

Dark Matter in Non-Standard Cosmology

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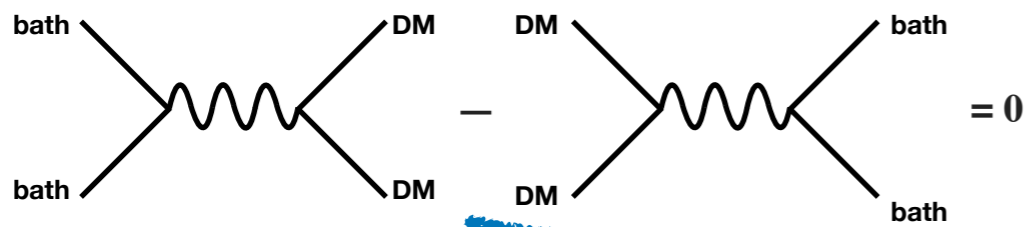
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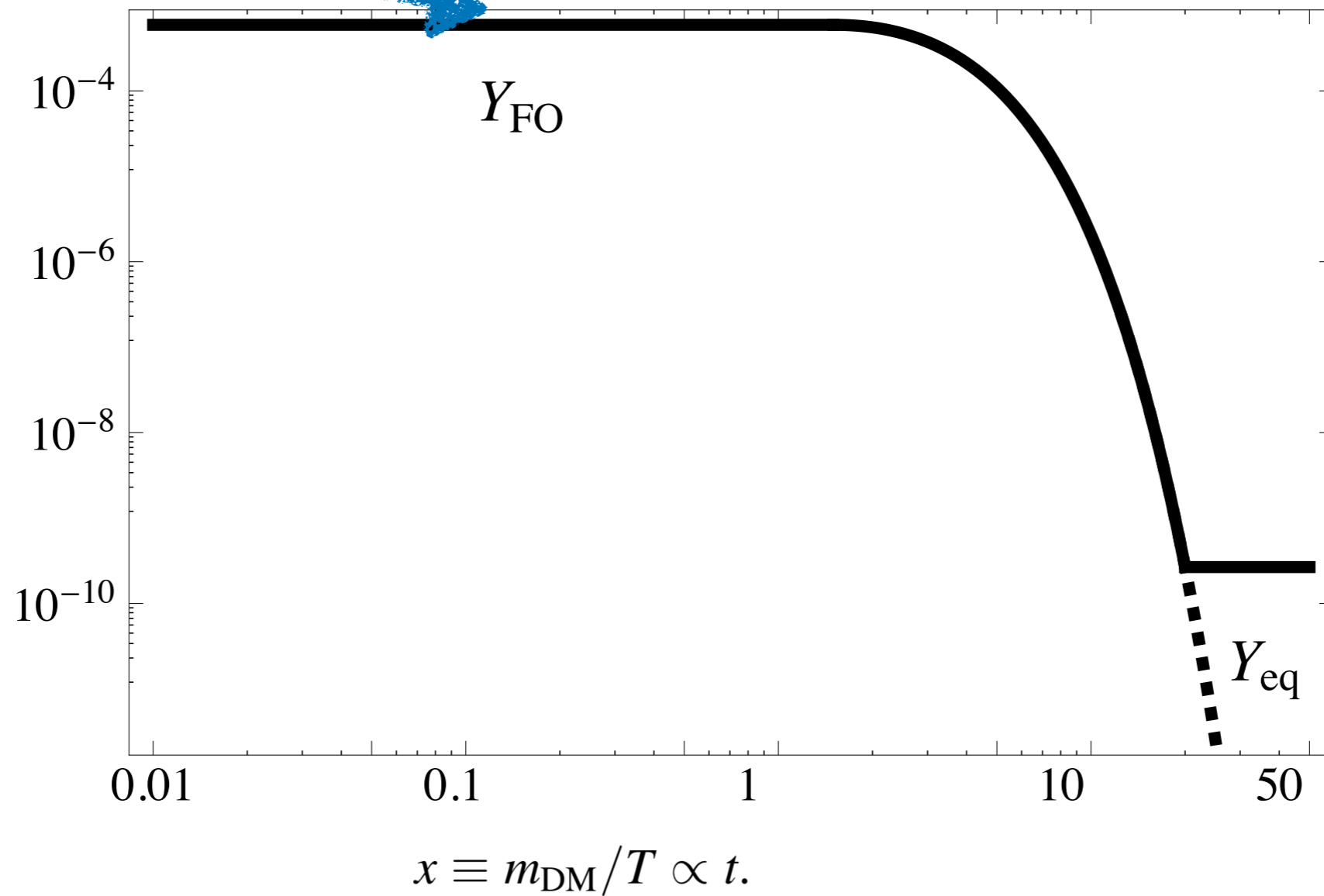
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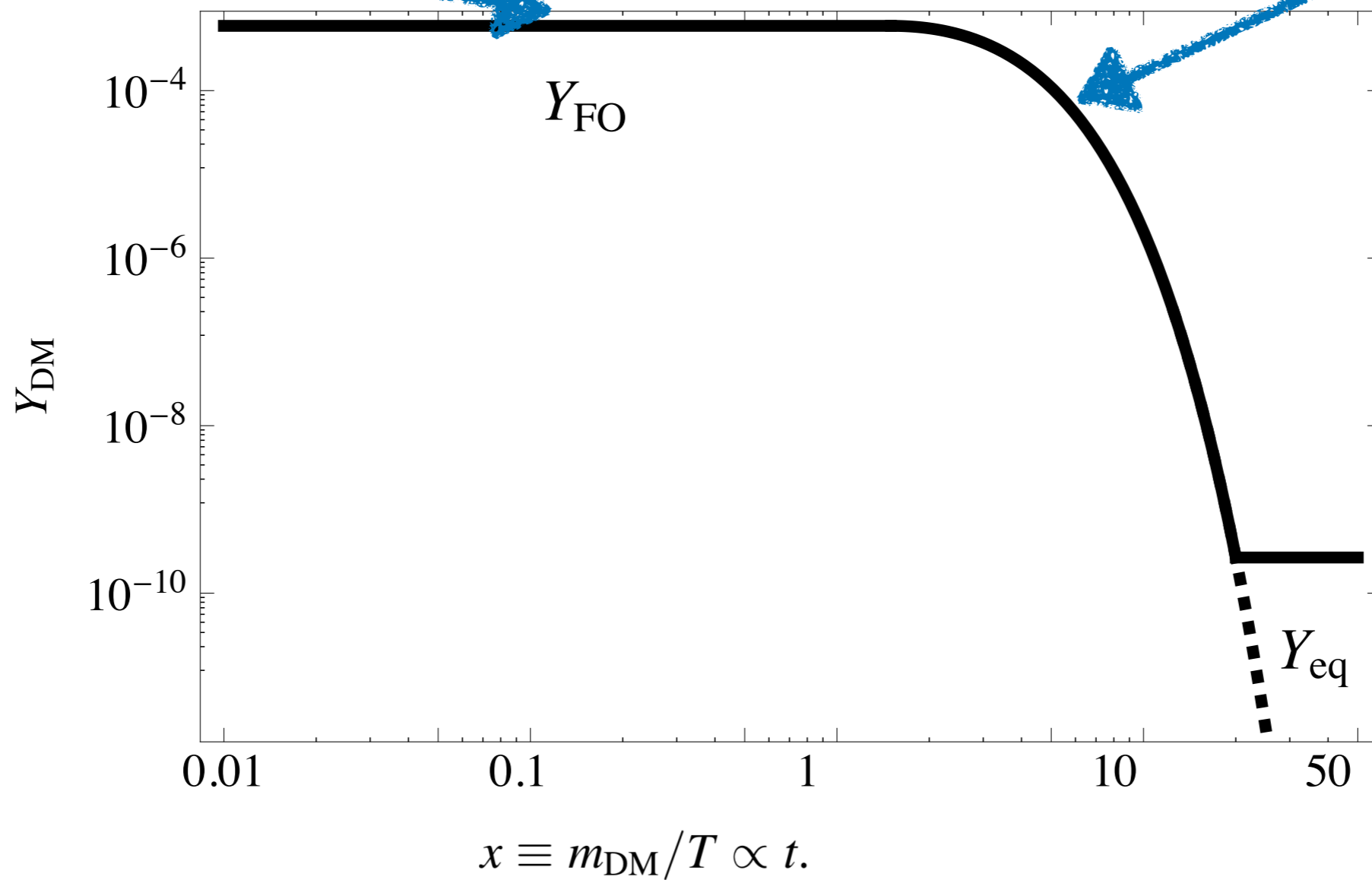
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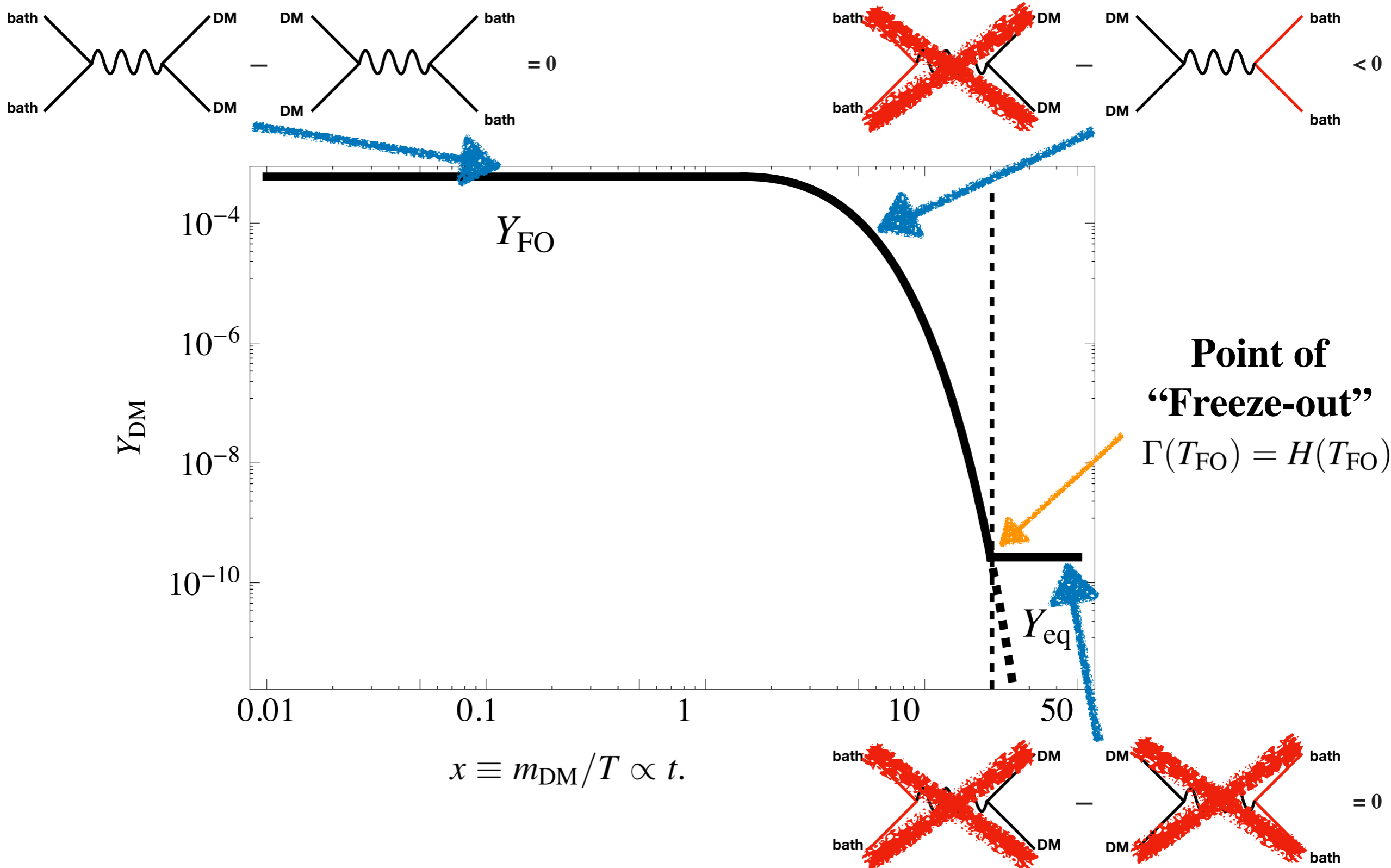
$$Y_{\text{DM}} = \frac{n_{\text{DM}}}{s}$$



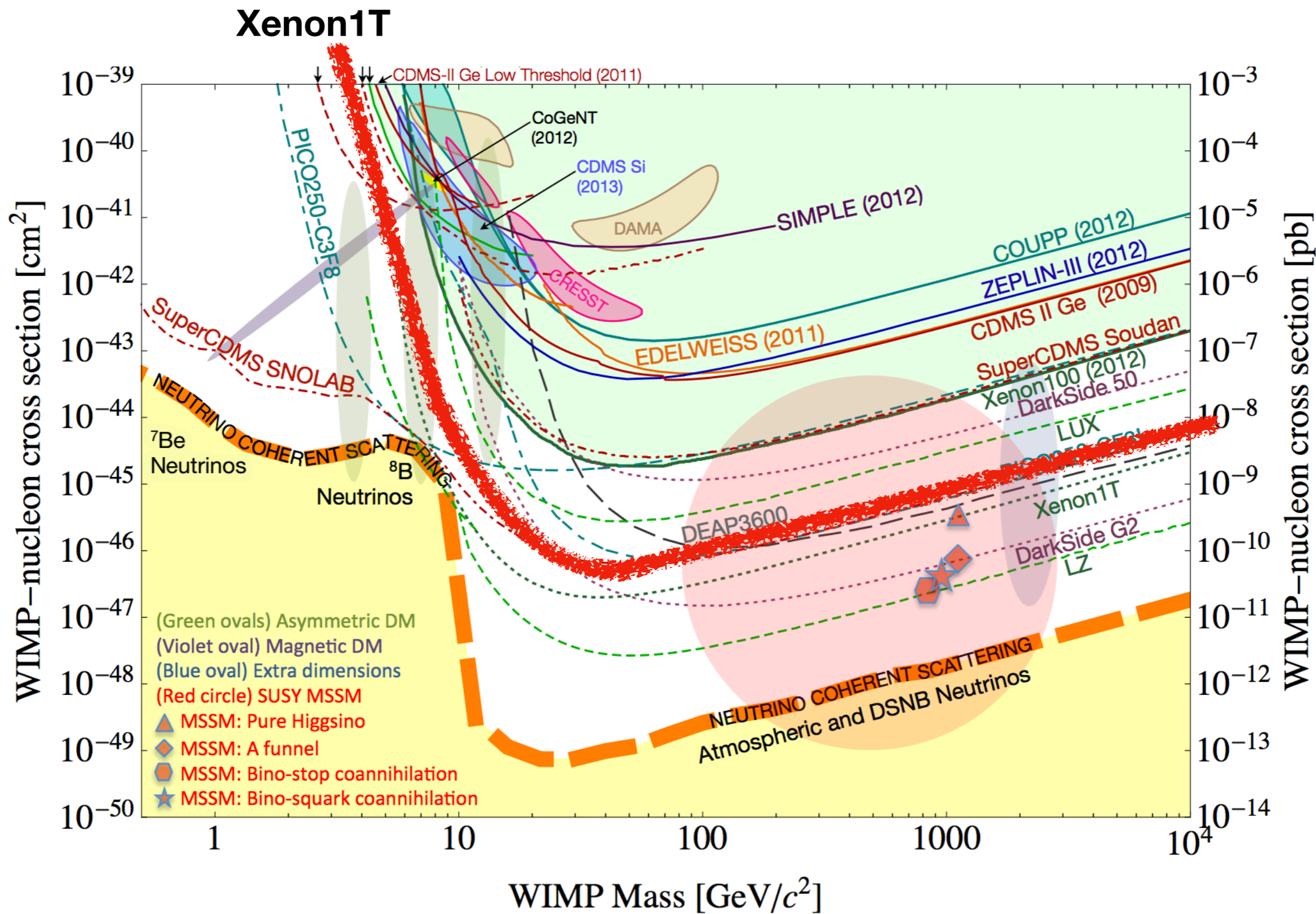
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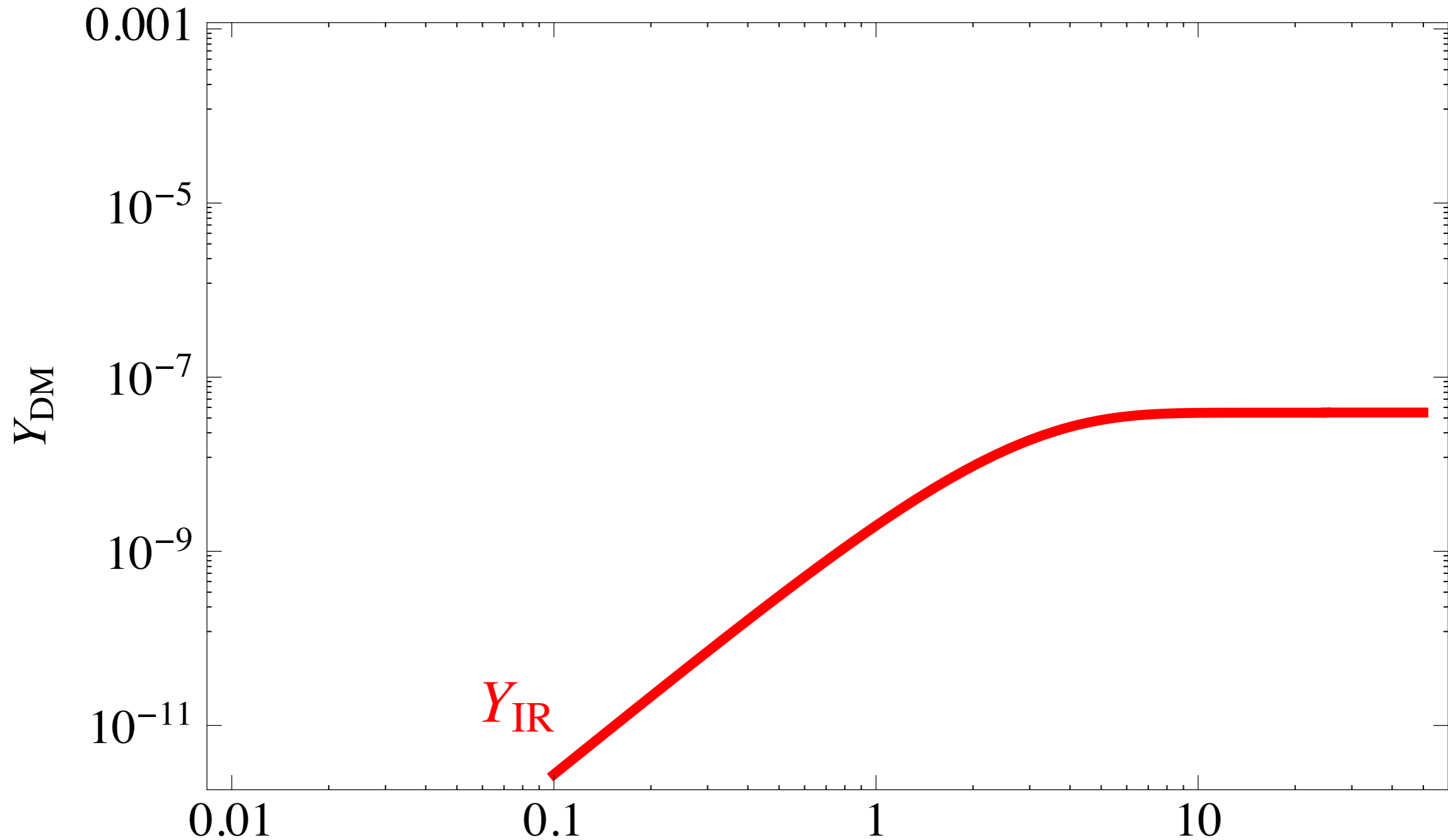


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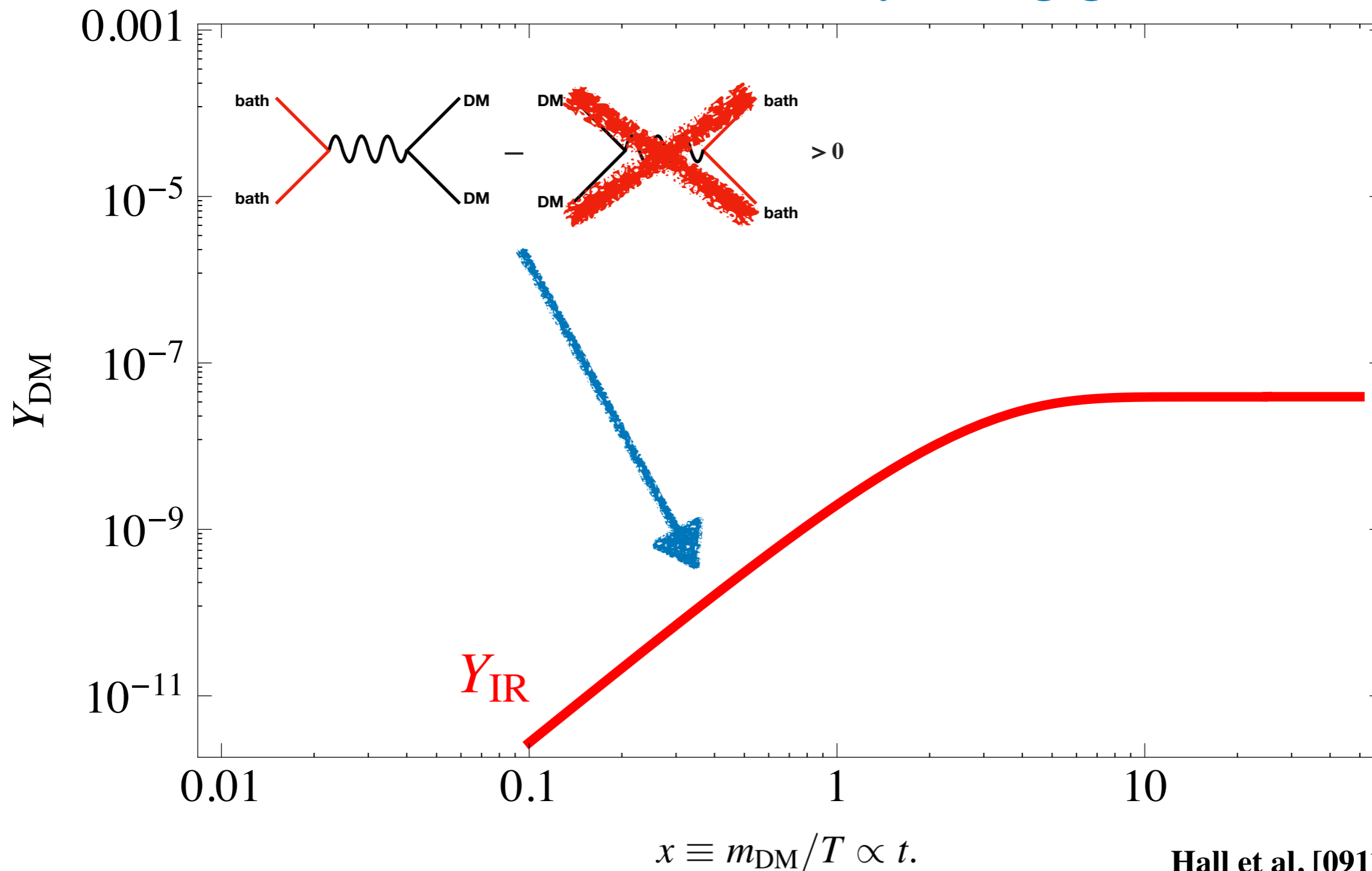
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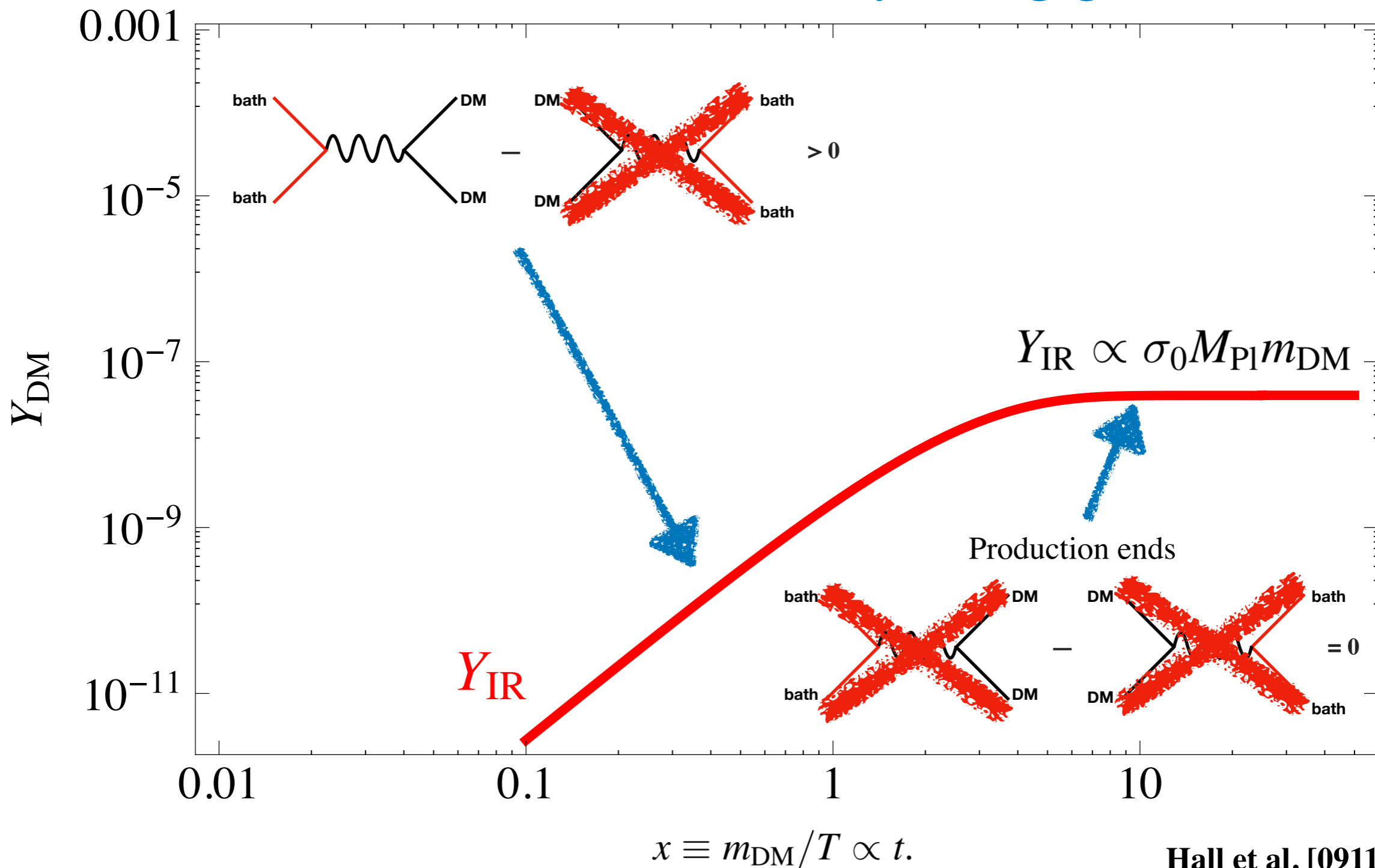


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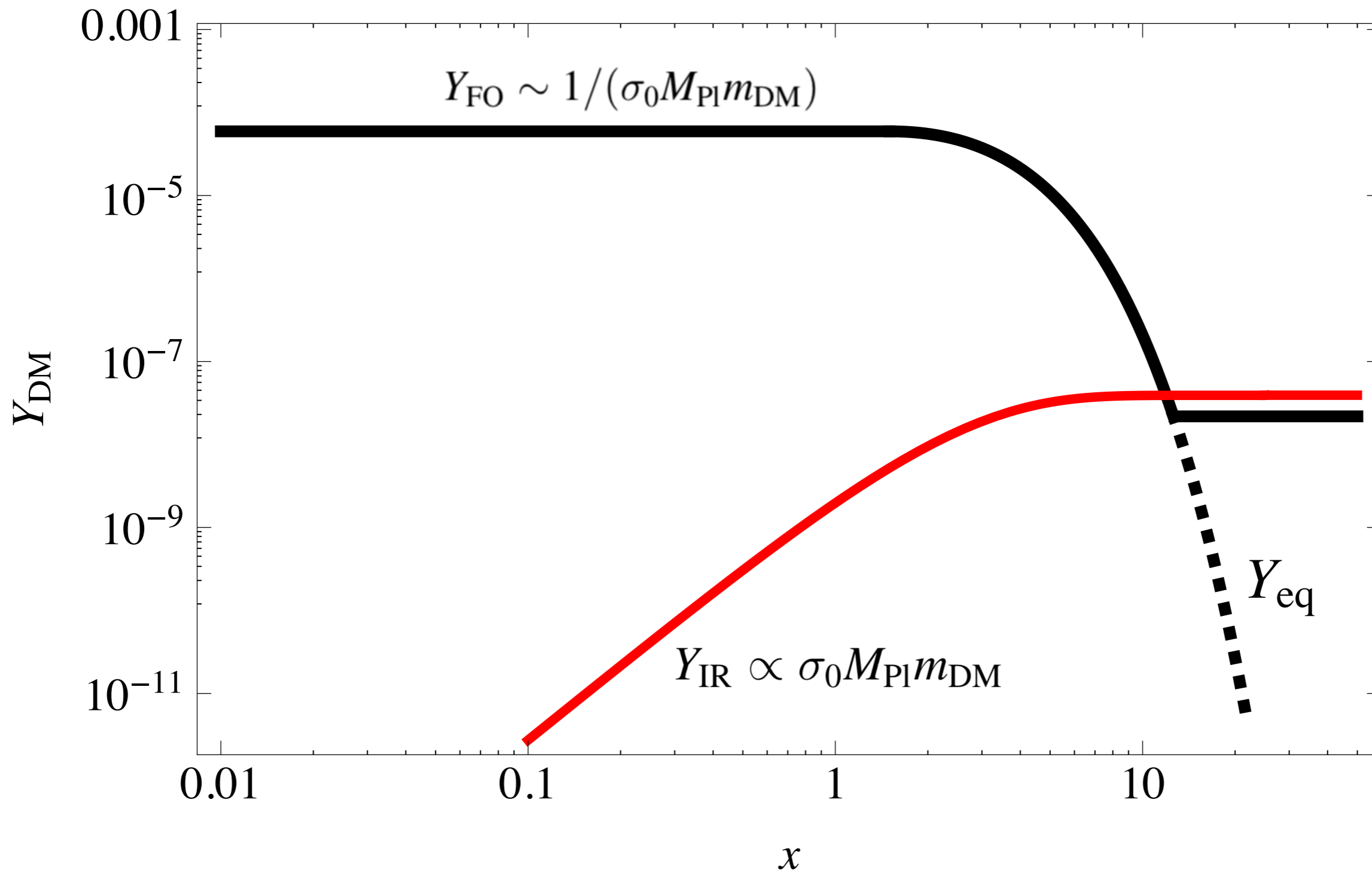
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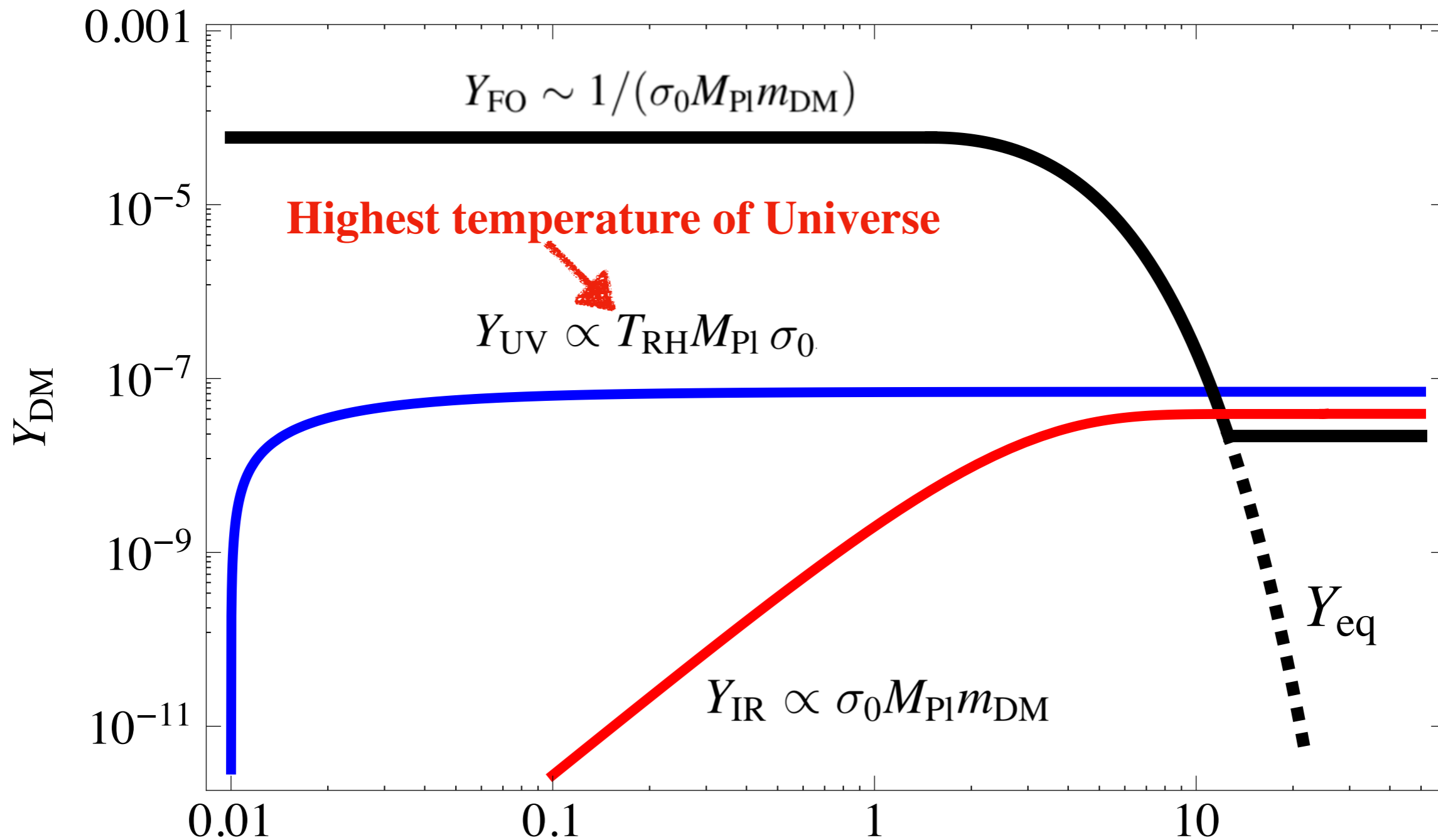
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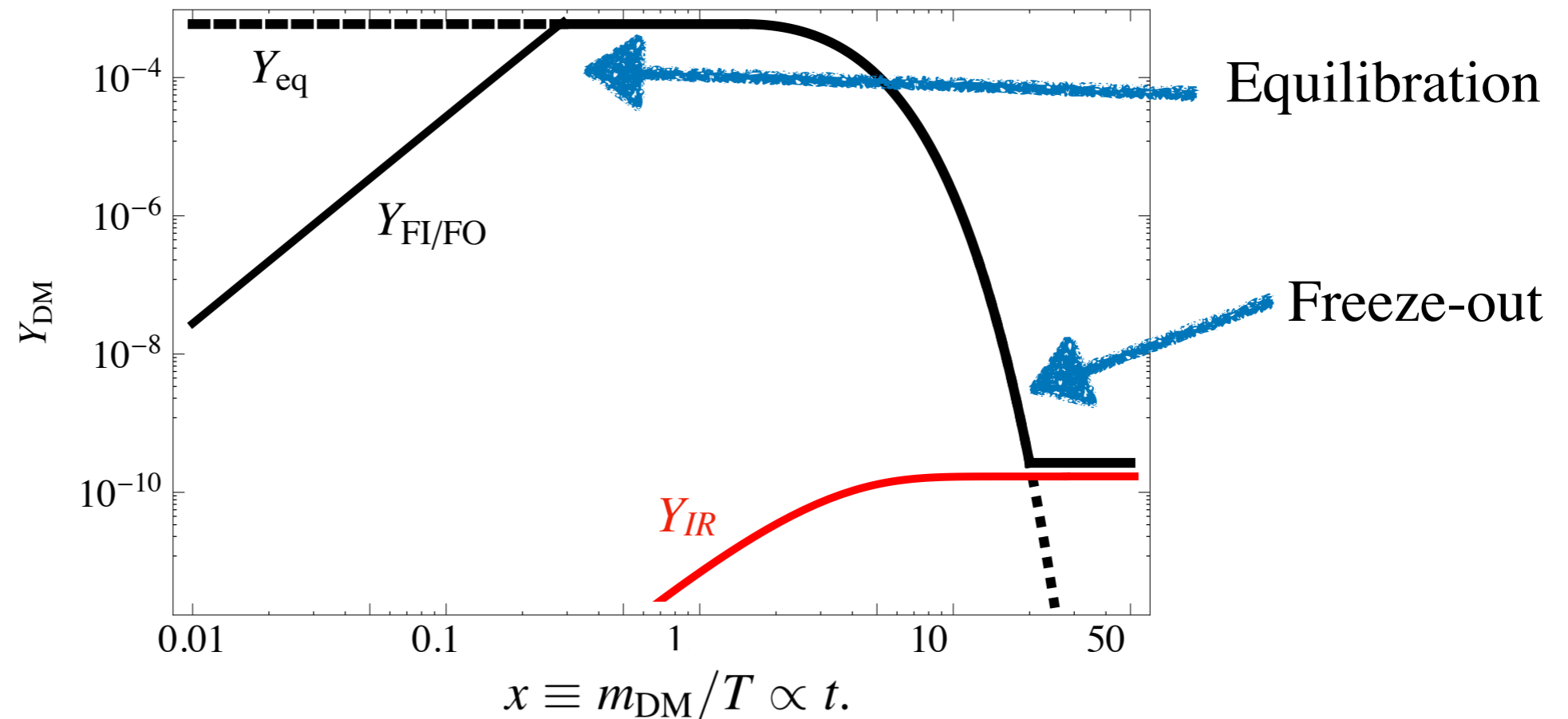
Parameter **depends very different** in all three cases.

Elahi, Kolda & JU JHEP 1503 (2015) 048



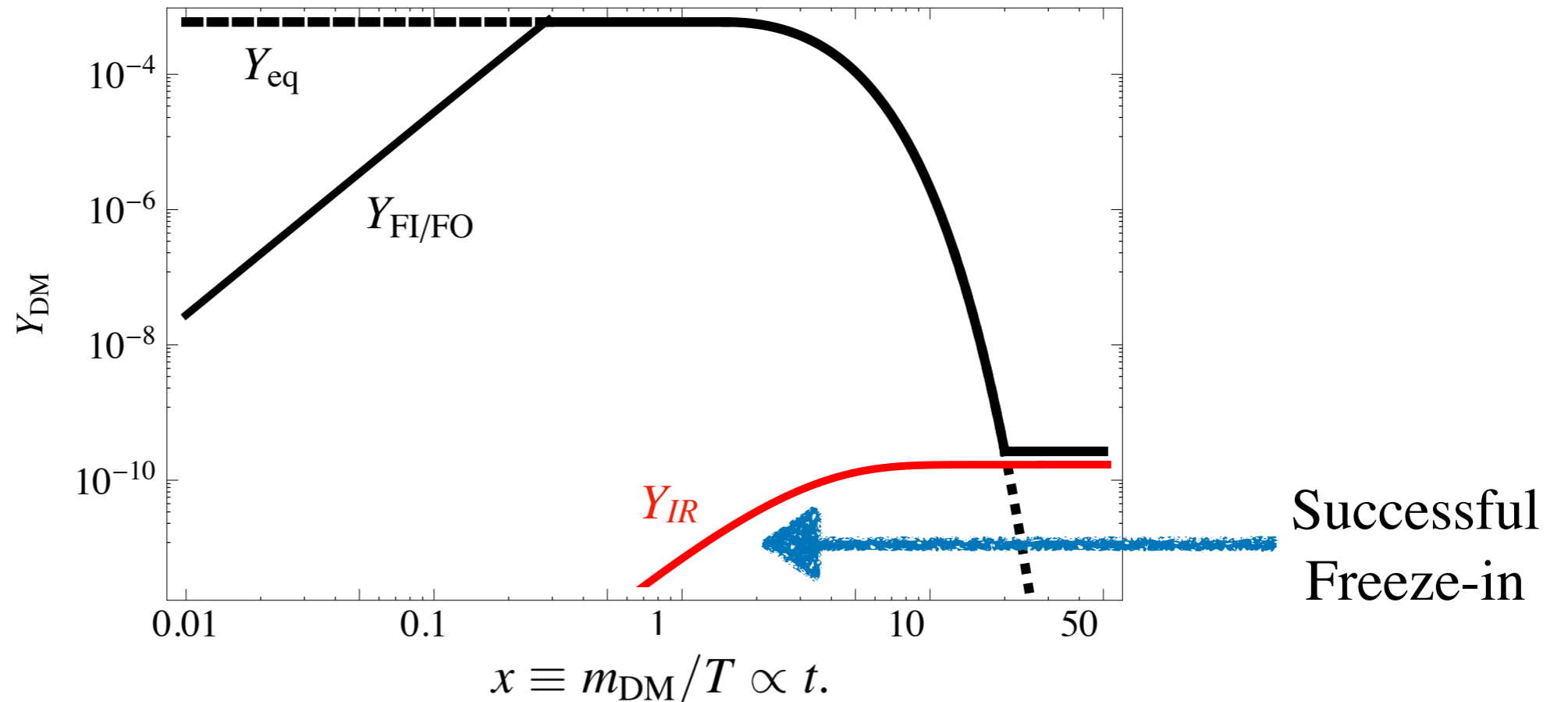
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For IR Freeze-in with GeV DM this require couplings: $\lambda \lesssim 10^{-7}$.

Avoiding equilibration requires very 'feeble' couplings: **FIMP Dark Matter**.

Requires dedicated experiments for light dark matter or long lived states.



II. Diluting Dark Matter

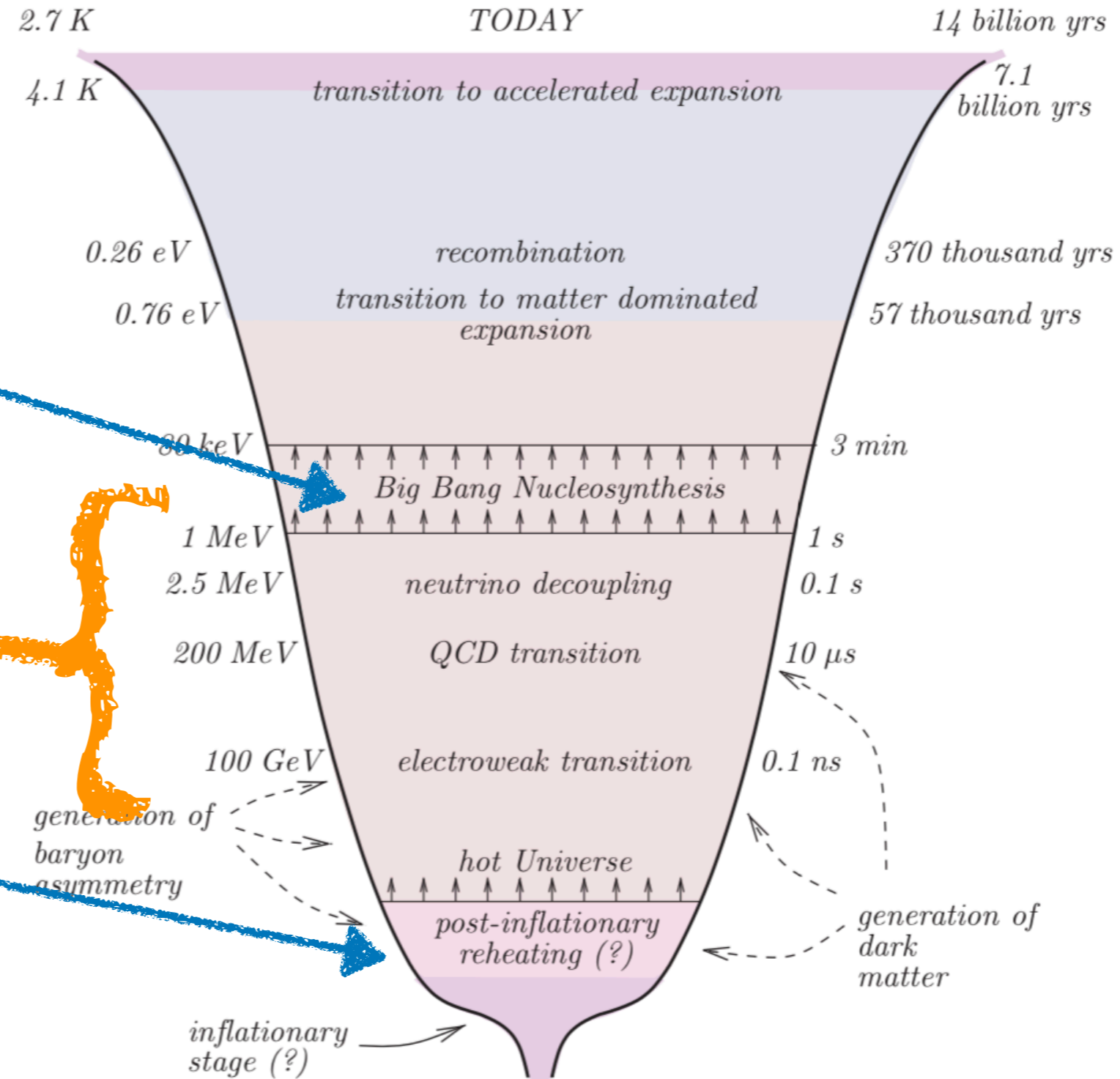


Cosmological Impact

Earliest cosmological evidence
(known to be radiation dominated)

Non-Standard Model
cosmological events?

End of Inflation
(start of radiation domination?)



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Dilution factor ζ from temperature after decays T_{after} compared to without decays:

$$\zeta = \left(\frac{T_{\text{without}}}{T_{\text{after}}} \right)^3 \leq 1$$

Because of dilution, correct relic density for **weaker interactions with SM**.

Changes expectation for m_{DM} and σ_0 and **reduces tension with experiments**.

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χ decay heats the bath, to $T_{\text{RH}} \simeq \sqrt{M_{\text{Pl}} \Gamma_\chi}$, any **frozen-out species diluted**:

$$\zeta = \left(\frac{T_{\text{without}}}{T_{\text{after}}} \right)^3 \simeq \left(\frac{R_{\text{rad}}}{R_\chi} \Delta a_\Gamma^{-1} \right)^{3/4} \sim 10^{-10} \left(\frac{T_{\text{RH}}}{10 \text{ MeV}} \right) \left(\frac{10^8 \text{ GeV}}{T_{\text{crit}}} \right)$$

for $R_{\text{rad}}/R_\chi \simeq 1$,



III. Freeze-out During Matter Domination



Changes to the Expansion Rate

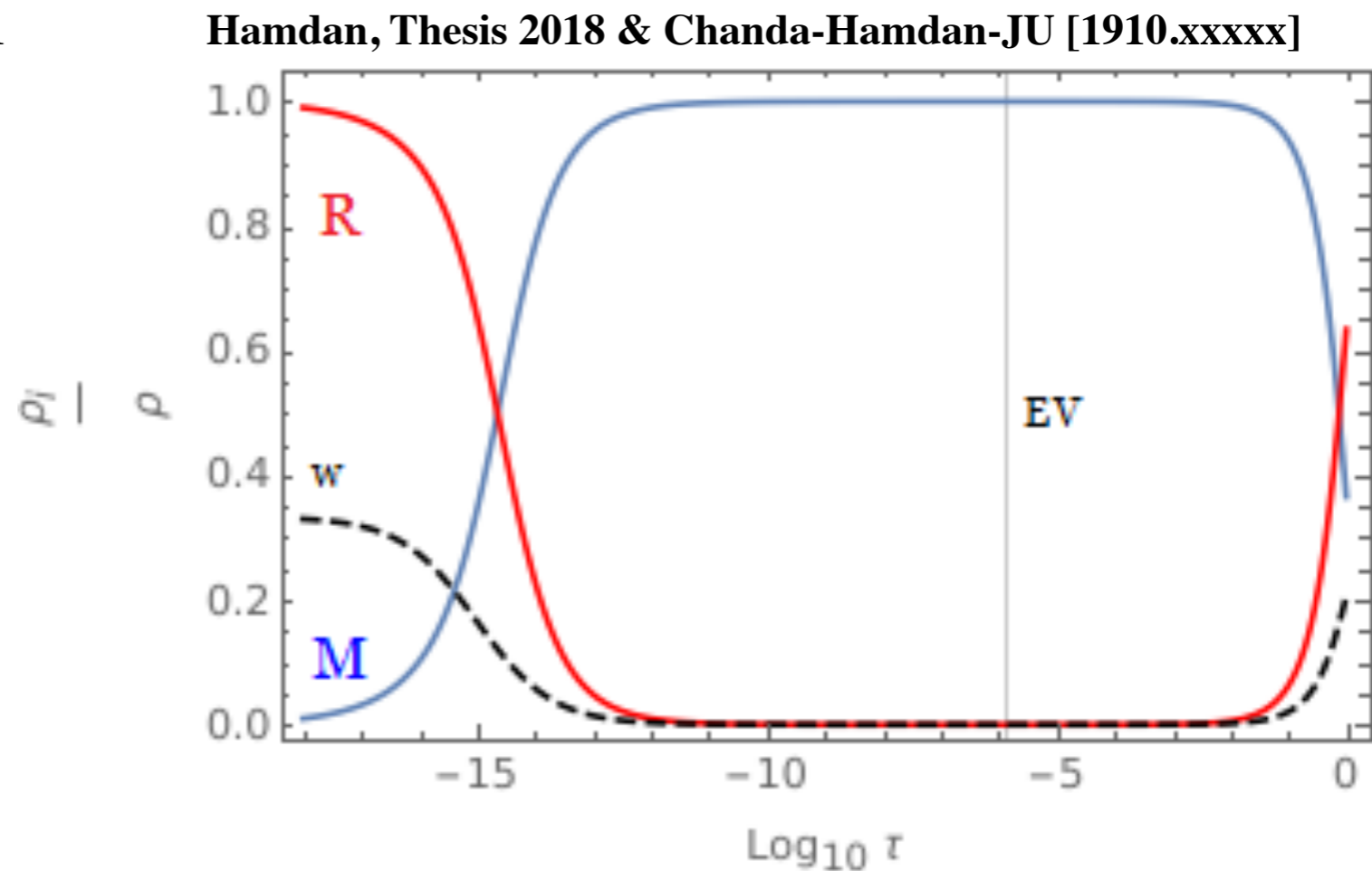
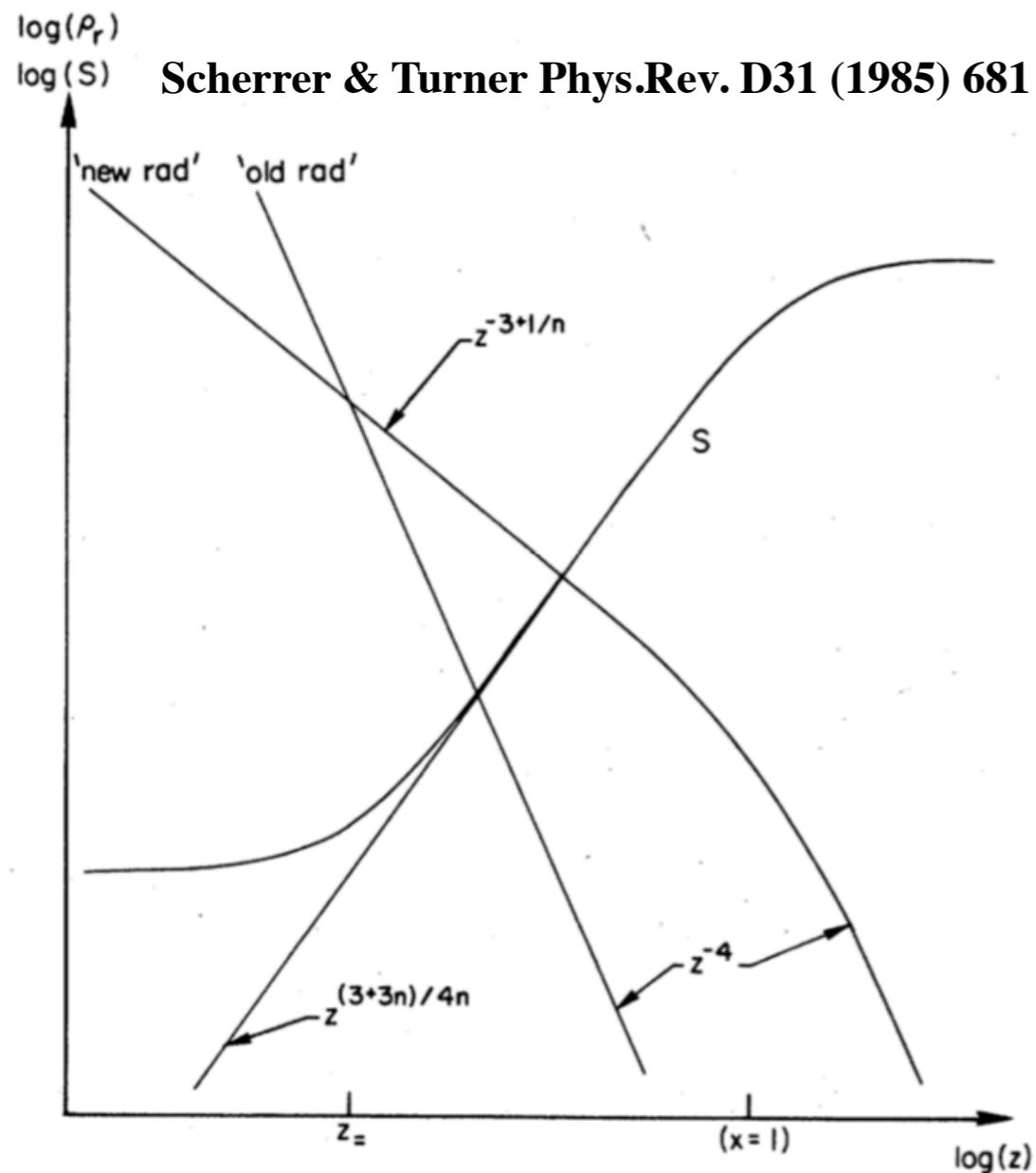
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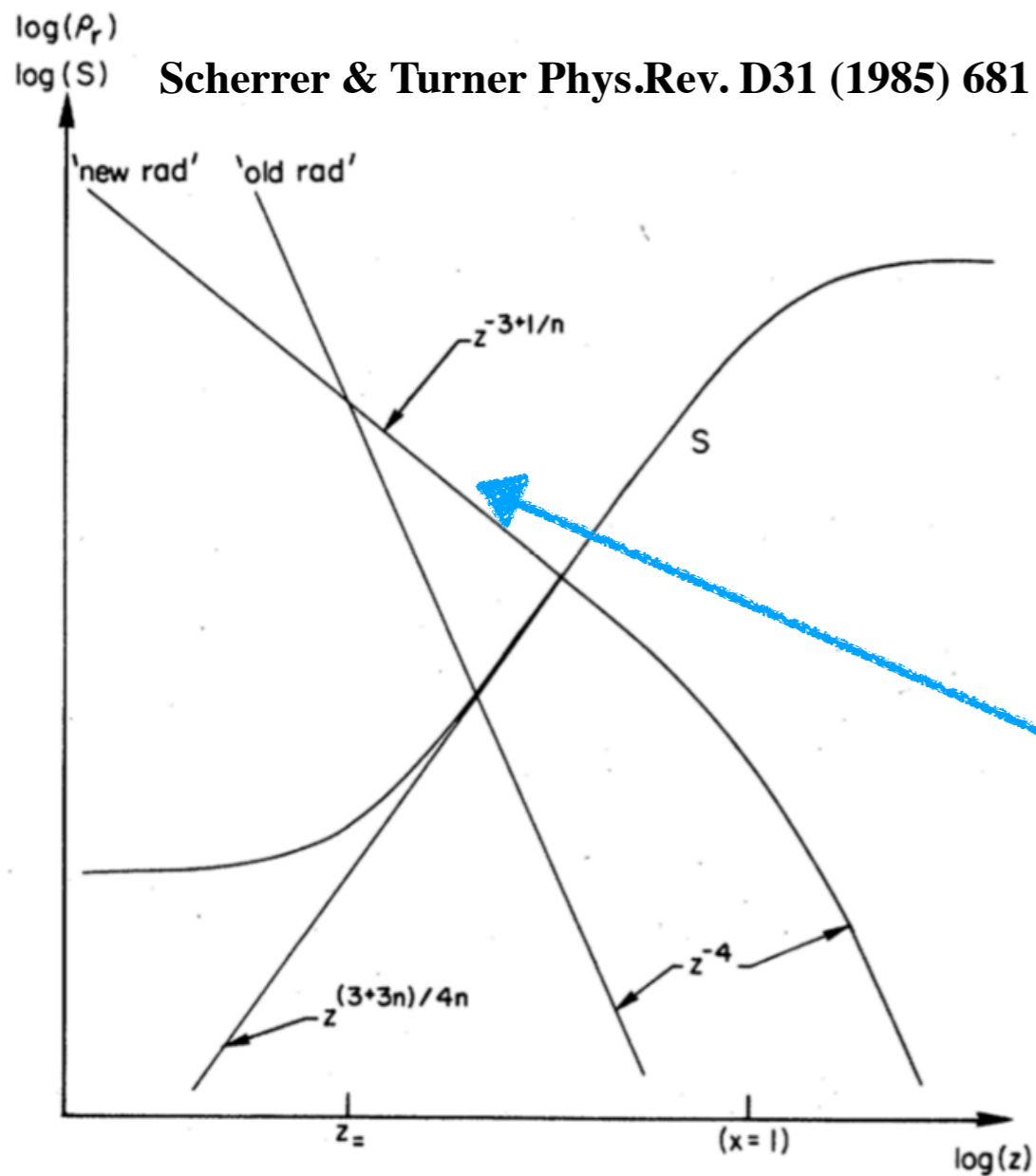
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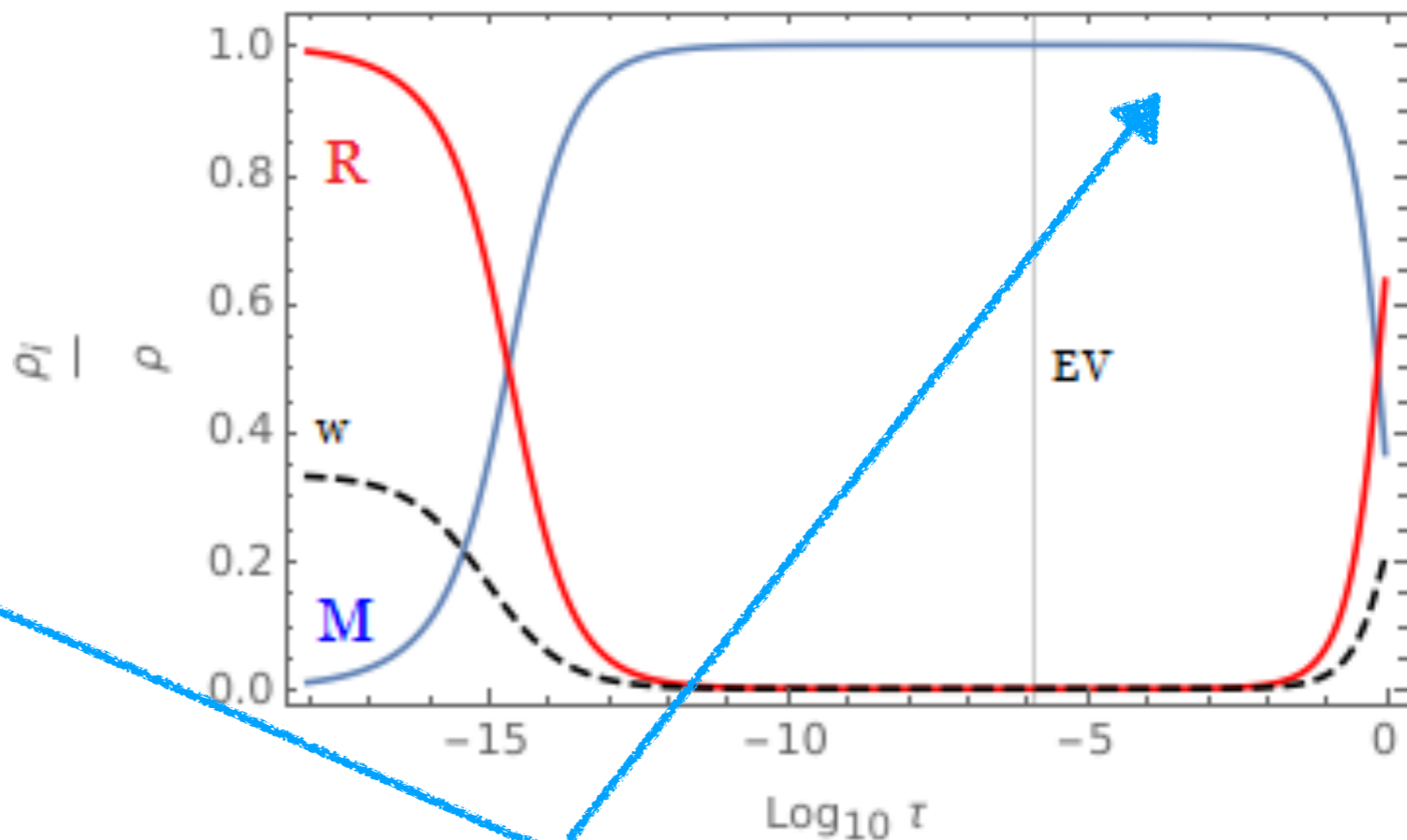
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Decay Regime

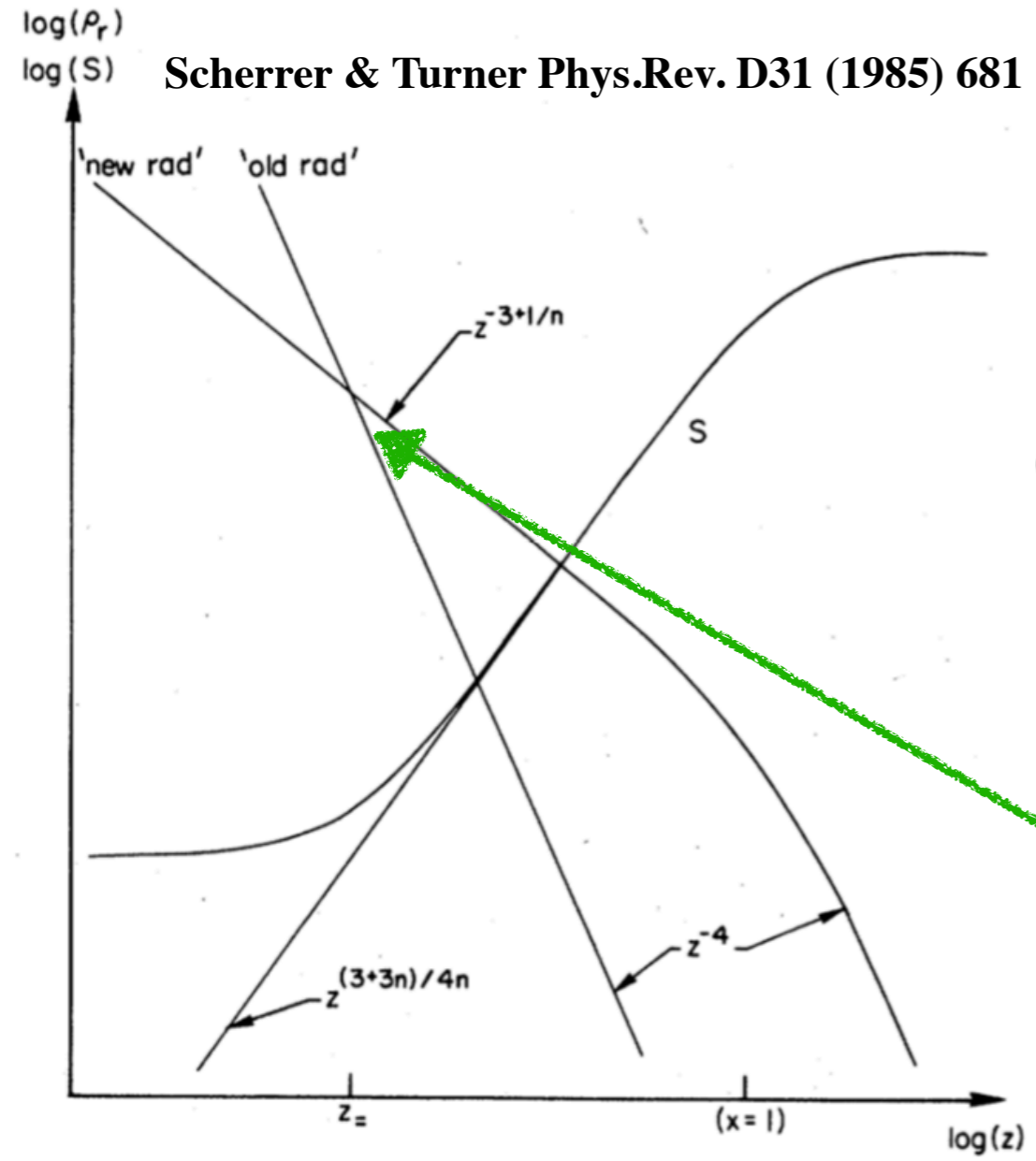
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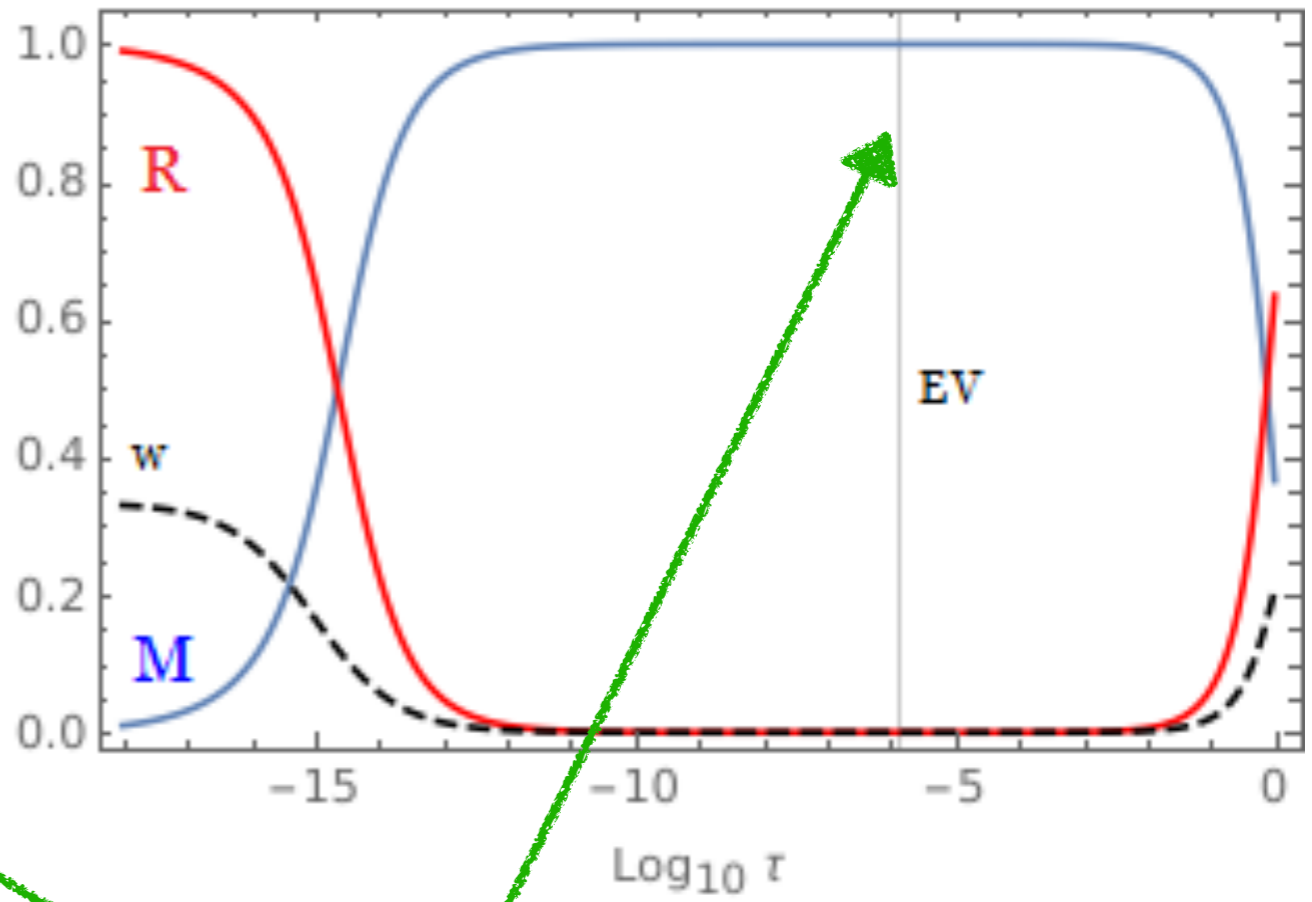


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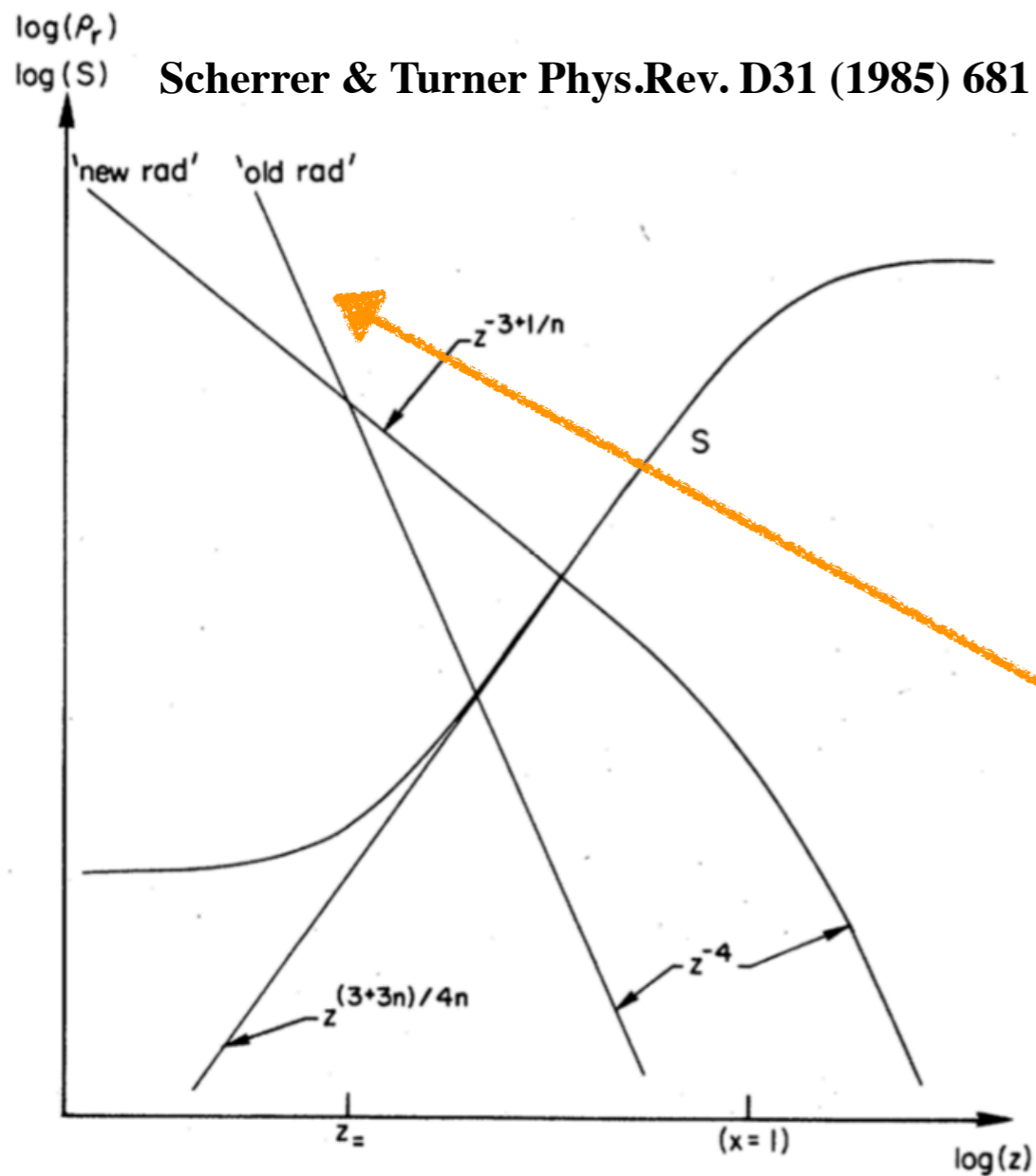
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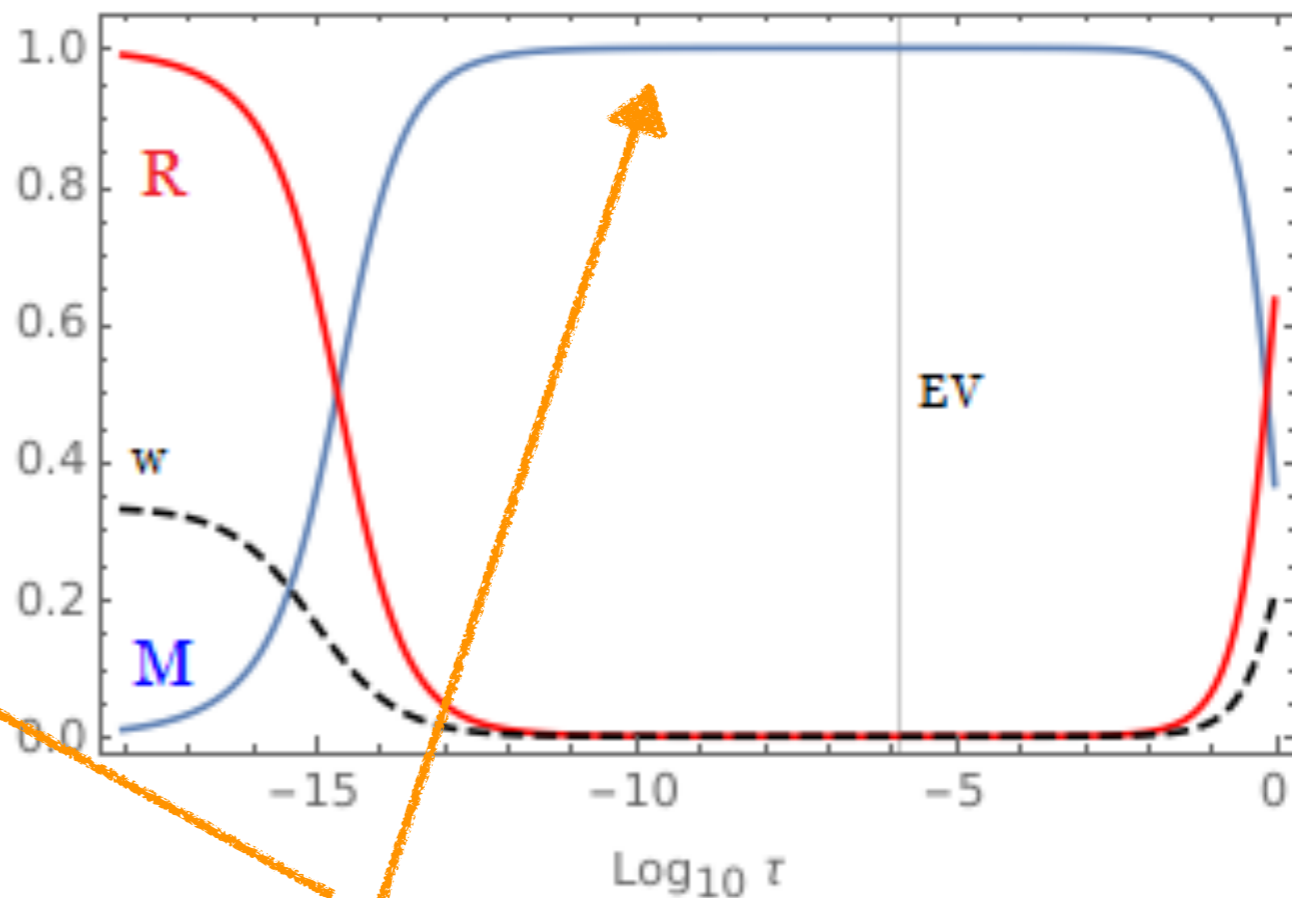
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Scherrer and Turner, PRD 33 (1986) 1585

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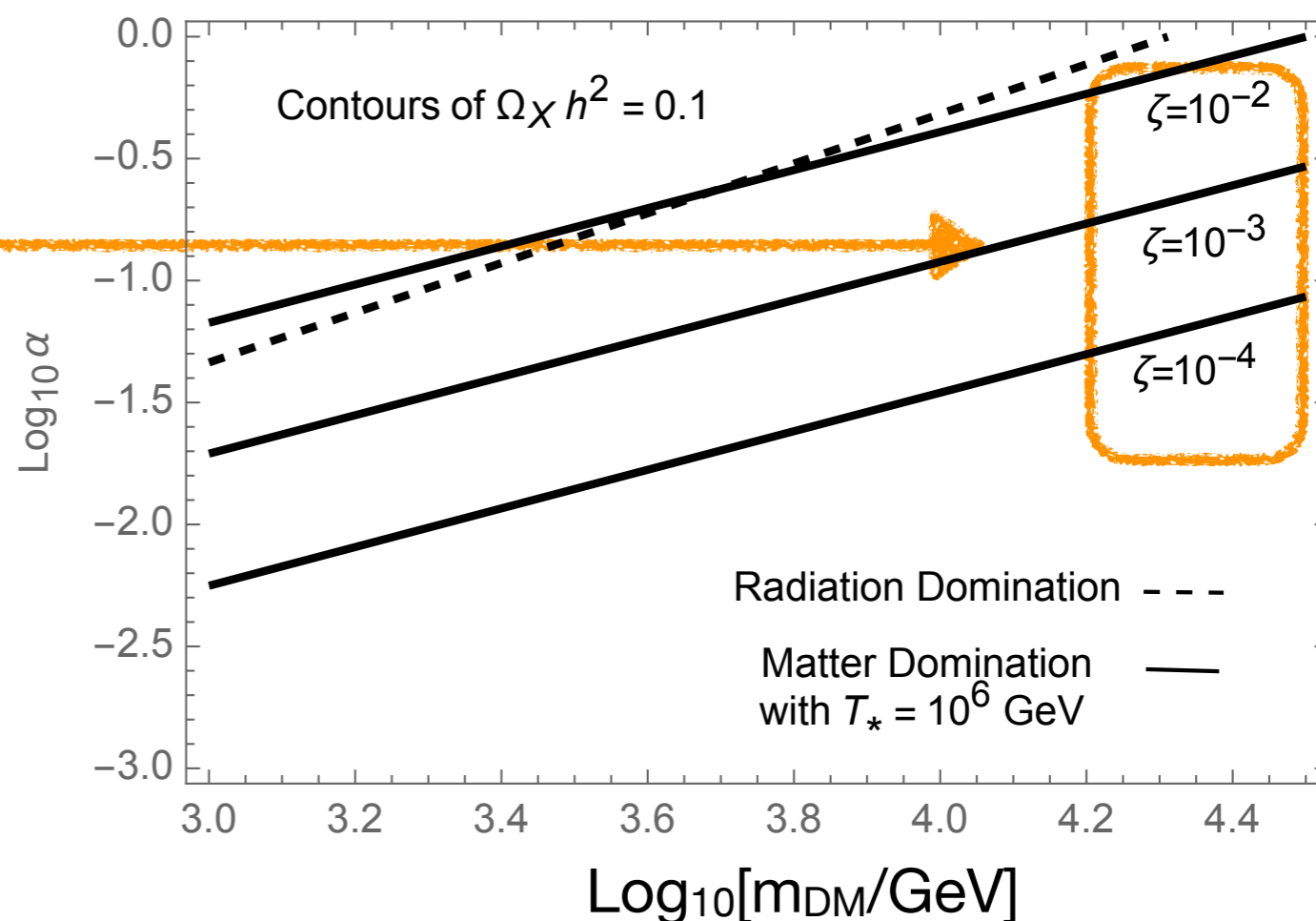
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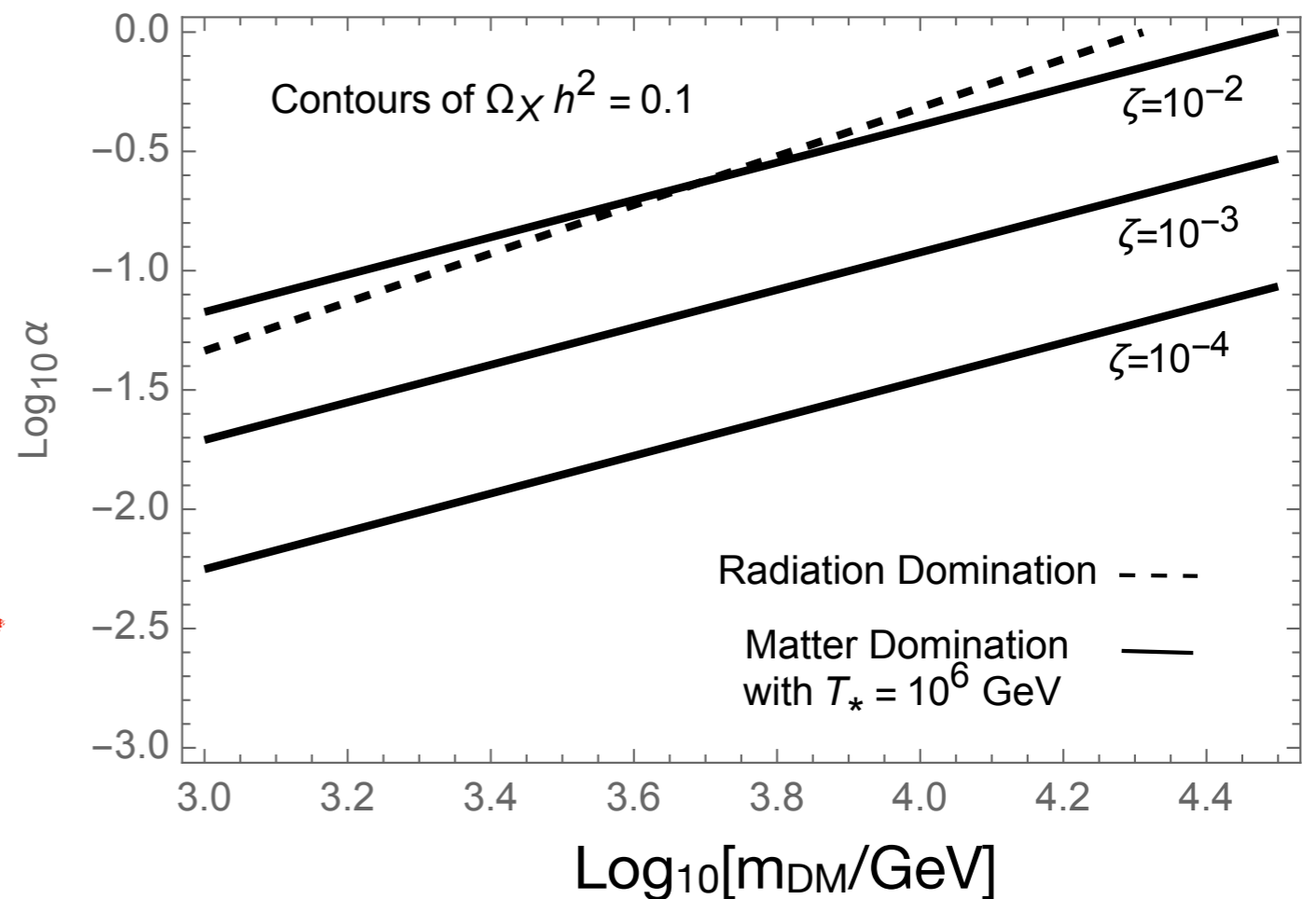
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More dilution
implies smaller
couplings



Weakening search limits

compared to radiation dominated FO.



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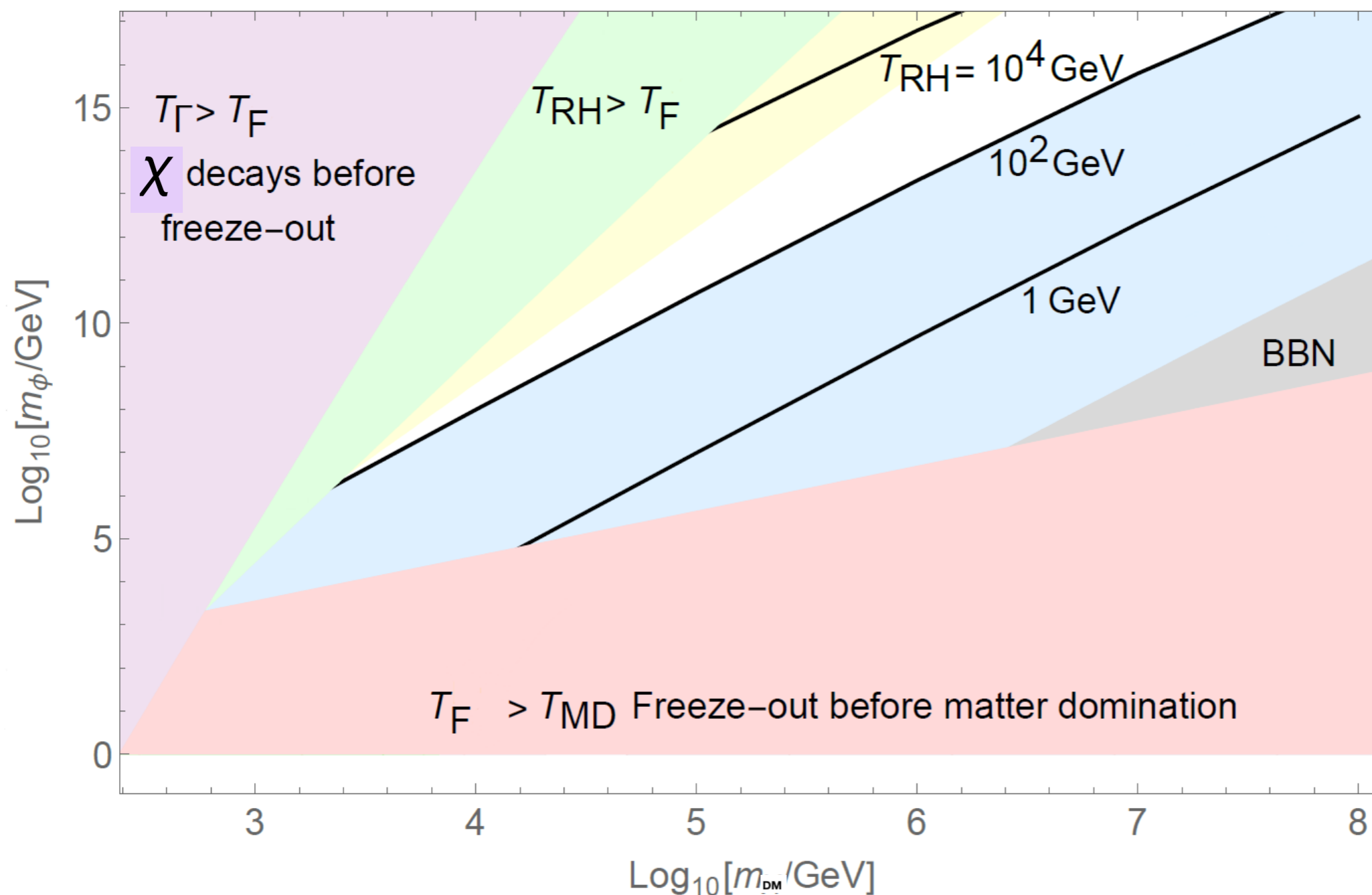
For DM freeze-out **during matter domination**,
whilst avoiding cosmological constraints:

- a). Universe **matter dominated** during freeze-out
- b). Decay of χ prior to **BBN**
- c). Decay of χ after dark matter freeze-out
- d). χ **decays negligible** during dark matter freeze-out
o.w./ similar to Giudice, Kolb, and Riotto, PRD 64 (2001) 023508
- e). Decays of χ prior to **EWPT** (optional - model dependent)



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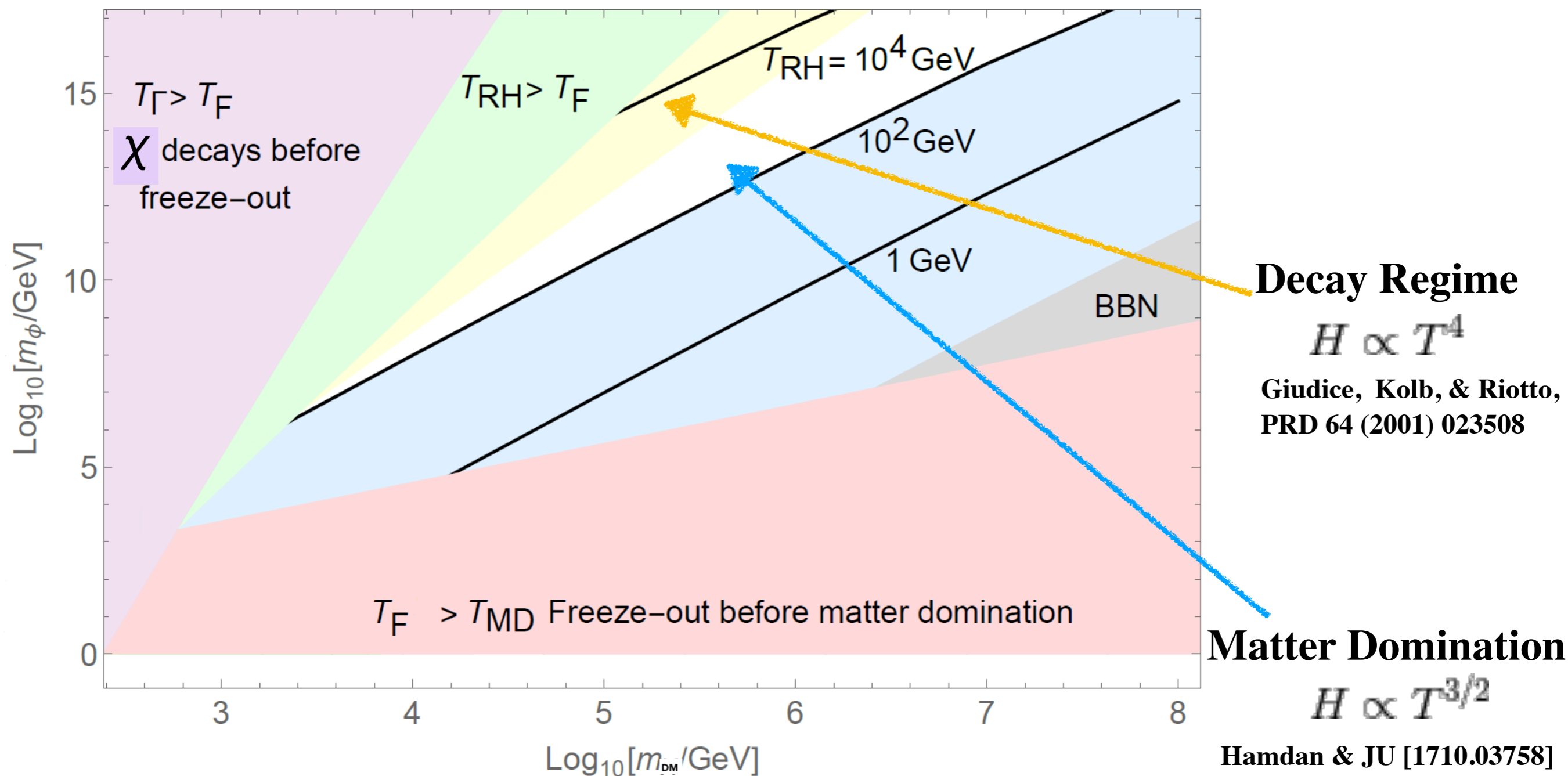


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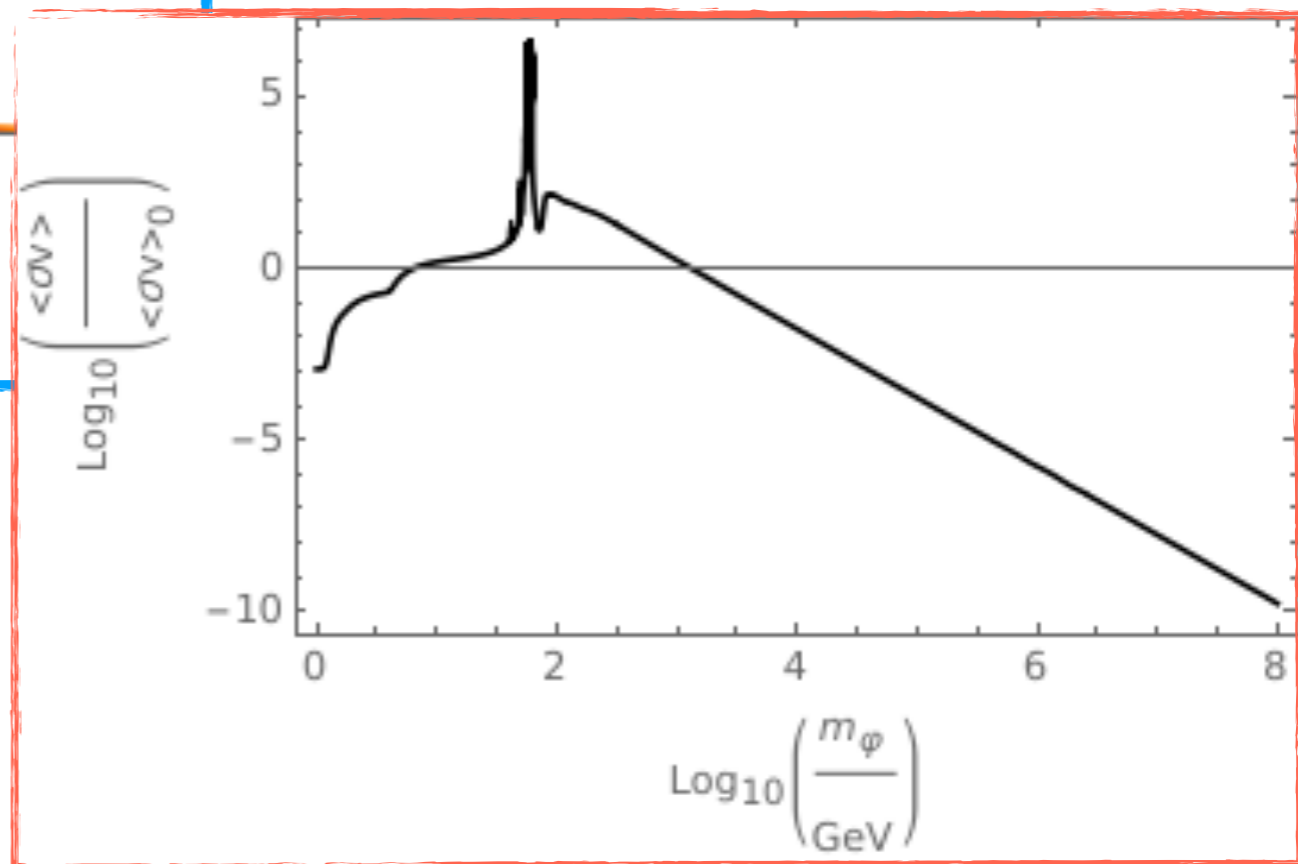
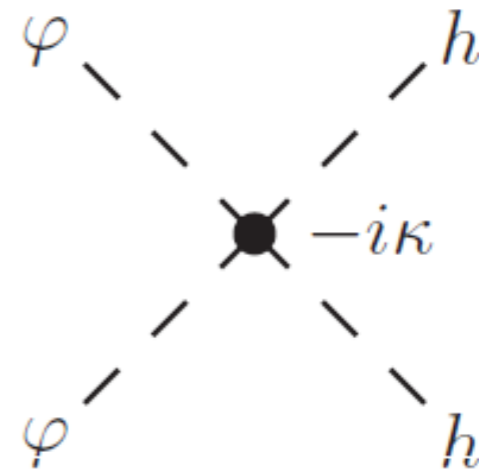
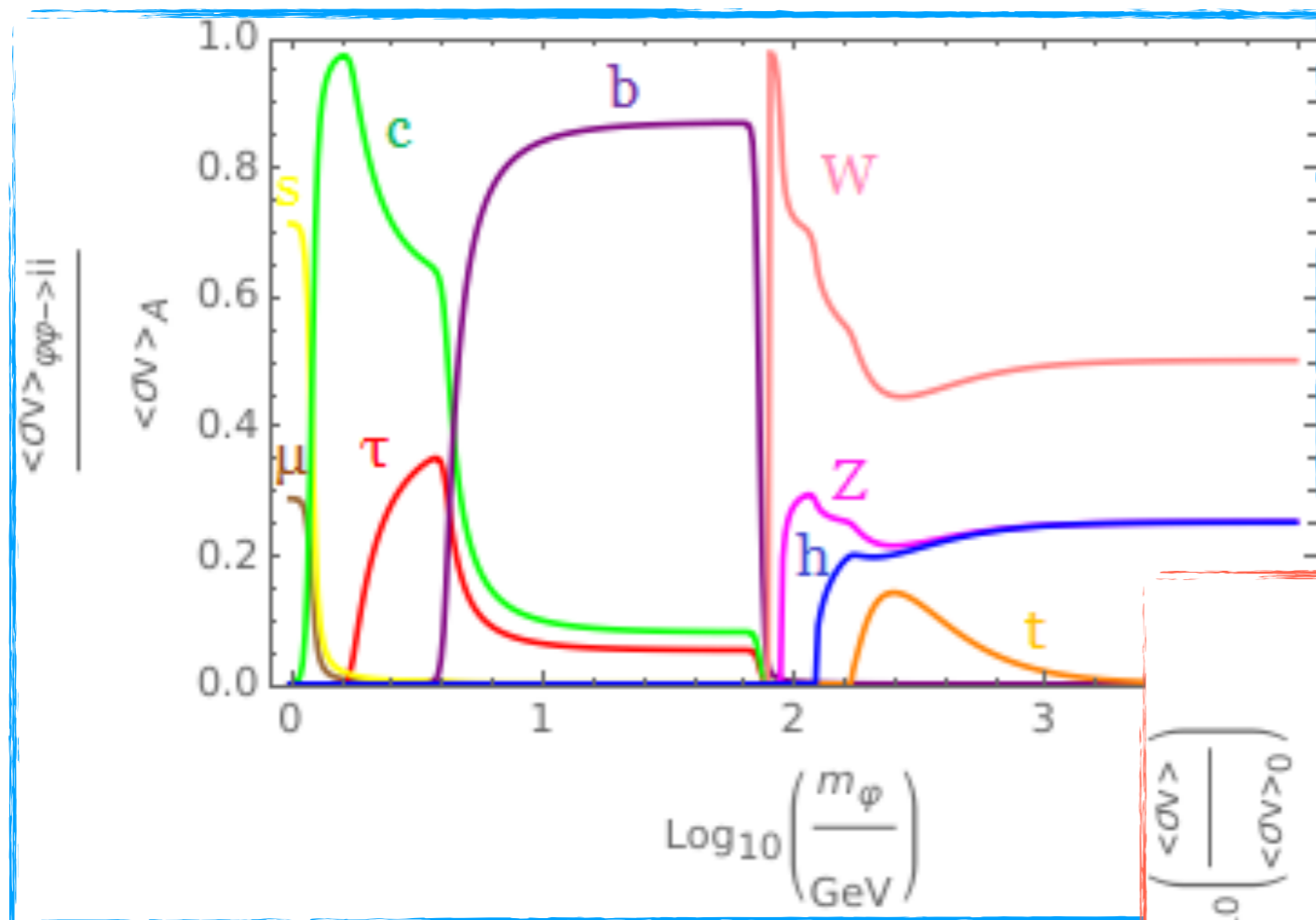


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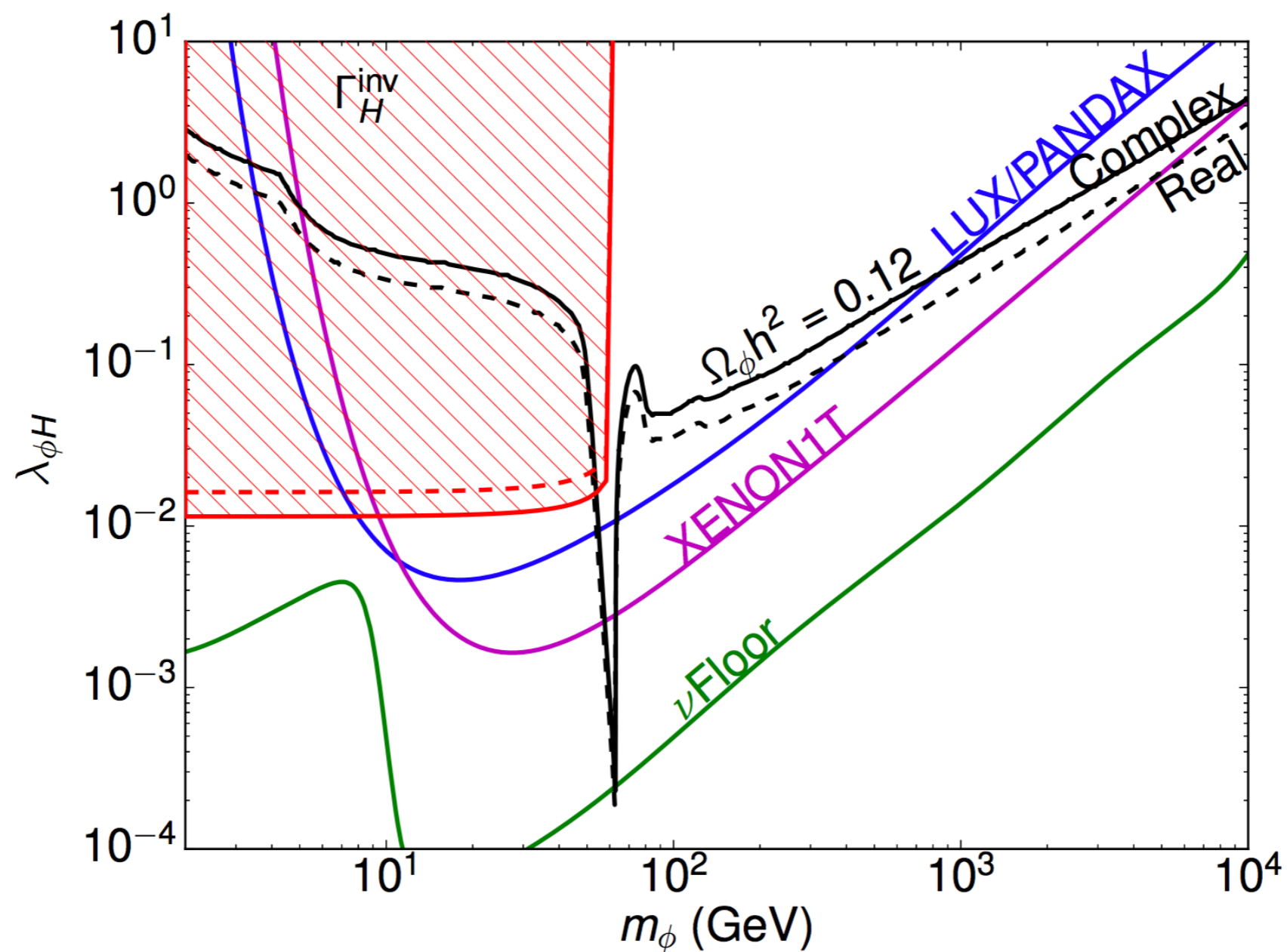
units of thermal relic cross section.

$$\langle\sigma v\rangle_0 = 3 \times 10^{-26} \text{cm}^3/\text{s}$$

Classic Ref: Cline, Kainulainen, Scott, Weniger [1306.4710]



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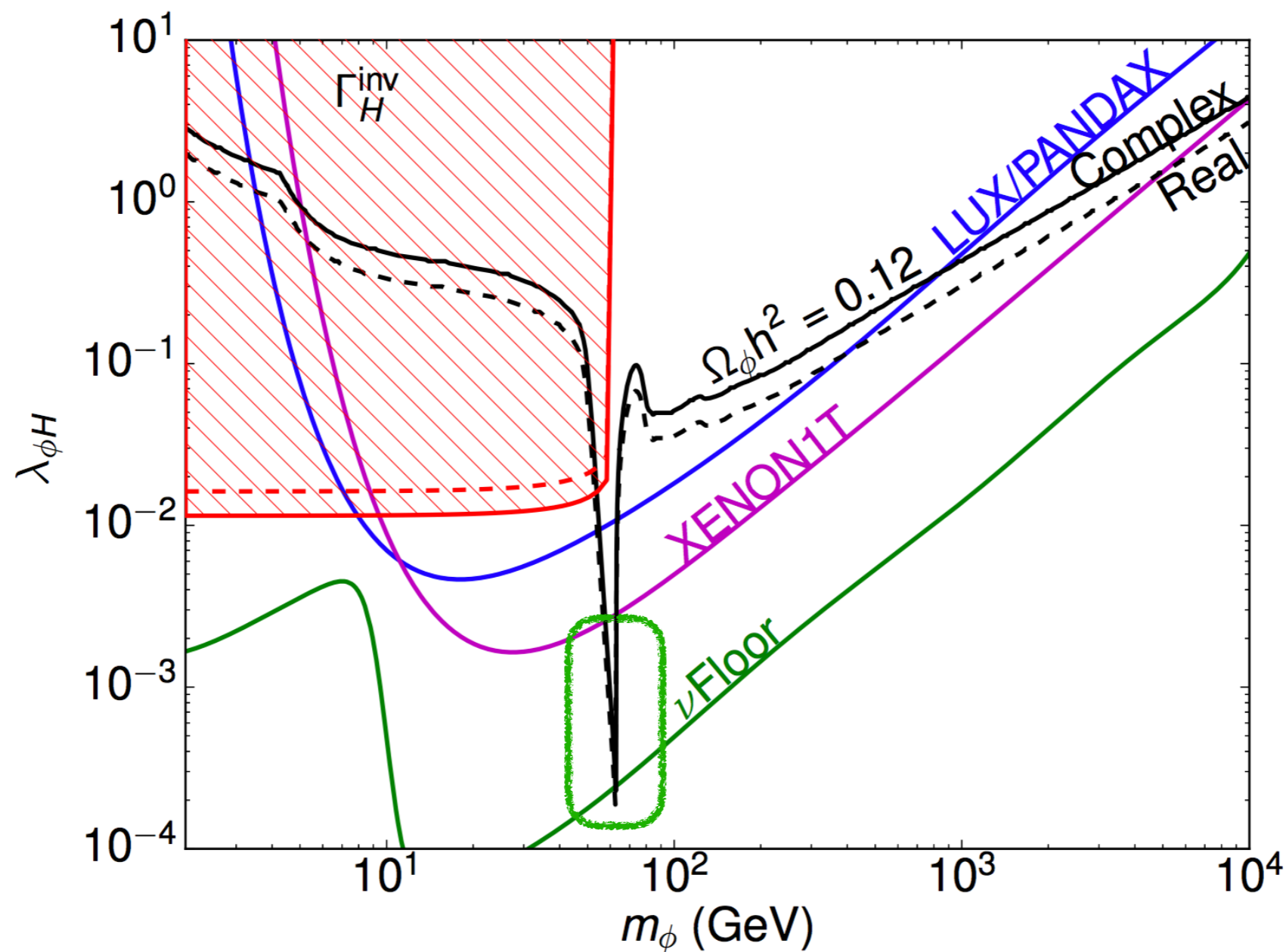


Scalar Higgs Portal assuming **Standard Cosmology**...

Escudero-Berlin-Hooper-Lin [1609.09079]



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Scalar Higgs Portal assuming Standard Cosmology is **experimentally excluded** away from region of resonant annihilation via the Higgs.

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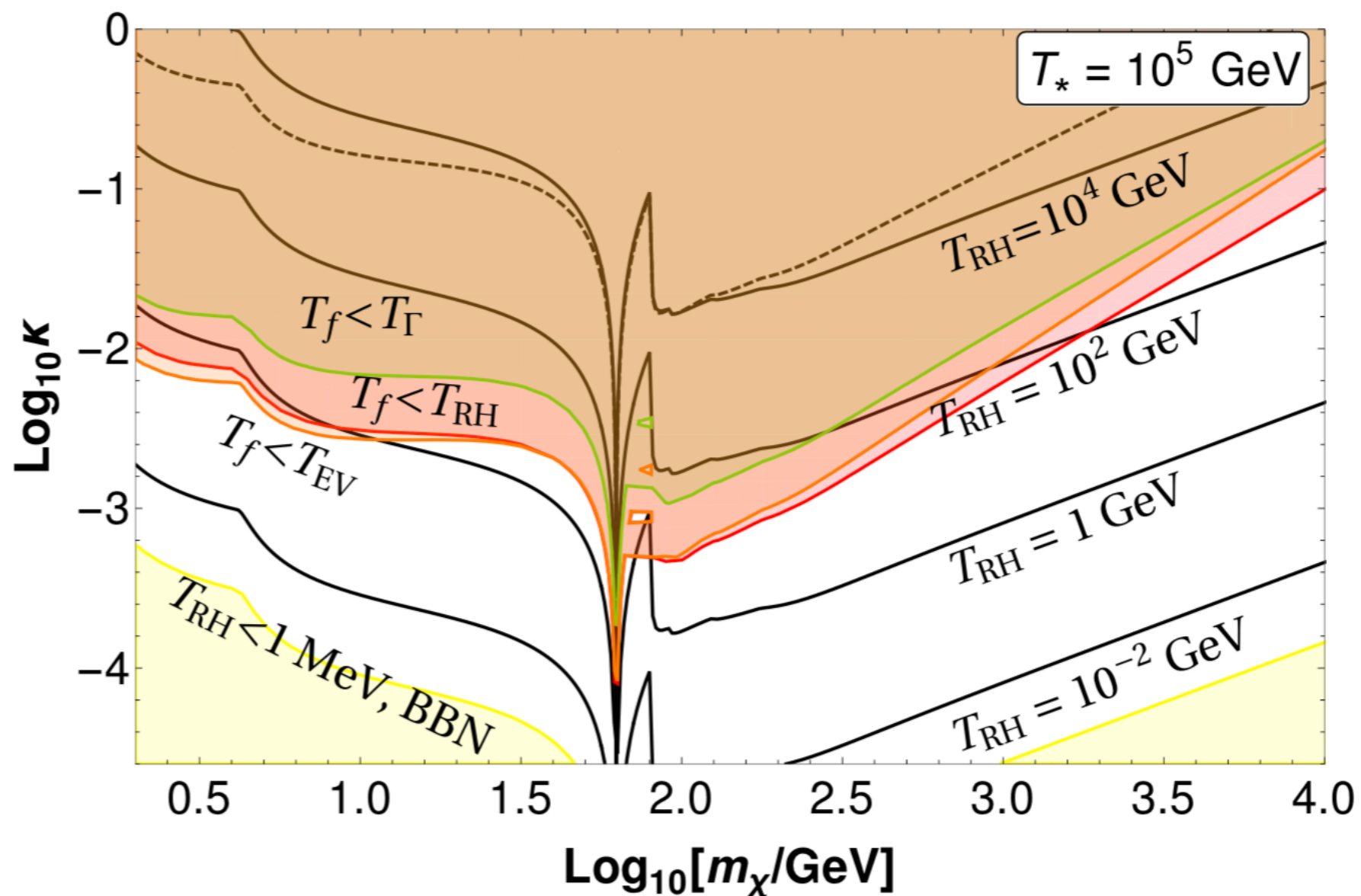


MDFO via Higgs Portal

Again considering the case $\sigma_0 \sim \frac{\kappa^2}{m_\phi^2}$ and $T_* \simeq m_\chi$

Cosmological requirements

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- χ decay prior to **BBN**
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- χ **decays negligible** during FO



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Experimental limits:

cf. Escudero-Berlin-Hooper-Lin [1609.09079]

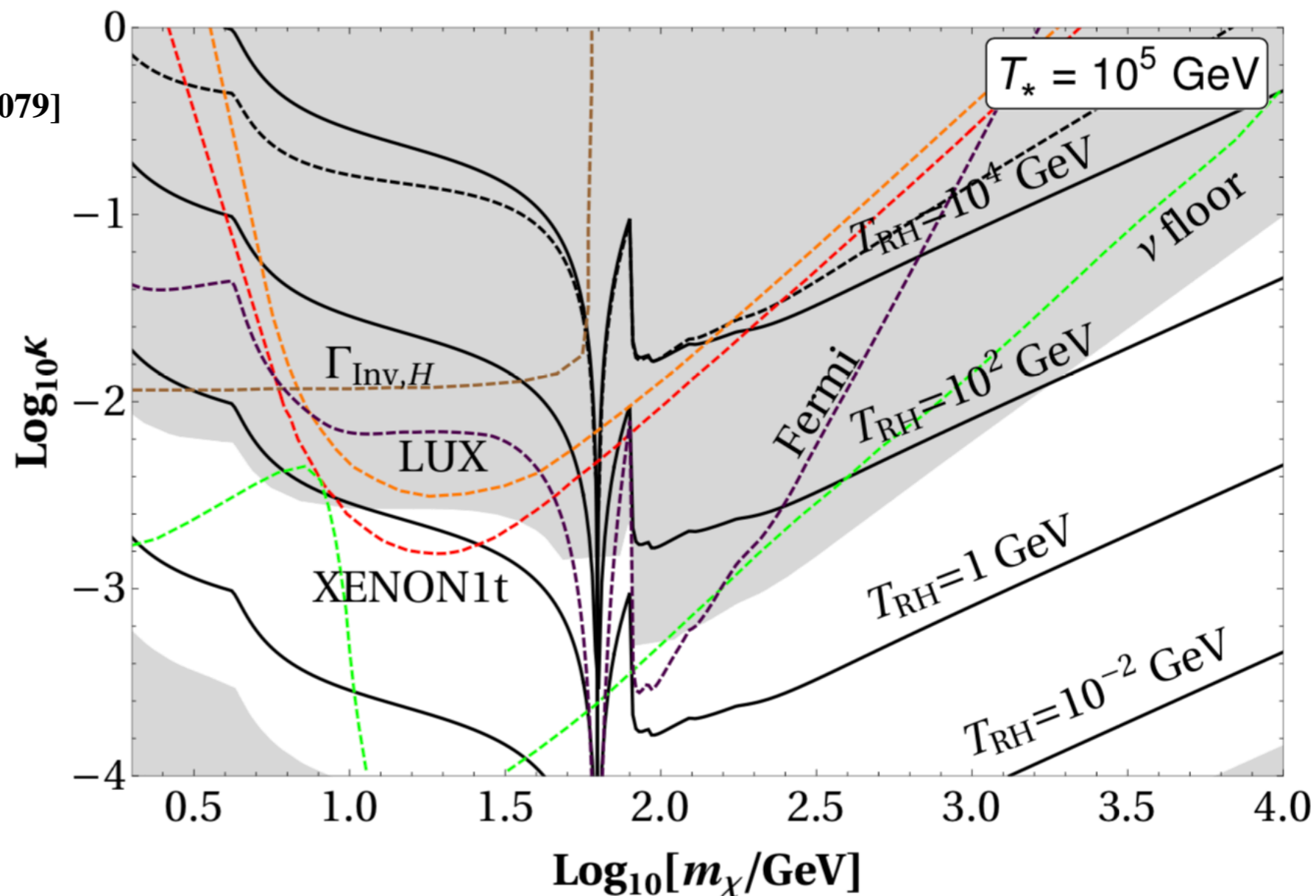
a). Fermi-LAT

b). Xenon1T

c). LUX/PandaX

d). Invisible Higgs decay

e). Neutrino Floor



In MDFO **Higgs Portal revived** as a viable model.

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See also: Bernal, Cosme & Tenkanen [1803.08064], Hardy [1804.06783]



IV. UV Freeze-in & Non-Standard Cosmology



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UV freeze-in: the production cross section of DM from thermal bath is:

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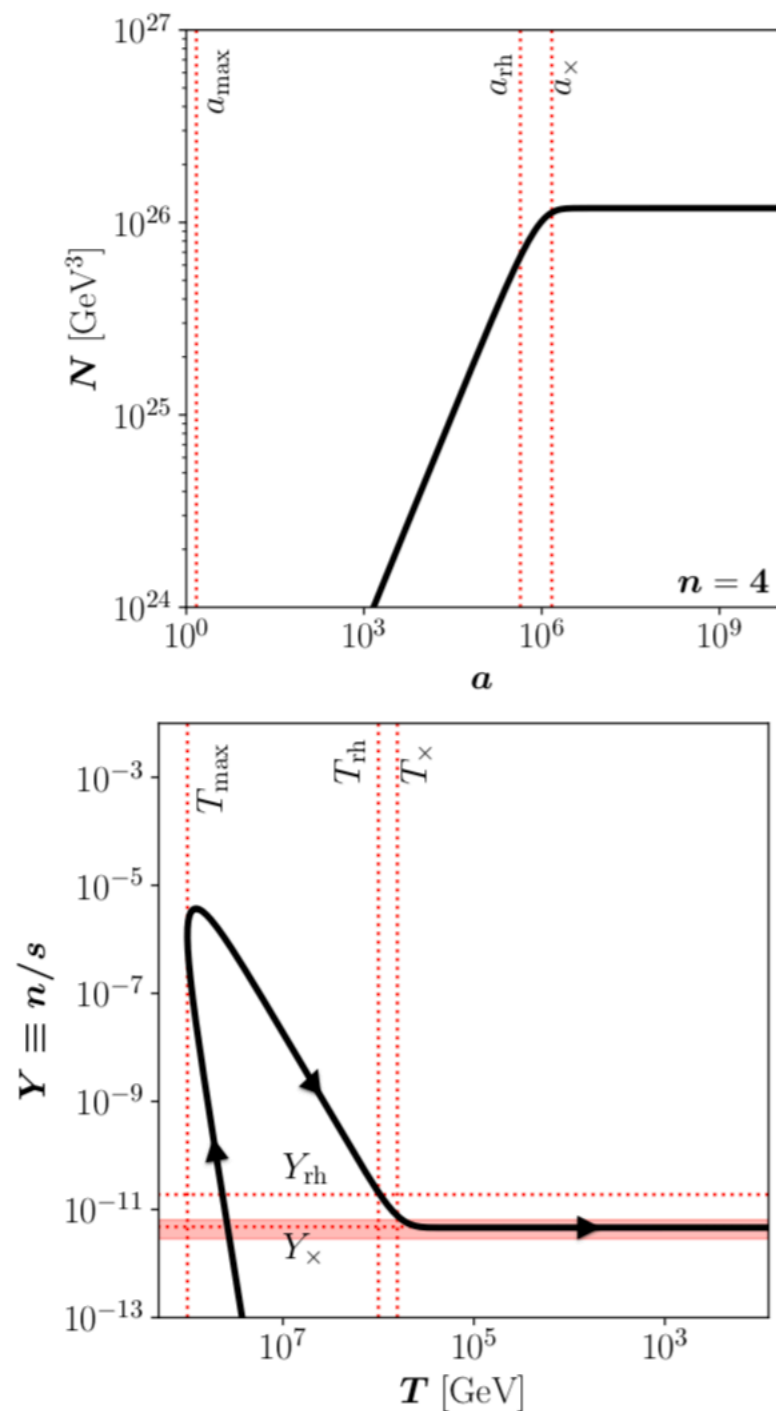
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Assuming universe **initially matter dominated** before reheating then **for $n > 6$** then DM abundance **enhanced** relative to sudden decay approx.

Garcia, Mambrini, Olive, Peloso, [1709.01549].



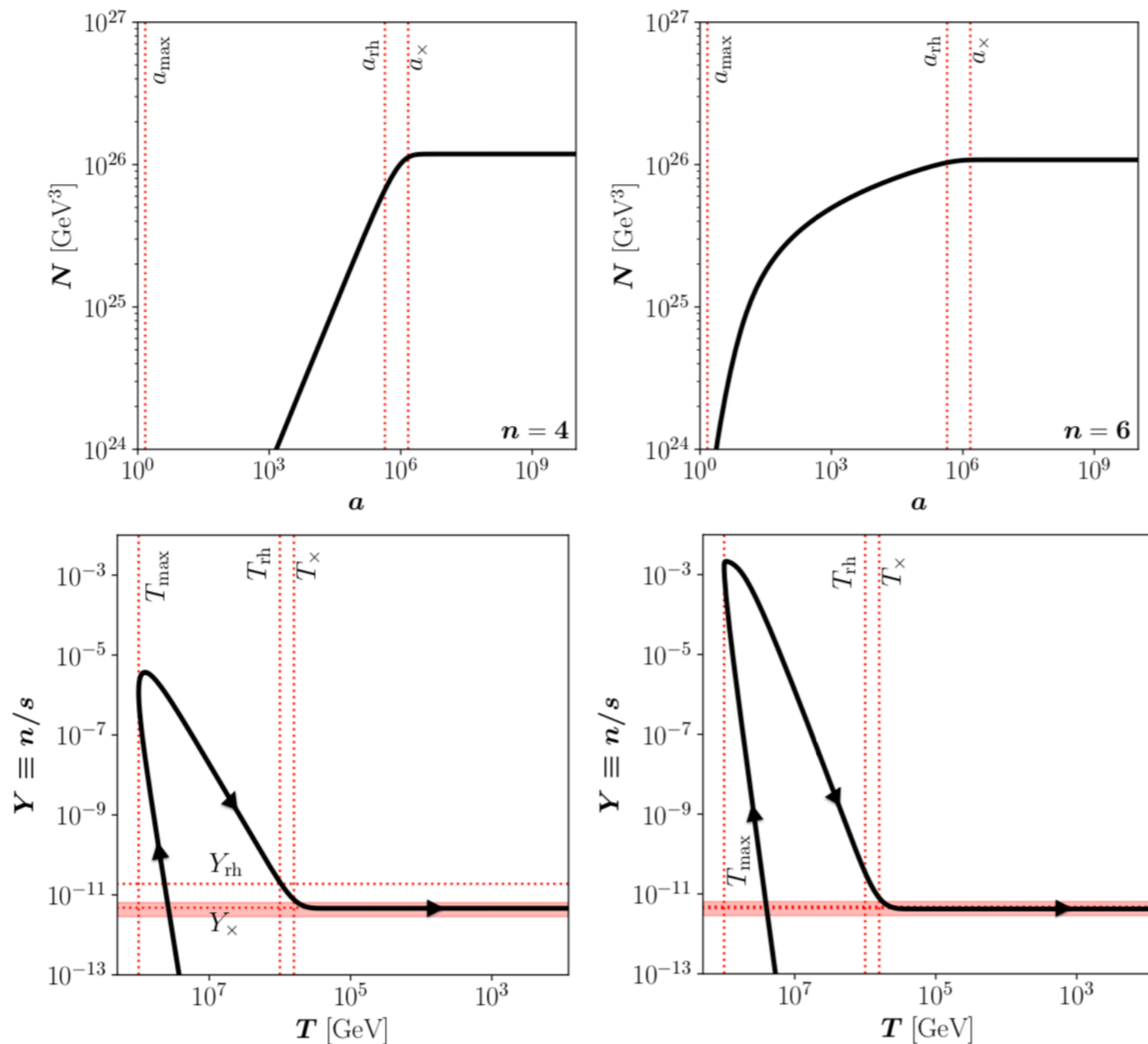
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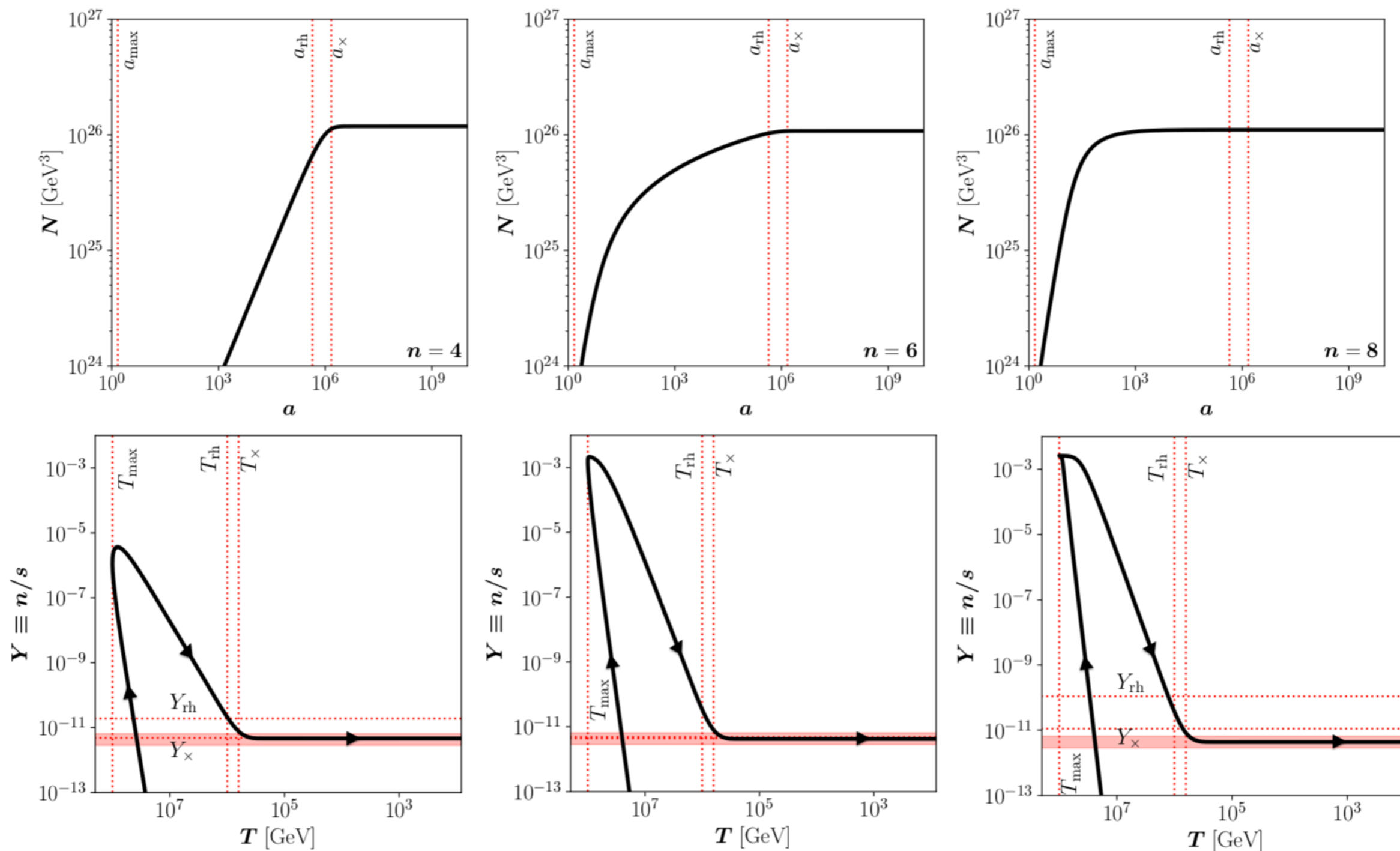


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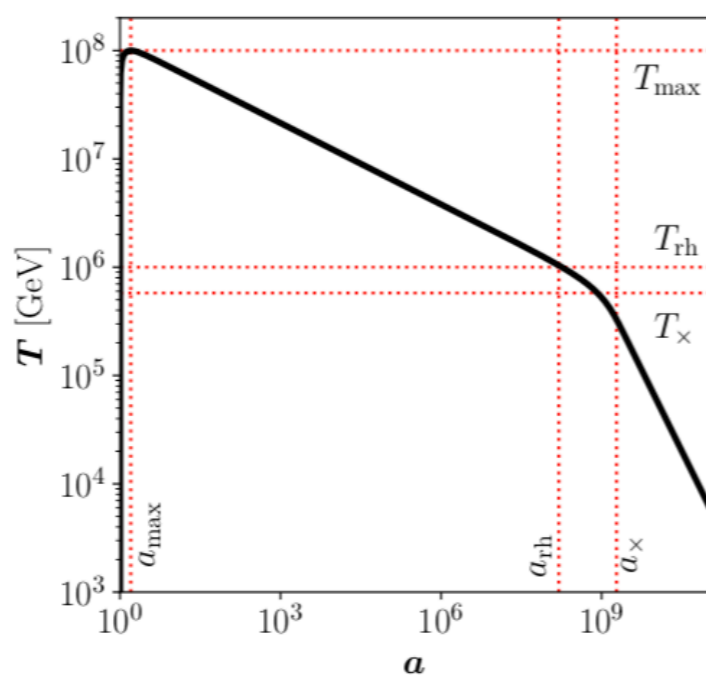
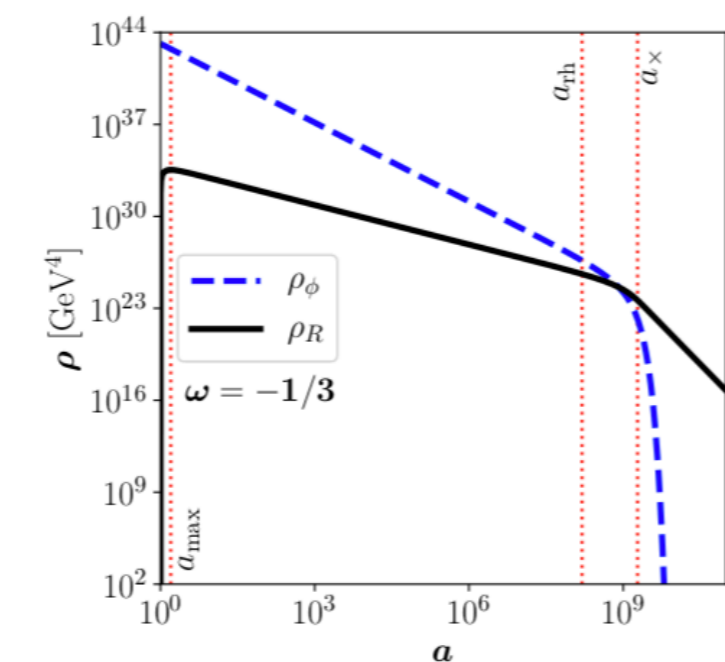
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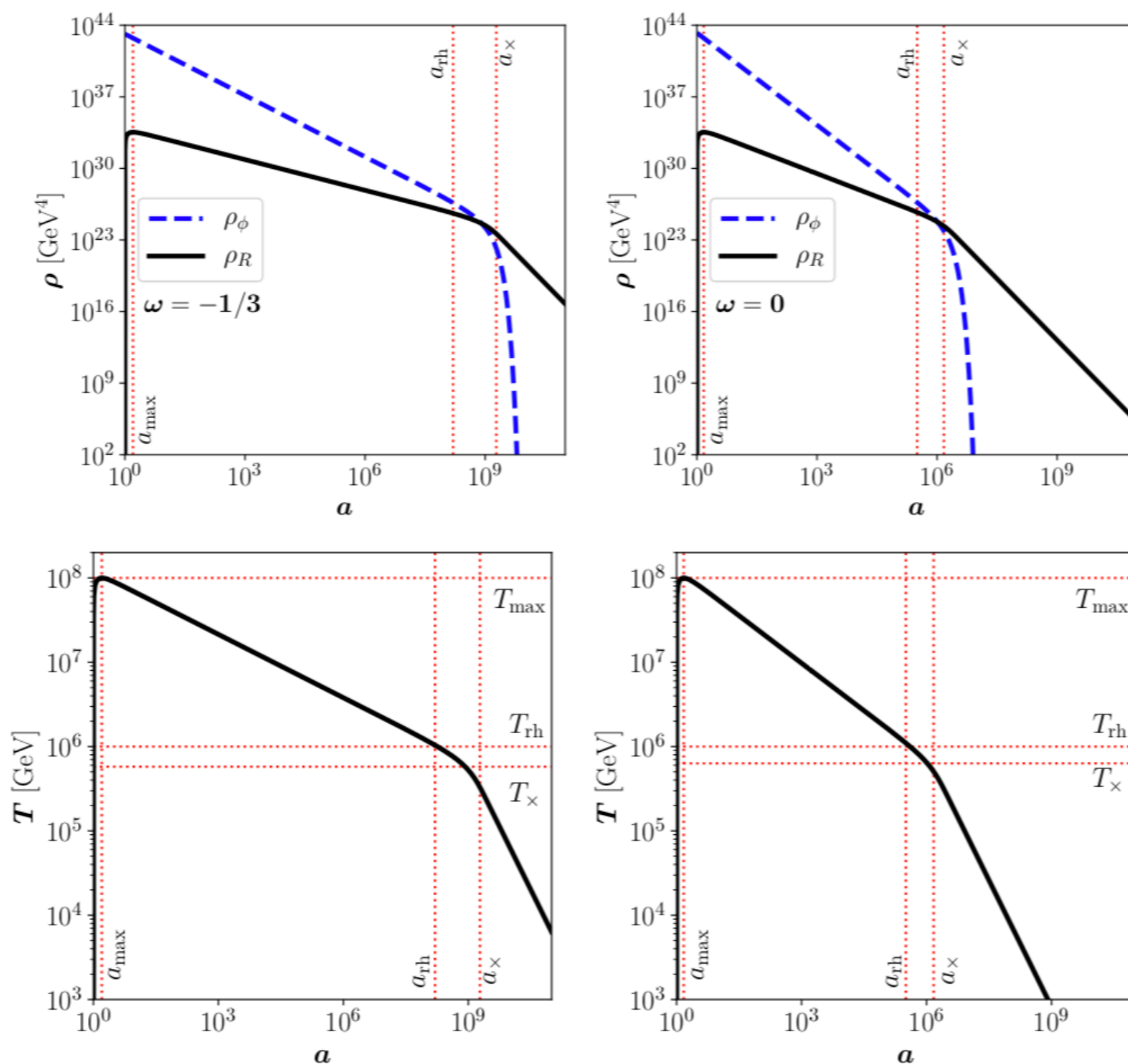
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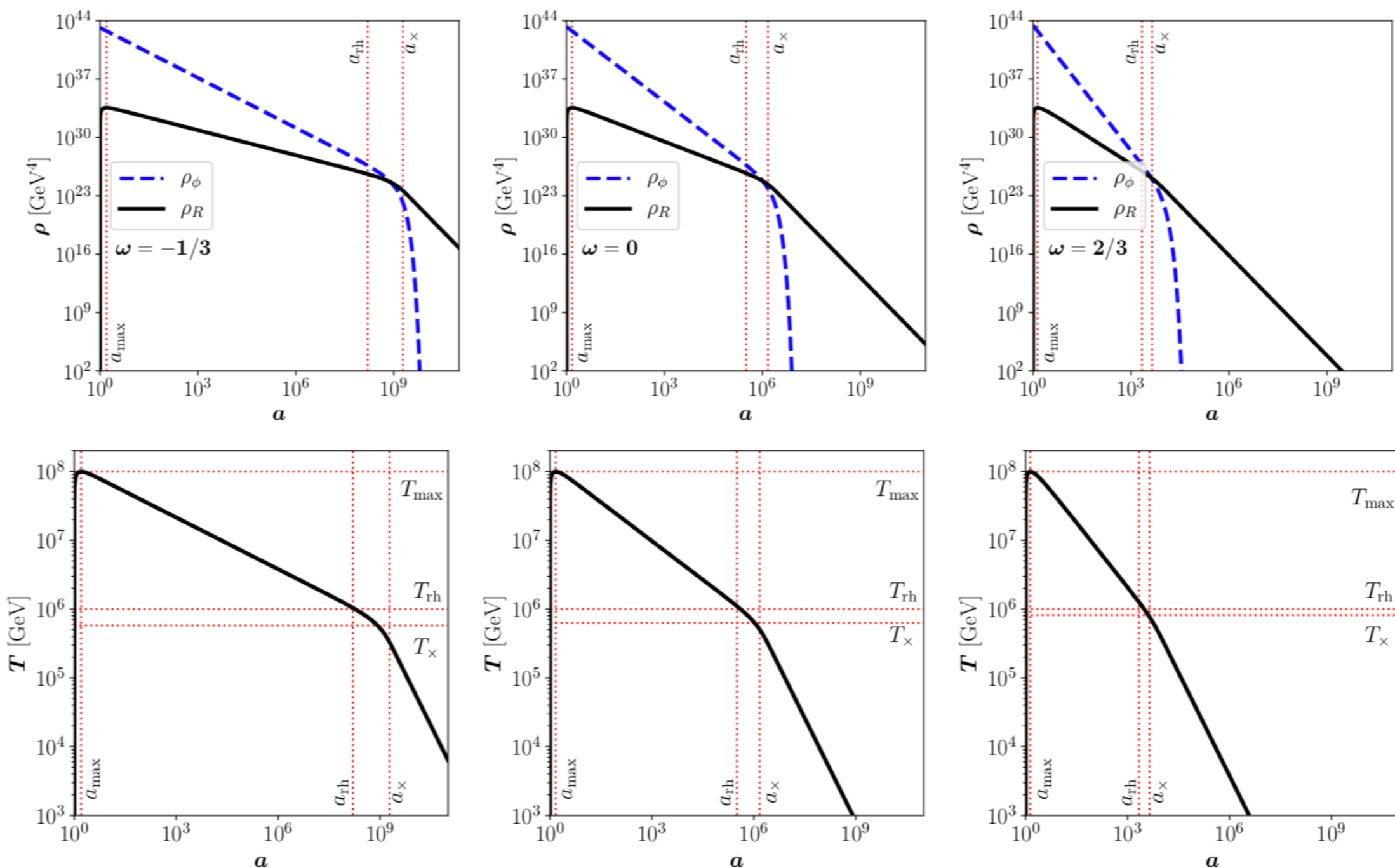
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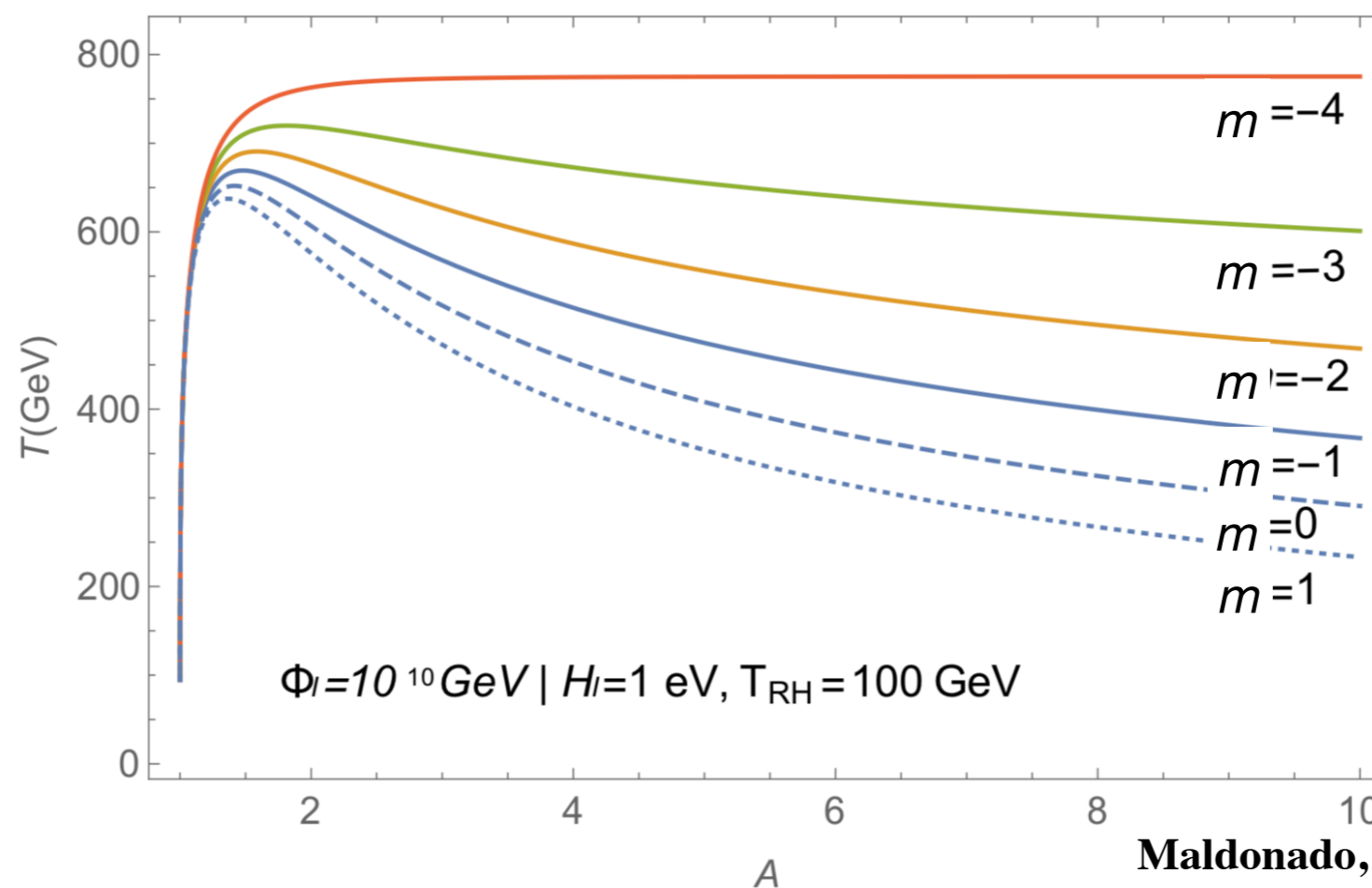


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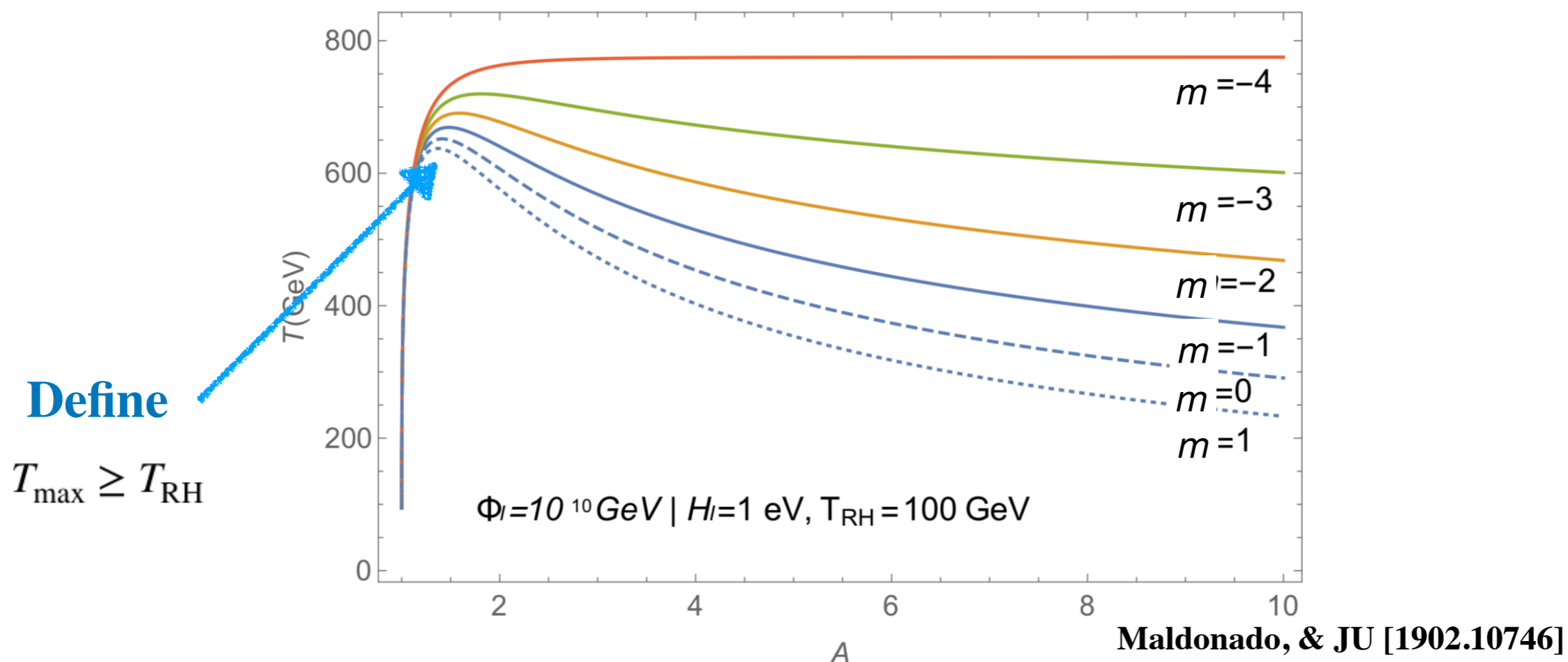


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And integrating to the ‘end’ of ϕ decays give the **relic abundance** ($n \neq n_c$)

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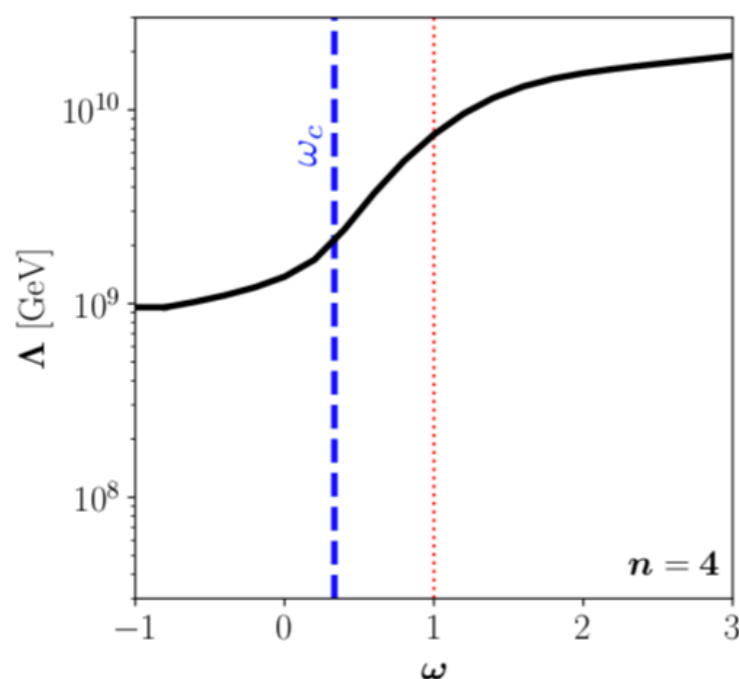


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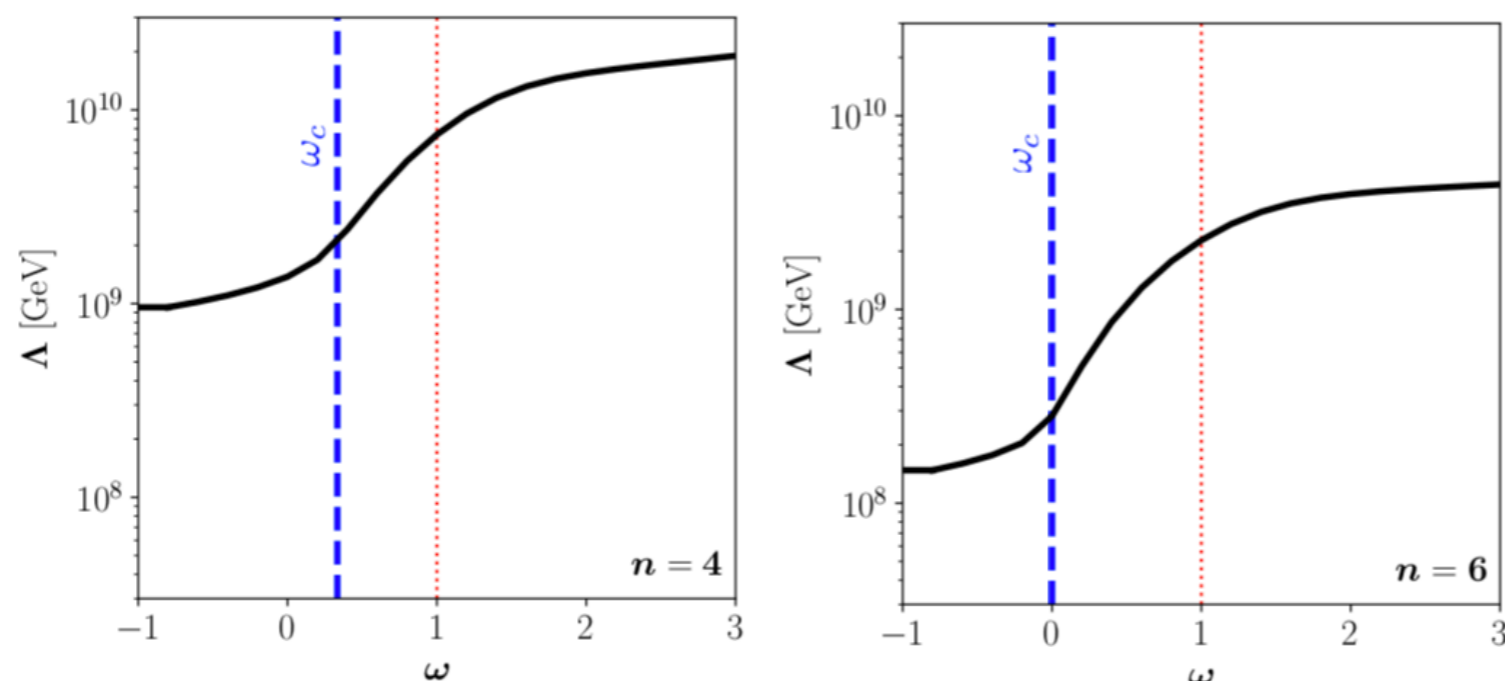
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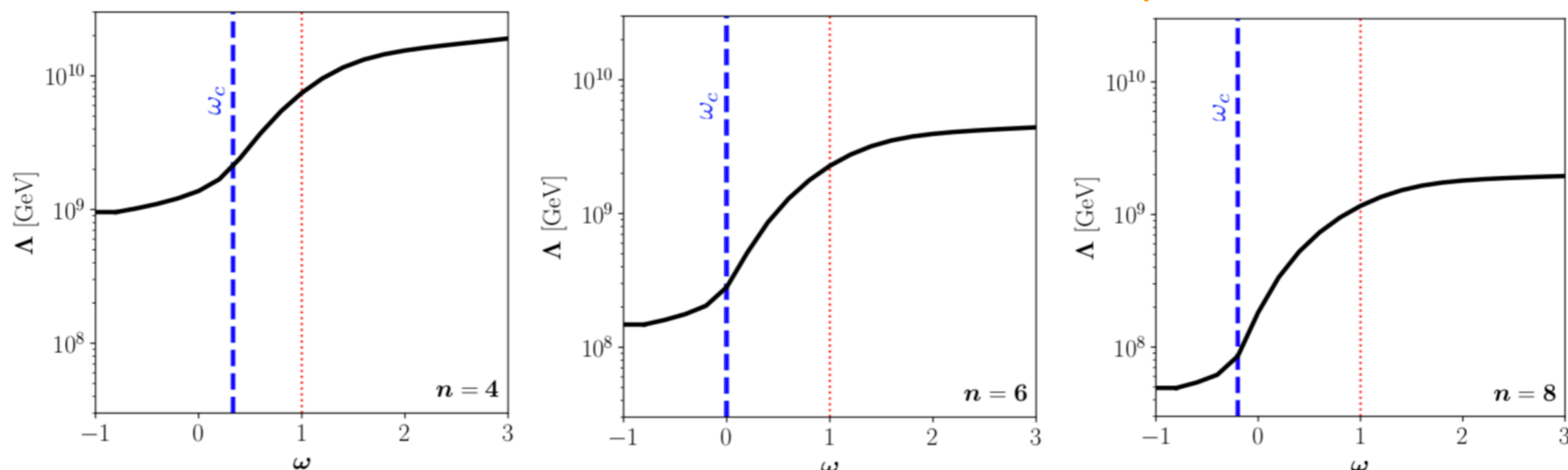
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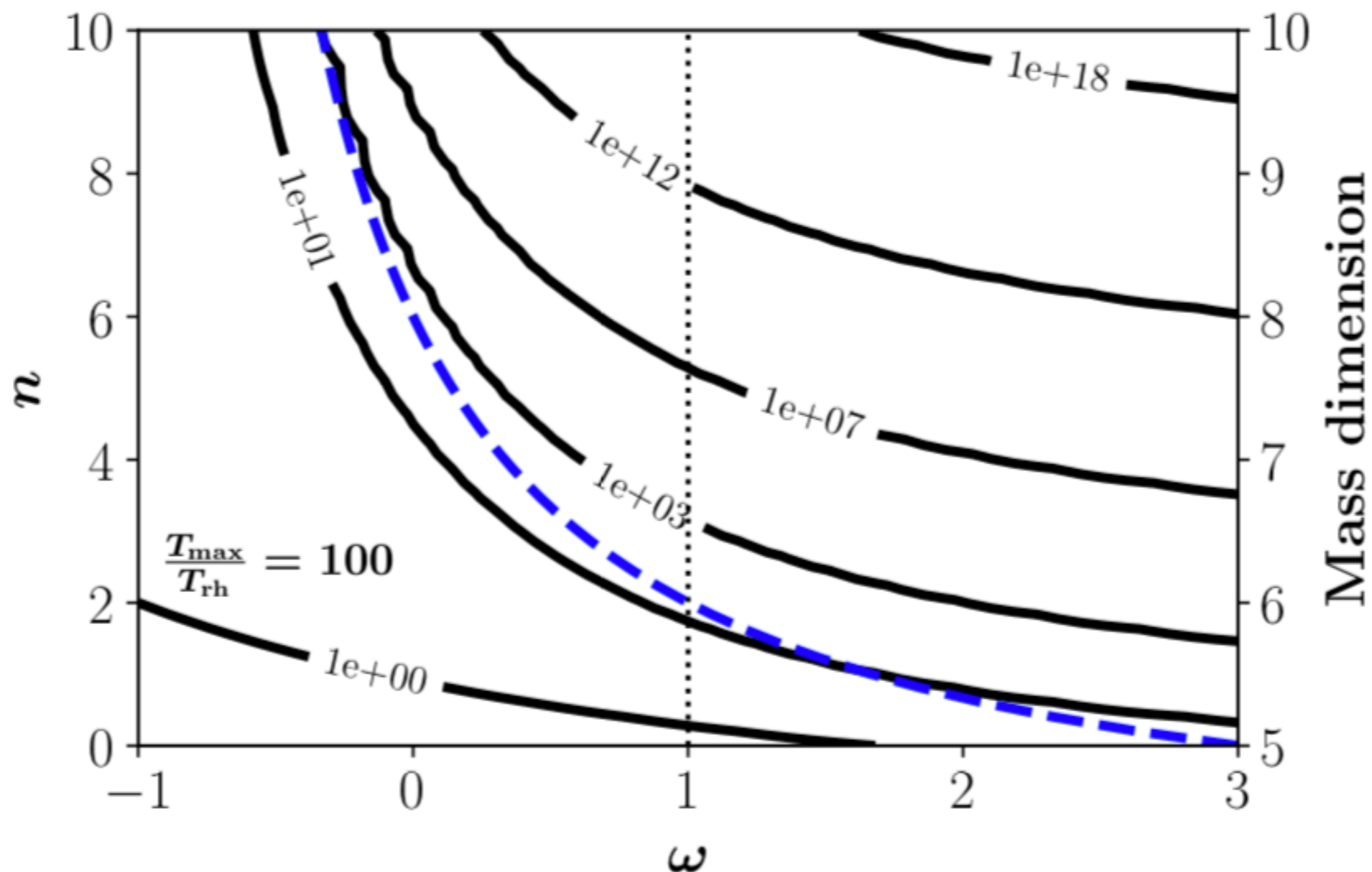
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Boosting to large abundance



Useful for motivated dark matter candidates which are **underproduced**.
 For example gravitino dark matter in high scale supersymmetry scenarios.

Bernal, Elahi, Maldonado, & JU [1909.07992]



Conclusion

- **Cosmological events** and can drastically alter expectations for DM.
- Dilution permit correct relic density for **heavier DM** or **smaller couplings**.
- This can **revive the Higgs portal** (and other excluded classic models).
- Conversely, **underproduced DM** can be enhanced via reheating effects.
- Non standard cosmology occurs in many **motivated BSM scenarios**.

Thank you.

