

# Falsifying Pati-Salam models with LIGO

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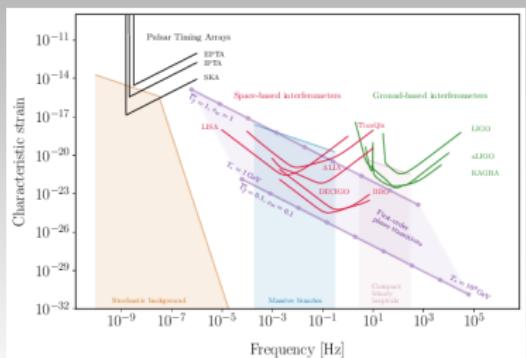
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# Motivation

- Gravitational waves have opened a new window to astrophysical and cosmological phenomena
- Can we use GWs to explore the mechanism of neutrino mass generation?
  - Cosmological phase transition  $\Rightarrow$  produce GWs
  - Relationship between  $m_\nu$  and phase transition scale
- Strong PT at scale visible by today or near future detectors
  - $f \sim \mathcal{O}(10)$  Hz,  $v_{\text{PT}} \sim 10^{6-8}$  GeV
  - $\Omega_{\text{GW}} \sim 10^{-9} \rightarrow m_\phi/v_{\text{PT}} \gg 1$
- Neutrino mass generation
  - Type I / II seesaw mechanism
  - Connect  $v_{\text{PT}}$  and  $\mu_{\text{SS}}$  via RG flow

$\Rightarrow$  Pati-Salam model



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# Pati-Salam model

- Generalised colour group and right-handed interactions

$$SU(4)_c \times SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$$

- Unified quarks and leptons into a single representation

$$\Psi_L = \{\mathbf{4}, \mathbf{2}, \mathbf{1}\} = \begin{Bmatrix} u_a & \nu \\ d_a & l \end{Bmatrix}, \quad \Psi_R = \{\bar{\mathbf{4}}, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}^*\} = \begin{Bmatrix} d_a^c & l^c \\ -u_a^c & -\nu^c \end{Bmatrix},$$

- Gauge bosons  $G = \{\mathbf{15}, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}\}$ ,  $W_L = \{\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1}\}$ ,  $W_R = \{\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{3}\}$
- EW symmetry breaking at  $M_Z$  triggered by Higgs in bi-doublet

$$\Phi = \{\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2}\} = \begin{Bmatrix} \phi_1^+ & \phi_2^0 \\ \phi_1^0 & \phi_2^- \end{Bmatrix}$$

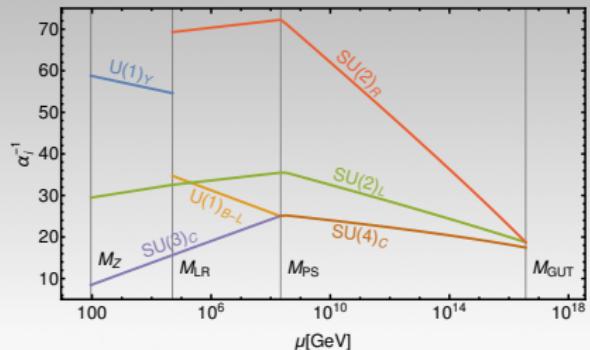
- Some other scalar field  $\Xi$  responsible for PS breaking

# Pati-Salam model

- Breaking path with intermediate left-right scale

$$SU(4)_c \times SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \rightarrow SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \times U(1)_{B-L} \rightarrow SM$$

- Pati-Salam breaking to left-right at  $M_{PS}$  with  $\Xi = \{\mathbf{15}, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}\}$
- Left-right breaking to SM at  $M_{LR}$  with  $\Delta_R = \{\bar{\mathbf{10}}, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{3}\}$
- Type-II seesaw  $\Delta_L = \{\mathbf{10}, \mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1}\}$
- GUT-scale unification requires manifest  $D$ -parity breaking  
 $\Omega_R = \{\mathbf{15}, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{3}\}$
- 2-loop RGEs with  $\mathcal{O}(1)$  couplings and threshold corrections fix  $M_{LR}$ ,  $M_{PS}$  and  $M_{GUT}$
- Agnostic about GUT scale completion



# Pati-Salam model

- Pati-Salam model naturally provides a mechanism for neutrino mass generation

→ Type-I seesaw with right-handed neutrino in  $(\Psi_R)_{\text{sing}} = \nu^c$

→ Type-II with  $\delta_L = \{\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1}, -2\} \in \Delta_L$

- The neutrino mass matrix

$$M_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} M_L & M_D \\ M_D^T & M_R \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_L v_L & y_\nu v_{\text{SM}} \\ y_\nu v_{\text{SM}} & \lambda_R v_R \end{pmatrix} \simeq \begin{pmatrix} \zeta M_{LR} & y_\nu M_Z \\ y_\nu M_Z & M_{LR} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Active and sterile neutrino masses are generated ( $M_{LR} \gg y_\nu M_Z$ )

$$m_{\nu_L} \simeq \zeta M_{LR} - y_\nu^2 \frac{M_Z^2}{M_{LR}}, \quad m_{\nu_R} \simeq M_{LR}$$

$$\Theta \simeq y_\nu \frac{M_Z}{M_{LR}}$$

- Neutrino masses are fully determined by  $M_{LR}$  (or  $M_{PS}$ )

# Pati-Salam model

- Low-scale constraints at  $M_{LR}$   
 → Collider searches for  $Z'$  and  $W'$

$$M_{Z'} \sim M_{W'} \sim g_R M_{LR} \gtrsim 5 \text{ TeV}$$

→ Neutrino masses

$$m_\nu \sim \zeta M_{LR} - y_\nu^2 \frac{M_Z^2}{M_{LR}} \lesssim 0.23 \text{ eV}$$

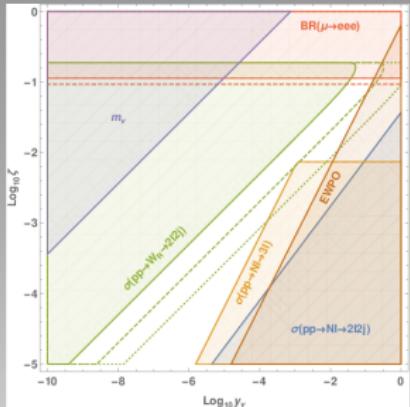
$$\Theta \sim y_\nu M_Z / M_{LR} \lesssim 10^{-3}$$

→ Lepton flavour violation  $\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow 3e) \sim \zeta^4$

- High scale constraints at  $M_{PS}$  and  $M_{GUT}$

→ Proton decay, none at  $M_{PS}$

→ Gravitational waves



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$$M_{GUT} \gtrsim 10^{16} \text{ GeV}$$

$$f_{\text{peak}} \sim M_{PS} \sim 25 \text{ Hz}$$

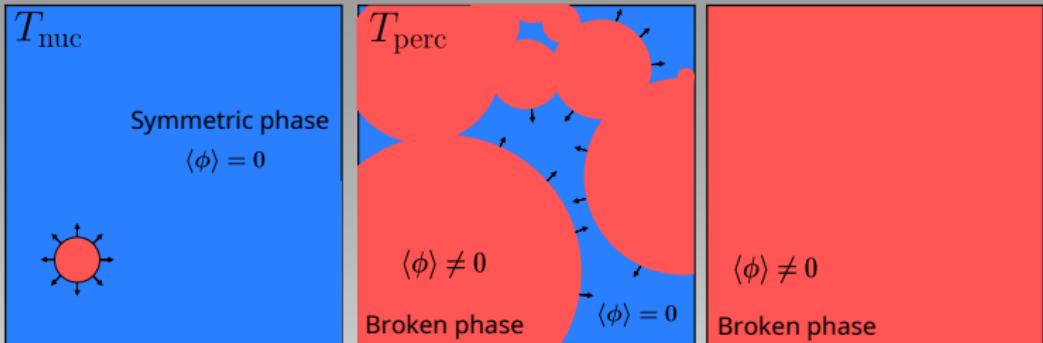
$$\Omega_{\text{peak}} \lesssim 5.7 \times 10^{-9}$$

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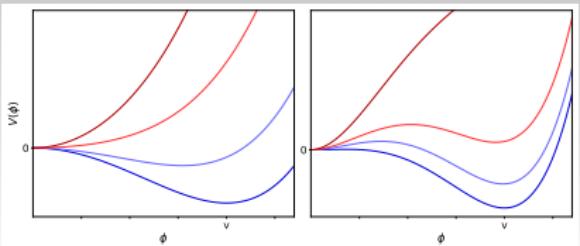
# Gravitational waves

- First-order phase transitions may produce gravitational waves



- Requirements for strong GW signal

- First order PT  $v_{PS}(T_c) > 0$
- Strong PT  $\alpha > 1$
- Slow (supercooled) PT  
 $T_p/T_c \ll 1$
- Fast bubble walls  $v_w \lesssim 1$



# Gravitational waves

- Properties of the PT are computed from  $V_{\text{eff}}$  ( $\phi \equiv \Xi_{15}$ )

$$V_{\text{eff}}(\phi, T) = V_{\text{tree}}(\phi) + V_{\text{CW}}(\phi) + V_T(\phi, T) + V_{\text{daisy}}(\phi, T)$$

- Nucleation rate of bubbles determines temperature of nucleation  $T_\Gamma$

$$\Gamma(T) \simeq T^4 \left( \frac{S_3(T)}{2\pi T} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} e^{-S_3(T)/T} \Rightarrow \Gamma(T_\Gamma) > H$$

- Energy released in the PT  $\alpha = \frac{1}{\rho_R} \left( \Delta V - \frac{1}{4} T \frac{\partial \Delta V}{\partial T} \right) \Big|_{T_\Gamma}$
- Mean bubble separation (gaussian nucleation, i.e.  $\beta \rightarrow 0$ )

$$R_* = \left( \frac{\beta_V}{\sqrt{2\pi}\Gamma(T_\Gamma)} \right)^{1/3}, \quad \beta_V = \sqrt{\frac{d^2}{dt^2} \left( \frac{S_3(T)}{T} \right)}$$

- PT must complete  $v_w > - \left( \frac{3 \log(f_f)}{4\pi N} \right)^{1/3} \left[ \sqrt{\frac{T_\Gamma^4}{T_{\text{eq}}^4} + 1} + {}_2F_1 \left( \frac{1}{4}; \frac{1}{2}; \frac{5}{4} - \frac{T_\Gamma^4}{T_{\text{eq}}^4} \right) \right]^{-1}$

# Gravitational waves

- GWs are produced primarily by the collision of sound waves

$$h^2 \Omega_{\text{sw}}(f) = 2.59 \times 10^{-6} \left( \frac{g_*}{100} \right)^{-1/3} \left( \frac{\beta}{H_*} \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{\kappa_{\text{sw}} \alpha}{1 + \alpha} \right)^2 v_w \Upsilon(\tau_{\text{sw}}) S_{\text{sw}}(f)$$

$$S_{\text{sw}}(f) = \left( \frac{f}{f_{\text{peak}}} \right)^3 \left( \frac{7}{4 + 3(f/f_{\text{sw}})^2} \right)^{7/2}$$

$$f_{\text{sw}} = 8.9 \text{ Hz} \left( \frac{g_*}{100} \right)^{1/6} \left( \frac{T_\Gamma}{10^8 \text{ GeV}} \right) \left( \frac{z_p}{10} \right) v_w^{-1} \left( \frac{\beta}{H_*} \right)$$

- And a small contribution from turbulence of the plasma

$$h^2 \Omega_{\text{turb}}(f) = 3.35 \times 10^{-4} \left( \frac{g_*}{100} \right)^{-1/3} \left( \frac{\beta}{H_*} \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{\kappa_{\text{turb}} \alpha}{1 + \alpha} \right)^{3/2} v_w S_{\text{turb}}(f)$$

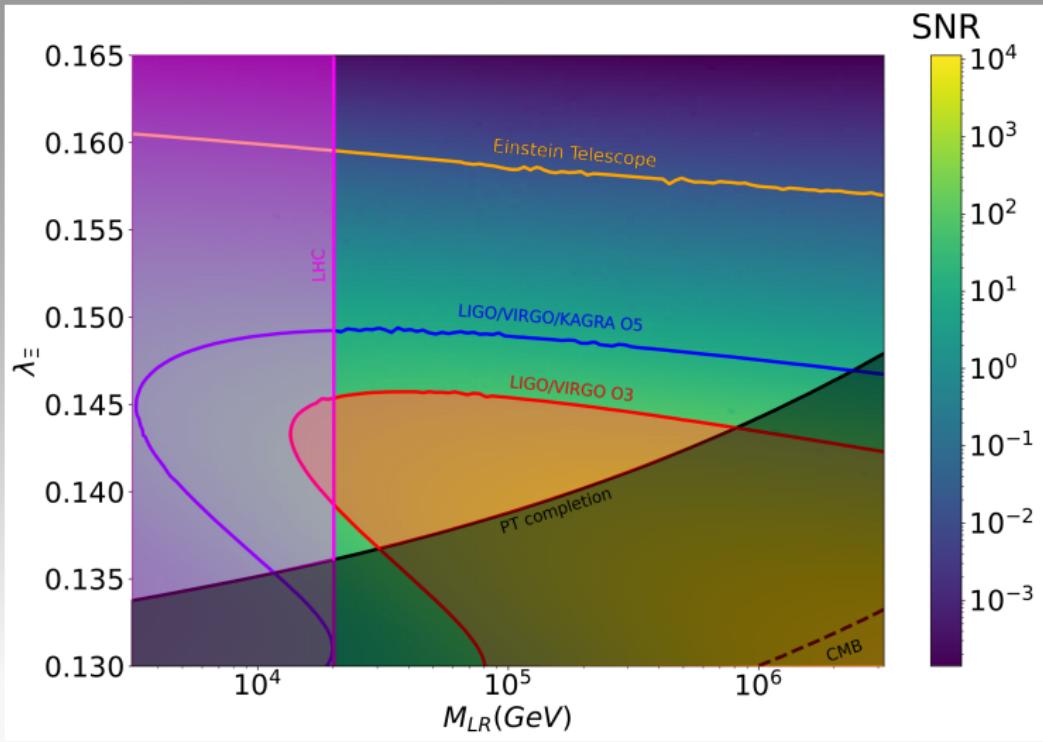
$$S_{\text{turb}}(f) = \frac{(f/f_{\text{turb}})^3}{(1 + f/f_{\text{turb}})^{11/3} (1 + 8\pi f/H_*)}$$

$$f_{\text{turb}} = 27 \text{ Hz} \left( \frac{g_*}{100} \right)^{1/6} \left( \frac{T_\Gamma}{10^8 \text{ GeV}} \right) \left( \frac{\beta}{H_*} \right) v_w^{-1}$$

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# Conclusions and outlook

- Models inspired by grand unification can be probed at high scales using gravitational waves
  - Complementarity with searches at low energy (colliders, etc)
- GWs can probe the mechanism for neutrino masses in Pati-Salam
  - Types I and II are generated by the intermediate LR
  - Constraints on  $M_{PS}$  scale affect  $M_{LR}$ , and therefore  $m_\nu$
- Current results from LIGO/VIRGO already constrain model
  - GW prediction very sensitive to values of  $\lambda_\Xi$
  - Importance of checking for the completion of the PT
- Model is discoverable by upcoming results from the LIGO/VIRGO/KAGRA network
  - First evidence of GW stochastic background from LIGO
- Future missions, e.g. Einstein Telescope, will probe a large portion of model parameter space

# Backup

# Effective potential

- One-loop CW potential, in the Landau gauge and  $\overline{\text{MS}}$  renormalisation scheme

$$V_{\text{CW}}(\phi) = \sum_i \pm g_i \frac{m_i^4(\phi)}{64\pi^2} \left( \log \frac{m_i^2(\phi)}{\mu^2} - c_i \right), \quad \begin{aligned} c_s &= 3/2 \\ c_f &= 5/6 \end{aligned}$$

- Finite temperature potential

$$V_T(\phi, T) = \frac{T^4}{2\pi^2} \sum_i \pm g_i J_b/f \left( \frac{m_i^2(\phi)}{T^2} \right)$$

- Daisy corrections

$$V_{\text{daisy}}(\phi, T) = -\frac{T}{12\pi} \sum_i g_i \left[ (m_i^2(\phi) + \Pi_i(T))^{3/2} - (m_i^2(\phi))^{3/2} \right]$$

# Signal-to-noise ratio

- In a given detector network the SNR,  $\rho$  is

$$\rho = \sqrt{2\tau} \left( \int_{f_{min}}^{f_{max}} df \sum_{I=1}^M \sum_{J>I}^M \frac{\Gamma_{IJ}(f) S_h^2(f)}{P_{nI}(f) P_{nJ}(f)} \right)^{1/2}$$

→  $S_h(f)$  is the GW power spectral density

$$S_h(f) = \frac{3H_0^2 \Omega_{\text{GW}}(f)}{2\pi^2 f^2}$$

→  $\Gamma_{IJ}$  overlap reduction function of detectors  $I$  and  $J$

→  $P_{nI}$  the power spectral density in detector I due to noise

→  $\tau$  duration of simultaneous observation

- The detectability threshold  $\rho > 10$