

# What is Symmergent Gravity?

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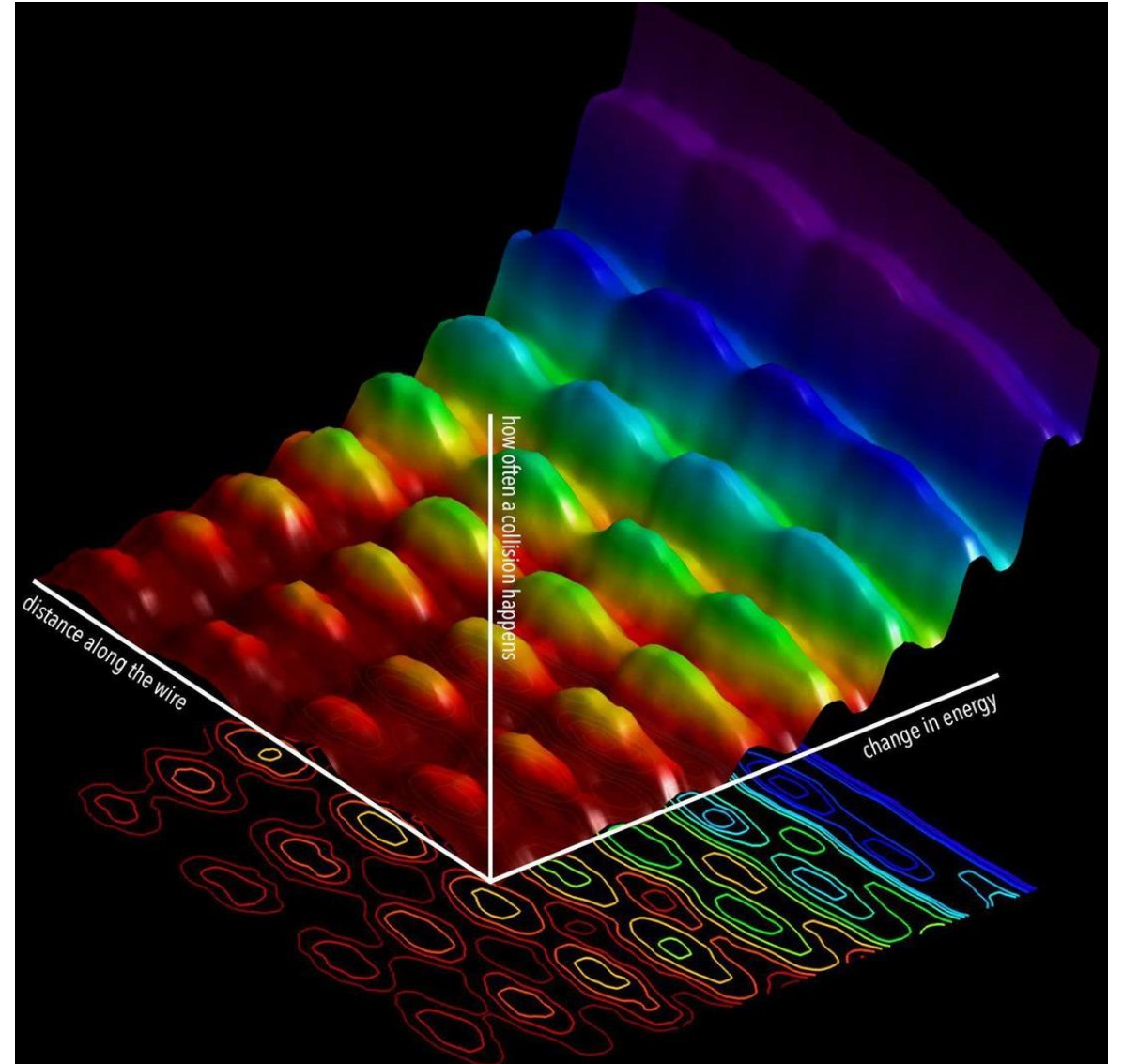
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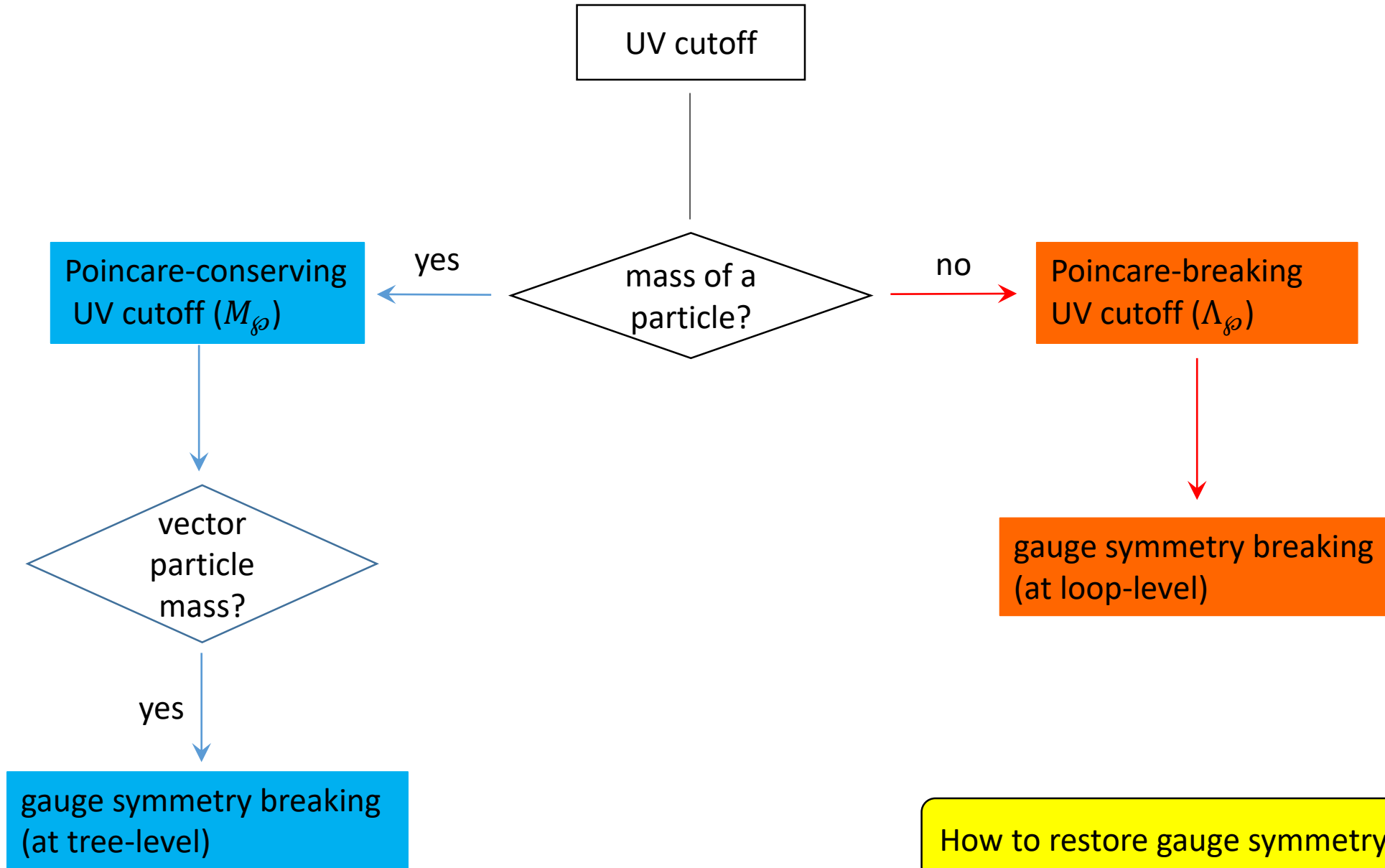
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- Quantum behavior rests on wave-particle duality, and this duality holds in flat spacetime.
- QFTs are inherent to flat spacetime.
- QFTs are defined with an invariant action.
- QFTs make sense with a UV cutoff.

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Poincare-conserving UV cutoff  $M_\phi$ :

tree-level mass term =  $M_\phi^2 V_\mu V^\mu$

$M_\phi^2 \implies$  "Higgs field  $\phi$ "  
(Poincare-conserving)

$(D_\mu \phi)^\dagger D^\mu \phi$

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F. Englert & R. Brout, Phys. Rev. Lett. **13**, 321 (1964)  
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Poincare-breaking UV cutoff  $\Lambda_\phi$ :

loop-induced mass term =  $\Lambda_\phi^2 V_\mu V^\mu$

$\Lambda_\phi^2 \implies$  "Higgs-like field  $\mathbb{R}$ "  
(Poincare-breaking)

$UV \mathbb{D} UV$   
What is this Higgs-like field  $\mathbb{R}_{\mu\nu}$ ?

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QFTs without UV cutoff:

➤ Dimensional Regularization ( $D \rightarrow 4$ ): 
$$I_n = \int \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{(p^2 - m^2 + i0)^n} \implies \mu^{4-D} \int \frac{d^D p}{(2\pi)^D} \frac{1}{(p^2 - m^2 + i0)^n}$$

C. Bollini & J. Giambiagi, Nuovo Cim. B12, 20 (1972)  
G. 't Hooft & M. Veltman, Nucl. Phys. B44, 189 (1972)

QFTs with UV cutoff:

- **Question:** How to extend the Dimensional Regularization to QFTs with UV cutoff such that logarithmic (global) and power-law (local) UV sensitivities come independently?
- **Useful hint:** Dimensional Regularization with  $D \rightarrow 0$  and  $D \rightarrow 2$  gather, respectively, the quartic and quadratic UV sensitivities.

I. Jack & D. Jones, Nucl. Phys. B342, 127 (1990)  
M. Al-Sarhi, D. Jones & I. Jack, Nucl. Phys. B345, 431 (1990)

EFFECTIVE QFT: Detached Regularization

➤ The cutoff  $\Lambda_\phi$  acts as “mass” if it does not show up in “log” terms. And this is accomplished **Detached Regularization**:

$$\int^{(\Lambda_\phi)} \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{(p^2 - m^2 + i0)^n} \implies \left[ \frac{1}{(8\pi)^{2-n}} (\delta_{[D]0} + \delta_{[D]2}) \Lambda_\phi^{4-2n} \mu^{2n-D} + \delta_{[D]4} \mu^{4-D} \right] \int \frac{d^D p}{(2\pi)^D} \frac{1}{(p^2 - m^2 + i0)^n}$$

$\swarrow$   $D \rightarrow 0$  and  $D \rightarrow 2$                        $\swarrow$   $D \rightarrow 4$

➤ Typical loop integral in **Detached Regularization** with  $\overline{MS}$  Renormalization:

$$\int^{(\Lambda_\phi)} \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{(p^2 - m^2 + i0)^n} = \begin{cases} \frac{i \Lambda_\phi^4}{32\pi^2} & D = 0, n = 0 \\ \frac{-i\Lambda_\phi^2}{16\pi^2} \left(1 - \log \frac{\mu}{m}\right) & D = 2, n = 1 \\ \frac{im^2}{16\pi^2} \left(1 + 2 \log \frac{\mu}{m}\right) & D = 4, n = 1 \\ \frac{i}{8\pi^2} \log \frac{\mu}{m} & D = 4, n = 2 \end{cases}$$

- $\Lambda_\phi$  for power-law divergences
- $\mu$  for logarithmic divergences

$$\delta S_{pow} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-\eta} \left\{ -c_0(\log \mu) \Lambda_{\emptyset}^4 - \sum_m c_m(\log \mu) \Lambda_{\emptyset}^2 m^2 - c_\phi(\log \mu) \Lambda_{\emptyset}^2 \phi^\dagger \phi + c_V(\log \mu) \Lambda_{\emptyset}^2 V_\mu V^\mu \right\}$$

flat metric  $\eta_{\mu\nu}$

$$c^{(SM)}_{\phi=H} \approx \frac{3h_t^2}{4\pi^2}$$

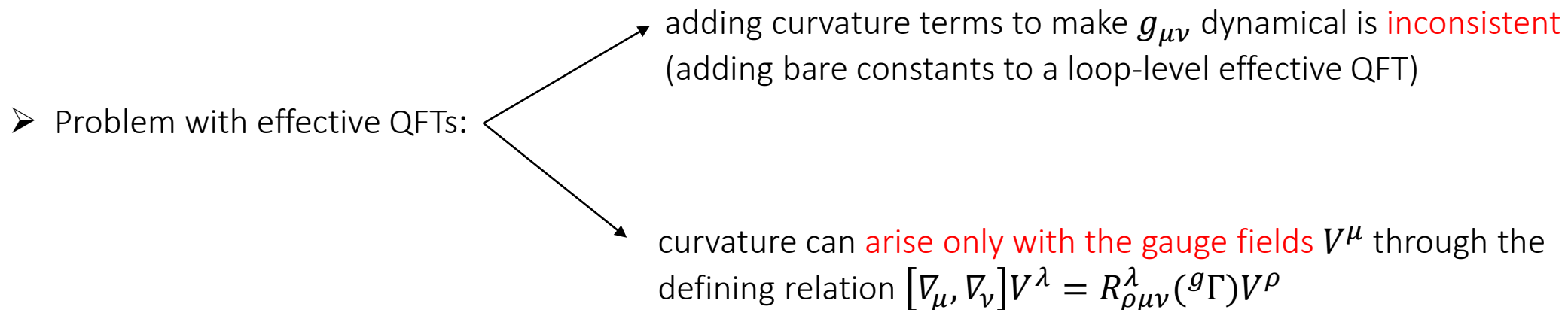
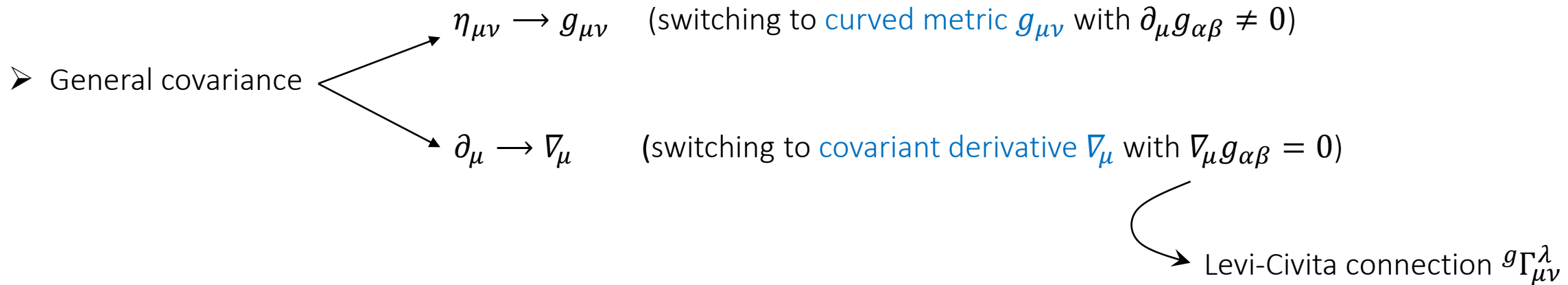
$$S_{tot} = S_{tree}(\eta, \psi) \sum_m c_m(\log \mu) m^2 = \frac{1}{32\pi^2} \text{str}[M^2] \delta S_{logarithmic}(\eta, \psi, \log \mu) + \delta S_{pow}(\eta, \psi, \log \mu, \Lambda_{\emptyset})$$

$$c_0 = \frac{n_b - n_f}{128\pi^2}$$

$n_b$  bosonic and  $n_f$  fermionic degrees of freedom

(mass)<sup>2</sup> matrix of fields

$c_{V=g^a}^{(SM)}$	$\frac{21g_3^2}{16\pi^2}$
$c_{V=W^i}^{(SM)}$	$\frac{21g_2^2}{16\pi^2}$
$c_{V=B}^{(SM)}$	$\frac{39g_1^2}{32\pi^2}$





Kinetic construct (bulk)	Kinetic construct (bulk+boundary)
$I_V(\eta) = \int d^4x \sqrt{-\eta} c_V V_{\mu\nu} V^{\mu\nu}$	$\tilde{I}_V(\eta) = \int d^4x \sqrt{-\eta} c_V V^\mu (-D^2 \eta_{\mu\nu} + D_\mu D_\nu + iV_{\mu\nu}) V^\nu + \partial_\mu (V_\nu V^{\mu\nu})$

$$I_V(\eta) = \tilde{I}_V(\eta)$$

Flat spacetime (metric= $\eta_{\mu\nu}$ )	Curved spacetime (metric= $g_{\mu\nu}$ )
$-I_V(\eta) + \tilde{I}_V(\eta) = 0$	$-I_V(g) + \tilde{I}_V(g) = -\int d^4x \sqrt{-g} c_V V^\mu R_{\mu\nu}({}^g\Gamma) V^\nu$

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_{\alpha\beta} &\rightarrow g_{\alpha\beta} \\ \partial_\alpha &\rightarrow \nabla_\alpha \end{aligned}$$

Flat spacetime effective action	Curved spacetime effective action
$S_{eff}(\eta, \psi, \log \mu, \Lambda_\phi) - I_V(\eta) + \tilde{I}_V(\eta)$ $= S_{eff}(\eta, \psi, \log \mu, \Lambda_\phi)$	$S_{eff}(g, \psi, \log \mu, \Lambda_\phi) - I_V(g) + \tilde{I}_V(g)$ $= S_{eff}(g, \psi, \log \mu, \Lambda_\phi) - \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} c_V V^\mu R_{\mu\nu}({}^g\Gamma) V^\nu$

no change !

change with curvature !

EFFECTIVE QFT: Poincare-Breaking Higgs-like field = Affine Curvature

- In an arbitrary second-quantized theory with no presumed properties, “... lack of translational invariance would just be interpreted as the effect of gravitational fields being present, which are not translational invariant.”

C. Froggatt & H. Nielsen, Ann. Phys. 517, 115 (2007)

- The UV cutoff  $\Lambda_{\wp}$  is the only translation (Poincare) breaking source in flat spacetime. There must be an affinity between the UV cutoff  $\Lambda_{\wp}$  and curvature.

$$\Lambda_{\wp}^2 \Leftrightarrow \text{curvature}$$

- This affinity makes sense only if the said curvature can exist in flat spacetime. This can happen only with an affine connection field  $\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda}$  (which is independent of  $g_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda}$ ).

$$\Lambda_{\wp}^2 \Leftrightarrow \text{affine curvature}$$

- Thus, Higgs-like field  $\mathbb{R}_{\mu\nu}$  can be identified with the Ricci curvature of an affine connection  $\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda}$  :

$$\mathbb{R}_{\mu\nu} \equiv \mathbb{R}_{\mu\nu}(\Gamma) = \partial_{\rho}\Gamma_{\nu\mu}^{\rho} - \partial_{\nu}\Gamma_{\rho\mu}^{\rho} + \Gamma_{\rho\lambda}^{\rho}\Gamma_{\nu\mu}^{\lambda} - \Gamma_{\nu\lambda}^{\rho}\Gamma_{\rho\mu}^{\lambda}$$

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$$\delta S_{pow} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-\eta} \left\{ -c_o \Lambda_{\phi}^4 - \sum_m c_m m^2 \Lambda_{\phi}^2 - c_{\phi} \Lambda_{\phi}^2 \phi^{\dagger} \phi + c_V \Lambda_{\phi}^2 \text{tr}[V_{\mu} V^{\mu}] \right\}$$

Higgs-like field:  $\Lambda_{\phi}^2 \eta_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\mu\nu}(\Gamma)$

General covariance:  
 $\eta_{\mu\nu} \rightarrow g_{\mu\nu}$   
 $\partial_{\mu} \rightarrow \nabla_{\mu}$

$$\delta S_{pow} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ -\frac{c_o}{16} \left( g^{\mu\nu} \mathbb{R}_{\mu\nu}(\Gamma) \right)^2 - \frac{1}{4} \sum_m c_m m^2 g^{\mu\nu} \mathbb{R}_{\mu\nu}(\Gamma) - \frac{c_{\phi}}{4} g^{\mu\nu} \mathbb{R}_{\mu\nu}(\Gamma) \phi^{\dagger} \phi + c_V \left( \mathbb{R}_{\mu\nu}(\Gamma) - R_{\mu\nu}(g\Gamma) \right) V_{\mu} V_{\nu} \right\}$$

metric-Palatini gravity

- The affine connection  $\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda}$  can be integrated out of the spectrum by solving its equation of motion:

$$\Gamma \nabla_{\lambda} \mathbb{D}_{\mu\nu} = 0$$

$$\mathbb{D}_{\mu\nu} = \left( \frac{g}{\text{Det}[Q]} \right)^{\frac{1}{6}} Q_{\mu\nu}$$

$$Q_{\mu\nu} = \left( \frac{1}{16\pi G_N} + \frac{c_{\phi}}{4} \phi^{\dagger} \phi + \frac{c_0}{8} g^{\alpha\beta} \mathbb{R}_{\alpha\beta}(\Gamma) \right) g_{\mu\nu} - c_V V_{\mu} V_{\nu}$$

$$G_N^{-1} = 4\pi \sum_m c_m m^2 \xrightarrow{1\text{-loop}} \frac{\text{str}[M^2]}{8\pi}$$

For  $\text{str}[M^2]$  to generate  $G_N^{-1} = (10^{19} \text{ GeV})^2$  it is necessary to have new massive particles in excess of the Standard Model spectrum.

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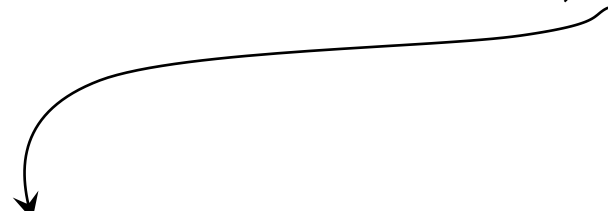
➤ Exact solution of the  $\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\lambda$  equation of motion  $\Gamma^\lambda \nabla_\lambda \mathbb{D}_{\mu\nu} = 0$  :

$$\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\lambda = g\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\lambda + \frac{1}{2}(\mathbb{D}^{-1})^{\lambda\rho}(\nabla_\mu \mathbb{D}_{\nu\rho} + \nabla_\nu \mathbb{D}_{\rho\mu} - \nabla_\rho \mathbb{D}_{\mu\nu})$$

➤ Enormity of the Planck scale  $G_N^{-1}$  enables one to make the expansions:

$$\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\lambda = g\Gamma_{\mu\nu}^\lambda + 8\pi G_N(\nabla_\mu \bar{\mathbb{D}}_\nu^\lambda + \nabla_\nu \bar{\mathbb{D}}_\mu^\lambda - \nabla^\lambda \bar{\mathbb{D}}_{\mu\nu}) + \mathcal{O}(G_N^2)$$

$$\mathbb{R}_{\mu\nu}(\Gamma) = R_{\mu\nu}(g\Gamma) + 8\pi G_N \left( \nabla^\alpha \nabla_\mu \delta_\nu^\beta + \nabla^\beta \nabla_\mu \delta_\nu^\alpha - \square \delta_\mu^\alpha \delta_\nu^\beta - \nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu g^{\alpha\beta} + (\alpha \leftrightarrow \beta) \right) \bar{\mathbb{D}}_{\alpha\beta} + \mathcal{O}(G_N^2)$$



$$\bar{\mathbb{D}}_{\mu\nu} = \left( \frac{c_\phi}{12} \phi^\dagger \phi + \frac{c_O}{24} g^{\alpha\beta} \mathbb{R}_{\alpha\beta}(\Gamma) + \frac{c_V}{6} V_\alpha V^\alpha \right) g_{\mu\nu} - c_V V_\mu V_\nu$$

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gauge symmetries got restored!

$$\triangleright \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \{c_V (\mathbb{R}_{\alpha\beta}(\Gamma) - R_{\alpha\beta}(g\Gamma)) \text{tr}[V^\alpha V^\beta]\} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \{0 + \mathcal{O}(G_N)\}$$

GR emerged!

$$\triangleright \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ -\frac{1}{16\pi G_N} g^{\alpha\beta} \mathbb{R}_{\alpha\beta}(\Gamma) \right\} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ -\frac{R(g)}{16\pi G_N} + \mathcal{O}(G_N) \right\}$$

quadratic corrections to scalar masses give  
cause to non-minimally coupled scalar fields

$$\triangleright \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \{ -c_\phi g^{\alpha\beta} \mathbb{R}_{\alpha\beta}(\Gamma) \phi^\dagger \phi \} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ -\frac{c_\phi}{4} R(g) \phi^\dagger \phi + \mathcal{O}(G_N) \right\}$$

quartic corrections to vacuum energy  
give rise to quadratic curvature terms

$$\triangleright \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ -\frac{c_O}{16} \left( g^{\alpha\beta} \mathbb{R}_{\alpha\beta}(\Gamma) \right)^2 \right\} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ -\frac{c_O}{16} (R(g))^2 + \mathcal{O}(G_N) \right\}$$

$$S_{QFT+GR} = \underbrace{S(g, \psi) + \delta S(g, \psi)}_{\text{QFT sector}} + \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ \underbrace{-\frac{R(g)}{16\pi G_N} - \frac{c_0}{16} R(g)^2 - \frac{c_\phi}{4} R(g) \phi^\dagger \phi + \mathcal{O}(G_N)}_{R + R^2 \text{ gravity sector}} \right\}$$

QFT sector

 $R + R^2$  gravity sector

- symmetry-restoring emergent gravity = “symmergent gravity”
- gravity has emerged from within the flat spacetime effective QFT: Gravity is classical, but all its couplings are generated or improved by matter loops.
- gravitational interactions are as quantum as the matter interactions: there is a chime/concord between the gravitation and QFT.

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new massive particles are a **must** for Newton's constant to take the right value

new particles do not have to couple to the SM particles

Higgs mass stability requires new particles (e.g. dark matter) to couple to SM particles weakly/feebly.

Higgs mass stability requires neutrinos to be Dirac

Higgs-curvature coupling (**10 %** in the SM) can reveal Higgs couplings to new particles

pure Einstein gravity is attained if nature has equal numbers of **bosonic and fermionic degree of freedom**

cosmic inflation is naturally of the **Starobinsky** type but scalar field inflation can also be realized

black hole **shadow, photon radius, deflection angle and quasiperiodic oscillations** can provide viable testbeds

detection of **new particles** can wait for high-luminosity LHC

the Universe may contain **dark stars, dark planets, even dark galaxies.**

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$$S_{sgr} = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ -\frac{R(g)}{16\pi G_N} - \frac{c_0}{16} R(g)^2 - V_{tot} \right\}$$

$$V_{tot} = V_{tree} + \delta V$$

$$\delta V = \frac{1}{64\pi^2} \text{str}[M^4]$$

$$\delta V = \frac{m_0^4}{64\pi^2} (n_b - n_f) = \frac{1}{24\pi G_N^2 c_0}$$

(if bosons and fermions  
had equal masses  $m_0$ )

$$\delta V = \frac{(1 - \hat{\alpha})}{24\pi G_N^2 c_0}$$

(one possible  
parametrization)

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}R g_{\mu\nu} - 2\pi G_N c_O \left( R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4} R g_{\mu\nu} + g_{\mu\nu} - \nabla_\mu \nabla_\nu \right) R - 8\pi G_N V_{tot} = 0$$

➤ One class of solutions corresponds to **constant scalar curvature** ( $R = R_0 = -8\pi G_N V_{tot}$ )

- dS solution ( $V_{tot} > 0$  or  $n_B > n_F$ )
- AdS solution ( $V_{tot} < 0$  or  $n_B < n_F$ )
- $c_O$  disappears from asymptotically-flat zero- $R$  solution

W. Nelson, Phys. Rev. D 82, 104026 (2010)  
H. Lü *et al.* Phys. Rev. Lett. 114, 171601 (2015)

➤ Another class corresponds to **variable scalar curvature** ( $R \neq \text{constant}$ )

- There exist asymptotically-flat solutions explicitly involving  $c_O$

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gravity theory ( $V_{tree} = 0$ )

static spherically-symmetric solutions

Symmergent gravity action:

Schwarzschild-dS/AdS solution:

$$\int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left( -\frac{R}{16\pi G_N} - \frac{c_0}{16} R^2 - \frac{1-\hat{\alpha}}{(8\pi G_N)^2 c_0} \right)$$

$$(ds)^2 = h(r)(cdt)^2 - \frac{(dr)^2}{h(r)} - r^2((d\theta)^2 + \sin^2\theta (d\phi)^2)$$

$$c_0 = \frac{n_b - n_f}{248\pi^2}$$

$\hat{\alpha}$  = a constant parametrizing  
symmergent vacuum energy

$$h(r) = 1 - \frac{r_s}{r} - \frac{(1 - \hat{\alpha})r^2}{24\pi G_N c_0}$$

gravity theory ( $V_{tot} = 0$ )

static spherically-symmetric solutions

Symmergent gravity action:

$$\int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left( -\frac{R}{16\pi G_N} - \frac{c_0}{16} R^2 \right)$$

Buchdahl-Nguyen solution:

$$(ds)^2 = A(r) (dt)^2 - \frac{(dr)^2}{B(r)} - C(r) \left( (d\theta)^2 + \sin^2 \theta (d\phi)^2 \right)$$

$$A(r) = e^{-\varphi(r)} \left( 1 - \frac{r_s}{r} \right)$$

$$B(r) = e^{\varphi(r)} \left( 1 - \frac{r_s}{r} \right)$$

$$C(r) = e^{-\varphi(r)} r^2$$

$$\frac{d}{dr} \left( (r^2 - r r_s) \frac{d\varphi(r)}{dr} \right) = -\gamma r^2 \varphi(r)$$

$$\gamma = -\frac{1}{6\pi c_0} = -\frac{64\pi}{3(n_b - n_f)}$$

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