

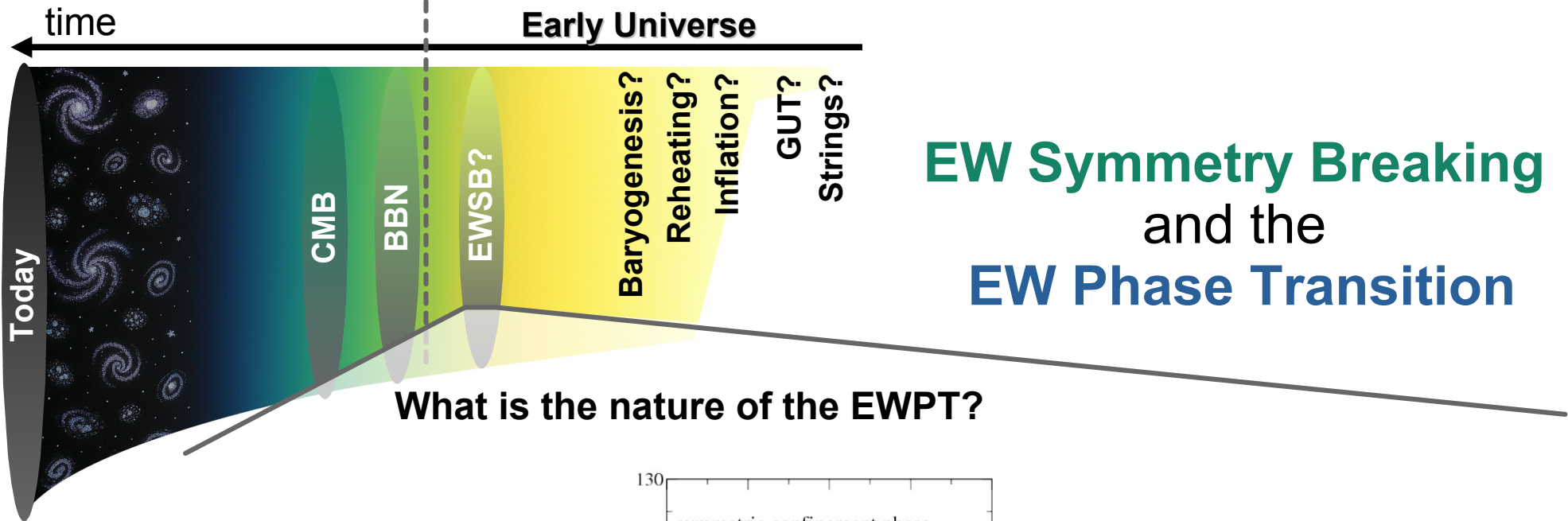


Self consistent thermal resummation:
a case study of the phase transition in 2HDM

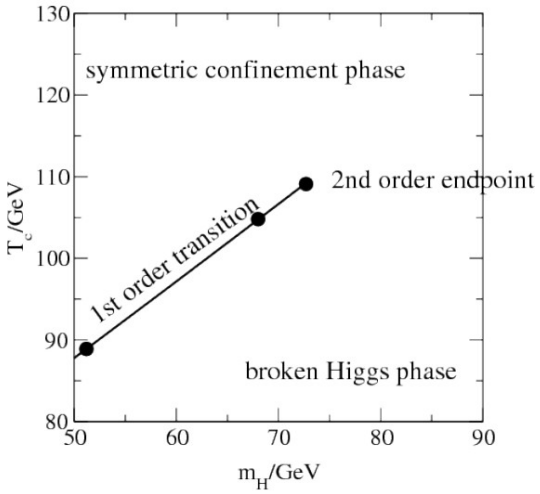
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What is the nature of the EWPT?

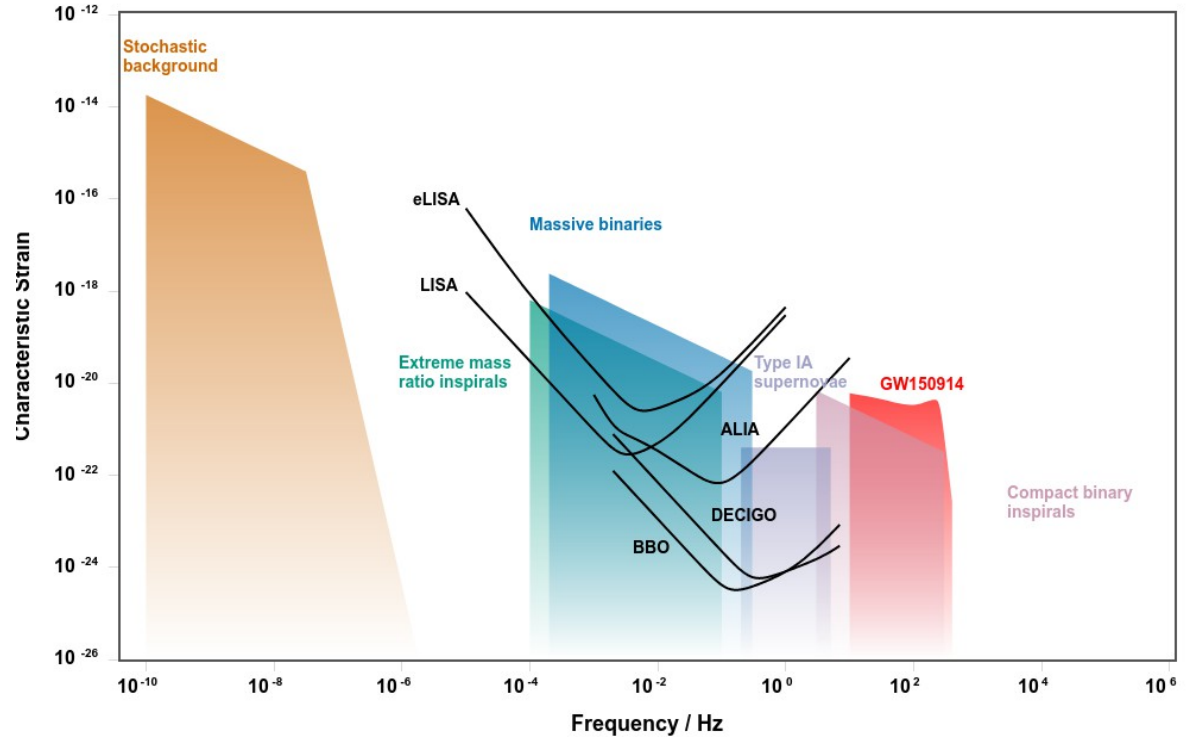
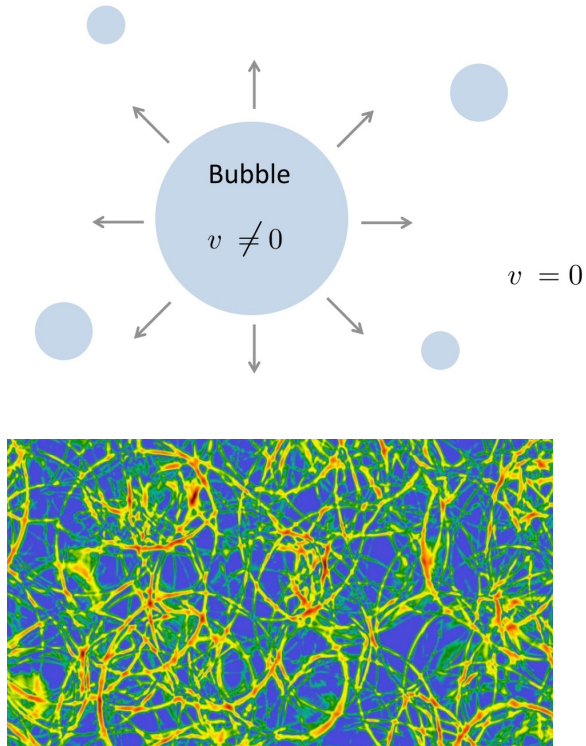


→ Standard model expectation

Why would the EW phase transition be first order?

- If it is, we might see gravitational waves → Signal!
- EW baryogenesis
- Connections to BSM: Dark matter, extended Higgs sectors
- We would like to know the nature of EWSB in any case

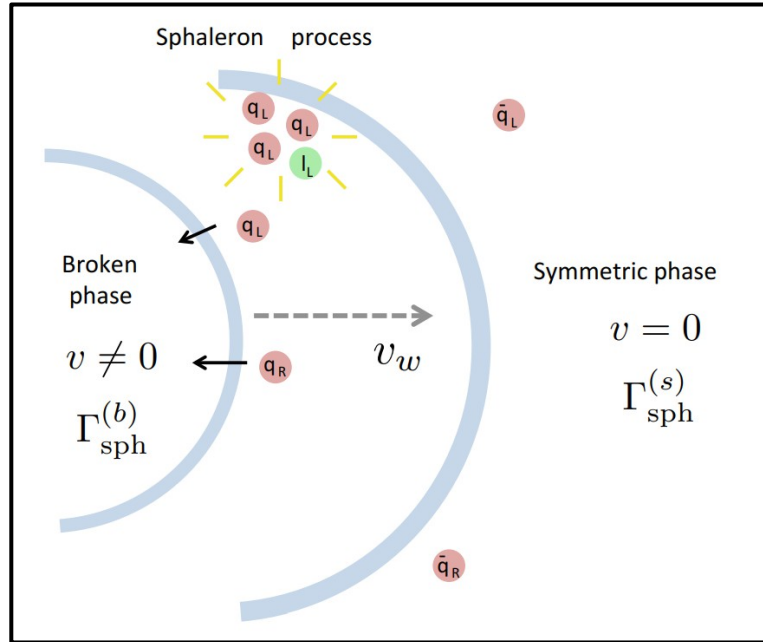
First order phase transitions gained a lot of interest because of **stochastic gravitational wave production**



Why Electroweak Baryogenesis is a great idea

EW baryogenesis is a testable model

- Baryon number violation from Sphalerons
- Needs extra CP violation
- **Needs a strong first order phase transition**



$$\eta_B \simeq \Gamma_{\text{Sph}} \frac{\delta_{\text{CP}}}{2\pi} \frac{1}{L_{\text{wall}}} \frac{1}{T^2} \sim 10^{-10}$$

If one has the right ingredients it gives the expected asymmetry!

Electroweak Baryogenesis is a great idea

But it is in trouble...

Extra sources for CP violation are constrained by EDM of the electron, neutron and some atomic elements (i.e. Hg)

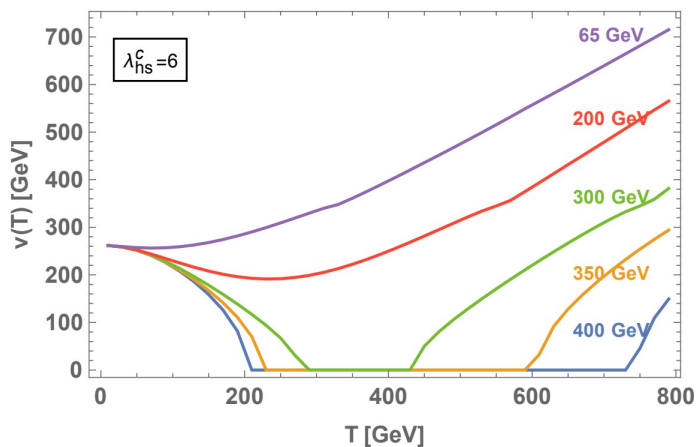
$$|d_e| < 1.1 \times 10^{-29} e \text{ cm}$$

$$d_n = (0.0 \pm 1.1_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.2_{\text{sys}}) \times 10^{-26} e \cdot \text{cm}.$$

$$d(^{199}\text{Hg}) = (0.49 \pm 1.29_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.76_{\text{sys}}) \times 10^{-29} e \text{ cm},$$

Changing the phase transition dynamics

Symmetry **Non**-Restoration



[Meade, Ramani, 2018]

Inverse Symmetry Breaking

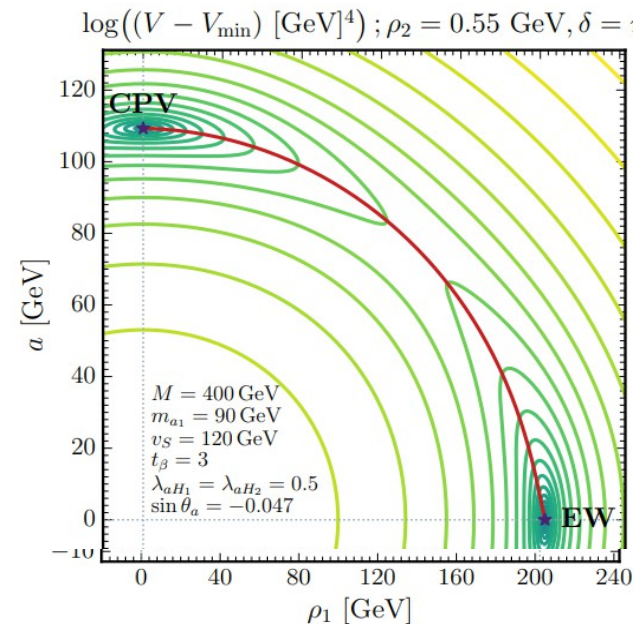
$U(1)_{EM}, U(1)_{B-L}, \dots$

$T=0$ unbroken



$T > T_c$ broken

Multi-step Phase Transition



[Huber, Mimasu, No, 2022]

Electroweak Symmetry Non-Restoration

Usually, symmetry non-restoration occurs where there are **negative thermal masses**

$$m^2(T) \simeq \left(\frac{y_t}{4} + \dots + N_s \frac{\lambda_{sh}}{12} \right) T^2$$

Number of extra scalars $\sim 100!$

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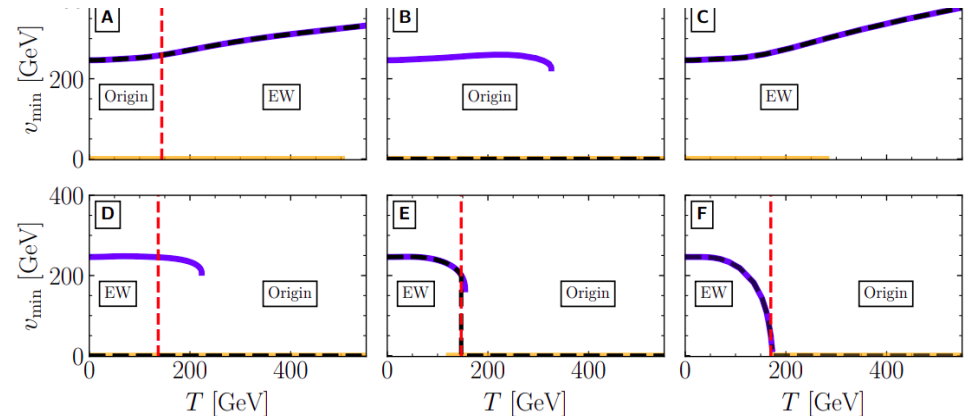
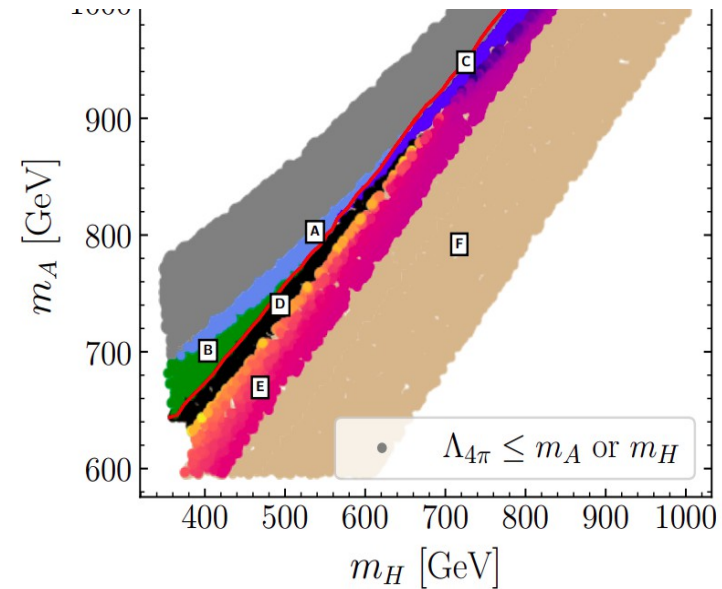
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But, symmetry **non-restoration was found** in a simple CP even 2HDM!

[Biekötter et al 2023]



Questions we had

- Is there really Electroweak Symmetry non-restoration in the 2HDM?
We found strong disagreement between different resummation methods
- So, what causes the observed symmetry non-restoration?
- **More generally, how reliable are our methods for calculating the thermal effective potential?**

Given a tree-level potential $V_0(\phi)$, we can obtain the mass matrix

$$\mathbb{M}_{ij}^2(\phi) = \frac{\partial^2 V_0(\phi)}{\partial \phi_i \partial \phi_j}, \quad i = (\text{all scalar fields}).$$

Get field dependent masses:

$$m_k^2(\phi) = U_{ki}(\theta) \mathbb{M}_{ij}^2(\phi) U_{jk}^\dagger(\theta)$$

Zero temperature 1-loop potential

$$V_{\text{CW}}(m_i^2(\phi)) = \frac{1}{64\pi^2} \sum_i (-1)^{2s_i} n_i |m_i^2(\phi)|^2 \left[\log \left(\frac{m_i^2(\phi)}{\mu^2} \right) - k_i \right].$$

Static equilibrium thermal field theory

Introduce a thermal plasma from a compact Euclidean time

$$p_\mu = (i\omega_n, \vec{k}) \quad \omega_n = \begin{cases} 2\pi n/\beta & \text{for bosons} \\ (2n+1)\pi/\beta & \text{for fermions} \end{cases} \quad \int \frac{dp^0}{2\pi} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\beta} \sum_n$$

1-loop thermal potential

$$V_T(m^2(\phi), T) = \frac{T^4}{2\pi^2} \left[\sum_k n_k J_B \left(\frac{m_k^2(\phi)}{T^2} \right) - \sum_{k=F} n_k J_F \left(\frac{m_k^2(\phi)}{T^2} \right) \right]$$

$$J_{B,F}(y) = \int_0^\infty dk k^2 \log \left[1 \mp e^{-\sqrt{k^2+y}} \right]$$

High temperature limit:

$$J_B(y)|_{HT} \approx -\frac{\pi^4}{45} + \frac{\pi^2}{12}y - \frac{\pi}{6}y^{3/2} - \frac{1}{32}y^2 \log\left(\frac{y}{a_B}\right) + \mathcal{O}(y^3),$$

$$J_F(y)|_{HT} \approx \frac{7\pi^4}{360} - \frac{\pi^2}{24}y - \frac{1}{32}y^2 \log\left(\frac{y}{a_F}\right) + \mathcal{O}(y^3),$$

$$y=m^2/T^2$$

Low temperature limit:

$$J_{B,F}(y)|_{LT} \approx -\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)^{1/2} y^{3/4} e^{-\sqrt{y}} \left(1 + \frac{15}{8}y^{-1/2}\right)$$

Propagators see thermal bath

$$G(\omega, \mathbf{p}) = \frac{1}{\omega^2 + |\mathbf{p}|^2 - m_0^2(\phi) - \Pi(\omega, \mathbf{p}; T)}$$

Gap equation

$$M_k^2(\phi, T) = m_{0,k}^2(\phi) + \Pi_k(M^2(\phi, T), 0; T)$$

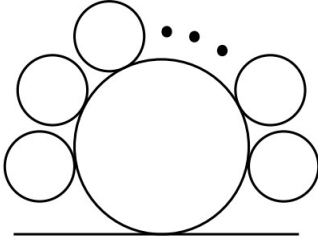
Truncated high temperature thermal mass:

$$M_{ij}^2(\phi, T) \simeq m_{0,ij}^2(\phi) + \Pi_{ij}(m_0^2(\phi), T) \quad (\text{Truncated gap eq.})$$

$$m_{\text{eff}}^2(T) \simeq m_0^2 + \Pi(T) \simeq m_0^2 + \lambda T^2$$

The problem is, **finite temperature QFT loses perturbativity**
(near the critical temperature)

Finite temperature QFT: loss of perturbativity



(daisy) $\sim \frac{\lambda^2 T^3}{\bar{m}} \left(\frac{\lambda T^2}{\bar{m}^2} \right)^{n-2} .$

When $\lambda T^2 > m^2$

Theory becomes non-perturbative!

Daisy diagrams require a reorganization of the perturbative expansion

Dealing with perturbativity breakdown: Resummation

- Arnold-Espinosa scheme
- Parwani scheme

Pros: Easy to implement

Cons: Only reliable at $T \gg m$

Inconsistent higher order corrections

- Full-dressing
With full gap-equation

Pros: Self-consistent at all temperatures

Cons: Harder to implement than AE & Parw

Miscounts Daisy/Superdaisy diagrams

- Partial-dressing

Pros: **Self-consistent at all temperatures**

Correct higher-loop daisy contributions

Cons: **Harder to implement than AE & Parw**

Arnold-Espinosa scheme:

$$V_{\text{eff}}^{\text{AE}}(\phi, T) = V_0(\phi) + V_{\text{CW}}(m_i^2(\phi)) + V_{\text{CT}}(\phi) + V_T(m_i^2(\phi), T) + V_{\text{Daisy}}^{\text{AE}}(\phi, T).$$

$$V_{\text{Daisy}}^{\text{AE}}(\phi, T) = -\frac{T}{12\pi} \sum_i \left((m_{T,i}^2(\phi, T))^{3/2} - (m_i^2(\phi))^{3/2} \right)$$

Resums only the daisy diagrams!

$$V_N^{\text{daisy}} = -\frac{T}{12\pi} \frac{1}{N!} \left(\frac{\lambda T^2}{4} \right)^N \left(\frac{d}{dm^2} \right)^N m^3$$

$$\sum_{N=0}^{\infty} V_N^{\text{daisy}} = -\frac{T}{12\pi} \left(m^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4} T^2 \right)^{3/2}.$$

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Parwani scheme:

$$\gamma_{\text{eff}}^{\text{Par}}(m_{T,i}^2, T) = V_0(\phi) + V_{\text{CW}}(m_{T,i}^2(\phi, T)) + V_{\text{CT}}(\phi) + V_T(m_{T,i}^2(\phi, T)).$$

Add and subtract the thermal mass to the lagrangian

Then, redefine the pole mass to include thermal effects.

In Parwani all modes are resummed, not only the problematic zero modes

Full dressing: Replace thermal mass in the effective potential

Both Arnold-Espinosa and Parwani are examples of **truncated full-dressing**

$$m_{\text{eff}}^2(T) \simeq m_0^2 + \Pi(T) \simeq m_0^2 + \lambda T^2$$

Easy to evaluate analytically in the high-temperature regime.

But, near the critical temperature this approximation is not reliable.

→ **One needs to solve the full gap equation self-consistently**

→ **Then FD takes the thermal mass and replaces it in $V_{\text{eff}}(T)$**

$$V_{\text{eff}}(M^2(\phi, T)) = V_0(\phi) + V_{\text{CT}}(\phi) + V_{\text{CW}}(M^2(\phi, T)) + V_T(M^2(\phi, T), T)$$

Partial Dressing (Tadpole resummation)

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Gravitational waves and tadpole resummation: Efficient and easy convergence of finite temperature QFT

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Partial Dressing

1. Solve the full gap-equation for the thermal mass.
2. Insert the obtained thermal mass into **the first derivative of the potential**.
3. Integrate the tadpole to get the resummed potential.

$$M^2(\phi, T) = m_0^2(\phi) + \Pi(M^2(\phi, T), T),$$

$$V_{\text{eff}}^{\text{PD}} = \int d\phi \left(\frac{\partial V_{\text{eff}}(m_i^2(\phi), T)}{\partial \phi} \right)_{m_i^2(\phi) \rightarrow M_i^2(\phi, T)}$$

Full vs Partial-Dressing

- The **truncated methods** have several issues:
 - Rely on the high-temperature regime
 - Inconsistent higher-order effects

For strong first order phase transitions they can be very unreliable

(Field excursions of order of the temperature)

- Boyd (1993) showed that full-dressing miscounts 2-loop daisy and superdaisy diagrams

Partial dressing correctly incorporates daisy and superdaisy and allows to go to intermediate temperature regime

Case study: The two-Higgs Doublet Model

$$V_0 = m_{11}^2 |\Phi_1|^2 + m_{22}^2 |\Phi_2|^2 - m_{12}^2 \left(\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_2 + \text{h.c.} \right) + \frac{\lambda_1}{2} \left(\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_1 \right)^2 + \frac{\lambda_2}{2} \left(\Phi_2^\dagger \Phi_2 \right)^2 \\ + \lambda_3 \left(\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_1 \right) \left(\Phi_2^\dagger \Phi_2 \right) + \lambda_4 \left(\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_2 \right) \left(\Phi_2^\dagger \Phi_1 \right) + \frac{\lambda_5}{2} \left[\left(\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_2 \right)^2 + \text{h.c.} \right],$$

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CP-even

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Partial dressing in practice

$$M_k^2(\phi, T) = U_{ki}(\theta_T) \left[\frac{\partial^2 V_0}{\partial \phi_i \partial \phi_j} + \frac{\partial^2 V_{CT}}{\partial \phi_i \partial \phi_j} + \frac{\partial^2 V_{CW}}{\partial \phi_i \partial \phi_j} + \frac{\partial^2 V_T}{\partial \phi_i \partial \phi_j} \right] U_{jk}^\dagger(\theta_T)$$

Strategy: Write the self-energy in terms of

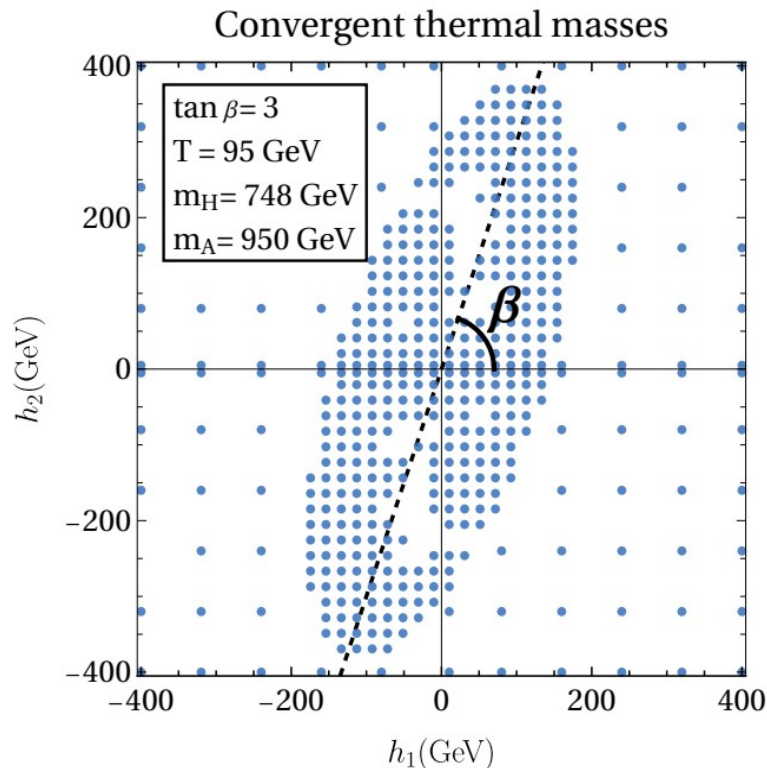
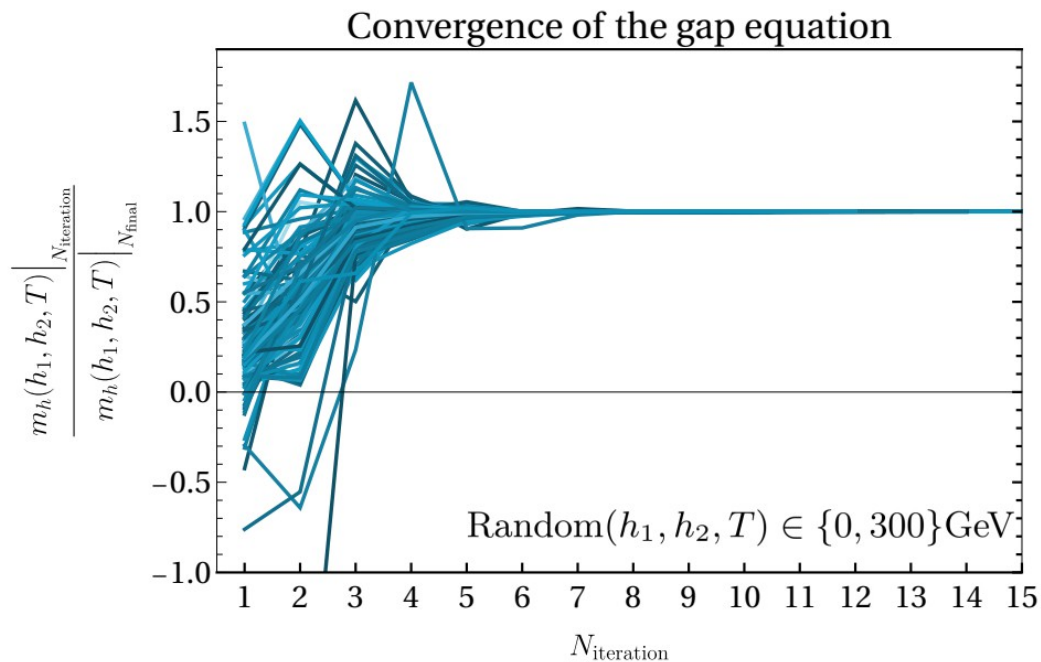
- $m_{0,k}^2(h_1, h_2)$, $k = h, H, G_0, A, G^\pm, H^\pm$ $x_i \equiv M^2(h_1, h_2, T)|_{\text{iteration}=i}$
- $\frac{dm_{0,k}^2}{d\phi_a}(h_1, h_2)$, $\phi_a = h_1, h_2, a_1, a_2, \phi_1^\pm, \phi_2^\pm$ $x_{i,a} = x_{i,a}(x_i, \theta_T) = \frac{dx_i}{d\phi_a}$
- $\frac{d^2 m_{0,k}^2}{d\phi_a d\phi_b}(h_1, h_2)$, $\phi_{a,b} = h_1, h_2, a_1, a_2, \phi_1^\pm, \phi_2^\pm$ $x_{i,ab} = x_{i,ab}(x_i, \theta_T) = \frac{d^2 x_i}{d\phi_a d\phi_b}$
- $\theta_T(h_1, h_2, T)$.

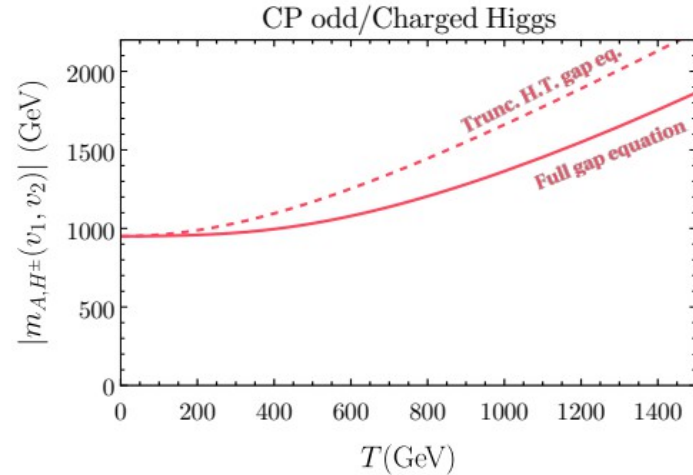
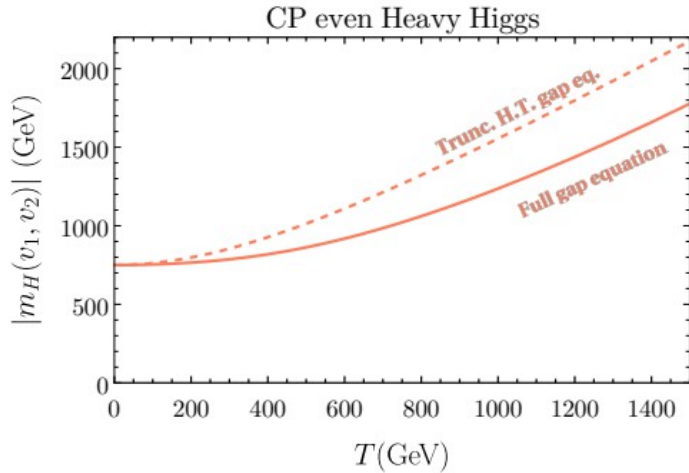
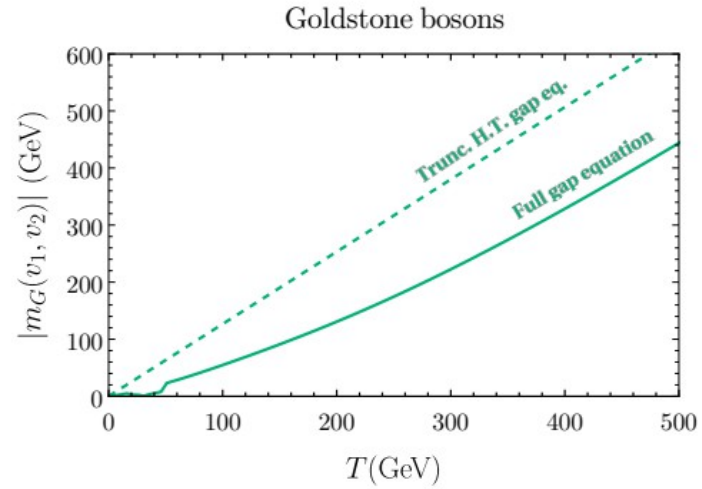
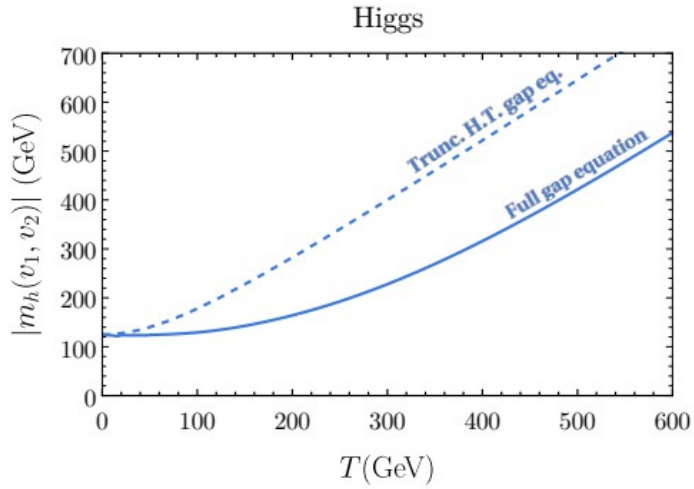
$$x_1 = m_0^2(h_1, h_2) ,$$

$$x_{i+1} = x_i + U^{-1}(\theta_T) \Pi(x_i, x_{i,a}, x_{i,ab}) U(\theta_T)$$

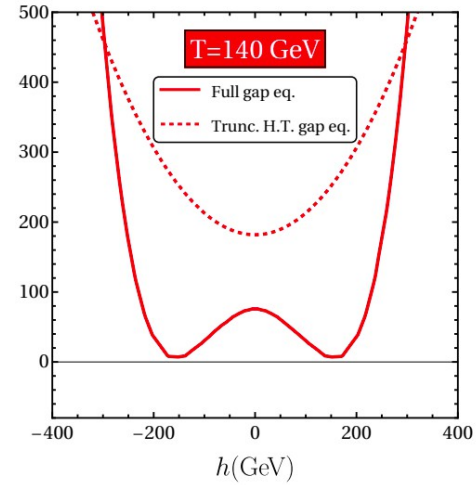
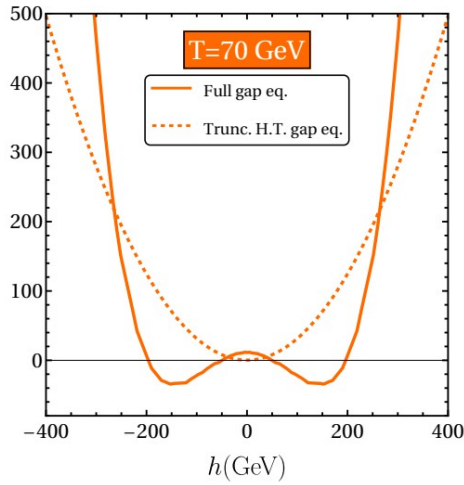
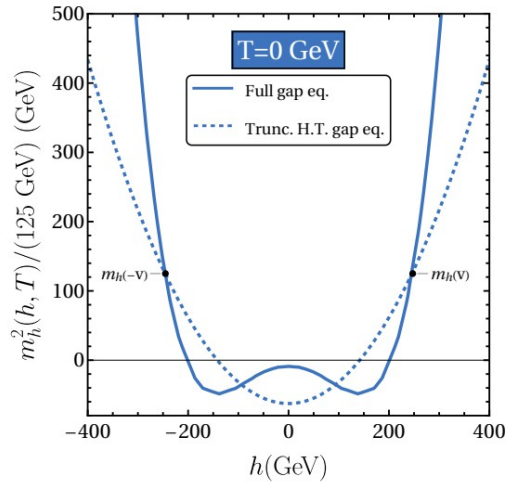
Gap equation can be unstable in MSbar!

→ On-shell renormalization scheme helps

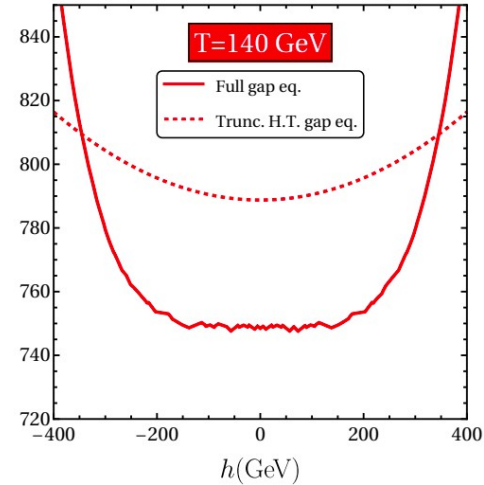
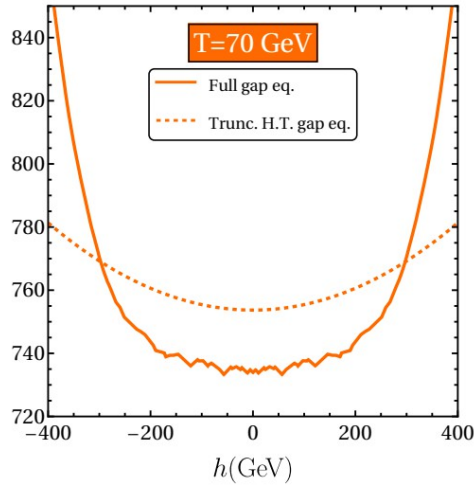
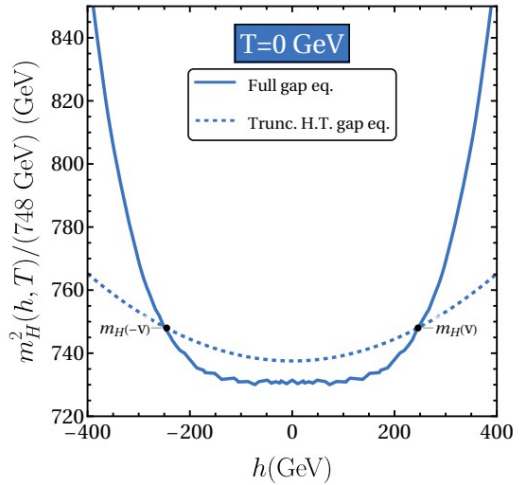


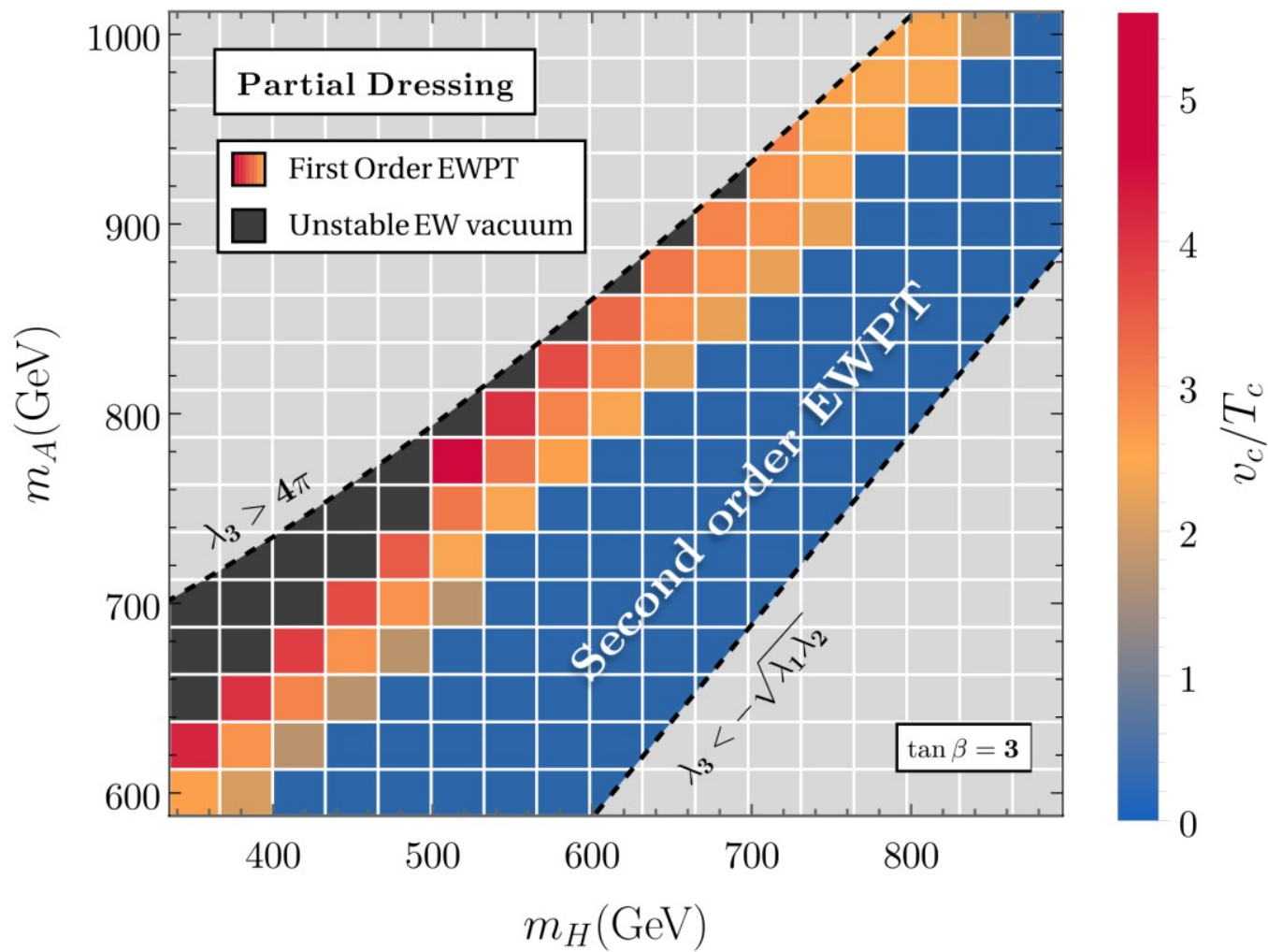


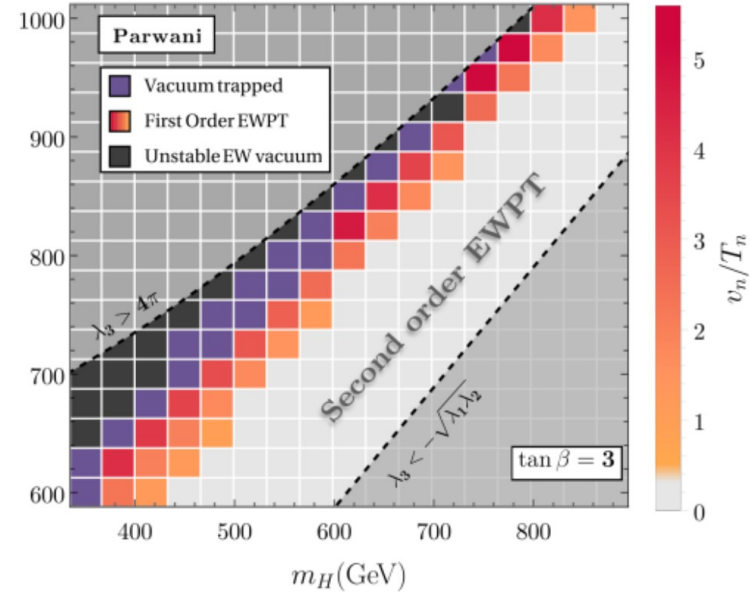
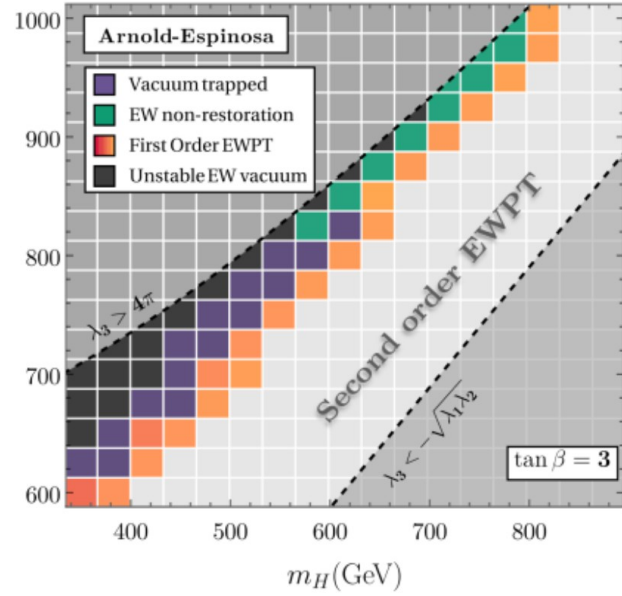
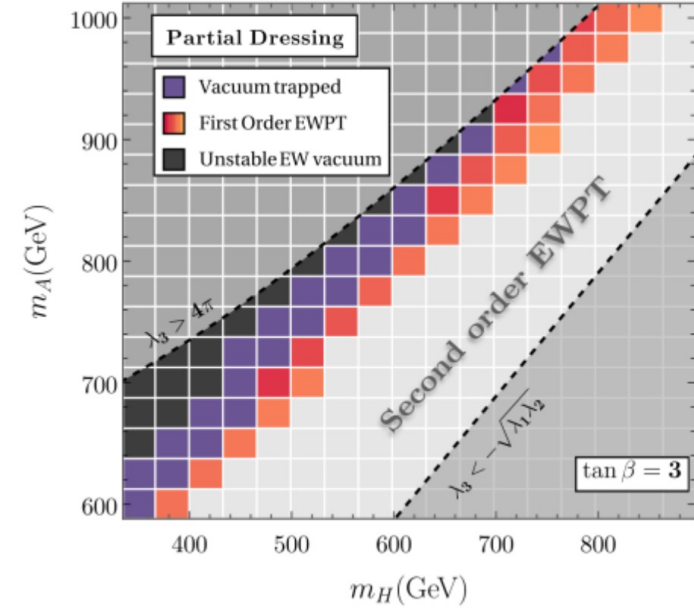
Higgs Thermal Mass



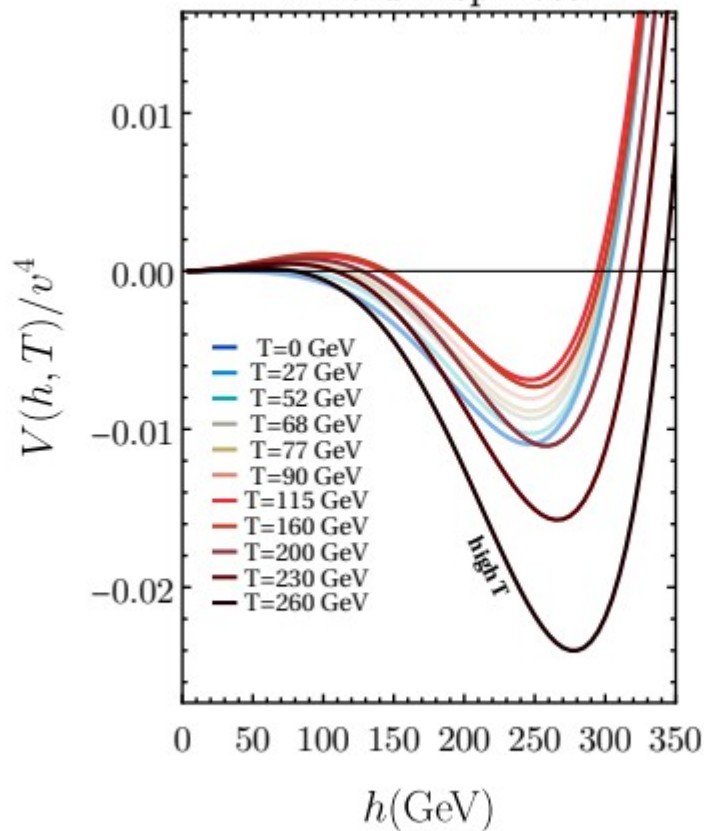
Heavy Higgs Thermal Mass



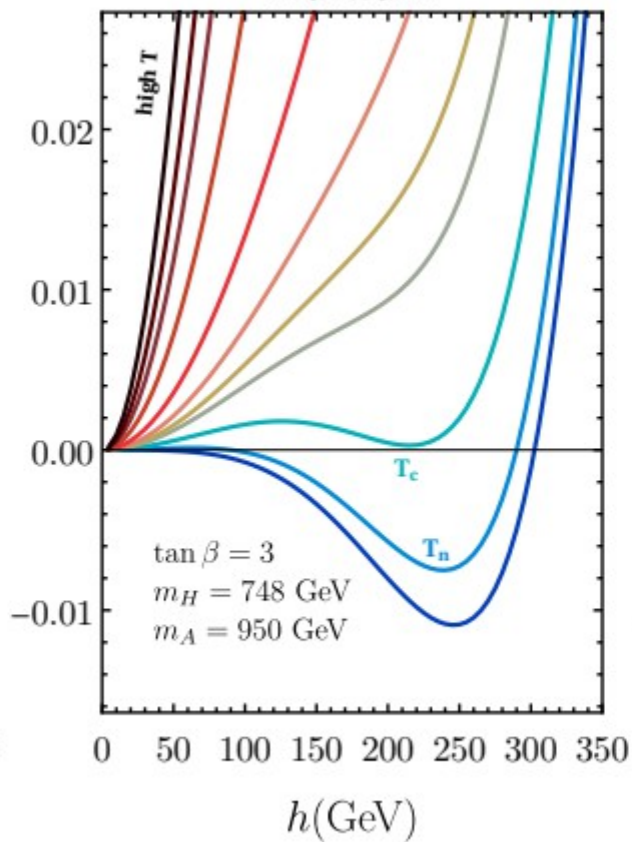




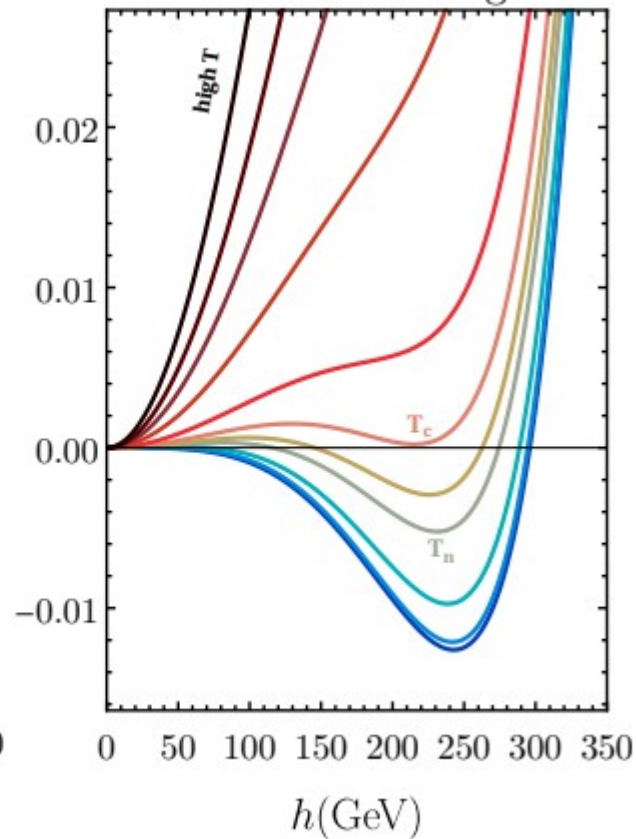
Arnold–Espinosa



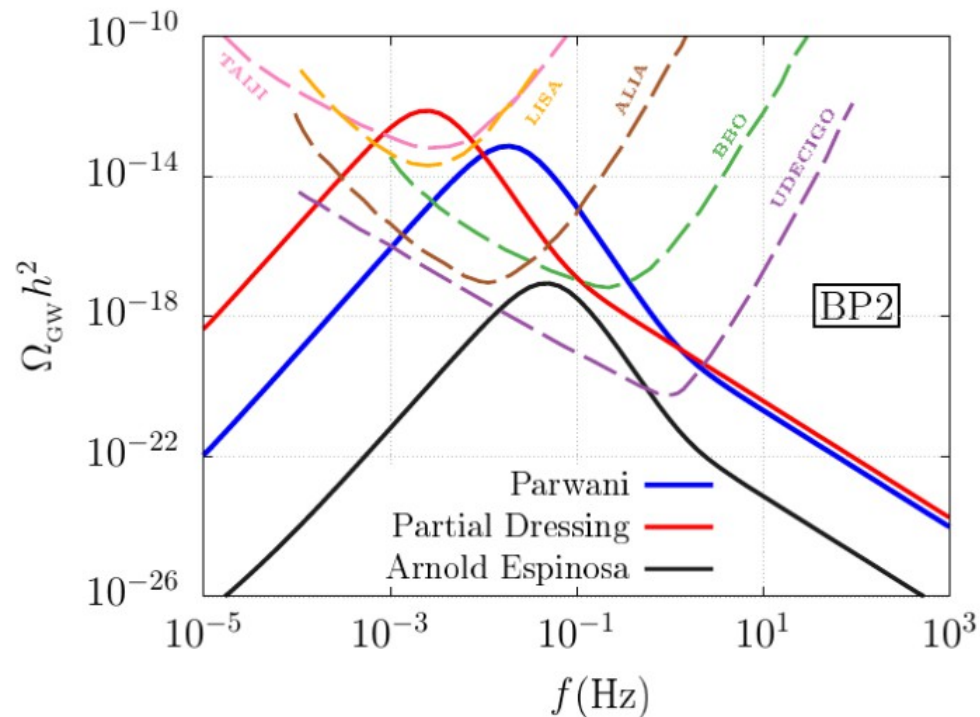
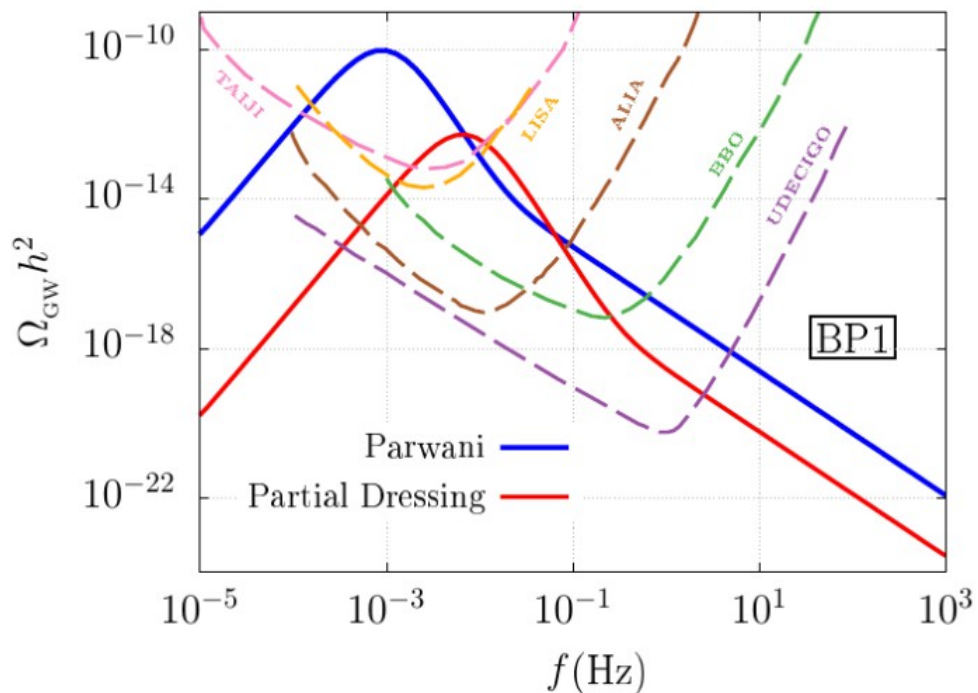
Parwani



Partial Dressing



Uncertainties in GW predictions



- **Partial dressing is superior to other resummation schemes**
- **But it is harder to implement...**

How much can we trust our predictions?

More refined methods are required for that

(and there has been progress)

Summary

- Studied the EW phase transition in the 2HDM using different resummation methods.
- Truncated schemes (AE, Parwani) fail near the critical temperature.
- Full dressing is self-consistent but miscounts higher-loop diagrams.
- Partial dressing is reliable and captures all relevant thermal effects.
- In 2HDM, methods disagree sharply — e.g. on symmetry non-restoration.
- **Accurate predictions (e.g. GWs) require self-consistent resummation.**

Thank you

Gravitational waves

Latent Heat:

$$\alpha = \frac{\epsilon}{\rho_{\text{rad}}^*} = \frac{1}{\rho_{\text{rad}}^*} \left[T \frac{d\Delta V(T)}{dT} - \Delta V(T) \right] \Big|_{T_*},$$

Time scale of the phase transition:

$$\beta = - \frac{dS_3}{dt} \Big|_{t_*} \simeq \frac{\dot{\Gamma}}{\Gamma} = H_* T_* \frac{d(S_3/T)}{dT} \Big|_{T_*},$$

$$\Omega_{\text{SW}} h^2 = 2.65 \times 10^{-6} \Upsilon(\tau_{\text{SW}}) \left(\frac{\beta}{H_\star} \right)^{-1} v_w \left(\frac{\kappa_v \alpha}{1 + \alpha} \right)^2 \left(\frac{g_\star}{100} \right)^{-\frac{1}{3}} \left(\frac{f}{f_{\text{SW}}} \right)^3 \left[\frac{7}{4 + 3 \left(\frac{f}{f_{\text{SW}}} \right)^2} \right]^{\frac{7}{2}} .$$

$$f_{\text{SW}} = 1.9 \times 10^{-5} \text{ Hz} \left(\frac{1}{v_w} \right) \left(\frac{\beta}{H_\star} \right) \left(\frac{T_n}{100 \text{ GeV}} \right) \left(\frac{g_\star}{100} \right)^{\frac{1}{6}} .$$