

# Freezing-in Cannibal Dark Sectors

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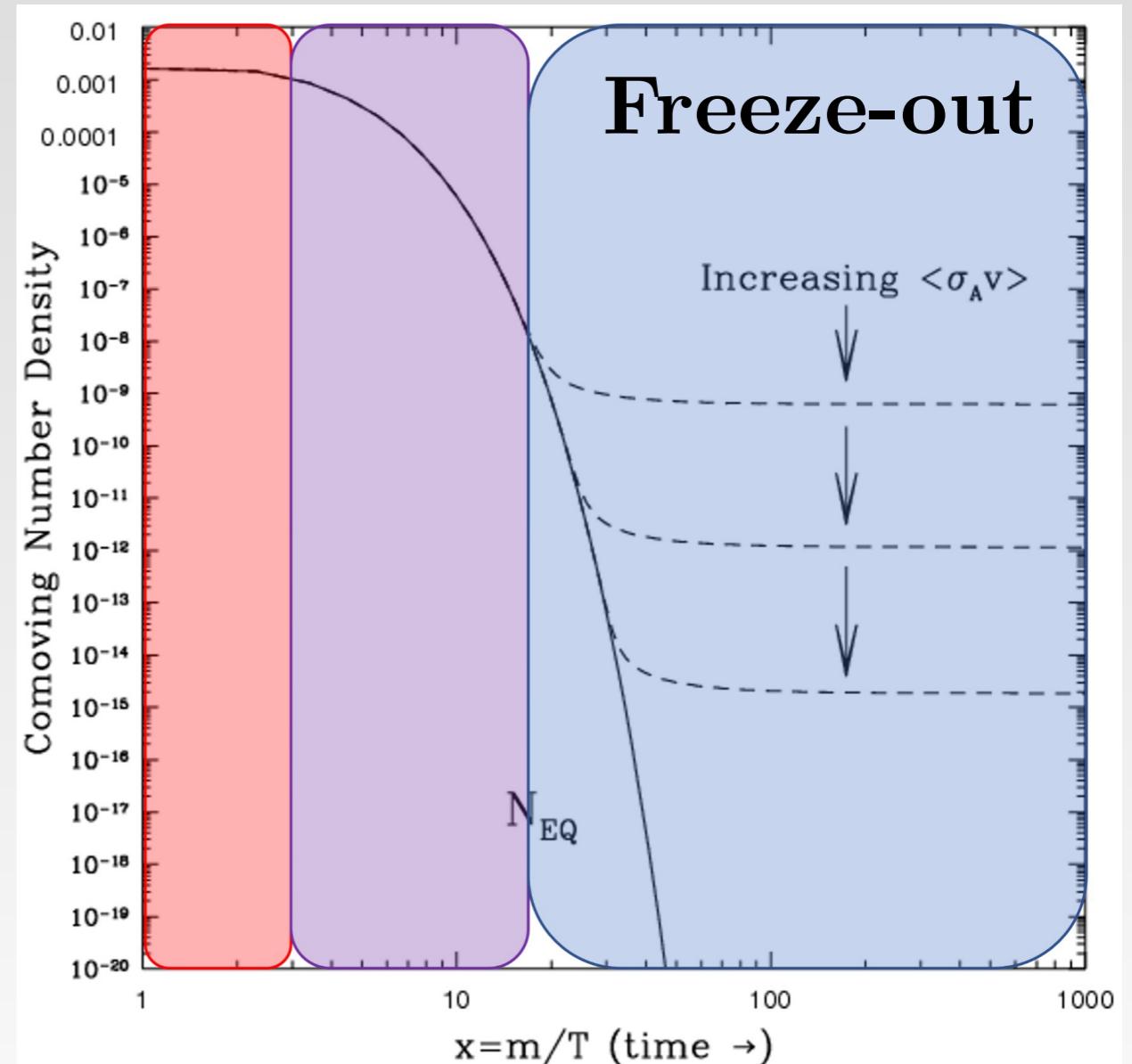
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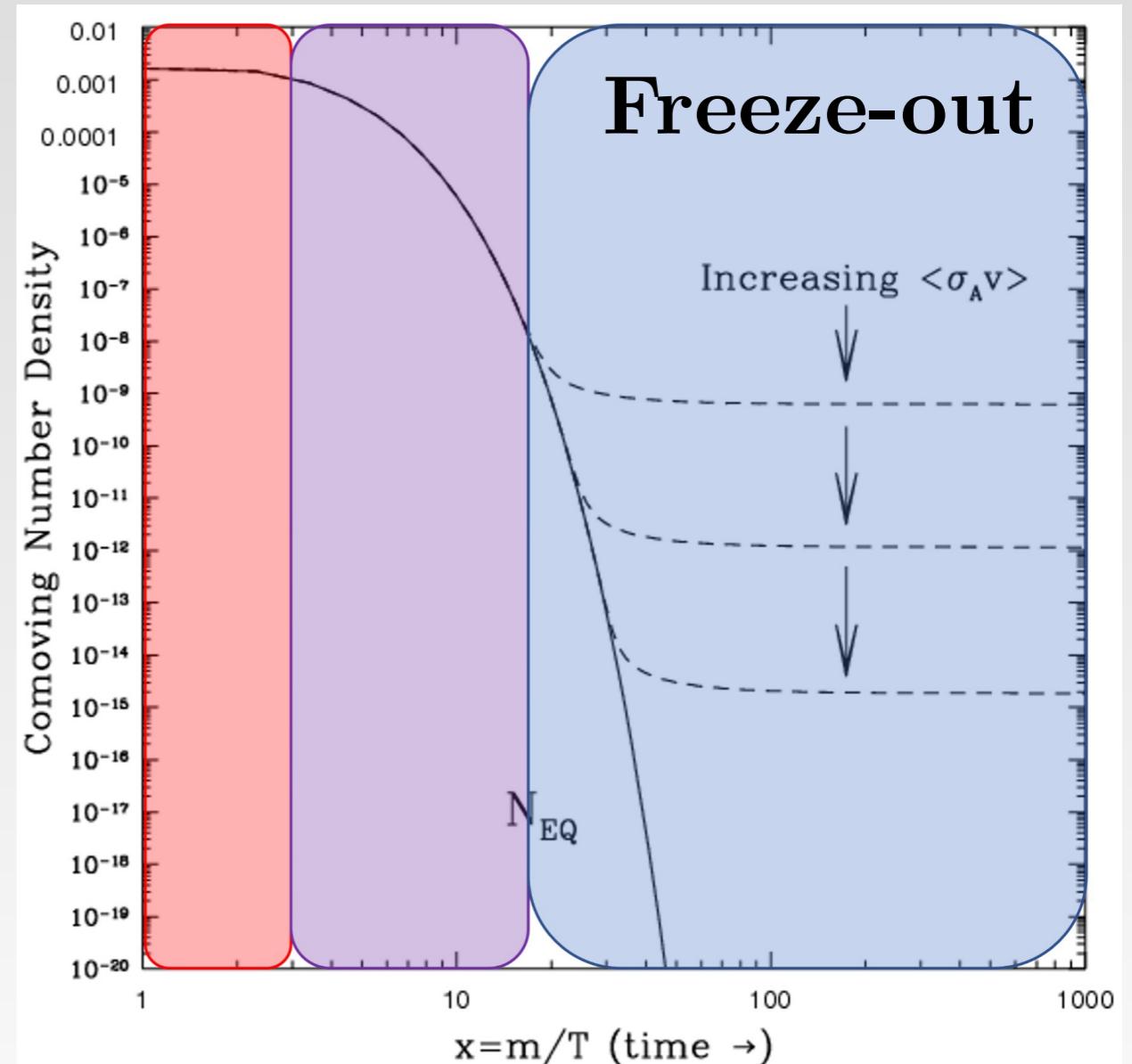
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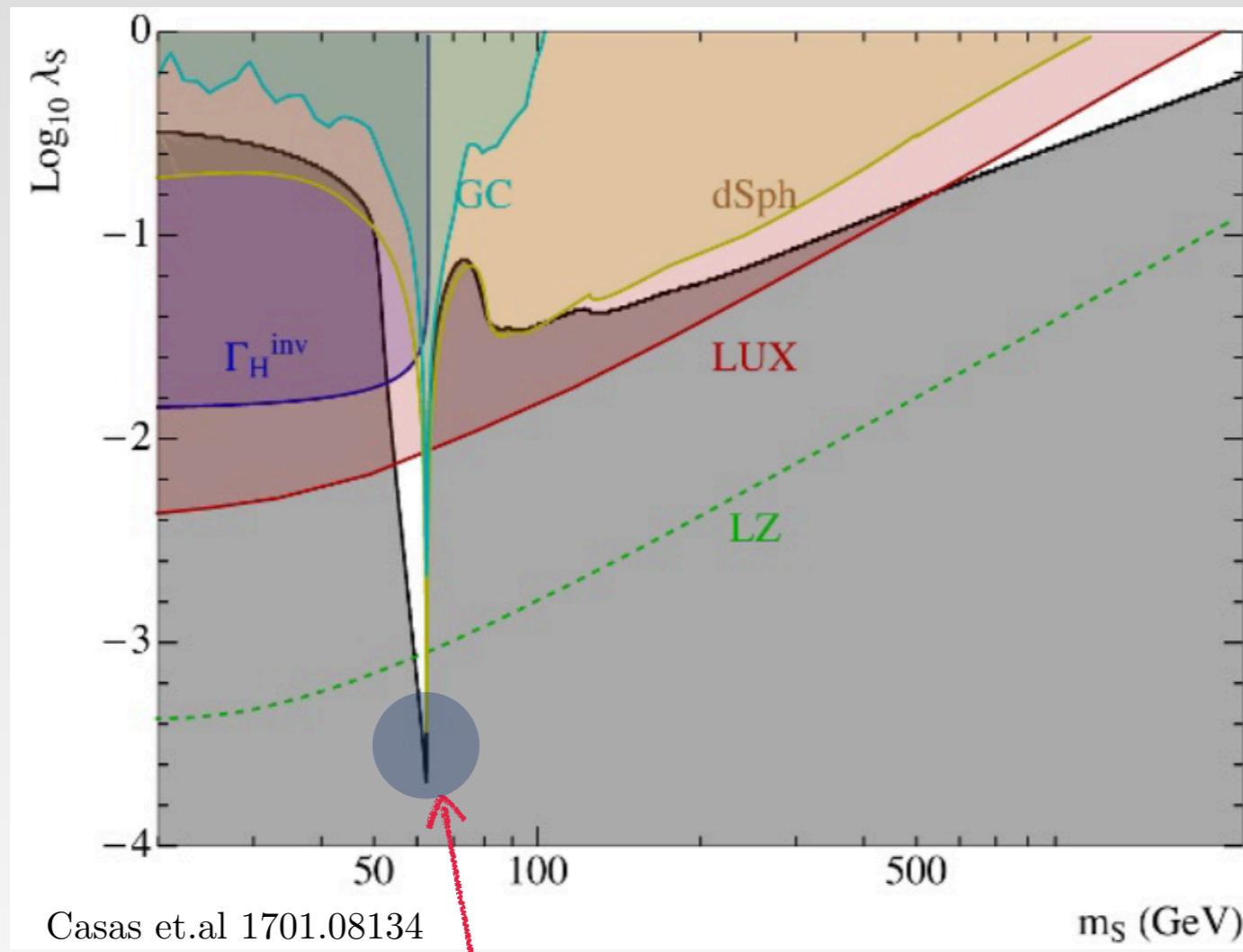


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Implicit assumptions:  $f_i = (e^{-(E_i - \mu_i)/T_i} \pm 1)^{-1}$  and  $T_i = T_{SM}$  (kinetic eq.)

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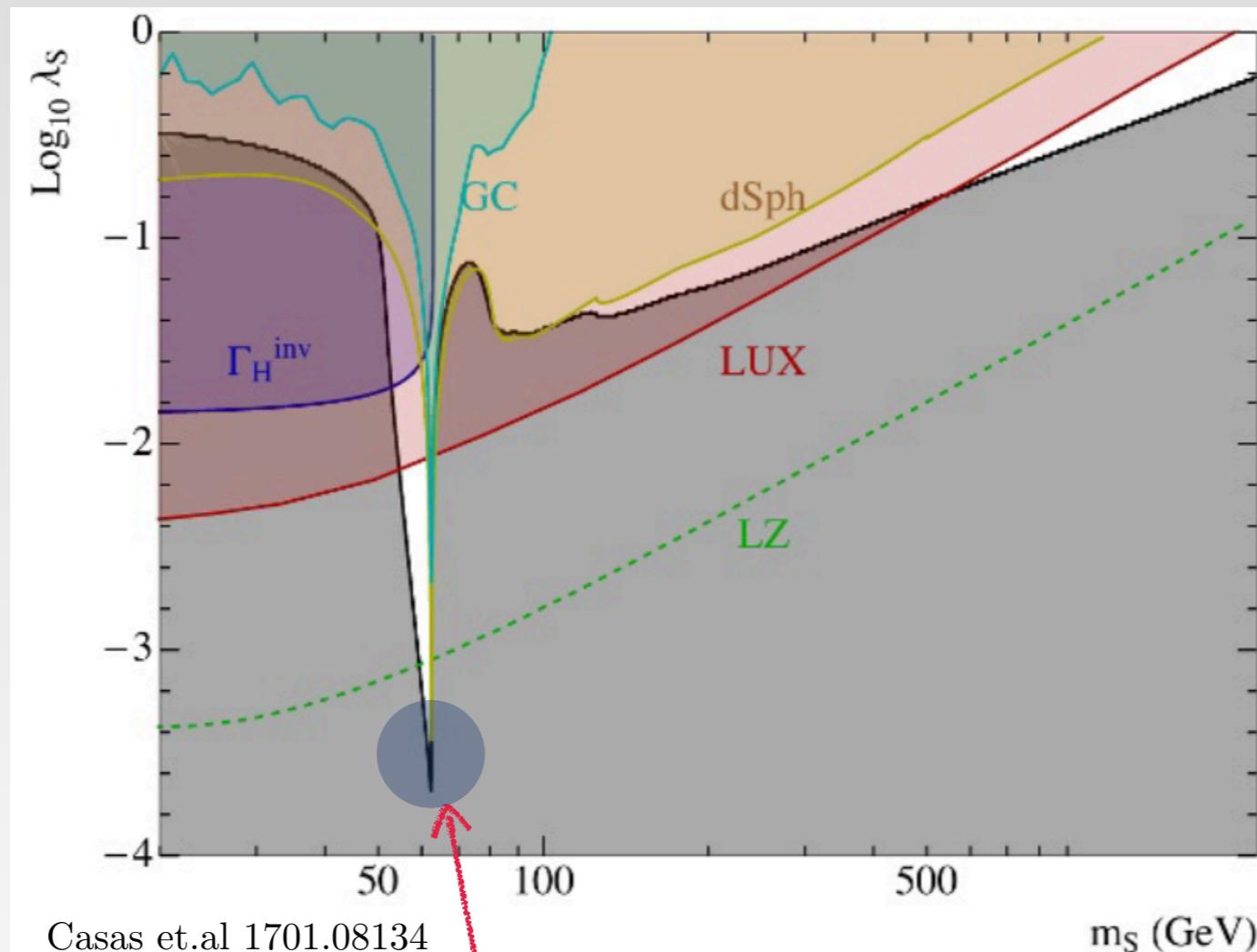
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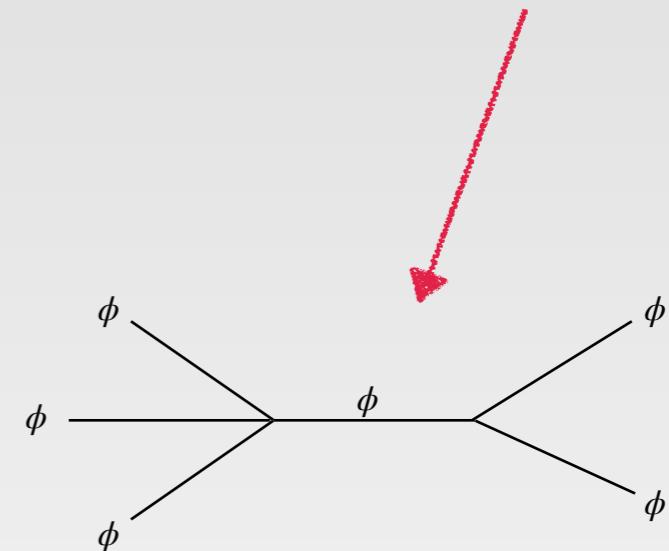
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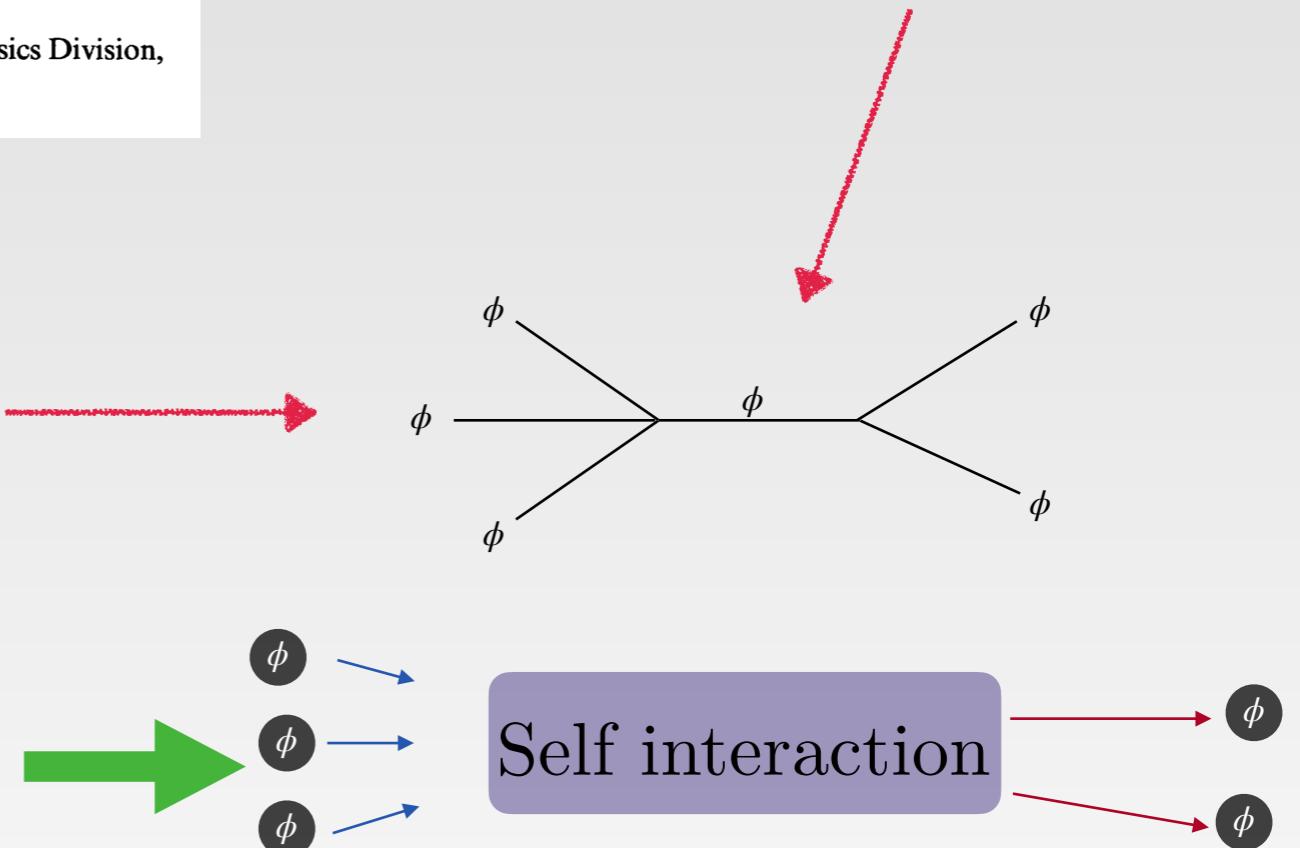
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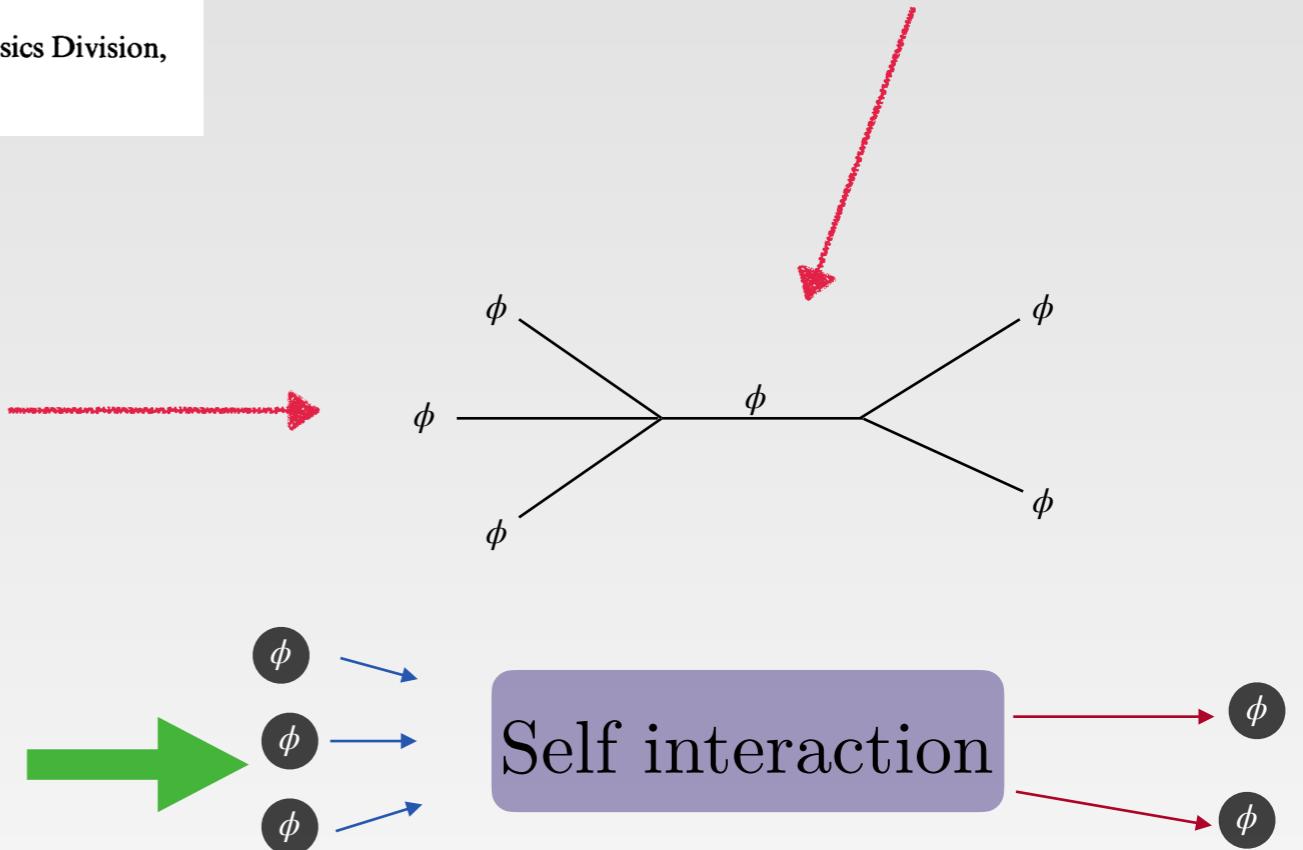
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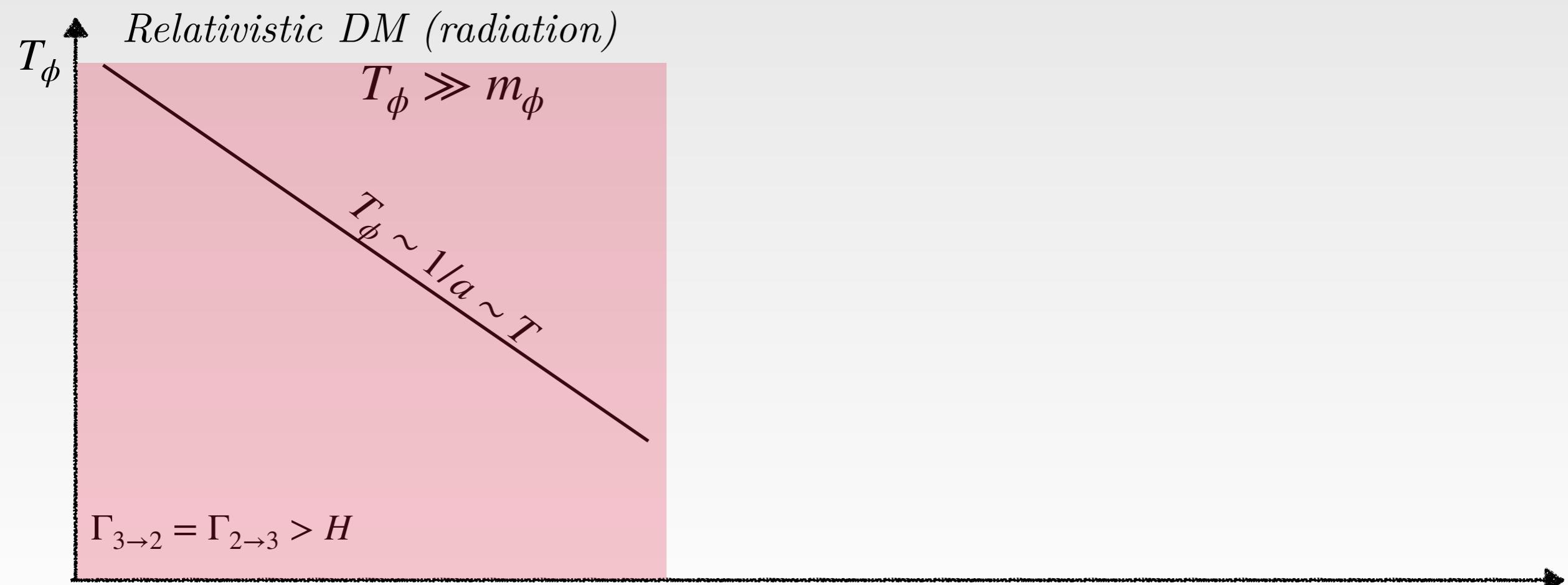
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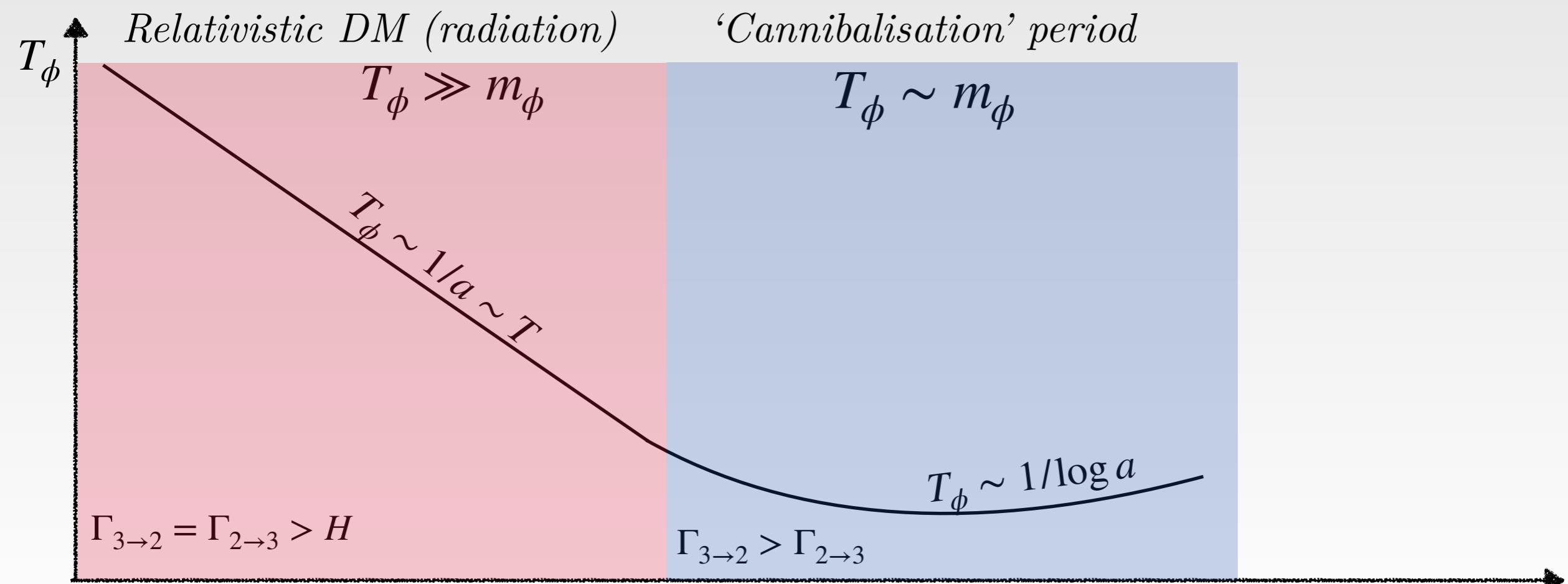


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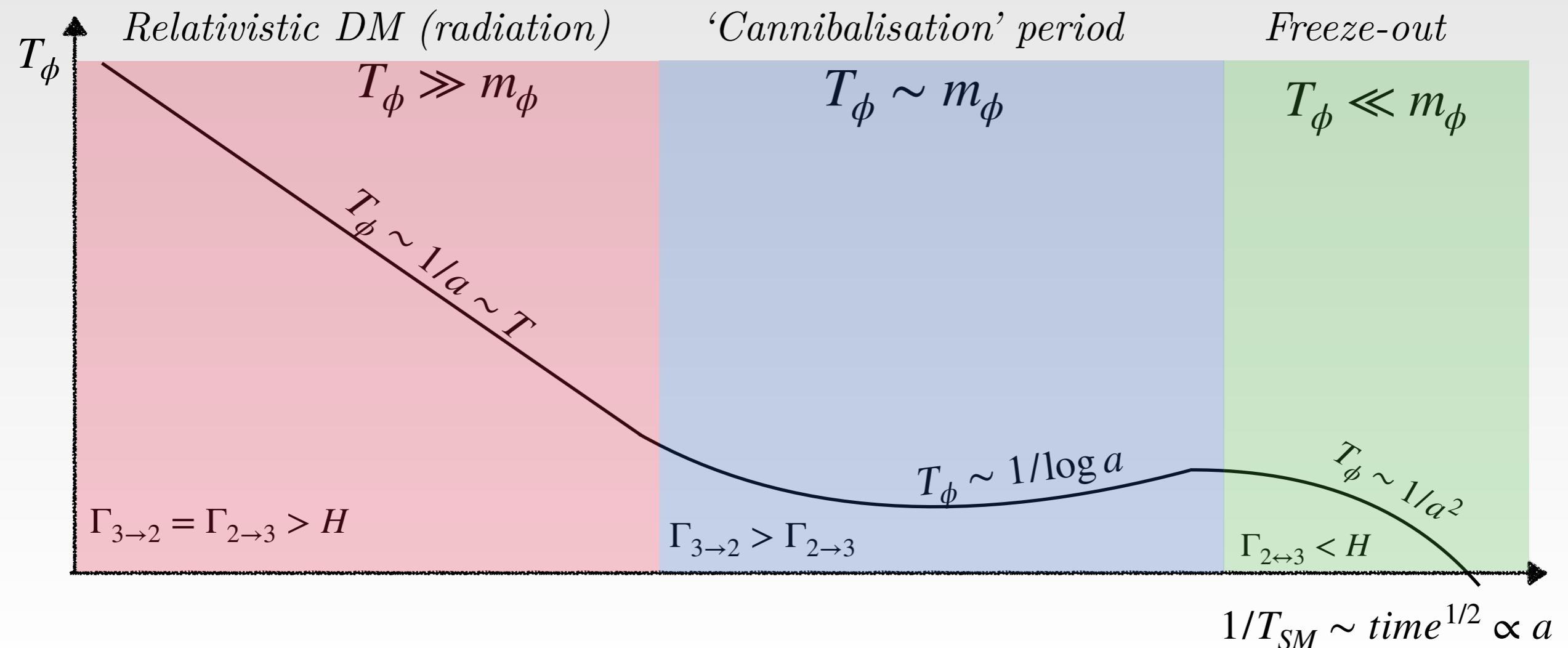
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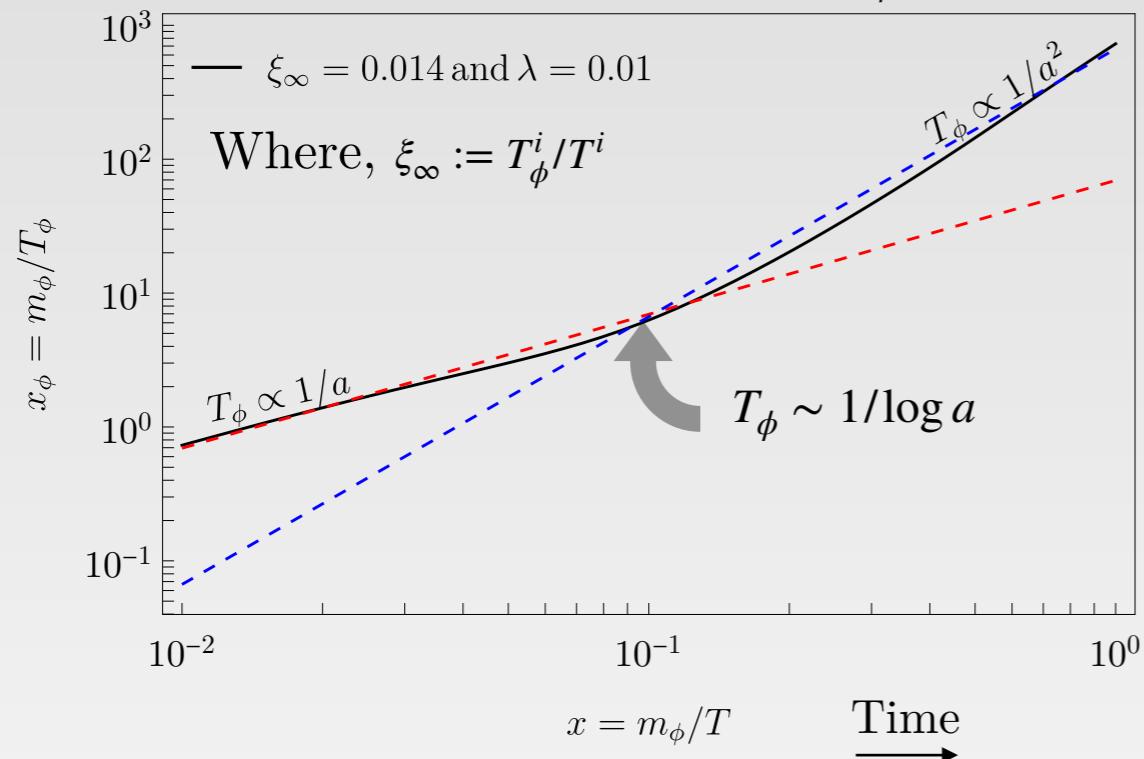
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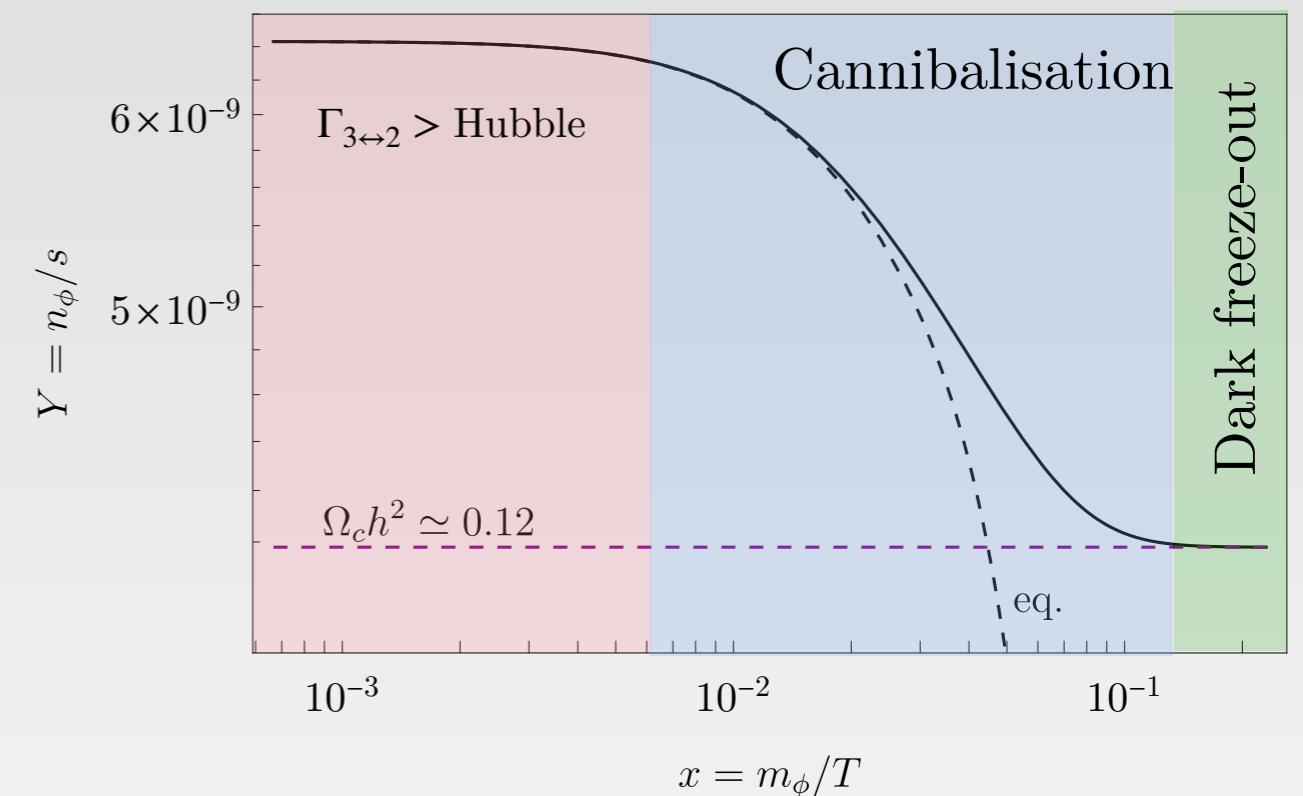
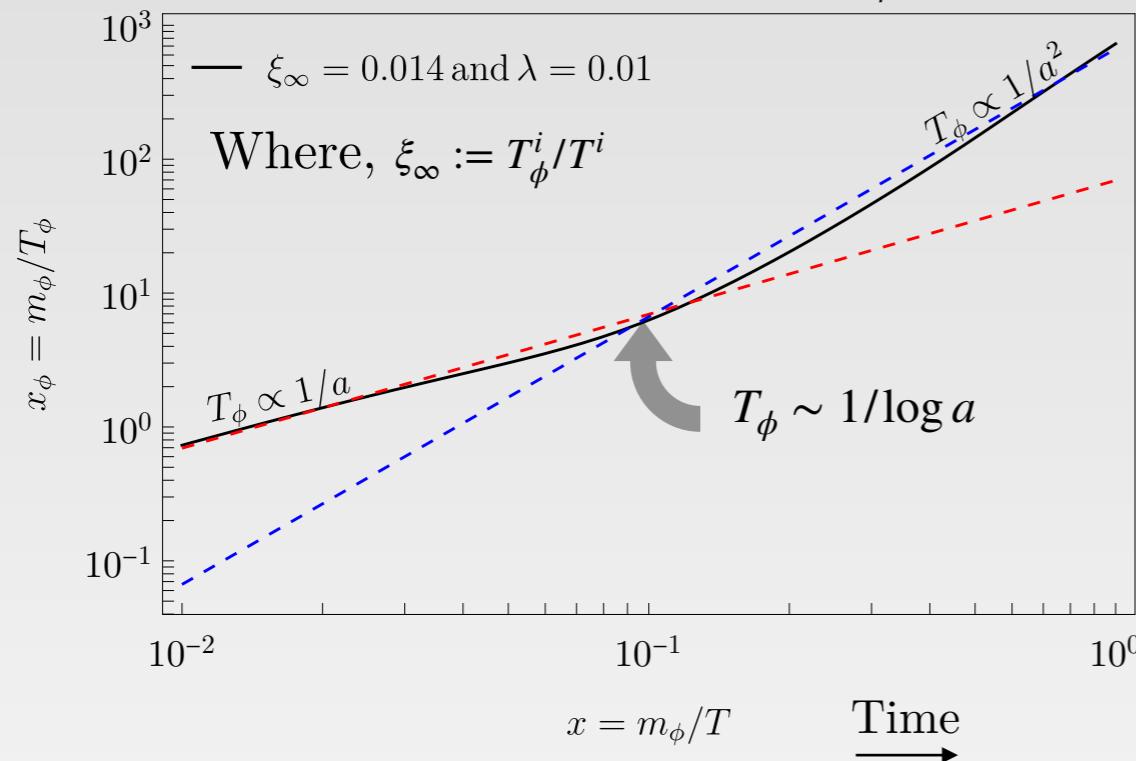
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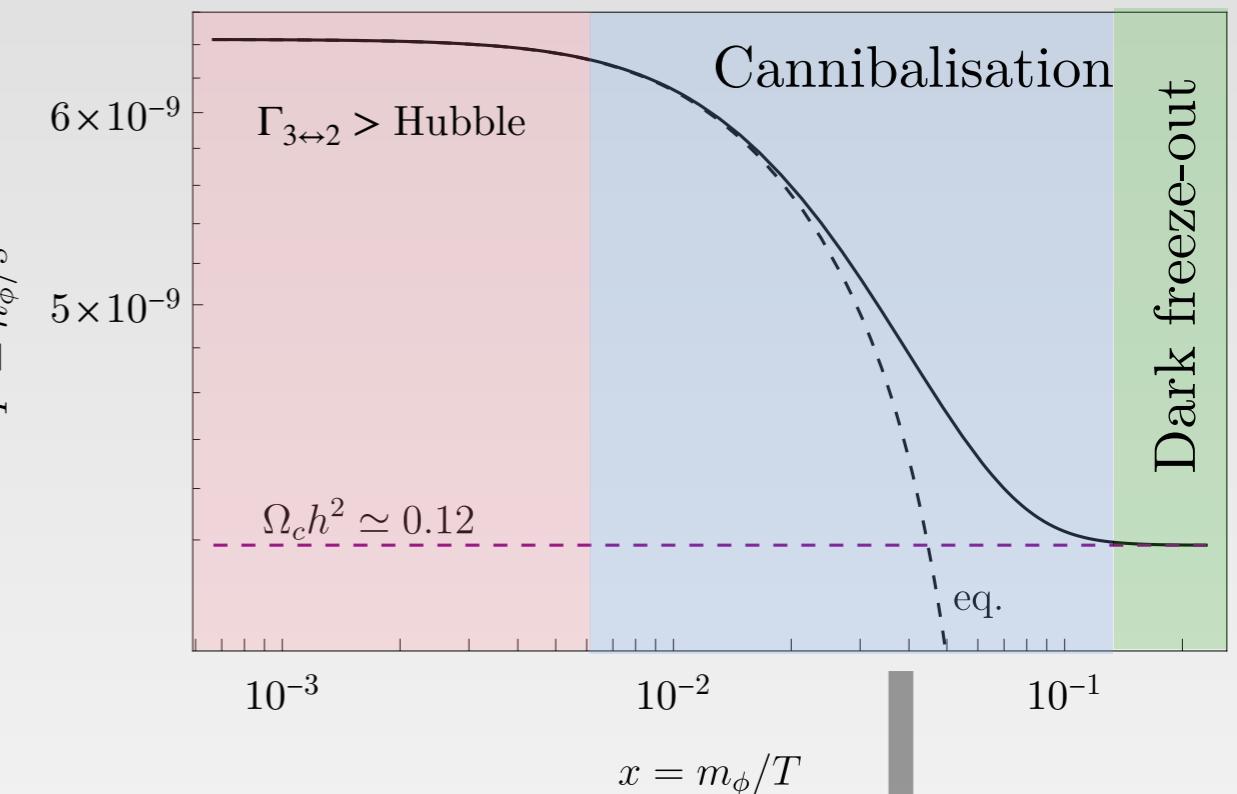
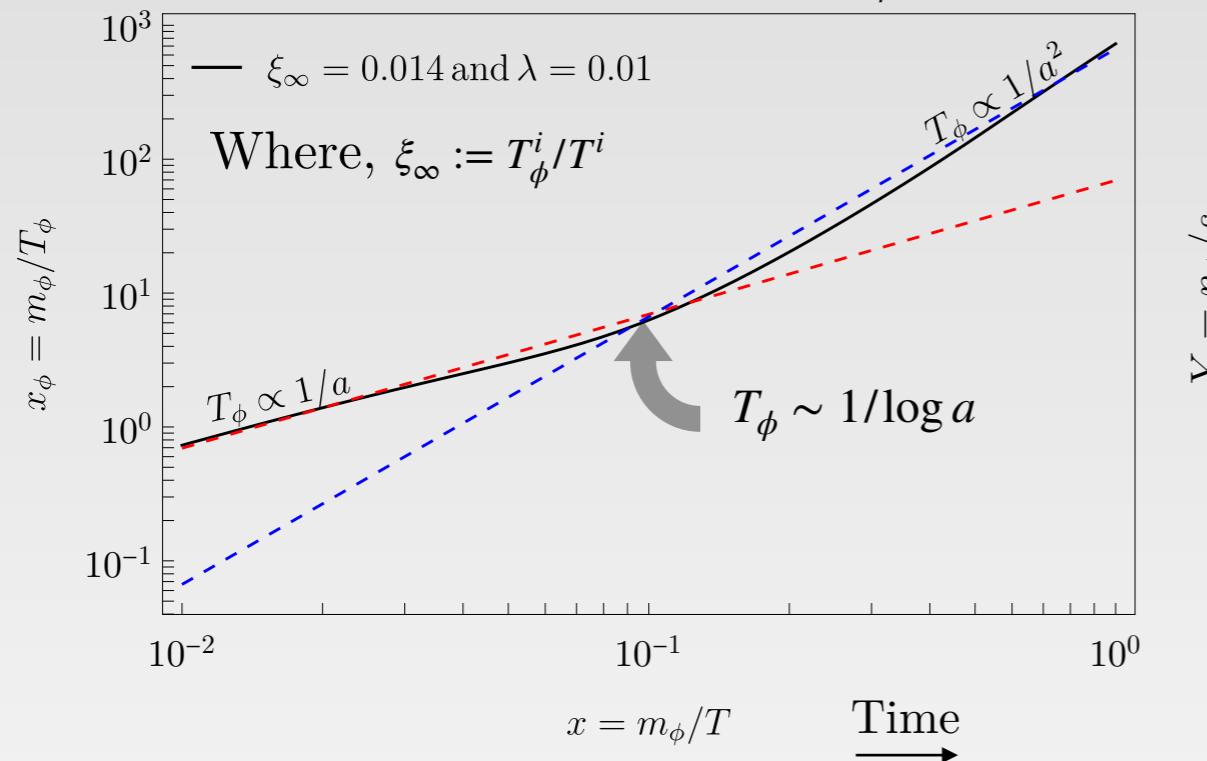
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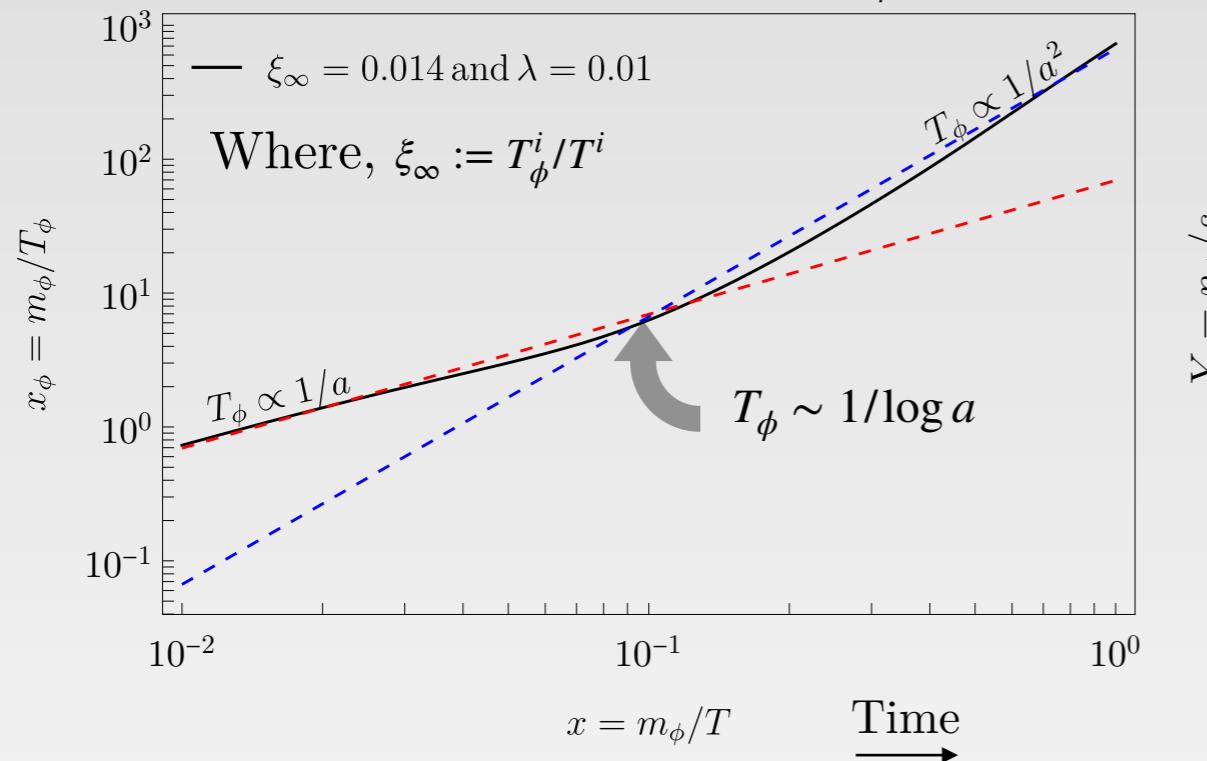


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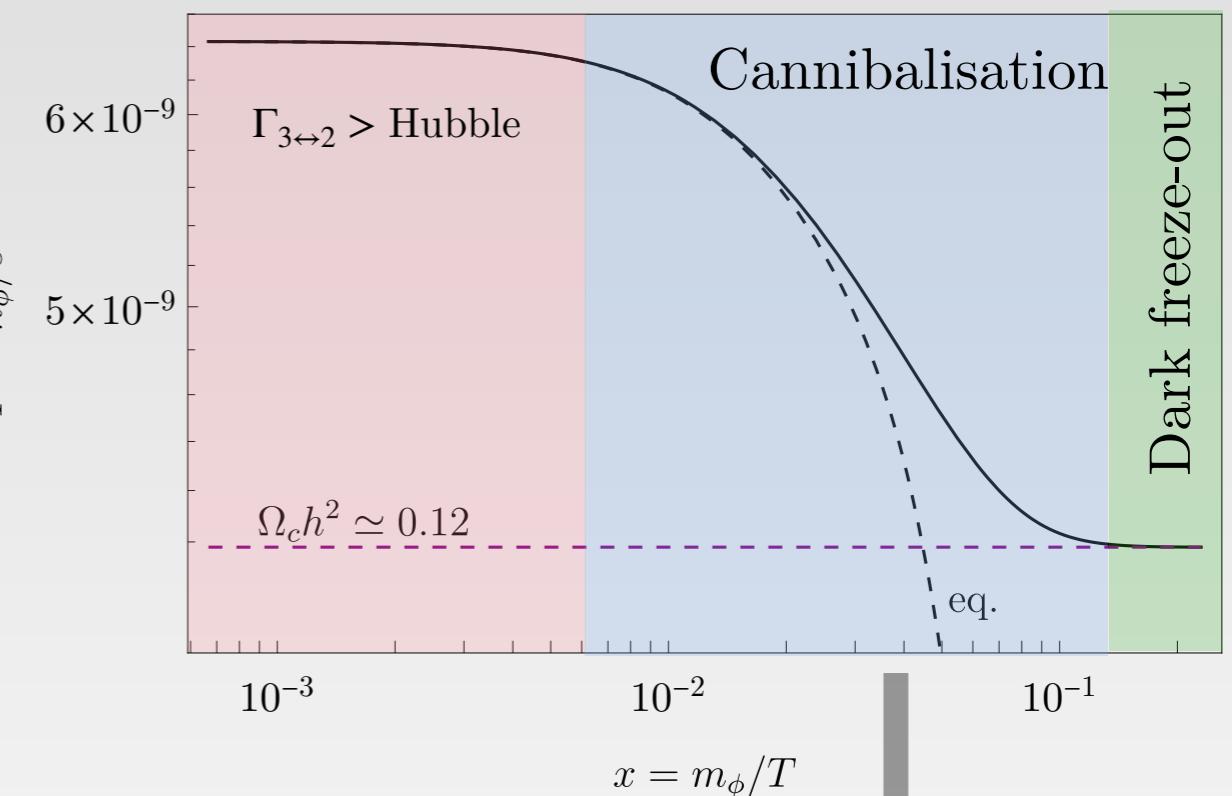
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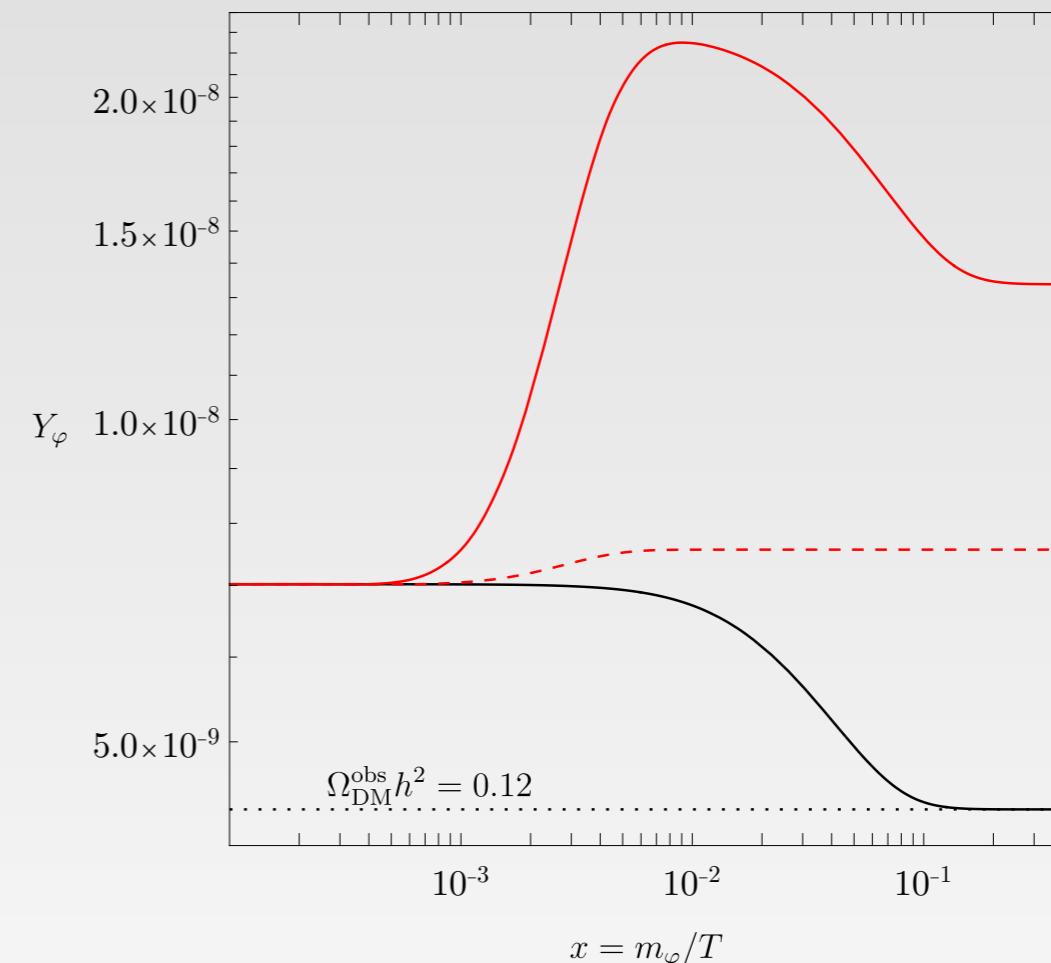
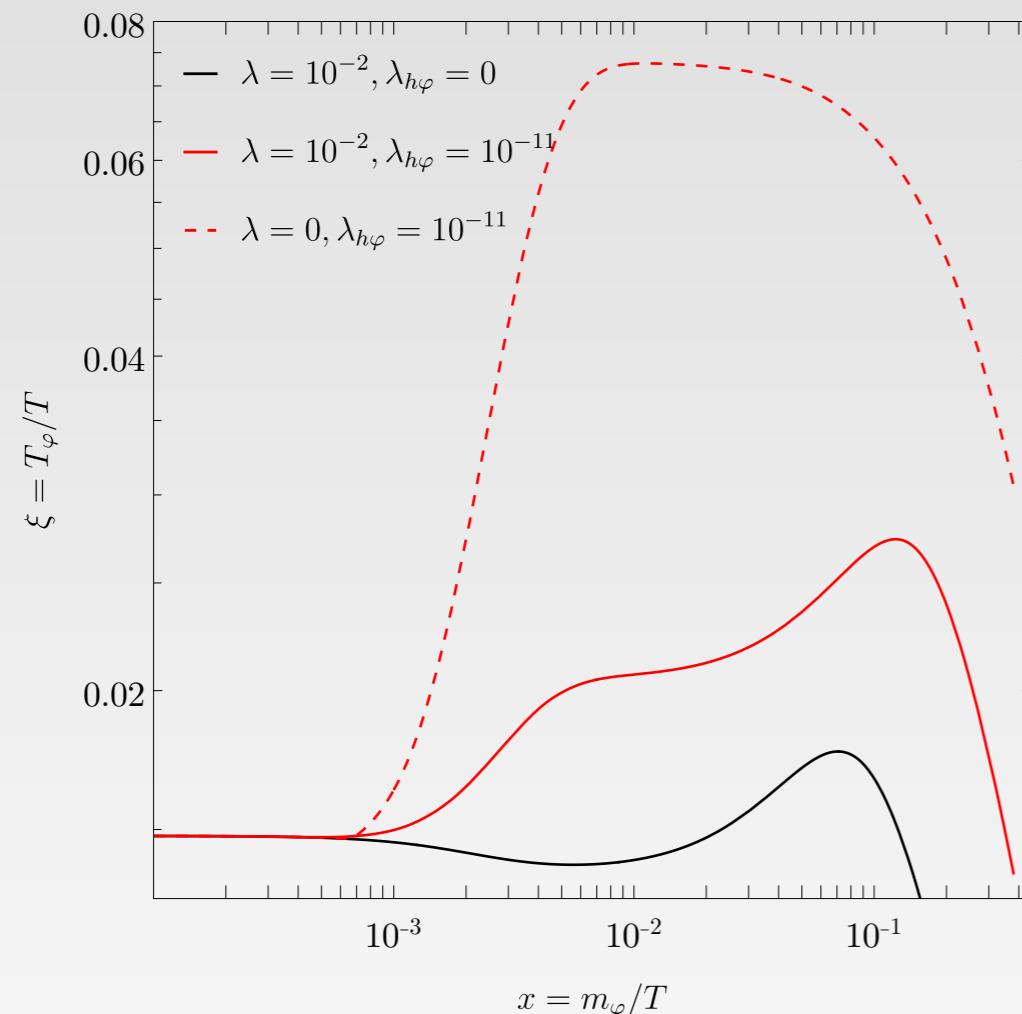
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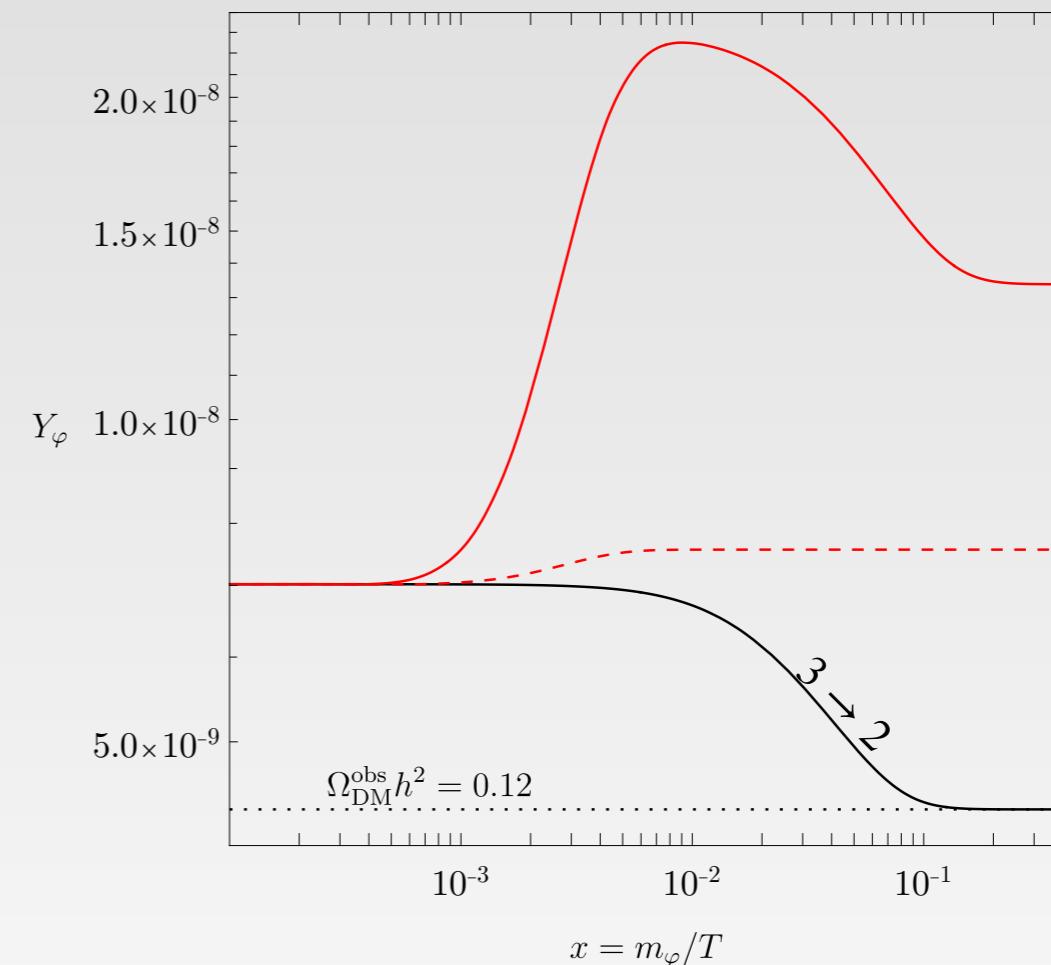
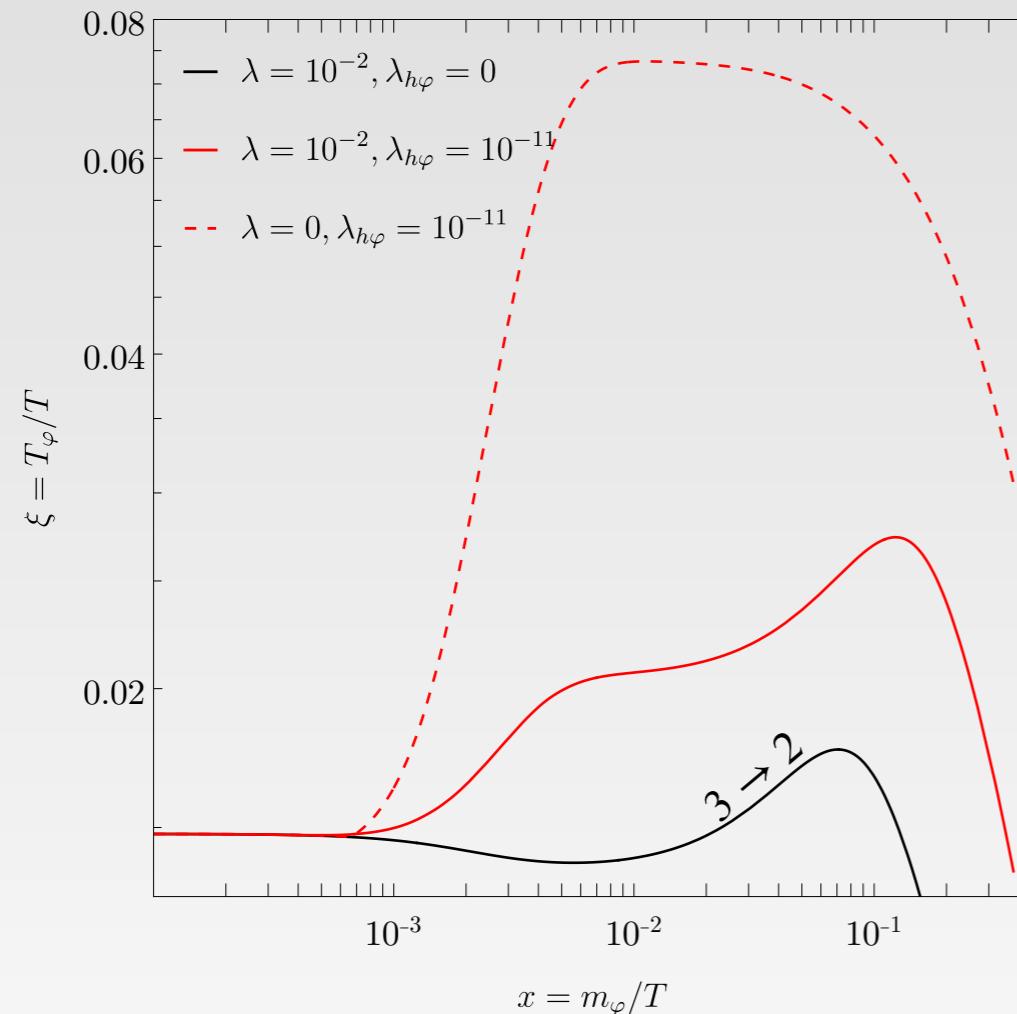
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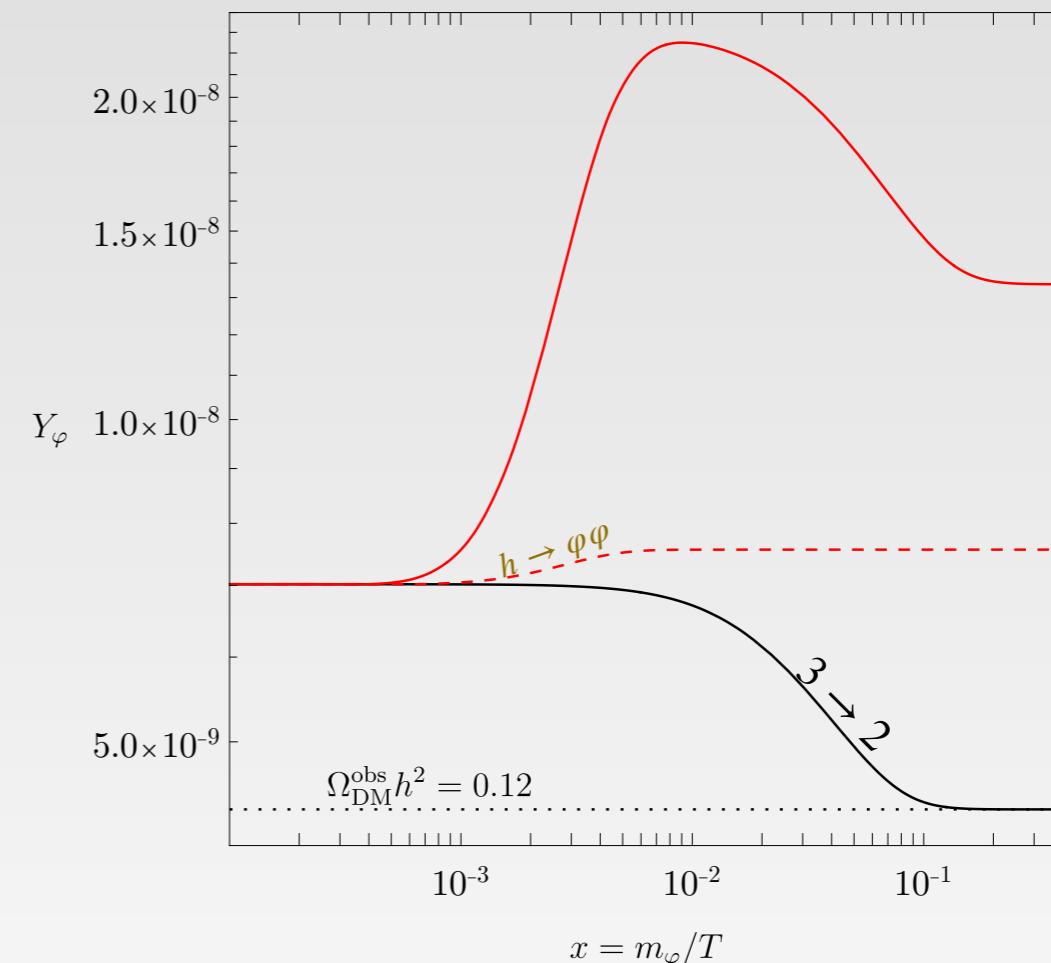
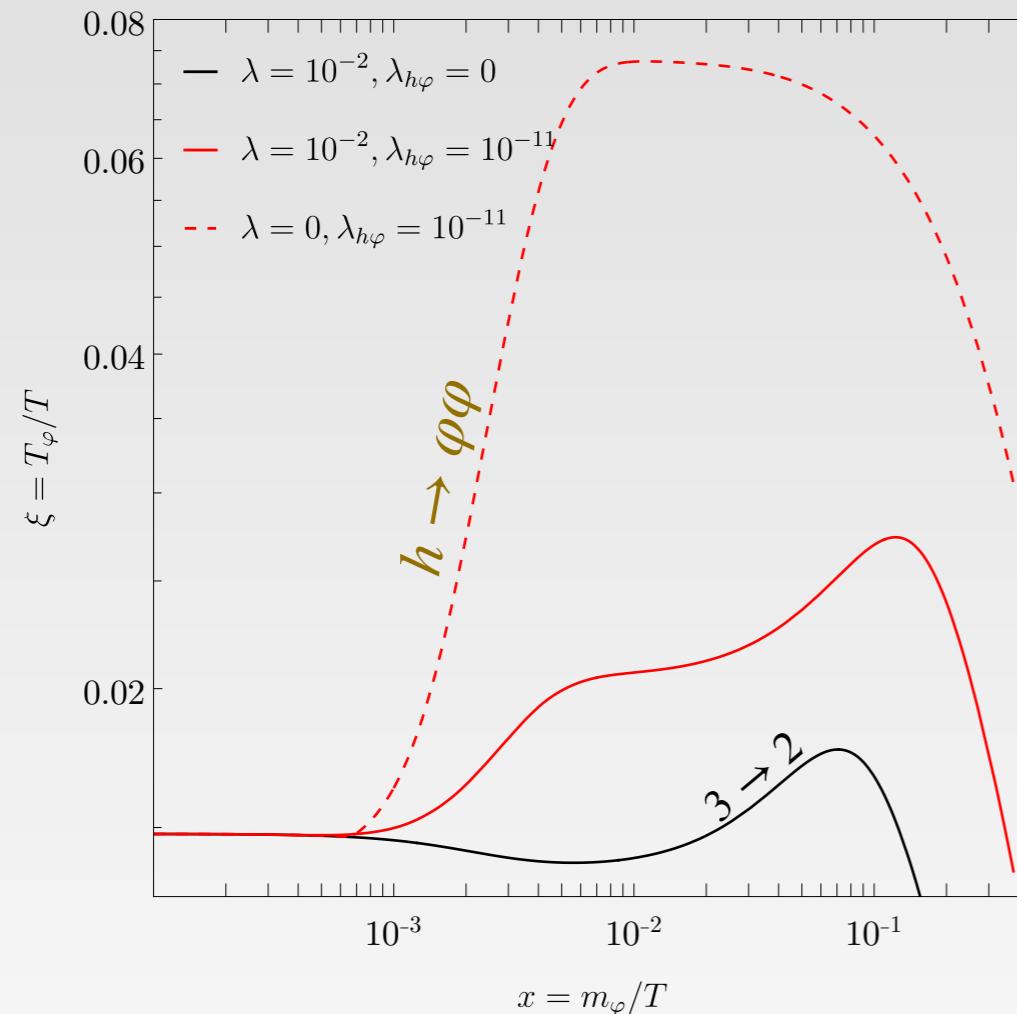
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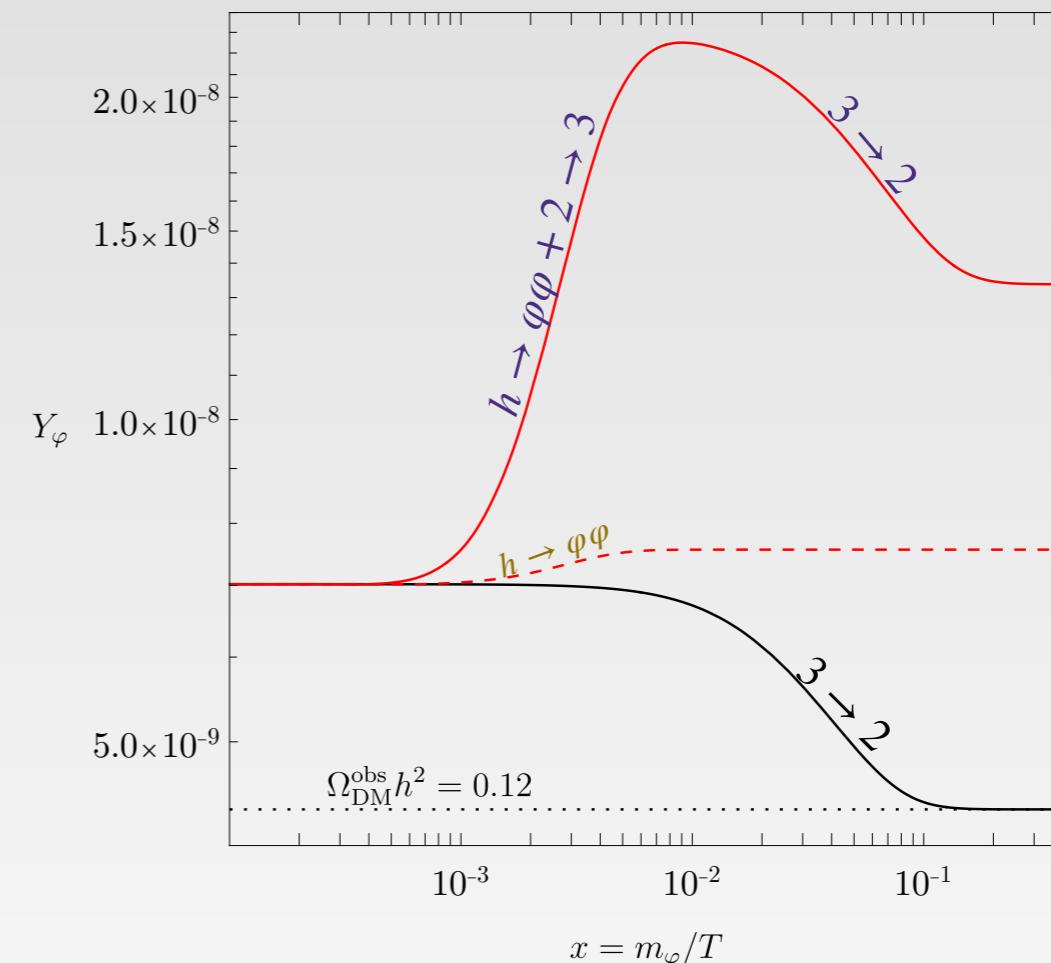
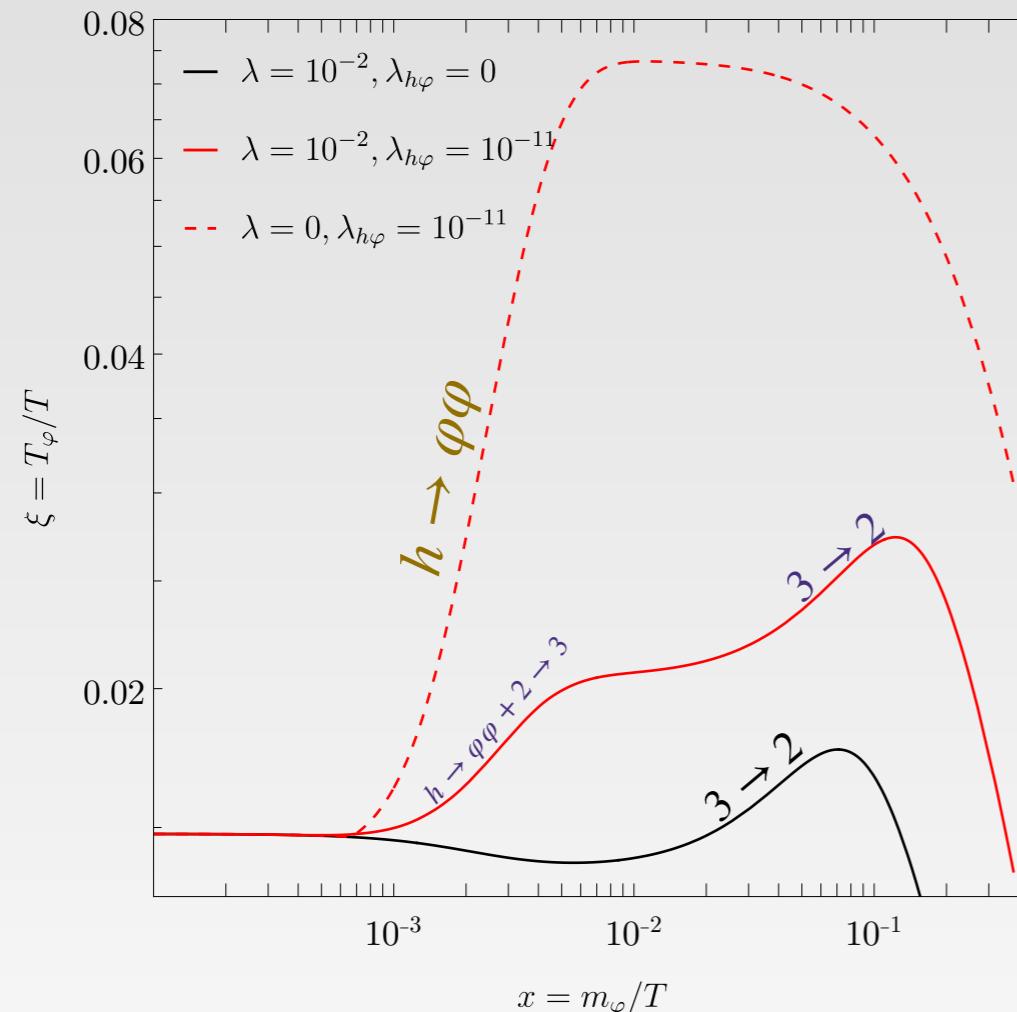
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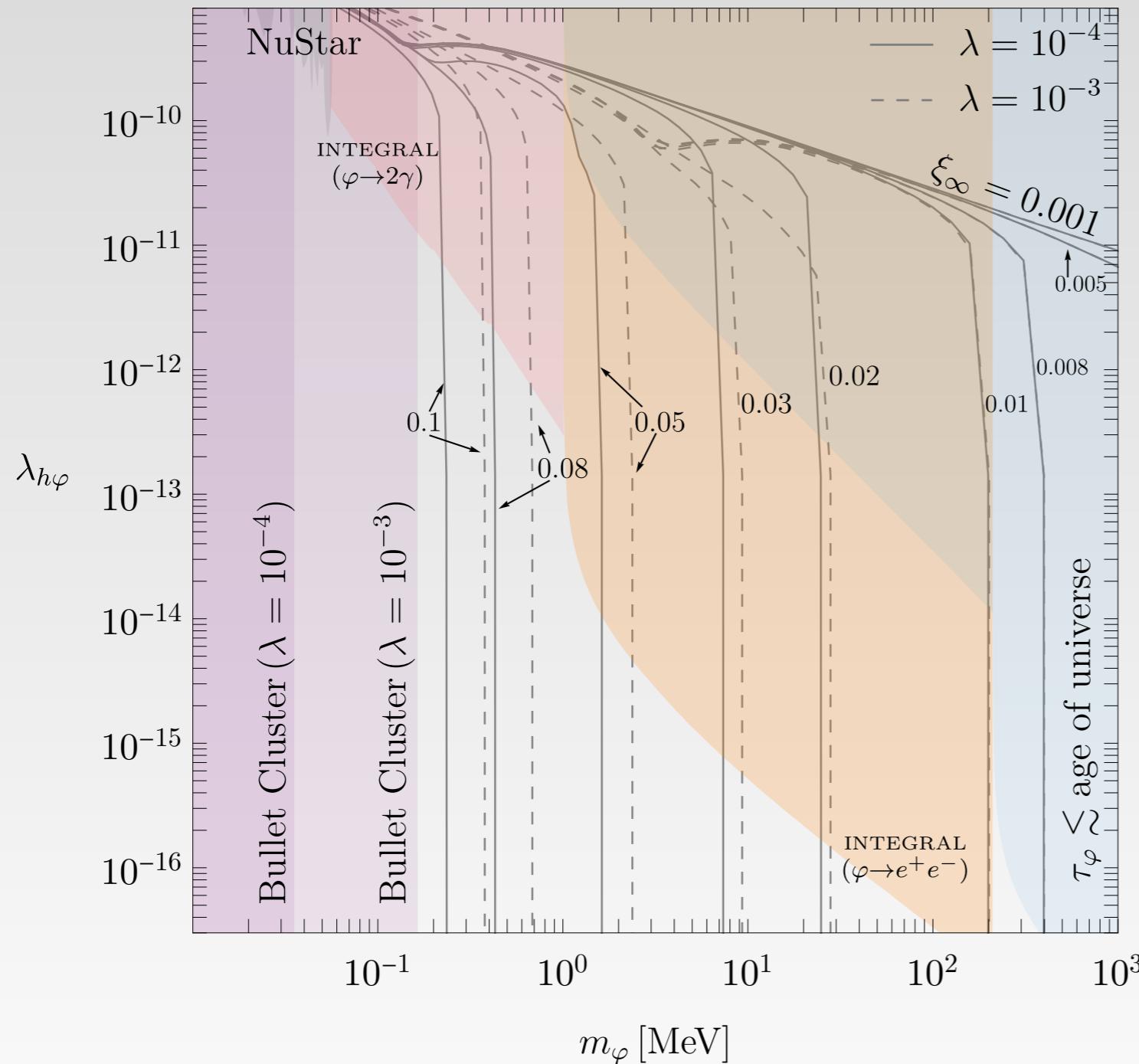


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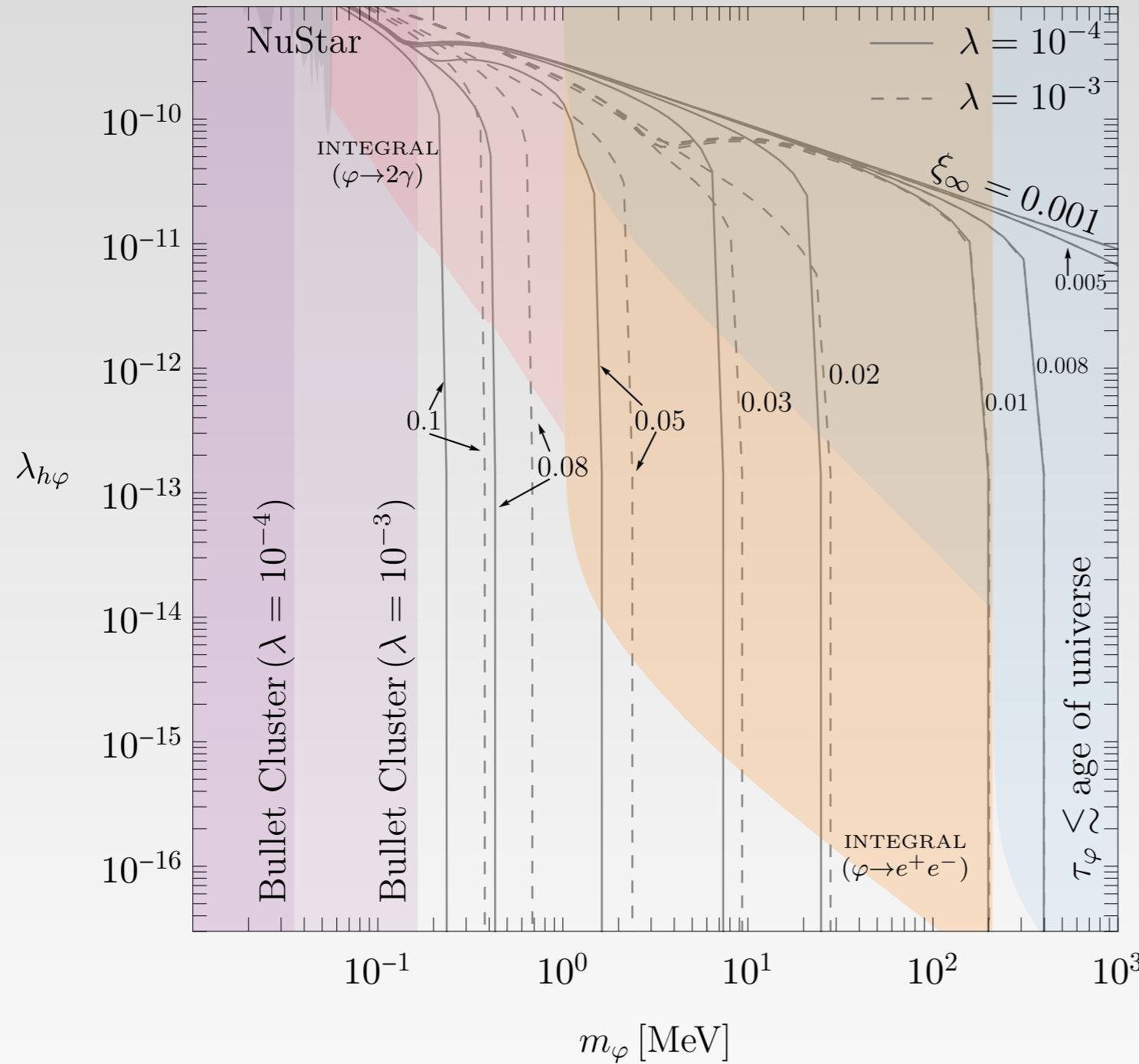
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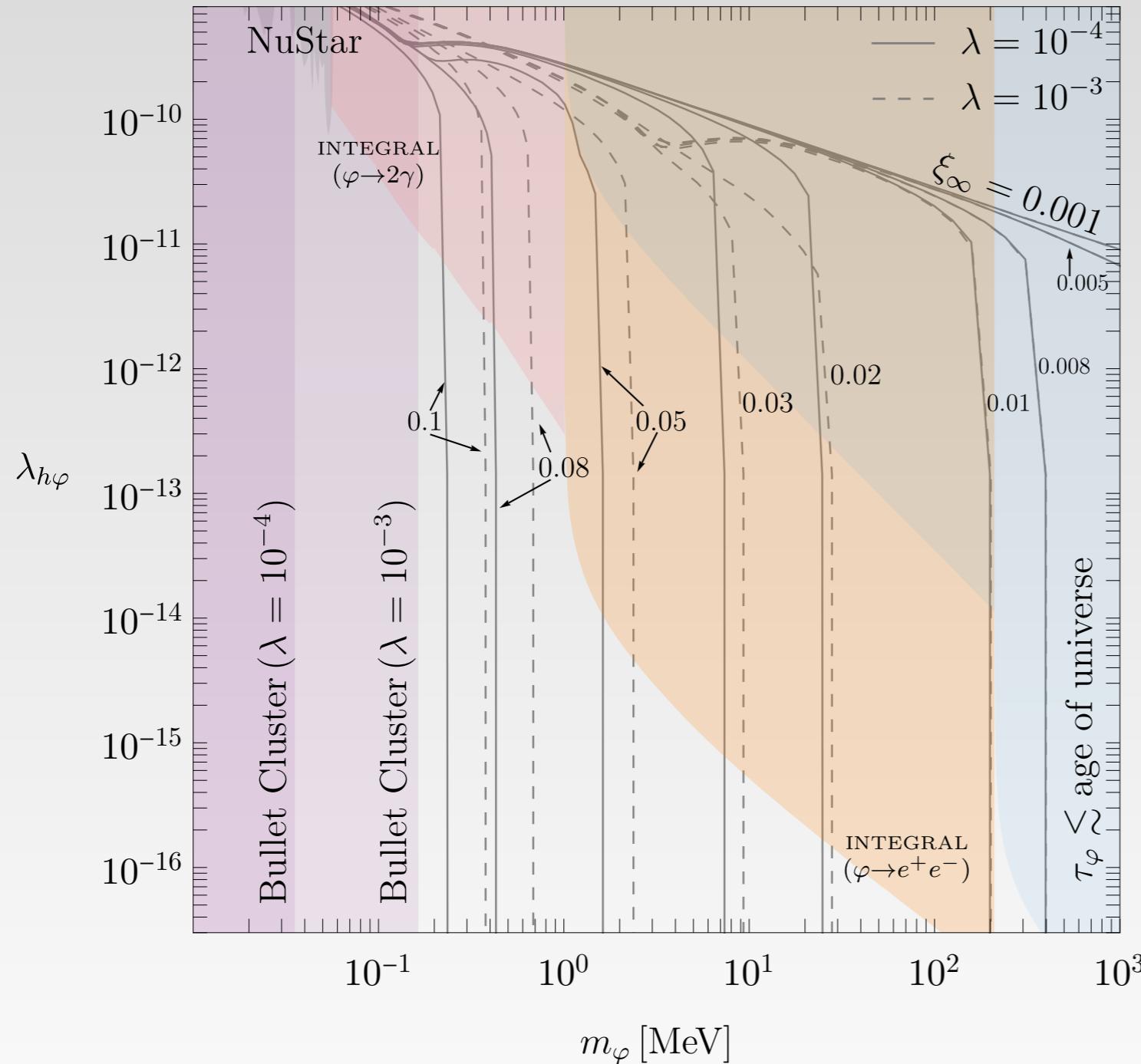
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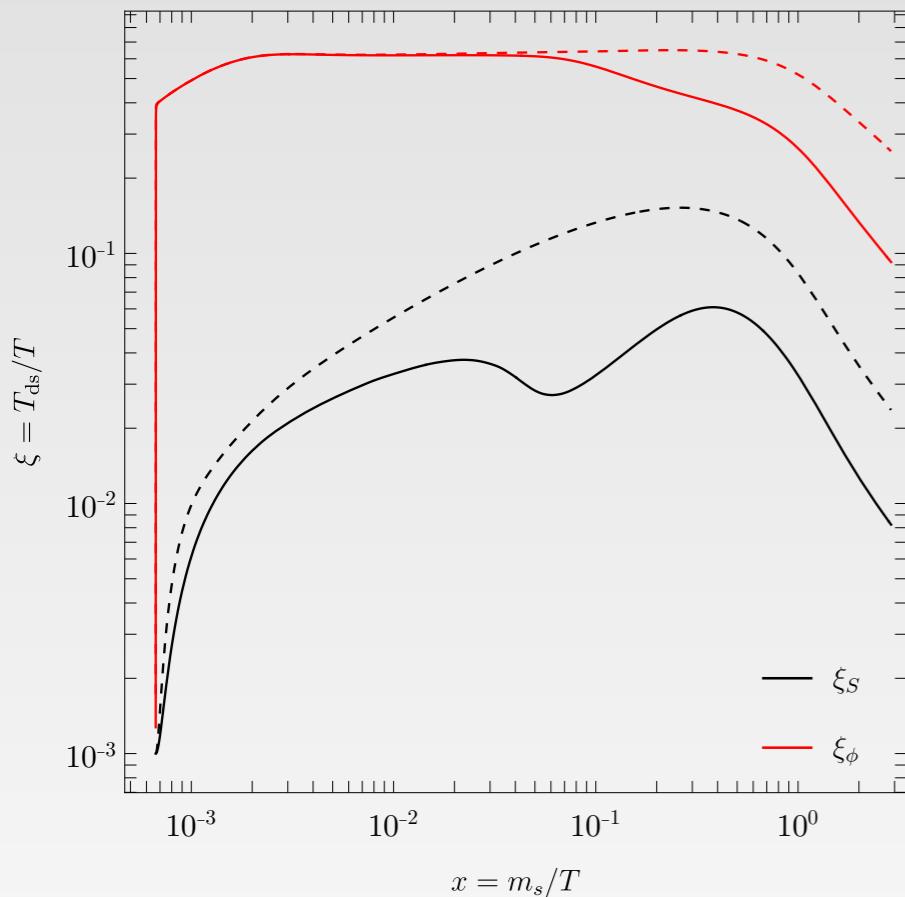
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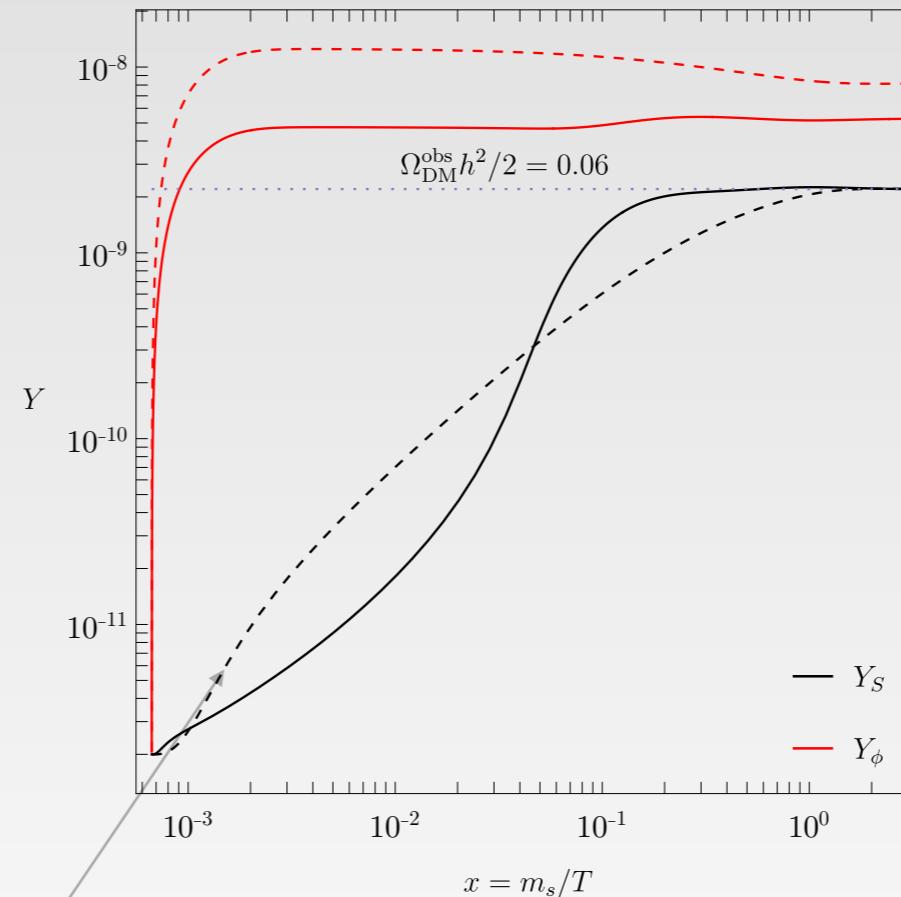
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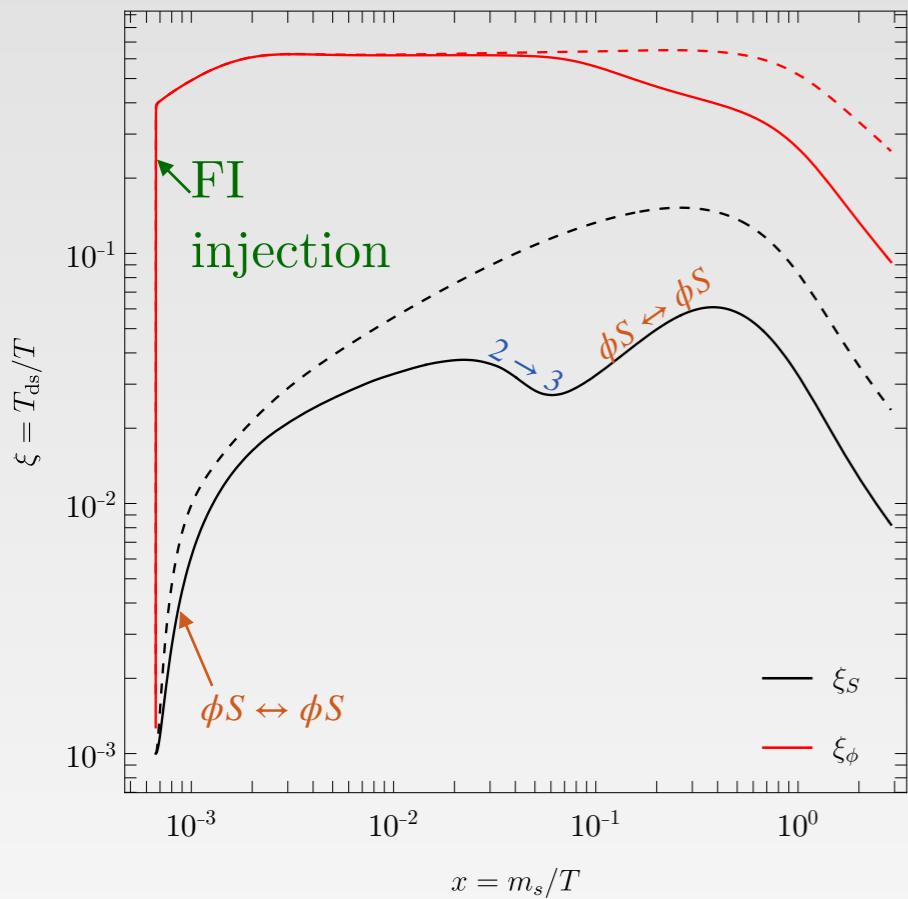


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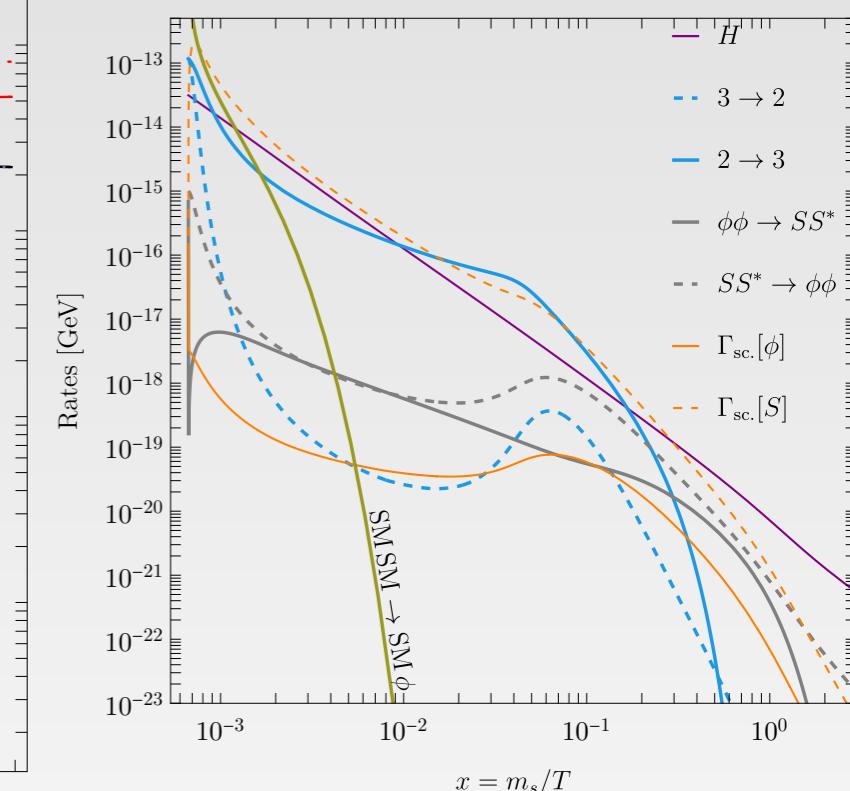
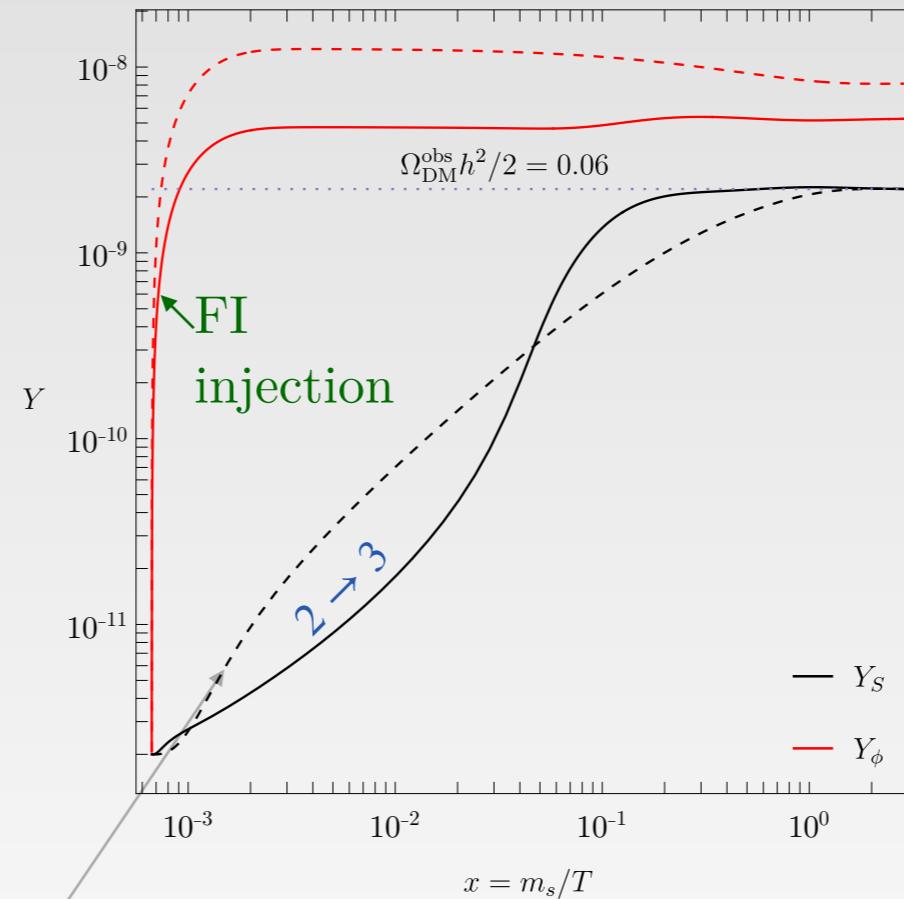
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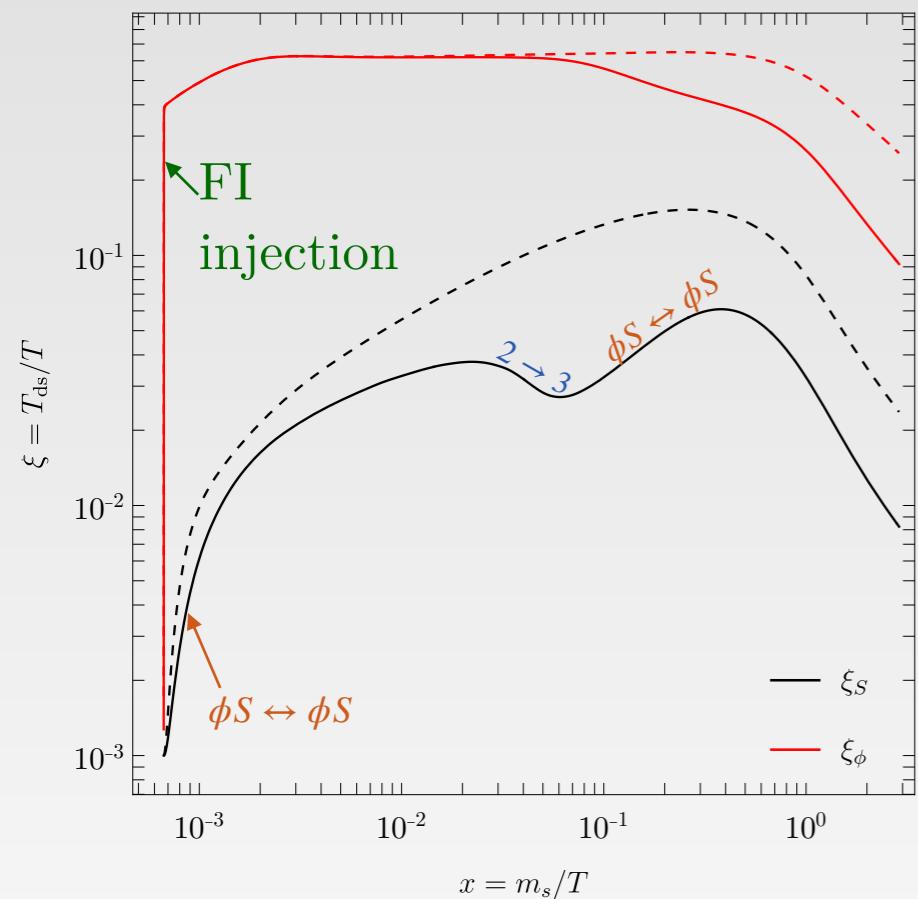


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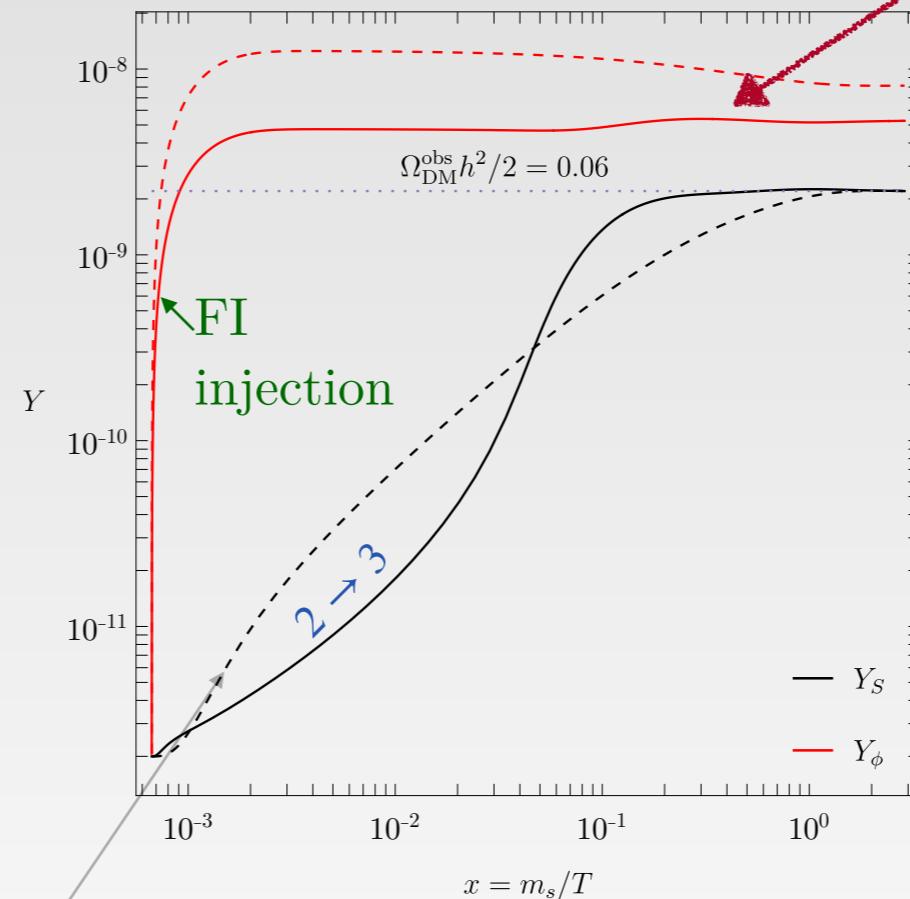
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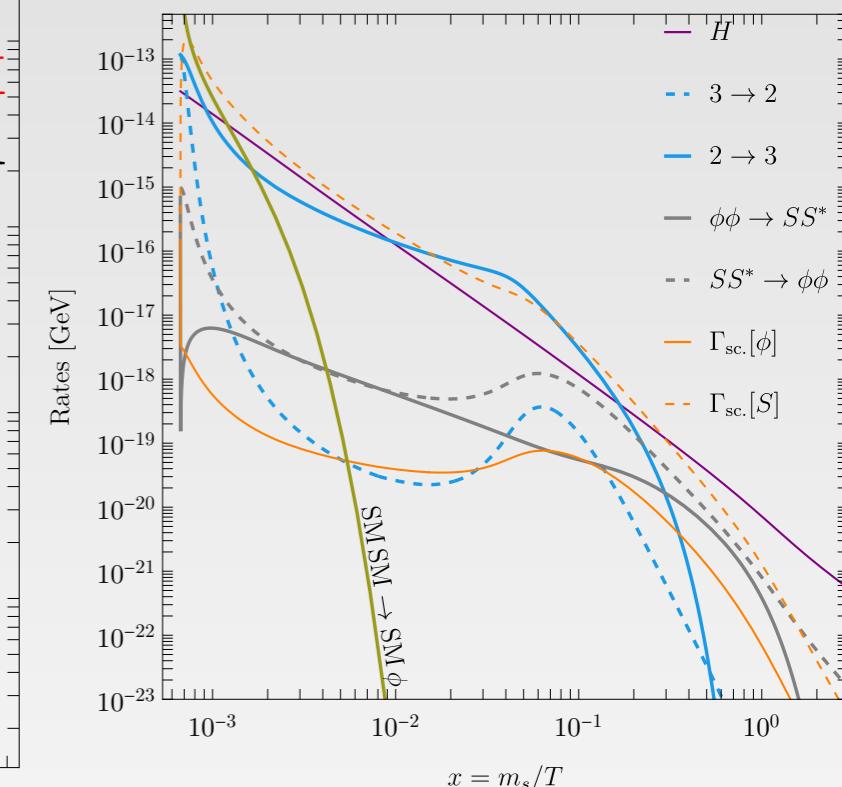
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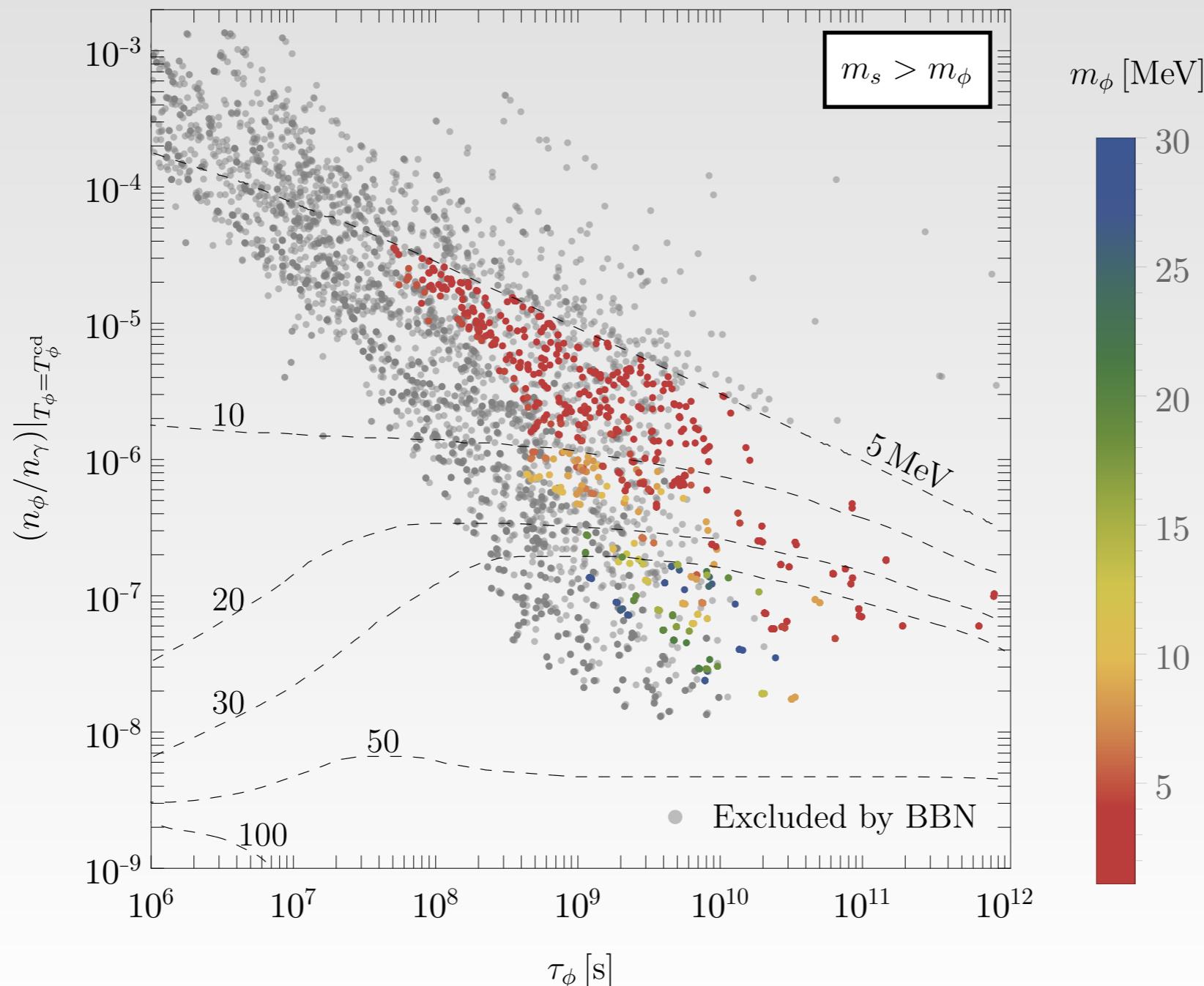
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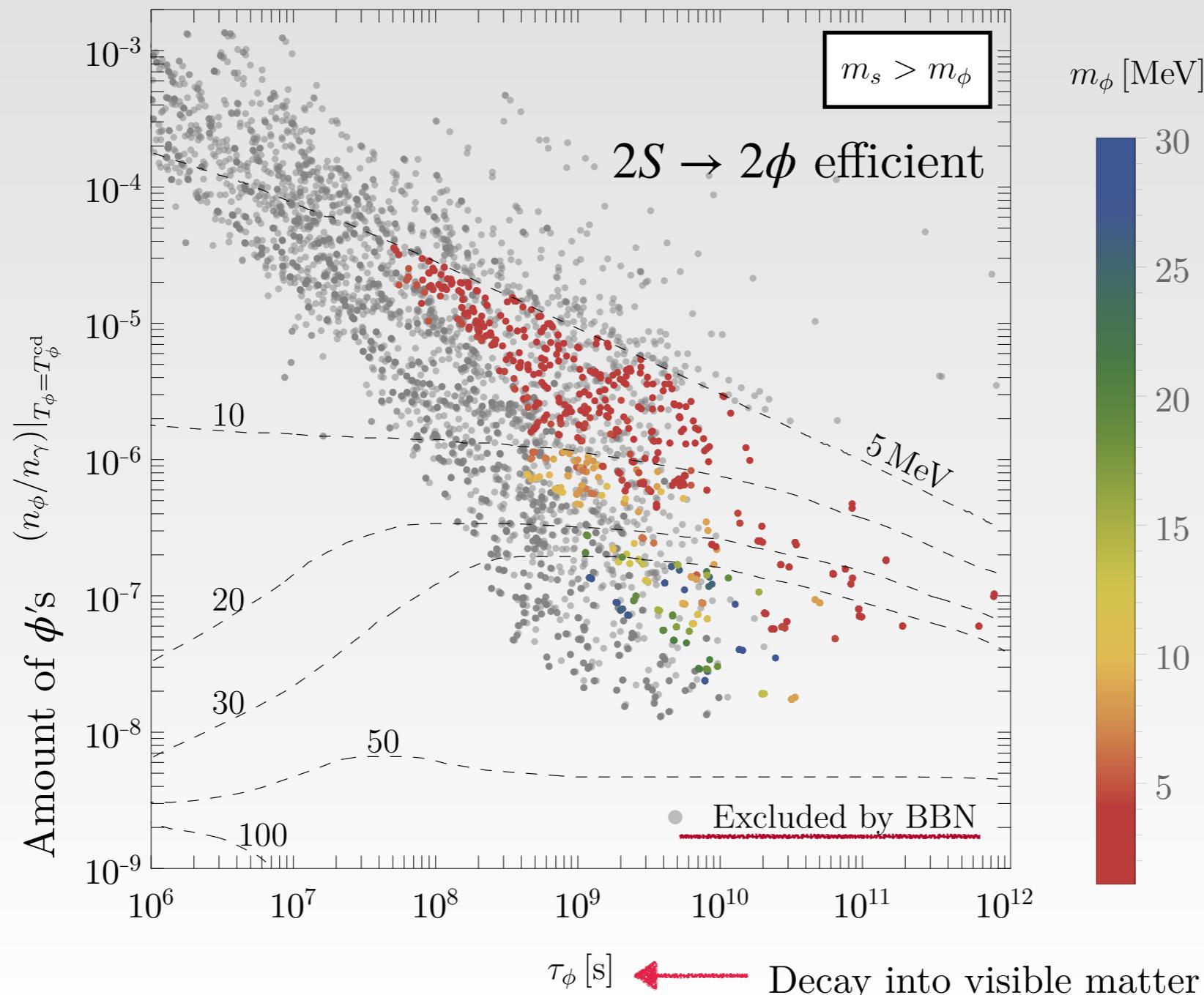
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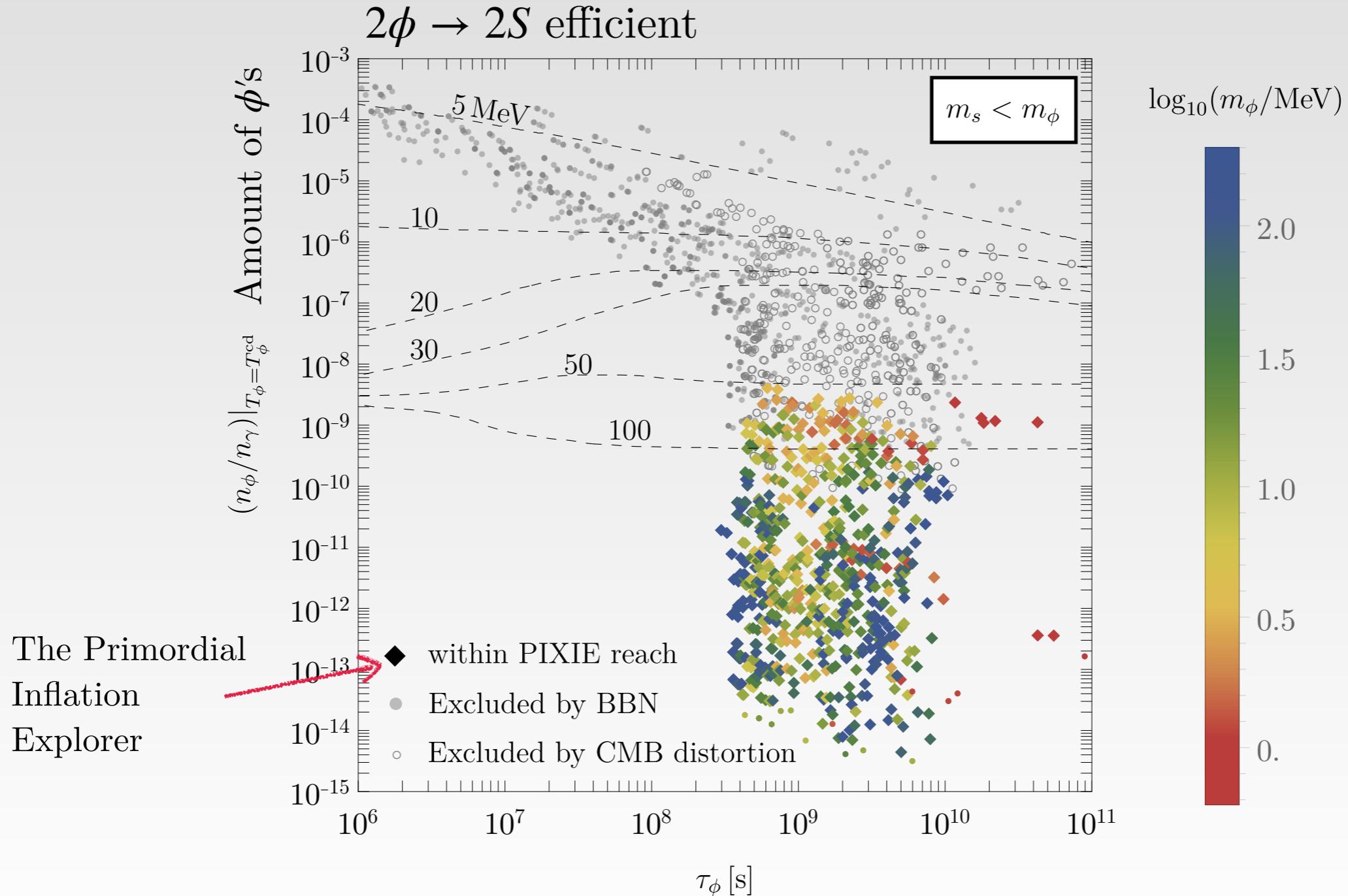
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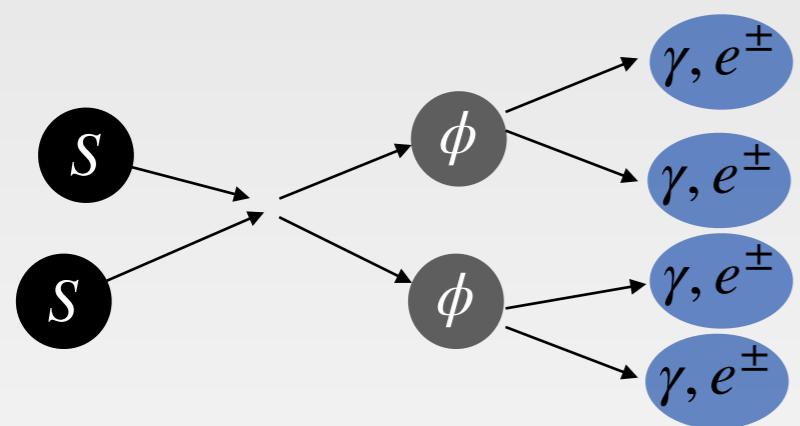
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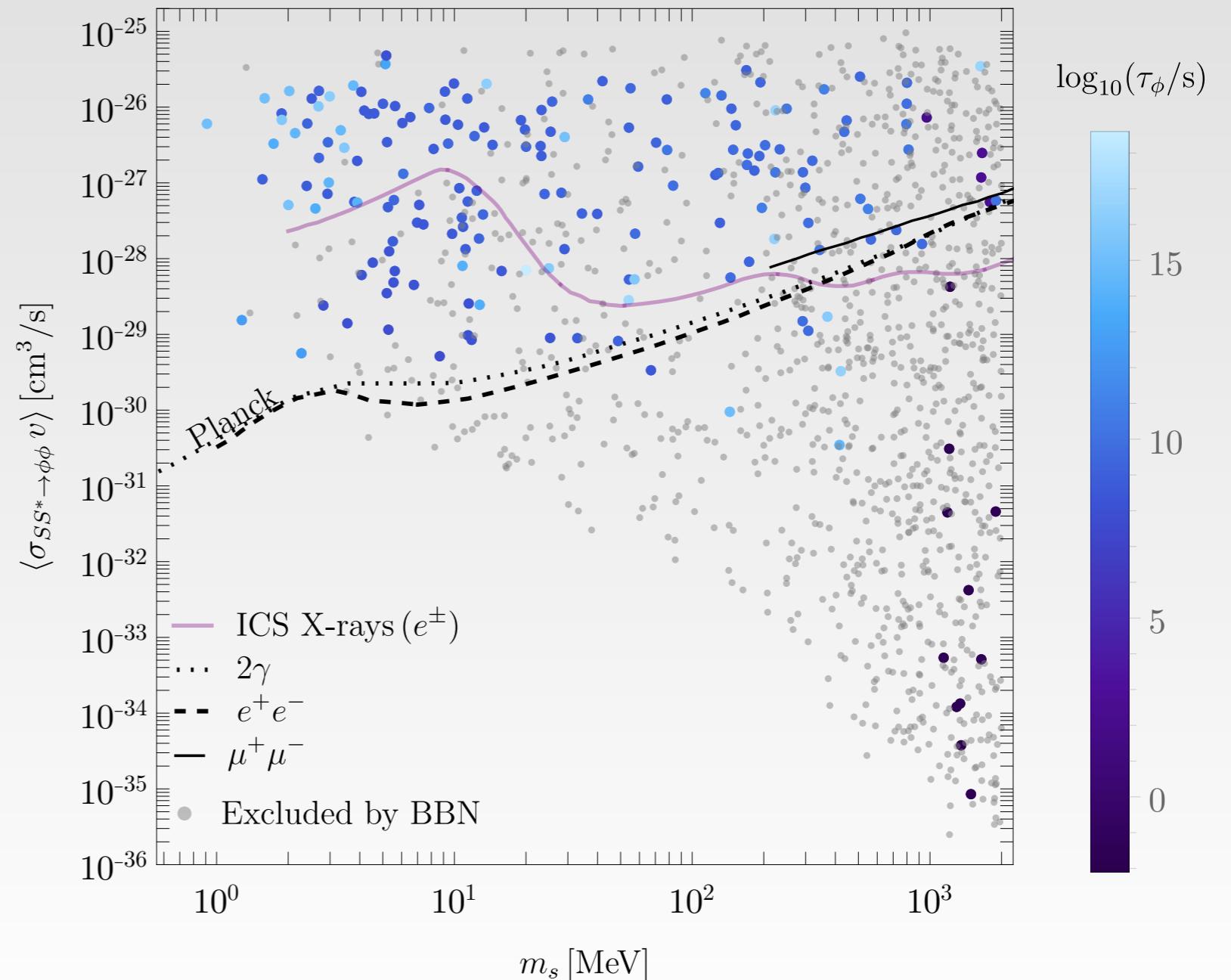
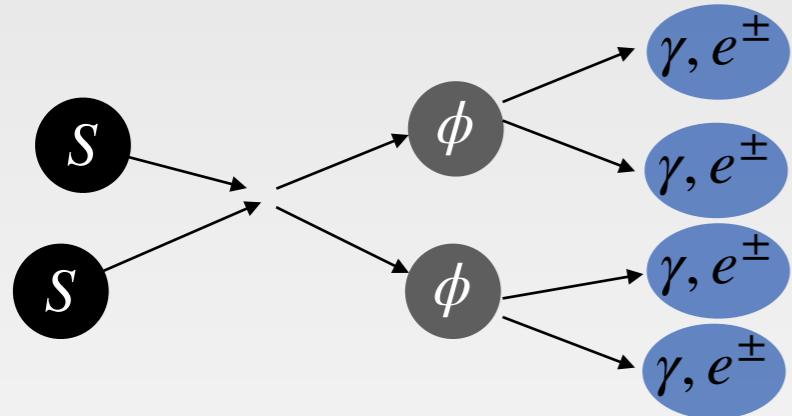
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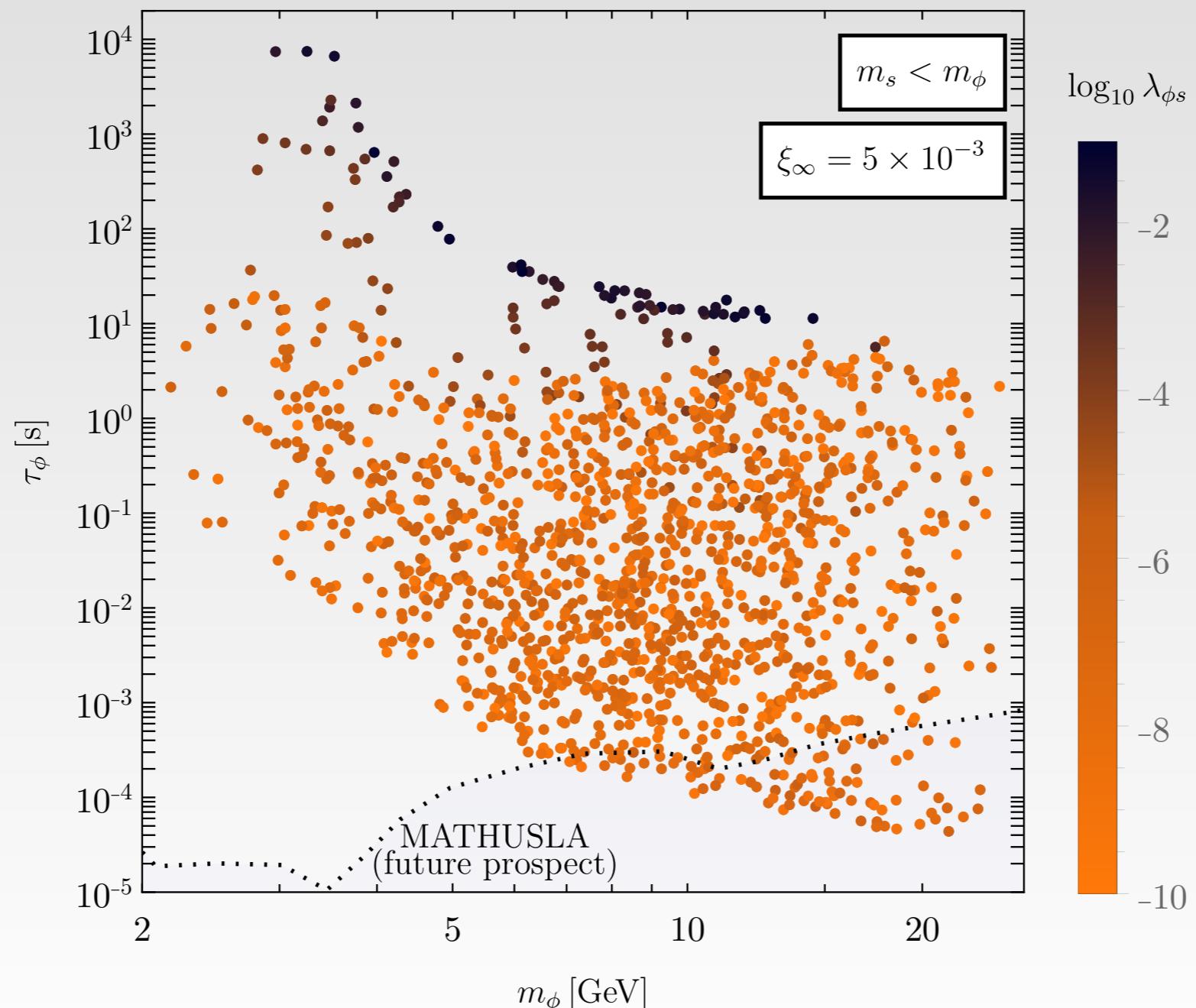
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# Collider's signals

GeV DM could be detected at the LHC:



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Thank you for your attention:)