

primordial magnetic fields during the electroweak crossover and baryogenesis from helicity decay

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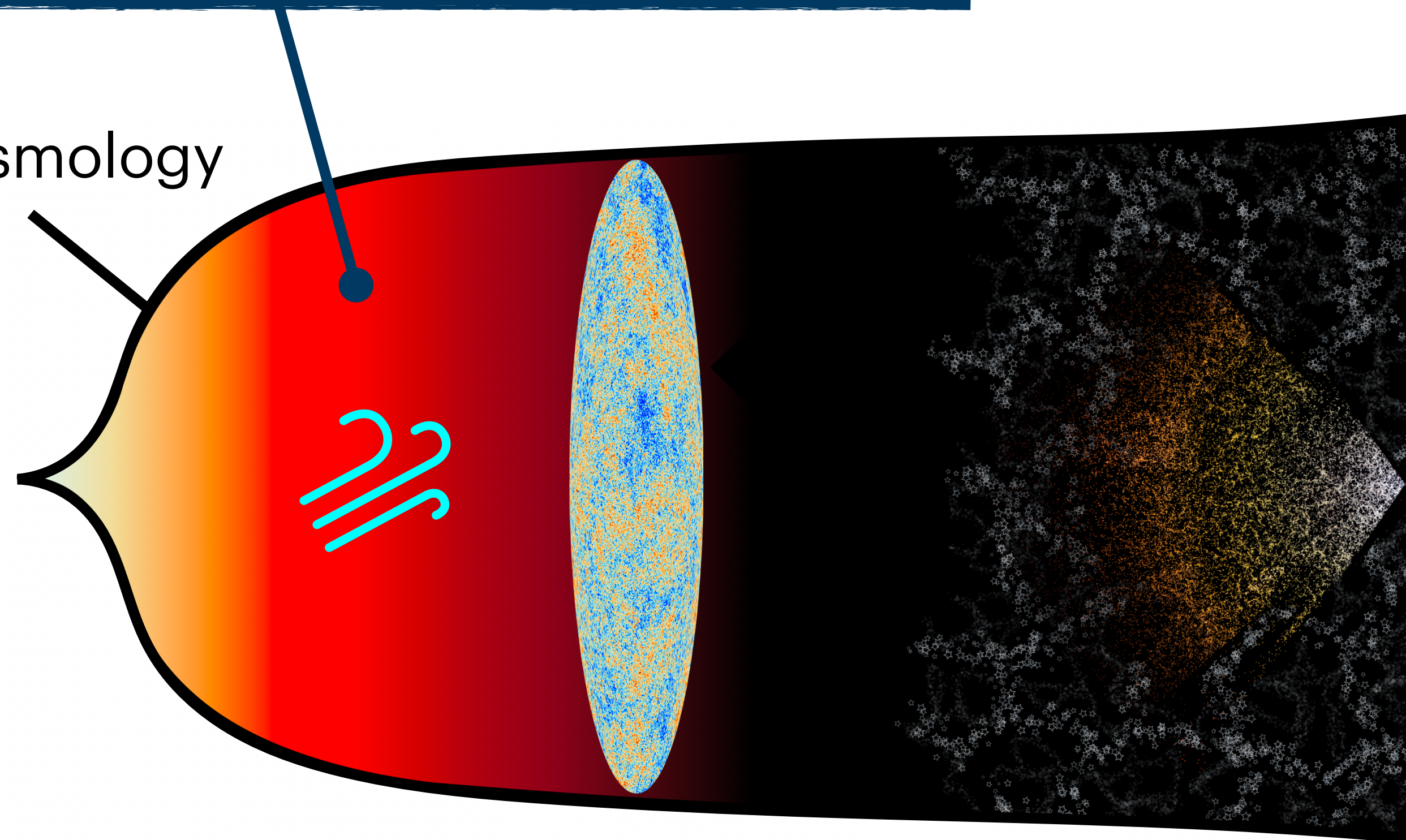
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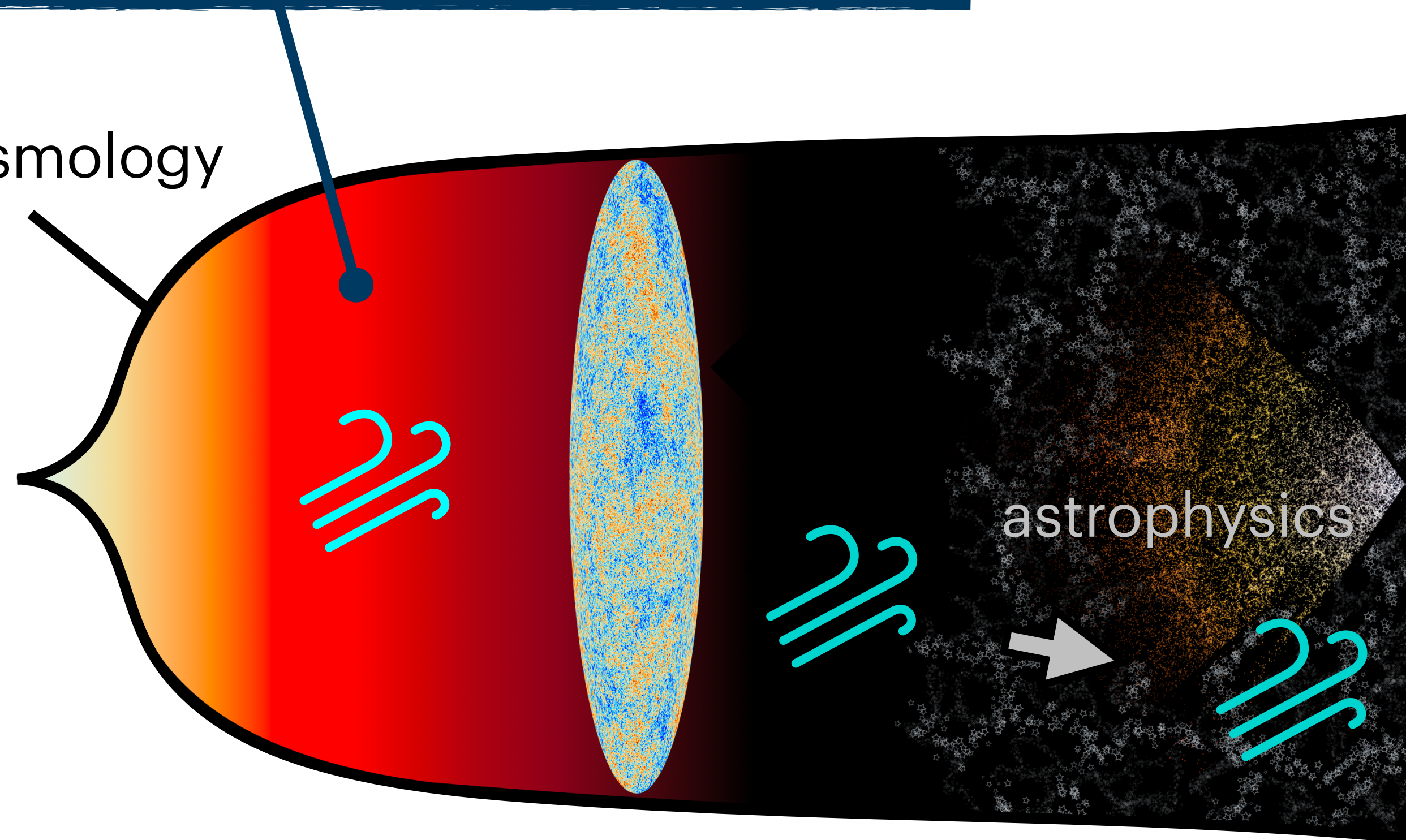
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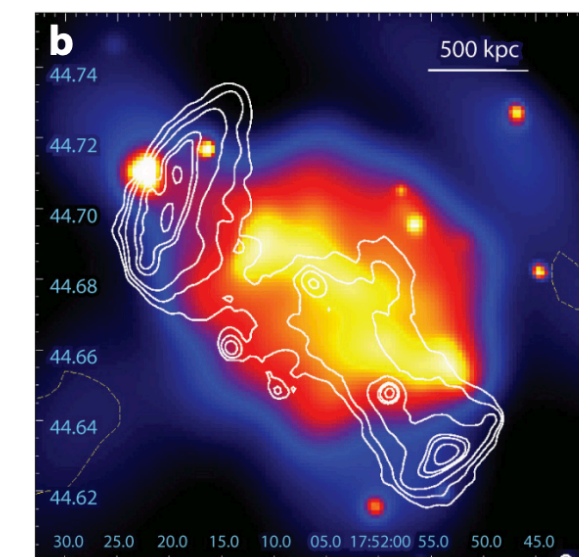
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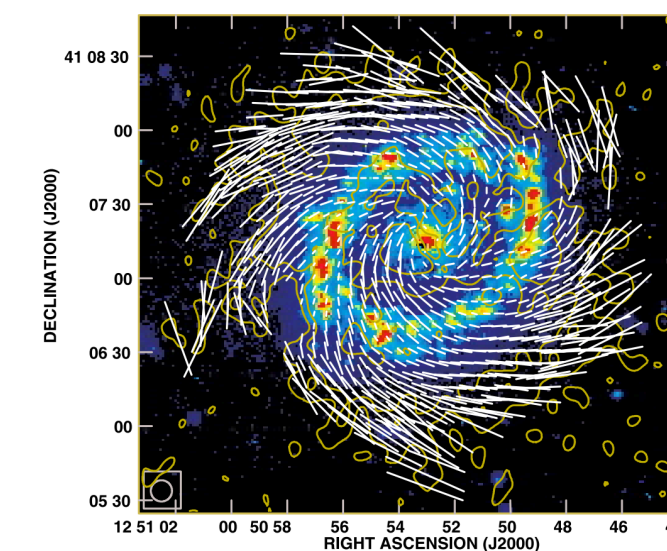
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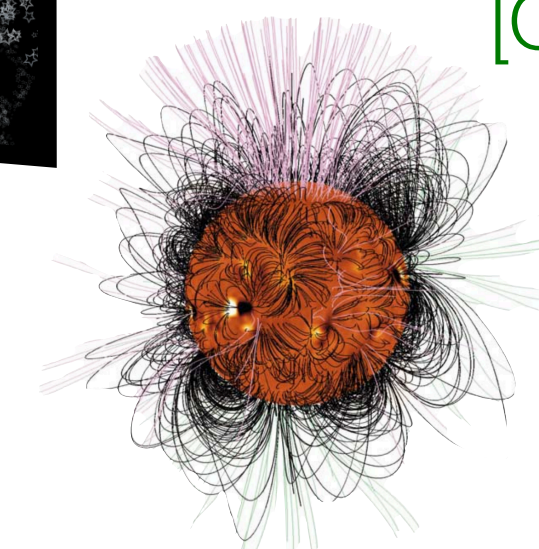
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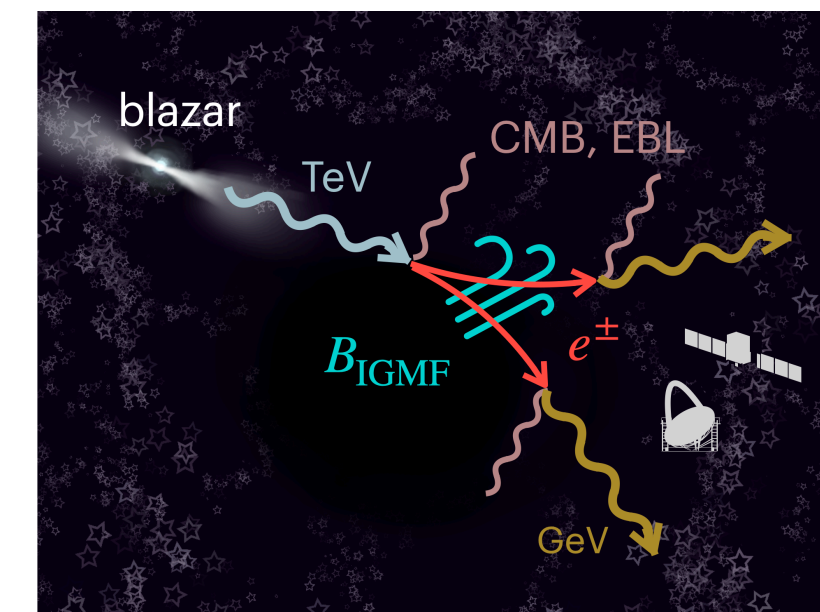
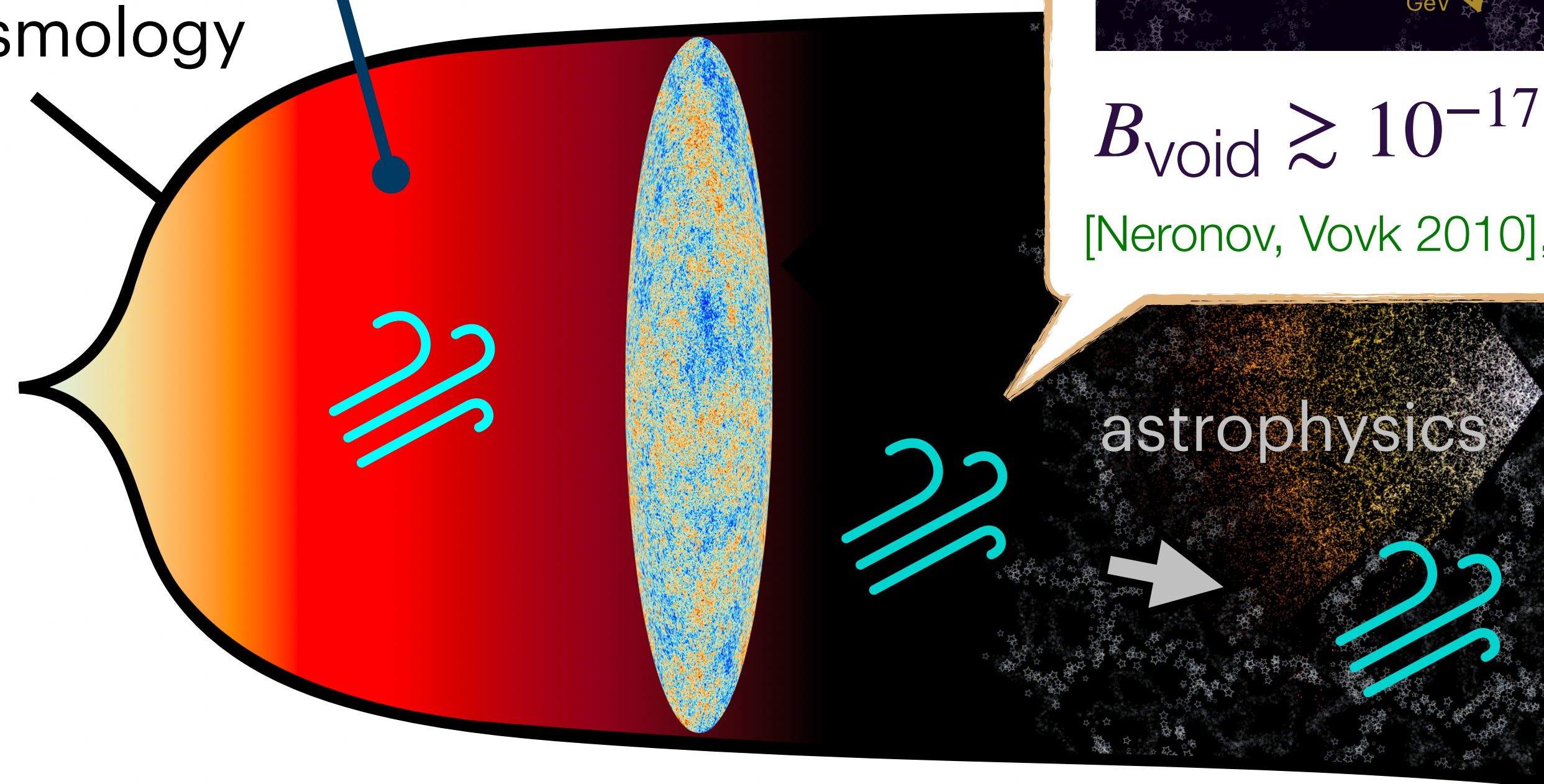
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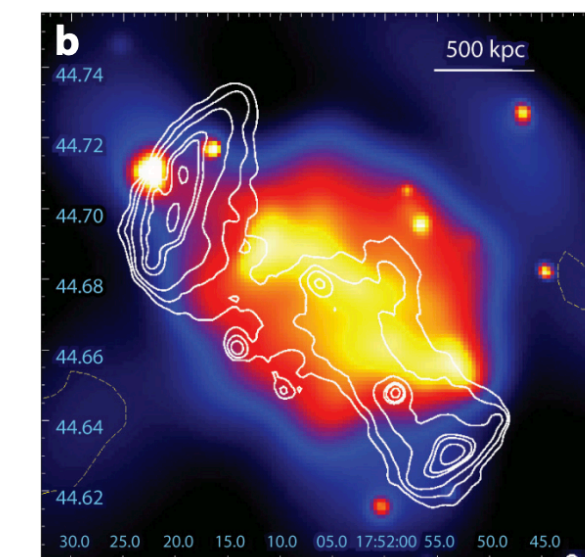
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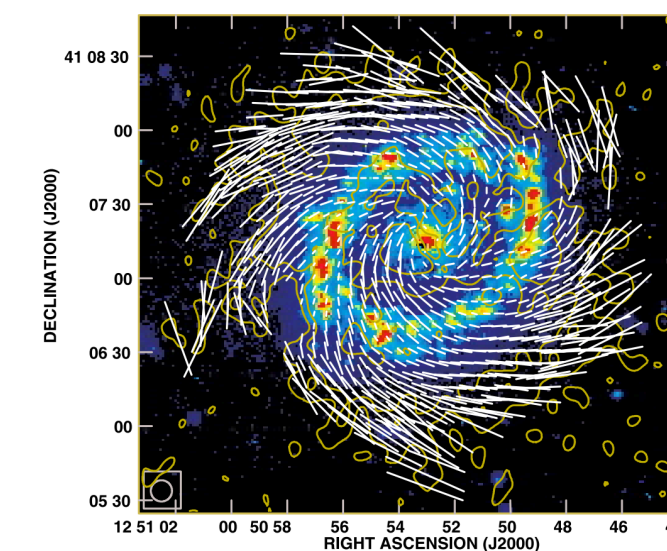
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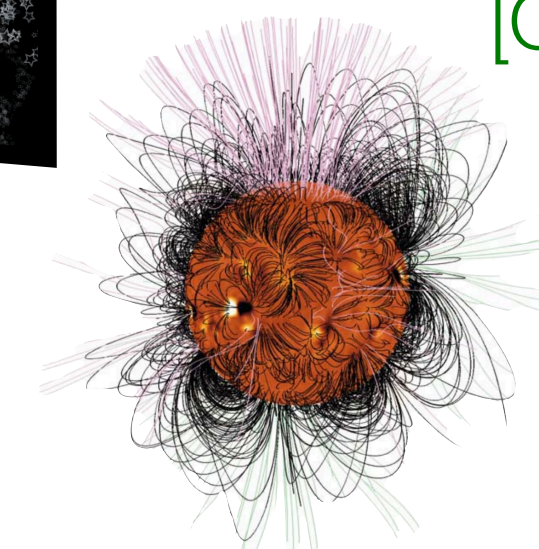
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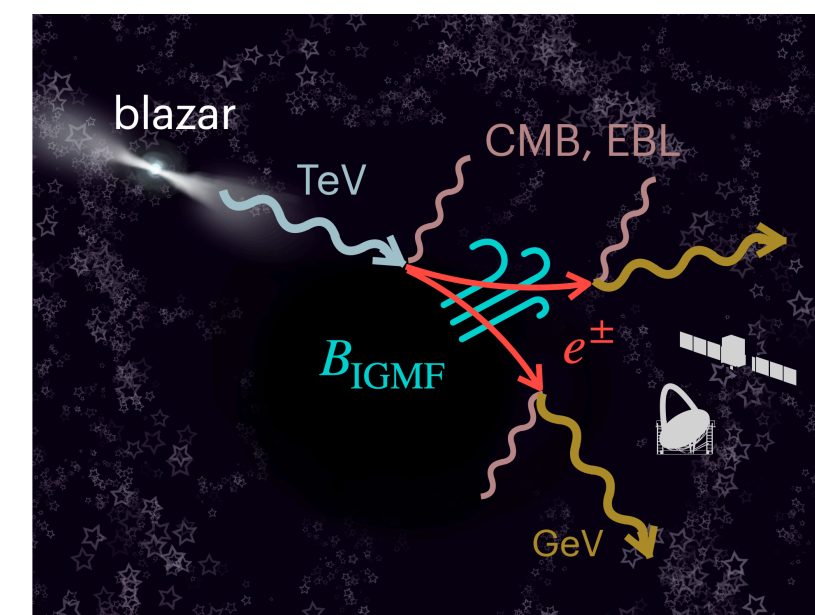
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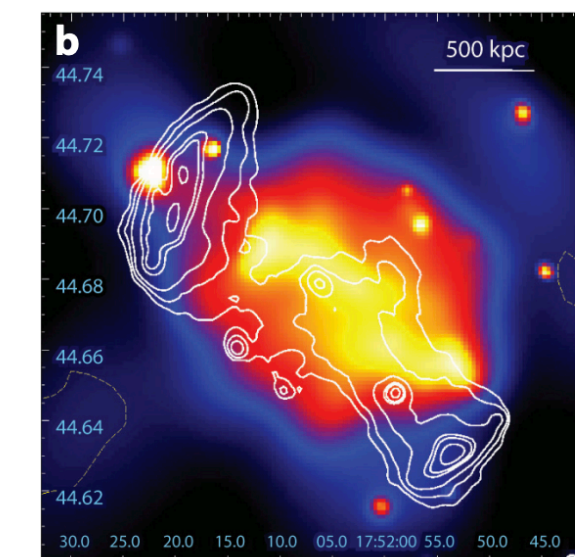
models,
constraints, ...

**Probing primordial physics
with magnetic field!**

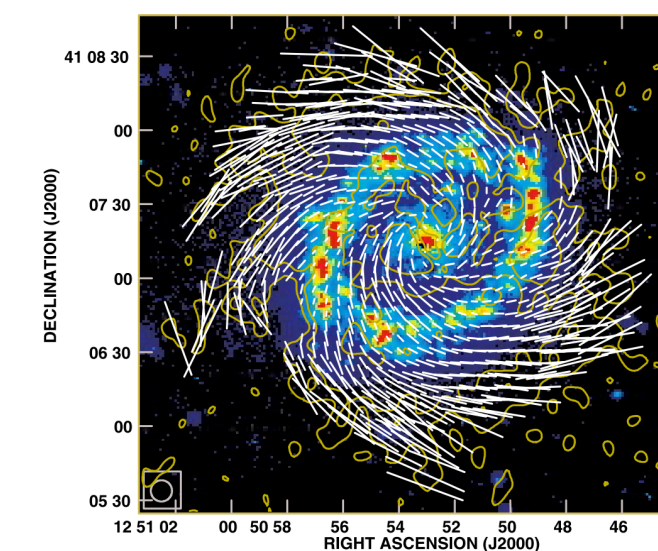


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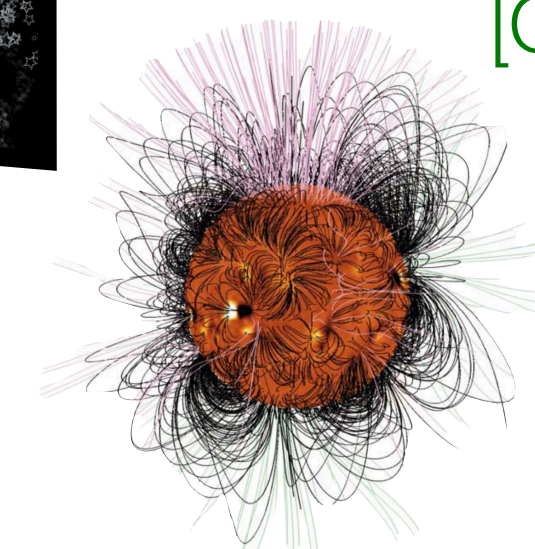
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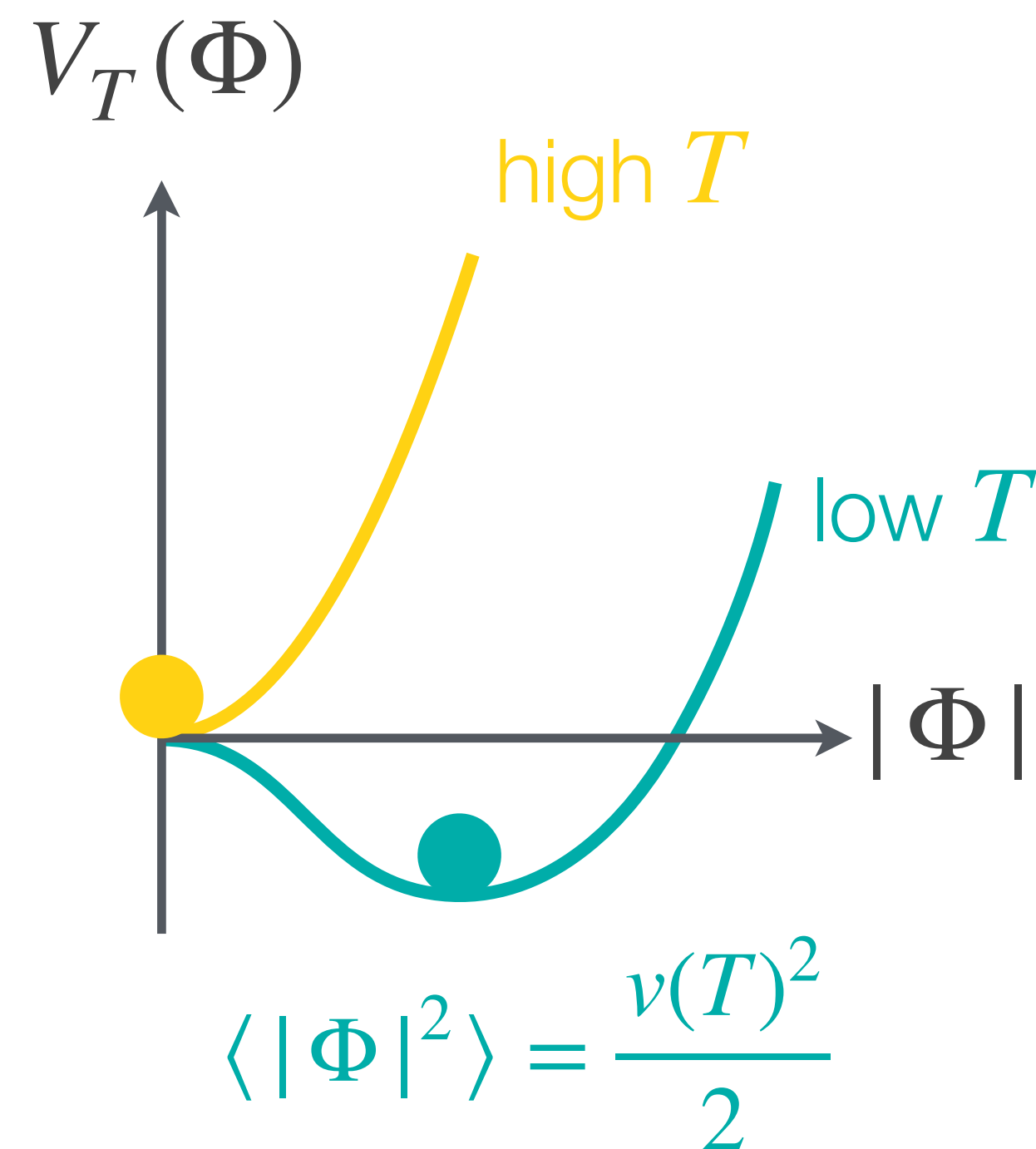
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$$SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$$

W_i^a has non-perturbative mass

$$\vec{B}_Y := \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{Y}$$

$\parallel$



long-range/massless magnetic field

$\parallel$

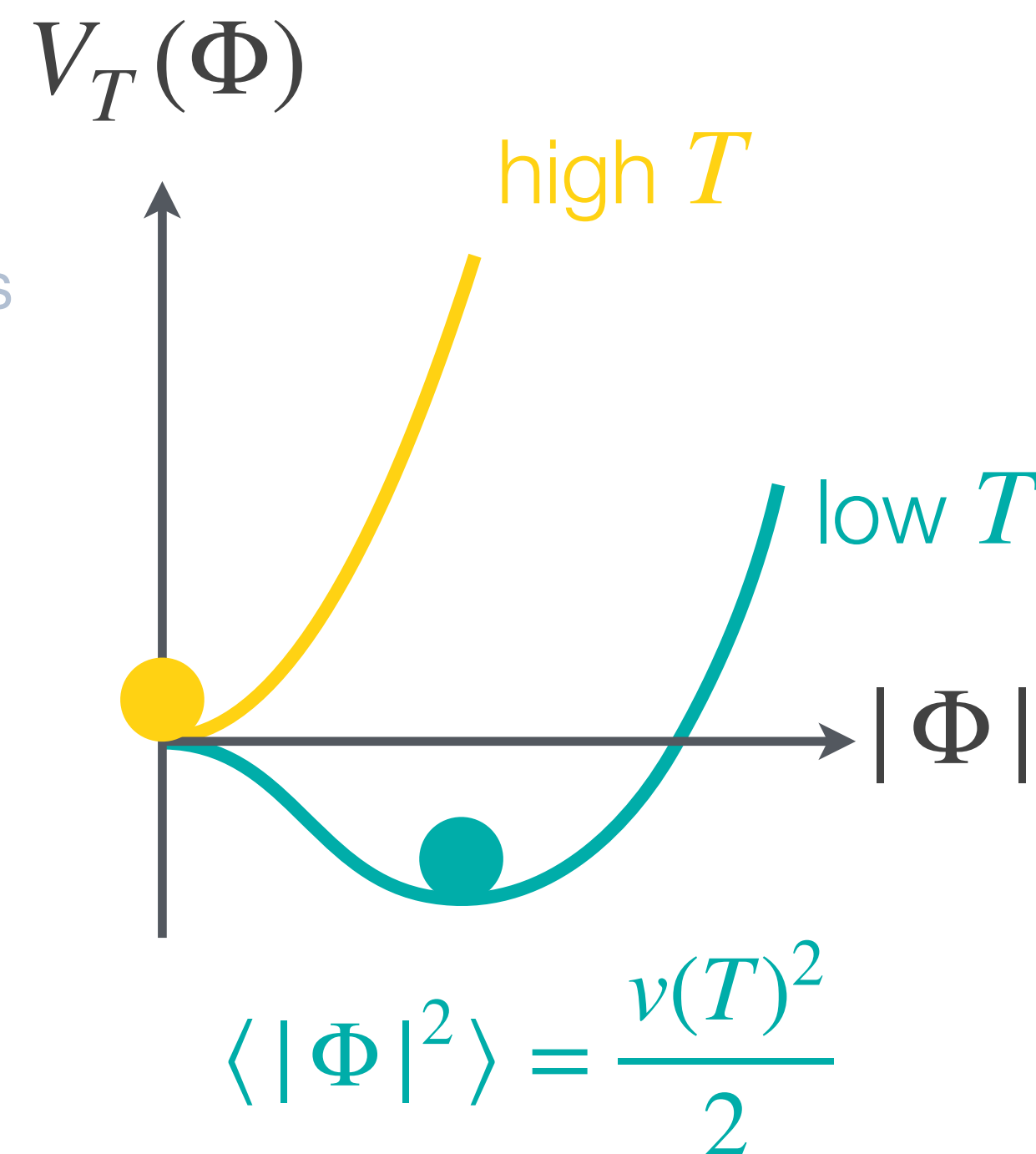
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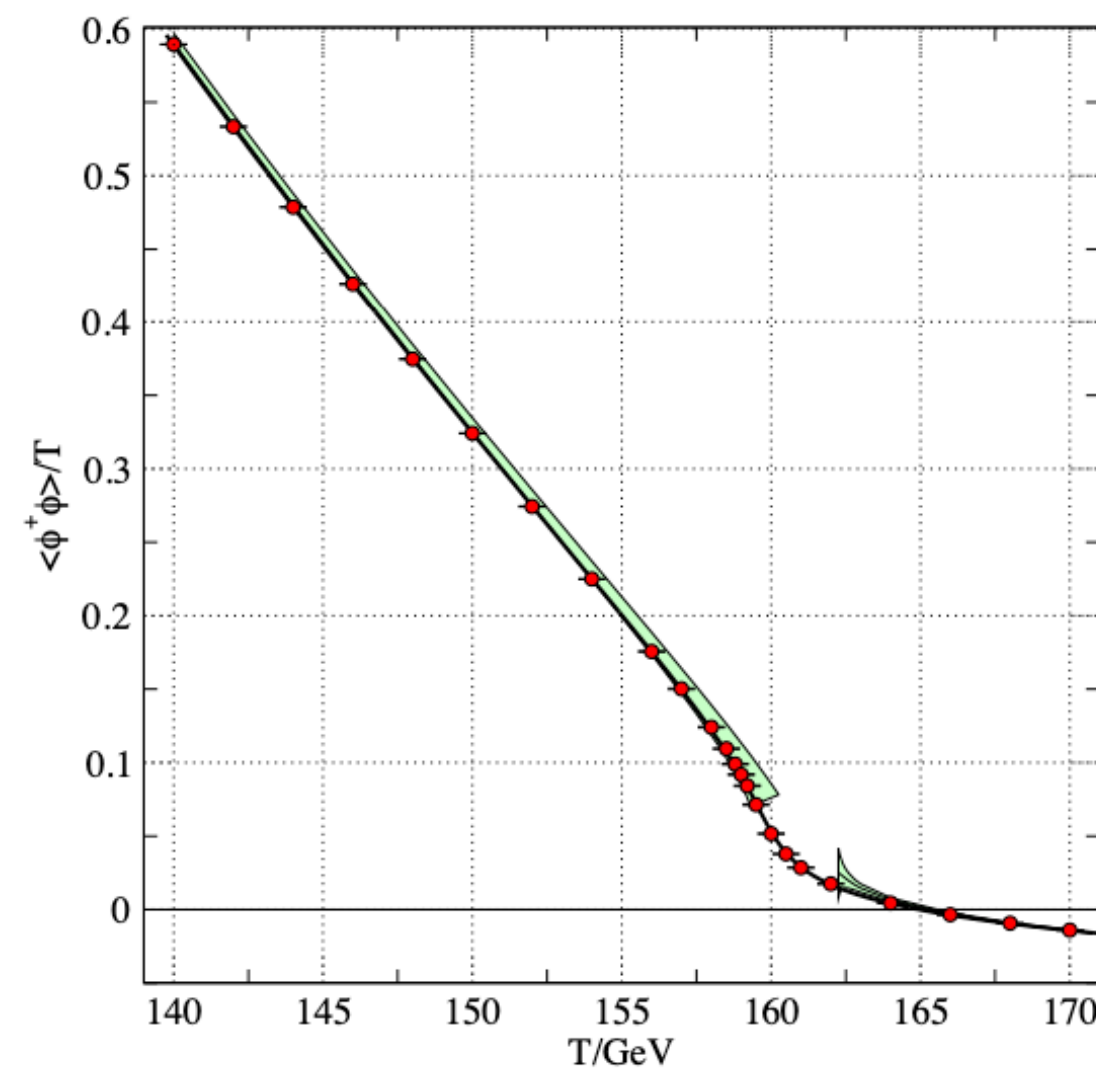
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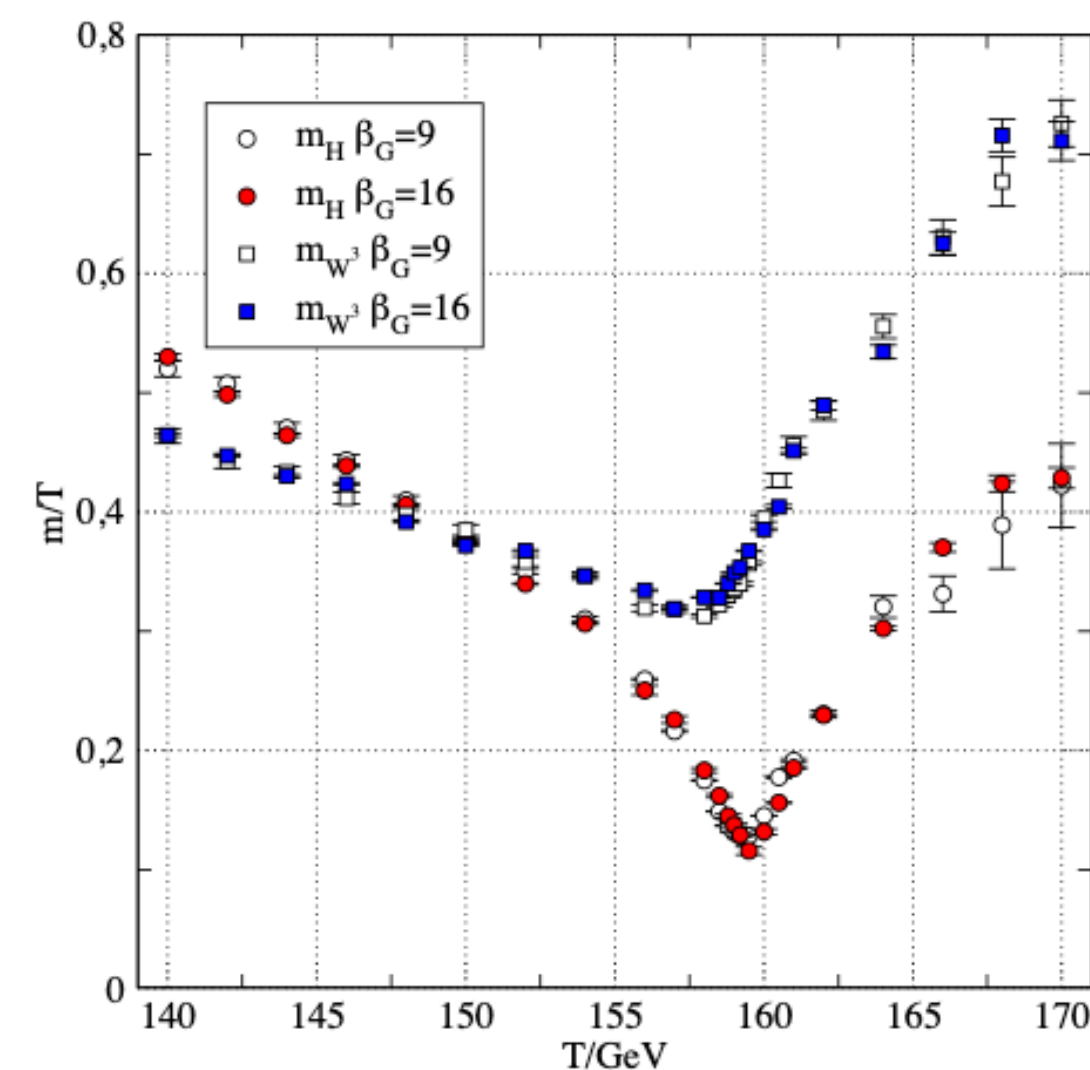
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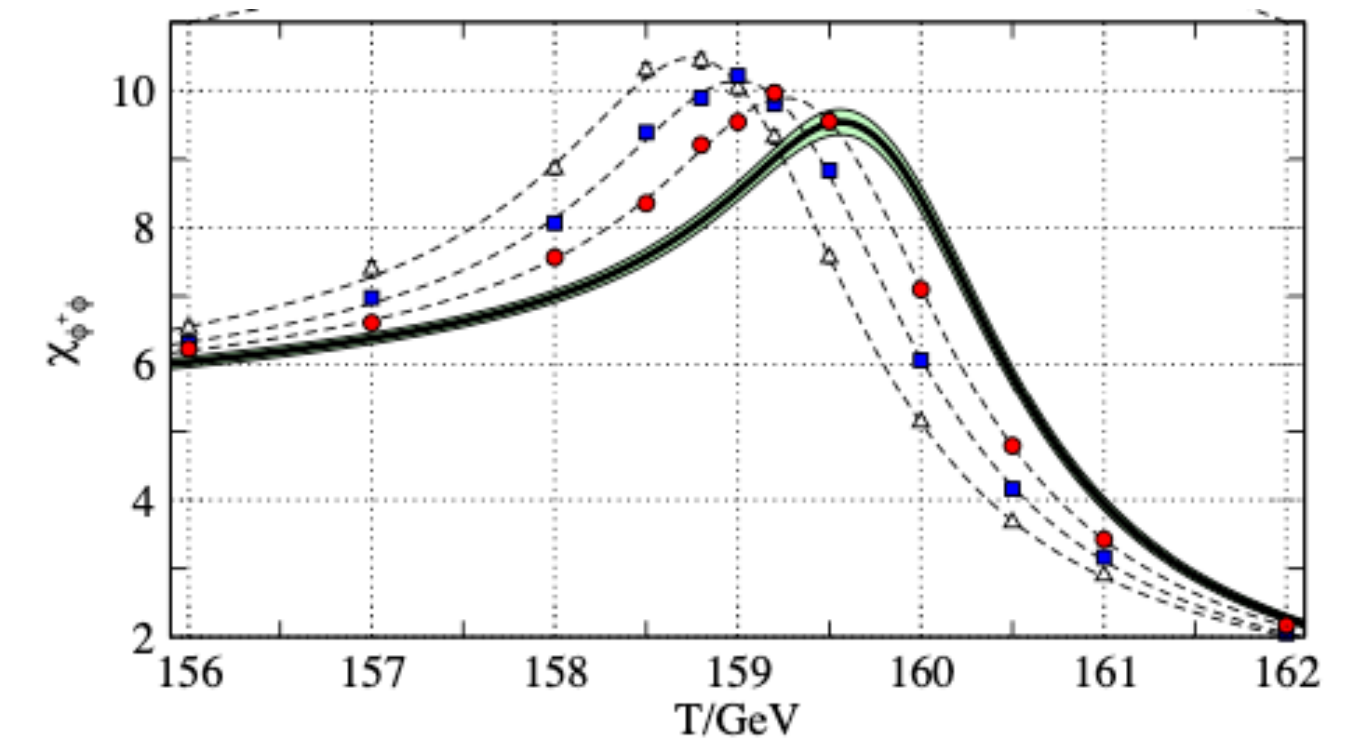
Crossover transition in lattice [D'Onofrio, Rummukainen 2015]



no jump in $\langle \Phi^\dagger \Phi \rangle$



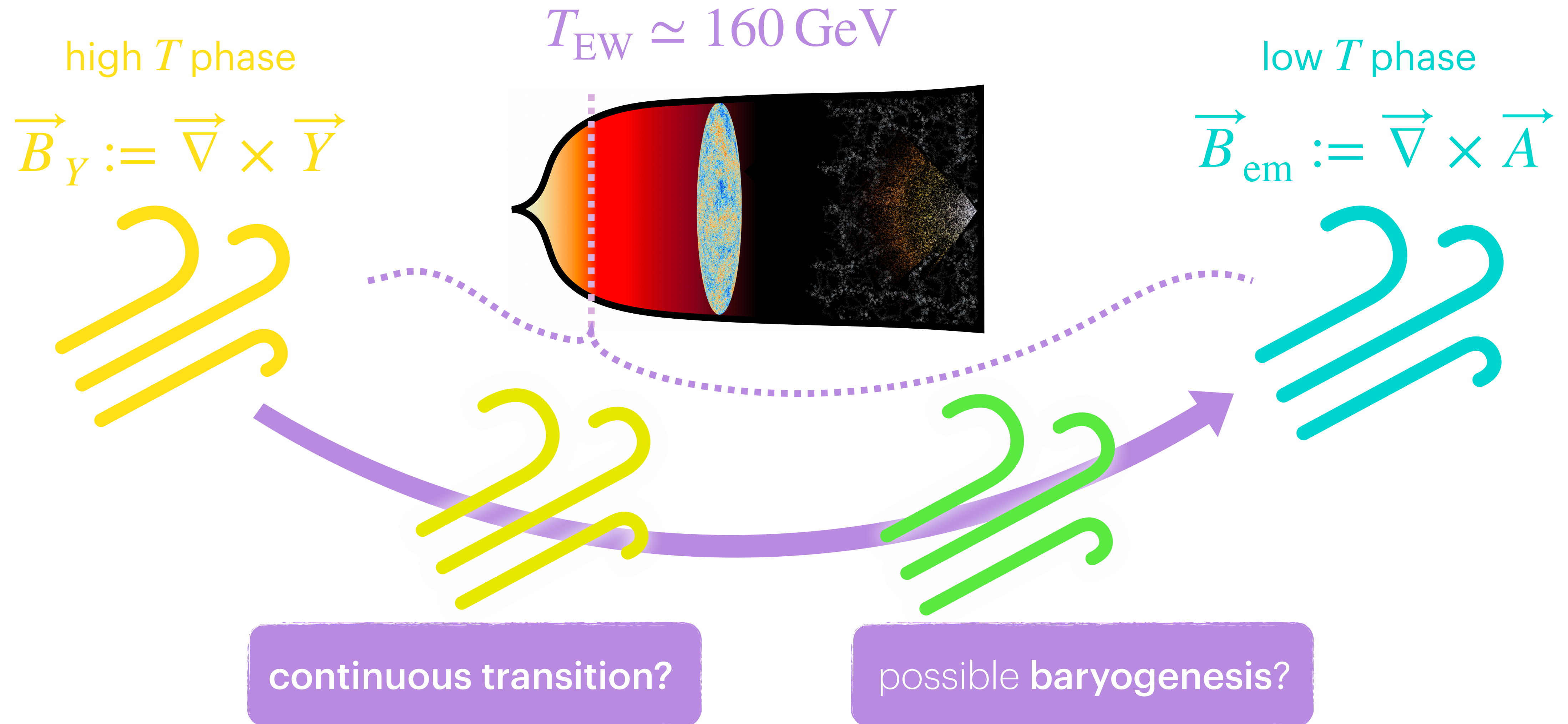
finite coherence length



finite Higgs susceptibility

$$\mathcal{L}_3 = (D_i \Phi)^\dagger D_i \Phi + m_3^2 \Phi^\dagger \Phi + \lambda_3 (\Phi^\dagger \Phi)^2 + \frac{1}{4} Y_{ij} Y_{ij} + \frac{1}{4} W_{ij}^a W_{ij}^a$$

Primordial magnetic field during the crossover?



Outline

Support the continuous transition
from the viewpoint of symmetry!

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The same symmetry in high/low T phases

gauge symmetry: **unbroken in both phases**

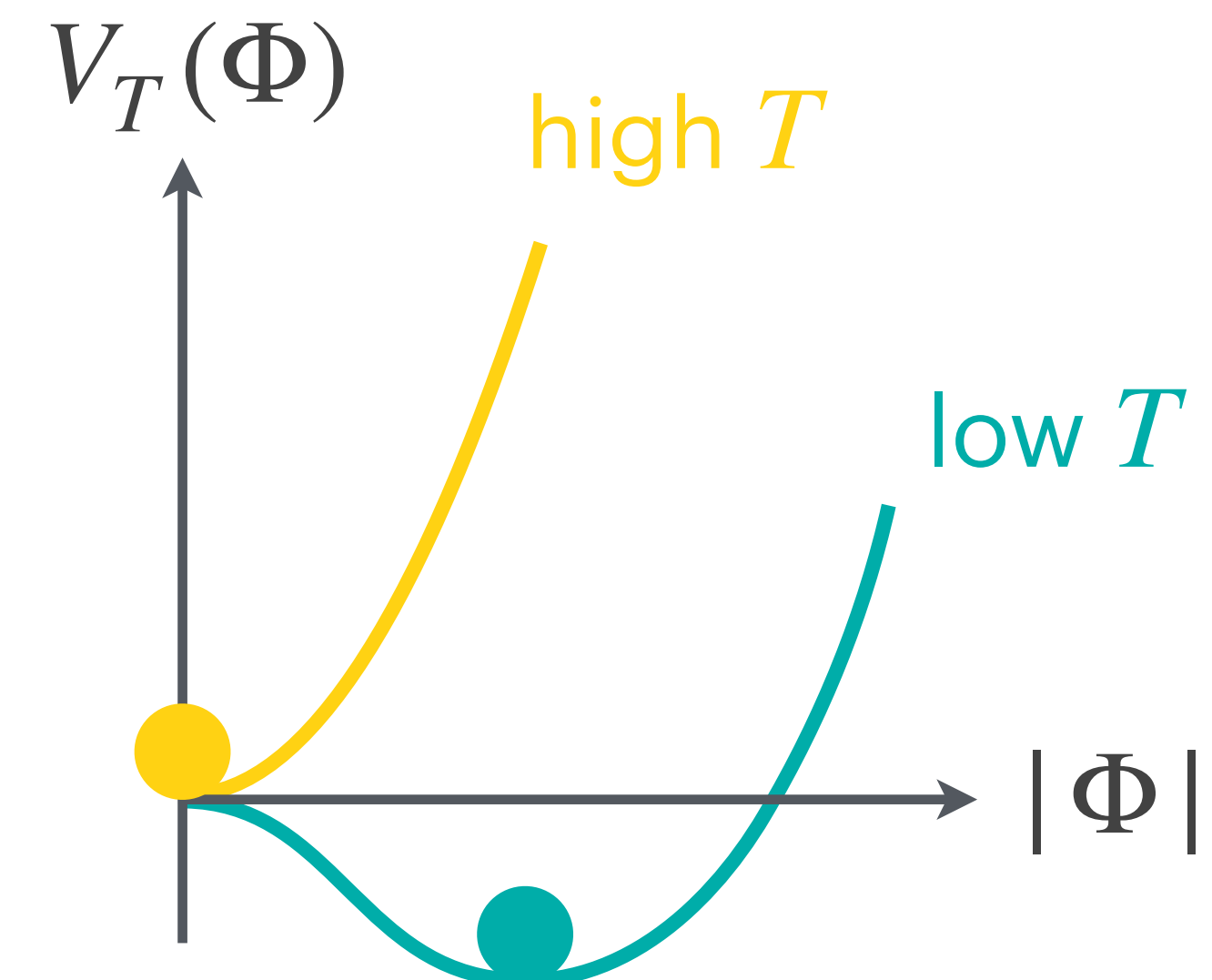
$$\langle \Phi \rangle = 0 \quad [\text{Elitzur 1975}]$$

global symmetries: **same breaking pattern**

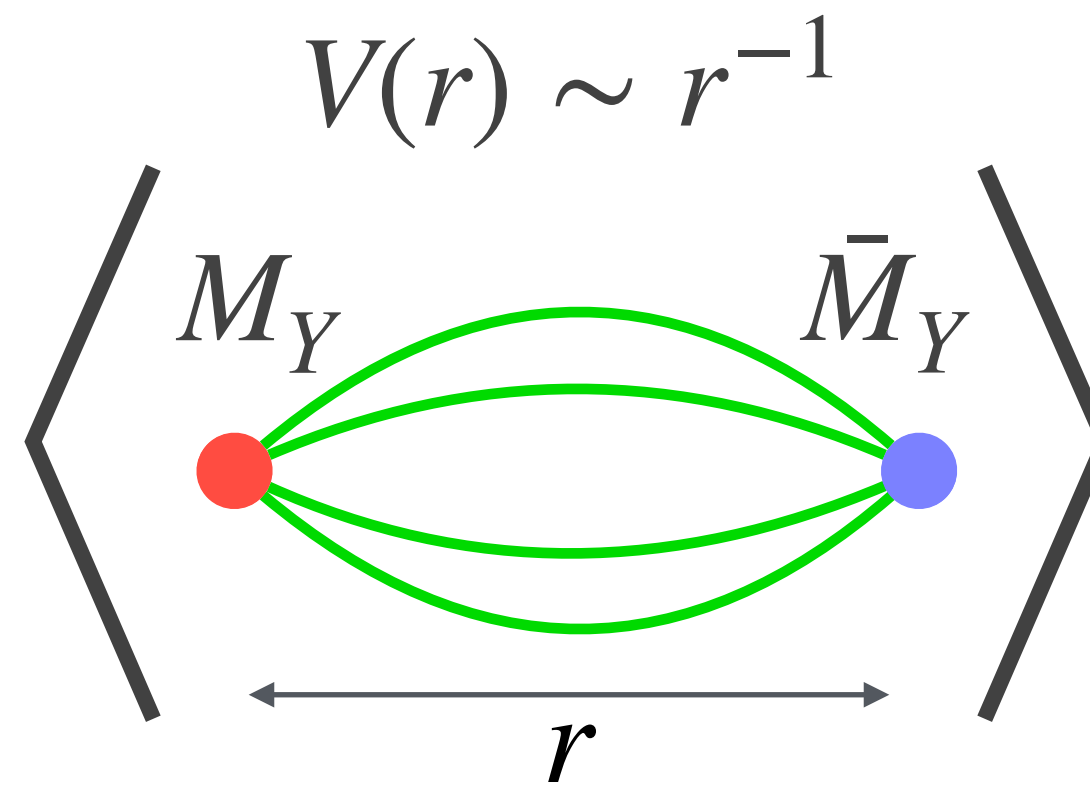
In particular, $U(1)_M^{[0]}$: SSB at high and low T .

consistent with crossover transition

difference: $\langle \Phi^\dagger \Phi \rangle = 0 / \neq 0$

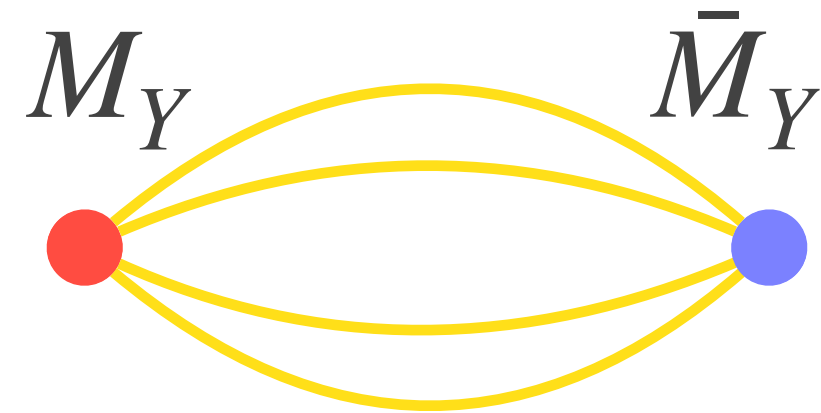


Spontaneous symmetry breaking of global $U(1)_M^{[0]}$

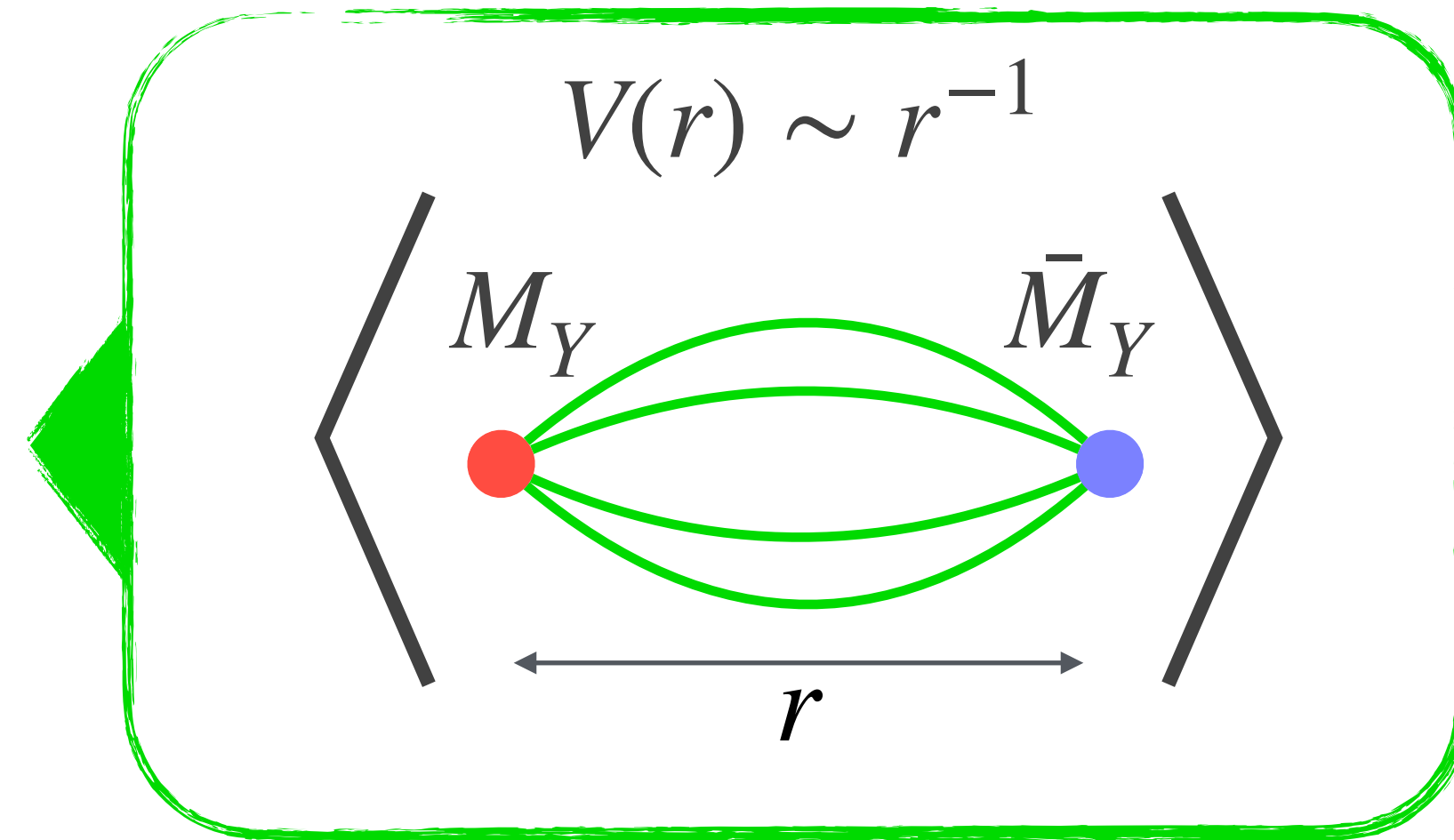


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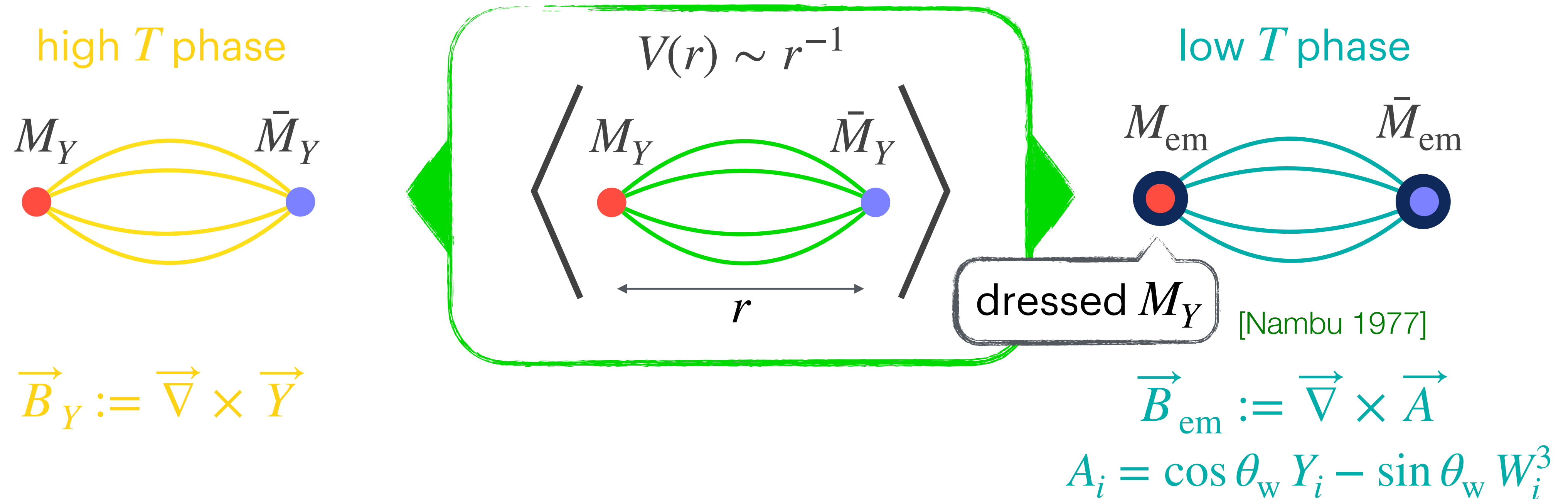
high T phase



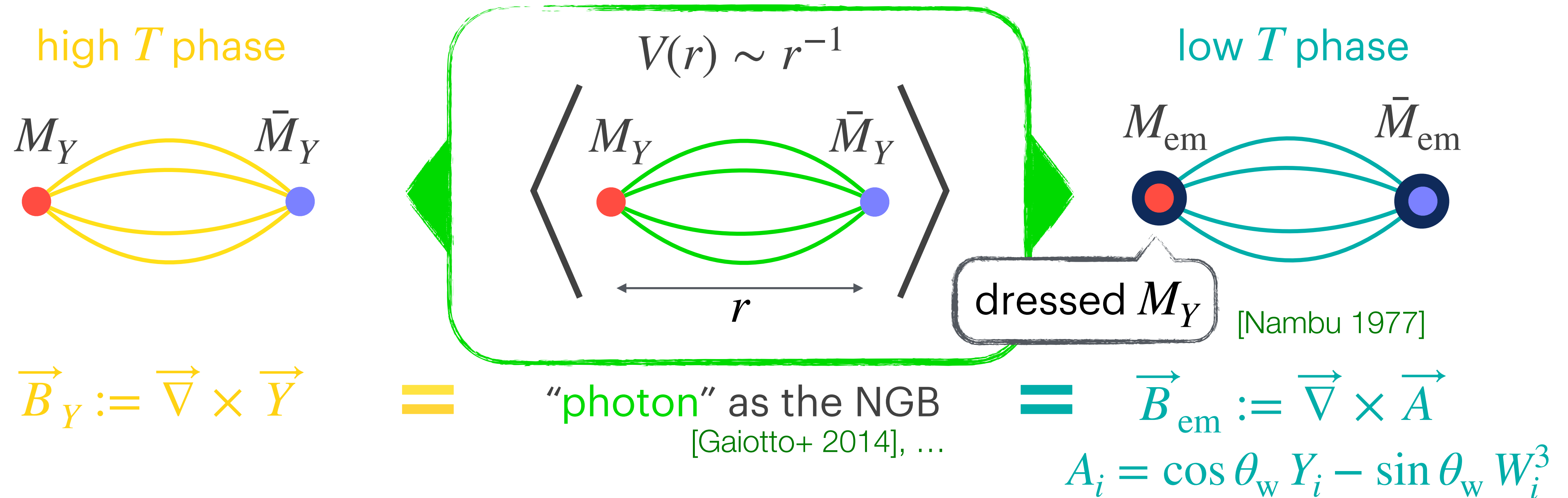
$$\vec{B}_Y := \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{Y}$$



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SSB of $U(1)_M^{[0]}$ global symmetry at high/low T phases

$$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B}_Y = 0$$

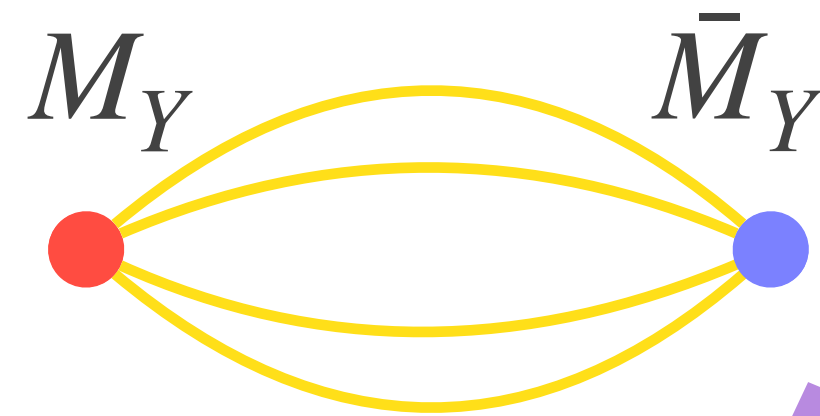
Bianchi identity as the conservation law

$$Q = \int_{S^2} d\vec{s} \cdot \vec{B}_Y$$

charged operator = magnetic monopole

Magnetic field from $\cancel{U(1)_M^{[0]}}$ at any T [Hamada, Mukaida, FU 2025a]

high T phase



$$\vec{B}_Y := \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{Y}$$

assumption

$U(1)_M^{[0]}$ global symmetry
 $(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B}_Y = 0)$: *always SSB*

low T phase



$$\vec{B}_{\text{em}} := \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}$$

$\vec{B}_\phi$ interpolates $\vec{B}_Y$ and $\vec{B}_{\text{em}}$
 as the NG boson

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Identify the unconfined magnetic field
during the electroweak crossover!

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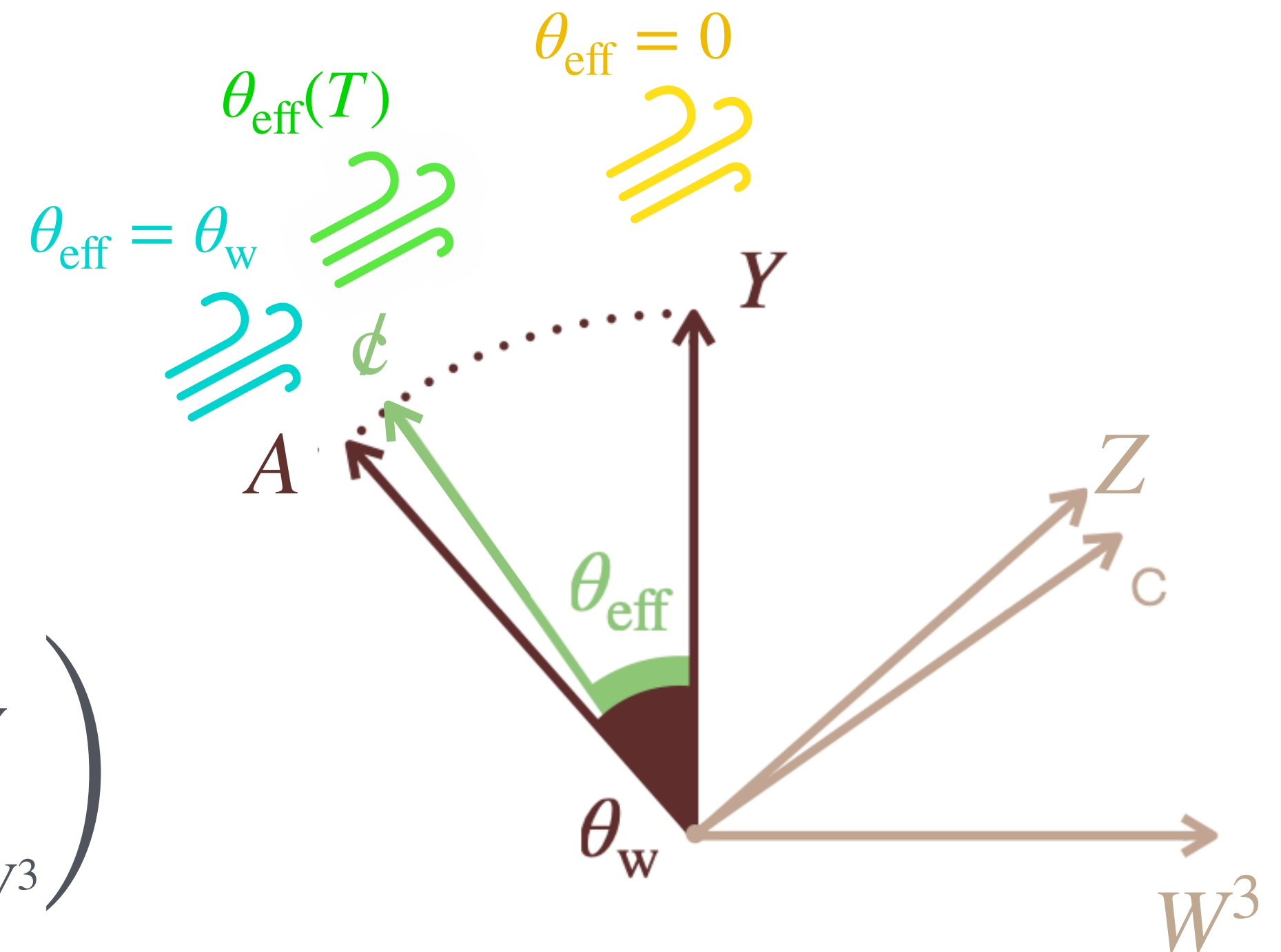
Effective mixing angle [D'Onofrio, Rummukainen 2015] [Kamada, Long 2016]

At low T ,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \vec{B}_{\text{em}} \\ \vec{B}_Z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_w & -\sin \theta_w \\ \sin \theta_w & \cos \theta_w \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \vec{B}_Y \\ \vec{B}_{W^3} \end{pmatrix}$$

Ansatz at $T \sim T_{\text{EW}}$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \vec{B}_\ell \\ \vec{B}_c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_{\text{eff}}(T) & -\sin \theta_{\text{eff}}(T) \\ \sin \theta_{\text{eff}}(T) & \cos \theta_{\text{eff}}(T) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \vec{B}_Y \\ \vec{B}_{W^3} \end{pmatrix}$$



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mixing

s.t.

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massless pole

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mixing

$$\mathcal{W}_{ij} := -\frac{\Phi^\dagger \sigma^a \Phi}{\Phi^\dagger \Phi} W_{ij}^a$$

$$= W_{ij}^3 + \mathcal{O}(g_3/m_W)$$

for gauge-invariance

wavefunction renormalization

massless pole

s.t.

$$\langle B_{\ell i}(\vec{p}) B_{\ell j}(\vec{q}) \rangle = (2\pi)^3 \delta^3(\vec{p} + \vec{q}) Z^\ell \left(P_{ij}(\hat{p}) + S_{\ell\ell} \delta_{ij} \right) + \mathcal{O}(|\vec{p}|, g_3^4),$$

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[Hamada, Mukaida, FU 2025a]

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Calculable at one-loop

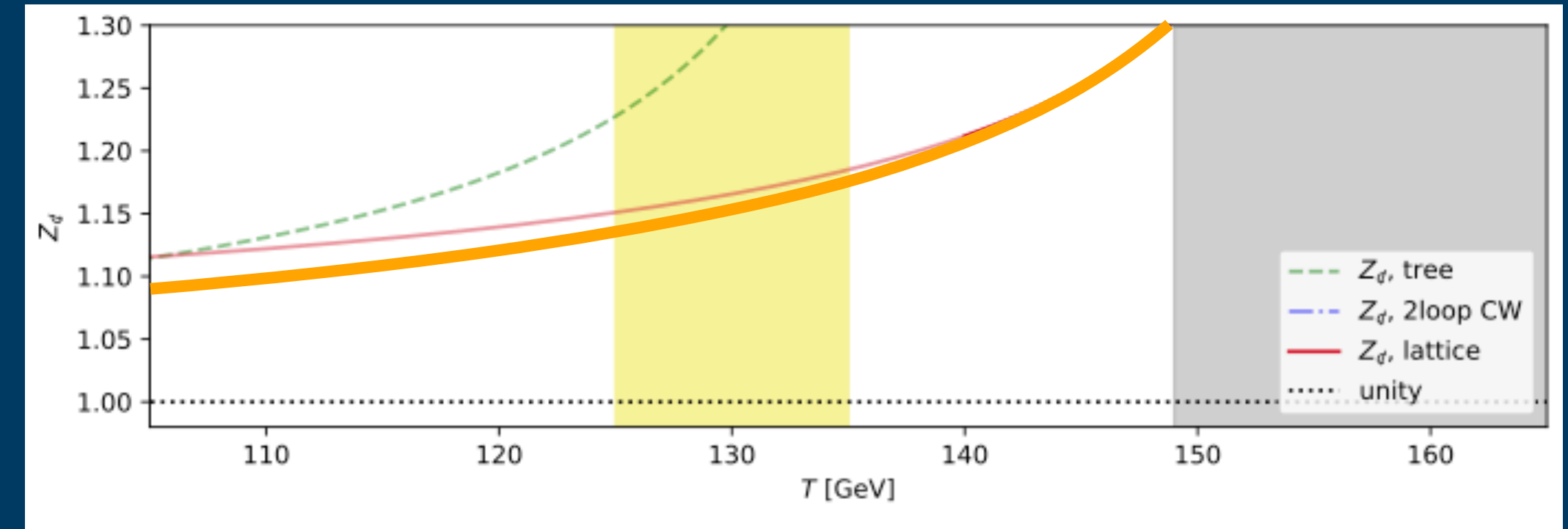
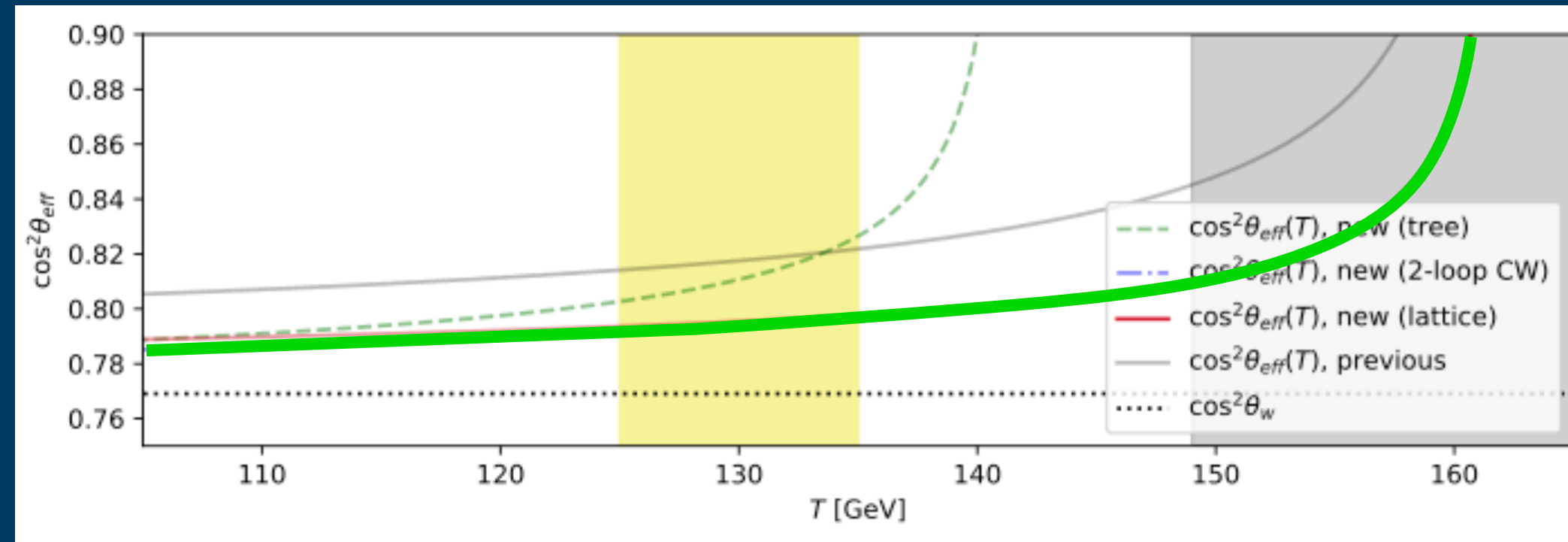
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$$\begin{aligned} \langle B_{Yi}(\vec{p}) B_{Yj}(-\vec{p}) \rangle' &= \left[\underline{\cos^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}} Z^{\ell} (P_{ij}(\hat{p}) + S_{\ell\ell} \delta_{ij}) + \left(\sin 2\theta_{\text{eff}} Z^{\ell\frac{1}{2}} S_{\ell c} + \sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}} S_{cc} \right) \delta_{ij} \right], \\ \langle B_{Yi}(\vec{p}) B_{Wj}(-\vec{p}) \rangle' &= \left[-\frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta_{\text{eff}} Z^{\ell} (P_{ij}(\hat{p}) + S_{\ell\ell} \delta_{ij}) + \left(\cos 2\theta_{\text{eff}} Z^{\ell\frac{1}{2}} S_{\ell c} + \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta_{\text{eff}} S_{cc} \right) \delta_{ij} \right], \\ \langle B_{Wi}(\vec{p}) B_{Wj}(-\vec{p}) \rangle' &= \left[\underline{\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}} Z^{\ell} (P_{ij}(\hat{p}) + S_{\ell\ell} \delta_{ij}) - \left(\sin 2\theta_{\text{eff}} Z^{\ell\frac{1}{2}} S_{\ell c} - \cos^2 \theta_{\text{eff}} S_{cc} \right) \delta_{ij} \right] \end{aligned}$$

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$$\langle B_{Yi} B_{Yj} \rangle, \langle B_{Yi} B_{\mathcal{W}j} \rangle, \langle B_{\mathcal{W}i} B_{\mathcal{W}j} \rangle \text{ up to } \mathcal{O}(|\vec{p}|, g_3^4) \longrightarrow \theta_{\text{eff}}(T) \text{ and } Z^\ell(T)$$



$$\cos \theta_{\text{eff}}(T) = \left(1 + \frac{g_3(T)^2 \sin^2 \theta_w}{4\pi m_W(T)} \right) \cos \theta_w$$

$$Z^\ell(T) = 1 + \left(\frac{5}{12} - \frac{1}{24 \sqrt{1 + \frac{m_D(T)^2}{m_W(T)^2}}} \right) \frac{g_3(T)^2 \sin^2 \theta_w}{\pi m_W(T)}$$

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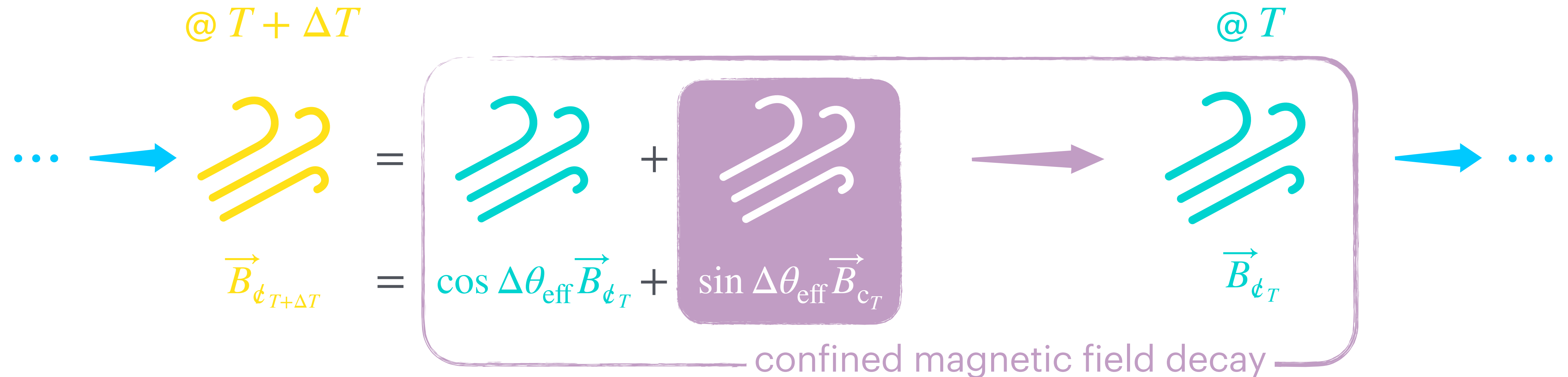
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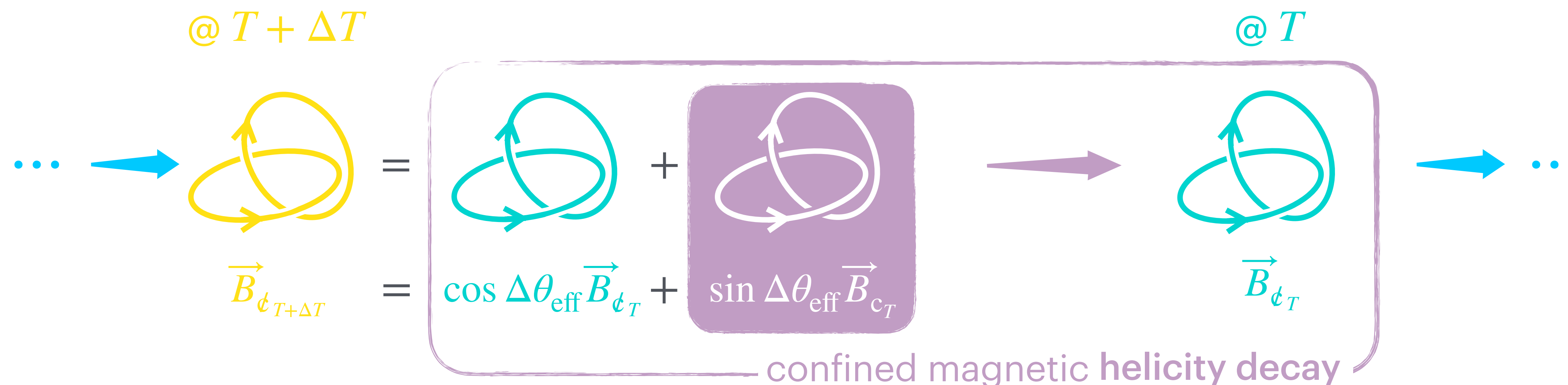
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$$\Delta \left(H_{c_T} := \int d^3x \vec{A}_{c_T} \cdot \vec{B}_{c_T} \right) \neq 0$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \theta_{\text{eff}} \rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} (\text{topological charge of gauge fields}) \rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} Q_{B+L} ?$$

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chiral anomaly [Adler 1969] [Bell, Jackiw 1969]

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta Q_{B+L} &= 2 \cdot 3 \left(\Delta N_{\text{CS}}^{\text{SU}(2)_L} - \Delta H_Y \right) \\ &\simeq 3 \cdot 2 \cot^2 \theta_w \Delta \left[\left(\tan^2 \theta_{\text{eff}} - \tan^2 \theta_w \right) H_\ell \right] + 3 \cdot 2 \Delta N_{\text{CS}}^{\text{SU}(2)_L} \Big|_{\text{NP}}\end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta \theta_{\text{eff}}$$

time-dependent mixing

$$\Delta H_\ell$$

dissipation of $\vec{B}_\ell$

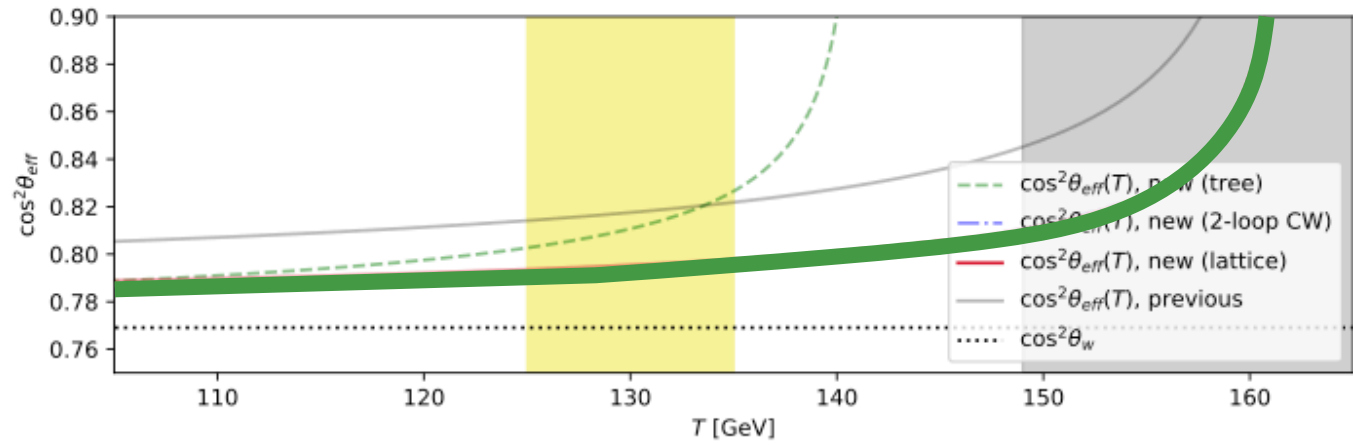
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non-perturbative
contributions

We understand each contribution (?)



time-dependent
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dissipation of $\vec{B}_\phi$

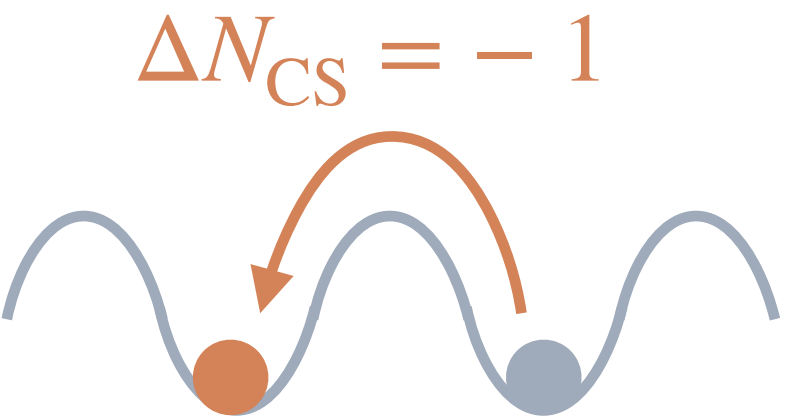
$$\frac{d\vec{B}_\phi}{dt} = \sigma_\phi^{-1} \nabla^2 \vec{B}_\phi, \quad \sigma_\phi \sim T$$

suppressed at large scales
 $\gg 1/\sqrt{TH}$



non-perturbative
contributions

electroweak sphaleron



baryons

equilibrium established
until $\sim 130 \text{ GeV}$

[Kamada, Long 2016]

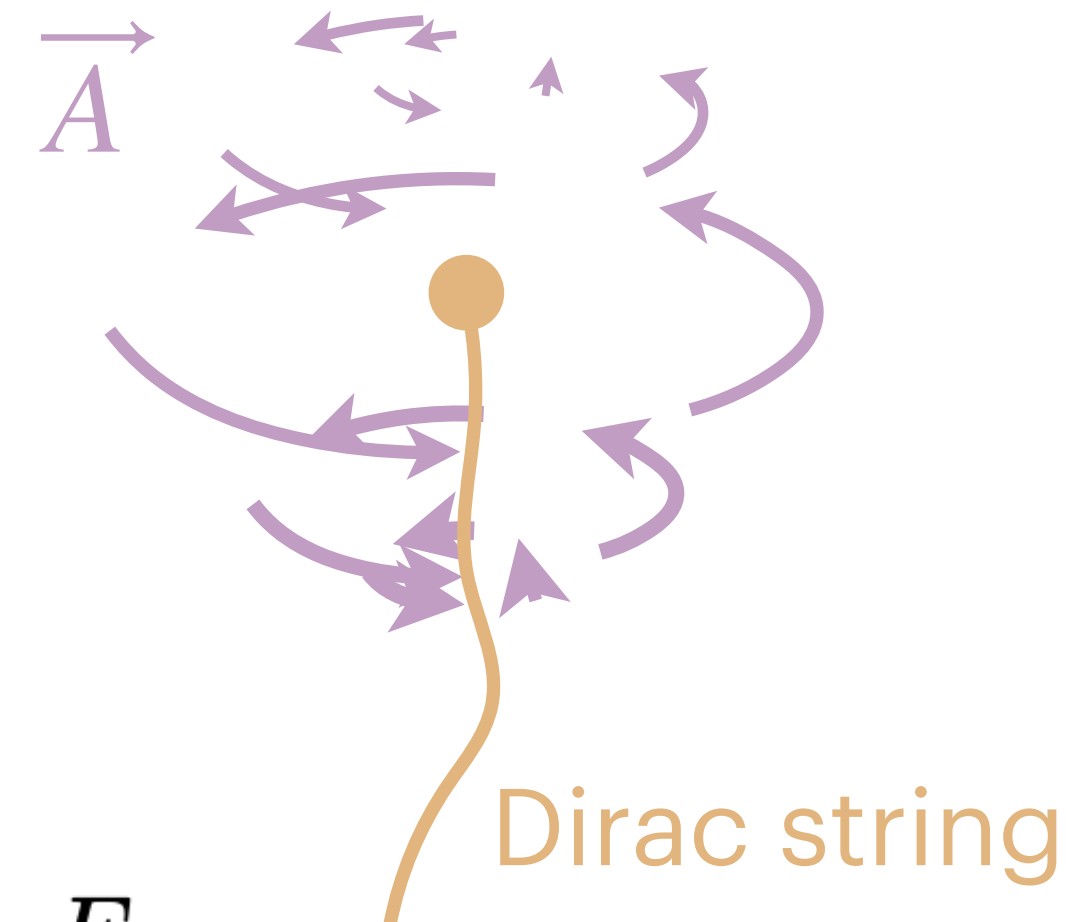
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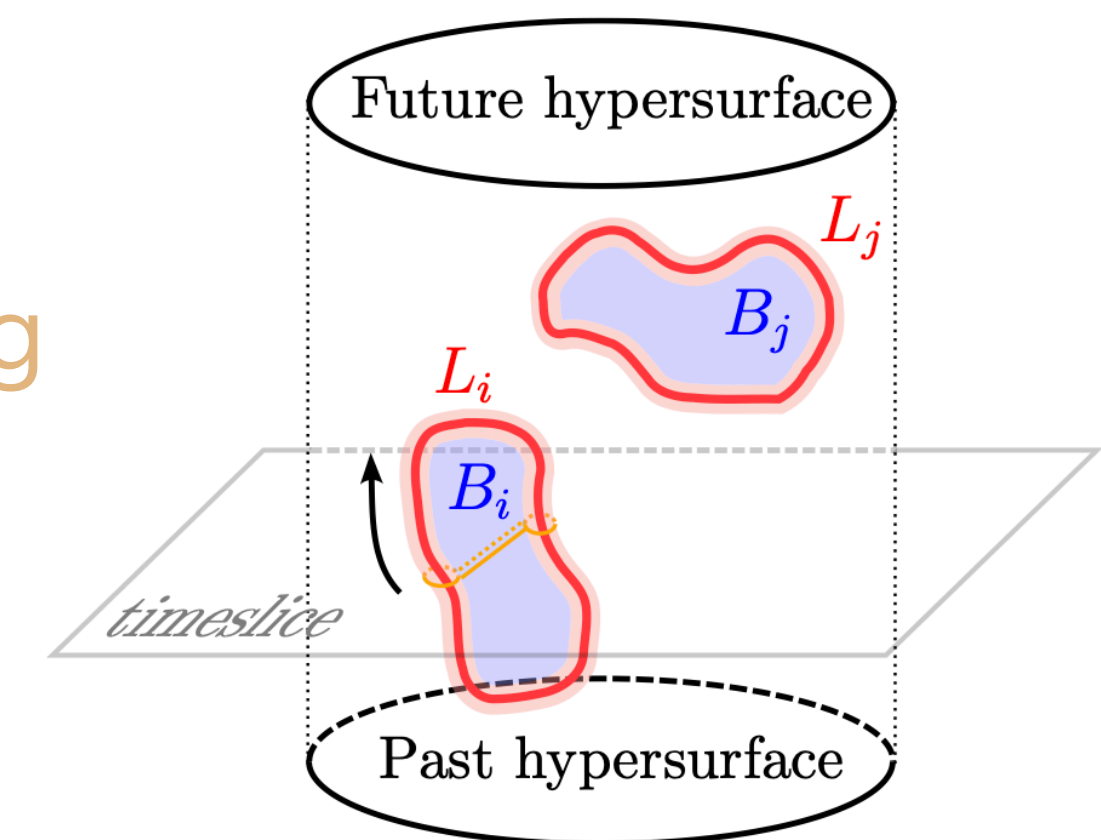
[Fukuda, Hamada, Kamada, Mukaida, FU 2025]

magnetic monopole ($\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{B} \neq 0$) in the Maxwell theory

vector potential
defined *outside* the Dirac string



$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_{\text{future}} &= \mathcal{H}_{\text{past}} + \int_{M'} F \wedge F + \frac{4\pi}{e} \sum_i \int_{\Sigma_i} F \\ &:= \int d^3x \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} \quad = -2 \int d^4x \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B} \quad \text{contribution from the Dirac string worldsheets} \end{aligned}$$



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[Fukuda, Hamada, Kamada, Mukaida, FU 2025]

vanishing Higgs ($\Phi^\dagger \Phi = 0$) in the electroweak theory

$\vec{n} = \frac{\Phi^\dagger \vec{\sigma} \Phi}{\Phi^\dagger \Phi}$ defines the $U(1)_{\text{em}}$ direction, unless $\Phi^\dagger \Phi = 0$

$$\mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu}^{\text{em}} = -\mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu}^W \sin \theta_W + F_{\mu\nu}^Y \cos \theta_W,$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu}^W = F_{\mu\nu}^{W^a} n^a - \frac{1}{g} \epsilon^{abc} n^a D_\mu n^b D_\nu n^c \quad [\text{'t Hooft 1974}]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\mathcal{H}_{\text{EM,future}}} - \underline{\mathcal{H}_{\text{EM,past}}} &= \underline{\int_{M'} \mathcal{F} \wedge \mathcal{F}} + \underline{\int_N \mathcal{A} \wedge \mathcal{F}} \\ &:= \int d^3x \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} \qquad \qquad = -2 \int d^4x \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B} \end{aligned}$$

nontrivial helicity change
where higgs vanishes

Illustrating toy example: Higgs dynamics matters

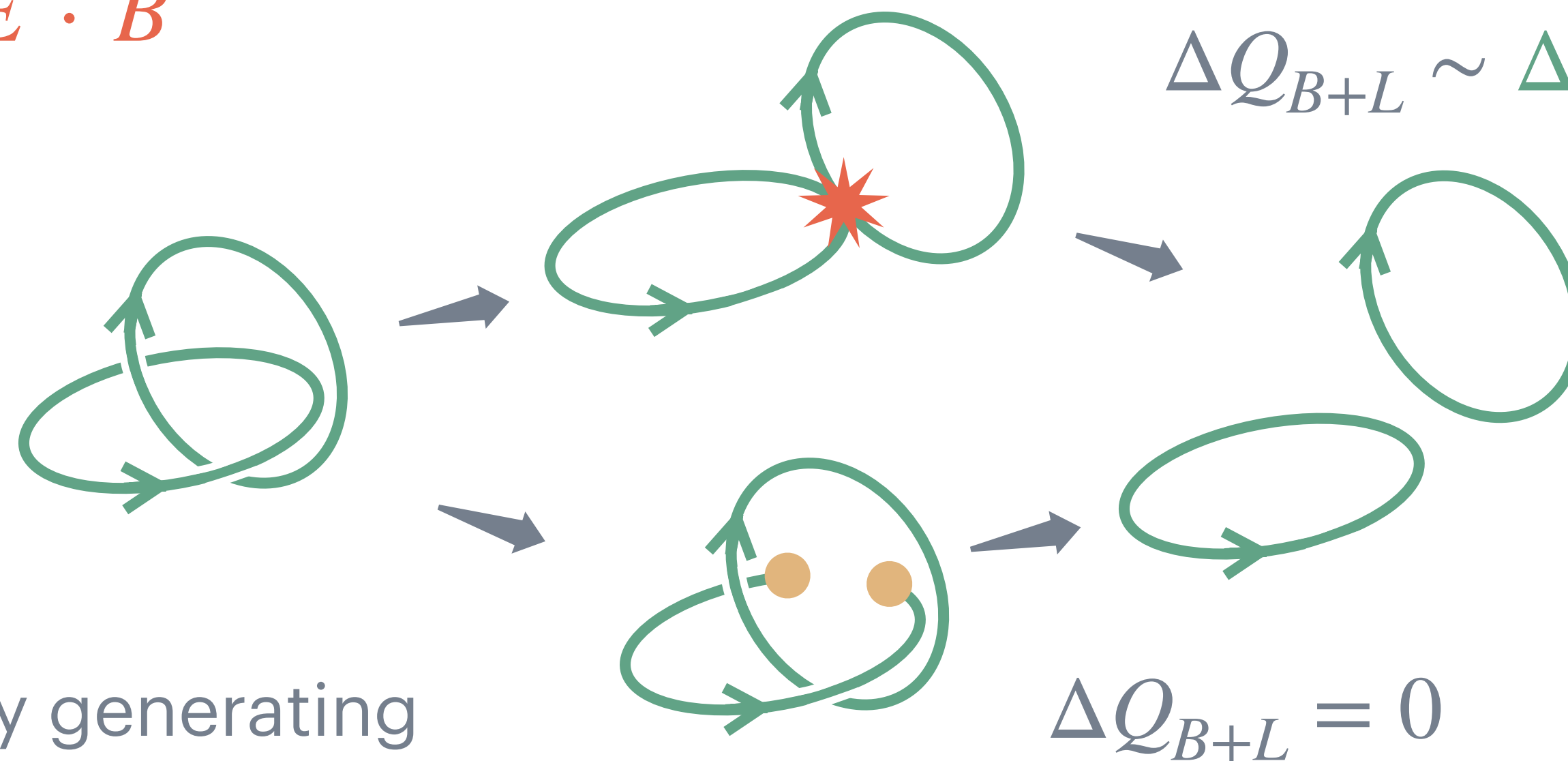
[Hamada, Mukaida, FU 2025a]

$$\mathrm{SU}(2) \rightarrow \mathrm{U}(1) \rightarrow 1$$

$$\partial_\mu j_{B+L}^\mu \sim \vec{E} \cdot \vec{B}$$

$$\Delta Q_{B+L} \sim \Delta \int d^3x \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}$$

untying link by generating
't Hooft—Polyakov monopole pairs



In general, Higgs winding may compensate ΔN_{CS}

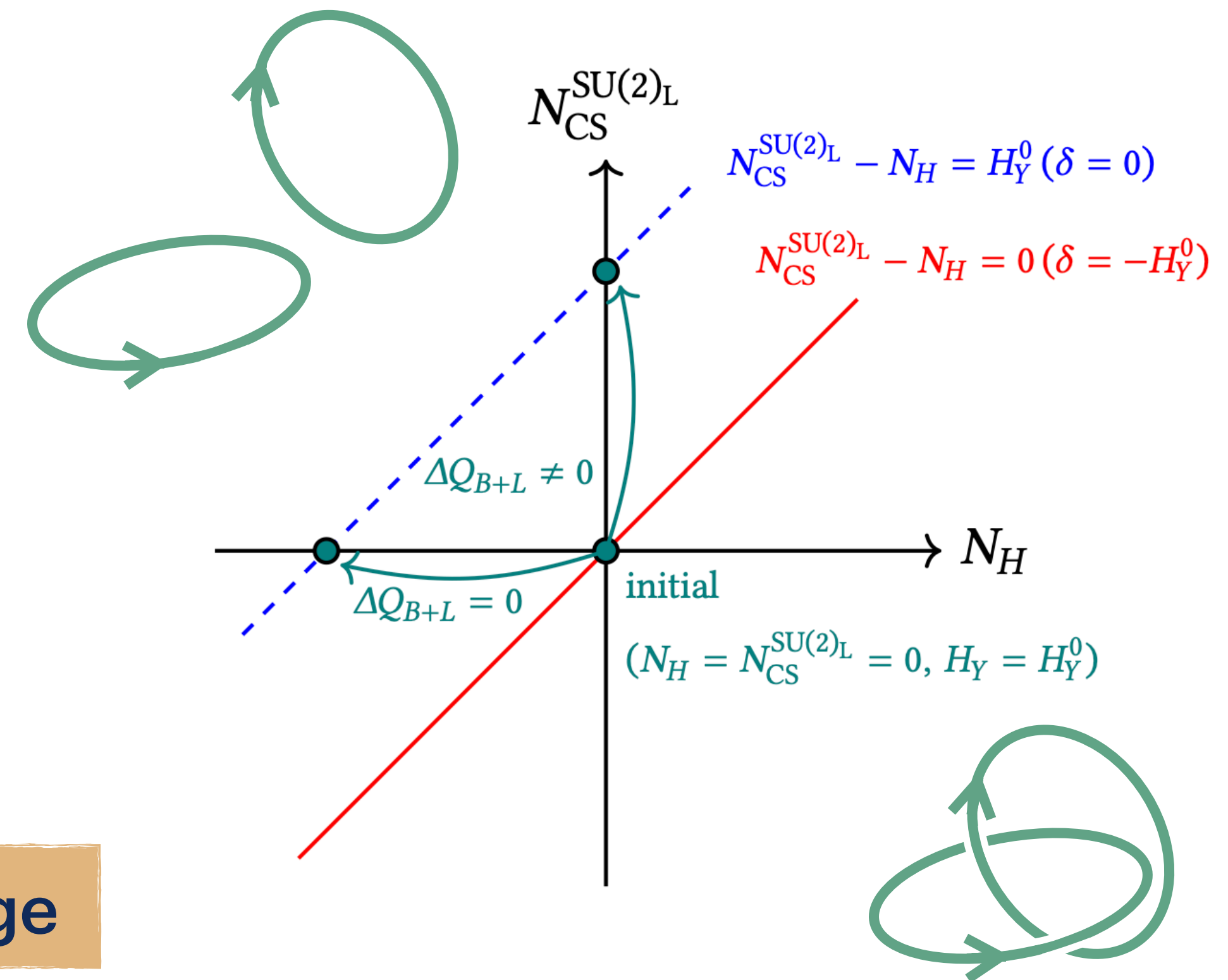
[Hamada, Mukaida, FU 2025a] [Fukuda, Hamada, Kamada, Mukaida, FU 2025]

Standard Model

when $D_\mu n^a = 0$ holds,
 $\delta := N_{\text{CS}} - H_Y - N_H = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta Q_{B+L} &\sim \Delta N_{\text{CS}} - \Delta H_Y \\ &\sim \Delta\delta + \Delta N_H\end{aligned}$$

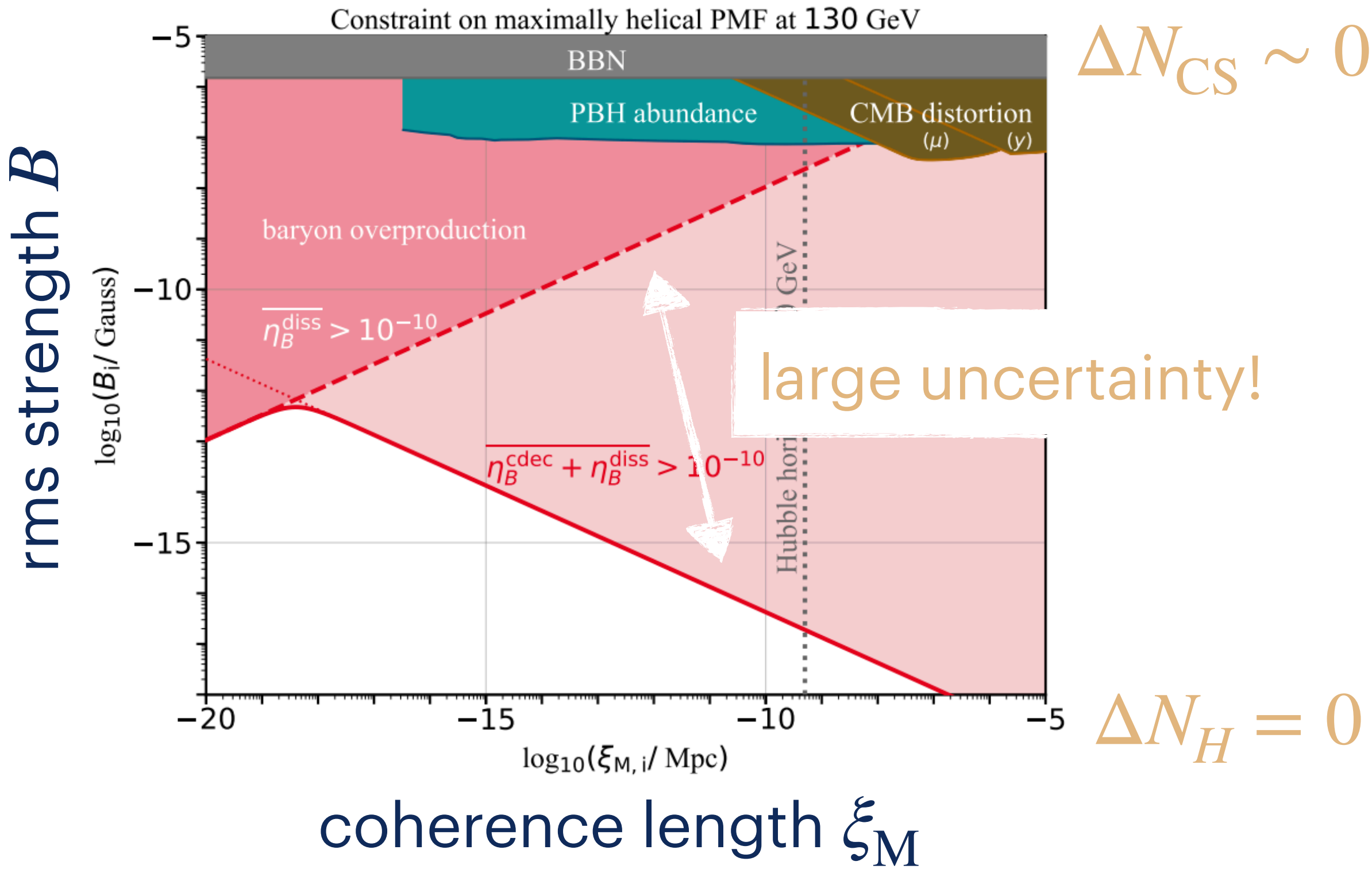
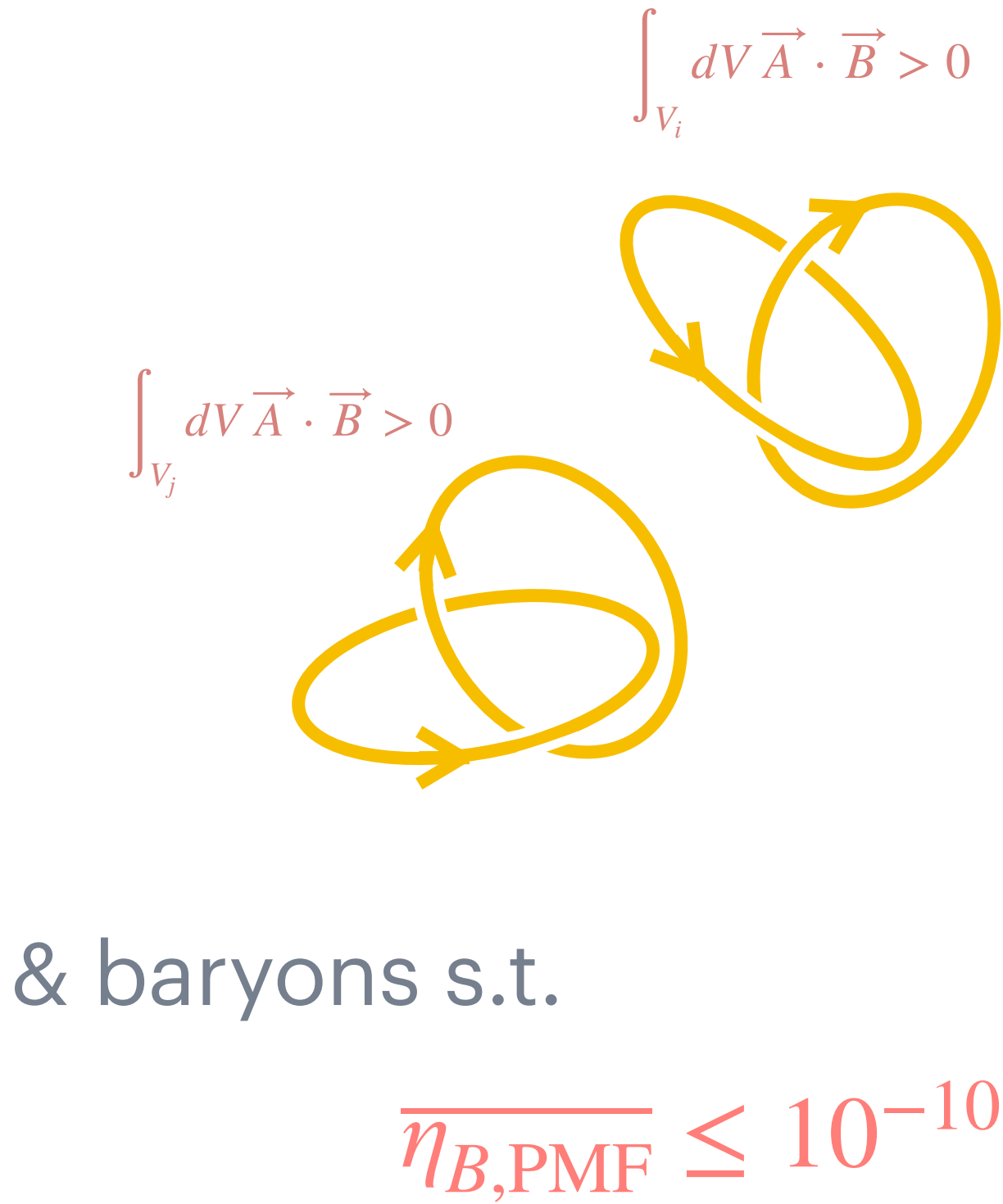
uncertainty in higgs winding change



Baryon overproduction constraint (helical PMF)

..., [Fujita, Kamada 2016] [Kamada, Long 2016]

$$\langle \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} \rangle \sim B^2 \xi_M$$



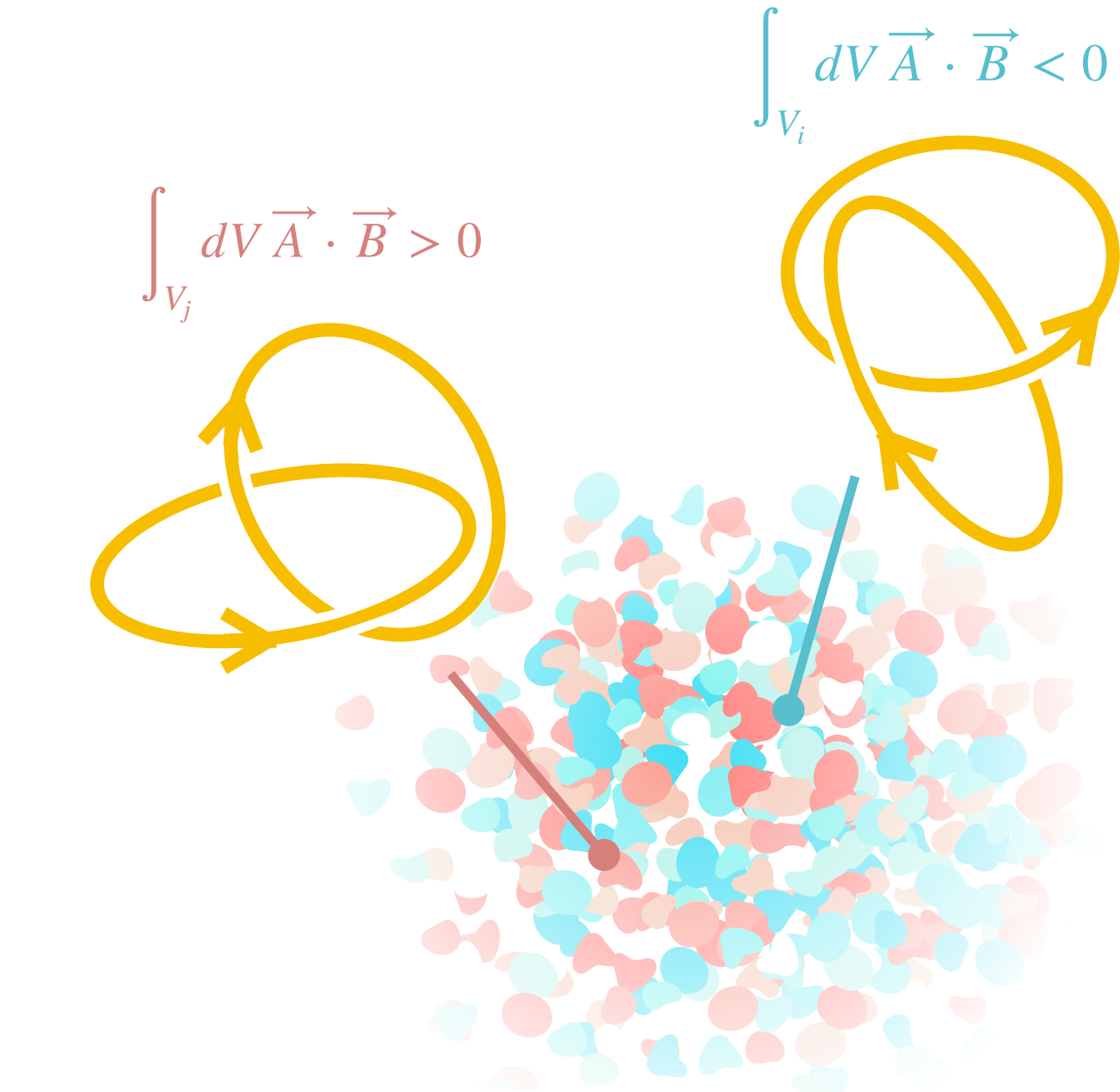
[Hamada, Mukaida, FU 2025b]

Baryon isocurvature constraint (non-helical PMF)

[Giovannini, Shaposhnikov 1997], [Kamada, FU, Yokoyama, 2021]

$$\langle \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} \rangle = 0, \text{ but still}$$

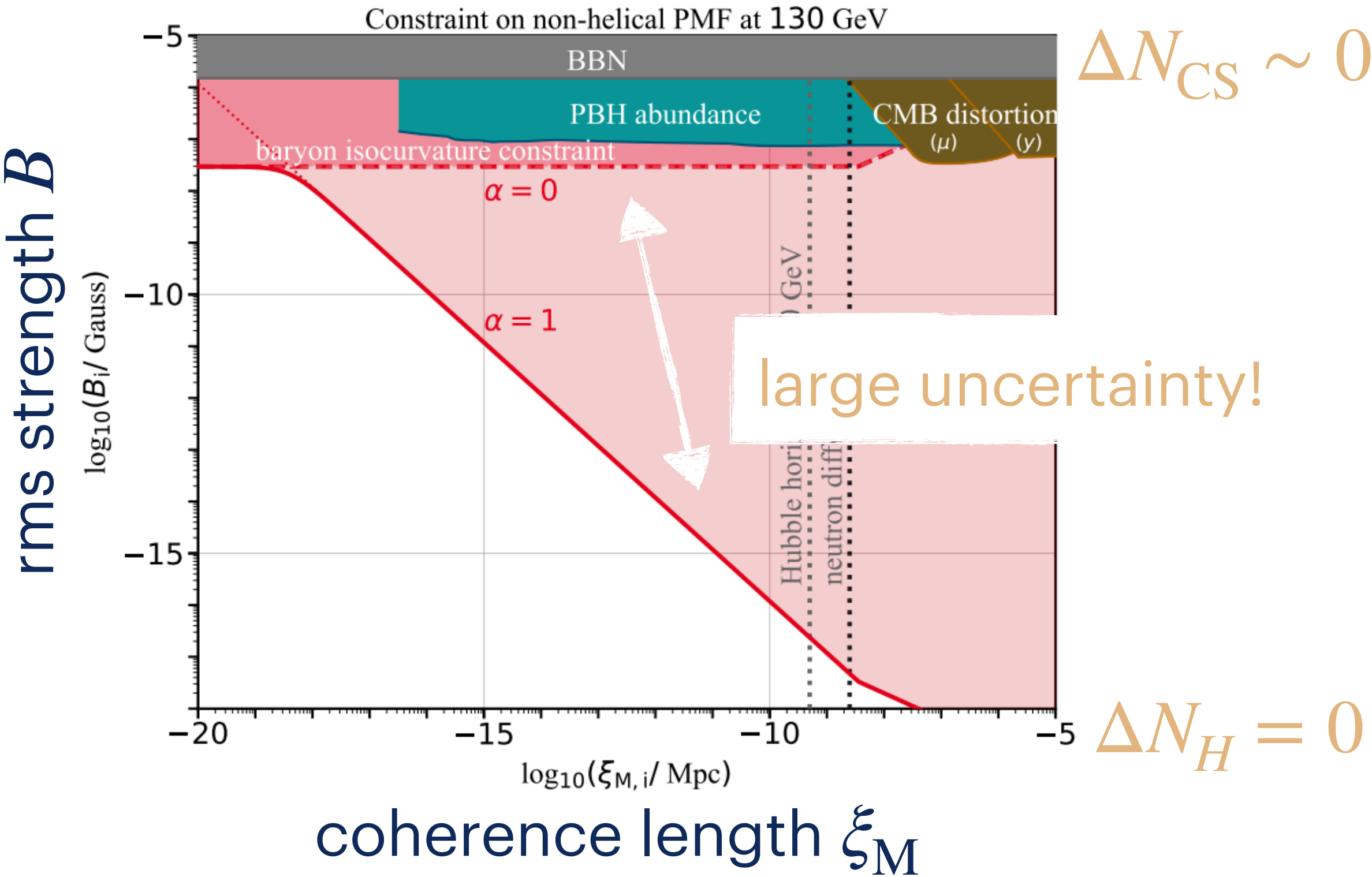
$$\langle (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B})^2 \rangle \sim B^4 \xi_M^2$$



& baryons s.t.

$$\overline{(\delta\eta_{B,\text{BBN}})^2} \leq 0.016 (\bar{\eta}_B)^2$$

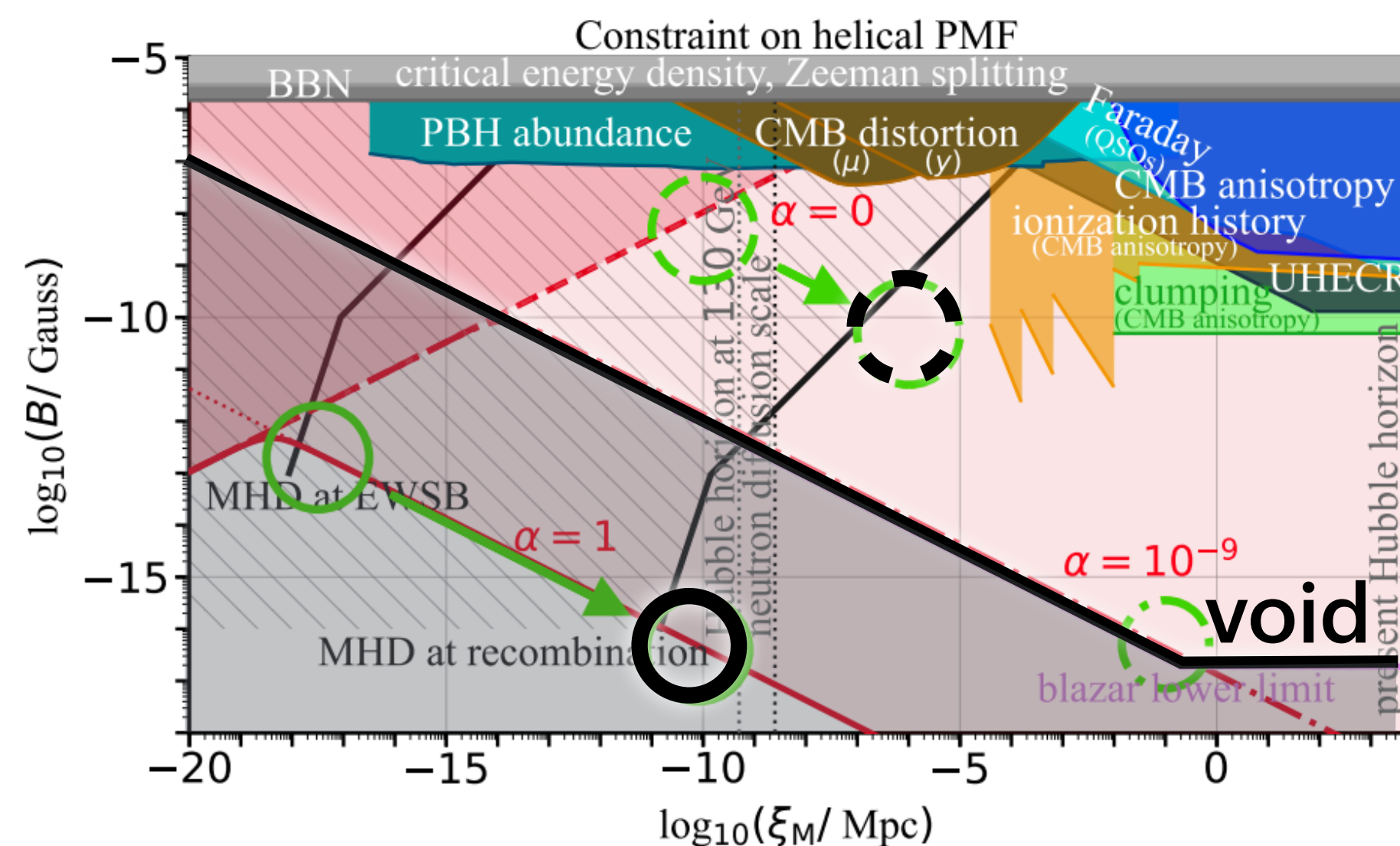
[Inomata+ 2018]



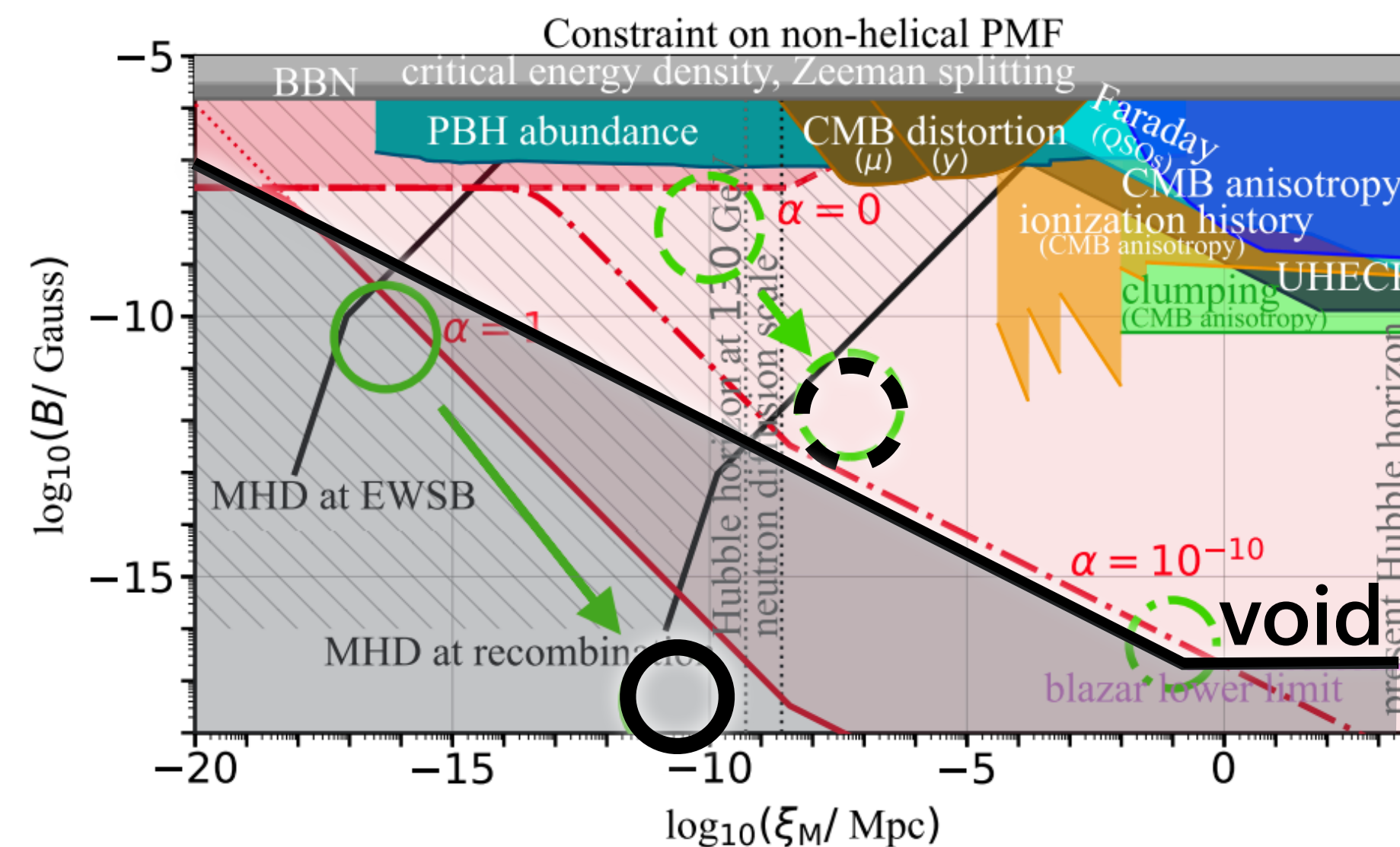
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The constraints vs the void magnetic field

baryon overproduction (helical)



baryon fluctuation (non-helical)



compensation of $\Delta N_{\text{CS}}^{\text{SU}(2)_L}$ by Higgs winding	$\Delta N_H = 0$	$\Delta N_{\text{CS}} \sim 0$
PMF before the EWSB as the origin of void MF	No	Yes
In particular, PMF before the EWSB as the common origin of void MF and the BAU	No	If helical, Yes

[Hamada, Mukaida, FU 2025b]

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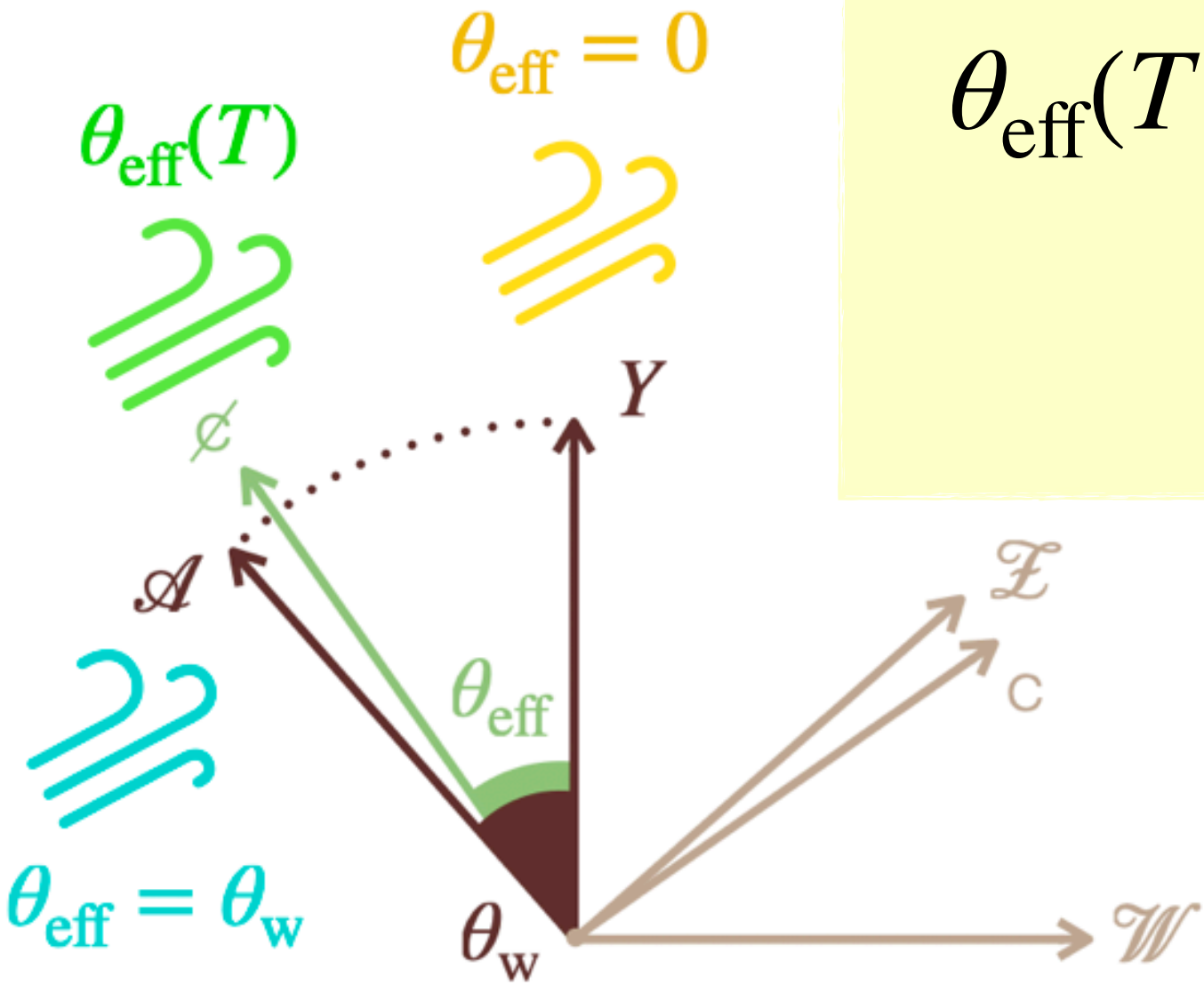
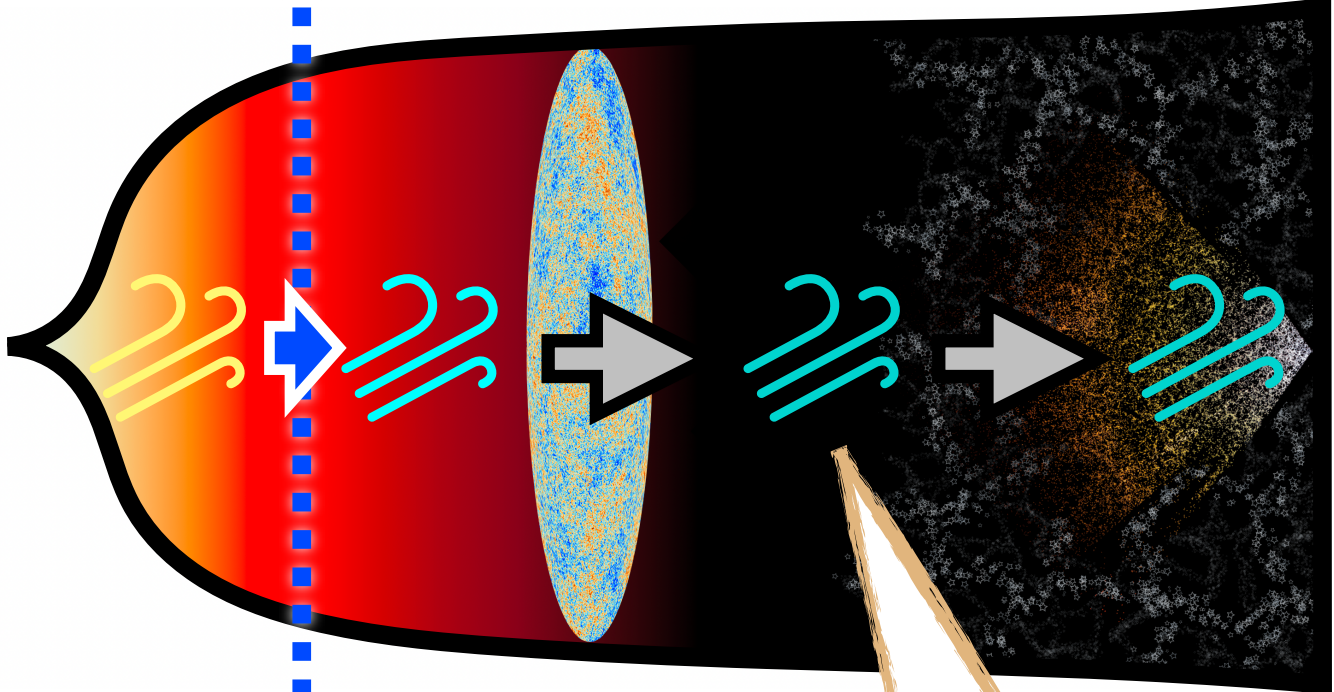
Baryon asymmetry generation and constraints?

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$\vec{B}_\phi$ that interpolates $\vec{B}_Y$ and $\vec{B}_{em}$
as a consequence of ~~$U(1)_M^{[0]}$~~ .

$$T_{EW} \simeq 160 \text{ GeV}$$



$\theta_{\text{eff}}(T) \rightarrow$ confined helicity decay
 $\rightarrow$ generate baryons ?
uncertainty in ΔN_H

$B_{\text{void}} \gtrsim 10^{-17} \text{ G}$
[Neronov, Vovk 2010], ...

Only if $\Delta N_{CS} \sim 0$, PMF can be the **common origin**
of the void magnetic field and the BAU.