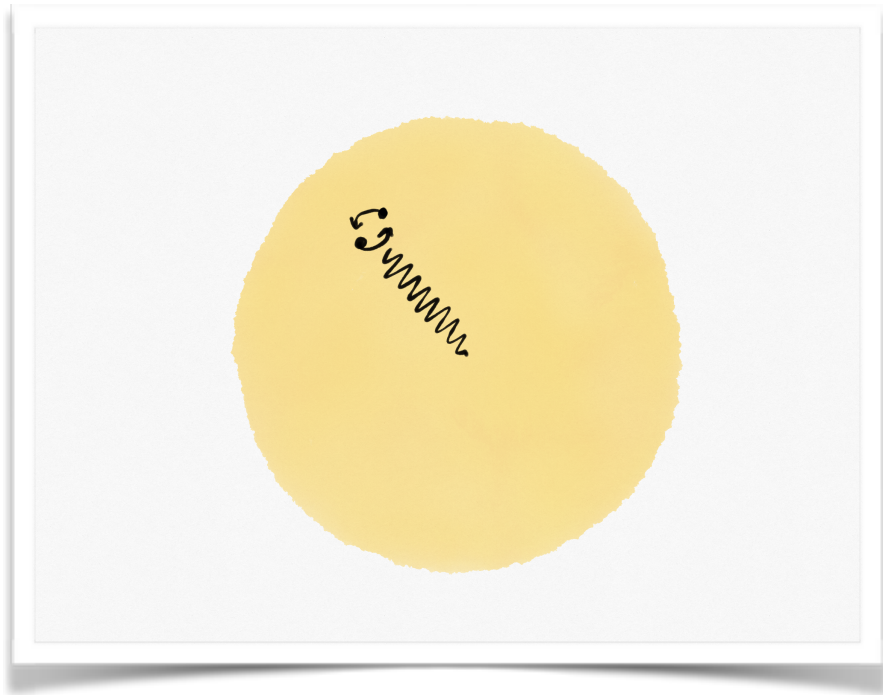


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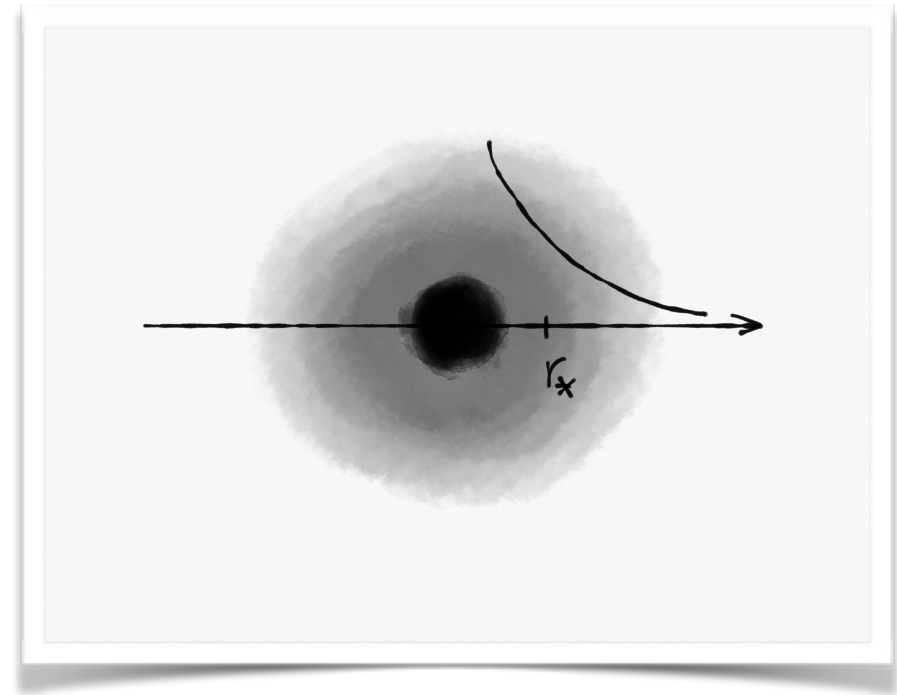
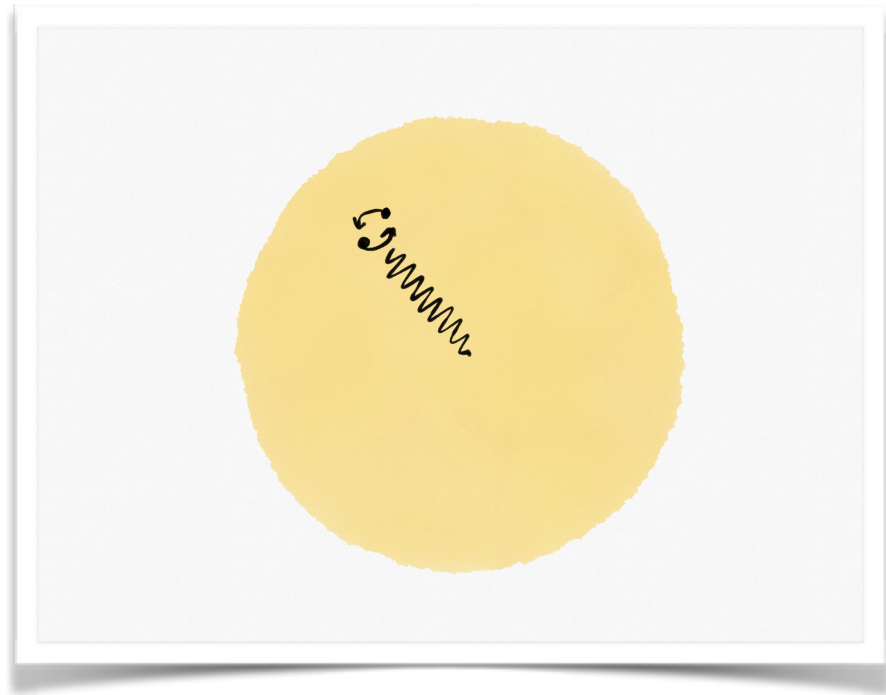


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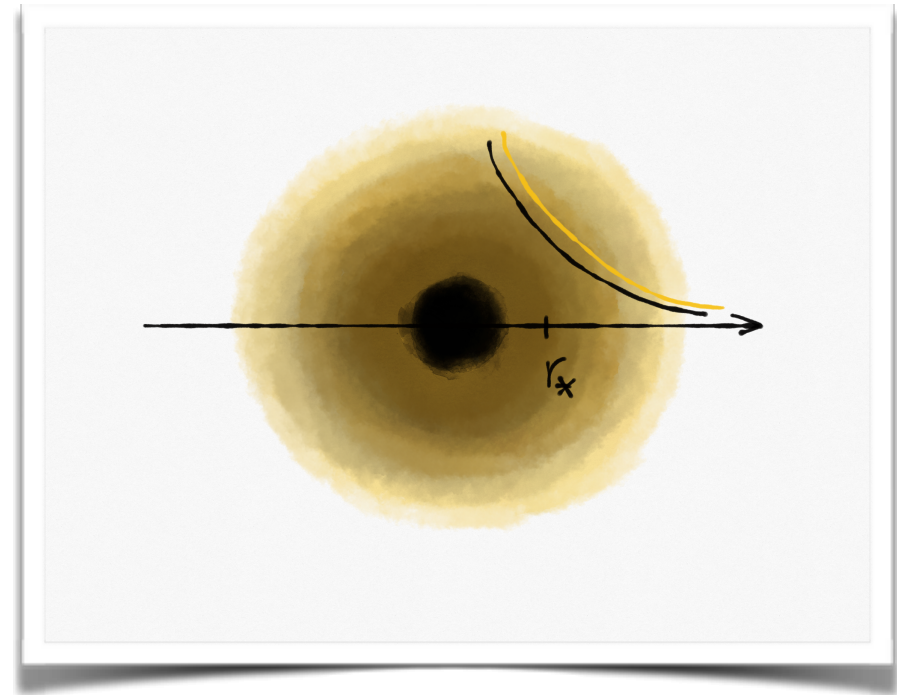
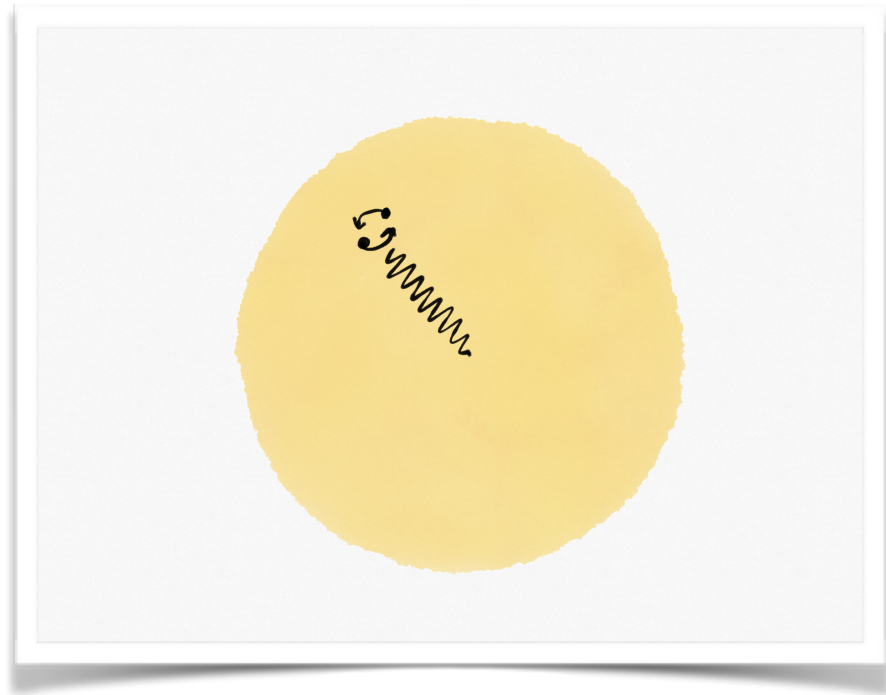
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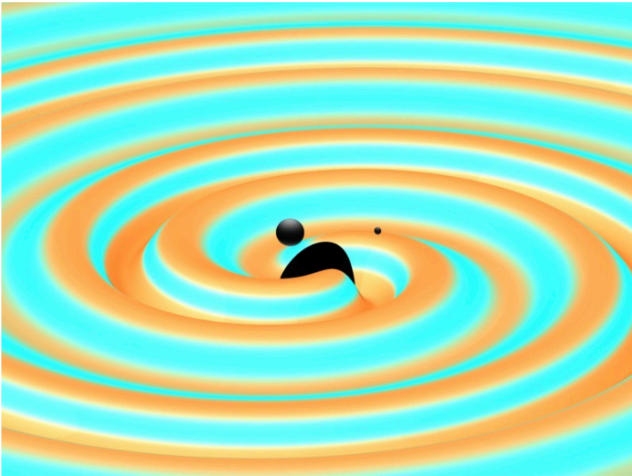
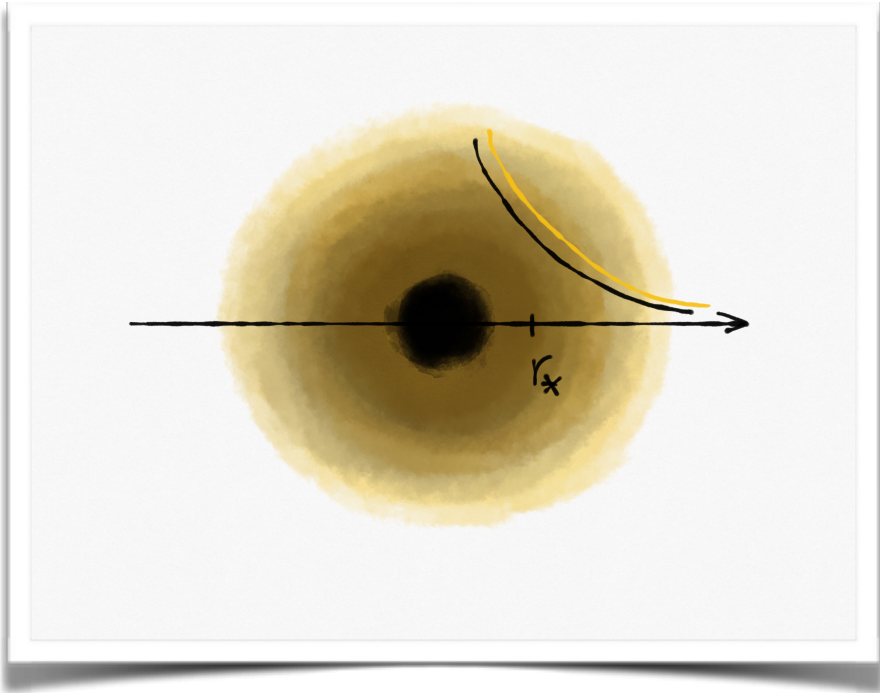
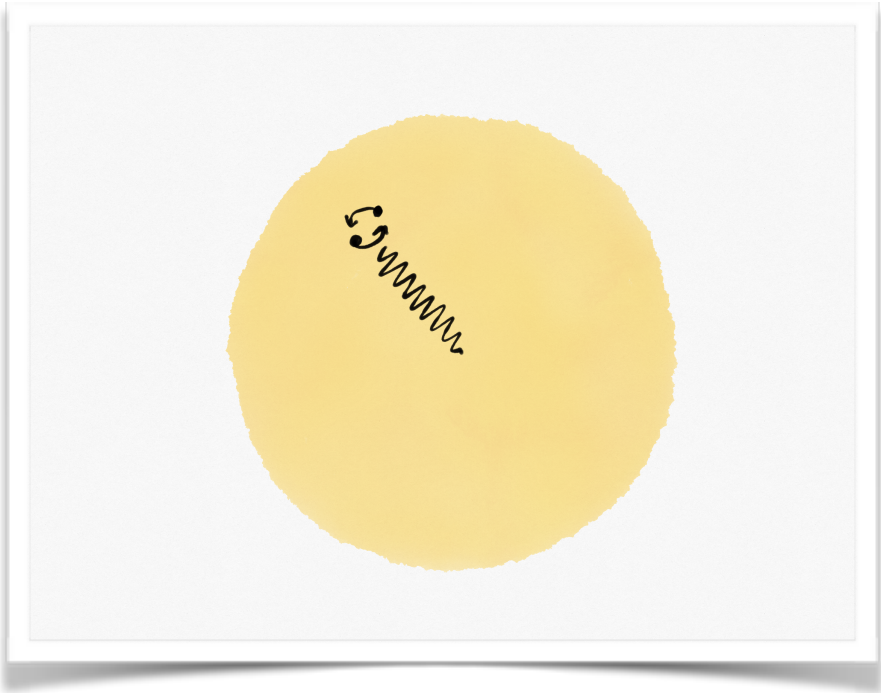
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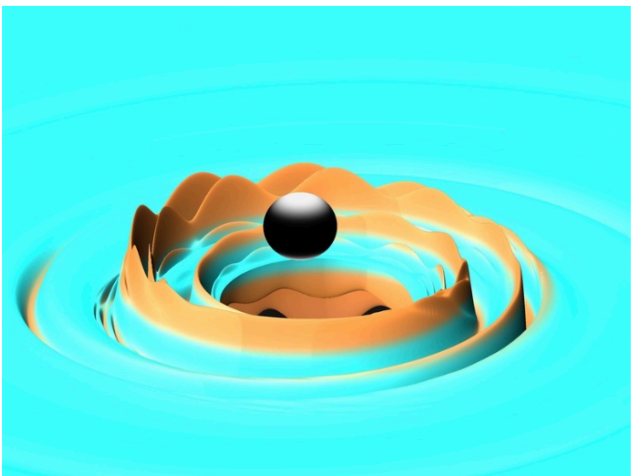
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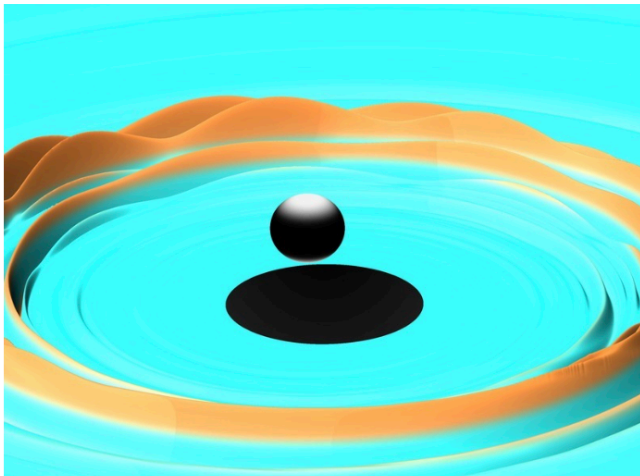
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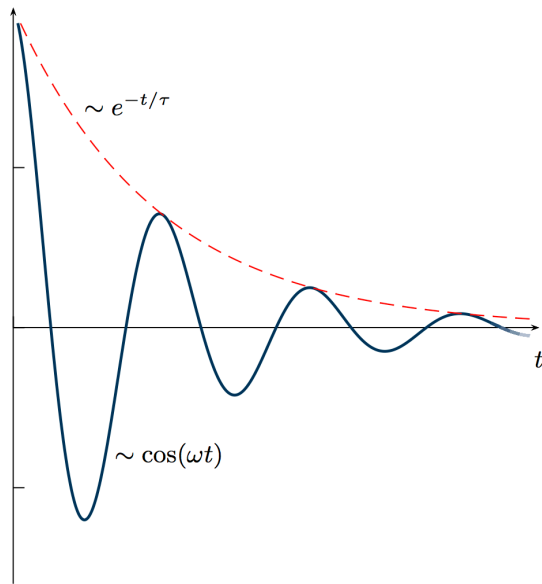


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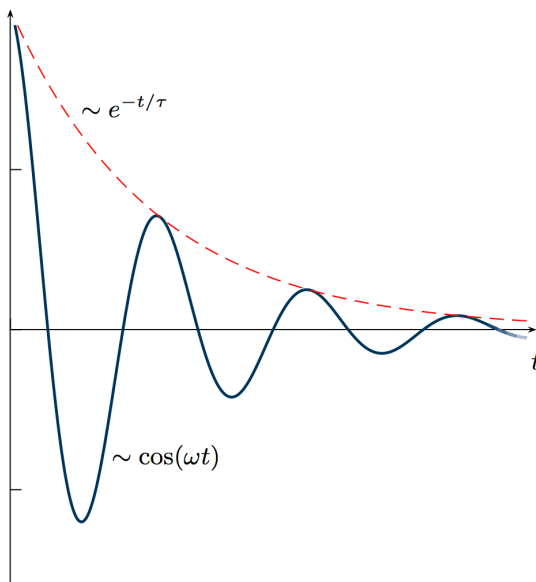
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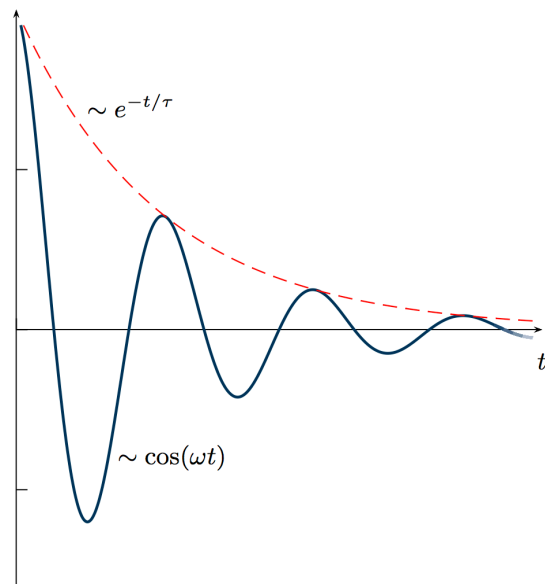
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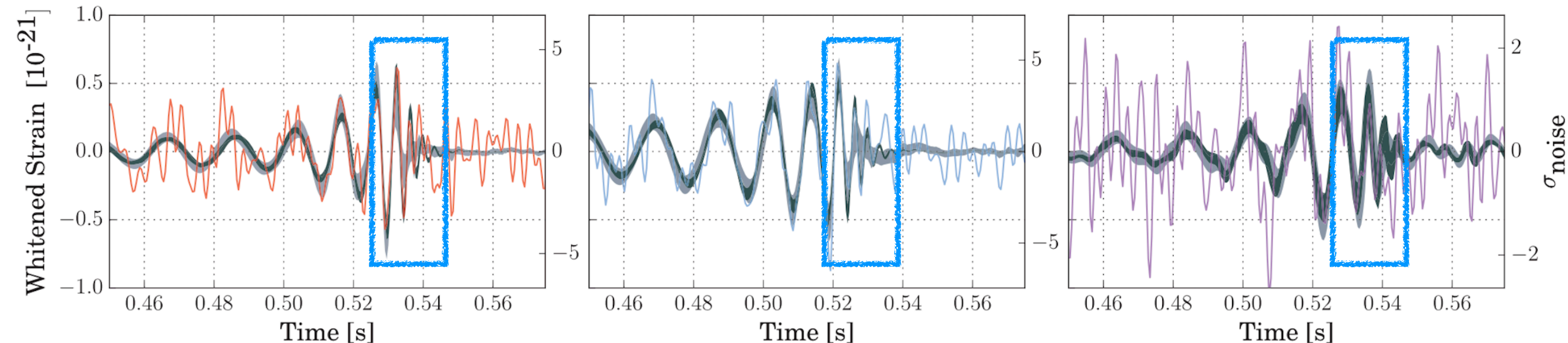
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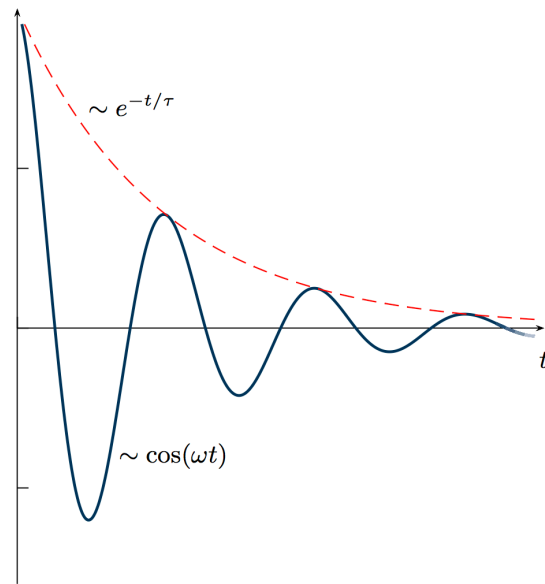
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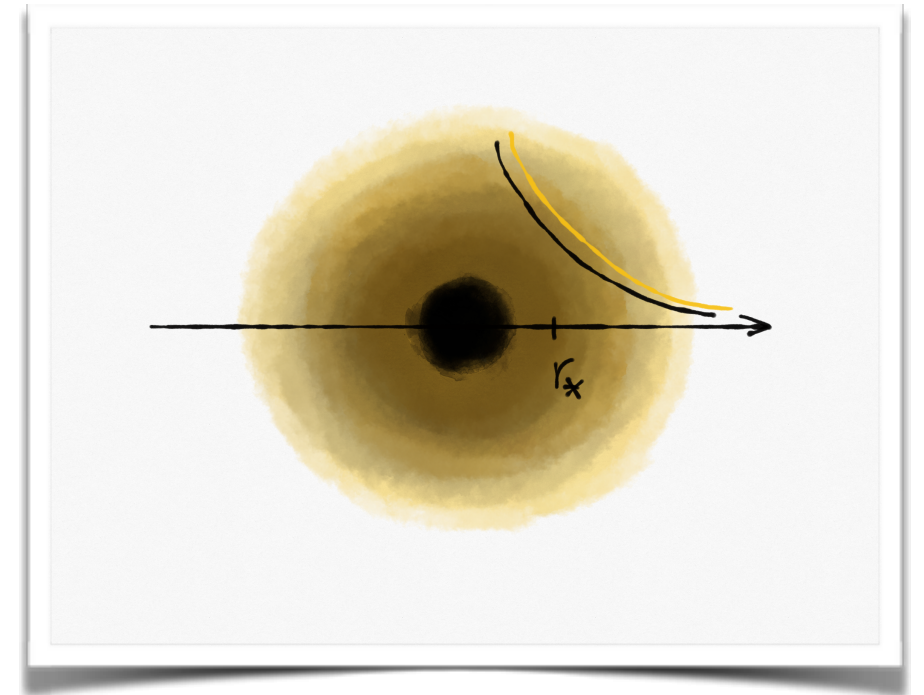
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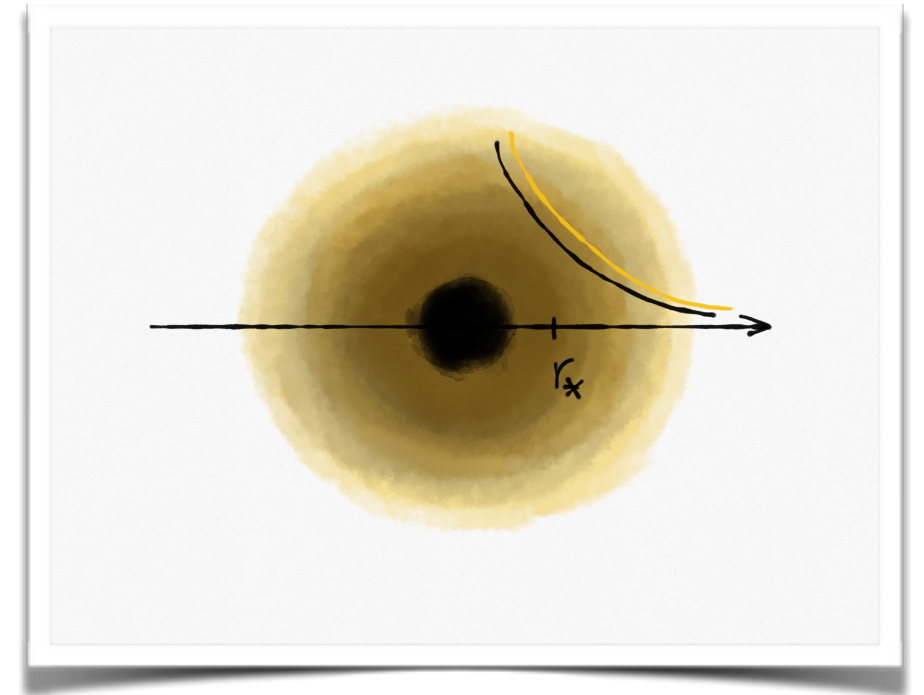
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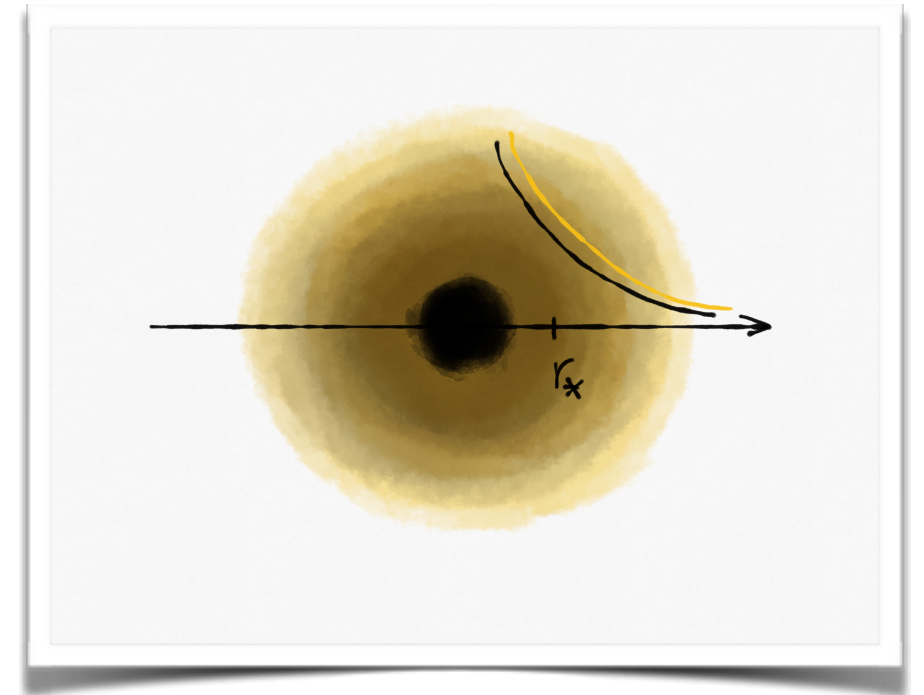


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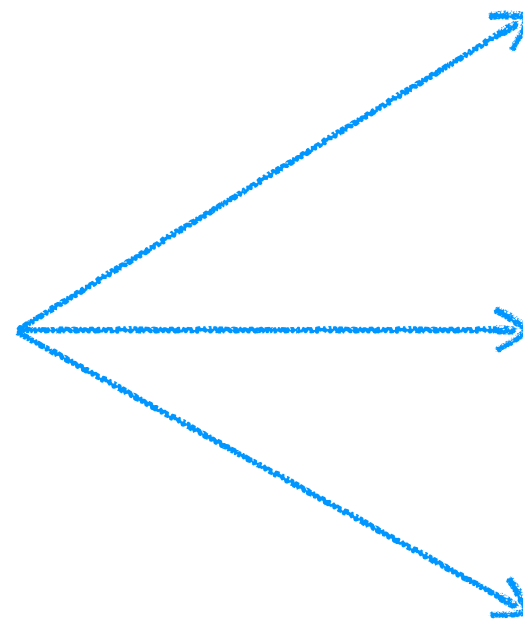
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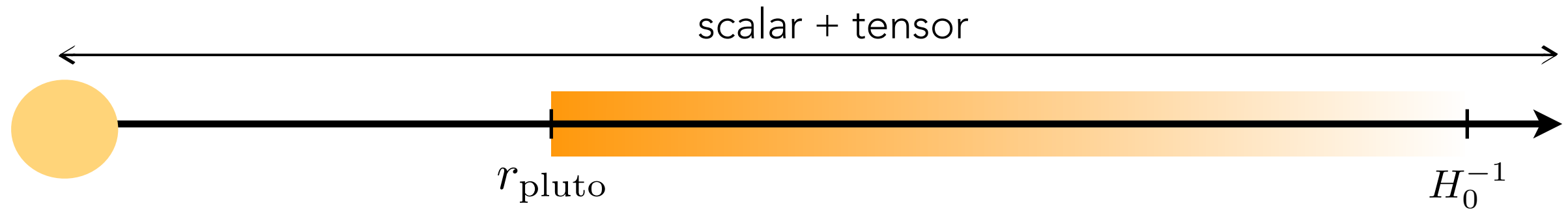
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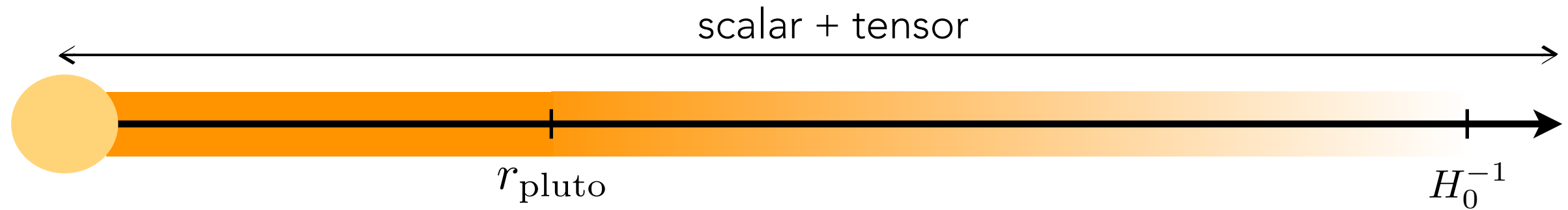
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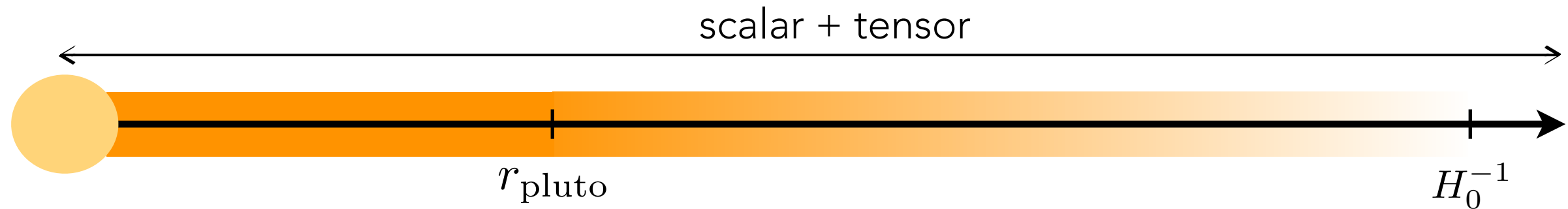
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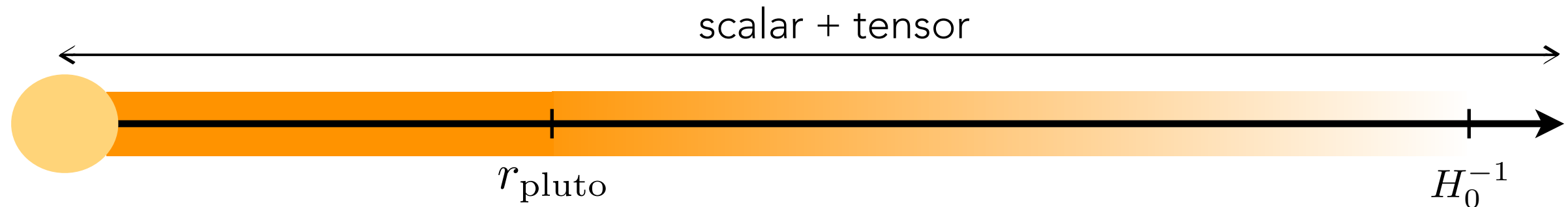
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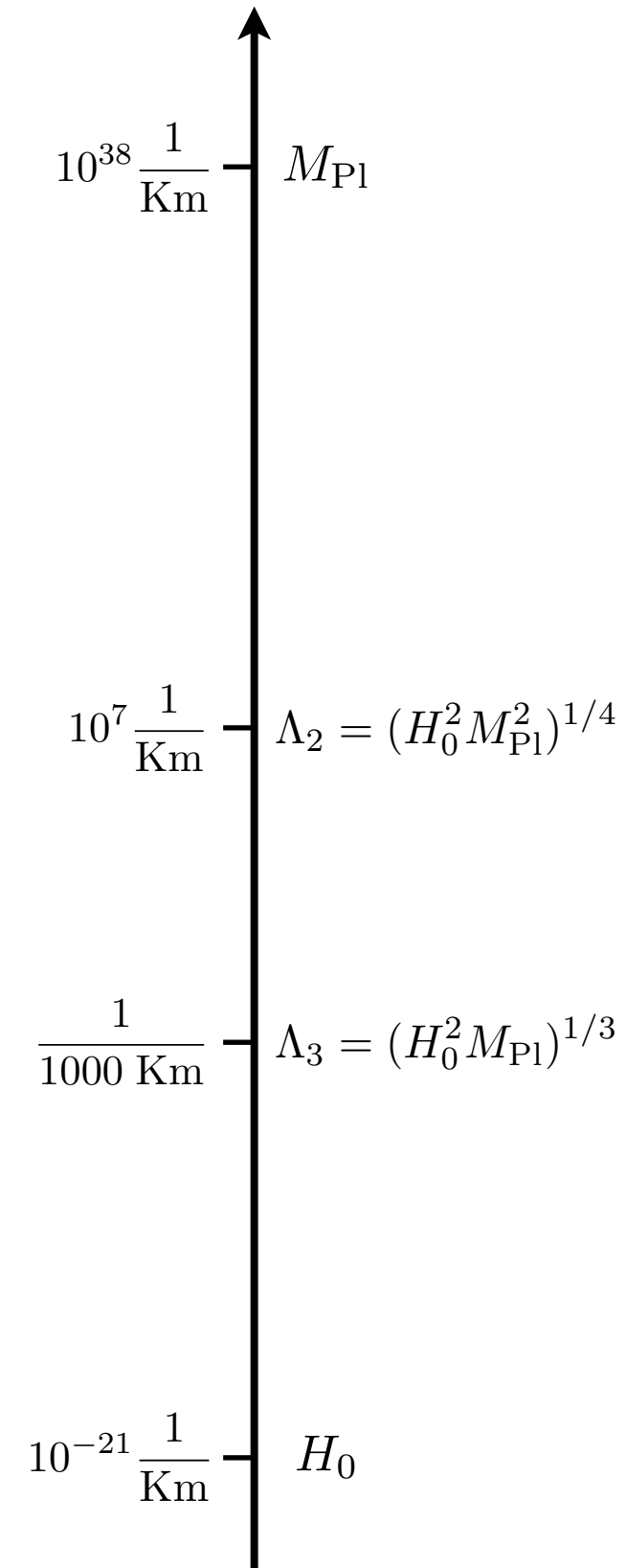
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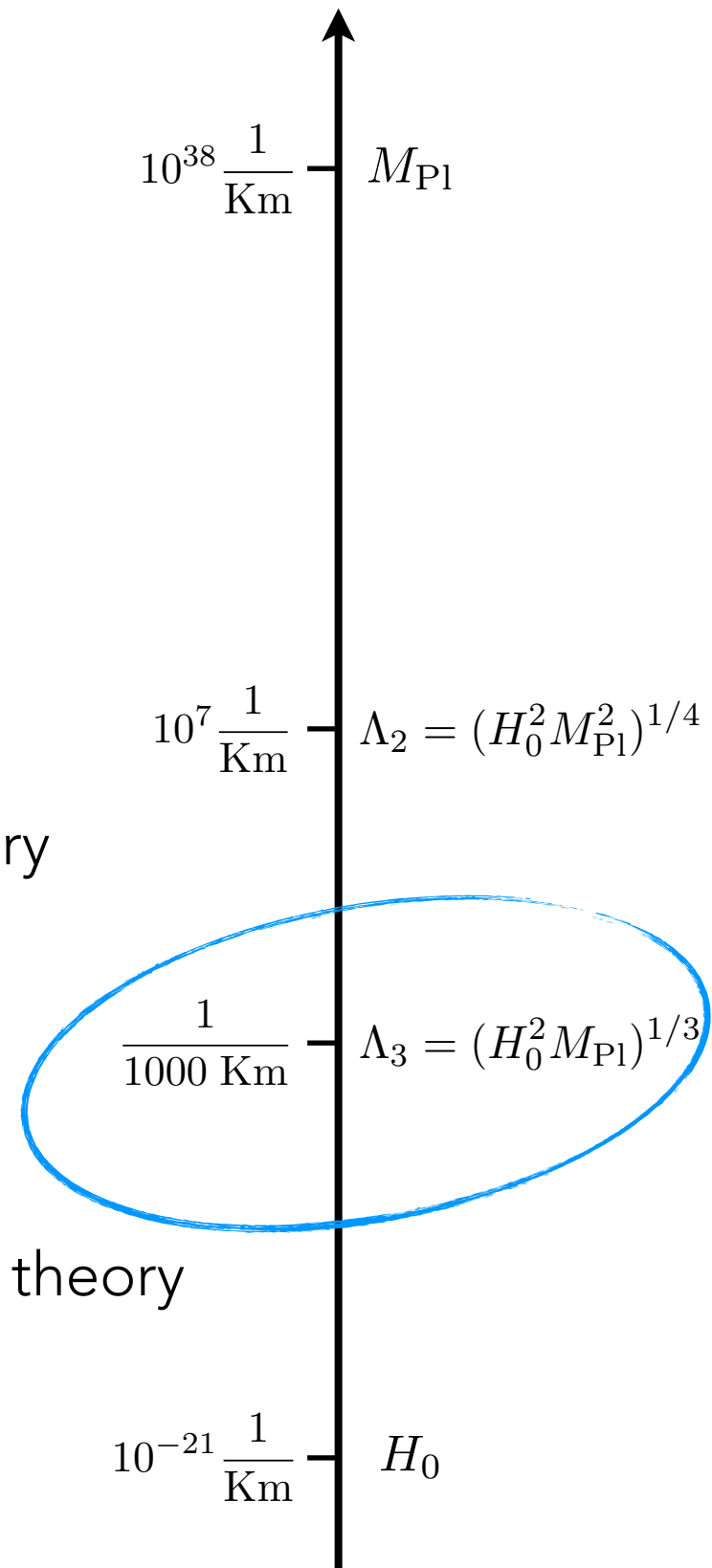
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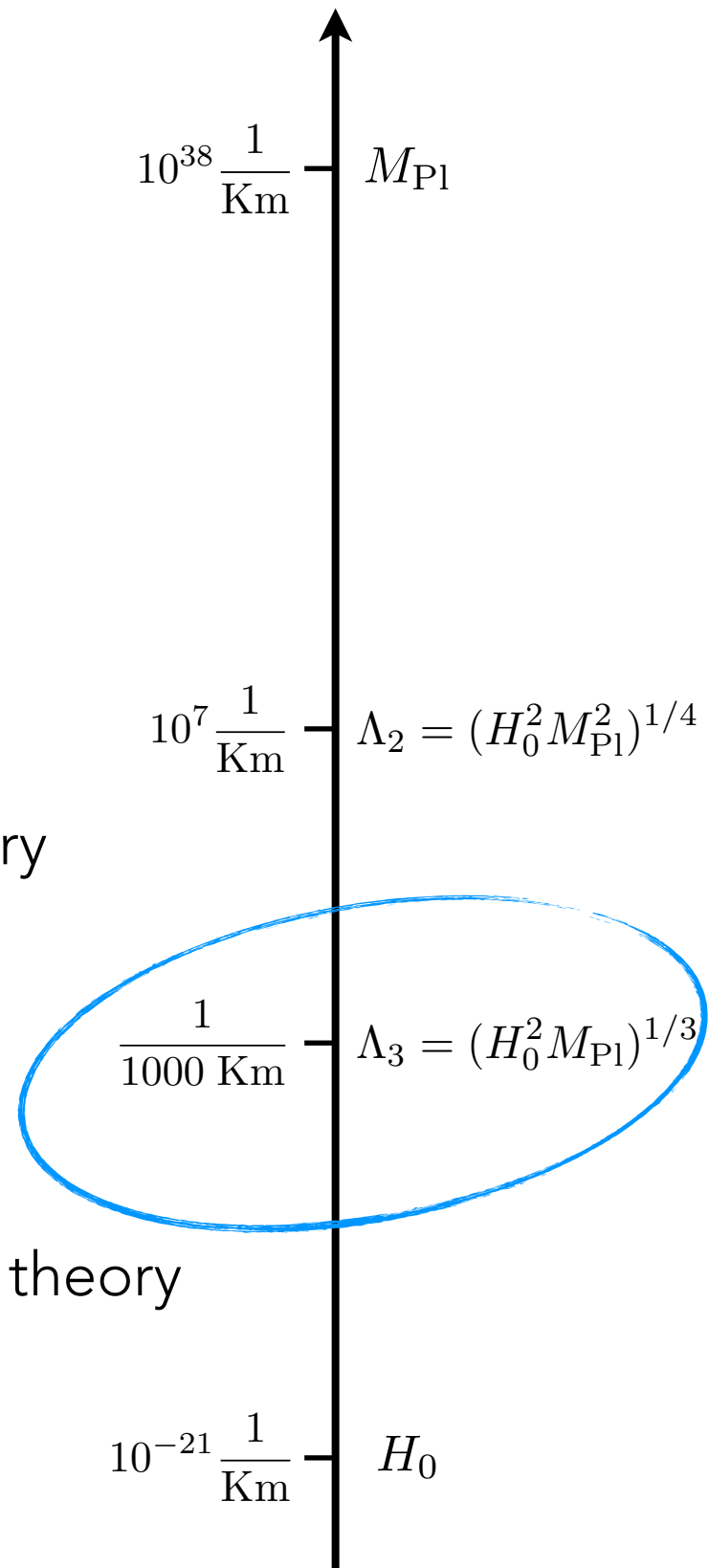
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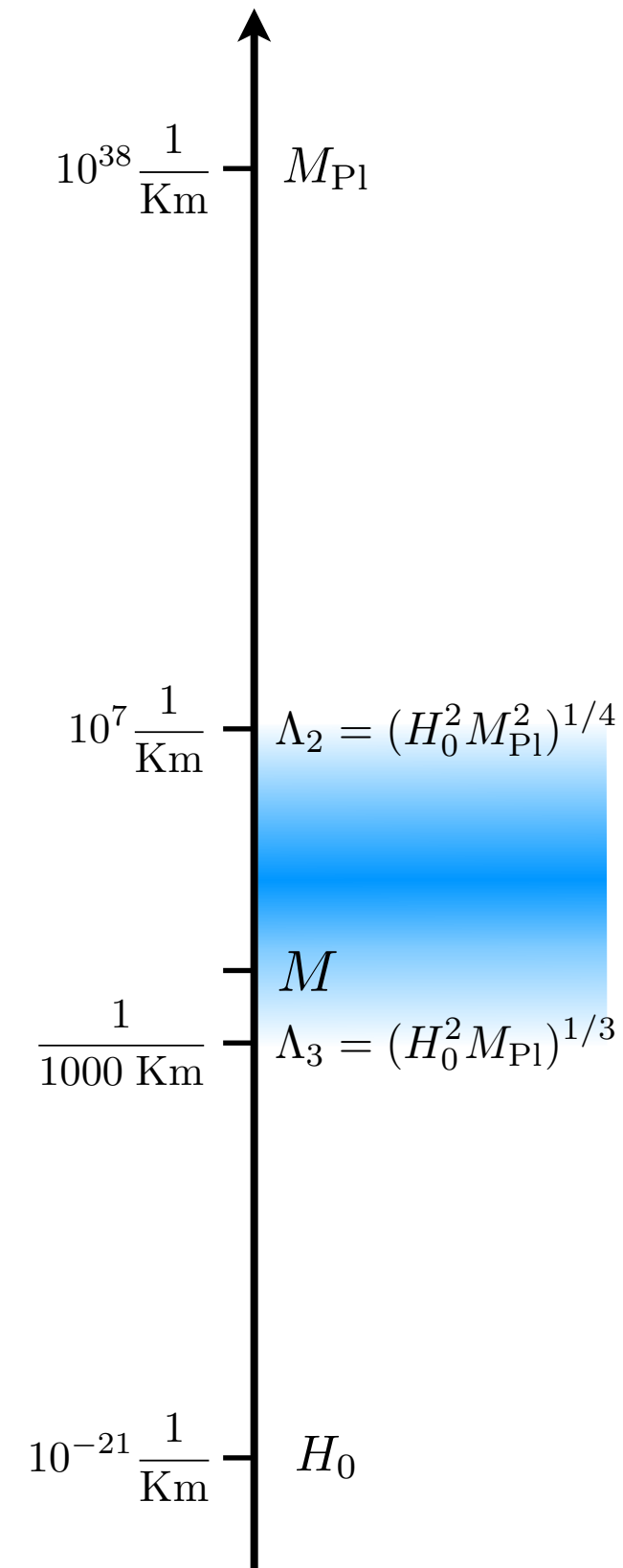
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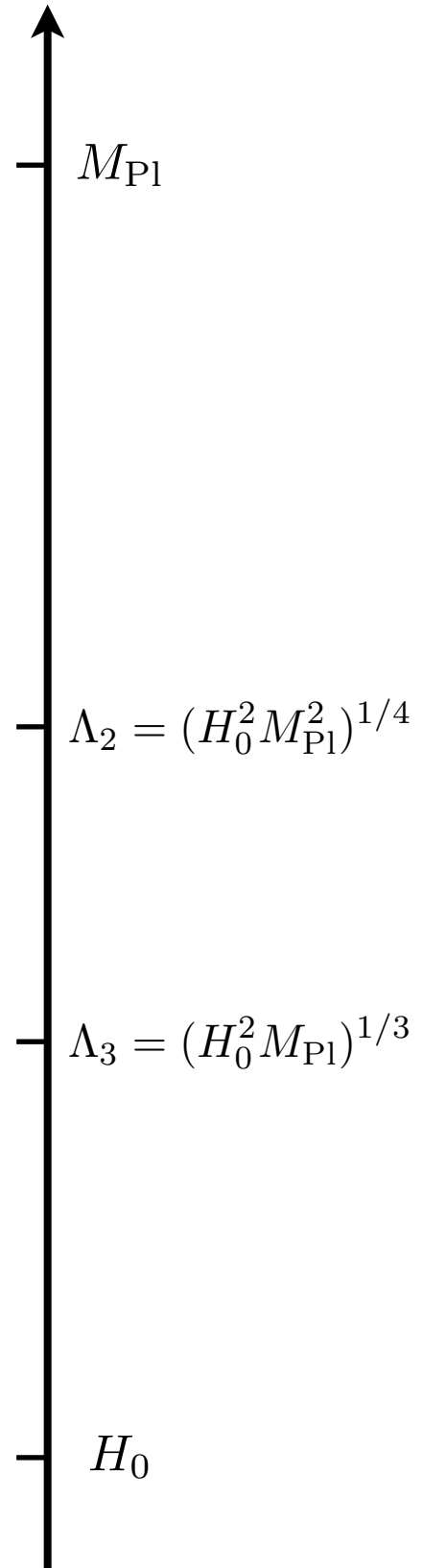


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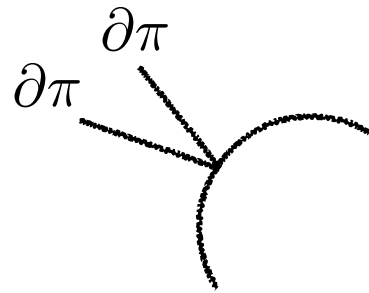
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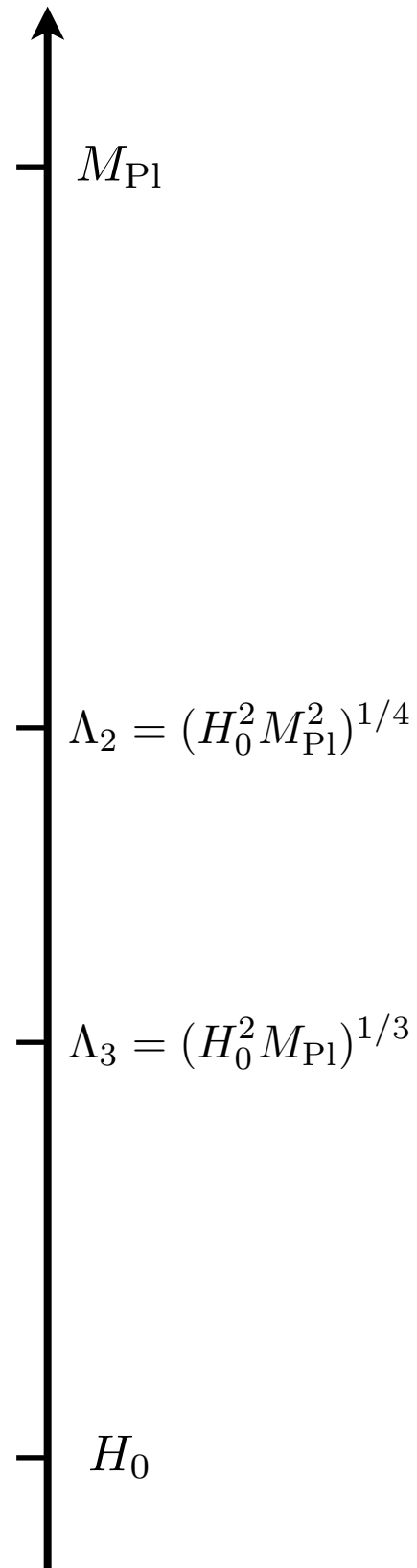
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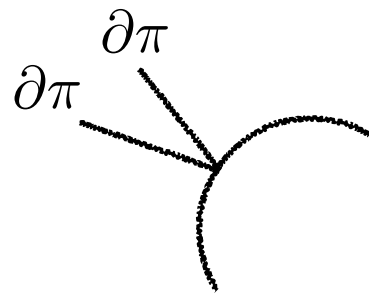
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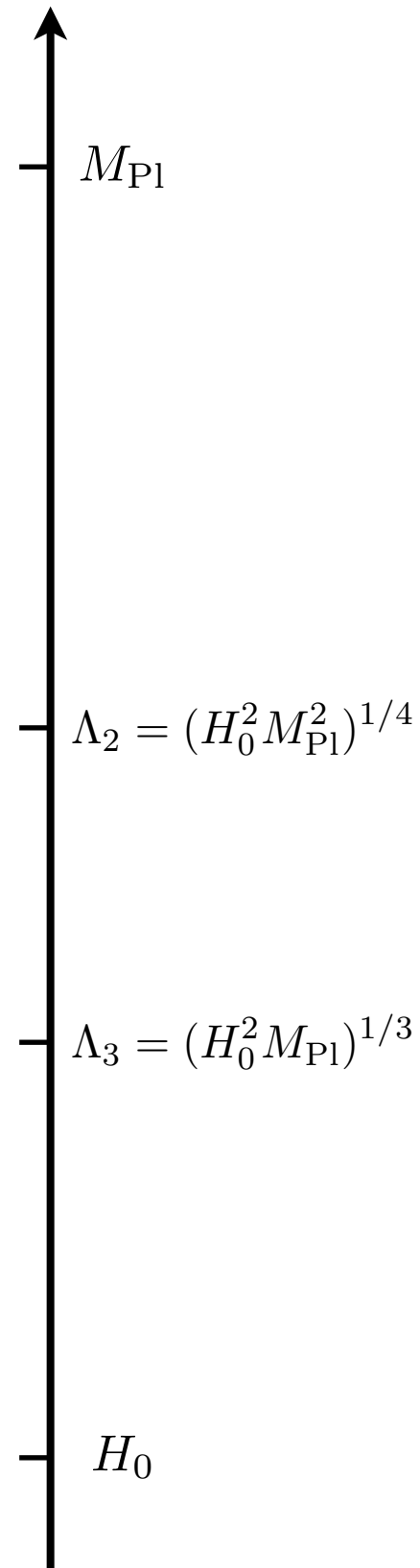
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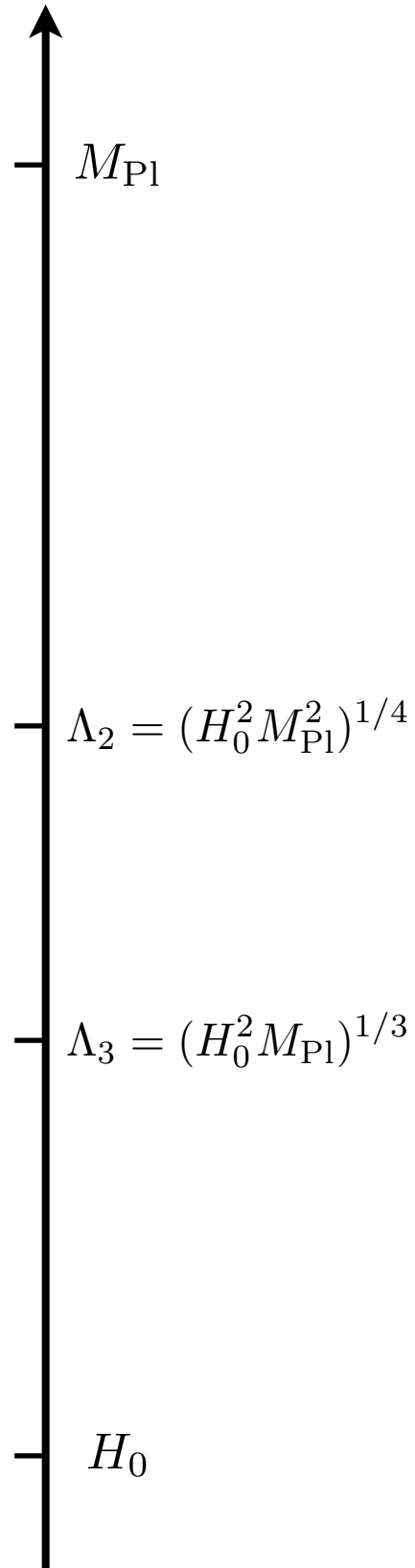
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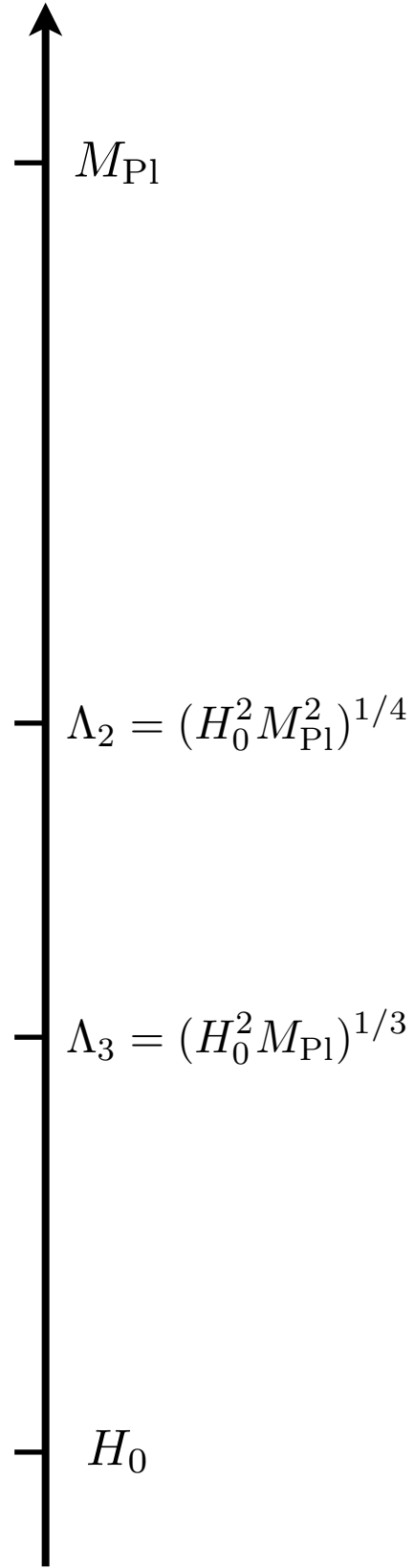
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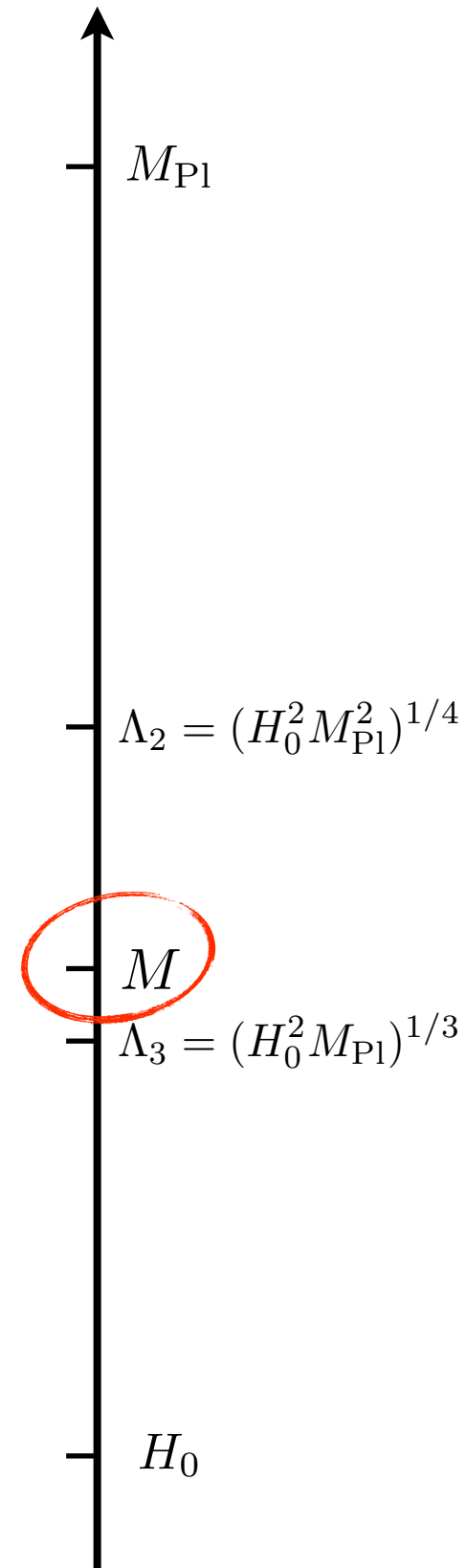
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Bellazzini, Lewandowski, Serra '19

Why raising M might be useful

1. No fifth force even if there is no screening $\alpha \lesssim 10^{-3}$

2. It explains why the speed of gravitational waves is the speed of light

$$\frac{(\partial\pi)^2(\partial^2\pi)^2}{M^6} \supset \alpha^6 \frac{(\partial\pi)^4(\partial h)^2}{\Lambda_3^6 M_{\text{Pl}}^2} \quad \alpha \lesssim 10^{-3}$$

3. Positivity bounds from scattering amplitudes suggest that the symmetry breaking operator $(\partial\pi)^4$ cannot be too small compared to the invariant ones

4. Extends the regime of validity at short length scales:
20 solar masses black holes are within the EFT range
(still above tabletop experiments but ...)

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No need for a screening mechanism

No Hair Theorem

Hui, Nicolis '12

Scalar EOM $\nabla_{\mu} J^{\mu} = 0$

$$ds^2 = -f(r)dt^2 + \frac{1}{f(r)}dr^2 + \rho^2(r)d\Omega^2$$

If the solution is static and spherical symmetric only $J^r \neq 0$

$J^{\mu} J_{\mu} = (J^r)^2 / f$ should be regular at the horizon $\implies J^r = 0$ at the horizon

Using the conservation of the current $\implies J^r(r) = 0$

One last crucial step is need to conclude that a vanishing current implies a constant scalar

$$J^r = f \cdot \pi' \cdot F(\pi'; g, g', g'')$$

F is a polynomial

π' vanishes at infinity

F asymptotes to a constant at infinity

Then $\pi'(r) = 0$

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What is Λ ? The GB coupling breaks explicitly the galileon symmetry

$\frac{\Lambda_2^8}{M^9} \pi \mathcal{G}$ is consistent with the power counting of the EFT

When R is linearized it can be rewritten as $\partial^2 \pi \partial h \partial h$

Hairy BH

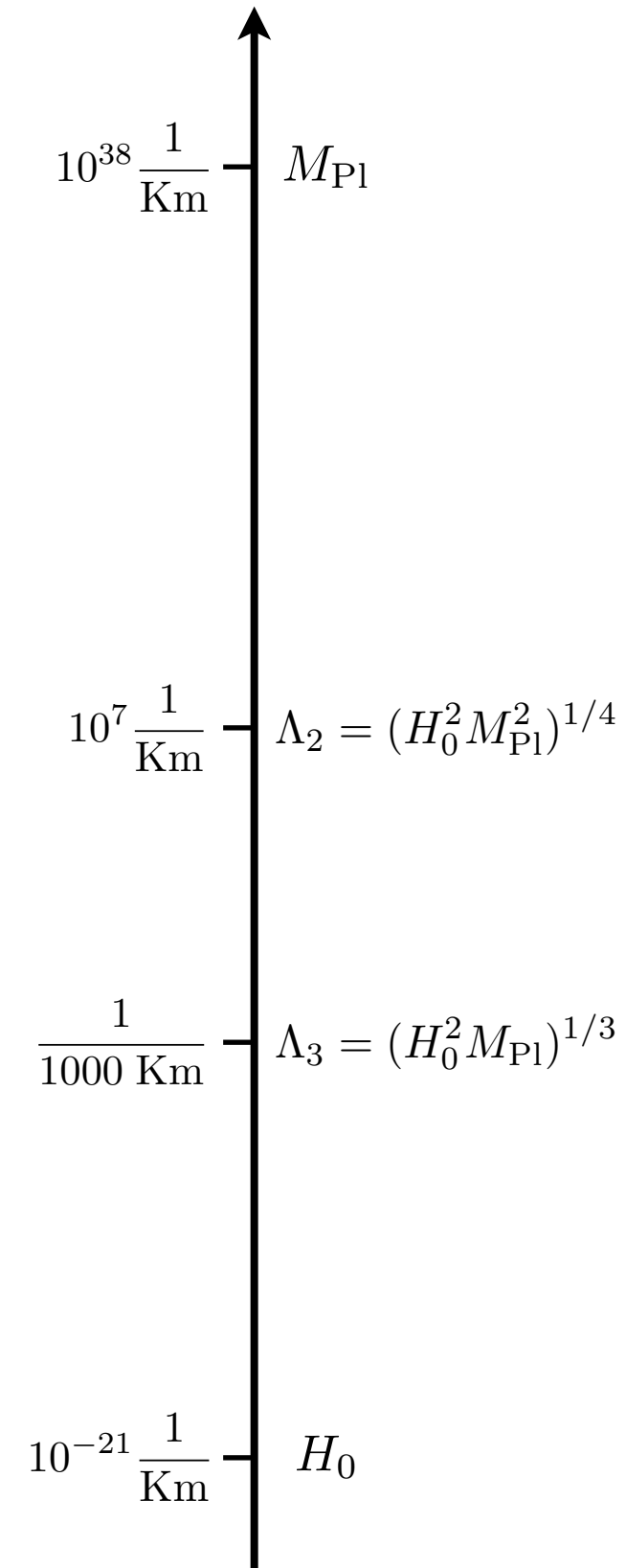
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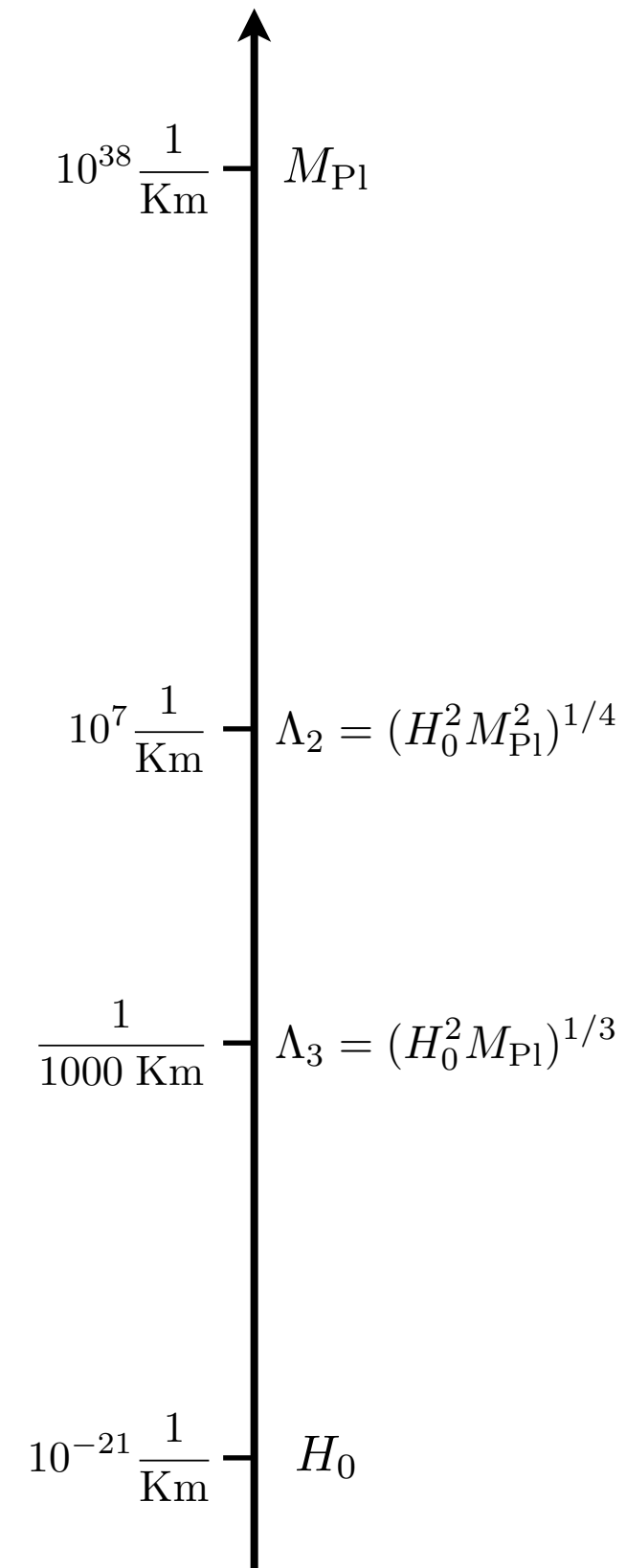
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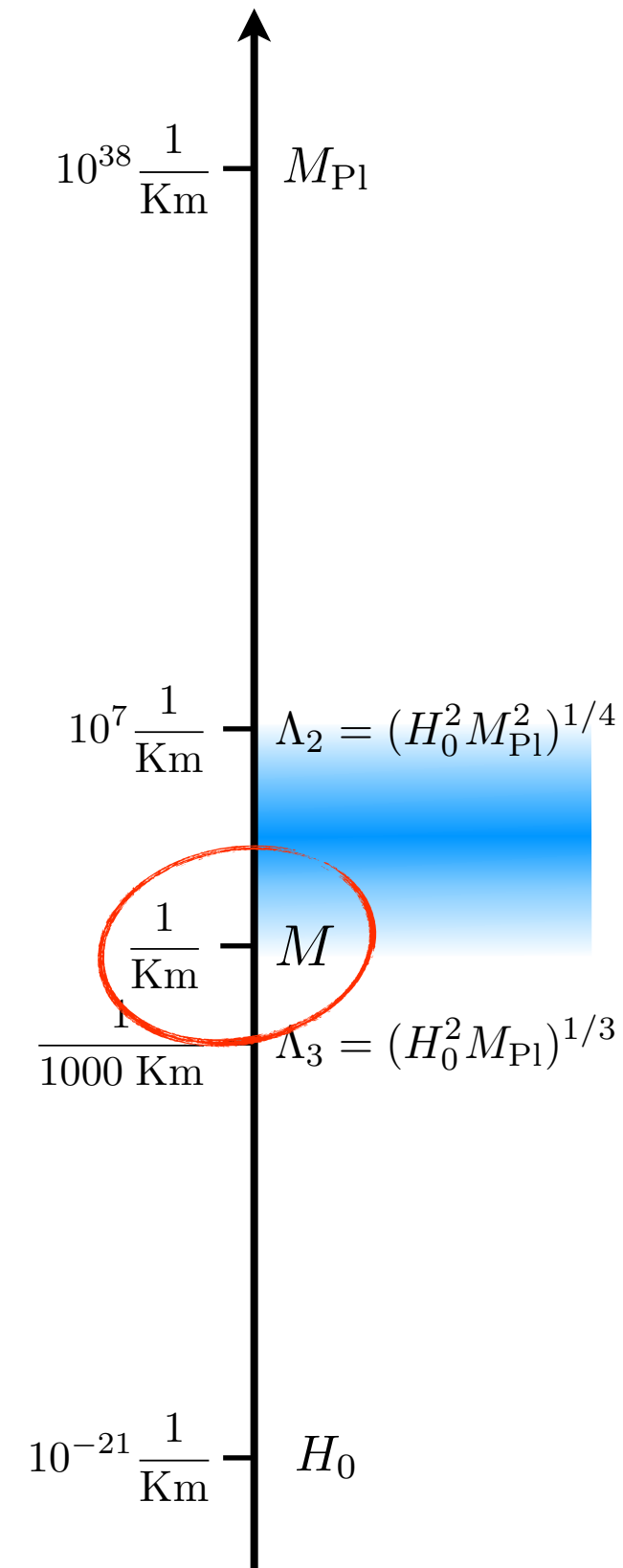
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Gauss-Bonnet hair can give sizable deviation in the quadratic action during the ringdown only if M close to border of the allowed region



Subluminality problem

The cutoff can be lower around non-linear backgrounds

$$\frac{(\partial\pi)^2(\partial\partial\pi)^2}{\Lambda_3^6}$$

Around a point-like source $Z_0^2(\partial_{\parallel}\pi)^2 + (\partial_{\perp}\pi)^2$

The energy cutoff is significantly lowered due to the scattering of the slow moving modes along the transverse directions

This is not true anymore in the BH background: there is no cancellation

$$Z_0^2 \left((\partial_{\parallel}\pi)^2 + (\partial_{\perp}\pi)^2 \right)$$

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A “decoupled” DE sector is still a possibility

Not easy to detect it. Maybe it leaves an imprint during BH ringdown

Not much is known about BH with non-trivial scalar backgrounds

Several ways to avoid the no-hair theorems (non-trivial boundary conditions, time-dependent solutions, breaking of the shift symmetry, HD interactions,...)

Useful to use an EFT framework to describe QNMs of hairy black hole

Several important missing steps: how to connect to the inspiral phase, generalize to Kerr,...