

# Asymptotic Safety in Scalar theories coupled to Gravity

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- Matter inclusions

Minimal: FP existence  $\Rightarrow$   
Constraints on number of  
matter fields (Percacci &  
Perini)

Nonminimal scalar  $\Rightarrow$  FP  
existence and Finite UV  
critical surface (Percacci &  
Perini, Narain & Percacci,  
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## Scalar coupled to EH-gravity

Truncation Considered (Narain & Percacci '09)

$$\Gamma_k[g, \phi] = \int d^d x \sqrt{g} \left( V(\phi^2) - F(\phi^2)R + \frac{1}{2}g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi \right) + S_{GF} + S_{gh}$$

where

$$S_{GF} = \frac{1}{2\alpha} \int d^d x \sqrt{\bar{g}} F(\phi^2) \bar{g}^{\mu\nu} \chi_\mu \chi_\nu$$

$$\chi^\mu = \left( \bar{\nabla}_\nu h^{\nu\mu} - \frac{\beta+1}{d} \bar{\nabla}^\mu h \right) .$$

$$S_{GH} = - \int d^d x \sqrt{\bar{g}} \bar{C}^\mu \left[ \delta_\mu^\rho \bar{\square} + \left( 1 - \frac{2(1+\beta)}{d} \right) \bar{\nabla}_\mu \bar{\nabla}^\rho + \bar{R}_\mu^\rho \right] C_\rho .$$

Background field method:  $g_{\mu\nu} = \bar{g}_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}$ . Background:  $d$ -sphere

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Make Ansatz:

$$\begin{aligned} V &= k^d \tilde{\lambda}_0 && \text{Equation } n \geq 1 \Rightarrow \text{Identically Satisfied} \\ F &= k^{d-2} \tilde{\xi}_0 && n = 0 \text{ only nontrivial equation left} \Rightarrow \text{GMFP} \\ &&& \tilde{V}^{(i)} = 0, \quad \tilde{F}^{(i)} = 0, \quad \forall i > 0 \end{aligned}$$

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In  $d = 4$  for De-donder gauge ( $\alpha = 0, \beta = \frac{d}{2} - 1$ )

The FP Solution

$$\tilde{\lambda}_0^* = 0.00862 ; \quad \tilde{\xi}_0^* = 0.02375 .$$

critical exponents ( $\theta_i^{(a)} = -e_i^{(a)}$ ) are,

$$2.143 \pm 2.879i , \quad 0.143 \pm 2.879i$$

The eigenvectors in this truncation are

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0.3557 \pm 0.3776i \\ 0.8549 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} , \quad \begin{pmatrix} (-18.059 \pm 7.310i) \times 10^{-4} \\ (-30.723 \pm 10.763i) \times 10^{-4} \\ 0.3557 \pm 0.3776i \\ 0.8549 \end{pmatrix}$$

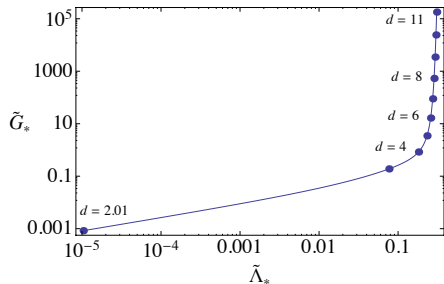
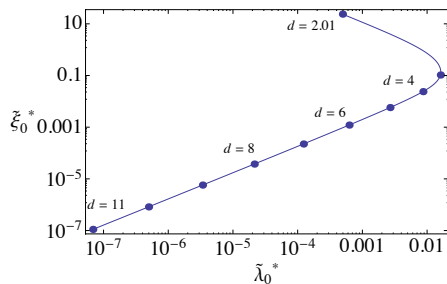
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FP in various dimensions in De-donder gauge

| $d$   | $\lambda_0^*$          | $\xi_0^*$              | $\Lambda^*$            | $G^*$                  | $\theta_1, \theta_2$  |
|-------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2.001 | $4.968 \times 10^{-5}$ | $2.386 \times 10^2$    | $1.041 \times 10^{-1}$ | $8.339 \times 10^{-5}$ | 2.001, 0.001          |
| 3     | $1.605 \times 10^{-2}$ | $1.047 \times 10^{-1}$ | $7.666 \times 10^{-2}$ | $1.900 \times 10^{-1}$ | $1.627 \pm 0.754 i$   |
| 4     | $8.620 \times 10^{-3}$ | $2.375 \times 10^{-2}$ | $1.814 \times 10^{-1}$ | $8.375 \times 10^{-1}$ | $2.143 \pm 2.879 i$   |
| 5     | $2.669 \times 10^{-3}$ | $5.744 \times 10^{-3}$ | $2.323 \times 10^{-1}$ | 3.463                  | $3.236 \pm 4.996 i$   |
| 6     | $6.230 \times 10^{-4}$ | $1.207 \times 10^{-3}$ | $2.581 \times 10^{-1}$ | $1.648 \times 10$      | $4.818 \pm 7.039 i$   |
| 7     | $1.225 \times 10^{-4}$ | $2.235 \times 10^{-4}$ | $2.740 \times 10^{-1}$ | $8.900 \times 10$      | $6.744 \pm 9.004 i$   |
| 8     | $2.133 \times 10^{-5}$ | $3.738 \times 10^{-5}$ | $2.853 \times 10^{-1}$ | $5.322 \times 10^2$    | $8.945 \pm 10.904 i$  |
| 9     | $3.380 \times 10^{-6}$ | $5.747 \times 10^{-6}$ | $2.941 \times 10^{-1}$ | $3.462 \times 10^3$    | $11.396 \pm 12.748 i$ |
| 10    | $4.960 \times 10^{-7}$ | $8.228 \times 10^{-7}$ | $3.014 \times 10^{-1}$ | $2.418 \times 10^4$    | $14.089 \pm 14.537$   |
| 11    | $6.817 \times 10^{-8}$ | $1.107 \times 10^{-7}$ | $3.079 \times 10^{-1}$ | $1.797 \times 10^5$    | $17.025 \pm 16.261 i$ |

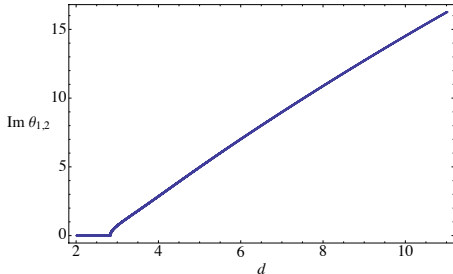
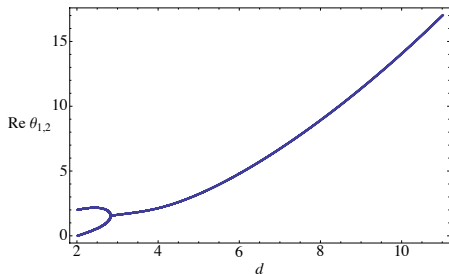
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- This third FP is systematically studied in the following way

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|----------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| (2,1)    | 0.0196        | -0.1646       | -0.1595       |               |               | 0.1088    | -0.03108  |           |           |           |
| (3,1)    | 0.01994       | -0.1758       | -0.1958       | -0.2796       |               | 0.1096    | -0.03810  |           |           |           |
| (4,1)    | 0.02002       | -0.1783       | -0.2041       | -0.3466       | -0.5579       | 0.1098    | -0.03969  |           |           |           |
| (2,2)    | 0.01894       | -0.1408       | -0.1241       |               |               | 0.1071    | -0.01122  | 0.04297   |           |           |
| (3,2)    | 0.01971       | -0.1680       | -0.1848       | -0.2879       |               | 0.1089    | -0.03131  | 0.01731   |           |           |
| (4,2)    | 0.01988       | -0.1735       | -0.1975       | -0.3544       | -0.5687       | 0.1093    | -0.03542  | 0.01121   |           |           |
| (3,3)    | 0.01911       | -0.1469       | -0.1469       | -0.1935       |               | 0.1074    | -0.01420  | 0.05017   | 0.1617    |           |
| (4,3)    | 0.01953       | -0.1618       | -0.1768       | -0.3083       | -0.6569       | 0.1084    | -0.02571  | 0.03197   | 0.1102    |           |
| (4,4)    | 0.01923       | -0.1512       | -0.1572       | -0.2496       | -0.4911       | 0.1077    | -0.01728  | 0.04732   | 0.1765    | 0.3868    |

# EH+Scalar: Other Non-trivial FP

| $(a, b)$ | $\lambda_0^*$ | $\lambda_2^*$ | $\lambda_4^*$ | $\lambda_6^*$ | $\lambda_8^*$ | $\xi_0^*$ | $\xi_2^*$ | $\xi_4^*$ | $\xi_6^*$ | $\xi_8^*$ |
|----------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| (2,1)    | 0.0196        | -0.1646       | -0.1595       |               |               | 0.1088    | -0.03108  |           |           |           |
| (3,1)    | 0.01994       | -0.1758       | -0.1958       | -0.2796       |               | 0.1096    | -0.03810  |           |           |           |
| (4,1)    | 0.02002       | -0.1783       | -0.2041       | -0.3466       | -0.5579       | 0.1098    | -0.03969  |           |           |           |
| (2,2)    | 0.01894       | -0.1408       | -0.1241       |               |               | 0.1071    | -0.01122  | 0.04297   |           |           |
| (3,2)    | 0.01971       | -0.1680       | -0.1848       | -0.2879       |               | 0.1089    | -0.03131  | 0.01731   |           |           |
| (4,2)    | 0.01988       | -0.1735       | -0.1975       | -0.3544       | -0.5687       | 0.1093    | -0.03542  | 0.01121   |           |           |
| (3,3)    | 0.01911       | -0.1469       | -0.1469       | -0.1935       |               | 0.1074    | -0.01420  | 0.05017   | 0.1617    |           |
| (4,3)    | 0.01953       | -0.1618       | -0.1768       | -0.3083       | -0.6569       | 0.1084    | -0.02571  | 0.03197   | 0.1102    |           |
| (4,4)    | 0.01923       | -0.1512       | -0.1572       | -0.2496       | -0.4911       | 0.1077    | -0.01728  | 0.04732   | 0.1765    | 0.3868    |

| $(a, b)$ | $\theta_1'$ | $\theta_1''$ | $\theta_3$  | $\theta_4$   | $\theta_5$  | $\theta_6$   | $\theta_7$  |              |            |               |
|----------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|------------|---------------|
| (2,1)    | 1.648       | 0.592        | -0.956      | -3.902       | -13.46      |              |             |              |            |               |
| (3,1)    | 1.650       | 0.554        | -1.079      | -3.776       | -11.20      | -29.397      |             |              |            |               |
| (4,1)    | 1.650       | 0.543        | -1.105      | -3.673       | -10.02      | -24.01       | -49.31      |              |            |               |
| $(a, b)$ | $\theta_1'$ | $\theta_1''$ | $\theta_2'$ | $\theta_2''$ | $\theta_5$  | $\theta_6$   | $\theta_7$  | $\theta_8$   |            |               |
| (2,2)    | 1.649       | 0.656        | -7.979      | 1.261        | -0.559      | -3.192       |             |              |            |               |
| (3,2)    | 1.652       | 0.589        | -7.933      | 3.909        | -0.835      | -3.578       | -27.67      |              |            |               |
| (4,2)    | 1.652       | 0.570        | -7.635      | 4.083        | -0.898      | -3.626       | -22.64      | -47.78       |            |               |
| $(a, b)$ | $\theta_1'$ | $\theta_1''$ | $\theta_2'$ | $\theta_2''$ | $\theta_3'$ | $\theta_3''$ | $\theta_7$  | $\theta_8$   | $\theta_9$ |               |
| (3,3)    | 1.649       | 0.641        | -6.703      | 2.097        | -14.12      | 8.990        | -0.512      | -2.991       |            |               |
| (4,3)    | 1.651       | 0.603        | -6.448      | 3.343        | -13.94      | 10.91        | -0.657      | -3.287       | -42.28     |               |
| $(a, b)$ | $\theta_1'$ | $\theta_1''$ | $\theta_2'$ | $\theta_2''$ | $\theta_3'$ | $\theta_3''$ | $\theta_3'$ | $\theta_3''$ | $\theta_9$ | $\theta_{10}$ |
| (4,4)    | 1.650       | 0.630        | -5.958      | 2.008        | -12.88      | 7.966        | -20.07      | 19.03        | -0.513     | -2.977        |

# EH+Scalar: Other Non-trivial FP

| $(a, b)$ | $\lambda_0^*$ | $\lambda_2^*$ | $\lambda_4^*$ | $\lambda_6^*$ | $\lambda_8^*$ | $\lambda_{10}^*$ | $\lambda_{12}^*$ | $\lambda_{14}^*$ | $\lambda_{16}^*$ | $\xi_0^*$ |
|----------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------|
| (1,0)    | 0.01813       | -0.1088       |               |               |               |                  |                  |                  |                  | 0.1060    |
| (2,0)    | 0.01880       | -0.1343       | -0.1561       |               |               |                  |                  |                  |                  | 0.1065    |
| (3,0)    | 0.01894       | -0.1395       | -0.1942       | -0.2633       |               |                  |                  |                  |                  | 0.1066    |
| (4,0)    | 0.01898       | -0.1407       | -0.2032       | -0.3284       | -0.4998       |                  |                  |                  |                  | 0.1066    |
| (5,0)    | 0.01899       | -0.1410       | -0.2053       | -0.3437       | -0.6182       | -0.9604          |                  |                  |                  | 0.1066    |
| (6,0)    | 0.01899       | -0.1411       | -0.2058       | -0.3472       | -0.6452       | -1.180           | -1.826           |                  |                  | 0.1066    |
| (7,0)    | 0.01899       | -0.1411       | -0.2059       | -0.3479       | -0.6511       | -1.228           | -2.229           | -3.380           |                  | 0.1066    |
| (8,0)    | 0.01899       | -0.1411       | -0.2059       | -0.3481       | -0.6524       | -1.238           | -2.313           | -4.091           | -5.977           | 0.1066    |

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| $(a, b)$ | $\lambda_0^*$ | $\lambda_2^*$ | $\lambda_4^*$ | $\lambda_6^*$ | $\lambda_8^*$ | $\lambda_{10}^*$ | $\lambda_{12}^*$ | $\lambda_{14}^*$ | $\lambda_{16}^*$ | $\xi_0^*$ |
|----------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------|
| (1,0)    | 0.01813       | -0.1088       |               |               |               |                  |                  |                  |                  | 0.1060    |
| (2,0)    | 0.01880       | -0.1343       | -0.1561       |               |               |                  |                  |                  |                  | 0.1065    |
| (3,0)    | 0.01894       | -0.1395       | -0.1942       | -0.2633       |               |                  |                  |                  |                  | 0.1066    |
| (4,0)    | 0.01898       | -0.1407       | -0.2032       | -0.3284       | -0.4998       |                  |                  |                  |                  | 0.1066    |
| (5,0)    | 0.01899       | -0.1410       | -0.2053       | -0.3437       | -0.6182       | -0.9604          |                  |                  |                  | 0.1066    |
| (6,0)    | 0.01899       | -0.1411       | -0.2058       | -0.3472       | -0.6452       | -1.180           | -1.826           |                  |                  | 0.1066    |
| (7,0)    | 0.01899       | -0.1411       | -0.2059       | -0.3479       | -0.6511       | -1.228           | -2.229           | -3.380           |                  | 0.1066    |
| (8,0)    | 0.01899       | -0.1411       | -0.2059       | -0.3481       | -0.6524       | -1.238           | -2.313           | -4.091           | -5.977           | 0.1066    |

| $(a, b)$ | $\theta_1'$ | $\theta_1''$ | $\theta_3$ | $\theta_4$ | $\theta_5$ | $\theta_6$ | $\theta_7$ | $\theta_8$ | $\theta_9$ | $\theta_{10}$ |
|----------|-------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| (1,0)    | 1.659       | 0.753        | -1.699     |            |            |            |            |            |            |               |
| (2,0)    | 1.675       | 0.745        | -1.594     | -10.59     |            |            |            |            |            |               |
| (3,0)    | 1.679       | 0.742        | -1.485     | -8.384     | -22.41     |            |            |            |            |               |
| (4,0)    | 1.68        | 0.741        | -1.434     | -7.341     | -18.19     | -36.96     |            |            |            |               |
| (5,0)    | 1.68        | 0.741        | -1.414     | -6.84      | -15.93     | -31.12     | -54.10     |            |            |               |
| (6,0)    | 1.68        | 0.741        | -1.407     | -6.609     | -14.70     | -27.47     | -47.25     | -73.60     |            |               |
| (7,0)    | 1.68        | 0.740        | -1.405     | -6.509     | -14.02     | -25.287    | -42.062    | -66.663    | -95.172    |               |
| (8,0)    | 1.68        | 0.740        | -1.405     | -6.469     | -13.67     | -23.94     | -38.77     | -59.72     | -89.58     | -118.4        |

# Summary and Conclusion

- A FP found in all dimensions at which all matter couplings vanish (GMFP)
- The GMFP in  $d = 4$  is continuously connected to GMFP in  $d = 2 + \epsilon$
- At GMFP critical exponents obey recursive relations. This can be used to simplify computation by considering smaller truncations
- Critical exponents are complex for  $3 \leq d \leq 11$  and real for  $d \lesssim 2.8$
- At GMFP the dimension of the critical surface is four for  $3 \leq d \leq 11$
- In  $d = 3$  a “new” FP found with both matter and gravity non-trivial but has unphysical properties