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A01: Light dark matter

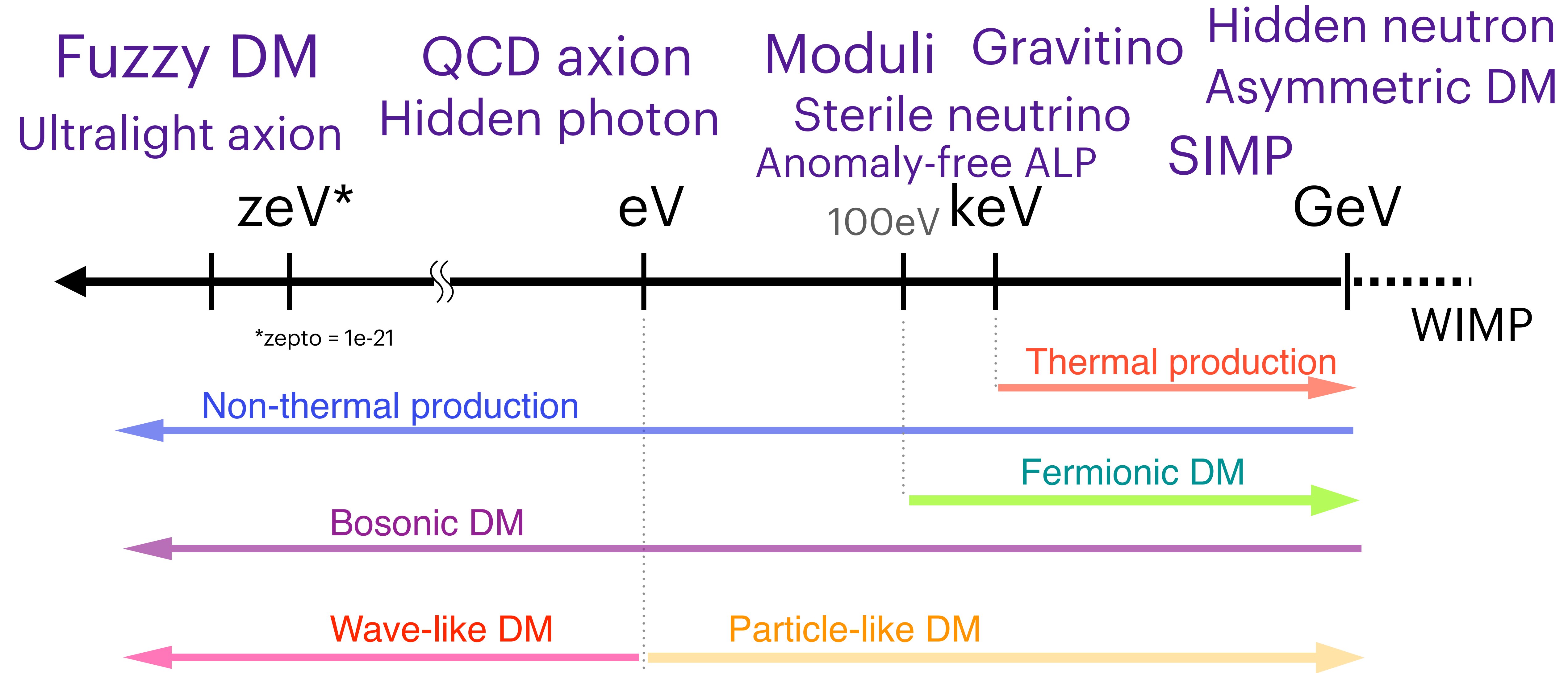


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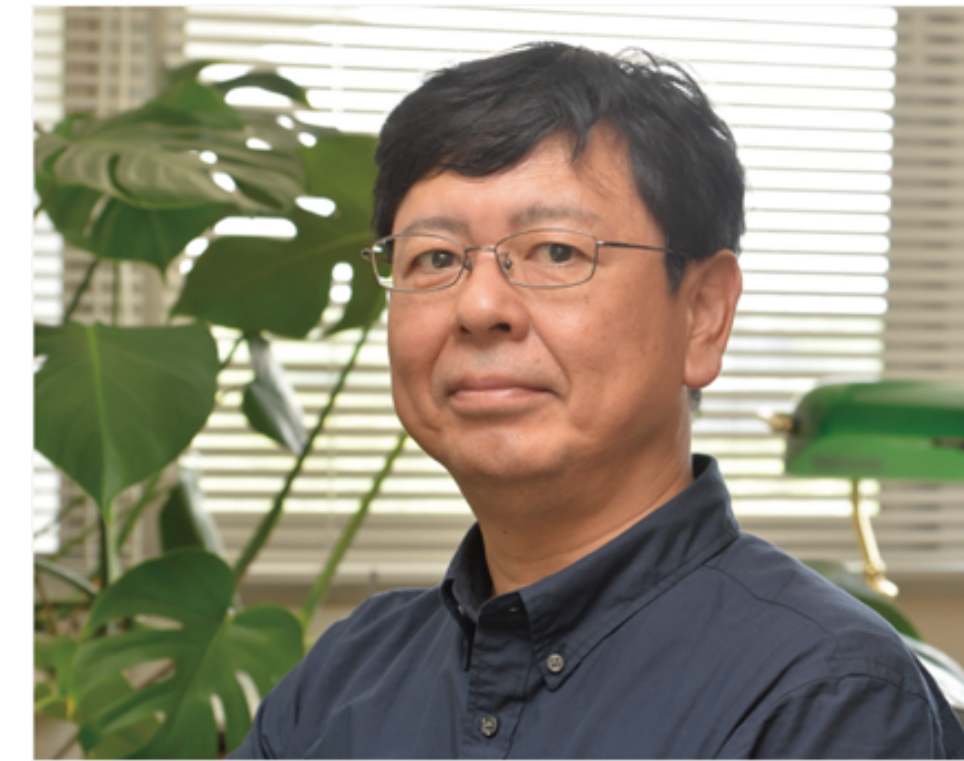
"What is dark matter? - Comprehensive study of the huge discovery space in dark matter"

Mass scale of light dark matter

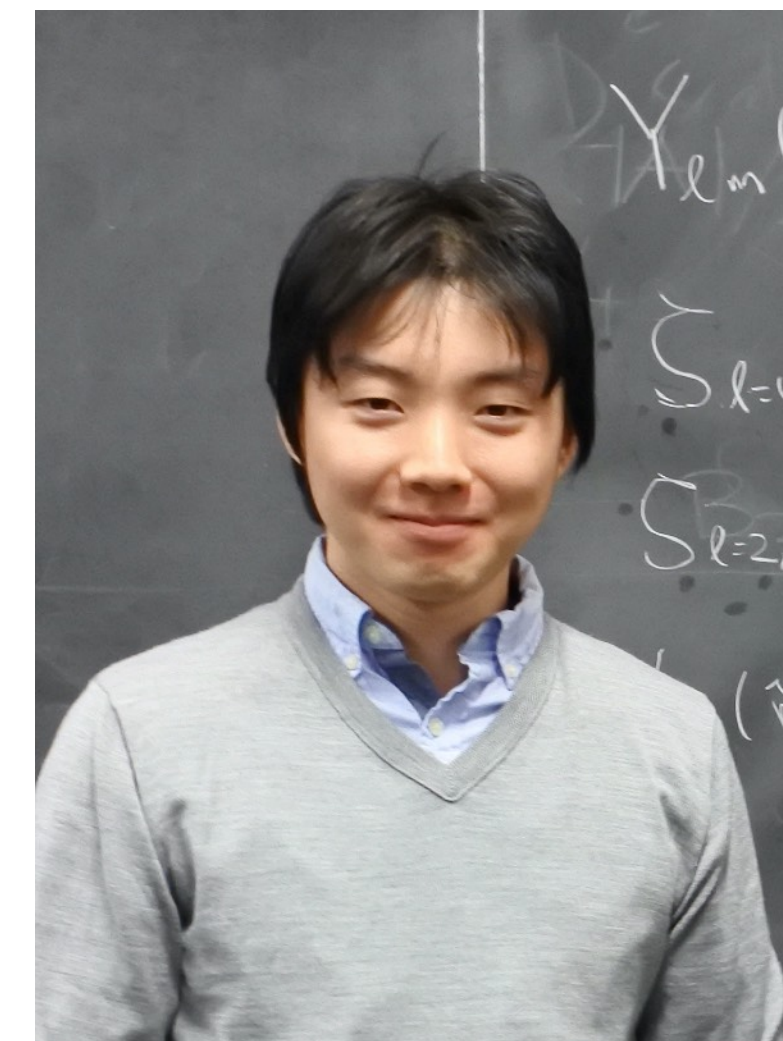


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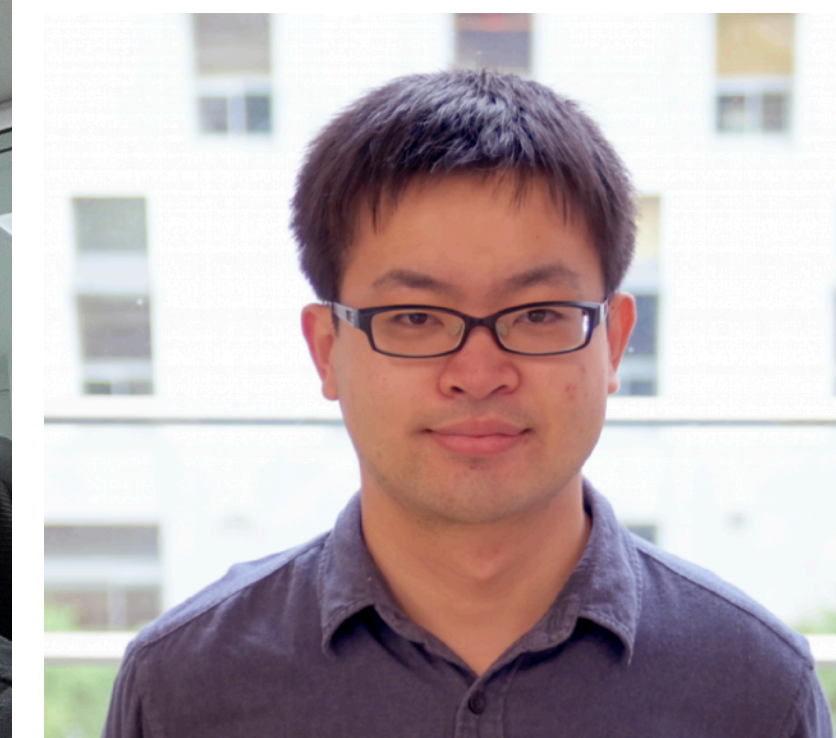


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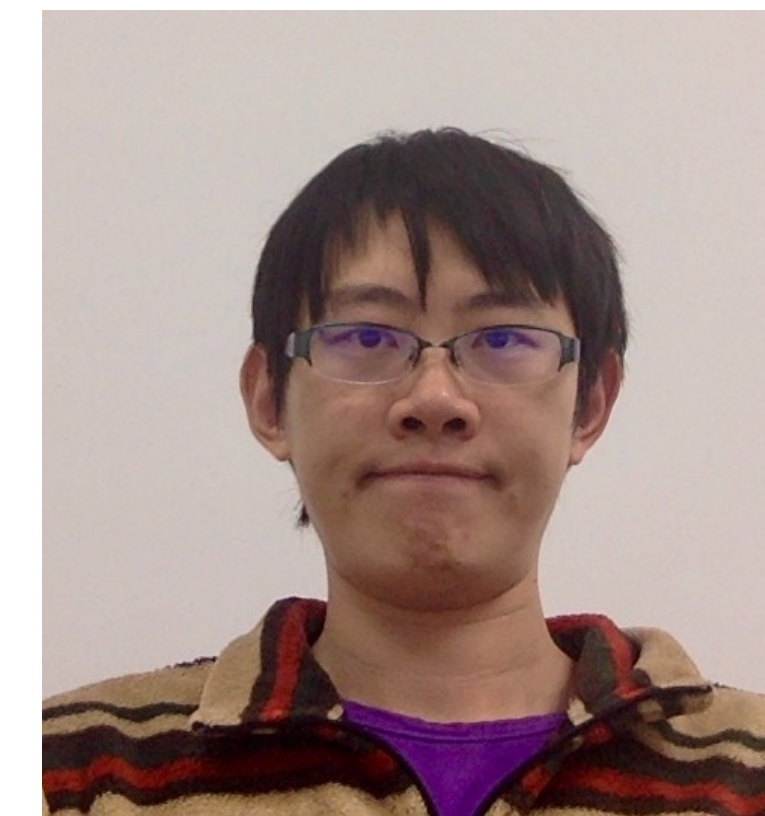
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Papers

28 papers appeared on arXiv since Apr. 2023.
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Highlights

- First Result for Dark Matter Search by WINERED

See talk by Yin

Wen Yin, Taiki Bessho, Yuji Ikeda, Hitomi Kobayashi, Daisuke Taniguchi et al. 2402.07976

- Misalignment production of vector boson dark matter from axion-SU(2) inflation

Tomohiro Fujita, Kai Murai, Kazunori Nakayama, Wen Yin, 2312.06889

See talk by Murai

- Cosmic strings from pure Yang–Mills theory

Masaki Yamada, Kazuya Yonekura 2204.13123, 2204.13125, 2307.06586

collaboration with B01

- Dark photon dark matter production

Naoya Kitajima and Kazunori Nakayama 2303.04287, FT, Naoya Kitajima, 2303.05492

See talk by Kitajima

- Axion dark matter from FOPT

Shota Nakagawa, FT, Masaki Yamada, and Wen Yin 2210.10022 Junseok Lee, Kai Miurai, FT, and Wen Yin 2402.09501

- Primordial black holes from QCD axion bubbles

Kentaro Kasai, Masahiro Kawasaki, Naoya Kitajima, Kai Murai, Shunsuke Neda, FT 2305.13023, 2310.13333

- Gravitational waves from domain walls

Naoya Kitajima, Junseok Lee, Kai Murai, FT, and Wen Yin 2306.17146 Naoya Kitajima, Junseok Lee, FT, and Wen Yin 2311.14590

- QCD axion hybrid inflation Yuma Narita, FT and Yin, 2308.12154

Bubble misalignment mechanism

Junseok Lee, Kai Murai, FT and Wen Yin, [2402.09501](#)



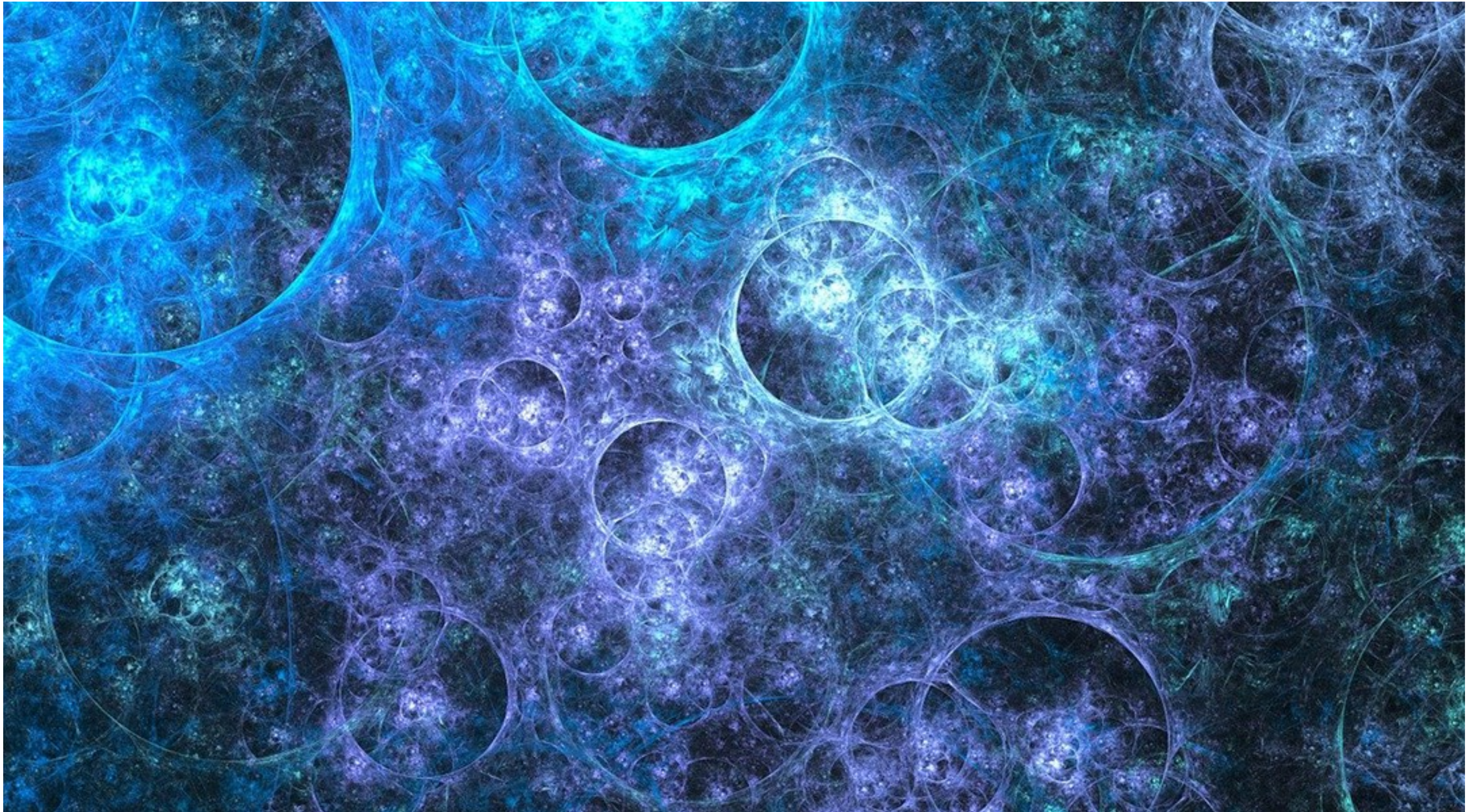
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Bubble nucleation in FOPT

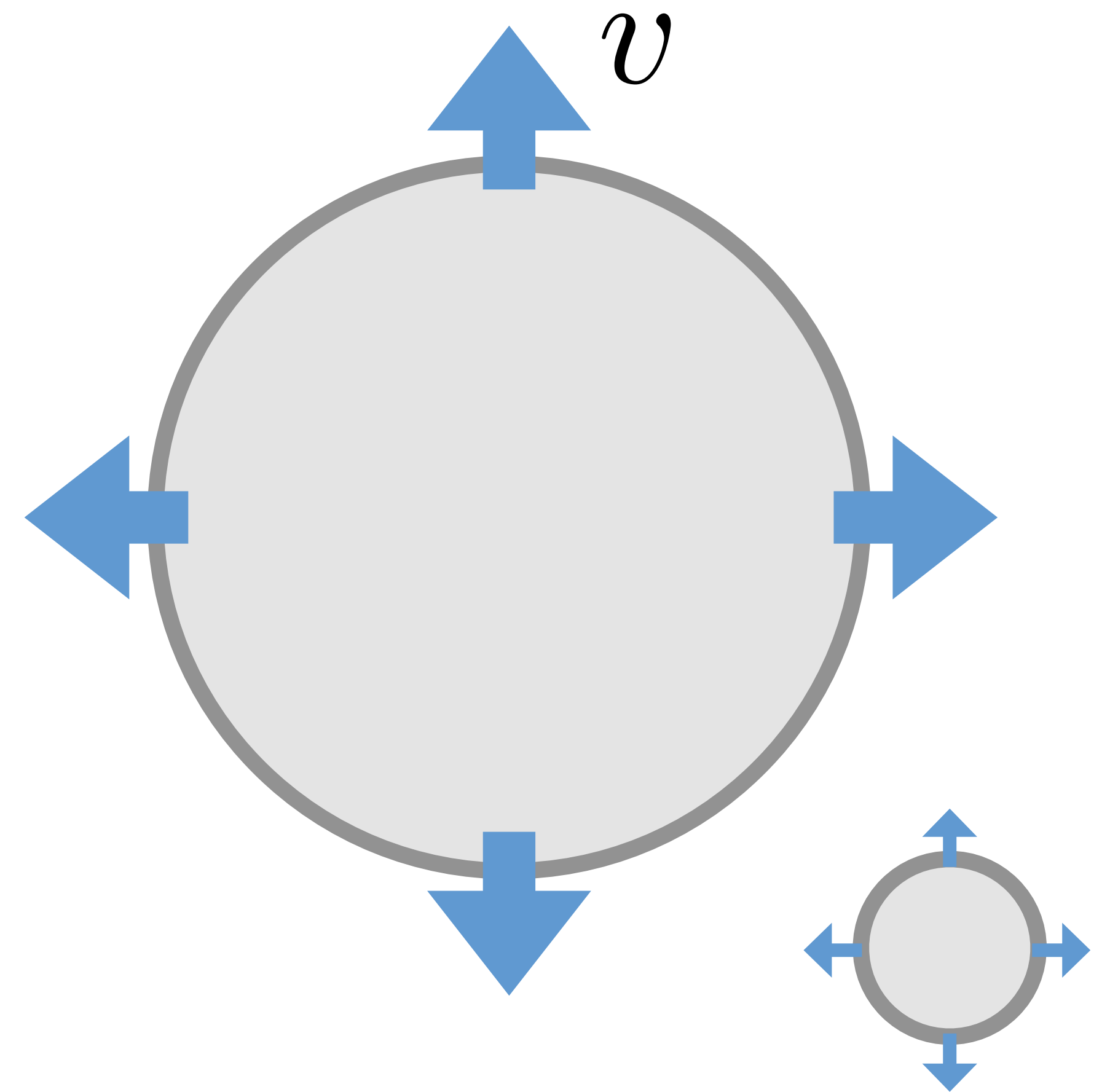
We introduce two parameters: v and β

- Once bubbles nucleate, they expand with velocity v .
- The bubble nucleation rate generically depends on temperature (or time);

$$\Gamma \approx \Gamma(t_0) \exp [\beta(t - t_0) + \dots]$$

β^{-1} defines the duration of FOPT.

We assume $\beta > H_b$.



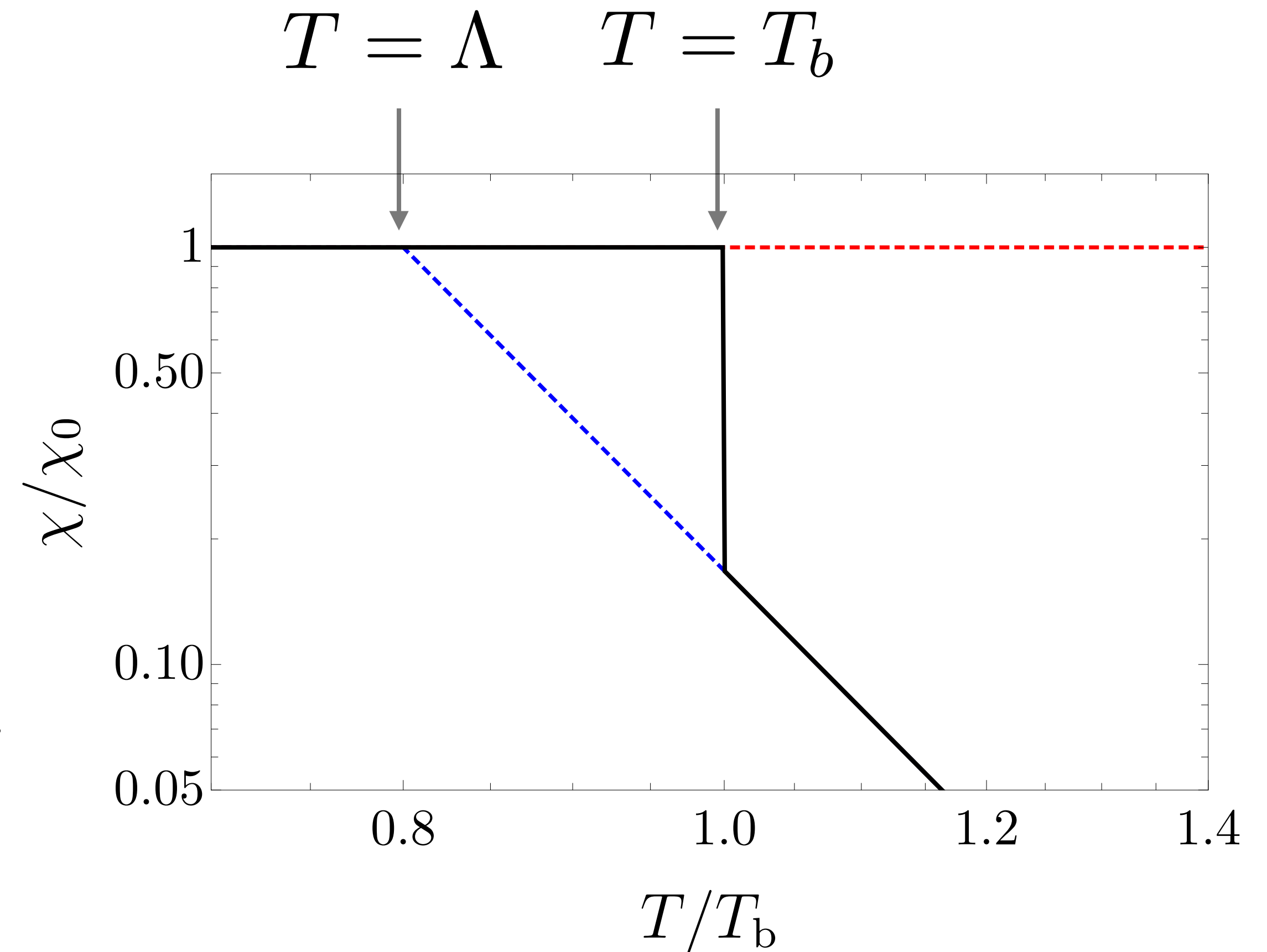
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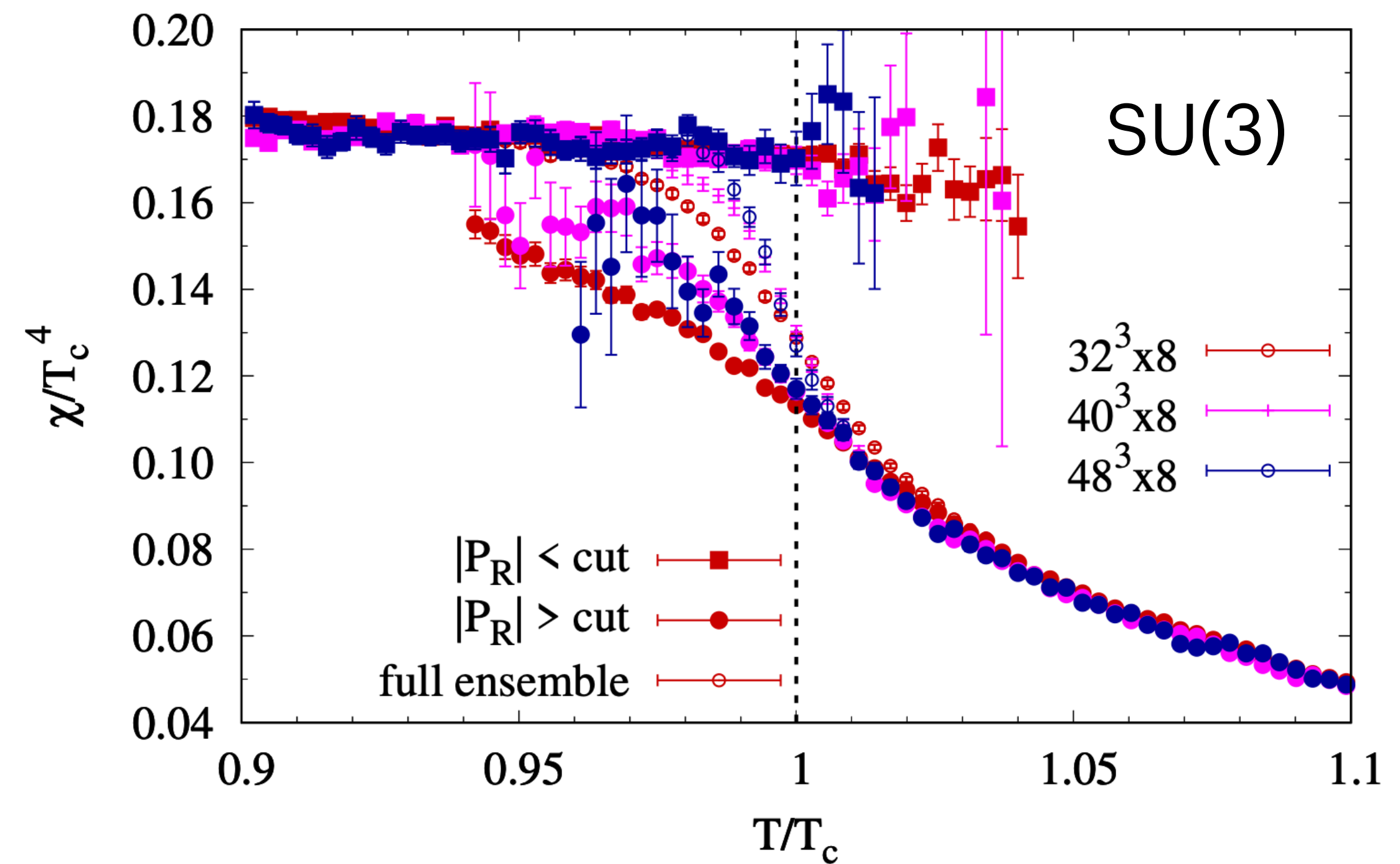
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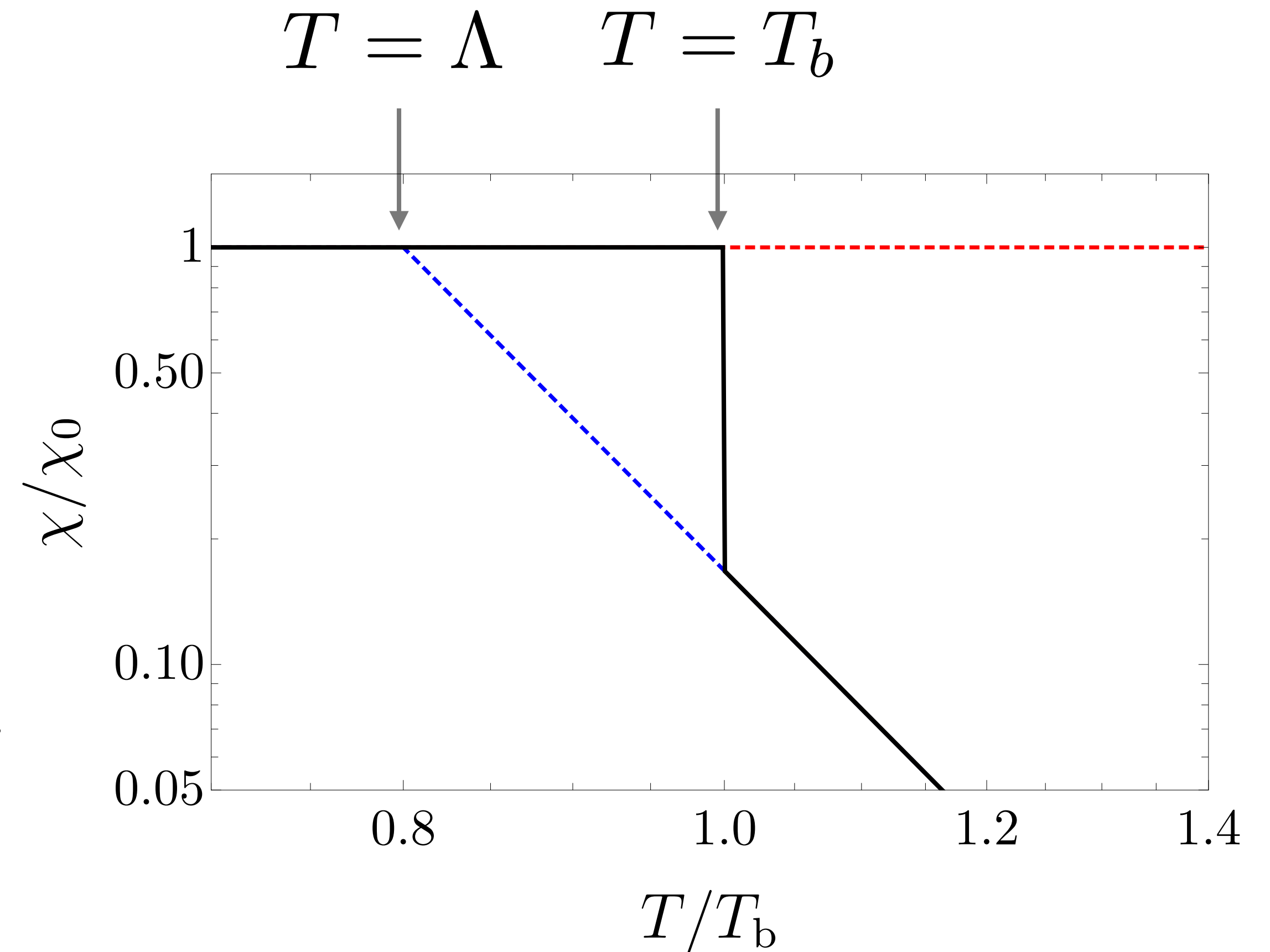
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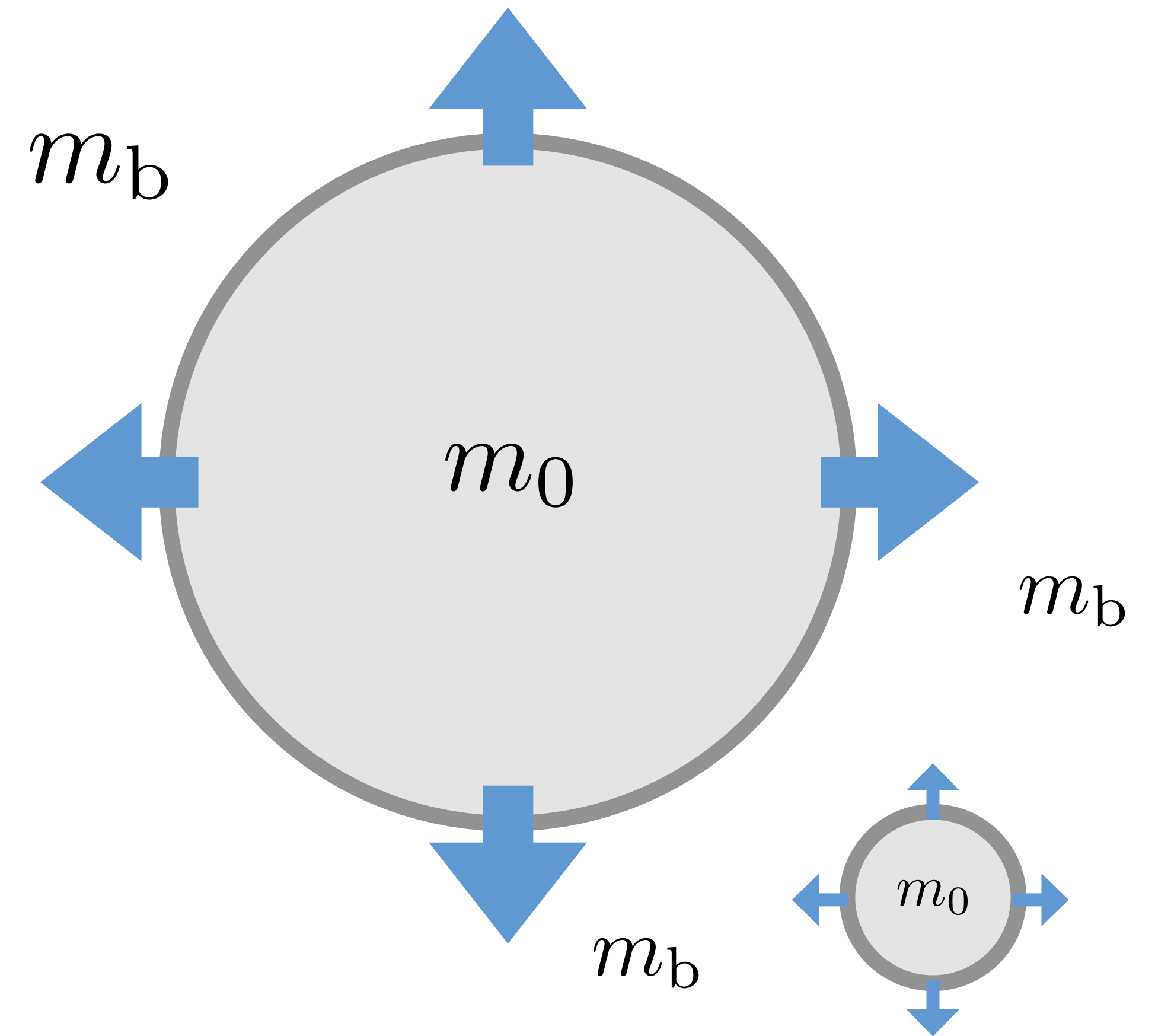
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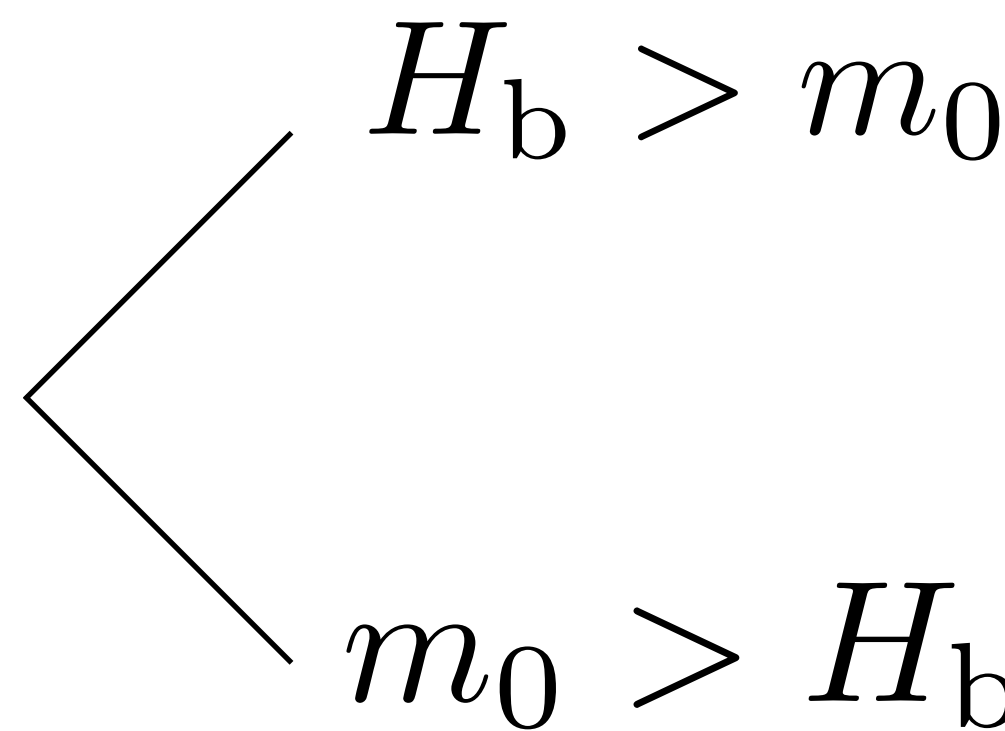
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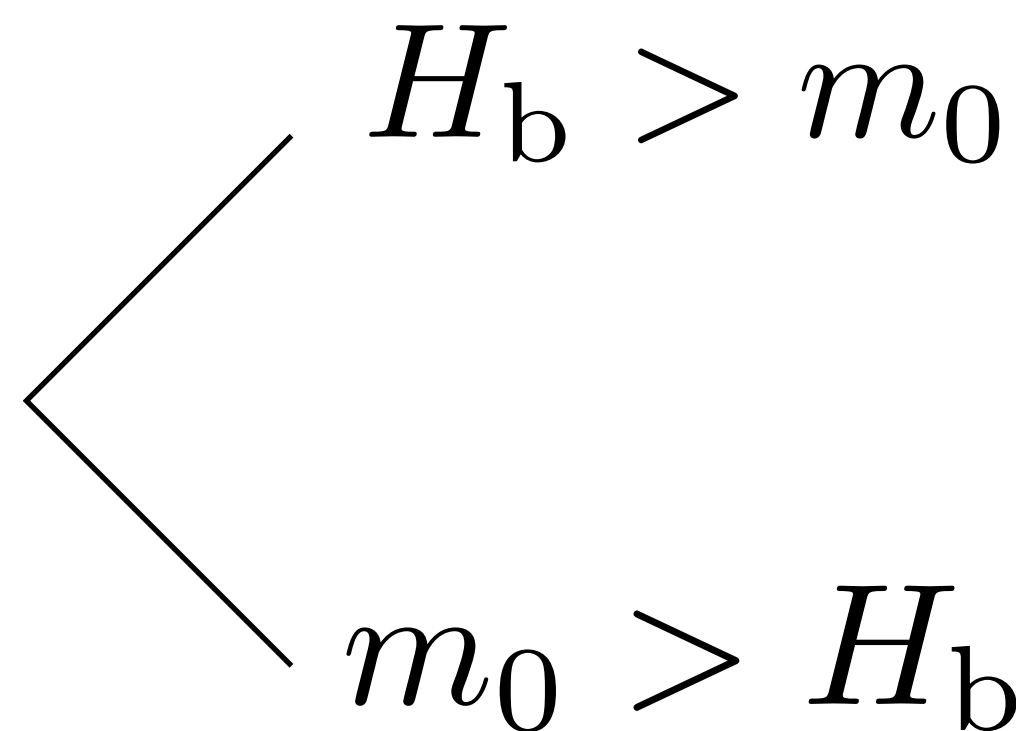
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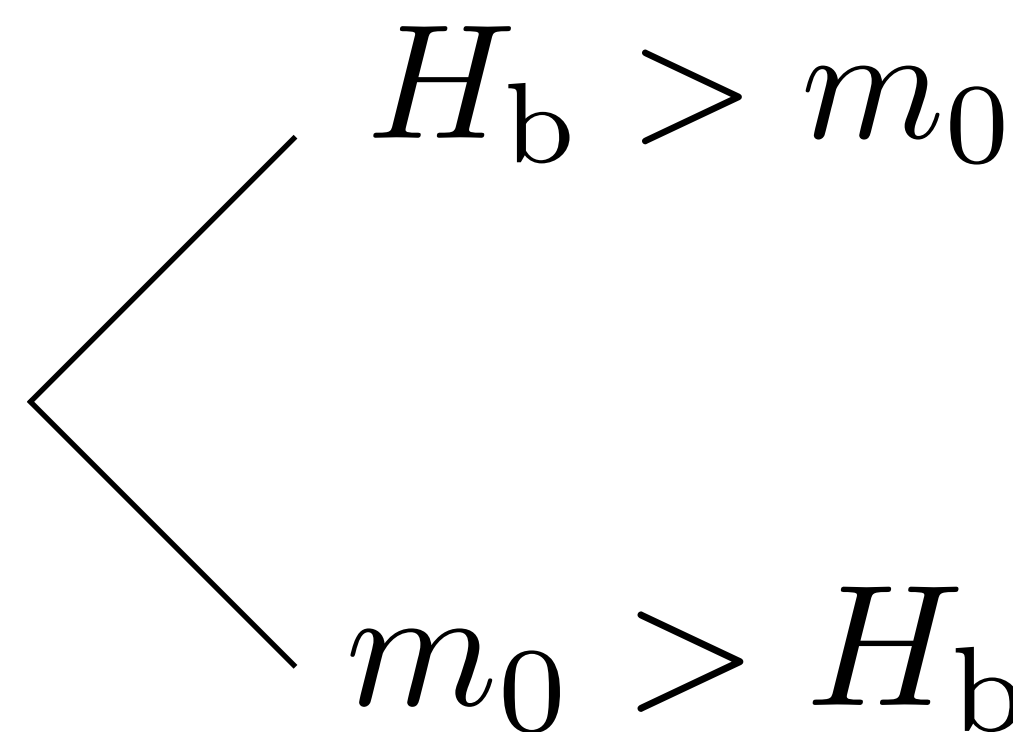
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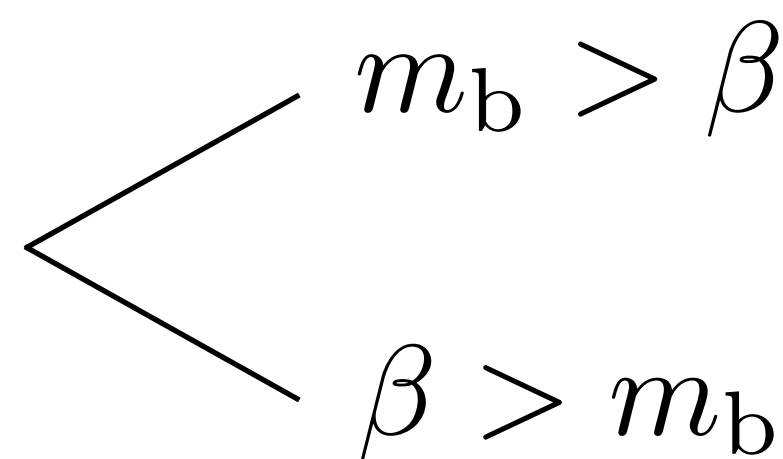
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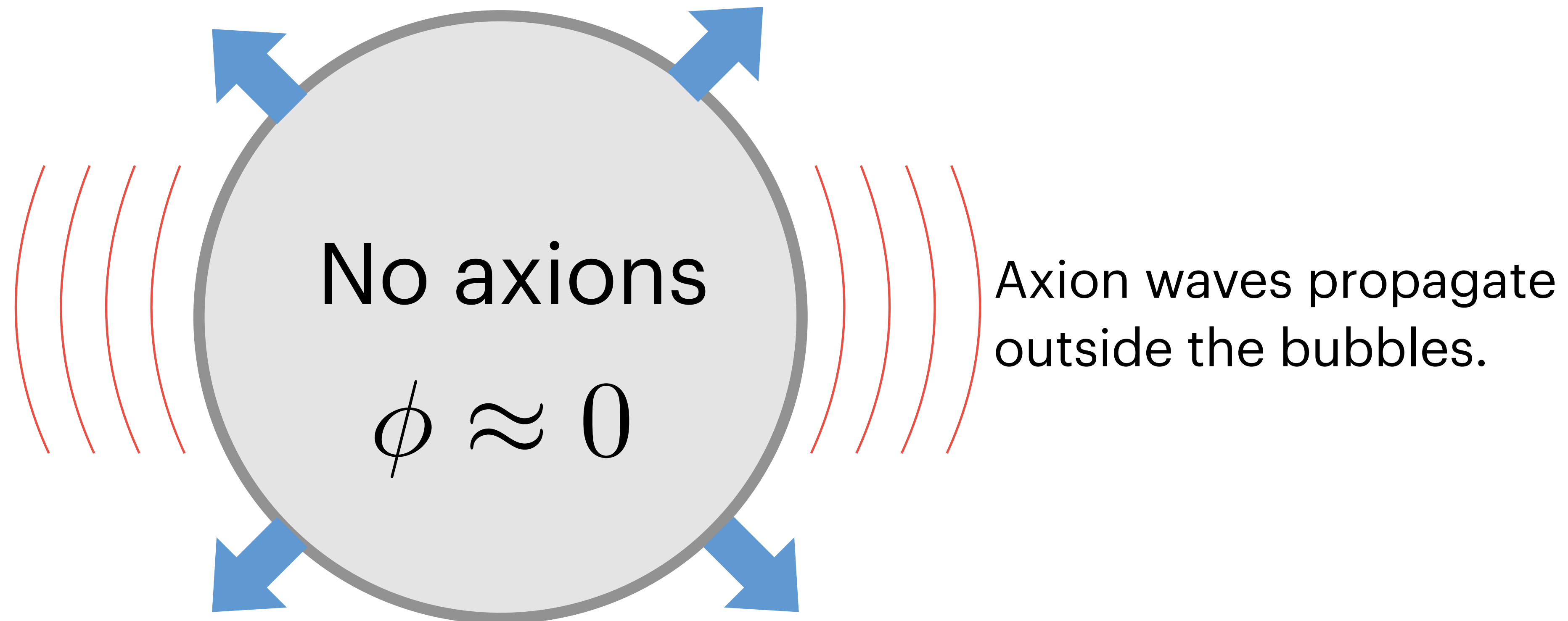
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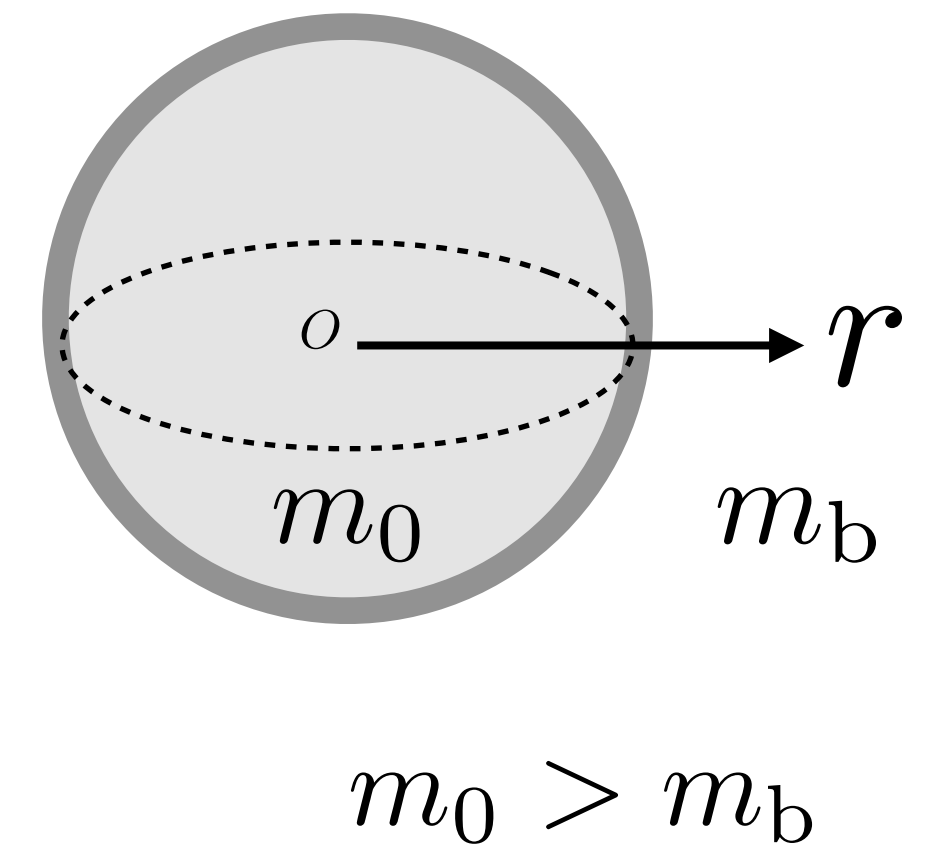
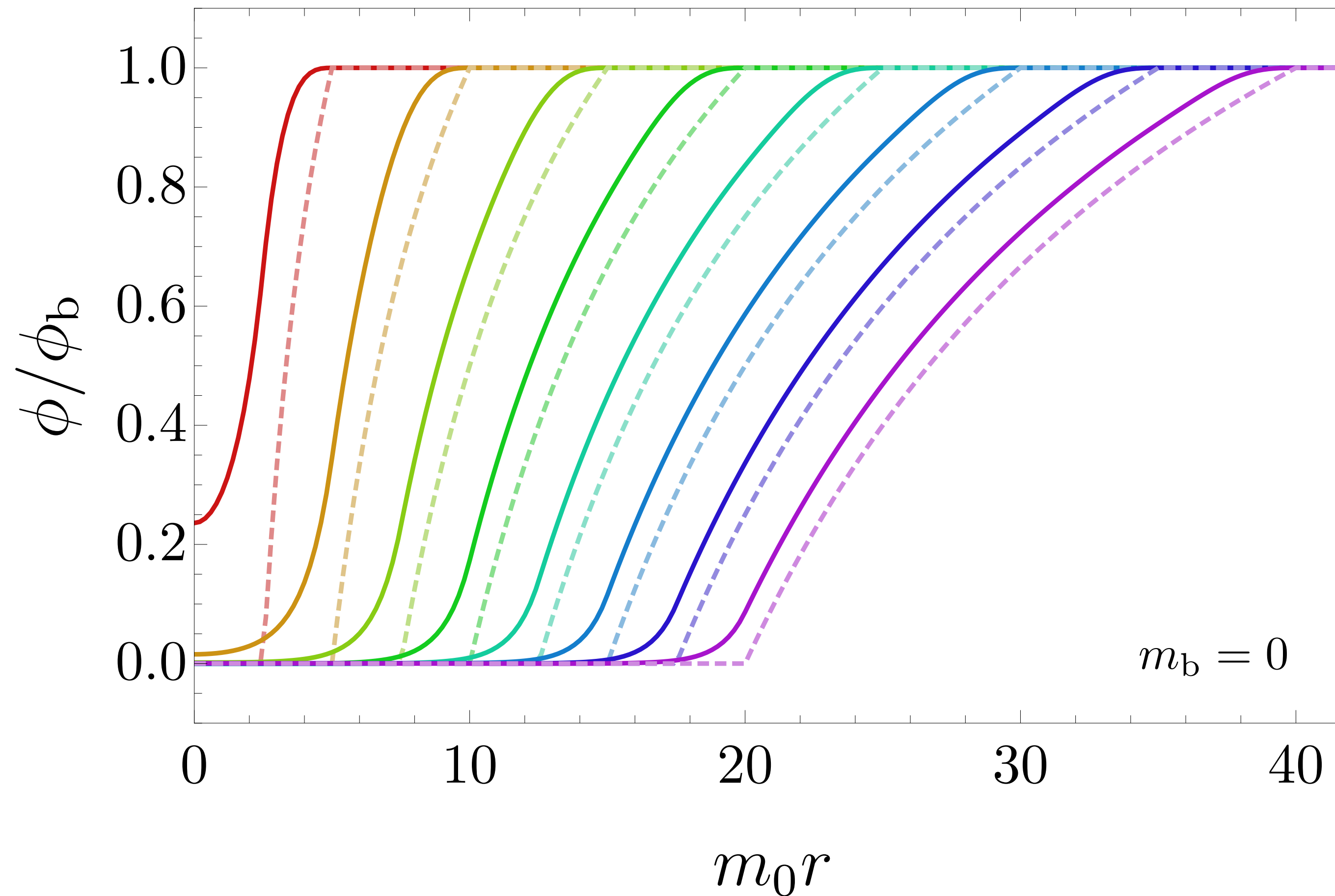
For $m_b > \beta$, axion oscillates in the entire space during FOPT.

For $m_b < \beta$, axion shock wave is induced near the wall.

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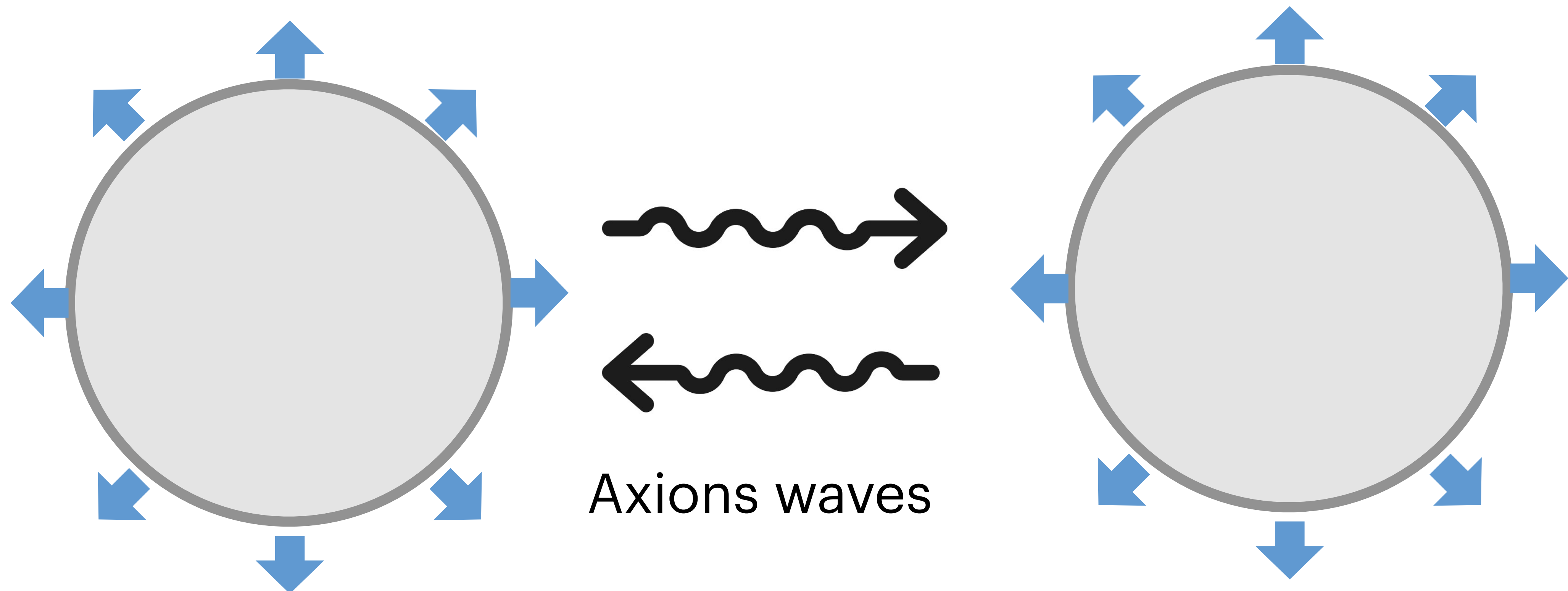
For $m_b < H_b$, axion shock wave is induced outside the wall.

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- ② Axion waves accumulate outside the bubbles and repeatedly scatter off the bubble walls. They are accelerated with each scattering.

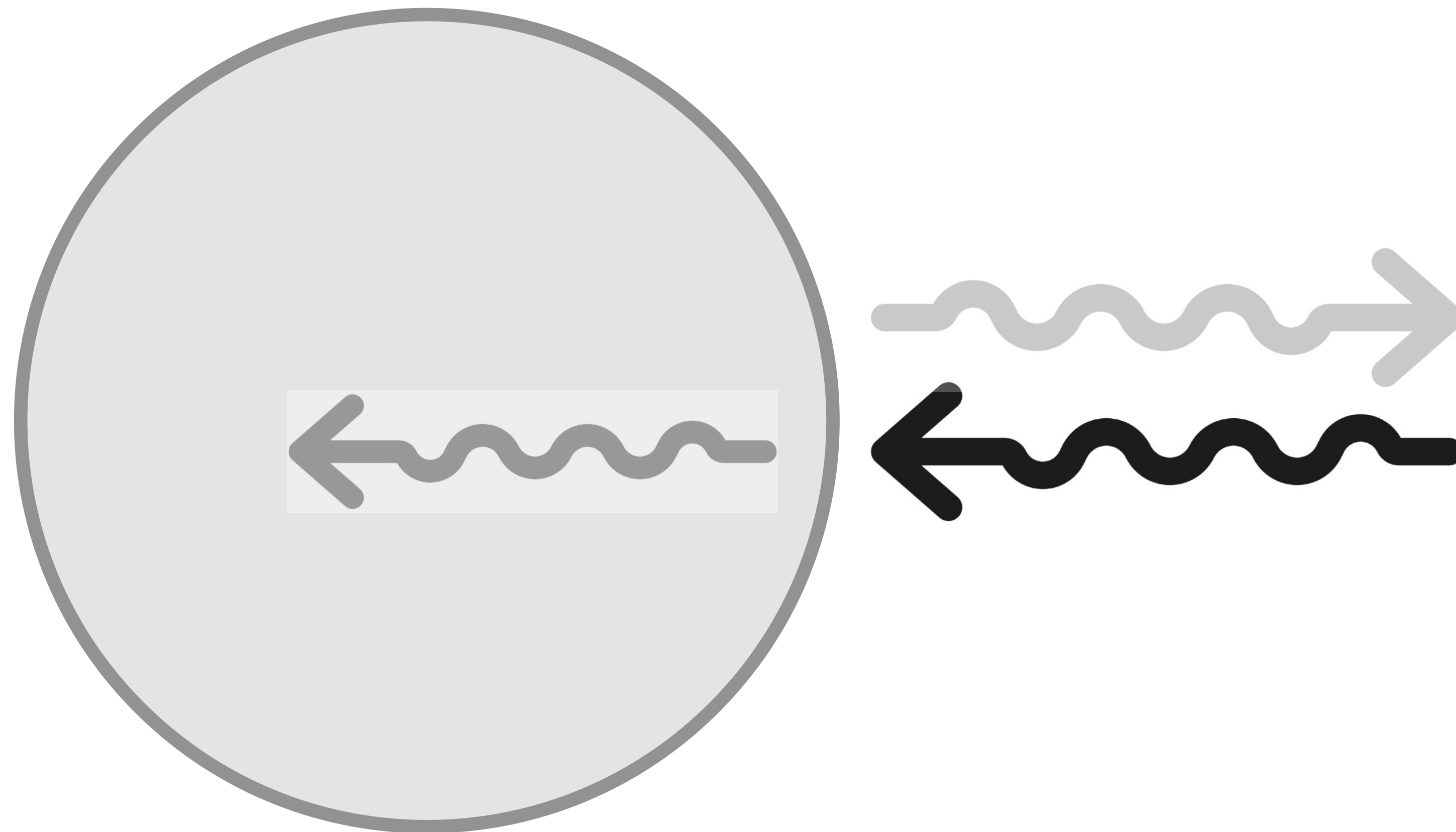
This is analogous to Fermi acceleration !



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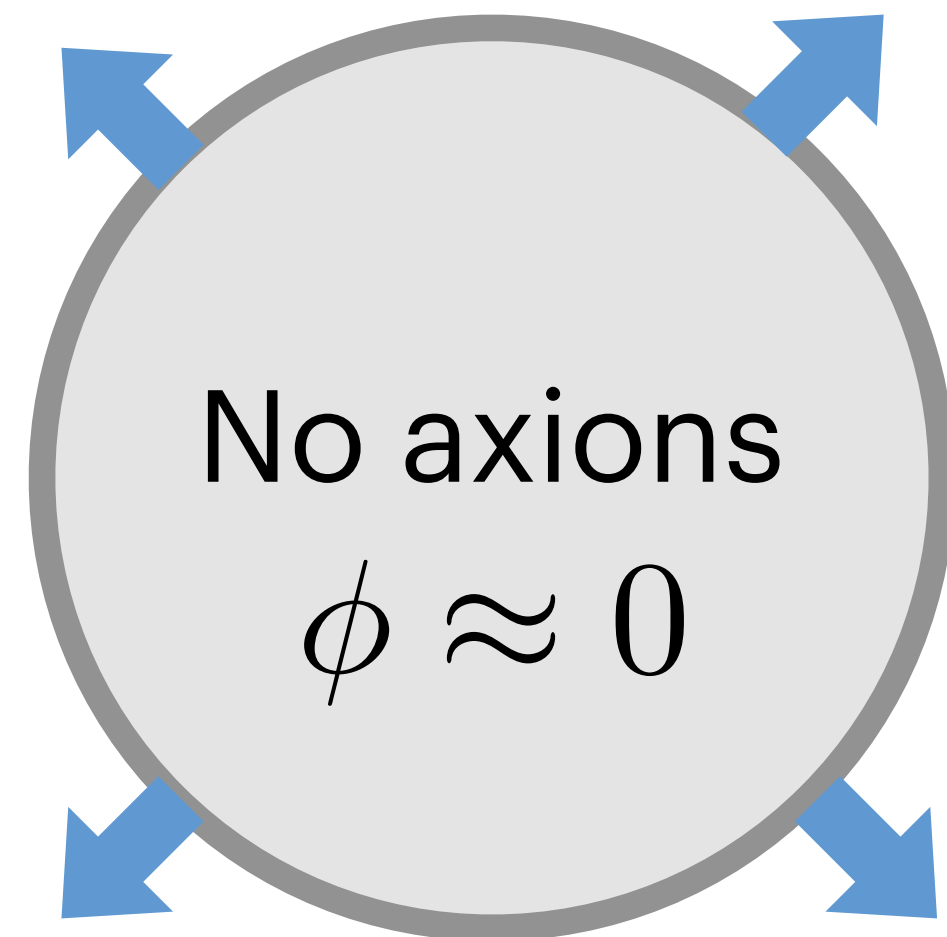
- ③ Axion waves enter the bubbles when they gain enough energy.
The axion number increases at the transmission.



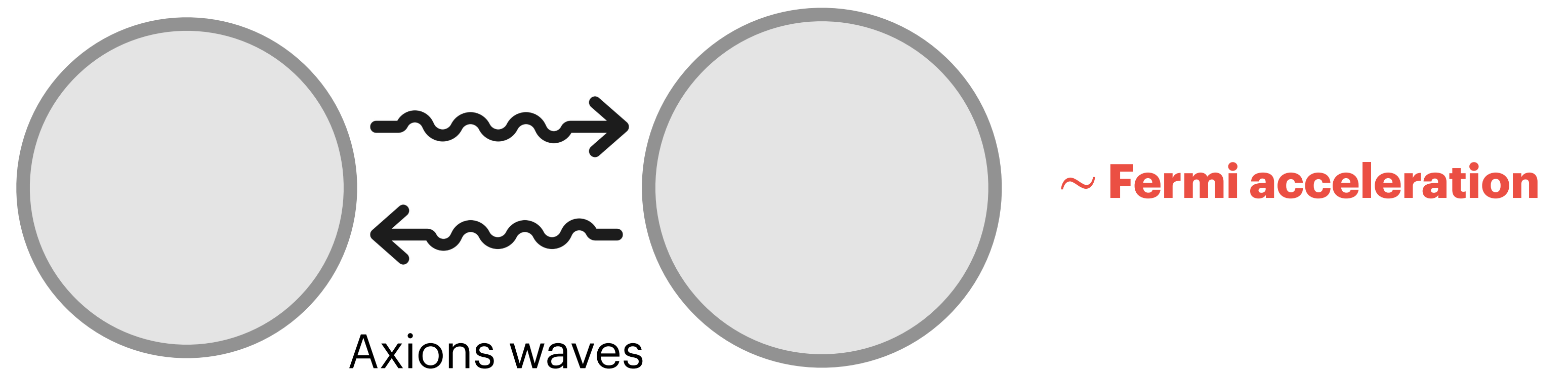
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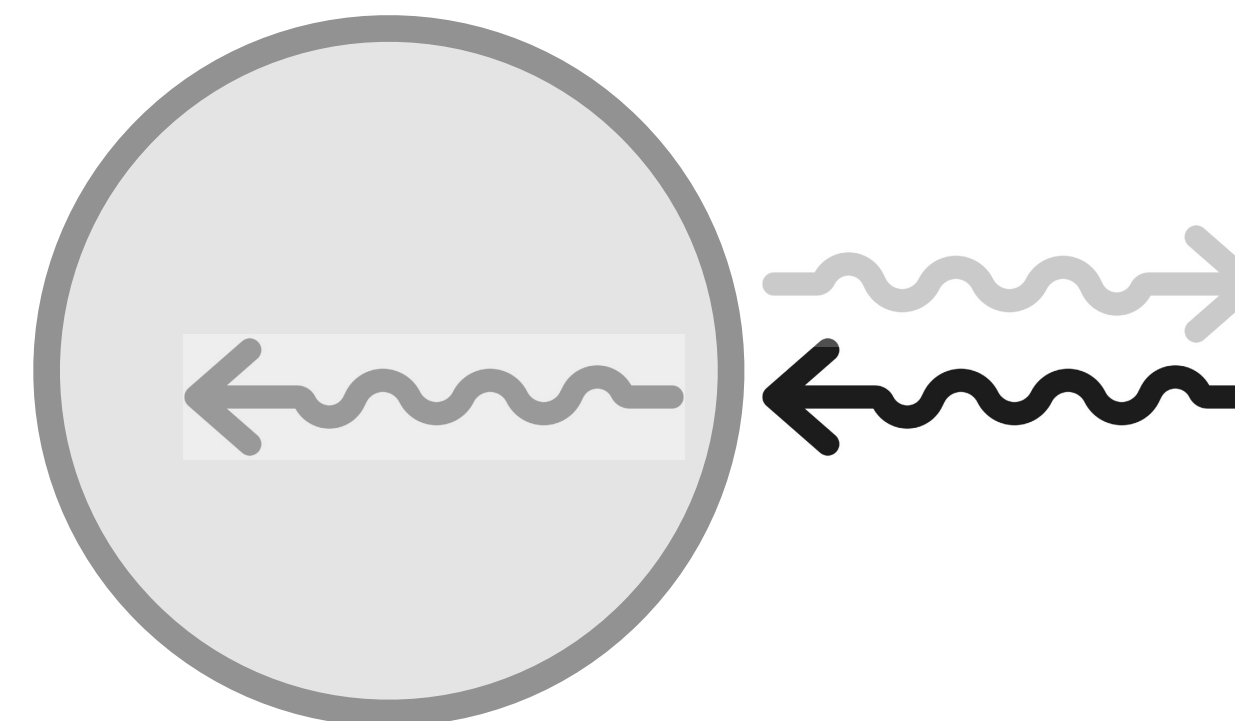
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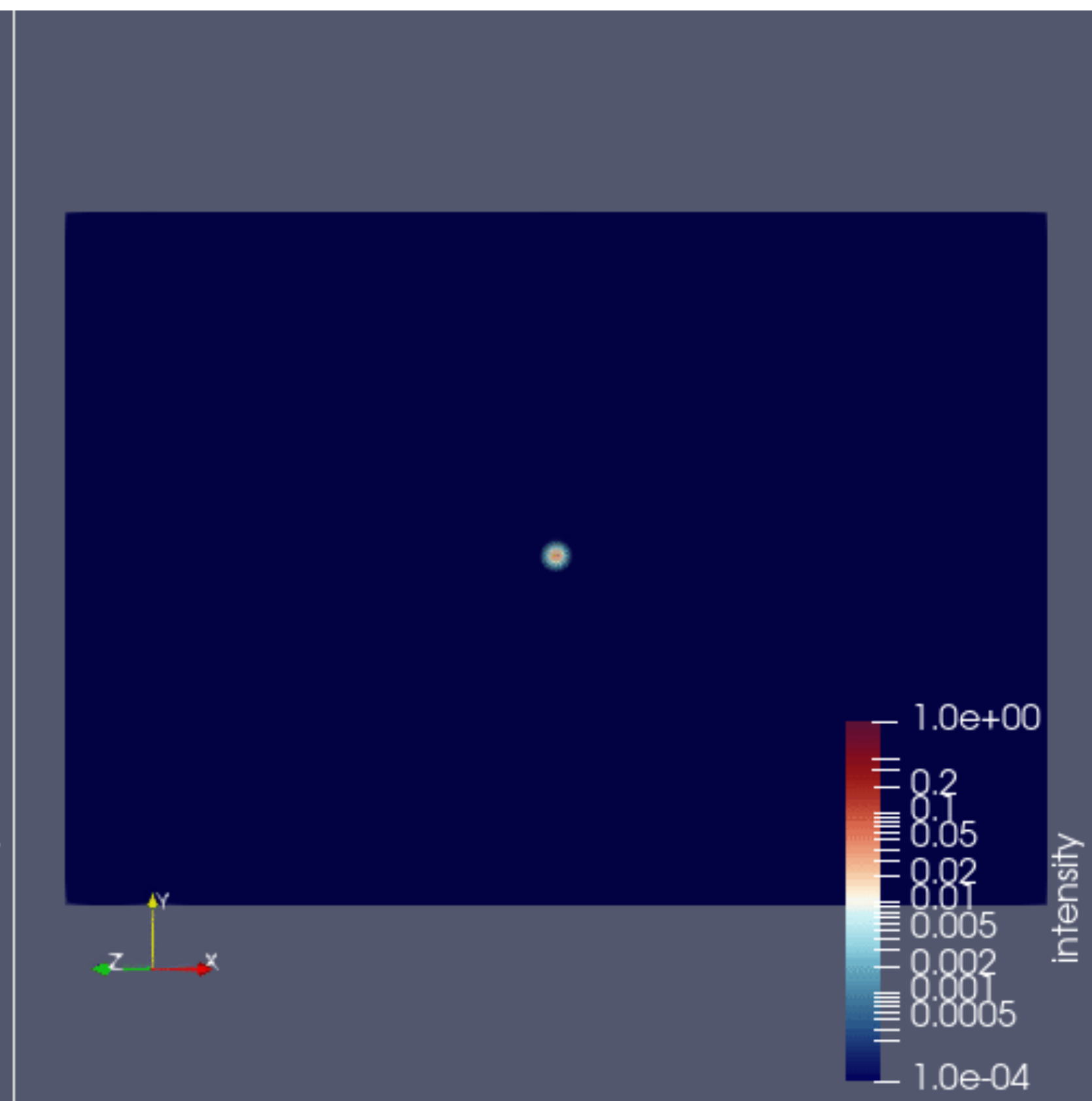
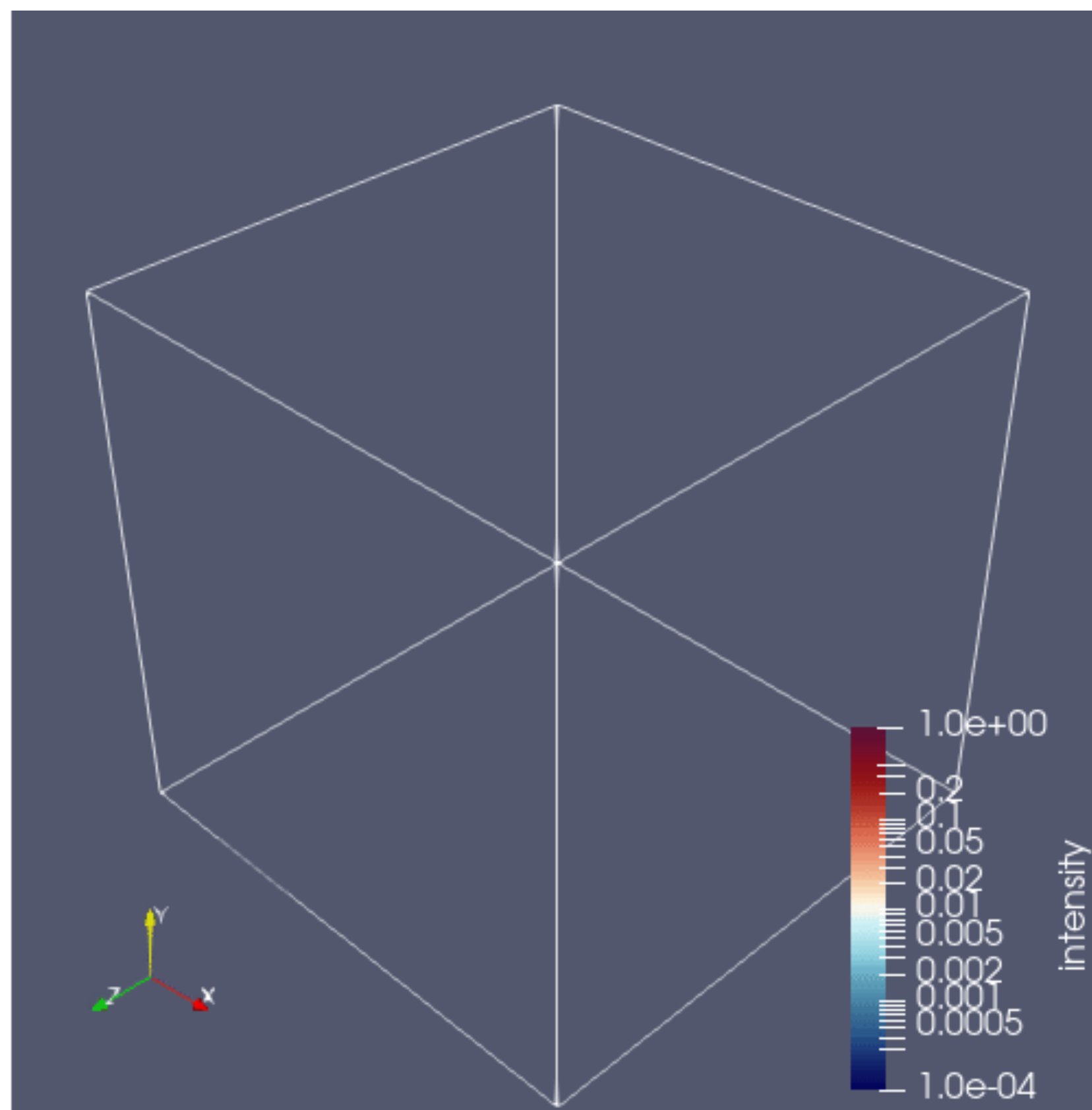
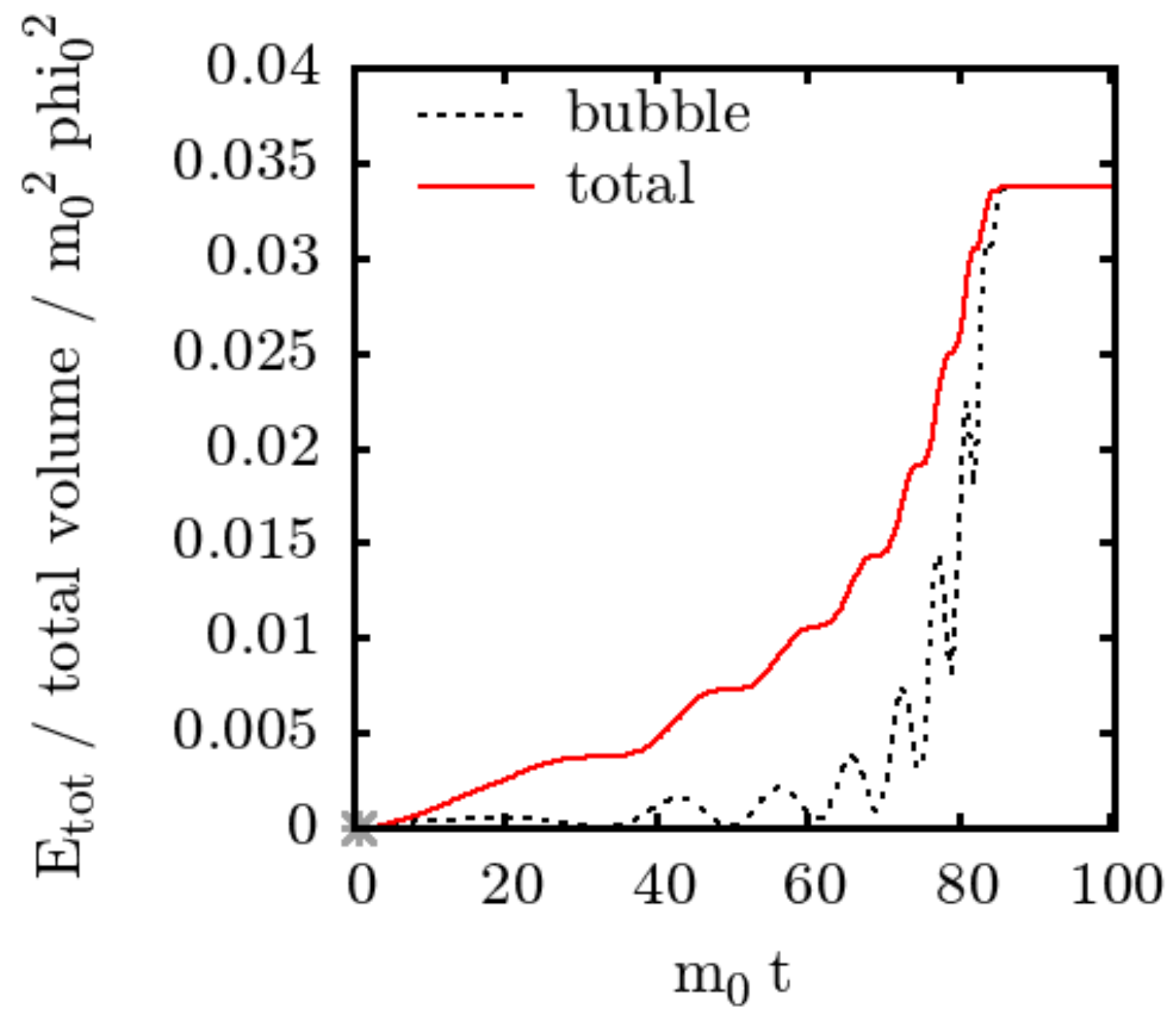


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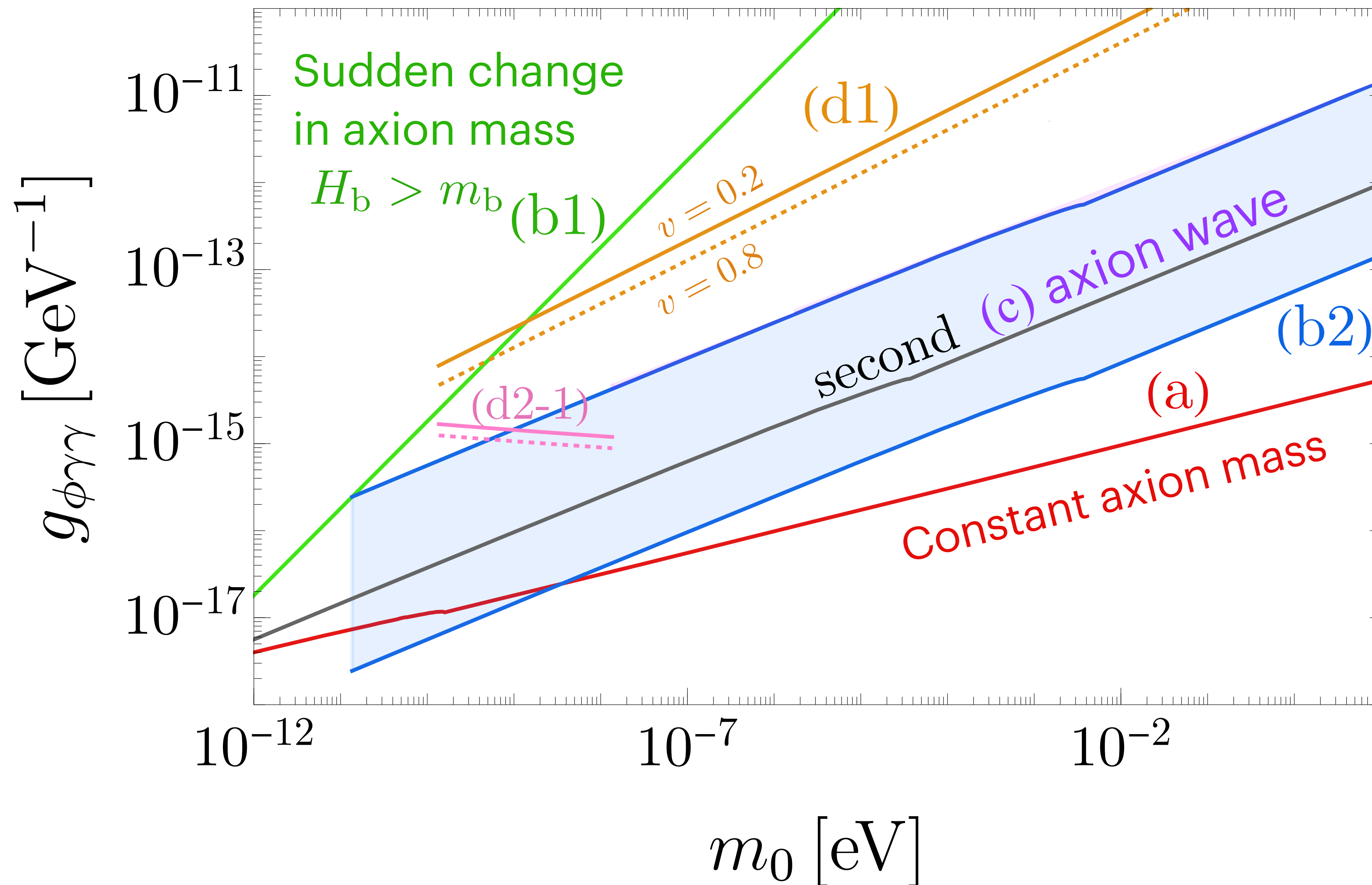
- ③ Axions waves enter the bubbles if they acquire enough energy.





Viability region for axion dark matter

Axion shock wave



$$g_{\phi\gamma\gamma} = \alpha / (2\pi f_\phi)$$

$$\phi_0 = f_\phi$$

$$p = 8$$

$$T_b = 10 \text{ MeV}$$

Summary

- We studied the axion evolution in the FOPT, taking account of the bubble dynamics; “Bubble misalignment mechanism”
- We find that axion is expelled from the interior of the bubbles and that Fermi acceleration occurs.
- The axion abundance can be significantly increased compared to the case of constant axion mass.
- Much to be done: analysis of realistic bubble nucleation, oscillon/I-ball formation, axion minicluster, production of dark photon dark matter, etc.