N_{eff} constraints on portal interactions with hidden sectors

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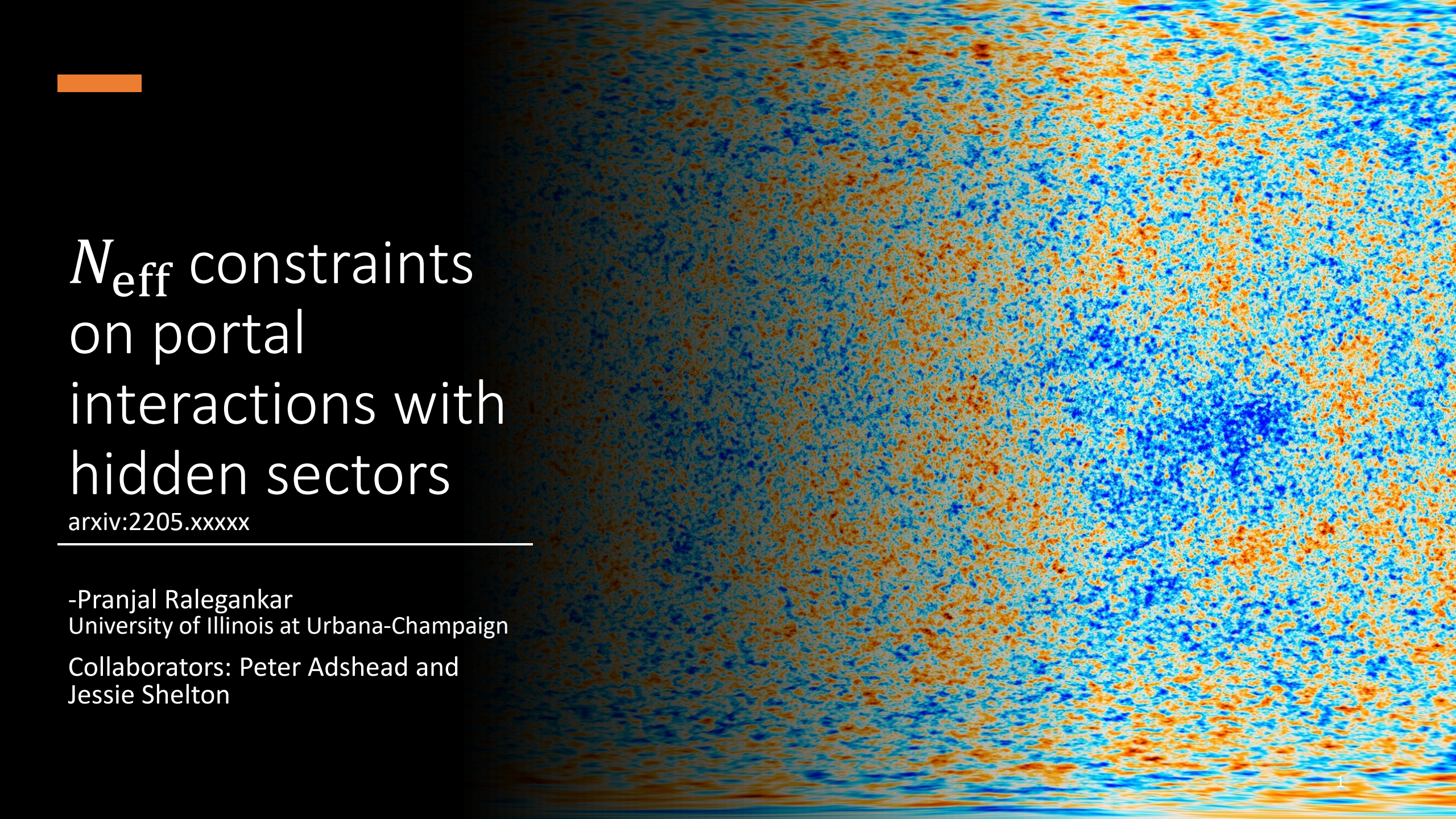

ΔN_{eff} : Typically discussed as constraint on decoupling temperature

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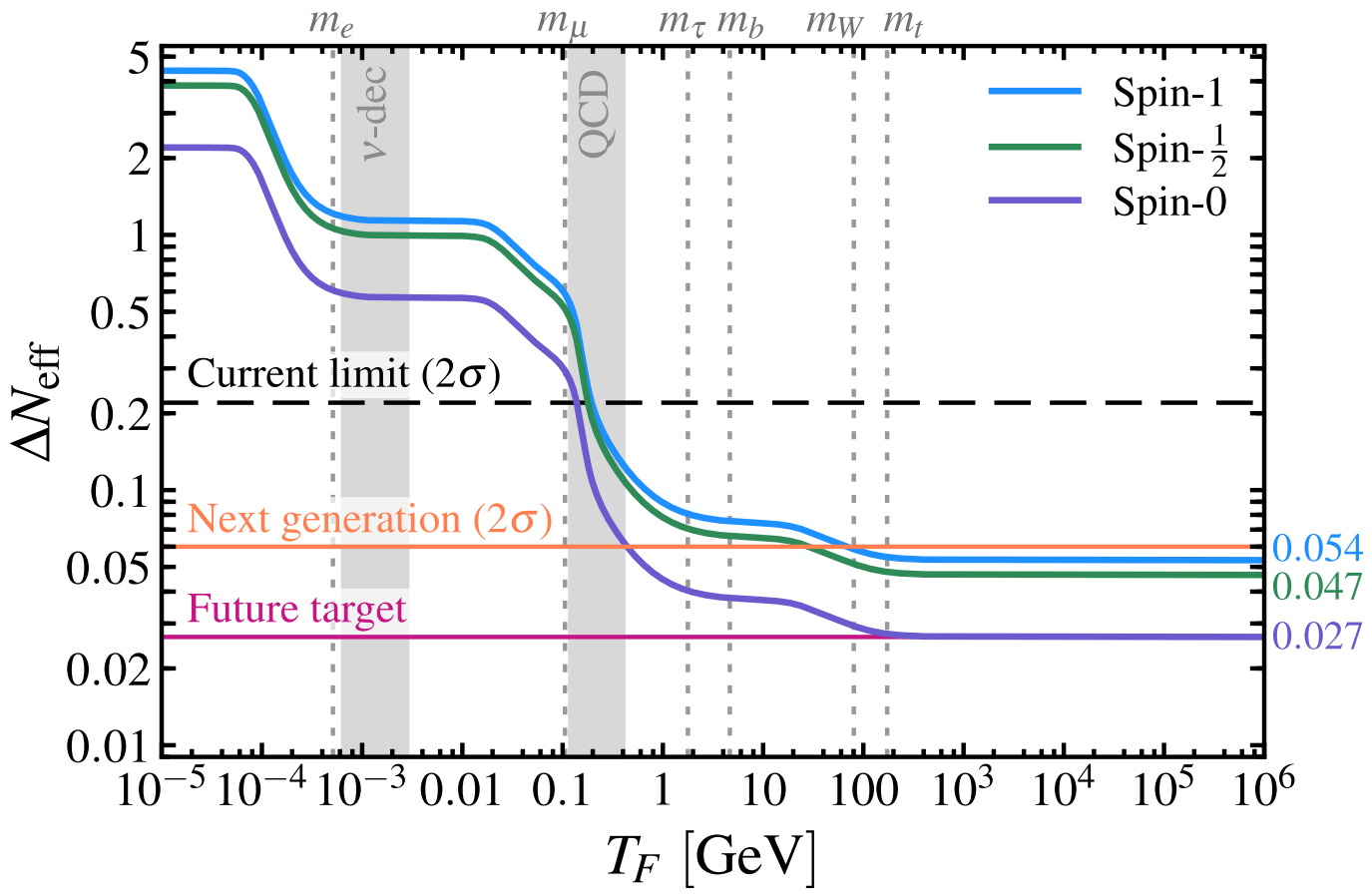

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Reinterpreting $\Delta N_{\rm eff}$: Constraint on interactions with out-of-equilibrium sectors

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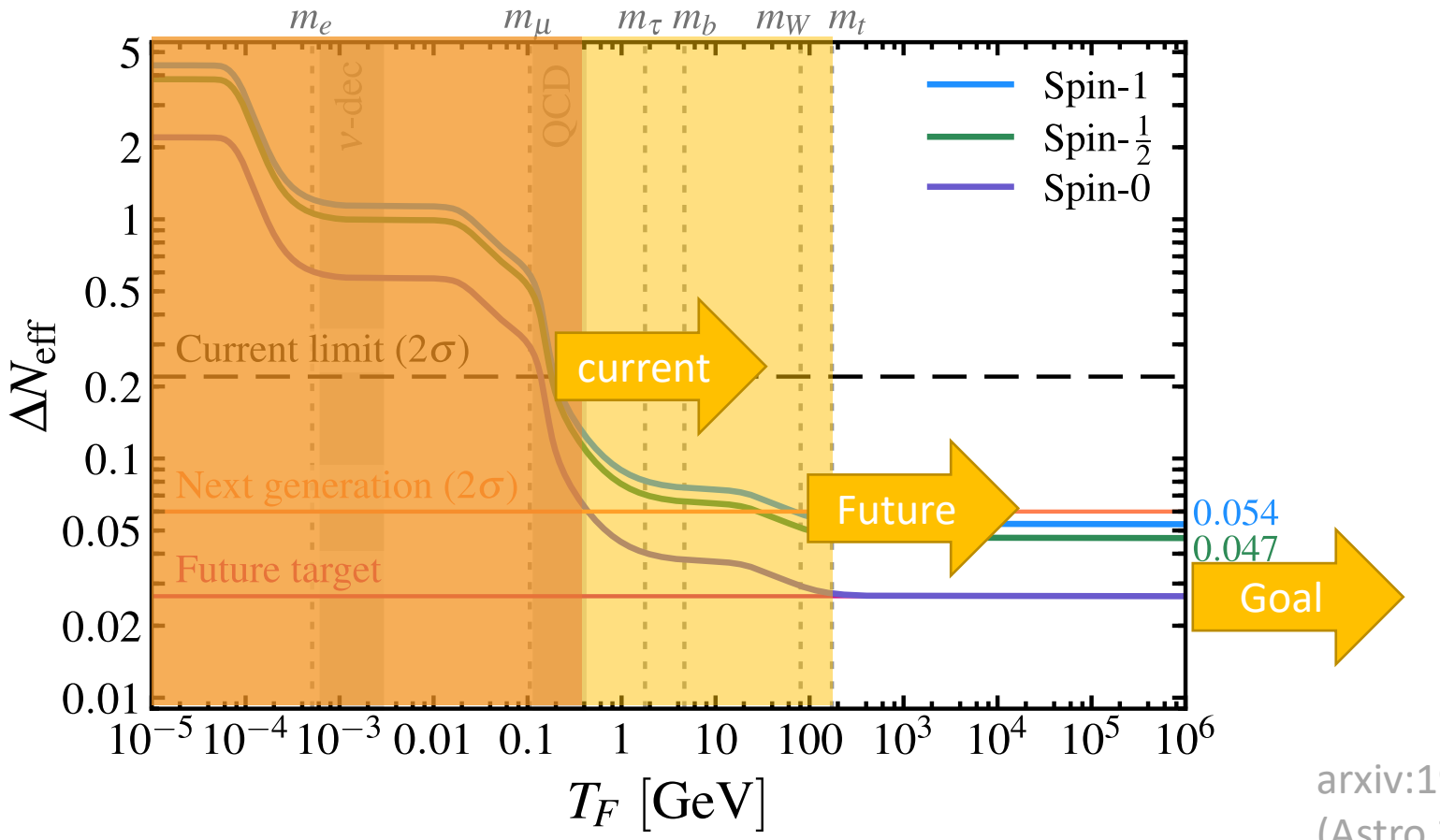

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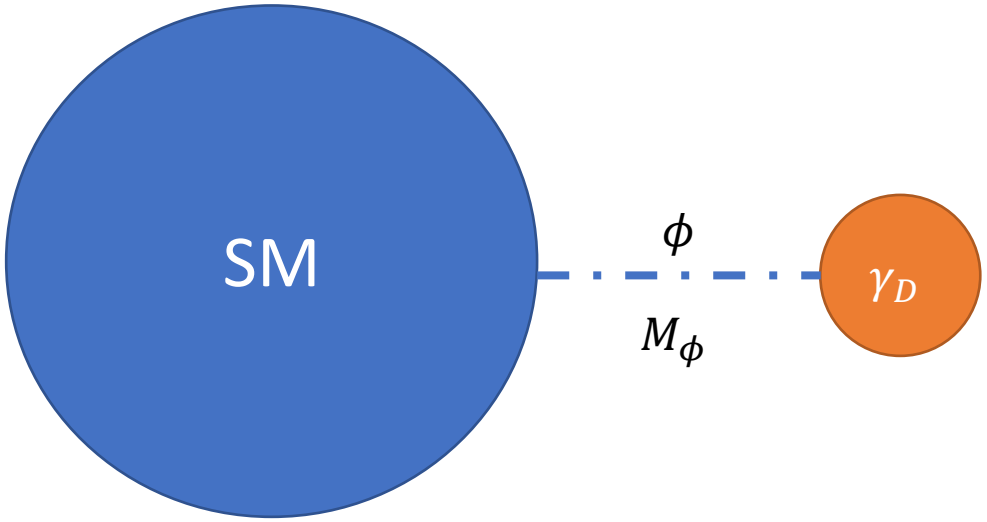
Highlight implications for model building with HS with dark radiation

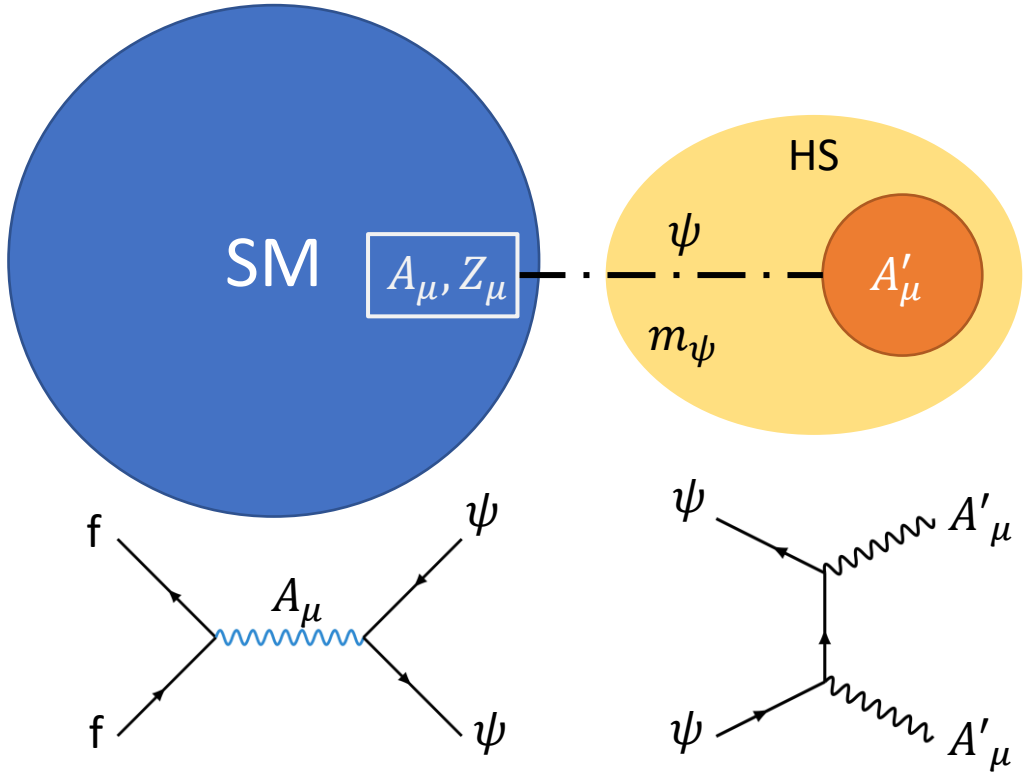
Application of $N_{\mathbf{eff}}$ constraint : Relevant types of interaction



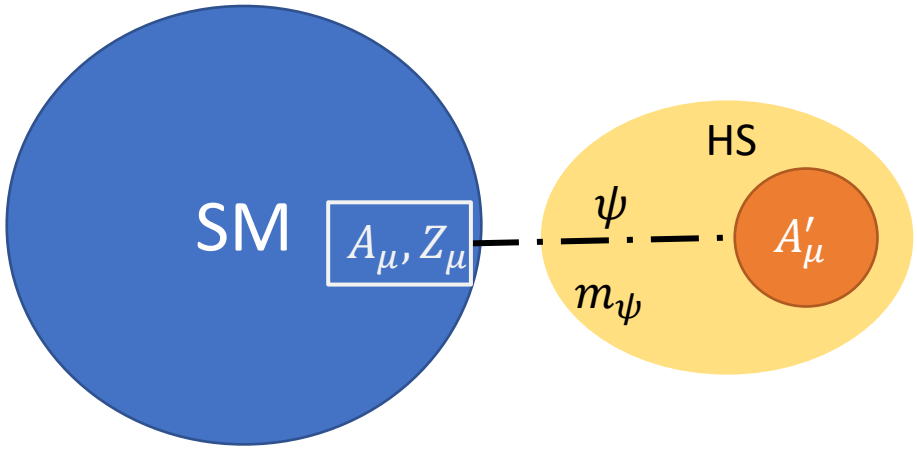
Application of N_{eff} constraint: Millicharged particle example

$$L_{int} \supset -\frac{\epsilon}{2} B_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu'} + e' A'_{\mu} \bar{\psi} \gamma^{\mu} \psi - m_{\psi} \bar{\psi} \psi$$

$$L_{int} \supset -eQA_{\mu} \bar{\psi} \gamma^{\mu} \psi + e' A'_{\mu} \bar{\psi} \gamma^{\mu} \psi + eQZ_{\mu} \tan\theta_W \, \bar{\psi} \gamma^{\mu} \psi - m_{\psi} \bar{\psi} \psi$$



Physics behind dark radiation production: Boltzmann equations



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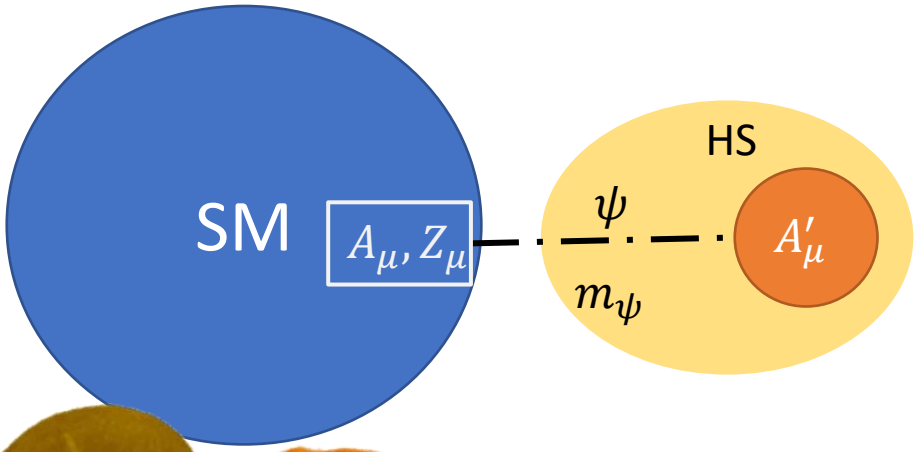

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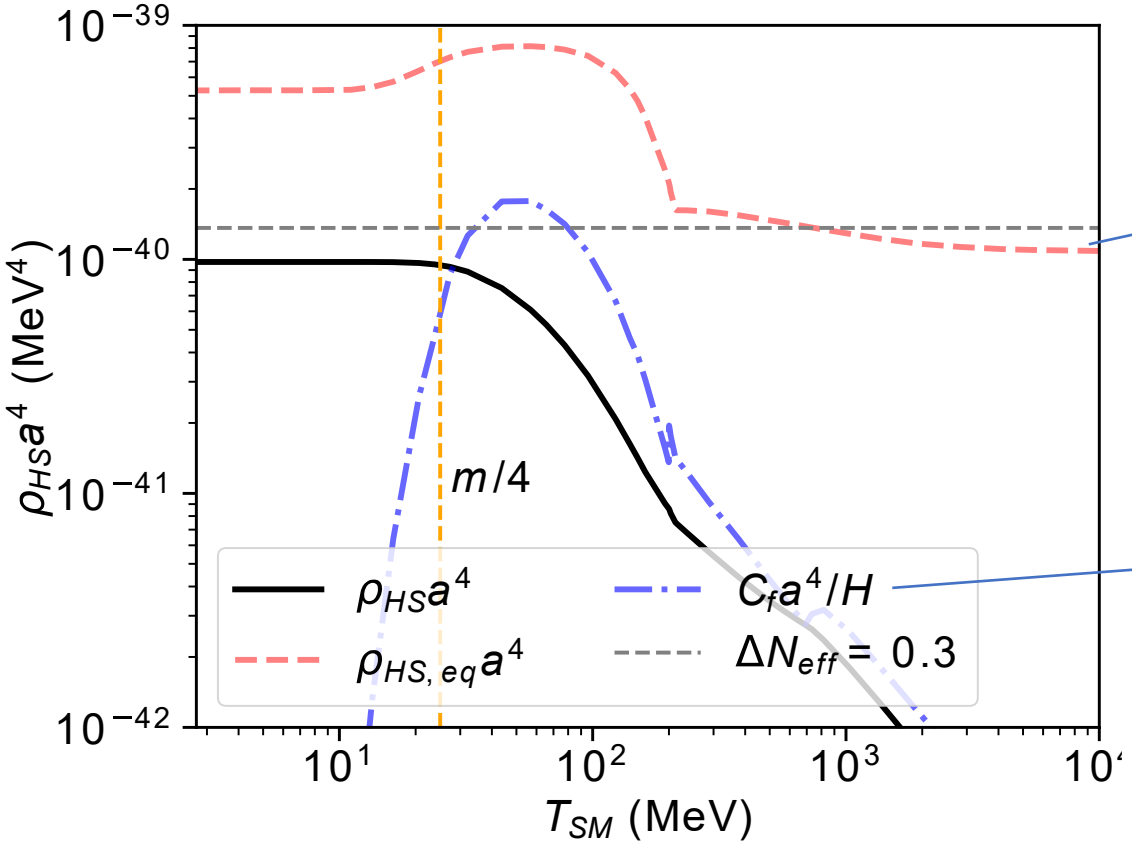

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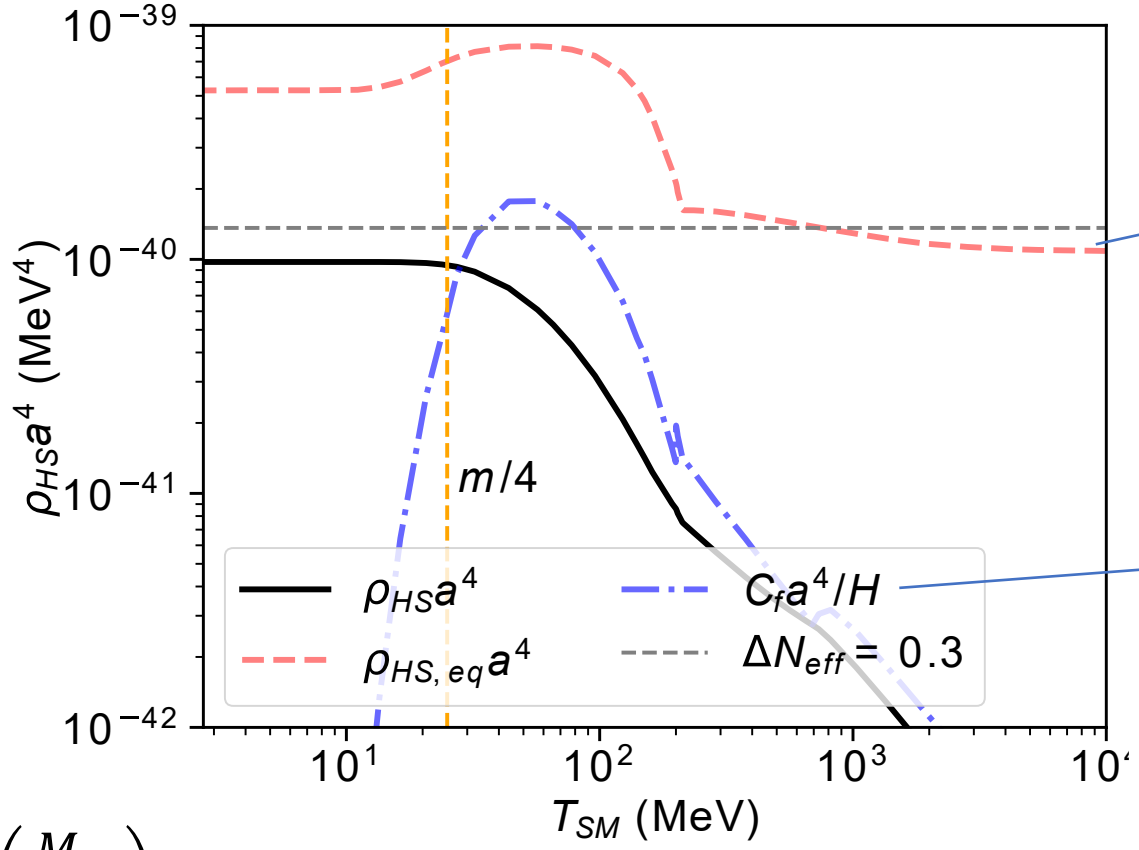
Only the forward part of the collision term

Physics behind dark radiation production: Out-of-equilibrium ρ_{DR} proportional to portal coupling



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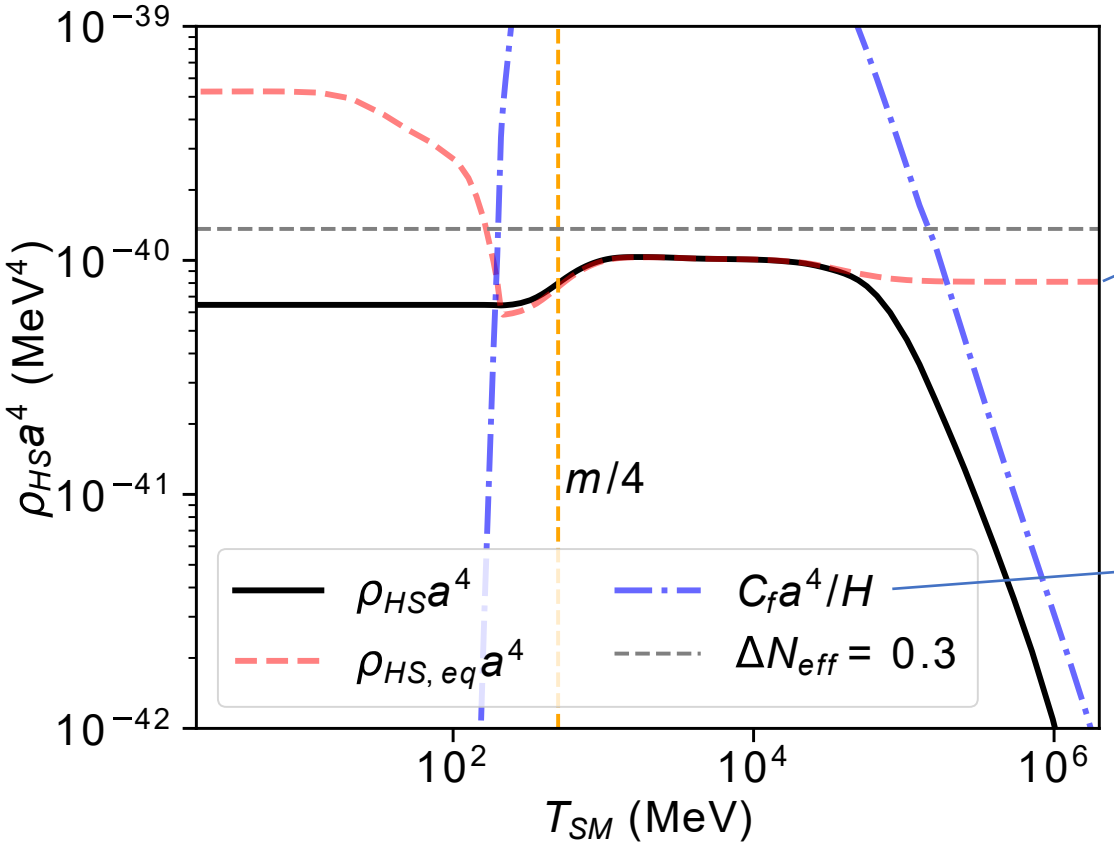
$$\Gamma_E = \frac{C_f}{\rho_{HS,eq}}$$

$$\frac{\rho_{HS}}{\rho_{SM}} \sim \left(\frac{\Gamma_E}{H}\right)_{T_{SM}\sim\frac{m}{4}} \propto Q^2 \left(\frac{M_{\mathrm{Pl}}}{m/4}\right)$$

Physics behind dark radiation production: Thermalized ρ_{DR} insensitive to portal coupling



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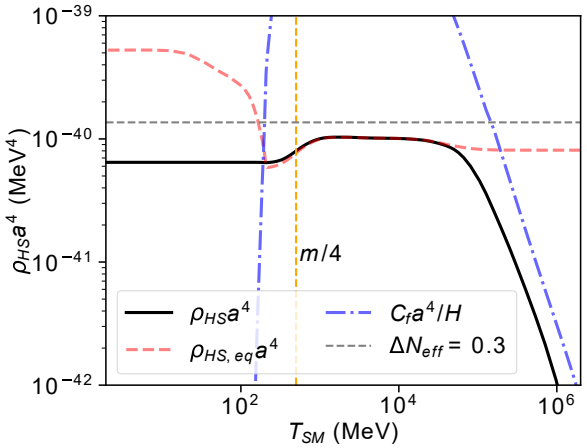
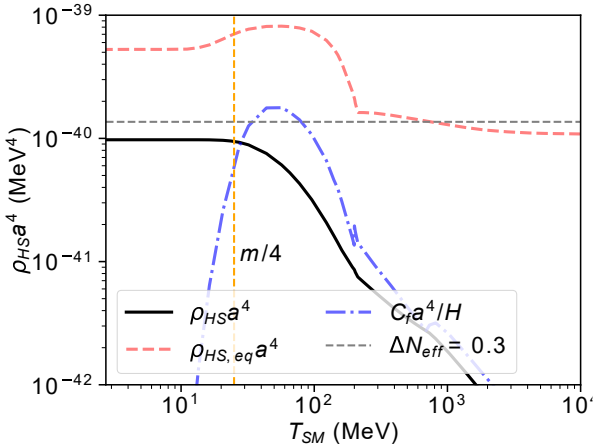
$$\frac{\rho_{HS}}{\rho_{SM}} \propto \frac{g_{HS}}{g_{*SM}(T_d)}$$

Degrees of freedom

Physics behind dark radiation production: Translating to constraints





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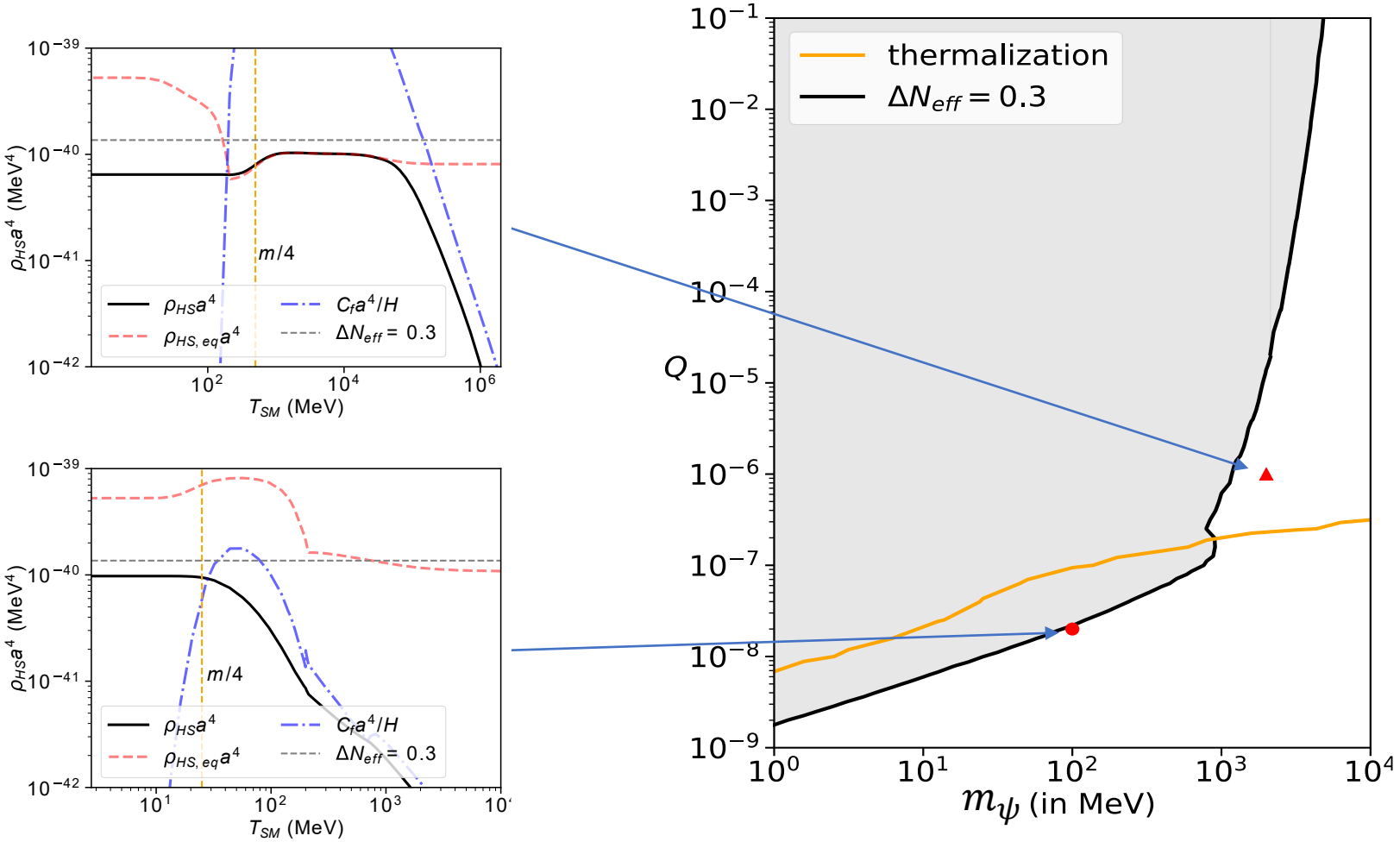
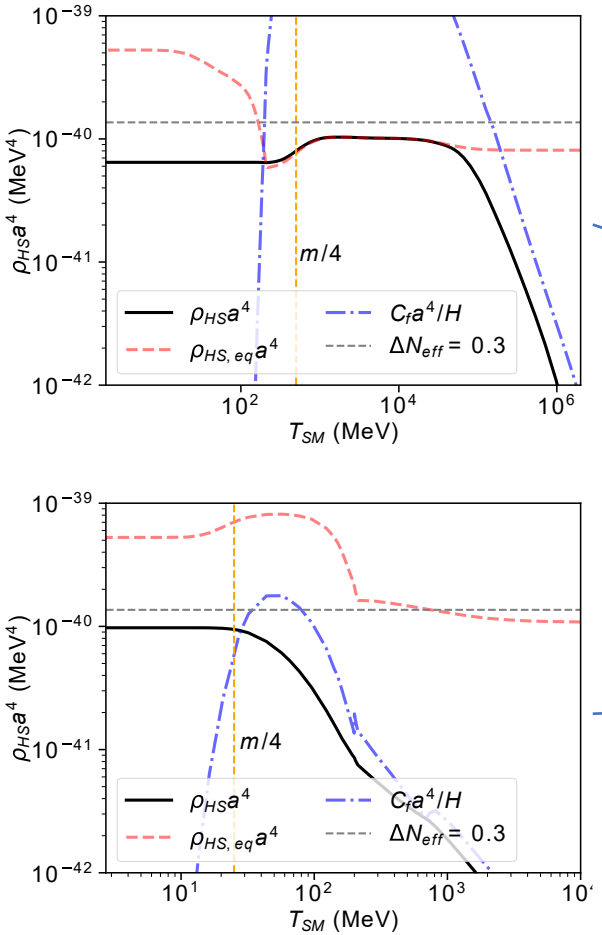
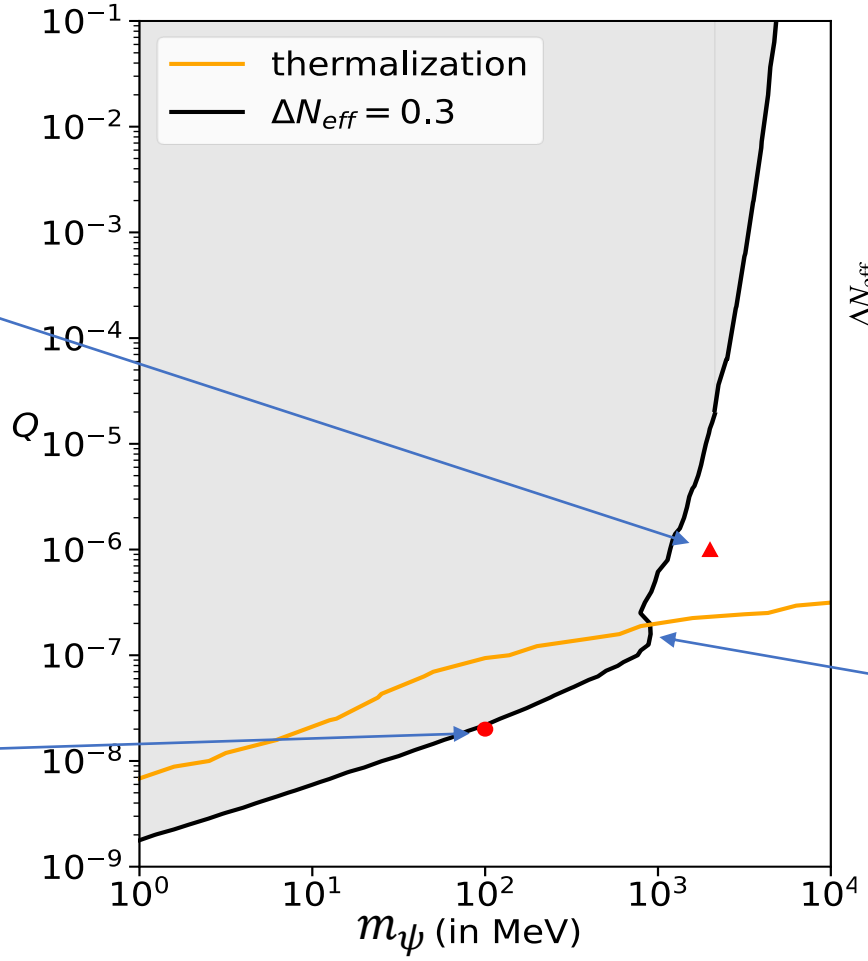
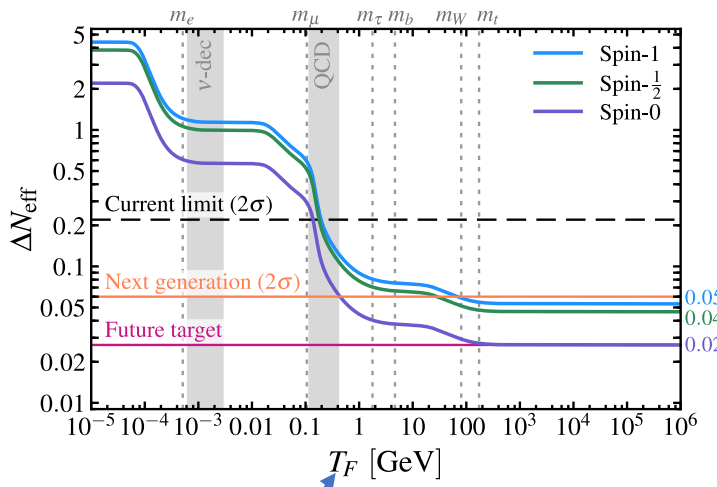


Physics behind dark radiation production : Most relevant when thermally decoupled

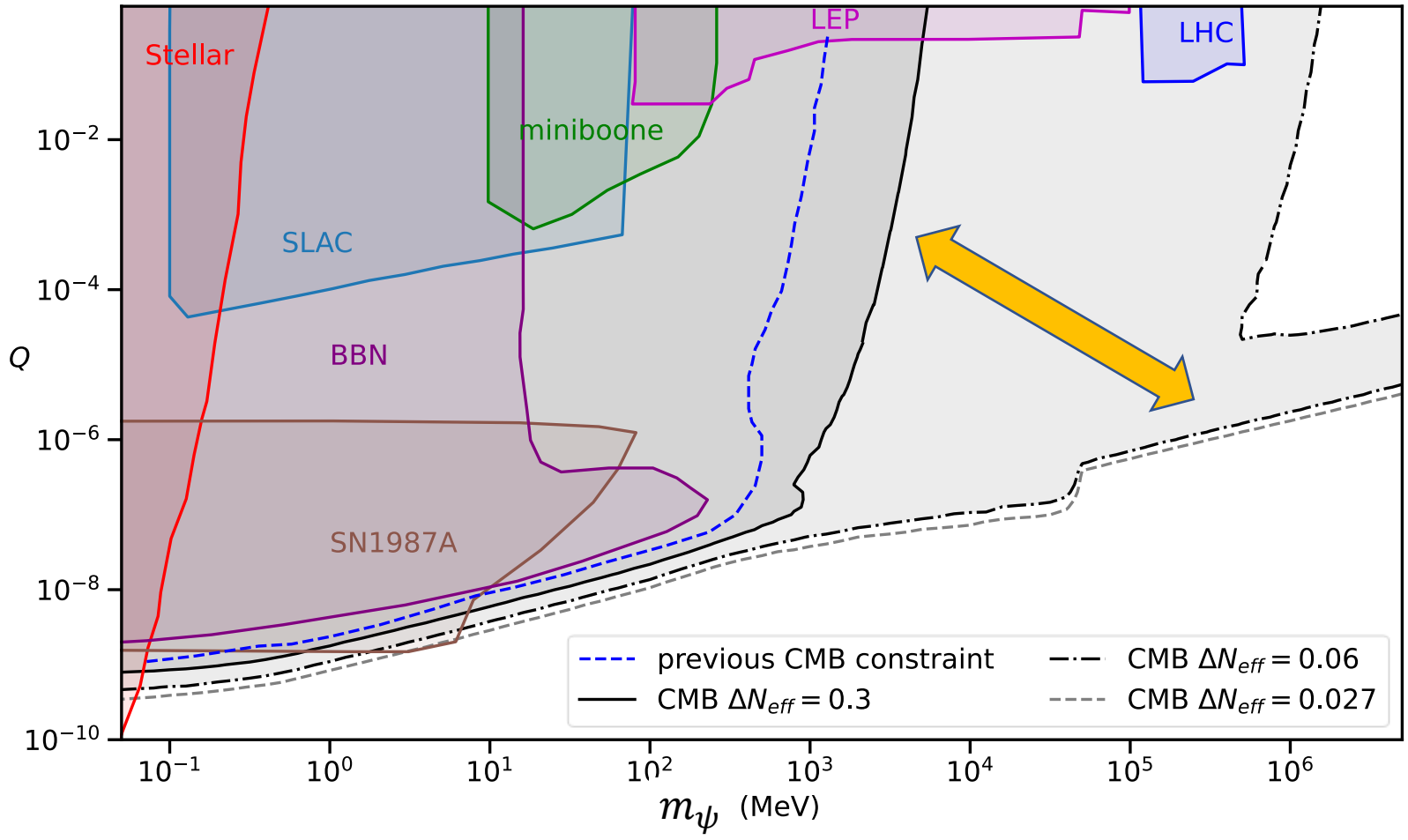




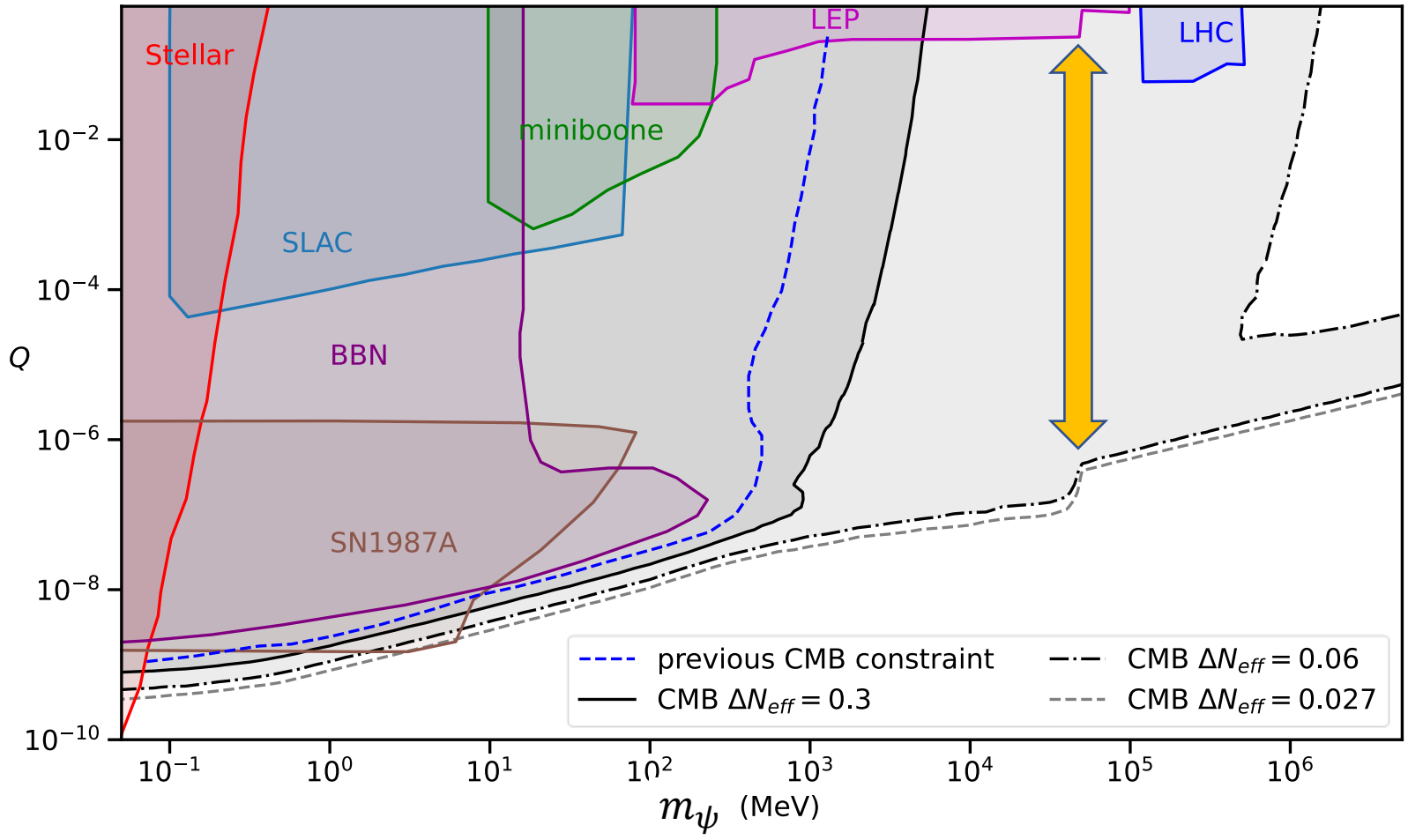


$m_{th} = 4T_{d,s}$

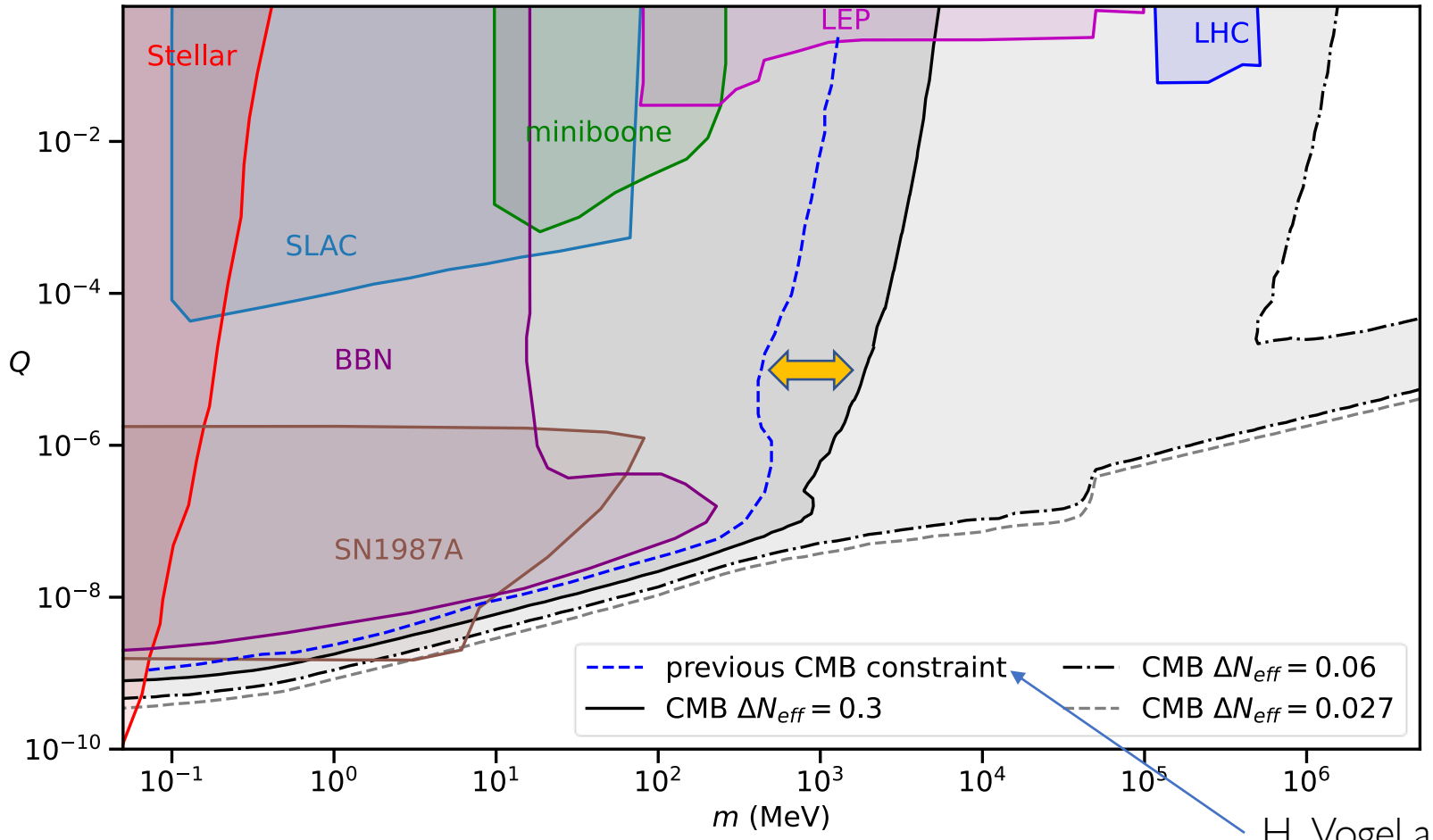
Comparing Neff constraints: Future constraint will extend to much larger parameter space



Comparing Neff constraints: Dominant for $M_\psi > 0.1$ MeV



Comparing Neff constraints: Updating previous constraint



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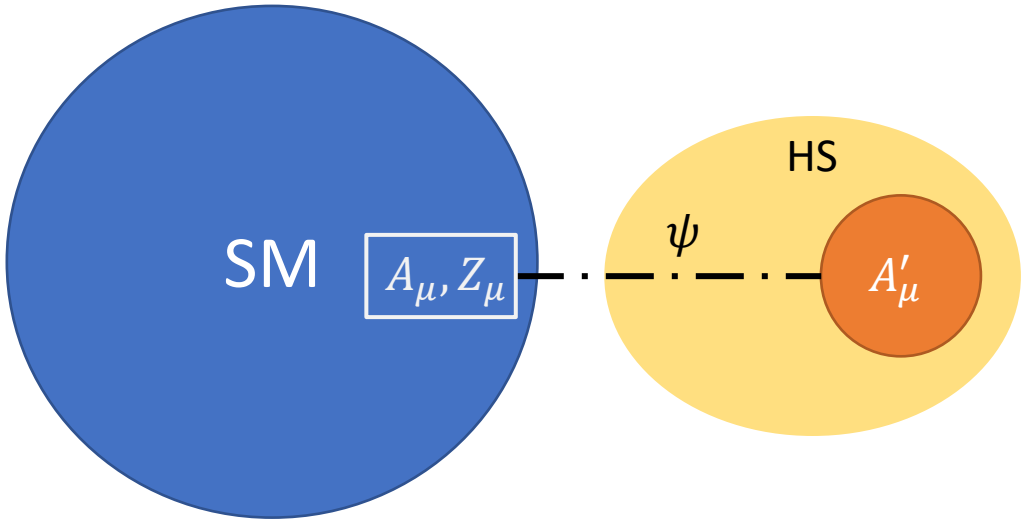
Extending to general hidden sector



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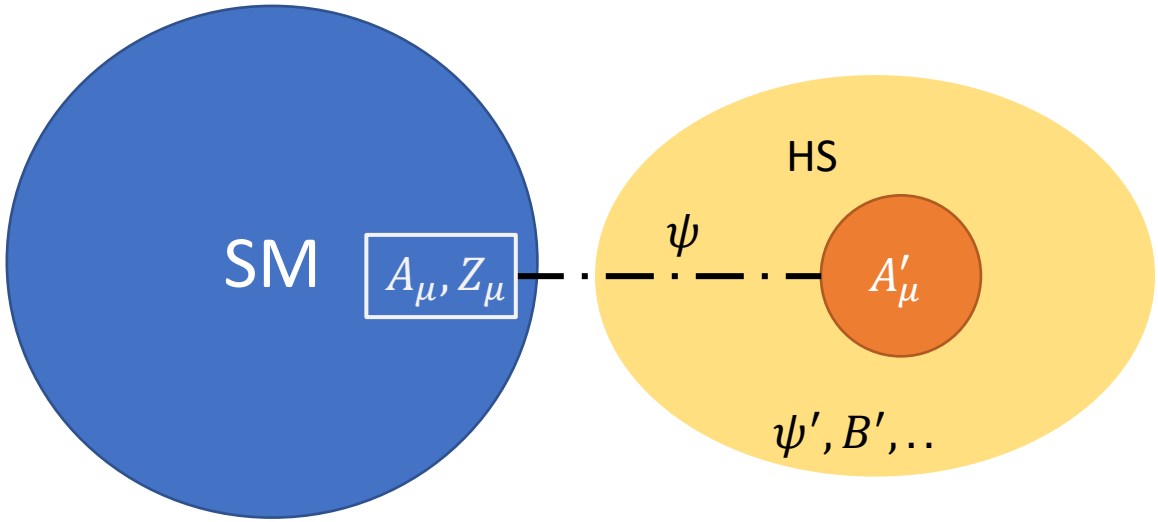

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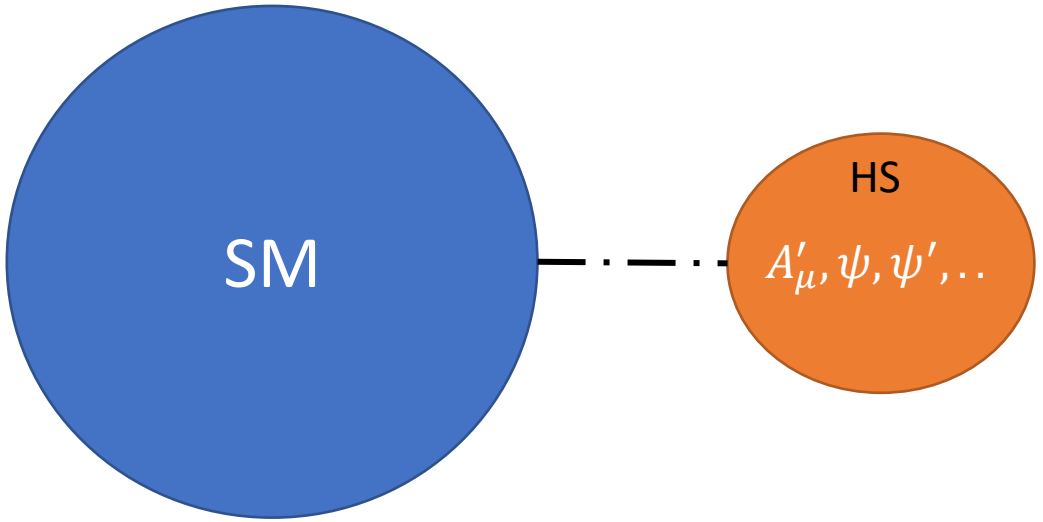

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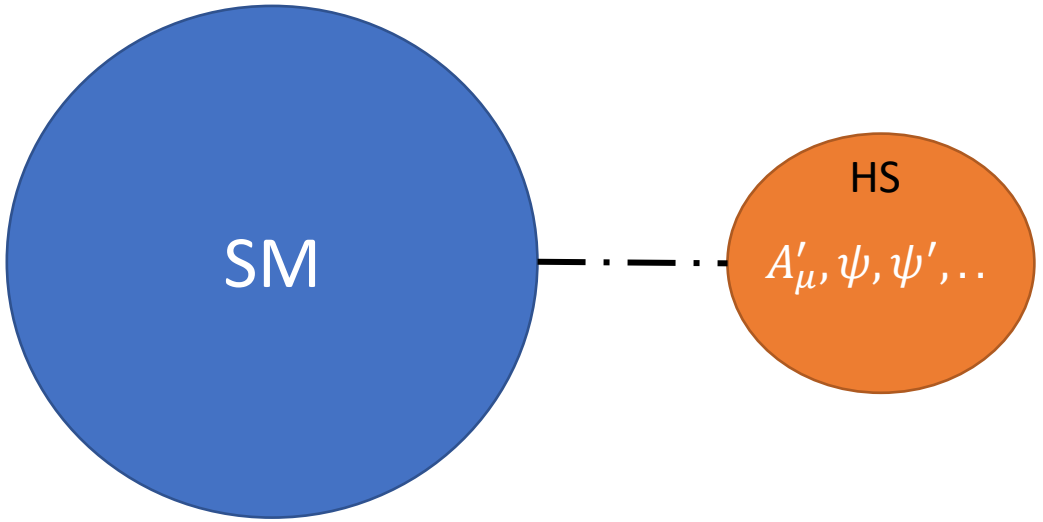
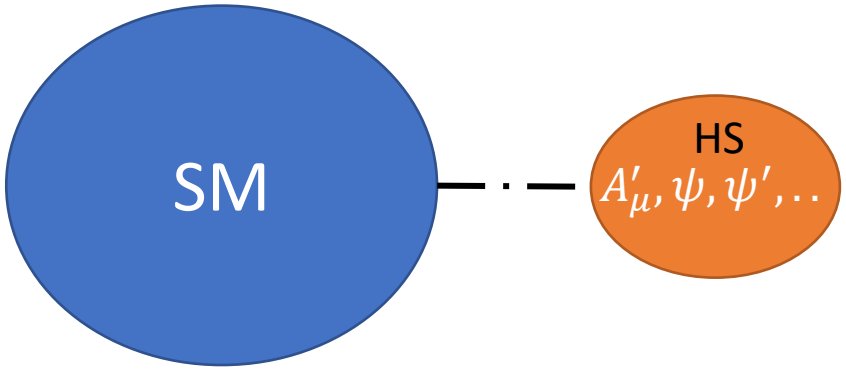
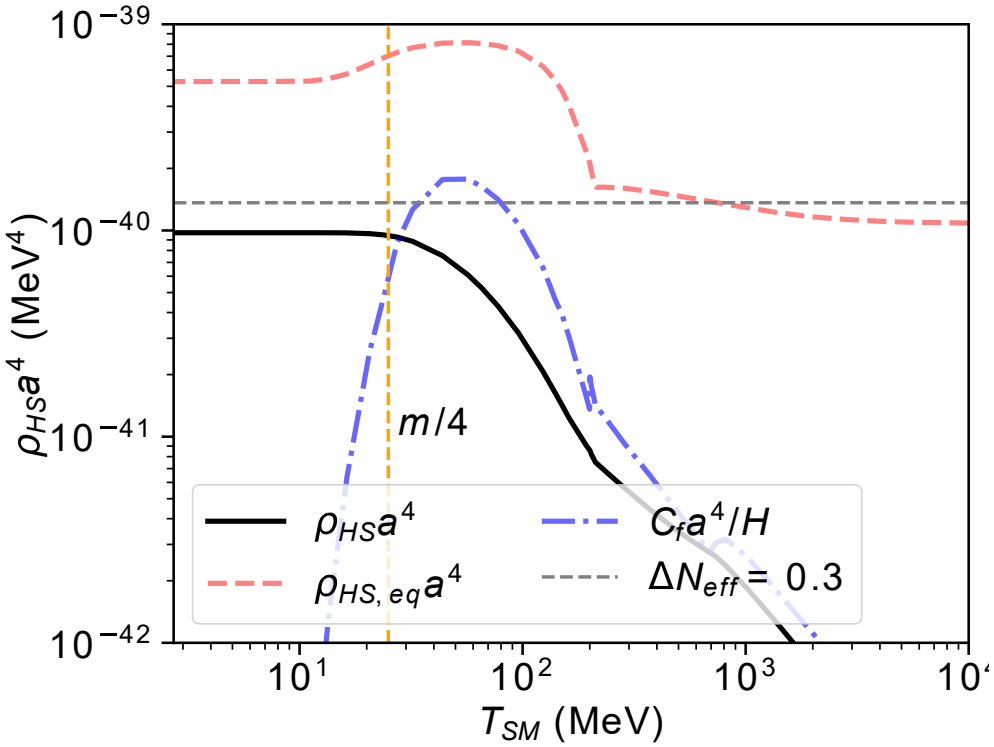


One can calculate a conservative Neff constraint on the millicharge interaction that is independent of details of hidden sector.

Minimum leaked energy independent of details within HS





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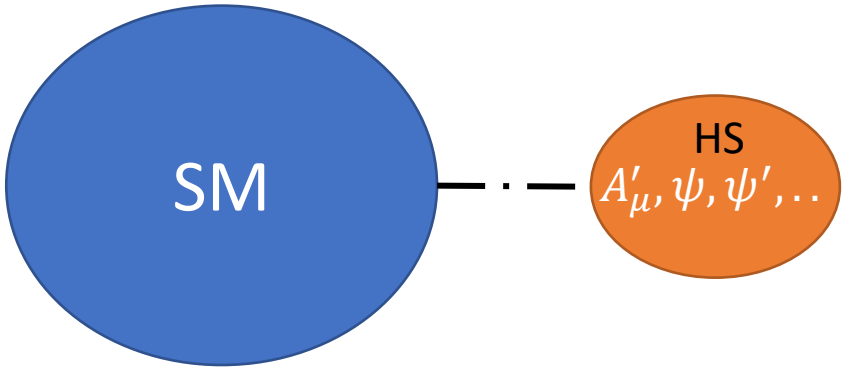

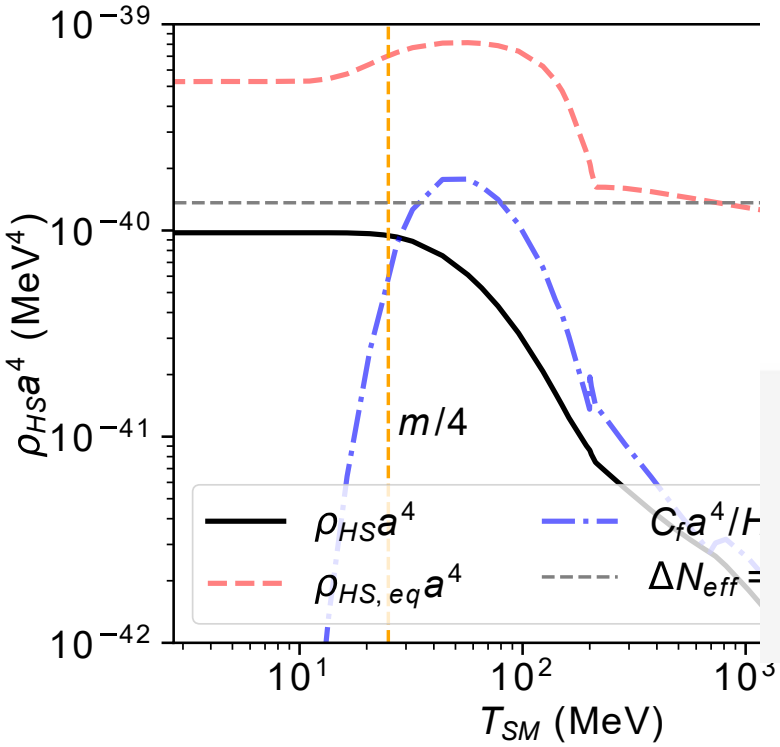

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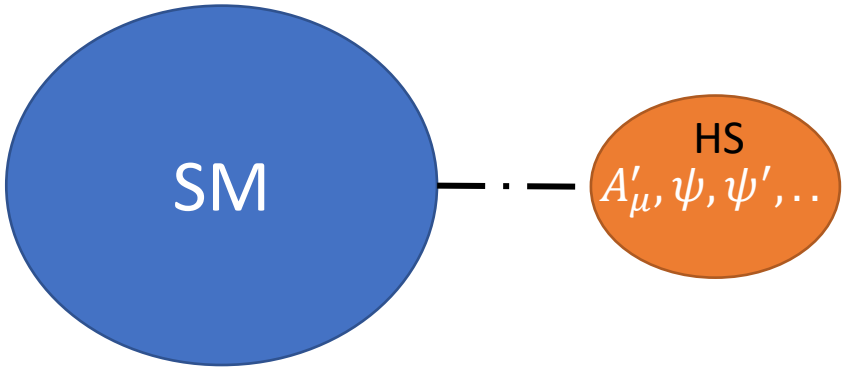

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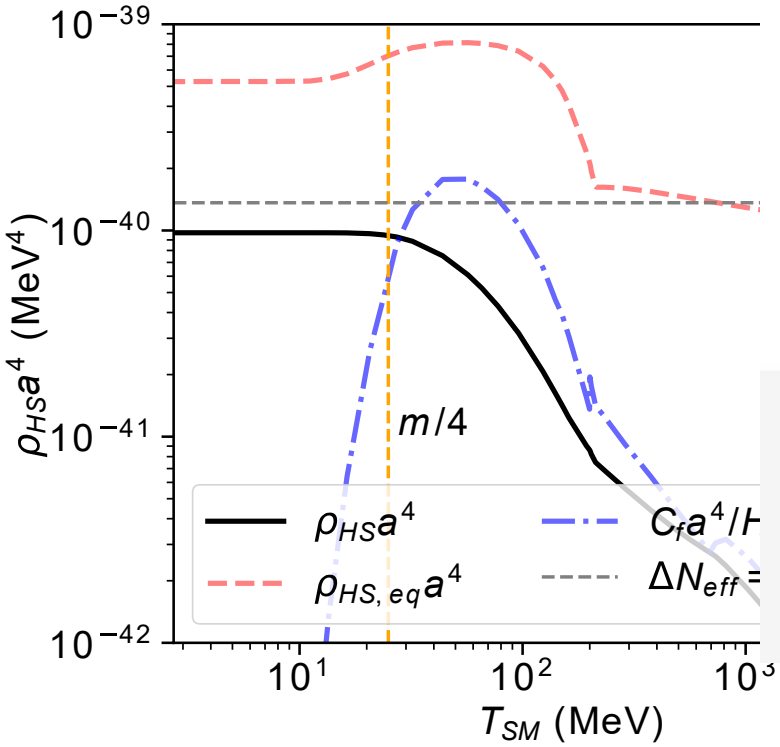

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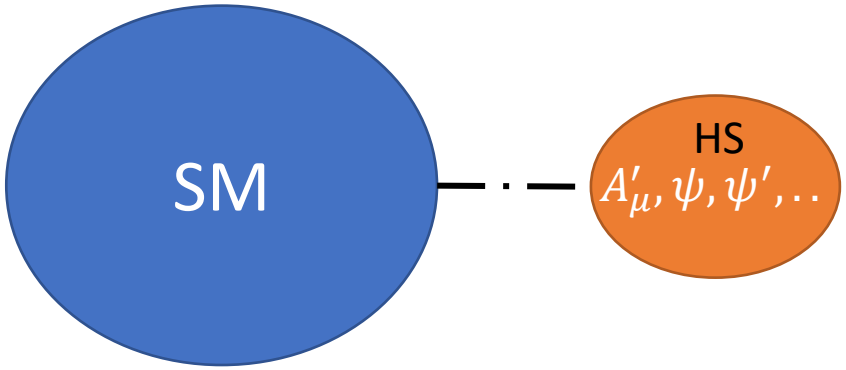

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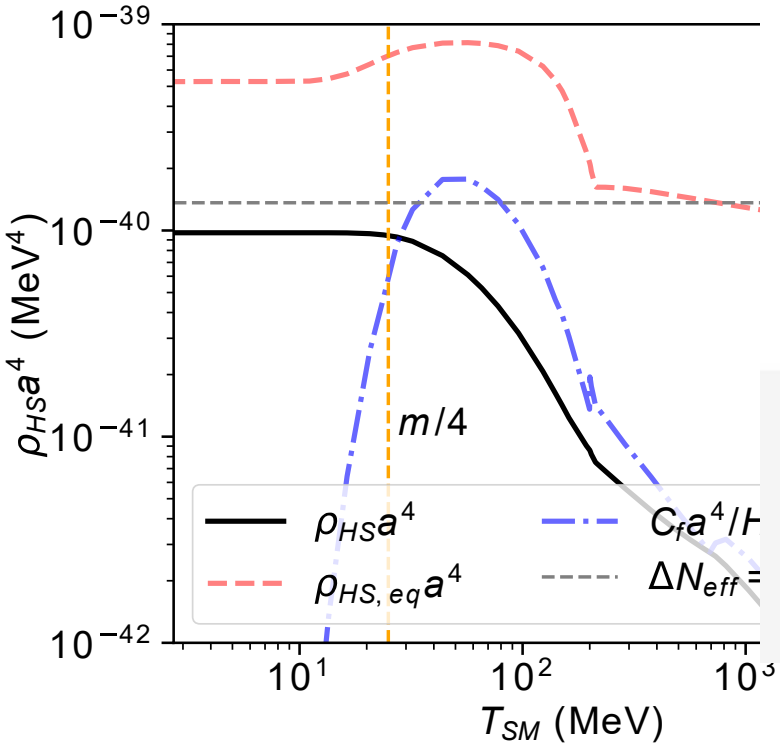
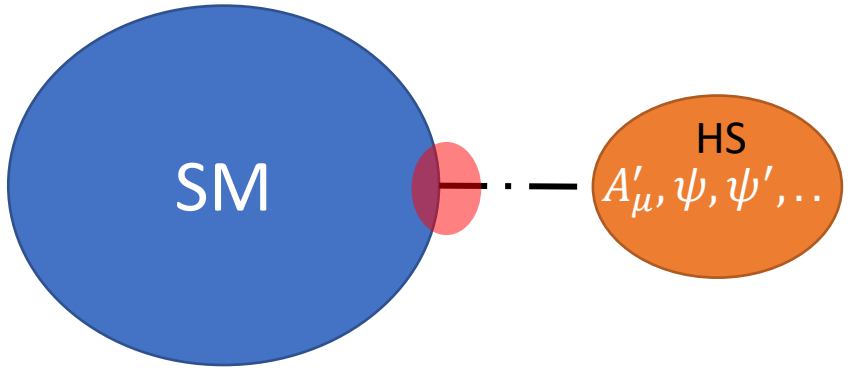


Minimum leaked energy independent of details within HS: Depends only on one BSM coupling

Beyond Standard Model



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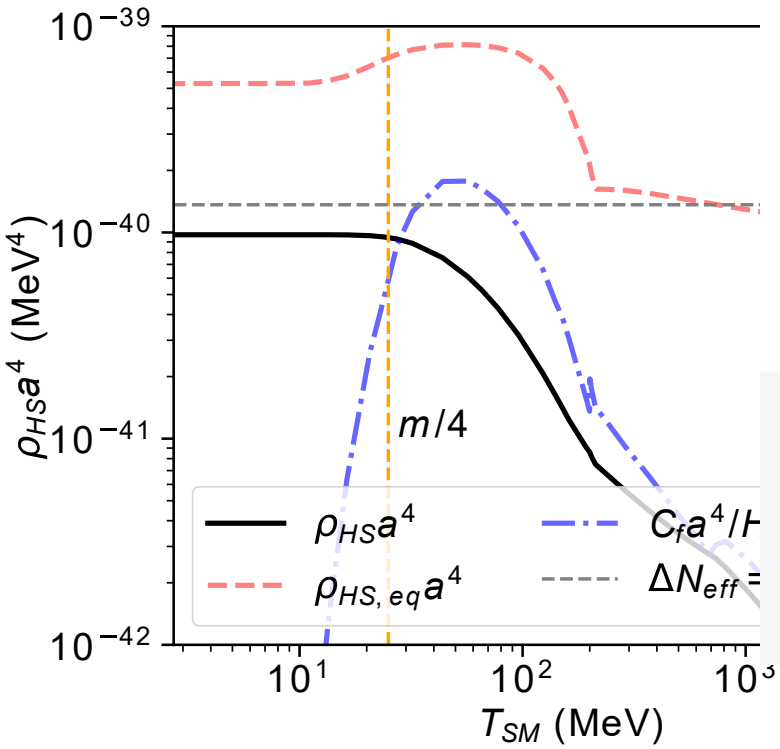
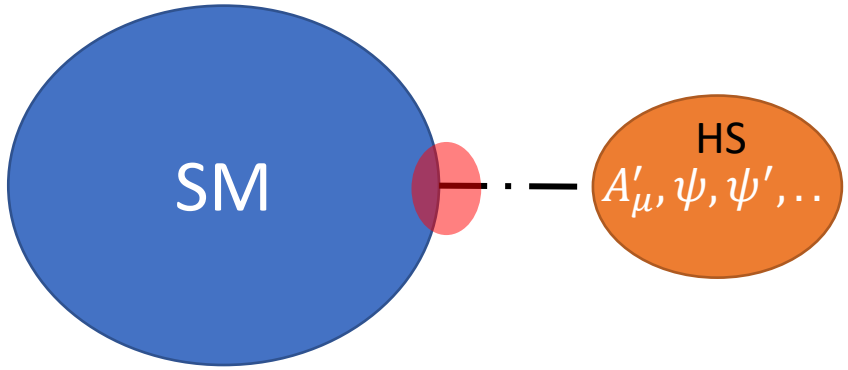


Minimum leaked energy independent of details within HS: Conservative constraint on BSM coupling



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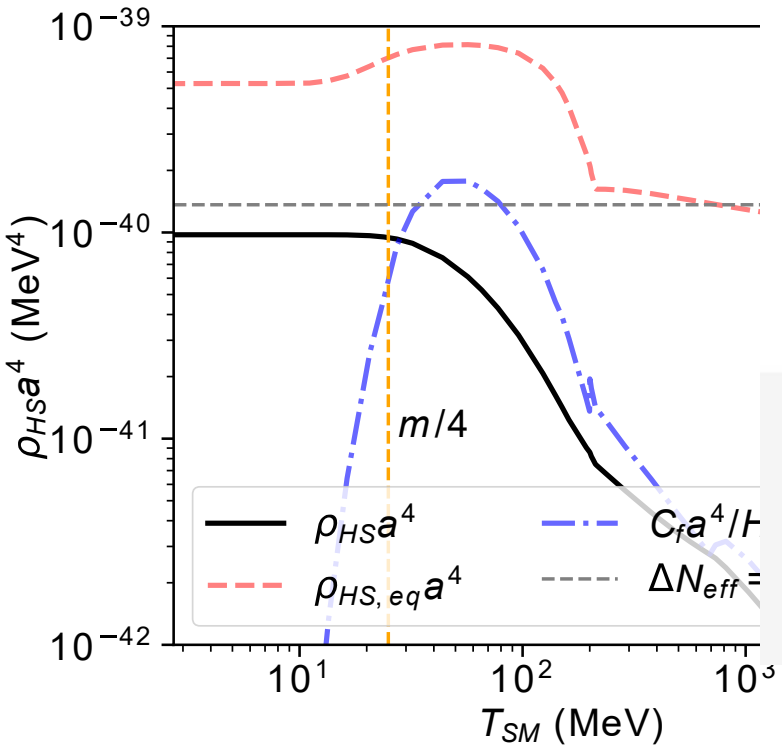
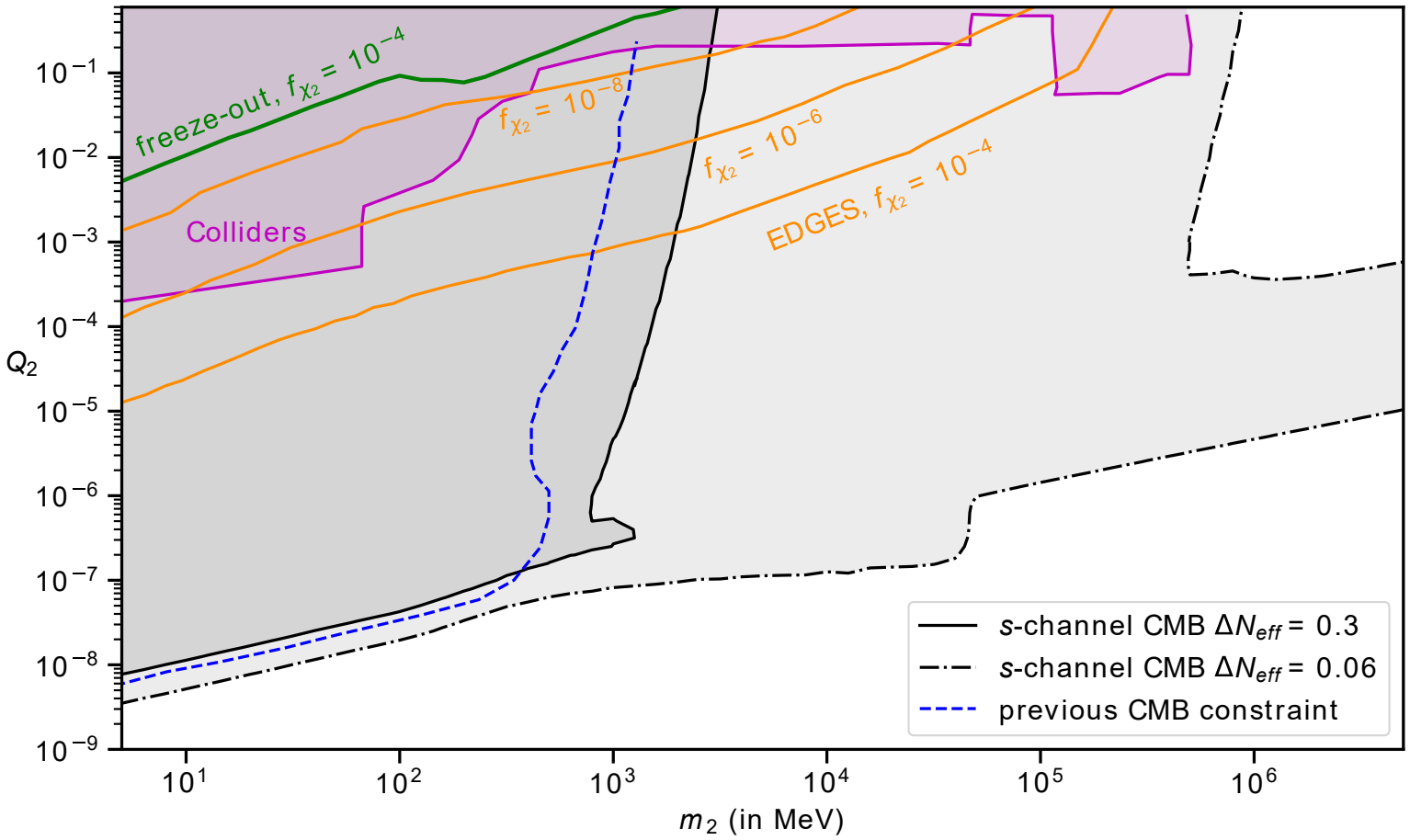
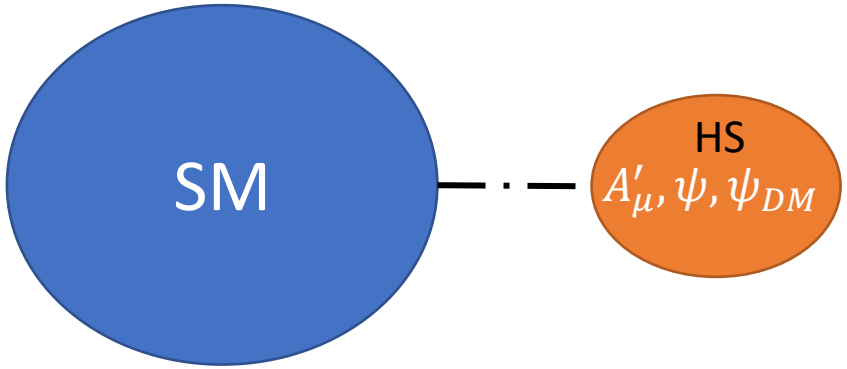


$$L < g_*^{3/4}(m)\, g_*^{1/3} \left(\frac{m}{4}\right) \frac{m/4}{M_{\rm Pl}} (\Delta N_{\rm eff})_{\max}$$

Neff constraints applicable for wide class of hidden sectors: Application to EDGES





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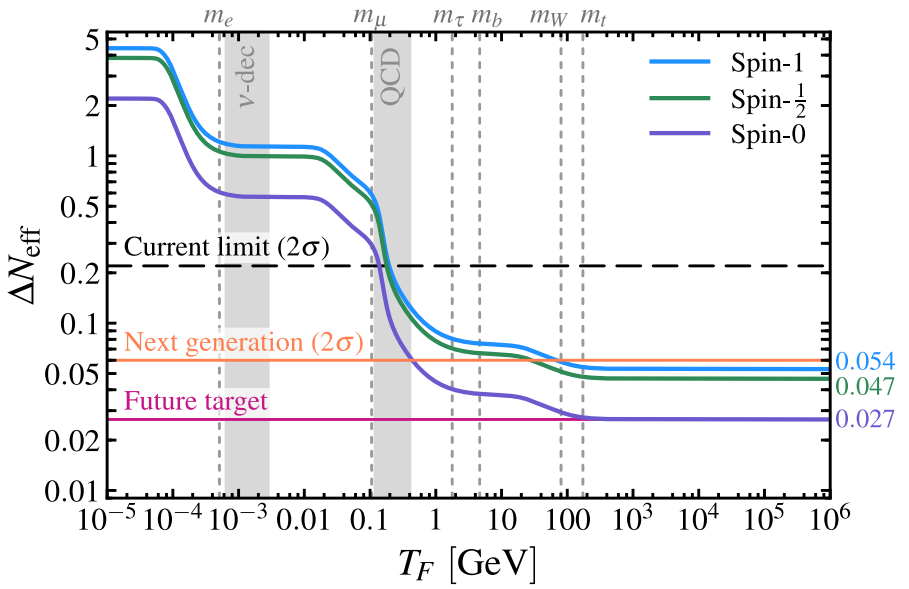
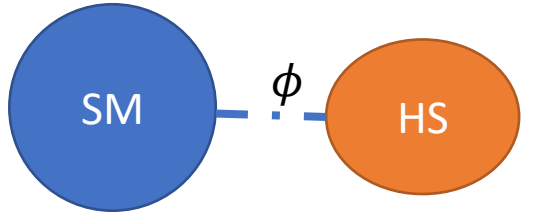
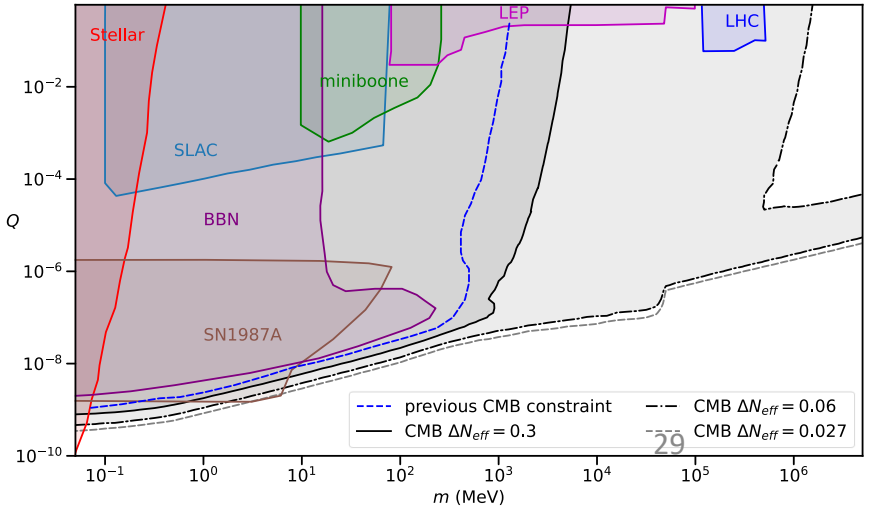
Summary

- With improving Neff measurements, we should interpret them as constraints on portal interactions with out-of-equilibrium sectors
- $N_{\rm eff}$ constraints on out-of-equilibrium particles are:
  - Most relevant for portal interactions mediated by a particle heavier than 0.1 MeV
  - Orders of magnitude stronger than collider experiments
  - Constraints largely independent of internal hidden sector model
- Simple way to calculate: $L < g_*^{3/4}(4\Lambda)\, g_*^{1/3}(\Lambda)\, \frac{\Lambda}{M_{\rm Pl}} (\Delta N_{\rm eff})_{\rm max}$







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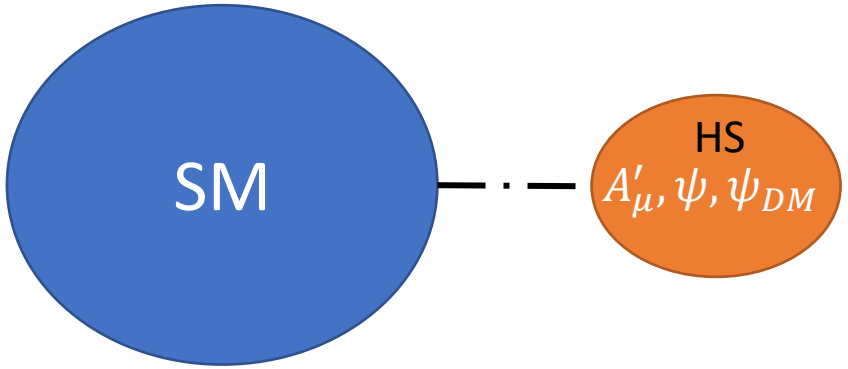

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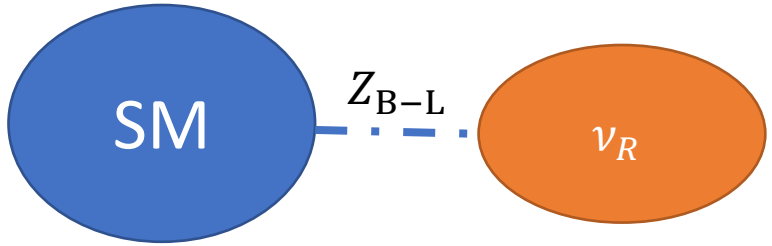

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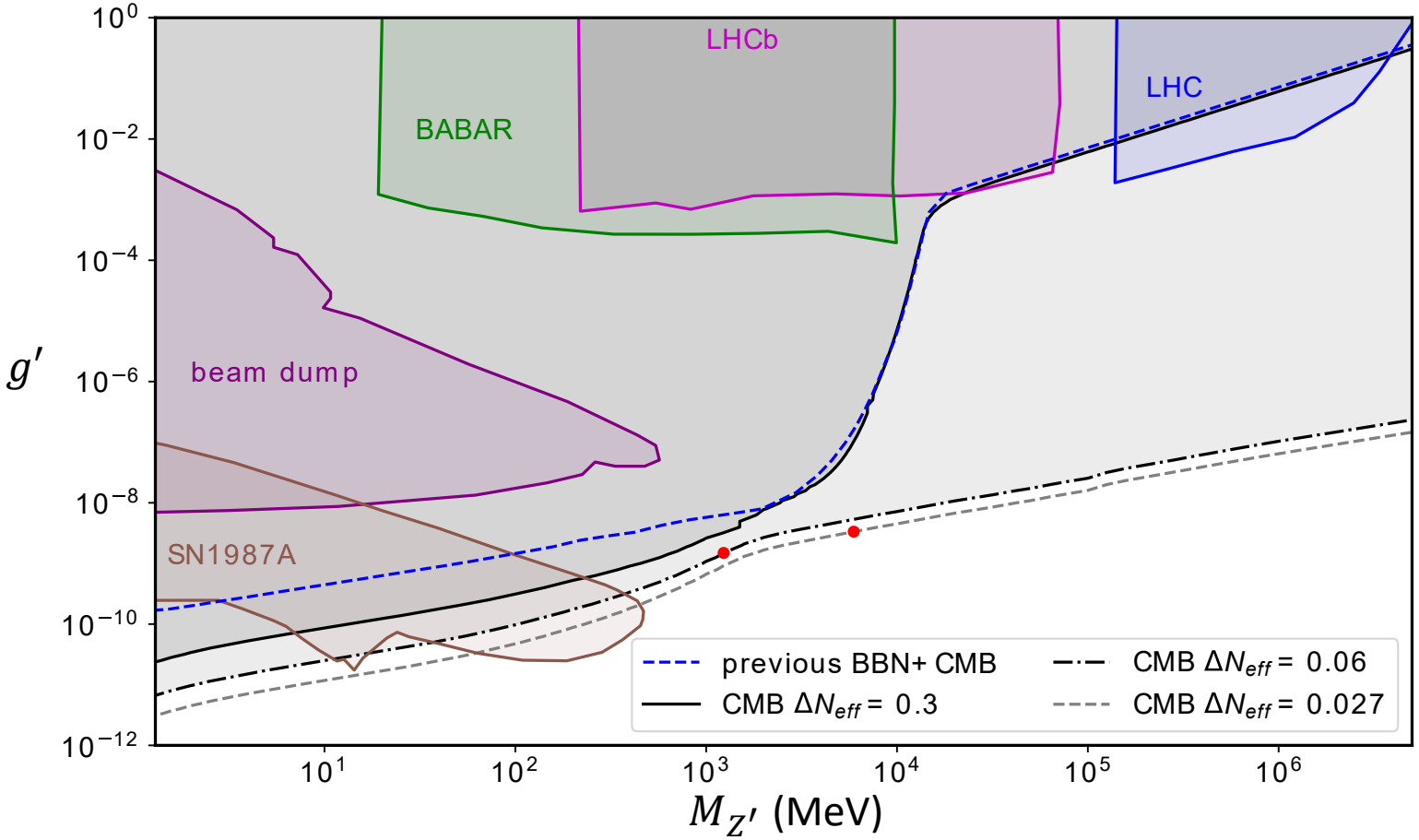
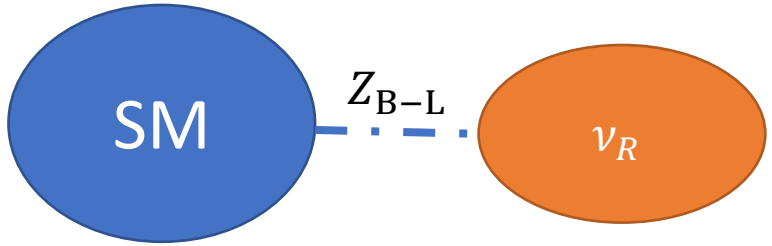
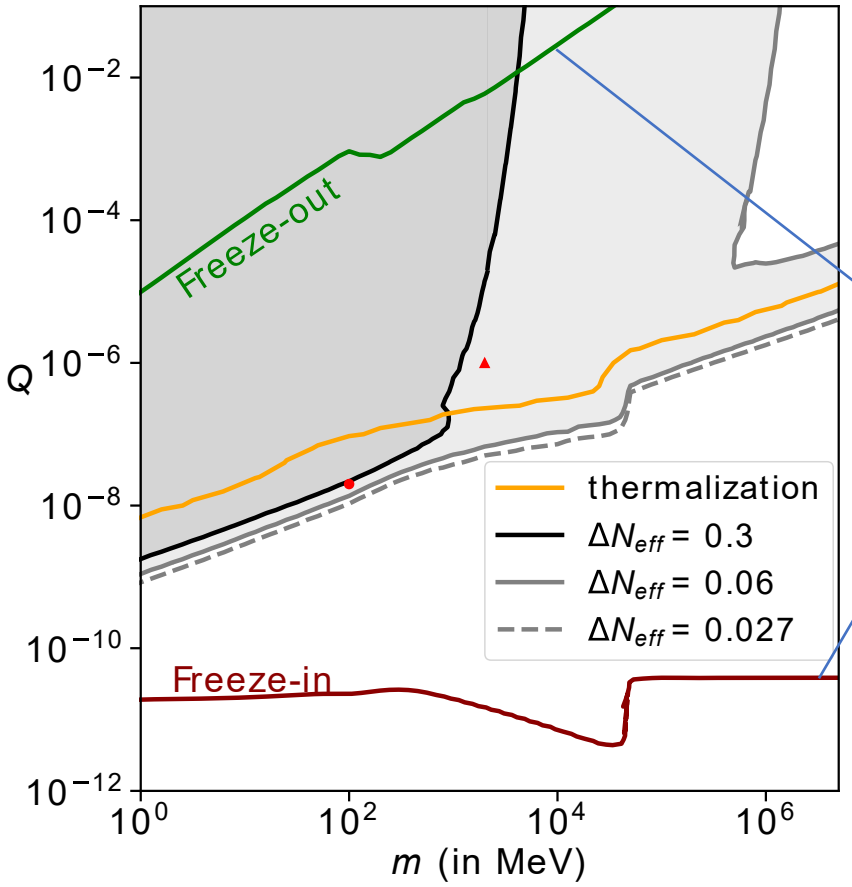




Millicharged particles must dominantly annihilate into dark photons



Millicharged particle abundance= dark matter abundance
Assuming negligible interaction with dark phton