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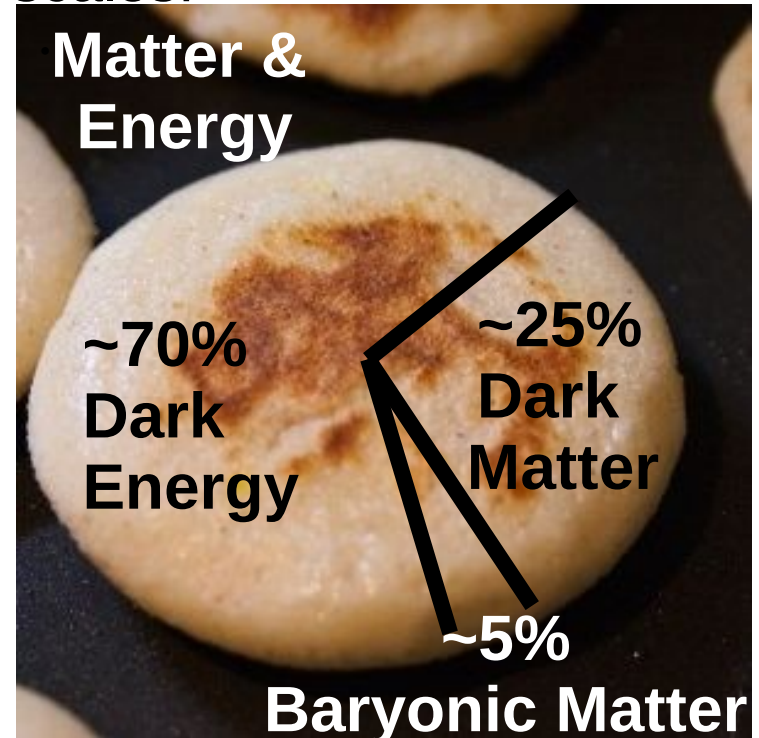
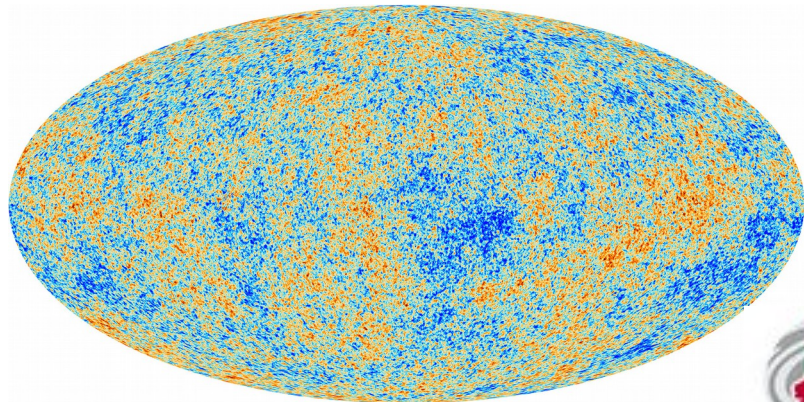
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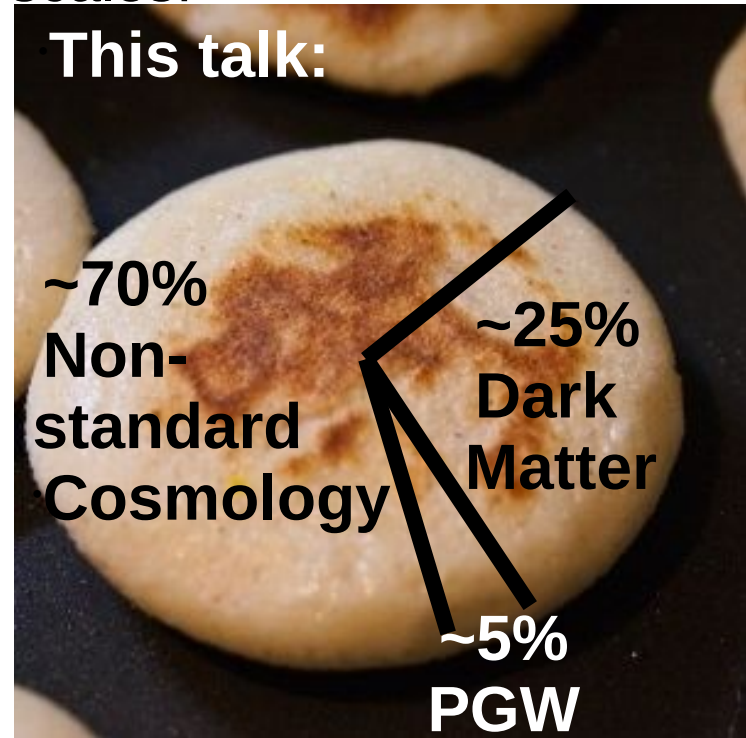
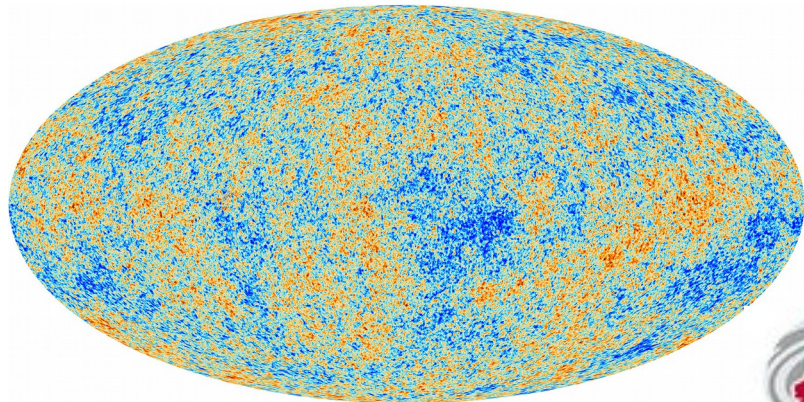
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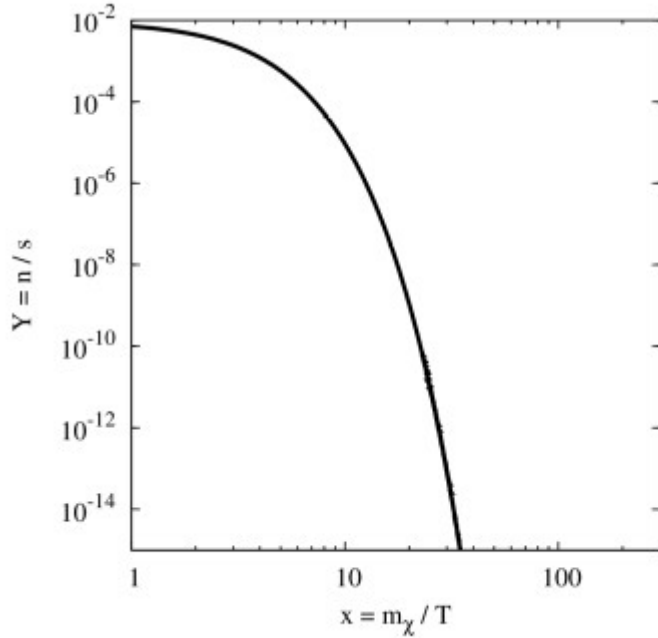
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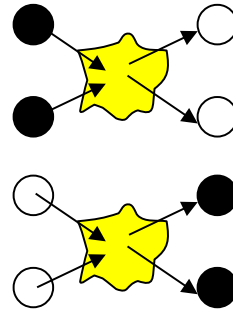


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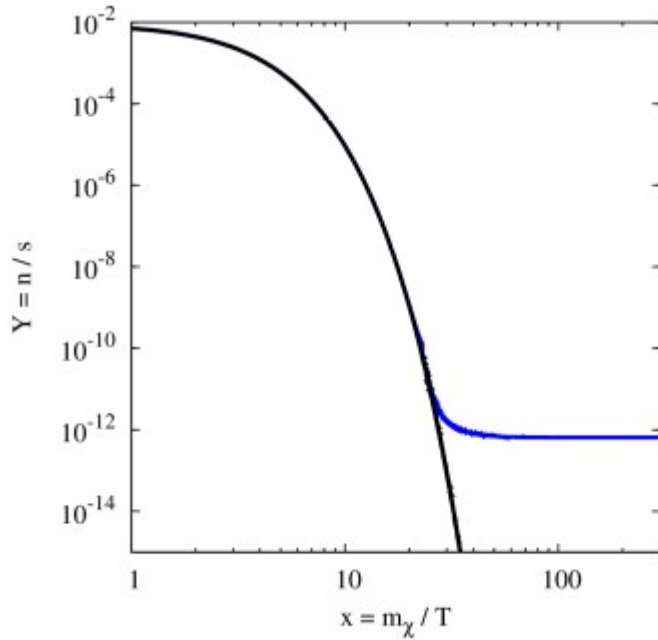
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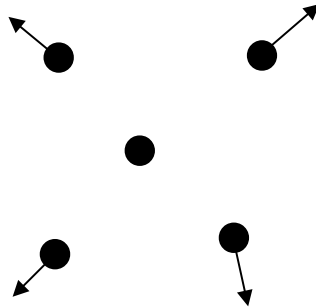
Early Universe:  
DM in full **thermal equilibrium**  
with the Standard Model.



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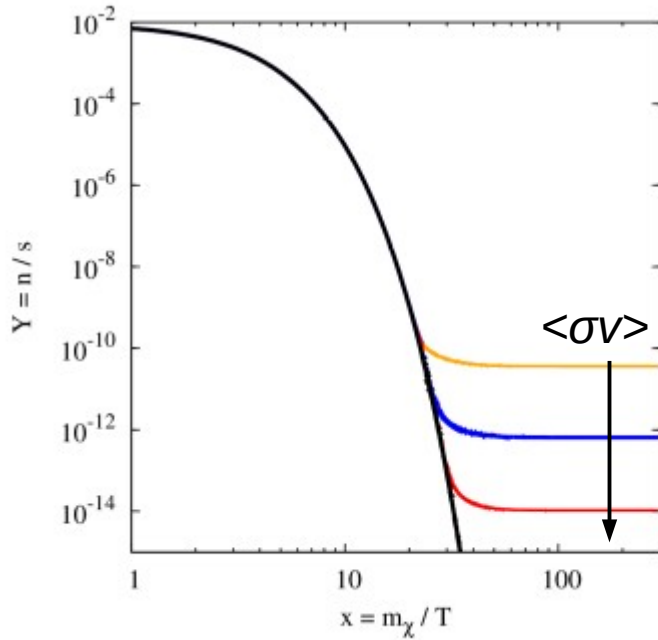


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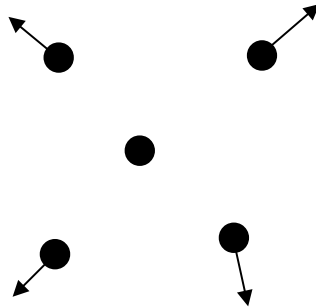


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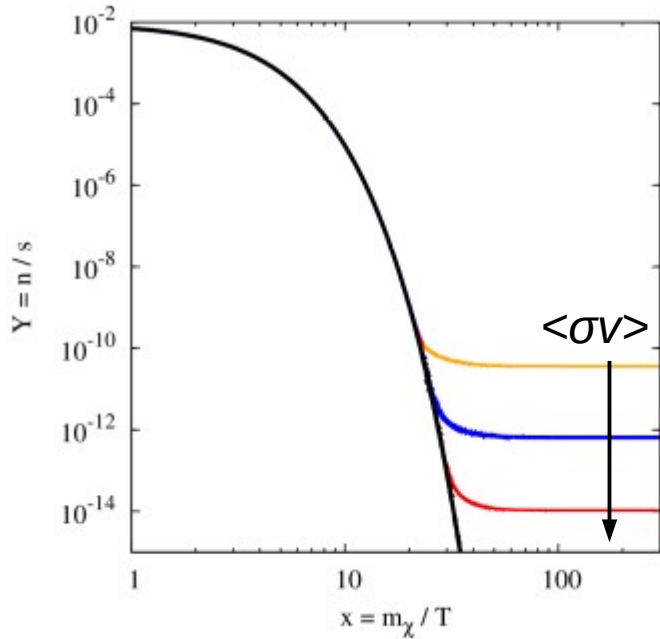
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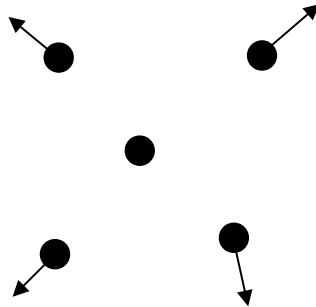
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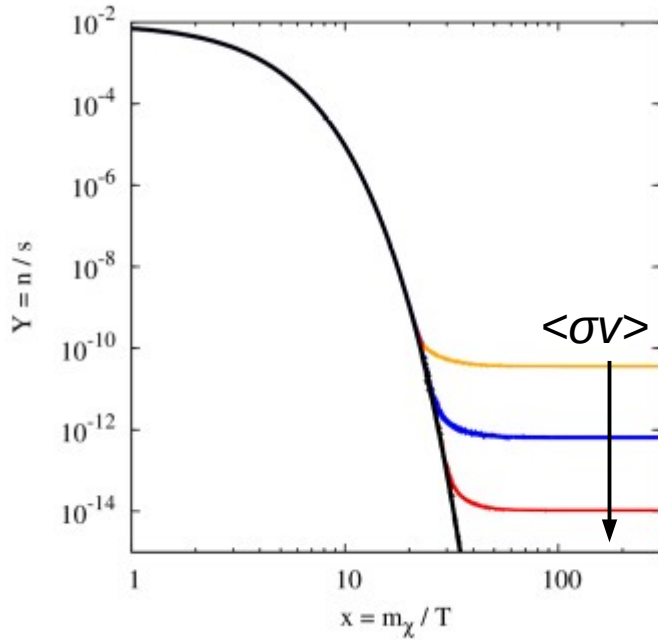


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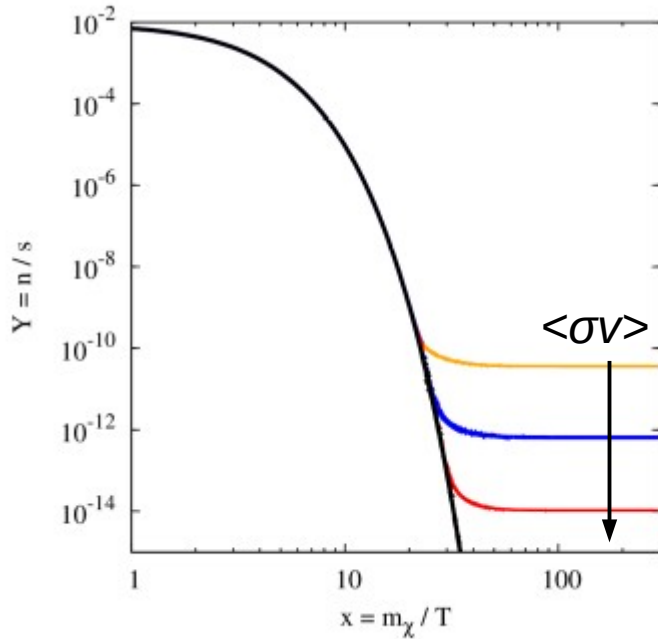
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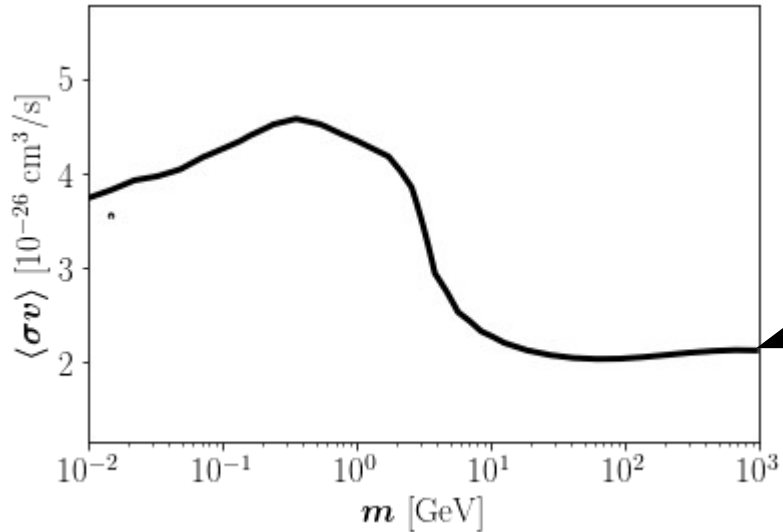
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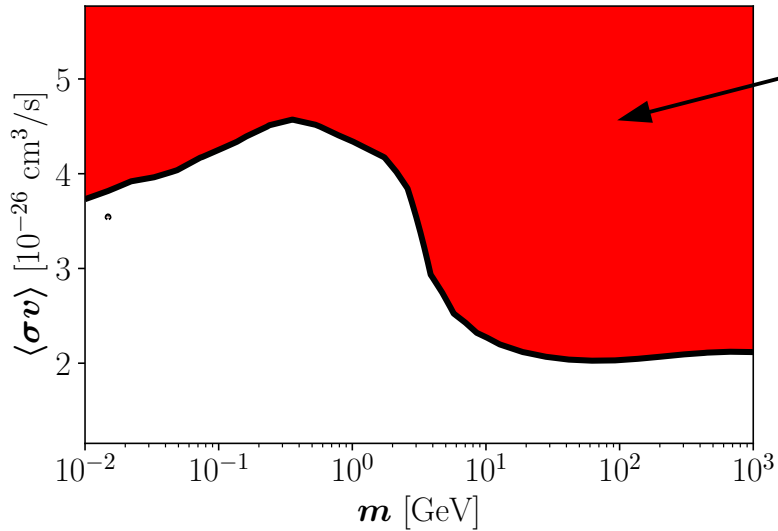
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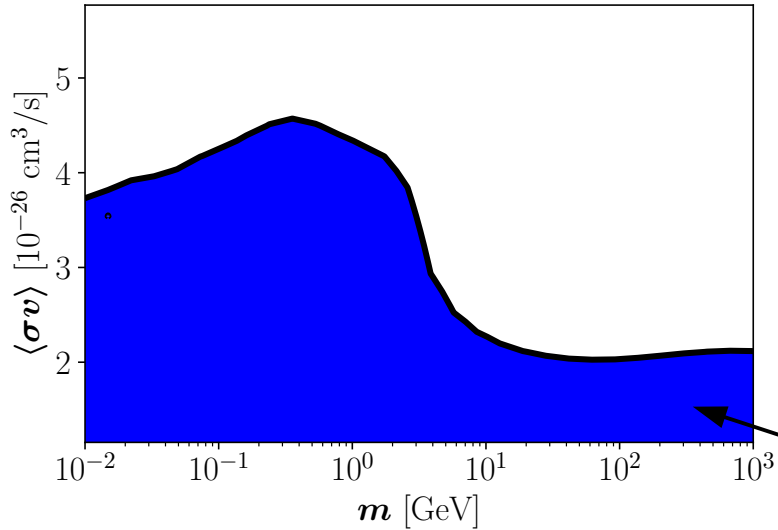
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DM overproduction = Universe overclosed  
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# “Standard” Cosmology

→ **Early Universe dominated by SM radiation**

$$\rho_R(T) \equiv \frac{\pi^2}{30} g_\star(T) T^4$$

Hubble expansion rate

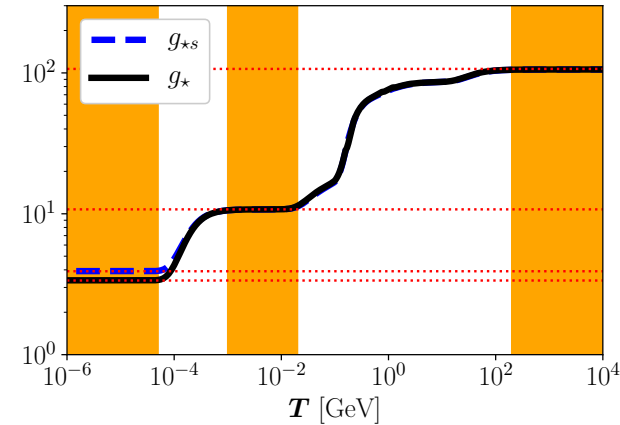
$$H = \sqrt{\frac{\rho_R}{3 M_P^2}}$$

Entropy is conserved

$$s(T) = \frac{2\pi^2}{45} g_{\star s}(T) T^3$$

Temperature scaling

$$T \propto \frac{1}{a}$$



# Non-standard Cosmology

→ **Early Universe dominated by a non-SM component  $\phi$**

$\omega$ : equation of state

$\Gamma_\phi$ : total decay width into SM radiation

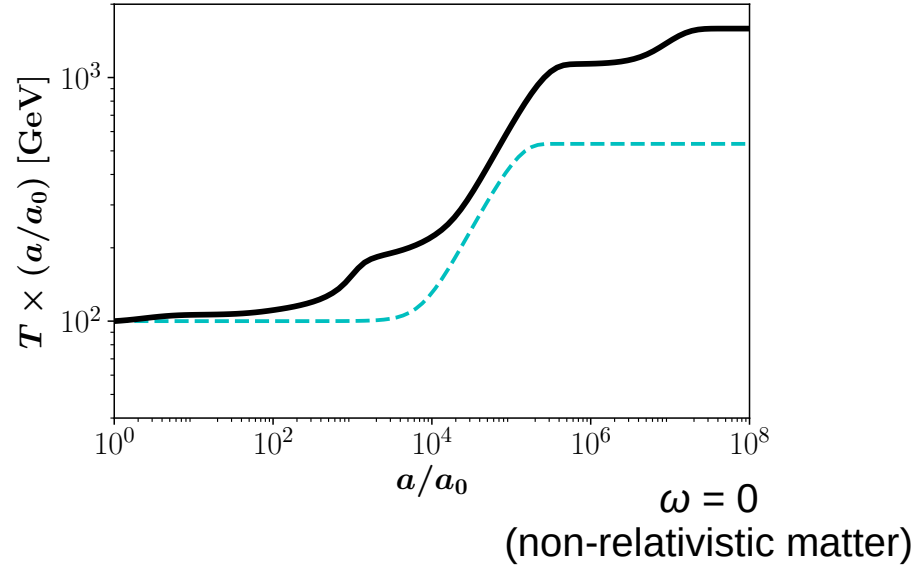
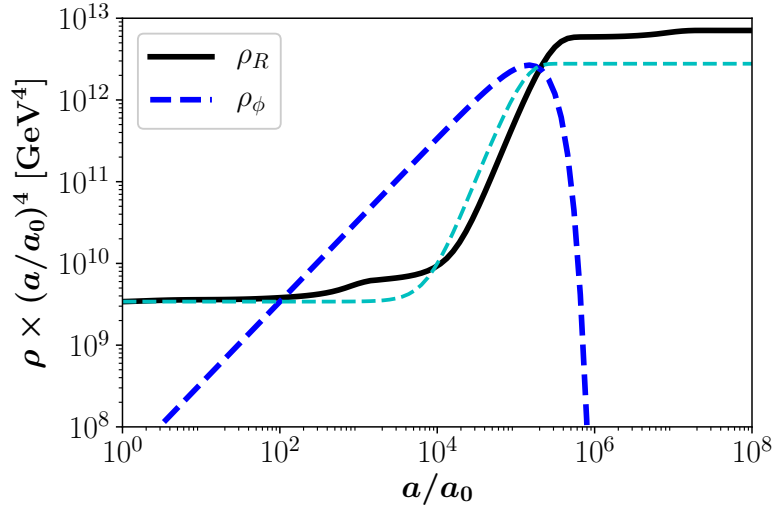
$$\frac{d\rho_\phi}{dt} + 3(1 + \omega) H \rho_\phi = -\Gamma_\phi \rho_\phi$$

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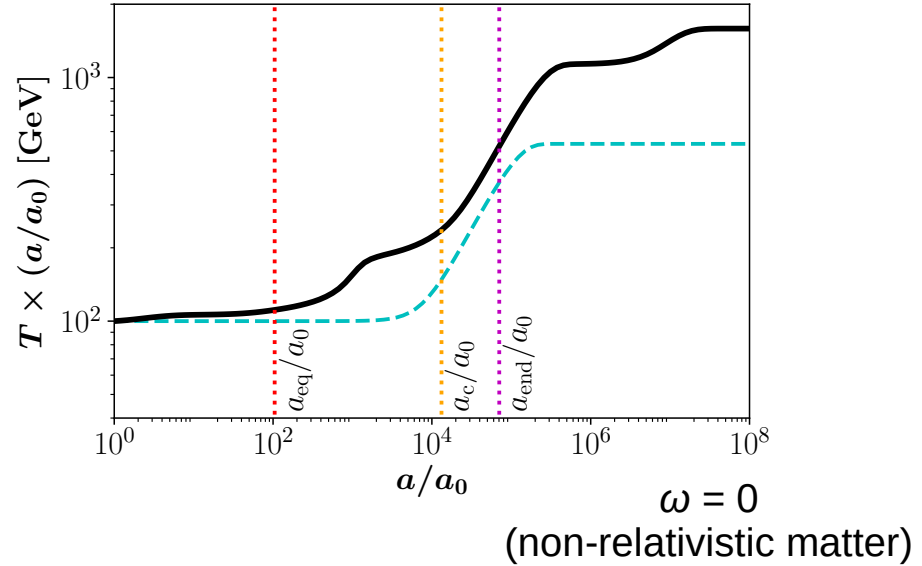
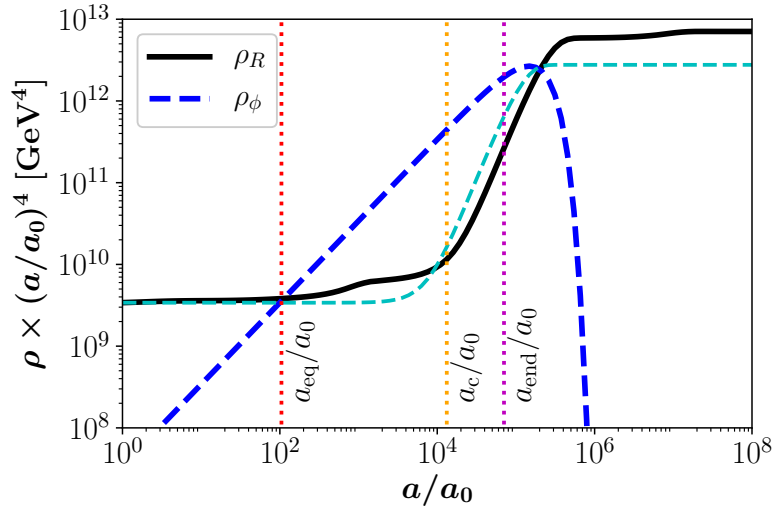
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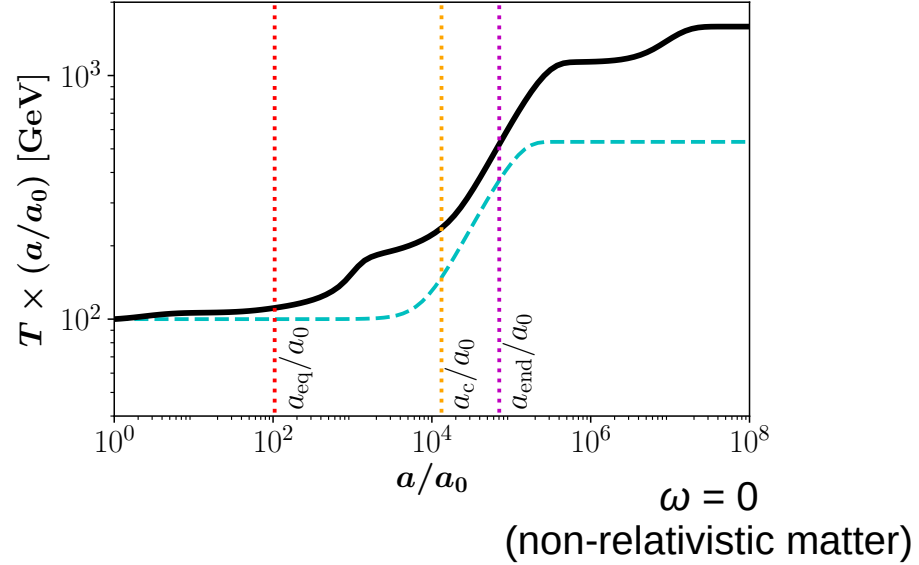
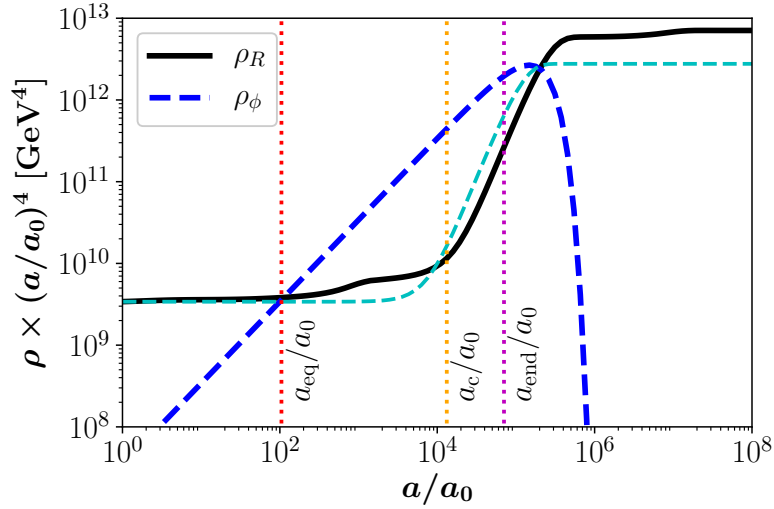
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# Non-standard Cosmology



- $\mathbf{a_{eq}}$ : equality  $\rho_\phi = \rho_R$
- $\mathbf{a_c}$ :  $\phi$  starts to decay
- $\mathbf{a_{end}}$ : end of  $\phi$  domination era  
( $H = \Gamma_\phi$  at  $T = T_{end}$ )

# Non-standard Cosmology



$$\rho_R(a) \propto \begin{cases} a^{-4} & \text{for } a \ll a_c, \\ a^{-\frac{3}{2}(1+\omega)} & \text{for } a_c \ll a \ll a_{\text{end}}, \\ a^{-4} & \text{for } a_{\text{end}} \ll a, \end{cases}$$

$$T(a) \propto \begin{cases} a^{-1} & \text{for } a \ll a_c, \\ a^{-\frac{3}{8}(1+\omega)} & \text{for } a_c \ll a \ll a_{\text{end}}, \\ a^{-1} & \text{for } a_{\text{end}} \ll a. \end{cases}$$

# DM in Non-standard Cosmologies

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Free parameters:

- Particle physics
  - \* DM mass  $m$
  - \* annihilation cross section  $\langle\sigma v\rangle$
- Cosmology
  - \*  $\kappa = \rho_\phi / \rho_R$  at  $T = m$
  - \*  $T_{\text{end}} > 4 \text{ MeV}$
  - \* equation of state  $\omega \in [-1, 1]$

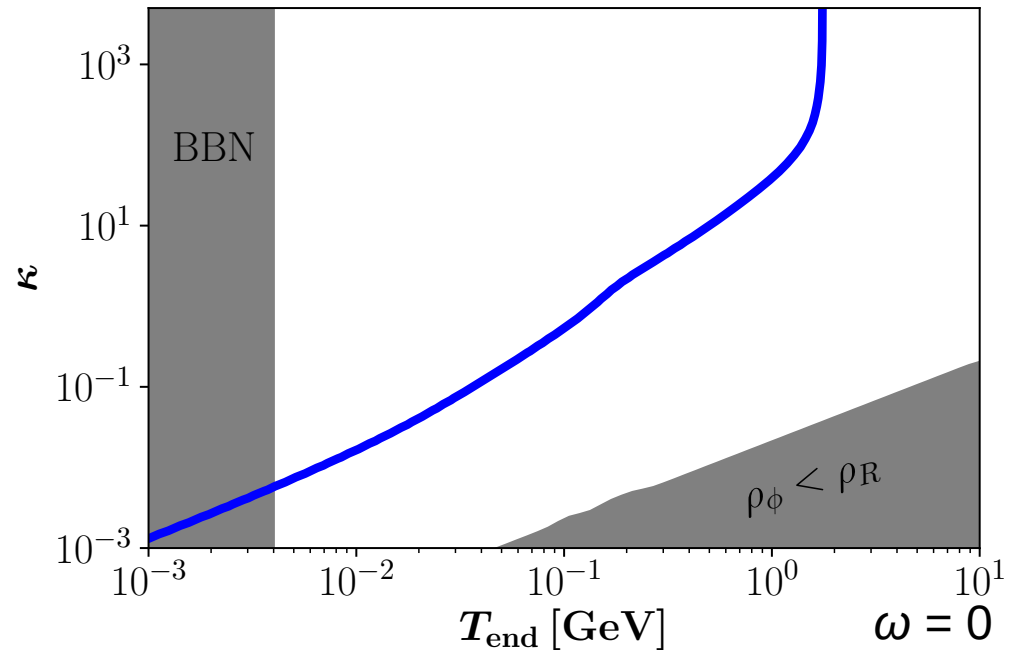
# WIMP Paradigm in Non-standard Cosmologies

Suppose DM is discovered  
and its particle physics properties are reconstructed

- If  $\langle\sigma v\rangle \sim 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$  → standard WIMP
  - If  $\langle\sigma v\rangle \ll 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$  → standard WIMP mechanism fails!
- \* Can non-standard cosmologies revive the WIMP paradigm?  
\* which non-standard cosmologies are compatible?

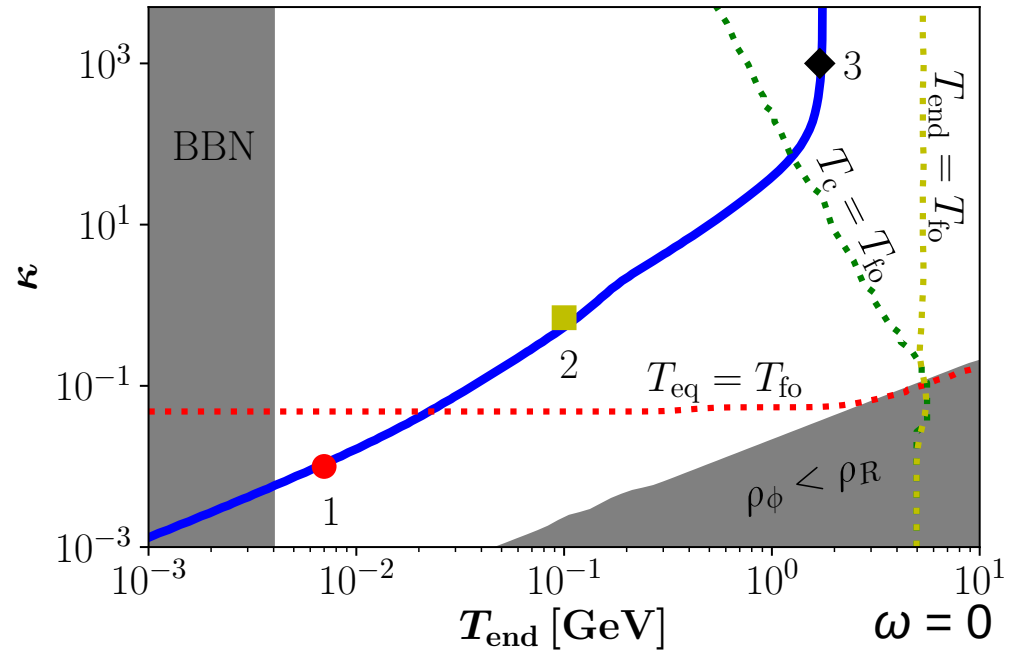
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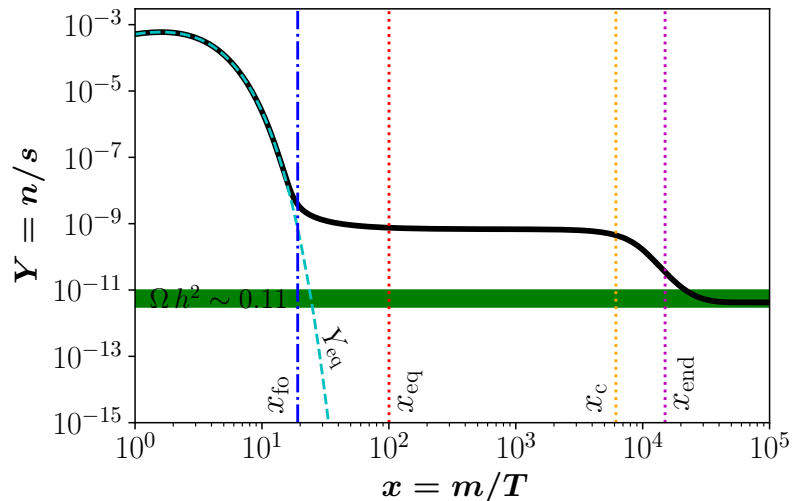


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Usual case with a late entropy injection

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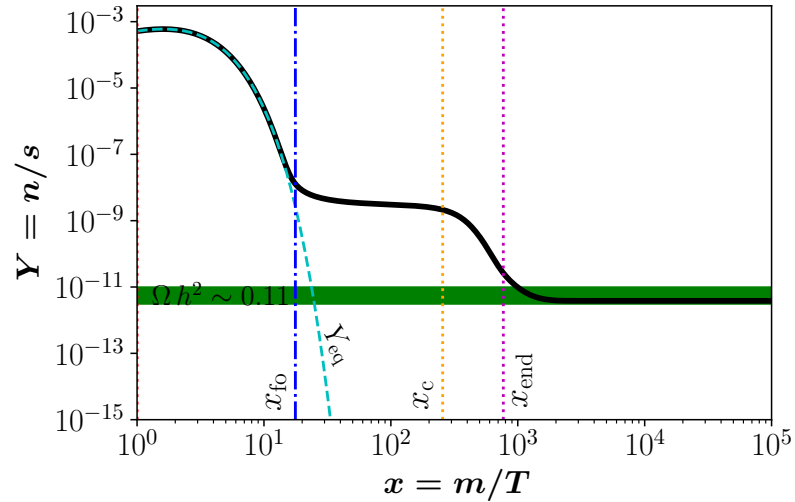
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Cosmology:  $\kappa \propto T_{\text{end}}^{1-3\omega}$



# Case 2: $T_c \ll T_{fo} \ll T_{eq}$



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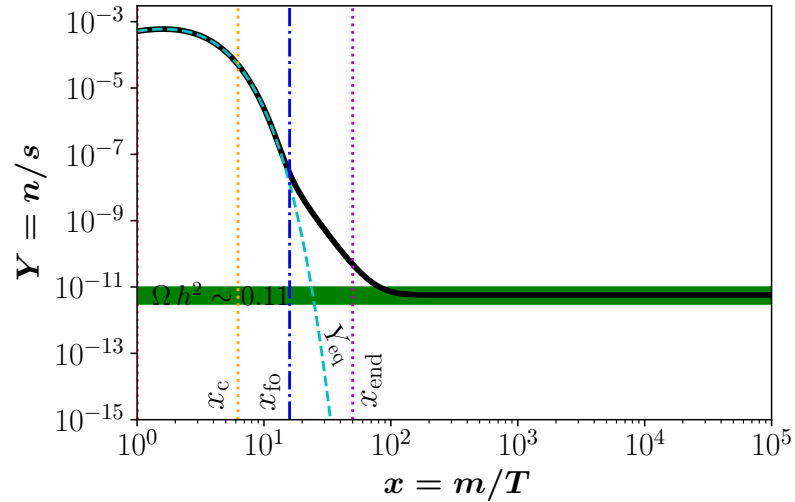
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Cosmology:  $\kappa \propto T_{\text{end}}^{\frac{2(1-3\omega)}{1-\omega}}$

# Case 3: $T_{\text{end}} \ll T_{\text{fo}} \ll T_c$



Freeze-out and decay happen simultaneously

- \*  $\phi$  energy density dominant during freeze-out  
 $\rightarrow$  Hubble rate dominated by  $\phi$

- \* Entropy is not conserved during freeze-out  
 $\rightarrow T \sim a^{-3(1+\omega)/8}$

- \* DM is diluted while produced

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Cosmology: independent on  $\kappa$

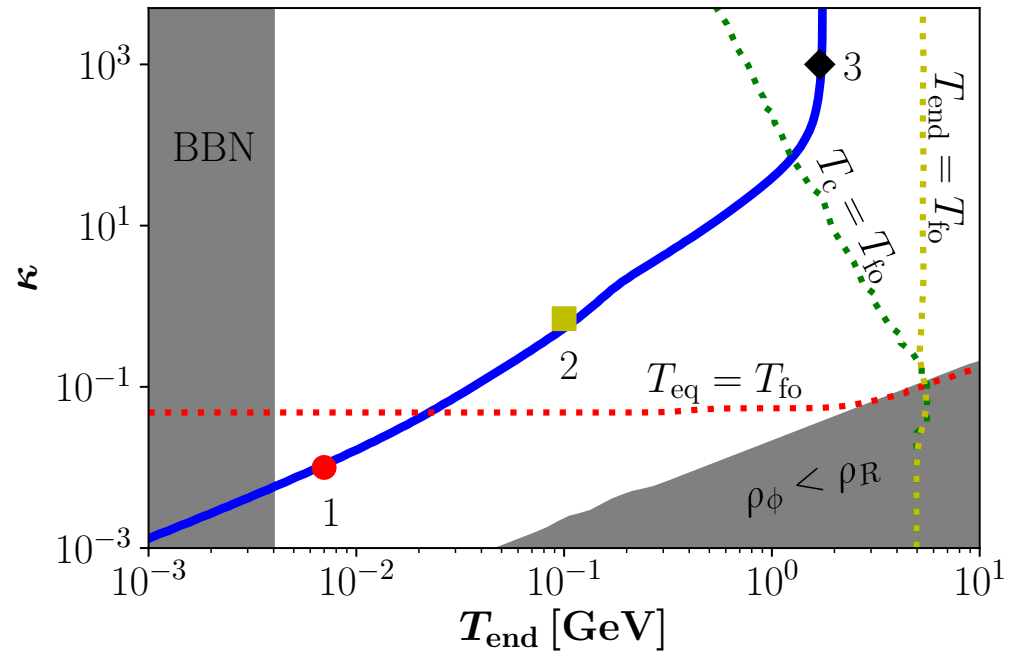
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Freeze-out in standard cosmology!

$\phi$  decays at very high temperatures,  
when DM is still in equilibrium with the SM.

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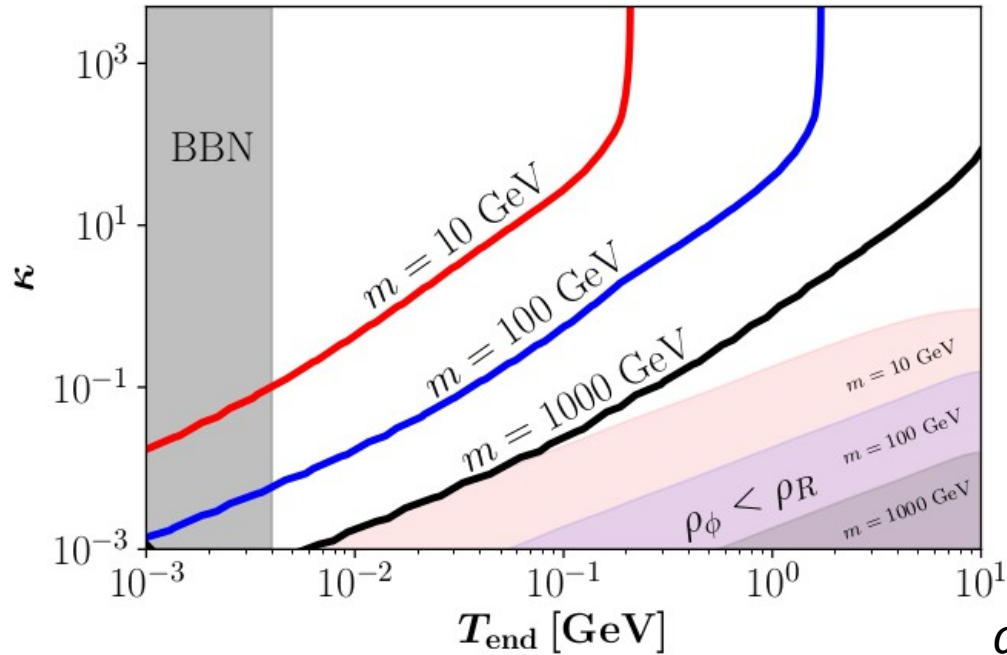
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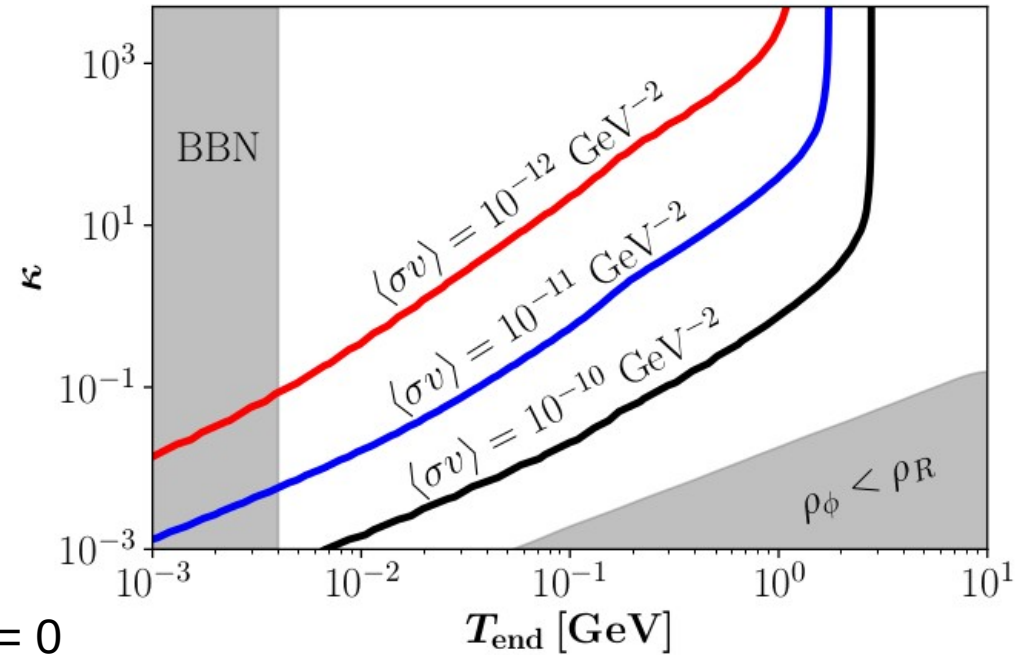
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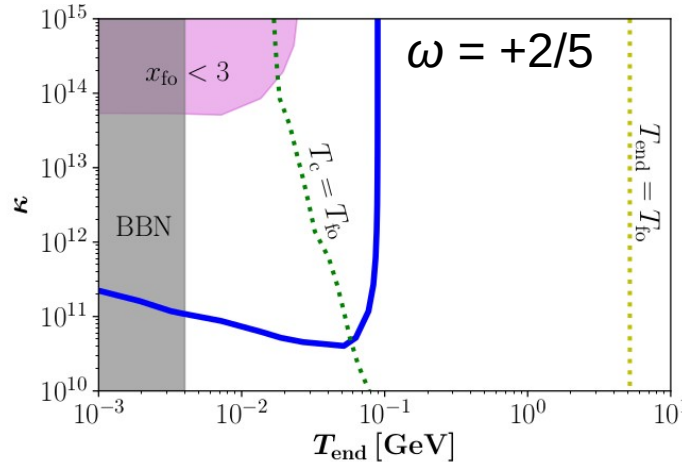
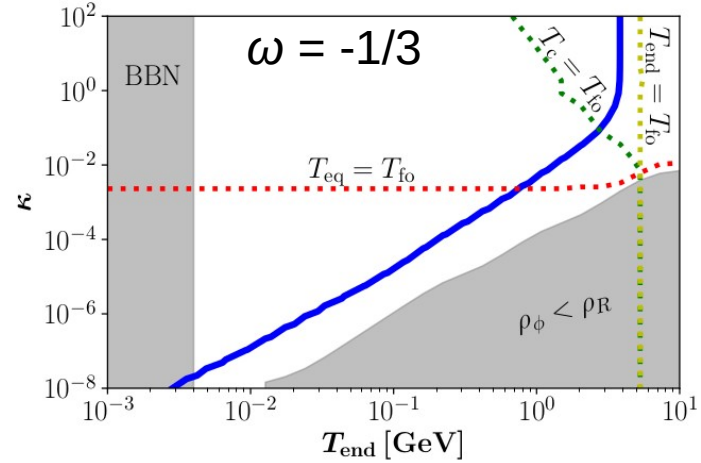
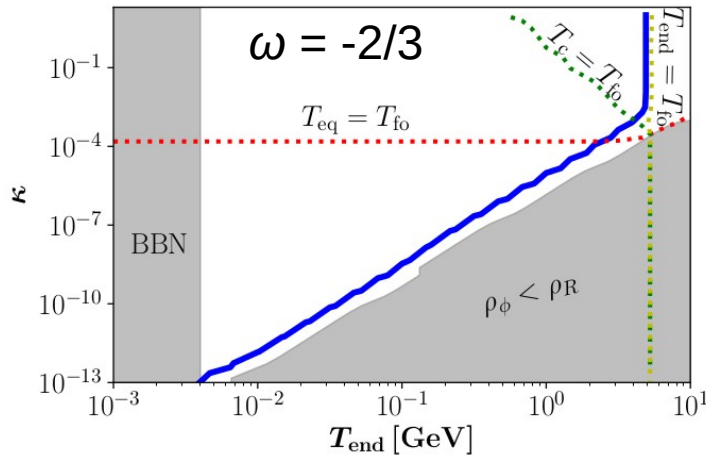


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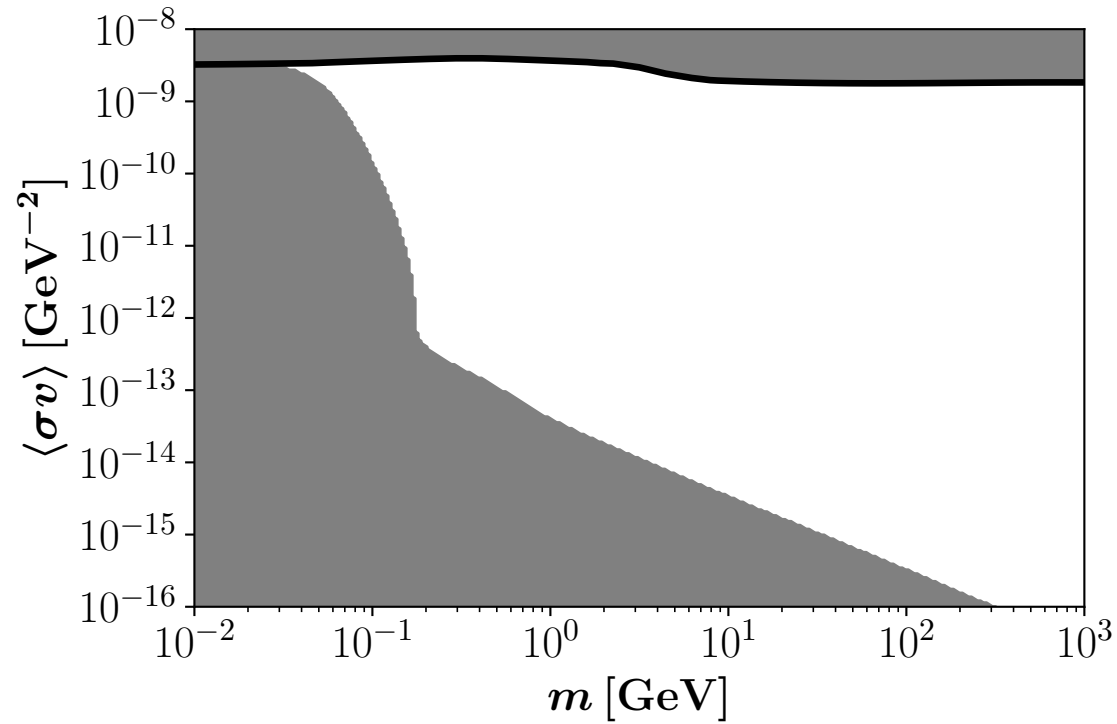
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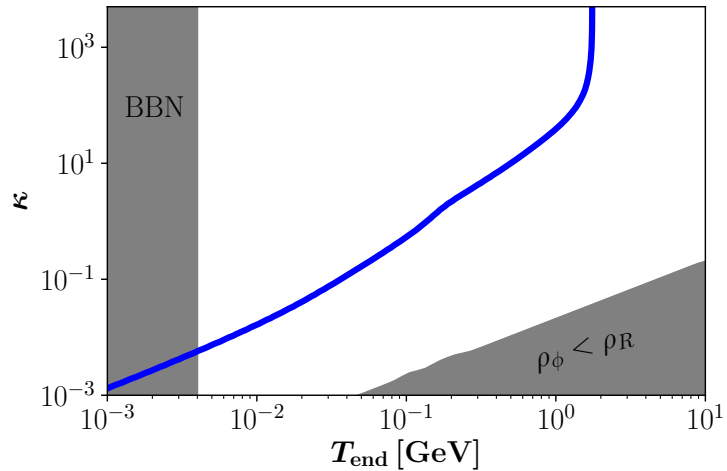
\* Non-relativistic freeze-out:

$$x_{\text{fo}} > 3$$

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→ **GWs do probe the early Universe**

# Primordial Gravitational Waves

- GW are represented by spatial metric perturbations (transverse & traceless).
- The evolution of GWs is described by the linearized Einstein eq.

$$\ddot{h}_{ij} + 3H \dot{h}_{ij} - \frac{\nabla^2}{a^2} h_{ij} = 16\pi G \Pi_{ij}^{TT}$$

$\Pi^{TT}$  is the transverse-traceless part of the anisotropic stress tensor  $\Pi_{ij} = \frac{T_{ij} - p g_{ij}}{a^2}$

- Primordial GW spectrum

$$\Omega_{\text{GW}}(t, k) = \frac{1}{\rho_c(t)} \frac{d\rho_{\text{GW}}(t, k)}{d \ln k} = \frac{1}{12 a^2(\eta) H^2(\eta)} \mathcal{P}_T(k) [X'(\eta, k)]^2$$

with the primordial tensor power spectrum  $\mathcal{P}_T(k) = A_T \left(\frac{k}{\tilde{k}}\right)^{n_T}$

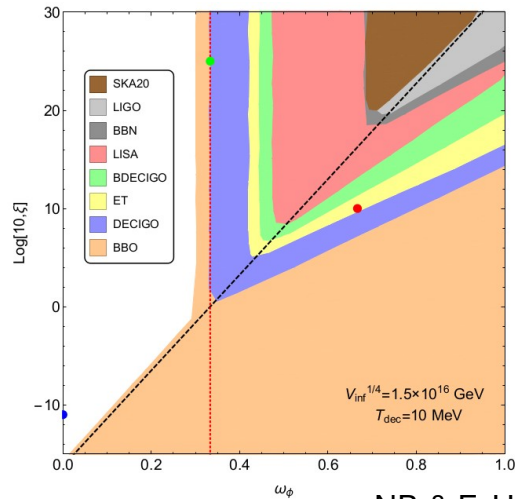
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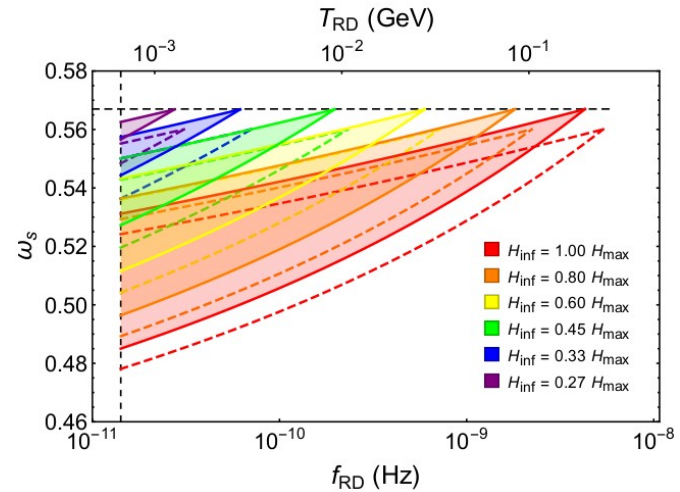
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**Primordial Gravitational Waves** are sensitive to the expansion rate of the Universe!



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# Conclusions & Outlook

- Dark Matter exists
- The nature of Dark Matter is still unknown
- Understanding Dark Matter is one of the major problems in particle physics
- WIMP paradigm is by far the favorite scenario
- We do not know much for the cosmology before BBN
- Non-standard cosmologies are completely plausible and *well-motivated scenarios!*
- Expansion of the early Universe could have been driven by an *extra component  $\phi$*
- *Non-standard cosmologies* open up the particle physics parameter space beyond the canonical  $\langle\sigma v\rangle = \text{few } 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$
- Non-standard cosmologies with  $\omega = 0$  (dust) can make the WIMP mechanism viable for  **$m > 30 \text{ MeV}$** .
- Need other observables sensitive to the cosmology:  $\rightarrow$  PGW

**Muchas gracias ve!**

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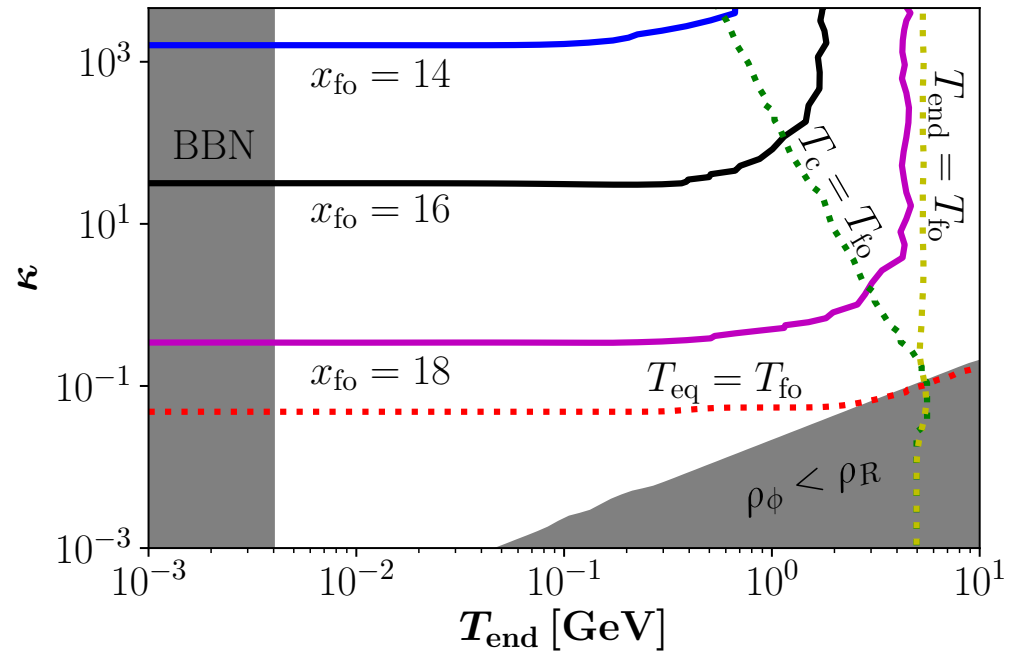
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