

Cosmological probes of Electroweak symmetry breaking

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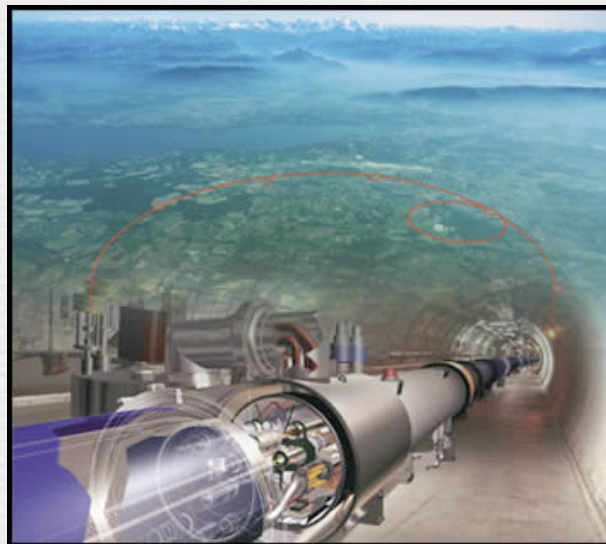


2010: First collisions at the LHC

Direct exploration of the TeV scale has started

main physics goal:

What is the mechanism of Electroweak Symmetry breaking ?



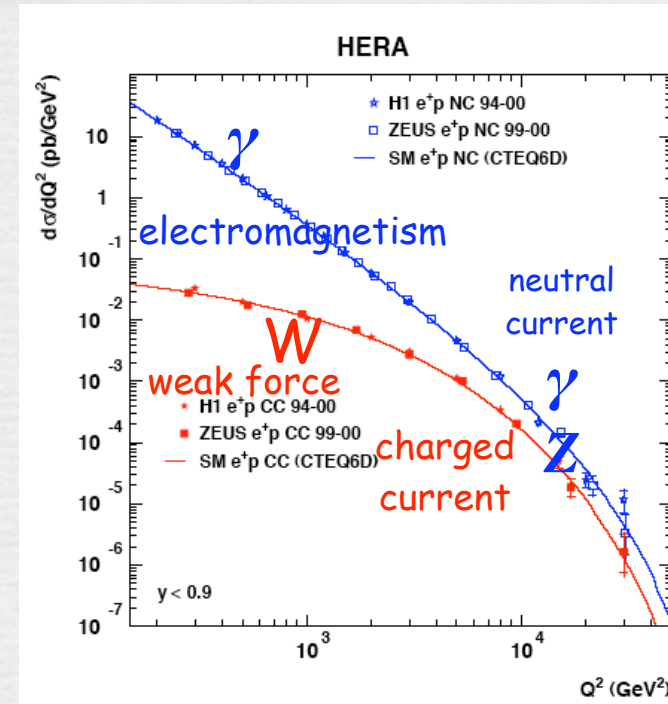
The Standard Model of Particle Physics

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Standard Model}} = \underbrace{- F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{a\mu\nu}}_{\substack{\text{gauge} \\ \text{sector} \\ SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y}} + \underbrace{(\lambda_{ij} \Psi_i \Psi_j h + \text{h.c.})}_{\substack{\text{flavour} \\ \text{sector}}} + \underbrace{N_i M_{ij} N_j}_{\substack{\text{neutrino mass} \\ \text{sector} \\ \text{(if Majorana)}}} + \underbrace{|D_\mu h|^2 - V(h)}_{\substack{\text{(spontaneous) electroweak} \\ \text{symmetry breaking sector}}}$$

↑ Forces
↑ Matter
↑ Background

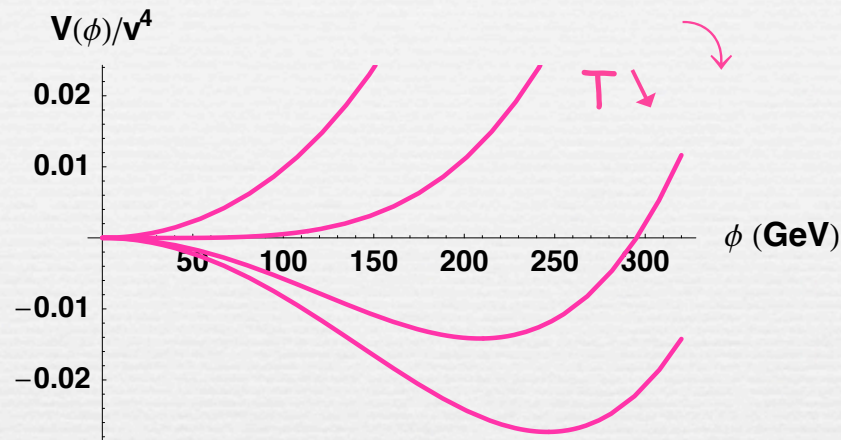
- one century to develop it
- tested with impressive precision
- accounts for all data in experimental particle physics

The Higgs is the only remaining unobserved piece
and a portal to new physics hidden sectors

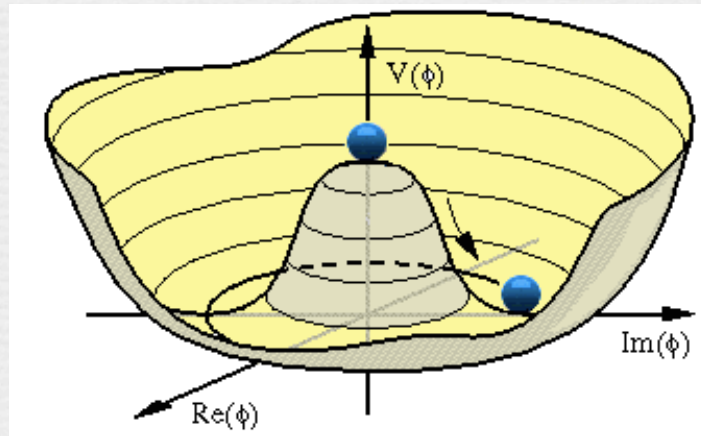


Higgs Mechanism

EW symmetry breaking is described by the condensation of a scalar field



The Higgs selects a vacuum state by developing a non zero background value. When it does so, it gives mass to SM particles it couples to.



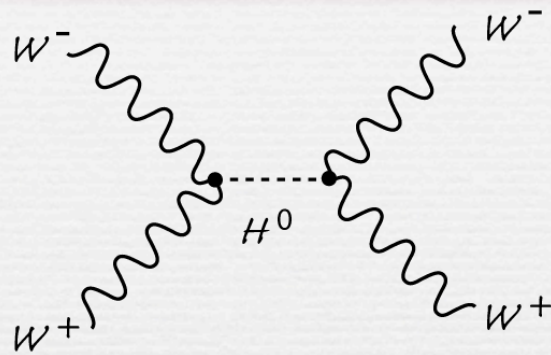
the puzzle:

We do not know what makes the Higgs condensate.

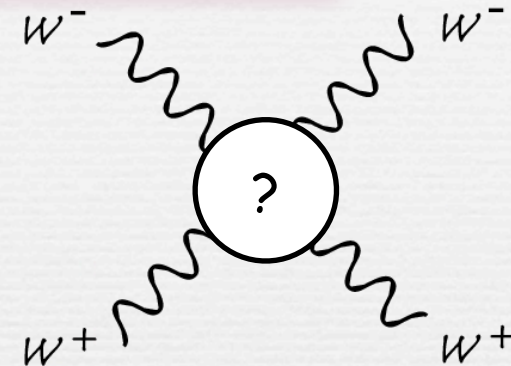
We ARRANGE the Higgs potential so that the Higgs condensates but this is just a parametrization that we are unable to explain dynamically.

Electroweak symmetry breaking: 2 main questions

- What is unitarizing the $W_L W_L$ scattering amplitude?

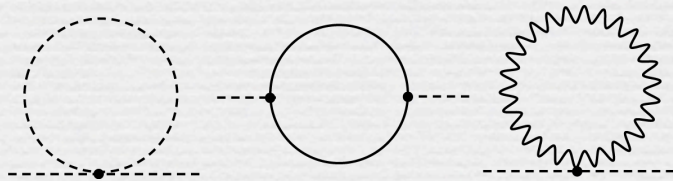


the Higgs or something else?



- What is cancelling the divergent diagrams?

(i.e. what is keeping the Higgs light?)
: Hierarchy problem



$$\Rightarrow \delta M_H^2 \propto \Lambda^2$$

Λ , the maximum mass scale that the theory describes

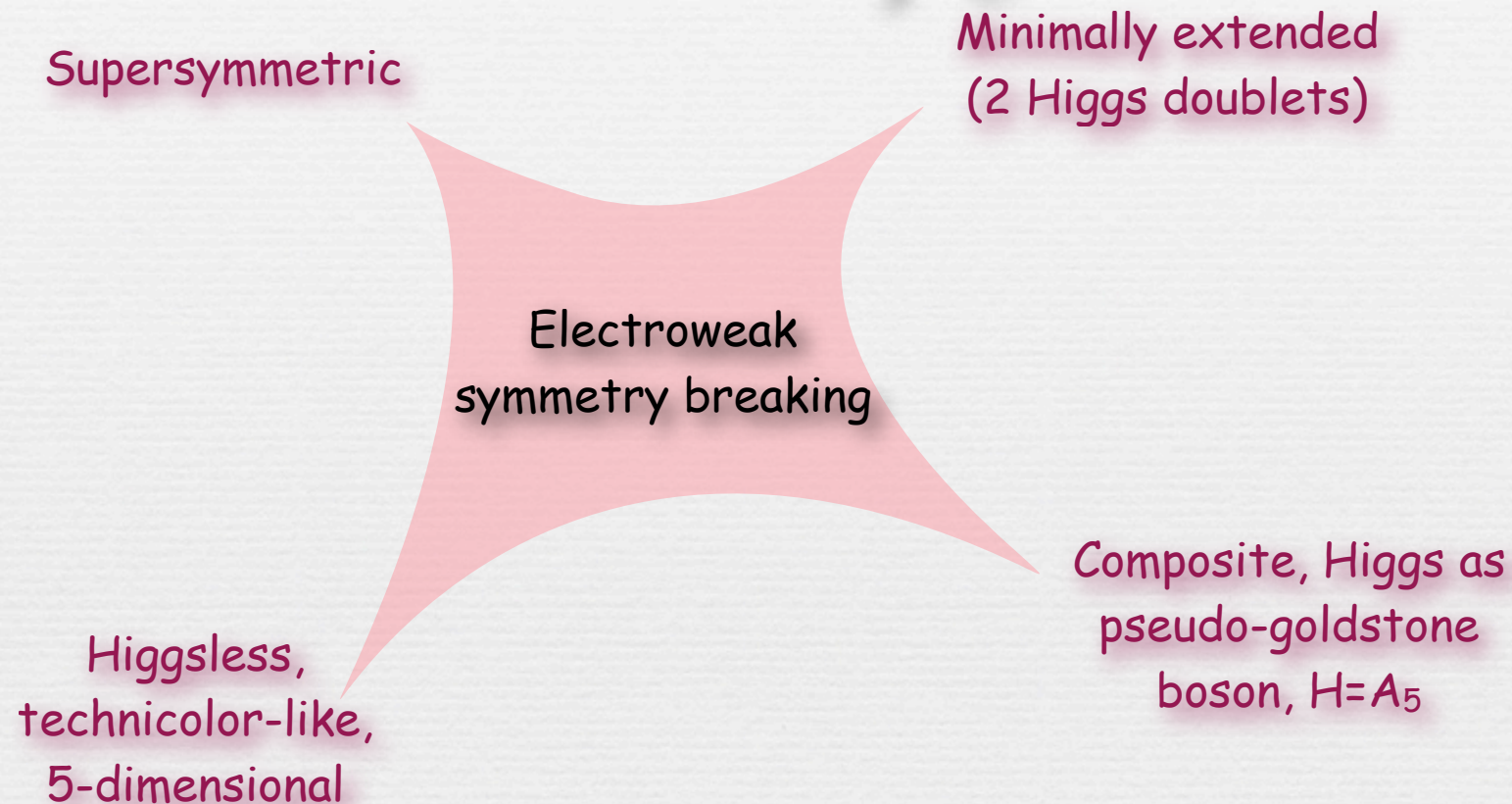
strong sensitivity on UV unknown physics

need new degrees of freedom & new symmetries to cancel the divergences

supersymmetry, gauge-Higgs unification, Higgs as a pseudo-goldstone boson...

→ theoretical need for new physics at the TeV scale

Which new physics?



In all explicit examples, without unwarranted cancellations, new phenomena are required at a scale $\Lambda \sim [3-5] \times M_{\text{Higgs}}$

Which Higgs ?

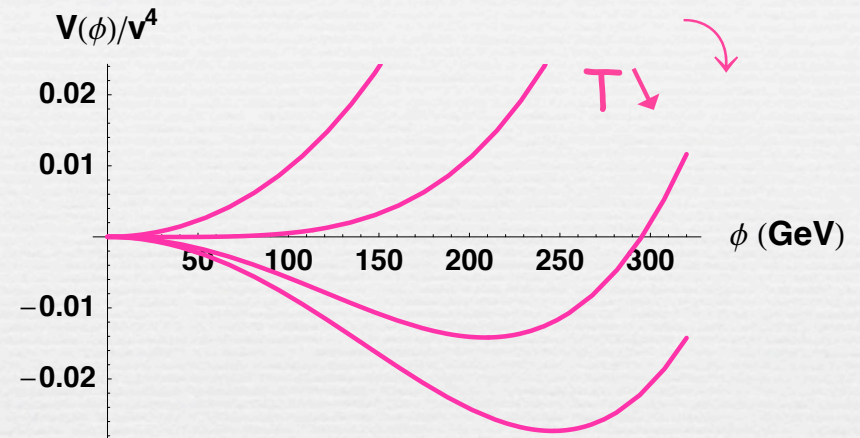
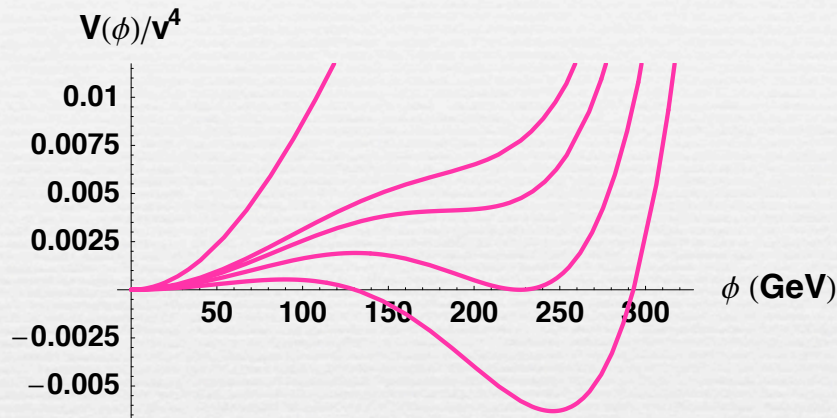
- ▶ Composite Higgs ?
- ▶ Little Higgs ?
- ▶ Littlest Higgs ?
- ▶ Intermediate Higgs ?
- ▶ Slim Higgs ?
- ▶ Fat Higgs ?
- ▶ Gauge-Higgs ?
- ▶ Holographic Higgs ?
- ▶ Gaugephobic Higgs ?
- ▶ Higgsless ?
- ▶ UnHiggs ?
- ▶ Portal Higgs ?
- ▶ Simplest Higgs ?
- ▶ Private Higgs ?
- ▶ Lone Higgs ?
- ▶ Phantom Higgs ?

What is the nature of the electroweak phase transition?

first-order

or

second-order?



LHC will provide insight as it will shed light on the Higgs sector

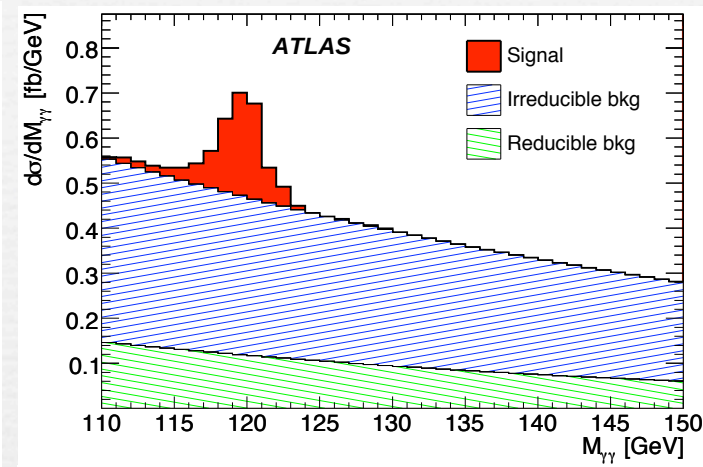
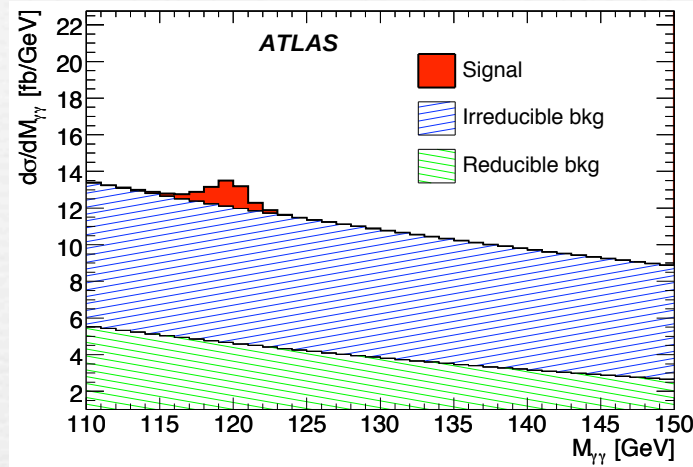
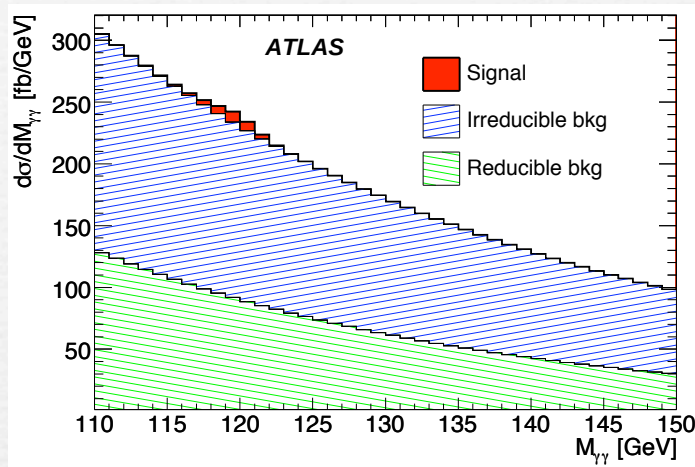
Question intensively studied within the Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model (MSSM). However, not so beyond the MSSM (gauge-higgs unification in extra dimensions, composite Higgs, Little Higgs, Higgsless...)

Why do we care?

- 1) Nature and properties of the EW phase transition reflect information on the dynamics behind EW symmetry breaking (e.g weakly or strongly interacting).
- 2) Crucial for reliable computations of electroweak baryogenesis

What questions the LHC experiments will try to answer :

• Does a Higgs boson exist ?



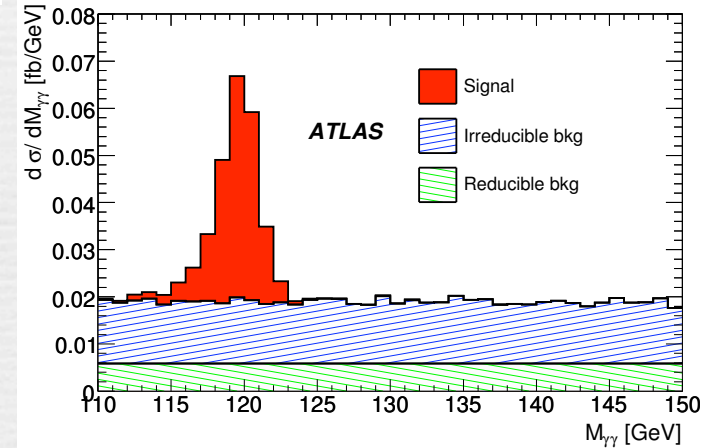
If yes :

- ☒ is there only one ?
- ☒ what are its mass, width, quantum numbers ?
- ☒ what are its couplings to itself and other particles
- ☒ Spin determination
- ☒ CP properties
- ☒ does it generate EW symmetry breaking and give mass to fermions too as in the Standard Model or is something else needed ?

If not, be ready for

- very tough searches at the (S)LHC (VLVL scattering, ...) or
- more spectacular phenomena such as W' , Z' (KK) resonances, technicolor, etc...

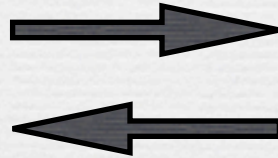
• Searches for other new particles: Do they play any role in EW symmetry breaking?



LHC will most likely not provide the final answer

Searching for complementary probes of the EW symmetry breaking mechanism in cosmological observables

**New TeV scale
physics**



**Cosmological
signatures**

mainly from

- dark matter
- baryogenesis (this talk)

(see also recent interest
in higgs inflation)

Imagine what our universe would look like if electroweak symmetry was not broken

- quarks and leptons would be massless

- mass of proton and neutron (the strong force confines quarks into hadrons) would be a little changed

- proton becomes heavier than neutron (due to its electrostatic self energy) ! no more stable

- > no hydrogen atom

- > very different primordial nucleosynthesis

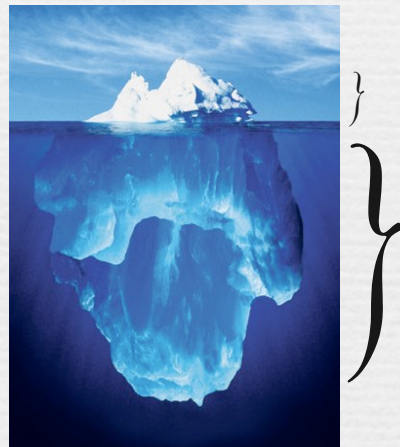
- > a profoundly different (and terribly boring) universe

2 major observations unexplained by the Standard Model

that may have something to do with new physics at the electroweak scale

- the Dark Matter of the Universe

Some invisible transparent matter (that does not interact with photons) which presence is deduced through its gravitational effects



15% baryonic matter (1% in stars, 14% in gas)

85% dark unknown matter

- the (quasi) absence of antimatter in the universe

baryon asymmetry: $\frac{n_B - n_{\bar{B}}}{n_B + n_{\bar{B}}} \sim 10^{-10}$

Matter Anti-matter asymmetry of the universe:

characterized in terms of the
baryon to photon ratio

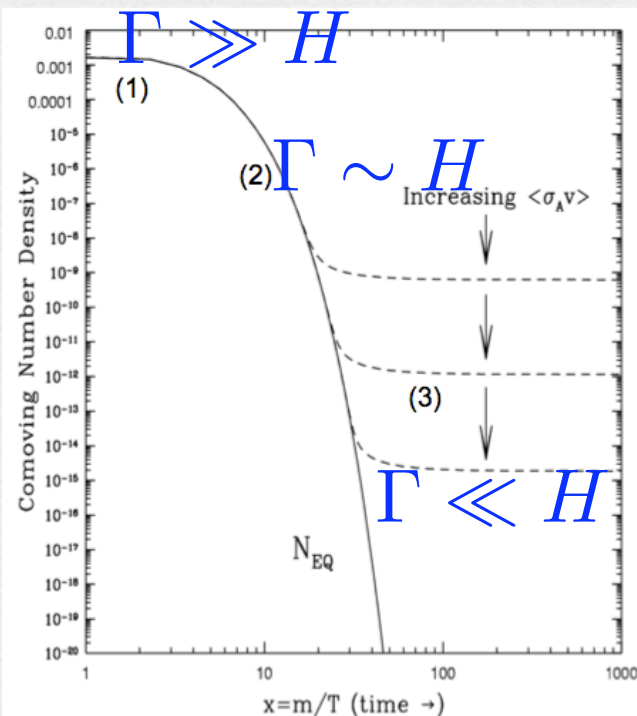
$$\eta \equiv \frac{n_B - n_{\bar{B}}}{n_\gamma}$$

$$\sim 6 \cdot 10^{-10}$$

The great annihilation between
nucleons & anti-nucleons



occurs when $\Gamma \sim (m_N T)^{3/2} e^{-m_N/T} / m_\pi^2 \sim H \sim \sqrt{g_*} T^2 / m_{Pl}$



corresponding to a freeze-out temperature $T_F \sim 20 \text{ MeV}$

In absence of
an asymmetry:

$$\frac{n_N}{s} \approx 7 \times 10^{-20}$$

10^9 times smaller than observed,
and there are no antibaryons
-> need to invoke an initial asymmetry

10 000 000 001
Matter

10 000 000 000
Anti-matter

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(us)

Sakharov's conditions for baryogenesis (1967)

1) Baryon number violation

(we need a process which can turn antimatter into matter)

2) C (charge conjugation) and CP (charge conjugation × Parity) violation

(we need to prefer matter over antimatter)

3) Loss of thermal equilibrium

In thermal equilibrium, any reaction which destroys baryon number will be exactly counterbalanced by the inverse reaction which creates it. Thus no asymmetry may develop, even if CP is violated. And any preexisting asymmetry will be erased by interactions

(we need an irreversible process since in thermal equilibrium, the particle density depends only on the mass of the particle and on temperature --particles & antiparticles have the same mass, so no asymmetry can develop)

$$\Gamma(\Delta B > 0) > \Gamma(\Delta B < 0)$$

Why can't we achieve baryogenesis in the Standard Model?

B is violated

C and CP are violated

but which out-of-equilibrium condition?

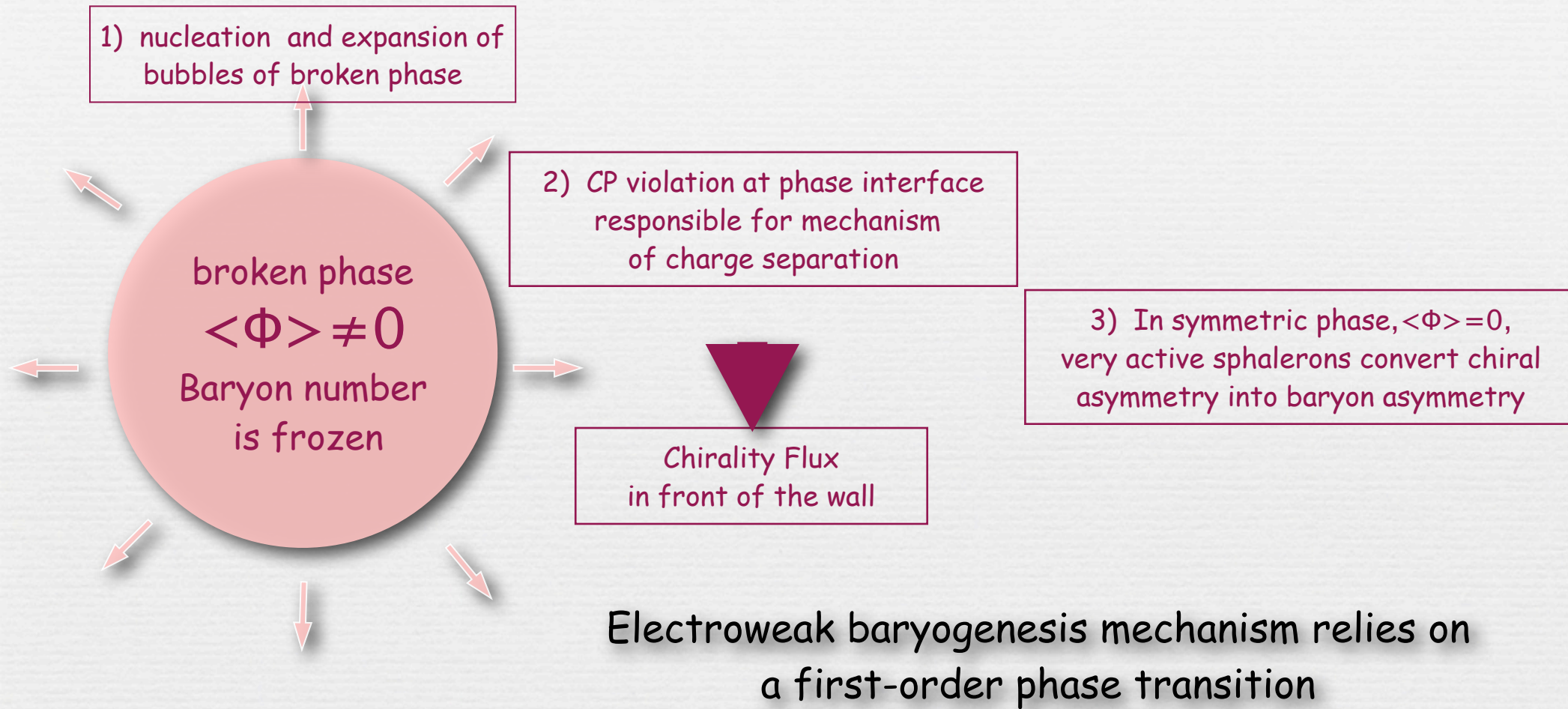
no heavy particle which could decay out-of-equilibrium

no strong first-order phase transition

Electroweak phase transition is a smooth cross over

Also, CP violation is too small (suppressed by the small quark masses, remember there is no CP violation if quark masses vanish)

Baryon asymmetry and the EW scale



EW baryogenesis is natural...

$$\left. \begin{aligned} n_B &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dn_B}{dt} \frac{dz}{v_z} \\ \frac{dn_B}{dt} &\sim n_B \frac{\Gamma_{sph}}{T^3} \end{aligned} \right\} n_B \propto \frac{\Gamma_{sph}}{T^3 v_z} \int_{-\infty}^0 n_L dz$$

$$\Gamma_{sph} \sim 25 \alpha_w^5 T^4 \sim \alpha_w^4 T^4 \Rightarrow \frac{n_B}{s} \sim \frac{\alpha_w^4}{g_*} \epsilon_{CP} \sim 10^{-10}$$


$$\epsilon_{CP} \gtrsim 10^{-2}$$

If CP violating effects are large at weak energies, we obtain the right amount of baryon asymmetry

-> However, strong bounds from EDMs

Rate of B violation in the EW broken phase

$$\Gamma = 2.8 \times 10^5 \left(\frac{\alpha_W}{4\pi} \right)^4 \kappa C^{-7} T^4 \left(\frac{E_{sph}}{T} \right)^7 e^{-E_{sph}/T}$$

Arnold-McLerran'87
Khlebnikov-Shaposhnikov'88
Carson-McLerran'90
Carson-Li-McLerran-Wang'90

Out-of-equilibrium condition:

$$\frac{\Gamma}{T^3} < H \sim \frac{\sqrt{\rho}}{m_{Pl}} \Rightarrow \left. \frac{\langle \phi \rangle}{T} \right|_{T_c} > 1$$

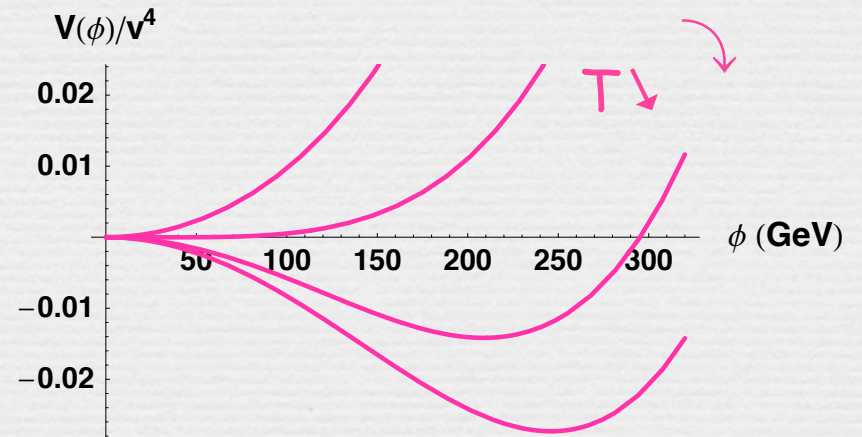
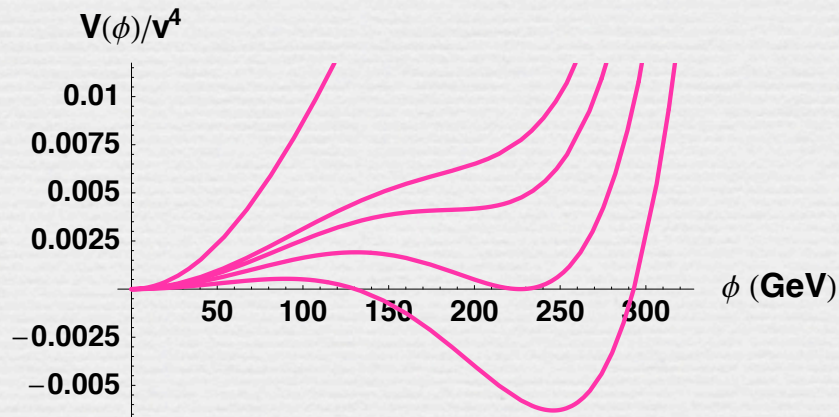
= 'sphaleron bound'

What to expect for the EW phase transition

first-order

or

second-order?



Effective potential at finite temperature

$$V_{1\text{-loop}} = T \sum_i \pm \int \frac{d^3 p}{(2\pi)^3} \ln \left(1 \mp e^{-\beta \sqrt{p^2 + m_i^2(H)}} \right) \begin{cases} \text{bosons} \\ \text{fermions} \end{cases}$$

High-temperature expansion

$$\begin{aligned} V_{1\text{-loop}} = & \sum_{i \in B, F} \frac{m_i^2 T^2}{48} \times \begin{cases} 2, \text{ each real B} \\ 4, \text{ each Dirac F} \end{cases} - \frac{m_i^3 T}{12\pi} \begin{cases} 1, \text{ B} \\ 0, \text{ F} \end{cases} \\ & + \frac{m_i^4}{64\pi^2} \left(\ln \frac{m_i^2}{T^2} - c_i \right) \times \begin{cases} -1, \text{ B} \\ +4, \text{ Dirac F} \end{cases} + O\left(\frac{m_i^5}{T}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$c_i = \begin{cases} \frac{3}{2} + 2 \ln 4\pi - 2\gamma_E \cong 5.408, \text{ B} \\ c_B - 2 \ln 4 \cong 2.635, \text{ F} \end{cases}$$

In the SM, a 1st-order phase transition can occur due to thermally generated cubic Higgs interactions:

$$V(\phi, T) \approx \frac{1}{2}(-\mu_h^2 + cT^2)\phi^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4}\phi^4 - ET\phi^3$$


$$-ET\phi^3 \subset -\frac{T}{12\pi} \sum_i m_i^3(\phi)$$

Sum over all bosons which couple to the Higgs

In the SM: $\sum_i \simeq \sum_{W,Z} \Rightarrow$ not enough

$m_h < 35$ GeV would be needed to get $\Phi/T > 1$ and for $m_h > 72$ GeV, the phase transition is 2nd order

Strength of the transition in the SM:

$$\langle \phi(T_c) \rangle = \frac{2 E T_c}{\lambda} \Rightarrow \frac{\langle \phi(T_c) \rangle}{T_c} = \frac{2 E v_0^2}{\lambda v_0^2} = \frac{4 E v_0^2}{m_h^2}$$

$$v_0 \approx 246 \text{ GeV} \quad \text{and} \quad E = \frac{2}{3} \frac{2m_W^3 + m_Z^3}{4\pi v_0^3} \sim 6.3 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\frac{\langle \phi(T_c) \rangle}{T_c} \gtrsim 1 \quad \longrightarrow \quad m_h \lesssim 47 \text{ GeV}$$

In the MSSM: new bosonic degrees of freedom with large coupling to the Higgs

Main effect due to the stop

$$-ET\phi^3 \subset -\frac{T}{12\pi} \sum_i m_i^3(\phi)$$

in MSSM, 'stop' contribution:

$$m_{\tilde{t}_R}^2(h, T) \approx m_U^2 + m_t(h)^2 + c_s T^2$$

we need $m_U^2 < 0$

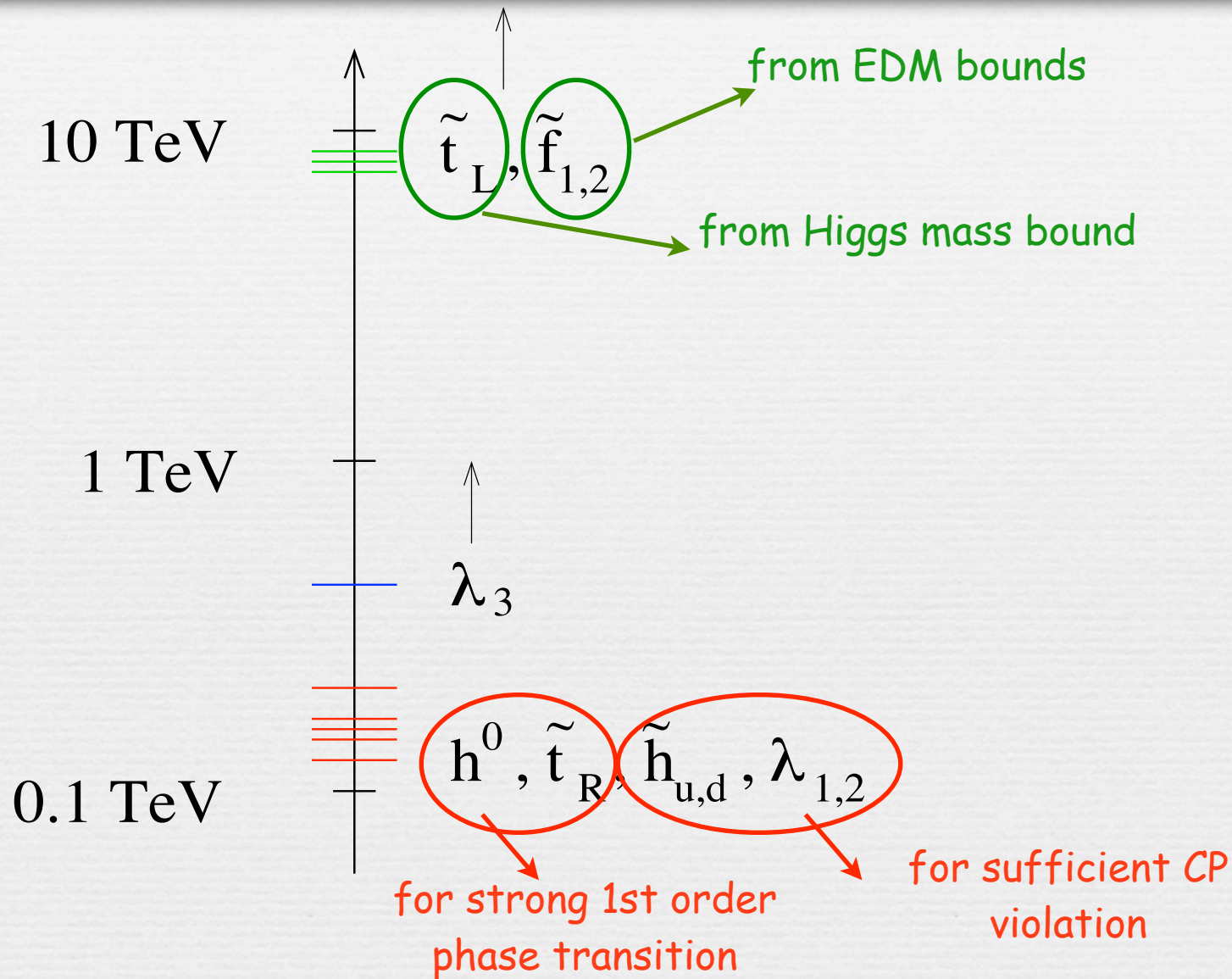
i.e. the 'stop' should be lighter than the top quark.

$$95 \text{ GeV} \lesssim m_{\tilde{t}_R} \lesssim 125 \text{ GeV}$$

the other stop must be very heavy to have $m_h > 114 \text{ GeV}$

$$m_{\tilde{t}_L} \gtrsim 6 \text{ TeV}$$

The (fine-tuned) MSSM EW baryogenesis window: A Stop-split supersymmetry spectrum



The light stop scenario: testable at the LHC, although challenging.

bounds get relaxed when adding singlets or in BSSM

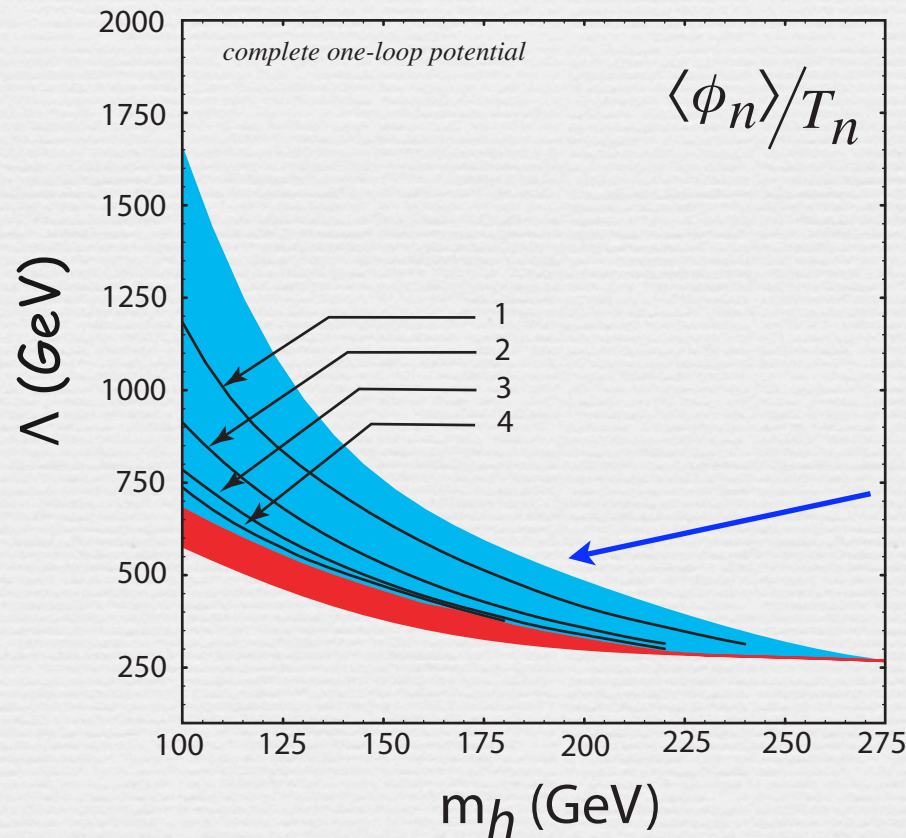
Effective field theory approach

add a non-renormalizable Φ^6 term to the SM Higgs potential and allow a negative quartic coupling

$$V(\Phi) = \mu_h^2 |\Phi|^2 - \lambda |\Phi|^4 + \frac{|\Phi|^6}{\Lambda^2}$$

"strength" of the transition does not rely on the one-loop thermally generated negative self cubic Higgs coupling

strong enough
for EW baryogenesis
if $\Lambda \lesssim 1.3 \text{ TeV}$



region where EW phase transition is 1st order

Grojean-Servant-Wells '04
Delaunay-Grojean-Wells '08

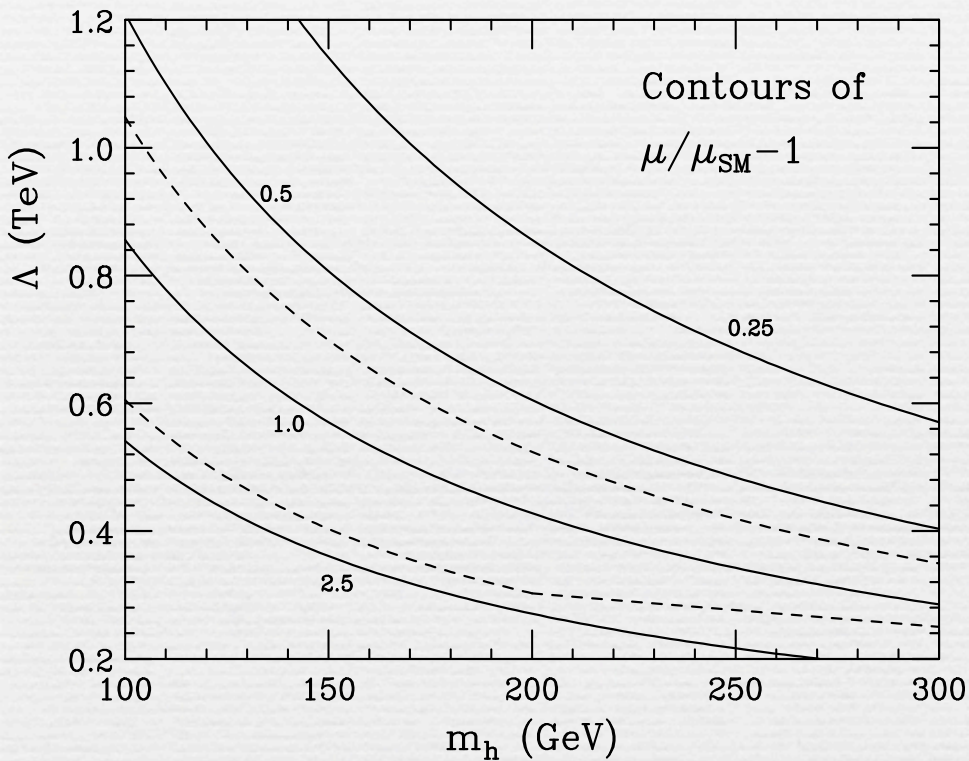
This scenario predicts large deviations to the Higgs self-couplings

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{m_H^2}{2} H^2 + \frac{\mu}{3!} H^3 + \frac{\eta}{4!} H^4 + \dots$$

where

$$\mu = 3 \frac{m_H^2}{v_0} + 6 \frac{v_0^3}{\Lambda^2}$$

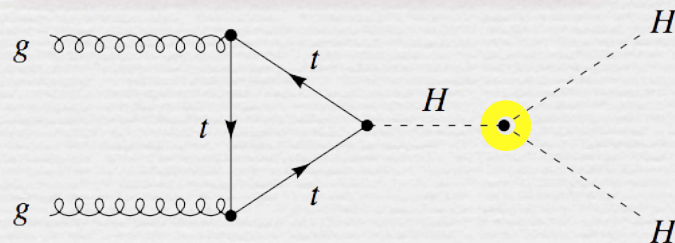
$$\eta = 3 \frac{m_H^2}{v_0^2} + 36 \frac{v_0^2}{\Lambda^2}$$



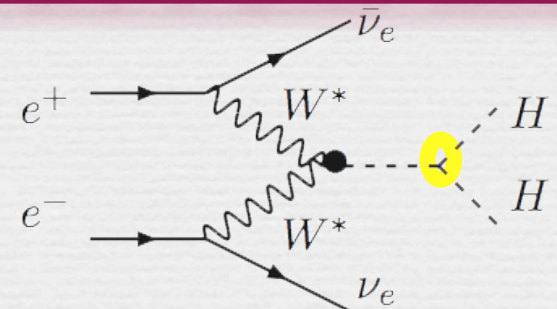
The dotted lines delimit the region for a strong 1st order phase transition

deviations between a factor 0.7 and 2

at a Hadron Collider

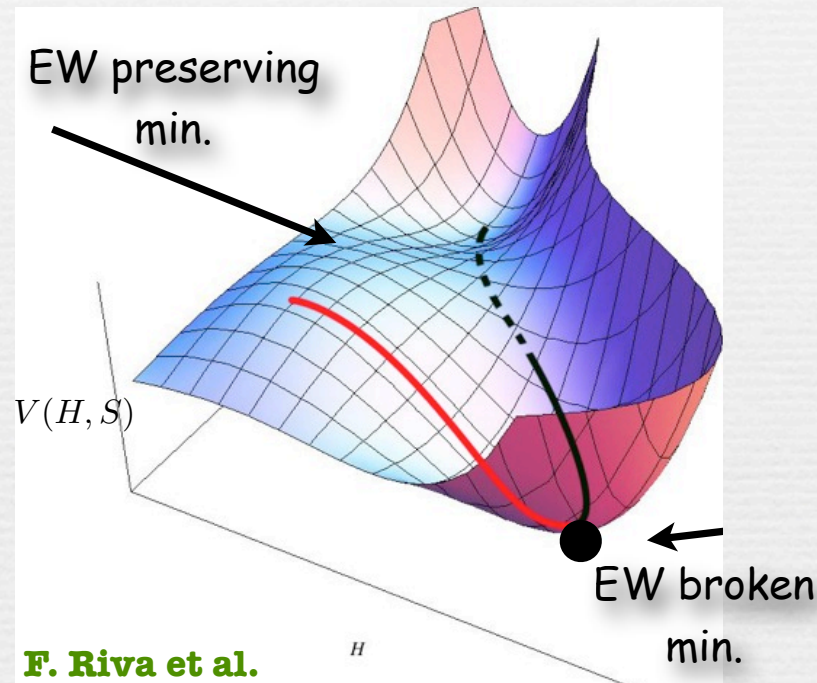


at an $e^+ e^-$ Linear Collider



EW phase transition in the minimal extension of the Standard Model: the SM+ a real scalar singlet

$$V(H, S) = -\mu_H^2 H^2 + \lambda_H H^4 + \lambda_m H^2 S^2 - \mu_S^2 S^2 + \lambda_S S^4$$



EDM bounds (like for 2-Higgs Doublet Model)

Interestingly, there are well-motivated models that realize naturally an extended Higgs sector:

models of compositeness

-> Gripaios et al, 0902.1483

Higgs scalars as pseudo-Nambu-Goldstone bosons of new dynamics above the weak scale

QCD: $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$ $\xrightarrow[SU(3)_c]{\text{global symm. on } u,d}$ $SU(2)_V \supset U(1)_Q$

6 - 3 = 3 PNGB $\pi^\pm, \pi_0$

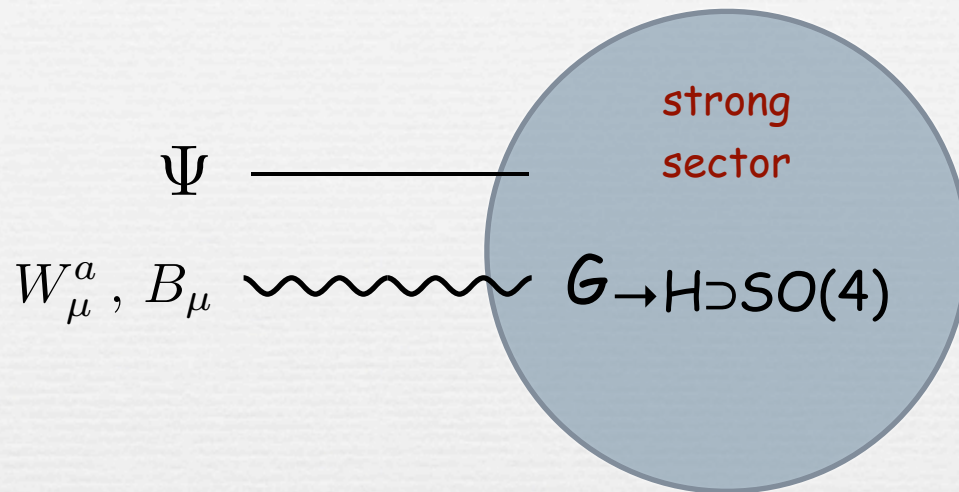
Composite Higgs: $SO(6) \times U(1)_x$ $\xrightarrow[SU(N_c)]{\text{global symm. on techniquarks}}$ $SO(5) \times U(1)_Y \supset SU(2) \times U(1)_Y$

16 - 11 = 5 PNGB H, S

$SO(5)/SO(4) \rightarrow SM$
 $SO(6)/SO(5) \rightarrow SM + S$
 $SO(6)/SO(4) \rightarrow 2 \text{ HDM}$

associated
LHC tests

New strong sector endowed with a global
 symmetry G spontaneously broken to H
 → delivers a set of Nambu Goldstone bosons



$$\mathcal{L}_{int} = A_\mu J^\mu + \bar{\Psi} O + h.c.$$

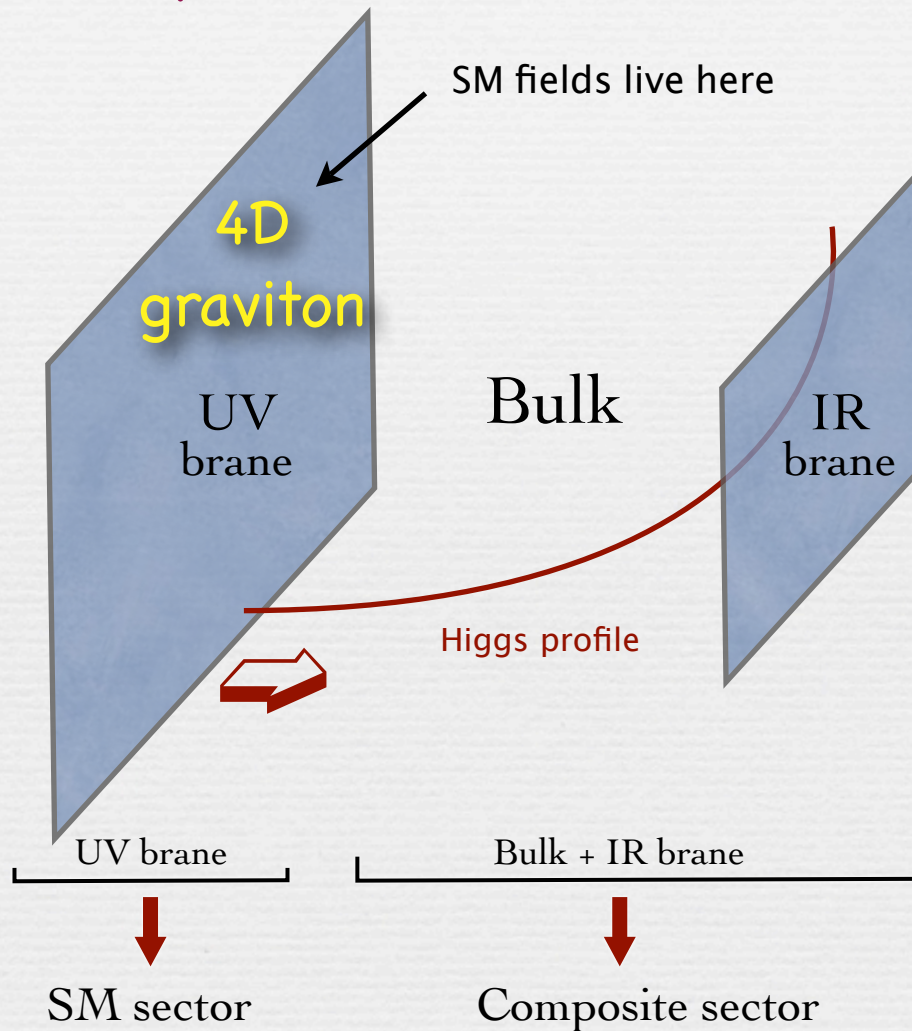
custodial $SO(4) \cong SU(2) \times SU(2)$

to avoid large corrections
 to the T parameter

G	H	N_G	NGBs rep. $[H] = \text{rep.}[SU(2) \times SU(2)]$
SO(5)	SO(4)	4	$4 = (\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2})$ → Agashe, Contino, Pomarol'05
SO(6)	SO(5)	5	$5 = (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}) + (\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2})$
SO(6)	$SO(4) \times SO(2)$	8	$4_{+2} + \bar{4}_{-2} = 2 \times (\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2})$
SO(7)	SO(6)	6	$6 = 2 \times (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}) + (\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2})$
SO(7)	G_2	7	$7 = (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{3}) + (\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2})$
SO(7)	$SO(5) \times SO(2)$	10	$10_0 = (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1}) + (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{3}) + (\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2})$
SO(7)	$[SO(3)]^3$	12	$(\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2}, \mathbf{3}) = 3 \times (\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2})$
Sp(6)	$Sp(4) \times SU(2)$	8	$(\mathbf{4}, \mathbf{2}) = 2 \times (\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2}), (\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2}) + 2 \times (\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{1})$
SU(5)	$SU(4) \times U(1)$	8	$4_{-5} + \bar{4}_{+5} = 2 \times (\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2})$
SU(5)	SO(5)	14	$14 = (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{3}) + (\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2}) + (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})$

Extra-Dimensional point of view: Warped Geometry

Space-time is a slice of AdS_5



An almost CFT that becomes strongly interacting at the TeV scale & spontaneously breaks the conformal invariance

[Maldacena '97]
[Arkani-Hamed, Porrati, Randall '01]
[Rattazzi, Zaffaroni '01]

$$ds^2 = e^{-2ky} dx^\mu dx^\nu \eta_{\mu\nu} - dy^2$$

Radius stabilisation using bulk scalar (Goldberger-Wise mechanism)

Goldberger-Wise mechanism

Start with the bulk 5d theory $\mathcal{L} = \int dx^4 dz \sqrt{-g} [2M^3 \mathcal{R} - \Lambda_5]$ $\Lambda_5 = -24M^3 k^2$

The metric for RS1 is $ds^2 = (kz)^{-2} (\eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu + dz^2)$ where $k = L^{-1}$ is the AdS curvature
 $= e^{-2ky} \eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu + dy^2$ $z = k^{-1} e^{ky}$

and the orbifold extends from $z=z_0=L$ (Planck brane) to $z=z_1$ (TeV brane)

Which mechanism naturally selects $z_1 \gg z_0$?

simply a bulk scalar field ϕ can do the job:

$$\int d^4x dz (\sqrt{g} [-(\partial\phi)^2 - m^2\phi^2] + \delta(z - z_0) \sqrt{g_0} L_0(\phi(z)) + \delta(z - z_1) \sqrt{g_1} L_1(\phi(z)))$$

ϕ has a bulk profile satisfying the 5d Klein-Gordon equation

$$\phi = Az^{4+\epsilon} + Bz^{-\epsilon} \quad \text{where} \quad \epsilon = \sqrt{4 + m^2 L^2} - 2 \approx m^2 L^2 / 4$$

Plug this solution into $V_{eff} = \int_{z_0}^{z_1} dz \sqrt{g} [-(\partial\phi)^2 - m^2\phi^2]$

$$V_{GW} = z_1^{-4} \left[(4 + 2\epsilon) \left(v_1 - v_0 \left(\frac{z_0}{z_1} \right)^\epsilon \right)^2 - \epsilon v_1^2 \right] + \mathcal{O}(z_0^4/z_1^8) = z_1^{-4} P(z_1^{-\epsilon})$$



$$z_1 \approx z_0 \left(\frac{v_0}{v_1} \right)^{1/\epsilon}$$

~ scale invariant fn modulated by a slow evolution through the $z^{-\epsilon}$ term

similar to Coleman-Weinberg mechanism

Goldberger-Wise potential for the radion is of the form

$$V(\mu) = \mu^4 P((\mu/\mu_0)^\epsilon).$$

e.g. Rattazzi, Zaffaroni '00

a scale invariant function modulated by a slow evolution
through the μ^ϵ term for $|\epsilon| \ll 1$

similar to Coleman-Weinberg mechanism where a slow RG evolution
of potential parameters can generate widely separated scales

of bubbles per horizon volume

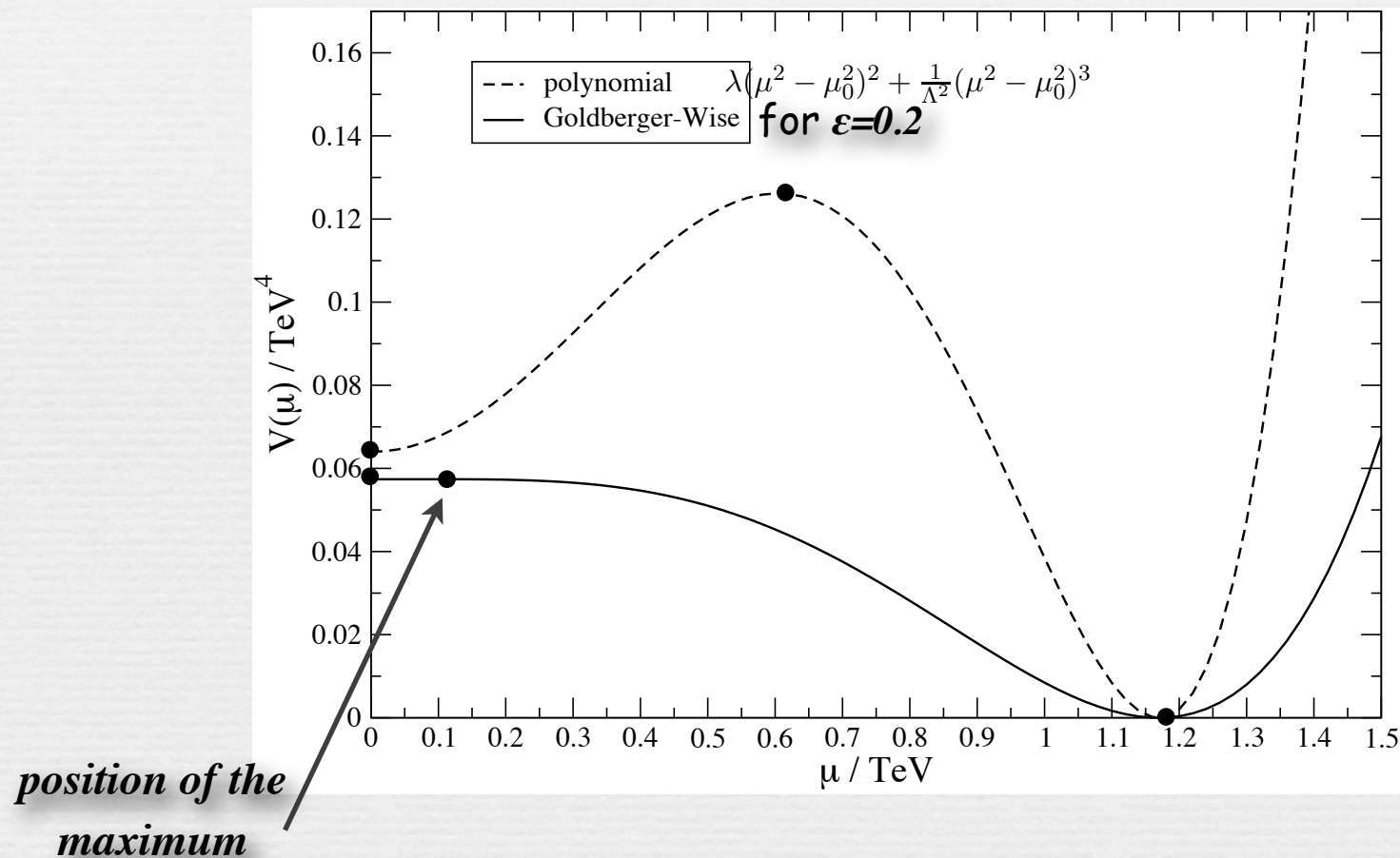
$$\beta/H = T \left. \frac{d}{dT} \frac{S_3}{T} \right|_{T_n} \sim \epsilon \left. \frac{S_3}{T} \right|_{T_n} \gtrsim 1.$$

$$S_3/T \approx \log \frac{T^4}{H^4} \sim 140$$

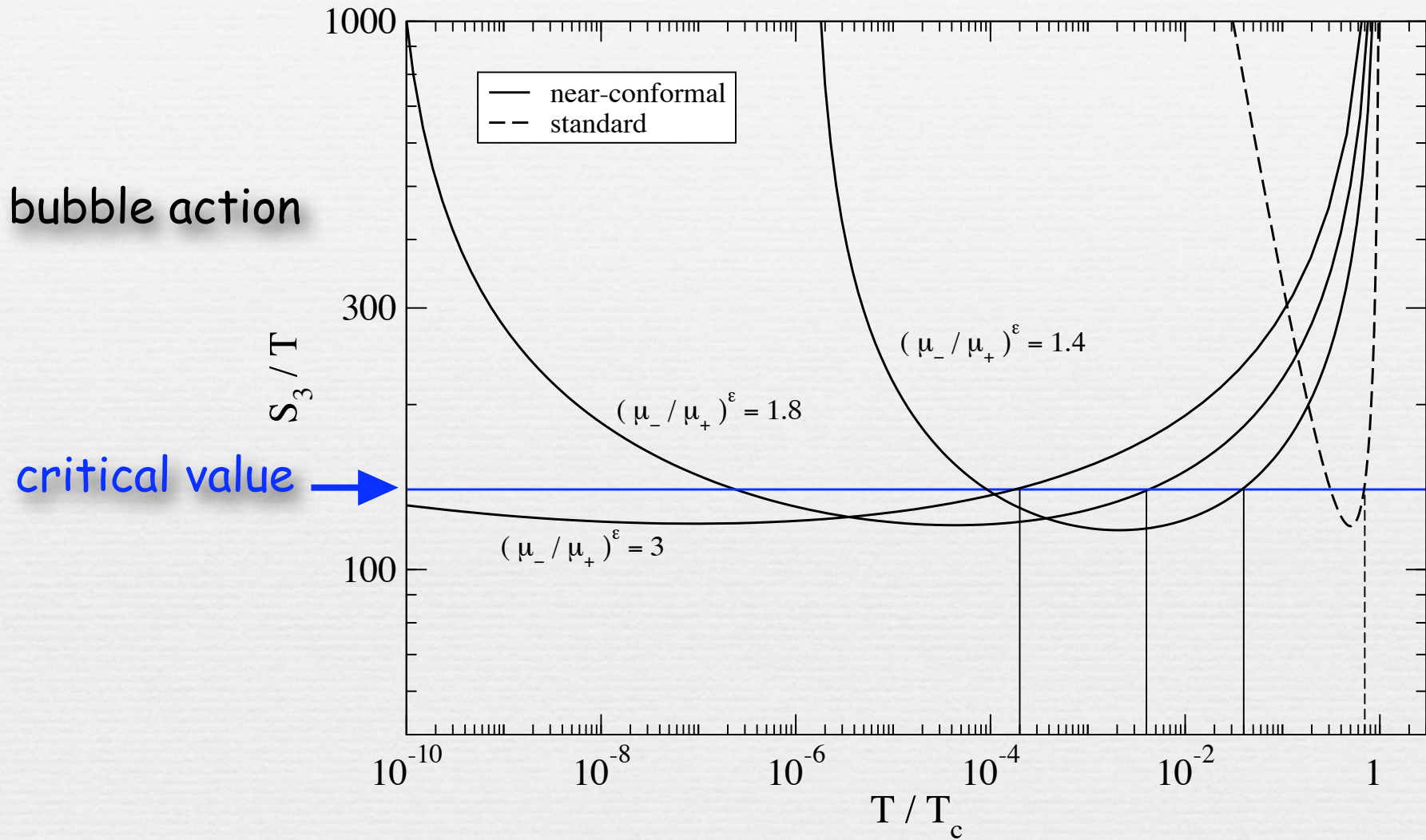
possible to achieve several efolds of inflation and still complete the
phase transition if $\epsilon \sim \mathcal{O}(1/10)$

$$V(\mu) = \mu^4 P((\mu/\mu_0)^\epsilon).$$

The position of the maximum μ_+ and of the minimum μ_- can be very far apart in contrast with standard polynomial potentials where they are of the same order



The tunneling value μ_r can be as low as $\sqrt{\mu_+ \mu_-} \ll \mu_-$



key point: value of the field at tunneling is much smaller than value at the minimum of the potential

nucleation temperature very small

Cosmological phase transition
associated with radion
stabilisation (appearance of
TeV brane)



strongly 1st order confining
phase transition of $SU(N)$
gauge theory ($N > 3$)

Cosmology of the Randall-Sundrum model

At high T : AdS-Schwarzschild BH solution with event horizon shielding the TeV brane

At low T : usual RS solution with stabilized radion and TeV brane

Start with a black brane, nucleate "gaps" in the horizon which then grow until they take over the entire horizon.

[Creminelli, Nicolis, Rattazzi'01]

The full EW symmetry breaking sector has a potential of the form

$$V(\mu, \phi) = \mu^4 \times \left(P((\mu/\mu_0)^\epsilon) + \mathcal{V}(\phi)/\mu_0^4 \right)$$



radion field



Higgs field

interesting cosmology

+ collider implications:

--Search for a light dilaton

Goldberger et al'07

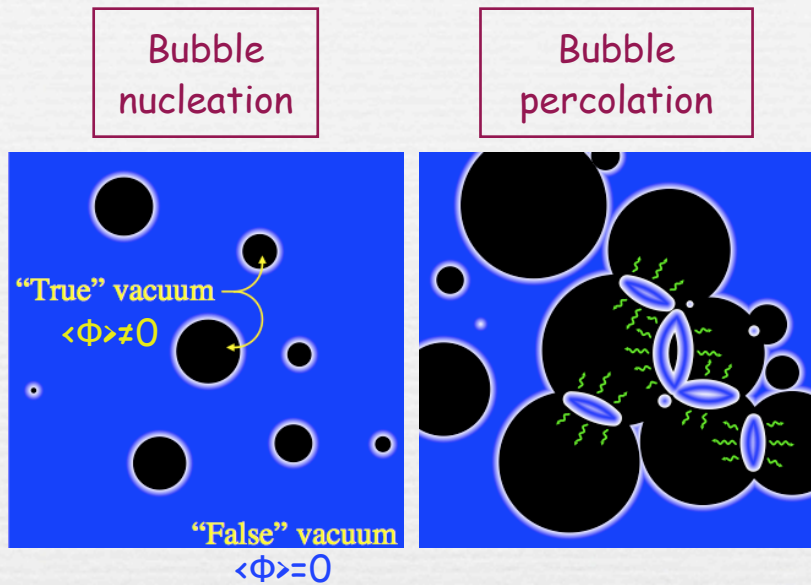
Csaki et al'07

$$\mathcal{L}_\chi = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \bar{\chi} \partial^\mu \bar{\chi} - \frac{1}{2} m^2 \bar{\chi}^2 + \frac{\lambda}{3!} \frac{m^2}{f} \bar{\chi}^3 + \frac{\bar{\chi}}{f} \sum_\psi m_\psi \bar{\psi} \psi + \left(\frac{2\bar{\chi}}{f} + \frac{\bar{\chi}^2}{f^2} \right) \left[m_W^2 W_\mu^+ W^{-\mu} + \frac{1}{2} m_Z^2 Z_\mu Z^\mu \right] \\ + \frac{\alpha_{EM}}{8\pi f} c_{EM} \bar{\chi} (F_{\mu\nu})^2 + \frac{\alpha_s}{8\pi f} c_G \bar{\chi} (G_{\mu\nu}^a)^2$$

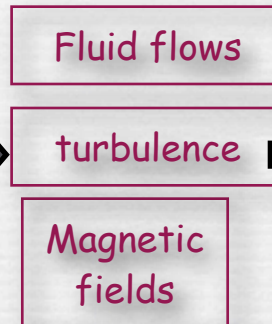
Smoking gun signature

Randall-Servant'06

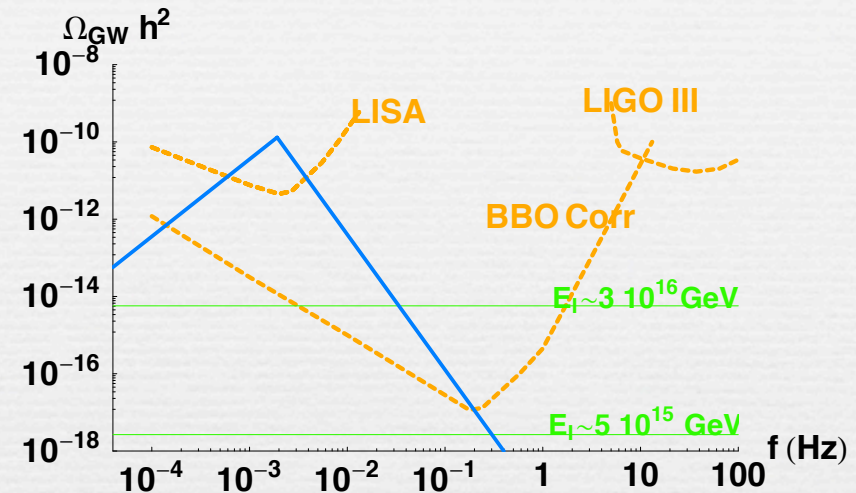
Konstandin, Nardini, Quiros'10



violent process if $v_b \sim O(1)$



Stochastic background of gravitational radiation



$$\Omega_{GW} \sim \frac{1}{(\beta/H)^2} \kappa^2$$

Detection of a GW stochastic background peaked in the milliHertz:
a signature of near conformal dynamics et the TeV scale

Gravitational Waves: A way to probe astrophysics ... and high energy particle physics.

Gravitational Waves interact very weakly and are not absorbed



direct probe of physical process of the very early universe

Small perturbations in FRW metric:

$$ds^2 = a^2(\eta)(d\eta^2 - (\delta_{ij} + 2h_{ij})dx^i dx^j) \quad G_{\mu\nu} = 8\pi G T_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\ddot{h}_{ij}(\mathbf{k}, \eta) + \frac{2}{\eta} \dot{h}_{ij}(\mathbf{k}, \eta) + k^2 h_{ij}(\mathbf{k}, \eta) = 8\pi G a^2(\eta) \Pi_{ij}(\mathbf{k}, \eta)$$

Source of GW:
anisotropic stress

possible cosmological sources:

inflation, vibrations of topological defects, excitations of xdim modes, 1st order phase transitions...

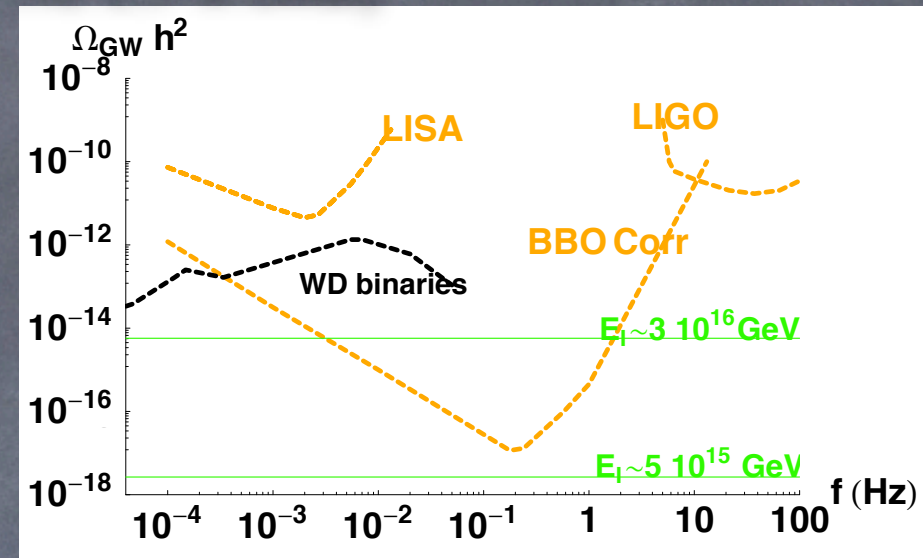
frequency
observed today:

$$f = f_* \frac{a_*}{a_0} = f_* \left(\frac{g_{s0}}{g_{s*}} \right)^{1/3} \frac{T_0}{T_*} \approx 6 \times 10^{-3} \text{mHz} \left(\frac{g_*}{100} \right)^{1/6} \frac{T_*}{100 \text{ GeV}} \frac{f_*}{H_*}$$

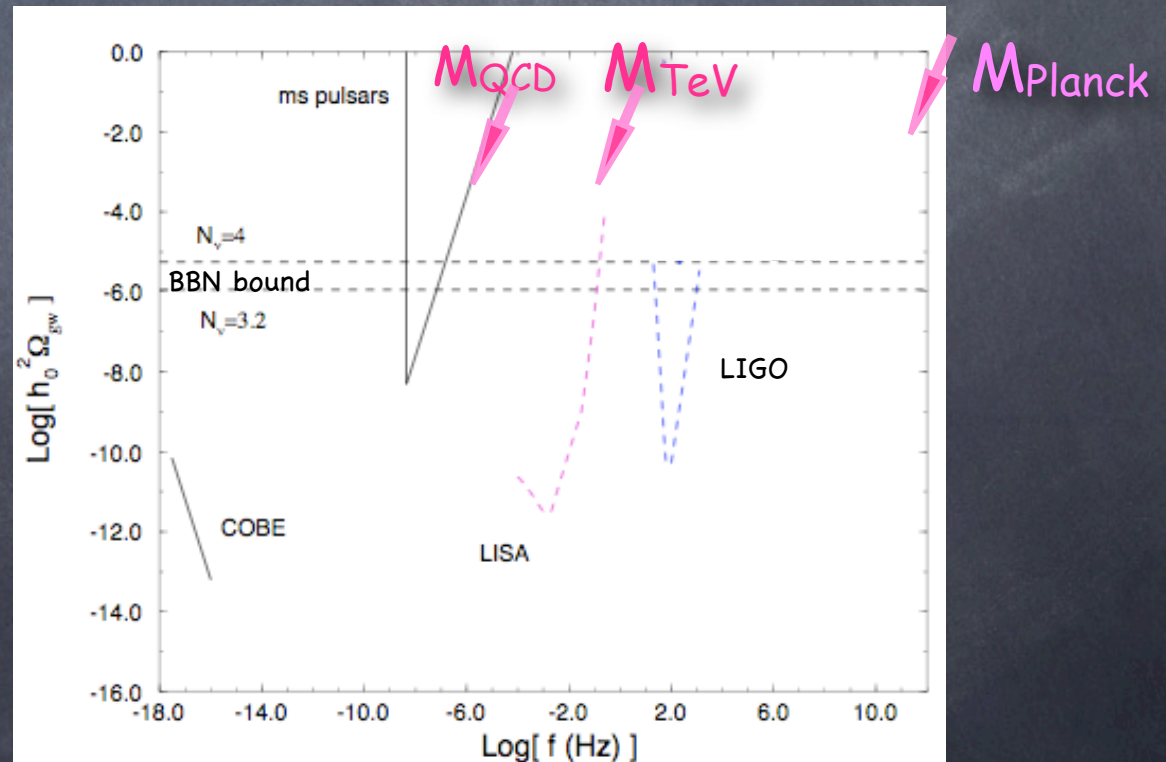
Beyond GW of astrophysical origin, another mission of GW astronomy will be to search for a stochastic background of gravitational waves of primordial origin (gravitational analog of the 2.7 K CMB)

Stochastic background:
isotropic, unpolarized, stationary

GW energy density: $\Omega_G = \frac{\langle \dot{h}_{ij} \dot{h}^{ij} \rangle}{G \rho_c} = \int \frac{dk}{k} \frac{d\Omega_G(k)}{d \log(k)}$



A huge range of frequencies

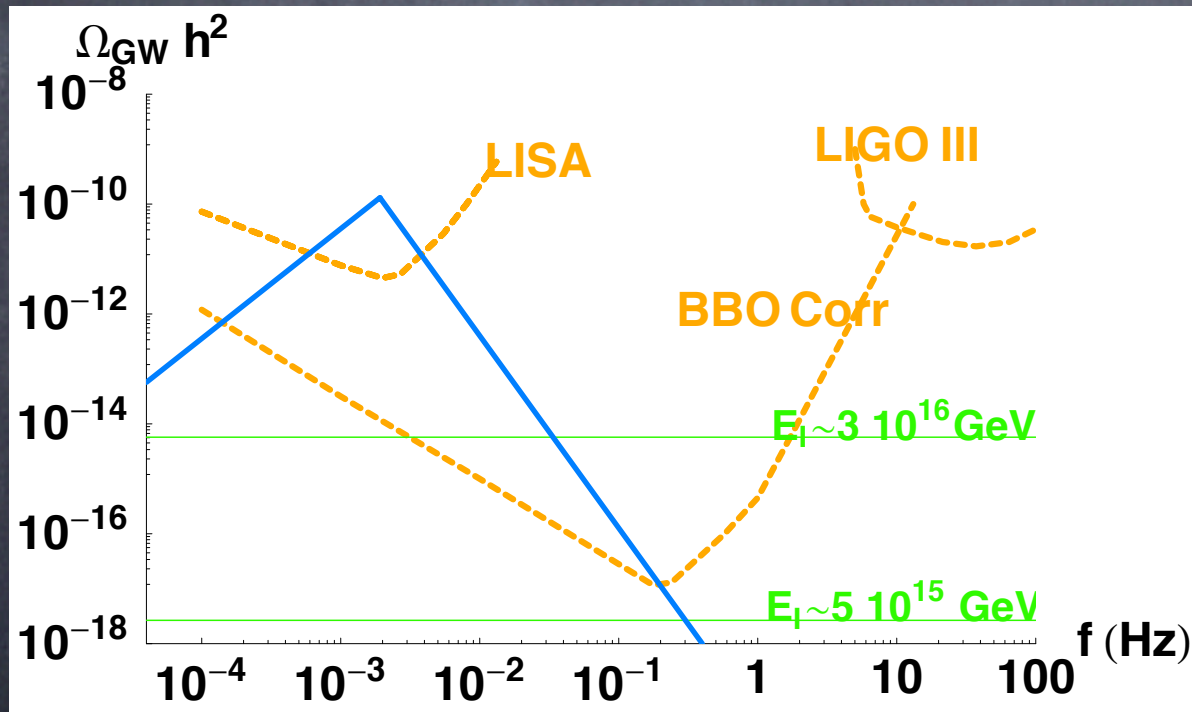


from Maggiore

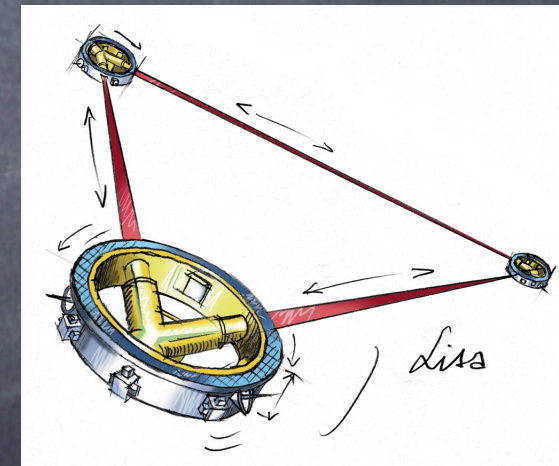
Why should we be excited about mHz freq.?

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LISA: Could be a new window
on the Weak Scale



LISA band:
 $10^{-4} - 10^{-2}$ Hz



complementary to collider informations

key quantities controlling the GW spectrum

$$\ddot{h}_{ij} + 2\mathcal{H}\dot{h}_{ij} + k^2 h_{ij} = 8\pi G a^2 T_{ij}^{(TT)}(k, t)$$

$$T_{ab}(\mathbf{x}) = (\rho + p) \frac{v_a(\mathbf{x})v_b(\mathbf{x})}{1 - v^2(\mathbf{x})}$$

Source of GW:
anisotropic stress

β : (duration of the phase transition) $^{-1}$

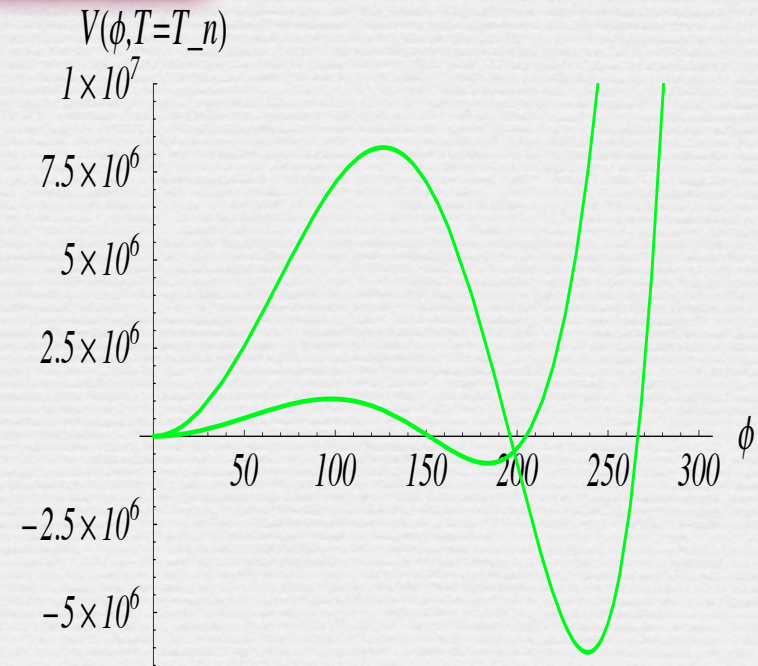
set by the tunneling probability $P \propto e^{\beta t} \propto \frac{T^4}{H^4} e^{-S_3/T} \sim 1 \rightarrow \frac{S_3}{T} \sim 140$

and typically $\frac{\beta}{H} \sim \mathcal{O}(10^2 - 10^3)$

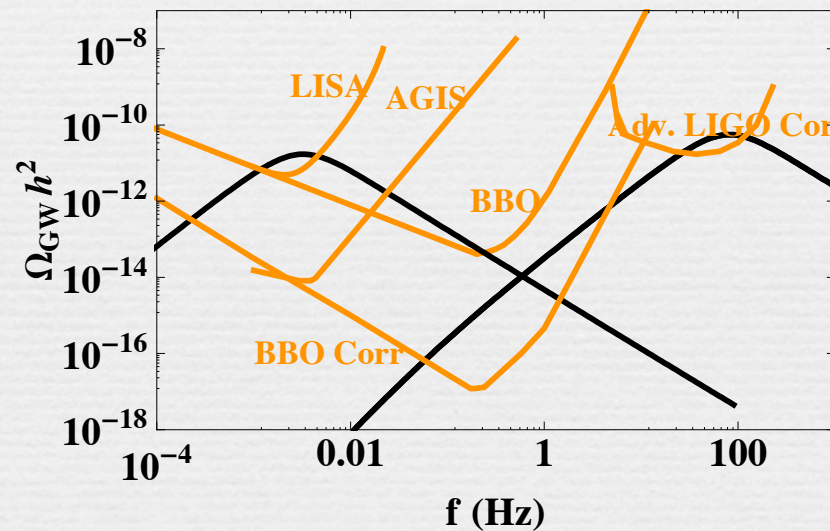
α : vacuum energy density/radiation energy density

α and β : entirely determined by the effective scalar potential at high temperature

$$\Omega_{GW_*} = \frac{H_*^2}{\beta^2} \frac{\rho_{\text{kin}}^2}{\rho_{\text{tot}}^2}$$

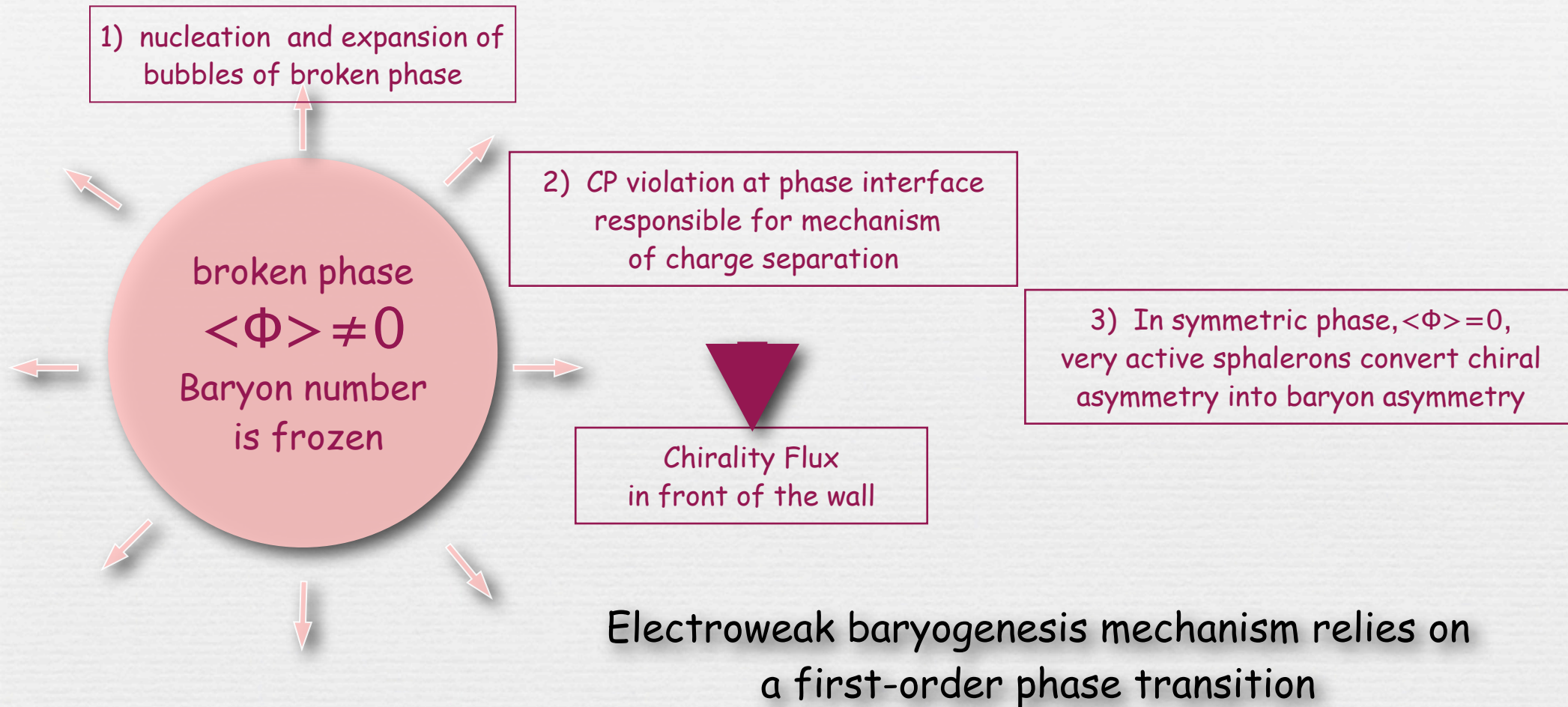


Discussion applies trivially to any other 1st order phase transition
(only shift peak frequency, amplitude and shape of signal do not
depend on the absolute energy scale of the transition)



Dynamics of bubble growth and energy budget

Baryon asymmetry and the EW scale



wall velocity is a crucial quantity,
we need strong 1st order phase transition, however if too strong $\rightarrow$
bubble expand too fast $\rightarrow$ no time to build up the baryon asymmetry

1st order EW phase transition

higgs vacuum energy is converted into :

-kinetic energy of the higgs,
-bulk motion
- heating

$$\Omega_{GW} \sim \kappa^2(\alpha, v_b) \left(\frac{H}{\beta} \right)^2 \left(\frac{\alpha}{\alpha + 1} \right)^2$$

fraction that goes
into kinetic energy

$$\alpha = \frac{\epsilon}{\rho_{rad}}$$
$$\frac{\beta}{H} = \frac{1}{T} \frac{dS}{dT}$$

fraction κ of vacuum energy density ϵ
converted into kinetic energy

$$\kappa = \frac{3}{\epsilon \xi_w^3} \int w(\xi) v^2 \gamma^2 \xi^2 d\xi$$

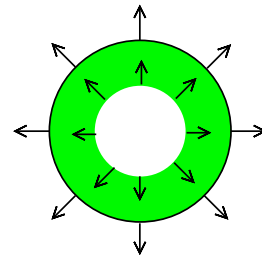
fluid velocity

wall velocity

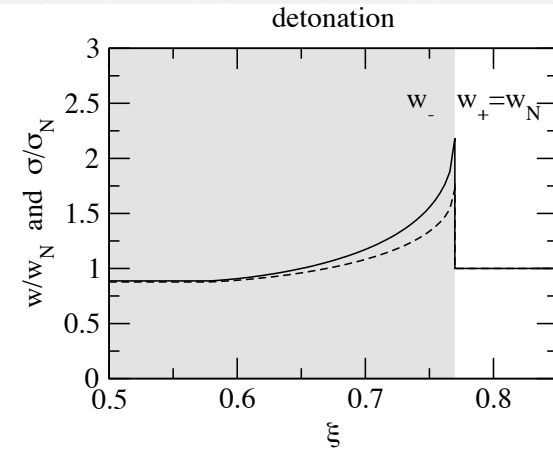
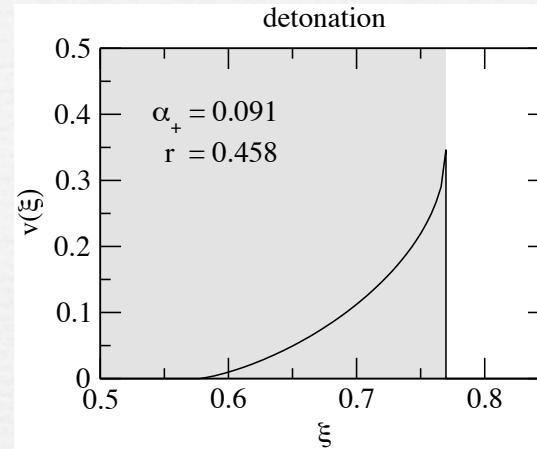
-> all boils down to calculating the fluid velocity
profile in the vicinity of the bubble wall

Depending on the boundary conditions at the bubble front, there are three possible solutions:

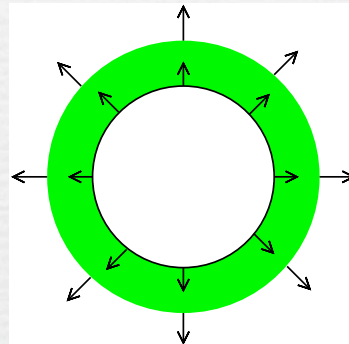
detonations -rarefaction wave



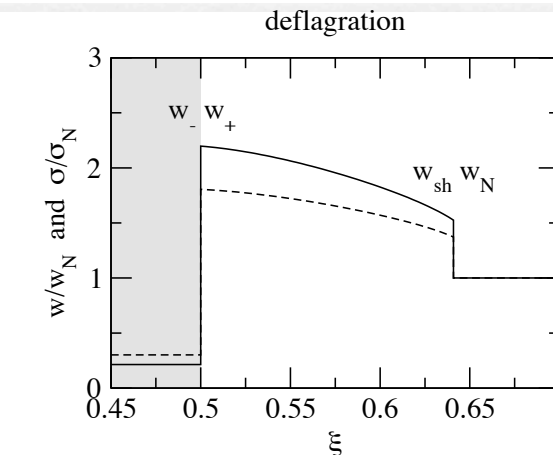
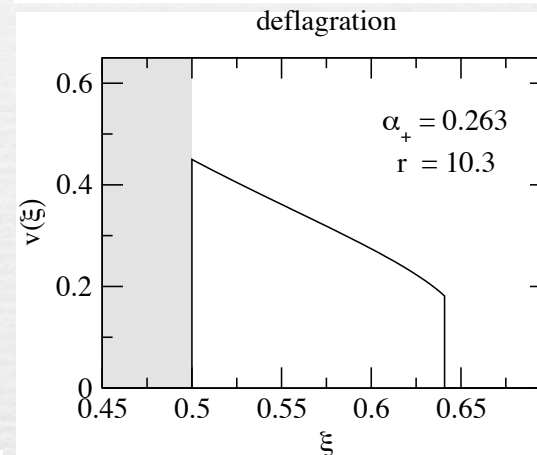
detonation
 $\xi_w > c_s$



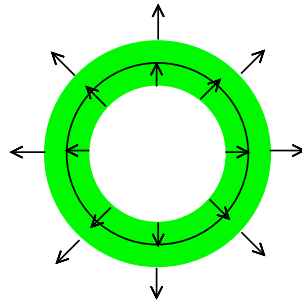
deflagrations -shock front



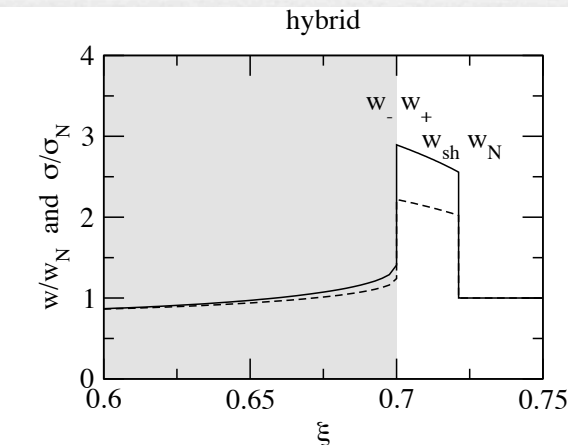
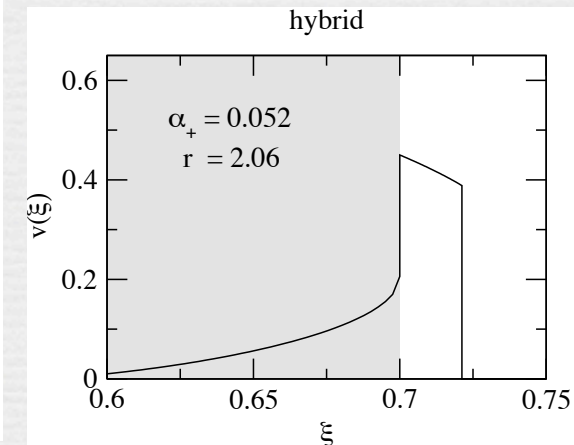
deflagration
 $\xi_w < c_s$



hybrids -both



hybrid
 $\xi_w > c_s$



The velocity of the bubble wall can be determined by solving:

$$\square\phi + \frac{\partial\mathcal{F}}{\partial\phi} - T_N \underbrace{\tilde{\eta} u^\mu \partial_\mu \phi}_{\text{friction coefficient}} = 0$$

$$= -\sum_i \frac{dm_i^2}{d\phi} \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3 2E_i} \delta f_i(p)$$

the wall velocity grows until the friction force equilibrates and a steady state is reached

driving force: $F_{dr} \equiv \int dz \partial_z \phi \frac{\partial\mathcal{F}}{\partial\phi}$

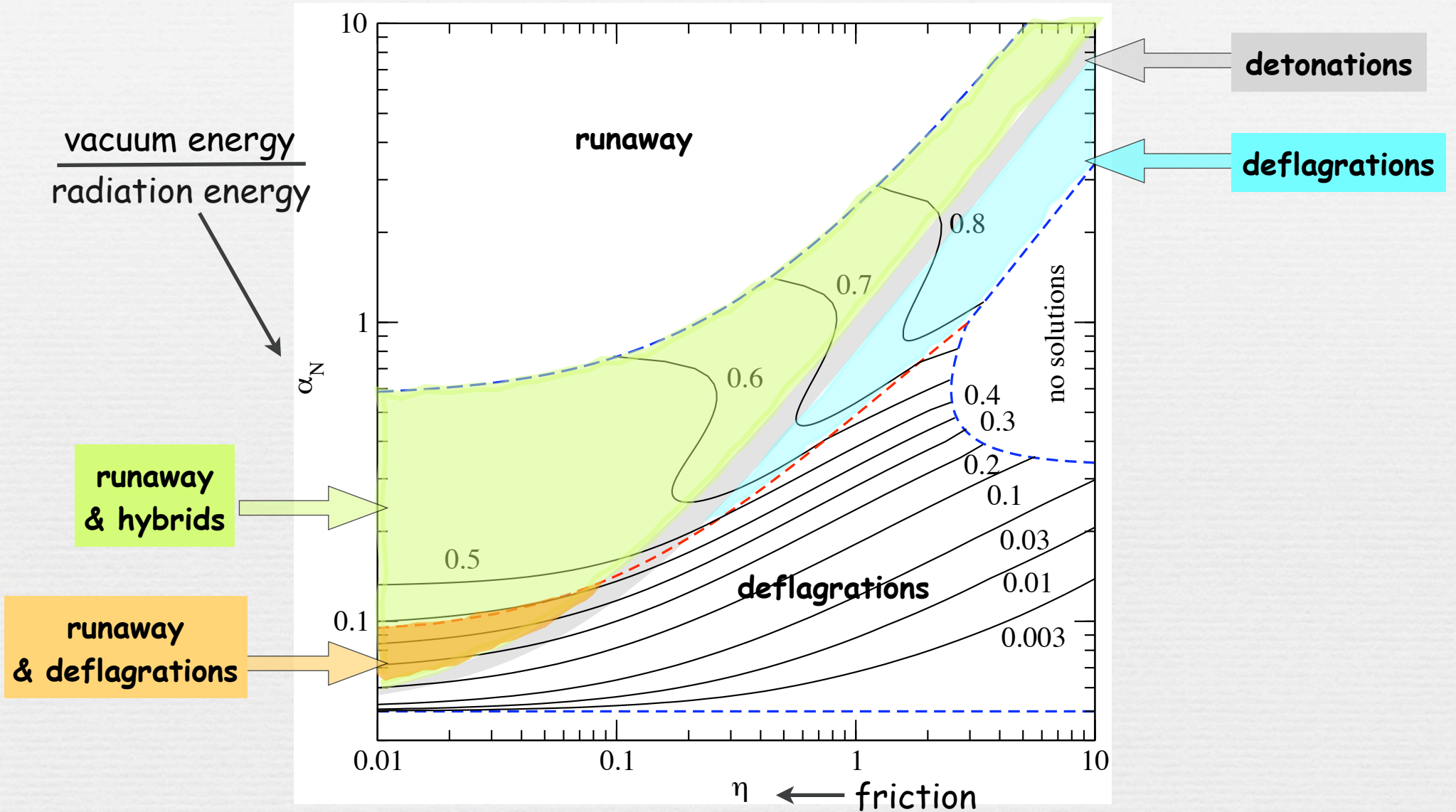
$$F_{tot} = F_{dr} - F_{fr} = \Delta V_0 + \sum_i |N_i| \int dz \frac{dm_i^2}{dz} \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{f_i}{2E_i}$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{tot} > 0 \quad : \text{runaway}$$

[Bodecker-Moore '09]

Model-independent κ contours

Espinosa, Konstandin, No, Servant'10



$$\eta_{\text{SM}} \sim 10^{-3}$$

$$\eta_{\text{MSSM}} \sim 10^{-2}$$

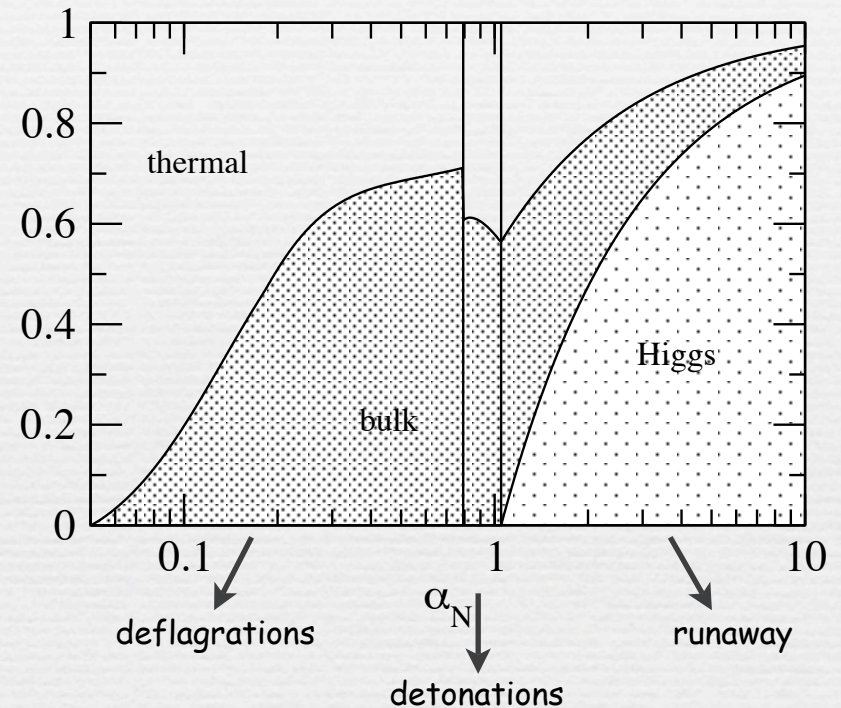
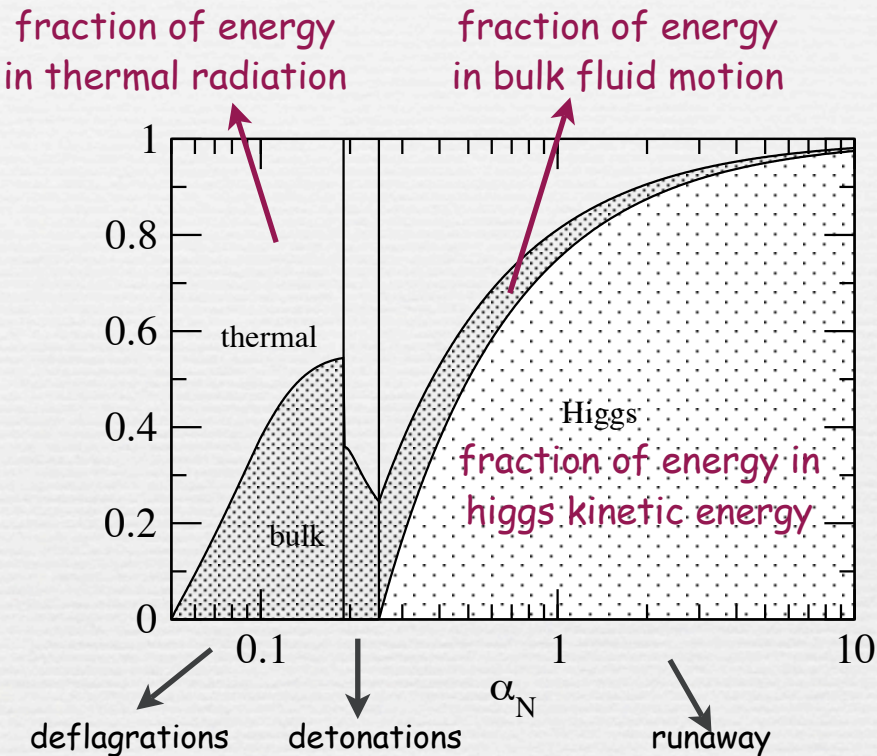
$$v \sim 0.05 - 0.1$$

Energy budget of the phase transition

Espinosa, Konstandin, No, Servant'10

$$\eta = 0.2$$

$$\eta = 1$$

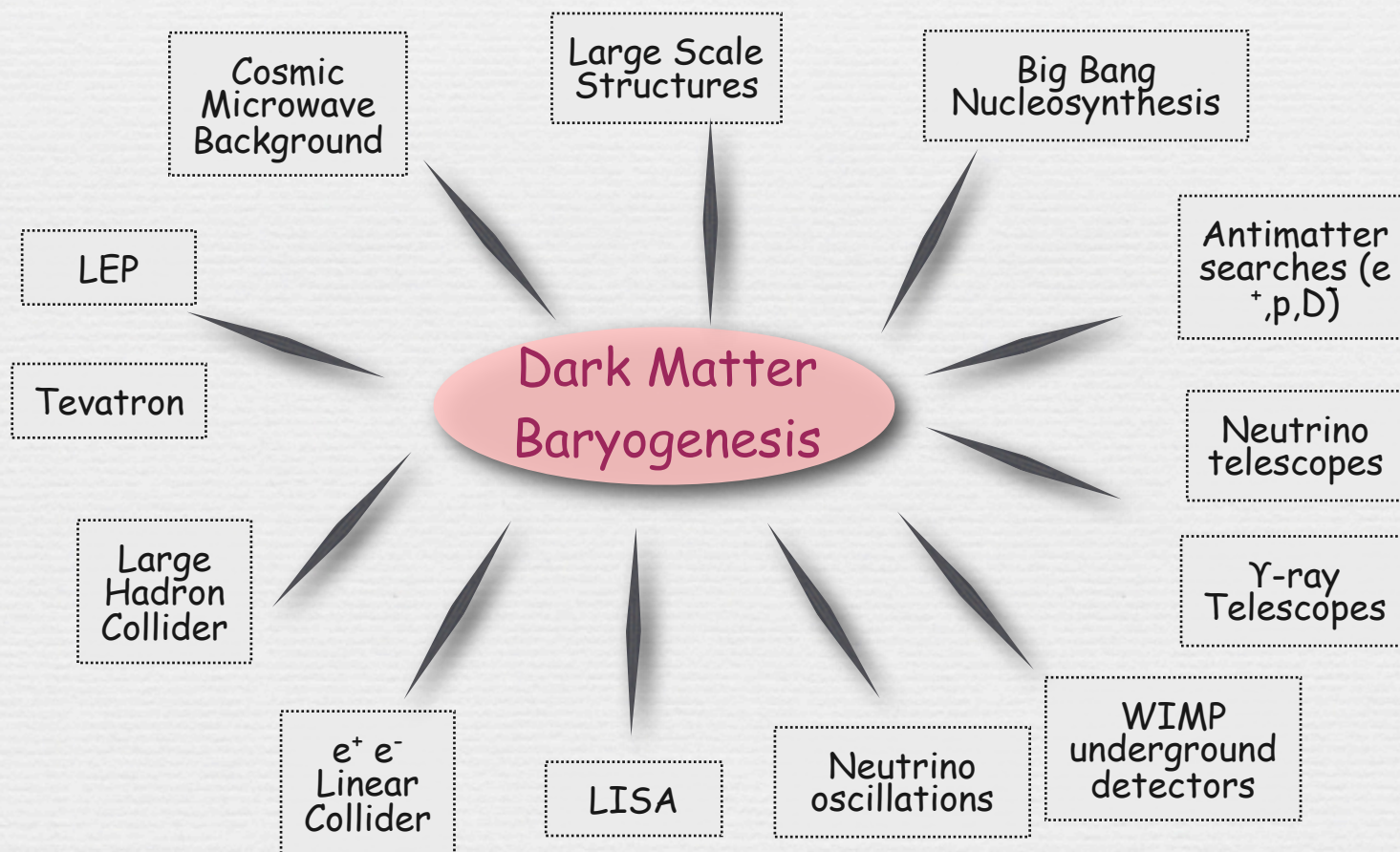


Determination of energy budget is important since gravity wave spectra from bubble collisions and turbulence are different

Summary

The nature of the EW phase transition is unknown & it will take time before we can determine whether EW symmetry breaking is purely SM-like or there are large deviations in the Higgs sector which could have led to a first-order PT

Cosmic connections of electroweak symmetry breaking:
A multi-form and integrated approach



Annexes

An alternative to Standard EW baryogenesis

Cold Baryogenesis

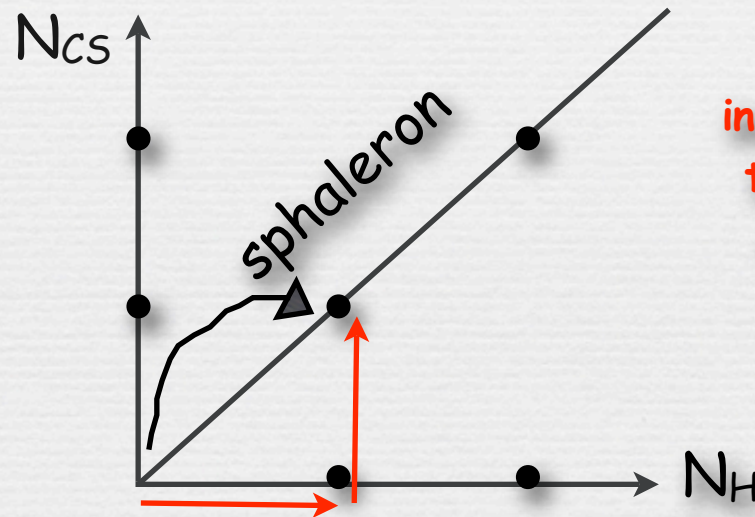
- 1) Cold (the universe never reheats above the EW scale)
- 2) Local (B and CP violation occur together in space and time
i.e. the mechanism does not rely on charge transport)
- 3) In its present realization, does not rely on 1st order PT but on
inflationary phase instead

Dynamics of textures $\delta N \equiv N_{CS} - N_H$

In vacuum: $\delta N = 0$

A texture is a configuration which has $\delta N \neq 0$. It is unstable and decays.

During the EWPT & preheating, configurations with $\Delta N_H \neq 0$ are produced. They relax to 0 by either changing N_H or N_{CS} . In the latter case, there is anomalous fermion number production.



instead of using thermal fluctuations to go over the barrier and produce N_{CS} , use scalar field energy in winding configurations carrying N_H which then produce N_{CS} when decaying

CP violation affects how textures unwind !

$\delta N < 0$ configurations prefer to unwind by relaxing N_H while

$\delta N > 0$ configurations prefer to unwind by relaxing N_{CS}

---> **Baryogenesis**