

# Vacuum stability from generalized Higgs interactions

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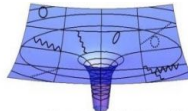
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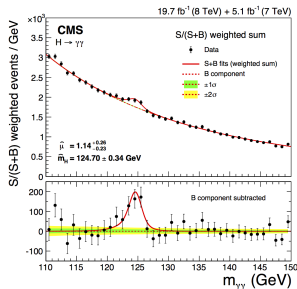
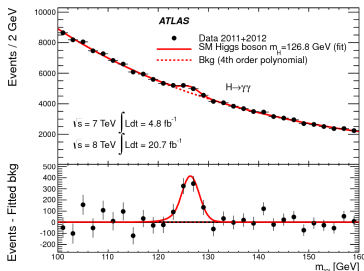
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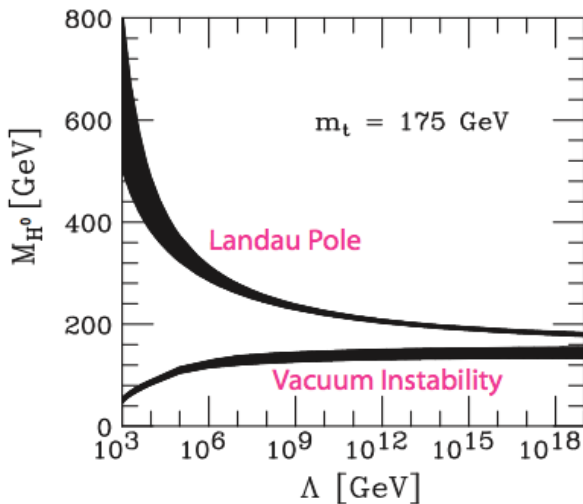
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Highlight LHC run I:

$$m_H = 125.09^{+0.21(stat)}_{-0.11(sys)} \text{ GeV}$$



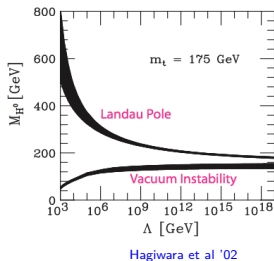
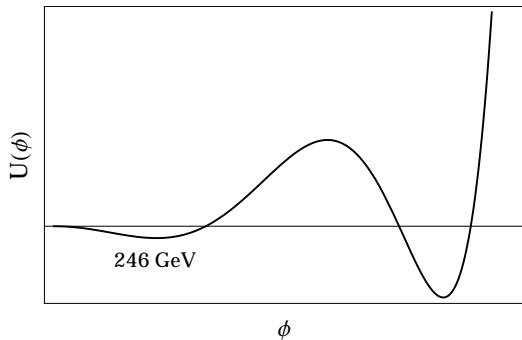
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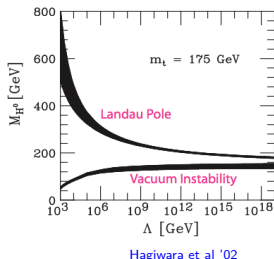
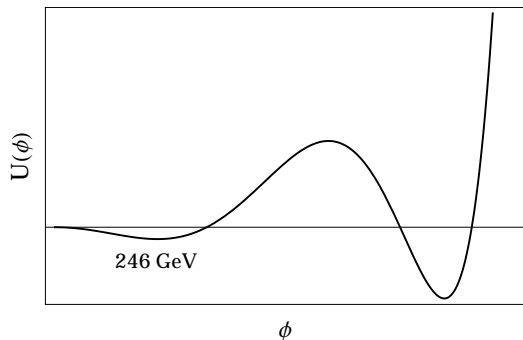
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Hagiwara et al '02

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- second minimum occurs at a trans-Planckian scale? [Gabrielli et al '13](#)
- discrepancy to lattice studies [Holland, Kuti '04; Fodor et al '13](#)
- implicit renormalization conditions in conflict with a well defined partition function [Branchina, Faivre '05](#)

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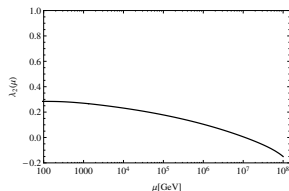


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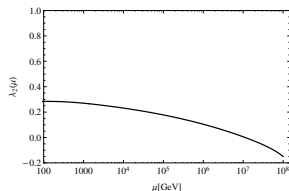


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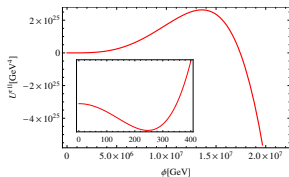
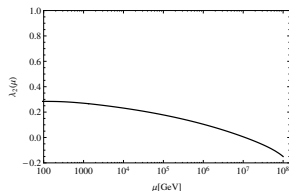
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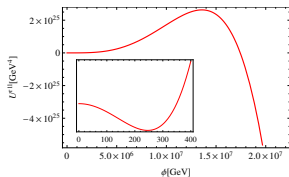
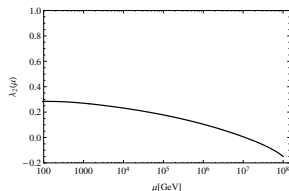
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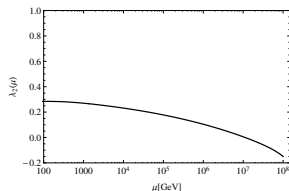


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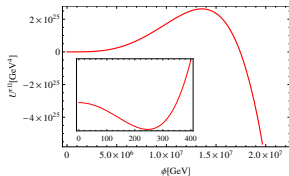
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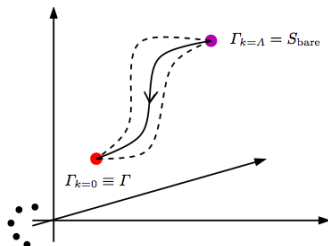
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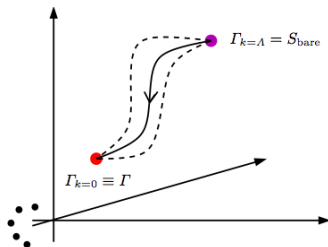
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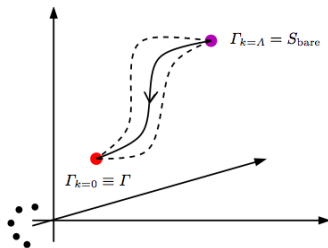
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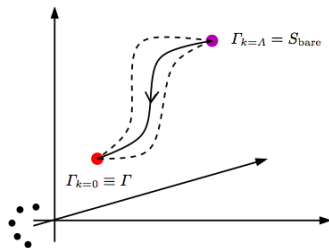
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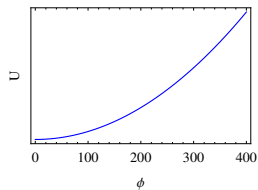
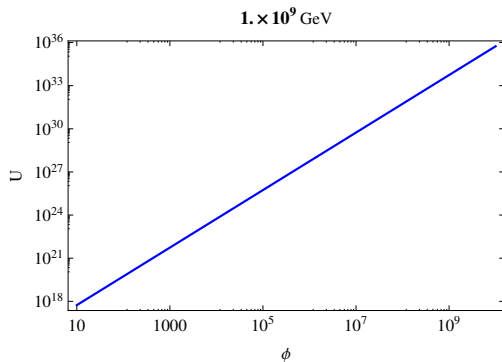
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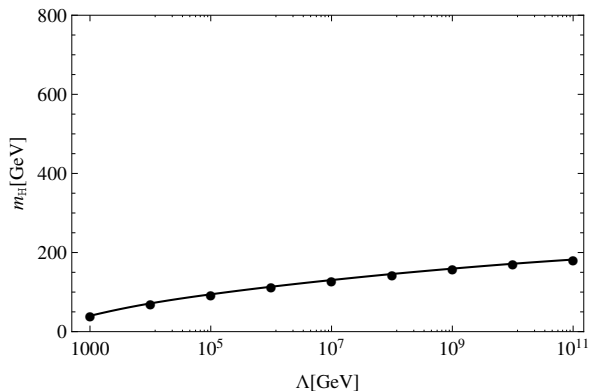
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$$h_\Lambda \rightarrow m_{\text{top}} = 173 \text{ GeV}$$

# RG flow of the Higgs potential



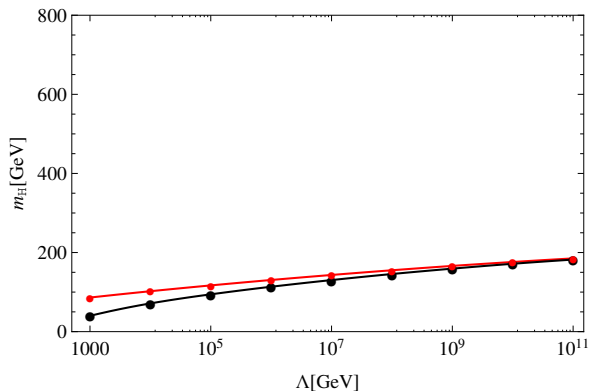
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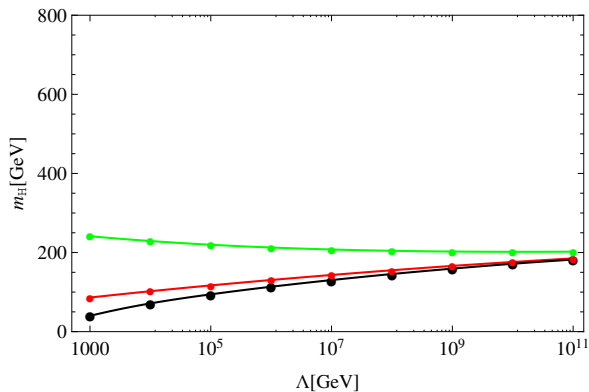
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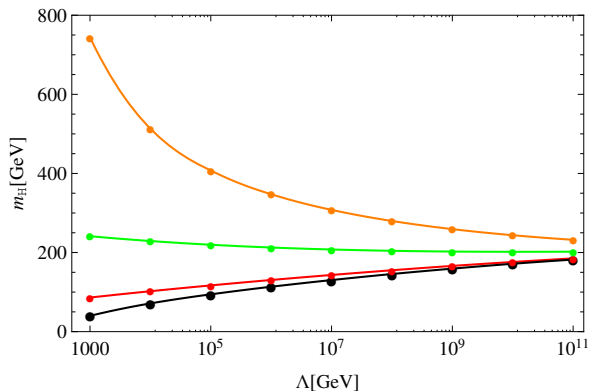
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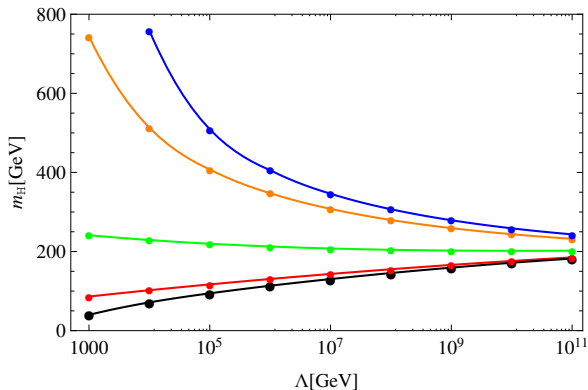
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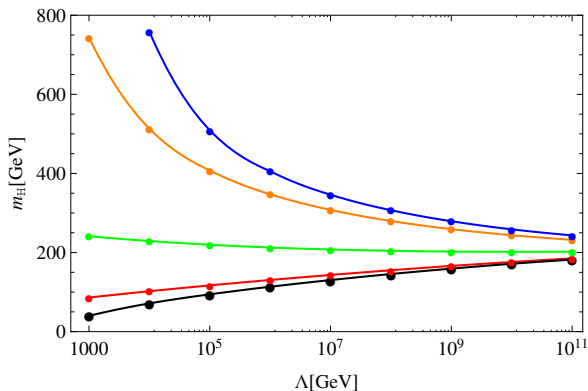
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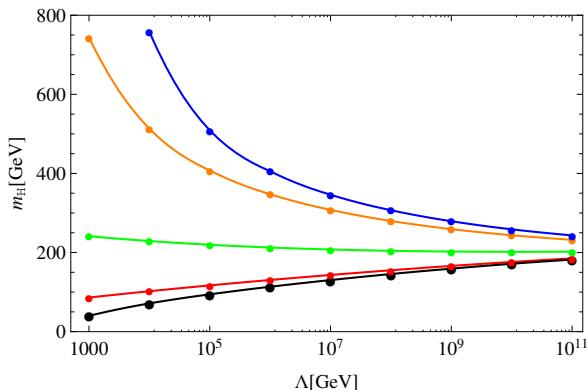
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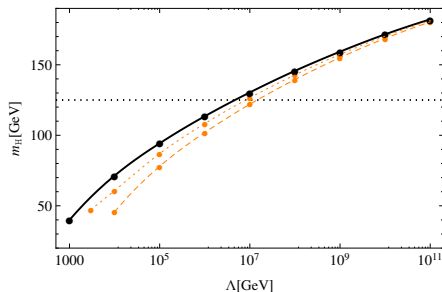
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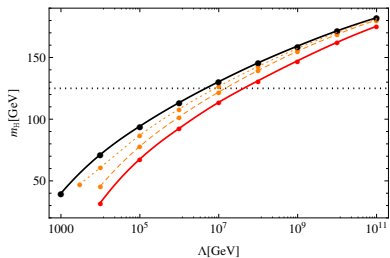
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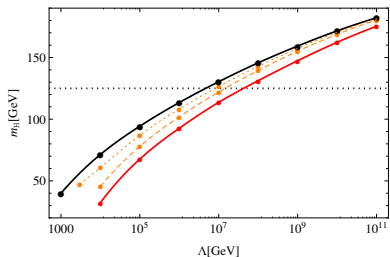


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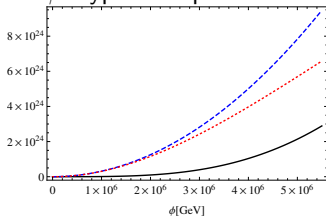


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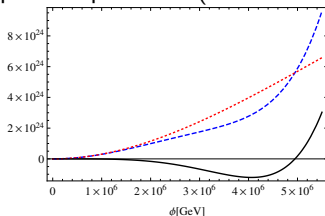
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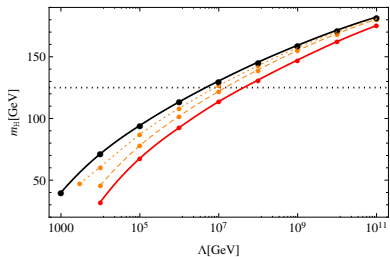
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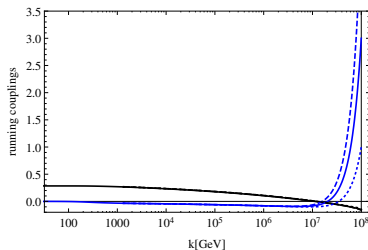
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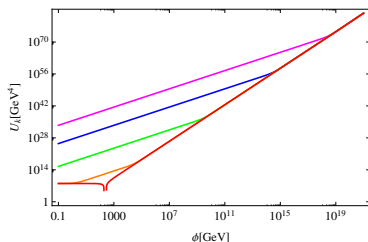
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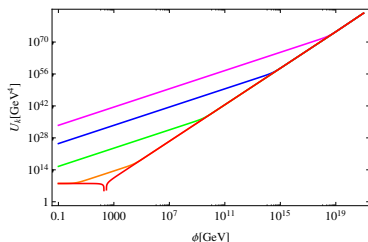


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**Thanks for your attention!**