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FREEZE-IN @ DIRECT DETECTION

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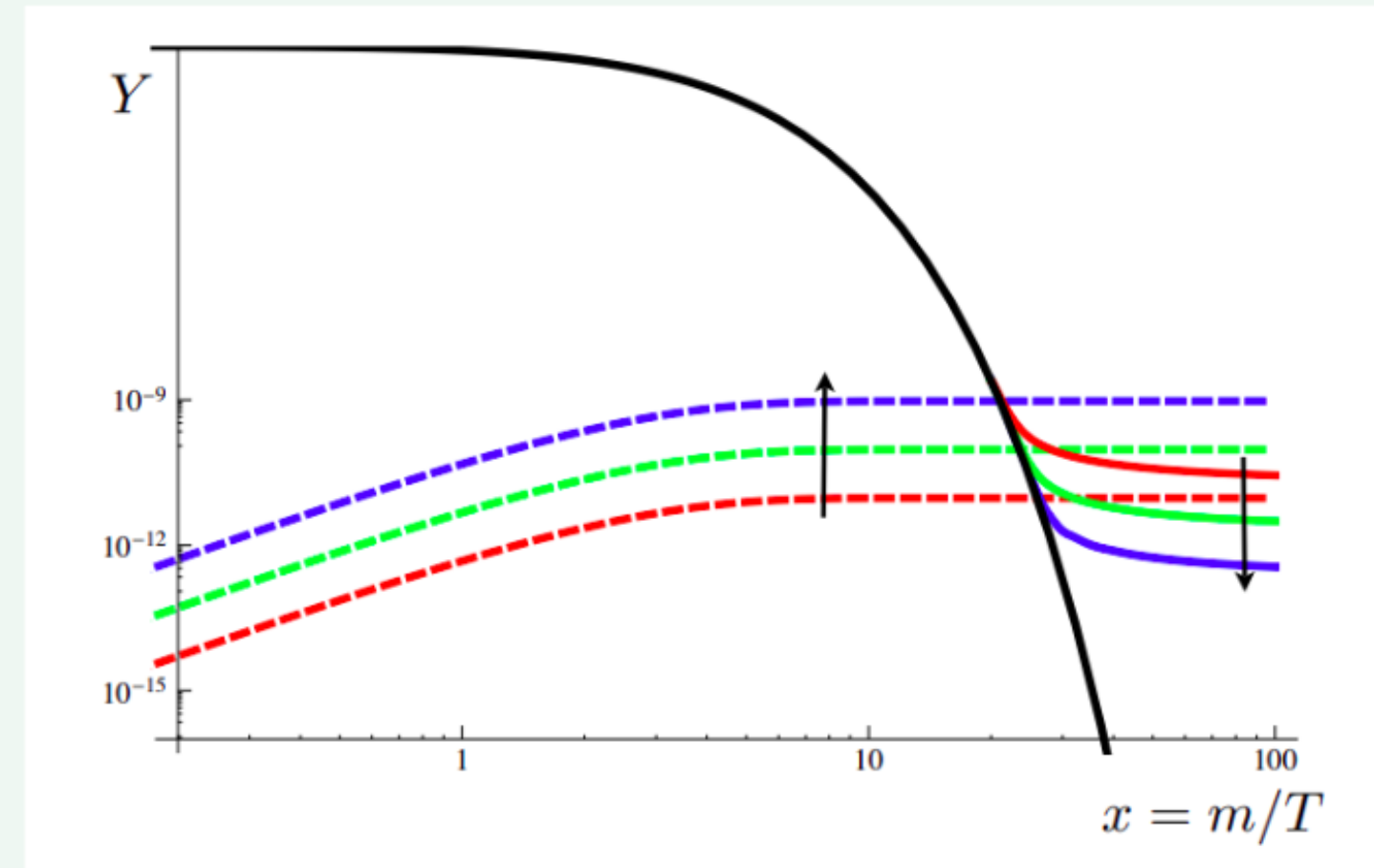
FC, L. Covi, to appear soon



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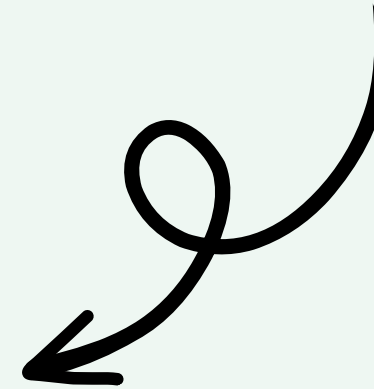
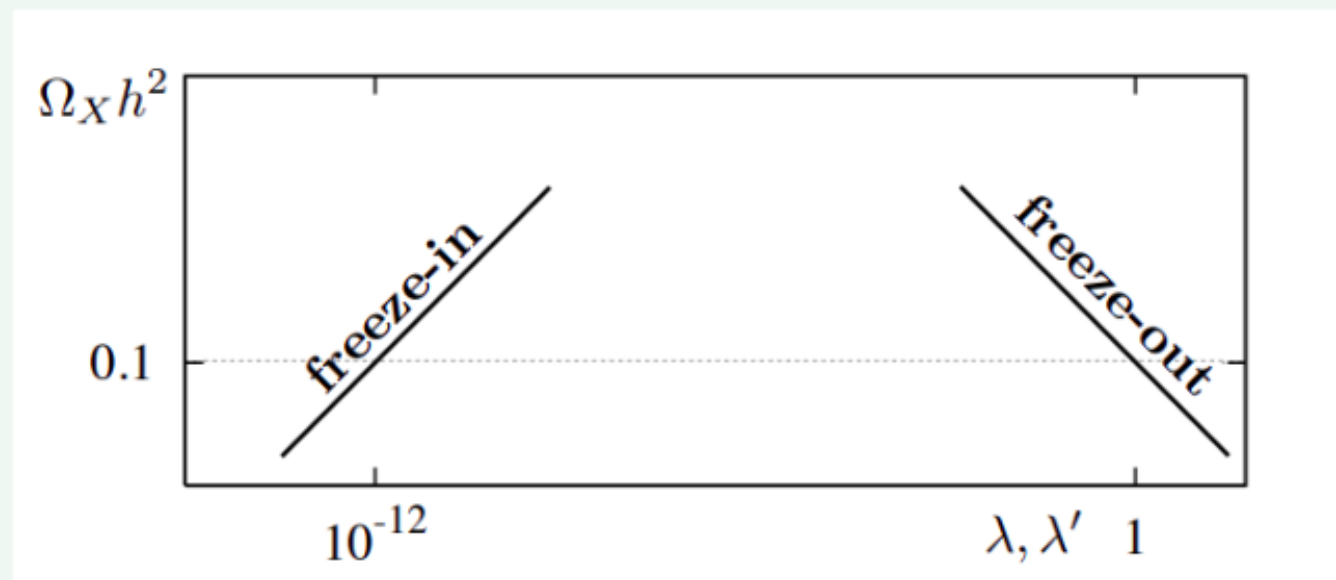
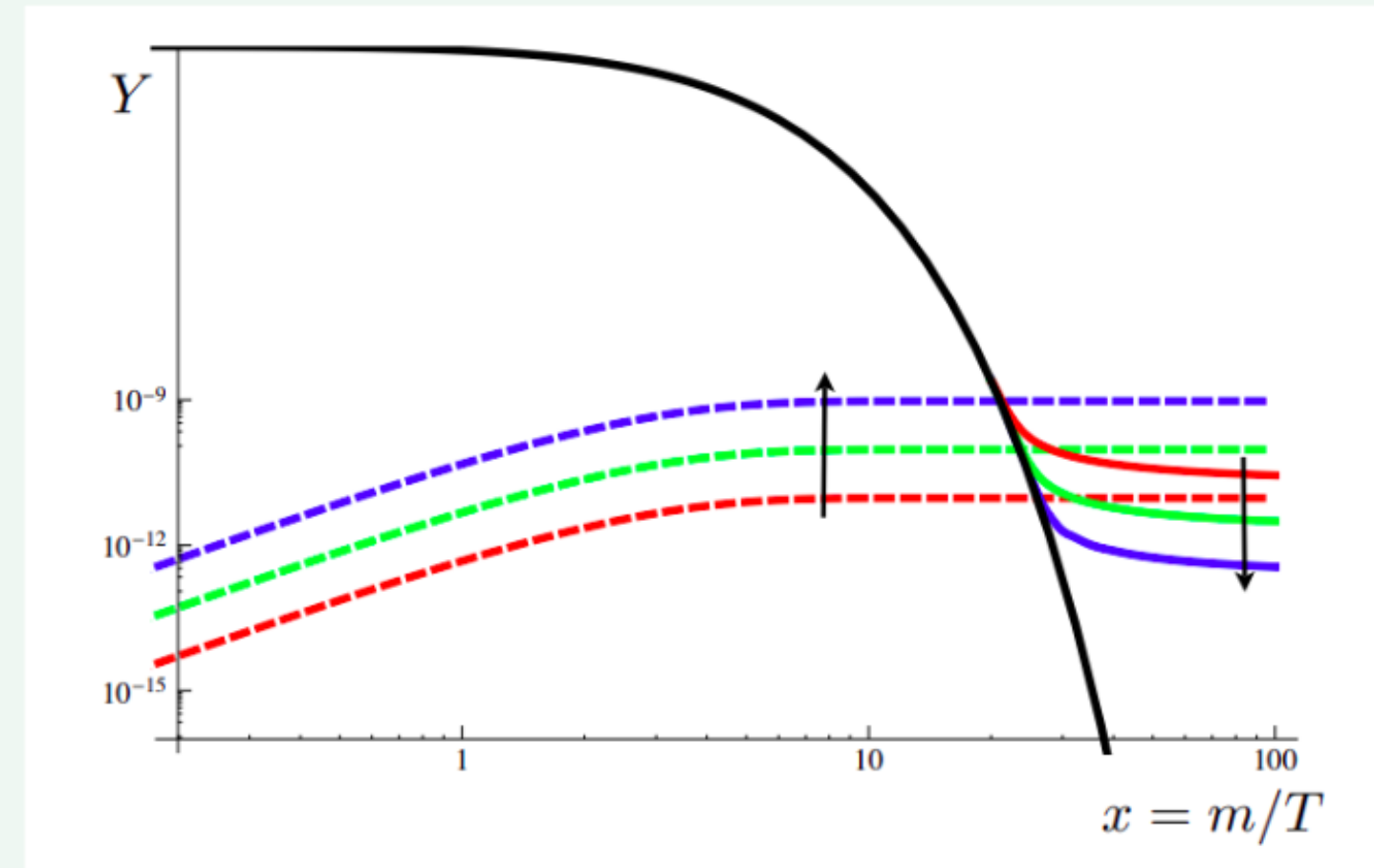
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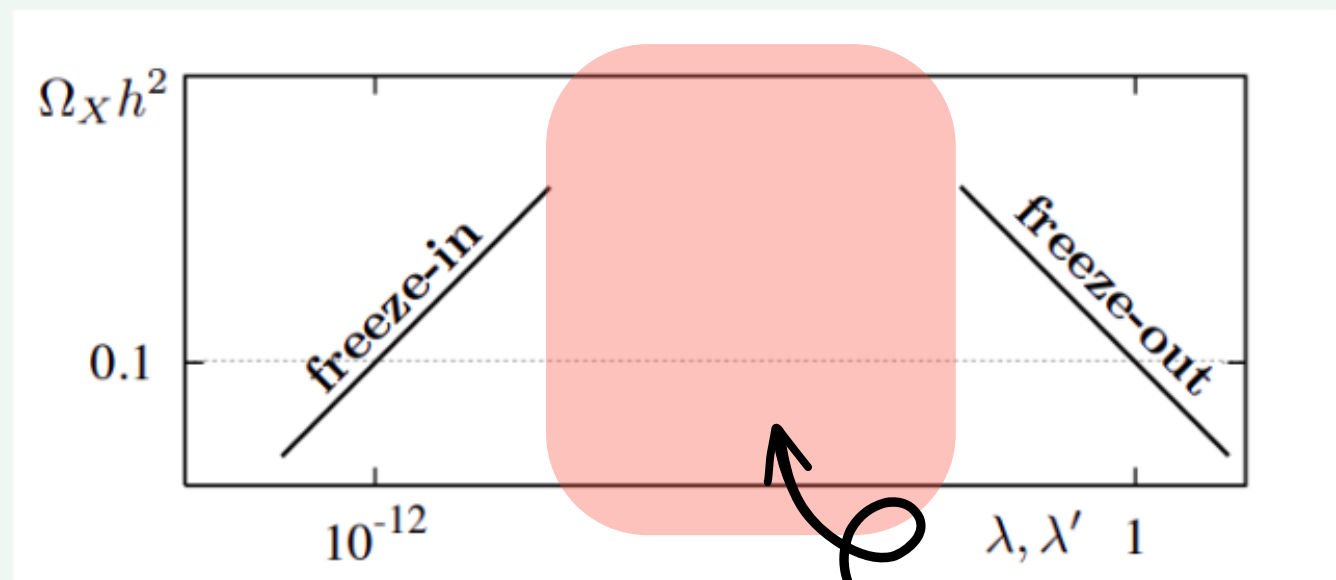
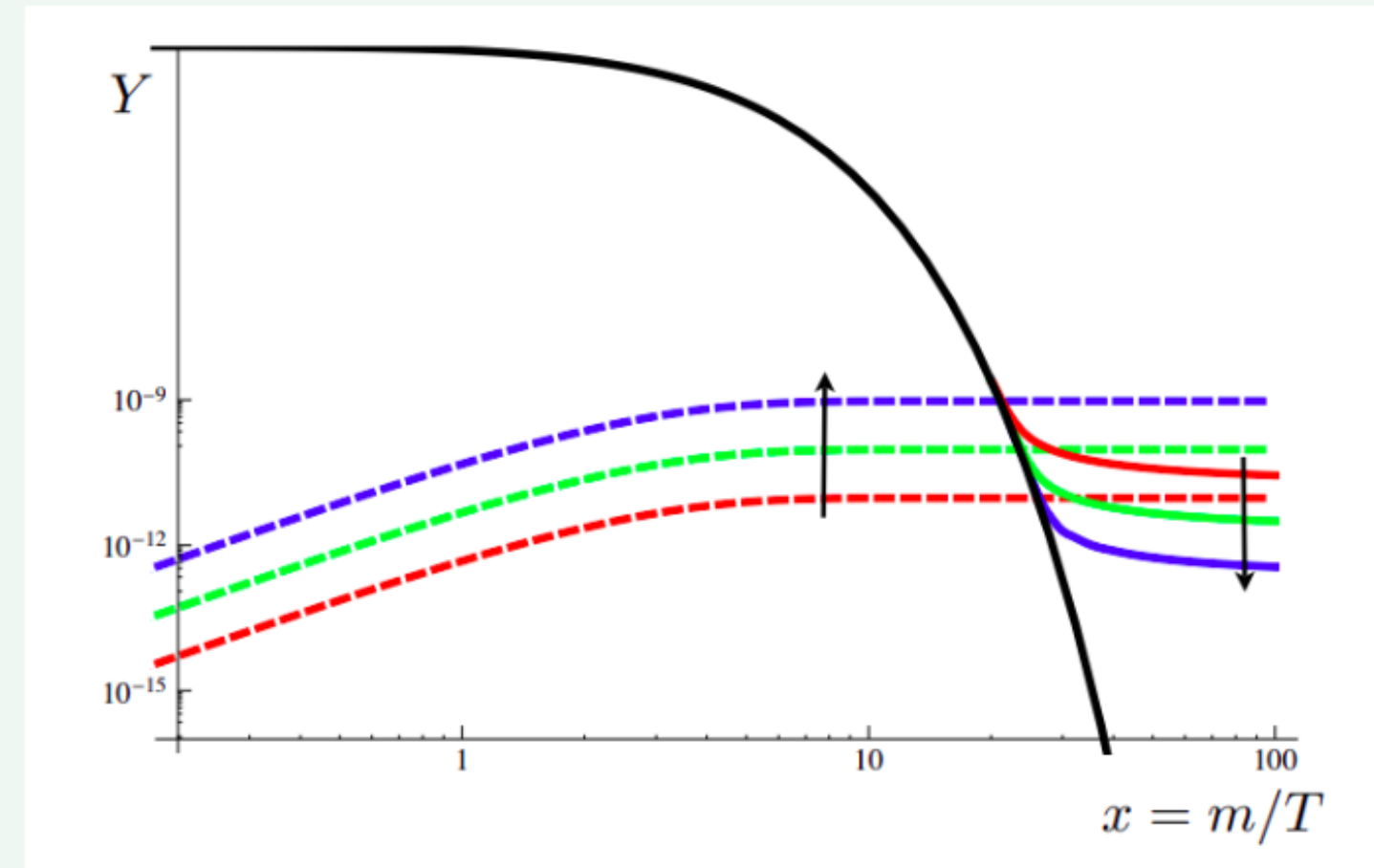
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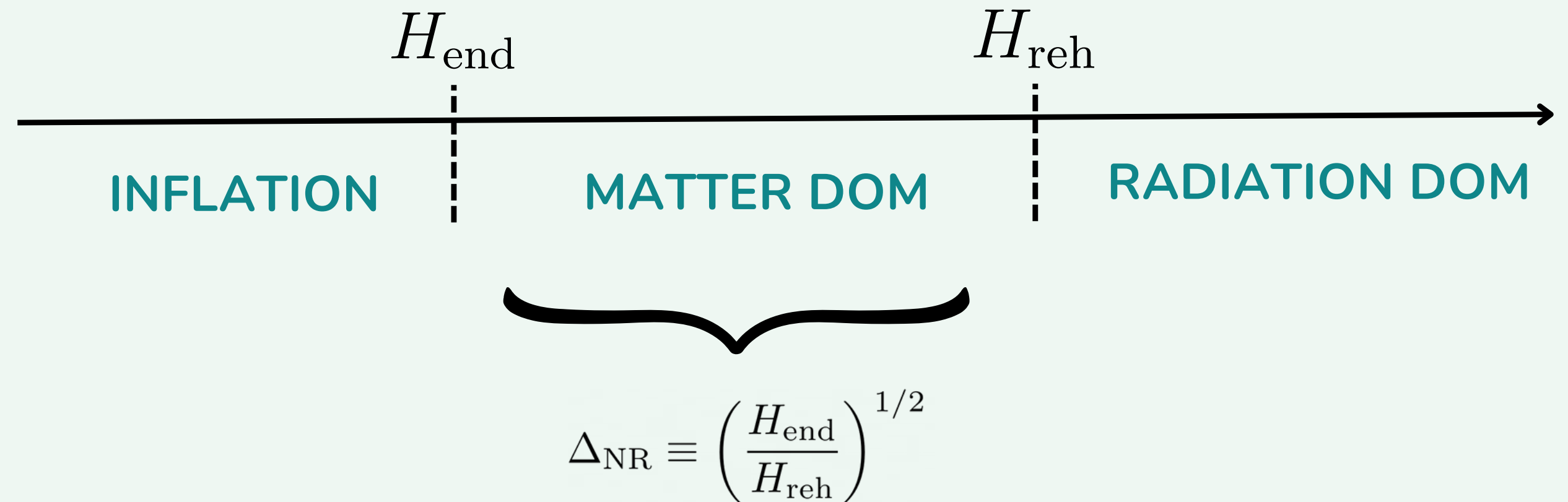
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$$\Omega_s h^2 \lesssim 0.1$$

$$\Delta_{\text{NR}} \gtrsim 10^{17} C^2 \frac{m_s}{\text{GeV}}$$

Lower bound on the matter dominated epoch in order to avoid overproduction of DM

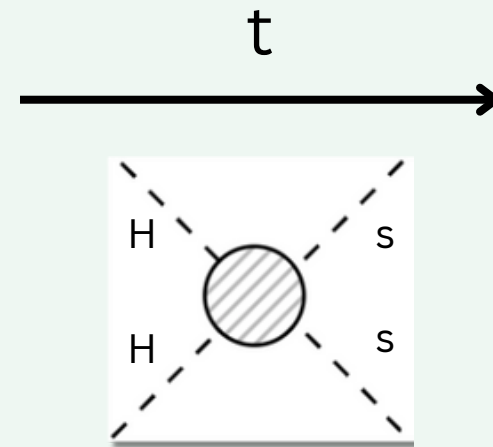


$$\Delta_{\text{NR}} \equiv \left(\frac{H_{\text{end}}}{H_{\text{reh}}} \right)^{1/2}$$

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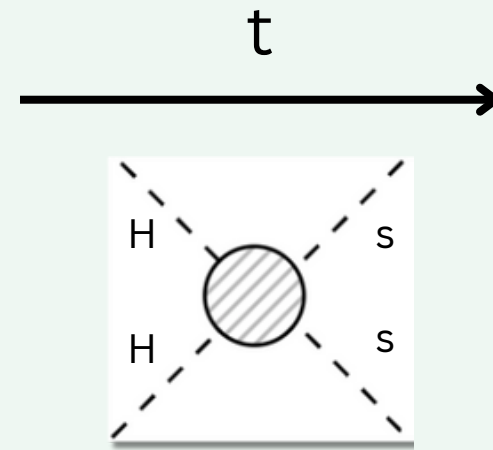
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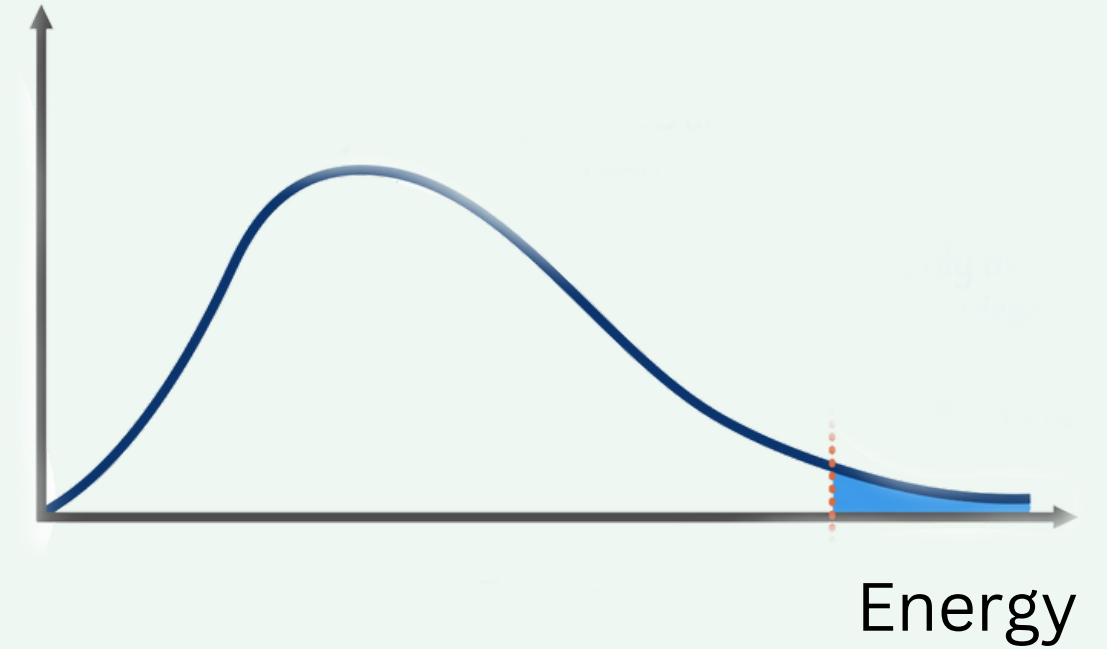
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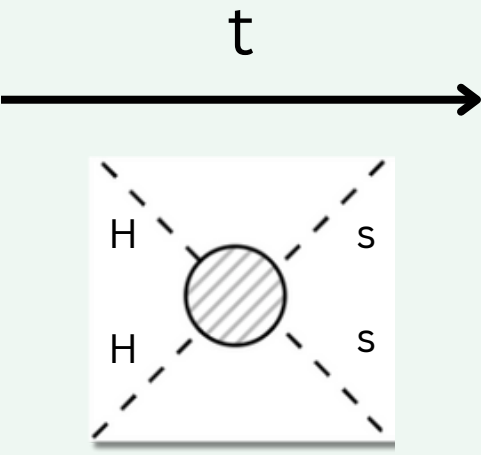
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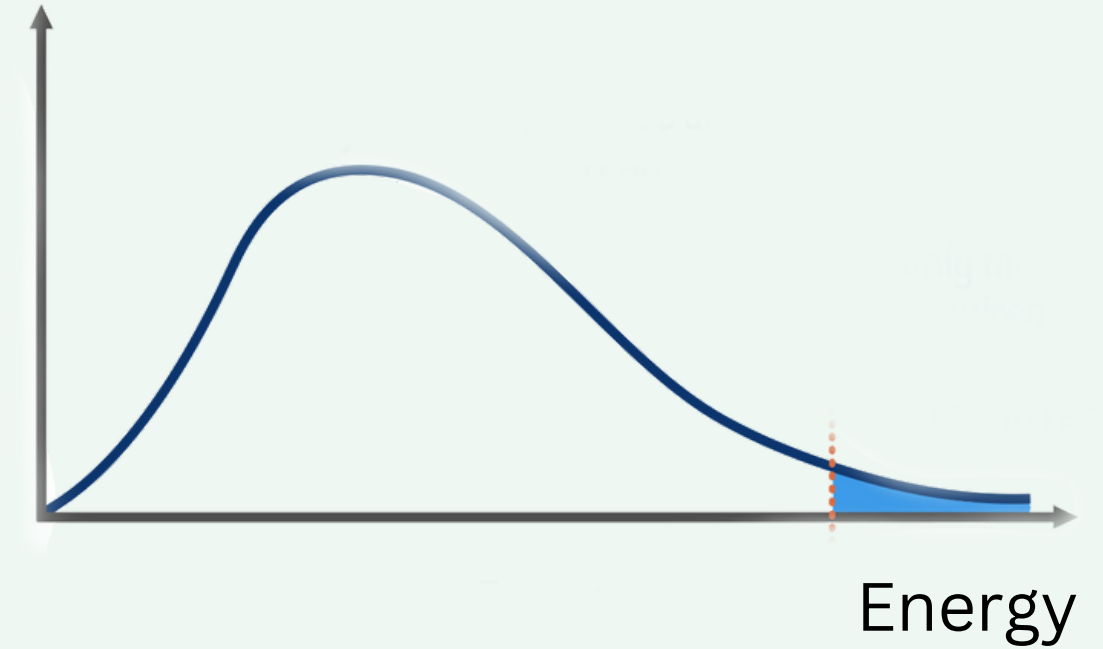
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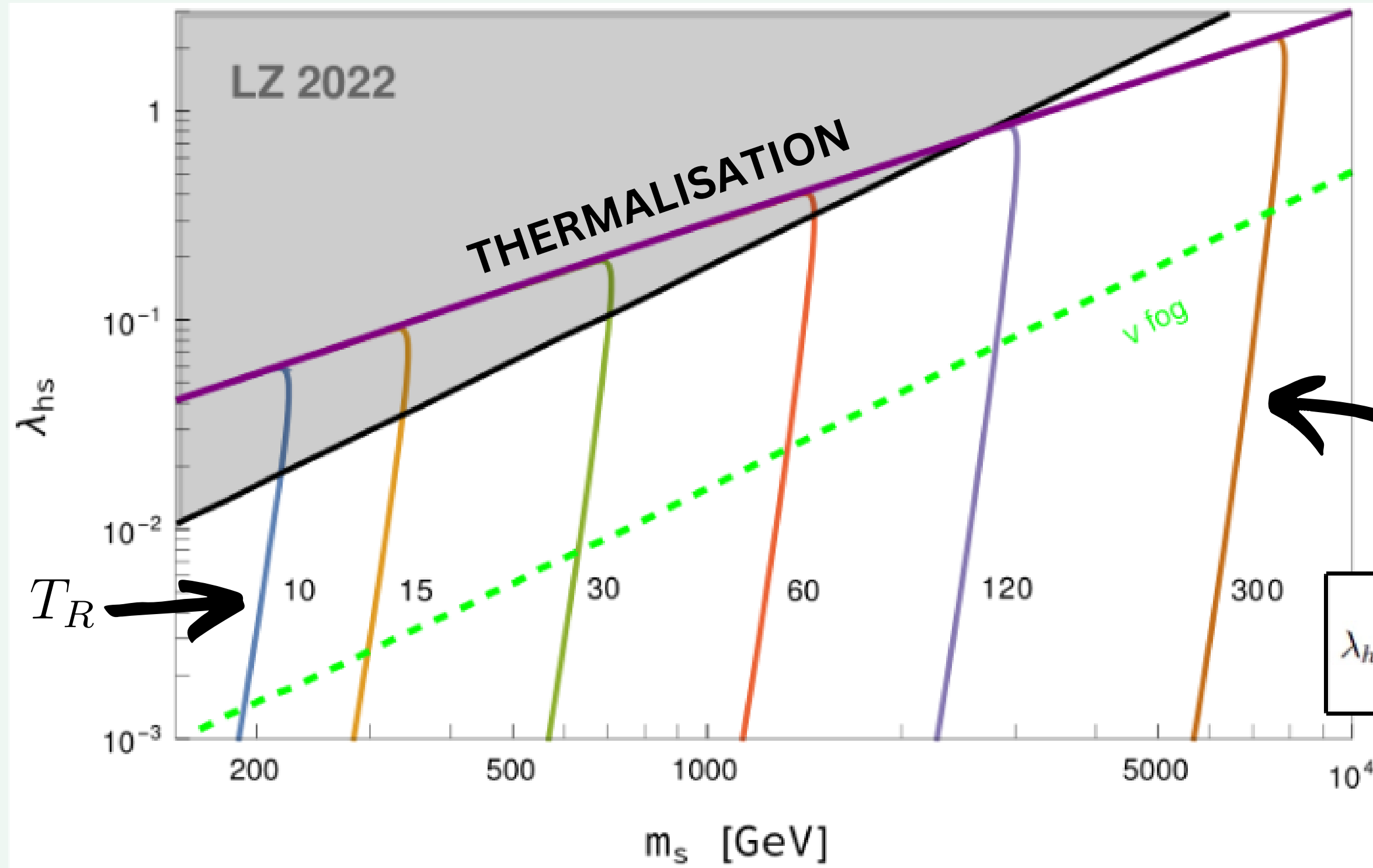
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$$\Gamma(h_i h_i \rightarrow ss) \simeq \frac{\lambda_{hs}^2 T^3 m_s}{2^7 \pi^4} e^{-2m_s/T}$$

The rate of production is Boltzmann suppressed

DIRECT DETECTION



$$\lambda_{hs} \simeq 3 \times 10^{-11} e^{m_s/T_R} \sqrt{\frac{T_R}{m_s}}$$

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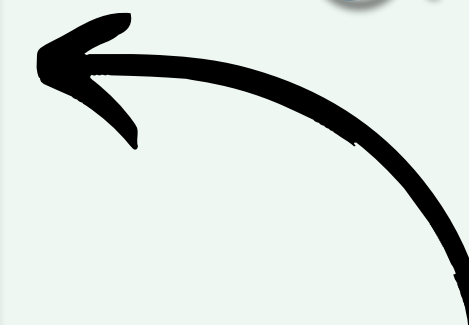
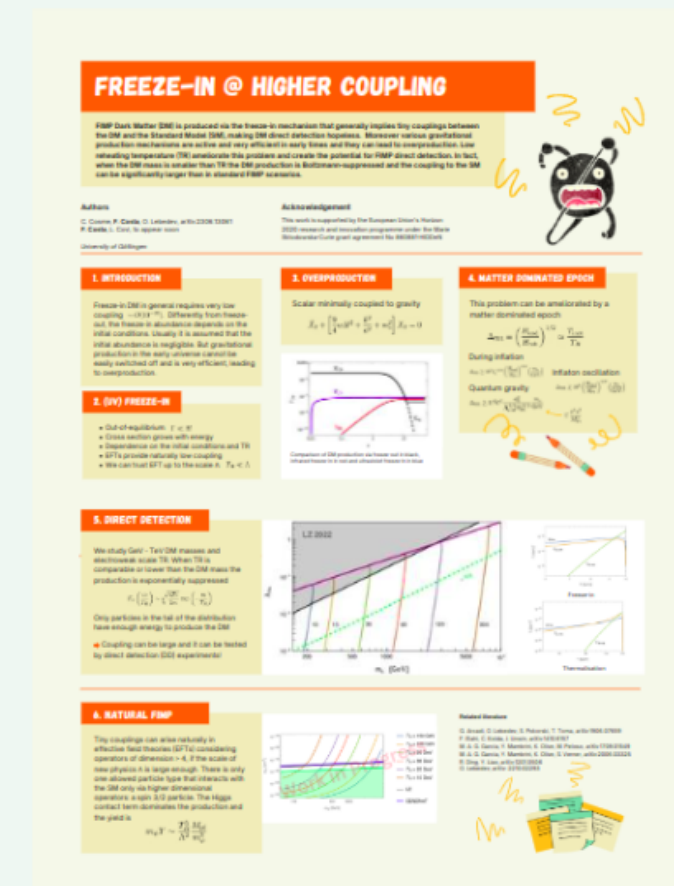


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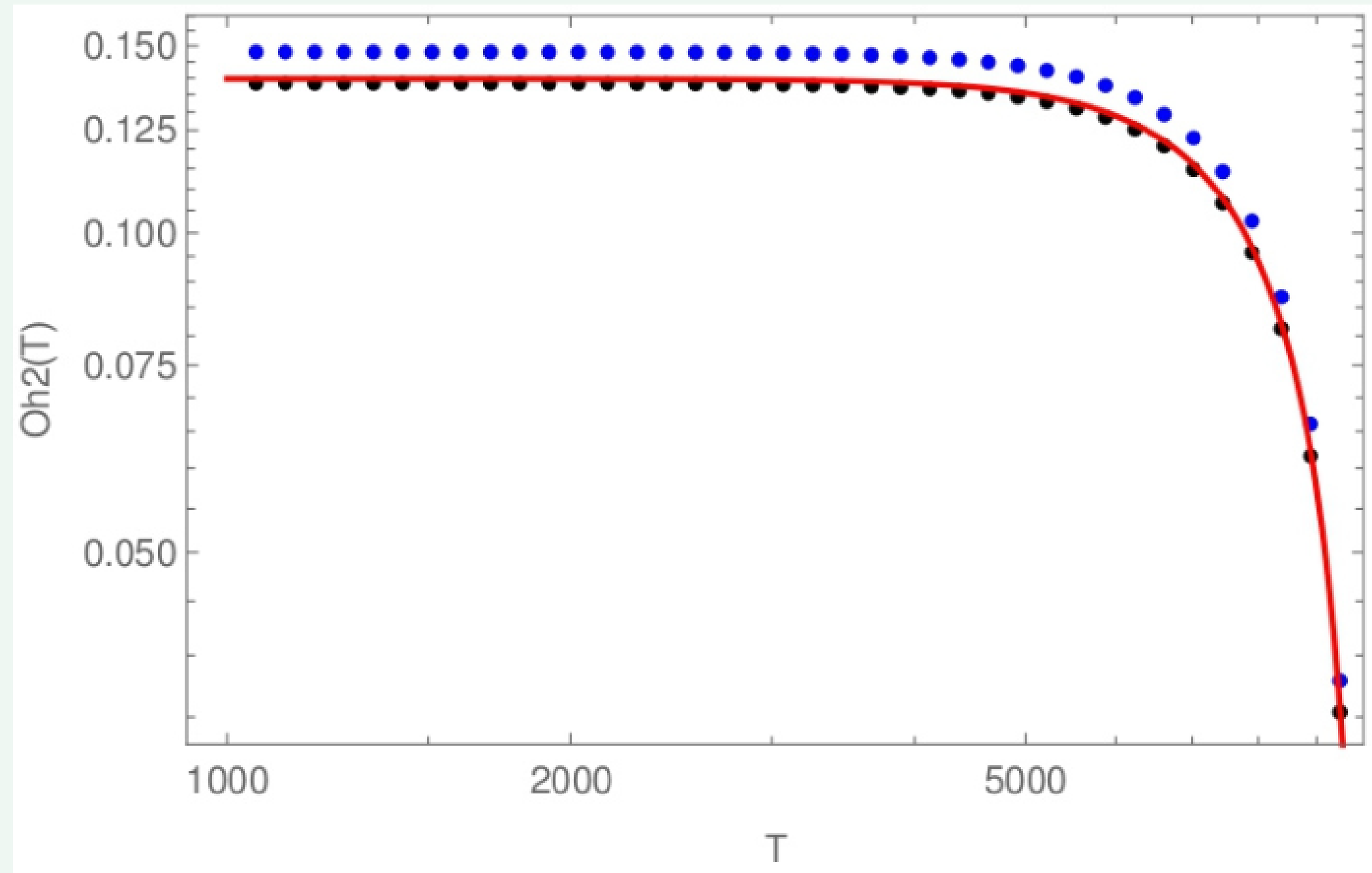
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BACK-UP

Non-instantaneous
reheating

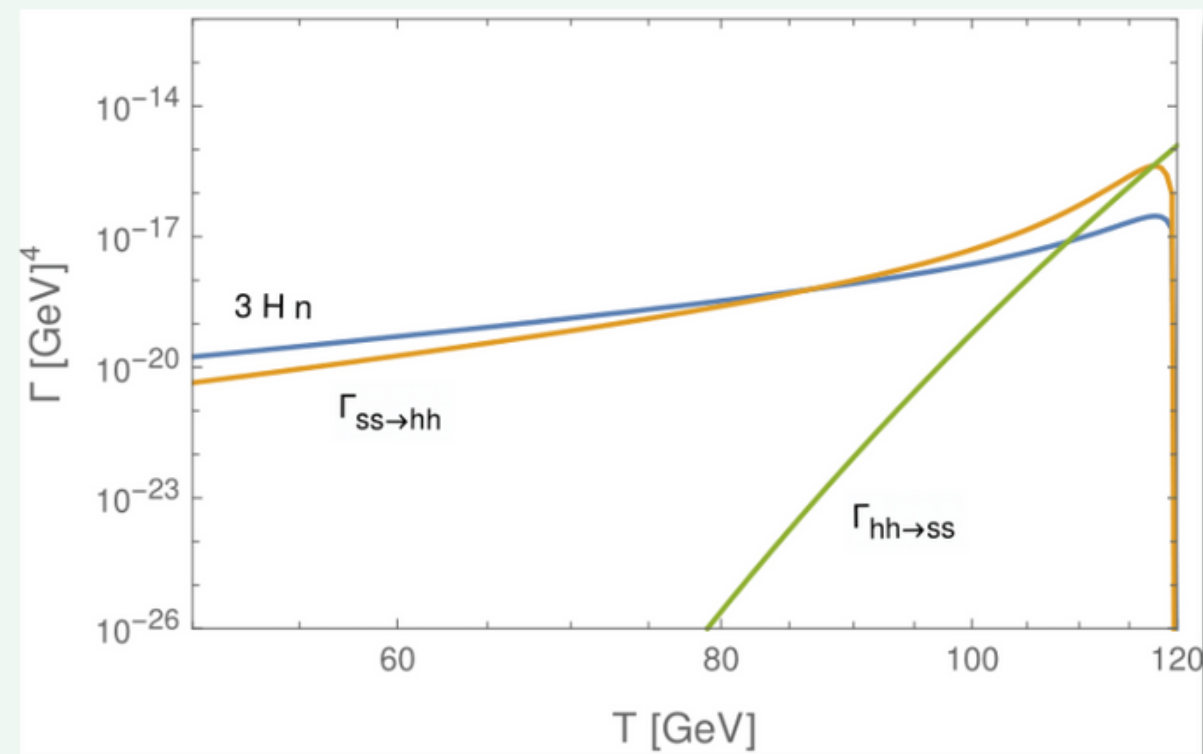
$$m_\psi Y = 4 \times m_\psi Y_{inst}$$

Relativistic effect

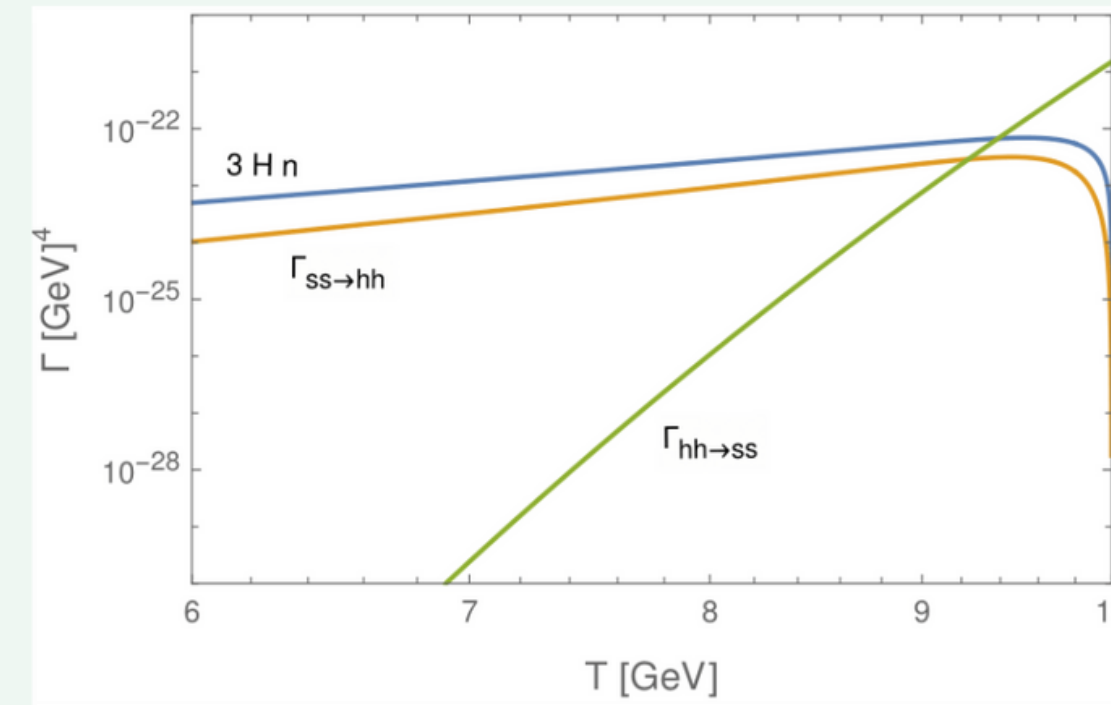


THREE REGIMES

Annihilation becomes relevant



Boltzmann suppressed freeze-in



Dark Matter thermalises

