# Symmetries and their origin

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- Local gauge symmetries associated with forces and dynamics
  - » QED, QCD, Weak interactions ...
- Global symmetries associated with conservation laws
  - » Energy momentum conservation, selection rules ...
- Where do these symmetries come from ?

» Fundamental or Emergent?

• Hints (?) from experimental data and interpretation for future physics searches

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### The Standard Model works very well

#### Particle physics

•Nice thing (QED, QCD, Higgs, ... LHC, LEP ...)

Standard Model works very well,

no sign yet of BSM also in dark matter searches (CRESST, Xenon100, LUX...), precision measurements: eEDM..., CPT and Lorentz invariance ...

meets

General relativity

•Nice thing (Gravitational waves, Binary pulsars, lensing, black holes, Lab tests of Inverse Square Law to 56 µm...)

→ Plug classical Higgs potential into Einstein's equations Cosmological constant "discrepancy" of 10<sup>56</sup> (!) + wrong sign (!)

Open questions: Dark matter, neutrino masses, baryon asymmetry ...

# Phases of gauge theories

- Particle physics is built from
  - QED in the Coulomb Phase
  - QCD in the Confining Phase
    - » QCD condensates ~ (200 MeV)<sup>4</sup> from DChSB
  - Electroweak Interactions in the Higgs Phase
    - » Higgs condensate ~ (250 GeV)<sup>4</sup>





# **Emergent forces I**

In QCD all hadron physics is emergent from more fundamental quarks and gluons

- Protons including their mass, spin ...
- Pions as messengers (exchange particles) of nuclear forces
- Pions are special because of chiral symmetry
- Confinement and DChSB in the infrared



- What about DSB and critical phenomena (phase transtions) in the ultraviolet ?

# **Emergent forces II**

• Particle Physics in the ultraviolet: more symmetry or less?

Standard Model ← SM + SUSY ← GUTs ← Strings

or

"Planck system" → Quantum Field Theory ~ SM (symmetric) → SM (Spontaneous Symmetry Breaking)

- Standard Model as long range tail of critical system which sits close to Planck scale (-- a bit like van der Waals forces)
- Phase transition in the UV
  - Long range tail renormalisable QFT (gauge symmetry for J=1 fields)
  - Non-trivial interactions for less than or equal to 4 dimensions
  - Long range modes have to cooperate to give this: simplest small gauge groups (most likely) preferred [Jegerlehner, Bjorken, Nielsen ...]

# **Results from LHC**

- LHC: So far just
   Standard Model Higgs
   and no BSM, SUSY ...
- Remarkable: the Higgs and top mass sit in window of possible parameter space where the Standard Model is a consistent theory up to the Planck mass close to the border of a stable and meta-stable vacuum.



 $V(\phi) = \mu^2 \phi \phi^* + \lambda (\phi \phi^*)^2$ 

# Vacuum stability - Jegerlehner

#### The SM running parameters



# Vacuum stability



# At the edge of a stable vacuum





#### Vacuum stability – Buttazzo et al



# Vacuum stability - Masina



### Bednyakov, Kniehl et al

#### Phase diagram



### Gauge and Lorentz symmetries

- Local gauge invariance and space-time Lorentz invariance closely connected
  - E.g. Gauge symmetry ←→ invariance of choice of phase of wavefunction at each point in space
- If gauge symmetries are emergent, then also expect Lorentz invariance to be (spontaneously) broken or emergent [Bjorken 1963: Photon as Goldstone boson associated with spontaneous breaking of Lorentz invariance]
- Lorentz invariance, locality, Hermitian Hamiltonian  $\rightarrow$  CPT
- Emergent or broken Lorentz invariance implies small CPT violation
- How big ?

# **Electroweak Vacuum Stability**

- Possible critical phenomena close to Planck mass with Standard Model as the long range tail of a critical Planck system
- Is the Standard Model "emergent" ?

$$\frac{1}{\alpha_{\rm gut}} = \frac{4\pi}{g^2} \simeq \frac{c_g}{4\pi} \ln \frac{M^2}{\mu^2}.$$

(cf. Low energy part of GUT spontaneously broken by multiple Higgs fields and condensates) [Bjorken, Jegerlehner, Nielsen et al, Volovik]

If yes, possible violations of Lorentz invariance, gauge invariance &tc at very high scales close to the Planck mass - perhaps vanishing with vanishing dark energy and suppressed in laboratory experiments by powers of  $\mu/M$ [Bjorken 2001]

# **Emergent particle physics**



[Jegerlehner]

Coupling constants and masses fixed to get stable long-range vacuum

# Particle physics and gravity

Dark energy scale µ<sub>vac</sub> ~ 0.002 eV

$$ho_{
m vac}=\mu^4, \quad \mu\sim 0.002~{
m eV}$$

$$\mu_{\rm vac} \sim m_{\nu} \sim \Lambda_{\rm ew}^2 / M$$

- If taken literally, this formula connects
   Dark Energy, neutrino physics and EWSB
   to a new high mass scale M ~ 3 x 10<sup>16</sup> GeV which needs
   to be understood.
- Suggests perhaps the cosmological constant puzzle and electroweak hierarchy problems might be linked with a common origin at very high mass scale, close to the Planck mass (?)

	Scales	
Dark energy scale	~ 0.002 eV	
Electroweak Higgs scale	$\mu_{ m vac} \sim m_{ u} \sim \Lambda_{ m ew}^2/N$ 250 GeV	Μ
QCD Scale	1 GeV	
Planck mass (gravitation)	10 <sup>19</sup> GeV	
Light neutrino mass	~ 0.005 eV (normal hierachy)	
Inflation (fourth root of r, Bicep2+) ~ 10 <sup>16</sup> GeV		
Jegerlehner (EWSB)	1.4 x 10 <sup>16</sup> GeV (sign change of c-term)	
$m_0^2 = m^2 + \delta m^2; \qquad \delta m^2 = rac{\Lambda^2}{32\pi^2}C$	$C_1 = \frac{6}{v^2} \left( M_H^2 + M_Z^2 + 2M_W^2 - 4M_t^2 \right) = 2\lambda + \frac{3}{2} {g'}^2 + \frac{9}{2}$	$g^2 - 12 y$

• GUTs

10<sup>15</sup> GeV