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Who am I?

- PhD student at Instituto de Fisica Teorica UAM-CSIC in Madrid, Spain
- Master's degree at University of Padova, thesis supervised by prof. Luca Martucci (UNIPD) and Irene Valenzuela (CERN/UAM)

Now my PhD supervisor!

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In the last (circa) 50 years, numerous attempts to "unify" all interactions/"quantize" gravity.

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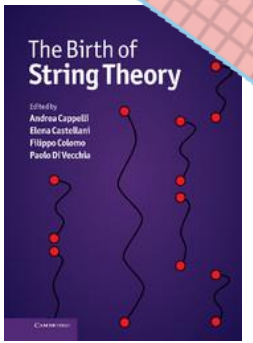

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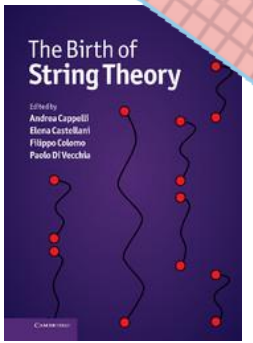

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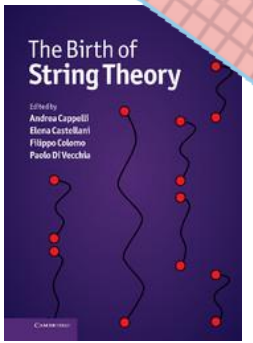
Main issue: we expect to see quantum gravitational effects at very high energies (Mpl?) , which are technologically not possible to reach today (or within a hundred years). Hence, **no experimental test** has been done.



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Maybe not all of these low energy theories are consistent once we turn on gravity!

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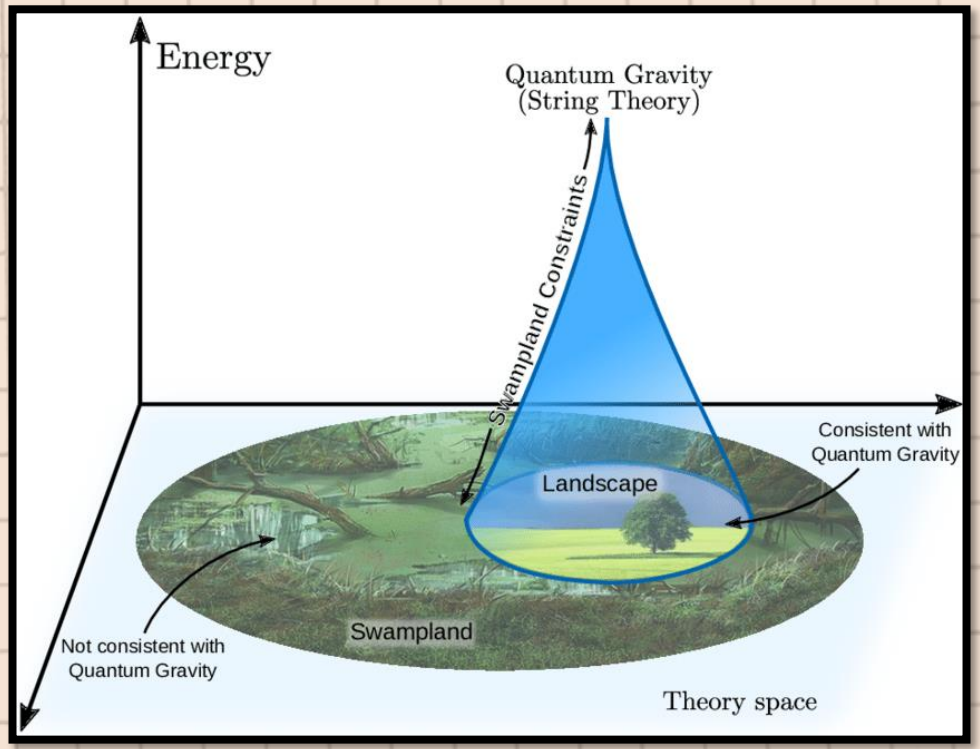

What are the **conditions** on **low energy physics** selecting the theories which can be **UV completed** to **quantum gravity**?

This is the **main topic** of my PhD research

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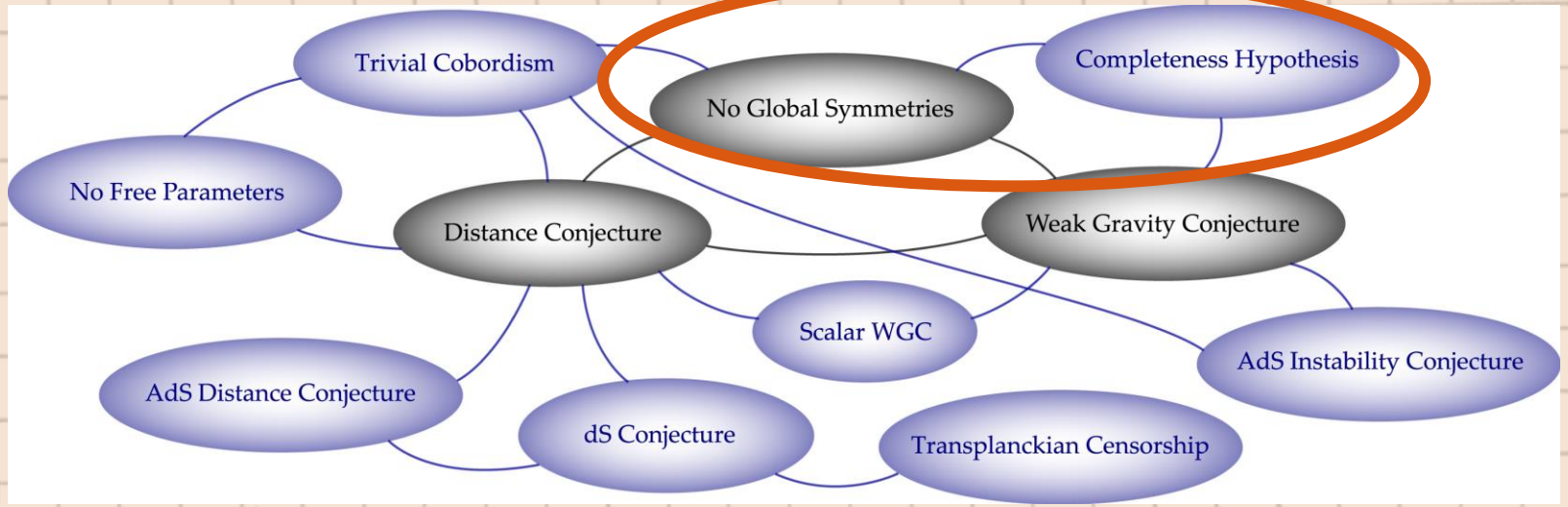
My thesis!



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- We consider **non-invertible symmetries**, which are a recent generalization of the concept of global symmetries (Gaiotto, Kapustin, Seiberg, Willett, 2014) that is fundamental for our argument to work.

Thanks for your attention!