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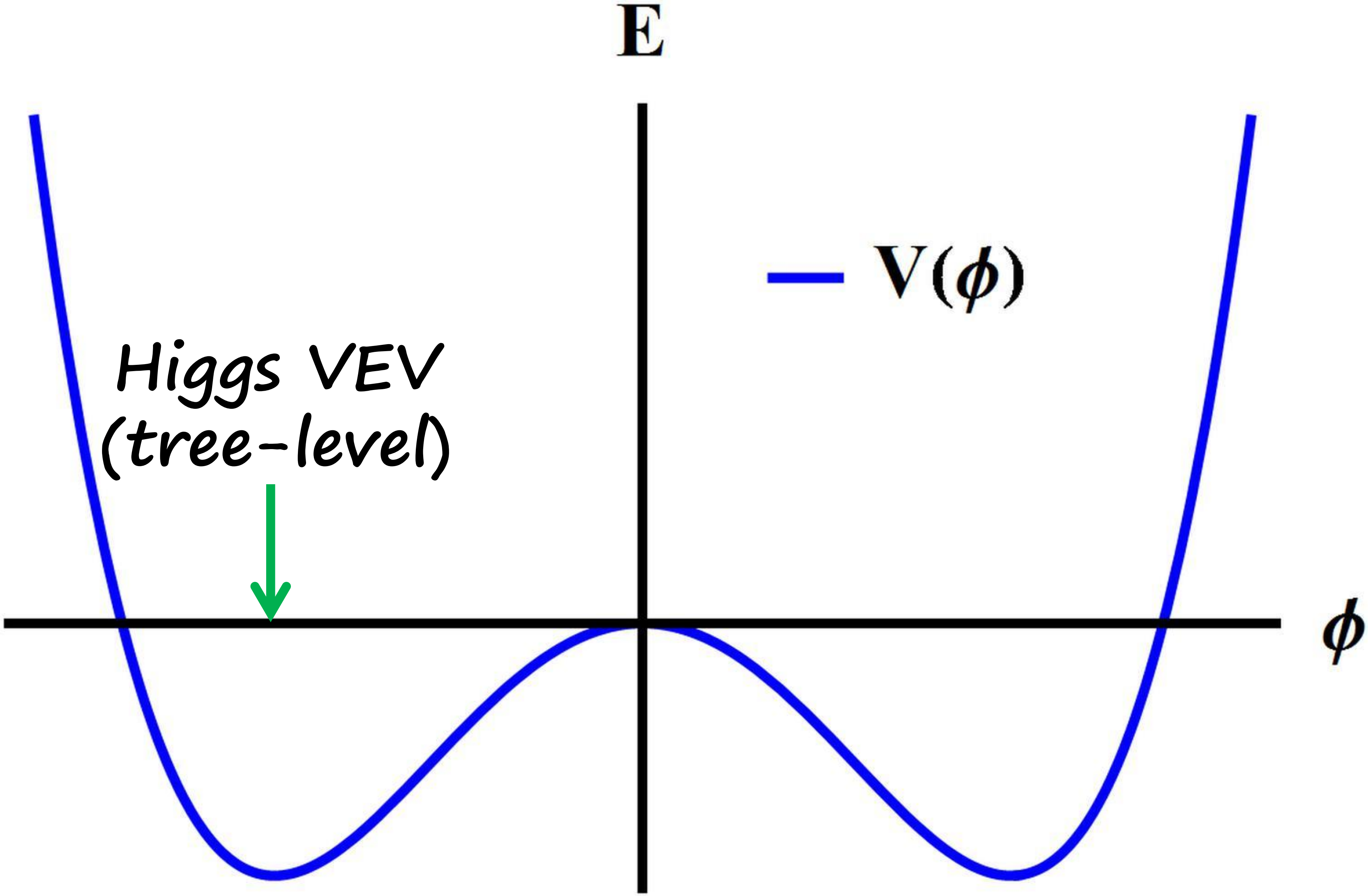

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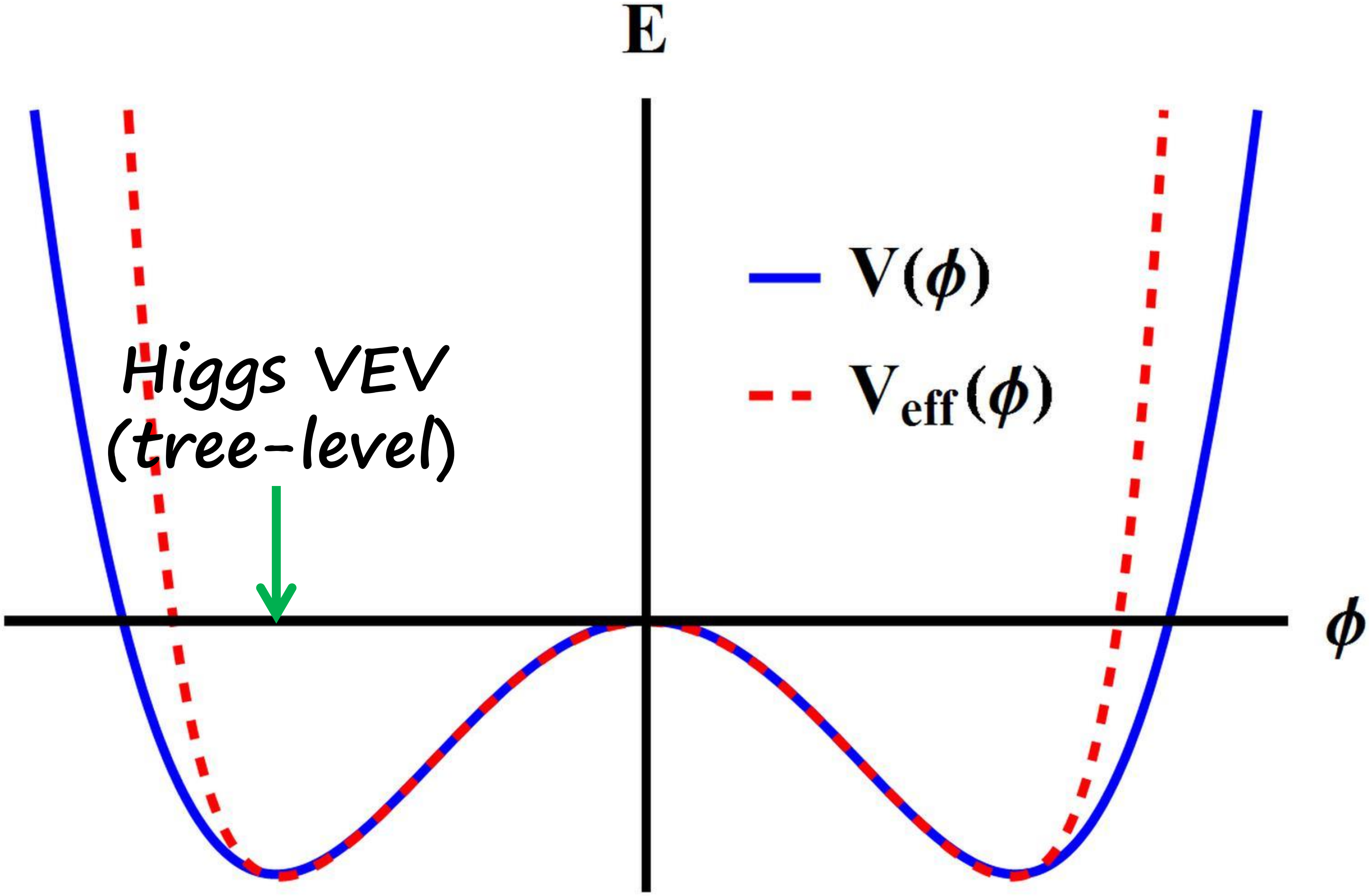

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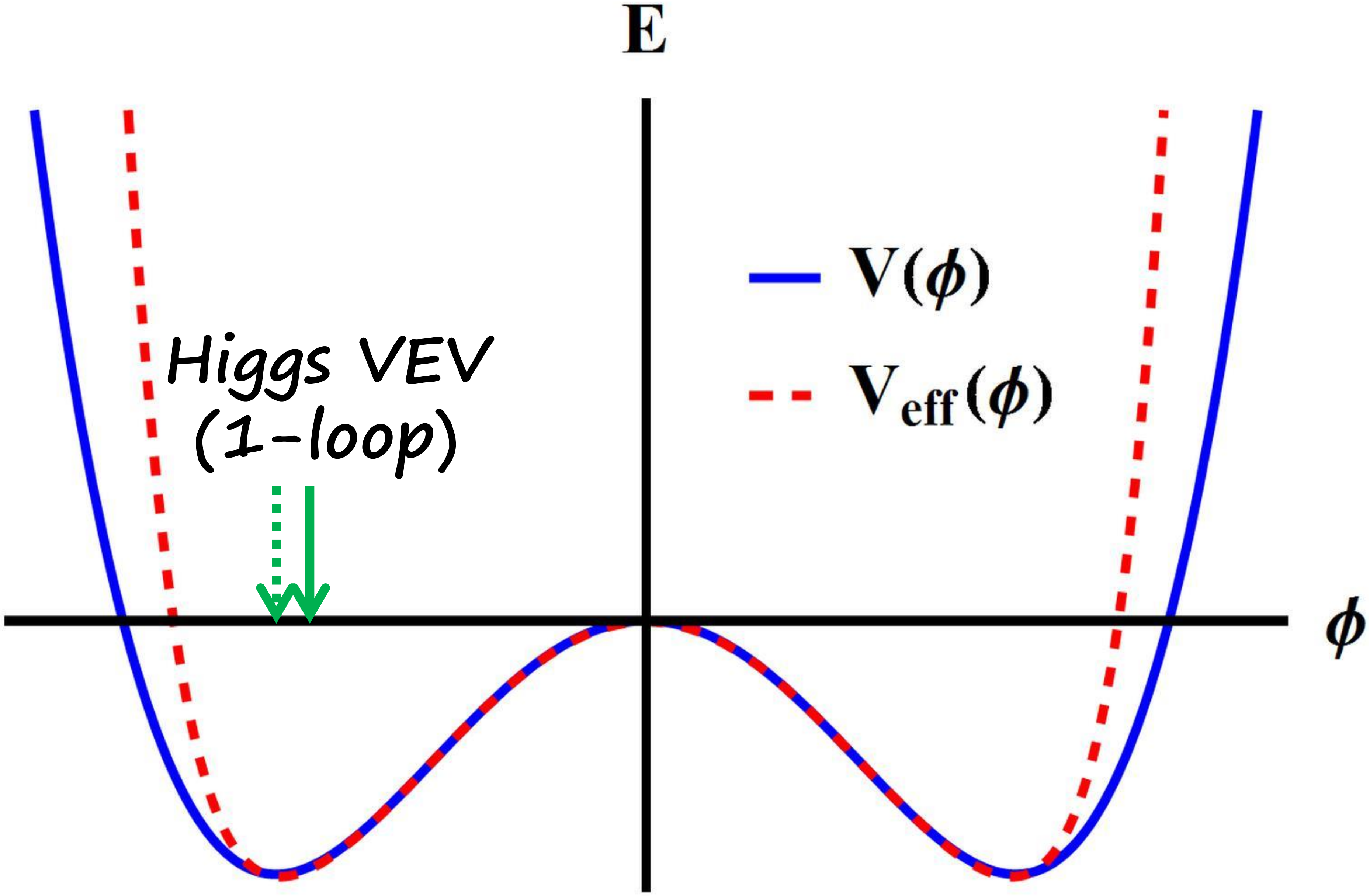

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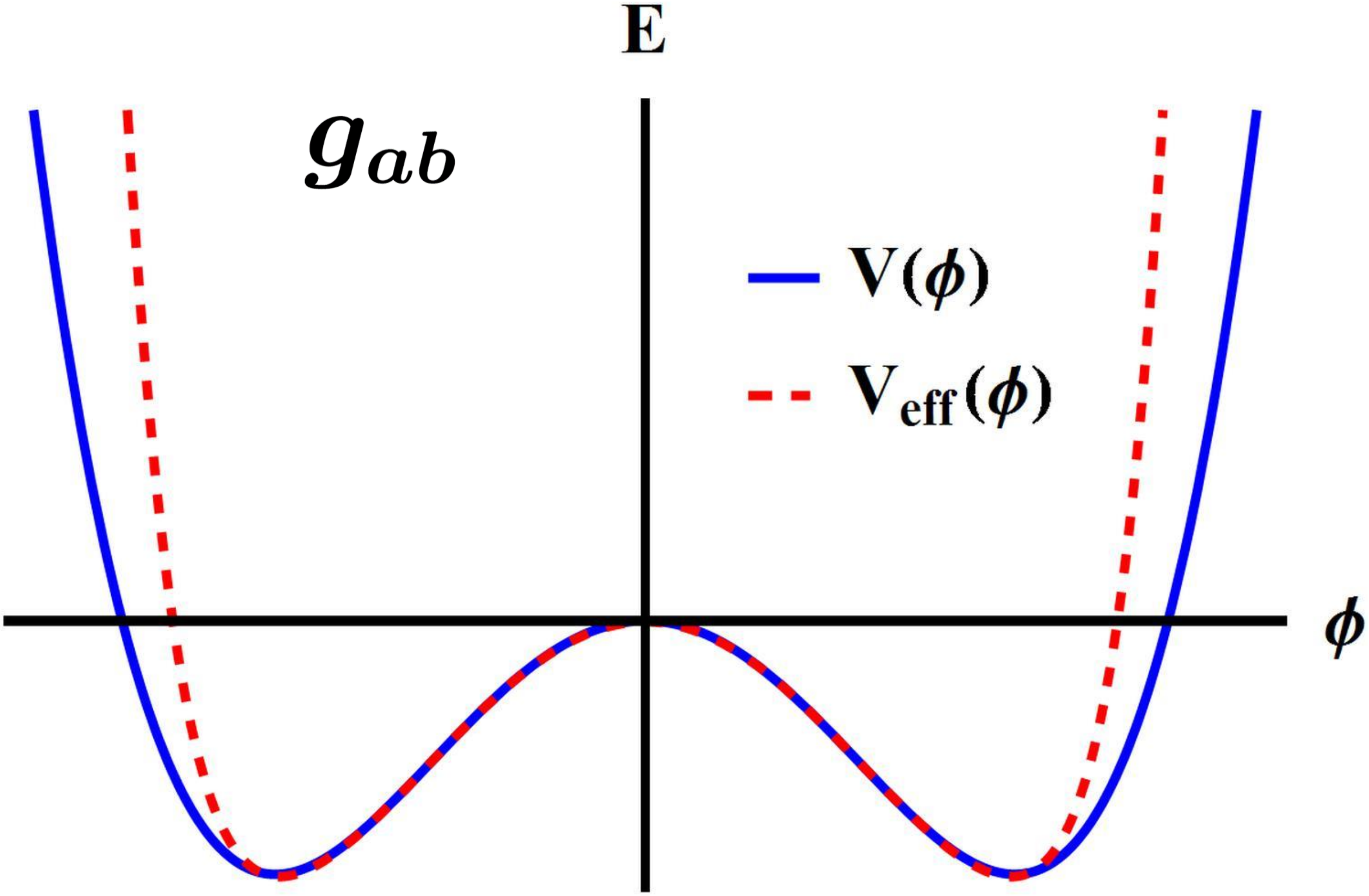
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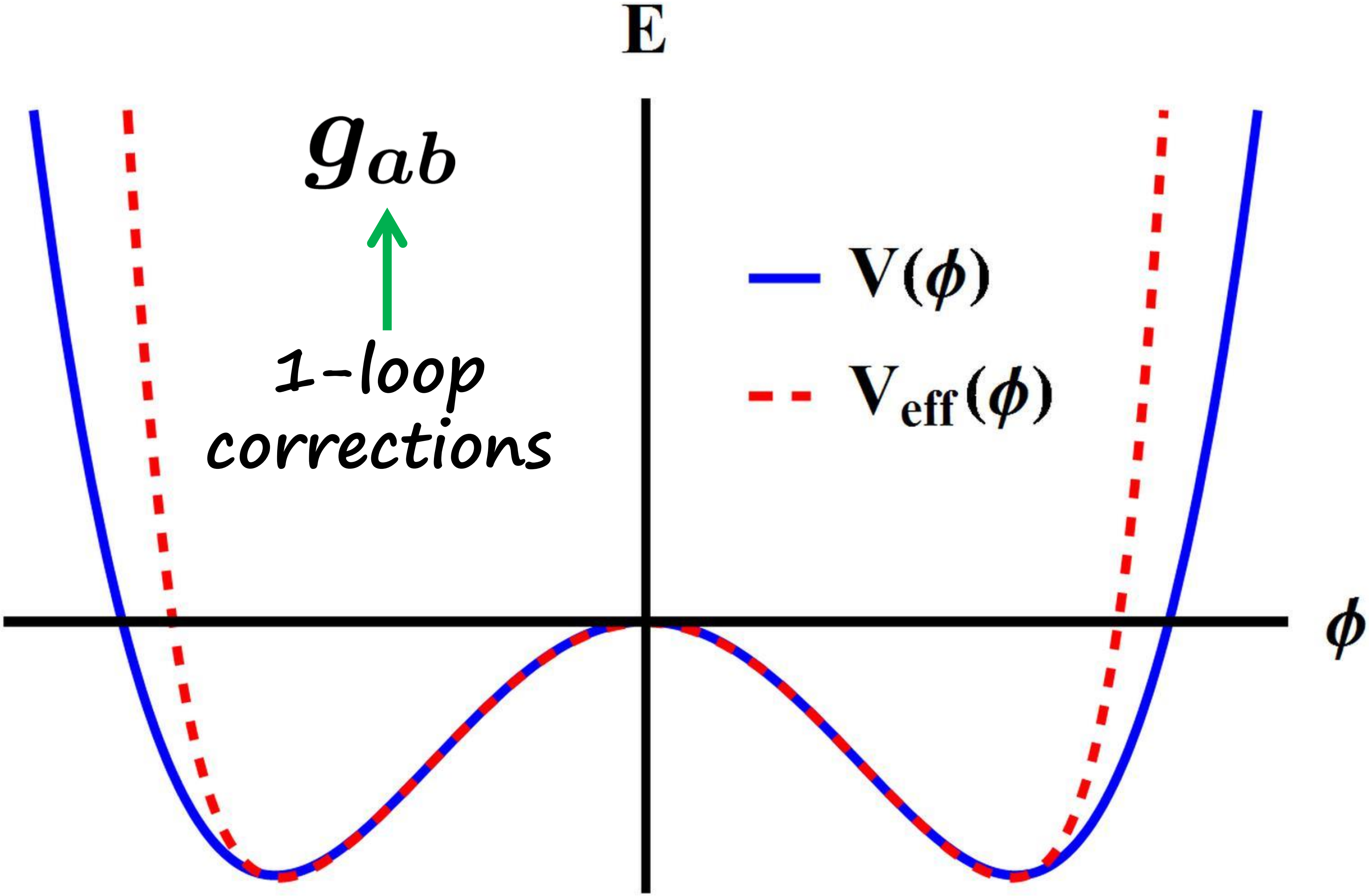

g_{ab}

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1-loop corrections

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Introduction

KG eq.

$$\Box\,\phi + \boldsymbol{V'}(\phi) \;=\; \mathbf{0}$$

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Quantum operator

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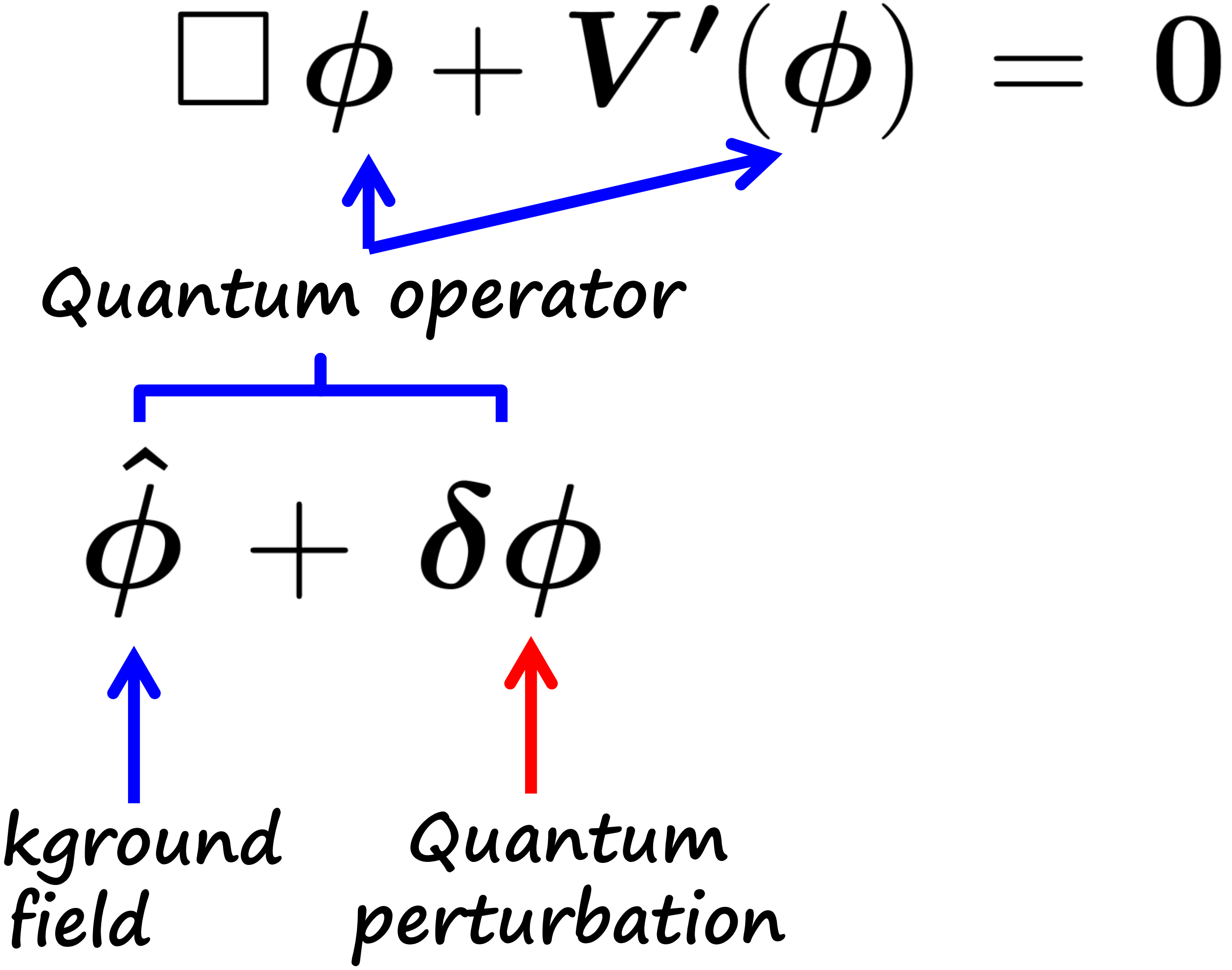

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Quantum operator

$$\hat{\phi} + \delta\phi$$

Background field

Quantum perturbation

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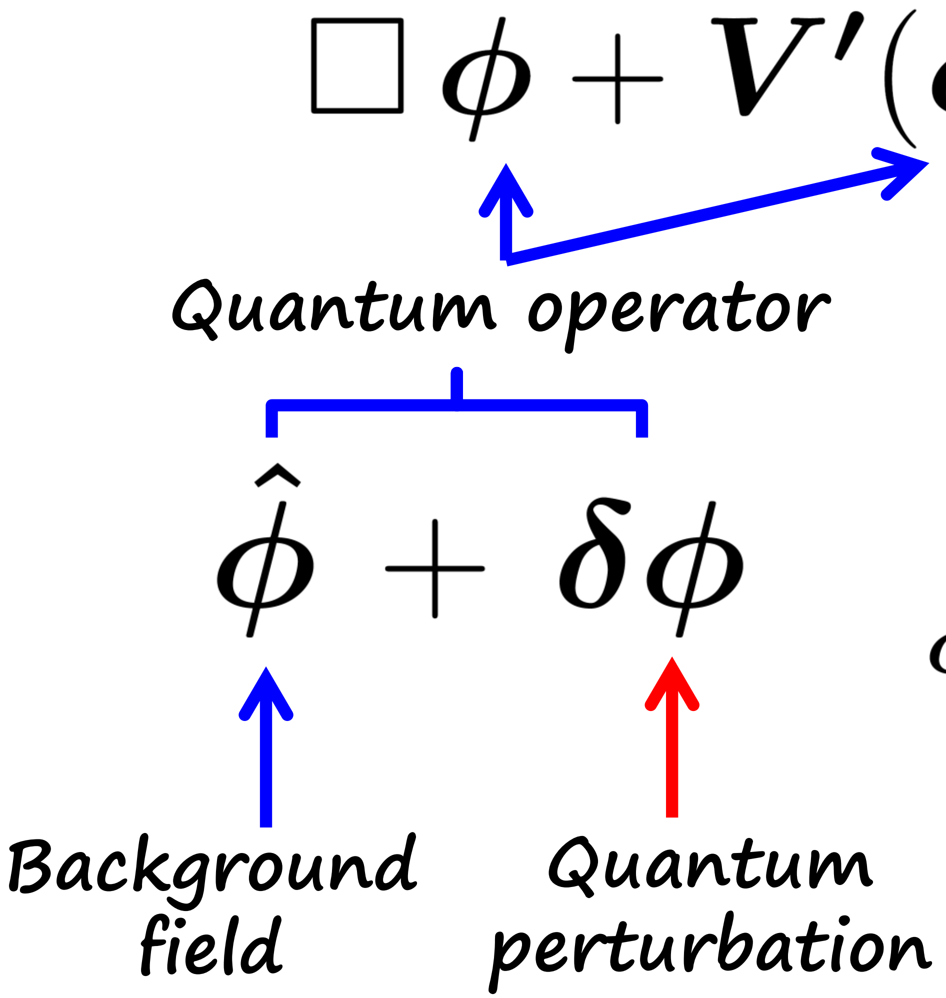

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where...

$$\langle 0|\delta\phi|0\rangle = 0$$

$$\hat{\phi} = \langle 0|\,\hat{\phi} + \delta\phi\,|0\rangle$$

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○ Quantum fluctuations (1-loop)

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Quadratic operator

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Flat space-time

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Coleman & Weinberg '73
Including W, Z and top contributions

Introduction

Flat FRW

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Comoving scales get redshifted

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Physical renormalization scale

Introduction

Flat space-time

Flat FRW

Homogeneous effect

Non-homogeneus effect?

Introduction

Perturbations

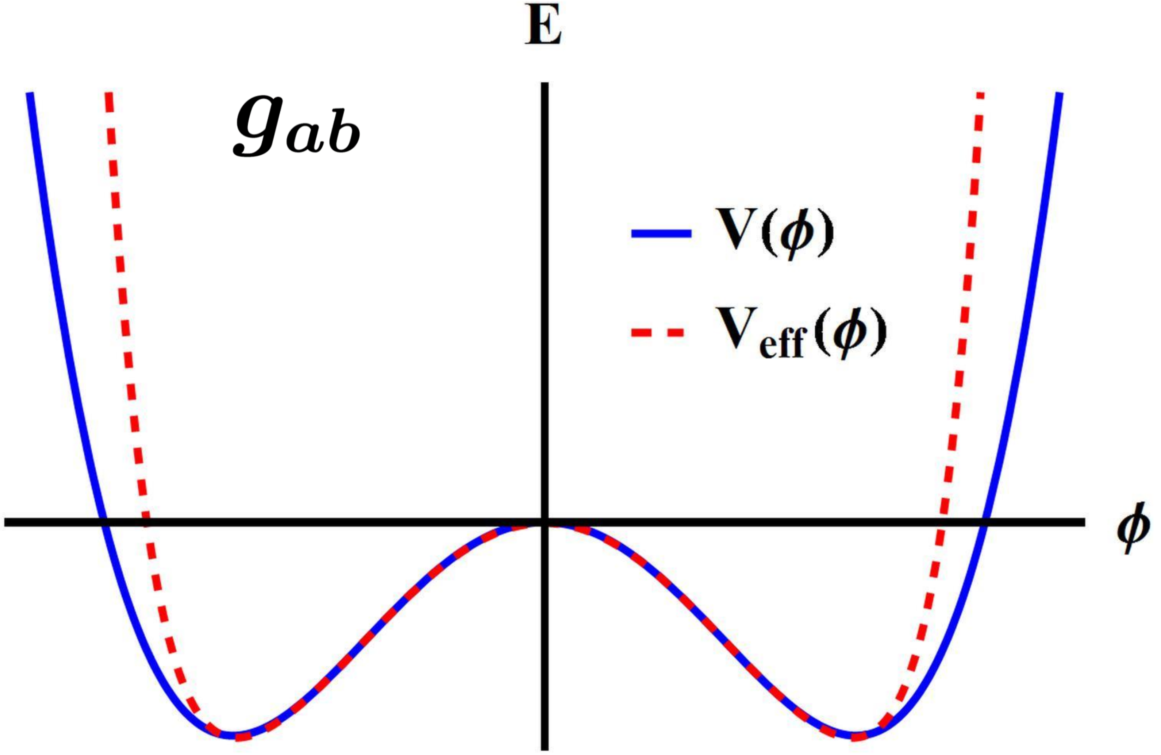
$$ds^2 = a^2(\eta)\left\{[1 + 2\Phi(\eta, x)]\,d\eta^2 - [1 - 2\Psi(\eta, x)]\,dx^2\right\}$$

$\Phi, \; \Psi$

Static weak gravitational field (Solar System...)

Cosmological effects due to the LSS

So...



1-loop corrections

due to the interactions with SM particles

sensitive to the space-time geometry

Φ, Ψ

In this work, Higgs self-interactions

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Modes

Quadratic operator $\langle 0|\delta\phi^2|0\rangle$

- Divergent part
  - Local
  - Independent of $|0\rangle$
  - Covariant (curvature tensors)
  - Schwinger-de Witt
- Finite part
  - Non-local
  - Depends on $|0\rangle$
  - Not manifestly covariant
  - "Brute force" (mode summation)

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Renormalized physical quantities

Modes

this is all about classical gravity

with quantum fields

QFT in curved spacetimes

(Birrel & Davies ‘82)

Modes

1) Quantize the fluctuations canonically

$$\delta\phi = \int \frac{\mathrm{d}k^3}{(2\pi)^3} \left(a_k \, \delta\phi_k + a_k^\dagger \, \delta\phi_k^* \right)$$

2) Find the modes

- Solve KG to first order (in metric perturbations...)
- Using a WKB ansatz

$$\delta\phi_k = f_k \, e^{i\,\theta_k}$$

$$\omega^2 \gg \mathcal{H}^2, \nabla^2(\Phi, \Psi)$$

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- Boundary conditions

Match the perturbed modes to the unperturbed ones at $\eta = 0$

(adiabatic vacuum)

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3) Compute

$$\boldsymbol{\langle 0 | \delta\phi^2 | 0 \rangle}$$

4) Regularize & Renormalize

Modes

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$$\langle 0|\delta\phi^2|0\rangle$$

- Fourier space
- Expand in powers of p
- Dimensional regularization for the integration over quantum modes k

Renormalization?

- The same UV behaviour than in flat space-time
- Contributions from $\Phi, \ \Psi$ to the $V^{\circ}_{\rm eff}$ are finite.

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Results

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- Finite
- Non-local

Results

Why not effective action?

$$\Gamma_Q = \int \mathrm{d}^4x \, (-V_{\text{eff}}) + \ldots (\partial\phi)^2 + \ldots$$

$$\omega^2 \gg \mathcal{H}^2, \, \nabla^2(\Phi, \Psi)$$

Quantum frequencies

Higgs boson mass ~ 125 GeV

Gravitacional frequencies

Solar System ~ 10^{-25} GeV

Cosmology ~ 10^{-39} GeV

Results

Higgs VEV

$$\hat{\phi}(t,x) = v + \Delta v(t,x)$$

Homogeneous

Space-time dependent

$$\Delta_{\mathrm{Higgs}} = \frac{\Delta v}{v} = -\frac{3\lambda}{4\pi^2}(H_\Phi + H_\Psi)$$

- Non-homogeneous effect, the field value which minimizes the potential is different for each point of spacetime.

Results

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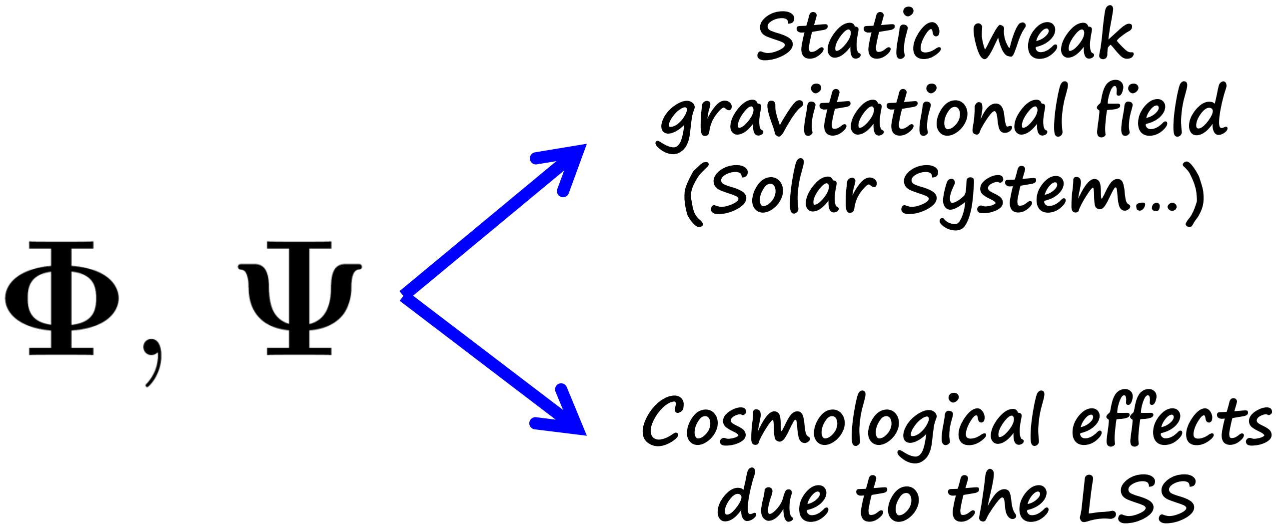

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Solar System (real space, momentum space)

- Newtonian potential

$$\Phi_N(r) = -\frac{1}{r}\, G\, M \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \Phi_N(p) = -\frac{4\pi}{p^2}\, G\, M$$

Results

Solar System (real space)

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- General potential

$$\Phi(r) = -\frac{1}{r}\sum_{l=0}^{\infty}\sum_{m=l}^{l}\frac{Q_{lm}}{r^l}\sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{2l+1}}Y_{lm}(\theta,\phi)$$

$$\Updownarrow$$

$$\Phi(p) = -\frac{4\pi}{p^2}\sum_{l=0}^{\infty} i^l \sum_{m=l}^{l}\frac{Q_{lm}}{(2p)^l}\sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{2l+1}}Y_{lm}(\theta_p,\phi_p)$$

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General results

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Observational effects

$$\begin{tikzcd}
\Delta_{\text{Higgs}} \arrow[d] \arrow[dr] \arrow[drr] & & \\
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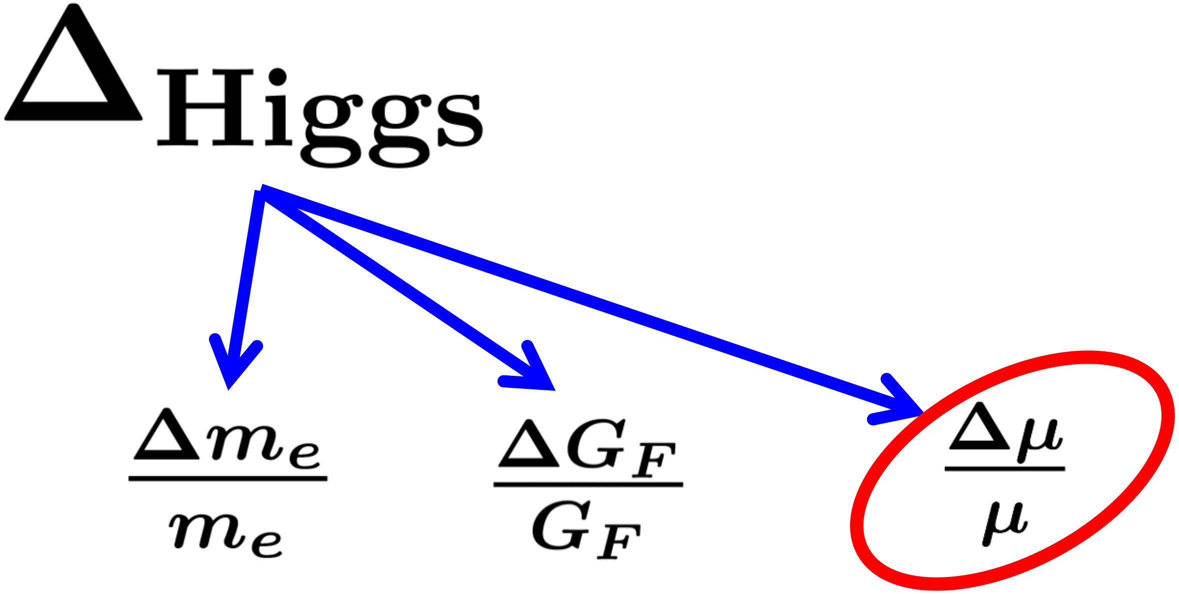

$$\Delta_{\text{Higgs}}$$

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Observational effects

Solar System

Eddington parameter

$$\Delta_{\text{Higgs}} = \frac{3\lambda}{8\pi^2}\underbrace{\Delta\Phi}_{\text{Gravitational potential}}(1-\gamma)$$

$\lambda \simeq 1/8$

Gravitational
potential

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Solar System

$$\Delta_{\text{Higgs}} = \frac{3\lambda}{8\pi^2} \Delta\Phi \left(1-\gamma\right)$$

$$\frac{\Delta\mu}{\mu} = -\Delta_{\text{Higgs}}$$

Proton-to-electron mass ratio

$$\frac{\Delta\mu}{\mu} < 10^{-16}$$

Atomic clocks on Earth

Huntemann, et al. 2014

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$$|\gamma - 1| < 10^{-5}$$

Cassini bound,

Bertotti, et al. 2003

$$\Delta_{\text{Higgs}} = \frac{3\lambda}{8\pi^2} \Delta\Phi \left(1 - \gamma\right)$$

$$|\gamma - 1| < 10^{-4}$$

on Earth

$$\Delta\Phi_{\oplus} \approx 10^{-10}$$

$$\frac{\Delta\mu}{\mu} = -\Delta_{\text{Higgs}}$$

$$|\gamma - 1| < 10^{-8}$$

around the Sun

$$\Delta\Phi_{\odot} \approx 10^{-6}$$

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Solar System

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- *Higgs self-interactions*
- *Vector bosons*
- *Top quark*

Observational effects

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$$\Delta^{i}{}_{\mathrm{Higgs}} \approx \frac{3\lambda}{8\pi^2}\,\Delta\Phi\,(1-\gamma)\;\times\; n_{\mathrm{eff}}\;\times$$

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Bosons,
Fermions

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$$\Delta^{i}{}_{\mathrm{Higgs}} \approx \frac{3\lambda}{8\pi^2}\Delta\Phi\,(1-\gamma)\;\times\; n_{\mathrm{eff}} \;\times\; \left(\frac{g_i}{\lambda}\right) \;\times\; \left(\frac{m_i}{m_{\mathrm{Higgs}}}\right)^4$$

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Work in progress...

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Conclusions

- Metric perturbations contribute to the finite part of the Higgs 1-loop effective potential
- This leads to a space-time dependent Higgs VEV
- which translates into variations on the masses of all the elementary particles.
- Within the Solar System, constraints on the Eddington parameter can be obtained from measurements of the proton-to-electron mass ratio.