

# Phenomenological Connections Between Particle Physics and Dark Energy

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# Order of Presentation

- Connecting colliders and cosmology through cosmological constant (CC)
- Using thermal DM conjecture as probe of cosmology: in particular DE both in the forms of CC and quintessence.

# Relevance of Particle Physics for Dark Energy

CC (problem) is predicted by particle physics (SM)

- Relevant UV-IR connecting dynamics? Change quantum mechanics?
  - No solid example
- Landscape conjecture: many possibilities for vacuum = tuning through historical reasons
  - Possible (to almost all fine tuning problems) but disappointing
  - Hard to test convincingly

Phase transitions are predicted by particle physics

- QCD phase transition
- Electroweak phase transition

# What New Experimental Developments Are “Soon” Expected in Terrestrial Particle Physics?

- Measure properties of Higgs sector
  - $WW$  scattering unitary limit of around 2 TeV
  - Electroweak precision fits
- Measure dark matter’s non-grav interactions
  - Numerology of thermal relic computation
  - Anomalies in astro/cosmo measurements

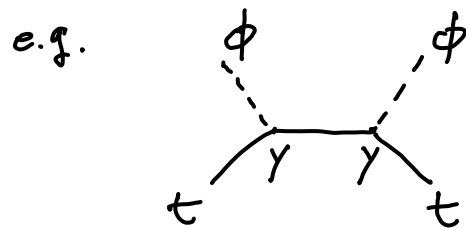
Possible connections to dark energy?

Higgs sector → light on electroweak phase transition

Dark matter sector → use thermal relic idea as a probe of cosmology, just as for the situation of BBN

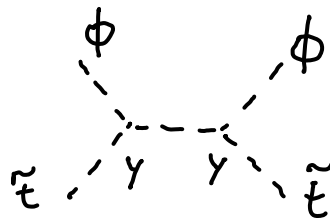
# Higgs sector and electroweak phase transition

Textbook story: Interaction of the classical Higgs field with the thermal plasma leads to effective interactions that correct the Higgs effective potential.



$$\Delta V \sim \underbrace{y^2 T^2 \phi^2}_{\text{positive mass contribution}} + \dots$$

Bosonic interactions can introduce non-analytic terms.



$$\Delta V \supset \underbrace{y^{3/2} \phi^3 T}_{\text{non-analytic in coupling}}$$

Difference comes from infrared non-analytic behavior as in BE condensations.

These corrections lead to changes in DE contribution.

Accounting for all the fields in any given model is messy but standard.

$$V = V_{T=0} + V_1 + V_{\text{daisy}}$$

$$V_1(\phi_{cli}; T) = \sum_b g_b f_B(\tilde{m}_b^2(\phi_{cl}); T) + \sum_f g_f f_F(\tilde{m}_f^2(\phi_{cl}); T)$$

$$f_B(m^2, T) = -\frac{\pi^2}{90} T^4 + \frac{1}{24} m^2 T^2 - \frac{1}{12\pi} (m^2)^{3/2} T - \frac{(m^2)^2}{64\pi^2} \ln\left(\frac{Q^2}{\tilde{a}_B T^2}\right) \quad m/T < 2.2$$

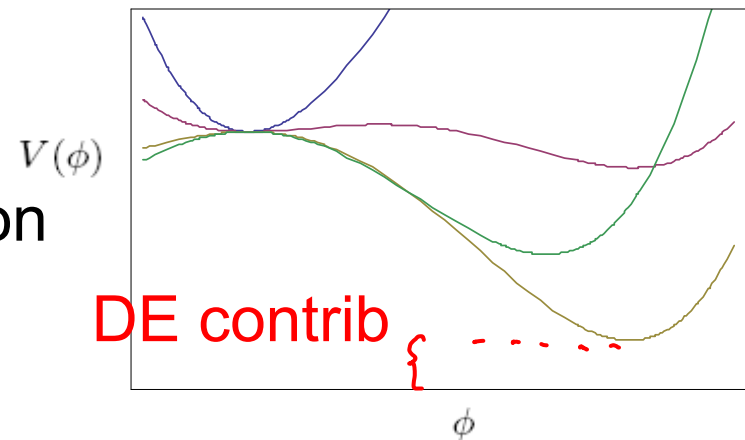
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$$f_F(m^2, T) = -\frac{7\pi^2}{720} T^4 + \frac{1}{48} m^2 T^2 + \frac{(m^2)^2}{64\pi^2} \ln\left(\frac{Q^2}{\tilde{a}_F T^2}\right) \quad m/T < 1.9$$

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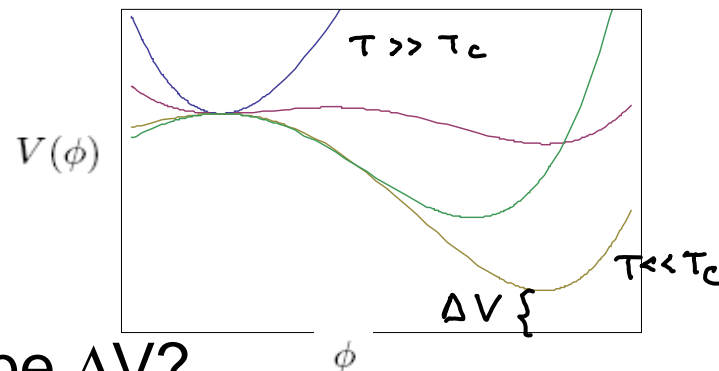
$$V_{\text{daisy}} = -\frac{T}{12\pi} \sum_b g_b (\tilde{m}_b^2(\phi_{cl}; T) - \tilde{m}_b^2(\phi_{cl}))$$

mass matrix and daisy resummation issues make parametric and constraints sometimes tricky.



## Assumptions/properties

- 1) A crucial assumption made in these drawings:  $V$  at  $T=0$  has been **tuned to zero by a cosmological constant**. This is consistent with a large class of landscape “solutions.”
- 2) Vacuum energy can be read off only if the vev is sitting at the local minima and the movement of the vev can be energetically neglected.



How can we probe  $\Delta V$ ?

Anything that can probe  $H$  can probe  $\Delta V$ .

(dark matter, gravity wave, BBN, usual DE probes, etc.)

[ongoing work with Wang, Long, and Tulin]

**This then gives an empirical probe of the CC tuning!**

## Magnitude: How much does H shift typically?

$$V_T(\phi) = \left(\frac{-1}{2}\mu^2 + c_1(T)T^2\right)\phi^2 - E\phi^3 + \frac{\lambda}{4}\phi^4$$

$$\text{If } E/\lambda \lesssim \sqrt{c_1 T^2 - \frac{1}{2}\mu^2}$$

$$\frac{\Delta H}{H} \sim \frac{c_1(T)\mu^2}{\lambda g_* T^2}$$

In SM and extensions with a similar structure, this is small, as it must fight the degree of freedom suppression.

$$\frac{\Delta H}{H} \sim \frac{1}{g_*(100 \text{ GeV})} \sim 10^{-2}$$

Reasons:

- 1)  $c_1(T)$  function decreases when T drops below mass thresholds and the mass distribution function is sufficiently unhelpful.  
e.g. Yukawa contribution to  $c_1(T)$  goes as  $y^2$  and the attendant fermion masses also go as  $y^2$
- 2) The broken phase has  $\langle \phi \rangle \sim T$  during the phase transition.



# Examples

$$V_T(\phi) = \left(\frac{-1}{2}\mu^2 + c_1(T)T^2\right)\phi^2 - E\phi^3 + \frac{\lambda}{4}\phi^4 \qquad \frac{\Delta H}{H} \sim \frac{c_1(T)\mu^2}{\lambda g_* T^2}$$

- SM only with T near the phase transition

$$c_1(T) \approx \frac{2m_W^2 + m_Z^2 + 2m_t^2}{8v^2} \approx 0.168 \qquad \frac{\Delta H}{H_U} \lesssim 0.02 \left(\frac{g_*(T)}{100}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{T}{90 \text{ GeV}}\right)^{-2}$$

- Near 5 GeV: assume b Yukawa coupling is dominant correction to minimal Higgs

$$c_1(T) \approx \frac{m_b^2}{4v^2} \sim 8 \times 10^{-5} \qquad \frac{\Delta H}{H_U} \lesssim 0.01 \left(\frac{g_*(T)}{60}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{T}{5 \text{ GeV}}\right)^{-2}$$

Consistently with generic arguments, we have  $\mathcal{O}(10^{-2})$

Unfortunately, we will probably need to wait 40 yrs for this

kind of precision. However, these are **minimal** models. We may

get lucky to discover Higgs sector with larger effects (model survey is in progress).

# DM as new probes of cosmology

- As discussed in the intro, DM property is something new expected to be measured at the LHC. Hence, it is appropriate to explore what we can learn about cosmology from this.
- With thermal relics, we can **probe H at the time of freeze out.**

$$\Omega_M h^2 \propto \left( \frac{T_0}{m_X x_F} \right)^3 \left( \frac{m_X H_F}{\langle \sigma_A v \rangle} \right)$$

cosmology  
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Particle physics  
(electroweak scale)  
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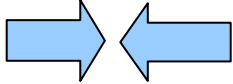
Weak cosmo  
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e.g. In standard cosmology, mass cancels

$$\Omega_M h^2 \propto \left( \frac{T_0}{m_X x_F} \right)^3 \left( \frac{m_X (x_F m_X)^2 / M_p}{\langle \sigma_A v \rangle} \right)$$

$$x_F \equiv \frac{T_F}{m_X} \sim 1/20 \text{ with log dependence on } H_F, \langle \sigma_A v \rangle, m_X$$

# Possible Future Evidence?

- **Suppose:** collider measurement  cosmological data  
indirect detection  
direct detection  
astrophysics

$$\Omega_{\chi \text{ coll usual}} > \Omega_{\chi \text{ astro}}$$

Dilution mechanisms

- a) Entropy release (e.g. Thermal infl, late decay)
- b) Scalar-tensor gravity
- c) More severe modifications of gravity

$$\Omega_M h^2 \propto \left( \frac{T_0}{m_\chi x_F} \right)^3 \left( \frac{m_\chi H_F}{\langle \sigma_{Av} \rangle} \right)$$

$$\Omega_{\chi \text{ coll usual}} < \Omega_{\chi \text{ astro}}$$

Enhancement mechanisms

- a) **Extra contribution to H**
- b) Scalar-tensor grav. (hep-ph/0302159)
- c) More severe modifications to grav
- d) More DM candidates (perhaps too weakly interacting for collider measure)

Extra contribution sources for this talk: **DE sector**

## Probing DE sector

$$\frac{\Delta\Omega_{DM}}{\Omega_{DM}} \sim \frac{\Delta H_F}{H_F}$$

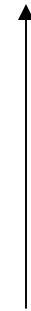
- The cosmological constant from the phase transition potential (examples already given)
- What about quintessence?

A defining property of quintessence:

Dynamical d.o.f.  $\rightarrow$  time dependence

Close to  $z=0$ , not much different from CC.

Hence, go to the opposite limit: when  $z \gg 3$ ,  
kination domination is a generic possibility.



## A Quintessence Kination Phase

- The key feature that distinguishes quintessence from cosmological constant is  $\frac{1}{2}(\partial\phi)^2$
- This is not just about nearly massless particles if homogeneous: “kination phase”

$$\dot{\phi} \propto \frac{1}{a^3} \qquad \rho \propto \dot{\phi}^2 \propto \frac{1}{a^6} \qquad \rho_{rad} \propto \frac{1}{a^4}$$

- A measurement of this object is more about homogeneity and masslessness than minimality of kinetic terms.

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{(\partial\phi)^4}{4\Lambda^4} + \frac{(\partial\phi)^2}{2}$$

$$\dot{\phi} = \frac{c}{a^3} + \frac{\dot{\phi}^3}{\Lambda^4} = \frac{c}{a^3} + \frac{c^3}{a^9\Lambda^4} + \frac{3c^2}{a^6} \frac{\dot{\phi}^3}{\Lambda^8} + \frac{3c}{a^3} \frac{\dot{\phi}^6}{\Lambda^{12}} + \frac{\dot{\phi}^9}{\Lambda^{12}}$$

**A stable phase**

parametric dependence (minimally 1 param model):

$$\frac{\rho_\phi}{\rho_\gamma} \sim \frac{\rho_\phi}{\rho_\gamma} \Big|_{BBN} \left( \frac{a_{BBN}}{a} \right)^2$$

$$\eta_\phi \equiv \frac{\rho_\phi}{\rho_\gamma} \Big|_{BBN}$$

Dark matter abundance is boosted:

$$\frac{\Omega^{(K)}}{\Omega^{(U)}} \sim 10^3 \sqrt{\eta_\phi} \left( \frac{m_X}{100 \text{ GeV}} \right) \quad \text{for } > 1$$

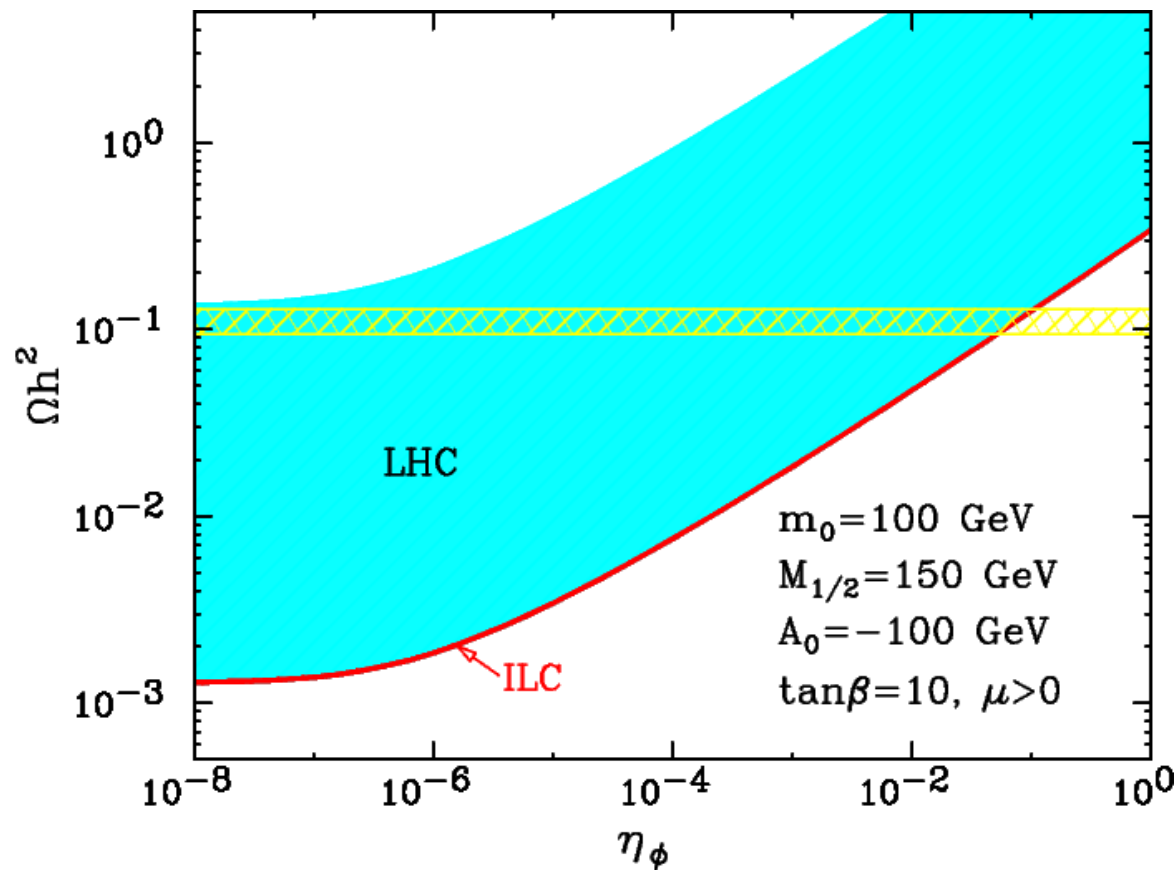
$$\frac{\Delta \Omega^{(K)}}{\Omega^{(U)}} \sim 10^6 \eta_\phi \left( \frac{m_X}{100 \text{ GeV}} \right)^2 \quad \text{for } \ll 1$$

Prediction:

$$\eta_\phi > 10^{-8} \quad \text{for larger than 1\% variation}$$

[with Everett, Kong, Matchev, 07]

# In this sense, ILC can measure quintessence!



$$\eta_\phi \equiv \rho_\phi / \rho_\gamma |_{T=1 \text{ MeV}}$$

This propaganda example:  
LHC/LC's SPS1a  
(or Peskin et al's  
LCC1 study point)  
except with fermion  
mass shifted lower

Reason for ILC's  
Improvement:  
Higgs resonance

Other regions are not  
as dramatic, but  
qualitatively similar.

# Cosmological Signature

[with Everett and Matchev 07]

- Surprise: Can be ruled out almost model independently if primordial CMB B-modes are observed.
- Assumptions:
  - 1) There is only one period of inflation.
  - 2) RH related fields lighter than H exist at the end of inflation.

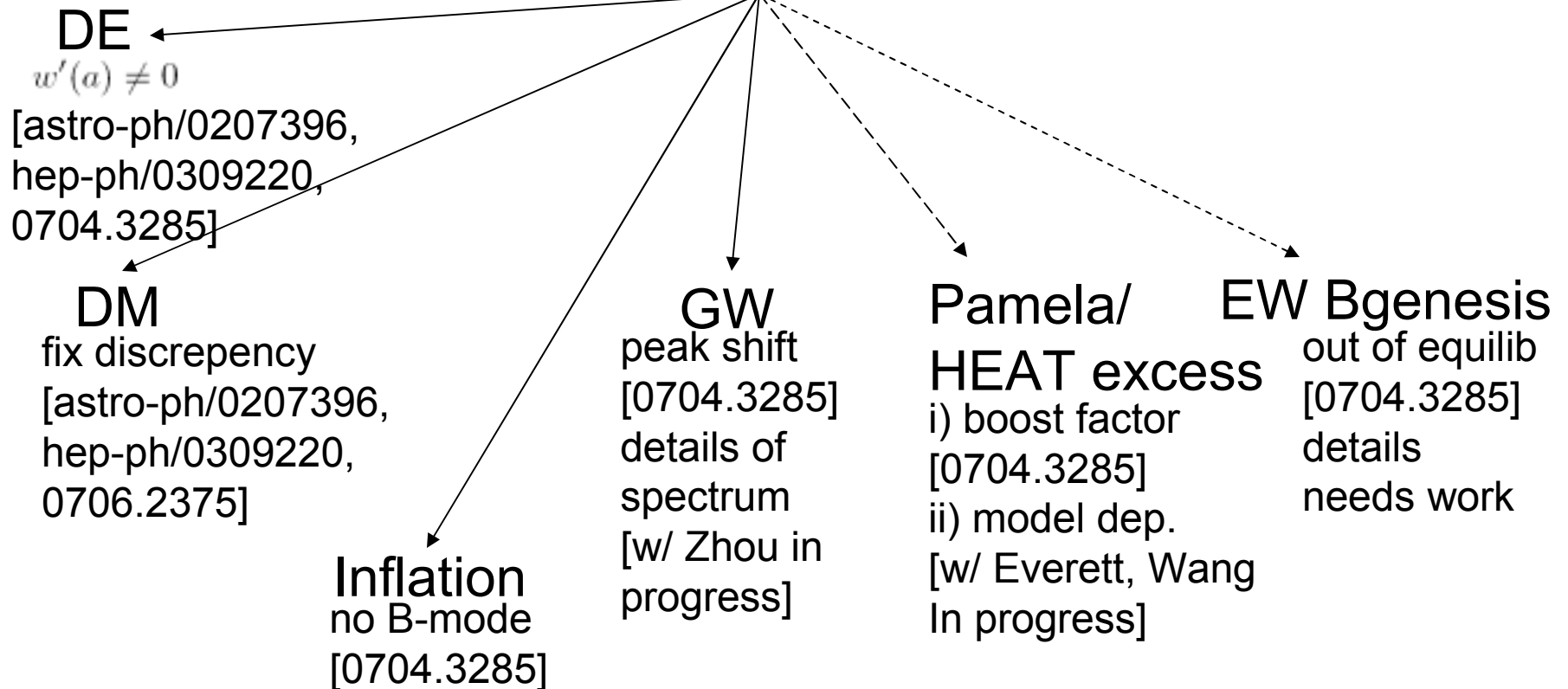
Reasoning leading to the bound:

- 1) The minimum radiation temperature at the end of inflation is the dS horizon temperature.
- 2) Horizon temperature depends on the energy density during inflation:  $V$   
 $V$  dependent lower bound on  $\rho_\gamma$
- 3) The maximum inflation energy density is also determined by  $V$   
 $V$  dependent upper bound on  $\rho_\phi$
- 4) Within the foreseeable future, measurement of primordial gravity wave induced B mode requires  $V > V_{\min}$
- 5) Hence, measurement of primordial B-mode gives an upper bound on  $\eta_\phi \equiv \left( \frac{\rho_\phi}{\rho_\gamma} \right)_{BBN}$   
$$\eta_\phi \ll 10^{-8}$$
- 6) 1% enhancement of  $\Omega_M$  from the usual scenario requires  $\eta_\phi > 10^{-8}$



# Beyond Falsification

## Kination conjecture

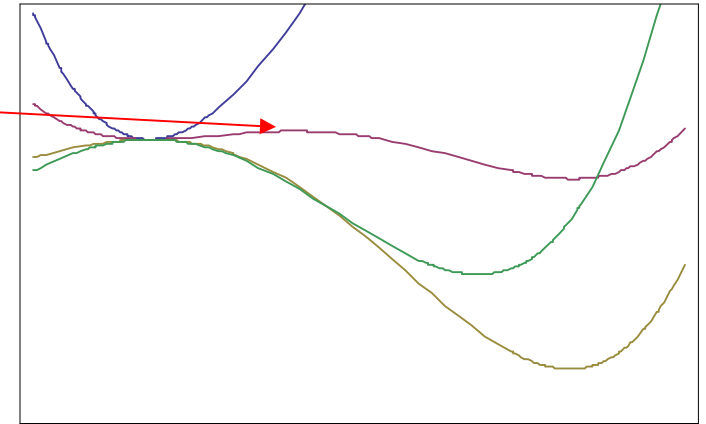


# Bubbles during EWPT

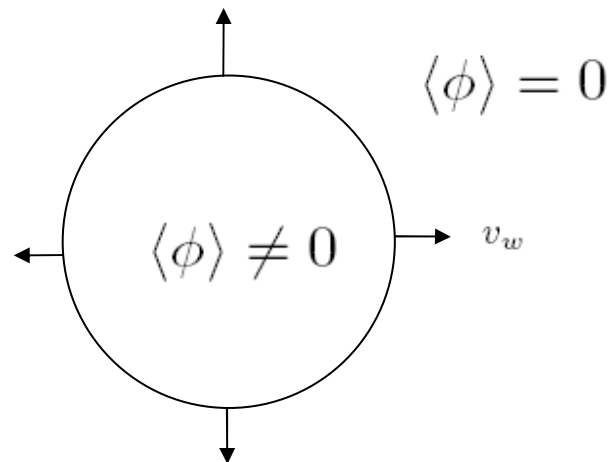
$$V_T(\phi) = \left(\frac{-1}{2}\mu^2 + c_1(T)T^2\right)\phi^2 - E\phi^3 + \frac{\lambda}{4}\phi^4$$

$$\Gamma(t) = A(t)e^{-S(t)}$$

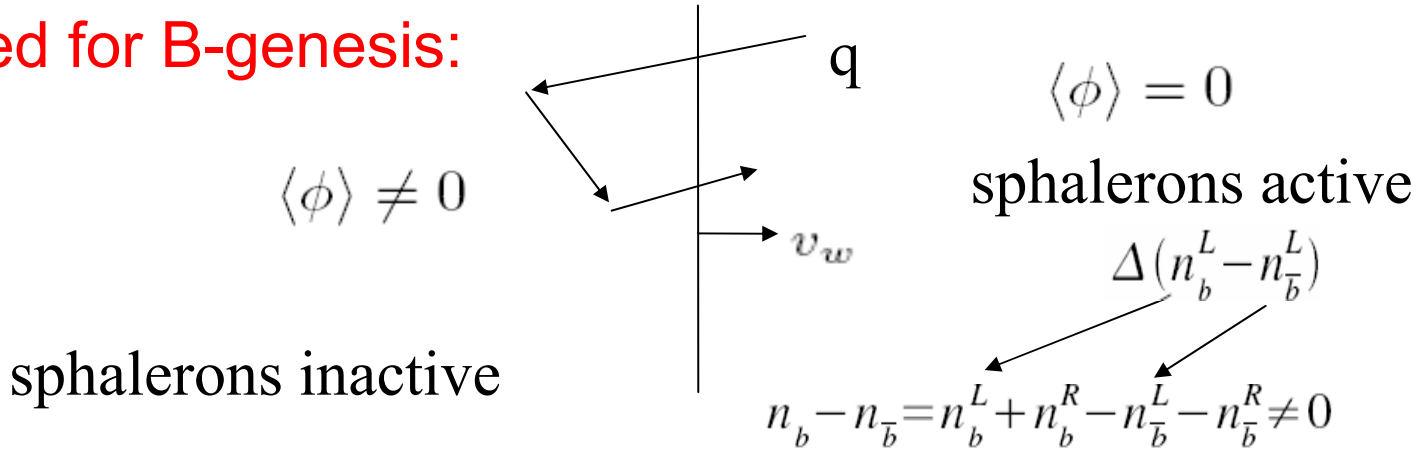
$$S_3 = \int 4\pi r^2 dr \left[ \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{d\phi_b}{dr} \right)^2 + V(\phi_b, T) \right]$$



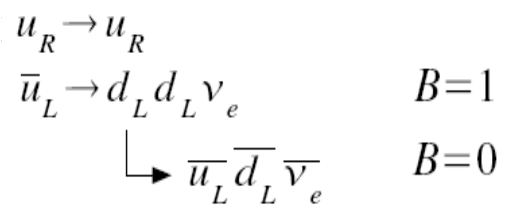
$$\frac{d^2\phi_b}{dr^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{d\phi_b}{dr} - \frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi_b} = 0, \quad \text{with} \quad \left. \frac{d\phi_b}{dr} \right|_{r=0} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \phi_b|_{r=\infty} = 0$$



Need for B-generation:



e.g. 1 generation



To forbid, need small  $\Gamma \propto \exp\left[-\frac{E_{sph}(T_c)}{T_c}\right]$

$$\frac{E_{sph}(T_c)}{T_c} \geq 37 - 45$$

Typical model param const:  $\frac{c_1(T)E}{\lambda^{3/2} 246 \text{ GeV}} \gtrsim 1$

Good for bubbles.

$$V_T(\phi) = \left(\frac{-1}{2}\mu^2 + c_1(T)T^2\right)\phi^2 - E\phi^3 + \frac{\lambda}{4}\phi^4$$

# Many examples possible in beyond SM

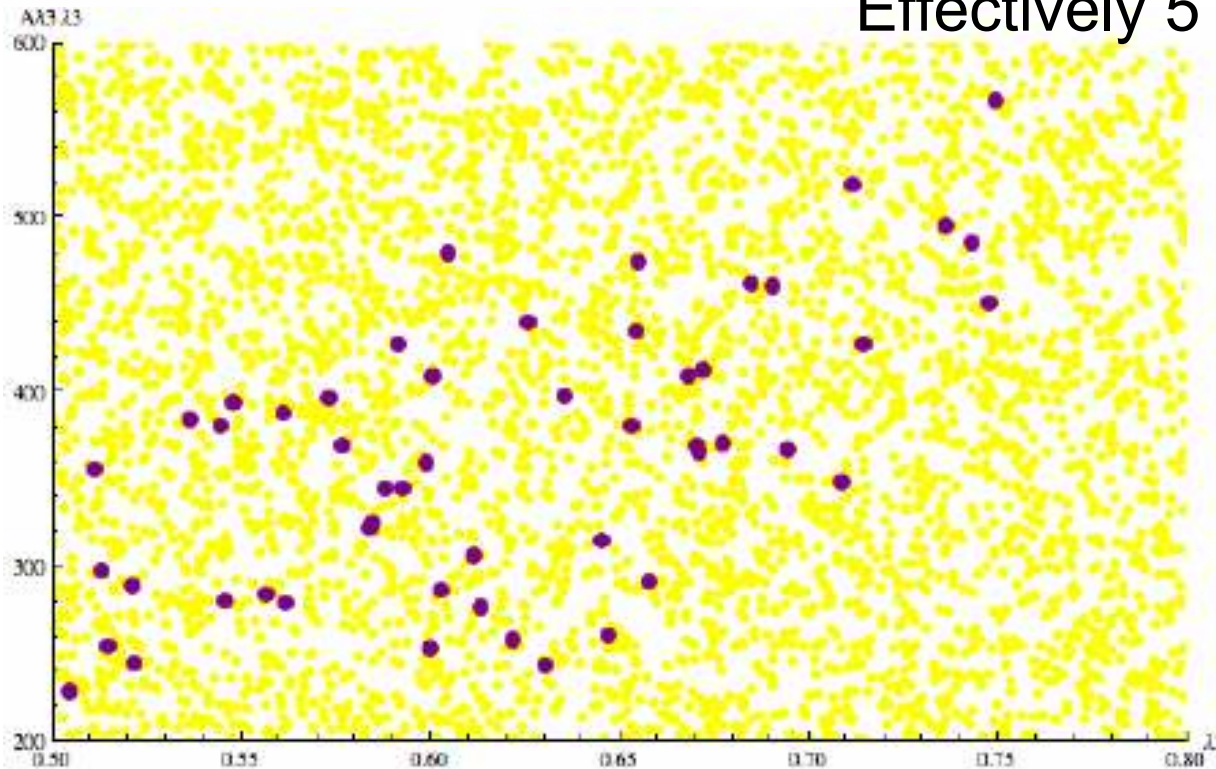
e.g. Consider usual  $Z_3$  based NMSSM with the addition of economical assumption of singlet playing RH neutrino.

$$W = \epsilon_{ab} \left( Y_u^{ij} \hat{H}_2^b \hat{Q}_i^a \hat{u}_j^c + Y_d^{ij} \hat{H}_1^a \hat{Q}_i^b \hat{d}_j^c + Y_e^{ij} \hat{H}_1^a \hat{L}_i^b \hat{e}_j^c + Y_\nu^{ij} \hat{H}_2^b \hat{L}_i^a \hat{\nu}_j^c \right) - \epsilon_{ab} \lambda^i \hat{\nu}_i^c \hat{H}_1^a \hat{H}_2^b + \frac{1}{3} \kappa^{ijk} \hat{\nu}_i^c \hat{\nu}_j^c \hat{\nu}_k^c$$

$$V_{soft} \ni \frac{1}{3} A_{\kappa_3} \kappa_3 (\tilde{\nu}_\tau^c)^3 - A_{\lambda_3} \lambda_3 \epsilon_{ab} H_1^a H_2^b \tilde{\nu}_\tau^c$$

[hep-ph/0508297, 0810.1507]

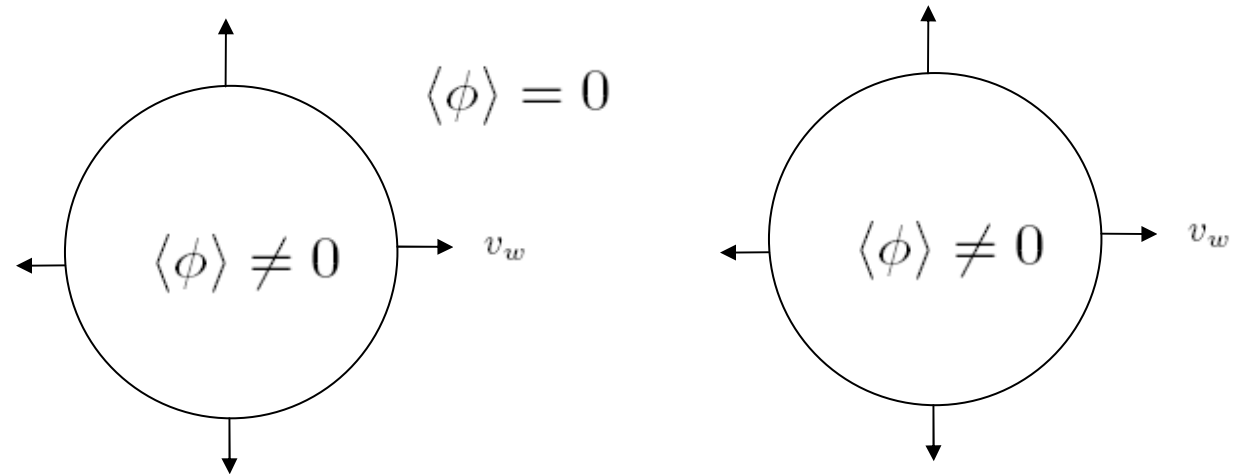
Effectively 5 D param space.



$$\frac{c_1(T)E}{\lambda^{3/2} 246 \text{ GeV}} \gtrsim 1$$

[w/ A. Long in progress]

Bubble collisions may even generate observable gravity waves.

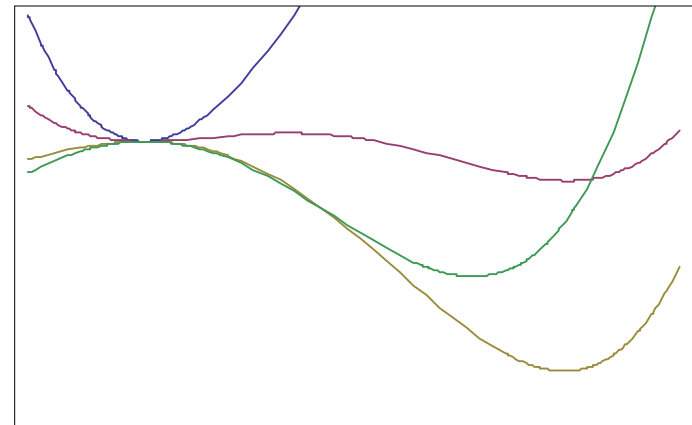


$$\Gamma(t) = A(t)e^{-S(t)}$$

$$\Gamma \sim A \exp \left[ -S(t_i) - \frac{dS}{dt} \Big|_{t_i} (t - t_i) \right]$$

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = -H \frac{dS}{d \ln T}$$

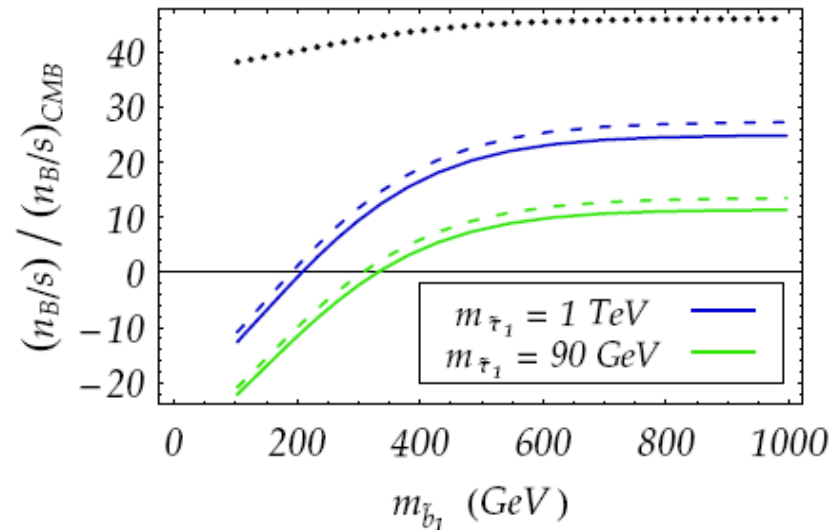
$$\Delta t = t_f - t_i \propto \frac{1}{\left| \frac{dS}{dt} \right|} = \frac{1}{H} \frac{1}{\frac{dS}{d \ln T}}$$



End game is important.

# Aside: interesting new developments in EW baryogenesis

[with Garbrecht, Ramsey-Musolf, Tulin 08]



People wrongly neglected the bottom Yukawa:  
may even get the wrong sign.

# Gravity Wave at EWPT

Following arguments of 0711.2593 and astro-ph/9310044:

$$\rho_{GW} \sim \frac{1}{M_p^2} \left( \frac{a_{PT}}{a} \right)^4 \left\langle \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{\square} T_{ij} \right) \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{1}{\square} T_{ij} \right) \right\rangle |_{PT}$$

$$\langle \tilde{T}_{ij}(t'_1, \vec{k}_1) \tilde{T}_{ij}(t'_2, \vec{k}_2) \rangle \sim \delta^{(3)}(\vec{k}_1 - \vec{k}_2) P_{k_1}(t'_1, t'_2) [\rho_B \gamma^2 v_w^2]^2$$

$$\frac{d\rho_{GW}}{d \ln k} |_0 \sim \frac{1}{M_p^2} \left( \frac{a_{PT}}{a} \right)^4 [\rho_B \gamma^2 v_w^2]^2 \int dt'_1 dt'_2 \cos[k(t'_1 - t'_2)] [k^3 P(k, t'_1, t'_2)]$$

↑  
disconnected  
diagram energy  
scaling

↑  
propagation

↑  
Spatial  
dependence  
of correlator:  
bubble wall  
spatial  
distribution  
/deformations

← uncertain →

See 0901.1661 and  
Caprini and Durrer 06 for a discussion of  
uncertainties.

## Spectrum shift?

$$\frac{d\rho_{GW}}{d\ln k}|_0 \sim \frac{1}{M_p^2} \left(\frac{a_{PT}}{a}\right)^4 [\rho_B \gamma^2 v_w^2]^2 \int dt'_1 dt'_2 \cos[k(t'_1 - t'_2)] [k^3 P(k, t'_1, t'_2)]$$

What is the characteristic size governing P?

Characteristic size of the colliding region. There are two obvious length scales: duration of the phase transition and the size of the typical bubble.

$$\frac{1}{R} \sim \frac{1}{v_w \Delta t} \propto H \qquad \frac{1}{\Delta t} \propto H$$

$$k^3 P(kR^{(U)}, k\Delta t^{(U)}) \rightarrow k^3 P\left(kR^{(U)} \frac{H^{(U)}}{H^{(Q)}}, k\Delta t^{(U)} \frac{H^{(U)}}{H^{(Q)}}\right)$$

$$k_P \rightarrow k_P \frac{H^{(Q)}}{H^{(U)}}$$

Caveat: other dynamical length scales may exist +  
bubble interactions have been implicitly neglected.



# Estimates

[prelim: with Zhou]

Good news:

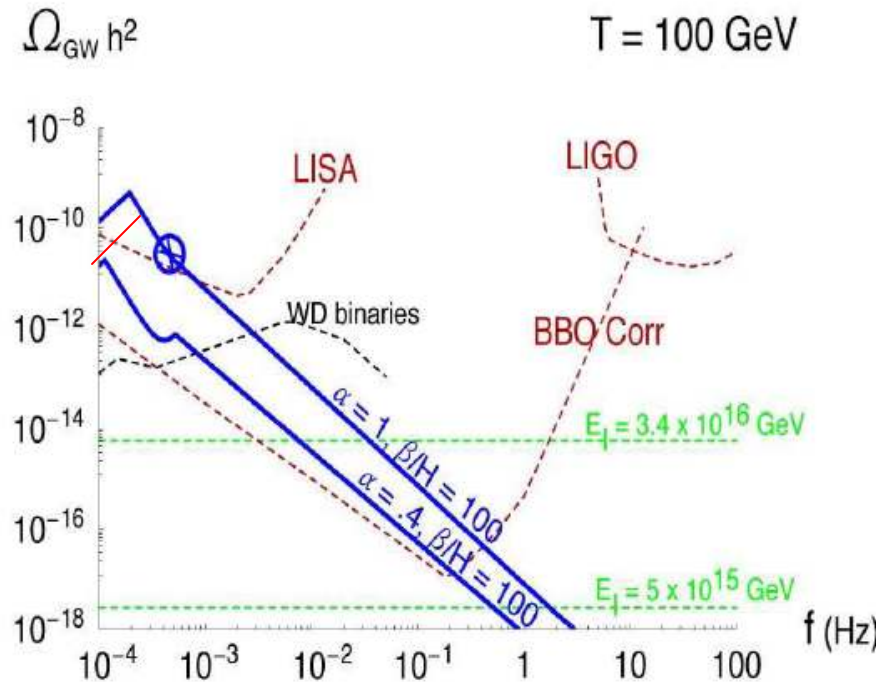
$$f_*^{(Q)} \approx 10^5 \eta_\phi \left( \frac{T_{PT}}{10^2 \text{ GeV}} \right) f_*^{(U)}$$

Sensitive probe

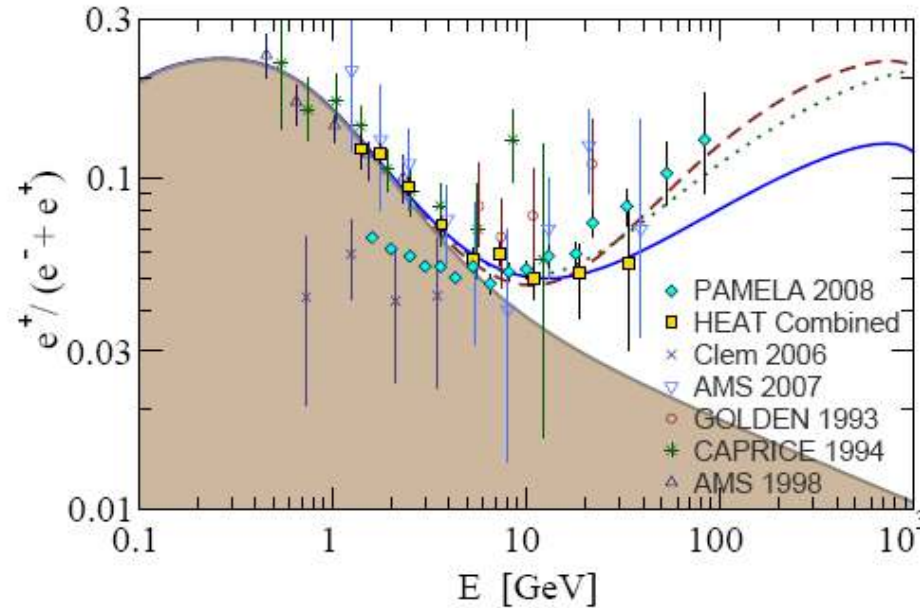
Bad news:

$$\frac{d\rho_{GW}^{(Q)}}{d \ln k} / \frac{d\rho_{GW}^{(U)}}{d \ln k} \Big|_{\text{rising}} \sim \left[ 10^5 \eta_\phi \left( \frac{T_{PT}}{10^2 \text{ GeV}} \right) \right]^{-2}$$

hep-ph/0607107



# Pamela?



[plot from  
0810.2784]

Efficiency of annihilation to explain positron excess gives too low density in standard scenario.  
[Baltz, Edsjo, Freese, Gondolo 01]

This can be evaded by the nonstandard cosmology scenario presented here.

Boost factors of 10-1000 easily achievable.

Problems with antiprotons, but enough uncertainty may exist.

[0812.4555]

[model exploration in progress w/ Everett and Wang]

# Conclusions

- Fine tuned CC conjecture may be testable by combining collider data and cosmology:

$$\frac{\Delta H}{H} \sim \frac{c_1(T)\mu^2}{\lambda g_* T^2}$$

- DM candidate detection at collider presents an interesting new probe of early universe cosmology: examples – CC and quint. kination
- Kination signatures:
  - »  $w'(a) \neq 0$
  - » Discrepancy between colliders and cosmology
  - » No B-mode measurement
  - » GW peak spectral change
  - » Positron excess
  - » EW Baryogenesis