

THE WEAK SCALE AS A TRIGGER



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TODAY'S TALK

The Weak Scale As a Trigger

[Arkani-Hamed, **RTD**, Kim] '20

Sliding Naturalness

[**RTD**, Teresi] In Preparation

1. Hierarchy Problem 101
2. *SM* and BSM Triggers
3. Use your trigger: Linking the Higgs Mass and the Cosmological Constant



THE HIERARCHY PROBLEM

FINE-TUNING 101

A physical observable can be computed as the sum of multiple unrelated contributions

$$\mathcal{O} = O_1 + O_2 + \dots$$

At least two of them are much larger than its observed value

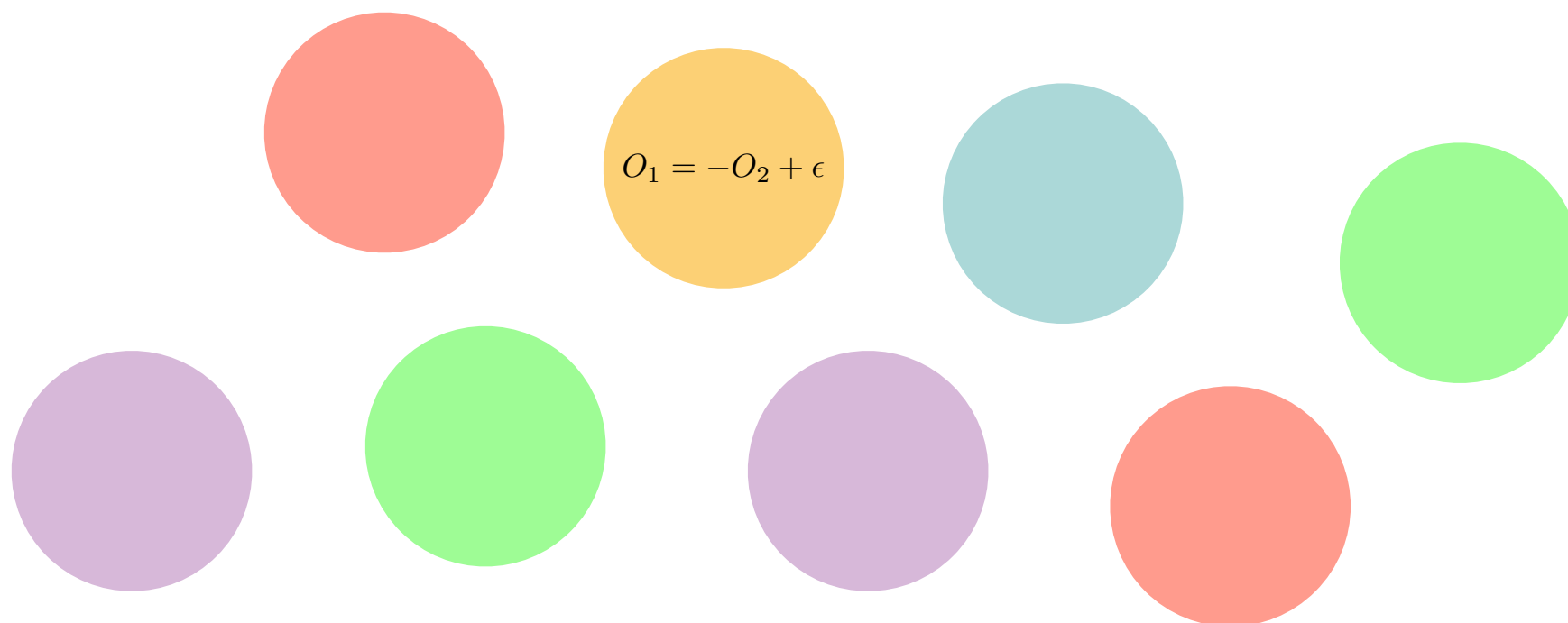
$$\mathcal{O}_{\text{obs}} \ll |O_{1,2}|$$

FINE-TUNING 101

Is there a symmetry?

$$O_1 = -O_2 + \epsilon$$

Is there a landscape?



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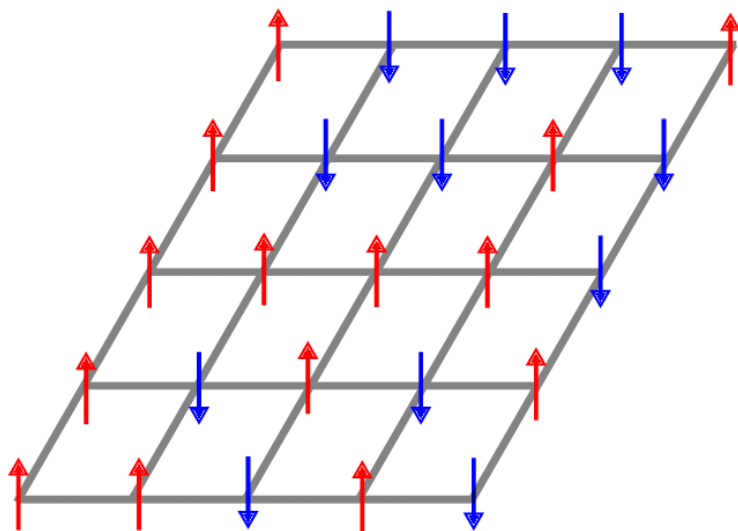
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Example:

Prepare Ising Model



Scan Temperature

$$T - T_c \simeq 10^{-30}$$

The scalar is
much lighter
than the lattice spacing

Λ^4

Cosmological
Constant

$$\Lambda^4$$

SIZE OF THE
UNIVERSE

Higgs Mass
Squared

$$m_h^2 |H|^2$$

WEAK FORCE,
STRUCTURE OF
NUCLEI,
COMPLEX
CHEMISTRY, ...

Λ^4

Cosmological
Constant

$$\Lambda^4$$

Theory $\sim 10^{120}$ Experiment

Higgs Mass
Squared

$$m_h^2 |H|^2$$

Theory $\sim 10^{30}$ Experiment

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A deep space photograph showing a dense field of stars and distant galaxies against a dark cosmic background.

Cosmological
Constant

$$\Lambda \simeq 10^{-12} m_h$$

A 3D molecular model with translucent green and orange spheres connected by white lines. Faint chemical structures like NC(=O)O and HO are visible in the background.

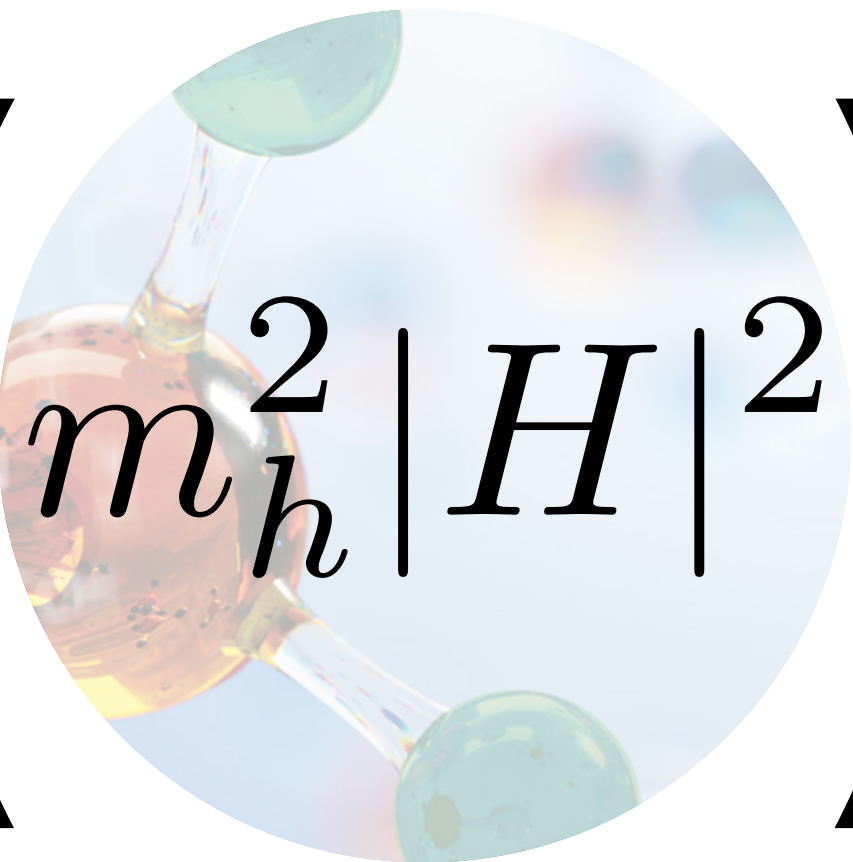
Higgs Mass

Extremely different
scales

Traditional Approach: Factorize
the problems

$$\left(\Lambda^4 \right) \times \left(m_h^2 |H|^2 \right)$$

Traditional
Approach:
Factorize the
problems


$$\left(m_h^2 |H|^2 \right)$$

We have been looking
for answers
here

Higgs Boson



and we have
not found them



We **have been looking** for these
simple and elegant solutions for
more than 40 years

It is a good time to **consider**
seriously more creative
alternatives





Λ^4
Cosmological
Constant




Higgs Mass
Squared

Is there a landscape?



Theory $\sim 10^{120}$ Experiment




Theory $\sim 10^{60}$ Experiment

Change of perspective:


$$\Lambda^4$$


$$m_h^2 |H|^2$$

Can we find the origin of the weak
scale early in the history of the
Universe?



1. **SCANNING:** The Higgs mass takes many different values either in our Universe or in the Multiverse

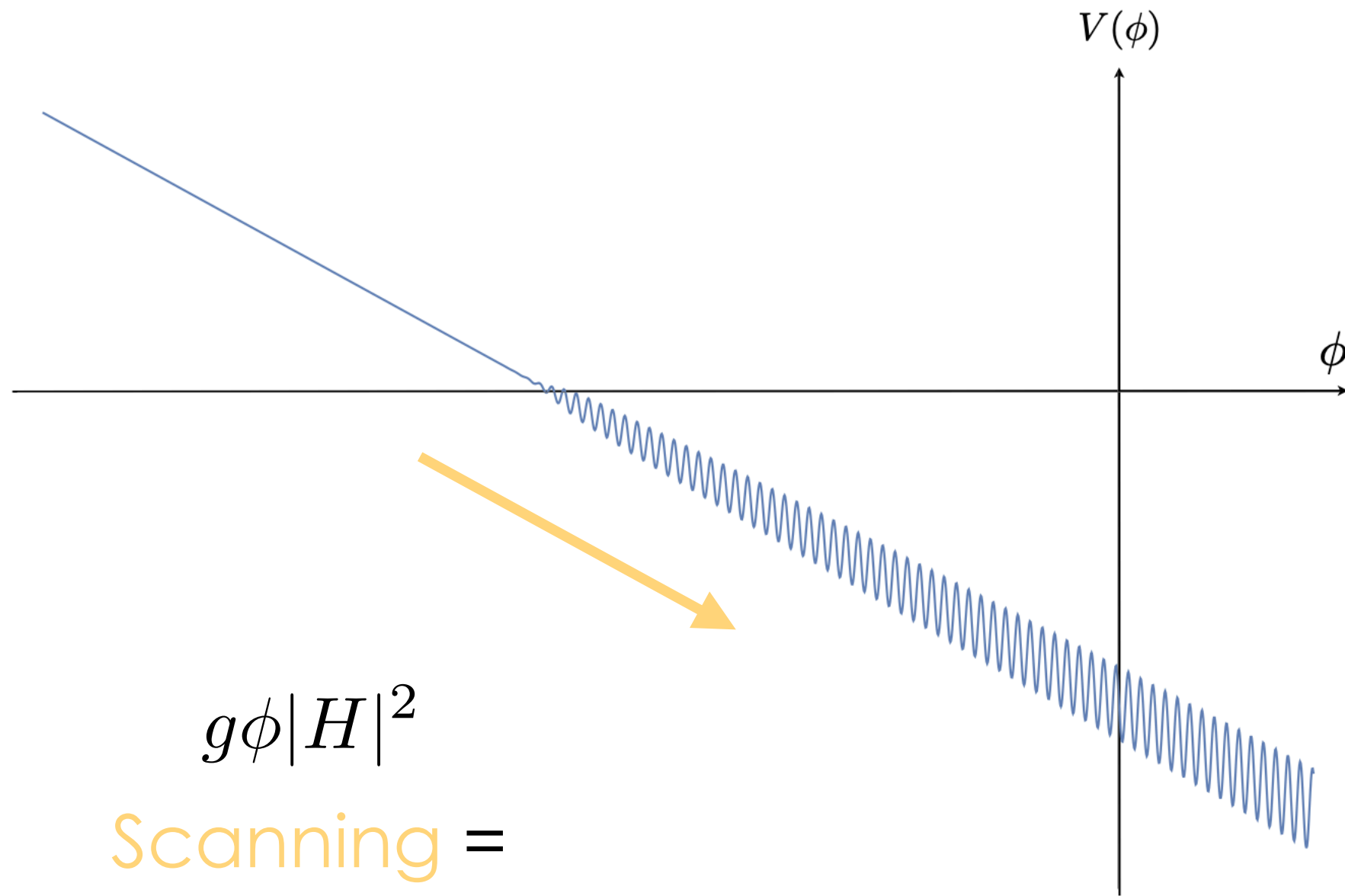


2. SELECTION: Something is “triggered” in the evolution of the Universe when the Higgs mass crosses the weak scale



3. OBSERVATION: Today we measure an unnaturally small value of the weak scale as a consequence of an early Universe event that we can not (yet) observe

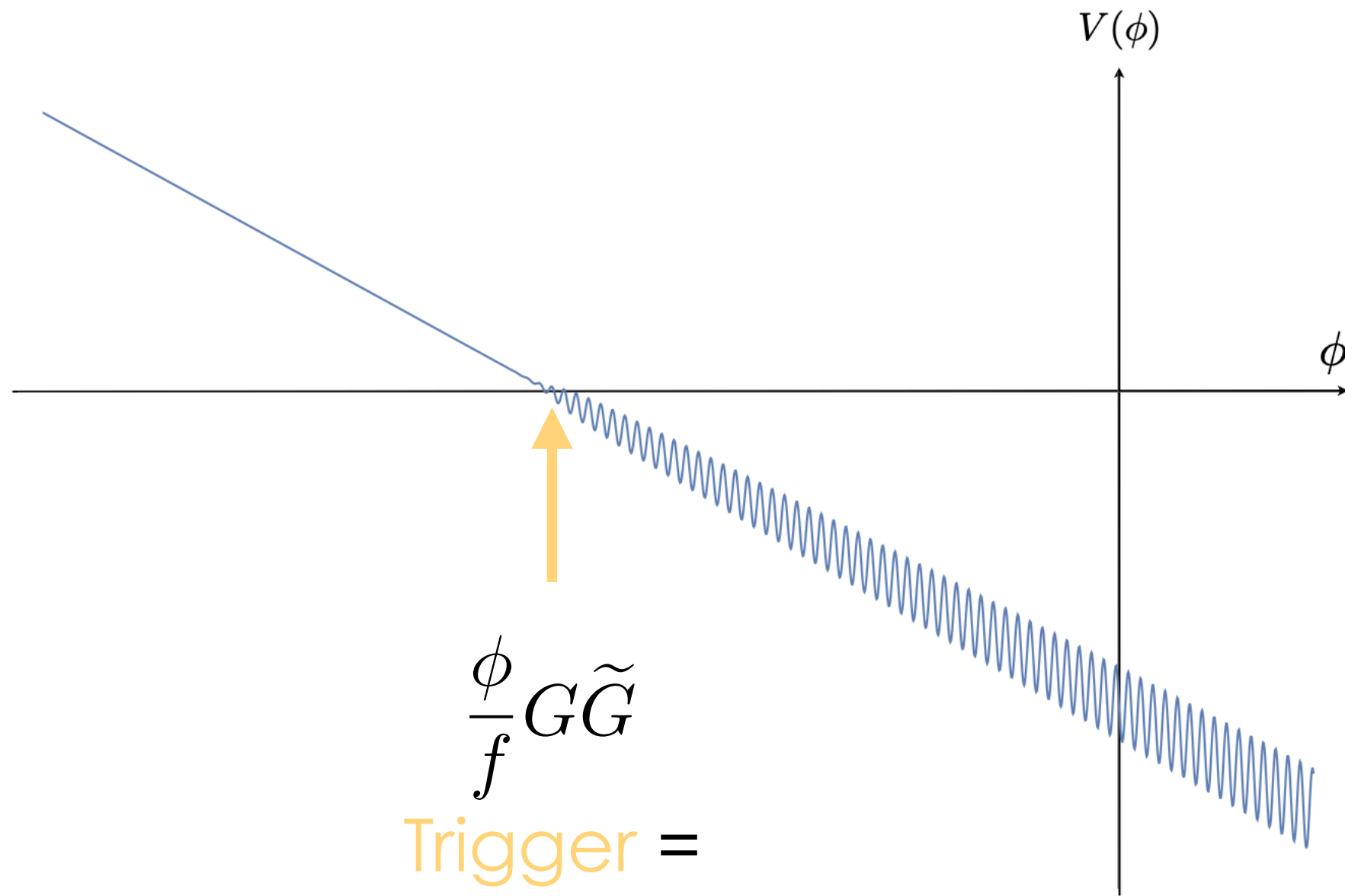
EXAMPLE: RELAXION



$$g\phi|H|^2$$

Scanning =
Landscape of Higgs vevs

EXAMPLE: RELAXION



Trigger =

Selection of Observed vev



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WEAK SCALE TRIGGERS

General QFT question relevant beyond cosmological naturalness:

Does anything change (in the SM) as we vary $\langle h \rangle$?

WEAK SCALE TRIGGERS

Most relevant phenomenologically:

Physics coupled to the Higgs with

$$m \lesssim v$$

One trigger = Many solutions to the hierarchy problem



SM TRIGGERS

HIERARCHY 102

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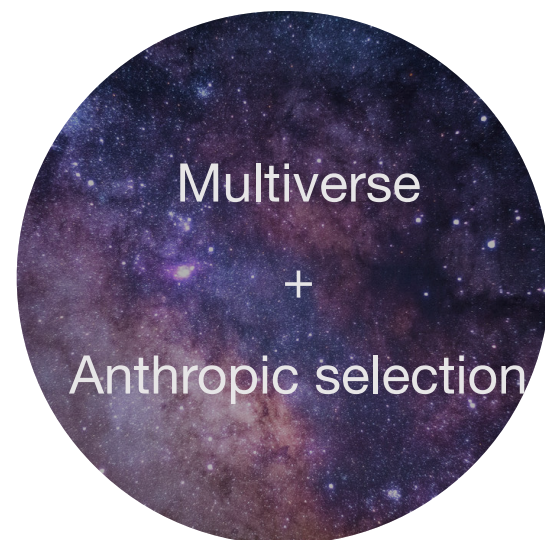
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2. If we look at local operators we discover the hierarchy problem:

$$\langle h^{\dagger}h \rangle \sim \Lambda_H^2$$

HIERARCHY 102

Does anything change in the SM as we vary $\langle h \rangle$?

$$\xi \phi \text{Tr} [G \tilde{G}]$$



$$\xi \phi \theta_{\text{QCD}} m_{\pi}^2 f_{\pi}^2$$



$$\langle G \tilde{G} \rangle \simeq \theta_{\text{QCD}} m_{\pi}^2 f_{\pi}^2 \simeq \theta_{\text{QCD}} (y_u + y_d) v \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^3$$

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New class of ideas
that can be tested
in the laboratory in
the near future

Dvali, Vilenkin '01
Graham, Kaplan, Rajendran '15
Geller, Hochberg, Kuflik '18
...

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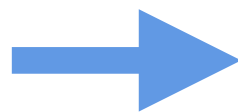


Important Pheno Message:

Axion-Like phenomenology can be related to the hierarchy problem

HIERARCHY 102

$$\text{Tr} [G\tilde{G}]$$



Why does it
work?

$$\text{Tr} [G\tilde{G}] = \partial_\mu K^\mu$$

Shift symmetry

$$K^\mu$$

Not gauge
invariant

POTENTIAL SM TRIGGERS

In the SM we can try other options

$$\text{Tr} \left[W \widetilde{W} \right]$$

Needs extra B+L
breaking

Beyond the SM

$$\frac{(Qu^c)(Qd^c)}{M^2}$$

Works only in 2HDM

In the SM at 3 loops
it's sensitive to flavor
breaking by Yukawas

WEAK SCALE TRIGGERS

Find Triggers = Find physics related to naturalness that you weren't expecting from symmetry solutions



A BSM TRIGGER

A SIMPLE BSM TRIGGER

$$H_1 H_2$$

Protected by the **Z2 symmetry**

$$H_1 H_2 \rightarrow -H_1 H_2$$

In the **absence of odd terms** in the Lagrangian the **vev** is **UV insensitive and calculable**

$H_1 H_2$ **without Z4** first considered as ‘paleo’-trigger in: [Espinosa, Grojean, Panico, Pomarol, Pujolas '15], [Dvali, Vilenkin '01]. Today these models require **two coincidences of scales to be alive at the LHC**.

TYPE-0 2HDM

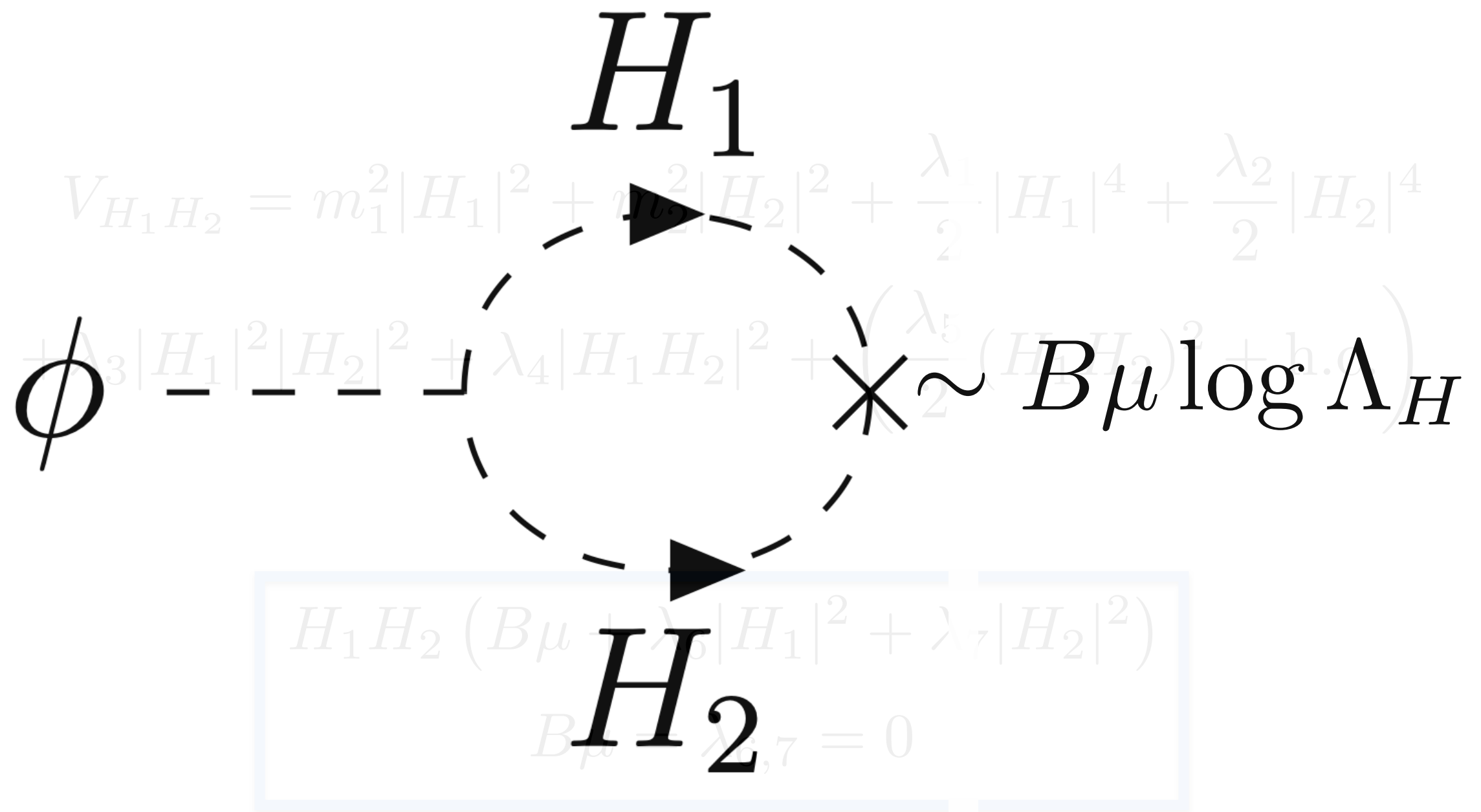
Z2 symmetric 2HDM

$$V_{H_1 H_2} = m_1^2 |H_1|^2 + m_2^2 |H_2|^2 + \frac{\lambda_1}{2} |H_1|^4 + \frac{\lambda_2}{2} |H_2|^4 \\ + \lambda_3 |H_1|^2 |H_2|^2 + \lambda_4 |H_1 H_2|^2 + \left(\frac{\lambda_5}{2} (H_1 H_2)^2 + \text{h.c.} \right)$$

$$H_1 H_2 (B\mu + \lambda_6 |H_1|^2 + \lambda_7 |H_2|^2)$$

$$B\mu = \lambda_{6,7} = 0$$

TYPE-0 2HDM



A SIMPLE BSM TRIGGER

$$H_1 H_2$$

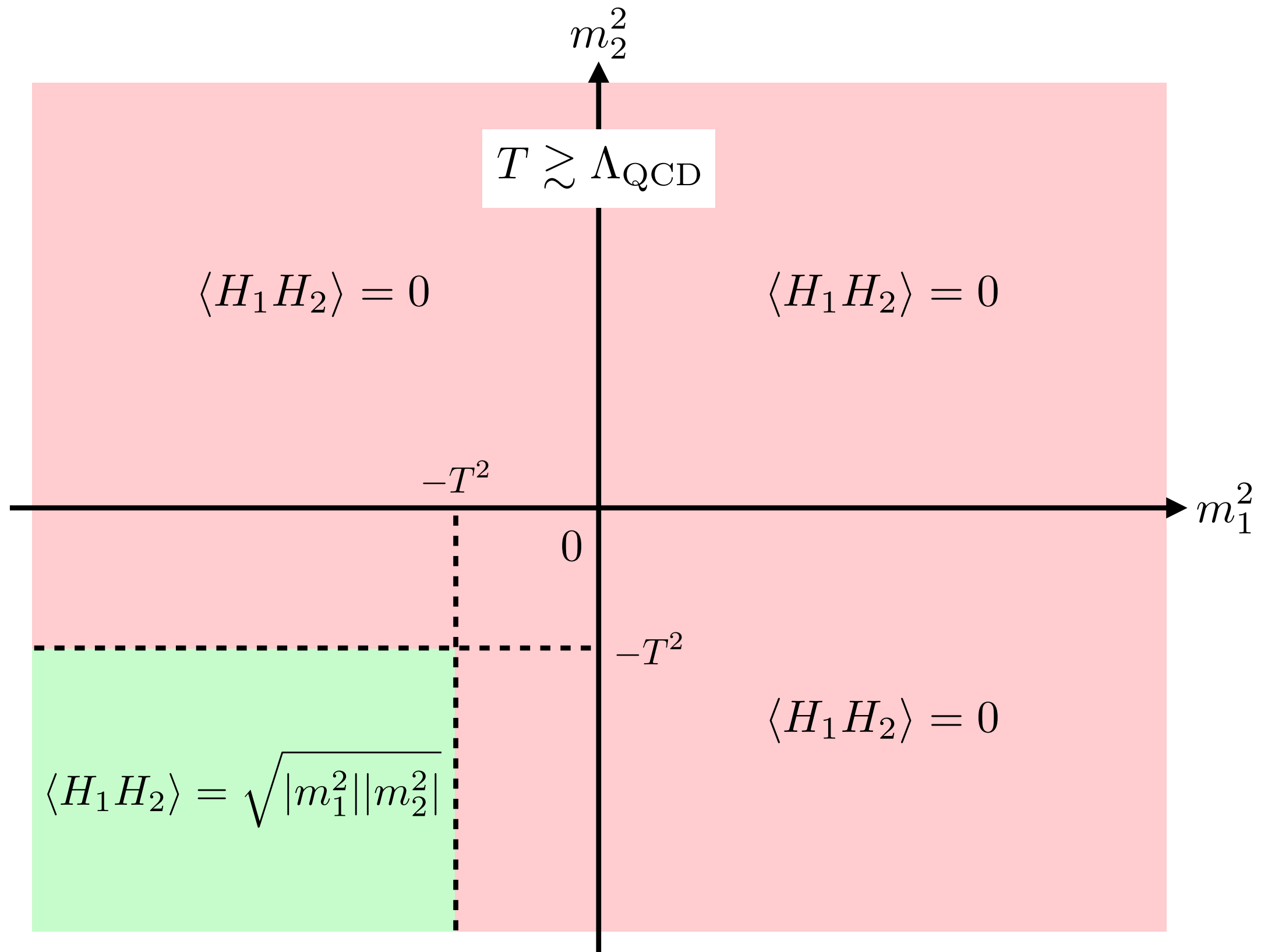
For quarks and leptons we choose the
phenomenologically safest Z2 charge assignments

$$H_2 \rightarrow -H_2, \quad (qu^c) \rightarrow -(qu^c), \quad (qd^c) \rightarrow -(qd^c), \quad (le^c) \rightarrow -(le^c)$$

This gives

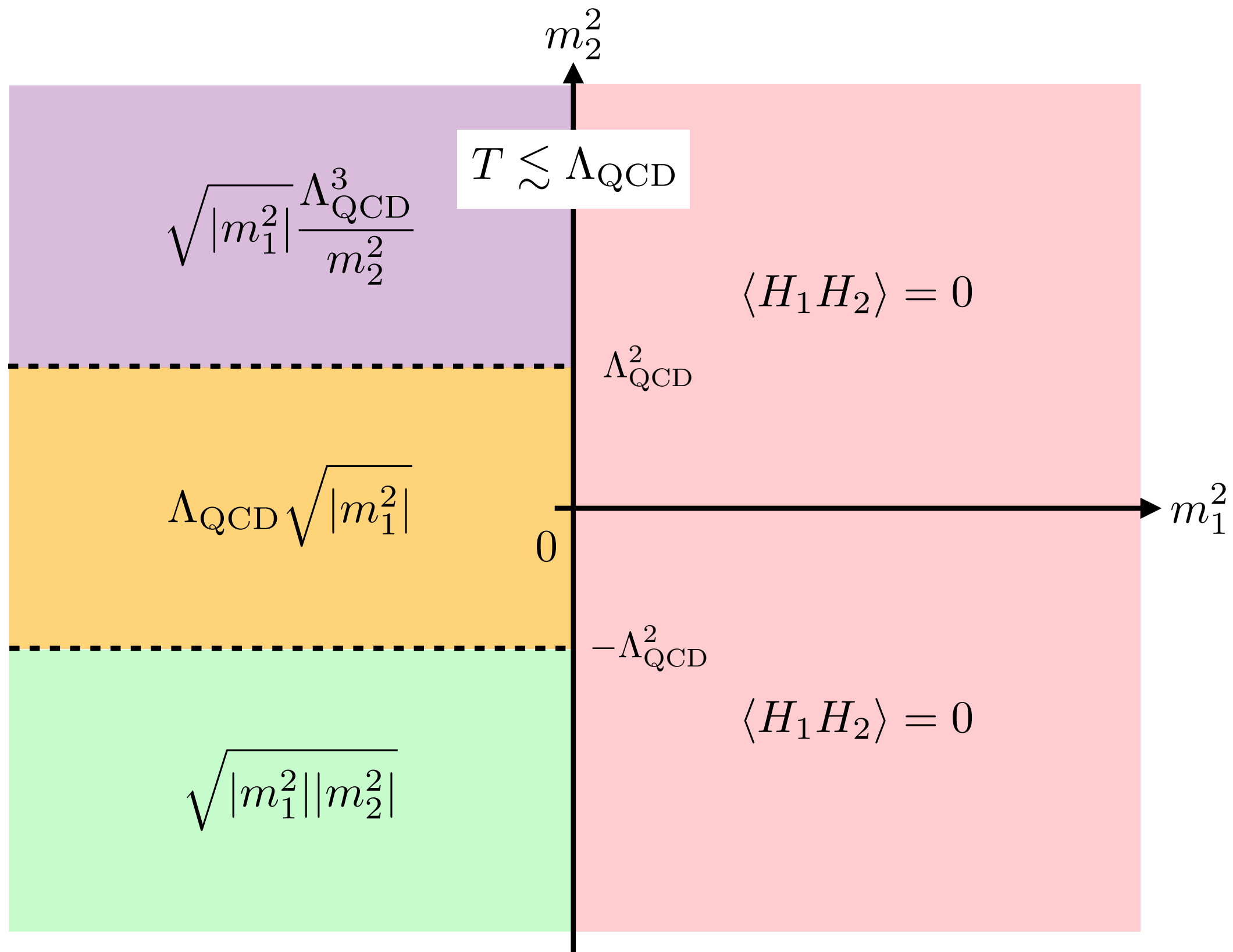
$$V_Y = Y_u q H_2 u^c + Y_d q H_2^\dagger d^c + Y_e l H_2^\dagger e^c$$

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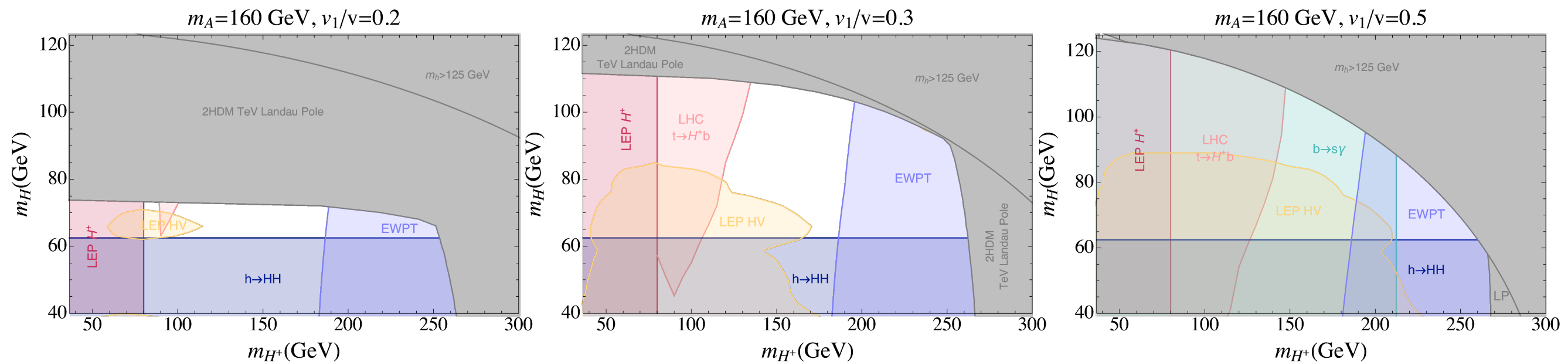
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TYPE-0 2HDM PHENOMENOLOGY

$$m_{A,H^\pm}^2 \sim \lambda v^2, \quad \lambda \lesssim 2$$

$$m_H^2 \sim \lambda_1 v_1^2 \leq m_h^2 = (125 \text{ GeV})^2$$

TYPE-0 2HDM PHENOMENOLOGY



Sharp target for HL-LHC which **can't be decoupled!**
(See also the next slide)

EXERCISES FOR THE READER

1. Are there other SM triggers?
2. Are there other (simple) BSM triggers?
3. Can we use the 2HDM trigger to explain the value of the weak scale?

General expectation:


$$G\tilde{G}$$

$$H_1 H_2$$

Light physics related to “trigger operators” (we have only 2 so far, 3 counting BSM confining groups)



**USE YOUR TRIGGER PART I:
GENERIC EXPECTATIONS**

TRIGGER BASICS

Sliding Naturalness

[RTD, Teresi] In Preparation

New Scalar ϕ

Coupled to the Higgs

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$$V_\phi \sim m_\phi^2 M_*^2$$

M_*

Cutoff

$$\frac{m_\phi}{M_*} \ll 1$$

Shift Symmetry

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The **Higgs vev affects at $O(1)$ the ϕ potential** near its minimum **in our universe**

$$m_\phi \simeq \frac{\kappa v^2}{M_*}$$

This reasoning is quite general and **is true for several ideas involving cosmological selection** (relaxion, crunching dilaton, ...)

Notable exception: Dvali, Vilenkin '01

General expectation:


$$m_\phi \sim \kappa v \frac{v^n}{M_*^n}$$

Extremely light new scalars (or pseudo-scalars) triggered by the Higgs

A ULTRALIGHT WIMP MIRACLE

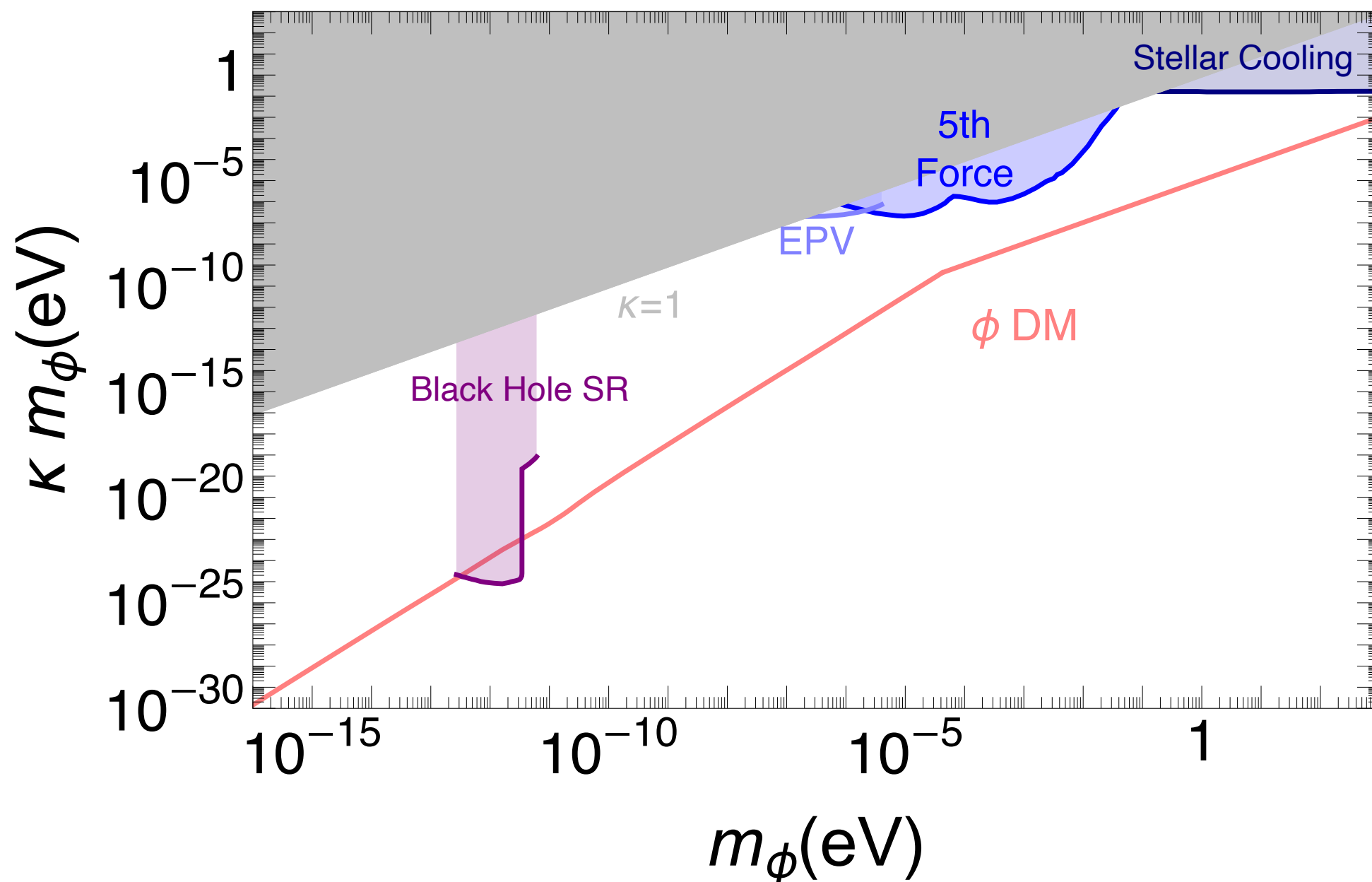
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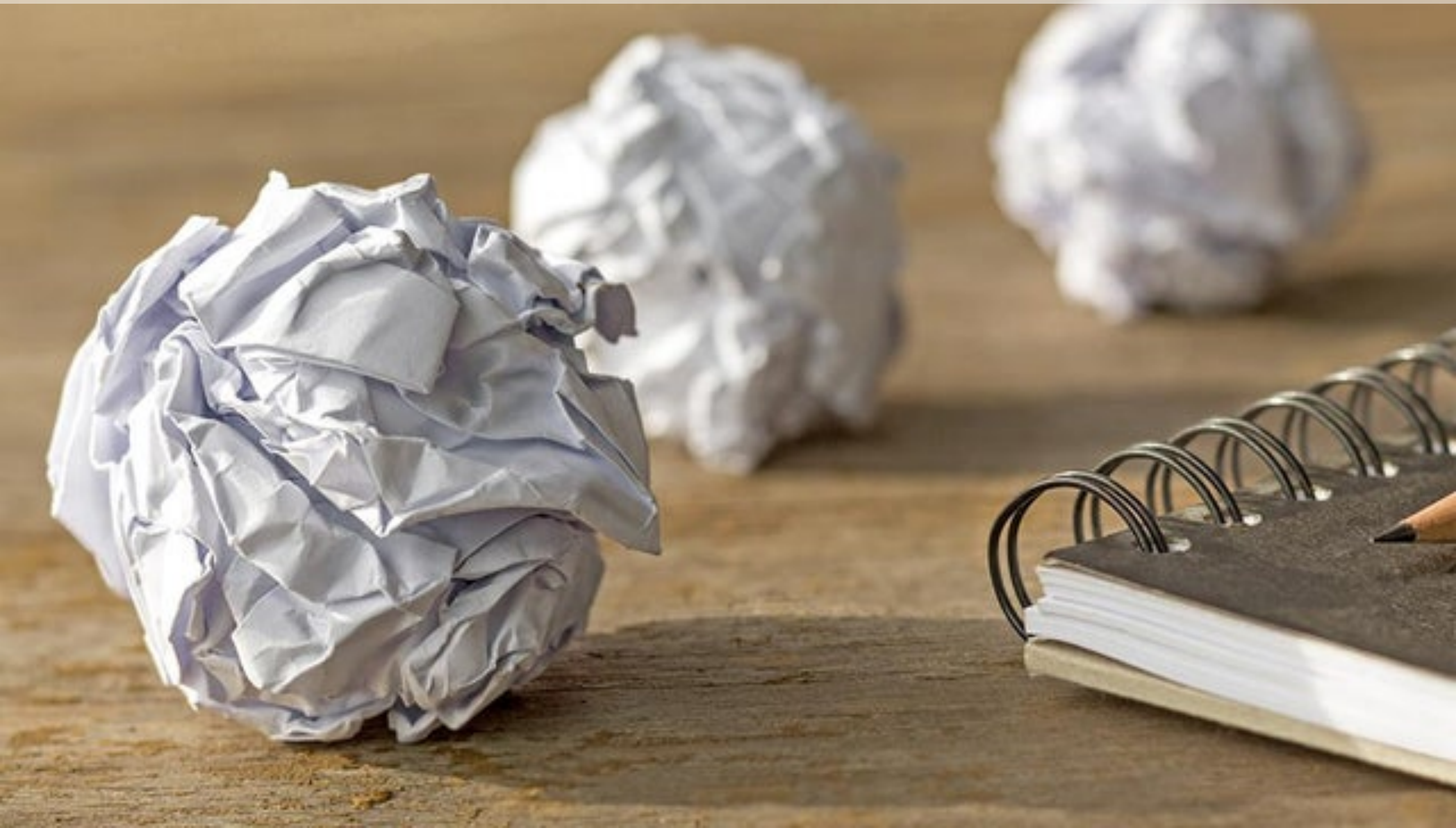
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USE YOUR TRIGGER PART II: CRUNCHING



PERTURBATIVE CRUNCH

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BSM Ingredients:

$$\phi_{\pm}$$

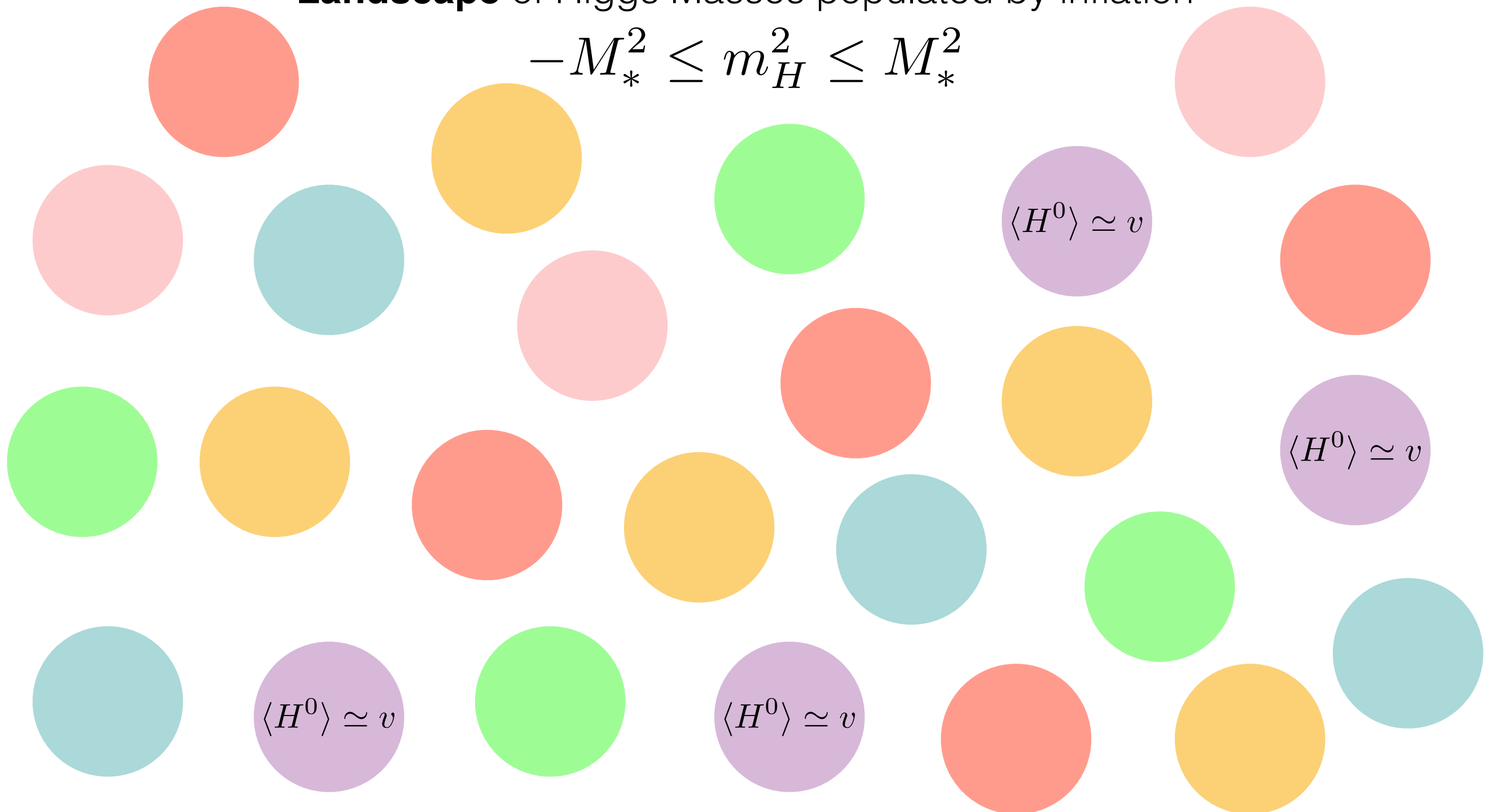
Predictions:

- Minimally: Two ultralight scalars that can mediate long-range forces and be dark matter (target for 5th force searches!)
- Possibly also: New Higgs below 125 GeV

BASIC PICTURE

Landscape of Higgs Masses populated by inflation

$$-M_*^2 \leq m_H^2 \leq M_*^2$$



BASIC PICTURE

After reheating and a time

$$t_c \sim 1/m_\phi \gtrsim 10^{-11} \text{ s}$$

All patches where the Higgs
vev

$$\langle H^0 \rangle \equiv h$$

Is outside of a certain range

$$h_{\min} \lesssim h \leq h_{\text{crit}}$$

crunch

$$\langle H^0 \rangle \simeq v$$

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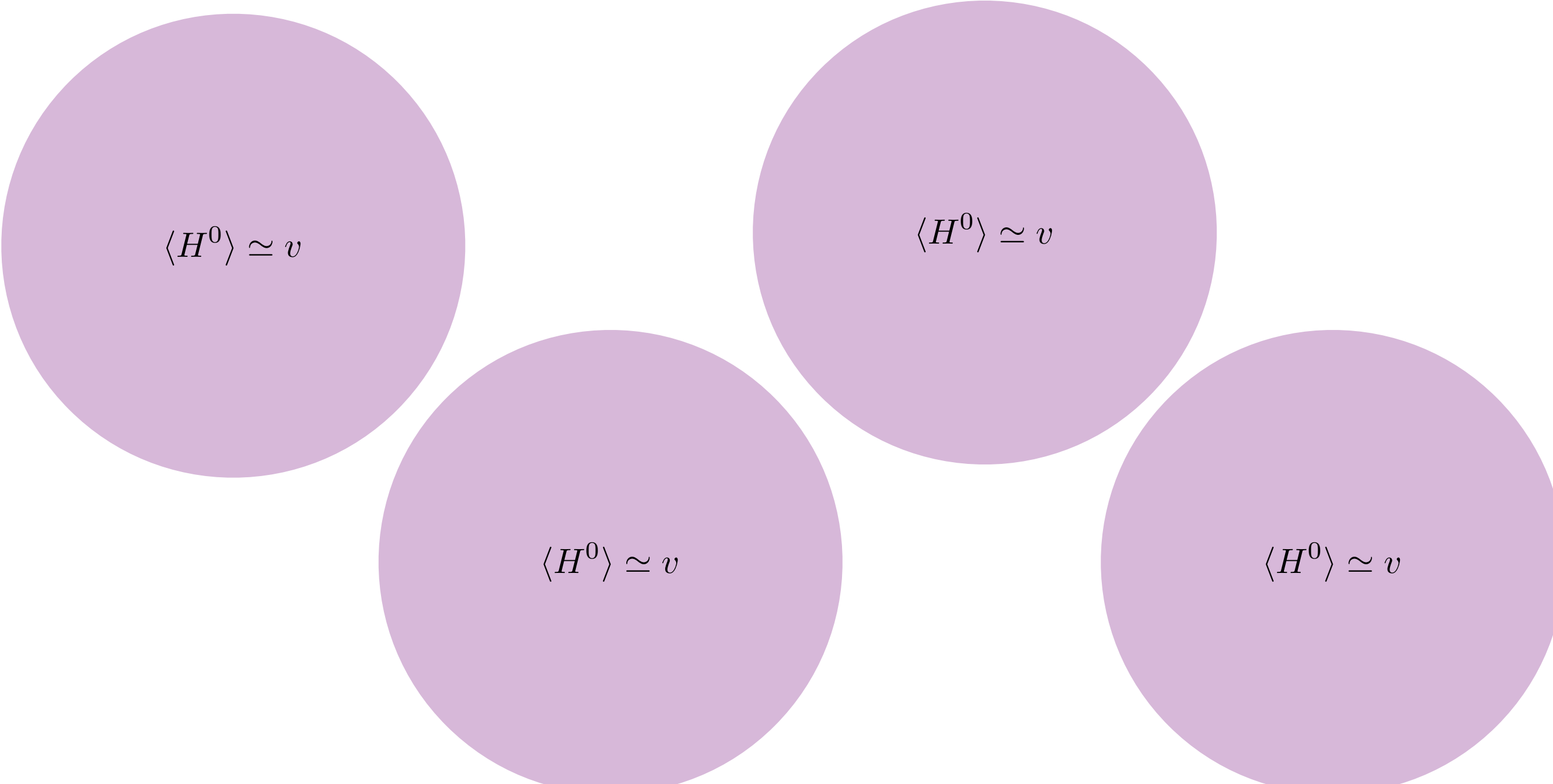
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BASIC PICTURE

Only universes with the observed value of the weak scale can live longer than EW time.

Today the multiverse looks like:



The diagram consists of four large, light-purple circles arranged in a loose square pattern. Each circle contains the same mathematical expression, representing a universe where the weak scale is at the observed value.

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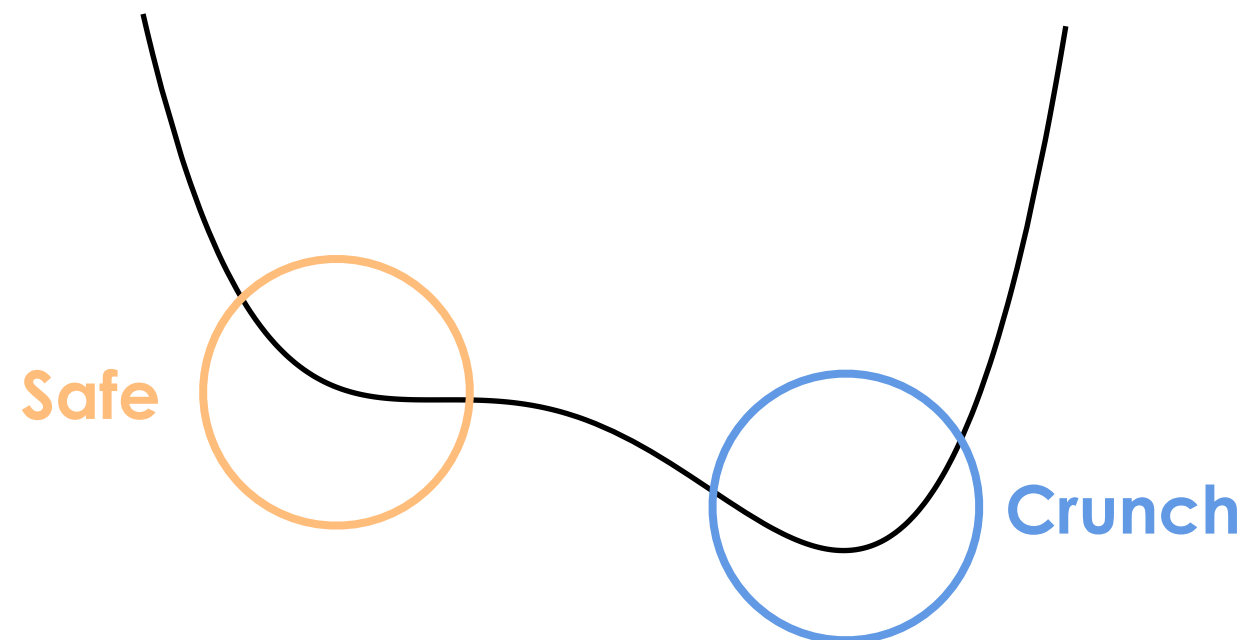
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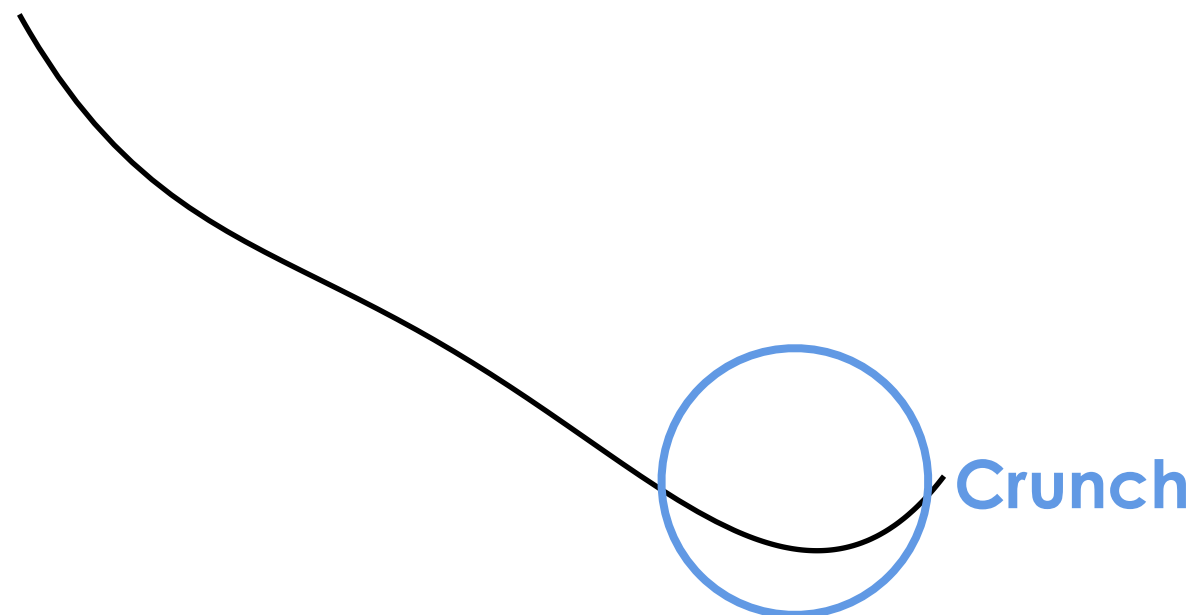
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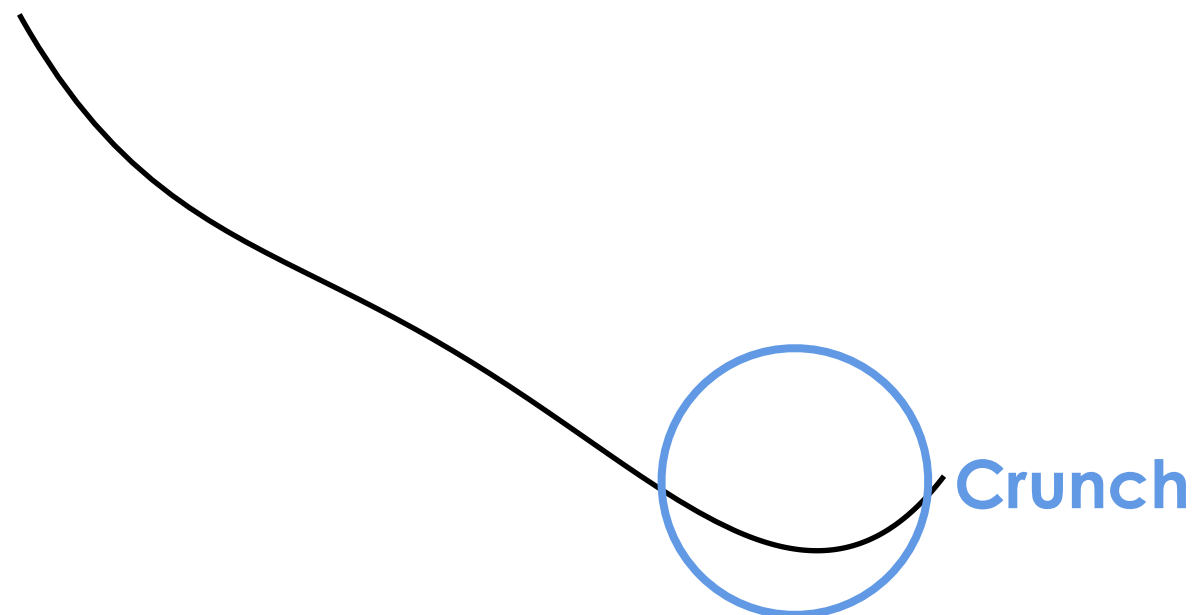
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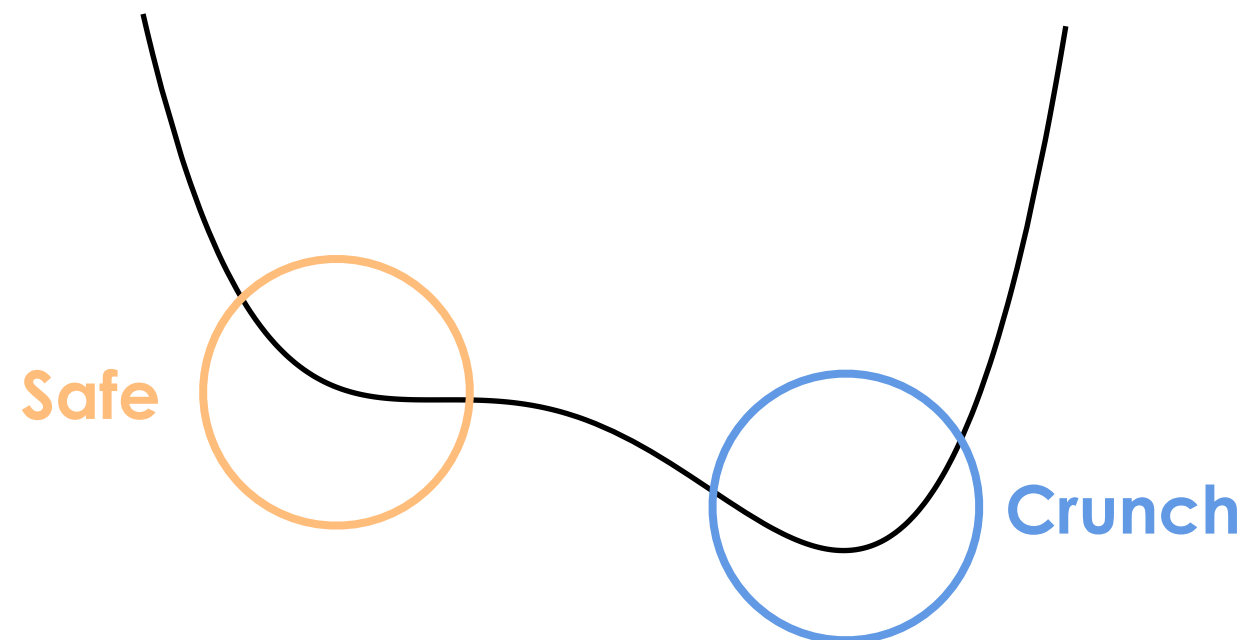
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CONCLUSION

- A **systematic way** of thinking about **cosmological solutions to the hierarchy problem** in terms of **weak scale triggers**
- **New BSM trigger** from a 2HDM that will be either **discovered or excluded at HL-LHC**
- A **new way** of using this trigger **to explain the value of the weak scale**
- **New DM paradigm: ultralight miracle**
- General Program: understand and test common predictions of cosmological solutions to the HP

BACKUP

USE YOUR TRIGGER: CC AND WEAK SCALE

Ingredients:

UV Landscape: Heavy fields (masses just below the cutoff) that scan the CC and the Higgs mass squared

$$N_{\text{UV}} \ll \frac{M_*^4}{\text{meV}^4}$$

IR Landscape: Light fields with degenerate minima and a coupling to the Higgs

$$N_{\text{UV}} + n_\phi \gg \frac{M_*^4}{\text{meV}^4}$$

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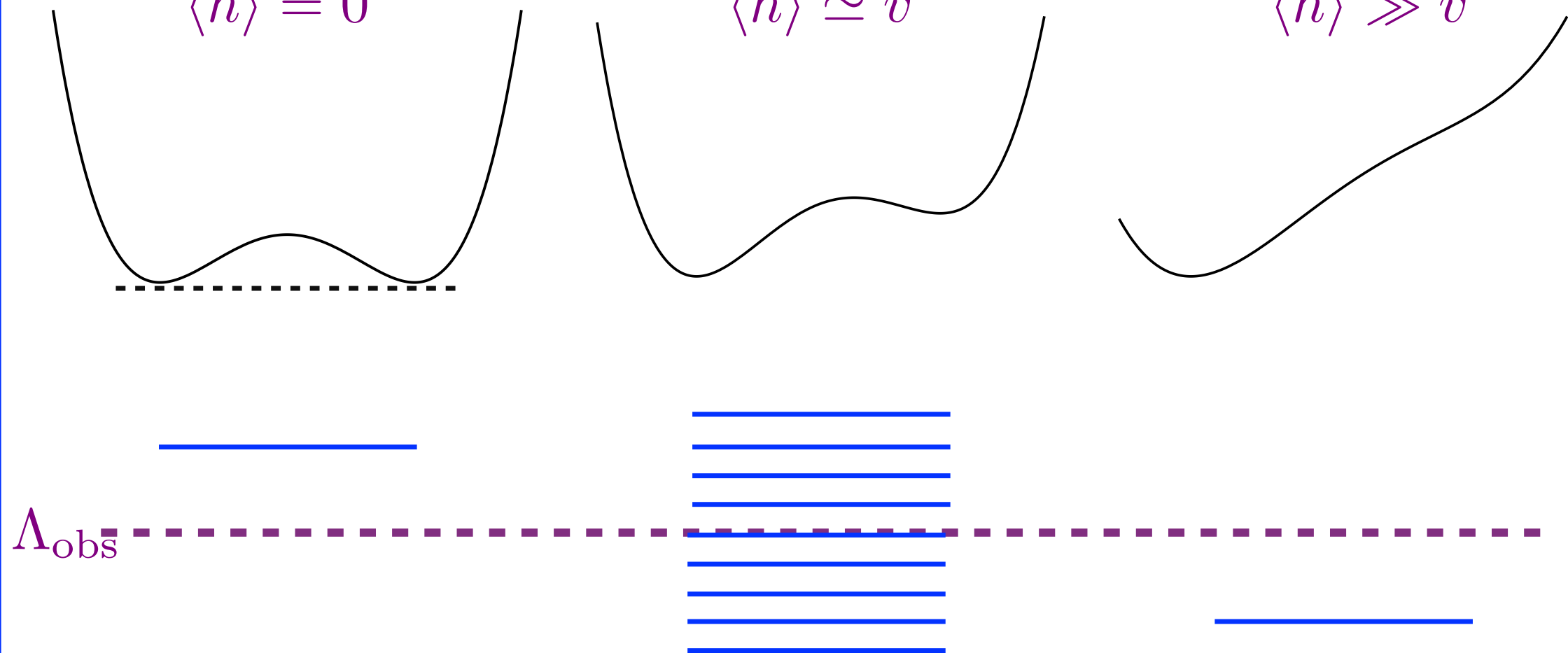
Low Energy Landscape

$$m_\phi \sim v^2/M_* \quad \langle \phi \rangle \sim M_*$$

$$\langle h \rangle = 0$$

$$\langle h \rangle \simeq v$$

$$\langle h \rangle \gg v$$



$$V_\phi = \sum_{i=1}^{n_\phi} \frac{\epsilon_i^2}{4} (\phi_i^2 - M_{*,i}^2)^2 + \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n_\phi} \frac{\kappa_i \epsilon_i M_{*,i}^{3-\Delta_T}}{\sqrt{n_\phi}} \phi_i \mathcal{O}_T + \text{h.c.} \right)$$

USE YOUR TRIGGER: CC AND WEAK SCALE

Example:

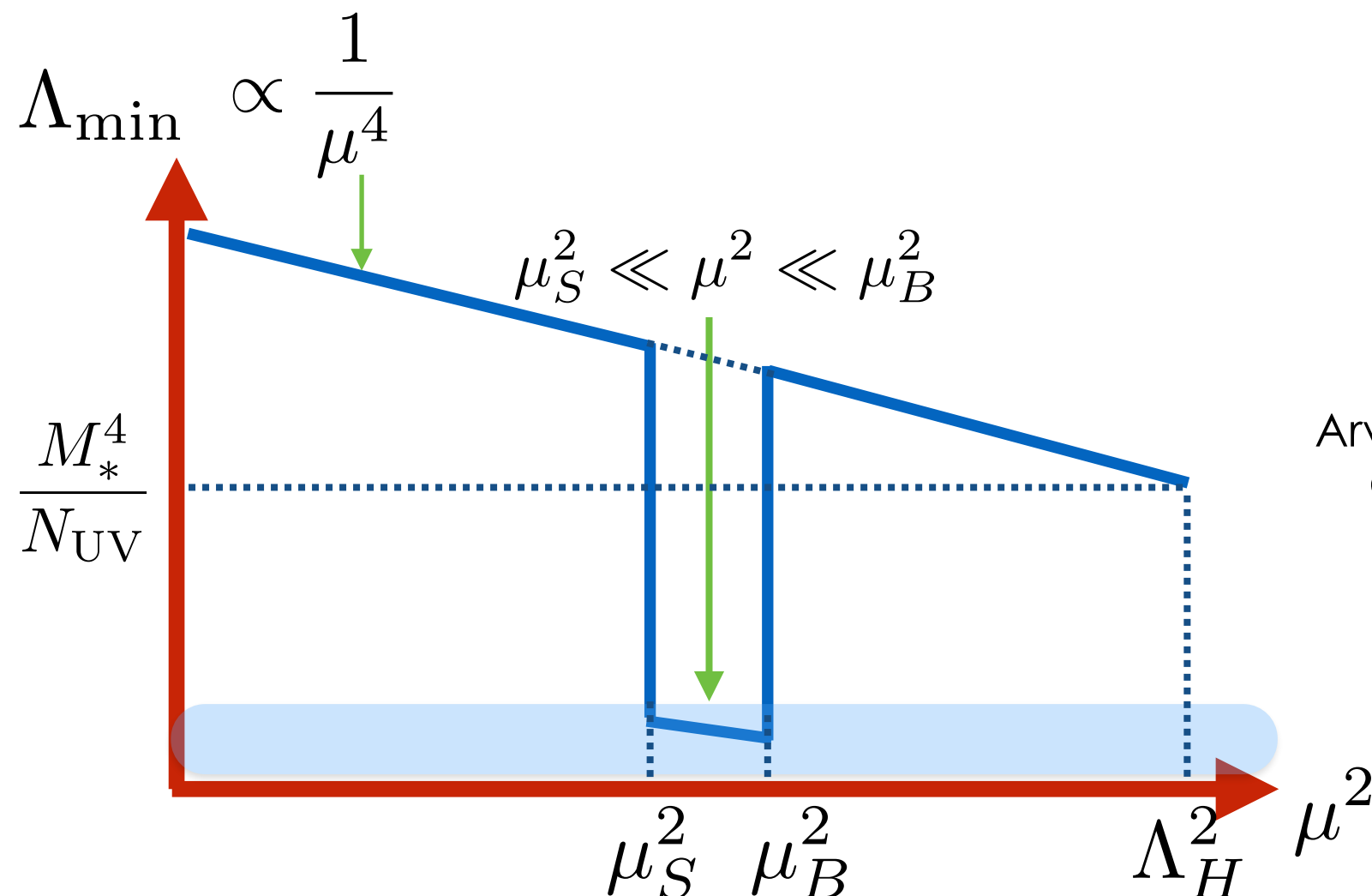
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$$\underbrace{\mu_S^2}_{\text{Not enough scanning}} \lesssim \langle H_1 H_2 \rangle \lesssim \underbrace{\mu_B^2}_{\text{Not enough Minima}}$$

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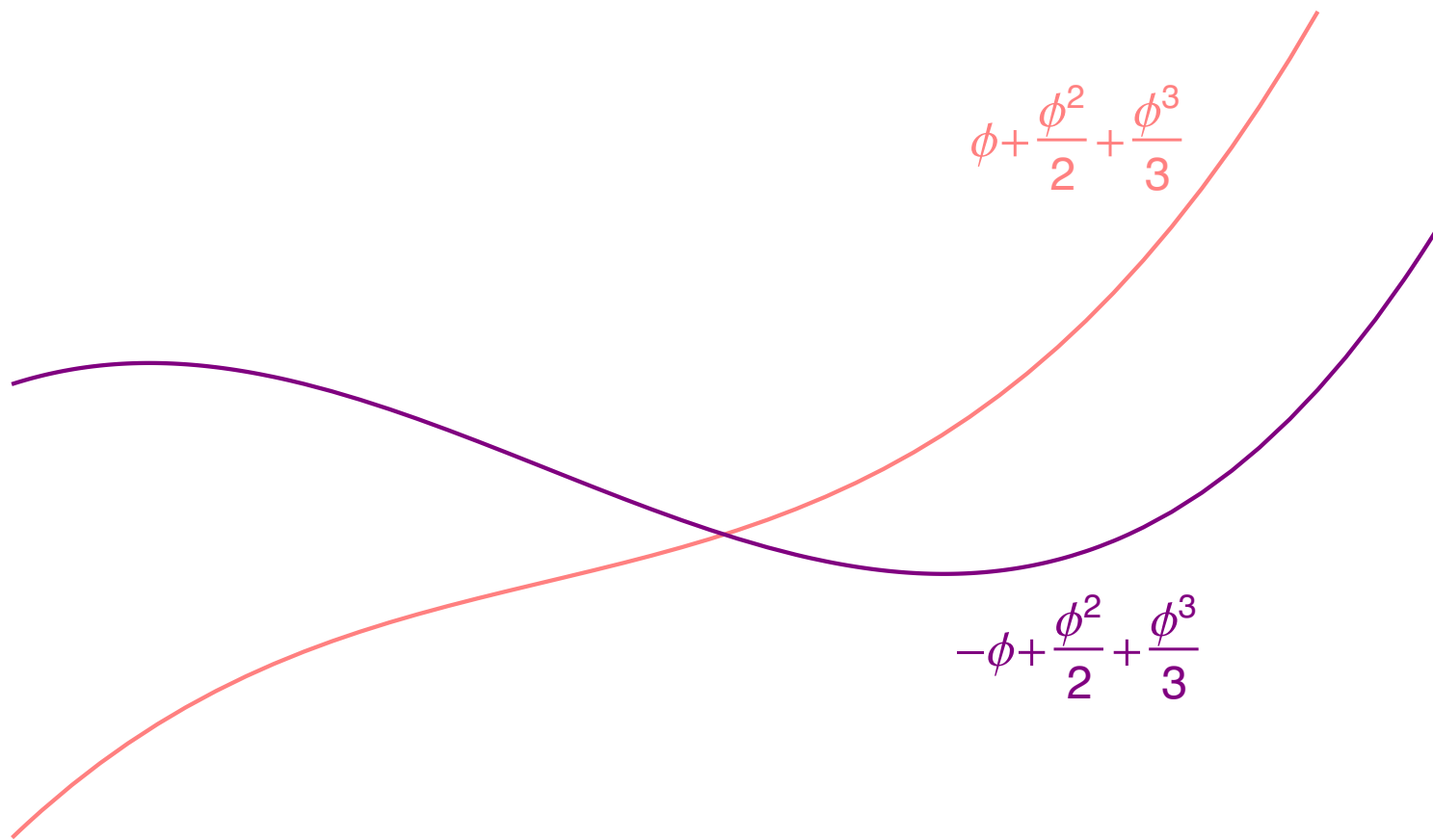
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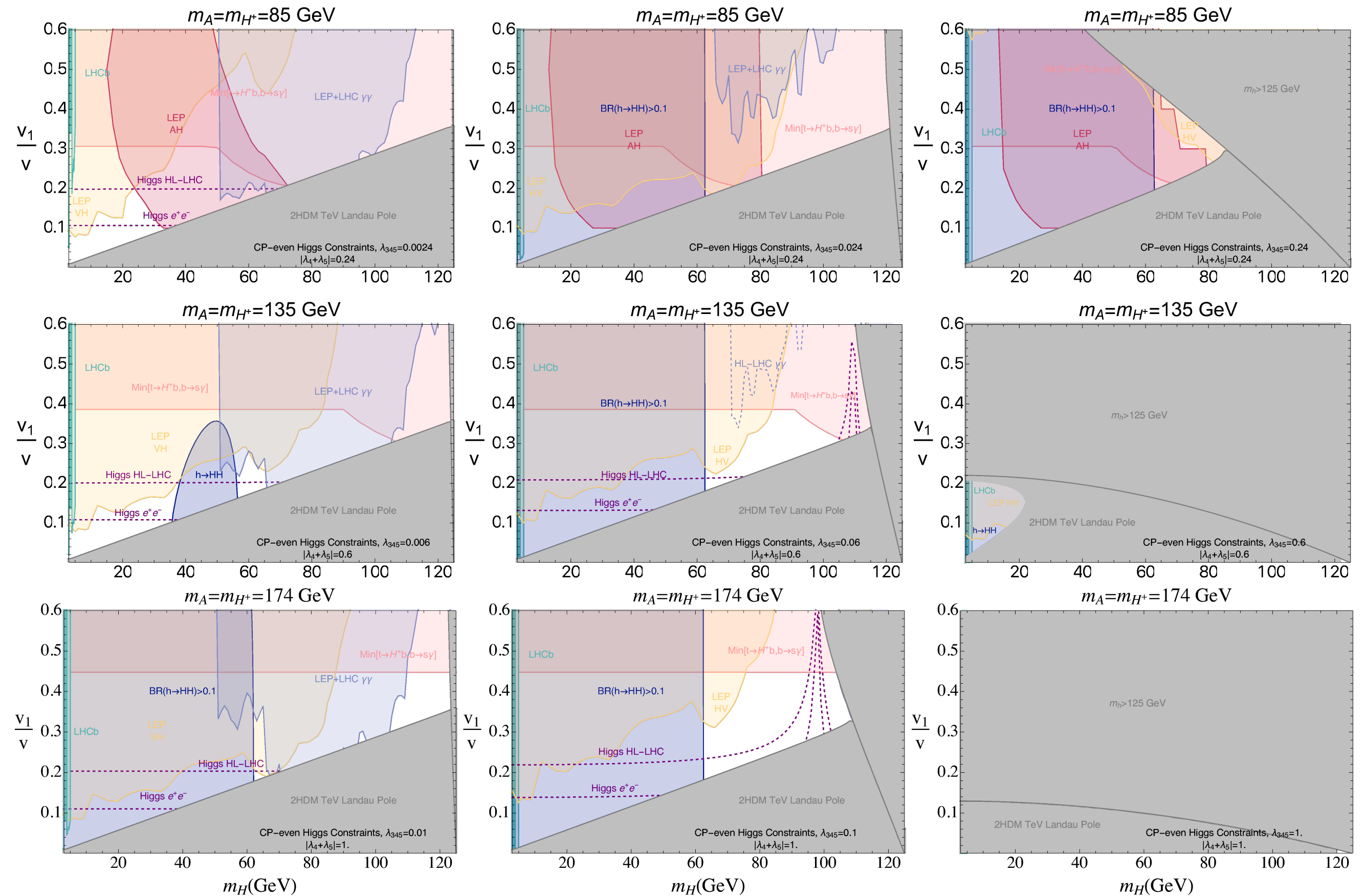


Similar goal to:
Arvanitaki, Dimopoulos,
Gorbenko, Huang,
Van Tilburg '16

CRUNCHING TADPOLES



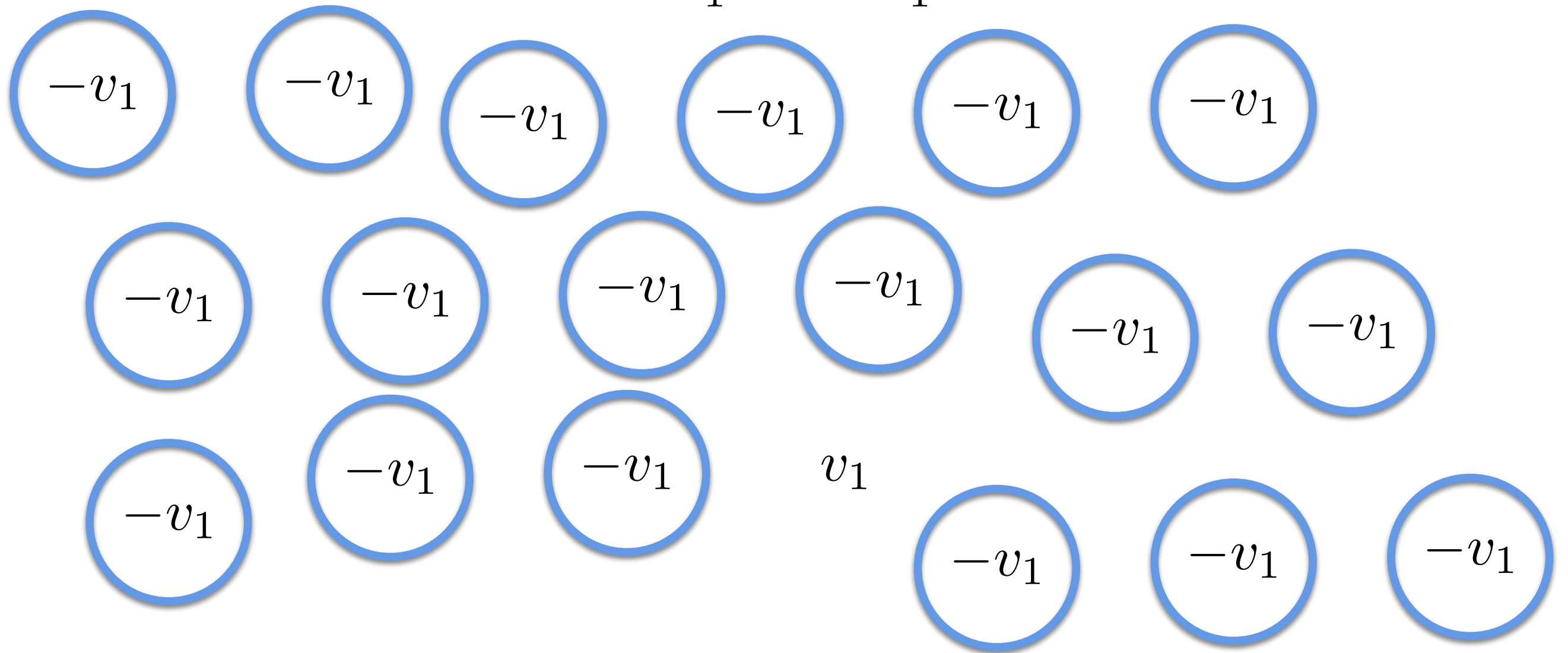
TYPE-0 2HDM PHENOMENOLOGY



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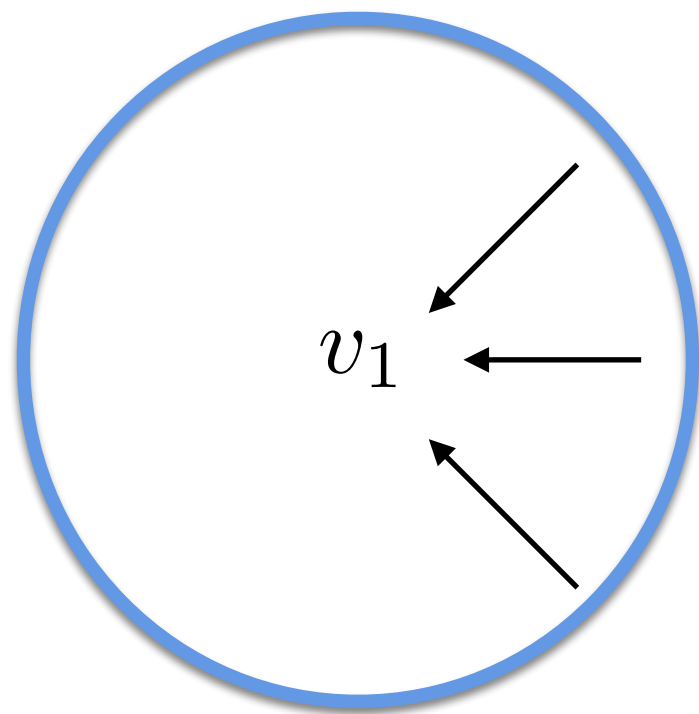
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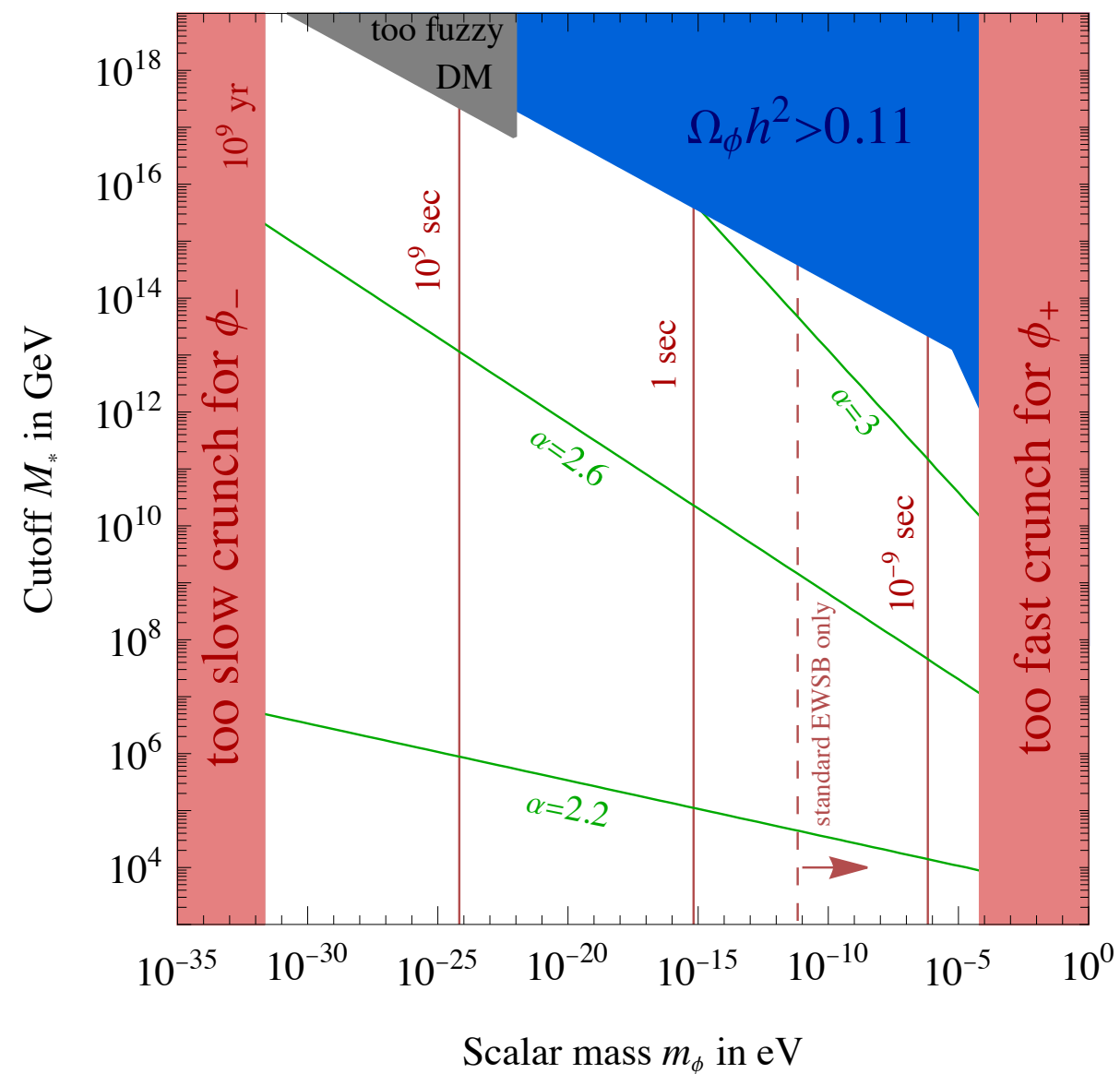
$$V \supset B_\mu v_2 v_1$$

$$B_\mu \gtrsim \frac{v^4}{M_{\text{Pl}}^2}$$

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COMPUTE VEVs

Add tiny coupling $\xi \phi \mathcal{O}$

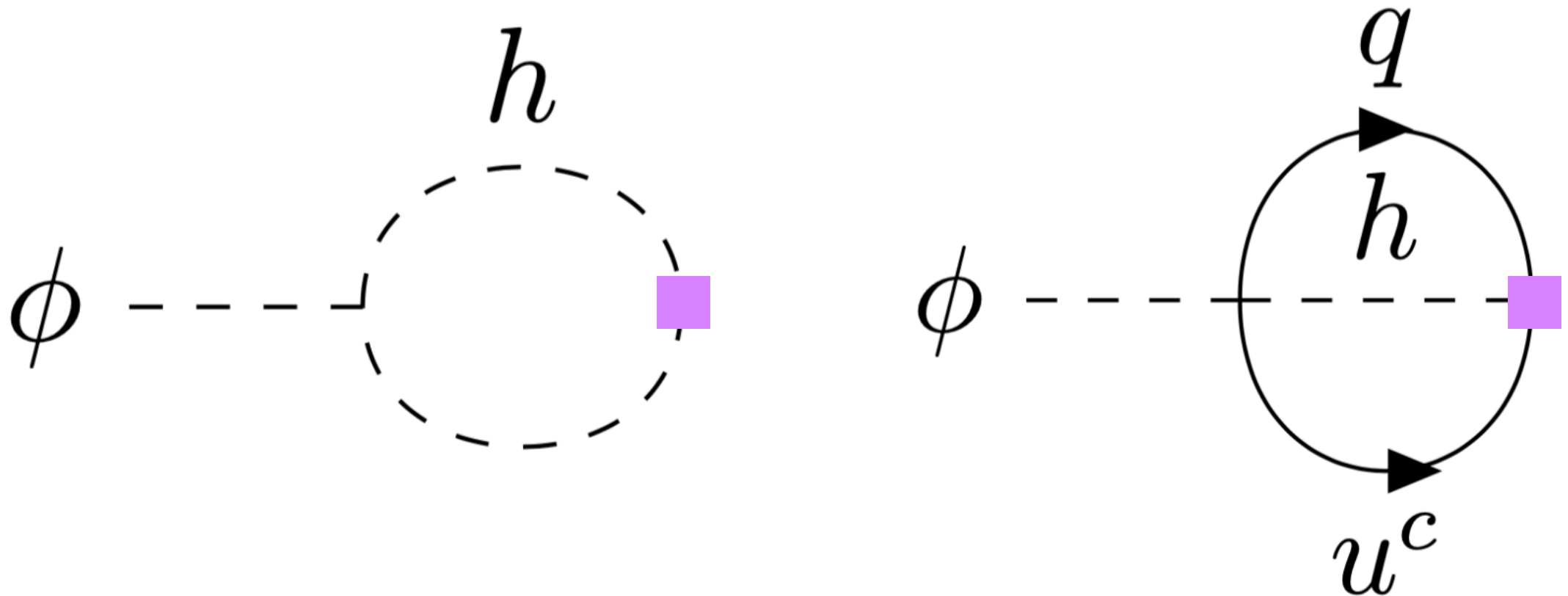
Integrate out \mathcal{O}

The low energy tadpole
gives the vev

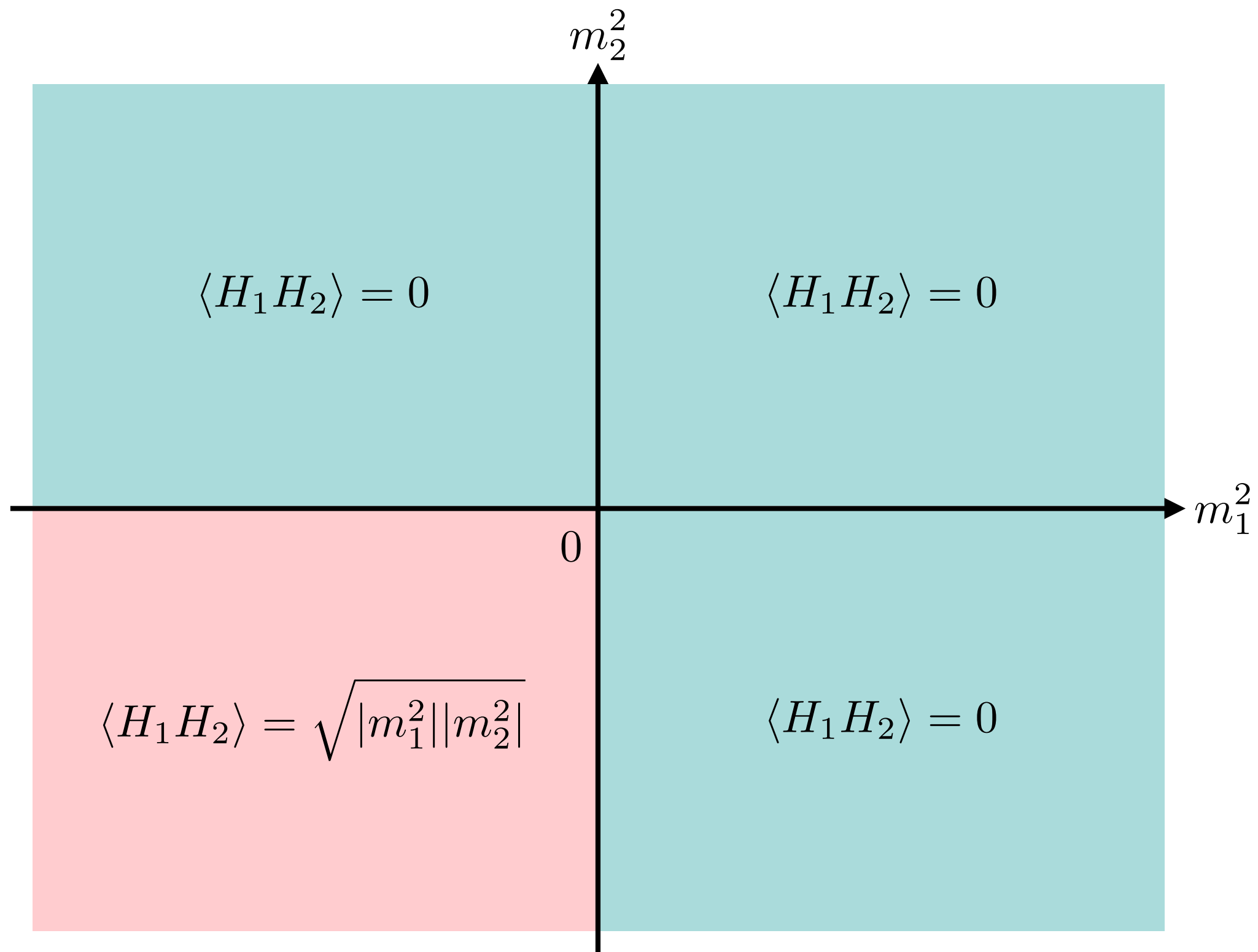
HIERARCHY 102

■ If you consider gauge singlet operators in the SM Lagrangian you can always close the loop

$$\simeq \xi \phi \Lambda_H^n$$

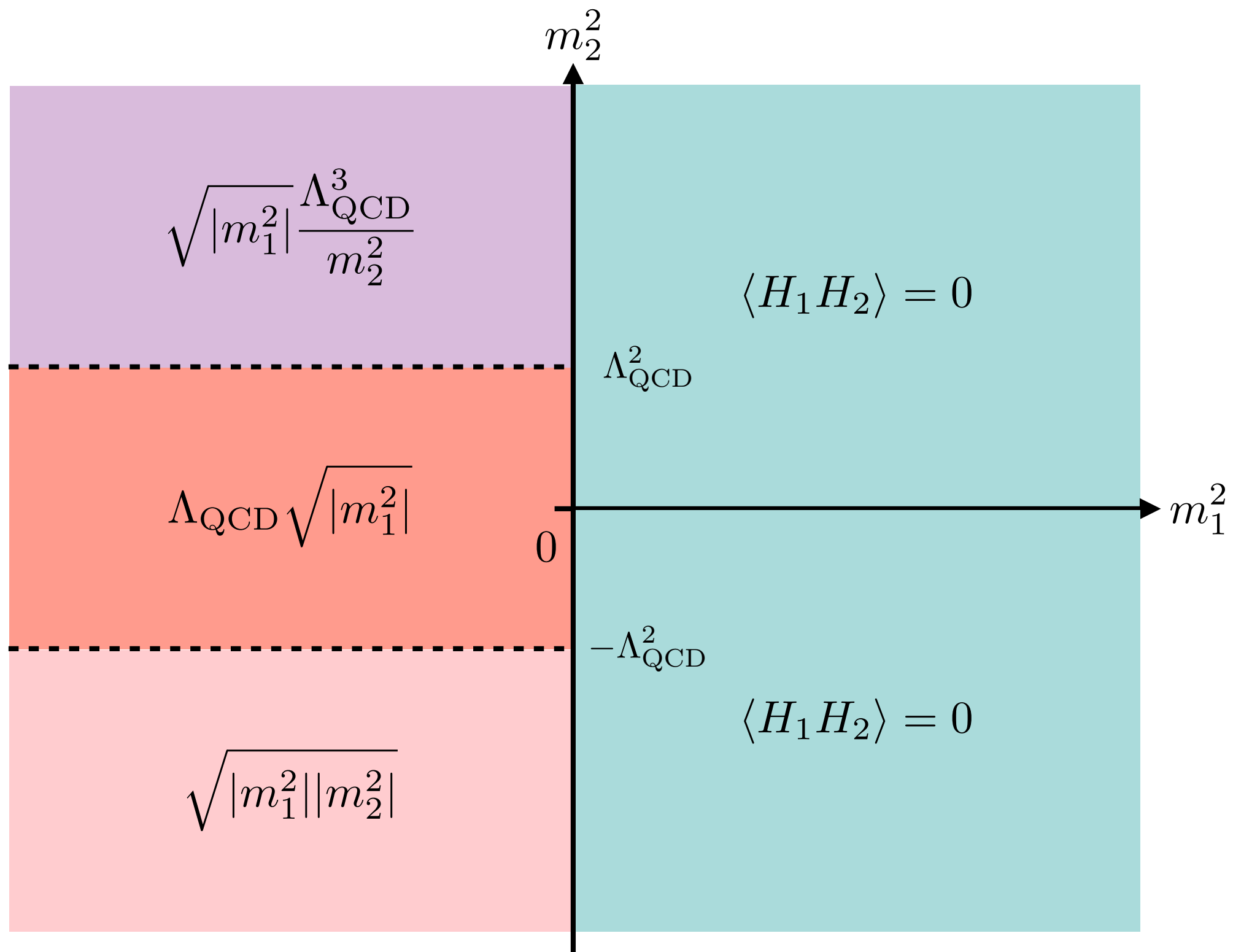


A SIMPLE BSM TRIGGER



Tree Level

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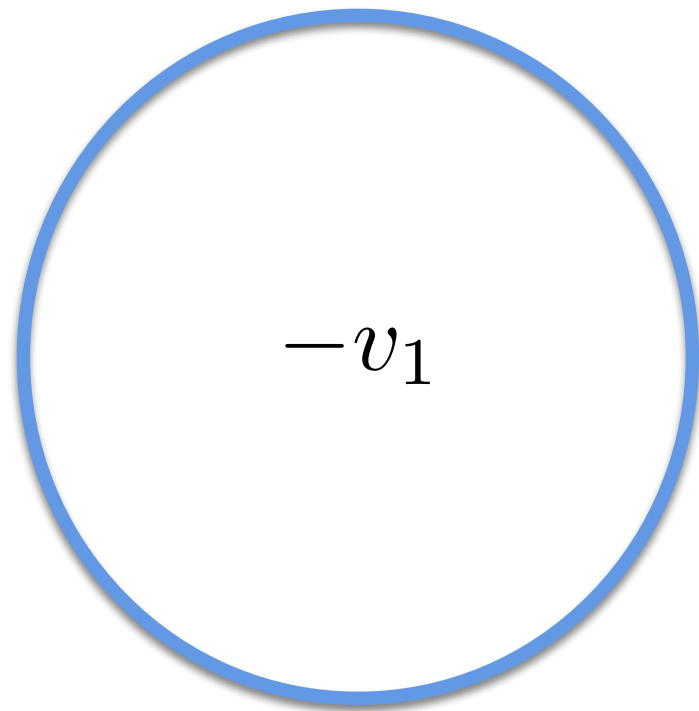


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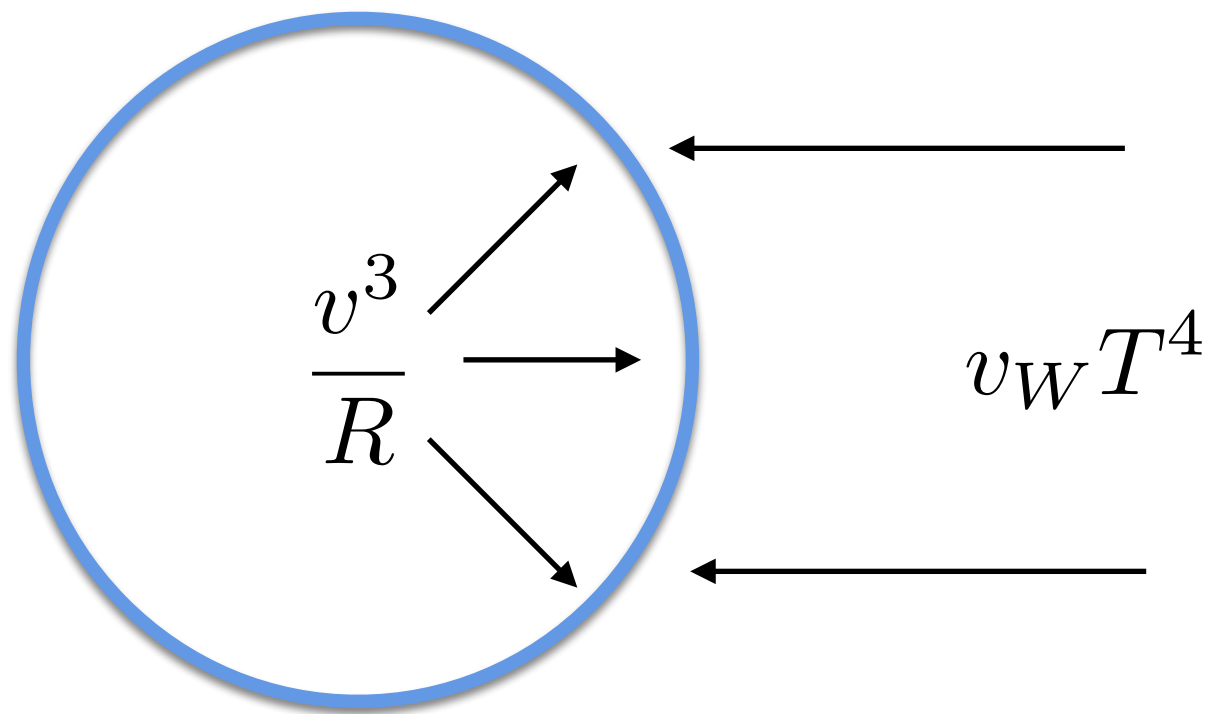
$$v_1$$

$$\rho_{\text{DW}} \simeq \frac{v^3}{R}$$

DOMAIN WALLS

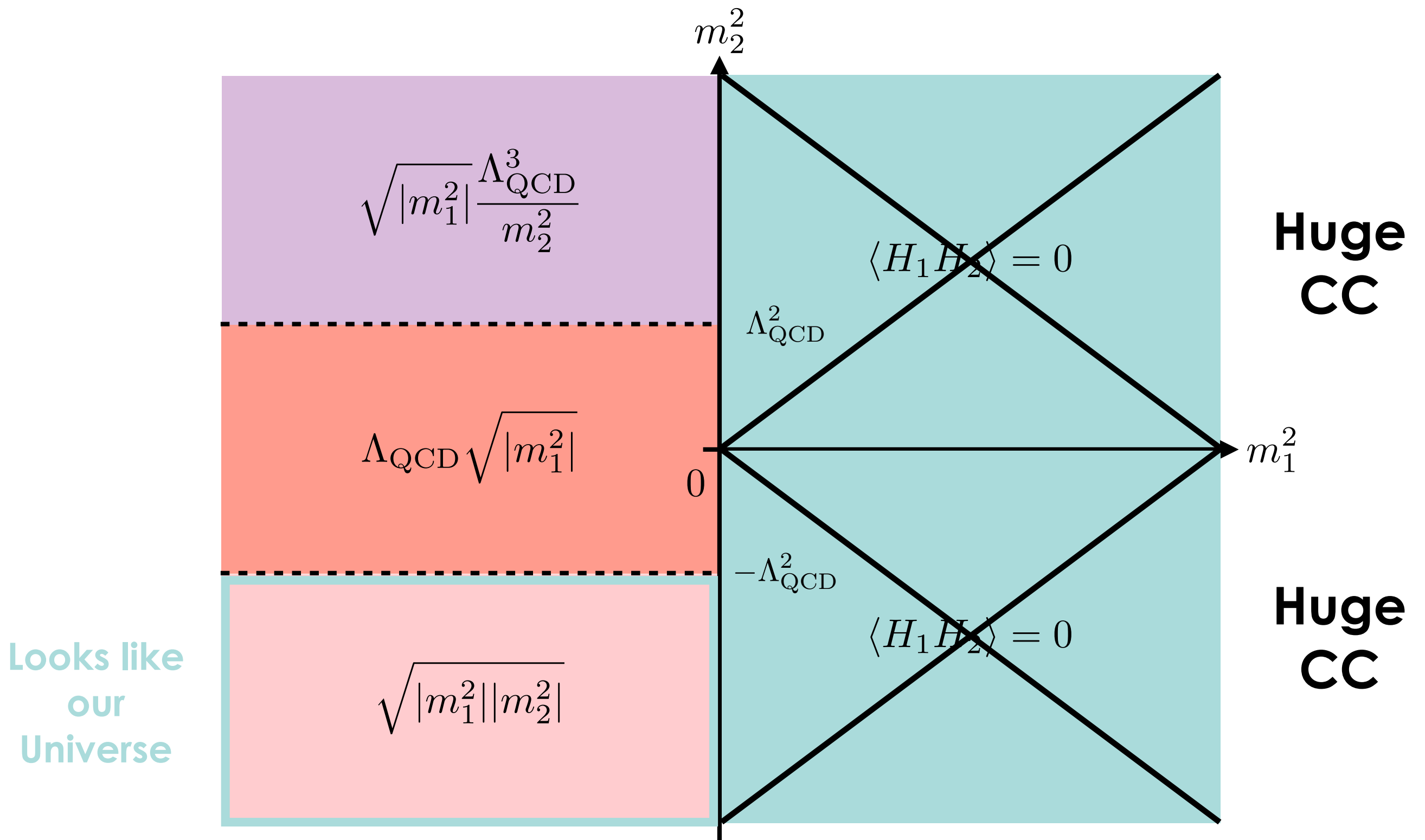
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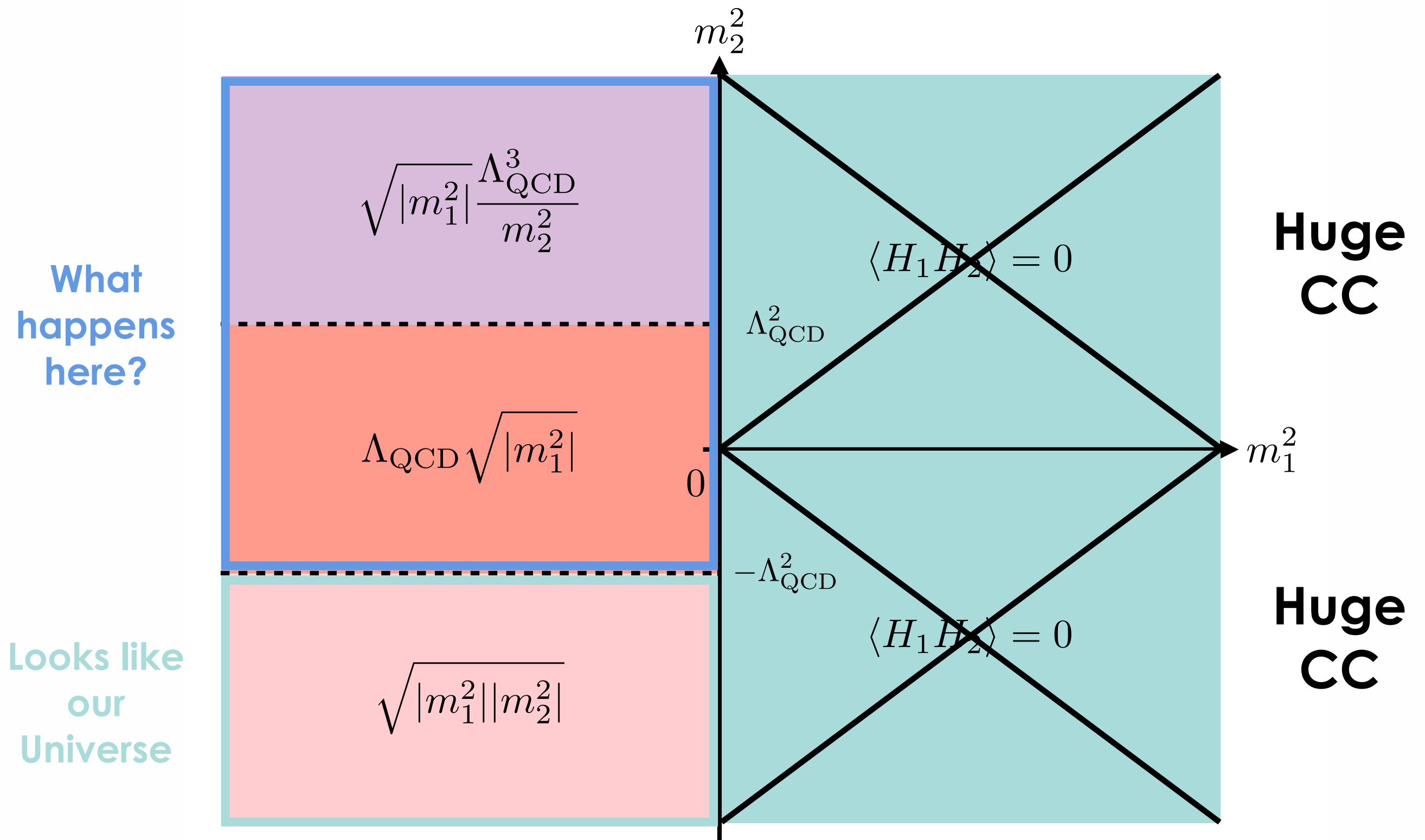


$$\frac{\rho_{\text{DW}}}{\rho_\gamma} \simeq \frac{v^3}{T^2 M_{\text{Pl}}}$$

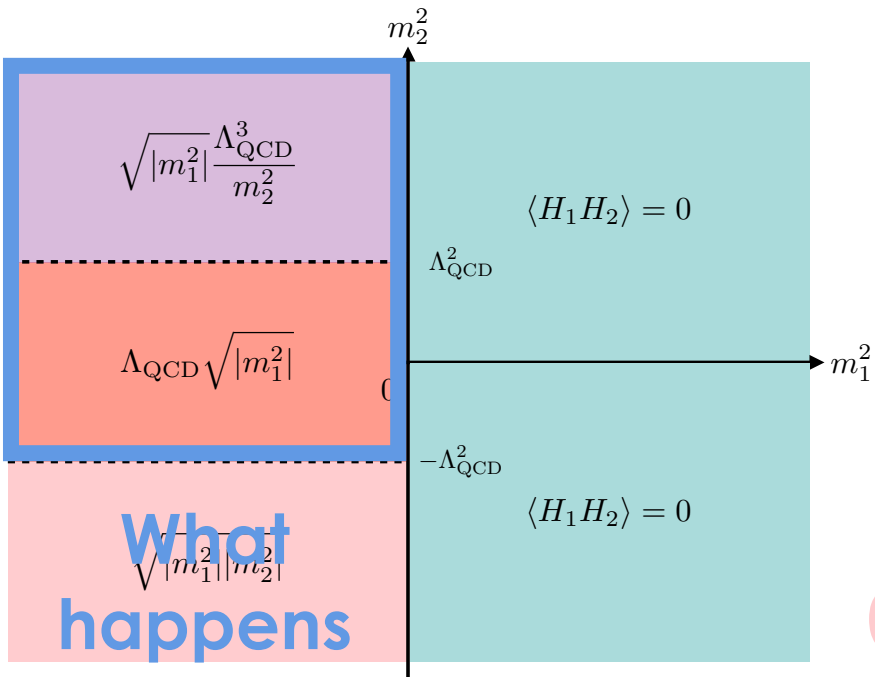
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What happens here?

CC cutoff

Higgs cutoff

$$\Delta\Lambda_{\text{UV}}^{\text{min}} \sim \frac{M_*^4}{N_{\text{UV}}} \frac{\Lambda_H^2}{m_2^2} \sim \frac{M_*^4}{N_{\text{UV}}} \frac{\mu^2 \Lambda_H}{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^3}$$

$$\kappa^2 \mu^2 \mu_B^2 \gg \Delta\Lambda_{\text{UV}}^{\text{min}}$$

Splittings in the IR landscape

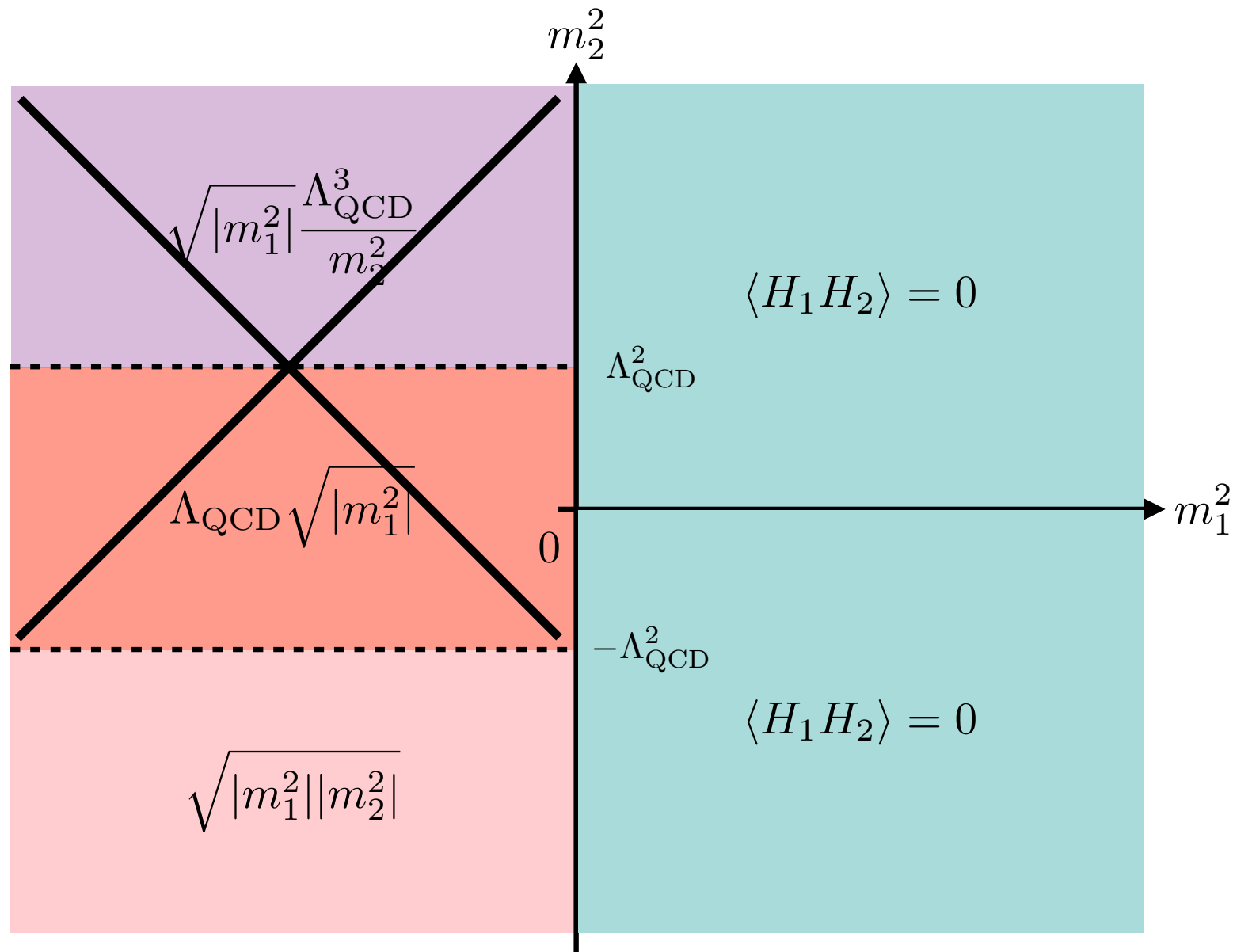
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If

$$\mu_B^2 \lesssim \frac{M_*^4}{N_{UV}} \frac{\Lambda_H}{\kappa^2 \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^3}$$

Not
enough
scanning

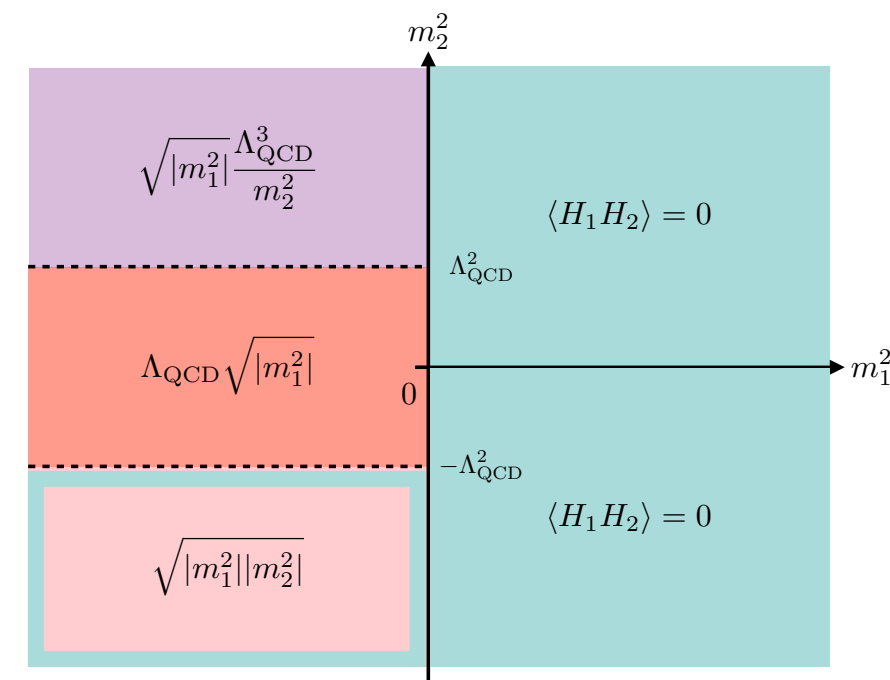
Huge
CC



USE YOUR TRIGGER: CC AND WEAK SCALE

In the general type-0 2HDM **we expect the two masses to be comparable (otherwise we need to tune)**

Furthermore, if the UV landscape is scanning the two masses squared, we have a logarithmic distribution



Looks like
our
Universe

$$\int_{\mu_S^2 < \mu^2 < \mu_B^2} \frac{dm_1^2}{\Lambda_H^2} \frac{dm_2^2}{\Lambda_H^2} = \int_{m_{\min}^2}^{\Lambda_H^2} \frac{dm_1^2}{\Lambda_H^2} \int_{\mu_S^4/m_1^2}^{\mu_B^4/m_1^2} \frac{dm_2^2}{\Lambda_H^2} \simeq \frac{\mu_B^4}{\Lambda_H^4} \int_{m_{\min}^2}^{\Lambda_H^2} \frac{dm_1^2}{m_1^2}$$

Quite a few Ideas on the Market

Relaxion

Nnaturalness

Inflating to the weak scale

RS Crunch

Precarious Naturalness

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Selfish Higgs

Perturbative Crunch

Low Energy Landscapes

Cosmic Attractors

Field Theory Landscapes

...

But not all are created equal

BEFORE READING THE PAPERS

Do you need to make inflation cry?

Is your cutoff at most 10 TeV?

A SIMPLE BSM TRIGGER

$$H_1 H_2$$

Protected by the **Z4 symmetry**

$$H_1 \rightarrow ie^{i\alpha} H_1, \quad H_2 \rightarrow ie^{-i\alpha} H_2$$

$$H_1 H_2 \rightarrow -H_1 H_2$$

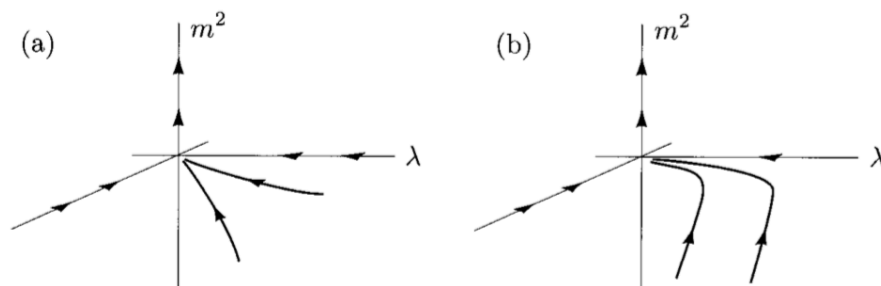
The Weak Scale As a Trigger

[Arkani-Hamed, **RTD**, Kim] '20

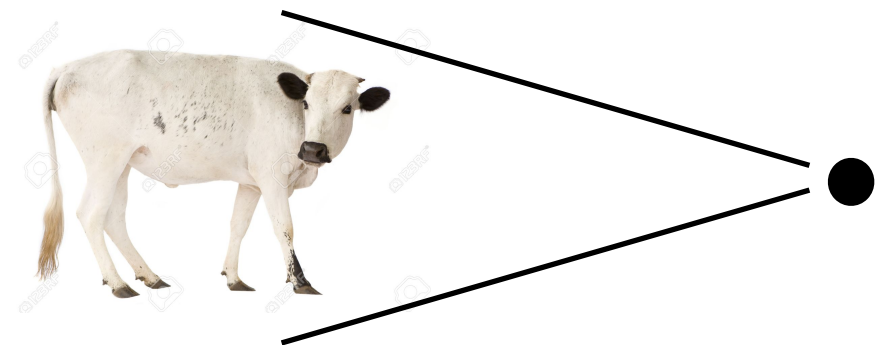
EFFECTIVE FIELD THEORY

In Quantum Field Theory: Systematic way of integrating out high energy degrees of freedom to obtain a simplified low energy theory

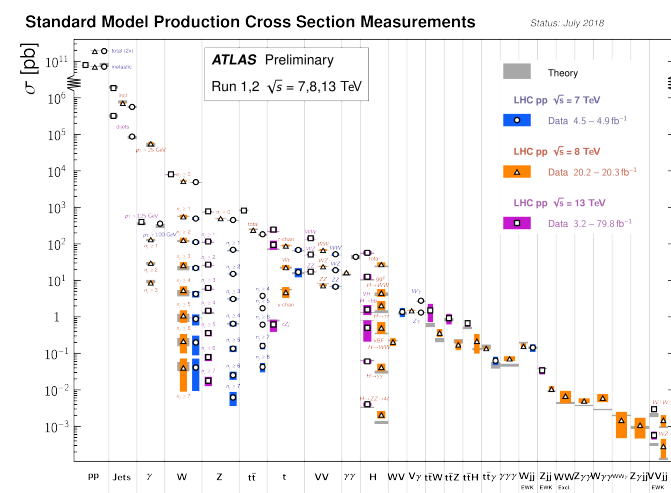
RENORMALIZATION



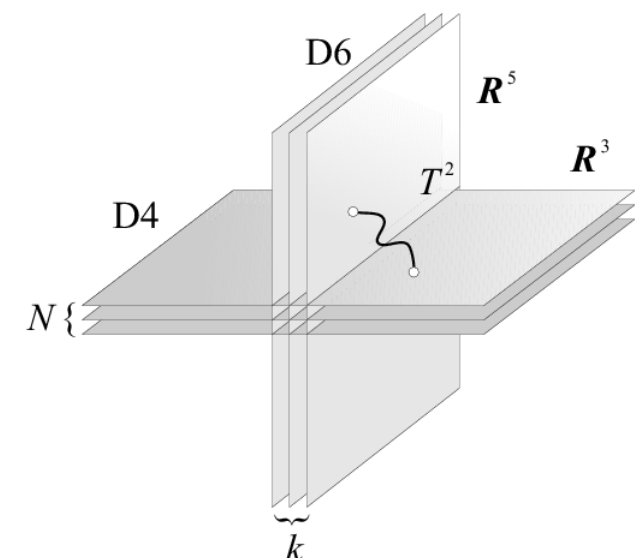
SYMMETRIES FROM COARSE GRAINING



PRECISION CALCULATIONS

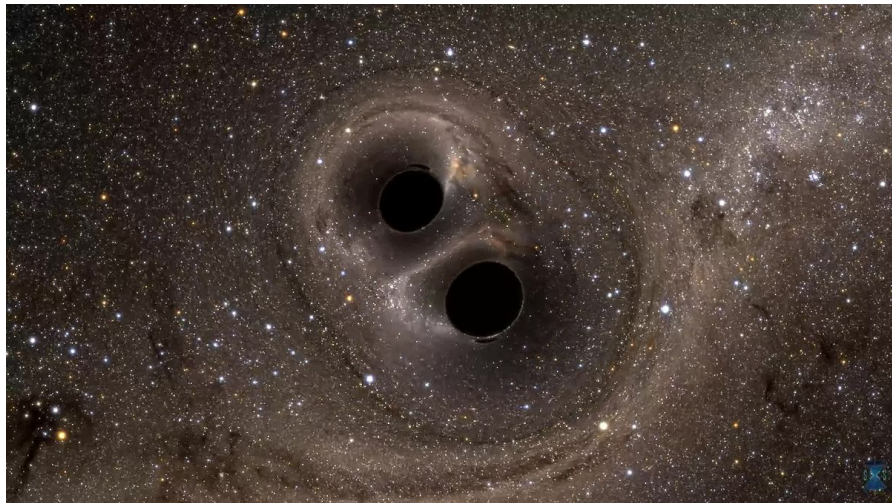


QFT INSIGHTS FROM STRING THEORY

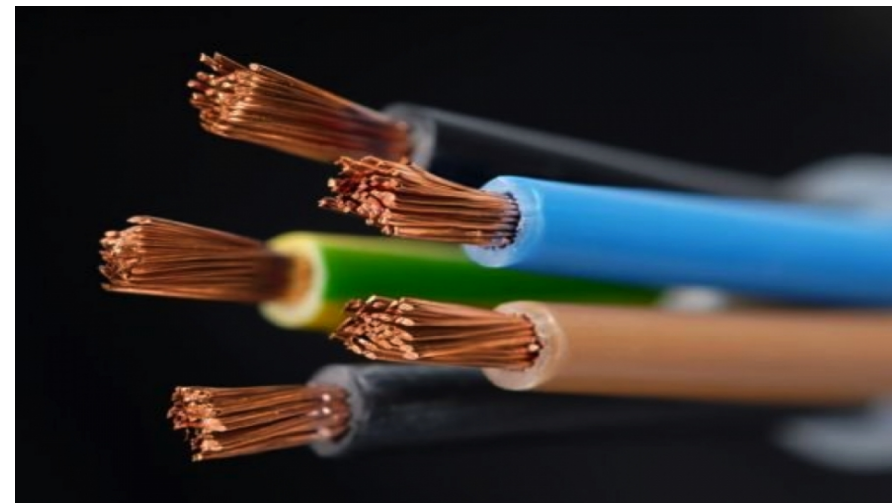


ONE TOOL FOR MULTIPLE APPLICATIONS

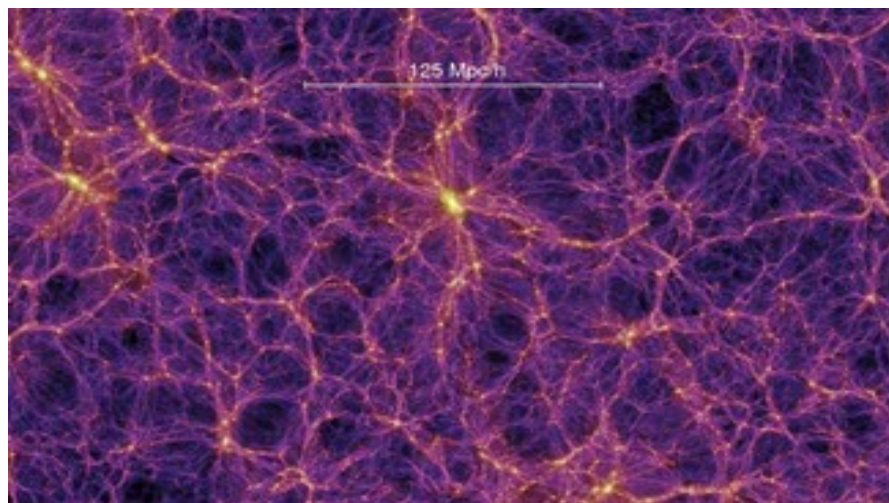
POST-NEWTONIAN EXPANSIONS



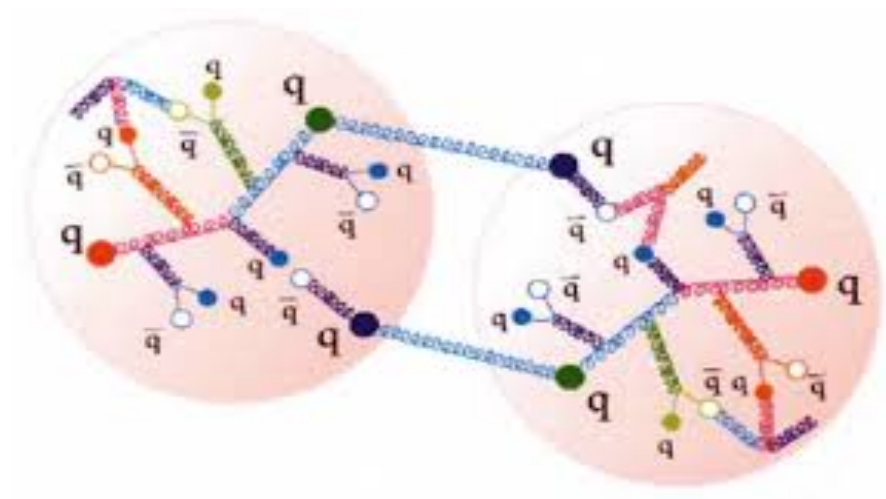
LANDAU THEORY OF FERMI LIQUIDS



LARGE SCALE STRUCTURE



CHIRAL PERTURBATION THEORY



THE HIERARCHY PROBLEMS

Take a heavy mass scale [Gravity] and apply this procedure of integrating out:

SIZE OF THE UNIVERSE $\sim 10^{-60}$ observed

HIGGS BOSON MASS $\sim 10^{16}$ observed

Assumption: in the UV mh and the CC are calculable

THE HIERARCHY PROBLEMS

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These answers are based on something more fundamental than the procedure itself: Symmetry

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HIERARCHY 101

For scalars there is **nothing special** about

$$m_h^2 = 0$$

So **dimensional analysis** (i.e. the selection rules of dilatations) places their masses near the highest mass scale of the theory

$$m_h^2 \simeq \Lambda_H^2$$

Finding $m_h^2 \ll \Lambda_H^2$ is a **mystery**

HIERARCHY 101

After discovering the Higgs boson

$$m_h \simeq 125 \text{ GeV}$$

We expect **something new** to happen **at** (LEP) **the LHC**

$$\Lambda_H \simeq 100 - 1000 \text{ GeV}$$

HIERARCHY 102

In the absence of obvious new physics at

$$\Lambda_H \simeq 100 - 1000 \text{ GeV}$$

We can start **questioning our assumptions**: does anything change in the SM as we vary m_h^2 ?

Maybe $m_h^2 = 0$ is not special in a general QFT, but it is special in our very special QFT of the Universe

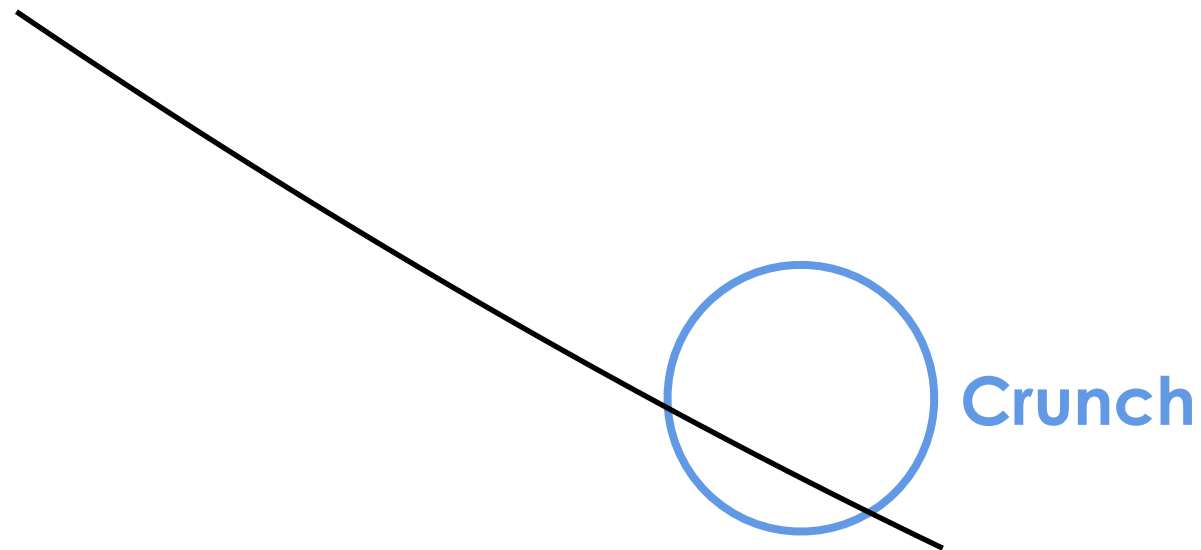
PERTURBATIVE CRUNCH

Sliding Naturalness

[RTD, Teresi] In Preparation

$$V(\phi_+) = \eta M_*^3 \phi_+ + \eta^2 M_*^2 \phi_+^2 + \dots + (\lambda \phi_+^2 H_1 H_2 + \text{h.c.})$$

$$\langle H_1 H_2 \rangle = 0$$



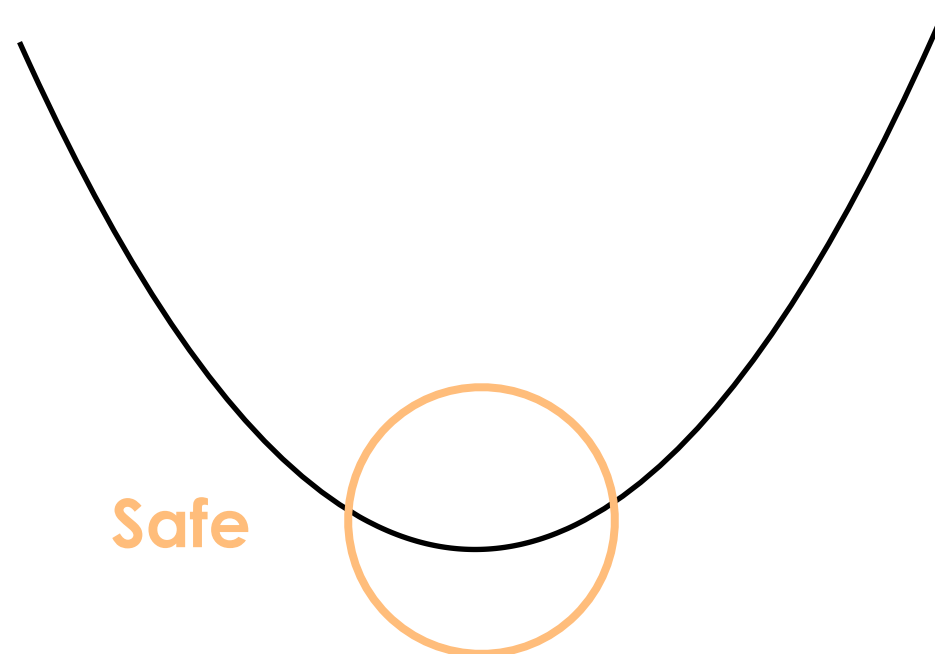
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$$\langle H_1 H_2 \rangle \gtrsim v^2$$



TRIGGER BASICS

Example I: Relaxion

$$V_{\phi H} \simeq \frac{\phi^2}{f^2} \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^4 \simeq \frac{M_*^2}{f^2} \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^4$$

$$V_\phi \simeq m_\phi^2 M_*^2$$

$$V_\phi / V_{\phi H} \sim 1 \quad \longrightarrow \quad m_\phi^2 \simeq \frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^4}{f^2}$$

HIERARCHY 102

Does anything change in the SM as we vary m_h ?

We can even define a degree of tuning when $\langle h^\dagger h \rangle$ is calculable

$$r = \frac{\langle h^\dagger h \rangle}{m_h^2}$$

SUSY

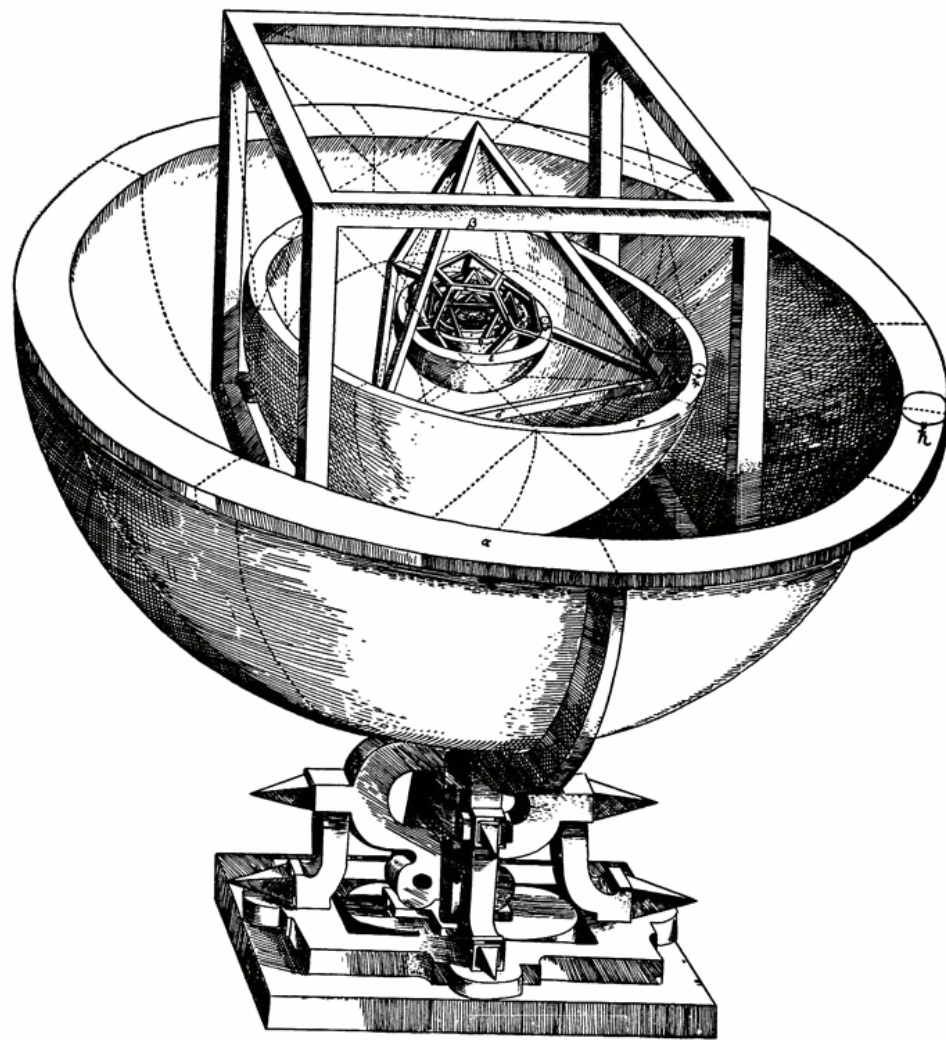
$$r \sim \frac{m_{\text{SUSY}}^2}{m_h^2}$$

Compositeness

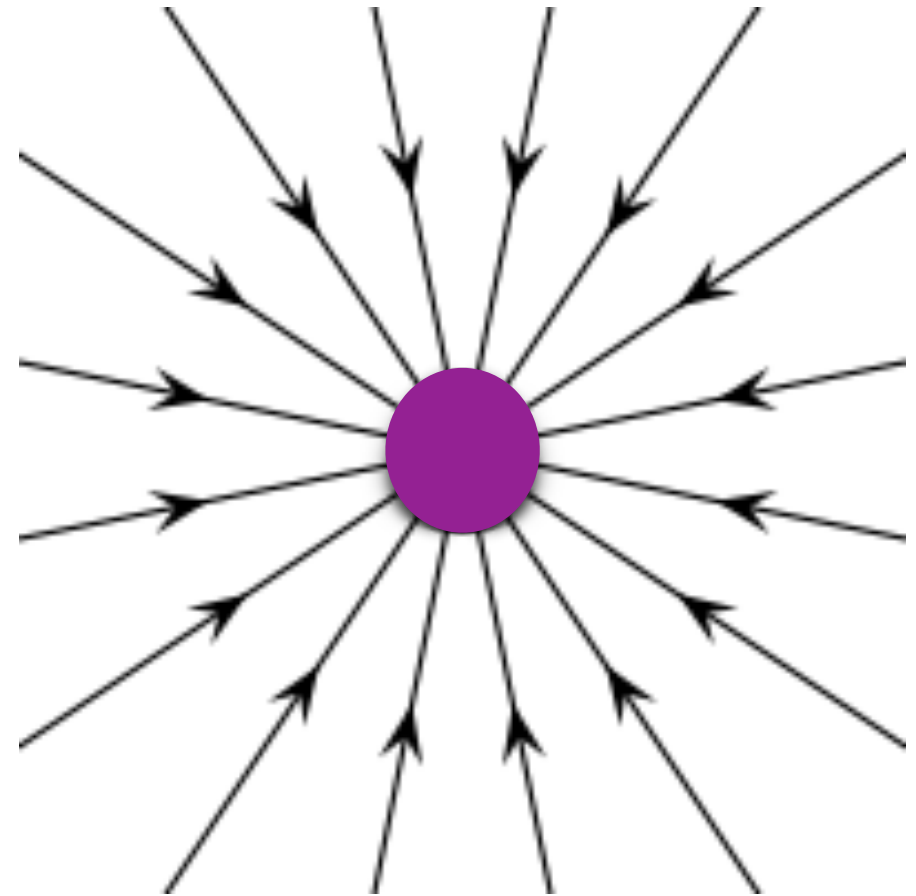
$$r \sim \frac{f_\pi^2}{m_h^2}$$

PAST FINE-TUNING PROBLEMS

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Electron Self-Energy

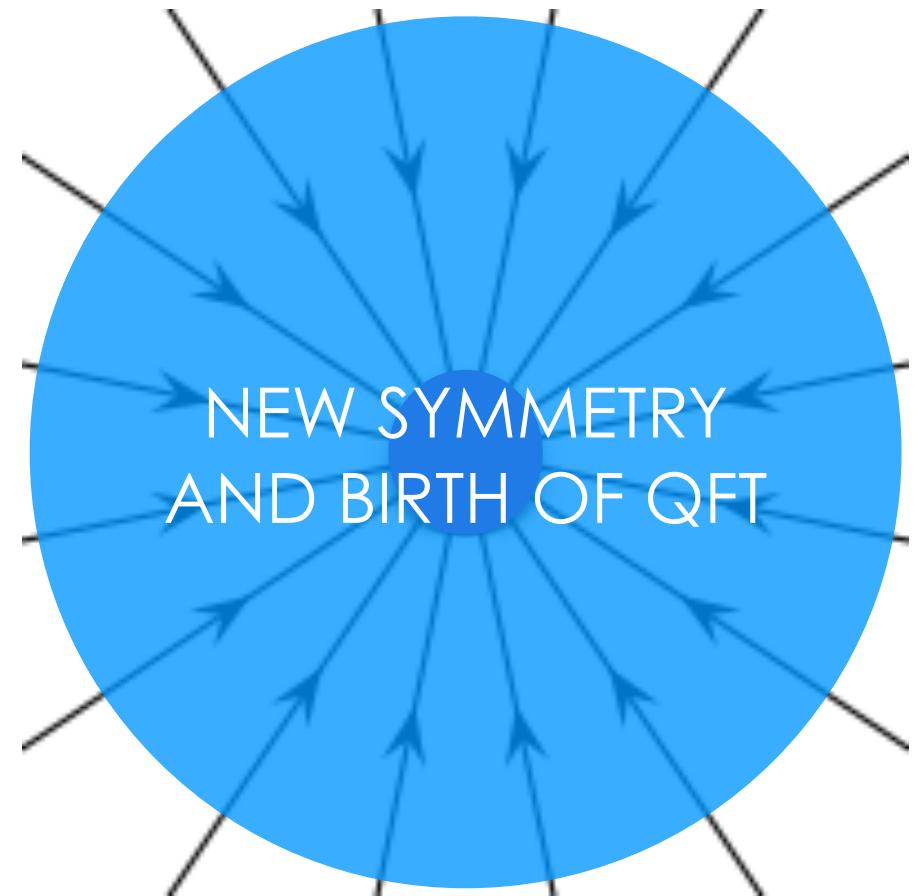


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Both have paradigm-shifting resolutions