

# Models with Small CC at Finite T

also Nearly Braneless  
Conformal Symmetry Breaking



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Pheno and exploration of: Bellazzini, Csáki, JH, Serra, Terning | 305.3919

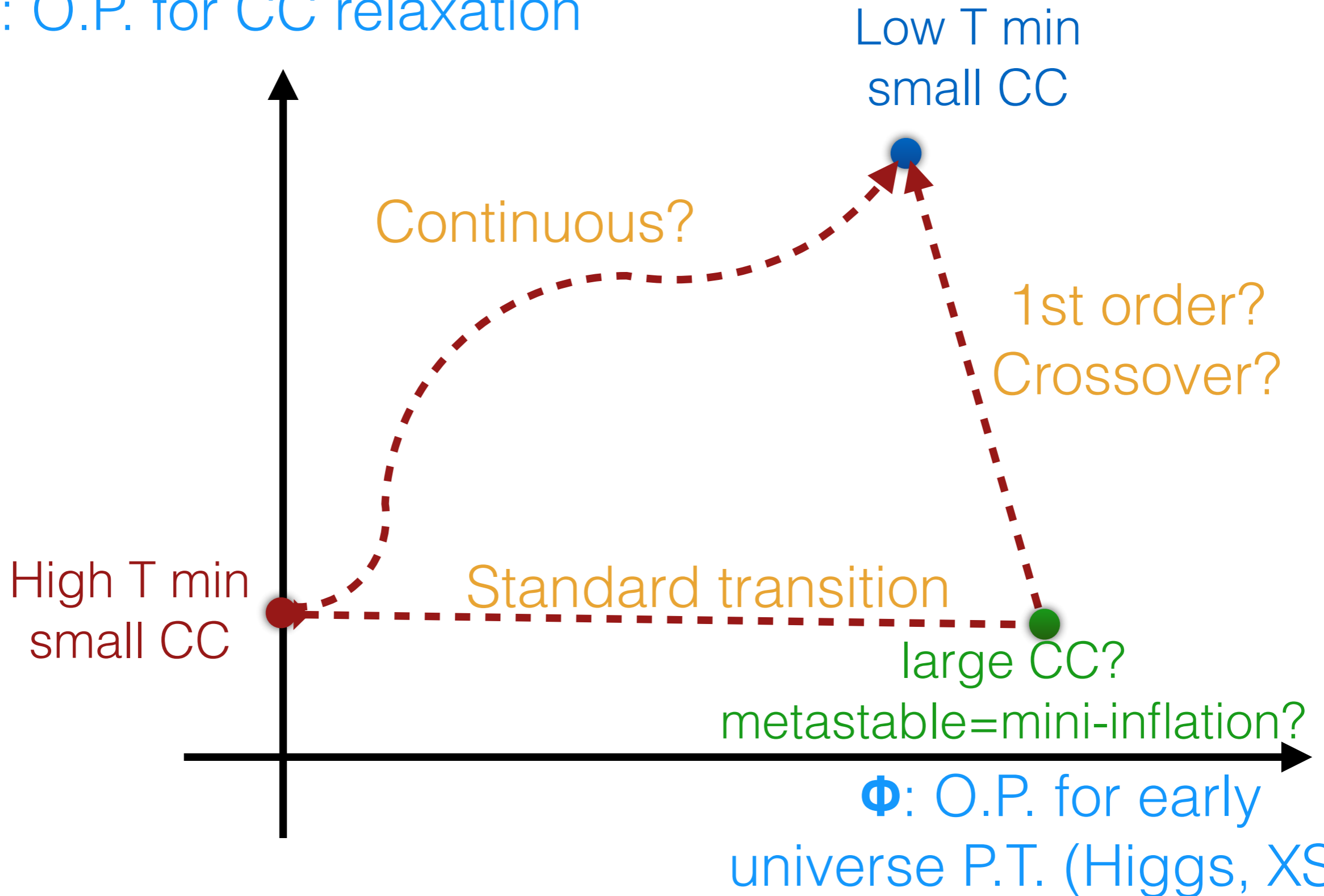
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# Motivation

- Cosmological history modified in models where the CC is protected dynamically, i.e. by **non-linearly realized conformal invariance**
  - Phase transitions generally contribute dynamically to vacuum energy
    - only end result is tiny
- How do such phase transitions proceed?
- Are results distinct from Creminelli, Nicolis, Rattazzi (hep-th/0107141)?
  - RS phase transition with Goldberger-Wise stabilization (has hidden fine tuning)

# Dueling order parameters

$f$ : O.P. for CC relaxation



# Scale Transformations

Dilatations:

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

Operators transform:

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



very small bird, normal leaf?  
kind of small bird, big leaf?

$\Delta$  is non-perturbative quantum  
operator scaling dimension

Linearized transformation of action with sourced  $\mathcal{O}$ :

$$S \rightarrow S + \sum_i \int d^4x \alpha g_i (\Delta_i - 4) \mathcal{O}_i(x)$$

# Spontaneous breaking

CFT operator gets VEV:

$$\langle \mathcal{O}(x) \rangle = f^\Delta$$

Single corresponding goldstone boson:

Low, Manohar '01

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

Non-linear realization in effective theory:

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

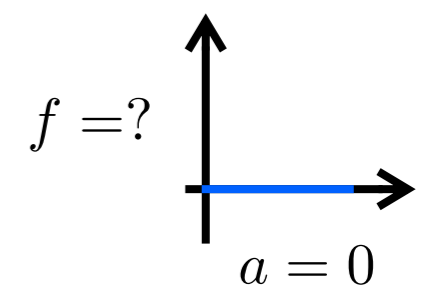
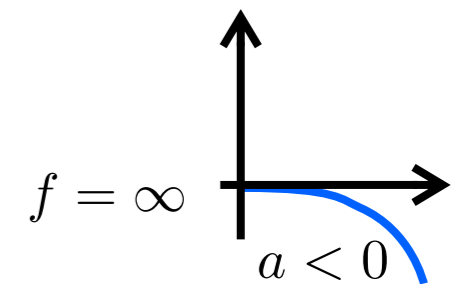
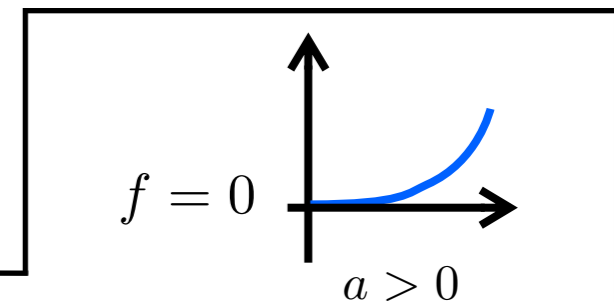
Restores symmetry to LEEFT

# The Dilaton Quartic

Most general terms invariant under dilatations:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} \approx -a f^4 \chi^4 + \frac{f^2}{2} (\partial_\mu \chi)^2 + \text{higher derivative terms}$$

$\uparrow$   
*dilaton quartic*



## Obstruction to SBSI:

- $a > 0 \rightarrow f = 0$  (no breaking)
- $a < 0 \rightarrow f = \infty$  (runaway)
- $a = 0 \rightarrow f = \text{anything}$  (flat direction)

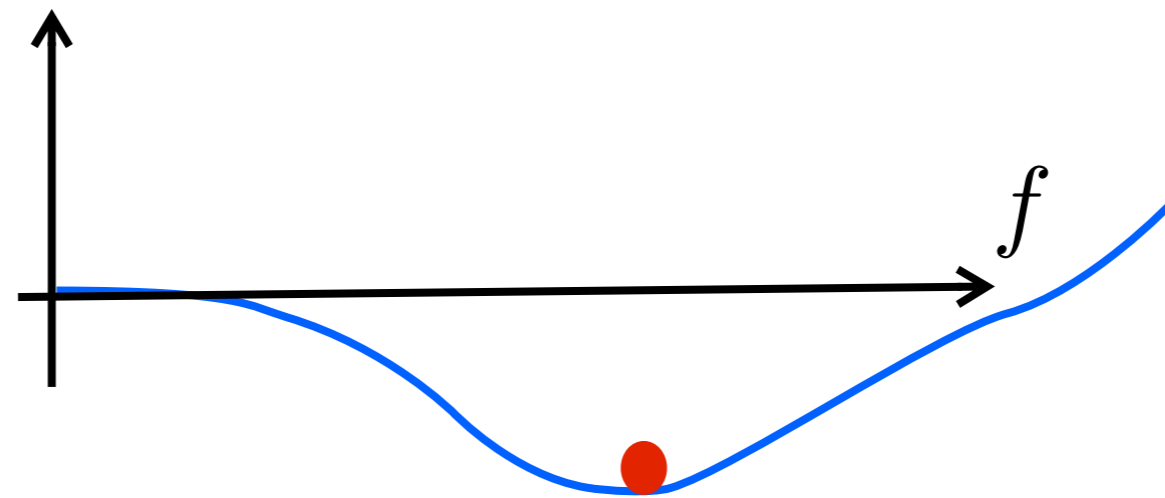
Fubini '76

# Near-Marginal Deformation

$$\delta S = \int d^4x \lambda(\mu) \mathcal{O}$$

Quartic has dependence on near marginal coupling:

$$V(f) = af^4 \rightarrow V(f) = f^4 F(\lambda(f))$$



slowly varying  
function of  $f$

Deformation can stabilize  $f$  away from origin

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

# The Dilaton Mass

Expanding the potential:

$$m_{dil}^2 = f^2 \beta [\beta F'' + 4F' + \beta' F'] \simeq 4f^2 \beta F'(\lambda(f)) = -16f^2 F(\lambda(f))$$

small, so dilaton is light, right?

F is the cosmological constant in f units:

$$F_{NDA} \sim \frac{\Lambda^4}{16\pi^2 f^4} \sim 16\pi^2$$

Need large  $\beta$  to find minimum  $V' = f^3 [4F(\lambda(f)) + \beta F'(\lambda(f))] = 0$

Theory not conformal at scale f - **no light dilaton**

$$m_{dil}^2 \sim 256\pi^2 f^2 \sim \Lambda^2 \quad \mathbf{3 \text{ TeV } \underline{\text{not suppressed}}}$$

OR we can *tune* away the quartic to get a near flat-direction



# CPR idea

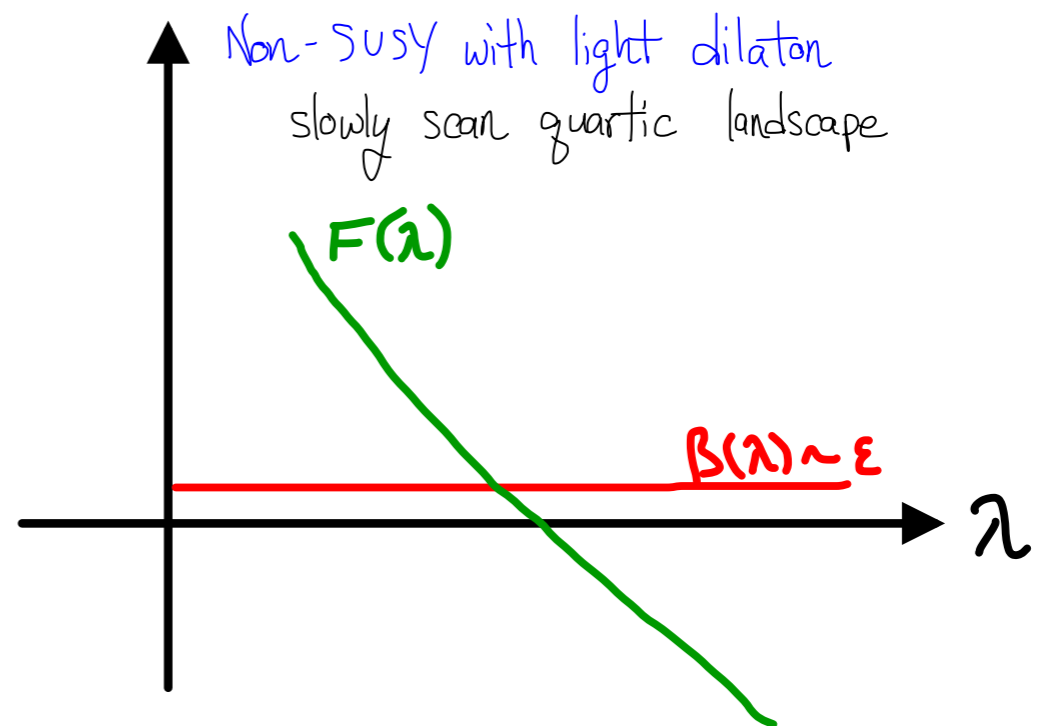
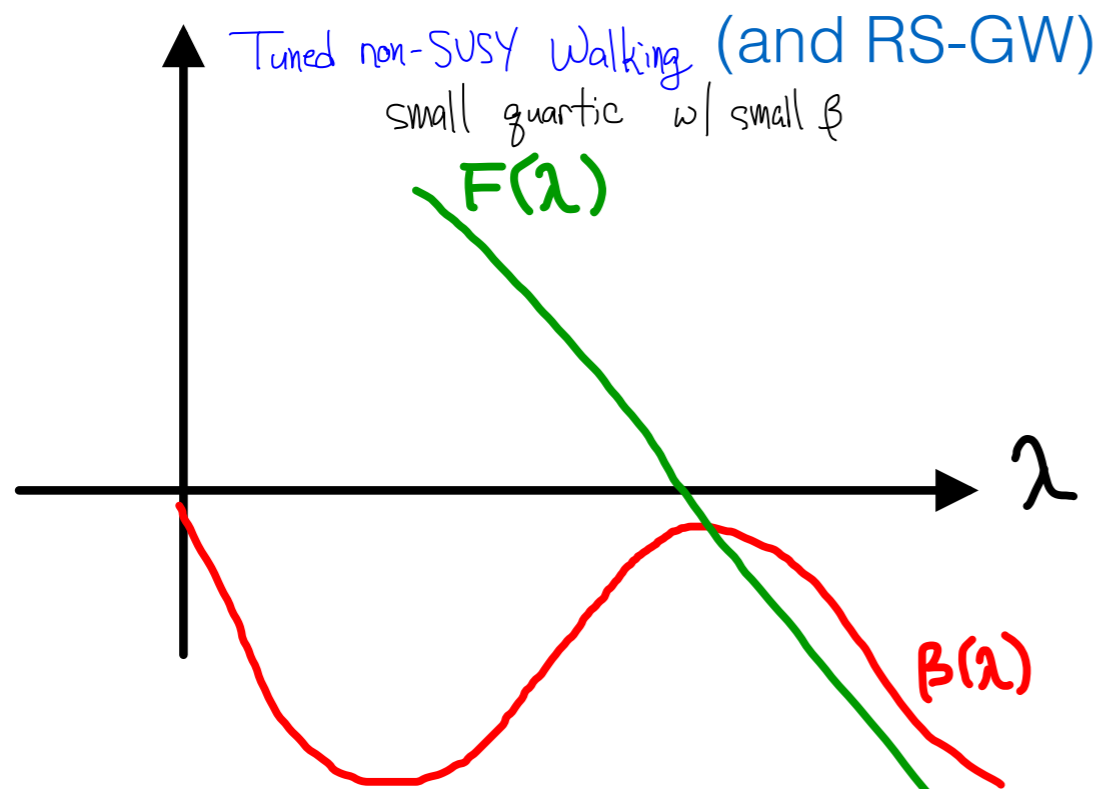
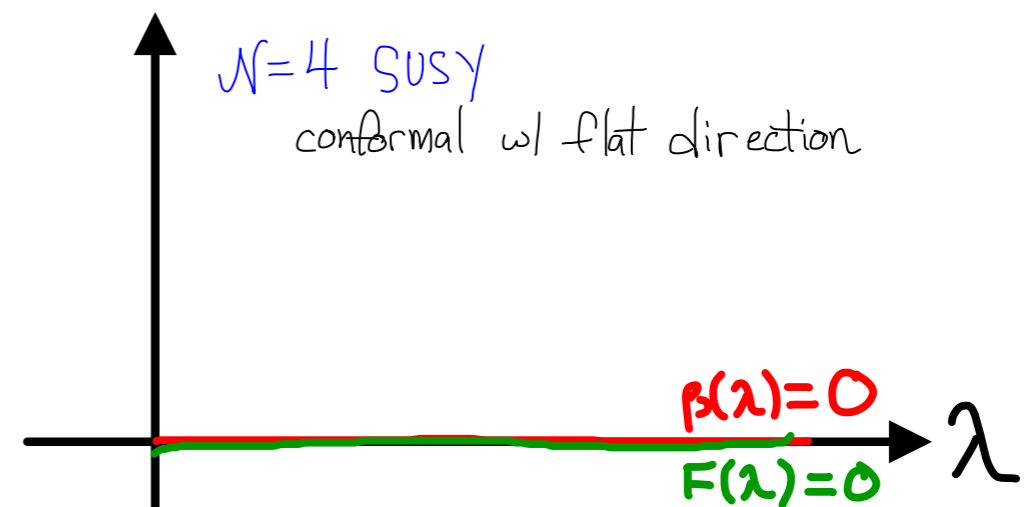
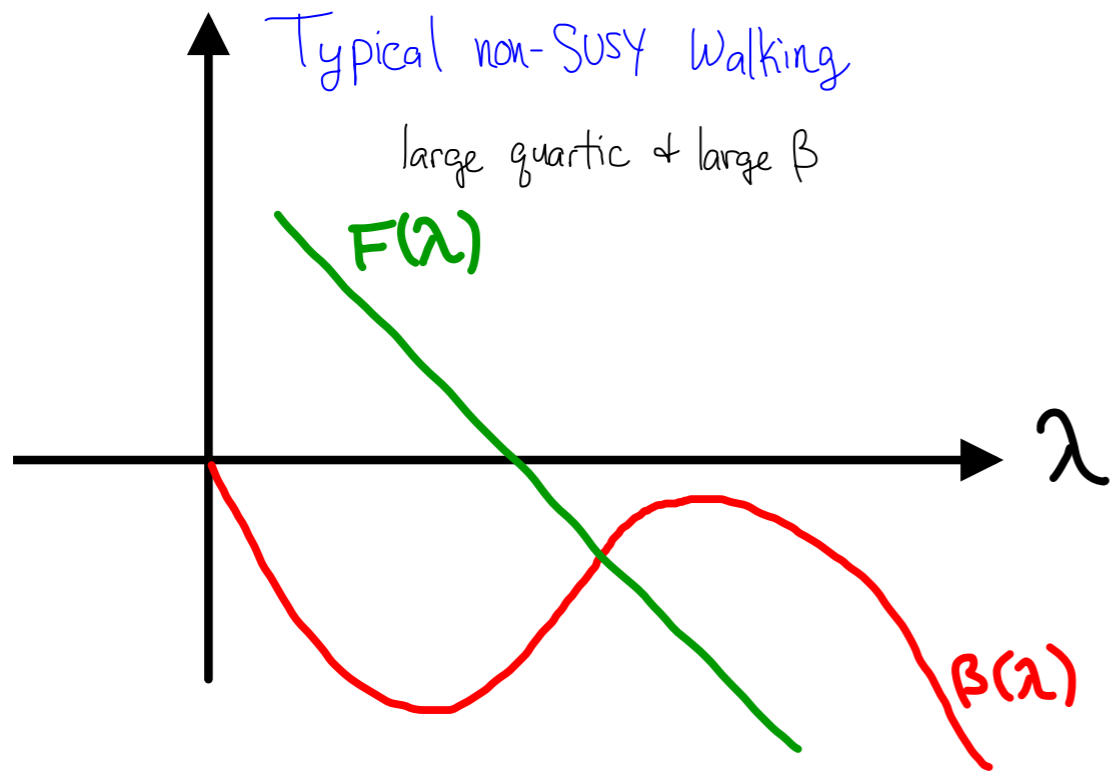
Contino, Pomarol, Rattazzi (Talk at Planck 2010)

- $F(\lambda)$  generically large, but if  $\lambda$  near marginal for range of  $\lambda$ , theory will scan over  $F$  with scale

$$\frac{d\lambda}{d \log \mu} = \beta(\mu) \equiv \epsilon \ll 1$$

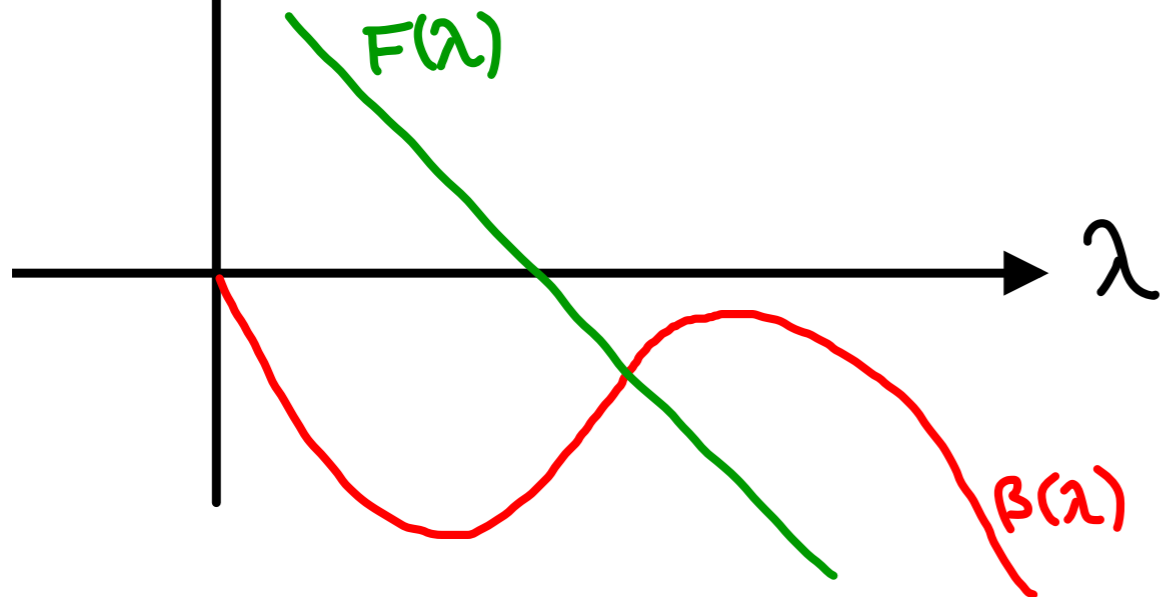
- large  $F$  will not generate spontaneously broken scale invariance
- minimum when  $F \sim 0$
- dilaton mass proportional to  $\epsilon$

# Various dynamical possibilities



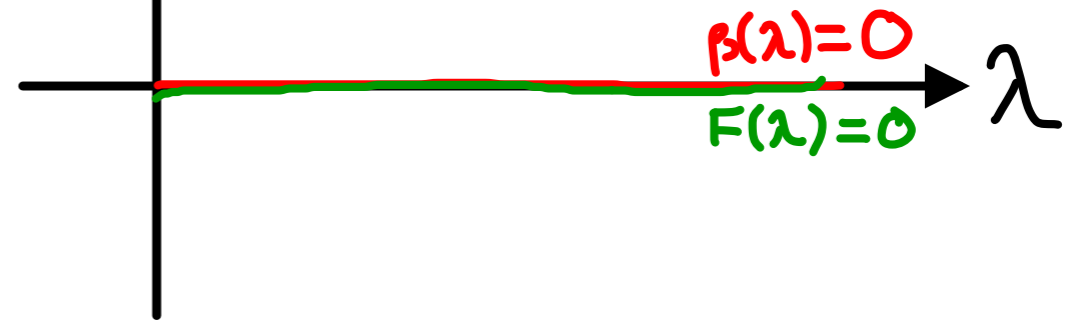
Typical non-SUSY Walking

large quartic + large  $\beta$



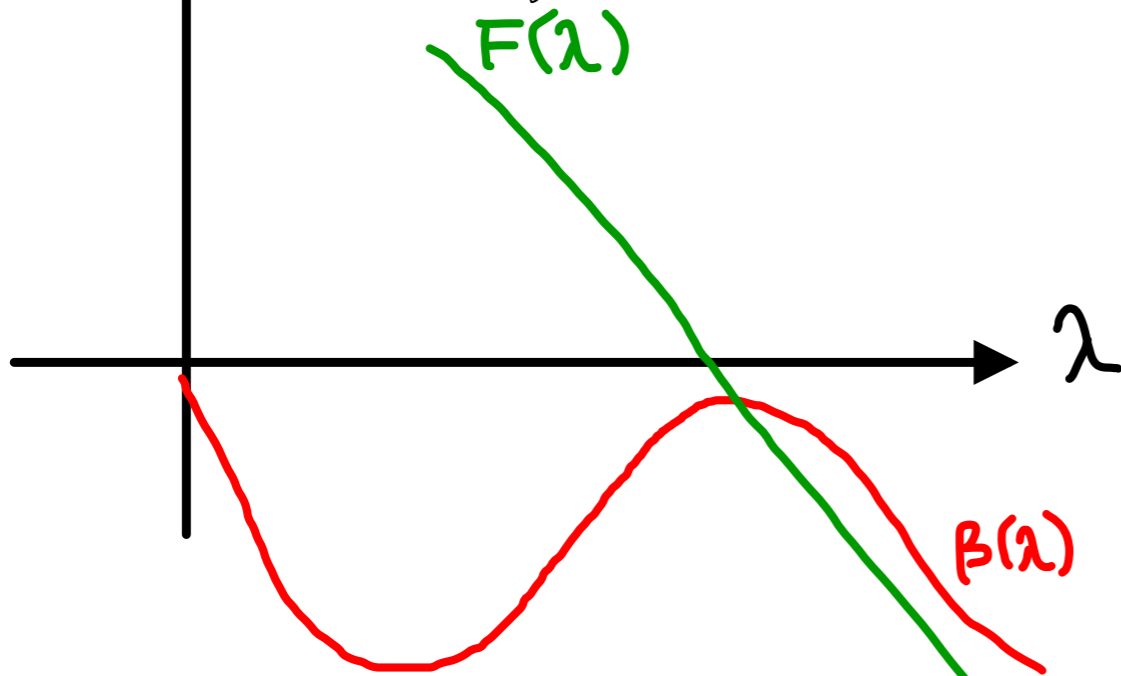
$\mathcal{N}=4$  SUSY

conformal w/ flat direction



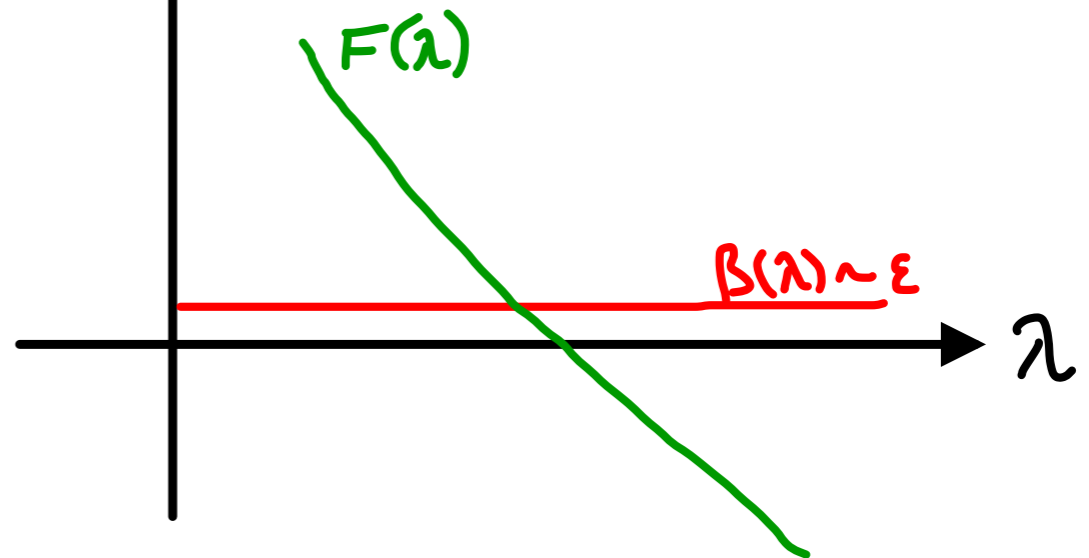
Tuned non-SUSY Walking

small quartic w/ small  $\beta$



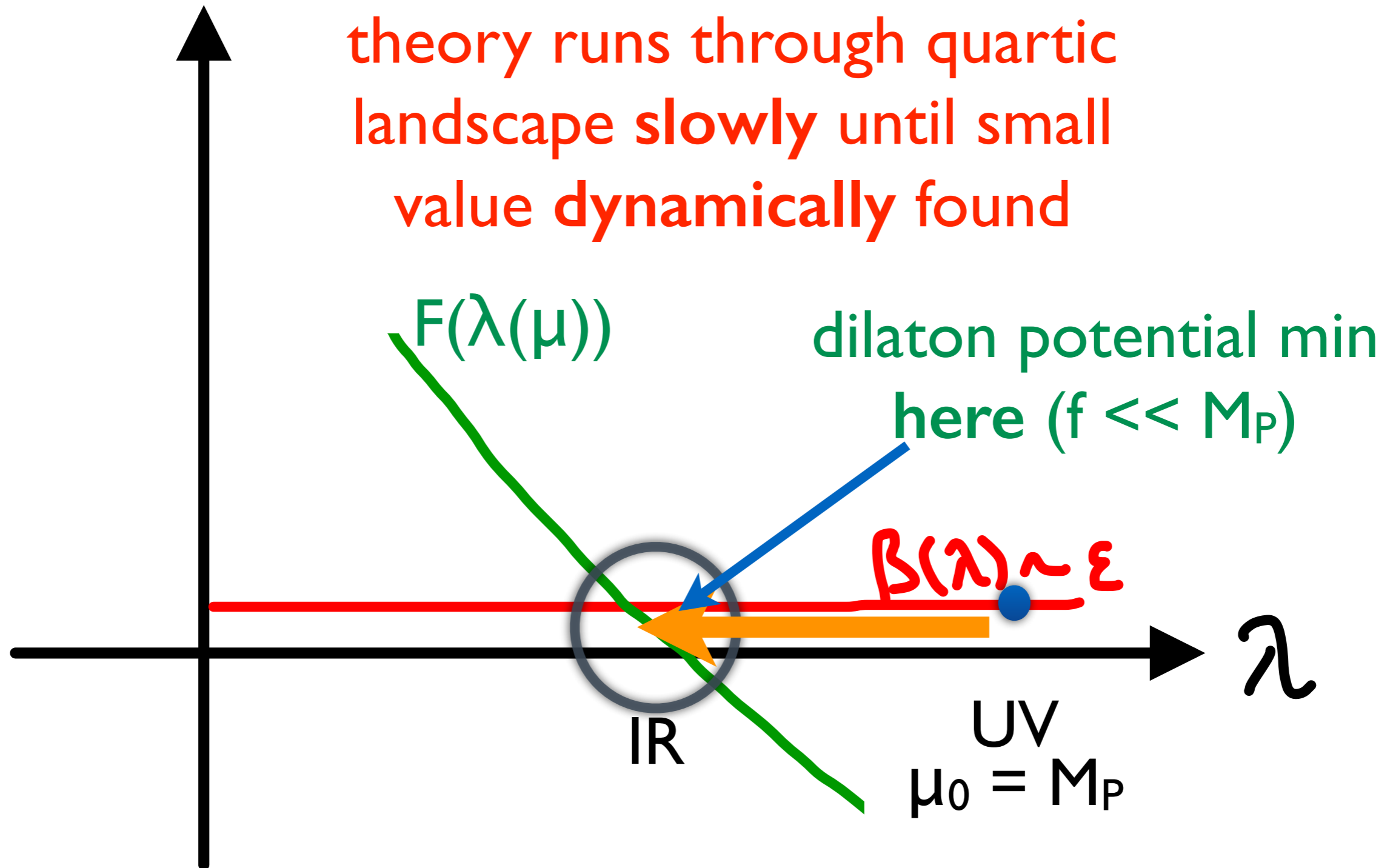
Non-SUSY with light dilaton

slowly scan quartic landscape



# Cartoon

theory runs through quartic  
landscape slowly until small  
value dynamically found



# Naturally Light Dilaton, Small CC

5D scalar min.  
coupled to gravity:

$$S = \int d^5x \sqrt{g} \left[ \frac{1}{2} (\partial_M \phi)^2 - V(\phi) - \frac{1}{2\kappa^2} R \right] + \text{brane potentials}$$

AdS/CFT:

small  $\beta \Leftrightarrow$  slowly changing  $V(\Phi)$ :  $V(\phi) = \Lambda_5 + \epsilon f(\phi)$

Csáki, Bellazzini, JH, Serra, Terning 1305.3919

at  $y_0$  and  $y_1$   
see also Coradeschi, Lodone,  
Pappadopulo, Rattazzi, Vitale  
(1306.4601)

Metric Ansatz:  
flat 4D slices

$$ds^2 = e^{-2A(\tilde{y})} \eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu - d\tilde{y}^2$$

“True scale” coordinates:  $\mu = ke^{-y}$

$$A(\tilde{y}) = y \quad G(y) = A'(\tilde{y}(y))^2$$

$$ds^2 = e^{-2y} \eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu - \frac{dy^2}{G(y)}$$

AdS/CFT: EOM capture  
running even when far  
from AdS

Deviations from pure AdS encoded in  $G(y)$

# Scalar-Einstein Equations

Equations of motion:

$$G = \frac{-\kappa^2 V(\phi)}{1 - \frac{\kappa^2}{12} \dot{\phi}^2}$$

$$\frac{\dot{G}}{G} = \frac{2\kappa^2}{3} \dot{\phi}^2$$

$$\ddot{\phi} = \left( 4 - \frac{1 \dot{G}}{2 G} \right) \dot{\phi} + \frac{1}{G} \frac{\partial V}{\partial \phi}$$

Can substitute  $G(y)$  in terms of scalar vev in last equation:

**Master Evolution Equation:**

$$\ddot{\phi} = 4 \left( \dot{\phi} - \frac{3}{2\kappa^2} \frac{\partial \log V(\phi)}{\partial \phi} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{\kappa^2}{12} \dot{\phi}^2 \right)$$

Backreaction term

**AdS/CFT:**

$$\phi \sim \log \lambda$$

Captures running (and condensation) of  
sourced operators in  $\sim$ CFT

# Dilaton Effective Potential

Bulk action total derivative (Bellazzini et. al. [305.3919])  
integrates to pure boundary term, along with brane localized potentials and jump contributions

$$V_{\text{eff}} = e^{-4y_0} \left[ V_0(\phi(y_0)) - \frac{6}{\kappa^2} \sqrt{G(y_0)} \right] + e^{-4y_1} \left[ V_1(\phi(y_1)) + \frac{6}{\kappa^2} \sqrt{G(y_1)} \right]$$

**UV brane** **IR brane**  
 $\mu_0 = ke^{-y_0}$   $\mu_1 = ke^{-y_1}$

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What is the behavior of the dilaton effective potential  
for various bulk scalar potentials?  
(various deformations of CFT)

Task = work out UV and IR asymptotics

How is spontaneously broken scale invariance manifested?

# Where's the IR brane?

**B.C.'s from brane potential:**

$$V_1 = \Lambda_1 + \gamma (\phi - \phi_1)^2$$

$\infty$  in "stiff brane" limit

$$\dot{\phi}|_{y_1} = \left. \frac{\partial V_1(\phi)}{\partial \phi} \right|_{y_1}$$

$$\phi = \phi_1$$

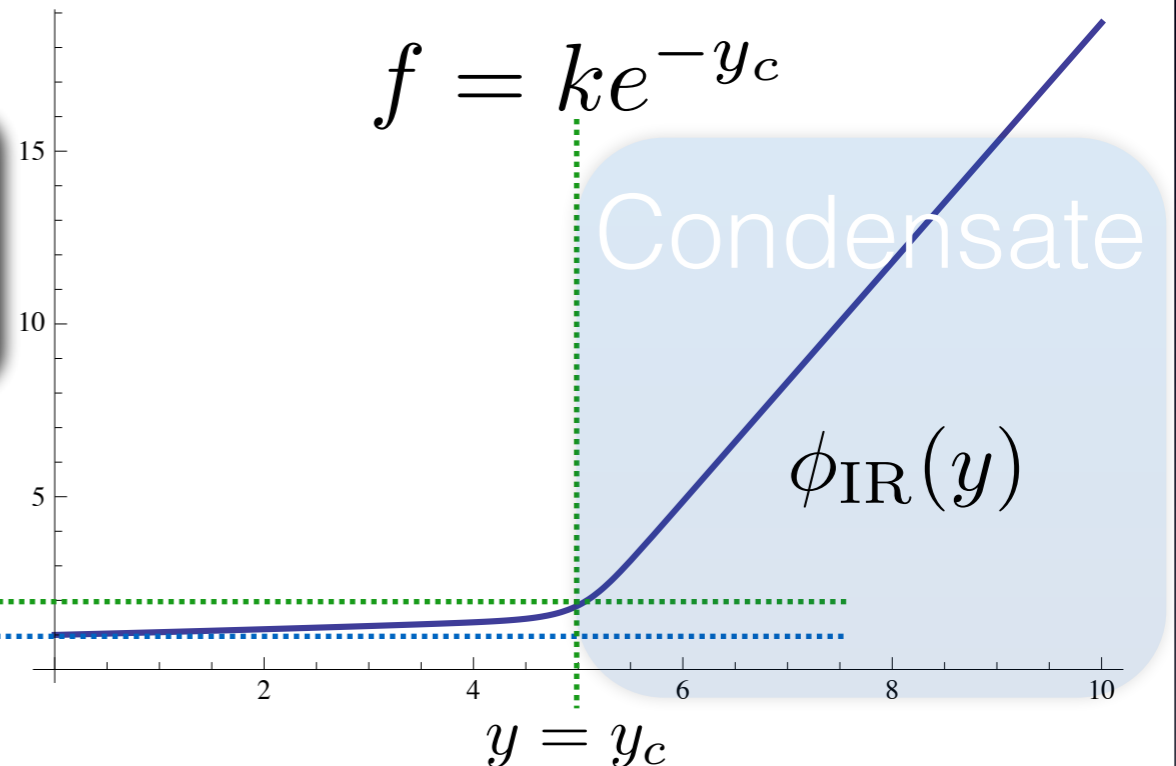
**Generic Potential:**

$$\ddot{\phi} = 4 \left( \dot{\phi} - \frac{3}{2\kappa^2} \frac{\partial \log V(\phi)}{\partial \phi} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{\kappa^2}{12} \dot{\phi}^2 \right)$$

**IR Universality**

$$\phi_{\text{IR}}(y) \approx \phi_c + \sqrt{\frac{12}{\kappa^2}} (y - y_c)$$

$\phi_c$   
 $\phi_0$



**Imposing B.C.'s:**  $\phi_c + \sqrt{\frac{12}{\kappa^2}} (y_1 - y_c) = \phi_1$

**NDA:**  $\phi_1 = \text{few} \cdot \sqrt{1/\kappa^2}$   
Chacko, Mishra, Stolarski

$$\left( \frac{\mu_1}{f} \right) = e^{y_c - y_1} = \exp \left[ \sqrt{\frac{\kappa^2}{12}} (\phi_1 - \phi_c) \right] \sim \mathcal{O}(.01 - 1)$$

**Easily deep into non-AdS region**



# Constant V (exact CFT)

$$V(\phi) = -\frac{6k}{\kappa^2}$$

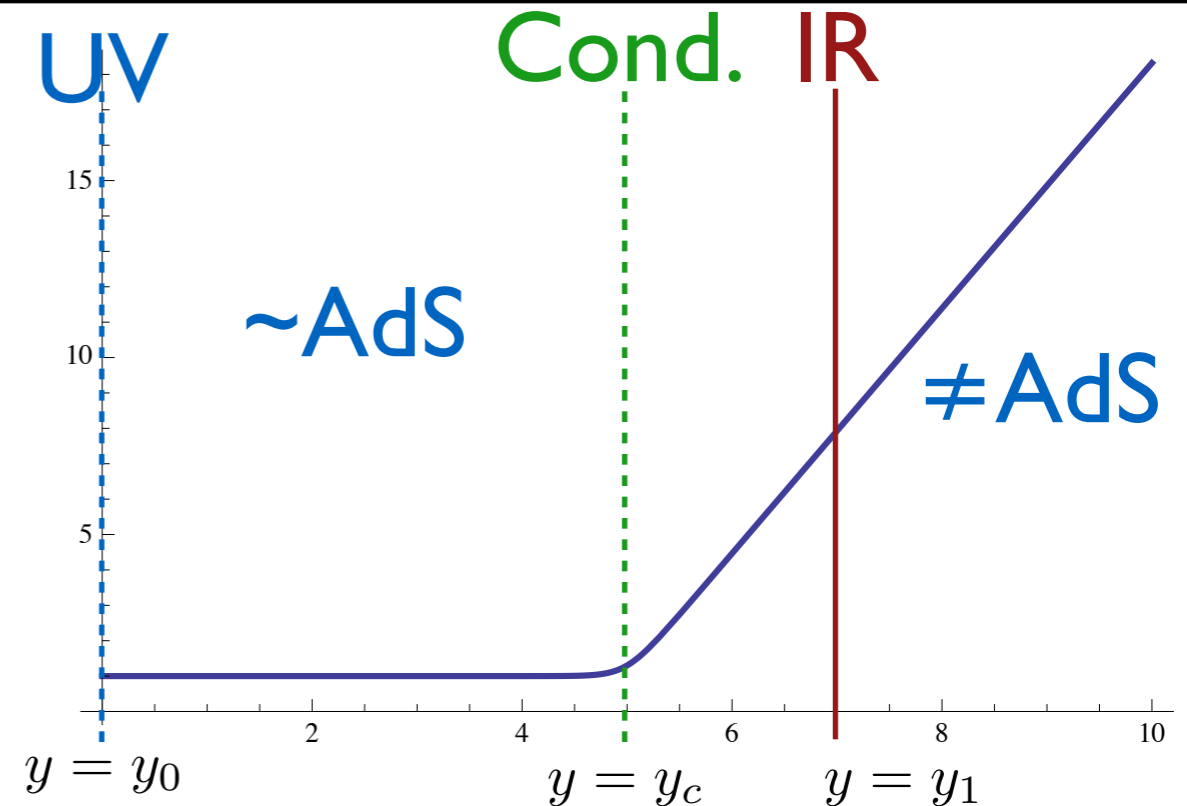
**Master Evolution Equation:**

$$\ddot{\phi} = 4\dot{\phi} \left( 1 - \frac{\kappa^2}{12} \dot{\phi}^2 \right)$$

**Solution: Singularity at  $y \rightarrow \infty$**

$$\phi = \phi_0 \pm \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{12}{\kappa^2}} \log \left[ e^{4(y-y_c)} \left( 1 + \sqrt{1 + e^{8(y_c-y)}} \right) \right]$$

$$G = k^2 \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{f}{\chi} \right)^8 \right]$$



**Asymptotics:**

$$\phi \approx \begin{cases} \phi_0 \pm \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{12}{\kappa^2}} \left( \frac{f}{\mu_0} \right)^4 + \mathcal{O} \left( \left( \frac{f}{\mu_0} \right)^{12} \right) & \mu_0 \gg f & \text{UV} \\ \phi_0 \pm \frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{12}{\kappa^2}} \left[ \log \left( 2 \left( \frac{f}{\mu_1} \right)^4 \right) \right] & \mu_1 \ll f & \text{IR} \end{cases}$$

$$G = k^2 \begin{cases} 1 + \mathcal{O} \left( \left( \frac{f}{\mu_0} \right)^8 \right) & \mu_0 \gg f & \text{UV} \\ \left( \frac{f}{\mu_1} \right)^4 + \mathcal{O} \left( \left( \frac{\mu_1}{f} \right)^4 \right) & \mu_1 \ll f & \text{IR} \end{cases} \quad \mathbf{A' \neq \text{constant!}}$$

# Plug into Holographic Dilaton Potential

$$V_{\text{eff}} = e^{-4y_0} \left[ V_0(\phi(y_0)) - \frac{6}{\kappa^2} \sqrt{G(y_0)} \right] + e^{-4y_1} \left[ V_1(\phi(y_1)) + \frac{6}{\kappa^2} \sqrt{G(y_1)} \right]$$

Substitute and re-arrange:

$$V_{\text{dilaton}} = \underbrace{\left( \frac{\mu_0}{k} \right)^4 \left[ V_0(\phi_0) - \frac{6k}{\kappa^2} \right]}_{\text{Bare C.C.}} \pm \underbrace{\frac{1}{4} \sqrt{\frac{12}{\kappa^2}} \left( \frac{f}{k} \right)^4 \left[ \frac{\partial V_0}{\partial \phi}(\phi_0) + 2k \sqrt{\frac{12}{\kappa^2}} \right]}_{\text{Dilaton quartic}} + \mathcal{O} \left[ \left( \frac{f}{\mu_0} \right)^8 \right]$$

+ subleading terms of order  $(\mu_1/f)^4$

2 Needed Tunings:

tune dilaton quartic to zero (*force a flat direction*)

fine-tune bare CC

Message:

soft wall *geometric* model of spontaneously broken scale invariance

IR brane plays **subdominant** role:

just cuts off growth of scalar field and curvature

# General bulk potentials: UV

## Small Bulk Mass Term

$$V = -\frac{6k^2}{\kappa^2} \left( 1 + \frac{\kappa^2}{3} \epsilon \phi^2 \right)$$

Approximate (small backreaction) solution:

$$\phi = \phi_0 e^{\epsilon y} + \tilde{\lambda} e^{(4-\epsilon)(y-y_c)}$$

$$G(y) = k \left( 1 + \mathcal{O}(e^{-8(y_c-y_0)}) \right)$$

UV contribution to dilaton effective potential:

$$V_{\text{UV}} = \left( \frac{\mu_0}{k} \right)^4 \left[ V_0(\phi_0 e^{\epsilon y_0}) - \frac{6k}{\kappa^2} \right] + \tilde{\lambda}_{\text{UV}} \left( \frac{f}{k} \right)^{4-\epsilon} \left( \frac{\mu_0}{k} \right)^{-\epsilon} \frac{\partial V_0}{\partial \phi}(\phi_0 e^{\epsilon \phi})$$

Bare CC

marginal “almost quartic”

# General bulk potentials: IR

$$\ddot{\phi} = 4 \left( \dot{\phi} - \frac{3}{2\kappa^2} \frac{\partial \log V(\phi)}{\partial \phi} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{\kappa^2}{12} \dot{\phi}^2 \right)$$

IR Universality 

Parametrize:

$$\dot{\phi} = \sqrt{\frac{12}{\kappa^2}} (1 - \delta v_{\text{IR}})$$

Recall:  $G(y) = \frac{-\kappa^2}{6} V(\phi) \approx -\frac{\kappa^2}{12} \frac{V(\phi)}{\delta v_{\text{IR}}}$  In deep IR

Expand scalar EOM  
in small  $\delta v$ :

$$\dot{\delta v}_{\text{IR}} = -8 \left( 1 - \frac{1}{8} \frac{d}{dy} \log V(\phi) \right) \delta v_{\text{IR}}$$

Integrable in asymptotic limit!

$$\delta v_{\text{IR}} = \tilde{\lambda} \frac{V(\phi(y))}{V(\phi(y_c))} e^{-8(y-y_c)}$$

$$G_{\text{IR}}(y_1) = -\frac{\kappa^2}{12\tilde{\lambda}} V(\phi(y_c)) e^{8(y_1-y_c)}$$

Generates pure quartic:

$$V_{\text{IR}} = e^{-4y_1} \left[ V_1(\phi(y_1)) + \frac{6}{\kappa^2} \sqrt{G(y_1)} \right] \rightarrow \sqrt{-\frac{\kappa^2}{12\tilde{\lambda}} V(\phi_c)} \left( \frac{f}{k} \right)^4$$

# Resulting Dilaton Potential

$$V_{\text{dilaton}} = -\mu^\epsilon f^{4-\epsilon} + \lambda f^4$$

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At min:

$$f \approx \mu \left( \frac{1}{\lambda} \right)^{1/\epsilon} \quad V_{\text{dilaton}} = \frac{\epsilon}{4} \lambda f^4$$

CC is suppressed by  $\epsilon$ !

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Up to kinetic term normalization of dilaton:

$$m_{\text{dilaton}}^2 \sim \epsilon f^2$$

Soft wall realization of small condensate contribution to CC in models with non-linearly realized SBSI

# Finite Temperature

## Black hole in AdS

Same action - euclidean signature, compactified time  $t \in \{0, \beta = 1/T\}$

$$ds^2 = e^{-2y} [h(y)dt^2 + d\vec{x}^2] + \frac{1}{h(y)} \frac{dy^2}{G(y)}$$

### Einstein Equations:

$$\frac{d}{dy} \log \frac{\dot{h}}{h} = 4 \left( 1 - \frac{1}{4} \frac{\dot{h}}{h} - \frac{\kappa^2}{12} \dot{\phi}^2 \right)$$

$$\frac{\dot{G}}{G} = \frac{2\kappa^2}{3} \dot{\phi}^2$$

$$G = \frac{\frac{2\kappa^2}{3} \frac{V(\phi)}{h}}{\frac{d}{dy} \log \frac{\dot{h}}{h}}$$

### Master Evolution Equation:

$$\ddot{\phi} = 4 \left( \dot{\phi} - \frac{3}{2\kappa^2} \frac{\partial \log V}{\partial \phi} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{1}{4} \frac{\dot{h}}{h} - \frac{\kappa^2}{12} \dot{\phi}^2 \right)$$

Horizon function

### Horizon B.C.'s:

$$\dot{\phi} \Big|_{y_h} = \frac{3}{2\kappa^2} \frac{\partial \log V}{\partial \phi} \Big|_{y_h}$$

### Holographic Dilaton Potential:

$$V_{\text{dilaton}} = e^{-4y_0} h(y_0) \left[ V_0(\phi(y_0)) - \frac{6}{\kappa^2} \sqrt{G(y_0)} \right] + e^{-4y_1} h(y_1) \left[ V_1(\phi(y_1)) + \frac{6}{\kappa^2} \sqrt{G(y_1)} \right]$$

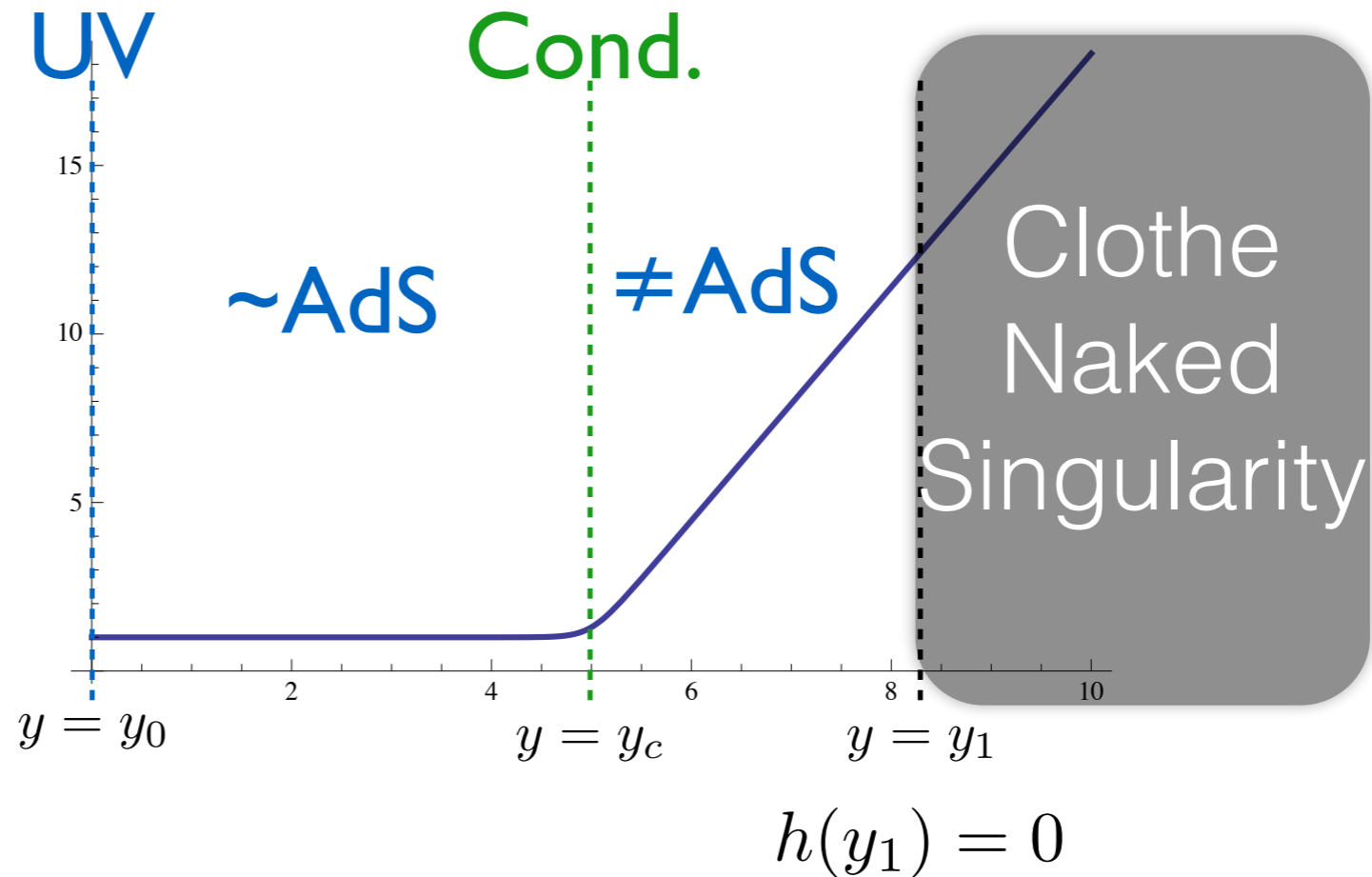
# Black Brane

$$ds^2 = e^{-2y} [h(y)dt^2 + d\vec{x}^2] + \frac{1}{h(y)} \frac{dy^2}{G(y)}$$

**Goal:**

Obtain *continuous*  
 $V(f,T)$  moving  
 between  $\sim\text{AdS}$  and  
 $\sim\text{AdS}_c$

Distinct from:  
 Creminelli, Nicolis, Rattazzi  
 hep-th:0107141



Near horizon geometry typically divergent (hairy)  
**out-of-equilibrium**

Equilibrium temp: adjust  $y_1$  to remove conical singularity

$$T_{\text{eq}} = \frac{e^{-y_1}}{2\pi} \sqrt{-\frac{\kappa^2}{6} \dot{h}(y_1) V(\phi_h)} \propto \frac{k}{2\pi} e^{-y_1}$$

# Constant $V$ (exact CFT)

Evolution equations again integrable:

$$\frac{d}{dy} \log \dot{\phi} = \frac{d}{dy} \log \frac{\dot{h}}{h}$$

**Solution:**

$$\phi = \phi_0 + C_l \log h$$

Incompatible with horizon B.C.'s and finite  $\phi$  unless  $C_l=0$

Finite temperature ruins the flat direction!

Constant  $\phi \rightarrow$  no condensate region - UNBROKEN CFT

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AdS-Schwarzschild

$$h = 1 - e^{4(y-y_h)} \quad G = k^2$$

Plugging into holo. potential (free energy):

$$F_{\text{AdS-S}} \propto T^4$$

Usual result for unbroken CFT at finite  $T$



# General Potentials

$$V = -\frac{6k^2}{\kappa^2} \left( 1 + \frac{\kappa^2}{3} \epsilon \phi^2 \right)$$

Horizon B.C.'s:  $\dot{\phi} \Big|_{y_h} = \frac{3}{2\kappa^2} \frac{\partial \log V}{\partial \phi} \Big|_{y_h} = \epsilon \phi \Big|_{y_h}$

In principle, there seems to be no great obstacle:  
horizon doesn't force trivial  $\phi = \text{Constant}$

In practice, goal of numerical solutions with horizon at finite  $y_h$   
and condensate region has proven **extraordinarily stubborn**  
**condensate forces horizon to  $y=\infty$**

Likely due to *fragility* of condensate under small  
perturbations (i.e. low temp)  
appearing as numerical stability issues

# Conclusions

- Models that make progress on the CC problem are few and far between
- We explore variants and pheno of holographic CPR:
  - Bellazzini, Csáki, JH, Serra, Terning 1305.3919
- Among this class of models are ones in which SBSI manifests as **continuous geometries (soft wall SBSI)** with IR brane playing lesser role as cutoff
- Should allow a continuous parametrizing of model at finite temperature
  - vital for understanding cosmological behavior of various models where CC problem has dynamical resolution
  - so far elusive, but ...

Thank you!

