

# **Near-criticality at FCC**

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# Motivation

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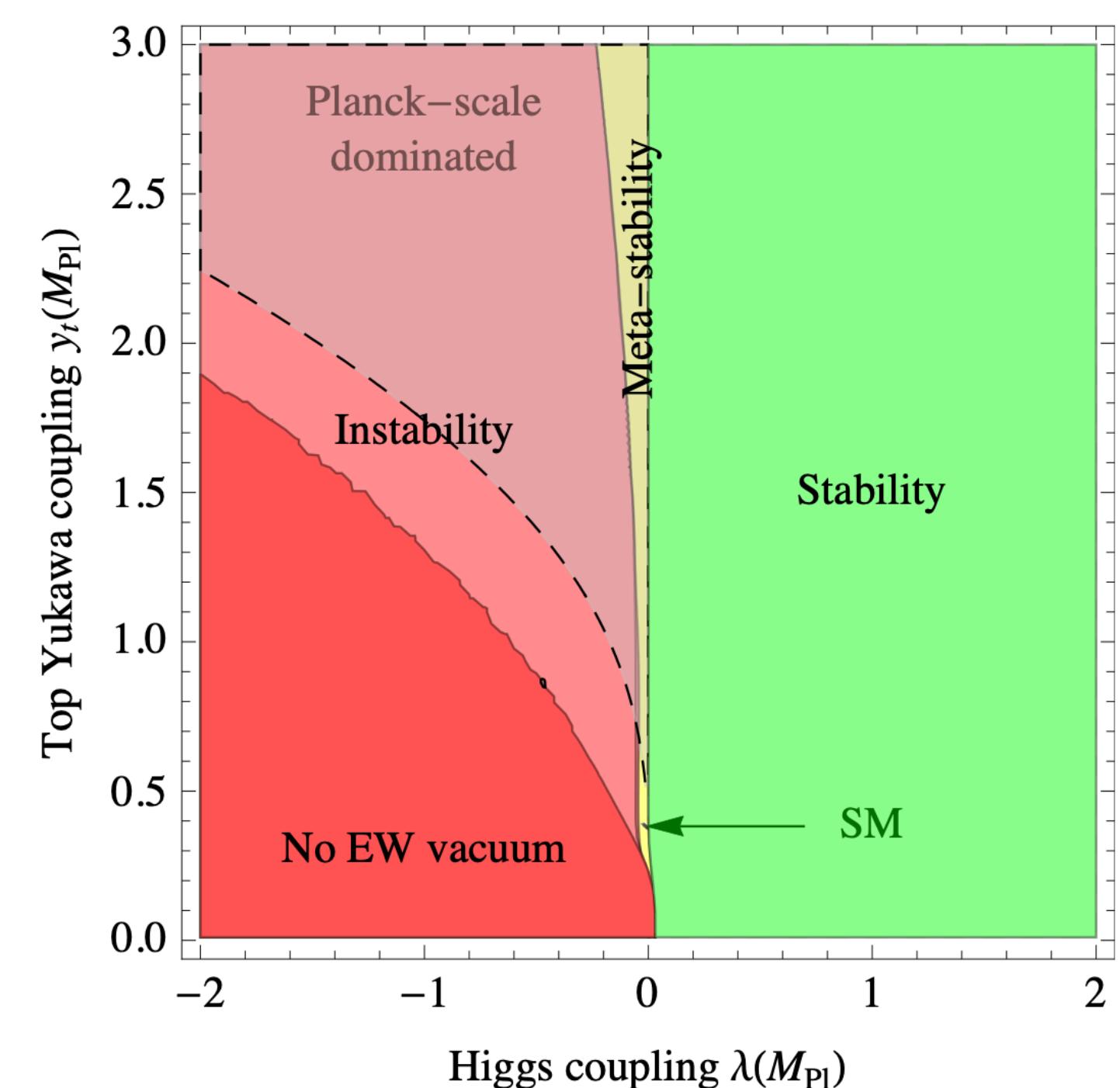
Cosmological constant problem

Hierarchy problem

$$m_{\text{eff}}^2 \ll \Lambda_{\text{UV}}^2$$

Tuning\* problems

Metastability of the EW vacuum



# Near-criticality in the SM

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$V_0$  : close to transition

$m_{\text{eff}}^2$  : close to transition

$\lambda_{\text{eff}}$  : close to transition

“dS” $\leftrightarrow$ “AdS”

“SSB” $\leftrightarrow$ “no SSB”

“stable” $\leftrightarrow$ “unstable”

“Critical values”

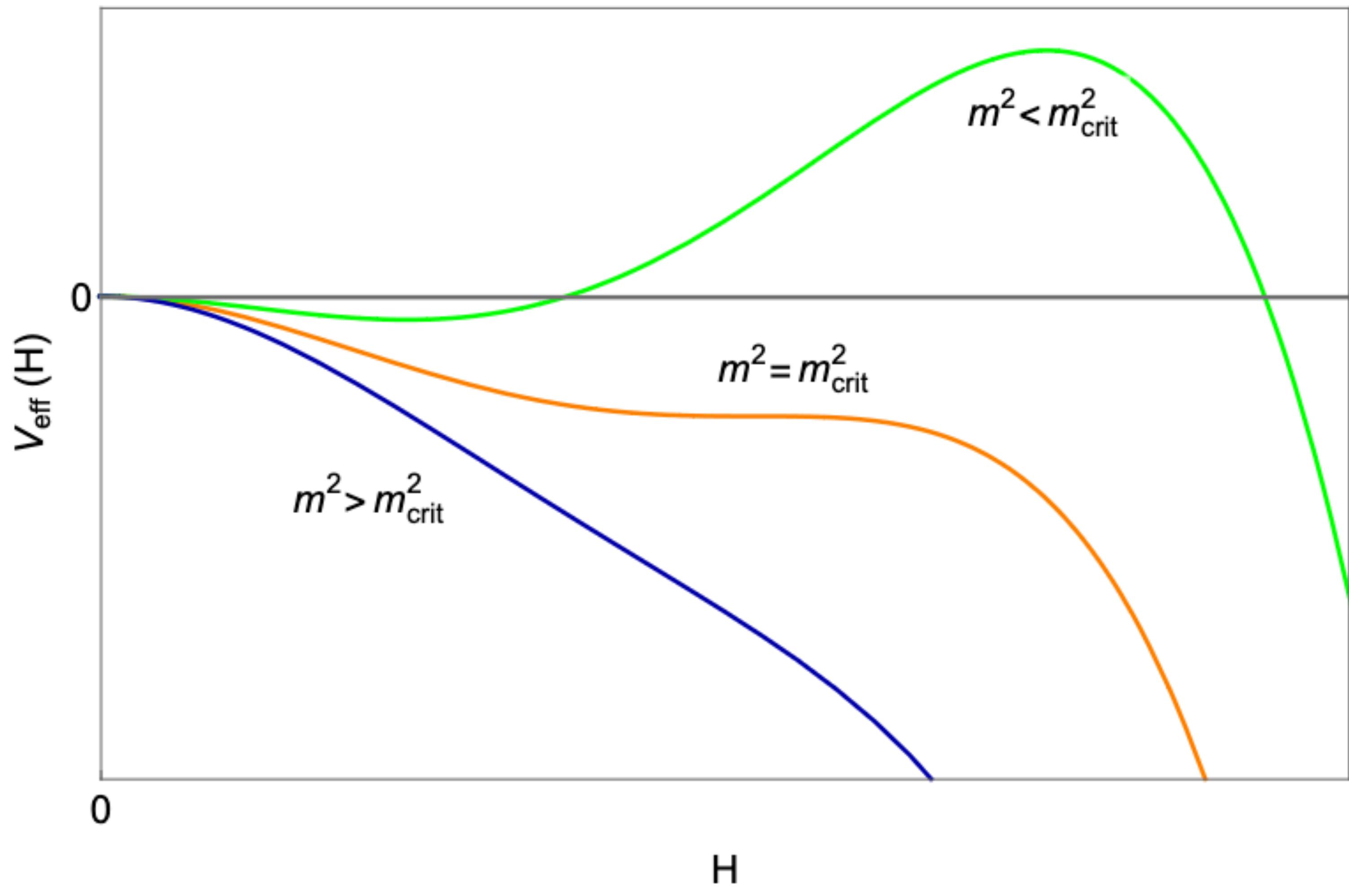
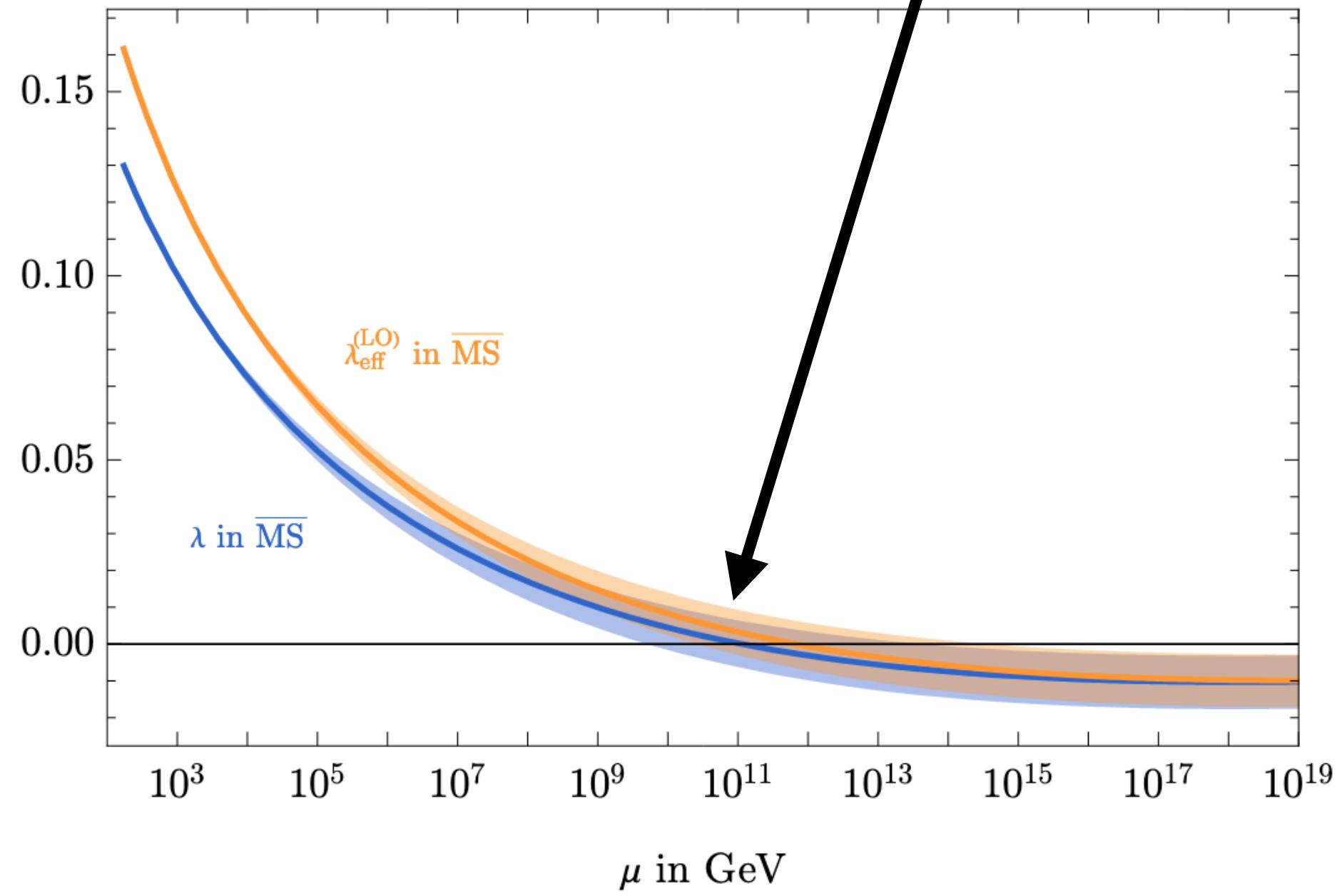
“Quantum phase transitions”

Dynamical explanation?

# Metastability bound - idea

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(D. Buttazzo et al)

$$m_h^2 \lesssim |\beta_\lambda| \mu_I^2$$



# Metastability bound - motivation

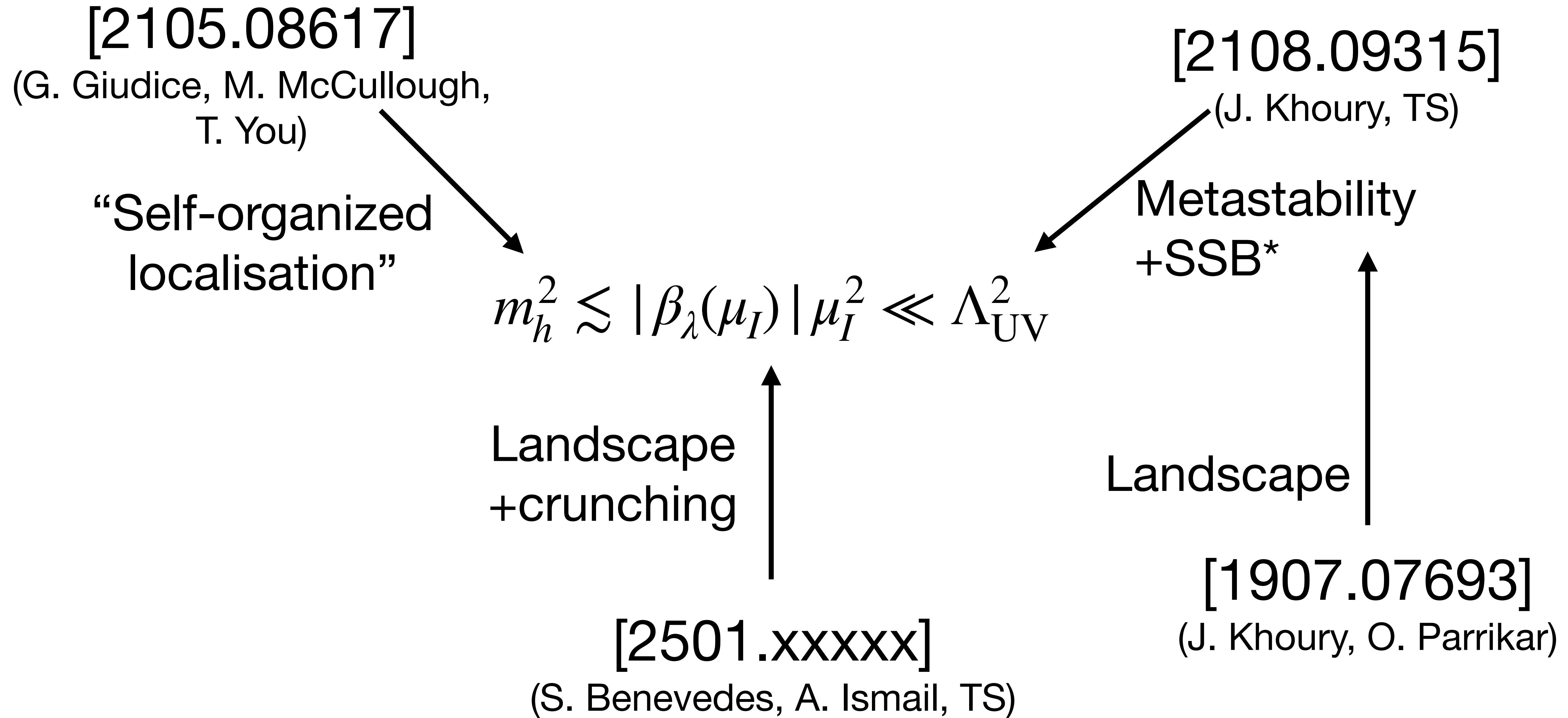
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(G. Giudice, M. McCullough,  
T. You)

“Self-organized  
localisation”

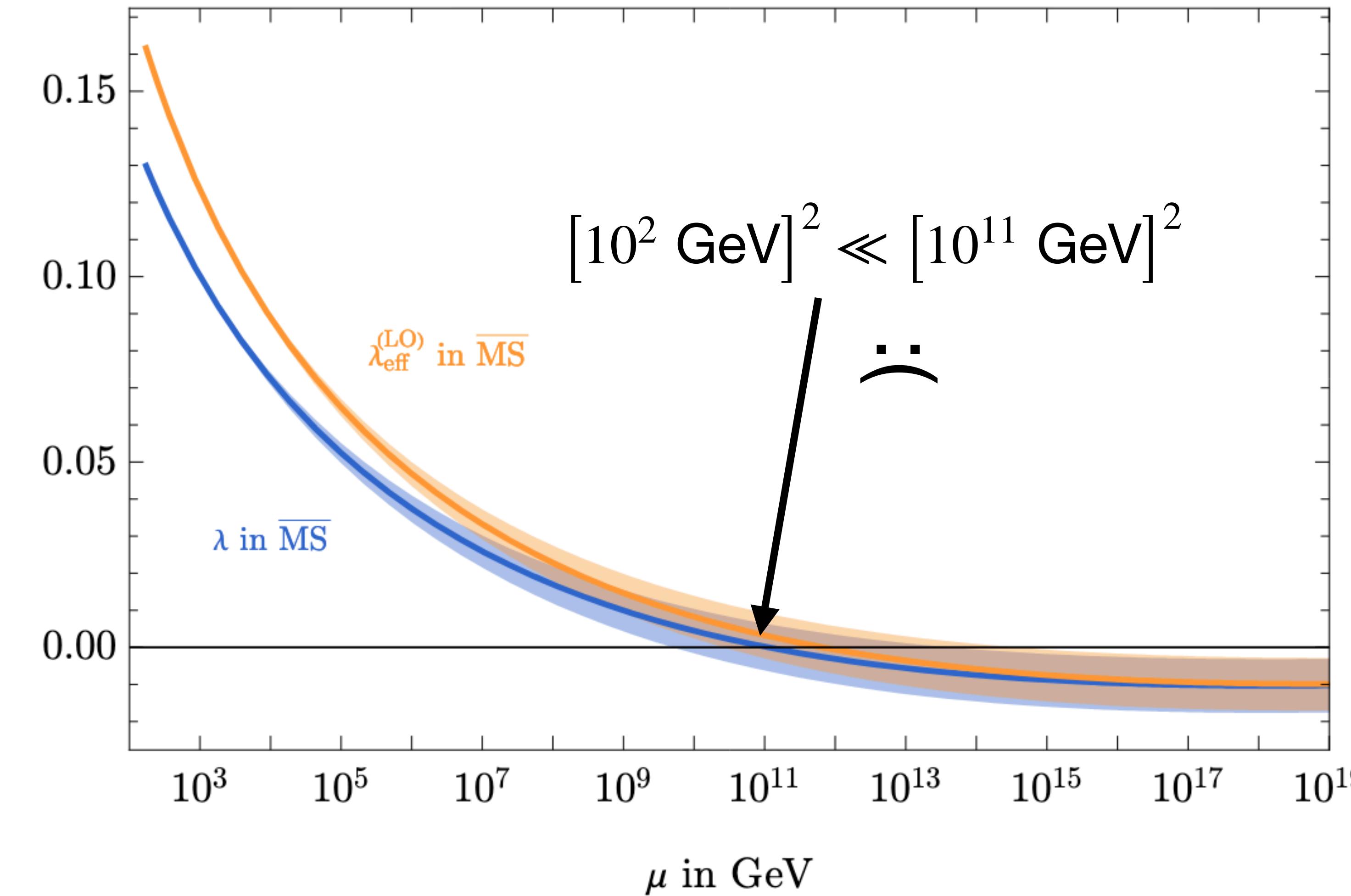
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# Metastability bound - motivation



# Metastability bounds - BSM features

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lowered by BSM physics?

ALPs

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VLFs

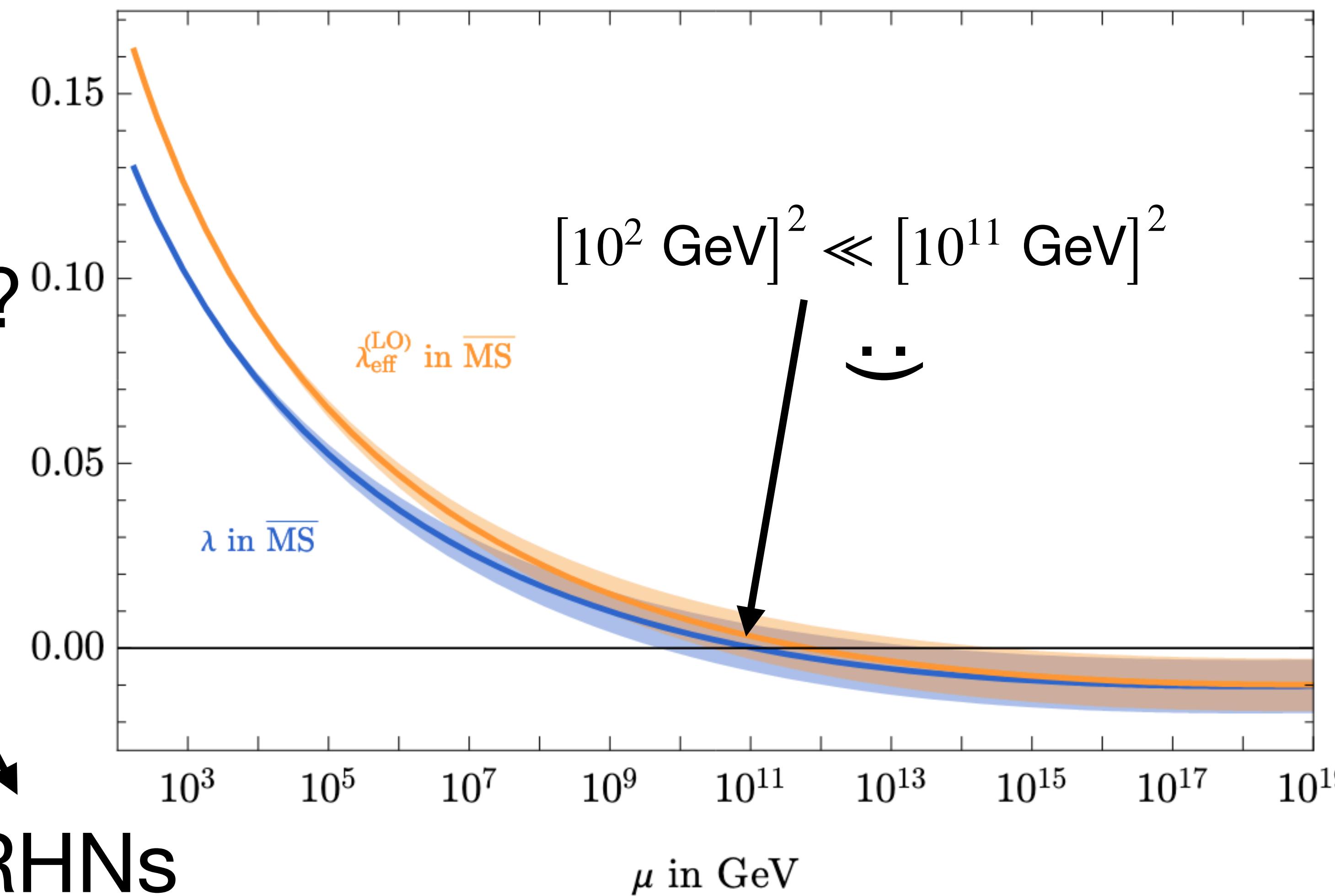
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RHNs

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[2408.10297]



# Metastability bounds - BSM features

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$\rightarrow$  Additional bosons to partially stabilize



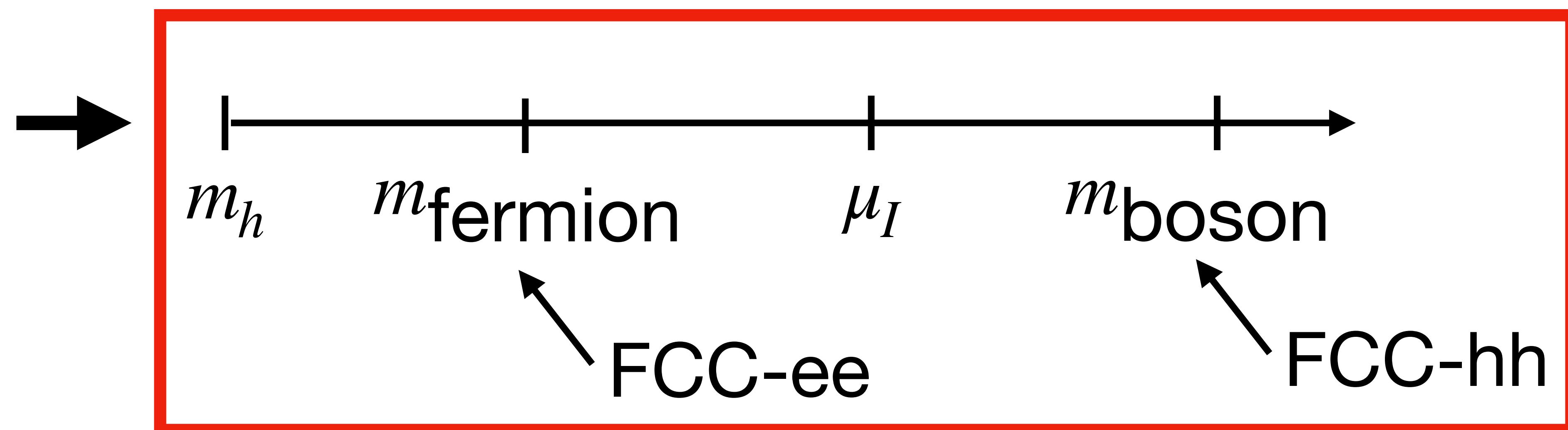
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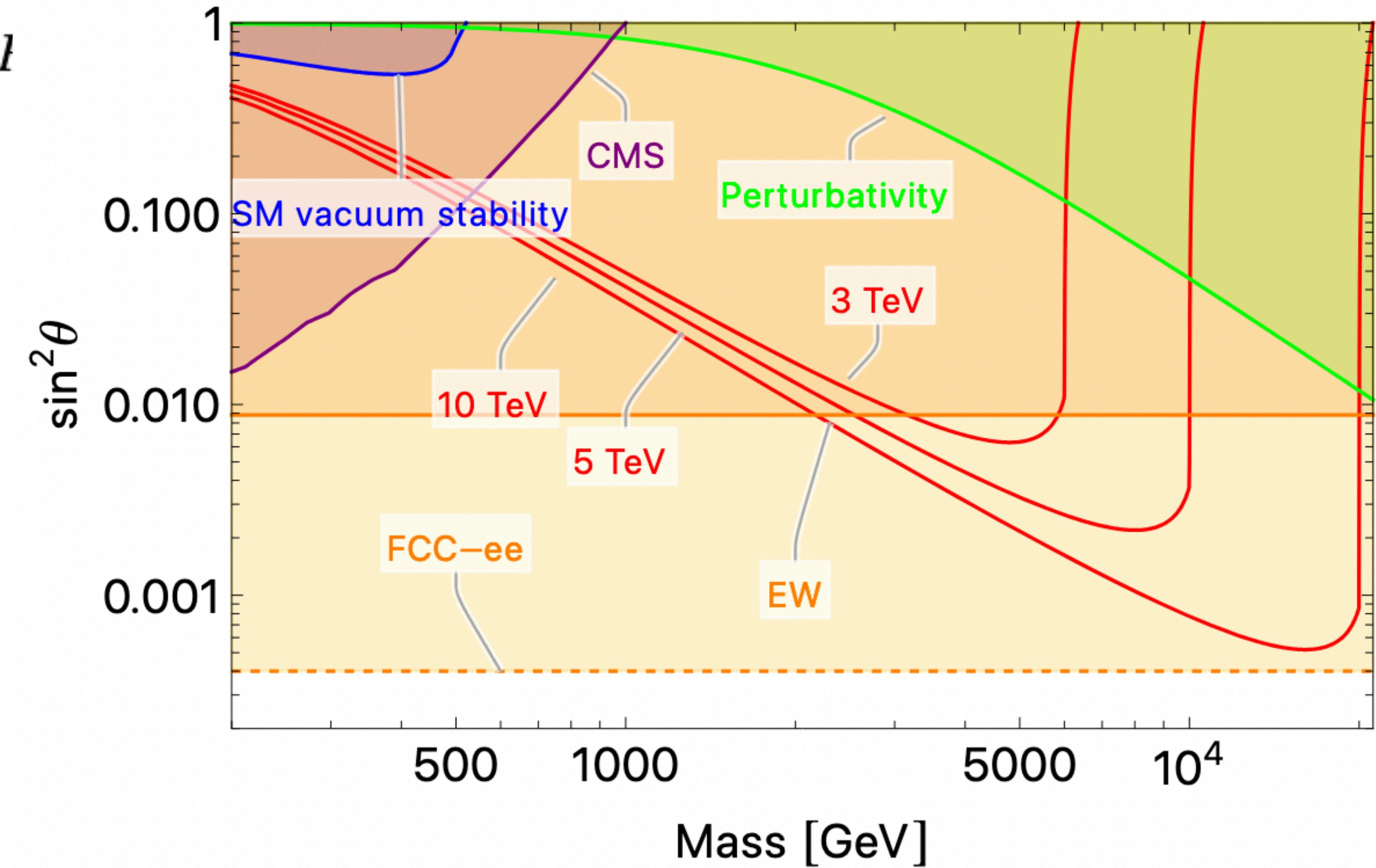


# Metastability bounds @FCC - Heavy Neutral Lepton

$$\mathcal{L}_\psi = i \overline{\psi_L} \not{\partial} \psi_L + i \overline{\psi_R} \not{\partial} \psi_L \\ - (m \overline{\psi_L} \psi_R + y_i \overline{L}_i \tilde{H} \psi_R)$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{yv}{\sqrt{y^2 v^2 + m^2}}$$

3rd generation only



# Metastability bound @FCC - RHNs

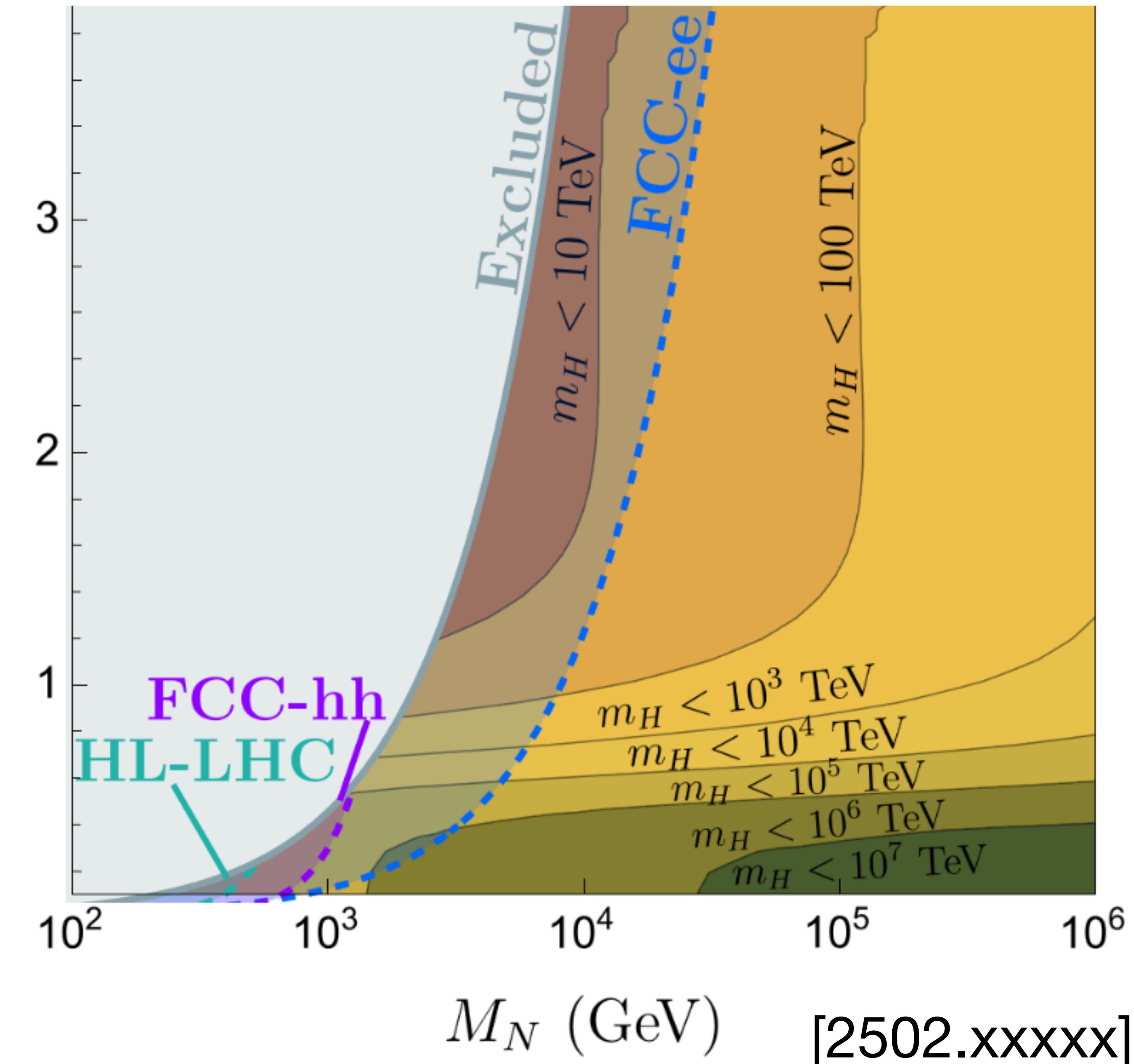
$$\mathcal{L}_{\nu_R} = \sum_i \bar{\nu}_{R,i} \not{\partial} \nu_{R,i}$$

$$- \sum Y_\nu^{ai} \bar{\ell}_L^a \tilde{H} \nu_{R,j}$$

$$- \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i,j} \mathbf{M}_N^{ij} \bar{\nu}_{R,i}^c \nu_{R,j}$$

$$Tr(\mathbf{Y}_\nu^\dagger \mathbf{Y}_\nu)^{1/2}$$

$Y_\nu$



# Metastability bounds - Majoron model

Open questions:

- specific ordering of scales?
- lifetime of vacuum?
- why is running necessary?



“You have to be brave  
and write a model”

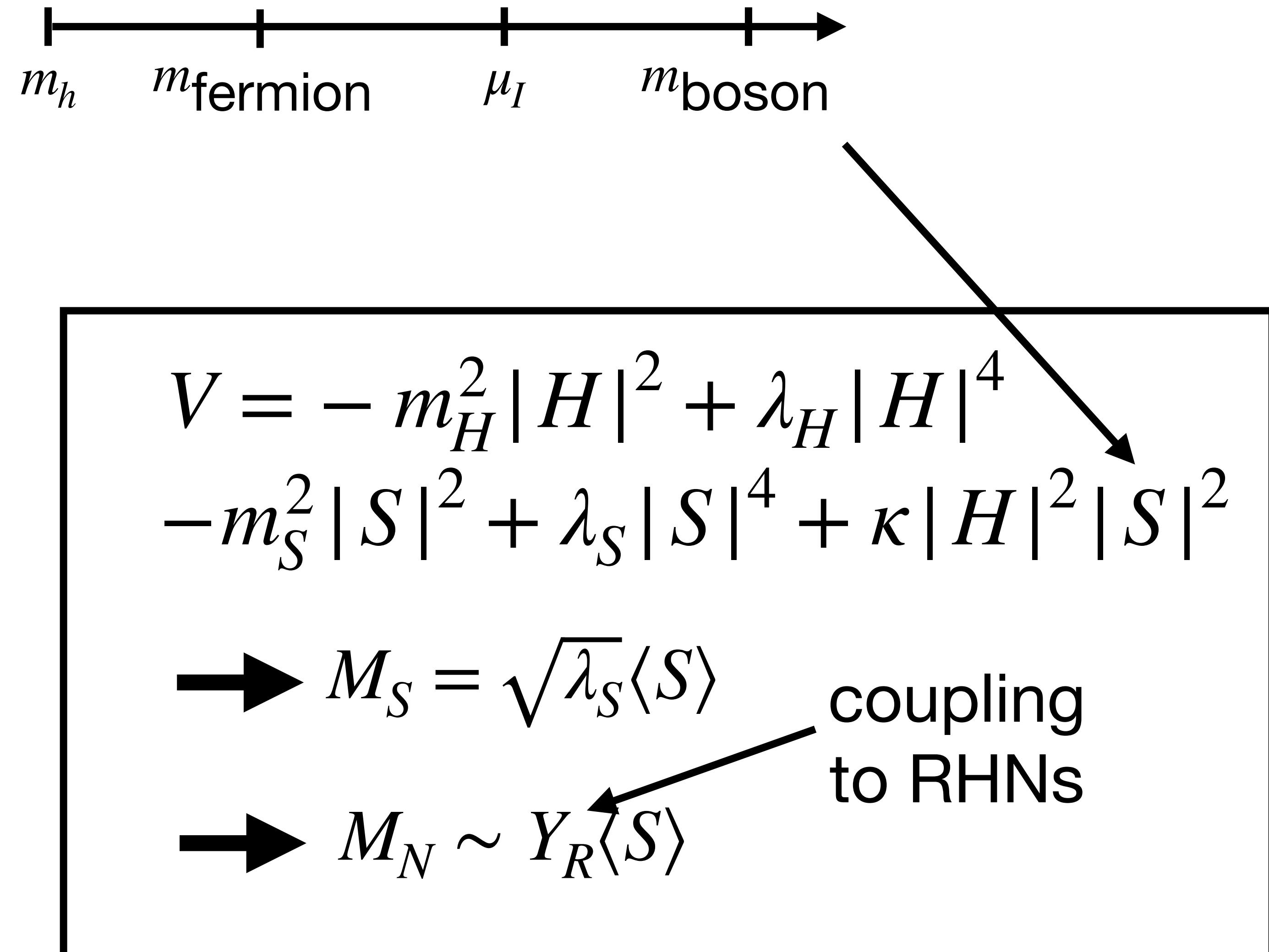
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→ Majoron Model

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(V. Enguita, B. Gavela, TS)



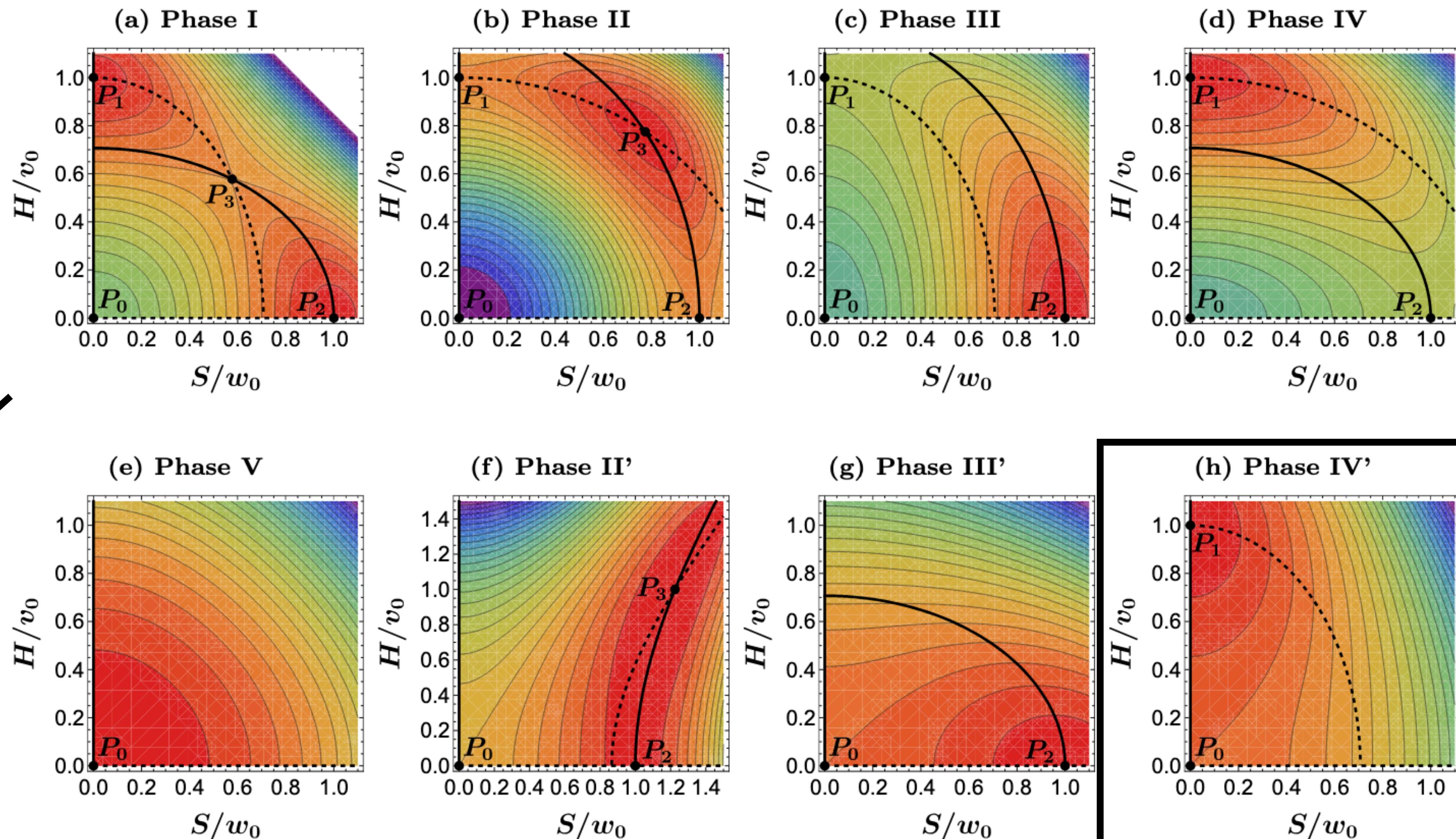
# Metastability bounds - Majoron model

$$V = -m_H^2 |H|^2 + \lambda_H |H|^4 - m_S^2 |S|^2 + \lambda_S |S|^4 + \kappa |H|^2 |S|^2$$

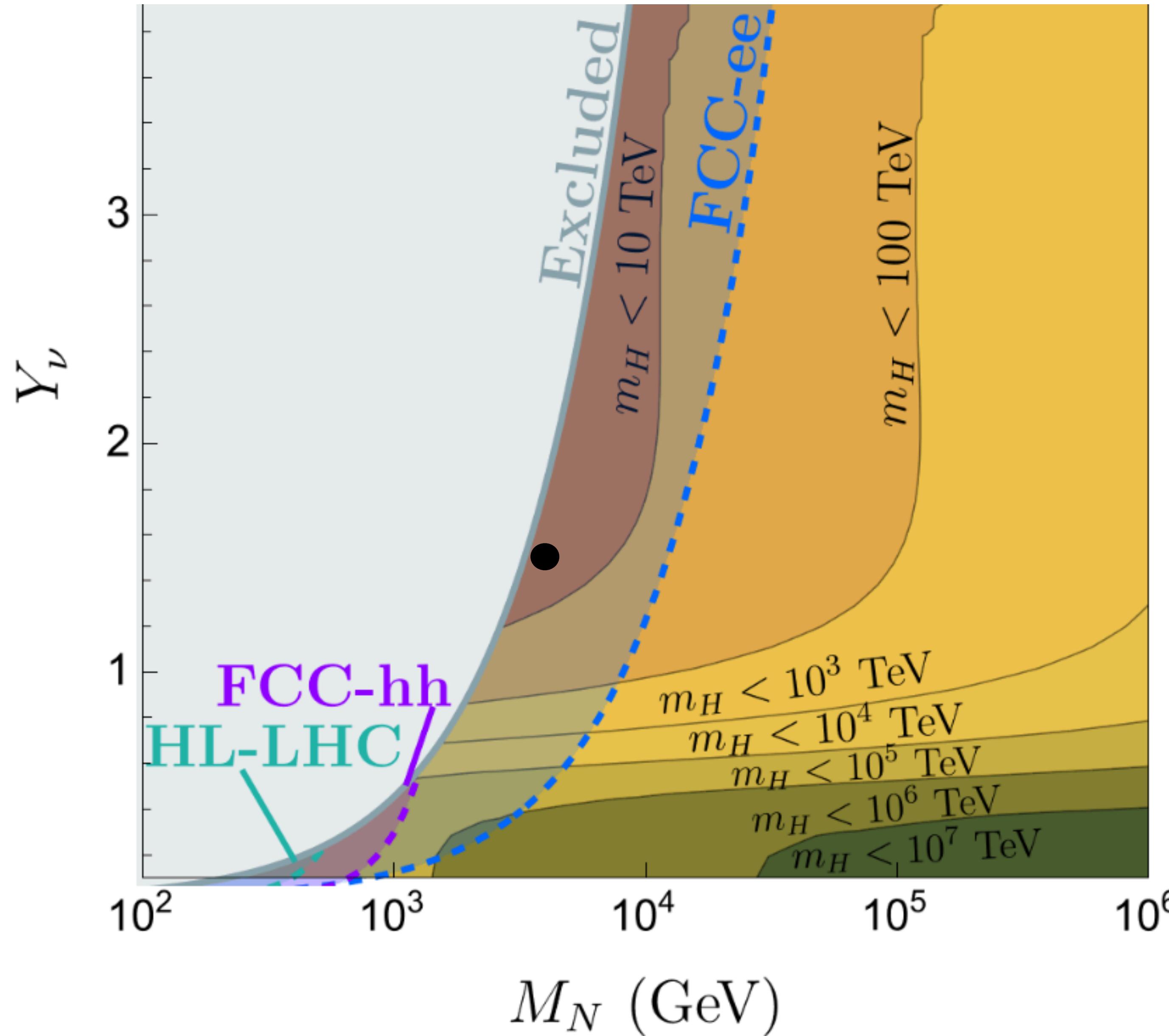
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assuming  
SSB

running effects  
necessary!

calculate  
tunneling  
rates!



# Metastability bound @FCC - RHNs

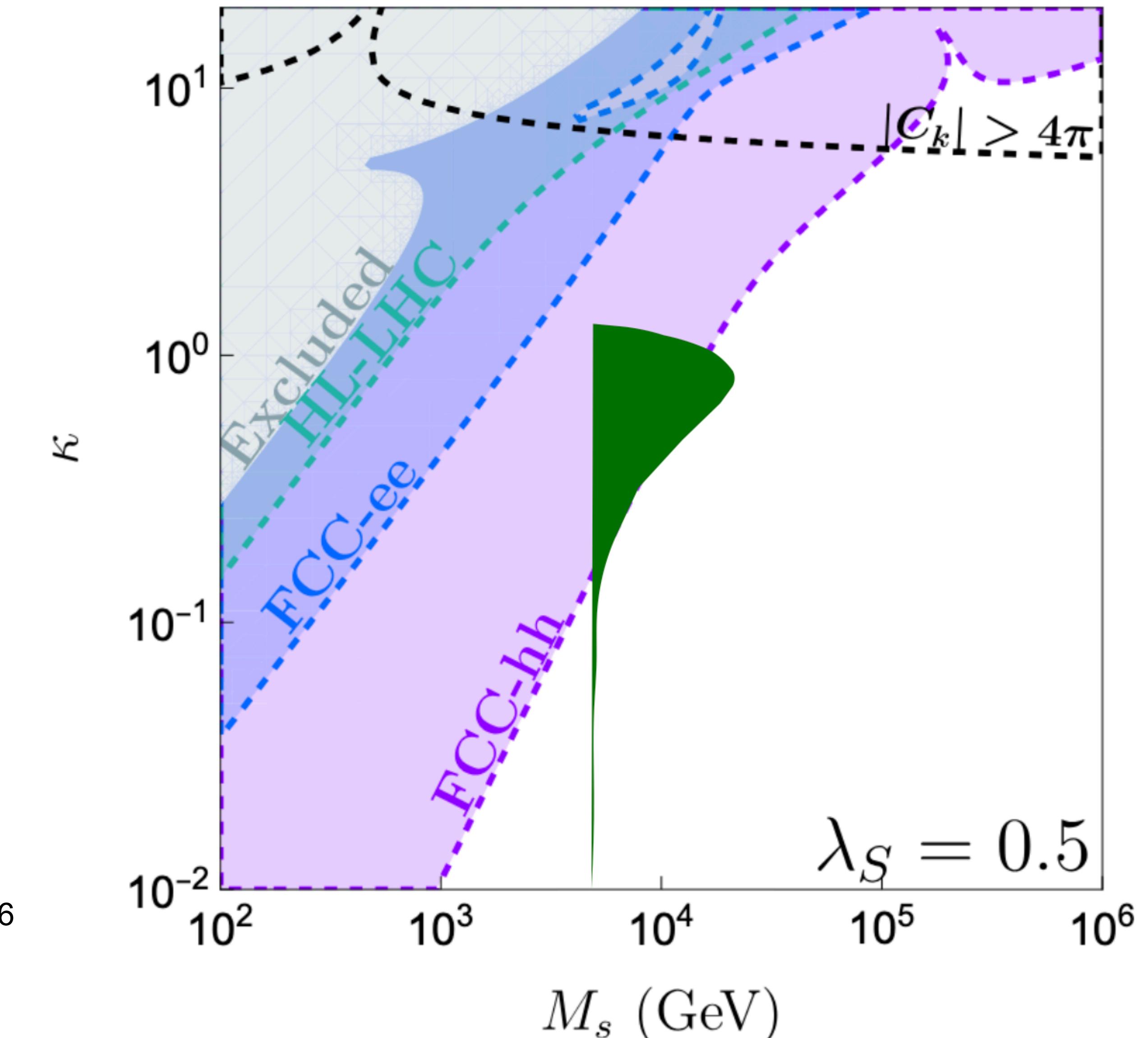
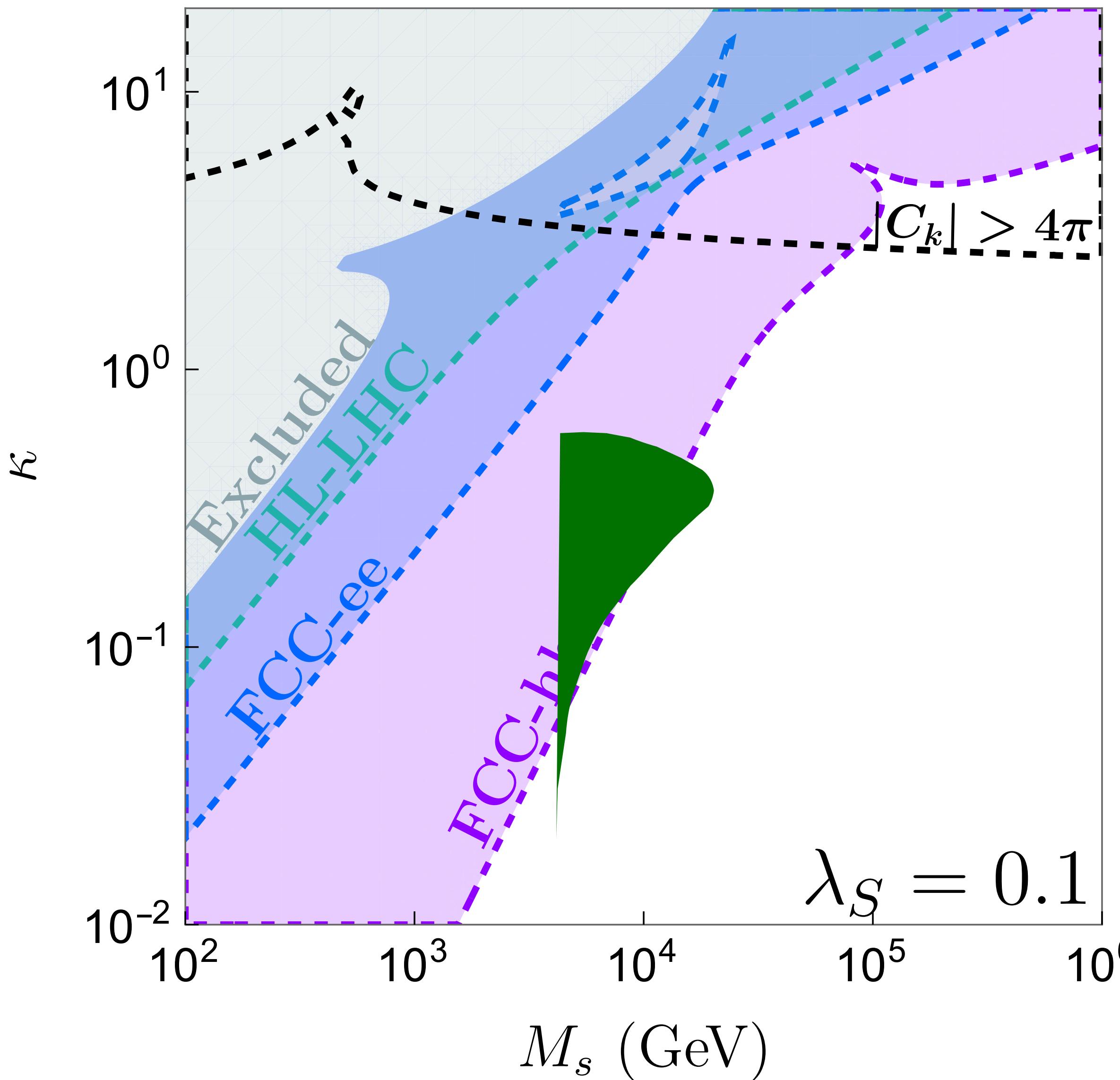


potential allows for  
metastability bound

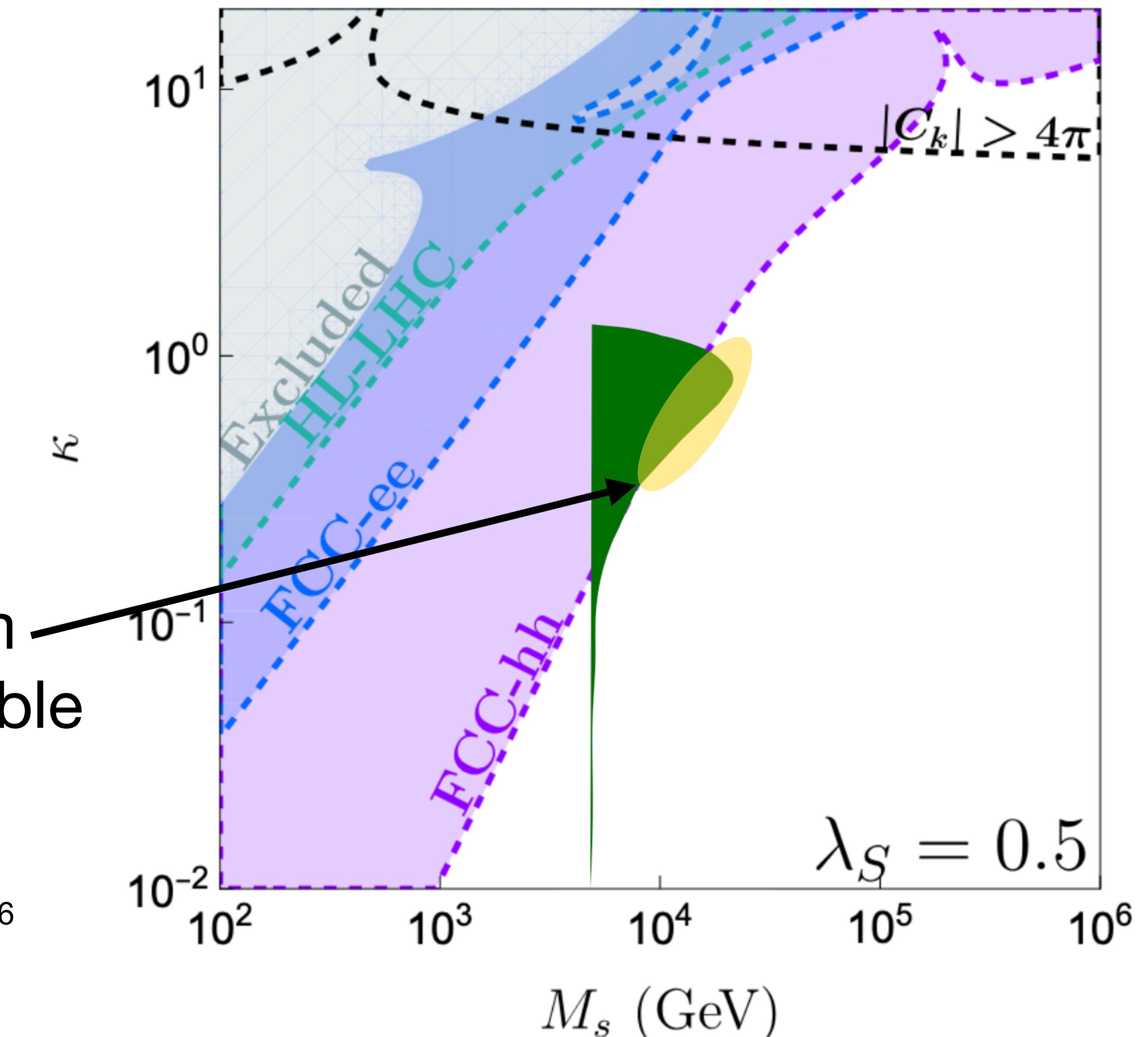
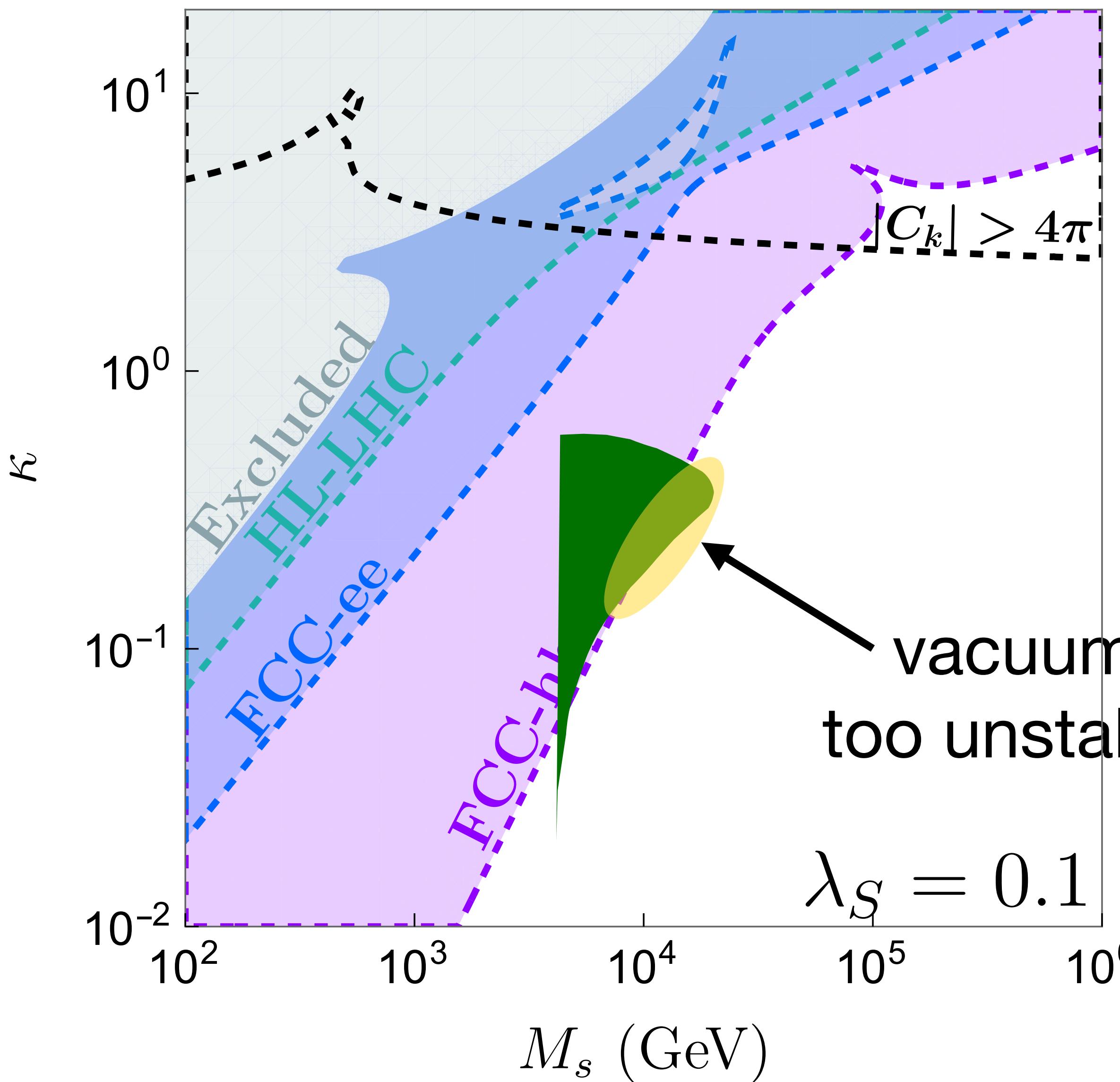
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potential bounded  
from below

# Metastability bound @FCC - Majoron



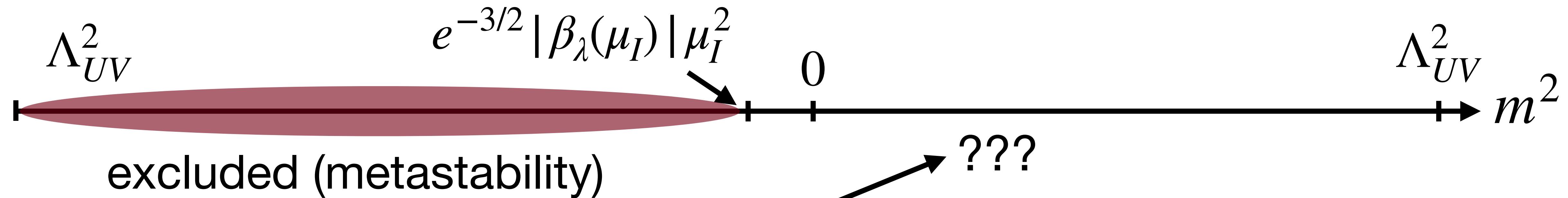
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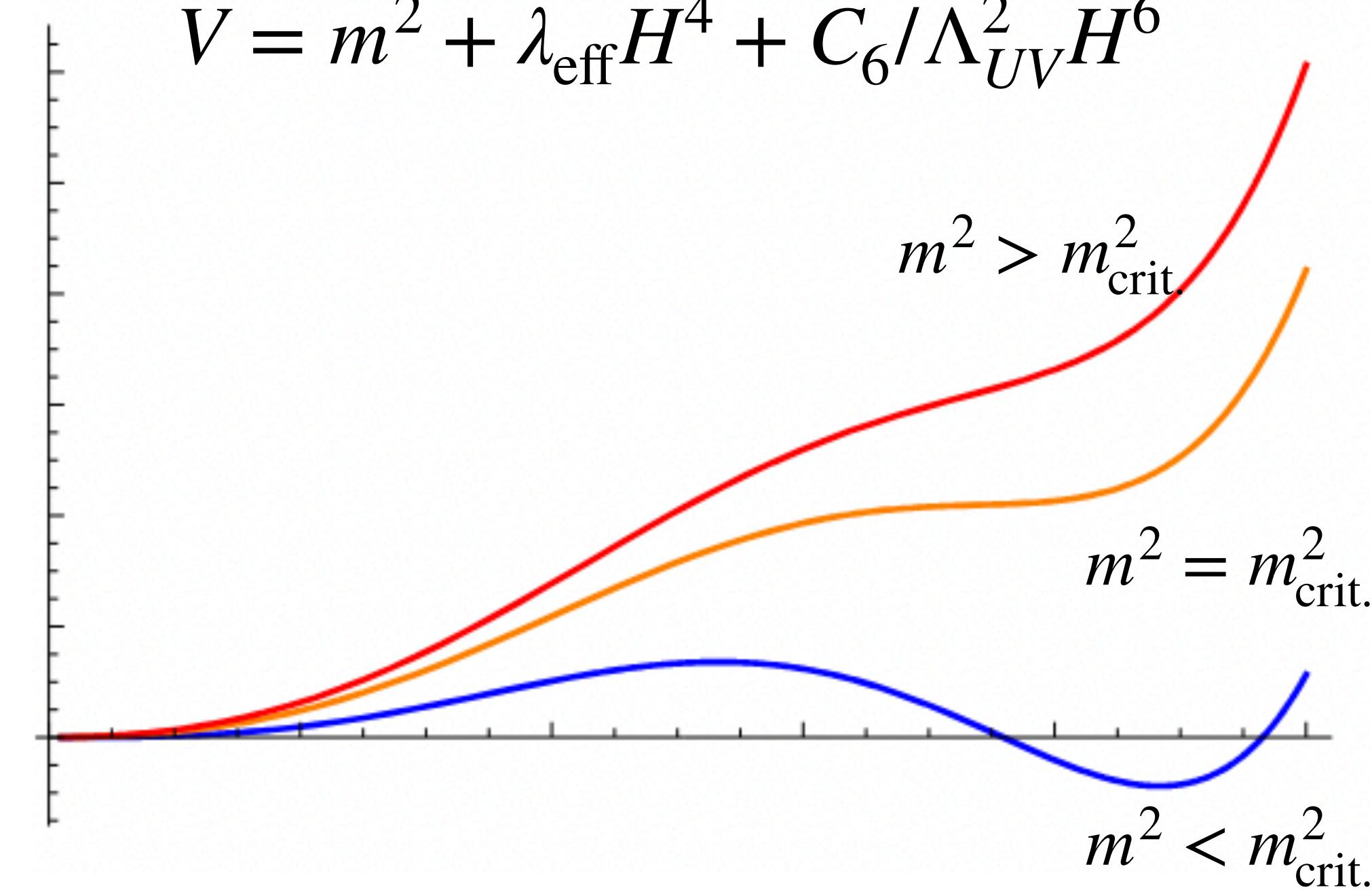
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# Extended metastability bounds - explaining SSB?

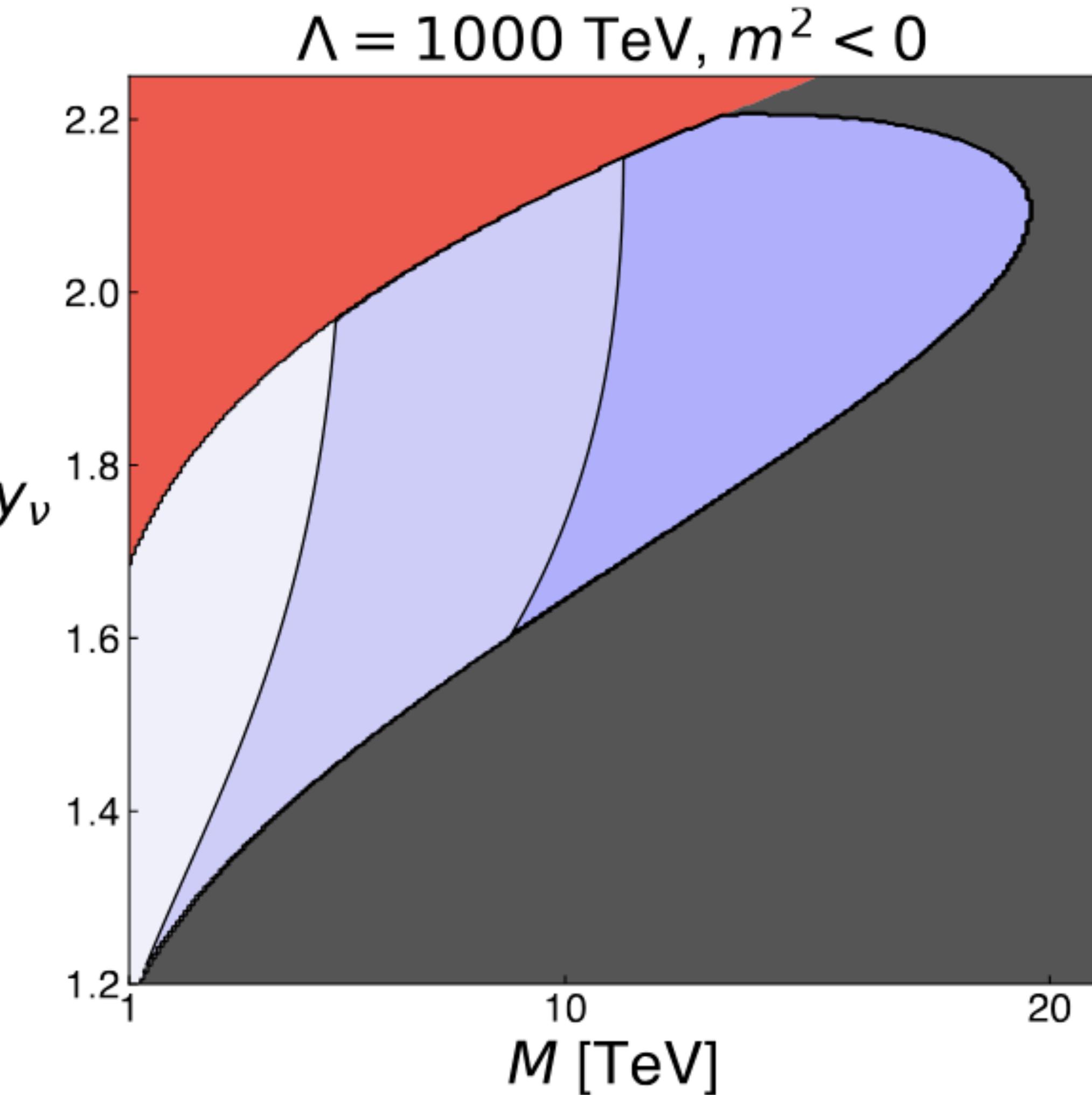
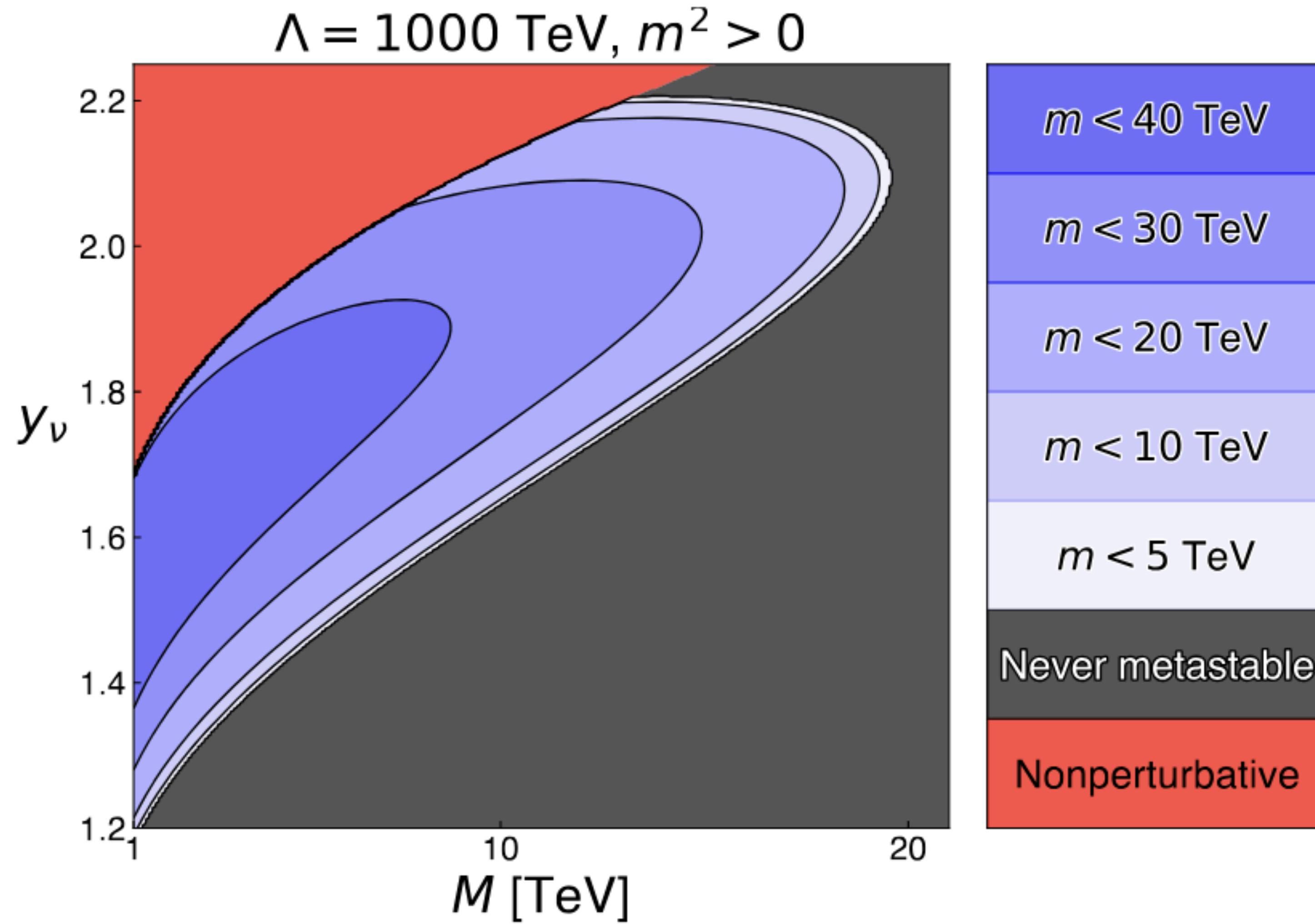


[2408.10297]  
(S. Benevides, S. Trifinopoulos, TS)

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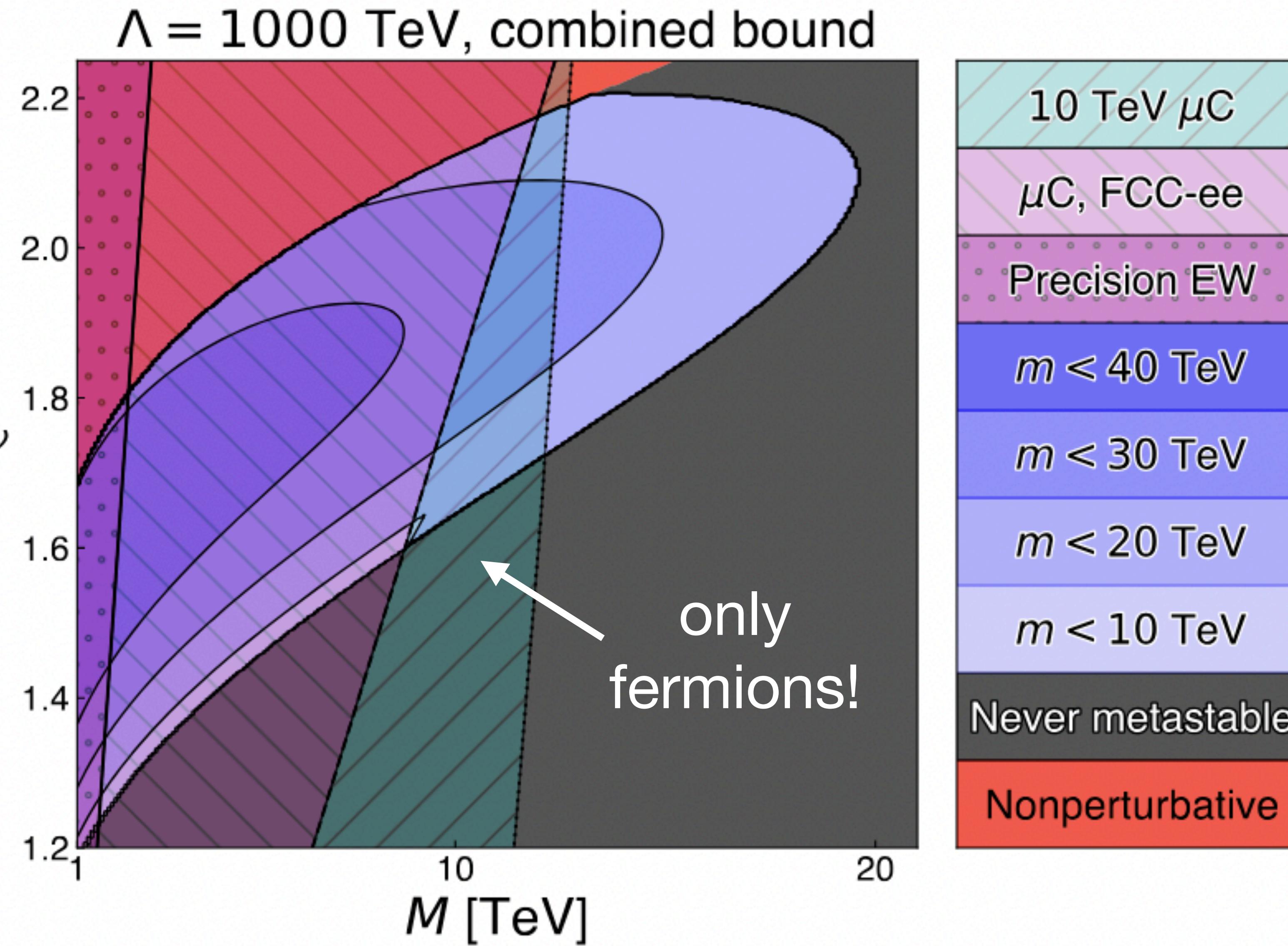


# Extended metastability bounds - results



# Extended metastability bounds @ FCC

[2408.10297]:



# Extended metastability bounds - explaining SSB!

