Strongly first-order electroweak phase transition, electroweak sphaleron, and SGWB

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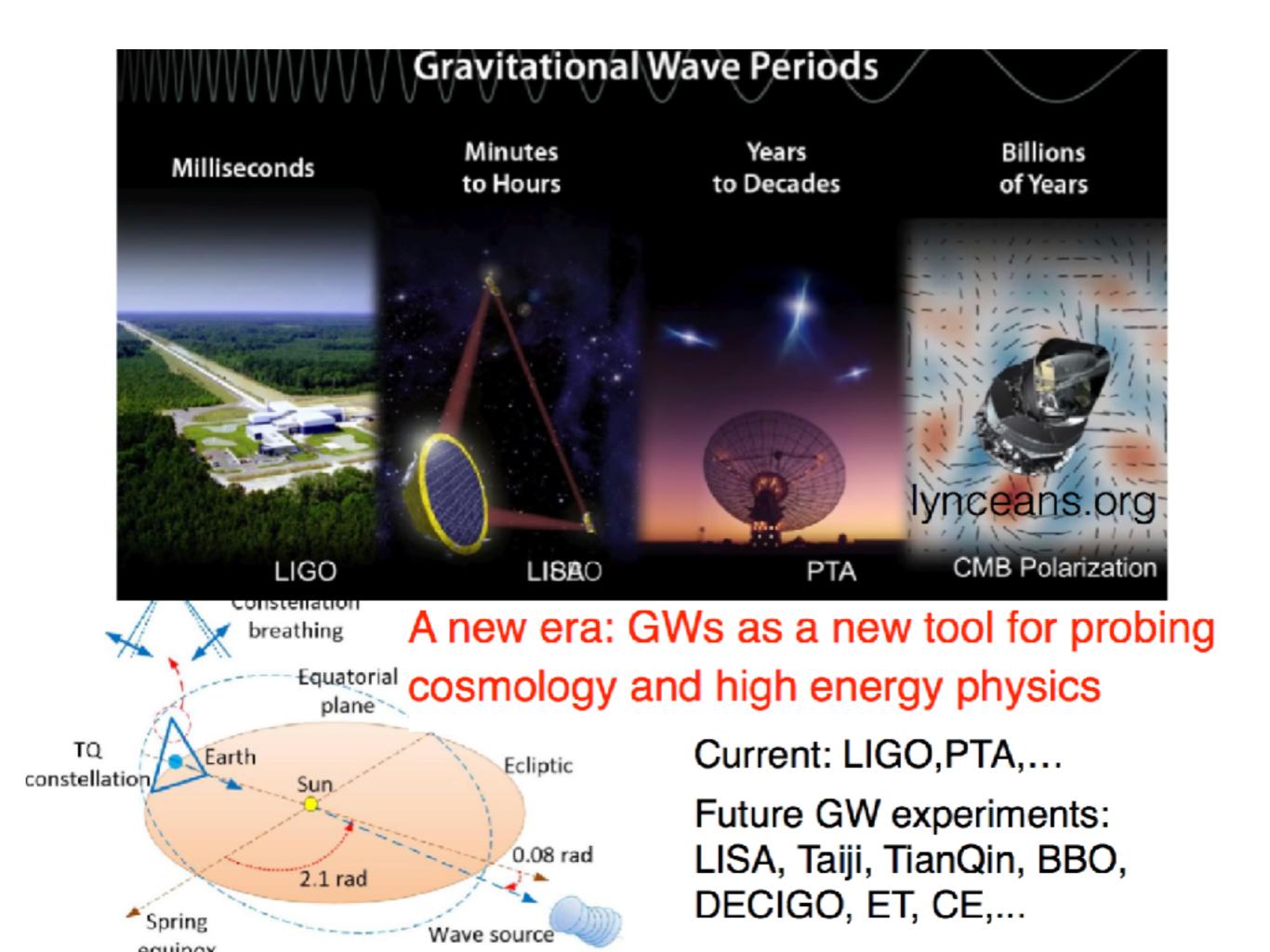
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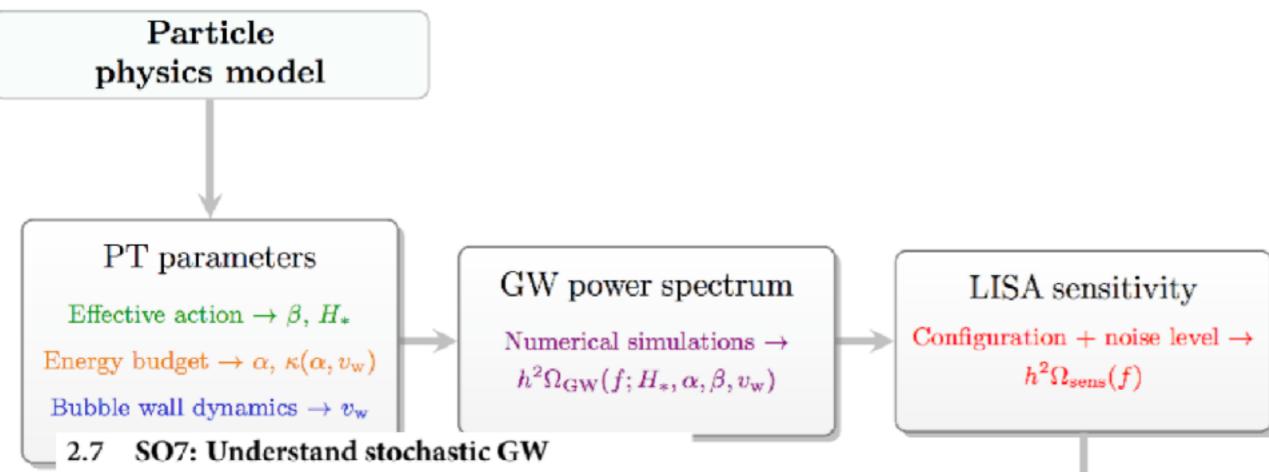
1. GW from Strongly first-order phase transition

2. Strongly first-order electroweak phase transition

3. GWs and sphaleron

4. Related topics





2.7 SO7: Understand stochastic GW backgrounds and their implications for the early Universe and TeV-scale particle physics

One of the LISA goals is the direct detection of a stochastic GW background of cosmological origin (like for example the one produced by a first-order phase transition around the TeV scale) and stochastic fore-grounds. Probing a stochastic GW background of cosmological origin provides information on new physics in the early Universe. The shape of the signal gives an indication of its origin, while an upper limit allows to constrain models of the carly Universe and particle physics beyond the standard model.

Signal-to-noise ratio

$$\mathrm{SNR} = \sqrt{\mathcal{T} \int_{f_{\min}}^{f_{\max}} \mathrm{d}f \left[\frac{h^2 \Omega_{\mathrm{GW}}(f)}{h^2 \Omega_{\mathrm{Sens}}(f)} \right]^2}$$

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GW parameters and FOPT

Bounce solution

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

$$\lim_{r \to \infty} \phi_b = 0 , \qquad \frac{d\phi_b}{dr}|_{r=0} = 0$$

Bubble nucleation: $\Gamma \approx A(T)e^{-S_3/T} \sim 1$

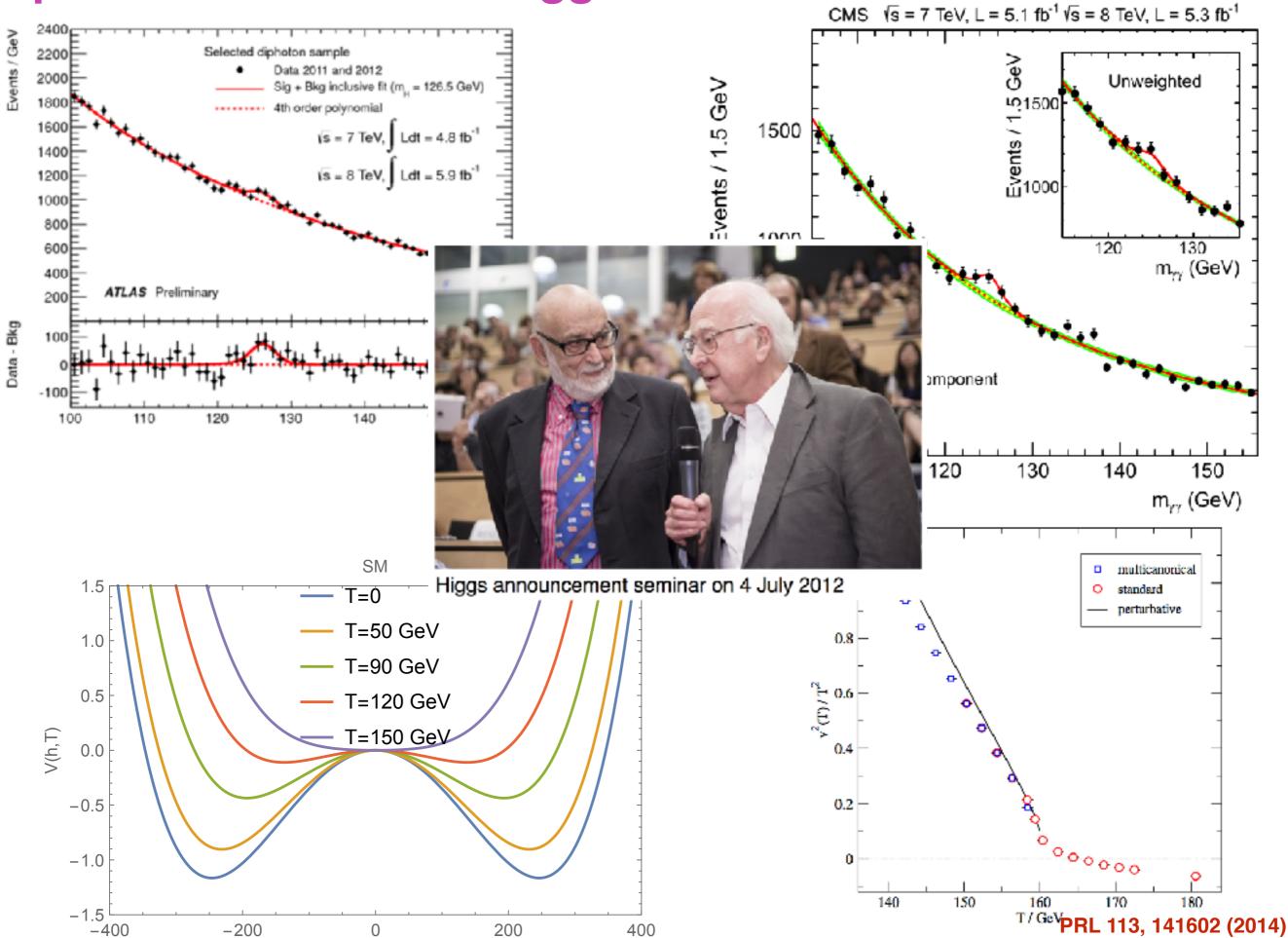
Latent heat:
$$\alpha = \frac{1}{\rho_R} \left[-(V_{\rm EW} - V_f) + T \left(\frac{dV_{\rm EW}}{dT} - \frac{dV_f}{dT} \right) \right] \Big|_{T=T_*}$$

phase transition inverse duration:

$$\frac{\beta}{H_n} = T \frac{d(S_3(T)/T)}{dT}|_{T=T_n}$$

GW from FOPT $\Omega_{\rm GW}(f)h^2 \approx \Omega_{\rm sw}(f)h^2 + \Omega_{\rm turb}(f)h^2$ Sound Wave: $\Omega h_{sw}^2(f) = 2.65 \times 10^{-6} (H_* \tau_{sw}) \left(\frac{\beta}{H}\right)^{-1} v_b \left(\frac{\kappa_{\nu} \alpha}{1+\alpha}\right)^2 \left(\frac{g_*}{100}\right)^{-\frac{1}{3}} \left(\frac{f}{f_{sw}}\right)^3 \left(\frac{7}{4+3 (f/f_{sw})^2}\right)^{1/2}$ Hindmarsh '17 Ellis '18 $au_{sw} = min\left[rac{1}{H_*}, rac{R_*}{U_f} ight], \ H_*R_* = v_b(8\pi)^{1/3}(eta/H)^{-1}$ phase transition duration: 5000 Root-mean-square four-4000 $\bar{U}_f^2 \approx \frac{3}{4} \frac{\kappa_\nu \alpha}{1+\alpha}$ 3000 3/Hⁿ velocity of the plasma 2000 $f_{\rm sw} = 1.9 \times 10^{-5} \frac{\beta}{H} \frac{1}{v_{\star}} \frac{T_{\star}}{100} \left(\frac{g_{\star}}{100}\right)^{\frac{1}{6}} {\rm Hz}$ 1000 $\Omega h_{\rm turb}^2(f) = 3.35 \times 10^{-4} \left(\frac{\beta}{H}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{\epsilon \kappa_{\nu} \alpha}{1+\alpha}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \left(\frac{g_*}{100}\right)^{-\frac{1}{3}} v_b \frac{\left(f/f_{\rm turb}\right)^3 \left(1+f/f_{\rm turb}\right)^{-\frac{11}{3}}}{\left[1+8\pi f a_0/(a,H_*)\right]}$ MHD turbulence: Caprini '09 $f_{\rm turb} = 2.7 \times 10^{-5} \frac{\beta}{H} \frac{1}{v_{\rm b}} \frac{T_*}{100} \left(\frac{g_*}{100}\right)^{\frac{1}{6}} {\rm Hz}$ $\kappa_{\nu}(v_{b}, \alpha)$: the fraction of released energy going to the kinetic energy of the plasma

Implication of 125 GeV Higgs



SM+Scalar Singlet

SM+Scalar Doublet

SM + Scalar Triplet

NMSSM

Composite Higgs

EFT

Espinosa, Quiros 93, Benson 93, Choi, Volkas 93, Vergara 96, Branco, Delepine, Emmanuel- Costa, Gonzalez 98, Ham, Jeong, Oh 04, Ahriche 07, Espinosa, Quiros 07, Profumo, Ramsey-Musolf, Shaughnessy 07, Noble, Perelstein 07, Espinosa, Konstandin, No, Quiros 08, Barger, Langacker, McCaskey, Ramsey-Musolf, Shaughnessy 09, Ashoorioon, Konstandin 09, Das, Fox, Kumar, Weiner 09, Espinosa, Konstandin, Riva 11, Chung, Long 11, Barger, Chung, Long, Wang 12, Huang, Shu, Zhang 12, Fairbairn, Hogan 13, Katz, Perelstein 14, Profumo, Ramsey-Musolf, Wainwright, Winslow 14, Jiang, Bian, Huang, Shu 15, Kozaczuk 15, Cline, Kainulainen, Tucker-Smith 17, Kurup, Perelstein 17, Chen, Kozaczuk, Lewis 17, Cheng, Bian 17, Bian, Tang 18, Chen, Li, Wu, Bian, 19...

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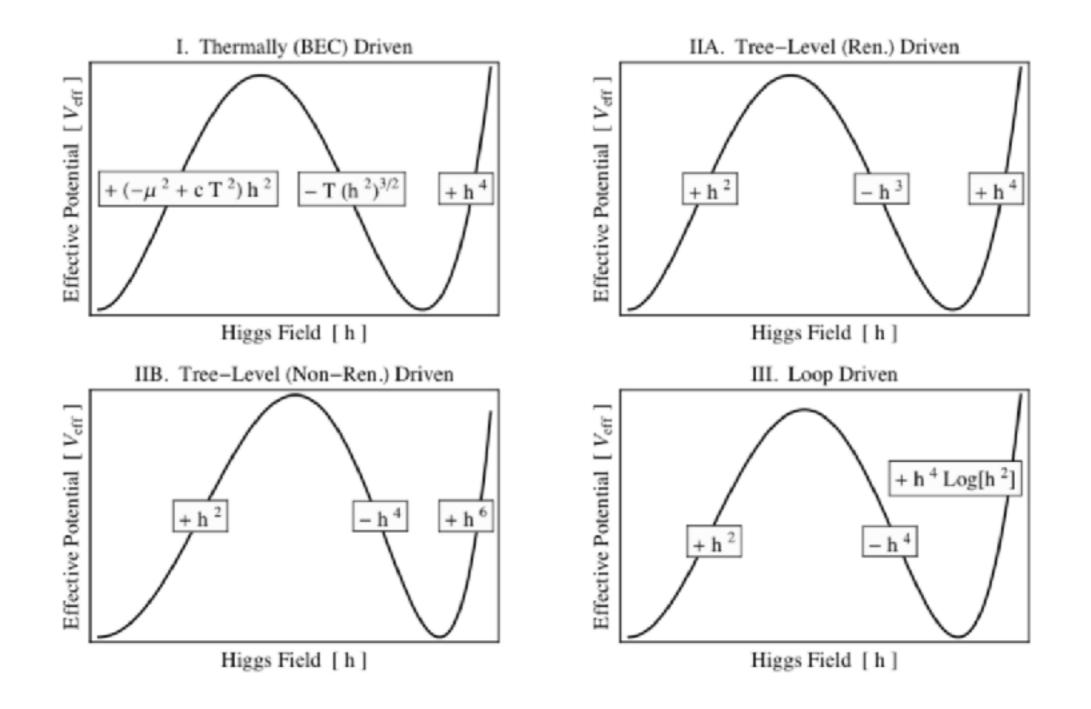
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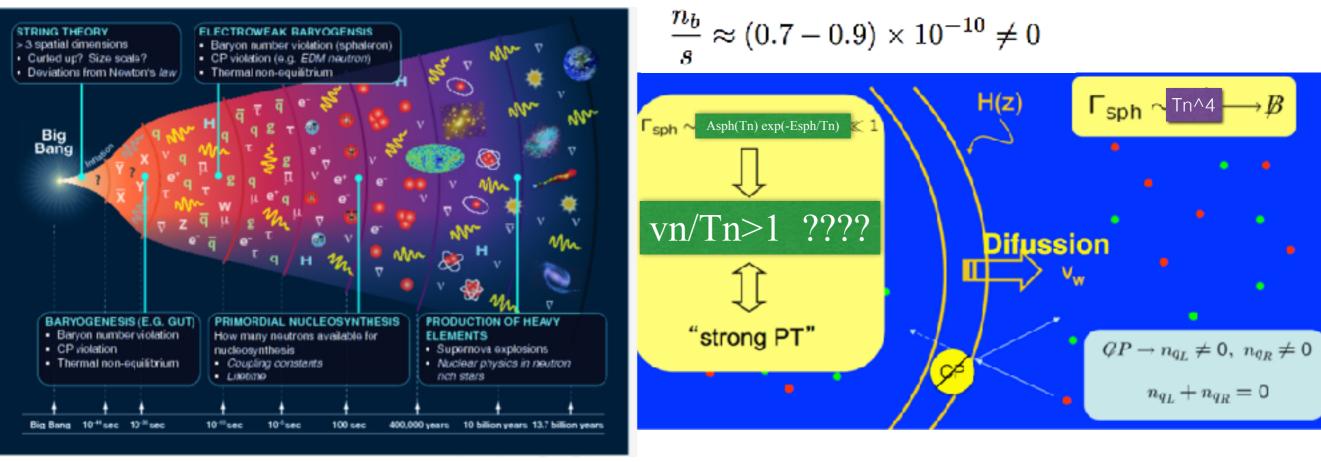
BSM for EWPT

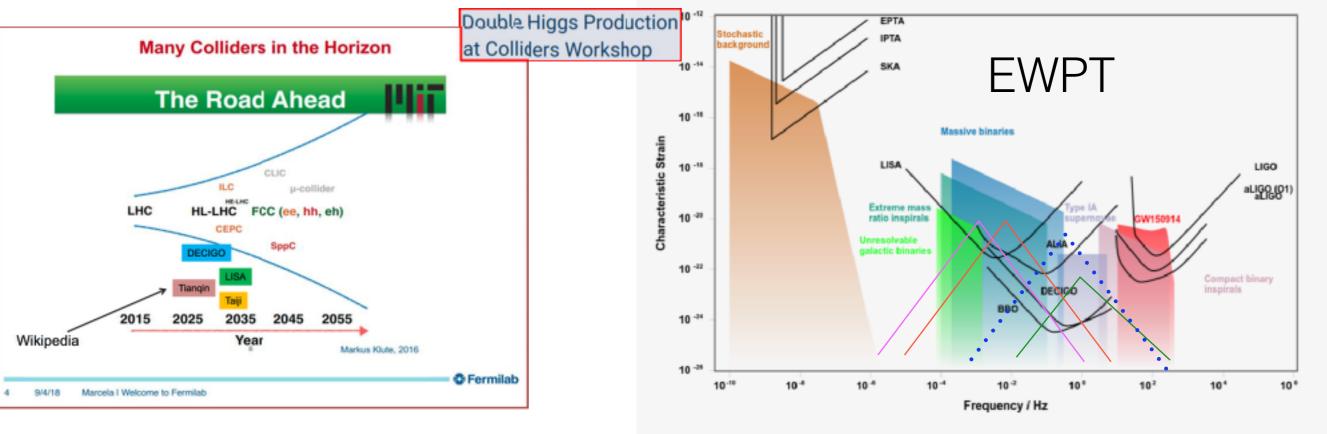
Model classes for catalyzing a strongly first order electroweak phase transition



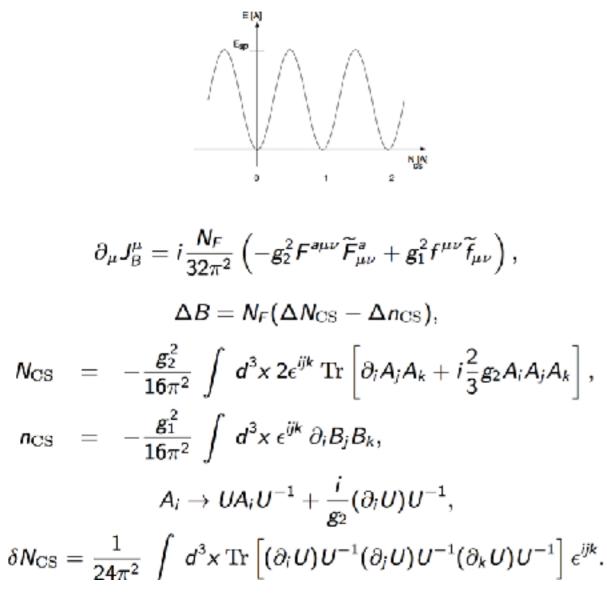
Tn~ 10^2 GeV

Why SFOEWPT

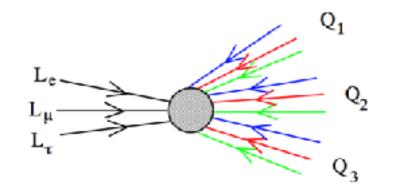




C J Moore et al. Class. Quantum Grav. 32 (2015) 015014.



The Standard Model already contains a process that violates B-number. It is known as the electroweak sphaleron ("sphaleros" is Greek for "ready to fall").



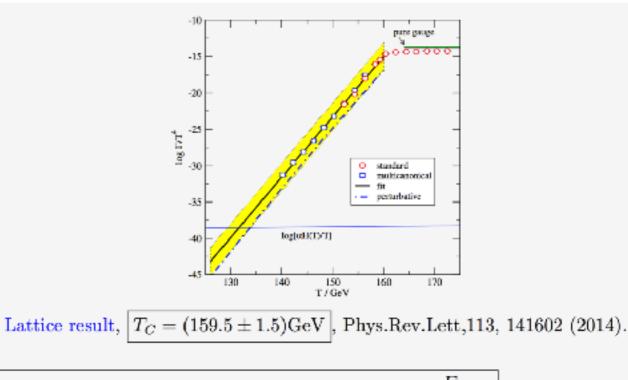
Klinkhammer & Manton (1984); Kuzmin, Rubakov, & Shaposhnikov (1985); Harvey & Turner (1990) but also identified earlier by Dashen, Hasslacher, & Neveu (1974) and Boguta (1983)

Sphaleron decay rate

$$\Gamma/V = \frac{\omega_{-}}{2\pi} \mathcal{N}_{tr} (\mathcal{N}V)_{rot} \left[\frac{\alpha_{W}T}{4\pi} \right]^{3} \alpha_{3}^{-6} e^{-E_{sp}/T} \kappa$$

w-: negative-mode frequency, rate of decay in small fluctuations around the sphaleronk: the sphaleron zero modes

Ntr and Nrot are the translations and rotations of the sphaleron of these zero mode. PETER ARNOLD AND LARRY MCLERRAN, 1987



$$\Gamma^{\text{sym}} \approx 6 \times (18 \pm 3) \alpha_W^5 T^4, \qquad \Gamma^{\text{brok}} \sim T^4 \exp(-\frac{E_{\text{sph}}}{T})$$

BNPC, v/T and EW sphaleron

Xucheng Gan, Andrew J. Long, Lian-Tao Wang, 17'

$$PT_{sph} \equiv \frac{E_{sph}(T)}{T} - 7\ln\frac{v(T)}{T} + \ln\frac{T}{100 \text{ GeV}}$$

SFOEWPT condition

 $PT_{sph} > (35.9 - 42.8)$

Hiren H. Patel and Michael J. Ramsey-Musolf, 15'

Class IIB Dim. six operator, SMEFT

Higgs potential
$$V(H) = -m^2(H^{\dagger}H) + \lambda (H^{\dagger}H)^2 + \frac{(H^{\dagger}H)^3}{\Lambda^2}$$

Finite temperature potential
$$V_T(h,T) = V(h) + \frac{1}{2}c_{hT}h^2$$

Thermal correction
$$c_{hT} = (4y_t^2 + 3g_{_{-}}^2 + g'^2 + 8\lambda)T^2/16$$

Electroweak minimum $\Lambda \geq v^2/m_h$ being the global one

Potential barrier requirement $\Lambda < \sqrt{3}v^2/m_h$

Class IIA (1) no extra EWSB: xSM

For the "xSM" model, the gauge invariant finite temperature effective potential is found to be:

$$V(h,s,T) = -\frac{1}{2} [\mu^2 - \Pi_h(T)] h^2 - \frac{1}{2} [-b_2 - \Pi_s(T)] s^2 + \frac{1}{4} \lambda h^4 + \frac{1}{4} a_1 h^2 s + \frac{1}{4} a_2 h^2 s^2 + \frac{b_3}{3} s^3 + \frac{b_4}{4} s^4,$$
(C1)

with the thermal masses given by

$$\Pi_{h}(T) = \left(\frac{2m_{W}^{2} + m_{Z}^{2} + 2m_{I}^{2}}{4v^{2}} + \frac{\lambda}{2} + \frac{a_{2}}{24}\right)T^{2},$$
PT strength

$$\Pi_{s}(T) = \left(\frac{a_{2}}{6} + \frac{b_{4}}{4}\right)T^{2},$$

$$v^{xSM}/T \equiv \frac{v_{h}(T)}{T} = \frac{\sqrt{v_{h}^{2}(T) + v_{s}^{2}(T)}\cos\theta(T)}{T},$$

$$\cos\theta(T) \equiv \frac{v_{h}(T)}{\sqrt{v_{h}^{2}(T) + v_{s}^{2}(T)}},$$
For small mixing limit between the extra Higgs and the SM Higgs, one have
$$c_{4}^{xSM} = -\frac{a_{1}^{2} - 8b_{2}\lambda}{32b_{2}} + \frac{\theta^{2}(a_{1}^{2}(6b_{2} - \mu^{2}) - 8a_{1}b_{2}b_{3} + 8b_{2}^{2}(a_{2} - 2\lambda))}{32b_{2}^{2}} + O(\theta^{3})$$

$$c_{6}^{xSM} = -\frac{a_{1}^{2}(a_{1}b_{3} - 3a_{2}b_{2})}{192b_{3}^{2}} - \frac{\theta^{2}a_{1}}{256b_{4}^{2}}(a_{1}^{3}b_{2} + 4a_{1}^{2}b_{3}(\mu^{2} - 3b_{2}) + O(\theta^{3})$$

$$e_{8}^{xSM} = \frac{a_{1}^{4}b_{4}}{1024b_{4}^{4}} + \frac{a_{1}^{2}\theta^{2}}{1024b_{5}^{2}}(a_{1}(a_{2}b_{2} + 4b_{4}(\mu^{2} - 3b_{2})) + 16b_{2}b_{3}b_{4}) + O(\theta^{3})$$

Class III 2HDM Finite-T potential in 2HDM

 $V(h_1, h_2, T) = V_0(h_1, h_2) + V_{CW}(h_1, h_2) + V_{CT}(h_1, h_2) + V_{th}(h_1, h_2, T) + V_{daisy}(h_1, h_2, T)$

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$$V_0(h_1, h_2) = \frac{1}{2} m_{12}^2 t_\beta \left(h_1 - h_2 t_\beta^{-1} \right)^2 - \frac{v^2}{4} \frac{\lambda_1 h_1^2 + \lambda_2 h_2^2 t_\beta^2}{1 + t_\beta^2} - \frac{v^2}{4} \frac{\lambda_{345} (h_1^2 t_\beta^2 + h_2^2)}{1 + t_\beta^2} + \frac{1}{8} \lambda_1 h_1^4 + \frac{1}{8} \lambda_2 h_2^4 + \frac{1}{4} \lambda_{345} h_1^2 h_2^2$$

One-loop at zero temperature:

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$$V_{\rm CW}(h_1, h_2) = \sum_i (-1)^{2s_i} n_i \frac{\hat{m}_i^4(h_1, h_2)}{64\pi^2} \left[\ln\left(\frac{\hat{m}_i^2(h_1, h_2)}{Q^2}\right) - C_i \right] \text{[Coleman, Weinberg '73]}$$

One-loop at finite temperature:

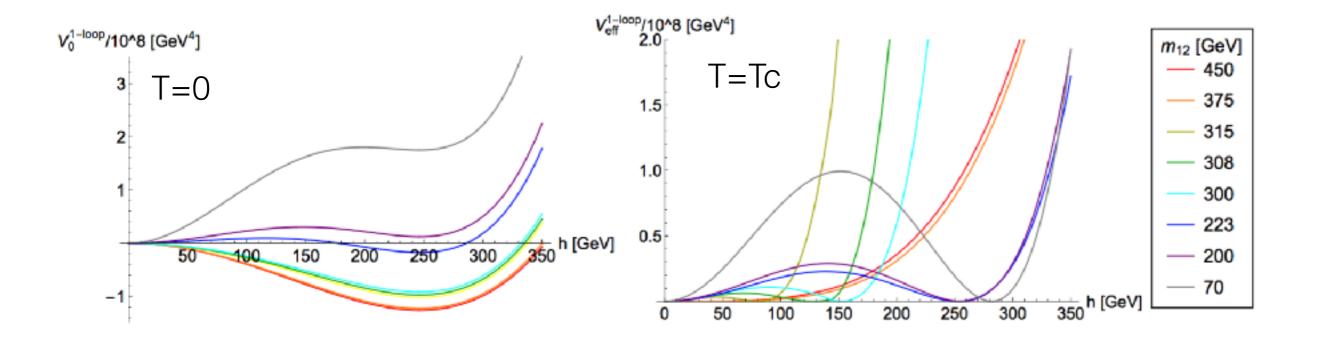
$$V_{\rm th}(h_1, h_2, T) = \frac{T^4}{2\pi^2} \sum_i n_i J_{B,F}\left(\frac{m_i^2(h_1, h_2)}{T^2}\right) \qquad \text{[Dolan, Jackiw '74]}$$

$$J_{B,F}(y) = \mp \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\pm 1)^l y}{l^2} K_2(\sqrt{y}l) \qquad \text{[Anderson, Halle '92]}$$

$$V_{\text{daisy}}(h_1, h_2, T) = -\frac{T}{12\pi} \sum_i n_i \left[\left(M_i^2(h_1, h_2, T) \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} - \left(m_i^2(h_1, h_2) \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \right]$$

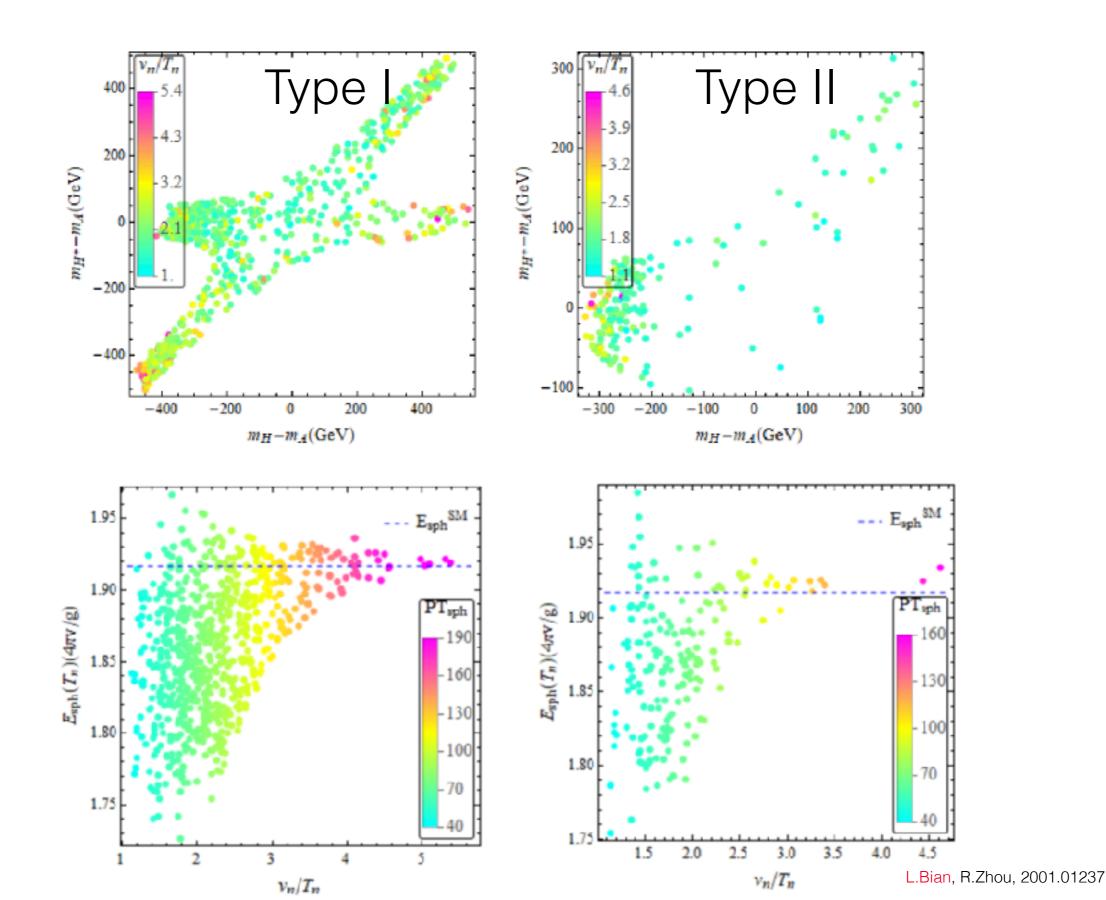
Jérémy Bernon, Ligong Bian, Yun Jiang, JHEP 05 (2018) 151 [Carrington '92; Arnold, Espinosa '93; Delaunay, Grojean, Wells '07]

Class III 2HDM The potential shape

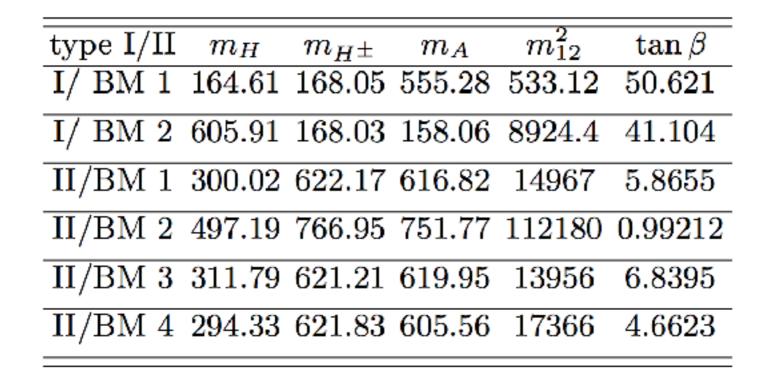


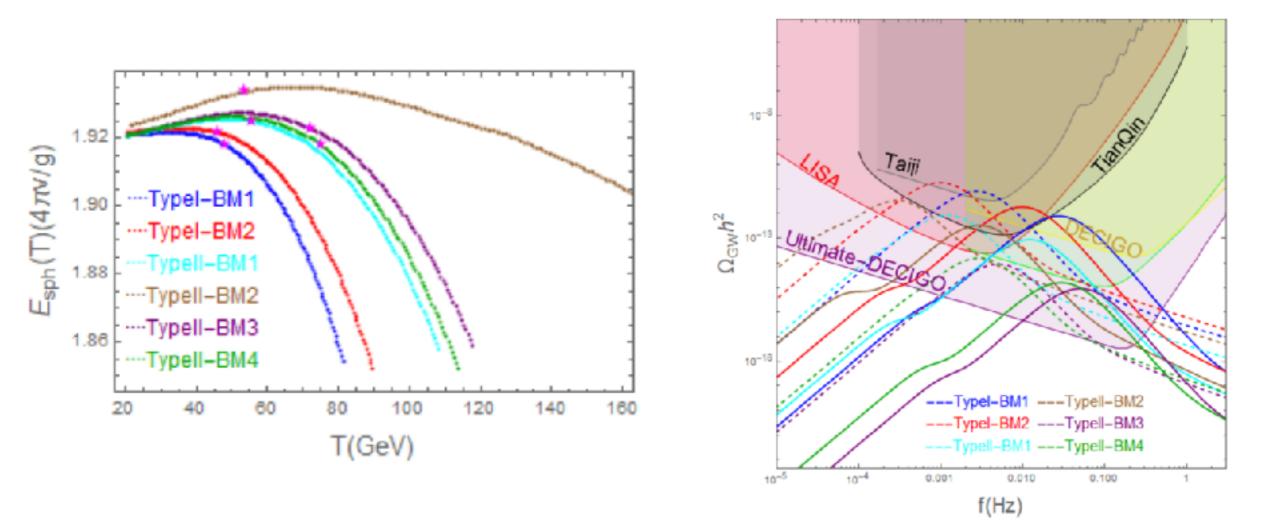
 $m_{H^{\pm}}$ = m_A = m_H = 600 GeV, tan β = 1 and sin(β – α) = 1

Class III 2HDM Sphaleron energy and SFOEWPT condition

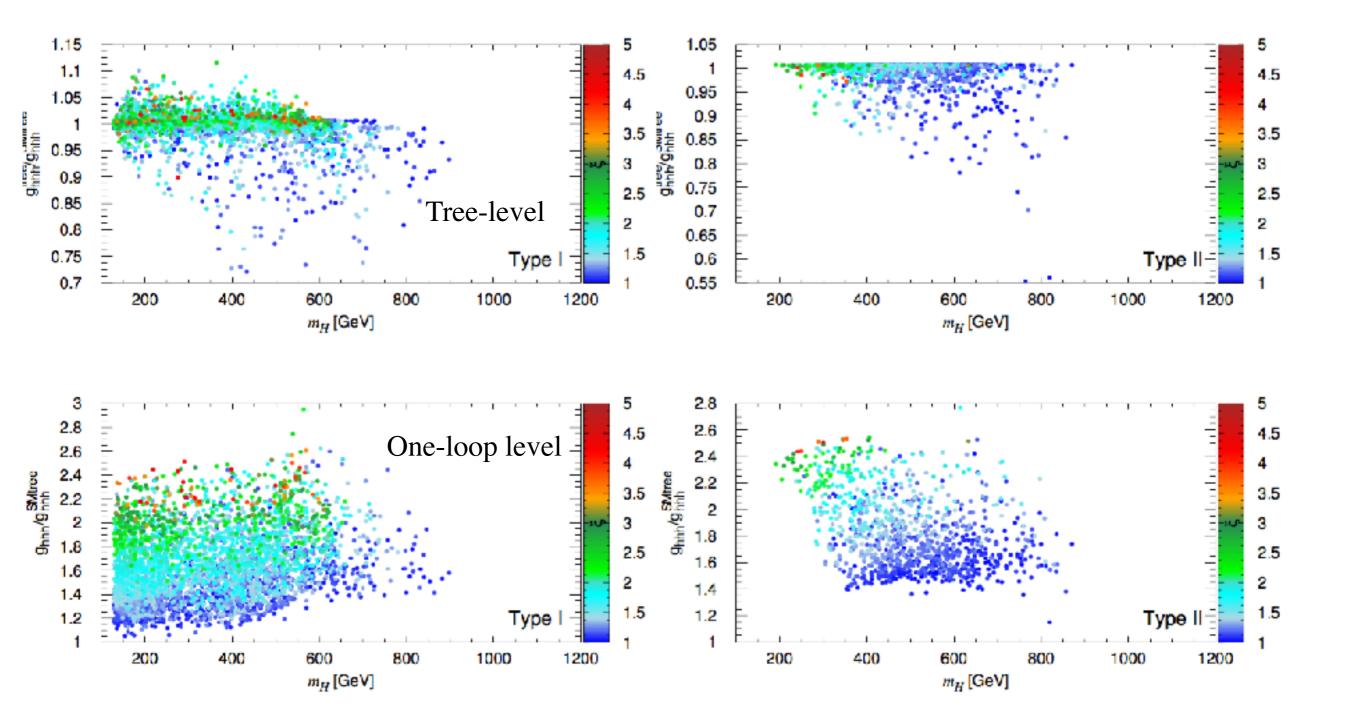


Sphaleron and GWs



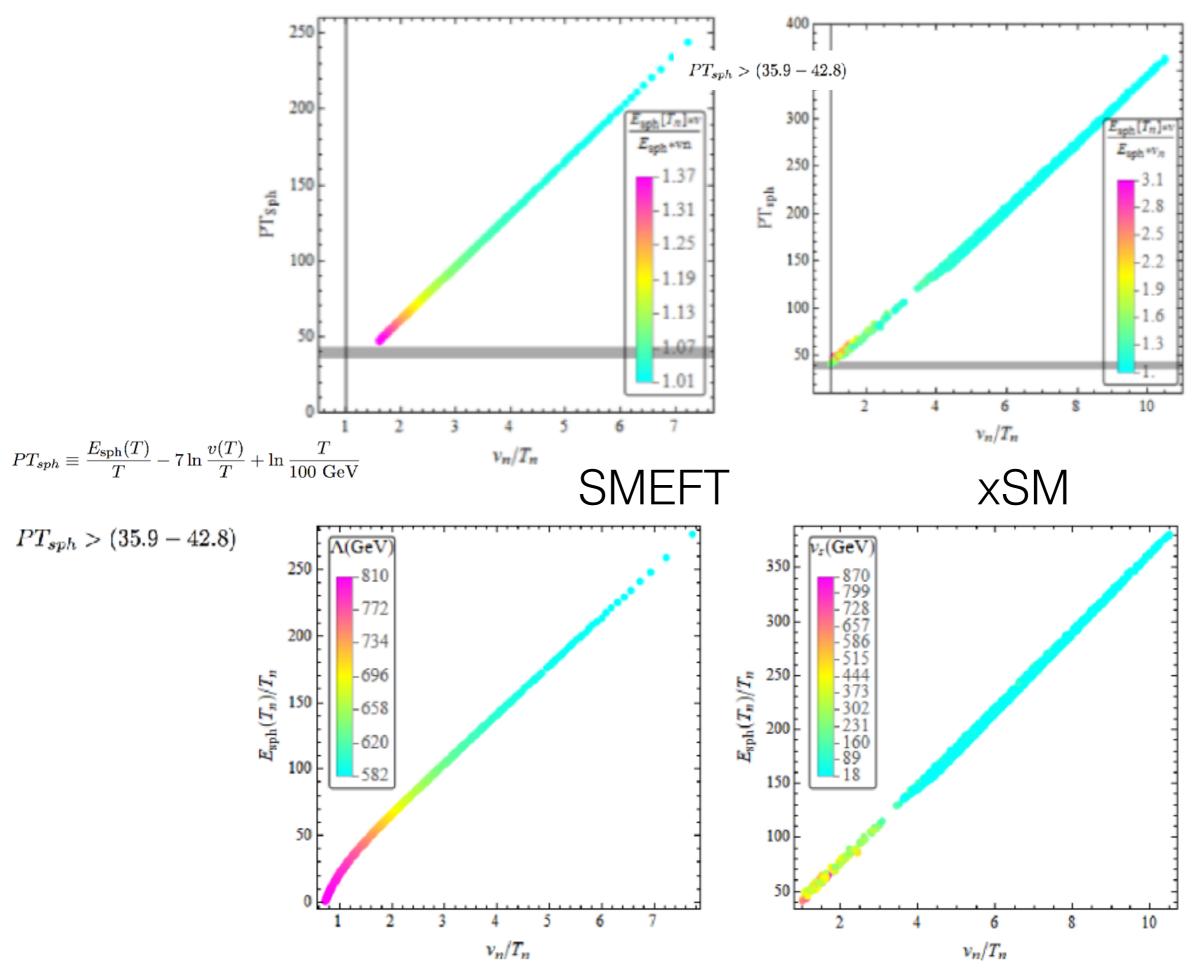


Class III 2HDM Triple Higgs coupling

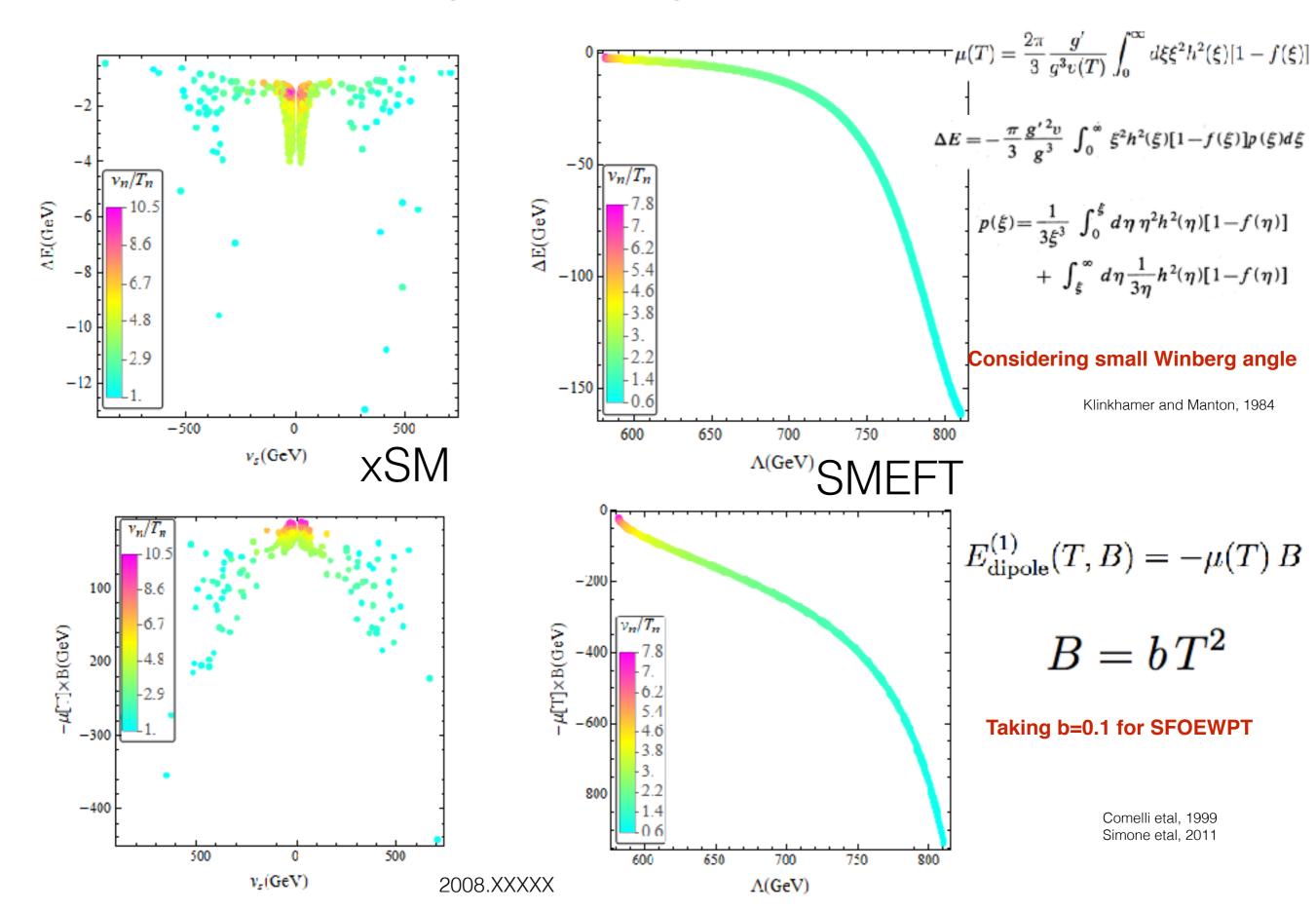


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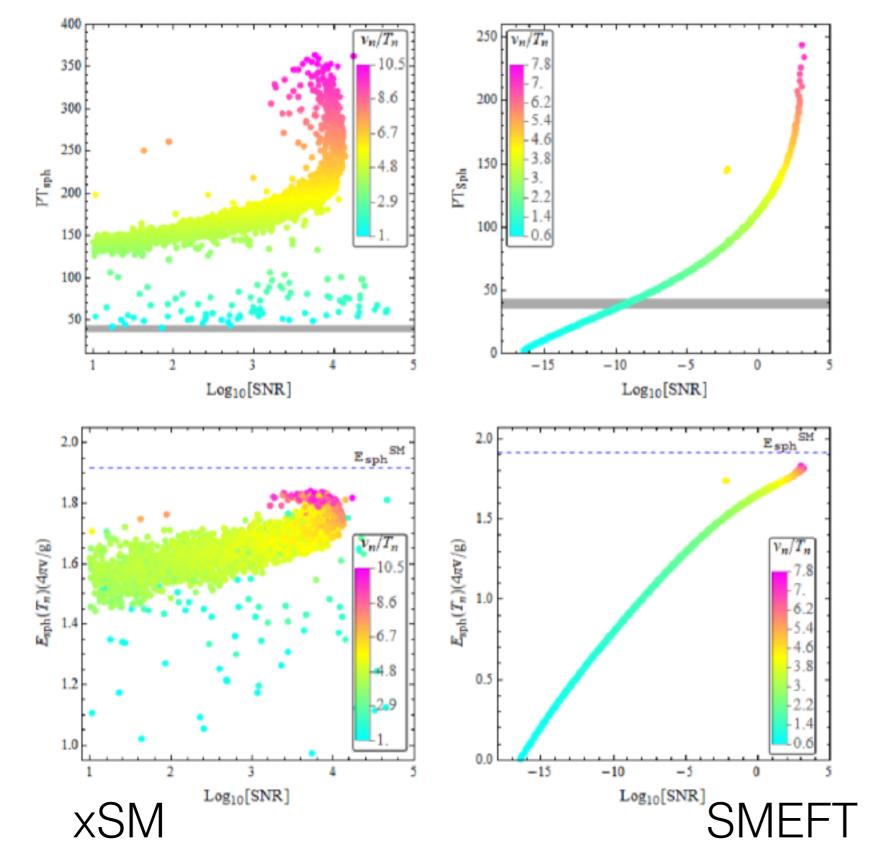
Sphaleron energy and SFOEWPT condition



Sphaleron energy and magnetic dipole moment



Portray sphaleron with GW ???



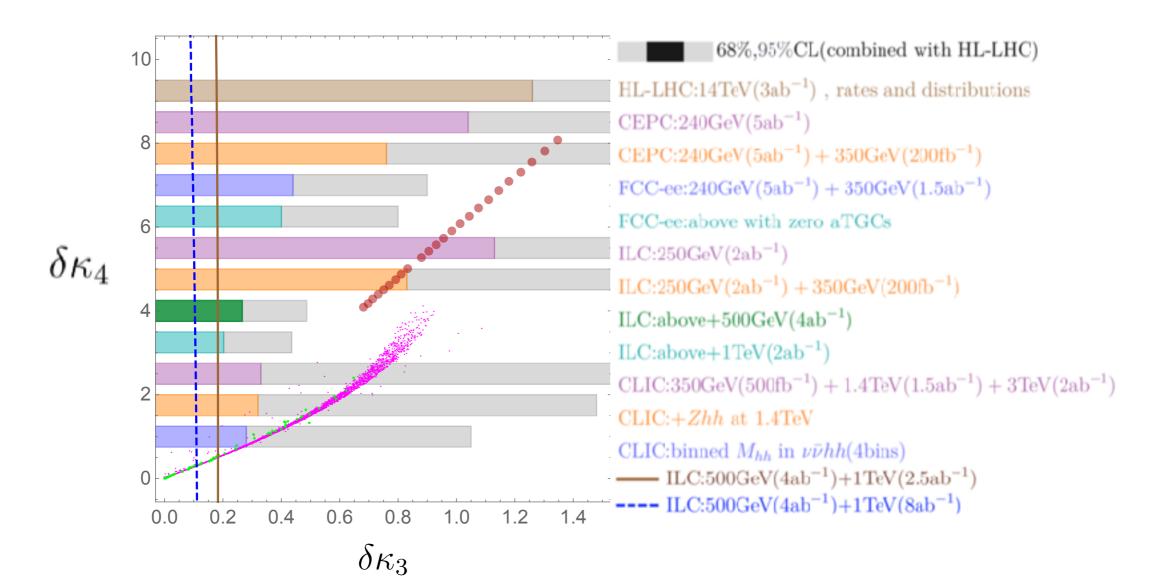
Gravitational waves can be searched for by cross-correlating outputs from two or more detectors, with the resulting signal-to- noise ratio(SNR)

 $\mathrm{SNR} = \sqrt{\mathcal{T} \int df \left[\frac{h^2 \Omega_{\mathrm{GW}}(f)}{h^2 \Omega_{\mathrm{exp}}(f)}\right]^2}$

where T is the duration of the data in years and Ω exp the power spectral density of the detector.

L. Bian, H. Guo, R.Zhou, Phys. Rev. D 101 (2020) 9, 091903

Triple and quartic Higgs coupling deviation, GW



$$\Delta \mathcal{L} = -rac{1}{2} rac{m_h^2}{v} (1 + \delta \kappa_3) h^3 - rac{1}{8} rac{m_h^2}{v^2} (1 + \delta \kappa_4) h^4$$

$$\delta \kappa_3^{h^6} = \frac{2v^4}{\Lambda^2 m_h^2} , \delta \kappa_4^{h^6} = \frac{12v^4}{\Lambda^2 m_h^2} \qquad \qquad \delta \kappa_3^{\text{xSM}} = \alpha^2 \left[-\frac{3}{2} + \frac{2m_H^2 - 2b_3 v_s - 4b_4 v_s^2}{m_h^2} \right] \\ \delta \kappa_4^{\text{xSM}} = \alpha^2 \left[-3 + \frac{5m_H^2 - 4b_3 v_s - 8b_4 v_s^2}{m_h^2} \right]$$

Related interesting topics

1 Dark matter with phase transition

1712.03962, Michael J. Baker et al.

1810.03172, L.Bian, Y. Tang

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- Leptogenesis with phase transition

A. strumia, T. Hambye, ...

3 Wall velocity

T.Konstandin, G. Moore, J Kozaczuk, ...

Nonperturbative evaluation of EWPT

Kari Rummukainen, Anders Tranberg, Michael Ramsey-Musolf, Lauri Niemi, M. Laine, ...

5 Sphaleron calculation and simulations

Manton, Klinkhamer, L. Carson, L. Mclerran, G. D. Moore, Mark Hindmarsh, X.M.Zhang, L. Wang, L.Bian,... Thanks!

GW sources

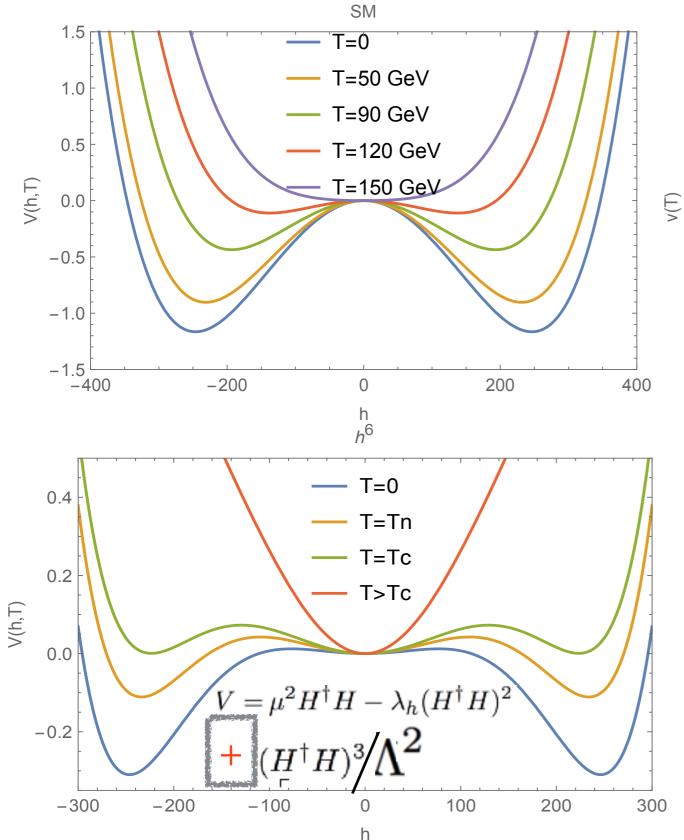
$$\Omega_{\rm GW}(f) = \begin{cases} \Omega_{\rm GW*} \left(\frac{f}{f_*}\right)^{n_{\rm GW1}} & \text{for } f < f_*, \\ \\ \Omega_{\rm GW*} \left(\frac{f}{f_*}\right)^{n_{\rm GW2}} & \text{for } f > f_*, \end{cases}$$

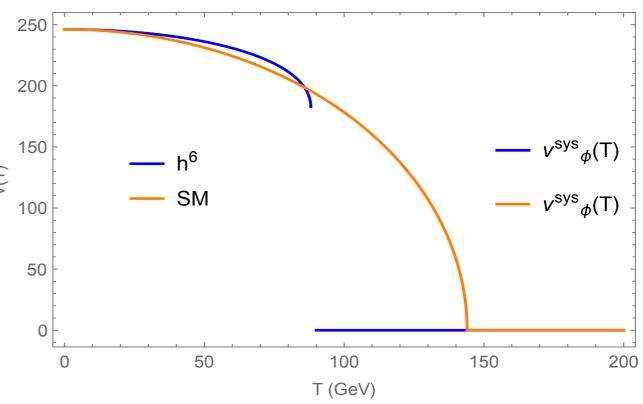
Table 1. Cosmological GW sources

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source	$n_{\rm GW1}$	$n_{\rm GW2}$	f_{\star} [Hz]	Ω_{GW}
Phase transition (bubble collision)	2.8	$^{-2}$	$\sim 10^{-5} \left(rac{f_{ m PT}}{eta} ight) \left(rac{eta}{H_{ m PT}} ight) \left(rac{T_{ m PT}}{100~{ m GeV}} ight)$	$\sim 10^{-5} \left(rac{H_{ m PT}}{eta} ight)^2 \left(rac{\kappa_\phi lpha}{1+lpha} ight)^2 \left(rac{0.11 v_w^3}{0.42+v_w^2} ight)$
Phase transition (turbulence)	3	-5/3	$\sim 3\times 10^{-5} \left(\frac{1}{v_w}\right) \left(\frac{\beta}{H_{\rm PT}}\right) \left(\frac{T_{\rm PT}}{100~{\rm GeV}}\right)$	$\sim 3 \times 10^{-4} \left(\frac{H_{\rm PT}}{\beta}\right) \left(\frac{\kappa_{\rm turb} \alpha}{1+\alpha}\right)^{3/2} v_w$
Phase transition (sound waves)	3	-4	$\sim 2\times 10^{-5} \left(\frac{1}{v_w}\right) \left(\frac{\beta}{H_{\rm PT}}\right) \left(\frac{T_{\rm PT}}{100~{\rm GeV}}\right)$	$\sim 3 \times 10^{-6} \left(\frac{H_{\rm PT}}{\beta} \right) \left(\frac{\kappa_v \alpha}{1 + \alpha} \right)^2 v_w$
Preheating $(\lambda \phi^4)$	3	cutoff	$\sim 10^7$	$\sim 10^{-11} \left(\frac{g^2/\lambda}{100}\right)^{-0.5}$
Preheating (hybrid)	2	cutoff	$\sim rac{g}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \lambda^{1/4} 10^{10.25}$	$\sim 10^{-5} \left(rac{\lambda}{g^2} ight)^{1.16} \left(rac{v}{M_{ m pl}} ight)^2$
Cosmic strings (loops 1)	[1, 2]	[-1, -0.1]	$\sim 3 \times 10^{-8} \left(\frac{G\mu}{10^{-11}} \right)^{-1}$ $\sim 3 \times 10^{-8} \left(\frac{G\mu}{10^{-11}} \right)^{-1}$	$\sim 10^{-9} \left(\frac{G\mu}{10^{-12}} \right) \left(\frac{\alpha_{\text{loop}}}{10^{-1}} \right)^{-1/2} \text{ (for } \alpha_{\text{loop}} \gg \Gamma G\mu \text{)}$
Cosmic strings (loops 2)	[-1, -0.1]	0	$\sim 3 \times 10^{-8} \left(\frac{G\mu}{10^{-11}} \right)^{-1}$	$\sim 10^{-9.5} \left(\frac{G\mu}{10^{-12}} \right) \left(\frac{\alpha_{\text{loop}}}{10^{-1}} \right)^{-1/2} (\text{for } \alpha_{\text{loop}} \gg \Gamma G \mu)$
Cosmic strings (infinite strings)	[0, 0.2]	[0, 0.2]		$\sim 10^{-[11,13]} \left(\frac{G\mu}{10^{-8}}\right)$
Domain walls	3	-1	$\sim 10^{-9} \left(\frac{T_{\mathrm{ann}}}{10^{-2} \mathrm{GeV}} \right)$	$\sim 10^{-17} \left(\frac{\sigma}{1 { m TeV}^3} \right)^2 \left(\frac{T_{\rm ann}}{10^{-2} { m GeV}} \right)^{-4}$
Self-ordering scalar fields	0	0	_	$\sim rac{511}{N} \Omega_{ m rad} \left(rac{v}{M_{ m pl}} ight)^4$
Self-ordering scalar $+$ reheating	0	$^{-2}$	$\sim 0.4 \left(\frac{T_R}{10^7 \text{ GeV}} \right)$	$\sim \frac{511}{N} \Omega_{\rm rad} \left(\frac{v}{M_{\rm pl}} \right)^4$
Magnetic fields	3	$lpha_B+1$	$\sim 10^{-6} \left(\frac{T_*}{10^2 \text{GeV}} \right)$	$\sim 10^{-16} \left(\frac{B}{10^{-10} \mathrm{G}} \right)$
Inflation+reheating	~ 0	$^{-2}$	$\sim 0.3 \left(\frac{T_R}{10^7 \text{ GeV}} \right)$	$\sim 2 \times 10^{-17} \left(\frac{r}{0.01} \right)$
Inflation+kination	~ 0	1	$\sim 0.3 \left(rac{T_R}{10^7 { m GeV}} ight) \ \sim 0.3 \left(rac{T_R}{10^7 { m GeV}} ight)$	$\sim 2 imes 10^{-17} \left(rac{r}{0.01} ight)$
Particle prod. during inf.	-2ϵ	$-4\epsilon(4\pi\xi-6)(\epsilon-\eta)$		$\sim 2 \times 10^{-17} \left(\frac{r}{0.01} \right)$
2nd-order (inflation)	1	drop-off	$\sim 7 \times 10^5 \left(\frac{T_{\rm reh}}{10^9 { m ~GeV}} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{M_{\rm inf}}{10^{16} { m ~GeV}} \right)^{2/3}$	$\sim 2 \times 10^{-17} \left(\frac{1}{0.01}\right)$ $\sim 2 \times 10^{-17} \left(\frac{r}{0.01}\right)$ $\sim 10^{-12} \left(\frac{T_{\rm reh}}{10^9 {\rm GeV}}\right)^{-4/3} \left(\frac{M_{\rm inf}}{10^{16} {\rm GeV}}\right)^{4/3}$ $\sim 7 \times 10^{-9} \left(\frac{A^2}{10^{-3}}\right)^2$
2nd-order (PBHs)	2	drop-off	$\sim 4 \times 10^{-2} \left(\frac{M_{\rm PBH}}{10^{20} { m g}} \right)^{-1/2}$	$\sim 7 \times 10^{-9} \left(\frac{\mathcal{A}^2}{10^{-3}} \right)^2$
Pre-Big-Bang	3	$3-2\mu$		$\sim 1.4 \times 10^{-6} \left(\frac{H_s}{0.15 M_{\rm pl}} \right)^4$

Higgs Potential Shape??? EFT or ??? First or second order





Grojean, Servant, Wells 05, P. Huang, Jokelar, Li, Wagner (2015) F.P. Huang, Gu, Yin, Yu, Zhang (2015) F.P. Huang, Wan, Wang, Cai, Zhang (2016) Cao, F.P. Huang,

Xie, & Zhang (2017)

LHC say the quantum fluctuation (quadratic oscillation) around h=v with mh=126 GeV, not sensitive to the specifically potential shape

$$A_i(r,\theta,\phi) = -\frac{i}{g}f(r)\partial_i U(\theta,\phi)(U(\theta,\phi))^{-1}, \quad (11)$$

$$\Phi_1(r,\theta,\phi) = \frac{v_1}{\sqrt{2}} h_1(r) U(\theta,\phi) \begin{pmatrix} 0\\1 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad (12)$$

$$\Phi_2(r,\theta,\phi) = \frac{v_2}{\sqrt{2}} h_2(r) U(\theta,\phi) \begin{pmatrix} 0\\1 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad (13)$$

where A_i are SU(2) gauge fields, $A_i = \frac{1}{2}A_i^a \tau^a$, $v = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2}$, and $U(\theta, \phi)$ is defined as

$$U(\theta,\phi) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & e^{i\phi}\sin\theta \\ -e^{-i\phi}\sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{pmatrix}, \quad (14)$$

Adopting the $A_0 = 0$ gauge, the Electroweak sphaleron energy function can be obtained as:

$$\begin{split} E_{\rm sph}[f,h_1,h_2] &= \frac{4\pi v}{g} \int_0^\infty d\xi \, \left[4 \left(\frac{df}{d\xi} \right)^2 + \frac{8}{\xi^2} (f-f^2)^2 \right. \\ &+ \frac{\xi^2}{2} \frac{v_1^2}{v^2} \left(\frac{dh_1}{d\xi} \right)^2 + \frac{\xi^2}{2} \frac{v_2^2}{v^2} \left(\frac{dh_2}{d\xi} \right)^2 \\ &+ \left(\frac{v_1^2}{v^2} h_1^2 + \frac{v_2^2}{v^2} h_2^2 \right) (1-f)^2 \\ &+ \frac{\xi^2}{g^2 v^4} V(h_1,h_2) \right], \end{split}$$
(15)