

# Rethinking naturalness

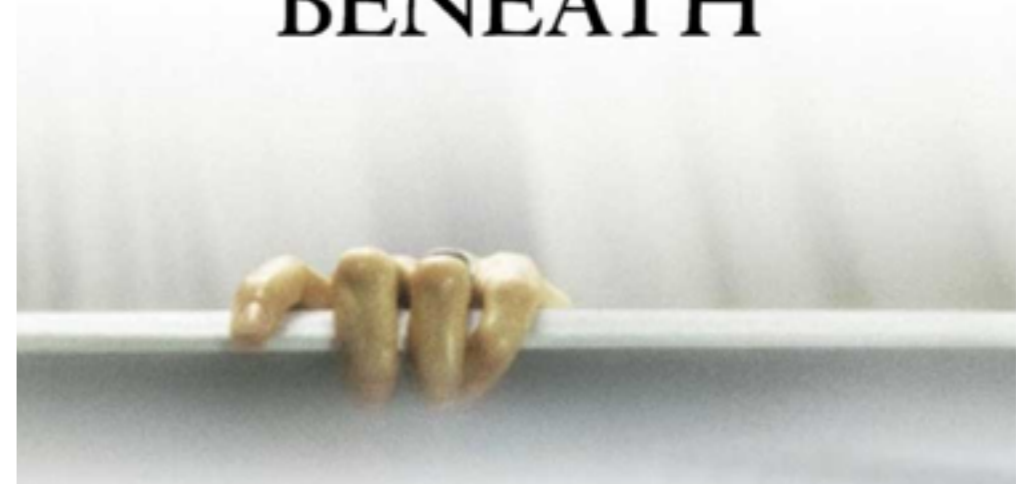
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# Can the Higgs be elementary ?

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# Plan

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- ◆ Degrees of (un)naturality
- ◆ SM ado & Triviality
- ◆ Interacting UV-FP for Gauge-Yukawa theories
- ◆ Beyond asymptotic freedom



Back to the drawing board

# RG (un)-naturalness

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \phi_r)^2 - \frac{1}{2}m^2 \phi_r^2 - \frac{\lambda}{4!} \phi_r^4 + \frac{\delta_Z}{2}(\partial_\mu \phi_r)^2 - \frac{\delta_m}{2} \phi_r^2 - \frac{\delta_\lambda}{4!} \phi_r^4$$

$$\phi_B \equiv \sqrt{Z} \phi_r \quad \delta_Z \equiv Z - 1 \quad m^2 \equiv m_0^2 Z - \delta_m \quad \delta_\lambda \equiv \lambda_0 Z^2 - \lambda$$

$$Z = 1 + f_1(\lambda, g_i) \log \frac{\Lambda^2}{m_0^2} + \dots \quad \delta_m = f_2(\lambda, g_i) \Lambda^2 + \dots$$

$$m^2 = m_0^2 \left( 1 + f_1(\lambda, g_i) \log \frac{\Lambda^2}{m_0^2} \right) - f_2(\lambda, g_i) \Lambda^2$$

# Shades of (un)naturality

$$m^2 = m_0^2 (1 + f_1(\lambda, g_i) \log \frac{\Lambda^2}{m_0^2}) - f_2(\lambda, g_i) \Lambda^2$$

- ◆ Standard model: cancel  $m_0$  against cutoff
- ◆ Coleman-Weinberg (CW): idem with radiative EWSB
- ◆ Classical conformality\*  $\Lambda = 0, \quad m_0 = 0$
- ◆ Delayed naturality = Veltman Cond.  $f_2 = 0$  Pert.
- ◆ CW + Delayed naturality  $f_2 = 0, \quad m_0 = 0$

\*Without a UV completion is indistinguishable from cancelling against cutoff

# Natural theories

$$m^2 = m_0^2 \left( 1 + f_1(\lambda, g_i) \log \frac{\Lambda^2}{m_0^2} \right) - f_2(\lambda, g_i) \Lambda^2$$

- ◆ A symmetry exists protecting

$$f_2 = 0$$

- ◆ Cutoff is physical as in composite models

# Degrees of naturality

● SM

Space of 4d theories

**Delayed naturality**

Veltman\*\*

**Natural**

Susy/Technicolor

**Classical CF (SSB via CW\*)**

Higgs = pseudo-dilaton,  
With UV cutoff is unnatural

**Perturbative quantum-CF**

CW + Veltman

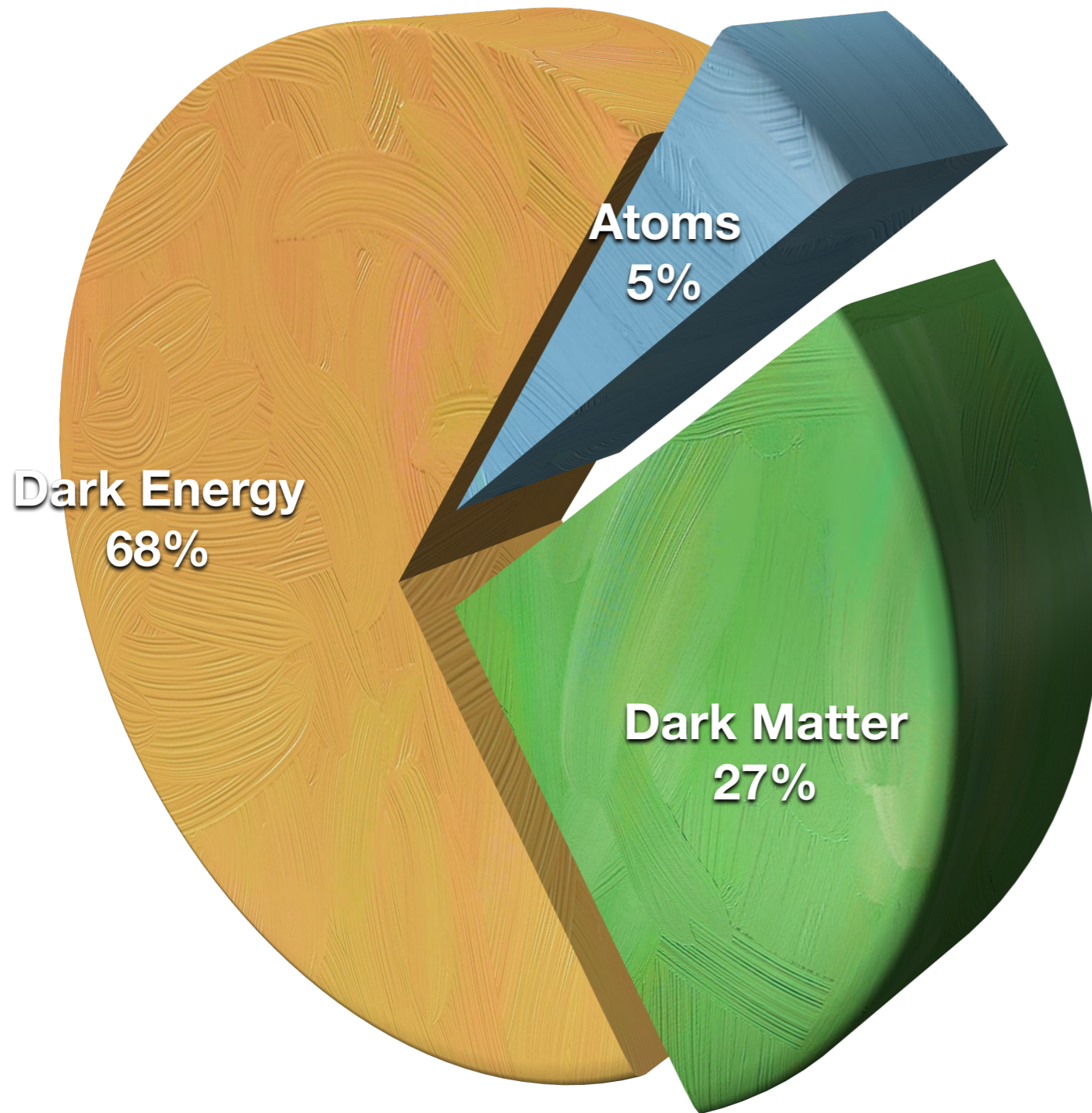
**New physics needed!**

\* CW = Coleman-Weinberg

\*\*Perturbative cancellation of quadratic divergences



# Much ado for 5%



95% is unknown!

Richer than 5%? Most likely!

# The Standard Model ado

## **Fields:**

Gauge fields + fermions + scalars

## **Interactions:**

Gauge:  $SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)$  at EW scale

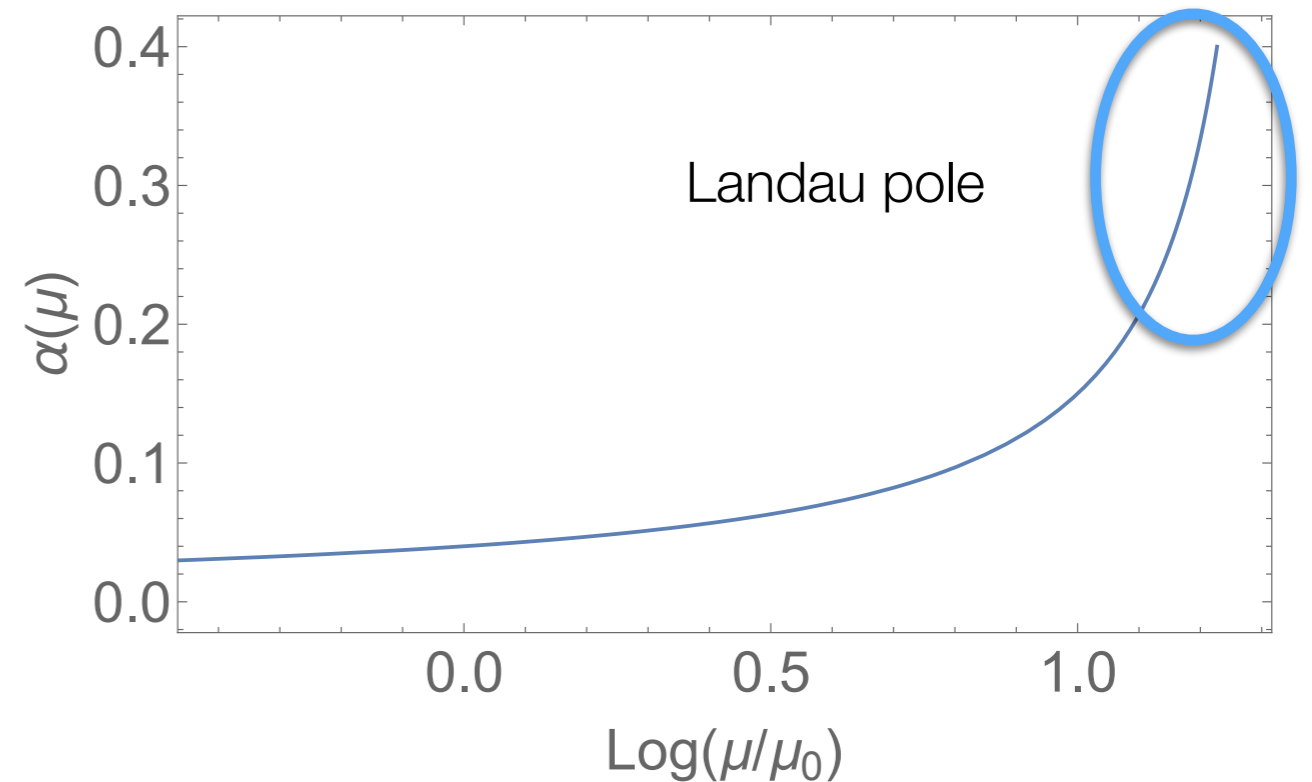
Yukawa: Fermion masses/Flavour

Culprit: Higgs

Scalar self-interaction

# Two main issues

- ◆ EW scale stability
- ◆ UV triviality (Landau Pole)

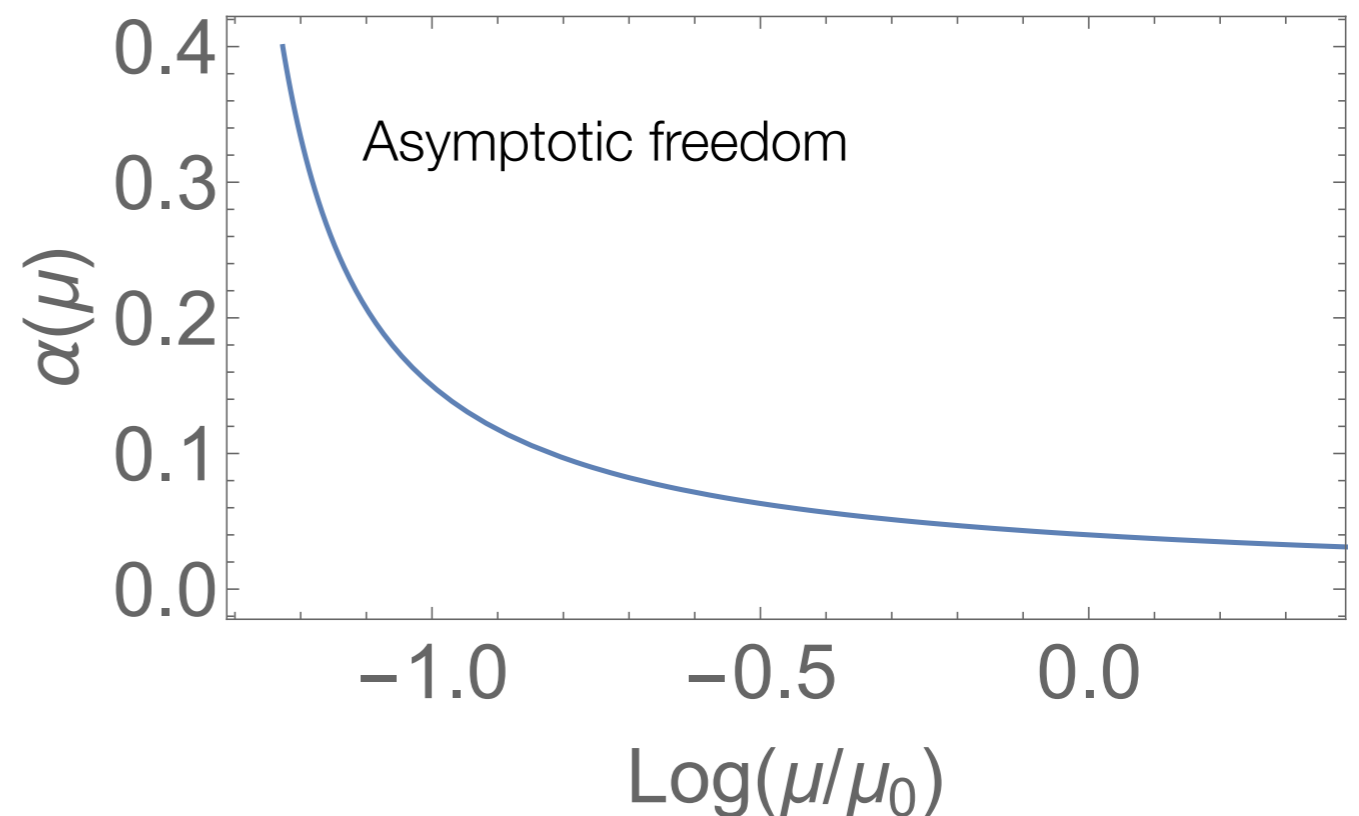


# The Compositeness Solution

- ◆ EW scale = Composite scale
- ◆ UV non-interacting

- ◆ Not ruled out

Arbey et al. 1502.04718



Elementary solution ?

Does an UV interacting safe 4D gauge theory exist?

Can we lose asymptotic freedom?

# Exact Interacting UV Fixed Point in 4D Quantum Gauge Theories

With D. Litim, 1406.2337, JHEP



# $SU(N_C)$ Gauge-Yukawa Template

$$L_{\text{YM}} = -\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} [F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}]$$

$$L_F = i \text{Tr} [Q \gamma^\mu D_\mu Q]$$

$$L_H = \text{Tr} [\partial_\mu H^\dagger \partial^\mu H]$$

$$L_{\text{Self}} = -u \text{Tr} [(H^\dagger H)^2] - v \text{Tr} [(H^\dagger H)]^2$$

$$L_Y = y (\text{Tr} [\bar{Q}_L H Q_R] + \text{h.c.})$$

Global symmetry  $SU(N_F) \times SU(N_F) \times U_V(1)$

# Veneziano Limit

- ◆ Normalised couplings

$$\alpha_g = \frac{g^2 N_C}{(4\pi)^2}, \quad \alpha_y = \frac{y^2 N_C}{(4\pi)^2}, \quad \alpha_h = \frac{u N_F}{(4\pi)^2}, \quad \alpha_v = \frac{v N_F^2}{(4\pi)^2}$$

$$\frac{v}{u} = \frac{\alpha_v}{\alpha_h N_F}$$

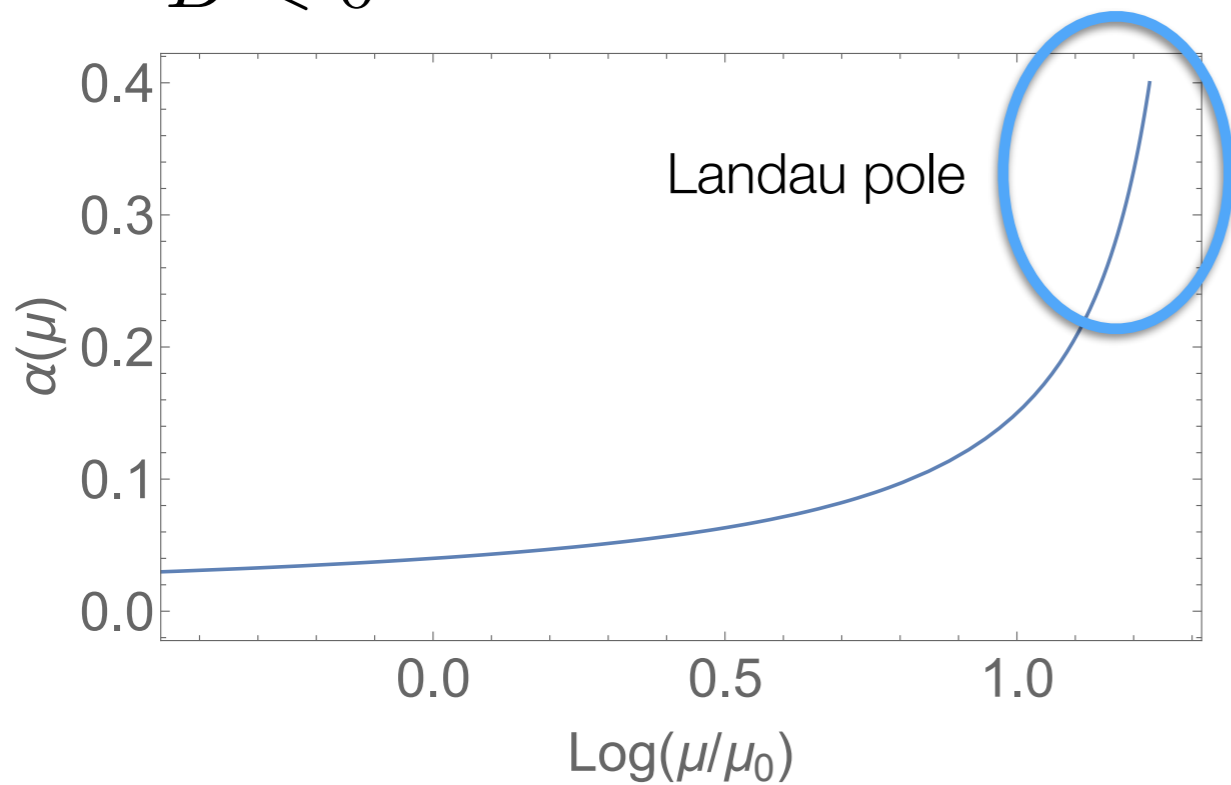
At large N  $\frac{N_F}{N_C} \in \mathfrak{R}^+$

# Non-Asymptotically Free

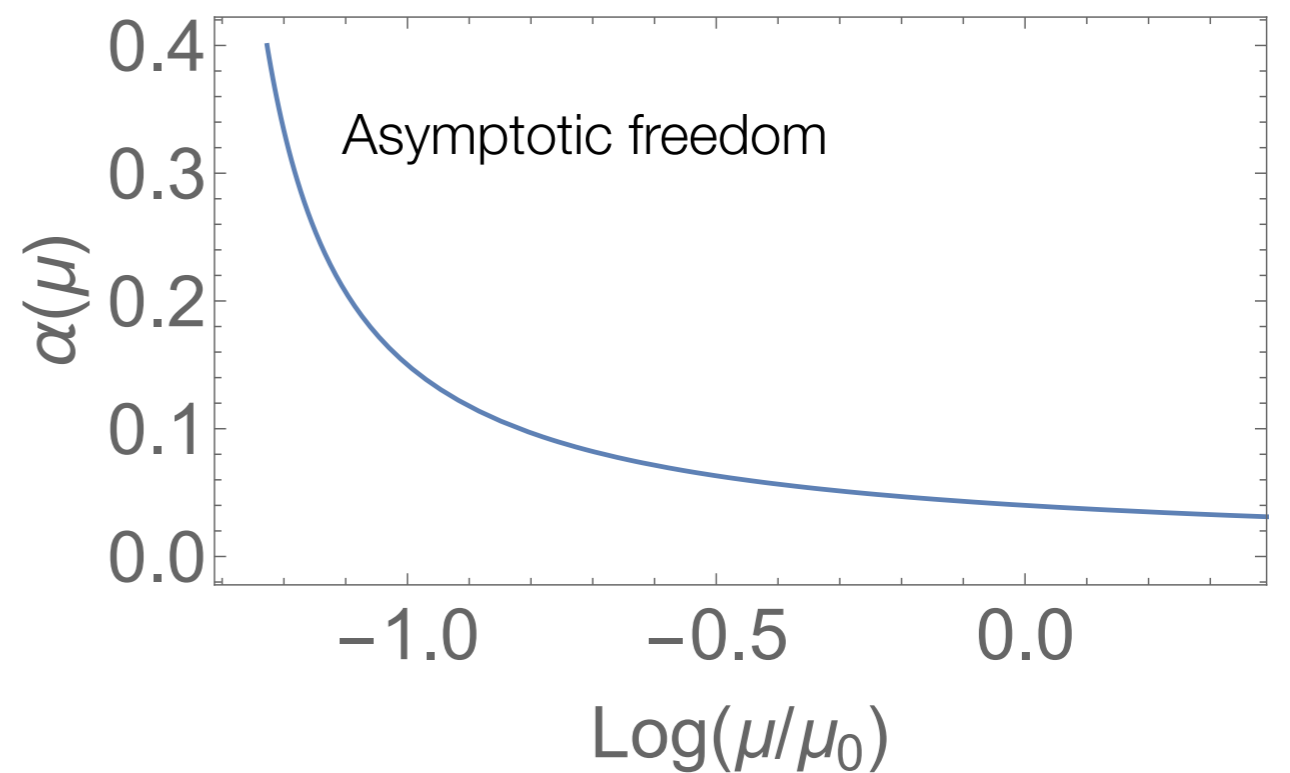
$$\beta_g = \partial_t \alpha_g = -B \alpha_g^2$$

$$t = \ln \frac{\mu}{\mu_0}$$

$B < 0$



$B > 0$

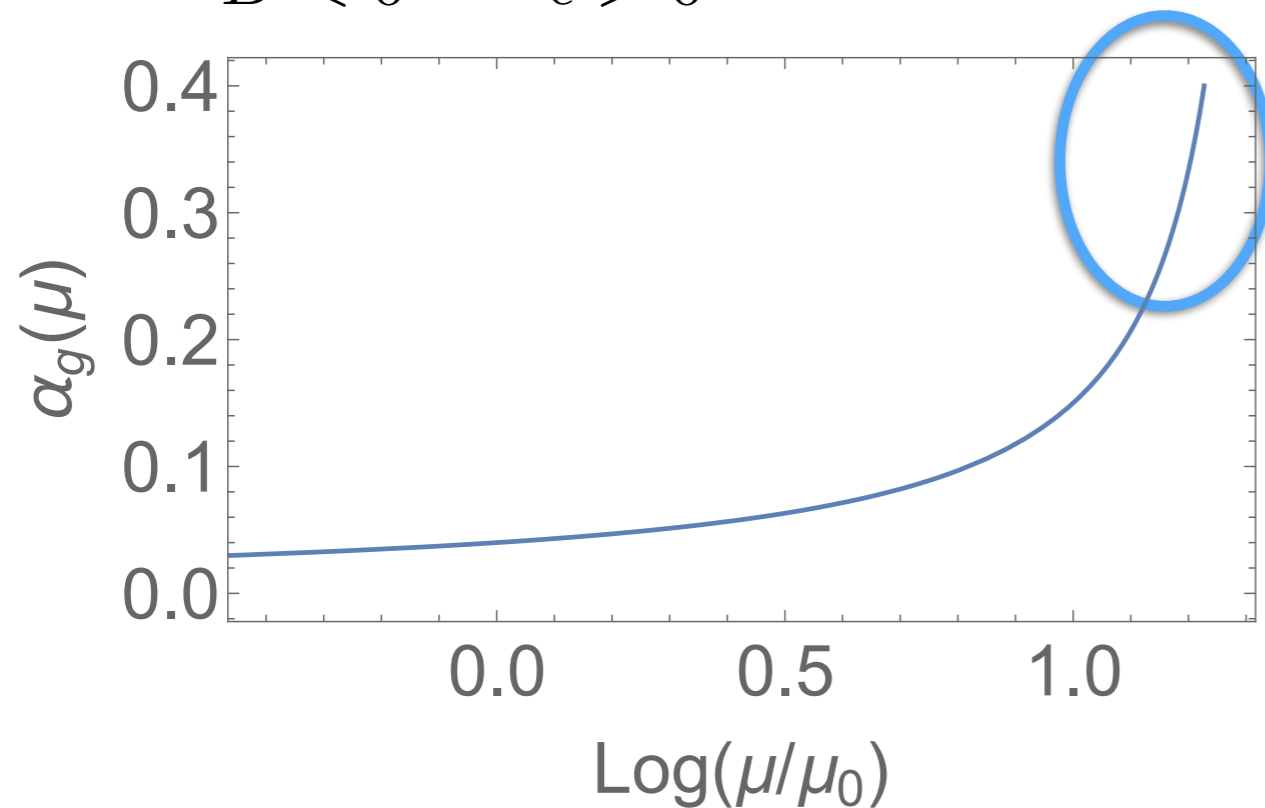


# Small parameters

$$B = -\frac{4}{3}\epsilon$$

$$\epsilon = \frac{N_F}{N_C} - \frac{11}{2}$$

$$B < 0 \quad \epsilon > 0$$



$$0 \leq \epsilon \ll 1$$

Landau Pole ?

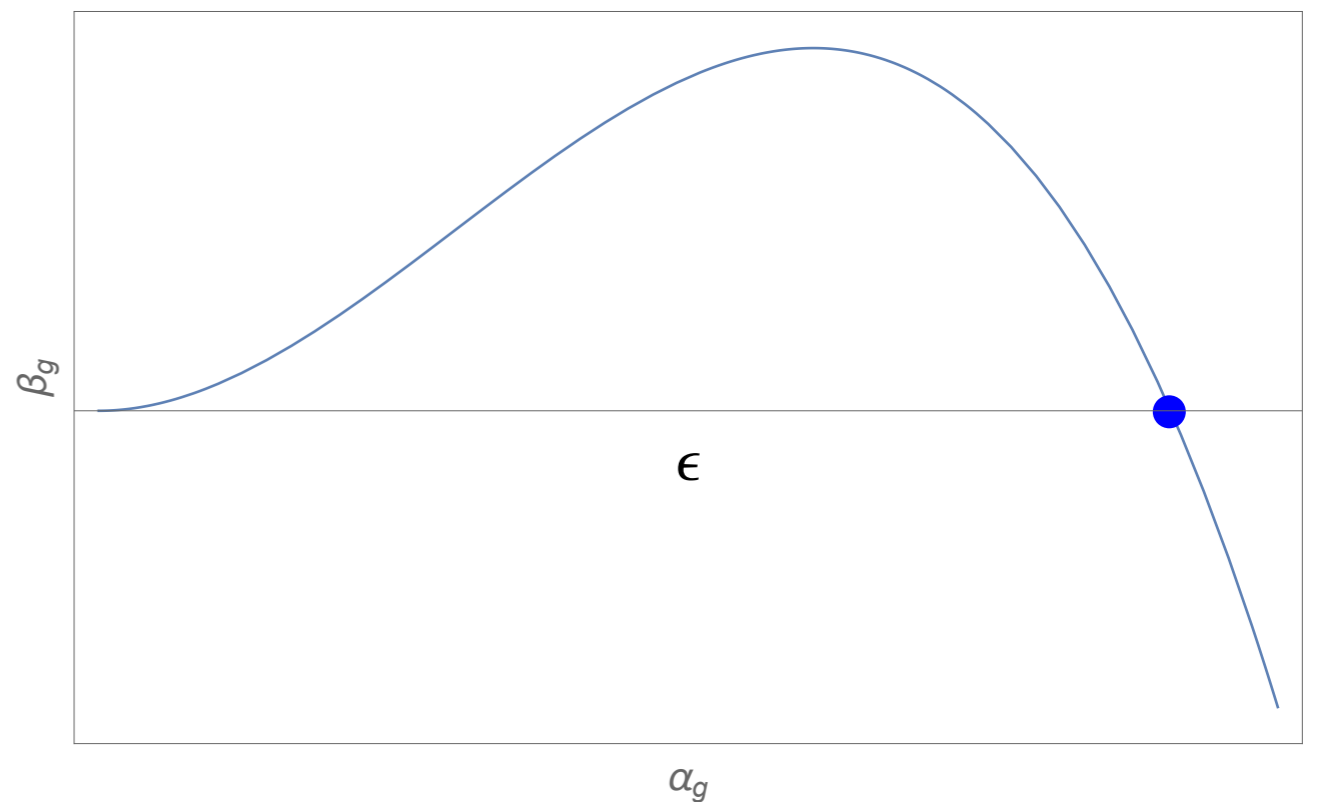
# Can NL help?

$$\beta_g = -B\alpha_g^2 + C\alpha_g^3$$

$$B = -\frac{4}{3}\epsilon$$

$$0 \leq \alpha_g^* \ll 1 \quad \text{iff} \quad C < 0$$

$$\alpha_g^* = \frac{B}{C} \propto \epsilon$$



Impossible in Gauge Theories with Fermions alone

Caswell, PRL 1974

# Add Yukawa

$$\beta_g = \alpha_g^2 \left[ \frac{4}{3}\epsilon + \left( 25 + \frac{26}{3}\epsilon \right) \alpha_g - 2 \left( \frac{11}{2} + \epsilon \right)^2 \alpha_y \right]$$

$$\beta_y = \alpha_y \left[ (13 + 2\epsilon) \alpha_y - 6 \alpha_g \right]$$

Computation abides Weyl consistency conditions

Antipin, Gillioz, Mølgaard, Sannino [a-theorem] 1303.1525

Osborn 89 & 91, Jack & Osborn 90

Antipin, Gillioz, Krog. Mølgaard, Sannino [SM vacuum stability] 1306.3234

# NLO - Fixed Points

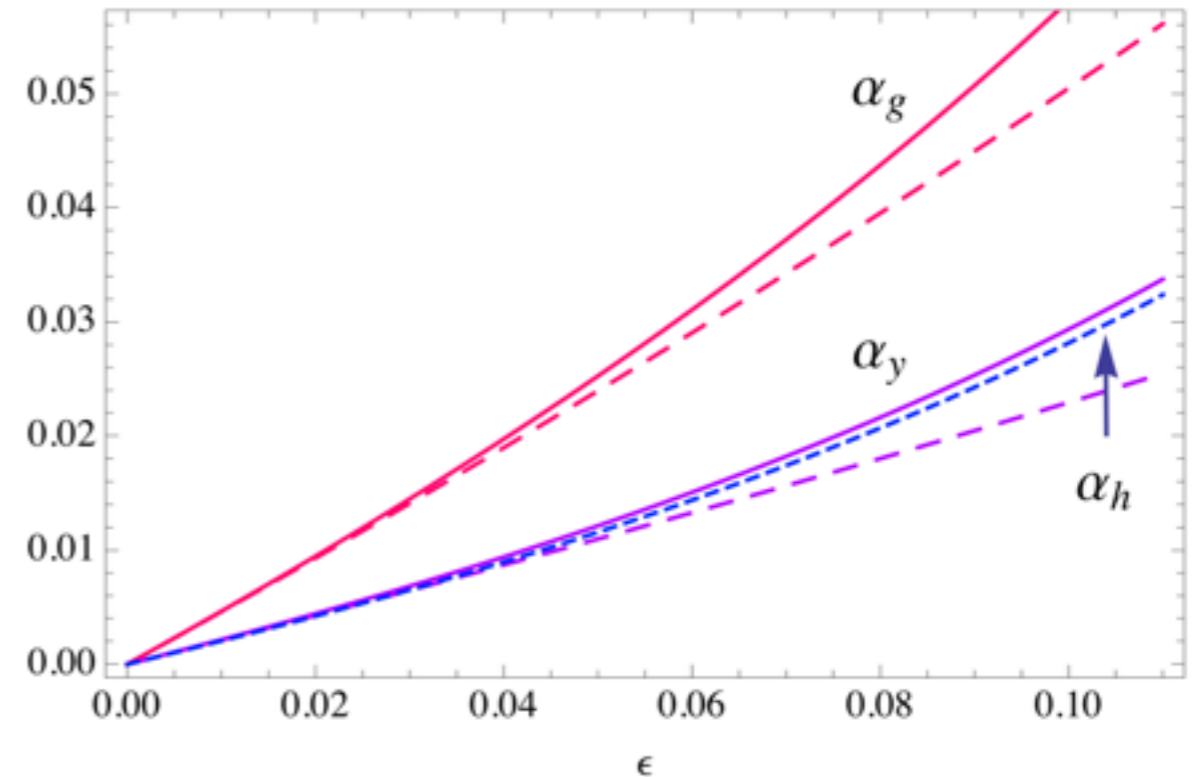
- ◆ Gaussian fixed point

$$(\alpha_g^*, \alpha_y^*) = (0, 0)$$

- ◆ Interacting fixed point

$$\alpha_g^* = \frac{26\epsilon + 4\epsilon^2}{57 - 46\epsilon - 8\epsilon^2} = \frac{26}{57}\epsilon + \frac{1424}{3249}\epsilon^2 + \frac{77360}{185193}\epsilon^3 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^4)$$

$$\alpha_y^* = \frac{12\epsilon}{57 - 46\epsilon - 8\epsilon^2} = \frac{4}{19}\epsilon + \frac{184}{1083}\epsilon^2 + \frac{10288}{61731}\epsilon^3 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^4).$$



# Linearised RG Flow

$$\delta\alpha = (\alpha - \alpha_*) \propto \left(\frac{\mu}{\Lambda_c}\right)^\vartheta \quad \vartheta = \partial\beta/\partial\alpha|_*$$

- ◆ Stability Matrix

$$\beta_i = \sum_j M_{ij} (\alpha_j - \alpha_j^*) + \text{subleading}$$

$$M_{ij} = \partial\beta_i/\partial\alpha_j|_* \quad i = (g, y)$$



# Scaling exponents: UV completion

- ◆ Eigen values of M

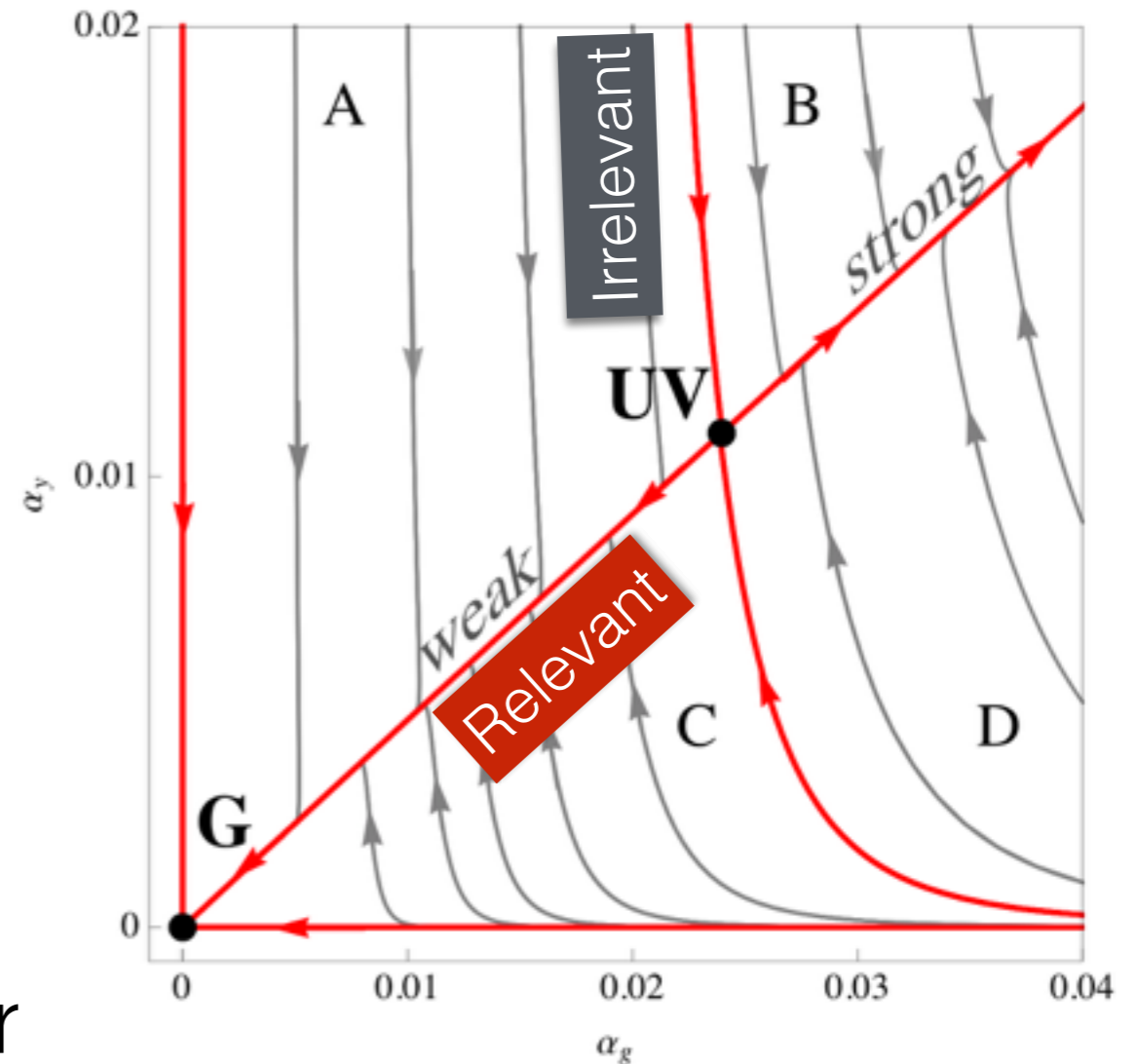
$$\vartheta_1 = -\frac{104}{171}\epsilon^2 + \frac{2296}{3249}\epsilon^3 + \frac{1387768}{1666737}\epsilon^4 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^4)$$

$$\vartheta_2 = \frac{52}{19}\epsilon + \frac{9140}{1083}\epsilon^2 + \frac{2518432}{185193}\epsilon^3 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^4).$$

$\vartheta_1 < 0$  Relevant direction

$\vartheta_2 > 0$  Irrelevant direction

A true UV fixed point to this order



# NNLO - The scalars

- ◆ The scalar self-couplings

$$\beta_h = -(11 + 2\epsilon) \alpha_y^2 + 4\alpha_h(\alpha_y + 2\alpha_h)$$

Single trace

$$\beta_v = 12\alpha_h^2 + 4\alpha_v(\alpha_v + 4\alpha_h + \alpha_y)$$

Double trace

- ◆ Only single trace effect on Yukawa

$$\Delta\beta_y^{(2)} = \alpha_y \left\{ \frac{20\epsilon - 93}{6} \alpha_g^2 + (49 + 8\epsilon) \alpha_g \alpha_y - \left( \frac{385}{8} + \frac{23}{2} \epsilon + \frac{\epsilon^2}{2} \right) \alpha_y^2 - (44 + 8\epsilon) \alpha_y \alpha_h + 4\alpha_h^2 \right\}$$

$$\Delta\beta_g^{(3)} = \alpha_g^2 \left\{ \left( \frac{701}{6} + \frac{53}{3} \epsilon - \frac{112}{27} \epsilon^2 \right) \alpha_g^2 - \frac{27}{8} (11 + 2\epsilon)^2 \alpha_g \alpha_y + \frac{1}{4} (11 + 2\epsilon)^2 (20 + 3\epsilon) \alpha_y^2 \right\} .$$

Double-trace coupling is a spectator

# NNLO - All direction UV Stable FP

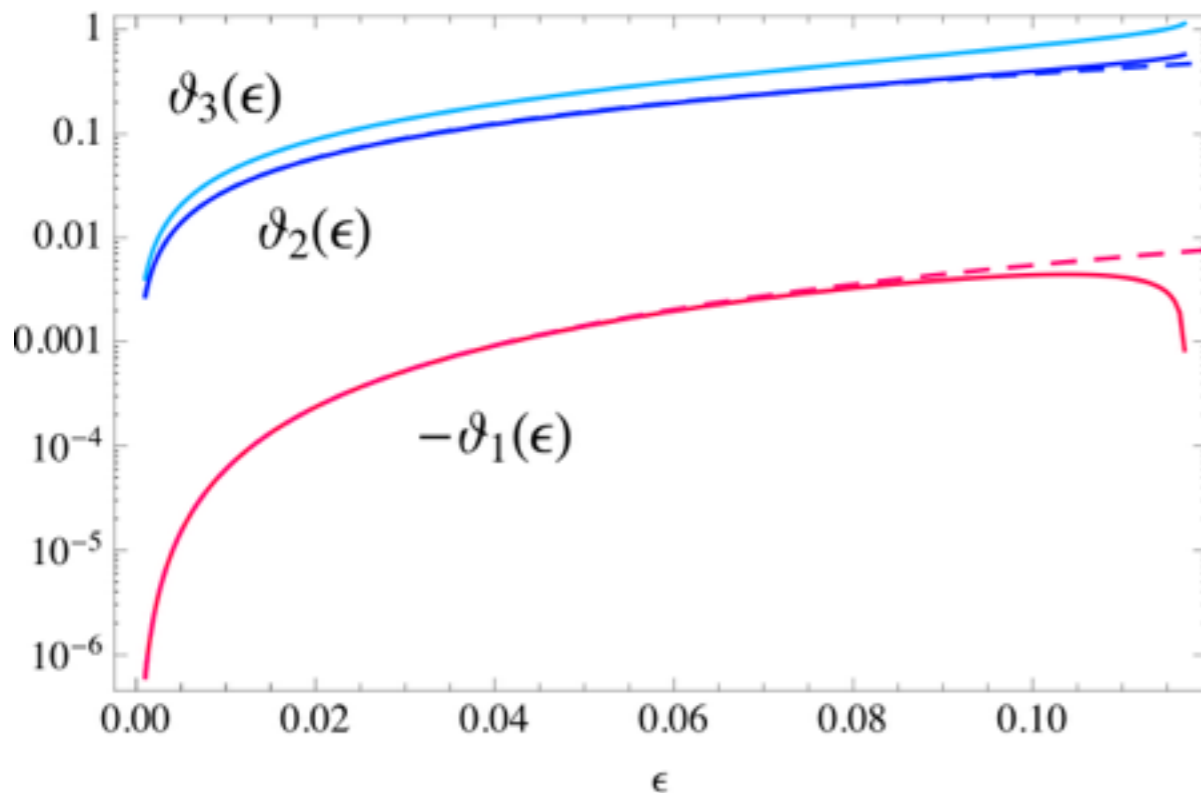
- ◆ Fixed point

$$\alpha_g^* = 0.4561 \epsilon + 0.7808 \epsilon^2 + 3.112 \epsilon^3 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^4)$$

$$\alpha_y^* = 0.2105 \epsilon + 0.5082 \epsilon^2 + 2.100 \epsilon^3 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^4)$$

$$\alpha_h^* = 0.1998 \epsilon + 0.5042 \epsilon^2 + 2.045 \epsilon^3 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^4)$$

$$\alpha_h^* \equiv \alpha_{h1}^* > 0$$



- ◆ Scaling exponents

$$v_1 = -0.608 \epsilon^2 + 0.707 \epsilon^3 + 2.283 \epsilon^4 + \dots$$

$$v_2 = 2.737 \epsilon + 6.676 \epsilon^2 + \dots$$

$$v_3 = 4.039 \epsilon + 14.851 \epsilon^2 + \dots$$

$$i = (g, y, h)$$

# Double - trace and stability

$$\alpha_{v1,v2}^* = \boxed{-\frac{1}{19}} \left( 2\sqrt{23} \mp \sqrt{20 + 6\sqrt{23}} \right) \epsilon + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$$

- ◆ Is the potential stable at FP?
- ◆ Which FP survives?

# Moduli

Classical moduli space

$$V = u \operatorname{Tr} (H^\dagger H)^2 + v (\operatorname{Tr} H^\dagger H)^2$$

Use  $U(N_f) \times U(N_f)$  symmetry

$$H_c = \operatorname{diag}(h_1, \dots, h_{N_F})$$

$$V = u \sum_{i=1}^{N_F} h_i^4 + v \left( \sum_{i=1}^{N_F} h_i^2 \right)^2 - 2\lambda (\sum_i h_i^2 - 1)$$

If  $V$  vanishes on  $H_c$  it will vanish for any multiple of it

# Ground state conditions at any $N_f$

$$\alpha_h > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha_h + \alpha_v \geq 0$$

$$H_c \propto \delta_{ij}$$

$$\alpha_h < 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha_h + \alpha_v/N_F \geq 0$$

$$H_c \propto \delta_{i1}$$

$$V_\phi = (4\pi)^2 (\alpha_h + \alpha_v) \phi^4$$

$$\alpha_h^* + \alpha_{v_2}^* < 0 < \alpha_h^* + \alpha_{v_1}^*$$

Stability for  $\alpha_{v_1}^*$

# UV critical surface

(Ir)relevant directions implies UV lower dim. critical

$$\alpha_i = F_i(\alpha_g) \quad \alpha_i(\mu) = \alpha_i^* + \sum_n c_n V_i^n \left( \frac{\mu}{\Lambda_c} \right)^{\vartheta_n} + \text{subleading}$$

$$F_y(\alpha_g) = (0.4615 + 0.6168 \epsilon) \alpha_g - 0.1335 \epsilon^2 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3)$$

$$F_h(\alpha_g) = (0.4380 + 0.5675 \epsilon) \alpha_g - 0.09658 \epsilon^2 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3),$$

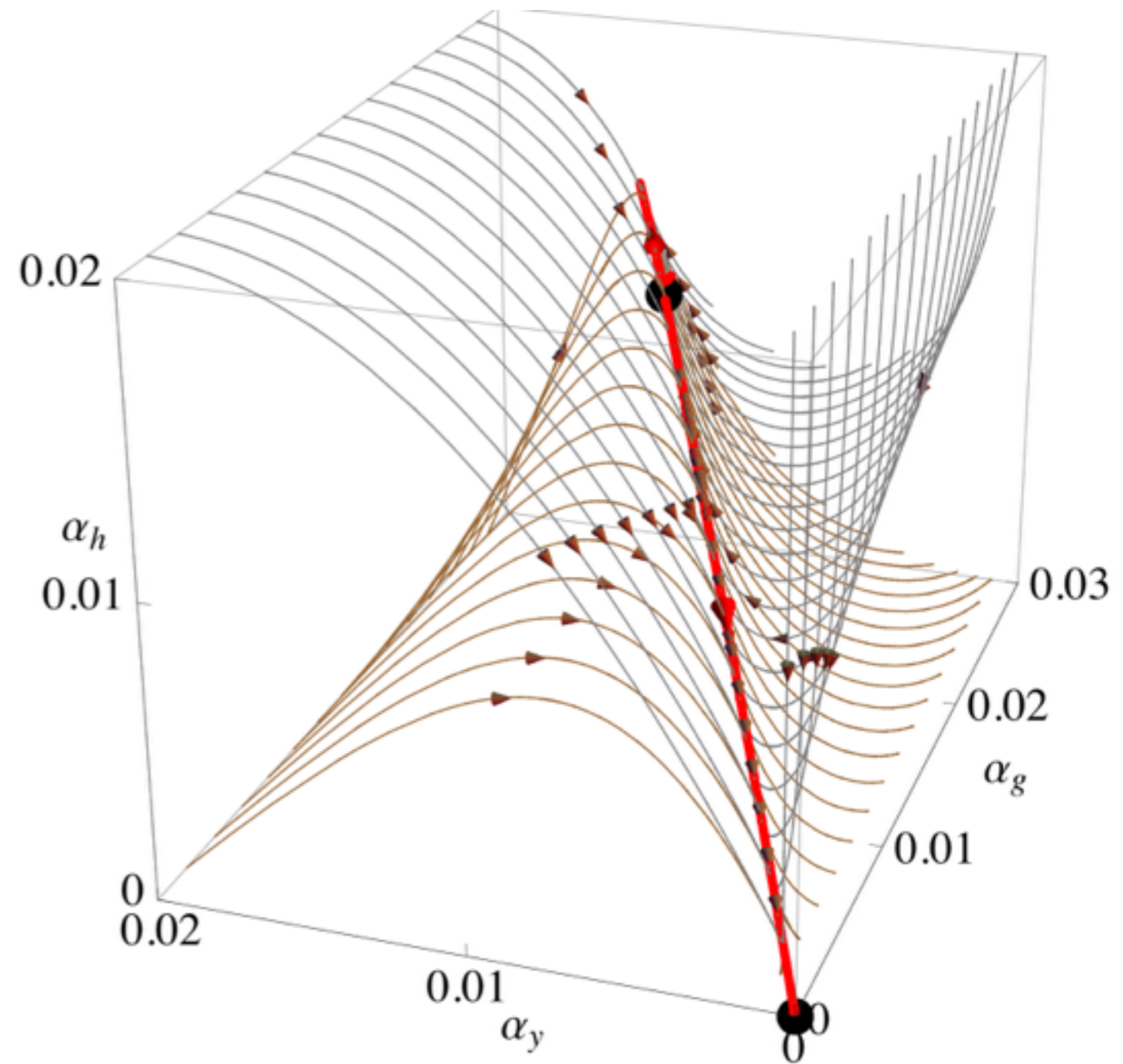
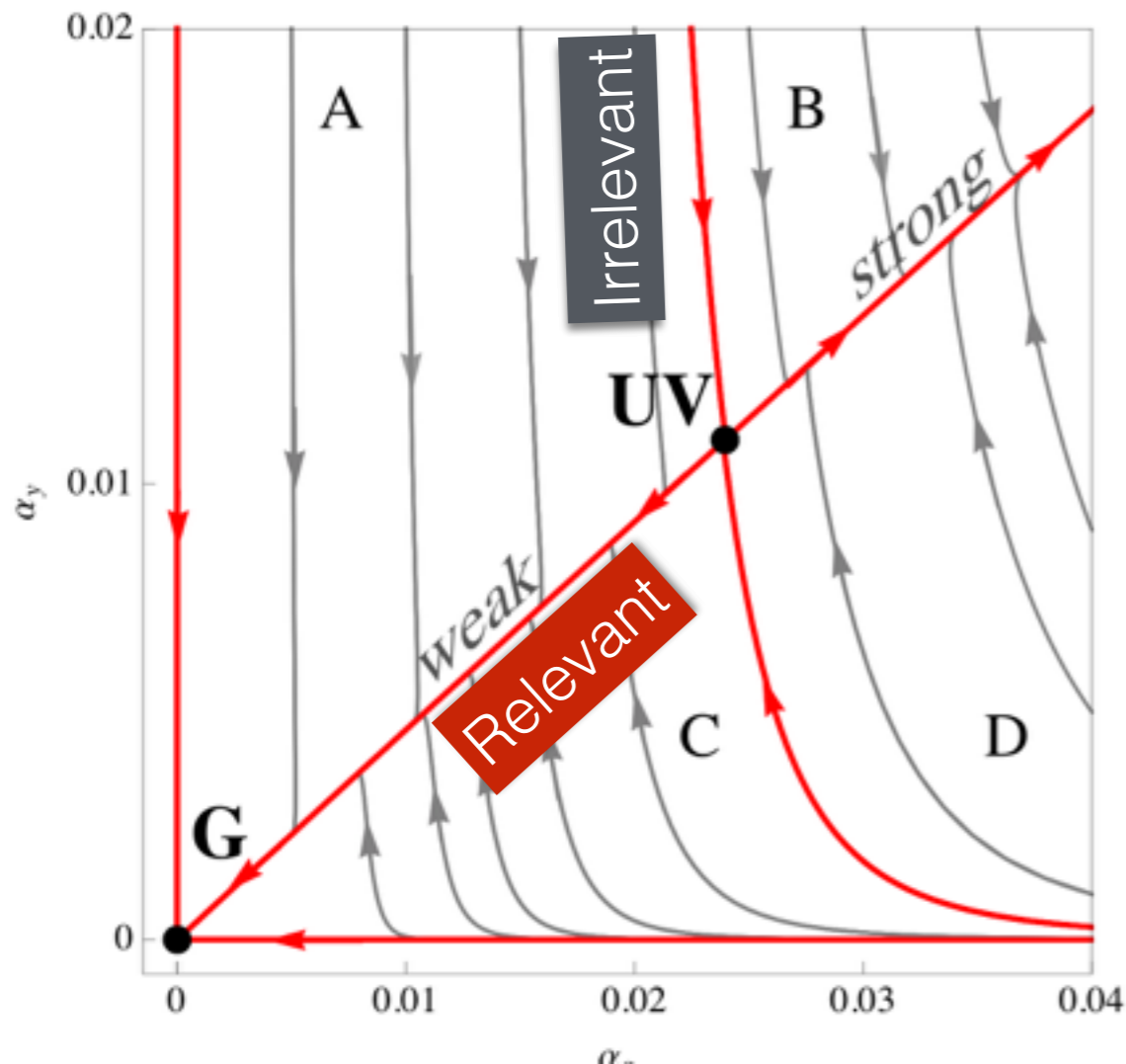
$$F_v(\alpha_g) = -(0.3009 + 0.3241 \epsilon) \alpha_g + 0.1373 \epsilon + 0.3828 \epsilon^2 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3)$$

Near the fixed point

$$\alpha_g(\mu) = \alpha_g^* + \left( \alpha_g(\Lambda_c) - \alpha_g^* \right) \left( \frac{\mu}{\Lambda_c} \right)^{\vartheta_1(\epsilon)}$$

# Phase Diagram

$$\begin{aligned}\vartheta_1 &= -0.608 \epsilon^2 + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3) \\ \vartheta_2 &= 2.737 \epsilon + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2) \\ \vartheta_3 &= 4.039 \epsilon + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2) \\ \vartheta_4 &= 2.941 \epsilon + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2).\end{aligned}$$



$$\vartheta_1 < 0 < \vartheta_2 < \vartheta_4 < \vartheta_3$$

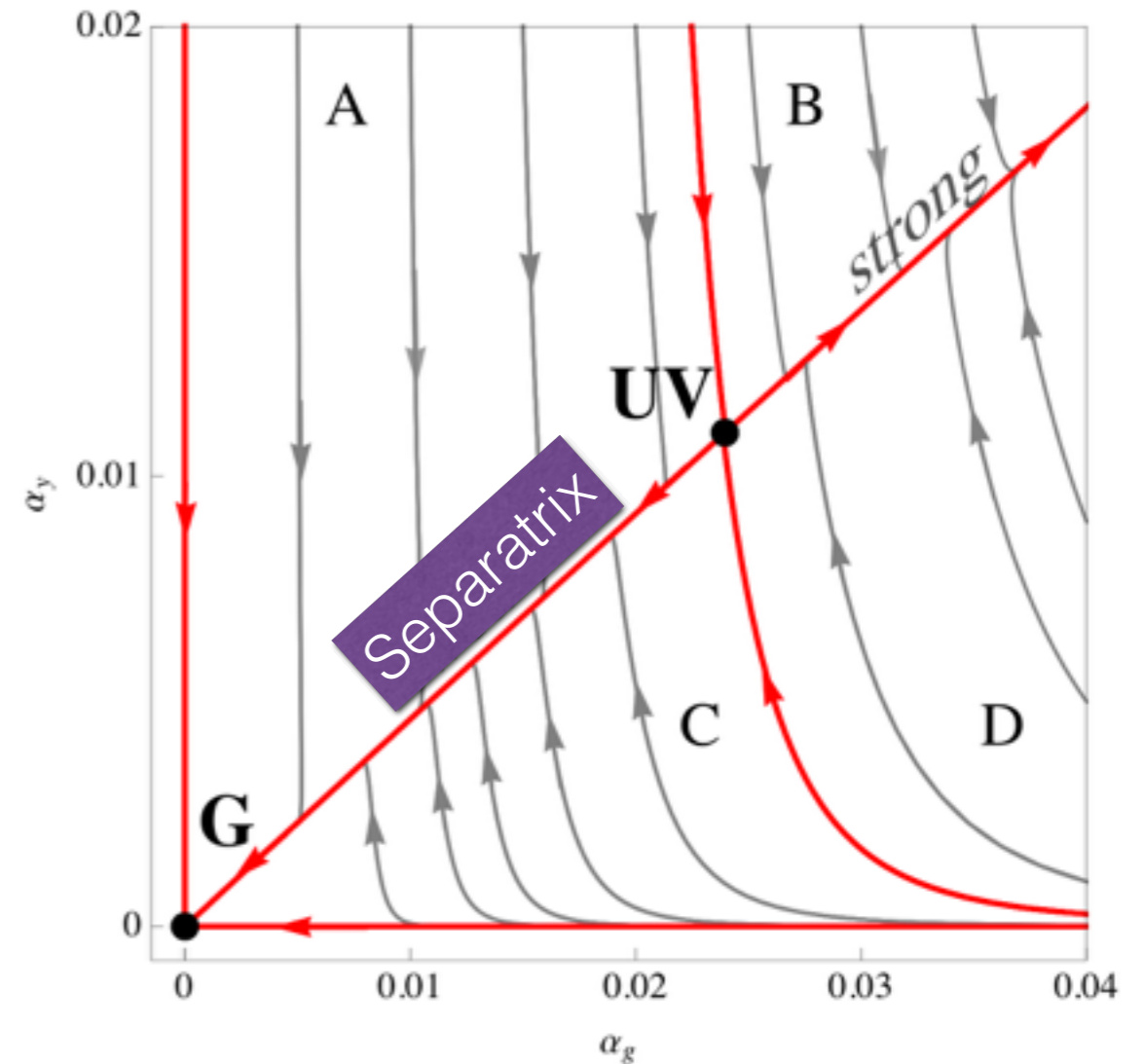
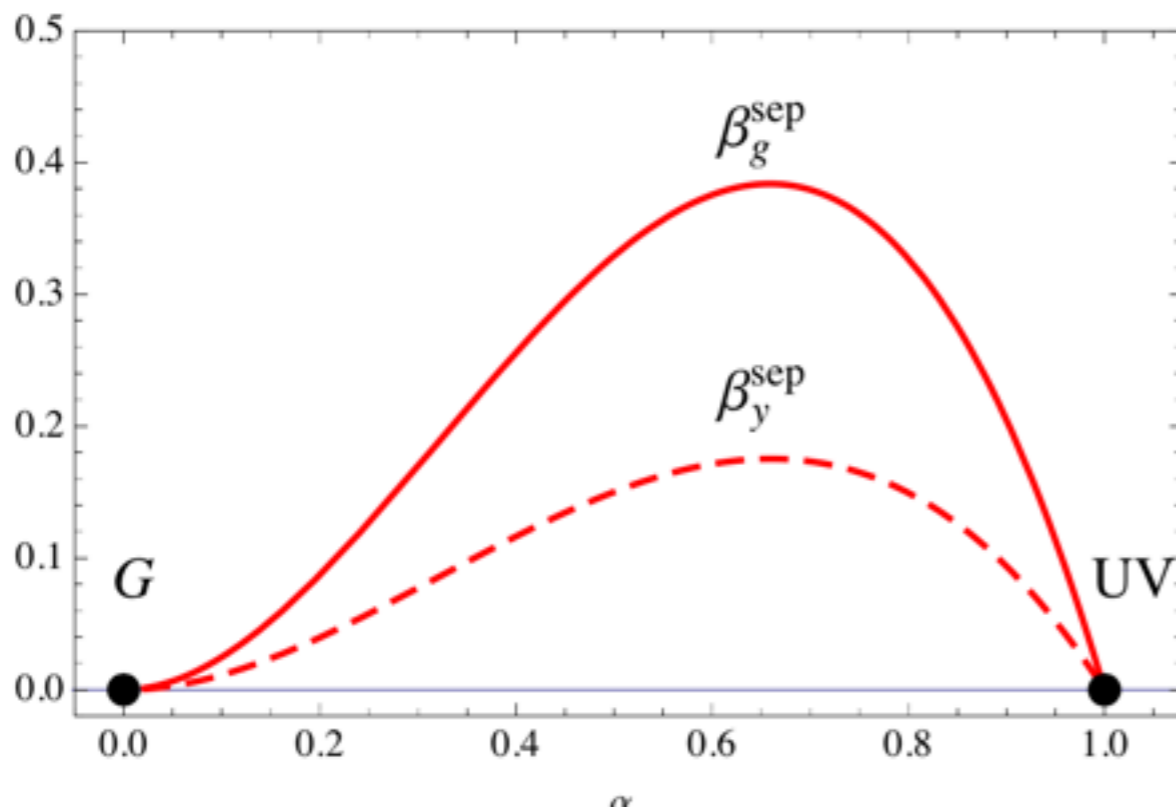


# Separatrix = Line of Physics

Globally defined line connecting two FPs

$$\beta_g^{\text{sep}}(\alpha_g) \equiv \beta_g(\alpha_g, \alpha_y = F_y(\alpha_g))$$

$$\beta_y^{\text{sep}}(\alpha_g) \equiv \beta_y(\alpha_g, \alpha_y = F_y(\alpha_g))$$



# Quantum Potential

The QP obeys an exact RG equation

$$\left( \mu_0 \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu_0} - \gamma(\alpha_j) \phi_c \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi_c} + \sum_i \beta_i(\alpha_j) \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha_i} \right) V_{\text{eff}}(\phi_c, \mu_0, \alpha_j) = 0$$

$$H_c = \phi_c \delta_{ij} \quad \gamma = -\frac{1}{2} d \ln Z / d \ln \mu$$

# Resumming logs

Dimensional analysis  $V_{\text{eff}}(\phi_c; \mu_0, \alpha_i) = \lambda_{\text{eff}}(\phi_c/\mu_0, \alpha_i) \cdot \phi_c^4$

$$\left( \phi_c \frac{\partial}{\partial \phi_c} + 4 \bar{\gamma}(\alpha_j) - \sum_i \bar{\beta}_i(\alpha_j) \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha_i} \right) \lambda_{\text{eff}}(\phi_c) = 0$$

$$\lambda_{\text{eff}}(\phi_c) = \lambda(\phi_c) \exp \left( -4 \int_{\mu_0}^{\phi_c} \frac{d\mu}{\mu} \bar{\gamma}(\mu) \right)$$

$$\bar{\gamma}(\alpha_i) = \frac{\gamma(\alpha_i)}{1 + \gamma(\alpha_i)}$$

# The Potential

$$V_{\text{cl}}(\phi_c) = \lambda_* \phi_c^4 \quad \lambda_* = \epsilon \frac{16\pi^2}{19} (\sqrt{20 + 6\sqrt{23}} - \sqrt{23} - 1)$$

$$V_{\text{eff}}(\phi_c) = \frac{V_{\text{cl}}(\phi_c)}{1 + W(\phi_c)} \left( \frac{W(\phi_c)}{W(\mu_0)} \right)^{-4D/B} \quad -4D/B = 18/(13 \cdot \epsilon) > 0$$

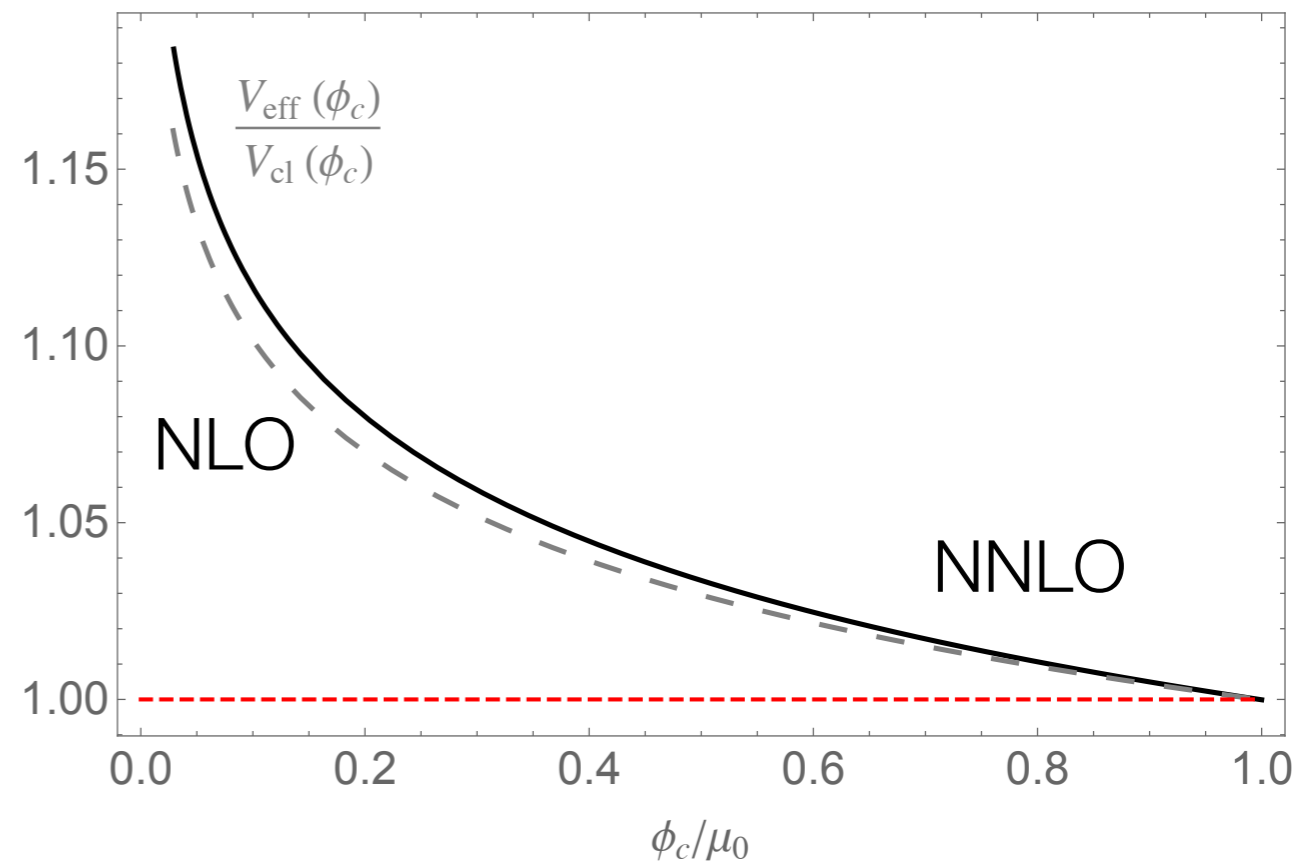
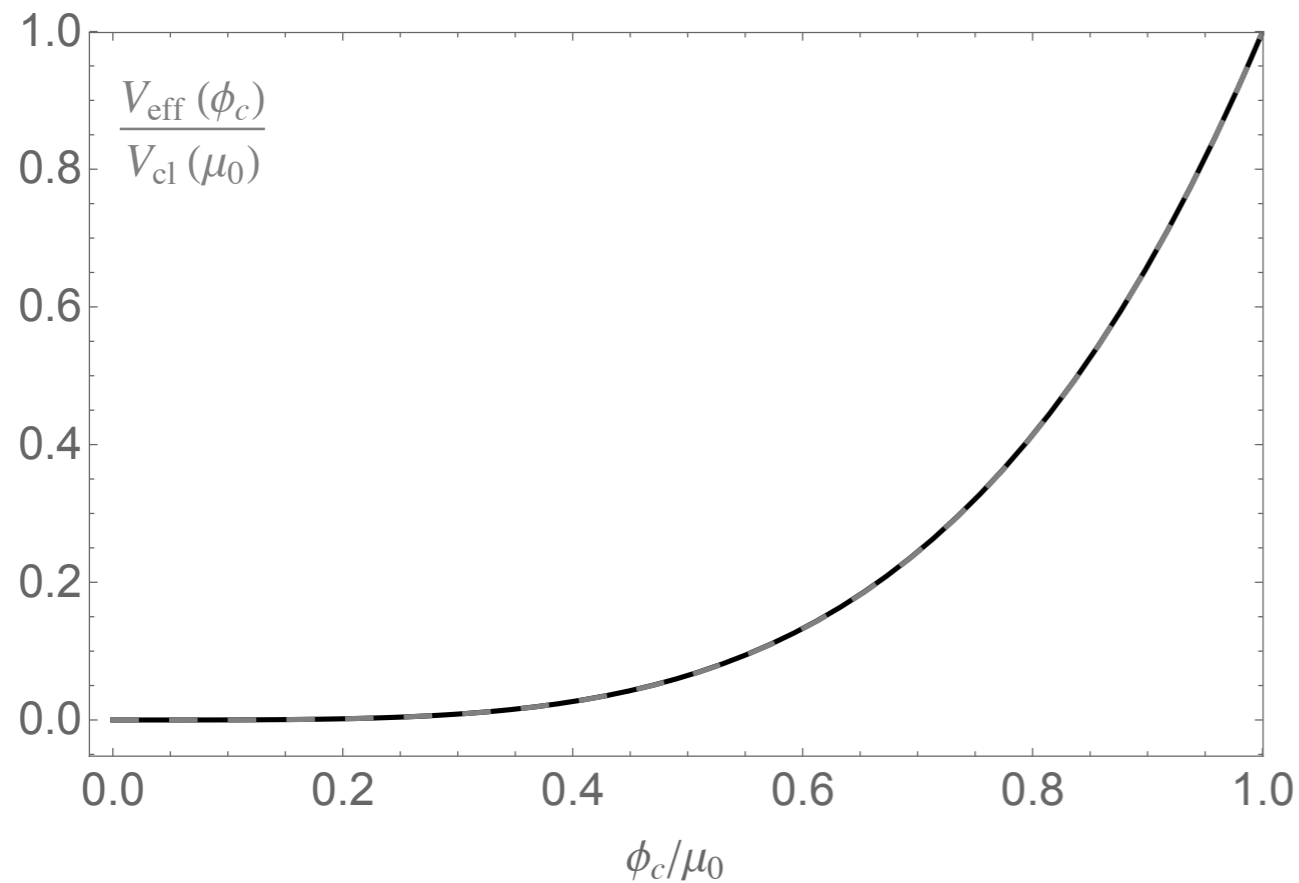
Lambert Function

$$z = W \exp W \quad z = \left( \frac{\mu_0}{\mu} \right)^{-B \cdot \alpha_*} \left( \frac{\alpha_*}{\alpha_0} - 1 \right) \exp \left( \frac{\alpha_*}{\alpha_0} - 1 \right)$$

$$\alpha(\mu) = \frac{\alpha_*}{1 + W(\mu)}$$

Effective gauge coupling

# Visualisation



QFT is controllably defined to arbitrary short scales

# Summary

Gauge + fermion + scalars theories can be fund. at any energy scale

Exact results: independent on any scheme choice

Higgs mass squared operator is UV irrelevant

Existence of UV nontrivial Gauge-Yukawa theories

Discovered UV complete Non-Abelian QED-like theories

# Outlook

Composite operators critical exponents, ...

Extend to other gauge theories

Extensions of the Standard Model

Models of DM and/or Inflation, 1412.8034 & 1503.00702

Hope for asymptotic safe quantum gravity?