

A Renormalizable Standard Model with a composite Higgs?

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1. Introduction

The Standard Model

- ✚ Tested to very high precision
- Large number of parameters
- The hierarchy problem
- The triviality Problem
- Unknown origin of flavor physics
- Unknown origin of neutrino physics

The Hierarchy Problem

- We have a **huge** hierarchy in the standard model:

$$M_{\text{GUT}} \sim \Lambda_{\text{UV}} \gg \Lambda_{\text{EW}} \sim 10^{-13} \Lambda_{\text{UV}}$$

- The Higgs mass **renormalizes quadratically**

$$\underbrace{m_{\text{R}}^2}_{\sim 10^4 \text{ GeV}^2} \sim \underbrace{m_{\Lambda}^2}_{\sim 10^{30} \left(1 + \dots 10^{-26}\right) \text{ GeV}^2} - \underbrace{\delta m^2}_{\sim 10^{30} (\text{GeV})^2}$$



Incredible Finetuning:

$$1 : 10^{26}$$

The Hierarchy Problem: caveat

- However: It is a problem of naturalness or finetuning!
- It is not a „fundamental“ problem.

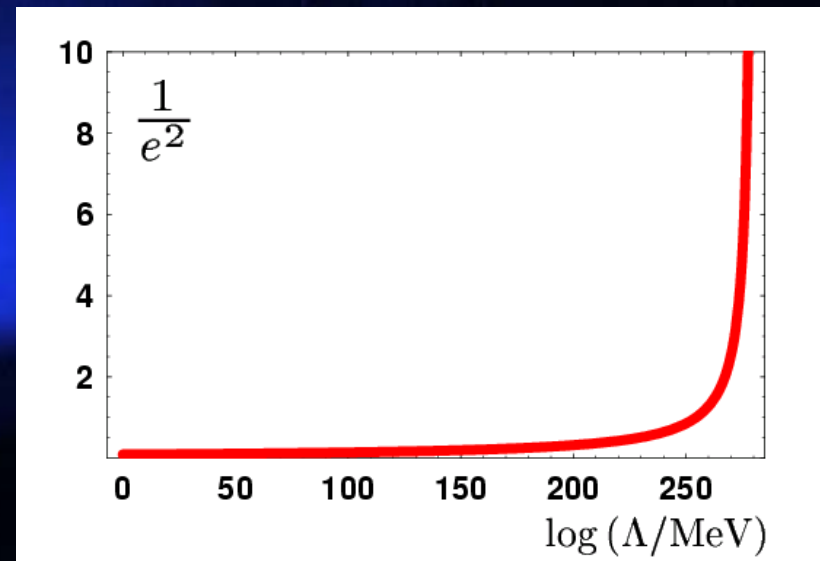
The Triviality Problem

- The triviality problem appears in the $U(1)$ and the Higgs sector of the SM
- E.g., in QED we have the well known Landau pole \rightarrow breakdown of perturbation theory:

$$\frac{1}{e_R^2} - \frac{1}{e_\Lambda^2} = \beta \log \left(\frac{\Lambda}{m_R} \right),$$

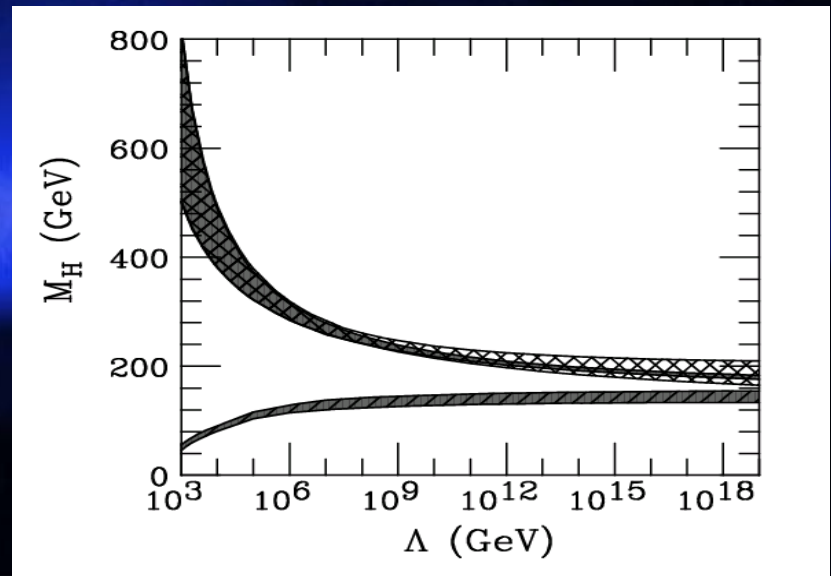
$$\beta = \frac{N_f}{6\pi^2}$$

Landau 1955



The Triviality Problem

- It is a **fundamental problem**.
- A trivial theory must be an effective field theory with a **finite UV cutoff!**
- More important in the Higgs sector
 → bound on the Higgs mass



2. Renormalization Group Flow

A Flow Equation for the Effective Action

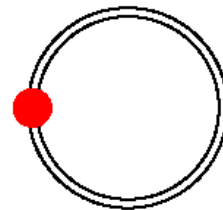
Exact RG Flow Equation

IR: $k \rightarrow 0$



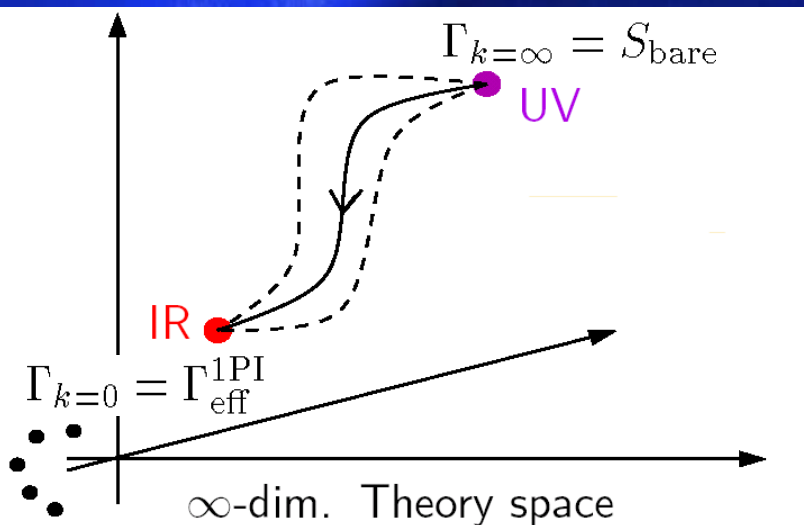
UV: $k \rightarrow \Lambda$

$$\partial_t \Gamma_k = \frac{1}{2} \text{STr} \partial_t R_k (\Gamma_k^{(2)} + R_k)^{-1} = \text{Diagram}$$

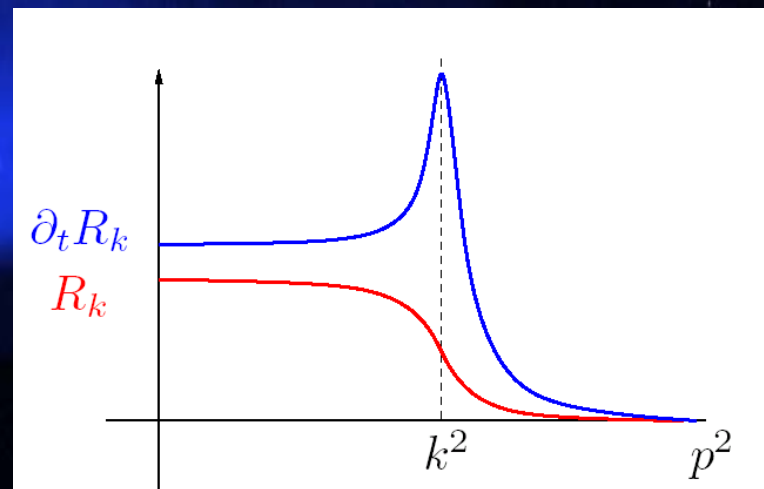


Wetterich, 1993

RG trajectory:



Cutoff function R_k

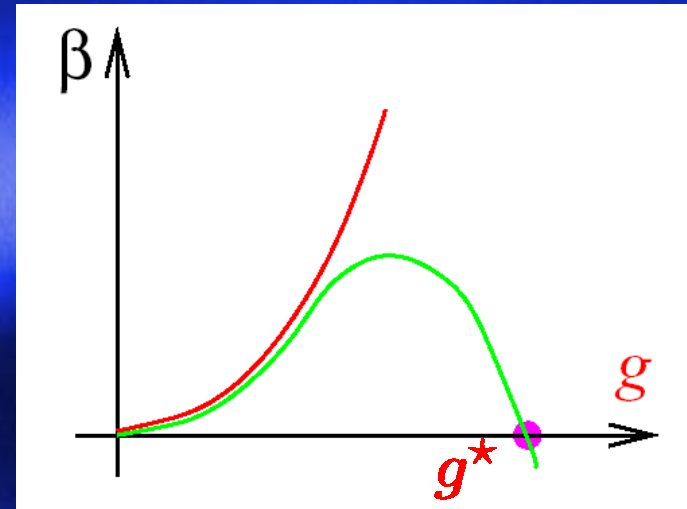


Non-perturbative Renormalizability

- Asymptotic safety:
(non-gaussian) fixed point:

$$\beta_i(g_1^*, g_2^*, \dots) = 0, \quad \forall i$$

Weinberg, 1976



- Linearized flow near the FP

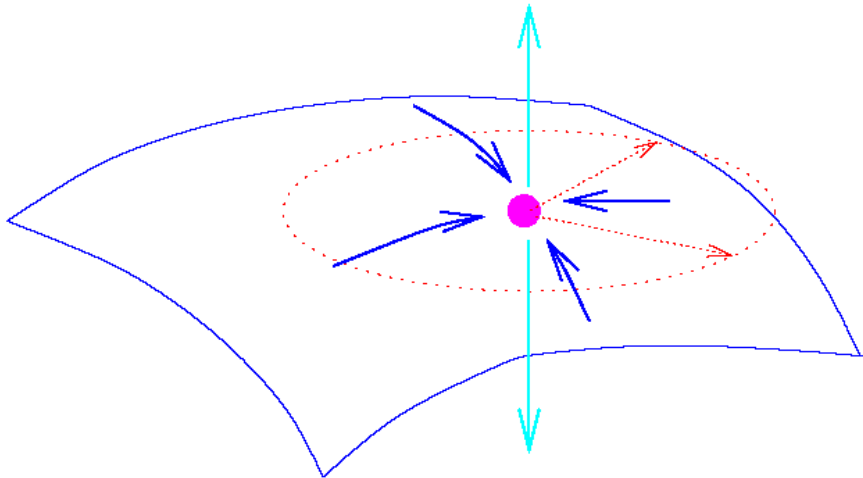
$$(g_i - g_i^*) = \sum_I C^I V_i^I \left(\frac{k_0}{k}\right)^{\Theta_I}$$

Non-perturbative Renormalizability

- $\Theta_I > 0$ \rightarrow UV attractive \rightarrow relevant
 - $\Theta_I < 0$ \rightarrow UV repulsive \rightarrow irrelevant
 - $\Theta_I = 0$ \rightarrow it depends... \rightarrow marginal
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- All relevant trajectories together form the **critical surface**
 - Starting on the critical surface we end in g^* for $\Lambda \rightarrow \infty$

Non-perturbative Renormalizability

- The other way around: all other starting points have no finite UV-limit
 - ➔ not allowed ($C_{\text{irrelevant}}^I = 0$)
- Finite dimensional critical surface
 - ➔ finite number of parameters



➔ Predictive

The Hierarchy Problem Revisited

- In the RG-context: large relevant eigenvalues \rightarrow „very relevant“

\rightarrow Hierarchy problem

- E.g., in the standard model (gaussian FP):

$$\partial_t \frac{m_H^2}{k^2 h^2} = -2 \frac{m_H^2}{k^2 h^2} + \frac{1}{8\pi^2}$$

\rightarrow $\Theta_I = 2 \gg 0$

3. *Our Model*

A Composite Higgs ?

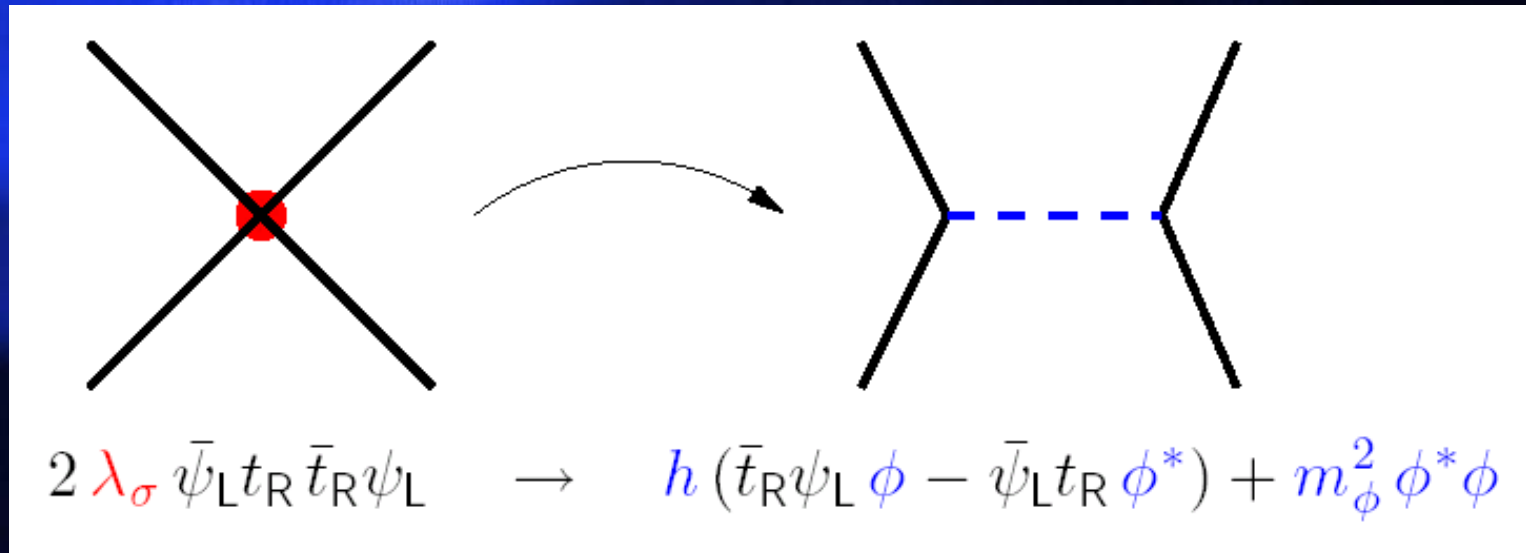
- Hierarchy and triviality caused by scalar particle



make it a composite

$$\bar{\psi}\psi \rightarrow \phi$$

Nambu, Miransky, Tabanashi, Yamawaki, 1989



However

- Not perturbatively renormalizable

$$[\lambda_\sigma] = -2$$

- Simplest models ruled out ?
- In bosonic formulation, still a hierarchy problem

Towards the Standard Model

- Toy model with $U(1) \times SU(N_c)$ gauge and $SU(N_f) \times SU(N_f)$ chiral symmetry

$$\Gamma_k = \int \bar{\psi} (iZ_\psi \not{\partial} + Z_1 \bar{g} A + Z_1^B \bar{e} \not{\beta}) \psi + \frac{Z_F}{4} F_z^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} + \frac{Z_B}{4} B^{\mu\nu} B_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} [\bar{\lambda}_- (V-A) + \bar{\lambda}_+ (V+A) + \bar{\lambda}_\sigma (S-P) + \bar{\lambda}_{VA} [2(V-A)^{\text{adj}} + (1/N_c)(V-A)]]$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} (V-A) &= (\bar{\psi} \gamma_\mu \psi)^2 + (\bar{\psi} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \psi)^2 \\ (V+A) &= (\bar{\psi} \gamma_\mu \psi)^2 - (\bar{\psi} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \psi)^2 \\ (S-P) &= (\bar{\psi}^a \psi^b)^2 - (\bar{\psi}^a \gamma_5 \psi^b)^2 \equiv (\bar{\psi}_i^a \psi_i^b)^2 - (\bar{\psi}_i^a \gamma_5 \psi_i^b)^2 \\ (V-A)^{\text{adj}} &= (\bar{\psi} \gamma_\mu T^z \psi)^2 + (\bar{\psi} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 T^z \psi)^2 \end{aligned}$$

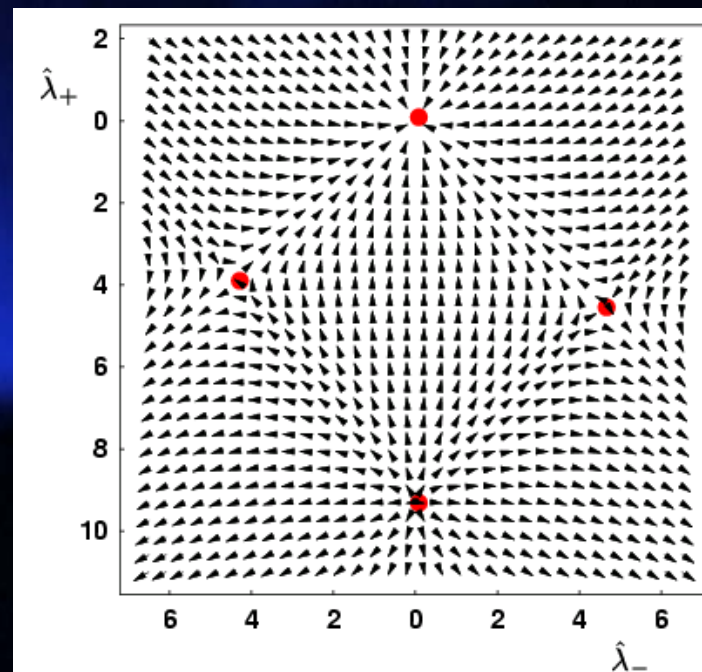
Fermionic Sector

- Flow equations (for $g^2, e^2 = 0$)

$$\partial_t \lambda_i = 2\lambda_i + \lambda_j A_i^{jk} \lambda_k$$

- 2 fixed points per $\lambda \rightarrow 16$ FP

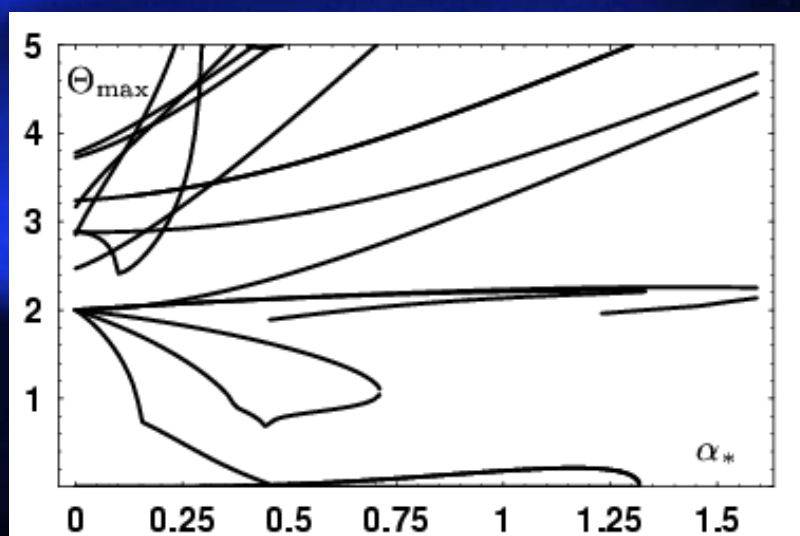
- $\binom{4}{j}$ FP with j relevant directions
- All FP solve triviality problem



Hierarchy Problem?

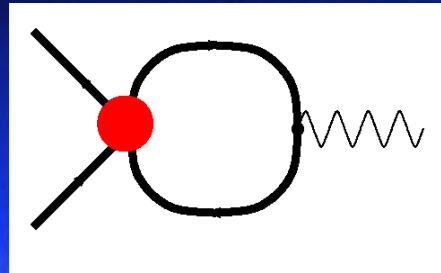
- For vanishing gauge couplings... ☹️
- At least one eigenvalue $\Theta^{\max} \geq 2$
- **BUT:** non-vanishing gauge couplings may cure this problem

$$\partial_t \lambda_i = (2 + O(e^2, g^2)) \lambda_i + \lambda_j A_i^{jk} \lambda_k + O(e^4, e^2 g^2, g^4)$$



Gauge Coupling Flow

- Naively:

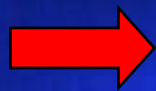


$$\partial_t g^2 = \eta_F g^2 + C_i \lambda_i g^2$$

- Ward identity

$$\partial_t g^2 = \eta_F g^2 + \frac{C_i \partial_t \lambda_i}{C_k \lambda_k} g^2$$

Gies, Wetterich, JJ, 2003



no contribution at FP
does not induce FP

4. Conclusions

Conclusions

- Many fixed points \rightarrow toy model may be **asymptotically safe**
- Hierarchy problem still severe without gauge couplings \rightarrow need $g^2, e^2 \neq 0$
- Fermion interactions cannot induce fixed point in gauge couplings
- # of physical parameters may be less than in the SM

Outlook

- + $SU(2)_L$?
- Strongly coupled gauge sector
- Non-standard fermionic action
no quadratic term?



The End