

# STABILITY OF THE EW VACUUM AFTER THE FIRST LHC RUN

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# OUTLINE

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- ★ Context: Status after first LHC run  
Higgs discovered, no trace of BSM...
- ★  $M_h \approx 125 \text{ GeV} \Rightarrow$  EW Vacuum unstable
- ★ Several implications of this instability

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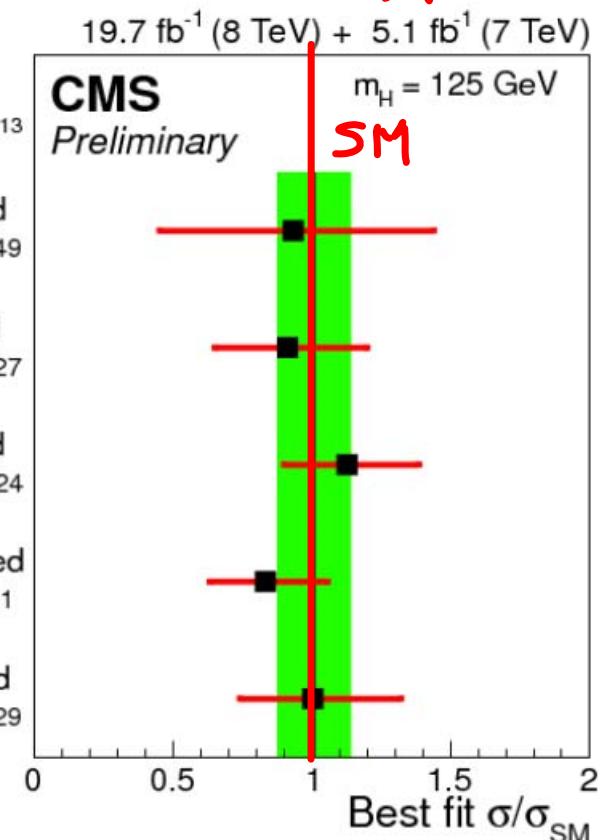
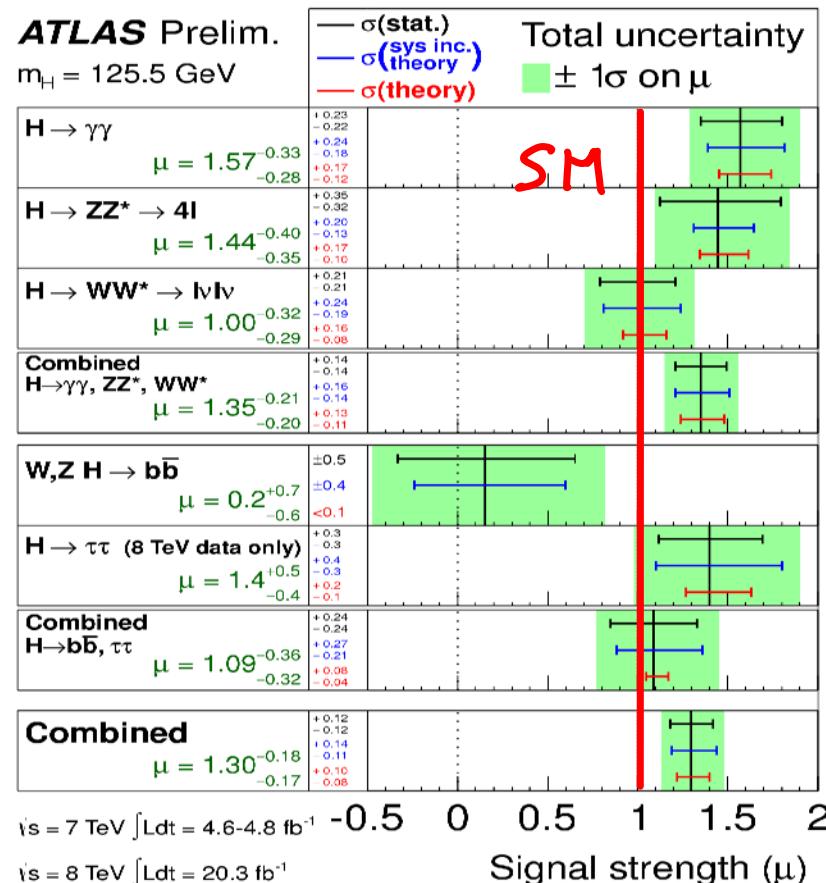
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## SM STATUS

- Higgs discovered, close to SM-like

**ATLAS Prelim.**  
 $m_H = 125.5 \text{ GeV}$



ATLAS

$$M_H/\text{GeV} = 125.36 + 0.37 \text{ (stat)} + 0.18 \text{ (syst)}$$

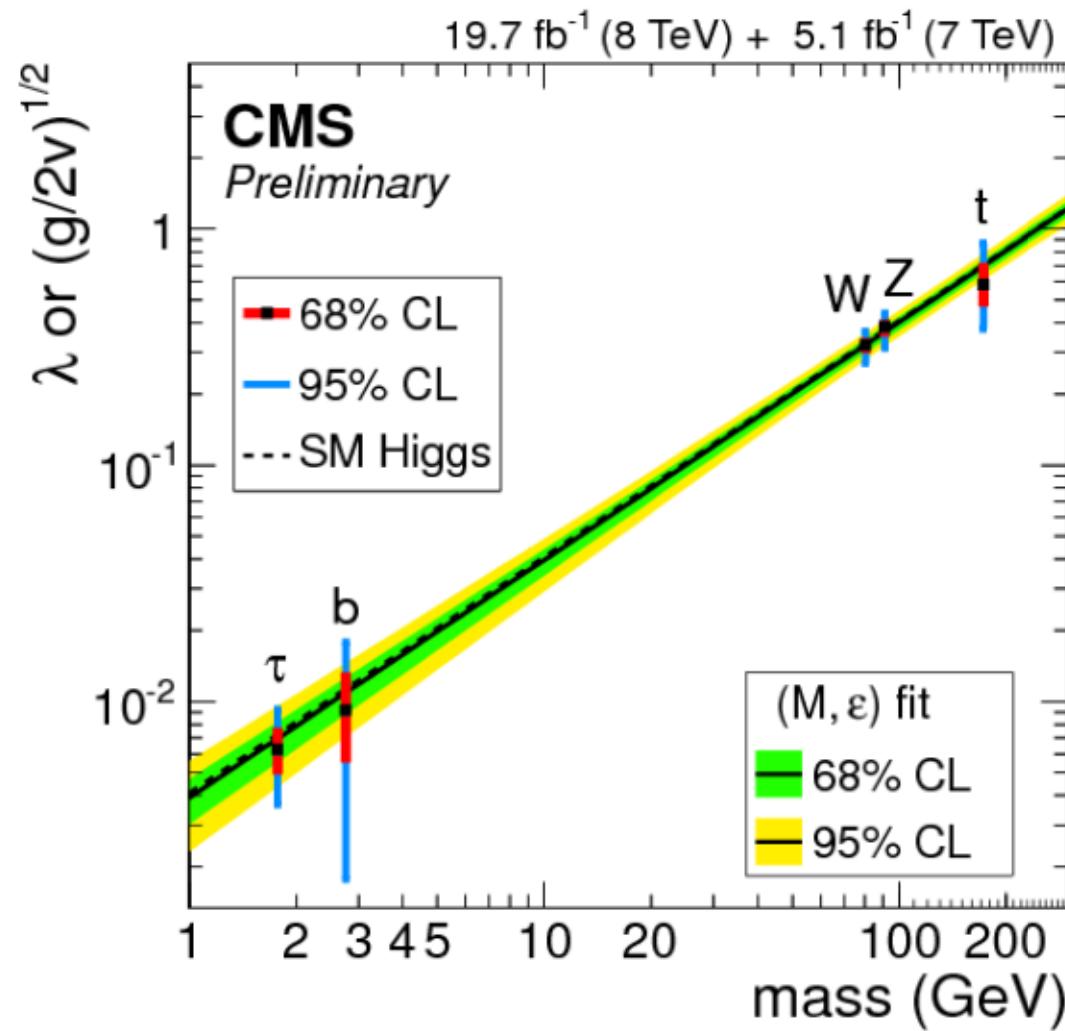
ICTEP'14

$$M_H/\text{GeV} = 125.03 + 0.26/-0.27 \text{ (stat)} + 0.13/-0.15 \text{ (syst)}$$

CMS

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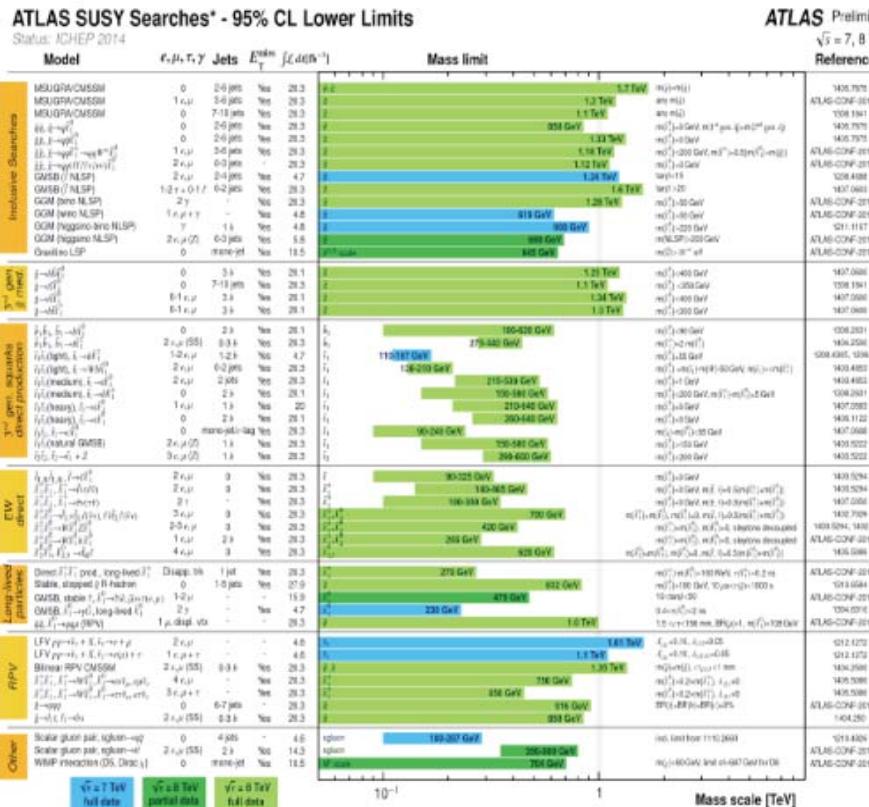


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# “TSUNAMI” EXCLUSION PLOTS

ATLAS Preliminary  
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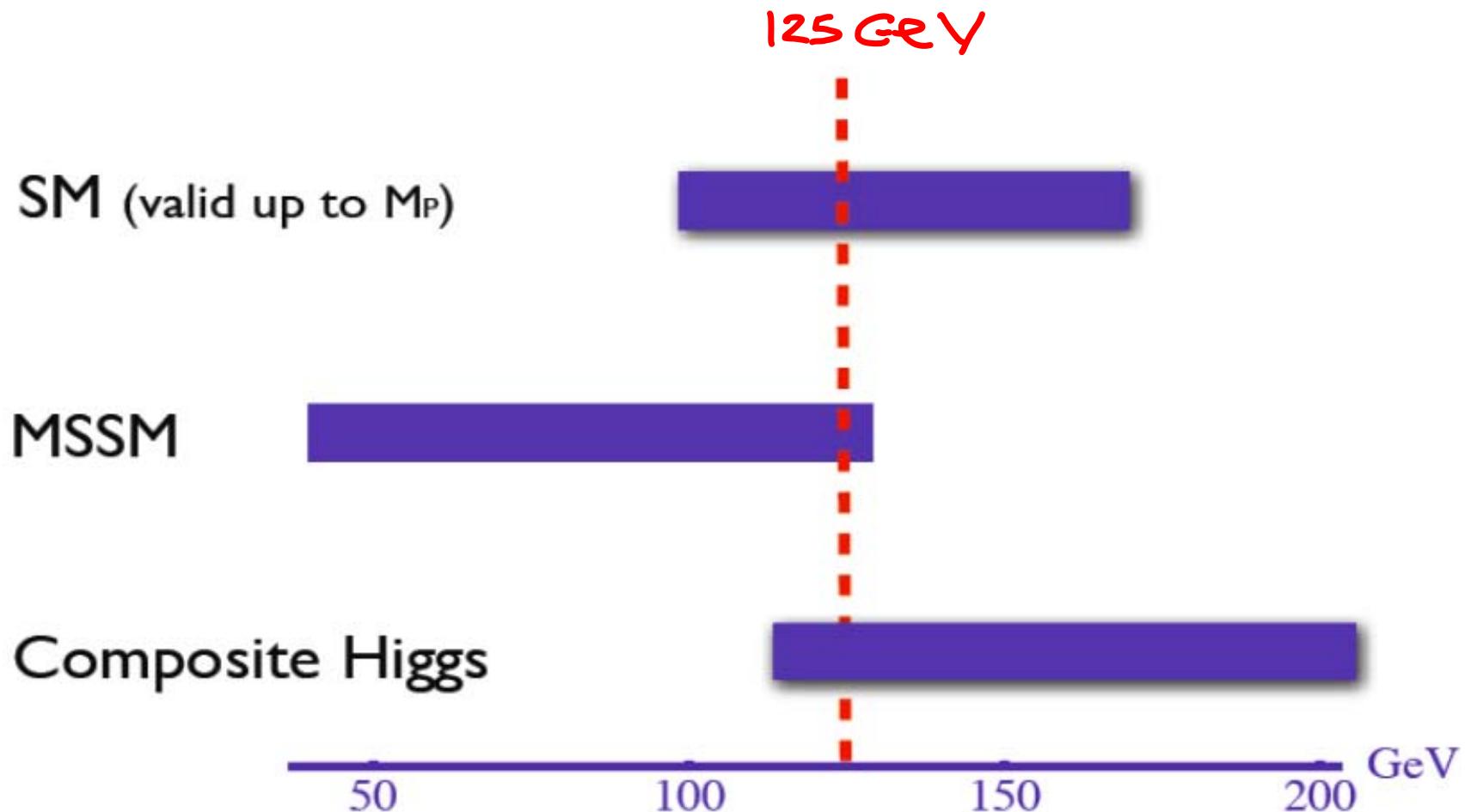


SUSY

# Exotics

# $M_h$ AS MODEL DISCRIMINATOR

## Higgs mass range



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- Holding on to naturalness



$\Lambda \sim \text{few TeV}$

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- Disregarding naturalness



$\Lambda \sim M_{\text{Pl}}$  ?

# SM EXTRAPOLATION

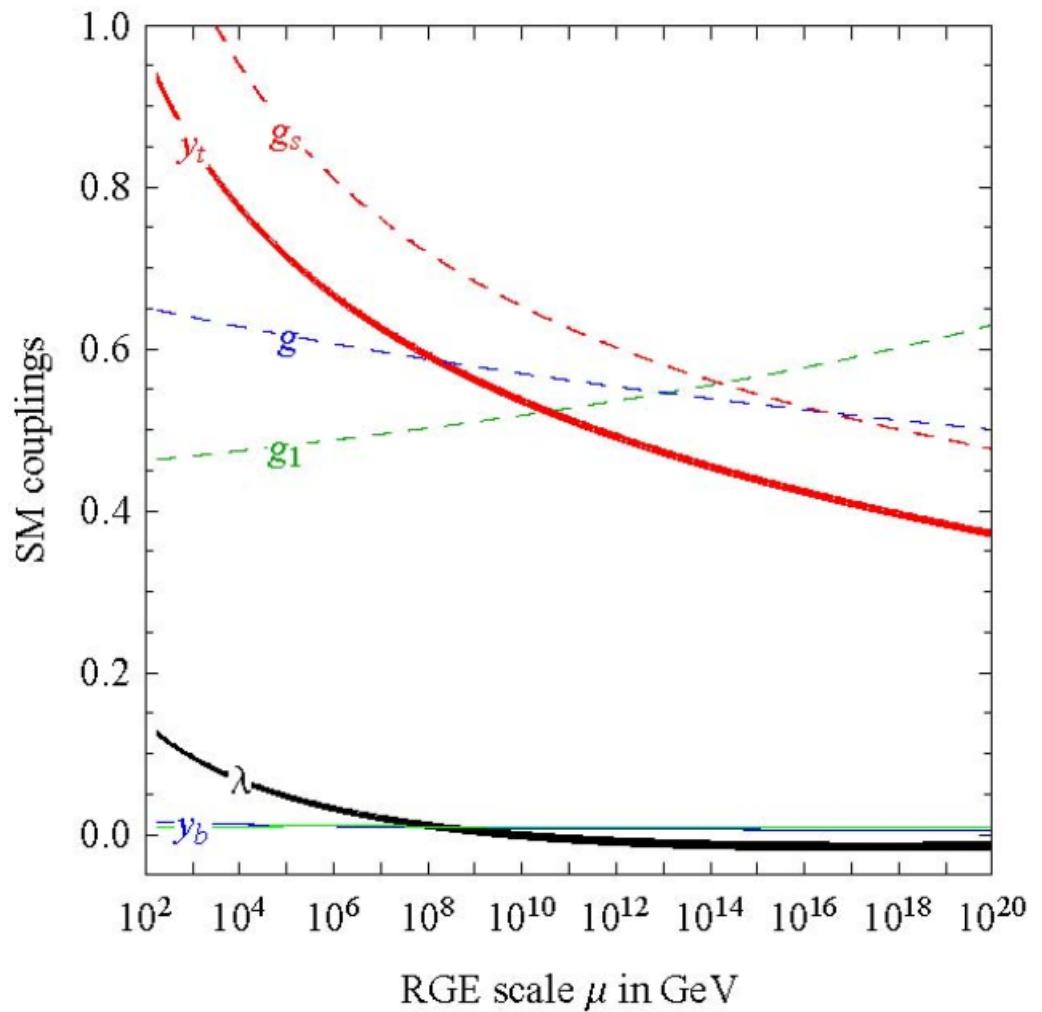
Assume Higgs has SM props. and no BSM Physics

All SM parameters known

$$M_h \rightarrow \lambda(\text{EW})$$

forgetting naturalness, can  
the pure SM be valid  
up to  $M_{\text{Pl}}$ ?

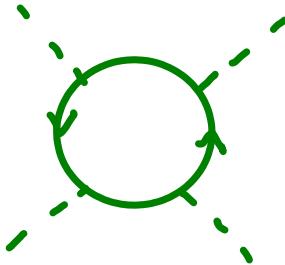
Weakly coupled up to  $M_{\text{Pl}}$



# VACUUM INSTABILITY

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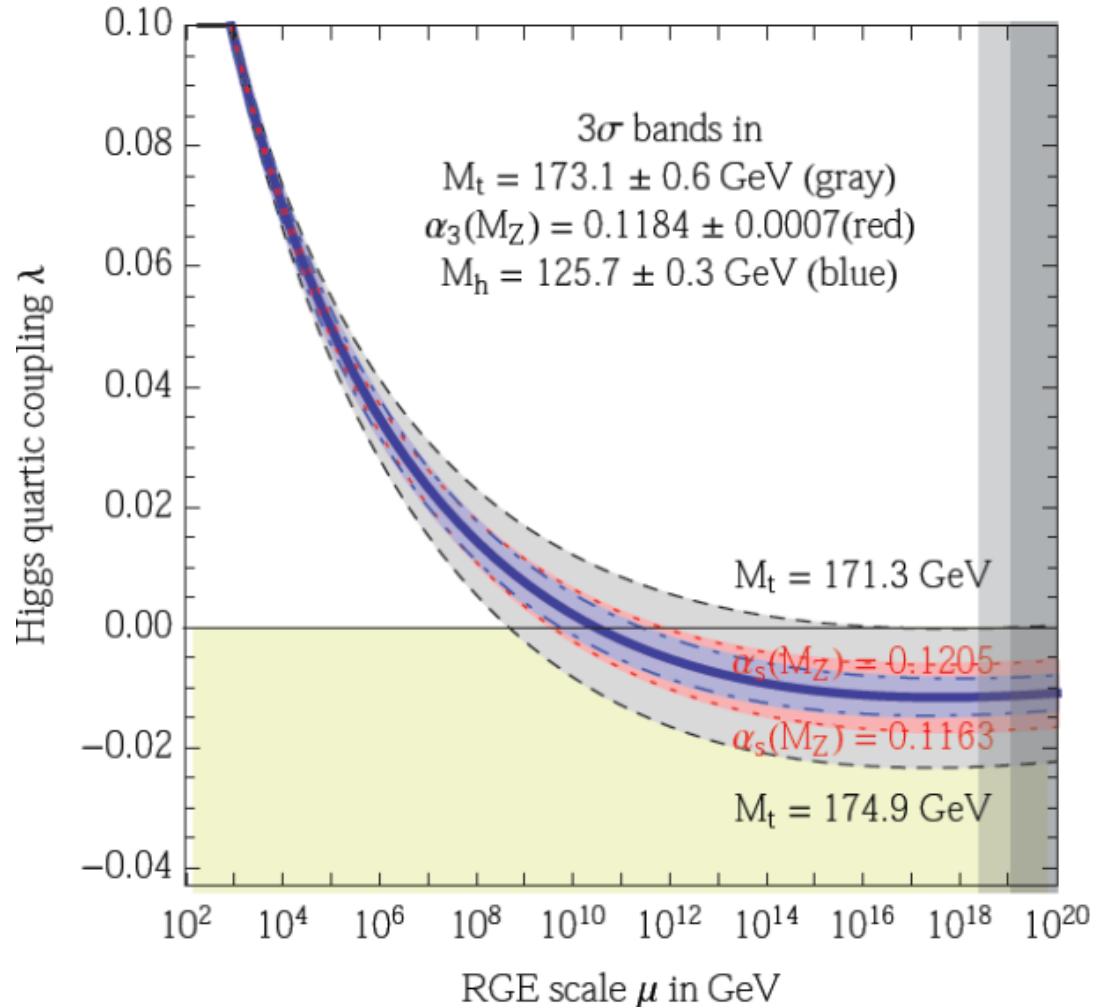
$$\frac{d\lambda}{d \ln \mu} \sim - \frac{h_t^4}{16\pi^2}$$



$\lambda < 0$  at  $\Lambda_I \sim 10^{10}$  GeV

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Higgs potential instability

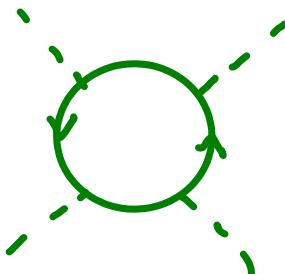
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Buttazzo et al'13

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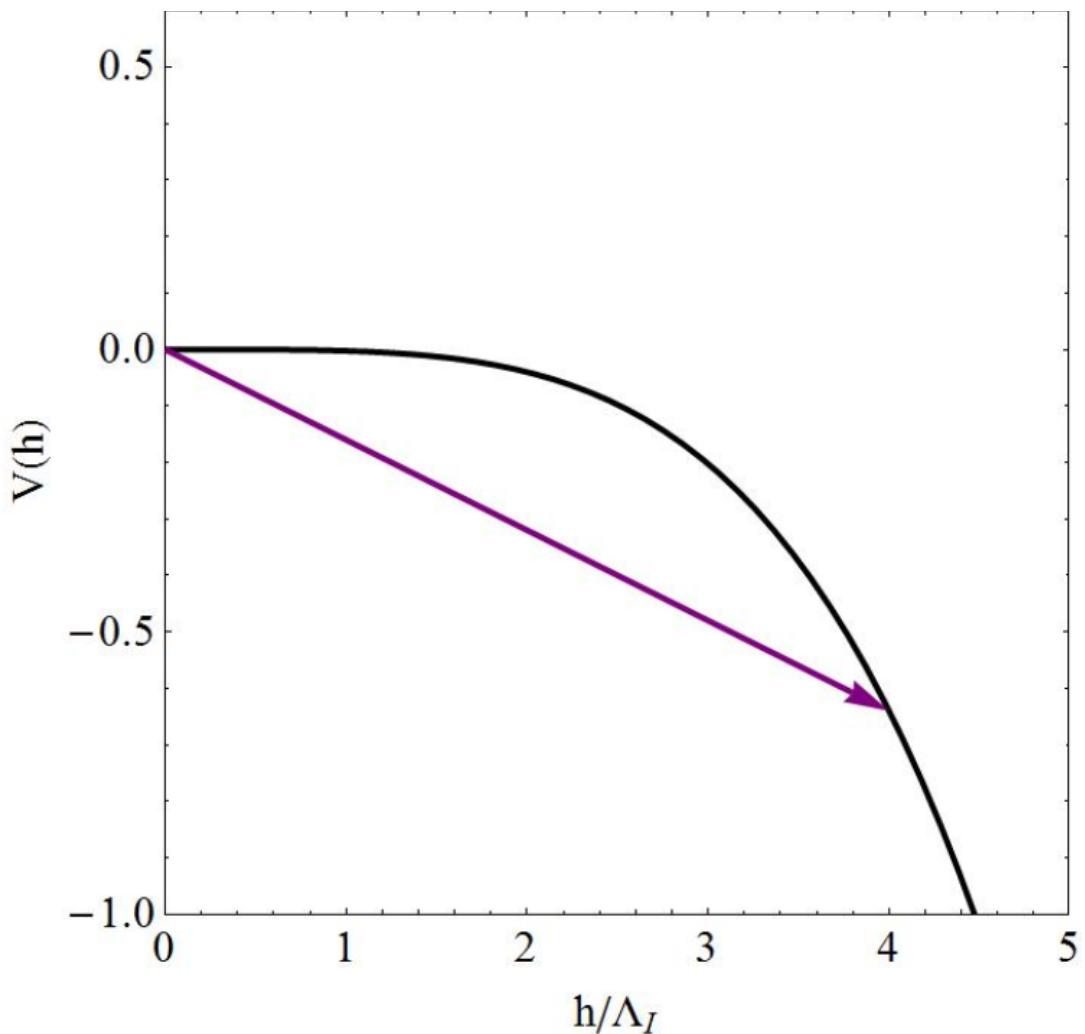
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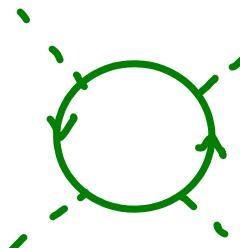
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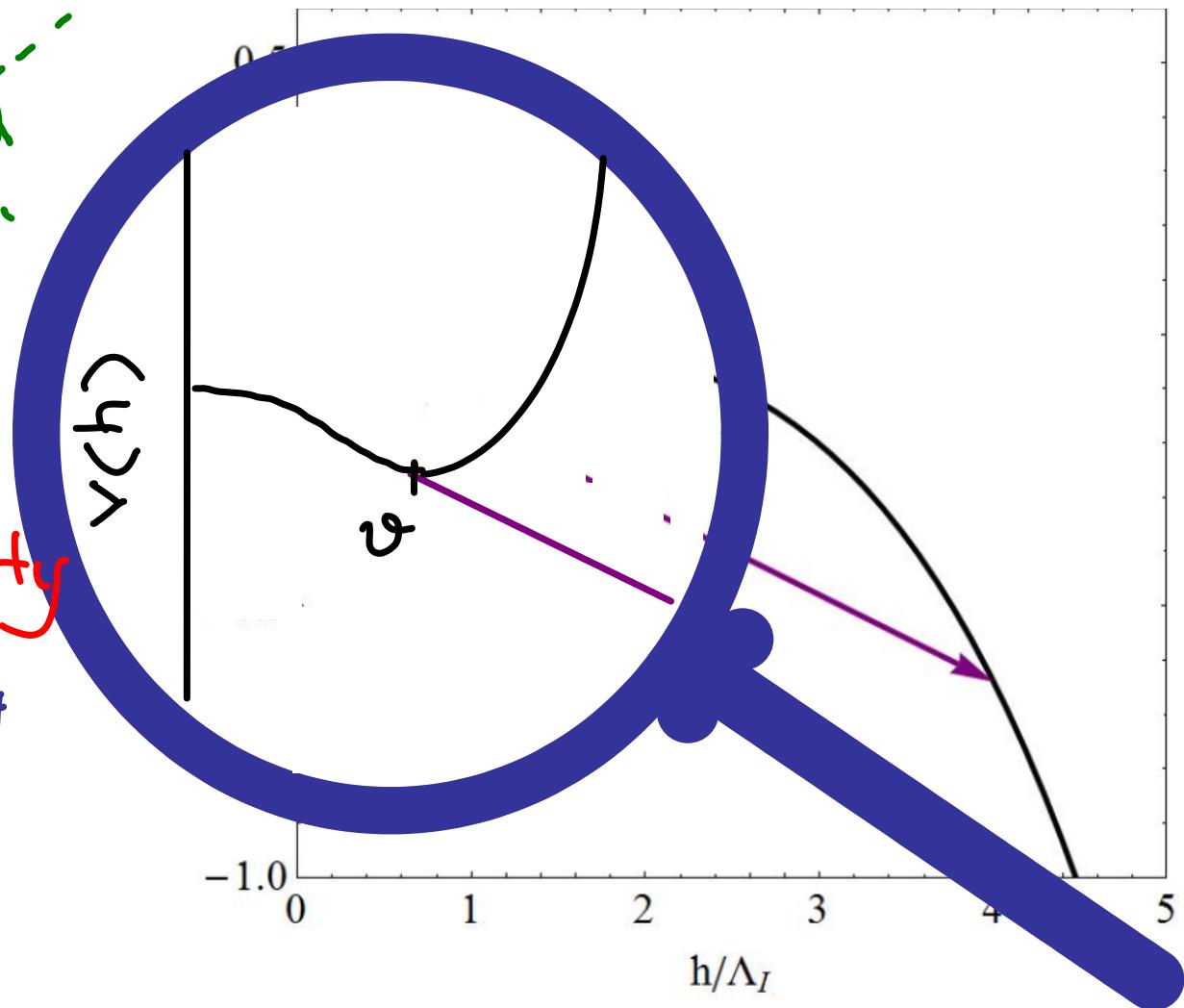
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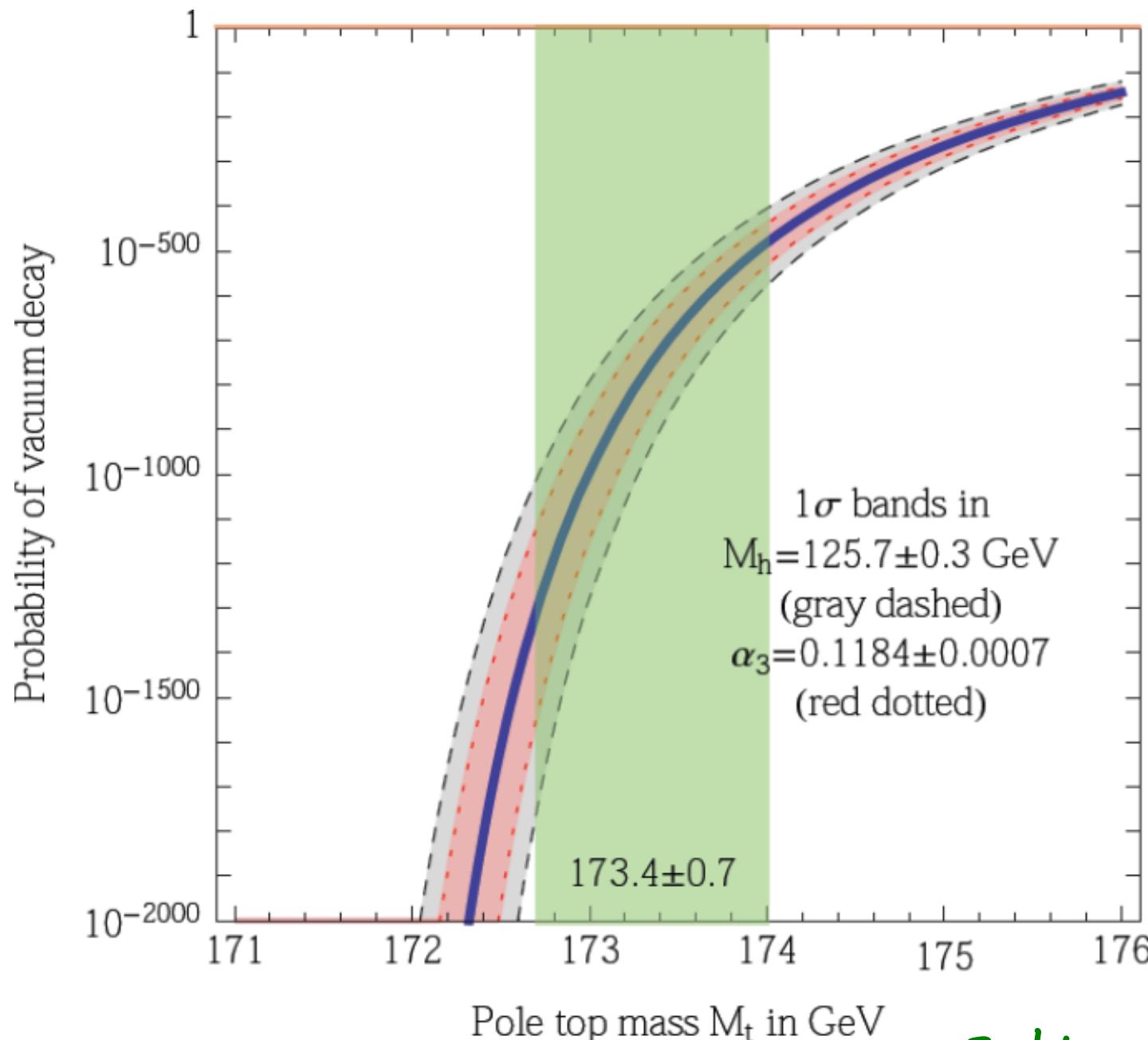
$$p = \text{Decay prob.} = \underbrace{\frac{\text{Decay rate}}{\Delta t \cdot \Delta V}}_{h^4 e^{-S_4}} \tau_0^4 \quad \text{with} \quad \tau_0^4 \sim (e^{140}/M_{Pl})^4$$

$$h^4 e^{-S_4} \sim h^4 \exp\left(-\frac{8\pi^2}{3|\lambda(h)|}\right) \sim h^4 \exp\left[-\frac{2600}{|21/0.01|}\right]$$

easily wins over  $\tau_0^4$

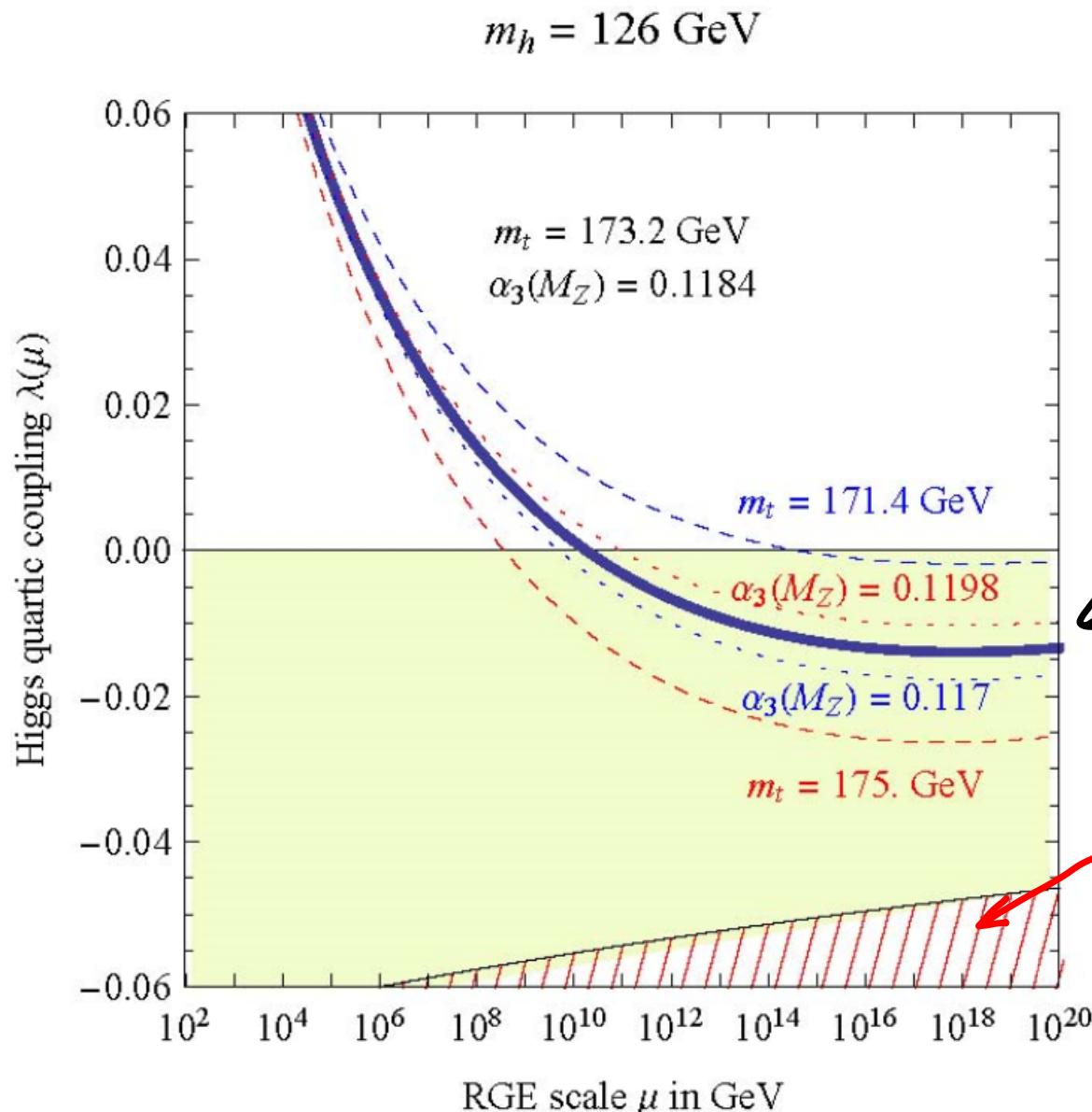
$p \ll 1$  : Lifetime of EW vacuum much longer than  $\tau_0$

# PROBABILITY OF VACUUM DECAY

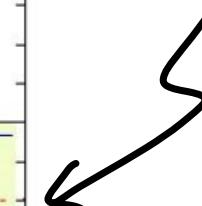


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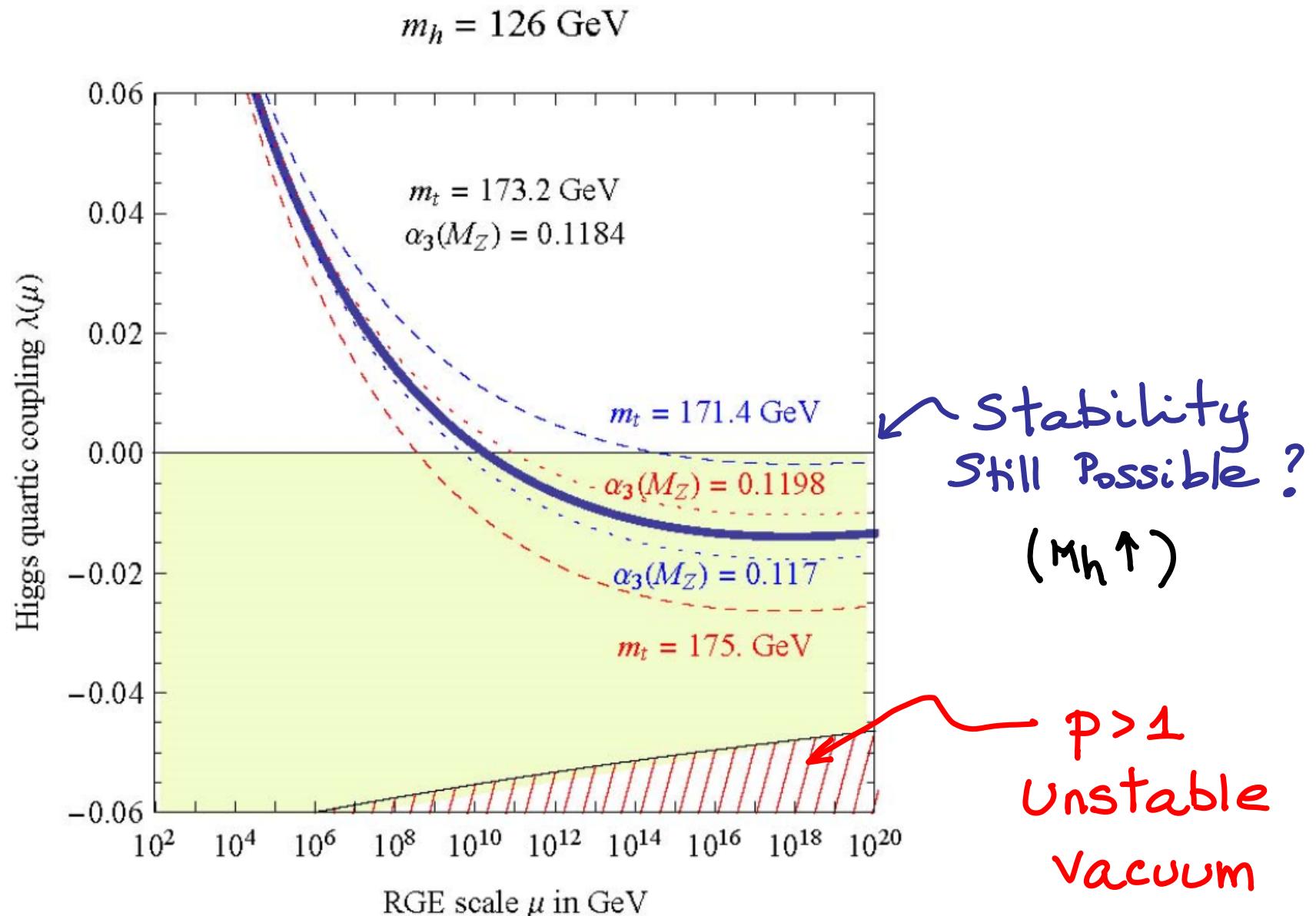


Lifetime  $\propto \exp \frac{1}{|\lambda|}$   
 $\gg \text{age of Universe}$



$p > 1$   
Unstable  
vacuum  
( $M_h \downarrow$ )

# LIFE IN A METASTABLE VACUUM



## NNLO STABILITY BOUND

Lower bound on  $M_h$  for stability up to  $M_{Pl}$ :

State-of-the-art NNLO calculation:

- 2-loop  $V_{eff}$  (Ford, Jack, Jones [ph/0111190])
- 3-loop RGES (... , Chetyrkin, Zoller [ph/1205.2892], Bednyakov, Pikelner, Velizhanin [ph/1212.6829])
- 2-loop matching in  $\lambda \leftrightarrow M_h^2$ ;  $h_T \leftrightarrow M_T$   
(..., Shaposhnikov et al [ph/1205.2893],  
, Degrassi et al [ph/1205.6497],  
, Bottazzini et al [ph/1307.3536])

## NNLO STABILITY BOUND

For stability up to  $M_{Pl}$ :

$$M_h [\text{GeV}] > 129.4 + 1.4 \left( \frac{M_t (\text{GeV}) - 173.1}{0.7} \right) - 0.5 \left( \frac{\alpha_s(M_Z) - 0.1184}{0.0007} \right)^{\pm 1.0_{\text{th}}}$$

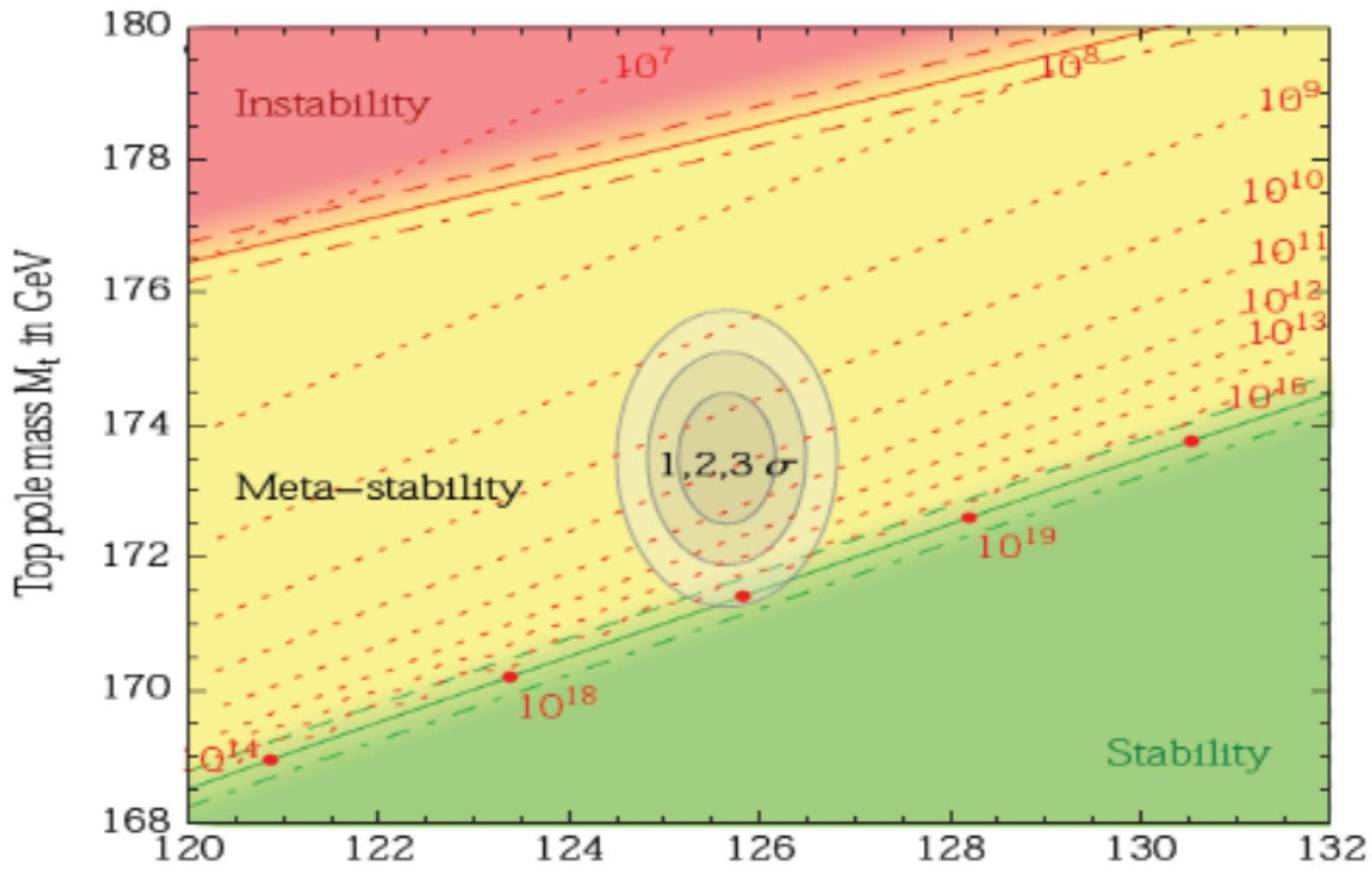
Degrandi et al '12

$$M_h [\text{GeV}] > 129.6 + 2 \left( \frac{M_t (\text{GeV}) - 173.35}{1} \right) - 0.5 \left( \frac{\alpha_s(M_Z) - 0.1184}{0.0007} \right)^{\pm 0.3_{\text{th}}}$$

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Both reduced previous theory error by a factor 3

# LIVING AT THE EDGE

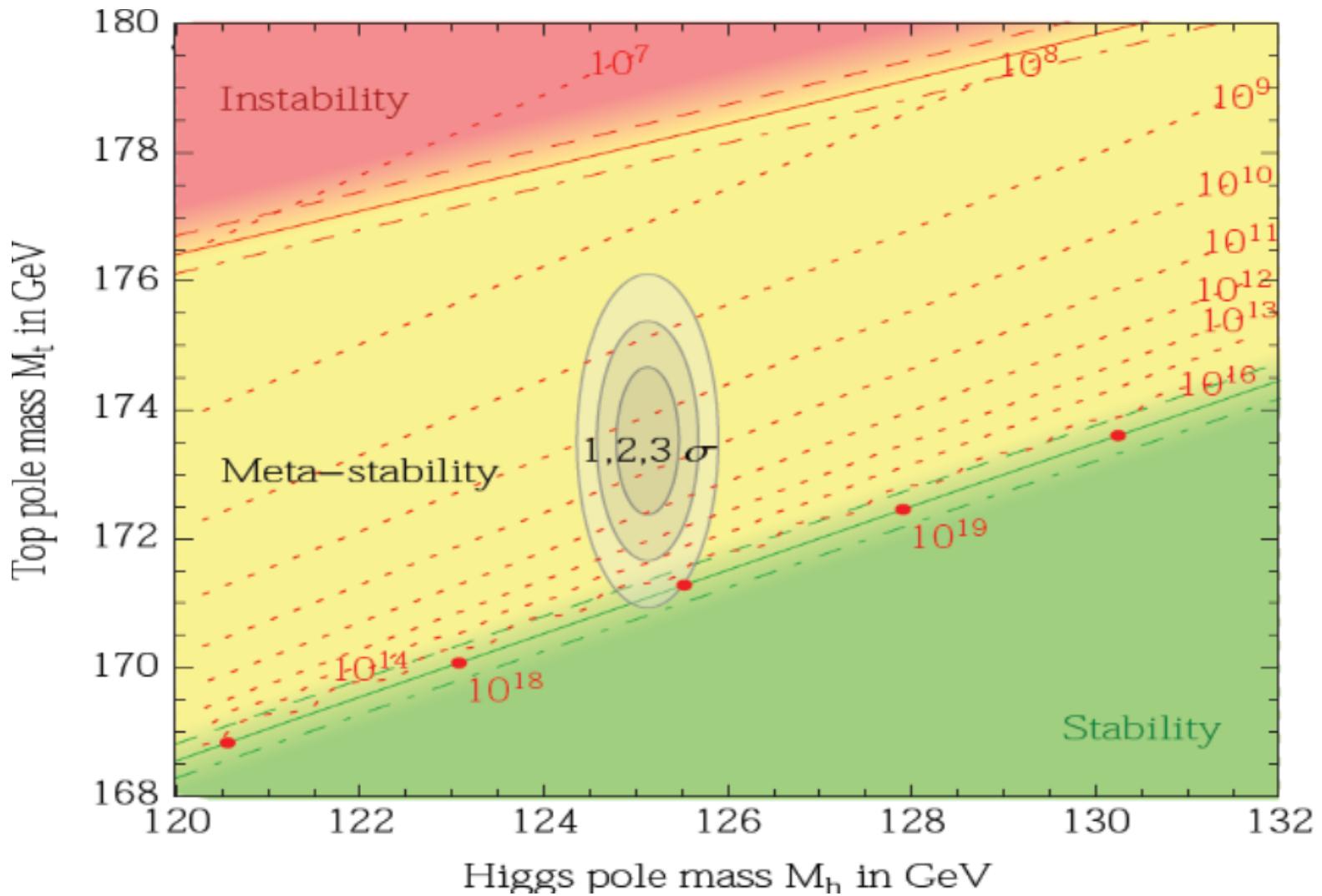


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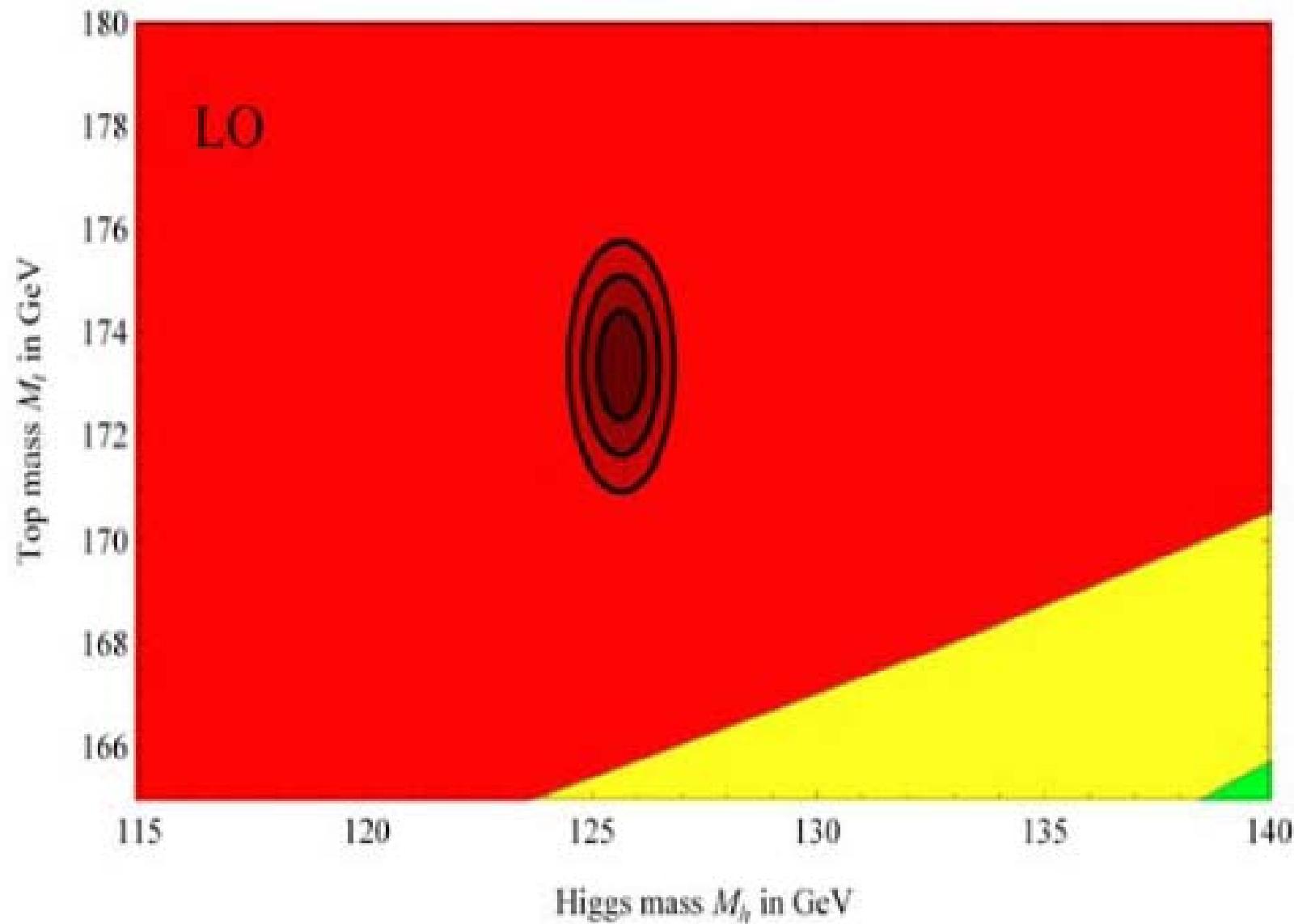
Higgs pole mass  $M_h$  in GeV

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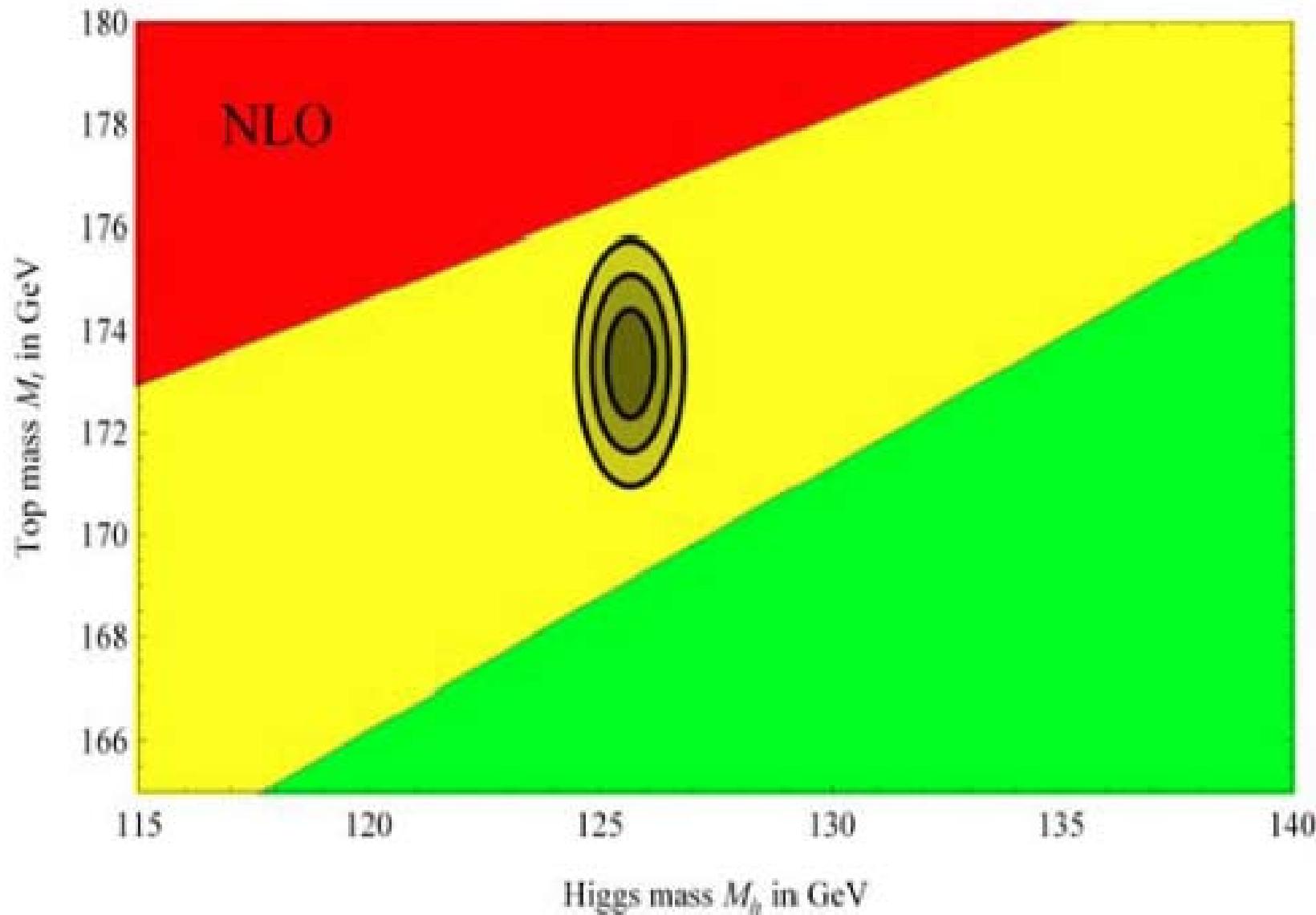
Update.  $M_h = 125.13 \pm 0.23 \text{ GeV}$     $M_t = 173.34 \pm 0.76 \text{ GeV}$   
(thanks to A. Strumia)

# PROGRESS IN STABILITY CALCULATION



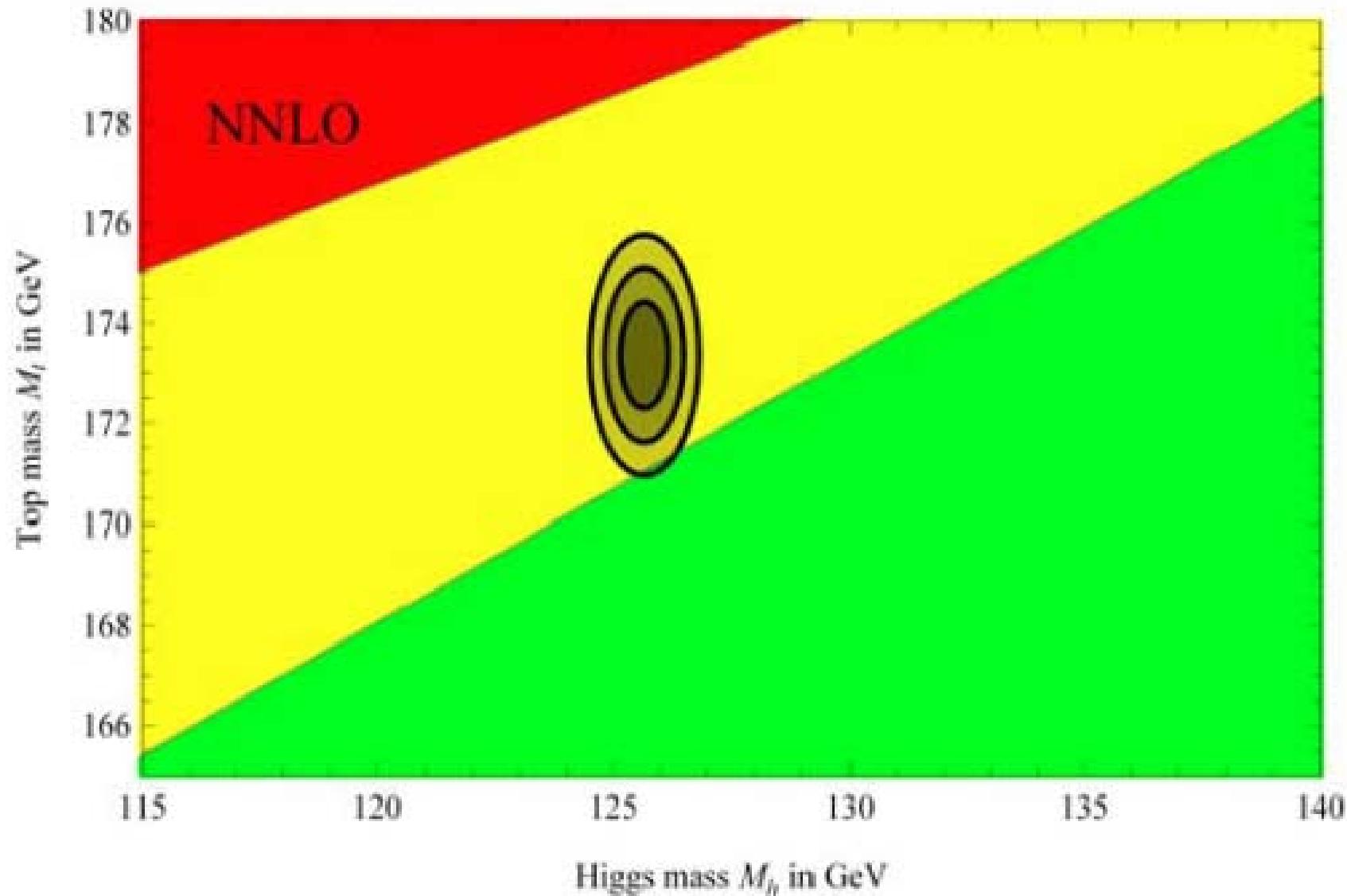
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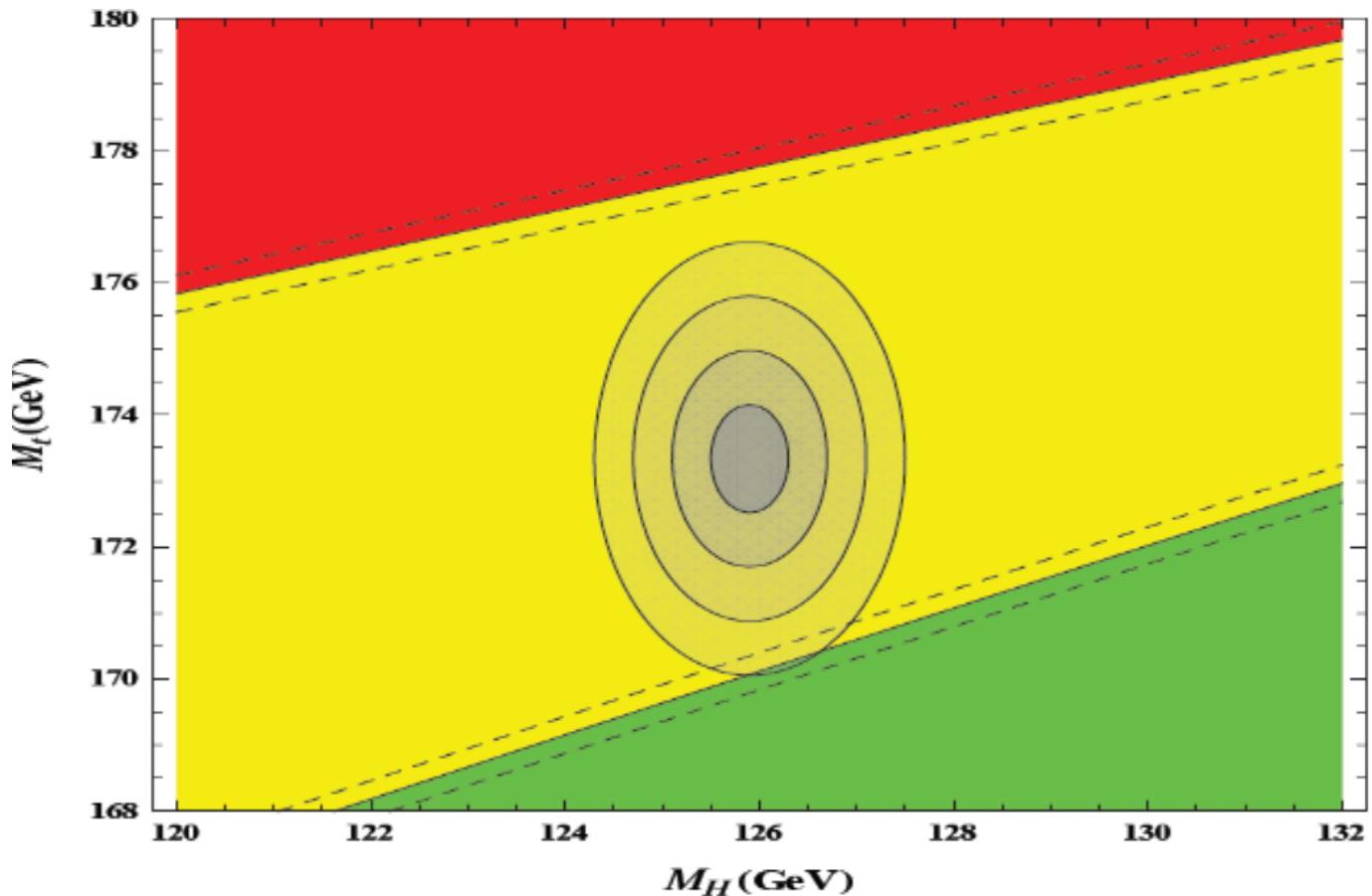


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Spencer-Smith, 1405.1975 Mass-dep. ren. scheme

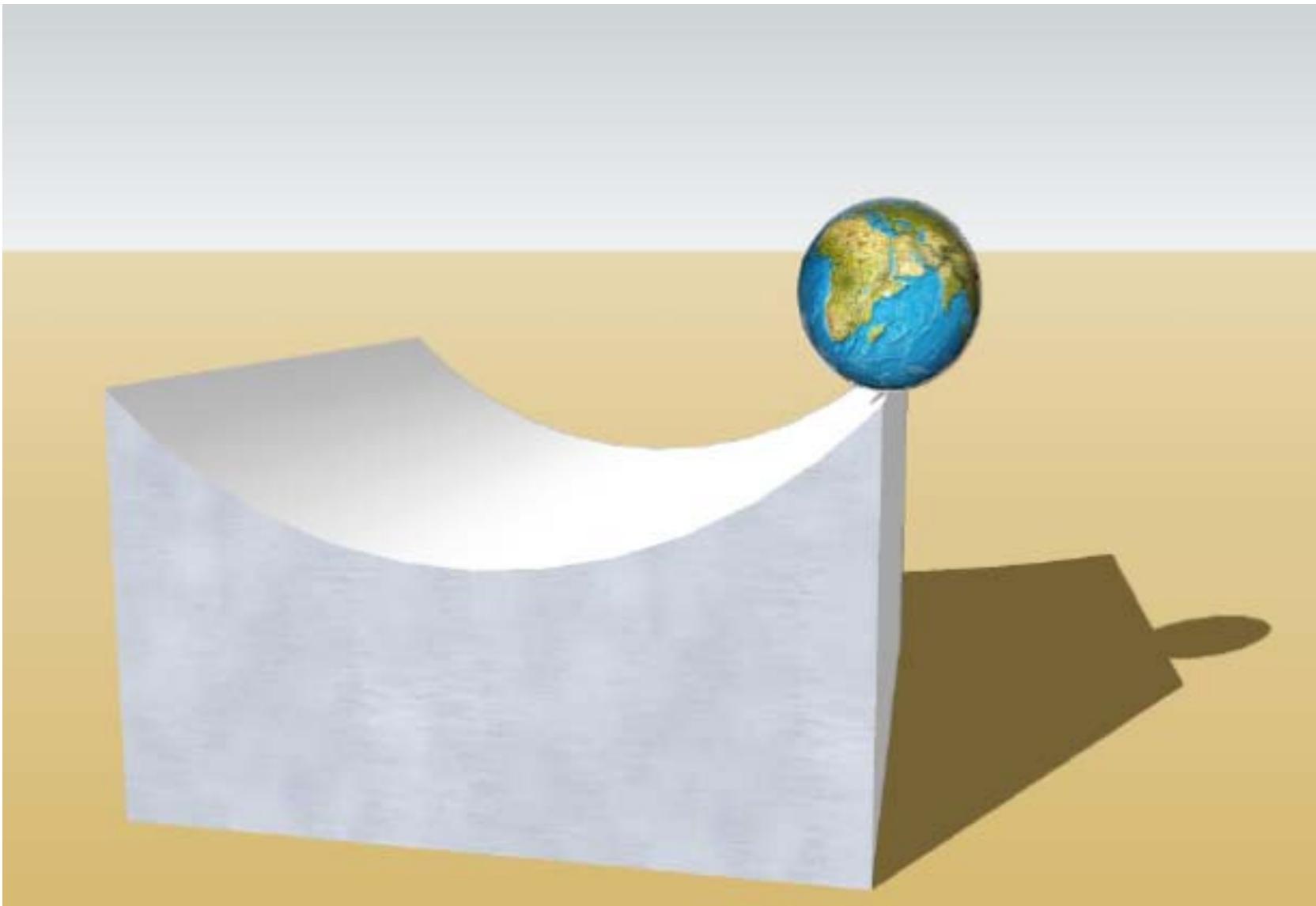
Stronger  
instability &  
Reduced errors

Stability  
disfavoured  
at  $\sim 3.5\sigma$



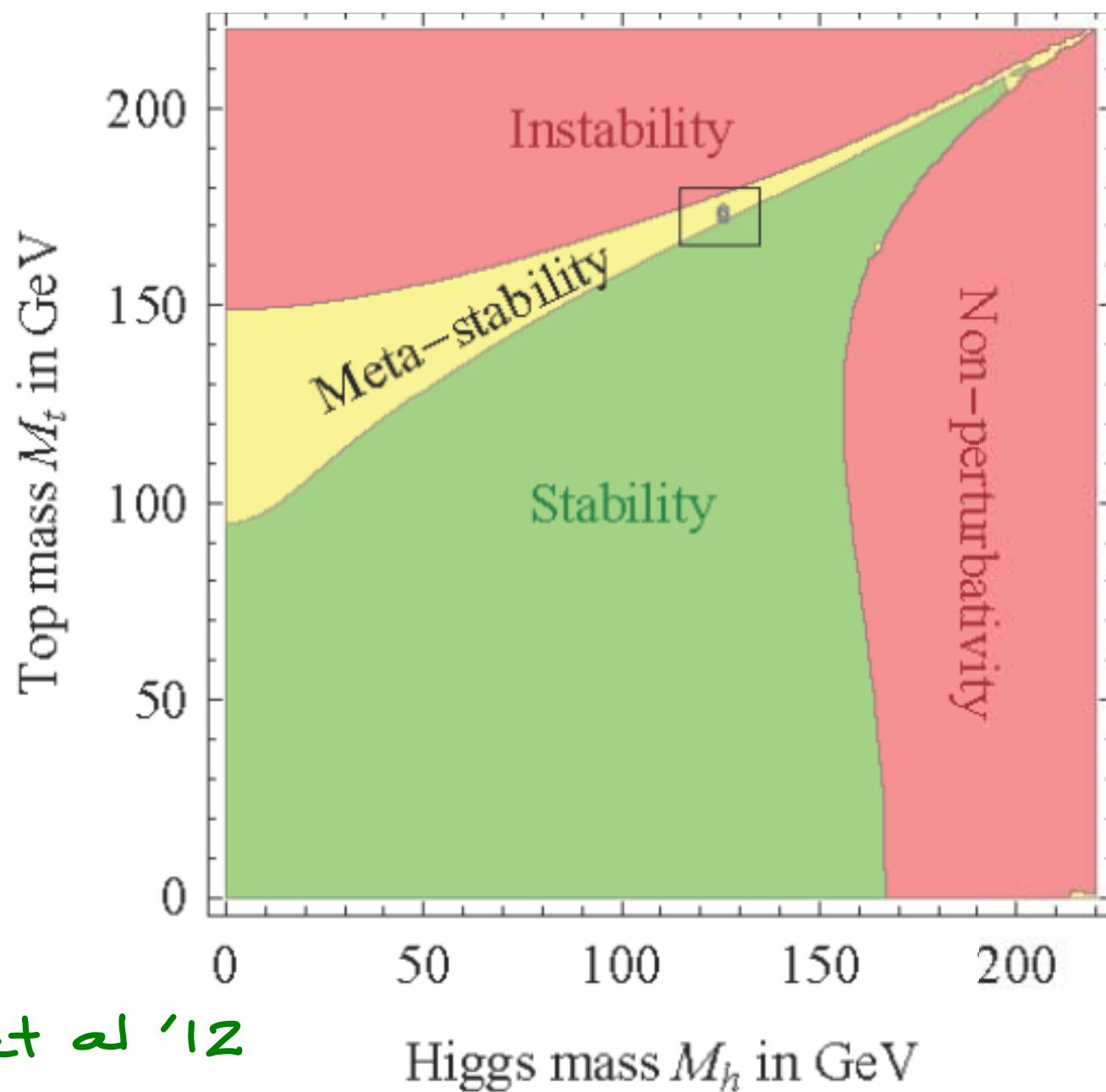
Self-consistency ??

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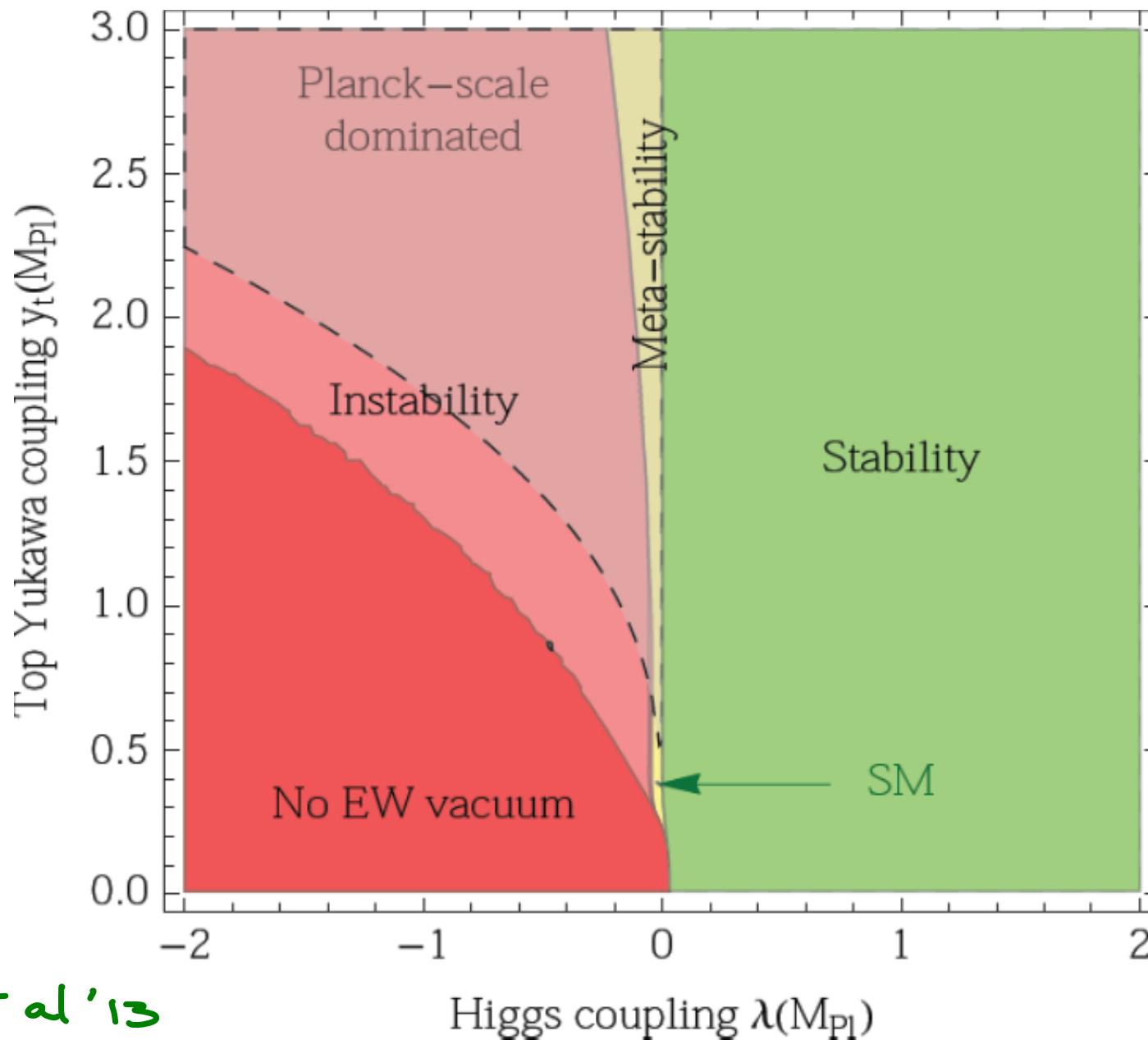
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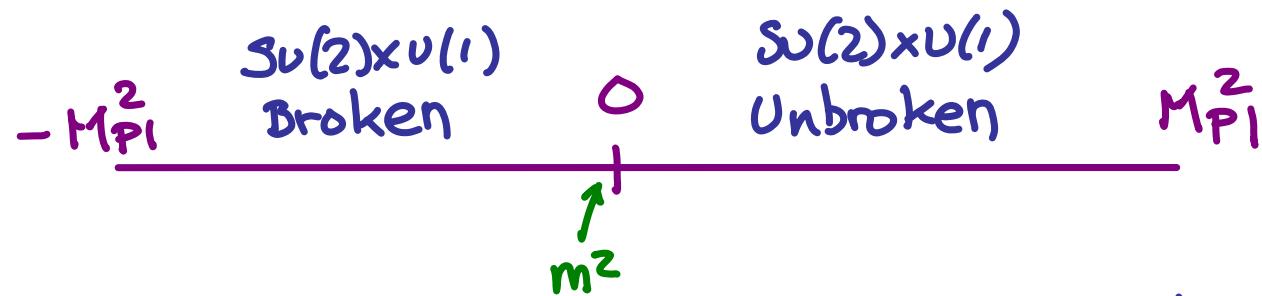


# NEW KNOWLEDGE BRINGS NEW QUESTIONS

- ★ Why do we live near the critical boundary for stability?

$$\lambda(M_{Pl}) \approx 0$$

- ★ Is this related to our living near the phase boundary  $m^2/M_{Pl}^2 \approx 0$ ?



- ★ Is the EW scale determined by Planck scale physics?
- ★ Or is this just a coincidence? BSM...

## BSM & STABILITY

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See-saw neutrinos

$$M_R \sim \langle S \rangle \quad \& \quad \lambda_{HS} |H|^2 |S|^2$$

Lebedev '12, Elias-Miro et al '12

# OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- See-saw neutrinos: Impact on  $\beta_2 = -y_\nu^4/(16\pi^2) \ast$

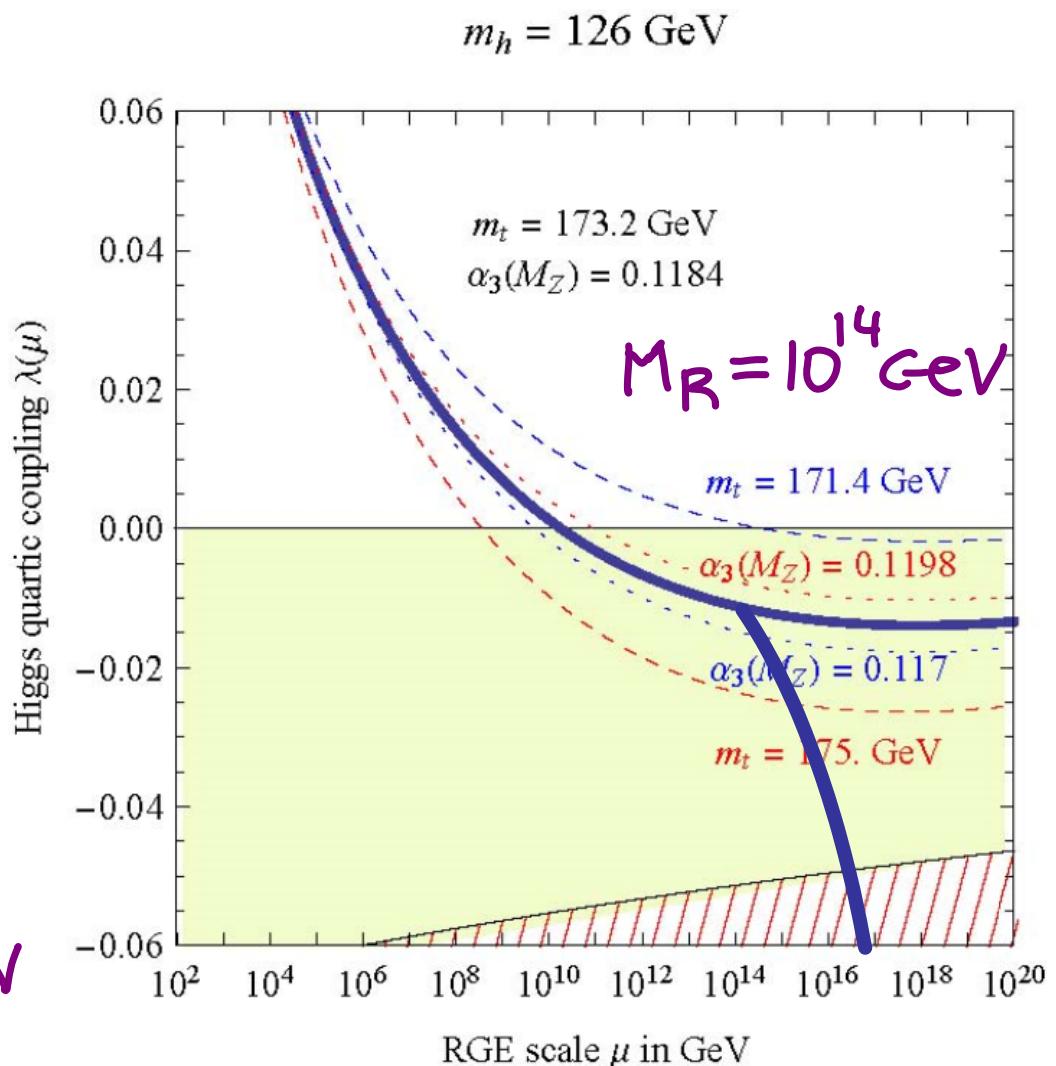
$$m_\nu \sim \frac{y_\nu^2 v^2}{M_R}$$

$$M_R \uparrow \Leftrightarrow y_\nu \uparrow$$



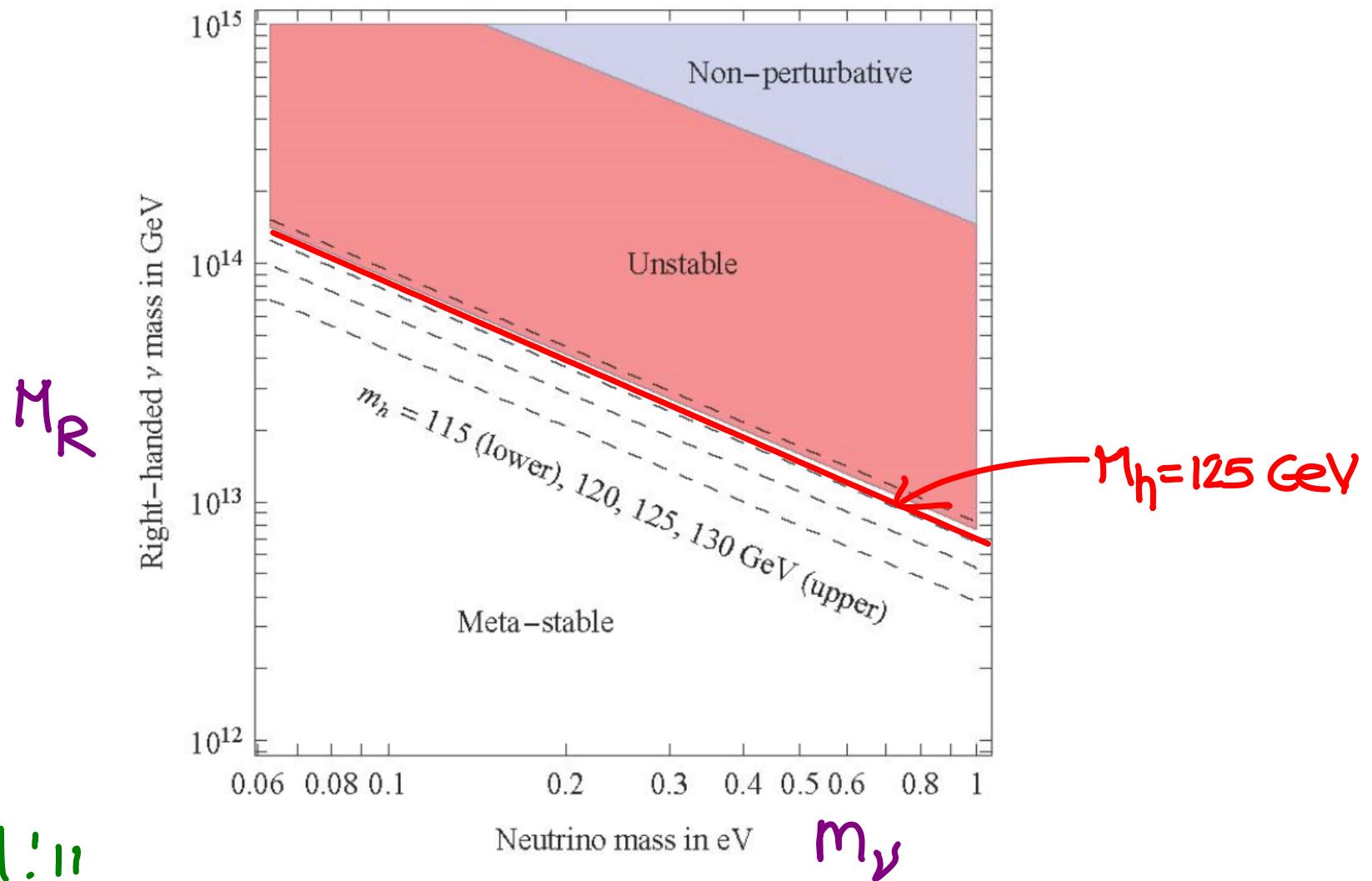
Adds to the top destabilizing effect

Important for  $M_R \gtrsim 10^{13-14} \text{ GeV}$



# OTHER IMPLICATIONS

- See-saw neutrinos : Bound on  $M_{\nu R}$



Elias-Miro et al.'11

# SIMPLE VACUUM STABILIZATION

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J.Elias-Miró , JRE, G.F.Giudice, H.M. Lee , A. Strumia '12  
See also D. Lebedev '12

Ingredients :

- One extra scalar singlet  $S$
- below the instability scale  $\Lambda_I$
- coupled to the Higgs like  $\lambda_{HS} |H|^2 S^+ S^-$
- with non-zero vev :  $\langle S \rangle = w \neq 0$   
(we will assume  $w \gg v$ )

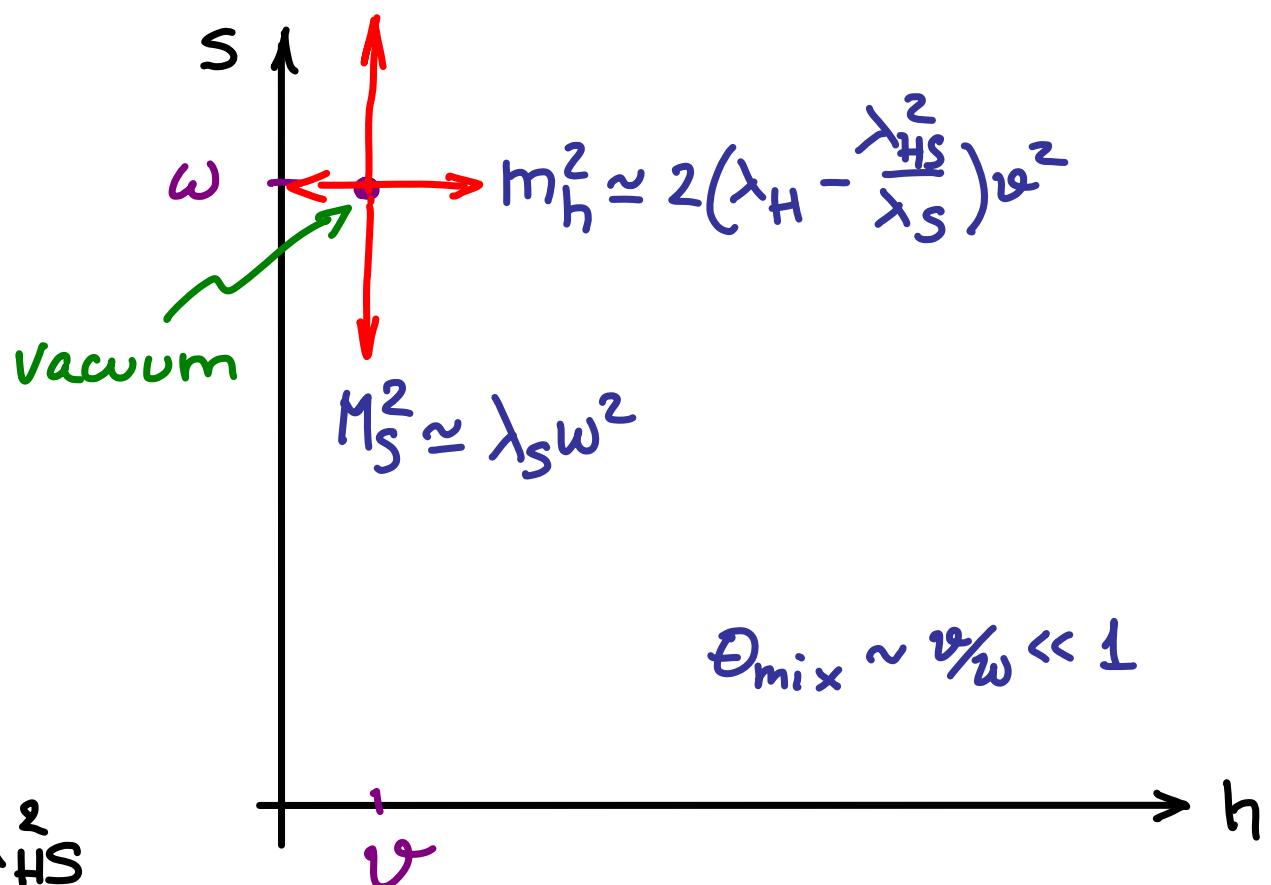
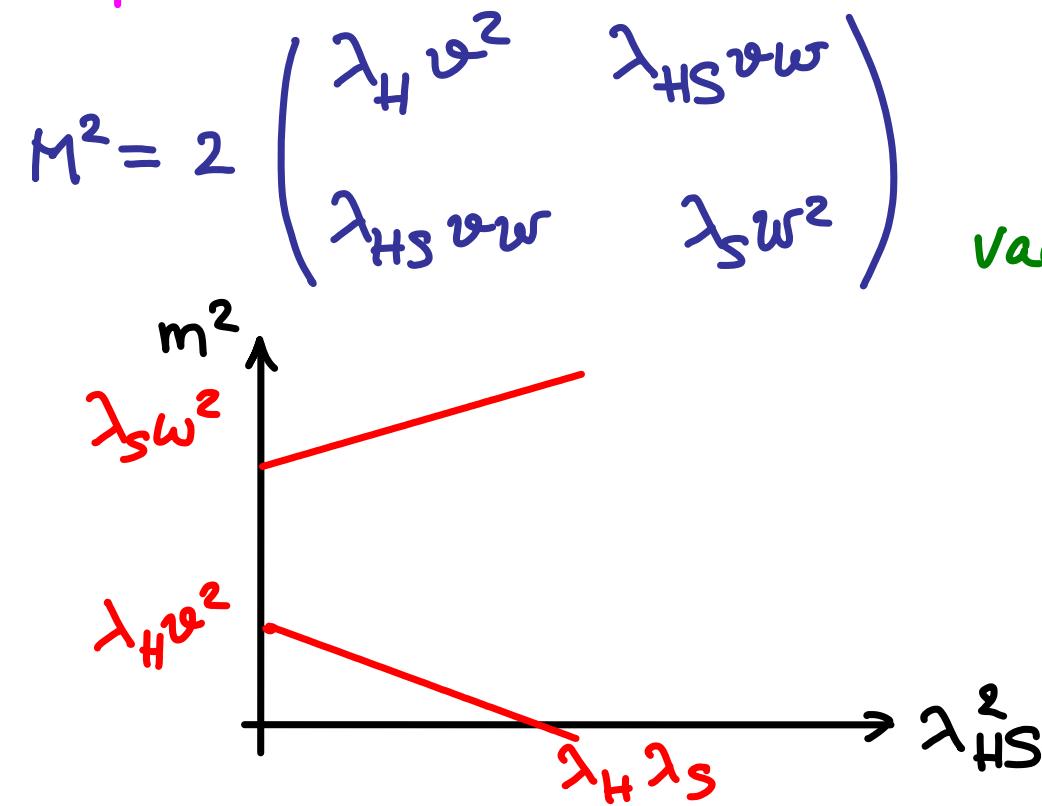
# MODEL STRUCTURE

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Potential:

$$V = \lambda_H (|H|^2 - v^2/2)^2 + \lambda_S (S^+ S - \omega^2/2)^2 + 2 \lambda_{HS} (|H|^2 - v^2/2)(S^+ S - \omega^2/2)$$

Spectrum:



## LOW-ENERGY THEORY

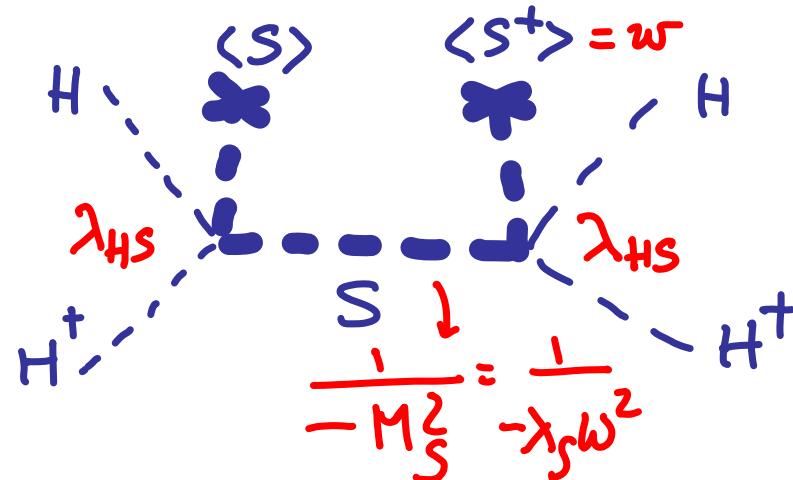
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Integrating out  $S \not\rightarrow$  Below  $M_S$  : SM

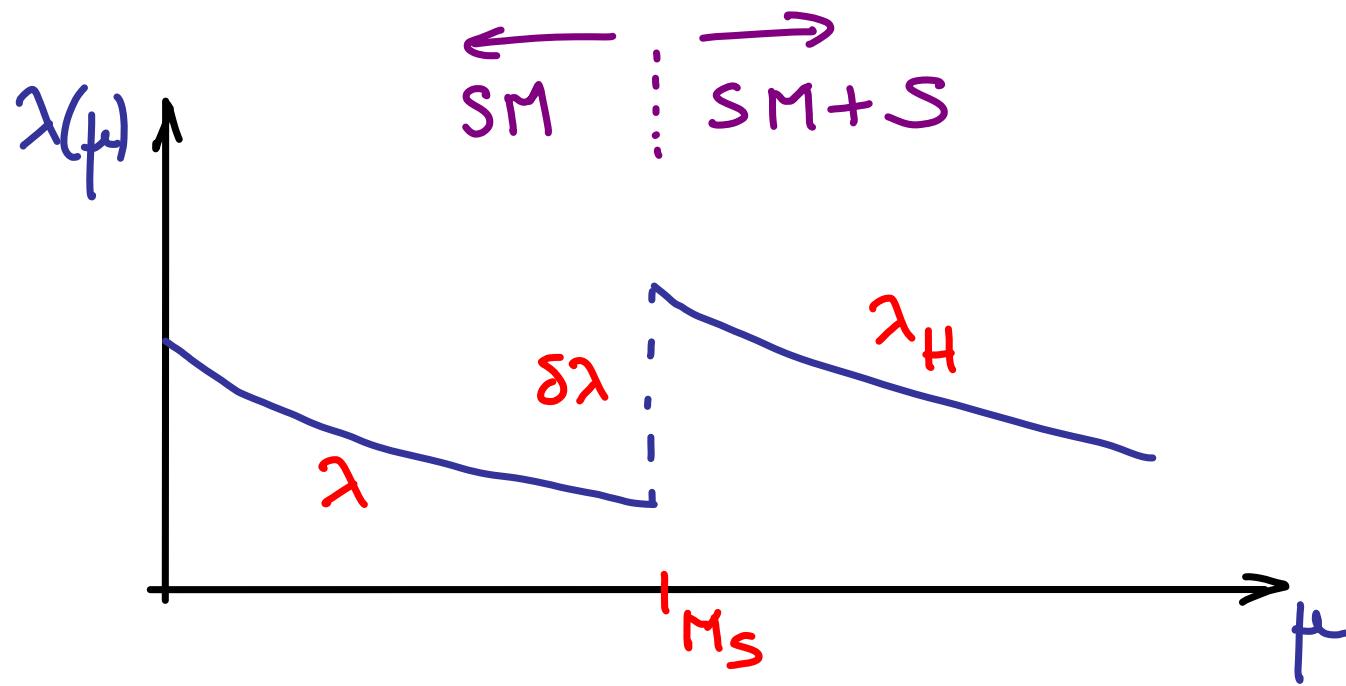
$$V(h) = \lambda (|H|^2 - w^2/2)^2$$

$\downarrow$   
 $\lambda_H - \frac{\lambda_{HS}^2}{\lambda_S}$   
 $\underbrace{\lambda_H}_{\text{original}} \quad \underbrace{- \frac{\lambda_{HS}^2}{\lambda_S}}_{\text{tree-level}} \quad \text{threshold correction}$

Diagrammatically



## CRUCIAL THRESHOLD CORRECTION



Matching at  $M_S$ :  $\lambda(M_S) = \lambda_H(M_S) - \delta\lambda$

$\delta\lambda$  has the right sign to improve stability

But, we must look more closely to stab. conditions.

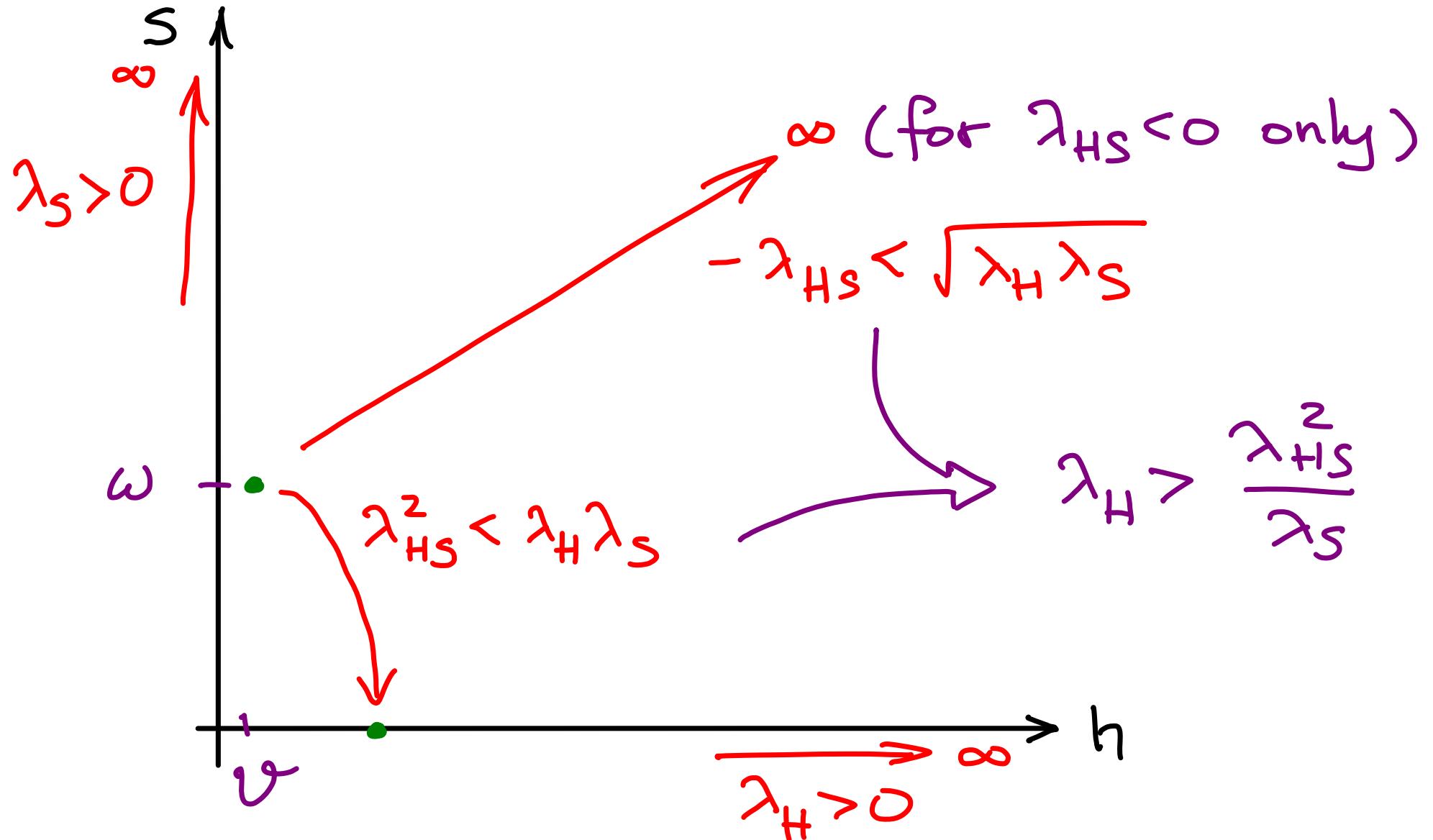
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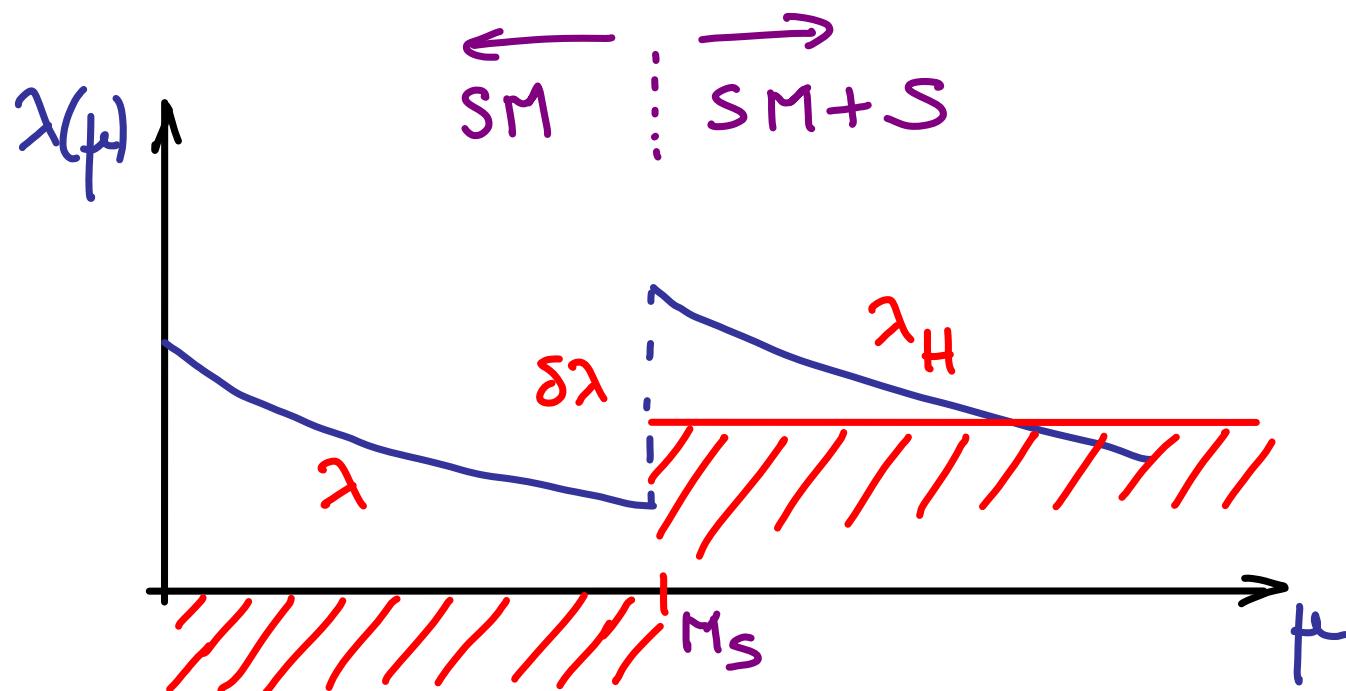
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by same amount as  $\lambda$  ! No gain ??

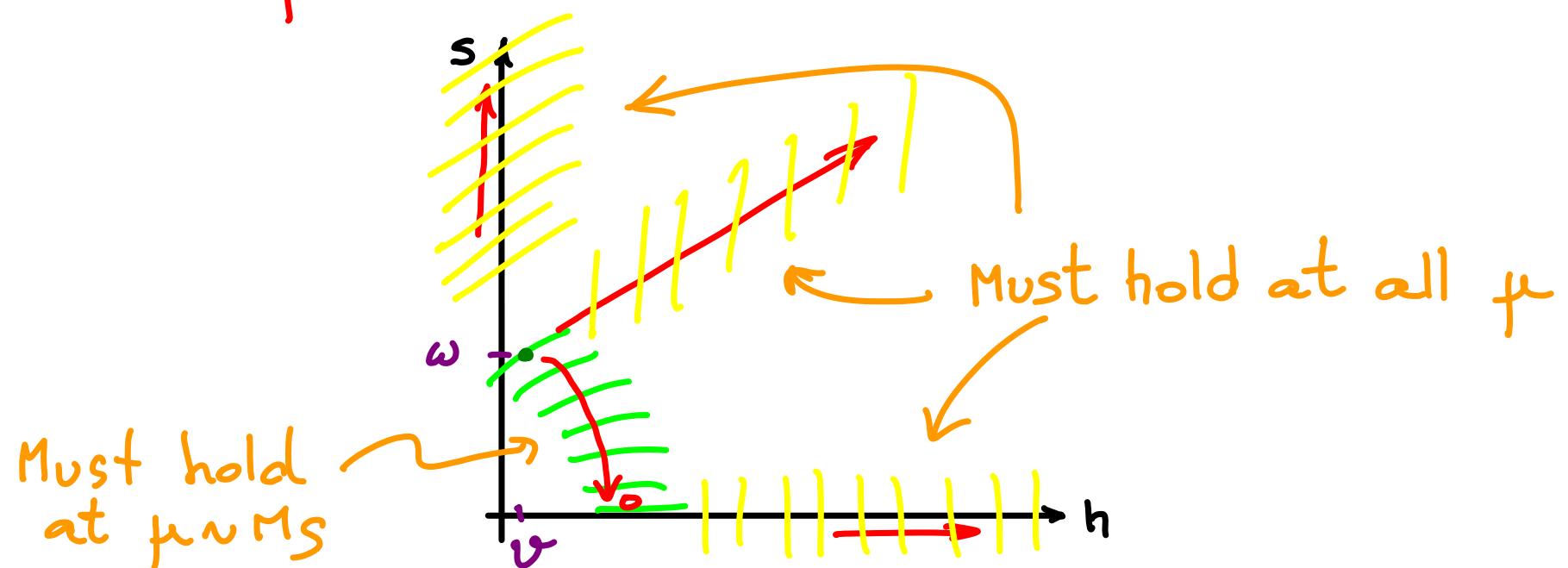


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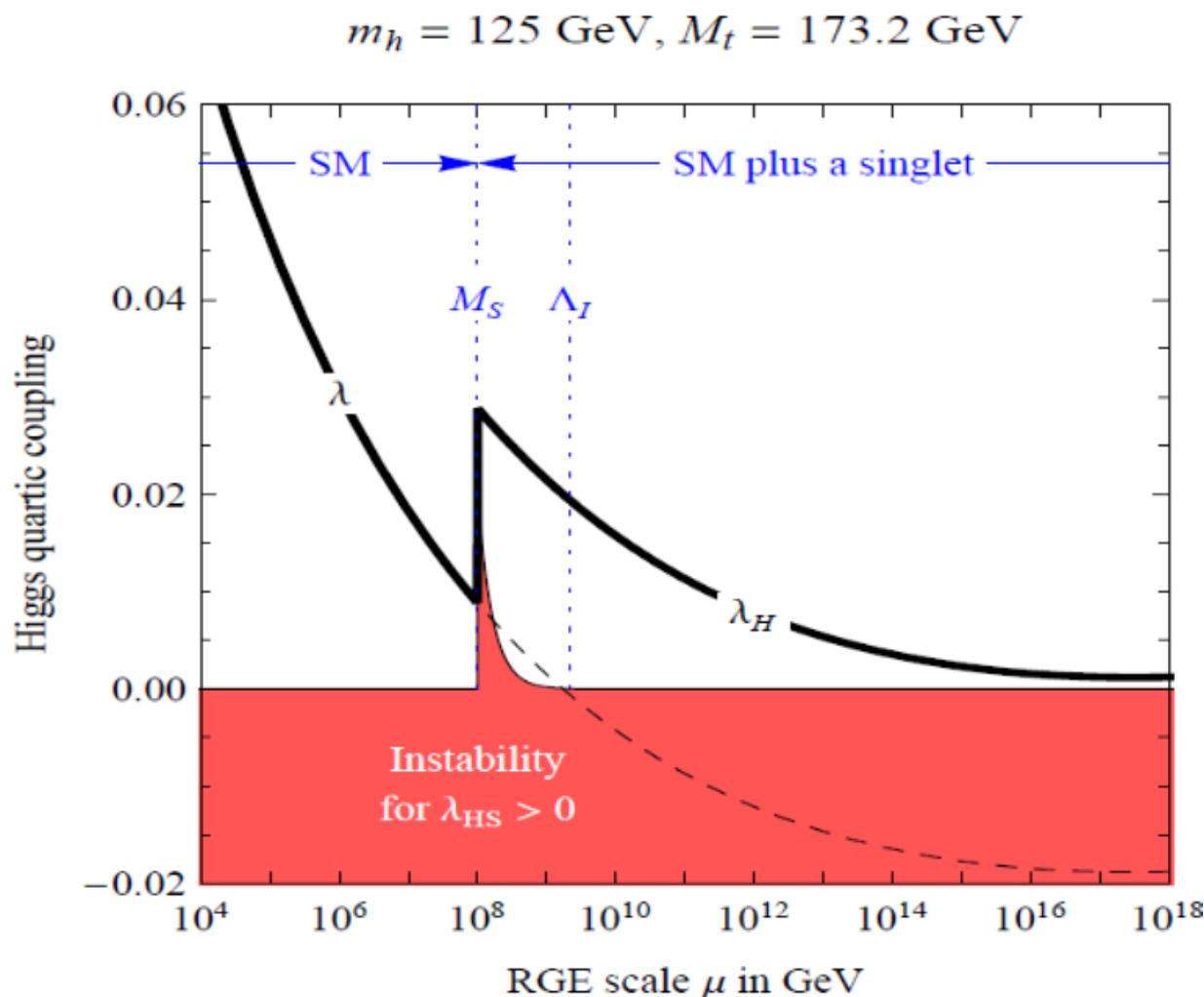
Scale-dependence is all-important in stab. conditions



$$\lambda_{HS} > 0$$

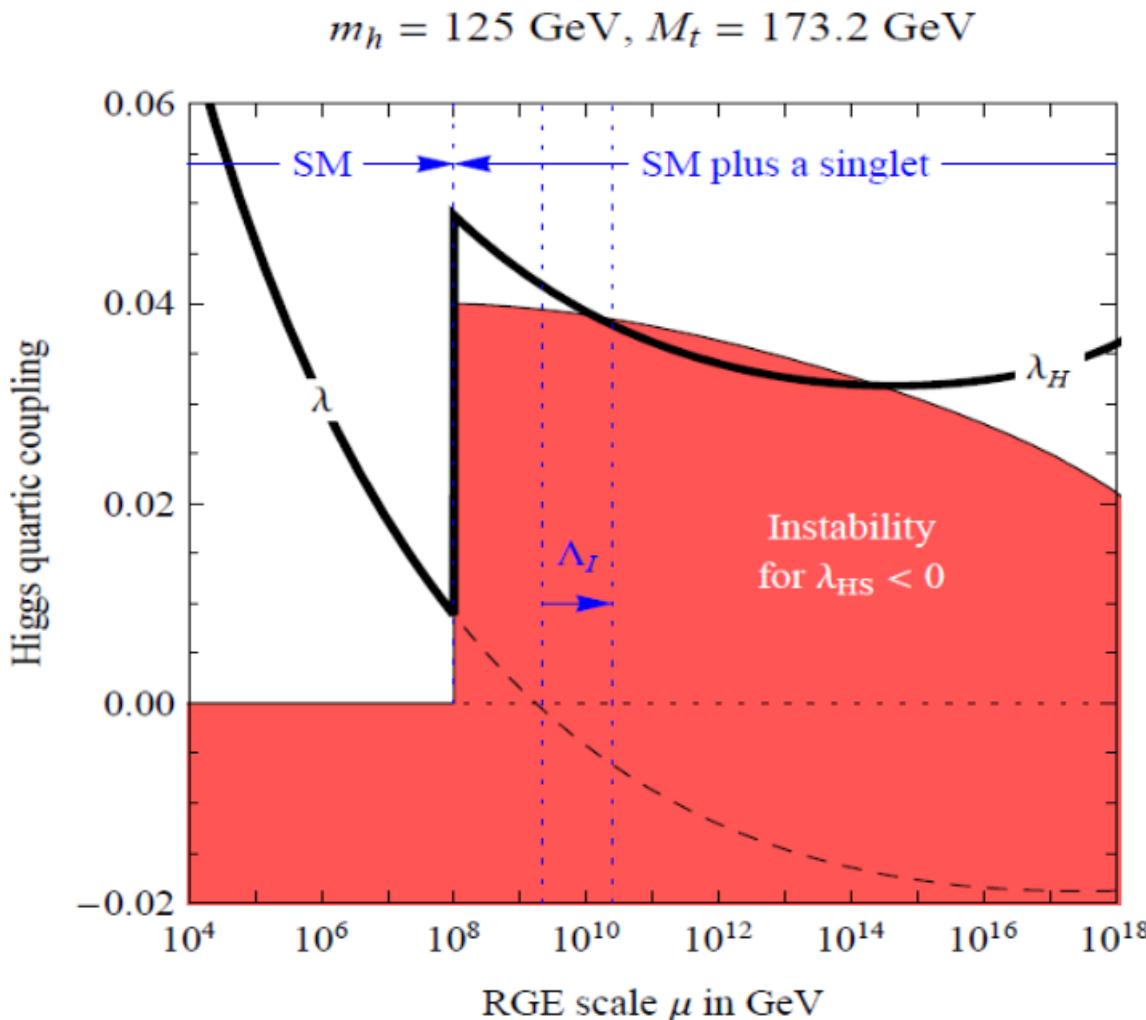
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Need to enforce  $\lambda_H > \lambda_{HS}^2 / \lambda_S$  only at low-energy  
for  $f_e \sim M_S$

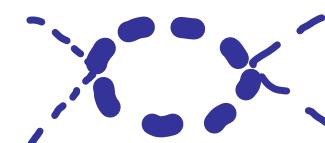


$$\lambda_{HS} < 0$$

Need to enforce  $\lambda_H > \lambda_{HS}^2 / \lambda_S$  for all  $\mu$



Effect now relies  
on loop effect



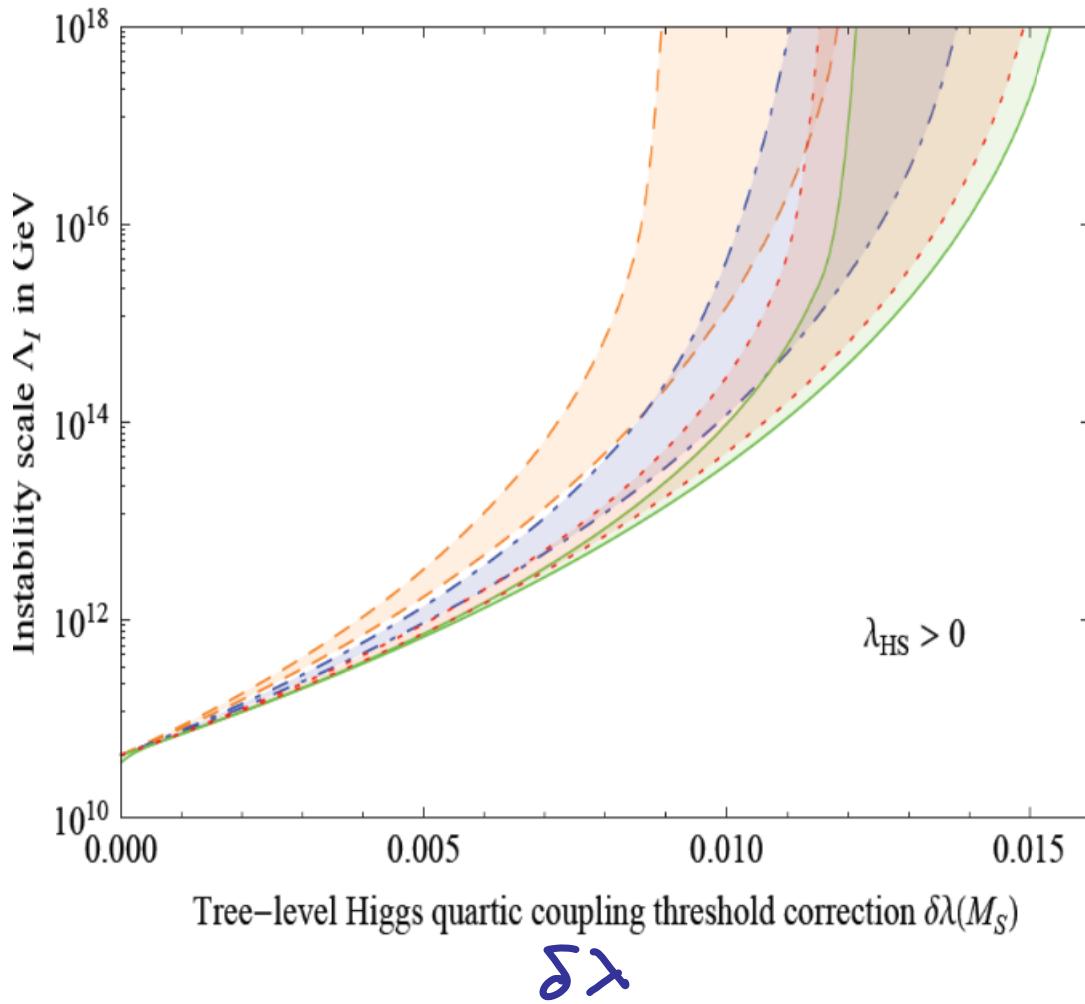
$$\delta\beta_{\lambda_H} = 4\lambda_{HS}^2 + 24\lambda_H^2$$

# IMPACT ON INSTABILITY SCALE

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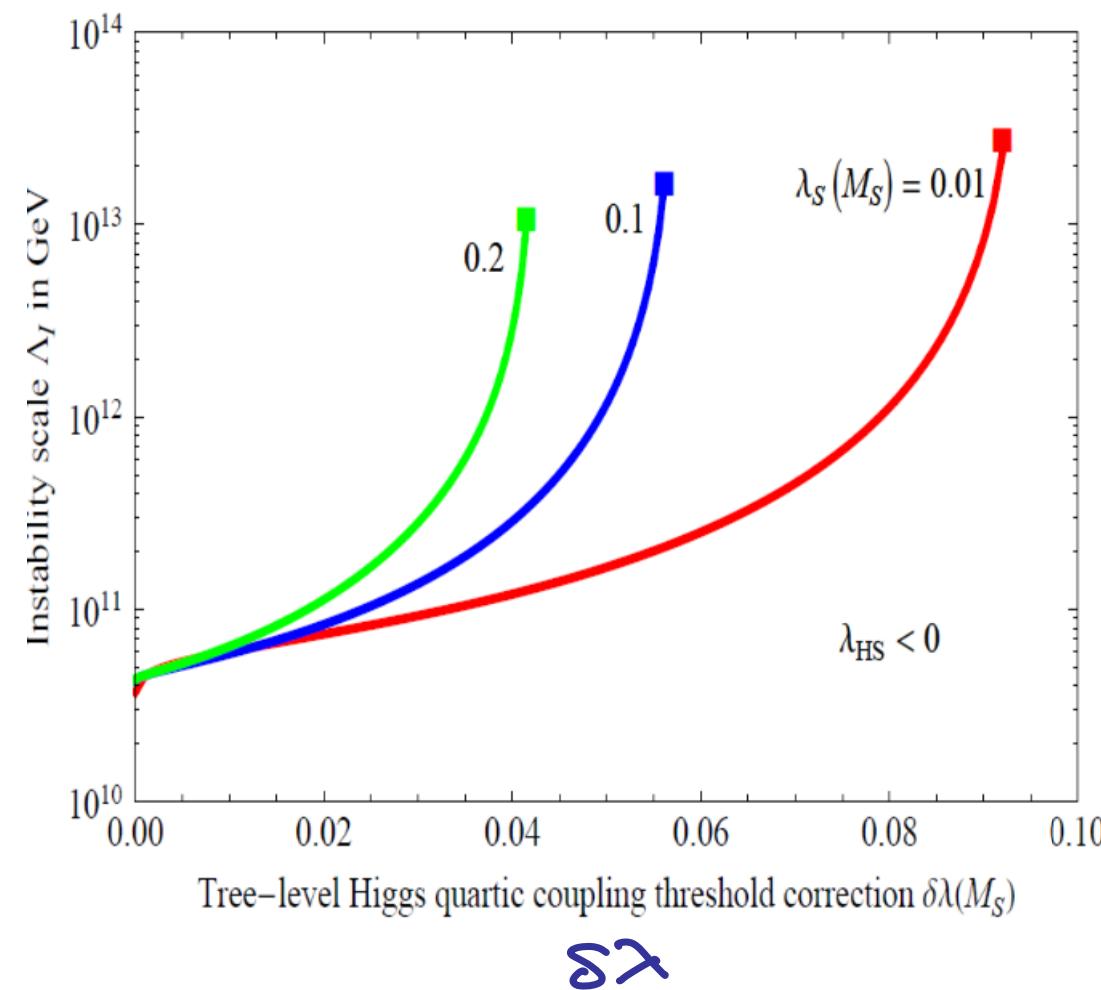
$\lambda_{HS} > 0$

$m_h = 125 \text{ GeV}$



$\lambda_{HS} < 0$

$m_h = 125 \text{ GeV}, M_S = 10^8 \text{ GeV}$



# IMPLEMENTATION IN MODELS

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In our paper :

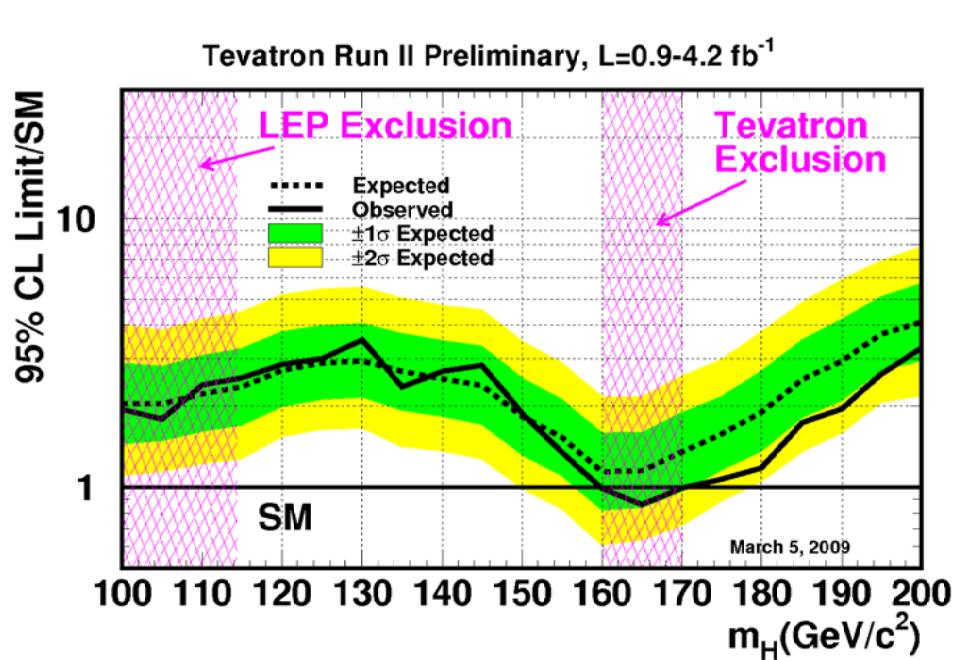
- See-saw neutrinos
- Invisible axion
- Singlet - unitarized Higgs inflation (Givice-Lee)

Later uses of the idea

- Non-commutative SM Chamseddine, Connes '12
- SM++ (a string-based extension of the SM)  
Anchordoqui, Antoniadis et al '12
- "Higgs portal" scenarios (with  $\lambda_{HS} |H|^2 S^2$ )  
Several...

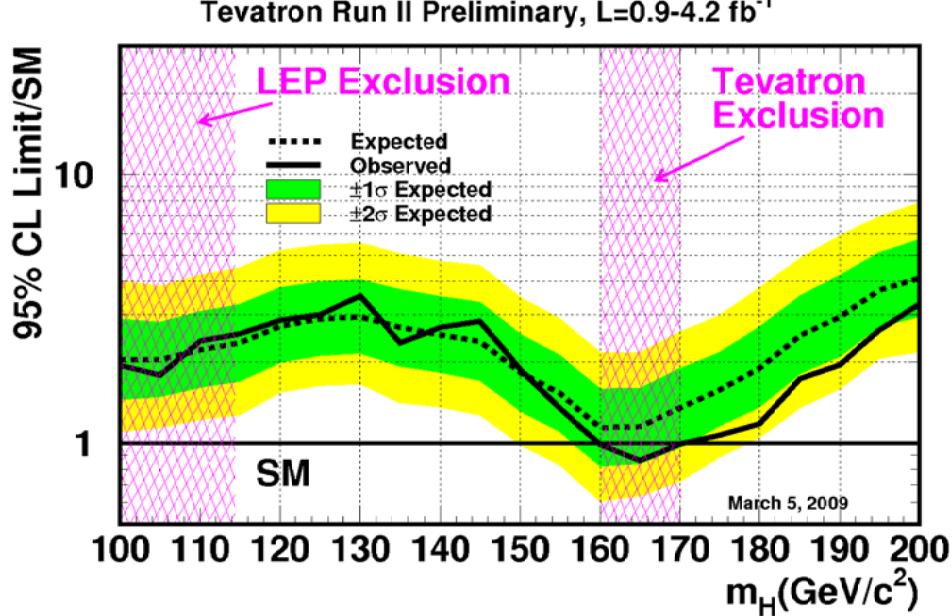
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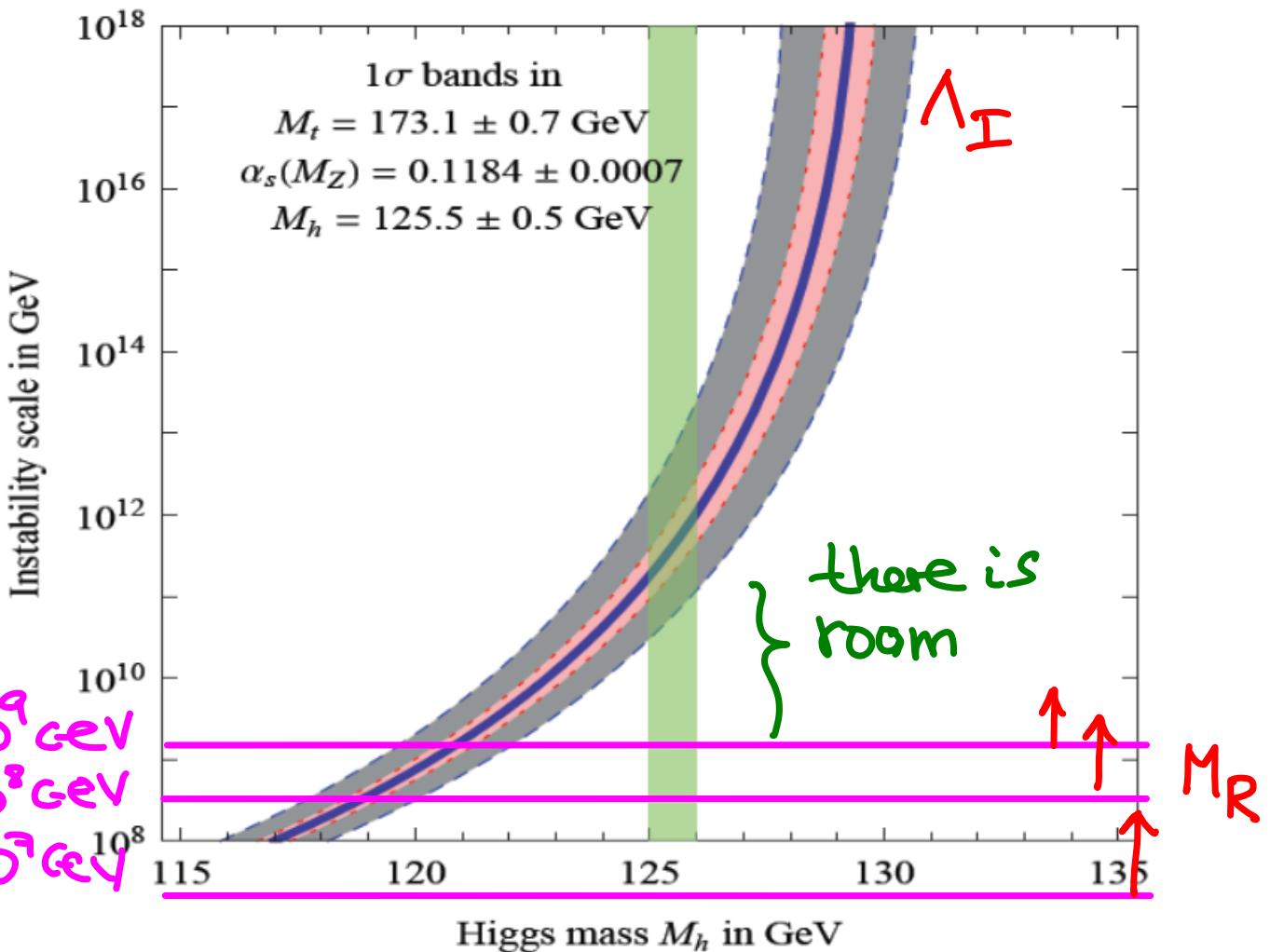
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But the model had a singlet and could be resurrected!  
Now  $M_h \approx 125$  GeV possible...

## SEE-SAW IMPLEMENTATION

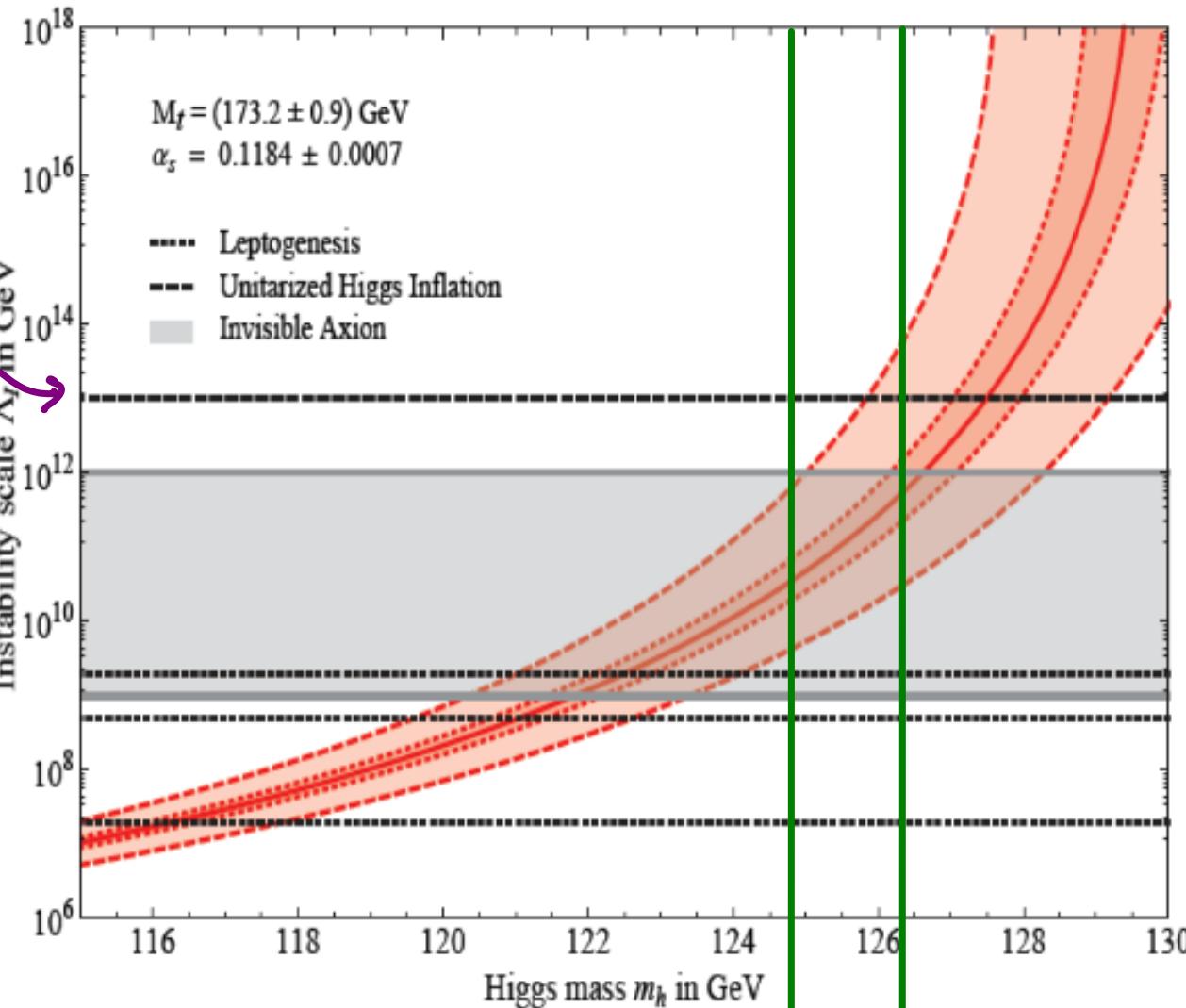
Use  $S$  to generate the  $\nu_R$  mass:  $M_N \sim \langle S \rangle$   
Is this compatible with leptogenesis constraints  
on  $M_N$ ?



# SINGLET STABILIZATION IN MODELS

Unitarized  
Higgs inflation

$v_R$   
+  
Leptogenesis



Axion

# CONCLUSIONS

We finally have data to explore the physics of electroweak symmetry breaking !

★  $M_h \simeq 125 \text{ GeV}$

⇒ Unstable EW vacuum in SM ( $\lambda_I \sim 10^{10} \text{ GeV}$ )

EW vacuum is long-lived and intriguingly close to stability boundary   Deep meaning of this ?

This instability has implications for BSM, cosmology ...

But let's hope for new physics at LHC-II !

# NNLO INGREDIENTS

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Renormalisation Group Equations

	LO 1 loop	NLO 2 loop	NNLO 3 loop	NNNLO 4 loop
$g_3$	full [53, 54]	$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_3^2)$ [55, 56] $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_3 \alpha_{1,2})$ [61] full [63]	$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_3^3)$ [57, 58] $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_3^2 \alpha_t)$ [62] full [64, 65]	$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_3^4)$ [59, 60]
$g_{1,2}$	full [53, 54]	full [63]	full [64, 65]	—
$y_t$	full [66]	$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t^2, \alpha_3 \alpha_t)$ [67] full [70]	full [68, 69]	—
$\lambda, m^2$	full [66]	full [71, 72]	full [73, 74]	—

Threshold corrections at the weak scale

	LO 0 loop	NLO 1 loop	NNLO 2 loop	NNNLO 3 loop
$g_2$	$2M_W/V$	full [75, 76]	full [This work]	—
$g_Y$	$2\sqrt{M_Z^2 - M_W^2}/V$	full [75, 76]	full [This work]	—
$y_t$	$\sqrt{2}M_t/V$	$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_3)$ [77] $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ [81]	$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_3^2, \alpha_3 \alpha_{1,2})$ [34] full [This work]	$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_3^3)$ [78–80]
$\lambda$	$M_h^2/2V^2$	full [82]	for $g_{1,2} = 0$ [4] full [This work]	—
$m^2$	$M_h^2$	full [82]	full [This work]	—

Table 1: Present status of higher-order computations included in our code. With the present paper the calculation of the SM parameters at NNLO precision is complete. Here we have defined  $V \equiv (\sqrt{2}G_\mu)^{-1/2}$  and  $g_1 = \sqrt{5/3}g_Y$ .

## TOP MASS CAVEATS

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Have assumed

$$M_t = 173.1 \pm 0.7 \text{ GeV}$$

from Tevatron + LHC is the top pole mass.

(Compare with  $M_t = 173.34 \pm 0.76 \text{ GeV}$  official comb.)

Theoretically cleaner determination from  $\sigma(t\bar{t})$   
but larger error

$$M_t = 171.2 \pm 3.1 \text{ GeV}$$

would still allow for stability

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Too conservative given the good agreement...