

Vacuum instabilities around the corner destabilizing the vacuum at the SUSY scale

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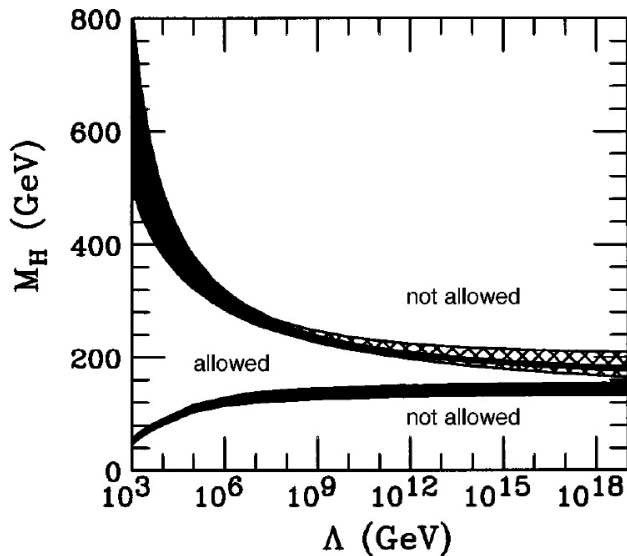
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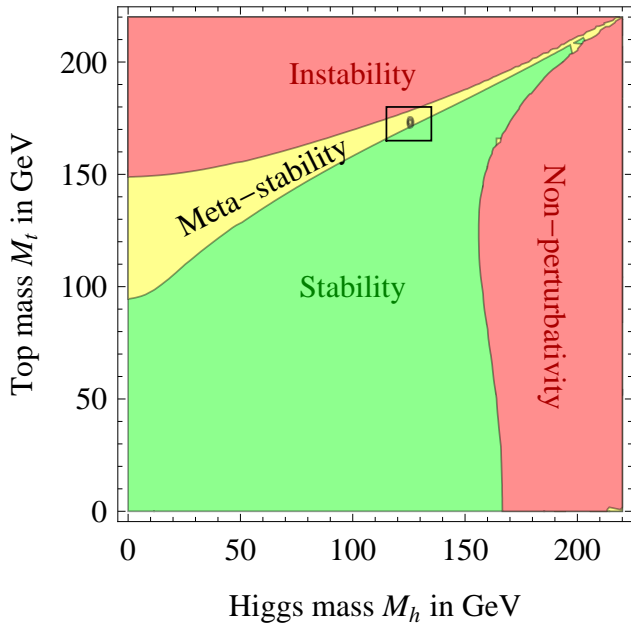
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Having pinned down the missing piece...



[Hambye, Riesselmann: Phys.Rev. D55 (1997) 7255]

The SM phase diagram



[Degrassi et al. JHEP 1208 (2012) 098]

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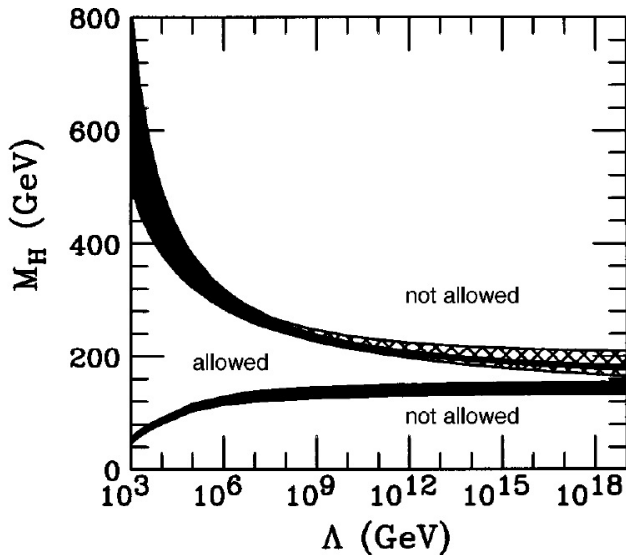
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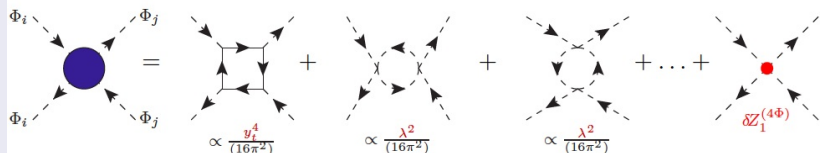
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Quantum level



[courtesy of Max Zoller]

- dominant contribution: top quark ($y_t \sim 1$)
- dependence on the energy scale: β function!

Scale-independent loop-corrected effective potential

$$Q \frac{d}{dQ} V_{\text{loop}}(\lambda_i, \phi, Q) = 0$$

Approximation for large field values

$$V_{\text{loop}}(\phi) = \lambda(\phi)\phi^4,$$

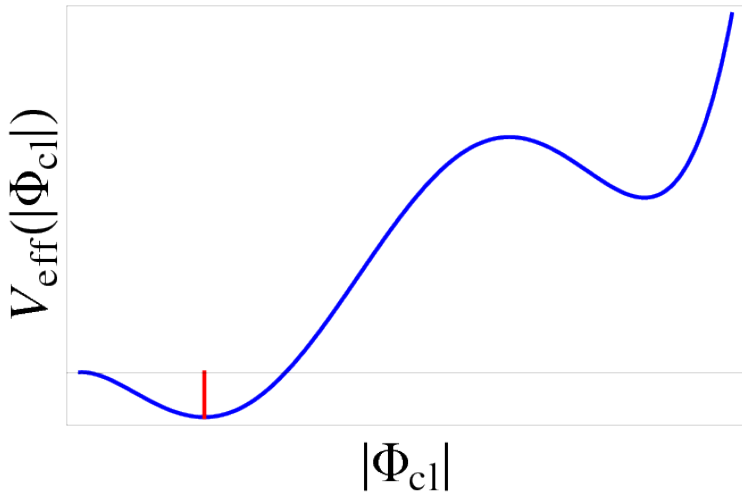
evaluated at $Q = \phi$

β function for coupling λ_i

$$\beta_i(\lambda_i) = Q \frac{d\lambda_i(Q)}{dQ}$$

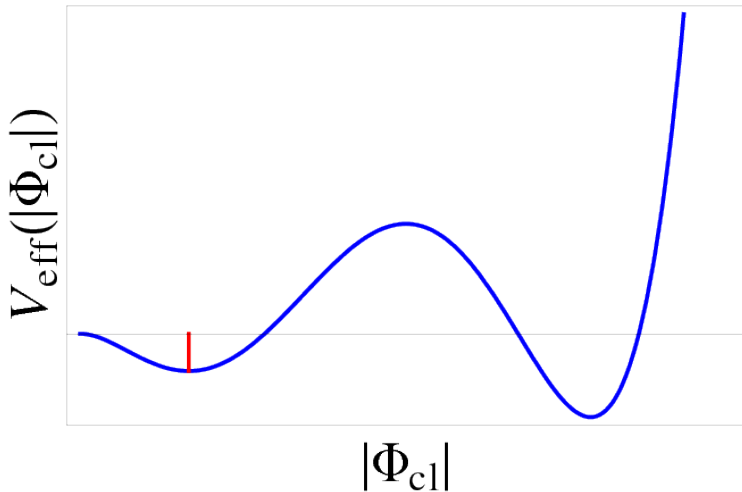
- running of λ determines stability of the loop potential
- upper bound: Landau pole; lower bound: $\lambda > 0$

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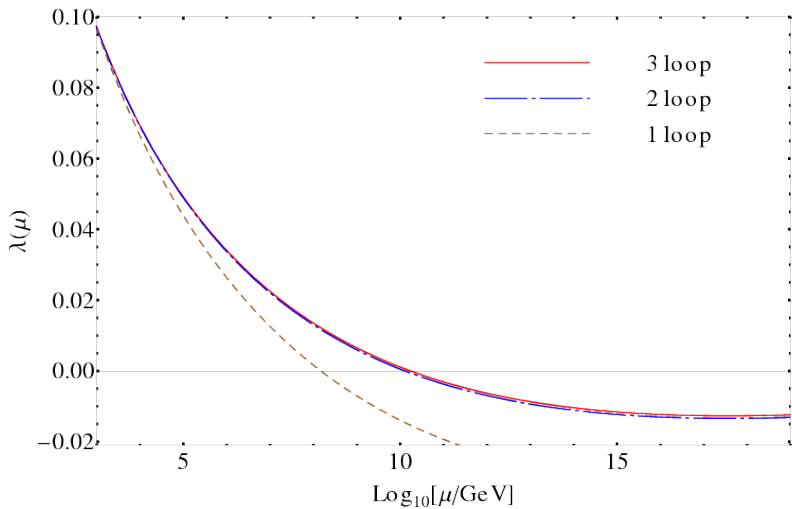
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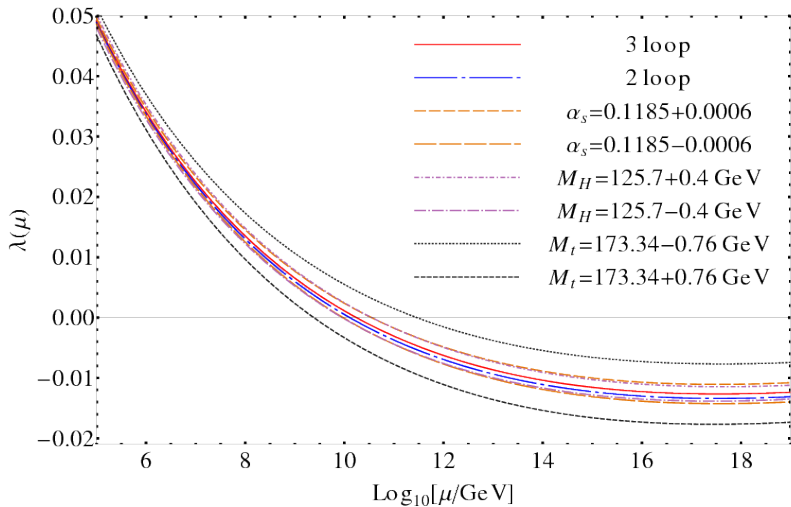
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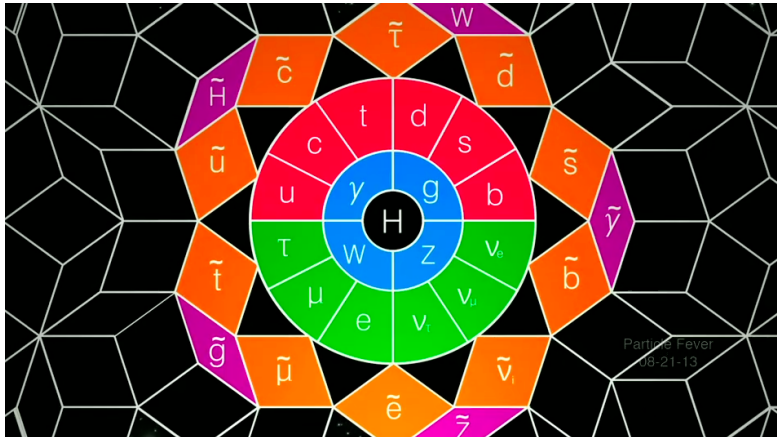
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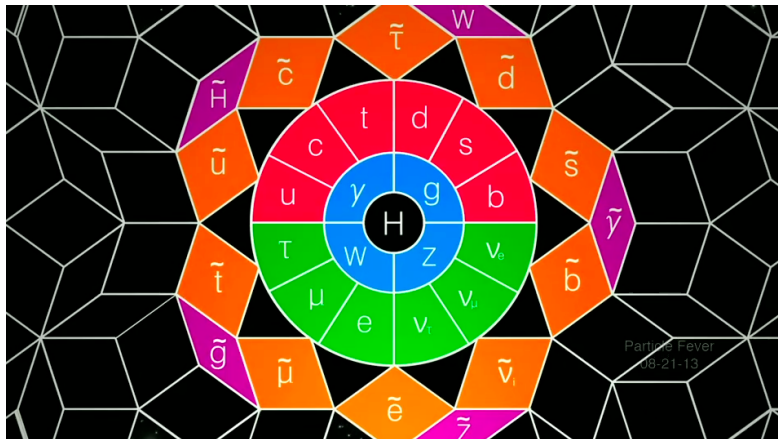
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Unbounded from below requirements

$$\lambda_1 > 0, \quad \lambda_2 > 0, \quad \lambda_3 > -\sqrt{\lambda_1 \lambda_2}$$

and others...

[Gunion, Haber 2003]

- always fulfilled in the MSSM @ tree

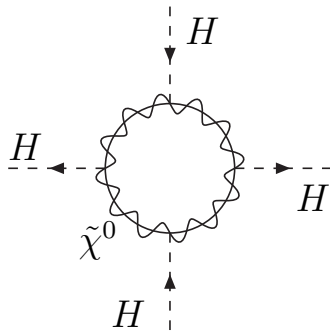
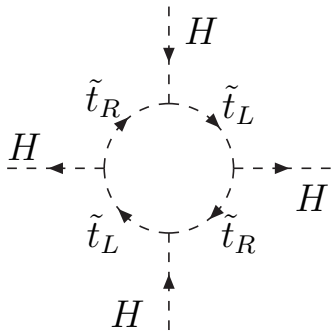
Extending the tree

- loop corrections?

[Gorbahn, Jäger, Nierste, Trine 2011]

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collecting all SUSY contributions:

$$\lambda_i = \lambda_i(\tan \beta, \mu, M_1, M_2, \tilde{m}_Q^2, \tilde{m}_u^2, \tilde{m}_d^2, \tilde{m}_L^2, \tilde{m}_e^2, A_u, A_d, A_e).$$

simple check:

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where now

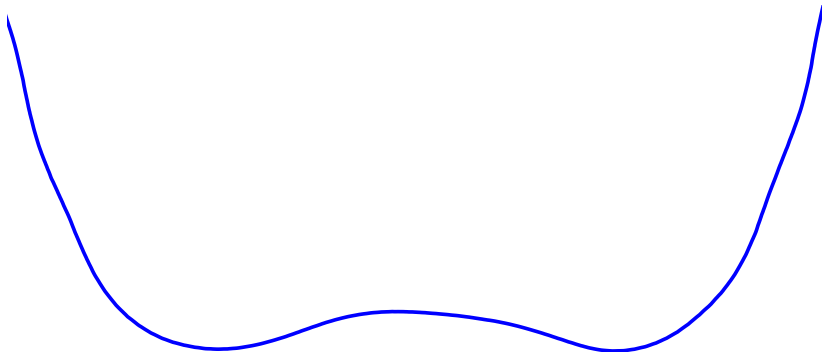
$$\lambda_i = \lambda_i^{\text{tree}} + \frac{\lambda_i^{\text{ino}} + \lambda_i^{\text{sferm}}}{16\pi^2}.$$

Severe UFB limits

Bounds on $\lambda_{1,2,3}$ transfer into bounds on m_0, A_t, μ, \dots

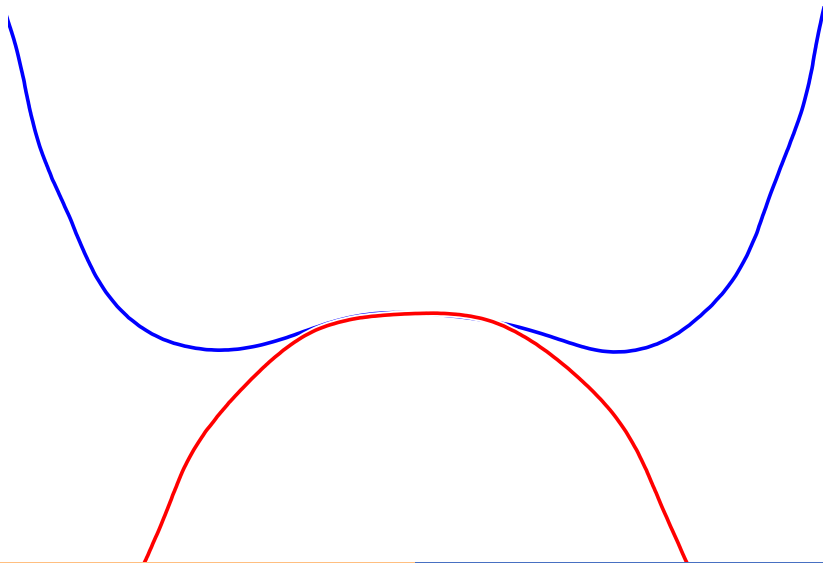
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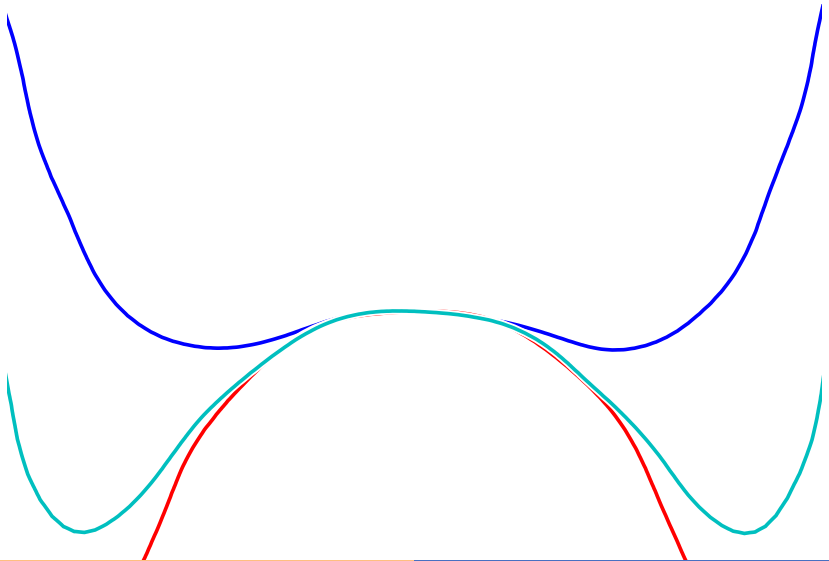
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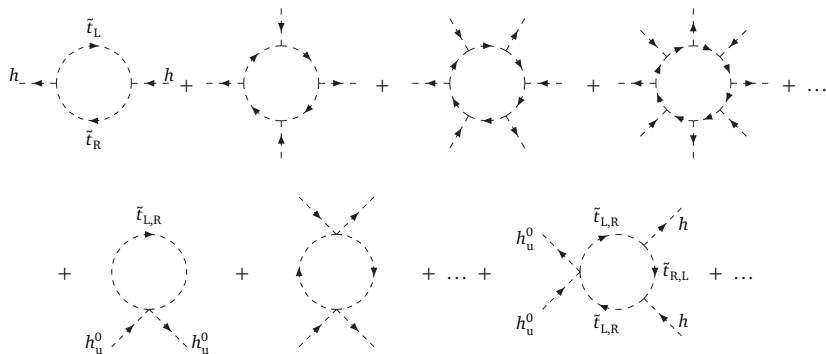


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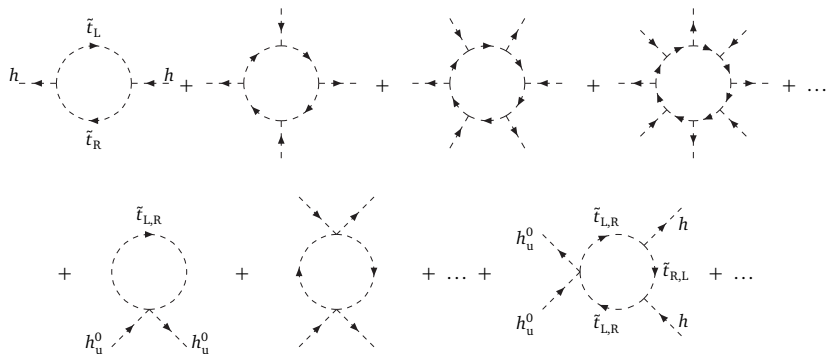


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[Coleman, Weinberg 1973]

$$V_1(h_u, h_d) = \frac{1}{64\pi^2} \text{STr} \mathcal{M}^4(h_u, h_d) \left[\ln \left(\frac{\mathcal{M}^2(h_u, h_d)}{Q^2} \right) - \frac{3}{2} \right]$$

- *field dependent mass* $\mathcal{M}(h_u, h_d)$
- STr accounts for spin degrees of freedom
- same result can be obtained by the tadpole method

$$T \sim \frac{\partial}{\partial h} V_1(h) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad V_1(h) \sim \int dh T(h)$$

[Lee, Sciacaluga 1975]

- functional methods: effective potential for arbitrary number of scalars: $V_1(\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n)$

[Jackiw 1973]

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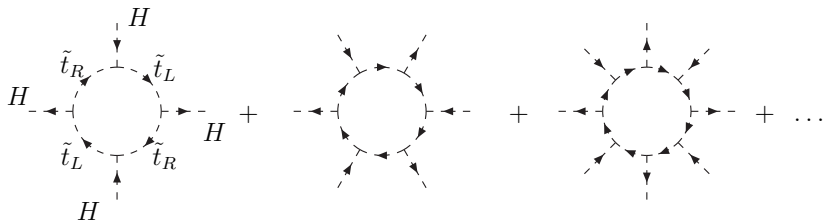
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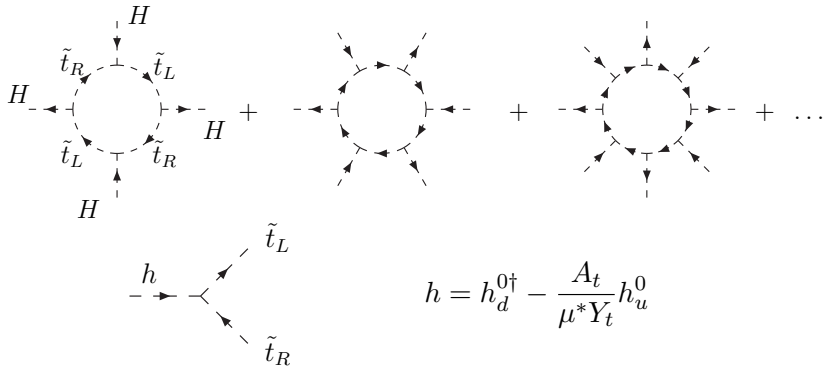


- most dominant contribution from top Yukawa y_t and A_t
- can be easily summed for $m_{\tilde{t}_R} = m_{\tilde{t}_L} \equiv M$
- 1-PI potential as generating function for 1-PI Green's functions

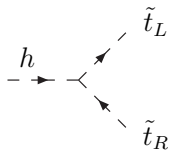
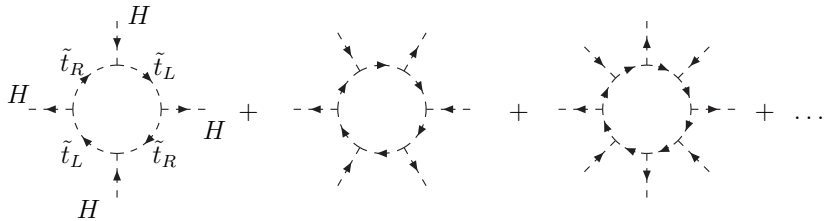
$$-V_{1\text{-PI}}(\phi) = \Gamma_{1\text{-PI}}(\phi) = \sum_n \frac{1}{n!} G_n(p_{\text{ext}} = 0) \phi^n$$

- “classical” field value $\phi \rightarrow \langle 0 | \phi | 0 \rangle$
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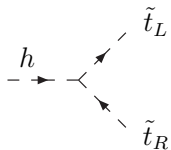
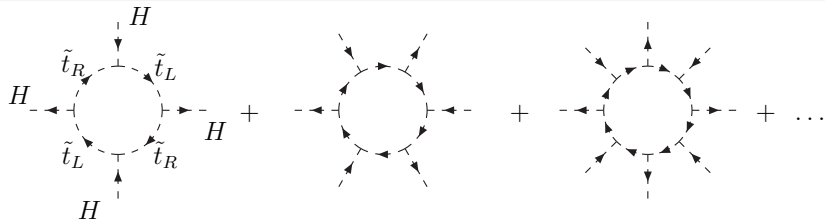


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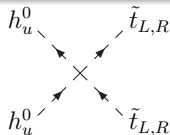
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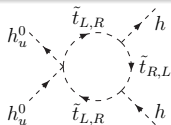
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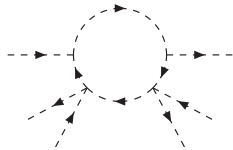
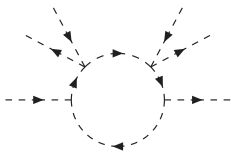
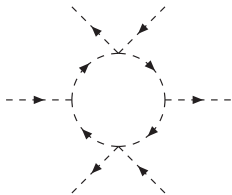
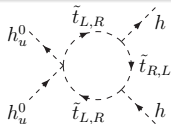
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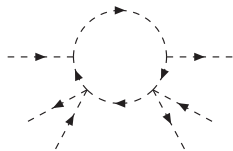
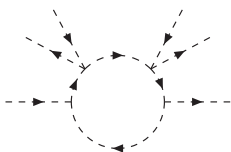
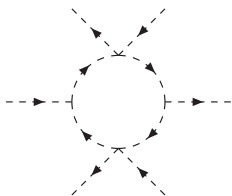
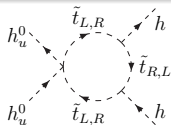
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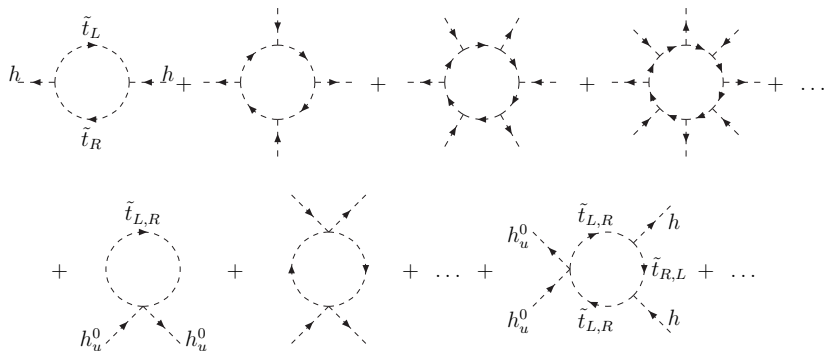
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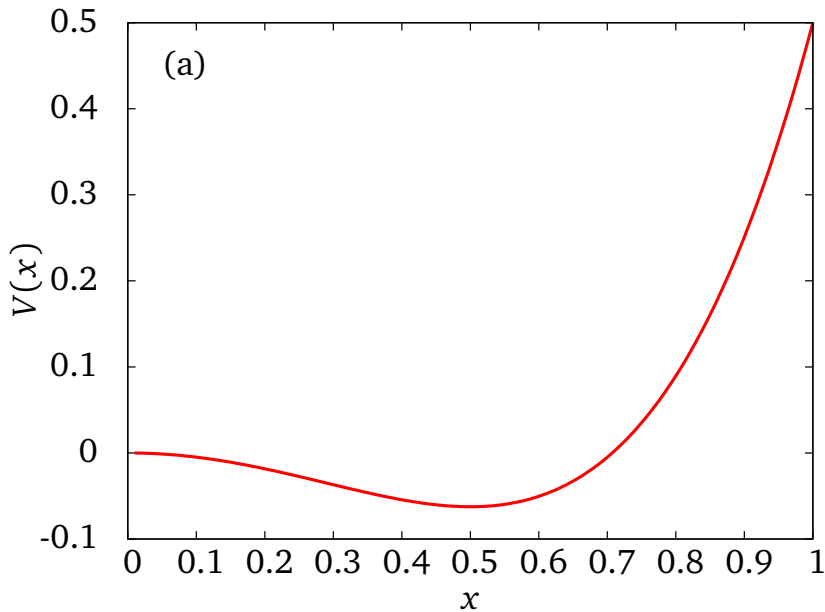
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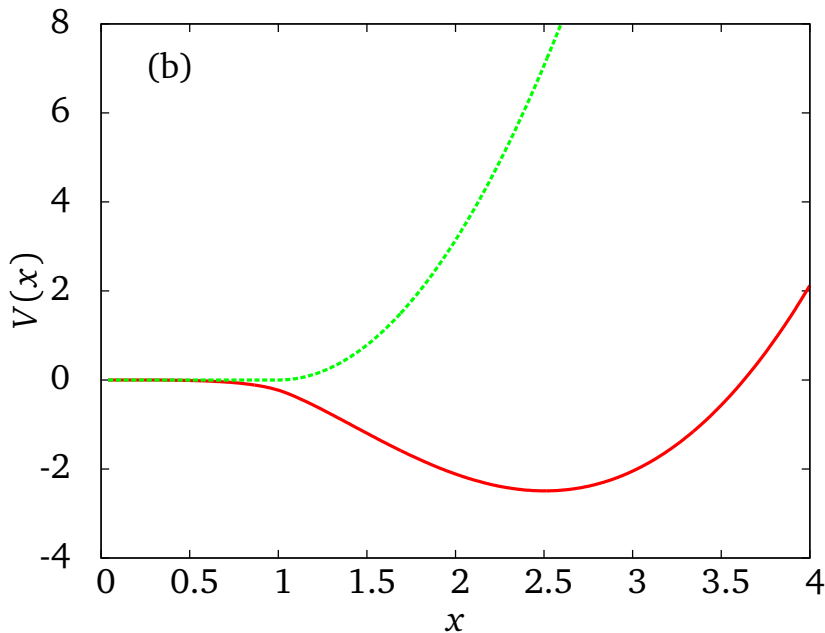
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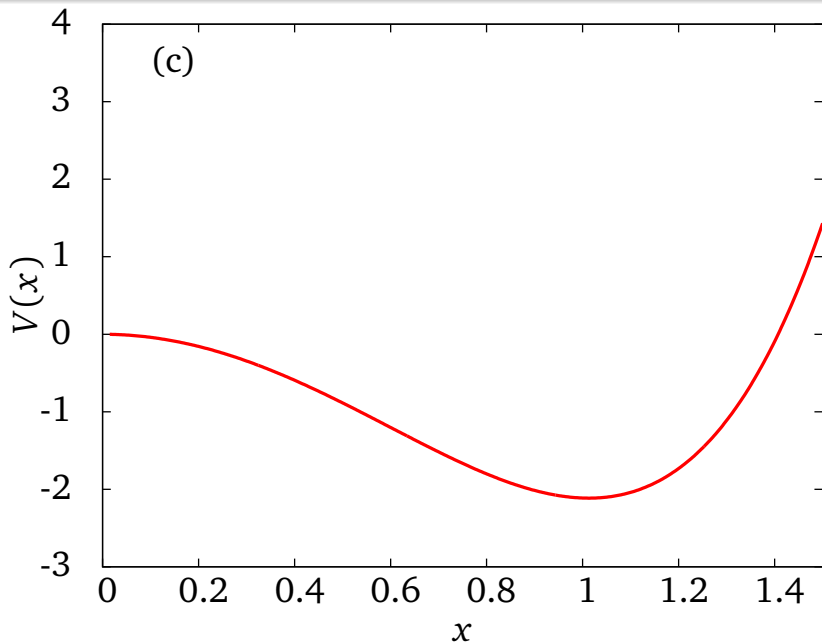
$$V_1(h_u^0, h_d^0) = \frac{N_c M^4}{32\pi^2} \left[(1 + y + x)^2 \log(1 + y + x) + (1 + y - x)^2 \log(1 + y - x) - 3(x^2 + y^2 + 2y) \right]$$

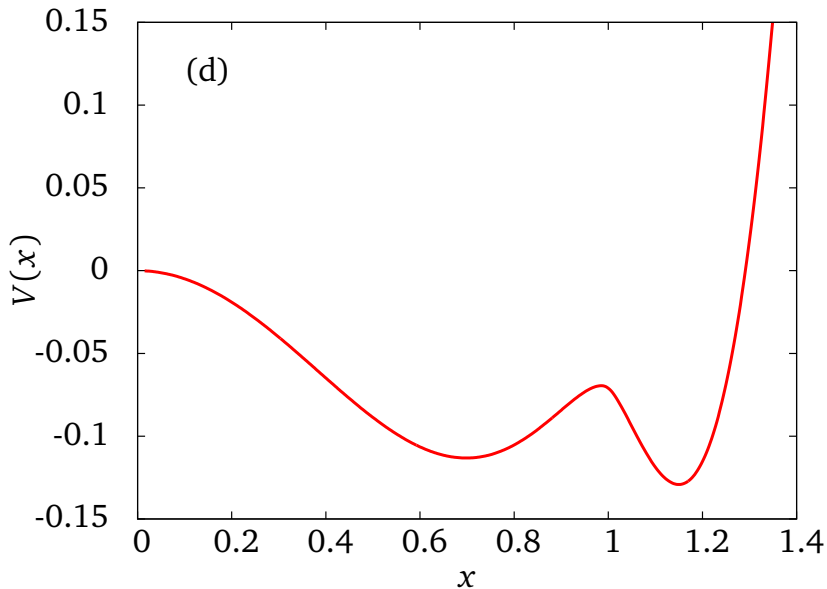
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- branch cut at $x - y = 1$: take real part (analytic continuation)
- ignore imaginary part: $\log(1 + y - x) = \frac{1}{2} \log((1 + y - x)^2)$
- always bounded from below
- minimum independent of Higgs parameters from tree potential
- minimum determined by SUSY scale parameters









Minimum at the electroweak scale $v = 246 \text{ GeV}$

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$m_h = 126 \text{ GeV}$

- using FeynHiggs 2.10.0 to determine light Higgs mass by adjusting A_t (several solutions: $\text{sign } A_t = -\text{sign } \mu$)
- connection to potential: m_A
- pseudoscalar mass m_A less dependent on higher loops
- decoupling limit: $m_A, m_{H^\pm}, m_H \gg m_h$
- include sbottom (drives minimum), take $A_b = 0$

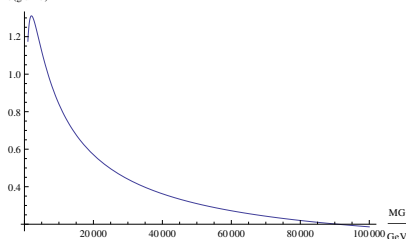
Yukawa coupling not given directly by the mass

$$y_b = \frac{m_b}{v_d(1 + \Delta_b)}$$

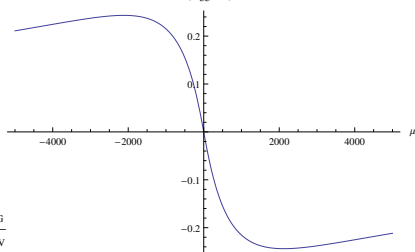
$$\Delta_b^{\text{gluino}} = \frac{2\alpha_s}{3\pi} \mu M_{\tilde{G}} \tan \beta C_0(\tilde{m}_{\tilde{b}_1}, \tilde{m}_{\tilde{b}_2}, M_{\tilde{G}}),$$

$$\Delta_b^{\text{higgsino}} = \frac{Y_t^2}{16\pi^2} \mu A_t \tan \beta C_0(\tilde{m}_{\tilde{t}_1}, \tilde{m}_{\tilde{t}_2}, \mu).$$

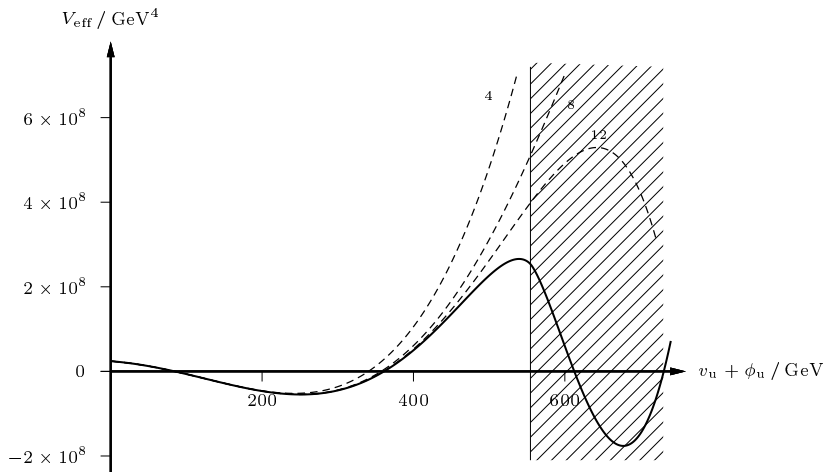
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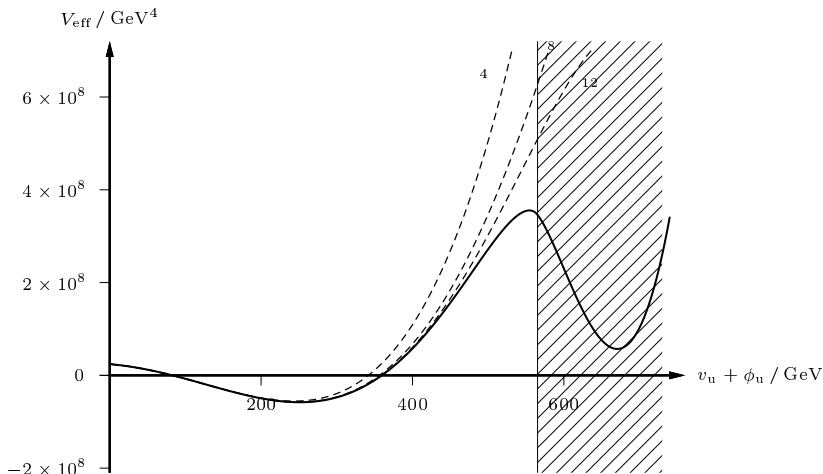
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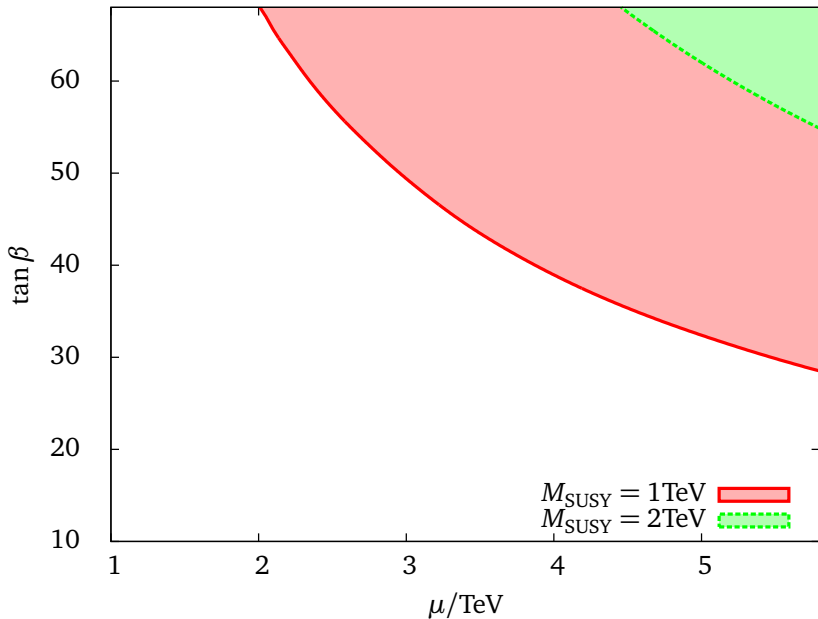
- $\mu = 3.75 \text{ TeV}$

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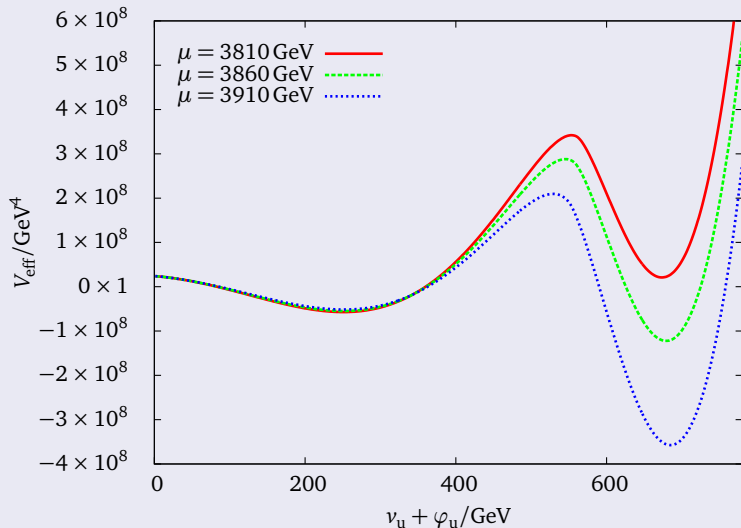


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Naive exclusions: Constraint in μ - $\tan\beta$



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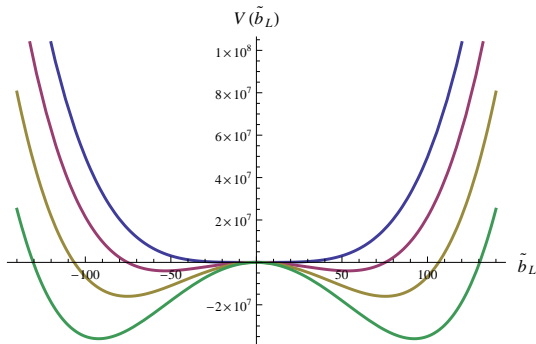
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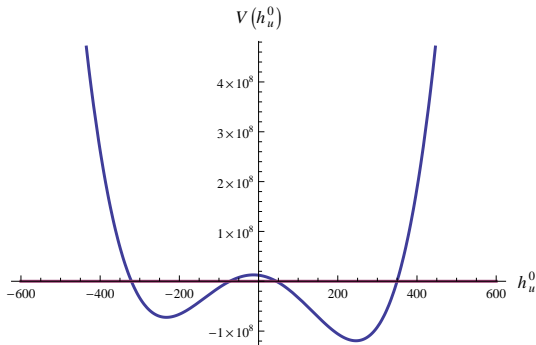
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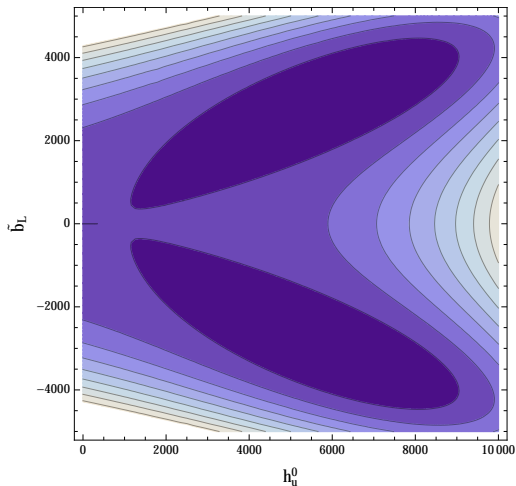
- D-terms: $g^2 \phi^4$

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_D = & \frac{g_1^2}{8} (|h_u^0|^2 - |h_d^0|^2 + \frac{1}{3} |\tilde{b}_L|^2 + \frac{2}{3} |\tilde{b}_R|^2)^2 \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

- will always take over
- take e.g. $\tilde{b}_L = \tilde{b}_R = h_u^0$ and $h_d^0 \approx 0$

Preliminary results

- previously “safe” false but CCB conserving minima turn into to deep global minima with $\langle \tilde{b}_L \rangle = \langle \tilde{b}_R \rangle \neq 0$ and $\langle h_u^0 \rangle \neq v_u$



- the Higgs potential in the SM is (un/meta)stable
- MSSM: multi-scalar theory, has several unwanted minima
- formation of new CCB conserving minima at the 1-loop level
- stability of the electroweak vacuum: bounds on μ - $\tan\beta$
- instability of electroweak vacuum by second minimum in “standard model direction” $\sim v_u$: global CCB minimum
- global analysis shows more severe bounds (preliminary)
- squark contribution to the effective Higgs potential:
 - only third generation squarks light
 - A_t fixed by m_h , $A_b \equiv 0$ (for simplicity)
 - $\text{sign}(A_t) = -\text{sign}\mu$ for CCB conserving minimum
 - free parameters: $M_{\text{SUSY}} = m_{\tilde{t}} = m_{\tilde{b}}$, $\tan\beta$, μ
 - no new insights if $m_{\tilde{t}_L, \tilde{b}_L} \neq m_{\tilde{t}_R, \tilde{b}_R}$
 - gluino and electroweak gauginos heavy
- FeynHiggs: determines right light Higgs mass
- new CCB bounds exist for all μ - A_t sign combinations

Finally...



Señor Higgs

Greetings from Señor Higgs
(*courtesy of Jens Hoff*)

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