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DARK RADIATION

IN GENERAL LARGE VOLUME SCENARIOS

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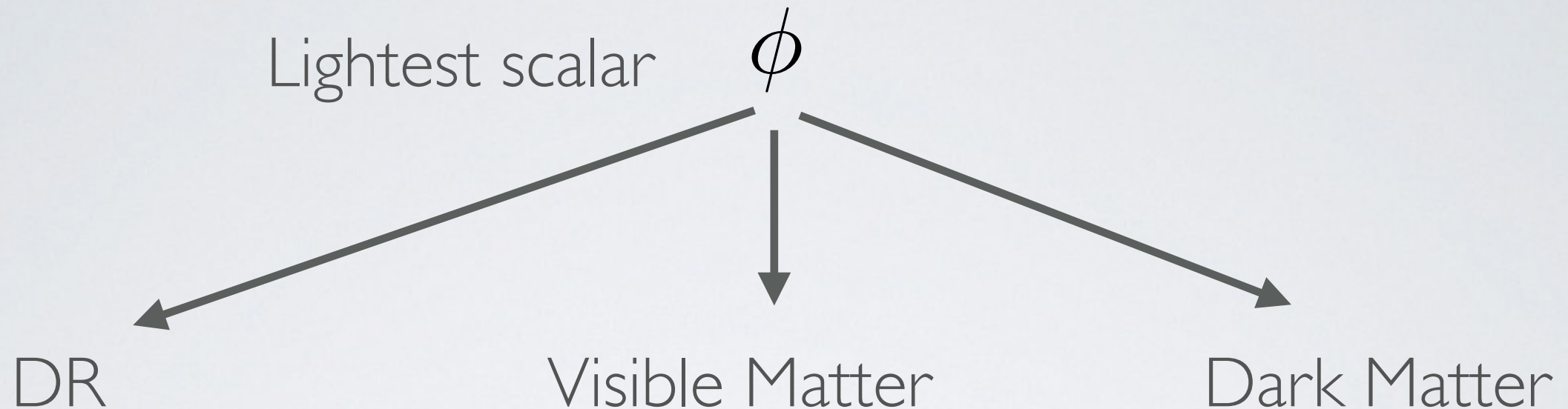
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Get Cosmic Axion Background \rightarrow axion-photon conversion in galaxy clusters.
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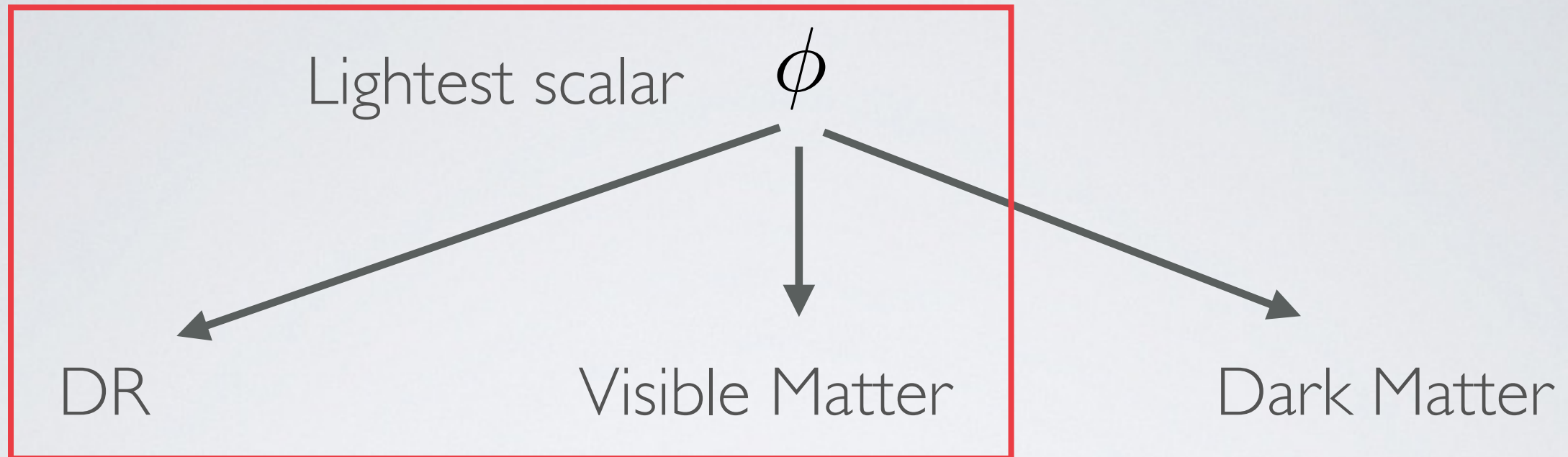
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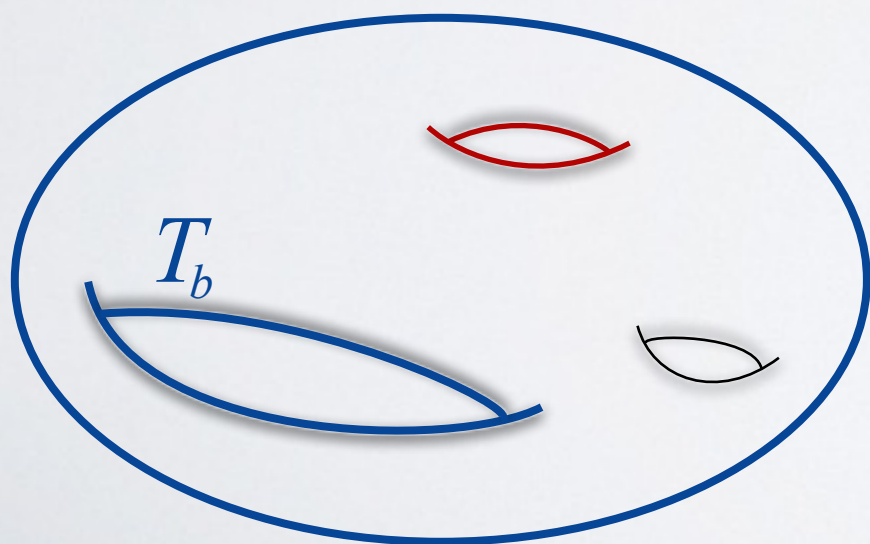
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Kähler moduli: complex scalars $T = \tau + ia$.

- τ parameterises volumes of internal 4-cycle.
- a is an axion-like particle (ALP).
- Have a shift-symmetry: $T \rightarrow T + i\epsilon$.



LVS:

- lightest modulus: τ_b
- DR candidate: a_b

$$m_{\tau_b} \sim \frac{M_{pl}}{\mathcal{V}^{3/2}} \quad m_{a_b} \sim M_{pl} e^{-\mathcal{V}^{2/3}} \simeq 0$$

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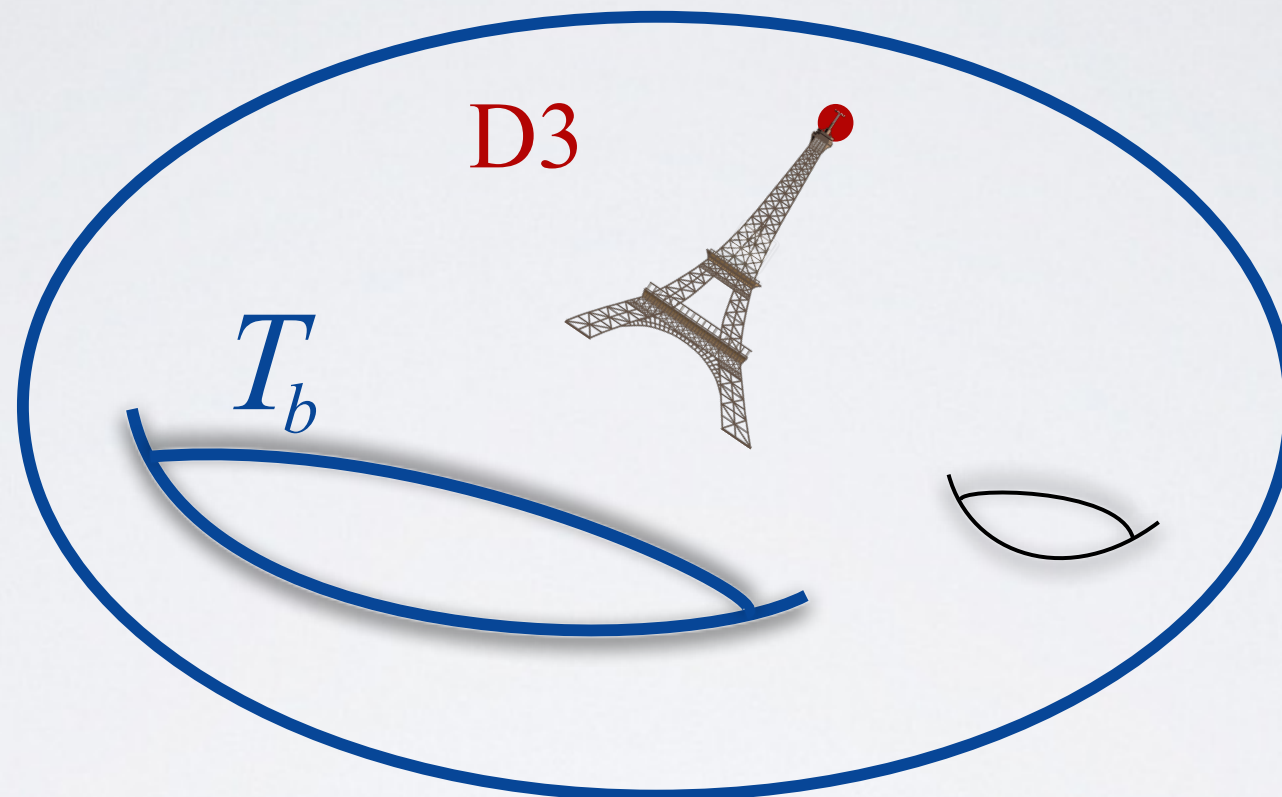
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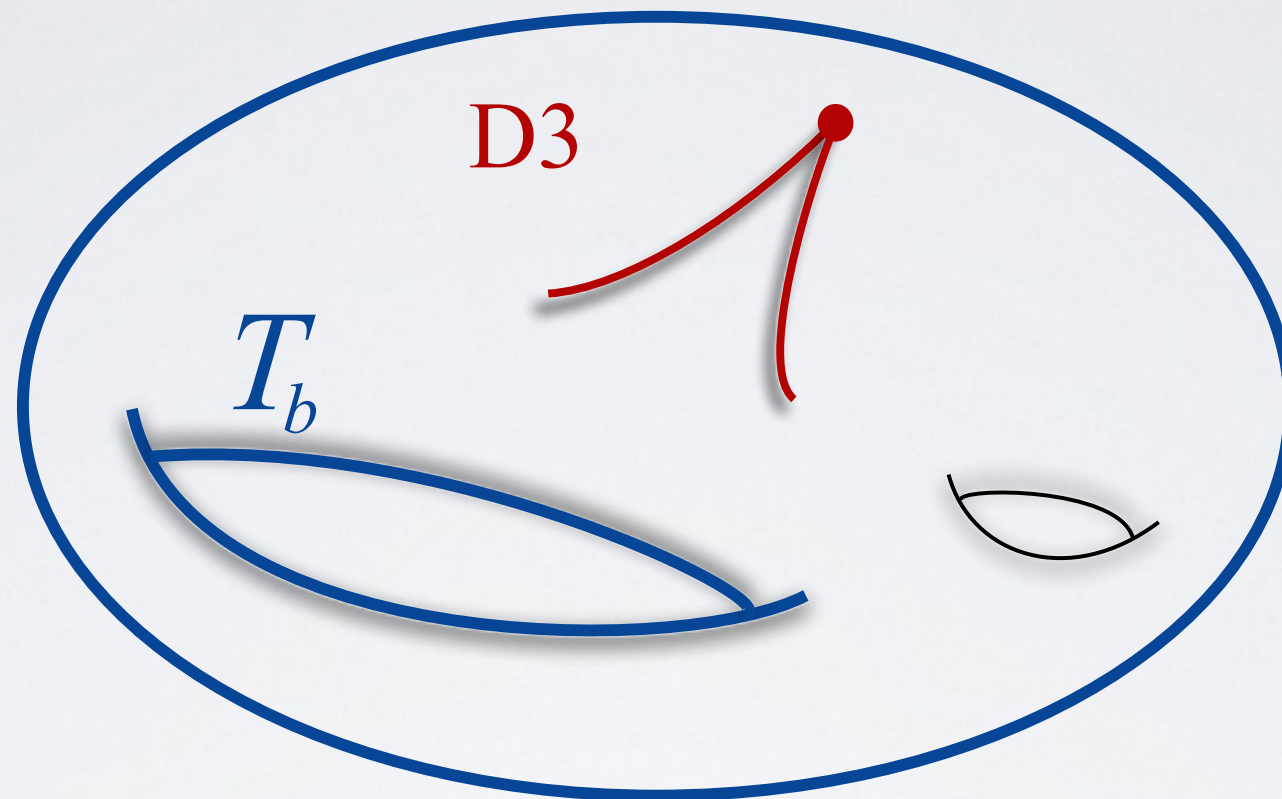
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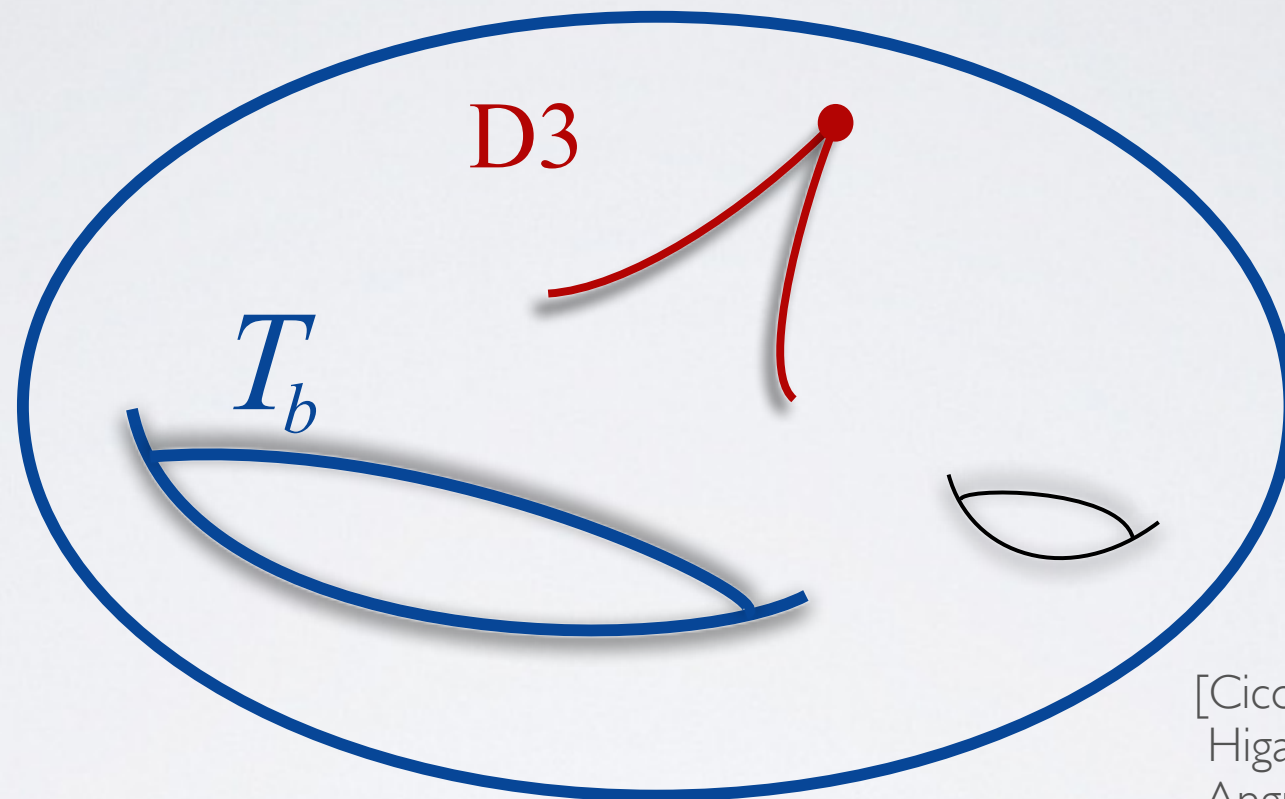
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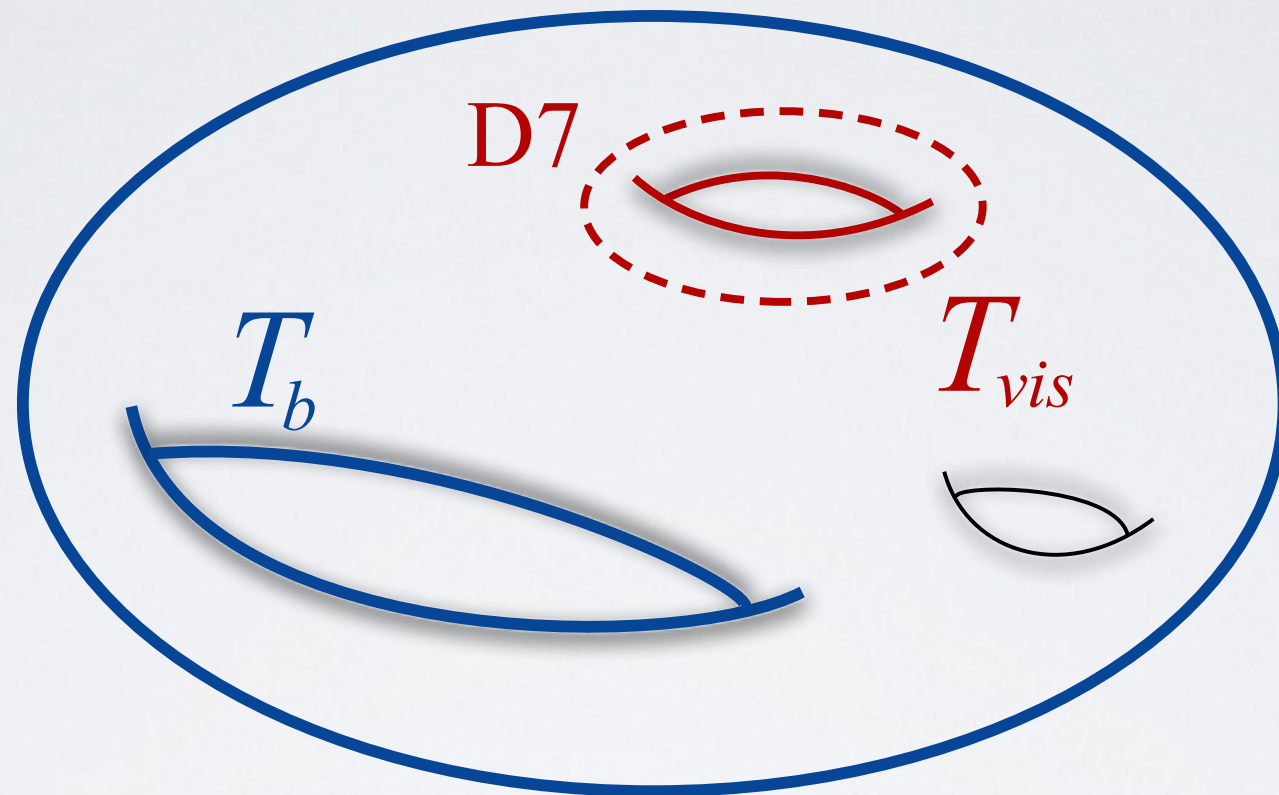
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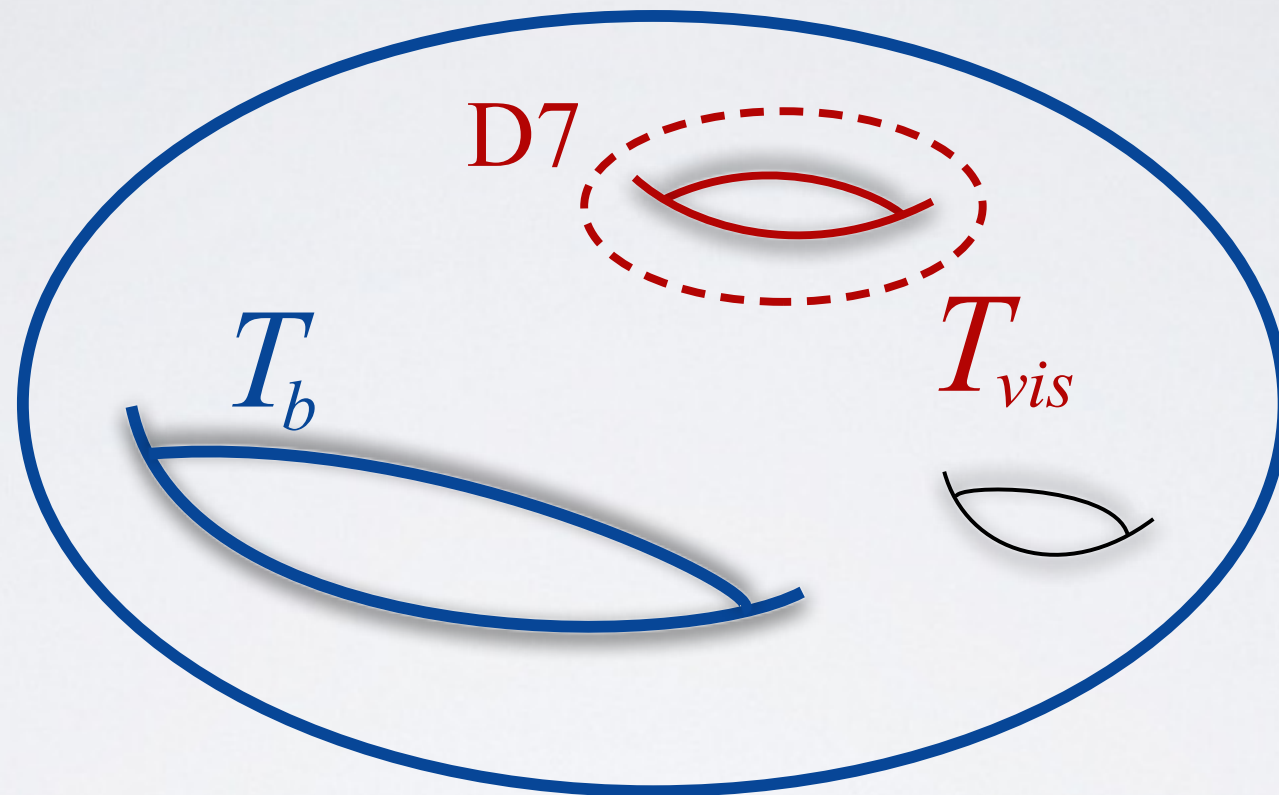
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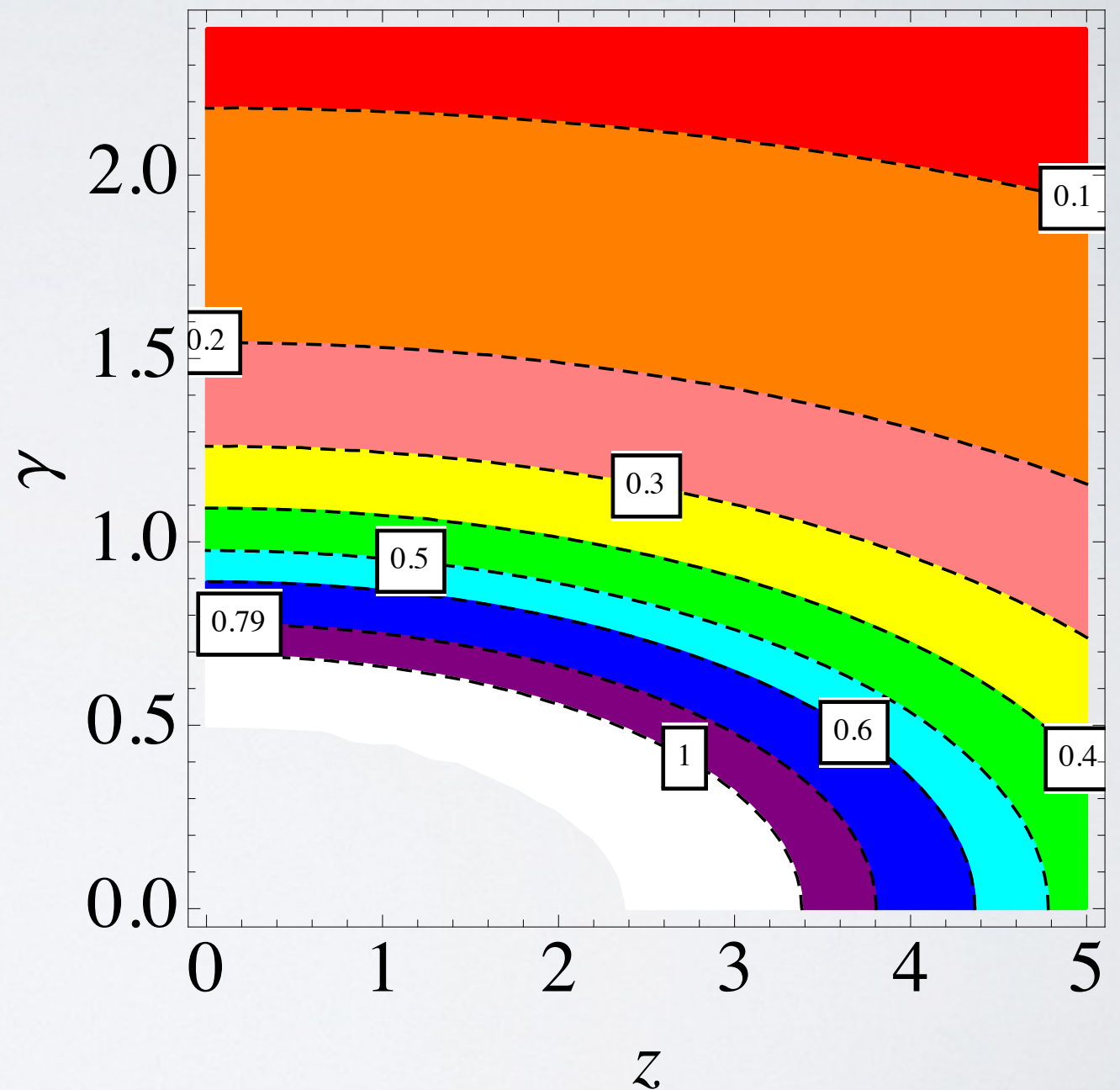
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