# CONFORMAL HIGGS PORTAL MODELS

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# **MOTIVATION**

### ► PRINCIPAL QUESTIONS:

- CAN WEYL SYMMETRY BE ENCORPORATED IN PARTICLE PHYSICS AND GRAVITY (AT HIGH ENERGIES)?
- WHAT IS ITS SIMPLEST AND MOST NATURAL IMPLEMENTATION?
- HOW TO TEST IT?

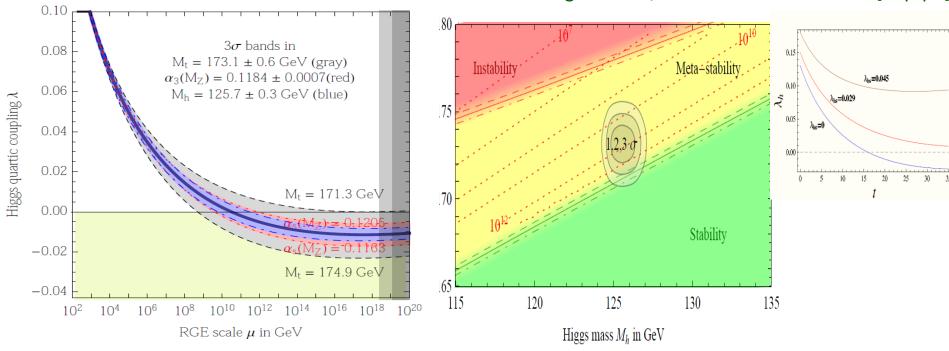
#### ► ANSWERS:

- YES
- TORSION TENSOR, BECAUSE IT MAKES (PURE) GRAVITY CONFORMAL
- TESTS: simple conformal extension of SM (Higgs close to conformal point)
  - observing torsion waves in gravitational observatories
  - gravitational wave and baryon production at the strong EWPT
  - inflationary observables in conformal inflationary models are constrained
  - surprises from the Planck scale physics (?)

### PHYSICAL MOTIVATION

- AT LARGE ENERGIES THE STANDARD MODEL IS ALMOST CONFORMALLY INVARIANT.
- HIGGS MASS AND KINETIC TERMS BREAK THE SYMMETRY
- OBSERVED HIGGS MASS:  $m_H = 125.3 \,\mathrm{GeV}$  is close to the stability bound
- STABILITY BOUND:  $m_H \approx 129 \, \text{GeV}$ : CAN BE ATTAINED BY ADDING SCALAR

Oleg Lebedev, e-Print: arXiv:1203.0156 [hep-ph]



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# THEORETICAL MOTIVATION

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- HIGGS MASS TERM RESPONSIBLE FOR GAUGE HIERARCHY PROBLEM
- IF WE COULD FORBID IT BY SYMMETRY, THE GHP WOULD BE SOLVED
- THIS SYMMETRY COULD BE WEYL SYMMETRY IMPOSED CLASSICALLY
- HIGGS MASS, NEWTON & COSMOLOGICAL CONSTANT GENERATED DYNAMICALLY BY THE COLEMAN-WEINBERG (CW) MECHANISM
- ONCE FINE TUNED TO THE OBSERVED VALUE, CC IS STABLE UNDER A CHANGE OF THE RENORMALIZATION SCALE.

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• IF GRAVITY IS CONFORMAL IN UV, IT MAY BE FREE OF SINGULARITIES (BOTH COSMOLOGICAL AND BLACK HOLE).

# WEYL SYMMETRY IN CLASSICAL GRAVITY

## **CLASSICAL WEYL SYMMETRY**

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WEYL TRANSFORMATION ON THE METRIC TENSOR

$$g_{\mu\nu} \to \tilde{g}_{\mu\nu} = e^{2\theta(x)} g_{\mu\nu}$$
  $d\tau \to d\tilde{\tau} = e^{-\theta(x)} d\tau$ 

ullet General connection  $\Gamma$ , torsion tensor T, christoffel con  $\Gamma$ 

$$\Gamma^{\lambda}_{\ \mu\nu} = T^{\lambda}_{\ \mu\nu} + T_{\mu\nu}^{\ \lambda} + T_{\nu\mu}^{\ \lambda} + \tilde{\Gamma}^{\lambda}_{\ \mu\nu}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Rightarrow \delta \Gamma^{\mu}_{\ \nu\rho} = \delta^{\mu}_{\ \nu} \partial_{\rho} \theta \Rightarrow \delta T^{\mu}_{\ \nu\rho} = \delta^{\mu}_{\ \nu} \partial_{\rho} \theta$$

$$\delta\Gamma^{\mu}{}_{\alpha\beta}^{\circ} = \delta^{\mu}{}_{(\alpha}\partial_{\beta)}\theta \quad \stackrel{\text{postulate}}{\Rightarrow} \quad \delta\Gamma^{\mu}{}_{\alpha\beta} = \delta^{\mu}{}_{\alpha}\partial_{\beta}\theta \quad \Rightarrow \quad \delta T^{\mu}{}_{\alpha\beta} = \delta^{\mu}{}_{[\alpha}\partial_{\beta]}\theta$$

- ullet RIEMANN TENSOR IS INVARIANT:  $\delta R^{lpha}_{\phantom{lpha}eta 
  u \delta} = 0$
- THIS IMPLIES THAT THE <u>VACUUM</u> EINSTEIN EQUATION IS WEYL INV:

$$G_{\mu\nu}=0$$
,  $\delta G_{\mu\nu}=0$ 

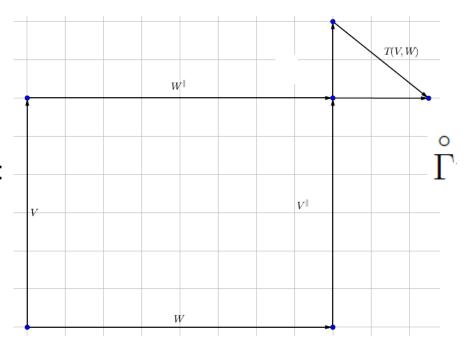
# GEOMETRIC VIEW OF TORSION

• (VECTORIAL) TORSION TRACE 1-FORM:

$$\mathcal{T} \equiv \mathcal{T}_{\mu} dx^{\mu} = \frac{2}{D-1} T^{\lambda}{}_{\lambda\mu} dx^{\mu}$$

• TRANSFORMS AS A VECTOR FIELD:

$$\mathcal{T} \to \mathcal{T} + \mathrm{d}\theta$$



 WHEN A VECTOR IS PARALLEL-TRANSPORTED, TORSION TRACE INDUCES A LENGTH CHANGE: CRUCIAL IN WHAT FOLLOWS

# PARALLEL TRANSPORT AND JACOBI EQUATION

• GEODESIC EQUATION:

$$\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} \frac{dx^{\mu}}{d\tau} \equiv \frac{dx^{\lambda}}{d\tau} \nabla_{\lambda} \frac{dx^{\mu}}{d\tau} = 0$$

 $\rightarrow$  TRANSFORMS MULTIPLICATIVELY (as  $1/d\tau^2$ )

$$\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} \frac{dx^{\mu}}{d\tau} = 0 \Longrightarrow e^{-2\theta(x)} \nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} \frac{dx^{\mu}}{d\tau} = 0$$

$$\begin{split} \Gamma^{\lambda}{}_{\mu\nu} &= T^{\lambda}{}_{\mu\nu} + T_{\mu\nu}{}^{\lambda} + T_{\nu\mu}{}^{\lambda} + \overset{\circ}{\Gamma}{}^{\lambda}{}_{\mu\nu} \\ \overset{\circ}{\Gamma} &= \text{LEVI-CIVITA} \\ T[X,Y] &= -\frac{1}{2}(\nabla_X Y - \nabla_Y X - [X,Y]) \\ T^{\lambda}{}_{\mu\nu} &= \Gamma^{\lambda}{}_{[\mu\nu]} &= \frac{1}{2}\left(\Gamma^{\lambda}{}_{\mu\nu} - \Gamma^{\lambda}{}_{\nu\mu}\right) \end{split}$$

NB: TRANSFORMATION OF d au COMPENSATED BY TRANSFORMATION OF  $\Gamma$ !

JACOBI EQUATION (JACOBI FIELDS J ⊥ 
 \( \daggee \)) AND RAYCHAUDHURI EQ:

$$\nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} \nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} J + 2 \nabla_{\dot{\gamma}} T[\dot{\gamma}, J] = R[\dot{\gamma}, J] \dot{\gamma}$$

- $\rightarrow$  ALSO TRANSFORMS MULTIPLICATIVELY (as  $1/d\tau^2$ ) UNDER WEYL TRANS
- SUGGESTS TO DEFINE A GAUGE INVARIANT PROPER TIME:

$$(d\tau)_{g.i.} = \exp\left(-\int_{x_0}^x T_{\mu} dx^{\mu}\right) d\tau := \text{ PHYSICAL TIME OF COMOVING OBSERVERS!}$$

# WEYL SYMMETRY IN MATTER SECTOR

#### SCALAR MATTER

• CONFORMAL WEIGHT  $w_{\phi}$  OF A CANONICAL SCALAR:

$$\phi \to e^{-\frac{D-2}{2}\theta} \phi \implies w_{\phi} = -\frac{D-2}{2}$$

• CONFORMAL (WEYL) COVARIANT DERIVATIVE:

$$\nabla_{\mu}\phi=\partial_{\mu}\phi+\tfrac{D-2}{2}\,T_{\mu}\phi$$

TORSION TRACE:  $\mathcal{T} \equiv \mathcal{T}_{\mu} dx^{\mu} = \frac{2}{D-1} T^{\lambda}{}_{\lambda\mu} dx^{\mu}$ 

ACTS AS A GAUGE CONNECTION! (no  $\ell$  - the group is non-compact)

• CONFORMALLY INVARIANT SCALAR ACTION:

KINETIC/GRADIENT TERMS; SELF-COUPLING & COUPLING TO GRAVITY

$$\int dx^D \sqrt{-g} \left( -\frac{1}{2} \nabla_{\mu} \phi \nabla_{\nu} \phi g^{\mu\nu} \right)$$

$$\int d^D x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ -\frac{\xi}{2} \phi^2 R - \frac{\lambda}{4!} \phi^4 \right\}$$

# **VECTOR & FERMIONIC MATTER**

CONFORMAL WEIGHTS OF CANONICAL FERMIONS AND VECTORS:

$$\psi \to e^{-\frac{D-1}{2}\theta}\psi$$

$$\Rightarrow w_{\psi} = -\frac{D-1}{2}, \quad w_{A} = -\frac{D-4}{2}$$

$$A_{\mu} \to e^{-\frac{D-4}{2}\theta}A_{\mu}$$

NB: FERMIONS ARE CONFORMAL IN D DIMENSIONS, VECTORS IN D=4:

$$\nabla_{\mu}\psi \rightarrow e^{-\frac{D-1}{2}\theta(x)} \nabla_{\mu}\psi$$
  $\nabla_{\mu}A_{\nu} \rightarrow \nabla_{\mu}A_{\nu}$ 

INVARIANT ACTIONS:

FERMIONS: 
$$\int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{i}{2} \left( \bar{\psi} \gamma^{\mu} (\nabla_{\mu} + e A_{\mu}) \psi - (\nabla_{\mu} - e A_{\mu}) \bar{\psi} \gamma^{\mu} \psi \right) - g_y \phi \bar{\psi} \psi \right]$$
VECTORS: 
$$-\frac{1}{4} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \text{Tr} \left( F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \right) \qquad \int d^Dx f \text{Tr} \left[ F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} \right]$$

NB1: IN D≠4, TORSION BREAKS GAUGE SYMMETRY!

NB2: TORSION TRACE ACTS AS A GAUGE CONNECTION (no i)!

# CLASSICALLY CONFORMAL STANDARD MODEL & GRAVITY

• HIGGS SECTOR 
$$\int \mathrm{d}^D x \sqrt{-g} \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (D_\mu H)^\dagger D^\mu H - \lambda_H (H^\dagger H)^2 + g_{H\Phi} H^\dagger H \Phi^2 - \lambda_\Phi \Phi^4 \right]$$

COVARIANT DERIVATIVE: 
$$D_{\mu}H = \partial_{\mu}H + \frac{D-2}{2}\mathcal{T}_{\mu}H - ig\sum_{a}W_{\mu}^{a}\sigma^{a}\cdot H - ig'YB_{\mu}H$$

- CAN EXHIBIT DYNAMICAL SYMMETRY BREAKING VIA THE CW MECHANISM
- DILATON ACTION:

$$S[\phi, g_{\mu\nu}] = \int dx^{D} \sqrt{-g} \left[ -\frac{\xi}{2} \phi^{2} R - \frac{1}{2} \nabla_{\mu} \phi \nabla_{\mu} \phi g^{\mu\nu} - \frac{\lambda_{\phi}}{4} \phi^{4} \right]$$

• ACTION FOR FERMIONS:

$$\int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \frac{i}{2} \left( \bar{\psi} \gamma^{\mu} (\nabla_{\mu} + eA_{\mu}) \psi - (\nabla_{\mu} - eA_{\mu}) \bar{\psi} \gamma^{\mu} \psi \right) - g_y \phi \bar{\psi} \psi \right]$$

GRAVITATIONAL ACTION (LAST TERM IS BOUNDARY [GB] TERM IN D=4):

$$\int d^D x \sqrt{-g} \left( \xi_1 R^2 + \xi_2 R_{\mu\nu} R^{\mu\nu} + \xi_3 R_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} R^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} \right)$$

NB: SM+GRAVITY CAN BE MADE WEYL INVARIANT ONLY IN D=4.

# DETECTING TORSION WAVES

### **GRAVITATIONAL WAVES**

#### GRAVITATIONAL WAVES

$$\frac{d^2J^i}{dt^2} = \frac{1}{2}\ddot{h}_{ij}(t,\vec{x})J^j$$

Plus polarization:  $h_{xx} = -h_{yy} = h_{+} \cos(\omega t - kz)$ 

$$J^{x}(t,z) = J_{(0)}^{x} \left[ 1 + (h_{+}/2)\cos(\omega t - kz) \right]$$

Cross polarization:  $h_{xy} = h_{yx} = h_{\times} \cos(\omega t - kz)$ 

$$J^{x}(t,z) = J_{(0)}^{x} + (h_{\times}/2)J_{(0)}^{y}\cos(\omega t - kz)$$

# DETECTORS FOR TORSION WAVES 18°

#### GW INTEFEROMETERS such as aLIGO/VIRGO

TORSION TRACE

$$\ddot{J}^{i} = J^{0}\dot{\mathcal{T}}^{i} + J^{j}\partial_{j}\mathcal{T}^{i} \qquad \mathcal{T}^{i} = \mathcal{T}^{i}_{(0)}\cos(\omega t - kz)$$

- ► LONGITUDINAL  $\mathcal{T}_{(0),L}^i = \delta_z^i \frac{\omega}{m}, \ \mathcal{T}_{(0),L}^0 = -\frac{\|k\|}{m}$ 
  - DETECTOR RESPONSE

$$\Delta J_{(0)}^z = -\frac{c^2 k}{\omega^2} \mathcal{T}_{(0),L}^z J_{(0)}^z \approx -\frac{c}{\omega} \mathcal{T}_{(0),L}^z J_{(0)}^z, \qquad \Delta J_{(0)}^{x,y} = 0.$$

- ► TRANSVERSE  $\mathcal{T}^i_{(0),T} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \delta^i_x \pm \delta^i_y \right), \ \mathcal{T}^0_{(0),T} = 0$ 
  - **ODETECTOR RESPONSE**

$$\Delta J_{(0)}^z = 0, \qquad \Delta J_{(0)}^{x,y} = -\frac{c^2 k}{\omega^2} \mathcal{T}_{(0),T}^{x,y} J_{(0)}^z \approx -\frac{c}{m} \mathcal{T}_{(0),T}^{x,y} J_{(0)}^z$$

- GRAVITATIONAL WAVES vs TORSION WAVES: a comparsion
  - ► PHASE SHIFT ¼ PERIOD
  - FREQUENCY DEPENDENCE
  - ► TORSION TRACE (L) COUPLES TO TRACE OF STRESS-ENERGY TENSOR

### **TORSION SOURCES**

- ullet E.G.: TORSION TRACE: LONGITUDINAL MODE  $\,\mathcal{T}_{\mu}=\partial_{\mu} heta$ 
  - ▶ ITS MASS IS PROTECTED BY THE CONFORMAL WARD-TAKAHASHI,

$$\Box \theta = \frac{8\pi G_N}{c^4} \frac{T_{\mu}^{\mu}}{6} \,, \, \Box h_{ij} = \frac{8\pi G_N}{c^4} T_{ij}$$

► THIS IMPLIES ABOUT 1 order of magnitude suppression when compared with the amplitude of gravitational waves, i.e.

$$\frac{\theta}{h_{ij}} \sim \frac{e^2}{2}$$

- e=sources excentricity (can be as large as ~0.5)
- ► DETECTABLE BY THE NEXT GENERATION OF OBSERVATORIES such as EINSTEIN TELESCOPE.

# **CONFORMAL EXTENSIONS OF SM:**

# CONFORMAL HIGGS PORTAL MODELS: SU(2)cSM

# SU(2)cSM

- NO HIGGS MASS TERM, BUT
- ADITIONAL TERMS IN THE PORTAL LAGRANGIAN:

$$\delta L = -\lambda_{H\Phi} |\Phi|^2 |H|^2 - \lambda_{\Phi} |\Phi|^4 - \left(D_{\mu}\Phi\right)^+ D_{\nu}\Phi - \frac{1}{4} Tr[X_{\mu\nu}X^{\mu\nu}]$$

 $\circ$   $\Phi$  &  $X_{\mu}$  IN FUNDAMENTAL AND ADJOINT REPRESENTATION OF  $SU(2)_X$ 

$$X_{\mu\nu} = \partial_{\mu}X_{\nu} - \partial_{\nu}X_{\mu}$$
,  $D_{\mu}\Phi = \partial_{\mu}\Phi + \frac{D-2}{2}T_{\mu}\Phi + ig_XX_{\mu}$ 

- SIMPLEST MODEL: <u>PERT</u> AT PLANCK SCALE AND EXHIBITS <u>CW</u> MECH
- $\circ$  MANY OTHER VARIANTS POSSIBLE:  $SU(N)_X$  + HIDDEN FERMIONS

## PROBLEMS WITH PERTURBATIVITY

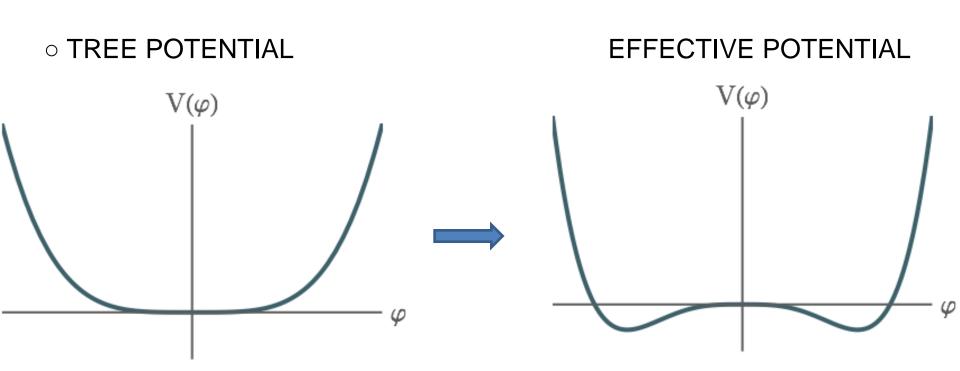
PERTURBATION THEORY IN MULTISCALE THEORIES: A DOUBLE SUM:

$$V_{\rm eff} \supset \sum_{m,n} \sum_{i,j=0,i+j\geq 2}^{\infty} \lambda_m^{\ i} \ L_n^{\ j} \phi_n^{\ 2l} \phi_m^{\ 4-2l}, \quad L_n \equiv \log\left[\frac{\phi_n}{\mu}\right], \quad l=0,1$$

- $\circ$  WHEN SOME OF  $L_n$  ARE LARGE, THAT CAN DESTROY PERTURBATIVITY OF THE THEORY
- $\circ$  PERTURBATIVITY CAN BE RESTORED BY RG IMPROVING  $V_{
  m eff}$
- $\circ$  MULTISCALE METHOD  $-\frac{\phi_n}{\mu} \rightarrow \frac{\phi_n}{\mu_n}$  IS EXACT, BUT COMPLICATED
- WE HAVE DEVELOPED A SIMPLE, SINGLE SCALE METHOD THAT WORKS WELL

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#### WHY RG IMPROVED EFFECTIVE POTENTIAL?



- QUANTUM LOOPS MAY INDUCE SPONTANEOUS CONDENSATION OF SCALARS.
- NAIVE PERTURBATIVE POTENTIAL CANNOT BE TRUSTED.

### A SINGLE SCALE METHOD

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# RENORMALIZATION GROUP EQUATION

#### **O CALLAN-SYMANZIK EQUATION**

• 
$$\mu \frac{d}{d\mu} \Gamma_{\text{eff}} = 0$$
 IS EXACT, BUT COMPLICATED TO SOLVE

#### IR LIMIT - FOR EFFECTIVE POTENTIAL

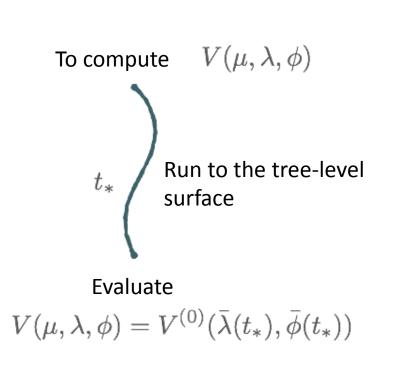
$$\mu \frac{\mathrm{d}V}{\mathrm{d}\mu}(\mu; \lambda, \phi) = \left(\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} + \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\lambda}} \beta_i \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda_i} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{a=1}^{N_{\phi}} \gamma_a \phi_a \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi_a} \right) V(\mu; \lambda, \phi) = 0$$

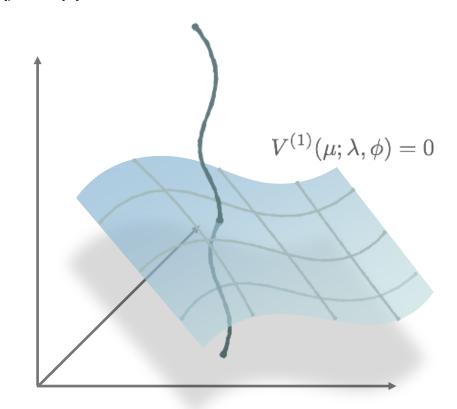
#### MULTI FIELD METHOD

COLEMAN WEINBER 1 LOOP POTENTIAL

$$V^{(1)}(\mu, \lambda, \phi) = \frac{1}{64\pi^2} \sum_{a} n_a m_a^4(\lambda, \phi) \left[ \log \frac{m_a^2(\lambda, \phi)}{\mu^2} - \chi_a \right]$$

• BY USING METHOD OF CHARACTERISTIC, RG FLOW PERTURBATIVE POTENTIAL TO THE TREE LEVEL SURFACE WHERE  $V^{(1)}(\mu,\lambda,\phi)$  VANISHES!





#### MULTI FIELD METHOD

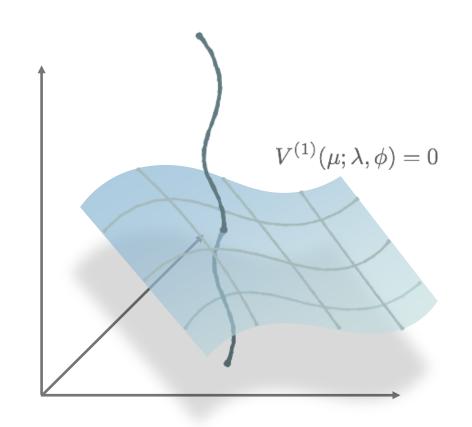
$$V(\mu, \lambda, \phi) = V^{(0)}(\bar{\lambda}(t_*), \bar{\phi}(t_*))$$

What is ?\*\*

$$V^{(1)}(\bar{\mu}(t_*); \bar{\lambda}(t_*), \bar{\phi}(t_*)) = 0$$



$$t_*^{(0)} = \frac{V^{(1)}(\mu, \lambda, \phi)}{2\mathbb{B}(\lambda, \phi)}$$



#### **VACUUM STABILITY**

$$\lim_{\phi \to \infty} V(\phi) = ?$$

ONE LOOP POTENTIAL NOT SUITABLE FOR THIS QUESTION PRED OF RG IMPROVEMENT

$$V(\mu, \lambda, \phi) = V^{(0)}(\bar{\lambda}(t_*), \bar{\phi}(t_*))$$



ENOUGH TO CONSIDER TREE LEVEL CONDITION EVALUATED AT LARGE SCALE  ${}^{\sim}M_{\rm P}$ .

#### **INTERLUDE**

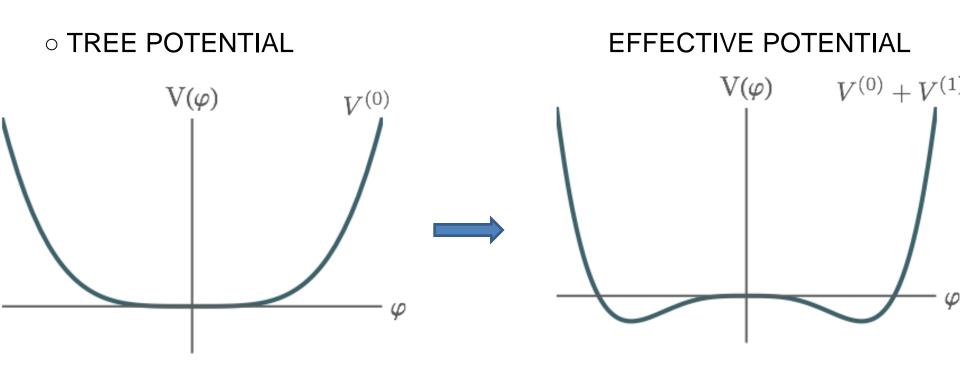
- RG improved effective potential needed in multi-field models
- RG improvement by running to the hypersurface where (one-)loop corrections vanish
- The RG scale given implicitly (can be computed numerically) or approximately
- Applicable to study vacuum stability

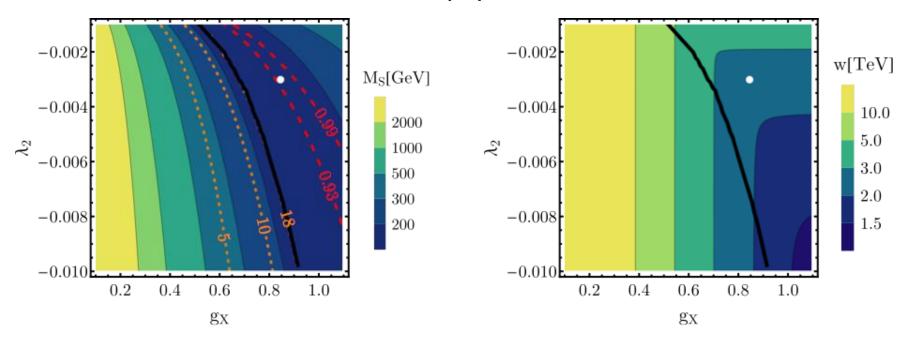
# APPLICATION: SU(2)cSM

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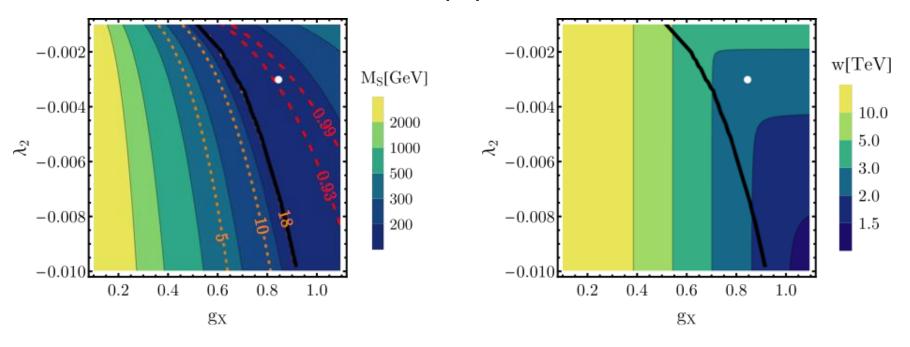
# SU(2)CSM

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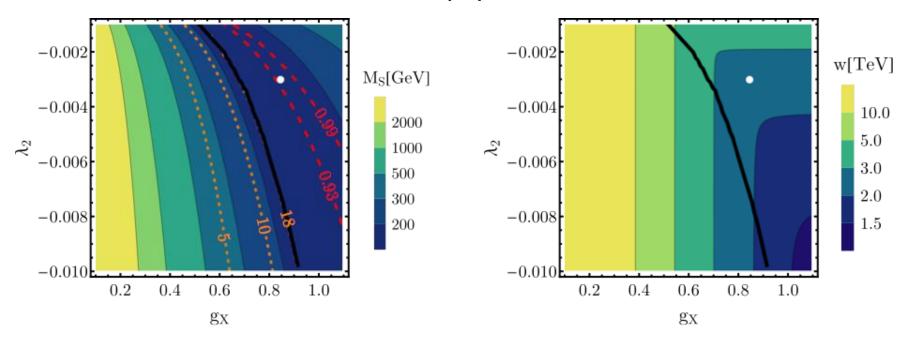




	$\mu  [{ m GeV}]$	$\lambda_1$	$\lambda_2$	$\lambda_3$	$g_X$	$w[\mathrm{GeV}]$	$V_{ m SM}^{(1)} [{ m GeV}^4]$	$V_{ m X}^{(1)} [{ m GeV}^4]$	$V^{(1)}/V^{(0)}$
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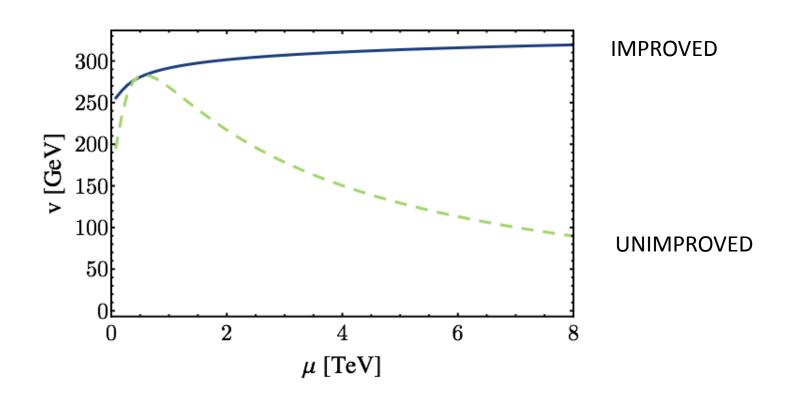


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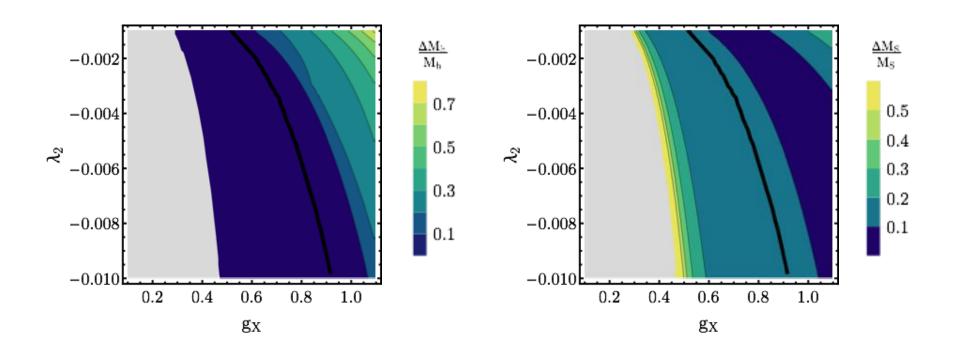


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## **RUNNING VEVs**



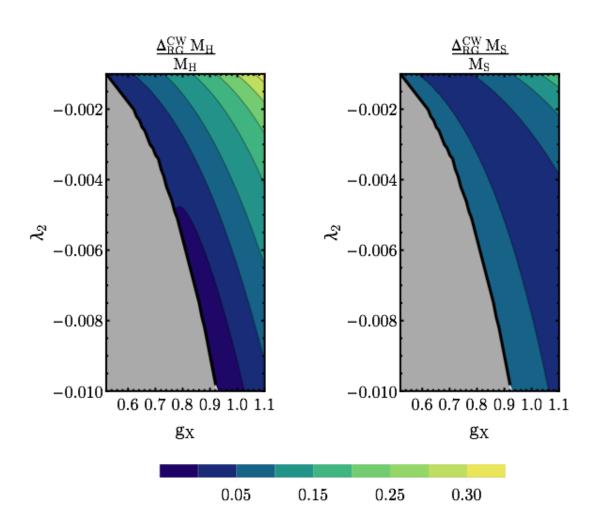
#### **RUNNING MASSES**



Change induced (mainly) by

$$\mu = 246 \, \mathrm{GeV} \rightarrow \mu = 940 \, \mathrm{GeV}$$

### **RUNNING MASSES**



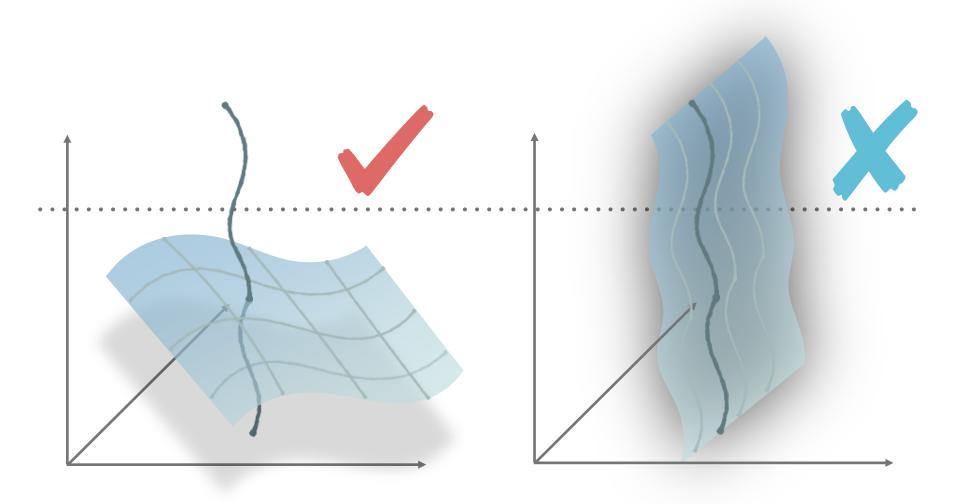
#### **INTERLUDE 2**

- RG improved effective potential gives VEVs that are less scale dependent
- RG improves perturbative behaviour of the expansion
- Less scale dependent effective potential gives less scale dependent masses

## TECHNICAL REMARK

# **VALIDITY OF THE METHOD**

#### BOUNDARY SURFACE OF TREE POTENTIAL MUST BE NONCHARACTERISTIC



# CONFORMAL SYMMETRY AND COSMOLOGICAL CONSTANT

### **CONFORMAL MODEL**

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ACTION, CLASSICALLY CONFORMAL

$$S[\varphi, g_{\mu\nu}, T, \psi_i] = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ \alpha \, \phi^2 R + \beta R^2 - \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \nabla_\mu \varphi \nabla_\nu \varphi - \frac{\lambda}{4} \phi^4 \right\} + S_m[\psi i, g_{\mu\nu}, T]$$

ON SHELL EQUIVALENT ACTION

$$S[\phi, g_{\mu\nu}, T, \psi_i] = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \omega^2 R - \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \nabla_{\mu} \phi \nabla_{\nu} \phi - \frac{1}{8\beta} (\alpha \phi^2 - \omega^2)^2 - \frac{\lambda}{4} \phi^4 \right\} + S_m[\psi_i, g_{\mu\nu}, T]$$

- $\circ$  <u>FIELDS</u>: GRAVITON g, TORSION T, DILATON  $\omega$ , SCALARON  $\phi$ , MATTER FIELDS  $\psi$
- DILATON & SCALAR CONDENSE BY THE COLEMAN WEINBERG MECHANISM
- GRAVITATIONAL (MATTER) CONTRIBUTIONS TO CC ARE POSITIVE (NEGATIVE)
- ONE CAN FINE TUNE THEM ONCE TO THE OBSERVED VALUE (~62 digits)
- ONCE TUNED, THE VALUE OF CC IS STABLE UNDER A CHANGE OF RG SCALE

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- <u>CHALLENGE:</u> USE FRG METHODS TO STUDY HOW THIS THEORY DIFFERS FROM THE USUAL GRAVITY [experimental tests: earthly, SOLAR, cosmo, etc]
- <u>CHALLENGE 2:</u> IS ANYTHING DIFFERENT WRT UNITARITY. NOTE THAT DUE TO ABSENCE OF THE PLANCK SCALE, THE GHOST PROPAGATOR SHOULD BE MASSLESS (WORSE?)
- <u>CHALLENGE 3:</u> CONFRONT THIS NOVEL THEORY AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE WITH OBSERVATIONS
- <u>CHALLENGE 4:</u> CAN WE GET RID OF (COSMOLOGICAL AND BLACK HOLE) SINGULARITIES?

$$(d\tau)_{g.i.} = \exp\left(-\int_{x_0}^x T_\mu dx^\mu\right) d\tau \coloneqq \begin{array}{c} \mathsf{PHYSICAL\ TIME\ OF} \\ \mathsf{COMOVING\ OBSERVERS} \end{array}$$