

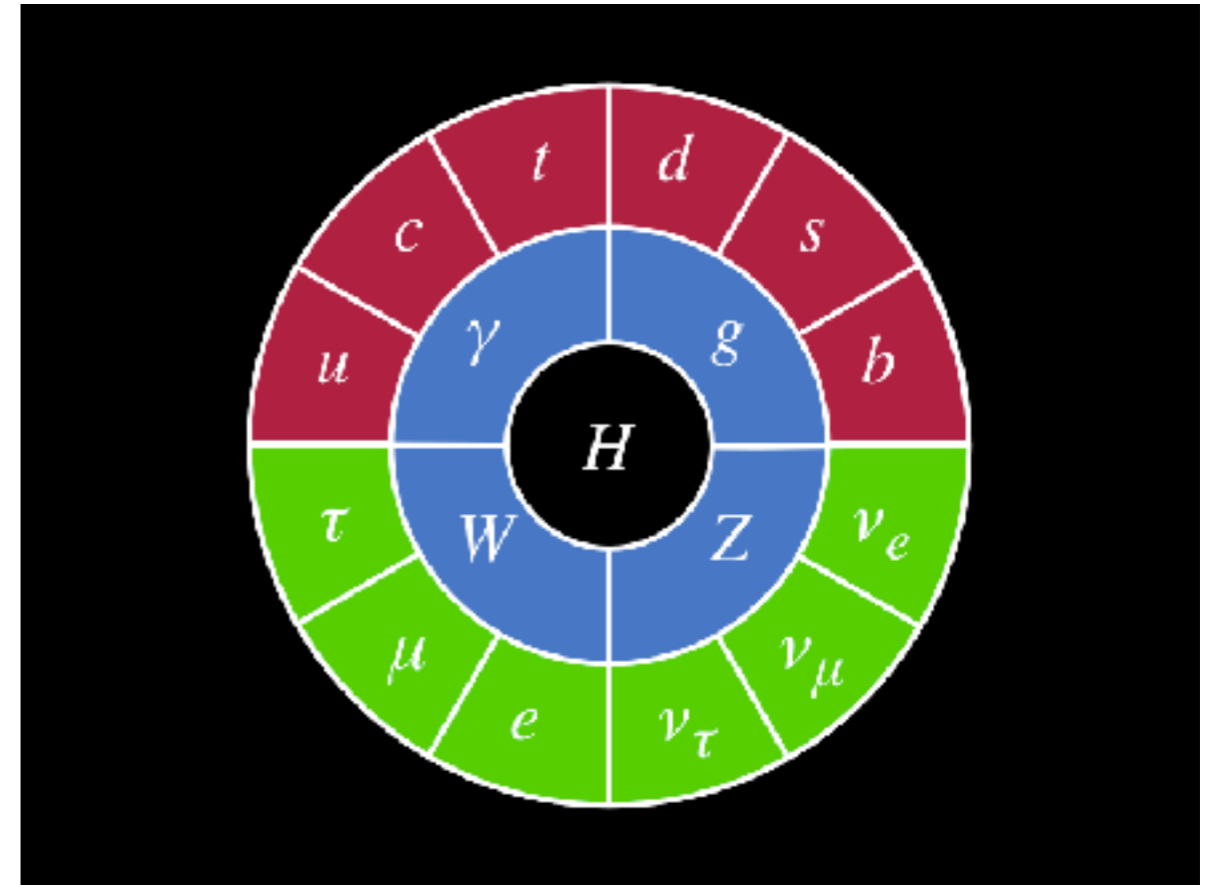
# A Theory Perspective

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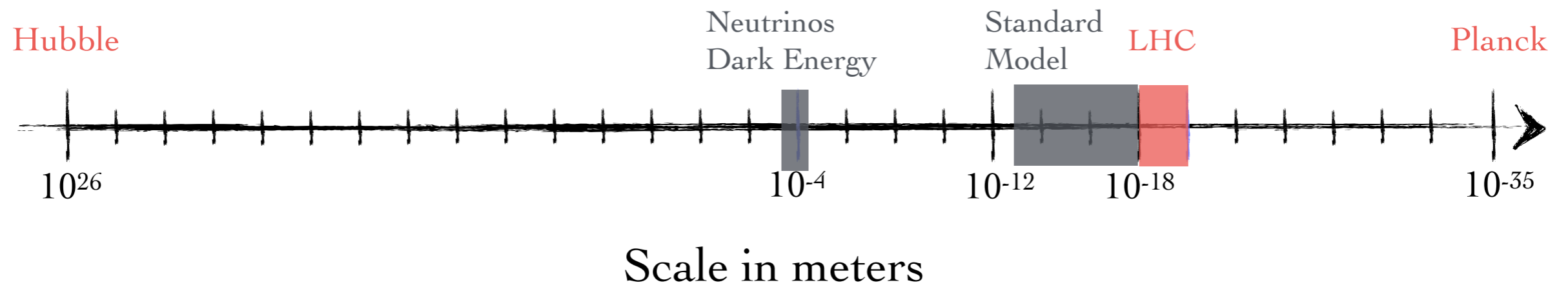
# The Standard Model

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{SM} = & -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \\ & + i\bar{\psi} \not{D} \psi \\ & + \bar{\psi}_i y_{ij} \psi_j \phi \\ & + |D_\mu \phi|^2 - V(\phi) \\ & + M_{pl}^2 \mathcal{R} - \rho_{vacuum} \end{aligned}$$

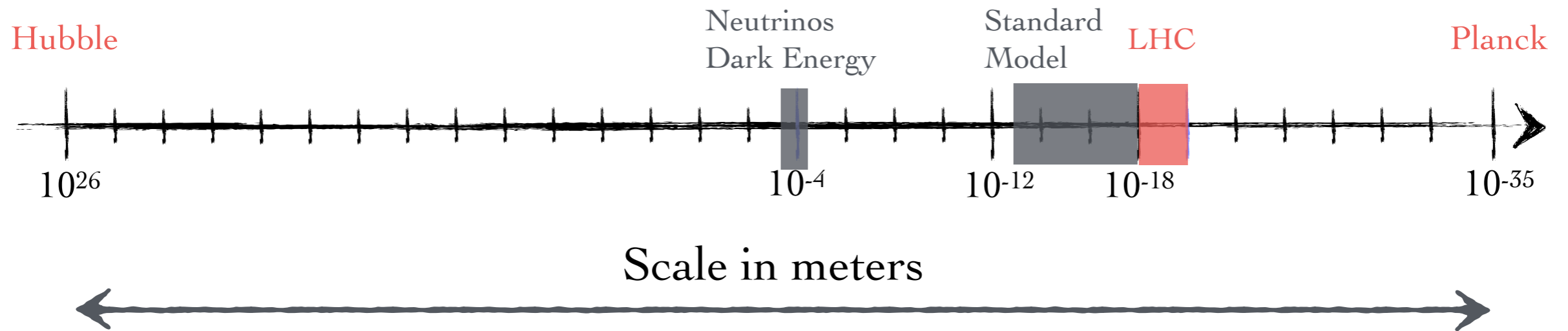


Contains ~20 particles and ~20 parameters

# The Scales in our Universe



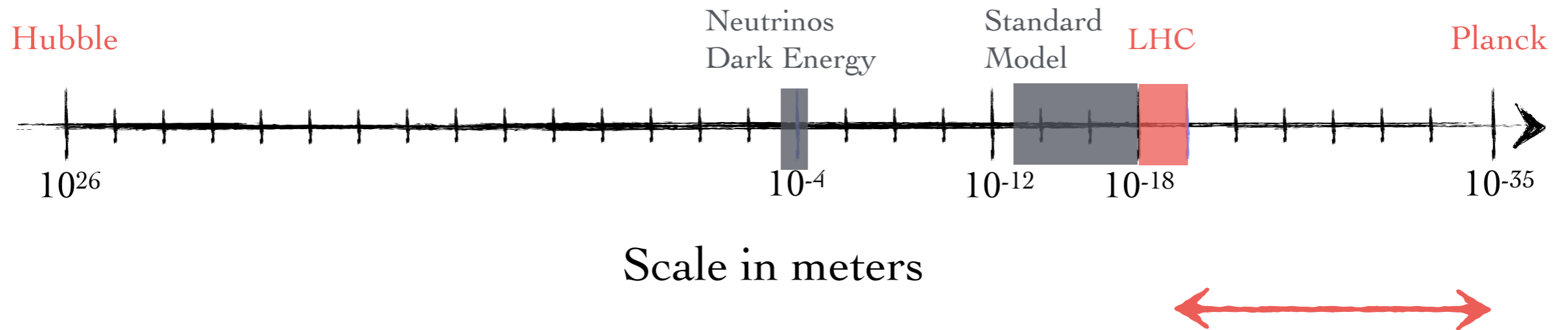
# The Scales in our Universe



The Cosmological Constant Problem  
Why is the Universe so large?



# The Scales in our Universe



The **Hierarchy Problem**  
Why is Gravity so **weak**?

# The Origin of Small Numbers





# Small Numbers and Coincidences

## Naturalness - Dynamics

### Problem

Hydrogen Binding Energy

Deuteron Binding Energy  
Nuclear Binding Energy

$\pi^+$  -  $\pi^0$  mass difference

$K - \bar{K}$  mixing

Electron Mass

### Solution

$$E_b = \frac{1}{2} \frac{e^4}{(4\pi)^2} m_e$$

$$E_b \approx \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \frac{m_N}{2}$$

Symmetry/Dynamics

Flavor Symmetry

Chiral Symmetry

# Small Numbers and Coincidences

## Something else...

### Problem

Earth-Sun Distance

7 eV line of  $^{229}\text{Th}$  nucleus

Solar-Lunar Eclipse

Cosmological Constant

### Solution

Environmental Selection  $10^{22}$  suns

“Look-elsewhere” effect

Plain Luck!

Environmental Selection?  $10^{500}$  universes!

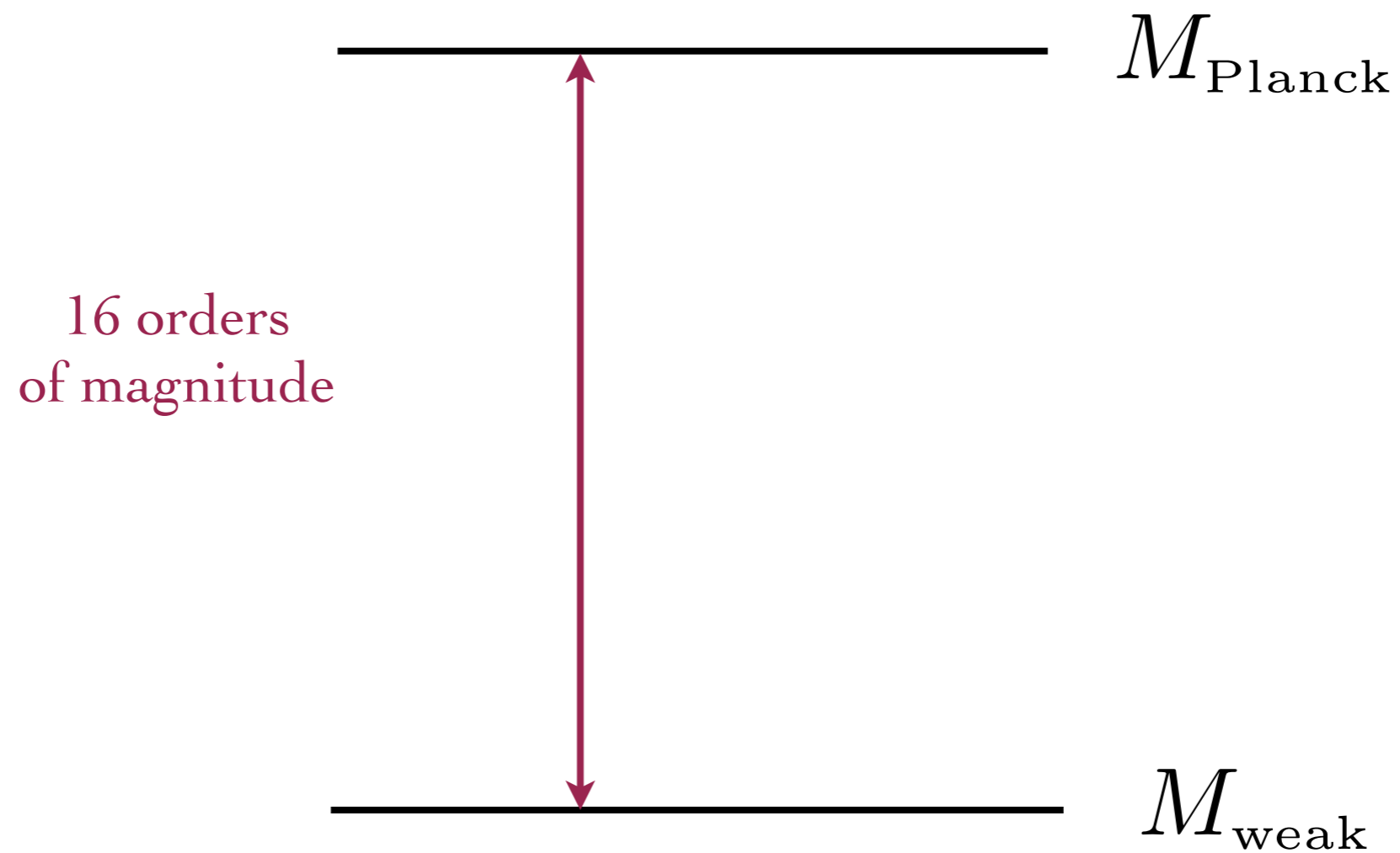
# Small Numbers and Beyond the Standard Model

- The gauge hierarchy problem
- The cosmological constant problem
- The strong CP problem

# The hierarchy problem

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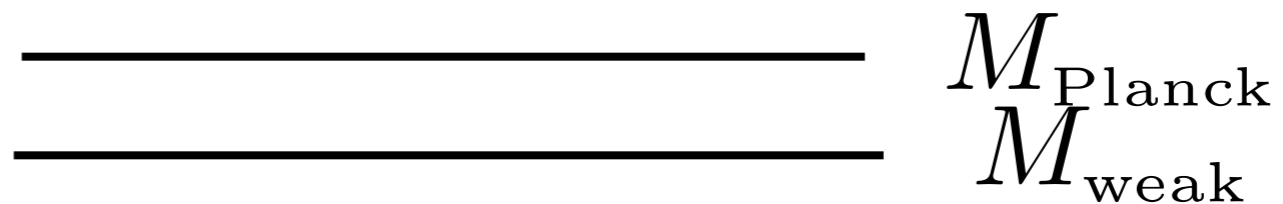
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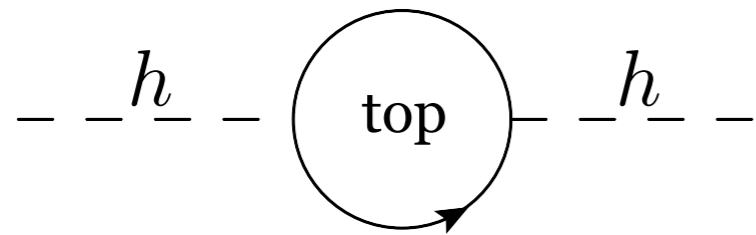
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In the Standard Model:  
Quantum Corrections pull the weak scale up

# Quantum Corrections in the Standard Model

Note:  $M_{weak} \sim m_{higgs}$

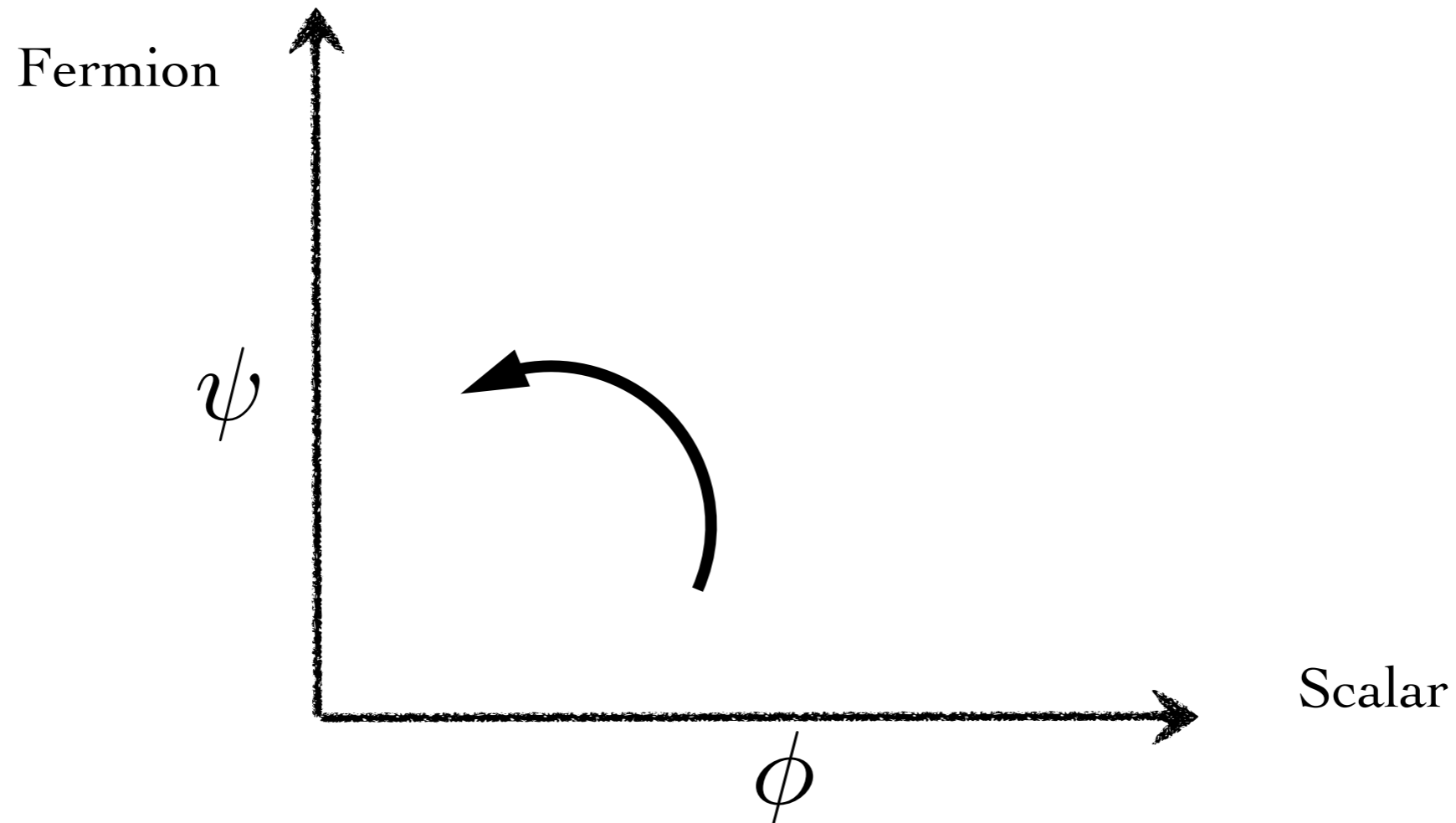


$$m_{higgs}^2 \propto M_{Planck}^2$$

Need new symmetry to protect the Higgs in the Standard Model



# A New Symmetry for the SM Higgs



Supersymmetric Standard Model

# The Supersymmetric Standard Model

- New Symmetry: **Supersymmetry**

- New Particles: **Superparticles**

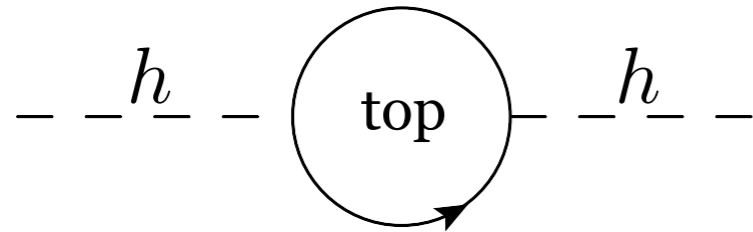
- Every particle has a superpartner:

lepton	→ slepton	}	matter
quark	→ squark		

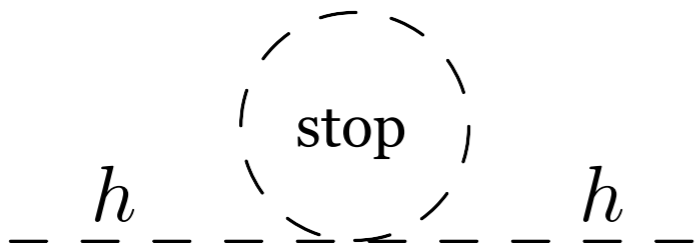
photon	→ photino	}	force
gluon, W	→ gluino, Wino		

Higgs	→ Higgsino
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# Superparticles and Quantum Corrections



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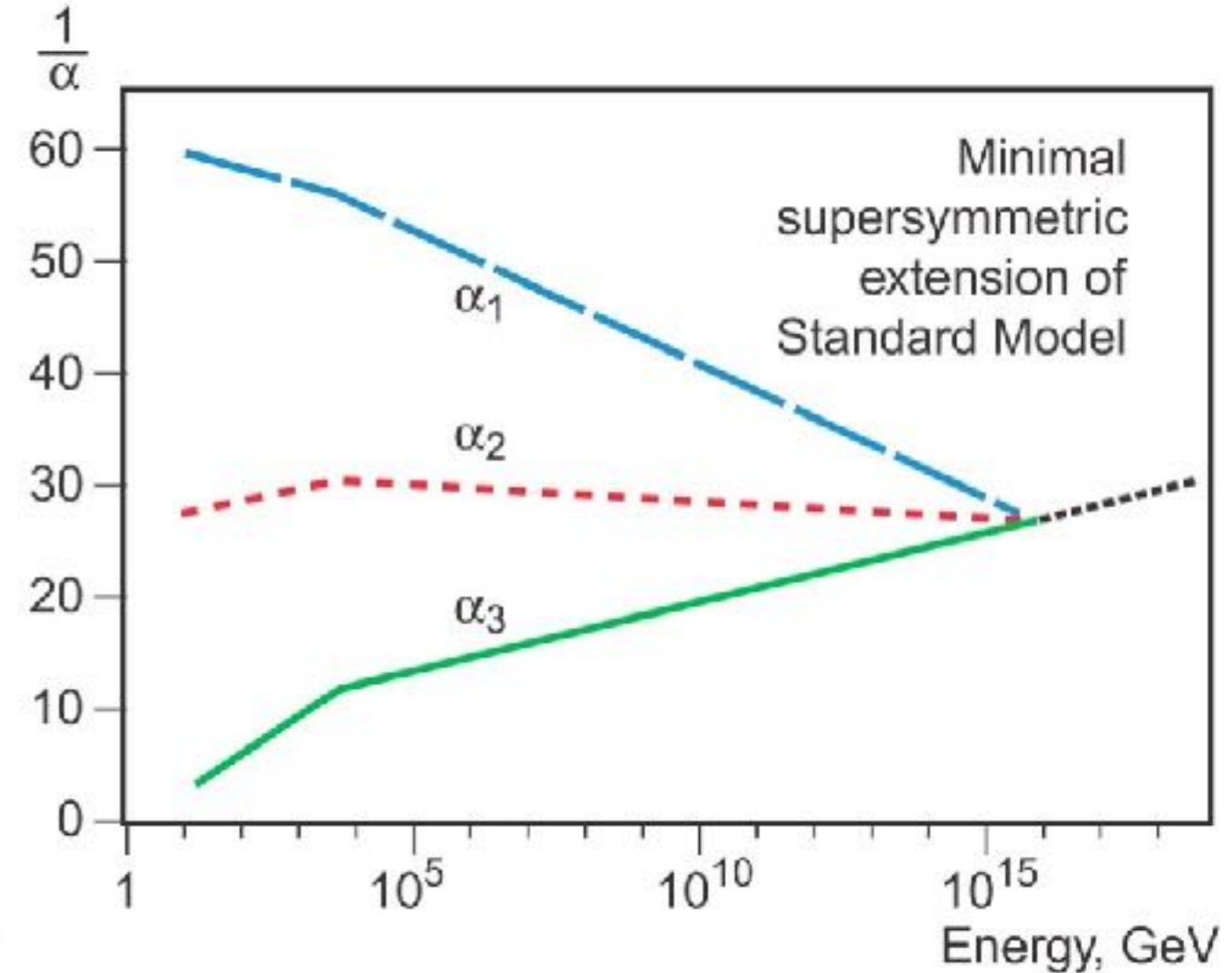
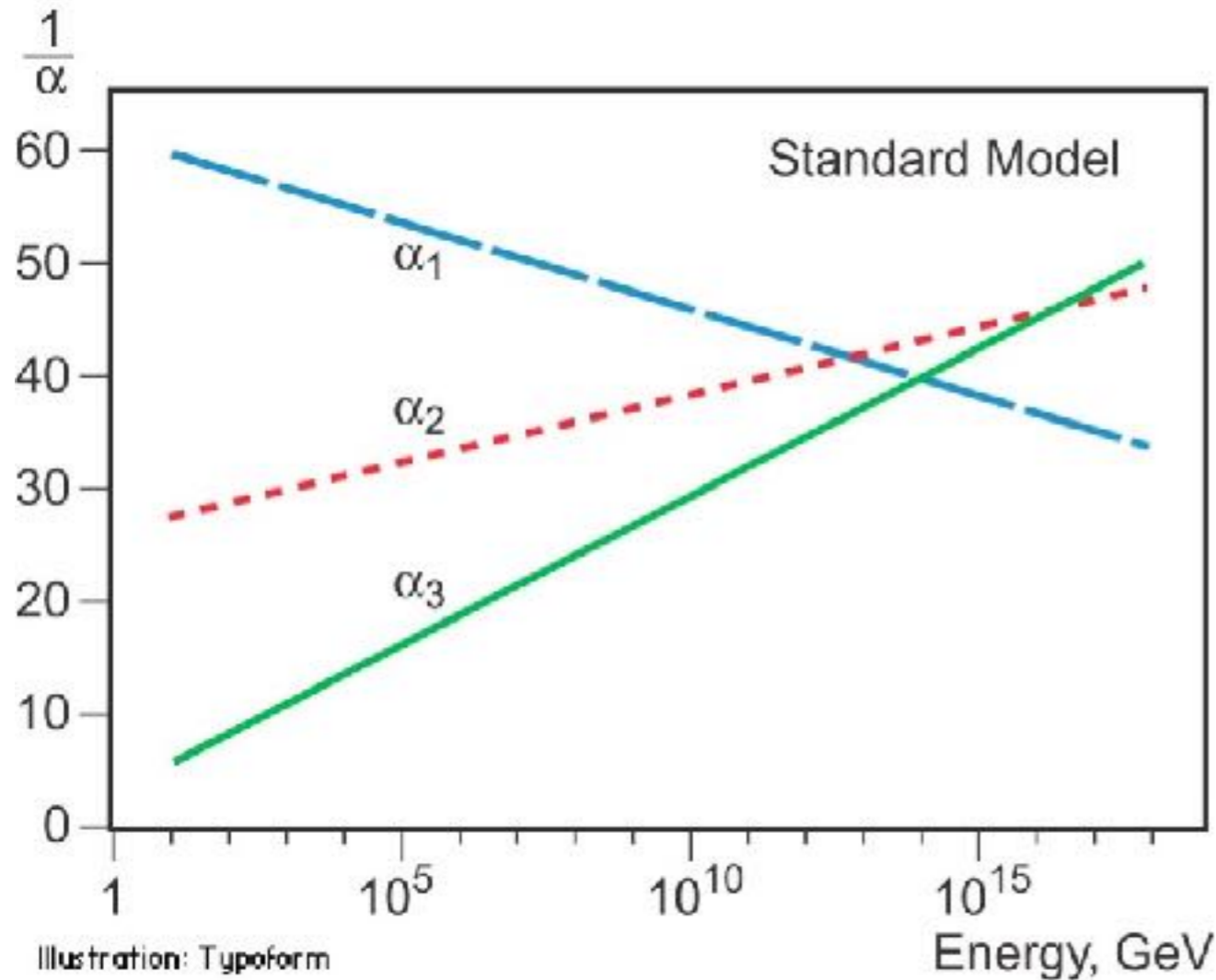


$$\propto -M_{\text{Planck}}^2 + M_{\text{SUSY}}^2$$

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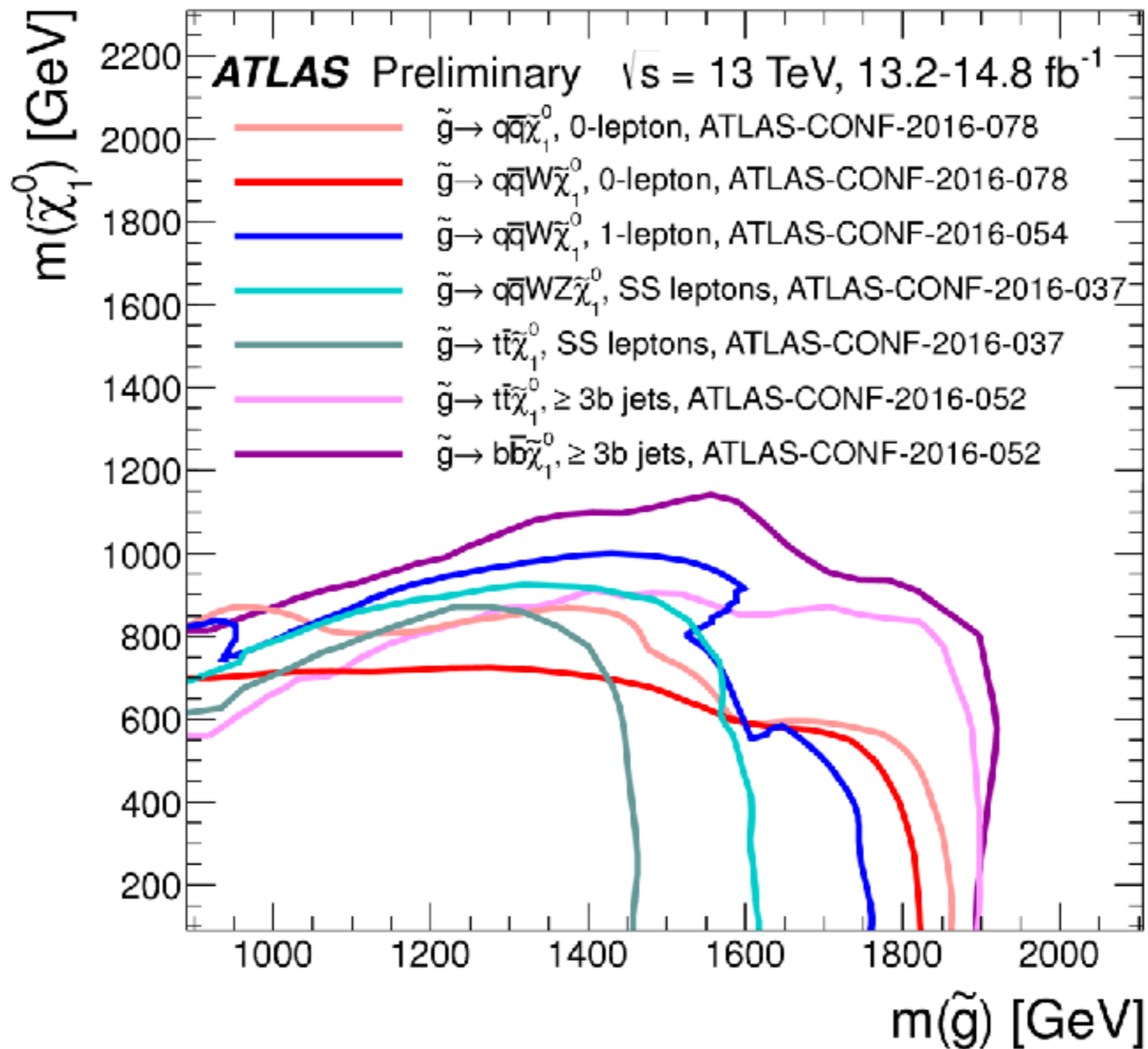
If sparticles are at the weak scale so must be the higgs

# Gauge Coupling Unification



Experimentally verified in the early 1990s

# The Missing Superpartner Problem



# EDM and the scale of new physics

Electric Dipole Moment CP violating operator:

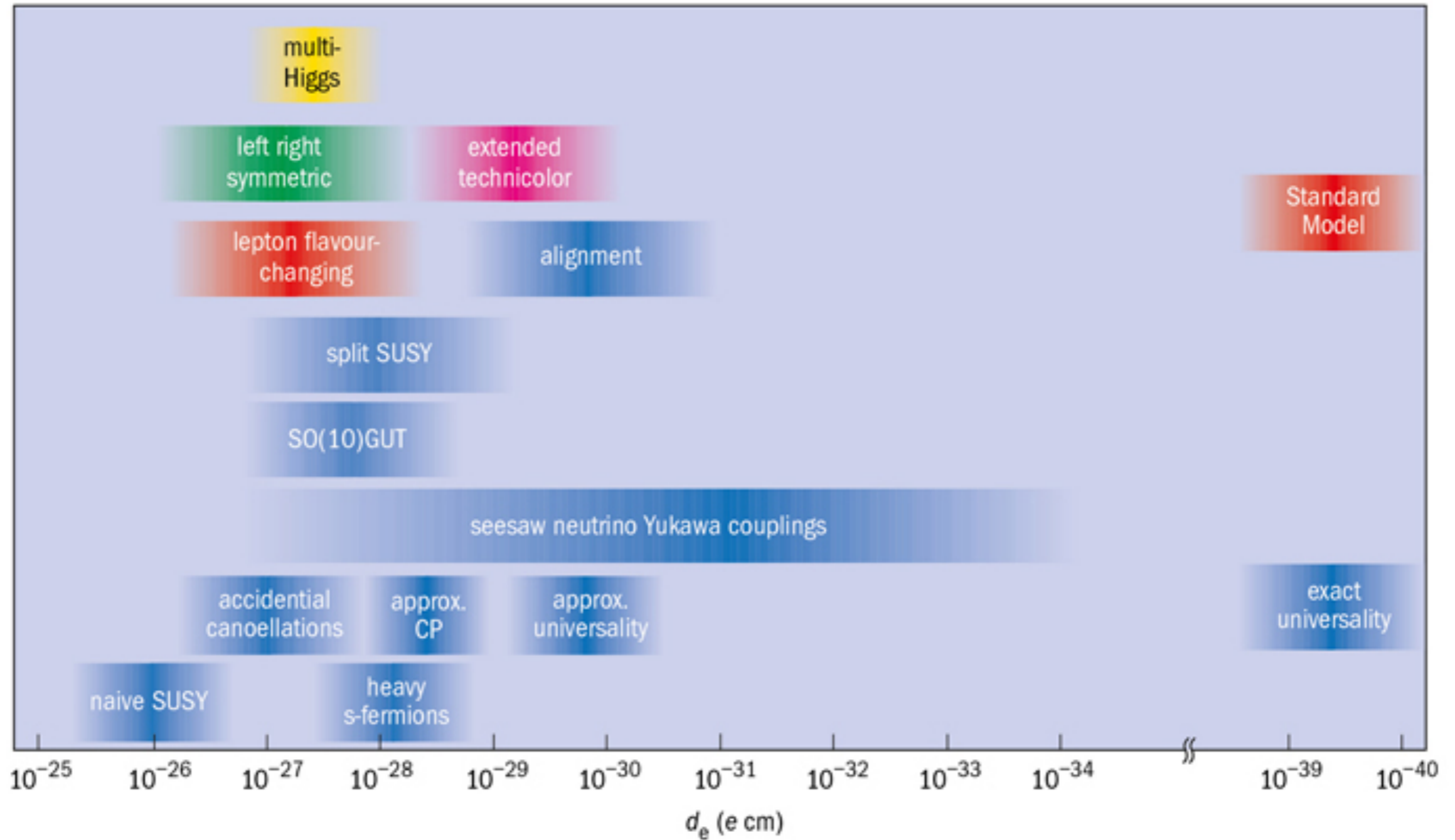
$$d_{\text{EDM}} \bar{\psi} \sigma_{\mu\nu} \gamma^5 \psi F^{\mu\nu}$$

New physics at scale  $\Lambda$



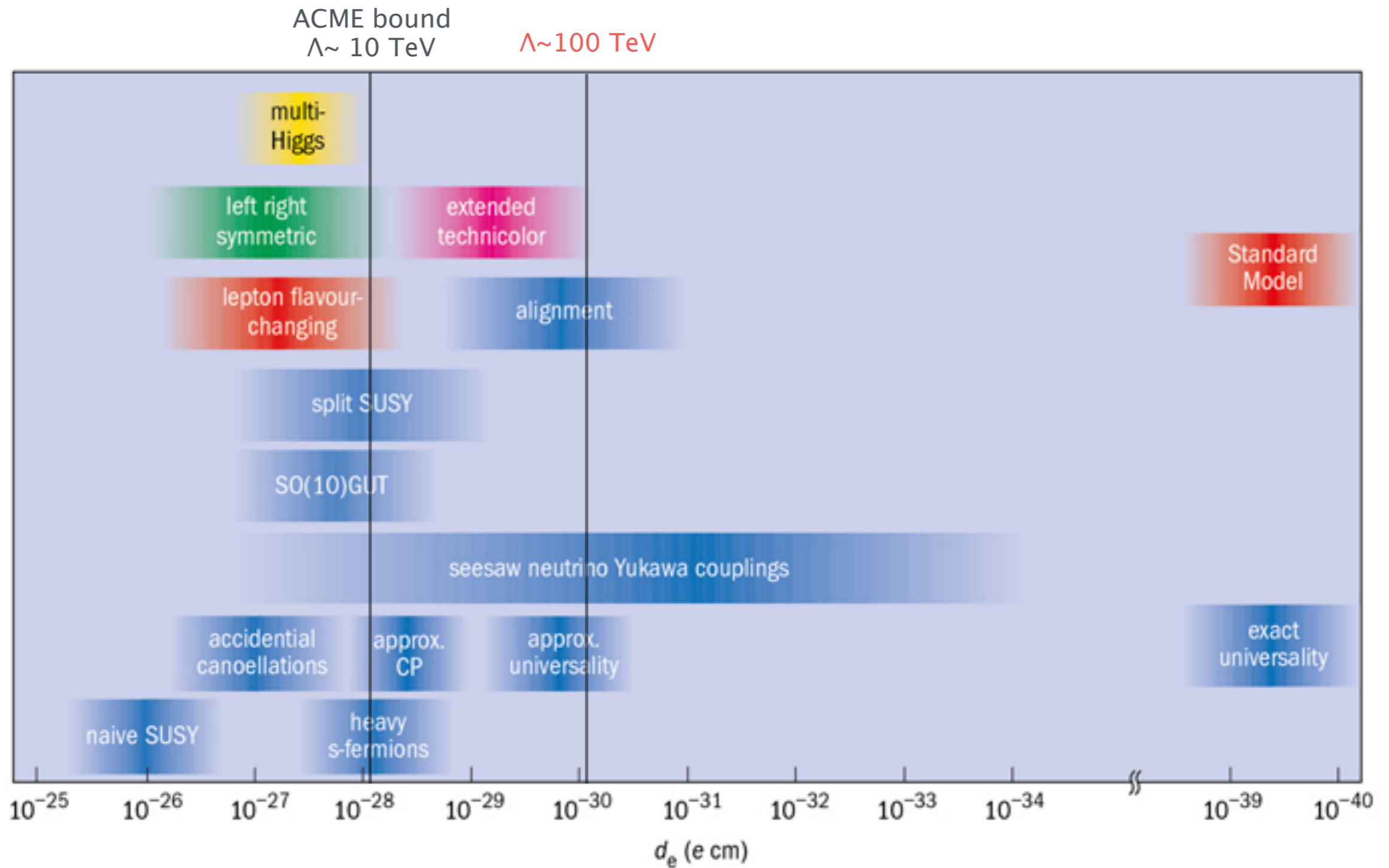
EDM scales as  $d_{\text{EDM}} \propto \frac{m_\psi}{\Lambda^2}$

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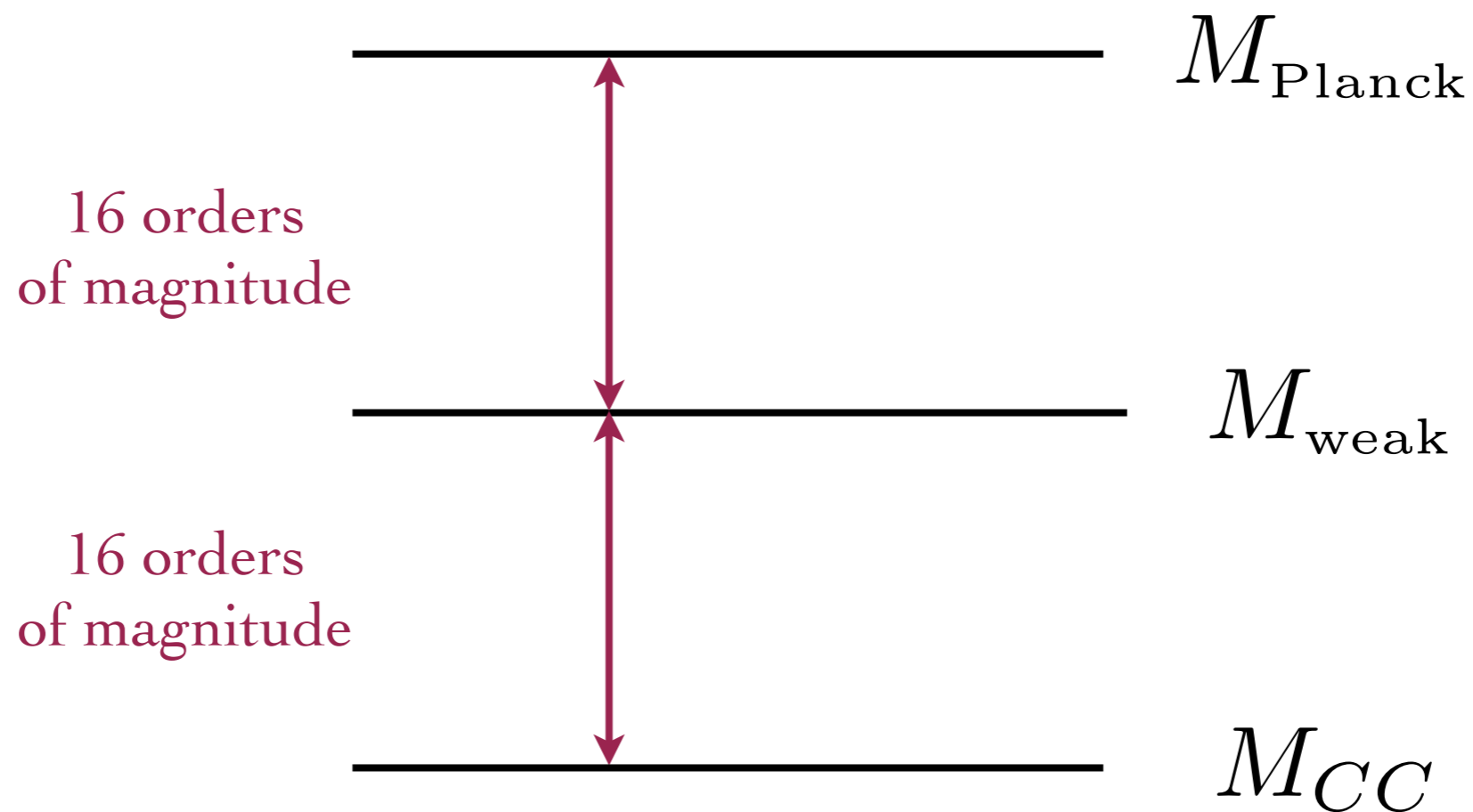


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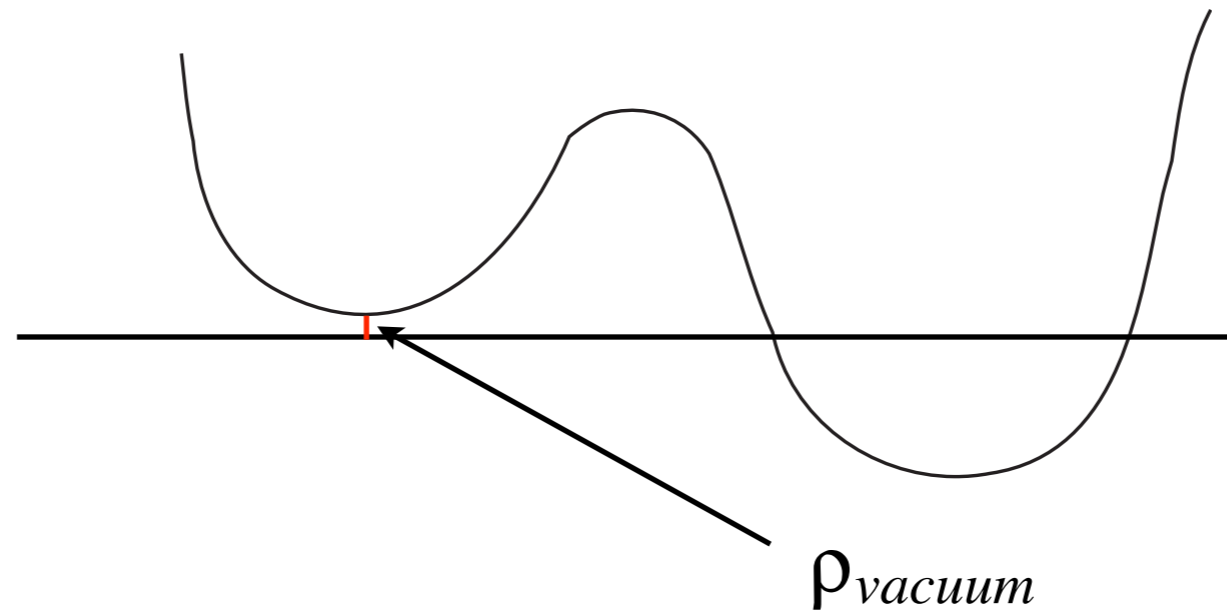
$$M_{CC} = \rho_{\text{vacuum}}^{1/4} = 10^{-12} \text{ GeV}$$



Smallness of  $\rho_{\text{vacuum}}$  is critical for galaxies to form

In theories with few ground states (“vacua”)  
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each, is a different particle theory,  
has different physical laws

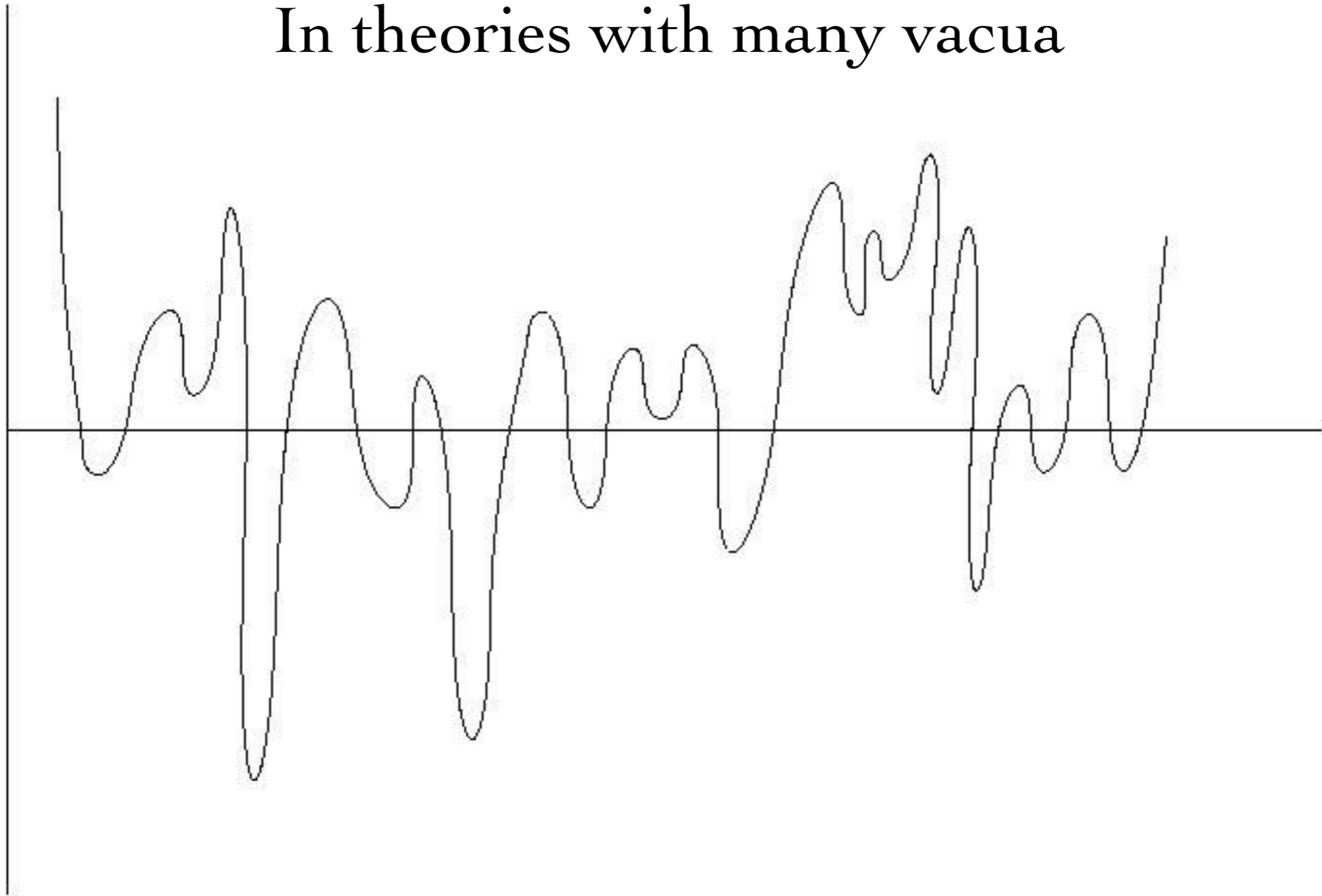


Getting  $\rho_{vacuum} \sim (10^{-15} M_W)^4$

Looks like divine intervention!  
Since any bigger value would rip apart galaxies

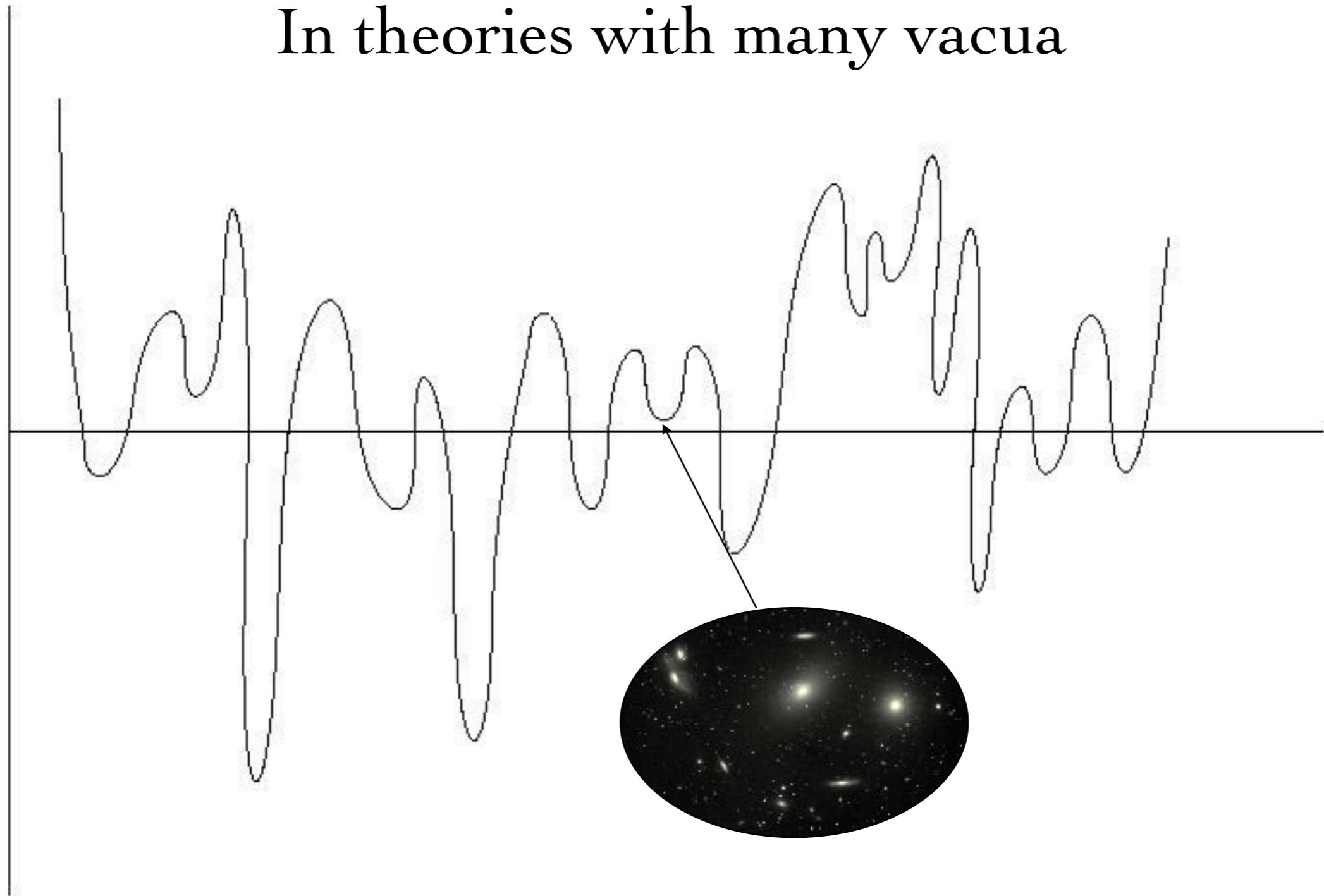
However... (Weinberg 1987)

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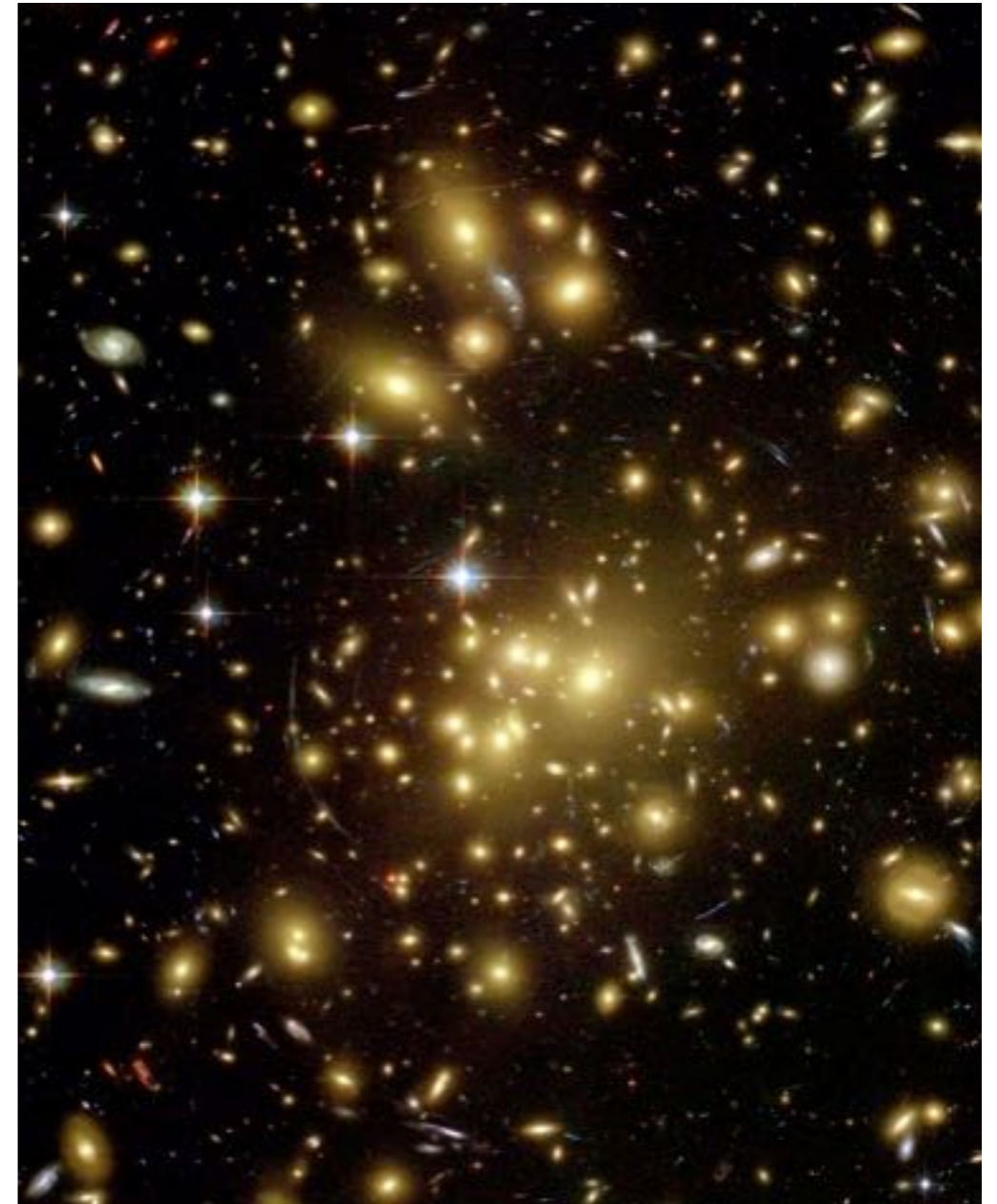
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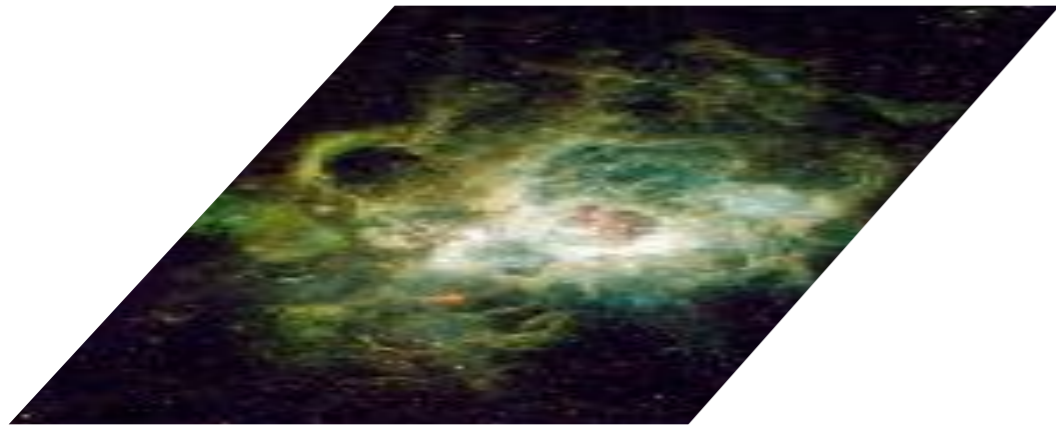
Giordano Bruno,  
February 17, 1600

‘Innumerable suns exist, innumerable earths revolve around these suns,  
in a manner similar to the way the planets revolve around the sun.  
Living beings inhabit these worlds’

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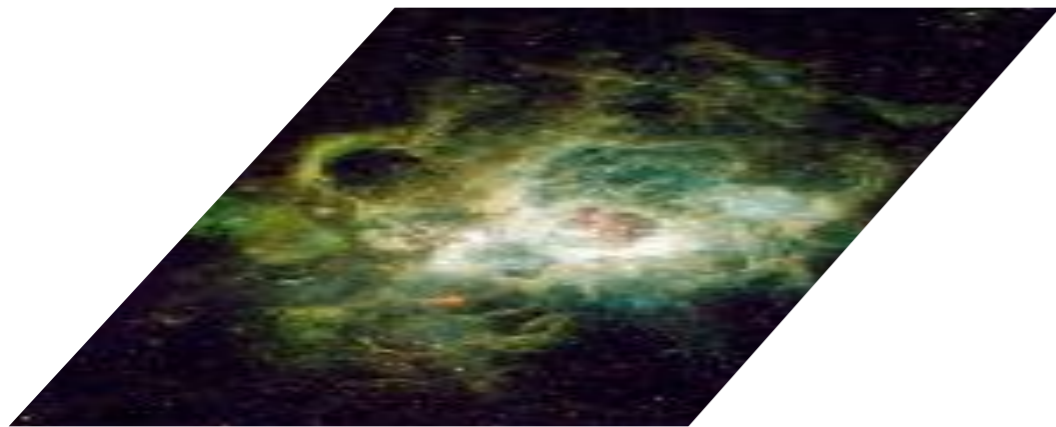




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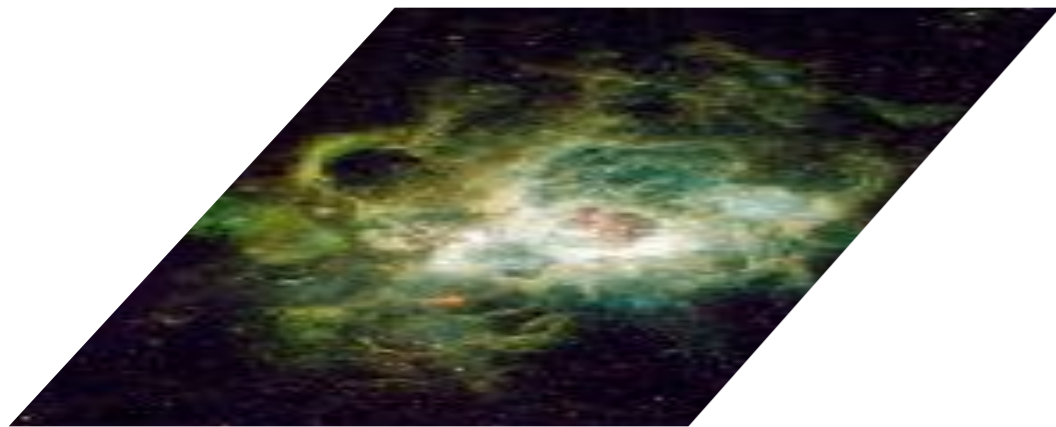
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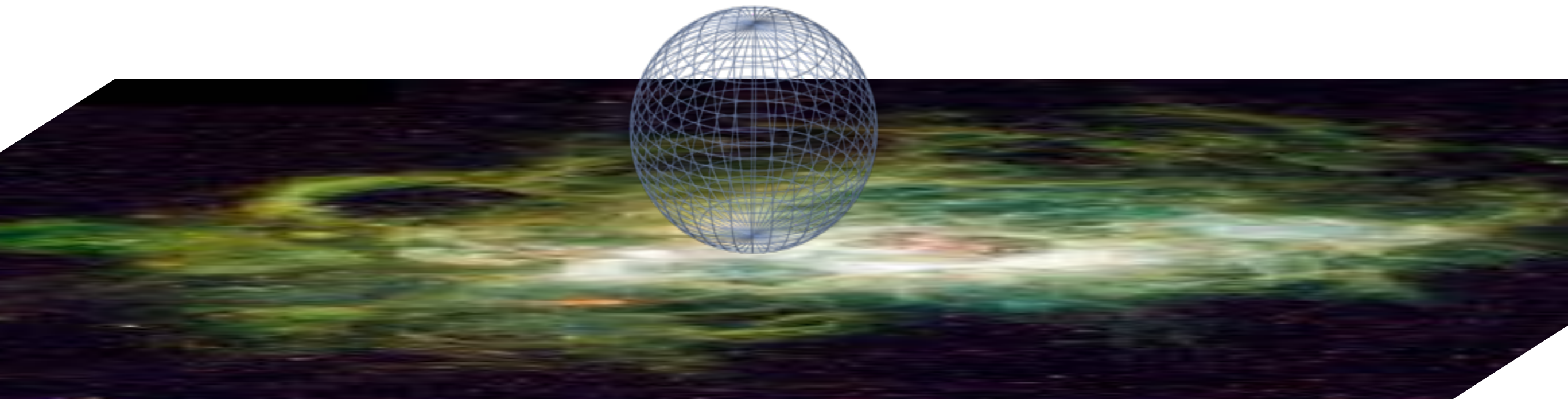


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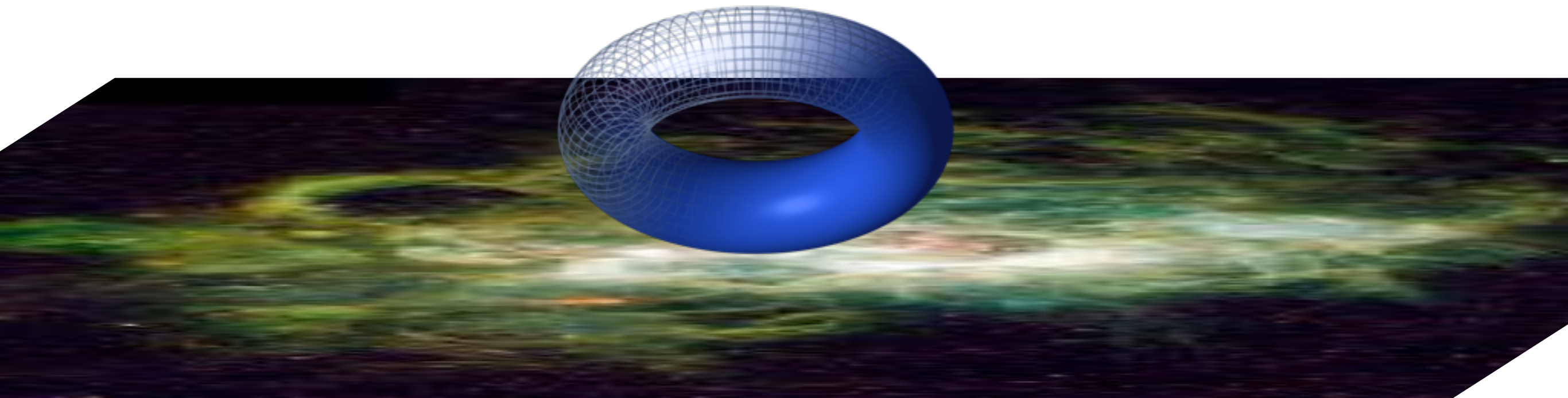
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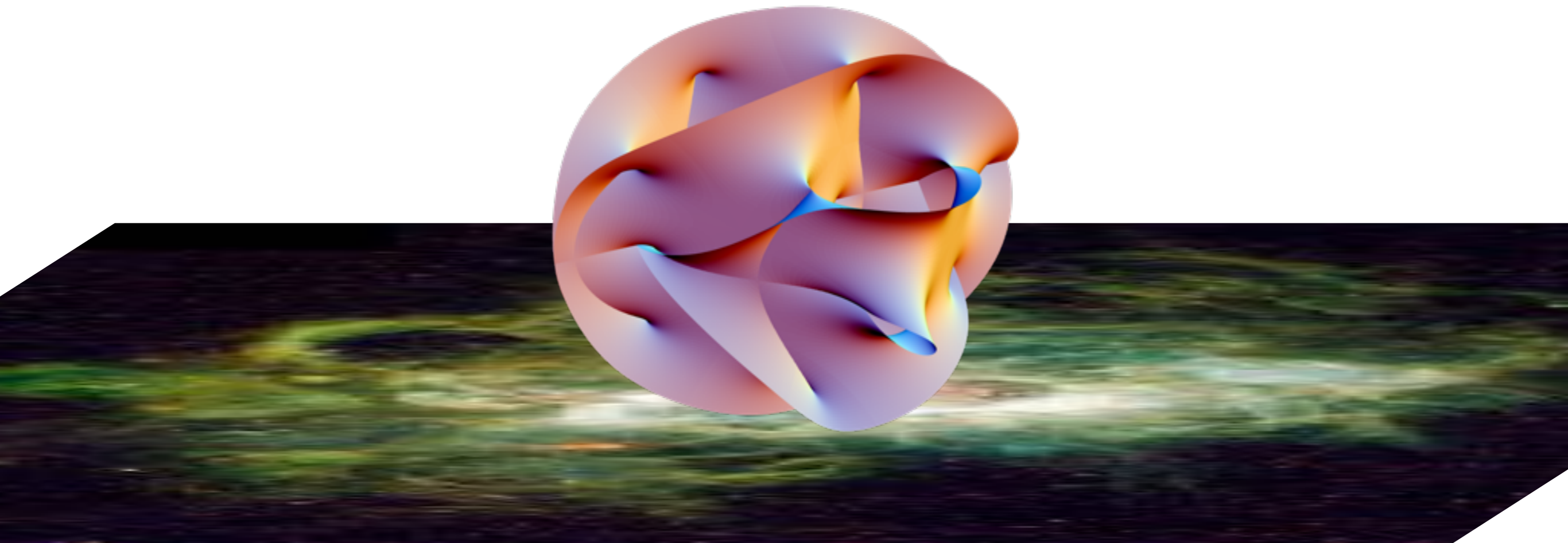


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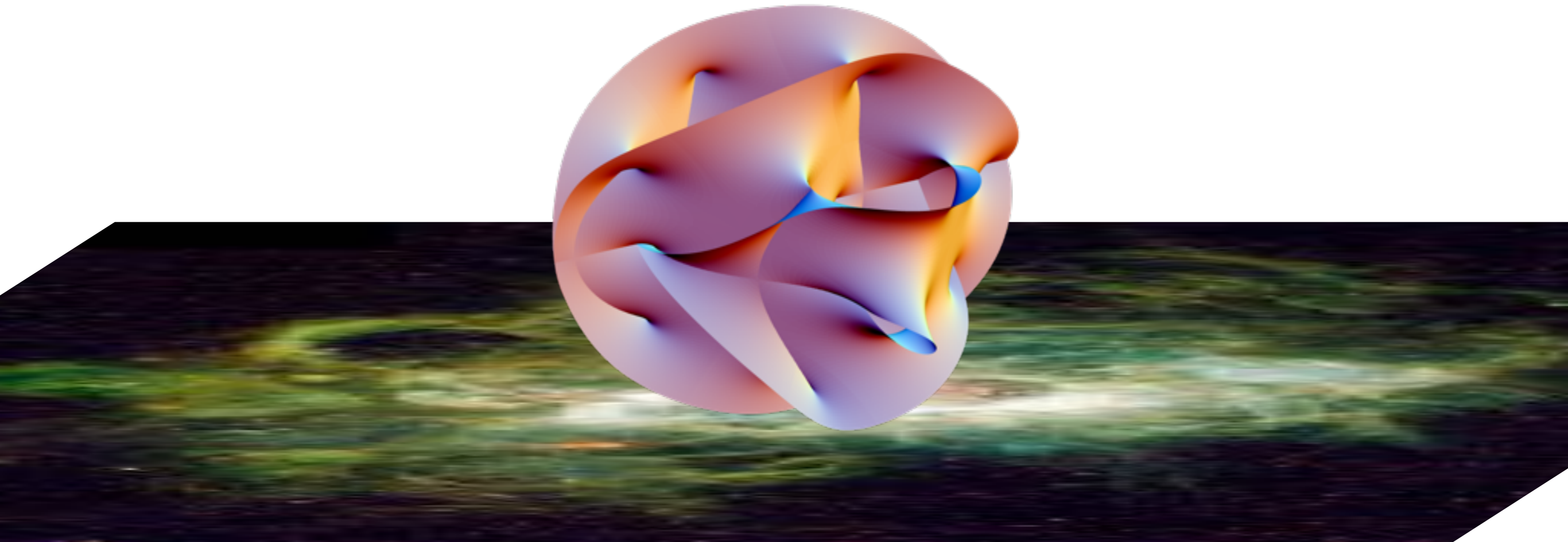




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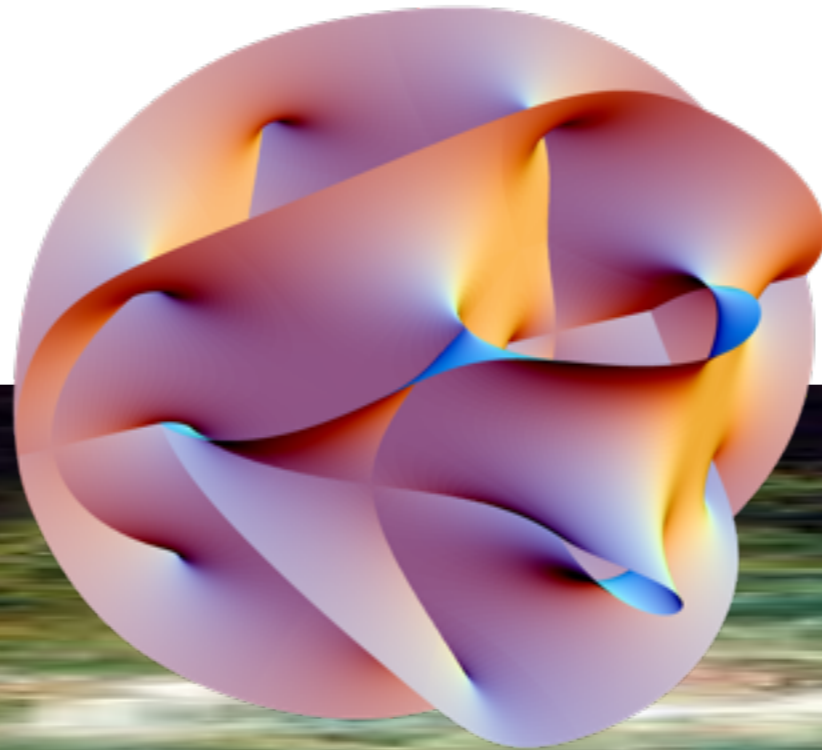


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Laws of Nature depend on the shape of the extra dimensions



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Complexity of Extra dimensions implies a Plenitude of Particles

Discovery of these particles would be indirect evidence for the Multiverse

# Massless particles from topology

## The Aharonov-Bohm Effect



Solenoid

Taking an electron around the solenoid

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while

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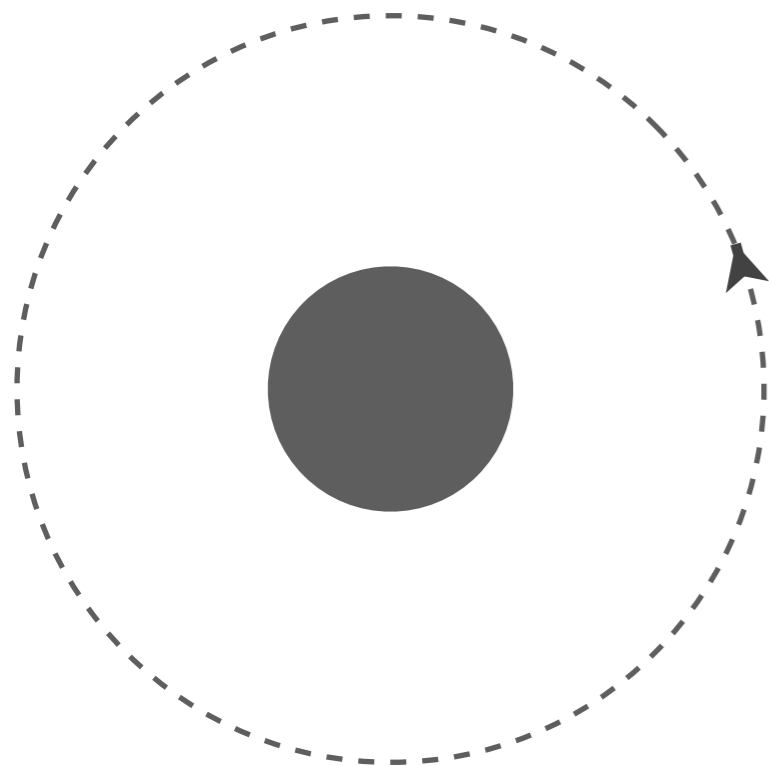
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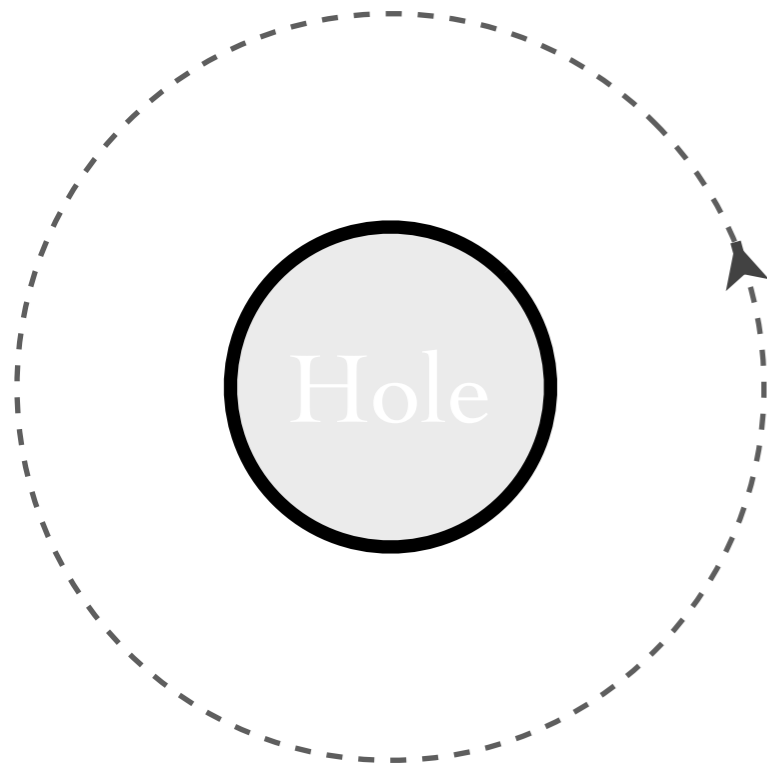
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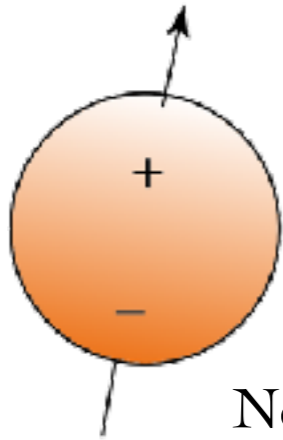


Non-trivial topology:

“Blocking out” the core still leaves a non-trivial gauge, but no mass

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The Strong CP Problem and the QCD axion



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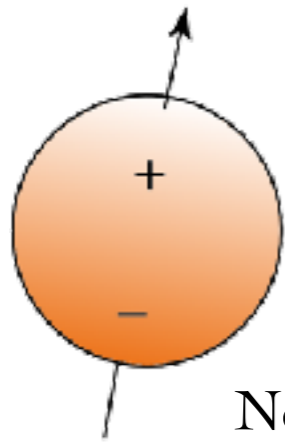
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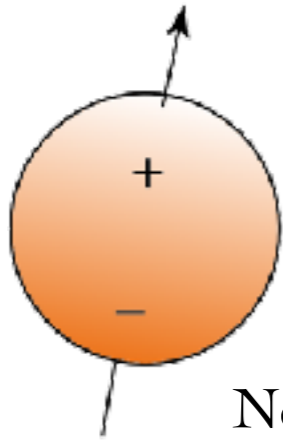
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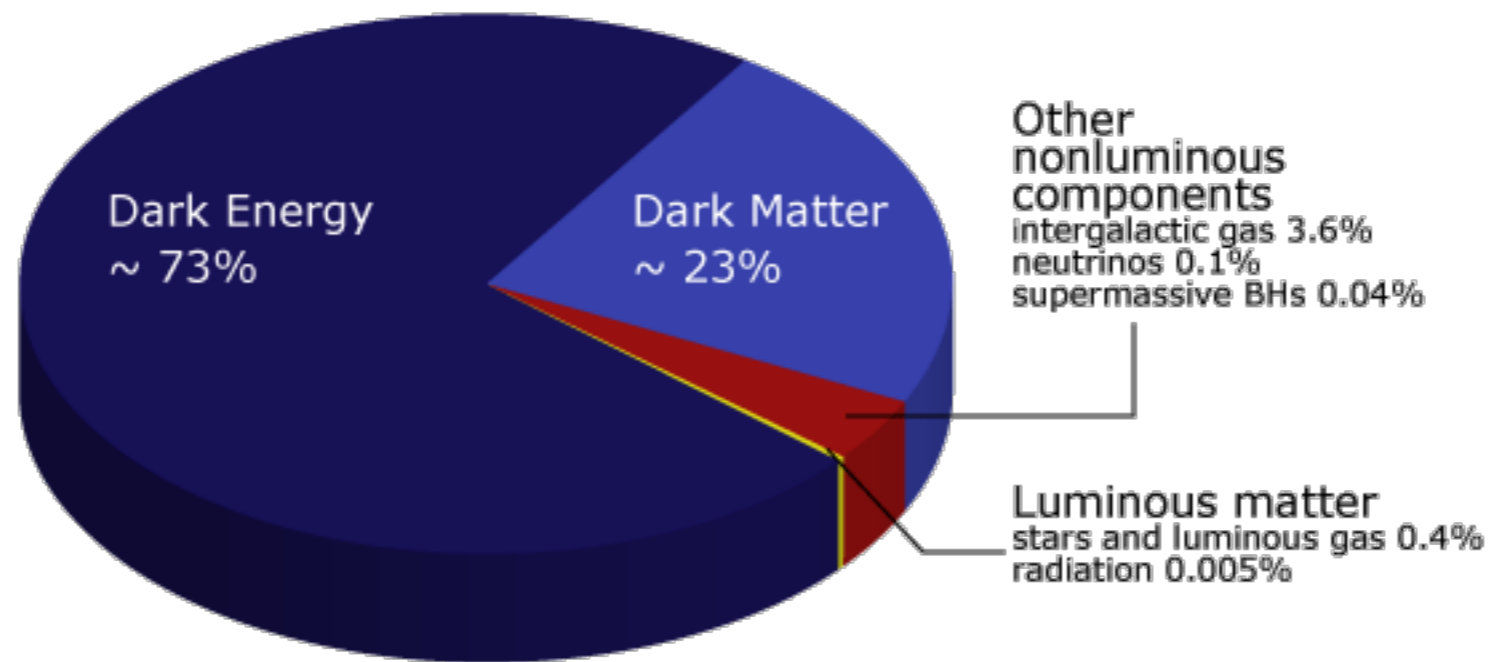
# A Plenitude of Massless Particles

- Spin-0 non-trivial gauge field configurations: **String Axiverse**
- Spin-1 non-trivial gauge field configurations: **String Photiverse**
- Fields that determine the shape and size of extra dimensions as well as values of fundamental constants: **Dilatons, Moduli, Radion**

# Properties of Plenitude of Particles from String Theory

- They couple very weakly to the Standard Model
- They can be extremely light
- They can mediate new forces and be the Dark Matter of the Universe

# The Mystery of Dark Matter



# Models of Dark Matter

- What is it made out of?

Anything from  $10^{-22}$  eV to  $10^{70}$  eV in mass

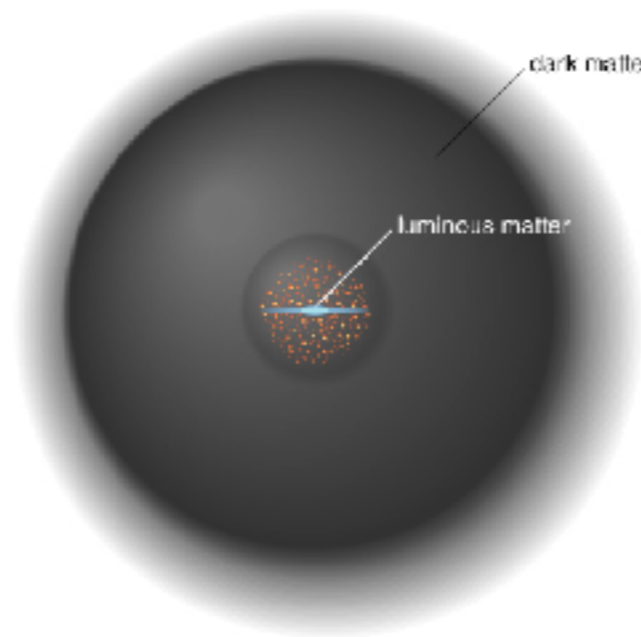
- How is it produced?

- Does it have interactions other than gravitational?

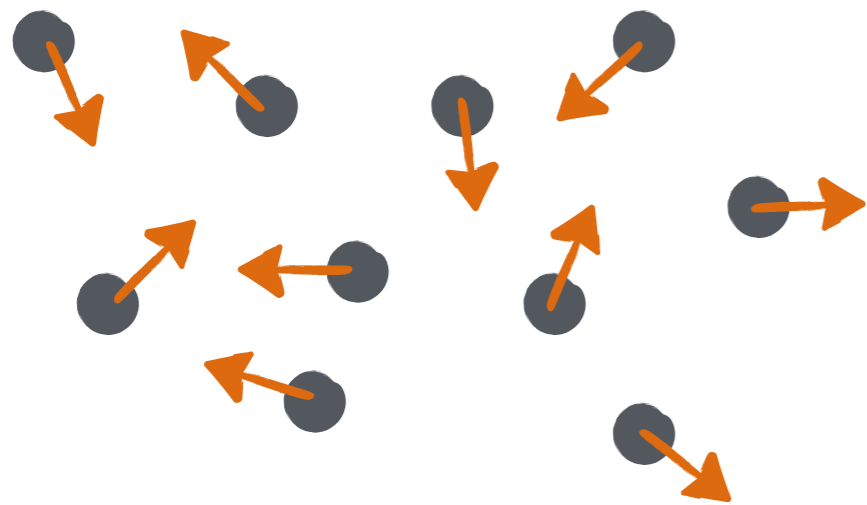
Axions, Moduli and Dark Photons have a production mechanism and interactions beyond gravitational with the SM

# What If DM Is a Boson and Very Light?

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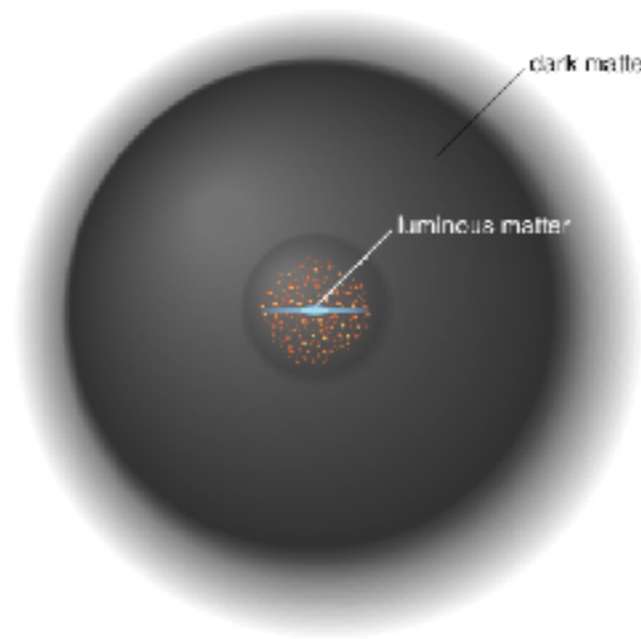
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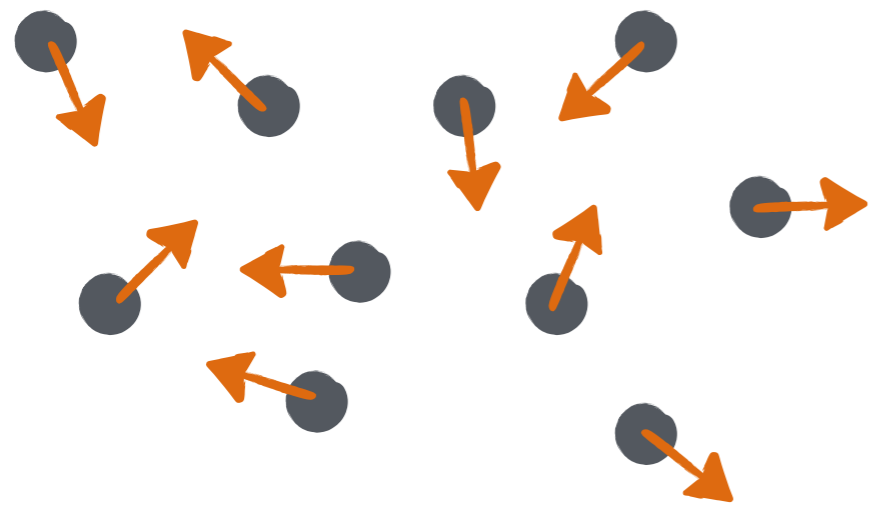
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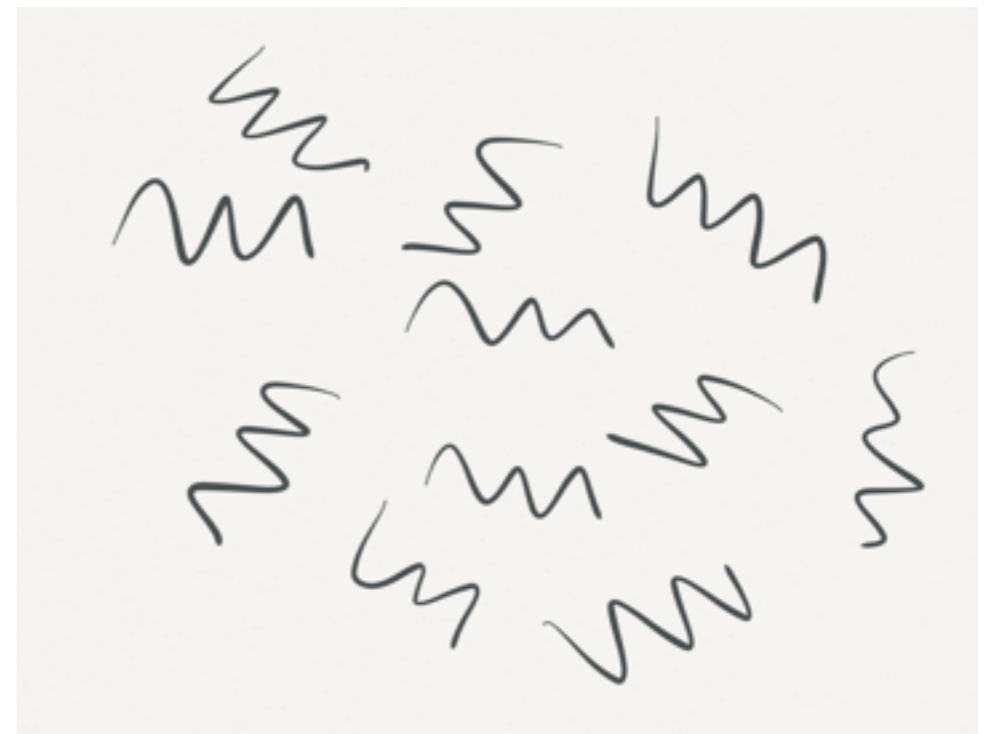


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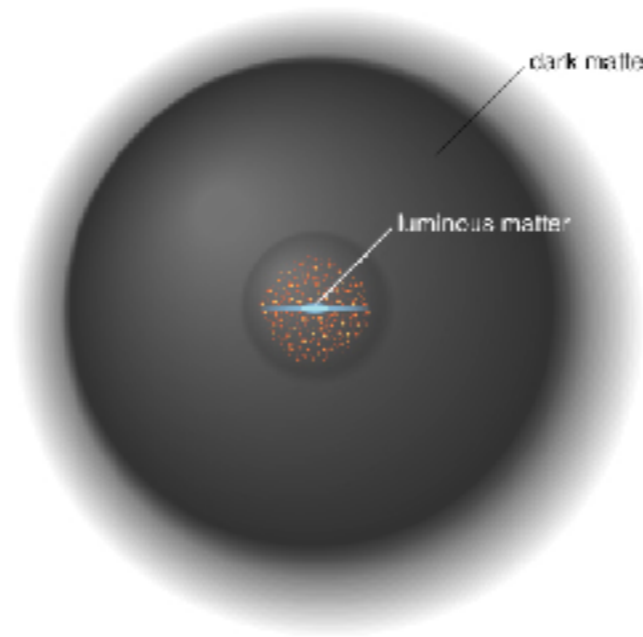


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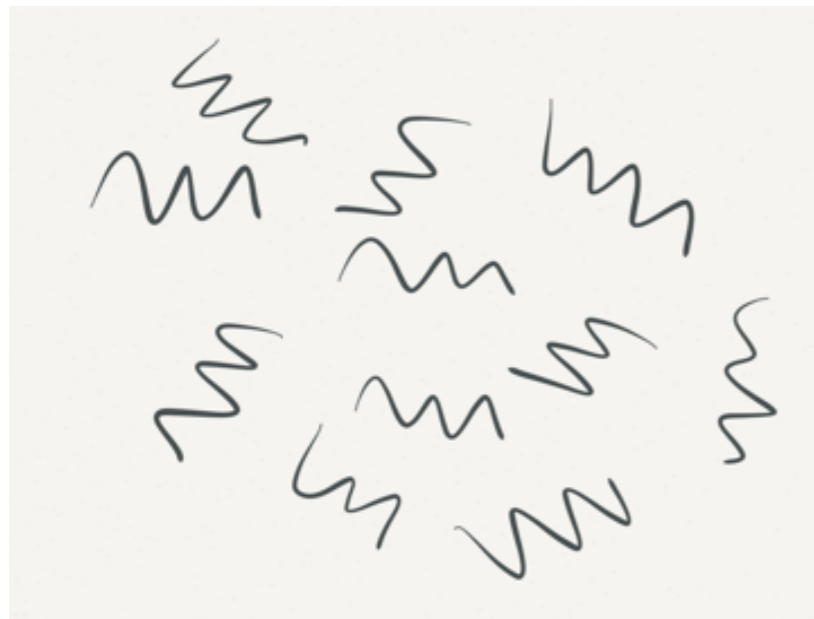
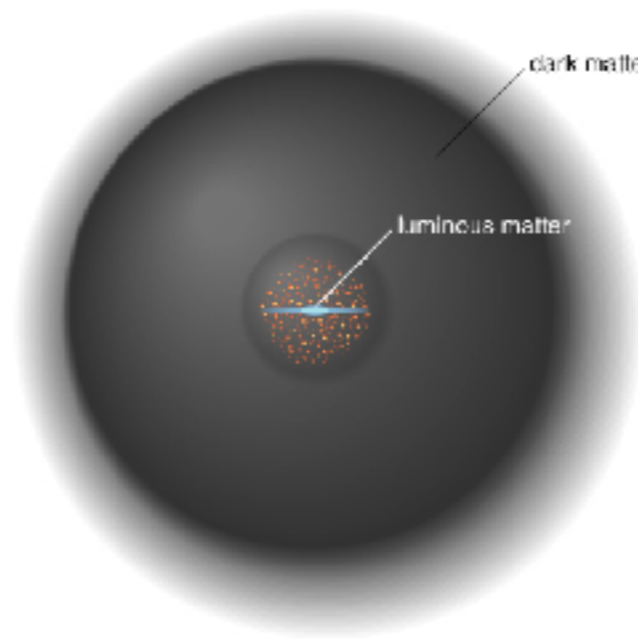


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Equivalent to a Scalar wave

# Going from DM particles to a DM “wave”



$$\text{When } n_{DM} > \frac{1}{\lambda_{DM}^3}$$

In our galaxy this happens when  $m_{DM} < 1 \text{ eV}/c^2$

we can talk about DM  $\phi(x,t)$  and locally

$$\phi(t) \approx \phi_0 \cos \omega_{DM} t$$

with amplitude

$$\phi_0 \propto \frac{\sqrt{\text{DM density}}}{\text{DM mass}}$$

with frequency

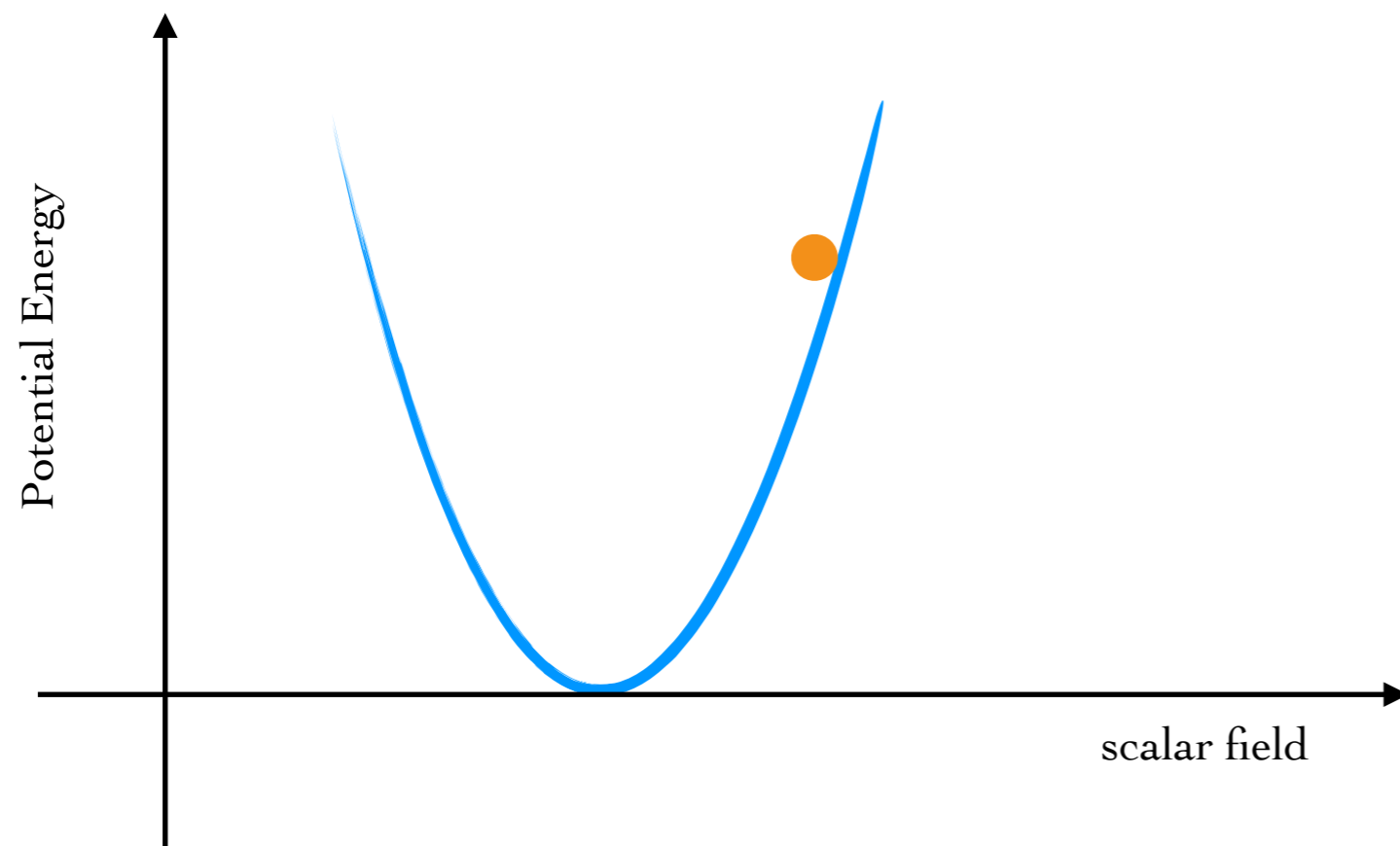
$$\omega_{DM} \approx \frac{m_{DM} c^2}{\hbar}$$

and finite coherence

$$\delta\omega_{DM} \approx \frac{m_{DM} v^2}{\hbar} = 10^{-6} \omega_{DM}$$

# Light Scalar Dark Matter

- Produced by the misalignment mechanism



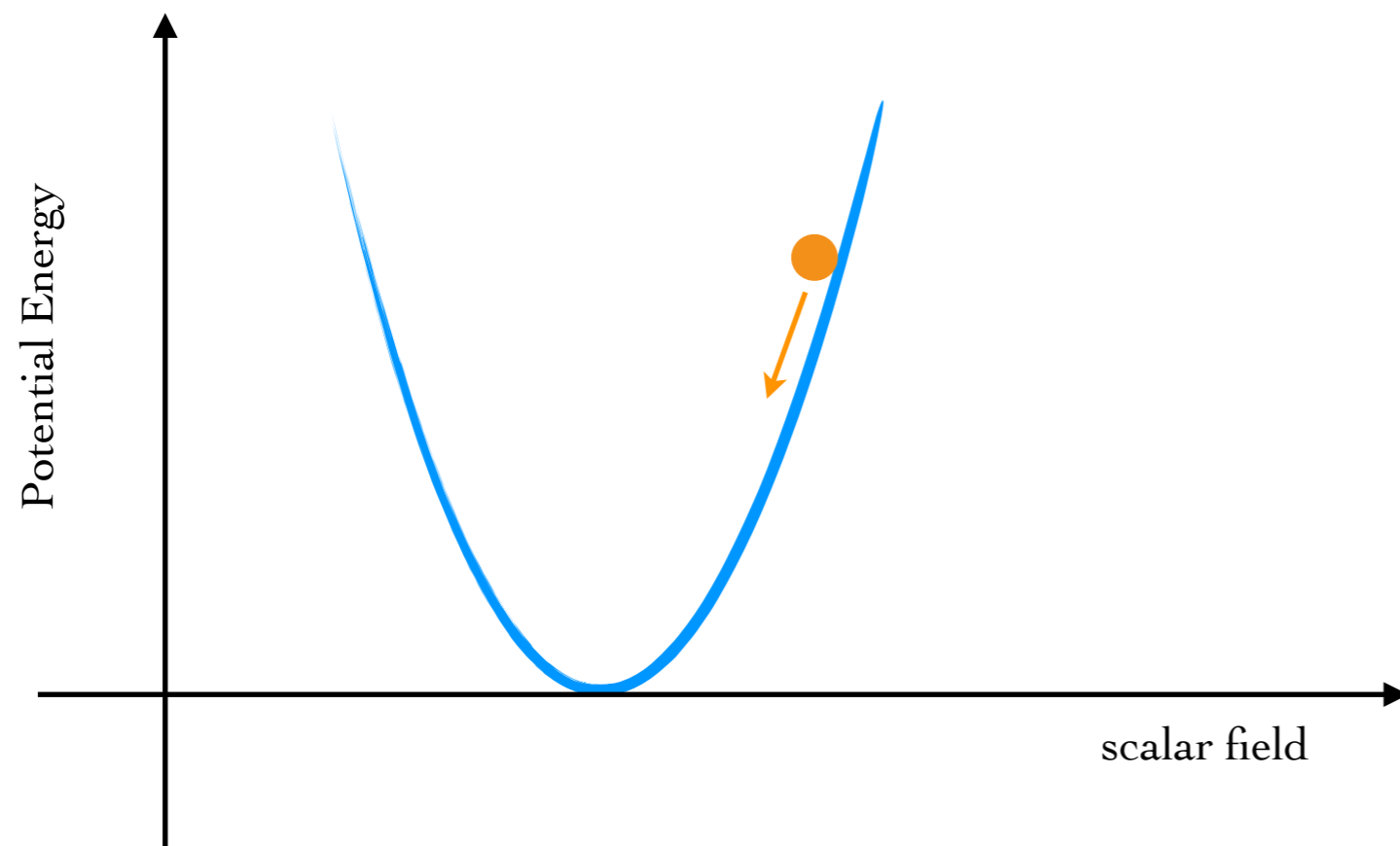
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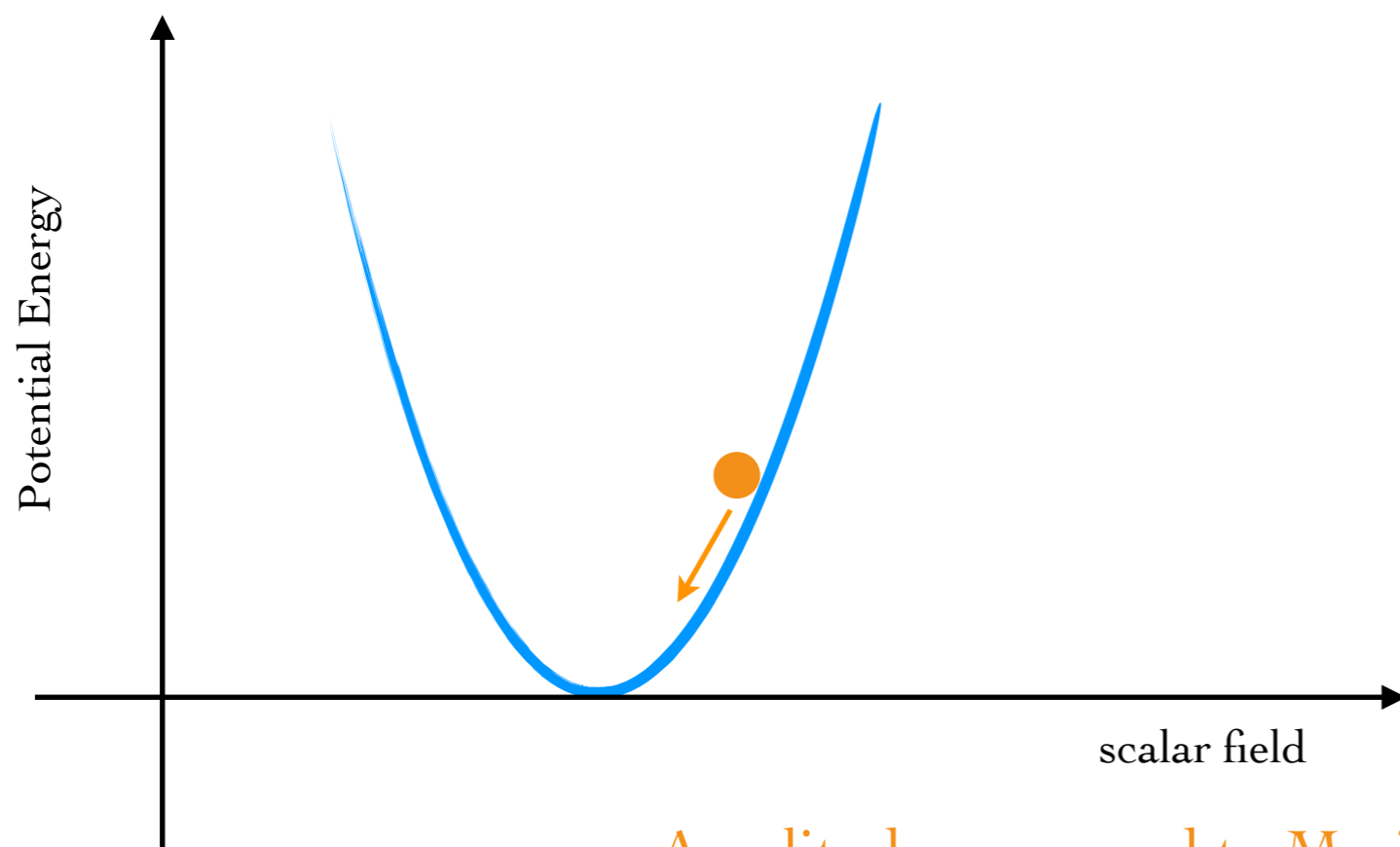
$\rho_{\phi}$  scales as  $a^{-3}$   
just like **Dark Matter**

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# Light Scalar Dark Matter Today

- If  $m_\phi < 1$  eV, can still be thought of as a scalar field today



$$m_\phi^2 \phi_0^2 \cos^2(m_\phi t) \sim \rho_\phi$$

Coherent for  $\nu_{\text{vir}}^{-2} \sim 10^6$  periods

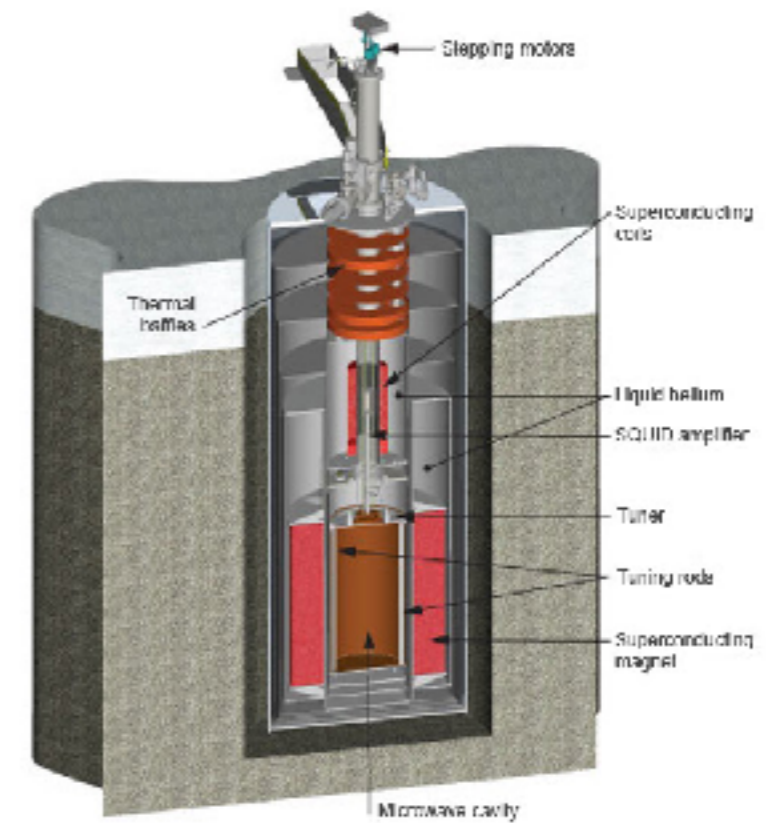
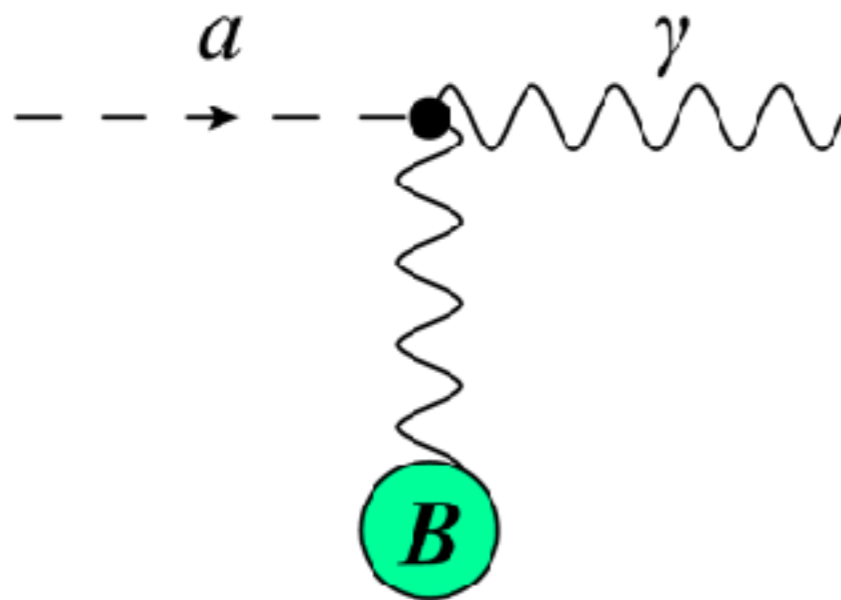
Amplitude compared to  $M_{\text{Pl}}$  in the galaxy:

$$\kappa\phi_0 = \frac{\sqrt{8\pi\rho_\phi}}{m_\phi M_{\text{Pl}}} = 6.4 \cdot 10^{-13} \left( \frac{10^{-18} \text{ eV}}{m_\phi} \right)$$

# Axion Dark Matter

Some examples

- Axion-to-photon conversion (ex. ADMX)



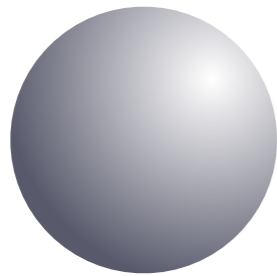
Cavity size = Axion size



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Monopole-Dipole Interaction

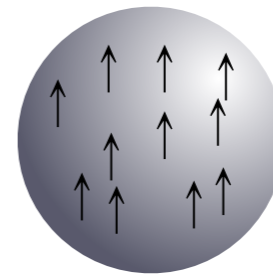


Mass with N nucleons

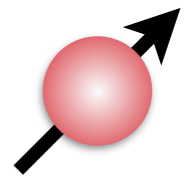


Spin

Dipole-Dipole Interaction



N spins



Spin

- Axion Force experiments (ex. ARIADNE)

# Dark Photon Dark Matter

Some examples

- Detected if kinetically mixed with the photon

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \epsilon F_{EM} F_{DM}$$

- Detected like a photon (ex. DM Radio and ADMX)

$$\text{DM electric field} \sim \sqrt{\rho_{DM}} \sim 50 \text{ V/cm}$$

# Moduli Dark Matter

- Couple non-derivatively to the Standard Model (as well axions with CP violation)
- Examples of couplings

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \sqrt{\hbar c} \frac{\phi}{\Lambda} \mathcal{O}_{SM}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{SM} \equiv m_e e \bar{e}, m_q q \bar{q}, G_s^2, F_{EM}^2, \dots$$

Fundamental constants are not really constants

# Oscillating Fundamental Constants

AA, J. Juang, K. Van Tilburg (2014)

From the local oscillation of Dark Matter

Ex. for the electron mass:

$$d_{m_e} \sqrt{\hbar c} \frac{\phi}{M_{Pl}} m_e c^2 e \bar{e}$$

$M_{pl} = 10^{18} \text{ GeV}$   
reduced Planck scale in energy

$$\frac{\delta m_e}{m_e} \approx \frac{d_{m_e} \phi_0}{M_{Pl}} \cos(\omega_{DM} t)$$

$$= 6.4 \times 10^{-13} \cos(\omega_{DM} t) \left( \frac{10^{-18} \text{ eV}}{m_{DM} c^2} \right) \left( \frac{d_{m_e}}{1} \right)$$

$d_{me}$  : coupling strength relative to gravity

Fractional variation set by square root of DM abundance

Need an extremely sensitive probe...

What happens if new  
physics only couples  
through gravity?

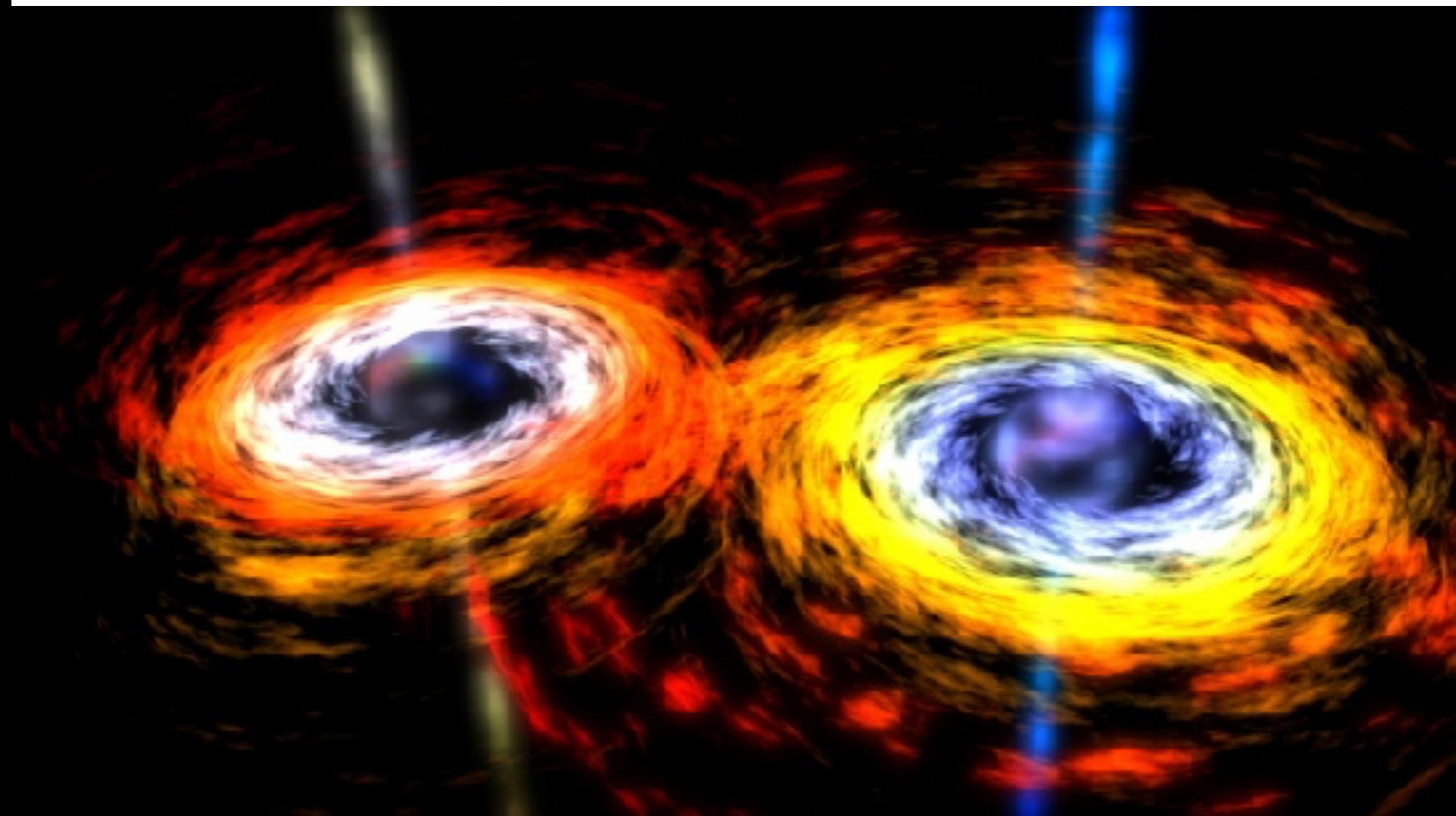
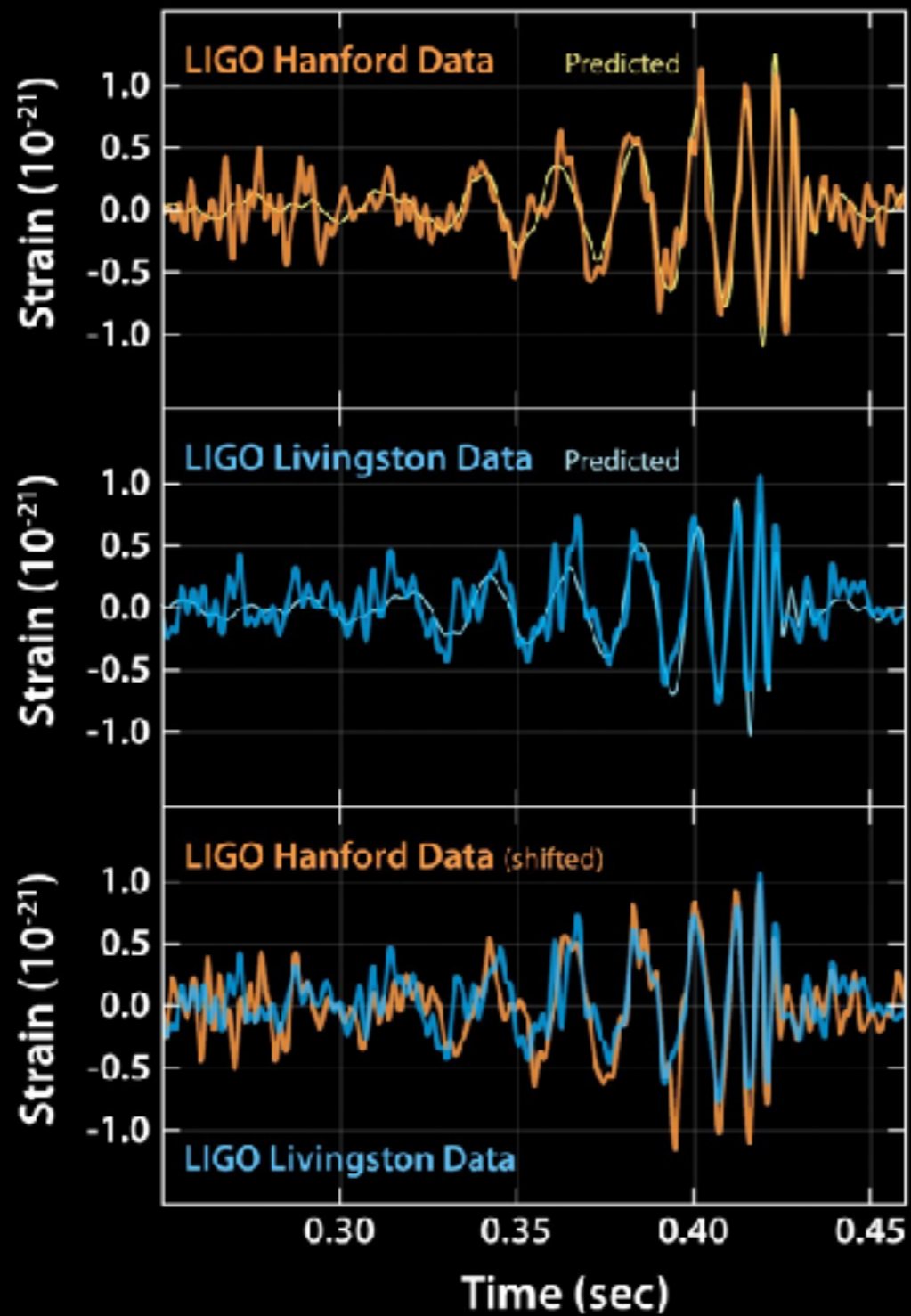
# Black Holes as Nature's Detectors



1 km - 10 billion km

They can detect bosons of similar in size

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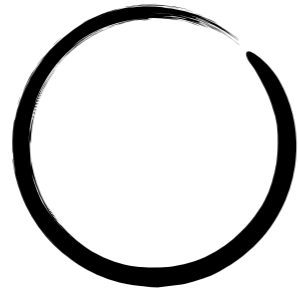


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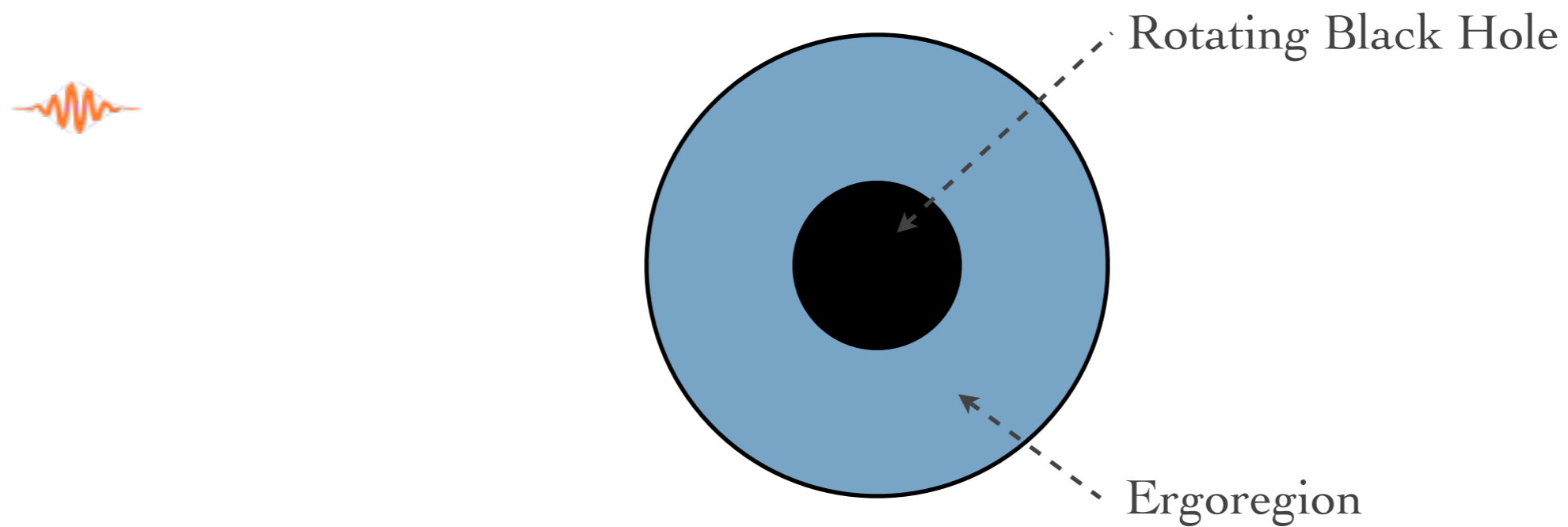
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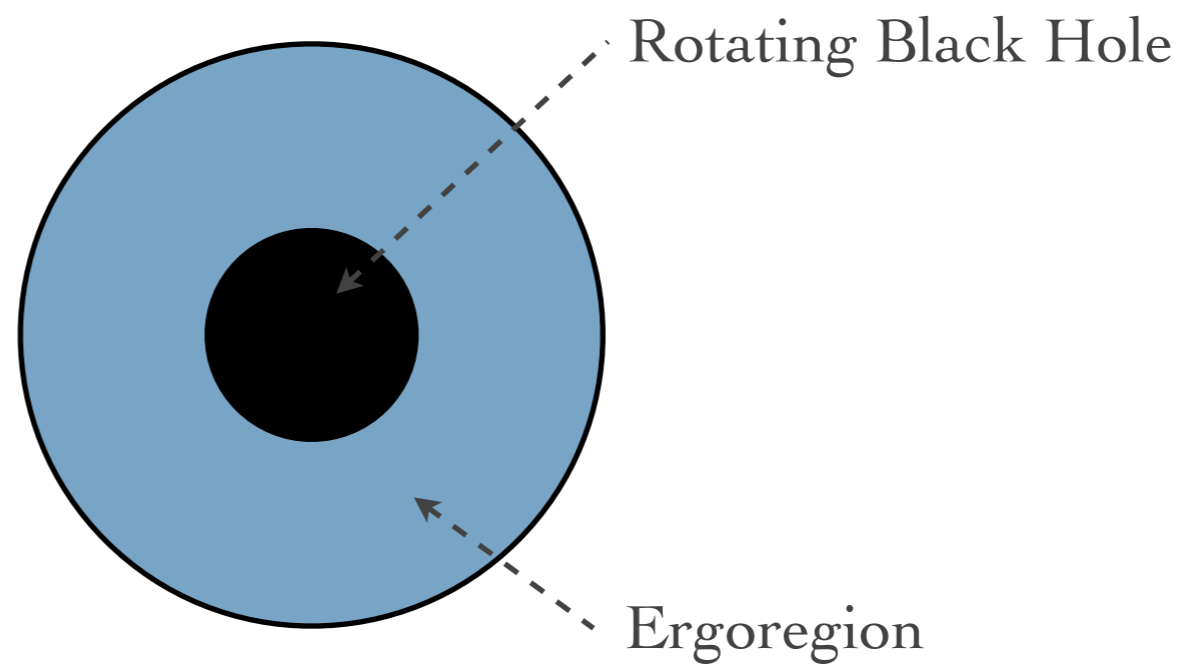
## Penrose Process



Ergoregion: Region where even light has to be rotating

# Black Hole Superradiance

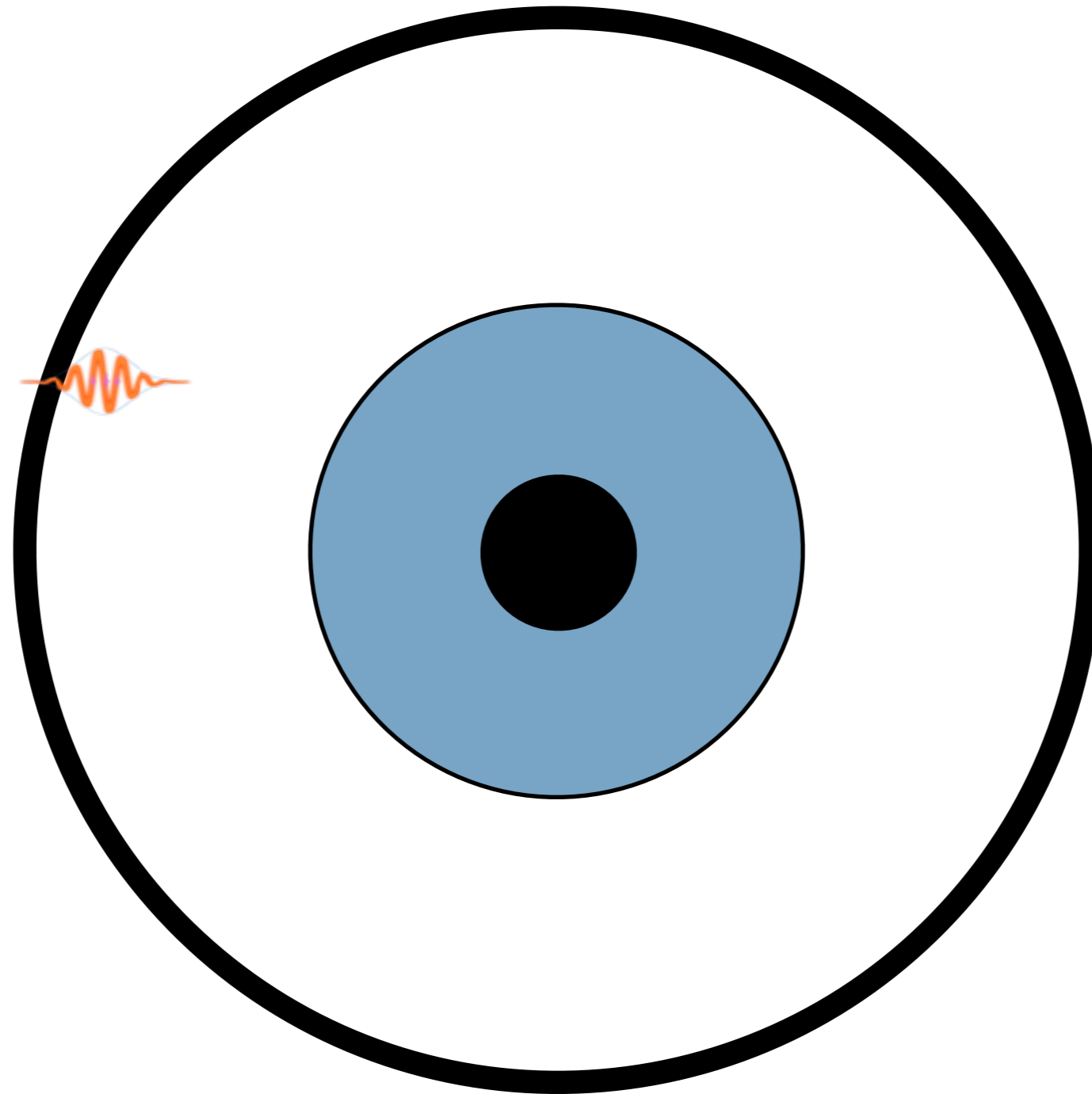
## Penrose Process



Extracts angular momentum and mass from a spinning black hole

# Black Hole Bomb

Press & Teukolsky 1972

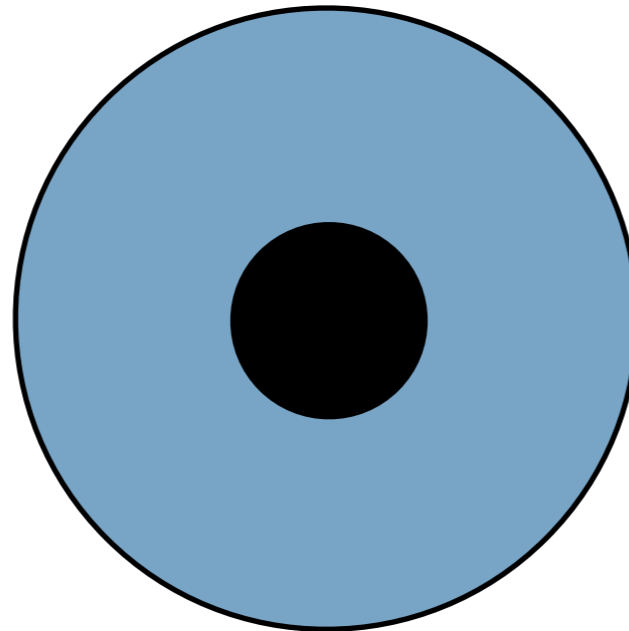
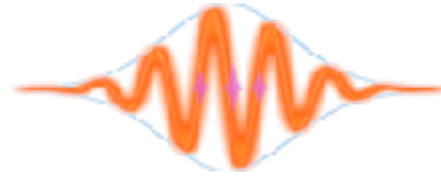


Photons reflected back and forth from the black hole  
and through the ergoregion



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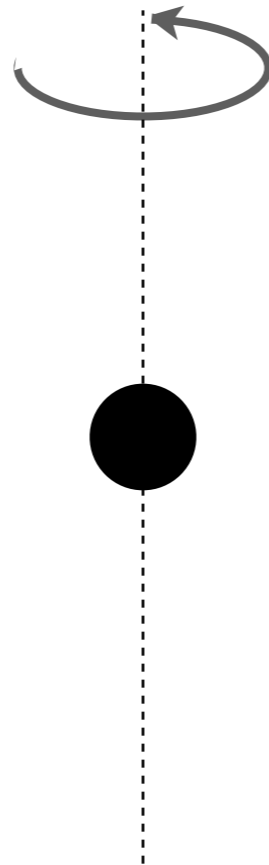
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# Superradiance for a massive boson

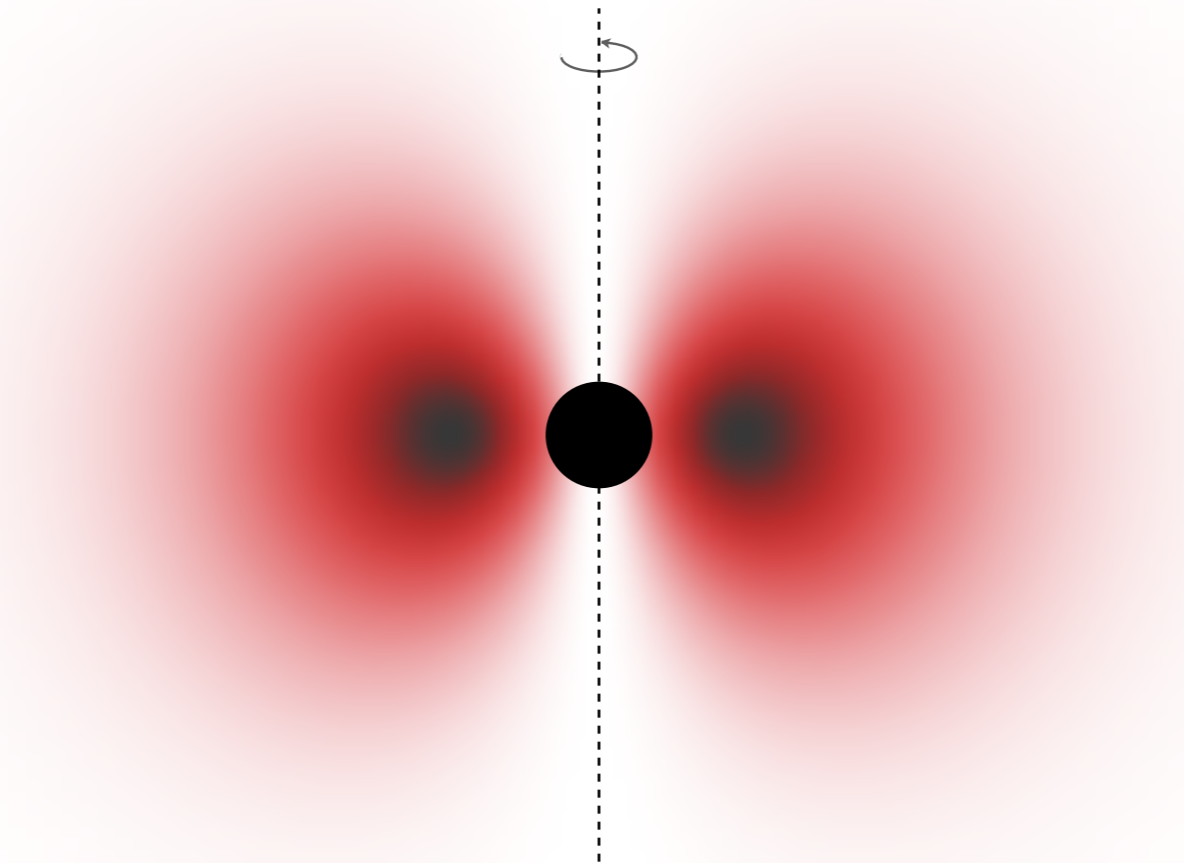
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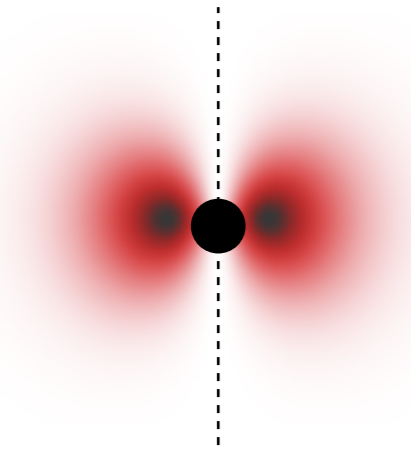
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# Gravitational Atom in the Sky

## The gravitational Hydrogen Atom



Fine-structure constant:

$$\alpha = G_{\text{N}} M_{\text{BH}} \mu_a = R_g \mu_a$$

Principal (n), orbital (l), and magnetic (m) quantum number for each level

$$E_{\text{binding}} = -\frac{\alpha^2 \mu_a}{2n^2}$$

Main differences from hydrogen atom:

Levels occupied by bosons - occupation number  $> 10^{77}$

In-going Boundary Condition at Horizon

# Key Points About Superradiance

- For light axions (weak coupling) equation identical to Hydrogen atom
- Boundary conditions different:
  - Regular at the origin  $\longrightarrow$  Ingoing (BH is absorber)
  - Hermitian  $\longrightarrow$  Non-hermitian

# Superradiance Parametrics

## Superradiance Condition

$$\omega_{\text{axion}} < m \Omega_+$$

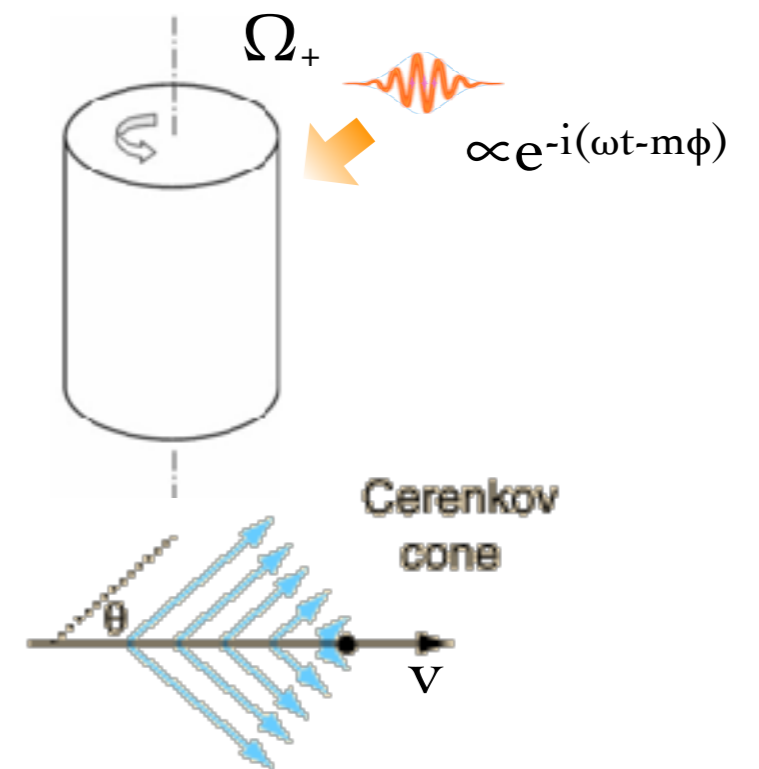
$m$  : magnetic quantum number

$\Omega_+$  : angular velocity of the BH

## Universal Phenomenon:

Superluminal rotational motion of a conducting cylinder

Superluminal linear motion - Cherenkov radiation  $1/n(\omega) < v$



Condition can be extracted from requiring that  $dA_{\text{BH}} > 0$

# Superradiance Parametrics

## Superradiance Rate

$$\tau_{sr} \sim 0.6 \times 10^7 R_g \text{ for } R_g \mu_a \sim 0.4$$

As short as 100 sec vs  $\tau_{\text{accretion}} \sim 10^8$  years

When  $R_g \mu_a \gg 1$ ,

$$\tau_{sr} = 10^7 e^{3.7(\mu_a R_g)} R_g$$

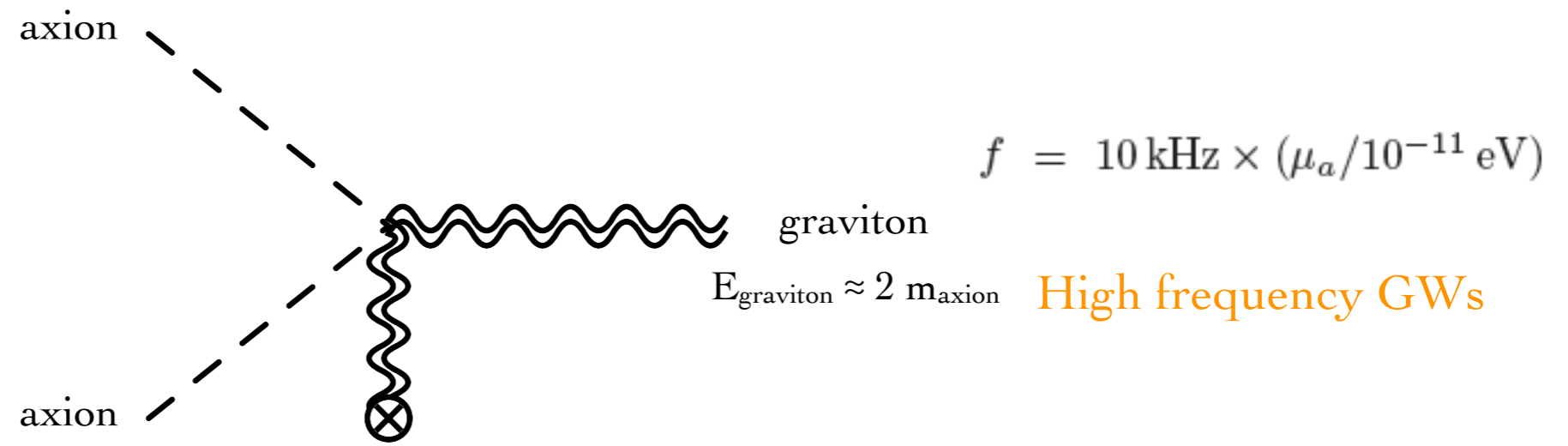
When  $R_g \mu_a \ll 1$

$$\tau_{sr} = \left(\frac{24}{a}\right) (\mu_a R_g)^{-9} R_g$$



# Super-Radiance Signatures

GW annihilations



- Signal enhanced by the square of the occupation number of the state

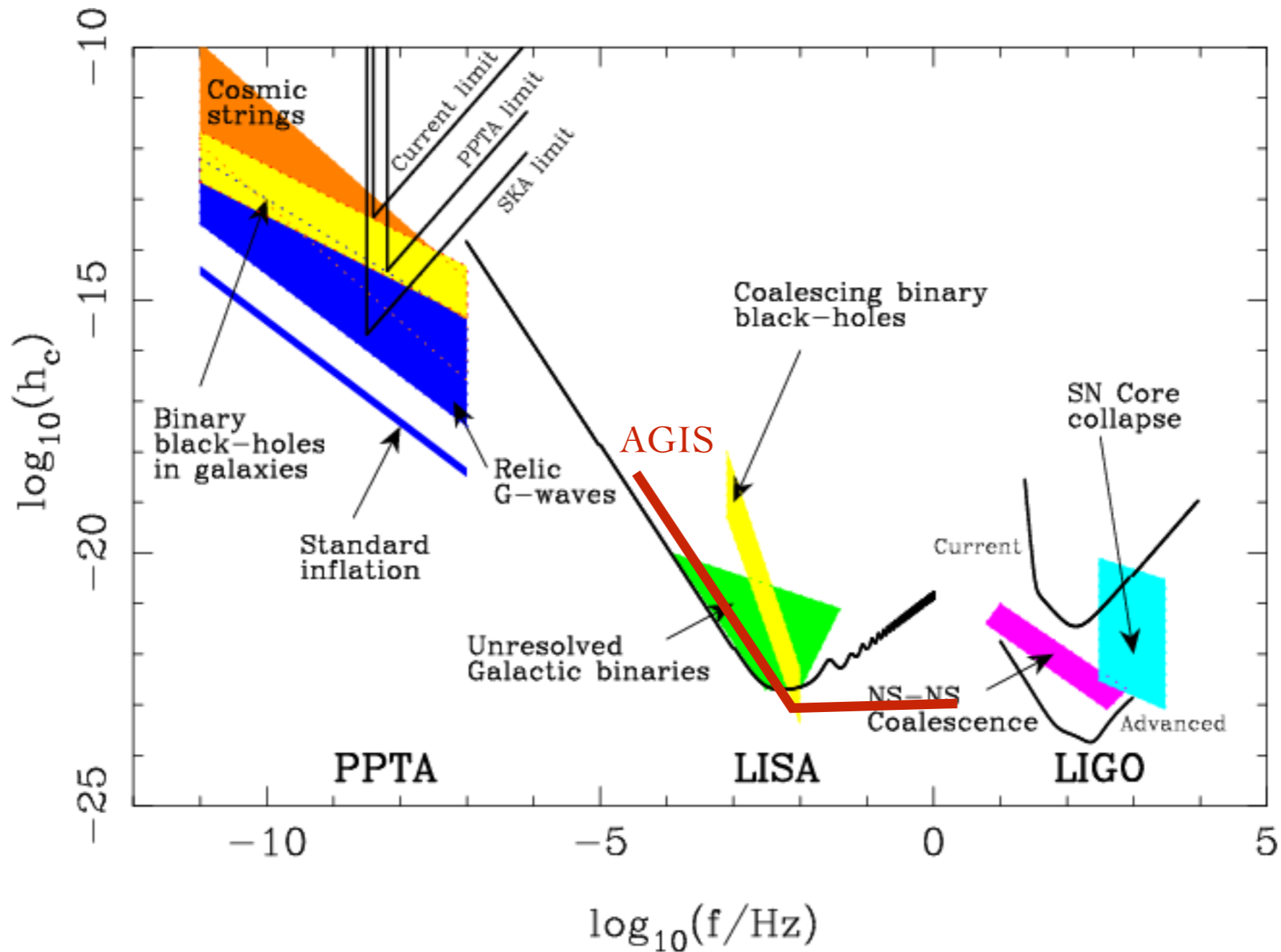
$$h_{\text{peak}} \simeq 10^{-22} \left( \frac{1 \text{ kpc}}{r} \right) \left( \frac{\alpha/\ell}{0.5} \right)^{\frac{p}{2}} \frac{\alpha^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{\ell} \left( \frac{M}{10M_{\odot}} \right)$$

- Signal **duration** determined by the annihilation rate (can last thousands of years)



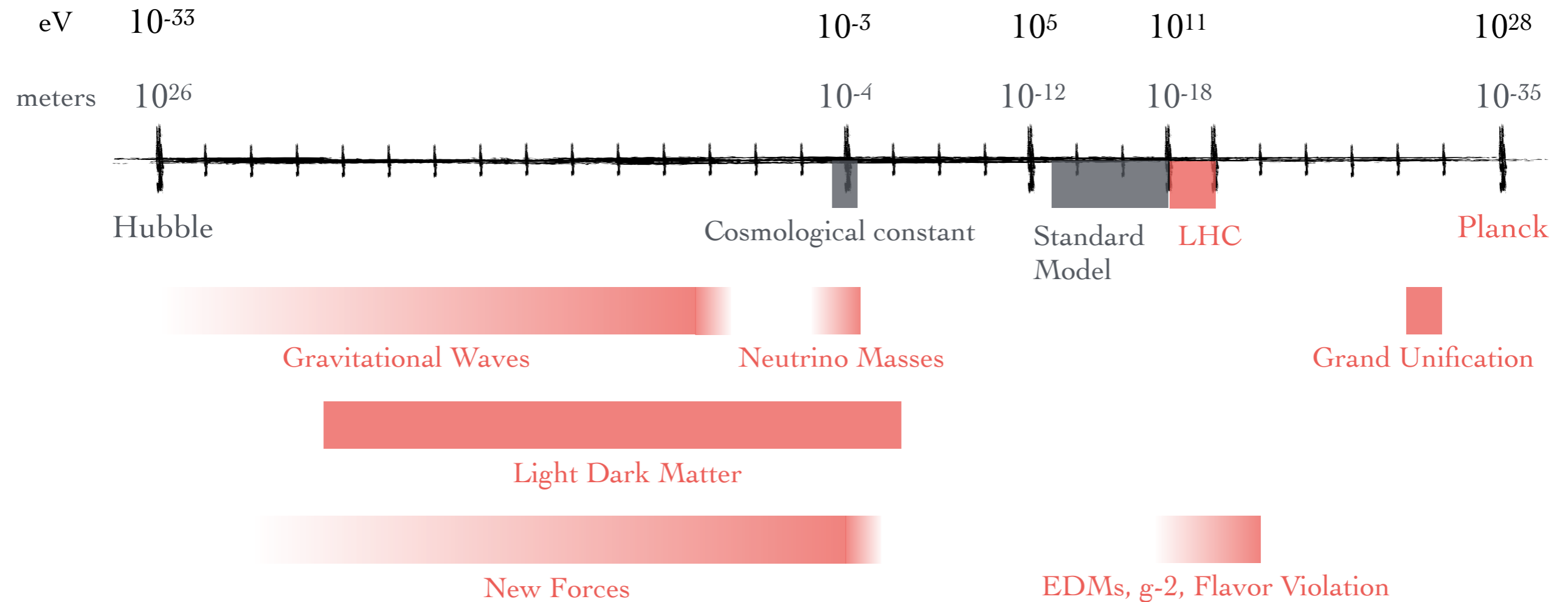
# What will the Universe look like?

LIGO and PTA look at different frequencies:  
*Gravitational Wave Astronomy*



*Our new “eyes” for our Cosmos*

# The Scales in Our Universe



*There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio,  
Than are dreamt of in your philosophy.*  
- Hamlet

