

# Dilatons and Fine Tuning

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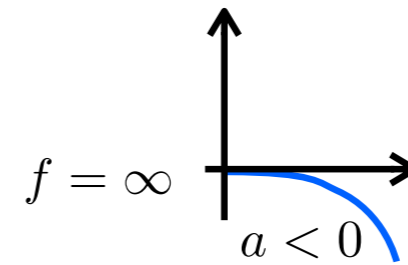
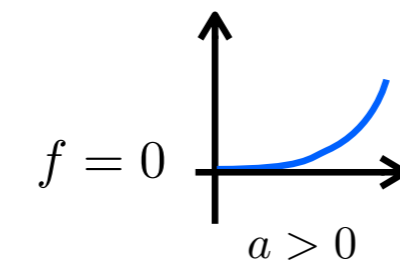
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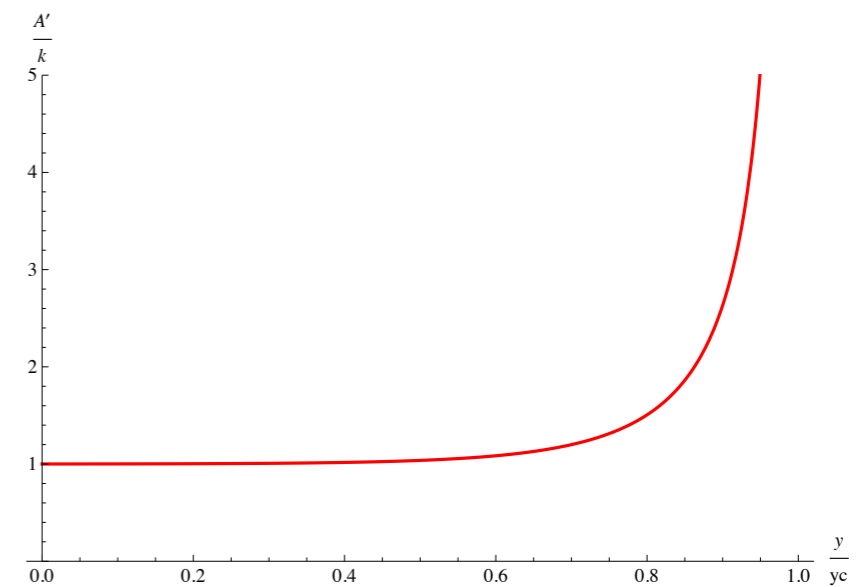
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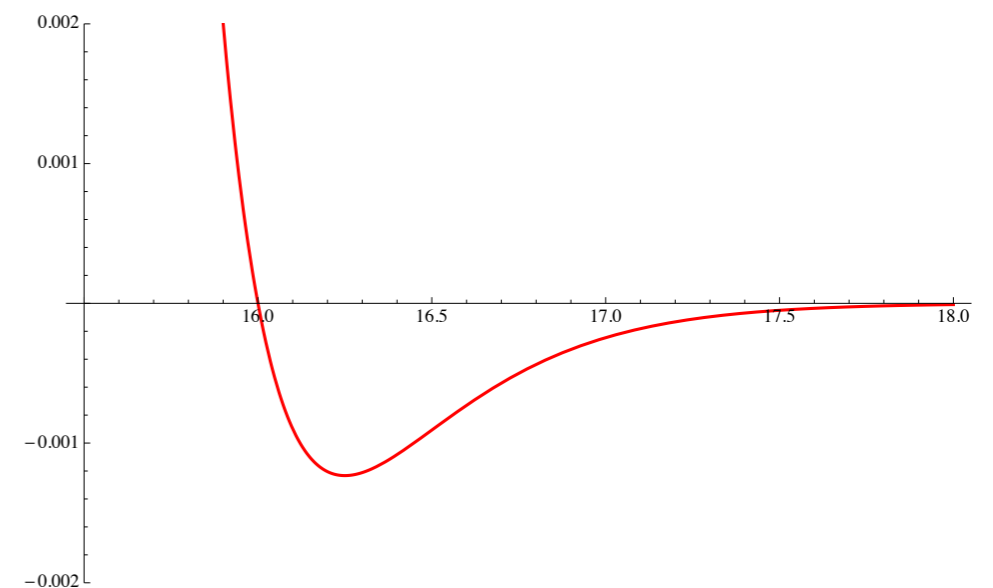
# Review of broken CFT's



# New 5D Dual of a Spontaneously Broken CFT



# Reducing the cosmological constant



# Relevant operators cause problems

$$\mathcal{L} = \Lambda + m^2 H^\dagger H + \mathcal{L}_{d=4} + \mathcal{L}_{d=4+n}$$

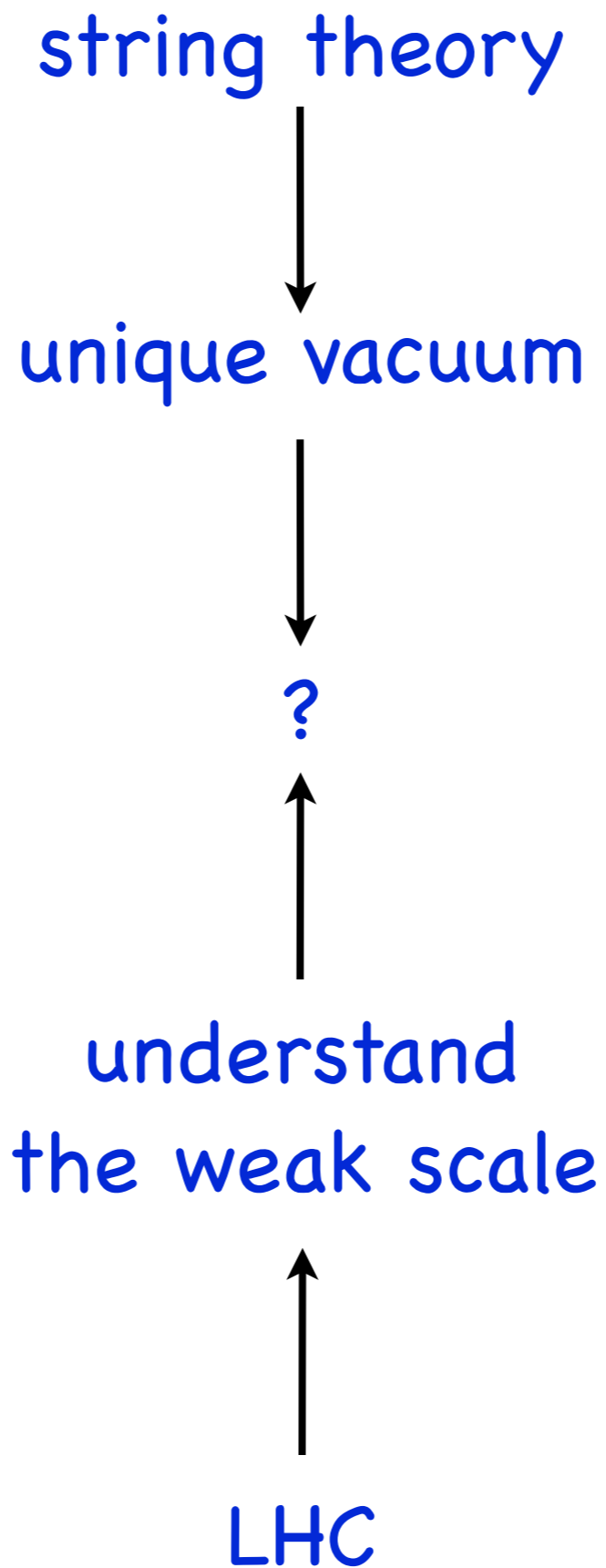
With a consistent effective theory up to scale  $\mu$ ,  
without tuning coefficients go like:

$$\frac{g^2}{16\pi^2} \left( \mu^4, \quad \mu^2, \quad \ln \mu, \quad \frac{1}{\mu^n} \right)$$

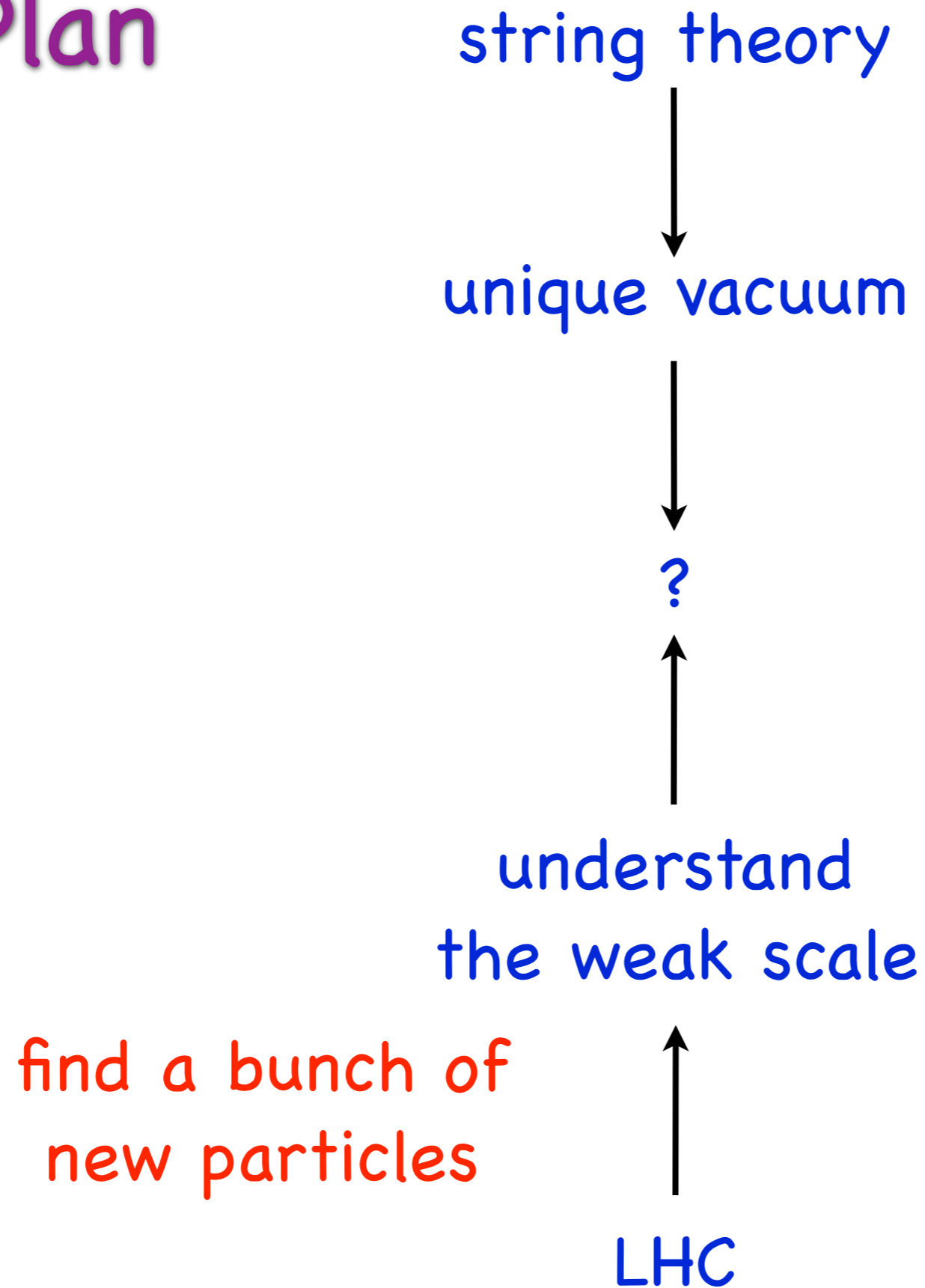
observed values:

$$(10^{-12} \text{ GeV})^4 \quad (126 \text{ GeV})^2 \quad \mathcal{O}(1) \quad < \frac{1}{(10 \text{ TeV})^n}$$

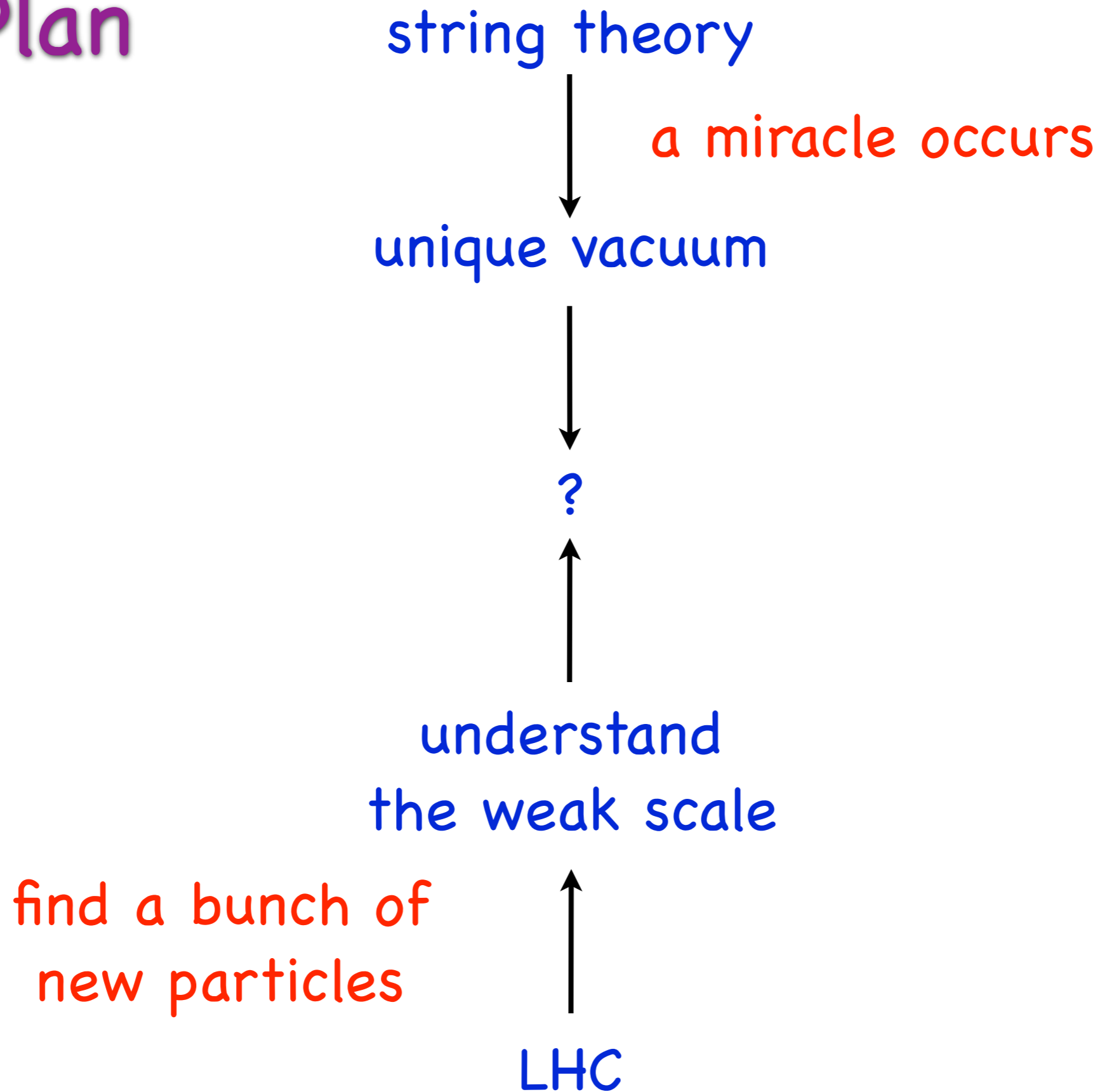
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# Plan B

string theory



unusual vacuum  
one out of  $e^{500}$

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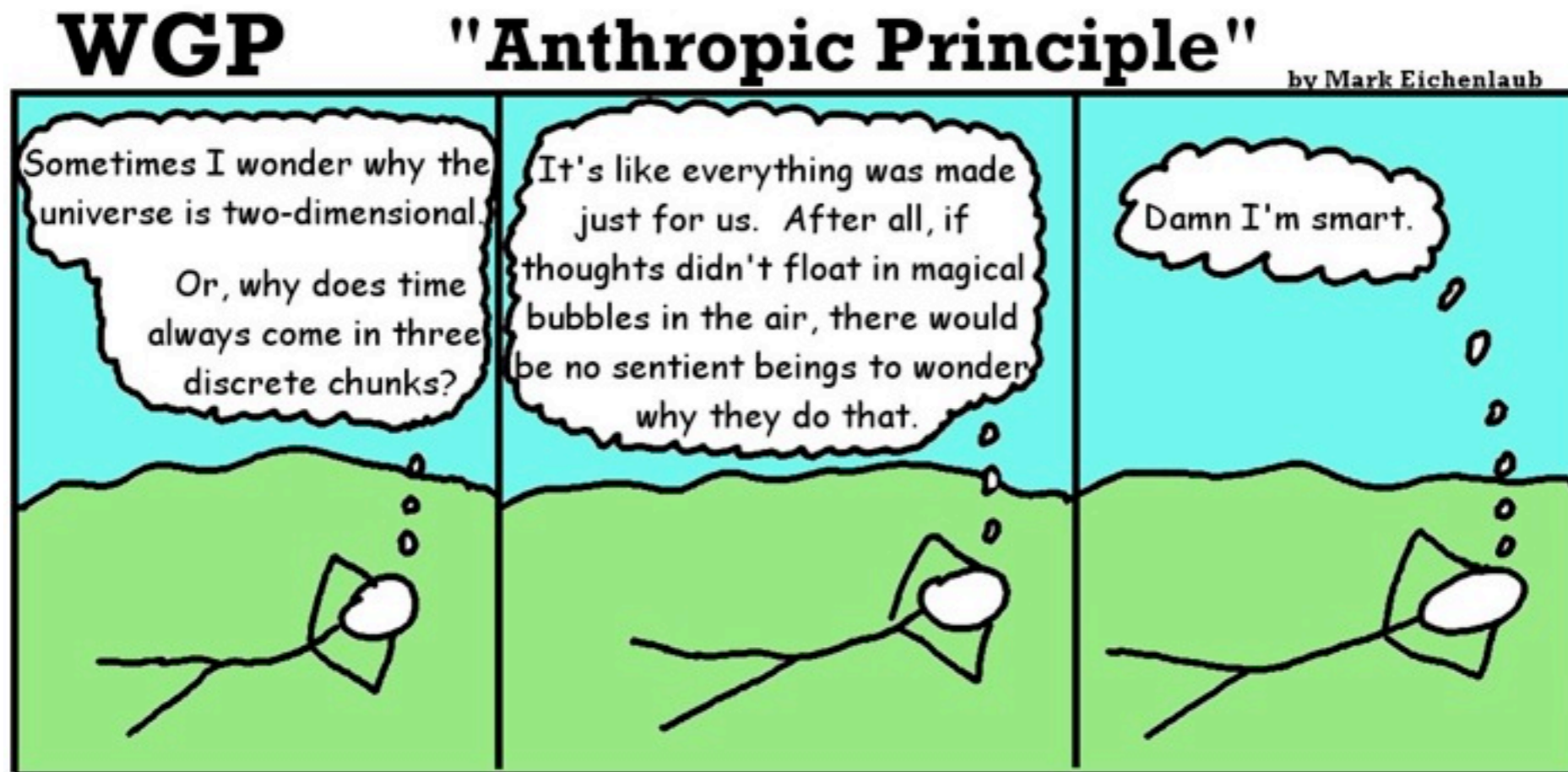
we don't understand  
the weak scale



LHC

# Anthropic Speculations:

The Universe must be such that life can be advanced enough to contemplate the Universe and primitive enough to contemplate the anthropic principle.





# Approximate Symmetries can lead to large suppressions

terms can be forbidden to leading order

Pseudo-Nambu-Goldstone bosons can have suppressed masses

# Symmetry checklist

	$\Lambda$	$m^2 H^\dagger H$
supersymmetry	✓	✓
little Higgs		✓
extra dim. gauge		✓
conformal	✓	✓

we'll explore spontaneously broken CFTs

# Effective theory for broken scale invariance

$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = f^n$$

Goldstone boson

$$\sigma(x) \rightarrow \sigma(e^\alpha x) + \alpha f$$

non-linear realization

$$f \rightarrow f \chi \equiv f e^{\sigma/f}$$

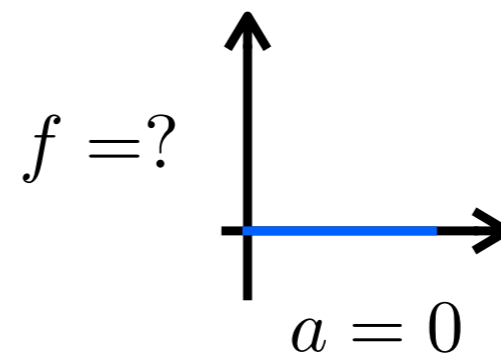
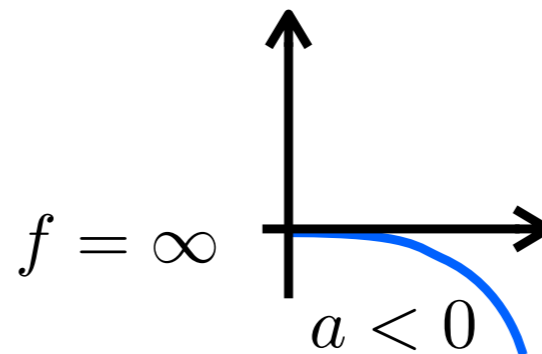
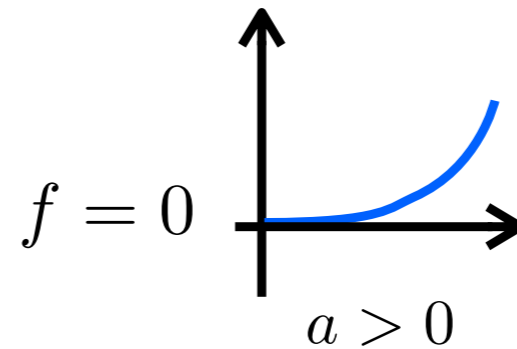
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{eff} &= \sum_{n,m \geq 0} \frac{a_{n,m}}{(4\pi)^{2(n-1)} f^{2(n-2)}} \frac{\partial^{2n} \chi^m}{\chi^{2n+m-4}} \\ &= -a_{0,0} (4\pi)^2 f^4 \chi^4 + \frac{f^2}{2} (\partial_\mu \chi)^2 + \frac{a_{2,4}}{(4\pi)^2} \frac{(\partial \chi)^4}{\chi^4} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

a la Callan, Coleman, Wess, and Zumino

# Runaway Goldstone Boson

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = -a_{0,0} (4\pi)^2 f^4 \chi^4 + \frac{f^2}{2} (\partial_\mu \chi)^2 + \dots$$

↑  
quartic coupling

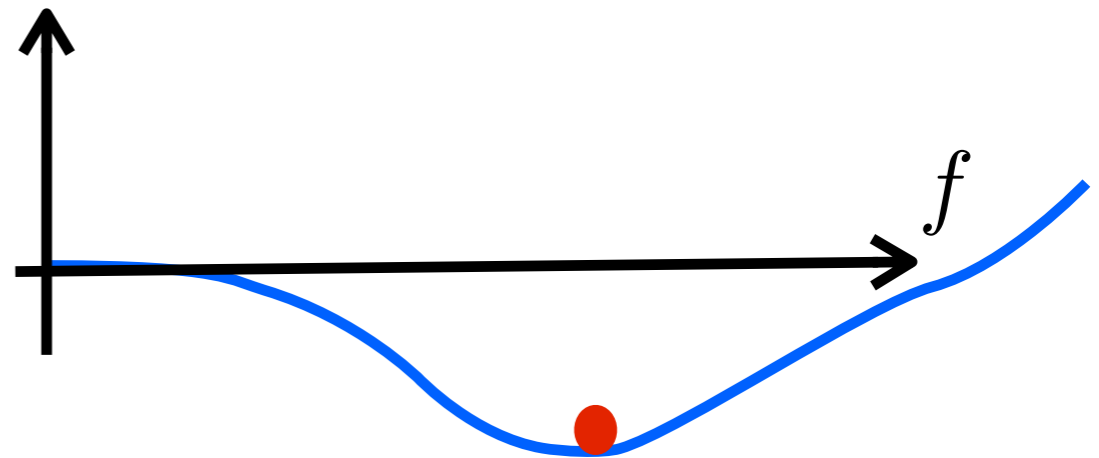


for exact conformal symmetry  
need a flat direction to have  
spontaneous breaking

# Perturbation by an almost marginal operator

$$\delta\mathcal{L} = \lambda(\mu)\mathcal{O}$$

$$V = a f^4 \rightarrow V = a(\lambda(f)) f^4$$



$$V' = f^3 [4a(\lambda(f)) + \beta a'(\lambda(f))] = 0$$

$$m_{\text{dil}}^2 = f^2 \beta [\beta a'' + 4a' + \beta' a']$$

$$\simeq 4f^2 \beta a'(\lambda(f)) = -16f^2 a(\lambda(f)) = \mathcal{O}(16\pi^2) f^2$$

still need approximate flat direction

QCD-like theories don't have light dilatons, Phys.Lett. B200 (1988) 338

# Assuming an approximate flat direction

$$\beta(\lambda) = \frac{d\lambda}{d \ln \mu} = \epsilon \lambda + \frac{b_1}{4\pi} \lambda^2 + \mathcal{O}\lambda^3$$

$$a(\lambda) = (4\pi)^2 \left[ c_0 + \sum_n c_n \left( \frac{\lambda}{4\pi} \right)^n \right]$$

$$V' = f^3 [4a + \beta a'] \approx (4\pi)^2 f^3 \left[ 4c_0 + \frac{c_1}{4\pi} \lambda_0 \left( \frac{f}{\mu_0} \right)^\epsilon \right]$$

$$f \approx \mu_0 \left( \frac{-16\pi c_0}{\lambda(\mu_0) c_1} \right)^{1/\epsilon}$$

need a marginal operator, small  $\beta$  function,  
and a tuned flat direction

# Are there non-SUSY theories with approximate flat directions?

Turn to the AdS/CFT correspondence

$$\langle e^{\int d^4x \phi_0(x) \mathcal{O}(x)} \rangle_{\text{CFT}} \approx e^{-S_{5\text{Dgrav}}[\phi(x,z)|_{z=0}=\phi_0(x)]}$$

$$ds^2 = \frac{R^2}{z^2} (dx^2 - dz^2)$$

$\mathcal{O} \subset \text{CFT} \leftrightarrow \phi$  AdS<sub>5</sub> field,  $\phi_0(x)$  is boundary value

With bulk mass  $m^2 \phi^2$

$$\phi = \phi_0 z^{4-\Delta} + c z^\Delta$$

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condensate

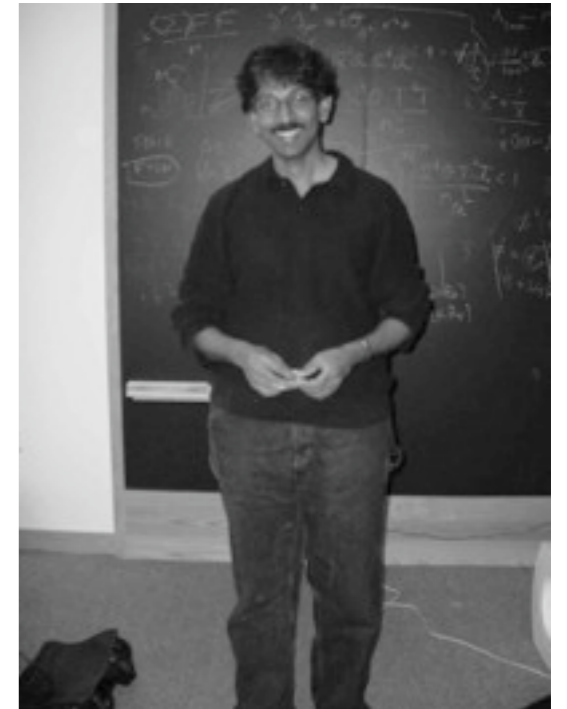
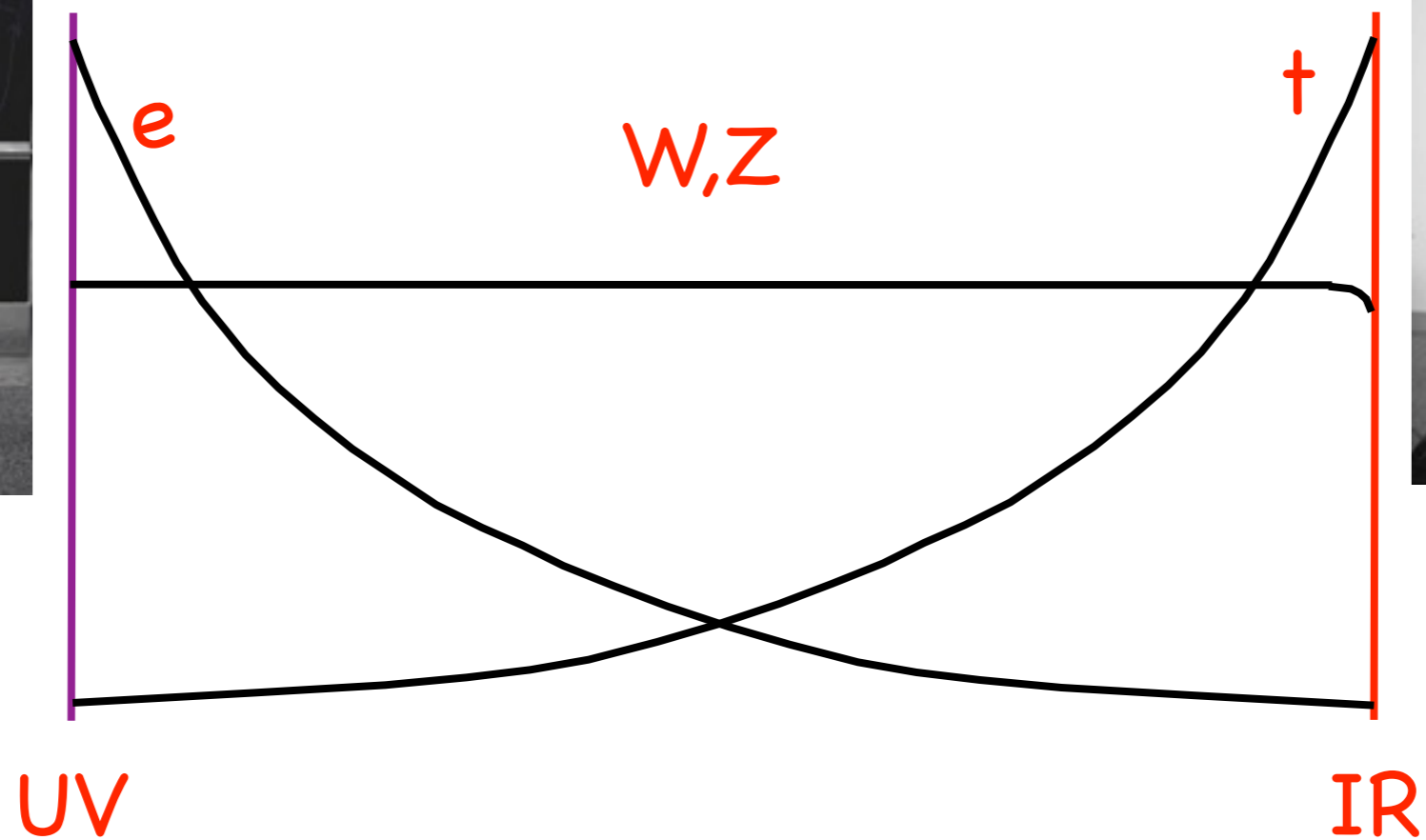
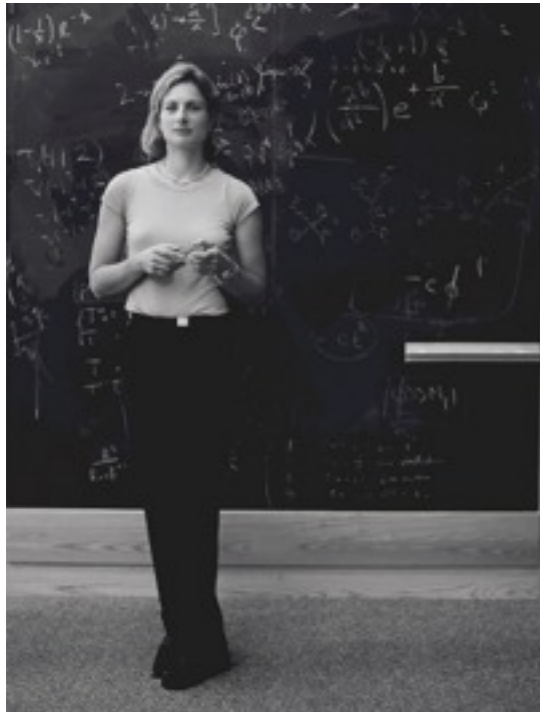
$$\Delta = 2 + \sqrt{4 + \frac{m^2}{k^2}}$$

CFT operator  $\mathcal{O}$  has dimension  $\Delta$

how do we spontaneously break the CFT?



# Randall-Sundrum is dual to a spontaneously broken CFT



why is there a flat direction without SUSY?

# Tuning a flat direction in RS

$$V_{eff} = V_0 + V_1 \left( \frac{R}{R'} \right)^4 + \Lambda_{(5)} R \left( 1 - \left( \frac{R}{R'} \right)^4 \right)$$

brane tensions

5D cosmo. constant

$$V_{eff} = V_0 + \Lambda_{(5)} R + f^4 \chi^4 (V_1 R^4 - \Lambda_{(5)} R^5)$$

UV cosmo. constant

quartic coupling

this solution is not stable to perturbations

# Goldberger-Wise stabilized RS



$$m^2 = -4\epsilon k^2$$

$$\Delta \approx 4 - \epsilon$$

$$ds^2 = e^{-2A(y)} dx^2 - dy^2 \quad \phi = \phi_0 e^{\epsilon ky}$$

brane potentials

$$V_0 = \lambda_0 (\phi - v_0)^2$$

$$V_1 = \lambda_1 (\phi - v_1)^2$$

$$\lambda_0, \lambda_1 \rightarrow \infty$$

two fine tunings

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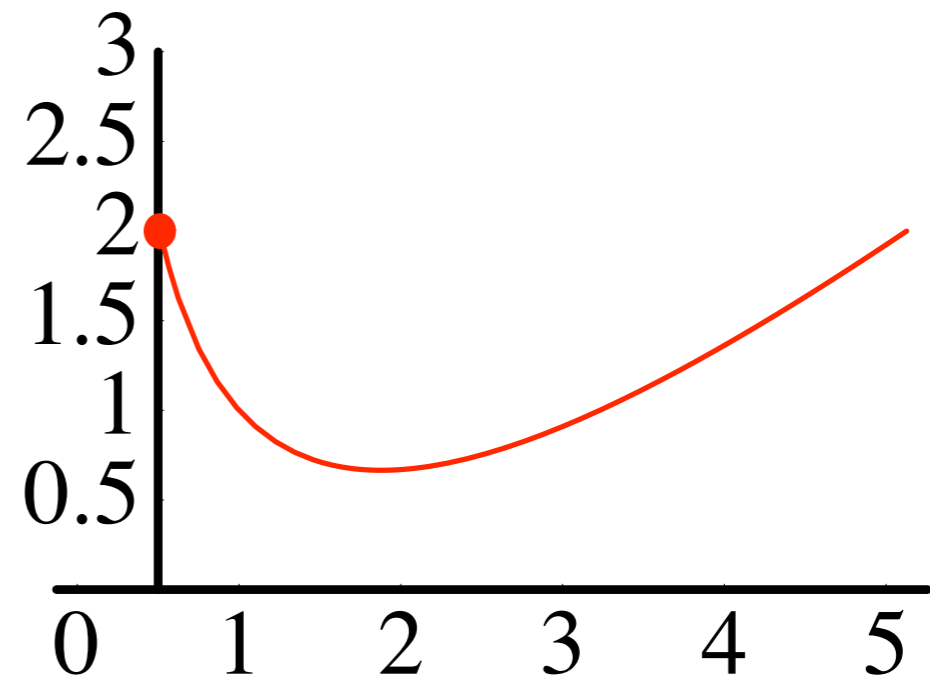
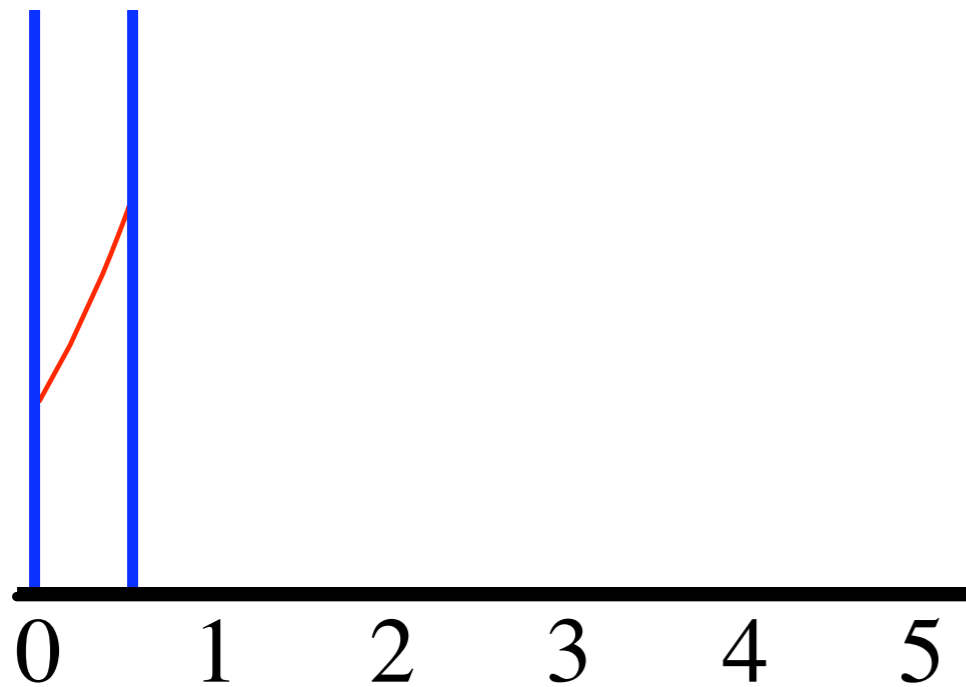
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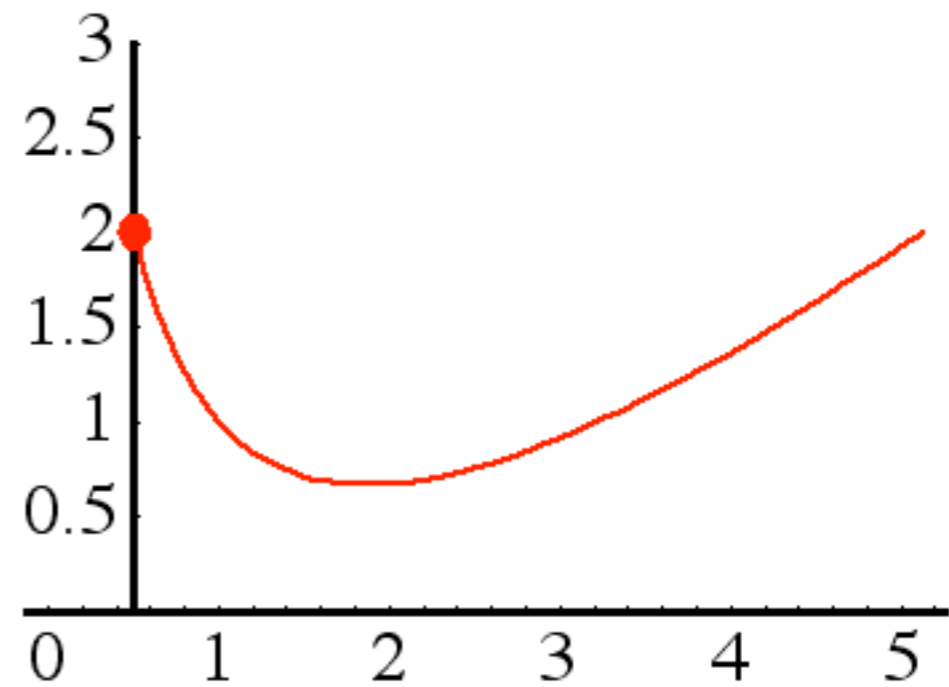
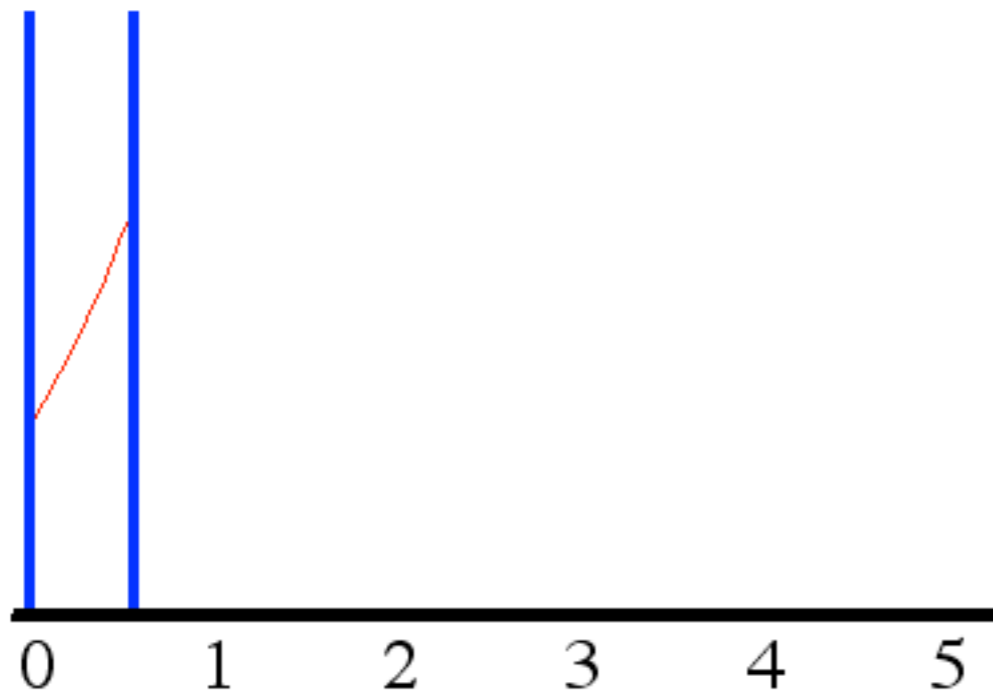


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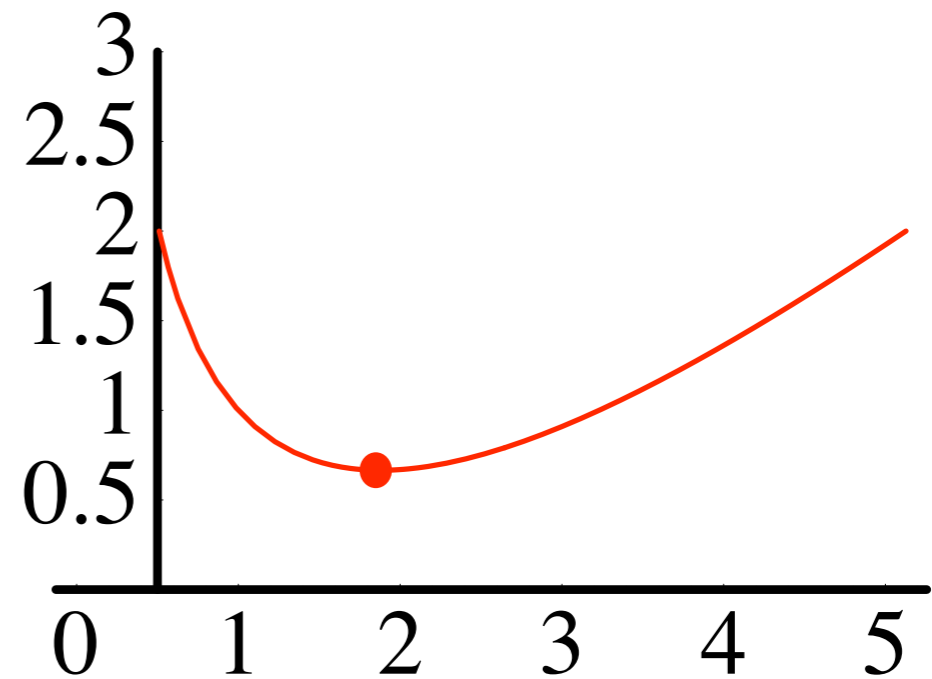
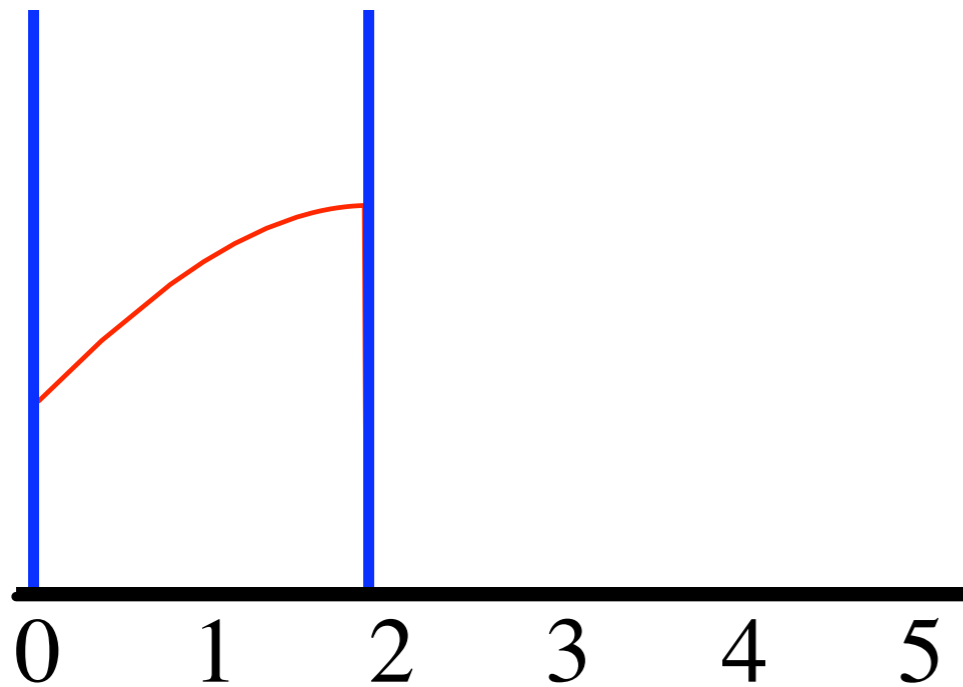


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now we can parameterize a broken CFT

# Reducing the Cosmological Constant

Riccardo Rattazzi

perturbing the CFT and allowing  
sufficient running allows the IR brane  
to sit at a location with a vanishing c.c.

Planck conference 2010



# Weinberg's No-Go Theorem

You can't have your cake and eat it too!

Exact conformal symmetry can remove the c.c.  
but to have a unique vacuum it must be broken.



S. Weinberg *Rev. Mod. Phys.* 61, 1 (1989)



# Back reaction in AdS<sub>5</sub>

$$ds^2 = e^{-2A(y)} dx^2 - dy^2$$

$$A'^2 = \frac{\kappa^2 \phi'^2}{12} - \frac{\kappa^2}{6} V(\phi)$$

$$\phi'' = 4A'\phi' + \frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi}$$

$$V_{eff}(y_1) = e^{-4A(y_1)} \left[ V_1(\phi(y_1)) + \frac{6}{\kappa^2} A'(y_1) \right]$$

assuming we have fine-tuned the UV contributions

# UV behavior with a bulk mass

$$\phi'' - 4A'\phi' + 4\epsilon k^2 \phi = 0$$

dominant balance

$$\phi = \phi_0 e^{\epsilon k y}$$

$$A = k y - \frac{\kappa^2 \phi_0^2}{12} (e^{2\epsilon k y} - 1)$$

perturbative RG evolution

# IR behavior with a bulk mass

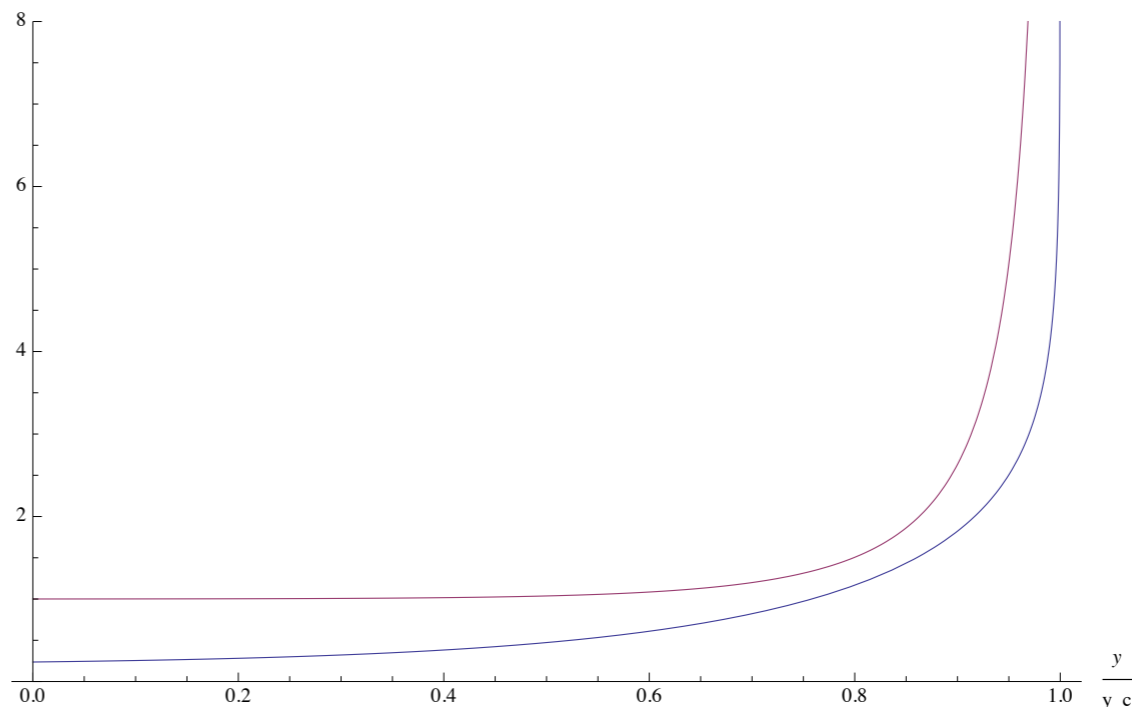
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dominant balance

$$A'(y) = -k \coth(4k(y - y_c))$$

$$\phi(y) = \frac{c}{\kappa} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2\kappa} \log(\tanh(2k(y_c - y)))$$

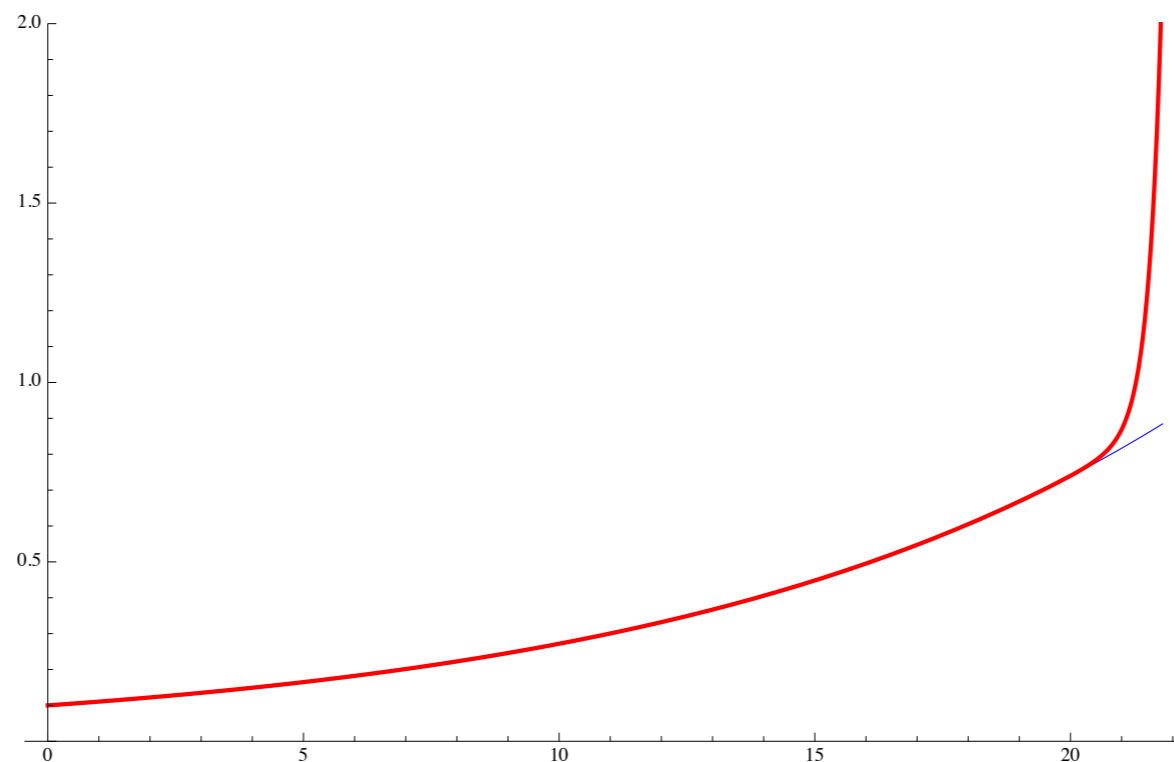
singularity at  $y_c$



# Boundary Layer Matching

$$y_c = \frac{1}{\epsilon k} \log \left( \frac{c}{\kappa \phi_0} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2\kappa \phi_0} \log \left[ \frac{1 - (\kappa \phi_0)^4}{1 + (\kappa \phi_0)^4} \right] \right)$$

$$\phi(y) = \phi_0 e^{\epsilon k y} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2\kappa} \log [\tanh (2k(y_c - y))] - \phi_0 e^{\epsilon k y_c} + \frac{c}{\kappa}$$



cf. Chacko, Mishra, Stolarski [hep-ph/1304.1795](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/1304.1795)

# 5D Dual of Spontaneously Broken Scale Invariance

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$$V_{\text{eff}} = e^{-4A(y_1)} \left[ \Lambda_1 + \frac{6}{\kappa^2} A'(y_1, y_c) \right] = e^{-4A(y_1)} V_b$$

$$V'_{\text{eff}} = e^{-4A(y_1)} \left[ -4A' V_b + \frac{d}{dy_1} V_b + \frac{dy_c}{dy_1} \frac{d}{dy_c} V_b \right]$$

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0 by  $\phi$  boundary condition

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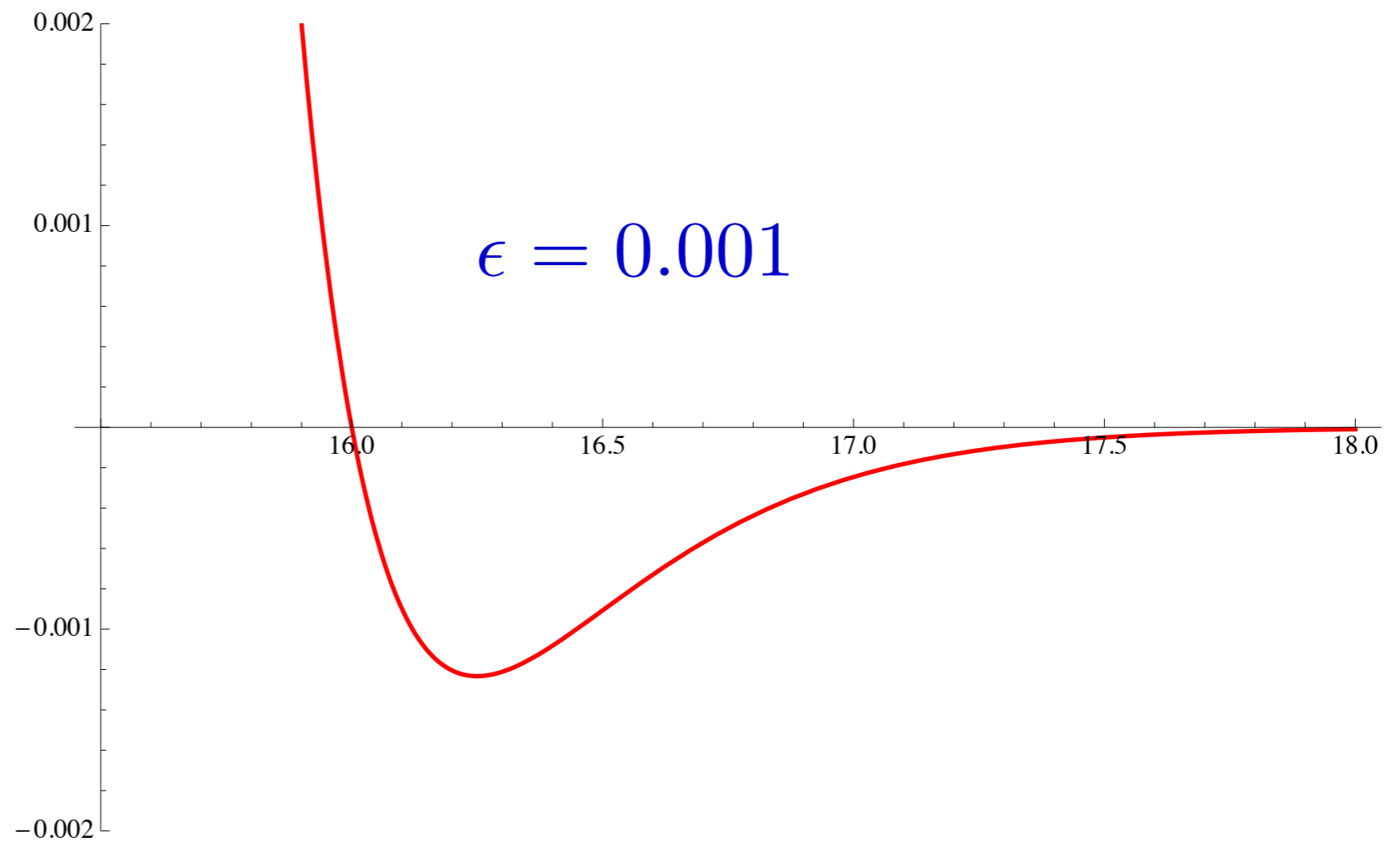
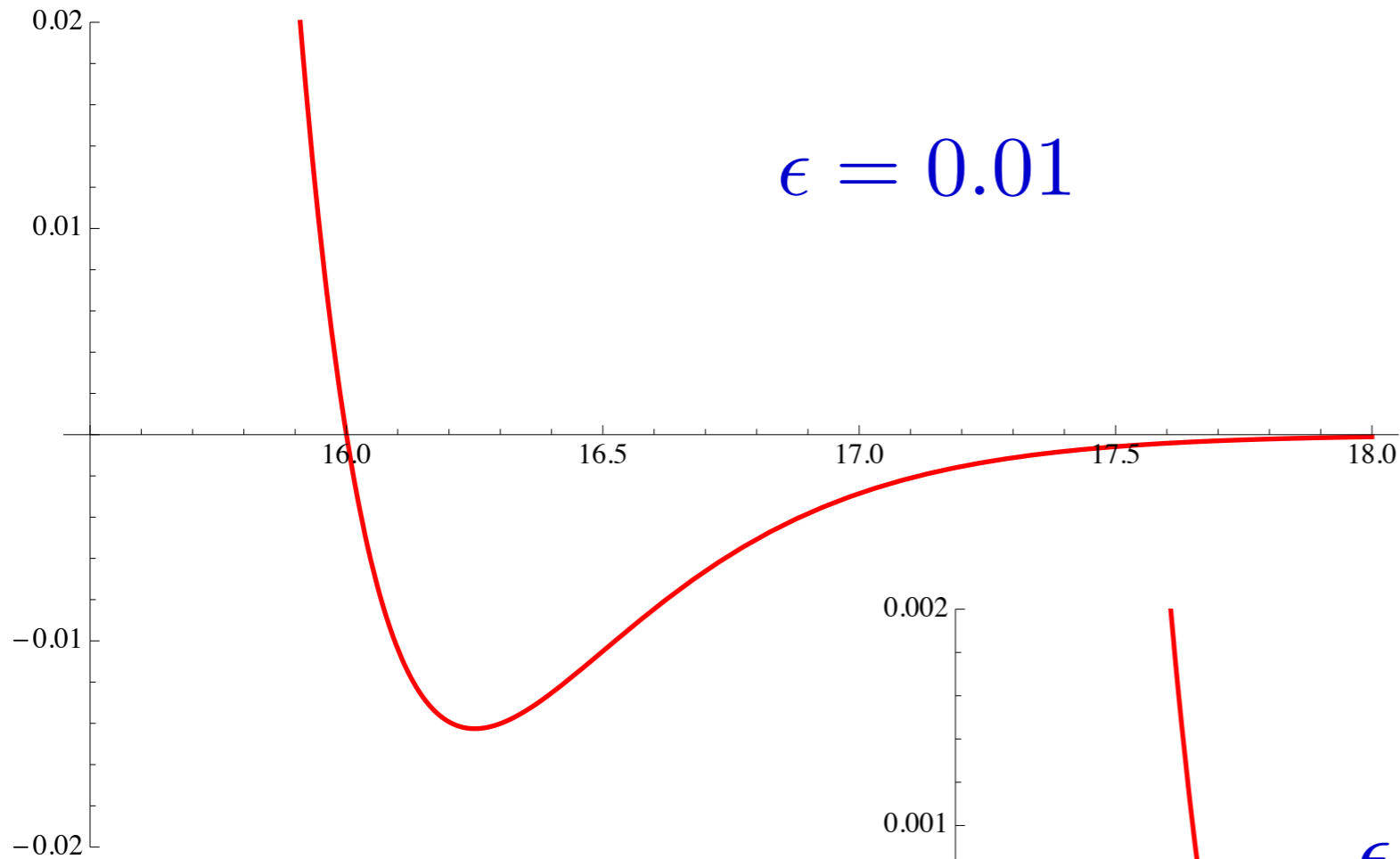
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$$V \sim \epsilon (\text{TeV})^4$$

$$m_{\text{dil}}^2 \sim \epsilon (\text{TeV})^2$$

potentially 24 orders of magnitude better than SUSY

# Cosmological Constant in $\text{TeV}^4$



# Weinberg's No-Go Theorem

You can't have your cake and eat it too!

$\epsilon = 0$  can remove the c.c.

but to have a unique vacuum  $\epsilon \neq 0$



$$\epsilon = 10^{-12} \text{ ?}$$



# Conclusions

we have a new 5D dual of a  
spontaneously broken CFT

conformal symmetry is better than SUSY  
for reducing the cosmological constant  
but not nearly a solution by itself

# Backup

# Soluble Conformal Field Theory

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \partial^\nu \phi \partial_\nu \phi$$

$$\langle \phi \rangle = v$$

$\phi$  is a massless Nambu-Goldstone boson

# SUSY 3-2 Model is a Broken CFT

	$SU(3)$	$SU(2)$	$U(1)$	$U(1)_R$
$Q$	$\square$	$\square$	$1/3$	$1$
$L$	$\mathbf{1}$	$\square$	$-1$	$-3$
$\bar{U}$	$\bar{\square}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$-4/3$	$-8$
$\bar{D}$	$\bar{\square}$	$\mathbf{1}$	$2/3$	$4$

$$W = \frac{\Lambda_3^7}{\det(\bar{Q}Q)} + \lambda Q\bar{D}L$$

$$V = \left| \frac{\partial W}{\partial Q} \right|^2 + \left| \frac{\partial W}{\partial \bar{U}} \right|^2 + \left| \frac{\partial W}{\partial \bar{D}} \right|^2 + \left| \frac{\partial W}{\partial L} \right|^2$$

$$\approx \frac{\Lambda_3^{14}}{\phi^{10}} + \lambda \frac{\Lambda_3^7}{\phi^3} + \lambda^2 \phi^4$$

$$\langle \phi \rangle = \frac{\Lambda_3}{\lambda^{1/7}}$$

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$$\langle \phi \rangle = \frac{\Lambda_3}{\lambda^{1/7}}$$

$$m_{\text{dil}} = \lambda \langle \phi \rangle = \lambda^{6/7} \Lambda_3$$

$$V_{\text{min}} \approx \lambda^2 \langle \phi \rangle^4$$

# Scale invariant action

$$x \rightarrow x' = e^{-\alpha} x$$

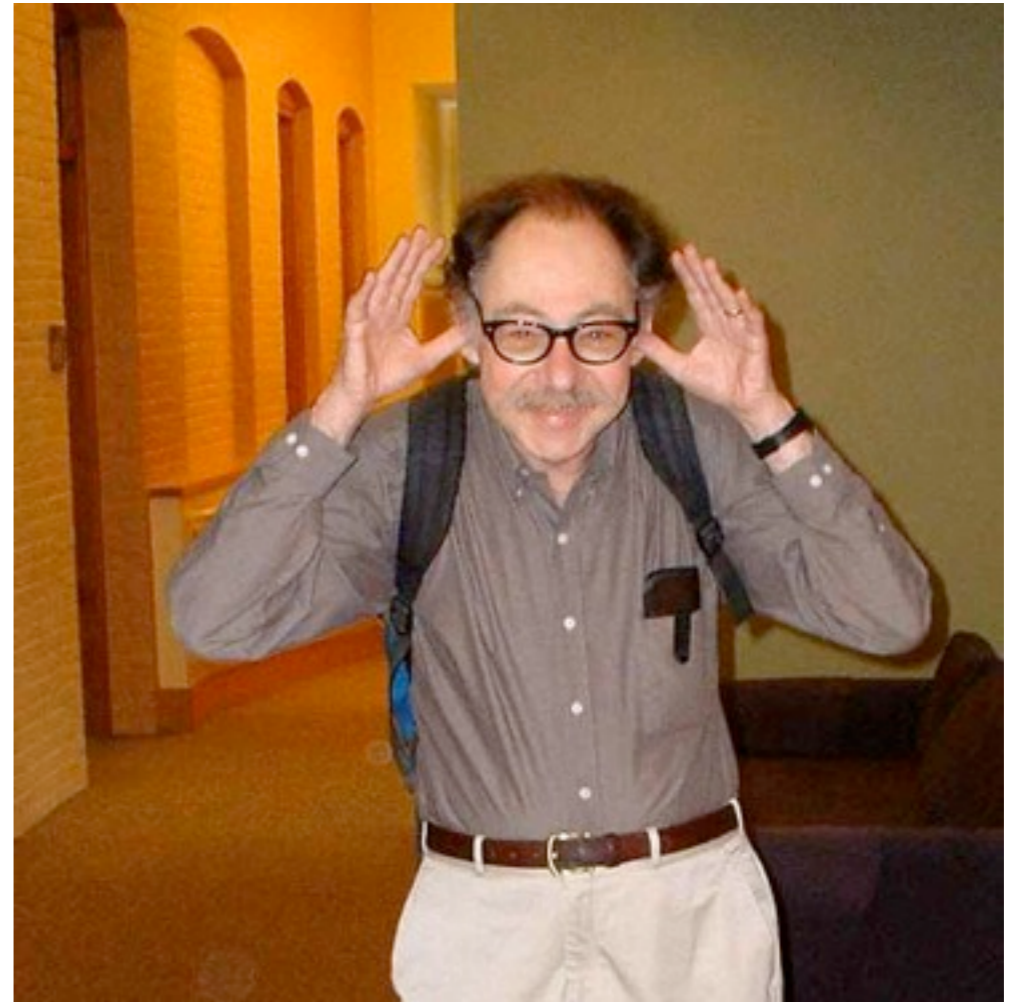
$$\mathcal{O}(x) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}'(x) = e^{\alpha\Delta} \mathcal{O}(e^{\alpha} x)$$

$$S = \sum_i \int d^4x g_i \mathcal{O}_i(x) \longrightarrow S' = \sum_i \int d^4x e^{\alpha(\Delta_i - 4)} g_i \mathcal{O}_i(x)$$

invariance requires  $\Delta_i = 4$

# 5 spontaneously broken conformal generators give one Goldstone Boson

$$\begin{aligned}M_{\mu\nu} &= -i(x_\mu\partial_\nu - x_\nu\partial_\mu) \\ P_\mu &= -i\partial_\mu \\ K_\mu &= -i(x^2\partial_\mu - 2x_\mu x_\alpha\partial^\alpha) \\ D &= ix_\alpha\partial^\alpha\end{aligned}$$



Sydney Coleman, "Aspects of Symmetry"  
see also Ian Low, [hep-th/0110285](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-th/0110285)