

# Stability and Symmetry Breaking in the Two-Higgs-Doublet Model

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# Motivations

- **Standard Model (SM)** contains one Higgs doublet  $\varphi = \begin{pmatrix} \varphi^+ \\ \varphi^0 \end{pmatrix}$ 
  - potential  $V_{SM} = -\mu^2 \varphi^\dagger \varphi + \lambda (\varphi^\dagger \varphi)^2$ .
  - after symmetry breaking :  $4 - 3 = 1$  real d.o.f  $\hat{=}$  1 Higgs boson.
- motivations for extended Higgs sector:  
supersymmetry, baryogenesis,...
- **Two-Higgs-Doublet Model (THDM)** as “simplest ext.”:  $\varphi_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_1^+ \\ \varphi_1^0 \end{pmatrix}, \varphi_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_2^+ \\ \varphi_2^0 \end{pmatrix}$ 
  - potential more involved
  - after symmetry breaking:  $8 - 3 = 5$  real d.o.f  $\hat{=}$  1 charged pair, 3 neutral Higgs boson.
- literatura on THDMs: huge amount (specific models, recently basis independent methods)
- here: stability and symmetry breaking in *most general* THDM at tree level (constructions for arbitrary basis)

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# THDM Higgs Potential

How can we describe the most general THDM?

- two complex Higgs-doublet fields with hypercharge  $y = +1/2$ :

$$\varphi_1(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_1^+(x) \\ \varphi_1^0(x) \end{pmatrix}, \quad \varphi_2(x) = \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_2^+(x) \\ \varphi_2^0(x) \end{pmatrix}.$$

- renormalisable, gauge invariant potential contains only

$$\varphi_i^\dagger \varphi_j, \quad (\varphi_i^\dagger \varphi_j)(\varphi_k^\dagger \varphi_l), \quad i, j, k, l \in \{1, 2\}$$

**Definition: orbit variables**  $K_0, K_1, K_2, K_3$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} \varphi_1^\dagger \varphi_1 & \varphi_2^\dagger \varphi_1 \\ \varphi_1^\dagger \varphi_2 & \varphi_2^\dagger \varphi_2 \end{pmatrix} \equiv \frac{1}{2}(K_0 \mathbb{1} + K_a \sigma^a) \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} K_0 = \varphi_1^\dagger \varphi_1 + \varphi_2^\dagger \varphi_2, & K_1 = 2 \operatorname{Re} \varphi_1^\dagger \varphi_2, \\ K_3 = \varphi_1^\dagger \varphi_1 - \varphi_2^\dagger \varphi_2, & K_2 = 2 \operatorname{Im} \varphi_1^\dagger \varphi_2 \end{cases}$$

- general THDM Higgs potential :

$$V(\varphi_1, \varphi_2) = V_2 + V_4 \quad \text{with} \quad \begin{cases} V_2 = \xi_0 K_0 + \xi_a K_a \\ V_4 = \eta_{00} K_0^2 + 2K_0 \eta_a K_a + K_a \eta_{ab} K_b \end{cases}$$

- no gauge d.o.f. in this scheme, **reduced powers**

# Orbit Variables

• **domain** ( $\mathbf{K} \equiv (K_1 \ K_2 \ K_3)^T$ ):

$$K_0 = \|\varphi_1\|^2 + \|\varphi_2\|^2 \geq 0$$

$$K_0^2 - K^2 = 4 \left( \|\varphi_1\|^2 \|\varphi_2\|^2 - |\varphi_1^\dagger \varphi_2|^2 \right) \geq 0$$

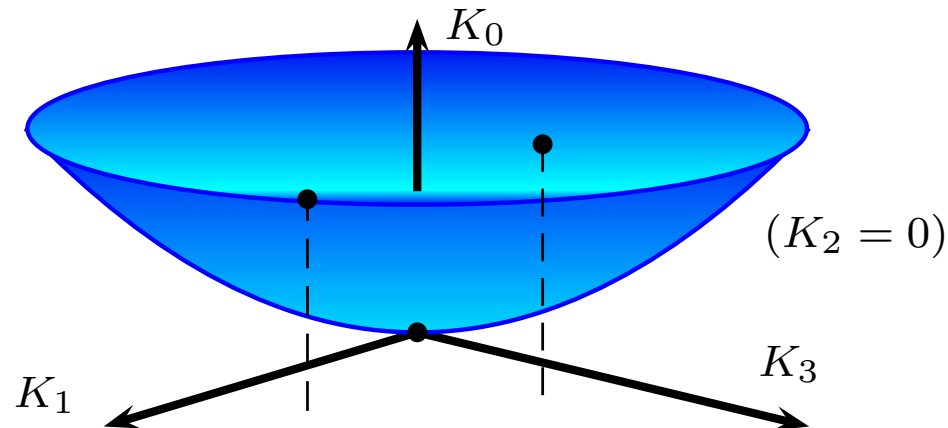
• **change of doublet basis** by  $U \in U(2)$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \varphi'_1 \\ \varphi'_2 \end{pmatrix} = U \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_1 \\ \varphi_2 \end{pmatrix},$$

means for orbit variables

$$K'_0 = K_0, \quad \mathbf{K}' = R(U)\mathbf{K}, \quad R(U) \in SO(3), \quad U^\dagger \sigma^a U = R_{ab}(U) \sigma^b.$$

• Minkowski type structure:  $(K_0, \mathbf{K})$  on and inside **“forward light cone”**.



# Stability

- stable potential: **bounded from below**
- stability determined by  $V$  in limit  $(|\varphi_1|^2 + |\varphi_2|^2 =) K_0 \rightarrow \infty$ ,
- consider  $V_4$  for  $K_0 > 0$ , define:

$$\mathbf{k} \equiv \mathbf{K}/K_0, \quad \text{with } |\mathbf{k}| \leq 1.$$

$$V_4 = K_0^2 J_4(\mathbf{k}), \quad J_4(\mathbf{k}) \equiv \eta_{00} + 2\eta^T \mathbf{k} + \mathbf{k}^T E \mathbf{k}$$

- stability guaranteed by  $V_4 \Leftrightarrow J_4(\mathbf{k}) > 0$  for all  $|\mathbf{k}| \leq 1$
- domain of  $J_4$  is unit ball: **compact**  
 $J_4 > 0 \Leftrightarrow J_4|_{stat} > 0$  for all its **stationary points**
- stationary points of  $J_4(\mathbf{k}) \equiv \eta_{00} + 2\eta^T \mathbf{k} + \mathbf{k}^T E \mathbf{k}$  on domain  $\mathbf{k}^2 \leq 1$

$$|\mathbf{k}| < 1 : \text{solve } \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} J_4(\mathbf{k}) = 0 \Leftrightarrow E \mathbf{k} = -\eta \quad \text{with } 1 - \mathbf{k}^2 > 0$$

$$|\mathbf{k}| = 1 : \text{define } F_4(\mathbf{k}, u) \equiv J_4(\mathbf{k}) + u(1 - \mathbf{k}^2) \quad \text{with Lagrange multiplier } u,$$

$$\text{solve } \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} F_4(\mathbf{k}, u) = 0 \Leftrightarrow (E - u) \mathbf{k} = -\eta \quad \text{with } 1 - \mathbf{k}^2 = 0$$



# Stability

## Stability criteria via one function

- unified description with

$$f(u) \equiv F_4(\mathbf{k}(u), u) = u + \eta_{00} - \eta^T (E - u)^{-1} \eta$$

- for regular stationary points (set  $u = 0$  for  $|\mathbf{k}| < 1$ ):

$$f(u) = J_4(\mathbf{k}) = V_4(k)/K_0^2,$$

$$f'(u) = 1 - \mathbf{k}^2$$

- define  $I =$  “set of all  $u$  values belonging to stat. pnts. of  $J_4(\mathbf{k})$ ”:

$$I := \{u | f'(u) = 0 \quad \vee \quad \leftarrow \text{on sphere}\right. \\ \left. u = 0 \quad \wedge \quad f'(0) > 0\} \quad \leftarrow \text{inside ball}$$

(exceptional solutions omitted here)

## Theorem

Stability of potential guaranteed by  $V_4 \Leftrightarrow f(u_i) > 0$  for all  $u_i \in I$

# Stability

## Illustration of Stability Determining Function

- stability determined by

$$f(u) \equiv F_4(\mathbf{k}(u), u)$$

- explicitly

$$f(u) = u + \eta_{00} - \eta^T (E - u)^{-1} \eta,$$

$$f'(u) = 1 - \eta^T (E - u)^{-2} \eta,$$

- in a basis where  $E = \text{diag}(\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3)$ :

$$f(u) = u + \eta_{00} - \sum_{a=1}^3 \frac{\eta_a^2}{\mu_a - u},$$

$$f'(u) = 1 - \sum_{a=1}^3 \frac{\eta_a^2}{(\mu_a - u)^2}.$$

- $f'(u)$  has at most 6 zeros

- (exceptional solutions only possible if corresponding  $\eta_a = 0$ )

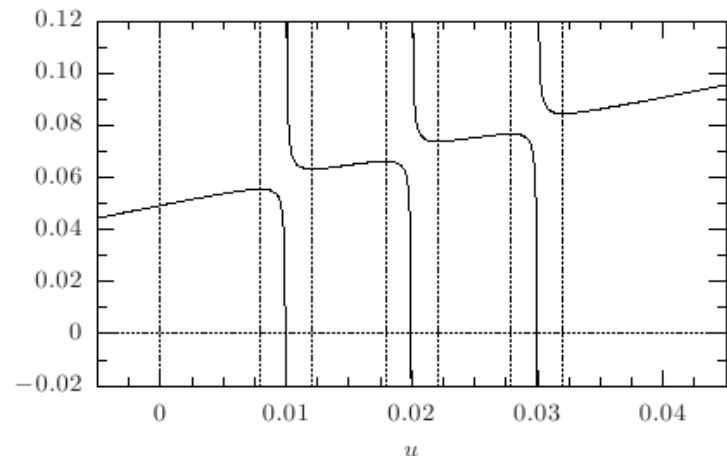
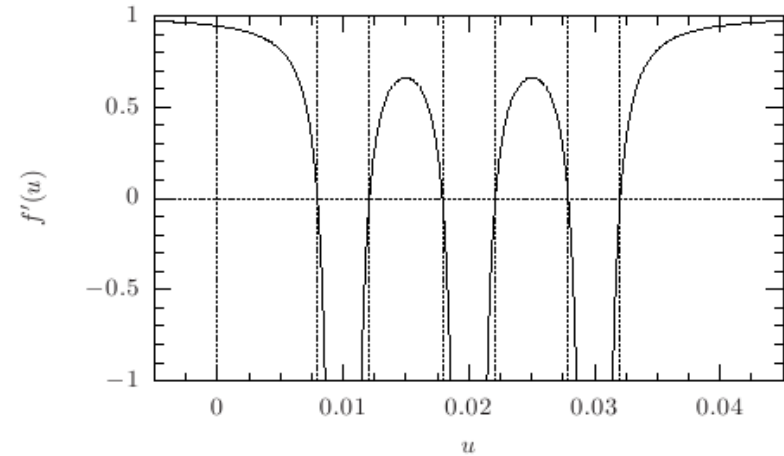


figure:  $f'(u)$ ,  $f(u)$  for  $\eta_{00} = 5 \cdot 10^{-2}$ ,  
 $\eta_a = 2 \cdot 10^{-3}$ ,  $(\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3) = (1, 2, 3) \cdot 10^{-2}$

# Example: THDM of Gunion et al.

## Potential

● Higgs potential:

$$\begin{aligned} V = & \lambda_1(\varphi_1^\dagger \varphi_1 - v_1^2)^2 + \lambda_2(\varphi_2^\dagger \varphi_2 - v_2^2)^2 + \lambda_3(\varphi_1^\dagger \varphi_1 - v_1^2 + \varphi_2^\dagger \varphi_2 - v_2^2)^2 \\ & + \lambda_4((\varphi_1^\dagger \varphi_1)(\varphi_2^\dagger \varphi_2) - (\varphi_1^\dagger \varphi_2)(\varphi_2^\dagger \varphi_1)) \\ & + \lambda_5(\text{Re}(\varphi_1^\dagger \varphi_2) - v_1 v_2 \cos \xi)^2 + \lambda_6(\text{Im}(\varphi_1^\dagger \varphi_2) - v_1 v_2 \sin \xi)^2 \\ & + \lambda_7(\text{Re}(\varphi_1^\dagger \varphi_2) - v_1 v_2 \cos \xi)(\text{Im}(\varphi_1^\dagger \varphi_2) - v_1 v_2 \sin \xi) \end{aligned}$$

●  $V$  breaks  $(\varphi_1, \varphi_2) \leftarrow (-\varphi_1, \varphi_2)$  only softly

●  $V_4$  parameters:

$$\eta_{00} = \frac{1}{4}(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + 4\lambda_3 + \lambda_4),$$
$$\eta = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad E = \frac{1}{8} \begin{pmatrix} 2(\lambda_5 - \lambda_4) & \lambda_7 & 0 \\ \lambda_7 & 2(\lambda_6 - \lambda_4) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 - \lambda_4) \end{pmatrix}.$$

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## Stability

- stability guaranteed by  $V_4$  <sup>theorem</sup>  $\iff$

$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_3 > 0, \quad \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 > 0, \quad \lambda_4, \kappa > -2\lambda_3 - 2\sqrt{(\lambda_1 + \lambda_3)(\lambda_2 + \lambda_3)}$$

$$\text{where } \kappa := \frac{1}{2}(\lambda_5 + \lambda_6 - \sqrt{(\lambda_5 - \lambda_6)^2 + \lambda_7^2}).$$

# Stationary Points

4-vector notation:  $\tilde{\mathbf{K}} = \begin{pmatrix} K_0 \\ \mathbf{K} \end{pmatrix}$     $\tilde{\xi} = \begin{pmatrix} \xi_0 \\ \xi \end{pmatrix}$     $\tilde{E} = \begin{pmatrix} \eta_{00} & \eta^T \\ \eta & E \end{pmatrix}$

potential  $V = \tilde{\mathbf{K}}^T \tilde{\xi} + \tilde{\mathbf{K}}^T \tilde{E} \tilde{\mathbf{K}}$

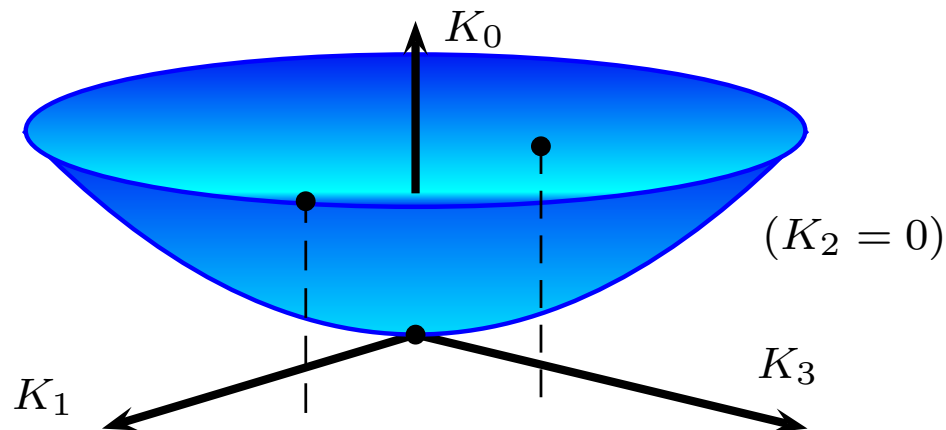
three classes of stationary points:

$K_0 = \mathbf{K} = 0$  :

Trivial solution ( $\varphi_1 = \varphi_2 = 0$ )

$K_0 > \mathbf{K}$  : solve ( $\nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{K}}} V = 0$ )

$K_0 = \mathbf{K} > 0$  : solve ( $\nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{K}}, u} [V - u(K_0^2 - \mathbf{K}^2)] = 0$ )



# Stationary Points

What are the implications for EWSB ?

consider symmetry breaking behaviour of  $\langle \varphi_1 \rangle \equiv \begin{pmatrix} v_1^+ \\ v_1^0 \end{pmatrix}$   $\langle \varphi_2 \rangle \equiv \begin{pmatrix} v_2^+ \\ v_1^0 \end{pmatrix}$  for

three global minimum  $K_0, \mathbf{K}$  cases

$$K_0 = \|\varphi_1\|^2 + \|\varphi_2\|^2 \geq 0$$

$$K_0^2 - \mathbf{K}^2 = 4(\|\varphi_1\|^2 \|\varphi_2\|^2 - |\varphi_1^\dagger \varphi_2|^2) \geq 0$$

$$(\langle \varphi_1 \rangle \quad \langle \varphi_2 \rangle) = \begin{pmatrix} v_1^+ & v_2^+ \\ v_1^0 & v_2^0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$K_0 = \mathbf{K} = 0$	$\Rightarrow$	$\langle \varphi_1 \rangle = \langle \varphi_2 \rangle = 0$	$\Rightarrow$	unbroken $SU(2)_L \otimes U(1)_Y$
$K_0 >  \mathbf{K} $	$\Rightarrow$	$\langle \varphi_1 \rangle, \langle \varphi_2 \rangle$ lin. indep.	$\Rightarrow$	fully broken $SU(2)_L \otimes U(1)_Y$
$K_0 =  \mathbf{K}  > 0$	$\Rightarrow$	$\langle \varphi_1 \rangle, \langle \varphi_2 \rangle$ lin. dep.	$\Rightarrow$	$SU(2)_L \otimes U(1)_Y \longrightarrow U(1)_{em}$

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- potential  $V = \tilde{\mathbf{K}}^T \tilde{\xi} + \tilde{\mathbf{K}}^T \tilde{E} \tilde{\mathbf{K}}$

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$K_0 = \mathbf{K} = 0$  :

trivial solution ( $\varphi_1 = \varphi_2 = 0$ )

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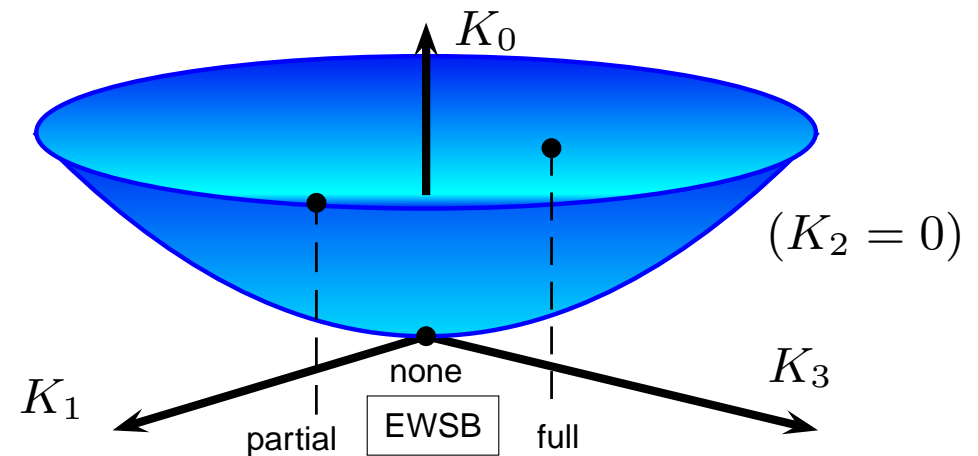
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solve

$$\nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{K}}, u} [V - u(K_0^2 - \mathbf{K}^2)] = 0$$

$SU(2)_L \otimes U(1)_Y$  broken to

$U(1)_{em}$



# Criteria for Symmetry Breaking

stationary points considerations easily give:

- $V = \frac{1}{2} \tilde{\mathbf{K}}^T \tilde{\xi} = -\tilde{\mathbf{K}}^T \tilde{E} \tilde{\mathbf{K}}$  at stationary points  
 $\stackrel{\text{stab.}}{\Rightarrow} V < 0$  for all non-trivial stationary points
- **mutually exclusive** possibilities for **local minima**:
  - one or multiple min. with required EWSB ( $K_0 = |\mathbf{K}|$ )
  - one charge breaking minimum ( $K_0 > |\mathbf{K}|$ )
  - (degenerate set of solutions ( $K_0 \geq |\mathbf{K}|$ ))
  - trivial minimum ( $\tilde{\mathbf{K}} = 0$ )
- nontrivial minimum  $\Leftrightarrow \xi_0 < |\xi|$ ,

## Theorem

**Global minimum** with spont. symmetry breaking  $SU(2)_L \otimes U(1)_Y \rightarrow U(1)_{em}$

is given and guaranteed by stat. pnt. of type  $K_0 = |\mathbf{K}| > 0$

with largest Lagrange multiplier  $u_0 > 0$ .



# Potential after Symmetry Breaking

● vacuum

$$\langle \varphi_1 \rangle \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v_1^0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \langle \varphi_2 \rangle \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v_2^0 e^{i\xi} \end{pmatrix}$$

must lie on the “forward light cone”

$$\langle \varphi'_1 \rangle \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}v_0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \langle \varphi'_2 \rangle \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

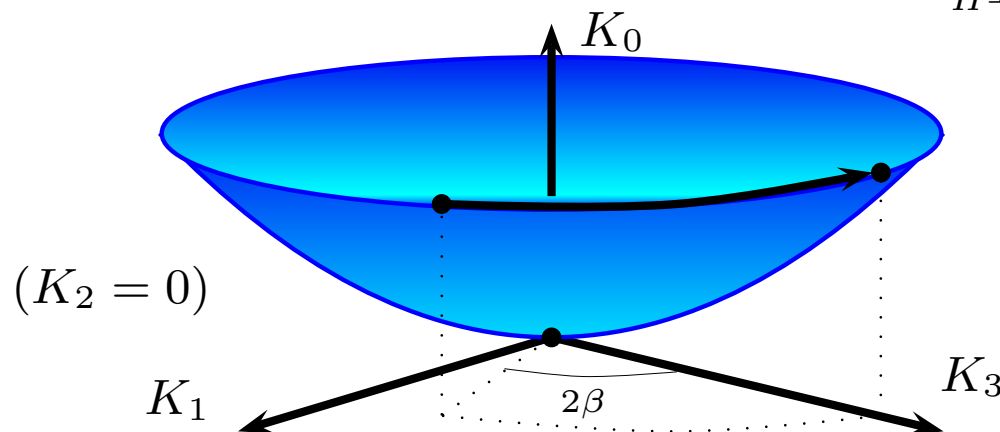
$$\Leftrightarrow \tilde{\mathbf{K}}'^T = \begin{pmatrix} v_0^2/2 & 0 & 0 & v_0^2/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

separates Goldstone modes

● change of base with  $\tan \beta = v_2^0/v_1^0$ ,  
unitary gauge:

● charged mass squared

$$m_{H^\pm}^2 = 2u_0v_0^2$$



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● for all  $\lambda_i > 0$  global minimum obvious:

$$\langle \varphi_1 \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v_1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \langle \varphi_2 \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v_2 e^{i\xi} \end{pmatrix}$$

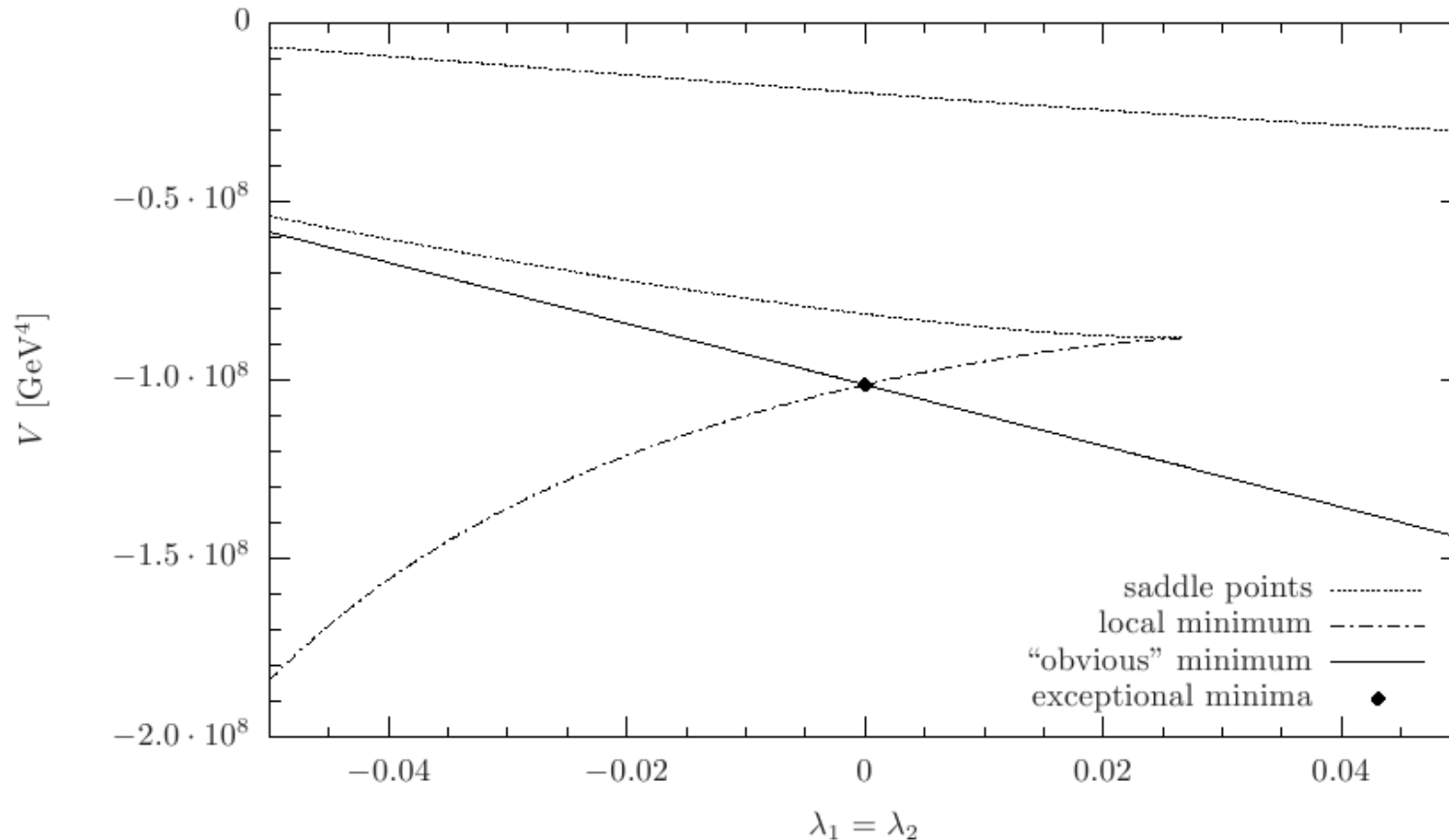
● stability conditions:

$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_3 > 0, \quad \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 > 0, \quad \lambda_4, \kappa > -2\lambda_3 - 2\sqrt{(\lambda_1 + \lambda_3)(\lambda_2 + \lambda_3)}$$

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## Stationary Points



**Figure:**  $V$  (shifted  $V(\tilde{\mathbf{K}} = 0)$ ) at all stationary points with  $K_0 = |\mathbf{K}| > 0$  for  $\lambda_3 = 0.1, \lambda_4 = 0.2, \lambda_5 = \lambda_6 = 0.4, v_1 = 30 \text{ GeV}, v_2 = 171 \text{ GeV}, \lambda_7 = 0, \xi = 0$ .

# Summary

General THDM Higgs potential:

- **orbit variables** simplify access to structure:
  - no gauge d.o.f.
  - reduction of powers
- results for **stability** and for **symmetry breaking**
  - general conditions via univ. function  
(explicit solutions for stat. pnts., arbitrary basis)
  - structural statements:  
existence of minima, . . .
- specific application: clarifications for **THDM of Gunion et al.**
  - explicit general stability conditions
  - global minimum implications