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Abstract

In July 2012, ATLAS and CMS collaborations reported the discovery of the Higgs boson. In the standard model(SM), the Higgs self coupling λ can be seen from observed mass, 125GeV, and λ is found to be perturbative value, $\lambda \sim 0.13$. In this thesis, we examine the possibility that the SM is perturbative up to very high scale such as the string scale or Planck scale. We find that there exists triple coincidence within the current uncertainty of the top mass, Higgs mass and strong coupling: λ , its beta function and bare Higgs mass takes zero around the string/Planck scale. This may be the indication that the flat potential is realized at very high scale. As a phenomenological consequence, it turns out that the Higgs can play the role of an inflaton in the early universe. Although the huge coupling between the Higgs and gravity is needed in the conventional Higgs inflation, we show that the required value of the coupling is drastically reduced in the case of flat potential.

In the SM, the Higgs mass suffers from quadratic divergence, which causes the problem of hierarchy. The conventional solution to this problem such as supersymmetry needs new physics near the electroweak scale. However, the discovery of the Higgs boson and no signal of new physics up to 1TeV imply that it is difficult to solve the hierarchy problem in this direction. It is good time to consider the solution which does not require electroweak scale new physics. One interesting possibility is starting from multi-local action based on baby universe theory. The action is not given by usual local action, but given by multiplication of local action which we call multi-local action. With multi-local action, it can be shown that the parameters in the theory are not indeed parameters, but become dynamical variables. Using this mechanism, we solve the naturalness problem of the Higgs mass as well as the cosmological constant problem and strong CP problem.

This thesis is based on Refs. [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7].

Chapter 1

Introduction

1.1 Overview

The discovery of the Higgs boson in 2012 [8, 9] at the Large Hadron Collider(LHC) makes big impact on the standard model(SM), which determines the final parameters of the SM. Now the existence of a fundamental scalar is established and the SM has been completed. The next step is to figure out the physics behind the SM.

For this purpose, another important observation in the LHC is that no evidence of the beyond SM is observed. Before the running of the LHC, the beyond SM physics appears soon from the point of view of the hierarchy problem unless the mass of the Higgs boson is unnaturally small. Such candidates are, for example, supersymmetry, extra dimension and compositeness, which solve hierarchy thanks to new symmetry or dynamics. The fact that we do not find new physics up to 1 TeV scale may imply that our understanding about field theory is not complete, or we have to consider beyond the ordinary field theory in order to solve this problem. Moreover, the smallness of the cosmological constant requires more severe fine-tuning than that of the Higgs mass. We also do not know the reason of strong CP problem. In principle, the P and CP can be broken in the QCD sector by $F\tilde{F}$ term, in addition to the usual CP violation in Yukawa sector, but nature does not select such situation.

Taking above situations into account, we investigate the following two subjects in the thesis. First is to examine the theoretical consistency of the SM with arbitrary cutoff scale Λ , and to check whether the SM is valid up to the string/Planck scale, the scale of the quantum gravity. We perform the calculation at the two loop level. In particular, we perform the two loop calculation of the bare Higgs mass.

As a result of the analysis of the renormalization group, it is found that there is another vacuum around the string/Planck scale which is degenerate in energy with the electroweak one, depending on the value of the top quark mass. This would be related to the Planck scale physics. There are some mechanisms which may be behind this degeneracy. For example, multiple point criticality principle(MPP) [10, 11, 12] explains the degeneracy by starting from not the canonical ensemble, but the micro-canonical ensemble. The other arguments are the asymptotic safety [13, 14], the hidden duality and symmetry [15, 16], the classical conformality [17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27] and the eternal topological Higgs inflation [28, 29].

Second is to look for a new solution to the naturalness problem. The new solution should be consistent with non-observation of the new physics at the LHC. However, if we believe the argument of the ordinary local field theory, in order to solve the fine-tuning problem of the Higgs mass, we need new physics around the TeV scale. Therefore, we should be beyond the ordinary local field theory. In this thesis, we consider the baby universe theory originally proposed by Coleman. The integration of the wormhole configuration gives rise to non-local interaction from the view point of large universe, which makes the parameter in the theory dynamical variable. The resultant low energy effective action is not given by usual local action, but given by the multi-local action, multiplication of the local action. We consider the Lorentz version of this mechanism, and try to solve the naturalness problem of the Higgs mass as well as the cosmological constant problem and strong CP problem. Furthermore, we show that this mechanism can also explain the degeneracy of the Higgs potential.

Despite the triumph of the SM, there remains a few things which can not be explained within the SM, one of which is the existence of the dark matter of the universe. Taking into account the success of the minimal SM, it seems that the including the dark matter may be achieved by the simple extension of the SM. As a simple model, we consider the singlet and weakly interacting dark matter, and investigate their impact on the Higgs potential.

1.2 Organization of the thesis

This thesis is organized as follows. In Chap. 2, we calculate the bare parameters at the Planck scale, and show that there exists triple coincidence if the top quark mass is around 170 GeV: all the bare Higgs mass, Higgs quartic coupling and its beta function take zero around the string/Planck scale. In Chap. 3, we investigate a phenomenological implication of the Higgs flat potential around the Planck scale. The Higgs inflation with flat potential drastically changes the prediction of the conventional Higgs inflation. In Chap. 4, we revisit the notorious problem of the SM, the fine-tuning of the Higgs mass. It turns out that the topological changing fluctuation of the spacetime metric can affect the fine-tuning of the parameters in the SM. We show that the Fermi constant, θ parameter and Higgs quartic coupling are indeed fixed around the real value. In Chap. 5, we consider the possible dark matter in the desert picture, and examine the relation between the Higgs potential and the dark matter. In Chap. 6, we summarize our results. In App. A, we fix the notations we use in the thesis. In App. B, the renormalization group equations(RGE) of simple extensions of the SM are shown. In App. C, we briefly review the inflation paradigm. In App. D, we summarize the strong CP problem and its possible solution. In App. E, the quantization of Majorana field is written. This is needed when we treat the neutrino or Majorana fermion dark matter. In App. F, the integration appeared in Chap. 4 is evaluated.

Chapter 2

Bare parameters at cutoff scale

The discovery of the Higgs boson determines the last parameter in the SM, the Higgs self coupling λ . This allows us to extrapolate the SM up to very high scale such as the string/Planck scale. In this chapter, we calculate the bare parameters as functions of the cutoff scale Λ , and check the theoretical consistency, instability and perturbatively. Especially, we focus on the structure of the Higgs potential. This chapter is based on Refs. [1, 30].

In Sec. 2.1, we present the effective potential of the SM. In Sec. 2.2, we calculate the quadratic divergent part of the bare Higgs mass at the two loop level. In Sec. 2.3, we give the numerical estimation of bare parameters as functions of the cutoff scale. In Sec. 2.4, we give the relation between bare couplings and $\overline{\text{MS}}$ ones. In Sec. 2.5, we discuss the effect of the graviton on bare parameters. In Sec. 2.6, we comment on the metastability issue of the electroweak vacuum.

2.1 The Standard Model effective potential

In order to discuss the Higgs potential precisely, we need to calculate the loop correction of the Higgs potential. The general one loop potential [31] in $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme is given by [32]

$$V = \sum_n (-1)^{2s_n} (2s_n + 1) \frac{1}{64\pi^2} m_n^4 \left(\log \frac{m_n^2}{\mu^2} + a \right), \quad (2.1)$$

where $a = -3/2$ for spin $s_n = 0, 1/2$ and $a = -5/6$ for spin $s_n = 1$ with m_n being effective mass. The summation is taken over real scalars, two component fermions and vectors.

Then, in the Landau gauge, Coleman-Weinberg potential of the SM Higgs is calculated as

$$V_{\text{tree}} = e^{4\Gamma(\varphi)} \frac{\lambda(\mu)}{4} \varphi^4, \quad (2.2)$$

$$V_{1\text{-loop}} = e^{4\Gamma(\varphi)} \left\{ -\frac{3M_t(\varphi)^4}{16\pi^2} \left(\ln \frac{M_t(\varphi)^2}{\mu^2} - \frac{3}{2} + 2\Gamma(\varphi) \right) + \frac{6M_W(\varphi)^4}{64\pi^2} \left(\ln \frac{M_W(\varphi)^2}{\mu^2} - \frac{5}{6} + 2\Gamma(\varphi) \right) + \frac{3M_Z(\varphi)^4}{64\pi^2} \left(\ln \frac{M_Z(\varphi)^2}{\mu^2} - \frac{5}{6} + 2\Gamma(\varphi) \right) \right\}, \quad (2.3)$$

$$\Gamma(\varphi) = \int_{M_t}^{\varphi} \gamma d \ln \mu, \quad (2.4)$$

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \left(\frac{9}{4} g_2^2 + \frac{3}{4} g_Y^2 - 3y_t^2 \right), \quad (2.5)$$

where φ is the field value of the Higgs, $H = \varphi/\sqrt{2}$, $M_W(\varphi) = g_2\varphi/2$, $M_Z(\varphi) = \sqrt{g_Y^2 + g_2^2} \varphi/2$, and $M_t(\varphi) = y_t\varphi/\sqrt{2}$.

From above expression, we can define the effective quartic coupling of the Higgs potential as follows.

$$\lambda_{\text{eff}}(\varphi, \mu) = e^{4\Gamma(\varphi)} \lambda(\mu) + e^{4\Gamma(\varphi)} \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \left[-3y_t^4 \left(\ln \frac{y_t^2 \varphi^2}{2\mu^2} - \frac{3}{2} + 2\Gamma(\varphi) \right) + \frac{3g_2^4}{8} \left(\ln \frac{g_2^2 \varphi^2}{4\mu^2} - \frac{5}{6} + 2\Gamma(\varphi) \right) + \frac{3(g_Y^2 + g_2^2)^2}{16} \left(\ln \frac{(g_Y^2 + g_2^2) \varphi^2}{4\mu^2} - \frac{5}{6} + 2\Gamma(\varphi) \right) \right]. \quad (2.6)$$

The two loop formula is given in Ref. [33], and we use it for our analysis.

2.1.1 Scheme independence of the Coleman-Weinberg potential

In this section, we comment on the scheme independence of the Coleman-Weinberg potential by taking ϕ^4 theory Lagrangian as an example.

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \phi)^2 - \frac{1}{2} m^2 \phi^2 - \frac{\lambda}{4!} \phi^4. \quad (2.7)$$

The Coleman-Weinberg potential is

$$\begin{aligned} -iV_{1\text{loop}} &= -\frac{1}{2} \int \frac{d^d p}{(2\pi)^d} \log \left(-p^2 + \frac{\lambda \varphi^2}{2} \right) \\ &= -\frac{i}{2} \int dp_E \frac{\Omega_d p_E^{d-1}}{(2\pi)^d} \log \left(p_E^2 + \frac{\lambda \varphi^2}{2} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

where $\Omega_d = 2\pi^{d/2}/\Gamma(d/2)$.

$$\begin{aligned}
V_{\text{1loop}} &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\frac{d}{2})} \frac{1}{2} \int dp_E^2 \frac{(p_E^2)^{d/2-1}}{(4\pi)^{d/2}} \log \left(p_E^2 + \frac{\lambda\varphi^2}{2} \right) \\
&= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\frac{d}{2})} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{(4\pi)^{d/2}} \frac{2}{d} \left((p_E^2)^{d/2} \log \left(p_E^2 + \frac{\lambda\varphi^2}{2} \right) \Big|_0^\infty - \int dp_E^2 \frac{(p_E^2)^{d/2}}{p_E^2 + \frac{\lambda\varphi^2}{2}} \right) \\
&= -\frac{1}{\Gamma(\frac{d}{2})} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{(4\pi)^{d/2}} \frac{2}{d} \left(\frac{\lambda\varphi^2}{2} \right)^{d/2} \int dx \frac{x^{d/2}}{1+x} \\
&= -\frac{1}{\Gamma(\frac{d}{2})} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{(4\pi)^{d/2}} \frac{2}{d} \left(\frac{\lambda\varphi^2}{2} \right)^{d/2} \int dy y^{d/2} (1-y)^{-1-d/2} \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{(4\pi)^{2-\epsilon}} \frac{2}{d} \left(\frac{\lambda\varphi^2}{2} \right)^{2-\epsilon} \frac{d}{2} \Gamma \left(-\frac{d}{2} \right) \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \left(\frac{\lambda\varphi^2}{2} \right)^2 \left(1 + \epsilon \log(4\pi) - \epsilon \log \left(\frac{\lambda\varphi^2}{2} \right) \right) \frac{\frac{1}{\epsilon} - \gamma}{(-2 + \epsilon)(-1 + \epsilon)} \\
&= \frac{1}{64\pi^2} \left(\frac{\lambda\varphi^2}{2} \right)^2 \left(-\frac{1}{\epsilon} + \gamma - \log(4\pi) + \log \left(\frac{\lambda\varphi^2}{2} \right) - \frac{3}{2} \right). \tag{2.9}
\end{aligned}$$

In the MS and $\overline{\text{MS}}$ schemes, the divergence is subtracted as follows.

$$\begin{aligned}
-\frac{1}{\epsilon} &\rightarrow -\log(\mu^2) \quad (\text{MS scheme}) \\
-\frac{1}{\epsilon} + \gamma - \log(4\pi) &\rightarrow -\log(\mu^2) \quad (\overline{\text{MS}} \text{ scheme}). \tag{2.10}
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, Coleman-Weinberg potential becomes

$$V = \begin{cases} \frac{\varphi^4}{4!} \left\{ \lambda_{\text{MS}} + \frac{3}{32\pi^2} (\lambda_{\text{MS}} \varphi^2)^2 \left(\log \left(\frac{\lambda_{\text{MS}} \varphi^2}{2\mu^2} \right) + \gamma - \log(4\pi) - \frac{3}{2} \right) \right\} & \text{for MS} \\ \frac{\varphi^4}{4!} \left\{ \lambda_{\overline{\text{MS}}} + \frac{3}{32\pi^2} (\lambda_{\overline{\text{MS}}} \varphi^2)^2 \left(\log \left(\frac{\lambda_{\overline{\text{MS}}} \varphi^2}{2\mu^2} \right) - \frac{3}{2} \right) \right\} & \text{for } \overline{\text{MS}} \end{cases} \tag{2.11}$$

In order to compare λ_{MS} and $\lambda_{\overline{\text{MS}}}$, let us calculate four point function with external momentum $(p_1 + p_2)^2 = (p_1 + p_3)^2 = (p_1 + p_4)^2 = P^2$:

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \phi\phi\phi\phi \rangle &= -i\lambda + \frac{(-i\lambda)^2}{2} \mu^\epsilon \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{i^2}{k^2 (P+k)^2} \times 3 \\
&= -i\lambda + \frac{3}{2} i\lambda^2 \mu^\epsilon \int \int dx \frac{d^d l_E}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{(l_E^2 - x(1-x)P^2)^2} \\
&= -i\lambda + \frac{3}{32\pi^2} i\lambda^2 \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon} - \gamma + \log(4\pi) + \log \left(\frac{\mu^2}{-x(1-x)P^2} \right) \right). \tag{2.12}
\end{aligned}$$

Then, we obtain

$$\lambda_{\text{MS}} = \lambda_{\overline{\text{MS}}} - \frac{3}{32\pi^2} \lambda_{\overline{\text{MS}}}^2 (\gamma - \log(4\pi)). \quad (2.13)$$

Substituting Eq. (2.13) into Eq. (2.11), we can see that effective potential in MS and that in $\overline{\text{MS}}$ are the same.

2.1.2 How to calculate the beta function

This part is based on Refs. [34, 35]. In the previous subsections, we have seen that we need the beta function and gamma function in order to evaluate the effective potential. We review the calculation of these functions using the dimensional regularization, namely $d = 4 - 2\epsilon$. Then, requiring that $F_{\mu\nu}F^{\mu\nu}$, $\bar{\psi}i\partial_\mu\gamma^\mu\psi$ and $\bar{\psi}iA_\mu\gamma^\mu\psi$ have same dimension, we can fix the dimension in unit of momentum as $[A_\mu] = 1$, $[\psi] = 3/2$, and overall $1/g_B^2$ factor has dimension $[1/g_B^2] = d - 4 = 2\epsilon$. Hence, we parameterize g_B as

$$g_B = \bar{\mu}^\epsilon \bar{Z}_g g, \quad (2.14)$$

where

$$\bar{\mu} = \frac{\mu}{\sqrt{4\pi}} e^{\gamma_E}. \quad (2.15)$$

Here γ_E is the Euler constant. This corresponds to the usual one loop subtraction of $(1/\epsilon - \gamma_E + \log(4\pi))/(4\pi)^2$, which can be found in the elementary textbook of quantum field theory.

By using this μ , the renormalization of the coupling constant is

$$g_B = \mu^\epsilon Z_g g, \quad Z_g = 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{Z_g^{(i)}(g)}{\epsilon^i}. \quad (2.16)$$

The dimensional analysis tells us that $Z_g^{(i)}(g)$ depends on μ only through $g(\mu)$. We also note that Eq. (2.16) does not contain $\epsilon^0, \epsilon^1, \dots$ terms in higher order of g . This gives how to choose the counter term in the scheme, and therefore this is nothing but the definition of $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme.

The definition of the beta function is

$$\beta_g = \mu \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} g. \quad (2.17)$$

The partial derivative means that g_B and ϵ are fixed.

From the definition, we have

$$\beta_g = \mu \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} (\mu^{-\epsilon} Z_g^{-1} g_B) = -\epsilon g - g \beta_g \frac{\partial}{\partial g} \log Z_g, \quad (2.18)$$

which becomes

$$\left(\beta_g + \epsilon g + g \beta_g \frac{\partial}{\partial g} \right) Z_g = 0. \quad (2.19)$$

We substituting Eq. (2.16) into this, and put ansatz on $\beta_g = \sum_{i=0}^{i=N} \beta_g^{(i)} \epsilon^i$, where N is some finite number. Then it turns out that

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_g^{(i)} &= 0, \quad (2 \leq i \leq N) \\ \beta_g^{(1)} &= -g, \\ \beta_g^{(0)} &= -g \beta_g^{(1)} \frac{\partial}{\partial g} Z_g^{(1)}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.20)$$

Hence, in order to calculate the beta function in $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme, we take the simple pole of ϵ :

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \beta_g = g^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial g} Z_g^{(1)}. \quad (2.21)$$

The similar derivation is applicable to the gamma function. From the definition,

$$\gamma_\phi = \frac{1}{2} \mu \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \log Z_\phi, \quad (2.22)$$

we can derive

$$\left(\beta_g \frac{\partial}{\partial g} - 2\gamma \right) Z_\phi = 0, \quad (2.23)$$

where Z_ϕ is the wavefunction renormalization of a scale field ϕ , $\phi_B = \sqrt{Z_\phi} \phi$. As a result, we obtain

$$\gamma_\phi = -\frac{1}{4} g \frac{\partial}{\partial g} Z_\phi^{(1)}. \quad (2.24)$$

A few comments on the properties of the beta and gamma functions are in order.

1. The coefficients of $\mathcal{O}(g^3)$, $\mathcal{O}(g^5)$ terms in the beta function and $\mathcal{O}(g^3)$ term in gamma function are independent of the scheme.

By starting from the given beta function of some scheme,

$$\beta_g = b_0 g^3 + b_1 g^5 + \mathcal{O}(g^7), \quad (2.25)$$

let us calculate the beta function in different scheme, $\beta'_{g'} := \mu \partial_\mu g'$. Here $g' = g + ag^3 + \mathcal{O}(g^5)$ is taken.¹ $\beta'_{g'}$ becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \beta'_{g'} &= \beta_g \frac{dg'}{dg} \\ &= (b_0 g^3 + b_1 g^5 + \mathcal{O}(g^7))(1 + 3ag^2 + \mathcal{O}(g^4)) \\ &= b_0 g'^3 + b_1 g'^5 + \mathcal{O}(g'^7). \end{aligned} \quad (2.26)$$

2. The zero of the beta function, $\beta(g_*) = 0$, is independent of the scheme.

If the beta function vanishes at $g = g_*$ in some scheme, $\beta'_{g'}(g'(g = g_*))$ also does:

$$\beta'_{g'}(g'(g = g_*)) = \beta_g(g_*) \frac{dg'}{dg} = 0. \quad (2.27)$$

Therefore, the existence of a fixed point is scheme independent.

3. $\frac{d\beta}{dg}$ at $g = g_*$ is independent of the scheme.

$$\frac{d\beta'_{g'}}{dg'} = \frac{d\beta_g}{dg} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial g'} \beta_g(g_*) \frac{\partial^2 g'}{\partial g^2} = \frac{d\beta_g}{dg}. \quad (2.28)$$

This independence is importance because $d\beta/dg$ determines the flow around a fixed point.

4. The leading term of γ_ϕ is independent of the scheme.

We write a relation between the wavefunction renormalization as

$$Z'_\phi(g') = Z_\phi(g) F_\phi(g), \quad F_\phi(g) = 1 + \mathcal{O}(g^2) \quad (2.29)$$

For some scheme, $\gamma_\phi(g) = c_0 g^2 + \mathcal{O}(g^4)$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma'_\phi(g') &= \frac{1}{2} \mu \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \log(Z_\phi(g) F_\phi(g)) \\ &= \gamma_\phi(g) + \frac{1}{2} \beta_g \frac{\partial}{\partial g} \log F_\phi(g) \\ &= c_0 g^2 + \mathcal{O}(g^4). \end{aligned} \quad (2.30)$$

¹ In general, scale μ' can also be different from μ . Here we assume that $\mu' \propto \mu$.

5. $\gamma_\phi(g) = \gamma'_\phi(g')$ at a fixed point, $\beta_g(g_*) = 0$.

This is obvious from the Eq. (2.30).

The summation of the leading logarithm. The renormalization group equation for the 1PI Green function $\Gamma^{(n)}$ is

$$\left(\mu \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} + \beta_g \frac{\partial}{\partial g} - n\gamma_\phi \right) \Gamma^{(n)} = 0. \quad (2.31)$$

By introducing $t := \log(\mu/Q)$ where Q is some pivot scale, we have

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Gamma^{(n)}(t, g) = \left(\beta_g \frac{\partial}{\partial g} - n\gamma_\phi \right) \Gamma^{(n)}. \quad (2.32)$$

Formally we can solve it, and obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma^{(n)}(t, g) &= \exp \left[t \left(\beta_g \frac{\partial}{\partial g} - n\gamma_\phi \right) \right] \Gamma^{(n)}(0, g) \\ &= \sum_m \frac{1}{m!} \left(\log \frac{\mu}{Q} \right)^m \left(\beta_g \frac{\partial}{\partial g} - n\gamma_\phi \right)^m \Gamma^{(n)}(0, g) \end{aligned} \quad (2.33)$$

The point is that the mass independent scheme such as $\overline{\text{MS}}$, β and γ does not have explicit dependence of μ .

The inclusion of leading term of the beta and gamma function corresponds to the summation of leading log. The next-to-leading, next-to-next-leading, $\dots$ terms correspond to next-leading log, next-to-next-leading log, $\dots$, respectively.

2.2 Bare Higgs mass at the two loop

In the following, we will estimate the bare parameters of the SM, and check the theoretical consistency. To compute the bare parameters is important because these are inputs for numerical consideration of the cutoff scale physics such as string theory. There are two kinds of the bare parameters, dimensionless coupling and dimensionful one. The dimensionless couplings are the gauge couplings, Yukawa couplings and Higgs self coupling, while dimensionful coupling is the bare Higgs mass. As we will see in Sec. 2.4, the dimensionless couplings are well approximated by $\overline{\text{MS}}$ ones. On the other hand, the bare Higgs mass needs some computations. In this section, we calculate the bare Higgs mass at the two loop level. See Refs. [36, 37, 38, 1, 39] for related topic. The dominant part of

	$5g_{YB}^4 + 9g_{2B}^4$
 +  + 	$-\frac{51}{8}g_{2B}^4$
 + 	$\frac{1}{8}g_{YB}^4 + \frac{3}{8}g_{2B}^4$
	$\frac{5}{16}g_{YB}^4 + \frac{15}{16}g_{2B}^4 + \frac{15}{8}g_{YB}^2g_{2B}^2$
sum	$\frac{87}{16}g_{YB}^4 + \frac{63}{16}g_{2B}^4 + \frac{15}{8}g_{YB}^2g_{2B}^2$

Figure 2.1: g^4 terms in $m_{B, 2\text{-loop}}^2$ in units of I_2 .

the bare Higgs mass is the quadratic divergence, so we focus on this part, and calculate it by a cutoff scheme. We have performed the two loop level calculation, and obtain the bare mass as follows:

$$m_{B, 1\text{-loop}}^2 = -\left(6\lambda_B + \frac{3}{4}g_{YB}^2 + \frac{9}{4}g_{2B}^2 - 6y_{tB}^2\right) I_1, \quad (2.34)$$

$$m_{B, 2\text{-loop}}^2 = -\left\{9y_{tB}^4 + y_{tB}^2\left(-\frac{7}{12}g_{YB}^2 + \frac{9}{4}g_{2B}^2 - 16g_{3B}^2\right) - \frac{87}{16}g_{YB}^4 - \frac{63}{16}g_{2B}^4 - \frac{15}{8}g_{YB}^2g_{2B}^2 + \lambda_B(-18y_{tB}^2 + 3g_{YB}^2 + 9g_{2B}^2) - 12\lambda_B^2\right\} I_2. \quad (2.35)$$

Here I_1 and I_2 are quadratic divergent loop integrals,

$$I_1 := \int \frac{d^4p_E}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{p_E^2}, \quad (2.36)$$

$$I_2 := \int \frac{d^4p_E}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{d^4q_E}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{p_E^2 q_E^2 (p_E + q_E)^2}, \quad (2.37)$$

y_{tB} , λ_B , g_{3B} , g_{2B} and g_{YB} are bare top Yukawa, bare Higgs self coupling, bare $SU(3)_C$ coupling, bare $SU(2)_L$ coupling and bare $U(1)_Y$ coupling, respectively.

	$12\lambda_B^2$
 + 	$-9y_{tB}^4$
 + 	$y_{tB}^2 (\frac{7}{12}g_{YB}^2 - \frac{9}{4}g_{2B}^2 + 16g_{3B}^2)$
 +  +  +  + 	$\lambda_B (18y_{tB}^2 - 3g_{YB} - 9g_{2B}^2)$

Figure 2.2: The terms other than g^4 in $m_{B, 2\text{-loop}}^2$ in units of I_2 .

The vanishing bare Higgs mass condition at the one loop is nothing but Veltman condition [37]. In the computation, we take the physical Higgs mass to be zero and work in symmetric phase. This is because the dimensional analysis tells us that the quadratic divergent part is same both in symmetric phase and broken phase, and is independent of physical Higgs mass. In addition, Landau gauge is taken. which drastically reduces the number of Feynman diagram. In Landau gauge, the following class of diagram vanishes since three point coupling is derivative coupling, and external momentum is zero:

$$\left. \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ k \end{array} \right|_{k=0} = 0. \quad (2.38)$$

In Fig. 2.1 and Fig. 2.2, we show non-vanishing diagrams and their contributions.

In order to fix the ratio of I_1 and I_2 , the cutoff scheme should be specified. In the thesis, we take proper time regularization:

$$\int d^4k_E \frac{1}{k_E^2} = \int_{\epsilon}^{\infty} d\alpha \int d^4k_E e^{-\alpha k_E^2}, \quad (2.39)$$

By employing this regularization, the one loop and two loop integrals are calculated

as

$$\begin{aligned}
I_1 &= \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \frac{1}{16\pi^2}, \\
I_2 &= \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{d^4p}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{k^2 p^2 (p+k)^2} \\
&= \int_{\epsilon}^{\infty} d\alpha \int_{\epsilon}^{\infty} d\beta \int_{\epsilon}^{\infty} d\gamma \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{d^4p}{(2\pi)^4} e^{-\alpha p^2 - \beta k^2 - \gamma (p+k)^2} \\
&= \int_{\epsilon}^{\infty} d\alpha \int_{\epsilon}^{\infty} d\beta \int_{\epsilon}^{\infty} d\gamma \frac{\pi^4}{(2\pi)^8} \frac{1}{(\alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha)^2} \\
&= \frac{1}{\epsilon} \int_1^{\infty} d\alpha' \int_1^{\infty} d\beta' \int_1^{\infty} d\gamma' \frac{\pi^4}{(2\pi)^8} \frac{1}{(\alpha'\beta' + \beta'\gamma' + \gamma'\alpha')^2} \\
&= \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \frac{1}{(16\pi^2)^2} \ln \frac{2^6}{3^3} \simeq 0.005 I_1.
\end{aligned} \tag{2.40}$$

Here $\alpha' = \epsilon \alpha$, $\beta' = \epsilon \beta$ and $\gamma' = \epsilon \gamma$. If we employ the usual momentum cutoff, we obtain

$$I_1 = \frac{\Lambda^2}{16\pi^2}, \tag{2.41}$$

which implies the relation $1/\varepsilon = \Lambda^2$. We note that the ratio Eq. (2.40) depends on the cutoff scheme. However, in the next section, we will show that the two loop effect is small, and therefore we can safely neglect the cutoff scheme dependence.

2.3 Bare parameters at the cutoff scale

In this section, we numerically solve the RGE, and evaluate the bare parameters at the cutoff scale. The initial values of SM couplings are given in Ref. [33]:

$$g_2(M_t) = 0.64822 + 0.00004 \left(\frac{M_t}{\text{GeV}} - 173.10 \right) + 0.00011 \left(\frac{M_W - 80.384 \text{ GeV}}{0.014 \text{ GeV}} \right), \quad (2.42)$$

$$g_Y(M_t) = 0.35761 + 0.00011 \left(\frac{M_t}{\text{GeV}} - 173.10 \right) + 0.00021 \left(\frac{M_W - 80.384 \text{ GeV}}{0.014 \text{ GeV}} \right), \quad (2.43)$$

$$g_3(M_t) = 1.1666 + 0.00314 \left(\frac{\alpha_S(M_Z) - 0.1184}{0.0007} \right) - 0.00046 \left(\frac{M_t}{\text{GeV}} - 173.10 \right), \quad (2.44)$$

$$y_t(M_t) = 0.93558 + 0.00550 \left(\frac{M_t}{\text{GeV}} - 173.10 \right) - 0.00042 \left(\frac{\alpha_S(M_Z) - 0.1184}{0.0007} \right) - 0.00042 \left(\frac{M_W - 80.384 \text{ GeV}}{0.014 \text{ GeV}} \right) \pm 0.00050_{\text{th}}, \quad (2.45)$$

$$\lambda(M_t) = 0.12711 + 0.00206 \left(\frac{M_H}{\text{GeV}} - 125.66 \right) - 0.00004 \left(\frac{M_t}{\text{GeV}} - 173.10 \right) \pm 0.00030_{\text{th}}. \quad (2.46)$$

The RGE of the SM at two loop level is in App. B.

The mass of the Higgs is

$$M_H = 125.09 \pm 0.24 \text{ GeV} \quad (2.47)$$

at the 1σ by Particle Data Group [40]. The $SU(3)$ gauge coupling is

$$\alpha_S = 0.1185 \pm 0.0006 \text{ GeV}. \quad (2.48)$$

We note that the current error of the value of the top mass:

$$M_t^{\text{pole}} = \begin{cases} 171.2 \pm 2.4 \text{ GeV}, & \text{MITP [41]}, \\ 176.7^{+4.0}_{-3.4} \text{ GeV}, & \text{PDG [42]}, \end{cases} \quad (2.49)$$

$$M_t^{\text{Pythia}} = \begin{cases} 173.21 \pm 0.51 \pm 0.71 \text{ GeV}, & \text{direct measurement, PDG [42]}, \\ 174.98 \pm 0.76 \text{ GeV}, & \text{D0 [43]}, \\ 174.34 \pm 0.64 \text{ GeV}, & \text{D0+CDF [44]}, \\ 173.34 \pm 0.76 \text{ GeV}, & \text{ATLAS [45]}, \\ 172.38 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.65 \text{ GeV}, & \text{CMS [46]}. \end{cases} \quad (2.50)$$

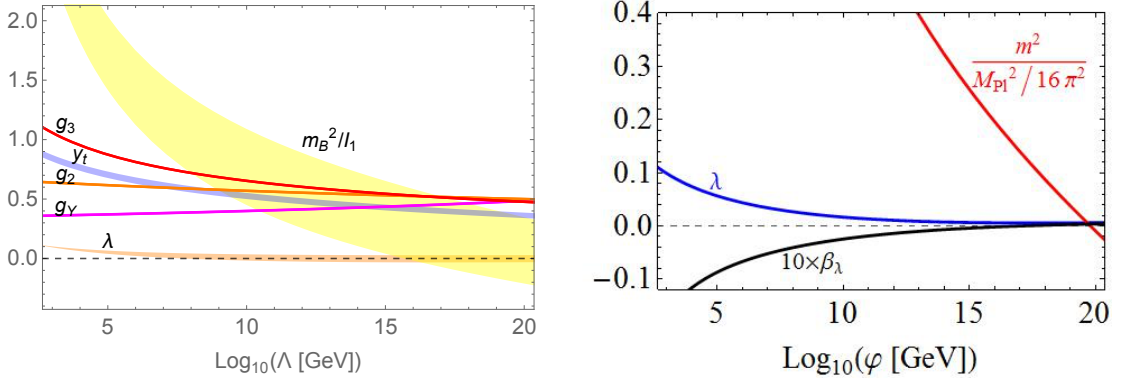


Figure 2.3: Left: The bare parameters as functions of the cutoff scale Λ as well as the beta function of λ . The band corresponds to the two sigma deviation of the top mass, Eq. (2.51). Right: The triple coincidence occurs if $M_t = 170\text{GeV}$.

As we can see, there are two types of top masses, M_t^{pole} and M_t^{Pythia} . M_t^{Pythia} is measured by using Monte Carlo simulation. The experiment observes the momentum of the color singlet decay product of $t\bar{t}$, and compares with the event shape of Monte Carlo simulation. The problem is that we do not know the relation between M_t^{Pythia} and $\overline{\text{MS}}$ parameters. Moreover, M_t^{Pythia} inevitably suffers from uncertainty of hadronization.

On the other hand, M_t^{pole} is defined as a pole of two point function of the top field. At least perturbatively, M_t^{pole} is well defined, and can be written by using $\overline{\text{MS}}$ couplings. Therefore, we use M_t^{pole} in the thesis. M_t^{pole} is measured from inclusive cross section of $t\bar{t}$, $\sigma(pp \rightarrow t\bar{t}X)$ at the LHC. We can see that M_t^{pole} still has large uncertainty. As we will see, in order to discuss the criticality of the SM precisely, the error of M_t should be smaller.

The way of precision measurement of the top mass is threshold scan of the toponium state, which can be done by, e.g. International Linear Collider(ILC) in which initial energy of electron and positron is controlled. In the ILC, the error of top mass is estimated as $\mathcal{O}(10\text{--}100)$ MeV. In the following, we take

$$M_t^{\text{pole}} = 171.2 \pm 2.4 \text{ GeV} \quad (2.51)$$

as a reference value.

Then let us move on numerical calculation. We plot the running of bare parameters in the left panel of Fig. 2.3. The largest uncertainty comes from the error of the top mass Eq. (2.51), we represent it as bands. Surprisingly, we can find triple coincidence if the top

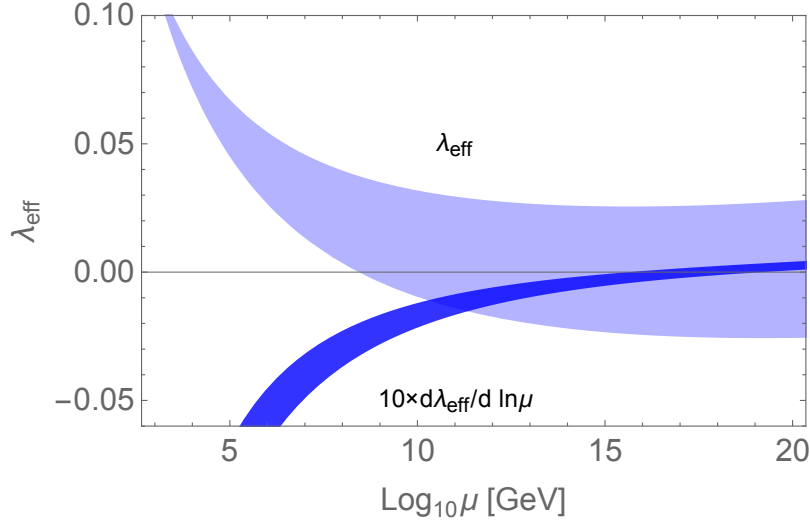


Figure 2.4: The light blue band is RGE running of $\lambda_{\text{eff}}(\mu)$. $\lambda_{\text{eff}}(\mu)$ is defined by two loop effective potential, and we have used 2 loop RGE. The dark blue band is the beta function multiplied by ten, $10 \times d\lambda_{\text{eff}}/d \ln \mu$. $M_H = 125.09$ GeV and $\alpha_s = 0.1185$ are taken. The band corresponds to 95% CL deviation of M_t .

quark mass is 170 GeV: the Higgs self coupling λ , its beta function β_λ and bare Higgs mass take zero around the string/Planck scale.

Fig. 2.4 is the enlarge view of the effective self coupling λ_{eff} and its derivative as functions of the renormalization scale μ . The band is same as Fig. 2.3. In the left panel of the Fig. 2.5, M_t realizing $\lambda_{\text{min}} = 0$ as a function of M_H is plotted. In the right panel, we can see the scale μ_{min} that realizes $\lambda_{\text{min}} = 0$. From this we can see that the two loop effect is small.

In Fig. 2.6, we show the bare Higgs mass as a function of the cutoff scale Λ at the two loop level. The right panel represents the scale where the bare mass vanish. The dashed and solid lines correspond to one-loop and two-loop calculations, respectively. We can see that the two loop effect is small, as said before.

2.4 The relation between dimensionless bare couplings and $\overline{\text{MS}}$ couplings

We have approximated the bare couplings by $\overline{\text{MS}}$ ones. In this section, we present the justification of this approximation. The relation between dimensionless bare coupling

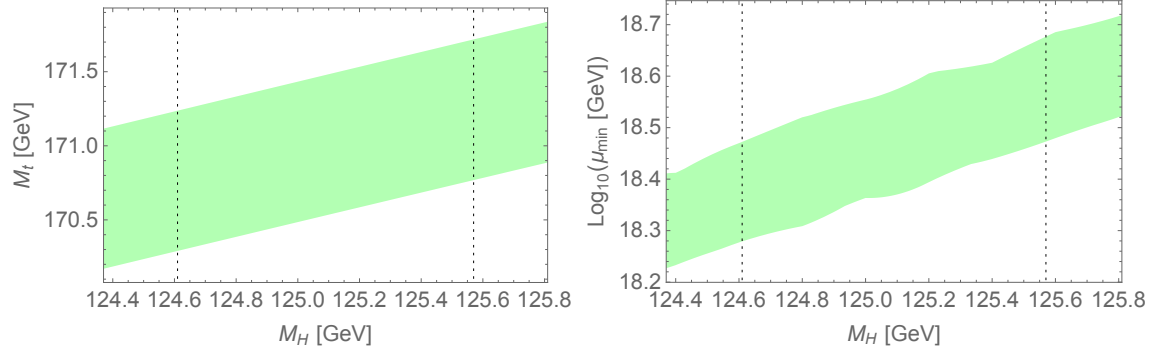


Figure 2.5: Left: M_t realizing $\lambda_{\min} = 0$ as a function of M_H . We use the two loop RGE and effective potential. The light green band and dotted line correspond to 95% deviation of α_s and M_H , respectively. Right: The scale $\mu_{\min}$ that realizes $\lambda_{\min} = 0$.

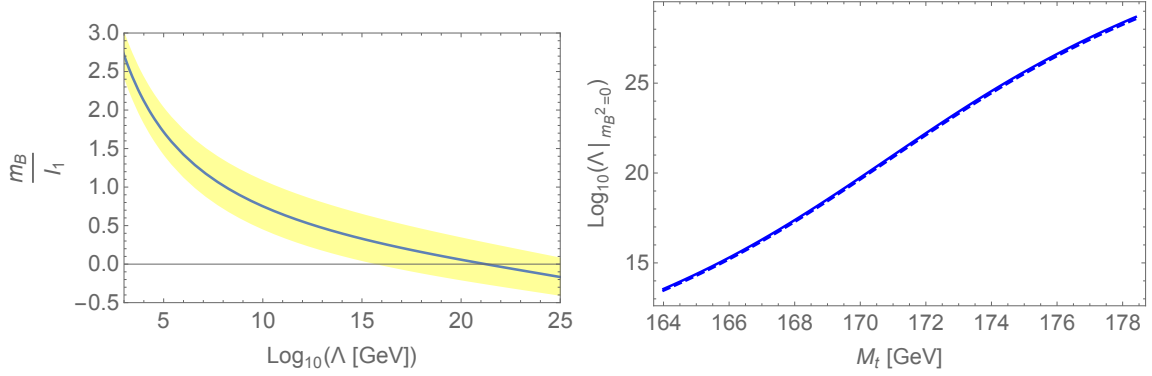


Figure 2.6: Left: The bare Higgs mass as a function of Λ . The band corresponds the deviation of the top mass at 95% C.L. . Right: The scale where the bare Higgs mass takes zero as a function of M_t .

and $\overline{\text{MS}}$ coupling can be obtained by calculating a physical quantity. Here we present the relation in ϕ^4 theory by performing the one loop integral of the four point function $\langle \phi \phi \phi \phi \rangle$. As there is no wavefunction renormalization, $\phi_B = \phi$ up to the one loop level. The one loop calculation in the $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme can be found in Eq. (2.12). In the momentum cutoff scheme, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -i\lambda_B + \frac{(-i\lambda_B)^2}{2} \int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{i^2}{k^2(P+k)^2} \times 3 \\
 & = -i\lambda_B + \frac{3}{2} i\lambda_B^2 \int_0^{\Lambda^2} \int_0^1 dx \frac{d^4 l_E}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{(l_E^2 - x(1-x)P^2)^2}
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.52}$$

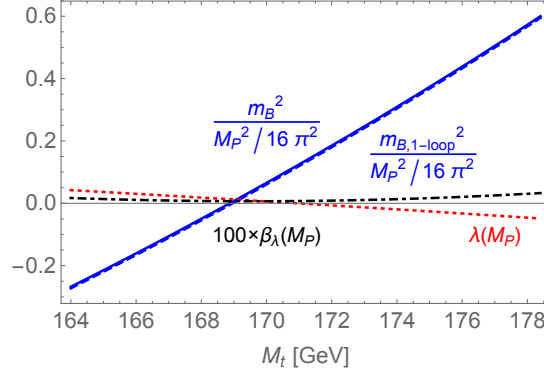


Figure 2.7: The blue solid (dashed) line corresponds to the one-plus-two-loop (one-loop) bare mass m_B^2 ($m_{B,1-loop}^2$) in units of $M_P^2/16\pi^2$ for $\Lambda = M_P$. For comparison, we also plot the quartic coupling λ at the Planck scale with the red dotted line. The central values $\alpha_s(m_Z) = 0.1185$ and $m_H = 125.9$ GeV are used.

Taking $P^2 = -\Lambda^2$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \phi \phi \phi \phi \rangle &= -i\lambda_B + \frac{3}{32\pi^2} i\lambda_B^2 \frac{\log(161 + 72\sqrt{5})}{2\sqrt{5}} \\ &\simeq -i\lambda_B + 0.01 \times i\lambda_B^2. \end{aligned} \quad (2.53)$$

Finally we have

$$-i\lambda(\mu) + \frac{3}{32\pi^2} i\lambda(\mu)^2 \left(\log\left(\frac{\mu^2}{\Lambda^2}\right) - 2 \right) = -i\lambda_B + \frac{3}{32\pi^2} i\lambda_B^2 \frac{\log(161 + 72\sqrt{5})}{2\sqrt{5}}, \quad (2.54)$$

and the relation between bare and $\overline{\text{MS}}$ coupling is

$$\lambda_B = \lambda(\Lambda) - \frac{3}{32\pi^2} i\lambda(\Lambda)^2 \left(2 + \frac{\log(161 + 72\sqrt{5})}{2\sqrt{5}} \right). \quad (2.55)$$

Now we have confirmed that the difference between two couplings are very small, and the approximation $\lambda_B \simeq \lambda(\Lambda)$ is justified.

Finally, let us evaluate the effect on the scale where the bare Higgs mass vanishes. The relation of the bare and $\overline{\text{MS}}$ coupling in the SM is generally written as

$$\lambda_{\overline{\text{MS}}}^i(\mu) = \lambda_B^i + \sum_{jk} c^{ijk}(\mu/\Lambda) \lambda_B^j \lambda_B^k + O(\lambda_B^3), \quad (2.56)$$

$$c^{ijk}(x) := f^{ijk} + b^{ijk} \ln x + O(x^2), \quad (2.57)$$

where b^{ijk} represents the one loop coefficient of the beta function, f^{ijk} represents the finite correction and λ_B^i represent $(\{g_{YB}^2, g_{2B}^2, g_{3B}^2, y_{tB}^2, \lambda_B\})$. Since the all SM couplings

are perturbative up to the Planck scale, we have

$$\mu \ll \Lambda, \quad \left| \frac{\lambda_{\overline{\text{MS}}}^i}{16\pi^2} \ln(\mu/\Lambda) \right| \ll 1, \quad (2.58)$$

and therefore

$$\lambda_{\overline{\text{MS}}}^i(\mu) = \lambda_B^i + \sum_{jk} \left(f^{ijk} + b^{ijk} \ln \frac{\mu}{\Lambda} \right) \lambda_B^j \lambda_B^k, \quad (2.59)$$

is the good approximation.

On the other hand, the scale dependence of $\overline{\text{MS}}$ coupling can be written by using beta function,

$$\lambda_{\overline{\text{MS}}}^i(\Lambda) = \lambda_{\overline{\text{MS}}}^i(\mu) + \sum_{jk} b^{ijk} \lambda_{\overline{\text{MS}}}^j(\mu) \lambda_{\overline{\text{MS}}}^k(\mu) \ln \frac{\Lambda}{\mu}, \quad (2.60)$$

at one loop level. Combining Eq. (2.59) and Eq. (2.60), we obtain the following formula:

$$\lambda_{\overline{\text{MS}}}^i(\Lambda) = \lambda_B^i + \sum_{jk} f^{ijk} \lambda_B^j \lambda_B^k. \quad (2.61)$$

This is generalization of Eq. (2.55).

Then, the correction to the bare Higgs mass is given by

$$\Delta m_B^2 = \left(a^i \lambda_{\overline{\text{MS}}}^i(\Lambda) - \sum_{ijk} a^i f^{ijk} \lambda_{\overline{\text{MS}}}^j(\Lambda) \lambda_{\overline{\text{MS}}}^k(\Lambda) \right) I_1, \quad (2.62)$$

Here a_i is the coefficient of the one loop bare mass. We denote the scale where the bare mass without correction vanishes by Λ_0 ,

$$a^i \lambda_{\overline{\text{MS}}}^i(\Lambda_0) = 0. \quad (2.63)$$

Then, the scale where the corrected bare mass takes zero becomes

$$\Lambda|_{m_B^2=0} := e^{\delta t} \Lambda_0, \quad \delta t = \frac{\sum_{ijk} a^i f^{ijk} \lambda_{\overline{\text{MS}}}^j(\Lambda_0) \lambda_{\overline{\text{MS}}}^k(\Lambda_0)}{\sum_{ijk} a^i b^{ijk} \lambda_{\overline{\text{MS}}}^j(\Lambda_0) \lambda_{\overline{\text{MS}}}^k(\Lambda_0)}. \quad (2.64)$$

Since δt is the order of one, we expect that

$$0.1 \lesssim \frac{\Lambda|_{m_B^2=0}}{\Lambda_0} \lesssim 10. \quad (2.65)$$

This is the uncertainty coming from the difference between the bare and $\overline{\text{MS}}$ couplings.

2.5 The effect of the graviton

Since we consider the scale close to the Planck scale, the effect of the gravitational interaction may become relevant. Here, we estimate the impact on the bare Higgs mass from gravity. When we take into the gravity, the action becomes

$$S \ni \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}}. \quad (2.66)$$

We expand the $g_{\mu\nu}$ around the flat space:

$$g_{\mu\nu} = \eta_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{M_P} h_{\mu\nu}, \quad (2.67)$$

where $\eta_{\mu\nu}$ is the flat space metric, $\text{diag}(+---)$, and $h_{\mu\nu}$ is the fluctuation corresponding to the graviton. It is found that the interaction is

$$\begin{aligned} & \int d^4x \left(\frac{\delta}{\delta g_{\mu\nu}} (\sqrt{-g} \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}}) \Big|_{g=\eta} h_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\delta}{\delta g_{\rho\sigma}} \frac{\delta}{\delta g_{\mu\nu}} (\sqrt{-g} \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}}) \Big|_{g=\eta} h_{\mu\nu} h_{\rho\sigma} + \dots \right) \\ &= \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} (T^{\mu\nu} h_{\mu\nu} + \dots). \end{aligned} \quad (2.68)$$

In the second line, we have used the definition of the energy momentum tensor, $T_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-g}} \frac{\delta}{\delta g_{\mu\nu}} (\sqrt{-g} \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}})$.

The part of $T_{\mu\nu}$ related to the Higgs is given by

$$\begin{aligned} T_{\mu\nu} \ni & (D_\mu H)^\dagger (D_\nu H) + (D_\nu H)^\dagger (D_\mu H) \\ & - g_{\mu\nu} \left((D_\mu H)^\dagger (D^\mu H) - m_B^2 H^\dagger H - \lambda_B (H^\dagger H)^2 y_u \bar{Q} \tilde{H} U + y_d \bar{Q} H D + y_l \bar{L} H E + h.c. \right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.69)$$

Among the terms in Eq.(2.69), only the kinetic term is relevant for one loop calculation of the bare mass. However, this contribution vanishes since the momentum of the external line is zero, and there are no correction to the bare mass at the one loop level.

As for the second term in Eq. (2.68), the possible interaction is the type of $hh\partial H\partial H$, which gives no contribution at one loop level because of the same reason.

In general, gravitons give the correction to the Higgs mass of the order of $\mathcal{O}(\Lambda^4/M_P^2)$ at the two loop level. If the theory of gravity is weak coupled, this contribution is two loop suppressed. For example, in perturbative string theory, the string coupling, determined by the dilation background, is small and the perturbative expansion is valid. In this sense,

our analysis of the bare Higgs mass is valid taking into account the gravitational effect. If the physics around the Planck scale is strong coupled or the cutoff scale becomes much higher than the Planck scale, we can not neglect the effect of gravitons.

2.6 Metastability of the electroweak vacuum

We have seen that our electroweak vacuum is in the critical point, the border between stable and unstable vacuum. However, in practice, even if the electroweak vacuum is unstable, there are no problems provided that the lifetime is sufficiently large compared with the age of the universe. In this case, we call the electroweak vacuum is metastable. Therefore, it is phenomenologically important to determine the lifetime of false vacuum. The way of calculation is developed by Coleman [47].

In the calculation, the bounce solution of the Euclidean equation of the motion plays the crucial role. By using the bounce action S_0 , the decay rate per unit volume is

$$\frac{\Gamma}{V} \sim \frac{1}{R^4} e^{-S_0}, \quad (2.70)$$

where R is a typical size of the bounce solution.

At the tree level, the equation of the motion is

$$-\frac{d^2}{dr^2}\varphi - \frac{3}{r}\frac{d}{dr}\varphi + \lambda\varphi^3 = 0. \quad (2.71)$$

The boundary condition of the bounce solution is given by

$$\varphi'(0) = 0, \quad \varphi(\infty) = 0, \quad (2.72)$$

The solution of the equation is [48]

$$\varphi(r) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{|\lambda|}} \frac{2R}{r^2 + R^2}, \quad S_{\text{bounce}} = \frac{8\pi^2}{3|\lambda(\mu)|}, \quad (2.73)$$

Note that the action has the scale invariance at the classical level,

$$\varphi(r) \rightarrow \frac{1}{C}\varphi(Cr). \quad (2.74)$$

Hence, if $\varphi(r)$ is a solution of the equation, $\frac{1}{C}\varphi(Cr)$ is also a solution for arbitrary constant C . One can see that, at the classical level, there is huge uncertainty due to the scale

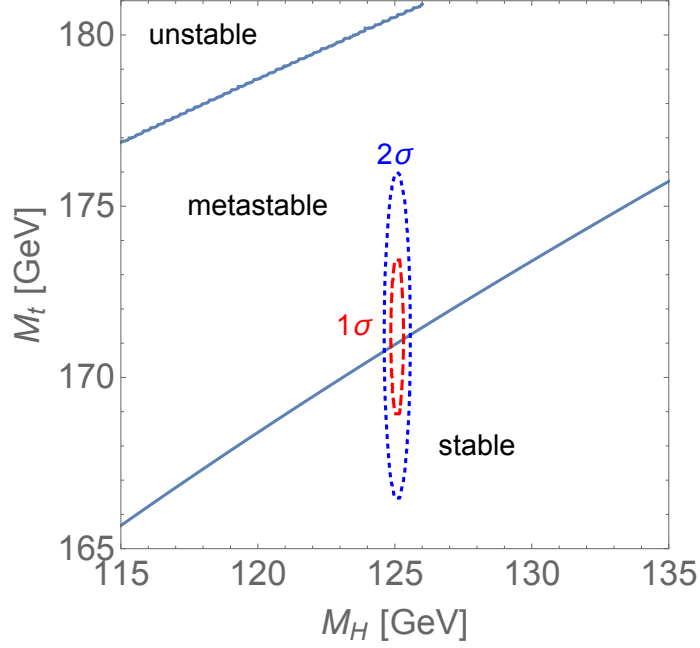


Figure 2.8: The phase diagram of the SM. The upper, middle and lower region correspond to unstable, metastable and stable electroweak vacuum. The red and blue circles represent the 1σ and 2σ deviations.

of R and μ . In order to resolve the situation, the one loop order calculation is needed. The resultant one loop calculation suggests that the tunneling probability becomes [48]

$$p \sim \text{Max}_R \frac{1}{H_0^4 R^4} \exp \left(-\frac{8\pi^2}{3 |\lambda(\mu = 1/R)|} \right), \quad (2.75)$$

where H_0 is the current Hubble parameter. Here we have not included the one loop correction to the exponent for simplicity. Fig. 2.8 shows the phase structure of the SM. We can see that the error of the top mass is larger than that of the Higgs mass, and that we indeed live in the stable or metastable vacuum depending on the mass of the top quark

We note that the above estimate is valid when we consider the zero temperature field theory. The condition of the metastability becomes severe if we take into account the finite temperature effect, although this estimation highly depends on the assumption of cosmological history. In this sense, Eq. (2.75) gives conservative condition of metastability of electroweak vacuum.

Chapter 3

Higgs inflation and Standard Model criticality

In this chapter, we investigate the possibility that the SM Higgs boson plays the role of an inflaton in light of the discovery of the Higgs boson. In 2007, Bezurkov and Shaposhnikov first pointed out this possibility [49]: the successful Higgs inflation is realized if the non-minimal coupling between the Higgs H and scalar curvature $\mathcal{R}$, $\xi|H|^2\mathcal{R}$, is introduced. ξ is the coupling constant, and very large value, $\xi \sim 10^5$, is required for successful inflation. However, the observation of the Higgs and determination of its mass changes the situation. As we have seen in Chap. 2, the Higgs self coupling and its beta function becomes zero at very high scale, which means that the Higgs potential is very flat around string/Planck scale. This opens up the new possibilities of the Higgs inflation, which we will present here.

In Sec. 3.1, we present the general argument of the Higgs inflation above the SM cutoff Λ . In Sec. 3.2, we show that non-minimal coupling ξ can be as small as $\mathcal{O}(10)$. The contents in this chapter are based on Refs. [2, 3, 4, 29, 50].

3.1 Minimal Higgs inflation

In the last chapter, we have shown that the Higgs self coupling λ , its beta function and the bare Higgs mass simultaneously become zero around the string/Planck scale, which means the Higgs potential,

$$V_{SM} = \frac{1}{4}\lambda_{\text{eff}}(\mu = \varphi)\varphi^4, \quad (3.1)$$

is very flat at this scale. Here φ is the field value of the physical Higgs, $H = \varphi/\sqrt{2}$.

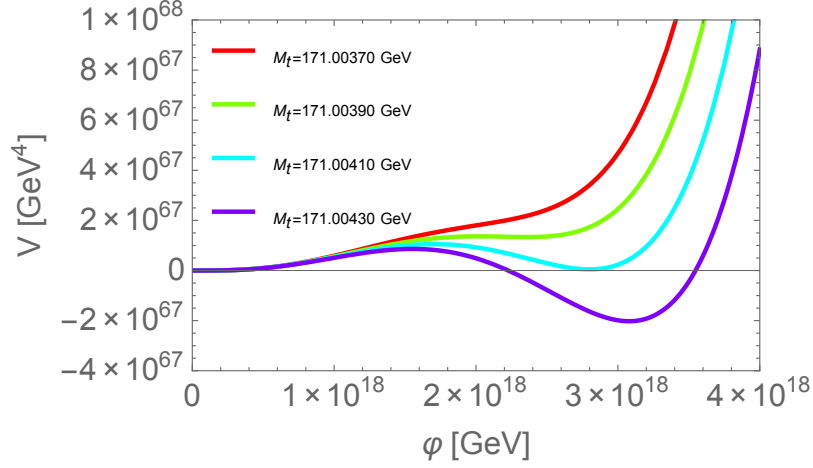


Figure 3.1: The Higgs potential as functions of Higgs field ϕ . We take $M_H = 125.09$ GeV and $\alpha_S = 0.1185$. We have used two loop effective potential and two loop RGE.

We plot the figure of the Higgs potential in Fig. 3.1 for various top masses. We can see that the potential actually has plateau.

3.1.1 Is the saddle point inflation in the SM possible?

By tuning the top mass or adding Planck suppressed operator, the saddle point, where the first and second derivative of the potential vanish, appears. The potential is very flat around the saddle point, and one might be tempted to think that the inflation can occur here. However, this naive expectation is not true. Strictly speaking, the exponential expansion of the universe can be realized, but the observed density perturbation can not be reproduced. In this subsection, we clarify this point.

For the field value ϕ which is much larger than the electroweak scale, the Higgs potential can be written as

$$V_{\text{SM}} = \frac{\lambda_{\text{eff}}(\phi)}{4} \phi^4. \quad (3.2)$$

Let us expand the λ_{eff} around the minimum μ_{min} :

$$\lambda_{\text{eff}}(\mu) = \lambda_{\text{min}} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\beta_n}{(16\pi^2)^n} \left(\ln \frac{\mu}{\mu_{\text{min}}} \right)^2, \quad (3.3)$$

where β_n is the $\mathcal{O}(1)$ quantity.

If the $\lambda_{\min}$ is larger than a critical value λ_c ,

$$\lambda_c := \frac{\beta_2}{(64\pi^2)^2}, \quad (3.4)$$

the Higgs potential is monotonically increasing function. When $\lambda_{\min} = \lambda_c$, the potential indeed has the saddle point φ_c ,

$$\varphi_c = e^{-1/4} \mu_{\min}. \quad (3.5)$$

In the following, we assume the existence of the saddle point by tuning $\lambda_{\min}$ or adding $\varphi^6, \varphi^8, \dots$ terms. The conclusion does not depend how to realize the saddle point. Then, the potential around the saddle point is written as

$$V(\varphi) = V_c + \frac{V_c'''}{3!} \delta\varphi^3 + \dots, \quad (3.6)$$

where $\delta\varphi := \varphi - \varphi_c$, the prime represents the derivative respect to φ and the subscript c indicates that the function is estimated at $\varphi = \varphi_c$. The slow roll parameter ϵ is calculated as

$$\epsilon = \frac{M_P^2}{8} \left(\frac{V_c'''}{V_c} \right)^2 \delta\varphi^4 + \mathcal{O}(\delta\varphi^5). \quad (3.7)$$

The e-folding number becomes

$$\begin{aligned} N_* &= \frac{1}{M_P} \int^{\delta\varphi_*} \frac{d\delta\varphi}{\sqrt{2\epsilon}} \\ &= \frac{2}{M_P^2} \frac{V_c}{V_c'''} \frac{1}{|\delta\varphi_*|}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

Now the density perturbation A_s can be expressed by N_*, V_c, V_c''' by using above equations. The ϵ corresponding to the e-folding N_* is

$$\epsilon = \frac{2V_c^2}{N_*^4 M_P^6 (V_c''')^2}, \quad (3.9)$$

and we obtain

$$A_s = \frac{N_*^4 M_P^2 (V_c''')^2}{48\pi^2 V_c}. \quad (3.10)$$

In the SM, typical order of V_c and V_c''' are estimated as

$$V_c \sim 10^{-6} \varphi^4, \quad V_c''' \sim 10^{-5} \varphi_c, \quad (3.11)$$

and therefore the expected order of A_s becomes

$$A_s \simeq 100 \left(\frac{N_*}{60} \right)^4 \left(\frac{10^{-6} \varphi_c^4}{V_c} \right) \left(\frac{V_c'''}{10^{-5} \varphi_c} \right)^2 \left(\frac{0.1 M_P}{\varphi_c} \right)^2, \quad (3.12)$$

which is much larger than the observed value, $A_s \sim 10^{-9}$ [51]. This is why the SM Higgs cannot be responsible for the cosmic inflation in the early universe. We emphasize that this conclusion is only valid under the assumption that the SM can be trusted up to the very high scale.

3.1.2 Constraints on M_t and Λ

In principle, it may be possible to realize the flat potential by the new physics such as string theory above the cutoff scale Λ . In this subsection, we examine the general possibility of the Higgs inflation, and constrain the parameters in the SM. We assume that the Higgs inflation occurs in the region where the Higgs field value is larger than the cutoff scale, $\varphi > \Lambda$. Even in this case, we have constraints on the low energy Higgs potential in order not to prevent the successful inflation.

The potential can be evaluated by the standard calculation of field theory for $\varphi < \Lambda$. Unless the Higgs potential is the monotonically increasing function, the Higgs field can not reach the electroweak vacuum after the inflation. This monotonicity condition gives us

$$\frac{dV_{\text{SM}}}{d\varphi} = \frac{1}{4} (\beta_\lambda + 4\lambda) \varphi^3 > 0, \quad (3.13)$$

for $\varphi < \Lambda$. Another constraint comes from the constraint on the tensor perturbation, that is, gravitational wave. The non-observation of the tensor mode puts the upper bound on the tensor to scalar ratio r , and the height of the SM Higgs potential is bounded from above:

$$V_{\text{SM}}(\Lambda) < V_{\text{max}}, \quad V_{\text{max}} \simeq 10^{65} \text{ GeV}^4 \left(\frac{r}{0.1} \right) \quad (3.14)$$

In the Fig. 3.2, we shows the constraint on M_t and Λ in the SM. The larger value of M_t is excluded because the large top Yukawa coupling induces the instability of the Higgs potential, while the smaller M_t is excluded because the Higgs self coupling λ tends to large due to small top Yukawa. One can see that the there is an upper bound on Λ , $\Lambda \lesssim 5 \times 10^{17} \text{ GeV}$.

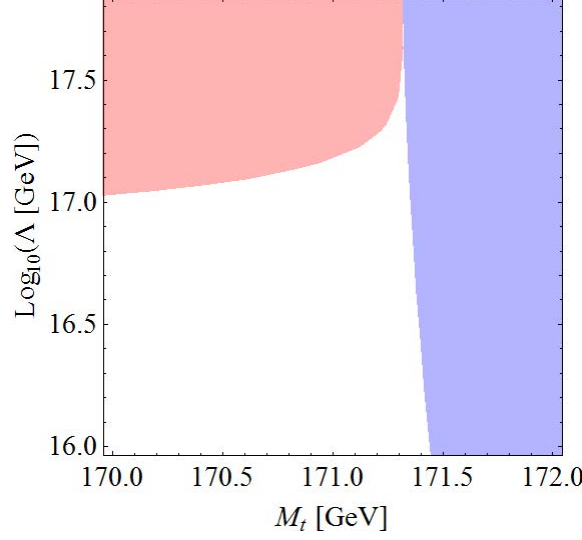


Figure 3.2: The region excluded by the value of the potential (left, red) and by the monotonicity (right, blue) in the Λ vs M_t plane in order to realize the flat potential Higgs inflation within the SM. This figure is taken from Ref. [2].

In Chap. 2, we have shown that the SM can be valid very high scale which may be close to the string scale. Interestingly, the upper bound on Λ is close to the string scale $M_s \sim 10^{17}$ GeV. If the signal of the gravitational wave is detected, the scale of the inflation is determined. This may be achieved in near future if r is not very small compared with 0.1.

3.1.3 Log type potential

Here we illustrate the possible potential above Λ . As an example, we take following log type potential above Λ .

$$V = V_0 + V_1 \log \frac{\varphi}{\Lambda} =: \tilde{V}_0 + V_1 \log \frac{\varphi}{M_P}. \quad (3.15)$$

i	φ	χ	W	Z	t
N_i	1	3	6	3	-12
c_i	$3\lambda_B$	λ_B	$\frac{g_{2B}^2}{4}$	$\frac{g_{YB}^2 + g_{2B}^2}{4}$	$\frac{y_{tB}^2}{2}$

Table 3.1: The degrees of freedom, N_i , and the effective mass, $c_i\varphi^2$, of each particle.

The motivation of this type of potential is the Coleman-Weinberg potential in the momentum cutoff scheme.

$$V_{\text{eff}}(\varphi) = \frac{m_B^2}{2}\varphi^2 + \frac{\lambda_B}{4}\varphi^4 + \sum_i \frac{N_i}{2} \int \frac{d^4p}{(2\pi)^4} \ln \frac{p^2 + c_i\varphi^2}{p^2}, \quad (3.16)$$

where N_i is the degrees of freedom of particles which couple with the Higgs, and $c_i\varphi^2$ represents the mass squared in the presence of the Higgs vacuum expectation value. We have added the bare cosmological constant term to get $V_{\text{eff}}(\varphi = 0) = 0$, and omitted small negative φ^2 term for simplicity. The bare mass is fixed in such a way that the mass of the Higgs vanishes. To see this, the derivative of the effective potential respect to φ^2 is

$$\frac{dV_{\text{eff}}}{d\varphi^2} = \frac{1}{2} \left[m_B^2 + \lambda_B\varphi^2 + \sum_i \frac{N_i c_i}{16\pi^2} \left(\Lambda^2 - c_i\varphi^2 \log \frac{\Lambda^2 + c_i\varphi^2}{c_i\varphi^2} \right) \right]. \quad (3.17)$$

The mass of Higgs is given by the curvature around the minimum:

$$m_R^2 := 2 \left. \frac{dV_{\text{eff}}}{d\varphi^2} \right|_{\varphi^2 \rightarrow 0}, \quad (3.18)$$

from which we obtain

$$m_B^2 = -\frac{\Lambda^2}{16\pi^2} \sum_i N_i c_i. \quad (3.19)$$

Now the effective potential becomes

$$\frac{dV_{\text{eff}}}{d\varphi^2} = \frac{\varphi^2}{2} \left[\lambda_B - \sum_i \frac{N_i c_i^2}{16\pi^2} \log \frac{\Lambda^2 + c_i\varphi^2}{c_i\varphi^2} \right]. \quad (3.20)$$

For the large field value, $\varphi \gg \Lambda$, we can expand the log term as a power series in Λ^2/φ^2 , and get

$$\frac{dV_{\text{eff}}}{d\varphi^2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \left[m_B^2 + \lambda_B^2\varphi^2 + \frac{\Lambda^4}{16\pi^2\varphi^2} \sum_{j: c_j\varphi^2 \gg \Lambda^2} \frac{N_j}{2} \right]. \quad (3.21)$$

By assuming the criticality of the SM, $m_B^2 \sim \lambda_B \sim 0$, then, the effective potential becomes the log type potential.

$$\begin{aligned} V_{\text{eff}} &\rightarrow V_0 + \frac{\Lambda^4}{16\pi^2} \log \frac{\varphi}{\Lambda} \sum_{j: c_j \varphi^2 \gg \Lambda^2} \frac{N_j}{2} \\ &= V_0 - \frac{3\Lambda^4}{32\pi^2} \log \frac{\varphi}{\Lambda}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.22)$$

Here we put the values in Table 3.1.

As a result, we have

$$V(\varphi) = V_1 \left(C + \log \frac{\varphi}{M_P} \right), \quad (3.23)$$

with

$$V_1 = -\frac{3}{32\pi^2} \Lambda^4, \quad (3.24)$$

where C is a constant. The slow roll parameters are calculated as

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{M_P}{\varphi} \right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{C + \ln \frac{\varphi}{M_P}} \right)^2, & \eta &= - \left(\frac{M_P}{\varphi} \right)^2 \frac{1}{C + \ln \frac{\varphi}{M_P}}, \\ \xi^2 &= 2 \left(\frac{M_P}{\varphi} \right)^4 \left(\frac{1}{C + \ln \frac{\varphi}{M_P}} \right)^2, & \varpi^3 &= -6 \left(\frac{M_P}{\varphi} \right)^6 \left(\frac{1}{C + \ln \frac{\varphi}{M_P}} \right)^3. \end{aligned} \quad (3.25)$$

The end point of the inflation, φ_{end} , is determined from the condition,

$$\max \{ \epsilon(\varphi_{\text{end}}), |\eta(\varphi_{\text{end}})| \} = 1. \quad (3.26)$$

Then,

$$\varphi_{\text{end}} = \begin{cases} \frac{M_P}{\sqrt{2} W(e^C/\sqrt{2})} & \text{for } 0 < C < 0.153, \\ \sqrt{\frac{2}{W(2e^{2C})}} M_P & \text{for } C > 0.153. \end{cases} \quad (3.27)$$

In other words, we have

$$C = \begin{cases} \frac{M_P}{\sqrt{2} \varphi_{\text{end}}} - \log \frac{\varphi_{\text{end}}}{M_P} & \text{for } \varphi_{\text{end}} \geq \sqrt{2} M_P, \\ \left(\frac{M_P}{\varphi_{\text{end}}} \right)^2 - \log \frac{\varphi_{\text{end}}}{M_P} & \text{for } \varphi_{\text{end}} \leq \sqrt{2} M_P. \end{cases} \quad (3.28)$$

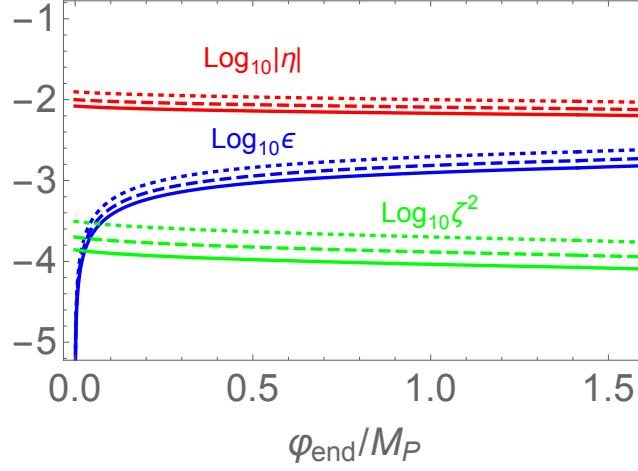


Figure 3.3: The slow roll parameters as functions of φ_{end} . The dotted, dashed and solid lines correspond to $N_* = 40, 50$ and 60 , respectively.

Here W is the Lambert function which satisfies $x = W(x)e^{W(x)}$, and the upper bound on $\varphi_{\text{end}} \gtrsim 1.57M_P$ can be seen from Eq. (3.27). The e-folding number can be written by using φ_* and φ_{end} ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 N_* &= \frac{2C-1}{4} \frac{\varphi_*^2 - \varphi_{\text{end}}^2}{M_P^2} + \frac{\varphi_*^2}{2M_P^2} \ln \frac{\varphi_*}{M_P} - \frac{\varphi_{\text{end}}^2}{2M_P^2} \log \frac{\varphi_{\text{end}}}{M_P} \\
 &= \frac{\varphi_*^2}{2M_P^2} \ln \frac{\varphi_*}{\varphi_{\text{end}}} - \frac{\varphi_*^2 - \varphi_{\text{end}}^2}{4M_P^2} \times \begin{cases} (1 - \sqrt{2}M_P/\varphi_{\text{end}}) & \text{for } \varphi_{\text{end}} \geq \sqrt{2}M_P, \\ (1 - 2M_P^2/\varphi_{\text{end}}^2) & \text{for } \varphi_{\text{end}} \leq \sqrt{2}M_P. \end{cases} \quad (3.29)
 \end{aligned}$$

The thing we have to do is to express the slow-roll parameters by N_* , which is achieved by solving Eq. (3.29),

$$\varphi_* = \begin{cases} \frac{\sqrt{4N_* + \sqrt{2}\varphi_{\text{end}} - \varphi_{\text{end}}^2}}{\sqrt{W(e^{-1+\sqrt{2}/\varphi_{\text{end}}}(4N_* + \sqrt{2}\varphi_{\text{end}} - \varphi_{\text{end}}^2)/\varphi_{\text{end}}^2)}} & \text{for } \varphi_{\text{end}} \geq \sqrt{2}M_P, \\ \frac{\sqrt{4N_* + 2 - \varphi_{\text{end}}^2}}{\sqrt{W(e^{-1+\sqrt{2}/\varphi_{\text{end}}^2}(4N_* + 2 - \varphi_{\text{end}}^2)/\varphi_{\text{end}}^2)}} & \text{for } \varphi_{\text{end}} \leq \sqrt{2}M_P. \end{cases} \quad (3.30)$$

The slow roll parameters as functions of φ_{end} and N_* are obtained by substituting Eq. (3.30) into Eq. (3.25), which we plot in the Fig. 3.3. We note that the observed overall amplitude $A_{s,\text{obs}}$ can be reproduced by taking

$$V_1 = 12\pi^2 A_{s,\text{obs}} M_P^4 \left(\frac{\varphi_*}{M_P} \right)^{-2} \left(C + \log \frac{\varphi_*}{M_P} \right)^{-3}. \quad (3.31)$$

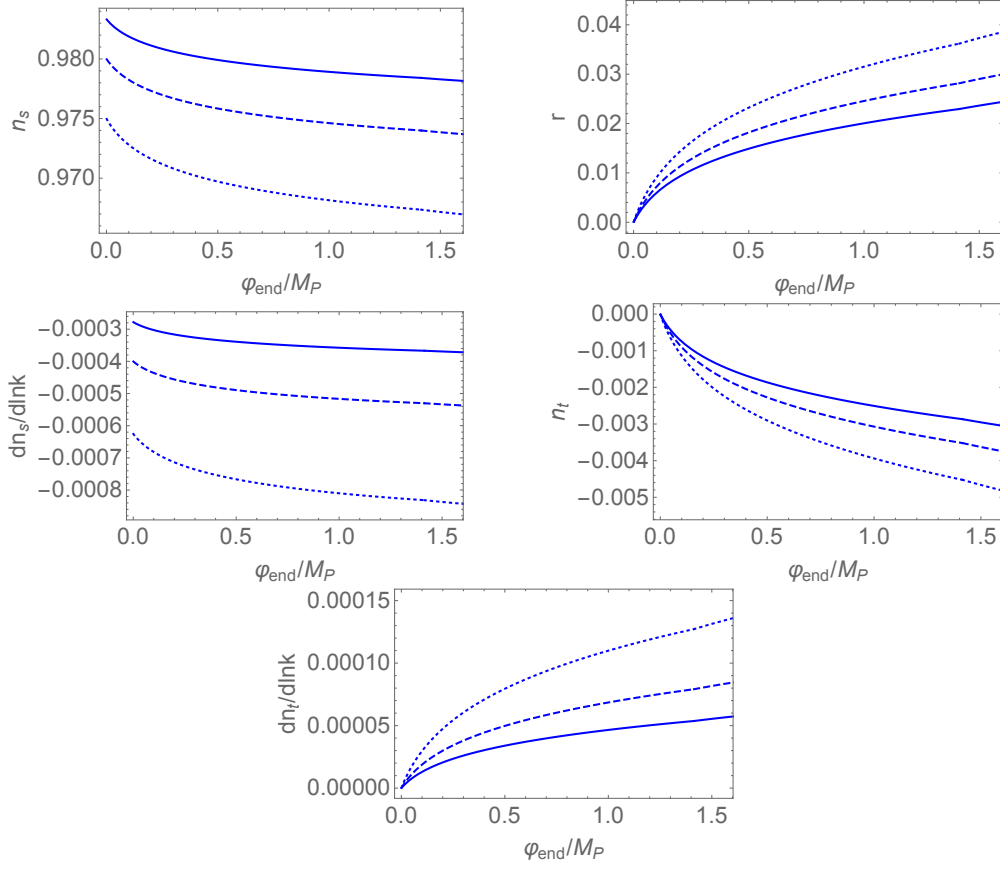


Figure 3.4: The inflationary parameters as functions of φ_{end} . The dotted, dashed and solid lines correspond to $N_* = 40, 50$ and 60 , respectively.

We can also calculate the tensor to scalar ratio, running spectral index and so on. As a result, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 0.980-0.984 > n_s > 0.974-0.979, & \quad 0 < r < 0.029-0.024, \\
 -(4.0-2.7) \times 10^{-4} > \frac{dn_s}{d \ln k} > -(5.3-3.7) \times 10^{-4}, & \quad 0 > n_t > -(3.7-3.0) \times 10^{-3}, \\
 -(1.6-0.9) \times 10^{-5} > \frac{d^2 n_s}{d \ln k^2} > -(2.2-1.2) \times 10^{-5}, & \quad 0 < \frac{dn_t}{d \ln k} < (8.2-5.6) \times 10^{-5},
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.32}$$

for $50 \leq N_* \leq 60$ and $0 < \varphi_{\text{end}} < 1.57 M_P$. See also Fig. 3.4. These values are marginally consistent with the recent Planck 2015 data [52], see also App.C.

3.2 Higgs inflation from Standard Model criticality

In this section, we consider a possible concrete example of the potential beyond Λ in the previous general argument.

We introduce the non-minimal coupling ξ between Higgs and Ricci scalar [53, 49, 3, 54, 4, 55, 56, 29]. Then, the action becomes

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left\{ -\frac{M_P^2 + \xi\varphi^2}{2} \mathcal{R} + \frac{(\partial_\mu \varphi)^2}{2} - \frac{\lambda}{4} \varphi^4 \right\}. \quad (3.33)$$

For simplicity, we neglect the Higgs mass term, Yukawa sector and gauge sector. This frame is called Jordan frame. The $\varphi^2 \mathcal{R}$ term can be eliminated by performing the redefinition of the metric, $\hat{g}_{\mu\nu} = \Omega^2 g_{\mu\nu}$, $\Omega^2 = 1 + \frac{\xi\varphi^2}{M_P^2}$. As a result, we have

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-\hat{g}} \left\{ -\frac{M_P^2}{2} \hat{\mathcal{R}} + \frac{(\partial_\mu \chi)^2}{2} - \frac{\lambda}{4} \frac{\varphi^4}{(1 + \xi\varphi^2/M_P^2)^2} \right\}. \quad (3.34)$$

This frame is called Einstein frame. Here, χ is the canonical field in the Einstein frame, the relation between χ and φ is

$$\frac{d\chi}{d\varphi} = \sqrt{\frac{\Omega^2 + 6\xi^2\varphi^2/M_P^2}{\Omega^4}}. \quad (3.35)$$

For the large field value, this becomes simple:

$$\frac{d\chi}{d\varphi} = \sqrt{6} \frac{M_P}{\varphi}, \quad (3.36)$$

from which we have

$$\varphi = \varphi_* \exp \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}M_P} (\chi - \chi_*) \right), \quad (3.37)$$

where χ_* and φ_* are integration constants. If we take $\chi_* = \varphi_* = \frac{M_P}{\sqrt{\xi}}$ and for sufficiently large ξ , then

$$\varphi \simeq \frac{M_P}{\sqrt{\xi}} \exp \left(\frac{\chi}{\sqrt{6}M_P} \right), \quad \text{for } \varphi \gg \frac{M_P}{\sqrt{\xi}}. \quad (3.38)$$

Thanks to ξ term, we can obtain flat potential for high field value. From Eq. (3.34), the potential in Einstein frame U is given by the last term,

$$U = \frac{\lambda}{4} \frac{\varphi^4}{(1 + \xi\varphi^2/M_P^2)^2}, \quad (3.39)$$

which becomes constant for $\varphi \gg M_P/\sqrt{\xi}$. If we ignore the running effect, the prediction is obtained as [49]

$$\begin{aligned} n_s &= 1 - 6\epsilon + 2\eta \simeq 0.967, \\ r &= 16\epsilon \simeq 3 \times 10^{-3}, \\ \frac{dn_s}{d \ln k} &= 16\epsilon\eta - 24\epsilon^2 - 2\zeta^2 \simeq -5.4 \times 10^{-4}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.40)$$

where the definition of slow roll parameters are

$$\epsilon = \frac{M_P^2}{2} \left(\frac{dU/d\chi}{U} \right)^2, \quad (3.41)$$

$$\eta = M_P^2 \frac{d^2 U/d\chi^2}{U}, \quad (3.42)$$

$$\zeta^2 = M_P^4 \frac{(d^3 U/d\chi^3)(dU/d\chi)}{U^2}. \quad (3.43)$$

We note that scalar perturbation A_s is correctly realized in above calculation:

$$A_s = \frac{V}{24\pi^2 \epsilon M_P^4} \simeq 2.2 \times 10^{-9}. \quad (3.44)$$

Now let us consider the effect of the running of λ . From the result of previous chapter, the Higgs self coupling has local minimum around string/Planck scale. Then, by expand the λ_{eff} around its minimum μ_{min} , we have

$$\lambda_{\text{eff}}(\mu) = \lambda_{\text{min}} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{\beta_n}{(16\pi^2)^n} \left(\ln \frac{\mu}{\mu_{\text{min}}} \right)^2. \quad (3.45)$$

In the vicinity of μ_{min} , we can safely neglect $n \geq 3$ terms.

Then, the Higgs potential is approximated as

$$V(\varphi) = \frac{\lambda_{\text{eff}}(\mu)}{4} \varphi^4. \quad (3.46)$$

The requirement that potential should be monotonically increasing function, we obtain the lower bound on λ_{min} :

$$\lambda_{\text{min}} \geq \lambda_c := \frac{\beta_2}{(64\pi^2)^2}. \quad (3.47)$$

We should note that there are two choices of way to take renormalization scale μ . The prescription I is

$$\mu = \frac{\varphi}{\sqrt{1 + \xi\varphi^2/M_P^2}}, \quad (3.48)$$

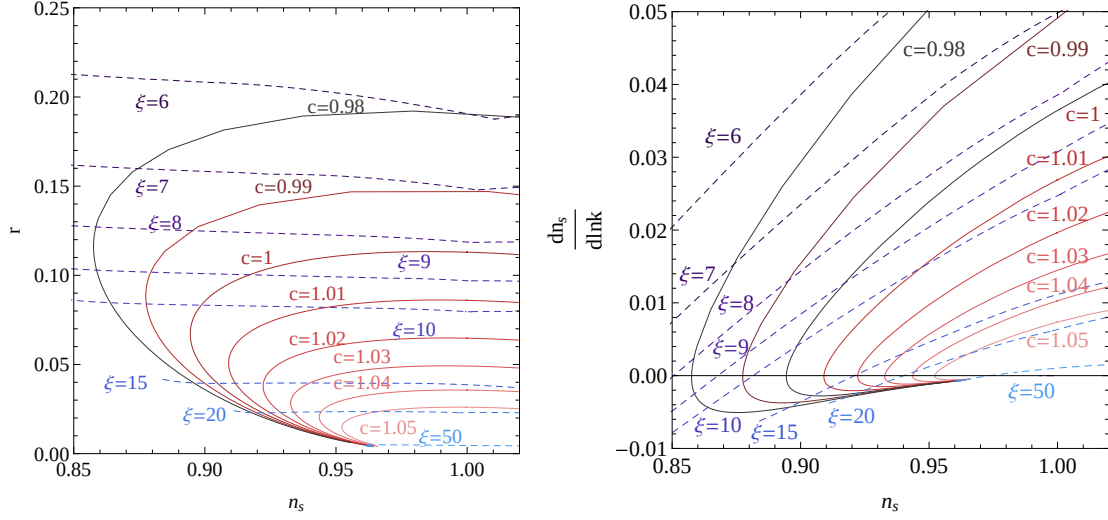


Figure 3.5: Left: Predictions on inflationary parameters, r and n_s in prescription I. Right: Same as left figure, but $dn_s/d \ln k$ vs. n_s . These figures are taken from Ref. [4].

while the prescription II is

$$\mu = \varphi. \quad (3.49)$$

These two prescriptions correspond to the effective mass in Einstein frame and Jordan frame, respectively. See Sec. 3.3 for the detail. In the following subsections, we numerically calculate inflationary parameters in both prescriptions.

3.2.1 Prescription I

In our potential, Eq. (3.45), we have four parameters: $\lambda_{\min}$, $\mu_{\min}$, β_2 and ξ . β_2 is the order of one quantity, and we fix $\beta_2 = 0.5$ in our analysis. In order to realize $A_s \simeq 2 \times 10^{-9}$, we must tune one parameter. We tune $\lambda_{\min}$ to reproduce correct A_s . As a result, our prediction depends on two parameters, $\mu_{\min}$ and ξ .

We show the detailed predictions of the Higgs inflation in Fig. 3.5. In the figure, we defined

$$c = \frac{\mu_{\min}}{M_P/\sqrt{\xi}}. \quad (3.50)$$

The solid line corresponds to the constant c , and dashed one corresponds to the constant ξ . One can see that the relation between n_s , r and $dn_s/d \ln k$. Some of the region is

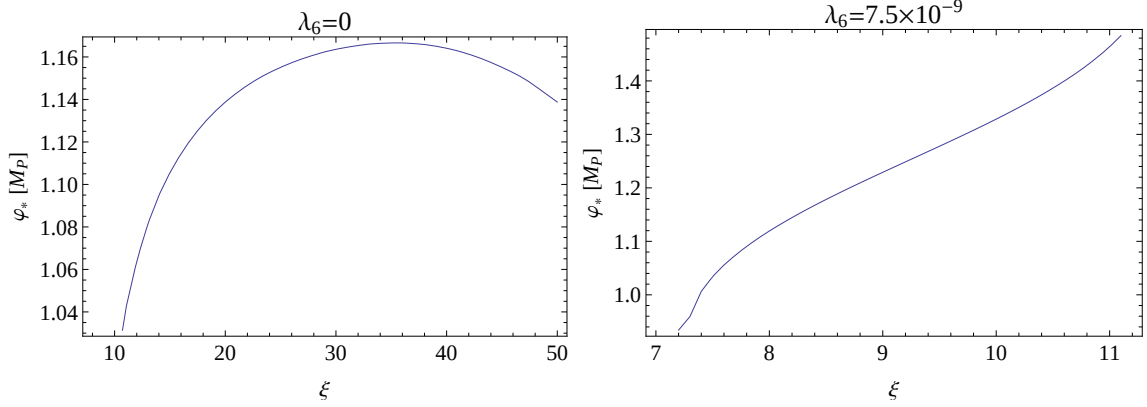


Figure 3.6: Left: φ_* as a function of ξ . We can see that φ_* is around the Planck scale. Right: same as left figure, except for introducing $\lambda_6 = 7.5 \times 10^{-9}$. This figure is taken from Ref. [4].

consistent with current bound, and the future detection of the tensor perturbation might be strong hint on this inflation model.

In the left panel of Fig. 3.6, the field value corresponding to the observed cosmic microwave background, φ_* , is presented. We can see that φ_* is around the Planck scale.

Next, we evaluate the effect of higher dimensional operator, and see how the higher dimensional term should be small in order not to violate successful inflation.¹ As an example, we take

$$\Delta V = \lambda_6 \frac{\varphi^6}{M_P^2} \quad (3.51)$$

in Jordan frame. In Einstein frame, the potential becomes

$$\Delta U = \lambda_6 \frac{\varphi^6}{(1 + \xi \varphi^2 / M_P^2)^2}. \quad (3.52)$$

Fig. 3.7 shows the predictions on n_s and r in the case of $c = 0.98$ (left) and $c = 1$ (right). Each solid line corresponds to constant λ_6 , and dashed one corresponds to constant ξ . We can see that λ_6 needs to be sufficiently small in order to realize successful inflation. In the Fig. 3.8, the predictions on $dn_s/d \ln k$ and n_s are shown, and φ_* is plotted in the right panel of Fig. 3.6.

¹ The smallness of higher dimensional term would be related to asymptotic scale(shift) symmetry in Jordan(Einstein) frame [57].

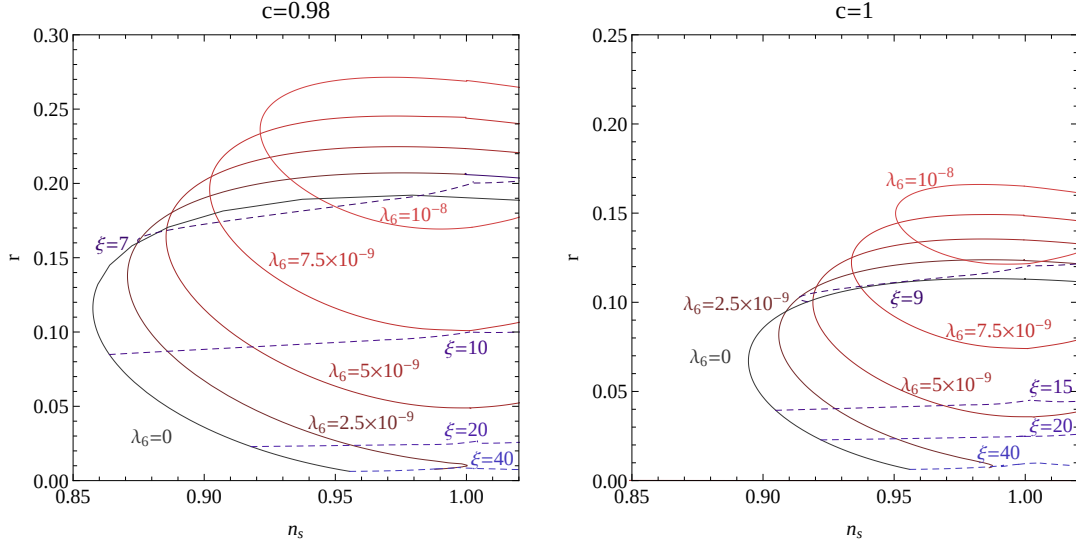


Figure 3.7: Same as the left panel of Fig. 3.5, but introducing λ_6 term. We take $c = 0.98$ and $c = 1$ in the left and right panels, respectively. These figure are taken from Ref. [4].

3.2.2 Prescription II

In this subsection, we present the numerical estimation of the prescription II. In this case, we can show that the potential becomes almost quadratic one. From Eqs. (3.39), (3.45) and (3.49), the potential is

$$\begin{aligned}
 U &= \frac{1}{4} \varphi^4 \left(\lambda_{\min} + \frac{\beta_2}{(16\pi)^2} \left(\ln \frac{\varphi}{\mu_{\min}} \right)^2 \right) \frac{1}{(1 + \xi \varphi^2 / M_P^2)^2} \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} \frac{\varphi^4}{(1 + \xi \varphi^2 / M_P^2)^2} \left(\lambda_{\min} + \frac{\beta_2}{(16\pi)^2} \left(\frac{\chi}{\sqrt{6} M_P} - \ln c \right)^2 \right) \\
 &\simeq \frac{1}{4} \frac{M_P^4}{\xi^2} \left(\lambda_{\min} + \frac{\beta_2}{(16\pi)^2} \left(\frac{\chi}{\sqrt{6} M_P} - \ln c \right)^2 \right). \tag{3.53}
 \end{aligned}$$

In the last line, we have taken $\varphi \gg M_P / \sqrt{\xi}$.

In the Fig. 3.9, the slow roll parameters are plotted as functions of $X = \varphi / (M_P / \sqrt{\xi})$ in the prescription II. Here we take $c = 1$. In the Fig. 3.10, the predictions on n_s and r are shown. The small and large dots represent $N_* = 50$ and 65. We note that this prediction is almost same as that of quadratic chaotic inflation, which is marginal under the recent Planck 2015 result.

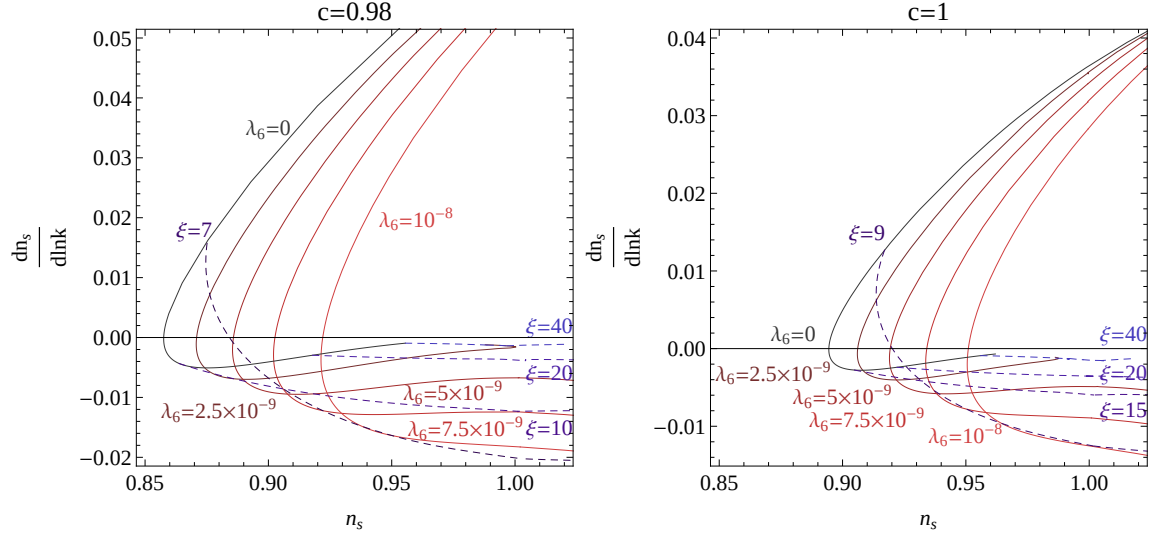


Figure 3.8: Same as the right panel of Fig. 3.5, but introducing λ_6 term. We take $c = 0.98$ and $c = 1$ in the left and right panels, respectively. These figure are taken from Ref. [4].

3.3 The difference between prescription I and II

What is the physical meaning of the prescription I and II? In this section, we try to answer this question.

For simplicity, we consider the massless ϕ^4 theory.

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi - \frac{1}{4!} \lambda \phi^4. \quad (3.54)$$

with non-minimal coupling $\xi \mathcal{R} \phi^2$. Let us consider the Coleman-Weinberg potential of this model. The effective mass is given by

$$m_{\text{eff}}^2 = \begin{cases} m_J^2 = \frac{1}{2} \lambda \phi^2, & \text{Jordan frame,} \\ m_E^2 = \frac{1}{2} \lambda \phi^2 \frac{1}{(1 + \xi^2/M_P^2)^2}, & \text{Einstein frame,} \end{cases} \quad (3.55)$$

Therefore, by utilizing the momentum cutoff scheme, the effective potential in the Jordan frame becomes

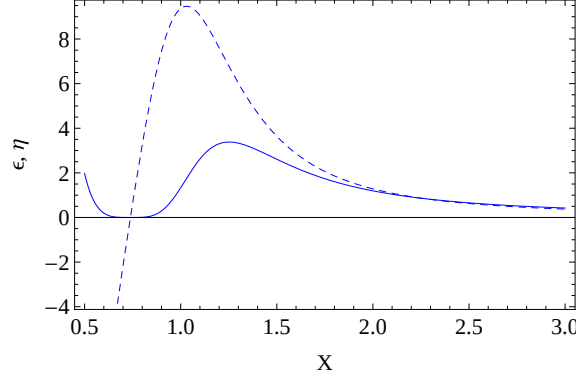


Figure 3.9: ϵ and η as functions of $X = \varphi/(M_P/\sqrt{\xi})$. This figure is taken from Ref. [4].

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_{J,\text{eff}} &= \frac{1}{4!} \lambda \varphi^4 + \int_{|p| < \Lambda_J} \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \log(p^2 + m_J^2) \\
 &\simeq \frac{1}{4!} \lambda \varphi^4 + \frac{m_J^4}{32\pi^2} \lambda^2 \varphi^4 \log\left(\frac{\Lambda_J^2}{m_J^2}\right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{4!} \varphi^4 \left(\lambda + \frac{3}{16\pi^2} \lambda^2 \log\left(\frac{\Lambda_J^2}{\mu^2}\right) \right) + \frac{1}{128\pi^2} \lambda^2 \varphi^4 \log\left(\frac{\mu^2}{m_J^2}\right) \\
 &=: \frac{1}{4!} \lambda(\mu) \varphi^4 + \frac{1}{128\pi^2} \lambda^2 \varphi^2 \log\left(\frac{\mu^2}{m_J^2}\right). \tag{3.56}
 \end{aligned}$$

In the second line, we have omitted the quartic divergent and quadratic divergent terms, which should be removed by the bare cosmological constant and bare mass term. In the last line, we have defined renormalized coupling $\lambda(\mu)$. If the Λ_J is constant respect for φ , $\mu = m_J$ gives good approximation.

On the other hand, in the Einstein frame, we obtain

$$V_{E,\text{eff}} = \frac{1}{(1 + \xi \varphi^2/M_P^2)^2} \left\{ \frac{1}{4!} \varphi^4 \left(\lambda + \frac{3}{16\pi^2} \lambda^2 \log\left(\frac{\Lambda_E^2}{\mu^2}\right) \right) + \frac{1}{128\pi^2} \lambda^2 \varphi^4 \log\left(\frac{\mu^2}{m_E^2}\right) \right\}. \tag{3.57}$$

The relation between the cutoff in the Jordan frame and Einstein frame is give by

$$\Lambda_J = \Omega^2 \Lambda_E. \tag{3.58}$$

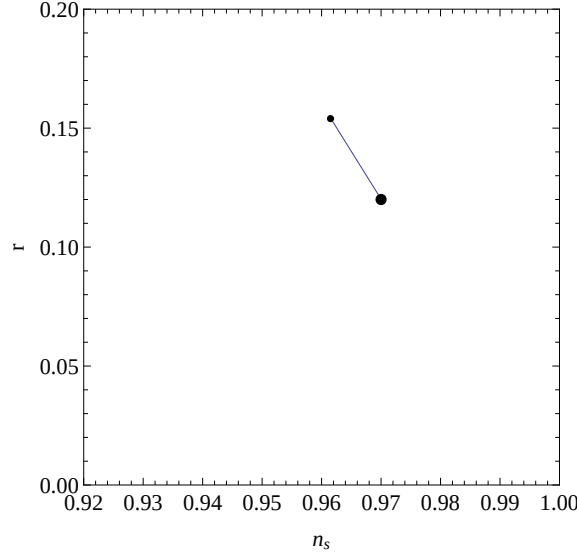


Figure 3.10: The predictions of n_s vs. r in prescription II. The small and large dots are $N_* = 50$ and 65 , respectively. This figure is taken from Ref. [4].

We can see this by following expression:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{g^{\mu\nu} p_\mu p_\nu < \Lambda_J} \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \log(g^{\mu\nu} p_\mu p_\nu + m_J^2) &= \int_{\Omega^2 \hat{g}^{\mu\nu} p_\mu p_\nu < \Lambda_J} \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \log(\Omega^2 \hat{g}^{\mu\nu} p_\mu p_\nu + m_J^2) \\
 &= \int_{\Omega^2 \hat{g}^{\mu\nu} p_\mu p_\nu < \Lambda_J} \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \log(\hat{g}^{\mu\nu} p_\mu p_\nu + m_E^2) + \text{const.} \\
 &= \int_{\hat{g}^{\mu\nu} p_\mu p_\nu < \Omega^{-2} \Lambda_J} \frac{d^4 p}{(2\pi)^4} \log(\hat{g}^{\mu\nu} p_\mu p_\nu + m_E^2) + \text{const.}
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.59}$$

Hence, if we take the constant cutoff in the Jordan frame, the cutoff in the Einstein frame depends on φ , and vice versa. The problem is that which frame we have to take the constant cutoff Λ .

When we take the constant cutoff in the Jordan frame, we can improve the effective potential by putting $\mu = m_J$, which is nothing but the prescription II. The prescription I corresponds to the constant cutoff in the Einstein frame. This is the physical meaning of two prescriptions.

Chapter 4

Naturalness problem and quantum gravity

In this chapter, we try to solve the naturalness problem based on the principle beyond ordinary field theory, maximum entropy principle [58, 59, 60, 61] and saddle/non analytical point of vacuum energy [62]. This chapter is based on work [60, 62].

It is well known that the mass of the SM Higgs boson has a serious problem. The one loop correction to the Higgs mass contains the quadratic divergence, and therefore the natural scale of the Higgs mass is around the cutoff scale. Because the natural cutoff scale of the theory is the string scale, the observed value of the Higgs mass, 125 GeV, is unnaturally small. This is so-called gauge hierarchy problem.

One of the most natural solution to this problem is introducing the supersymmetry, which is the symmetry between a boson and fermion. By introducing this symmetry, the quadratic divergence to the Higgs mass is canceled. For example, the top quark contributions are canceled by stop contribution. Supersymmetry should be spontaneously broken because we do not know the scalar partner of the electron at the same mass. Then, the Higgs mass receives the radiative correction which is proportional to the mass of supersymmetry particle, which should be around TeV scale in order to solve the fine-tuning problem. However, no significant deviations from the SM is found in the LHC results, which means that it becomes difficult to solve the fine-tuning problem by considering the supersymmetry. Although there are other solutions to fine-tuning problem within field theory such as gauge Higgs unification, Randall-Sundrum model and composite Higgs, all of these kind scenarios require new physics around TeV scale.

Taking into account above situation, it is good time to seek for solution beyond the or-

dinary local field theory. Probably, the most popular one is the anthropic principle, which is based on the landscape and multiverse in string theory. A problem of the anthropic principle is how to define the probability measure in the multiverse is unclear. In this thesis, we focus on another possibility, the baby universe mechanism which is originally proposed by Coleman many years ago [63], see also Refs. [64, 65]. The original idea is given by Euclidean gravity, and hence has the problem of the conformal mode. Let us see this problem concretely. For the homogenous, isotropic and closed universe is described by

$$ds^2 = dt^2 - a^2 \left(\frac{dr^2}{1-r^2} + r^2 d\Omega_2 \right). \quad (4.1)$$

Then the action of gravity with a scalar field system becomes

$$\begin{aligned} S &= \int d^4x \left\{ \frac{1}{2} M_P^2 (\mathcal{R} - 2\Lambda) + \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi \right\} \\ &\ni \int dt \left(-\frac{1}{2} a \dot{a}^2 \right) + \int d^4x \left(\frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi \partial^\mu \phi \right). \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

We can see that the coefficient of the kinetic term of a is negative. On the other hand, the kinetic term of a scalar field has positive coefficient, which leads to the fact that we can not take bounded Hamiltonian by rotating the time coordinate.

Recently, Kawai and Okada revisited the baby universe mechanism and formulated it in the Lorentzian universe [58], and proposed the maximum entropy principle (MEP). Succeeding Kawai and Okada's work, we find that the Fermi constant (Higgs vacuum expectation value) is indeed fixed by the MEP [60, 5]. Furthermore, we find another mechanism to fix the parameters in the SM, and present how to fix the θ parameter in $SU(3)_C$, Higgs quartic coupling in the string/Planck scale and cosmological constant [62].

In Sec. 4.1, we explain the original idea given by Coleman. In Sec. 4.2, we present a solution to the cosmological constant problem and Higgs mass using maximum entropy principle. In Sec. 4.3, we show a solution to the strong CP problem and cosmological constant problem based on the argument about vacuum energy.

4.1 Coleman's argument

We first review the original argument given by Coleman.

$$\sum_{\text{topology}} \int \mathcal{D}g \exp(-S_E), \quad S_E = \frac{M_P^2}{2} \int d^4x \sqrt{g} (R + 2\Lambda + \text{matter}) \quad (4.3)$$

As we have mentioned in the beginning of this chapter, the Euclidean gravity has the problem of wrong sign kinetic term. Let us remember why we cannot justify Wick rotation by using the one dimensional system of the two free particles, one of which has wrong sign kinetic term [66]. That is,

$$H = \frac{1}{2m_1^2} p_1^2 - \frac{1}{2m_2^2} p_2^2, \quad (4.4)$$

$$i\partial_t \psi = (-\partial_{x_1}^2 + \partial_{x_2}^2) \psi. \quad (4.5)$$

Performing Fourier transformation, we have

$$i\partial_t \tilde{\psi} + (-k_1^2 + k_2^2) \tilde{\psi} = 0, \quad \text{Lorentzian} \quad (4.6)$$

$$-\partial_{t_E} \tilde{\psi}_E + (-k_1^2 + k_2^2) \tilde{\psi}_E = 0. \quad \text{Euclidean} \quad (4.7)$$

We can easily solve above equations:

$$\tilde{\psi} = \exp[-i(k_1^2 - k_2^2)t], \quad \text{Lorentzian} \quad (4.8)$$

$$\tilde{\psi}_E = \exp[-(k_1^2 - k_2^2)t_E]. \quad \text{Euclidean} \quad (4.9)$$

In the coordinate space, the wavefunctions are written by

$$\psi = \int dk_1 dk_2 \exp[-i(k_1^2 - k_2^2)t] e^{-i(k_1+k_2)(x_1+x_2)} \quad \text{Lorentzian} \quad (4.10)$$

$$\psi_E = \int dk_1 dk_2 \exp[-(k_1^2 - k_2^2)t_E] e^{-i(k_1+k_2)(x_1+x_2)} \quad \text{Euclidean.} \quad (4.11)$$

The integral is divergent in Euclidean with both $t_E < 0$ and $t_E > 0$.

On the other hand, in the Lorentzian universe, there are no problems. In fact, this is why the universe expands. If this is not the case, the universe does not continue expanding but stabilizes at some point.

In the following in this section, we consider in the Euclidean gravity although above problem exists, because it is instructive to move to consideration in Lorentzian universe from the next section.

Let us consider the closed universe with Euclidianization $t \rightarrow it_E$ and cosmological constant Λ . Friedmann equation becomes

$$-\left(\frac{da/dt_E}{a}\right)^2 = \frac{\Lambda}{3} - \frac{1}{a^2}, \quad (4.12)$$

from which we obtain

$$\int_0^a \frac{da}{\sqrt{1 - a^2\Lambda/3}} = \int_0^T dt_E. \quad (4.13)$$

Here we impose $a(t_E = 0) = 0$ as a initial condition. We have

$$\text{LHS} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{\Lambda}} \int_0^{\sqrt{\Lambda/3}a} \frac{da'}{\sqrt{1 - a'^2}} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{\Lambda}} \arcsin \left(\sqrt{\frac{\Lambda}{3}} a \right). \quad (4.14)$$

Hence, we obtain a as a function of t :

$$a = \sqrt{\frac{3}{\Lambda}} \sin \left(\sqrt{\frac{\Lambda}{3}} t_E \right). \quad (4.15)$$

The metric is

$$ds^2 = dt_E^2 + a^2 \left(\frac{dr^2}{1 - r^2} + r^2 d\Omega_2 \right). \quad (4.16)$$

By putting $r = \sin \rho$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} ds^2 &= dt_E^2 + a^2 (d\rho^2 + \sin^2 \rho d\Omega_2) \\ &= dt_E^2 + a^2 d\Omega_3. \end{aligned} \quad (4.17)$$

By performing the transformation of variable,

$$t'_E \equiv \sqrt{\frac{3}{\Lambda}} t_E, \quad (4.18)$$

the metric becomes

$$\begin{aligned} ds^2 &= \frac{\Lambda}{3} (dt_E'^2 + \sin^2 t'_E d\Omega_3) \\ &= \frac{\Lambda}{3} d\Omega_4. \end{aligned} \quad (4.19)$$

In this sense, Euclidean gravity has the solution of S^4 topology. Note that we can understand the metric of S^n iteratively.

$$\begin{aligned} d\Omega_2 &= d\theta_2^2 + \sin^2 \theta_2 d\phi^2, \\ d\Omega_3 &= d\theta_3^2 + \sin^2 \theta_3 d\Omega_2, \\ &\dots \end{aligned} \quad (4.20)$$

Let us consider the action of this solution. From Eq. (4.3), we have

$$\mathcal{R}_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{R}g_{\mu\nu} = \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} \xrightarrow{\text{contraction by } g^{\mu\nu}} \Lambda = -4\mathcal{R}, \quad (4.21)$$

then the action becomes

$$\begin{aligned} S_E &= \frac{1}{2}M_P^2 \int \sqrt{g_E} d^4x (\mathcal{R} + 2\Lambda) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}M_P^2 \frac{8\pi^2}{3} \left(\sqrt{\frac{3M_P^2}{\Lambda}} \right)^4 (-2\Lambda) \\ &= -\frac{24\pi^2}{\Lambda} M_P^2. \end{aligned} \quad (4.22)$$

Next, let us consider the situation that some large S^4 universes are connected by small tube. We call such tube wormhole. The typical size of wormhole is expected to be the Planck scale, and hence we try to sum up wormhole configuration in order to obtain low energy effective action. If one wormhole is inserted, from the view point of large universe, the non-local interaction is induced, so the effect on partition function is given by

$$\int \mathcal{D}g \left(\sum_{ij} c_{ij} \int d^4x d^4y \sqrt{g(x)} \sqrt{g(y)} \mathcal{O}^i(x) \mathcal{O}^j(y) \right) \exp[-S_W] \exp[-S_E]. \quad (4.23)$$

Here S_W is the wormhole action, c_{ij} is numerical constant and $\mathcal{O}^i$ is any local operator in the theory. By considering the multiple insertion of the wormhole, we obtain

$$\int \mathcal{D}g \exp \left[\left(\sum_{ij} c_{ij} \int d^4x d^4y \sqrt{g(x)} \sqrt{g(y)} \mathcal{O}^i(x) \mathcal{O}^j(y) \right) \exp[-S_W] \right] \exp[-S_E]. \quad (4.24)$$

as the partition function. This means that the action of the theory is modified as

$$S_{\text{eff}} = S_E + c_{ij} S_i S_j + \cdots, \quad S_i = \int d^4x \mathcal{O}(x). \quad (4.25)$$

Here $\cdots$ represents the effect of the three, four, ..., legs wormholes. As we will see in the next section, the key observation of the multi-local action is that parameter in the theory becomes dynamical variable.

Provided that we assume the existence of the multiverse, the partition function of the multiverse becomes

$$\begin{aligned} Z &= \int d\vec{\lambda} \omega(\vec{\lambda}) \int \mathcal{D}g \mathcal{D}\phi \exp[-\lambda_i S_i] \\ &= \int d\vec{\lambda} \omega(\vec{\lambda}) \exp[Z_1(\vec{\lambda})], \end{aligned} \quad (4.26)$$

because each universe is independent of each other after the summation of wormhole configuration. Here Z_1 is the partition function of single universe.

We use saddle point approximation to estimate Z_1 . Putting S^4 solution into Z_1 , as a single universe action, we obtain

$$-\frac{24\pi^2}{\Lambda} M_P^2, \quad (4.27)$$

from which one can see that $\Lambda \rightarrow 0$ is exponentially dominated in the path integral. Then, Coleman concludes that Λ is dynamically tunes to be zero.

In the following discussion, we utilize the Lorentzian version multi-local action,

$$\int \mathcal{D}g \mathcal{D}\phi \exp[iS_{\text{eff}}], \quad (4.28)$$

which would be justified by matrix model [67].

4.2 Maximum entropy principle

The starting point is the path integral of the multiverse:

$$Z = \int d\vec{\lambda} \omega(\vec{\lambda}) \int \mathcal{D}g \mathcal{D}\phi \exp\left(i \sum_i \lambda_i S_i\right) = \int d\vec{\lambda} \omega(\vec{\lambda}) \exp[Z_1(\vec{\lambda})], \quad (4.29)$$

where Z_1 is

$$Z_1 = \int \mathcal{D}g \mathcal{D}\phi_{\text{single universe}} \exp\left[i \sum_i \lambda_i S_i\right]. \quad (4.30)$$

Therefore, what we should do is to calculate the partition function of single universe. If some value of λ dominates in the integral, the parameter of theory is dynamically fixed at that point. Z_1 is calculated as

$$\begin{aligned} Z_1(\lambda) &= \int \mathcal{D}p_z \mathcal{D}z \mathcal{D}N \exp[iS] \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dT \int \mathcal{D}p_z \mathcal{D}z \exp\left[i \int dt (p_z \dot{z} - TH)\right] \\ &= \langle f | \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dT \exp\left[-iT\hat{H}\right] | i \rangle \\ &= \langle f | \delta(\hat{H}) | i \rangle \\ &= \langle f | \phi_{E=0} \rangle \langle \phi_{E=0} | i \rangle, \end{aligned} \quad (4.31)$$

where we introduce variable $z = a^3$. In the second line, we take the gauge

$$N(t) = T, \quad (4.32)$$

and N integral becomes T integral. The normalization of the wavefunction is

$$\langle \phi_{E'} | \phi_E \rangle = \delta(E - E'), \quad (4.33)$$

and Hamiltonian is given by

$$\hat{H} = z \left(-\frac{1}{2} p_z^2 - U(z) \right), \quad (4.34)$$

with

$$U(z) = \frac{M_P^4}{z^{2/3}} - M_P^4 \Lambda - \frac{C_{\text{rad}}}{z^{4/3}} M_P^2, \quad (4.35)$$

where we assume matter term is only radiation. Note that we have treated matter fields classically. The wavefunction is the solution of one dimensional Schrodinger equation:

$$\hat{H} |\phi_{E=0}\rangle = 0. \quad (4.36)$$

The WKB solution is

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{E=0}(z) &\simeq \frac{1}{\sqrt{z k_{E=0}(z)}} \sin \left(\int_0^z dz' k_{E=0}(z') \right), \\ k_{E=0}^2(z) &= -2U(z) = -2 \left(\frac{M_P^4}{z^{2/3}} - M_P^4 \Lambda - \frac{C_{\text{rad}}}{z^{4/3}} M_P^2 \right) \end{aligned} \quad (4.37)$$

Therefore, we can calculate Eq. (4.31) provided that initial and final scale factor are specified. As for initial condition, we take $a_{\text{ini}} = \epsilon$, where ϵ is very small value. a_{final} depends on the cosmological history. If Λ is smaller than $\Lambda_{\text{cri}} = M_P^2/(4C_{\text{rad}})$, then the universe shrinks back and we take $a_{\text{final}} = \epsilon$. On the contrary if $\Lambda > \Lambda_{\text{cri}}$, the universe eternally expands. In this case, as an ad hoc assumption, we use IR cutoff a_{IR} as a value of a_{final} .

As a result, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} Z_1 &\simeq \phi(z_{\text{final}}) \phi^*(z_{\text{ini}}) \\ &\simeq \begin{cases} \text{const} |\phi_{\epsilon=0}(\epsilon)|^2, & \text{for } \Lambda < \Lambda_{\text{cri}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Lambda^{1/4}}} \sin(a_{\text{IR}}^3 \Lambda^{1/2} + \alpha') \phi_{E=0}^*(\epsilon), & \text{for } \Lambda > \Lambda_{\text{cri}} \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (4.38)$$

One can see that Λ becomes maximum at $\Lambda = \Lambda_{\text{cri}}$. As a result, we obtain the multiverse partition function as

$$Z = \int d\vec{\lambda} \omega(\vec{\lambda}) \exp[Z_1(\vec{\lambda})] \quad (4.39)$$

$$\sim \exp\left(\text{const} \frac{1}{\Lambda_{\text{cri}}^{1/4}}\right) \sim \exp\left(\text{const} C_{\text{rad}}^{1/4}\right). \quad (4.40)$$

The energy density of the radiation appears in the exponent, which means that the parameter of the SM is fixed in such a way that the radiation energy of late stage of the universe is maximized. We call this MEP.

4.2.1 Big fix of the Fermi constant

In this subsection, we show how to fix the Fermi constant starting from the maximum entropy principle. We denote Higgs vacuum expectation value by v . We fix the other parameters in the SM, gauge couplings, Yukawa couplings and Higgs quartic coupling and only vary v .¹

In the following argument, we assume that the v dependence of dark energy and dark matter is smaller than that of baryon. This assumption would be reasonable if dark sector is irreverent of electroweak physics.

First, to illustrate our procedure, we consider the case that all baryons are proton. After that, we add the effect of helium. If all baryons are proton, the produced entropy by baryon decay is

$$\frac{N_B m_p}{a^3(\tau_p)} = \frac{C_{\text{rad}}}{a^3(\tau_p)}, \quad (4.41)$$

then we have

$$C_{\text{rad}} = N_B m_p a(\tau_p). \quad (4.42)$$

Here m_p is the proton mass, N_B is the baryon number of the universe. Friedmann equation tells us

$$\frac{1}{\tau_p^2} = \frac{1}{M_P^2} \frac{N_B m_p}{a^3}, \quad (4.43)$$

¹ Similar argument can be done if we fix gauge couplings, quark mass and Higgs quartic coupling [60].

from which we have

$$C_{\text{rad}} \propto N_B^{4/3} \tau_p^{2/3} m_p^{4/3}. \quad (4.44)$$

Here τ_p is the lifetime of proton.

When we take into account the existence of helium nuclei, Boltzmann equations are given as follows. By solving the following Boltzmann equations, we obtain the entropy at the late stage of the universe,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dN_p}{dt} &= -\tau_p^{-1} N_p + 3\tau_{He}^{-1} N_{He}, \\ \frac{dN_{He}}{dt} &= -\tau_{He}^{-1} N_{He}, \\ \frac{da/dt}{a} &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{3M_P^2} \left(\frac{M}{a^3} + \frac{C_{\text{rad}}}{a^4} - \frac{M_P^2}{a^2} \right)}, \\ M &= m_p N_p + m_{He} N_{He}, \\ \frac{dC_{\text{rad}}}{dt} &= a m_p (\tau_p^{-1} N_p + (1 - 2\epsilon) \tau_{He}^{-1} N_{He}), \end{aligned} \quad (4.45)$$

with initial conditions

$$N_p(0) = N_B(1 - 2X_n), \quad N_{He}(0) = N_B \frac{X_n}{2}, \quad (4.46)$$

where N_p and N_{He} are the number of the proton and helium, m_{He} and τ_{He} are the mass and lifetime of helium, respectively. When the helium decays into the pion, pion loses its energy by the collision with other nucleon. This effect is represented by ϵ .

What we want to know is the v dependence of C_{rad} . Numerically, C_{rad} is written as

$$C_{\text{rad}} \propto (N_B m_p)^{4/3} \tau_p^{2/3} \{1 - c(\epsilon, \tau_{He}/\tau_p, m_{He}/m_p) X_n\}, \quad (4.47)$$

where c is the numerical constant which is around 0.01 [5]. The first factor is same as Eq. (4.44). The second factor represents the effect of helium nuclei. If baryon number is created at the scale much higher than the electroweak scale, see for example Refs. [68, 69, 70, 71], the resultant baryon number is independent of v , which we assume in the following. Moreover, we can check numerically that the v dependence of c is so small that we can treat c as a constant. After all, we only take care of v dependence of m_p, τ_p and X_n .

First, let us consider $m_p^{4/3} \tau_p^{2/3}$ part. In order to estimate τ_p , we consider the process $p \rightarrow e^+ + \pi^0$. Then, we get

$$\tau_p^{-1} \propto \frac{m_p^5}{M_P^4} \left(1 - \frac{m_\pi^2}{m_p^2}\right)^2. \quad (4.48)$$

As a phenomenological expression, we use

$$\begin{aligned} m_p &= \alpha \Lambda_{\text{QCD}} + \beta(2m_u + m_d), & m_n &= \alpha \Lambda_{\text{QCD}} + \beta(m_u + 2m_d) + m_{em}, \\ Q &= \beta(m_d - m_u) - m_{em}, & m_\pi^2 &= \gamma \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}(m_u + m_d). \end{aligned} \quad (4.49)$$

In the thesis, we use the following typical values reproducing observed up and down quark masses:

$$\alpha = 3.1, \quad \beta = 1.4, \quad \gamma = 16, \quad m_{em} = 2.2 \text{ MeV}, \quad \Lambda_{\text{QCD}} = 300 \text{ MeV}. \quad (4.50)$$

The choice of Λ_{QCD} is just the convention. We have to comment on why we choose $m_{em} = 2.2 \text{ MeV}$. We assume the model of nucleon as follows: three quarks exists, and the distances between two quarks are about proton charge radius, $r_N = 0.86 \text{ fm}$. Then we can roughly estimate the electromagnetic energy of the neutron and proton as

$$\begin{aligned} -m_{em}^{(n)}/\alpha_{em} &\sim -\frac{1}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} = -\frac{1}{3}, \\ -m_{em}^{(p)}/\alpha_{em} &\sim \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} = 0. \end{aligned} \quad (4.51)$$

In the region where $m_{u,d} \ll \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$, we have

$$m_p^{4/3} \tau_p^{2/3} \propto \left(1 - \left(\frac{4\beta}{\alpha} - \frac{2\gamma}{3\alpha^2}\right) \frac{m_u}{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}} - \left(2\beta - \frac{2\gamma}{3\alpha^2}\right) \frac{m_d}{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}\right). \quad (4.52)$$

By putting Eq. (4.50) and $(m_u, m_d) = (2.3 \text{ MeV}, 4.8 \text{ MeV})$, one can see that $m_p^{4/3} \tau_p^{2/3}$ is decreasing function of v . We plot $m_p^{4/3} \tau_p^{2/3}$ in the Fig. 4.1.

Next, let us move on the evaluation of v dependence of X_n . When the interaction rate of the weak interaction becomes smaller than the Hubble parameter, proton-neutron conversion process is not effective, and X_n is almost fixed. Succeedingly, until the time of big bang nucleosynthesis(BBN), some neutrons decay via $n \rightarrow p e^+ \nu_e$. Finally, the X_n is fixed at the time when the BBN starts, $t = t_{\text{BBN}}$. Hence, X_n is given by

$$X_n(t \rightarrow \infty) = e^{-(t_{\text{BBN}} - t_{\text{dec}})/\tau_n} \frac{1}{1 + e^{Q/T_{\text{dec}}}}. \quad (4.53)$$

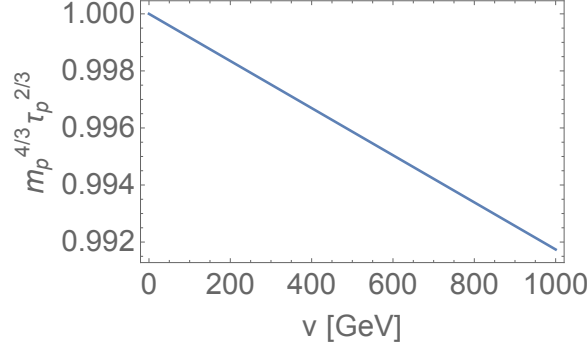


Figure 4.1: $m_p^{4/3} \tau_p^{2/3}$ as a function of the Higgs VEV v . Here we ignore the overall constant, and only plot v dependent factor, see Eq. (4.52).

Here $Q = m_n - m_p$, τ_n is the lifetime of the neutron, t_{dec} is the freeze out time of the weak interaction.

t_{dec} is determined by equating the interaction rate and Hubble parameter. The interaction rate of the proton-neutron conversion process,

$$n + \nu \leftrightarrow p + e^-, \quad n + e^+ \leftrightarrow p + \bar{\nu}, \quad n \leftrightarrow p + e^- + \bar{\nu}, \quad (4.54)$$

is

$$\Gamma(p \rightarrow n) = (2.5\text{sec})^{-1} \left(\frac{T}{1\text{ MeV}} \right)^5 \left(\frac{246\text{ GeV}}{v} \right)^4 \frac{P(m_e/T, Q/T)}{P(0, 0)}, \quad (4.55)$$

with

$$P(x, y) = \int_0^\infty dz \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{x^2}{y+z} \right)^2} \frac{(y+z)^2 z^2}{(1 + e^{-zT/T_\nu})(1 + e^{y+z})}, \quad (4.56)$$

where m_e is the electron mass and T_ν is the temperature of the neutrino

$$T_\nu = T \times \frac{S(m_e/T)}{S(0)}, \quad S(x) = 1 + \frac{45}{2\pi^4} \int_0^\infty dy y^2 \left(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} + \frac{y^2}{3\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}} \frac{1}{1 + e^{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}} \right). \quad (4.57)$$

On the other hand, Hubble parameter is

$$H \simeq \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{43\pi^2}{90}} \frac{T^2}{M_P} \simeq \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{t} \quad (4.58)$$

From Eq. (4.55) and Eq. (4.58), we can calculate t_{dec} numerically. We plot t_{dec} as a function of v in the Fig. 4.2.

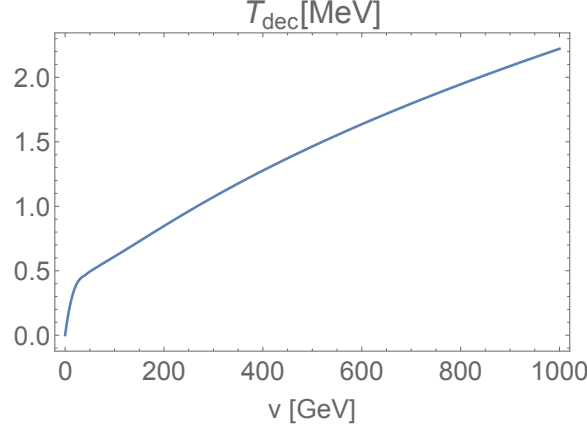


Figure 4.2: T_{dec} as a function of the Higgs VEV v . We can see that the decoupling temperature is around MeV.

The lifetime of the neutron is calculated as

$$\tau_n^{-1} = (885\text{sec})^{-1} \left(\frac{m_e}{0.51\text{ MeV}} \right)^5 \left(\frac{246\text{ GeV}}{v} \right)^4 \frac{F(Q/m_e)}{F(1.29\text{ MeV}/0.51\text{ MeV})}, \quad (4.59)$$

with

$$F(x) = \int_1^x dy y(y^2 - 1)^{1/2} (x - y)^2. \quad (4.60)$$

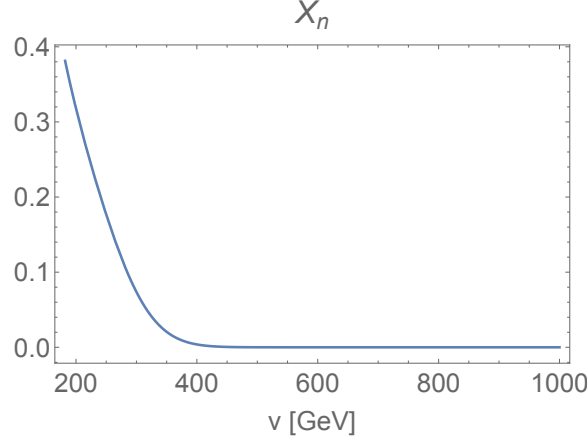
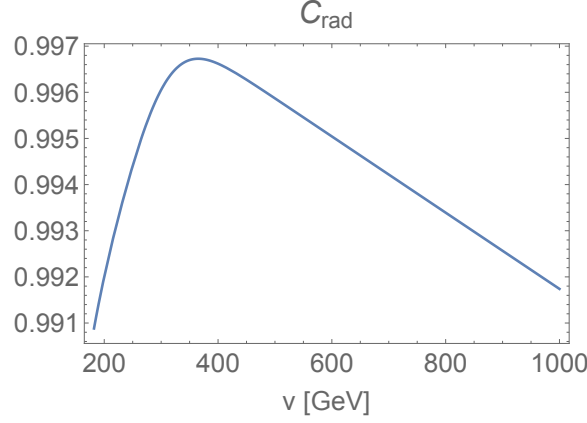
Since BBN time rarely depends on v , we fix

$$T_{BBN} = 0.1\text{ MeV}. \quad (4.61)$$

The relation between T_{BBN} and t_{BBN} is given by Eq. (4.58). Now Eq. (4.53) can be estimated as a function of v and we plot it in Fig. 4.3. We note that, if v is too small, the neutron becomes heavier than the proton, and therefore we only plot the range $v \gtrsim 200\text{ GeV}$.

Combining all the ingredients, we can evaluate C_{rad} as a function of v . Fig. 4.4 shows v dependence of C_{rad} . We can see that v is fixed around the electroweak scale, $v = \mathcal{O}(100)\text{ GeV}$. The hierarchy problem of the Higgs mass is solved. The electroweak scale comes from $\tau_n \sim t_{BBN}$, which is rewritten as

$$v_h \sim \frac{T_{BBN}^2}{M_P y_e^5}. \quad (4.62)$$

Figure 4.3: X_n as a function of the Higgs VEV v_h .Figure 4.4: C_{rad} as a function of the Higgs VEV v_h . We can see that v_h is fixed to be the order of 100 GeV. Here we take $c = 1/100$.

4.3 Fixing parameters from vacuum energy

4.3.1 Formulation

In this section, we present another point of view of the fixing of the parameters of theory. We note that the argument in this section does not assume the existence of the multiverse. Our starting point is the multi-local action which may appears after the integration of various wormhole configurations,

$$S_M = \sum_i c_i S_i + \sum_{i,j} c_{i,j} S_i S_j + \sum_{i,j,k} c_{i,j,k} S_i S_j S_k + \cdots . \quad (4.63)$$

Here S_i is a usual local action,

$$S_i = \int_0^\infty dt \int d^3x \mathcal{O}_i(t, \mathbf{x}), \quad (4.64)$$

and c_i is a constant.

In general, it is very difficult to treat theory without locality. However, fortunately, multi-local action can be interpreted as a superposition of various values of coupling constants,

$$e^{iS_M} = \int d\vec{\lambda} f(\vec{\lambda}) e^{i\sum \lambda_i S_i}, \quad (4.65)$$

by performing the Fourier transformation. In fact, the variable λ_i corresponds to coupling constant of S_i . Here we treat coupling constants collectively, and denote by $\vec{\lambda}$. By using the Eq. (4.65), the partition function of multi-local action can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} Z &= \int_{t=0}^{t=\infty} \mathcal{D}\phi e^{iS_M} \psi_f^* \psi_i \\ &= \int d\vec{\lambda} f(\vec{\lambda}) \int_{t=0}^{t=\infty} \mathcal{D}\phi e^{i\sum \lambda_i S_i} \psi_f^* \psi_i \\ &= \int d\vec{\lambda} f(\vec{\lambda}) \langle f | T e^{-i \int_0^{+\infty} dt \hat{H}(\vec{\lambda}; a_{cl}(t))} | i \rangle, \end{aligned} \quad (4.66)$$

where H is the Hamiltonian, a_{cl} is the classical solution of the scale factor, and ψ_i and ψ_f represent the initial and final wavefunctions, $|i\rangle$ and $|j\rangle$ are the initial and final state, respectively. The point is that now coupling constants $\vec{\lambda}$ are not the constants but the variables. If a some value of $\vec{\lambda}$, $\vec{\lambda}_0$ dominates in the integral, we get

$$Z \sim f(\vec{\lambda}_0) \langle f | T e^{-i \int_0^{+\infty} dt \hat{H}(\vec{\lambda}_0; a_{cl}(t))} | i \rangle, \quad (4.67)$$

and hence the parameters are dynamically fixed.

Assuming the spacetime background which is exponentially expanding universe, we have

$$T e^{-i \int_0^{+\infty} dt \hat{H}(\vec{\lambda}; a_{cl}(t))} | i \rangle \sim e^{-i\epsilon(\vec{\lambda}) \int_{t^*}^{+\infty} dt V_3(a_{cl}(t))} |\psi(t^*; \vec{\lambda})\rangle, \quad (4.68)$$

with V_3 being the space volume of the universe, ϵ being vacuum energy of the universe. $|\psi(t^*; \vec{\lambda})\rangle$ is

$$|\psi(t^*; \vec{\lambda})\rangle = T e^{-i \int_0^{t^*} dt \hat{H}(\vec{\lambda}; a_{cl}(t))} | i \rangle, \quad (4.69)$$

and t^* is time when the vacuum energy dominated era starts. Substituting Eqs. (4.68)(4.69) into Eq. (4.66), we get

$$Z \sim \int d\vec{\lambda} f(\vec{\lambda}) e^{-i\epsilon(\vec{\lambda}) \int_{t^*}^{+\infty} dt V_3(a_{cl}(t))} \langle f | \psi(t^*; \vec{\lambda}) \rangle \sim \int d\vec{\lambda} f(\vec{\lambda}) e^{-i\epsilon(\vec{\lambda}) V_4} \langle f | \psi(t^*; \vec{\lambda}) \rangle. \quad (4.70)$$

Consequently, we should evaluate the integration in this expression to check the fixing of parameters. For this purpose, the following formulas are useful thanks to the largeness of spacetime volume V_4 . If the vacuum energy $\epsilon(\lambda)$ has a saddle point, λ_0 ,

$$e^{i\epsilon(\lambda)V_4} \underset{V_4 \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{i\epsilon''(\lambda)V_4}} e^{ik\epsilon(\lambda)} \delta(\lambda - \lambda_0), \quad (4.71)$$

by using the saddle point approximation. On the other hand, if $\epsilon(\lambda)$ is continuous but $\epsilon'(\lambda)$ is not continuous at some point, λ_0 , then

$$e^{i\epsilon(\lambda)V_4} \underset{V_4 \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} \frac{i}{V_4} \left[e^{iV_4\epsilon(\lambda)} \left(\frac{d\epsilon}{d\lambda} \right)^{-1} \Big|_{\lambda_0+} - e^{iV_4\epsilon(\lambda)} \left(\frac{d\epsilon}{d\lambda} \right)^{-1} \Big|_{\lambda_0-} \right] \delta(\lambda - \lambda_0). \quad (4.72)$$

4.3.2 strong CP problem

It is natural that the dimensionless parameters in Lagrangian takes $\mathcal{O}(1)$. However, the $SU(3)_C$ θ term,

$$S_\theta := \frac{\theta}{32\pi^2} \int d^4x F_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{F}^{a\mu\nu}, \quad (4.73)$$

should take $\theta < 10^{-10}$ by the measurement of the neutron electric dipole moment [72]. This is strong CP problem, see App. D for the detailed review of this subject. This problem can be solved starting from the Eq. (4.70),

$$Z \sim \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta f(\theta) e^{-i\epsilon(\theta)V_4} \langle f | \psi(t^*; \theta) \rangle, \quad (4.74)$$

where the energy density ϵ is

$$\epsilon \sim m_\pi^2 \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2 \cos \theta. \quad (4.75)$$

$\epsilon(\theta)$ has saddle points at $\theta = 0$ and $\theta = \pi$, and hence by using Eq. (4.71), the partition function is dominated by saddle points,

$$Z \sim \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{iV_4\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2}} \left[f(0) e^{-i\epsilon(0)V_4} \langle f | \psi(t^*; 0) \rangle + f(\pi) e^{-i\epsilon(\pi)V_4} \langle f | \psi(t^*; \pi) \rangle \right], \quad (4.76)$$

which indicates that θ is fixed at 0 or π with almost same probability. Then, we can conclude that $\theta = 0$ is naturally realized.

We note that $\theta = \pi$ is already excluded although $\theta = \pi$ does not induce the CP violation. In the case of $\theta = \pi$, the relation between hadron masses is not agreement with experiment, see App. D for the detail.

4.3.3 multiple point criticality principle

In this subsection, we show that the situation of the MPP is natural in the context of the vacuum energy argument.

We take Higgs quartic coupling λ_{EW} at the electroweak scale as a variable, and fix the other parameters.

$$V = -\frac{1}{2}\mu^2\varphi^2 + \frac{1}{4}\lambda\varphi^4 = \frac{1}{4}\lambda\left(\varphi^2 - \frac{\mu^2}{\lambda}\right)^2 - \frac{\mu^4}{4\lambda}. \quad (4.77)$$

We denote λ_* as the value of λ_{EW} realizing the MPP. We also write the position of the minimum at electroweak and Planck scale as φ_{EW} and φ_{MP} , respectively.

The position of the true vacuum, $\langle\varphi\rangle$, depends λ_{EW} ,

$$\langle\varphi\rangle \simeq \begin{cases} \varphi_{EW}, & \text{for } \lambda_* < \lambda_{EW} \\ \varphi_{MP}, & \text{for } \lambda_{EW} < \lambda_* \end{cases} \quad (4.78)$$

The vacuum energy becomes

$$\epsilon(\lambda_{EW}) \simeq \begin{cases} -\frac{\mu^4}{4\lambda_{EW}}, & \text{for } \lambda_* < \lambda_{EW} \\ \frac{1}{4}\lambda_{MP}\varphi_{MP}^4, & \text{for } \lambda_{EW} < \lambda_* \end{cases} \quad (4.79)$$

up to the constant term. Therefore, the partition function becomes

$$Z = \int d\lambda_{EW} f(\lambda_{EW}) e^{-i\epsilon V_4} \langle f | \psi(t^*; \lambda_{EW}) \rangle. \quad (4.80)$$

From the Eq. (4.79), $\epsilon(\lambda_{EW})$ is the monotonic function for $\lambda_* < \lambda_{EW}$ and $\lambda_{EW} < \lambda_*$, respectively.

As a result, we get

$$Z \sim \frac{f(0)}{V_4} e^{-i\epsilon(0)V_4} \langle f | \psi(t^*; 0) \rangle, \quad (4.81)$$

by using

$$e^{-i\epsilon(\lambda_{EW})V_4} \sim \frac{ie^{-i\epsilon(\lambda_*)V_4}}{V_4} \left[\left(\frac{d\epsilon(\lambda_{EW})}{d\lambda_{EW}} \right)^{-1} \Big|_{\lambda_+} - \left(\frac{d\epsilon(\lambda_{EW})}{d\lambda_{EW}} \right)^{-1} \Big|_{\lambda_-} \right] \delta(\lambda_{EW} - \lambda_*) \quad (4.82)$$

This is nothing but the situation of the MPP.

4.3.4 Generalization to Wheeler-DeWitt wavefunction and cosmological constant

Since we would like to treat the cosmological constant Λ , we generalize previous discussion to the Wheeler-DeWitt wavefunction. Namely, by taking the gauge in which lapse function is constant, we should integrate over the time T ,

$$Z_{WD} = \int d\Lambda_B \int d\vec{\lambda} f(\Lambda_B, \vec{\lambda}) \theta(\Lambda) \int_0^\infty dT \langle f_a | \otimes \langle f_{MR} | e^{-i(\hat{H}_G(\Lambda_B) + \hat{H}_{MR}(\vec{\lambda}; \hat{a}))T} | \epsilon \rangle \otimes | i_{MR} \rangle. \quad (4.83)$$

Here H_G and H_{MR} are the Hamiltonian of gravity and matter/radiation, and we insert step function $\theta(\Lambda)$ and only consider the region $\Lambda \geq 0$ because we unfortunately can not deal with the big crunch. The tensor production means product of scale factor and matter/radiation Hilbert space. Let us assume that the parameters of matter and radiation sector is fixed, and focus on the integration over Λ ,

$$Z = \int_0^\infty dT \int_0^\infty d\Lambda f(\Lambda) \langle a_\infty | e^{-i\hat{H}(\Lambda)T} | \epsilon \rangle. \quad (4.84)$$

Here the Hamiltonian for the scale factor is

$$\hat{H}(\Lambda) = -\frac{\hat{p}_a^2}{2\hat{a}M_P^2} + \frac{\hat{a}^3 \rho(\hat{a})}{6}, \quad \rho(\hat{a}) = \Lambda + \rho_{MR}(\hat{a}), \quad (4.85)$$

where $\hat{p}_a$ is the momentum of $\hat{a}$ and ρ_{MR} is the energy density coming from matter and radiation.

Inserting the complete set into Eq. (4.84),

$$1 = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} dE |E; \Lambda\rangle \langle E; \Lambda|, \quad \hat{H}(\Lambda) |E; \Lambda\rangle = E |E; \Lambda\rangle, \quad (4.86)$$

and remembering the formula,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{e^{-iEt} - 1}{-iE} = \pi \delta(E) + PV \frac{1}{E}, \quad (4.87)$$

we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} Z &= \int_0^\infty d\Lambda f(\Lambda) \int_0^\infty dt \int_{-\infty}^\infty dE e^{-iEt} \langle a_\infty | E; \Lambda \rangle \langle E; \Lambda | \epsilon \rangle \\ &= \int_0^\infty d\Lambda f(\Lambda) \left(\pi \langle a_\infty | 0; \Lambda \rangle \langle 0; \Lambda | \epsilon \rangle + PV \int_{-\infty}^\infty \frac{dE}{E} \langle a_\infty | E; \Lambda \rangle \langle E; \Lambda | \epsilon \rangle \right). \end{aligned} \quad (4.88)$$

PV represents the principle value integral. In the App. F, we show that the second term in Eq. (4.88) can be ignored, and therefore we only take the first term hereafter. Intuitively, this is understood that the classical Friedmann equation (Hamiltonian constraint) describes our universe very well.

As a result, path integral becomes

$$Z = \int_0^\infty d\Lambda f(\Lambda) \pi \langle a_\infty | 0; \Lambda \rangle \langle 0; \Lambda | \epsilon \rangle. \quad (4.89)$$

In the WKB approximation, the wavefunction becomes

$$\langle a | 0; \Lambda \rangle = M_P \sqrt{\frac{a}{p_{cl}}} \exp \left(i \int^a da' p_{cl}(a') \right), \quad p_{cl}(a) := M_P a^2 \sqrt{\frac{\rho(a)}{3}}. \quad (4.90)$$

If the energy density consists of the cosmological constant and matter,

$$\rho(a) = \Lambda + \frac{M}{a^3} := \Lambda + \rho_M(a), \quad (4.91)$$

the integral can be performed:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{a_M}^a da' p_{cl}(a') &= \frac{M_P}{3^{\frac{3}{2}}} \left(a^3 \sqrt{\rho(a)} - a_M^3 \sqrt{\rho(a_M)} + \frac{M}{\sqrt{\Lambda}} \log \left[\frac{a^{\frac{3}{2}}(\Lambda + \sqrt{\Lambda \rho(a)})}{a_M^{\frac{3}{2}}(\Lambda + \sqrt{\Lambda \rho(a_M)})} \right] \right) \\ &:= \frac{M_P a^3}{3^{\frac{3}{2}}} g(\Lambda, a), \end{aligned} \quad (4.92)$$

The property of g is as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} g(0, a) &= 2 \left(\sqrt{\rho_M(a)} - \left(\frac{a_M}{a} \right)^3 \sqrt{\rho_M(a_M)} \right), \quad \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} g(\Lambda, a) = \sqrt{\Lambda}, \\ \left. \frac{dg(\Lambda, a)}{d\Lambda} \right|_{\Lambda=0} &= \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\rho_M(a)}} - \left(\frac{a_M}{a} \right)^3 \frac{1}{\sqrt{\rho_M(a_M)}} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (4.93)$$

So we can use the approximation Eq. (4.72):

$$\begin{aligned} \langle a | 0; \Lambda \rangle &\underset{a \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} \frac{3^{\frac{3}{2}} i}{M_P a^3} \left(\frac{dg(\Lambda, a)}{d\Lambda} \right)^{-1} \bigg|_{\Lambda=0} M_P \sqrt{\frac{a}{p_{cl}(a)}} \exp \left(i \frac{M_P a^3}{3^{\frac{3}{2}}} g(0, a) \right) \delta(\Lambda) \\ &= \frac{3^{\frac{3}{2}} i}{M_P a^3} \left(\frac{dg(\Lambda, a)}{d\Lambda} \right)^{-1} \bigg|_{\Lambda=0} \delta(\Lambda) \langle a | 0; 0 \rangle. \end{aligned} \quad (4.94)$$

Finally, we obtain the following expression of the partition function by substituting Eq. (4.94) into Eq (4.89):

$$\begin{aligned} Z &\sim \frac{1}{a_\infty^3} \left(\left. \frac{dg(\Lambda, a_\infty)}{d\Lambda} \right|_{\Lambda=0} \right)^{-1} \langle a_\infty | 0; 0 \rangle \langle 0; 0 | \epsilon \rangle \\ &\sim \frac{1}{a_\infty^3} \left(\left. \frac{dg(\Lambda, a_\infty)}{d\Lambda} \right|_{\Lambda=0} \right)^{-1} \int_0^\infty dt \langle a_\infty | e^{-i\hat{H}(0)t} | \epsilon \rangle. \end{aligned} \quad (4.95)$$

Therefore, the cosmological constant is fixed to be zero.

4.3.5 A possible way to obtain nonzero cosmological constant

In the previous subsection, we conclude that the cosmological constant is peaked at zero. However the observation indicates the small but nonzero value of the cosmological constant [51]. Here we discuss a possible way to obtain nonzero cosmological constant.

In the following, we assume the existence of the multiverse. In this case, the partition function after integrating out the wormhole configuration becomes

$$Z_M := \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} \int dg \frac{f(g)}{N!} Z_U(g)^N = \int dg f(g) \exp(Z_U(g)), \quad (4.96)$$

because universes are independent of each other without wormhole effect. Let us expand $Z_U(g)$ around the saddle point $g = g_*$. Then, we obtain

$$Z_U(g) = Z_U(g^*) + \frac{1}{2} \frac{d^2 Z_U}{dg^2} \bigg|_{g=g^*} (g - g^*)^2 + \mathcal{O}((g - g^*)^3). \quad (4.97)$$

Here, the single universe partition function $Z_U(g)$ can be written as

$$Z_U(g) = \int \mathcal{D}\phi e^{igS_g + \dots} \times \psi_f^* \psi_i, \quad (4.98)$$

where S_g is the interaction term corresponding to the coupling g . Therefore, the second derivative of the partition function is given by the correlation function of S_g :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2 Z_U}{dg^2} \bigg|_{g=g^*} &= - \int \mathcal{D}\phi e^{ig^* S_{g^*} + \dots} S_{g^*}^2 \times \psi_f^* \psi_i \\ &:= - \langle \hat{S}_{g^*}^2 \rangle Z_U(g^*). \end{aligned} \quad (4.99)$$

This is nothing but fluctuation of the coupling g ,

$$\Delta g \sim \left(\frac{d^2 Z_U}{dg^2} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \bigg|_{g=g^*} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\langle \hat{S}_{g^*}^2 \rangle Z_U(g^*)}}. \quad (4.100)$$

The order of $\langle \hat{S}_{g^*}^2 \rangle$ is estimated as

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \hat{S}_{g^*}^2 \rangle &= \int d^4x \int d^4y \underbrace{\langle \hat{\mathcal{O}}_{g^*}(x) \hat{\mathcal{O}}_{g^*}(y) \rangle}_{\text{contract}} \\ &= \int d^4x \int d^4y W(x-y) \\ &= V_4 \int d^4X W(X) \sim V_4 M_P^4. \end{aligned} \quad (4.101)$$

In the second line, we use the translation invariance of the vacuum. In the last line, we change the variables x, y into $X = x - y$ and $Y = x + y$.

We can confirm this relation by considering the concrete model. For example, if we think the free scalar theory,

$$\begin{aligned} \int d^d x d^d y \langle (\partial_\mu \phi(x))^2 (\partial_\nu \phi(y))^2 \rangle &= 2 (\partial_{x_\mu})^2 (\partial_{y_\mu})^2 \left(\frac{\Gamma(d/2)}{2\pi^{d/2}} \frac{1}{|x-y|^{d-2}} \right)^2 \\ &= \int d^d x d^d y 8 \left(\frac{\Gamma(d/2)}{2\pi^{d/2}} \right)^2 (2d^2 - 11d + 14)(2d^2 - 2d + 5) \frac{1}{|x-y|^{2d}} \\ &= \int d|x-y| \frac{\Gamma(d/2)}{2\pi^{d/2}} (2d^2 - 11d + 14)(2d^2 - 2d + 5) \\ &\quad \times V_d \frac{1}{|x-y|^{d+1}} \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(d/2)}{2d \pi^{d/2}} (2d^2 - 11d + 14)(2d^2 - 2d + 5) V_d \Lambda^d \\ &= \frac{29}{4\pi^2} V_4 \Lambda^4. \end{aligned} \quad (4.102)$$

In the last line, we have put $d = 4$.

We note that the two point function of the d -dimensional free scalar theory is

$$G(x-y) := \langle \phi(x) \phi(y) \rangle = \frac{\Gamma(d/2)}{2\pi^{d/2}} \frac{1}{|x-y|^{d-2}}. \quad (4.103)$$

The derivation of this expression is the following. The Green function satisfies the equation of motion with delta functional source term:

$$\partial_\mu \partial^\mu G(x) = -\delta^{(d)}(x). \quad (4.104)$$

Then, in the momentum, $G(x)$ is expressed as

$$G(x) = \int \frac{d^d k}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{1}{k^2} e^{-ik \cdot x}, \quad (4.105)$$

which implies that $G(x)$ only depends on the radial component of x , $|x|$.

The integration of Eq. (4.104) becomes

$$\int d^d x \partial_\mu \partial^\mu G(x) = -1. \quad (4.106)$$

By using

$$\int d^d x \partial_\mu \partial^\mu G(x) = \int d^{d-1} S \hat{x}_\mu \partial^\mu G(x), \quad (4.107)$$

we obtain

$$\int d^{d-1} S \partial_r G(x) = -1. \quad (4.108)$$

After all, we reach the

$$\partial_r G(x) = -\frac{1}{\int d^{d-1} S} = -\frac{\Gamma(d/2)}{r^{d-1} 2\pi^{d/2}}, \quad (4.109)$$

from which we get Eq. (4.103).

Let us return to the argument of meaning of fluctuation. Now we have seen that the fluctuation of the dimensionless coupling g is the order of $1/\sqrt{V_4}$. Then, the fluctuation of the cosmological constant may be given by

$$\Delta \rho_0 \sim M_P^4 \Delta g \sim \frac{M_P^4}{\sqrt{V_4 M_P^4 Z_U(g^*)}} \sim \frac{M_P^2 H_0^2}{\sqrt{Z_U(g^*)}}, \quad (4.110)$$

The current cosmological constant is given by $\sim M_P^2 H_0^2$ because the current universe is dominated by the vacuum energy. Therefore, if $Z_U(g_*)$ is the order of one, we can understand the nonzero cosmological constant as a quantum fluctuation from zero.

Chapter 5

Dark matter and Higgs potential

Although the SM can describe the almost all experiments, there remain phenomena that can not be explained within the SM. That is, dark matter of the universe, baryon asymmetry and mass of the neutrino. Among them, in this chapter, we focus on the dark matter. we investigate the scenario to include the dark matter by extending the SM minimally, and discuss the implications on the SM criticality. The contents in this chapter are based on Refs. [73, 6, 7, 71].

In Sec. 5.1 and Sec. 5.2, we consider the impact on the Higgs potential by singlet and weakly interacting dark matters, respectively.

5.1 Singlet dark matter

The minimal extension of the SM to include the dark matter is to add a stable particle, S , to the SM. Namely, the Lagrangian becomes [74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82]

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu S)^2 - \frac{1}{2}m_S^2 S^2 - \frac{\rho}{4!}S^4 - \frac{\kappa}{2}S^2 H^\dagger H. \quad (5.1)$$

Here S is the real singlet scalar. S is stable thanks to Z_2 symmetry, $S \rightarrow -S$. After the electroweak symmetry breaking, the mass of the dark matter is

$$M_{\text{DM}}^2 = m_S^2 + \frac{\kappa v^2}{2}. \quad (5.2)$$

Because S has the interaction term, $\kappa S^2 H^\dagger H$, with the Higgs field, it is thermally produced in the early universe. Assuming that the thermal production explains the current abundance of the dark matter, we get the relation between κ and M_{DM} [83],

$$\log_{10} \kappa \simeq -3.63 + 1.04 \log_{10} \frac{M_{\text{DM}}}{\text{GeV}}, \quad (5.3)$$

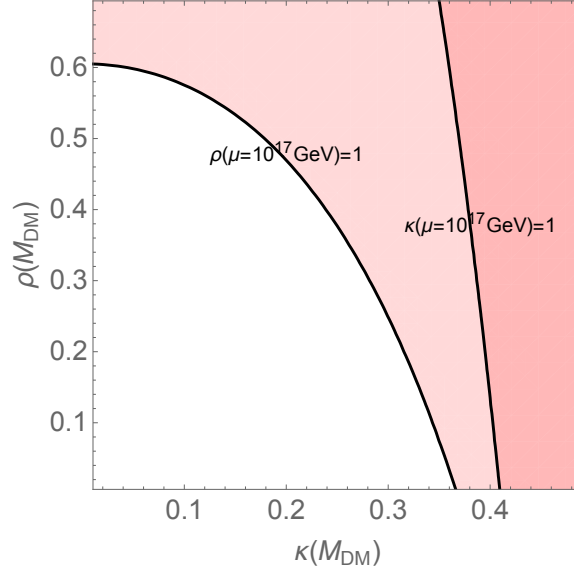


Figure 5.1: The contour plot of $\kappa(\mu = 10^{17} \text{ GeV})$ and $\rho(\mu = 10^{17} \text{ GeV})$. The red region corresponds to the strong coupling. In the following, we only consider the white region.

for $M_{\text{DM}} \gtrsim 100 \text{ GeV}$, from which we obtain $M_{\text{DM}} \sim 330 \text{ GeV} \times (\kappa/0.1)$.

We have two new parameter, κ and ρ . In order to avoid the strong coupling regime, we consider the region where $\kappa, \rho \leq 1$ for $\mu \leq 10^{17} \text{ GeV}$. In Fig. 5.1, we show the region realizing $\kappa(\mu = 10^{17} \text{ GeV}), \rho(\mu = 10^{17} \text{ GeV}) \leq 1$. In the red region $\kappa(\mu = 10^{17} \text{ GeV}) \geq 1$ or $\rho(\mu = 10^{17} \text{ GeV}) \geq 1$. Therefore, we take $\kappa(\mu = M_{\text{DM}}) \leq 0.4$ and $\rho(\mu = M_{\text{DM}}) \leq 0.6$.

Let us consider the Higgs potential of this model. The one loop effective potential is given by

$$V = V_{\text{tree}} + \Delta V_{1\text{-loop, DM}}, \quad (5.4)$$

where V_{tree} and $\Delta V_{1\text{-loop, DM}}$ are

$$V_{\text{tree}} = e^{4\Gamma(\varphi)} \frac{\lambda(\mu)}{4} \varphi^4, \\ \Delta V_{1\text{-loop, DM}} = \Delta V_{1\text{-loop}} + \frac{M_{\text{DM}}^4}{64\pi^2} \left(\ln \frac{M_{\text{DM}}(\varphi)^2}{\mu^2} - \frac{3}{2} \right). \quad (5.5)$$

Here $M_{\text{DM}}(\varphi) = \sqrt{\frac{\kappa\varphi^2}{2} e^{2\Gamma(\varphi)} + m_S^2}$. The wavefunction renormalization $\Gamma(\varphi)$ of this model is same as that of the SM at one loop level.

The introduction of S changes the running of the Higgs self coupling as follows:

$$\beta_\lambda = \beta_{\lambda, \text{SM}} + \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \frac{1}{2} \kappa^2, \quad (5.6)$$

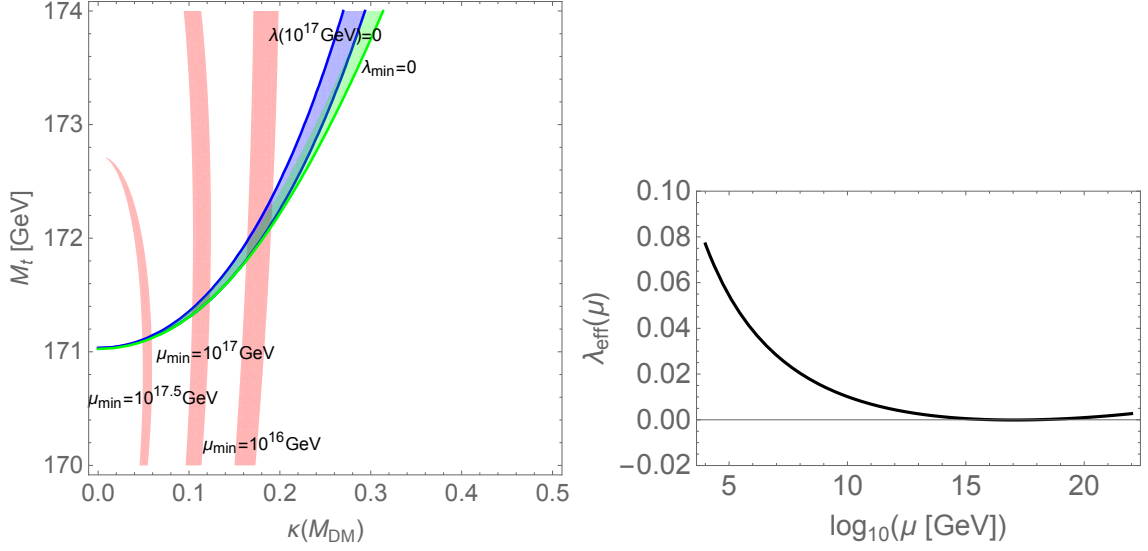


Figure 5.2: Left: The contour plot of λ_{min} and μ_{min} in M_t - $\kappa(M_{\text{DM}})$ plane. Right: Running of $\lambda_{\text{eff}}(\mu)$ for $M_t = 172 \text{ GeV}$, $\kappa(M_{\text{DM}}) = 0.17$ and $\rho(M_{\text{DM}}) = 0.1$. λ takes the minimum value 0 at around 10^{17} GeV .

see App. B for runnings of the other coupling constants. We can see that the dark matter helps the stability of the electroweak vacuum.

We define $\lambda_{\text{eff,DM}}$ as

$$\lambda_{\text{eff,DM}} = \frac{V_{\text{tree}} + \Delta V_{1\text{-loop}}}{\varphi^4}, \quad (5.7)$$

and examine its running. Fig. 5.2 shows the contour of the running of $\lambda_{\text{eff,DM}}$. The red band corresponds to the constant $\mu_{\text{min}} = 10^{16} \text{ GeV}$, 10^{17} GeV and $10^{17.5} \text{ GeV}$. The green band represents the contour which satisfies $\lambda_{\text{min}} = 0$. The right hand side of the green line corresponds the unstable electroweak vacuum. The width of band is the uncertainty of $\rho(M_{\text{DM}})$.

The formula of the bare Higgs mass is also modified.

$$m_B^2 = - \left(6\lambda + \frac{3}{4}g_Y^2 + \frac{9}{4}g_2^2 - 6y_t^2 + \frac{1}{2}\kappa \right) I_1, \quad (5.8)$$

Fig. 5.3 indicates the scale where the bare Higgs mass becomes zero. The width of the red band corresponds to the uncertainty of $\rho(M_{\text{DM}}) = 0\text{--}0.6$.

A way prove the model is the direct detection experiment. The spin independent cross

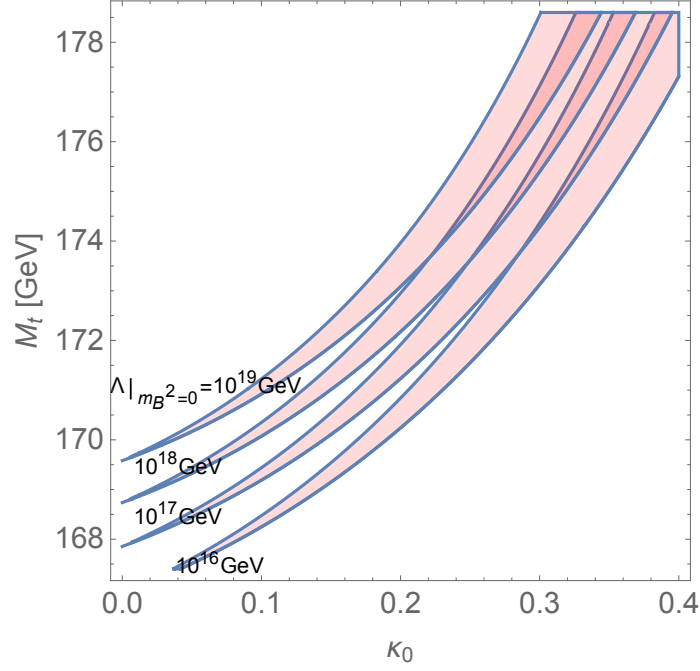


Figure 5.3: The plot of the scale where $m_B^2 = 0$ in $M_t - \kappa(M_{\text{DM}})$ plane. The width of the blue band corresponds to the uncertainty of $\rho(M_{\text{DM}}) = 0-0.6$.

section of the model is given by [83]

$$\sigma_{\text{SI}} = 9.5 \times 10^{-46} \text{ cm}^2 \left[\frac{\kappa}{0.05} \right]^2 \left[\frac{200 \text{ GeV}}{m_{\text{DM}}} \right]^2 = 8.4 \times 10^{-46} \text{ cm}^2. \quad (5.9)$$

This value can be detected by the LUX [84, 85] or XENON1T [86] experiment. The current bound from LUX [85] gives $M_{\text{DM}} \gtrsim 100 \text{ GeV}$. XENON1T can detect the dark matter whose mass is around 1 TeV.

We can also put the Higgs inflation constraint on this SM with singlet dark matter model. We show the constraints from monotonicity and the value of the potential in Fig. 5.4. We take $\rho(M_{\text{DM}}) = 0$ and 0.6 in left and right panels, respectively. The colored region is excluded, and one can see that the top mass and $\kappa(M_{\text{DM}})$ are correlated in the allowed region, which is our prediction.

If we introduce the right handed neutrino,

$$\Delta\mathcal{L} = \bar{\nu}_R i \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \nu_R - M_R \bar{\nu}_R^c \nu_R - (y_\nu \bar{L} H^\dagger \nu_R + \text{h.c.}). \quad (5.10)$$

the running is further modified.

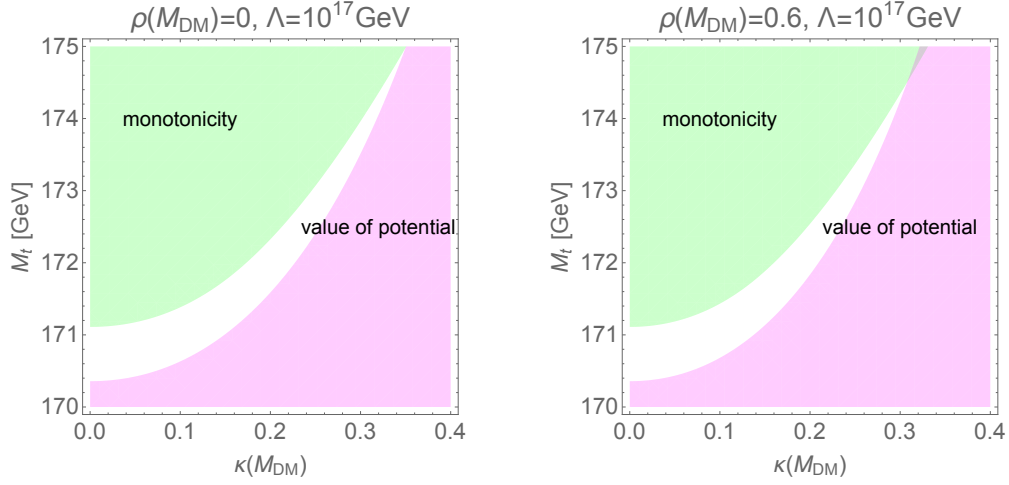


Figure 5.4: The constraints from Higgs inflation in the SM with Higgs portal singlet scalar. The green and magenta regions are prohibited by the monotonicity and value of potential, respectively.

For simplicity, we introduce one right handed neutrino, and its mass is determined by the seesaw mechanism [87, 88, 89, 90, 91]:

$$\frac{y_\nu^2 v^2}{2M_R} = \frac{m_\nu}{2}, \quad \text{with } v \simeq 246 \text{ GeV}. \quad (5.11)$$

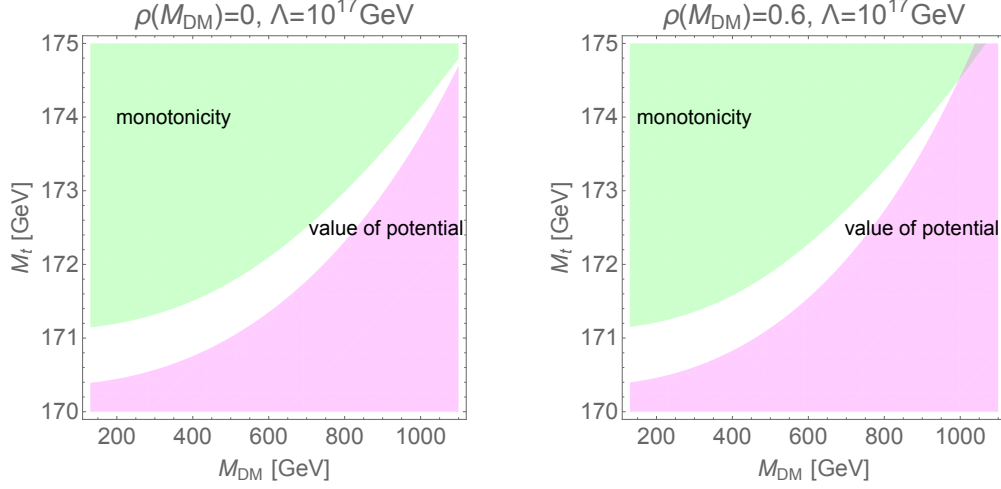
In the figure, we take $m_\nu = 0.1 \text{ eV}$ as a reference value. We show the running of λ in the SM with singlet scalar and right handed neutrino in Fig. 5.6.

5.2 Weakly interacting dark matter

The dark matter can be charged under the SM $SU(2)_L$ gauge interaction. This class of dark matter is often called Minimal dark matter [92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97]. Here we examine the impact on the Higgs potential in this class of dark matter models.

In order to make the dark matter neutral, we should assign the hypercharge $Y =$ (integer or half integer) depending on $SU(2)_L$ representation $n_L =$ (even or odd). Among them, $Y \neq 0$ is already excluded by the direct detection experiment due to the exchange of the Z boson.¹ Therefore, we only consider $Y = 0$ dark matter with $n_L = 3, 5, \dots$.

¹ The exception is doublet and $Y = 1/2$ scalar dark matter. In this case, we can write the dimension 4 operator which splits the real and imaginary component of the dark matter. This model is called Inert Higgs, which we do not consider in the thesis.

Figure 5.5: Same as Fig. 5.4, except for replacing $\kappa(M_{\text{DM}})$ by M_{DM} .

(n_X, Y_X)	Landau pole [GeV]	Λ_{g_Y} [GeV]	Λ_{g_2} [GeV]
(5, real)	$9.5 \times 10^{11} (M_{\text{DM}}/100 \text{ GeV})^{1.38}$	9.6×10^{42}	–
(7, real)	$1.0 \times 10^6 (M_{\text{DM}}/100 \text{ GeV})^{1.13}$	9.6×10^{42}	1.3×10^{56}

Table 5.1: The positions of the Landau pole in quintet and septet dark matter models when we take all new scalar couplings to be zero at $\mu = M_{\text{DM}}$. The poles calculating using the one-loop RGE of the gauge couplings are also shown. In the case of the quintet dark matter, the $SU(2)_L$ gauge coupling is asymptotic free.

First, let us consider scalar dark matter X whose $SU(2)_L$ representation is 3, 5, $\dots$ and hypercharge is zero. Under the assumption of Z_2 symmetry, the general scalar potential is written as

$$\begin{aligned}
 V = & -\mu^2 \Phi^\dagger \Phi + \lambda (\Phi^\dagger \Phi)^2 + M_X^2 X^\dagger X + \lambda_X |X^\dagger X|^2 \\
 & + \kappa |X^\dagger X| |\Phi^\dagger \Phi| + \kappa' (X^\dagger T_X^a X) (\Phi^\dagger T_\Phi^a \Phi) \\
 & + \lambda'_X (X^\dagger T_X^a X)^2 + \lambda''_X (X^\dagger T_X^a T_X^b X)^2 + \dots .
 \end{aligned} \tag{5.12}$$

The running of λ is modified by scalar couplings κ and κ' . Moreover, for the case of $n_L = 5, 7, \dots$, the scalar quartic coupling of the dark matter hits the Landau pole much below the Planck scale even if we take scalar coupling to be zero at $\mu = M_{\text{DM}}$. Since the one loop correction to scalar coupling depends on the charge to the fourth power, the position of the Landau pole is significantly lower for higher representation of $SU(2)_L$.

In Fig. 5.7, we plot the typical behavior of scalar couplings in quintet and septet scalar

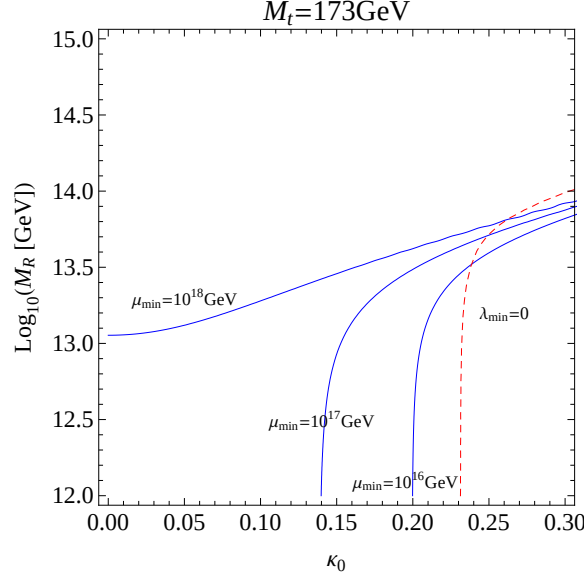


Figure 5.6: The running of λ in the SM with singlet scalar and right handed neutrino. This figure is taken from Ref. [73].

dark matters as functions of renormalization scale μ . We can see that the Landau pole actually appears below the Planck scale. As shown in Fig. 5.8, the position of Landau pole is almost proportional to the mass of the dark matter. The derivation from proportional relation comes from the running of gauge coupling g_2 .

We would like to emphasize that the position of the Landau pole from scalar coupling is much smaller than that from gauge couplings Λ_{g_i} ,

$$\begin{aligned}\Lambda_{g_i} &= M_X \exp\left(\frac{1}{2B_i} \frac{1}{g_i^2(M_X)}\right) \\ &= M_X \left(\frac{M_t}{M_X}\right)^{B_{i,\text{SM}}/B_i} \exp\left(\frac{1}{2B_i} \frac{1}{g_i^2(M_t)}\right).\end{aligned}\quad (5.13)$$

Here $i = Y, 2$ and B_i means the coefficient of the one-loop beta function. We note that Eq. (5.13) is valid only if all other couplings are perturbative up to Λ_{g_i} .

Next, we consider the real triplet scalar dark matter model. In this case, the model can be valid up to the Planck scale. The scalar potential is written as

$$V = -\frac{1}{2}M_H^2 |H|^2 + \frac{1}{2}M_{\text{DM},3}^2 X^T X + \lambda (|H|^2)^2 + \lambda_{\text{DM},3} (X^T X)^2 + \kappa_3 |H|^2 X^T X \quad (5.14)$$

The contribution to the one-loop effective potential from the dark matter is given by

$$\Delta V_{\text{triplet}}(\phi) = \frac{3m_{\text{DM},3}(\phi)^4}{64\pi^2} \left(\ln\left(\frac{m_{\text{DM},3}(\phi)^2}{\phi^2}\right) - \frac{3}{2} \right) \quad (5.15)$$

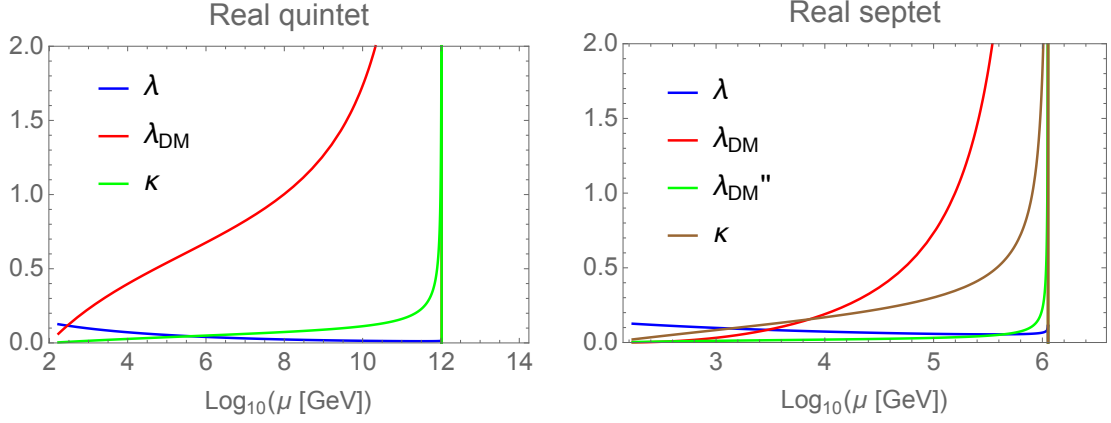


Figure 5.7: The typical behavior of the running couplings in quintet and septet dark matter. We take $M_{\text{DM}} = 100 \text{ GeV}$. One can see that the Landau pole indeed exists.

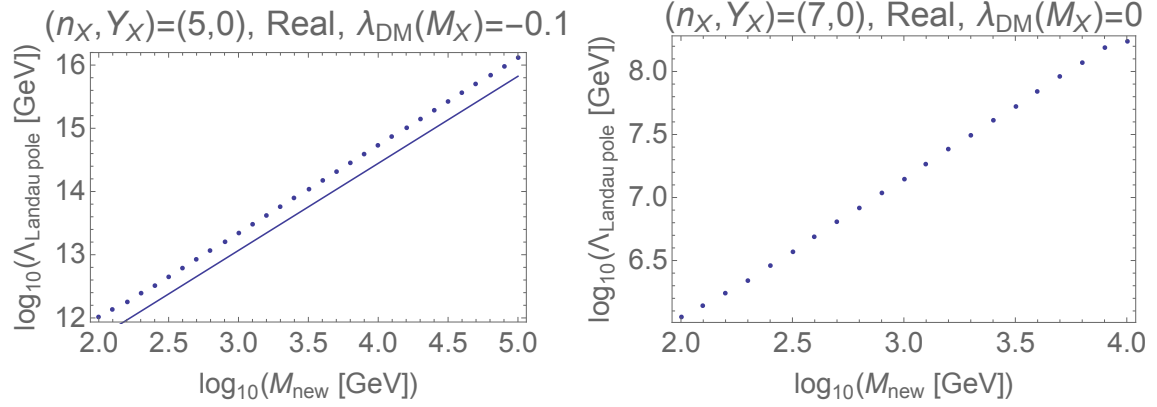


Figure 5.8: The position of the Landau pole as a function of the dark matter mass M_{DM} .

where $m_{DM,3}$ is the effective mass of the triplet dark matter:

$$m_{DM,3}(\phi) = \sqrt{M_{DM,3}^2 + \kappa_3(\phi)e^{2\Gamma(\phi)}\phi^2}. \quad (5.16)$$

In the left panel of the Fig. 5.9, we plot the typical running of scalar couplings. We can see that all couplings remain perturbative up to the Planck scale. The right panel shows the stability of the Higgs potential in M_t - κ_3 plane. The dashed black line corresponds to the situation where MPP is realized.

The one loop bare Higgs mass in this model is given by

$$\frac{m_B^2|_{1\text{-loop}}}{\Lambda^2/16\pi^2} = - \left(6\lambda + \frac{3}{4}g_Y^2 + \frac{9}{4}g_2^2 - 6y_t^2 + \frac{3}{2}\kappa_3 \right). \quad (5.17)$$

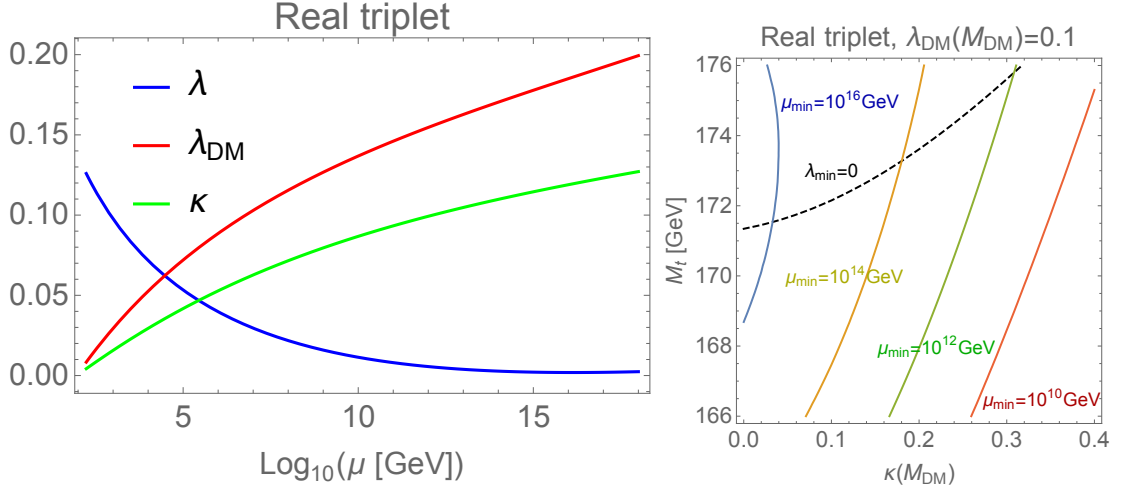


Figure 5.9: Left: The running of the couplings in the triplet dark matter model. Right: The conditions $\lambda_{\text{min}} = 0$, $\mu_{\text{min}} = 10^{10} \text{ GeV}$, $\mu_{\text{min}} = 10^{12} \text{ GeV}$, $\mu_{\text{min}} = 10^{14} \text{ GeV}$ and $\mu_{\text{min}} = 10^{16} \text{ GeV}$ are plotted. $\lambda_{\text{DM}}(M_{\text{DM}}) = 0.1$ is taken.

We plot the Eq. (5.17) as a function of Λ in the Fig. 5.10. In the left panel, we take $\kappa(M_{\text{DM}}) = 0$ while $\kappa(M_{\text{DM}}) = 0.4$ in the right panel. The width of blue band represents the uncertainty of the top mass M_t .

Finally, let us move to the triplet and quintet fermion dark matter scenarios. The triplet Majorana fermion² is often studied in the text of supersymmetry [98] although our picture is different from supersymmetric scenario. The superpartner of W boson, wino, becomes the lightest supersymmetric particle in anomaly mediated supersymmetry breaking model [99, 100].

On the other hand, the advantage of the quintet fermion dark matter is its stability [93]. In the SM with quintet fermion, we can not write the operator describing dark matter decay whose dimension is less than 6. Therefore, the dark matter is stable without introducing ad hoc Z_2 symmetry.³

By assuming the thermal production of the dark matter, we obtain the dark matter

² We review the quantization of Majorana field in App. E.

³ In the case of the scalar dark matter, we can not obtain this type of the dark matter even if $n_L = 7$ [101, 6].

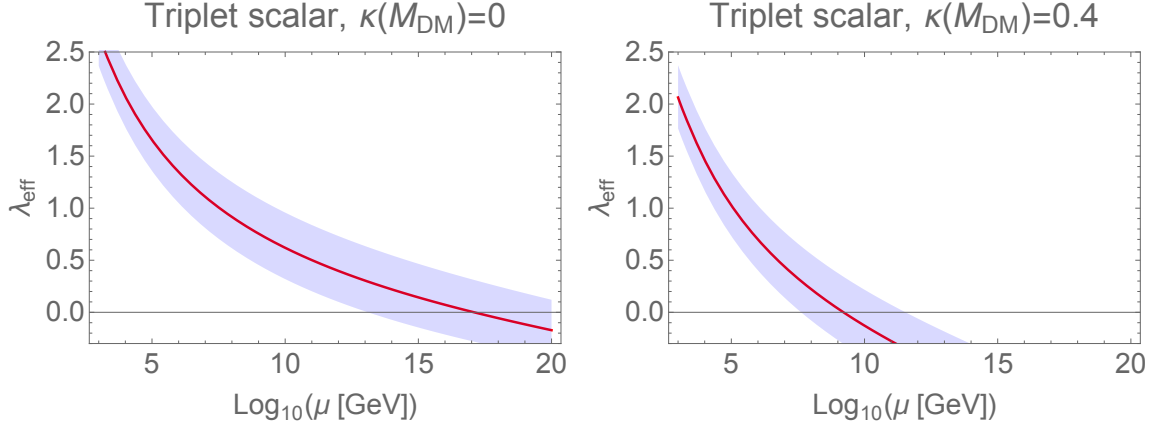


Figure 5.10: The bare Higgs mass as a function of Λ in the real triplet dark matter model. We take $\kappa = 0$ and 0.4 in the left and right panels, respectively.

mass as [98, 94]

$$M_\chi \simeq \begin{cases} 2.8 \text{ TeV} & (\text{for } n_\chi = 3), \\ 10 \text{ TeV} & (\text{for } n_\chi = 5). \end{cases} \quad (5.18)$$

At first sight, it seems that the dark matter does not affect the running of λ because there is no coupling between the dark matter and Higgs. However, through the modification of the beta function of g_2 , the Higgs potential tends to be stabilized. As shown in the left panel of the Fig. 5.11, if $M_t = 171.9 \text{ GeV}$, the degenerate vacuum appears at $\mu = 2.6 \times 10^{16} \text{ GeV}$. The MPP predicts this situation. The right panel of the Fig. 5.11, dimensionless couplings are plotted as functions of scale μ for $M_t = 171.9 \text{ GeV}$. In the Fig. 5.12, we also show the bare Higgs mass as a function of Λ . We can see that the bare mass vanishes around the string/Planck scale.

In the case of the quintet dark matter, the Higgs potential becomes more stable than the triplet case due to the large $SU(2)_L$ charge. As a result, the degenerate vacuum appears at $\mu = 1.2 \times 10^{11} \text{ GeV}$ for $M_t = 175 \text{ GeV}$ as in the left panel of the Fig. 5.13. We show the runnings of the other couplings in the right panel of the Fig. 5.13. The bare Higgs mass as the function of Λ can be seen in the Fig. 5.14.

To summarize, we have

$$(M_t, \Lambda_{\text{MPP}}) = \begin{cases} (171.9, 2.6 \times 10^{16}) \text{ GeV} & \text{for } n_\chi = 3, \\ (175.0, 1.2 \times 10^{11}) \text{ GeV} & \text{for } n_\chi = 5. \end{cases} \quad (5.19)$$

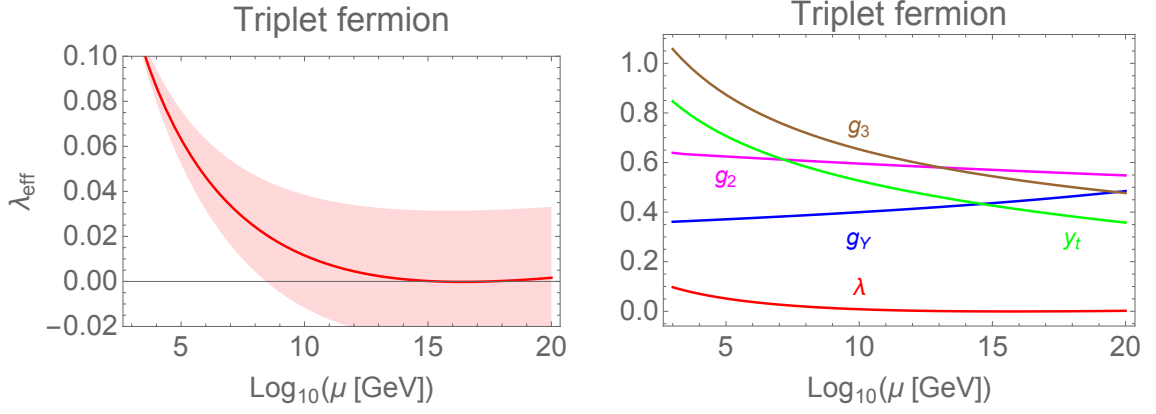


Figure 5.11: Left: The running of the effective coupling λ_{eff} in the triplet dark matter model for $M_t = 171.9 \text{ GeV}$. Right: The running of the couplings in the triplet dark matter model.

It is very interesting that the only triplet representation is allowed by requiring the perturbativity and criticality around the Planck scale.

The most plausible way to detect the weakly interacting dark matter is indirect detection. In the current universe, the cosmic ray may be produced by the pair annihilation of the dark matter in the, for example, center of our galaxy. Therefore, by examining the spectrum of the cosmic ray, we can get the hint of the dark matter. Thanks to rather large gauge interaction of the dark matter, we expect that the dark matter originated cosmic ray is detectable in the future observation. Cherenkov Telescope Array(CTA) [102] can probe these simple dark matter models.

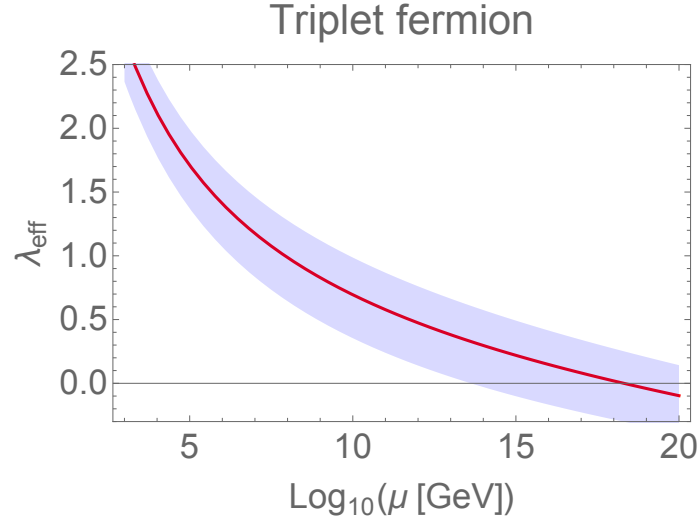


Figure 5.12: The bare Higgs mass as a function of Λ in the triplet Majorana dark matter model.

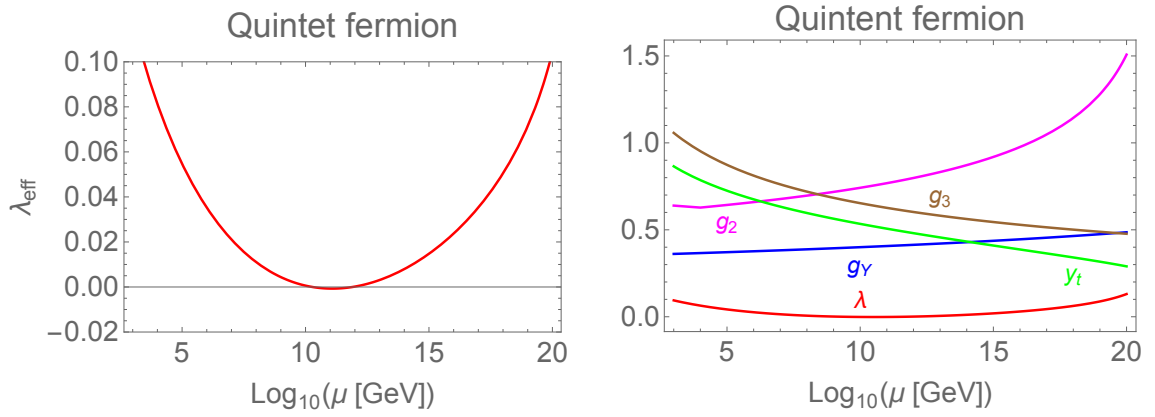


Figure 5.13: Left: The running of the effective coupling λ_{eff} in the quintet dark matter model for $M_t = 175$ GeV. Right: The running of the couplings in the quintet dark matter model.

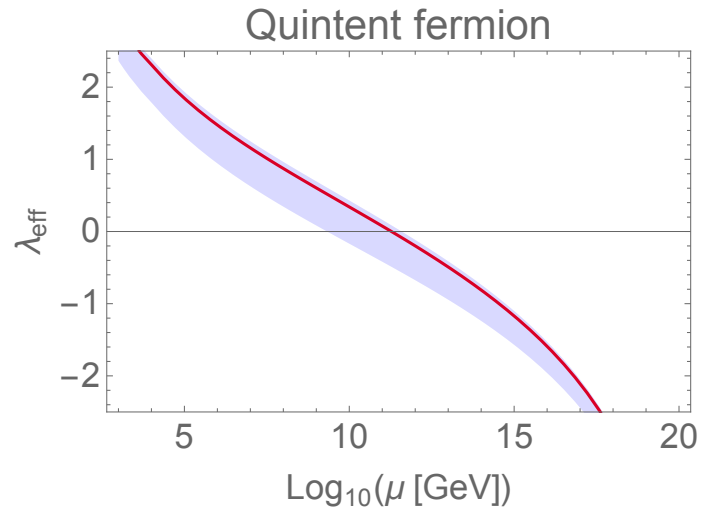


Figure 5.14: The bare Higgs mass as a function of Λ in the quintet Majorana dark matter model.

Chapter 6

Summary

In this thesis, we have considered Higgs potential and naturalness problem in light of the LHC result, the discovery of Higgs boson.

It is well known that the Higgs mass suffers from the quadratic divergence, that means that the mass is highly depends on ultraviolet physics. This is primary motivation to look for the new physics beyond the SM, which is one of the target of the LHC. Because the largest contribution to the bare Higgs mass is given by the top quark loop, it is expected that a top partner exists and cancels the contribution from top quark. In order to sufficiently cancelation, the mass of a top partner is the same order of magnitude as that of the top quark. However, contrary to this naive expectation, the LHC does not find any colored new particle up to 1 TeV. The above situation suggests that it is good time to be free from the conventional naturalness argument, and consider the scenario where the SM is valid up to very high scale such as the string/Planck scale.

Because the last parameter of the SM is determined, we can extrapolate the SM up to very high scale such as string/Planck scale. In Chap. 2, we have estimated bare parameters as functions of cutoff scale Λ . Especially, the quadratic divergent part of bare Higgs mass is calculated. We have shown that there is triple coincidence: Higgs self coupling, its beta function and bare Higgs mass all become zero around string/Planck scale. Probably, this fact indicates that the physics in the electroweak scale is directly connected to that in the Planck scale.

In Chap. 3, as an concrete example of this connection, we consider the Higgs inflation. First, we have explained why the Higgs inflation is impossible in the pure SM. Then, we have introduced the non-minimal coupling between the Higgs field and gravity. We

have shown that, taking into account the running effect, the prediction of the conventional Higgs inflation can drastically change. We also have discussed the ambiguity of the renormalization scheme in the Higgs inflation.

In Chap. 4, we have investigated a solution to the naturalness problem without relying on TeV scale new physics. Starting from multi-local action, the coupling constant in the theory is no longer constant, but becomes dynamical variable. Using this mechanism, we have explained the small cosmological constant, Higgs mass and CP violating θ parameter in QCD.

In Chap. 5, we have added the dark matter particle to the SM, and examined its impact on the Higgs potential. It has been found that, if we require thermally produced dark matter and the flat potential around the string/Planck scale as in multiple point criticality principle, the allowed $SU(2)_L$ charges of the dark matter are singlet and triplet for scalar, and triplet for fermion. These models can be detectable in the future direct and/or indirect experiment.

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Appendix A

Convention

The metric in the flat space is taken as

$$\eta_{\mu\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (\text{A.1})$$

In the thesis, we adopt the chiral representation

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma^\mu &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sigma^\mu \\ \bar{\sigma}^\mu & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma^\mu = (1, \sigma^i), \quad \bar{\sigma}^\mu = (1, -\sigma^i), \\ \sigma^1 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.2})$$

as a concrete representation of the Clifford algebra,

$$\{\gamma_\mu, \gamma_\nu\} = 2g_{\mu\nu}. \quad (\text{A.3})$$

This representation diagonalizes γ^5 which I will define below.

We focus on the four dimensional field theory, and, in the four dimension the irreducible representation of the spinor field is the Weyl spinor, which is the eigenvector of

$$\gamma^5 := i\gamma^0\gamma^1\gamma^2\gamma^3 = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (\text{A.4})$$

The left and right handed spinor have -1 and 1 eigenvalues, respectively.

The Lagrangian of the SM is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} &= -\frac{1}{4}G^{A\mu\nu}G_{\mu\nu}^A - \frac{1}{4}W^{a\mu\nu}W_{\mu\nu}^a - \frac{1}{4}B^{\mu\nu}B_{\mu\nu} \\ &\quad + |D_\mu H|^2 + \mu^2 |H|^2 - \lambda (|H|^2)^2 \\ &\quad + \bar{q}^i i / D q^i + \bar{u}_R^i i / D u_R^i + \bar{d}_R^i i / D d_R^i + \bar{l}^i i / D l^i + \bar{e}_R^i i / D e_R^i \\ &\quad - (y_u^{ij} \bar{q}^i \tilde{H} u_R^j + \text{h.c.}) - (y_d^{ij} \bar{q}^i H d_R^j + \text{h.c.}) - (y_l^{ij} \bar{l}^i H e_R^j + \text{h.c.}). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.5})$$

Name	field	$SU(3)_C$	$SU(2)_L$	$U(1)_Y$	spin
left handed quark	$q_i = (u_L, d_L)_i$	3	2	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
right handed quark	u_{Ri}	3	1	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
	d_{Ri}	3	1	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
left handed lepton	$l_i = (\nu_L, e_L)_i$	1	2	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
right handed lepton	e_{Ri}	1	1	-1	$\frac{1}{2}$
Higgs	$H = (H^+, H^0)$	1	2	$\frac{1}{2}$	0
gluon	G_μ	8	1	0	1
$SU(2)_L$ gauge boson	W_μ	1	3	0	1
$U(1)_Y$ gauge boson	B_μ	1	1	0	1

Table A.1: The field contents in the SM.

Here

$$\begin{aligned}
G_{\mu\nu}^A &= \partial_\mu G_\nu^A - \partial_\nu G_\mu^A + g_3 f^{ABC} G_\mu^B G_\nu^C \\
W_{\mu\nu}^a &= \partial_\mu W_\nu^a - \partial_\nu W_\mu^a + g_2 \epsilon^{abc} G_\mu^b G_\nu^c \\
B_{\mu\nu} &= \partial_\mu B_\nu - \partial_\nu B_\mu
\end{aligned} \tag{A.6}$$

are the field strength of $SU(3)_C$, $SU(2)_L$ and $U(1)_Y$, respectively. $A = 1, 2, \dots, 8$ and $a = 1, 2, 3$ are indexes of the adjoint representation of $SU(3)_C$ and $SU(2)_L$. f^{ABC} is the $SU(3)_C$ structure constant, and ϵ^{abc} is the $SU(2)_L$ structure constant. g_3, g_2, g_Y are the gauge couplings of each group. The covariant derivative D_μ acts on the field X whose $SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$ representation is (r_3, r_2, r_1) is as follows:

$$D_\mu X = (\partial_\mu - ig_3 G_\mu^A T_{r_3}^A - ig_2 W_\mu^a T_{r_2}^a - ig_Y B_\mu r_1) X. \tag{A.7}$$

Here T_r is the generator corresponding to the representation r . For example, T_r is Gell-Mann matrix λ^A if X is fundamental representation of $SU(3)$, and T_r is Pauli matrix $\sigma^a/2$ if X is fundamental representation of $SU(2)$. The definition of $\tilde{H}$ is

$$\tilde{H} = i\sigma^2 H^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} H^{0\dagger} \\ -H^- \end{pmatrix}. \tag{A.8}$$

Appendix B

Renormalization group equations

The beta functions of models that we consider in the thesis are listed. We have used the results of Refs. [103, 104, 105, 106] to derive the equations below.

- SM

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{dg_Y}{dt} &= \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \frac{41}{6} g_Y^3 + \frac{g_Y^3}{(16\pi^2)^2} \left(\frac{199}{18} g_Y^2 + \frac{9}{2} g_2^2 + \frac{44}{3} g_3^2 - \frac{17}{6} y_t^2 \right), \\
\frac{dg_2}{dt} &= -\frac{1}{16\pi^2} \frac{19}{6} g_2^3 + \frac{g_2^3}{(16\pi^2)^2} \left(\frac{3}{2} g_Y^2 + \frac{35}{6} g_2^2 + 12 g_3^2 - \frac{3}{2} y_t^2 \right), \\
\frac{dg_3}{dt} &= -\frac{7}{16\pi^2} g_3^3 + \frac{g_3^3}{(16\pi^2)^2} \left(\frac{11}{6} g_Y^2 + \frac{9}{2} g_2^2 - 26 g_3^2 - 2 y_t^2 \right), \\
\frac{dy_t}{dt} &= \frac{y_t}{16\pi^2} \left(\frac{9}{2} y_t^2 - \frac{17}{12} g_Y^2 - \frac{9}{4} g_2^2 - 8 g_3^2 \right) + \frac{y_t}{(16\pi^2)^2} \left(-12 y_t^4 + 6 \lambda^2 - 12 \lambda y_t^2 \right. \\
&\quad + \frac{131}{16} g_Y^2 y_t^2 + \frac{225}{16} g_2^2 y_t^2 + 36 g_3^2 y_t^2 \\
&\quad + \frac{1187}{216} g_Y^4 - \frac{23}{4} g_2^4 - 108 g_3^4 - \frac{3}{4} g_Y^2 g_2^2 + 9 g_2^2 g_3^2 + \frac{19}{9} g_3^2 g_Y^2 \Big), \\
\frac{d\lambda}{dt} &= \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \left(24 \lambda^2 - 3 g_Y^2 \lambda - 9 g_2^2 \lambda + \frac{3}{8} g_Y^4 + \frac{3}{4} g_Y^2 g_2^2 + \frac{9}{8} g_2^4 + 12 \lambda y_t^2 - 6 y_t^4 \right) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{(16\pi^2)^2} \left\{ -312 \lambda^3 + 36 \lambda^2 (g_Y^2 + 3 g_2^2) - \lambda \left(-\frac{629}{24} g_Y^4 - \frac{39}{4} g_Y^2 g_2^2 + \frac{73}{8} g_2^4 \right) \right. \\
&\quad + \frac{305}{16} g_2^6 - \frac{289}{48} g_Y^2 g_2^4 - \frac{559}{48} g_Y^4 g_2^2 - \frac{379}{48} g_Y^6 - 32 g_3^2 y_t^4 - \frac{8}{3} g_Y^2 y_t^4 - \frac{9}{4} g_2^4 y_t^2 \\
&\quad + \lambda y_t^2 \left(\frac{85}{6} g_Y^2 + \frac{45}{2} g_2^2 + 80 g_3^2 \right) + g_Y^2 y_t^2 \left(-\frac{19}{4} g_Y^2 + \frac{21}{2} g_2^2 \right) \\
&\quad \left. - 144 \lambda^2 y_t^2 - 3 \lambda y_t^4 + 30 y_t^6 \right\}, \tag{B.1}
\end{aligned}$$

where $t = \log \mu$.

- SM with N singlet real scalar fields

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{dg_Y}{dt} &= \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \frac{41}{6} g_Y^3 + \frac{g_Y^3}{(16\pi^2)^2} \left(\frac{199}{18} g_Y^2 + \frac{9}{2} g_2^2 + \frac{44}{3} g_3^2 - \frac{17}{6} y_t^2 \right), \\
\frac{dg_2}{dt} &= -\frac{1}{16\pi^2} \frac{19}{6} g_2^3 + \frac{g_2^3}{(16\pi^2)^2} \left(\frac{3}{2} g_Y^2 + \frac{35}{6} g_2^2 + 12g_3^2 - \frac{3}{2} y_t^2 \right), \\
\frac{dg_3}{dt} &= -\frac{7}{16\pi^2} g_3^3 + \frac{g_3^3}{(16\pi^2)^2} \left(\frac{11}{6} g_Y^2 + \frac{9}{2} g_2^2 - 26g_3^2 - 2y_t^2 \right), \\
\frac{dy_t}{dt} &= \frac{y_t}{16\pi^2} \left(\frac{9}{2} y_t^2 - \frac{17}{12} g_Y^2 - \frac{9}{4} g_2^2 - 8g_3^2 \right) + \frac{y_t}{(16\pi^2)^2} \left(-12y_t^4 + 6\lambda^2 + \frac{1}{4} N\kappa^2 - 12\lambda y_t^2 \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{131}{16} g_Y^2 y_t^2 + \frac{225}{16} g_2^2 y_t^2 + 36g_3^2 y_t^2 + \frac{1187}{216} g_Y^4 - \frac{23}{4} g_2^4 - 108g_3^4 - \frac{3}{4} g_Y^2 g_2^2 + 9g_2^2 g_3^2 + \frac{19}{9} g_3^2 g_Y^2 \right), \\
\frac{d\lambda}{dt} &= \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \left(\frac{1}{2} N\kappa^2 + 24\lambda^2 - 3g_Y^2 \lambda - 9g_2^2 \lambda + \frac{3}{8} g_Y^4 + \frac{3}{4} g_Y^2 g_2^2 + \frac{9}{8} g_2^4 + 12\lambda y_t^2 - 6y_t^4 \right) \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{(16\pi^2)^2} \left\{ -2N\kappa^3 - 5N\kappa^2 \lambda - 312\lambda^3 + 36\lambda^2 (g_Y^2 + 3g_2^2) \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \lambda \left(-\frac{629}{24} g_Y^4 - \frac{39}{4} g_Y^2 g_2^2 + \frac{73}{8} g_2^4 \right) + \frac{305}{16} g_2^6 - \frac{289}{48} g_Y^2 g_2^4 - \frac{559}{48} g_Y^4 g_2^2 \right. \\
&\quad \left. - \frac{379}{48} g_Y^6 - 32g_3^2 y_t^4 - \frac{8}{3} g_Y^2 y_t^4 - \frac{9}{4} g_2^4 y_t^2 \right. \\
&\quad \left. - 144\lambda^2 y_t^2 - 3\lambda y_t^4 + 30y_t^6 \right\}, \\
\frac{d\kappa}{dt} &= \frac{\kappa}{16\pi^2} \left(12\lambda + \rho + \frac{N-1}{3} \rho + 4\kappa + 6y_t^2 - \frac{3}{2} g_Y^2 - \frac{9}{2} g_2^2 \right) \\
&\quad + \frac{\kappa}{(16\pi^2)^2} \left\{ -\left(\frac{N}{2} + 10 \right) \kappa^2 - 72\kappa\lambda - 60\lambda^2 - (2N+4)\kappa\rho - \left(\frac{5N+10}{18} \right) \rho^2 \right. \\
&\quad \left. - y_t^2 (12\kappa + 72\lambda) - \frac{27}{2} y_t^4 + g_Y^2 (\kappa + 24\lambda) + g_2^2 (3\kappa + 72\lambda) + y_t^2 \left(\frac{85}{12} g_Y^2 + \frac{45}{4} g_2^2 + 40g_3^2 \right) \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{557}{48} g_Y^4 - \frac{145}{16} g_2^4 + \frac{15}{8} g_Y^2 g_2^2 \right\}, \\
\frac{d\rho}{dt} &= \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \left(3\rho^2 + \frac{N-1}{3} \rho^2 + 12\kappa^2 \right) + \frac{1}{(16\pi^2)^2} \left\{ -\frac{3N+14}{3} \rho^3 - 20\kappa^2 \rho - 48\kappa^3 \right. \\
&\quad \left. - 72\kappa^2 y_t^2 + 24\kappa^2 g_Y^2 + 72\kappa^2 g_2^2 \right\}, \tag{B.2}
\end{aligned}$$

- SM with Majorana triplet scalar field

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dt} = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \left(\frac{9}{4}g_2^2 + \frac{3}{4}g_Y^2 - 3y_t^2 \right), \quad (\text{B.3})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dg_Y}{dt} &= \frac{g_Y^3}{(4\pi)^2} \left(\frac{41}{6} + \eta n_\chi \frac{4}{3} Y_\chi^2 \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{g_Y^3}{(4\pi)^4} \left\{ \left(\frac{199}{18} + 4\eta n_\chi Y_\chi^4 \right) g_Y^2 + \left(\frac{9}{2} + 4\eta Y_\chi^2 C_n \right) g_2^2 + \frac{44}{3}g_3^2 - \frac{17}{6}y_t^2 \right\}, \\ \frac{dg_2}{dt} &= \frac{g_2^3}{(4\pi)^2} \left(-\frac{19}{6} + \eta \frac{4}{3} S_n \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{g_2^3}{(4\pi)^4} \left\{ \left(\frac{3}{2} + \eta 4 Y_\chi^2 S_n \right) g_Y^2 + \left(\frac{35}{6} + \eta \frac{40}{3} S_n + \eta 4 C_n S_n \right) g_2^2 + 12g_3^2 - \frac{3}{2}y_t^2 \right\}, \\ \frac{dg_3}{dt} &= -\frac{7}{(4\pi)^2} g_3^3 + \frac{g_3^3}{(4\pi)^4} \left(\frac{11}{6} g_Y^2 + \frac{9}{2} g_2^2 - 26g_3^2 - 2y_t^2 \right), \\ \frac{dy_t}{dt} &= \frac{y_t}{(4\pi)^2} \left(\frac{9}{2} y_t^2 + 3y_\nu^2 - 8g_3^2 - \frac{9}{4} g_2^2 - \frac{17}{12} g_Y^2 \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{y_t}{(4\pi)^4} \left\{ \left(\frac{1187}{216} + \frac{29}{27} \eta n_\chi Y_\chi^2 \right) g_Y^4 + \left(-\frac{23}{4} + \eta S_n \right) g_2^4 - \frac{3}{4} g_2^2 g_Y^2 + \frac{19}{9} g_3^2 g_Y^2 + 9g_3^2 g_2^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. - 108g_3^4 + \left(\frac{131}{16} g_Y^2 + \frac{225}{16} g_2^2 + 36g_3^2 \right) y_t^2 + 6\lambda^2 - 12\lambda y_t^2 - 12y_t^4 \right\}, \\ \frac{d\lambda}{dt} &= \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \left(\lambda (24\lambda - 9g_2^2 - 3g_Y^2 + 12y_t^2) + \frac{3}{4} g_Y^2 g_2^2 + \frac{9}{8} g_2^4 + \frac{3}{8} g_Y^4 - 6y_t^4 \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{(4\pi)^4} \left\{ -312\lambda^3 + 36\lambda^2 (g_Y^2 + 3g_2^2) \right. \\ &\quad + \lambda \left(\frac{629}{24} g_Y^4 + \frac{10}{3} Y_\chi^2 g_Y^4 - \frac{73}{8} g_2^4 + 10\eta S_n g_2^4 + \frac{39}{4} g_2^2 g_Y^2 \right) \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{305}{16} - 4\eta S_n \right) g_2^6 - \left(\frac{289}{48} + \frac{4}{3} \eta S_n \right) g_2^4 g_Y^2 - \left(\frac{559}{48} + \frac{4}{3} \eta n_\chi Y_\chi^2 \right) g_2^2 g_Y^4 \\ &\quad - \left(\frac{379}{48} + \frac{4}{3} n_\chi Y_\chi^2 \right) g_Y^6 \\ &\quad + \left(\frac{85}{6} g_Y^2 + \frac{45}{2} g_2^2 + 80g_3^2 \right) \lambda y_t^2 + g_Y^2 y_t^2 \left(\frac{21}{2} g_2^2 - \frac{19}{4} g_Y^2 \right) - \frac{9}{4} g_2^4 y_t^2 - \frac{8}{3} g_Y^2 y_t^4 - 32g_3^2 y_t^4 \\ &\quad \left. - 144\lambda^2 y_t^2 - 3\lambda y_t^4 + 30y_t^6 \right\}. \quad (\text{B.4}) \end{aligned}$$

$\eta = 1, \frac{1}{2}$ correspond to Dirac and Weyl spinor, respectively.

- SM with a real triplet scalar field

$$\frac{dg_2}{dt} = -\frac{g_2^3}{(4\pi)^2} \frac{17}{6}, \quad (\text{B.5})$$

$$\frac{d\lambda}{dt} = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \left(\lambda (24\lambda - 9g_2^2 - 3g_Y^2 + 12y_t^2) + \frac{3}{2}\kappa^2 + \frac{3}{4}g_Y^2g_2^2 + \frac{9}{8}g_2^4 + \frac{3}{8}g_Y^4 - 6y_t^4 \right), \quad (\text{B.6})$$

$$\frac{d\lambda_{DM}}{dt} = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} (22\lambda_{DM}^2 + 2\kappa^2 - 24g_2^2\lambda_{DM} + 12g_2^4), \quad (\text{B.7})$$

$$\frac{d\kappa}{dt} = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \left(4\kappa^2 + 12\kappa\lambda + 10\kappa\lambda_{DM} + 6y_t^2\kappa - \frac{33}{2}g_2^2\kappa - \frac{3}{2}g_Y^2\kappa + 6g_2^4 \right). \quad (\text{B.8})$$

- SM with a real quintet scalar field

$$\frac{d\lambda}{dt} = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \left(+24\lambda^2 - 6y_t^4 + \frac{3}{8}g_Y^4 + \frac{9}{8}g_2^4 + \frac{3}{4}g_Y^2g_2^2 + \frac{5}{2}\kappa^2 + 12\lambda y_t^2 - 3\lambda g_Y^2 - 9\lambda g_2^2 \right),$$

$$\frac{d\lambda_X}{dt} = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \left(+26\lambda_X^2 + 108g_2^4 - 72\lambda_Xg_2^2 + 2\kappa^2 \right),$$

$$\frac{d\kappa}{dt} = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \left(+18g_2^4 + 12\kappa\lambda + 14\kappa\lambda_X + 6y_t^2\kappa - \frac{3}{2}\kappa g_Y^2 - \frac{81}{2}\kappa g_2^2 + 4\kappa^2 \right). \quad (\text{B.9})$$

- SM with a real septet scalar field¹

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\lambda}{dt} &= \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \left(+24\lambda^2 - 6y_t^4 + \frac{9}{8}g_2^4 + \frac{3}{8}g_Y^4 + 12\lambda y_t^2 - 3\lambda g_Y^2 - 9\lambda g_2^2 + \frac{3}{4}g_Y^2g_2^2 + \frac{7}{2}\kappa^2 \right), \\ \frac{d\lambda_X}{dt} &= \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \left(+30\lambda_X^2 + 2448\lambda_X\lambda_X'' + 51840\lambda_X''^2 - 144\lambda_Xg_2^2 + 2\kappa^2 \right), \\ \frac{d\lambda_X''}{dt} &= \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \left(+6g_2^4 + 1530\lambda_X''^2 + 24\lambda_X\lambda_X'' - 144\lambda_X''g_2^2 \right), \\ \frac{d\kappa}{dt} &= \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \left(+36g_2^4 + 12\kappa\lambda + 18\kappa\lambda_X + 6y_t^2\kappa - \frac{3}{2}\kappa g_Y^2 - \frac{153}{2}\kappa g_2^2 + 4\kappa^2 + 1224\kappa\lambda_X'' \right). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.10})$$

¹ As pointed out in Ref. [107], the beta function of κ contains typo in Ref. [6]: The last term misses in the text, although this term is taken into account in the numerical calculation.

Appendix C

Brief review of inflation

When a scalar dominates the energy density of the universe,

$$\left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a}\right)^2 = \frac{V(\phi) + \frac{1}{2}\dot{\phi}^2}{3M_P^2}. \quad (\text{C.1})$$

If the potential of ϕ is flat enough, $\dot{\phi}^2$ term can be neglected and $V(\phi)$ becomes constant, then it is found that

$$a \propto \exp\left(\sqrt{\frac{V}{3M_P^2}}\right), \quad (\text{C.2})$$

which indicates the exponentially expansion of the universe.

The primordial quantum fluctuation of an inflaton induces the observed temperature perturbation in the cosmic microwave background. The power spectrum of scalar and tensor perturbation is parametrized as

$$\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{R}} = A_s \left(\frac{k}{k_*}\right)^{n_s - 1 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{dn_s}{d \ln k} \ln \frac{k}{k_*} + \frac{1}{3!} \frac{d^2 n_s}{d \ln k^2} \left(\ln \frac{k}{k_*}\right)^2 + \dots}, \quad \mathcal{P}_t = A_t \left(\frac{k}{k_*}\right)^{n_t + \frac{1}{2} \frac{dn_t}{d \ln k} \ln \frac{k}{k_*} + \dots}. \quad (\text{C.3})$$

A_s and A_t are the overall amplitudes, n_s and n_t are the spectral index, $dn_s/d \ln k$ and $dn_t/d \ln k$ are the running of the spectral index, and so on. The expansion of the universe during the inflation is characterized by e-folding number N :

$$N_* = \int_{t_*}^{t_{\text{end}}} dt H = \int_{\varphi_*}^{\varphi_{\text{end}}} \frac{d\varphi}{\dot{\varphi}} H = \frac{1}{M_P^2} \int_{\varphi_{\text{end}}}^{\varphi_*} \frac{V}{V_{\varphi}} d\varphi = \frac{1}{M_P} \int_{\varphi_{\text{end}}}^{\varphi_*} \frac{d\varphi}{\sqrt{2\epsilon}}. \quad (\text{C.4})$$

The N_* corresponding to the current cosmic microwave background fluctuation is

$$50 < N_* < 60. \quad (\text{C.5})$$

In the slow roll approximation, the amplitude of scalar and tensor power spectrums are given by

$$A_s = \frac{V}{24\pi^2 M_P^4 \epsilon}, \quad A_t = \frac{2V}{3\pi^2 M_P^4}, \quad r = \frac{A_t}{A_s} = 16\epsilon, \quad (\text{C.6})$$

$$\begin{aligned} n_s &= 1 + 2\eta - 6\epsilon, & n_t &= -2\epsilon, \\ \frac{dn_s}{d\ln k} &= 16\epsilon\eta - 24\epsilon^2 - 2\xi_V^2, & \frac{dn_t}{d\ln k} &= -4\epsilon\eta + 8\epsilon^2, \\ \frac{d^2 n_s}{d\ln k^2} &= -192\epsilon^3 + 192\epsilon^2\eta - 32\epsilon\eta^2 \\ &\quad - 24\epsilon\xi^2 + 2\eta\xi^2 + 2\varpi^3. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{C.7})$$

The current Planck 2015 data constrains the parameter space,

$$\begin{aligned} A_s &\simeq 2.2 \times 10^{-9}, & 0.954 < n_s < 0.980, \\ r &< 0.168, & -0.03 < \frac{dn_s}{d\ln k} < 0.007. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{C.8})$$

Here we adopt the Planck TT+low P data to obtain conservative bound.

Appendix D

Strong CP problem

D.1 θ term in Lagrangian

The following term,

$$\frac{\theta}{32\pi^2} \int d^4x F_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{F}^{a\mu\nu}, \quad (\text{D.1})$$

is consistent with gauge symmetry and Lorentz symmetry in the action. At first glance, this term is not important because this is the total derivative,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tr} \left(F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} \right) &= \text{Tr} \left((2\partial_\mu A_\nu + ig[A_\mu, A_\nu]) \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} \right) \\ &= \text{Tr} \left((2\partial_\mu A_\nu + A_\nu \partial_\mu) \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} \right) \\ &= \text{Tr} \left((\partial_\mu A_\nu) \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} + \partial_\mu (A_\nu \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}) \right) \\ &= \text{Tr} \left(\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} (\partial_\mu A_\nu) (\partial_\rho A_\sigma + ig A_\rho A_\sigma) + \partial_\mu (A_\nu \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}) \right) \\ &= \text{Tr} \left(\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \partial_\mu (A_\nu \partial_\rho A_\sigma + \frac{1}{3} ig A_\nu A_\rho A_\sigma) + \partial_\mu (A_\nu \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}) \right) \\ &= \text{Tr} \left(\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \partial_\mu (2A_\nu \partial_\rho A_\sigma + \frac{4}{3} ig A_\nu A_\rho A_\sigma) \right), \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D.2})$$

where we have used Bianchi identity,

$$\begin{aligned} [D_\mu, \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}] &= \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} [D_\mu, F_{\rho\sigma}] \\ &= \frac{2}{ig} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} [D_\mu, D_\rho D_\sigma] \\ &= 0, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D.3})$$

in the second line. Nevertheless, θ term has physical meaning. It contributes the neutron electric dipole moment because θ term induces CP violating nucleon-pion coupling. The

value of θ is constrained as [72]

$$\theta < 10^{-10}. \quad (\text{D.4})$$

Here we note that the definition of the electric dipole moment of the neutron d_n is given by

$$\mathcal{L} \ni -\frac{i}{2} d_n \bar{n} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \gamma^5 F_{\mu\nu} n, \quad (\text{D.5})$$

where n is the neutron field, and d_n is

$$d_n \simeq |\theta| e \frac{m_\pi^2}{m_n^3}. \quad (\text{D.6})$$

D.2 $\theta = 0$ or π ?

$\theta = \pi$ does not give complex phase, and does not violate CP. Therefore the measurement of the neutron electric dipole moment does not kill the possibility of $\theta = \pi$. The difference between $\theta = 0$ and π appears in the quark mass term. After rotating out θ by redefinition of the up quark field, we have

$$\begin{aligned} -m_u \bar{U} U - m_d \bar{D} D, & \quad \text{for } \theta = 0, \\ m_u \bar{U} U - m_d \bar{D} D, & \quad \text{for } \theta = \pi, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D.7})$$

as the quark mass term in the Lagrangian. Here both of m_u and m_d are real positive.

If $\theta = 0$, the current algebra tells us

$$\partial_\mu j^{5\mu a} = (m_u + m_d) \bar{q} \gamma^5 \tau^a q, \quad (\text{D.8})$$

and the current associated with the broken symmetry couples with the Nambu-Goldstone boson,

$$\langle 0 | j^{5\mu a} | \pi^b \rangle = f_\pi p^\mu \delta^{ab}, \quad (\text{D.9})$$

from which we have

$$\begin{aligned} m_\pi^2 &= (m_u + m_d) \frac{\langle 0 | \bar{q} \gamma^5 \tau^a q | \pi^a \rangle}{f_\pi} \\ &\sim (m_u + m_d) \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D.10})$$

Similarly, the following formulas are derived.

$$\begin{aligned}
m_{\pi^0}^2 &= B(m_u + m_d), \\
m_{\pi^\pm}^2 &= B(m_u + m_d) + \Delta_{em}, \\
m_{K^0}^2 &= B(m_d + m_s), \\
m_{K^\pm}^2 &= B(m_u + m_s) + \Delta_{em},
\end{aligned} \tag{D.11}$$

where B is the order of Λ_{QCD} , and Δ_{em} represents the electromagnetic correction. We can obtain the ratio of the quark mass from Eq. (D.11) [108].

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{m_u}{m_d} &= \frac{2m_{\pi^0}^2 - m_{\pi^\pm}^2 + m_{K^\pm}^2 - m_{K^0}^2}{m_{K^0}^2 - m_{K^\pm}^2 + m_{\pi^\pm}^2} \\
&\simeq 0.56.
\end{aligned} \tag{D.12}$$

However, for $\theta = \pi$, we can derive the same formula with $m_u \rightarrow -m_u$, and therefore the prediction is

$$\frac{2m_{\pi^0}^2 - m_{\pi^\pm}^2 + m_{K^\pm}^2 - m_{K^0}^2}{m_{K^0}^2 - m_{K^\pm}^2 + m_{\pi^\pm}^2} < 0, \tag{D.13}$$

which apparently contradicts an experiment.

D.3 possibility of the massless up quark

Let us consider the Yukawa sector of the quarks in the SM Lagrangian:

$$y_u^{ij} \bar{Q}_i \tilde{H} U_{Rj} + y_d^{ij} \bar{Q}_i \tilde{H} D_{Rj} + h.c. \quad . \tag{D.14}$$

What happens if the up quark mass is equal to zero? In this case, the up Yukawa matrix y_u^{ij} is the rank-2 matrix, and $y_u^{ij} U_{Rj}$ does not span the three dimensional family space. The orthogonal vector is nothing but the mass eigenstate of the up quark, that is, the up quark field does not appear in the Yukawa sector in the Lagrangian. Then, we can easily see that an extra symmetry appears, the rotation of up quark field. However, this symmetry is violated at the quantum level by an $SU(3)_C$ anomaly, and hence we can take $\theta = 0$ by the rotation of the fields.

By the particle data group [42], the recent studies which combines the lattice data and chiral perturbation in order to account for the isospin breaking report the following value

of up and down quark masses:

$$m_u = 2.15 \pm 0.15 \text{ MeV}, \quad m_d = 4.70 \pm 0.20 \text{ MeV}. \quad (\text{D.15})$$

Up to now, the lattice can only done in isospin conserving limit, $m_u = m_d$. In order to settle the situation, the improvement of the lattice simulation is desired.

However, even if this is a solution to the strong CP problem, it is unclear whether $y_u = 0$ itself is natural or not, and needs mechanism to explain $y_u = 0$ in my opinion.

D.4 Vacuum energy dependence of θ

In the discussion in Sec. 4, it is necessity to calculate the θ dependence of the vacuum energy in QCD. The estimation of the vacuum energy dependence of θ is similar to that of the axion [109][110][111]. The dependence comes from the quark mass term,

$$\mathcal{L}_m \ni -\cos\theta(m_u\bar{U}U + m_d\bar{D}D), \quad -(\bar{U}i\gamma^5U + \bar{D}i\gamma^5D), \quad (\text{D.16})$$

in the basis where θ term is removed. We note that $\bar{U}i\gamma^5U, \bar{D}i\gamma^5D$ terms are P odd and CP odd. Due to the chiral symmetry breaking, the quark bilinear condensate appears:

$$\langle\bar{U}U\rangle = \langle\bar{D}D\rangle = \mathcal{O}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^3). \quad (\text{D.17})$$

On the other hand, P, CP odd terms are not have VEV,

$$\langle\bar{U}i\gamma^5U\rangle = \langle\bar{D}i\gamma^5D\rangle = 0. \quad (\text{D.18})$$

Then, the energy density coming from the quark mass term is

$$\epsilon \sim (m_u + m_d)\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^3 \cos\theta, \quad (\text{D.19})$$

and we can understand the θ dependence.

Appendix E

Quantization of Majorana field

The quantization of Majorana field is reviewed [112]. We first introduce the concept of the charge conjugation, which correspond to exchange of the particle and antiparticle. Naively, one imagine that the field describing the antiparticle of ψ is written by ψ^* . However, this is conflict with the property of the Dirac field under Lorentz transformation which is

$$\psi \rightarrow e^{iS_{\mu\nu}\omega^{\mu\nu}} \psi \quad S_{\mu\nu} = \frac{i}{4}[\gamma_\mu, \gamma_\nu] \quad (\text{E.1})$$

In order to reconcile the discrepancy, the definition of the charge conjugation is

$$\psi^c = C\psi^* = i\gamma^2\psi^*. \quad (\text{E.2})$$

The pre-factor is chosen so that $(\psi^c)^c = \psi$ is satisfied.

If ψ is equal to its conjugate,

$$\psi^c = \psi, \quad (\text{E.3})$$

then ψ is called the Majorana fermion.

Then, let us consider the plain wave expansion of the field ψ . Starting from Dirac equation,

$$(i\not{\partial} - m)\psi = 0, \quad (\text{E.4})$$

we denote the positive energy solution and negative energy solution as $u^s(p)e^{-ip \cdot x}$ and $v^s(p)e^{-ip \cdot x}$, respectively. Here s denotes the spin degrees of freedom. On the other hand, the Hamltonian density of the spinor field is

$$\mathcal{H} = \psi^\dagger(-i\gamma^0\vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{\nabla} + m\gamma^0)\psi, \quad (\text{E.5})$$

from which we can see that $H = -i\gamma^0 \vec{\gamma} \cdot \vec{\nabla} + m\gamma^0$ gives the one particle Hamiltonian. The eigenfunctions of H are given by following solutions.

$$\begin{aligned} Hu^s(p)e^{-ip \cdot x} &= (|\vec{p}|^2 + m^2)u^s(p)e^{-ip \cdot x}, \\ Hv^s(p)e^{-ip \cdot x} &= -(|\vec{p}|^2 + m^2)v^s(p)e^{-ip \cdot x}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{E.6})$$

The complete set is formed by these eigenfunction, and ψ can be expanded as

$$\begin{aligned} \psi &= \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2k_0} \sum_s (a_p^s u^s(p) e^{-ip \cdot x} + b_p^{s\dagger} v^s(p) e^{ip \cdot x}), \\ \psi^c &= \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2k_0} \sum_s (a_p^{s\dagger} (Cu^{s*}(p)) e^{ip \cdot x} + b_p^s (Cv^{s*}(p)) e^{-ip \cdot x}). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{E.7})$$

The Majorana condition gives the relation $b_p^{s\dagger} v^s(p) = a_p^{s\dagger} (Cu^{s*}(p))$.

Let us quantize the field by imposing the equal time anticommutation relation.

$$\{\psi(\vec{x}), \psi^\dagger(\vec{y})\} = \delta^{(3)}(\vec{x} - \vec{y}) \quad (\text{E.8})$$

or equivalently

$$\{a_p^s, a_q^{r\dagger}\} = (2\pi)^3 \delta^{(3)}(\vec{p} - \vec{q}) \delta_{sr} \quad (\text{E.9})$$

In terms of creation and annihilation operators, the Hamiltonian is easily diagonalized,

$$\int d^3x \mathcal{H} = \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \sum_s (|\vec{p}|^2 + m^2) a_p^{s\dagger} a_p^s, \quad (\text{E.10})$$

and therefore Fock space is constructed.

Next we derive the Feynman rule of the Majorana fermion, which we can infer from the action:

$$\begin{aligned} S &= \int d^4x (\bar{\psi}(i\cancel{\partial} - m)\psi) \\ &= \int d^4x (\psi^T i\gamma^2 \gamma^0 (i\cancel{\partial} - m)\psi) = \int d^4x (\bar{\psi}(i\cancel{\partial} - m) i\gamma^2 \gamma^0 \bar{\psi}^T). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{E.11})$$

The propagator of the Majorana fermion is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \bar{\psi} \psi \rangle &= \int \frac{d^4p}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{i}{\not{p} - m} e^{-ip \cdot x}, \quad \langle \psi^T \psi \rangle = \int \frac{d^4p}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{i}{\not{p} - m} (-i\gamma^2 \gamma^0) e^{-ip \cdot x}, \\ \langle \bar{\psi} \bar{\psi}^T \rangle &= \int \frac{d^4p}{(2\pi)^4} (-i\gamma^2 \gamma^0) \frac{i}{\not{p} - m} e^{-ip \cdot x}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{E.12})$$

We comment on a possible concrete example. In the case of Majorana neutrino, the Majorana field is

$$\nu_{M,L} = \frac{\nu_L + \nu_L^c}{\sqrt{2}} \qquad \nu_{M,R} = \frac{\nu_R + \nu_R^c}{\sqrt{2}}. \quad (\text{E.13})$$

In the case of the $SU(2)_L$ triplet and quintet Majorana fermion, we also need the quantization of Majorana field in order to calculate the annihilation cross section.

Appendix F

The effect of the principle value

Here we evaluate the principle value integral:

$$PV \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{dE}{E} \langle a|E; \Lambda \rangle \langle E; \Lambda|\epsilon \rangle. \quad (\text{F.1})$$

This Appendix is taken from Ref. [62]. The WKB solution of $\langle a|E; \Lambda \rangle$ is given by

$$\langle a|E; \Lambda \rangle = M_P \sqrt{\frac{a}{p_{cl}}} \exp \left(i \int^a da' p_{cl}(a') \right), \quad (\text{F.2})$$

where

$$p_{cl}(a) = M_P a^2 \sqrt{2 \left(\frac{\rho(a)}{6} - \frac{E}{a^3} \right)} := M_P a^2 \sqrt{\frac{\tilde{\rho}(a)}{3}}. \quad (\text{F.3})$$

Then, for a sufficiently large value of a , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{a_M}^a da p_{cl}(a) &= \frac{M_P}{3^{\frac{3}{2}}} \left(a^3 \sqrt{\tilde{\rho}(a)} - a_M^3 \sqrt{\tilde{\rho}(a_M)} + \frac{M-E}{\sqrt{\Lambda}} \log \left[\frac{a^{\frac{3}{2}}(\Lambda + \sqrt{\Lambda \tilde{\rho}(a)})}{a_M^{\frac{3}{2}}(\Lambda + \sqrt{\Lambda \tilde{\rho}(a_M)})} \right] \right) \\ &:= \frac{M_P a^3}{3^{\frac{3}{2}}} g(\Lambda, E, a) \underset{a \gg a_M}{\simeq} \frac{M_P a^3}{3^{\frac{3}{2}}} \sqrt{\tilde{\rho}(a)}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{F.4})$$

By substituting Eq. (F.2) and Eq. (F.4) to Eq. (F.1), we obtain

$$PV \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dE}{E} M_P \sqrt{\frac{a}{p_{cl}}} \exp \left(i \frac{M_P a^3}{3^{\frac{3}{2}}} \sqrt{\tilde{\rho}(a)} \right) \langle E; \Lambda|\epsilon \rangle \quad (\text{F.5})$$

By expanding the exponent around $E = 0$, we have

$$M_P \sqrt{\frac{a}{p_{cl}}} \exp \left(i \frac{M_P a^3}{3^{\frac{3}{2}}} \sqrt{\rho(a)} - i \frac{M_P E}{3^{\frac{3}{2}} \sqrt{\rho(a)}} + \mathcal{O}(E^2) \right) = \langle a|0; \Lambda \rangle \exp \left(-i \frac{M_P E}{3^{\frac{3}{2}} \sqrt{\rho(a)}} + \mathcal{O}(E^2) \right). \quad (\text{F.6})$$

Therefore, only the region

$$|E| \lesssim \frac{\sqrt{\rho(a)}}{M_P} \sim \frac{\sqrt{\Lambda}}{M_P} \quad (\text{F.7})$$

Hence, it is self-consistent to show $\Lambda = 0$ by using only the zero energy eigenstate $|0\rangle$.

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