

# Conformal Extensions of the Standard Model

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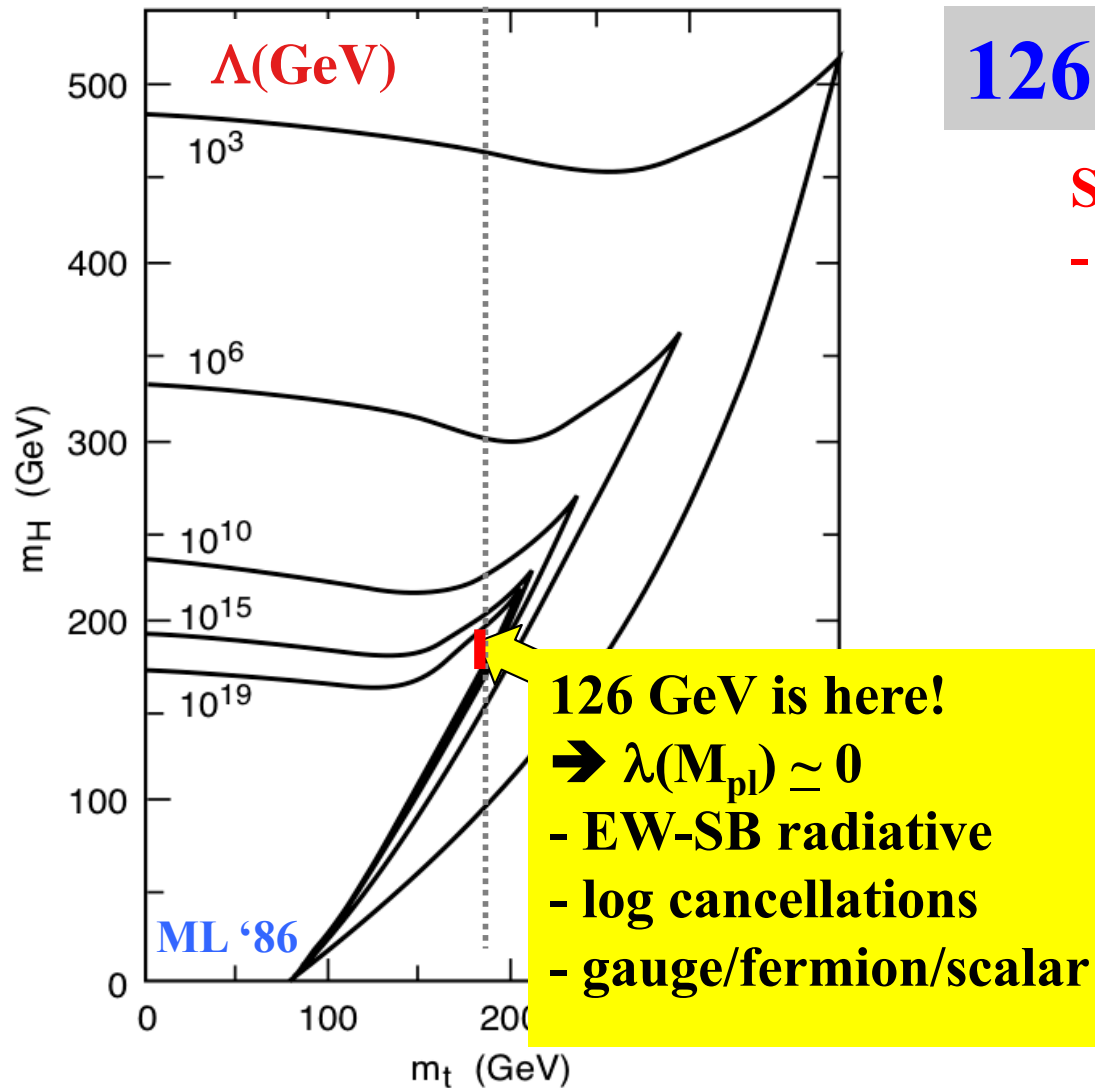


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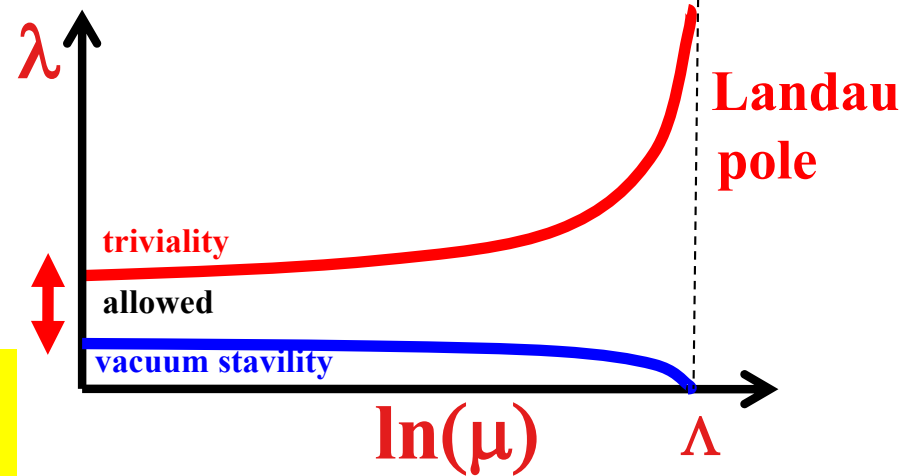
# The SM: A true Success Story

- SM is a renormalizable QFT like QED w/o hierarchy problem
- Cutoff “ $\Lambda$ ” has no meaning → **triviality, vacuum stability**



$$126 \text{ GeV} < m_H < 174 \text{ GeV}$$

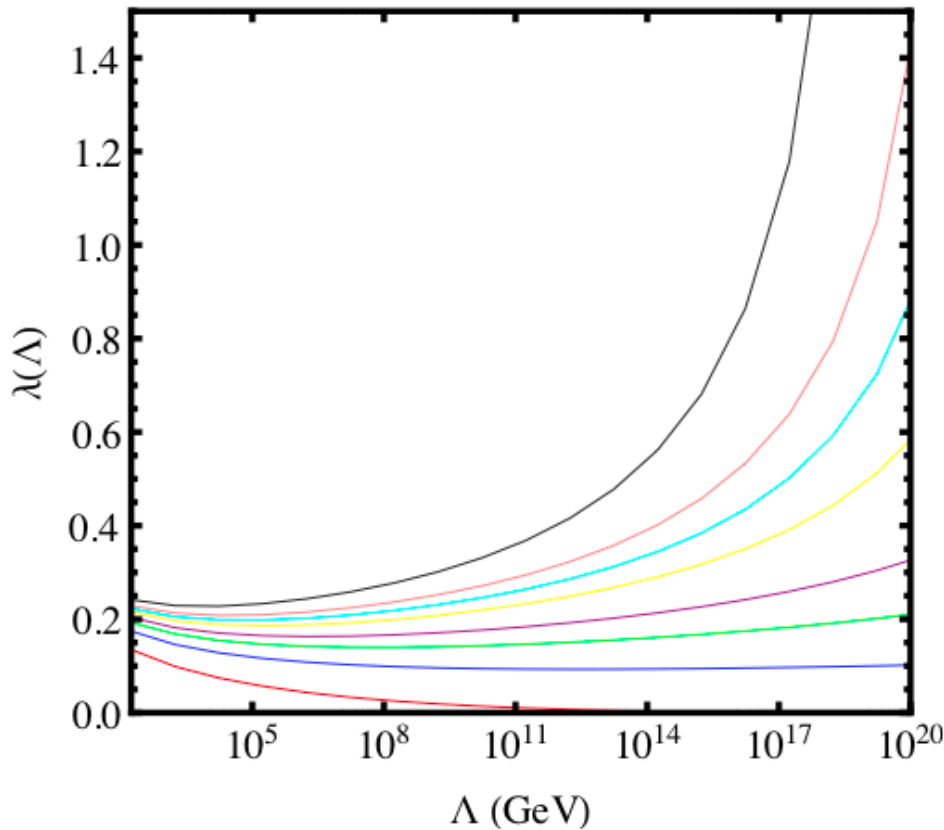
SM does not exist w/o embedding  
 - U(1) coupling, Higgs self-coupling



- RGE arguments seem to work
- but we need some embedding

# A special Value of $\lambda$ at $M_{\text{planck}}$ ?

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**downward flow of RG trajectories**

**→ IR QFP → random  $\lambda$  flows to  $m_H > 150$  GeV**

**→  $m_H \simeq 126$  GeV flows to tiny values at  $M_{\text{Planck}}$ ...**

Holthausen, ML Lim (2011)

**Different conceivable special conditions:**

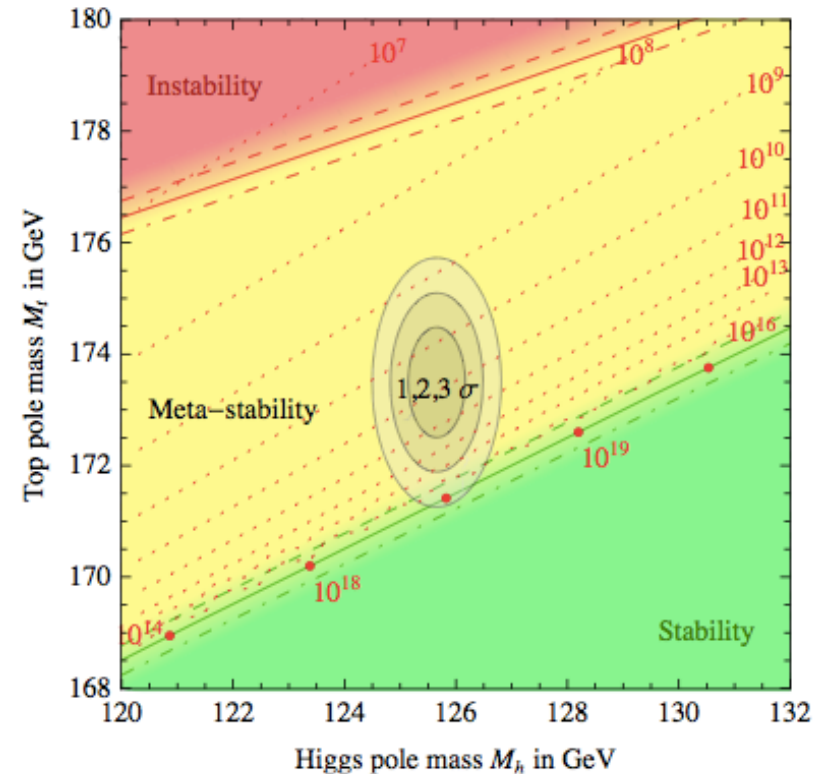
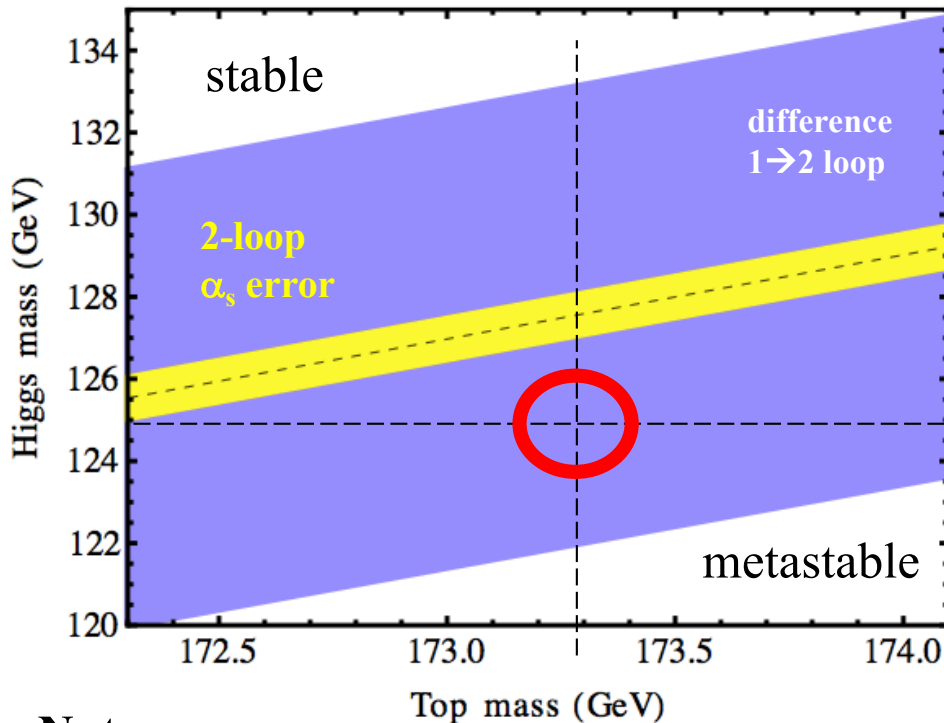
- Vacuum stability  
 $\lambda(M_{pl}) = 0$  [7–12]
- vanishing of the beta function of  $\lambda$   
 $\beta_\lambda(M_{pl}) = 0$  [9, 10]
- the Veltman condition [13–15]  $\text{Str}\mathcal{M}^2 = 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \delta m^2 &= \frac{\Lambda^2}{32\pi^2 v^2} \text{Str}\mathcal{M}^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{32\pi^2} \left( \frac{9}{4}g_2^2 + \frac{3}{4}g_1^2 + 6\lambda - 6\lambda_t^2 \right) \Lambda^2 \end{aligned}$$

- vanishing anomalous dimension of the Higgs mass parameter  
 $\gamma_m(M_{pl}) = 0, m(M_{pl}) \neq 0$

# Is the Higgs Potential at $M_{\text{Planck}}$ flat?

Holthausen, ML, Lim (2011) Buttazzo, Degrassi, Giardino, Giudice, Sala, Salvio, Strumia

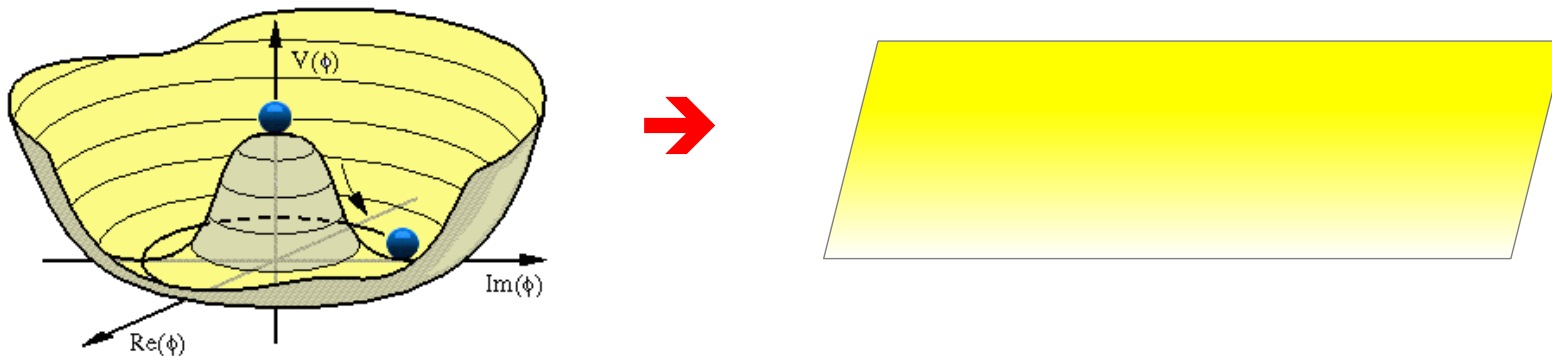


## Notes:

- remarkable relation between weak scale,  $m_t$ , couplings and  $M_{\text{Planck}} \leftrightarrow$  precision
- strong cancellations between Higgs and top loops
  - $\rightarrow$  very sensitive to exact value and error of  $m_H$ ,  $m_t$ ,  $\alpha_s = 0.1184(7) \rightarrow$  currently  $1.8\sigma$  in  $m_t$
- other physics: DM,  $m_\nu$  ... axions, ...Planck scale thresholds... SM+  $\leftrightarrow \lambda = 0$ 
  - $\rightarrow$  top mass errors: data  $\leftrightarrow$  LO-MC  $\rightarrow$  translation of  $m_{\text{pole}} \rightarrow$  MS bar
  - $\rightarrow$  be cautious about claiming that metastability is established
  - $\rightarrow$  and we need to include DM, neutrino masses, ...

# Is there a Message?

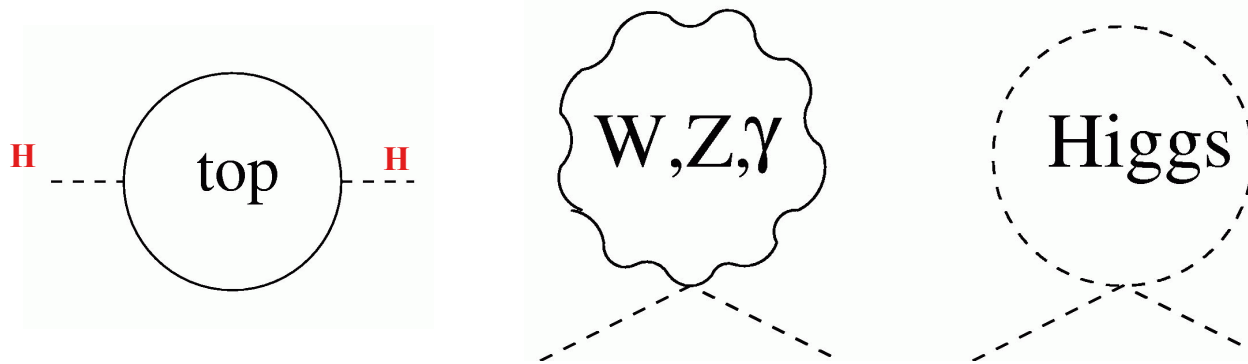
- $\lambda(M_{\text{Planck}}) \simeq 0?$   $\rightarrow$  implies big log cancellations  
 $M_{\text{planck}}, M_{\text{weak}},$  gauge, Higgs & Yukawa couplings: **are unrelated**
- **remember:  $\mu$  is the only single scale of the SM  $\rightarrow$  special role**  
 $\rightarrow$  consider  $\mu^2 = 0 \rightarrow V(M_{\text{Planck}}) \simeq 0?$   
 $\rightarrow$  **flat Mexican hat (<1%) at the Planck scale!  $\rightarrow$  a message?**



- $\rightarrow$  **conformal (or shift) symmetry as solution to the HP**
- $\rightarrow$  **combined conformal & EW symmetry breaking**
- $\rightarrow$  **realizations; implications for neutrino masses and DM**

# The naïve Hierarchy Problem

- Loops  $\rightarrow$  Higgs mass depends on ‘cutoff scale  $\Lambda$ ’



$$\delta M_H^2 = \frac{\Lambda^2}{32\pi^2 V^2} (6M_W^2 + 3M_Z^2 + 3M_H^2 - 12M_t^2) \simeq \mathbf{O}(\Lambda^2/4\pi^2)$$

$m_H \leq 200$  GeV requires  $\Lambda \sim \text{TeV} \rightarrow$  new physics at TeV scale

\*\*\*OR\*\*\* one must explain:

How can  $m_H$  be  $\mathbf{O}(100 \text{ GeV})$  if  $\Lambda$  is huge ?

**BUT: What does  $\Lambda$  mean? For SM? Renormalizable embeddings?**

# $\Lambda \leftrightarrow$ new Physics

- Renormalizable QFTs with two scalars  $\varphi$ ,  $\Phi$  with masses  $m$ ,  $M$  and a hierarchy  $m \ll M$
- These scalars must interact since  $\varphi^+\varphi$  and  $\Phi^+\Phi$  are singlets  
→  $\lambda_{\text{mix}}(\varphi^+\varphi)(\Phi^+\Phi)$  must exist in addition to  $\varphi^4$  and  $\Phi^4$  (= portal)
- Quantum corrections  $\sim M^2$  drive both masses to the (heavy) scale  
→ vastly different scalar scales are generically unstable

- Since SM Higgs exists → problem: embedding with a 2<sup>nd</sup> scalar
  - gauge extensions → must be broken...
  - GUTs → must be broken
  - even for SUSY GUTS → doublet-triplet splitting...
  - also for fashinable Higgs-portal scenarios...

## Options:

- no 2<sup>nd</sup> Higgs
- some symmetry: SUSY, ...?

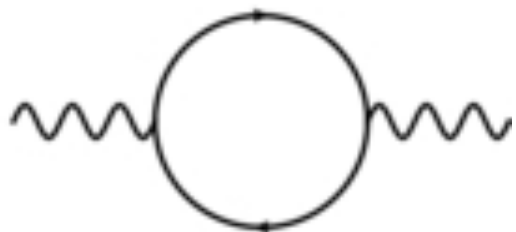
# $\Lambda$ and conformal Symmetry

- **Basics of QFT: Renormalization  $\leftrightarrow$  commutator**
  - $[\Phi(X), \Pi(y)] \sim \delta^3(x-y) \rightarrow$  ~~delta function~~  $\rightarrow$  distribution
  - freedom to define  $\delta^* \delta \rightarrow$  renormalization  $\leftrightarrow$  counter-terms
  - along come technicalities: lattice,  $\Lambda$ , Pauli-Villars,  $\overline{MS}$ , ...
- **Reminder: Technicalities do not establish physical existence!**
  - $\rightarrow$  Symmetries are essential!**

**Question: Is gauge symmetry spoiled by massive gauge bosons?  $\rightarrow$  of course: NO  $\leftrightarrow$  Higgs mechanism**

**$\rightarrow$  non-linear realization of the underlying symmetry**

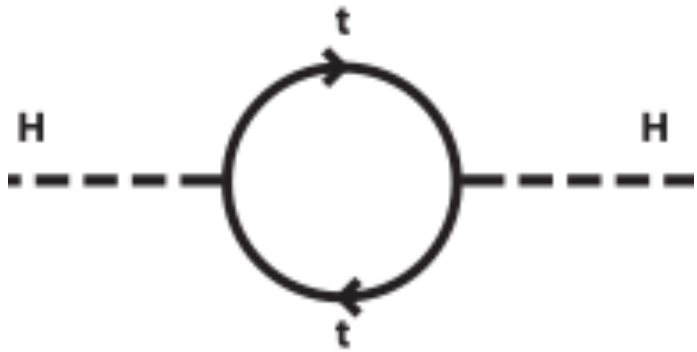
**$\rightarrow$  important consequence: naïve power counting is wrong**



**Gauge invariance  $\rightarrow$  only log sensitivity**



# Non-linear Realization of Conformal Symmetry



If conformal symmetry is realized in a non-linear way:

→ protective relic of conformal symmetry

→ only log sensitivity

↔ conformal anomaly ↔  $\beta$ -functions

- **No hierarchy problem, even though there is the conformal anomaly - only logs ↔  $\beta$ -functions**
- **Dimensional transmutation by log running like in QCD**
  - scalar QCD: scalars can condense and set scales like fermions
  - also for massless scalar QCD: **no scale → scale ; no hierarchy**
  - use this in Coleman Weinberg effective potential calculations
  - ↔ most attractive channels (MAC) ↔  $\beta$ -functions

# Implementing the idea...

# Why the minimalistic SM does not work

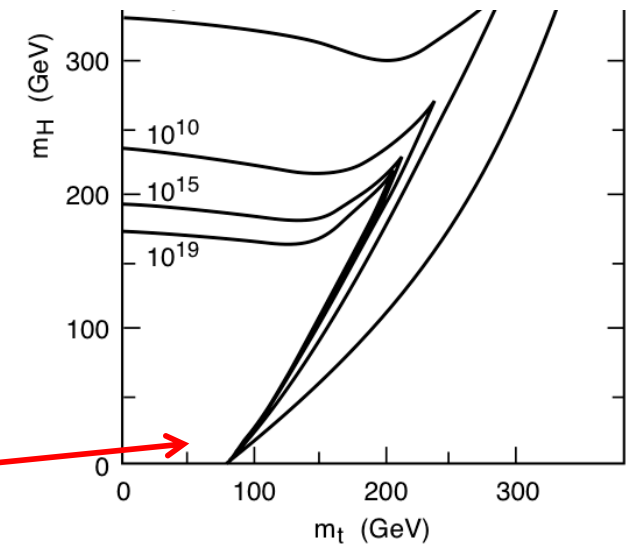
**Minimalistic version:  $\rightarrow$  SM-**

**SM + choose  $\mu=0 \leftrightarrow$  CS**

**Coleman Weinberg: effective potential**

**$\rightarrow$  CS breaking (dimensional transmutation)**

**$\rightarrow$  induces for  $m_t < 79$  GeV  
a Higgs mass  $m_H = 8.9$  GeV**

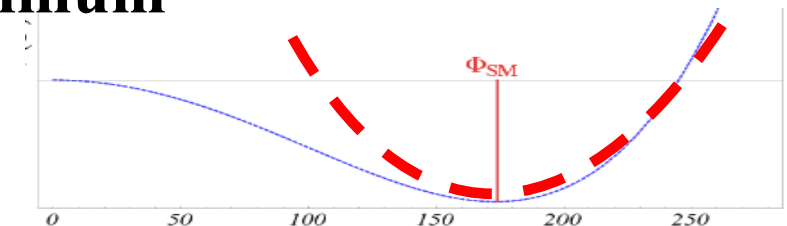


**This would conceptually realize the idea, but:**

**Higgs too light and the idea does not work for  $m_t > 79$  GeV**

**Reason for  $m_H \ll v$ :  $V_{\text{eff}}$  flat around minimum**

**$\leftrightarrow m_H \sim$  loop factor  $\sim 1/16\pi^2$**



**AND: We need neutrino masses, dark matter, ...**

# Realizing the Idea via Higgs Portals

- SM scalar  $\Phi$  plus some new scalar  $\varphi$  (or more scalars)
- CS  $\rightarrow$  no scalar mass terms
- the scalars interact  $\rightarrow \lambda_{\text{mix}}(\varphi^+\varphi)(\Phi^+\Phi)$  must exist

$\rightarrow$  a condensate of  $\langle\varphi^+\varphi\rangle$  produces  $\lambda_{\text{mix}}\langle\varphi^+\varphi\rangle(\Phi^+\Phi) = \mu^2(\Phi^+\Phi)$   
 $\rightarrow$  effective mass term for  $\Phi$

- CS anomalous ...  $\rightarrow$  breaking  $\rightarrow$  only  $\ln(\Lambda)$   
 $\rightarrow$  implies a TeV-ish condensate for  $\varphi$  to obtain  $\langle\Phi\rangle = 246$  GeV
- Model building possibilities / phenomenological aspects:
  - $\varphi$  could be an effective field of some hidden sector DSB
  - further particles could exist in hidden sector; e.g. confining...
  - extra hidden U(1) potentially problematic  $\leftrightarrow$  U(1) mixing
  - avoid Yukawas which couple visible and hidden sector $\rightarrow$  phenomenology safe due to Higgs portal, but there is TeV-ish new physics!



# Phenomenology

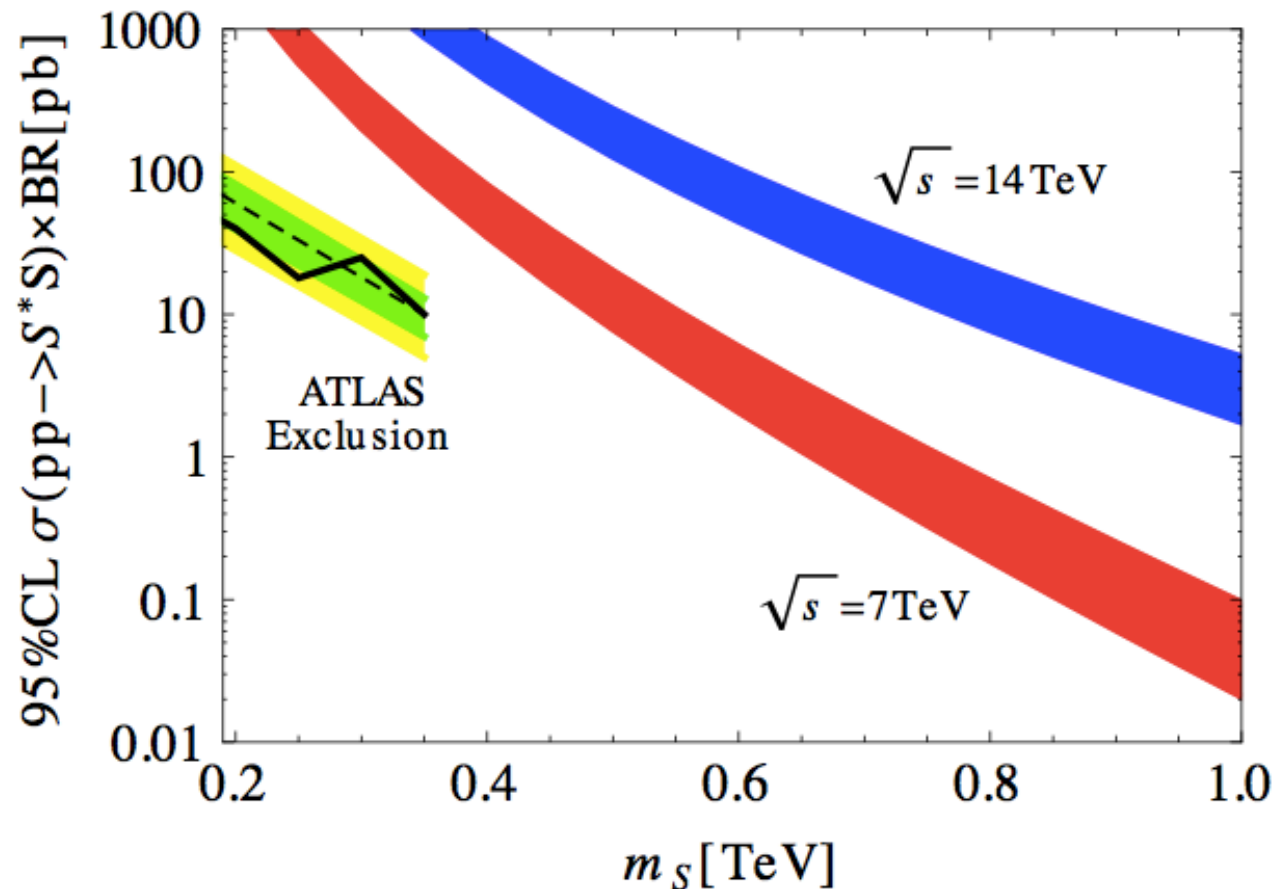


Figure 3. The  $S$  pair production cross section from gluon fusion channel is calculated for different value of  $m_S$ . The 95% confidence level exclusion limit on  $\sigma \times \text{BR}$  for  $\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$  by ATLAS is plotted. We assume 100% BR of  $\langle S^\dagger S \rangle$  into two jets.

# Realizing this Idea: Left-Right Extension

M. Holthausen, ML, M. Schmidt

## Radiative SB in conformal LR-extension of SM

(use isomorphism  $SU(2) \times SU(2) \simeq Spin(4) \rightarrow$  representations)

particle	parity $\mathcal{P}$	$Z_4$	$Spin(1,3) \times (SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R) \times (SU(3)_C \times U(1)_{B-L})$
$L_{1,2,3} = \begin{pmatrix} L_L \\ -iL_R \end{pmatrix}$	$PPL(t, -x)$	$L_R \rightarrow iL_R$	$\left[ \left( \frac{1}{2}, \underline{0} \right) (\underline{2}, \underline{1}) + \left( \underline{0}, \frac{1}{2} \right) (\underline{1}, \underline{2}) \right] (\underline{1}, -1)$
$Q_{1,2,3} = \begin{pmatrix} Q_L \\ -iQ_R \end{pmatrix}$	$PPQ(t, -x)$	$Q_R \rightarrow -iQ_R$	$\left[ \left( \frac{1}{2}, \underline{0} \right) (\underline{2}, \underline{1}) + \left( \underline{0}, \frac{1}{2} \right) (\underline{1}, \underline{2}) \right] (\underline{3}, \frac{1}{3})$
$\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \tilde{\Phi} \\ -\tilde{\Phi}^\dagger & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	$P\Phi^\dagger P(t, -x)$	$\Phi \rightarrow i\Phi$	$(\underline{0}, \underline{0}) (\underline{2}, \underline{2}) (\underline{1}, 0)$
$\Psi = \begin{pmatrix} \chi_L \\ -i\chi_R \end{pmatrix}$	$P\Psi(t, -x)$	$\chi_R \rightarrow -i\chi_R$	$(\underline{0}, \underline{0}) [(\underline{2}, \underline{1}) + (\underline{1}, \underline{2})] (\underline{1}, -1)$

→ the usual fermions, one bi-doublet, two doublets

→ a  $Z_4$  symmetry

→ no scalar mass terms  $\leftrightarrow$  CS

→ **Most general gauge and scale invariant potential respecting  $Z_4$**

$$\mathcal{V}(\Phi, \Psi) = \frac{\kappa_1}{2} (\bar{\Psi}\Psi)^2 + \frac{\kappa_2}{2} (\bar{\Psi}\Gamma\Psi)^2 + \lambda_1 (\text{tr}\Phi^\dagger\Phi)^2 + \lambda_2 (\text{tr}\Phi\Phi + \text{tr}\Phi^\dagger\Phi^\dagger)^2 + \lambda_3 (\text{tr}\Phi\Phi - \text{tr}\Phi^\dagger\Phi^\dagger)^2 + \beta_1 \bar{\Psi}\Psi\text{tr}\Phi^\dagger\Phi + f_1 \bar{\Psi}\Gamma[\Phi^\dagger, \Phi]\Psi,$$

→ calculate  $V_{\text{eff}}$

→ Gildner-Weinberg formalism (RG improvement of flat directions)

- anomaly breaks CS

- spontaneous breaking of parity,  $Z_4$ , LR and EW symmetry

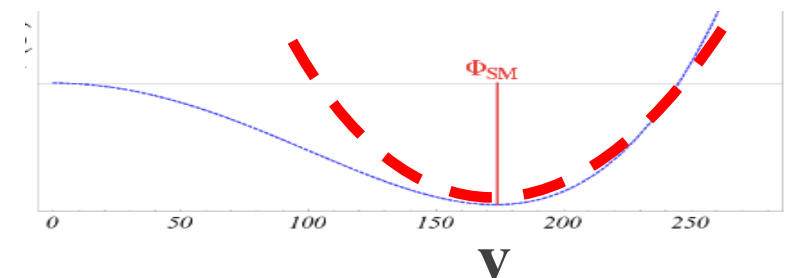
-  $m_H \ll v$  ; typically suppressed by 1-2 orders of magnitude

Reason:  $V_{\text{eff}}$  flat around minimum

$\leftrightarrow m_H \sim \text{loop factor} \sim 1/16\pi^2$

→ generic feature → predictions

- everything works nicely...



→ requires moderate parameter adjustment for the separation of the LR and EW scale... PGB...?



# SM $\otimes$ hidden $SU(3)_H$ Gauge Sector

Holthausen, Kubo, Lim, ML

- hidden  $SU(3)_H$ :

$$\mathcal{L}_H = -\frac{1}{2}\text{Tr } F^2 + \text{Tr } \bar{\psi}(i\gamma^\mu D_\mu - yS)\psi$$

gauge fields ;  $\psi = 3_H$  with  $SU(3)_F$  ; **S = real singlet scalar**

- SM coupled by S via a Higgs portal:

$$V_{SM+S} = \lambda_H(H^\dagger H)^2 + \frac{1}{4}\lambda_S S^4 - \frac{1}{2}\lambda_{HS} S^2(H^\dagger H)$$

- no scalar mass terms
- use similarity to QCD, use NJL approximation, ...
- $\chi$ -ral symmetry breaking in hidden sector:  
 $SU(3)_L \times SU(3)_R \rightarrow SU(3)_V \rightarrow$  **generation of TeV scale**  
 **$\rightarrow$  transferred into the SM sector through the singlet S**  
 **$\rightarrow$  dark pions are PGBs: naturally stable  $\rightarrow$  DM**

## Realizing the Idea: Specific Realizations

**SM + extra singlet:  $\Phi, \varphi$**

Nicolai, Meissner, Farzinnia, He, Ren, Foot, Kobakhidze, Volkas, ...

**SM + extra  $SU(N)$  with new  $N$ -plet in a hidden sector**

Ko, Carone, Ramos, Holthausen, Kubo, Lim, ML, (Hambye, Strumia), ...

**SM embedded into larger symmetry (CW-type LR)**

Holthausen, ML, M. Schmidt

**SM + QCD colored scalar which condenses at TeV scale**

Kubo, Lim, ML

**Since the SM-only version does not work  $\rightarrow$  observable effects:**

- Higgs coupling to other scalars (singlet, hidden sector, ...)
- dark matter candidates  $\leftrightarrow$  hidden sectors & Higgs portals
- consequences for neutrino masses

# Comments / Expectations / Questions

- New (hidden) sector  $\leftrightarrow$  DM, neutrino masses, ... !
- Question: Isn't the Planck-Scale spoiling things (cut-off)?  
 $\rightarrow$  non-linear realization...  $\rightarrow$  conformal gravity...  
ideas: see e.g. A. Salvio and A. Strumia, ... ? K. Hamada, ...  
 $\rightarrow$  some mechanism to generate  $M_{\text{Planck}}$  by dimensional transmutation
- Are  $M_{\text{planck}}$  and  $M_{\text{weak}}$  connected?  $\rightarrow$  not necessary
- Question: What about inflation?  
see e.g. K. Kannike, A. Racioppi, M. Raidal, V. Khoze
- What about unification ...  $\rightarrow$  no – or  $M_{\text{Planck}} = M_{\text{GUT}}$
- UV: ultimate solution should be asymptotically safe (UV-FPs) ...  
 $\rightarrow$  see talk by others; UV-FPs  $\leftrightarrow$  conformal? Here: FP=0... >0...?
- Justifying classical scale invariance  
 $\rightarrow$  cancel the conformal anomaly  
 $\rightarrow$  nature of space time & observables...

# Conformal Symmetry & Neutrino Masses

ML, S. Schmidt and J. Smirnov

- **No explicit scale  $\rightarrow$  no explicit (Dirac or Majorana) mass term  $\rightarrow$  only Yukawa couplings  $\otimes$  generic scales**
- **Enlarge the Standard Model field spectrum like in 0706.1829 - R. Foot, A. Kobakhidze, K.L. McDonald, R. Volkas**
- **Consider direct product groups: SM  $\otimes$  HS**
- **Two scales: CS breaking scale at O(TeV) + induced EW scale**

Important consequence for fermion mass terms:

$\rightarrow$  spectrum of Yukawa couplings  $\otimes$  TeV or EW scale

$\rightarrow$  interesting consequences  $\leftrightarrow$  Majorana mass terms are no longer expected at the generic L-breaking scale  $\rightarrow$  anywhere

# Examples

$$\mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & y_D \langle H \rangle \\ y_D^T \langle H \rangle & y_M \langle \phi \rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

→ generically expect a TeV seesaw

BUT:  $y_M$  might be tiny

→ wide range of sterile masses → including pseudo-Dirac case

→ suppressed  $0\nu\beta\beta$

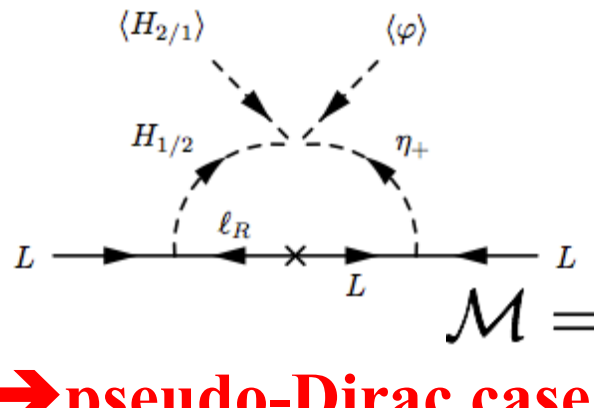
## Yukawa seesaw:

SM +  $\nu_R$  + singlet

$\langle \phi \rangle \approx \text{TeV}$

$\langle H \rangle \approx 1/4 \text{ TeV}$

## Radiative masses



$$\mathcal{M} = m_L \quad \text{or}$$

$$\mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 & y_D \langle H \rangle \\ y_D^T \langle H \rangle & \mu_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

→ pseudo-Dirac case

The punch line:

all usual neutrino mass terms can be generated

→ suitable scalars

→ no explicit masses

all via Yukawa couplings

→ different numerical

expectations

# Another Example: Inverse Seesaw

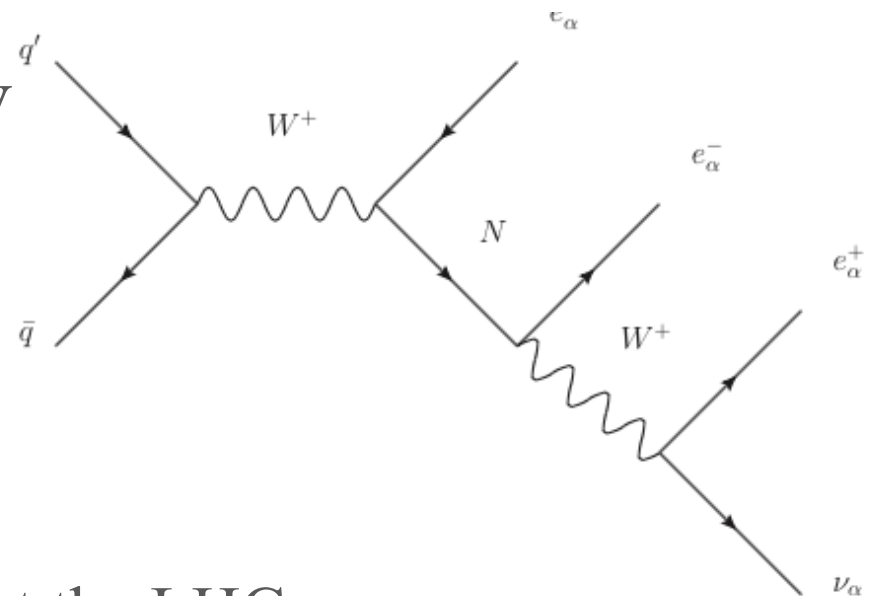
$SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \times U(1)_X$

P. Humbert, ML, J. Smirnov

	$H$	$\phi_1$	$\phi_2$	$L$	$\nu_R$	$N_R$	$N_L$
$U(1)_X$	0	1	2	0	0	1	1
Lepton Number	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
$U(1)_Y$	1	0	0	-1	0	0	0
$SU(2)_L$	2	1	1	2	1	1	1

$$\mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & y_D \langle H \rangle & 0 & 0 \\ y_D \langle H \rangle & 0 & y_1 \langle \phi_1 \rangle & \tilde{y}_1 \langle \phi_1 \rangle \\ 0 & y_1 \langle \phi_1 \rangle & y_2 \langle \phi_2 \rangle & 0 \\ 0 & \tilde{y}_1 \langle \phi_1 \rangle & 0 & \tilde{y}_2 \langle \phi_2 \rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

- light eV “active” neutrino(s)
- two pseudo-Dirac neutrinos;  $m \sim \text{TeV}$
- sterile state with  $\mu \approx \text{keV}$
- tiny non-unitarity of PMNS matrix
- tiny lepton universality violation
- suppressed  $0\nu\beta\beta$  decay ←!
- lepton flavour violation
- tri-lepton production could show up at the LHC
- keV neutrinos as warm dark matter →



# Implications for Neutrino Mass Spectra

3x3 matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} \bar{\nu}_L & \bar{\nu}_R^c \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} M_L & m_D \\ m_D & M_R \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_L^c \\ \nu_R \end{pmatrix}$$

3 →  $\bar{\nu}_L$   
 0 ... N →  $\bar{\nu}_R^c$   
 3x3 matrix →  $M_L$   
 3xN →  $m_D$   
 NxN →  $M_R$

Usually:

$M_L$  tiny or 0,  $M_R$  heavy

→ see-saw & variants

light sterile: F-symmetries...

Now:

$M_L, M_R$  may have any value:

→ diagonalization: 3+N EV

→ 3x3 active almost unitary

$M_L=0, m_D = M_W,$   
 $M_R=\text{high: see-saw}$

$M_R$  singular  
singular-SS

$M_L = M_R = 0$   
Dirac

$M_L = M_R = \varepsilon$   
pseudo Dirac



# Conformal Symmetry & Dark Matter

Different quite natural options:

- 1) A keV sterile neutrino is in all cases easily possible
  - 2) New particles which are fundamental or composite DM candidates:
    - hidden sector pseudo-Goldstone-bosons
    - stable color neutral bound states from new QCD representations
- some look like WIMPs
- others are extremely weakly coupled (via Higgs portal)
- or even coupled to QCD (with threshold suppression)



# Summary

- SM works perfectly; (so far) no signs of new physics
- The standard hierarchy problem suggests TeV scale physics ... which did (so far...) not show up

- **The old problem: ...the hierarchy problem ...**

$\lambda(M_{\text{Planck}}) = 0$  ?  $\leftrightarrow$  precise value for  $m_t$

**→ is there a message?**

➔ Embeddings into QFTs with classical conformal symmetry

- SM: Coleman Weinberg effective potential – excluded
- extended versions → work!

**→ implications for Higgs couplings, dark matter, ...**

**→ implications for neutrino masses**

**→ testable consequences @ LHC, dark matter, neutrinos**