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Primordial black hole formation via inverted bubble collapse

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Dark matter

- A lot of observational evidence of dark matter (DM):

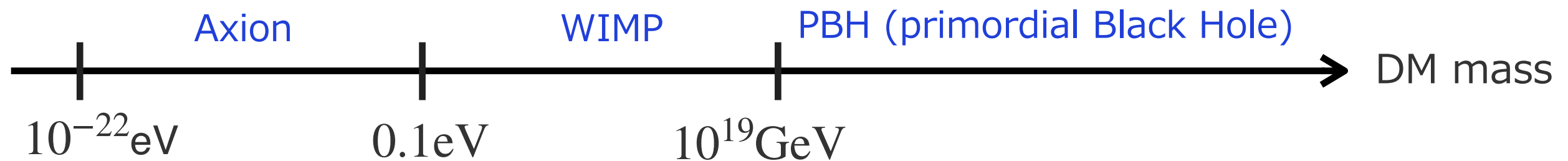
Galaxy rotation curves, Gravitational lensing,
Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB) anisotropies, etc.

- However, we do not identify what DM is.

- The nature of DM that we know:

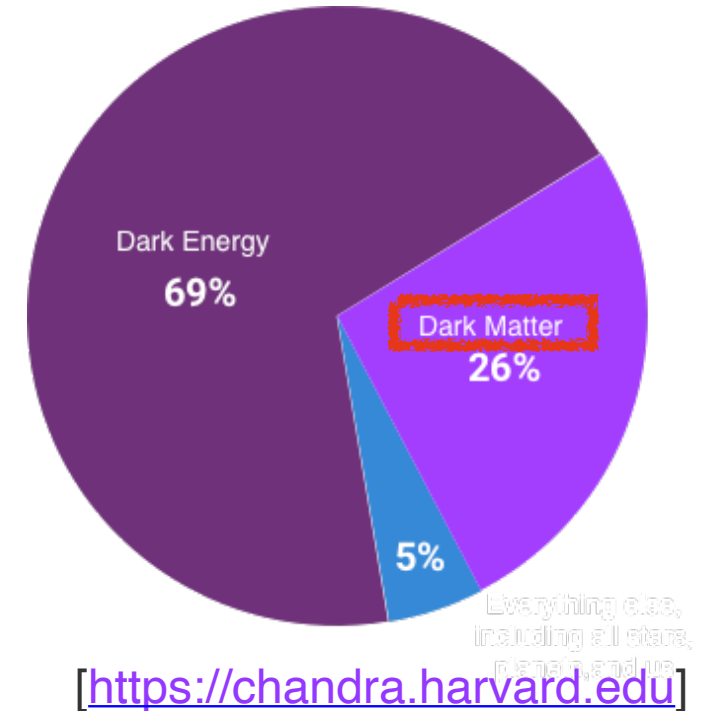
Electrically neutral, weak interactions, cold and attractive.

- Mass range of DM:



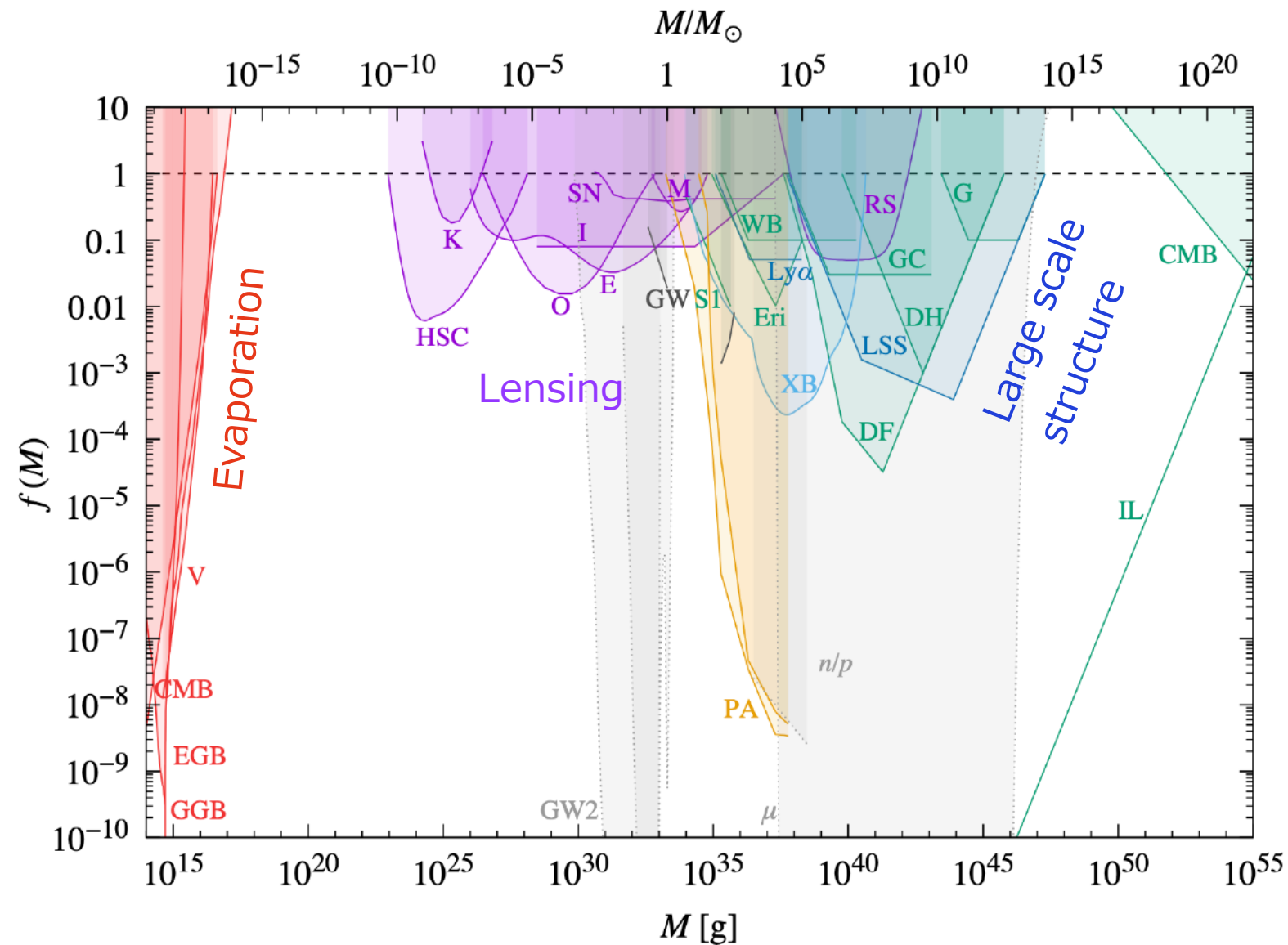
- Atractive candidate of DM: **PBH (primordial black Hole)**

- It does not require new particle physics beyond the standard model.
- It naturally arises from early universe density fluctuations.



PBH mass regions

[Carr, Kohri, Sendouda, Yokoyama, Rept.Prog.Phys. 84 (2021) 11, 116902]



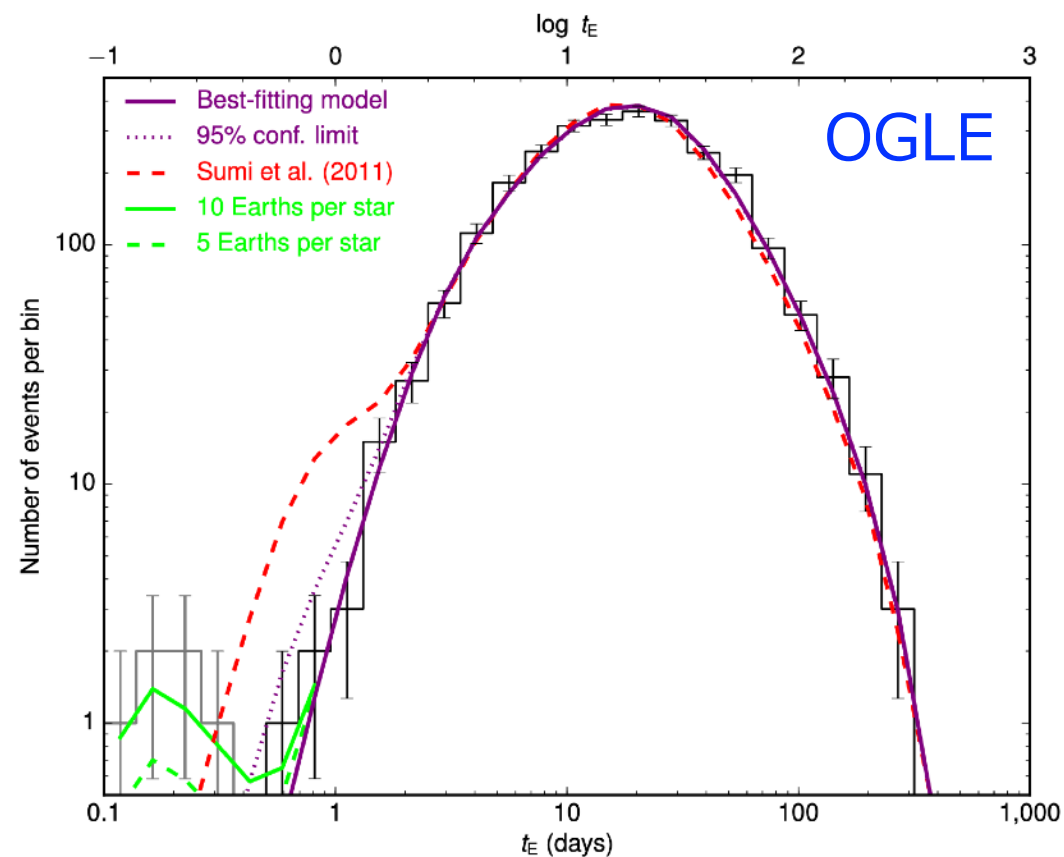
$$f = \frac{\rho_{\text{PBH}}}{\rho_{\text{CDM}}}$$

- many of mass region is strongly constrained.
- PBH can be the main component of DM at $M \sim 10^{-10} M_{\odot}$.

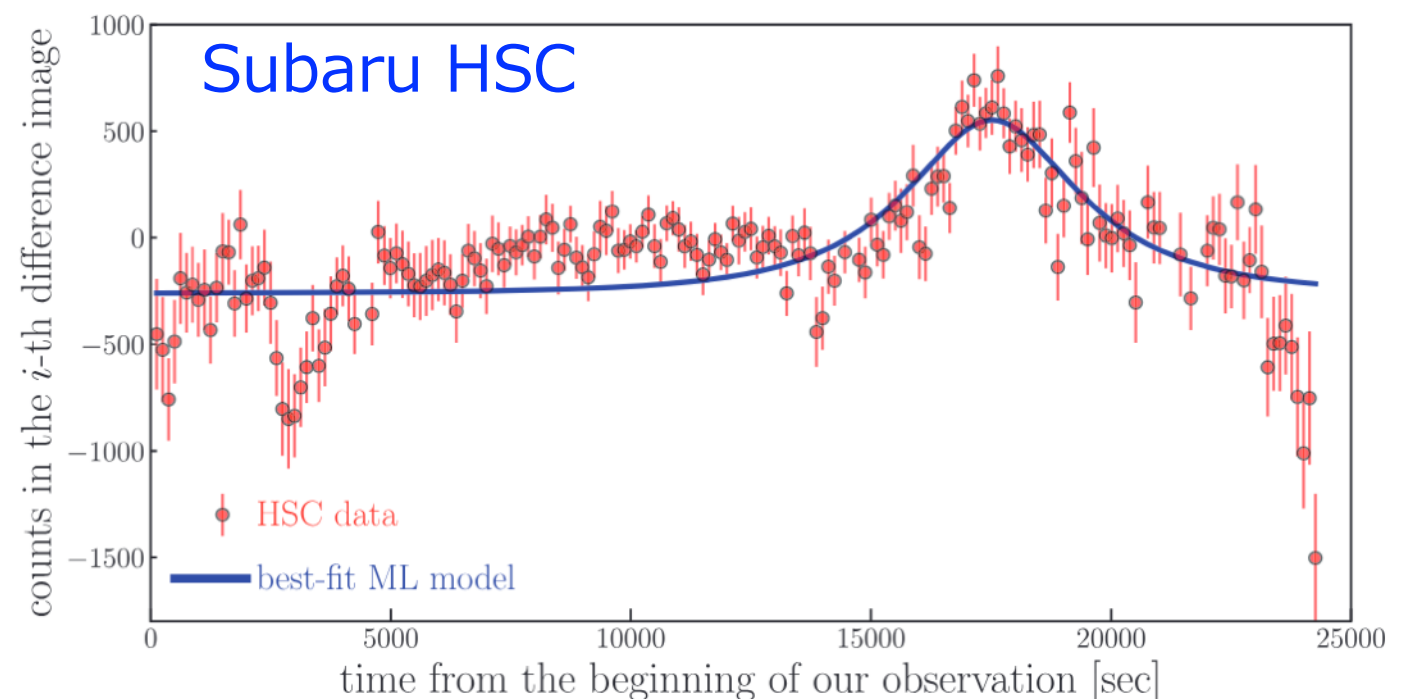
Hints of PBH in the Earth mass region

- OGLE has detected six events through its 5-year observations of stars in the Galactic bulge, hinting at the presence of Earth-sized PBH. (While they conflict with the bound from OGLE under the assumption of null-results.)
- One possible microlensing event is found in the observation data of M31 with Subaru HSC ($M \sim 10^{-8} M_{\odot}$).
- The favored parameter region of DM is $(M, f) \sim (10^{-5} M_{\odot}, 10^{-1})$. [Sugiyama, Takada, Kusenko, PLB 840 (2023)]

[Mroz, et. al., Nature 548 (2017)]



[Niikura, et. al., Nature Astron. 3 (2019)]



Some production mechanisms for PBHs

PBHs can be formed by the gravitational collapse of over-density regions in the early Universe.

- **Inflation:**

[S. W. Hawking, Commun. Math. Phys. 25, 152 (1972); B. J. Carr, S. W. Hawking, Mon. Not. Roy. Astron. Soc. 168, 399 (1974); B. J. Carr, Astrophys. J. 201, 1 (1975); Y. B. Zel'dovich, I. D. Novikov, Sov. Astron. 10, 602 (1967), etc.]

- Generating large curvature perturbations during inflation, such a perturbation reenters the horizon and collapses into PBHs.
- Challenges: Such scenarios often require fine-tuning of the inflaton potential.

- **Topological defects (e.g., domain wall):**

[F. Ferrer, E. Masso, et. al., PRL 122, 101301 (2019); S. Ge, Phys. Dark Univ. 27, 100440 (2020); J. Liu, Z.-K. Guo, R.-G. Cai, PRD 101, 023513 (2020); G. B. Gelmini, J. Hyman, et. al., JCAP 06, 055 (2023); N. Kitajima, J. Lee, et. al., PLB 851, 138586 (2024); etc.]

- If domain walls are created in the early universe, they can collapse into PBHs.

- **First order phase transitions(FOPT):**

[K. Sato, M. Sasaki, et. al., Prog. Theor. Phys. 65, 1443 (1981), Prog. Theor. Phys. 66, 2052 (1981), PLB 108, 98; H. Kodama, M. Sasaki, K. Sato, Prog. Theor. Phys. 68, 1979 (1982); K. Jedamzik, J. C. Niemeyer, PRD 59, 124014 (1999); etc.]

- By FOPT, energy contrast can be created. Such an overdense region collapses into PBHs.

Challenges for topological defects and FOPTs: overdense regions deviate from spherical symmetry. It is unclear how much deviation is allowed for PBH formation.

New mechanisms for PBH formation

We propose a new mechanism for PBH formation:

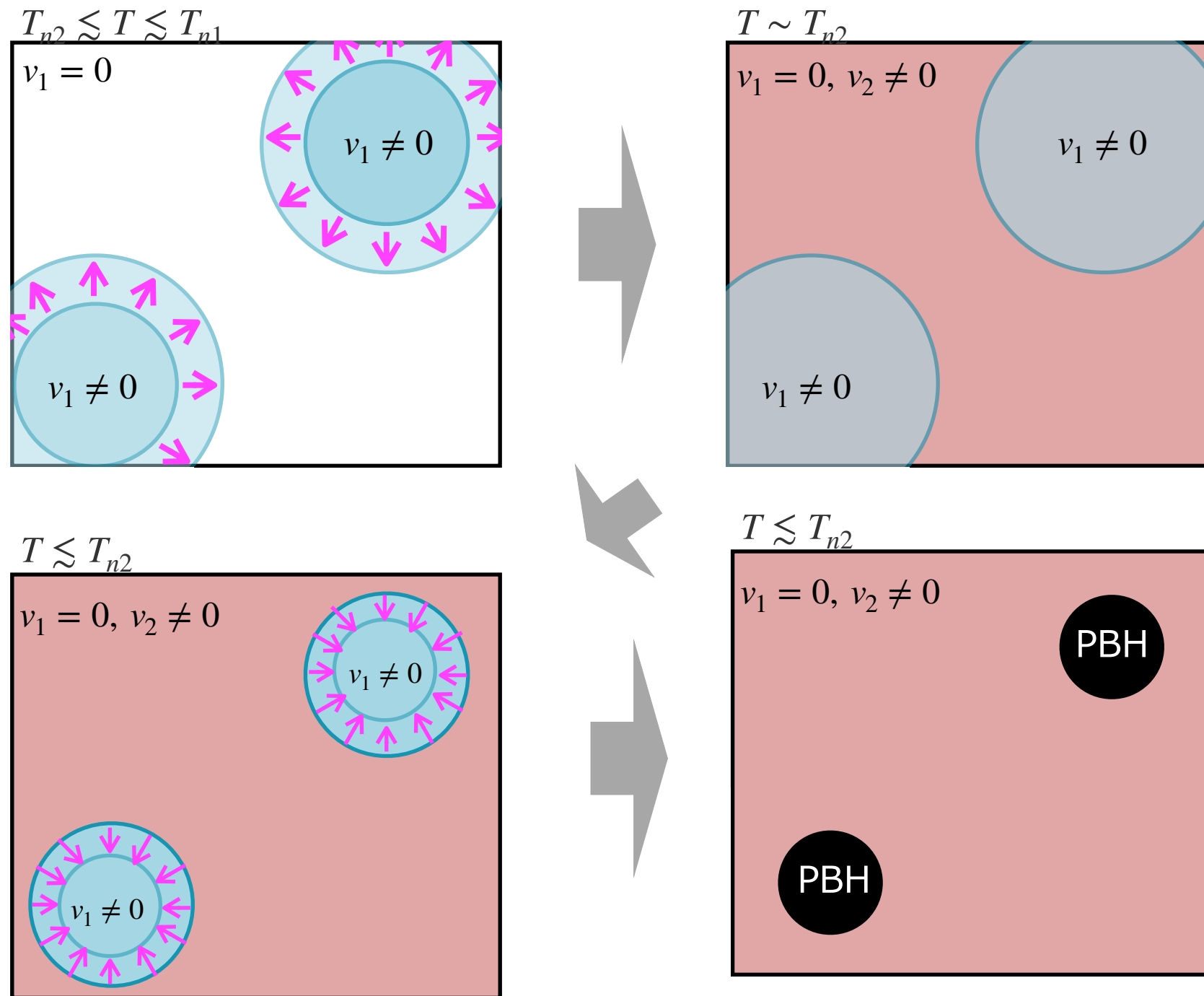
Inverted bubble collapse (IBC) mechanism

- Use of two kinds of phase transitions.
- Overdence regions are sphecially symmetric.
- Bubble walls should be runaway.
- PBH mass scale strongly depends on formation time of PBH.
(in other mechanisms it is determined by horizon mass)

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Dynamics of bubbles



- Bubbles do not collide with each other.
- Created bubbles are spherical symmetric.
- Second PT can be both of 1st order and 2nd order.

Set up for inverted bubble collapse mechanism

Set up

Two scalar fields that develop VEV.

- Any scale of scalar bosons is possible.
- Toward application to the singlet model, let us consider VEVs close to EW scale. one obtains PBH mass $\mathcal{O}(10^{-6}-10^{-5})M_{\odot}$:

$$M_{\text{PBH}} \sim M_H \sim \frac{M_{\text{pl}}^2}{T^2} \sim 10^{-5} M_{\odot}$$

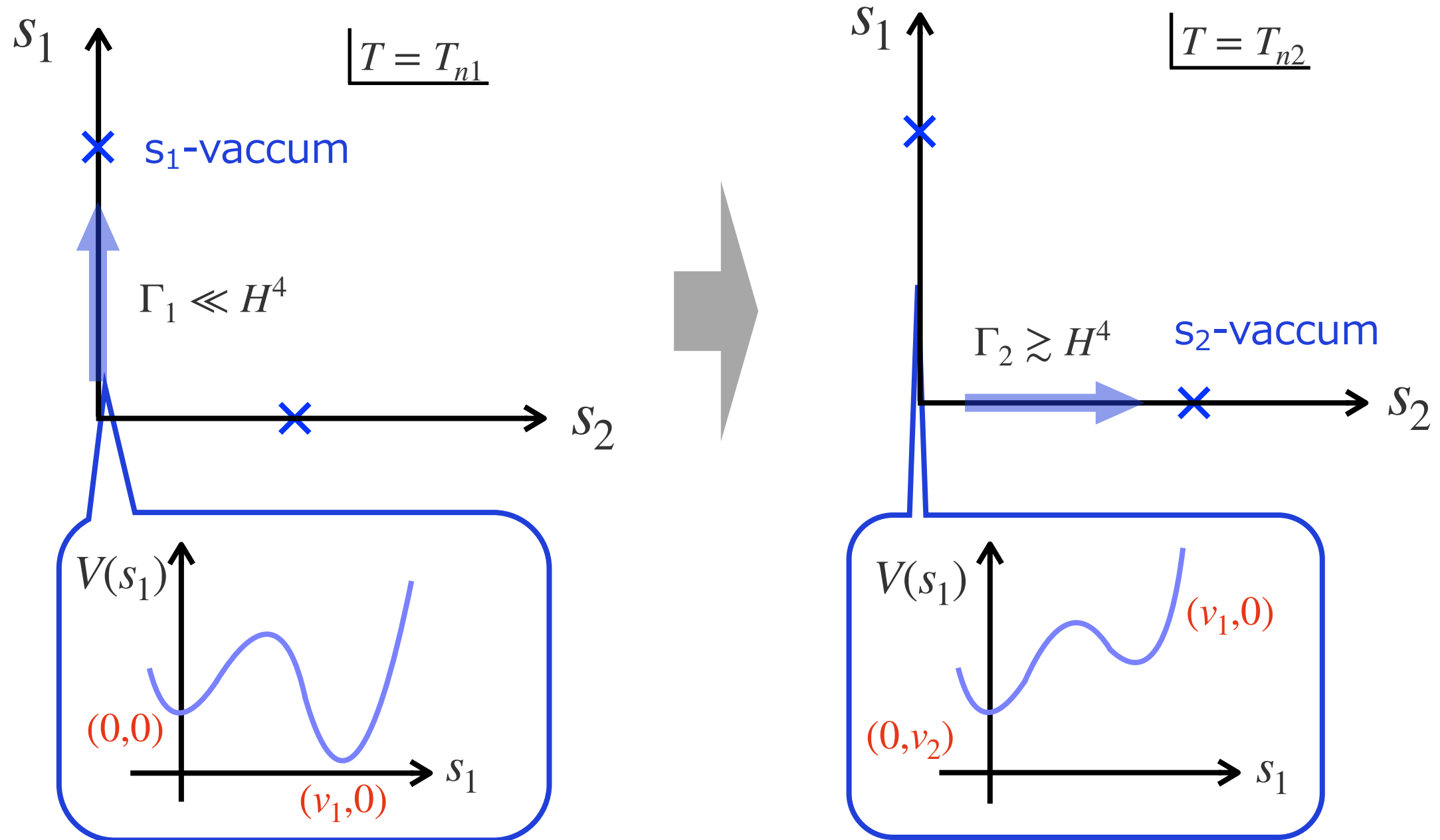
$$[\because \text{Horizon mass } M_H \simeq \frac{4\pi}{3} R_H^3 \rho]$$

$$[\because \text{Assuming radiation dominated Universe } \rho = \rho_r = \frac{\pi^2}{30} g_* T^4]$$



Microlensing events in Subaru and OGLE

Schematic picture for phase transitions



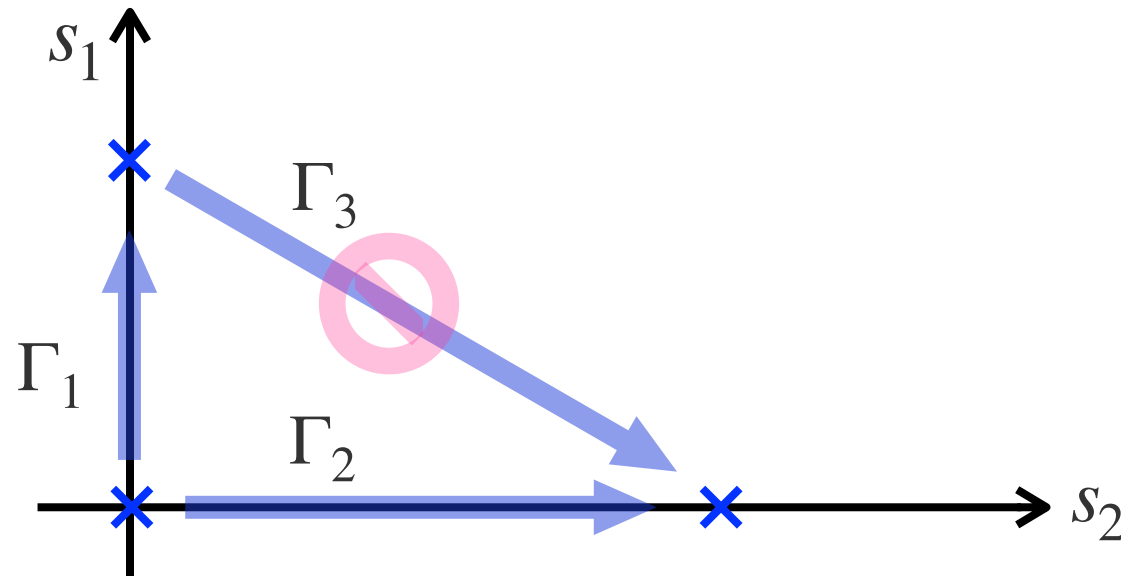
①: 1st PT happens in the s_1 direction

- It is **incomplete**.
- $(v_1,0)$ is true vacuum.

②: 2nd PT happens in the s_2 direction

- It is completed.
- $(v_1,0)$ is **false vacuum**.

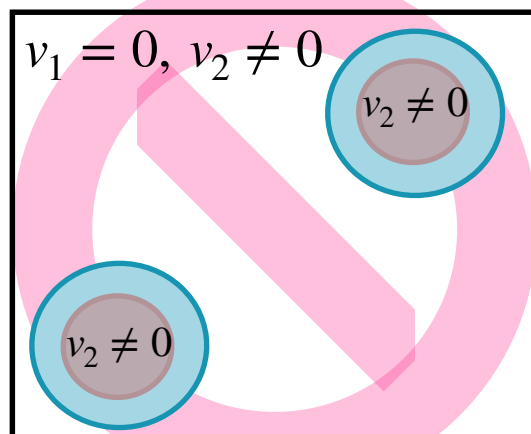
Conditions for inverted bubble collapse mechanism



$$(i) : \Gamma_1(T_{n1}) \ll H^4(T_{n1})$$

$$(ii) : \Gamma_2(T_{n2}) \gtrsim H^4(T_{n2})$$

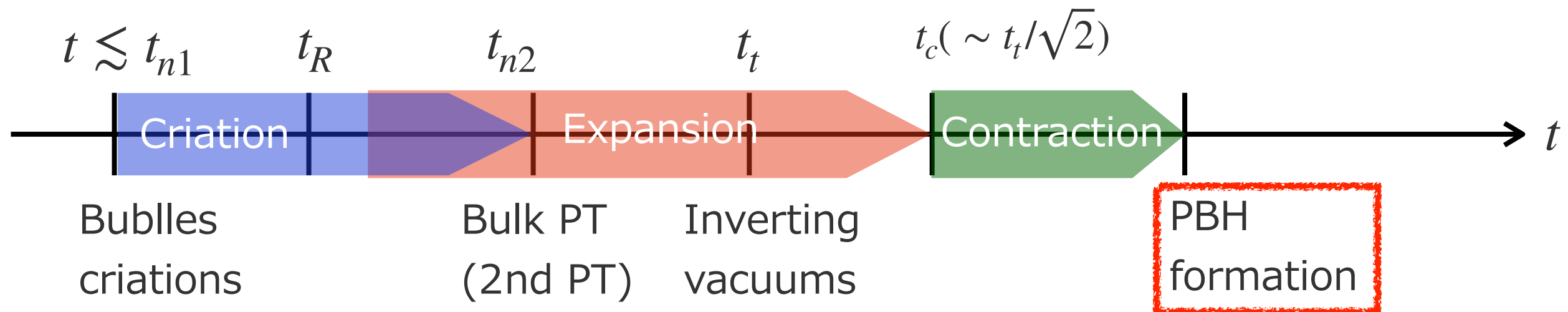
$$(iii) : \Gamma_3(T) \lesssim H^4(T) , \quad T_E \lesssim T \lesssim T_t$$



T_t : at this temperature ΔV becomes
 $V_{\text{eff}}([v_1, 0]) - V_{\text{eff}}([0, v_2]) \gtrsim 0$ i.e., $[v_1, 0]$ becomes
 False vacuum.

T_E : PBH formation temperature

Time evolution in inverted bubble collapse mechanism



t_{n1} : 1st PT happens. (T_{n1} : correspoinding critical temerature)

t_R : Nucreation time, at which bubble size grows up to R .

t_{n2} : Bulk phase transition (2nd PT) happens. (T_{n2} : nucleation temperature)

t_t : s_1 - vacuum tunrns into falae vacuum.

t_c : Bubbles start to shrink.

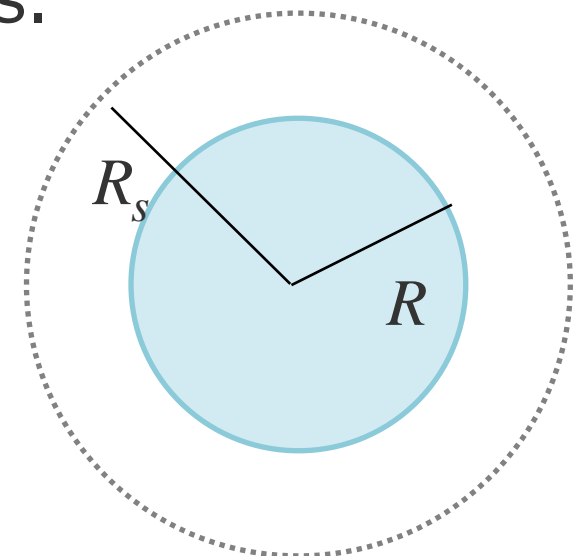
Conditions for PBH formation

- The bubble wall undergoes a runaway.
 - Vacuum energy is mainly translated into wall kinetic energy.
 - Bubble walls are accelerated.
 - Efficiency factor $\epsilon (\lesssim 1)$

$$\epsilon = \frac{E_{\text{kin}}^{\text{W}}}{M_b} \quad (M_b : \text{Whole energy of bubble})$$
- Runaway case: $\epsilon = 1$
- Bubble size becomes smaller than Schwarzschild radius.

$$R_s = 2G\epsilon M_b \gtrsim \delta$$

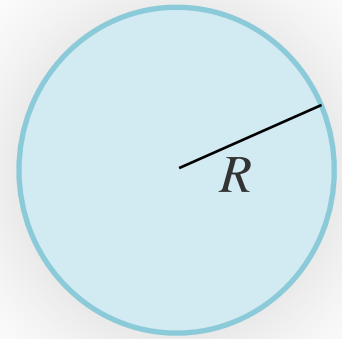
(δ : Width of bubble wall)



Important quantity for PBH formation

- Energy of bubble:

$$M_b \simeq \frac{4\pi}{3} R^3 \Delta V$$



- R highly depends on T_c .

- Important quantity for PBH formation:

ΔV : Difference of potential between false vacuum and true vacuum

T_c : temperature bubble starts to shrink

Bubble size distributions

- Number density:

$$\frac{dn_b}{dt} = -3Hn_b + \Gamma(T(t))$$

$$\rightarrow n_b(t)a^3(t) = e^{\int^t dt' a^3(t')\Gamma(T(t'))}$$

- Time evolution of bubble size:

$$R = a(t_c) \left(\frac{R_{\text{in}}}{a(t_R)} + \int_{t_R}^{t_c} d\tilde{t} \frac{v}{a(\tilde{t})} \right)$$

$$\rightarrow t_R \simeq t_c \left(1 - \frac{R}{2vt_c} \right)^2$$

t_R : Nucleation time, the created bubble grows up to R .

t_c : time, at which bubbles start to shrink.

$$[\because \rho = \rho_r = \frac{\pi^2}{30} g_* T^4, \quad R_{\text{in}} \ll 1]$$

- Bubble size distribution:

$$\frac{dn_b}{dR}(t_c) = \left| \frac{dt_R}{dR} \right| \frac{1}{a(t_c)^3} \frac{dn_b a^3}{dt}(t_R) = \frac{\Gamma(T_R)}{v} \left(1 - \frac{R}{2vt_c} \right)^4 \quad [\because \frac{dt_R}{dR} = \frac{1}{v} \sqrt{\frac{t_R}{t_c}}]$$

PBH mass function

- Around the bulk PT, we fit the tunneling rate Γ as follows

$$\Gamma(T) \simeq c H_{\text{PT}}^4 e^{-\alpha \frac{T - T_{\text{PT}}}{T_{\text{PT}}}} \quad \text{for } T \geq T_{\text{PT}} \quad [\because S_3/T \approx \alpha(T - T_{\text{PT}})/T_{\text{PT}}]$$

c, α : Constant parameters T_{PT} : the temperature at which bulk PT happens

- Relation between radius R and the PBH mass M :

$$M \simeq M_b \simeq \frac{4\pi}{3} R^3 \Delta V$$

- PBH mass function

$$\frac{d\rho_{\text{PBH}}}{d \ln M}(t) = M \frac{dn_b}{dR}(t_c) \frac{dR}{d \ln M_b} \left(\frac{a(t_c)}{a(t)} \right)^3 = \frac{MR}{3} \frac{\Gamma(T_R)}{v} \frac{t_R^2}{t_c^2} \left(\frac{a(t_c)}{a(t)} \right)^3,$$



$$\frac{df_{\text{PBH}}}{d \ln M} \simeq \frac{1}{0.44 \text{ eV}} \frac{45}{2\pi^2 g_{*s}(T_c) T_c^3} \frac{c M H_{\text{PT}}^4}{3v} \left(\frac{3M}{4\pi\epsilon\Delta V} \right)^{1/3} \left[\frac{T_c}{T_R} \right]^4 \propto M^{4/3}$$

[$\alpha = 0$]

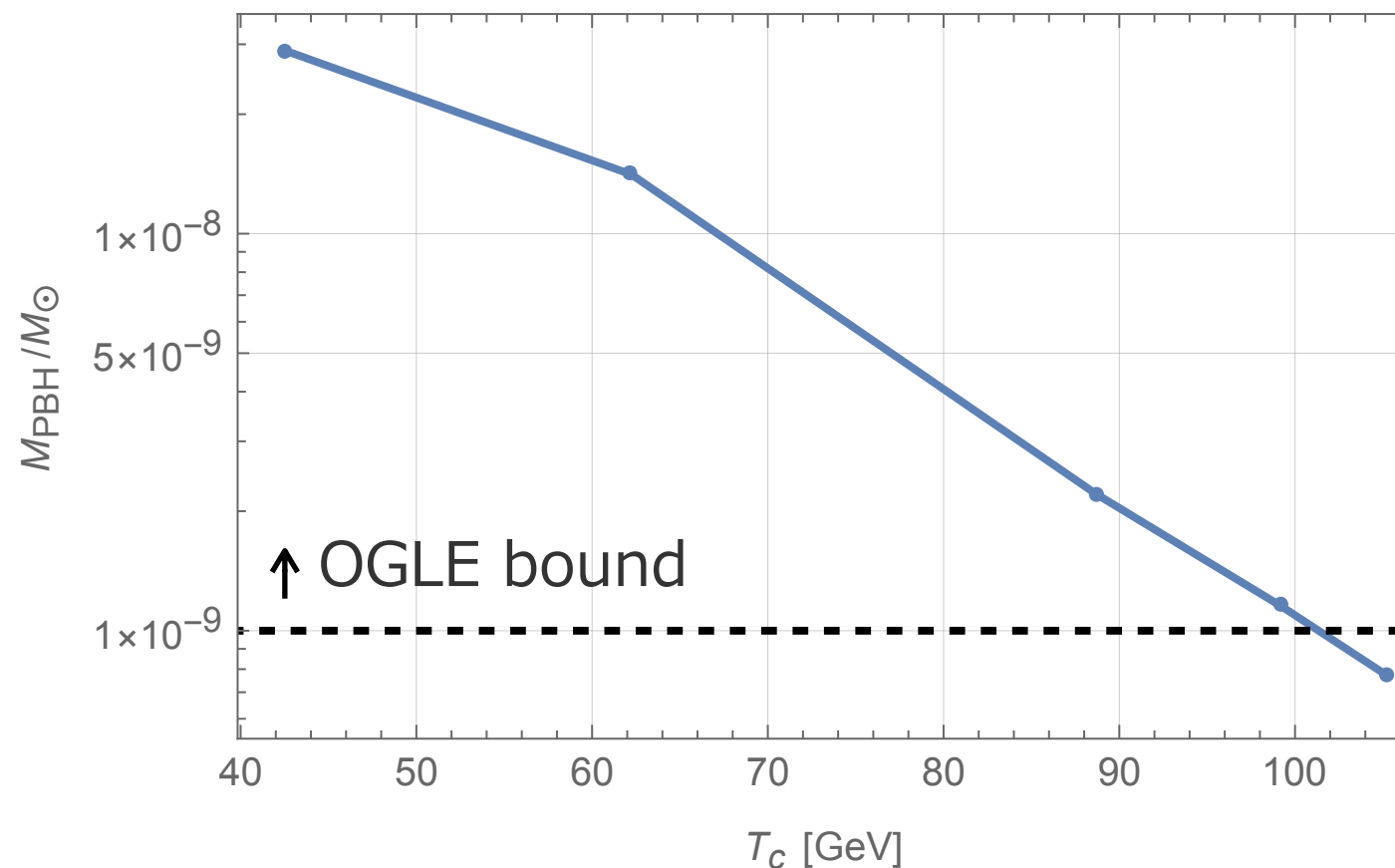
PBH mass

PBH mass M as a function of T_c and T_R :

$$M \simeq M_b \simeq \frac{4\pi}{3} R^3 \Delta V \simeq \frac{4\pi}{3} \left\{ \frac{1}{H_c} \left(1 - \frac{T_c}{T_R} \right) \right\}^3 \Delta V, \quad H_c \simeq \left(\frac{\pi^2}{90 m_{\text{pl}}^2} g_* \right)^{1/2} T_c^2$$

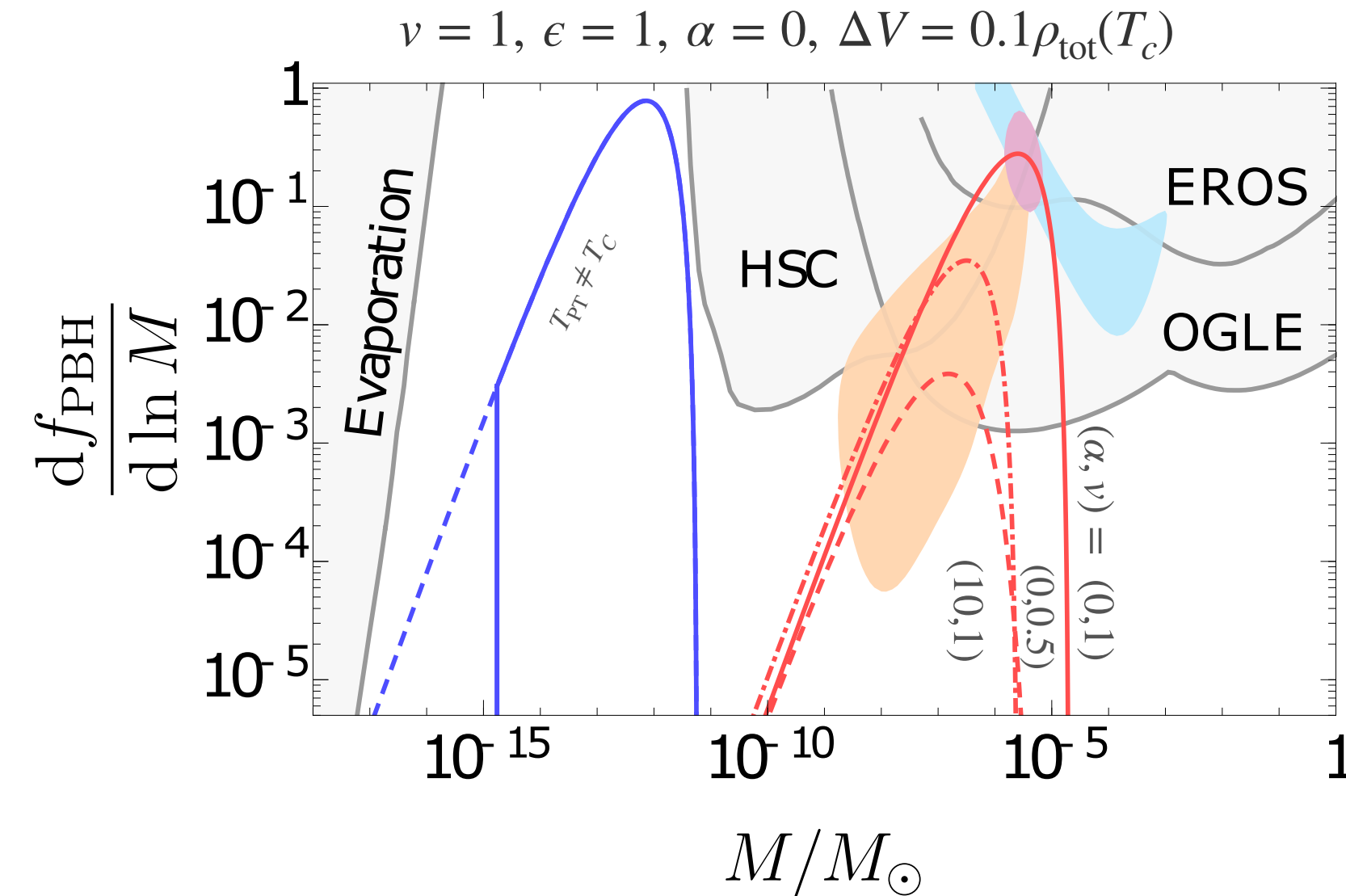
PBH mass depends on T_R and T_c .

With small T_c , M growth by T_c^{-6}



Numerical result (model independent)

[Murai, KS, Takahashi]



	(a)	(b)
$T_{\text{PT}}[\text{GeV}]$	15	3×10^4
$T_c[\text{GeV}]$	15	2.8×10^4
c	10^{-8}	10^{-11}

- Lensing events in Subaru HSC
- Lensing events in OGLE
- Combined results

[Sugiyama, Takada, Kusenko, PLB 840 (2023)]

- Small v or nonzero α reduces f_{PBH} .
- With $T_c = \mathcal{O}(10)\text{GeV}$ (scenario a), the lensing event can be explained.
- If $T_{\text{PT}} \neq T_c$, M reaches M_{min} . This corresponds to $t_R = t_{\text{PT}}$.
- With $T_c = \mathcal{O}(10^3)\text{GeV}$, DM can be explained.

$$\Gamma \simeq 0 \quad (t > t_{\text{PT}})$$

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Concrete model: two real singlet scalar models

- Particle contents: Z_2 symmetry is imposed.

$$\Phi = \begin{bmatrix} G^+ \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(v + \phi + iG^0) \end{bmatrix} \quad : \text{triggers EWPT, } Z_2 \text{ even}$$

$$S_1 = v_1 + s_1 \quad : \text{triggers PT in singlet directions, } Z_2\text{-even}$$

$$S_2 = v_2 + s_2 \quad : \text{triggers PT in singlet directions, } Z_2\text{-odd}$$

- Physical states: h, H_1, H_2 $\begin{pmatrix} \phi \\ s_1 \\ s_2 \end{pmatrix} = R_\theta \begin{pmatrix} h \\ H_1 \\ H_2 \end{pmatrix},$

- Higgs potential: V is invariant under the shift $s_1 \rightarrow s_1 + v'_1$. $\longrightarrow v_1 = 0$

$$V(\Phi, S_1, S_2) = \left[\begin{array}{l} -m_\Phi^2 |\Phi|^2 + \lambda |\Phi|^4 + \mu_{\Phi 1} |\Phi|^2 S_1 + \lambda_{\Phi 1} |\Phi|^2 S_1^2 \\ + t_1 S_1 - m_1^2 S_1^2 + \mu_1 S_1^3 + \lambda_1 S_1^4 \\ - m_2^2 S_2^2 + \lambda_2 S_2^4 + \lambda_{\Phi 2} |\Phi|^2 S_2^2 + \lambda_{12} S_1^2 S_2^2 + \mu_{12} S_1 S_2^2 \end{array} \right] \begin{array}{l} \Phi + S_1 \\ \\ \text{terms with } S_2 \end{array}$$

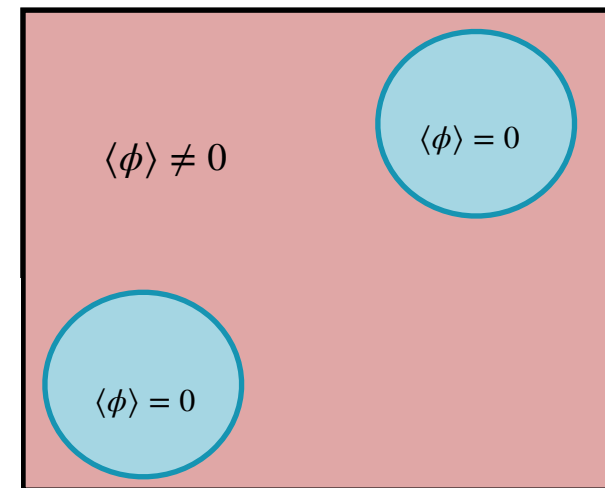
- Responsible for EWPT.
- Responsible for PT in (S_1, S_2) plane.
- Determines thermal effects to the potential.

Implementation of IBC mechanism

- One has three dimensional directions for PTs: (ϕ, s_1, s_2)
- One should require the bubble walls undergo runaway.
 - Otherwise, bubble energy is dissipated by plasma.
 - Created bubbles disappear without collapsing PBHs.
- If bulk PT is realized by EWPT, runaway does not happen.

[Bödeker, Moore, JCAP 05 (2017) 025]

 - Vector bosons pass bubble walls, obtaining masses.
 - Soft vector bosons are radiated. It induces additional friction.



Incomplete PT : S_1 - direction

Bulk PT : S_2 - direction

Effective potential

$$V_{\text{eff}}(s_1, s_2, T) = \underbrace{V_{\text{eff}}^0(s_1, s_2)}_{\text{Tree level}} + \underbrace{V_{\text{eff}}^{\text{cw}}(s_1, s_2)}_{\text{CW potential}} + \underbrace{V_{\text{eff}}^T(s_1, s_2, T)}_{\text{Thermal corrections to the potential}} + \underbrace{V_{\text{eff}}^{\text{ring}}(s_1, s_2, T)}_{\text{Resummed thermal corrections to masses}}$$

- PBH formation in IBC mechanism happens in the (s_1, s_2) -plane. We analyse $V(s_1, s_2, T)_{\text{eff}} \equiv V_{\text{eff}}(\phi = 0, s_1, s_2, T)$.
- Tree level potential:

$$V_0 = -m_1^2 s_1^2 + \mu_1 s_1^3 + \lambda_1 s_1^4 - m_2^2 s_2^2 + \lambda_2 s_2^4 + \lambda_{12} s_1^2 s_2^2, \quad [\because t_1 s_1 = \mu_{12} s_1 s_2^2 = 0]$$

- s_1 direction: The potential barrier is easily obtained by $\mu_1 s_1^3$.
- s_2 direction: similar to SM Higgs potential.
- λ_{12} controls potential barrier between s_1 and s_2 directions.
- CW potential: one-loop corrections to the potential. $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme is applied.
- Thermal effects to masses (V^{ring}) : [\[R. Parwani, Phys. Rev. D 45, 4695 \(1992\)\]](#)

$$\bar{m}(s_1, s_2) \rightarrow M = \bar{m}(s_1, s_2) + \Pi(T) \quad \Pi(T) : \text{thermal mass}$$

Benchmark points for IBC mechanism [1/2]

$$\theta_i = 0, \quad m_{H_1} \simeq 223 \text{ GeV}, \quad m_{H_2} = 246 \text{ GeV},$$

$$\lambda_{12} = 0.5, \quad \mu_1 \simeq -190 \text{ GeV}, \quad \lambda_1 = 0.335,$$

$$v_2 = 70 \text{ GeV}, \quad \lambda_{\Phi_1} = -0.14$$

Tree level potential:

$$V_0 = -m_1^2 s_1^2 + \mu_1 s_1^3 + \lambda_1 s_1^4$$

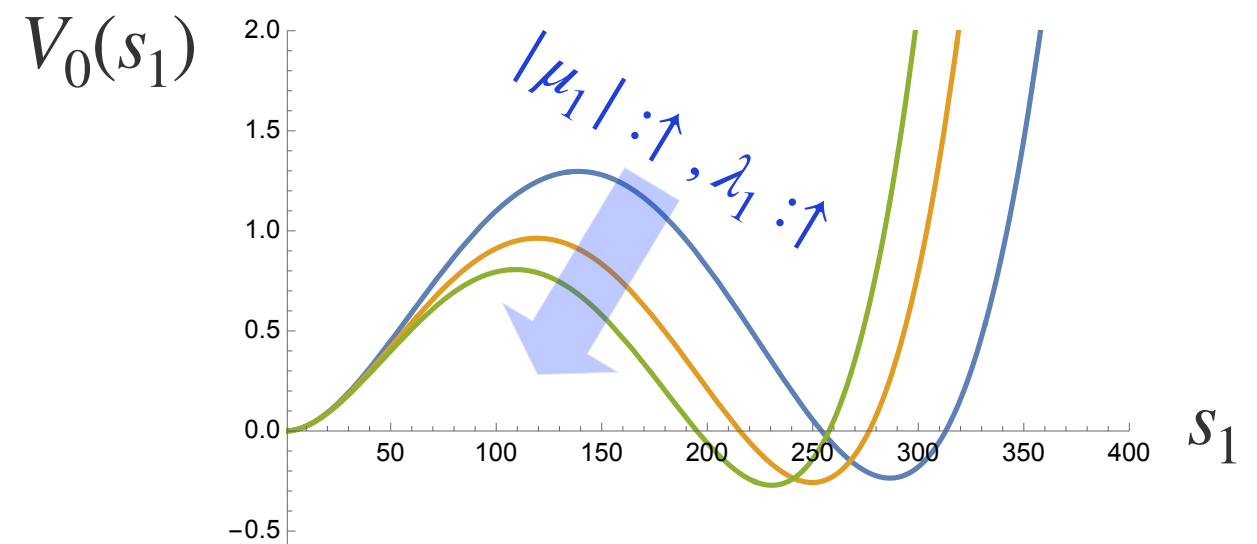
$$- m_2^2 s_2^2 + \lambda_2 s_2^4 + \lambda_{12} s_1^2 s_2^2,$$

- Alignment limit to avoid collider bounds and reduce the potential $\rightarrow t_1 s_1 = \mu_{12} s_1 s_2^2 = 0$
 $\mu_{12} s_1 |\Phi|^2 = 0$
- To obtain the vacuums in the EW scale. $\rightarrow T_{n1}, T_{n2} \sim \mathcal{O}(100) \text{ GeV}$
- To reduce the temperature dependence of V_{eff} . $\rightarrow$ Abundant PBH due to $\Gamma_{n1}(T_{n1}) \approx \text{const.}$

$$V_{\text{eff}} \approx V_0 + (c_1 \lambda_{12} + d_1 \lambda_1) T^2 s_1^2 + c_2 \lambda_{12} T^2 s_2^2$$

- $\mu_1 \approx m_2^2, \lambda_1 \sim \mathcal{O}(0.1)$ makes barrier high and the vacuum shallow.

$$\rightarrow \Gamma_{n1}(T_{n1}) \ll H^4$$



Benchmark points for IBC mechanism [2/2]

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_i &= 0, \quad m_{H_1} \simeq 223 \text{ GeV}, \quad m_{H_2} = 246 \text{ GeV}, \\ \lambda_{12} &= 0.5, \quad \mu_1 \simeq -190 \text{ GeV}, \quad \lambda_1 = 0.335, \\ v_2 &= 70 \text{ GeV}, \quad \lambda_{\Phi_1} = -0.14 \end{aligned}$$

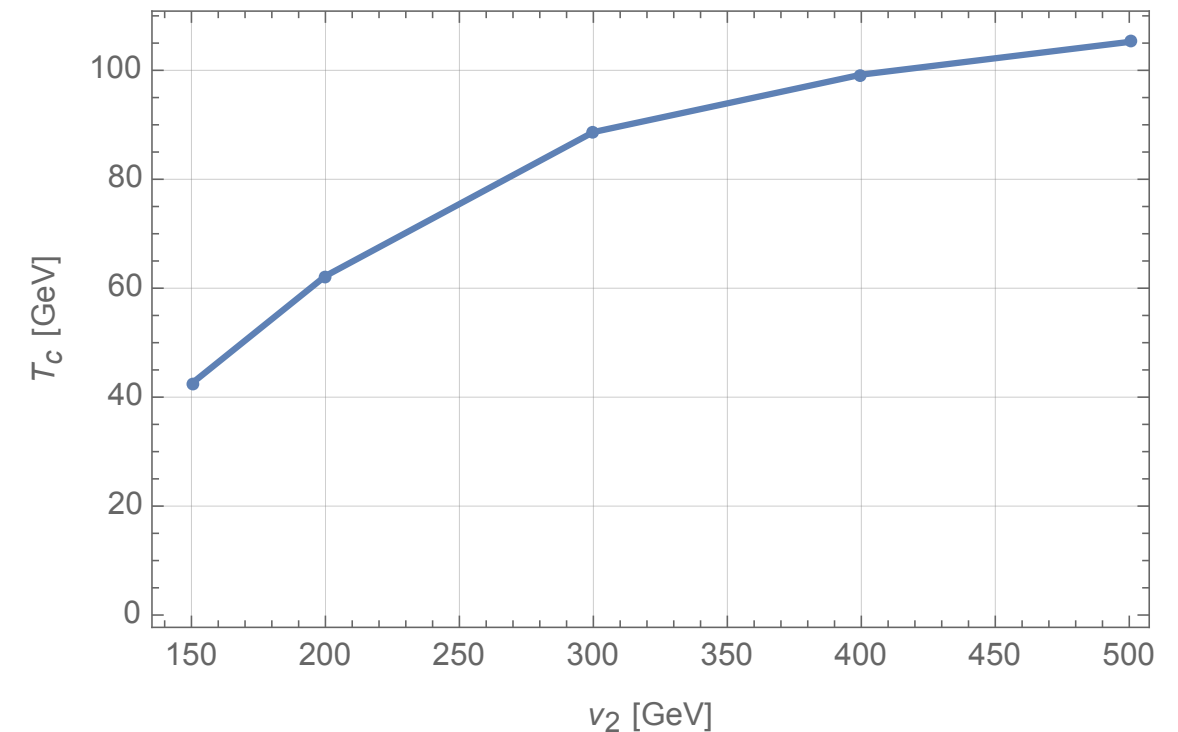
Tree level potential:

$$\begin{aligned} V_0 &= -m_1^2 s_1^2 + \mu_1 s_1^3 + \lambda_1 s_1^4 \\ &\quad - m_2^2 s_2^2 + \lambda_2 s_2^4 + \lambda_{12} s_1^2 s_2^2, \end{aligned}$$

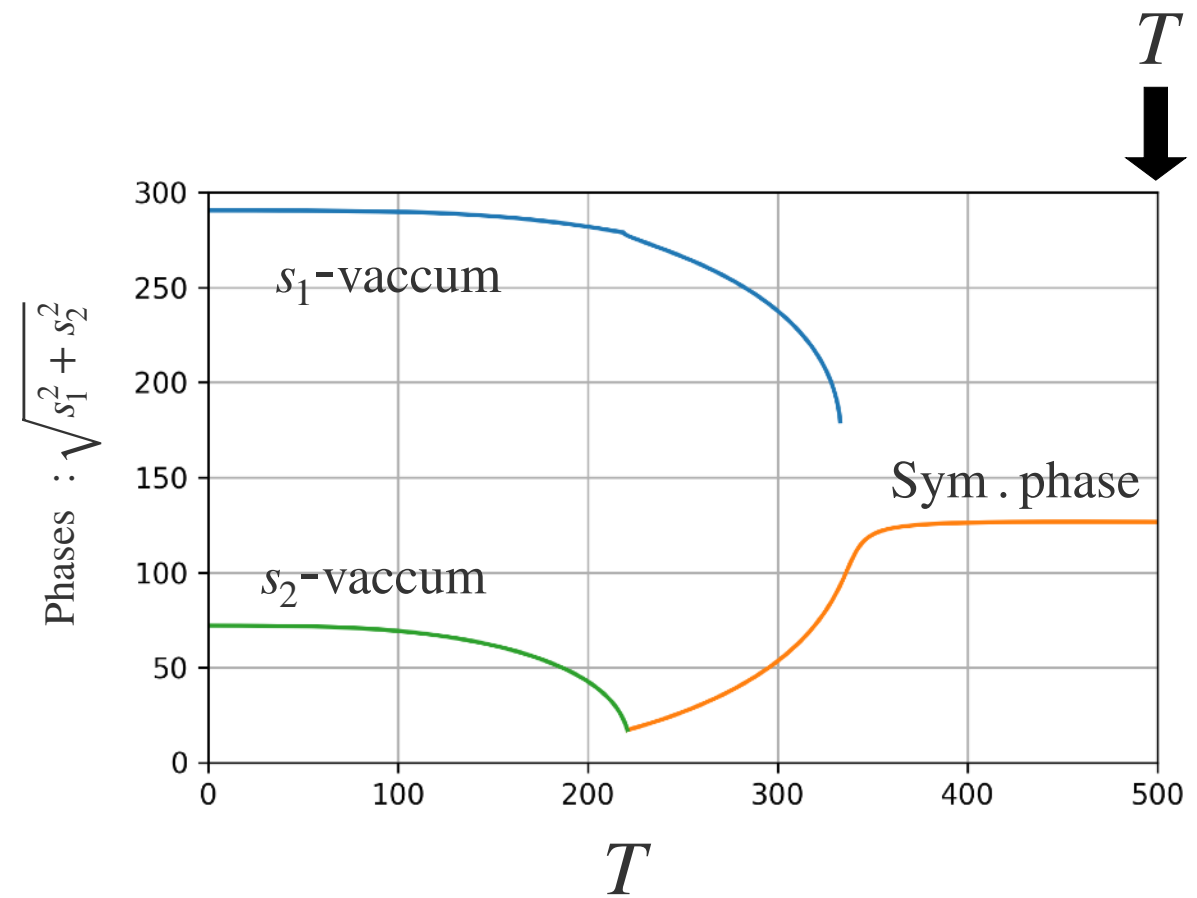
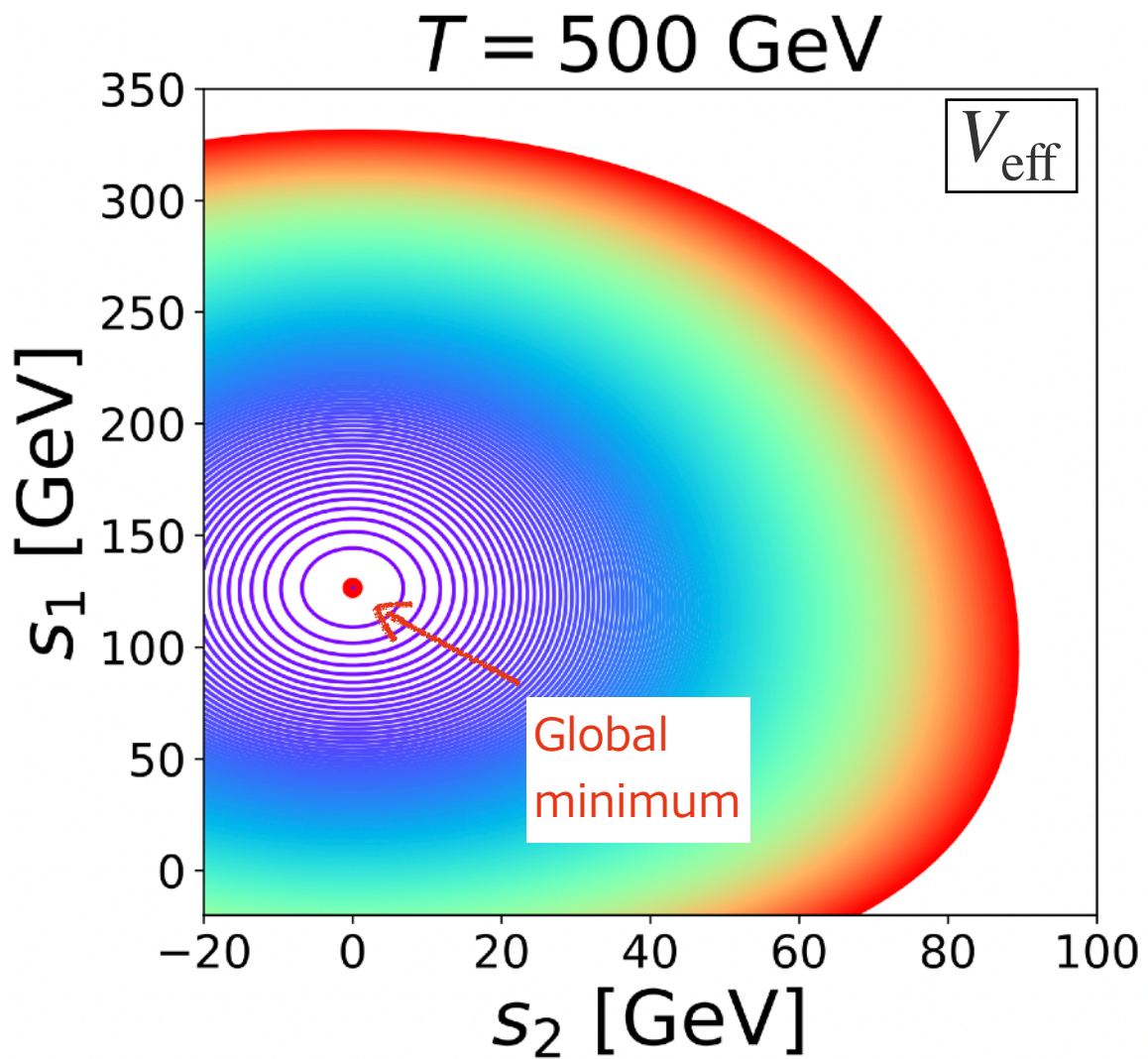
With smaller v_2 , low T_c is obtained.



Increasing PBH masses and the abundance.

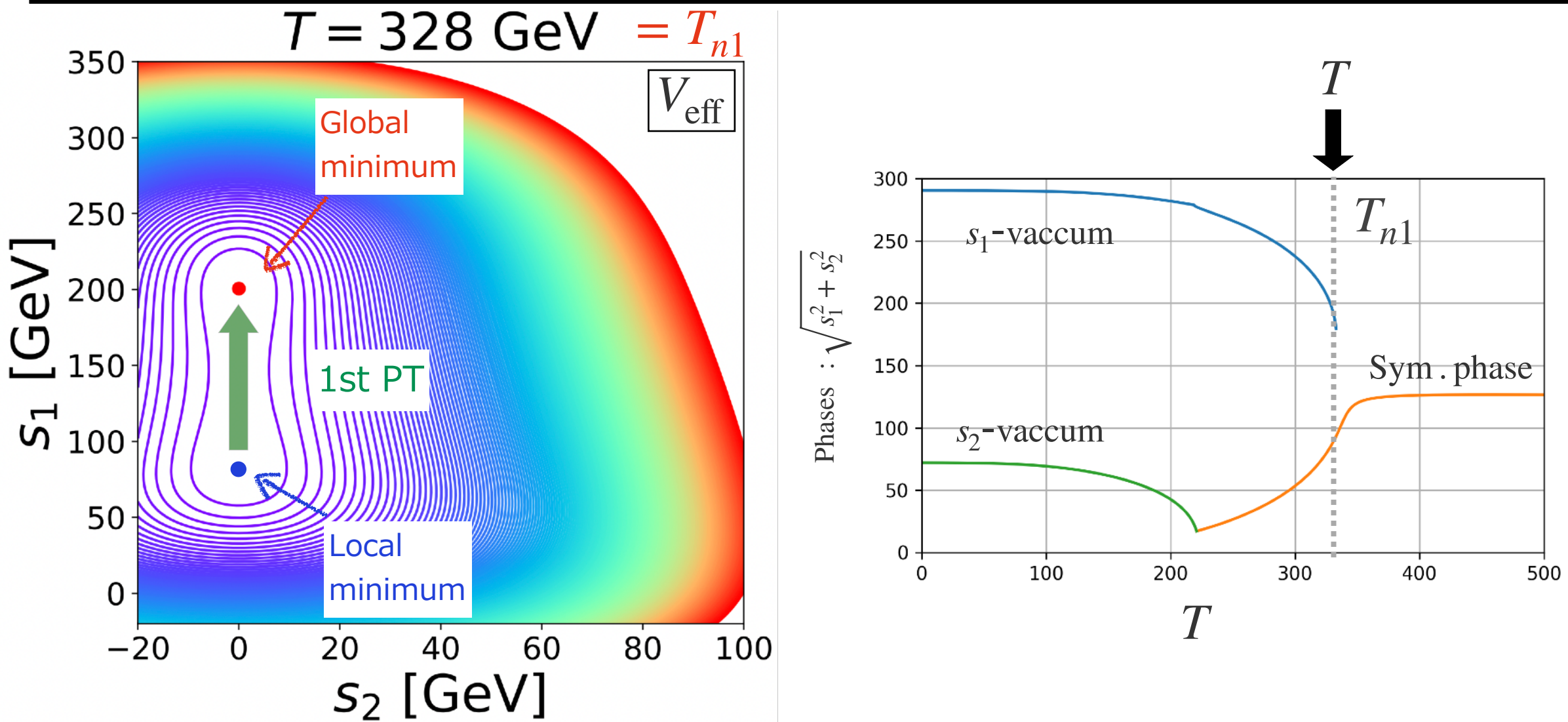


Temperature dependence of the Effective potential in IBC [1/4]



- At high temperature, the trivial vacuum only exists.

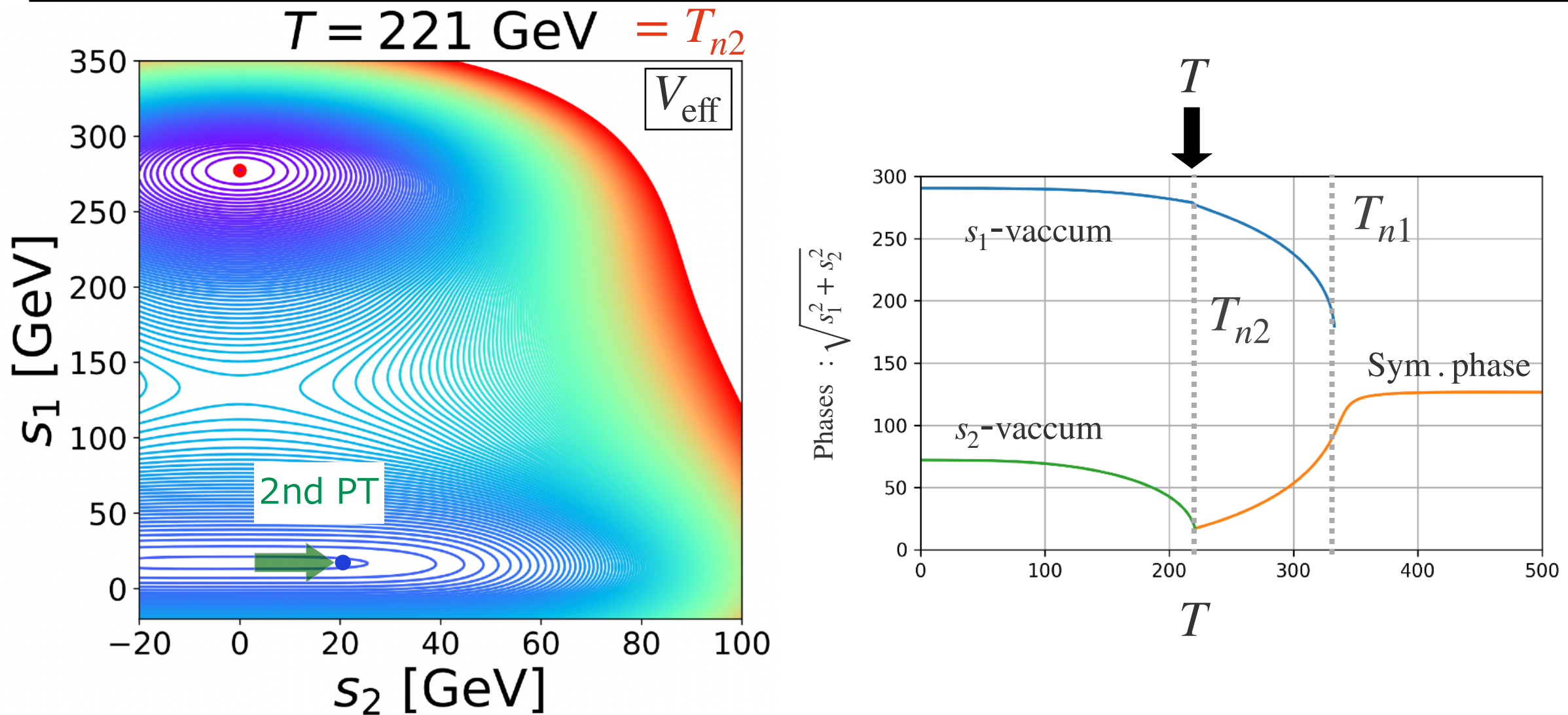
Temperature dependence of the Effective potential in IBC [2/4]



- The original existing vacuum becomes false vacuum.
- Transition of Sym. $\rightarrow s_1$ -vaccum happens:

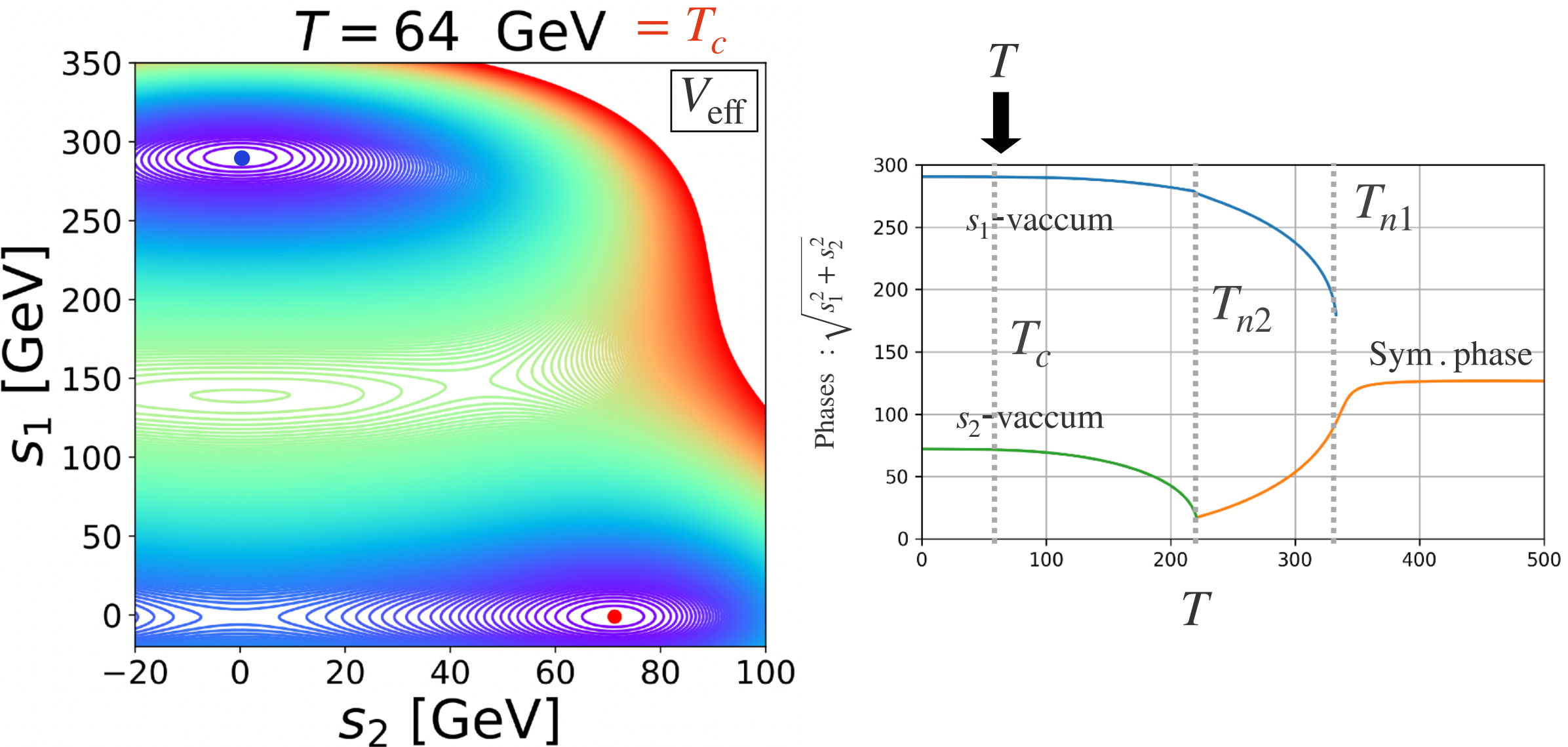
$$\Gamma_{n1}/H^4 \Big|_{T=T_{n1}} \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-10})$$

Temperature dependence of the Effective potential in IBC [3/4]



- Due to the high barrier, transition of Sym. $\rightarrow$ s_1 -vaccum is prohibited.
- Second-order PT happens at T_{n2} in the s_2 direction.

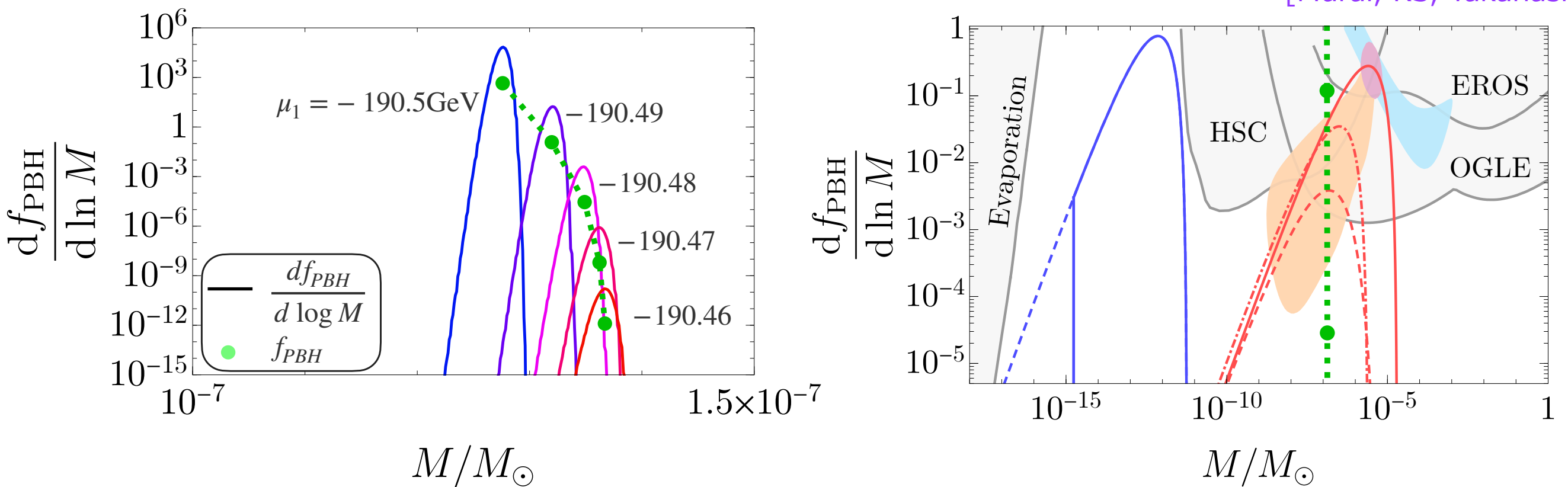
Temperature dependence of the Effective potential in IBC [4/4]



- Soon after the 2nd PT, s_1 -vaccum: false vacuum, s_2 -vaccum: true vacuum.
- At $T=T_c$, false and true vacuums are inverted.
- The IBC mechanism works in the chosen benchmark.
- From the PT analysis, Γ_{n1} , ΔV and T_c are obtained. ➡ PBH in IBC mechanism can be calculated.

Numerical results for the singlet model

[Murai, KS, Takahashi]



- A highly monochromatic PBH mass spectrum is obtained.
 - The lensing events observed in Subaru HSC can be explained.
With a smaller T_c , OGLE results can be fit.
 - Obtained PBH strongly depends on the shape of the potential.
- ➡ Higgs sector can be reconstructed by PBH measurements.

Summary

- We have proposed a new mechanism for PBH formations: inverted bubble collapse mechanism.
- First incomplete PT creates an overdense region. Second (bulk) PT collapses it to produce PBHs.
- In this scenario, overdense regions are specially symmetric.
- This mechanism itself is a general PBH formation mechanism.
- The mechanism in a model with two real singlet scalars can accommodate microlensing events by OGLE and Subaru HSC.