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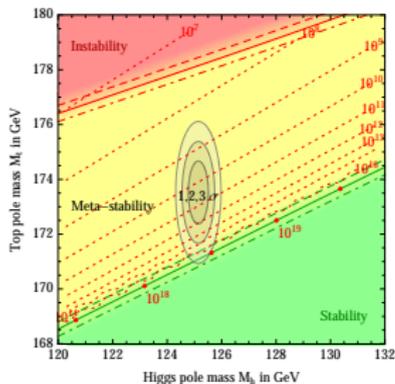
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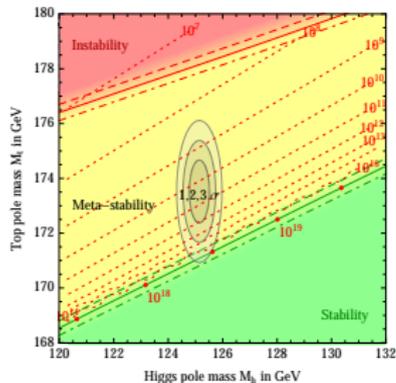
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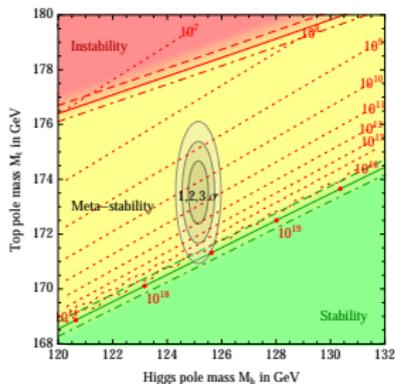
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- ▶ A cosmological constant (possibly huge during inflation) added to the SM  $V_{\text{eff}}$
- ▶ Different boundary conditions for the Coleman bounce due to a different topology:

Minkowski  $\rightarrow$  de Sitter

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All these requirements lead to a predictive theory of all interactions

So much that it is excluded?

- ▶ Is such a theory compatible with cosmological observations?
- ▶ Can we also account for neutrino masses and DM?

## More long term goals

- ▶ SM: the tests (such as those described) could show some other evidence of BSM
- ▶ BSM: Compare predictions of totally asymptotically free theories and results at present and future colliders
- ▶ QG:
  - ▶ Amplitudes in dimensionless gravity theories
  - ▶ Comparison of renormalizable field theories of gravity with observations of early universe quantities and with predictions of other QG theories: strings, Horava-Lifshitz, ...

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