

# A Simplified Nelson-Barr Relaxion

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# The Timeline



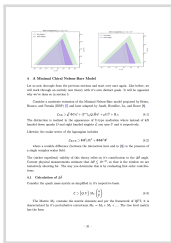
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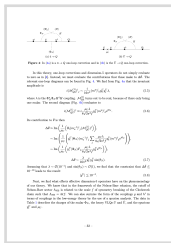
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# Nelson-Barr Relaxion | Old Results

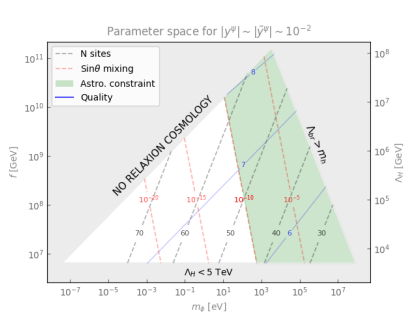
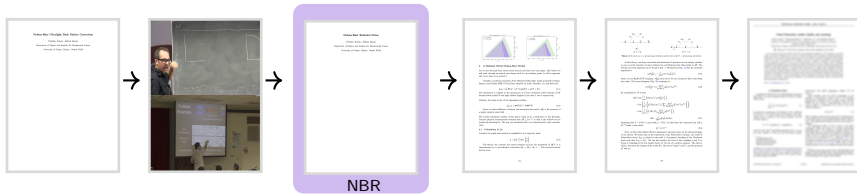


Figure 1: Our parameter space

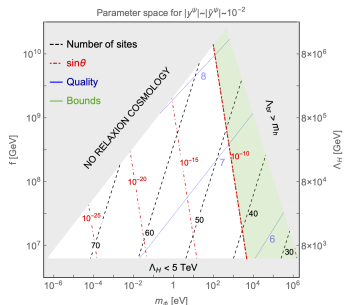


Figure 2: Davidi, Gupta, et. al [2]

# Nelson-Barr Relaxion | Updated Results

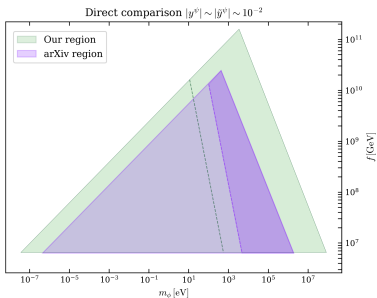
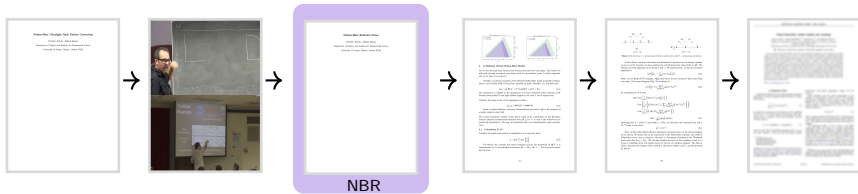


Figure 3: Parameter space comparison (old)

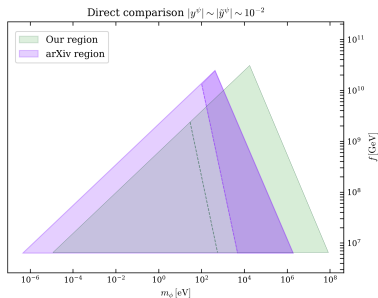
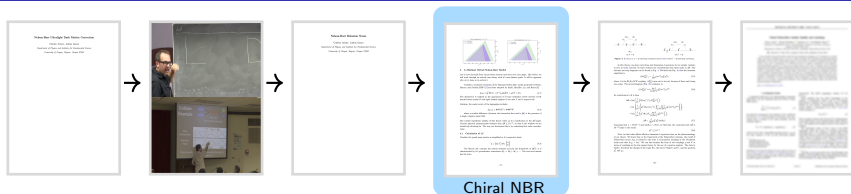


Figure 4: Parameter space comparison (new)

# A Chiral Nelson-Barr Relaxion

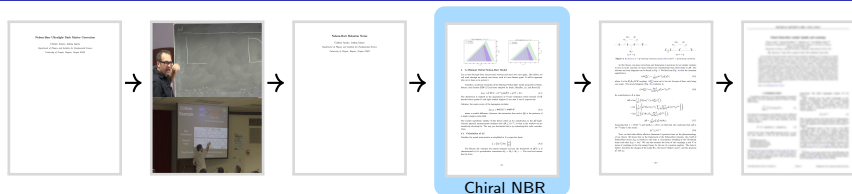


Dangerous dim-5 and dim-6 operators

	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$U(1)_N$	$U(1)_U$	$U(1)_{\mu U}$
$\Phi_N$	-	-1	0	0
$\Phi_N^*$	-	-1	0	0
$U$	-	0	1	0
$\bar{U}$	-	0	-1	1
$y_i^U$	+	1	-1	0
$\tilde{y}_i^U$	+	-1	-1	0
$\mu_U$	+	0	0	-1

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{EFT}} = \frac{(\tilde{y}_j^U)^*}{\Lambda_{\text{EFT}}^2} (y_i^U \alpha^{ij} \mu_U \Phi^2 U \bar{U} + \beta^{ij} \mu_U \Phi^* Q_i \tilde{H} \bar{U} + y_i^U \gamma^{ijk} \Phi^2 Q_k \tilde{H} \bar{u}^l) + \text{H.c.} \quad (1)$$

# A Chiral Nelson-Barr Relaxion



Example of vanishing contribution (no quality problem).

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{EFT}} = \frac{(\tilde{y}_j^U)^*}{\Lambda_{\text{EFT}}} (y_i^U \alpha^{ij} \mu_U \Phi^2 U \bar{U}) + \text{H.c.} \quad (2)$$

Does not contribute to  $\Delta \bar{\theta}$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \bar{\theta} &\sim \frac{\alpha^{ij}}{\Lambda_{\text{EFT}}^2} (y_i^U \tilde{y}_j^U - y_j^U \tilde{y}_i^U) |\langle \Phi \rangle|^2 \sin 2\theta_N \\ &\sim 0 \end{aligned}$$

# A Simplified Nelson-Barr Relaxion

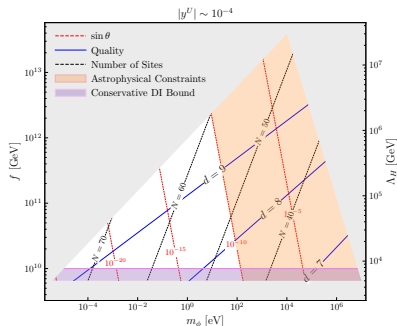
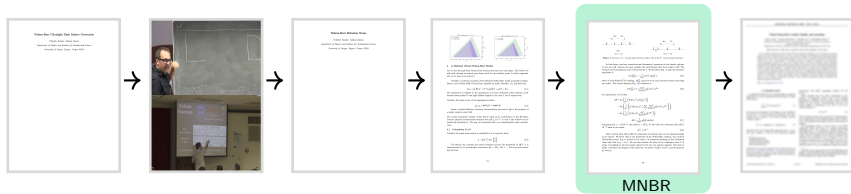


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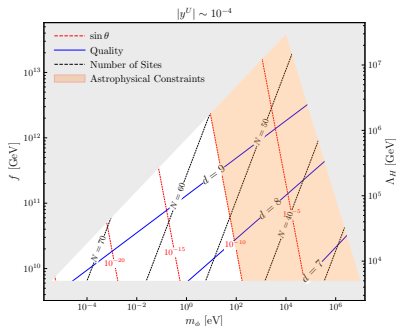


Figure 6: Optimistic result

# A Simplified Nelson-Barr Relaxion Results

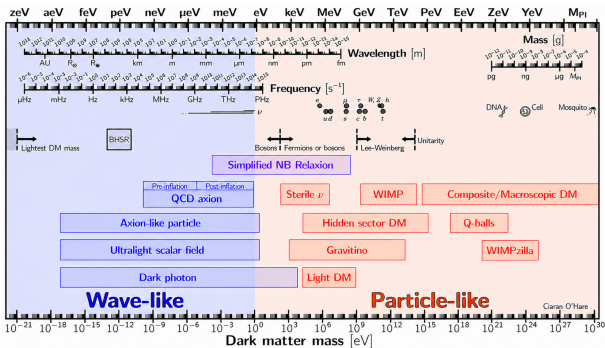
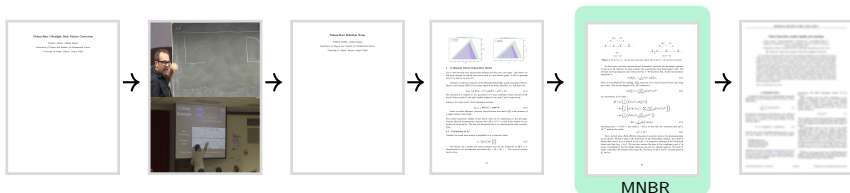


Figure 7: Dark matter and the Simplified Nelson-Barr Relaxion mass ranges.

# The Theory

The Simplified NB Relaxion asserts the following sectors:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} &= \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{roll}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{br}} + \mathcal{L}_{\Phi_N} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{NB}} \\ &= \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \mathcal{L}_{\phi} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{NB}}\end{aligned}$$

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## Relaxion couplings

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{roll}} \supset (\kappa \Lambda_H^2 - \Lambda_H^2 \cos(\frac{\phi}{F})) H^\dagger H + \lambda (H^\dagger H)^2 - r_{\text{roll}}^2 \Lambda_H^4 \cos(\frac{\phi}{F}),$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{br}} \supset -M_{\text{br}}^2 H^\dagger H \cos(\frac{\phi}{f}) - r_{\text{br}}^2 M_{\text{br}}^4 \cos(\frac{\phi}{f}),$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\Phi_N} \supset \sum_{j=0}^N (-m^2 |\Phi_j|^2 + g_{\text{clock}}^2 |\Phi_j|^4) + \Delta V_{\text{clock}}(\Phi),$$

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$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{NB}} \supset \mu_U U \bar{U} + (Y^u)^i_j Q_i \tilde{H} \bar{u}^j + y_i^U \Phi_N U \bar{u}^i + \text{H.c.}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\Phi_{\text{NB}}} \supset \lambda \Phi_N \Phi_N^\dagger H^2 + \lambda_4 \Phi_N \Phi_N \Phi_N^\dagger \Phi_N^\dagger$$

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## Relaxion theory Ingredients [3]

- QCD axion under a new gauge group
- Involves an Inflation Sector
- Axion must extended over a very large field range  $F$ 
  - $F/f \approx 10^{20}$
- Dynamical Higgs mass (initially at large mass)

## Clock work Relaxion [4]

- Considers compact field space  $F$
- $N+1$  complex scalar fields  $\Phi_j$
- Take limit  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$  and expand around VEVs  $\Phi_j \rightarrow U_j \equiv \frac{f}{\sqrt{2}} e^{i\pi_j/f}$ .

$$\mathcal{L}_{\Phi_N} \supset \sum_{j=0}^N (-m^2 |\Phi_j|^2 + g_{\text{clock}}^2 |\Phi_j|^4) + \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} (\epsilon \Phi_j^\dagger \Phi_{j+1}^3 + \text{H.c.}).$$

# Relaxion Results

## Relaxion theory Result [3]

- Softly broken shift symmetry
- Weak scale becomes technically natural
- Solves the Hierarchy Problem

## Clock work Relaxion Result [4]

- Exponentially suppressed decays constant  $\frac{F}{f} \approx 3^N$

# Relaxion Results

## Relaxion cutoff

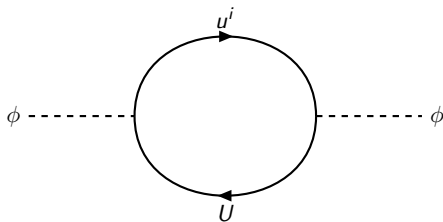


Figure 8:  $\phi \rightarrow \phi$

$$\Lambda_H \approx \frac{\sqrt{y_i^U y_j^U (Y^{u\dagger} Y^u)_{ij}}}{4\pi} f,$$

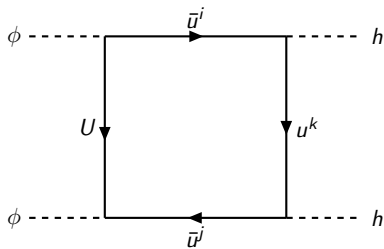


Figure 9:  $\phi\phi \rightarrow hh$

$$r_{\text{roll}} \approx \frac{4\pi \sqrt{y_k^U y_k^U}}{y_i^U y_j^U (Y^{u\dagger} Y^u)_{ij}}.$$

## Relaxion mass equations

$$m_{\phi}^{\min} \approx 1.2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV} \cdot \left( \frac{10^{-2}}{\sqrt{y_i^U y_j^U}} \right)^{5/2} \left( \frac{\sqrt{y_k^U y_k^U}}{10^{-2}} \right)^{3/2} \left( \frac{\Lambda_H}{5 \text{ TeV}} \right)^{5/2}.$$

$$m_{\phi}^{\max} \approx 86 \text{ MeV} \cdot \left( \frac{\sqrt{y_i^U y_j^U}}{10^{-2}} \right) \left( \frac{5 \text{ TeV}}{\Lambda_H} \right).$$

# The Nelson-Barr Sector

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## Contribution to $\Delta\bar{\theta}$

$\Delta\bar{\theta} = ?$

## $\Delta\bar{\theta}$ calculation

Let  $M_U$  be the up-quark mass matrix.  $M_U = M_0 + M_1$ .

$$M_0 = \begin{pmatrix} (m_u)_j^i & 0 \\ B_i & \mu_U \end{pmatrix} \qquad M_1 = \begin{pmatrix} M_{Q\bar{u}} & M_{Q\bar{U}} \\ M_{U\bar{u}} & M_{U\bar{U}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{NB}} &\supset (Q \ U) M_U \begin{pmatrix} \bar{u} \\ \bar{U} \end{pmatrix} \\ &\supset (Q \ U) (M_0 + M_1) \begin{pmatrix} \bar{u} \\ \bar{U} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

where  $(m_u)_j^i = (Y^u)_j^i \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}}$ ,  $B_i = y_i^U \Phi$ , and  $\mu_U$  is the up quark mass term.

# Simplification Of $\Delta\bar{\theta}$

## $\Delta\bar{\theta}$ calculation

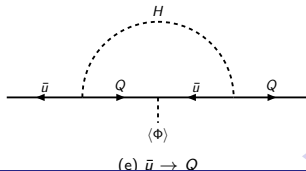
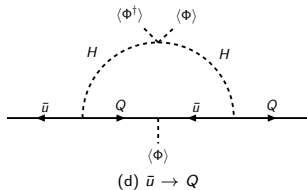
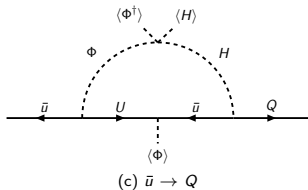
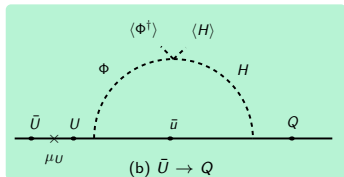
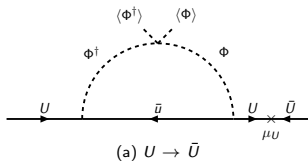
In principle, the  $\Delta\bar{\theta}$  angle is given s.t.  $\Delta\bar{\theta} = \arg(\det(M))$

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta\bar{\theta} &\simeq \arg(\det(M)) \\ &= \arg(\det(M_0 + M_1)) \\ &= \arg(\det(M_1(M_1^{-1}M_0 + 1))) \\ &= \arg(\det(M_1)\det(M_1^{-1}M_0 + 1)) \\ &\simeq \arg(\det(M_1)(\text{tr}(M_1^{-1}M_0) + 1)) \\ &\vdots \\ \Delta\bar{\theta} &\simeq \text{Im} \left( m_u^{-1} \mathcal{M}_{Q\bar{u}}^{(1)} + \frac{1}{\mu_U} \left( \mathcal{M}_{U\bar{U}}^{(1)} - B m_u^{-1} \mathcal{M}_{Q\bar{U}}^{(1)} \right) \right)\end{aligned}$$

Where  $M_1^{-1}M_0 \ll 1$  [1]

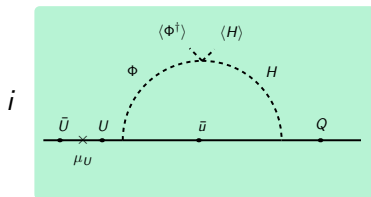
# One-loop contributions

## $\Delta\bar{\theta}$ calculation



# Calculation of $M_{\bar{U}Q}^{(1)}$

## $\Delta\bar{\theta}$ calculation



$$\approx i \frac{\mu_U \lambda}{8\sqrt{2}\pi^2 f} y_k^U (m^u)^i{}_k e^{i\theta_N}$$

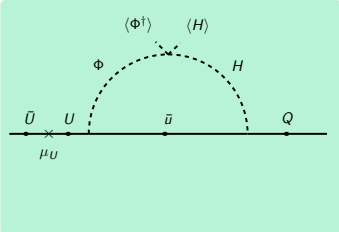
And, using our equation for  $\Delta\bar{\theta}$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta\bar{\theta} &\simeq \text{Im}\left(\frac{1}{\mu_U} (B_i (m_u^{-1})^i{}_j (\mathcal{M}_{Q\bar{U}}^{(1)} y^j))\right), \\ &\sim \text{Im}\left(\frac{1}{\mu_U} (y_i^U \langle \Phi_N \rangle \delta^i{}_k \frac{\mu_U \lambda}{8\sqrt{2}\pi^2 f} y_k^U e^{i\theta_N})\right), \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta\bar{\theta} \sim \frac{\lambda}{16\pi^2} y_k^U y_k^U \sin(\theta_N).$$

# Calculation of $M_{\bar{U}Q}^{(1)}$

## $\Delta\bar{\theta}$ calculation



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And, using our equation for  $\Delta\bar{\theta}$

$$\Delta\bar{\theta} \sim \frac{\lambda}{16\pi^2} y_k^U y_k^U \sin(\theta_N)$$

It must be that  $\Delta\bar{\theta} \leq 10^{-10}$ , so  $\lambda \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-1})$  and  $\sin(\theta_N) \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$ . Thus,

$$y^U \lesssim 10^{-4}$$

# Spurion Analysis

## Dim-5 and Dim-6 operators in the EFT

The spurion analysis gives us the following charge assignments

	$\mathbb{Z}_2$	$U(1)_N$	$U(1)_U$	$U(1)_{\mu U}$
$\Phi_N$	—	—1	0	0
$\Phi_N^*$	—	1	0	0
$U$	—	0	1	0
$\bar{U}$	—	0	—1	1
$y_i^U$	+	1	—1	0
$(y_i^U)^*$	+	—1	1	0
$\mu_U$	+	0	0	—1

**Table:** Charges of the scalar  $\Phi_N$ , the heavy VLQs  $U$  and  $\bar{U}$ , and the spurions  $y_i^U$  and  $\mu_U$ .

## Dim-5 operators in the EFT

The only permitted dim-5 operators are

$$\frac{\mu_U}{(4\pi f)^2} y_i^U y_j^U \alpha^{ij} \Phi_N^2 U \bar{U} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\mu_U}{(4\pi f)^2} \beta^{ij} (y_j^U)^* \Phi_N^* Q_i \tilde{H} \bar{U}$$

Their contributions give

$$\Delta \bar{\theta} = \frac{\alpha^{ij}}{32\pi^2} y_i^U y_j^U \sin 2\theta_N. \quad (3)$$

$$\Delta \bar{\theta} \sim \frac{1}{16\pi^2} y_i^U (Y_u^{-1})^i_j \beta^{kj} y_k^U \sin \theta_N \quad (4)$$

Under the same analysis,  $|y^U| \lesssim 10^{-4}$

## Dim-6 operators in the EFT

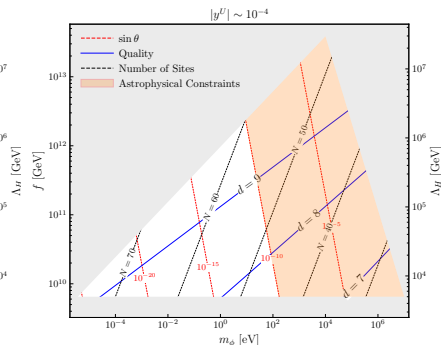
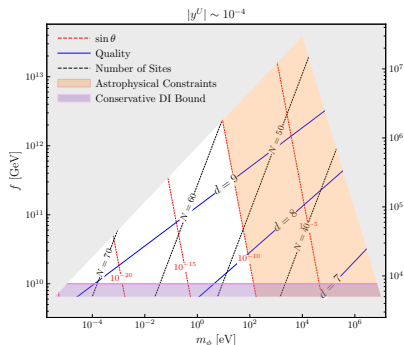
The only permitted dim-6 operator is

$$\frac{\gamma^{ijk}}{(4\pi f)^2} (y_i^U y_j^U) \Phi_N^2 Q_k \tilde{H} \bar{u}^l. \quad (5)$$

It's contribution give

$$\Delta \bar{\theta} \sim \frac{(Y_u^{-1})^l{}_k \gamma^{ijk}}{32\pi^2} (y_i^U y_j^U) \sin(2\theta_N). \quad (6)$$

But now,  $|y^U| \lesssim 10^{-3}$



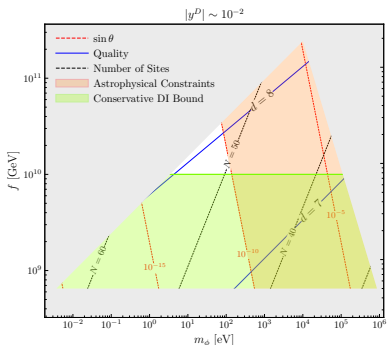


Figure 11: Conservative result

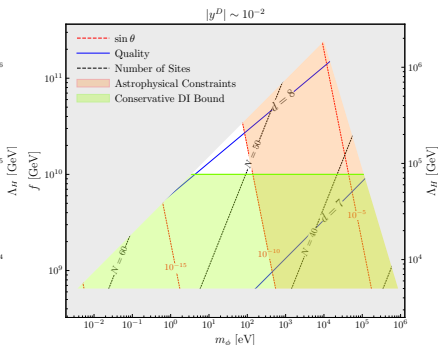
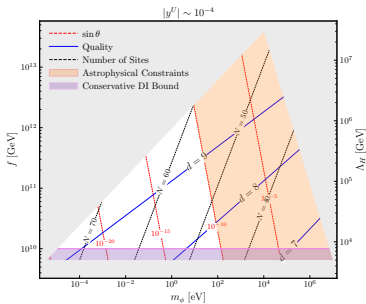
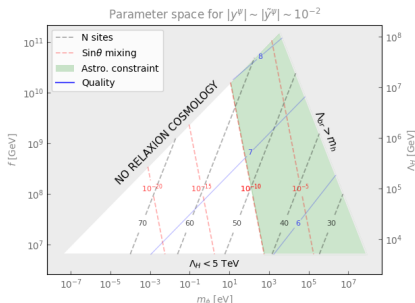


Figure 12: Optimistic result



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