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# On the running of the coupling constants in gravity

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• Perturbatively renormalized theory:  $\lambda \varphi^4$  theory

$$-iM = -i\lambda + \frac{3i\lambda^2}{32\pi^2} \left[ \frac{2}{\varepsilon} + \log 4\pi - \gamma \right] - \frac{i\lambda^2}{2(4\pi)^2} \left[ \log \left( \frac{-s}{\mu^2} \right) + \log \left( \frac{-t}{\mu^2} \right) + \log \left( \frac{-u}{\mu^2} \right) \right]$$

renormalize at  $s = t = u = -4M^2/3$ 

$$-i\lambda(M) = -i\lambda + \frac{3i\lambda^2}{32\pi^2} \left[ \frac{2}{\varepsilon} + \log 4\pi - \gamma \right] - \frac{3i\lambda^2}{2(4\pi)^2} \log \left( \frac{4M^2}{3\mu^2} \right)$$

$$\beta(\lambda) = \frac{3\lambda^2}{16\pi^2}$$
 Universal!

$$-iM = -i\lambda(E) - \frac{i\lambda^{2}(E)}{2(4\pi)^{2}} \left[ \log\left(\frac{s}{2E^{2}}\right) + \log\left(\frac{-t}{2E^{2}}\right) + \log\left(\frac{-u}{2E^{2}}\right) + i\pi \right]$$

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# Effective field theory



- We do not have a dimensionless expansion parameter, instead we expand in powers of  $\frac{E}{\Lambda}$
- Effective field theories are not perturbatively renormalized: you need an infinite number of counter terms

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# Gravity as an effective field theory



Einstein gravity is an effective field theory:

$$\ell = \Lambda + \frac{2}{\kappa^2} R \quad , \kappa^2 = 32\pi G$$

- We take  $\frac{E}{M_p}$  as our expansion parameter
- Gravity is not perturbatively renormalized: loop corrections demand an infinite number of counter terms

$$\ell = \Lambda + \frac{2}{\kappa^2} R + c_1 R^2 + c_2 R_{\mu\nu} R^{\mu\nu} + \dots$$

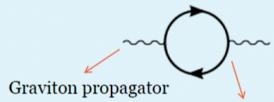
• Pure gravity is finite to one-loop: since  $R_{\mu\nu} = 0$ 

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# Standard results in quantum gravity



 Quantum corrections to lower order operators are absorbed in higher order operators



scalar

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$$c_1 R^2 + c_2 R_{\mu\nu} R^{\mu\nu}$$

• Non-local remnants will have effect on the low energy physics:  $\log(-q^2), \sqrt{-q^2}$ 

Quantum piece

Classical piece

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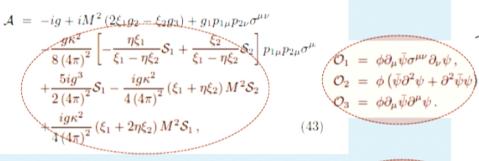
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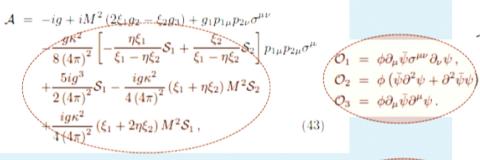
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Trying to define a running coupling:

$$\mathcal{A} = -ig(M) + iM^2 \left( 2\xi_1 g_2(M) - \xi_2 g_3(M) \right) + g_1(M) p_{1\mu} p_{2\nu} \sigma^{\mu\nu} .$$

$$g_1(M) = g_1 - \frac{\eta g \kappa^2}{8 (4\pi)^2} \log \left(\frac{M^2}{\mu^2}\right) ,$$

$$\begin{split} \frac{\partial \mathcal{A}}{\partial (\xi_1 M^2)} &= 2ig_2(M) \\ \frac{\partial \mathcal{A}}{\partial (\xi_2 M^2)} &= -ig_3(M) \,. \end{split}$$

$$\beta(g) = \frac{5g^3}{(4\pi)^2} - \frac{\eta \xi_2 g \kappa^2}{2(4\pi)^2} M^2,$$

$$\beta(g_1) = -\frac{\eta g \kappa^2}{4(4\pi)^2},$$

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$$\beta(g_3) = \frac{\eta g \kappa^2}{2 (4\pi)^2}.$$

Non-universal Symmetry crossing problem!

The running of the coupling does not make sense!

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- Let us see if we can define a running of the gravitational coupling K M.A., J. Donoghue; Arxiv: 1111.2875
- 1) vacuum polarization



$$G(q^2) = G \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{60\pi} G q^2 \ln \left( \frac{-q^2}{\mu_2^2} \right) + \frac{7}{10\pi} G q^2 \ln \left( \frac{-q^2}{\mu_1^2} \right) \right] \, .$$

For space like: increase in G For time like: decrease in G In Euclidean: increase in G

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$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{tree} + \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{rad.} + \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{nonrad.} = \text{Donoghue and Torma}$$

$$= \frac{\kappa^4 s^5}{2048\pi^2 t^2 u^2} \left\{ 1 + \frac{\kappa^2 s}{16\pi^2} \left[ \ln \frac{-t}{s} \ln \frac{-u}{s} + \frac{tu}{2s^2} f\left(\frac{-t}{s}, \frac{-u}{s}\right) \right] - \left(\frac{t}{s} \ln \frac{-t}{s} + \frac{u}{s} \ln \frac{-u}{s}\right) \left( 3\ln(2\pi^2) + \gamma + \ln \frac{s}{\mu^2} + \frac{\sum_{ij} \eta_i \eta_j \mathcal{F}^{(1)}(\gamma_{ij})}{\sum_{ij} \eta_i \eta_j \mathcal{F}^{(0)}(\gamma_{ij})} \right) \right\}$$

$$s=2E^2,\ t=u=-E^2$$

$$G^{2}(E) = G^{2} \left[ 1 + \frac{\kappa^{2} E^{2} \left( \ln^{2} 2 + \frac{1}{8} \left( \frac{2297}{180} + \frac{63\pi^{2}}{64} \right) \right)}{8\pi^{2}} \right]$$

G increases with increasing E

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$$1 + \frac{\kappa^2 E^2 \left(\frac{29}{10} \ln 2 - \frac{67}{45}\right)}{16\pi^2}$$

G increases with increasing E But different coefficient

Non-universality!

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$$s = 2E^2, \ t = u = -E^2.$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{total} = \mathcal{M}_{tree} + \mathcal{M}_{h} = i \frac{9\kappa^{2}E^{2}}{8} \left[ 1 - \frac{\kappa^{2}E^{2}}{360\left(4\pi\right)^{2}} \left( 609 \ln \frac{E^{2}}{\mu^{2}} + \left( 340\pi^{2} + \left( 123 - 340 \ln 2 \right) \ln 2 \right) \right) \right]$$

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G decreases with increasing E! Opposite to the pure gravity case!

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Different scalars (only t-channel)

$$A + B \rightarrow A + B$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{total} = \frac{i\kappa^2 E^2}{2} \left[ 1 - \frac{\kappa^2 E^2}{10(4\pi)^2} \left( (19 + 10\ln 2) \ln \left( \frac{E^2}{\mu^2} \right) + 5 \left( \pi^2 - (\ln 2 - 1) \ln 2 \right) \right) \right]$$

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 Symmetry crossing

$$\mathcal{M}_{total} = \frac{i\kappa^2 E^2}{8} \left[ 1 + \frac{\kappa^2 E^2}{10(4\pi)^2} \left( 9 \ln \left( \frac{E^2}{\mu^2} \right) - 5\pi^2 + (19 + 5 \ln 2) \ln 2 \right) \right]$$

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Crossing symmetry problem!

### Conclusion



- No universal and useful definition of running constants in gravity, at least in the perturbative region!
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### Dilaton Quantum Gravity

A Functional Renormalization Group Approach

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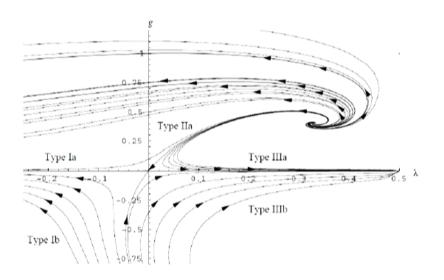
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### The Flow Diagram of Quantum Einstein Gravity



### Reuter, 1998

Coupling Constants approach a nontrivial UV Fixed Point Prospect of Gravity being Asymptotically Safe

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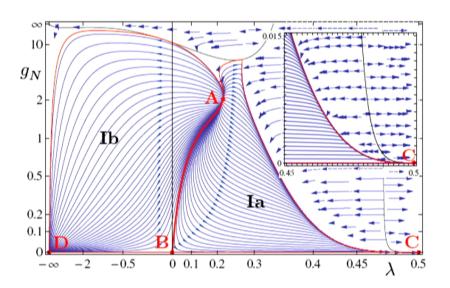
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### The Flow Diagram of Quantum Einstein Gravity



Christiansen, Litim, Pawlowski, Rodigast, 2012

Stable Infrared Scenarios

 $\implies$  Prospect of UV and IR consistent theory

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### Asymptotically Safe Quantum Gravity

#### FRG Technicalities

- Regulator Dependence
- Background Dependence
- Truncation Stability

### Coupling to SM

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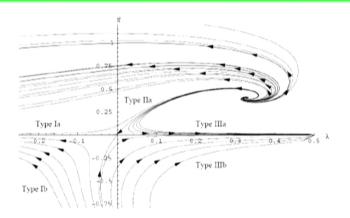
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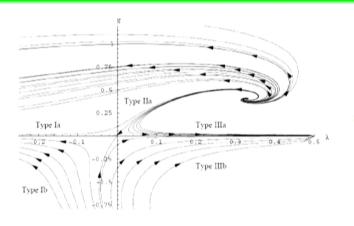
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Summary and Outlook

### What defines a fixed point?



Naturally,  $\partial_t \tilde{g}_i = 0$ .

⇒ at a fixed point, the scale becomes irrelevant

#### Strategy: encode scale in a real scalar field $\chi$

 $[\chi] = k$ 

on the fixed point
dilatation symmetry intact
scale invariance

 → away from fixed point

 dilatation symmetry broken
 nonzero Planck mass

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### Setup & Action

$$\Gamma_k [g_{\mu\nu}] = \frac{1}{16\pi G_{N,k}} \int d^d x \sqrt{g} \left(2\Lambda_k - R[g_{\mu\nu}]\right)$$

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### Dilatation Symmetry

- Dilatations  $\leftrightarrow$  Conformal Transformations  $g_{\mu\nu}(x) \mapsto \Omega(x) g_{\mu\nu}(x)$  with  $\Omega = const.$
- Dilatation  $\leftrightarrow$  **global** resetting of the physical scale
- Dilatation Symmetry ↔ Physical Scale is introduced only by expectation value of the scalar field
- Arising Goldstone Boson: Dilaton

#### Dilatation Symmetric Actions

 $\Gamma$  is invariant under dilatations



all couplings have scaling dimension 0.

$$d = 4: \Gamma = \int d^d x \sqrt{g} \left( v \chi^4 - \frac{1}{2} f \chi^2 R + \frac{1}{2} g_{\mu\nu} \partial^{\mu} \chi \partial^{\nu} \chi \right)$$

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Characterisation of Fixed Point via Dilatation Symmetry

- a scale invariant IR limit for Einstein-Hilbert Quatum Gravity
- b generation of Planck mass via breaking of dilatation symmetry
- c quintessence cosmology scenarios with vanishing cosmological constant

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#### **Fixed Point Action**

Let 
$$y = \frac{\chi^2}{k^2}$$
,  $V_k(\chi^2) = k^4 y^2 v_k(y)$ ,  $F_k(\chi^2) = k^2 y f_k(y)$ 

⇒ Dilatation Symmetric parts factored out

#### proposed fixed point for large y

$$\lim_{y \to \infty} f(y) = \xi \qquad \lim_{y \to \infty} v(y) = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow \Gamma = \int d^4x \sqrt{g} \left( \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_{\mu} \chi \, \partial_{\nu} \chi - \frac{1}{2} \xi \chi^2 \, R \right)$$
 (Jordan)

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 (Einstein)

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### Properties of the Fixed Point

- Let  $f_0 = \lim_{y \to \infty} f_k(y)$
- $\Rightarrow$  Gravitational Interaction scales like  $f_0^{-1}\chi^{-2}$
- $\Rightarrow$  Gravity induced flow from  $f_0^{-1}y^{-1}$  with  $\lim_{y\to\infty}f_0^{-1}y^{-1}=0$
- $\Rightarrow$  For  $\lim_{y\to\infty} v_k(y) = 0$  free scalar theory
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### Fixed Point Solutions

1 for  $y=\chi^2/k^2\to 0$  or  $\infty$ : Taylor Expansions in y or  $y^{-1}$ 

#### Infrared: $y o \infty$

- $\bullet \ \chi \to \infty \text{ or } k \to 0$
- finite limits for flow generators  $\zeta_V, \zeta_F$
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### Ultraviolet: $y \rightarrow 0$

- $\chi \to 0$  or  $k \to \infty$
- set of flow equations not closed
- treat  $V_0$  and  $F_0$  as "free" parameters

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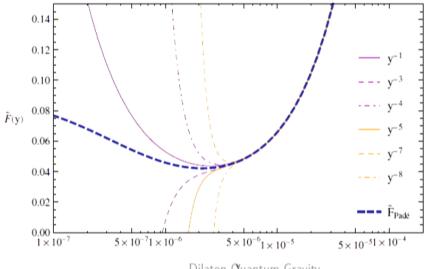
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### Closing the Gap: Possible Global Solutions

a Einstein-Hilbert Gravity + Scalar Field

$$\Leftrightarrow \ \tilde{V} = y^2 v(y) = 0.008620 \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{F} = y f(y) = 0.04751$$

b Continuations of Taylor Expansions around  $y=\infty$ 



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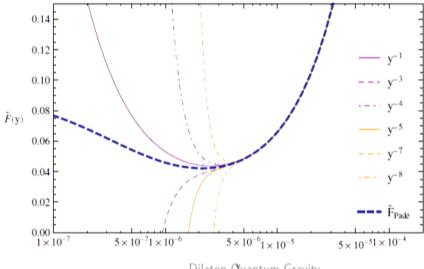
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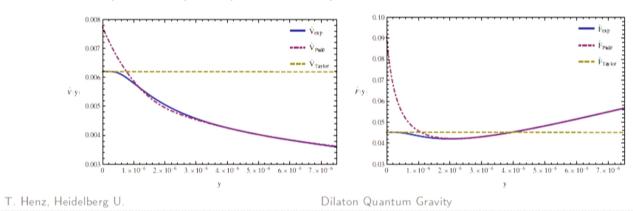
### Padé ressumation

#### Strategy:

- stick with Taylor Solution for as long as possible
- $\bullet$  smoothen solution for  $y\to 0$
- $\bullet$  connect to known solution for small y

#### Padé resummation:

- Expand both numerator and denominator in powers of  $y^{-1}$
- ullet dependency on parameter  $\xi$  remains



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### Physical Implications, Summary & Outlook

Dilatation symmetric infrared limit due to

$$\lim_{y \to \infty} V = 0, \quad \lim_{y \to \infty} F = \xi \chi^2$$

- $\bullet$  Planck mass is generated by spontaneous breaking of Dilatation Symmetry via  $\langle \chi \rangle \neq 0$
- Realistic gravity possible on a pure fixed point trajectory
- quintessence cosmology for small deviations from fixed point and  $y\gg 1$
- cosmological constant vanishes on and away from FP in the IR
- different classes of solutions / enlarged truncation
- wave function renormalisation and flat backgrounds
- adding matter

Thank you!

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# Fixed points of f(R) quantum gravity

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# Search for quantum gravity

- We want to combine the theories of general relativity and quantum mechanics.
- Theory should:
  - 1) Be free from unphysical divergences
  - 2) Be predictive
  - 3) Recover classical general relativity at low energies
- Two lengths scales associated to GR and QM

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# Asymptotic Safety: Restoring predictivity

 In order to restore predictivity at high energies Weinberg '79 proposed that gravity maybe asymptotically safe. This scenario requires the existence of a UV fixed point at high energies i.e.

$$\beta_i(\lambda_j^*) = 0$$
 for all (essential)  $\mathcal{O}_i$ 

with a finite number of relevant directions.

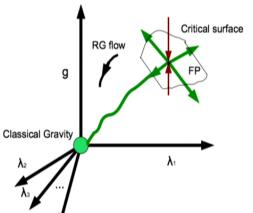
Linearising around the fixed point

$$eta_i(\lambda_j) = \sum_j M_{ij}(\lambda_j - \lambda_j^*)$$

The general solution can be expressed as

$$\lambda_i - \lambda_i^* = \sum_A C_A V_i^A e^{t\vartheta_A}$$

 $t=\log k/k_0$  • Number of eigenvalues  $\mathrm{Re}(\vartheta_A)<0$  = Number of free parameters



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### A bootstrap approach

- Step 1) Taking this to be true as a working hypothesis we can take the action to be approximated by a finite set of operators up to some maximum canonical mass dimension D.
- Step 2) The impact of the quantum fluctuations on the scaling exponents is quantified using methods e.g. RG, lattice, holography.
- Step 3) Increase the maximum  ${\cal D}$  and repeat the analysis.
- Studying the convergence step by step the original assumption will be confirmed or refuted.

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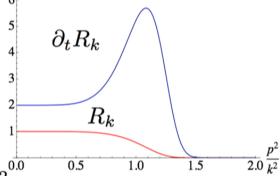
# F(R) approximation

Action

$$\Gamma_k = \int d^4 x \sqrt{\gamma} \ F(R) \, .$$

· RG equation

$$\partial_t \Gamma_k = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{STr} \frac{1}{\Gamma_k^{(2)} + R_k} \partial_t R_k,$$



- IR Regulator suppress modes  $~p^2 \ll k^2$
- For practical purposes use "optimized" regulator

$$R_k = (k^2 - p^2)\theta(k^2 - p^2)$$

Effective average action

$$\Gamma_k[\phi] \to S[\phi] \text{ for } k^2 \to \infty,$$

$$\Gamma_k[\phi] \to \Gamma[\phi] \text{ for } k^2 \to 0$$

## F(R) approximation

Dimensionless quantities

$$\frac{F_k(R)}{k^4} = \frac{1}{16\pi} f(\rho), \quad \rho = \frac{R}{k^2}$$

 Flow equation (Machado, Saueressig; Codello, Percacci, Rahmede)

$$\partial_t f + 4f - 2\rho f' = I[f].$$

LHS gives the canonical scaling, RHS encodes the fluctuations

$$I[f] = I_0[f] + \partial_t f' I_1[f] + \partial_t f'' I_2[f].$$

Polynomial approximation

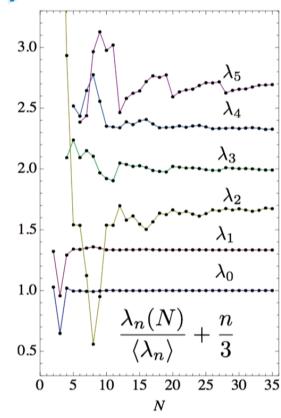
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# UV fixed point in f(R) quantum gravity

 For a non-Gaussian fixed point we look for solutions to

$$4f_* - 2\rho \, f_*' = I_0[f_*] \,,$$

- Consistent fixed point found up to N=35. ArXiv: 1301.4191. KF, D. Litim, K. Nikolakopoulos and C. Rahmede.
- Previous results up to N=11 (Bonanno, Contillo, Percacci).
- Convergence of fixed point values.
- Three relevant directions!
- Convergence of critical exponents.



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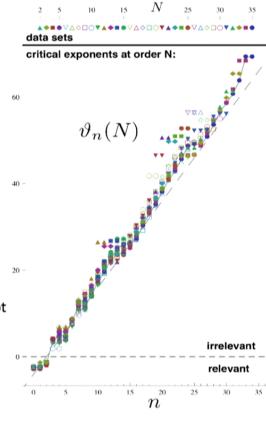
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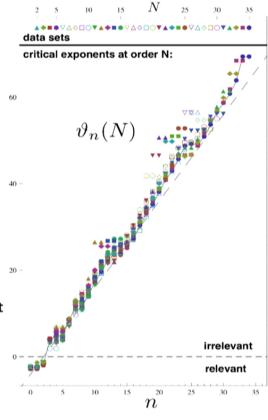
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### Flow into the IR: Classical limit

Integrated the RG flow into the IR with R<sup>3</sup> approximation:

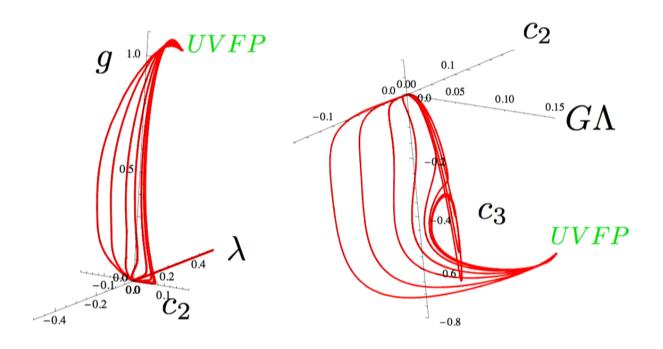
$$f(\rho) = \frac{1}{g}(2\lambda - \rho + c_2\rho^2 + c_3\rho^3)$$

- Gaussian FP where all couplings vanish
- Cosmological constant is an IR repulsive direction
- Dimensionless product  $G\Lambda$  can be tuned to be arbitrarily small.
- The UV fixed point has one irrelevant direction.

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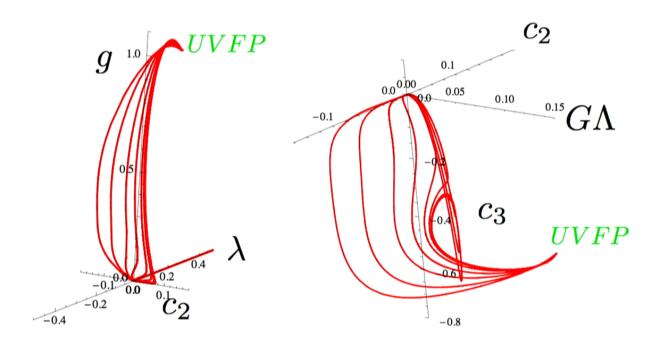
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## Conclusions and open questions

- Within the F(R) approximation a UV fixed point with near Gaussian exponents has been found.
- · Three relevant directions
- Agreement with Benedetti <u>arXiv:1301.4422</u>: existence of a fixed point  $\rightarrow$  finite number of relevant directions
- Classical limit is found R<sup>3</sup> approximation.
- Does this pattern carry over to the full theory?
- What about the inclusion of matter?

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