

# Nonperturbative RG flow of the Higgs potential

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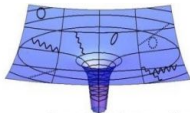
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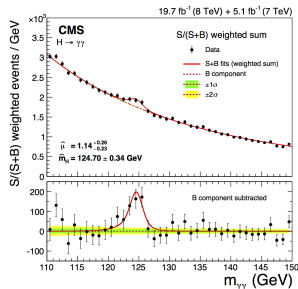
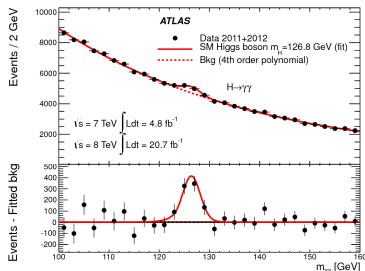
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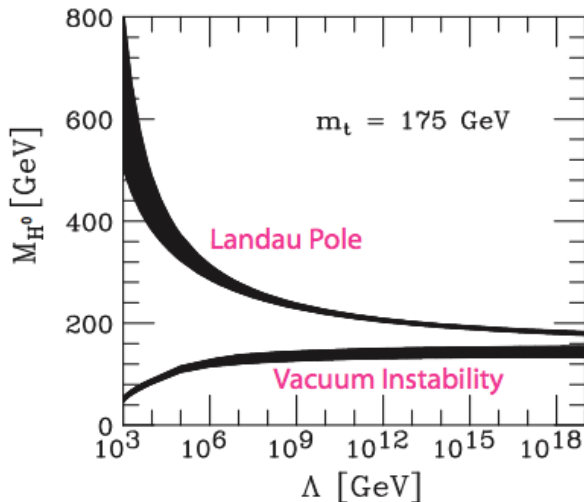
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Highlight LHC run I:

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



# Higgs mass bounds & vacuum stability



Krive, Linde '76  
Maiani et al '78  
Krasnikov '78  
Politzer, Wolfram '78  
Cabibbo et al. '79  
Hung '79  
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Hagiwara et al '02

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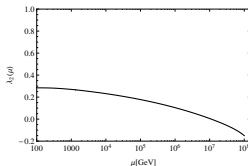
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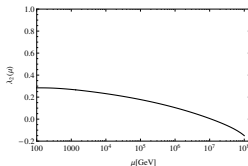
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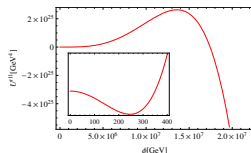
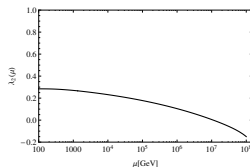
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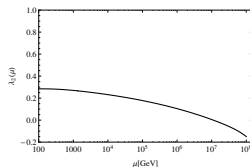
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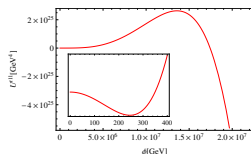
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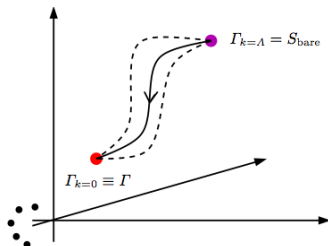
BUT:

- in contrast to lattice results
- interaction part of the fermion determinant is strictly positive [Gies, RS '14](#)
- multi-scale problem  $U(\mu; \phi)$

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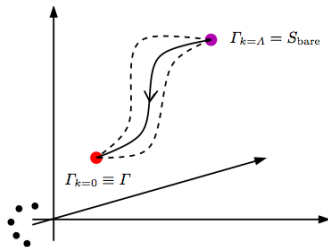
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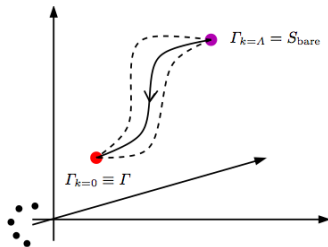
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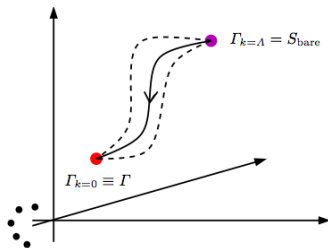
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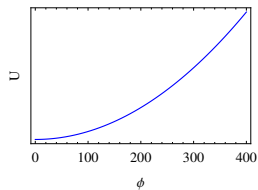
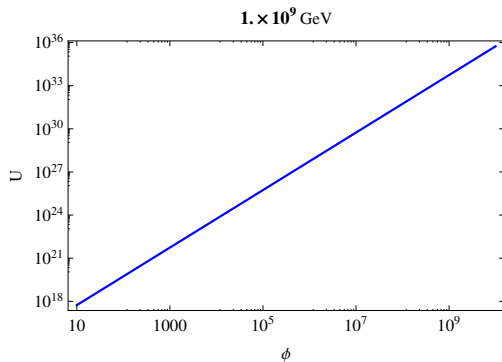
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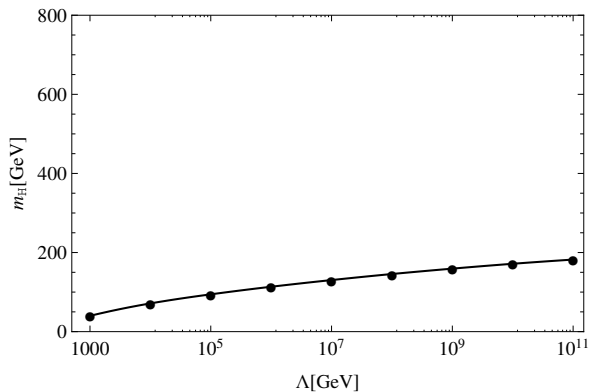
$$h_\Lambda \rightarrow m_{\text{top}} = 173 \text{ GeV}$$



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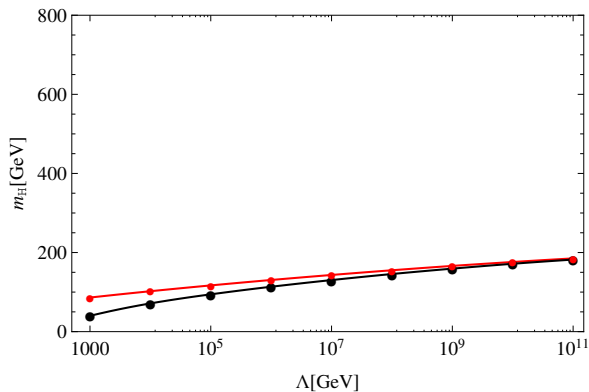
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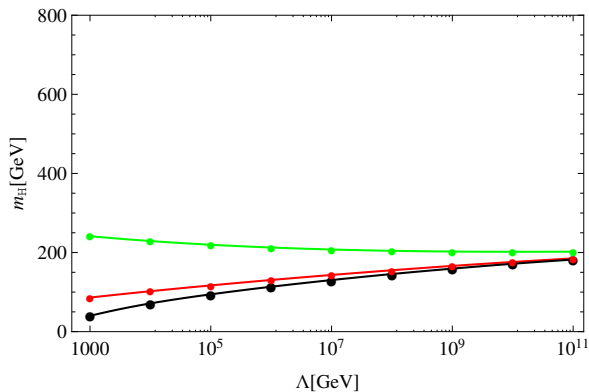


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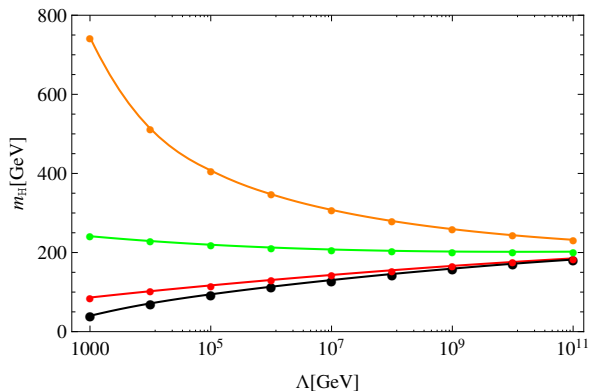
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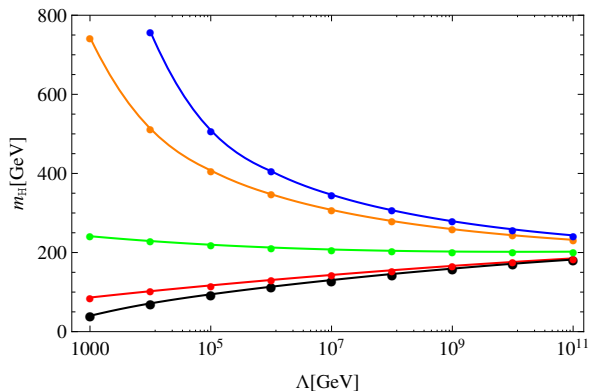
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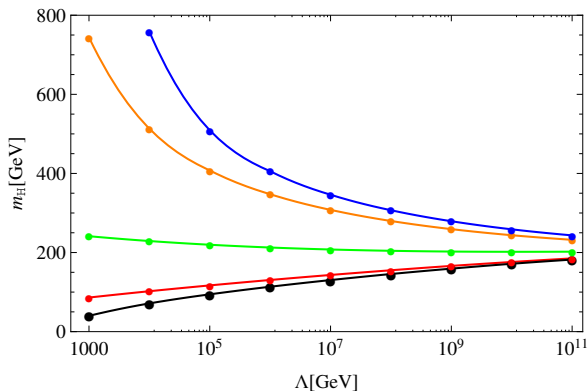
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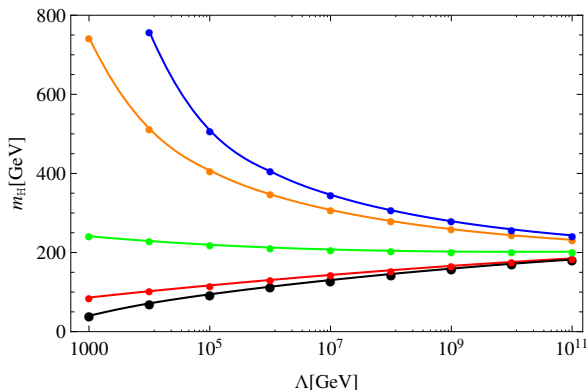


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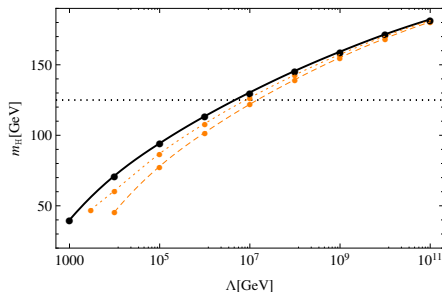
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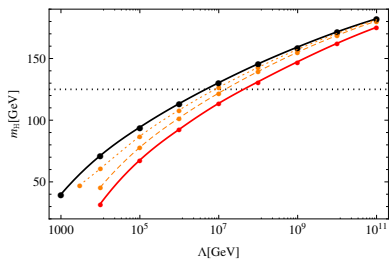
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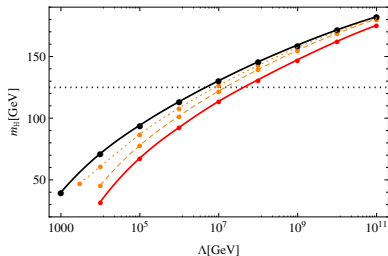
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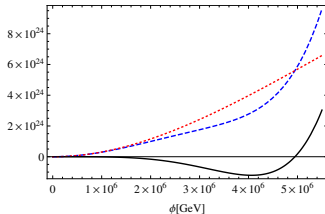
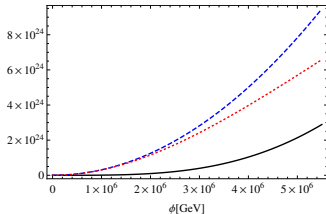
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Borchardt, Gies, RS '16

cf. poster by J. Borchardt

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