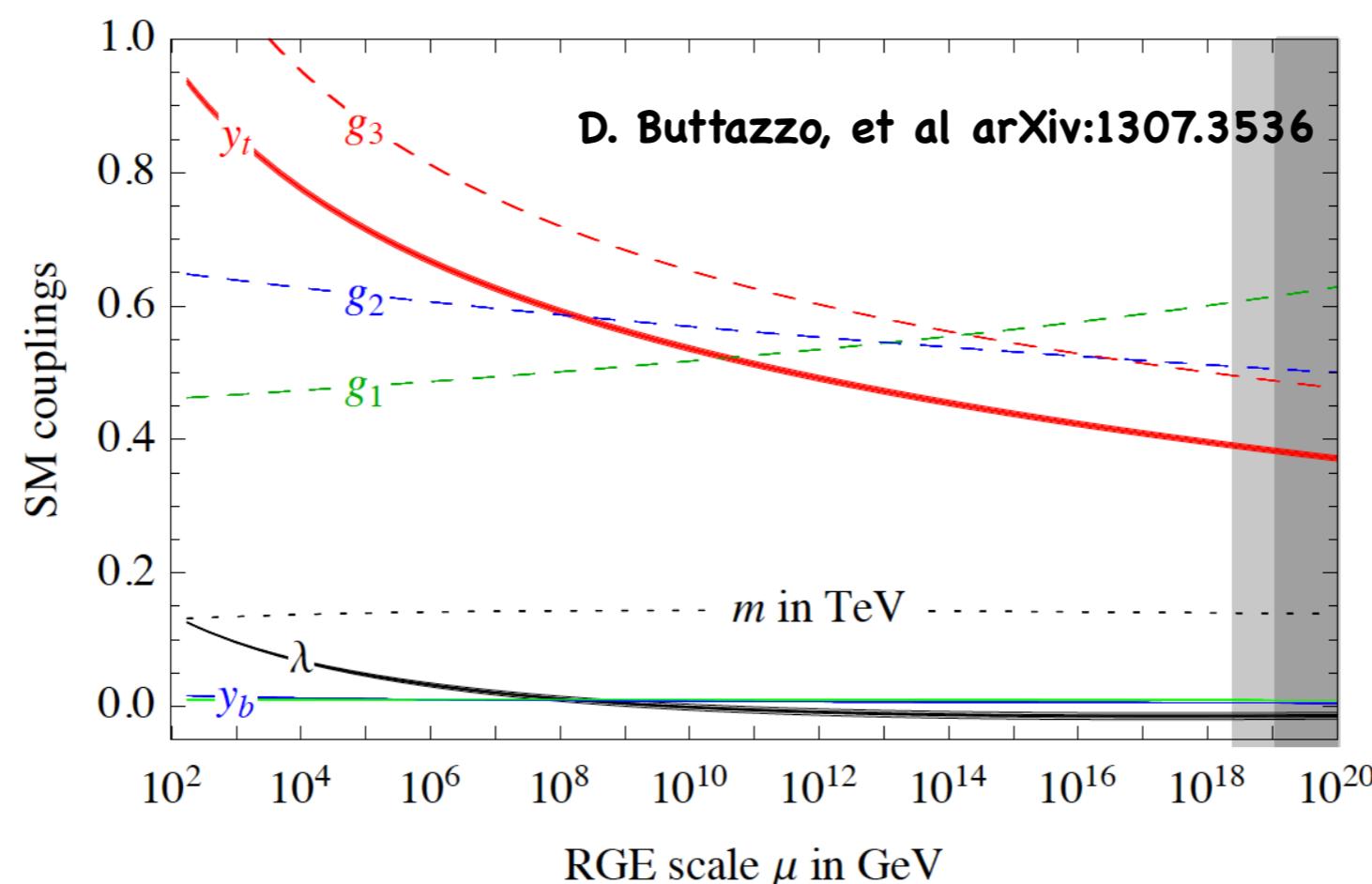
- ❖ The Higgs instability problem
- ❖ Quintessence-Higgs Model
- ❖ Swampland conjecture

# Higgs potential and self coupling

In SM, the Higgs potential is:

$$V = \lambda(\mathcal{H}^\dagger \mathcal{H} - v^2)^2 \quad \lambda \sim 0.13 \quad v \sim 174 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\frac{d\lambda}{d \ln \mu^2} = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \left[ \lambda \left( 12\lambda + 6y_t^2 - \frac{9g_2^2}{2} - \frac{9g_1^2}{10} \right) \boxed{-3y_t^4} + \frac{9g_2^4}{16} + \frac{27g_1^4}{400} + \frac{9g_2^2 g_1^2}{40} \right]$$



# Higgs potential and self coupling

To study the vacuum structure of the Higgs, RG-improved effective potential:

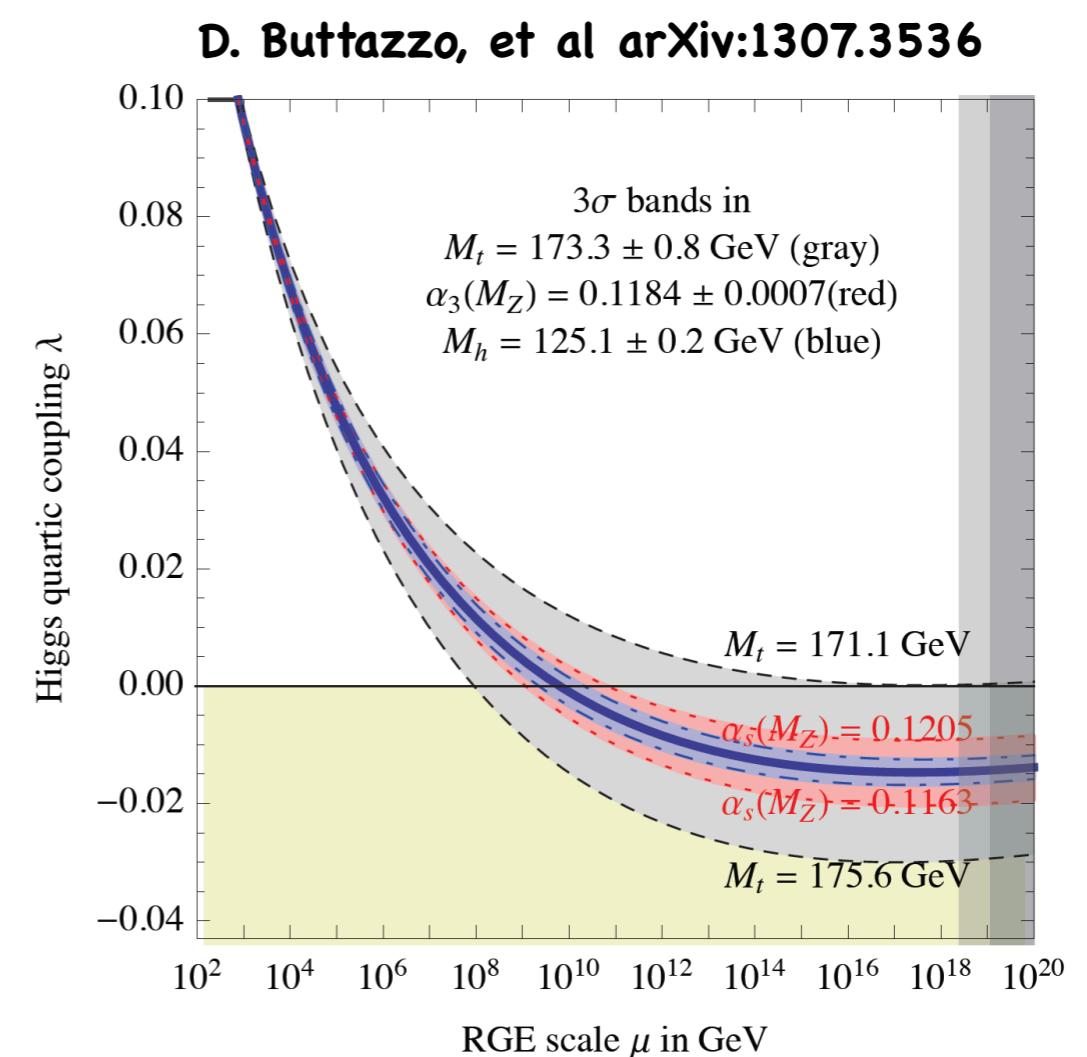
For  $h \gg v$

$$V_{\text{eff}} = \lambda_{\text{eff}}(h) \frac{h^4}{4}$$

$$\lambda_{\text{eff}}(h) = e^{4\Gamma(h)} \left[ \lambda(\bar{\mu} = h) + \lambda_{\text{eff}}^{(1)}(\bar{\mu} = h) + \lambda_{\text{eff}}^{(2)}(\bar{\mu} = h) \right]$$

$$\Gamma(h) \equiv \int \gamma(\mu) d \ln \mu$$

$\gamma$  is the Higgs field anomalous dimension

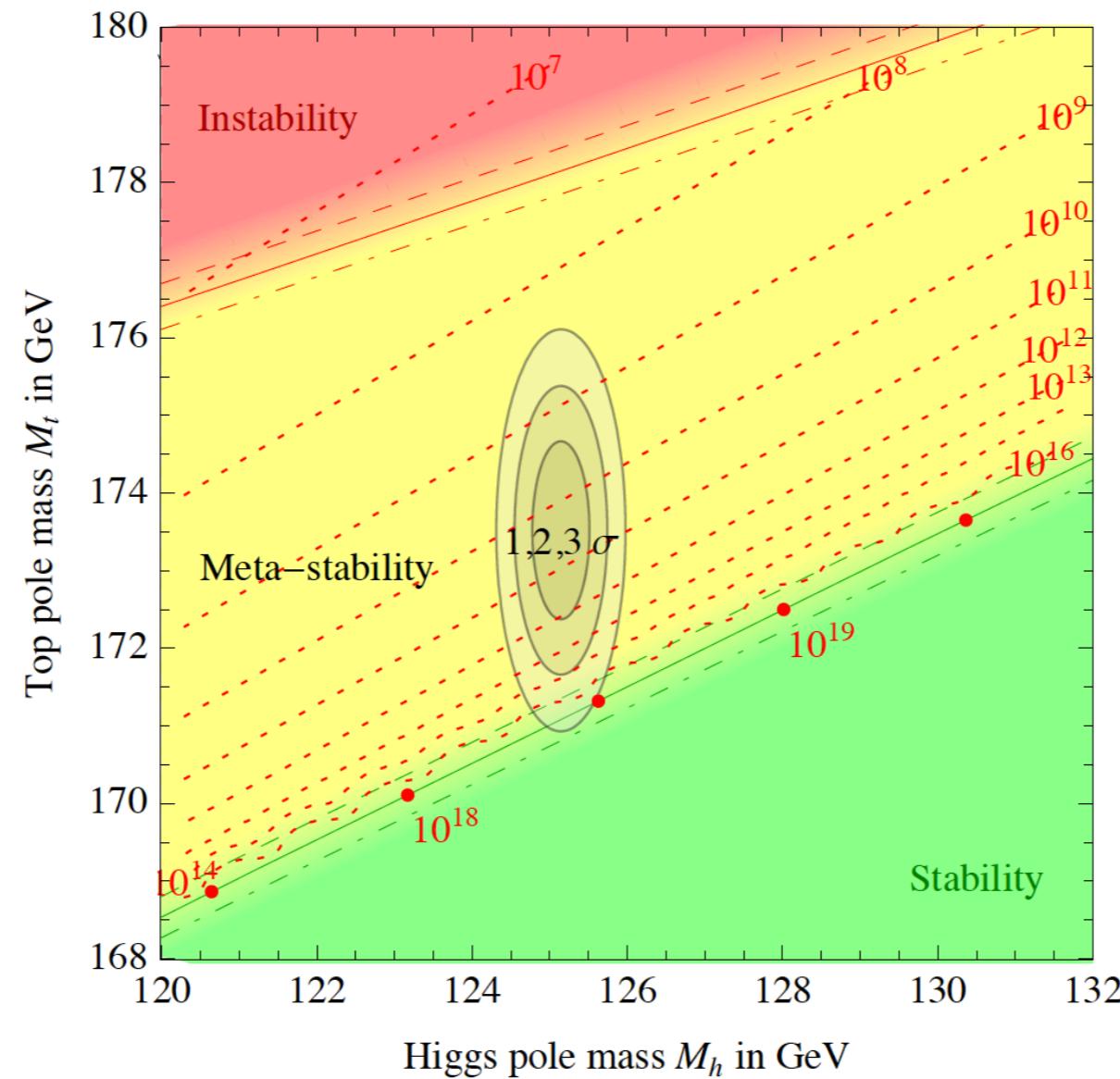


New stable vacuum is developed at high energy scale!

# Higgs stability

Should we worried about this?

D. Buttazzo, et al arXiv:1307.3536

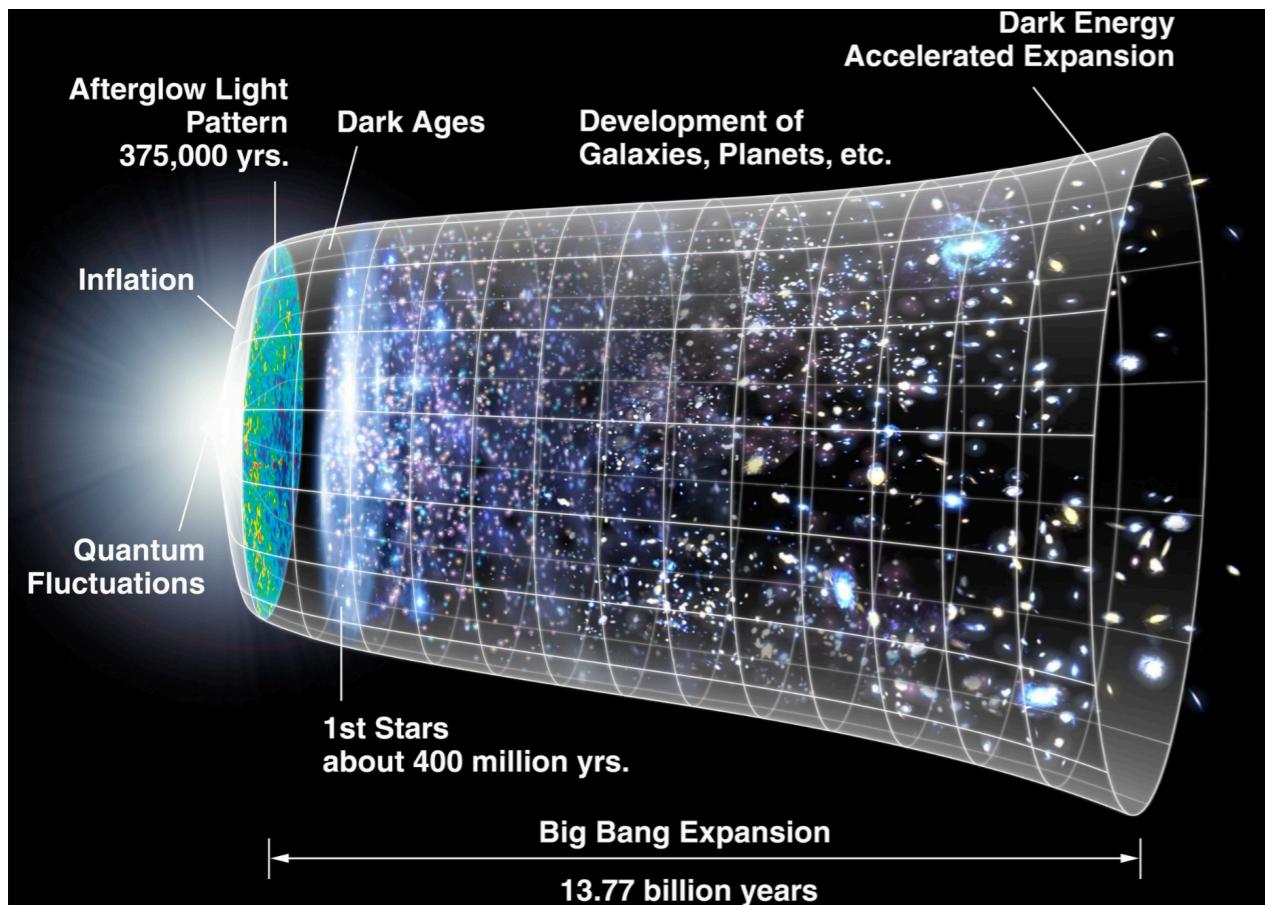


Fortunately for human being: electroweak vacuum is metastable!  
(maybe not that fortunate for people who study new physics)

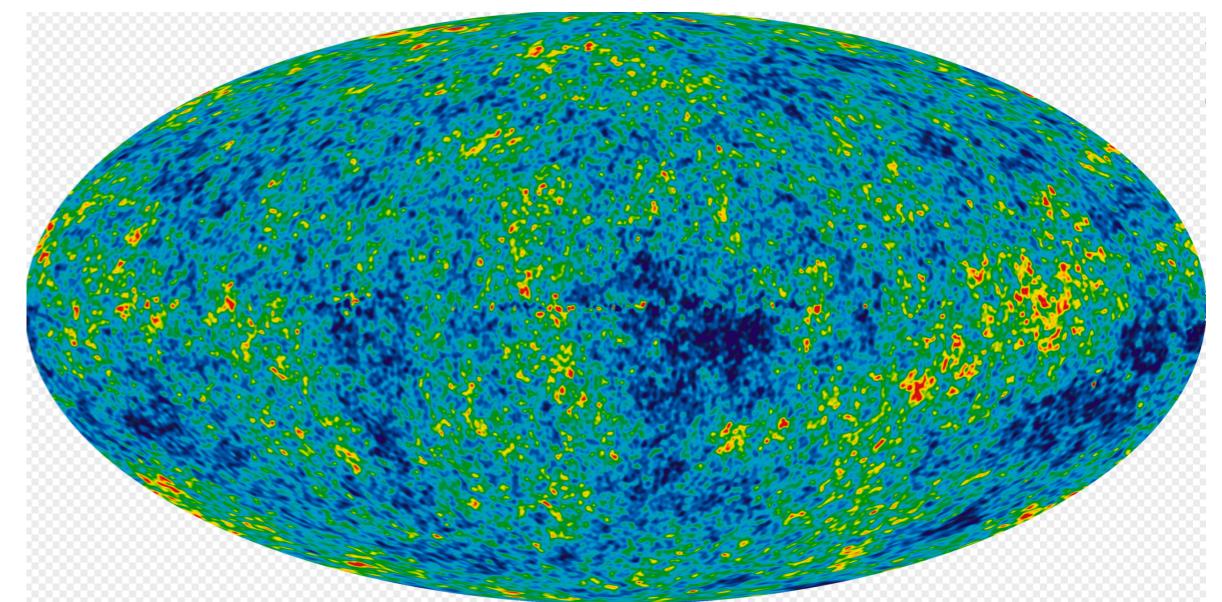
**Up to here  
No Higgs instability problem**

**But this is not the end of the story**

# Inflation

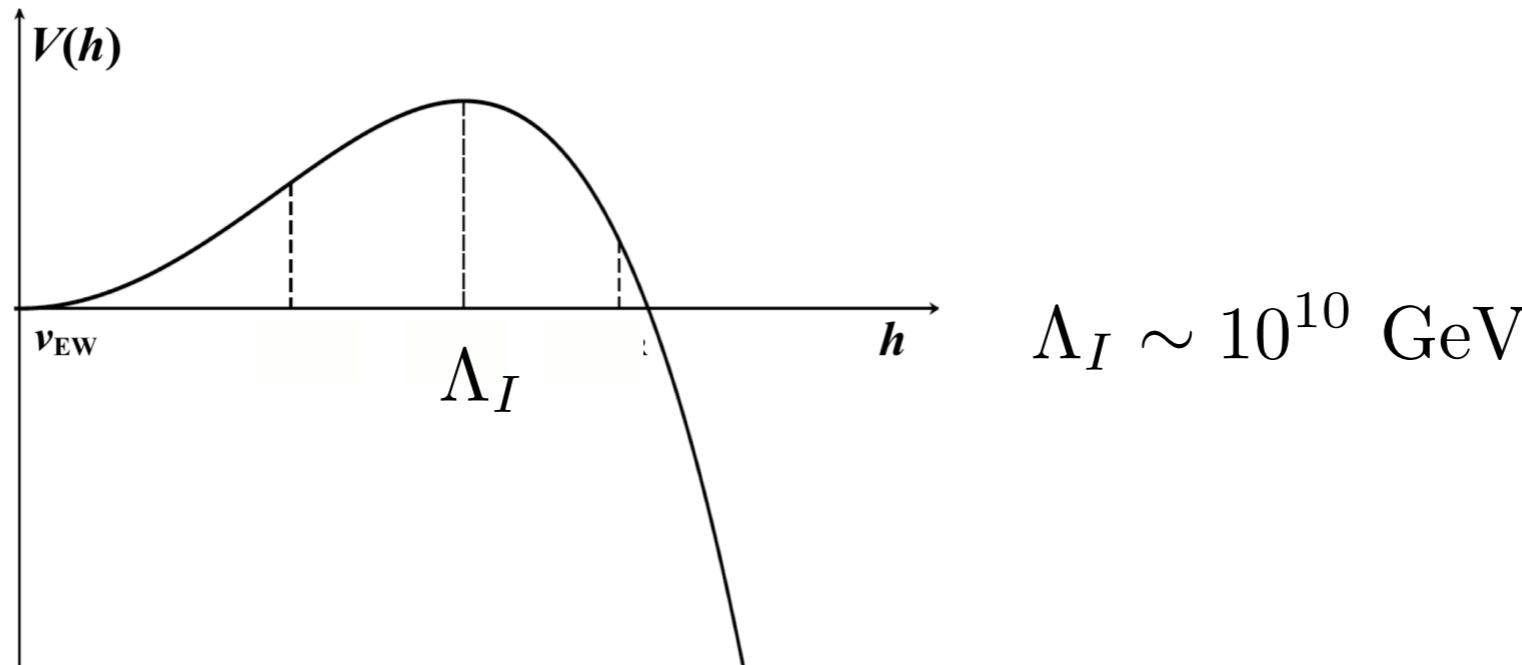


fluctuations in CMB



- ❖ Explains the origin of the large-scale structure of the cosmos.
- ❖ Horizon problem
- ❖ Flatness problem
- ❖ Magnetic-monopole problem ...

# Higgs instability during inflation



**Surviving probability per horizon**

J. R. Espinosa, et al [arXiv:1505.04825](https://arxiv.org/abs/1505.04825)

$$P(h < \Lambda_I, N_{\text{tot}}) = \text{erf}\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}\pi\Lambda_I}{H_{\text{inf}}\sqrt{N_{\text{tot}}}}\right) \quad \text{erf}(x) \simeq 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}x} e^{-x^2}$$

**Total  $e^{3N_{\text{hor}}}$  horizons**

**Surviving probability**  $1 - (1 - P)^{e^{3N_{\text{hor}}}}$

For  $N_{\text{hor}} = 60, N_{\text{tot}} = 1000$ , we need  $H_{\text{inf}} < 10^{-2}\Lambda_I$

**So-called Higgs instability problem during inflation**

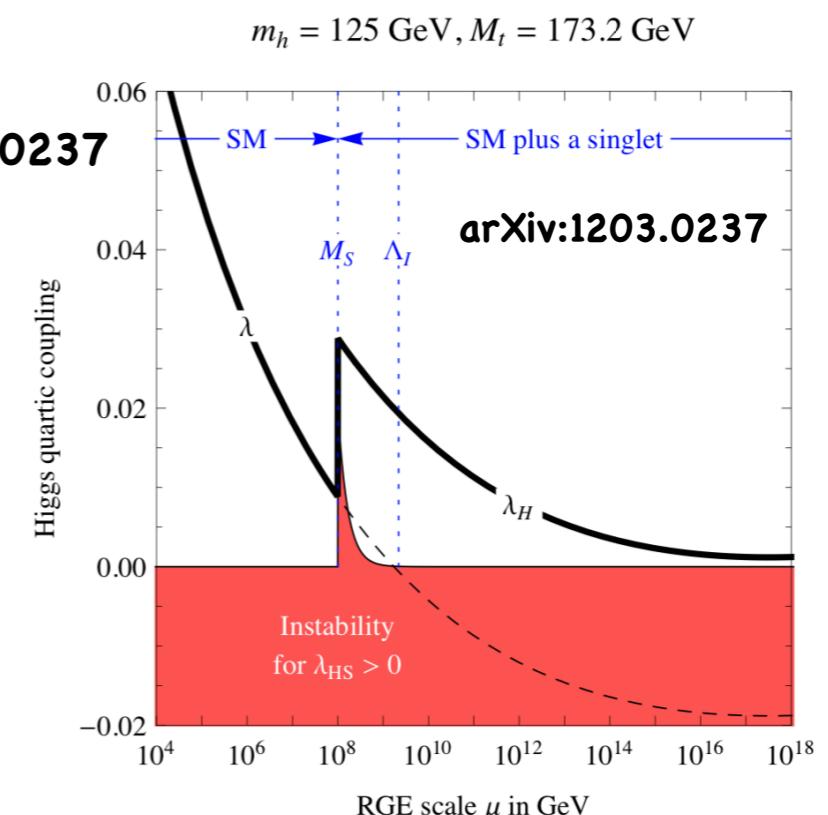
recent review, see [arXiv:1809.06923](https://arxiv.org/abs/1809.06923)

# Some solutions

- ❖ Add new field to change Higgs self coupling.

**J. Elias-Miró, J. R. Espinosa, G. F. Giudice, Hyun Min Lee, A. Strumia, arXiv:1203.0237**

$$V_0 = \lambda_H (H^\dagger H - v^2/2)^2 + \lambda_S (S^\dagger S - w^2/2)^2 + 2\lambda_{HS} (H^\dagger H - v^2/2) (S^\dagger S - w^2/2)$$



- ❖ Add Higgs coupling to inflaton.

**O. Lebedev, A. Westphal, arXiv:1210.6987**

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \xi \phi^2 h^2$$

- ❖ Higgs self coupling is dynamical: changing with time.

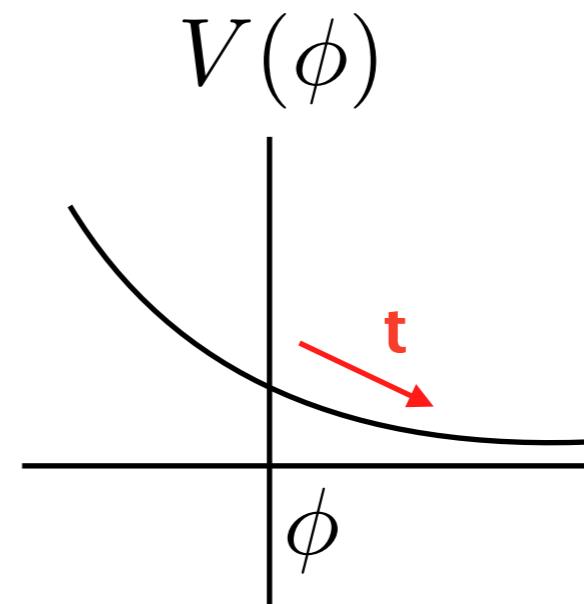
**C. Han, Shi Pi and Misao Sasaki, arXiv:1809.05507**

# Do we have a dynamical field at hand?

Quintessence as an explanation of dark energy

E. J Copeland, A. R Liddle, D. Wands, arXiv:9711068

$$V(\phi) = e^{-\xi\phi}\Lambda_0$$



**Smaller in future, larger in the past!  
Fit our requirement perfectly.**

# Quintessence-Higgs Model

F. Denef, A. Hebecker, T. Wrase, arXiv:1807.06581

$$V(\phi, \mathcal{H}) = e^{-\xi\phi} \left( \lambda (|\mathcal{H}|^2 - v^2)^2 + \Lambda \right) \quad (\xi > 0).$$

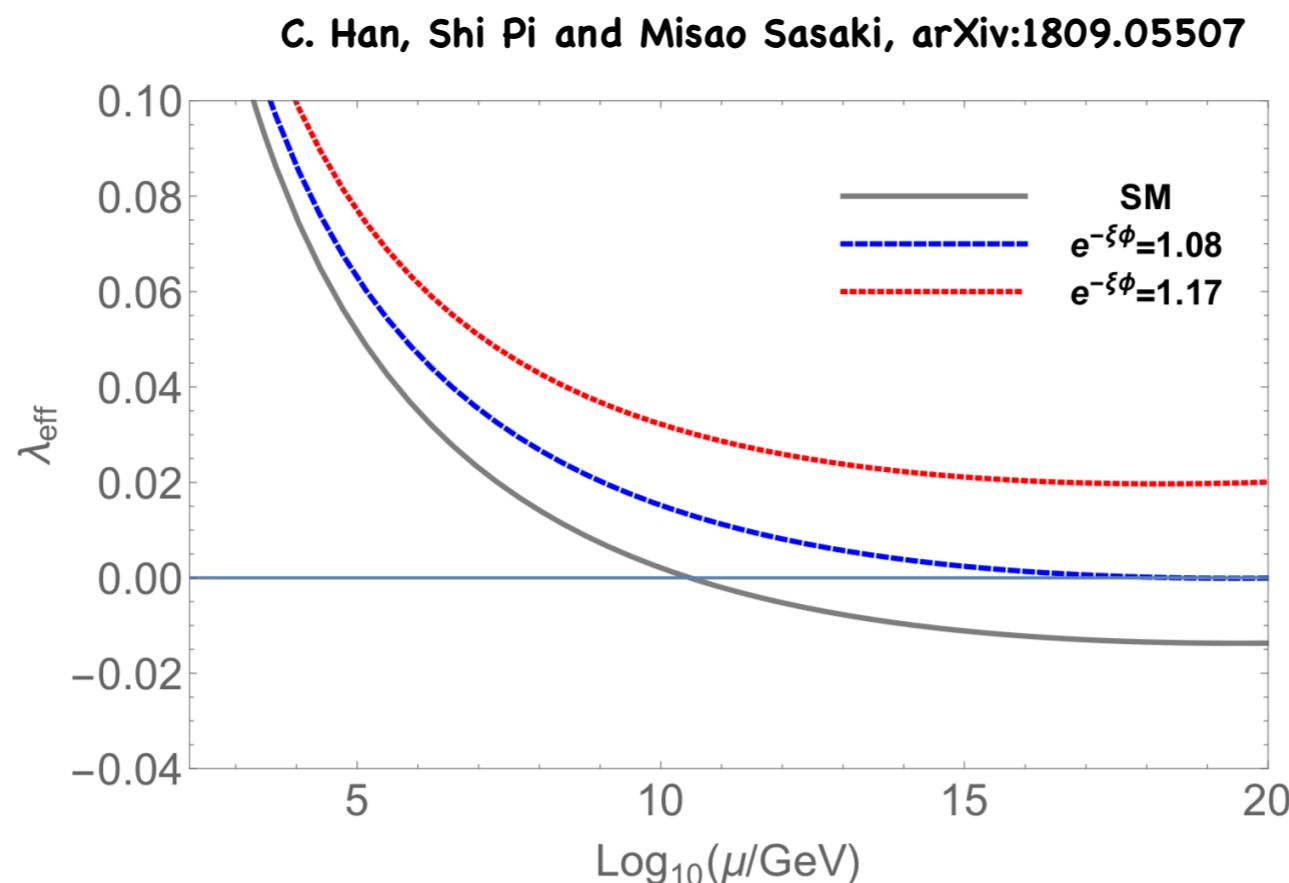
Potentially solve the higgs instability problem,

- How large enhancement do we need?
- Whether quintessence provide such a factor?
- How to test it?

# How large enhancement do we need?

Just effectively change the higgs self coupling  $\lambda'(v) = \lambda(v)e^{-\xi\phi}$

$$\lambda_{\text{eff}}(h) = e^{4\Gamma(h)} \left[ \lambda'(h) + \lambda^{(1)}(h) + \lambda^{(2)}(h) \right]$$



$$e^{-\xi\phi} > 1.08 \pm 0.02$$

# Whether quintessence provide such a factor?

C. Han, Shi Pi and Misao Sasaki, arXiv:1809.05507

$$H^2 = H_0^2 \left[ \Omega_{\gamma 0} \left( \frac{a_0}{a} \right)^4 + \Omega_{m0} \left( \frac{a_0}{a} \right)^3 + e^{-\xi \phi} \left( \frac{\lambda (|\mathcal{H}|^2 - v^2)^2}{3M_{\text{Pl}}^2 H_0^2} + \Omega_{\Lambda 0} \right) \right],$$
$$0 = \ddot{\phi} + 3H\dot{\phi} - \xi e^{-\xi \phi} \left( \lambda (|\mathcal{H}|^2 - v^2)^2 + \Lambda \right),$$

$$e^{\xi \phi} = \left( \frac{\Omega_{m0}}{\Omega_{\Lambda 0}} \right)^{\frac{\xi^2}{3}} - \frac{\xi^2}{3} \left[ 1 + \mathcal{O} \left( \frac{\lambda}{g_{s*EW}} \left( \frac{v}{T_{EW}} \right)^4 \right) \right]$$

$$\xi > 0.35 \pm 0.05$$

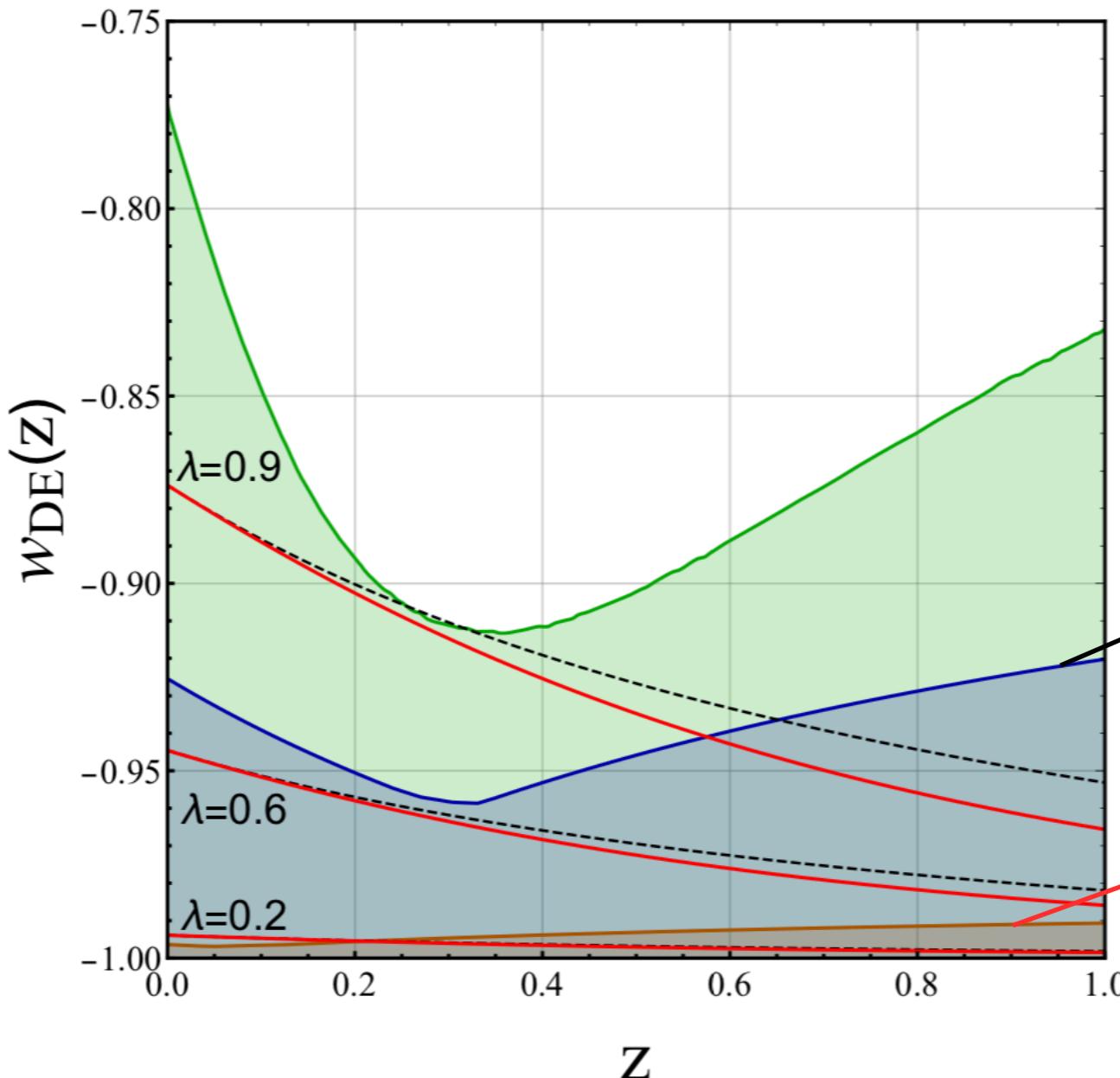
From Planck 2018

$\Omega_{\Lambda}$ . . . . .	$0.679 \pm 0.013$
$\Omega_m$ . . . . .	$0.321 \pm 0.013$

# How to test it?

Dark energy experiment already exclude  $\xi > 0.6$

Y. Akrami, R. Kallosh, A. Linde, V. Vardanyan, arxiv:1808.09440

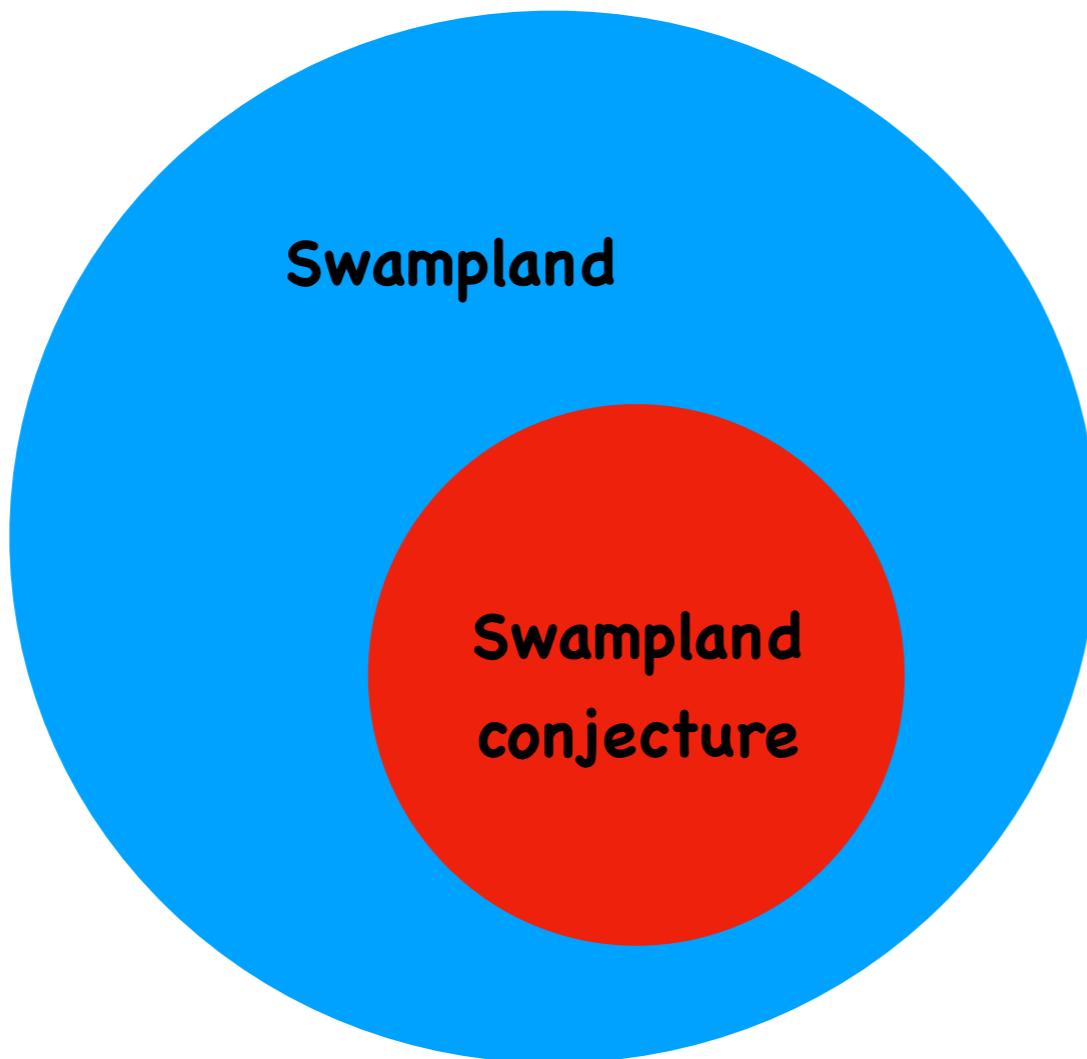


Exclusion limit combining  
SNeIa, CMB, BAO,  $H_0$

Future reach: Euclid and the SKA  
(large-scale structure surveys)  
(within 10 years)

# Swampland Conjecture(my own understanding)

All the theories not consistent with quantum gravity is swampland.



G. Obied, H. Ooguri, L. Spodyneiko, C. Vafa, arXiv:1806.08362

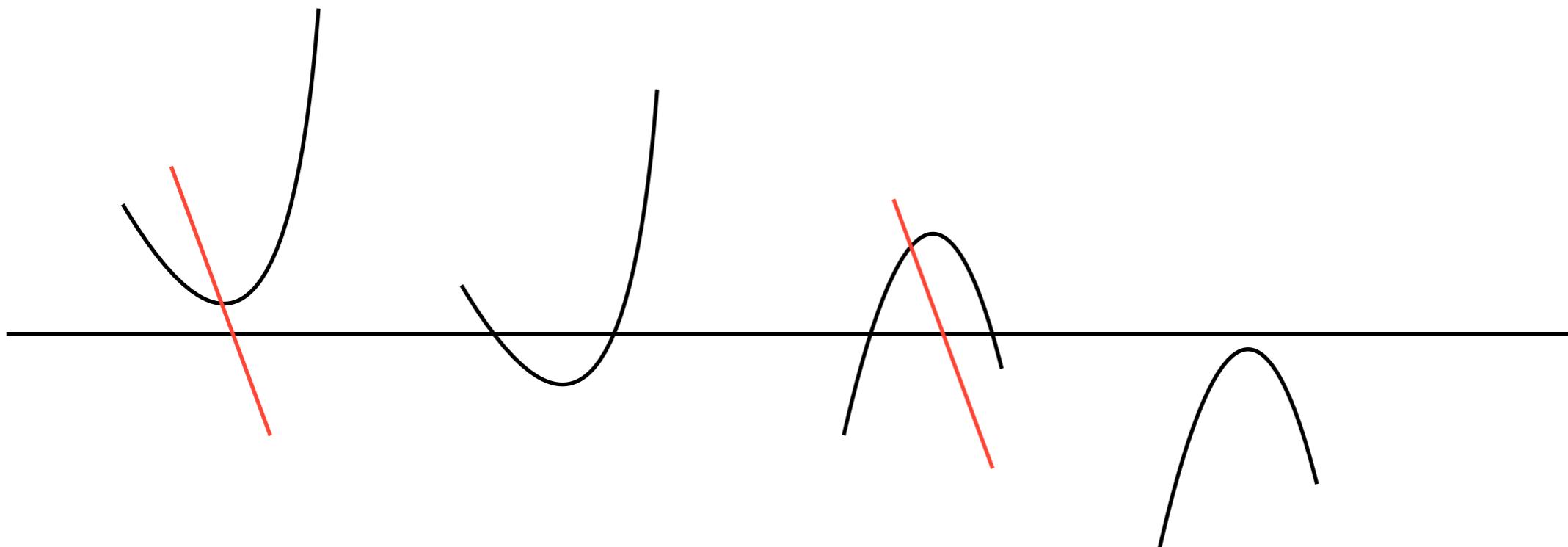
**Swampland conjecture: a quantum gravity theory should satisfy:**

$$|\nabla V|/V > c, c \sim O(1)$$

$$||\nabla V_{\text{total}}|| = \sqrt{\sum_{i,j} g_{\text{conf}}^{ij} (\partial_{\phi_i} V_{\text{total}})(\partial_{\phi_j} V_{\text{total}})} ,$$

# Swampland Conjecture

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# Swampland Conjecture

## Implications I: dark energy

Cosmological constant do not exist!

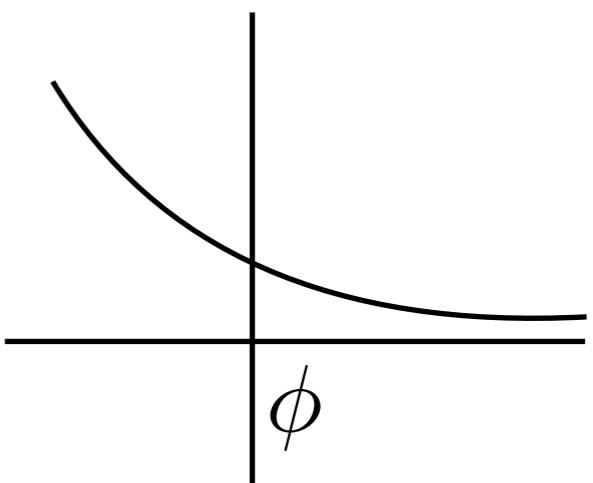
$$V = \Lambda$$

Dark energy should be explained dynamically:

Quintessence:

$$V = \Lambda e^{-\xi\phi}$$

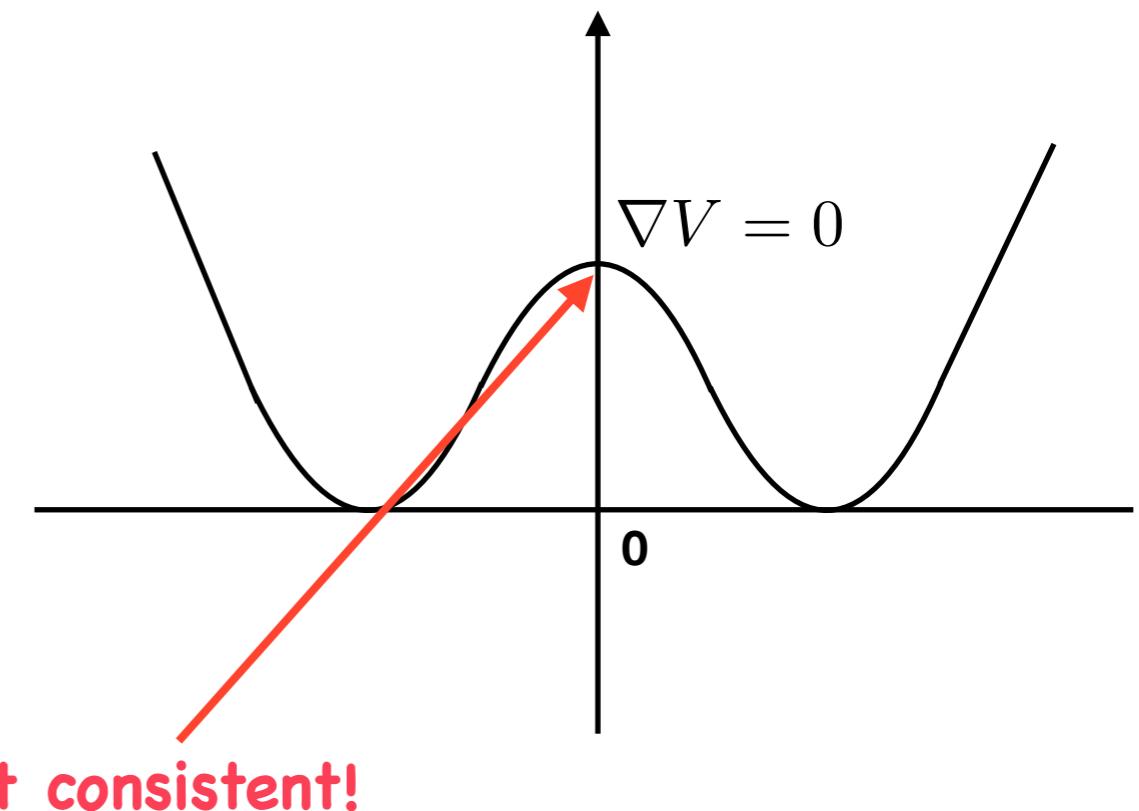
$$\nabla V/V = \xi$$



# Swampland Conjecture

## Implications II: Higgs

Higgs sector need to be enlarged!



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$$|\nabla_H V = 0|, \quad |\nabla_\phi V| = \xi V \qquad |\nabla V|/V = \xi$$

# Summary

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- ❖ The Higgs instability can be solved in Quintessence-Higgs Model.
- ❖ It may be tested within 10 years.
- ❖ UV completion?