

Holographic Models with a Small Cosmological Constant at Finite T

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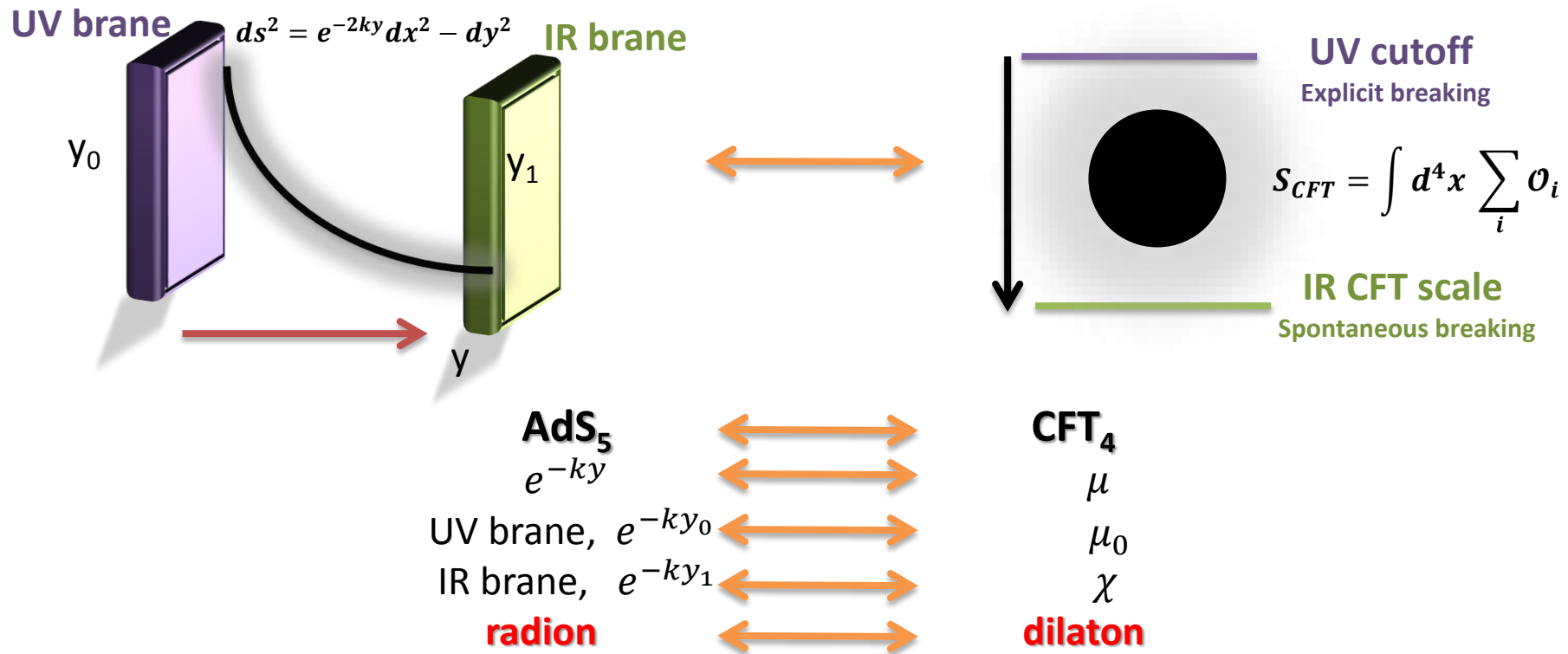


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AdS/CFT phenomenological correspondence

Randall Sundrum I Setup



The brane separation-hierarchy of scales, is fixed by $\langle \chi \rangle = f$

AdS₅

$$\Lambda_0 = \Lambda_{5D}$$

$$\Lambda_1 = -\Lambda_{5D}$$

Goldberger Wise mechanism

Small back-reaction in GW Scalar



Small mistunes in Brane tension

**CFT₄**

$$\Lambda_{bare} \rightarrow 0, \text{ bare tuning}$$

$$A f^4 \rightarrow 0 \text{ quartic tuning}$$

explicit conformal invariant breaking

partial solution to quartic tuning

Some RS models plagued by **eternal inflation**¹¹Creminelli et. al (2001)

Soft-wall Model

- Bulk scalar potential with “soft” dependence on $\phi \Rightarrow$ Spontaneous breaking of scale invariance (SBSI)²

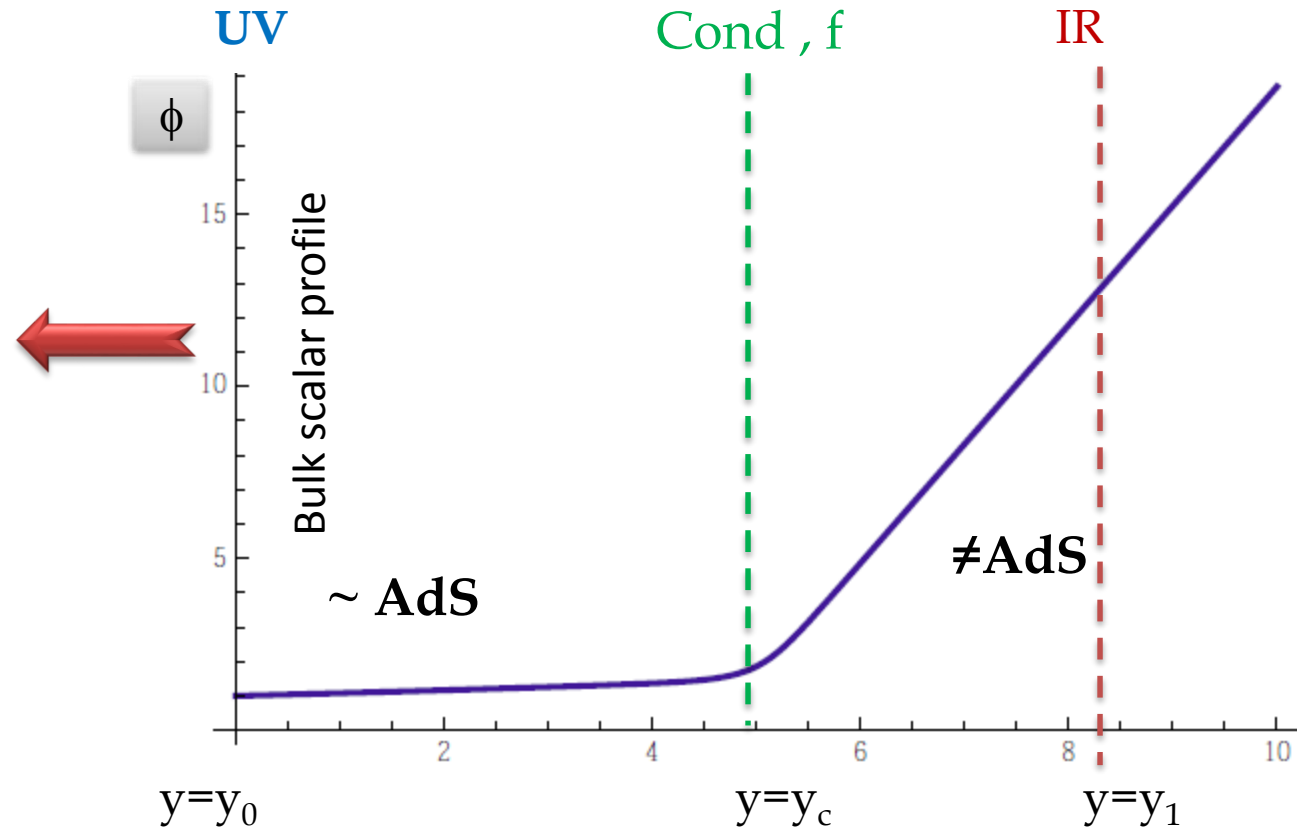
² Bellazzini et. al (2013)

$$S = \int d^5x \sqrt{g} \left[\frac{1}{2} (\partial_M \phi)^2 - V(\phi) - \frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \mathcal{R} \right] - \int d^5x \sqrt{g_0} V_0(\phi) - \int d^5x \sqrt{g_1} V_1(\phi)$$

Soft wall *geometric* model of SBSI

Soft wall generic when IR brane tension >0

IR brane plays **subdominant** role: just cuts off growth of scalar field and curvature



Zero temperature

$$V_{\text{bulk}} = \Lambda_5 + \epsilon B(\phi)$$

Weak scalar field dependence

Using holography to compute the effective dilaton (f) potential

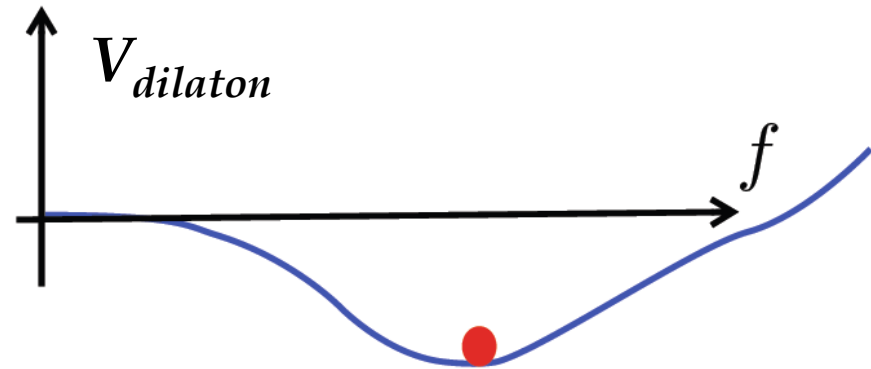
$$V_{\text{dilaton}} = -\epsilon \lambda_\epsilon \mu_0^\epsilon f^{4-\epsilon} + \lambda_4 f^4$$

$$V_{\text{min}} \approx \frac{\epsilon \lambda_4 f^4}{4}$$

CC small

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

Light dilaton



Soft wall realisation of small condensate contribution to CC in models with non-linearly realised SBSI

Different from GW mechanism

Finite temperature

Geometry includes a **black hole horizon** at a finite point, y_h in extra dimension, y .

Hawking radiation from this BH allows BH to reach in **equilibrium with the thermal bath**.

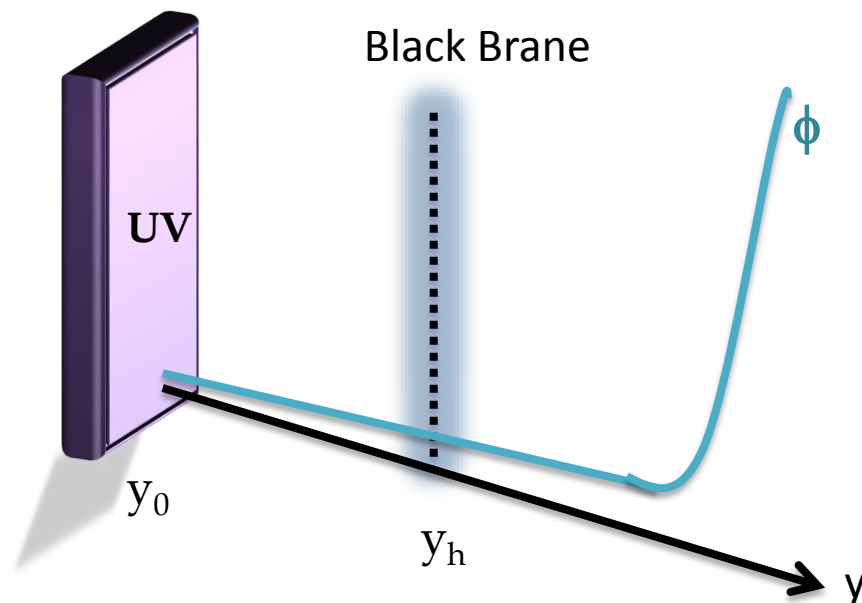
Partition function associated with these Classical solutions



Free energy of system

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Free energy, } V &= V_{\text{UV}} + V_{\text{horizon}} \\ &= U - T S \end{aligned}$$

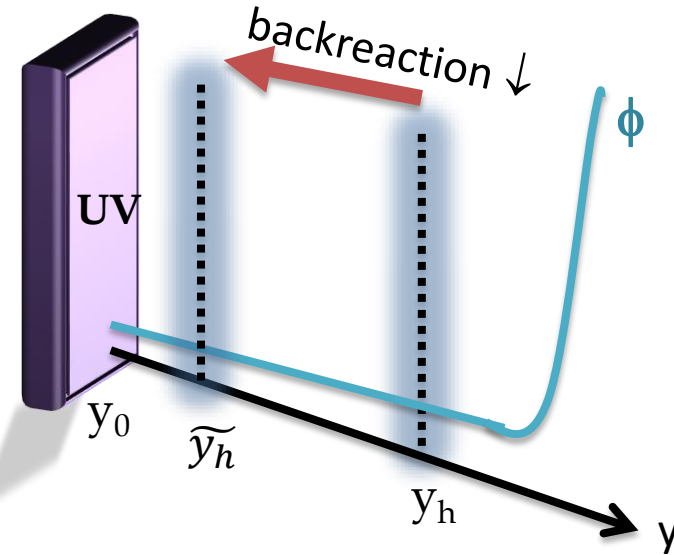
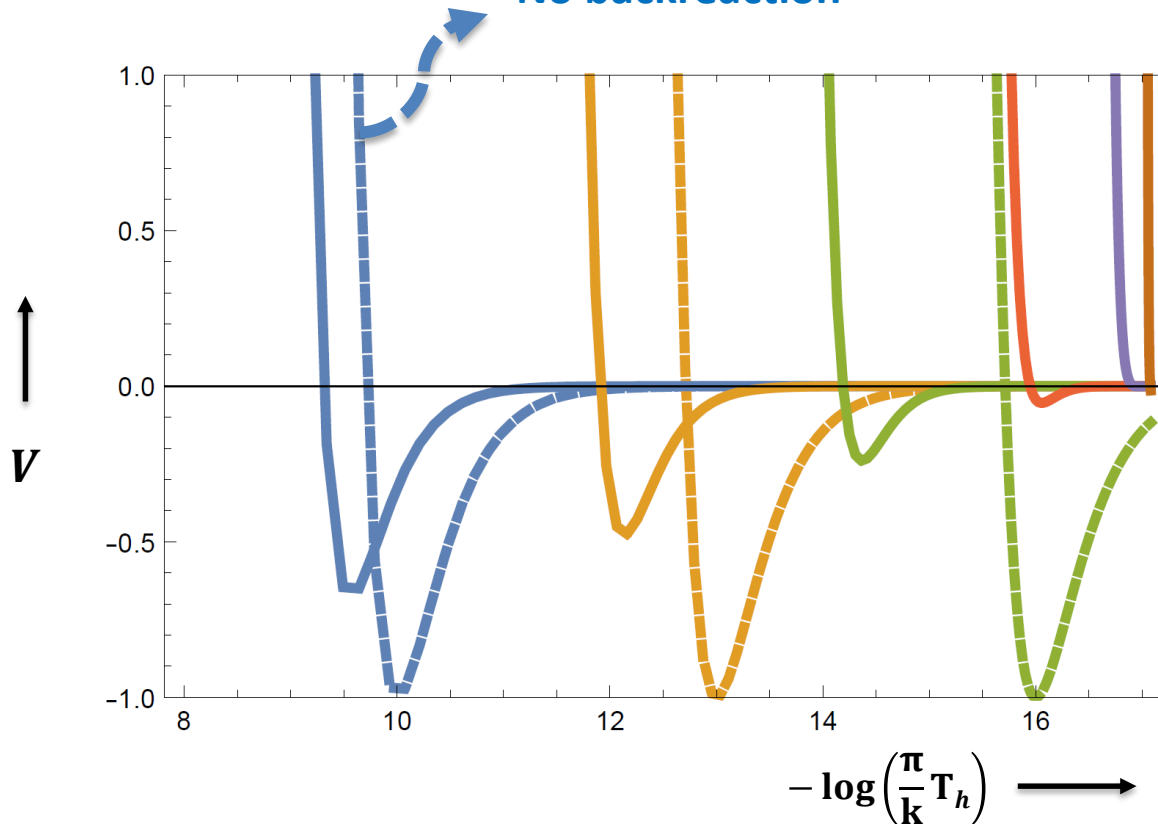
IR brane has been replaced with a BH horizon at y_h



$$T_{eq} = T_h = \frac{k}{\pi} e^{-y_h} e^{4(y_h - \tilde{y}_h)} \quad (\text{at } V_{min})$$

where $\tilde{y}_h \leq y_h$

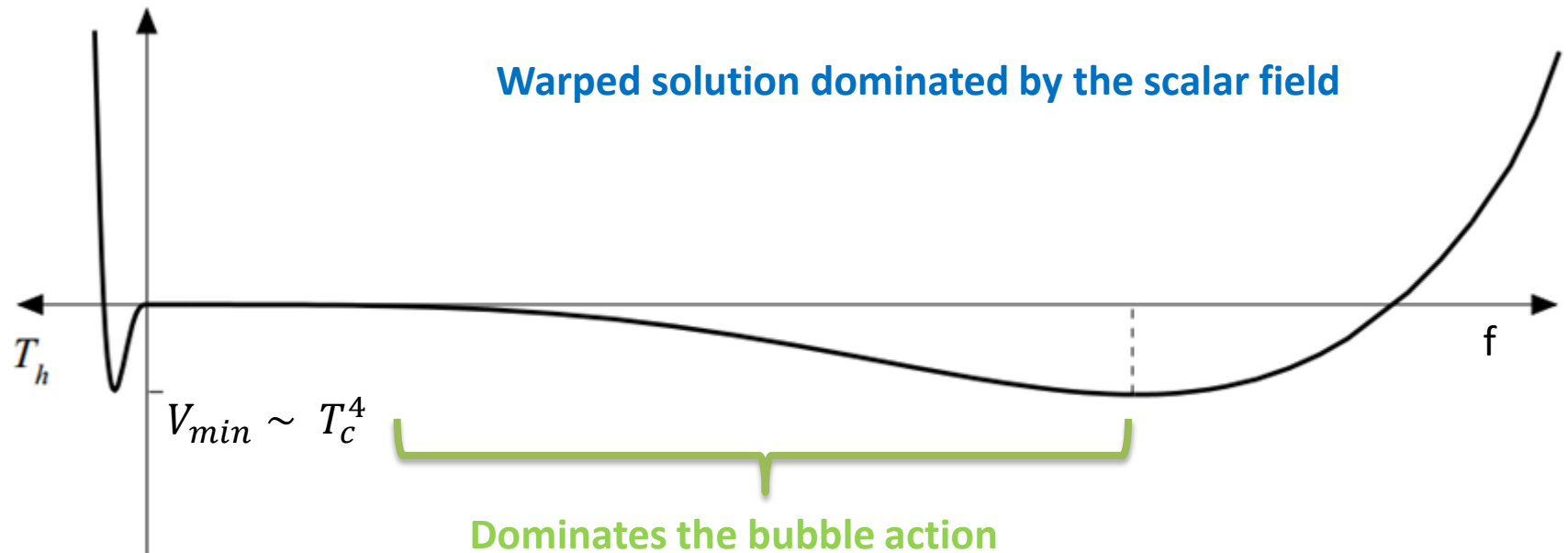
No backreaction



With back-reaction included Phase transition would occur at higher temperatures

Phase transitions

Black hole solution

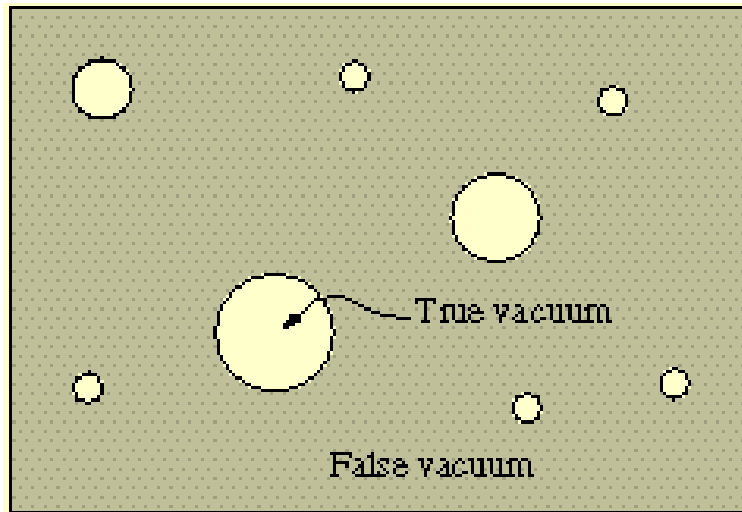


At $T=T_c$, first order phase transition occurs

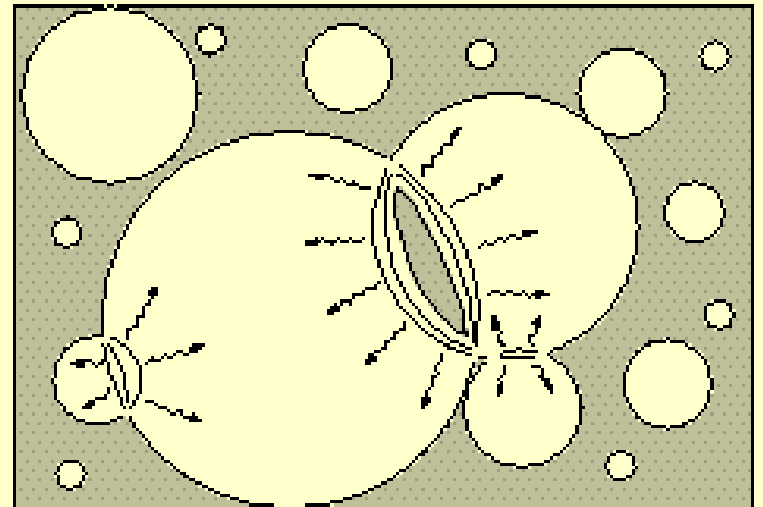
At $T < T_c$ system is in warped scalar field dependent phase

Bubble nucleation

System at $T = T_c$
In 4D , True vacuum bubble forms



Expands until false vacuum bubble disappears .



In 5D, spherical brane patches
form on the horizon

They expand and coalesce to
form a complete 3-brane

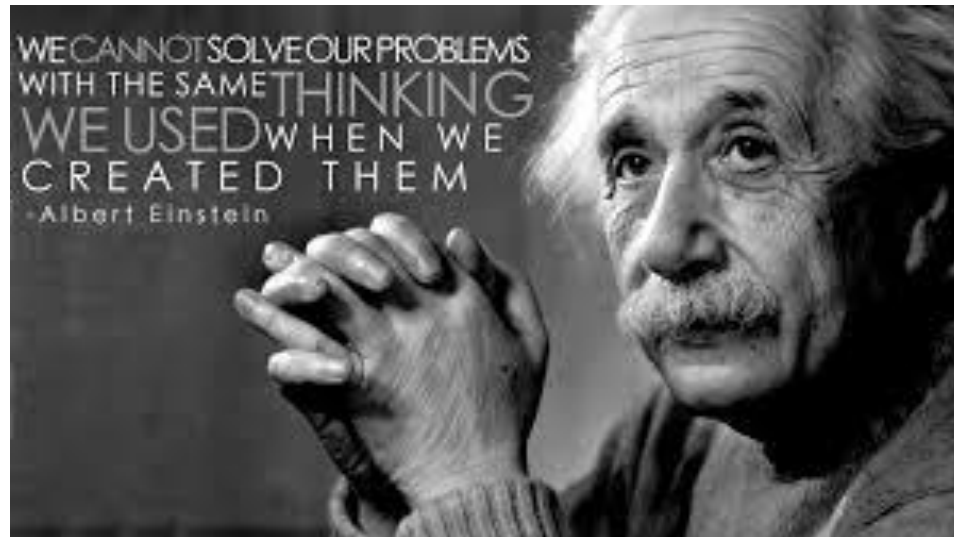
- For a successful phase transition:
- **Bubble nucleation rate > Rate at which the universe expands**
- \Rightarrow Bubble action, $S_E > 140$
- **Exact calculation** for S_E are **not possible**
- **Approximate methods** are used
- $\Delta V >$ height of the barrier \Rightarrow thickness of bubble wall \sim size of the bubble, R
(**Thick-wall Approximation**)³
- **Cosmological constraint as an upper bound on N**

³ Randall, Servant (2007)

Summary

- We have explored “soft-wall” realization of the Randall Sundrum geometry
- SBSI manifests as continuous geometry (soft wall SBSI) with IR brane playing lesser role of a cutoff
- As the universe cools, a **first order** phase transition between two phases, **AdS-S like (high T)** to **warped geometry (low T)** occurs
- **Back reaction is a crucial element** in assisting phase transition at high T
- **Punchline: no eternal inflation \Rightarrow cosmology is safe**
(bubble nucleation rates faster than RS)

THANK YOU!





Cosmological Constant Problem

Cosmological Constant(CC)

- Conventionally denoted by Λ and Dimensionful \rightarrow units of length⁻²
- Parameter describing the energy density of vacuum - perspective from particle physics
- When we start considering scales of various contributions to vacuum energy we find that

“Theoretical expectations for the cosmological constant exceed observational limits by some 120 orders of magnitude.” – Weinberg (Rev. Mod. Phys. 61, 1)

- Miraculously !!

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Vacuum zero point energy+ fluctuations} \\ + \\ \text{QCD gluon and quark condensates} \\ + \\ \text{Higgs field} \\ + \\ \text{GUTs? String theory? All unknown contribution!!} \end{array} \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} \text{Vacuum zero point energy+ fluctuations} \\ + \\ \text{QCD gluon and quark condensates} \\ + \\ \text{Higgs field} \\ + \\ \text{GUTs? String theory? All unknown contribution!!} \end{array}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} = \text{net CC} \\ \sim 10^{-48} \text{ GeV}^4 \text{ (obs)} \end{array}$$

- No known special symmetry enforcing this vanishing vacuum energy & being consistent with the laws of nature - **Cosmological constant problem**

One can have **different meanings** to the notion of the CC problem

1. **A physics problem: QFT \leftrightarrow Λ** . Vacuum energy densities are estimated from QFTs describing particles and forces. Certain assumptions are made wrt general relativity and QFT for cosmological implications of this vacuum energy.
2. **An “expected” scale problem for Λ** . Dimensional considerations of the theory of quantum gravity would have M_{PL} as a fundamental scale , $\Lambda \sim 1$ in Planck units – **Big hierarchy problem!**

Why masses in SM \ll scales of a more fundamental theory (Planck)?

Different approaches to CC Problem

- **Deep symmetries**

- SUSY in flat space claims to solve the CC problem halfway (on a log scale)
- In curved space time- Supergravity has to be considered - fine tuning can fantastically make the Kahler derivative vanish and give small CC(?)

- **Miscellaneous Adjustment Mechanisms**

- Conformal invariance canceling gravity effects to give small CC
- S_{EH}^+ scalar , which evolves to make CC vanish

- **Anthropic principle**

- ``observers will only observe conditions which allow for observers''

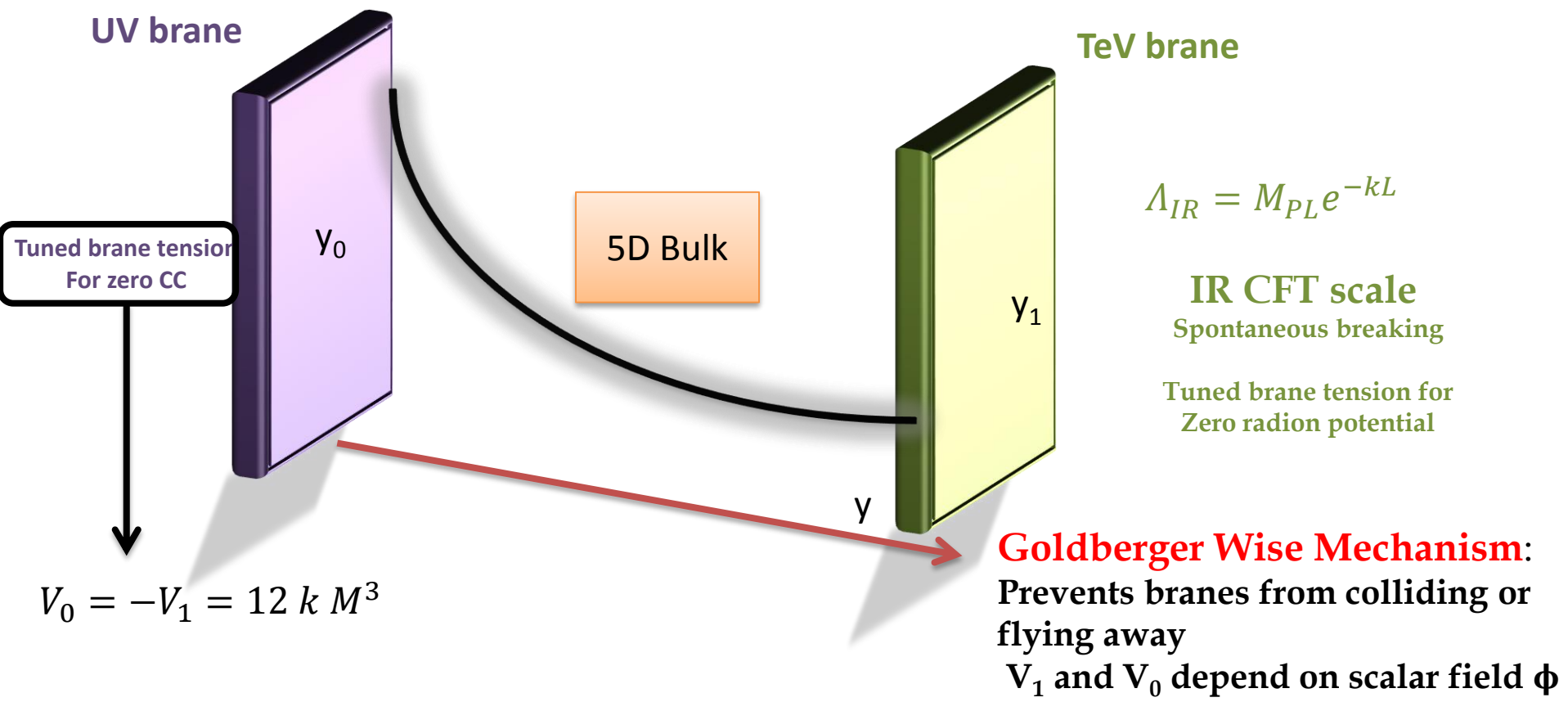
Any solution to the CC problem is likely to have a wider impact on other areas of physics/astronomy

$$S = \int d^4x dy \sqrt{g} \left(-\frac{1}{2\kappa^2} R - \Lambda \right) - \int d^4x dy \sqrt{g} V_1 \delta(y - y_1) - \int d^4x dy \sqrt{g} V_0 \delta(y - y_0)$$

Bulk
IR brane tension
UV brane Tension



$$ds^2 = e^{-2ky} dx^2 - dy^2$$



Scaling and Dilaton Basics

- Under Dilatations : $x \rightarrow x' = e^{-\alpha} x$
- Operators transform: $\mathcal{O}(x) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}'(x) = e^{\alpha\Delta} \mathcal{O}(e^{\alpha} x)$
- Δ has dimensions of the operators
- Now, the linearized transformation of the action sourced with \mathcal{O} is

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

Spontaneous breaking

- When CFT operator gets a VEV

$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = f^n \longrightarrow \text{Classical dimension of } \mathcal{O}$$

- Spontaneous breaking of scale invariance(SBSI) occurs \Rightarrow goldstone boson for scale transformations exist i.e **dilaton**

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

- **Non-linear realization in effective theory**

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

- Gives low-energy effective theory...

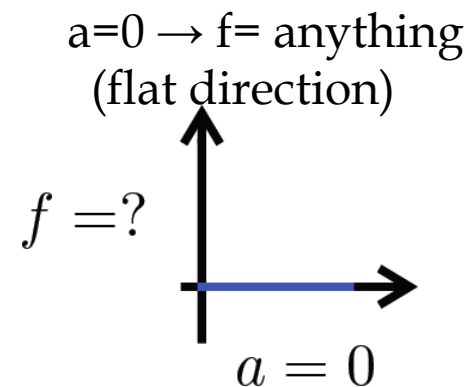
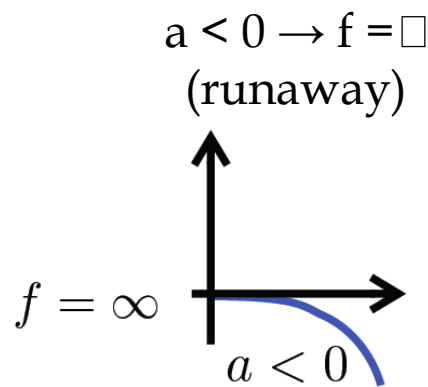
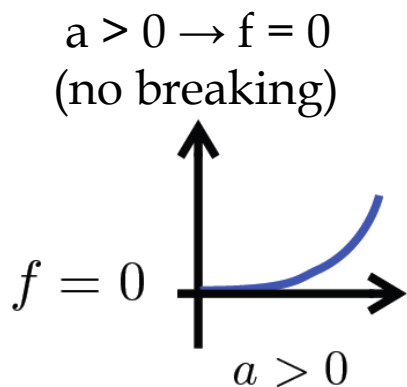
Dilaton Quartic

Requirement of scale invariance gives:

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

Dilaton quartic \rightarrow not allowed in standard Goldstone Boson
Plays a crucial role in SBSI

Obstruction to SBSI (Fubini' 76), 3 possibilities



Near-marginal deformation

Add Explicit breaking term with an almost marginal operator

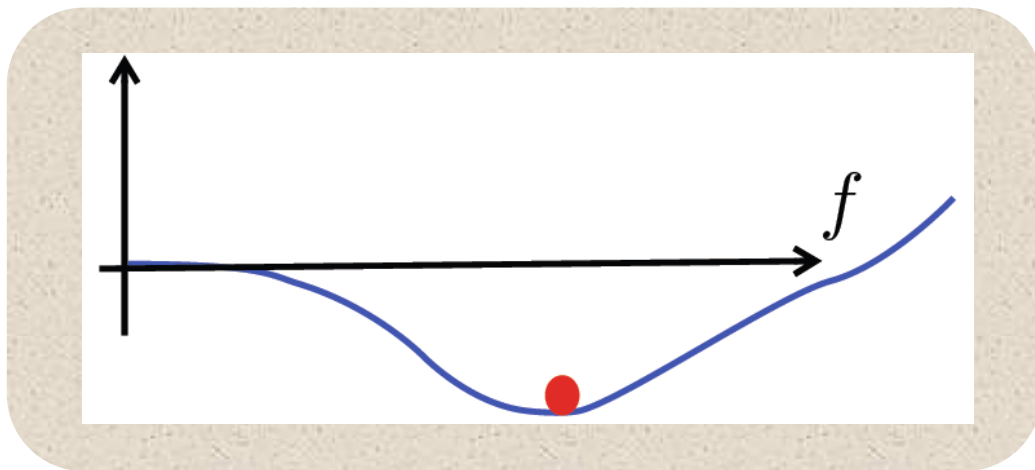
$$\delta S = \int d^4x \lambda(\mu) \mathcal{O}$$

Dilaton quartic has dependence on near marginal coupling:

$$V(\chi) = a\chi^4 \rightarrow V(\chi) = \chi^4 F(\lambda(\chi))$$

deformation can stabilize f away from origin

Near marginal



Dilaton mass

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

F at minimum: $F(\lambda) = a + \sum_n a_n \lambda^n$

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

Explicit
breaking

$$\beta' \ll 1$$

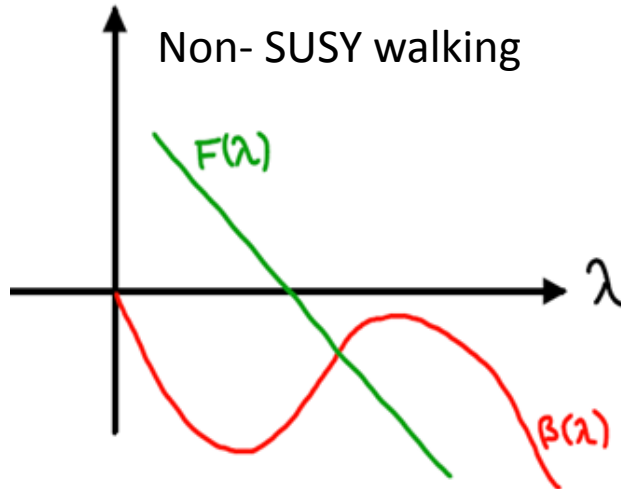
Reparametrize, dilaton as $\chi \equiv f e^{\sigma/f}$ with $\langle \sigma \rangle = 0$
 $F = 0$ reminiscent of a vanishing CC, $\Lambda_{eff} = F f^4$

Various dynamical possibilities

$$F_0 \sim 16 \pi^2$$

$$\beta \sim 4\pi$$

$$m_d^2 \sim 16 \pi^2 f^2$$

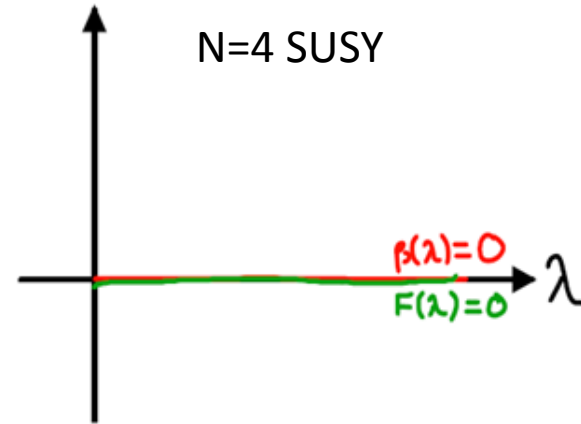


N=4 SUSY

$$F_0 \sim 0$$

$$\beta \sim 0$$

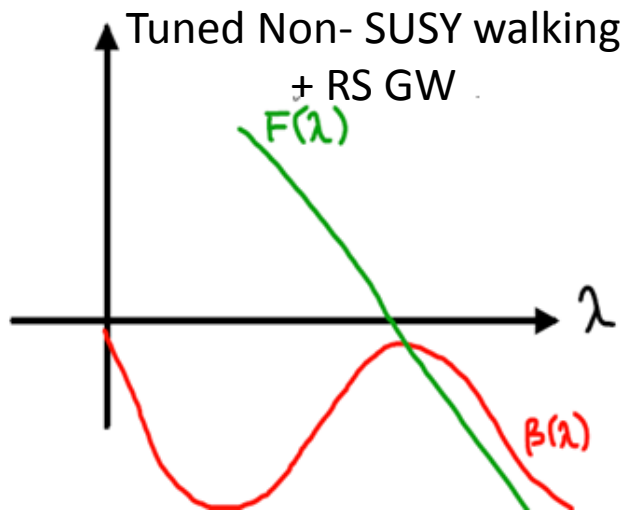
$$m_d^2 \sim \lambda^2 f^2$$



$$F_0 \sim (4\pi)^2 / \Delta$$

$$\beta \sim \epsilon \lambda$$

$$m_d \gtrsim \frac{2 \Lambda_{IR}}{\Delta}$$



Non- SUSY with light dilaton

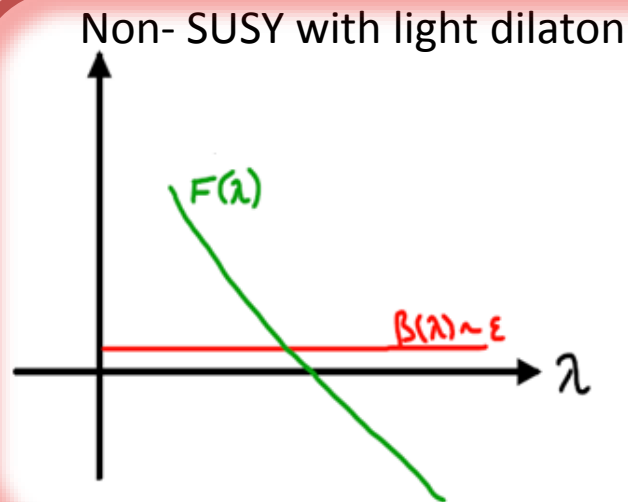
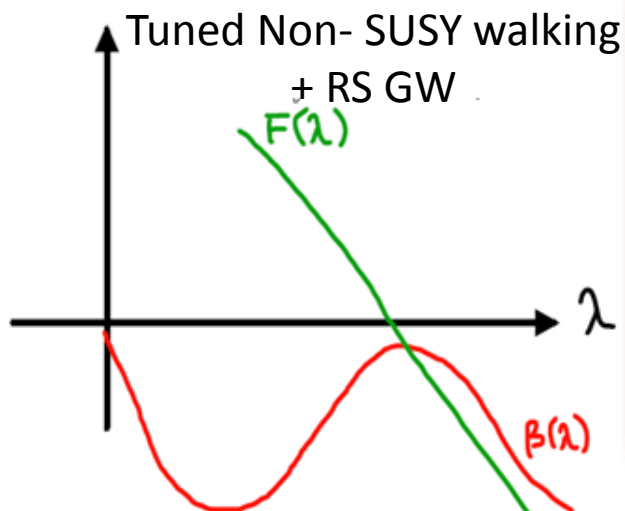
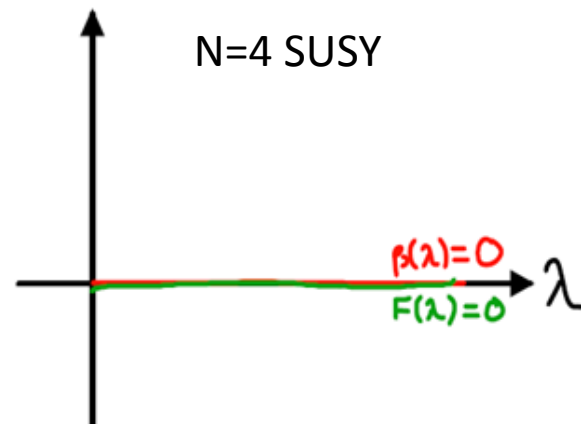
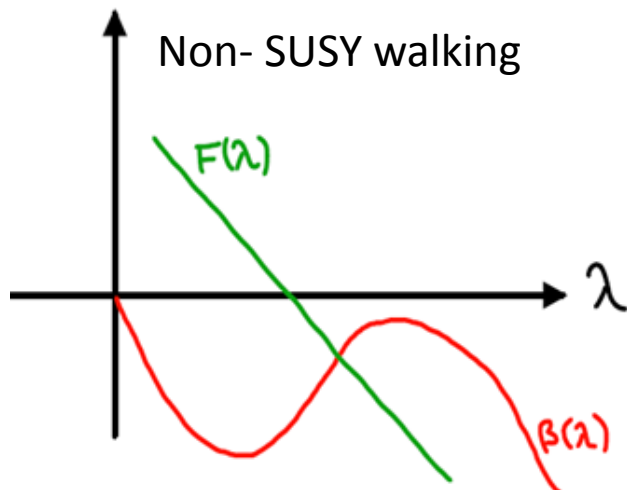
$$F_0 \sim (4\pi)^2$$

$$\beta \sim \epsilon \lambda$$

$$m_d \ll \Lambda_{IR}^2$$



Various dynamical possibilities



CPR proposal*

- “Presence of a flat direction, in the absence of perturbation is not required nor is it natural”
- $F(\lambda)$ generically large, but if λ is near marginal for range of λ , theory will scan over F driven by the explicit breaking term

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

Dynamical
(theory space)
requirement

- Running will stop when $F \sim 0$ is reached

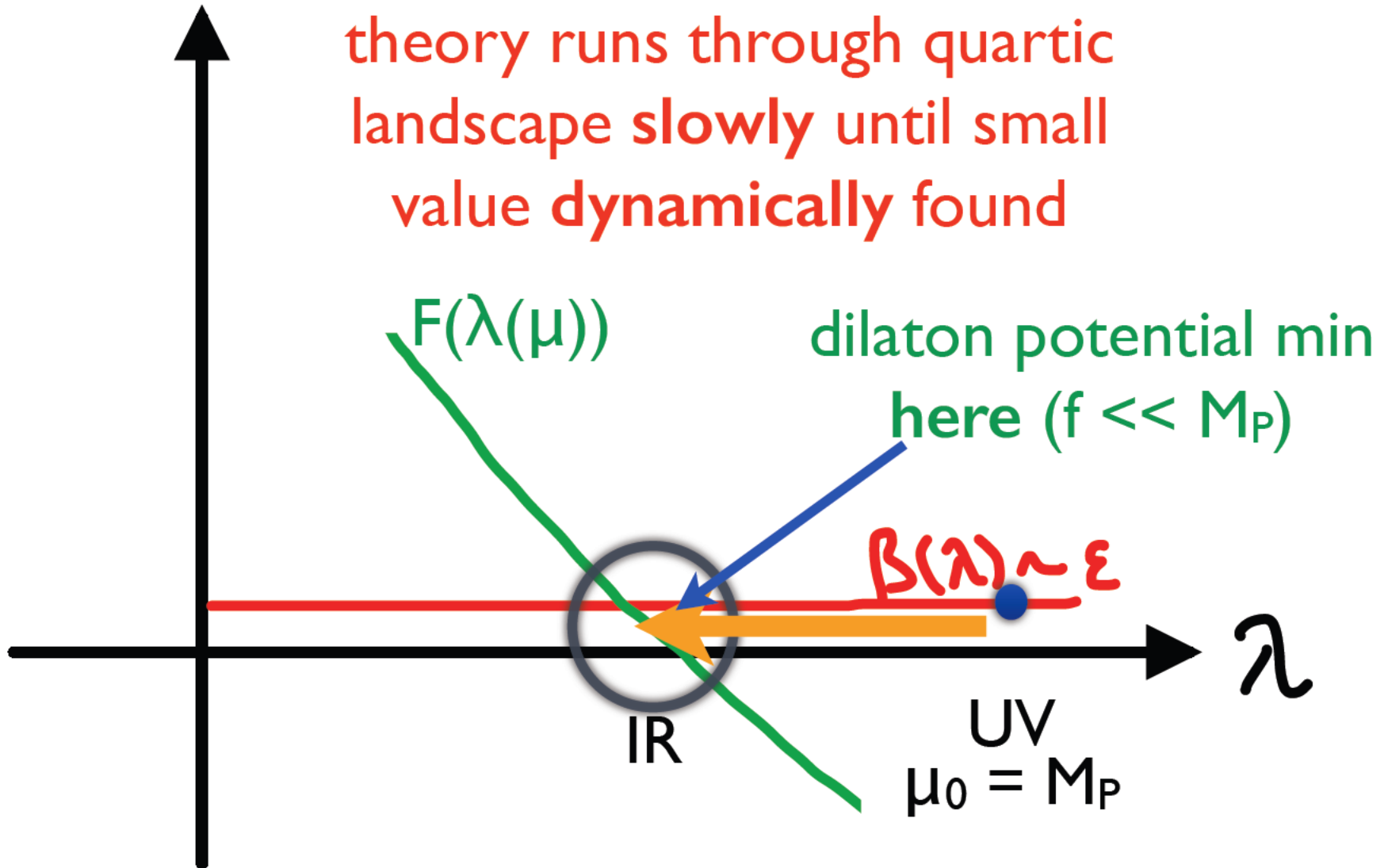
Explicit breaking at
condensate scale

- **SBSI occurs** then
- We also have **a light dilaton** $\rightarrow m_{dil} \propto \beta(\lambda(\mu)) \sim \epsilon$
- **V at minimum = CC from phase transition from scale invariant to broken phase** \rightarrow **will be suppressed too**

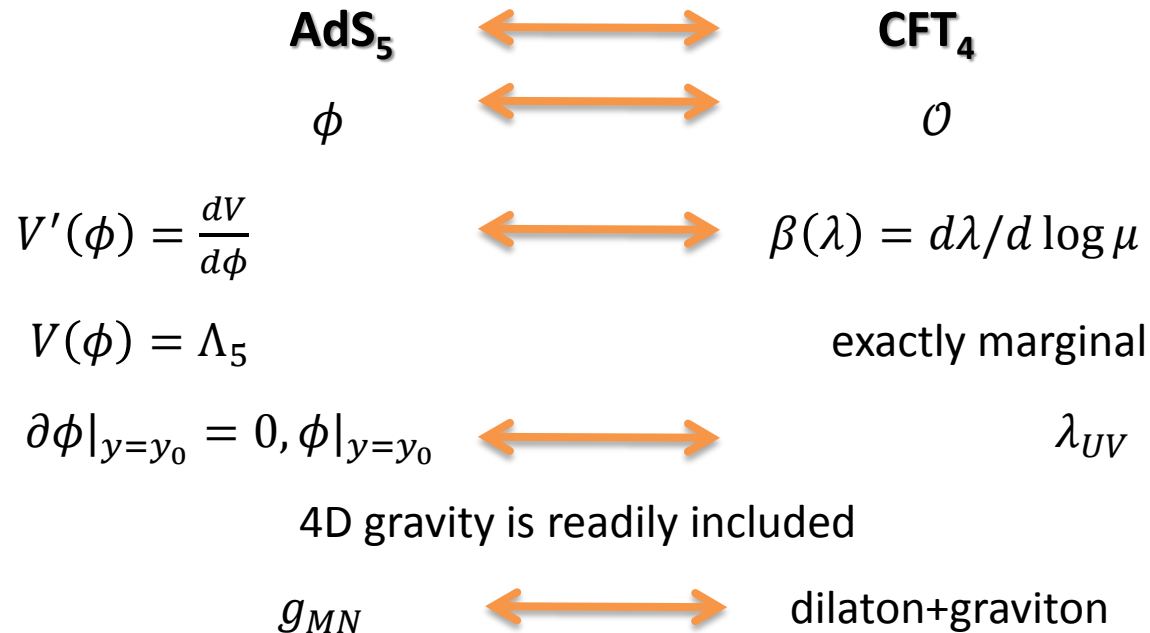
Contino, Pomarol, Rattazzi, ' talks in '10

Basic Principle

theory runs through quartic
landscape **slowly** until small
value **dynamically** found



Adding explicit breaking perturbation in AdS/CFT

**4D effective Lagrangian**

$$\mathcal{L} = \sqrt{g}[\mathcal{L}_{CFT} + \lambda \mathcal{O} + M_P^2 R]$$

Generalized Randall-Sundrum

5D scalar minimally coupled to gravity

$$S = \int d^5x \sqrt{g} \left[\frac{1}{2} (\partial_M \phi)^2 - V(\phi) - \frac{1}{2\kappa^2} \mathcal{R} \right] - \int d^5x \sqrt{g_0} V_0(\phi) - \int d^5x \sqrt{g_1} V_1(\phi)$$

AdS/CFT : **Small $\square \Leftrightarrow$ slowly changing $V(\phi)$** : $V(\phi) = \Lambda_5 + \epsilon f(\phi)$

Bellazzini, Csaki, Hubisz, Terning, Serra, '13
Coradeschi, Lodone, Pappadopulo, Rattazzi, Vitale, '13

Metric ansatz: flat 4d slices $\rightarrow ds^2 = e^{-2A(\tilde{y})} \eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu - d\tilde{y}^2$

True scale coordinates for us : $\mu = k e^{-y}$

New notation !!

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

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

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

Deviations from AdS encoded in $G(y)$

Scalar Einstein Equations

Equations of motion:

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

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

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

Eliminate $G(y)$ in the scalar field EOM to get the **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 \rightarrow total derivative (Bellazini et. al. 1305.3919)

Entire effective potential = boundary term with brane localized potentials and jump conditions

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

UV brane

$$\mu_0 = \mathbf{k} e^{-y_0}$$

IR brane

$$\mu_1 = \mathbf{k} e^{-y_1}$$

What is the behaviour 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?

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:

$$\phi = \phi_0 e^{\epsilon y_0} + \tilde{\lambda} e^{(4-\epsilon)(y_0-y_c)} \text{ Slow running}$$

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

UV contribution to dilaton effective potential

$$V_{UV} = \Lambda_{bare} + a_{UV} f^{4-\epsilon} \mu_0^{-\epsilon}$$

Bare CC

marginal “almost quartic”

General Bulk Potentials (IR)

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

Solutions independent of $V(\phi)$

Φ in the deep IR:

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

Now,
$$G(y) = \frac{-\frac{\kappa^2}{6} V(\phi)}{1 - \frac{\kappa^2}{12} \dot{\phi}^2} \approx -\frac{\kappa^2}{12} \frac{V(\phi)}{\delta_{IR}}$$

In deep IR

Expand scalar EOM in small δv

Integrable in asymptotic limit!
$$G_{IR}(y_1) = -\frac{\kappa^2}{12\tilde{\lambda}} V(\phi(y_c)) e^{8(y_1 - y_c)}$$

Generates a pure quartic

$$V_{IR} \rightarrow a_{IR} f^4$$

Dilaton Potential

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

Bare CC set to zero

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 ϵ !

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

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Black hole in AdS

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

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

EOMs

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

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

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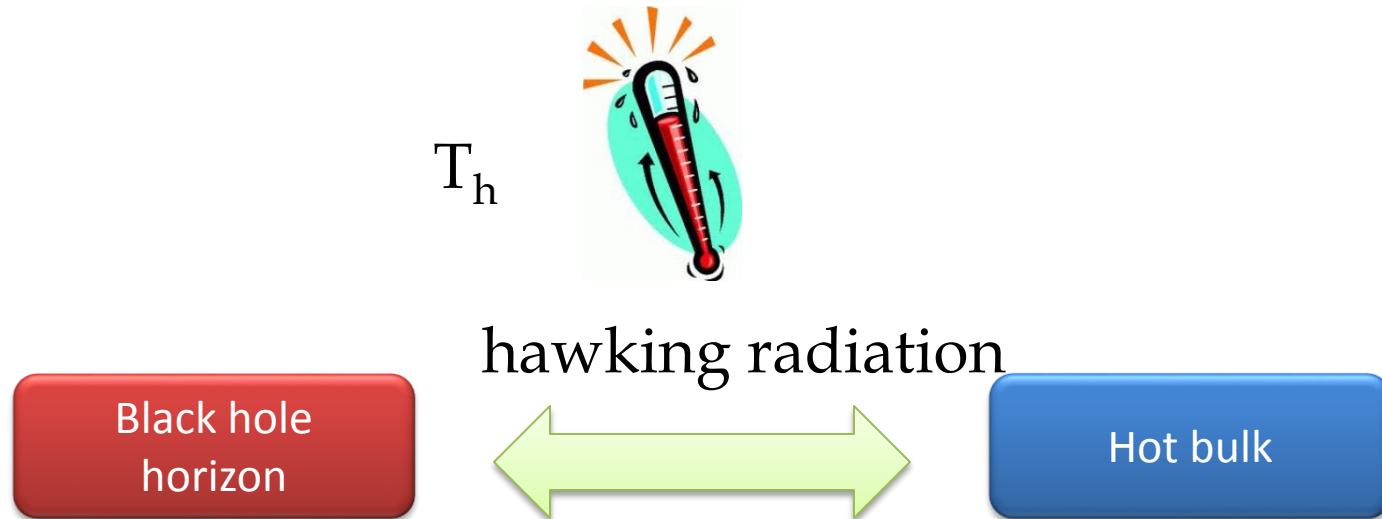


$$\text{Horizon BCs : } \dot{\phi} \Big|_{y_h} = \frac{3}{2\kappa^2} \frac{\partial \log V}{\partial \phi} \Big|_{y_h}$$



Holographic Dilaton Potential:

- At finite T , we have 2 different bulk spaces: warped and AdS-S describing states of thermodynamics equilibrium
- Canonical ensemble of AdS space = AdS- Schwarzschild (AdS- S) (Hawing, Page'83)



- Universe filled with Thermal CFT state with T_h
- Energy & Entropy of heat bath described by corresponding Black hole

Transition rate

The bubble nucleation rate per unit volume in a first order phase transition: $\Gamma = \Gamma_0 e^{-S}$ where $\Gamma_0 \sim T e V^4$

S: Euclidean action for the bubble solution interpolating between false and true minimum \rightarrow contains model dependent parameters

High T $\Rightarrow R_{\text{bubble}} > 1/T \Rightarrow$ instanton has O(3) symmetry $\Rightarrow S = S_3/T$

Low T \Rightarrow O(4) symmetric instanton $\Rightarrow S = S_4$

Focus on T close to T_c , two minima in the Free energy are degenerate

\Rightarrow **Thin Wall Approximation** (Coleman '77)

Or $T > T_c$

Thick wall approximation