

# Chern-Simons Gravity and Neutrino Self-Interactions

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# What is (dynamical) Chern-Simons Gravity [dCS]?

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ \kappa R + \frac{a}{4f} {}^*R R - \frac{1}{2} (\nabla_\mu a) (\nabla^\mu a) \right]$$

↑  
Spacetime  
Metric,  
Lorentzian  
Signature

↑  
Einstein-  
Hilbert Term,  
 $\kappa = (16\pi G)^{-1}$

↑  
dCS Decay  
Constant

↑  
Pontryagin  
Density

$${}^*R R = {}^*R^\rho{}_\sigma{}^{\mu\nu} R^\sigma{}_{\rho\mu\nu}$$

$${}^*R^\rho{}_\sigma{}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} R^\rho{}_{\sigma\alpha\beta}$$

↑  
dCS (pseudo)scalar

# What are Fermion Self-Interactions?

$$\mathcal{L}_\Psi = \bar{\Psi} (i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - \tilde{m}_\Psi) \Psi - \lambda \bar{\Psi} \Psi \bar{\Psi} \Psi$$

↑  
Dirac Gamma  
Matrices

↑  
“bare” mass

↑  
Dirac  
Fermion

↑  
(Attractive)  
Fermion Self-  
Coupling  
Constant



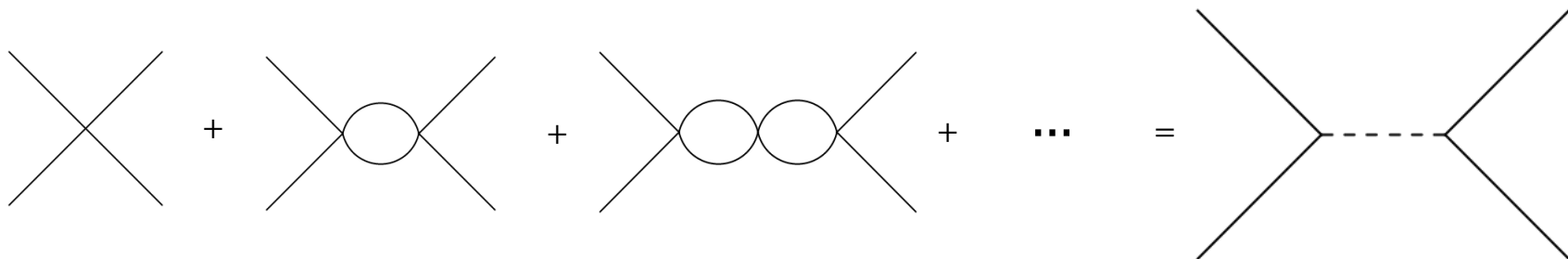
Cutoff  $\Lambda$

# How will we obtain dCS from Fermion-SI?

1. Identify and realize a scalar bound state in our theory of Fermion Self-Interactions (SI)
2. Demonstrate that the angular part of the (complex) scalar becomes the dCS scalar through fermion-loops with gravity after spontaneous symmetry breaking.

# How is there a bound state?

Geometric Summation to identify pole



# How to realize the bound state?

$$Z_\alpha = \int \mathcal{D}\alpha \mathcal{D}\bar{\alpha} \exp \left( - \int d^4x \tilde{m}_\Phi^2 \bar{\alpha} \alpha \right)$$

+

$$\Psi = \Psi_\ell + \Psi_s$$

$$\Phi = \alpha - \tilde{m}_\Phi^{-2} \bar{\Psi}_s \Psi_s$$

+

$\Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_\Psi &= \bar{\Psi} (i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - \tilde{m}_\Psi) \Psi - \lambda \bar{\Psi} \Psi \bar{\Psi} \Psi \\ &+ (\partial_\mu \Phi^*) (\partial^\mu \Phi) - y_\Phi (\Phi \bar{\Psi} \Psi + \text{h.c.}) \\ &+ m_\Phi^2 |\Phi|^2 - \frac{\lambda_\Phi}{4} |\Phi|^4, \end{aligned}$$

$$y_\Phi \sim \lambda \Lambda^2$$

Integrate Out Short – Scale Modes

# Spontaneous Symmetry Breaking

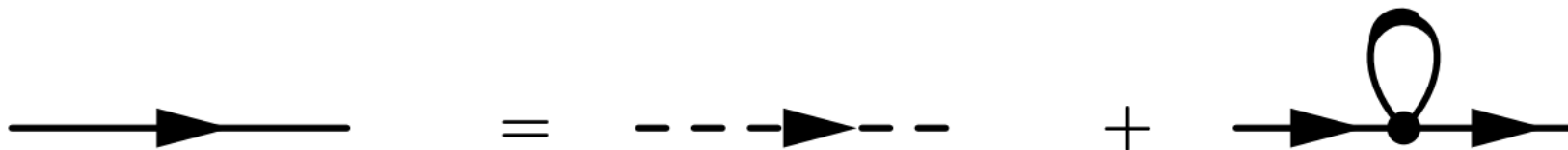
$$\Phi = (1/\sqrt{2})(F + \sigma) \exp[ia(x)/F]$$

?

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_\Phi = & \sum_{j=L,R} i\bar{\Psi}_j \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \Psi_j - \tilde{m}_\Psi (\bar{\Psi}_R \Psi_L + \bar{\Psi}_L \Psi_R) \\ & + \partial_\mu \Phi \partial^\mu \Phi^* - V(|\Phi|^2) - (y_\Phi \Phi \bar{\Psi}_L \Psi_R + \text{h.c.}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_\Phi = & \bar{\Psi} \left[ i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - \left( \tilde{m}_\Psi + \frac{y_\Phi F}{\sqrt{2}} \right) \right] \Psi \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu a \partial^\mu a - \frac{y_\Phi}{\sqrt{2}} a \bar{\Psi} \gamma^5 \Psi, \end{aligned}$$

# The Gap Equation



$$\frac{\Delta m_\Psi}{m_\Psi} \left( \frac{2\pi^2}{\lambda \Lambda^2} \right) = 1 - \frac{m_\Psi^2}{\Lambda^2} \log \left( 1 + \frac{\Lambda^2}{m_\Psi^2} \right), \quad \Delta m_\Psi = y_\Phi F / \sqrt{2}$$

$$\Lambda \gg m_\Psi$$

$$F \approx 0.9 m_\Psi$$

$$\Lambda \ll m_\Psi$$

$$F \approx 0.45 \Lambda^2 / m_\Psi$$

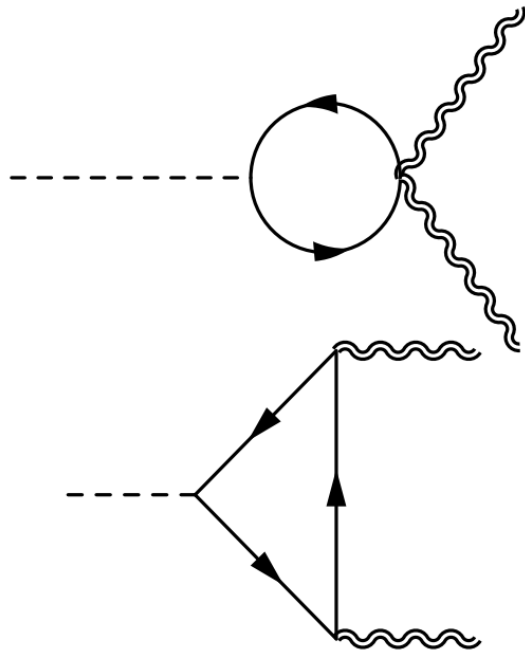
Remember!



$$y_\Phi \sim \lambda \Lambda^2$$



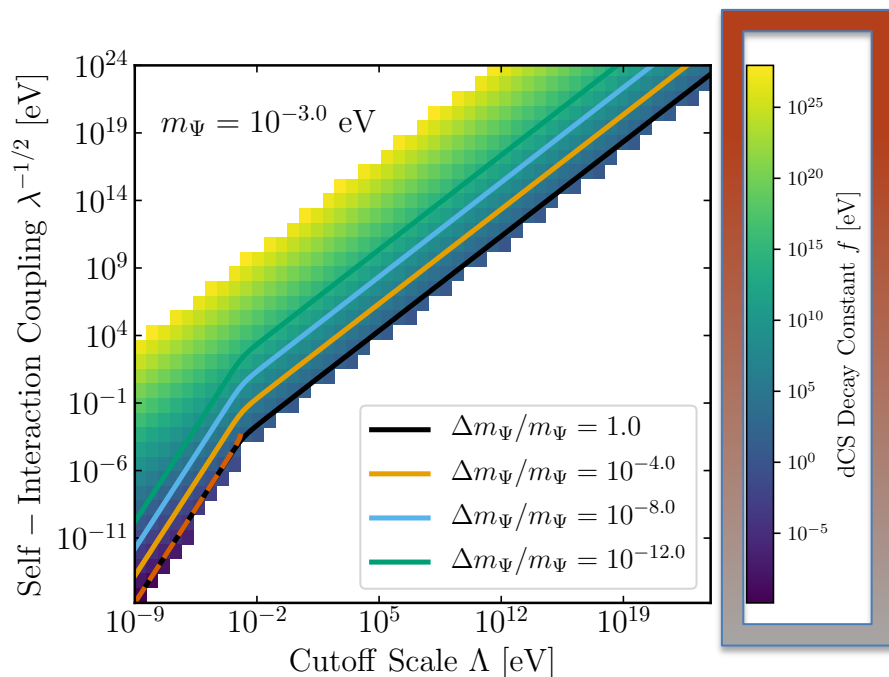
# Loop Generation of dCS



$$\mathcal{L}_g^{\text{eff}} = -\frac{g}{384\pi^2} \frac{a}{2m_\Psi} * RR$$

$$f = 192\sqrt{2}\pi^2 \frac{m_\Psi}{y_\Phi}$$

# General Parameter Space



$$\Lambda \gg m_\Psi$$

$$f = 1.7 \text{ eV} \left( \frac{\Delta m_\Psi}{m_\Psi} \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{m_\Psi}{10^{-3} \text{ eV}} \right)$$

$$\Lambda \ll m_\Psi$$

$$f = 0.85 \text{ eV} \left( \frac{\Delta m_\Psi}{m_\Psi} \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{\Lambda}{m_\Psi} \right) \left( \frac{\Lambda}{10^{-3} \text{ eV}} \right)$$

# UV Completions for Fermion SI

(Scalar) Yukawa

$$\mathcal{L} \supset g_\chi \chi \bar{\Psi} \Psi$$

$$\Lambda \sim m_\chi$$

$$\lambda = (g_\chi / m_\chi)^2$$

$$f = 34 \text{ eV } g_\chi^{-2} \left( \frac{m_\Psi}{10^{-3} \text{ eV}} \right)$$

Gravitational Torsion

$$\mathcal{L} \supset (2/\gamma) R^{\mu\nu} \wedge e_\mu \wedge e_\nu$$

$$\Lambda \sim M_{\text{pl}}$$

$$\lambda = 3\pi / \Lambda_T^2$$

# Fermion Candidates



electron  
neutrino



muon  
neutrino

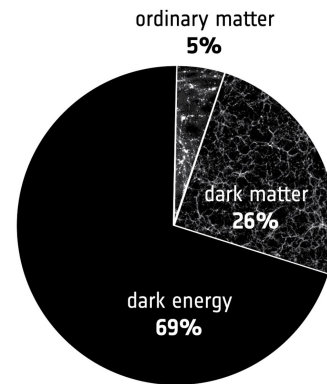


tau  
neutrino



sterile  
neutrino

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# Summary

1. If fermions self-interact, a complex scalar bound state forms
2. The bound state undergoes spontaneous symmetry breaking, giving a Yukawa term
3. The Yukawa term generates dCS through loops interactions with gravity
4. Light fermions, such as neutrinos (and possible DM), are ideal candidates
5. The complex scalar can be a fundamental scalar!

# More Parameter Space Plots

