

Electroweak scale from conformal and custodial symmetry

“Custodial Naturalness”

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Outline

- Hierarchical scales in QFT and in the Standard Model
- General idea of Custodial Naturalness
- A minimal model
- Experimental tests

Disclaimer: For this 4D talk, scale invariance \sim conformal invariance.

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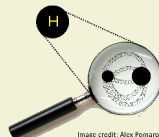


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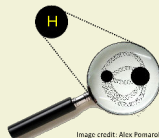


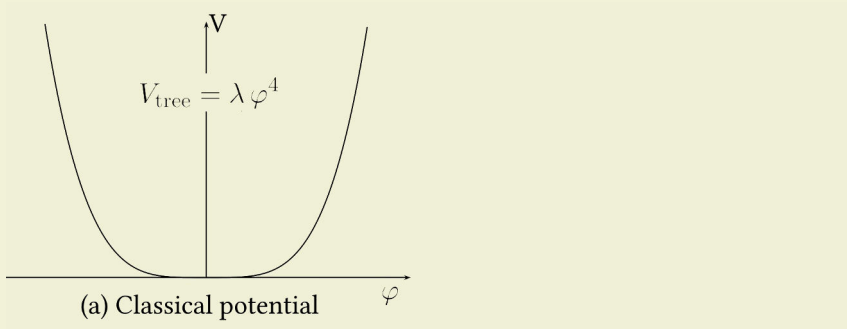
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- But the SM **is** close to **scale invariant**, *explicitly* broken only by $\mu_{EW}^2 |H|^2$.
- Is there a phenomenologically viable way to dynamically generate the EW scale as a quantum effect?

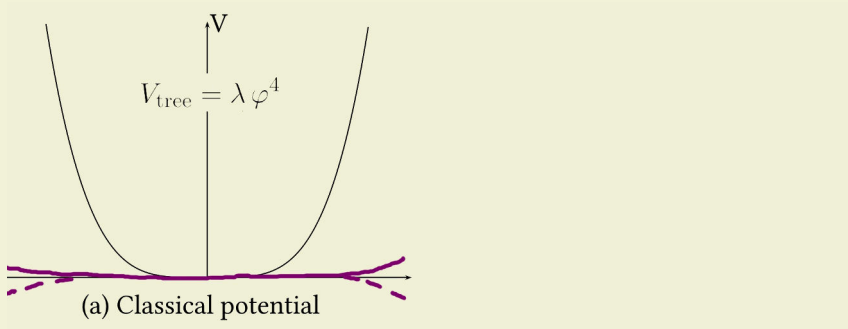
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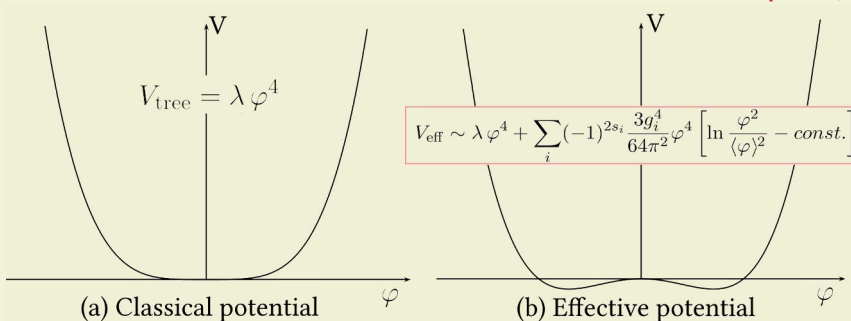
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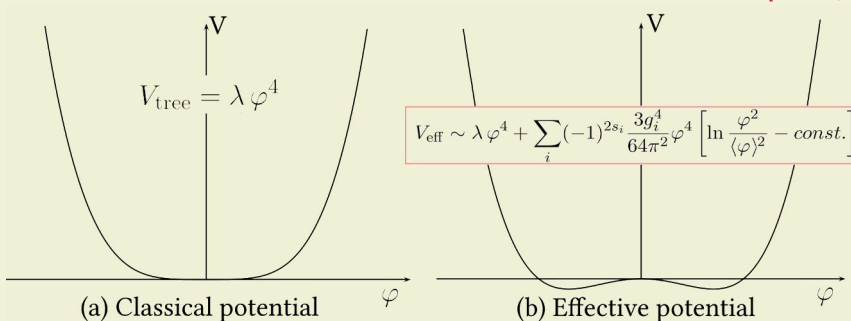
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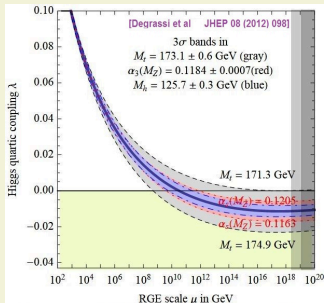
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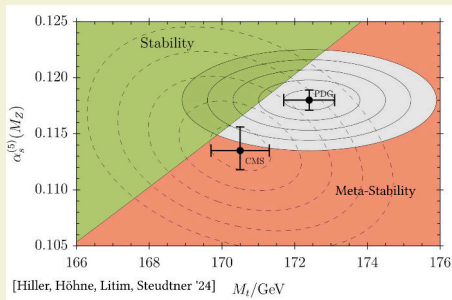
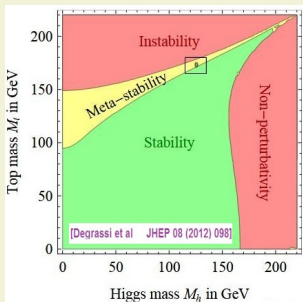
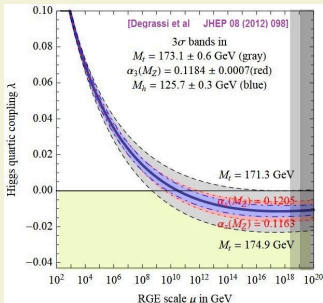
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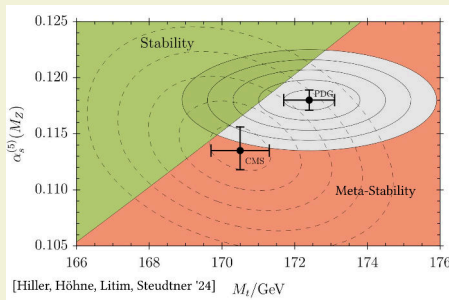
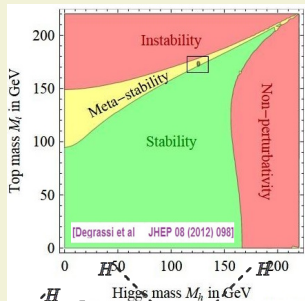
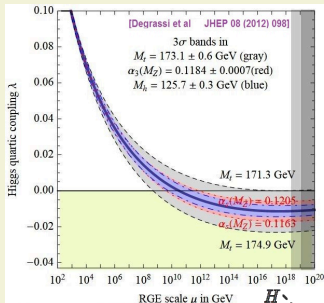
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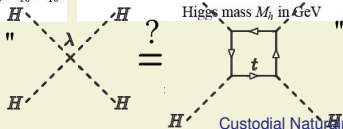
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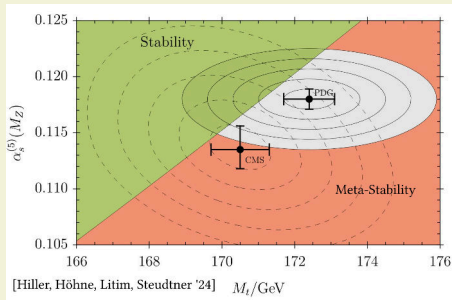
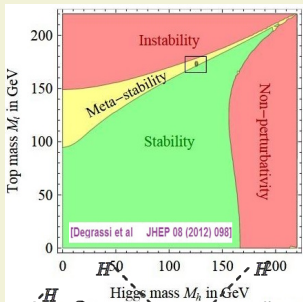
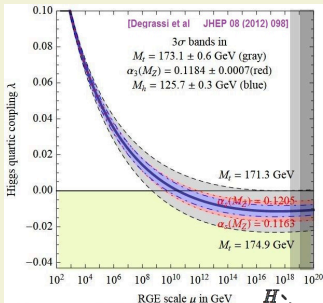
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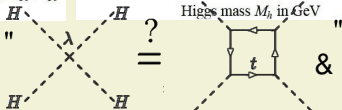
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& can EW scale be a quant.crit. effect?

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- ✓ Technically natural suppression of EW scale.
- ✓ Only elementary fields, no compositeness, all perturbative.
- ✓ No top partners, marginal top Yukawa like in SM.

Custodial Naturalness – General Idea

Assumptions:

1. Classical scale invariance.
2. New scalar degree of freedom, here complex Φ
3. Mechanism to trigger quantum criticality of Φ . Here: gauge symmetry $U(1)_X$.

$$SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \times U(1)_X .$$

4. High-scale **custodial symmetry (C.S.)** of scalar potential, here $SO(6)$, $H + \Phi = \mathbf{6}$

$$\Rightarrow V(H, \Phi) = \lambda (|H|^2 + |\Phi|^2)^2 \quad \text{at } \mu = \Lambda_{\text{high}} = M_{\text{Pl}} .$$

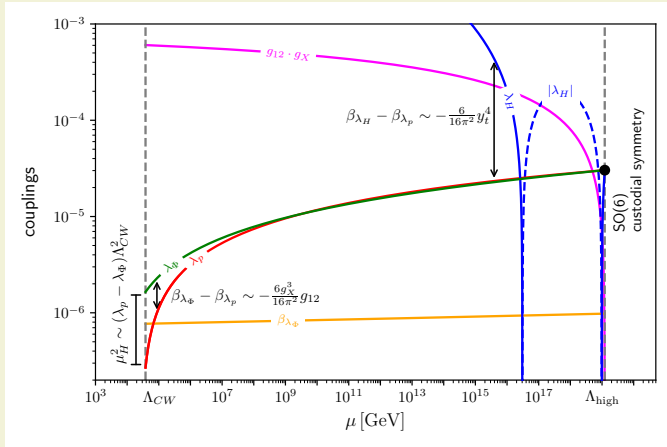
Both, scale invariance and custodial symmetry are broken by quantum effects.

- Dim. transmutation \rightsquigarrow $\langle \mathbf{6} \rangle$ VEV of $\langle H \rangle$ - $\langle \Phi \rangle$ -system \rightsquigarrow SSB of $SO(6)$
- In addition, $SO(6)$ is *explicitly* broken by: y_t, g_Y & $g_X, g_{12, \dots} y_{\text{new}, \dots}$

$\Rightarrow SO(6) \xrightarrow{\langle \mathbf{6} \rangle} SO(5)$: massive dilaton + 4 *would-be* NGBs + massive pNGB “ h ”.

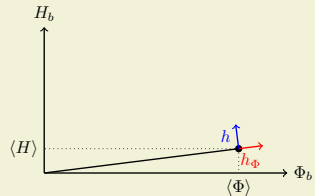
General Idea – RGE evolution is key!

below M_{Pl} : $V_{\text{tree}}(H, \Phi) = \lambda_H |H|^4 + 2 \lambda_p |\Phi|^2 |H|^2 + \lambda_\Phi |\Phi|^4$.



Actual running for a benchmark point.
Dashed=negative. β_i : Beta function coefficients.

Dominant breaking of
Custodial Symmetry (C.S.):
Top Yukawa coupling y_t
 $\Rightarrow \lambda_H \gg \lambda_{p,\Phi} \Rightarrow \langle H \rangle \ll \langle \Phi \rangle$



Crucially: $\mu_{\text{EW}}^2 \sim [\lambda_p - \lambda_\Phi] v_\Phi^2$
requires BSM source of C.B.
Here: $g_X, U(1)^2$ -mixing g_{12}

Minimal Model

Field	#Gens.	$SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$	$U(1)_X$	$U(1)_{B-L}$
Q	3	$(\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2}, +\frac{1}{6})$	$-\frac{2}{3}$	$+\frac{1}{3}$
u_R	3	$(\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1}, +\frac{2}{3})$	$+\frac{1}{3}$	$+\frac{1}{3}$
d_R	3	$(\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1}, -\frac{1}{3})$	$-\frac{5}{3}$	$+\frac{1}{3}$
L	3	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}, -\frac{1}{2})$	+2	-1
e_R	3	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, -1)$	+1	-1
ν_R	3	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, 0)$	+3	-1
H	1	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}, +\frac{1}{2})$	+1	0
Φ	1	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, 0)$	+1	$q_\Phi^{B-L} = -\frac{1}{3}$

New fields:

Φ, Z' .

$$Q^{(X)} \equiv 2Q^{(Y)} + \frac{1}{q_\Phi^{B-L}} Q^{(B-L)}$$

- The only free parameter of the charge assignment is q_Φ^{B-L} .
- Constrained to $\frac{1}{3} \lesssim |q_\Phi^{B-L}| \lesssim \frac{5}{11}$; special value: $q_\Phi^{B-L} = -\frac{16}{41}$. **Let us fix** $q_\Phi^{B-L} = -\frac{1}{3}$.

Note: Our model is very similar to “classical conformal extension of minimal $B - L$ model”, but $q_\Phi^{B-L} \neq -2$.

[Iso, Okada, Orikasa '09]

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Masses of physical particles:

$$h_\Phi \subset \Phi \text{ and } h \subset H, \langle \Phi \rangle = \frac{v_\Phi}{\sqrt{2}}, \langle H \rangle = \frac{v_h}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$Z': \quad m_{Z'}^2 \approx g_X^2 v_\Phi^2$$

$$\text{Dilaton:} \quad m_{h_\Phi}^2 \approx \beta_{\lambda_\Phi} v_\Phi^2 \approx \frac{3 g_X^4}{8\pi^2} v_\Phi^2$$

$$\text{pNGB Higgs:} \quad m_h^2 \approx 2 \left[\lambda_\Phi \left(1 + \frac{g_{12}}{2 g_X} \right)^2 - \lambda_p \right] v_\Phi^2 .$$

\Rightarrow The **EW scale is custodially suppressed** compared to the intermediate scale v_Φ of spontaneous scale and custodial symmetry violation.

Experimental tests and constraints

- ATLAS & CMS $Z' \rightarrow l^+l^-$ searches constrain $m_{Z'} \gtrsim 4$ TeV. (di-jets are weaker)

- EW precision: Additional custodial breaking shifts m_Z ,

$$\Delta m_Z \propto -m_Z \langle H \rangle^2 / (2 \langle \Phi \rangle^2) .$$

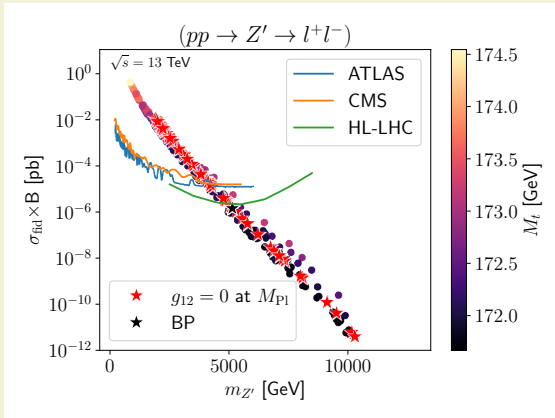
Constraint: $\langle \Phi \rangle \gtrsim 18$ TeV, weaker than direct Z' searches.

- Dilaton-higgs mixing:

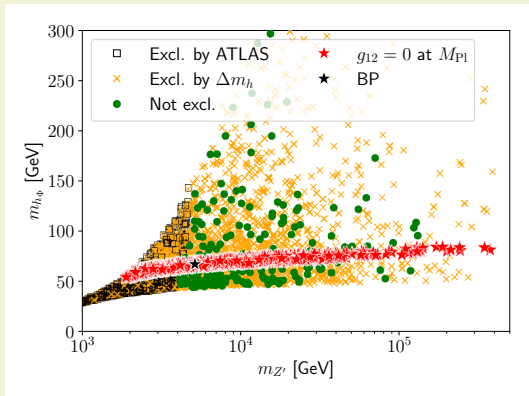
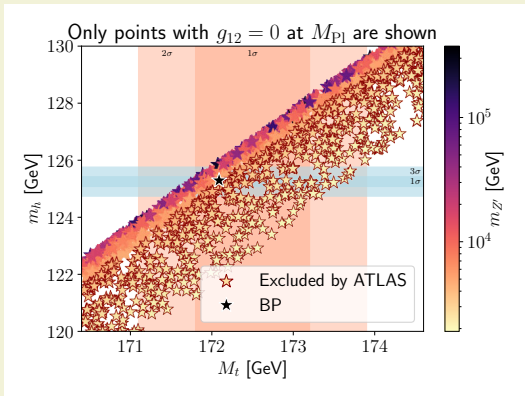
$$\mathcal{O}_{h\Phi} \approx \sin \theta \times \mathcal{O}_{h \rightarrow h\Phi}^{\text{SM}} .$$

For $m_{h\Phi} \sim 75$ GeV, $\sin \theta \lesssim 10^{-1}$ is a-OK. (typical values for us are BP: $\sin \theta \sim 10^{-2.5}$)

- Neglect dilaton-gauge-gauge coupling from trace anomaly, suppressed by $\frac{v_h}{v_\Phi}$.

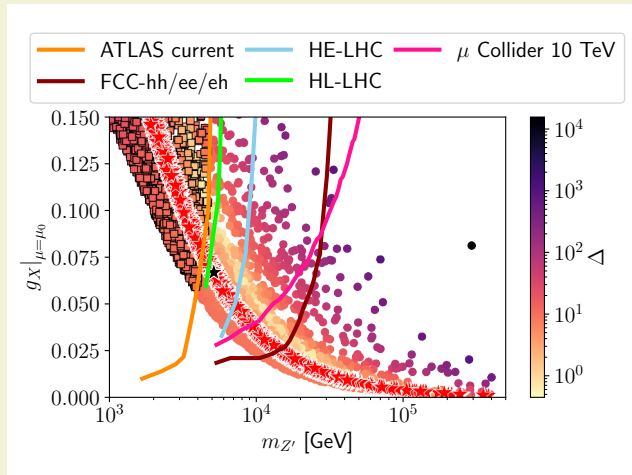


Reproductions and predictions ($q_{\Phi}^{B-L} = -\frac{1}{3}$)



All points shown reproduce the correct EW scale. M_t : top pole mass.

Fine tuning and Future Collider projections ($q_{\Phi}^{\text{B-L}} = -\frac{1}{3}$)



Projections are for hypercharge universal Z' from [R.K. Ellis et al. '20]

Fine tuning:

$$\Delta := \max_{g_i} \left| \frac{\partial \ln \frac{\langle H \rangle}{\langle \Phi \rangle}}{\partial \ln g_i} \right|.$$

Barbieri-Giudice measure.

[Barbieri, Giudice '88]

The choice of $\langle H \rangle / \langle \Phi \rangle$ automatically subtracts the shared sensitivity of VEVs to variation of g_i . [Anderson, Castano '95]

Red stars: $g_{12}|_{M_{\text{Pl}}} = 0$.

Black star: benchmark point.

Prime targets: Z' at FCC, Dilaton production(+displaced dec.) at Higgs factories.

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- Custodial Naturalness is reasonably stable under variation of boundary conditions, charge assignments, addition of extra particles. [de Boer, Lindner, AT 2502.09699]

⇒ Many variations and extensions are possible. (already known from $B - L$ model.)

- Additional fermions can:
 - Provide ingredients for neutrino mass generation, [Iso, Okada, Orikasa '09]
 - Be part of the dark matter, [Foot, Kobakhidze, McDonald, Volkas '07]
 - “Cure” SM vacuum instability. [S. Okada '18]
- Minimal “Scalar Custodial Naturalness” $SM + \phi + S + SO(5)$. [de Boer, Lindner, AT 'XX]
- There is a possibility to realize large enough splitting of $\lambda_p - \lambda_\Phi$ without new sources of CS breaking; this requires $\Lambda_{\text{high}} \approx 10^{11} \text{ GeV}$. [(Das), Oda, Okada, Takahashi '15('16)]

Conclusions

- Quantum criticality may play important role in generation of EW scale.
- Classical scale invariance + extended custodial symmetry, here $SO(6)$:

⇔ New mechanism to explain large scale separation and little hierarchy problem.

- Minimal model has same number of parameters as the SM.
- Predicts light scalar dilaton $m_\Phi \sim 75 \text{ GeV} + Z'$ at $4 - 100 \text{ TeV}$.
- Top mass at lower end of currently allowed 1σ region.
- Good model to search for at future colliders + Higgs factory + GR waves.
- Starting point for many further extensions, e.g. flavor.



Thank You!

Backup slides

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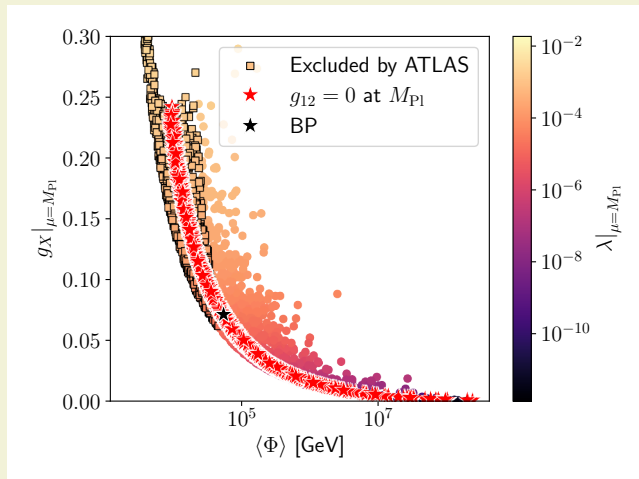
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Parameter scan

- Impose SO(6) symmetric BC's $@M_{\text{Pl}}$: $\lambda_{H,\Phi,p}|_{M_{\text{Pl}}} = \lambda|_{M_{\text{Pl}}}$ and $g_{12}|_{M_{\text{Pl}}} = 0$.
- 2-loop running with PYR@TE . [Sartore, Schienbein '21]
- Iteratively determine intermediate scale Φ_0 , match to SM at $\mu_0 \sim \mathcal{O}(g_X \Phi_0)$.
- Numerically minimize 1-loop V_{eff} (at μ_0), compute v_Φ and $v_H, m_{h_\Phi}, m_h, \lambda_{H,\Phi,p}$, match to 1-loop $V_{\text{eff}}^{\text{SM}}$ (+dilaton hidden scalar, corrections negligible).
- From μ_0 down to m_t 2-loop running.
- Require $v_H^{\text{exp}} = 246.2 \pm 0.1$ GeV, as well as g_L, g_Y, g_3 and y_t within SM errors.
- Low scale new couplings g_X, g_{12} and masses $m_{Z'}, m_{h_\Phi}$ are predictions.

Parameter space ($q_{\Phi}^{\text{B-L}} = -\frac{1}{3}$)



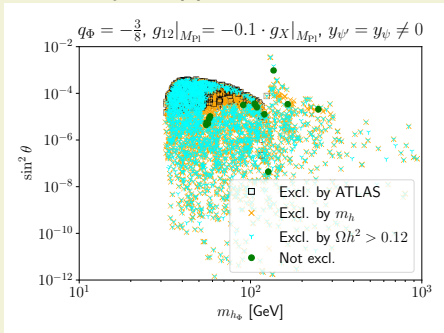
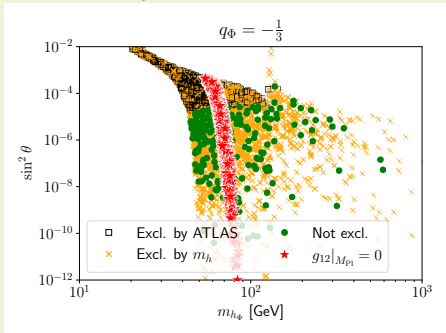
Parameters at $\mu = M_{\text{Pl}}$. All points shown reproduce the correct EW scale. New scale $\langle \Phi \rangle = v_{\Phi}/\sqrt{2}$ is prediction. (m_h, M_t not imposed as constraint).

Higgs-dilaton mixing

A crude analytic expression for the Higgs-dilaton mixing angle is

$$\tan \theta \approx \frac{2 \left[\lambda_p - \left(1 + \frac{g_{12}}{2g_X} \right)^2 \left(\lambda_\Phi - \frac{3g_X^4}{16\pi^2} \right) \right] v_H v_\Phi}{m_h^2 - m_{h\Phi}^2}.$$

Note: We use a fully numerical evaluation of all masses and mixings for our analysis which also confirms the analytic approximations.



Gauge-kinetic mixing

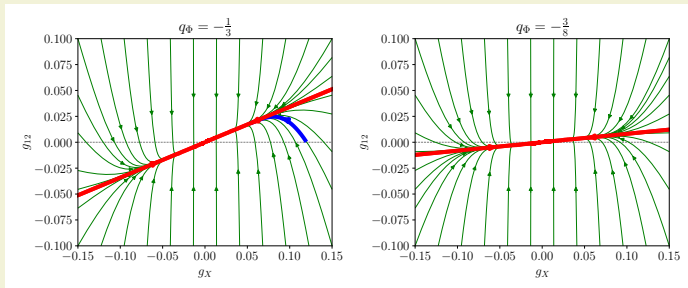
Gauge kinetic mixing parameter in $B - L$ basis, $\tilde{g} := \varepsilon g_Y / \sqrt{1 - \varepsilon^2}$ with $\varepsilon F^{\mu\nu} F'_{\mu\nu}$. The $U(1)$ part of the gauge covariant derivative acting on generic field ϕ is given by

$$\left[\partial_\mu + i \left(Q^{(Y)}, Q^{(B-L)} \right) \begin{pmatrix} g_Y & \tilde{g} \\ 0 & g_{B-L} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_\mu^{(Y)} \\ A_\mu^{(X)} \end{pmatrix} \right] \phi.$$

$A_\mu^{(Y)}$ and $A_\mu^{(X)}$ are the $U(1)$ gauge fields. Rewriting this in terms of $U(1)_X$ charge $Q^{(X)}$:

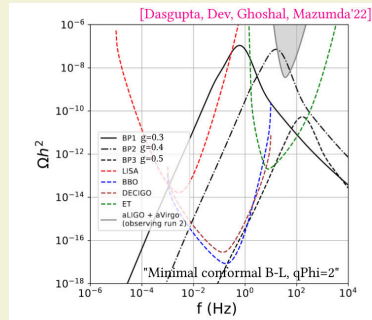
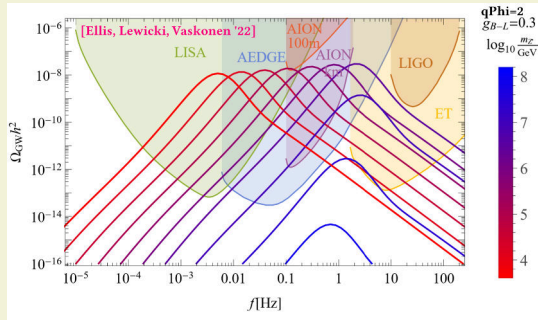
$$\left[\partial_\mu + i \left(Q^{(Y)}, Q^{(X)} \right) \begin{pmatrix} g_Y & \tilde{g} - 2q_\Phi g_{B-L} \\ 0 & q_\Phi g_{B-L} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_\mu^{(Y)} \\ A_\mu^{(X)} \end{pmatrix} \right] \phi.$$

Hence, we define $g_{12} := \tilde{g} - 2q_\Phi g_{B-L}$ and the gauge coupling $g_X := q_\Phi g_{B-L}$. Running as function of scale:



Gravitational wave signals?

- We have ignored finite- T effects so far. This is yet to be done.
- CW transition is known to be first order \rightarrow Gravitational wave signals.
see e.g. [Litim, Wetterich, Tetradis '97], [Dasgupta, Dev, Ghoshal, Mazumdar '22],[Huang, Xie '22]
- In fact, the “minimal conformal $B - L$ model” is prototype for **strong supercooling** \rightarrow strong GW signal from bubble collisions. see e.g. [Ellis,Lewicki,Vaskonen'20]



Quantitative predictions for our specific case have yet to be worked out!

Details of the potential and matching

Effective potential for background fields H_b and Φ_b @1-loop $\overline{\text{MS}}$:

$$(-1)^{2s_i} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} + \\ - \end{pmatrix} \text{1 for bosons(fermions), } n_i \equiv \# \text{ d.o.f}$$

$$C_i = \frac{5}{6} \left(\frac{3}{2} \right) \text{ for vector bosons(scalars/fermions).}$$

$$V_{\text{eff}} = V_{\text{tree}} + \sum_i \frac{n_i (-1)^{2s_i}}{64\pi^2} m_{i,\text{eff}}^4 \left[\ln \left(\frac{m_{i,\text{eff}}^2}{\mu^2} \right) - C_i \right].$$

Two different analytical expansions: First

$$V_{\text{EFT}}(H_b) := V_{\text{eff}}(H_b, \tilde{\Phi}(H_b)), \quad \text{with} \quad \left. \frac{\partial V_{\text{eff}}}{\partial \Phi_b} \right|_{\Phi_b = \tilde{\Phi}(H_b)} = 0.$$

Using $\Phi_0 := \Phi(H_b/\Phi_b = 0)$, we expand V_{EFT} in $H_b \ll \Phi_0$, \curvearrowright RG-scale independent expression

$$V_{\text{EFT}} \approx 2 \left[\lambda_p - \left(1 + \frac{g_{12}}{2g_X} \right)^2 \lambda_\Phi \right] \Phi_0^2 H_b^2 + \frac{\lambda_p \lambda_H}{16\pi^2} [\dots].$$

This expression illustrates the origin of the Higgs mass and EW scale suppression.

Alternatively, take $\mu = \mu_0 := \sqrt{2}g_X \Phi_0 e^{-1/6} \sim \langle \Phi \rangle$ and “t Hooft-like” expansion $\frac{\lambda_p}{\lambda_H} \sim \frac{H_b^2}{\Phi_0^2} \sim \epsilon^2 \rightarrow 0$,

$$V_{\text{EFT}} = -\frac{6g_X^4}{64\pi^2} \Phi_0^4 + 2\lambda_p \Phi_0^2 H_b^2 + \lambda_H H_b^4 + \sum_{i=\text{SM}} \frac{n_i (-1)^{2s_i}}{64\pi^2} m_{i,\text{eff}}^4 \left[\ln \left(\frac{m_{i,\text{eff}}^2}{\mu_0^2} \right) - C_i \right].$$

This expression facilitates matching to the SM at scale μ_0 .

Details of the potential and matching II

For all practical purpose the usual CW relation holds:

$$\Phi_0^2 \approx \exp \left\{ -\frac{16\pi^2 \lambda_\Phi}{3g_X^4} - \ln(2g_X^2) + \frac{1}{3} + \dots \right\} \mu^2 .$$

Analytically we can use $H_b \ll \tilde{\Phi}(0) := \Phi_0$ and the leading order expression for Φ_0 reads

$$\frac{1}{16\pi^2} \ln \left(\frac{\Phi_0^2}{\mu^2} \right) = -\frac{\lambda_\Phi + \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \{ q_\Phi^4 g_X^4 [3 \ln(2q_\Phi^2 g_X^2) - 1] + 4 \lambda_p^2 (\ln 2 \lambda_p - 1) \}}{3 q_\Phi^4 g_X^4 + 4 \lambda_p^2} .$$

Alternatively, we can use the ϵ expansion, and Φ_0 at $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^0)$ reads

$$\frac{1}{16\pi^2} \ln \left(\frac{\Phi_0^2}{\mu^2} \right) = -\frac{\lambda_\Phi + \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \{ q_\Phi^4 g_X^4 [3 \ln(2q_\Phi^2 g_X^2) - 1] \}}{3 q_\Phi^4 g_X^4} .$$

This is an example for the difference between the two expansion schemes. Note that our quantitative analysis is not based on any of these expansions but uses a fully numerical minimization of the effective potential to compute $\langle \Phi \rangle$ and $\langle H \rangle$.

Integrating out scalar in non-conformal model

Consider a simple two complex scalar system with a potential given by

$$V = -m_H^2 |H|^2 - m_\Phi^2 |\Phi|^2 + \frac{\lambda_H}{2} |H|^4 + \lambda_p |H|^2 |\Phi|^2 + \frac{\lambda_\Phi}{2} |\Phi|^4.$$

For $m_\Phi^2 > 0$ and $-m_H^2 + m_\Phi^2 \frac{\lambda_p}{\lambda_\Phi} > 0$, this potential has a minimum at $\langle \Phi \rangle := \frac{v_\Phi}{\sqrt{2}} = \sqrt{\frac{m_\Phi^2}{\lambda_\Phi}}$, $\langle H \rangle = 0$.

Integrating out the heavy field Φ at tree level, we find the low energy potential

$$\begin{aligned} V_{\text{EFT}} &= \left(-m_H^2 + \lambda_p \frac{v_\Phi^2}{2} \right) |H|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\lambda_H + \frac{\lambda_p^2}{\lambda_\Phi} \right) |H|^4 \\ &= \left(-m_H^2 + \lambda_p \frac{m_\Phi^2}{\lambda_\Phi} \right) |H|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\lambda_H + \frac{\lambda_p^2}{\lambda_\Phi} \right) |H|^4. \end{aligned}$$

The light field is massless at tree level if $\lambda_\Phi m_H^2 = \lambda_p m_\Phi^2$.

A special point fulfilling this condition is $m_H^2 = m_\Phi^2 := m^2$ and $\lambda_p = \lambda_\Phi := \lambda$. At this point the original potential is given by

$$V = -m^2 (|H|^2 + |\Phi|^2) + \frac{\lambda}{2} (|H|^2 + |\Phi|^2)^2 + \frac{\lambda_H - \lambda}{2} |H|^4$$

This potential is symmetric up to the quartic term of H which can violate the symmetry badly without affecting the light mass term at tree level.

Benchmark point 1 (BP)

μ [GeV]	g_X	g_{12}	λ_H	λ_p	λ_Φ	y_t	m_{h_Φ} [GeV]	$m_{Z'}$ [GeV]	m_h [GeV]	v_H [GeV]
$1.2 \cdot 10^{19}$	0.0713	0.	$\lambda_H = \lambda_p = \lambda_\Phi = 3.3030 \cdot 10^{-5}$			0.377	-	-	-	-
4353	0.0668	0.0093	0.084	$-1.6 \cdot 10^{-6}$	$-2.5 \cdot 10^{-11}$	0.795	67.0	5143	132.0	263.0
172	-	-	0.13	-	-	0.930	-	-	125.3	246.1

Table: Input parameters of an example benchmark point (BP) at the high scale (top) and corresponding predictions at the matching scale μ_0 (middle) and M_t (bottom). At μ_0 the bold parameters also correspond to the parameters of the one-loop SM effective potential. The numerical result for the VEV of Φ is $\langle \Phi \rangle = v_\Phi / \sqrt{2} = 54407$ GeV.

One-loop RGE's

Neglect all Yukawas besides y_t and take general $U(1)_X$ charges $q_{H,\Phi}$.

$$\beta_{\lambda_H} = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \left[+\frac{3}{2} \left(\left(\frac{g_Y^2}{2} + \frac{g_L^2}{2} \right) + 2 \left(q_H g_X + \frac{g_{12}}{2} \right)^2 \right)^2 + \frac{6}{8} g_L^4 - 6y_t^4 \right. \\ \left. + 24\lambda_H^2 + 4\lambda_p^2 + \lambda_H \left(12y_t^2 - 3g_Y^2 - 12 \left(q_H g_X + \frac{g_{12}}{2} \right)^2 - 9g_L^2 \right) \right],$$

$$\beta_{\lambda_\Phi} = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} (+6q_\Phi^4 g_X^4 + 20\lambda_\Phi^2 + 8\lambda_p^2 - 12\lambda_\Phi q_\Phi^2 g_X^2),$$

$$\beta_{\lambda_p} = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \left[+6q_\Phi^2 g_X^2 \left(q_H g_X + \frac{g_{12}}{2} \right)^2 + 8\lambda_p^2 \right. \\ \left. + \lambda_p \left(8\lambda_\Phi + 12\lambda_H - \frac{3}{2} g_Y^2 - 6q_\Phi^2 g_X^2 - 6 \left(q_H g_X + \frac{g_{12}}{2} \right)^2 - \frac{9}{2} g_L^2 + 6y_t^2 \right) \right],$$

$$\beta_{g_{12}} = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \left[-\frac{14}{3} g_X g_Y^2 - \frac{14}{3} g_X g_{12}^2 + \frac{41}{3} g_Y^2 g_{12} + \frac{179}{3} g_X^2 g_{12} + \frac{41}{6} g_{12}^3 \right].$$

The dominant splitting of $\lambda_\Phi - \lambda_p$ via running (for benchmark charges) is given by

$$\beta_{\lambda_\Phi} - \beta_{\lambda_p} = -\frac{6 g_{12} g_X^2}{16\pi^2} \left(g_X + \frac{g_{12}}{4} \right) - \frac{\lambda_p}{16\pi^2} \left[6y_t^2 - \frac{9}{2} g_L^2 - \frac{3}{2} g_Y^2 + 12(\lambda_H - \lambda_p) \right] + \dots,$$

We do the numerical running with the full two-loop beta functions computed with `PyR@TE`.

Next-to-Minimal Models:

$$(M1) \quad q_\Phi \equiv q_\Phi^{B-L} \neq -\frac{1}{3}$$

Field	#Gens.	$SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$	$U(1)_X$	$U(1)_{B-L}$
(M2) Minimal set of additional fermions with Φ Yukawa couplings				
ψ_L	1	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, 0)$	$-\left(\frac{1}{q_\Phi} + 1\right)$	$-(1 + q_\Phi)$
ψ_R	1	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, 0)$	$-\left(\frac{1}{q_\Phi} + 1\right)$	$-(1 + q_\Phi)$
(M3) Minimal additional set of fermions that allow for DM				
ψ_L	1	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, 0)$	$\frac{p}{q_\Phi}$	p
ψ_R	1	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, 0)$	$\frac{p}{q_\Phi} + 1$	$p + q_\Phi$
ψ'_L	1	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, 0)$	$\frac{p}{q_\Phi} + 1$	$p + q_\Phi$
ψ'_R	1	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, 0)$	$\frac{p}{q_\Phi}$	p

Designed such as to allow new Φ -Yukawa couplings

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk}} \supset y_\psi \bar{\psi}_L \Phi^\dagger \nu_R^\alpha \quad (M2) \quad \text{or} \quad y_\psi \bar{\psi}_L \Phi^\dagger \psi_R + y_{\psi'} \bar{\psi}'_L \Phi \psi'_R \quad (M3)$$

Mechanism for ν -mass generation (M2), **or** multi-component fermion Dark Matter (M3).

Additional contribution to custodial symmetry breaking:

$$\beta_{\lambda_p} - \beta_{\lambda_\Phi} \Big|_{y_\psi} \simeq \frac{\sum_k 2y_{\psi_k}^4}{16\pi^2}.$$

Neutrino mass generation (M2)

Minimal extension with new Φ -Yukawa interactions, $\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk}} \supset y_\psi \bar{\psi}_L \Phi^\dagger \nu_R^\alpha$ (M2).

After SSB, Dirac mass terms:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} \supset (\bar{\nu}_L^\alpha \quad \bar{\psi}_L) \begin{pmatrix} y_\nu^{\alpha\beta} \frac{v_H}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ y_\psi^\beta \frac{v_\Phi}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_R^\beta \\ \psi_R \end{pmatrix} + \text{h.c.} \equiv (\bar{\nu}_L^\alpha \quad \bar{\psi}_L) M_N \begin{pmatrix} \nu_R^\beta \\ \psi_R \end{pmatrix} + \text{h.c.} \quad (1)$$

Majorana masses not generated due to unbroken (accidental) lepton number. Fermion masses² are eigenvalues of $(\alpha, \alpha' = 1, 2, 3, \text{sum over } \beta \text{ implicit})$

$$M_N M_N^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} y_\nu^{\alpha\beta} (y_\nu^\dagger)^{\beta\alpha'} \frac{v_H^2}{2} & y_\nu^{\alpha\beta} (y_\psi^*)^\beta \frac{v_H v_\Phi}{2} \\ y_\psi^\beta (y_\nu^\dagger)^{\beta\alpha'} \frac{v_H v_\Phi}{2} & y_\psi^\beta (y_\psi^*)^\beta \frac{v_\Phi^2}{2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

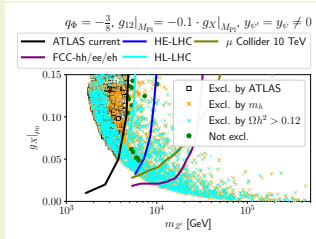
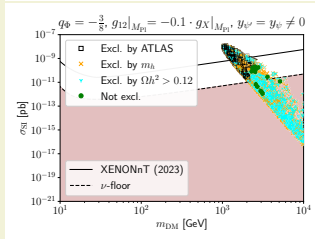
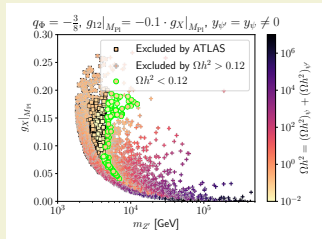
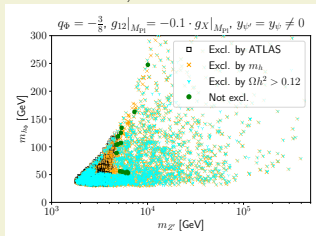
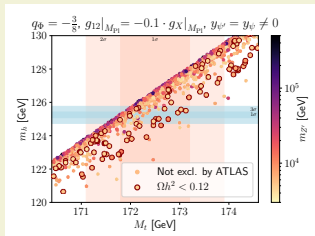
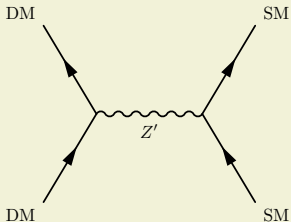
The mass matrix has rank 3, implying the lightest active neutrino is predicted to be massless. There is a heavy sterile (w.r.t. SM gauge int's.) state with mass $\approx \sqrt{y_\psi^\beta y_\psi^\beta} \frac{v_\Phi}{\sqrt{2}}$ and field content

$$\Psi \sim \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\alpha_\psi) \psi_L + \sin(\alpha_\psi) \nu_L \\ \nu'_R \end{pmatrix}.$$

Mixing angle $\sin(\alpha_\psi) \approx y_\nu v_H / (y_\psi v_\Phi)$ is automatically suppressed ($v_H \ll v_\Phi$) and ν'_R is a linear combination of ν_R 's not involving ψ_R .

Dark Matter model (M3), ($q_\Phi = -\frac{3}{8}$)

Two-component DM: new VL fermions $\psi_{L,R}, \psi'_{L,R}$.



Most flexible scenario, g_{12} and $y_{\psi'}$'s, still predictive and very constrained.
 Requires $m_{Z'} \approx 2m_\psi \approx 2m_{\psi'}$.