# Rethinking Fundamental Interactions

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Culprit: Higgs

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If above TeV asymptotic freedom is lost, then what?

#### Beyond asymptotic freedom

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#### Does a theory like this exists?

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$Q_R^c$		1		-1
H	1			0

# Veneziano Limit

Normalised couplings

$$\alpha_g = \frac{g^2 N_C}{(4\pi)^2}, \quad \alpha_y = \frac{y^2 N_C}{(4\pi)^2}, \quad \alpha_h = \frac{u N_F}{(4\pi)^2}, \quad \alpha_v = \frac{v N_F^2}{(4\pi)^2}$$

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Impossible in Gauge Theories with Fermions alone Caswell, PRL 1974

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Antipin, Gillioz, Mølgaard, Sannino 13

Bootstrap and composite operators

Antipin, Mølgaard, Sannino 14

# Supersymmetry is unsafe

Intriligator and Sannino, 1508.07413, JHEP

Martin and Wells, hep-ph/0011382, PRD

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#### AF is lost

$$N_f > 3N_c$$







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#### Safe DM

With Shoemaker, 1412.8034



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#### Outlook

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- Novel models of DM/Inflation 1412.8034 & 1503.00702
- Asymptotically safe extensions of the SM (e.g. QCD)
- New ways to unify flavour, scalar and gauge interactions
- Super asymptotic safety is not guaranteed\*
- Beyond P.T. (Lattice, dualities, holography, ...)
- Similarities and differences w.r.t. to N=4 (Wilson loops, MHV)
- Asymptotic safe quantum gravity \*\*?

\* Intriligator and Sannino, 1508.07411

\*\* Weinberg

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'THE CREATION' - MICHELANGELO

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Variation of the generating functional

Tool: Curved backgrounds

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Komargodski & Schwimmer 11, Komargodski 12

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Ryttov, Sannino, 0809.0713 Cacciapaglia, Sannino, 1402.0233

Lewis, Pica, Sannino, 1109.3513





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## Minimal Fund. Gauge Theory

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