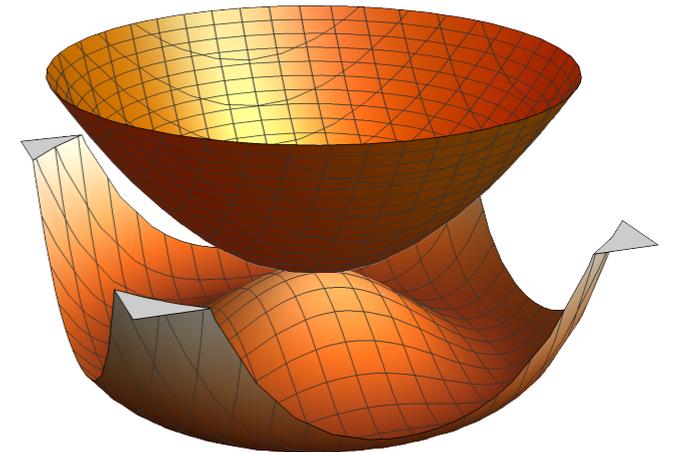


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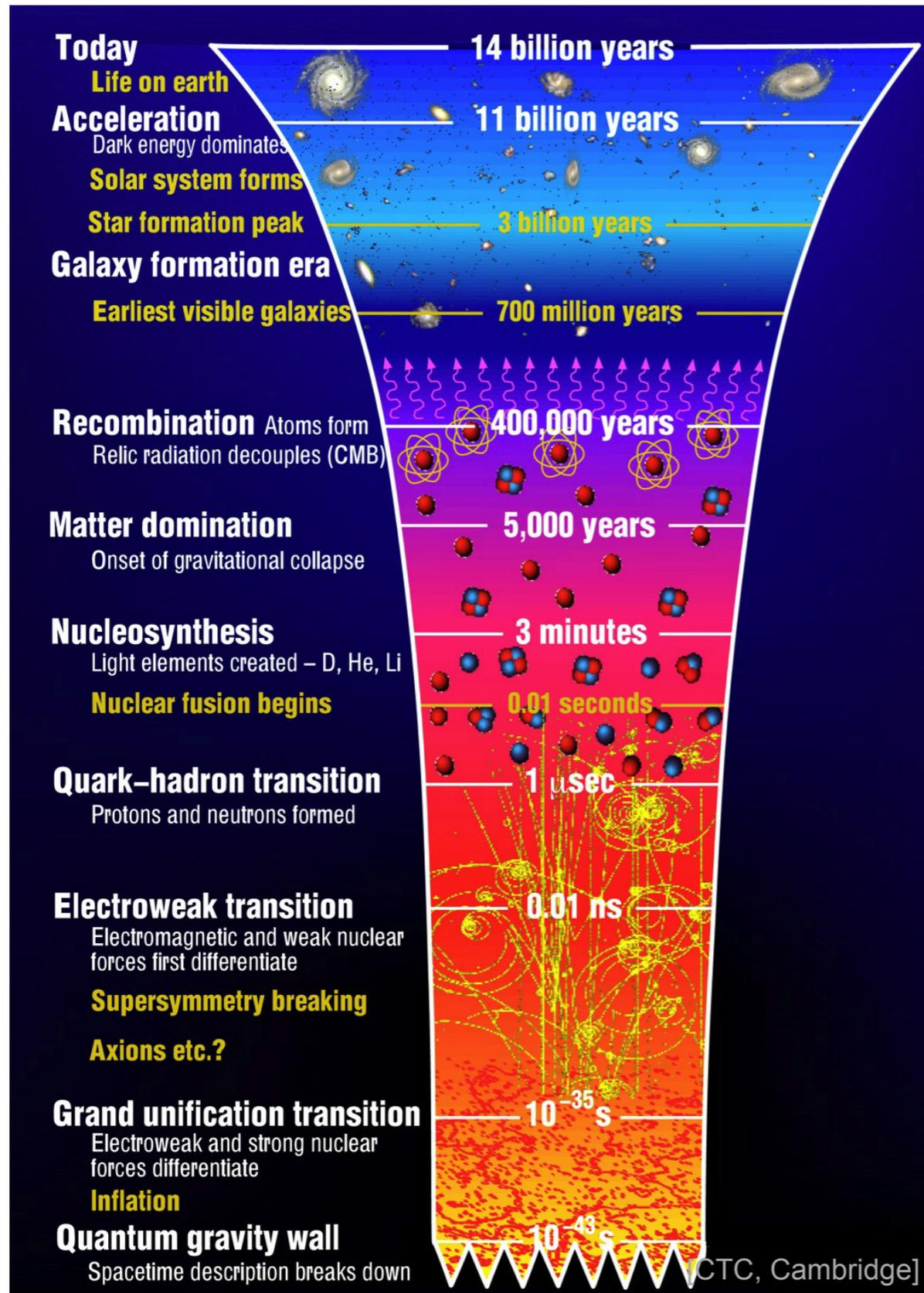
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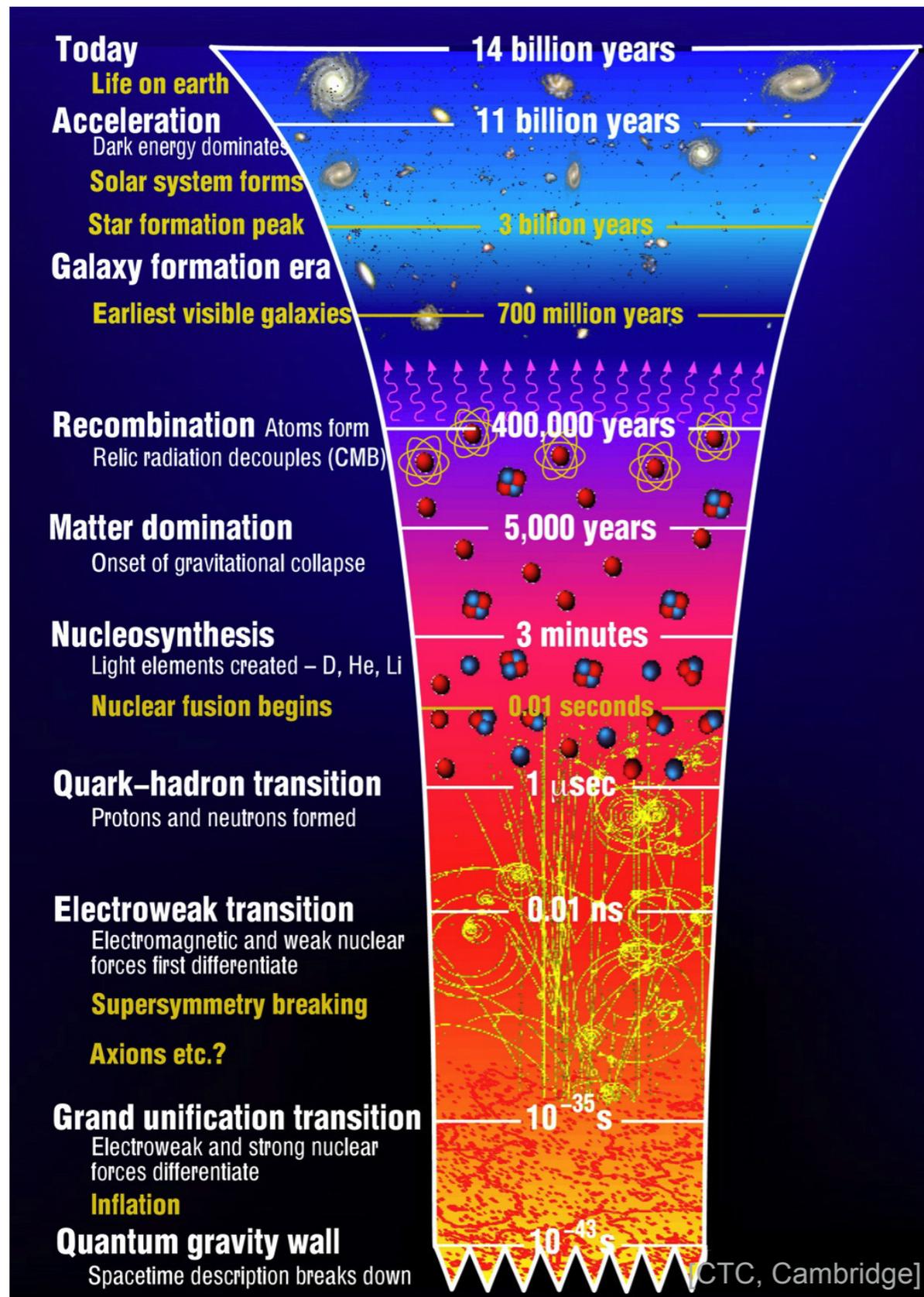


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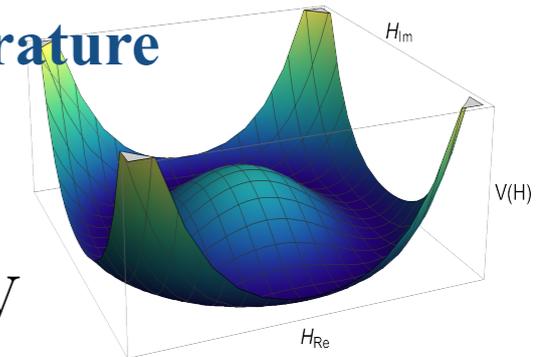
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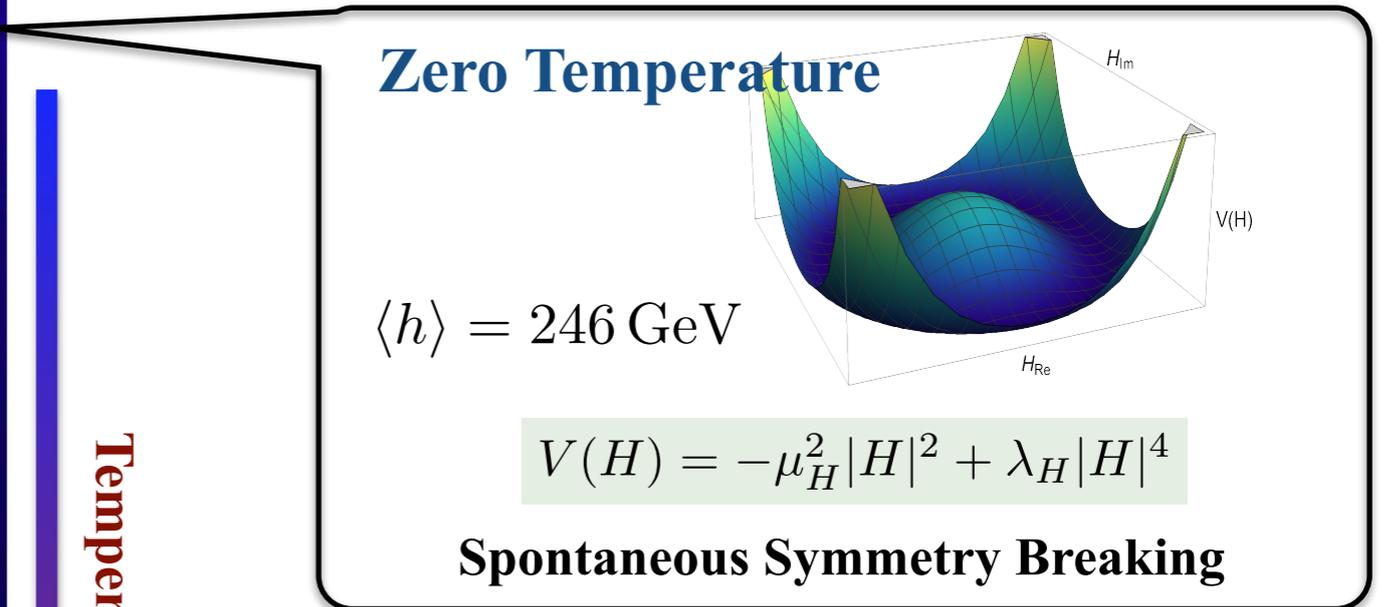
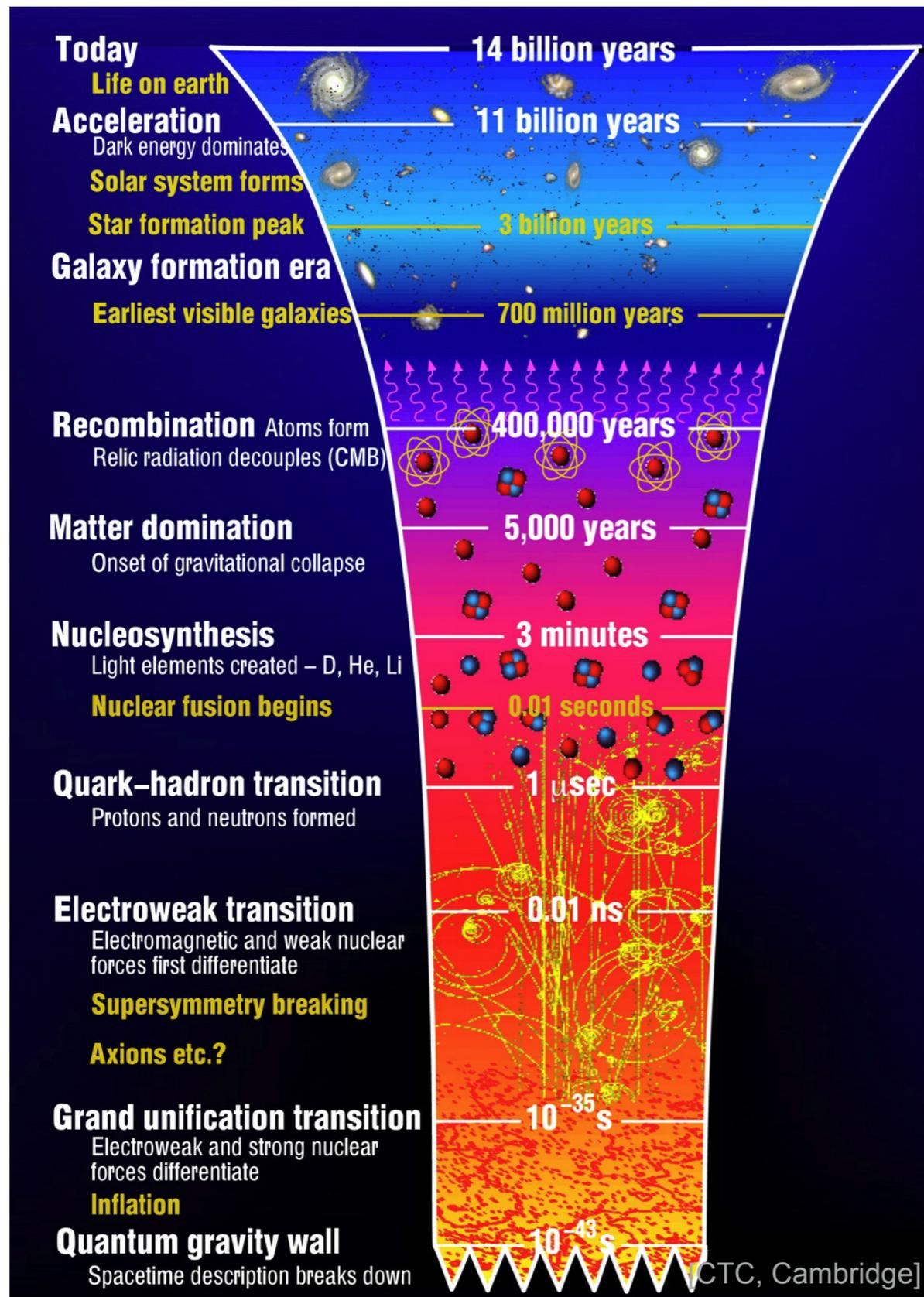


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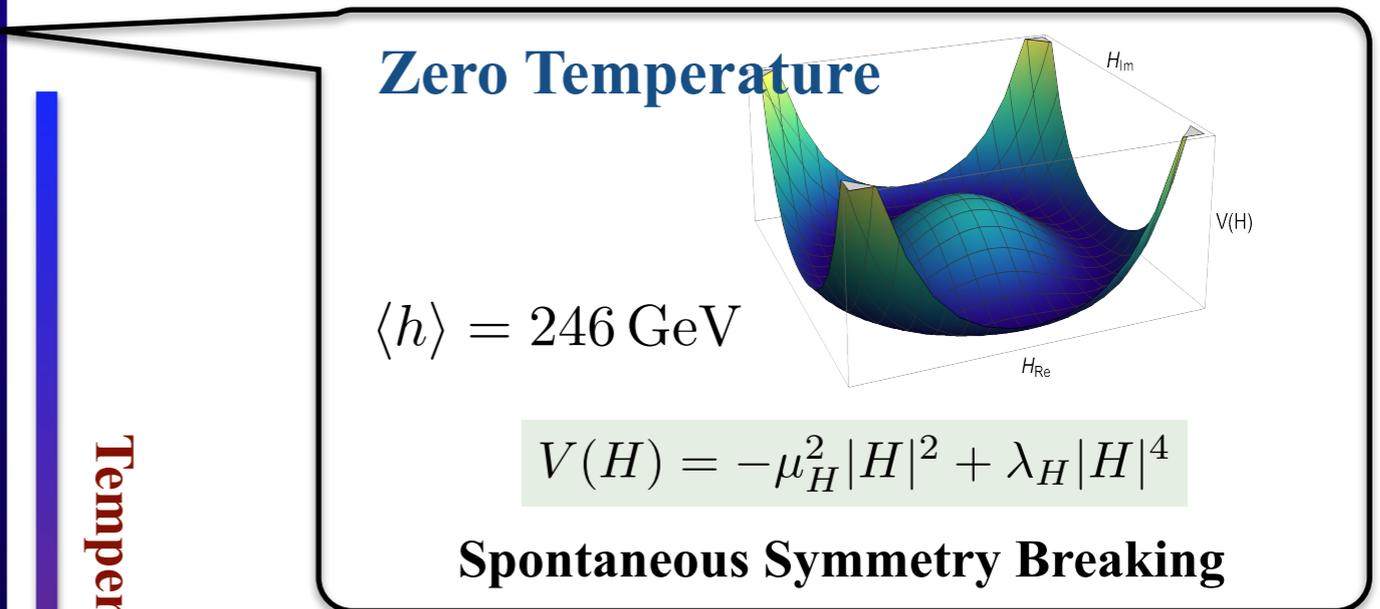
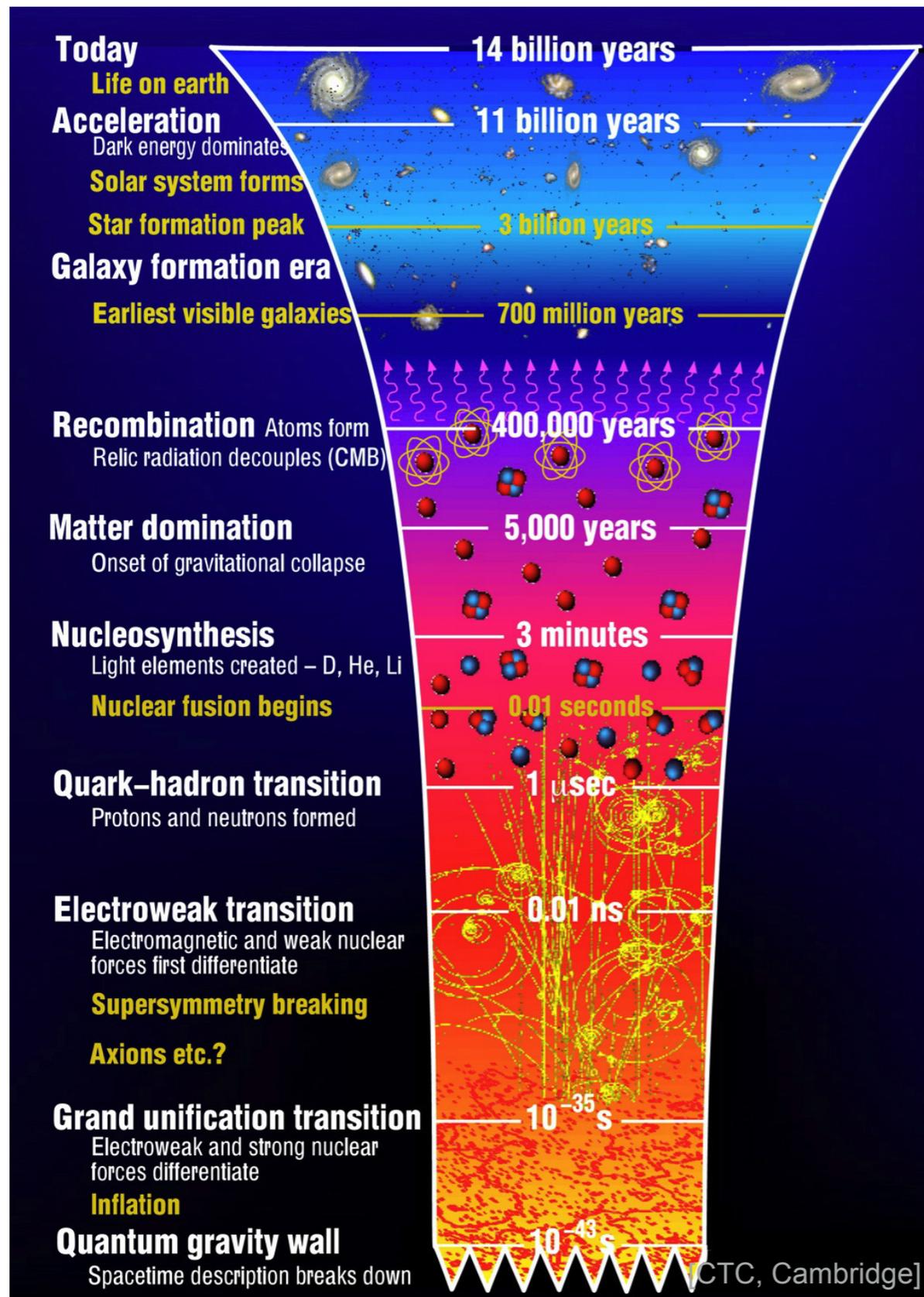
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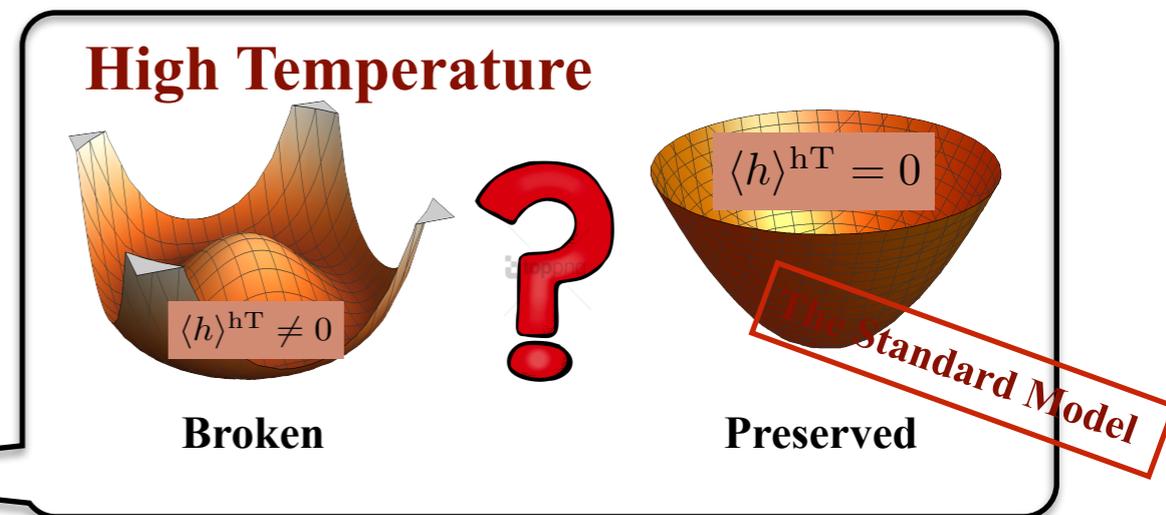


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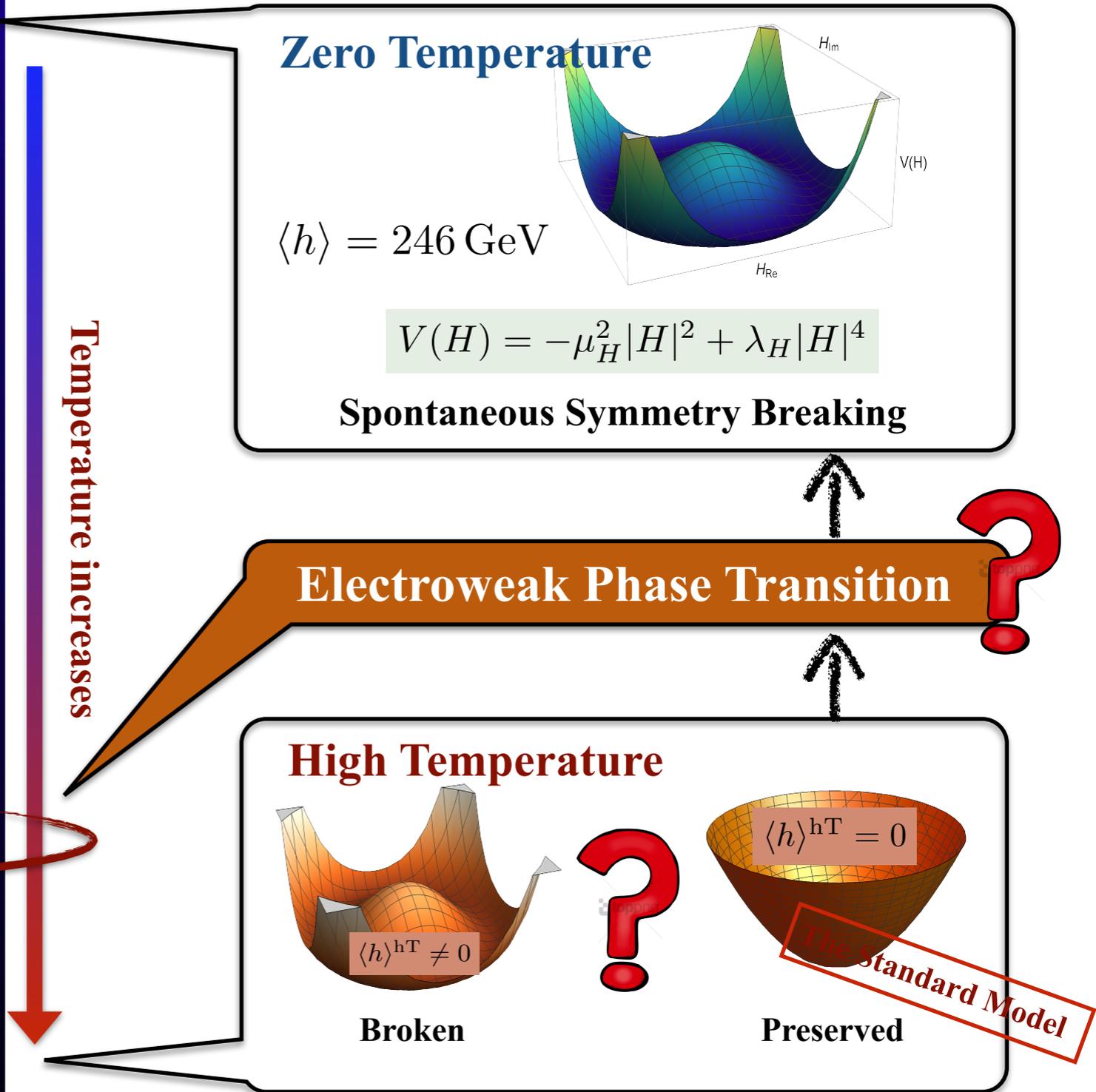
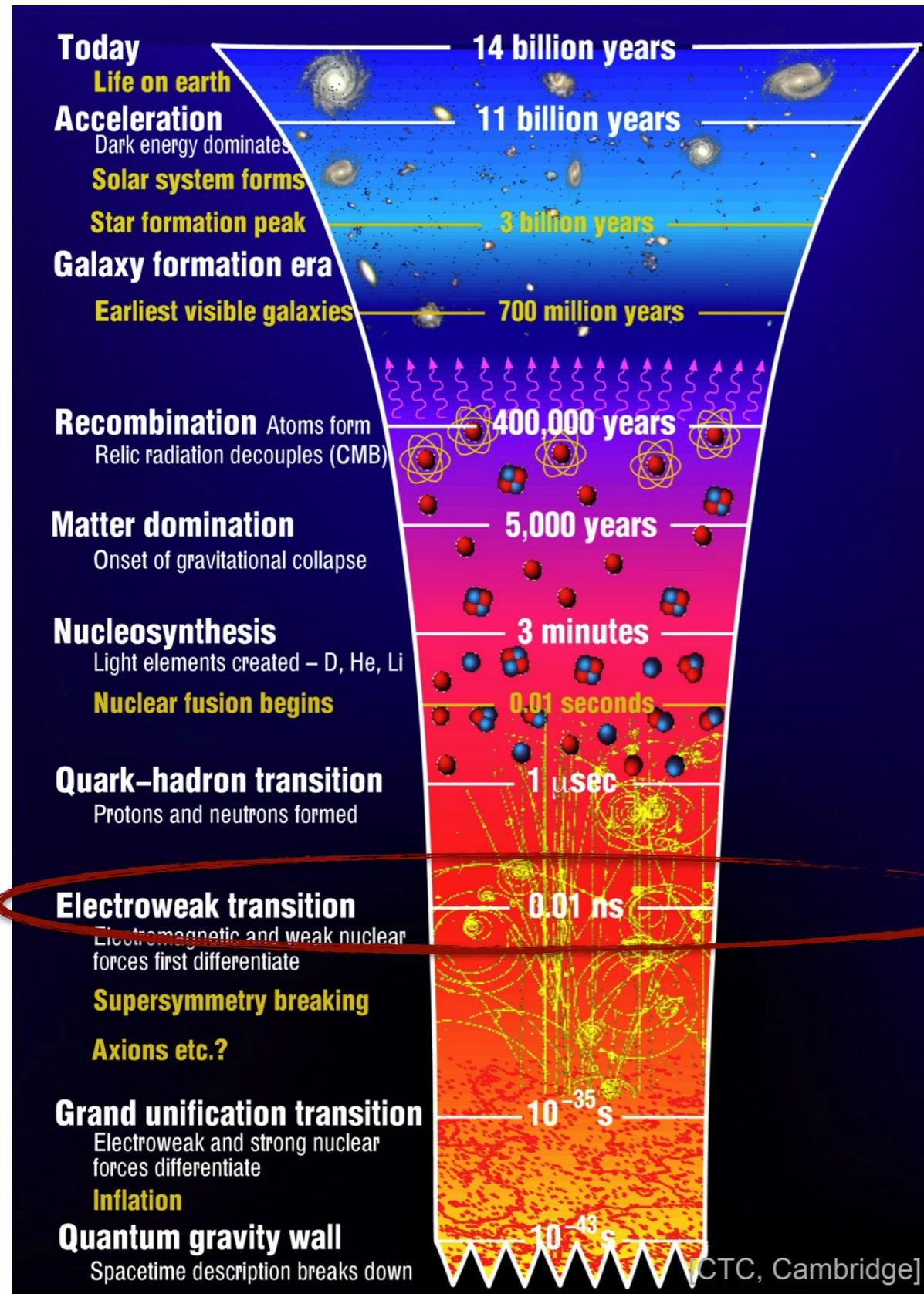


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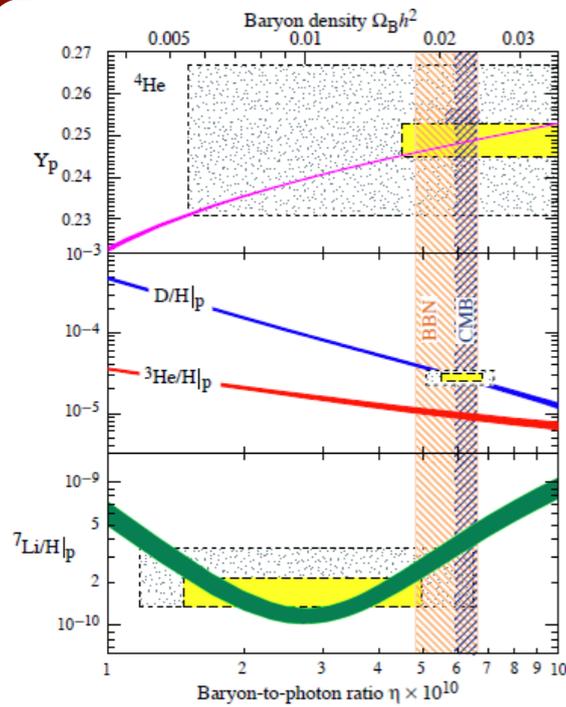
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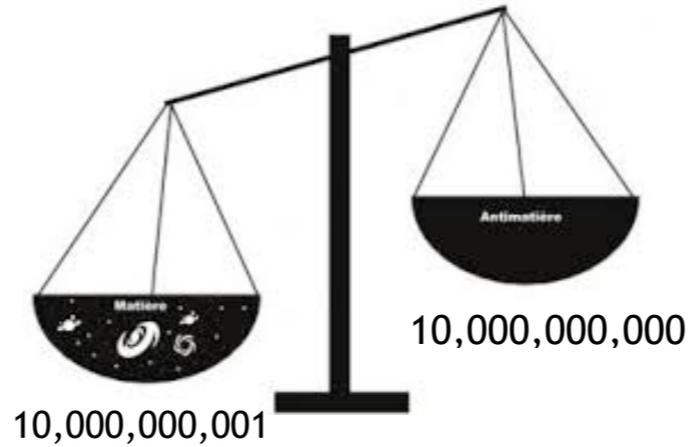


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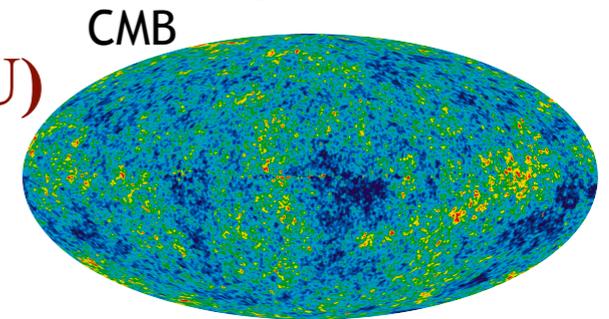
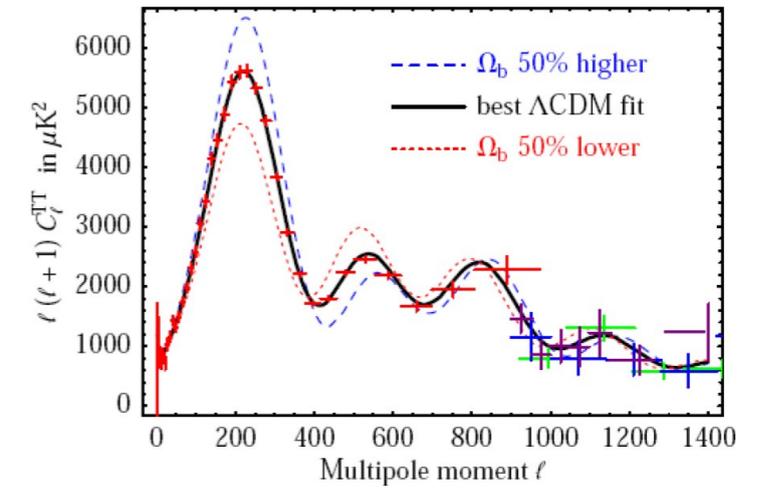


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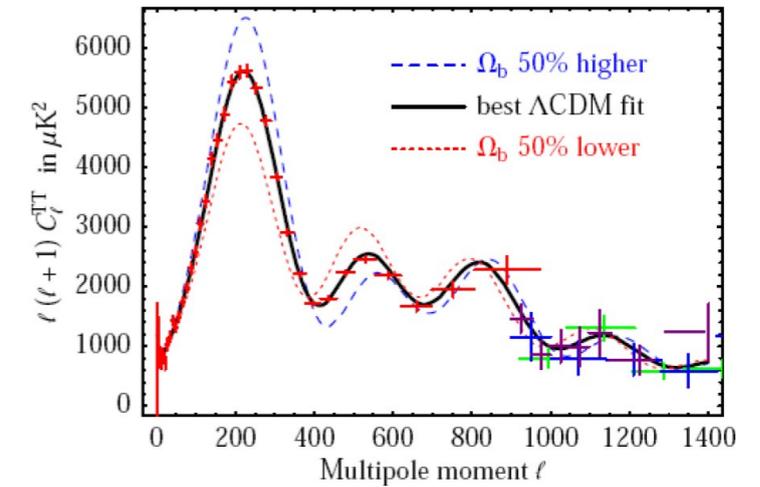
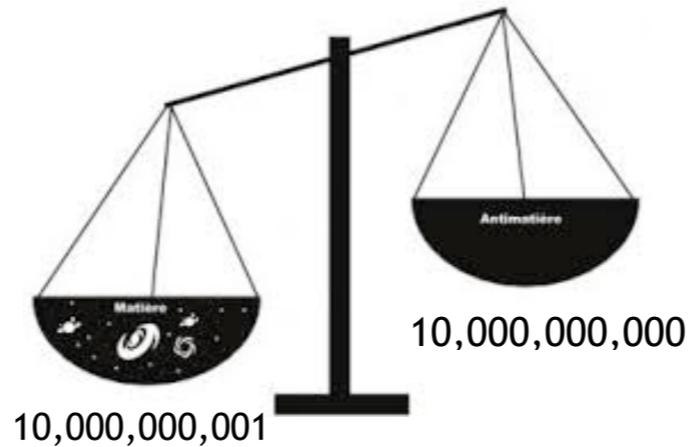
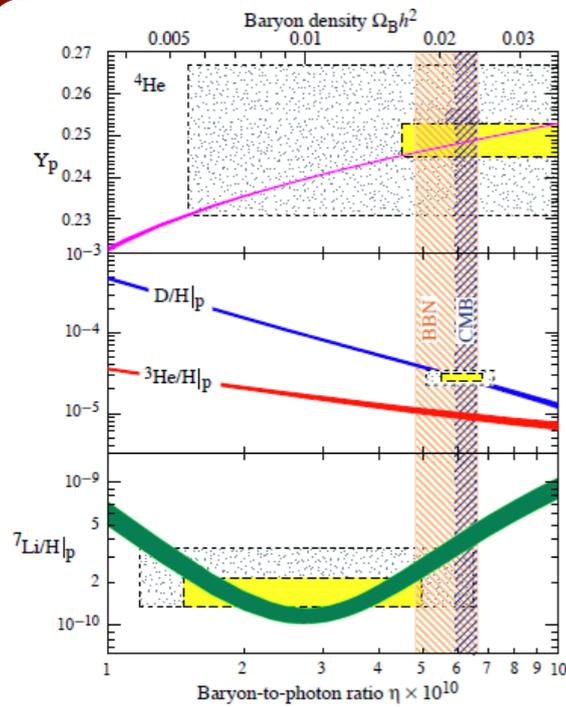
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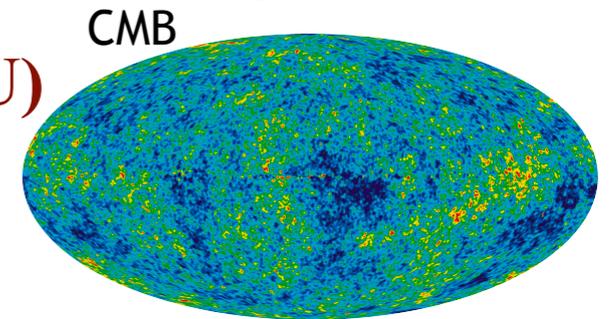
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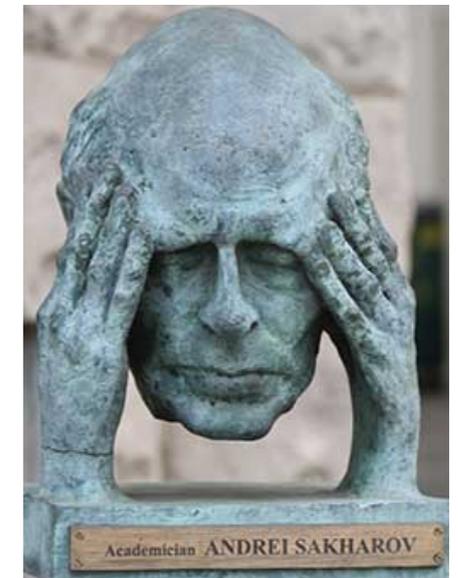
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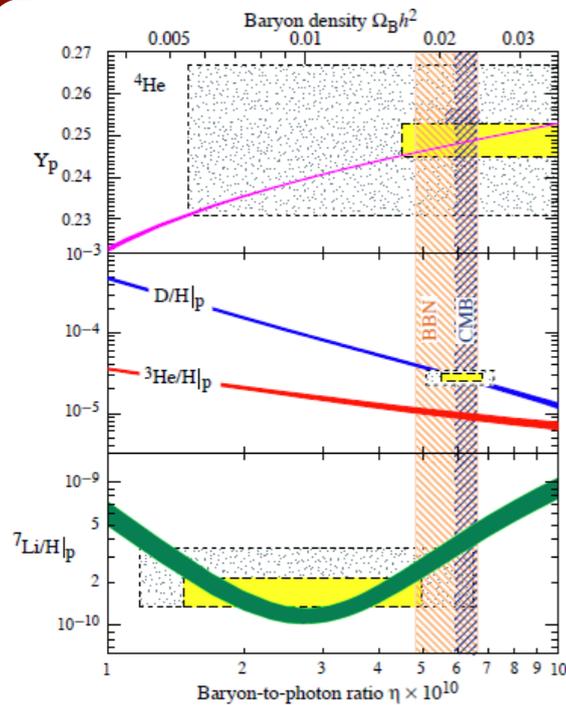


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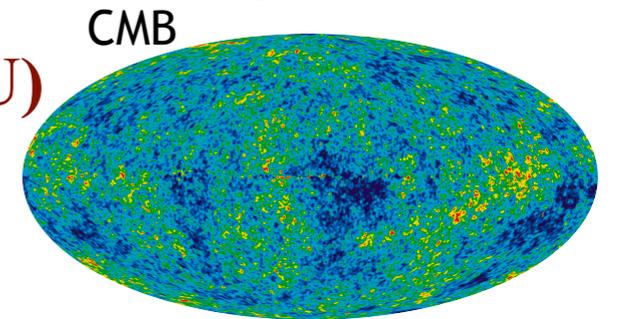
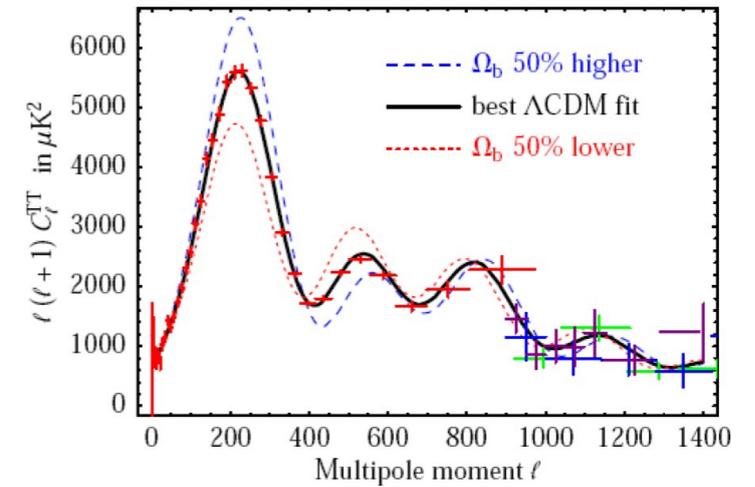
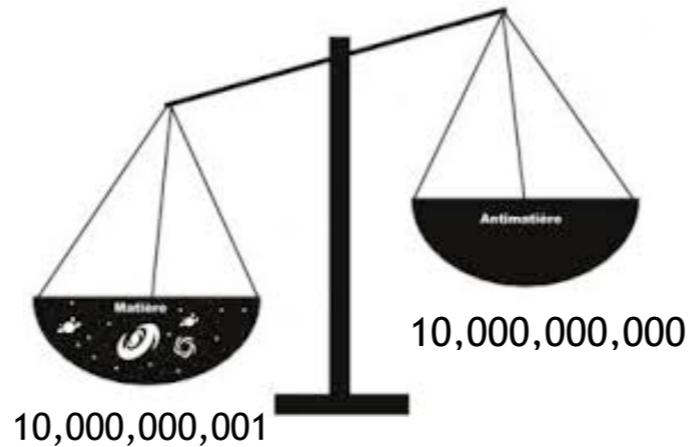
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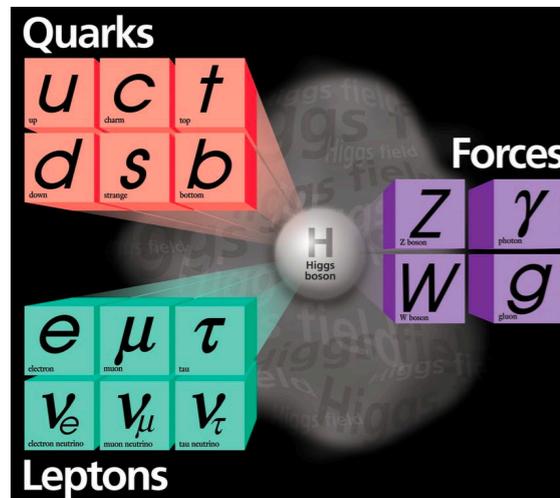
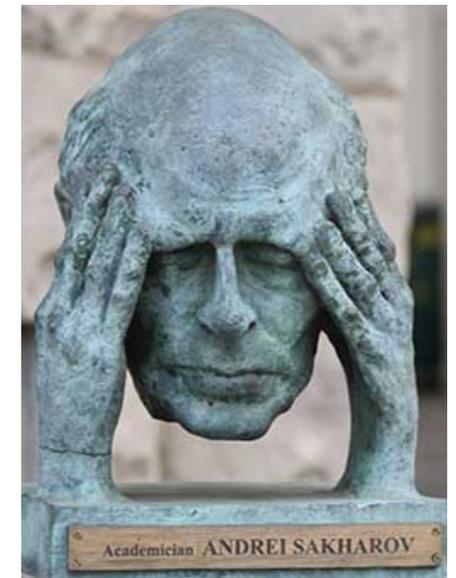


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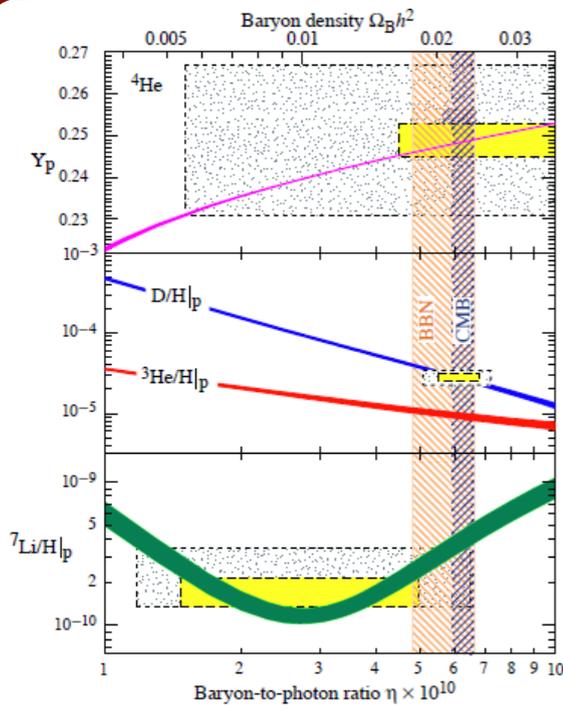
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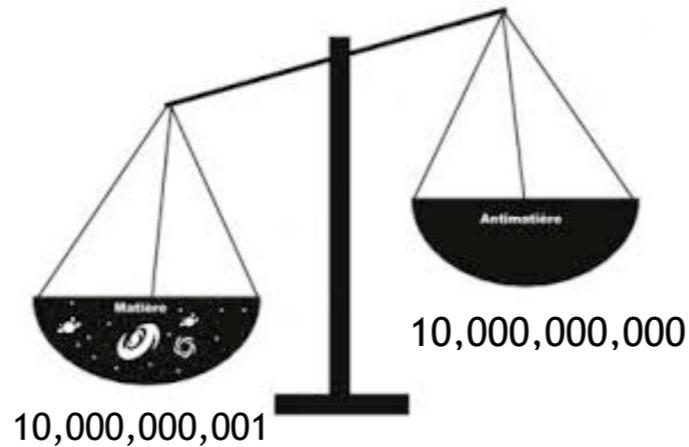


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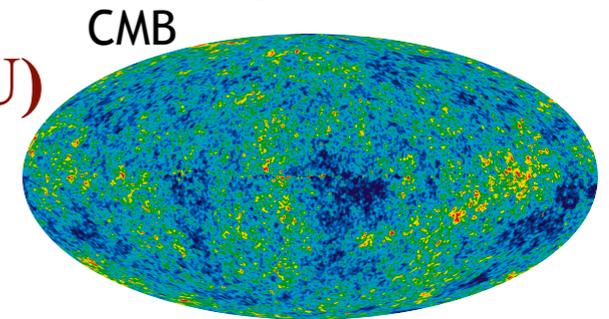
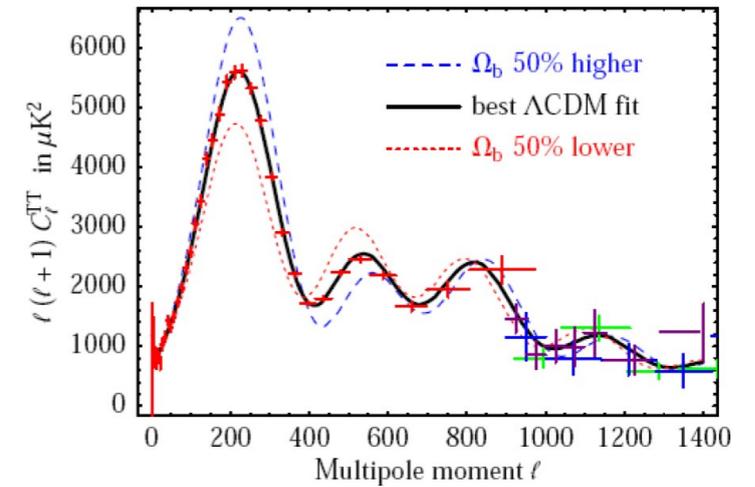


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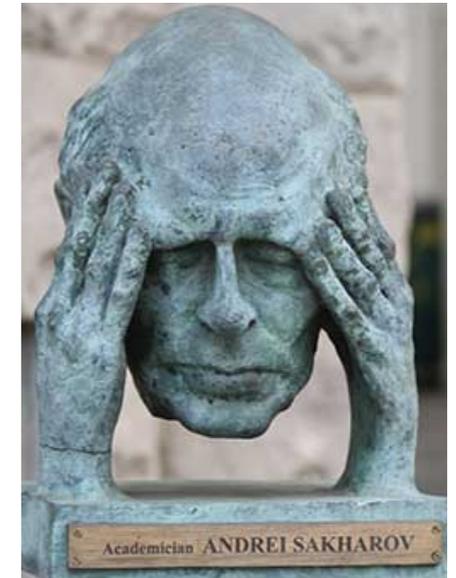
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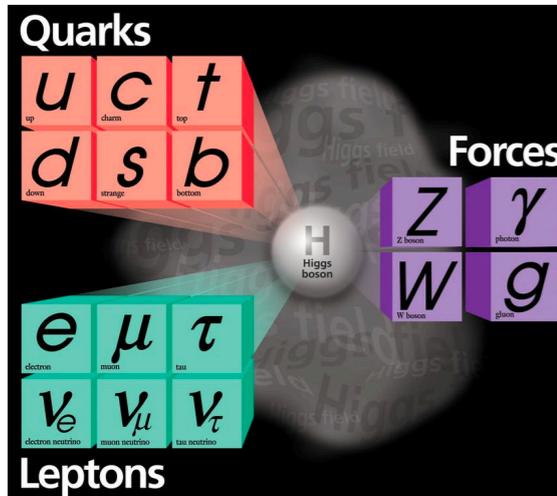


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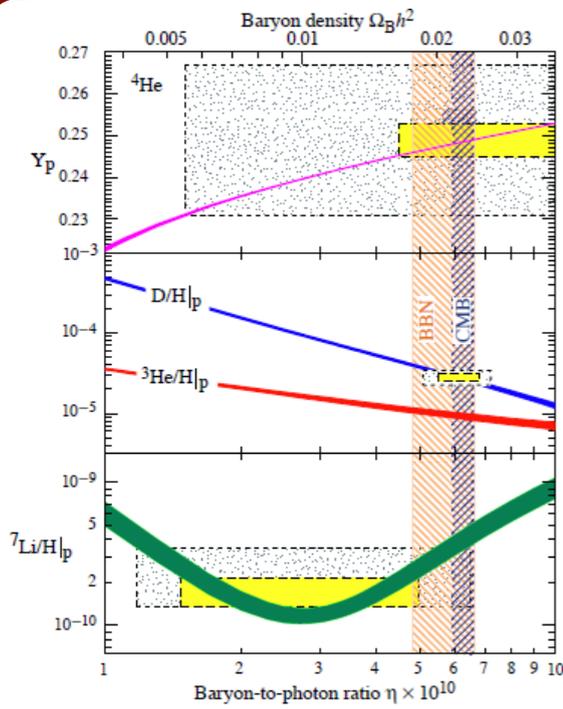
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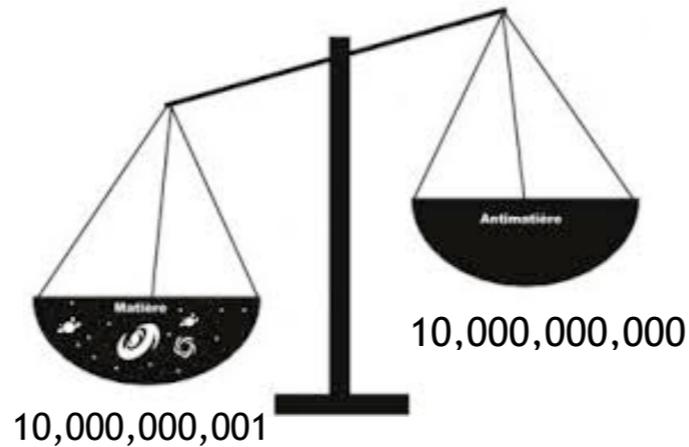
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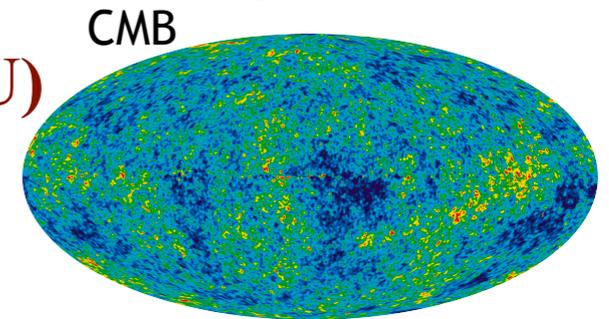
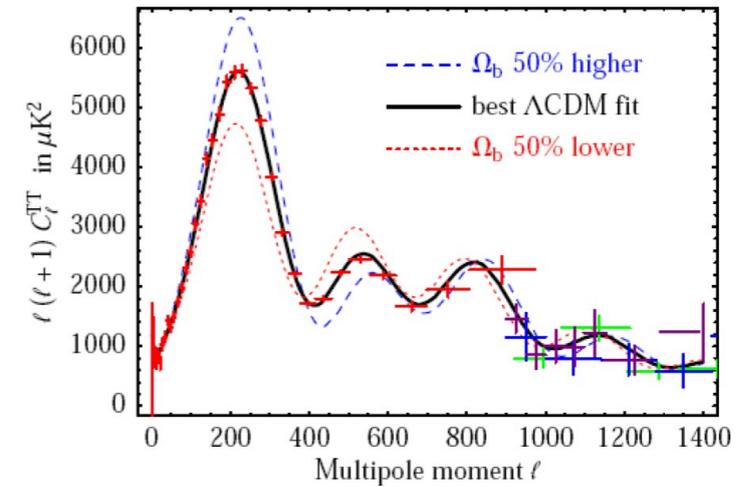


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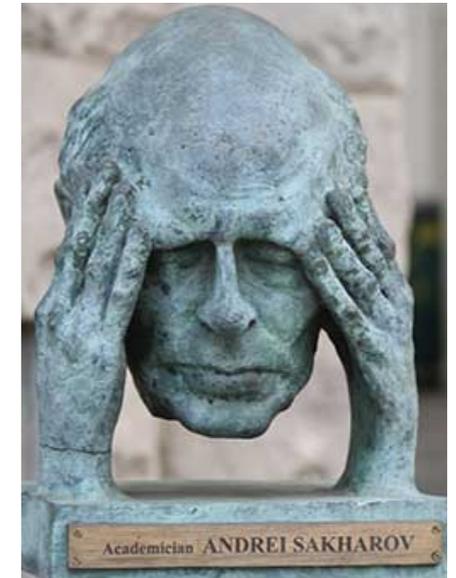
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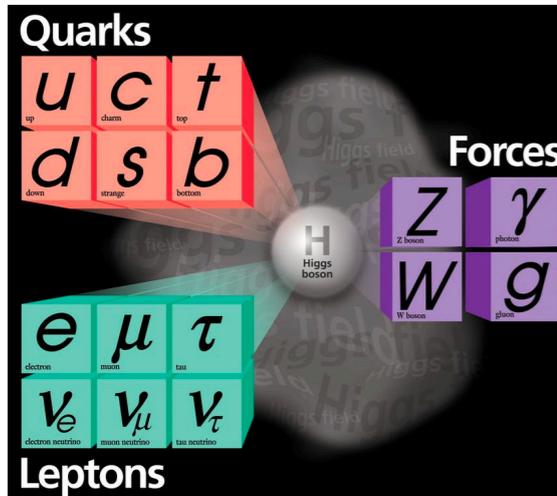


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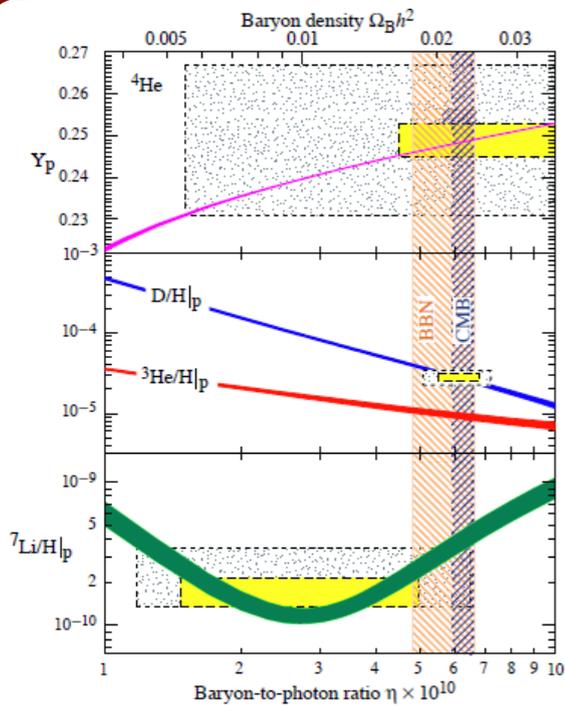
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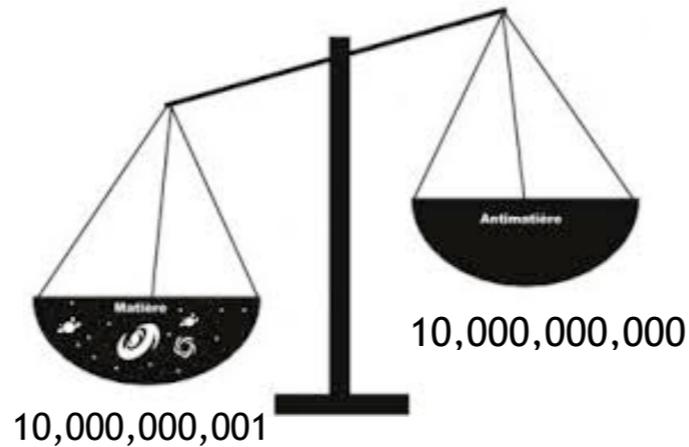
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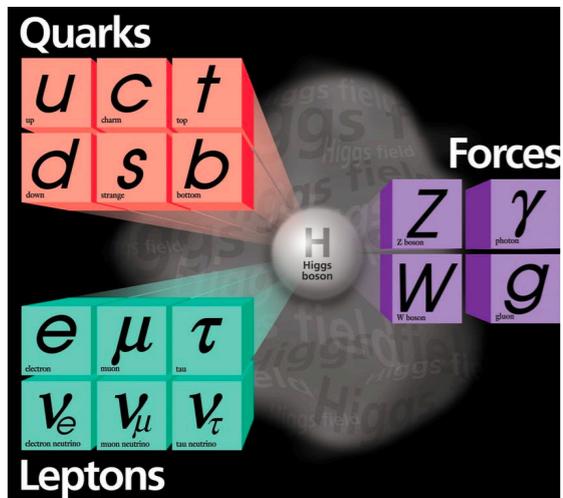
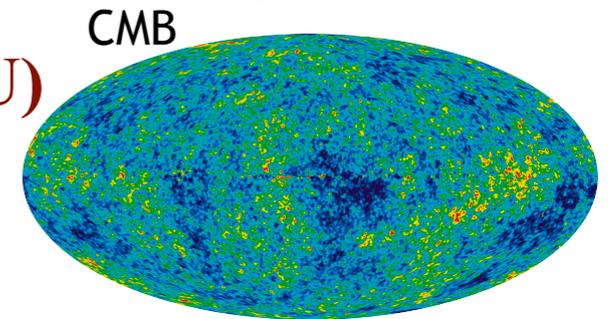
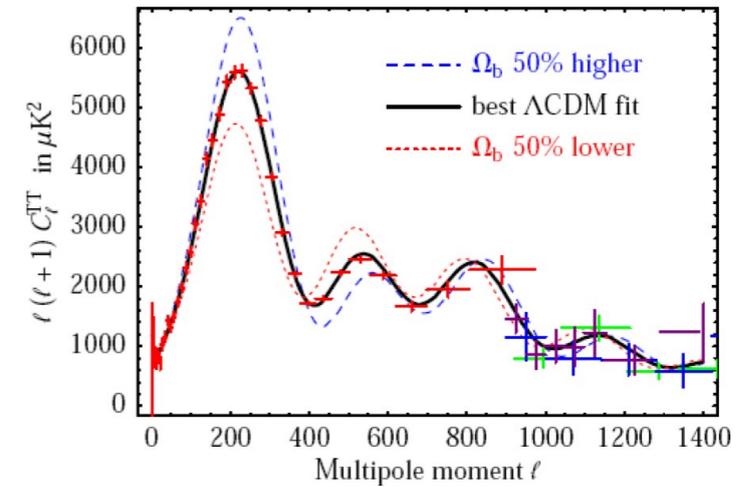


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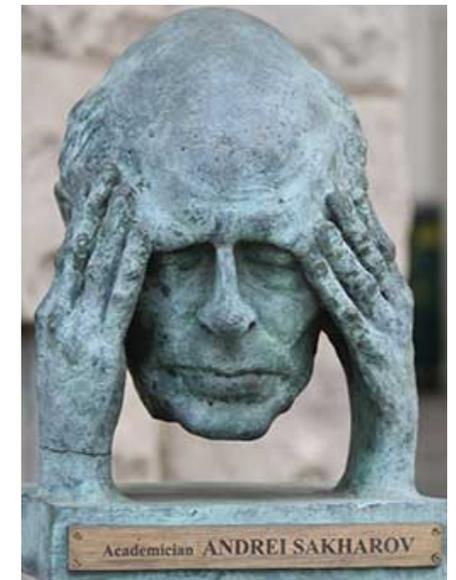
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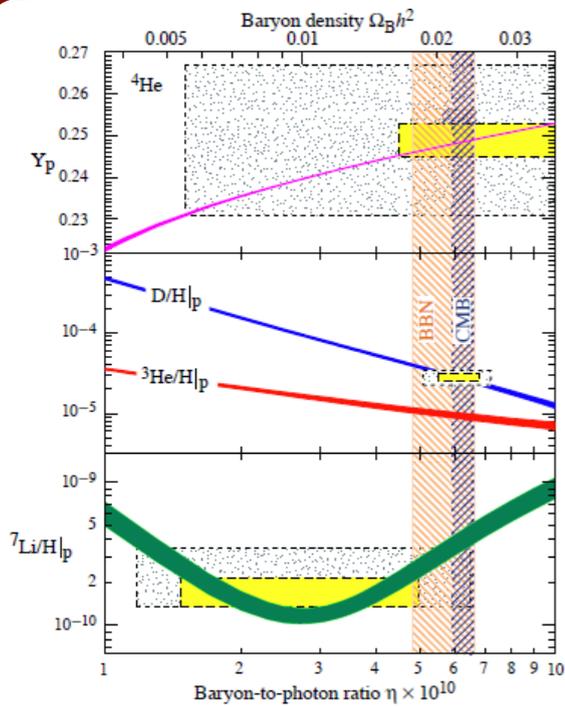
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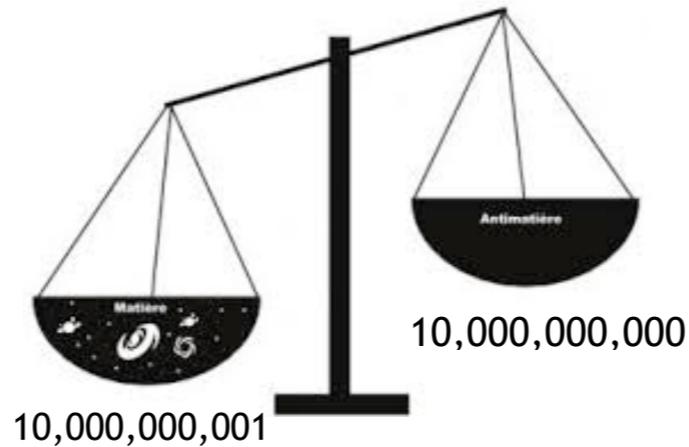
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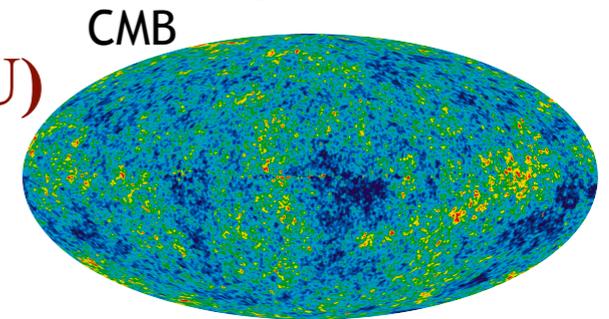
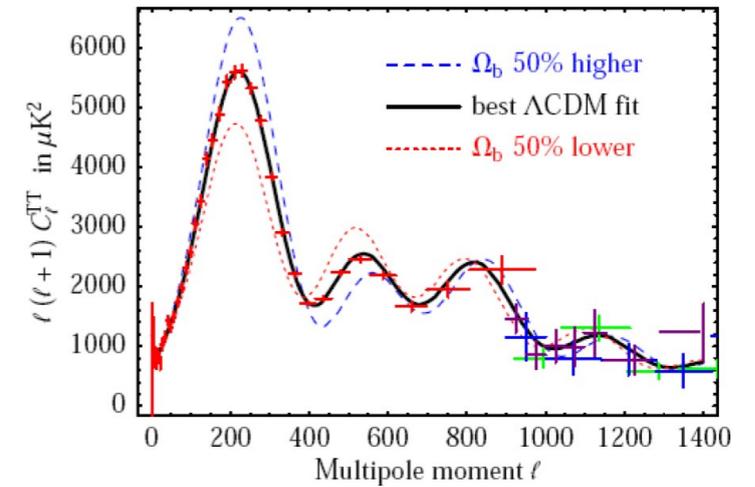


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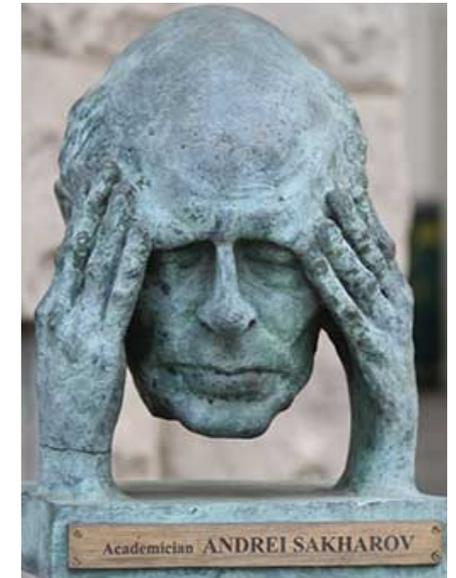
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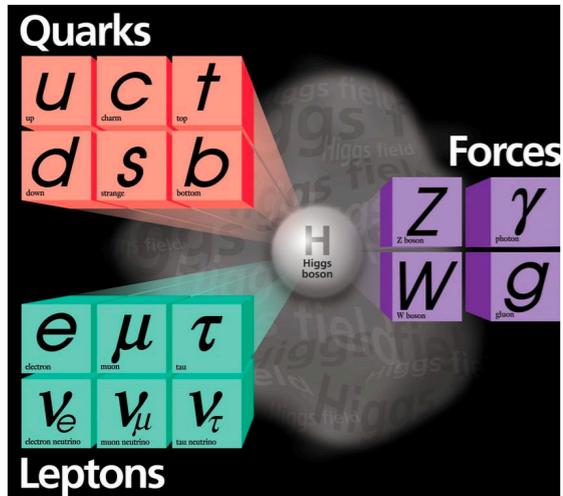
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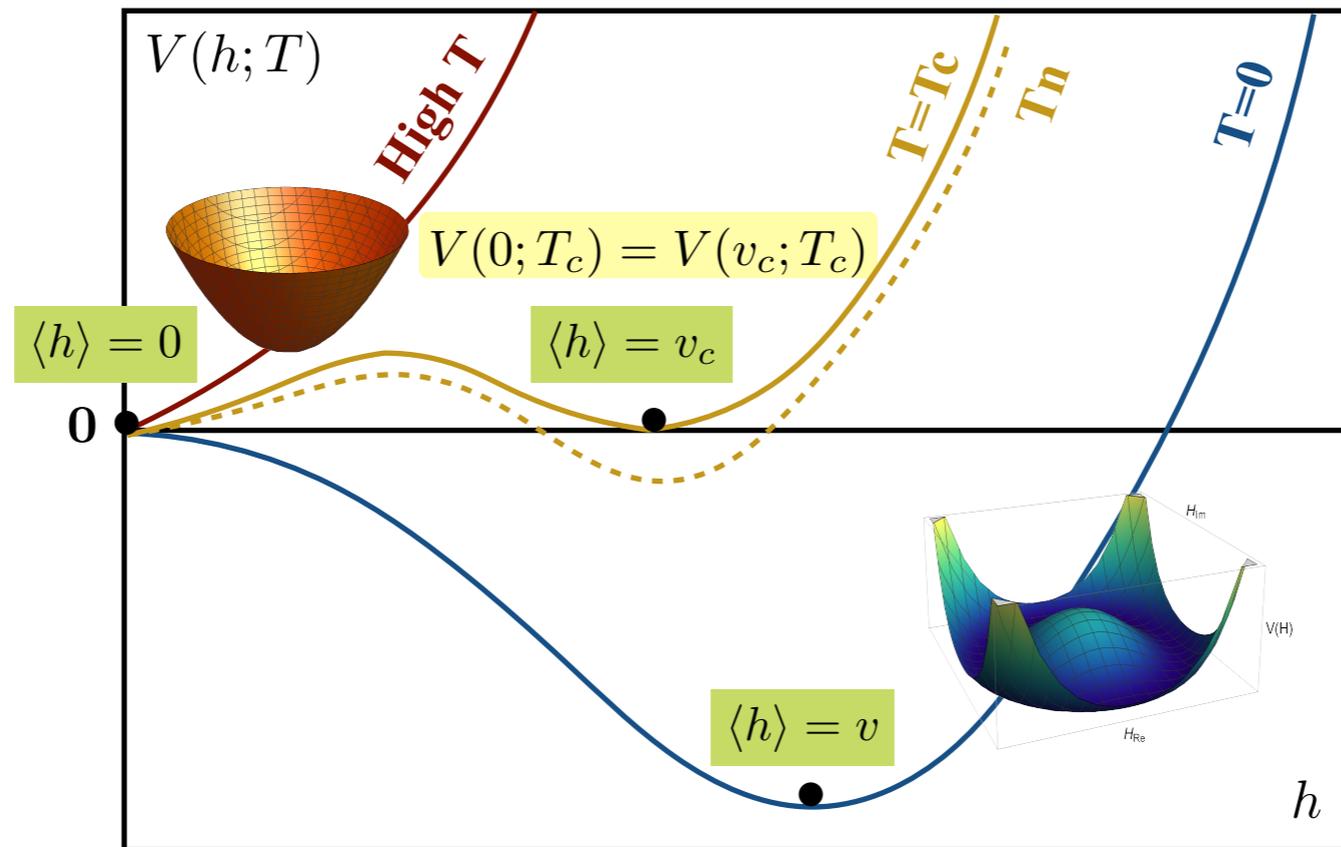


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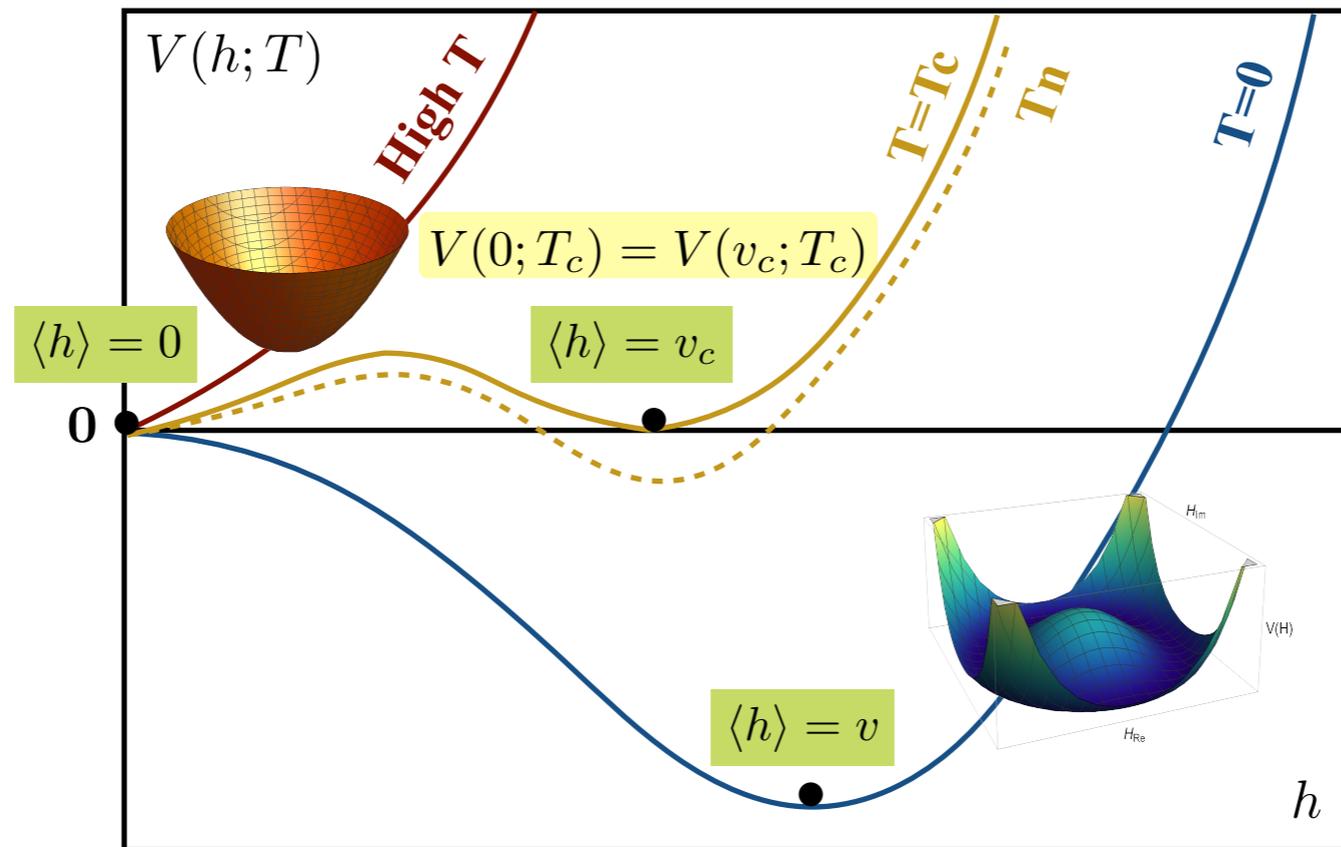
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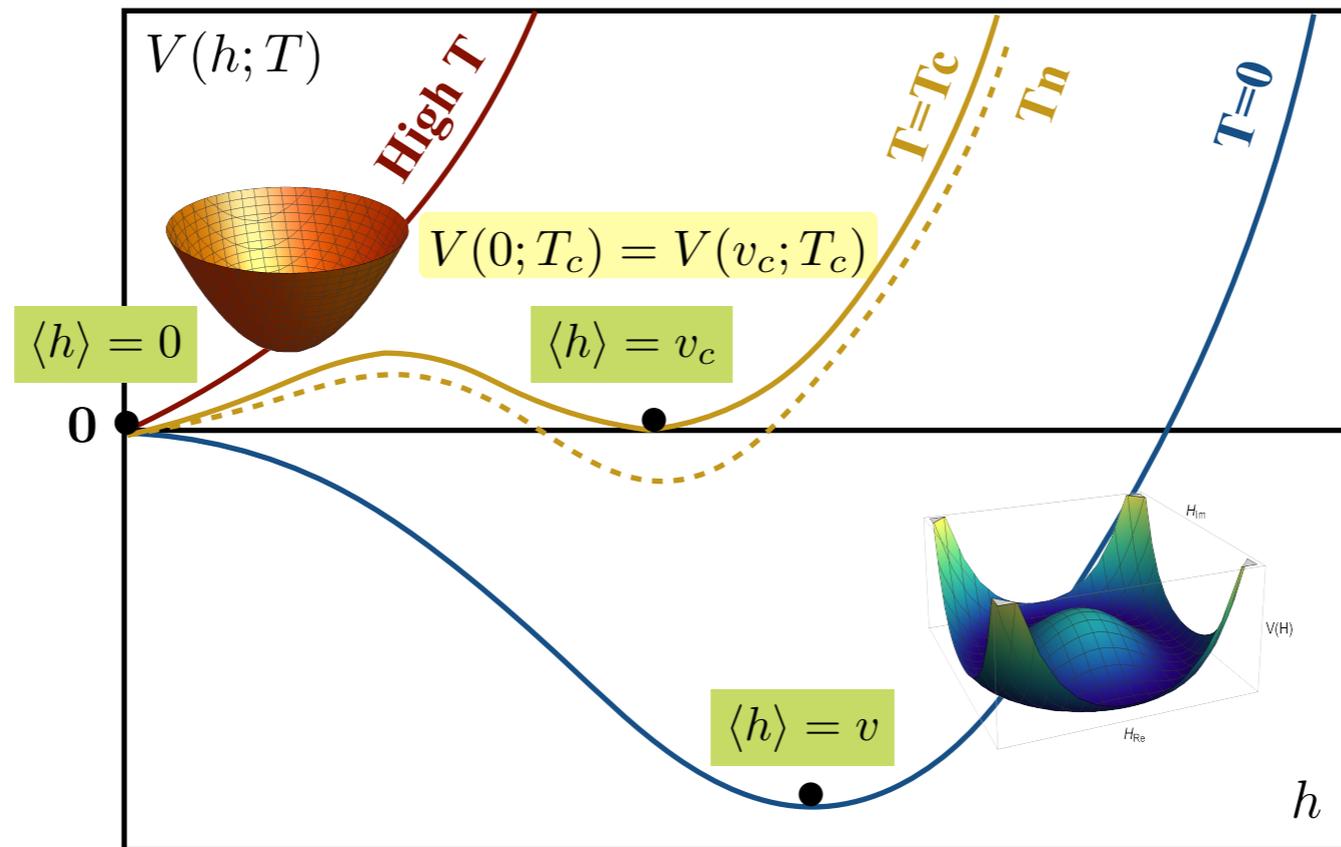
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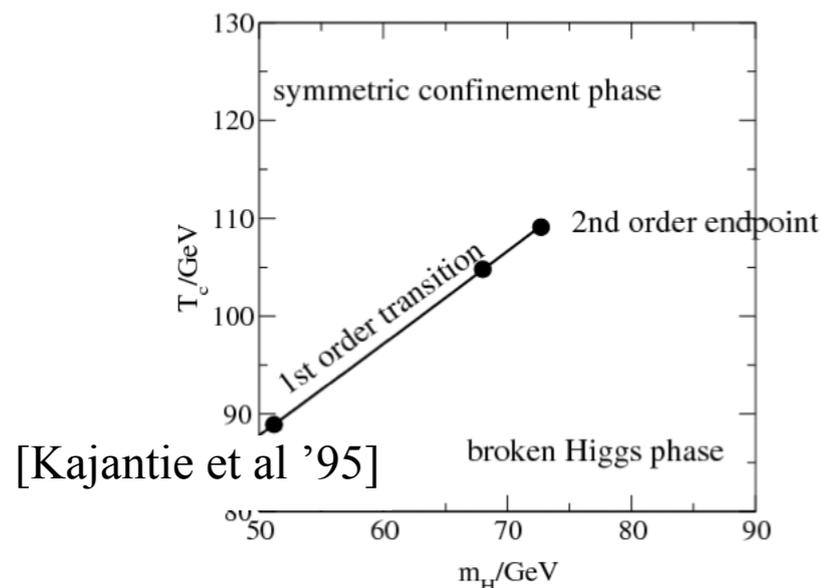


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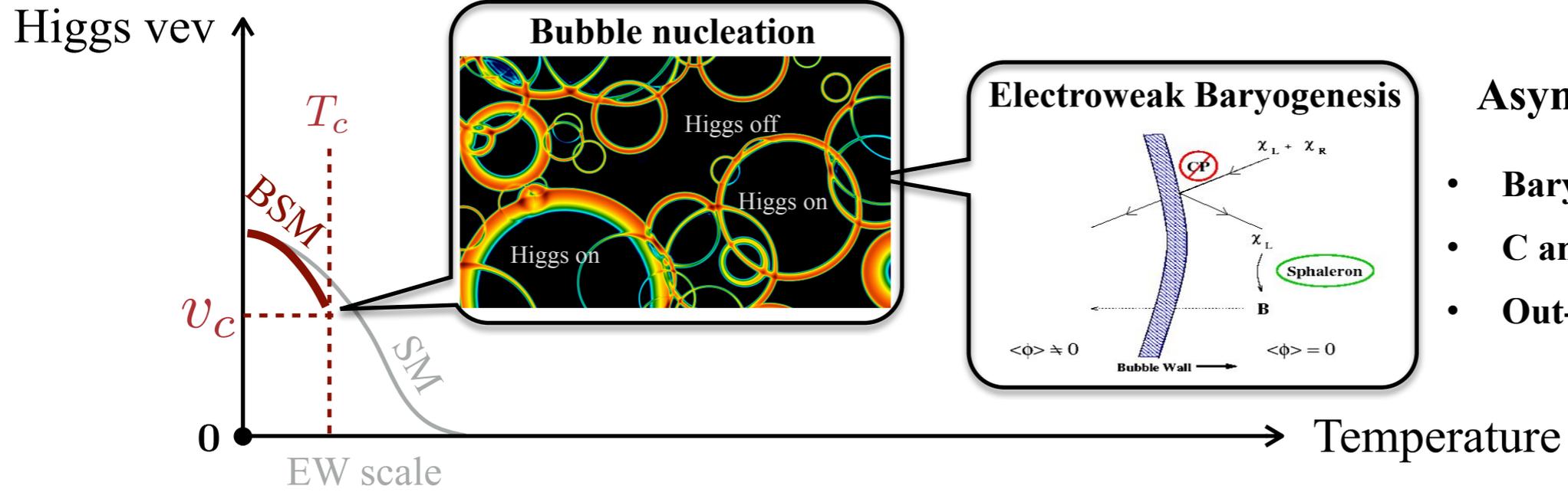
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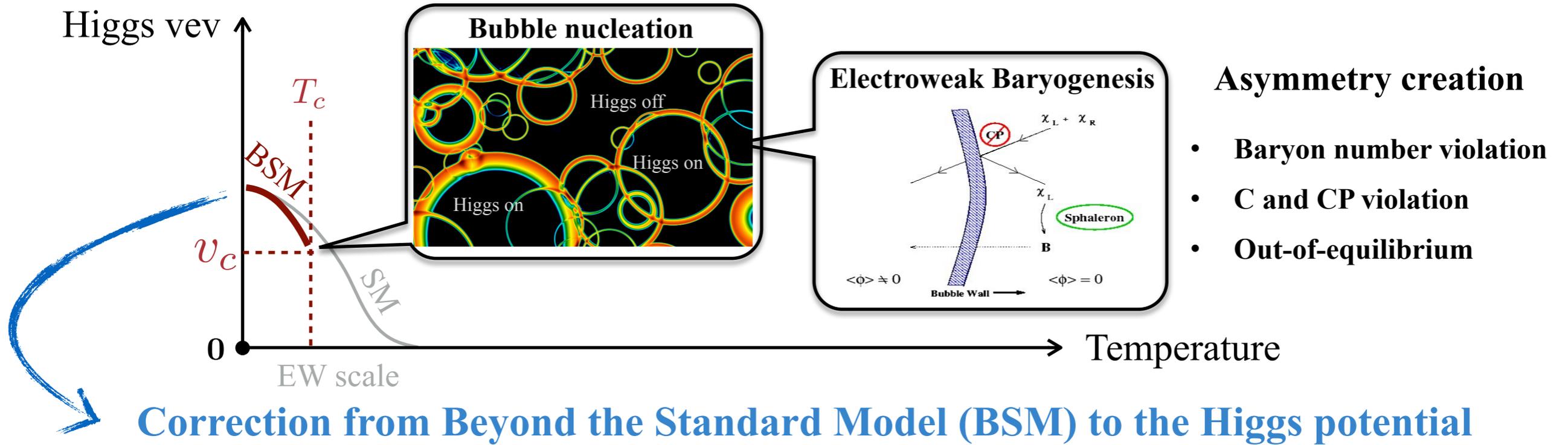
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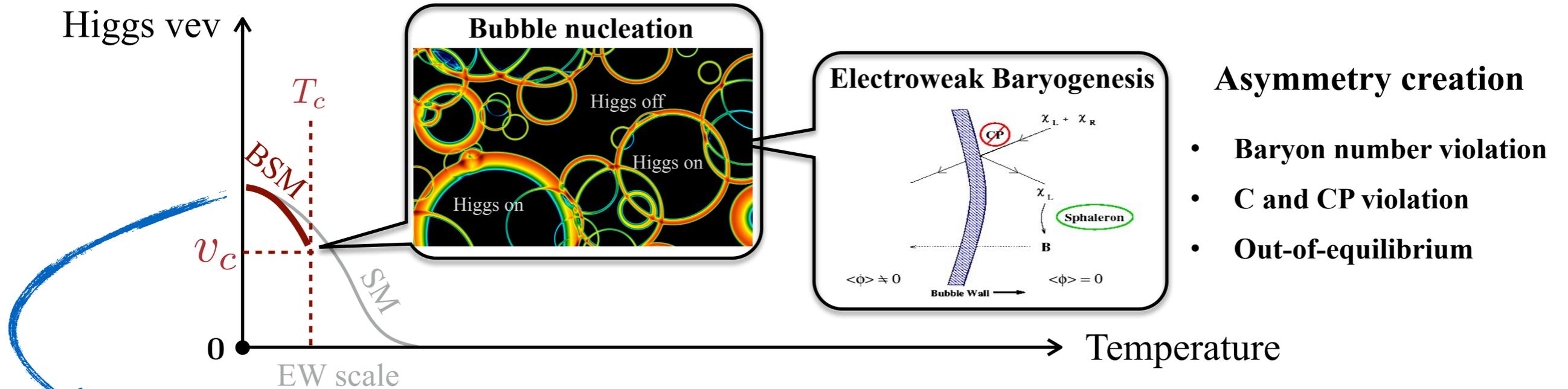
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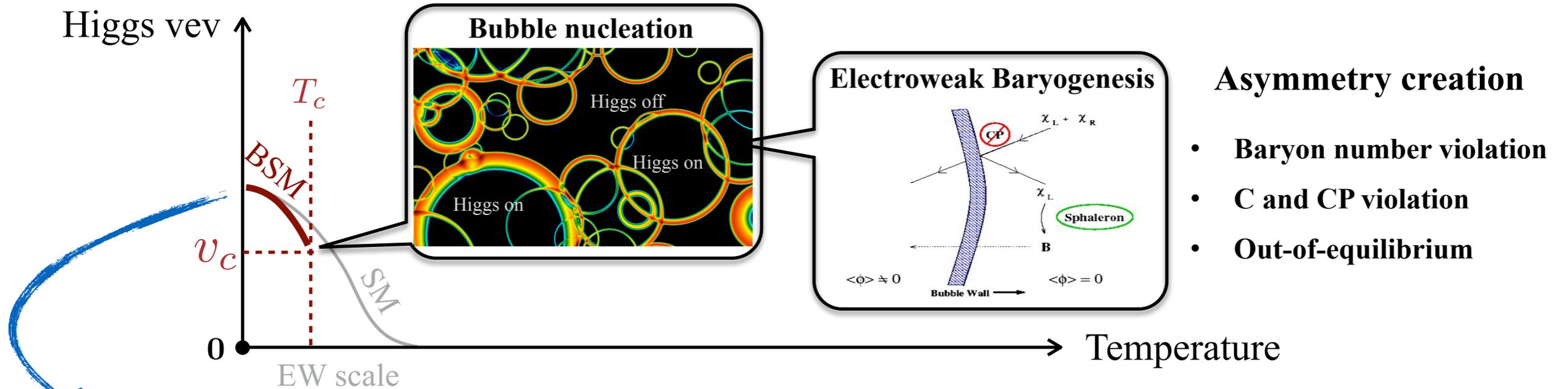
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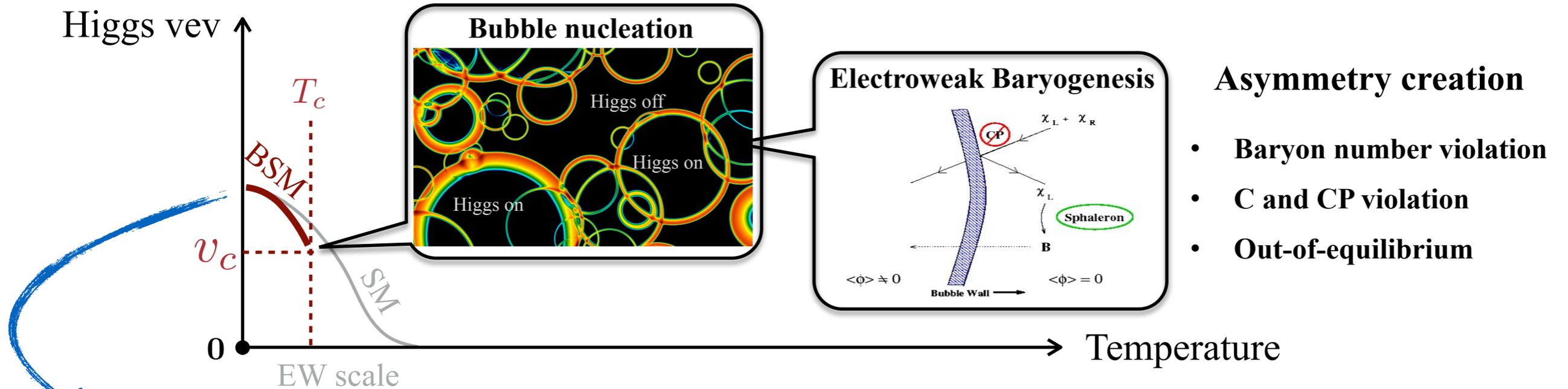
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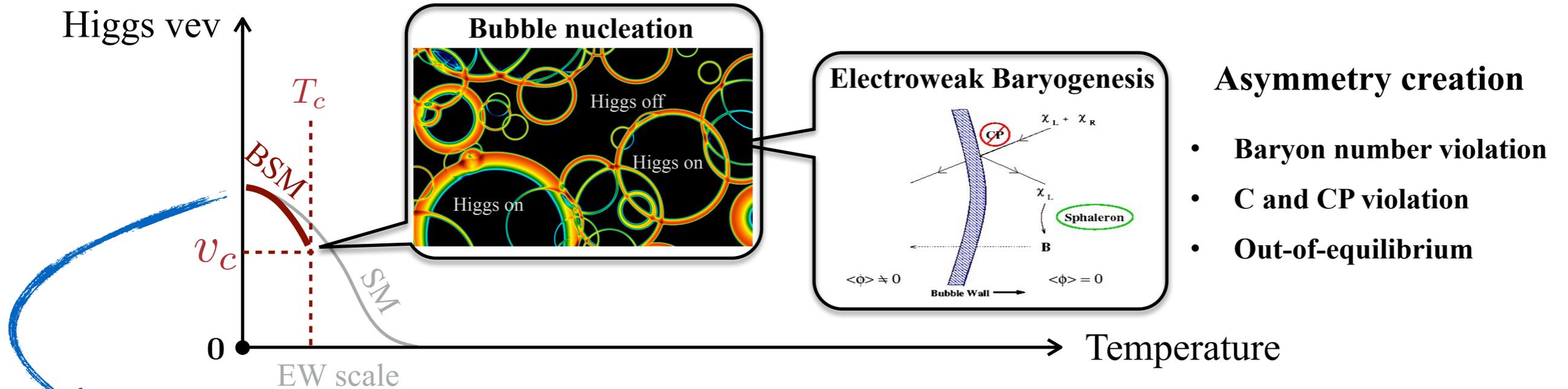
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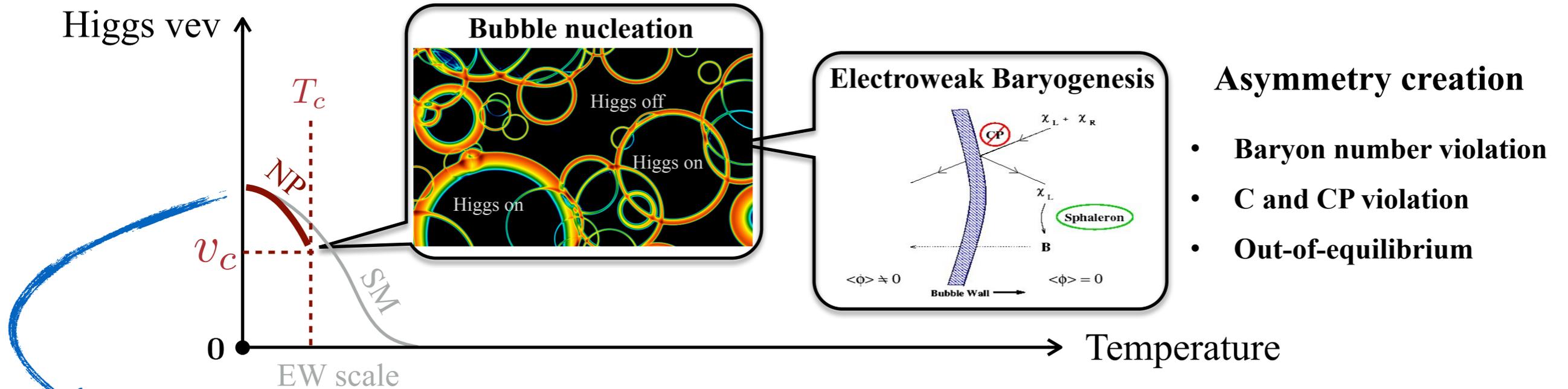
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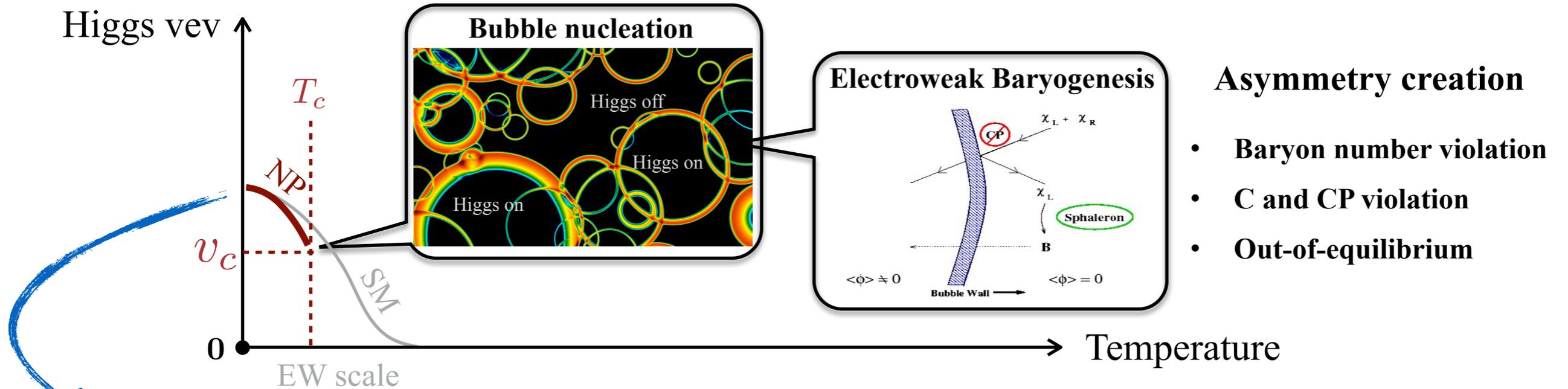


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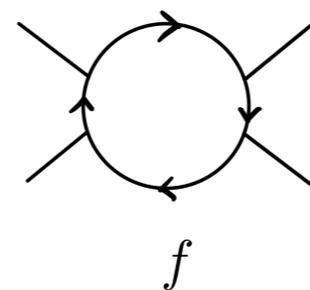
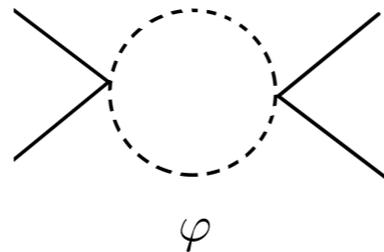
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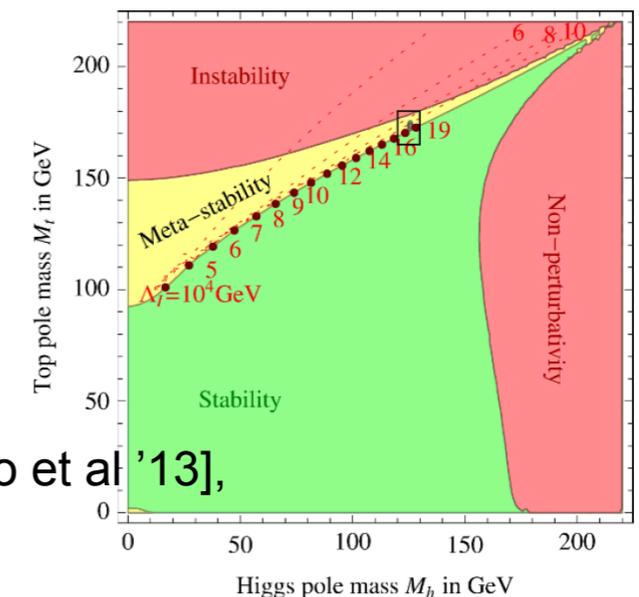
“Radiative breaking”

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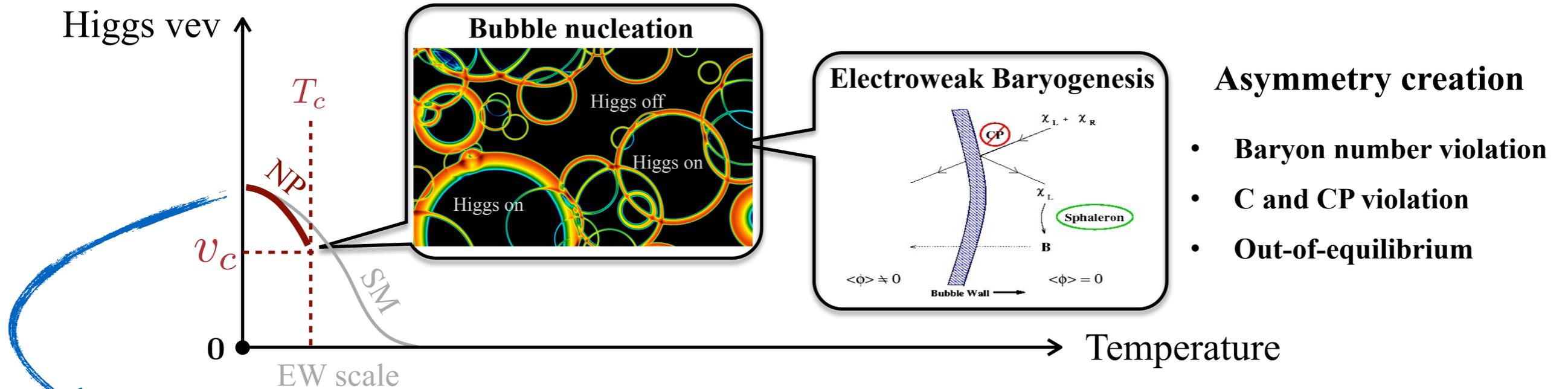
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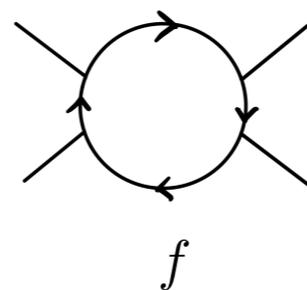
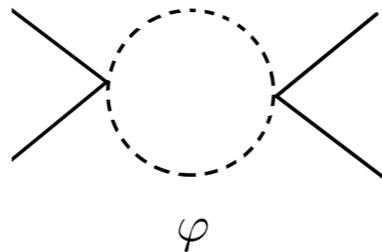
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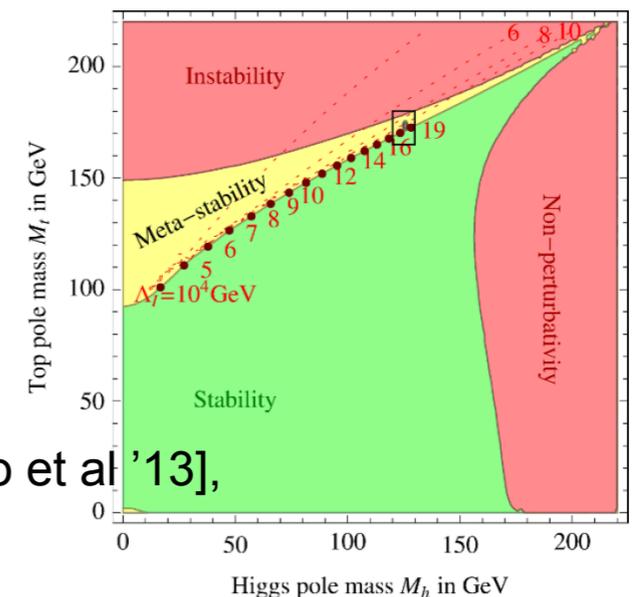
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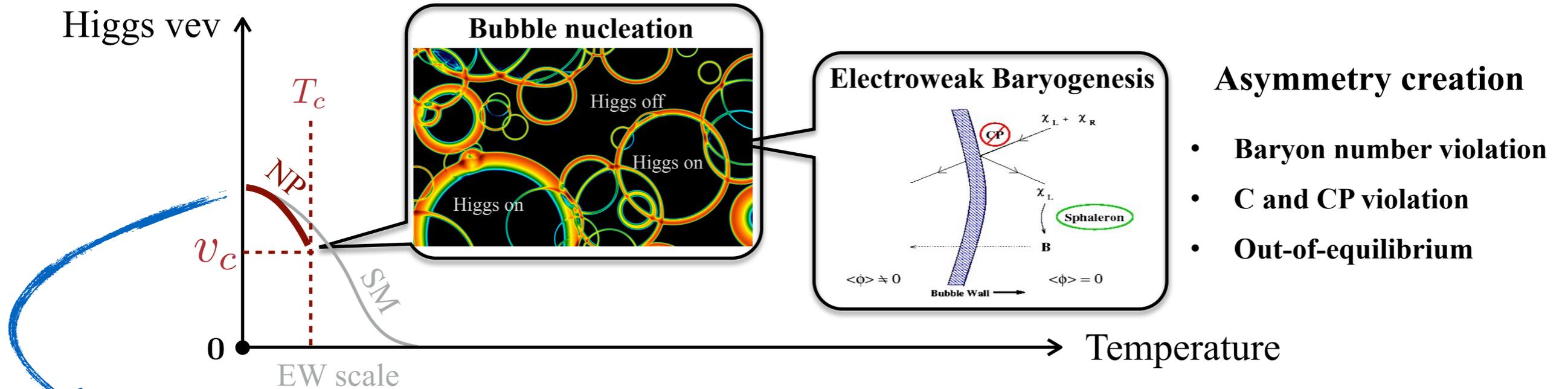
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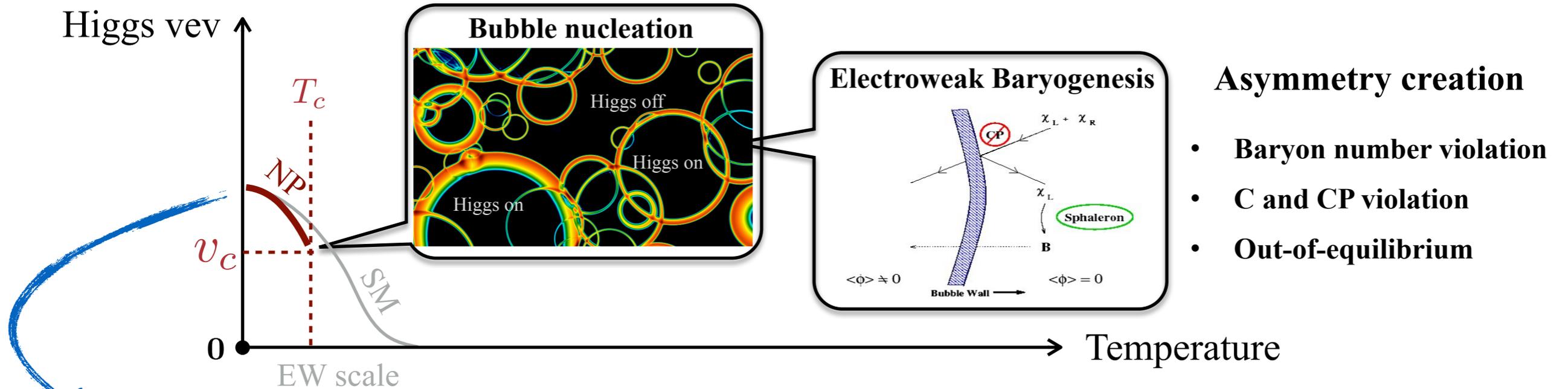


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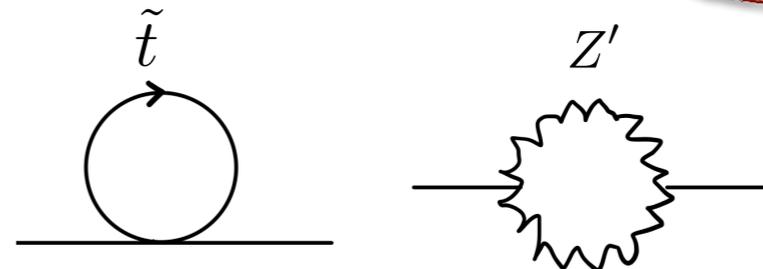
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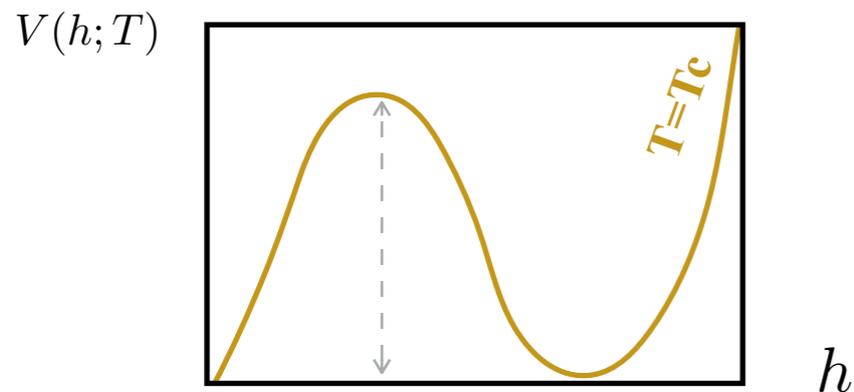
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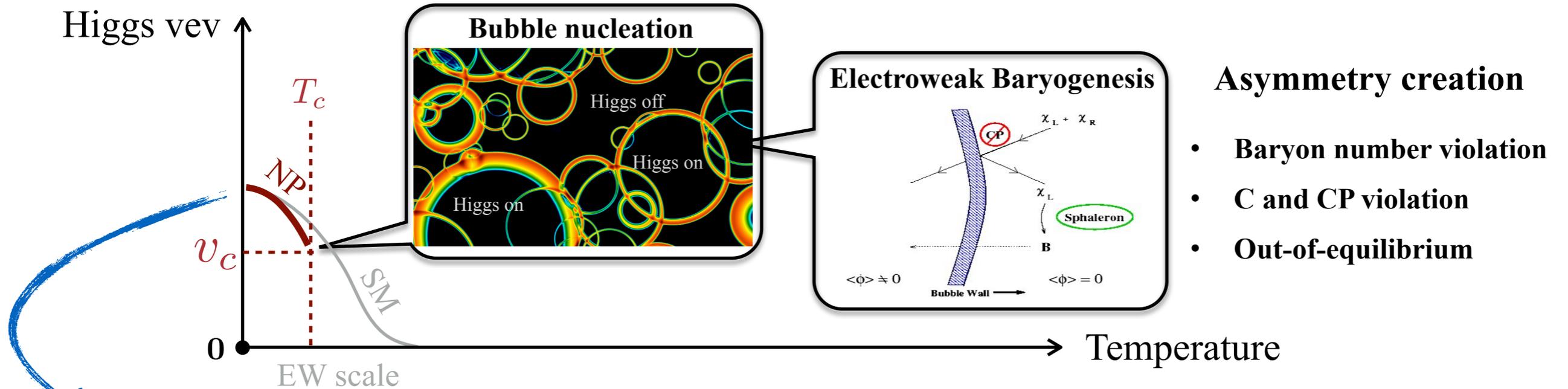
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$$Eh^3 \sim (m_{\text{eff}}(h, T_c))^{3/2} \sim \lambda^{3/2}h^3$$

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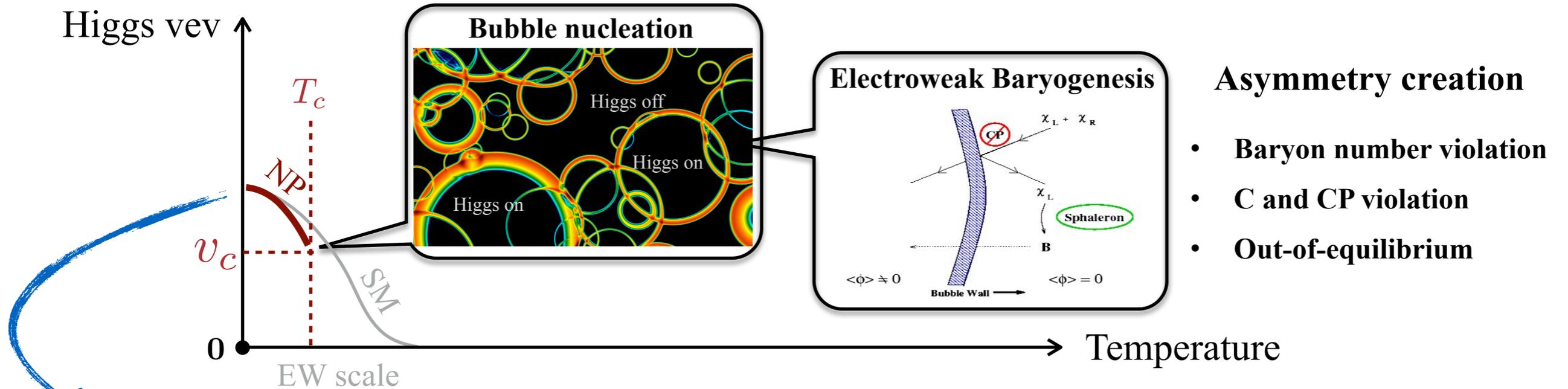


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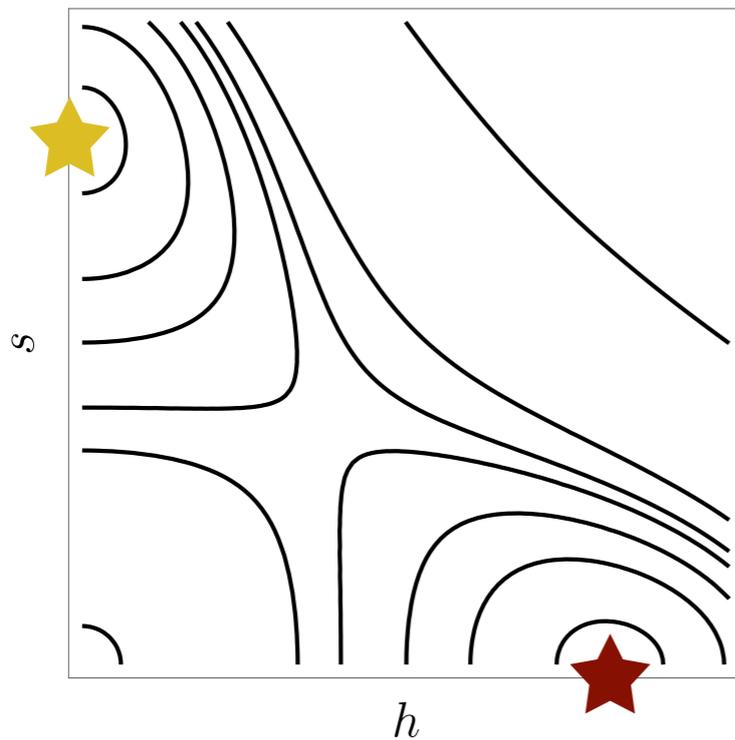
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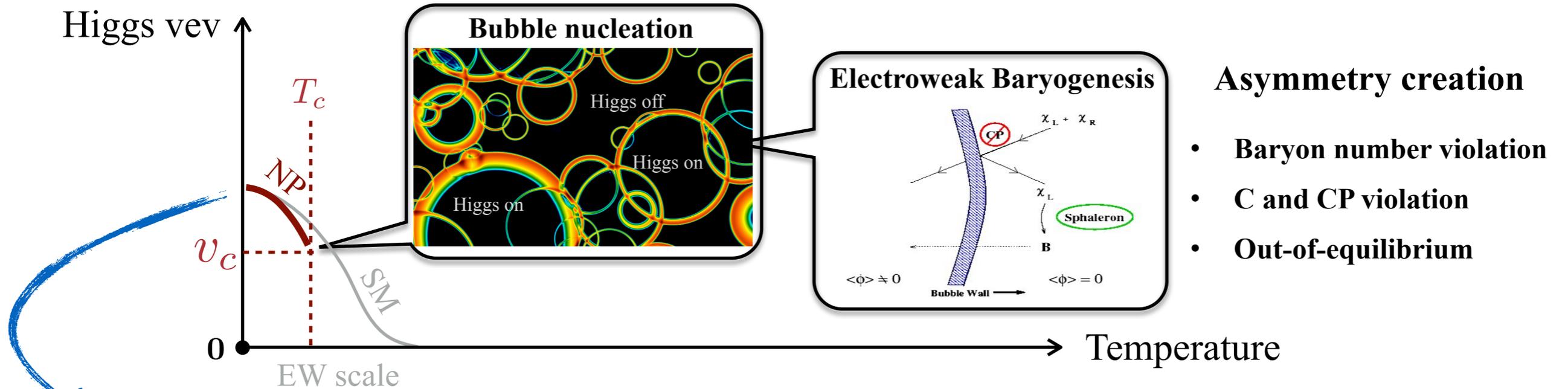


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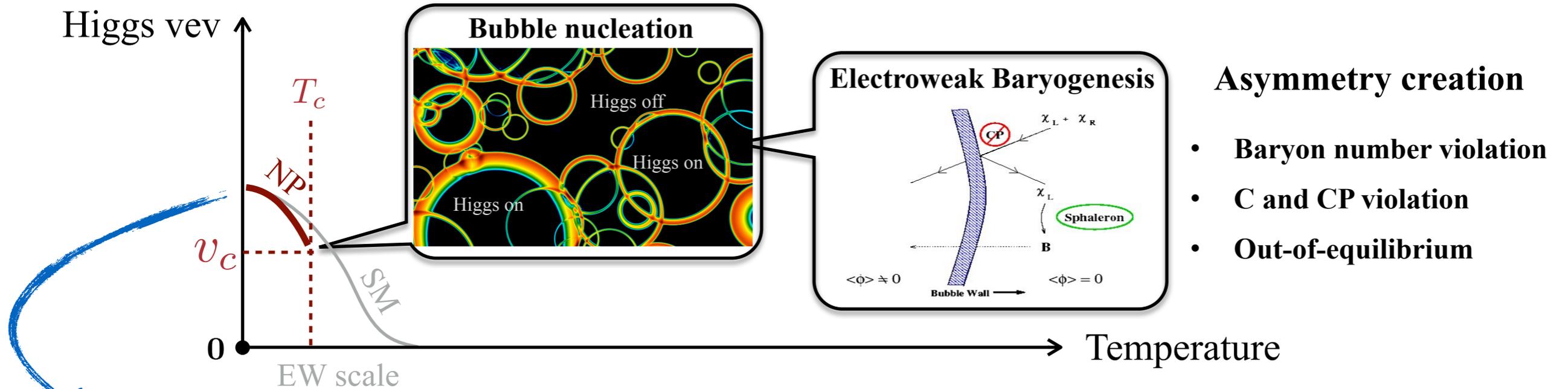
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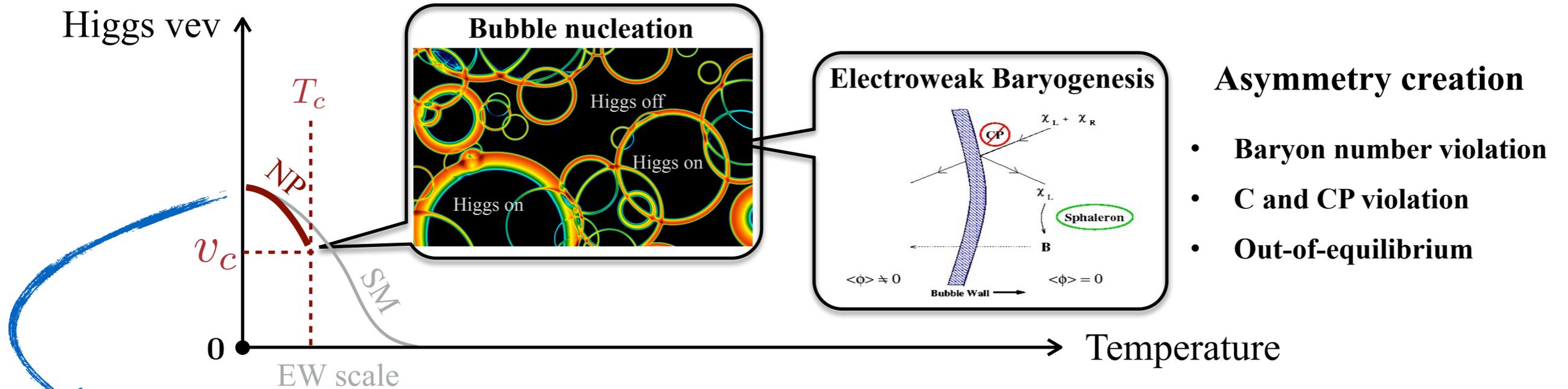
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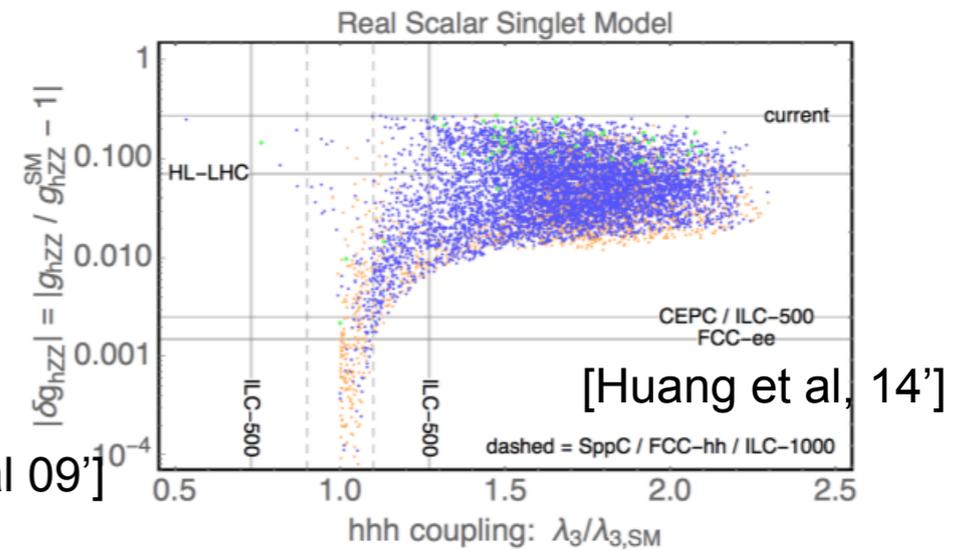
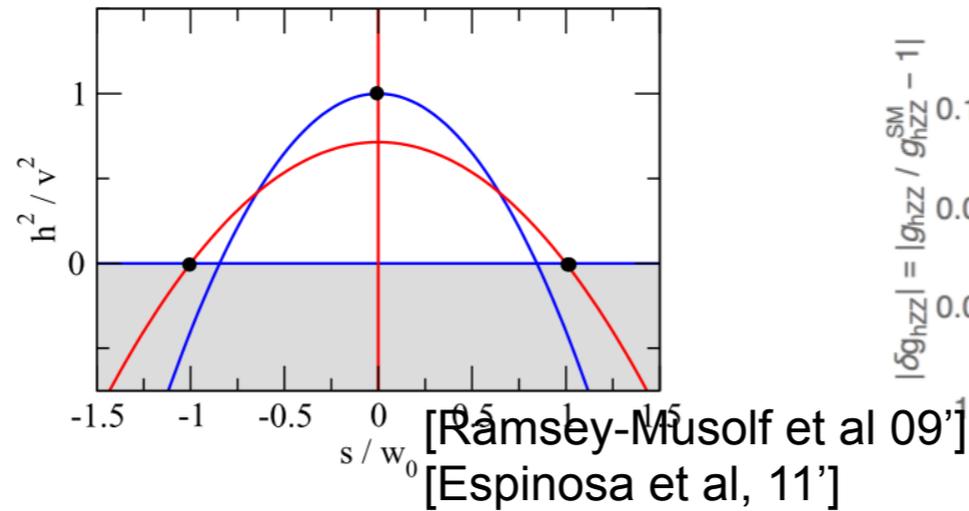
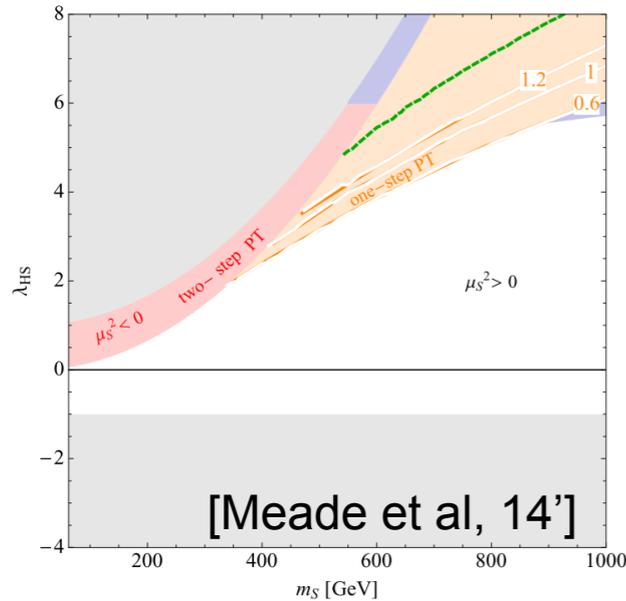
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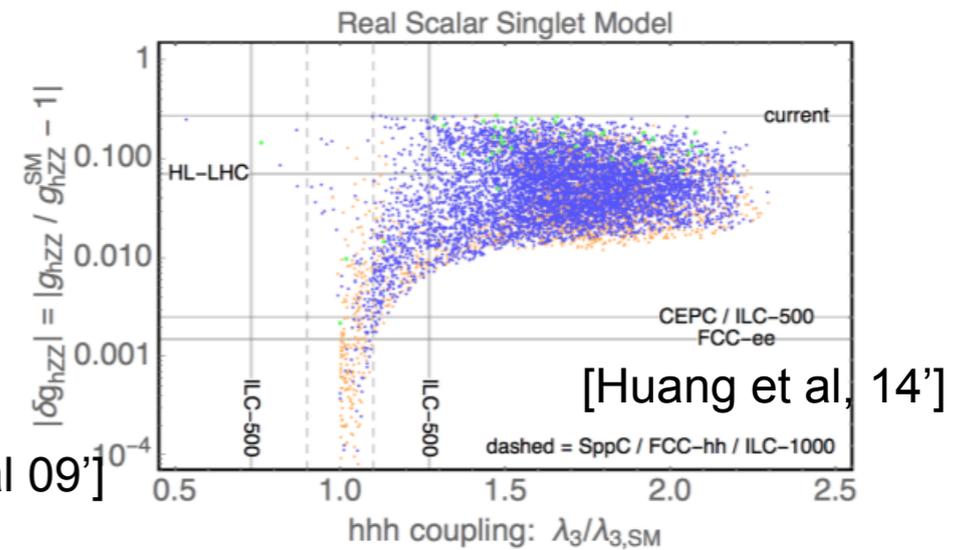
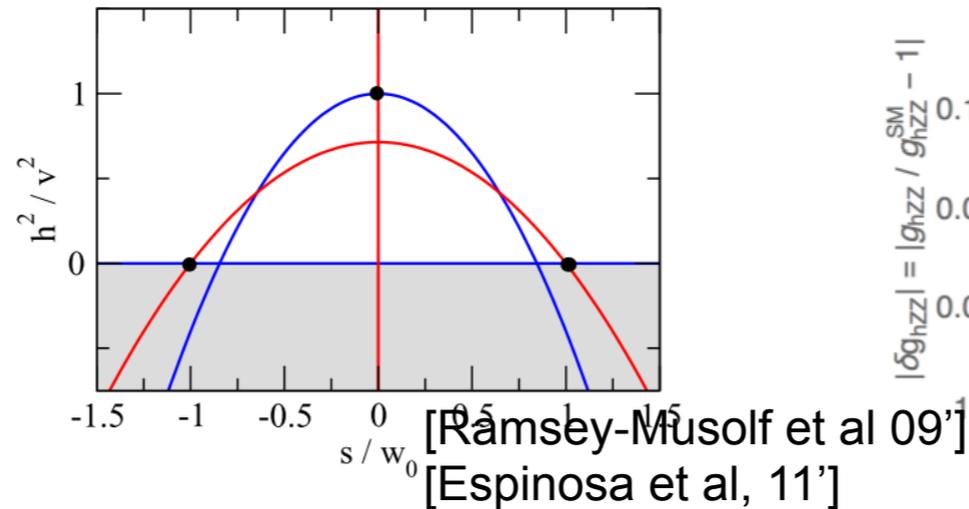
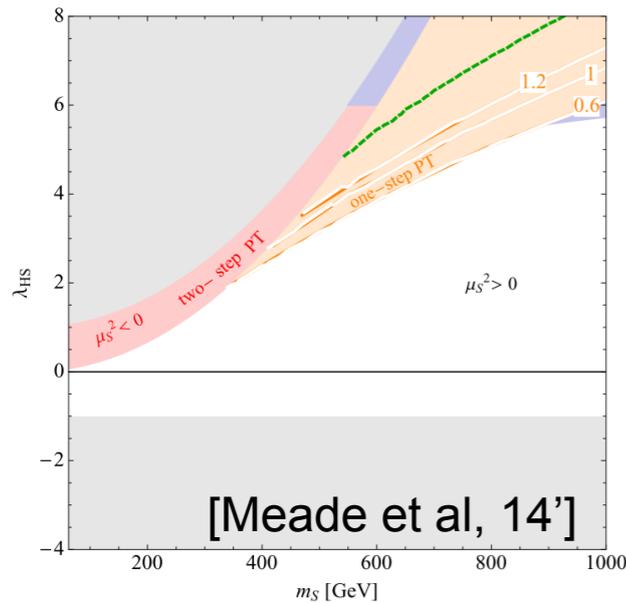
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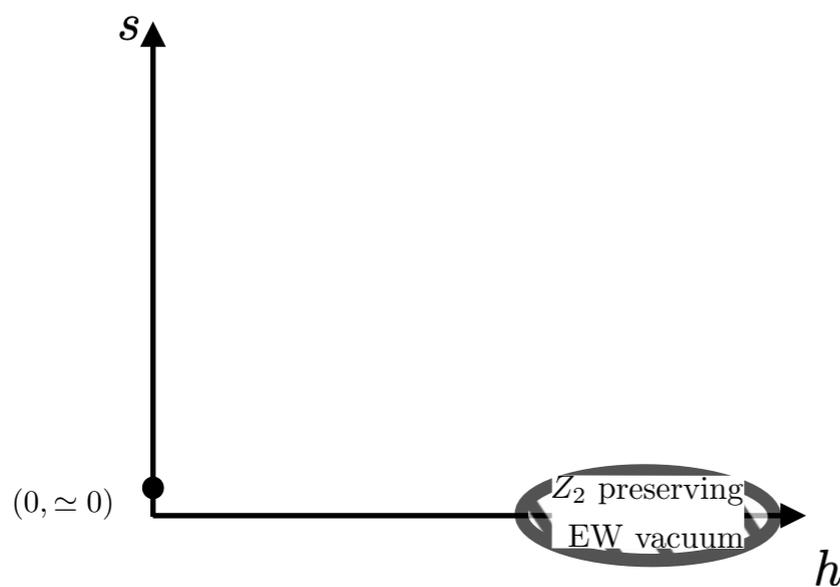
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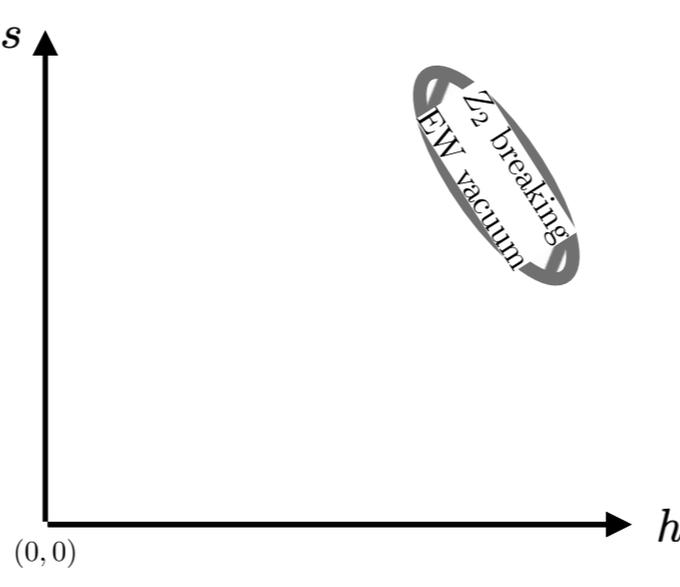


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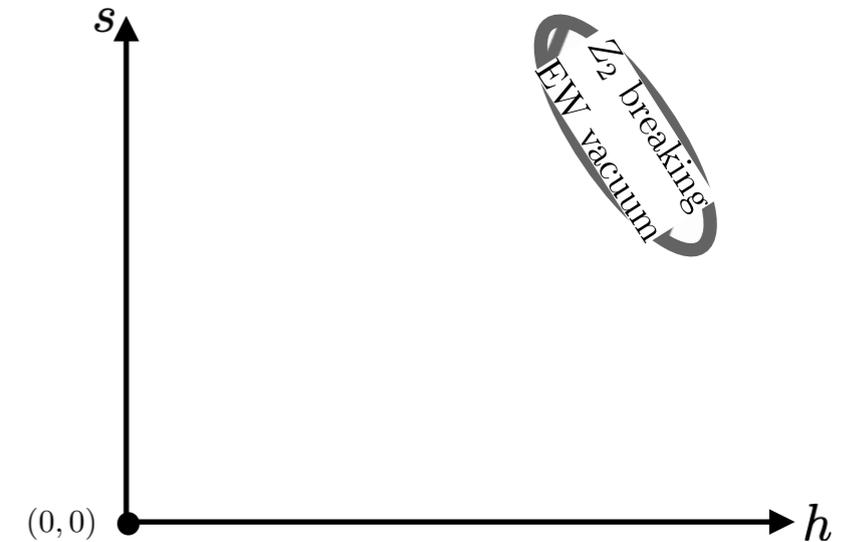
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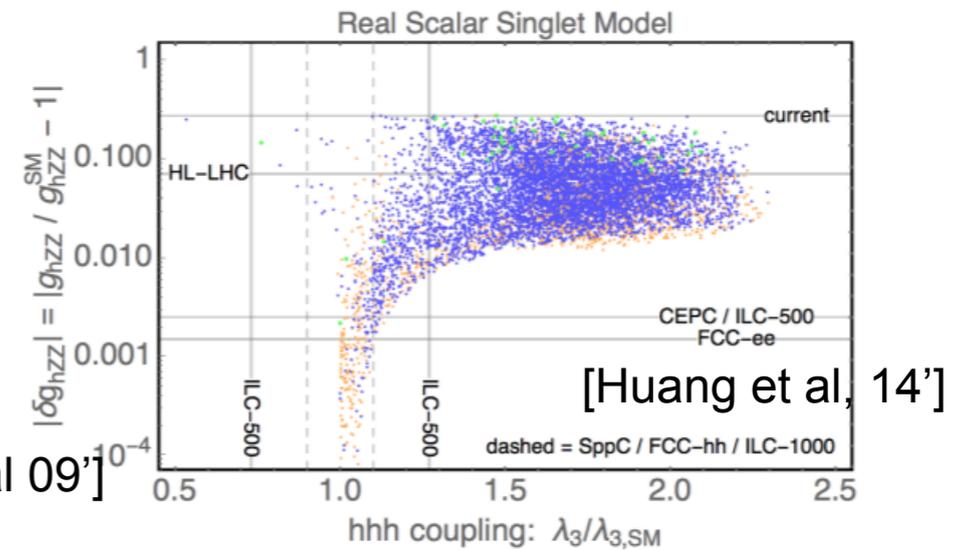
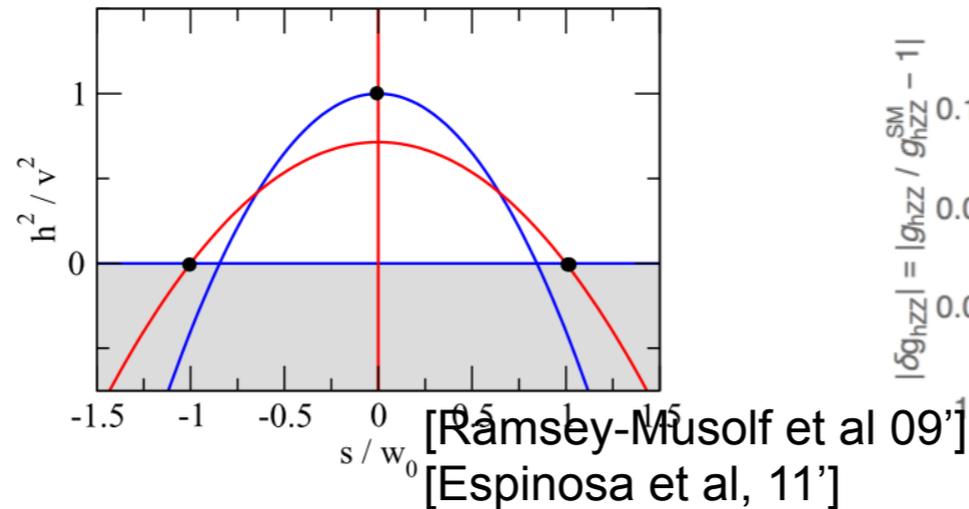
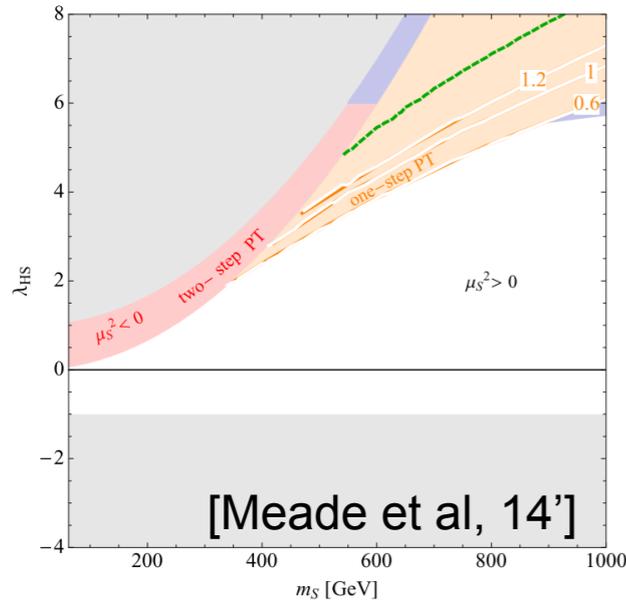


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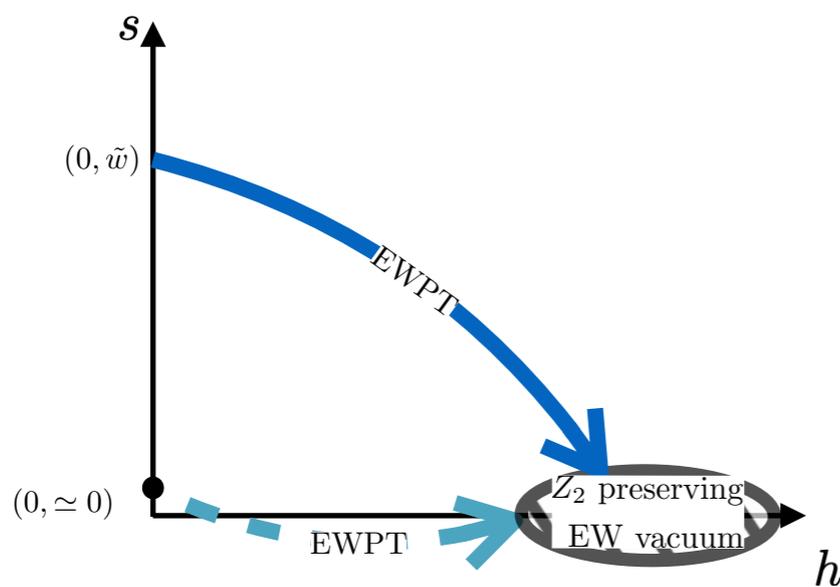
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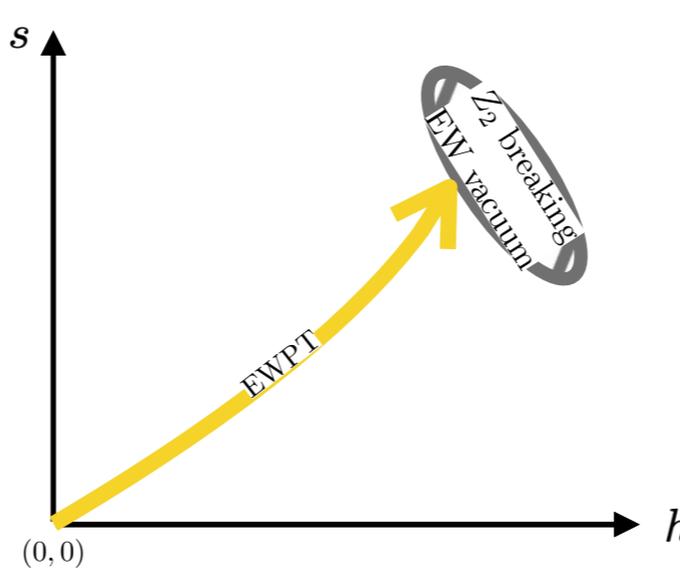
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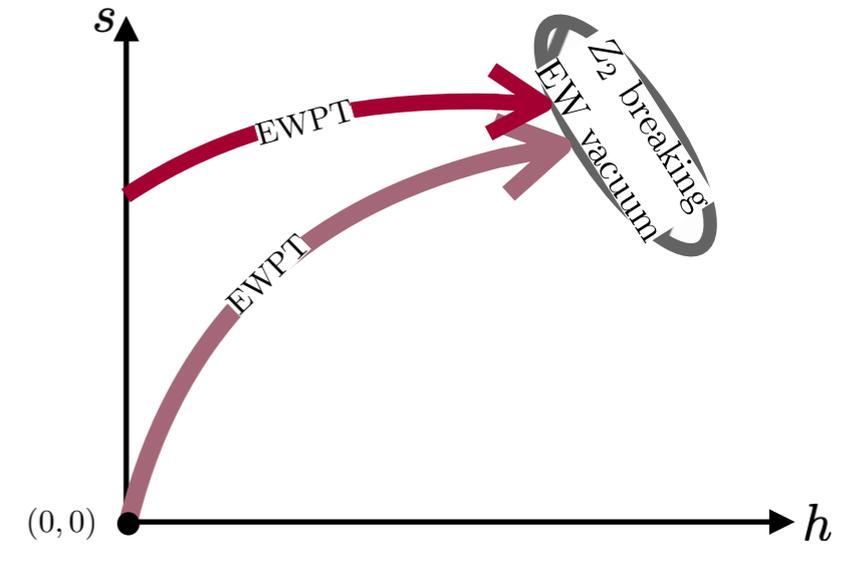
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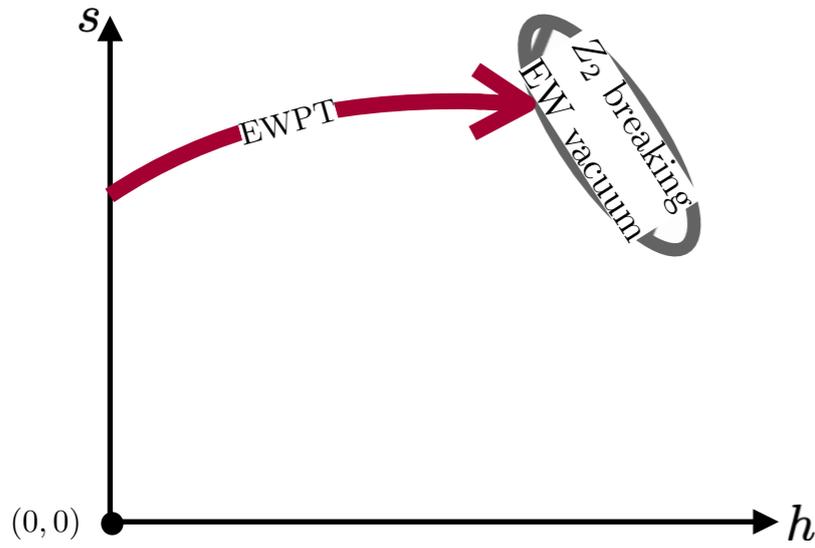
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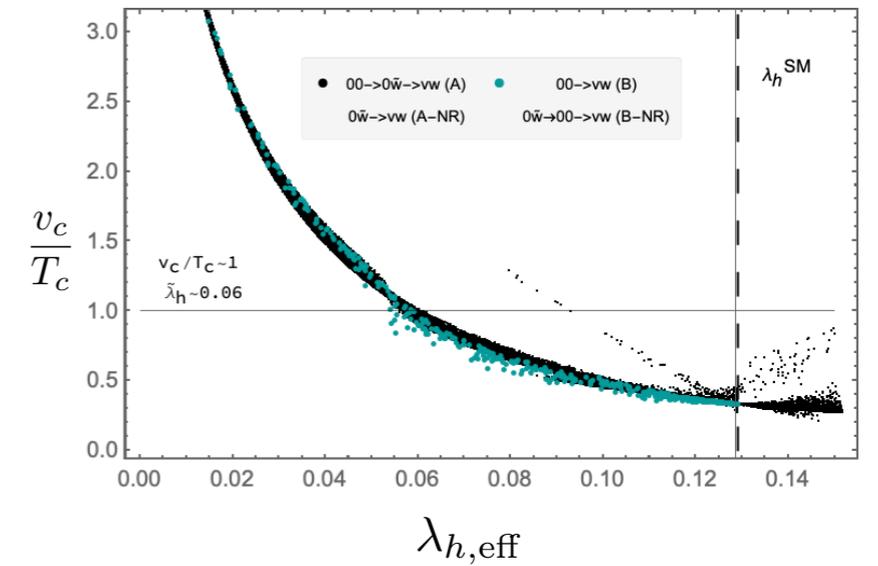
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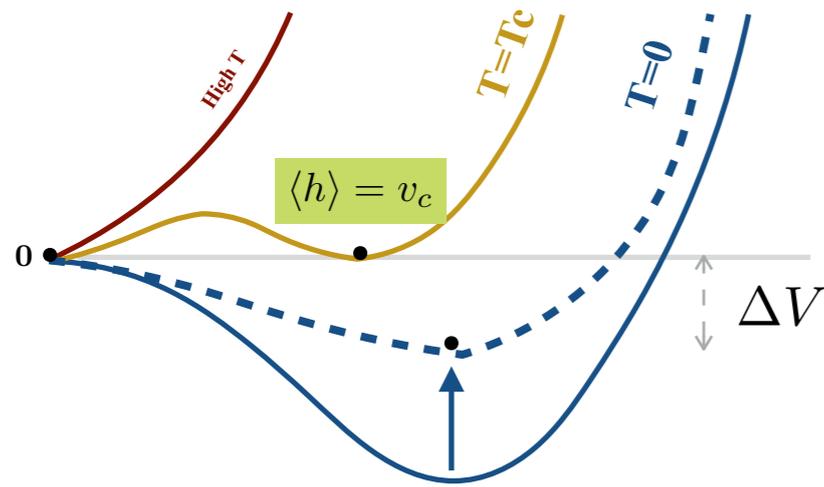
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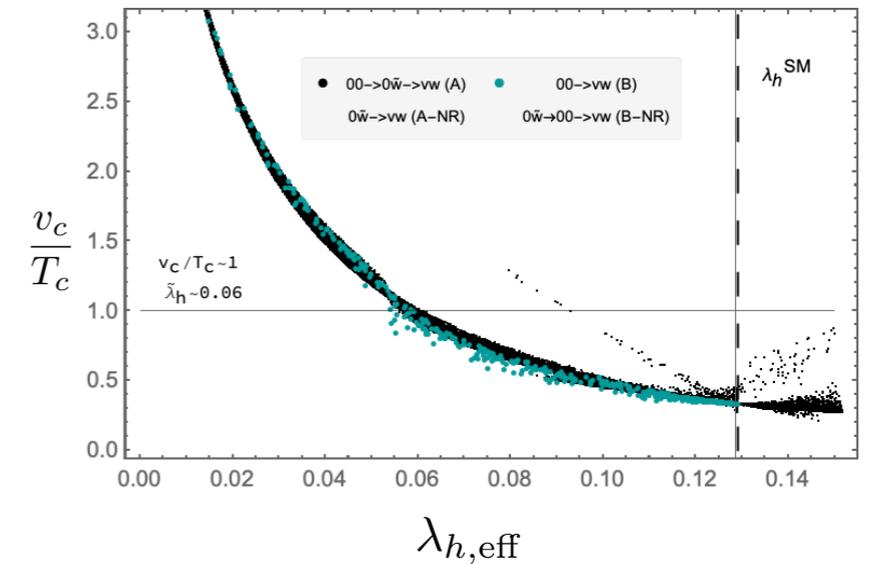
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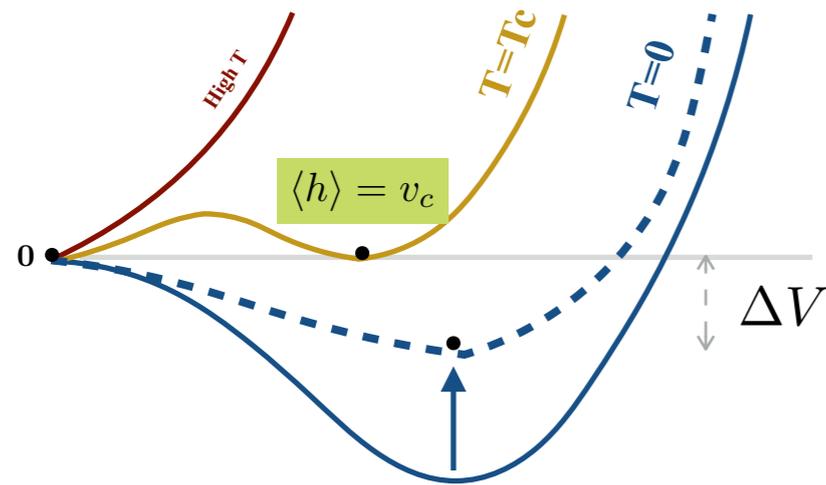
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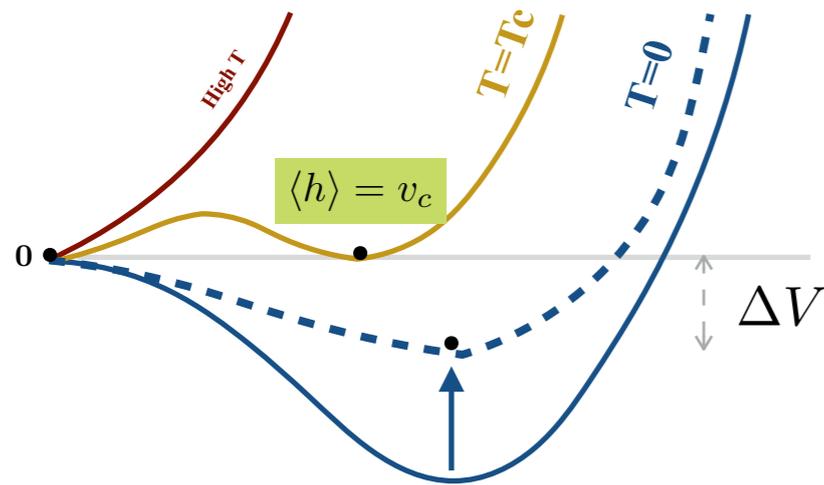
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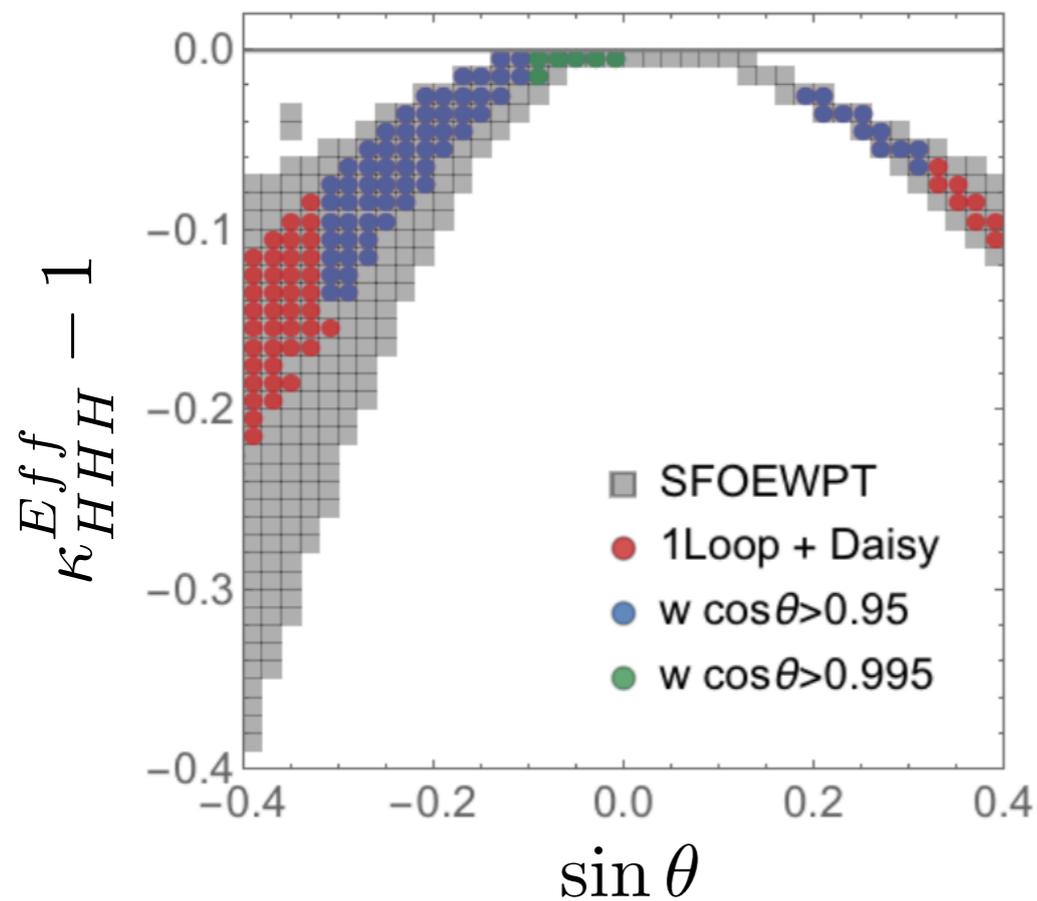


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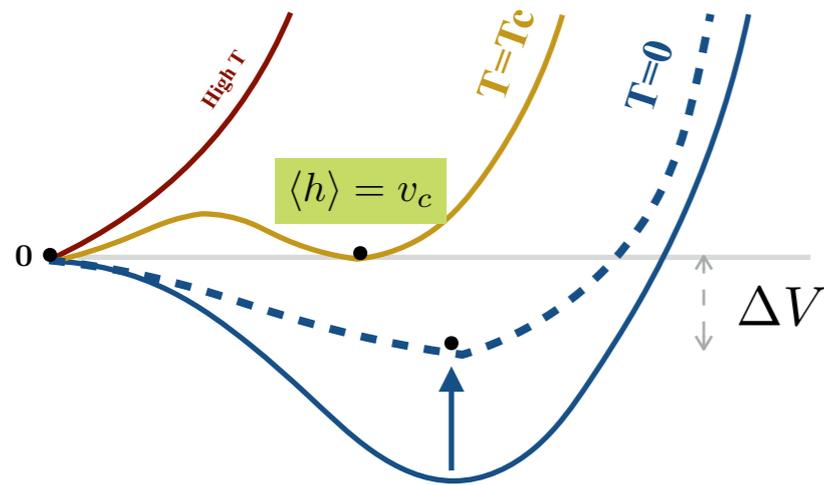
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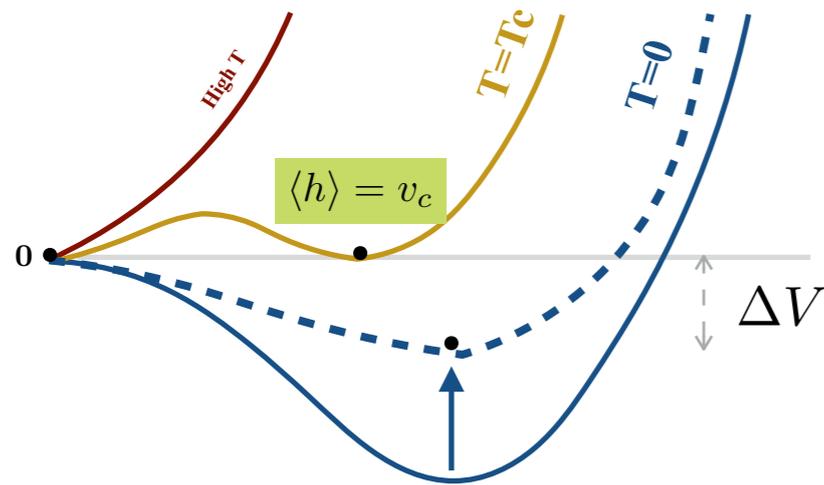
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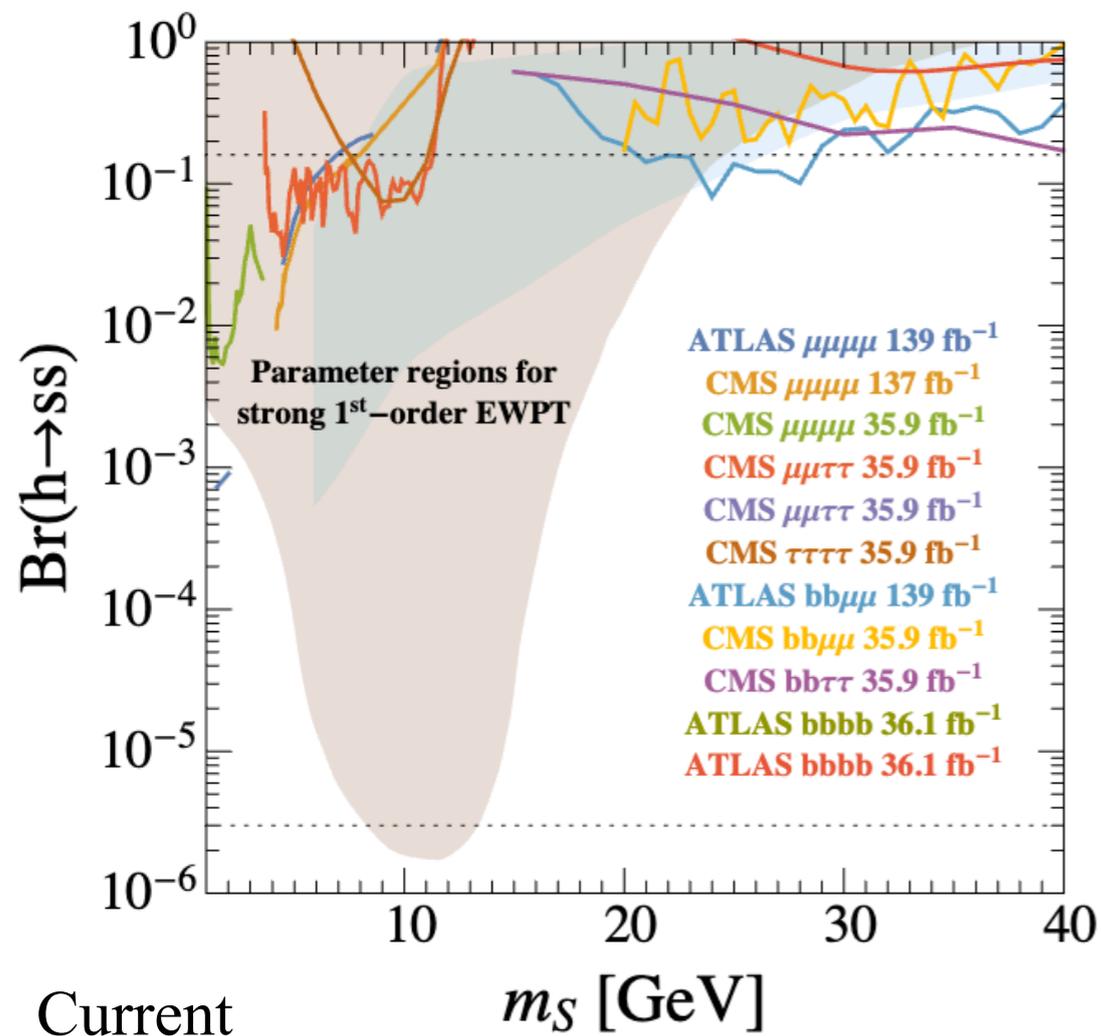
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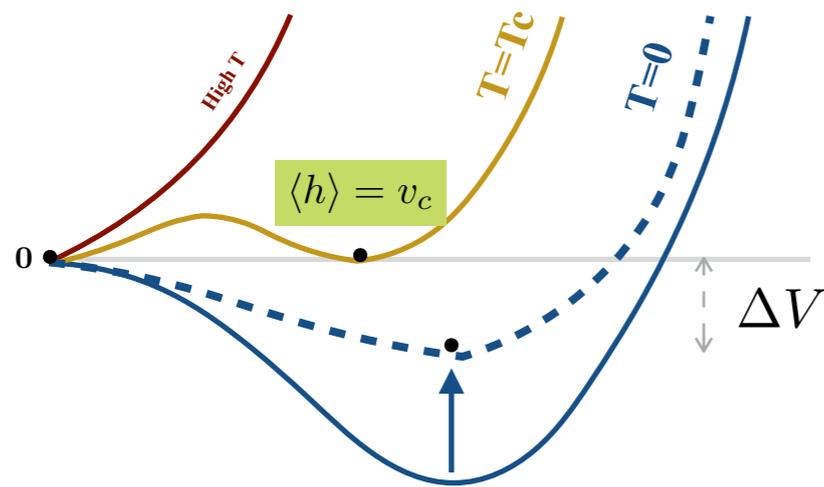
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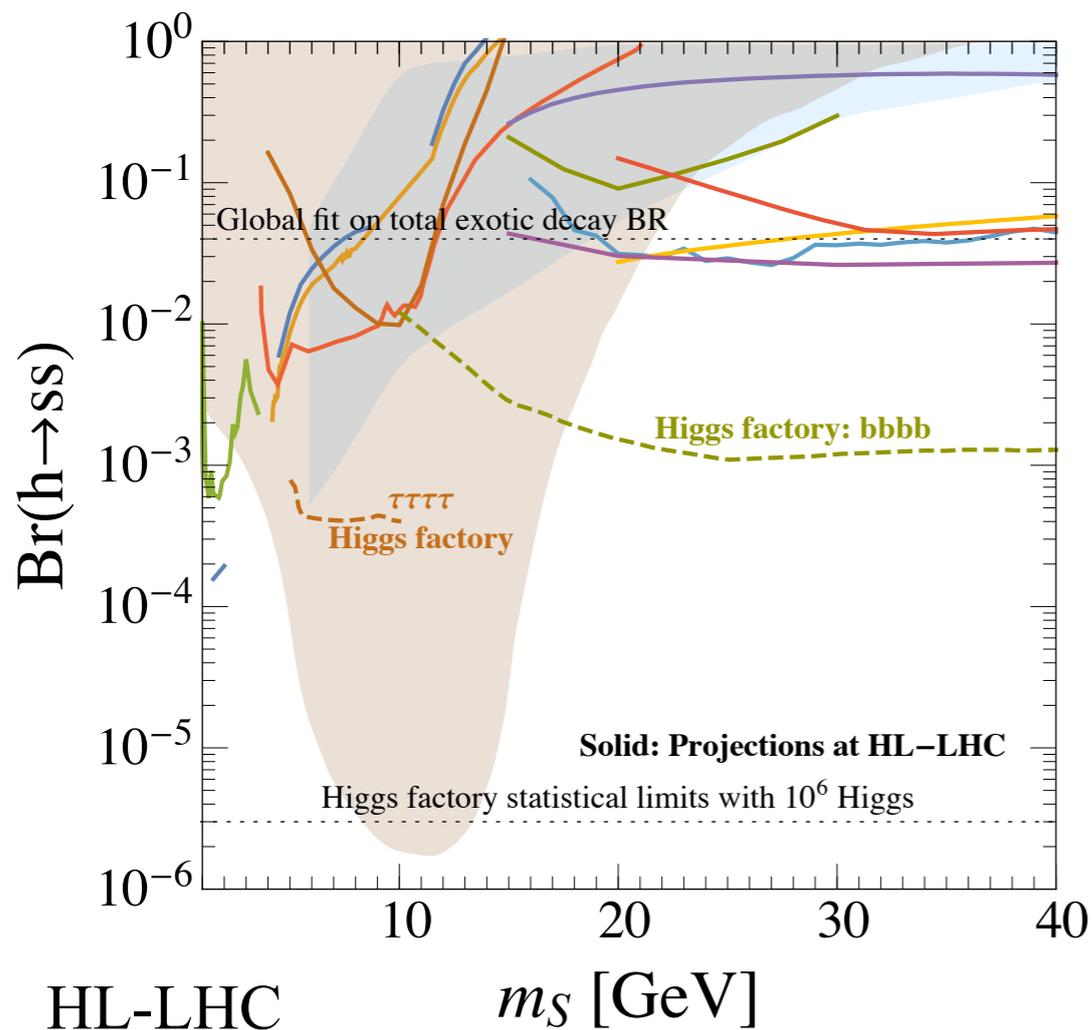
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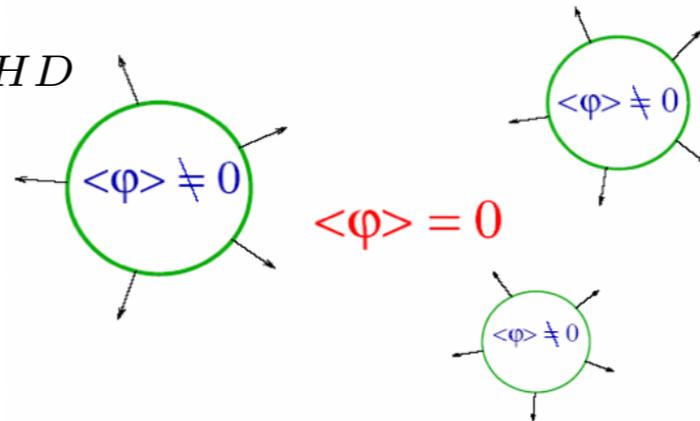
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$$h^2 \Omega_{GW} \simeq h^2 \Omega_\phi + h^2 \Omega_{sw} + h^2 \Omega_{MHD}$$

- Bubble collisions
- Sound waves
- Turbulent MHD



## Parameters affecting the power spectrum:

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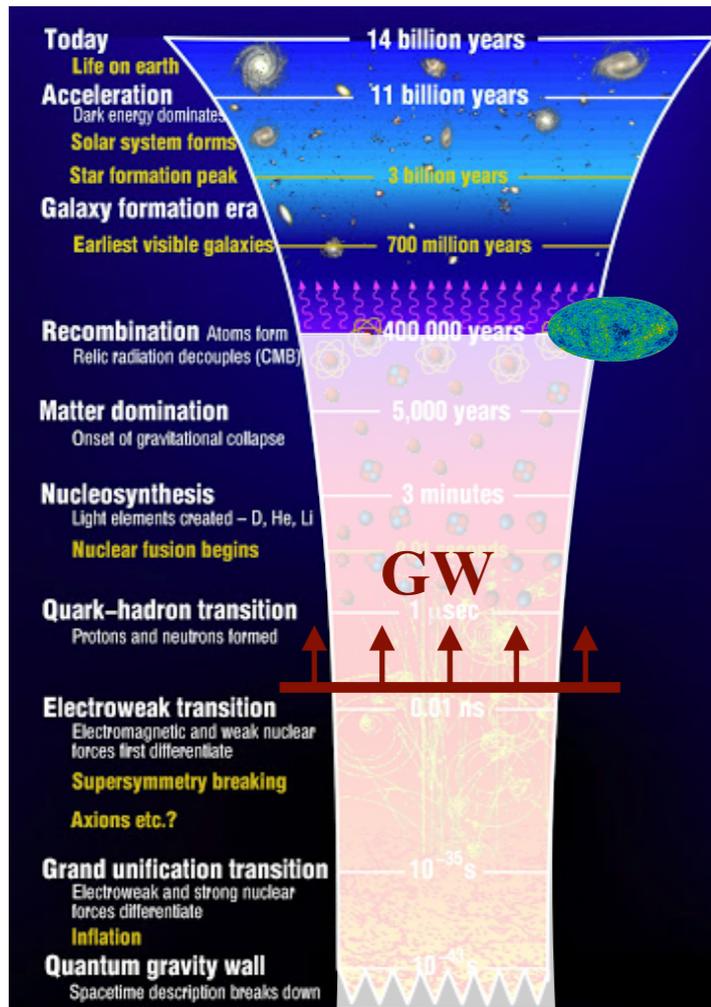
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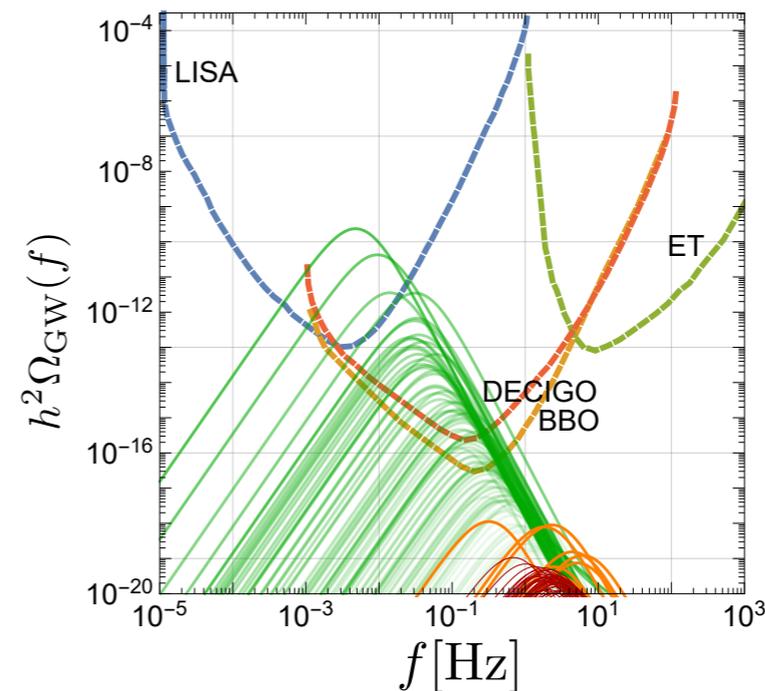
- The bubble wall velocity  $v_w$

For example, the power spectrum from bubble collisions can be treated by the ‘envelope approximation’

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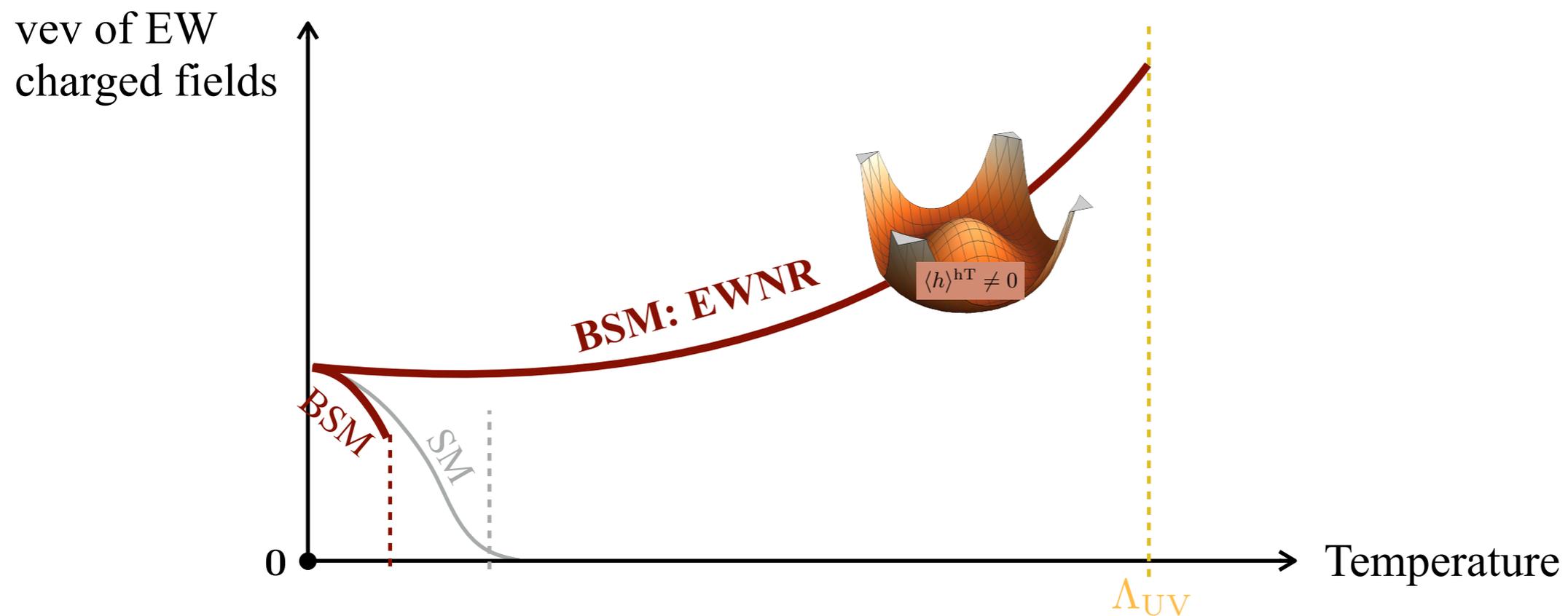


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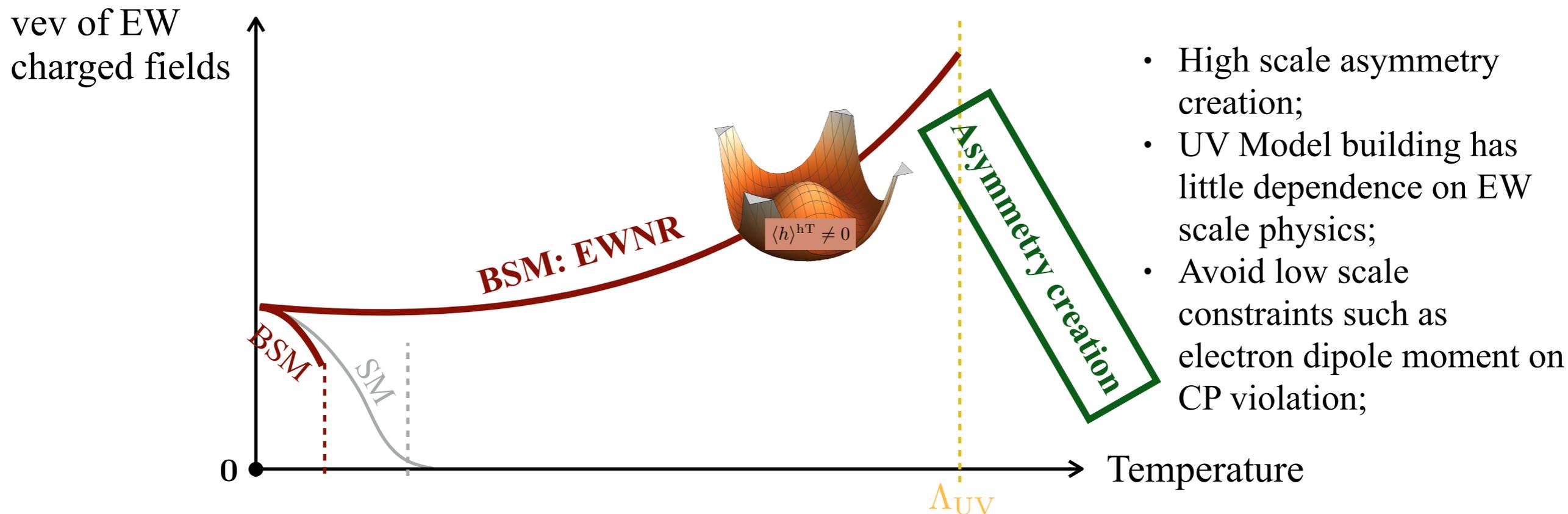
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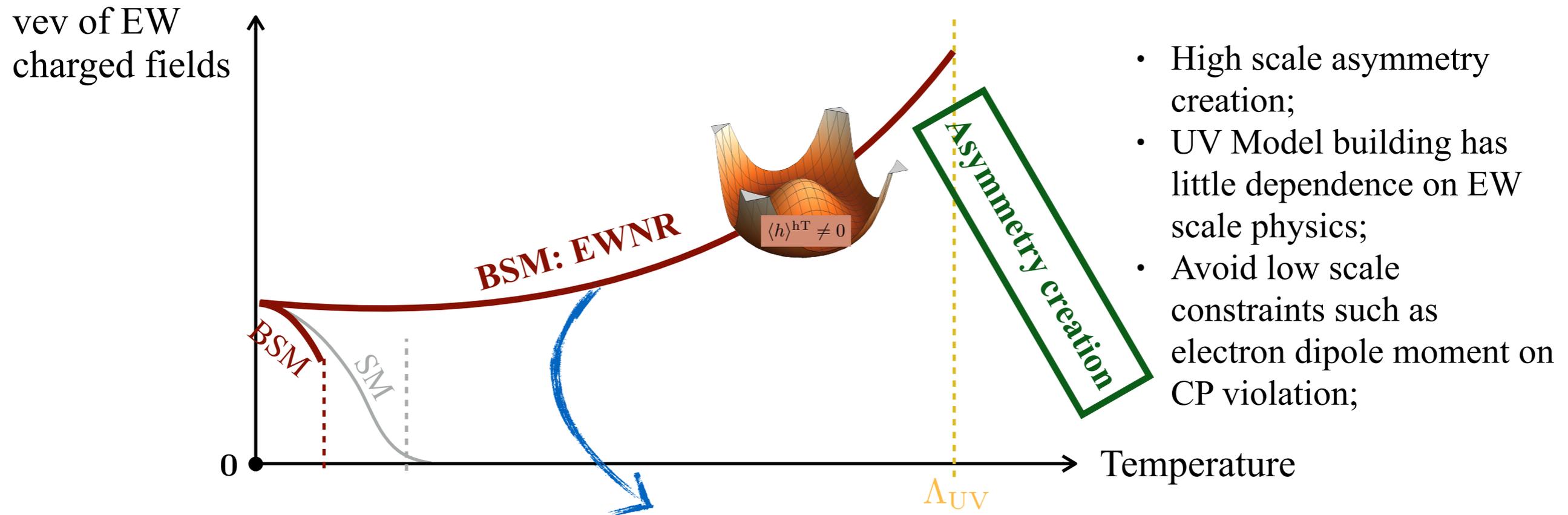
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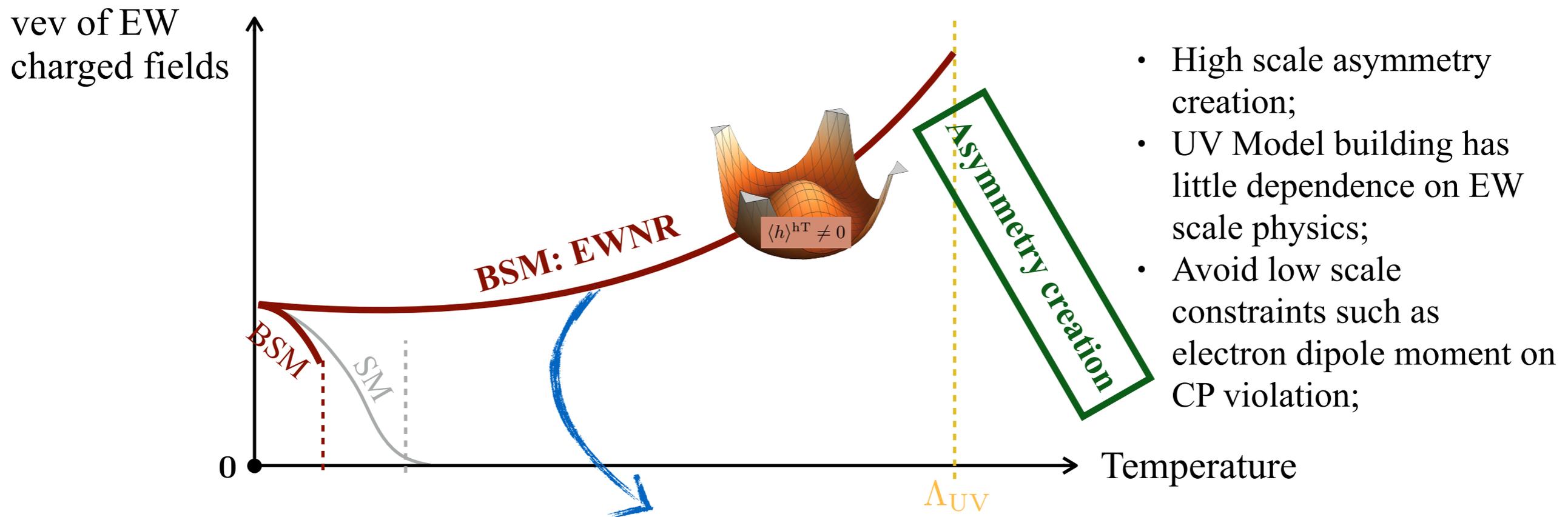


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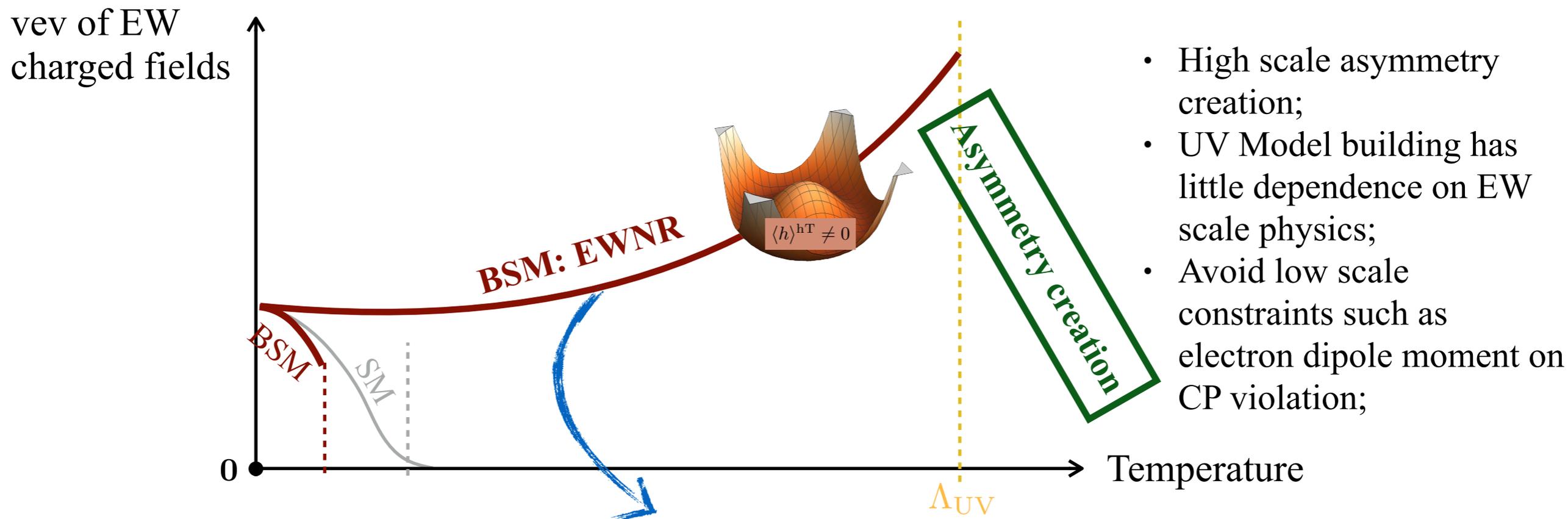
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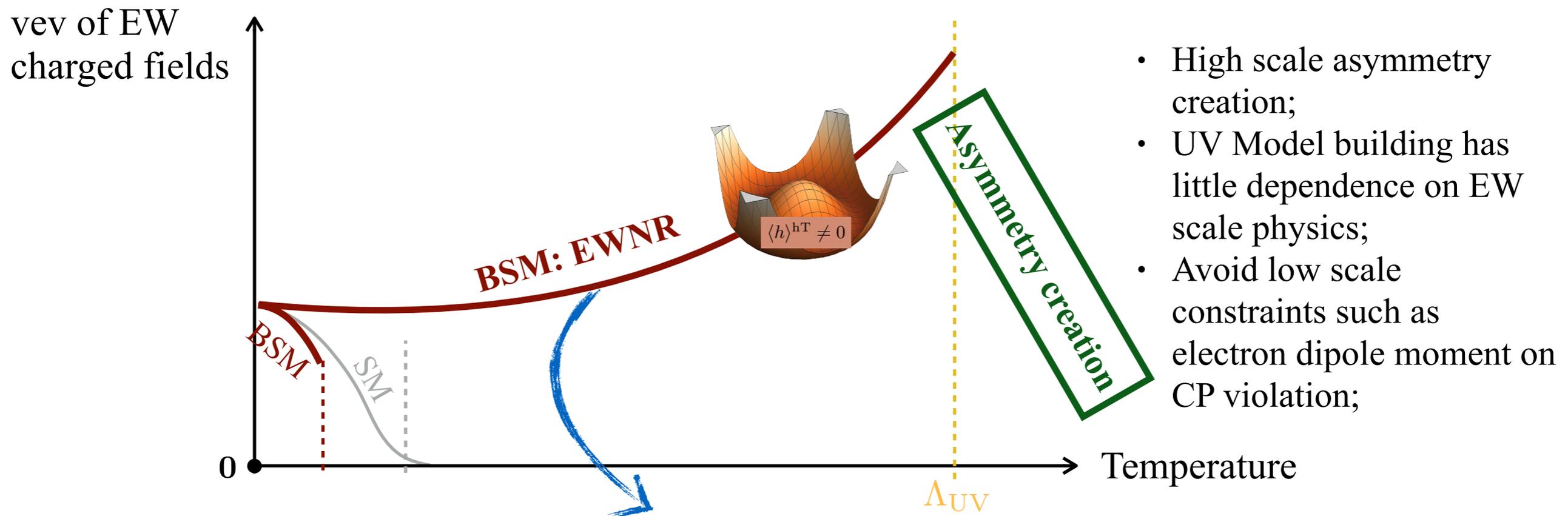
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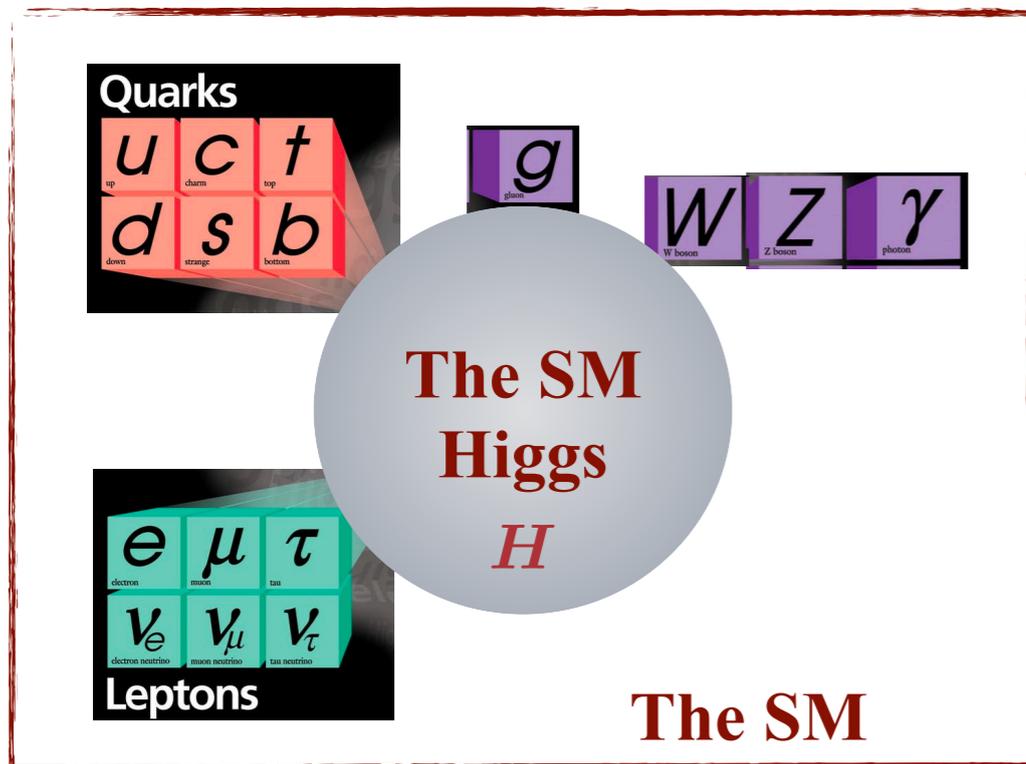
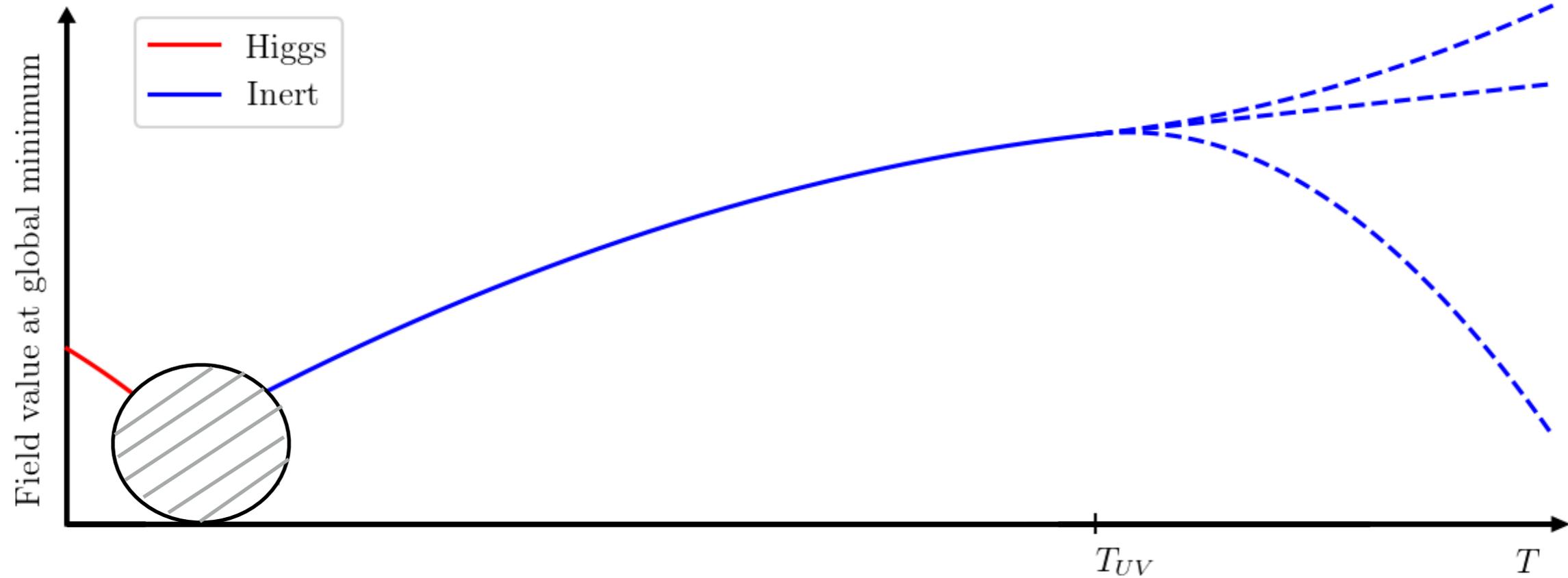
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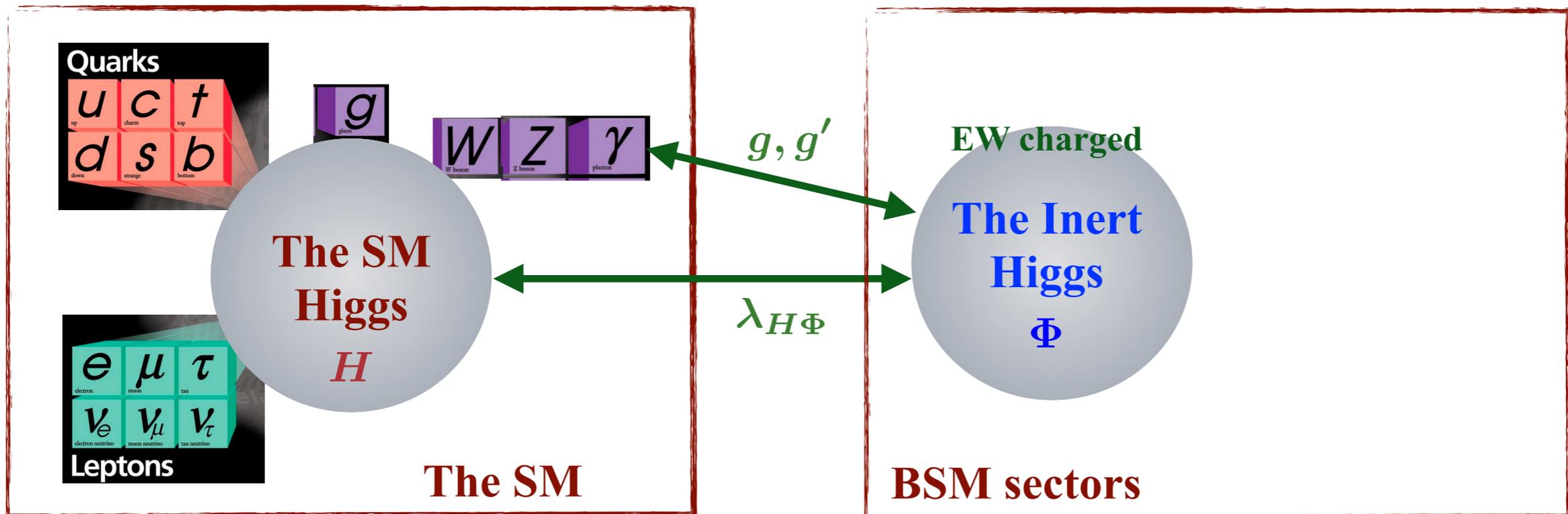
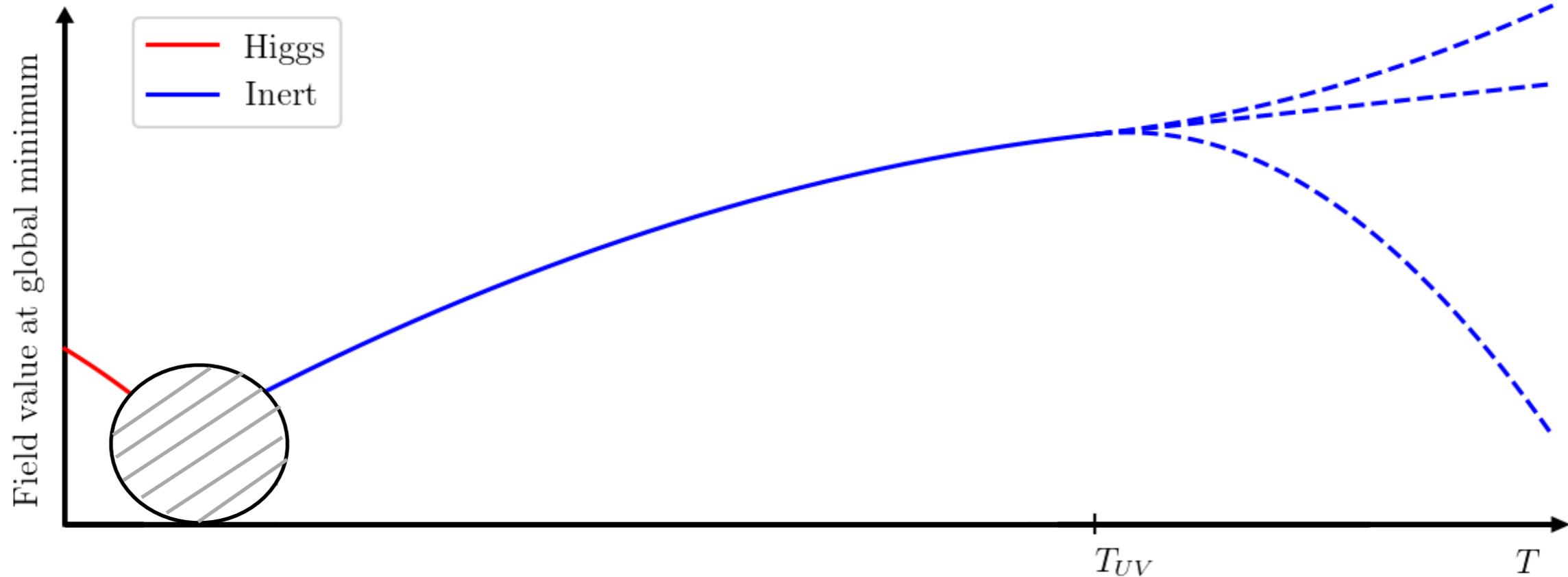
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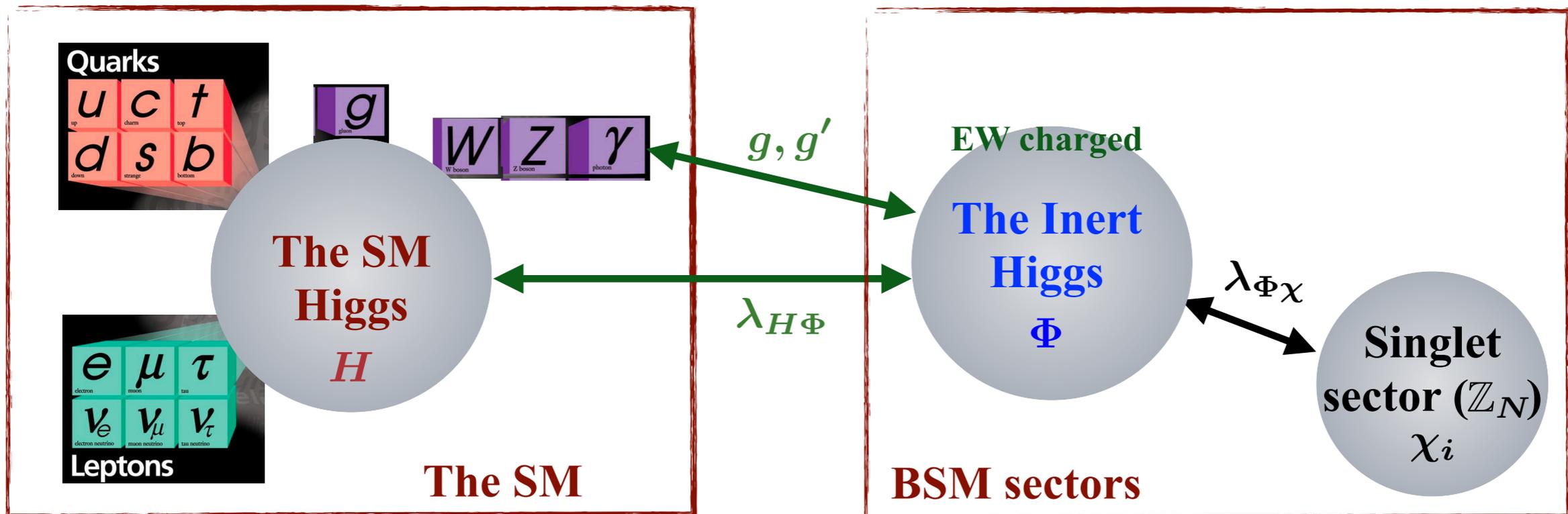
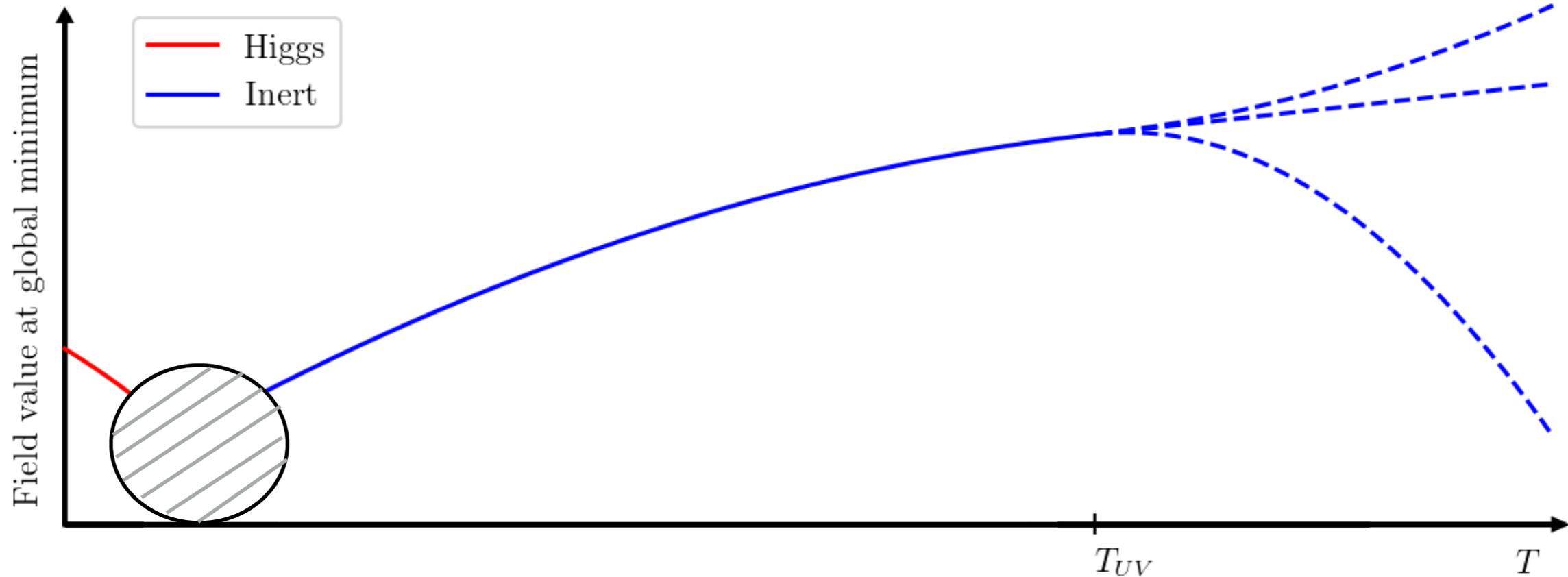
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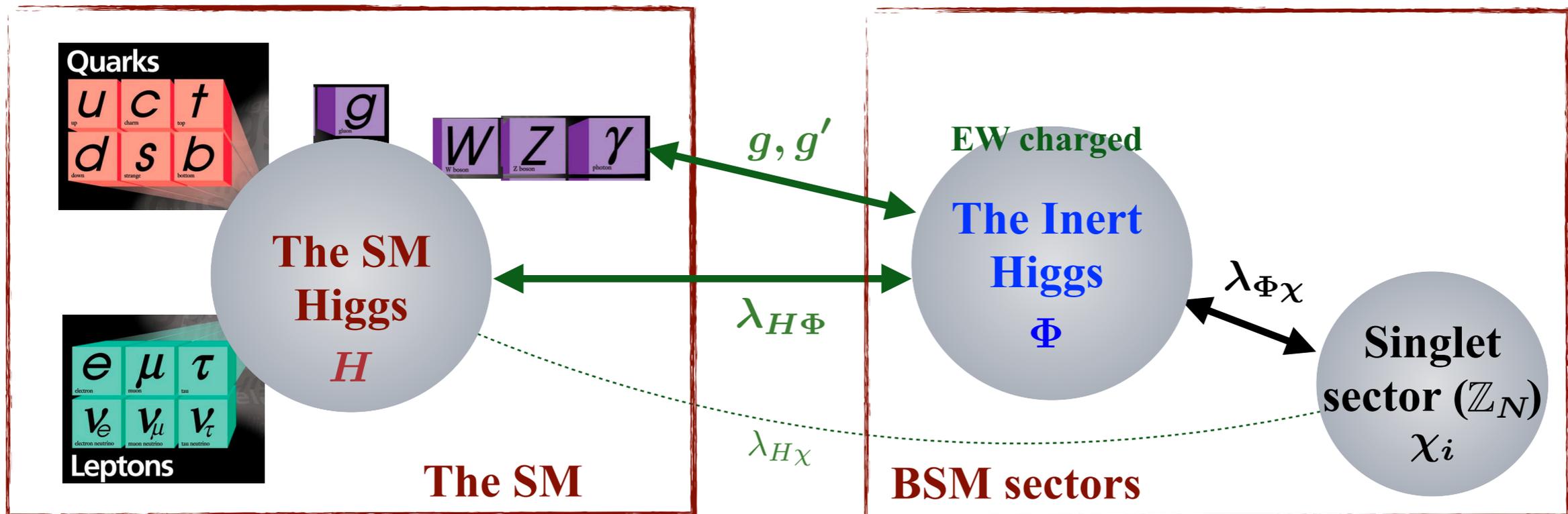
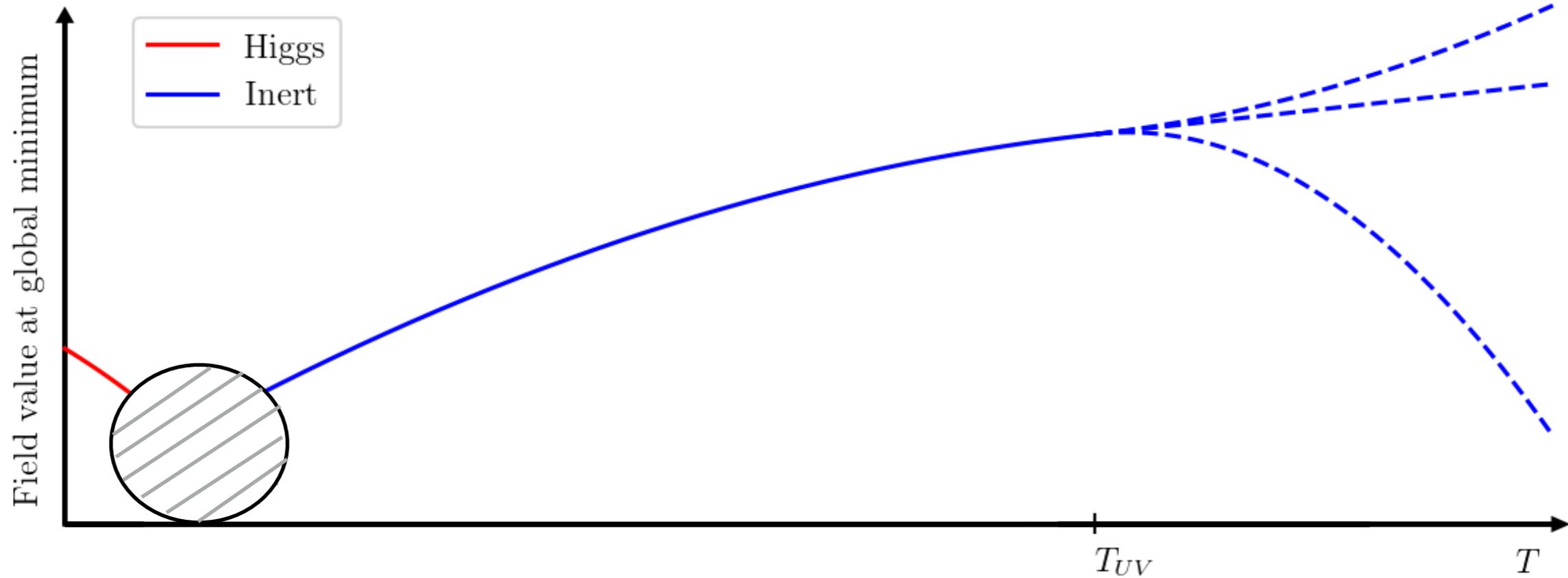
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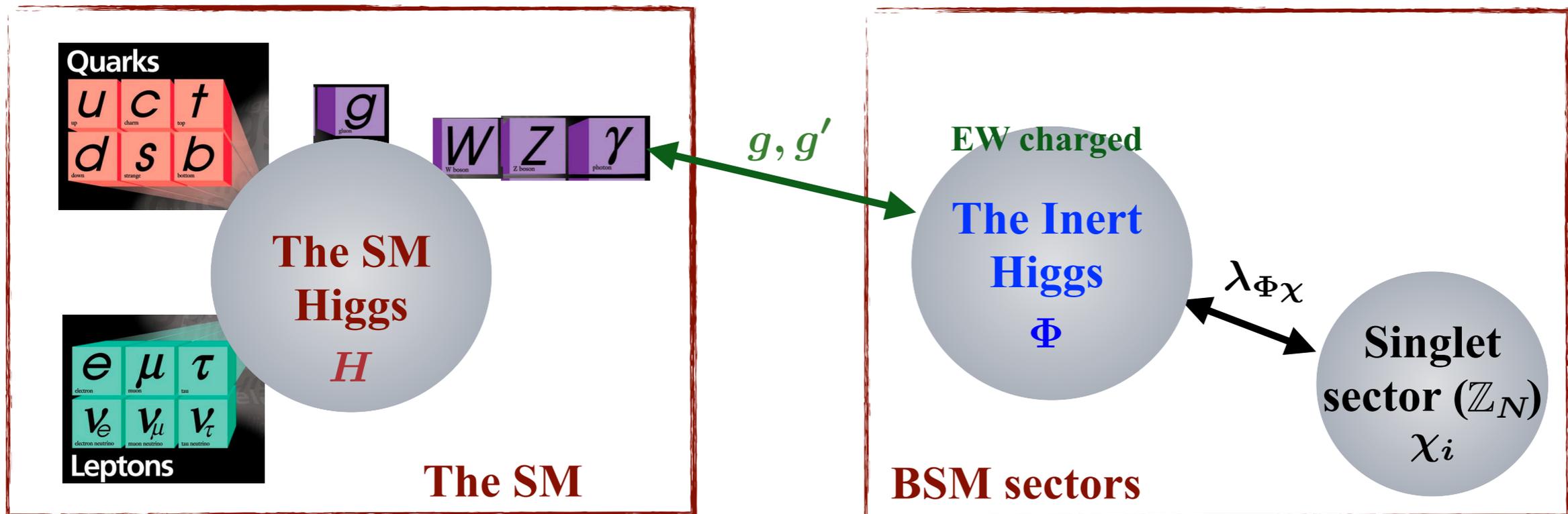
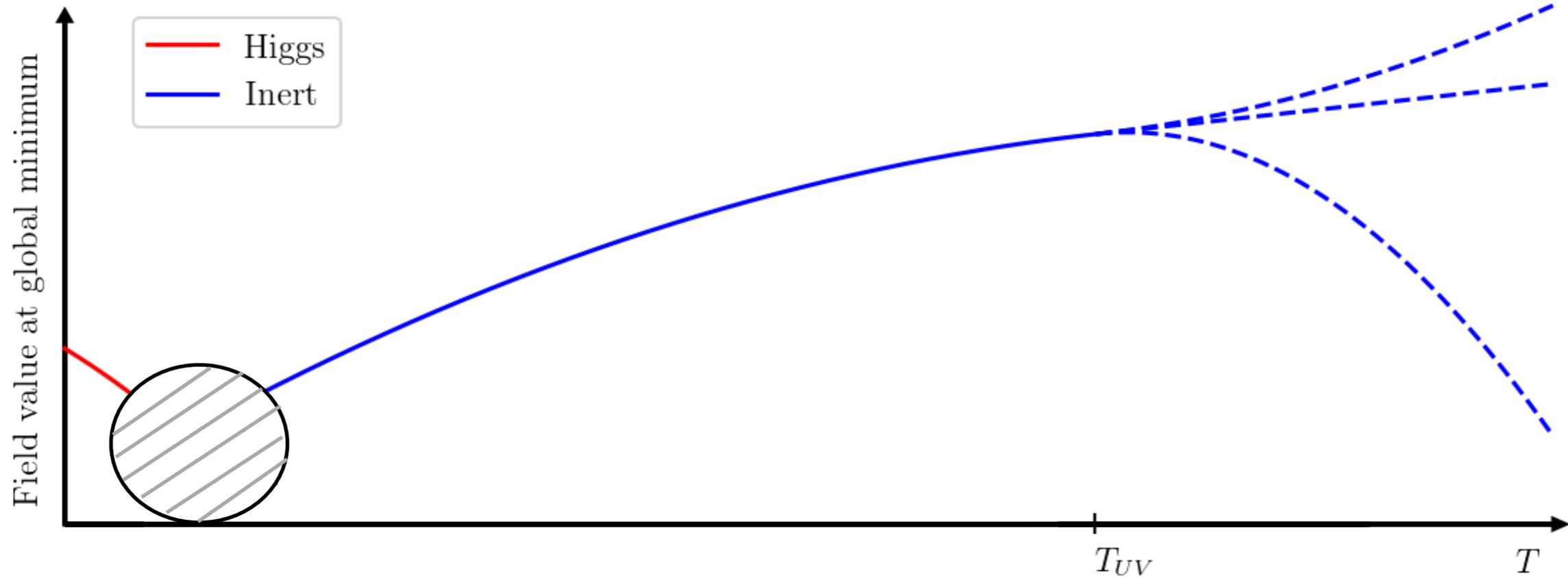
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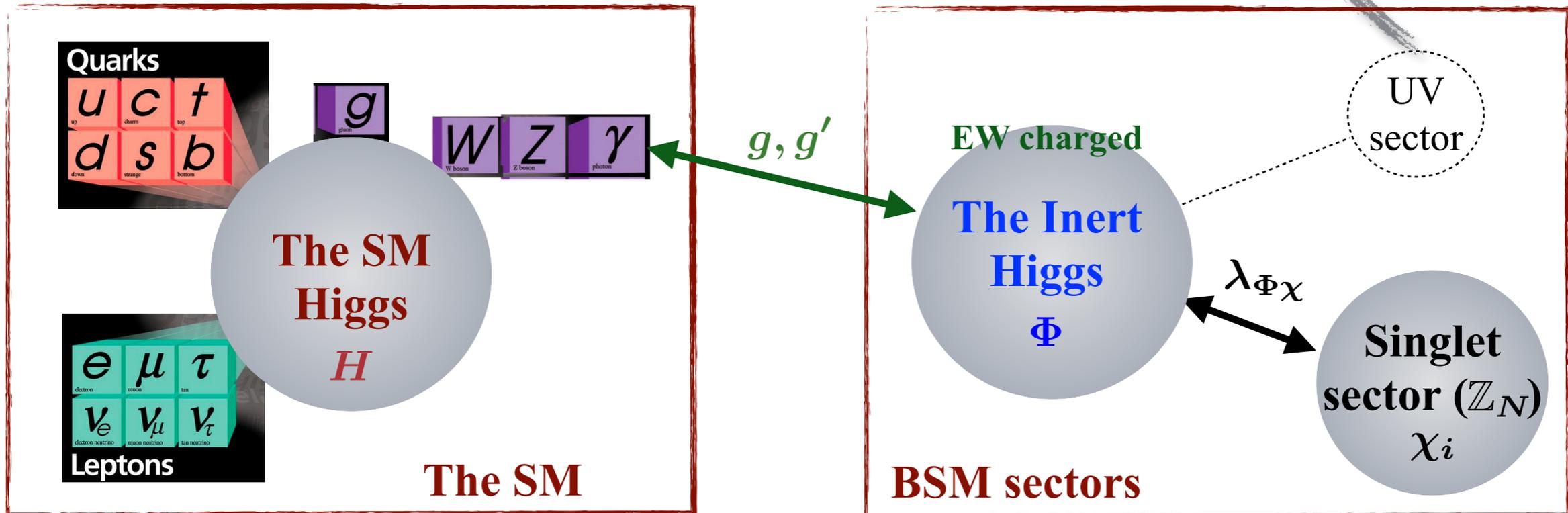
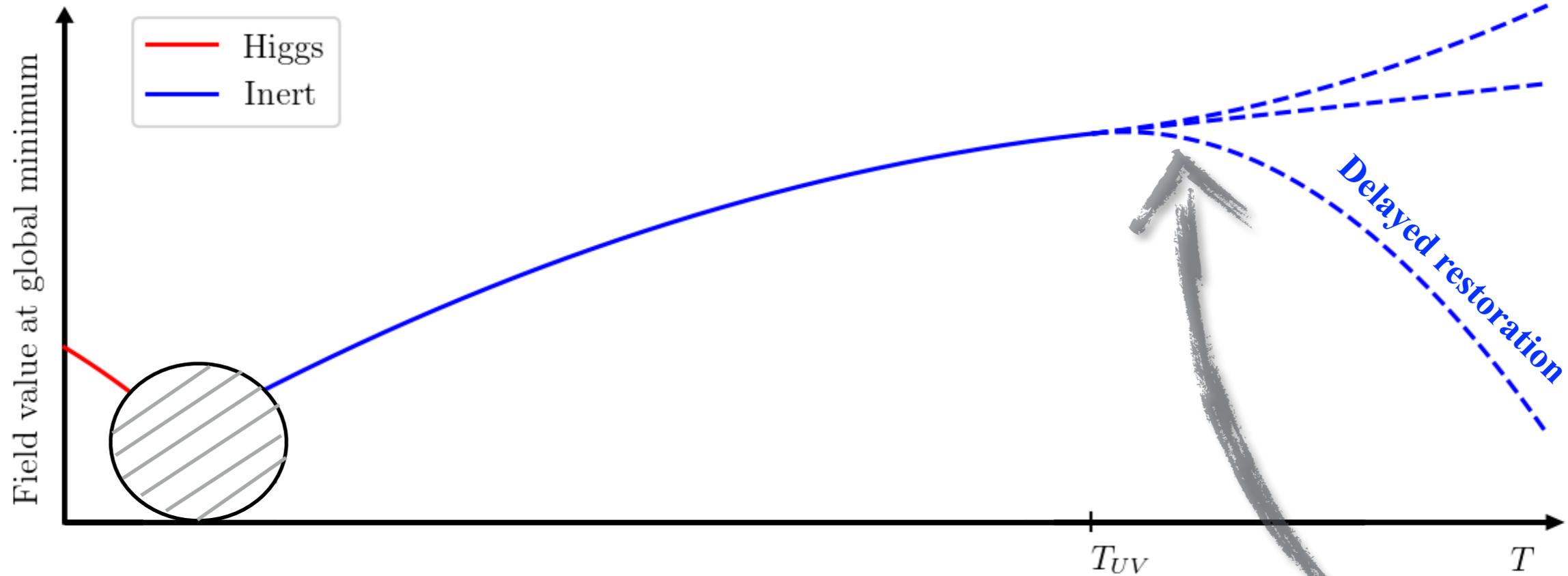
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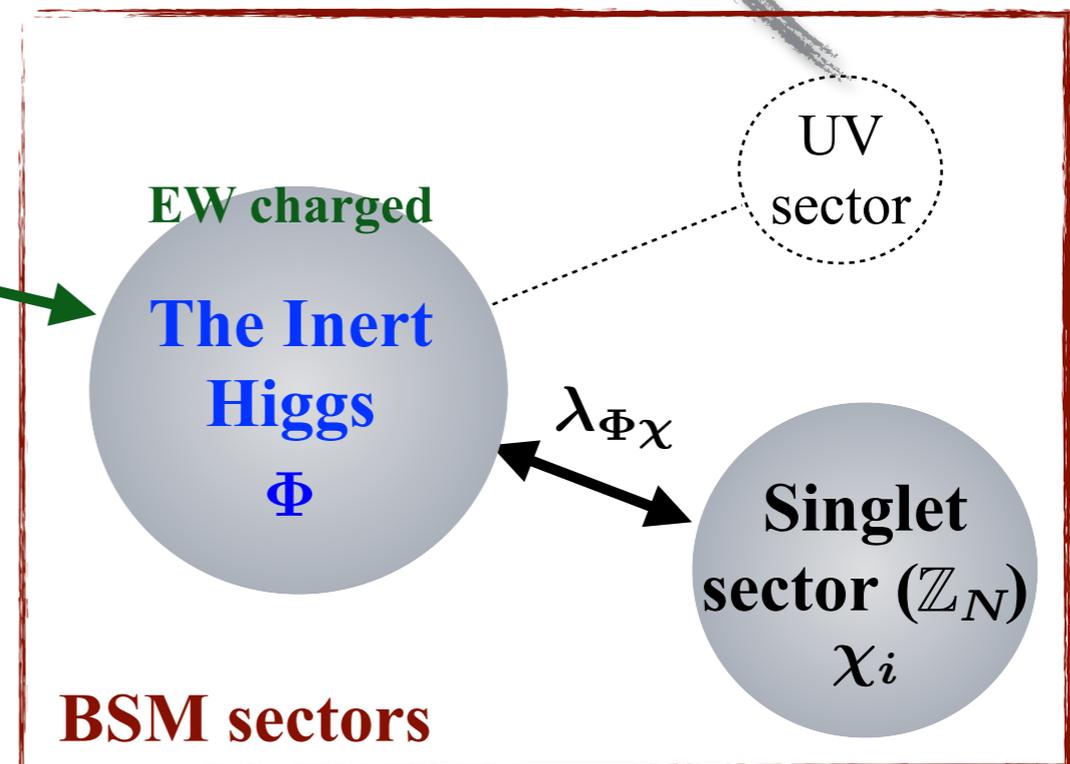
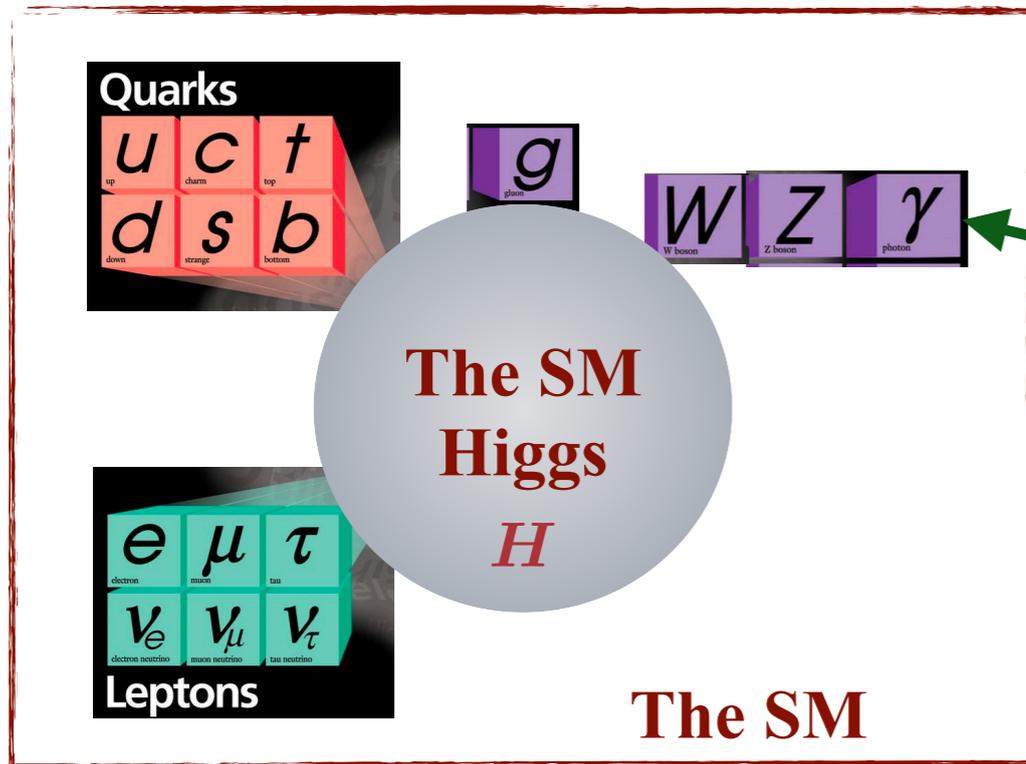
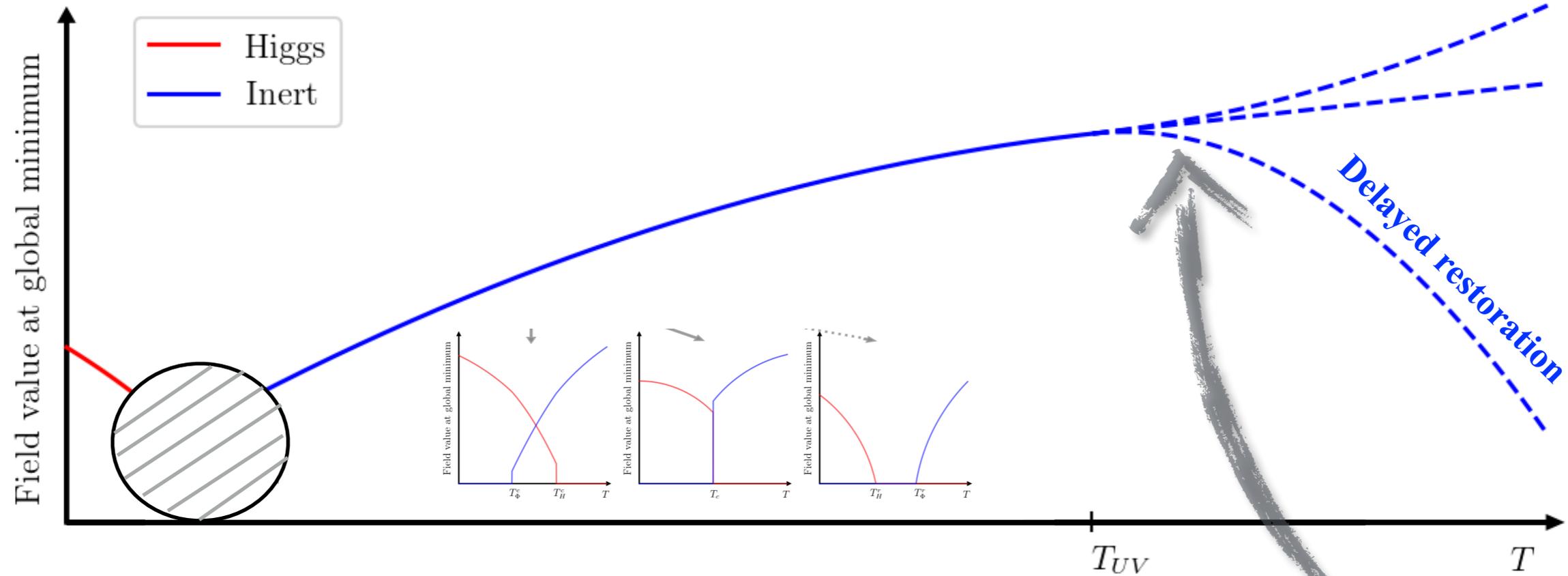
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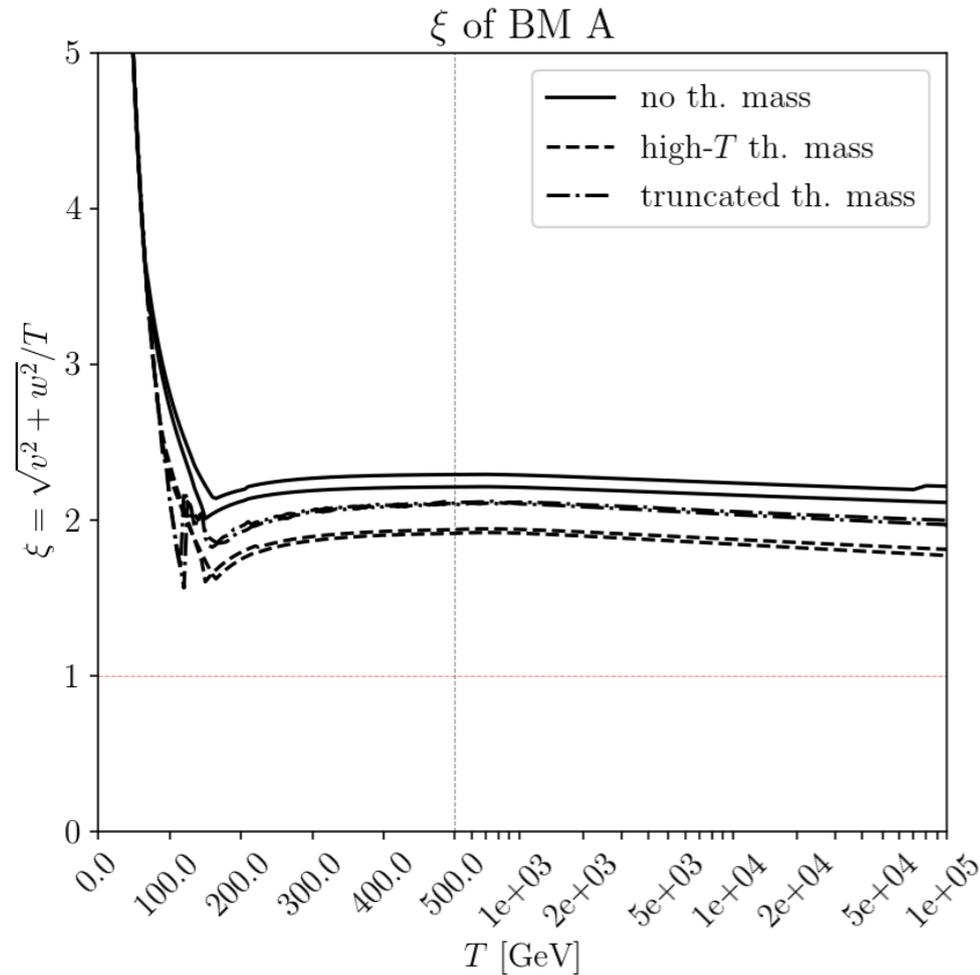


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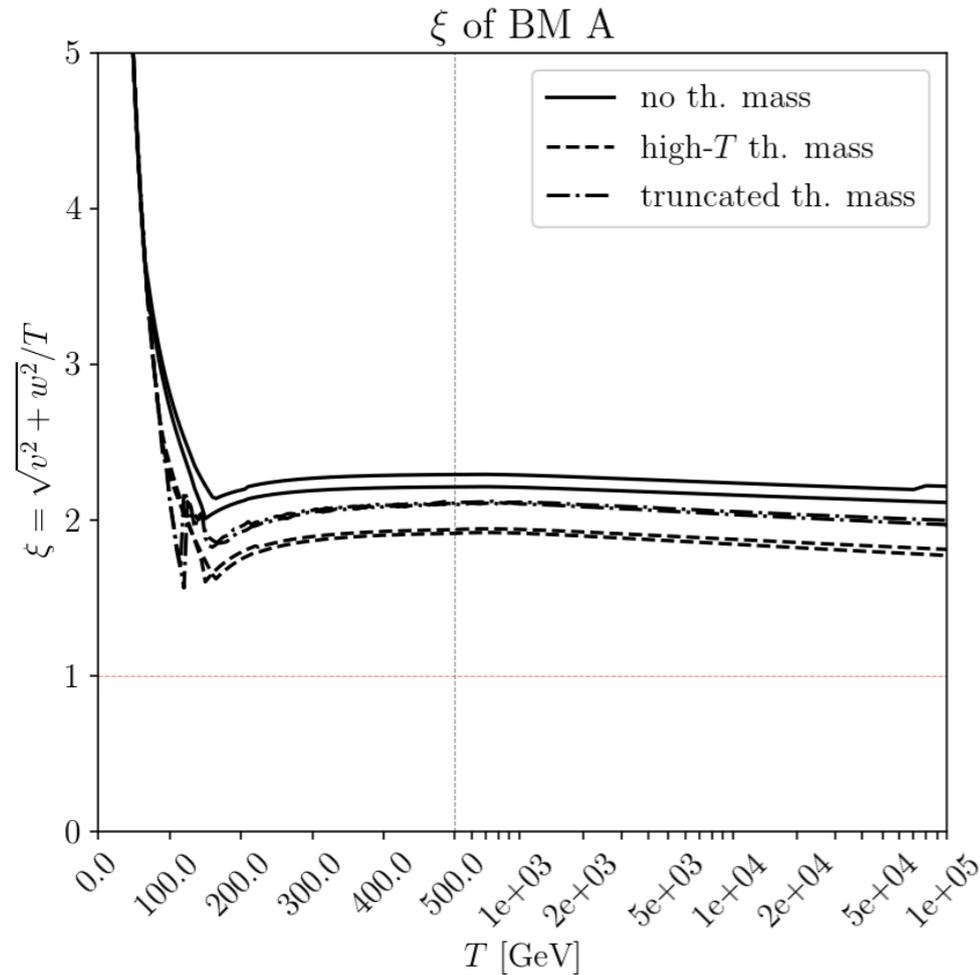
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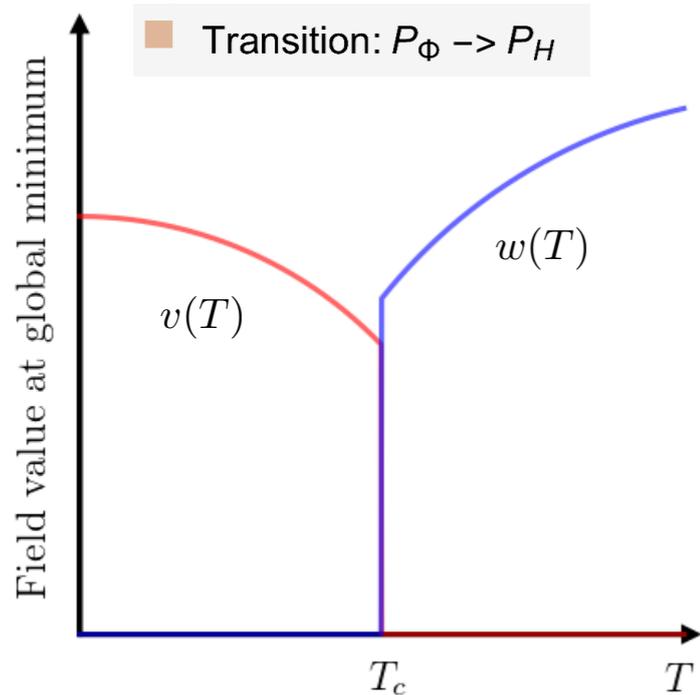
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- ▶ Electroweak symmetry non-restoration is a novel signature to explore for baryogenesis. With a concrete example, it is shown that Higgs invisible decay is a powerful channel to test such a scenario.

# Supplementary

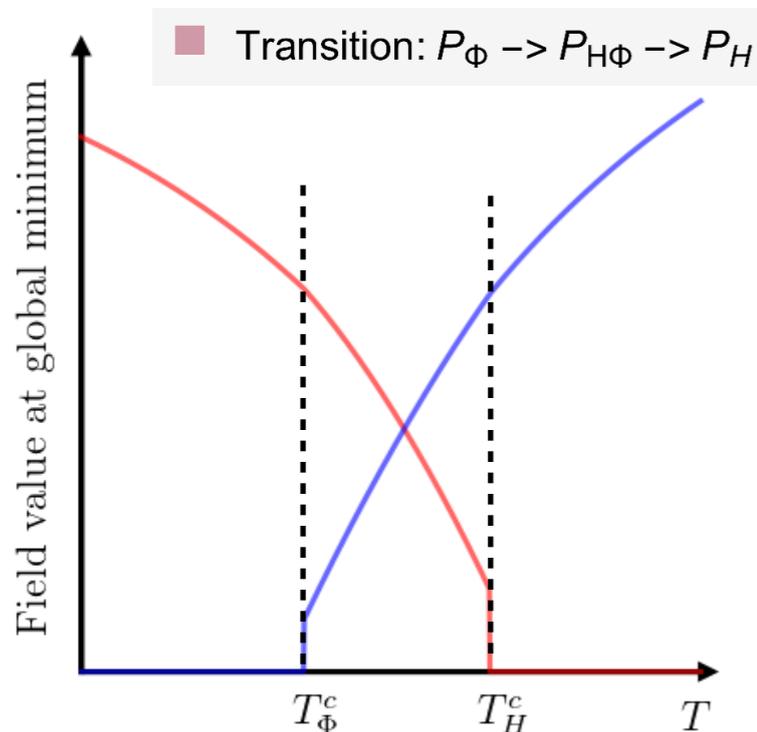
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