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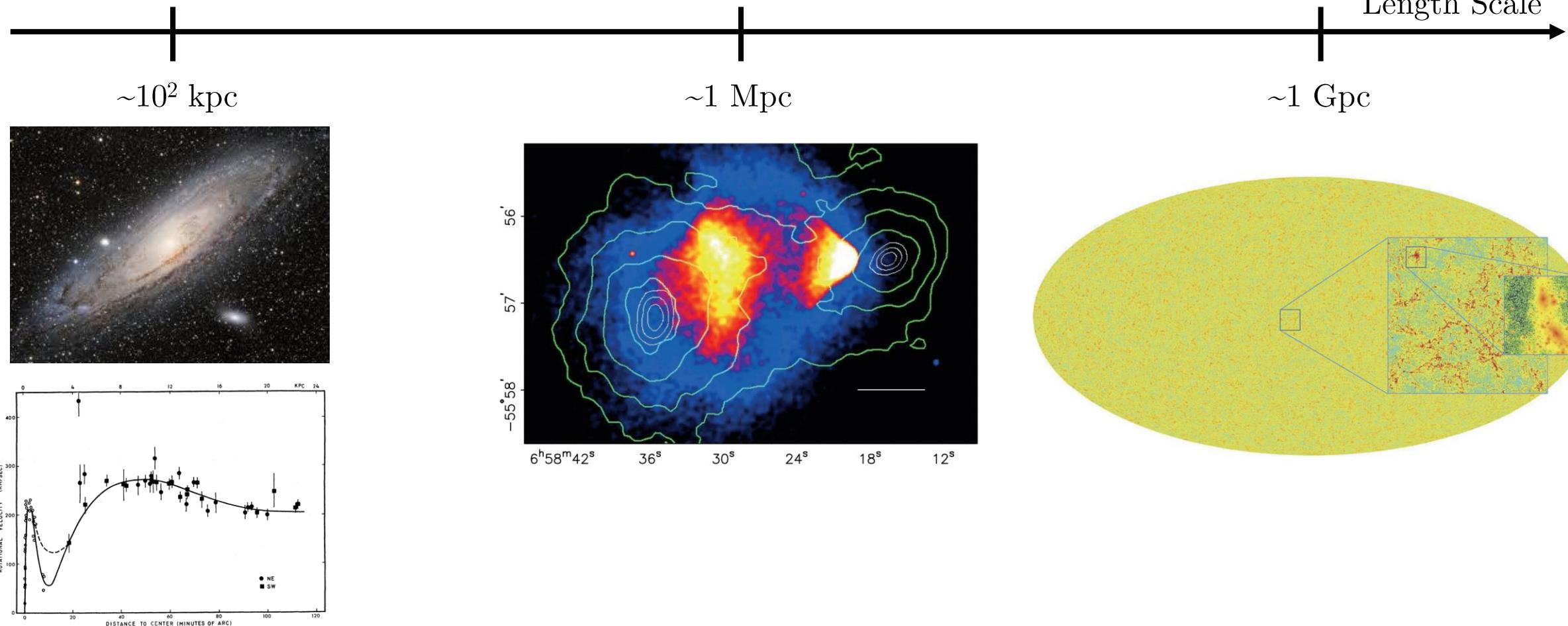


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Evidences for Dark Matter



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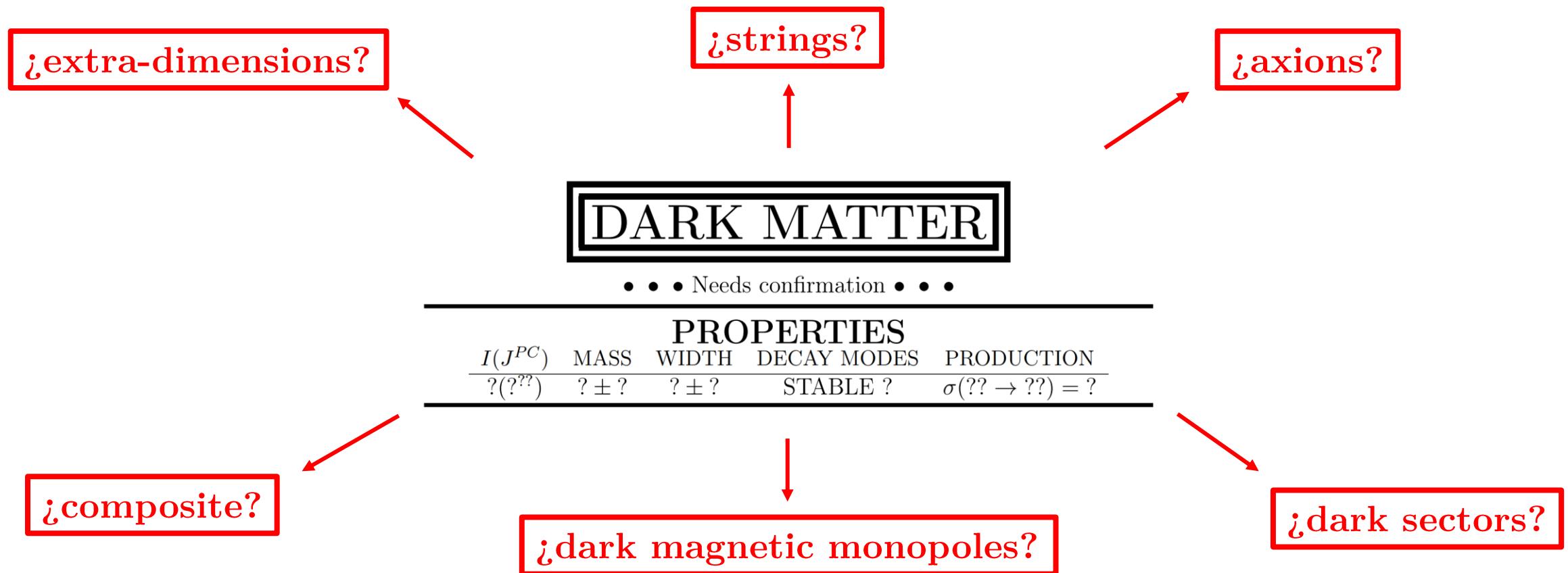
DARK MATTER

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PROPERTIES

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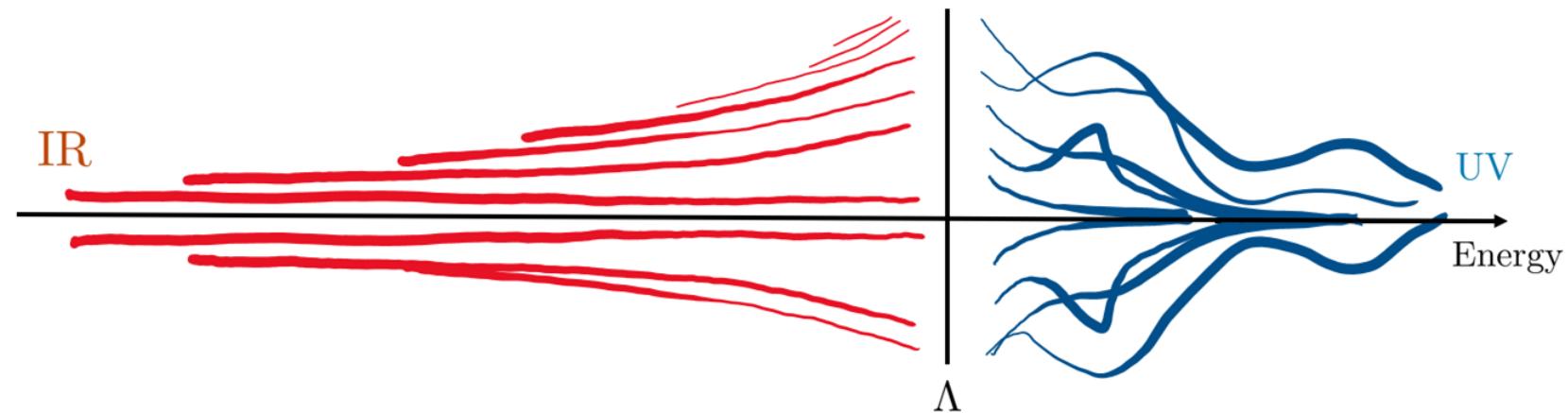
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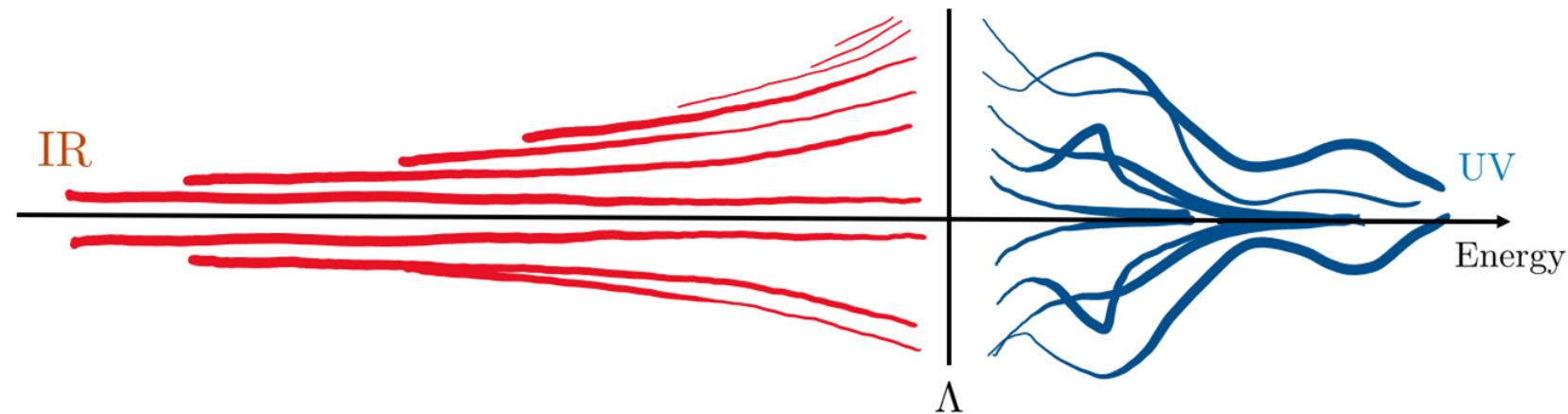
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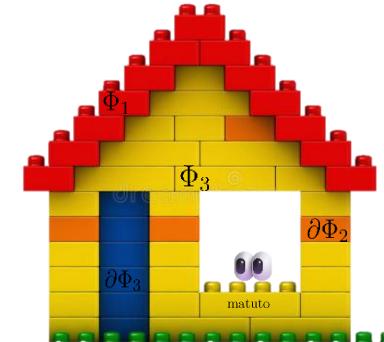
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- ...
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- n derivatives.

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Dim-6:

$$\begin{aligned} & H^3 H^{\dagger 3} + u^\dagger Q^\dagger H H^{\dagger 2} + 2Q^2 Q^{\dagger 2} + Q^{\dagger 3} L^\dagger + Q^3 L + 2QQ^\dagger LL^\dagger + L^2 L^{\dagger 2} + uQH^2 H^\dagger \\ & + 2uu^\dagger QQ^\dagger + uu^\dagger LL^\dagger + u^2 u^{\dagger 2} + e^\dagger u^\dagger Q^2 + e^\dagger L^\dagger H^2 H^\dagger + 2e^\dagger u^\dagger Q^\dagger L^\dagger + eLHH^{\dagger 2} + euQ^{\dagger 2} \\ & + 2euQL + ee^\dagger QQ^\dagger + ee^\dagger LL^\dagger + ee^\dagger uu^\dagger + e^2 e^{\dagger 2} + d^\dagger Q^\dagger H^2 H^\dagger + 2d^\dagger u^\dagger Q^{\dagger 2} + d^\dagger u^\dagger QL \\ & + d^\dagger e^\dagger u^{\dagger 2} + d^\dagger eQ^\dagger L + dQHH^{\dagger 2} + 2duQ^2 + duQ^\dagger L^\dagger + de^\dagger QL^\dagger + deu^2 + 2dd^\dagger QQ^\dagger + dd^\dagger LL^\dagger \\ & + 2dd^\dagger uu^\dagger + dd^\dagger ee^\dagger + d^2 d^{\dagger 2} + u^\dagger Q^\dagger H^\dagger G_R + d^\dagger Q^\dagger HG_R + HH^\dagger G_R^2 + G_R^3 + uQHG_L \\ & + dQH^\dagger G_L + HH^\dagger G_L^2 + G_L^3 + u^\dagger Q^\dagger H^\dagger W_R + e^\dagger L^\dagger HW_R + d^\dagger Q^\dagger HW_R + HH^\dagger W_R^2 + W_R^3 \\ & + uQHW_L + eLH^\dagger W_L + dQH^\dagger W_L + HH^\dagger W_L^2 + W_L^3 + u^\dagger Q^\dagger H^\dagger B_R + e^\dagger L^\dagger HB_R \\ & + d^\dagger Q^\dagger HB_R + HH^\dagger B_R W_R + HH^\dagger B_R^2 + uQHB_L + eLH^\dagger B_L + dQH^\dagger B_L + HH^\dagger B_L W_L \\ & + HH^\dagger B_L^2 + 2QQ^\dagger HH^\dagger \mathcal{D} + 2LL^\dagger HH^\dagger \mathcal{D} + uu^\dagger HH^\dagger \mathcal{D} + ee^\dagger HH^\dagger \mathcal{D} + d^\dagger uH^2 \mathcal{D} + du^\dagger H^{\dagger 2} \mathcal{D} \\ & + dd^\dagger HH^\dagger \mathcal{D} + 2H^2 H^{\dagger 2} \mathcal{D}^2 \end{aligned}$$

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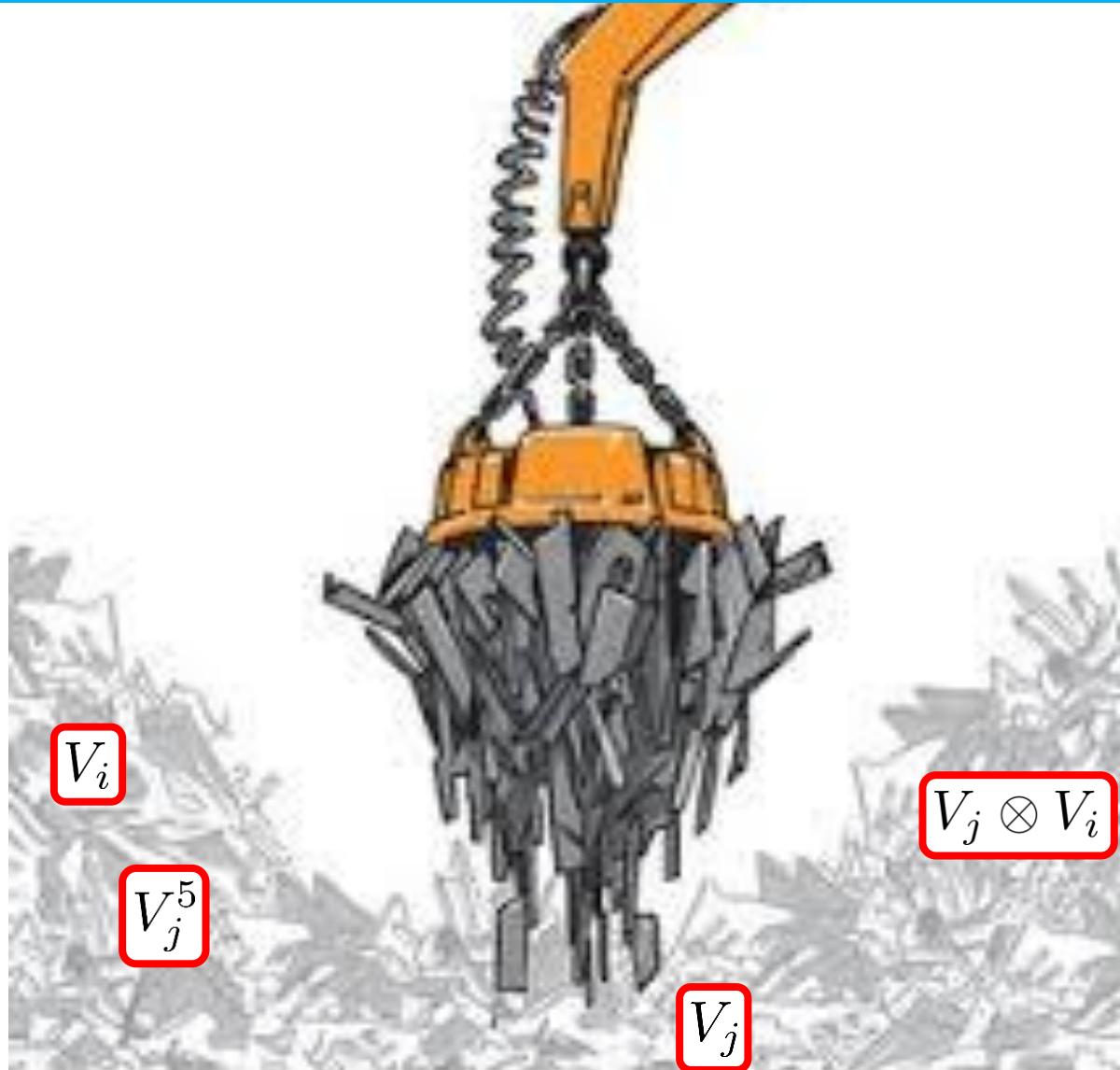
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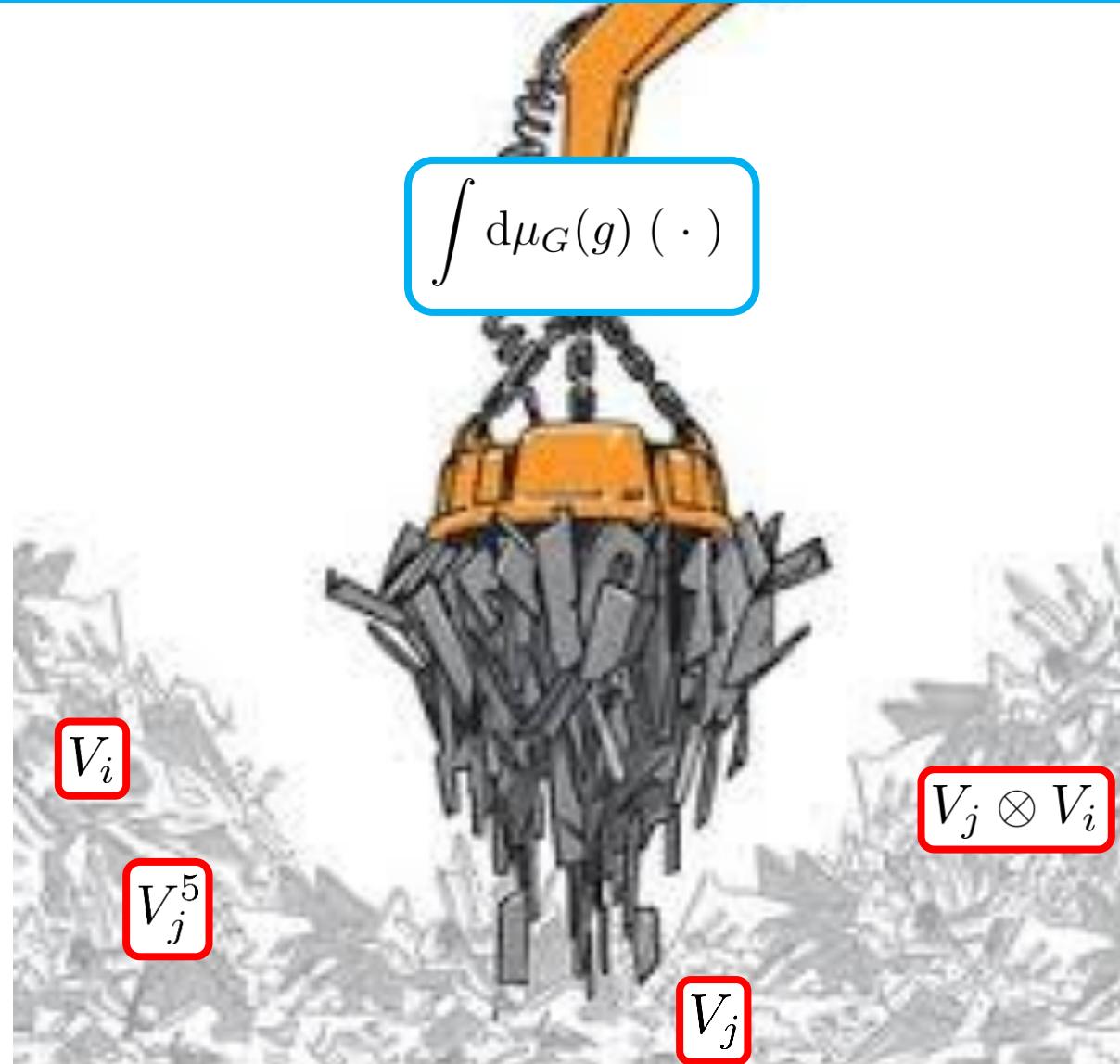
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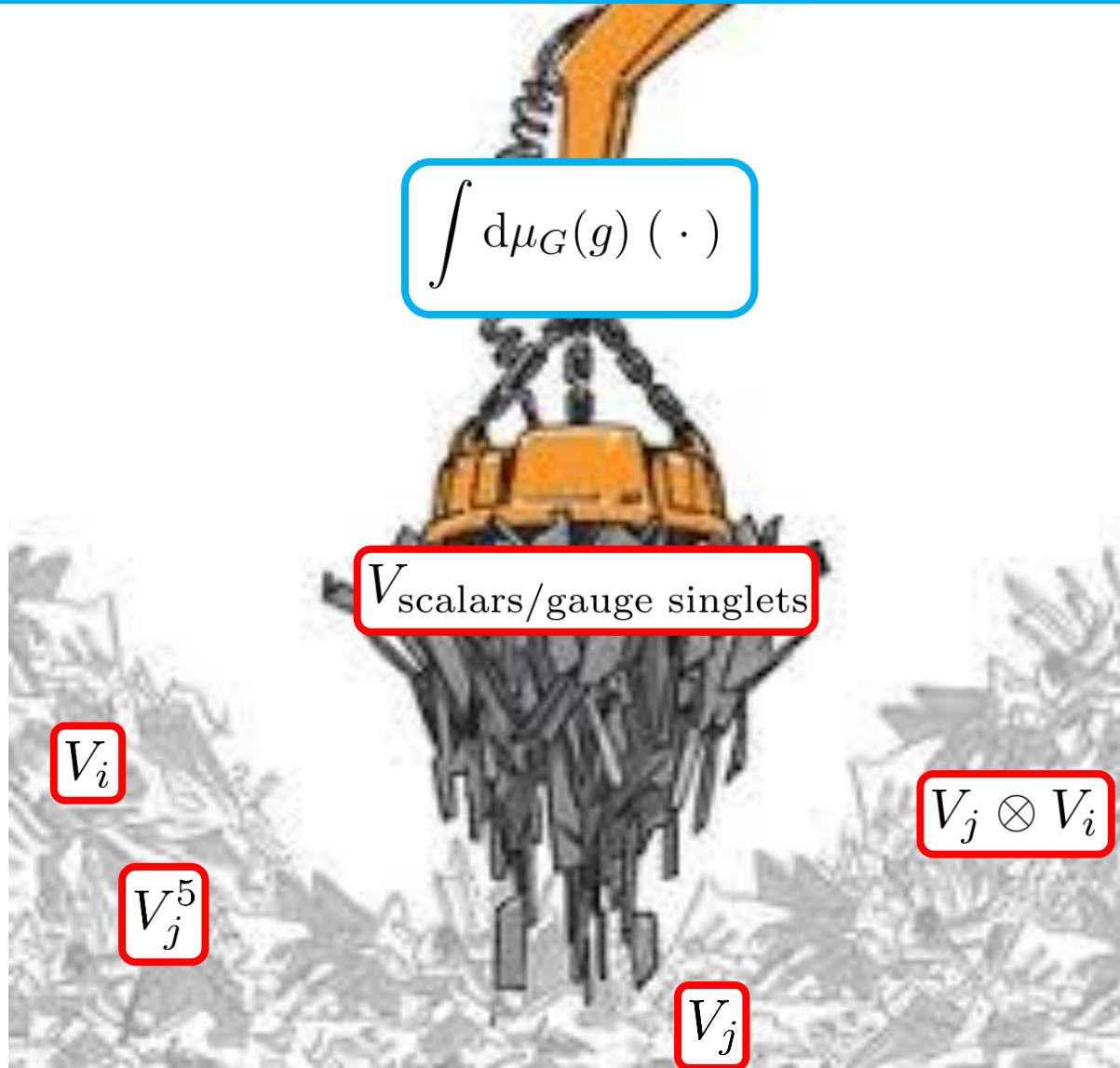
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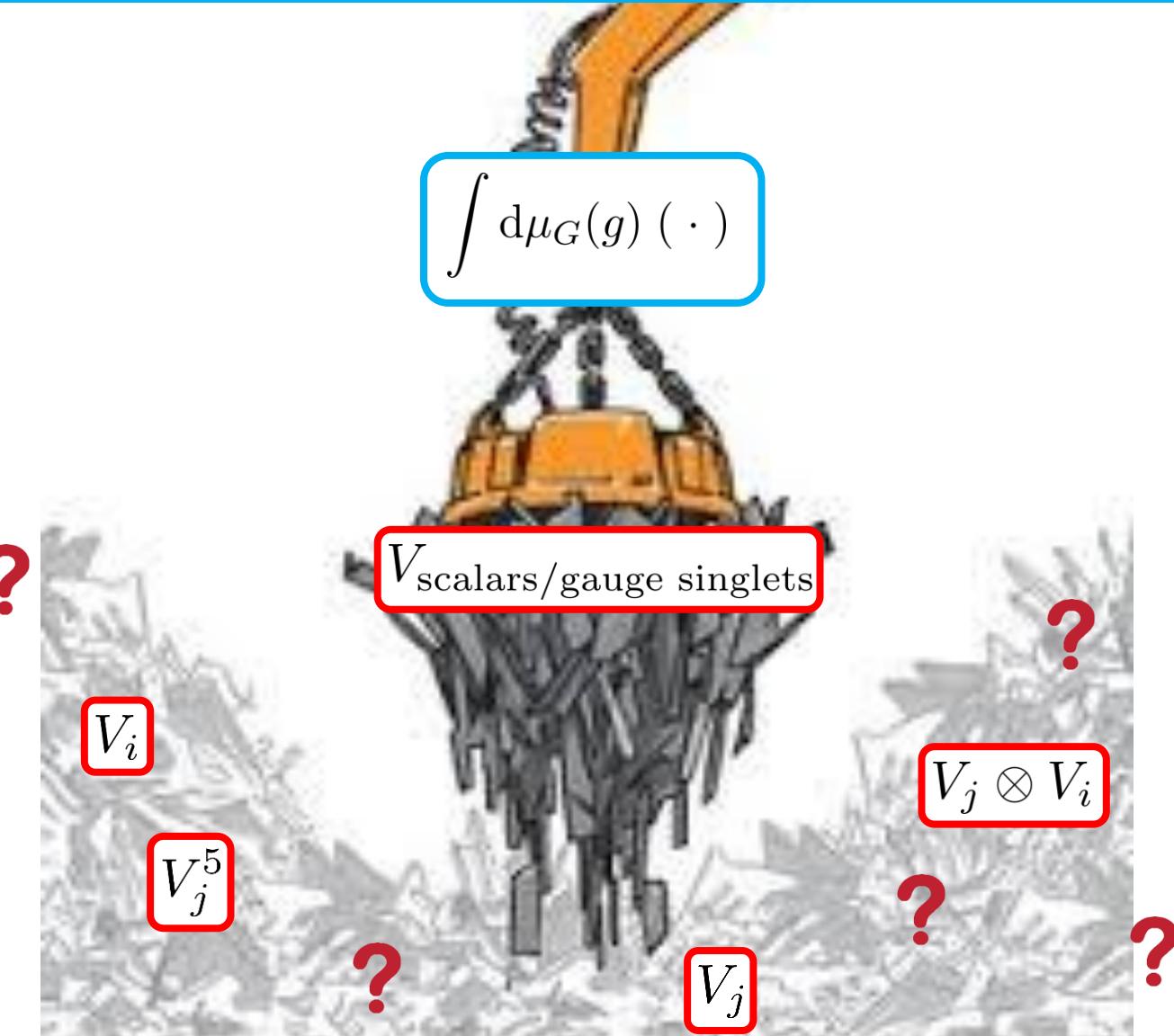
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$$\prod_{i=1}^N \text{PE}_i[\phi_i \chi_i] \equiv \prod_{i=1}^N \sum_{n_i=0}^{\infty} \phi_i^{n_i} \cdot \begin{cases} S^{n_i}(\chi_i), & \text{if } \Phi_i \text{ is a boson} \\ \Lambda^{n_i}(\chi_i), & \text{if } \Phi_i \text{ is a fermion} \end{cases}$$

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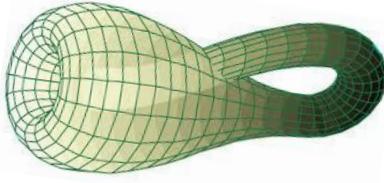
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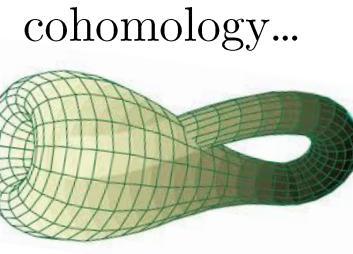
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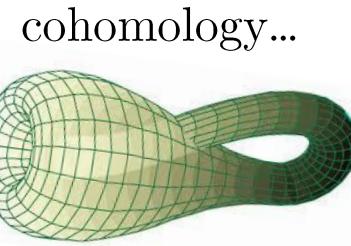
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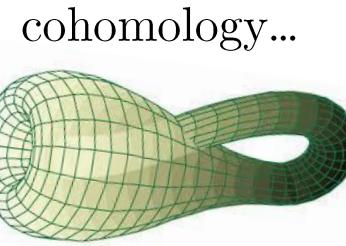
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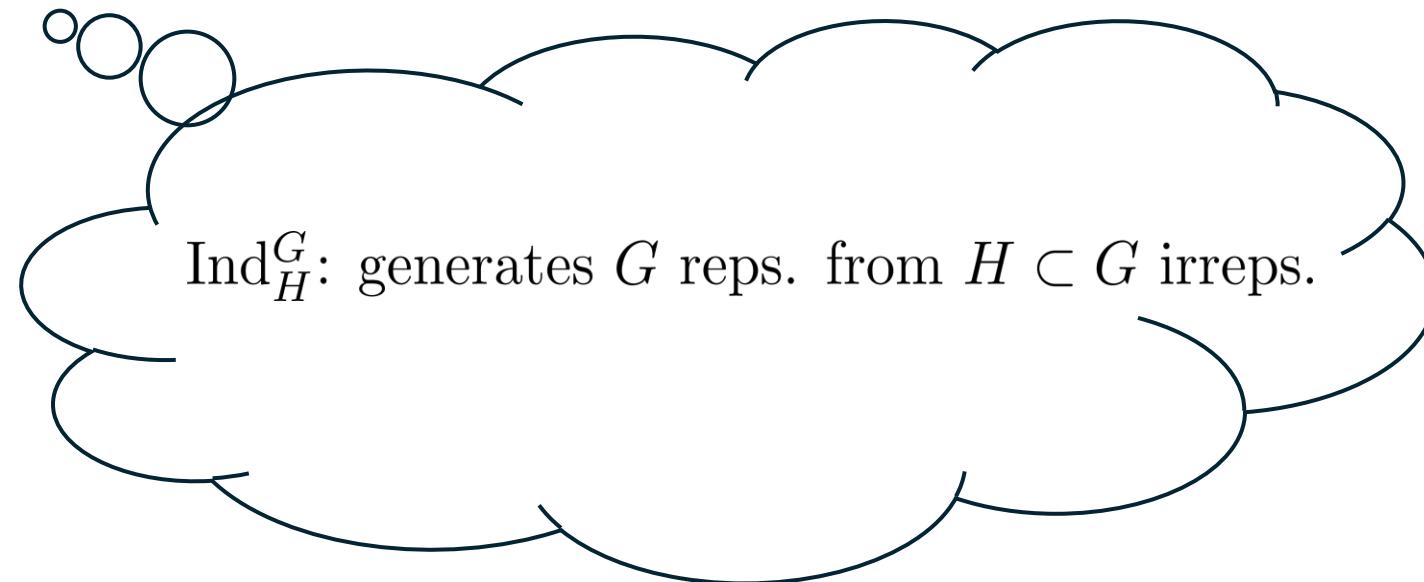
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The diagram illustrates the decomposition of the SPM R_Φ . It shows a sum of two sets of representations. The first set, indicated by a red bracket, is labeled $(k+n, m)$ and points to the $SO(4)$ irreducible representation. The second set, indicated by a red arrow pointing downwards, is labeled $(k+n, m)$ and points to the $SO(3)$ spin representation.

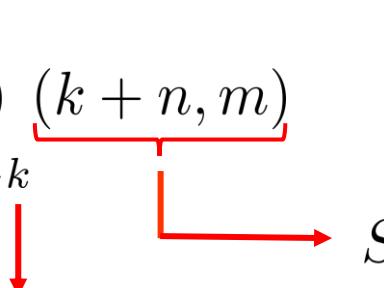
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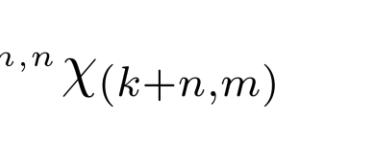
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smallest j such that
 $\partial^j \Phi \supset (k+n, m)$

Higher-spin characters

spin	$s = 3/2$
field	ψ_μ (Rarita-Schwinger)
Lorentz rep. - $SU(2) \times SU(2)$	$\left(1, \frac{1}{2}\right) \oplus \left(\frac{1}{2}, 1\right)$
Lorentz rep. - $SO(4)$	$\left(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) \oplus \left(\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\right)$
SPM character	$P(1 - \mathcal{D}) [\chi_{(3/2, 1/2)} + \chi_{(3/2, -1/2)} - \mathcal{D} (\chi_{(1/2, 1/2)} + \chi_{(1/2, -1/2)})]$

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spin	$s = 2$
field	$h_{\mu\nu}$
Lorentz rep. - $SU(2) \times SU(2)$	$(1, 1)$
Lorentz rep. - $SO(4)$	$(2, 0)$
SPM character	$P(1 - \mathcal{D}^2)(\chi_{(2,0)} - \mathcal{D}\chi_{(1,0)})$

Counting the effective operators

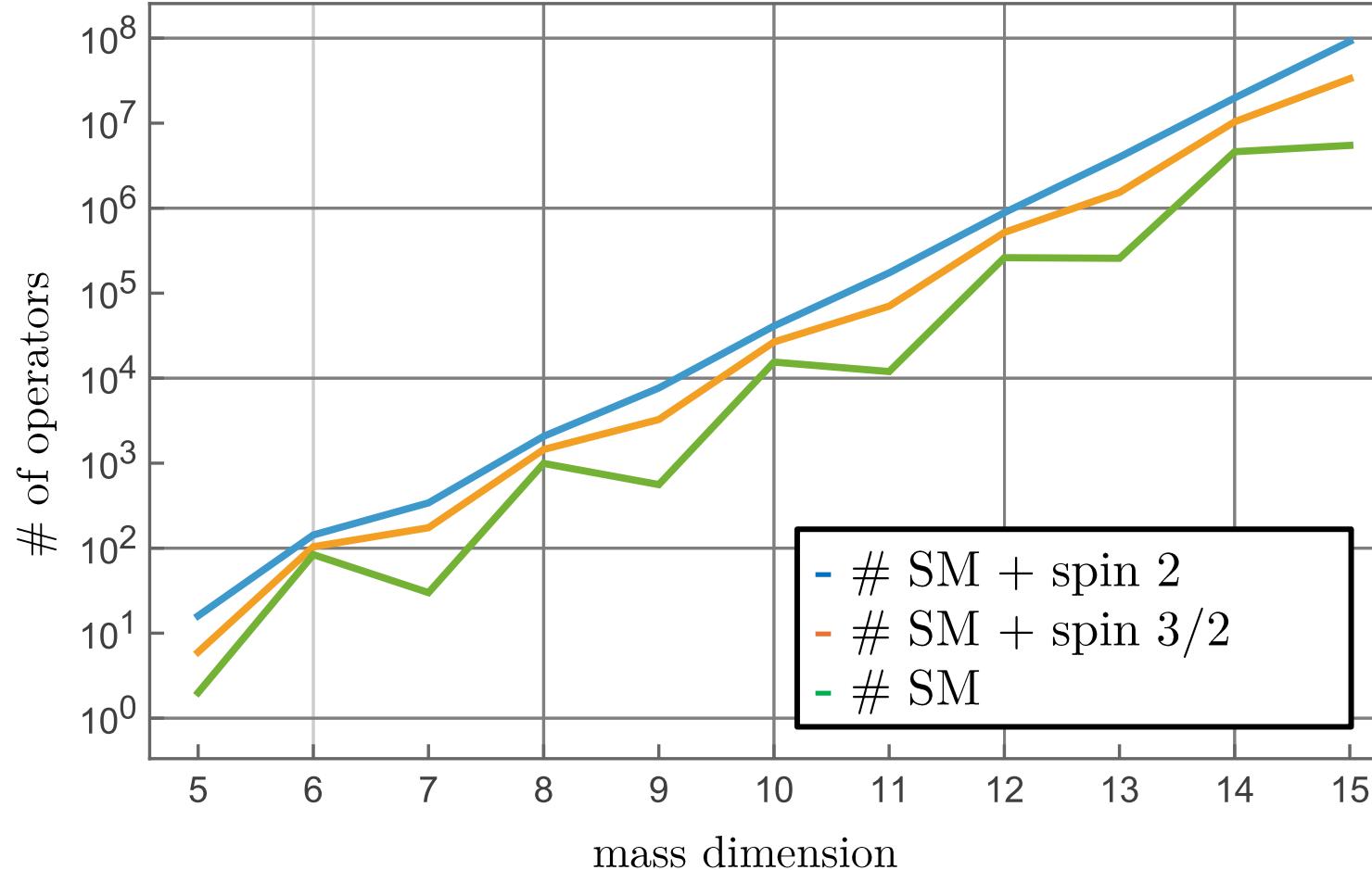
$$\begin{aligned} & 3H^\dagger L^\dagger \psi_\mu \mathcal{D} \\ & + 3HL\psi_\mu \mathcal{D} \\ & + 2H^\dagger H \psi_\mu^2 \end{aligned}$$

dim 5, spin 3/2
Total: 8

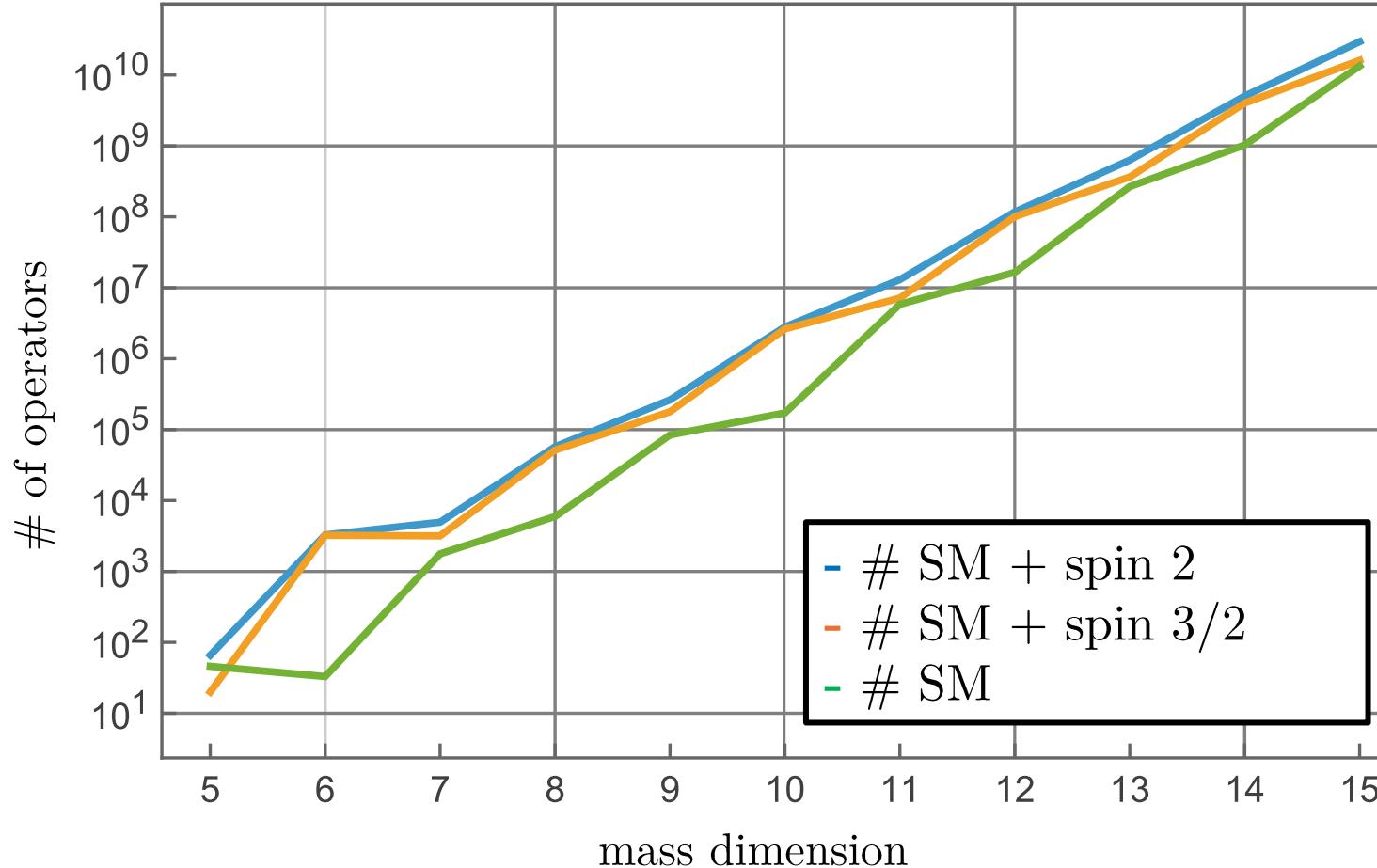
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Operator growth ($N_f = 1$)



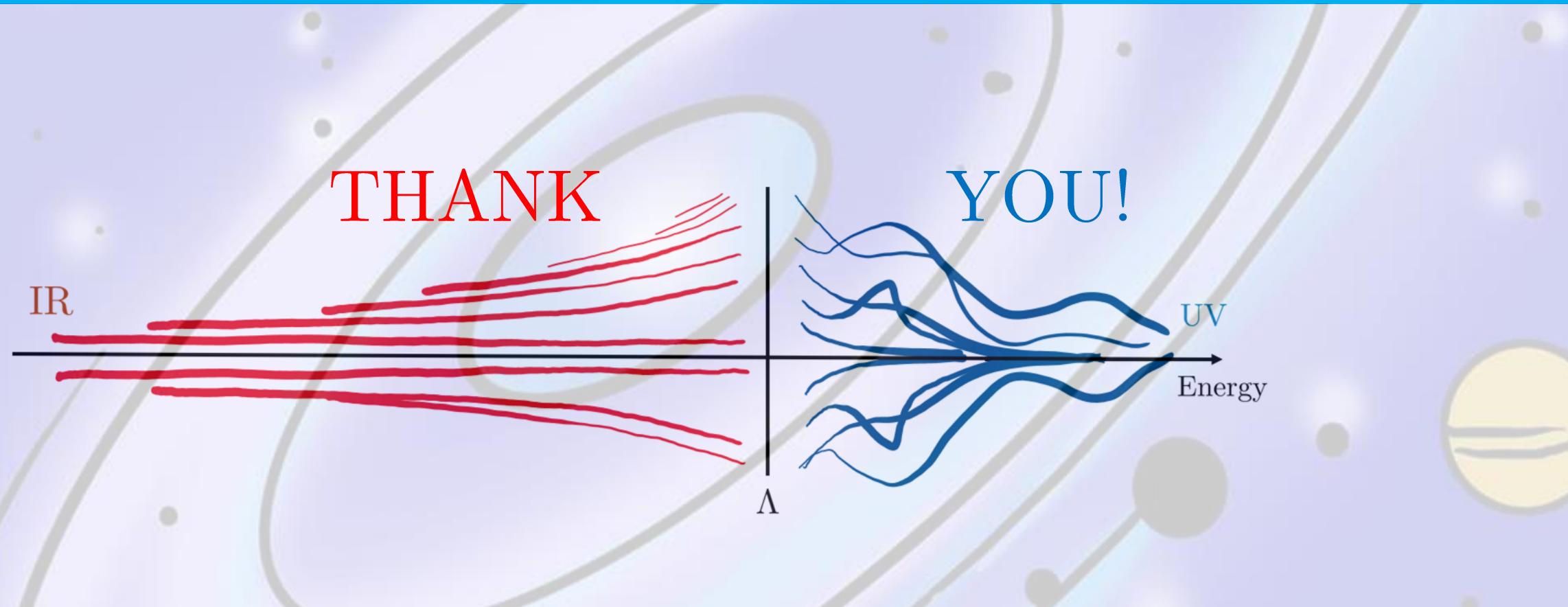
Operator growth ($N_f = 3$)



Conclusions

- Compelling evidence for DM and a plethora of models to describe it;
- EFTs is a powerful model independent tool;
- Hilbert Series can address IBP and EOM redundancies;
- Higher-spin fields can be embedded into the Hilbert Series formalism;
- Higher-spin fields \Rightarrow more operators allowed.

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EXTRA

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dim 5, spin 2

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