

# Improved theoretical constraints on BSM Models

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These constraints are often derived/applied using important **assumptions/approximations**

# Tree-level perturbative unitarity

- The tree-level **perturbative unitarity** conditions impose constraints on  $2 \rightarrow 2$  **scattering processes**
- The scattering matrix  $\mathcal{M}$  is decomposed in partial waves as

$$\mathcal{M} = 16\pi \sum_J (2J+1) a_J P_J(\cos\theta) \simeq 16\pi a_0$$

$J$ : is the angular momentum;  $P_J(\cos\theta)$ : Legendre polynomials

- To first order and at tree-level, the **maximal eigenvalue of the matrix** is constrained to

$$|(a_0^{\max})| \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

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# Unitarity constraints in BSM literature

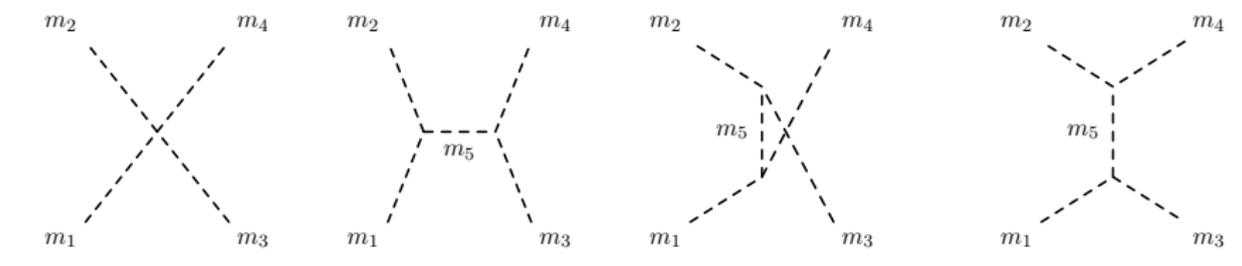
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**Unitarity Constraints**

## Common approach

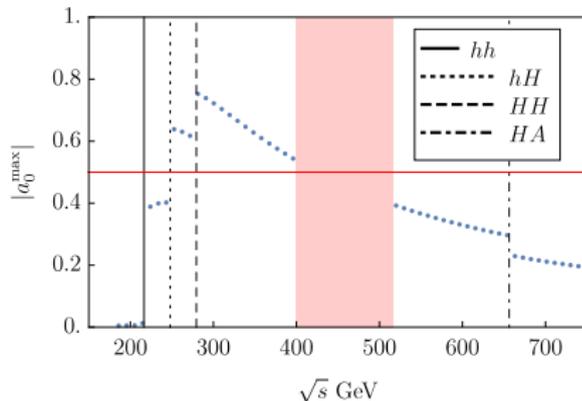
The unitarity constraints for BSM models are usually derived under **assumption that the scattering energy is very large:**

- only point interactions are non-vanishing
- effects from **cubic couplings neglected**
- effects from **EWSB neglected**

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- In order to be conservative, we generously cut out poles, e.g



→ One can see already an enhancement at small  $\sqrt{s}$  !

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$$16\pi a_0(hS \rightarrow hS) = - \frac{\lambda_{HS}}{16\pi s(s - m_S^2) \sqrt{m_h^4 - 2m_h^2(m_S^2 + s) + (m_S^2 - s)^2}} \times$$
$$\left[ - \left( m_h^4 - 2m_h^2(m_S^2 + s) + (m_S^2 - s)^2 \right) (-\lambda_{HS}v^2 + m_S^2 - s) \right.$$
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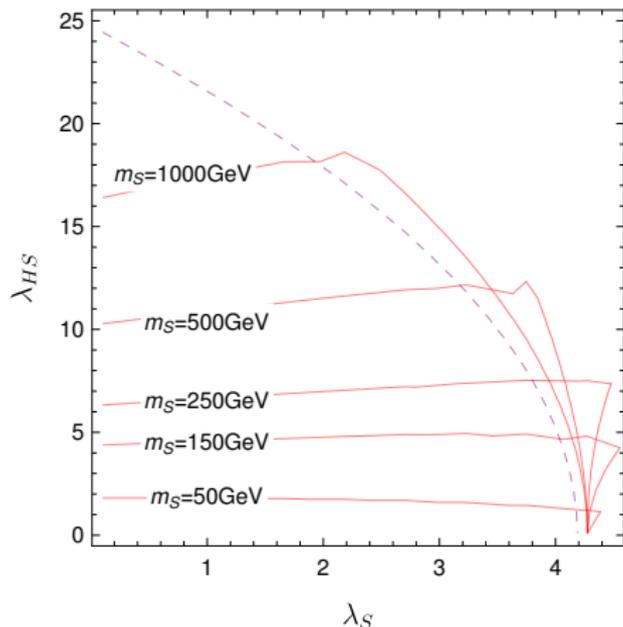
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There is an enhancement of  $\frac{\lambda_{HS} v^2}{m_h^2}$  for light singlet masses at small  $s$

# Singlet model: Numerical result



- Much stronger constraints on  $\lambda_{HS}$
- We used  $\sqrt{s} < 2500$  GeV which causes weaker constraints for  $\lambda_S$

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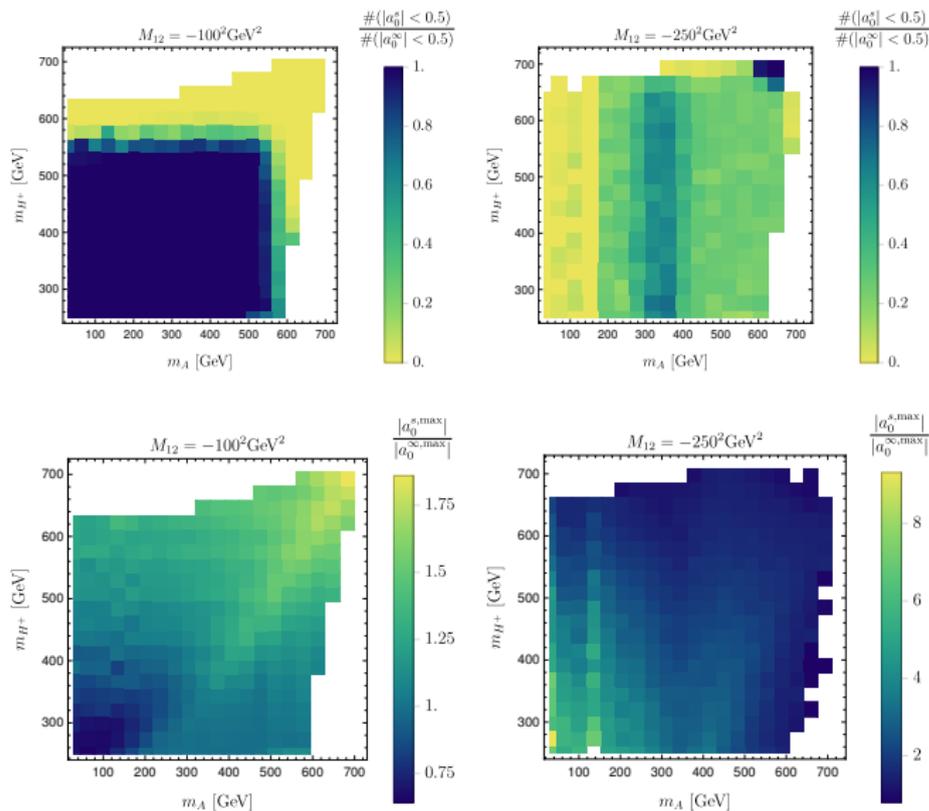
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Large enhancement for large  $m_A$  or  $|M_{12}|$ !

# Numerical Results for $m_H < m_h$

[Goodsell, FS, 1805.TODAY]



- First row: ratio of points which are ruled out by the new constraints
- Second row: average enhancement

Unitarity Constraints

We checked many other models/scenarios and often found that the ***s*-dependent constraints can become much stronger:**

## ■ THDM:

[Goodsell,FS,1805.TODAY]

- Also stronger constraints for heavy Higgs scenarios
- (effective) cubic terms are usually more important than loop corrections

## ■ Triplet models:

[Krauss,FS,1805.TODAY]

- Mass splitting between neutral and charged triplet stronger constrained
- Mixing between triplet and doublet stronger constrained

## ■ Georgi Machacek model:

[Krauss,FS,1805.TODAY]

- Strong constraints on heavy Higgs masses
- Strong constraints on triplet contributions to ew VEV

# Vacuum stability checks

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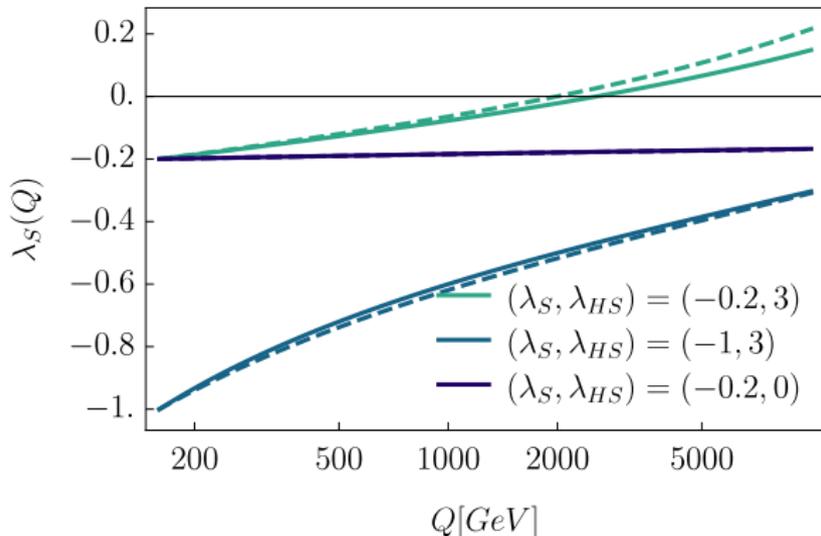
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## Presence of large couplings

Radiative corrections can be crucial and change the situation at the loop-level

# RGE running

We can already see from the RGE running that a tree-level check might be misleading:



→ Small negative values run quickly positive in the presence of other large quartic couplings

# Vacuum stability at loop-level in the THDM

We checked the **vacuum stability of the THDM** using:

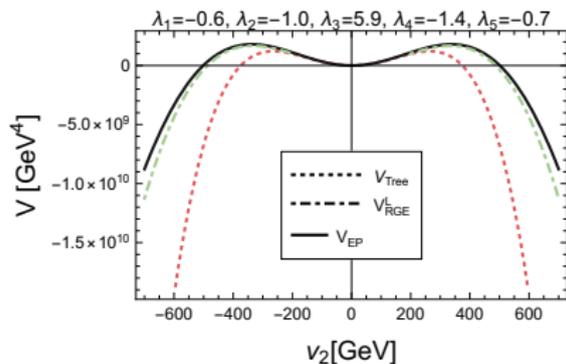
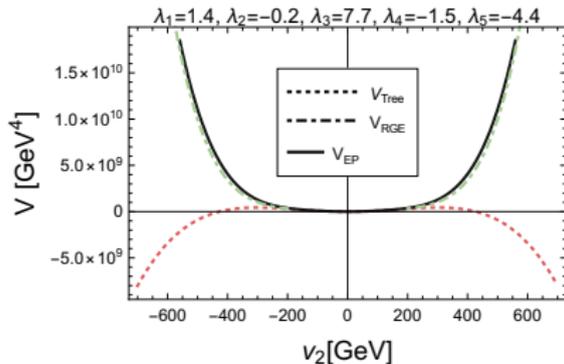
- 1 The **RGE improved potential** to check the high-energy behaviour
- 2 The **full one-loop effective potential** to check for deeper minima close to the ew scale

## Numerical analysis

The check of the vacuum stability has been done **fully numerically** using the combination SARAH, SPheno, Vevacious

# Comparison for single points

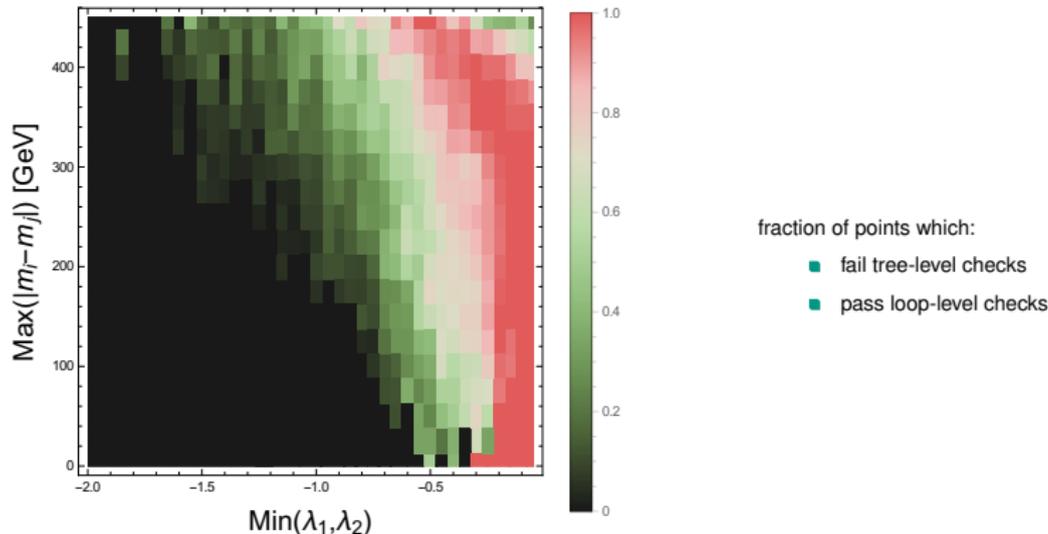
- We can compare the three predictions:
  - 1 Tree-level potential
  - 2 One-loop effective potential
  - 3 RGE improved potential
  
- We usually find a **good agreement between both loop calculations:**



## Vacuum Stability Checks

# Misidentification rate

- The loop effect stabilize the vacuum
- **Tree-level checks could give wrong results**



Tree-level checks are (often) too strong for small neg. values of quartics!

We concentrated here on UFB directions in THDMs.

Other results are:

- **THDMs:**

[FS,1705.03677]

- Meta-stable points: more than 90% of the points become stable at loop-level

- **Georgi-Machacek-Model:**

[Krauss,FS,1709.03501]

- Similar behaviour to THDMs
- Large fraction of points become stabilized at loop-level

# Finding the cut-off

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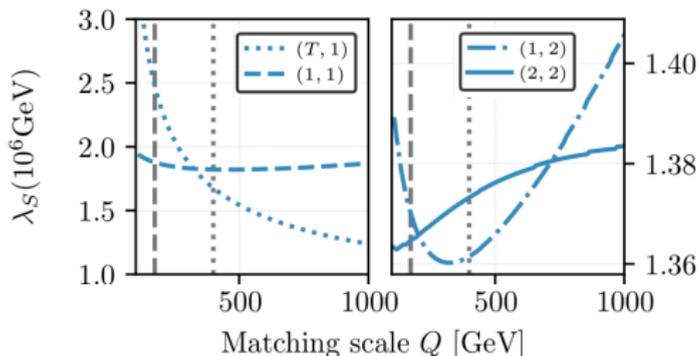
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**However, this gets only the leading logarithm correct!**

- The **results shouldn't depend** (significantly) on the choice of the **matching scale**
- **Compare** scale dependence explicitly by comparing different **loop-levels**:



- 1-loop Running & Tree-Level matching suffer from a huge uncertainty
- Best results for 2-loop running & matching

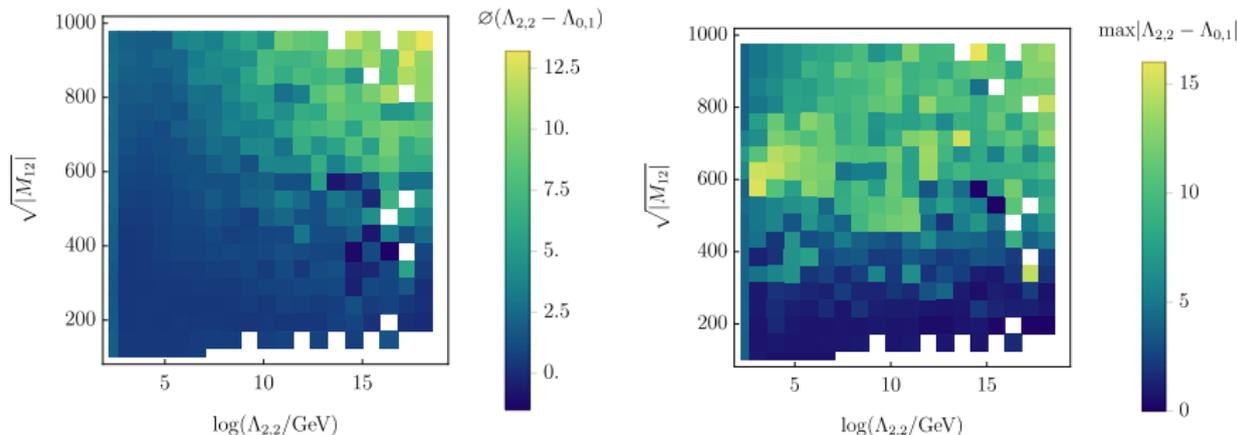
The **cut-off scale** depends strongly on the **loop-levels** of running/matching:

$(n, m)$	$\lambda$	$\lambda_S$	$\lambda_{SH}$	$\Lambda$ [GeV]
$(T, 1)$	0.34	1.1	-1.1	$3.2 \cdot 10^3$
$(T, 2)$				$1.3 \cdot 10^4$
$(1, 1)$	0.33	0.24	-0.97	$3.2 \cdot 10^8$
$(1, 2)$				$2.5 \cdot 10^9$
$(2, 1)$	0.32	0.18	-0.94	$2.5 \cdot 10^{10}$
$(2, 2)$				$2.0 \cdot 10^{11}$

Example for  $Z_2$  breaking case with  $M_H = 700$  GeV and  $\tan \alpha = 0.1$

The first order approximation (1-loop running, tree-level matching) can be **wrong by many orders of magnitude**

[Krauss,Opferkuch,FS,to appear]



The **cut-off can in- or decrease** at higher loop-levels:

- The **effects don't wash out** when averaging over **many points**
- **Huge differences** are visible for **specific points**

- Theoretical constraints on new couplings models are important
- **Important corrections** can appear compared to the common approaches:
  - **Unitarity constraints at small  $s$**  can be much stronger compared to the  $s \rightarrow \infty$  limit
  - The **scalar potential can be stabilised by loop-effects** and UFB directions disappear
  - Predictions based on **2-loop running & matching are much more accurate** and can be **very different**

## Tools

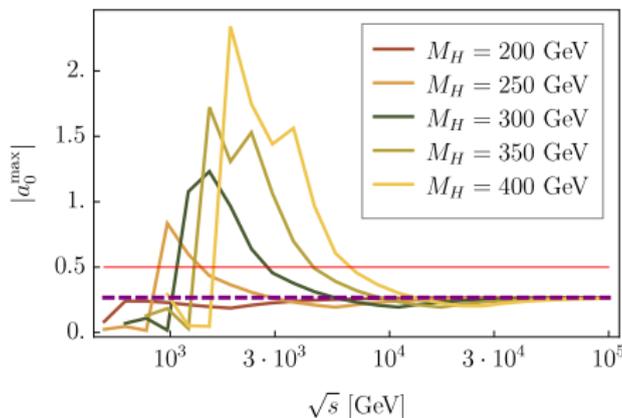
The tools to study the improved constraints for many models are public

- SARAH: [sarah.hepforge.org](http://sarah.hepforge.org)
- SPheno: [spheno.hepforge.org](http://spheno.hepforge.org)
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# Backup

# $s$ Dependence

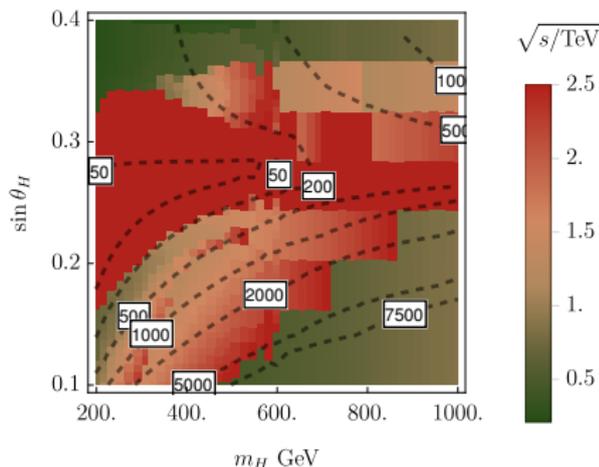
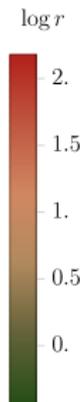
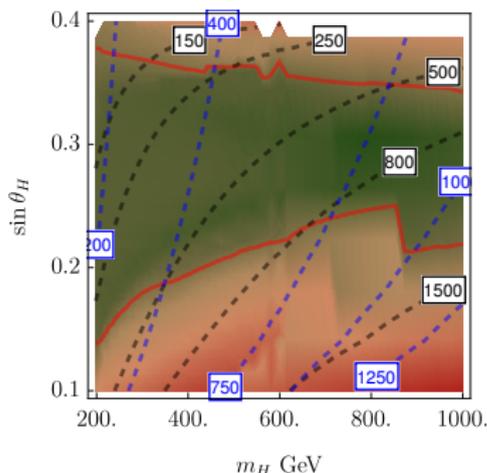
Assuming a fixed  $s$ , we find



## Finite $s$

We see that the scattering at small  $s$  can be highly enhanced compared to the large  $s$  limit!

# Comparison between old and new limits



- $\log(\alpha^s / \alpha^{s \rightarrow \infty})$
- contours: values of  $m_3, m_5$
- red lines: exclusion limit from new constraints

- best scattering energy
- contours: values of  $M_2$

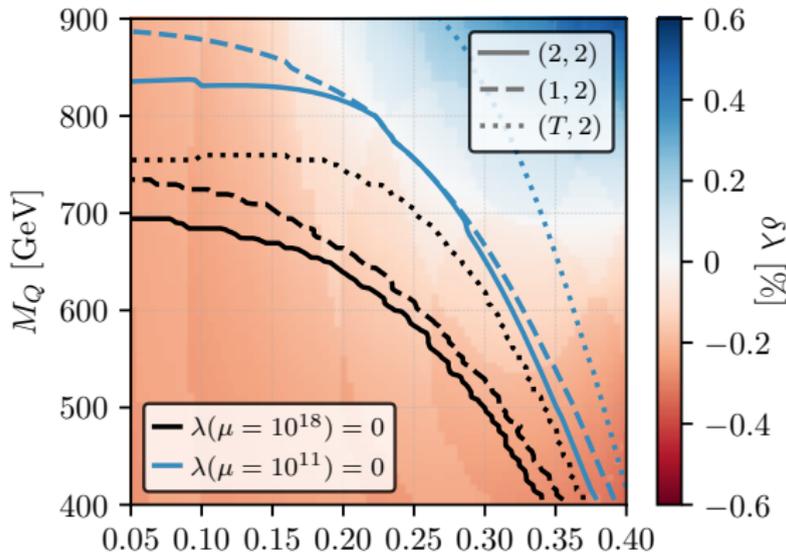
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# Vector-like extension

Considering

$$L = L_{\text{SM}} - (Y'_t Q' \cdot H t' + \tilde{Y}'_t \tilde{Q}' \cdot \bar{H} \tilde{t}' + m_T \tilde{t}' t' + m_Q \tilde{Q}' Q' + \text{h.c.})$$

we can check at which scale  $\lambda$  runs negative:



Summary