

# The hierarchy problem: Exotic signatures from exotic approaches.

New Directions in Theoretical Physics

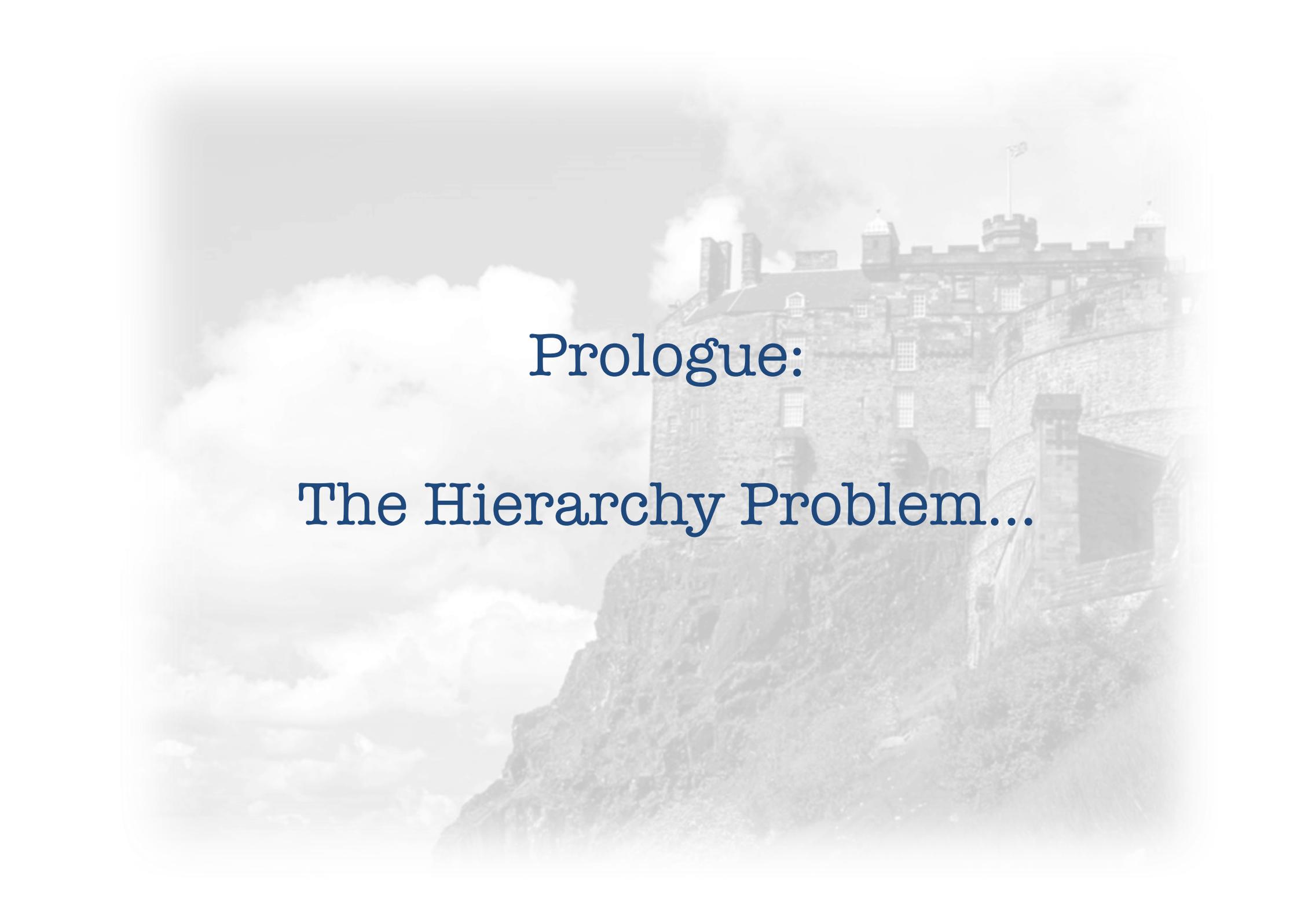
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Based on: Giudice, MM, 2016

Giudice, Kats, MM, Torre, Urbano 2017

Cohen, Craig, Giudice, MM 2018





Prologue:

The Hierarchy Problem...

# Higgs Mechanism

- The Higgs sector of the Standard Model involves the Higgs field and the gauge fields

$$H \quad W_{\mu}^a$$

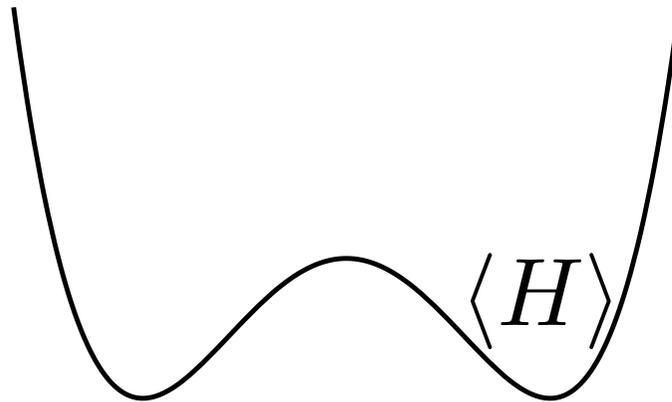
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- Gauge bosons become massive:  $M_W \sim g \langle H \rangle$

# Ginzburg-Landau

- The G-L Theory of superconductivity involves a complex scalar field and the photon (magnetic vector potential)

$$\Phi \quad A$$

- The Free energy for this theory is

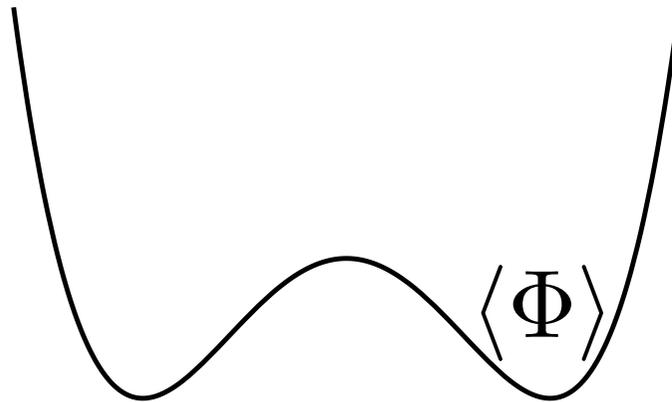
$$F = |(\nabla + 2ieA)\Phi|^2 + m^2(T)|\Phi|^2 + \lambda|\Phi|^4 + \dots$$

- Where the mass depends on the temperature.

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Performing the same exercise with the Higgs field.



We can look to see if the symmetry breaking is like Ginzburg-Landau

- Direct analogy, would have no light Higgs boson: Experimentally excluded.
- Perhaps not directly analogous, but similar composite story: Study the Higgs...

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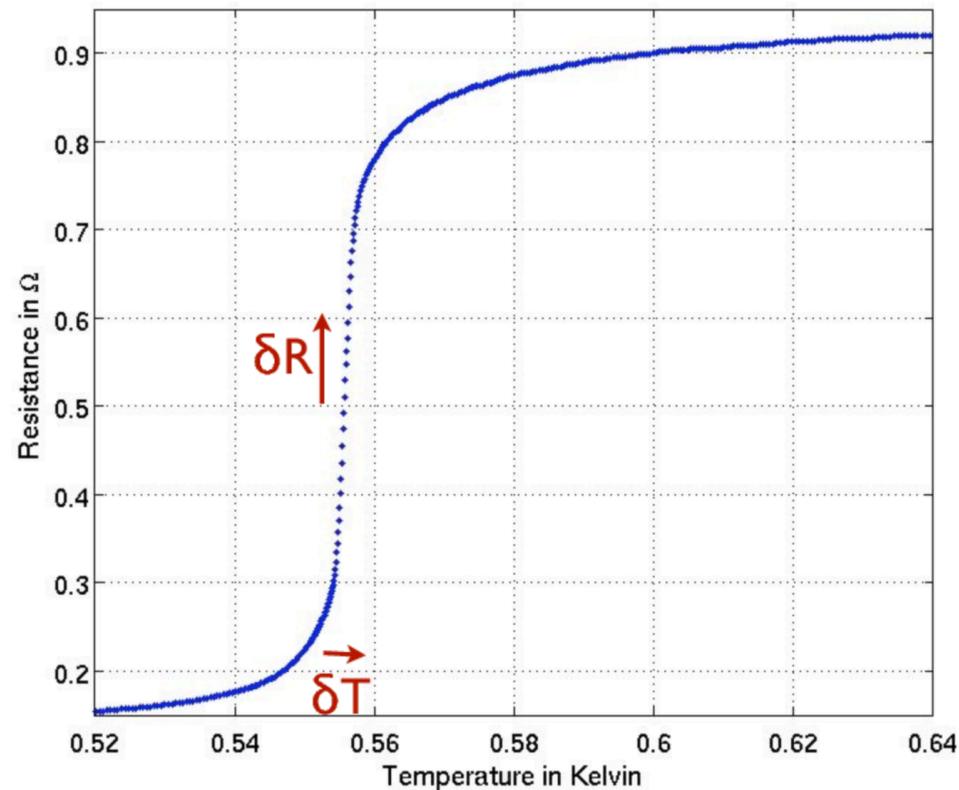
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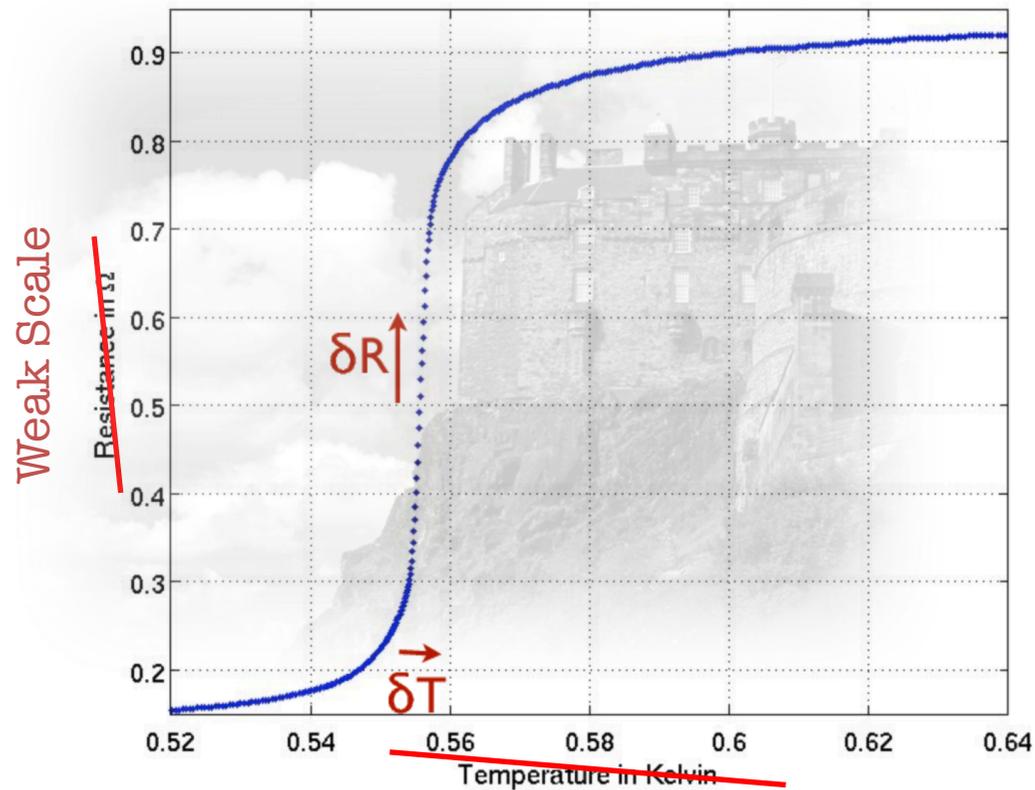
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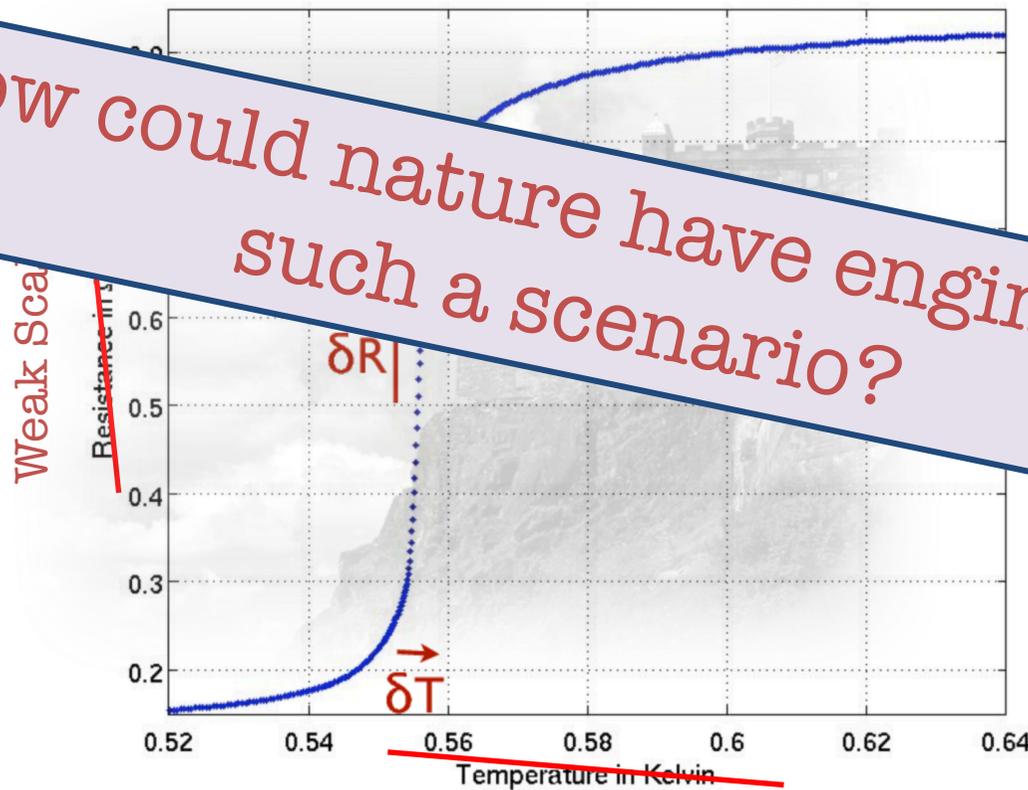
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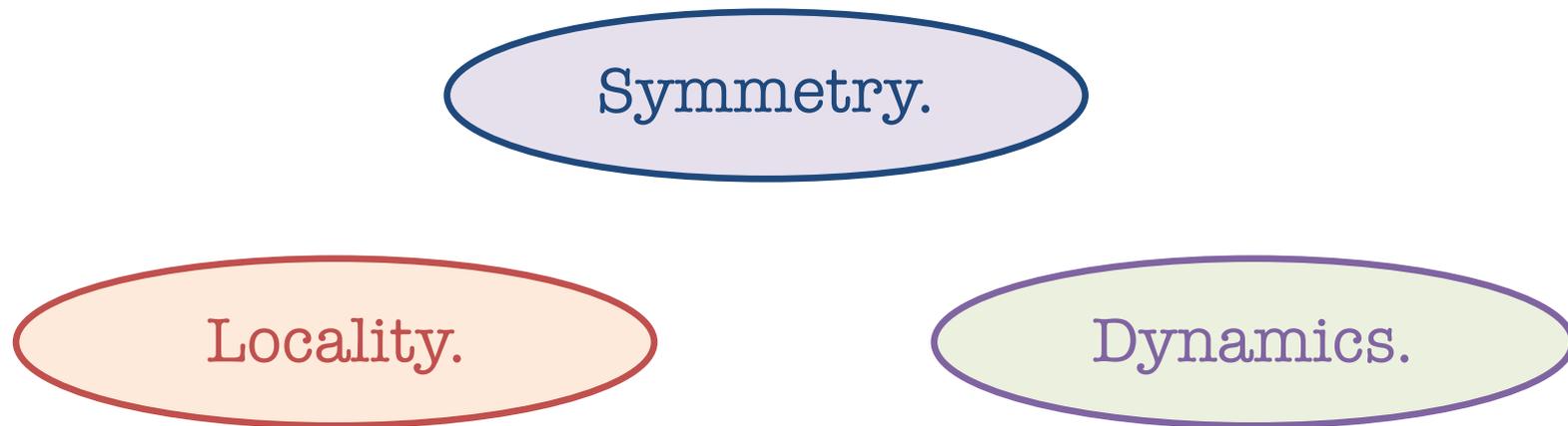
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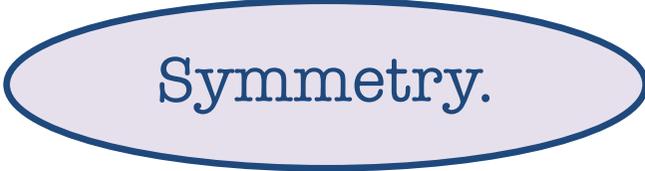
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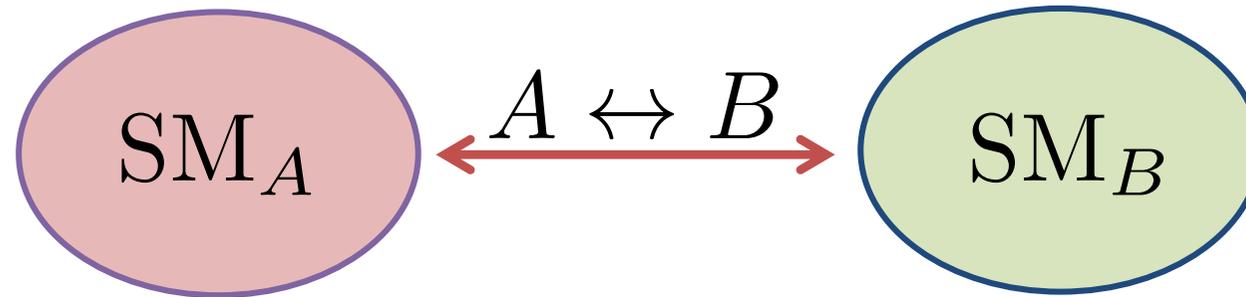


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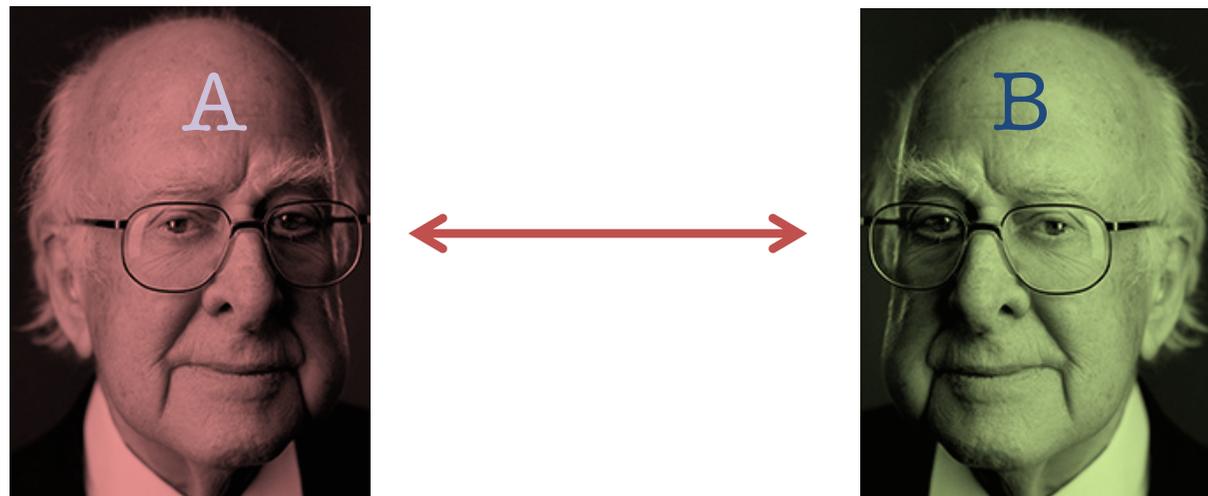
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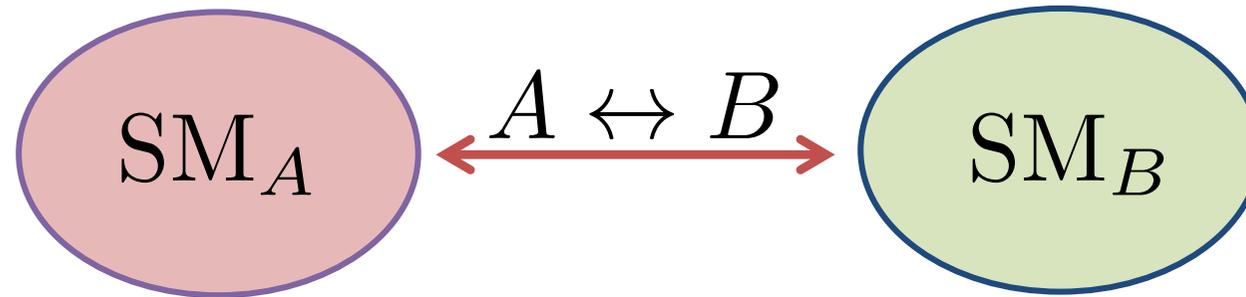
- Everything twinned.



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- Enhance symmetry structure to global  $SU(4)$ :

Desired quartic dictated by accidental symmetry:

$$V_{\text{Higgs}} = \lambda (|H_A|^2 + |H_B|^2)^2 - \Lambda^2 (|H_A|^2 + |H_B|^2)$$

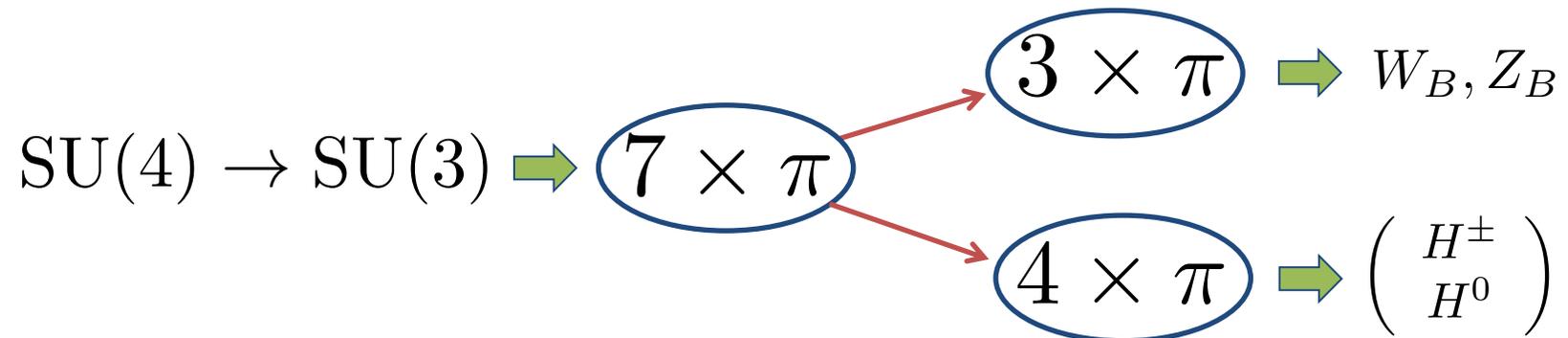
Exchange enforces equal quadratic corrections for each Higgs. Thus masses still respect  $SU(4)$  symmetry.

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- Total symmetry-breaking pattern is:  $SU(4) \rightarrow SU(3)$

- Thus 7 pseudo-Goldstone bosons:

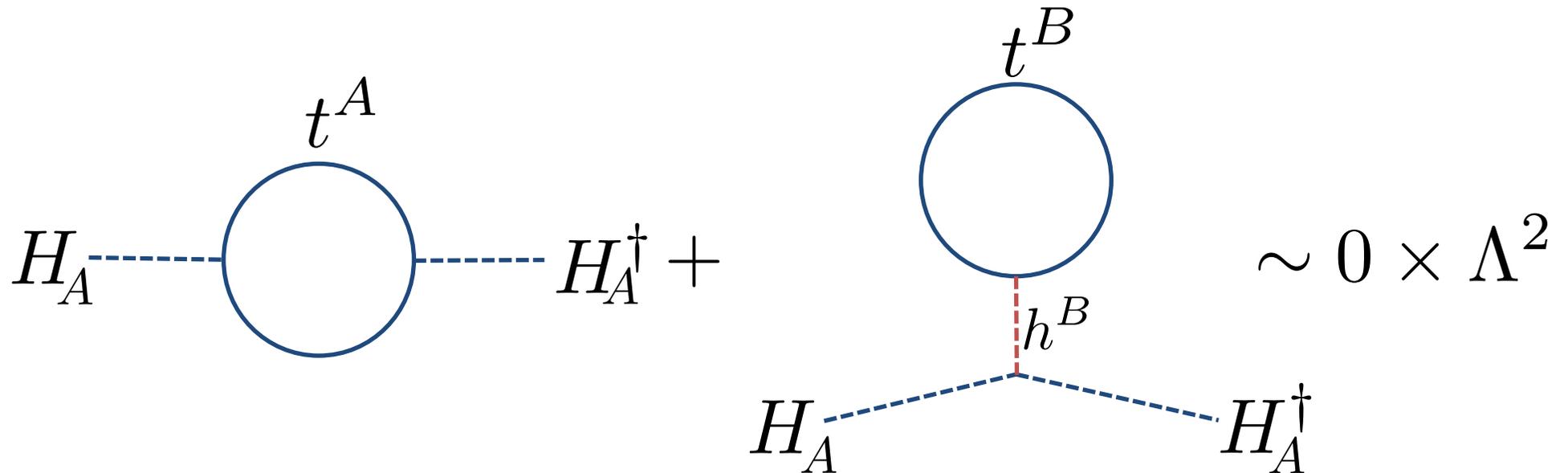


- The SM Higgs light because of the symmetry-breaking pattern!
- Hierarchy problem solved all the way up to the scale:  $\Lambda$

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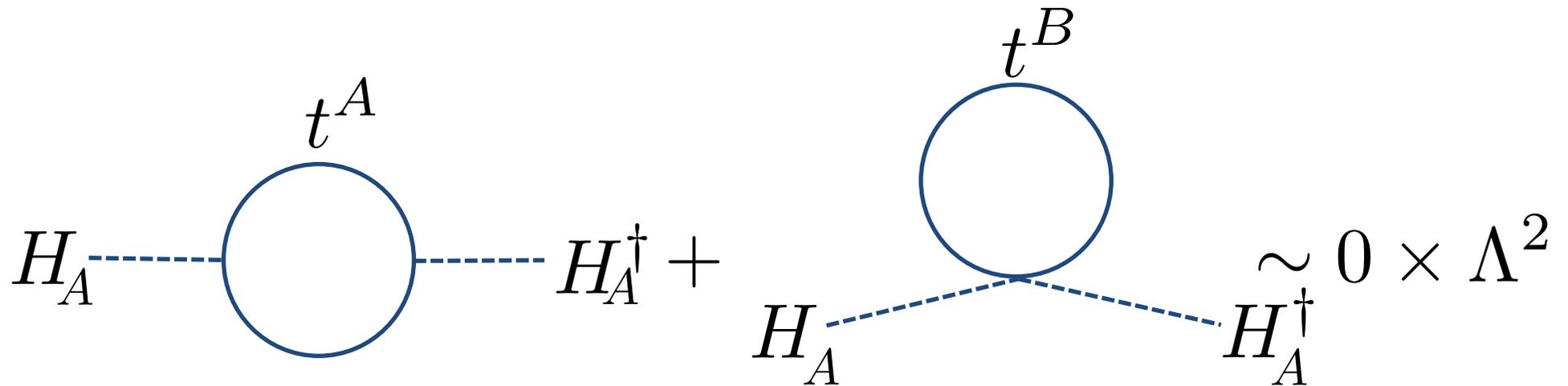
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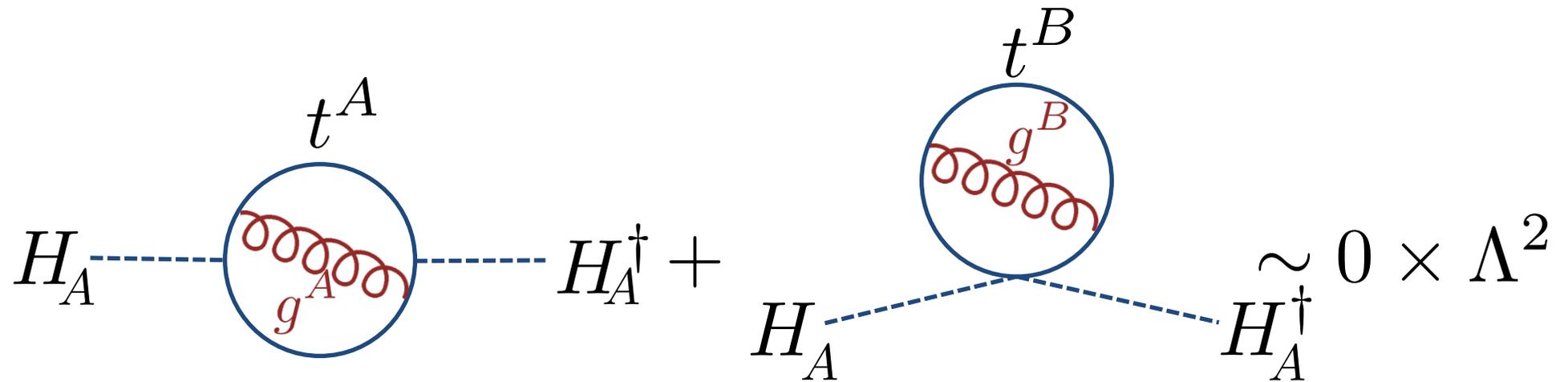
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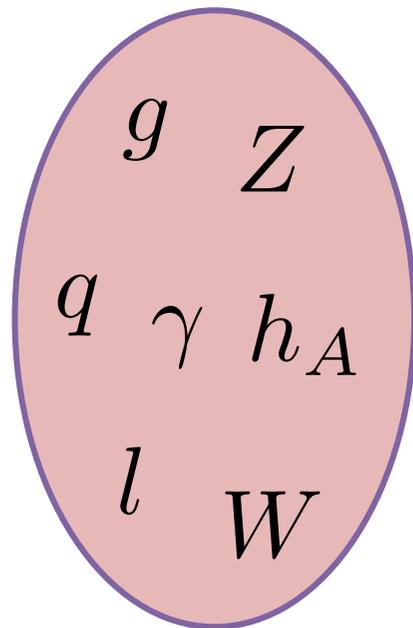
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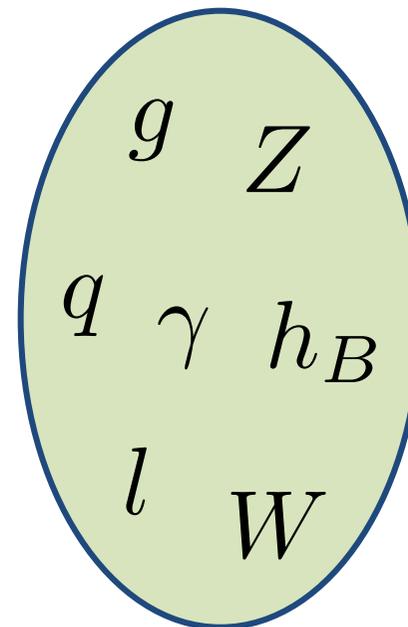
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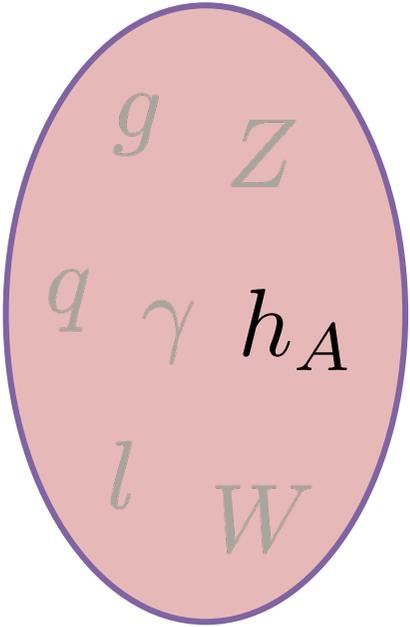
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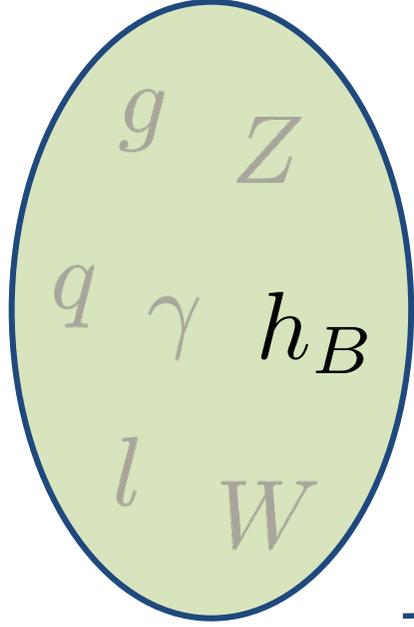
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of the SM fields that couple most strongly to Higgs.

Standard Model



“Twin” Standard Model



$\sim m^2 h_A h_B$

Only communication through small “Higgs Portal” mixing

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# Hyperbolic Higgs

Craig, Cohen,  
Giudice, MM.

- The landscape of top partners in symmetry approaches:

		<i>scalar</i>	<i>fermion</i>
<i>strong direct production</i> {	<i>QCD</i>	SUSY	Composite Higgs/ RS
<i>DY direct production</i> {	<i>EW</i>	folded SUSY	Quirky Little Higgs
<i>Higgs portal direct production</i> {	<i>singlet</i>	?	Twin Higgs

Mirror Glueballs  
Higgs portal observables

Higgs coupling shifts  
~ tuning

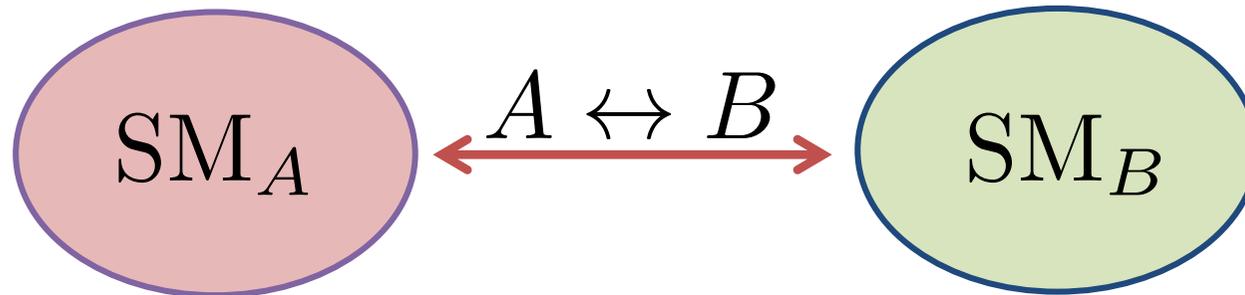
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# Hyperbolic Higgs

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- Take a large D-term with equal and opposite charges for Higgses:

$$V_{\mathcal{H}} = \frac{g_{\mathcal{H}}^2}{2} \left( |H|^2 - |H_{\mathcal{H}}|^2 \right)^2$$

This enforces that the scalar potential respects an accidental  $SU(2,2)$  symmetry. Not symmetry of theory.

# Hyperbolic Higgs

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- Remove **scalar matter in A**, and **fermions in B**:

$$\mathcal{L} = \lambda_t H \psi_Q \psi_{U^c} + \text{h.c.} \\ + \lambda_t^2 \left( |H_{\mathcal{H}} \cdot \tilde{Q}_{\mathcal{H}}|^2 + |H_{\mathcal{H}}|^2 |\tilde{U}_{\mathcal{H}}^c|^2 \right)$$

- Quadratic corrections respect the accidental  $SU(2,2)$  symmetry:

$$V_{\mathcal{H}} = -\Lambda^2 (|H|^2 - |H_{\mathcal{H}}|^2) + \frac{g_{\mathcal{H}}^2}{2} (|H|^2 - |H_{\mathcal{H}}|^2)^2$$

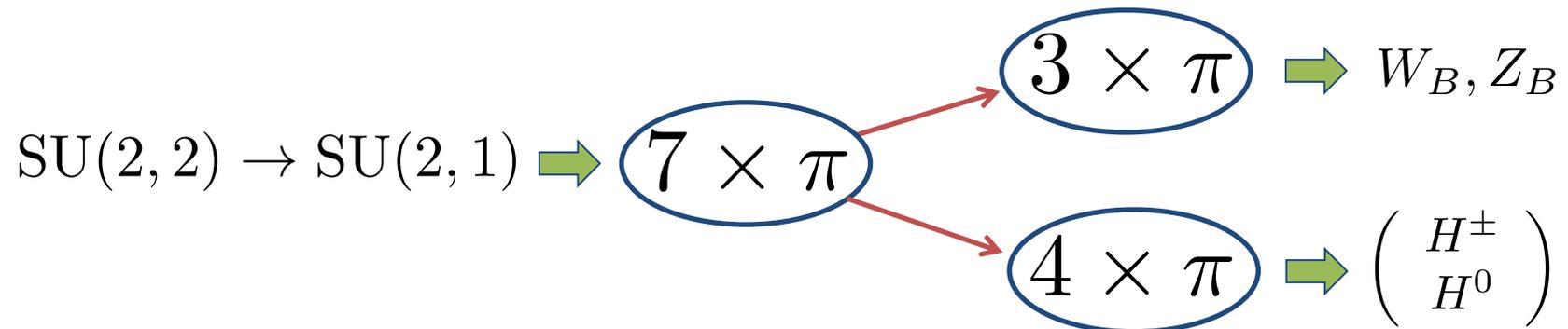
Thus, at level of one-loop corrections, scalar potential respects an accidental  $SU(2,2)$  symmetry.

# Hyperbolic Higgs

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$$SU(2, 2) \rightarrow SU(2, 1)$$

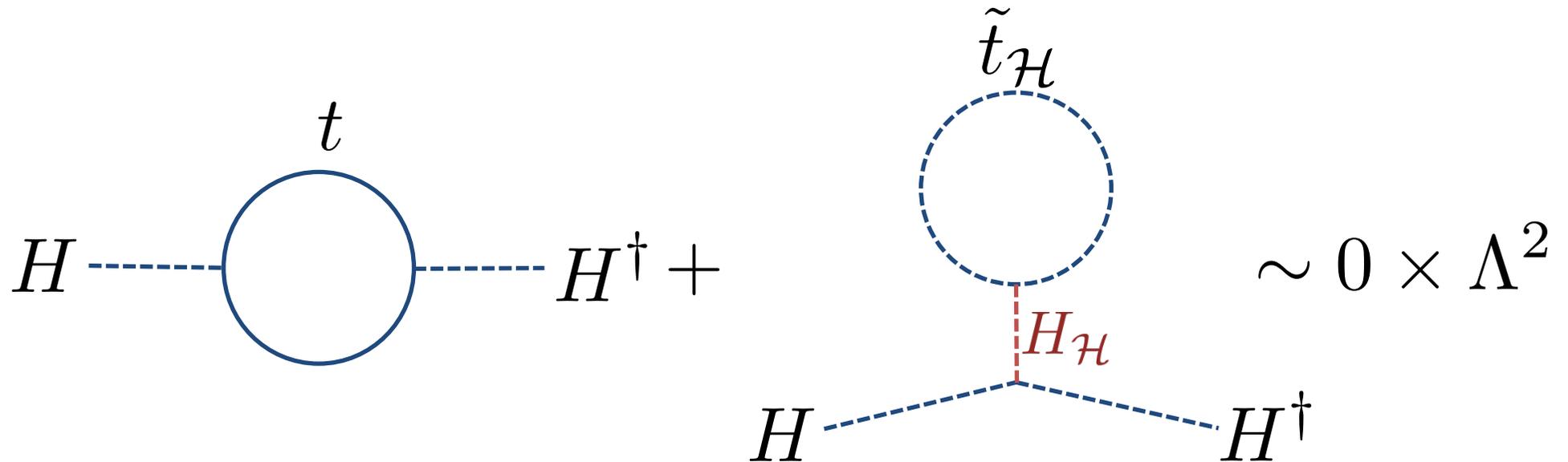
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- Higgs not really a Goldstone. More like an accidental flat direction...

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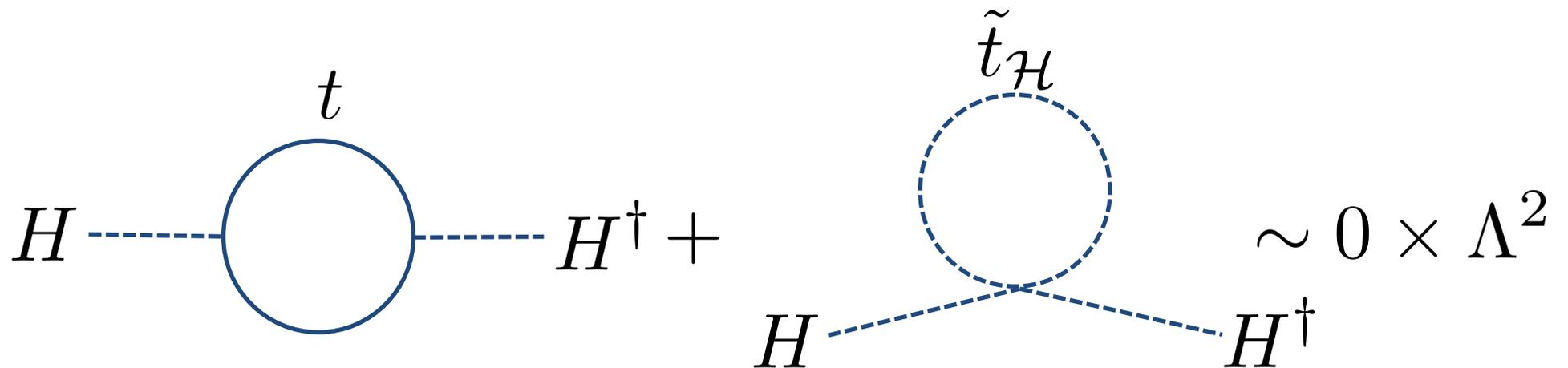
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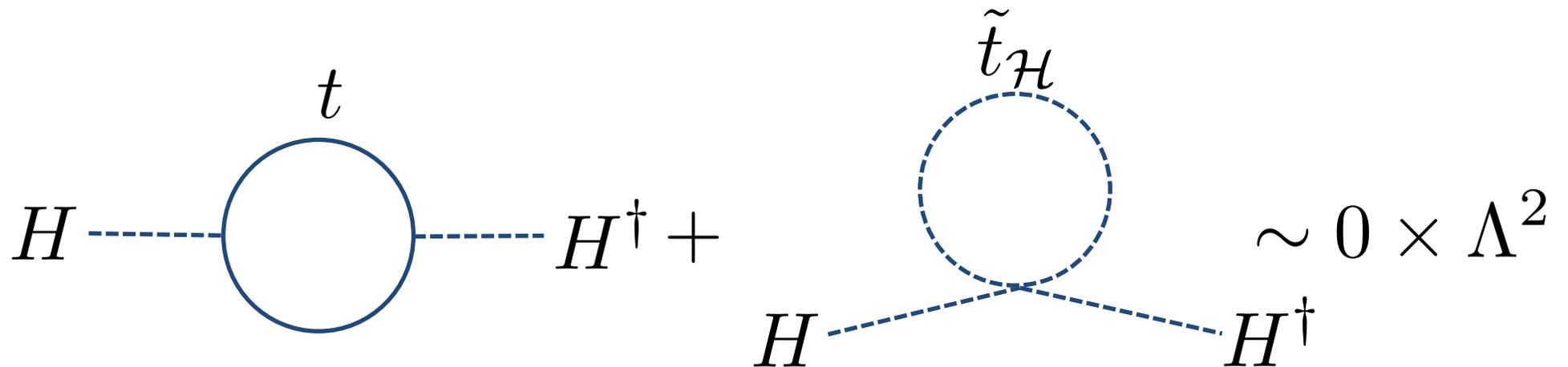
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# Phenomenology

One aspect could be radically different to Twin. If...

$$\langle \tilde{t}_{\mathcal{H}} \rangle \neq 0$$

Then:

- Hyperbolic QCD is broken, so no glueball signatures, no hidden sector hadronisation.
- Longitudinal modes of Hyperbolic Gluons are Top Partners!
- Radial modes of Hyperbolic Stops mix with Higgs, so Higgs becomes, partially, its own top partner!

# Hierarchy Problem

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Locality.

# On Masses and Scales

Masses and interaction scales are not physically equivalent. Seen by reinserting  $\hbar$  into action.

$$\mathcal{L}_{\hbar \neq 1}$$

In terms of dimensionful quantities

Masses

Couplings

Planck Scale

Interaction:  $\mathcal{L} \sim \frac{h_{\mu\nu} T^{\mu\nu}}{M_P}$

Dimension:  $[M_P] = \frac{[M_S]}{[\lambda_S]}$

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Perhaps the huge hierarchy between weak scale and Planck scale is just due to a tiny coupling, and microscopic Planck scale physics is just around the corner...

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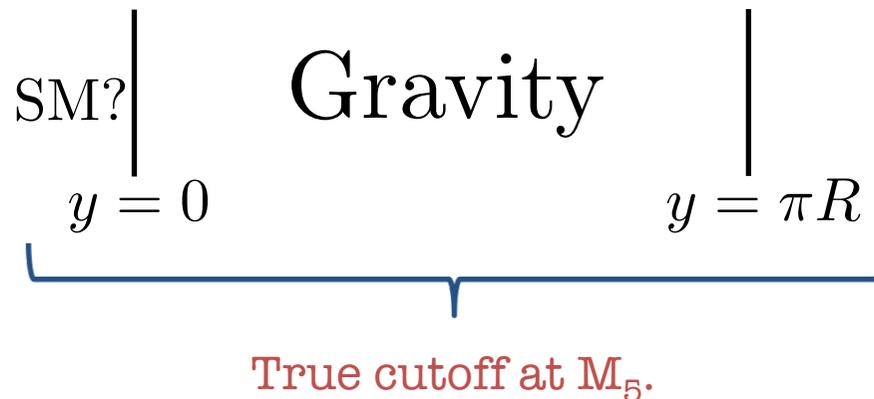
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# Locality

Arkani-Hamed, Dimopoulos, and Dvali discovered that large extra-dimensional scenarios may generate the required tiny effective couplings:



Exercise: Out of  $R$  and  $M_P$ , construct a quantity with dimension of coupling:

$$[(M_P R)^{-1}] = [\lambda]$$

and

$$\lambda \sim (M_5/M_P)^3 \ll 1$$

Later, Randall and Sundrum showed that this can be achieved by smaller dimensions with warping.

# Continuum Clockworking / Linear Dilaton Model

Short story: The continuum limit of the clockwork is a solution to Einstein's equations for gravity + dilaton (like 5D Brans-Dicke) with the metric

$$ds^2 = e^{\frac{4k|y|}{3}} (dx^2 + dy^2)$$

and it offers an extra-dimensional approach to the hierarchy problem with a very different phenomenology to RS or LED.

Proposed by Antoniadis, Arvanitaki, Dimopoulos, Giveon.

# The Clockwork Metric

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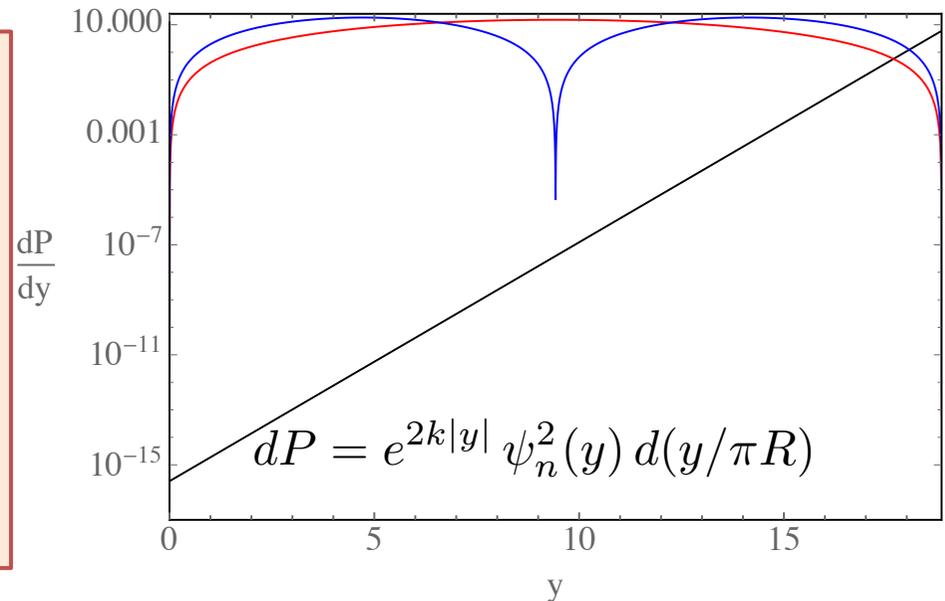
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Find a zero-mode:

Mass:  $m_0^2 = 0$

Wavefunction:

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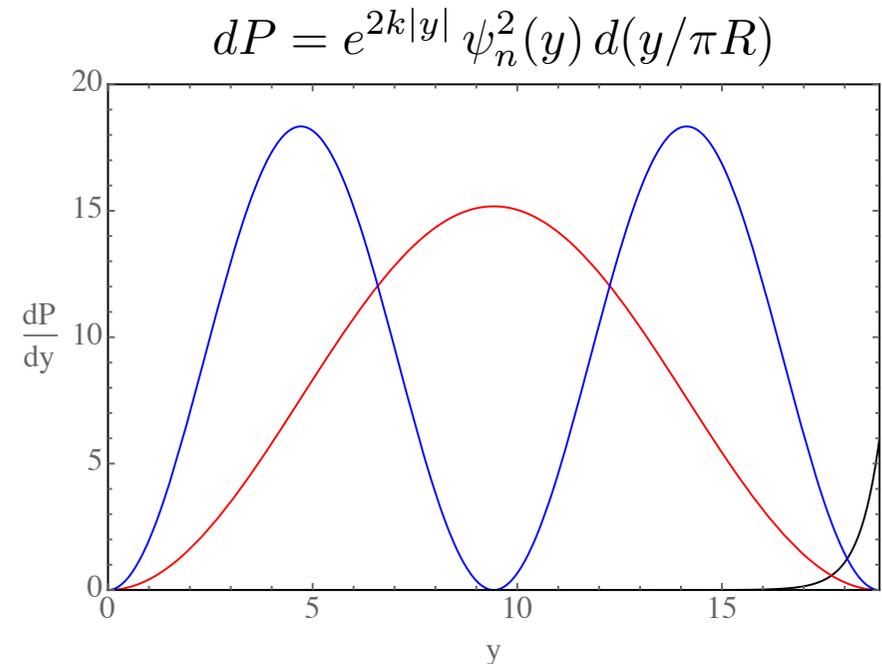
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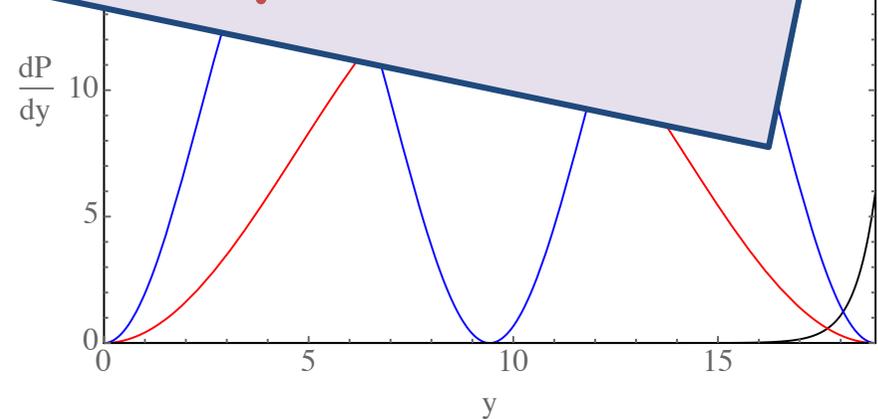
*Zero mode density warped, like in warped extra dimensions...*

*KK mode density just like in flat space with a mass gap...*

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# An Analogy

Is there a physical picture for what is going on?

When modes are decomposed as KK states:

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they must satisfy the following equation of motion:

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Remind you of anything?

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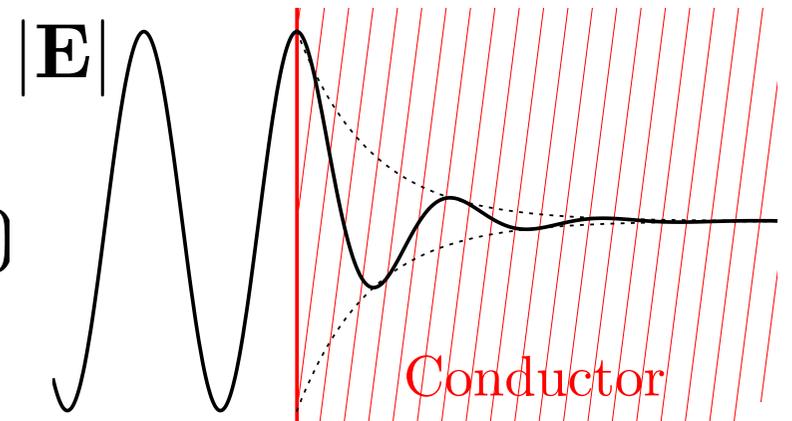
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Maxwell's equations for EM wave in a conductor:

$$\left(\nabla^2 - \mu\sigma\partial_t - \mu\epsilon\partial_t^2\right) \mathbf{E} = 0$$



# Phenomenology

Things get really interesting when looking to the phenomenology...

This talk: Work with Giudice, Kats, Torre, Urbano.

Previous related studies:

- Antoniadis, Arvanitaki, Dimopoulos, Gidon, 2011. (Large-k)
- Baryakhtar, 2012. (All-k)
- Cox, Gherghetta, 2012. (Dilatons)
- Giudice, Plehn, Strumia, 2004. Franceschini, Giardino, Giudice, Lodone, Strumia, 2011. (Large extra dimensions, pheno similar.)

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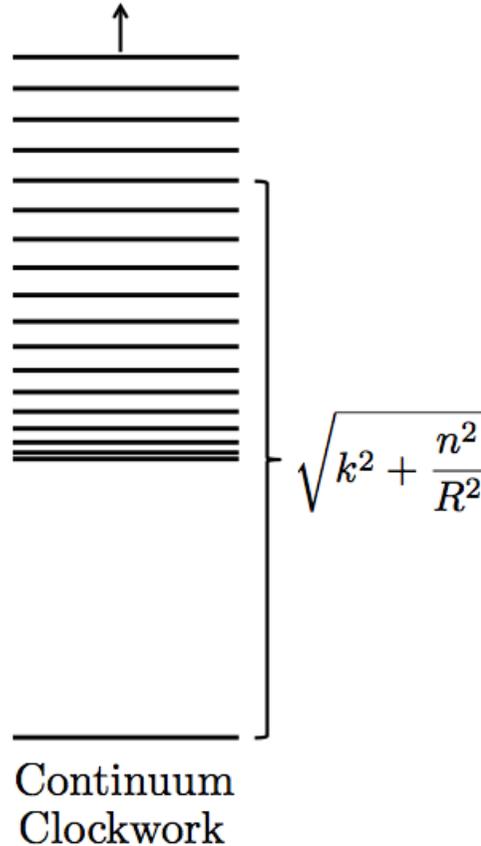
Irreducible prediction:

In this theory  
Planck scale is:

$$M_P \sim \sqrt{\frac{M_5^3}{k}} e^{k\pi R}$$

So if all other  
parameters at the  
weak scale, require:

$$kR \sim 10$$



But the mass  
spectrum is given by:

$$m_n \sim k \left( 1 + \frac{n^2}{2(kR)^2} \right)$$

Thus the first few  
states will always be  
split by %'s, with the  
relative splitting  
decreasing for  
heavier modes.

This splitting is thus a key prediction of the theory.

# Phenomenology

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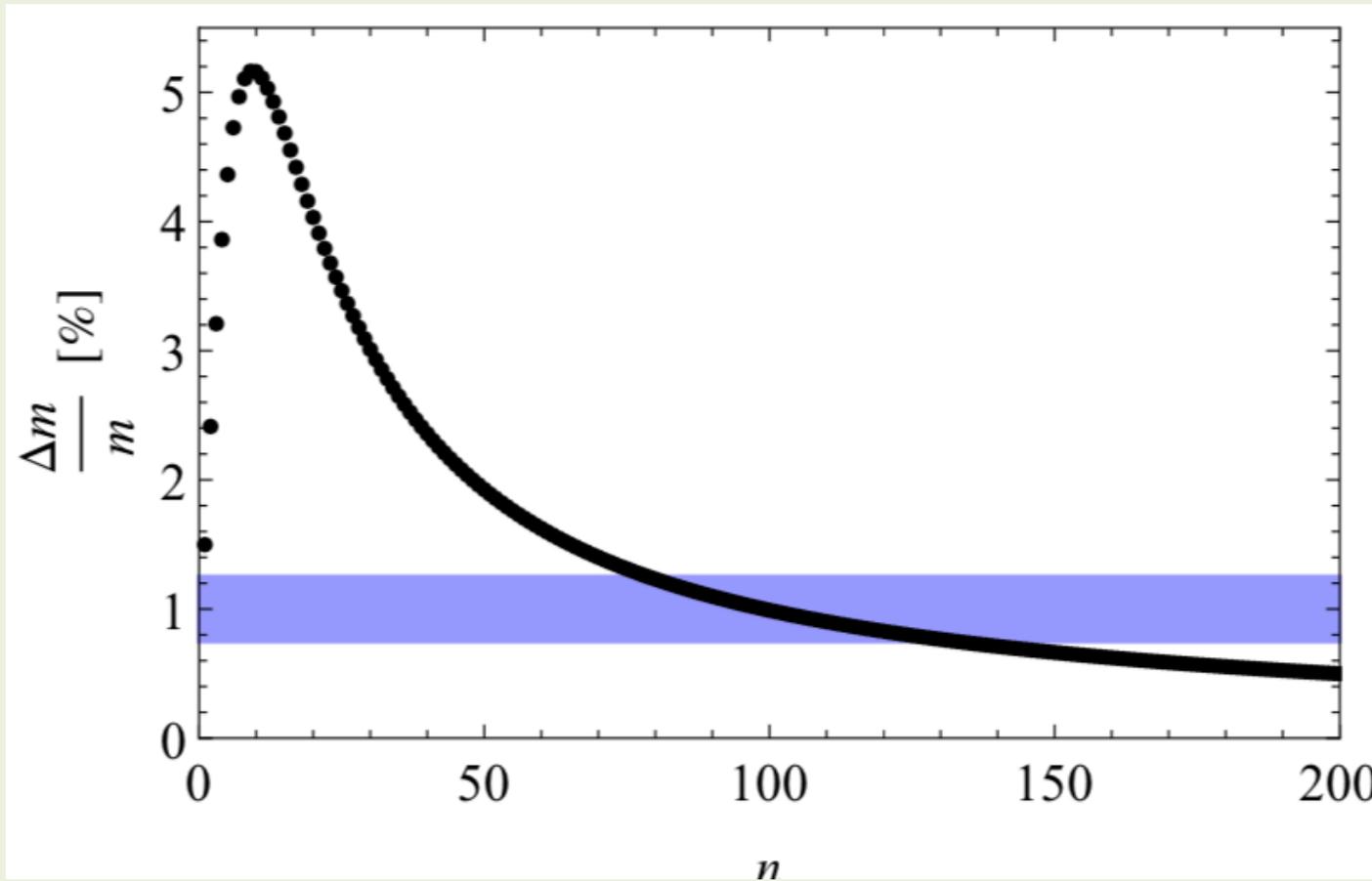
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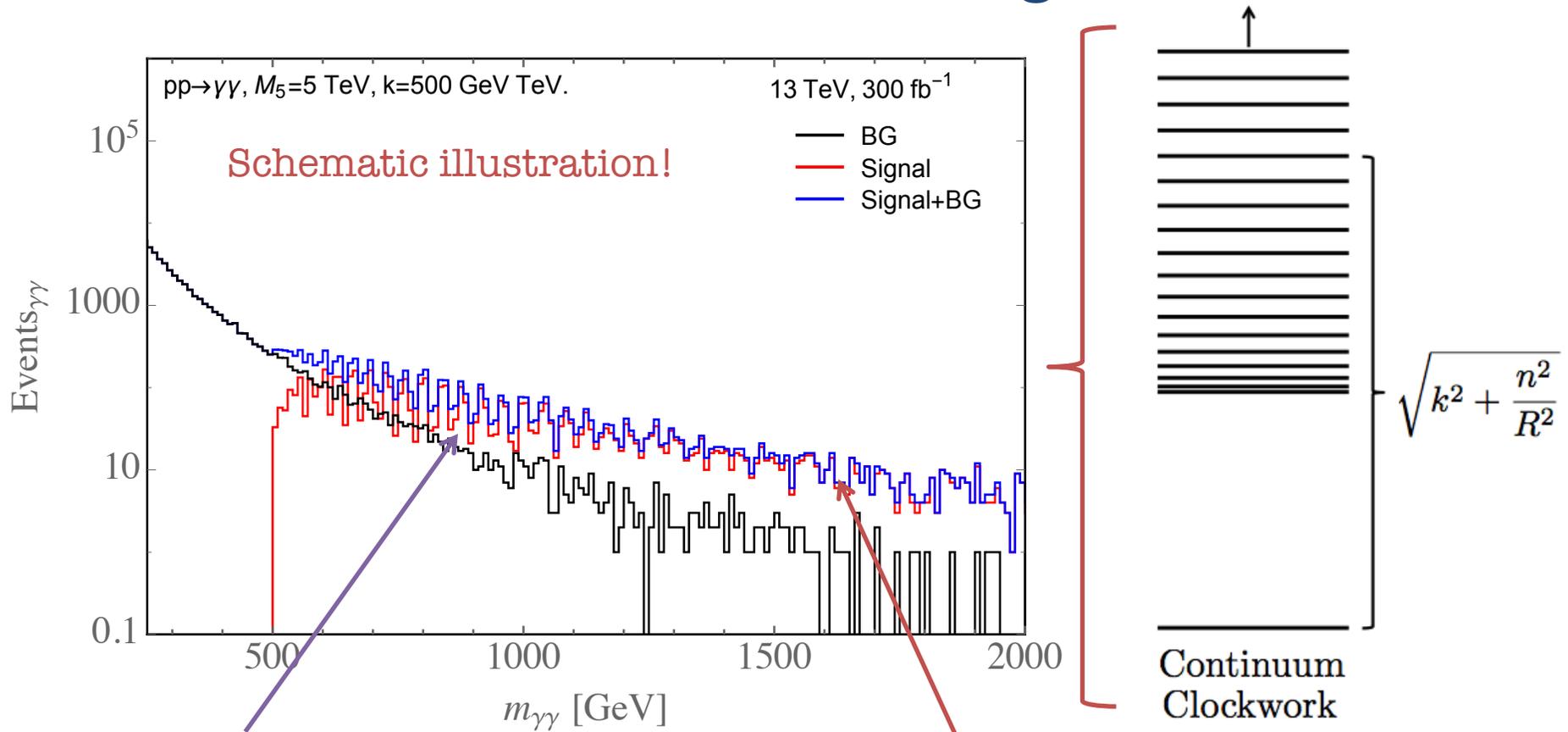
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# Phenomenology

At colliders would look something like:

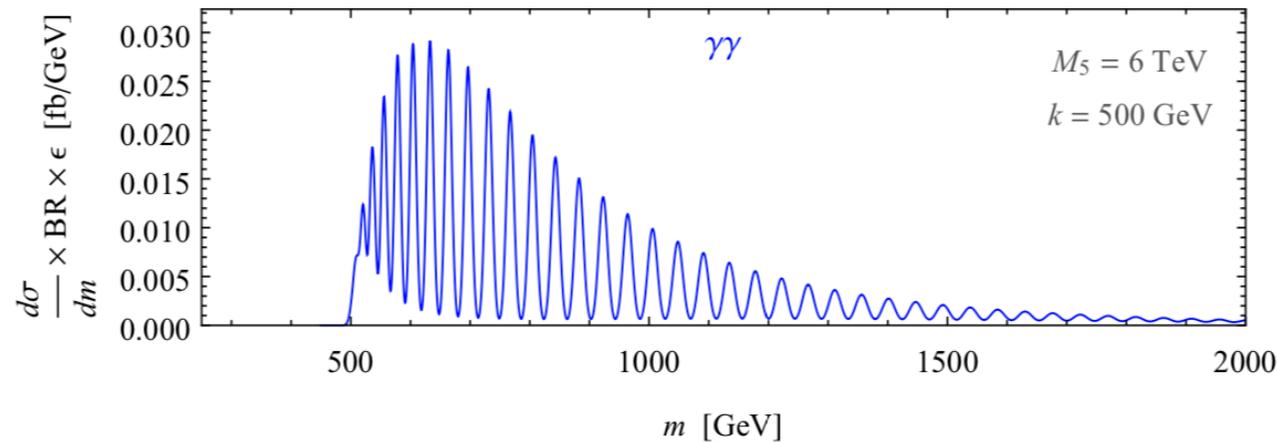


Most interestingly, due to splittings, signal appears to “oscillate”. Thus get extra sensitivity by doing spectral analysis... The “power spectrum” of LHC data!

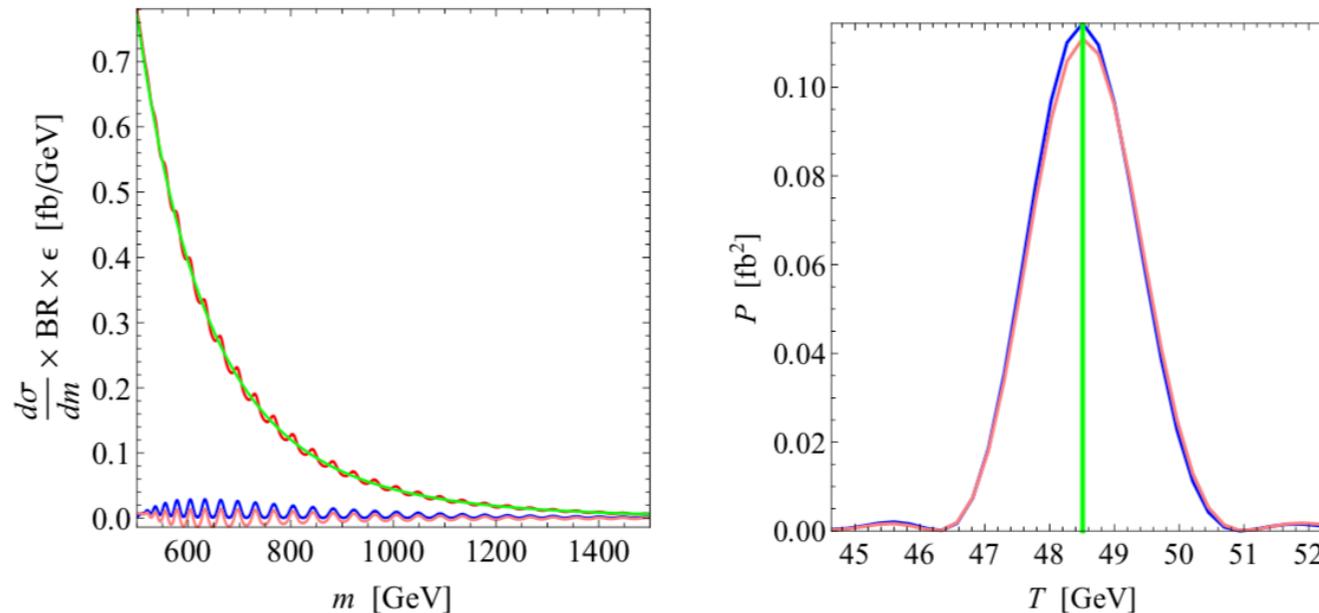
Can search for continuum spectrum at high energies. BG modelling essential...

# Phenomenology

Extract the oscillations, subtract off background:



And then Fourier-transform what's left over!

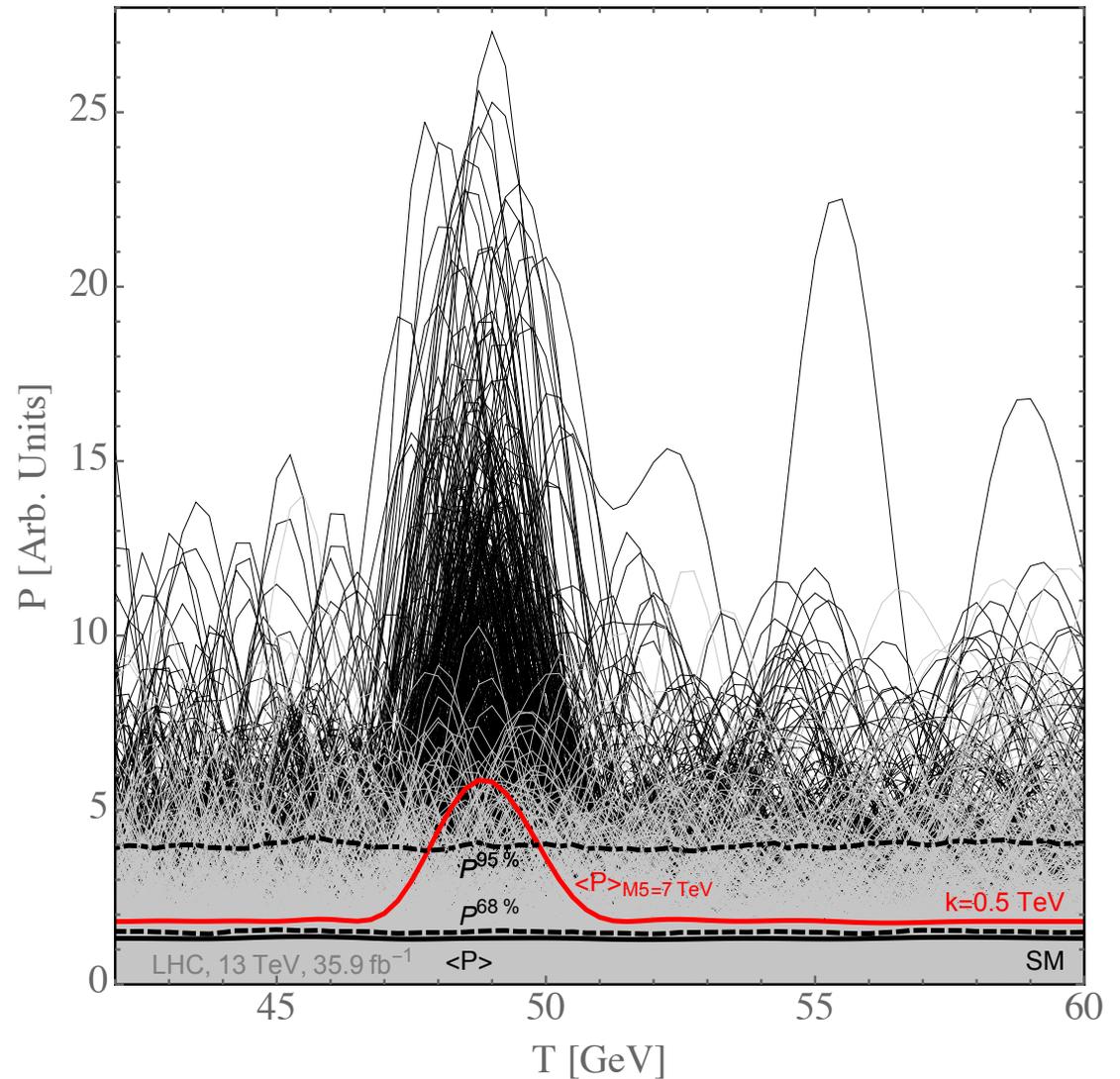


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With statistical fluctuations and experimental resolution included:

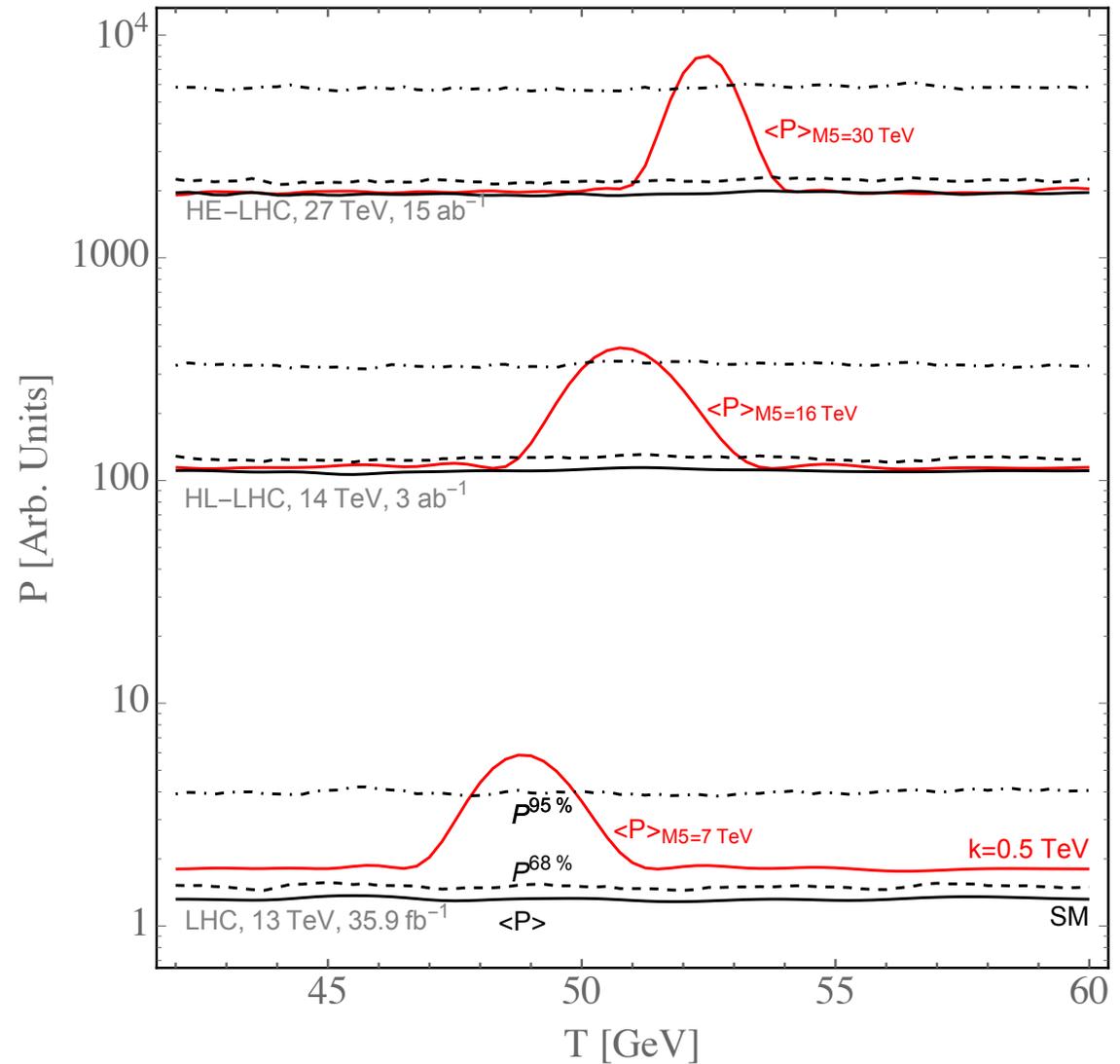
The residual power spectrum of signal+background.

The peak is at the frequency of the oscillations, which correspond to the inverse radius of the extra dimension.



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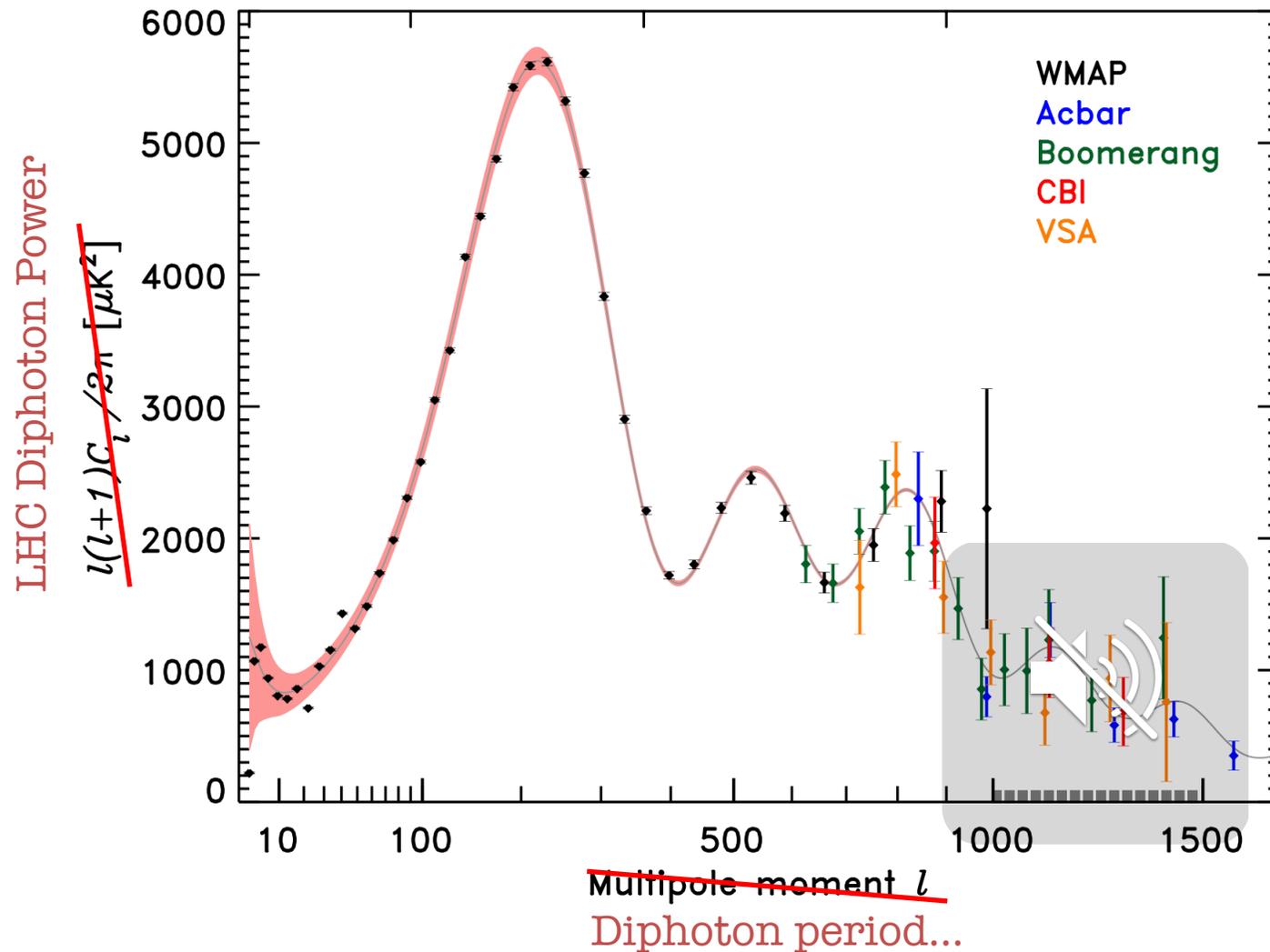
Bump hunting, but  
in Fourier space!



At HL-LHC and beyond could access high cutoff scales this way.

# Phenomenology

Irrespective of this set of models, it would be very neat to know the LHC diphoton spectrum!!



# Summary

Naturalness is a strategy to search for the UV-completion of the Standard Model, and the hierarchy problem is telling us something deep.

I won't make any promises about what will or will not be seen at colliders. All bets off in my book.

Clearly we have not searched for everything yet, and exotic approaches to the hierarchy problem motivate some very exotic new signatures.

# UV-Completion

- Scherk-Schwarz provides a natural home for the top sector. Take a flat extra dimension:

$$V_{\text{CW}}(H) = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \times \log \frac{p^2 + (n + q_B)^2/R^2 + M^2(H)}{p^2 + (n + q_F)^2/R^2 + M^2(H)}$$

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# A Shallow Grave.

- We also need the Hyperbolic quartic. Use gauge D-term, but haven't seen a new gauge force...

$$V_{U(1)_{\mathcal{H}}} \ni \frac{g_{\mathcal{H}}^2}{2} \xi \left( |H_{\mathcal{H}}|^2 - |H|^2 - f_{\mathcal{H}}^2 \right)^2$$

- Supersymmetric breaking: D-term vanishes. Must have SUSY breaking, parameterised by

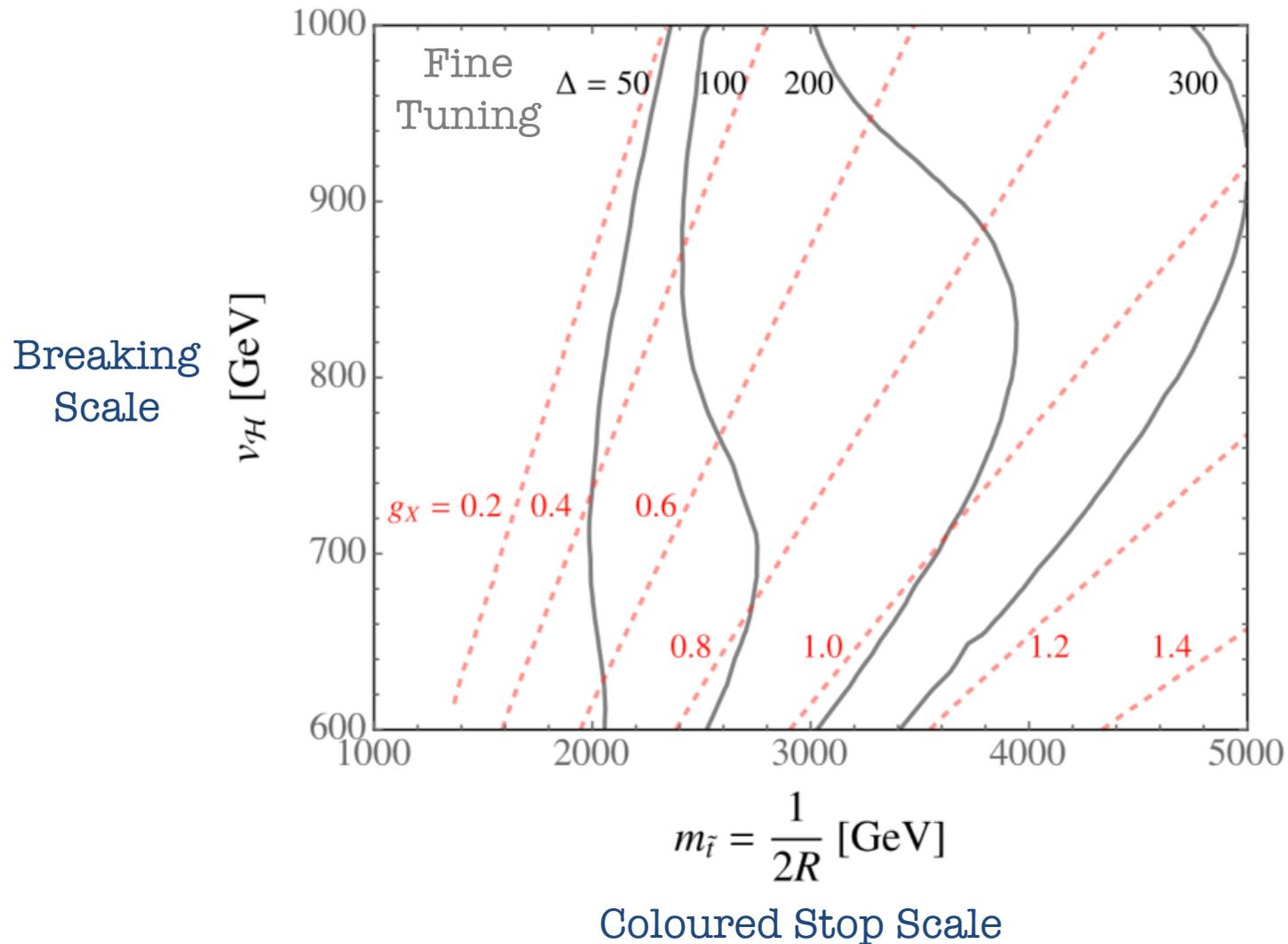
$$\xi = \left( 1 - \frac{M_V^2}{M_S^2} \right)$$

- But this feeds into U(2,2) violating soft masses!

$$V_{U(1)_{\mathcal{H}}} \ni -\frac{g_{\mathcal{H}}^2 M_V^2}{16 \pi^2} \log(1 - \xi) \left( |H_{\mathcal{H}}|^2 + |H|^2 \right)$$

# A Shallow Grave.

- This is an irreducible source of fine-tuning



# UV-Completion

- Scherk-Schwarz provides a natural home for the top sector in that extra dimension:

**One-loop corrections:**

$$V_{CW} \ni -\frac{7 \zeta(3) \lambda_t^2}{32 \pi^2 (\pi R)^2} \left\{ 3 |H|^2 - 3 |H_{\mathcal{H}}|^2 - |Q_{\mathcal{H}}|^2 - 2 |U_{\mathcal{H}}^c|^2 \right\}$$

$$V_{CW}(H_{\mathcal{H}}) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \int d^4 p \times \log \frac{p^2 + (n + q_F)^2 / R^2 + M^2(H_{\mathcal{H}})}{p^2 + (n + q_B)^2 / R^2 + M^2(H_{\mathcal{H}})}$$

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# An Analogy

W can be decomposed as KK states:

General solution for stationary 4D particle:

$$\sim e^{-ky} e^{i(m_n t + \sqrt{m_n^2 - k^2} y)}$$

they must satisfy

$$(\partial_y^2 + 2k\partial_y + \partial_x^2) h_{\mu\nu}^{(n)}(x)$$

EM wave in a conductor:

General solution for EM wave in conductor:

$$\sim e^{-\delta x} e^{i(\omega t + kx)}$$

$$(\nabla^2 - \mu\sigma\partial_t - \mu\epsilon\partial_t^2)$$