Unexpected Role of the Higgs Field in the Evolution of the Universe

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 more relevant now with the possible discovery of primordial gravitational waves

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- The real story of H may be strongly **time dependent**: If H becomes large, the SM would not be decoupled from gravity. Large interactions with gravity could alter cosmological history .

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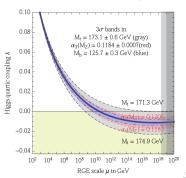
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• λ (H) has big sensitivity to m_{top} versus m_{Higgs} . After the discovery of the Higgs, 2-loops (G. Degrassi et.al, 2012) + others:



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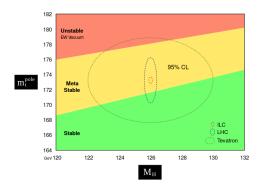
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Most recent values (2014) are in the metastable region

$$m_H = [125.9 \pm 0.4] \text{ GeV}/c^2; \quad m_t = [173.34 \pm 0.76] \text{ GeV}/c^2$$

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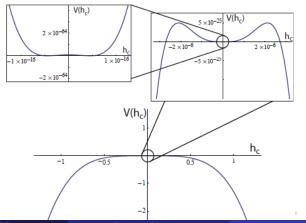
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Quantum Effective Higgs Potential

A simplified model of $\lambda(h)$ with the key metastable behavior

$$V_{eff}(h) \equiv \lambda_0 \left(1 - \epsilon \, \ln \left(rac{h}{v}
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, $v = 246 \, rac{ ext{GeV}}{c^2} \simeq rac{10^{-16}}{4} M_{Pl}$



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- Estimated lifetime of metastable vacuum: many billions of years.
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- By time reversal, the same behavior will happen at the Big Bang.
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• No dimensionful constants: no G_{grav} , no m_{Higgs} , no $m_{q,l,W,Z}$, no Λ_{cosm} They emerge in c-gauge, $\phi(x) \to \phi_0$, useful at low energy $2H^\dagger H \ll \phi_0^2$

$$\frac{M_{PI}^2}{2} = \frac{\phi_0^2}{12}, \ \ ^{246~\text{GeV}/c^2}_{\textit{VHiggs}} = \sqrt{2}\omega\phi_0, \ \ \frac{M_{PI}^2\Lambda}{2} = \frac{\lambda'\phi_0^4}{4} \ \ \text{same constant source fills}$$
 can effective grav. const $\frac{1}{12}(\phi_0^2 - 2H^\dagger H)$ change sign during cosmological evolution (antigravity)?

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Higgs Driven Cosmology (BST) - details, arXiv:1307.8106

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ullet Weyl symmetric action: $(a,h,\phi) o (\Omega^{-1}a,\Omega h,\Omega \phi)$, **invariants** ah, $a\phi$, $rac{h}{\phi}$

$$L = \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \frac{1}{2} \left(\phi^2 - h^2\right) \, \text{a}^2 \left[\left(\dot{\alpha}_1^2 + \dot{\alpha}_2^2\right) + \mathcal{K} \left(\alpha_1, \alpha_2\right) \right] \\ -\frac{1}{2} \left(\partial_\tau (\text{a}\phi)\right)^2 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\partial_\tau (\text{a}h)\right)^2 - \rho_r - \rho_m \text{a}^2 h^2 \\ -\text{a}^4 \left[\frac{\lambda}{4} \left(1 - \varepsilon \, \ln \frac{h^2}{\omega^2 \phi^2}\right) \left(h^2 - \omega^2 \phi^2\right)^2 + \frac{\lambda'}{4} \phi^4 \right] \end{array} \right\}, \begin{array}{c} \text{Hamiltonian constraint} = 0 \\ \left(G_{00} = T_{00}\right) \end{array} \right.$$

$$\mathcal{K}(\alpha_1,\alpha_2) = \frac{\mathsf{k}}{1-4\mathsf{sign}(\mathsf{k})} \left[\begin{array}{c} e^{-8\alpha_1} + 4e^{4\alpha_1} \sinh^2\left(2\sqrt{3}\alpha_2\right) \\ -4\mathsf{sign}(\mathsf{k}) \ e^{-2\alpha_1} \cosh\left(2\sqrt{3}\alpha_2\right) \end{array} \right] \quad \mathcal{K}_{=\mathsf{k}, \text{ if isotropic}}, \alpha_{1,2} = 0 \\ \mathcal{K} = 0 \text{ if flat } (\mathsf{k} = 0), \mathsf{any} \ \alpha_{1,2} = 0 \\ \mathcal{K} = 0 \text{ if flat } (\mathsf{k} = 0), \mathsf{any} \ \alpha_{1,2} = 0 \\ \mathcal{K} = 0 \text{ if flat } (\mathsf{k} = 0), \mathsf{any} \ \alpha_{1,2} = 0 \\ \mathcal{K} = 0 \text{ if flat } (\mathsf{k} = 0), \mathsf{any} \ \alpha_{1,2} = 0 \\ \mathcal{K} = 0 \text{ if flat } (\mathsf{k} = 0), \mathsf{any} \ \alpha_{1,2} = 0 \\ \mathcal{K} = 0 \text{ if flat } (\mathsf{k} = 0), \mathsf{any} \ \alpha_{1,2} = 0 \\ \mathcal{K} = 0 \text{ if flat } (\mathsf{k} = 0), \mathsf{any} \ \alpha_{1,2} = 0 \\ \mathcal{K} = 0 \text{ if flat } (\mathsf{k} = 0), \mathsf{any} \ \alpha_{1,2} = 0 \\ \mathcal{K} = 0 \text{ if flat } (\mathsf{k} = 0), \mathsf{any} \ \alpha_{1,2} = 0 \\ \mathcal{K} = 0 \text{ if flat } (\mathsf{k} = 0), \mathsf{any} \ \alpha_{1,2} = 0 \\ \mathcal{K} = 0 \text{ if flat } (\mathsf{k} = 0), \mathsf{any} \ \alpha_{1,2} = 0 \\ \mathcal{K} = 0 \text{ if flat } (\mathsf{k} = 0), \mathsf{any} \ \alpha_{1,2} = 0 \\ \mathcal{K} = 0 \text{ if flat } (\mathsf{k} = 0), \mathsf{any} \ \alpha_{1,2} = 0 \\ \mathcal{K} = 0 \text{ if flat } (\mathsf{k} = 0), \mathsf{any} \ \alpha_{1,2} = 0 \\ \mathcal{K} = 0 \text{ if flat } (\mathsf{k} = 0), \mathsf{any} \ \alpha_{1,2} = 0 \\ \mathcal{K} = 0 \text{ if flat } (\mathsf{k} = 0), \mathsf{any} \ \alpha_{1,2} = 0 \\ \mathcal{K} = 0 \text{ if flat } (\mathsf{k} = 0), \mathsf{any} \ \alpha_{1,2} = 0 \\ \mathcal{K} = 0 \text{ if flat } (\mathsf{k} = 0), \mathsf{any} \ \alpha_{1,2} = 0 \\ \mathcal{K} = 0 \text{ if flat } (\mathsf{k} = 0), \mathsf{any} \ \alpha_{1,2} = 0 \\ \mathcal{K} = 0 \text{ if flat } (\mathsf{k} = 0), \mathsf{any} \ \alpha_{1,2} = 0 \\ \mathcal{K} = 0 \text{ if flat } (\mathsf{k} = 0), \mathsf{any} \ \alpha_{1,2} = 0 \\ \mathcal{K} = 0 \text{ if flat } (\mathsf{k} = 0), \mathsf{any} \ \alpha_{1,2} = 0 \\ \mathcal{K} = 0 \text{ if flat } (\mathsf{k} = 0), \mathsf{any} \ \alpha_{1,2} = 0 \\ \mathcal{K} = 0 \text{ if flat } (\mathsf{k} = 0), \mathsf{any} \ \alpha_{1,2} = 0 \\ \mathcal{K} = 0 \text{ if flat } (\mathsf{k} = 0), \mathsf{any} \ \alpha_{1,2} = 0 \\ \mathcal{K} = 0 \text{ if flat } (\mathsf{k} = 0), \mathsf{any} \ \alpha_{1,2} = 0 \\ \mathcal{K} = 0 \text{ if flat } (\mathsf{k} = 0), \mathsf{any} \ \alpha_{1,2} = 0 \\ \mathcal{K} = 0 \text{ if flat } (\mathsf{k} = 0), \mathsf{any} \ \alpha_{1,2} = 0 \\ \mathcal{K} = 0 \text{ if flat } (\mathsf{k} = 0), \mathsf{any} \ \alpha_{1,2} = 0 \\ \mathcal{K} = 0 \text{ if flat } (\mathsf{k} = 0), \mathsf{any} \ \alpha_{1,2} = 0 \\ \mathcal{K} = 0 \text{ if flat } (\mathsf{k} = 0), \mathsf{any} \ \alpha_{1,2} = 0 \\ \mathcal{K} = 0 \text{ if flat } (\mathsf{k} = 0), \mathsf{any} \ \alpha_{1,2} = 0 \\ \mathcal{K} = 0 \text{ if flat } (\mathsf{k} = 0),$$

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gravity/antigravity



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c-gauge for low energy interpretation $\phi_c\left(\tau\right) = \phi_0 = 1 \text{ (using M}_{\text{Pl}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \text{)}$ degrees of freedom: $a_c(\tau), \ h_c(\tau)$ Higgs

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E-gauge H constraint Friedmann Eq
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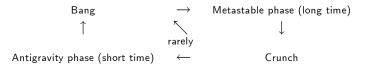
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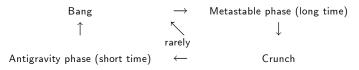
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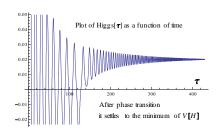
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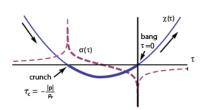
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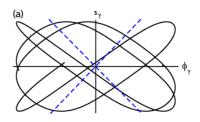
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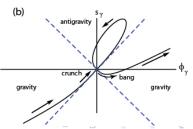


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(a) Generic cyclic behavior, gravity/antigravity. (b) With anisotropy: both ϕ_{γ} , h_{γ} must pass simultaneously through origin, and antigravity





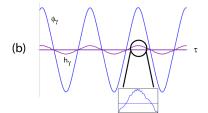
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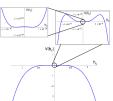
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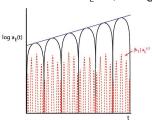


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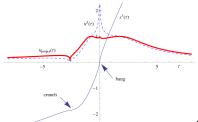
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 $m \rightarrow 0$ included

- \blacktriangleright $x(\tau)$ for both massive & massless geodesics is finite and continuous throughout
- ▶ The coordinate velocity $v = \dot{x}$ goes to 0 (or ∞) at crunch and ∞ (or 0) at bang.
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Other proposals for Higgs cosmology

Other proposals different than BST: e.g. Bezrukov + Shapashnikov.

- ▶ Theoretically their model is an example of our larger class of conformally invariant models, taken in a particular fixed Weyl gauge. But our physical and mathematical analysis is very different.
- ▶ They have a specially crafted potential V_{eff} (h). Unjustified assumptions to solve eqs or fit data with an approximate expression for h (τ) (slow roll), ignoring the existence of all other solutions of the same theory.
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Criticism unfounded

Answer to misleading, careless, criticism by Stanford group:

- ▶ We solved the equations analytically near and at the singularity, despite the singularity, and completed the geometry on both sides of the singularity. Not true that we were not aware of the curvature singularity with anisotropy. On the contrary, we dealt with it very carefully.
- ▶ The curvature singularity is not relevant for our claim of complete geometry and geodesics.
- ▶ The misguided critics played old tunes. They made no effort to understand our discovery in the context of classical GR: The cosmological singularity in the conformal SM+GR does not prevent information from traveling smoothly through BigBang/BigCrunch transition!
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