

Asymptotically safe dark matter with gauged baryon number

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Asymptotic Safety and Quantum Field Theory

- Asymptotic safety is a framework that can reduce the number of free parameters in a model to only those that can be extrapolated to arbitrarily high energy scales
- Renormalization Group Equations (RGEs) govern the dependence of couplings on energy scale

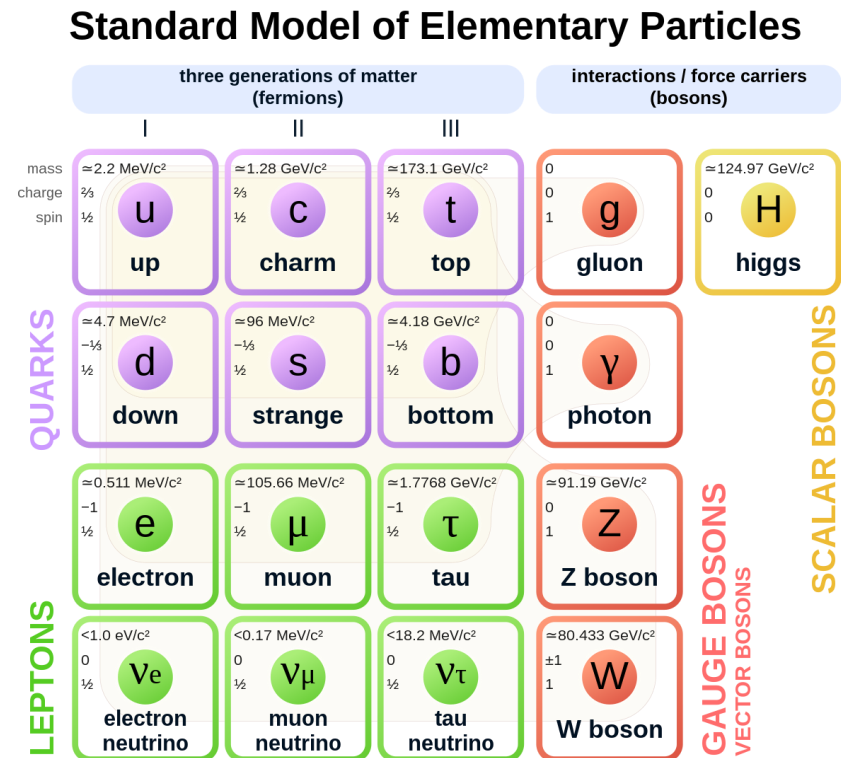
$$\frac{dg}{d\log(\mu)} \equiv \beta(g) \equiv \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(4\pi)^{2l}} \beta^{(l)}(g)$$

- A theory is asymptotically safe if one or more couplings in the theory flow to non-trivial ultraviolet fixed points and all others flow to zero



Why Extend the Standard Model?

- The hypercharge gauge coupling has a Landau pole (blows up at some scale)
- No dark matter candidate
- Assuring proton stability if quantum gravitational effects violate global symmetries
- Idea: Change the baryon number symmetry from a global symmetry to a gauge symmetry



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A Gauged Baryon Number Model

- Standard model particles + right-handed neutrinos
- 3 new generations of Dirac, vector-like fermions
- 1 new Dirac, vector-like fermion, χ
- 1 new vector boson
- 1 new complex scalar boson, ϕ
- Kinetic mixing between baryon number and hypercharge

	$SU(3)_C$	$SU(2)_W$	$U(1)_Y$	$U(1)_B$
q_L	3	2	1/6	1/3
u_R	3	1	2/3	1/3
d_R	3	1	-1/3	1/3
ℓ_L	1	2	-1/2	0
e_R	1	1	-1	0
ν_R	1	1	0	0

	$SU(3)_C$	$SU(2)_W$	$U(1)_Y$	$U(1)_B$
ψ_L^ℓ	1	2	-1/2	0
ψ_R^ℓ	1	2	-1/2	1
ψ_L^e	1	1	-1	1
ψ_R^e	1	1	-1	0
ψ_L^ν	1	1	0	1
ψ_R^ν	1	1	0	0

$$\chi_L \sim \chi_R \sim (1, 1, 0, 1/6)$$

ϕ is a singlet under the standard model gauge group with baryon number +1



Dark Matter Stability

- For all particles (except χ), the baryon number charge is $|Q_B| = 0, \frac{1}{3}, \text{ or } 1$. χ has $Q_B = 1/6$
- $U(1)_B$ phase rotation: $e^{iQ_B(6\pi)}$. All fields are left invariant, but $\chi \rightarrow -\chi$
- This $\mathbb{Z}_2 \subset U(1)_B$ remains unbroken after spontaneous symmetry breaking. It is safe from violation by quantum gravitational effects
- Since χ is the only field odd under this symmetry, its stability is guaranteed



Renormalization Group Equations

- Quantum gravitational effects become important at the Planck scale
- The gauge sector RGEs (1-Loop):

$$\beta^{(1)}(g_1) = \frac{77}{10} g_1^3 - \theta(\mu - M_{Pl}) \hat{f}_g g_1$$

$$\beta^{(1)}(g_B) = 11g_B^3 + \frac{77}{6} g_B \tilde{g}^2 - \frac{16}{3} g_B^2 \tilde{g} - \theta(\mu - M_{Pl}) \hat{f}_g g_B$$

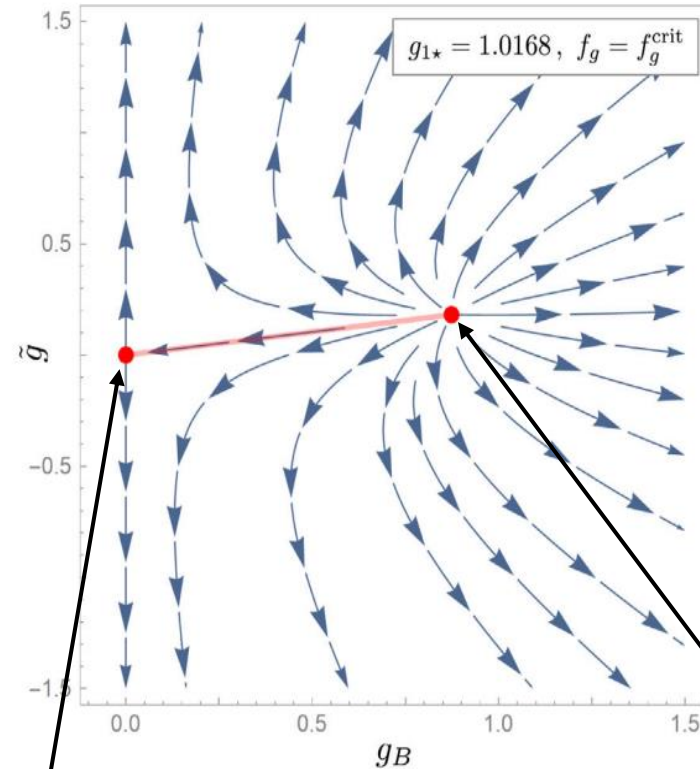
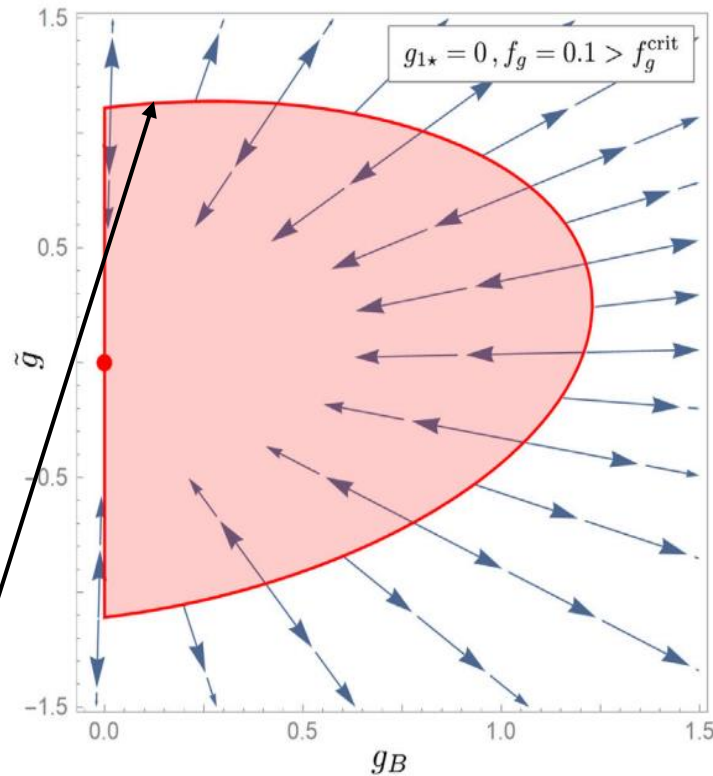
$$\beta^{(1)}(\tilde{g}) = -\frac{16}{5} g_1^2 g_B - \frac{16}{3} g_B \tilde{g}^2 + \frac{77}{5} g_1^2 \tilde{g} + 11g_B^2 \tilde{g} + \frac{77}{6} \tilde{g}^3 - \theta(\mu - M_{Pl}) \hat{f}_g \tilde{g}$$

- Ultraviolet fixed points satisfy the conditions:

$$\beta^{(1)}(g_{1*}) = \beta^{(1)}(g_{B*}) = \beta^{(1)}(\tilde{g}_*) = 0$$



Ultraviolet Fixed Points in the Model



Benchmark Fixed Point: (0.202, 1.136)
At 1 TeV: (0.200, 0.150)

Fixed Point: (0,0)
At 1 TeV: (0.200, 0.041)

Fixed Point: (0.871, 0.181)
At 1 TeV: (0.400, 0.083)

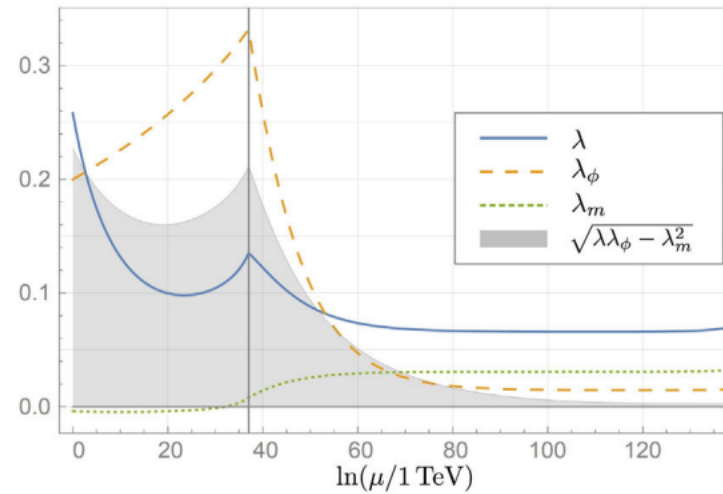
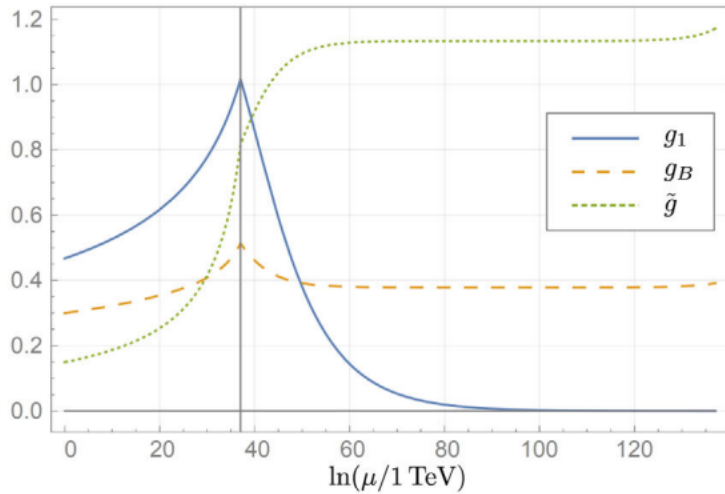
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Evolution of Couplings

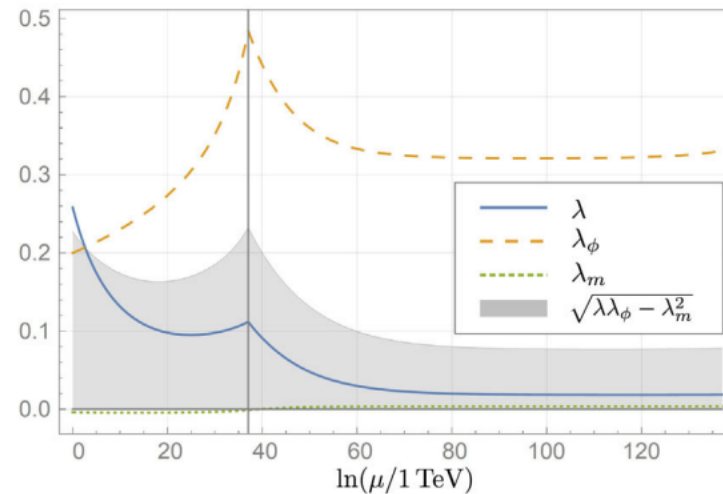
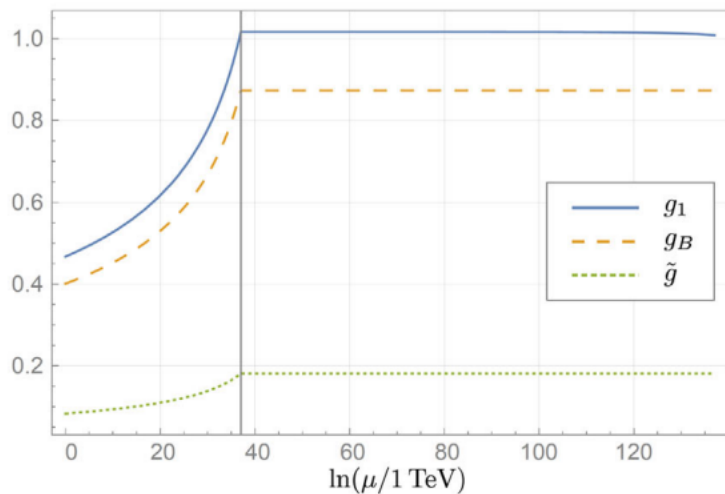


← trivial g_1 fixed point

$$\lambda_\star = 0.065$$

$$\lambda_{\phi\star} = 0.014$$

$$\lambda_{m\star} = 0.030$$



← Interacting g_1 fixed point

$$\lambda_\star = 0.018$$

$$\lambda_{\phi\star} = 0.32$$

$$\lambda_{m\star} = 0.0037$$

$$g_{1\star} = 1.016$$



Dark Matter Relic Density

- A relativistic treatment of the thermally averaged cross section times relative velocity $\sigma(\chi\bar{\chi} \rightarrow f\bar{f})$:

$$\langle\sigma v\rangle = \frac{1}{8m_\chi^4 T K_2^2\left(\frac{m_\chi}{T}\right)} \int_{4m_\chi^2}^{\infty} ds \sigma_{tot} \times (s - 4m_\chi^2) \sqrt{s} K_1\left(\frac{\sqrt{s}}{T}\right)$$

- Dark matter falls out of thermal equilibrium at the freeze-out temperature:

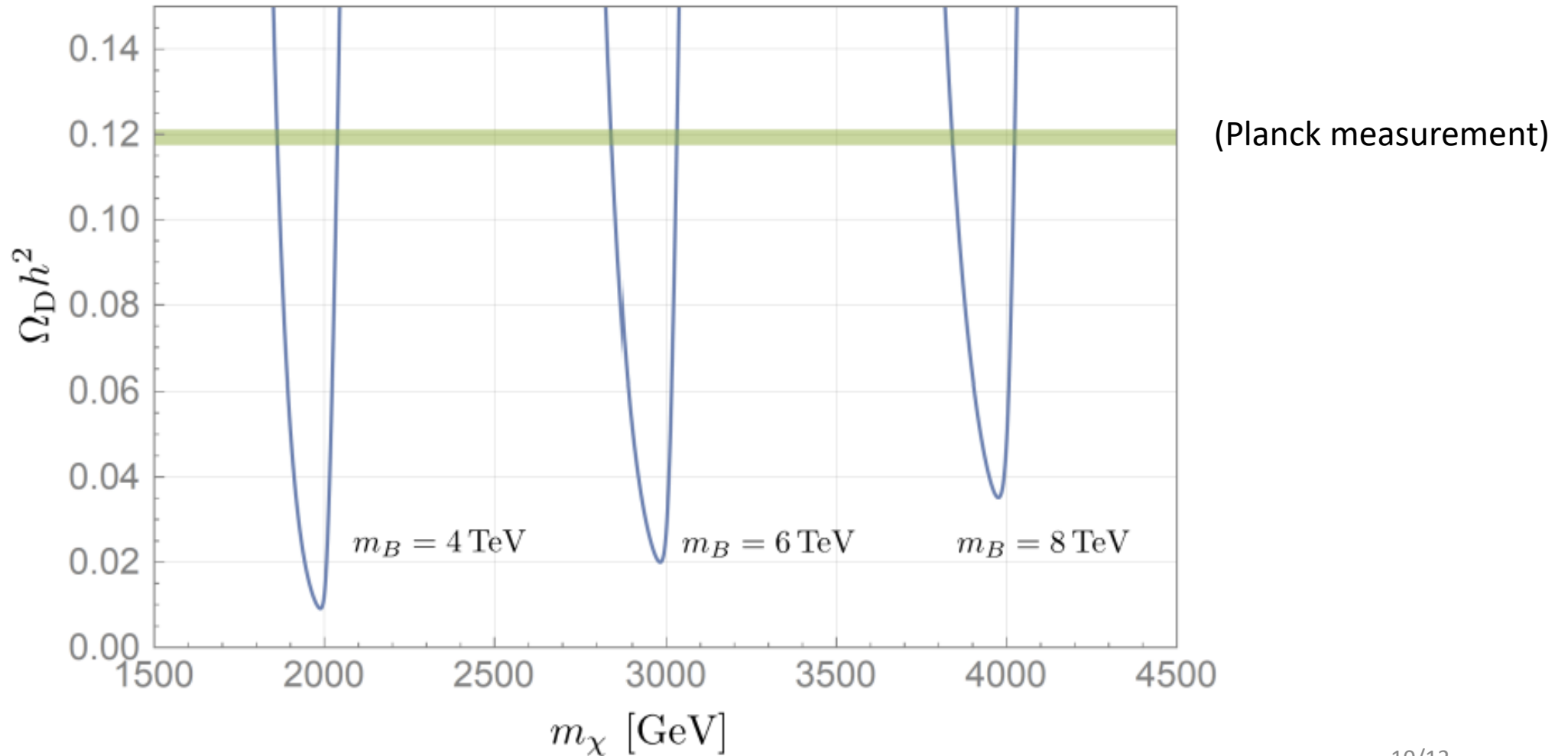
$$\frac{\Gamma}{H(T_f)} \equiv \frac{n_\chi^{EQ} \langle\sigma v\rangle}{H(T_f)} \approx 1$$

- The entropy density to number density ratio is then propagated from the freeze-out temperature to the present temperature:

$$\Omega_D h^2 \approx \frac{2.8 \times 10^8}{\text{GeV}} Y_0 m_\chi$$



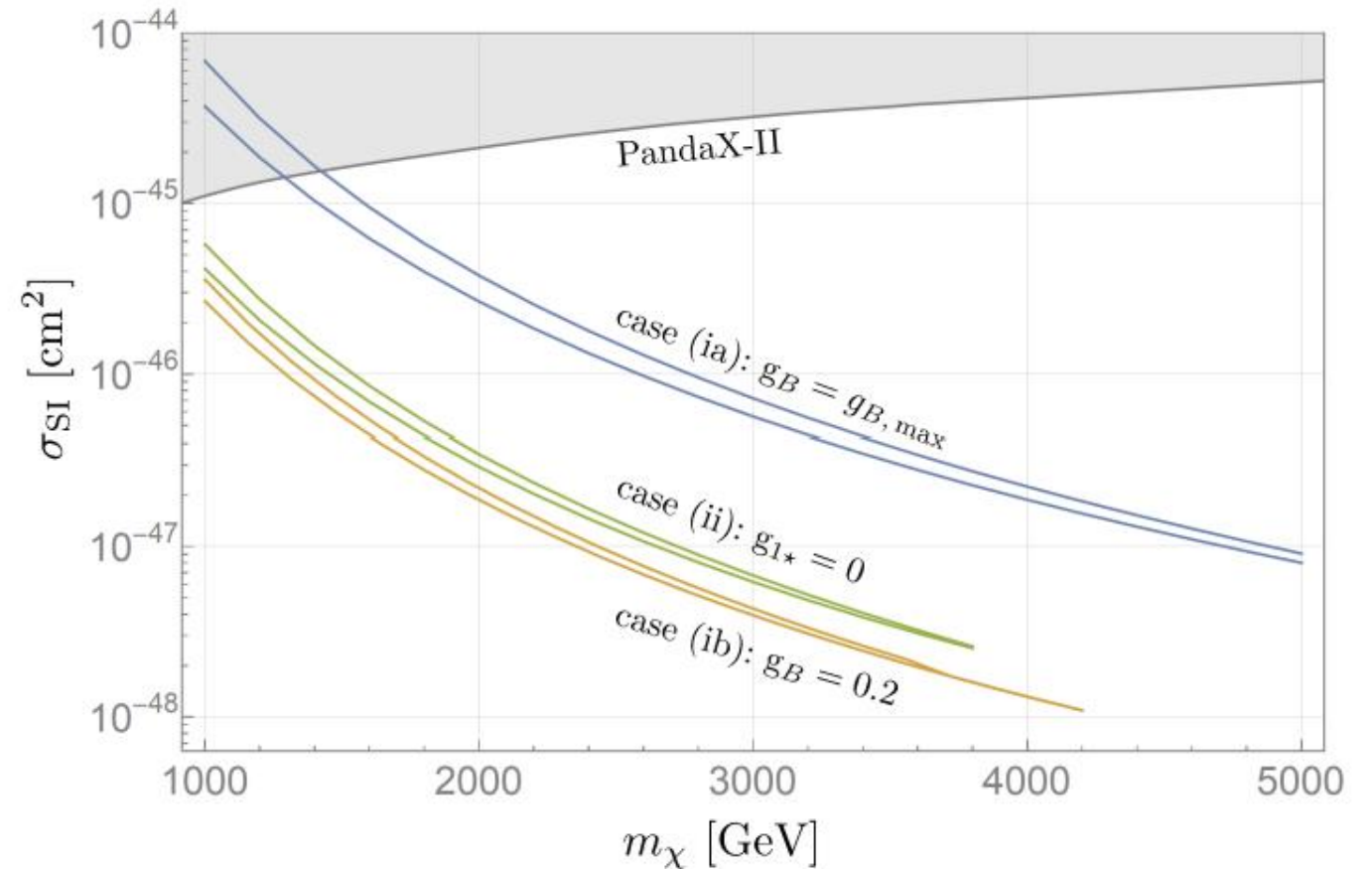
Dark Matter Relic Density



Direct Detection

- $m_B = m_B(m_\chi)$ fixed by the observed relic density within two standard deviations

$$\sigma_{\text{SI}} = \frac{g_B^4}{36\pi} \frac{\mu_{\chi N}^2}{m_B^4} \left(1 + 0.35 \frac{\tilde{g}}{g_B}\right)^2$$



Conclusions

1. Gravitational corrections above the Planck scale allow for different fixed-point scenarios in the theory. Requiring asymptotic safety constrains the model's couplings, including the kinetic mixing parameter, and yields a more predictive theory
2. The model includes a stable TeV scale dark matter candidate
3. These models can predict the observed relic density while also remain consistent with direct detection experiments



Stability in the Higgs Sector

- In the standard model, the Higgs vacuum is metastable. Our extension of the standard model changes this analysis

$$V = -m_H^2 H^\dagger H - m_\phi^2 \phi^* \phi + \frac{\lambda}{2} \left[H^\dagger H + \frac{\lambda_m}{\lambda} \phi^* \phi \right]^2 + \frac{\mathfrak{s}}{2\lambda} [\phi^* \phi]^2 \quad H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v+h \end{pmatrix}, \quad \phi = \frac{v_\phi + \varphi}{\sqrt{2}},$$

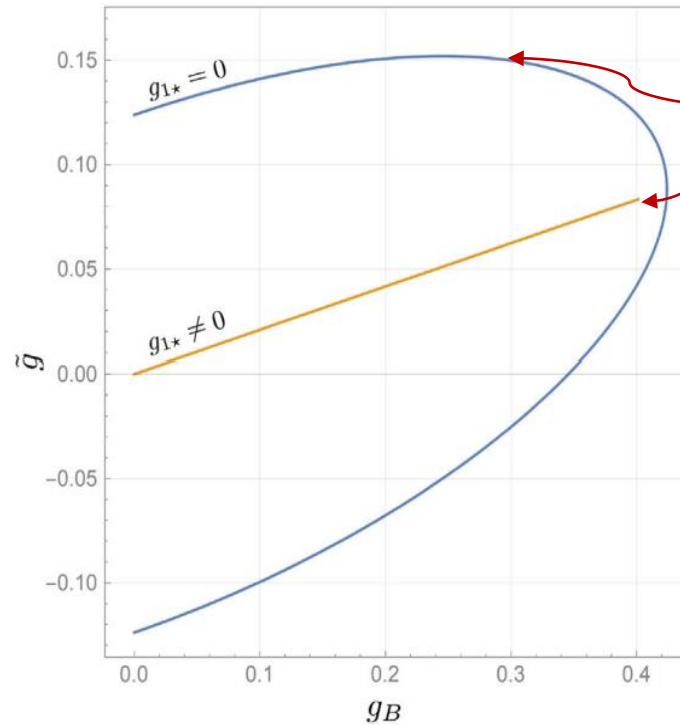
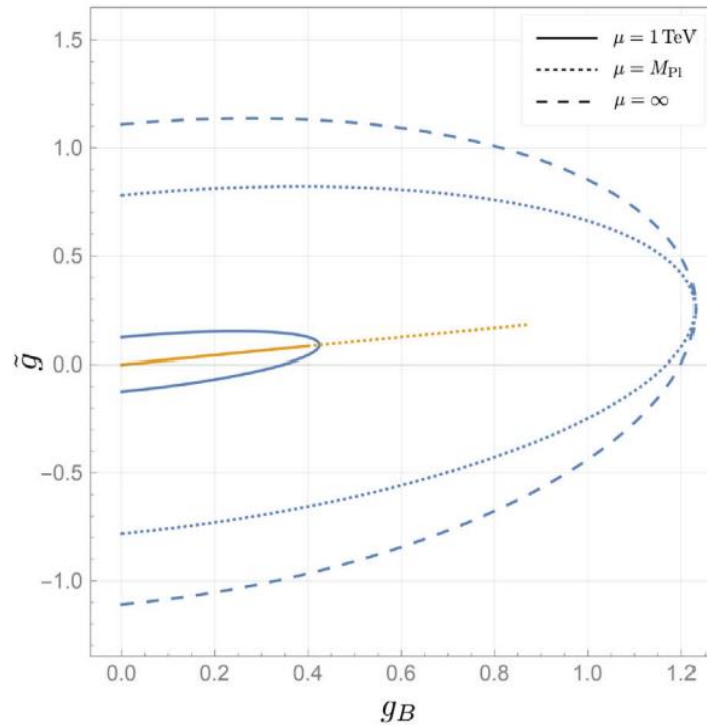
- After substituting, we find the mass matrix:

$$M^2 = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda v^2 & \lambda_m v v_\phi \\ \lambda_m v v_\phi & \lambda_\phi v_\phi^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \det M^2 \equiv m_+^2 m_-^2 = v^2 v_\phi^2 (\lambda \lambda_\phi - \lambda_m^2) \equiv v^2 v_\phi^2 \mathfrak{s}$$

- Thus, we require the quantity: $\mathfrak{s} = \lambda \lambda_\phi - \lambda_m^2 > 0$
- If we also require $\lambda > 0$, then the stability of the scalar potential is guaranteed for large field amplitudes



Couplings and Asymptotic Safety



Consider the following choices of the couplings at 1 TeV ($= \mu_0$):

Case	g_B	\tilde{g}	m_B	f_g
$g_{1*} = 0$:	0.3	0.14988	3 TeV	0.1 ($> f_g^{\text{crit}}$)
$g_{1*} \neq 0$:	0.40128	0.08338	4.01 TeV	0.05041 ($= f_g^{\text{crit}}$)

$$g_1(\mu_0) = 0.46738, \quad g_2(\mu_0) = 0.63829, \quad g_3(\mu_0) = 1.05737,$$

$$y_t(\mu_0) = 0.85322, \quad y_b(\mu_0) = 0.01388.$$

Measured values of standard model couplings

$$\lambda_\phi(\mu_0) = 0.2, \quad \lambda_m(\mu_0) = -0.004.$$

$$\kappa_i(\mu_0) = y_i(\mu_0) = 0.1, \quad i = 1 \dots 3,$$

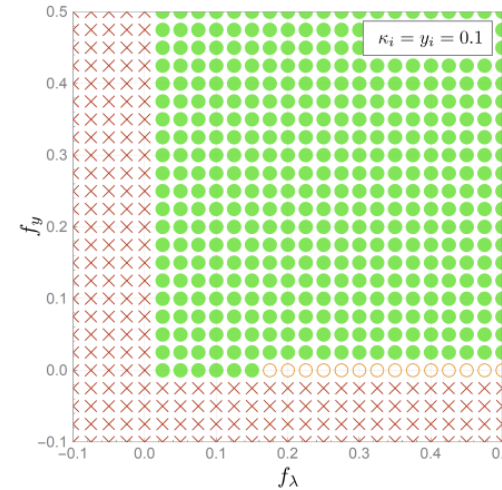
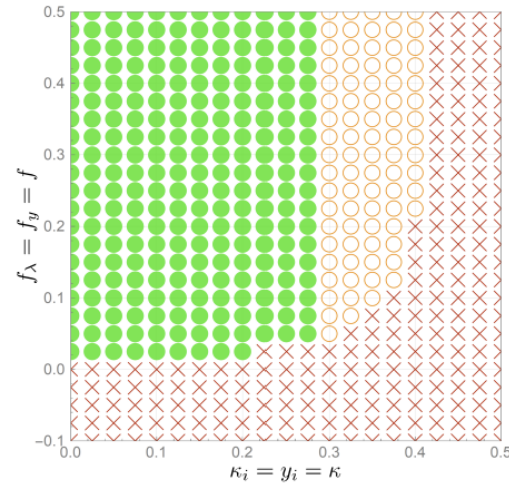
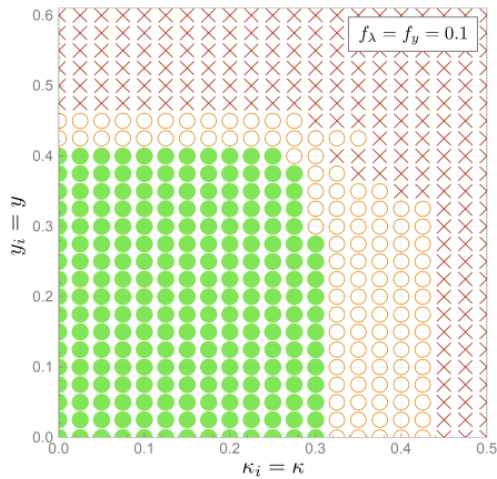
$$f_\lambda = f_y = 0.1.$$

$$v_\phi = 10 \text{ TeV} \quad v = 246 \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_h = 125 \text{ GeV} \implies \lambda(\mu_0) = 0.25828 \implies m_\phi = 4.472 \text{ TeV}$$

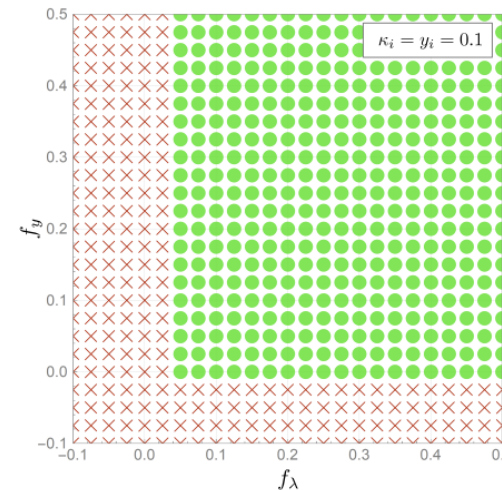
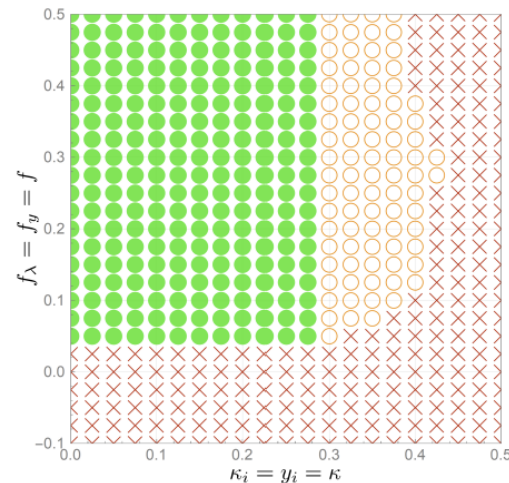
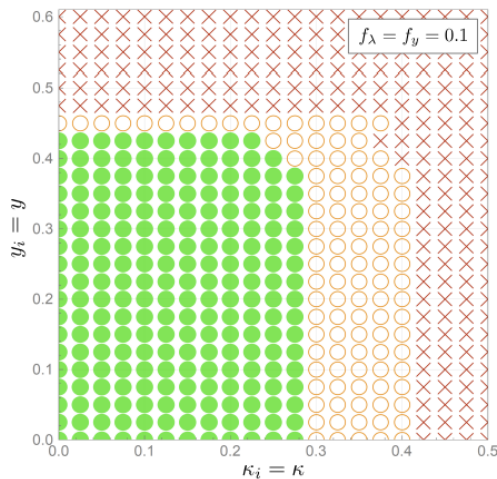


Exploring the Parameter Space



← Gaussian Fixed Point

❖ These are parameter choices at $\mu_0 = 1$ TeV



← Interacting Fixed Point



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