

# Fate of false vacuum at one-loop

~ To resolve the renormalization scale uncertainty ~

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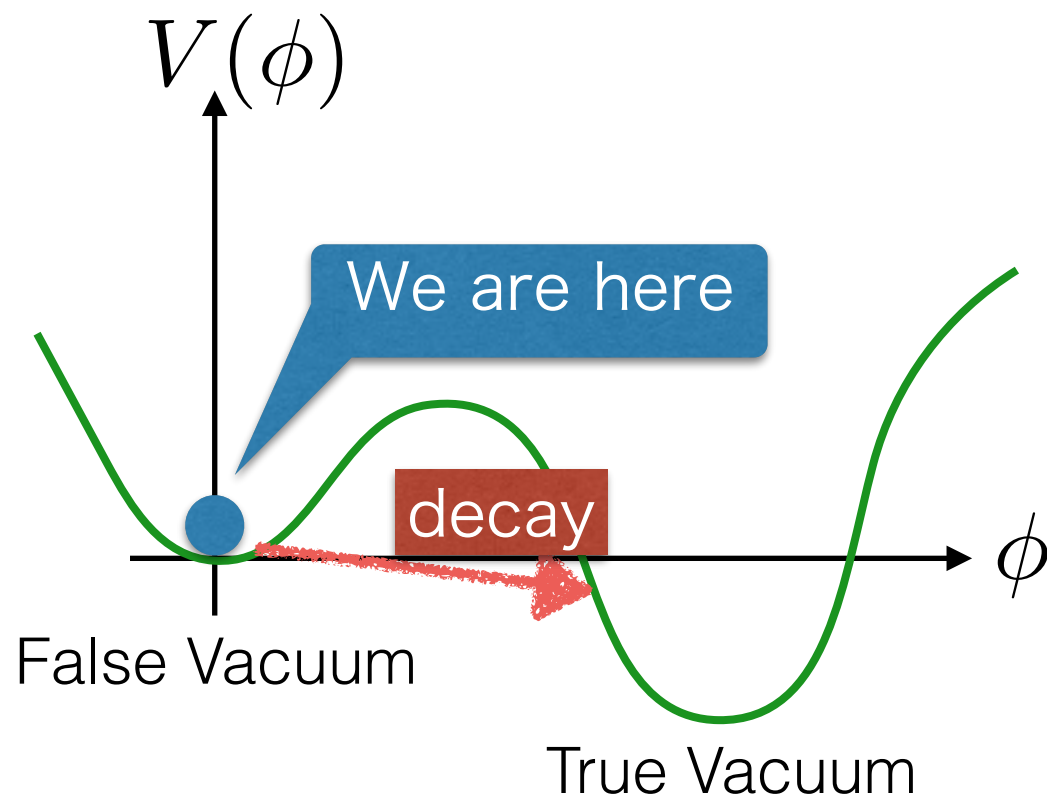
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# Introduction

# Vacuum decay



## Tree level potential

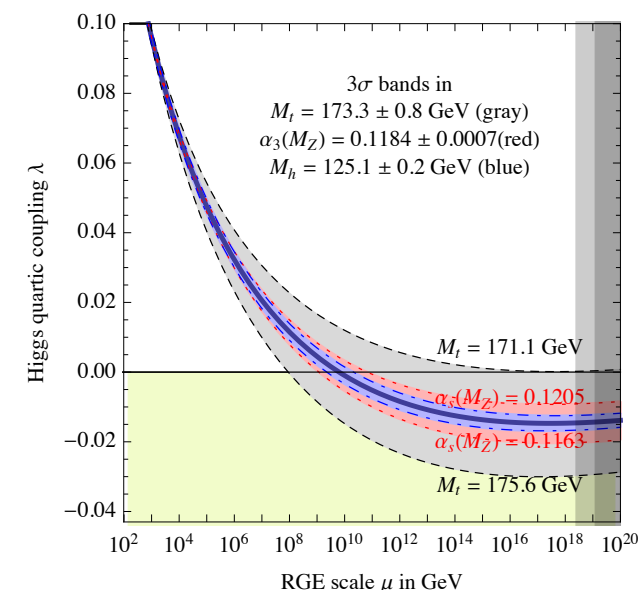
ex.) Supersymmetry

$h\tilde{t}_L\tilde{t}_R$  Higgs mass,  $hgg$ ,  $h\gamma\gamma$ , ...

$h\tilde{l}_L\tilde{l}_R$  muon  $g-2$ ,  $h\gamma\gamma$ , ...

## Effective potential

ex.) Standard Model

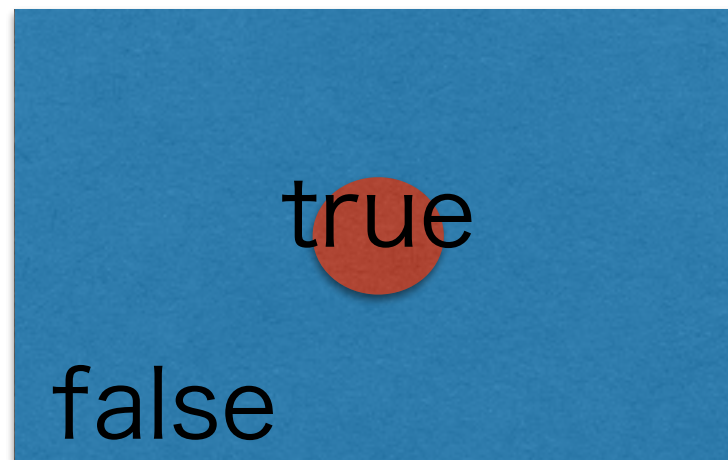


# Decay rate

“supercooled” state

bubble nucleation

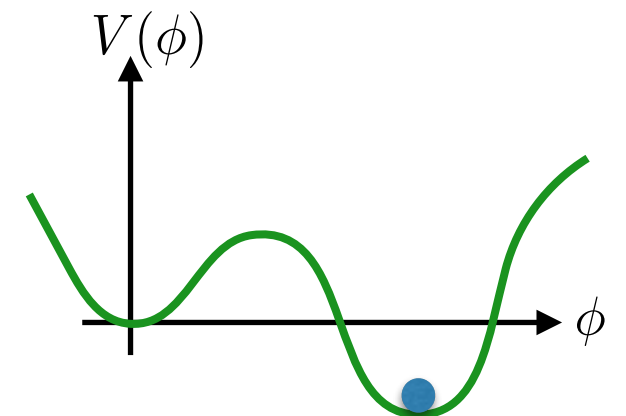
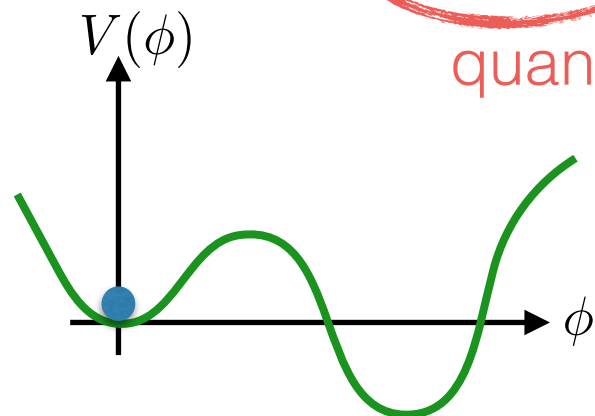
ground state



quantum / thermal fluctuation

bubble expansion

quantum jump to the same energy state



# Decay rate

Bubble nucleation rate

$$\gamma = Ae^{-B}$$

“WKB” in QM

bounce action

$$B = S(\phi_B)$$

dim. = 4

1/(time\*volume)

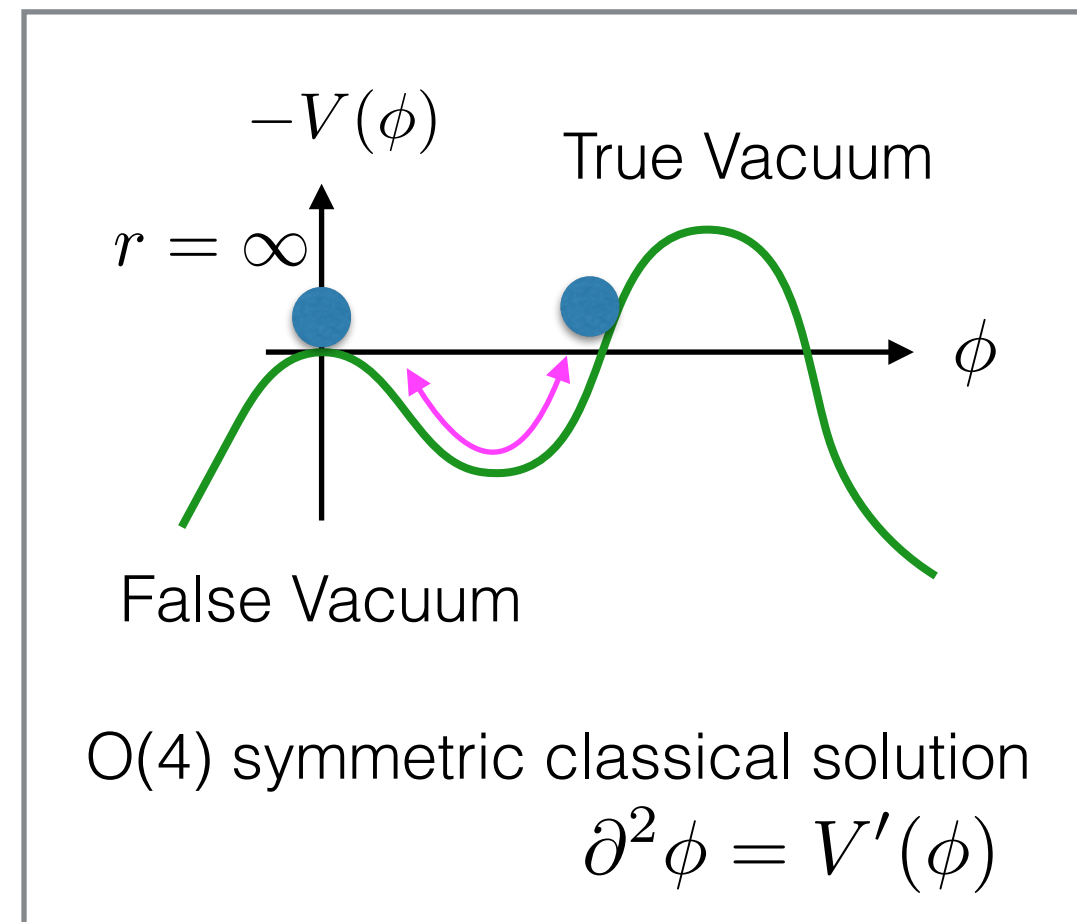
Pre-exponential factor

$$A \sim \mu^4$$

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typical scale

bounce solution



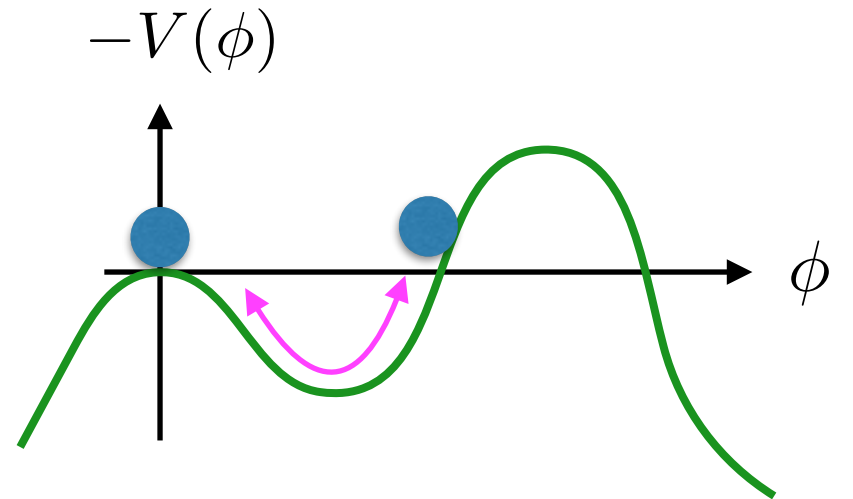
# Toy model

Potential

$$V = \frac{m^2}{2}\phi^2 - \frac{A}{2}\phi^3 + \frac{\alpha}{8}\phi^4$$

Bounce

$$\partial^2 \phi = V'(\phi)$$



Action

$$B = S_E(\phi_B) = \int d^4x \left[ \frac{1}{2}(\partial\phi_B)^2 + V(\phi_B) \right]$$

Decay rate

$$\gamma \simeq m^4 e^{-B}$$

# Toy model

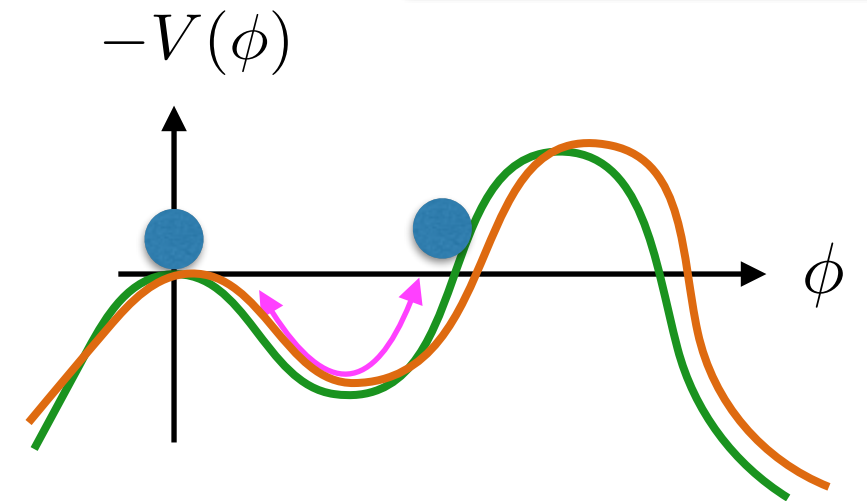
Potential

$$V = -\bar{t}(Q)\phi + \frac{\bar{m}^2(Q)}{2}\phi^2 - \frac{\bar{A}(Q)}{2}\phi^3 + \frac{\bar{\alpha}(Q)}{8}\phi^4$$

Scale dependent

Bounce

$$\partial^2 \phi = V'(\phi)$$



Action

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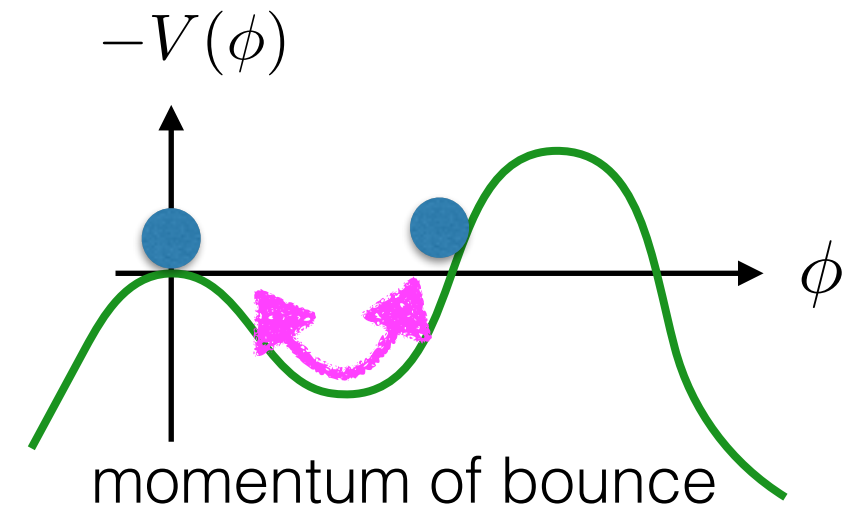
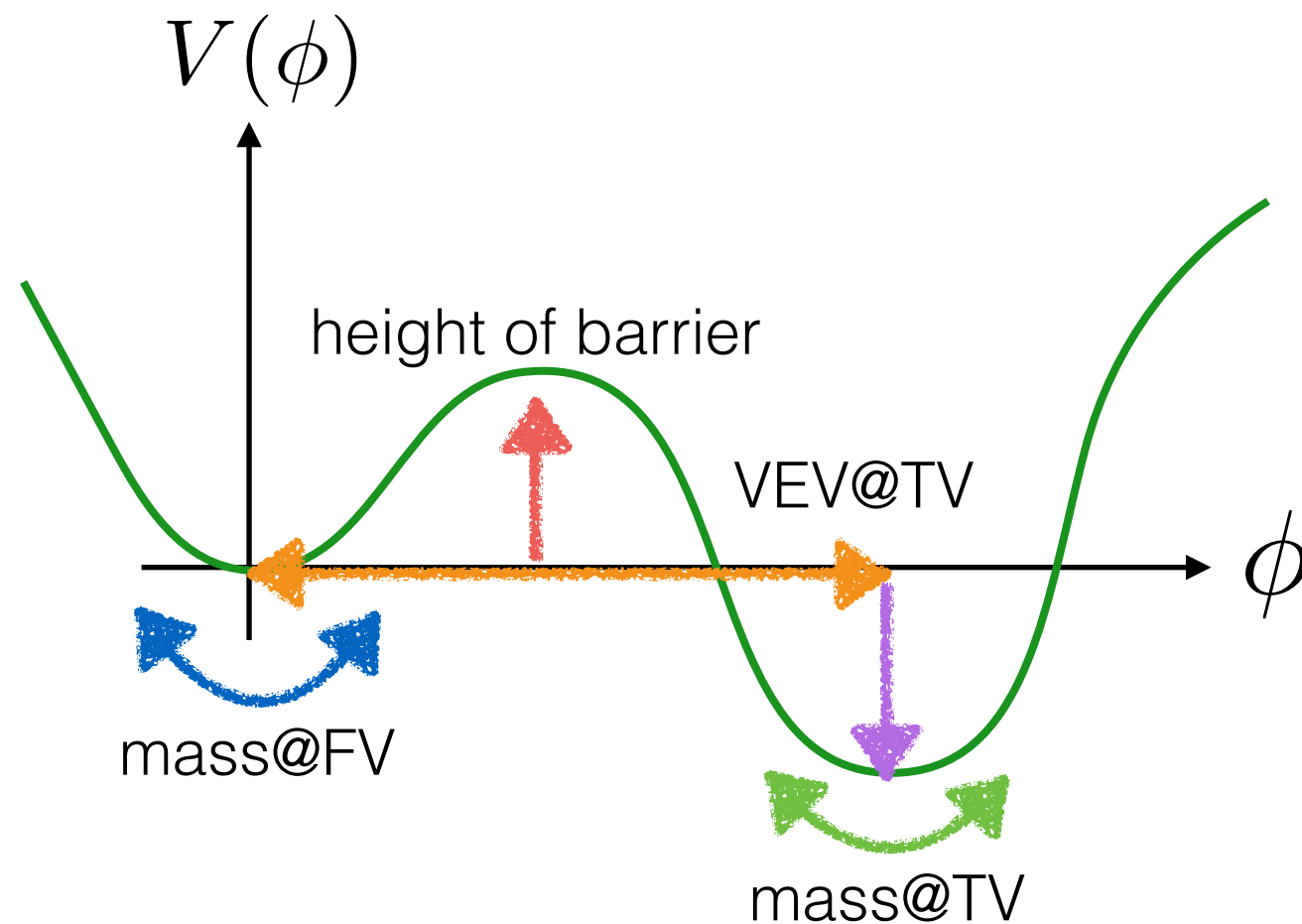
Decay rate

$$\gamma \simeq m^4 e^{-B}$$

OK, use the “typical” scale!



# Renormalization scale



But, I don't know what is the best scale.

OK, use the "typical" scale!

Does it change so much?

# How large is the scale dependence?

$$V = -\bar{t}(Q)\phi + \frac{\bar{m}^2(Q)}{2}\phi^2 - \frac{\bar{A}(Q)}{2}\phi^3 + \frac{\bar{\alpha}(Q)}{8}\phi^4$$

## Beta functions

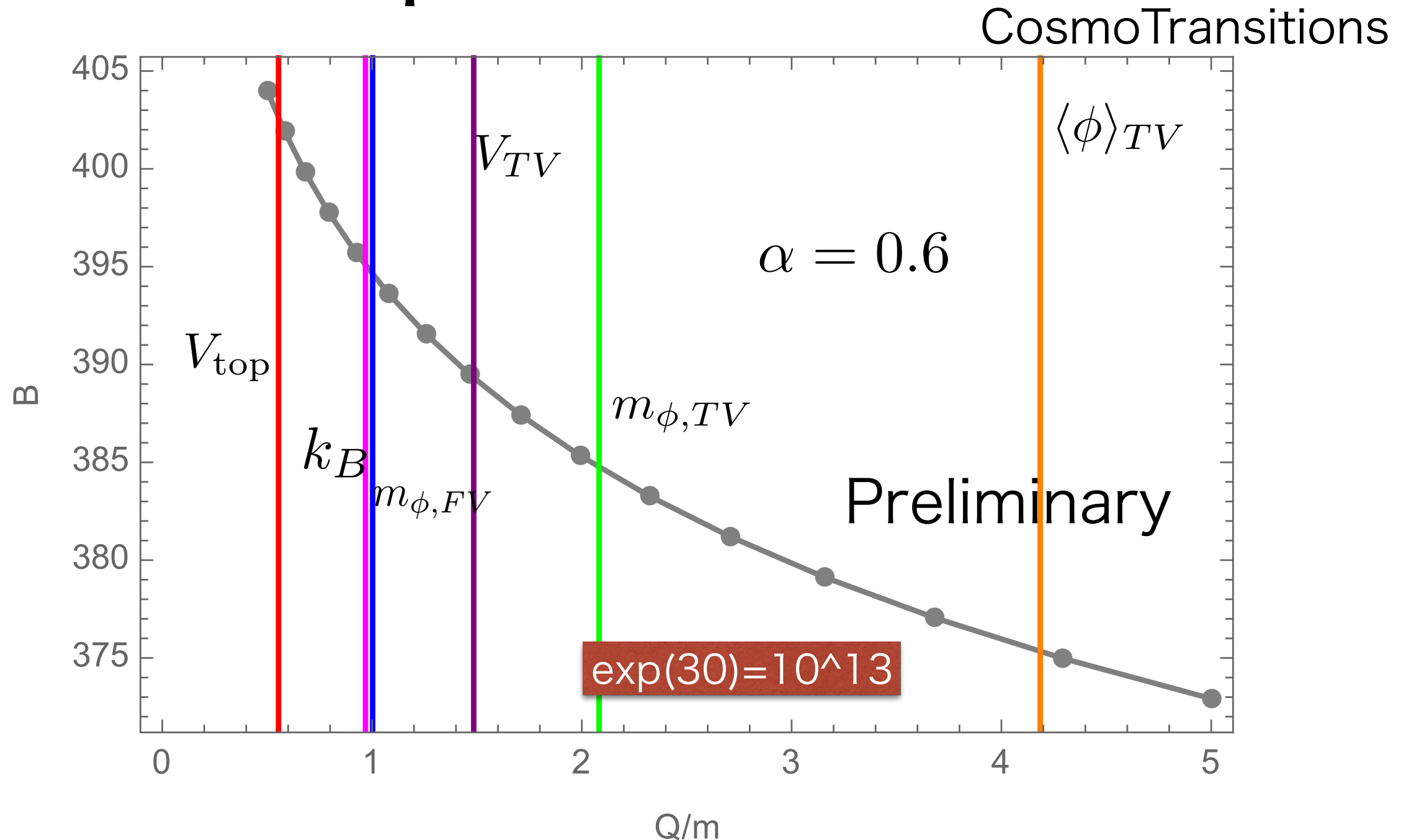
$$\beta_t = \frac{3Am^2}{16\pi^2} \quad \beta_{m^2} = \frac{3}{16\pi^2}(\alpha m^2 + 3A^2)$$
$$\beta_A = \frac{9\alpha A}{16\pi^2} \quad \beta_\alpha = \frac{9\alpha^2}{16\pi^2}$$

## Renormalization conditions

$$@ Q = m$$

$$\bar{m}^2(m) = m^2, \quad \bar{A}(m) = m, \quad \bar{t}(m) = 0, \quad \bar{\alpha}(m) = \alpha$$

# How large is the scale dependence?



can be much larger in a realistic model (top loop)

Calculation of  
the 1-loop factor

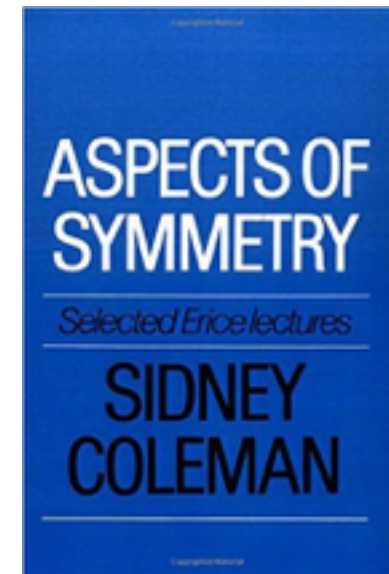
# Pre-exponential factor

$$\gamma = Ae^{-B}$$

fluctuations around the bounce

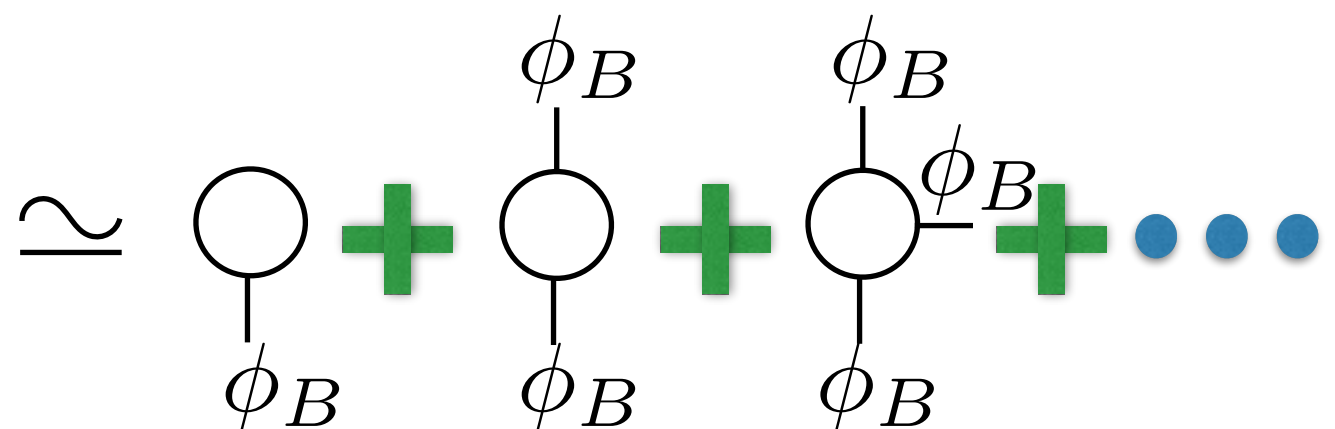
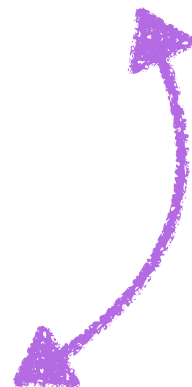


$$A = \frac{B^2}{4\pi^2} \left( \frac{\det' S''|_{\text{Bounce}}}{\det S''|_{\text{False}}} \right)^{-1/2}$$

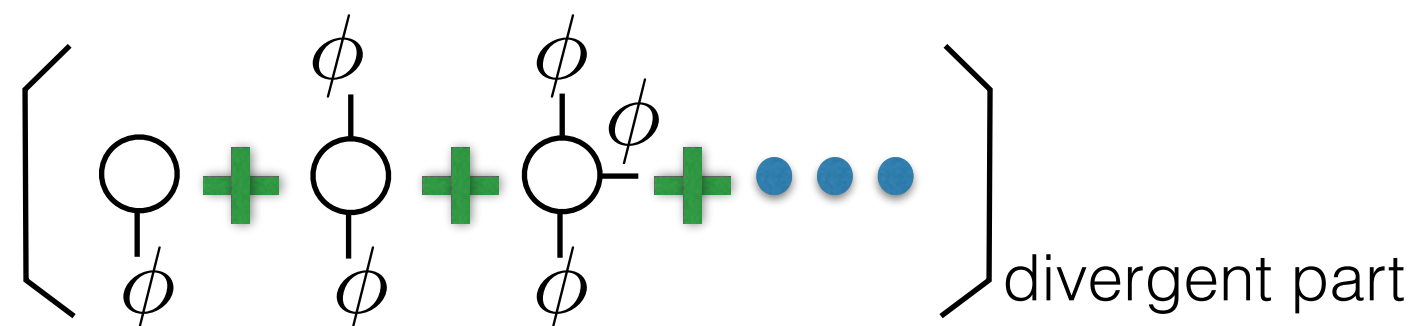


## Expectation

cancellation of  
the scale dependence  
@1-loop



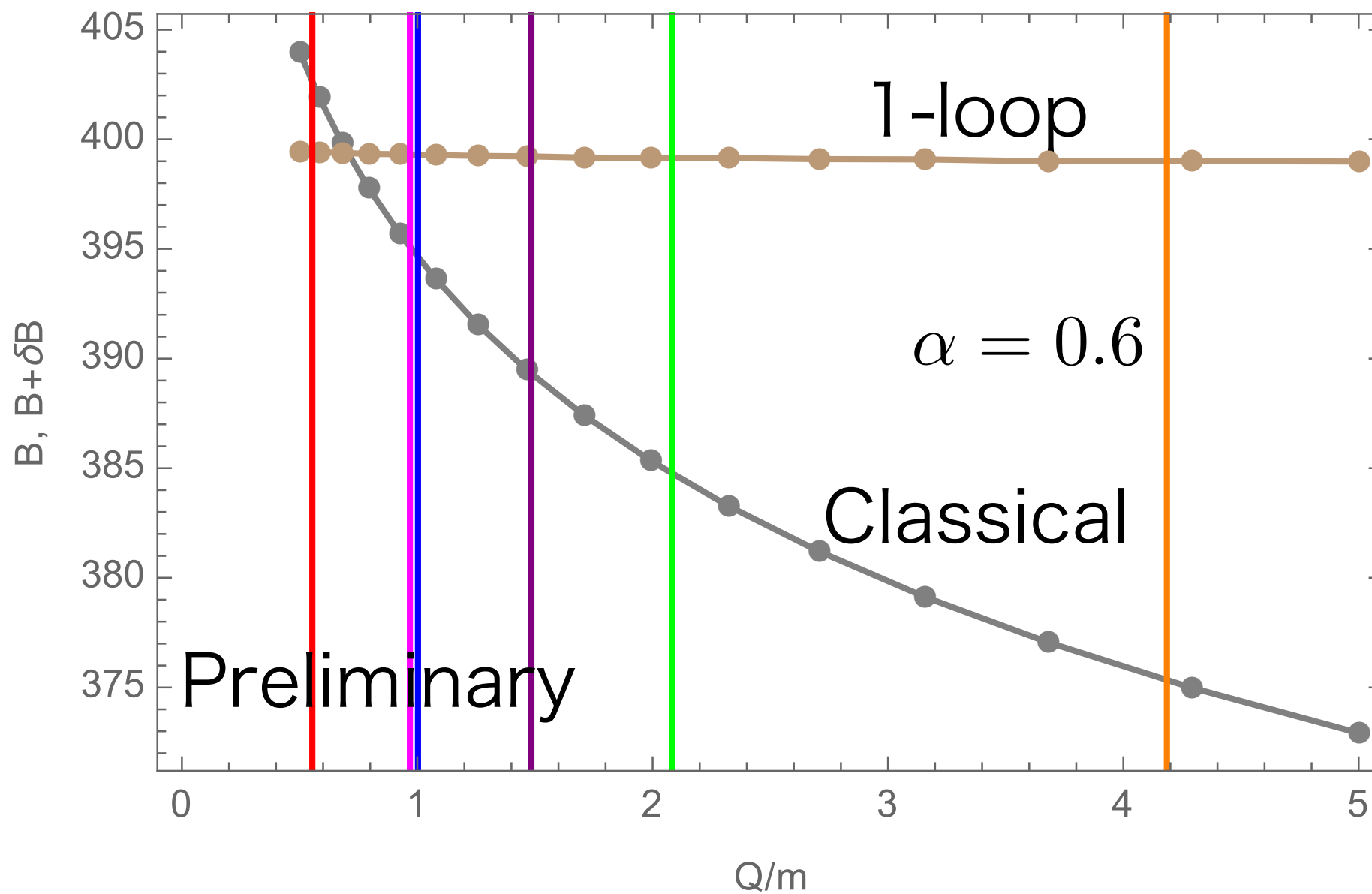
cf.) RGE is related to



After a complicated  
calculation...

# Result

$$\gamma = Ae^{-B} \equiv m^4 e^{-B-\delta B}$$



# “ODE technique”

$$\gamma = Ae^{-B}$$

function of the bounce solution

$$\ln A^{-2} = \ln \frac{\det [-\partial^2 + m_0^2 + \delta\hat{W}]}{\det [-\partial^2 + m_0^2]}$$

Theorem (Dirichlet BC) (J. H. van Vleck, '28; R. H. Cameron and W. T. Martin, '45; ...)

The ratio of the determinant of differential operators,

$$L_j = -\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + R_j(x) \quad \text{on } I = [0, 1] \quad \text{w/ Dirichlet BC}$$

$f(0) = 0, f(1) = 0$

is given by the ratio of the solutions of differential equations

$$\frac{\text{Det}L_1}{\text{Det}L_0} = \frac{y_1(1)}{y_0(1)} \quad \begin{array}{l} L_j y_j(x) = 0 \\ y_j(0) = 0, y_j'(0) = 1 \end{array}$$



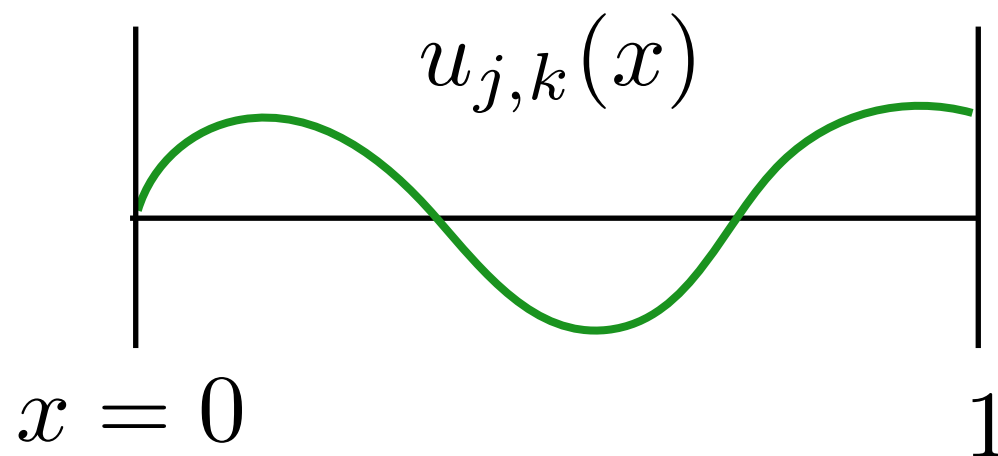
# Proof

by K. Kirsten and A. J. McKane, '03

Differential eq.

$$(L_j - k^2) u_{j,k}(x) = 0$$

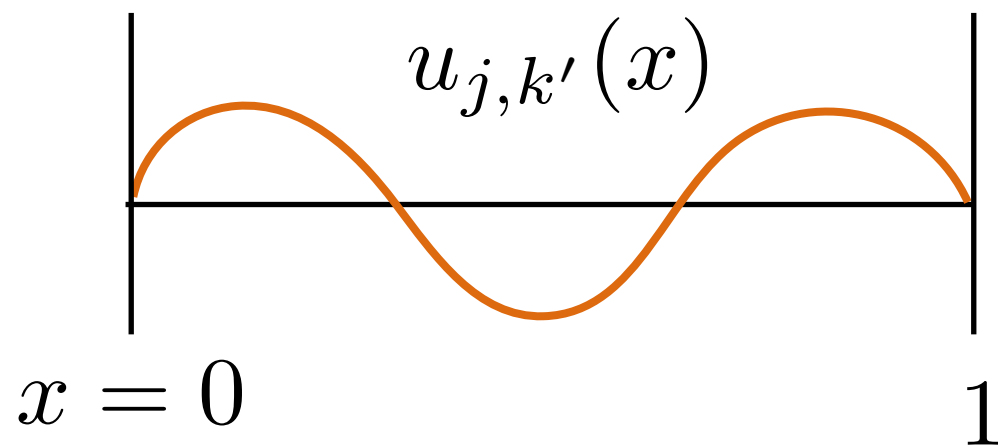
$$u_{j,k}(0) = 0, \quad u'_{j,k}(0) = 1$$



$$u_{j,k}(1) \neq 0$$

does not satisfy the boundary conditions

→  $k^2$  is not an eigenvalue of  $L_j$

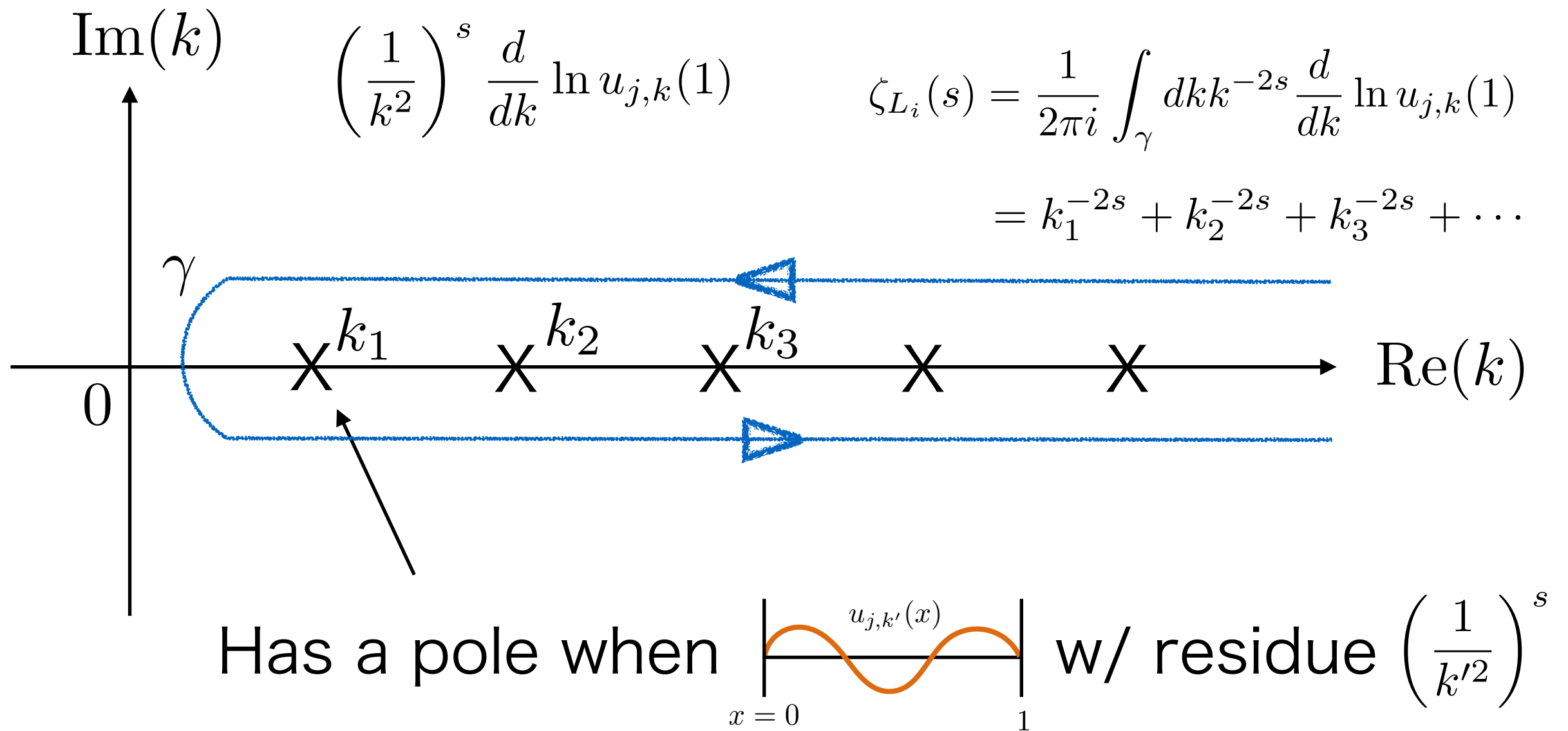


$$u_{j,k'}(1) = 0$$

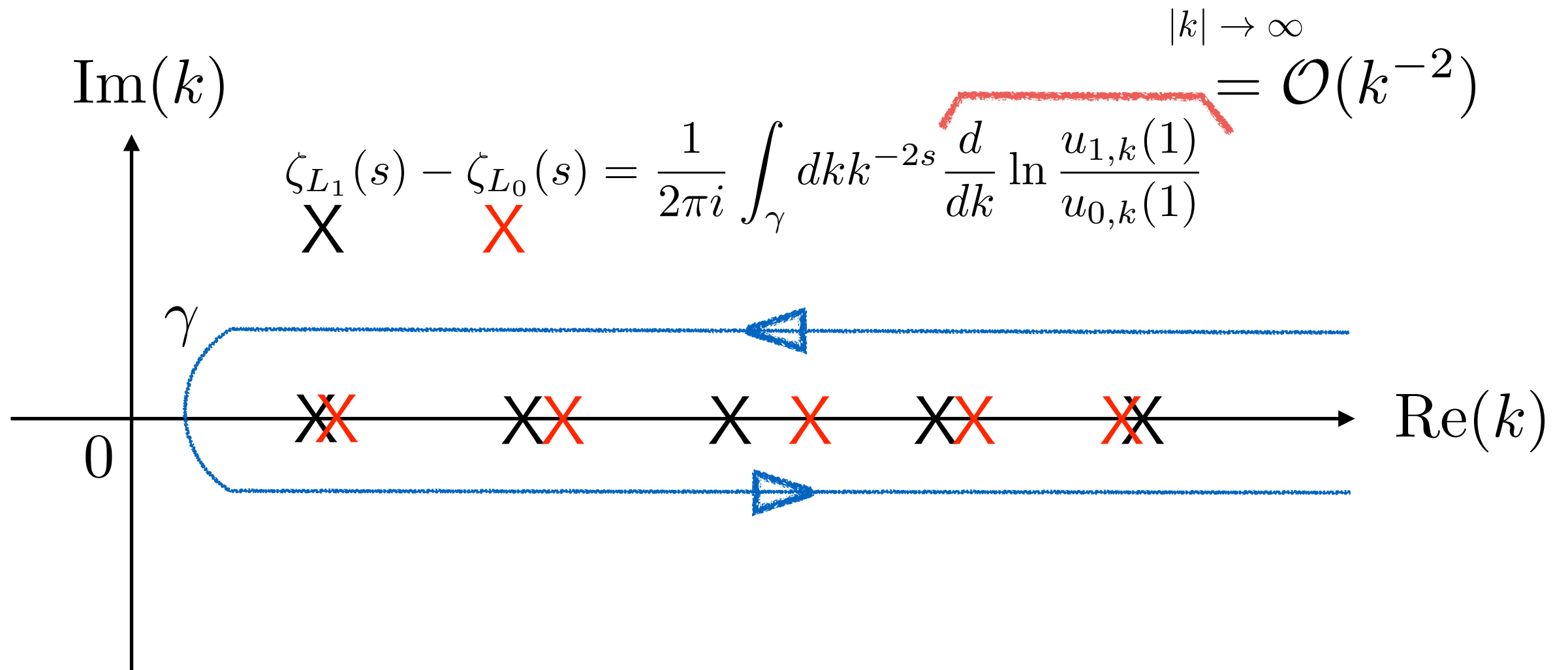
satisfies the boundary conditions

→  $k'^2$  is an eigenvalue of  $L_j$

# Proof



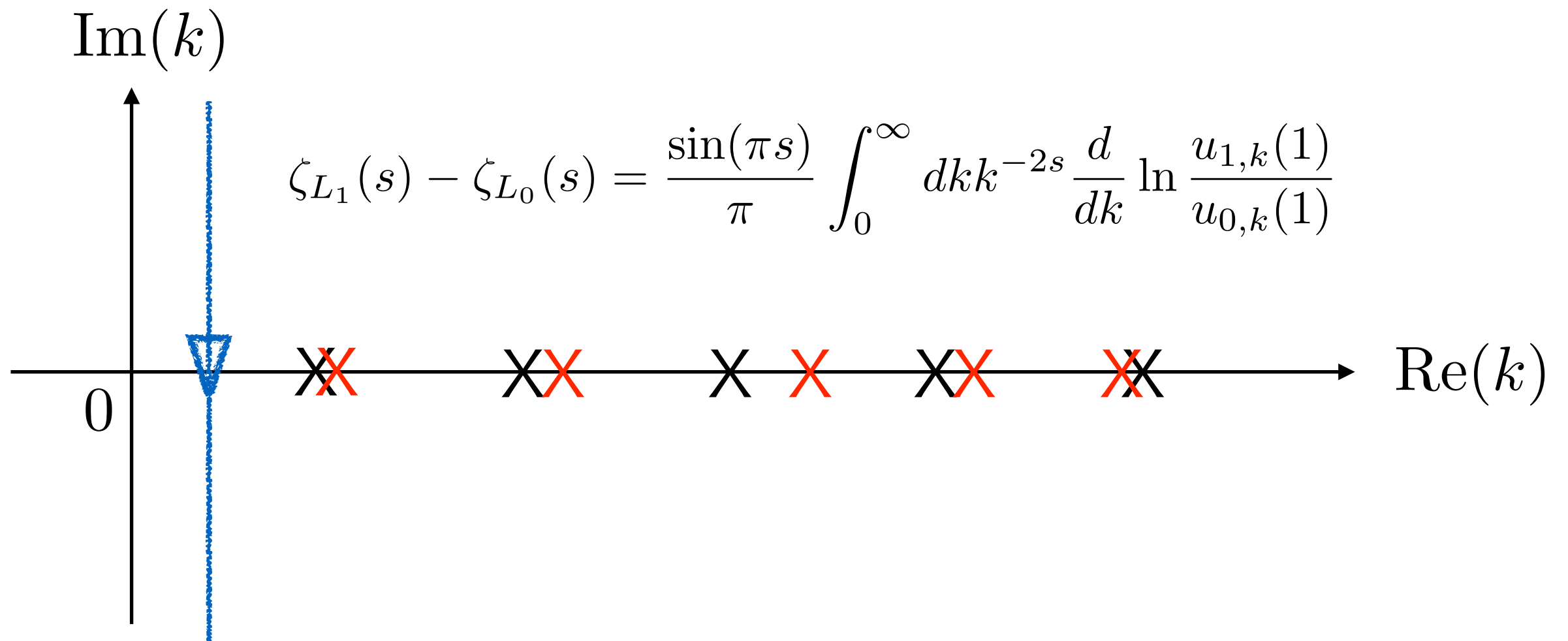
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cf.)

$$\left[ -\frac{d^2}{dx^2} - k^2 \left( 1 - \frac{R_j(x)}{k^2} \right) \right] u_{j,k}(x) = 0$$

# Proof



# Proof

eigenvalues

$$L_1 : k_i^2$$

$$L_0 : p_i^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}\zeta_{L_1}(s) - \zeta_{L_0}(s) &= \frac{\sin(\pi s)}{\pi} \int_0^\infty dk k^{-2s} \frac{d}{dk} \ln \frac{u_{1,k}(1)}{u_{0,k}(1)} \\ &= k_1^{-2s} - p_1^{-2s} + k_2^{-2s} - p_2^{-2s} + \dots\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\text{Det} L_1}{\text{Det} L_0} = \frac{k_1^2 k_2^2 \dots}{p_1^2 p_2^2 \dots} = e^{-[\zeta'_{L_1}(0) - \zeta'_{L_0}(0)]} = \frac{u_{1,0}(1)}{u_{0,0}(1)}$$

Q.E.D.

All that we need to solve

$$\frac{\text{Det} L_1}{\text{Det} L_0} = \frac{u_{1,0}(1)}{u_{0,0}(1)}$$

$$L_j u_{j,0}(x) = 0$$

$$u_{j,0}(0) = 0, \quad u'_{j,0}(0) = 1$$

# Renormalization

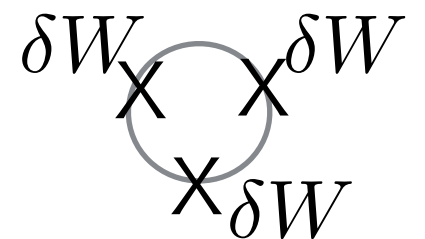
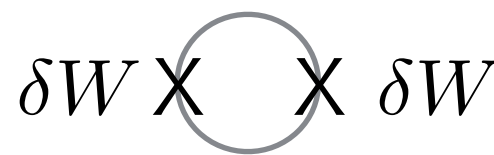
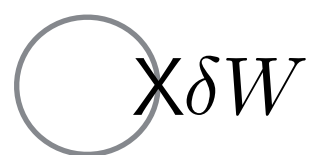
$$\gamma = Ae^{-B}$$

function of the bounce solution

$$\ln A^{-2} = \ln \frac{\det [-\partial^2 + m_0^2 + \delta W]}{\det [-\partial^2 + m_0^2]}$$

$\delta W$  expansion

$$= \text{Tr} \left[ \underbrace{(-\partial^2 + m_0^2)^{-1} \delta W}_{\text{divergent}} - \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{(-\partial^2 + m_0^2)^{-1} \delta W (-\partial^2 + m_0^2)^{-1} \delta W}_{\text{divergent}} + \dots \right]$$



divergent

convergent

Analytical calculation (MS-bar)

ODE technique

# Analytical calculation (MS-bar)

$$\text{X} \delta W$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tr} [(-\partial^2 + m_0^2)^{-1} \delta W] \\ = -\frac{m_0^2}{16\pi^2} \widetilde{\delta W}(0) \left[ \frac{1}{\epsilon} + 1 - \ln \frac{m_0^2}{\mu^2} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\delta W \text{X} \text{X} \delta W$$

↑  
Fourier transform

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tr} \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (-\partial^2 + m_0^2)^{-1} \delta W (-\partial^2 + m_0^2)^{-1} \delta W \right] \\ = -\frac{1}{256\pi^4} \int d|p| |p|^3 [\widetilde{\delta W}(p)]^2 \left[ \frac{1}{\epsilon} + 2 - \ln \frac{m_0^2}{\mu^2} - \frac{\sqrt{|p|^2 + 4m_0^2}}{|p|} \ln \frac{\sqrt{|p|^2 + 4m_0^2} + |p|}{\sqrt{|p|^2 + 4m_0^2} - |p|} \right] \end{aligned}$$

# How can we match the analytical and the ODE results?

$$\ln A^{-2} = \ln \frac{\det [-\partial^2 + m_0^2 + \delta W]}{\det [-\partial^2 + m_0^2]} = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} (\ell + 1)^2 \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \ln \frac{\phi_\ell}{\phi_\ell^{(0)}}$$

$\phi_\ell(x) = \Phi(r) Y_{\ell, m, m'}(\theta)$   
diverge after summing over  $\ell$

$\delta W$  expansion of the ODE results

$$[-\partial^2 + m_0^2 + \delta W] \phi_\ell(x) = 0 \quad \phi_\ell = \phi_\ell^{(0)} + \phi_\ell^{(1)} + \phi_\ell^{(2)} + \dots$$

$$[-\partial^2 + m_0^2] \phi_\ell^{(0)}(x) = 0$$

$$[-\partial^2 + m_0^2] \phi_\ell^{(1)}(x) = -\delta W \phi_\ell^{(0)}(x)$$

$$[-\partial^2 + m_0^2] \phi_\ell^{(2)}(x) = -\delta W \phi_\ell^{(1)}(x)$$

⋮



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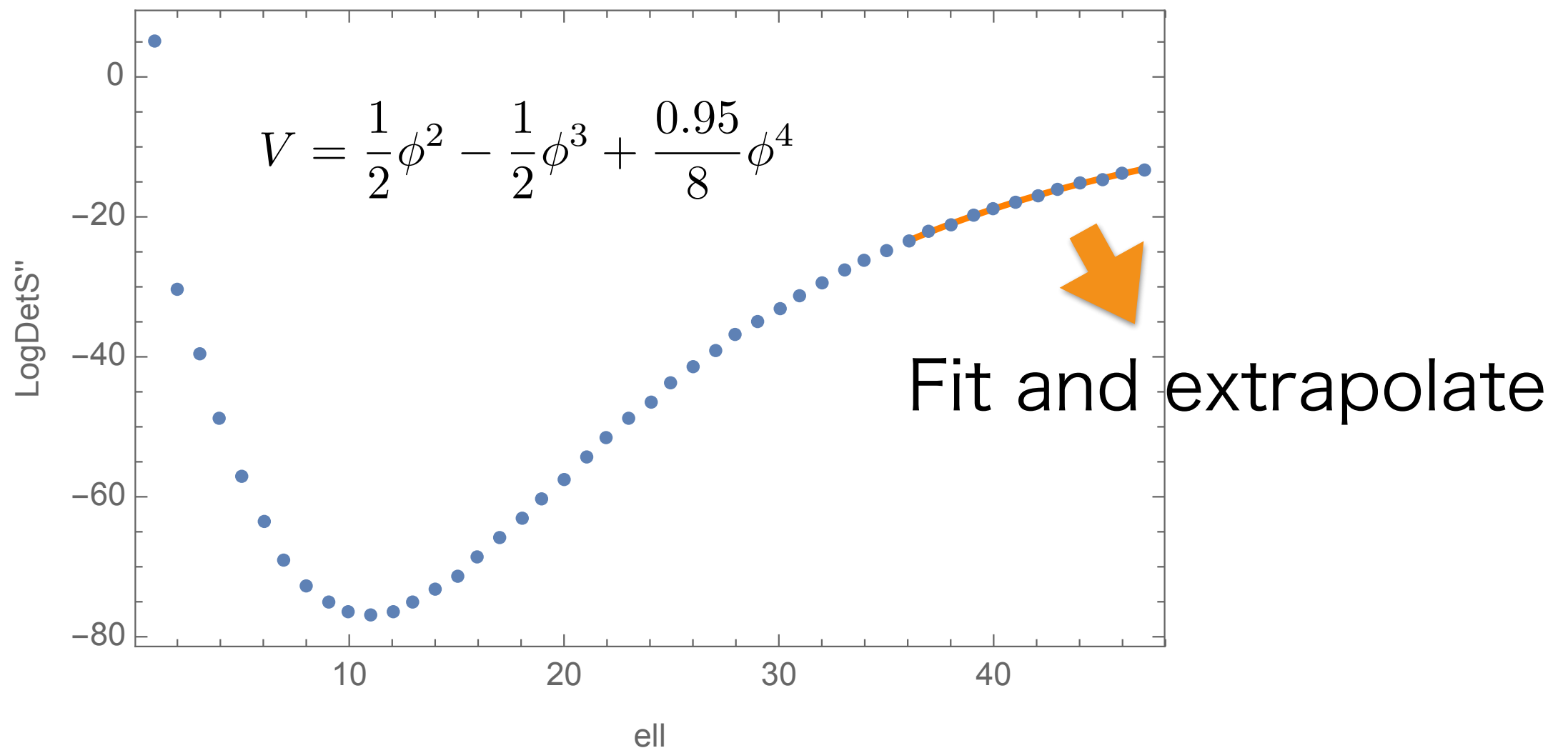
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 &= \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} (\ell + 1)^2 \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{\phi_\ell^{(1)}}{\phi_\ell^{(0)}} + \frac{\phi_\ell^{(2)}}{\phi_\ell^{(0)}} - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\phi_\ell^{(1)}}{\phi_\ell^{(0)}} \right)^2 + \dots \right] \quad \delta W \text{ expansion} \\
 &= \text{Tr} \left[ (-\partial^2 + m_0^2)^{-1} \delta W - \frac{1}{2} (-\partial^2 + m_0^2)^{-1} \delta W (-\partial^2 + m_0^2)^{-1} \delta W + \dots \right] \quad \delta W \text{ expansion}
 \end{aligned}$$

Finite numerical result

$$\ln A^{-2} |_{\delta W^3, \delta W^4, \dots} = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} (\ell + 1)^2 \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \ln \frac{\phi_\ell}{\phi_\ell^{(0)}} - \frac{\phi_\ell^{(1)}}{\phi_\ell^{(0)}} - \frac{\phi_\ell^{(2)}}{\phi_\ell^{(0)}} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\phi_\ell^{(1)}}{\phi_\ell^{(0)}} \right)^2 \right]$$

# Example

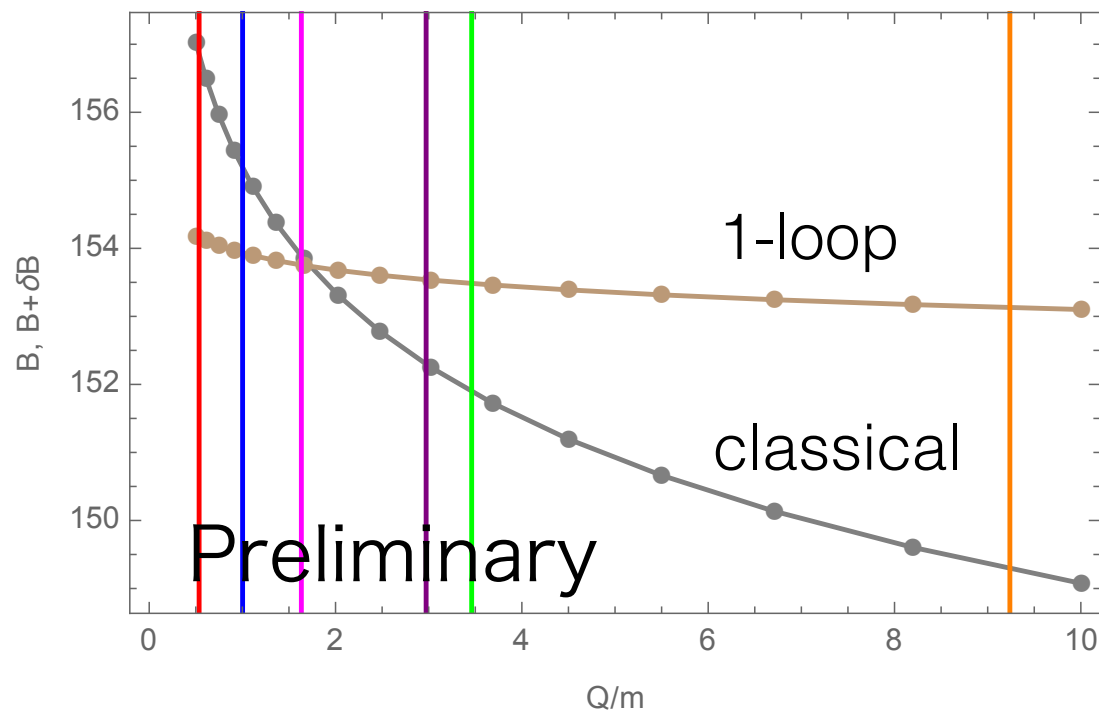
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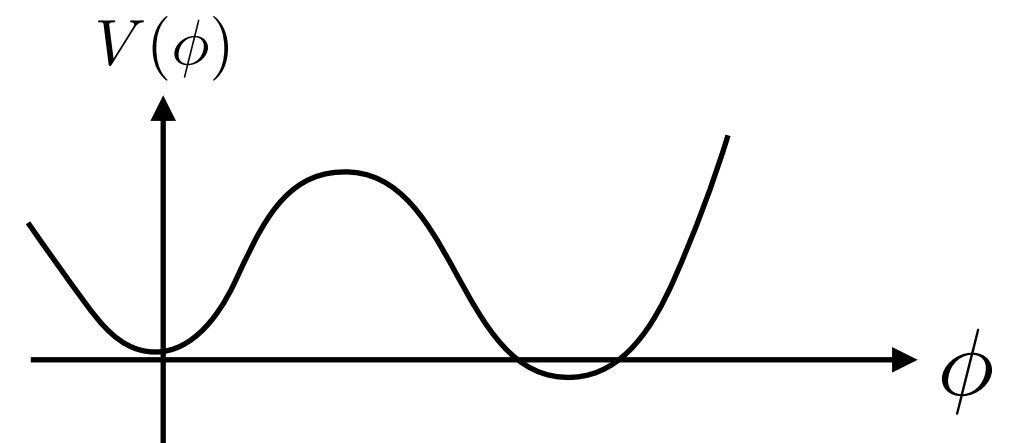
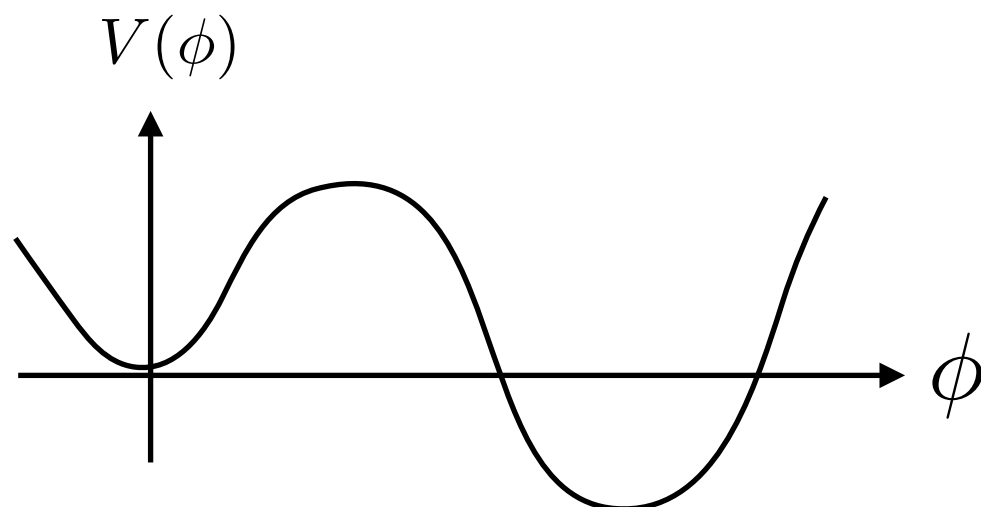
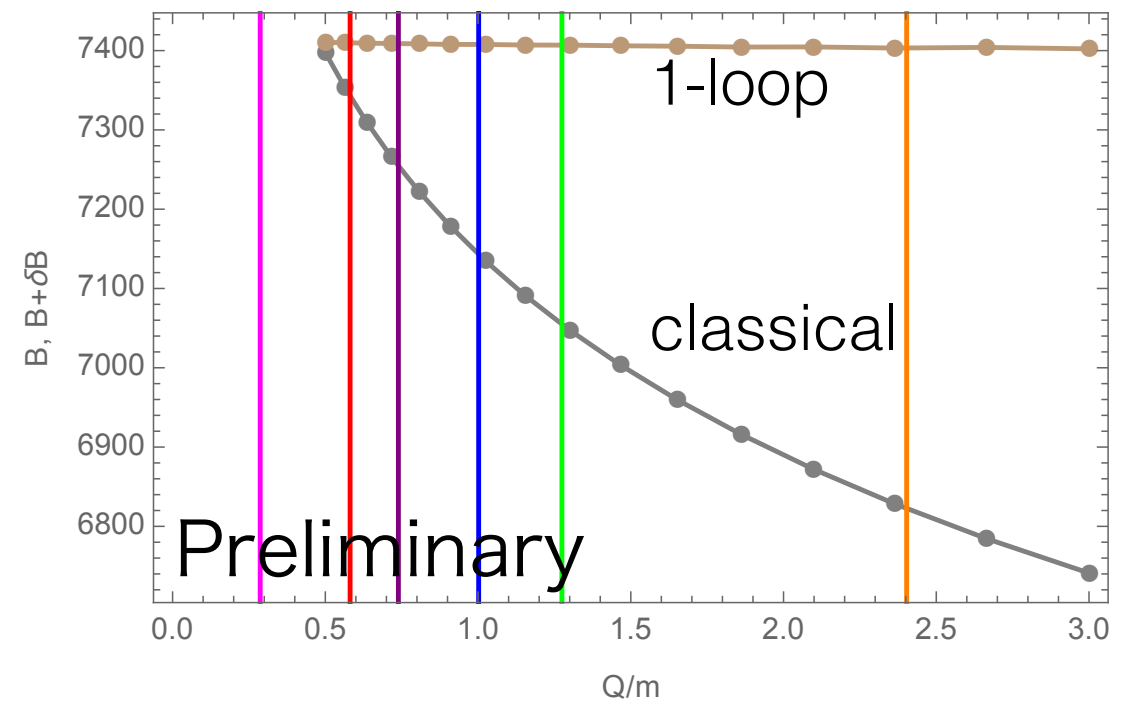
# Results

$$V = \frac{m^2}{2}\phi^2 - \frac{A}{2}\phi^3 + \frac{\alpha}{8}\phi^4$$

$\alpha = 0.3$



$\alpha = 0.9$



# Comments

The bounce is calculated with `CosmoTransitions`,  
(C. L. Wainwright)  
which can deal with multiple fields.

We correctly subtracted the zero modes  
corresponding to the translational invariance.

Fermion determinant becomes more complicated  
because of the mixing between different  $\ell$  states.

SM + stau system

# Light stau

Stau can be light

$$m_{\tilde{\tau}} > 103.5 \text{ GeV (LEP)}$$

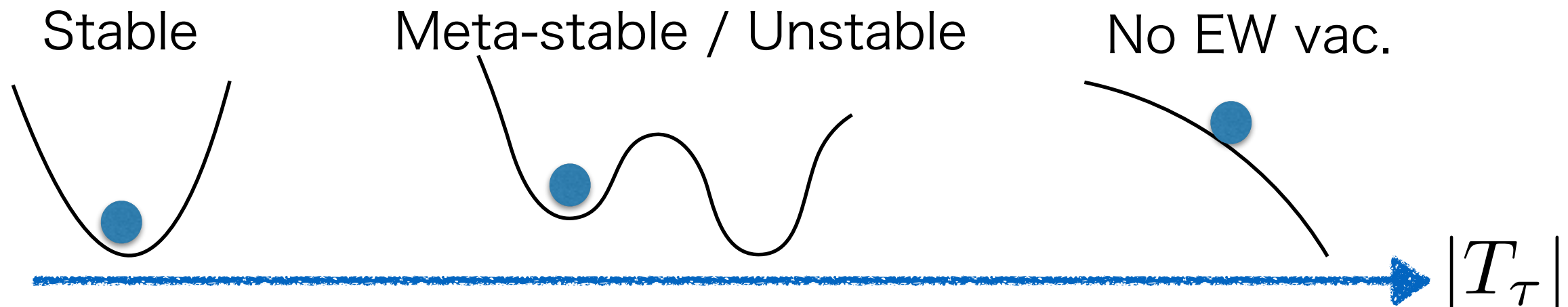
$h \gamma \gamma$  coupling, co-annihilation with bino, ...

But, the potential may become unstable towards the stau direction

$$V = T_{\tau} (H^{\dagger} \tilde{\ell}_L \tilde{\tau}_R^* + h.c.) + m_{\tilde{\ell}_L}^2 |\tilde{\ell}_L|^2 + m_{\tilde{\tau}_R}^2 |\tilde{\tau}_R|^2 + \dots$$

$$T_{\tau} = y_{\tau} (A_{\tau} - \mu \tan \beta)$$

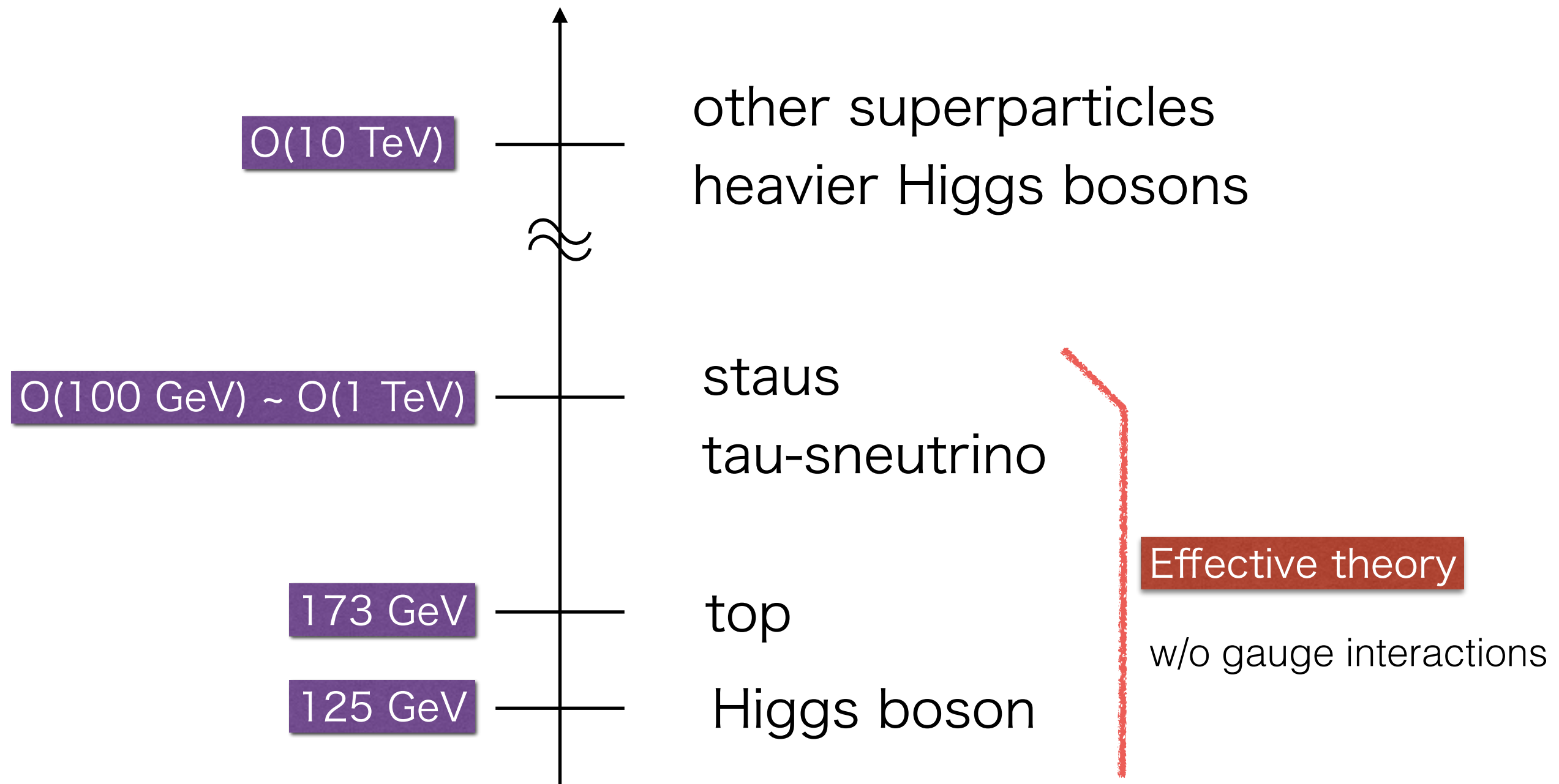
$$\tan \beta = \langle H_u^0 \rangle / \langle H_d^0 \rangle$$



# Spectrum

For simplicity,

we assume only the staus are light



# Effective theory

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = & \mathcal{L}_{\text{kin}} - y_t(H q_L t_R^c + \text{h.c.}) - m_H^2 |H|^2 - \frac{1}{4} \lambda_H |H|^4 \\
 & - m_{\tilde{\ell}_L}^2 |\tilde{\ell}_L|^2 - m_{\tilde{\tau}_R}^2 |\tilde{\tau}_R|^2 - T_\tau (H^\dagger \tilde{\ell}_L \tilde{\tau}_R^* + \text{h.c.}) - \frac{1}{4} \kappa^{(1)} |\tilde{\ell}_L|^4 - \frac{1}{4} \kappa^{(2)} |\tilde{\tau}_R|^4 \\
 & - \frac{1}{4} \lambda^{(1)} |H|^2 |\tilde{\ell}_L|^2 - \frac{1}{4} \lambda^{(2)} |H^\dagger \tilde{\ell}_L|^2 - \frac{1}{4} \lambda^{(3)} |H|^2 |\tilde{\tau}_R|^2 - \frac{1}{4} \kappa^{(3)} |\tilde{\ell}_L|^2 |\tilde{\tau}_R|^2,
 \end{aligned}$$

## Boundary conditions

EW scale

$$y_t = \frac{M_t}{v},$$

$$m_H^2(M_t) = -\frac{1}{2} M_h^2,$$

$$\lambda_H(M_h) = \frac{M_h^2}{2v^2},$$

stau mass

$$m_{\tilde{\tau}} \equiv m_{\tilde{\ell}_L} = m_{\tilde{\tau}_R} = 250 \text{ GeV},$$

$$T_\tau = 300 \text{ GeV}.$$

SUSY scale (10TeV)

$$\lambda^{(1)}(M_{\text{SUSY}}) = (g^2 + g'^2) \cos 2\beta,$$

$$\lambda^{(2)}(M_{\text{SUSY}}) = 4y_\tau^2 - 2g^2 \cos 2\beta,$$

$$\lambda^{(3)}(M_{\text{SUSY}}) = 4y_\tau^2 - 2g'^2 \cos 2\beta,$$

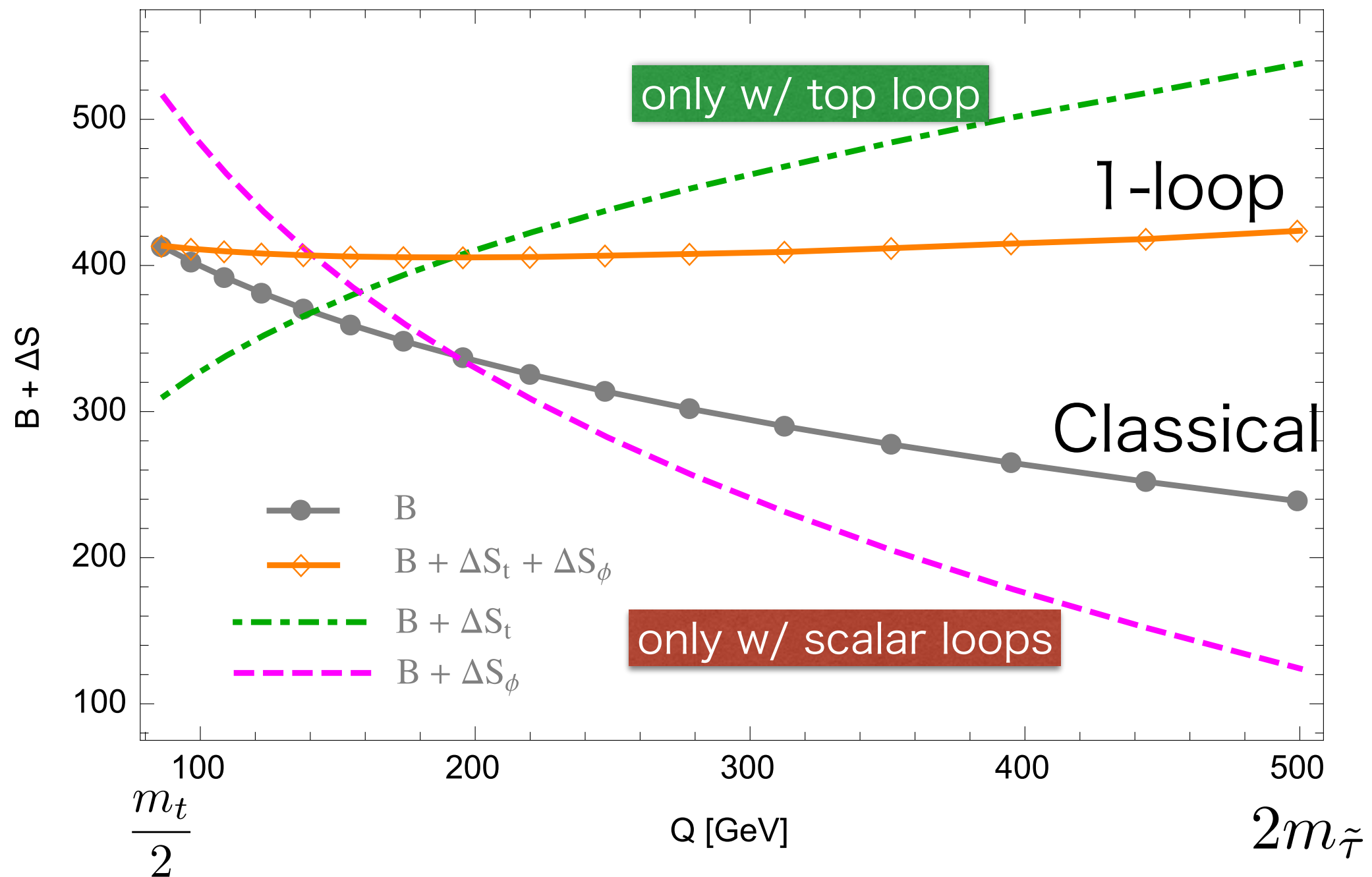
$$\kappa^{(1)}(M_{\text{SUSY}}) = \frac{1}{2}(g^2 + g'^2),$$

$$\kappa^{(2)}(M_{\text{SUSY}}) = -\kappa^{(3)}(M_{\text{SUSY}}) = 2g'^2,$$

$$\tan \beta = 20$$



# Result



# Summary

- The bubble nucleation rate has often been estimated without calculating the pre-exponential factor.
- This estimate involves uncertainty in the renormalization scale, which, we showed, results in  $O(10\%)$  uncertainty in the exponent of the bubble nucleation rate.
- To reduce the uncertainty, we explicitly calculated the pre-exponential factor and showed that it is greatly reduced.
- Scalars and fermions have already been implemented, but the gauge bosons are now ongoing.