

Exploring the Boundaries of Naturalness

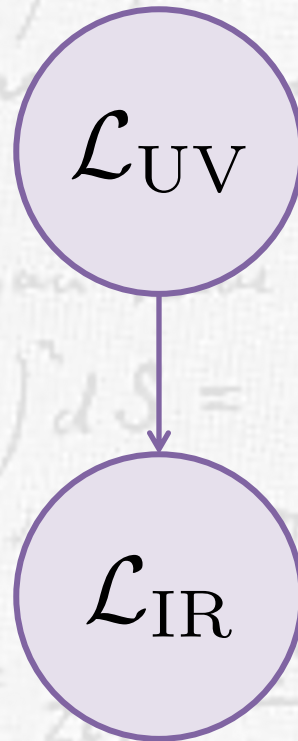
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Naturalness: My View

Whether or not we know a UV theory, we have tools to understand how its parameters may map into the IR EFT. Dimensional analysis, NDA, **Spurion Analysis**, symmetries...



Spurion Analysis

Basic idea: In UV or IR theory, treat parameters as if they were fields, or were vanishing. If this were the case, what global symmetries would there be?

$$\mathcal{L}(\text{Fields, Params})$$

Under these symmetries, the “charges” of the parameters dictate:

- How they enter into physical observables.
- The structure of quantum corrections.
- RG patterns.
- The structure of the IR EFT.

Spurion Analysis

Example 1: The electron mass.

The electron Yukawa is the only parameter in


$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{IR}}$$

which breaks a $U(1)$ electron chiral symmetry.
Thus, within the IR it can only be renormalized
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Spurion Analysis

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Furthermore, if there is only one parameter in


$$\mathcal{L}_{UV}$$

which breaks the chiral symmetry (and gives rise to the Yukawa), then even in the UV the renormalization of the operator responsible for the IR electron Yukawa is also renormalized proportional to itself.

Can start small, stay small, at all scales.

(‘t Hooft Natural)

Spurion Analysis

Example 1: The Higgs mass.

The only symmetries that can protect a scalar mass in the absence of additional states are a shift symmetry (non-linearly realized global symm) or conformal symmetry. In


$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{IR}}$$

if the Higgs mass parameter was the only one to break these symmetries, then it could be naturally small, just like the electron Yukawa.

Spurion Analysis

Example 1: The Higgs mass.

However, all of its interactions break shift and existence of the UV scale (and RG in IR) break any putative scale symmetry.

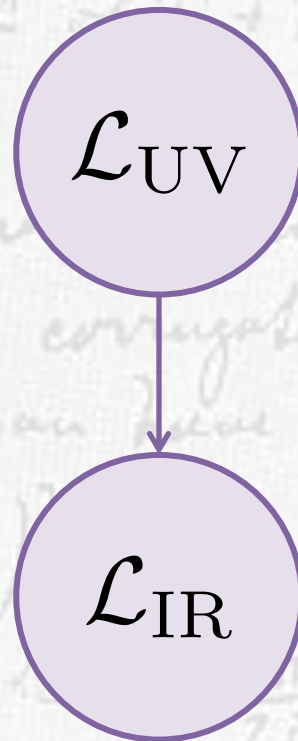
Thus there is nothing that can suppress corrections such as

$$\delta m_h^2 \sim \frac{\hbar y_t^2}{(4\pi)^2} M_{UV}^2$$

(Note this cannot be Planck scale, more like string scale...)

Spurion Analysis

Maybe there is no UV scale at all? **Nope.**
Standard Model not UV complete (Landau poles,
short-distance gravity) etc.



What's going on with the Higgs mass?

Spurion Analysis



Are we sure we've looked around us?

Where to look? My View

Global symmetries and their breaking play a central role in naturalness.

In particular, non-Abelian symmetry ubiquitous:

- Composite Higgs $\mathcal{G} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$
- Flavour puzzle: $SU(3)_{Q,U,D,L,E}$

Yet, often models have focused on $U(1)$ toy models, or on **minimality** assumptions.

Where to look? My View

Here, by “minimality”, I mean something **very specific**: That global symmetries are explicitly broken by minimal irreducible representations.

This does not necessarily relate to “number of particles” for which we have no guidance.

Example: Scalar Quartic

Standard lore would have it that in a theory such as

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial\phi)^2 - \frac{1}{2} m^2 \phi^2 - \frac{\lambda}{4!} \phi^4$$

the cutoff should be at

$$\Lambda \lesssim \frac{(4\pi)^2}{\lambda} m^2$$

However, consider a U(1) pNGB with explicit breaking by operator of charge “n”. EFT is:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial\phi)^2 + \epsilon M^2 f^2 \cos \frac{n\phi}{f}$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{2} (\partial\phi)^2 - \frac{1}{2} \epsilon n^2 M^2 \phi^2 + \frac{1}{4!} \epsilon n^4 \frac{M^2}{f^2} \phi^4 + \dots$$

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True cutoff is $\Lambda^2 \lesssim (4\pi)^2 f^2$

Naïve cutoff is $\Lambda^2 \lesssim (4\pi)^2 f^2 / n^2$

Naïve estimate underestimates natural scale separation by factor $n!$ Beware minimality!

Example: Weinberg Operator

Consider the Weinberg operator. Accidentally, lepton number perturbatively conserved in SM. Nothing to conserve it at dim-5:

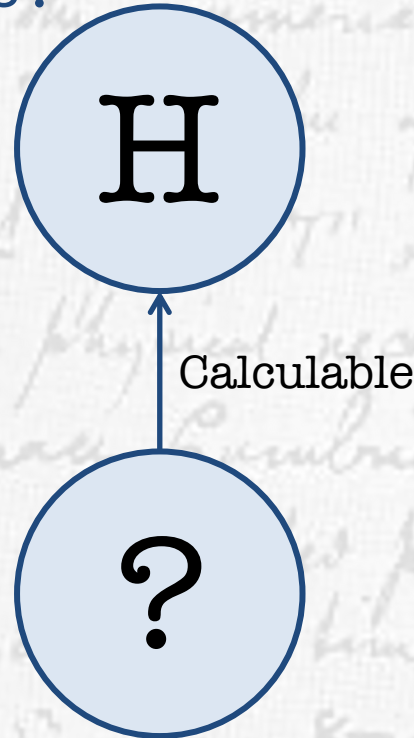
$$\mathcal{L}_W = \frac{(H \cdot L)(H \cdot L)}{\Lambda}$$

An observation much less considered is that this operator is in a non-minimal irrep of $SU(3)_L$. In fact, it is in the symmetric **6** irrep.

Majorana neutrino masses explicitly break $SU(3)_L$ non-minimally. (Credit: Conversations with Neal Weiner)

Back to the Higgs Boson

What about the Higgs?



The Standard Model, our best description of nature, breaks down at short distances: It is to be replaced by something more fundamental at shorter distance scales.

Whence the Higgs Boson?

Standard Model is the “IR” of some “UV-completion”.

Unless reductionism ends now, SM at the weak scale (IR) calculable from within UV theory.

Hence Higgs potential is predicted from UV:

$$V(H)$$

A “natural” UV-completion generates two “IR” parameters without tuning “UV” parameters:

$$\langle H \rangle = \frac{2}{2i+1} m_h$$

Pion Reminder

With the composite pions there is a scale separation between their mass and the next microscopic scale (QCD)...

$$\text{SU}(2)_L \times \text{SU}(2)_R \rightarrow \text{SU}(2)_V$$

$$m_\pi^2 \ll m_\rho^2$$

$$m_q \ll \Lambda_{QCD}$$



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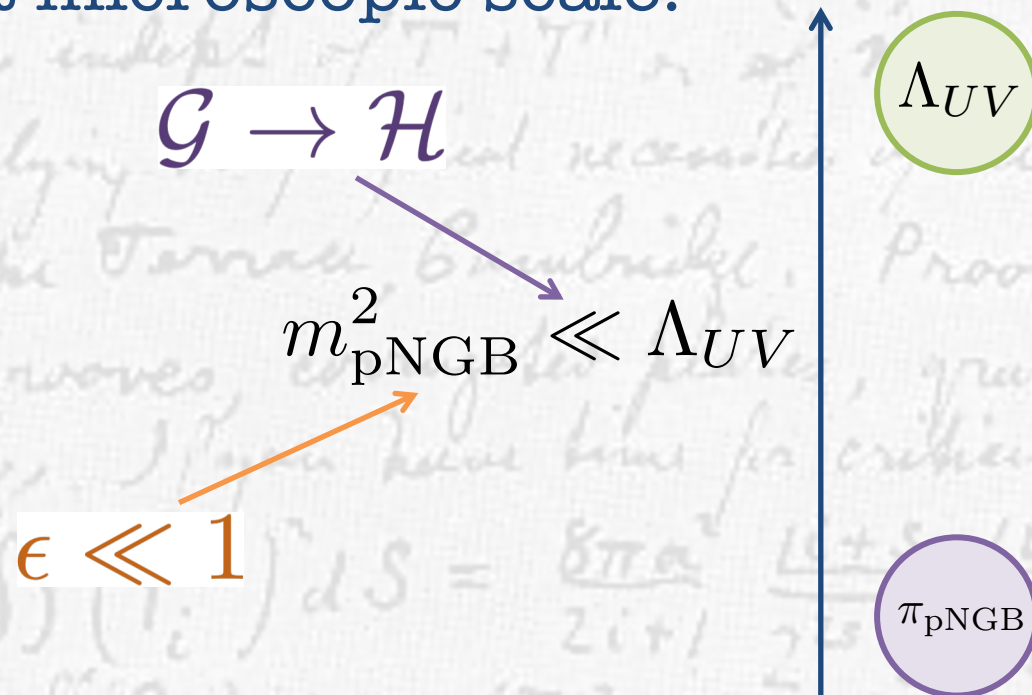
Could the Higgs be a composite particle, like the Pion? “pNGB-like Higgs”.

Question that’s been asked many times... Kaplan, Georgi, Dimopoulos 1984 etc.

The Standard Model, our best description, breaks down at short distances: It is an effective field theory, to be replaced by something more fundamental at shorter distance scales.

Generalising: “pNGB”

With general “pseudo-Nambu-Goldstone Bosons” there is a scale separation between their mass and the next microscopic scale:



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Pion-Like Higgs Circa 2024

For a Pion-like Higgs:

$$V(H) \approx \epsilon f^2 M^2 F(H/f)$$

Small
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Higgs mass depends on ϵ and the curvature of F .

Higgs vev is independent of ϵ , only cares about
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For a Pion-like Higgs:

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Also... due to operators like

$$\frac{1}{f^2} (\partial|H|^2)^2$$

Higgs couplings are modified, relative to SM, by $O(1)$ factors of v^2/f^2 .

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Assumption until now(ish): Sources of explicit symmetry breaking are top and gauge, so

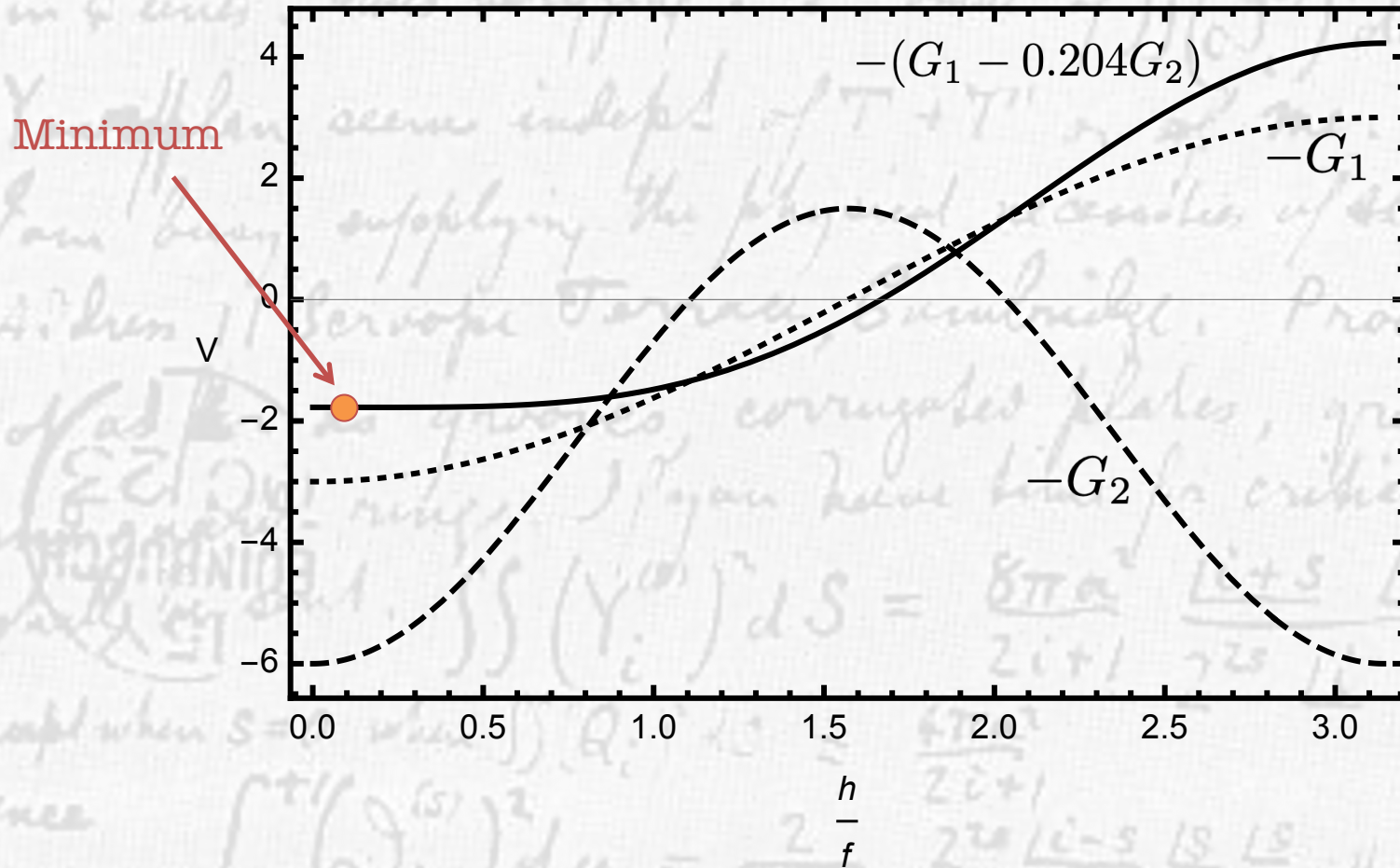
$$F(H/f) \sim \cos(H/f), \cos^2(H/f), \cos^4(H/f),$$

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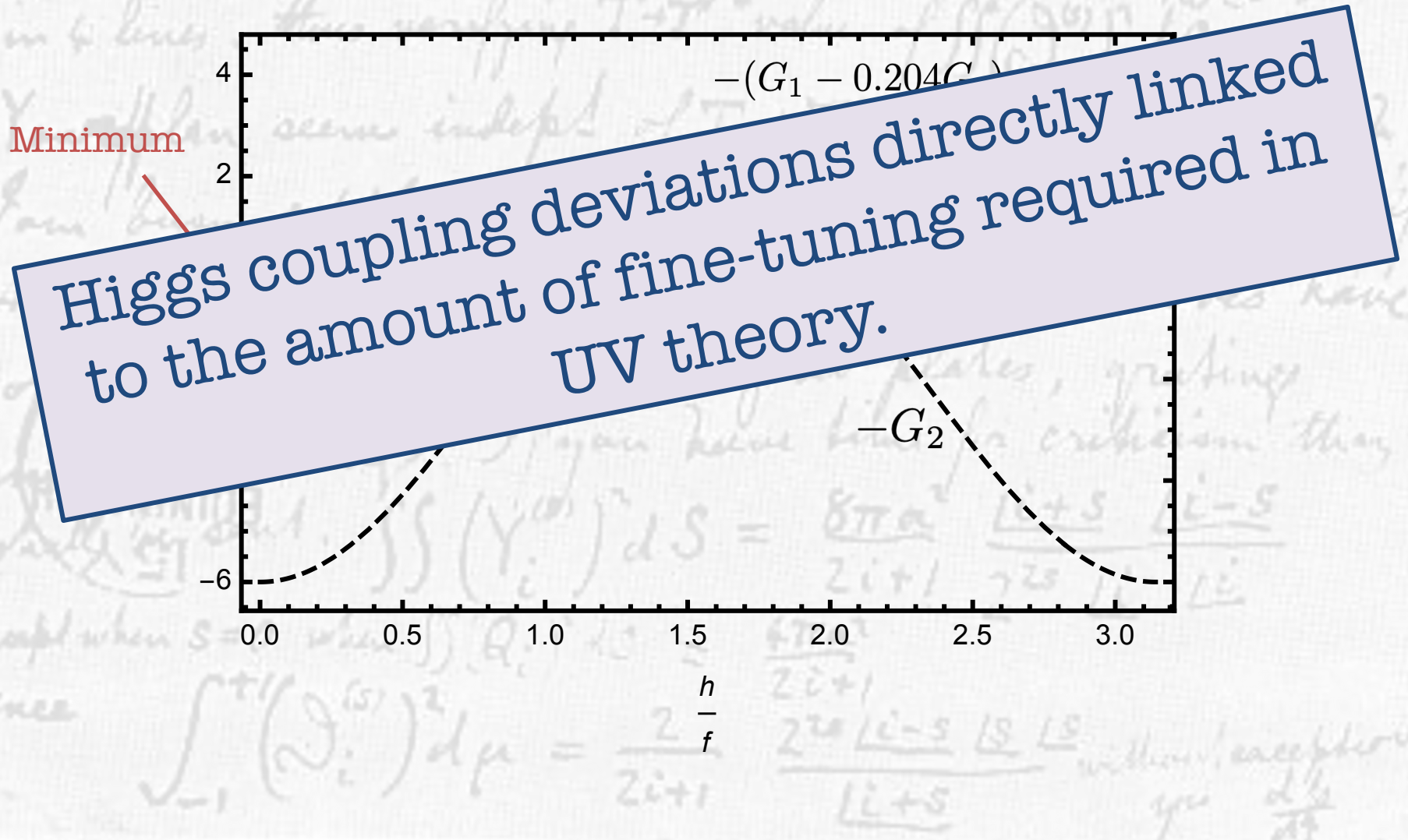
$$\epsilon \sim \frac{3\lambda_t^2}{8\pi^2}, \frac{g^2}{16\pi^2}$$

Leading to a “universal” source of fine-tuning:
Only way to get $v \ll f$ is to have different contributions (loops or whatever) and fine-tune coefficients so that minimum is not at 0 or πf .

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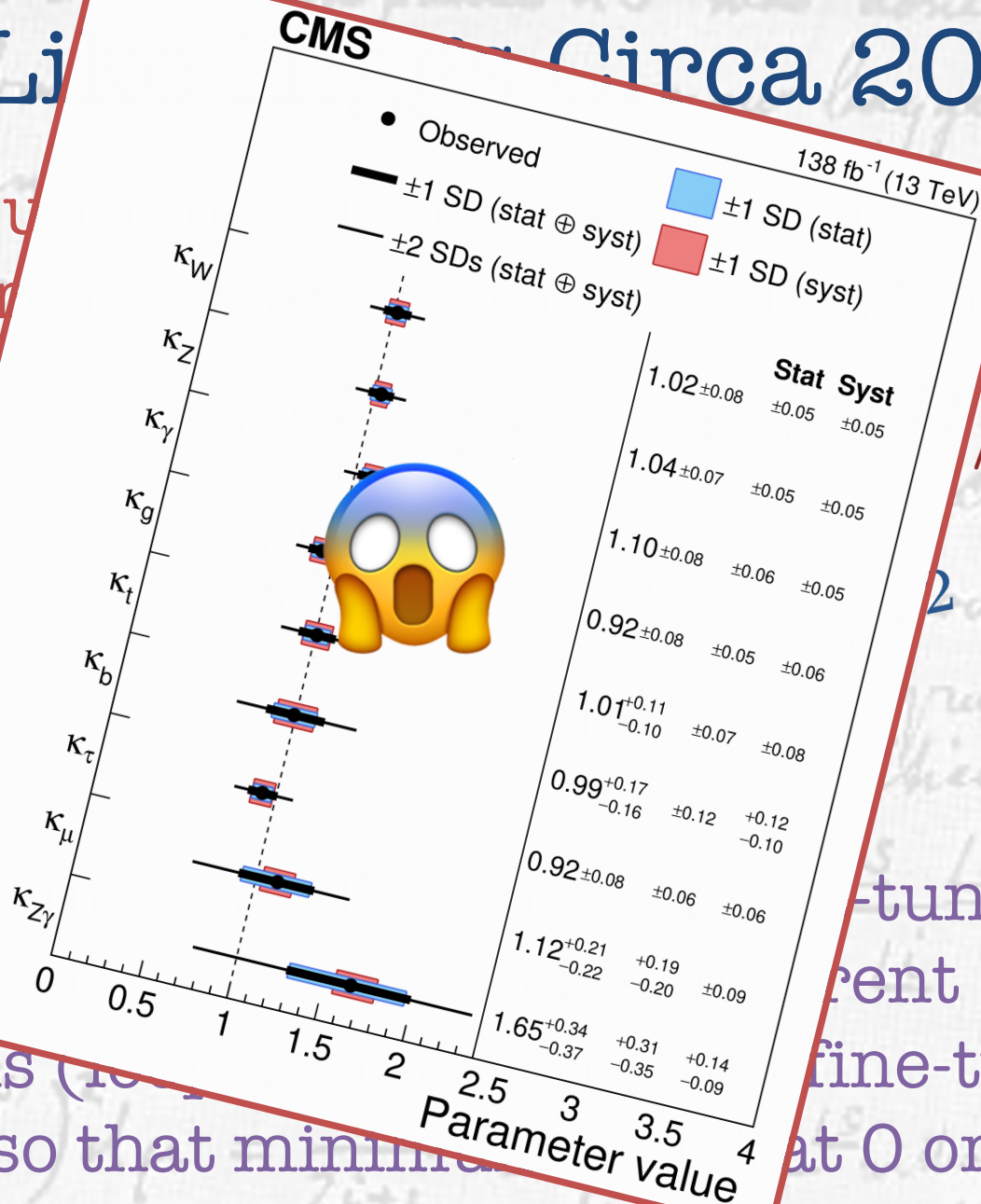
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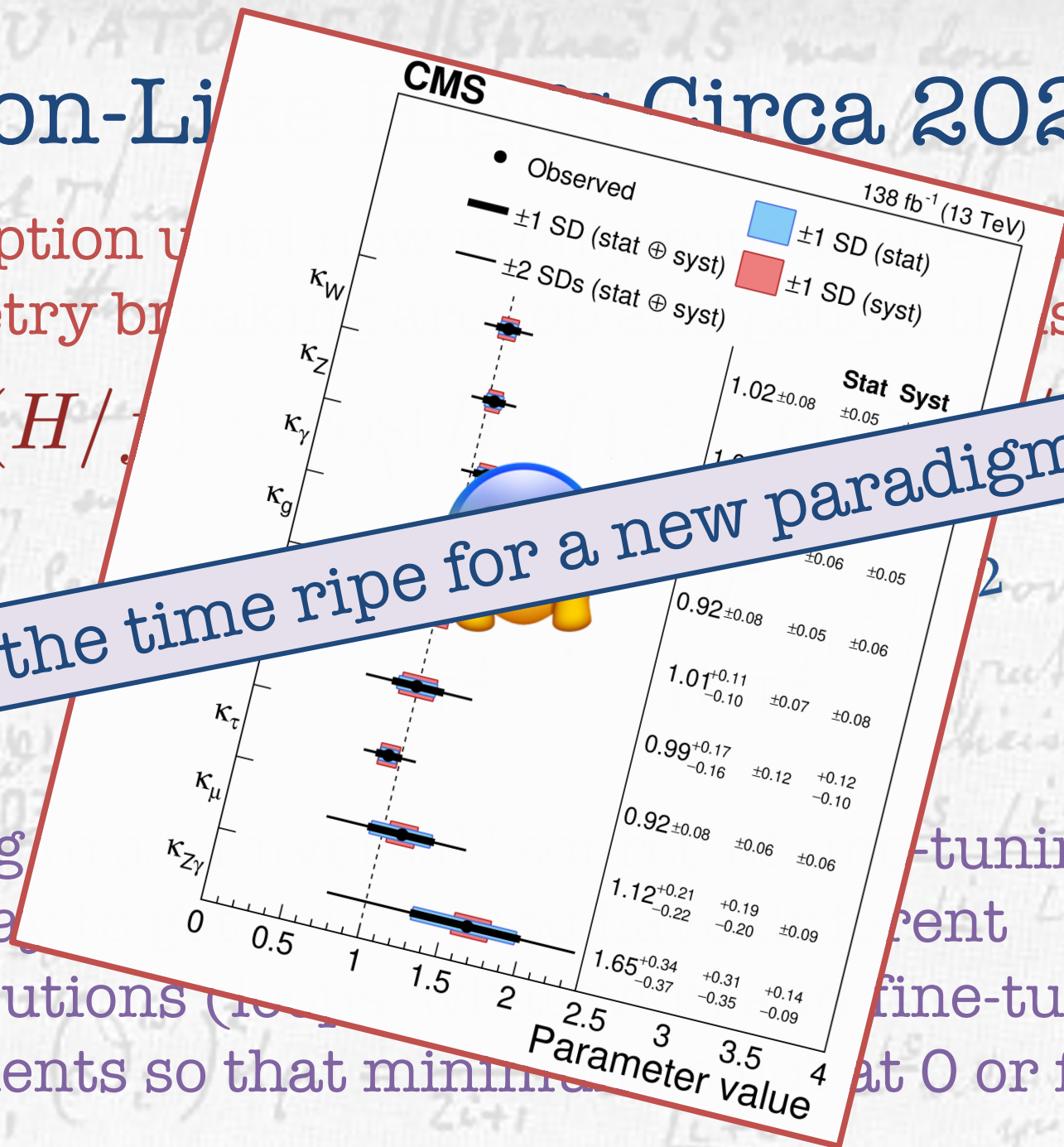
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Is the time ripe for a new paradigm?

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Pion-Like Higgs Circa 2024

Questions concerning paradigm...

What if we take fine-tuning, not our own aesthetics/minimality, as our guide?

Why shouldn't there be more sources of explicit symmetry breaking for pNGB Higgs? Quark masses and QED coupling both contribute to pion potential, with completely different UV origins.

But first, I want to talk about Methane...



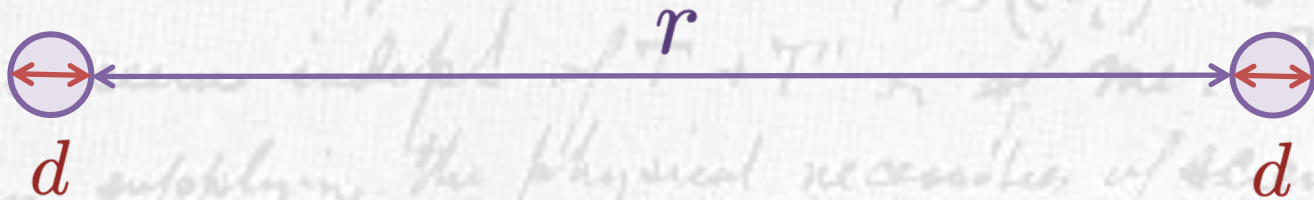
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$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) \delta(x-a) dx = f(a)$$
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with exception
you $\frac{d}{dx}$

Effective Field Theory

Consider the electrostatic potential between two identical objects far separated:



We may capture all effects of substructure(=microphysics) in an EFT expansion of electrostatic potential:

$$V(r) = \frac{a_0}{r} + \frac{a_1 d}{r^2} + \frac{a_2 d^2}{r^3} + \frac{a_3 d^3}{r^4} + \frac{a_4 d^4}{r^5} + \dots$$

Effective Field Theory

Each term in

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comes from a multipole-multipole electrostatic interaction, wherein:

$$V_{l_1 l_2}(r) = \frac{a_{l_1+l_2} d^{l_1+l_2-1}}{r^{1+l_1+l_2}}$$

We may think of each multipole as a small “spurion” parameter in an irrep which explicitly breaks spatial $SO(3)$ symmetry. (Think, for example, of charge configurations).

Effective Field Theory

Theoretical chemist's picture...

	dipole (p) l = 1	quadrupole (d) l = 2	octopole (f) l = 3
C ₁	3A	5A	7A
C _s	2A' + A''	3A' + 2A''	4A' + 3A''
C _i	3A _u	5A _g	7A _u
C ₂	A + 2B	3A + 2B	3A + 4B
C ₃	A + E	A + 2E	3A + 2E
C ₄	A + E	A + 2B + E	A + 2B + 2E
C ₅	A + E ₁	A + E ₁ + E ₂	A + E ₁ + 2E ₂
C ₆	A + E ₁	A + E ₁ + E ₂	A + 2B + E ₁ + E ₂
C ₇	A + E ₁	A + E ₁ + E ₂	A + E ₁ + E ₂ + E ₃
C ₈	A + E ₁	A + E ₁ + E ₂	A + E ₁ + E ₂ + E ₃
D ₂	B ₁ + B ₂ + B ₃	2A + B ₁ + B ₂ + B ₃	A + 2B ₁ + 2B ₂ + 2B ₃
D ₃	A ₂ + E	A ₁ + 2E	A ₁ + 2A ₂ + 2E
D ₄	A ₂ + E	A ₁ + B ₁ + B ₂ + E	A ₂ + B ₁ + B ₂ + 2E
D ₅	A ₂ + E ₁	A ₁ + E ₁ + E ₂	A ₂ + E ₁ + 2E ₂
D ₆	A ₂ + E ₁	A ₁ + E ₁ + E ₂	A ₂ + B ₁ + B ₂ + E ₁ + E ₂
C _{2v}	A ₁ + B ₁ + B ₂	2A ₁ + A ₂ + B ₁ + B ₂	2A ₁ + A ₂ + 2B ₁ + 2B ₂
C _{3v}	A ₁ + E	A ₁ + 2E	2A ₁ + A ₂ + 2E
C _{4v}	A ₁ + E	A ₁ + B ₁ + B ₂ + E	A ₁ + B ₁ + B ₂ + 2E
C _{5v}	A ₁ + E ₁	A ₁ + E ₁ + E ₂	A ₁ + E ₁ + 2E ₂
C _{6v}	A ₁ + E ₁	A ₁ + E ₁ + E ₂	A ₁ + B ₁ + B ₂ + E ₁ + E ₂
C _{2h}	A _u + 2B _u	3A _g + 2B _g	3A _u + 4B _u
C _{3h}	A'' + E'	A' + E' + E''	2A' + A'' + E' + E''
C _{4h}	A _u + E _u	A _u + 2B _g + E _g	A _u + 2B _u + 2E _u
C _{5h}	A'' + E ₁ '	A' + E ₂ ' + E ₁ ''	A'' + E ₁ ' + E ₂ ' + E ₂ ''
C _{6h}	A _u + E _{1u}	A _g + E _{1g} + E _{2g}	A _u + 2B _u + E _{1u} + E _{2u}
D _{2h}	B _{1u} + B _{2u} + B _{3u}	2A _g + B _{1g} + B _{2g} + B _{3g}	A _u + 2B _{1u} + 2B _{2u} + 2B _{3u}
D _{3h}	A ₂ '' + E'	A ₁ ' + E' + E''	2A ₁ ' + A ₂ ' + A ₁ '' + A ₂ '' + E' + E''
D _{4h}	A _{2u} + E _u	A _{1g} + B _{1g} + B _{2g} + E _g	A _{2u} + B _{1u} + B _{2u} + 2E _u
D _{5h}	A ₂ '' + E ₁ '	A ₁ ' + E ₂ ' + E ₁ ''	A ₂ '' + E ₁ ' + E ₂ ' + E ₂ ''
D _{6h}	A _{2u} + E _{1u}	A _{1g} + E _{1g} + E _{2g}	A _{2u} + B _{1u} + B _{2u} + E _{1u} + E _{2u}
D _{8h}	A _{2u} + E _{1u}	A _{1g} + E _{1g} + E _{2g}	A _{2u} + E _{1u} + B _{2u} + E _{3u}
D _{3d}	B ₂ + E	A ₁ + B ₁ + B ₂ + E	A ₁ + A ₂ + B ₂ + 2E
D _{3d}	A _{2u} + E _u	A _{1g} + 2E _g	A _{1u} + 2A _{2u} + 2E _u
D _{4d}	B ₂ + E ₁	A ₁ + E ₂ + E ₃	B ₂ + E ₁ + E ₂ + E ₃
D _{5d}	A _{2u} + E _{1u}	A _{1g} + E _{1g} + E _{2g}	A _{2u} + E _{1u} + 2E _{2u}
D _{6d}	B ₂ + E ₁	A ₁ + E ₂ + E ₃	B ₂ + E ₁ + E ₃ + E ₄
S ₄	B + E	A + 2B + E	2A + B + 2E
S ₆	A _u + E _u	A _g + 2E _g	3A _u + 2E _u
S ₈	B + E ₁	A + E ₂ + E ₃	B + E ₁ + E ₂ + E ₃
T	T	E + T	A + 2T
T _h	T _u	E _g + T _g	A _u + 2T _u
T _d	T ₂	E + T ₂	A ₁ + T ₁ + T ₂
O	T ₁	E + T ₂	A ₂ + T ₁ + T ₂
O _h	T _{1u}	E _g + T _{2g}	A _{2u} + T _{1u} + T _{2u}
C _{∞v}	Σ' + Π	Σ' + Π + Δ	Σ' + Π + Δ + Φ
D _{∞h}	Σ _u ' + Π _u	Σ _g ' + Π _g + Δ _g	Σ _u ' + Π _u + Δ _u + Φ _u
I	T ₁	H	T ₂ + G
I _h	T _{1u}	H _g	T _{2u} + G _u

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	hexadecapole (g) l = 4	32-pole (h) l = 5	64-pole (i) l = 6
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C ₂	5A + 4B	5A + 6B	7A + 6B
C ₃	3A + 3E	3A + 4E	5A + 4E
C ₄	3A + 2B + 2E	3A + 2B + 3E	3A + 4B + 3E
C ₅	A + 2E ₁ + 2E ₂	3A + 2E ₁ + 2E ₂	3A + 3E ₁ + 2E ₂
C ₆	A + 2B + E ₁ + 2E ₂	A + 2B + 2E ₁ + 2E ₂	3A + 2B + 2E ₁ + 2E ₂
C ₇	A + E ₁ + E ₂ + 2E ₃	A + E ₁ + 2E ₂ + 2E ₃	A + 2E ₁ + 2E ₂ + 2E ₃
C ₈	A + 2B + E ₁ + E ₂ + E ₃	A + 2B + E ₁ + E ₂ + 2E ₃	A + 2B + E ₁ + 2E ₂ + 2E ₃
D ₂	3A + 2B ₁ + 2B ₂ + 2B ₃	2A + 3B ₁ + 3B ₂ + 3B ₃	4A + 3B ₁ + 3B ₂ + 3B ₃
D ₃	2A ₁ + A ₂ + 3E	A ₁ + 2A ₂ + 4E	3A ₁ + 2A ₂ + 4E
D ₄	2A ₁ + A ₂ + B ₁ + B ₂ + 2E	A ₁ + 2A ₂ + B ₁ + B ₂ + 3E	2A ₁ + A ₂ + 2B ₁ + 2B ₂ + 3E
D ₅	A ₁ + 2E ₁ + 2E ₂	A ₁ + A ₂ + 2E ₁ + 2E ₂	A ₁ + 2A ₂ + 3E ₁ + 2E ₂
D ₆	A ₁ + B ₁ + B ₂ + E ₁ + 2E ₂	A ₂ + B ₁ + B ₂ + 2E ₁ + 2E ₂	2A ₁ + A ₂ + B ₁ + B ₂ + 2E ₁ + 2E ₂
C _{2v}	3A ₁ + 2A ₂ + 2B ₁ + 2B ₂	3A ₁ + 3A ₂ + 3B ₁ + 3B ₂	4A ₁ + 3A ₂ + 3B ₁ + 3B ₂
C _{3v}	2A ₁ + A ₂ + 3E	2A ₁ + A ₂ + 4E	3A ₁ + 2A ₂ + 4E
C _{4v}	2A ₁ + A ₂ + B ₁ + B ₂ + 2E	2A ₁ + A ₂ + B ₁ + B ₂ + 3E	2A ₁ + A ₂ + 2B ₁ + 2B ₂ + 3E
C _{5v}	A ₁ + 2E ₁ + 2E ₂	2A ₁ + A ₂ + 2E ₁ + 2E ₂	2A ₁ + A ₂ + 3E ₁ + 2E ₂
C _{6v}	A ₁ + B ₁ + B ₂ + E ₁ + 2E ₂	A ₁ + B ₁ + B ₂ + 2E ₁ + 2E ₂	2A ₁ + A ₂ + B ₁ + B ₂ + 2E ₁ + 2E ₂
C _{2h}	5A _g + 4B _g	5A _u + 6B _u	7A _g + 6B _g
C _{3h}	A' + 2A'' + 2E' + E''	2A' + A'' + 2E' + 2E''	3A' + 2A'' + 2E' + 2E''
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D _{4d}	A ₁ + B ₁ + B ₂ + E ₁ + E ₂ + E ₃	A ₁ + A ₂ + B ₂ + E ₁ + E ₂ + 2E ₃	A ₁ + B ₁ + B ₂ + E ₁ + 2E ₂ + E ₃
D _{5d}	A _{1g} + 2E _{1g} + 2E _{2g}	A _{1u} + 2A _{2u} + 2E _{1u} + 2E _{2u}	2A _{1g} + A _{2g} + 3E _{1g} + 2E _{2g}
D _{6d}	A ₁ + E ₂ + E ₃ + E ₄ + E ₅	B ₂ + E ₁ + E ₂ + E ₃ + E ₄ + E ₅	A ₁ + B ₁ + B ₂ + E ₁ + E ₂ + E ₃ + E ₄ + E ₅
S ₄	3A + 2B + 3E	2A + 3B + 3E	3A + 4B + 3E
S ₆	3A _g + 3E _g	3A _u + 4E _u	5A _g + 4E _g
S ₈	A + 2B + E ₁ + E ₂ + E ₃	2A + B + E ₁ + E ₂ + 2E ₃	A + 2B + 2E ₁ + 2E ₂ + E ₃
T	A + E + 2T	E + 3T	2A + E + 3T
T _h	A _g + E _g + 2T _g	E _u + 3T _u	2A _g + E _g + 3T _g
T _d	A ₁ + E + T ₁ + T ₂	E + T ₁ + 2T ₂	A ₁ + A ₂ + E + T ₁ + 2T ₂
O	A ₁ + E + T ₁ + T ₂	E + 2T ₁ + T ₂	A ₁ + A ₂ + E + T ₁ + 2T ₂
O _h	A _{1g} + E _g + T _{1g} + T _{2g}	E _u + 2T _{1u} + 2T _{2u}	A _{1g} + A _{2g} + E _g + T _{1g} + 2T _{2g}
C _{∞v}	Σ' + Π + Δ + Φ + Γ	Σ' + Π + Δ + Φ + Γ + H	Σ' + Π + Δ + Φ + Γ + H + I
D _{∞h}	Σ _u ' + Π _u + Δ _u + Φ _u + Γ _u + G _u	Σ _g ' + Π _g + Δ _g + Φ _g + Γ _g + H _g + I _g	Σ _u ' + Π _u + Δ _u + Φ _u + Γ _u + H _u + I _u
I	G + H	T ₁ + T ₂ + H	A + T ₁ + G + H
I _h	G _g + H _g	T _{1u} + T _{2u} + H _u	A _{1g} + T _{1g} + G _g + H _g

Gelessus, Thiel, Weber, 1995

Effective Field Theory

Theoretical chemist's picture...

	dipole (p) l = 1	quadrupole (d) l = 2	octopole (f) l = 3
C ₁	3A	5A	7A
C _s	2A' + A''	3A' + 2A''	4A' + 3A''
C _i	3A _u	5A _u	7A _u
C ₂	A + A	3A + 3A	5A + 4B
C ₃	A + A	A + A	3A + 2E
C ₄	A + A	A + A	A + A
C _s	A + A	A + A	A + A
C ₆	A + A	A + A	A + A
C ₇	A + A	A + A	A + A
C ₈	A + A	A + A	A + A
D ₂	A + A	A + A	A + A
D ₃	A + A	A + A	A + A
D ₄	A + A	A + A	A + A
D ₅	A + A	A + A	A + A
D ₆	A + A	A + A	A + A
C _{2v}	A ₁ + E ₁	3A ₁ + E ₁	5A ₁ + E ₁
C _{3v}	A ₁ + 2E ₁	5A ₁ + 2E ₁	7A ₁ + 3E ₁
C _{4v}	A ₁ + E ₁ + E ₁	A ₁ + E ₁ + E ₁	A ₁ + E ₁ + E ₁
C _{5v}	A ₁ + 2E ₁ + E ₁	A ₁ + 2E ₁ + E ₁	A ₁ + 2E ₁ + E ₁
C _{6v}	A ₁ + 2E ₁ + E ₁	A ₁ + 2E ₁ + E ₁	A ₁ + 2E ₁ + E ₁
D _{2h}	A _g + B _g + B _g + E _g	A _g + B _g + B _g + E _g	A _g + B _g + B _g + E _g
D _{3h}	A _{1g} + E _{1g} + E _{1g}	A _{1g} + E _{1g} + E _{1g}	A _{1g} + E _{1g} + E _{1g}
D _{3d}	A _{1g} + E _{1g} + E _{1g}	A _{1g} + E _{1g} + E _{1g}	A _{1g} + E _{1g} + E _{1g}
D _{4h}	A _{1g} + B _{1g} + B _{1g} + E _{1g}	A _{1g} + B _{1g} + B _{1g} + E _{1g}	A _{1g} + B _{1g} + B _{1g} + E _{1g}
D _{4d}	A _{1g} + B _{1g} + B _{1g} + E _{1g}	A _{1g} + B _{1g} + B _{1g} + E _{1g}	A _{1g} + B _{1g} + B _{1g} + E _{1g}
D _{5d}	A _{1g} + B _{1g} + B _{1g} + E _{1g}	A _{1g} + B _{1g} + B _{1g} + E _{1g}	A _{1g} + B _{1g} + B _{1g} + E _{1g}
D _{6d}	A _{1g} + B _{1g} + B _{1g} + E _{1g}	A _{1g} + B _{1g} + B _{1g} + E _{1g}	A _{1g} + B _{1g} + B _{1g} + E _{1g}
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S ₆	A ₁ + B ₁ + B ₂ + E	A ₁ + B ₁ + B ₂ + E	A ₁ + B ₁ + B ₂ + E
S ₈	A ₁ + B ₁ + B ₂ + E	A ₁ + B ₁ + B ₂ + E	A ₁ + B ₁ + B ₂ + E
T	A + T	A + T	A + T
T _h	A _g + T _g	A _g + T _g	A _g + T _g
T _d	A ₁ + E ₁ + T ₂	A ₁ + E ₁ + T ₂	A ₁ + E ₁ + T ₂
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C _{∞v}	Σ ⁺ + Π	Σ ⁺ + Π + Δ	Σ ⁺ + Π + Δ + Φ
D _{∞h}	Σ _g ⁺ + Π _u	Σ _g ⁺ + Π _g + Δ _g	Σ _g ⁺ + Π _g + Δ _g + Φ _g
I	T ₁	H	T ₂ + G
I _h	T _{1u}	H _g	T _{2u} + G _u

	hexadecapole (g) l = 4	32-pole (h) l = 5	64-pole (i) l = 6
C ₁	9A	11A	13A
C _s	5A' + 4A''	6A' + 5A''	7A' + 6A''
C _i	9A _u	11A _u	13A _u
C ₂	5A + 4B	5A + 6B	7A + 6B
C ₃	3A + 3E	3A + 4E	5A + 4E
C ₄	3A + 2B + 2E	3A + 2B + 3E	3A + 4B + 3E
C ₅	A + 2E ₁ + 2E ₂	3A + 2E ₁ + 2E ₂	3A + 3E ₁ + 2E ₂
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For methane the point group is Cubic:

$$V_T(r) \propto \frac{d^6}{r^7}$$

This is a steep potential generated by a spurion in the 3-index irrep of $\text{SO}(3)$ which explicitly breaks $\text{SO}(3)$ to the Cubic group.

Methane isn't that special though. Ask cows.



For methane the point group is Cubic:

Punchline: Explicit global symmetry breaking by spurions in large irreps happens in nature already.

This is a spurion in the 3-index irrep of $SO(3)$ breaks $SO(3)$ to the Cubic group.

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Back to the Higgs again...

Based on various published and unpublished work with
Durieux and Salvioni
Salvioni and Menkara
Durieux, Kang, Quevillon.

Internal Symmetries

One could consider a standard CCWZ-like procedure, in terms of G and H. Would have

$$V_{\text{pNGB}} = \dots + \epsilon \frac{M^2}{f^{n-2}} S^{a_1 a_2 \dots a_n} \sum_{a_1} \sum_{a_1} \dots \sum_{a_n}$$

Where the S is explicit breaking in n-index symmetric irrep (literally the multipoles), e.g. for SO(N). ϵ is a small parameter.

But this is cumbersome. After all, the pNGBs don't really care about G and H, but G/H...

Question

If we live in the IR and have some set of light
pNGBs

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with a scalar potential

$V(\Pi)$

how do we essentially “organise” or structurally
understand the pNGB potential without
recourse to the UV symmetries and irreps?

Answer

pNGBs parameterise coordinates on G/H . To understand functions on a manifold, work with harmonic functions.

Lots of pNGB examples live on the sphere:

$$\frac{G}{H} \simeq S^N$$

For $SO(N+1) \rightarrow SO(N)$, also $SU(N') \rightarrow SU(N'-1)$, $Sp(N'') \rightarrow Sp(N''-1)$. Thanks to Joe Davighi who emphasized breadth to us.

Note that it also applies to some special groups.

Identifying Harmonics

Harmonics are eigenfunctions of Laplace-Beltrami operator

$$\Delta_{S^N} V_\epsilon(\Pi_j)$$

Now consider a scenario where the potential is a function of

$$\Pi = \left(\sum_{j=1}^N \Pi_j^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

such that the IR respects an $SO(N)$ symmetry acting on the pNGBs. Note that this does not necessarily imply $H=SO(N)$...

Identifying Harmonics

In this case we have

$$\Delta_{\mathcal{S}^N} V_\epsilon(\Pi) = \frac{\partial^2 V_\epsilon(\Pi)}{\partial \Pi^2} + \underbrace{\frac{N-1}{f}}_{\text{Geometry}} \cot \frac{\Pi}{f} \frac{\partial V_\epsilon(\Pi)}{\partial \Pi}$$

and eigenfunctions are

$$\Delta_{\mathcal{S}^N} G_n^{(N-1)/2}(\cos \Pi/f) = -\frac{n(n+N-1)}{f^2} G_n^{\frac{N-1}{2}}(\cos \Pi/f)$$

Gegenbauer polynomials.

Decomposing pNGB Potentials

For any spontaneous (internal) symmetry breaking pattern with coset

$$\frac{\mathcal{G}}{\mathcal{H}} \simeq \mathcal{S}^N$$

for which there is also explicit symmetry breaking that preserves an $SO(N)$ subgroup in \mathcal{H} , then can decompose any pNGB potential as a sum of harmonics

$$V(\Pi) = \epsilon M^2 f^2 \sum_n a_n G_n^{\frac{N-1}{2}} (\cos \Pi/f)$$

These are the natural functions for this manifold (and a complete basis).

Back to Multipoles

For $SO(N+1) \rightarrow SO(N)$ can show each polynomial uniquely corresponds to n-index symmetric irrep spurion, i.e. multipole!

$$\epsilon \frac{M^2}{f^{n-2}} S^{a_1 a_2 \dots a_n} \Sigma_{a_1} \Sigma_{a_1} \dots \Sigma_{a_n} \rightarrow G_n^{\frac{N-1}{2}} (\cos \Pi / f)$$

They are the same thing.

For N-sphere cosets from other breaking patterns we know that Gegenbauers are still the appropriate functions in IR.

Physical Interpretation

Gegenbauer polynomials are n-dimensional generalisation of Legendre polynomials... which are 3D angular momentum eigenfunctions.

Calling some axes the “z” direction we have

$$G_n^{\frac{N-1}{2}}(\cos \Pi/f) \sim |n, \mathbf{0}\rangle$$

where the “angular momentum” is in the internal manifold. In this way we can think of the spurion

$$S^{a_1 a_2 \dots a_n}$$

as a flux carrying angular momentum “n”.

Organising a pNGB Potential

Start with simple scenario. Suppose

$$SO(N+1) \rightarrow SO(N)$$

spontaneous breaking with a small spurion
sourcing explicit $SO(N+1) \rightarrow SO(N)$ breaking,

$$\epsilon S^{a_1 a_2 \dots a_n}$$

with “n” internal ang. mom. with magnitude “ ϵ ”.

Organising a pNGB Potential

$$O(\varepsilon) \quad V_\epsilon = \epsilon M^2 f^2 G_n^{\frac{N-1}{2}} (\cos \Pi/f)$$

$$O(\varepsilon^2) \quad V_{\epsilon^2} = \epsilon^2 M^2 f^2 \sum_{p=0}^{2n} a_p G_p^{\frac{N-1}{2}} (\cos \Pi/f)$$

$$O(\varepsilon^3) \quad V_{\epsilon^3} = \epsilon^3 M^2 f^2 \sum_{p=0}^{3n} c_p G_p^{\frac{N-1}{2}} (\cos \Pi/f)$$

$$O(\varepsilon^4) \quad V_{\epsilon^4} = \epsilon^4 M^2 f^2 \sum_{p=0}^{4n} d_p G_p^{\frac{N-1}{2}} (\cos \Pi/f)$$

Organising a pNGB Potential

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Why? Undergrad memories...

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Tensor Products

Internal “angular momentum” adds in the same way as in 3D. Hence

$$|n, \mathbf{0}\rangle \otimes |n, \mathbf{0}\rangle = \sum_{p=0}^{2n} a_p |p, \mathbf{0}\rangle$$

or, more generally

$$(|n, \mathbf{0}\rangle)^P = \sum_{p=0}^{Pn} a_p |p, \mathbf{0}\rangle$$

So know which IR operators arise and, for $SO(N+1)$ case, we know which Wilson coefficients in UV are allowed by symmetries.

Technical Naturalness

Conclusion: A pNGB potential of the form

$$V = \epsilon M^2 f^2 \left(G_n (\cos \Pi/f) + \epsilon \sum_{p=0}^{2n} a_p G_p (\cos \Pi/f) + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2) + \dots \right)$$

is technically natural.

Can see this in many ways. For instance, for $SO(N+1)$ case start with spurion S and write down every allowed operator. Construction radiatively stable at **all loop orders, in IR and in UV**.

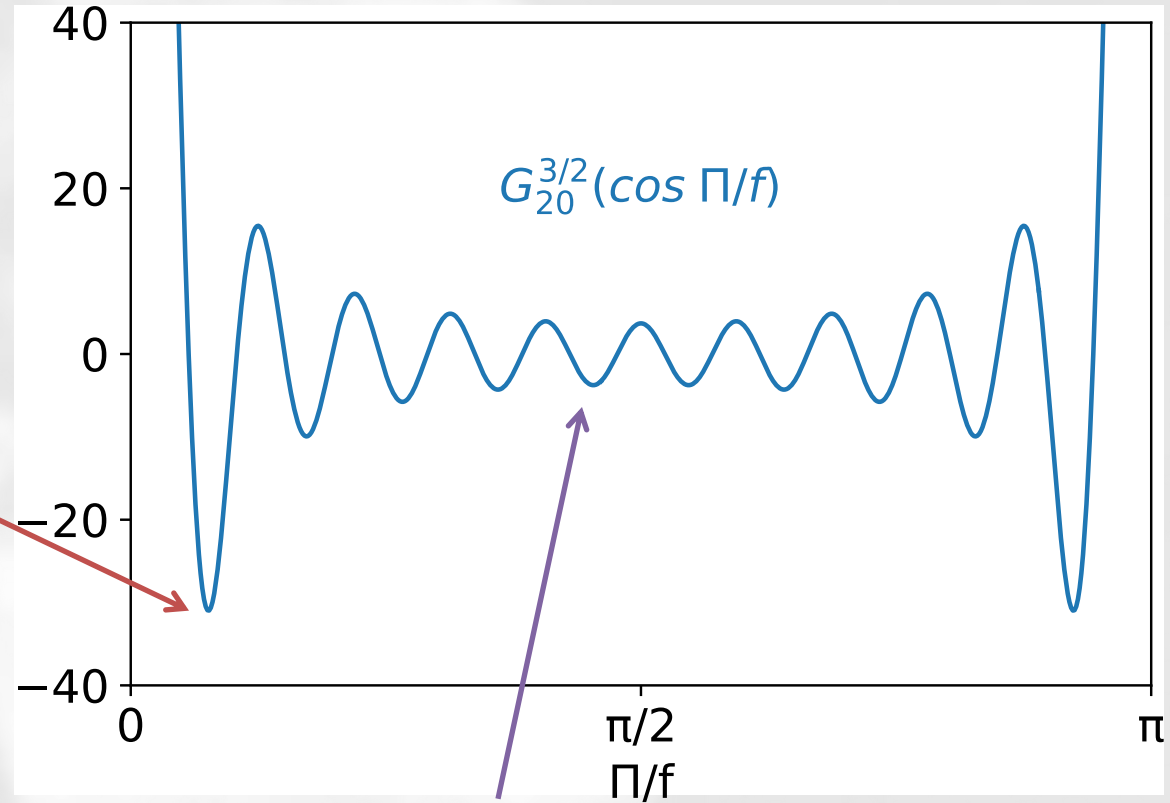
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Getting to know Gegenbauer

The Gegenbauer potential looks like:

Global minimum at
naturally small
field values:

$$\frac{\langle \Pi \rangle}{f} \approx \frac{j_{\lambda+1/2,1}}{n+\lambda} \approx \frac{5.1}{n}$$



Approximately periodic:

$$G_n^\lambda \left(\cos \frac{\Pi}{f} \right) \xrightarrow{n \gg 1} \frac{J_{\lambda-1/2} \left((n+\lambda) \frac{\Pi}{f} \right)}{\Pi^{\lambda-1/2}} \xrightarrow{\frac{\Pi}{f} \gg \frac{1}{n}} \frac{\cos \left((n+\lambda) \frac{\Pi}{f} - \lambda \frac{\pi}{2} \right)}{\Pi^\lambda}$$

Application

Consider some standard pNGB Higgs construction and, inspired by pions, allow for an additional source of explicit symmetry breaking, in n-index irrep of global symmetry.

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{Old}} + \epsilon \mathcal{L}_{S_n \neq 0}$$

What happens?

Gegenbauer's Twin

Generalising Gegenbauer story to pNGB Twin Higgs for $SO(8) \rightarrow SO(7)$ and going to Unitary gauge the top-sector contributions to the Higgs potential are

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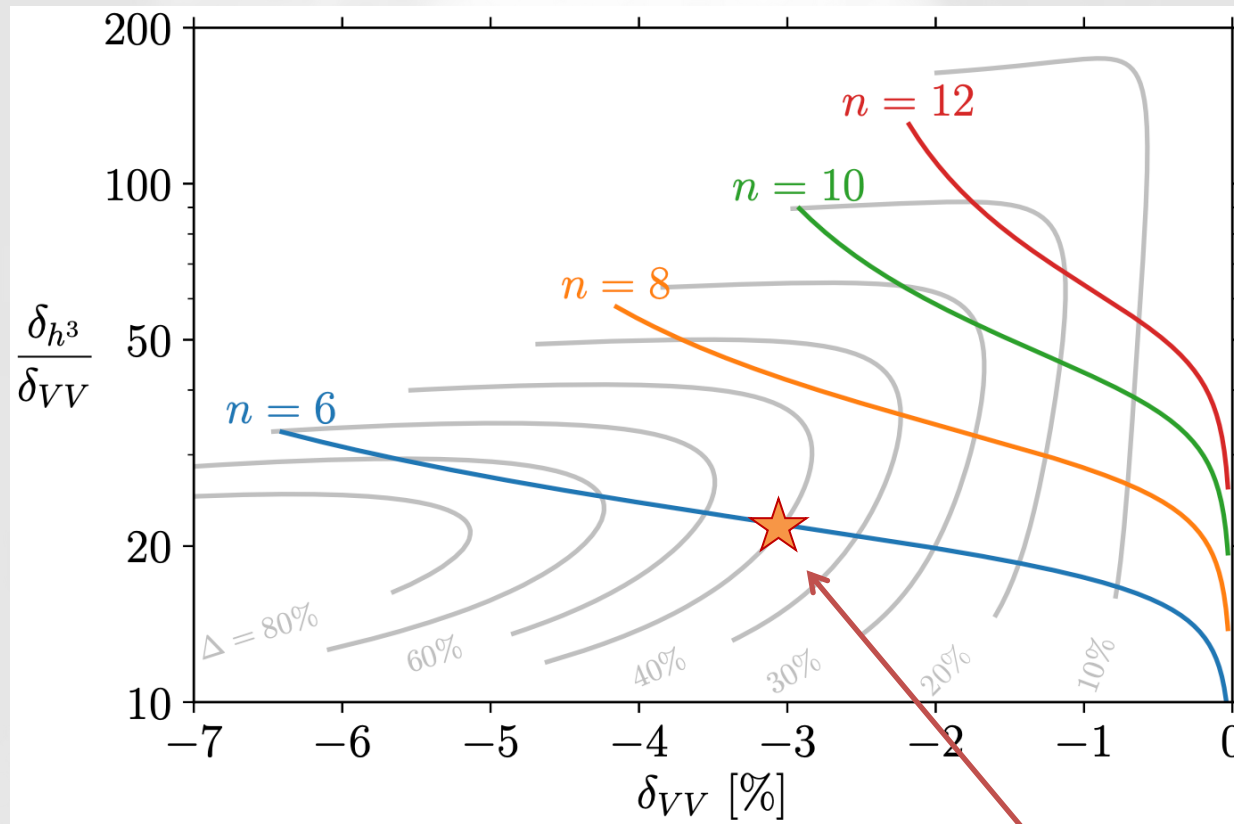
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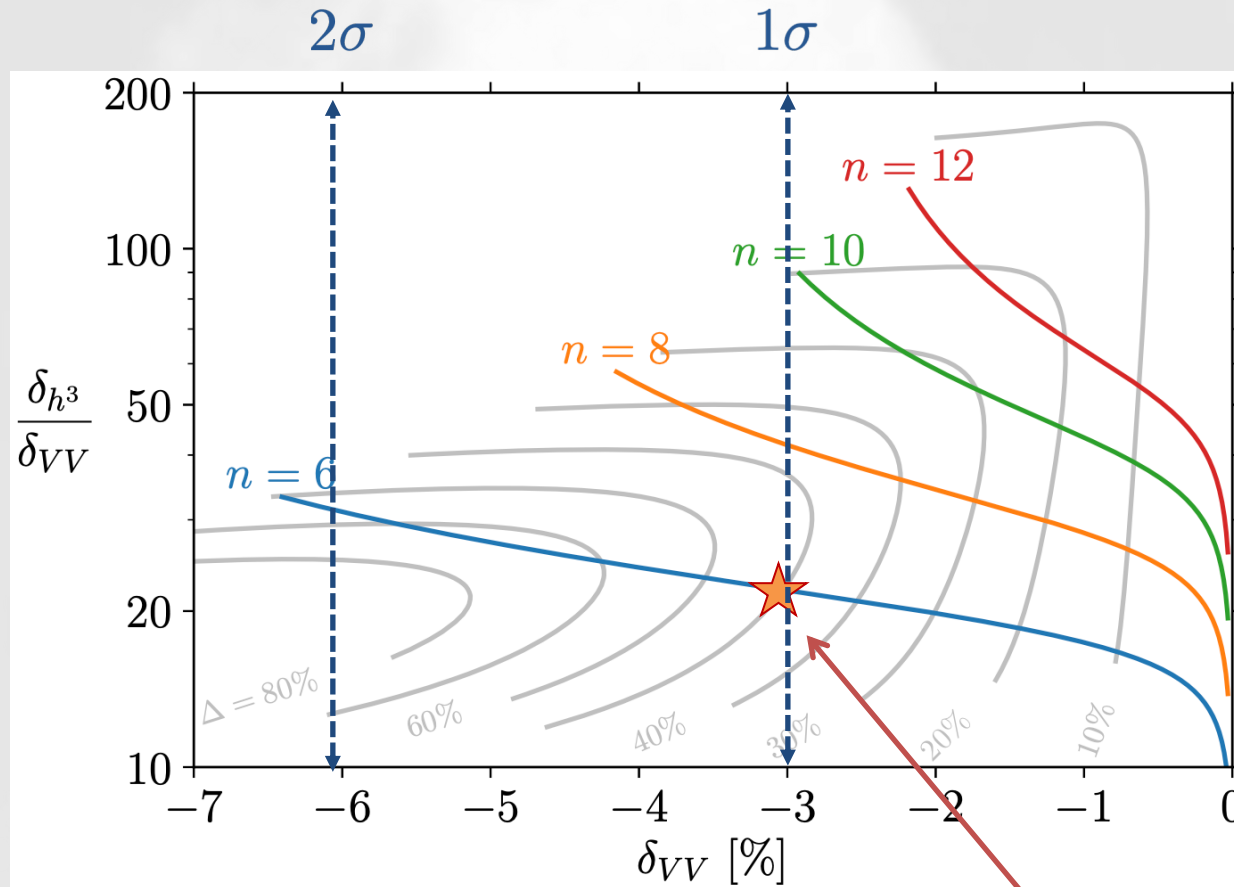
Predictions, in absolute terms:



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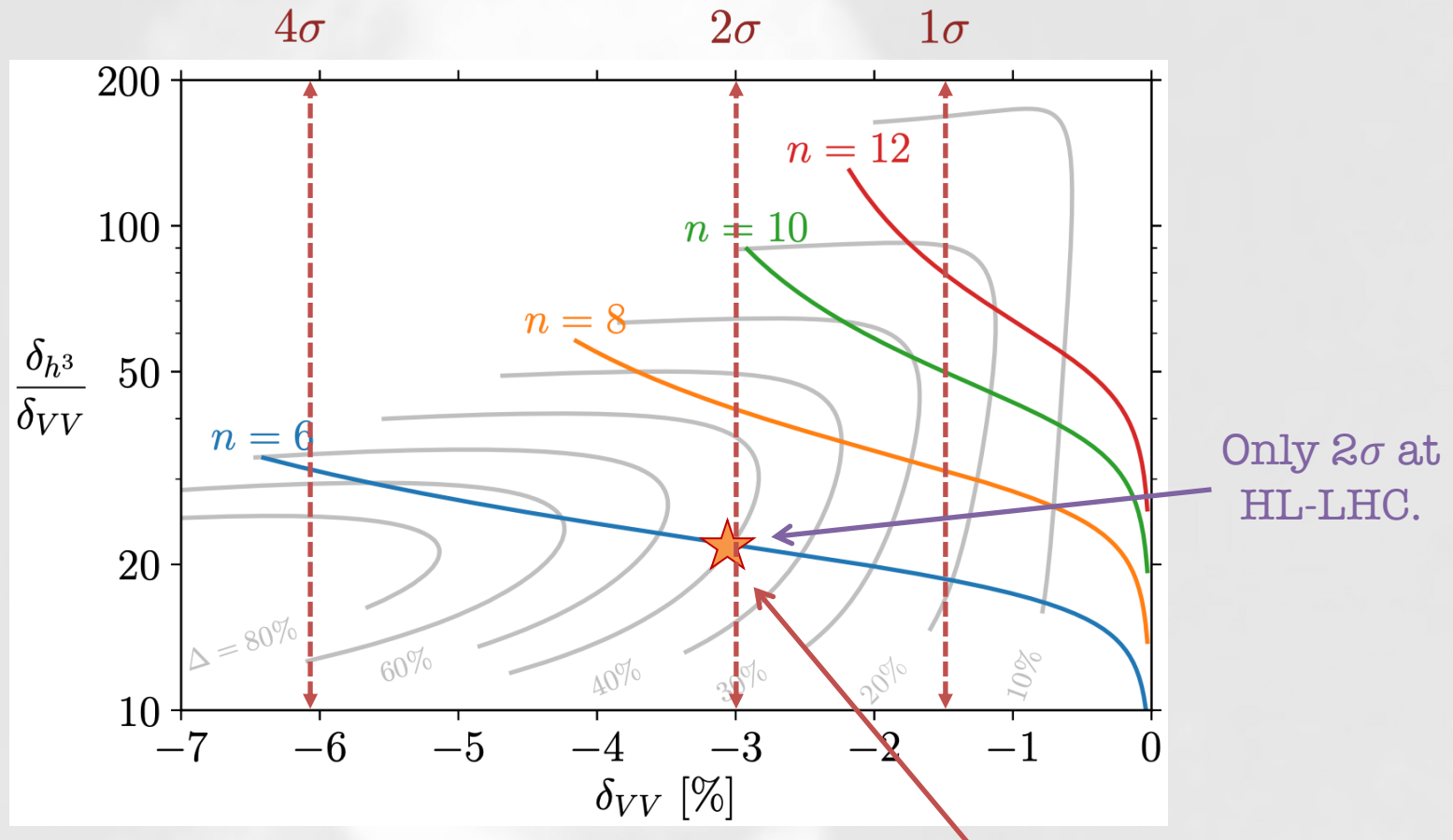
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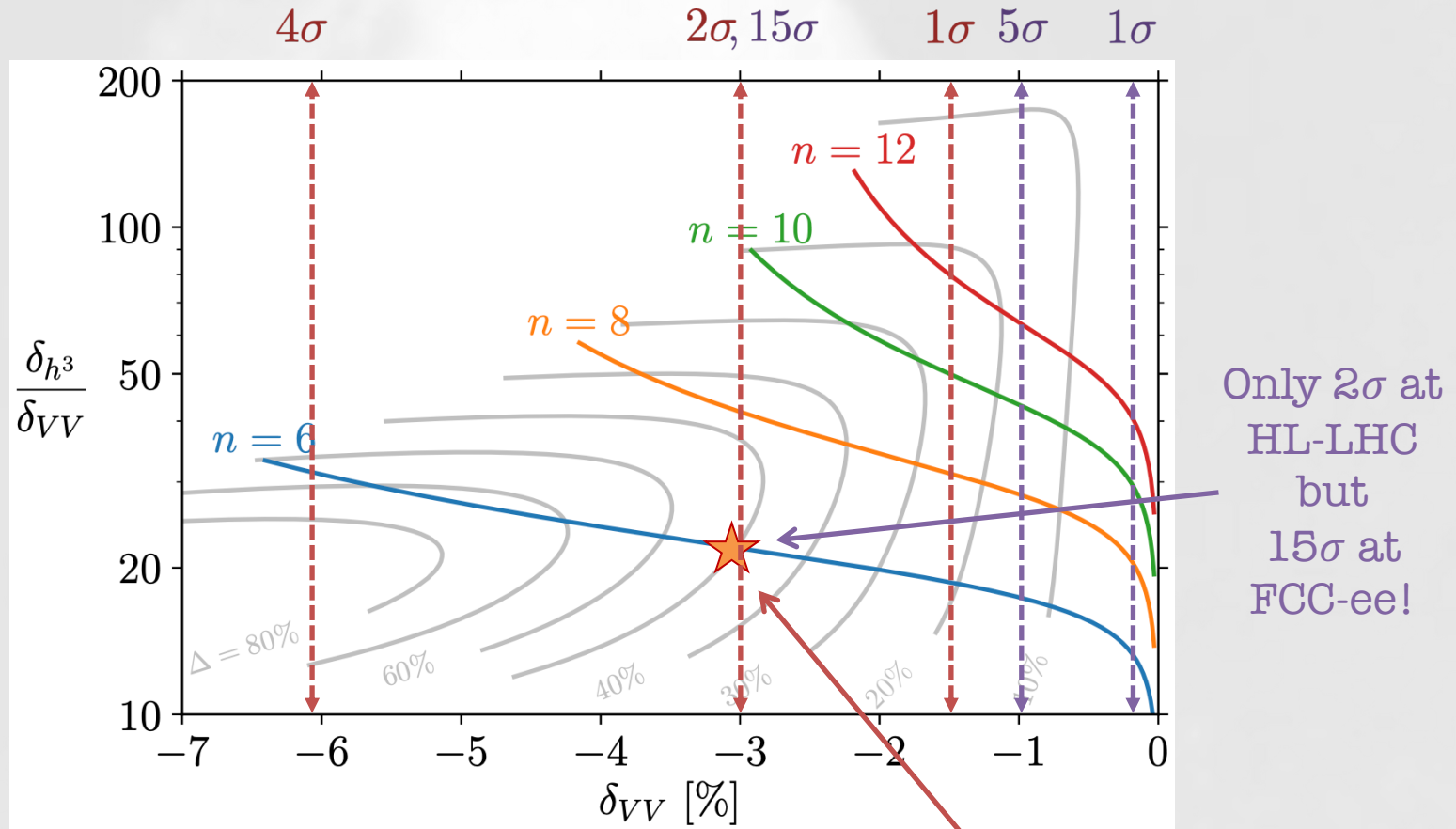
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Implication

If we take technical naturalness alone as a guide then it seems, to me, there is no naturalness crisis (yet). Aesthetics crisis? Perhaps...

Some technically natural pNGB Higgs scenarios are consistent with LHC bounds and may even be very difficult to probe at HL-LHC. Future colliders would do better.

Higgs precision era will be necessary to answer natural.

Speculation

There is no discrete global symmetry that can enforce such a scenario, unlike for e.g. Methane.

“Accidental” origins may point towards large gauge irreps in UV. Also, what about UV-completions? See Menkara tomorrow.

It took 30 years between the discovery of the pions and the experimental confirmation of their UV origin. Perhaps we need greater patience for Higgs and weak scale origins...

What about Flavour?

Fermion Yukawas explicitly break flavour symm

$$\mathrm{SU}(3)_Q \times \mathrm{SU}(3)_U \rightarrow \mathrm{U}(1)^3$$

Yukawa coupling is a spurion in the irrep

$$(\mathbf{3}, \bar{\mathbf{3}})$$

UV scenarios for generating this include:

- MFV
- Froggatt-Nielsen
- Universal
- Aligned...

All of which correspond to minimal irreps for underlying UV spurion.

What about non-minimal Flavour?

Work to appear soon with Banks, Crawford, Sutherland... Suppose the UV breaking is through a non-minimal spurion:

$$\mathcal{Y} \sim \mathbf{6} \times \overline{\mathbf{6}}$$

To build the $(\mathbf{3}, \overline{\mathbf{3}})$ Yukawa coupling need at least three insertions

$$y \sim \mathcal{Y}^2 \overline{\mathcal{Y}} + \dots,$$

Thus, a small hierarchy in breaking...

$$\mathrm{SU}(3) \rightarrow \mathrm{SU}(2) \rightarrow \mathrm{U}(1)$$

ends up cubed in the Yukawa coupling!

What about non-minimal Flavour?

For families of non-hierarchical and non-tuned values of spurion, accidentally get rank-1 at $\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{Y}^3)$ rank-2 at $\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{Y}^4)$ and rank-3 at $\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{Y}^5)$. “Magic”.

To build the $(\mathbf{3}, \bar{\mathbf{3}})$ Yukawa coupling need

$$y \sim \mathcal{Y}^2 \bar{\mathcal{Y}} + \epsilon \left(\mathcal{Y}_1^4 + \mathcal{Y}_2^4 + \mathcal{Y} \bar{\mathcal{Y}}^3 \right) + \epsilon^2 \left(\bar{\mathcal{Y}}^5 + \mathcal{Y}^3 \bar{\mathcal{Y}}^2 + \dots \right) + \dots ,$$

Consecutive orders naturally suppressed as correspond to higher orders in EFT expansion.

Not FN: New mechanism to explain flavour!

Experimental Consequences

SMEFT four-fermion operators are in **1, 8, 27** irreps of the $SU(3)$'s. The accidental symmetry magic doesn't occur.

Typically* generate $\mathcal{O}(1)$ flavour violation in observables, not proportional to Yukawas, unlike other flavour scenarios.

Punchline: Looking beyond a “minimal” assumption for the irreps that break flavour, new territory opens up. But, many questions remain, not least the origin of non-minimality.

Conclusions

The path to the UV-completion of the SM could be long. Naturalness is our headlamp, but we should look in all directions.



This LIO conference is an important step towards finding new approaches and understanding.

Many thanks to our kind hosts, **IP2I**, **LabEx-LIO** and **Faculté des Sciences of UCBL**.

Where to look?

...I shall be telling this with a sigh

Somewhere ages and ages hence:

Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—

I took the one less travelled by,

And that has made all the difference.

Robert Frost, The Road Not Taken, 1915