

# Functional renormalisation of UV-safe gauge theories coupled to matter

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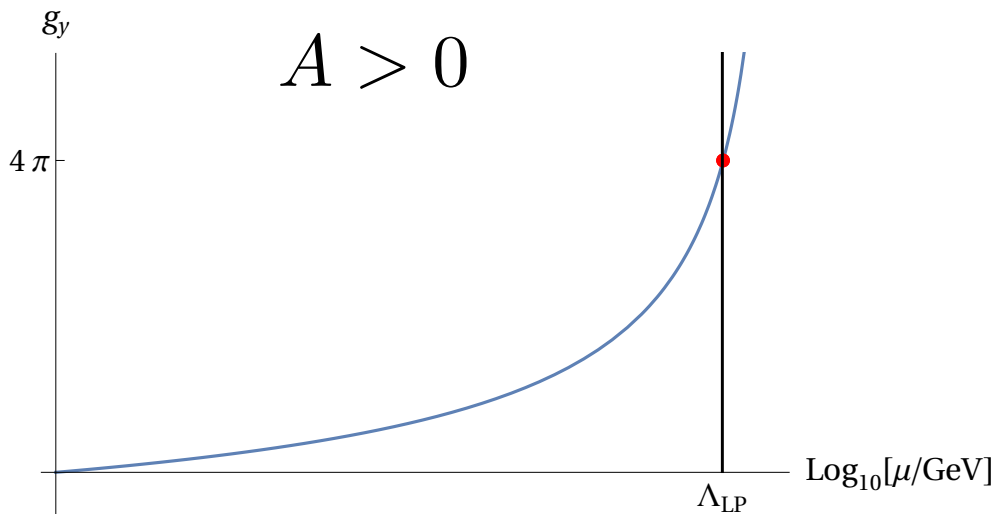
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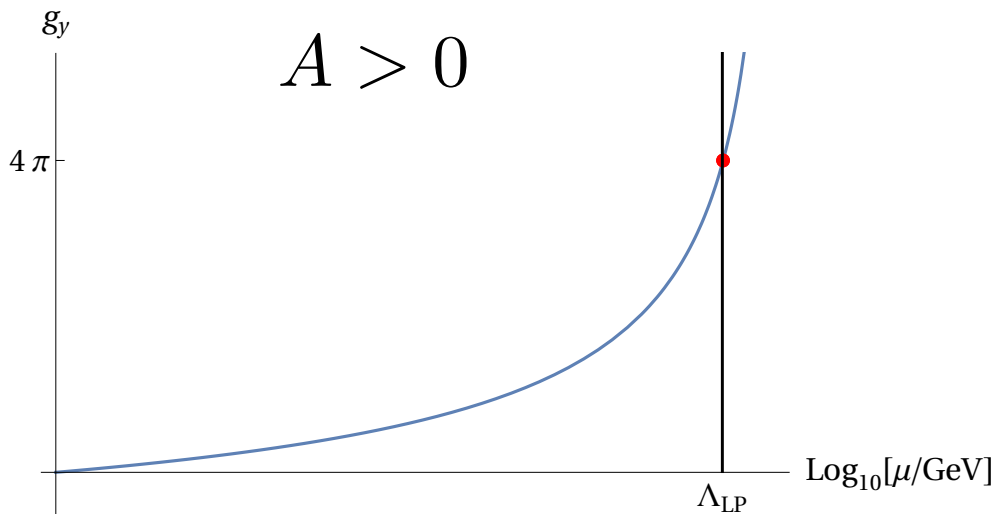
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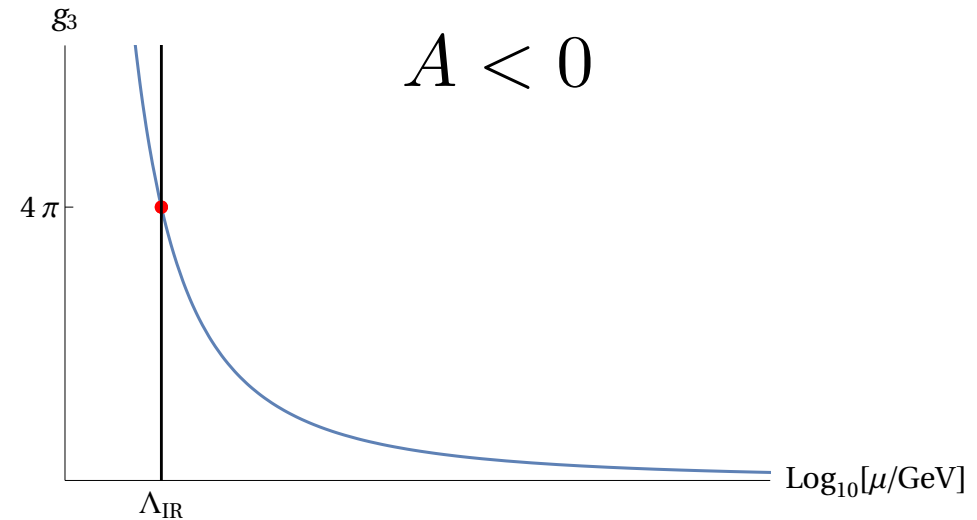
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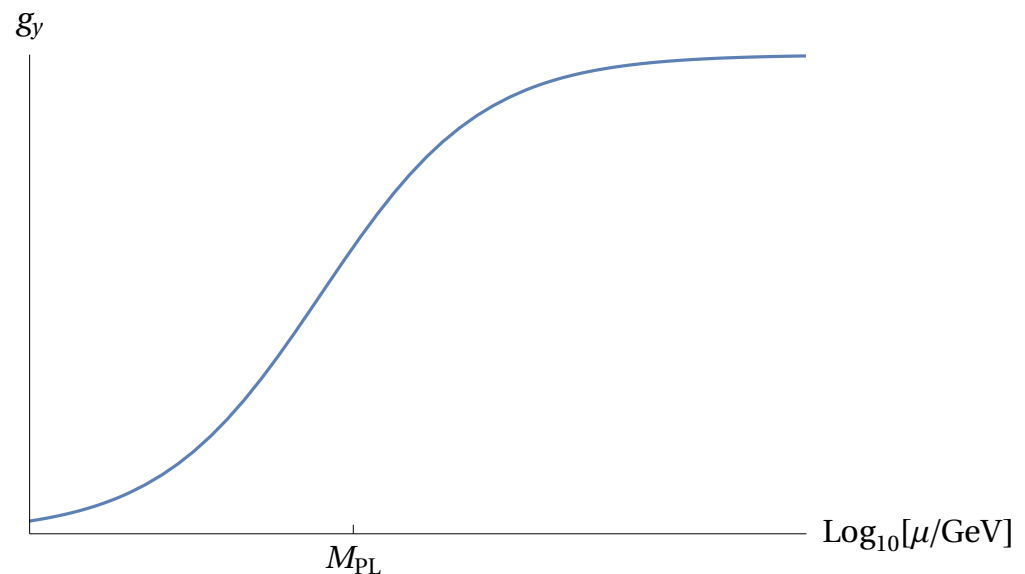
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There is a specific value  $g^* = -B/A$

$$\beta(g^*) = 0$$

Fixed Point!

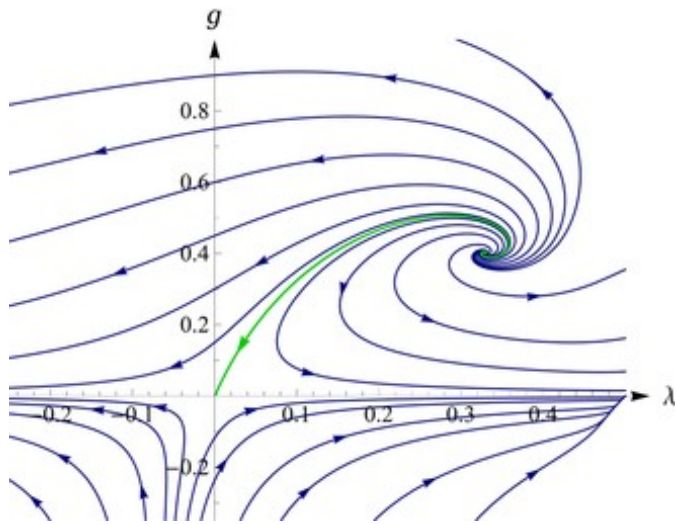


**Asymptotic  
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# Asymptotic Safety in Quantum Gravity

## Einstein-Hilbert Gravity

$$S_{\text{EH}} = \frac{1}{16\pi G_N} \int d^4x \sqrt{g} (-R(g) + 2\Lambda)$$



Reuter, Saueressig, hep-th/0110054  
Picture: Wikipedia

Large uncertainties when computed analytically.

[ Daum, Harst, Reuter '09, Folkerst, Litim, Pawłowski '11, Harst, Reuter '11, Christiansen, Eichhorn '17, Eichhorn, Versteegen '17, Zanusso *et al.* '09, Oda, Yamada '15, Eichhorn, Held, Pawłowski '16, ... ]

## Renormalization Group Equations in the Sub-Planckian regime

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In our project are determined by matching the low-energy data.

A list of paper exploring such possibility for different BSM scenarios:

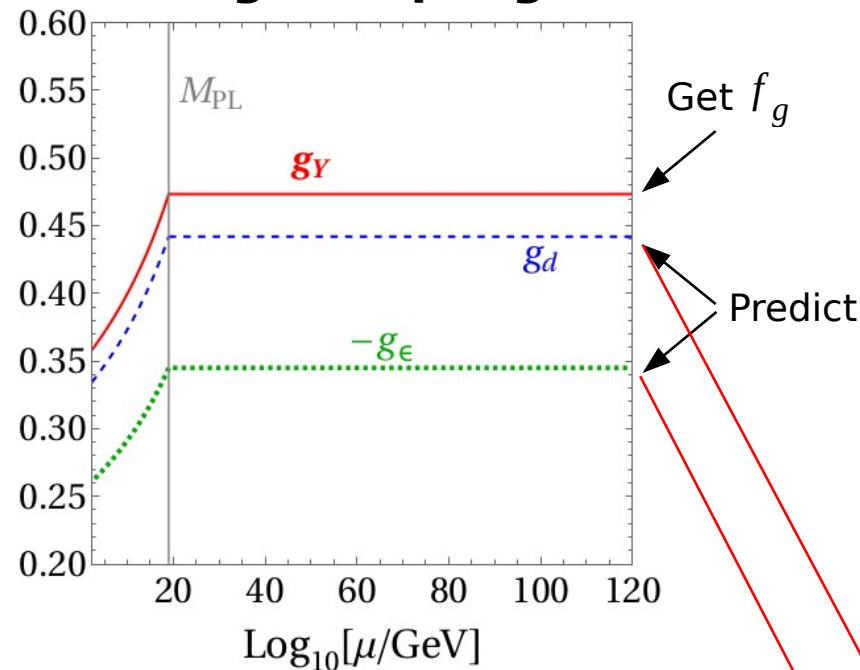
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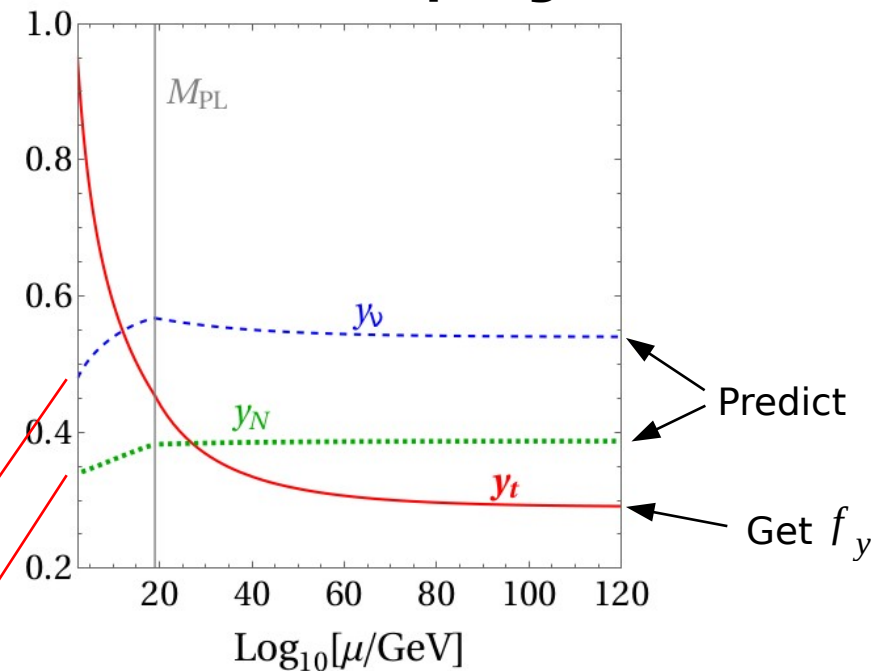
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**Phenomenology!**

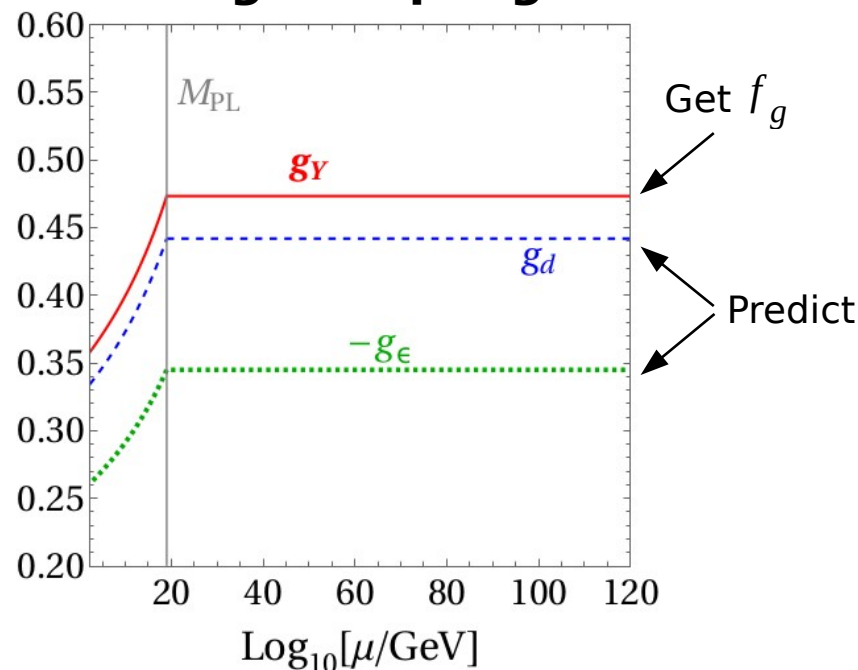
cf. e.g. Chikkaballi, Kotlarski, Kowalska, **DR**, Sessolo JHEP (2023).



# How robust are particle physics predictions in asymptotic safety?

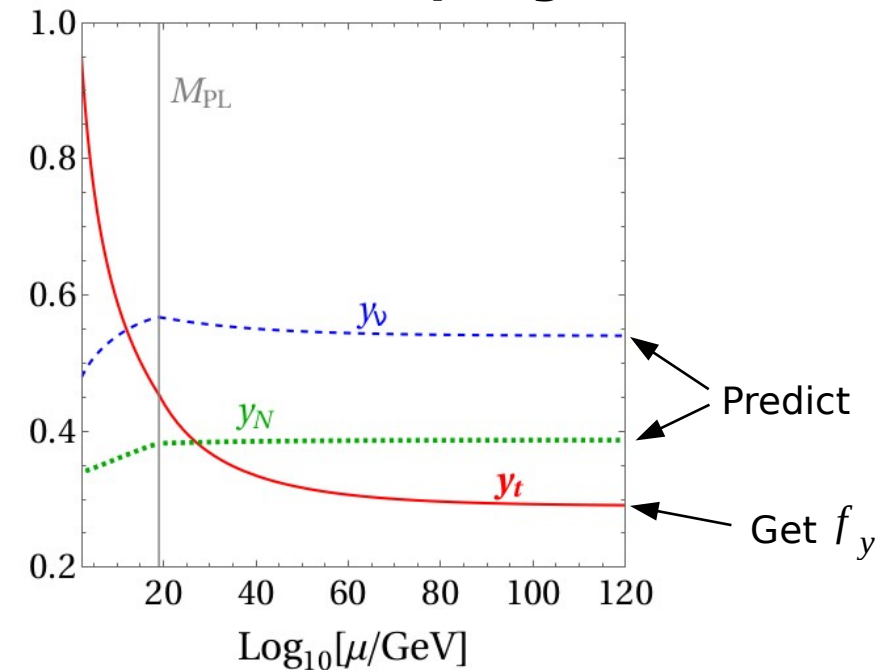
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- Sources of uncertainties →
- 1 - Computations of the beta functions are performed at 1-loop level.
  - 2 - Planck scale is set arbitrarily at  $10^{19}$  GeV.
  - 3 - Gravity decouples instantaneously at the Planck scale.

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Gauge  $F_{\mu\nu}^a$  ( $a = 1, \dots, N_C^2 - 1$ )

Fermions  $Q_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, N_F$ )

Scalars  $H \in N_F \times N_F$

$$\epsilon \equiv \frac{N_F}{N_C} - \frac{11}{2}$$

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \text{Tr} (\partial_\mu H^\dagger \partial^\mu H) + \text{Tr} (\bar{Q} i D Q)$$

$$-y \text{Tr} (\bar{Q}_L H Q_R + \bar{Q}_R H^\dagger Q_L) - u \text{Tr} (H^\dagger H)^2 - v (\text{Tr} H^\dagger H)^2$$

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Bond et al. 1710.07615  
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Let us be a little bit more quantitative and ask the questions:

- For what values of the Veneziano parameter do we actually have a fixed point?
- What can cause a fixed point to disappear?

The values of the Veneziano parameter for which the fixed point exist is called

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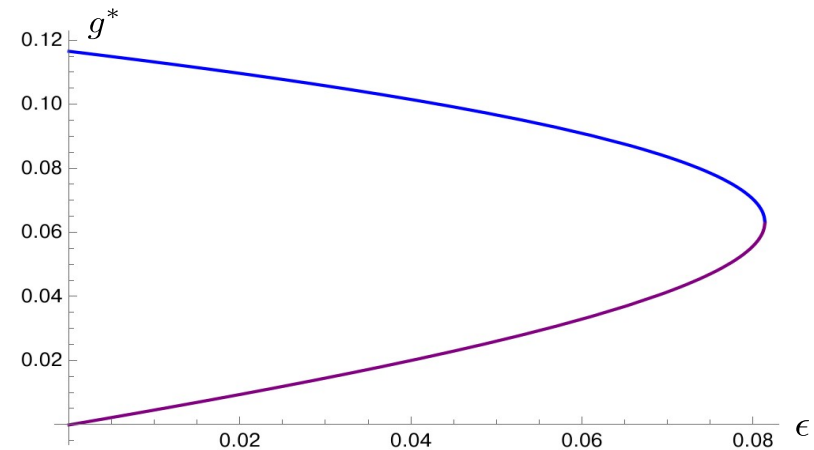
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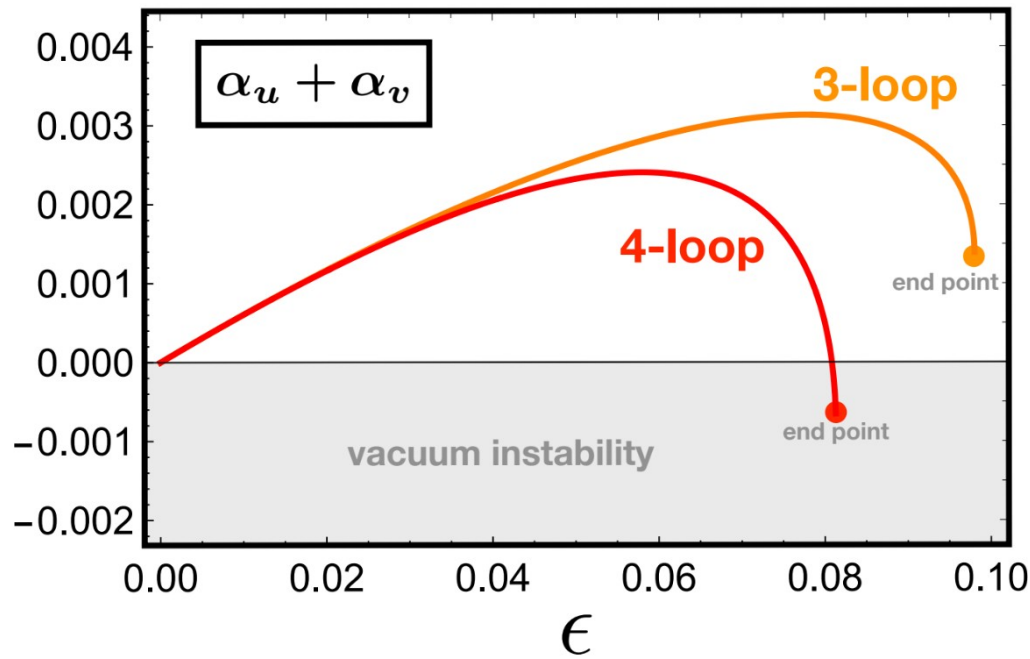
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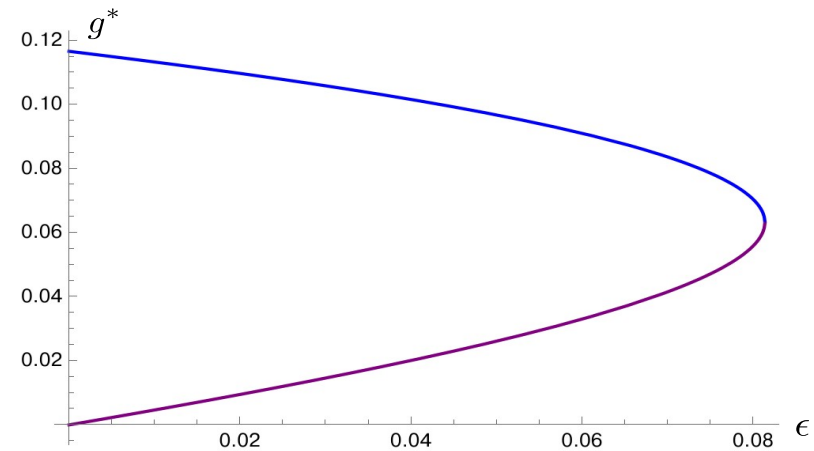


I thank Zaan for the plot.

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$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t c = & 2\eta_H c + (2 + \eta_H) \rho c' - \frac{2N_C}{N_F} \frac{y^4}{(1 + \rho y^2)^3} \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \left( -\frac{128\rho^3 c^5}{(1 + u')^3 (1 + 4\rho c + u')^3} + \frac{64\rho^2 c^3 (c - \rho c')}{(1 + u')^2 (1 + 4\rho c + u')^3} - \frac{8\rho c c'}{(1 + 4\rho c + u')^3} \right. \\ & \left. - \frac{48\rho^2 c^2 c'}{(1 + u') (1 + 4\rho c + u')^3} + \frac{16c^2}{(1 + 4\rho c + u')^3} - \frac{2c'}{(1 + 4\rho c + u')^2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \partial_t y = & -3\alpha_g y(0) + \frac{1}{2} (2\eta_\psi + \eta_H) y + (2 + \eta_\phi) \rho y' - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{y'}{(1 + 4\rho c + u')^2} + \frac{y'}{(1 + u')^2} \right) \\ & + \frac{y^3}{2(1 + \rho y^2)(1 + 4\rho c + u')} \left( \frac{1}{1 + 4\rho c + u'} + \frac{1}{1 + \rho y^2} \right) - \frac{y^3}{2(1 + u')(1 + \rho y^2)} \left( \frac{1}{1 + \rho y^2} + \frac{1}{1 + u'} \right) \end{aligned}$$

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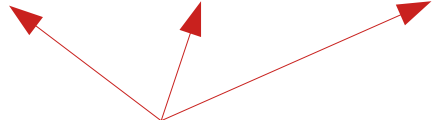
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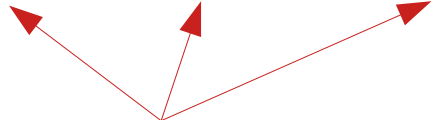
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Canonical dimension
 


  
Anomalous dimension  $\approx \epsilon$ 


  
 $\epsilon^3$

Dim 2n:  $\partial_t \lambda_{2n} = (2n - 4)\lambda_{2n} + \lambda_{2n} (A\epsilon + \mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)) + B\epsilon^n \quad \approx \epsilon^n$

# Fixed Point & Power Counting in $\epsilon$

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$\gamma_3$	$+0.558651\epsilon^4$	$\alpha_3$	$+0.0721923\epsilon^4$	$y_2$	$-0.468528\sqrt{\epsilon^7}$
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$\gamma_5$	$+1.16104\epsilon^6$	$\alpha_5$	$+0.0706016\epsilon^6$	$y_4$	$-0.798058\sqrt{\epsilon^{11}}$
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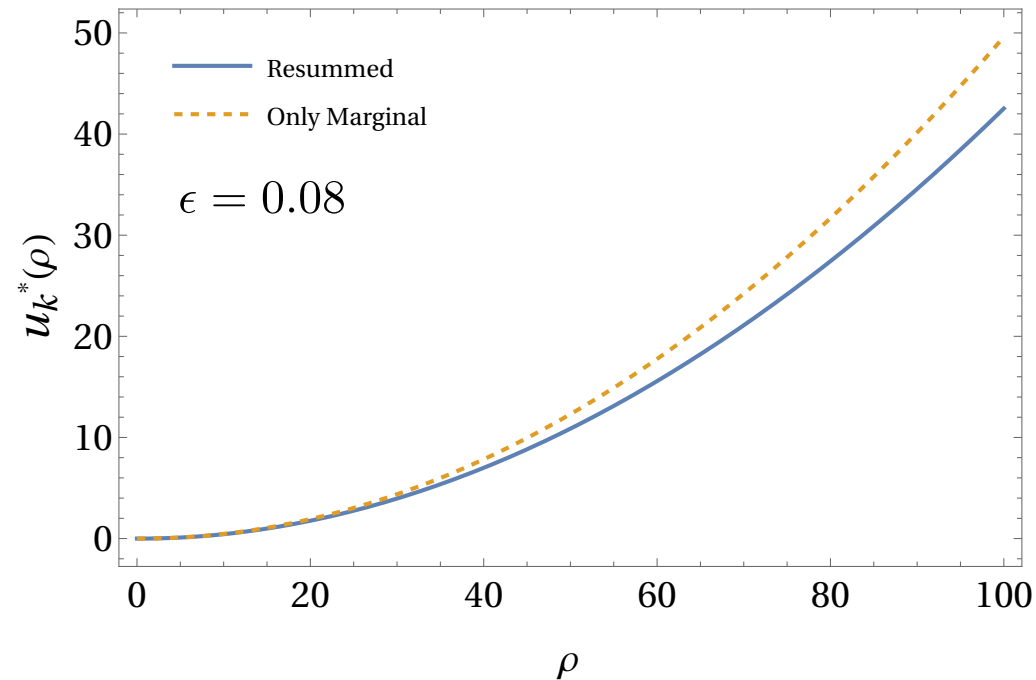
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# Conclusion

- It is not completely understood whether the conformal window of gauge-Yukawa theories closes because of vacuum instability or because of two FPs merging.
- The inclusion of beyond marginal operators can spoil the stability of the scalar potential.
- We have computed the FP of infinitely many higher dimensional operators at leading order in  $\epsilon$  and found a power counting argument.
- Because of the power counting, it was possible to perform a re-summation of the scalar potential and study the stability for high values of the field: the potential remains stable!