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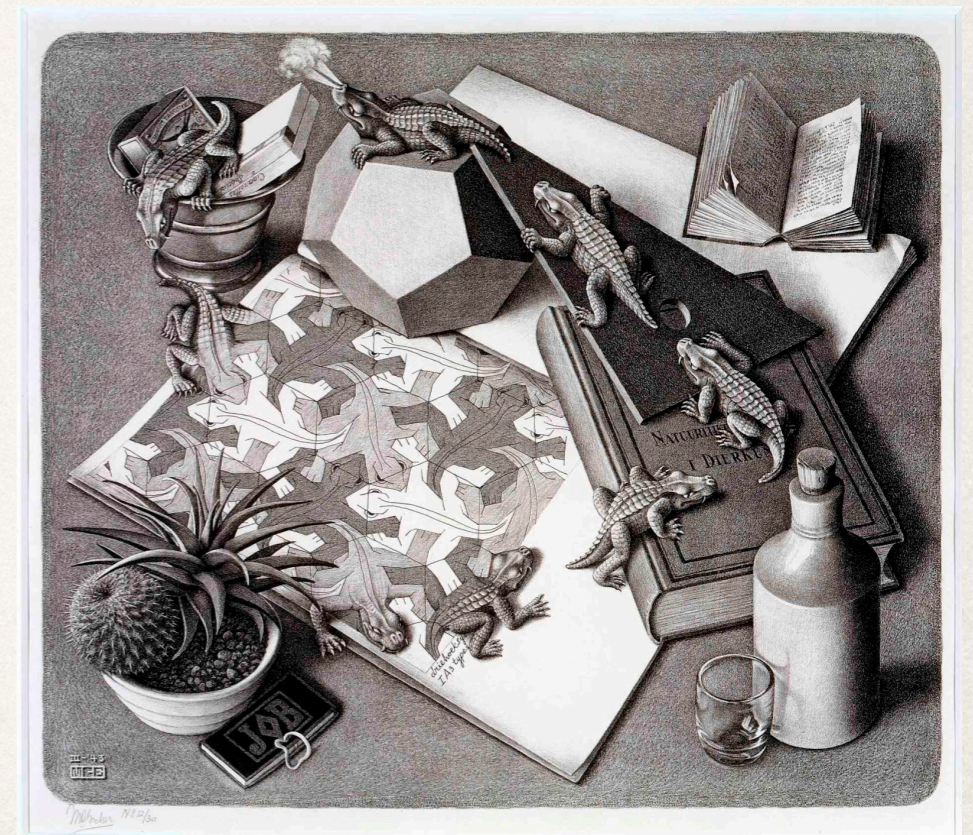


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## String gravi/dark photons, holography and the hypercharge portal

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# Plan of the talk

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- ❖ Motivation
- ❖ Framework
- ❖ Emergent gravitons
- ❖ Gravi- / dark- photons
- ❖ Emergent axions
- ❖ Emergent neutrinos
- ❖ Conclusions



# Motivation

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- ❖ These **couplings**  $g_i(x)$  could be **dynamical**.
  - The **coupling of the stress-energy tensor** is the metric  $g_{\mu\nu}(x)$ : **dynamical** (gravity).
  - The **QCD  $\theta$ -angle** is believed to be **dynamical** (axion).
  - In string theory, **Yukawa couplings** are also **dynamical scalars** (quasi)-moduli.
- ❖ In this talk we will **explore these couplings** in a generic **holography-inspired framework**.



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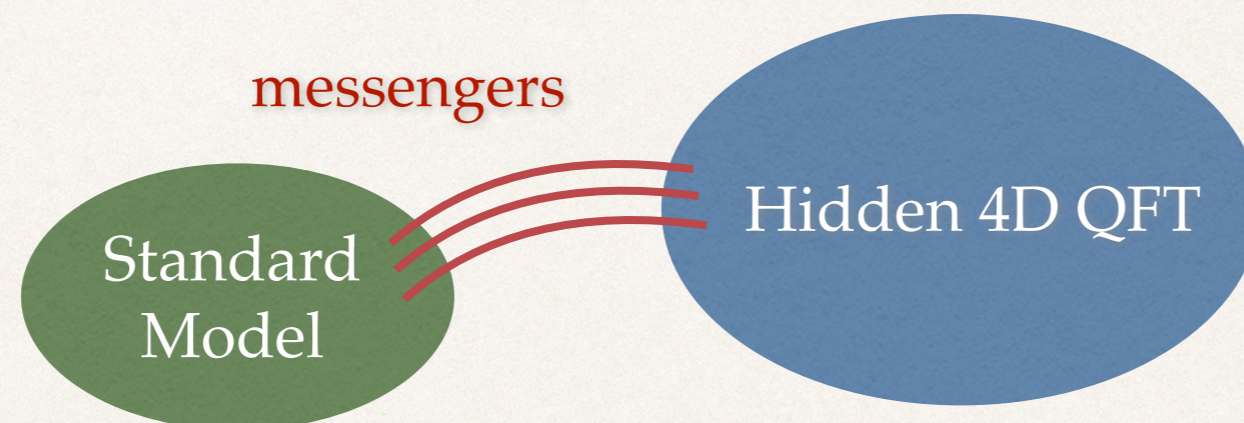
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- ❖ In this **holography-inspired scenario**, and we will *assume* that

*all interaction in nature are described by 4D Quantum Field Theories*

Kiritsis

- ❖ In this framework, the **Fundamental Theory** consists of **three parts**



- The **Standard Model** (SM) is just a **small sector** of the Fundamental Theory.
- A **Hidden Sector** (HS) is a (arbitrary) 4D QFT, **hidden** from the SM in the IR.
- **Messengers** which **couple** the two sectors (SM and HS).

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- ❖ From the SM point of view, operators of the HS will appear as “fields”.
- ❖ Some of these operators/fields will be protected by symmetries and will remain light.

HS point of view

SM point of view

$\hat{T}_{\mu\nu}$  of the HS



$g_{\mu\nu}$  graviton

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$Tr[\hat{F} \wedge \hat{F}]$  of the HS



$a$  axion

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global conserved currents of the HS



abelian gauge fields

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- ❖ Occasionally, heavy operators/fields could provide interesting phenomenology.

Fermionic operators of the HS/MS



RH-Neutrinos

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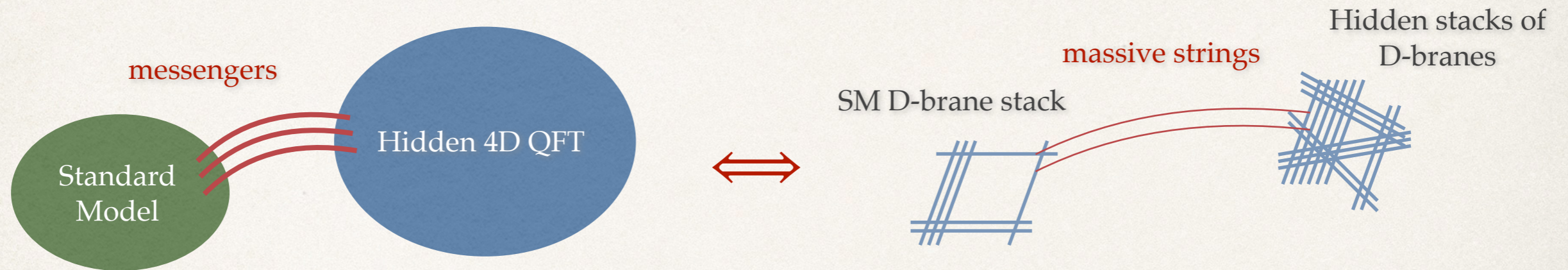
- ❖ Our goal is:
  - To build the effective action for these emergent fields.
  - To investigate the phenomenological implications.
- ❖ In various cases, we assume a **holographic hidden sector**.
- ❖ **Emergent fields** (graviton, axions, gauge fields, neutrinos) in this framework are **composites**, and they are **distinct qualitatively** from what has been **considered so far**.
- ❖ In this talk, we will **flash** the origin of **emergent gravitons, axions and neutrinos...**
- ❖ ...and we will **focus** on **gravi/dark photons**.



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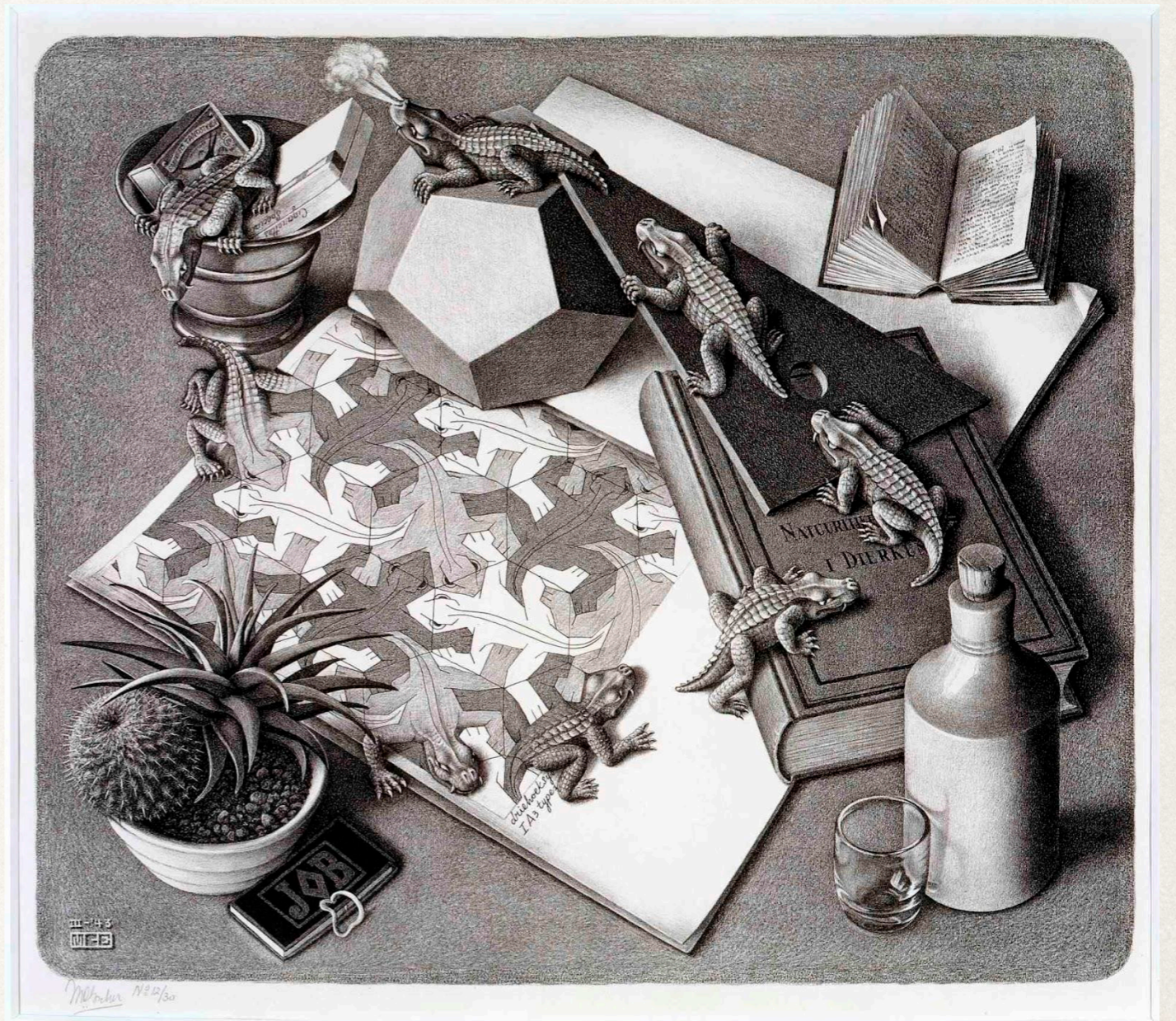
- \* This picture is quite generic in string theory.



- \* Consider D-brane realisations of the SM.
  - **Standard Model** is localized on a collection of stacks of D-branes,
  - **Hidden D-branes** are at some distance to ensure the stability of the construction (tadpole cancelation). Strings living on these D-branes consist a Hidden sector to the SM at the IR.
  - The **closed string sector** naturally provides the graviton, gravi-photons, (RR) axions and other moduli.



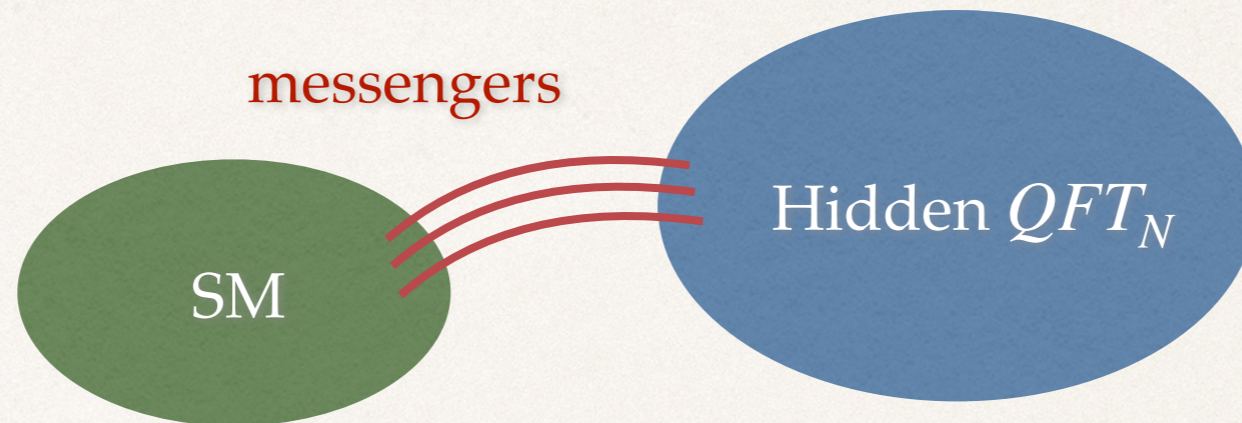
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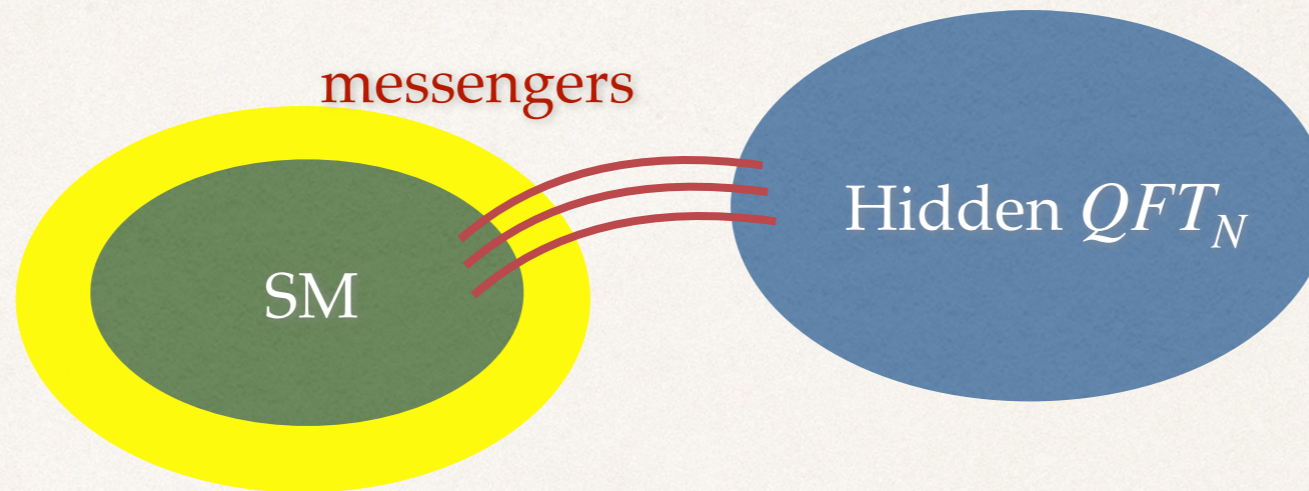
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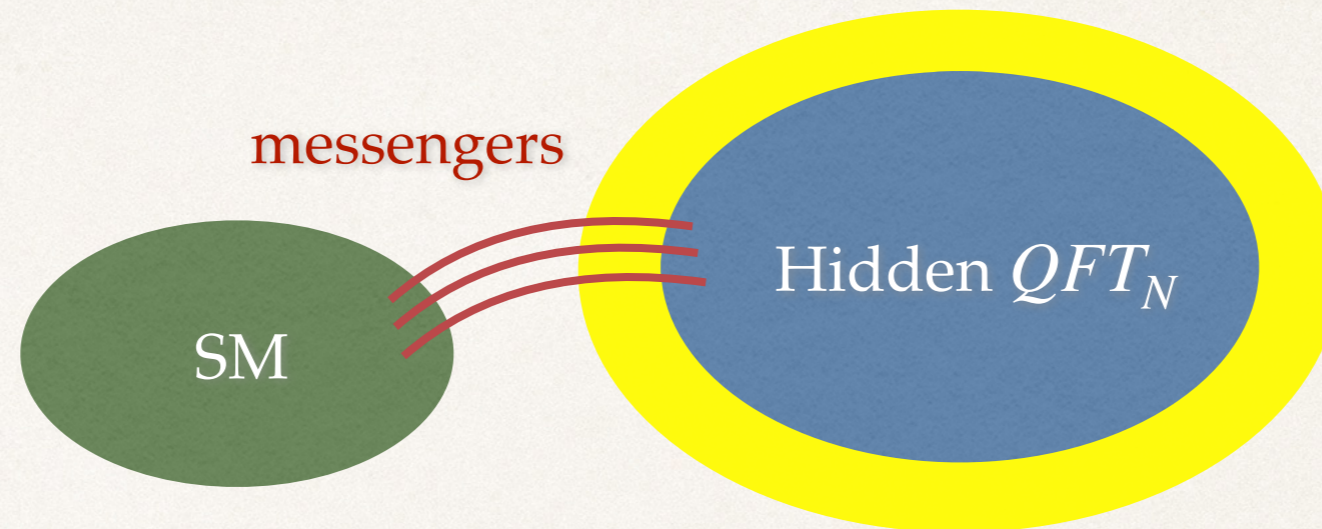
- ❖ The Standard Model (SM):

- Contains all **known/standard fields** (quarks, leptons, gauge fields, Higgs).
- Later, we will **loosen** this standard definition by investigating **extensions**.



# Framework

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## \* The Hidden $QFT_N$ :

- It is **UV-complete**: At the UV it is either **asymptotically free** or **conformal**.
- Size is enormous and its structure is random.
- However, we will **assume**  $SU(N)$  with **N - large** (even astronomical) values.
- At **weak coupling (IR)** the hidden theory contains the simplest QFTs:

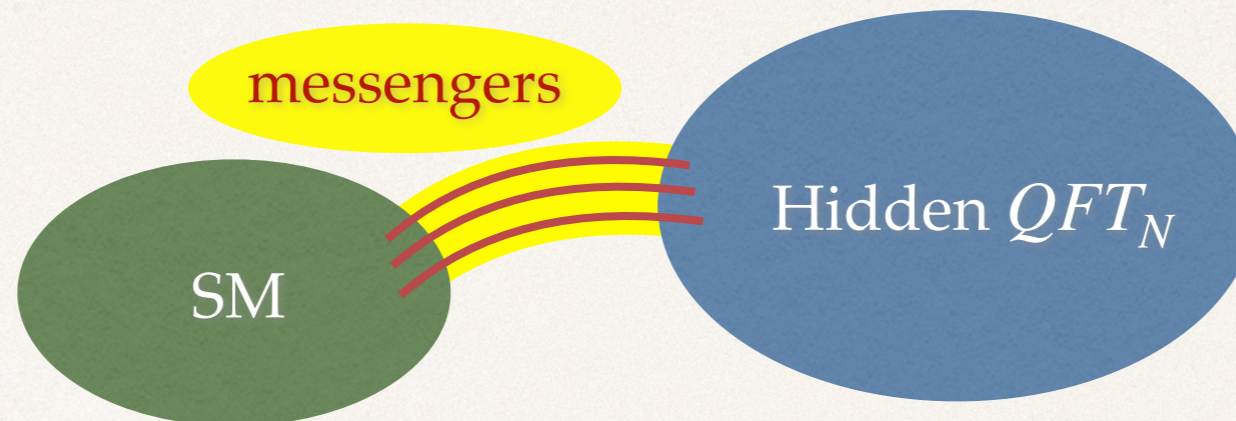
vectors  $\hat{A}^\mu$ , scalars  $\hat{\phi}$  and spin-1/2 particles  $\hat{\psi}$

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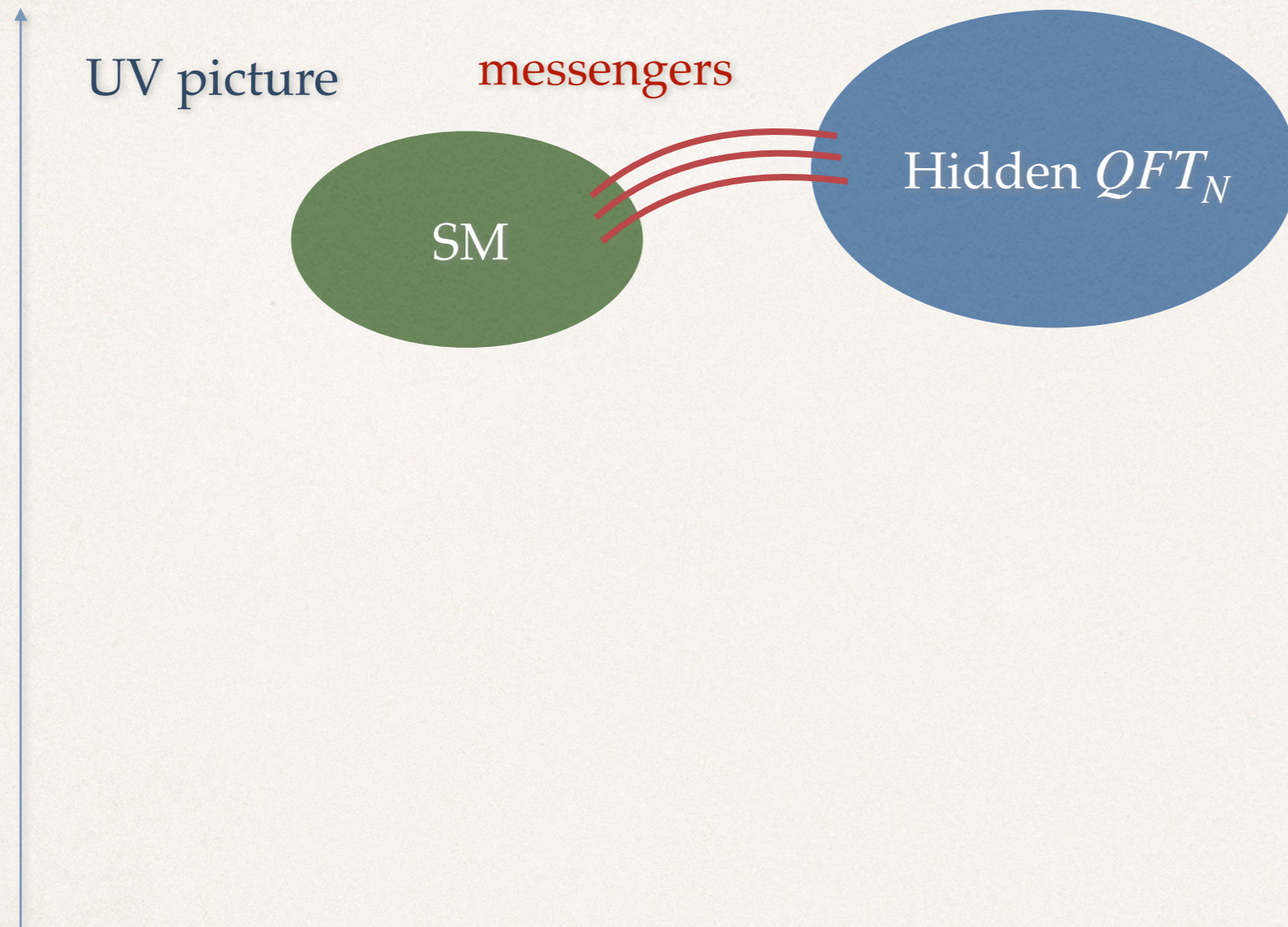
## \* Messengers

- They are **charged** under both the **SM** and the **HS**.
- They are **massive** and they can be **heavy/light** (depending on the HS).
- In our case **we assume to be heavy**, with scale  $M_{messenger}$ .
- This scale is **the largest** of all other scales in this framework.



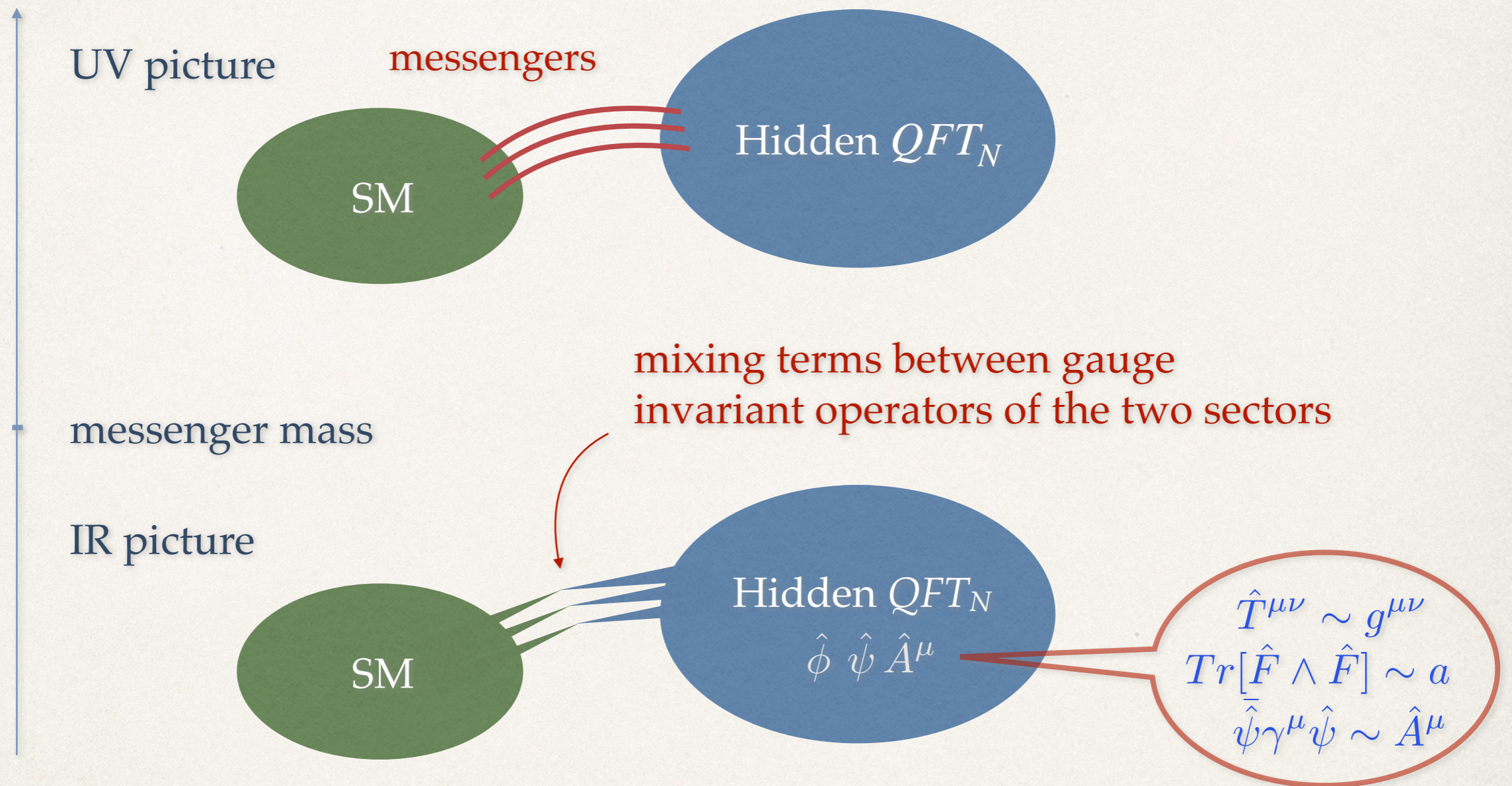
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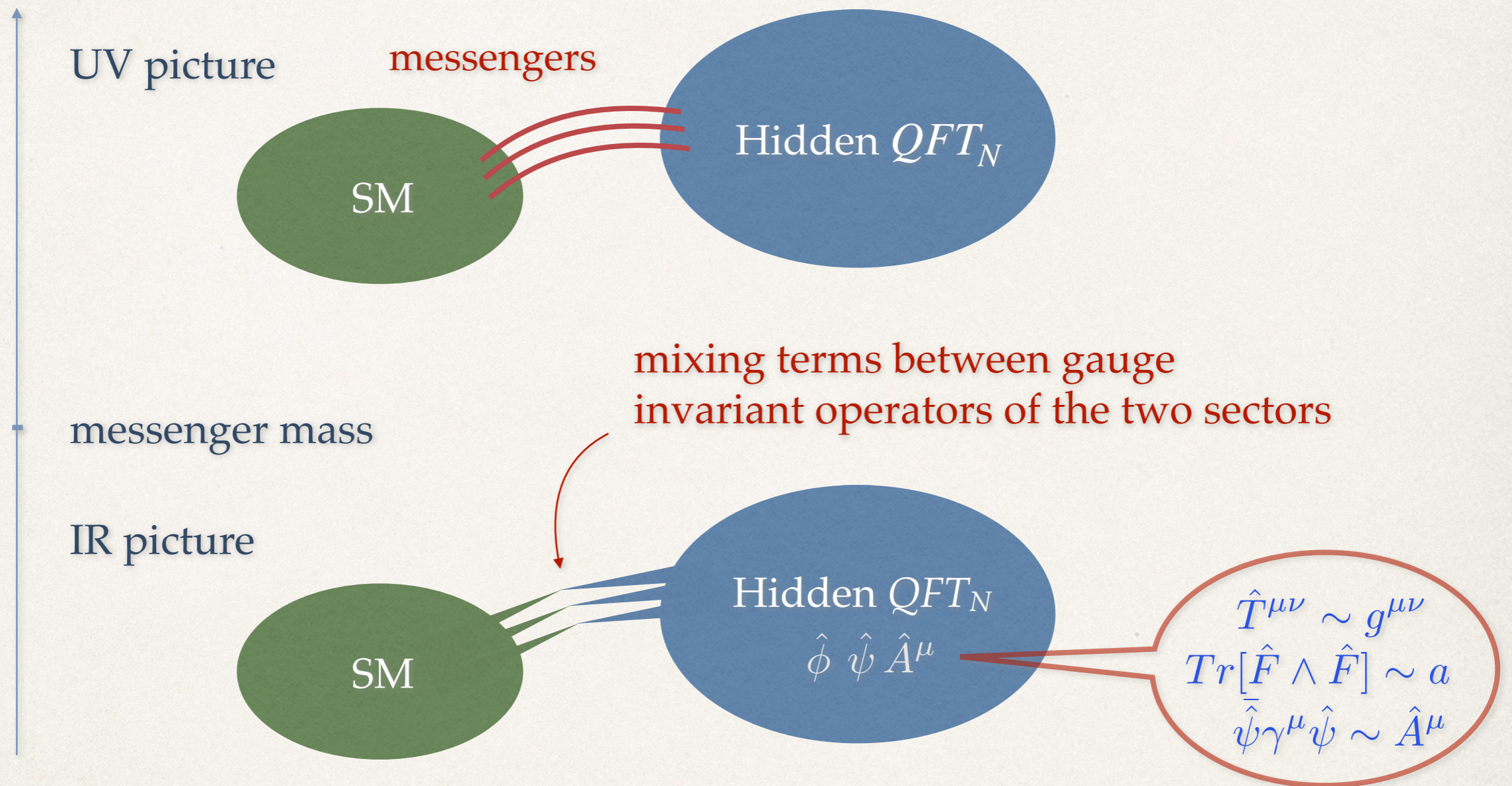


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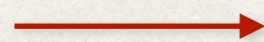


operators in Hidden Sector



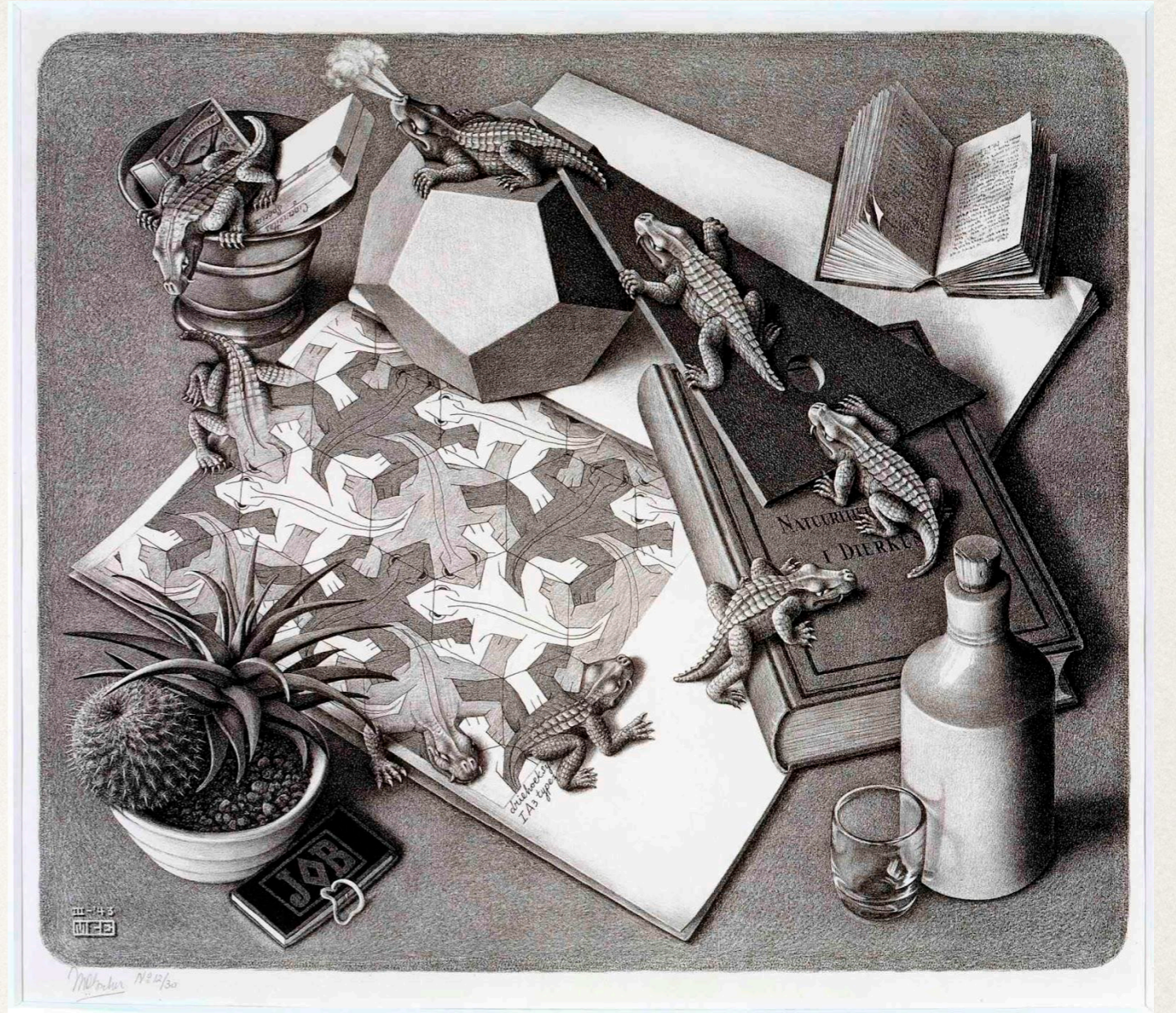
weakly coupled fields for the SM

operators protected by symmetries



light particles





# Emergent Gravity

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- \* In this framework, **gravity** is an avatar of the Hidden QFT.

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$$S_{int} = \lambda \int d^4x \left( T_{\mu\nu}(x) \hat{T}^{\mu\nu}(x) + c T(x) \hat{T}(x) \right) \longrightarrow h_{\mu\nu} \sim \frac{\hat{T}_{\mu\nu}}{M^4}$$

- \* In the far IR, the graviton is **massless** and realise the action

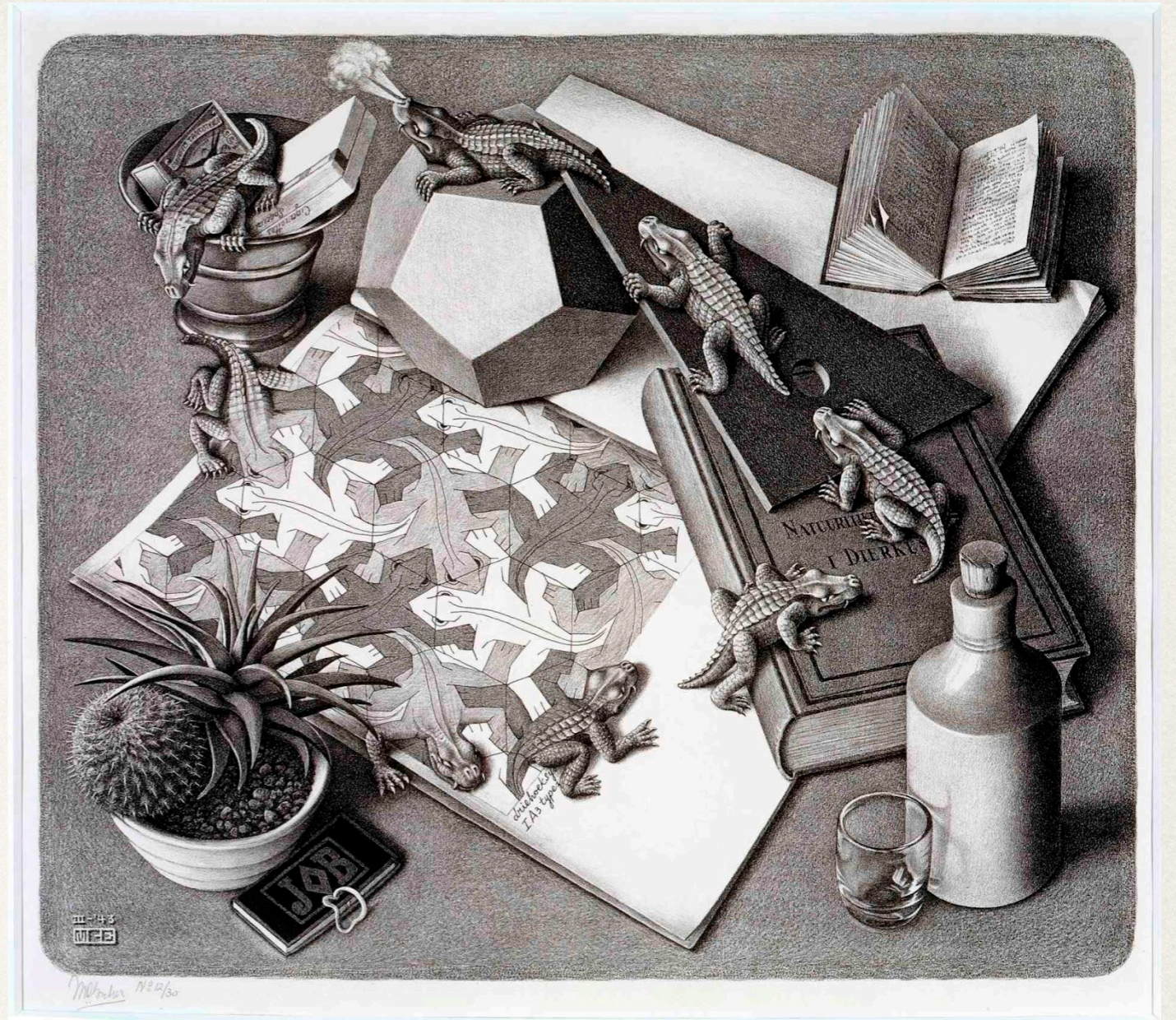
$$S_{eff} = S_{vis} + \int d^4x h_{\mu\nu} \left( T^{\mu\nu} + (2\pi)^4 \lambda^{-1} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} \lambda^{-1} \Lambda^{-1} \right) \eta^{\mu\nu} \right) \\ + \int d^4x \sqrt{g} \left( \Lambda + \frac{1}{16\pi G} R \right) \Big|_{g_{\mu\nu} + \eta_{\mu\nu} + h_{\mu\nu}}$$

- \* The **cosmological constant** is given by  $\Lambda = -\frac{(2\pi)^8}{\lambda^2 \langle \hat{T} \rangle}$ .

- \* The **Weinberg-Witten theorem** is **inapplicable**: the final gravitational theory has a **non-trivial cosmological constant**.

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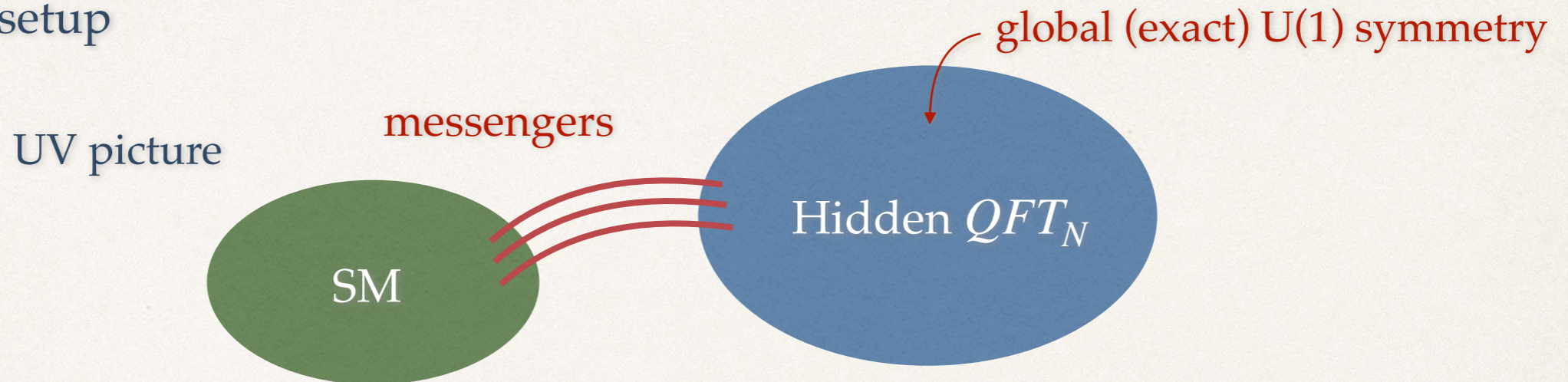
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- ❖ Back to our setup



HS point of view

global conserved currents ( $\hat{J}^\mu = \bar{\hat{\psi}}\gamma^\mu\hat{\psi}$ )

SM point of view

abelian gauge fields  $\hat{A}^\mu$

- ❖ Such emergent/composite vectors have

- (very) light masses

- a compositeness scale

above, it has non-local kinetic term

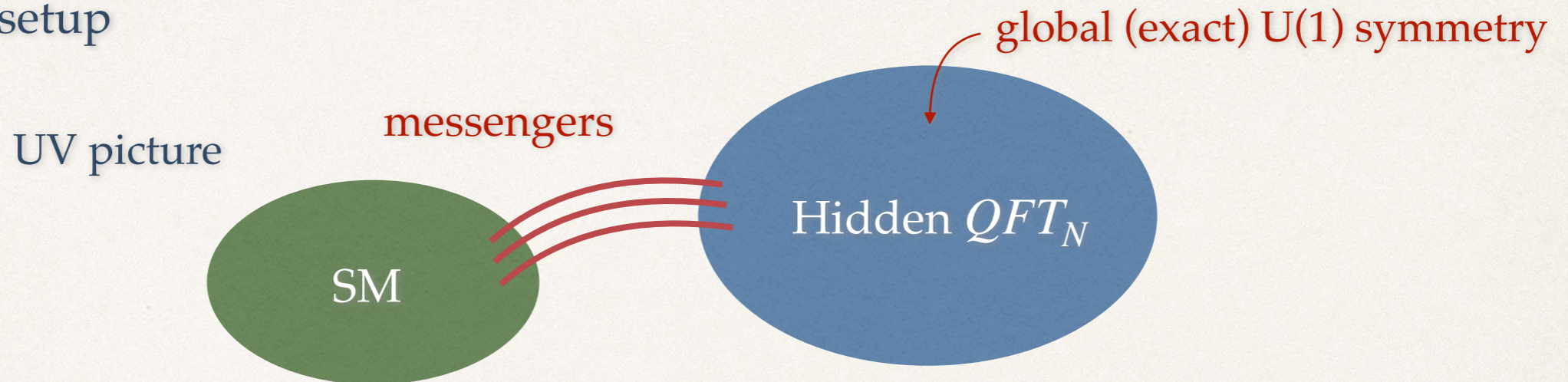
bellow, it behaves like point-like / standard field



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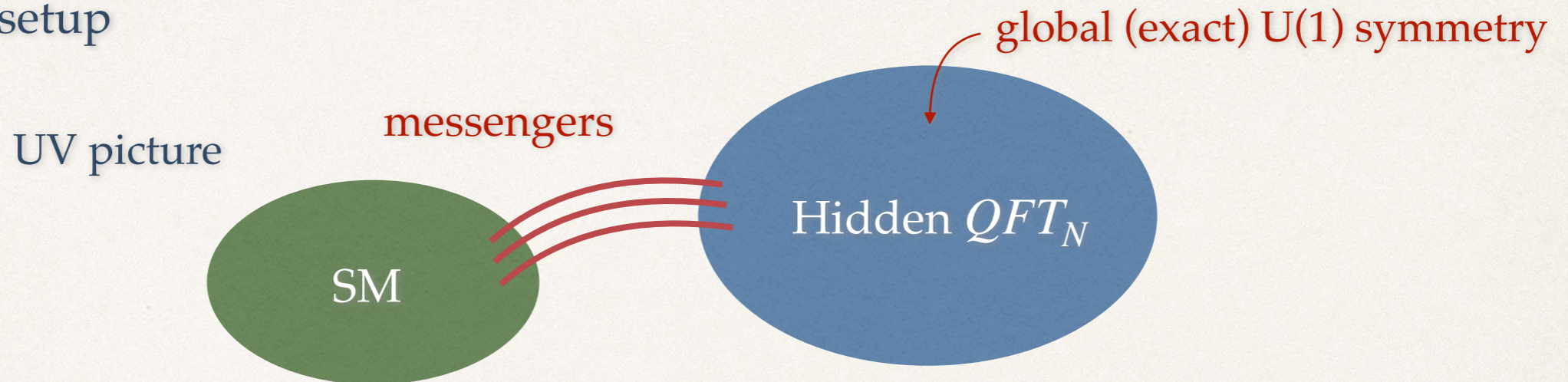
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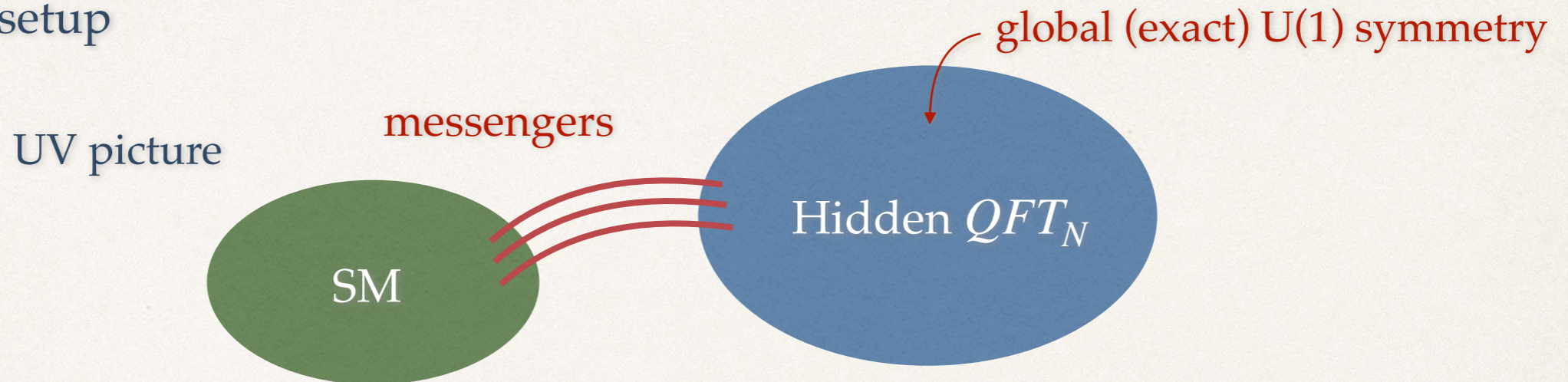
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emergent gauge fields

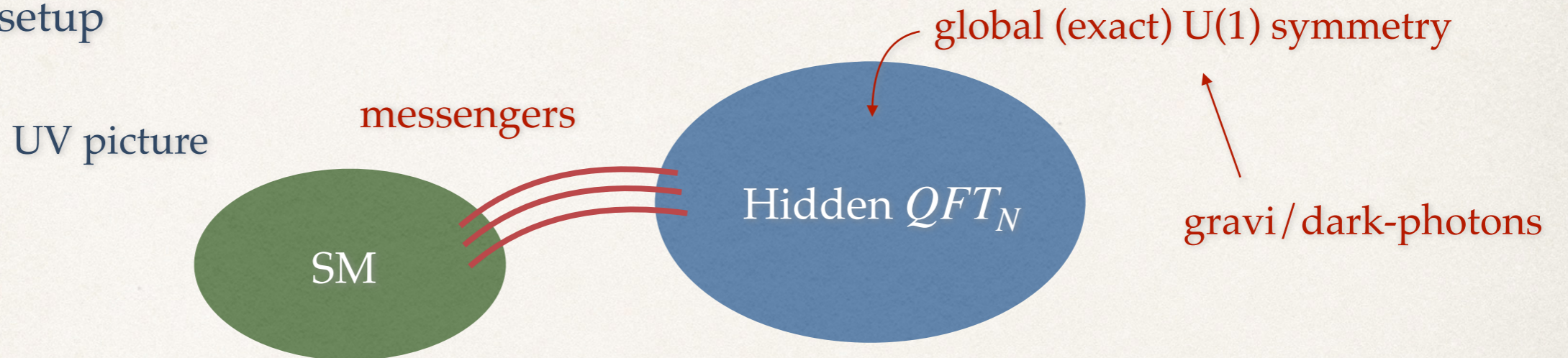
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- ❖ These emergent vectors can play the role of gravi-/dark-photons.

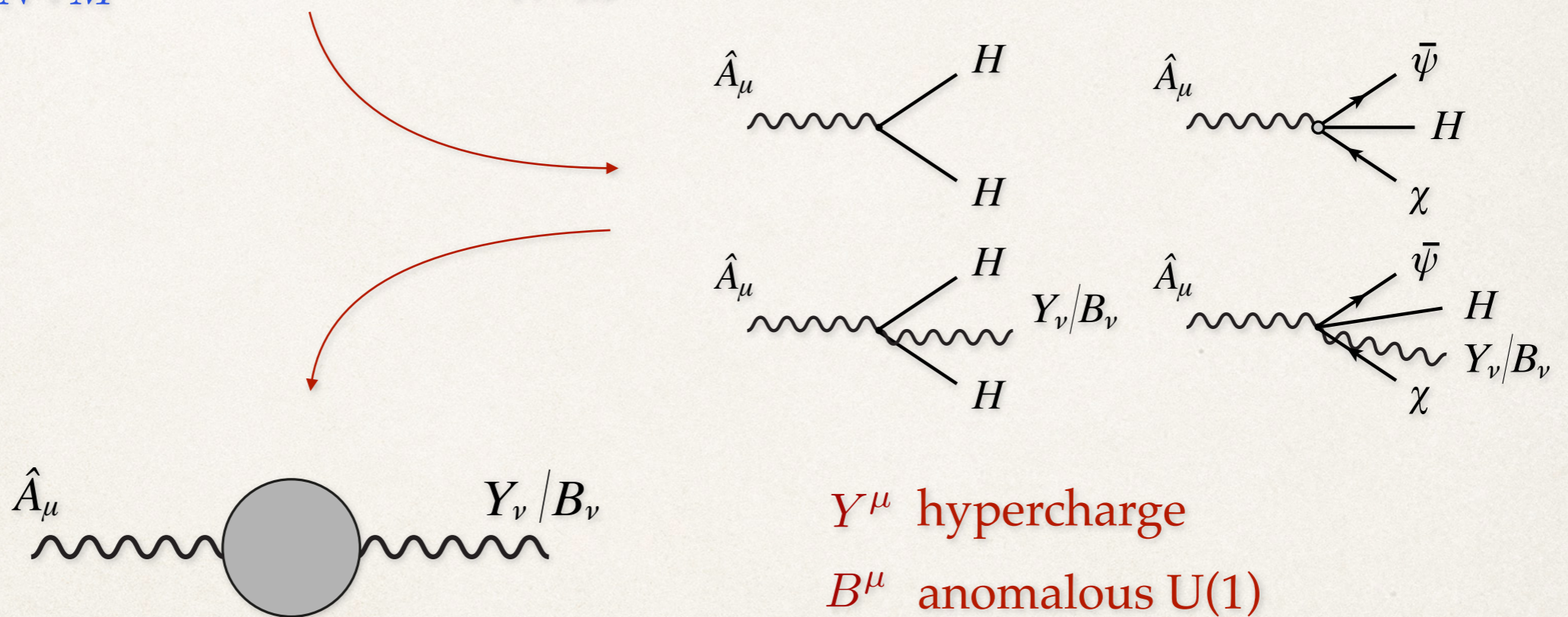


# Mixings

- With the effective action of couplings between **gravi / dark-photons** and **SM fields** we can evaluate **mixing with SM abelian fields** (hypercharge or anomalous U(1)'s).

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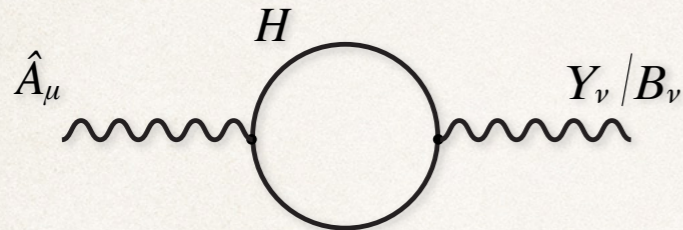
- We explore two different cases: the **unbroken** and the **broken phase**.



# Unbroken phase

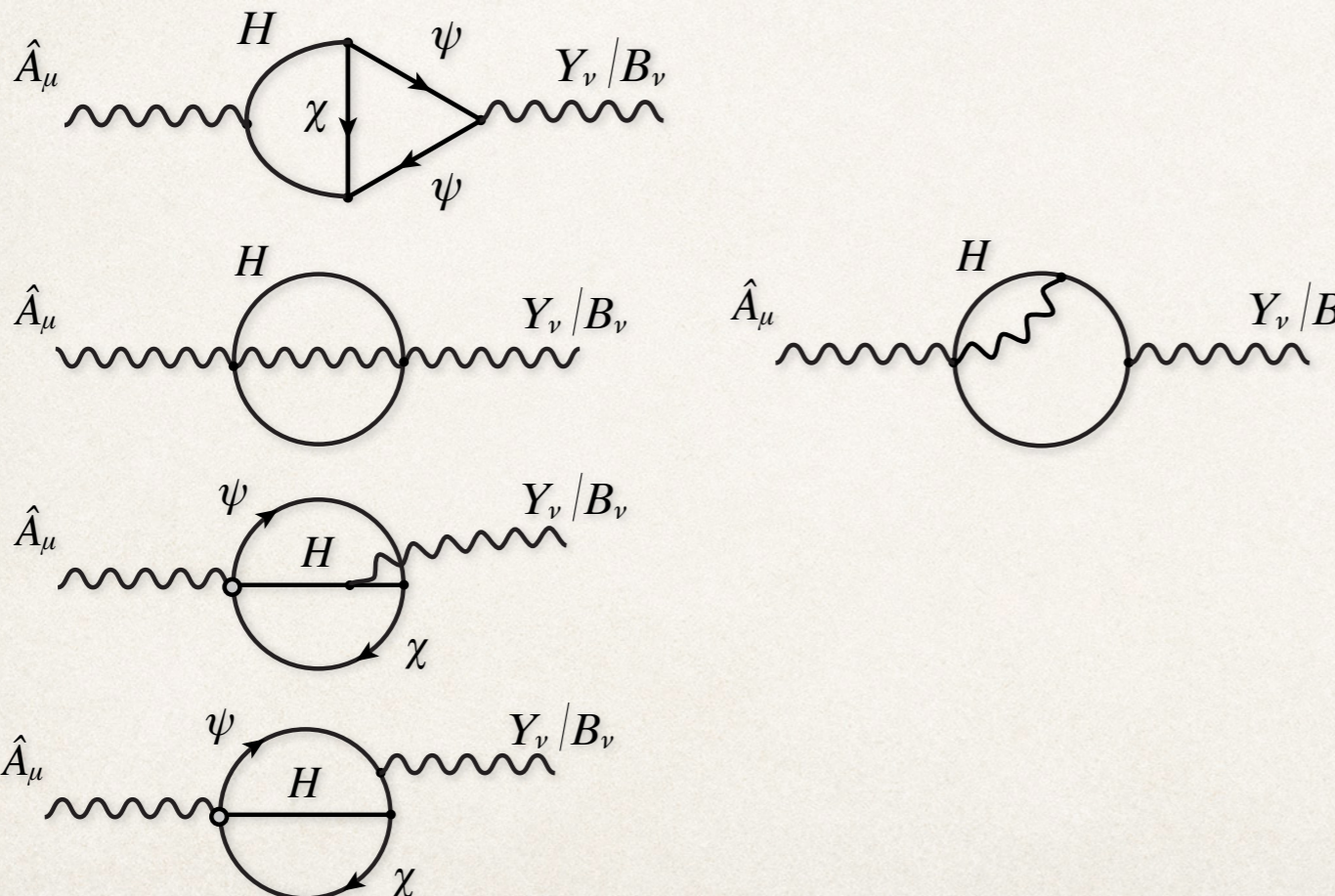
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- At leading order, we have the **1-loop Higgs** diagram



$$\sim \frac{\Omega_3}{8} \frac{Q_Y^H}{N} \frac{\Lambda^2}{M^2} \int d^4 p F_{\mu\nu}^{\hat{A}}(p) F_Y^{\mu\nu}(-p) + \dots$$

- At next order, we have **2-loop** diagrams (where SM fermions can contribute)



$$\sim Q_Y^\psi |g_{H\psi\chi}|^2 \frac{\Lambda^2}{NM^2}$$

$$\sim \frac{(Q_Y^H)^2}{N}$$

$$\sim \frac{g_{H\psi\chi} m^2}{M^2 N^{\frac{3}{2}}} \log \frac{\Lambda^2}{m^2}$$

$$\sim \frac{Q_Y^H g_{H\psi\chi}}{N^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$




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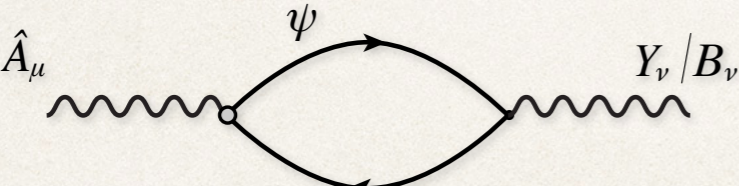
- The action in the **broken phase** becomes

$$\begin{aligned}
 W_{BROKEN} \sim & \frac{4g_w^2}{NM^2} (h+v)^2 F_{\mu\nu}^{\hat{A}} W_+^\mu W_-^\nu + \frac{4ie}{NM^2} (h+v) F_{\mu\nu}^{\hat{A}} A_\gamma^\mu \partial^\nu h \\
 & + \frac{4e}{NM^2} \sqrt{g_w^2 + g_Y^2} (h+v)^2 F_{\mu\nu}^{\hat{A}} A_\gamma^\mu Z^\nu + \frac{1}{N^{\frac{3}{2}} M^2} F_{\hat{A}}^{\mu\nu} [(h+v) \bar{\psi} \gamma_{\mu\nu} \psi + c.c.] \\
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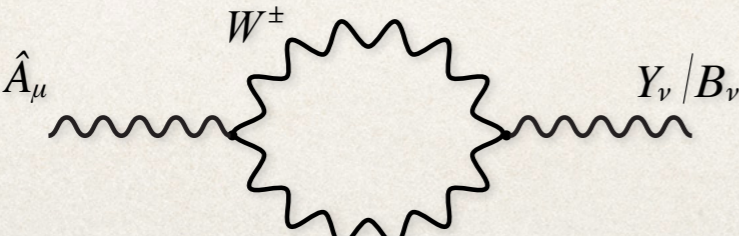
- The **mixing** is coming at **tree-** and **1-loop** level from the diagrams



$$\sim \frac{v^2}{NM^2} \int d^4 p F_{\mu\nu}^{\hat{A}}(p) \left( \cos \theta_w F^{\gamma, \mu\nu} - \sin \theta_w F^{Z, \mu\nu} \right) (-p)$$



$$\sim 4\Omega_3 \text{Tr}_Y \left[ \frac{Q_Y m_\psi v}{N^{\frac{3}{2}} M^2} \right] \log \frac{\Lambda^2}{m_\psi^2}$$



$$\sim -e \frac{\Lambda^2}{NM^2} \frac{8i\Omega_3}{(2\pi)^4}$$



# Comments

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- ❖ All contributions are due to the Higgs field: **direct** or via **Higgs-Englert-Brout mech.**
- ❖ The **emergent vector** is expected to be **light**.
- ❖ It will mediate a **fifth force** even though **none of the SM particles are directly charged** under it. They will acquire an effective charge because of the **mixing**.
- ❖ Standard model **quantum effects** **also correct** the coupling of the emergent vector,

$$\frac{\delta g_{hidden}^2}{g_{hidden}^2} \sim \frac{1}{N^2} \frac{m_{SM}^2}{M^2}$$

- ❖ Therefore, the correction has an **extra suppression** since  $m_{SM}^2 \ll M^2$ .



# String theory vs QFT pictures

- ❖ The holographic-inspired scenario is **similar** to string theory picture.



- ❖ AdS/CFT correspondence **indicates**

strongly-coupled, large-N QFTs  $\iff$  weakly-coupled string theories  
and vice versa

- ❖ In this framework

emergent vectors  $\iff$  gravi- / dark-photons in string theory

- ❖ Our goal is to **compare couplings** between U(1)'s and SM fields in the two scenarios.



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- ❖ In string theory, we have **two classes of abelian gauge fields**

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- Closed sector (NSNS and RR sectors)

$$G_{MN} \rightarrow G_{\mu\nu} + \underbrace{G_{\mu i}} + G_{ij} \quad \& \quad C_{MN} \rightarrow C_{\mu\nu} + \underbrace{C_{\mu i}} + C_{ij} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{gravi-photons}$$

- Open sector (strings living on D-branes)

$$A_M \rightarrow \underbrace{A_\mu} + A_i \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{dark-brane-photons}$$

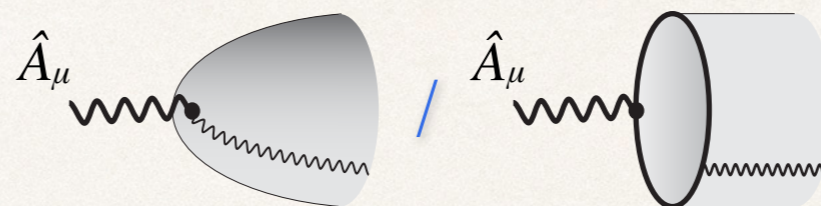


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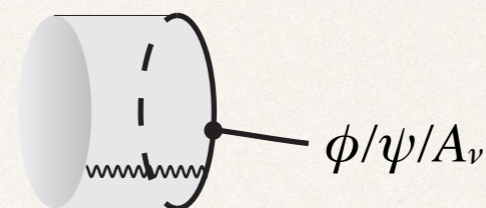
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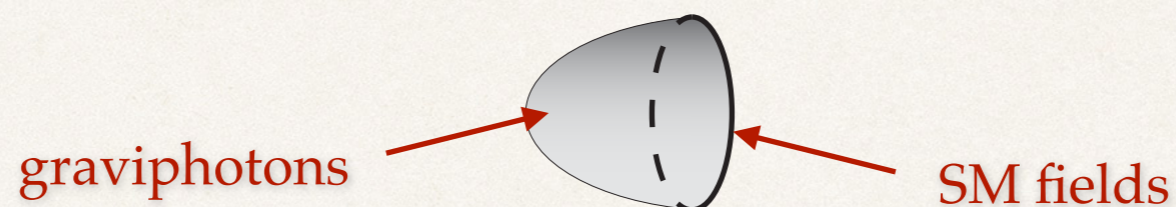


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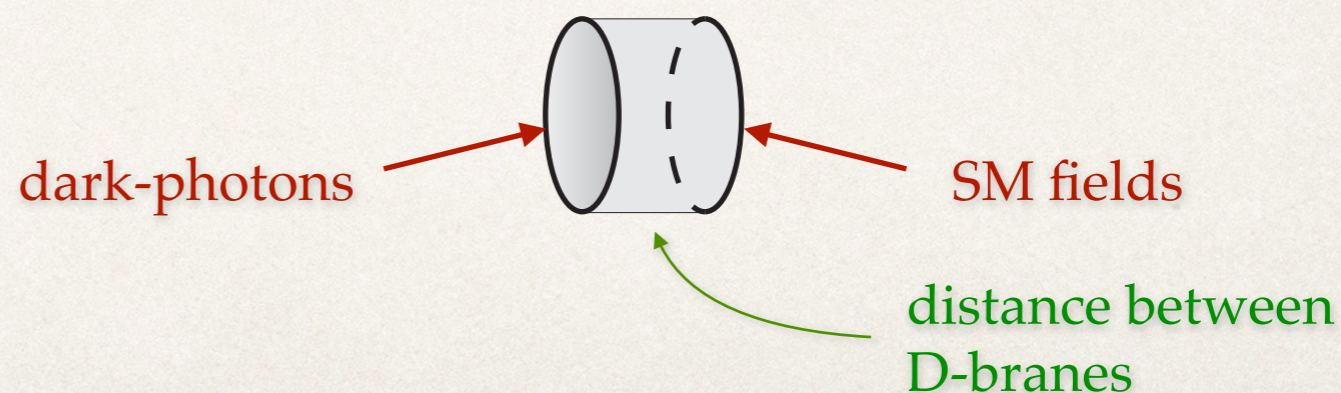


- ❖ The lowest order surfaces which can accommodate these computations are

- ❖ Disk :



- ❖ Cylinder :



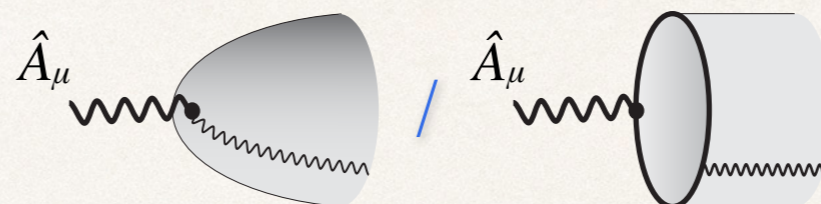


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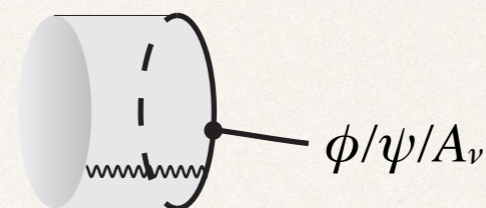
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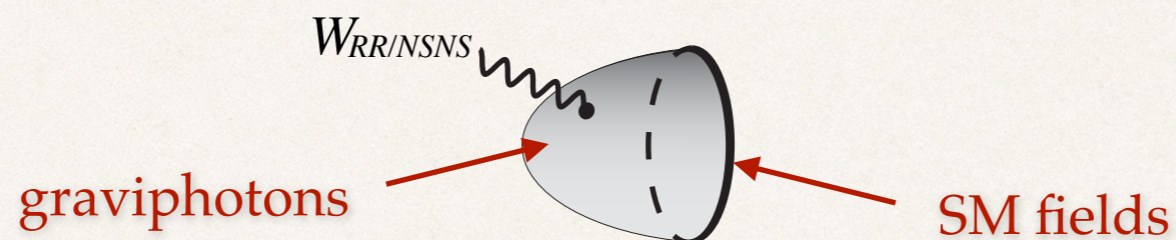


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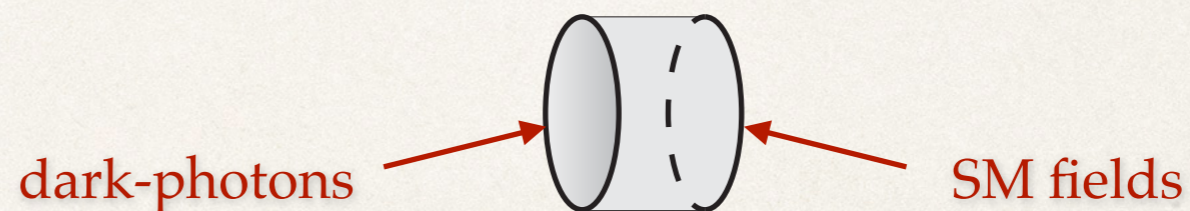


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distance between D-branes



# Normalization and flatness

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- ❖ We **normalise** the VO's by taking the **worldsheet fields** to have length dimensions.

$$[X], [\Psi] \sim \sqrt{\alpha'} = \ell_s$$

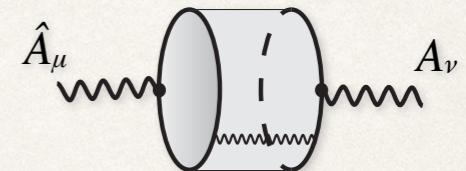
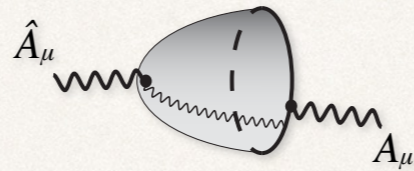
- ❖ We use **correlation function in flat space**.
  - ❖ The string dual of the QFT described before is expected in a **non-trivial asymptotically AdS gravitational background**.
  - ❖ However, at **leading order**, flat space is a **good approximation**.
- ❖ In addition, we consider the **presence** of **RR-/NSNS-background fields**.



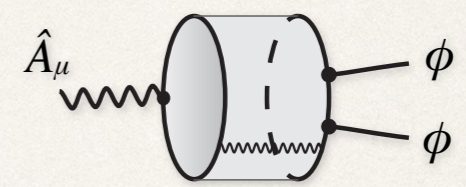
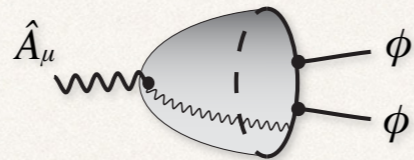
# EFT couplings from ST amplitudes

- \* **Couplings** from the EFT picture and the **corresponding string amplitudes**.

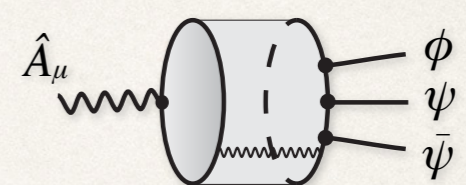
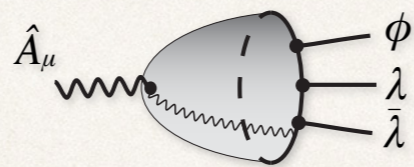
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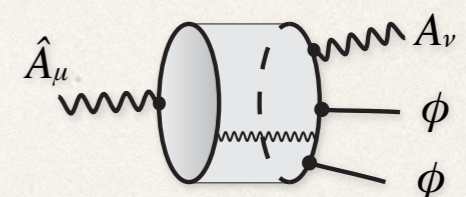
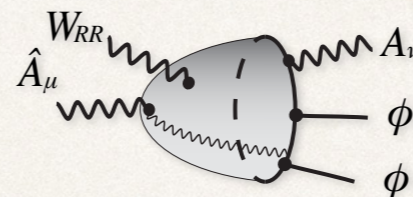
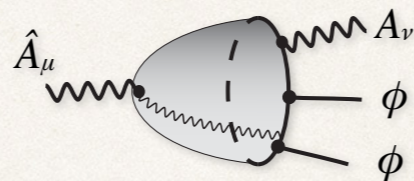
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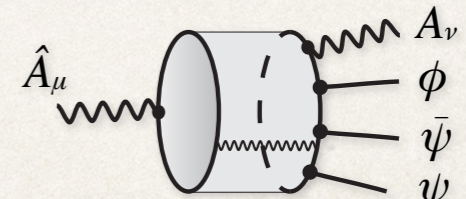
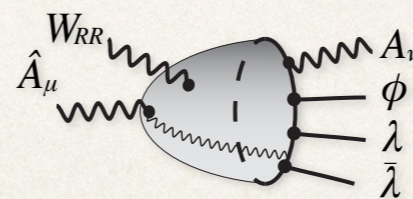
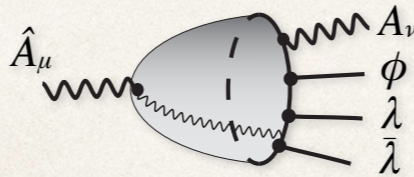
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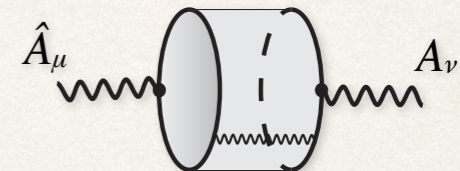
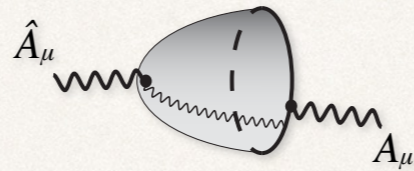




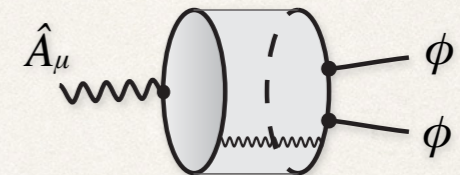
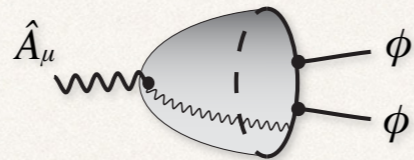
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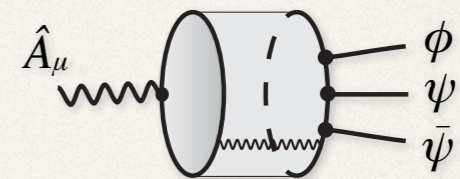
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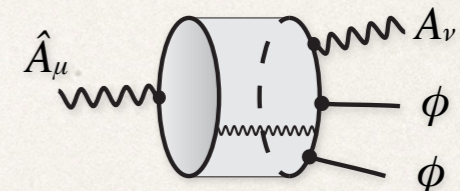
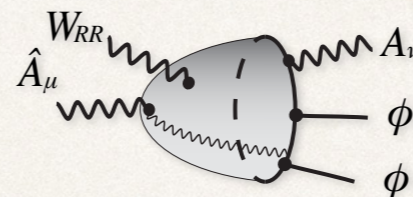
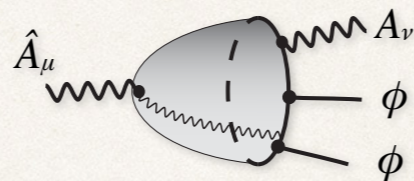
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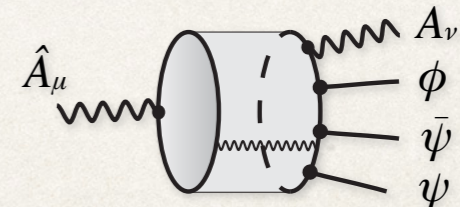
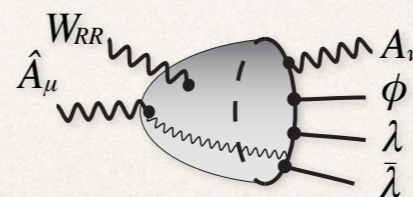
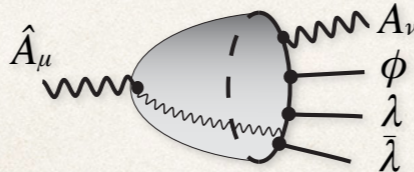
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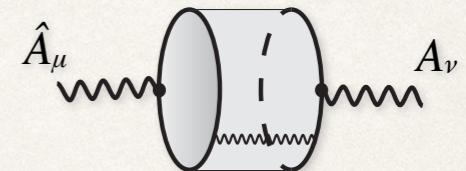
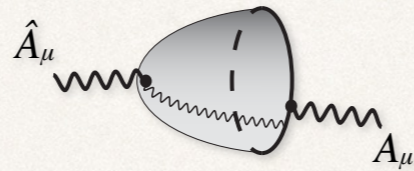




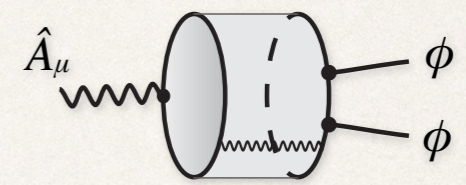
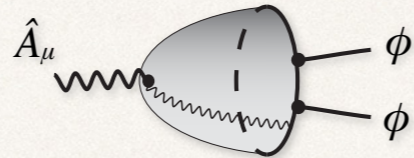
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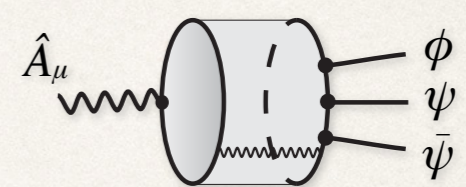
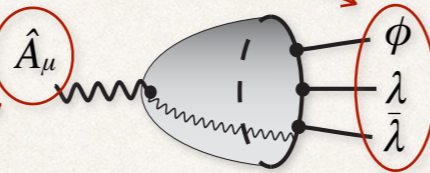
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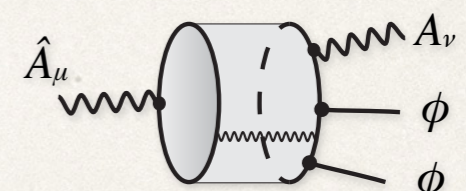
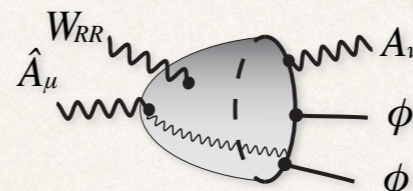
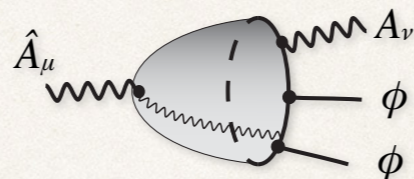
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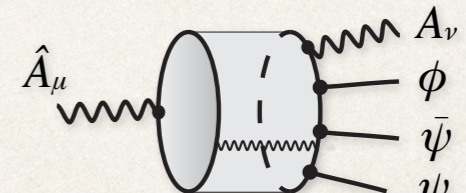
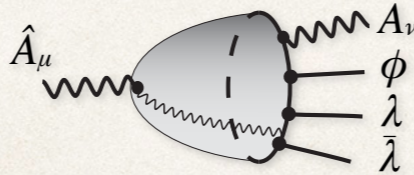
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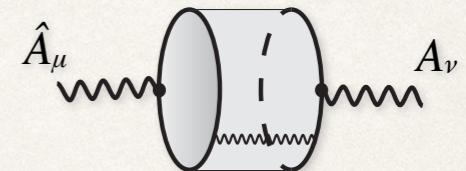
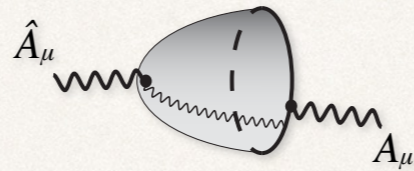




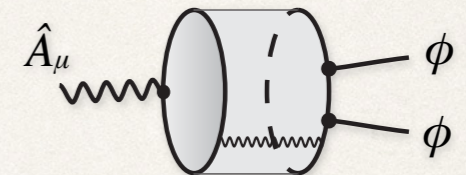
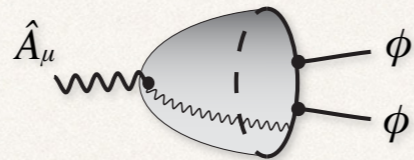
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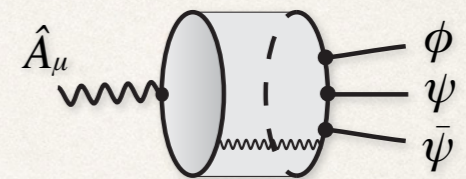
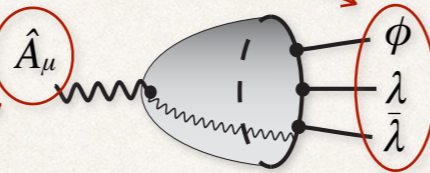
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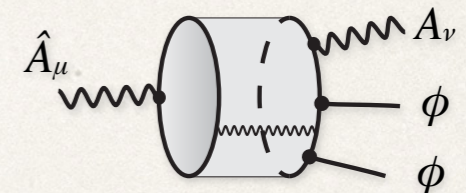
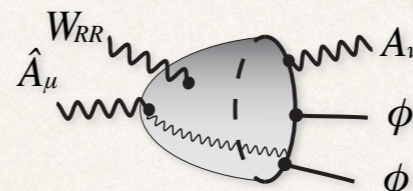
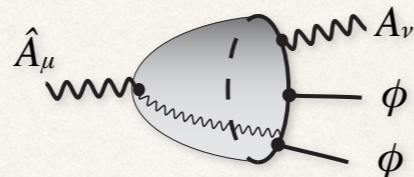
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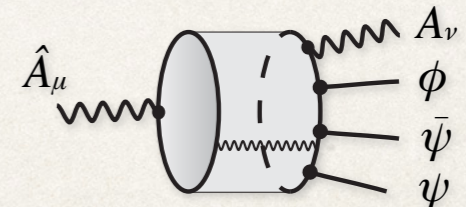
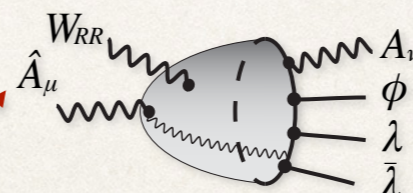
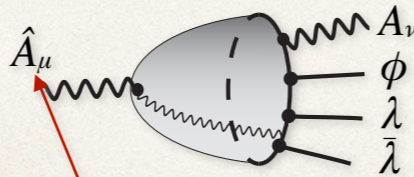
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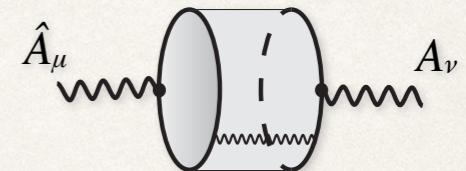
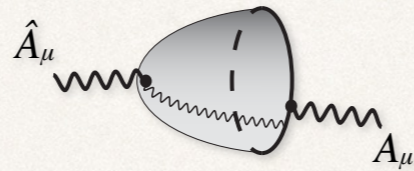
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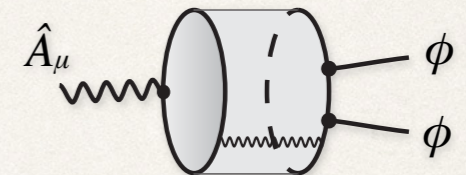
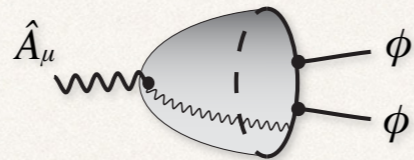
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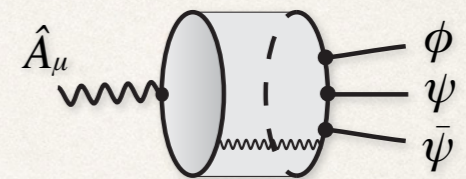
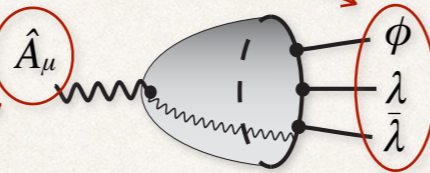
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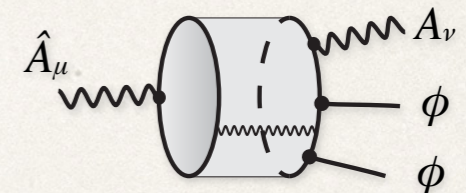
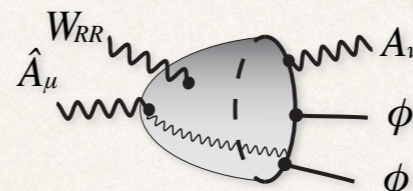
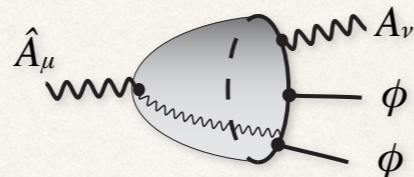
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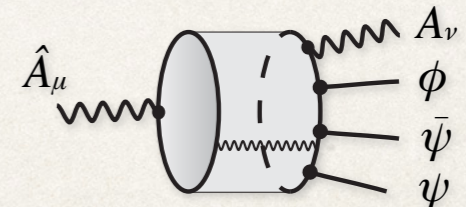
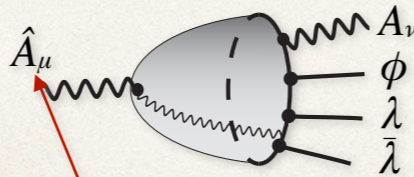
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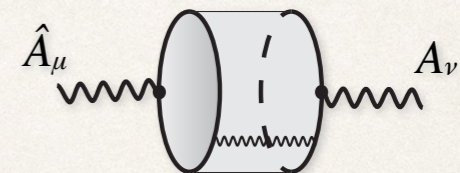
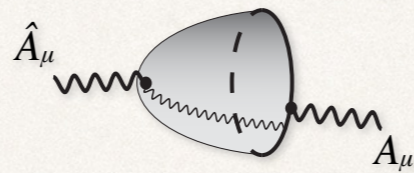
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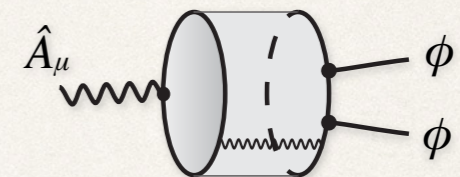
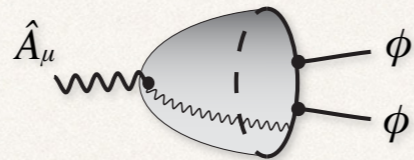
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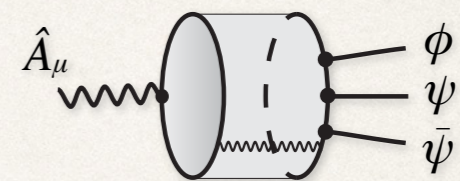
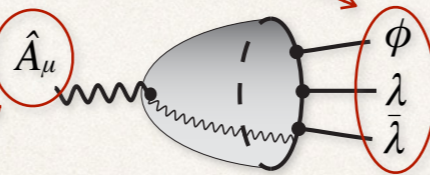
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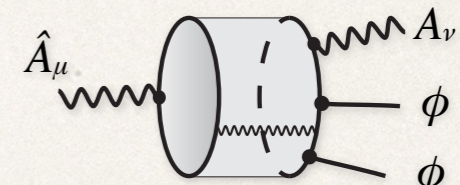
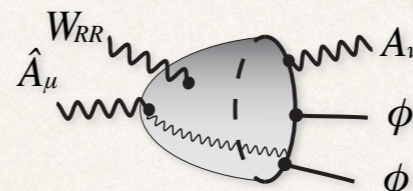
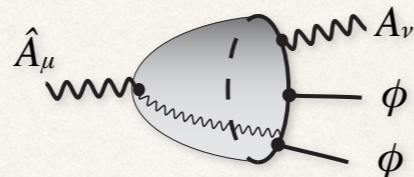
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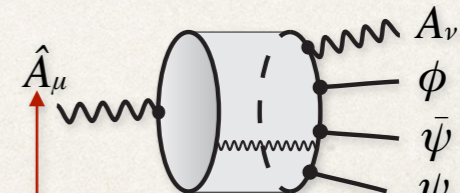
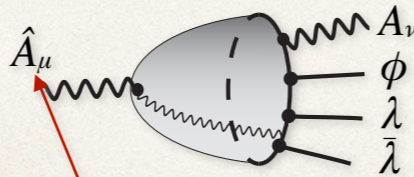
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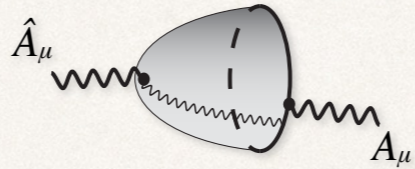
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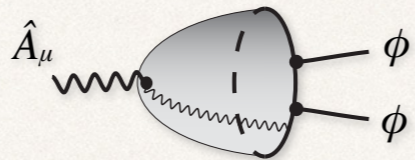
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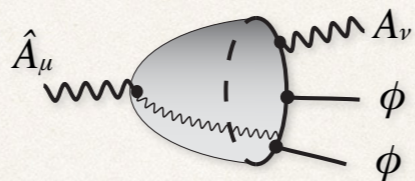
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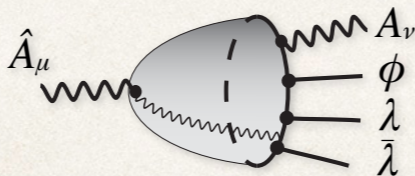
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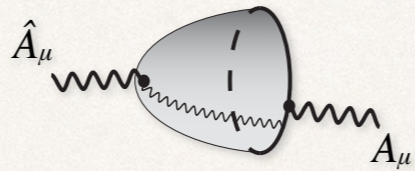
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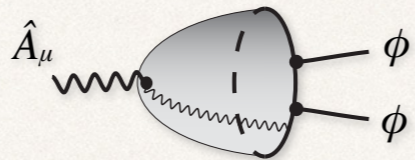
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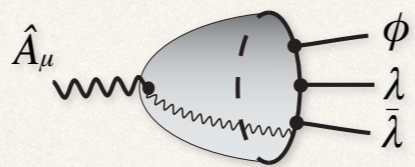
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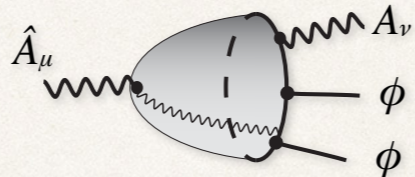
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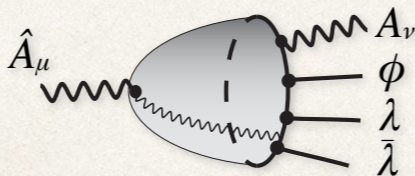
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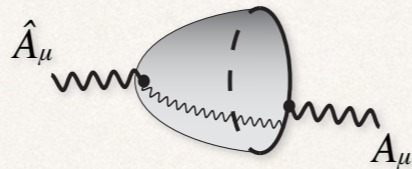
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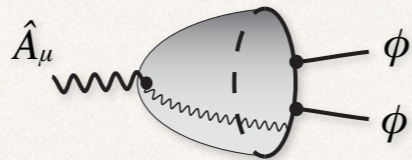
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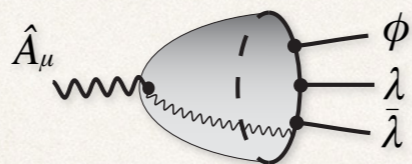
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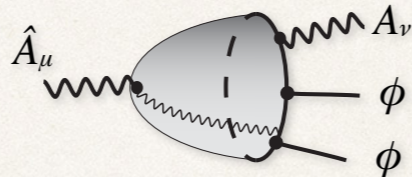
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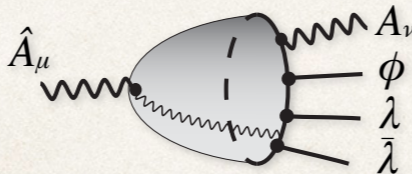
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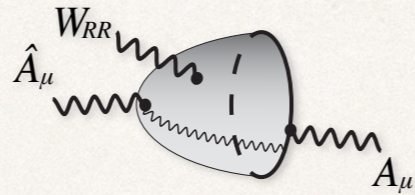
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# Closed sector (with flux)

- The **results** are given bellow

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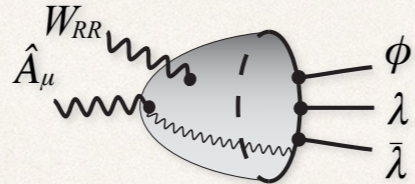
$$g_s^{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{\ell_s^2}{\mathcal{V}_6} \mathcal{F}_{(ab)} F^{\mu\nu} \hat{F}_{\mu\nu}^{(ab)} \frac{\mathcal{F}_{(ab)}}{M_s^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{NM^2} D_{\mu} H^{\dagger} D_{\nu} H \hat{F}^{\mu\nu}$$



$$g_s^{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{\ell_s^4}{\mathcal{V}_6} \mathcal{F}_{(ab)} k_{\phi}^{\mu} \hat{F}_{\mu\nu} k_{\bar{\phi}}^{\nu} \phi \bar{\phi}$$

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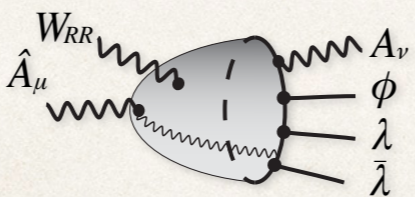
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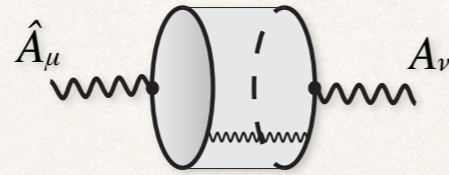
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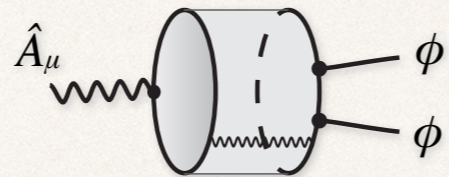
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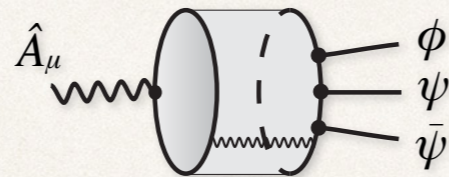
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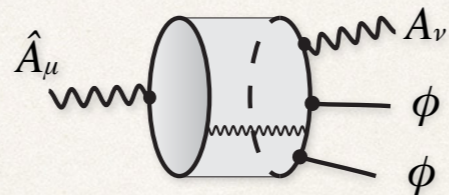
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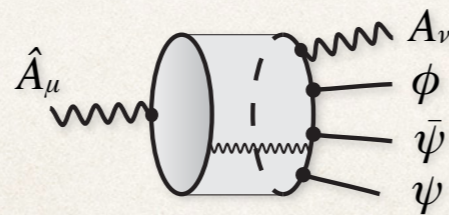
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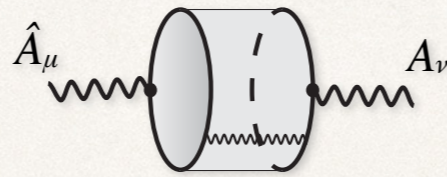
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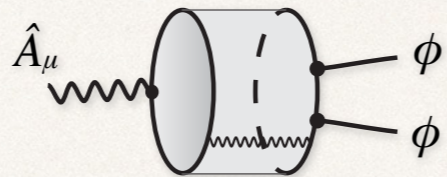
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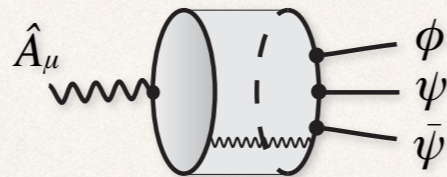
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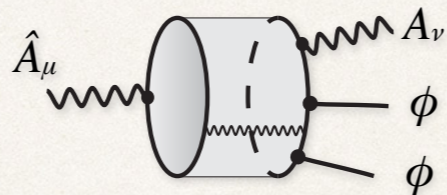
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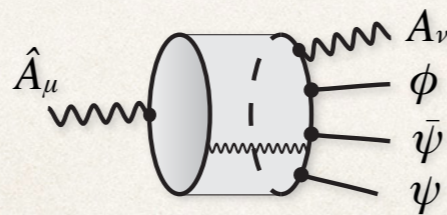
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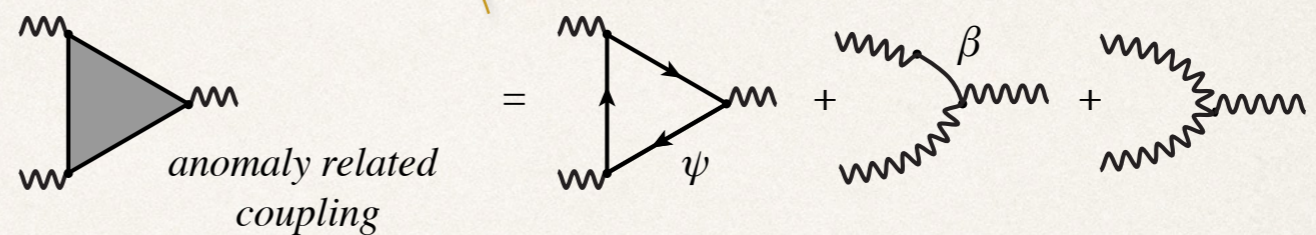
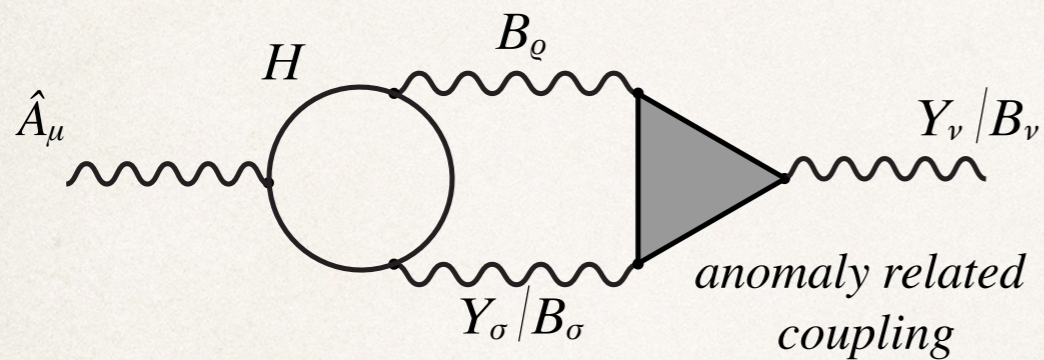
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- Same couplings are expected if we **substitute** the hypercharge with some anomalous U(1) accompanying the SM (a usual case in semi-realistic D-brane configurations).



# Anomalous $U(1)$ 's

- Assume that there is an anomalous  $U(1)$  coupled to the SM.



- The lowest diagram that includes the **fermionic loop** (and the axion diagram and the GCS coupling that cancel the anomaly) appears at **3-loops** and it is **highly suppressed**.
- Therefore, **anomalous  $U(1)$ 's (Z's)** have **same type of couplings** to the dark photons.

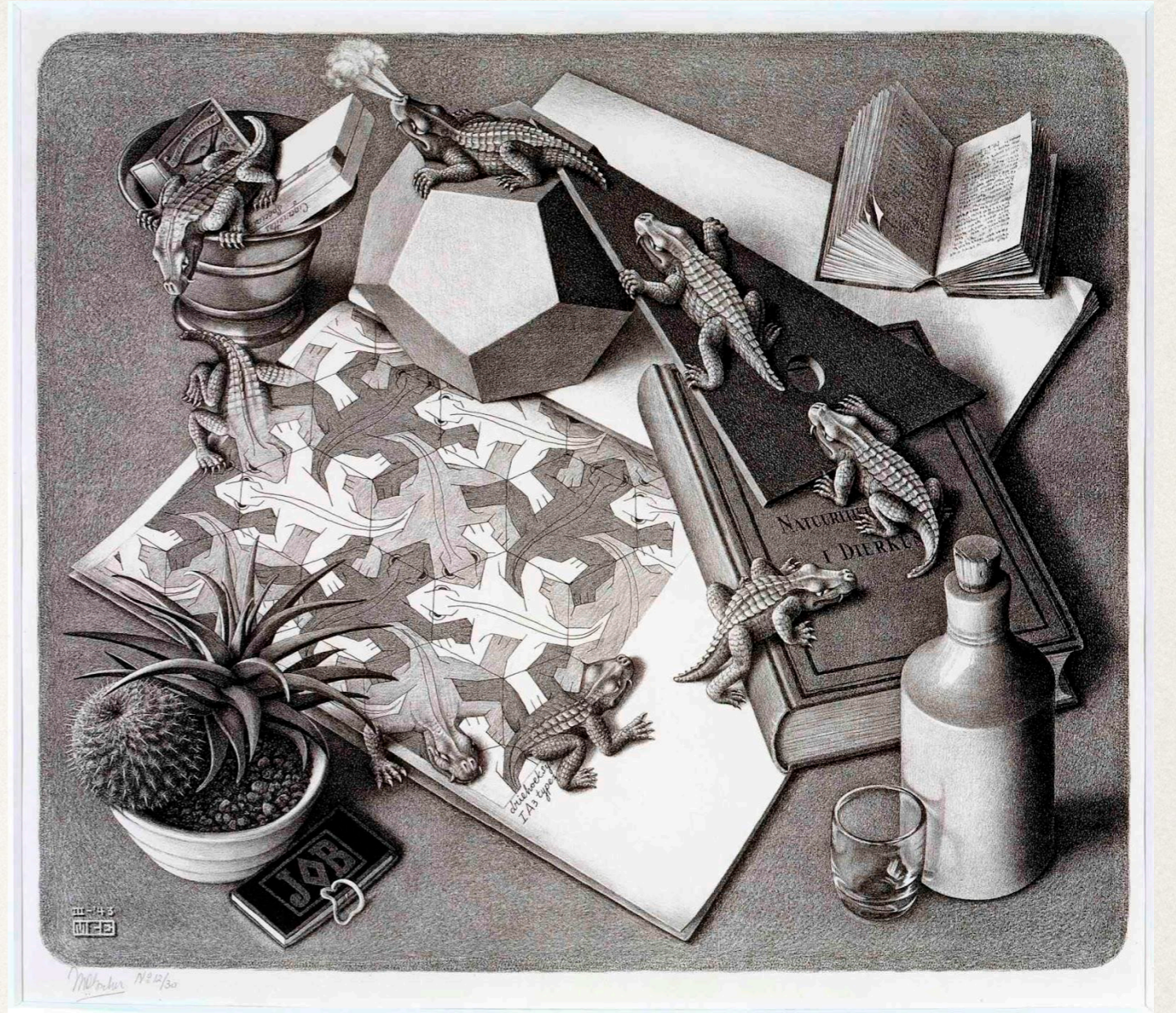


# Comments and future directions

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- ❖ Emergent  $U(1)$ 's weakly couple to the SM fields and they can play the role of **graviphotons / dark-photons**.  
PA Bianchi Consoli Kiritsis
- ❖ **Non-local kinetic terms** appear at energies **bellow** the compactification scale.
  - Effective action will be **rebuilt**.
  - **Spread-out** of the wavefunction provides **different couplings** (weaker) from the point-like case.
  - **New limits** on graviphoton / dark-photon **couplings to the SM fields**.
- ❖ Emergent  $U(1)$ 's could **acquire non-vanishing vevs**. A very interesting option.  
Kraus Tomboulis
- ❖ Emergent  $U(1)$ 's option is **not very much studied**.  
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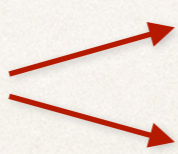
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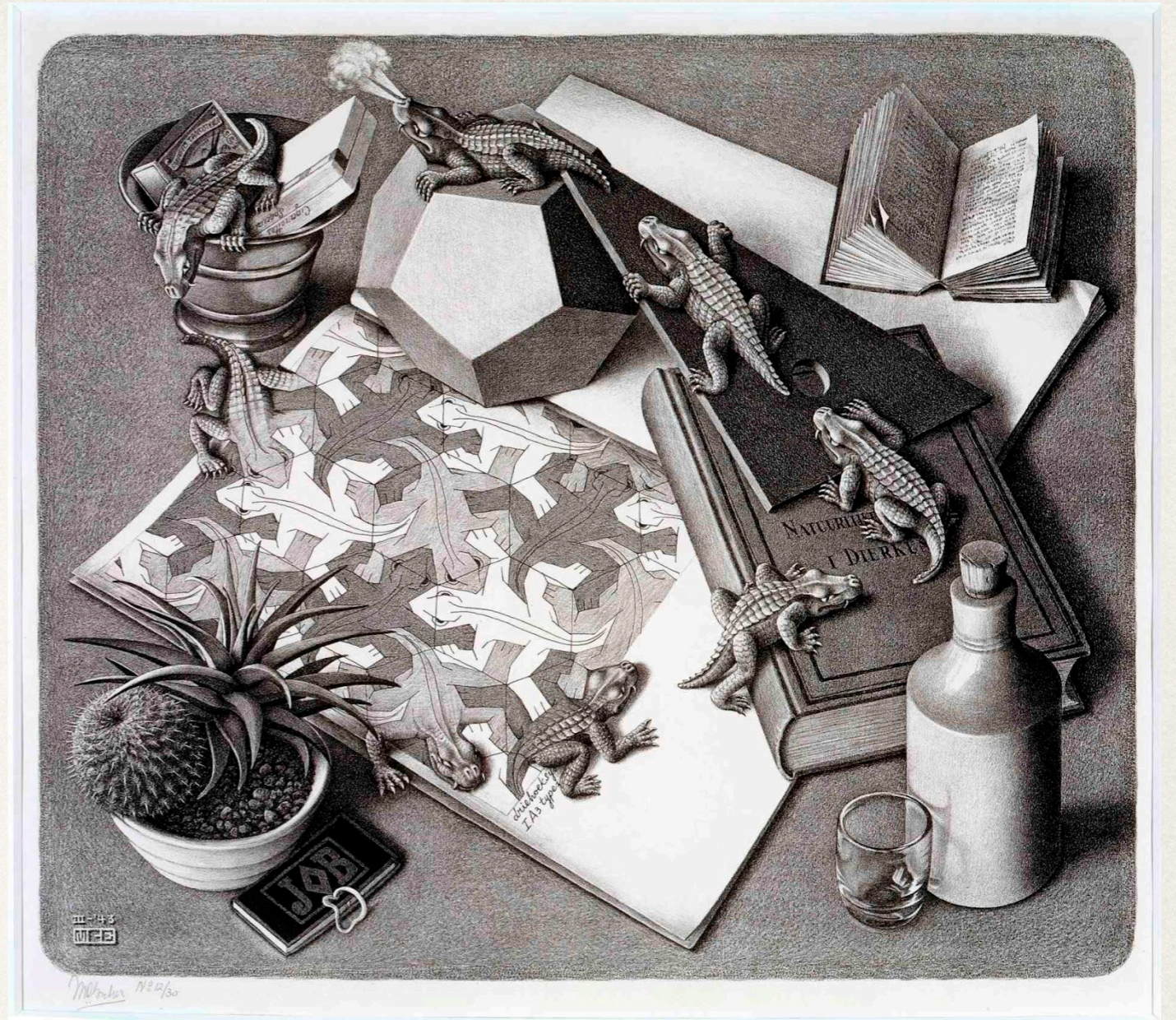


# Emergent Axions

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- ❖ Instanton density  $Tr[\hat{F} \wedge \hat{F}] \sim a \implies$  is an ALP (axion-like-particle).
  - protected by symmetries  $\longrightarrow$  remains light
  - couples **linearly** to SM's instanton densities
  - associated U(1) symmetry which is **broken by instantons**.
- ❖ Such **emergent/composite axions** have
  - (very) light masses
  - a compositeness scale 
    - above, it has non-local kinetic term
    - below, it behaves like point-like ALP
- ❖ Phenomenological studies for both cases are **in progress**.





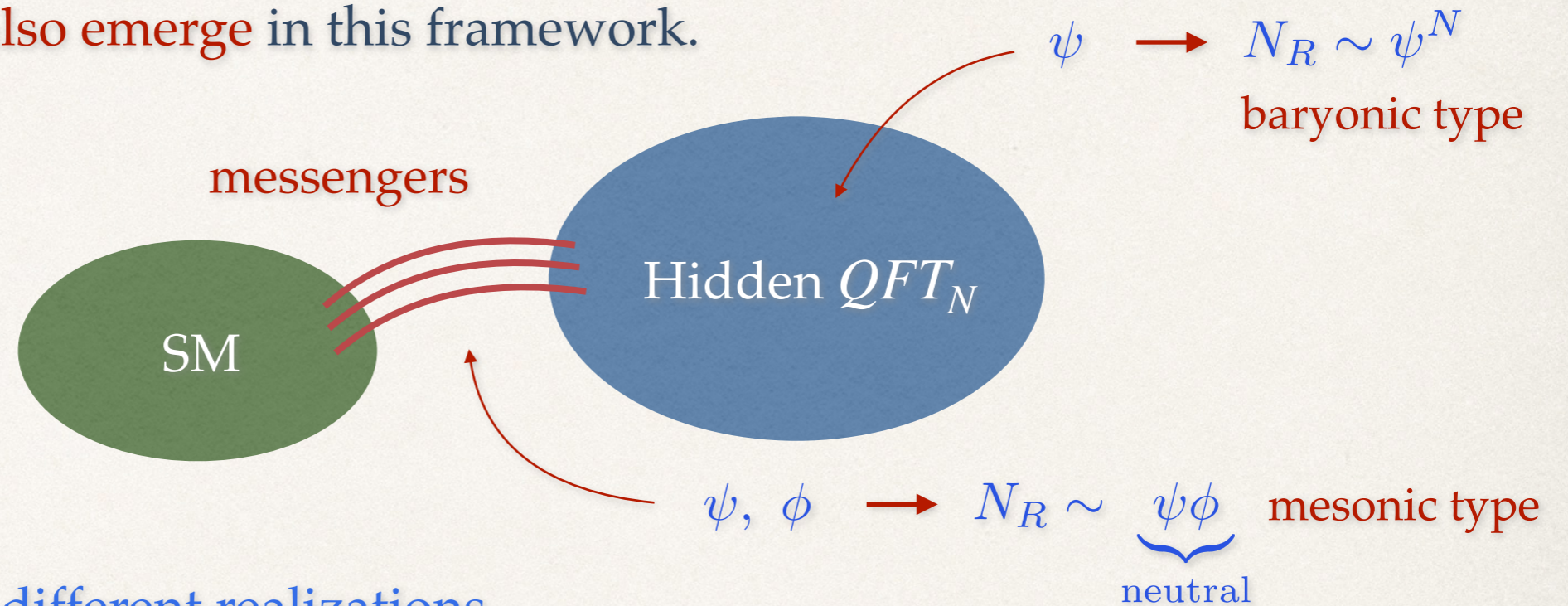
# Composite Neutrinos

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# Neutrinos

- ❖ RH-neutrinos can **also emerge** in this framework.



- ❖ They can have two different realizations

- **bound state (baryonic)** of  $N$  (odd number) fermions from the **hidden sector**.  
Arkani-Hamed Grossman Robinson, Okui, ...
- **bound state (mesonic)** of **messengers**.

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- ❖ The effective action of these **composite fermions** triggers the **seesaw mechanism**

$$S \sim \int d^4x \left( \bar{L}_L H N_R + \bar{N}_R N_R \right)$$

SM neutrino  
 sterile neutrino

messenger scale



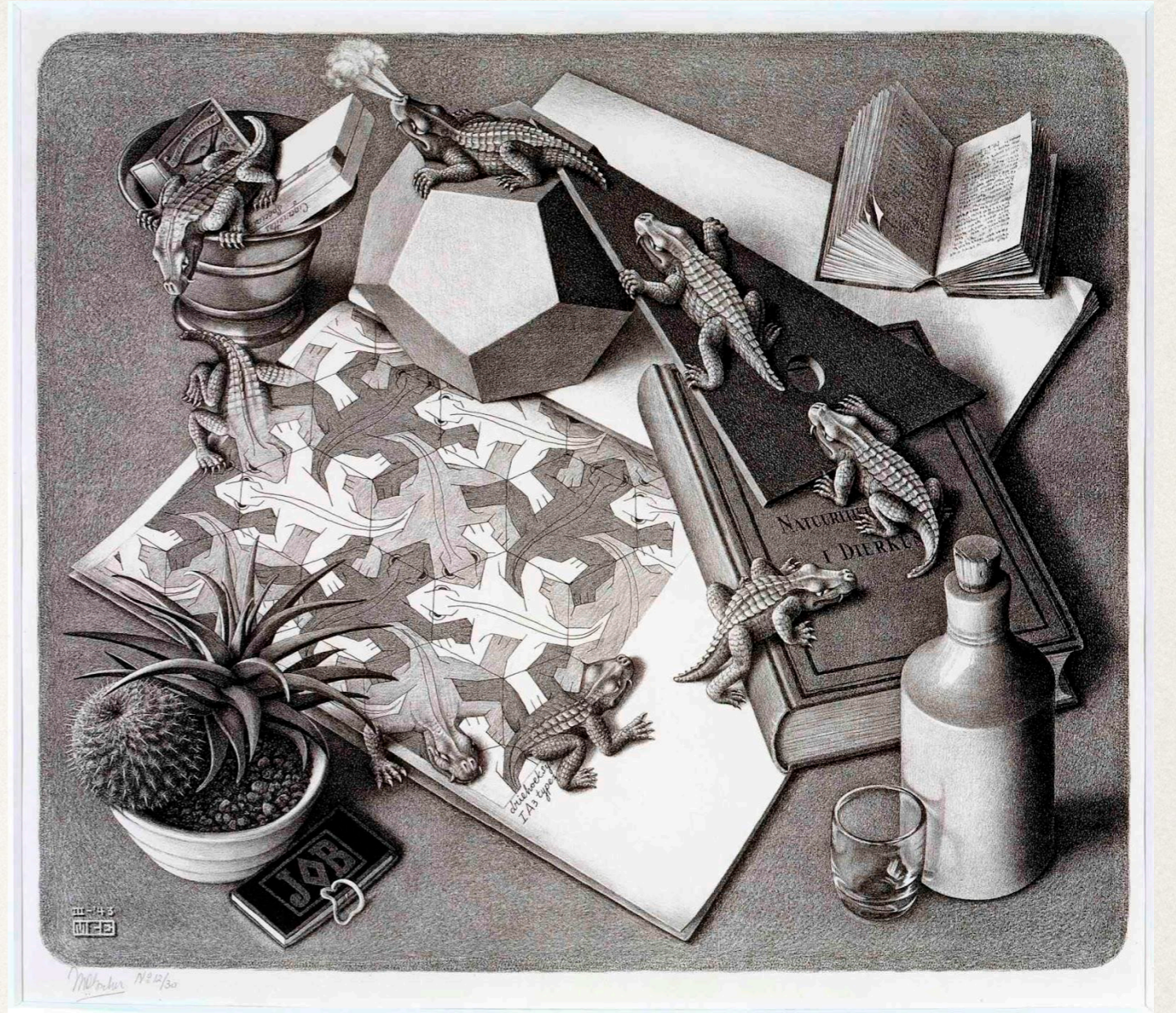
# RH-neutrinos as mesonic messengers

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- \* We assume that mesonic scalars get vevs (of order of the messenger scale).
- \* Playing with the various parameters, we get (via type I seesaw mechanism)
  - Models with heavy sterile neutrinos
  - Models with light / ultra-light sterile neutrinos.
- \* Study cases where type II / III (inverse / radiative) seesaw mechanisms can apply.
- \* Phenomenological implications (leptonic mixing matrix, leptogenesis).
- \* Additionally, we can span over semi realistic D-brane configurations for patterns that fall in one of the heavy / light categories.

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# Conclusions

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- \* We consider a **holography-inspired scenario** of the **SM** and a **hidden 4D QFT** which communicate via **massive messengers**.
- \* In this framework **operators of the HS** appear as **weakly coupled particles to the SM**.
- \* Special interest: **operators protected by symmetries**  $\implies$  **light particles**.
- \* We **focus on** gravitons, axions, graviphotons / dark-photons and neutrinos.
- \* Phenomenological implications are **on the go**.
- \* **Emergent fields** in this framework are **composites**, and they are **distinct qualitatively** from what has been **considered so far**.