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# Dark Matter – neutrino interactions through a 1-loop diagram

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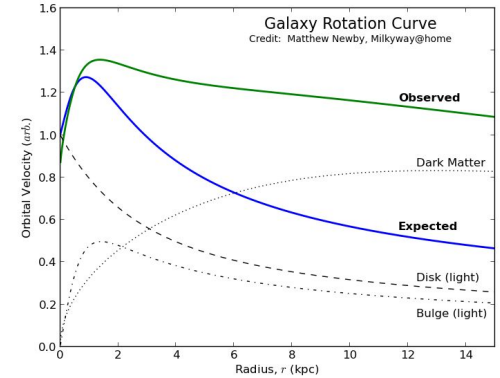
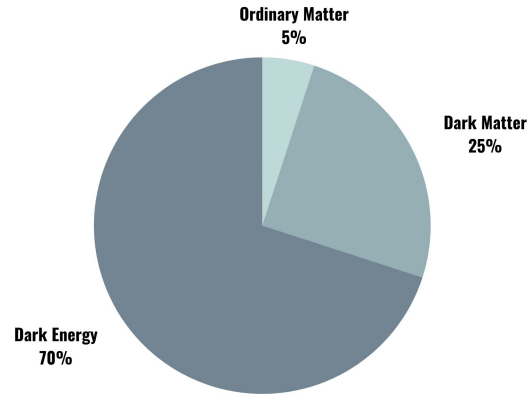
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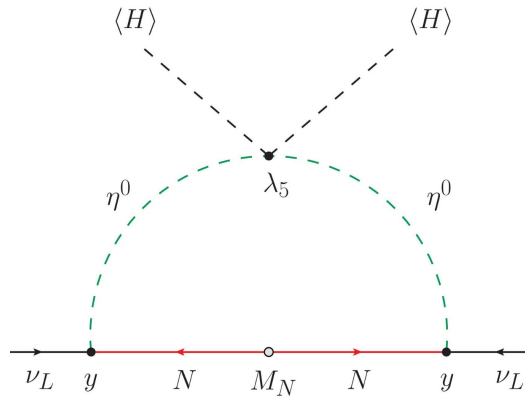


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Astrophysical and cosmological  
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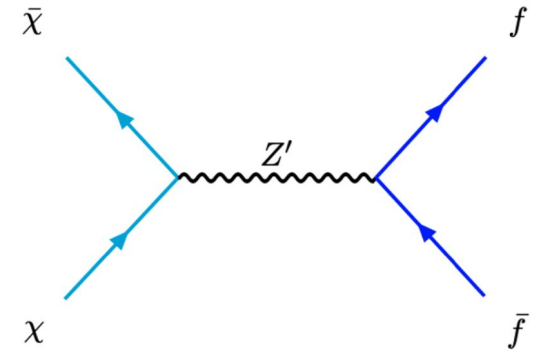
# Theoretical Framework

Dark matter interactions with the standard model through the neutrino sector



Scotogenic model

Ma, E. (2006).

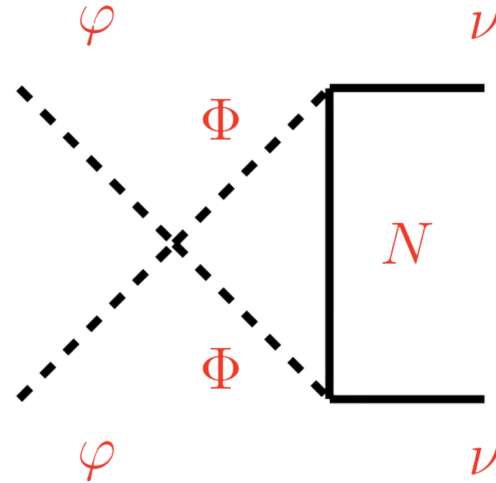


$U(1)'$  models

L, B-L symmetries

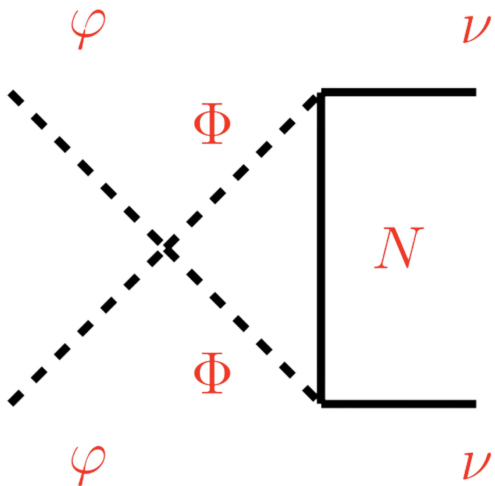
# Research Question

Can dark matter interact with neutrinos via a 1-loop diagram, reproduce the observed relic abundance and still be consistent with current constraints?



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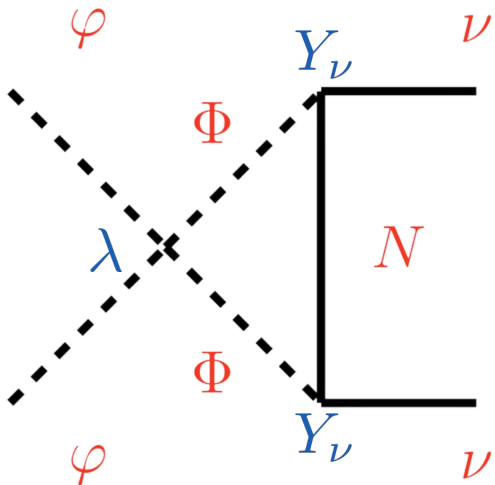
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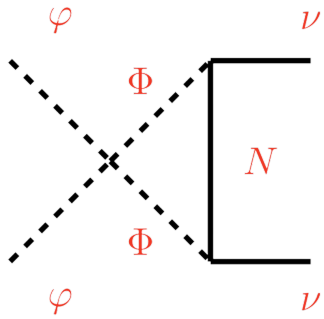
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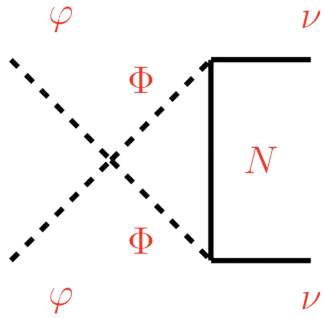
Couplings  $\lambda, Y_\nu$



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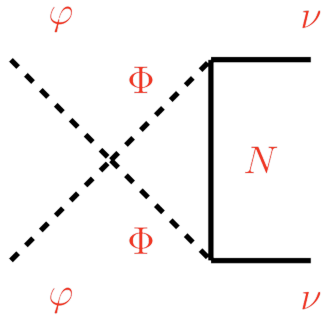
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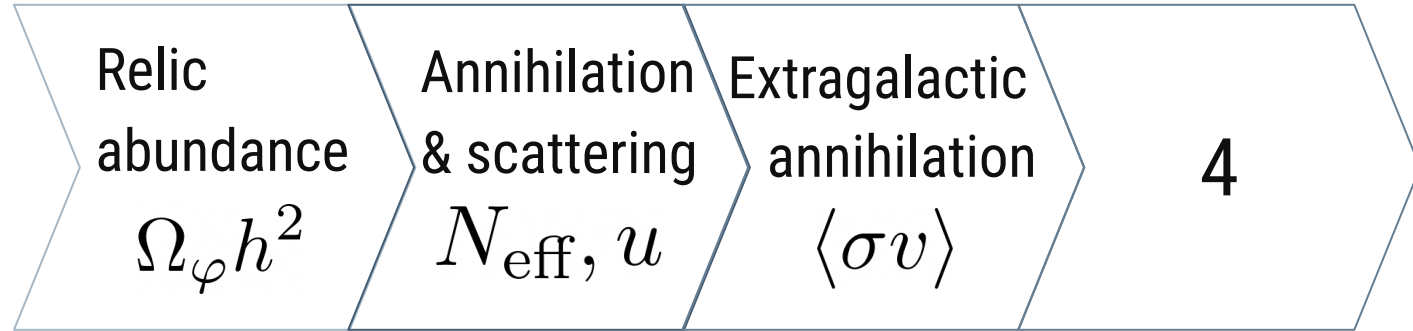
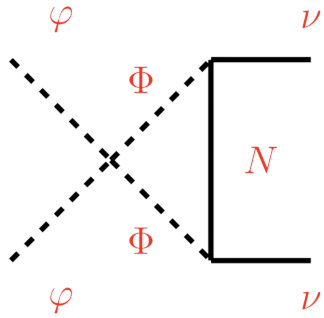
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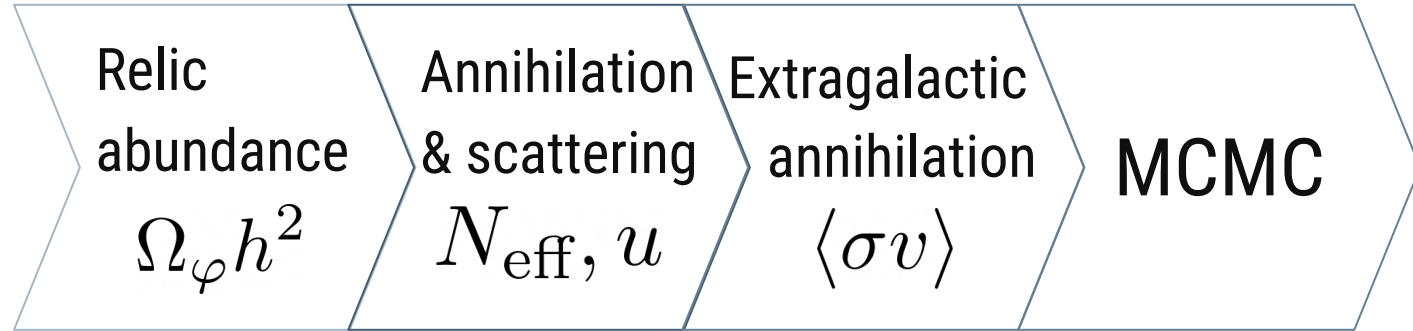
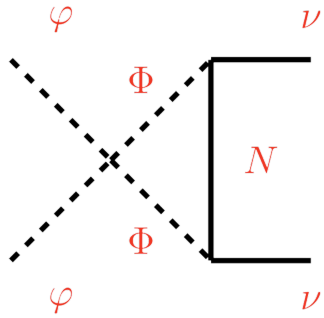
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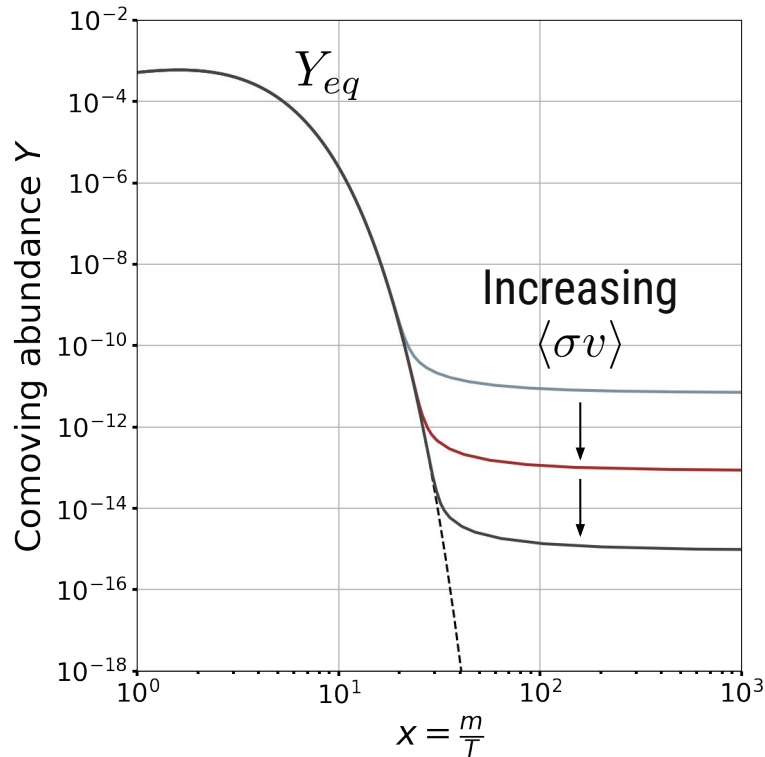
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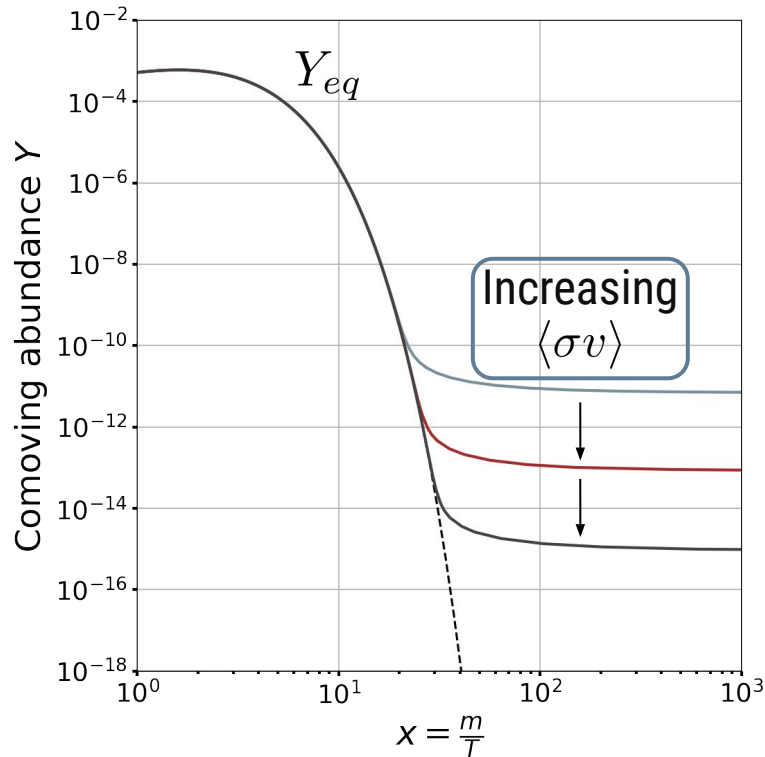
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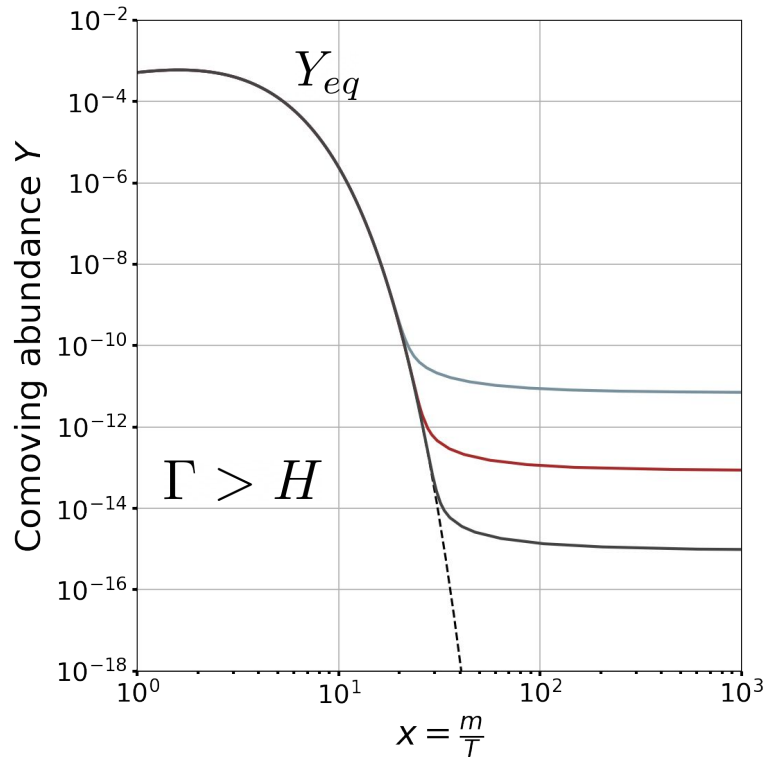
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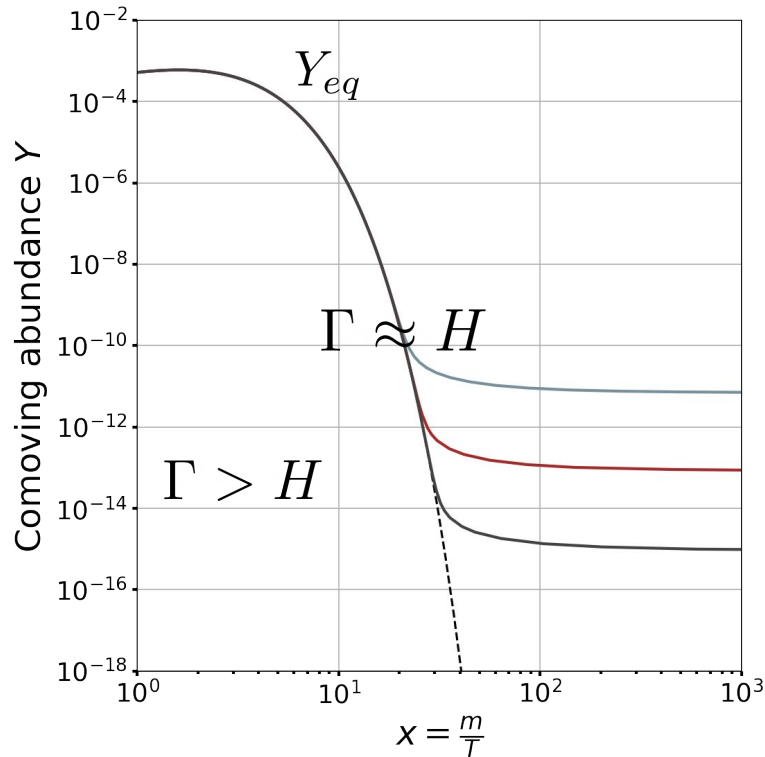
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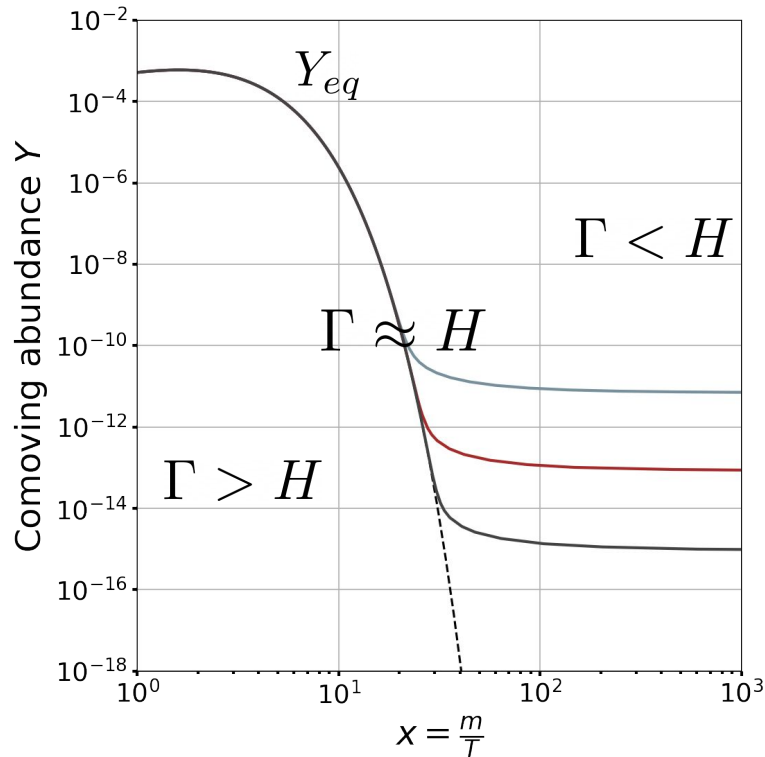
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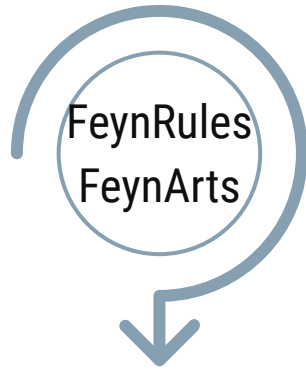
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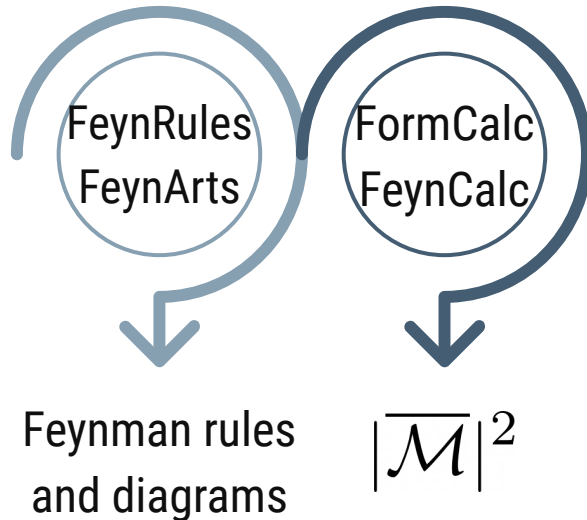


Feynman rules  
and diagrams

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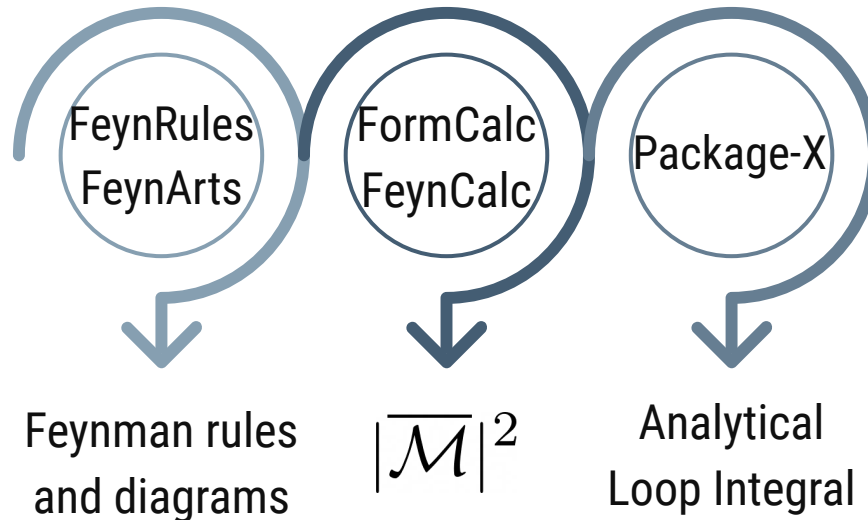
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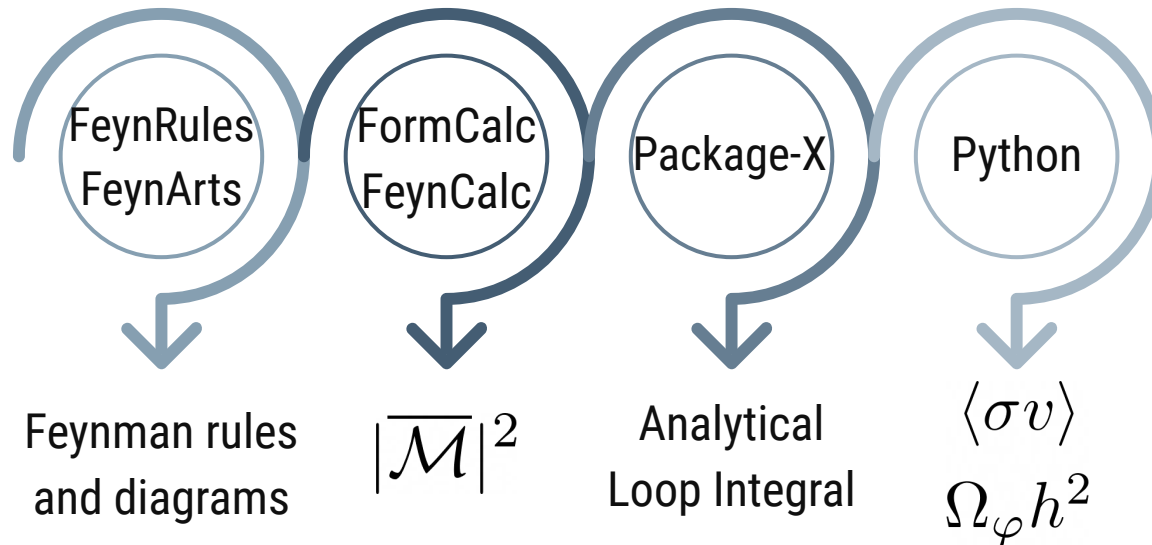
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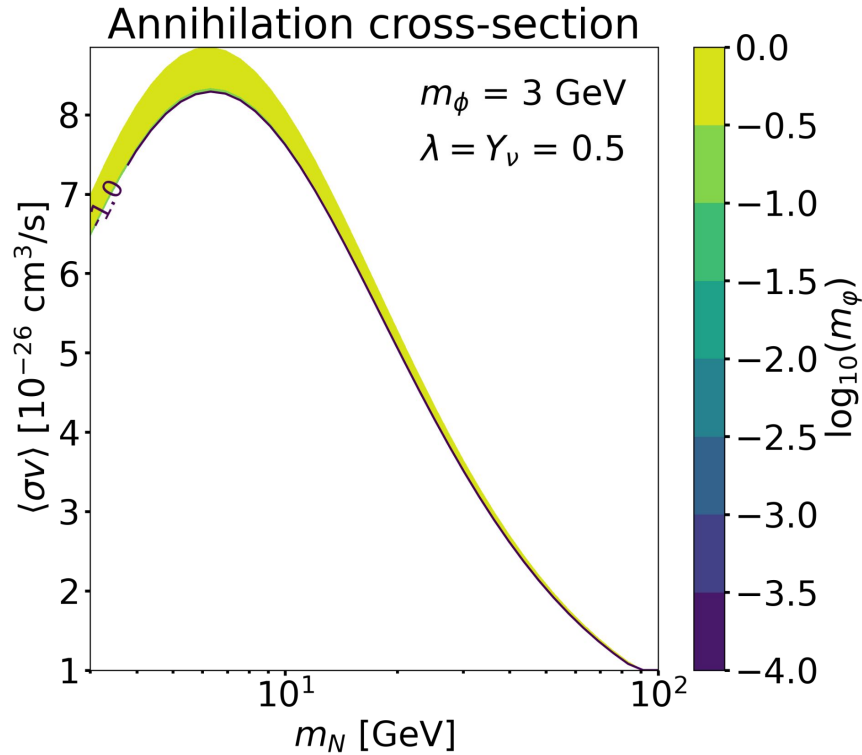
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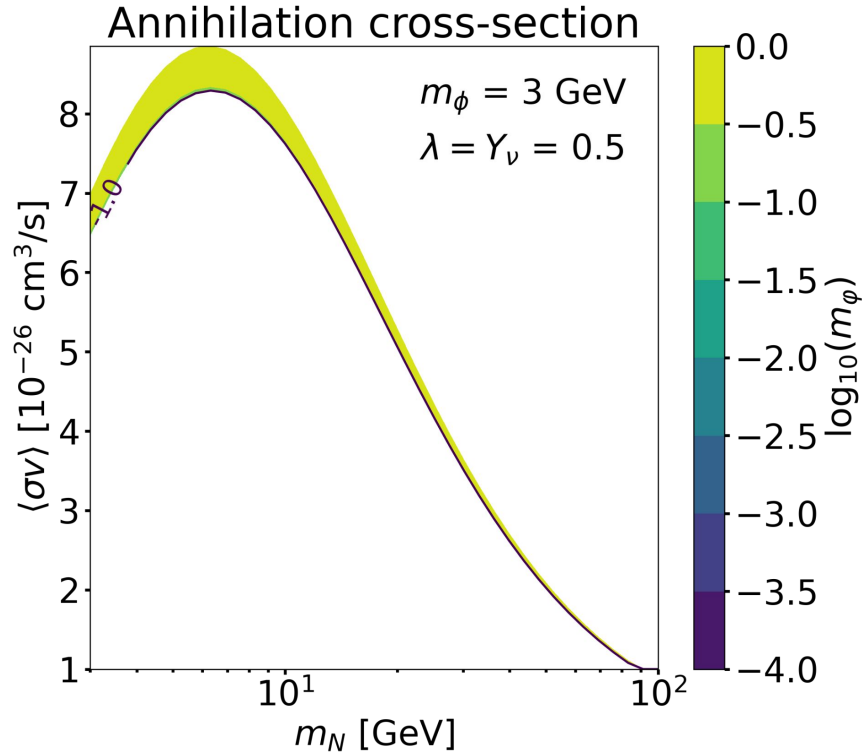


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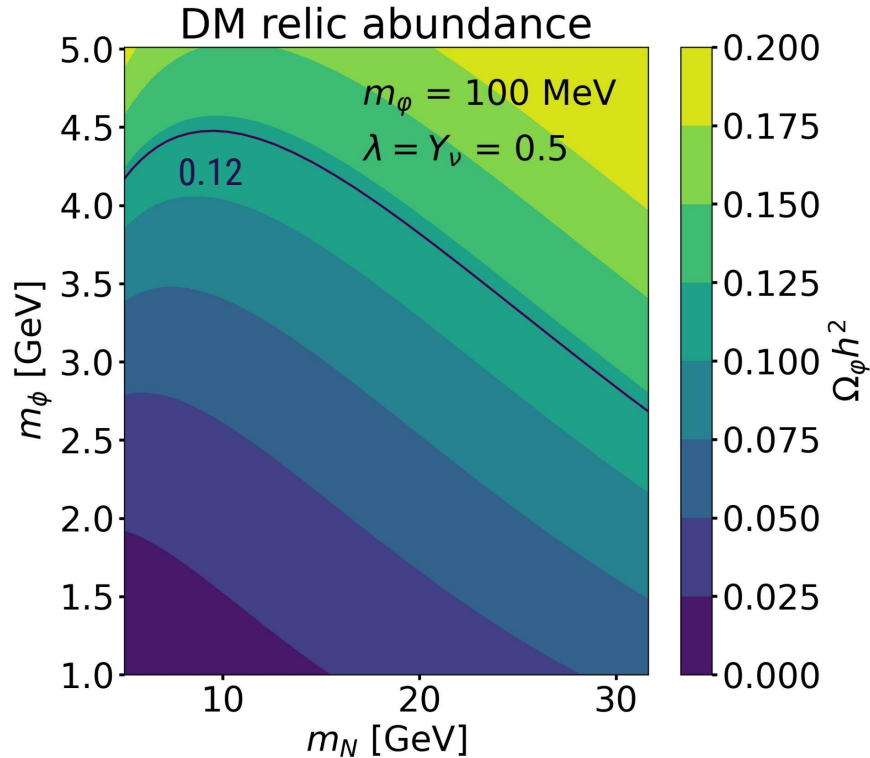
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Nearly independent of

$$m_\psi \leq 100 \text{ MeV}$$

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Constraint from Planck 2018

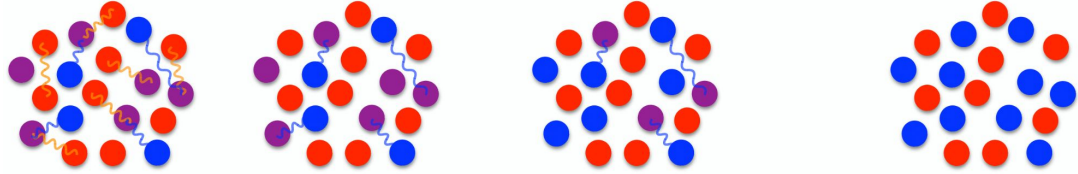
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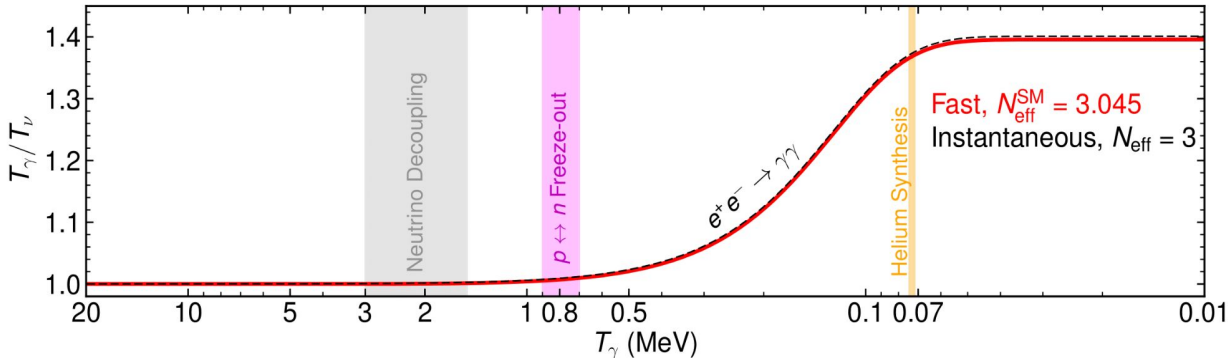
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## Big Bang Nucleosynthesis (BBN)

$\nu$   $e^\pm$   $\gamma$   $W/Z$



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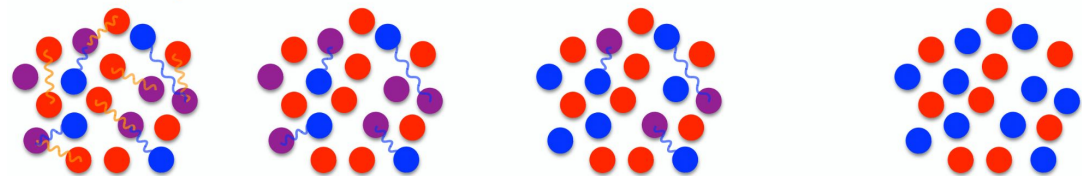
$$T_\gamma/T_\nu = (11/4)^{1/3}$$

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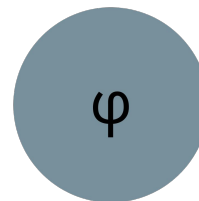
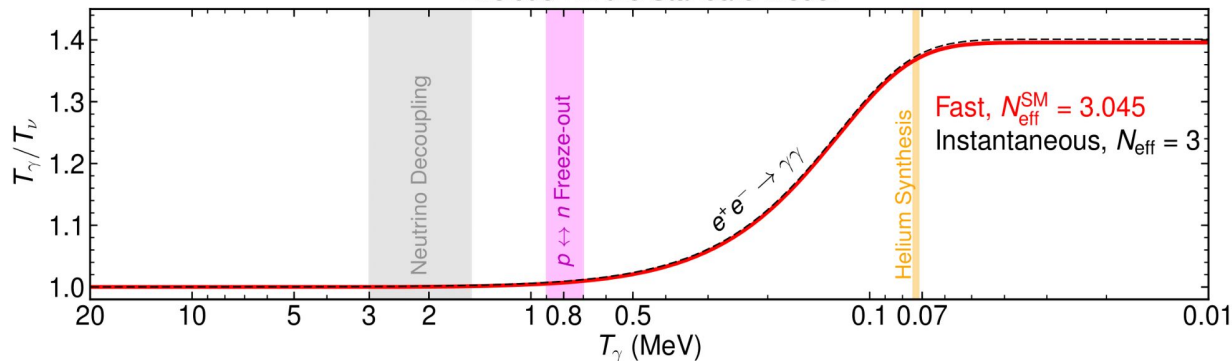
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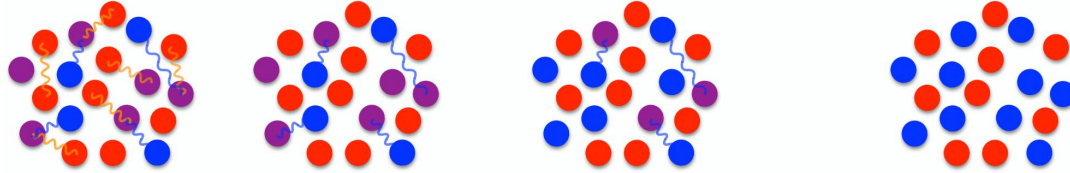


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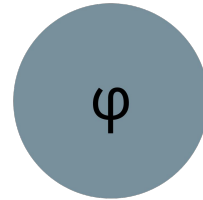
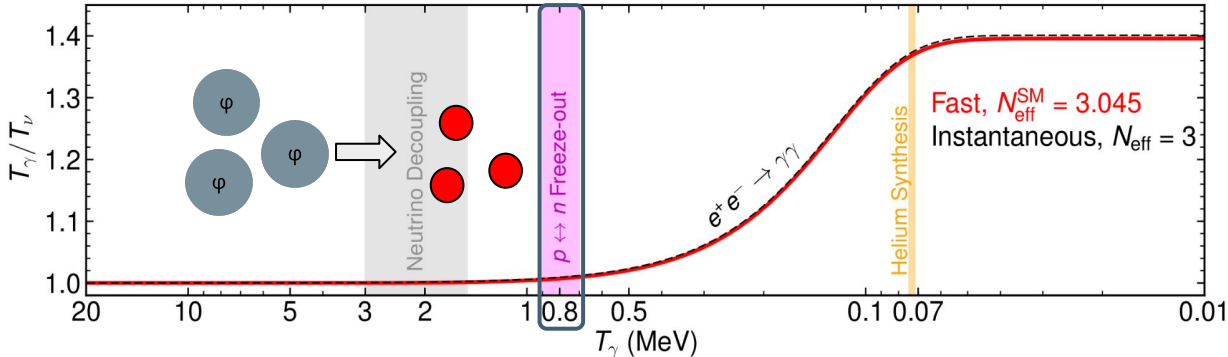
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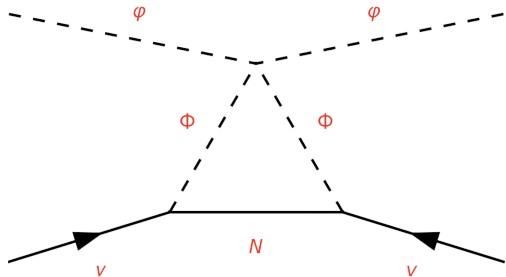
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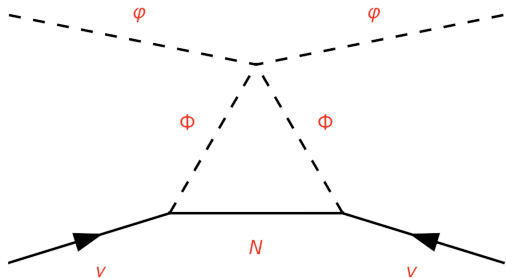


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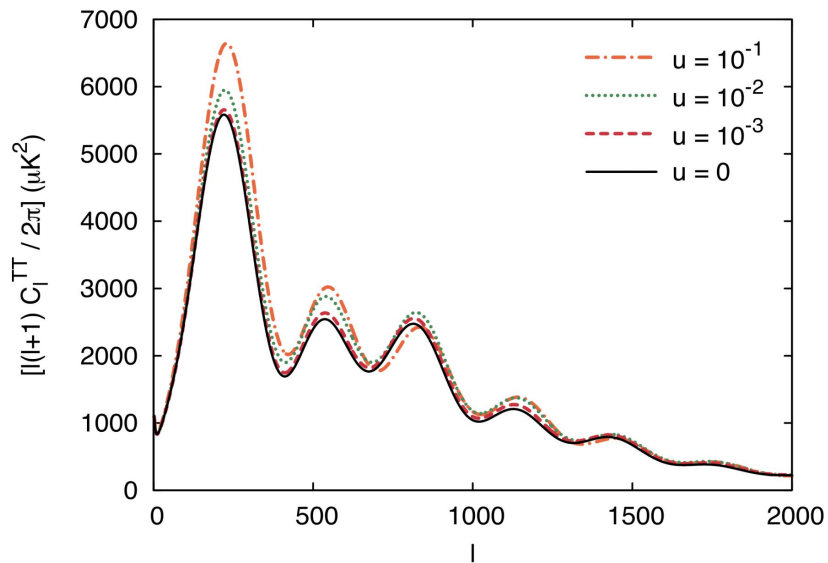
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Strength parameter  $u \equiv \left[ \frac{\langle \sigma \rangle_{\text{DM}-\nu}}{\sigma_{\text{Th}}} \right] \left[ \frac{100 \text{ GeV}}{m_{\text{DM}}} \right]$

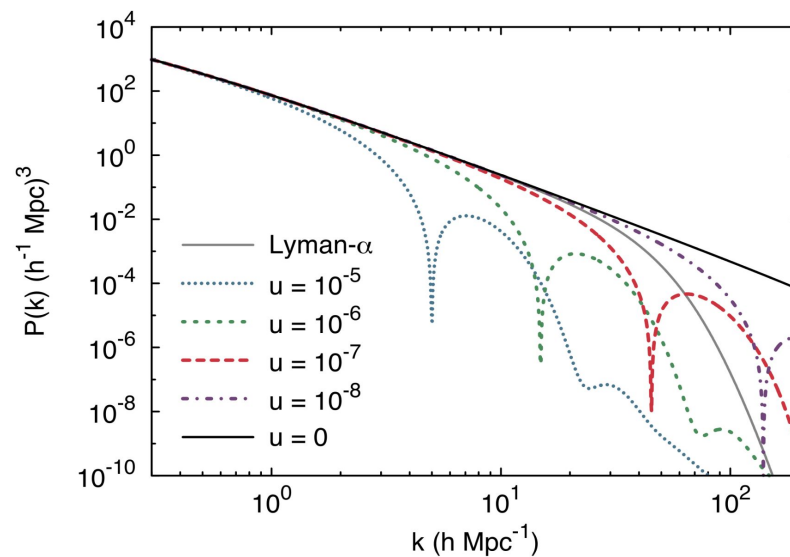
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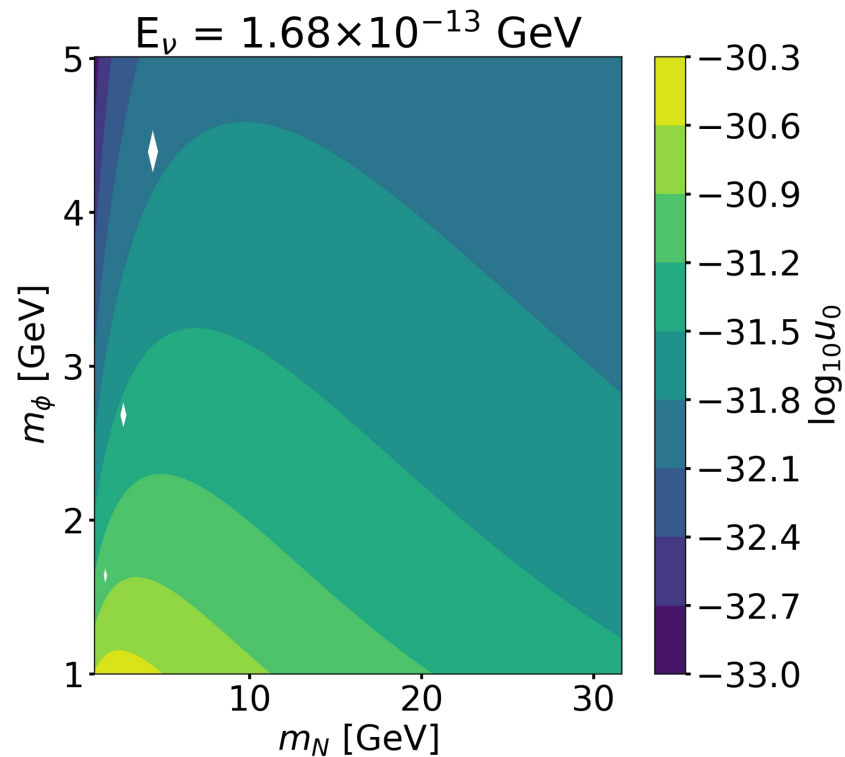
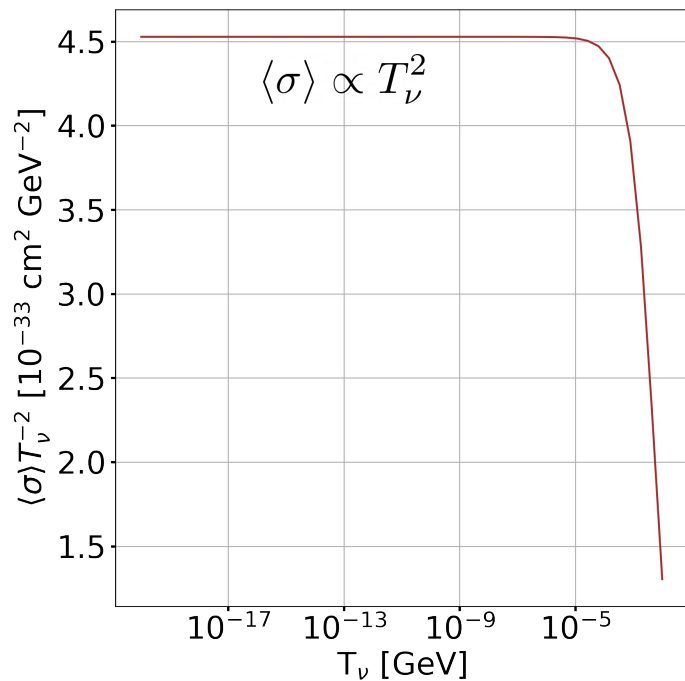


## Matter Power Spectrum





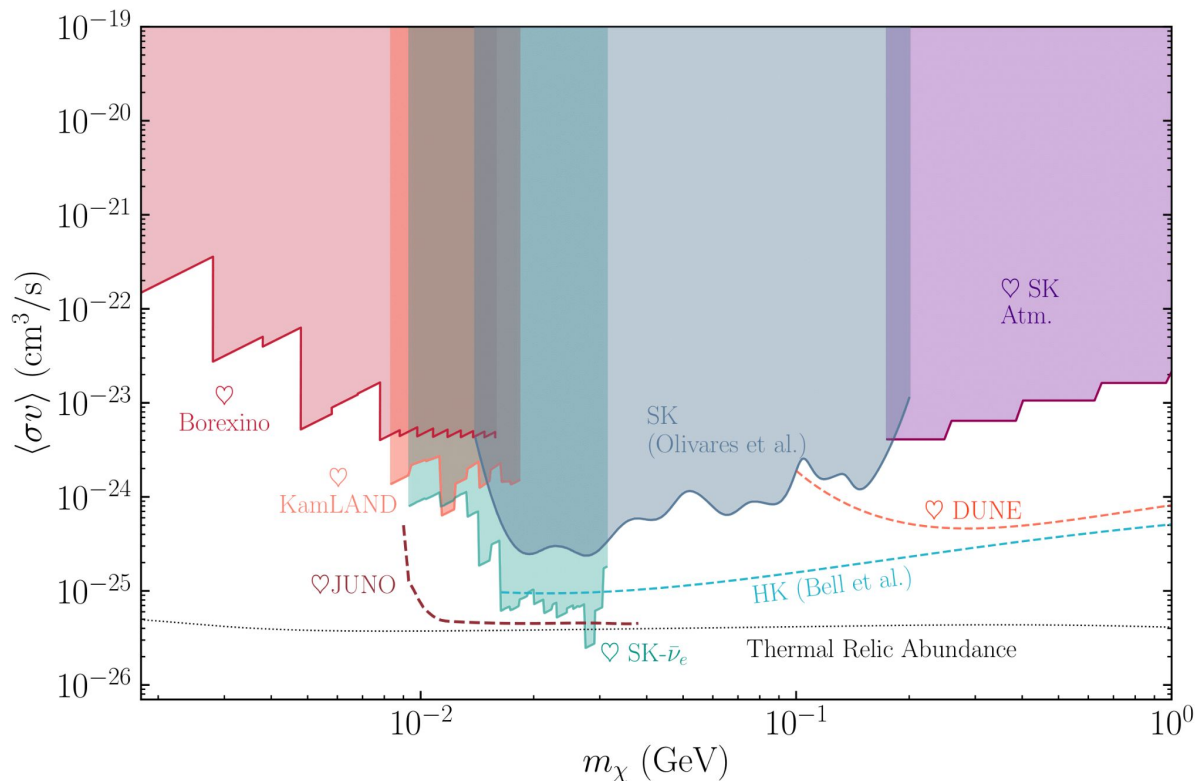
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# Third Test: Extragalactic DM Annihilation

Strongest constraint comes from the relic supernova electron antineutrino flux detected by Super-Kamiokande

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$$\text{SK} - \bar{\nu}_e, \langle \sigma v \rangle$$

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Argüelles, C.A. et al. (2021). arXiv: 1912.09486

CMB & Matter Power Spectrum

$$\sigma_{\text{DM}-\nu,0} \lesssim 10^{-45} (m_{\text{DM}}/\text{GeV}) \text{ cm}^2$$

$$\sigma_{\text{DM}-\nu} \propto T^2, 10^{+13} u_0 < 2.56$$

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BBN primordial abundances

$$N_{\text{eff}}, m_\varphi \leq 20 \text{ MeV}$$

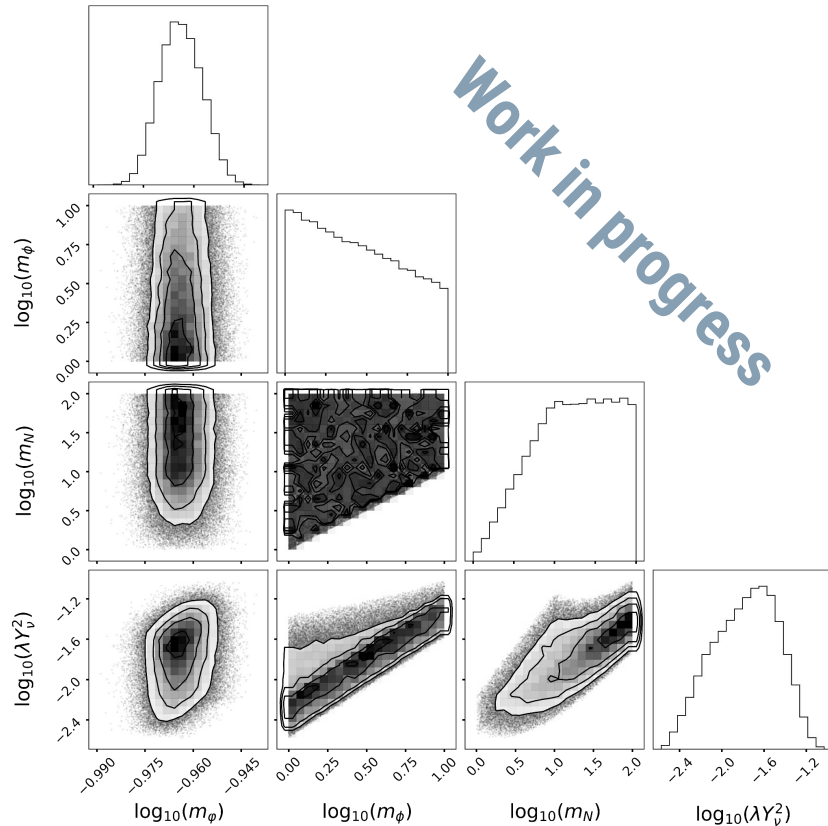
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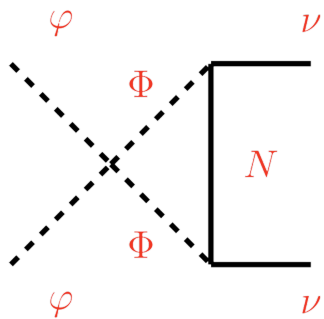
Prior  $m_N > m_\phi > m_\phi$

Strongest constraint

$$\Omega_\phi h^2 + \langle \sigma \rangle_{\text{DM}-\nu}$$

More tests to be done!

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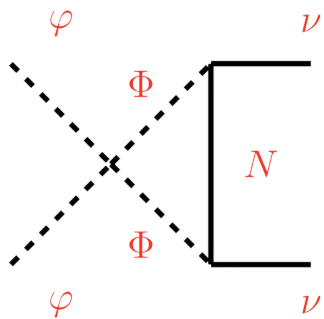
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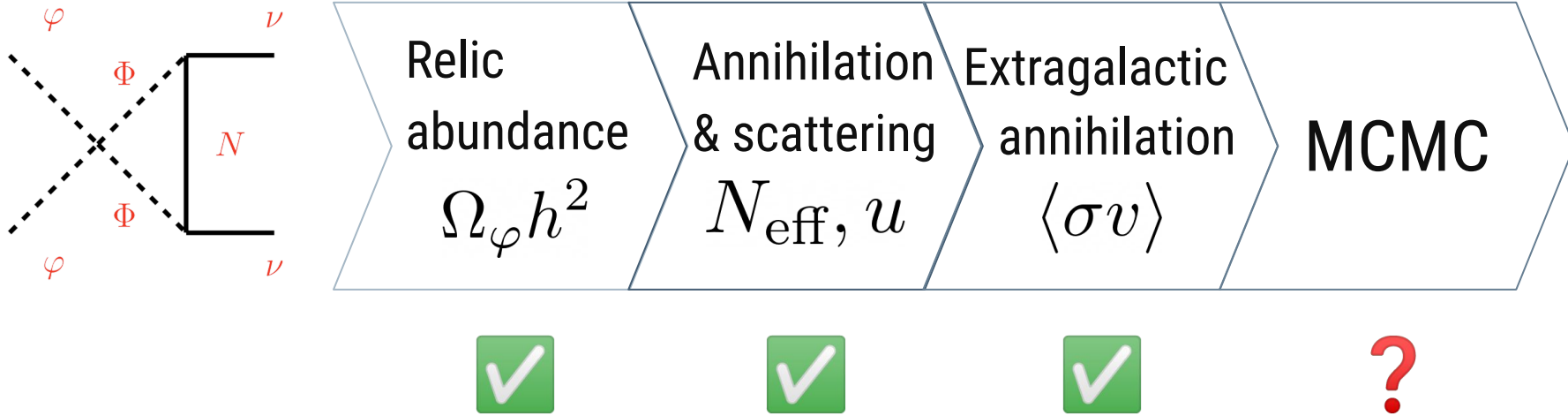
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Future work:

- Running the MCMC at different points - Profile likelihood ratios
- Neutrino mass generation mechanism





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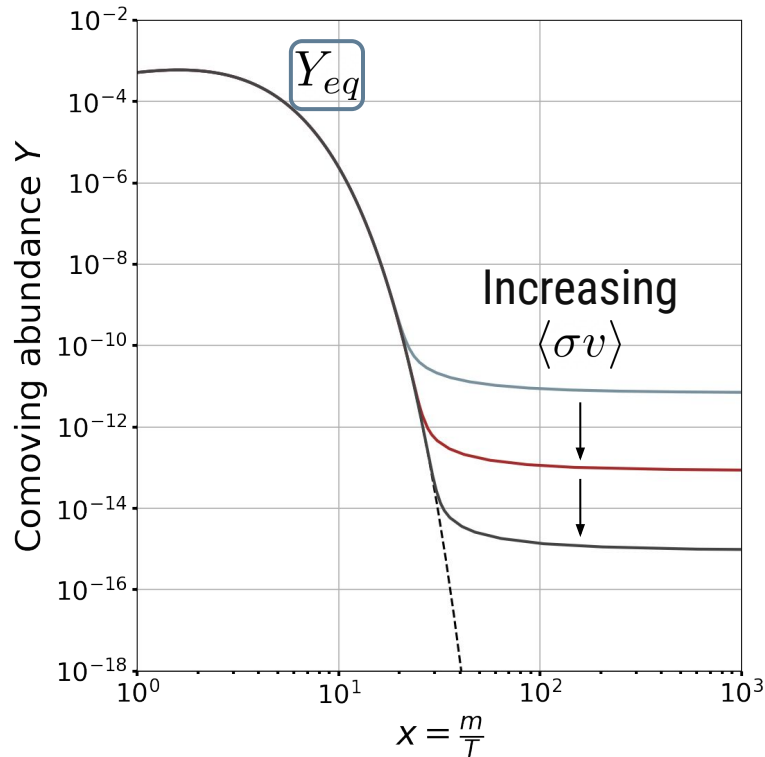
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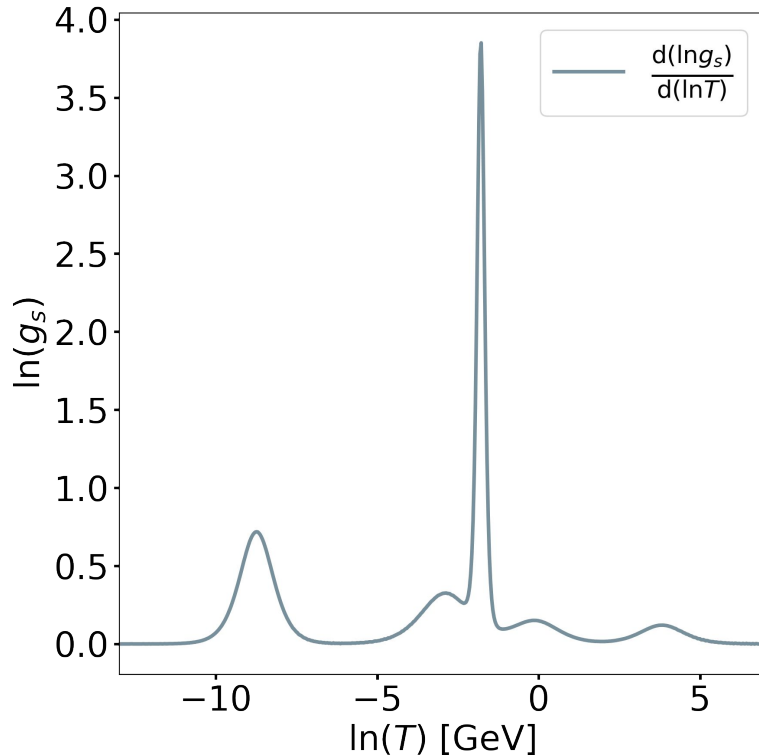
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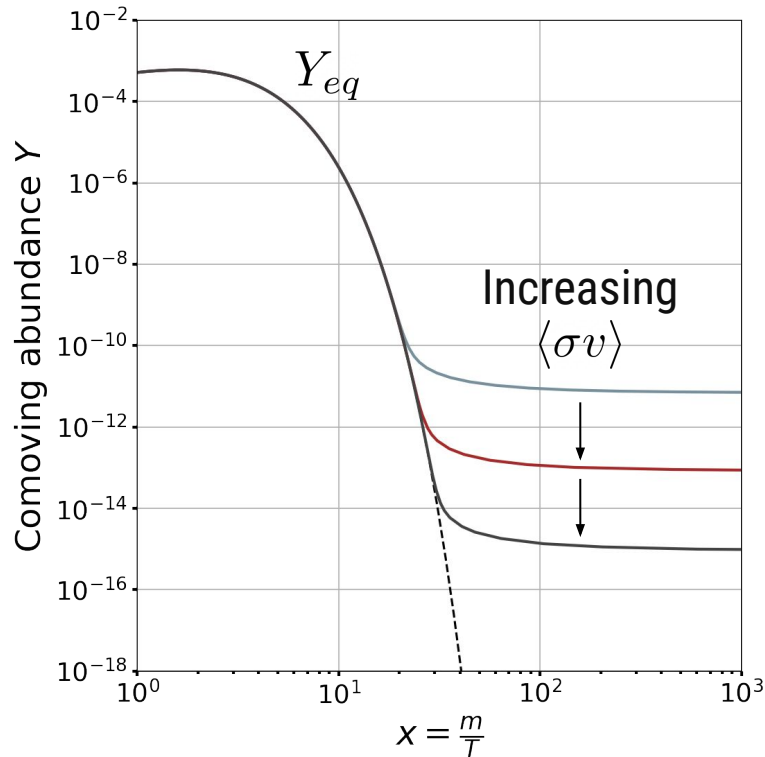
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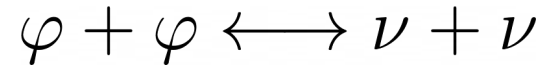
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DM annihilation rate  $\Gamma \sim Y\langle\sigma v\rangle$

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FeynRules

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Squared amplitude with  
FormCalc / FeynCalc

$$|\overline{\mathcal{M}}|^2 = \frac{\lambda^2 m_N^2 s Y_\nu^4 C_0(0, 0, s, m_\Phi^2, m_N^2, m_\Phi^2)^2}{64\pi^4}$$

Analytical form of the  
scalar Passarino-Veltman  
integral with Package-X

$$C_0(0, 0, s, m_\Phi^2, m_N^2, m_\Phi^2) =$$

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## s-wave cross-section

Wells, J.D. (1994). arXiv: 940219

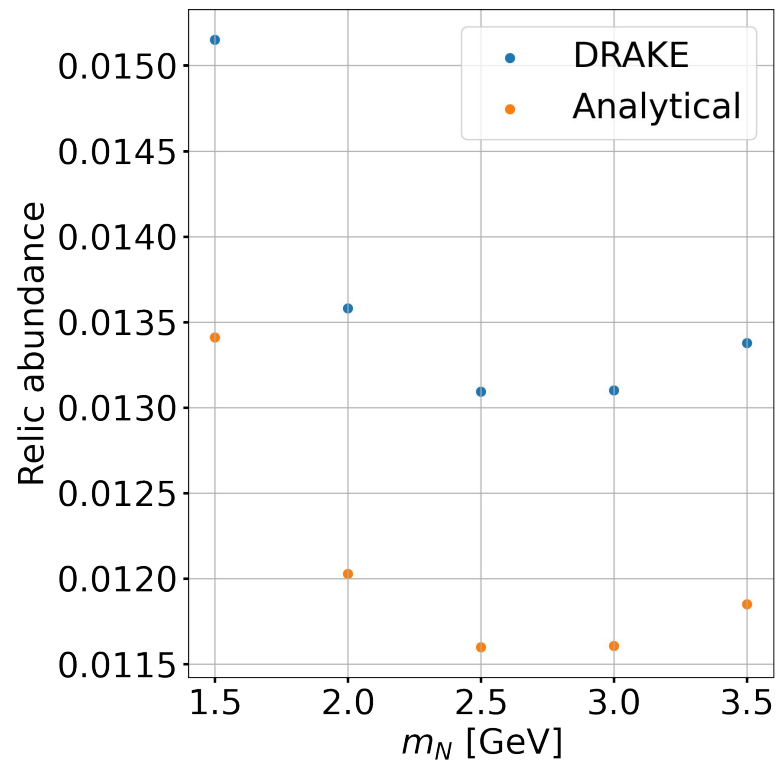
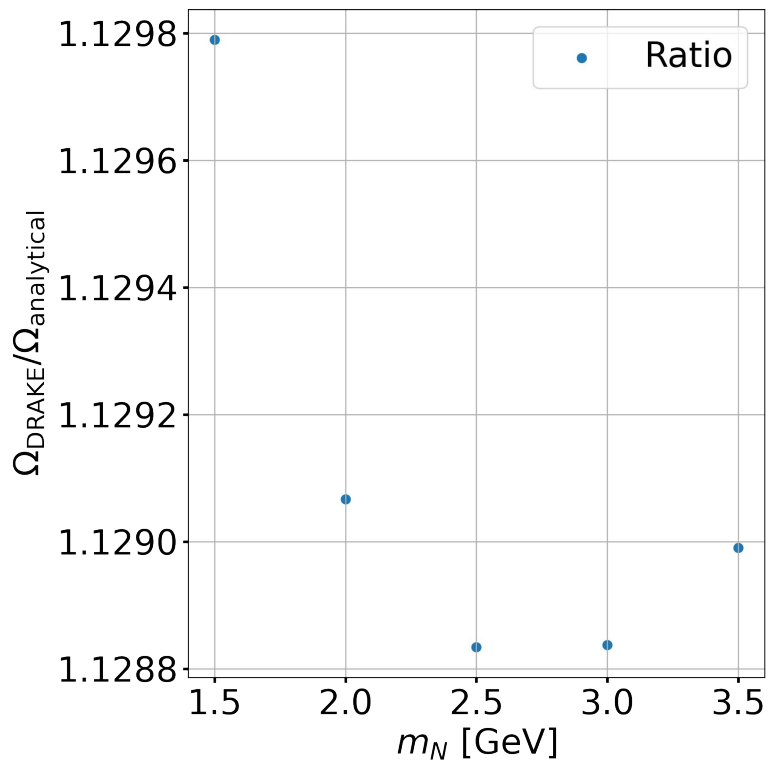
$$\langle\sigma v\rangle \approx \frac{\lambda^2 Y_\nu^4 m_N^2}{512\pi^5} |C_0(0, 0, 4m_\varphi^2, m_\Phi^2, m_N^2, m_\Phi^2)|^2$$

## DM relic abundance approximation

Steigman, G. et al. (2012). arXiv: 1204.3622

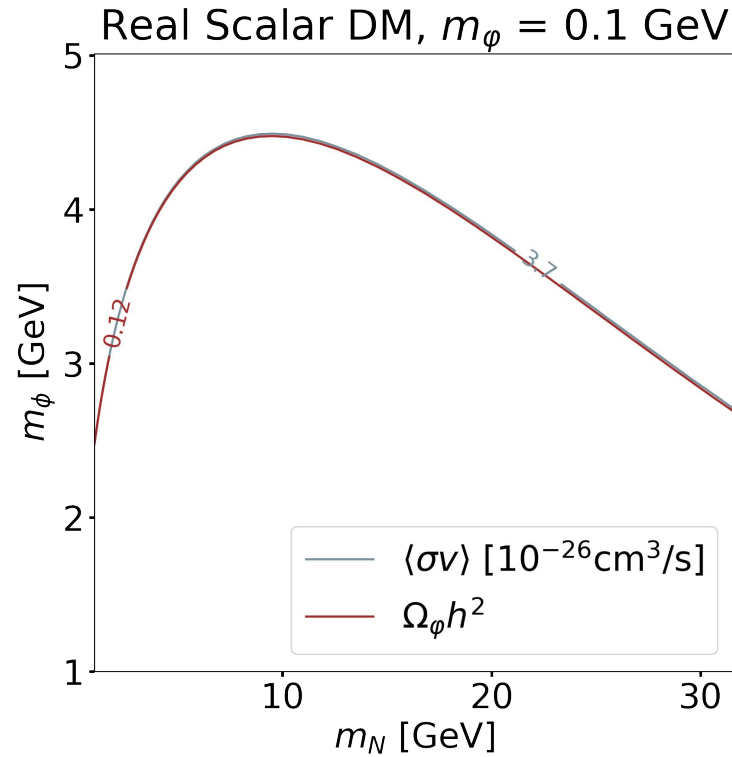
$$\Omega_c h^2 = \frac{9.92 \times 10^{-28}}{\langle\sigma v\rangle} \left(\frac{x_*}{g_*^{1/2}}\right) \left(\frac{(\Gamma/H)_*}{1 + \alpha_*(\Gamma/H)_*}\right)$$

# Comparison to the Boltzmann code DRAKE

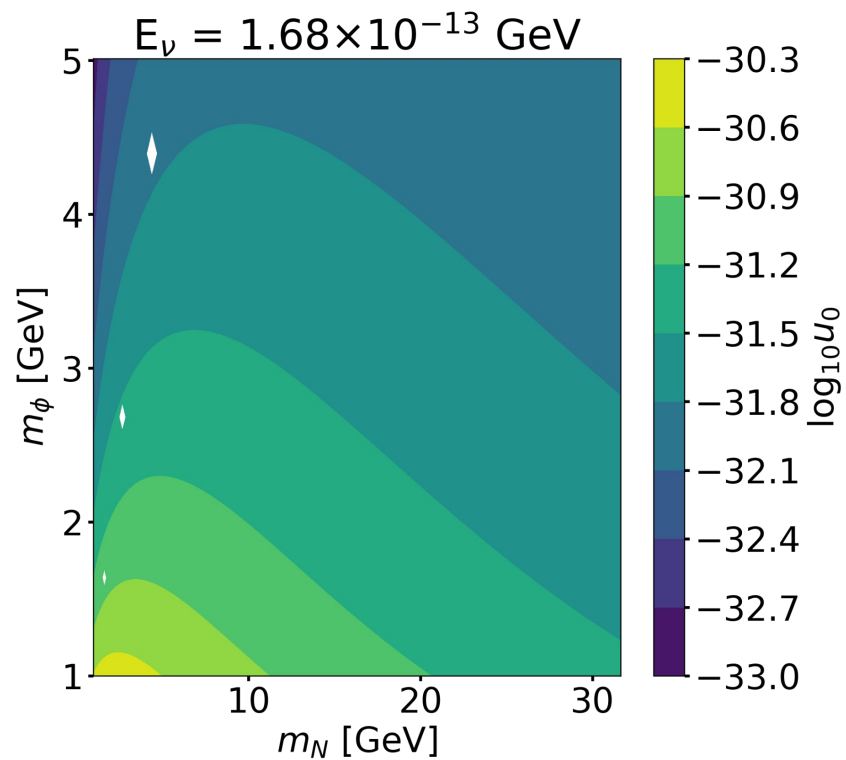
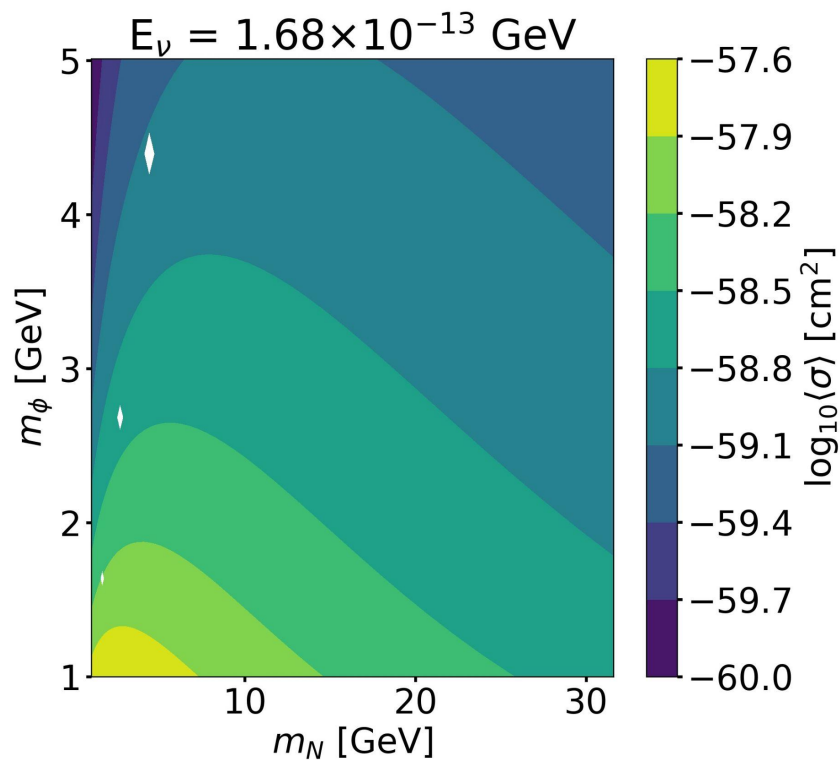




# First Test: Dark Matter Relic Abundance



## Second Test: DM-neutrino scattering



# Structure formation

