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Gravitational waves from patterns of electroweak symmetry breaking: an effective perspective

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Abstract

The future space-borne gravitational wave (GW) detectors would provide a promising probe for the new physics beyond the standard model that admits the first-order phase transitions. The predictions for the GW background vary sensitively among different concrete particle physics models but also share a large degeneracy in the model buildings, which motivates an effective model description on the phase transition based on different patterns of the electroweak symmetry breaking (EWSB). In this paper, using the scalar N -plet model as a demonstration, we propose an effective classification for three different patterns of EWSB: (1) radiative symmetry breaking with classical scale invariance, (2) the Higgs mechanism in a generic scalar extension, and (3) higher-dimensional operators. We conclude that a strong first-order phase transition could be realized for (1) and (2) with a small quartic coupling and a small isospin of an additional N -plet field for the light scalar field model with and without the classical scale invariance, and (3) with a large mixing coupling between scalar fields and a large isospin of the N -plet field for the heavy scalar field model.

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1. Introduction

Despite the success of the standard model (SM) of particle physics [1] as a low-energy effective field theory (EFT), it is

incomplete in describing the puzzles of dark energy, dark matter (DM), cosmic inflation and baryon asymmetry of our Universe (BAU). The proposed solutions might call for a larger symmetry group for ultraviolet (UV) completion, which should be broken into the SM symmetry group in our current epoch. Some of these symmetry breakings would trigger cosmic first-order phase

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transitions (FOPTs) (see [2] for a comprehensive review and [3] for a pedagogical lecture) proceeding by the bubble nucleations, bubble expansion and bubble collisions, which would generate a stochastic background of gravitational waves (GWs) (see [4, 5] for recent reviews from LISA Collaboration [6] and [7, 8] for earlier reviews from eLISA/NGO mission [9]; see also [10] for a brief review) transparent to our early Universe that is otherwise opaque to light for us to probe via electromagnetic waves if the FOPTs occur before the recombination epoch. Therefore, the GWs' detection serves as a promising and unique probe [11, 12] for the new physics [13, 14] beyond SM (BSM) with FOPTs.

Since the SM admits no FOPT but a cross-over transition due to a relatively heavy Higgs mass [15], any model buildings with FOPTs should go beyond SM. However, a clean separation for BSM new physics with FOPTs from those without FOPTs turns out to be difficult, so does a clear classification for various FOPT models. Usually the FOPT models could be naively classified into models extended with higher-dimensional operators [16–39], scalar singlet [40–73] /doublet [74–91]/triplet [92–104]/quadruplet [30], composite Higgs [18, 19, 105–117], supersymmetry (SUSY) [118–144], warp extra-dimensions [116, 117, 145–184], and dark/hidden sectors [113, 164, 171, 185–242], which, however, are actually overlapping with each other when focusing on the sector that actually induces an FOPT. Nevertheless, most of the FOPT models could be regarded effectively as some kind of scalar extensions of the SM, while other FOPT models with fermion extensions [243–247] are special on their own for triggering a PT, we therefore only focus on the scalar extensions of the SM.

On the other hand, some of the scalar extensions of the SM could be described and parametrized in the effective field theory (EFT) framework, in which the new particles are integrated out and only the SM degrees of freedom are kept. The EFT description was adopted before, particularly for the higher-dimensional-operator extensions of the SM, which characterize the effect on the low-energy degrees of freedom when we integrate out the heavy degrees of freedom. However, the EFT description is only valid in the presence of a clear separation of scales, which is in conflict with the relatively low scale of the new degrees of freedom so as to introduce a large correction to the SM Higgs potential [248] in order to trigger a PT. Exceptions could be made for the Higgs-singlet extension with tree-level matching, though the EFT description is at its most qualitative for the dimension-six extension. Recently, a new perspective on this SM EFT description is made if the potential barrier separating the two minimums is generated radiatively instead of the tree-level barrier [249]. Nevertheless, we have found in this paper that the difficulty of an EFT description for the FOPT models could be circumvented by introducing a large number of scalar fields in the N -plet scalar field model. Therefore, for the electroweak phase transition process, the EFT description for some scalar extensions is not enough since in many cases the new light degree of freedom would contribute to the thermal plasma and thus one cannot integrate it out during phase transition. See also [250–252] for the dimensionally reduced effective field theory and its applications on reducing the

uncertainties from the renormalization scale dependence [253, 254] and the thermal bubble nucleation calculation [255–257].

In this paper we instead take an intermediate strategy that lays between the specific new physics model and EFT treatment. We utilize a simplified model to illustrate the features of the electroweak phase transition (EWPT), which we call the effective model description on the phase transition. In this description, to capture different patterns of the EWPT and to compare the difference between the new physics model and the EFT description, we propose a specific effective model description: the general model extends the SM with an isospin N -plet scalar field, of which the light scalar case consists of a model with classical scale invariance (CSI) (model I) and a model without CSI (model II), while the heavy scalar case is simply a model with higher-dimensional operators, for example, a dimension-six operator (model III). The above cases could describe the patterns of the electroweak symmetry breaking (EWSB) via, for example, (1) radiative symmetry breaking, (2) Higgs mechanism, and (3) EFT description of EWSB. Our effective model description already covers those scalar models with N -plet on the market, such as (1) singlet models including a real scalar singlet extension of SM (xSM), composite Higgs model like SO(6)/SO(5) model, extra dimension model like radion model, dilaton model; (2) doublet models including SUSY model like minimal supersymmetry model (MSSM), two Higgs doublet model (2HDM), minimal dark matter model; (3) triplet models including left-right model, Type-II seesaw model. In other perspective, our effective model description consists of the simplified models (effective models I and II) for the realistic models (SUSY, composite Higgs, etc.) and an EFT model (model III). Therefore, our effective model provides an effective description for the EWSB that could admit a FOPT with associated GWs.

Although the effective scalar models describe different EWSB patterns, they share the same form of the Higgs potential. Thus, utilizing the polynomial potential form, we could analyze how the FOPT is realized in different cases. To show the source of a sizable barrier for realizing the first-order EWPT, we consider the following polynomial potential form in each of the three models,

$$V_p = C_2\phi^2 + C_3\phi^3 + C_4\phi^4 + C_6\phi^6, \quad (1)$$

where ϕ is the order parameter in the effective potential, and C_n are the effective couplings of ϕ^n . The ϕ^2 and ϕ^4 term can appear in it at tree-level, on the other hand, the ϕ^6 term comes from the high dimensional operator in the model (III). The ϕ^3 is the source of the first-order phase transition in the models (I) and (II), and it can be produced by the thermal loop effects. Let us summarize the main features and also the main results of this work on realizing the FOPT in the forementioned three models:

- For model I, there are no massive parameters, and we consider the EWPT along a flat direction in the tree-level potential to avoid invalidating the perturbative analysis, and thus the potential form with finite temperature effects are roughly given by $V_p = C_2\phi^2 + C_3\phi^3 + C_4\phi^4$, where all terms are one-loop level effects coming from thermal loop effects and radiative corrections.

Table 1. The potential forms in the three types of the models where the EWSB occurs via (I) radiative symmetry breaking; (II) Higgs mechanism; (III) EFT description. Here, ϕ is order parameter, and C_n is the effective coupling of ϕ^n . The cubic term can be produced by thermal loop effects of bosons. To generate a sizable barrier, the cubic term will be negative in models I and II. In the model III, the quartic term can be negative to generate the barrier.

Model	$C_2\phi^2$	$C_3\phi^3$	$C_4\phi^4$	$C_6\phi^6$
I	Loop	Loop	Loop	None
II	Tree	Loop	Tree	None
III	Tree	Loop	Tree	Tree

- For model II, there are massive parameters in the Lagrangian unlike the model I. The potential of this model is still roughly given by $V_p = C_2\phi^2 + C_3\phi^3 + C_4\phi^4$ but the tree-level effects are now in ϕ^2 and ϕ^4 terms.
- For model III, the high dimensional operator shows up in the potential $V_p = C_2\phi^2 + C_3\phi^3 + C_4\phi^4 + C_6\phi^6$, where the tree-level effects are in ϕ^2 , ϕ^4 and ϕ^6 terms.

The main contributions to $C_n\phi^n$ in each of these models are summarized in Table 1. In the case of model I, not only the C_3 term but also the C_2 and C_4 terms are from loop level effects, and then the strongly first-order EWPT can be easily realized. On the other hand, the model II receives tree-level effects from the C_2 and C_4 terms. The source of the barrier for models I and II is the negative C_3 term from the thermal loop effects of bosons. Model III has the high dimensional operator C_6 , and thus we can have a negative C_4 term to generate a sizable barrier. That is a different point from models I and II.

The outline of this paper is as follows: in section 2, we introduce our effective model description, whose effective potentials are detailed in section 3. The resulted GWs from the FOPT models described above are extracted in a way depicted in section 4. The FOPT predictions are summarized in section 5. Lastly, section 6 is devoted for conclusions and discussions. Appendix A provides some details on the model without CSI.

2. Effective models

We focus on the model with an additional isospin N -plet scalar field $\Phi_2 \sim (I_{\Phi_2}, Y_{\Phi_2})$ charged under $SU(2)_I \times U(1)_Y$ gauge symmetry, where I_{Φ_2} is the isospin and Y_{Φ_2} is the hypercharge. The scalar boson fields in the model are given by

$$\Phi_1 = \begin{pmatrix} G^\pm \\ \frac{h+iG^0}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Phi_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 + i\phi_{1,i} \\ \phi_2 + i\phi_{2,i} \\ \vdots \\ \phi_N + i\phi_{N,i} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (2)$$

where Φ_1 is the SM-like double scalar field and ϕ_n ($\phi_{n,i}$) is the real (imaginary) part of the additional isospin N -plet scalar field with $N \equiv 2I_{\Phi_2} + 1$. These scalar bosons Φ_1 , Φ_2 have

classical fields: $\langle \Phi_1 \rangle / \sqrt{2}$ and $\langle \Phi_2 \rangle / \sqrt{2}$, which are related to the real part of the neutral scalar field. We will discuss the testability from the GW detection for three types of the extended models instead on different patterns of the EWSB. These models are illustrated in figure 1. Two types of them are the model with a light scalar field: (I) the model with classical scale invariance (CSI), (II) the model without CSI. The last type of the model is (III) the model with the N -plet scalar field with TeV scale. These models can realize the EWSB via (I) radiative symmetry breaking, (II) Higgs mechanism and (III) EFT description of EWSB, respectively. For the simplicity of excluding the mixing terms, we assume Z_2 symmetry in such a way that the new scalar field is Z_2 odd while the others are Z_2 even.

2.1. The model with classical scale invariance

In the first type of the model, we impose CSI on the tree-level potential without any dimensional parameters, then the spontaneous EWSB is generated by radiative corrections [258] given later in (23). The Lagrangian of this model is

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + |D_\mu \Phi_2|^2 - V_0(\Phi_1, \Phi_2), \quad (3)$$

where $D_\mu = \partial_\mu - igT^a W_\mu^a - ig' Y_{\Phi_2} B_\mu / 2$, g' and g are $U(1)_Y$ and $SU(2)_I$ gauge couplings, respectively, and T^a is the matrix for the generator of $SU(2)_I$. The tree-level potential $V_0(\Phi_1, \Phi_2)$ is given by

$$V_0(\Phi_1, \Phi_2) = \lambda_1 |\Phi_1|^4 + \lambda_2 |\Phi_2|^4 + \lambda_{12} |\Phi_1|^2 |\Phi_2|^2. \quad (4)$$

If the isospin I_{Φ_2} is $1/2$, then there are some mixing terms in the potential, such as $|\Phi_1^\dagger \Phi_2|^2$. For simplicity, we neglect such terms in the potential. According to [259, 260], there may be a flat direction in the tree-level potential to assure the valid perturbative analysis. If not, the large logarithmic term may show up in the one-loop correction via the renormalization scale, for example, this scale in the ϕ^4 theory is $Q \sim 3\lambda v e^{16\pi^2}$ [258]. Therefore, we assume a flat direction in the tree-level potential to avoid invalidating the perturbative analysis. The details of the effective potential will be discussed in section 3.

We mention here the constraints on this model. For simplicity, we assume that the additional scalar field Φ_2 does not couple to the SM fermions and does not have the vacuum-expectation-value (VEV). On the other hand, the isospin N -plet scalar field Φ_2 can interact with the SM gauge bosons. Then, the model is constrained by the perturbative unitarity bound. According to [261], the isospin should be less than $7/2$. We assume that the additional scalar field does not couple to the SM-like fermion in our strategy. Therefore, the typical collider constraints on our model is not much tight. For the neutral heavy Higgs, since it does not mix with the SM Higgs and does not couple to the SM fermions, the only experimental constraint comes from the vector boson scattering process, and thus it is very loose. For the charged Higgs, due to their degenerate masses to the neutral one, experimental constraints can be relaxed except for the $h\gamma\gamma$ measurement. The additional charged scalar fields contribute to the Higgs coupling $h\gamma\gamma$ [262], which is given by 1.05 ± 0.09 [263]. We may distinguish models I and II by

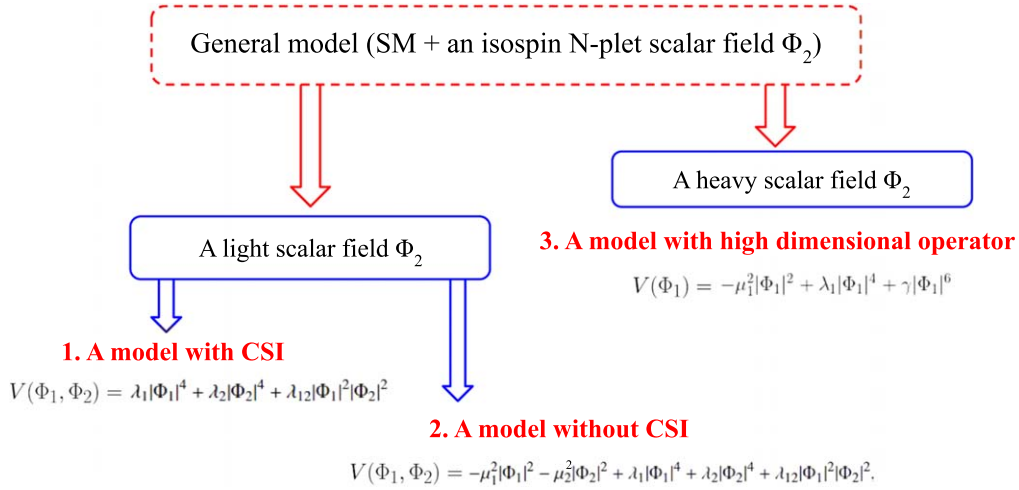


Figure 1. Our effective model description for some BSM models with FOPTs from a general model with an additional scalar field, which is either light or heavy consisting of (I) the light scalar model with CSI, (II) the light scalar model without CSI, (III) the heavy scalar model with high dimensional operator.

the results of the measurements and observation of the GW spectrum. In our work, we do not take into account the experimental constraints in the numerical analysis of the PT.

2.2. The model without classical scale invariance

In the model without CSI, there are mass parameters in the tree-level potential. The tree-level potential in this model is given as

$$V_0(\Phi_1, \Phi_2) = -\mu_1^2|\Phi_1|^2 - \mu_2^2|\Phi_2|^2 + \lambda_{12}|\Phi_1|^2|\Phi_2|^2 + \lambda_1|\Phi_1|^4 + \lambda_2|\Phi_2|^4, \quad (5)$$

where $\mu_1^2 > 0$ and $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 > 0$ for the stability of the tree-level potential. The effective potential of this model will be given later in (39).

Before discussing the effective potential with loop-corrections, we show the possible PT paths from the tree-level potential. At first, the extremal values in the potential are obtained by

$$\frac{\partial V_0(\langle\Phi_1\rangle, \langle\Phi_2\rangle)}{\partial \langle\Phi_1\rangle} = \frac{\partial V_0(\langle\Phi_1\rangle, \langle\Phi_2\rangle)}{\partial \langle\Phi_2\rangle} = 0, \quad (6)$$

which are solved by the following nine points in the field space as shown in figure 2,

$$\begin{aligned} (\langle\Phi_1\rangle, \langle\Phi_2\rangle) &= (0, 0), \quad \left(0, \pm\sqrt{\frac{\mu_2^2}{\lambda_2}}\right), \quad \left(\pm\sqrt{\frac{\mu_1^2}{\lambda_1}}, 0\right), \\ &\left(\pm\sqrt{2\frac{\lambda_{12}\mu_2^2 - 2\lambda_2\mu_1^2}{\lambda_{12}^2 - 4\lambda_1\lambda_2}}, \pm\sqrt{2\frac{\lambda_{12}\mu_2^2 - 2\lambda_2\mu_1^2}{\lambda_{12}^2 - 4\lambda_1\lambda_2}}\right), \\ &\left(\pm\sqrt{2\frac{\lambda_{12}\mu_2^2 - 2\lambda_2\mu_1^2}{\lambda_{12}^2 - 4\lambda_1\lambda_2}}, \mp\sqrt{2\frac{\lambda_{12}\mu_2^2 - 2\lambda_2\mu_1^2}{\lambda_{12}^2 - 4\lambda_1\lambda_2}}\right). \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

The green point is the origin in the potential, the blue points are $\langle\Phi_2\rangle \neq 0$ at zero temperature and the red and magenta points are along the $\langle\Phi_1\rangle$ and $\langle\Phi_2\rangle$ axes, respectively. When the red or blue point is minimum, the scalar field Φ_1 can have a VEV. In this work, we especially focus on the one-step phase transition along $\langle\Phi_1\rangle$ axis, because this path is the same

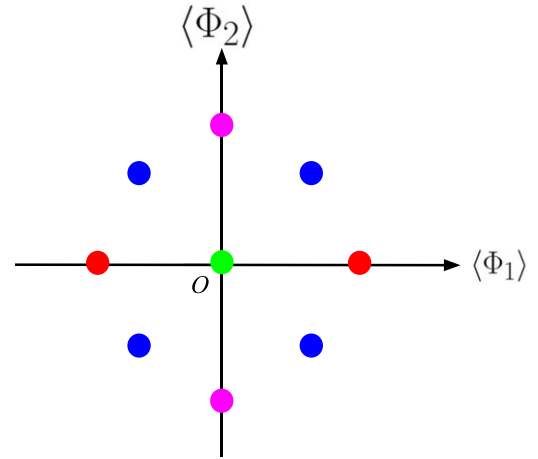


Figure 2. The extreme values of the tree-level potential of the model without CSI given by equation (7). In our analysis, the red (magenta) points will be global (local) minimum points and the blue points are saddle points.

as the CSI case. To realize the phase transition, we assume that the red point is at global minimum and the blue point is not minimum. We can assure such a situation by using the conditions for the determinants of the Hesse matrix and the height of the potential. The determinants of the Hesse matrix at the red, magenta and blue points are given by

$$\det[\mathcal{H}_{\text{red}}] = \mu_1^2 \left(\frac{\lambda_{12}\mu_1^2}{\lambda_1} - 2\mu_2^2 \right), \quad (8)$$

$$\det[\mathcal{H}_{\text{mag}}] = \mu_2^2 \left(\frac{\lambda_{12}\mu_2^2}{\lambda_2} - 2\mu_1^2 \right), \quad (9)$$

$$\det[\mathcal{H}_{\text{blue}}] = -4 \frac{(\lambda_{12}\mu_2^2 - 2\lambda_2\mu_1^2)(\lambda_{12}\mu_1^2 - 2\lambda_1\mu_2^2)}{\lambda_{12}^2 - 4\lambda_1\lambda_2}. \quad (10)$$

Also, the height of the potential at these points are given by

$$V_0(0, \sqrt{\mu_2^2/\lambda_2}) = -\mu_2^4/4\lambda_2, \quad (11)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
V_0(\sqrt{\mu_1^2/\lambda_1}, 0) &= -\mu_1^4/4\lambda_1 \\
&\times V_0\left(\sqrt{2\frac{\lambda_{12}\mu_2^2-2\lambda_2\mu_1^2}{\lambda_{12}^2-4\lambda_1\lambda_2}}, \sqrt{2\frac{\lambda_{12}\mu_2^2-2\lambda_2\mu_1^2}{\lambda_{12}^2-4\lambda_1\lambda_2}}\right) \\
&= \frac{\lambda_1\mu_2^4 + \lambda_2\mu_1^4 - \lambda_{12}\mu_1^2\mu_2^2}{\lambda_{12}^2 - 4\lambda_1\lambda_2}. \quad (12)
\end{aligned}$$

The red point should be the lowest points among them. From that, we can obtain the following conditions

$$\frac{\lambda_{12}\mu_1^2}{\lambda_1} > 2\mu_2^2, \quad \frac{\lambda_{12}\mu_2^2}{\lambda_2} > 2\mu_1^2, \quad \mu_2^4/\lambda_2 < \mu_1^4/\lambda_1. \quad (13)$$

Since the potential with these conditions have two minima at magenta and red points, a two-step phase transition may be realized. In our numerical analysis, we distinguish the phase transition pattern and focus on the one-step phase transition to compare differences of the results between the models with and without CSI.

2.3. The model with dimension-six operator from Φ_2

In the last type of model, Φ_2 is assumed at the TeV scale and then we integrate out the additional scalar field. The tree-level potential in this model is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
V_0(\Phi_1, \Phi_2) &= -\mu_1^2|\Phi_1|^2 - \mu_2^2|\Phi_2|^2 + \lambda_1|\Phi_1|^4 + \lambda_2|\Phi_2|^4 \\
&\quad + \lambda_{12}|\Phi_1|^2|\Phi_2|^2, \quad (14)
\end{aligned}$$

where μ_2 is at TeV scale. Otherwise, it is the same as the model without CSI. Then, we integrate out the heavy Φ_2 by loop-level matching [248, 264] in our analysis, and the effective Lagrangian for the SM-like Higgs boson h reads

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{EFT}}^{(6)} \sim \frac{1}{2}|\partial_\mu h|^2 - \left(-\frac{1}{2}a_2 h^2 + \frac{1}{4}a_4 h^4 + \frac{1}{6}a_6 h^6\right) \quad (15)$$

with

$$a_2 = \mu_1^2, \quad (16)$$

$$a_4 = \lambda_1 - (1 + 2I_{\Phi_2})\frac{\lambda_{12}^2\mu_1^2}{9(4\pi)^2 m_{\Phi_2}^2}, \quad (17)$$

$$a_6 = (1 + 2I_{\Phi_2})\frac{1}{(4\pi)^2 m_{\Phi_2}^2} \left(\frac{\lambda_{12}^3}{8} + \frac{\lambda_{12}^2\lambda_1}{6}\right), \quad (18)$$

where $m_{\Phi_2}^2 = \mu_2^2 + \lambda_{12}v^2/2$ is the mass of the additional scalar field Φ_2 . The effective potential with radiative corrections of this model is given later in (51).

We note that [248] suggests FOPT may be difficult in the model with a loop-level matching. According to their work, the FOPT requires the balancing between the dimension-four and dimension-six terms via $\frac{1}{4}\frac{U}{M^2}\frac{c_i\kappa^2}{16\pi^2} \sim \frac{m_h^2}{v^2} \sim 0.12$ with $c_i = 1/2$ (1) for a real (complex) scalar, where U and M correspond to the Higgs boson coupling to the heavy field and the mass parameter of the heavy field, respectively. On the other hand, the parameter region for a valid EFT expansion requires $2c_{\text{kin}}v^2 < 1/2$ and $|a_8|v^2/a_6 < 1$, where c_{kin} , a_6 and a_8 are high dimensional operators for kinetic term, dimension

6 and 8 terms, respectively. Since the conditions also limit to U/M^2 and $c_i\kappa^2/16\pi^2$. Therefore, they concluded that the FOPT cannot be generated in the model. At this time, we do not take into account other higher-dimensional operators involving the kinetic term.

3. Effective potentials

In this section, we discuss the forms of the effective potentials for our three effective model descriptions. To obtain the effective potential, we use the $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme to absorb the divergence parts. Typically, the effective potential at the one-loop level reads

$$\begin{aligned}
V_{\text{eff}}(\langle\Phi_1\rangle, \langle\Phi_2\rangle, T) &= V_0 + \sum_i \frac{n_i}{64\pi^2} M_i^4(\langle\Phi_1\rangle, \langle\Phi_2\rangle) \\
&\times \left(\ln\left(\frac{M_i^2(\langle\Phi_1\rangle, \langle\Phi_2\rangle)}{Q^2}\right) - c_i\right) + \Delta V_T, \quad (19)
\end{aligned}$$

where $M_i^2(\langle\Phi_1\rangle, \langle\Phi_2\rangle)$ is the field-dependent mass, n_i is the number of the degree of freedom, Q is the renormalization scale and c_i is 3/2 ($i = \text{boson, fermion}$) or 5/6 ($i = \text{gauge boson}$). The one-loop thermal contribution to the potential [265] is

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta V_T &= \frac{T^4}{2\pi^2} \left\{ \sum_{i=\text{bosons}} n_i \int_0^\infty dx x^2 \right. \\
&\times \ln[1 - \exp(-\sqrt{x^2 + M_i^2(\langle\Phi_1\rangle, \langle\Phi_2\rangle, T)/T^2})] \\
&\quad + \sum_{i=\text{fermions}} n_i \int_0^\infty dx x^2 \\
&\left. \times \ln[1 + \exp(-\sqrt{x^2 + M_i^2(\langle\Phi_1\rangle, \langle\Phi_2\rangle, T)/T^2})] \right\}. \quad (20)
\end{aligned}$$

Here, we take into account the resummation effect V_T^{ring} obtained by [266]

$$\begin{aligned}
V_T^{\text{ring}} &= \frac{T}{12\pi} \sum_{i=\text{bosons}} n_i (M_i^2(\langle\Phi_1\rangle, \langle\Phi_2\rangle, 0))^{3/2} \\
&\quad - (M_i^2(\langle\Phi_1\rangle, \langle\Phi_2\rangle, T))^{3/2}, \quad (21)
\end{aligned}$$

where the thermal mass $M_i^2(\langle\Phi_1\rangle, \langle\Phi_2\rangle, T) = M_i^2(\langle\Phi_1\rangle, \langle\Phi_2\rangle) + \Pi_i$ receives the thermal correction from the thermal self-energy Π_i . Finally, the effective potential with finite temperature effects is obtained by

$$V_{\text{eff}}(\langle\Phi_1\rangle, \langle\Phi_2\rangle, T) = V_0 + V_{1\text{-loop}} + \Delta V_T + V_T^{\text{ring}}. \quad (22)$$

The field-dependent masses in the effective potential of equation (19) and thermal correction Π_i in equation (22) depending on the details of model. Therefore we will discuss the form of the effective potential in each type of the model in the following.

3.1. The model with classical scale invariance

For the model (4) with CSI, the spontaneous EWSB occurs on the flat direction, which is assumed along $\langle\Phi_1\rangle$. Then, the effective potential is simply

$$V_{\text{eff}}(\varphi, T = 0) = A\varphi^4 + B\varphi^4 \ln \frac{\varphi^2}{Q^2}, \quad (23)$$

with A and B terms given by

$$A = \sum_i \frac{n_i}{64\pi^2 v^4} m_i^4 \left(\ln \frac{m_i^2}{v^2} - c_i \right), \quad B = \sum_i \frac{n_i}{64\pi^2 v^4} m_i^4, \quad (24)$$

where m_i is the mass of the field species i excluding the Higgs boson since this effect is at the one-loop level in this model case. n_i and c_i in the potential are given by $(n_W, n_Z, n_t, n_{\Phi_2}) = (6, 3, -12, 2(2I_{\Phi_2} + 1))$ and $(c_W, c_Z, c_t) = (5/6, 5/6, 3/2, 3/2)$, respectively. Using the stationary condition, we have

$$\left. \frac{\partial V_{\text{eff}}(\varphi, T=0)}{\partial \varphi} \right|_{\varphi=v} = \ln \frac{v^2}{Q^2} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{A}{B} = 0, \quad (25)$$

where the renormalization scale Q is fixed. Because A and B are the loop effects, v can be large in contrast to the case of ϕ^4 theory. Also, the Higgs boson mass is obtained as

$$m_h^2 = \left. \frac{\partial^2 V_{\text{eff}}(\varphi, T=0)}{\partial \varphi^2} \right|_{\varphi=v} = 8Bv^2, \quad (26)$$

from which we can obtain the additional scalar boson mass m_{Φ_2} as

$$m_{\Phi_2} = \frac{C}{(2(2I_{\Phi_2} + 1))^{1/4}}, \quad (27)$$

$$C^4 \equiv 8\pi^2 v^2 m_h^2 - 3m_Z^4 - 6m_W^4 + 12m_t^4 \quad (28)$$

with $C = 543$ GeV determined by equation (10) of [267], and λ_{12} coupling is obtained via $m_{\Phi_2}^2 = \lambda_{12} v^2 / 2$ as

$$\lambda_{12} = \frac{\sqrt{2} C^2}{v^2 \sqrt{2I_{\Phi_2} + 1}}. \quad (29)$$

With the help of equations (25) and (26), the one-loop effective potential at zero temperature could be obtained in terms of the renormalized mass of the Higgs boson as

$$V_{\text{eff}}(\varphi, T=0) = \frac{m_h^2}{8v^2} \varphi^4 \left(\ln \frac{\varphi^2}{v^2} - \frac{1}{2} \right). \quad (30)$$

Since the loop effects are renormalized into the Higgs boson mass, the value of hhh coupling with one-loop effects does not depend on the model extension [267]. The field-dependent masses and resummation effects in the effective potential with finite temperature effects are

$$M_{\Phi_2}^2(\varphi, T) = \frac{m_{\Phi_2}^2}{v^2} \varphi^2 + T^2 \left((I_{\Phi_2} + 1) \frac{\lambda_2}{6} + \frac{m_{\Phi_2}^2}{3v^2} + I_{\Phi_2} (I_{\Phi_2} + 1) \frac{g^2}{4} + Y_{\Phi_2}^2 \frac{g'^2}{16} \right). \quad (31)$$

Similarly, the thermally corrected field-dependent masses of gauge bosons in the (W^1, W^2, W^3, B) basis are

$$M_g^{2(L,T)}(\varphi, T) = \frac{\varphi^2}{4} \begin{pmatrix} g^2 & & & \\ & g^2 & & \\ & & g^2 & g g' \\ & & g g' & g'^2 \end{pmatrix} + a_g^{(L,T)} T^2 \begin{pmatrix} \pi_W & & & \\ & \pi_W & & \\ & & \pi_W & \\ & & & \pi_B \end{pmatrix}, \quad (32)$$

where

$$M_{\bar{W}}^2 = \frac{g^2}{4} \varphi^2, \quad M_{\bar{W}B}^2 = \frac{g g'}{4} \varphi^2, \quad M_B^2 = \frac{g'^2}{4} \varphi^2, \quad (33)$$

$$\pi_W = \frac{g^2}{9} I_{\Phi_2} (1 + I_{\Phi_2}) (1 + 2I_{\Phi_2}) + \frac{11}{6} g^2, \quad (34)$$

$$\pi_B = \frac{g'^2 T^2}{12} (1 + I_{\Phi_2}) Y_{\Phi_2}^2 + \frac{11}{6} g'^2, \quad a_g^L = 1, \quad a_T^T = 0. \quad (35)$$

The field-dependent mass of the fermion does not receive thermal correction in T^2 so that

$$M_f^2 = \frac{m_f^2}{v^2} \varphi^2. \quad (36)$$

In this model, there are three parameters in the tree-level potential,

$$\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_{12}, \quad (37)$$

where λ_1 is zero in order to assume a flat direction along $\langle \Phi_1 \rangle$ axis. According to equation (26), the isospin number I_{Φ_2} is related to the mass m_{Φ_2} . Therefore, the free parameters in the effective potential with finite temperature effects are in fact

$$I_{\Phi_2}, Y_{\Phi_2}, \lambda_2. \quad (38)$$

See Appendix B for the Landau pole in this model with CSI.

3.2. The model without classical scale invariance

For the model (5) without CSI, the effective potential is given by

$$V_{\text{eff}}(\varphi_1, \varphi_2, T) = V_0 + \sum_i \frac{n_i}{64\pi^2} M_i^4 \left(\ln \frac{M_i^2}{Q^2} - c_i \right) + \Delta V_T, \quad (39)$$

where $\langle \Phi_1 \rangle = \varphi_1 / \sqrt{2}$, $\langle \Phi_2 \rangle = \varphi_2 / \sqrt{2}$ and

$$V_0 = -\frac{\mu_1^2}{2} \varphi_1^2 - \frac{\mu_2^2}{2} \varphi_2^2 + \frac{\lambda_1}{4} \varphi_1^4 + \frac{\lambda_2}{4} \varphi_2^4 + \frac{\lambda_{12}}{4} \varphi_1^2 \varphi_2^2. \quad (40)$$

There are five model parameters in the tree-level potential and these parameters can be fixed in terms of the following parameters,

$$v, m_h, m_{\Phi_2}, \lambda_{12}, \lambda_2, \quad (41)$$

by the stationary conditions and the second derivatives of the effective potential. The details of them are given in Appendix A.

The field-dependent masses with resummation corrections from the finite temperature effects of the effective

potential are

$$M_{h,\Phi_2}^2(\varphi_1, \varphi_2, T) = \frac{1}{2}(M_{11}^2 + M_{22}^2) \mp \sqrt{(M_{11}^2 - M_{22}^2)^2 + 4M_{12}^2 M_{21}^2}, \quad (42)$$

$$M_{N_1}^2(\varphi_1, \varphi_2, T) = -\mu_1^2 + \lambda_1 \varphi_1^2 + \frac{\lambda_{12}}{2} \varphi_2^2 + T^2 \left((2I_{\Phi_2} + 1) \frac{\lambda_{12}}{12} + \frac{\lambda_h}{4} + \frac{3g^2}{16} + \frac{g'^2}{16} + \frac{y_t^2}{4} \right), \quad (43)$$

$$M_{N_2}^2(\varphi_1, \varphi_2, T) = -\mu_2^2 + \lambda_2 \varphi_2^2 + \frac{\lambda_{12}}{2} \varphi_1^2 + T^2 \left(\frac{(I_{\Phi_2} + 1)\lambda_2}{6} + \frac{\lambda_{12}}{6} + \frac{g^2}{4}(I_{\Phi_2}^2 + I_{\Phi_2}) + \frac{g'^2 Y_{\Phi_2}^2}{16} \right), \quad (44)$$

where

$$\begin{pmatrix} M_{11}^2 & M_{12}^2 \\ M_{21}^2 & M_{22}^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\mu_1^2 + 3\lambda_1 \varphi_1^2 + \frac{\lambda_{12}}{2} \varphi_2^2 & \lambda_{12} \varphi_1 \varphi_2 \\ \lambda_{12} \varphi_1 \varphi_2 & -\mu_2^2 + 3\lambda_2 \varphi_2^2 + \frac{\lambda_{12}}{2} \varphi_1^2 \end{pmatrix} + T^2 \begin{pmatrix} (2I_{\Phi_2} + 1) \frac{\lambda_{12}}{12} + \frac{\lambda_h}{4} + \frac{3g^2}{16} + \frac{g'^2}{16} + \frac{y_t^2}{4} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{(I_{\Phi_2} + 1)\lambda_2}{6} + \frac{\lambda_{12}}{6} + \frac{g^2}{4}(I_{\Phi_2}^2 + I_{\Phi_2}) + \frac{g'^2 Y_{\Phi_2}^2}{16} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (45)$$

Also the thermally corrected field-dependent masses of gauge bosons in the (W^1, W^2, W^3, B) basis are

$$M_g^{2(L,T)} = \begin{pmatrix} M_W^2 & & & \\ & M_W^2 & & \\ & & M_W^2 & M_{WB}^2 \\ & & M_{WB}^2 & M_B^2 \end{pmatrix} + a_g^{(L,T)} T^2 \begin{pmatrix} \pi_W & & & \\ & \pi_W & & \\ & & \pi_W & \\ & & & \pi_B \end{pmatrix}, \quad (46)$$

where

$$M_W^2 = \frac{g^2}{4}(\varphi_1^2 + I_W^2 \varphi_2^2), \quad M_{WB}^2 = \frac{gg'}{4}(\varphi_1^2 + Y_{\Phi_2}^2 \varphi_2^2), \quad (47)$$

$$M_B^2 = \frac{g'^2}{4}(\varphi_1^2 + Y_{\Phi_2}^2 \varphi_2^2), \quad a_g^L = 1, \quad a_g^T = 0, \quad (48)$$

$$\pi_W = \frac{g^2}{9} I_{\Phi_2} (1 + I_{\Phi_2}) (1 + 2I_{\Phi_2}) + \frac{11}{6} g^2, \quad (49)$$

$$\pi_B = \frac{g'^2 T^2}{12} (1 + I_{\Phi_2}) Y_{\Phi_2}^2 + \frac{11}{6} g'^2. \quad (50)$$

In this model, the EWPT can be generated in multi-field space (φ_1, φ_2) . We will focus on the path of the phase transition along φ_1 axis. Therefore, we will discuss the possibility of one-step and two-step PTs, and will especially focus on the

path of the phase transition along φ_1 axis to discuss the distinction among the three types of models with one-step PT.

3.3. The model with dimension-six operator from Φ_2

For the effective model (15) after integrating out the heavy scalar sector from (14), the effective potential is

$$V_{\text{eff}}(\varphi_1, T) = -\frac{1}{2} a_2 \varphi_1^2 + \frac{1}{4} a_4 \varphi_1^4 + \frac{1}{6} a_6 \varphi_1^6 + \sum_i \frac{n_i}{64\pi^2} M_i^4 \left(\ln \left(\frac{M_i^2}{Q^2} \right) - c_i \right) + \Delta V_T, \quad (51)$$

where a_2 , a_4 and a_6 are given in equation (16), and the field-dependent mass of Higgs boson along with its thermal correction are

$$M_h^2(\varphi_1) = -a_2 + 3a_4 \varphi_1^2 + 5a_6 \varphi_1^4, \quad (52)$$

$$\Pi_h = T^2 \left(\frac{a_4}{4} + \frac{3g^2}{16} + \frac{g'^2}{16} + \frac{y_t^2}{4} \right). \quad (53)$$

The thermally corrected field-dependent masses of gauge bosons in the (W^1, W^2, W^3, B) basis are

$$M_g^{2(L,T)}(\varphi, T) = \frac{\varphi^2}{4} \begin{pmatrix} g^2 & & & \\ & g^2 & & \\ & & g^2 & gg' \\ & & gg' & g'^2 \end{pmatrix} + a_g^{(L,T)} T^2 \begin{pmatrix} \pi_W & & & \\ & \pi_W & & \\ & & \pi_W & \\ & & & \pi_B \end{pmatrix}, \quad (54)$$

where

$$M_W^2 = \frac{g^2}{4} \varphi_1^2, \quad M_{WB}^2 = \frac{gg'}{4} \varphi_1^2, \quad M_B^2 = \frac{g'^2}{4} \varphi_1^2, \quad (55)$$

$$\pi_W = \frac{11}{6} g^2, \quad \pi_B = \frac{11}{6} g'^2, \quad a_g^L = 1, \quad a_g^T = 0 \quad (56)$$

and the field-dependent mass of top quark is

$$M_t^2 = \frac{m_t^2}{v^2} \varphi_1^2. \quad (57)$$

There are three new parameters in this potential, namely,

$$m_{\Phi_2}^2, \lambda_{12}, I_{\Phi_2}. \quad (58)$$

4. Gravitational waves

The GWs from the FOPTs serve as the promising probe for the new physics of BSM, including our EFT models of EWSB. In this section, we briefly outline the computation procedures to carry out our model constraints.

4.1. Phase-transition parameters

For an effective potential V_{eff} exhibiting a false vacuum ϕ_+ and a true vacuum ϕ_- separated by a potential barrier, a cosmological FOPT proceeds via stochastic nucleations of true vacuum bubbles followed by a rapid expansion until a successful percolation to fully complete the phase transition process. In this section, we describe the phase transition dynamics consisting of the bubble nucleation and bubble percolation, which could be determined by the thermodynamics of effective potential alone without reference to the microscopic physics that leads to the macroscopic hydrodynamics of bubble expansion.

4.1.1. Bounce action. The bubble nucleations of true vacuum bubbles at finite temperature admit stochastic emergences of the field configuration $\phi(r)$ connecting a true vacuum region $\phi(r=0) \equiv \phi_0 \lesssim \phi_-$ (assuming $\phi_+ < \phi_-$) to the asymptotic false vacuum region $\phi(r \rightarrow \infty) \equiv \phi_+$ in an $O(4)$ -symmetric manner $ds^2 = dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega_3^2$ or an $O(3)$ -symmetric manner $ds^2 = d\tau^2 + dr^2 + r^2 d\Omega_2^2$ depending on their maximum value of the nucleation rates [268–271]

$$\Gamma(T) = \max \left[T^4 \left(\frac{S_3}{2\pi T} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} e^{-\frac{S_3}{T}}, \frac{1}{R_0^4} \left(\frac{S_4}{2\pi} \right) e^{-S_4} \right], \quad (59)$$

where the $O(4)$ bounce action

$$S_4 = 2\pi^2 \int_0^\infty dr r^3 \times \left[\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{d\phi_B}{dr} \right)^2 + V_{\text{eff}}(\phi_B, T) - V_{\text{eff}}(\phi_+, T) \right] \quad (60)$$

is evaluated at the solution ϕ_B of the equation-of-motion

$$\frac{d^2\phi}{dr^2} + \frac{3}{r} \frac{d\phi}{dr} = \frac{\partial V_{\text{eff}}}{\partial \phi}, \quad \phi'(0) = 0, \quad \phi(\infty) = \phi_+, \quad (61)$$

while the $O(3)$ bounce action

$$\frac{S_3}{T} = \frac{4\pi}{T} \int_0^\infty dr r^2 \times \left[\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{d\phi_B}{dr} \right)^2 + V_{\text{eff}}(\phi_B, T) - V_{\text{eff}}(\phi_+, T) \right] \quad (62)$$

is evaluated at the solution ϕ_B of the equation-of-motion

$$\frac{d^2\phi}{dr^2} + \frac{2}{r} \frac{d\phi}{dr} = \frac{\partial V_{\text{eff}}}{\partial \phi}, \quad \phi'(0) = 0, \quad \phi(\infty) = \phi_+. \quad (63)$$

In the realistic estimations, the vacuum decay rate from S_4 usually dominates over the thermal decay rate from S_3/T at extremely low temperature when the potential barrier does not

vanish even at $T = 0$. R_0 is the bubble radius defined by $\phi_B(r = R_0) = (\phi_0 - \phi_+)/2$.

4.1.2. Nucleation temperature. During the whole process of bubble nucleation, the false vacuum becomes unstable once the temperature drops below the critical temperature defined by

$$V_{\text{eff}}(\phi_+, T_c) = V_{\text{eff}}(\phi_-(T_c), T_c). \quad (64)$$

However, the bubble nucleation is only possible when the temperature further drops down to $T = T_i < T_c$ defined

$$\phi_B(r = 0, T_i) = \phi_-(T_i) \quad (65)$$

due to the presence of the Hubble friction term in the bounce equation. Since then, one can count the number of nucleated bubbles in one Hubble volume during a given time elapse by

$$N(T(t)) = \int_{t_i}^t dt \frac{\Gamma(t)}{H^3} = \int_T^{T_i} \frac{dT}{T} \frac{\Gamma(T)}{H(T)^4}, \quad (66)$$

until the nucleation temperature $T_n < T_i$ defined by the moment when there is exactly one bubble nucleated in one Hubble volume,

$$N(T_n) = 1. \quad (67)$$

4.1.3. Percolation temperature. The progress of the phase transition could be described by the expected volume fraction of the true-vacuum regions at time t [272–274],

$$I(t) = \frac{4\pi}{3} \int_{t_i}^t dt' \Gamma(t') a(t')^3 r(t, t')^3, \quad (68)$$

where $r(t, t')$ is the comoving radius of a bubble at t nucleated at an earlier time t' ,

$$r(t, t') \equiv \frac{R_0}{a(t')} + \int_{t'}^t \frac{v_w(\tilde{t}) d\tilde{t}}{a(\tilde{t})} \approx v_w \int_{t'}^t \frac{d\tilde{t}}{a(\tilde{t})}. \quad (69)$$

Here, we omit the initial bubble radius R_0 and fix the time-dependent bubble wall velocity $v_w(t)$ at its terminal v_w . When the effects for the overlapping of true-vacuum bubbles and ‘virtual bubbles’ nucleated in the true-vacuum regions are taken into account, the fraction of regions that are still sitting at the false vacuum at time t could be approximated by the exponentiation of $I(t)$,

$$P(t) = e^{-I(t)}. \quad (70)$$

A percolation temperature $T_p < T_n$ is therefore defined by a conventional estimation [24, 122, 274–276]

$$P(T_p) = 1/e. \quad (71)$$

In what follows, the strength factor and characteristic length scale for determining the peak amplitude and frequency in the GW spectrum will be evaluated at the percolation temperature.

4.1.4. Strength factor. To characterize the total released latent heat into the plasma, a parameter α is defined by [274]

$$\alpha(T) = \frac{\Delta\rho_{\text{vac}}(T)}{\rho_{\text{rad}}(T)}, \quad (72)$$

with the total released vacuum energy defined by

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta\rho_{\text{vac}}(T) &= \rho(\phi_+, T) - \rho(\phi_-(T), T) \\ &= \Delta V_{\text{eff}}(T) - T \frac{\partial \Delta V_{\text{eff}}(T)}{\partial T}\end{aligned}\quad (73)$$

due to $\rho = \mathcal{F} + Ts = -p + T \frac{\partial p}{\partial T} = V_{\text{eff}} - T \frac{\partial V_{\text{eff}}}{\partial T}$ similar to the usual definition of latent heat $L(T_c) = \rho(\phi_+, T_c) - \rho(\phi_-(T_c), T_c)$ at critical temperature. Here, $\Delta V_{\text{eff}}(T) \equiv V_{\text{eff}}(\phi_+(T), T) - V_{\text{eff}}(\phi_-(T), T)$ for short.

4.1.5. Characteristic length scale. The characteristic length scale R_* for the peak position of the GW spectrum is estimated from the inverse duration β of the phase transition via the average number density of bubbles as

$$R_* = n_B^{-1/3} = (8\pi)^{1/3} v_w \beta^{-1}, \quad (74)$$

where the inverse duration β of the phase transition is computed by expanding the nucleation rate around the percolation time,

$$\Gamma = e^{\beta(t-t_p)+\dots}, \quad P(t_p) = 1/e, \quad (75)$$

$$\beta = - \left. \frac{d}{dt} \frac{S_3(t)}{T(t)} \right|_{t=t_p} = H(T) T \left. \frac{d}{dT} \frac{S_3(T)}{T} \right|_{T=T_p}. \quad (76)$$

4.2. Gravitational wave spectrum

The GW spectrum from a FOPT consists of three contributions: the bubble wall collisions, the sound waves, and the magnetohydrodynamic (MHD) turbulences. The contribution from the MHD turbulences is usually sub-dominated and hence omitted in the current study. The contribution from the bubble wall collisions [277–281] only dominates the total GW spectrum when the bubble walls collide with each other while they are still rapidly accelerating. In most of the cases, the runaway wall expansion is highly unlikely, and they usually collide with each other long after having approached to the terminal velocity. Therefore, we only consider the contribution from the sound waves, which is well fitted numerically by [274, 282–286]

$$\begin{aligned}h^2\Omega_{\text{sw}} &= 8.5 \times 10^{-6} \left(\frac{100}{g_{\text{dof}}} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \left(\frac{\kappa_v \alpha}{1+\alpha} \right)^2 \left(\frac{H_*}{\beta} \right) v_w \\ &\times \frac{7^{\frac{7}{2}} (f/f_{\text{sw}})^3}{(4+3(f/f_{\text{sw}})^2)^{\frac{7}{2}}} \Upsilon(\tau_{\text{sw}}),\end{aligned}\quad (77)$$

with the peak frequency

$$f_{\text{sw}} = 1.9 \times 10^{-5} \text{ Hz} \left(\frac{g_{\text{dof}}}{100} \right)^{\frac{1}{6}} \frac{T_*}{100 \text{ GeV}} \frac{1}{v_w} \frac{\beta}{H_*}. \quad (78)$$

Here, the suppression factor Υ is only important for sufficiently long duration comparable to or even slightly larger than the Hubble time scale, which is also neglected in our current study. Furthermore, both the wall velocity v_w and efficiency factor of bulk fluid motions κ_v are also set to be unity for simplicity.

To quickly locate the parameter space with a promising detectability of the GW signals, we will first use the ratio ϕ_c/T_c at the critical temperature as a roughly estimation for the size of the strength factor [4, 287],

$$\alpha \sim \alpha_\infty \simeq 4.9 \times 10^{-3} \left(\frac{\phi_*}{T_*} \right)^2, \quad (79)$$

which is a typically reliable estimation for most of the non-supercooling electroweak PTs since there are no new relativistic degrees of freedom or new particles with couplings to the Higgs comparable to those of the $SU(2)_L$ gauge bosons or top quark. To qualify the model detectability, the GWs signals $h^2\Omega_{\text{GW}}(f)$ are compared to the sensitivity curves of some GW detectors $h^2\Omega_{\text{sen}}(f)$ during the mission year \mathcal{T} by the signal-to-noise ratio (SNR),

$$\text{SNR} = \sqrt{\mathcal{T} \int_{f_{\text{min}}}^{f_{\text{max}}} df \left[\frac{h^2\Omega_{\text{GW}}(f)}{h^2\Omega_{\text{sen}}(f)} \right]^2}. \quad (80)$$

5. Summary of results

In this section, we show the results for the effective model descriptions with three types of the EWSB: (I) the light scalar model with CSI, (II) the light scalar model without CSI, and (III) the heavy scalar model with a higher-dimensional operator after integrating out the additional heavy scalar. Besides the common SM parameters ($v, m_h, m_W, m_Z, m_t, g, g', \alpha_s, y_t$), the new parameters in these three models are summarized below:

- For model I, there are five parameters ($I_{\Phi_2}, Y_{\Phi_2}, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_{12}$) from the effective potential (23). By using the stationary condition, we can introduce the massive parameter EW vacuum by the dimensional transmutation [258]. From the second derivative of the potential, the λ_{12} is related to the SM effects, like equation (29). λ_1 is assumed to be zero for a flat direction along $\langle \Phi_1 \rangle$ axis. Eventually, there are three free dimensionless parameters: ($I_{\Phi_2}, Y_{\Phi_2}, \lambda_2$).
- For model II, there are seven parameters ($I_{\Phi_2}, Y_{\Phi_2}, \mu_1, \mu_2, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_{12}$) in the effective potential. With the stationary condition, the massive parameter μ_1 can be replaced by the EW VEV v . From the second derivatives of the potential, λ_1 and μ_2 parameters are given by the Higgs boson mass m_h and the additional scalar boson mass m_{Φ_2} . Eventually, there are five free parameters: ($I_{\Phi_2}, Y_{\Phi_2}, \lambda_2, m_{\Phi_2}, \lambda_{12}$).
- For model III, there are five parameters ($I_{\Phi_2}, \mu_1, m_{\Phi_2}, \lambda_1, \lambda_{12}$) from the tree-level potential (15), two of which, for example, μ_1 and λ_1 , could be fixed by the EW vacuum normalization conditions in terms of the EW VEV v and the Higgs mass m_h , leaving behind three free parameters ($I_{\Phi_2}, m_{\Phi_2}, \lambda_{12}$).

Note that in models I and II, although the hypercharge Y_{Φ_2} is a free parameter, it does not significantly change the PT results since its effect is proportional to $(m_W - m_Z)$ via Daisy

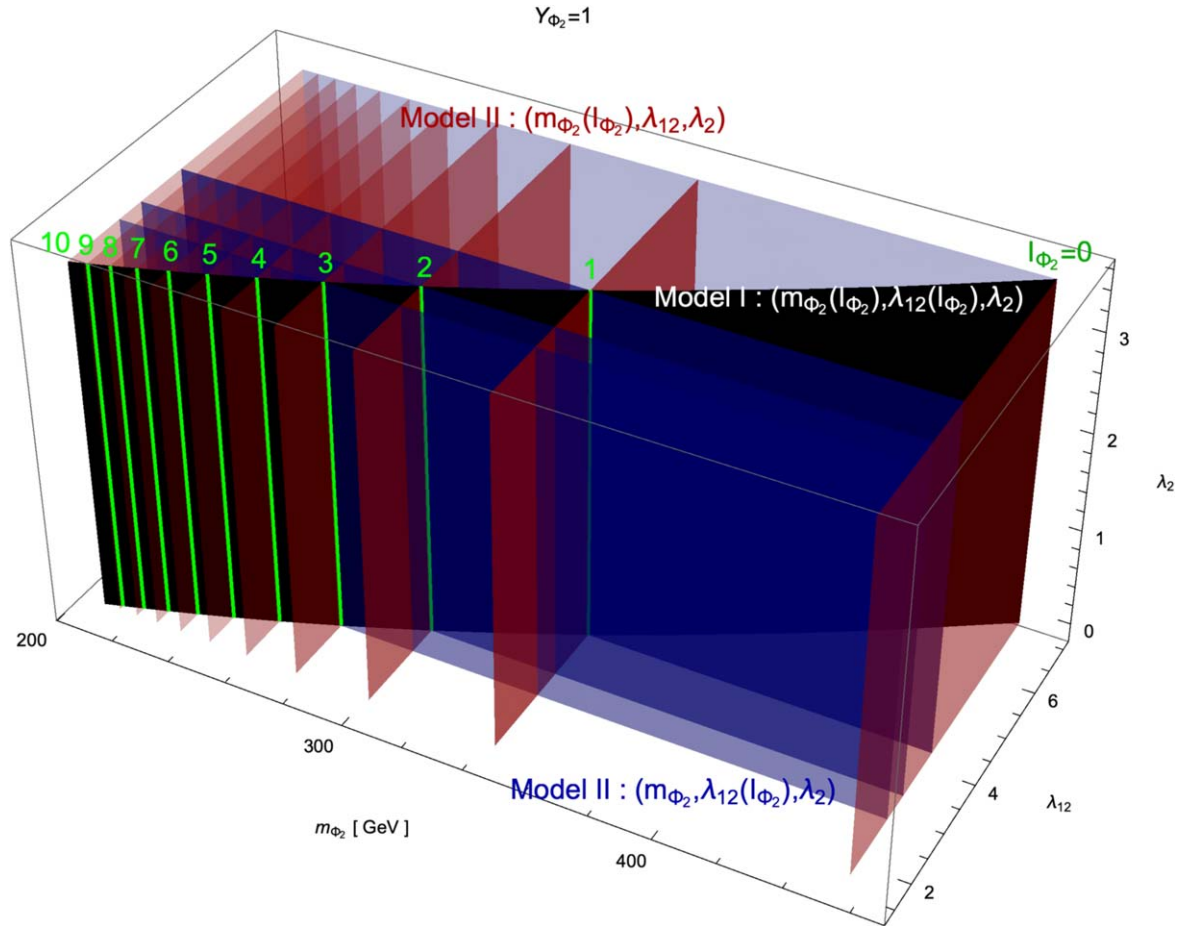


Figure 3. The presentation for a part of the effective models of interest in the parameter space supported by $(m_{\Phi_2}, \lambda_{12}, \lambda_2)$ with a fixed $Y_{\Phi_2} = 1$. The black strip is model I with both m_{Φ_2} and λ_{12} determined by I_{Φ_2} labeled in green. For model II, we take two illustrative examples with (1) the same m_{Φ_2} as model I but a free λ_{12} detached from I_{Φ_2} presented as red slices, and (2) the same λ_{12} as model I but a free m_{Φ_2} detached from I_{Φ_2} presented as blue slices.

diagram contributions. Thus, we take $Y_{\Phi_2} = 1$ as an illustrative example in the following PT analysis. For consistent comparison, we consider the models with common values for the shared free parameters. For example, the model I and model II can be compared in the parameter space of I_{Φ_2} and λ_2 for given choices of m_{Φ_2} and λ_{12} as illustrated in figure 3. The black plane in figure 3 corresponds to the parameter region for model I. The m_{Φ_2} is proportional to the λ_{12} in this model. Such a relation is given by a line in the plane of $(m_{\Phi_2}, \lambda_{12})$. Since the λ_2 , which corresponds to the z axis in this figure, is independent free parameter, the black plane in figure 3 corresponds to the parameter region for model I. The green lines are the I_{Φ_2} in model I. Since model II has five free parameters, the all free parameters in this model cannot be determined, even if the parameters have the same values as the CSI model. Such parameter regions correspond to the red and blue planes.

5.1. The model with classical scale invariance

In this section, we first show the value of ϕ_C/T_C for model I in the first panel of figure 4 to see which part of parameter space could produce detectable GWs. The horizontal axis is

the quartic coupling λ_2 and the vertical axis is the isospin I_{Φ_2} of the additional scalar boson fields. It is easy to see that the value of ϕ_C/T_C is large for either small isospin I_{Φ_2} or small λ_2 coupling. This result of ϕ_C/T_C is different from our intuition since the strongly FOPT can be typically realized by adding a large number of additional scalar boson fields into the model, which corresponds to a large isospin I_{Φ_2} . In the model with CSI, the number of additional scalar boson fields is related to the Higgs boson mass via equation (26). Then, the ϕ_C/T_C without ring diagram contribution is roughly estimated by

$$\frac{\phi_C}{T_C} = \frac{E}{\lambda_2} \propto I_{\Phi_2}^{1/4}. \quad (81)$$

On the other hand, the ring diagram contribution has $I_{\Phi_2}^2$ -dependence in equation (45), therefore, ϕ_C/T_C becomes small through large ring diagram contributions from large $I_{\Phi_2}^2$ value.

The PT parameters T_m , α and β/H are shown in the last three panels of figure 4, respectively. From these parameters, we can describe the GW spectrum from the FOPT. The SNR for the testability of this model with CSI is shown in figure 5 with respect to the future space-borne GW detectors LISA, the DECi-hertz Interferometer Gravitational Wave Observatory (DECIGO), and

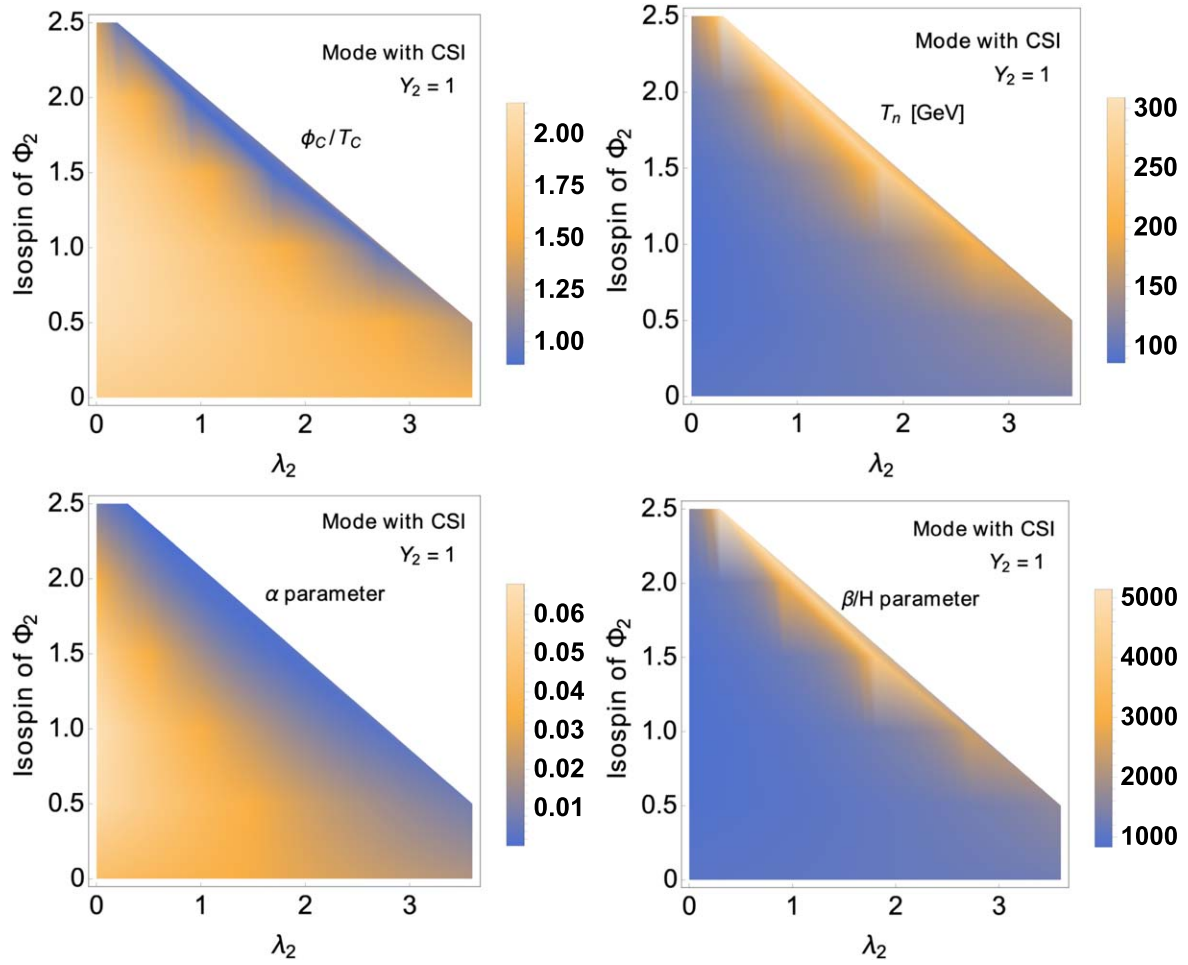


Figure 4. The values of ϕ_c/T_c , T_n , α and β/H for model I with respect to λ_2 coupling and isospin I_{Φ_2} of the additional scalar boson fields.

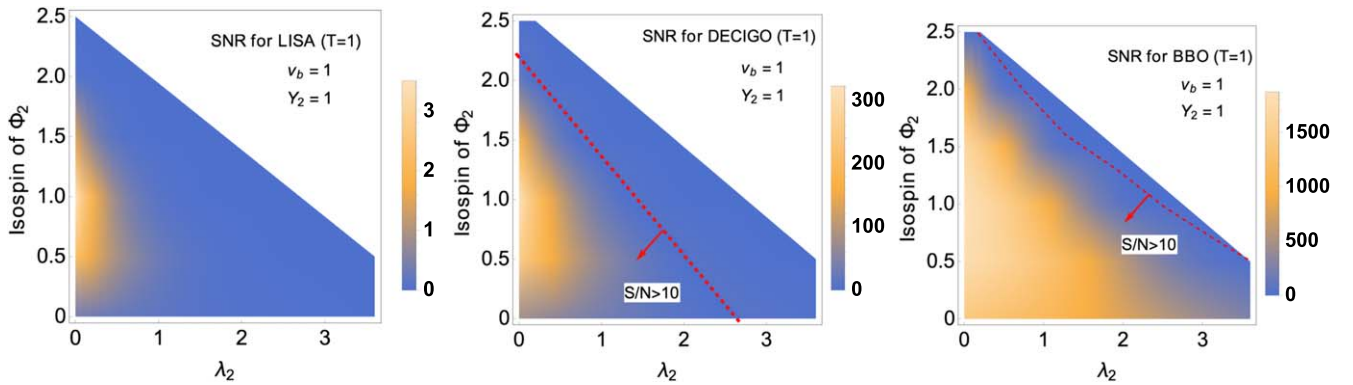


Figure 5. The values of SNR for the model with CSI at LISA, DECIGO and BBO. The experimental period is one year and bubble wall velocity is 1. The red dashed line represents $S/N=10$.

the Big Bang Observer (BBO). When evaluating the SNR, we simply take the mission duration to be one year and the bubble wall velocity to be one. The red dashed curves in the panels of DECIGO and BBO represent $S/N=10$. In the parameter regions to the left of the red dashed curves, the SNR is larger than 10, therefore, these parameter regions could be tested at future GW detectors DECIGO and BBO. From these figures, most of parameter regions for the model with CSI could be tested by the DECIGO and BBO missions.

5.2. The model without classical scale invariance

In this section, we show the results for model II, which admits two more free parameters than model I, namely, m_{Φ_2} and λ_{12} . To compare with model I/III with only one-step PT (the additional VEV does not appear in the potential at zero temperature), we will focus on the parameter regions where the same one-step PT for model II as model I/III (green \rightarrow red in figure 2) can be realized. We also neglect the parameter regions with other paths

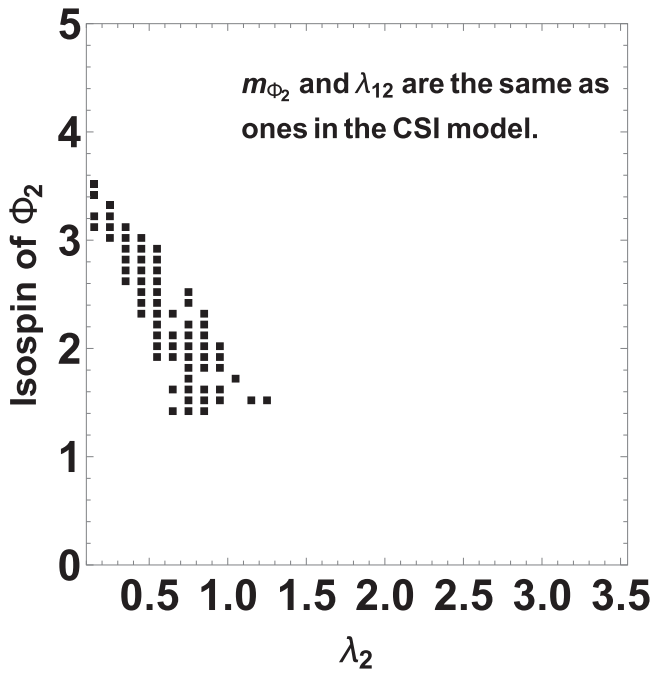


Figure 6. The parameter region can have a stable minimum point along φ_1 and φ_2 axes. At these black points, there is global minimum along φ_2 axis.

of PT, for example, two-step PT (namely the path along green \rightarrow magenta \rightarrow red, where the red is a global minimum). We numerically examine the parameter regions where one-step EWPT can be generated by using following four parameter regions: (i) the same m_{Φ_2} and λ_{12} as the model I, (ii) the same m_{Φ_2} as model I, (iii) the same m_{Φ_2} as model III, and (iv) different m_{Φ_2} and λ_{12} from other models.

In parameter region (i), there are the minimum points along φ_1 and φ_2 axes at the black-point region in figure 6, but the minimum points along φ_1 and φ_2 axis are local and global minima, respectively. According to our numerical results, the two-step PT (green \rightarrow red \rightarrow magenta) is generated at the black-point region, and the magenta point becomes the true vacuum. In such a case, we cannot explain the fermion mass since the additional scalar field Φ_2 does not couple to the fermion fields anymore. Therefore, in parameter (i) for model II, we cannot realize a proper PT which can make up the current universe. Although model I can generate the detectable GW from the one-step EWPT in figure 5, model II cannot realize the correct PT between green and red points in parameter region (i), which shares the same parameter values as model I. Therefore, we can distinguish the models with and without CSI by the GW detection.

In parameter case (ii), model II admits the same m_{Φ_2} given by equation (27) as model I but with $\lambda_{12} = 1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0$ decoupled from I_{Φ_2} by equation (29) as shown in figure 7, respectively. Note that in the case of model I, m_{Φ_2} and λ_{12} are related by $m_{\Phi_2}^2 = \lambda_{12}v^2/2$, and thus we can get almost the same results for a similar case with the same λ_{12} as model I by equation (29) but decoupled m_{Φ_2} from I_{Φ_2} by equation (27). All colored points in figure 7 admit their global minimum along φ_1 (namely the red point in figure 2).

To show the parameter region where one-step PT along φ_1 axis can be generated, we compare the critical temperatures for the PT along φ_1 and φ_2 axes. From the numerical results, the blue points in figure 7 have a higher critical temperature for the PTs along φ_2 than the PT for φ_1 . On the other hand, the green and red points in figure 7 can realize the one-step PT (green \rightarrow red in figure 2), especially, the red points can realize the strong FOPT along φ_1 axis where the detectable GWs may be generated. At these red points in the model with $\lambda_{12} = 2$ and 2.5, the SNR for BBO with mission time $\mathcal{T} = 1$ yr and $v_b = 1$ is larger than 10. Furthermore, the SNR for DECIGO with mission time $\mathcal{T} = 1$ yr and $v_b = 1$ at $(\lambda_2, I_{\Phi_2}) = (0.25, 0.5)$ is about 10.87, while other red points have their SNR no more than 10 for DECIGO. In short summary, a small λ_2 is necessary for detectable GWs in the model II, which is not necessary for model I as shown in figure 5.

To compare the results between model II and model III, we show the results in parameter region (iii) with heavy m_{Φ_2} as model III. For example, the results for heavy $m_{\Phi_2} = 650$ GeV with some λ_2 values in model II are shown in figure 8, however, the effects from the additional heavy scalar field decouple. From the additional scalar mass $M_{\Phi_2}(\varphi)^2 \sim -\mu_2^2 + \lambda_{12}\varphi^2$ with large μ_2^2 value, the cubic term of field-dependent mass in the effective potential can be expanded like $(M_{\Phi_2}^2)^{3/2} \sim |\mu_2^3| + \lambda_{12}\mu_2\varphi^2 + \lambda_{12}^2\varphi^4/\mu_2$, but the cubic φ^3 term does not appear in the potential. On the other hand, the $M_{\Phi_2}(\varphi)^{3/2}$ with small μ_2^2 value can have $\lambda_{12}^{3/2}\varphi^3$ as the source of a barrier. Therefore, it is difficult to generate a sizable barrier to realize first-order EWPT in model II with a much heavier additional scalar field. For the large negative μ_2^2 term, the one-step PT occurs between green and red points in figure 2. In this case, λ_2 , which is the coefficient of Φ_2^4 , does not much affect the EWPT, and the results are not very different between two figures of figure 8.

The first two panels in figure 9 represent the results in the model with $\lambda_{12}=3$ and $m_{\Phi_2} = 650$ and 425 GeV, which correspond to the parameter regions (iii) and (iv), respectively. With these parameters, the mass parameter μ_2 becomes small (non-decoupling) and the detectable GW spectrum can be generated. Especially, in the model with $m_{\Phi_2}=425$ GeV, the red (magenta) marks can be described in the upper right figure, and the SNR for DECIGO (BBO) is larger than 10. The last panel in figure 9 represents the results with respect to I_{Φ_2} and m_{Φ_2} , which are related to parameter region (iv) in the model with benchmark parameters $\lambda_2 = 0.5$ and $\lambda_{12} = 2.5$. The blue marks in this model can realize two-step PT. To summarize in short, the detectable GWs, which are represented by the red and magenta marks, can be produced in the massive model with small isospin of Φ_2 and small λ_2 value. However, for model II, such parameter regions with detectable GWs are not the same as those in model I and model III. Therefore we may distinguish the three types of models by the GW observations.

5.3. The model with dimension-six operator from Φ_2

In this section, we discuss the testability for model III. At first, the parameter region of a_6 is shown in figure 10 for detectable

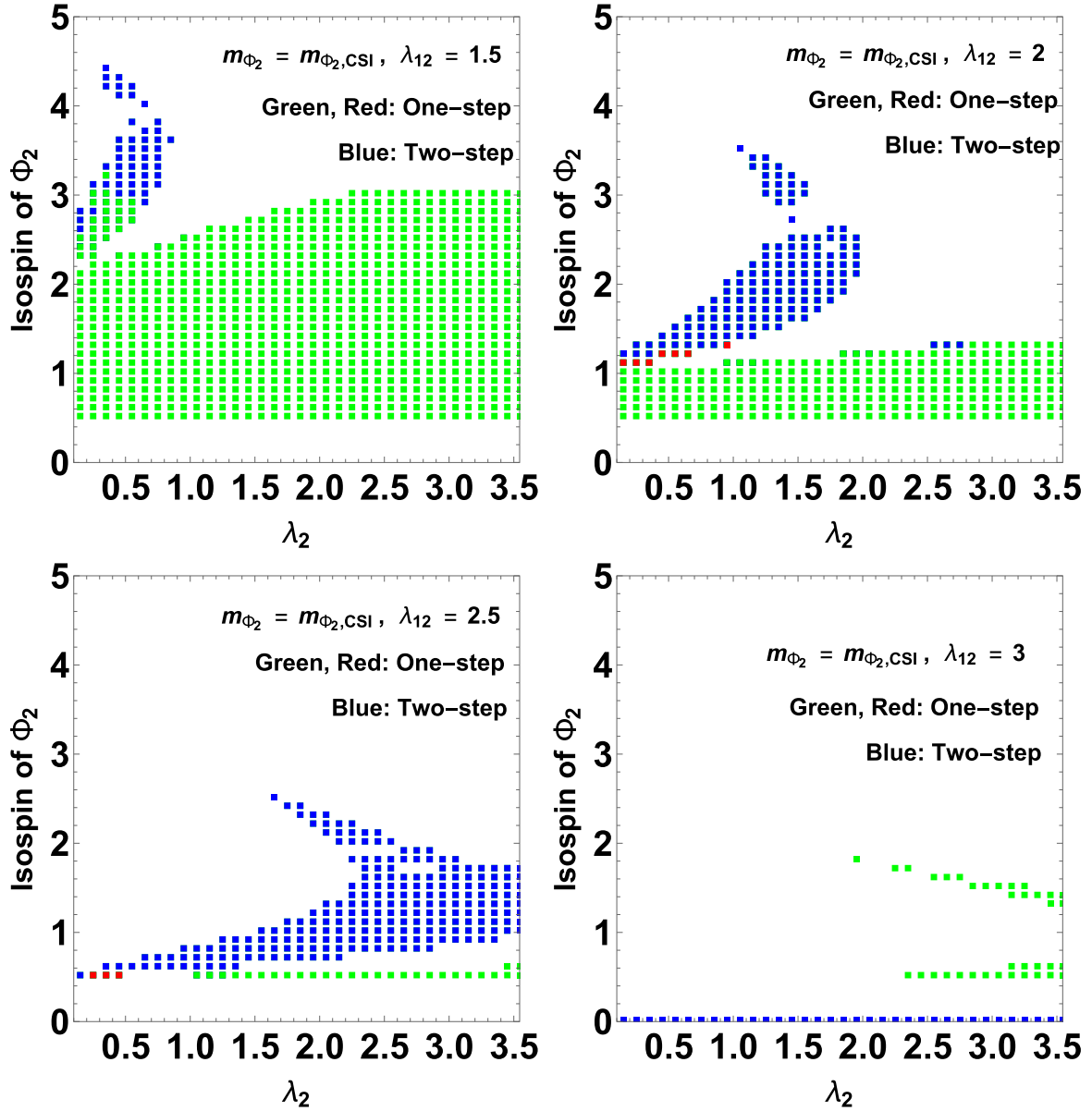


Figure 7. Different PT regions in the parameter space supported by λ_2 and Φ_2 for model II with the same m_{Φ_2} as model I but allowing for different $\lambda_{12} = 1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 3.0$. The blue points represent the two-step PT. The red and green points represent the one-step PT. The detectable GWs at the BBO detection can be generated for the red points. For the rest of the regions in this figure, the global minimum point does not appear along φ_1 axis otherwise the potential is unstable.

GWs at DECIGO and BBO with mission duration $\mathcal{T} = 1$ yr and $v_b = 1$. In the dark regions, the SNR is smaller than 10, hence we require a large a_6 value. Recall that with equation (16), $a_6 = (1 + 2I_{\Phi_2}) \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2 m_{\Phi_2}^2} \left(\frac{\lambda_{12}^3}{8} + \frac{\lambda_{12}^2 \lambda_1}{6} \right)$, a large a_6 value generally prefers a large isospin I_{Φ_2} , namely a large number of the additional scalar boson fields. We should further check the conditions for a valid EFT expansion $|a_8|v^2/a_6 < 1$ and $2c_{\text{kin}}v^2 < 1/2$, which was discussed in [248]. In this model III, these conditions are

$$\frac{\lambda_{12}v^2}{2m_{\Phi_2}^2} < 1, \quad (1 + 2I_{\Phi_2}) \frac{\lambda_{12}^2 v^2}{12(4\pi)^2 m_{\Phi_2}^2} < 1. \quad (82)$$

The left and right panels of figure 11 represent the values of the right hand side of these conditions. The left panel is the

comparison between dimension 6 and 8 operators. Since the operators have one-loop level effects, the isospin I_{Φ_2} cancels in this relation. On the other hand, the right panel is the comparison between the tree-level and one-loop level, therefore the value of this relation depends on the isospin I_{Φ_2} . For the presented parameter space, the conditions for a valid EFT expansion can be satisfied.

The values of ϕ_C/T_C , T_n , α and β/H are then shown in figure 12 and the corresponding SNR at DECIGO and BBO are shown in figure 13, where the parameter regions to the right of the red dashed lines have their SNR larger than 10. However, SNR is less than 10^{-5} for LISA, hence LISA may be difficult to test the parameter region of the model III. For detectable GWs from the model III, we require a large number of additional scalar fields (namely a large isospin I_{Φ_2}) and

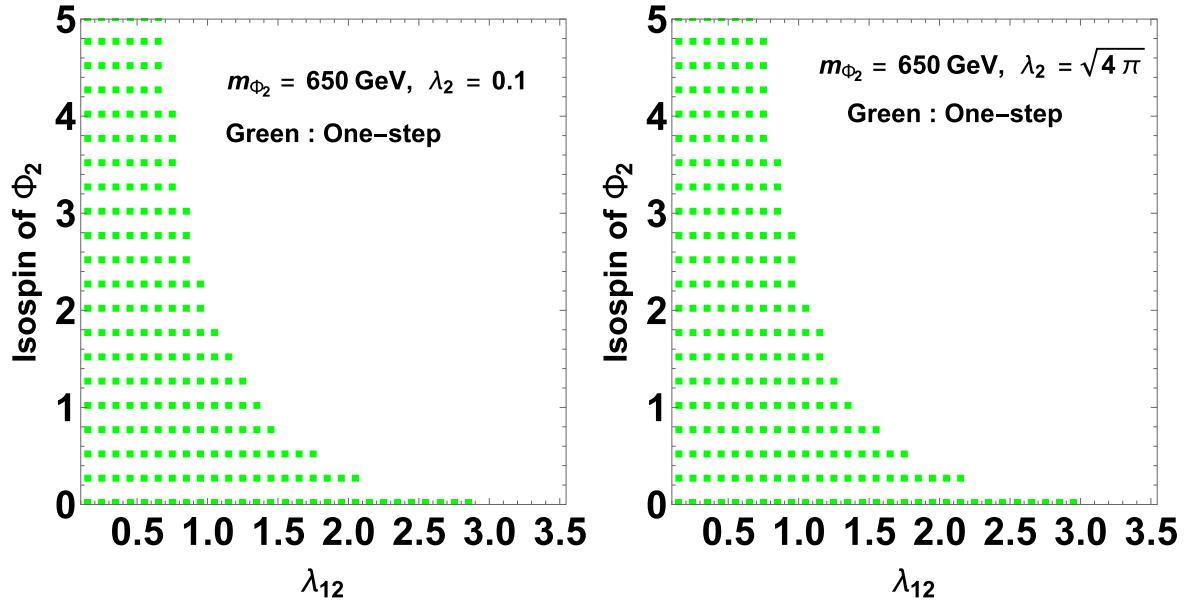


Figure 8. The model parameters for model II with $\lambda_2 = 0.1, \sqrt{4\pi}$ and $m_{\Phi_2} = 650$ GeV. The horizontal axis in left and right figures is λ_{12} . Otherwise, the same as figure 7.

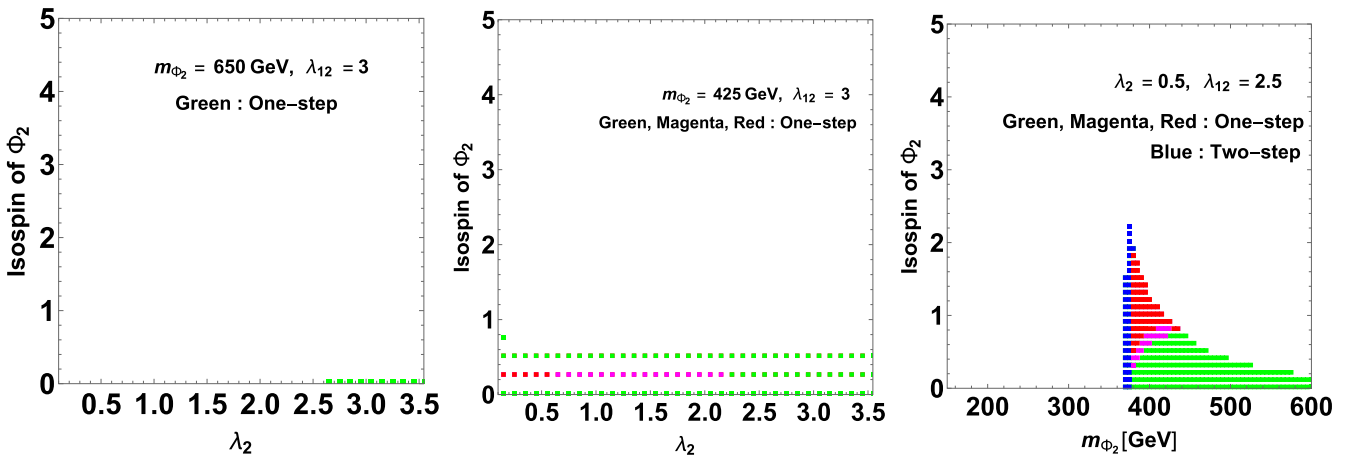


Figure 9. (First two panels) The model parameters for model II with $\lambda_{12} = 3$ and $m_{\Phi_2} = 650, 425$ GeV in the upper left and upper right panels, respectively. At the red (magenta) marks, the detectable GWs at DECIGO (BBO) can be generated. Otherwise, the same as figure 7. (Last panel) The results in the model with $\lambda_2 = 0.5$ and $\lambda_{12} = 2.5$. The horizontal axis is the additional scalar boson mass. The two-step PT occurs at blue marks.

large coupling λ_{12} , which can be distinguished from models I and II by detectable GWs in the parameter regions of small isospin I_{Φ_2} . In particular, model I cannot take the heavy scalar field with $m_{\Phi_2} = 650$ GeV since the additional scalar mass should be less than 543 GeV from equation (27) [267]. Therefore, we may distinguish model III from model I and model II by constraining the isospin of additional scalar fields with the GWs background observed at future GW detectors.

6. Conclusions and discussions

The predictions for the GW background vary sensitively among different concrete models but also share a large degeneracy in the model buildings. From that, in this time, we take into account an EFT treatment for three BSM models

based on different patterns of the EWSB: (I) classical scale invariance, (II) generic scalar extension, and (III) higher-dimensional operators. In these EFTs, the EWSB can be realized by (I) radiative symmetry breaking, (II) Higgs mechanism, and (III) EFT description of EWSB, respectively.

These three models can realize the strongly first-order EWPT and can produce the detectable GW spectrum by the effects summarized in Table 2. Here, C_n are the effective couplings of the order parameter operators ϕ^n in the effective potential. The dominant contributions of λ_2 and I_{Φ_2} in models (I) and (II) show up through the ring diagram effects as shown in equations (31), (34), (45) and (47). Thus, a small λ_2 and a small I_{Φ_2} are required to produce the detectable GW spectrum. The differences between models (I) and (II) are the C_2 and C_4 terms and the number of free parameters in the model. In model (II), these terms have tree-level contribution, and thus

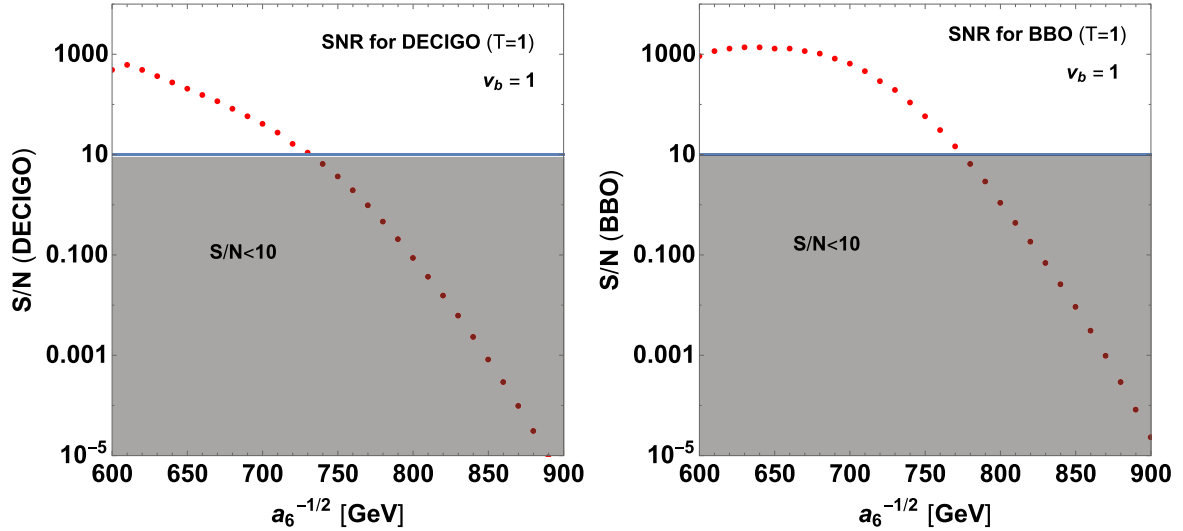


Figure 10. The SNR value from the model with a higher-dimensional operator for DECIGO and BBO with mission year $T = 1$ yr and $\nu_b = 1$.

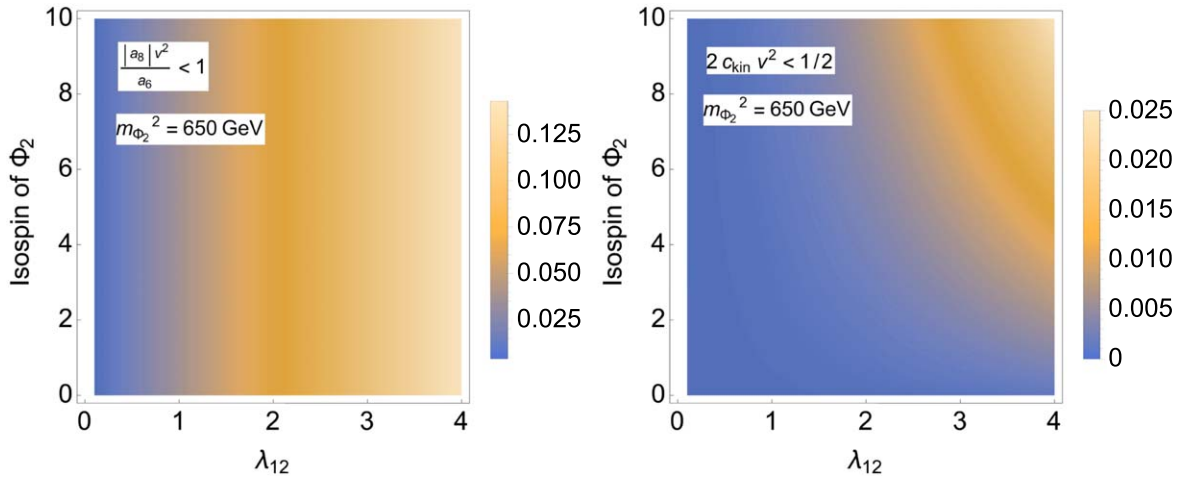


Figure 11. The valid EFT expansion $2c_{\text{kin}}v^2 < 1/2$ and $|a_8|v^2/a_6 < 1$ in the model with a higher-dimensional operator with respect to I_{Φ_2} and λ_{12} and fixed $m_{\Phi_2} = 650$ GeV. Since the first condition comes from the comparison between one-loop dimension six and eight operators, the values do not depend on the isospin I_{Φ_2} . For the presented parameter regions, the conditions for a valid EFT expansion can be satisfied.

we need to tune model parameters to have a sizable C_3 comparable with these C_2 and C_4 terms. Unlike model (I), we can use the λ_{12} parameter to realize such a situation and could generate the first-order EWPT as shown in figure 7. On the other hand, the λ_2 in model (III) does not contribute to the effective potential after integrating out the Φ_2 scalar field, and the high dimensional operator $a_6^{-1/2}$ in figure 10 is inversely proportional to λ_{12} and I_{Φ_2} as shown in equation (16). Therefore, a small $a_6^{-1/2}$ can be realized by a large λ_{12} and a large I_{Φ_2} .

These three types of models might be distinguished by investigating the detectable GWs in the parameter regions with overlapping parameters: (1) model I and model II might be distinguished by the detection of GWs in the parameter regions as shown in figures 5 and 6. When taking the same m_{Φ_2} and λ_{12} as model I by equations (27) and (29), model II cannot generate the correct one-step PT where the red point in figure 2 is the local minimum. However, when just taking the

Table 2. The potential forms in the three types of the models where the EWSB can be realized by (I) radiative symmetry breaking, (II) Higgs mechanism and (III) EFT description of EWSB, respectively. The last column shows the source of detectable GW spectrum in these models. Otherwise, the same as Table 1.

Model	$C_2\phi^2$	$C_3\phi^3$	$C_4\phi^4$	$C_6\phi^6$	GW features
I	Loop	Loop	Loop	None	Small λ_2 and small I_{Φ_2}
II	Tree	Loop	Tree	None	Small λ_2 and small I_{Φ_2}
III	Tree	Loop	Tree	Tree	Large λ_{12} and large I_{Φ_2}

same m_{Φ_2} as model I by equation (27) but decoupling λ_{12} from I_{Φ_2} by equation (29), model II could produce detectable GWs in the parameter regions of small λ_2 and small I_{Φ_2} , which is partially overlapping with model I with detectable GWs. In this case, although we cannot fully distinguish models I and II by the GW detections alone, we may use other

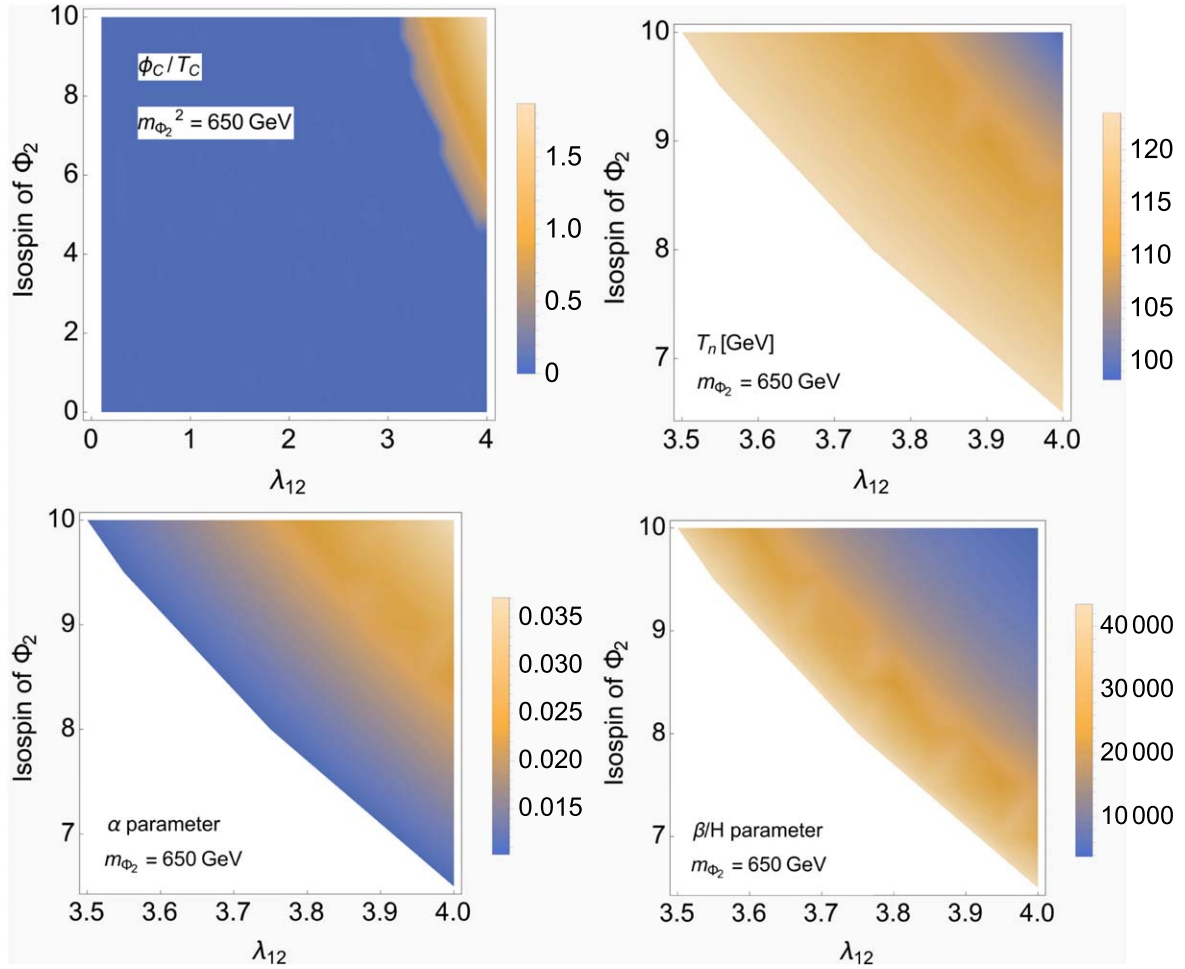


Figure 12. The value of ϕ_C/T_C , T_n , α and β/H in the EFT model with $m_{\Phi_2} = 650$ GeV. Otherwise, the same as figure 11.

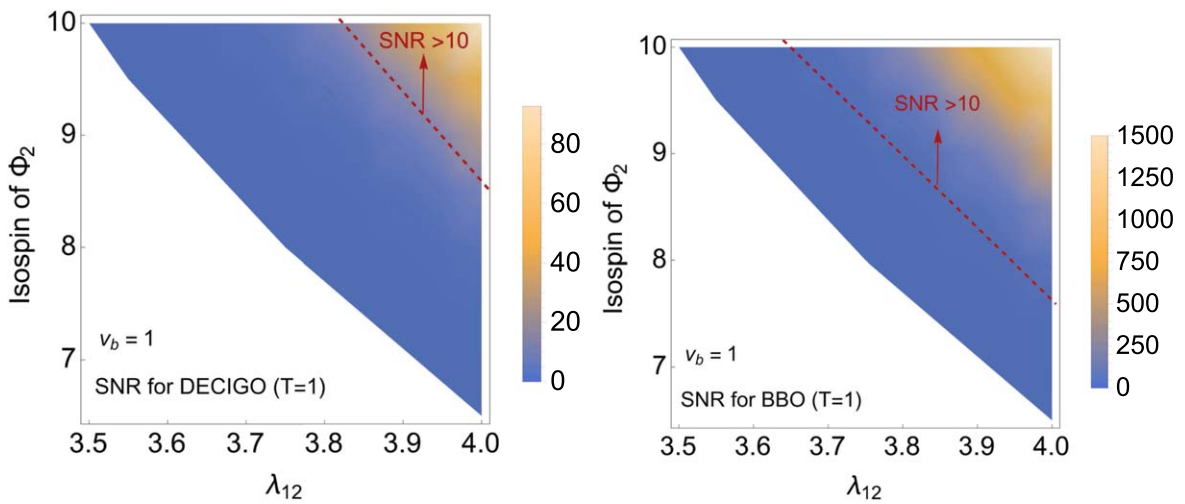


Figure 13. The values of SNR in the EFT model with $m_{\Phi_2} = 650$ GeV at DECIGO and BBO. The ratio of SNR is larger than 10 in the parameter region to right of the red dashed lines.

observations, such as hhh coupling [172] and $h\gamma\gamma$ coupling [262, 267], to do that. (2) Model II and model III can be distinguished by the detection of GWs in the parameter regions as shown in figures 8 and 13 since detectable GWs are

produced for model II in the parameter regions of small λ_2 and small I_{Φ_2} , while model III favors a large I_{Φ_2} to generate detectable GWs. (3) Similarly, model I could also be distinguished from model III by detectable GWs in the parameter

regions of small I_{Φ_2} (model I) and large I_{Φ_2} (model III). Furthermore, the additional scalar mass should be less than 543 GeV in the model I, different from the case of model III with a heavy scalar field.

Therefore, we may distinguish these three effective model descriptions of EWPT by future GW detections in space. Nevertheless, our PT analysis for the effective model descriptions is preliminary in surveying part of the parameter space, and it only depicts those scalar extensions (with Z_2 symmetry) of fundamental Higgs models [288–290] and Coleman–Weinberg Higgs models [267, 291, 292], but by no means covers all the effective models of EWPT. We will investigate the PT dynamics in a more general classifications of EWSB [293] in the ever-enlarging parameter space in future works.

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Appendix A Stationary condition and CP-even boson masses in the model without CSI

We use the stationary condition at $(\varphi_1, \varphi_2) = (v, 0)$ and the second derivatives of the potential with one-loop effects,

$$\left. \frac{\partial V_{\text{eff}}}{\partial \langle \Phi_1 \rangle} \right|_{(\Phi_1)=v, (\Phi_2)=0} = 0, \quad \left. \frac{\partial^2 V_{\text{eff}}}{\partial \langle \Phi_1 \rangle^2} \right|_{(\Phi_1)=v, (\Phi_2)=0} = m_h^2, \quad (\text{A1})$$

where we take $Q = v = 246$ GeV. With tadpole condition

$\mathcal{M}_{\Phi_2\Phi_2}^2 > \mathcal{M}_{\Phi_1\Phi_1}^2$, one arrives at

$$\begin{aligned} \left. \frac{\partial V_{\text{eff}}}{\partial \langle \Phi_1 \rangle} \right|_{(\Phi_1)=v, (\Phi_2)=0} &= -\mu_1^2 + \lambda_1 v^2 + \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \\ &\times \left[\frac{6\lambda_1 + \lambda_{12}}{4} f_+(m_{\Phi_{1,r}}^2, m_{\Phi_{2,r}}^2) \right. \\ &+ \frac{1}{4} (6\lambda_1 - \lambda_{12}) f_-(m_{\Phi_{1,r}}^2, m_{\Phi_{2,r}}^2) \\ &+ (2(2I_{\Phi_2} - 1) - 1) \frac{\lambda_{12} m_{N_{2,r}}^2}{2} \\ &\times \left(\ln \frac{m_{N_{2,r}}^2}{Q^2} - 1 \right) + \frac{6m_W^4}{v^2} \left(\ln \frac{m_W^2}{Q^2} - \frac{1}{3} \right) \\ &+ \frac{3m_Z^4}{v^2} \left(\ln \frac{m_Z^2}{Q^2} - \frac{1}{3} \right) \\ &\left. - \frac{12m_t^4}{v^2} \left(\ln \frac{m_t^2}{Q^2} - 1 \right) \right] = 0, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A2})$$

where

$$f_{\pm}(m_i^2, m_j^2) = m_i^2 \left(\ln \frac{m_i^2}{Q^2} - 1 \right) \pm m_j^2 \left(\ln \frac{m_j^2}{Q^2} - 1 \right), \quad (\text{A3})$$

$$\Delta m_{\Phi}^2 = m_{\Phi_2}^2 - m_{\Phi_1}^2 = \sqrt{(\mathcal{M}_{\Phi_1\Phi_1}^2 - \mathcal{M}_{\Phi_2\Phi_2}^2)^2 + 4\mathcal{M}_{\Phi_1\Phi_2}^4}, \quad (\text{A4})$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{neutral Higgs}}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{M}_{\Phi_1\Phi_1}^2 & \mathcal{M}_{\Phi_1\Phi_2}^2 \\ \mathcal{M}_{\Phi_2\Phi_1}^2 & \mathcal{M}_{\Phi_2\Phi_2}^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{A5})$$

and the masses in the tadpole conditions of red point case are

$$m_{\Phi_{1,r}}^2 = -\mu_1^2 + 3\lambda_1 v^2, \quad m_{\Phi_{2,r}}^2 = -\mu_2^2 + \lambda_{12} v^2/2, \quad (\text{A6})$$

$$m_{N_{1,r}}^2 = -\mu_1^2 + \lambda_1 v^2, \quad m_{N_{2,r}}^2 = -\mu_2^2 + \lambda_{12} v^2/2, \quad (\text{A7})$$

with $m_{\Phi_2}^2 > m_h^2$. In order to replace two of the input parameters in the potential in terms of the Higgs boson mass m_h and additional neutral CP-even boson mass m_{Φ_2} ⁹, we use

$$\begin{aligned} \left. \frac{\partial^2 V_{\text{eff}}}{\partial \langle \Phi_1 \rangle^2} \right|_{(\Phi_1)=v, (\Phi_2)=0} &= 2\lambda_1 v^2 + \frac{v^2}{32\pi^2} \\ &\times [A_2^r \ln \frac{m_{\Phi_2}^2 m_h^2}{Q^4} - A_3^r \ln \frac{m_h^2}{m_{\Phi_2}^2} \\ &+ 4\lambda_{12}^2 (2(2I_{\Phi_2} - 1) - 1) \ln \frac{m_{N_{2,r}}^2}{Q^2} \\ &+ 12 \frac{m_Z^4}{v^4} \left(\ln \frac{m_Z^2}{Q^2} + \frac{2}{3} \right) \\ &+ 24 \frac{m_W^4}{v^4} \left(\ln \frac{m_W^2}{Q^2} + \frac{2}{3} \right) - 48 \frac{m_t^4}{v^4} \ln \frac{m_t^2}{Q^2}] \\ &\equiv m_h^2 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A8})$$

⁹ For simplicity, we ignore the contribution from the two-point-function Π_{hh} of the Higgs boson.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 V_{\text{eff}}}{\partial(\Phi_2)^2} \Big|_{(\Phi_1)=v, (\Phi_2)=0} &= -\mu_2^2 + \lambda_{12}v^2 + \frac{1}{64\pi^2}[B_1 f_-(m_{\Phi_2}^2, m_h^2) \\ &+ B_2 f_+(m_{\Phi_2}^2, m_h^2) + 4(2(2I_{\Phi_2} - 1) - 1)\lambda_2 m_{N_{2,r}}^2 \\ &\times \left(\ln \frac{m_{N_{2,r}}^2}{Q^2} - 1\right) + 12 \frac{m_{\tilde{Y}_{\Phi_2}}^2}{v^2} \left(\ln \frac{m_{\tilde{Y}_{\Phi_2}}^2}{Q^2} - \frac{1}{3}\right) \\ &+ 24 \frac{m_{\tilde{W}}^4}{v^2} \left(\ln \frac{m_{\tilde{W}}^2}{Q^2} - \frac{1}{3}\right)] \equiv m_{\Phi_2}^2, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A9})$$

where

$$A_2^r = \frac{1}{4}((6\lambda_1 + \lambda_{12})^2 + (6\lambda_1 - \lambda_{12})^2), \quad (\text{A10})$$

$$A_3^r = -\frac{36\lambda_1^2 - \lambda_{12}^2}{2}, \quad (\text{A11})$$

$$B_1 = \frac{2}{\Delta m^2} [(-6\lambda_2 + \lambda_{12})(\mathcal{M}_{\Phi_1\Phi_1}^2 - \mathcal{M}_{\Phi_2\Phi_2}^2) + 4\lambda_{12}^2 v^2], \quad (\text{A12})$$

$$B_2 = 6\lambda_2 + \lambda_{12}. \quad (\text{A13})$$

By using equations (A2), (A8) and (A9), we can replace the model parameters:

$$(\mu_1^2, \mu_2^2, \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_{12}) \rightarrow (v, m_{\Phi_2}^2, m_h, \lambda_2, \lambda_{12}). \quad (\text{A14})$$

Appendix B Landau pole in the model with CSI

In this section, we show the Landau pole in the model with CSI. The model with CSI typically has the large values of couplings, which can be obtained by equation (29). The results of the Landau pole is given by figure 14. According to figures 5 and 14, the parameter region with detectable GW spectrum has Landau pole, which is O(1 TeV). When the value of λ_2 will be large, the Landau pole also will be small.

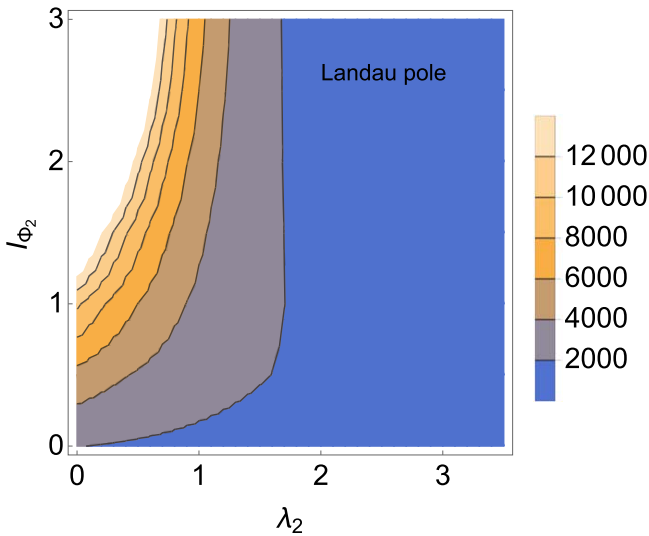


Figure 14. The values of the Landau pole in the CSI model.

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