

Dark matter genesis beyond the WIMP paradigm: Conversion-driven freeze-out

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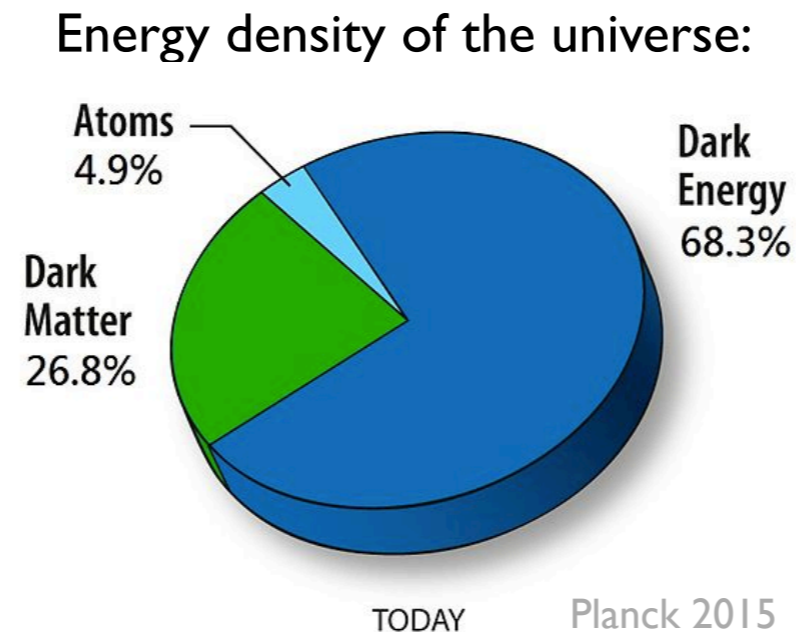
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Among key scientific goals of LHC:

- Pinpoint the nature of dark matter!

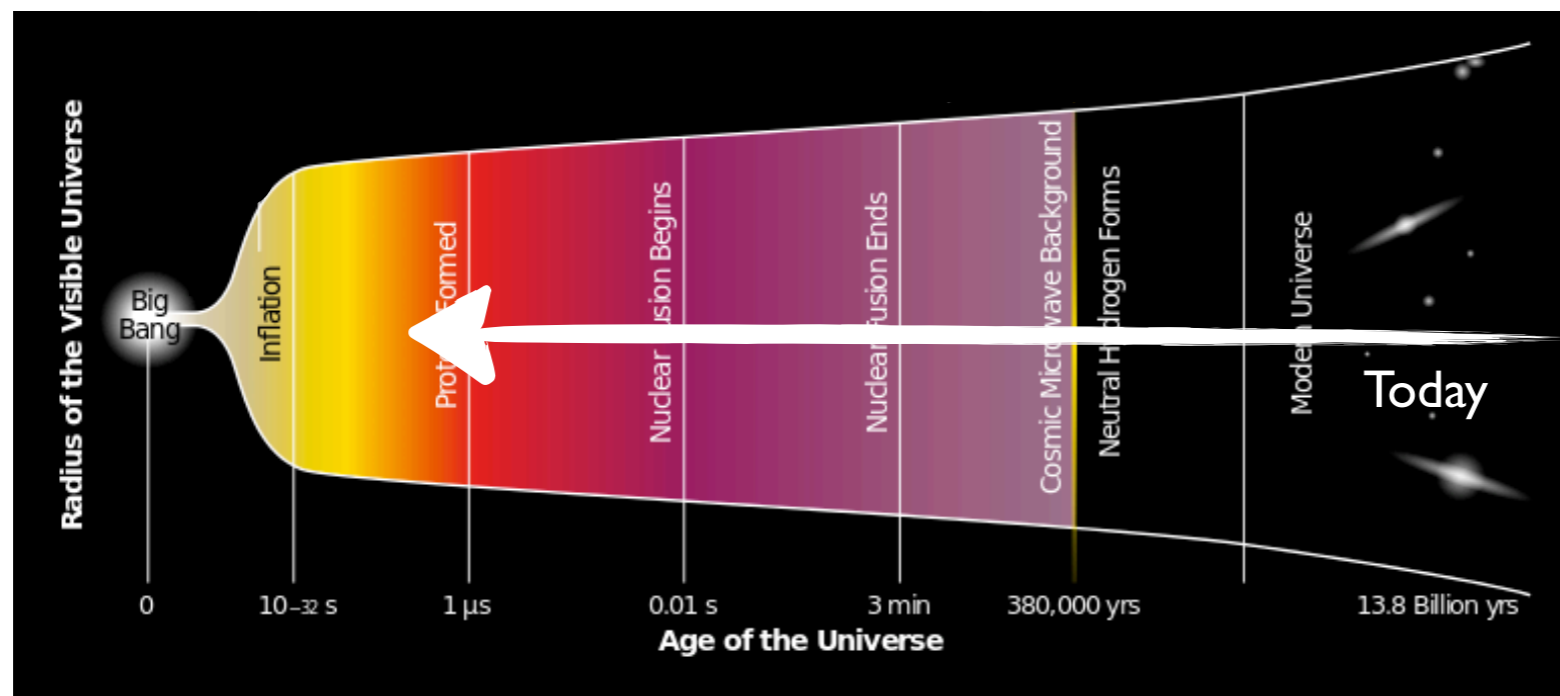


Dark matter [?] = WIMP

⇒ More possibilities
(even among thermal relics)

Goal: explain the dark matter density

- Relic from thermal abundance
- Consider cosmological history of Universe:



Particle physics
+cosmology:
Extrapolate to early
hot Universe

Expansion with Hubble rate H

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$$E_\chi (\partial_t - H p \partial_p) f_\chi(p, t) = C[f_\chi]$$

DM distribution functions

Relativistic Liouville operator for homogeneous, isotropic Universe

Collision operator

Cosmology

Particle Physics

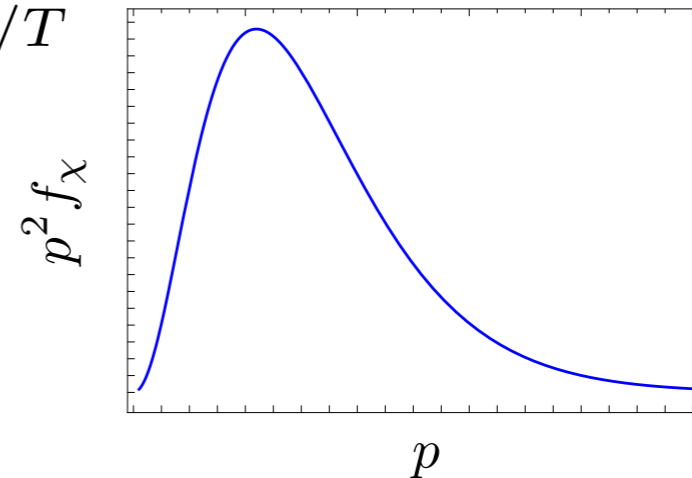
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Assumption: $f_\chi(p) \propto f_{\text{BM}} = e^{-E_p/T}$

(Boltzmann distribution established in kinetic equilibrium)

[see e.g. Binder, Bringmann, Gustafsson, Hryczuk 2017 for general solutions without kinetic eq.]

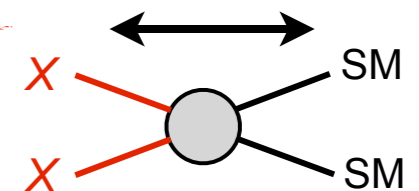


Integrated equation for $n_\chi(t) = \int d\Pi_p f_\chi(p, t)$:

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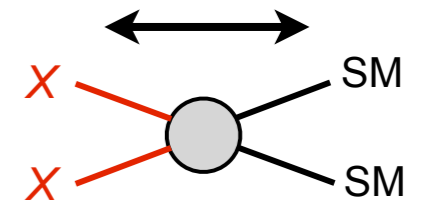


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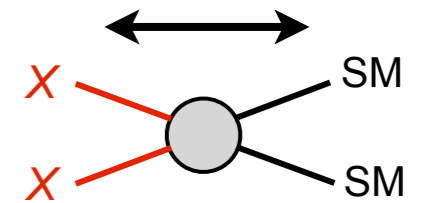
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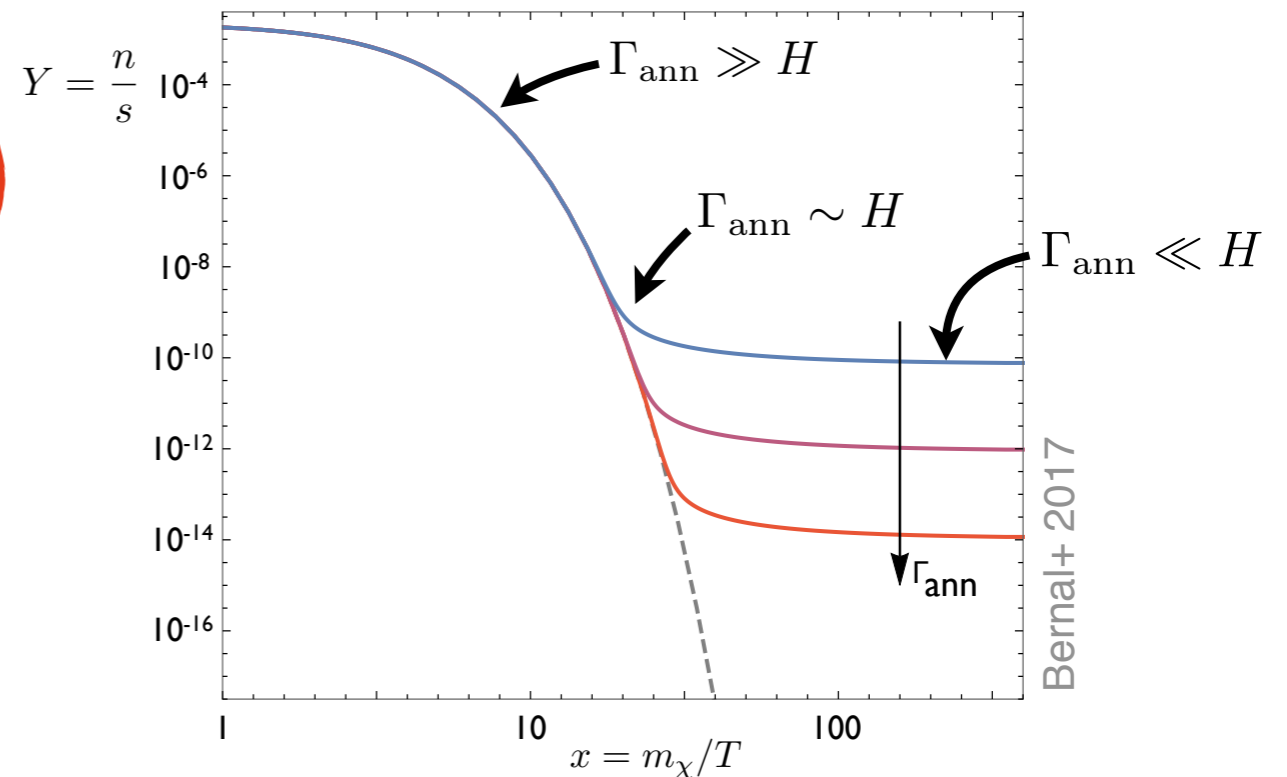


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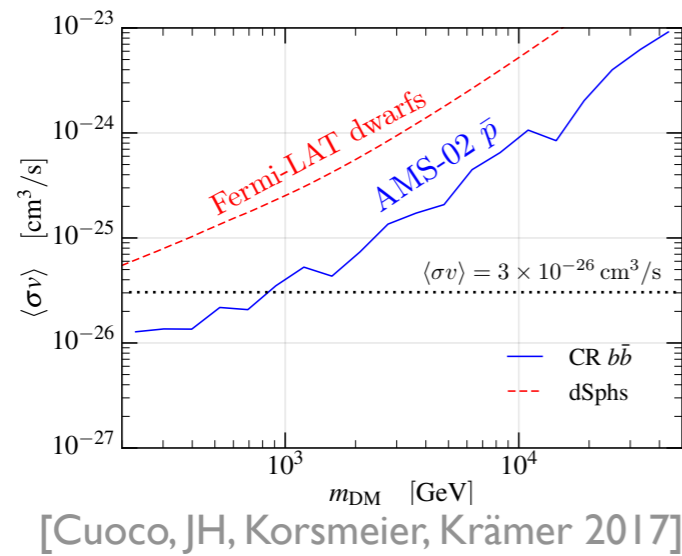
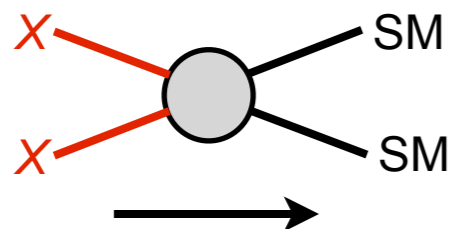


WIMP paradigm attractive:

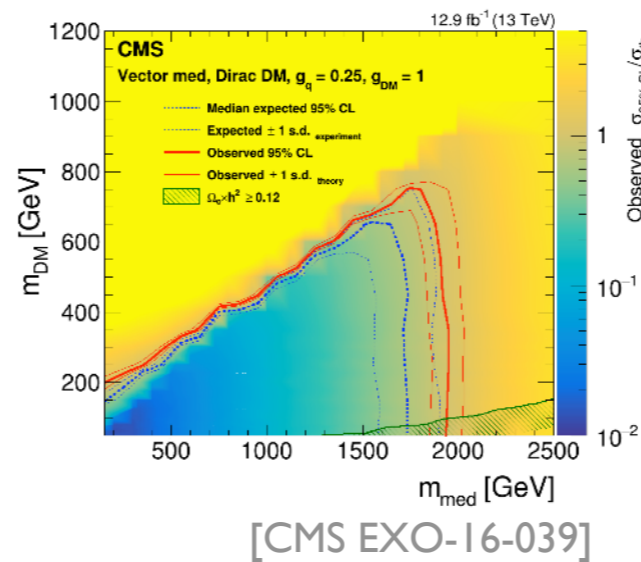
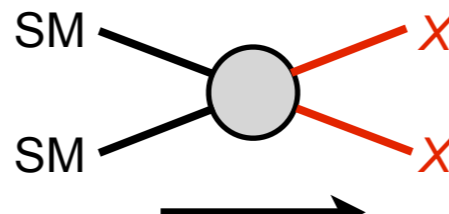
- Works with simple/natural models ("WIMP miracle")
- Leads to a cold relic
- Independent of largely unconstrained/unknown physics of the very early universe (inflation/reheating)
- Robust predictions
- Testable at collider, direct and indirect detection experiments

WIMP Dark Matter: searches

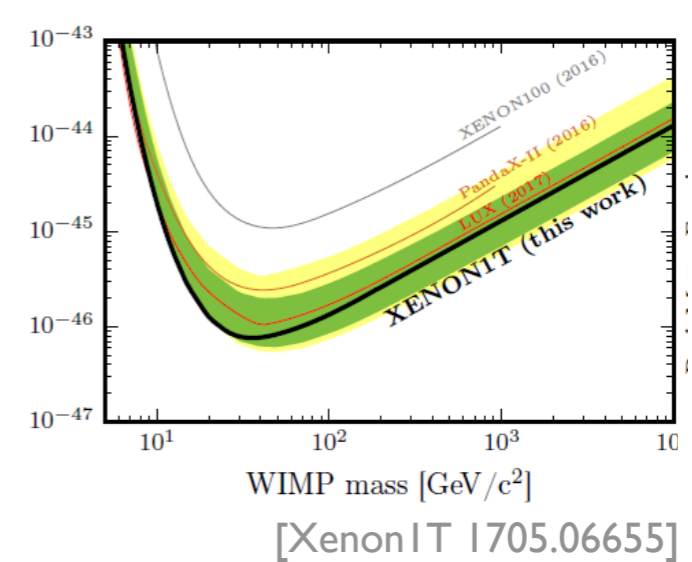
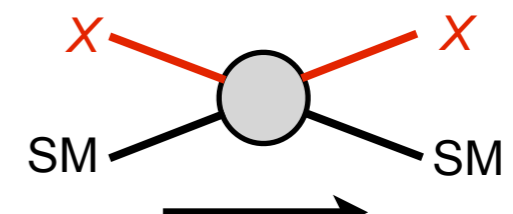
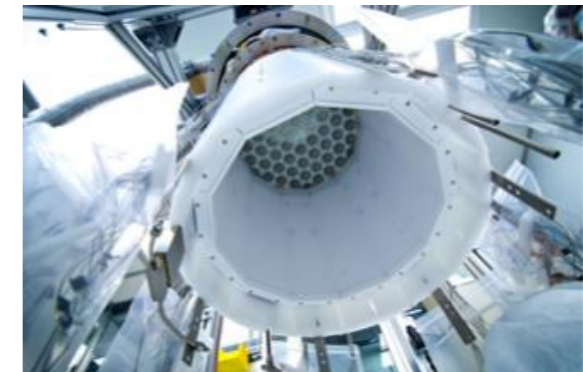
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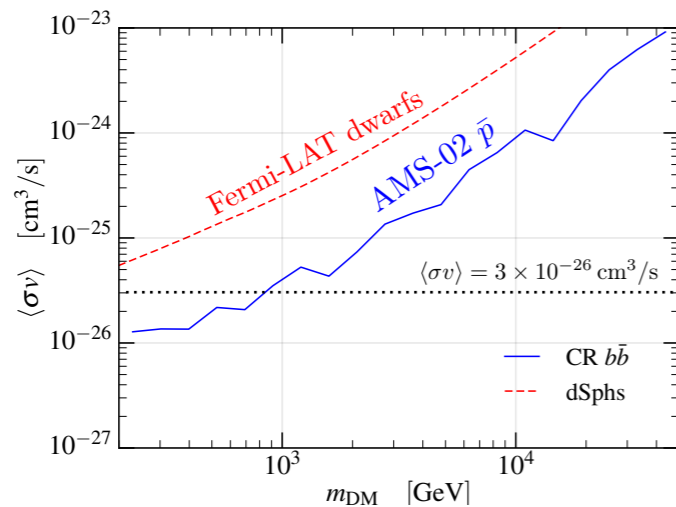
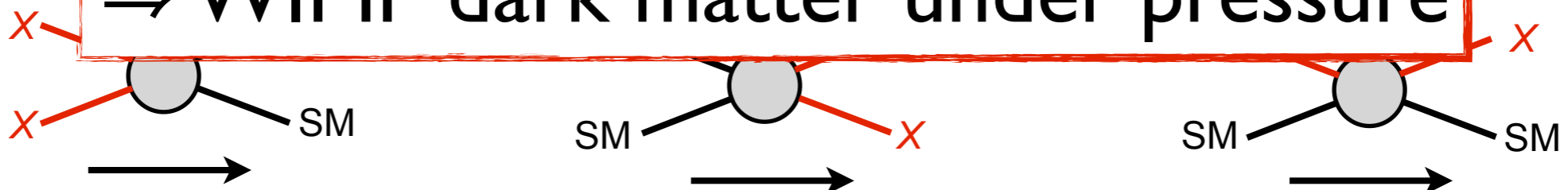
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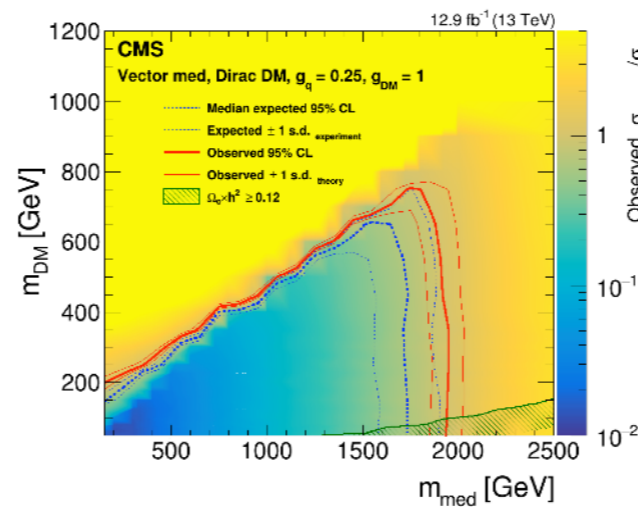
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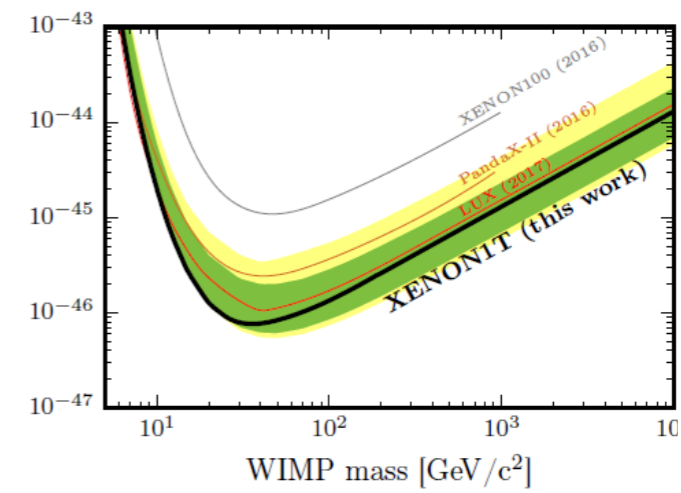
⇒ WIMP dark matter under pressure



[Cuoco, JH, Korsmeier, Krämer 2017]



[CMS EXO-16-039]



[XenonIT 1705.06655]

Dark matter beyond WIMPs

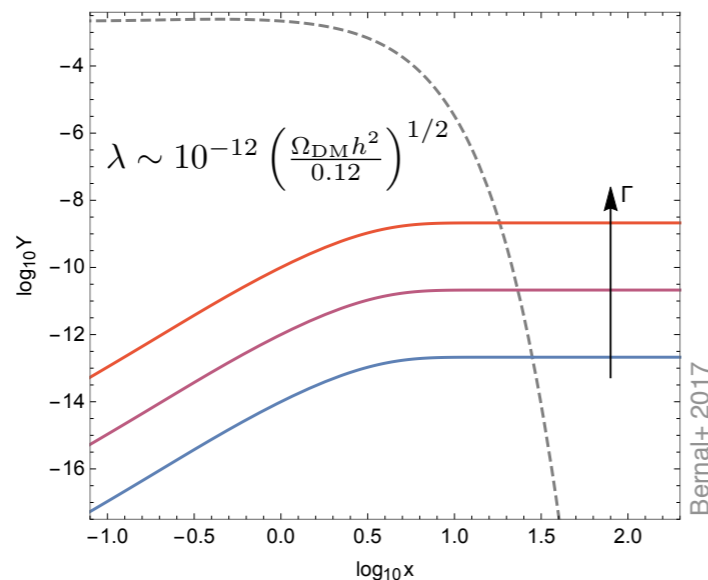


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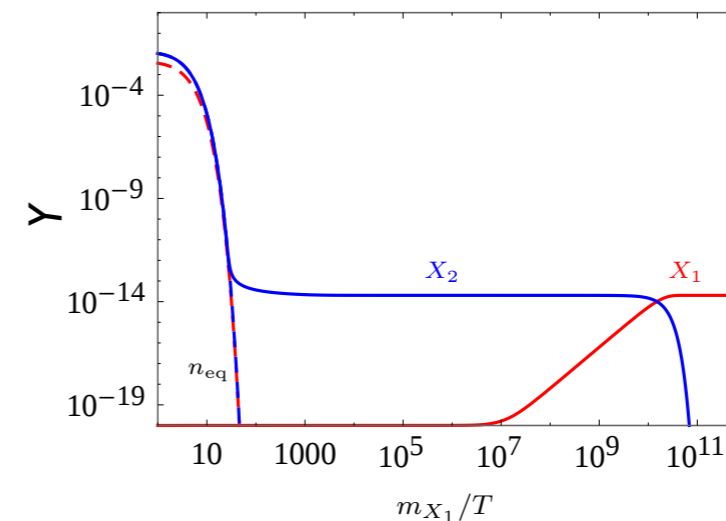
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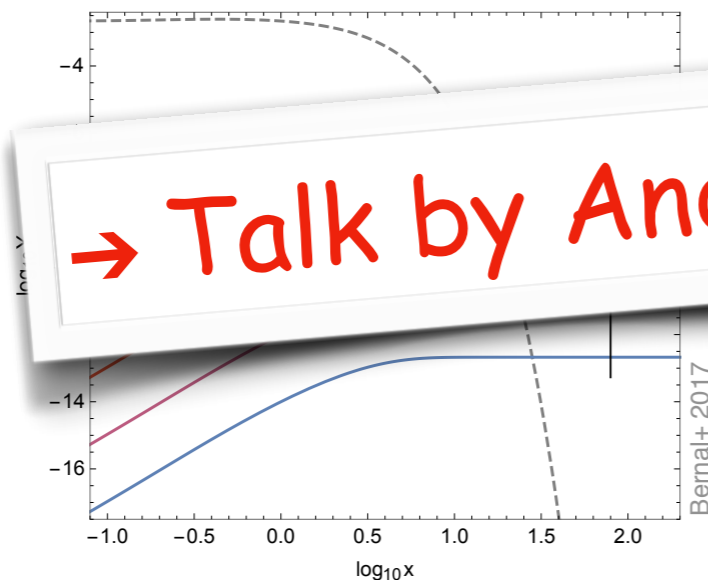
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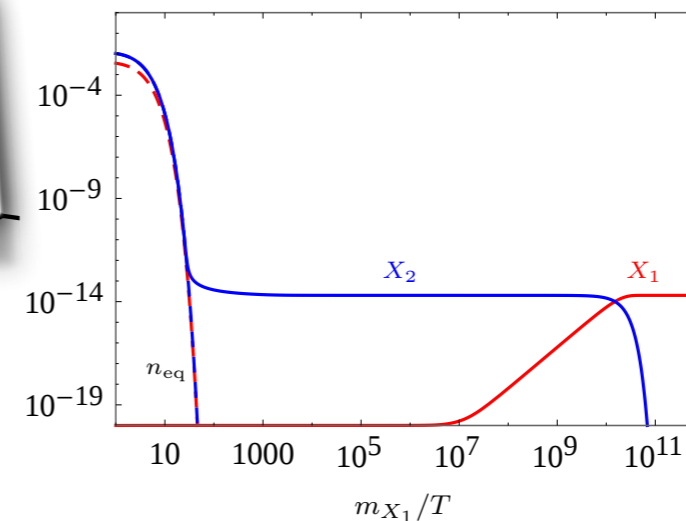
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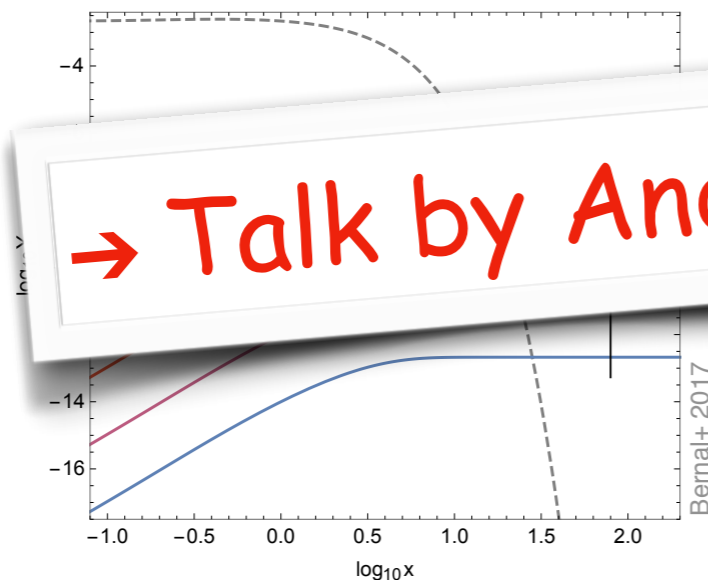
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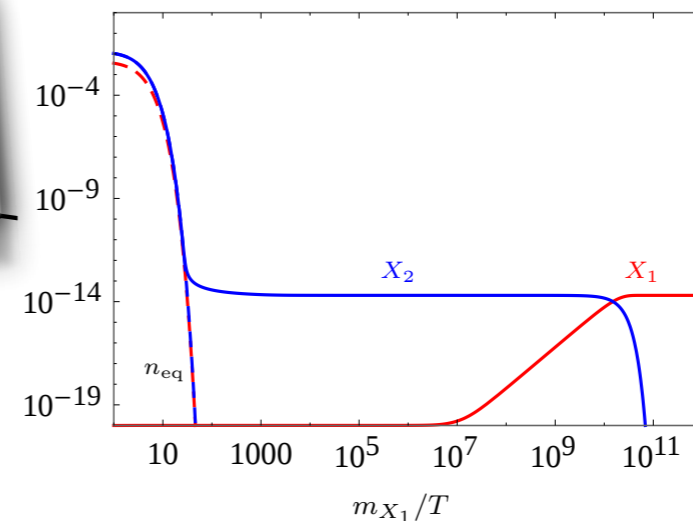
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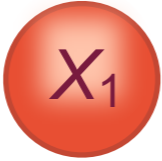
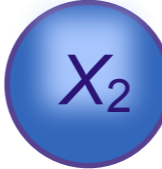
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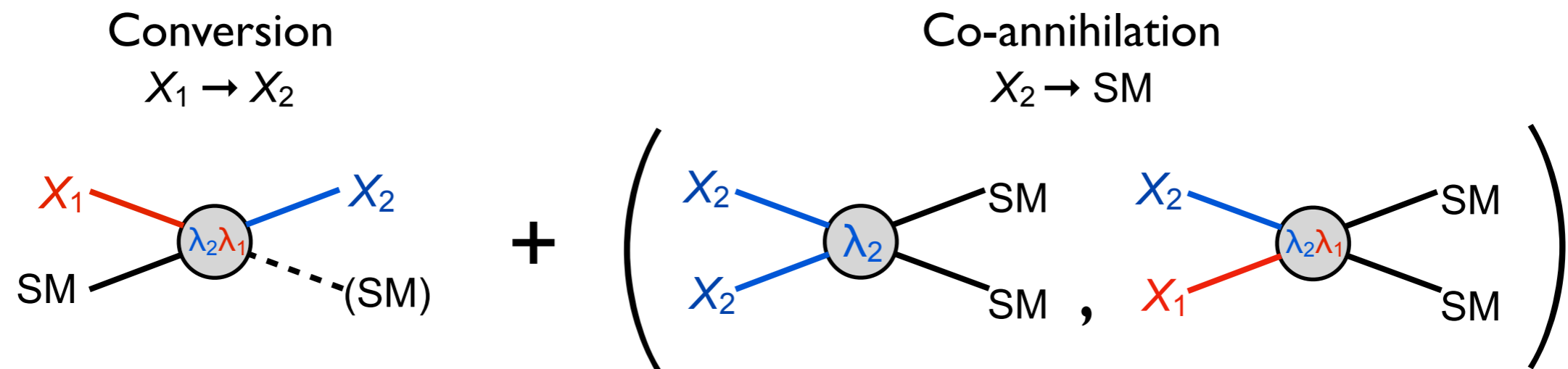
[see also D'Agnolo, Pappadopulo, Ruderman, 2017]

Revisiting WIMP co-annihilation

[Griest, Seckel 1991; Edsjo, Gondolo 1997]

dark matter  $m_1 < m_2$  co-annihilation partner
 λ_1 λ_2

$$\frac{n_2^{\text{eq}}}{n_1^{\text{eq}}} \propto e^{-\Delta m/T_f}, \quad \Delta m \lesssim 0.1 m_{1,2} :$$

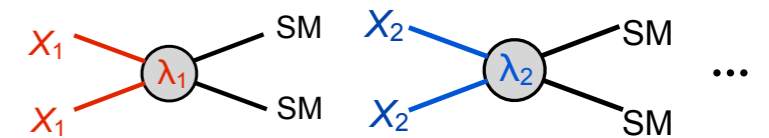


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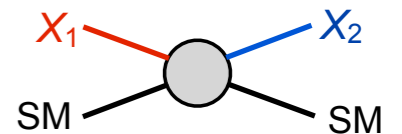
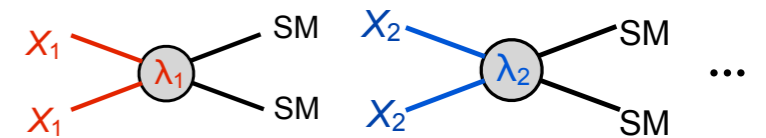
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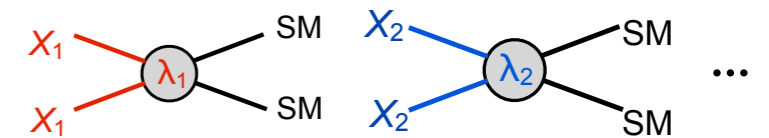


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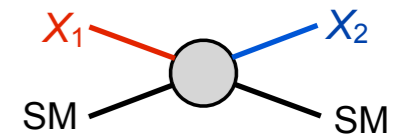
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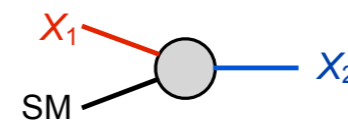
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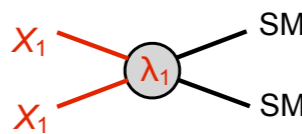
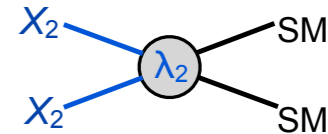
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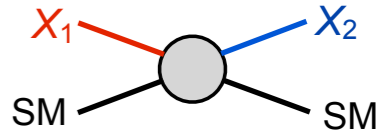


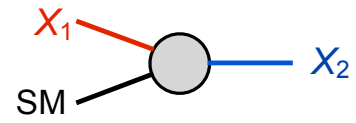
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Usually (e.g. SUSY): $\lambda_1 \sim \lambda_2 \sim g_{\text{SM}} \Rightarrow$ conversions always efficient

- Drives solutions into chemical equilibrium in dark sector, i.e.

$$\frac{n_i}{n_j} = \frac{n_i^{\text{eq}}}{n_j^{\text{eq}}}$$

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Assumption of chemical equilibrium

⇒ reduction to single, uncoupled Boltzmann equation*:

$$\frac{dn}{dt} + 3Hn = -\langle\sigma v\rangle_{\text{eff}} (n^2 - n_{\text{eq}}^2)$$

$n := \sum_i n_i$ entire dark sector

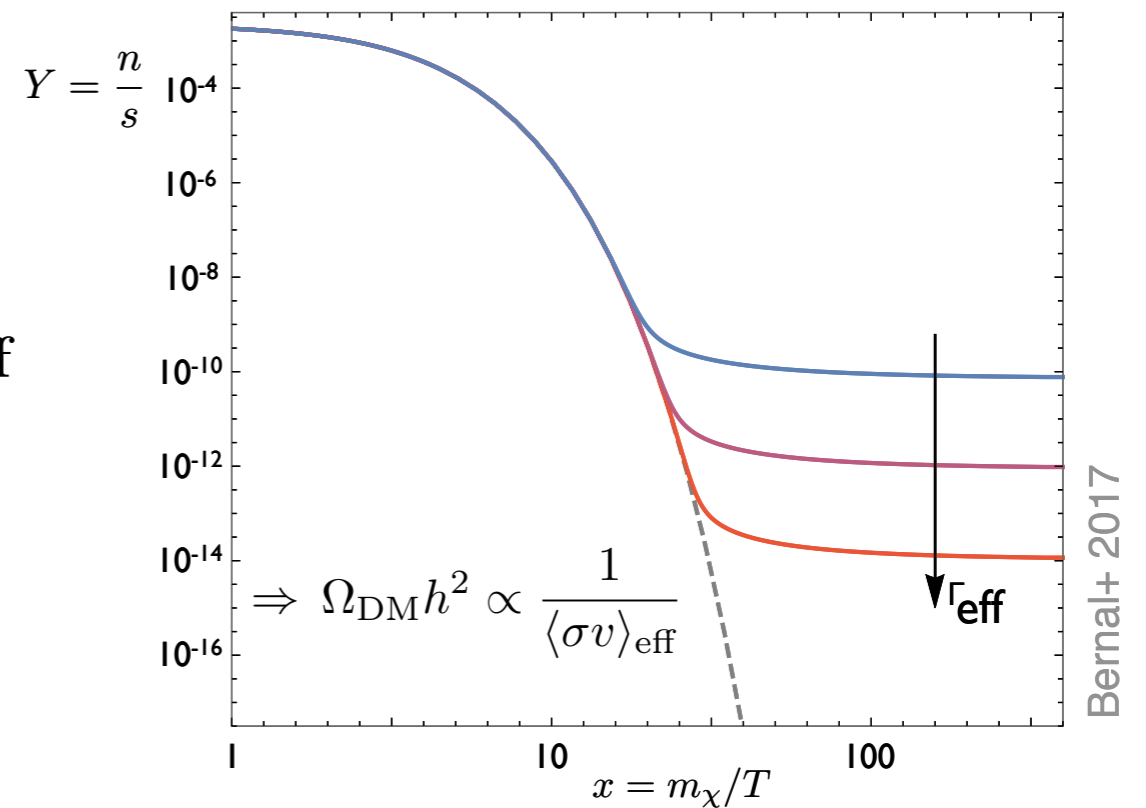
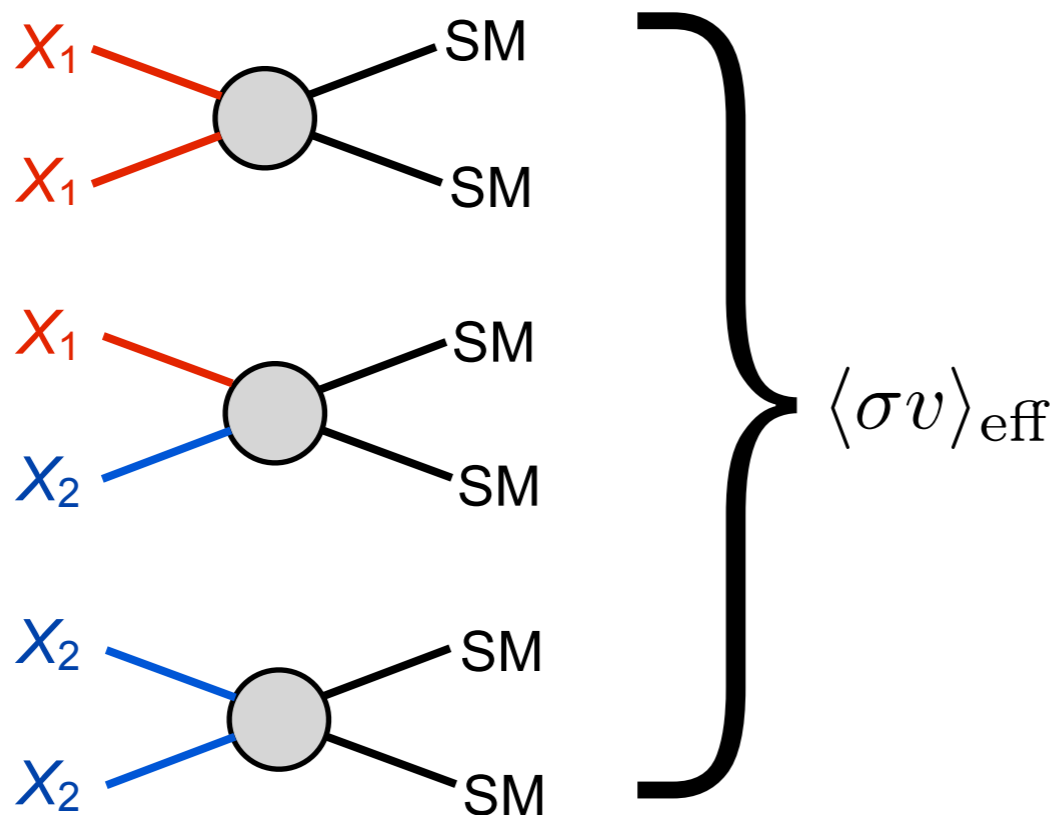
$\langle\sigma v\rangle_{\text{eff}}$ effective dark sector annihilation

*) Solved by numerical tools [MadDM, DarkSUSY, micrOMEGAs]

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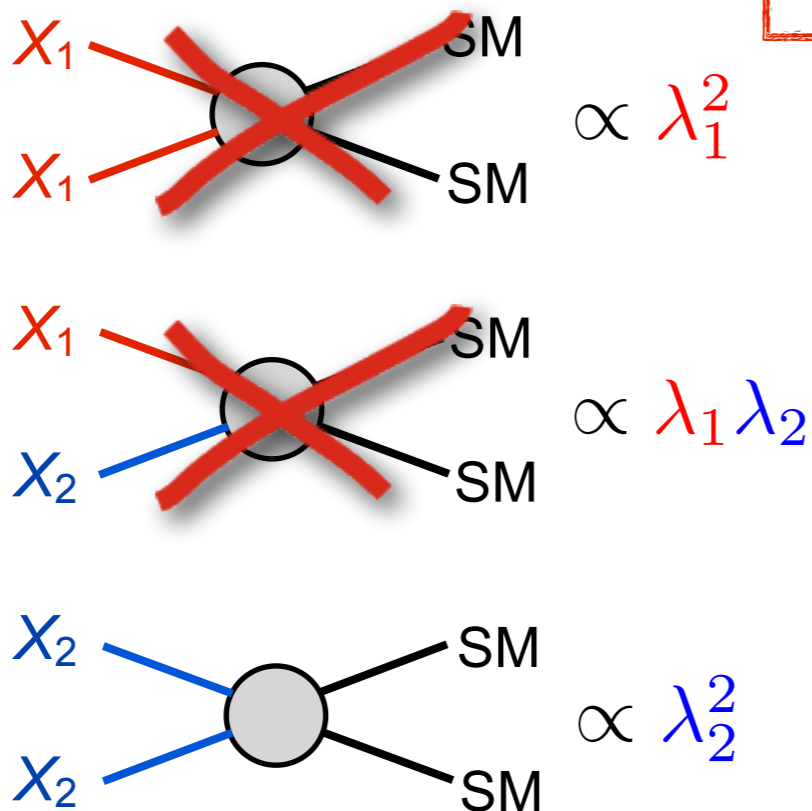
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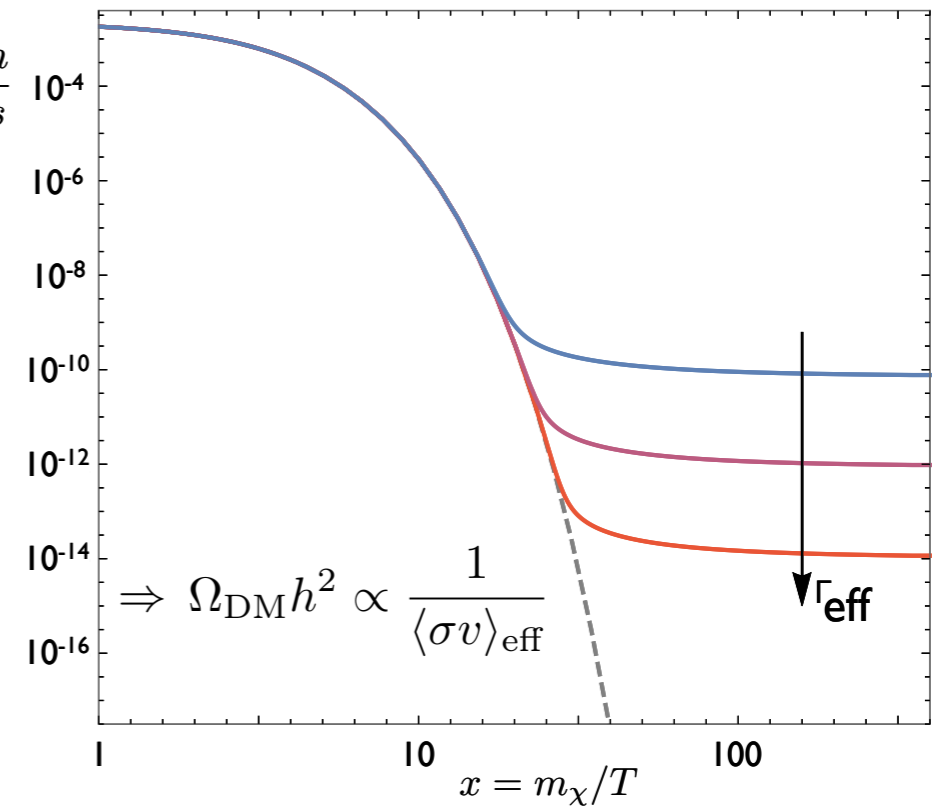
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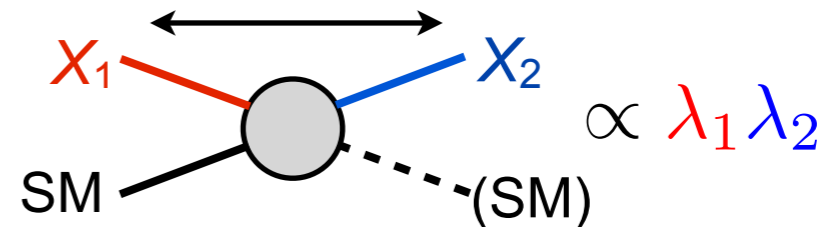
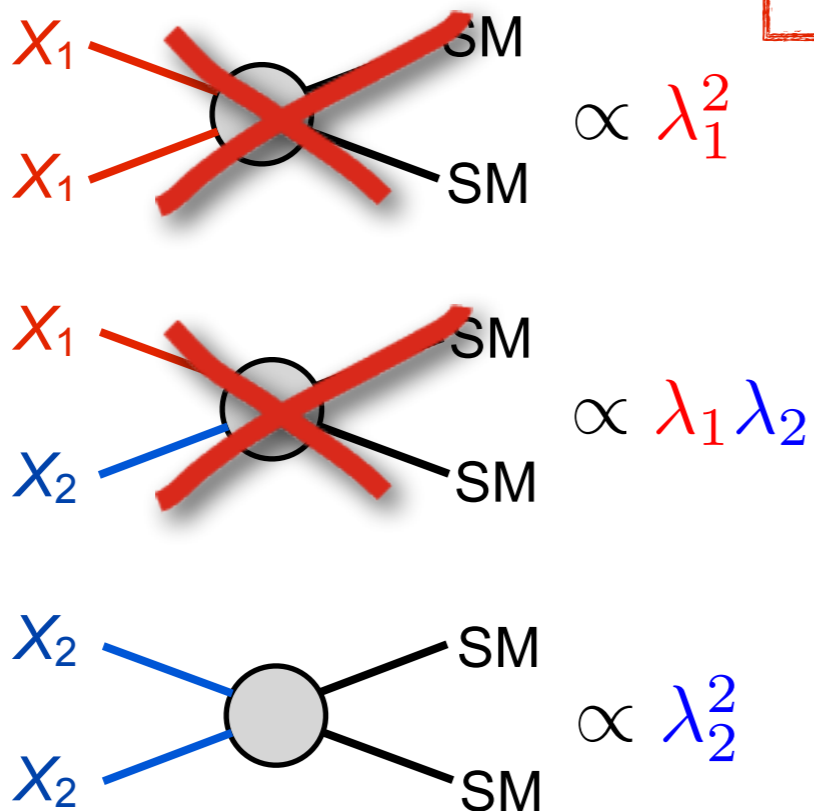
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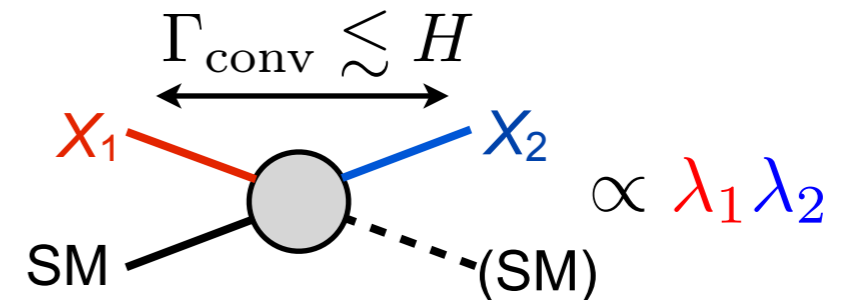
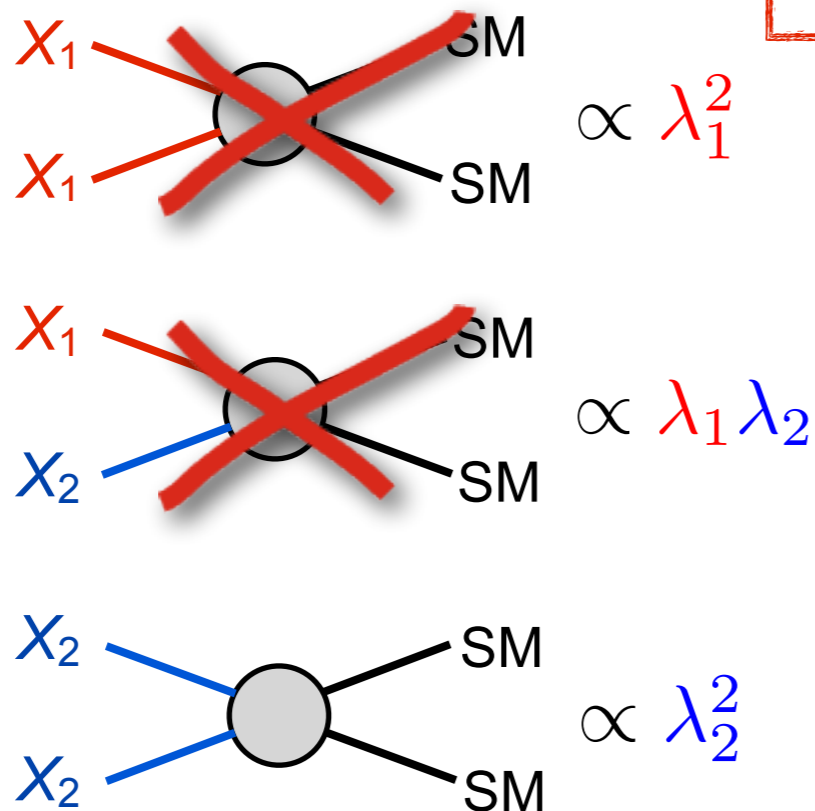
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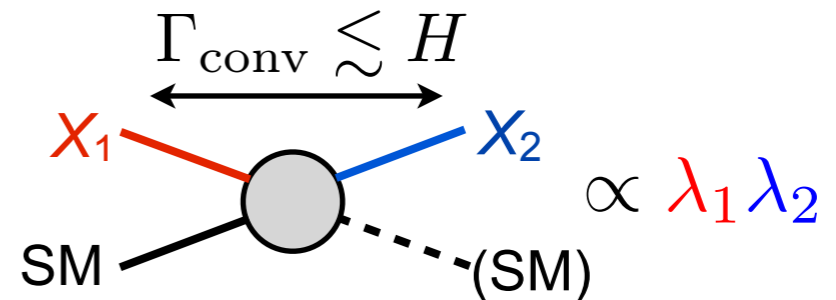
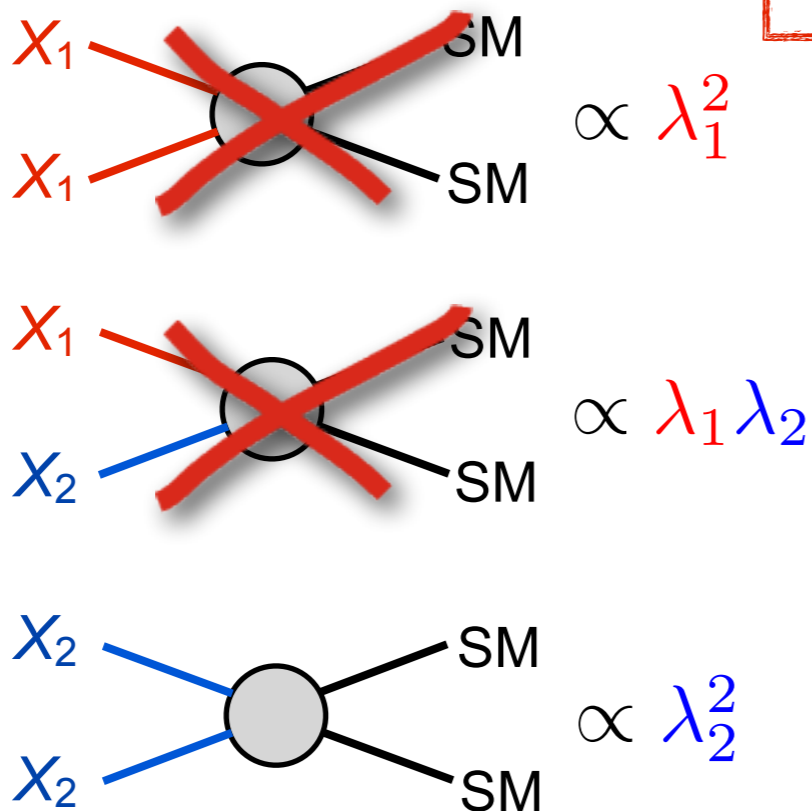
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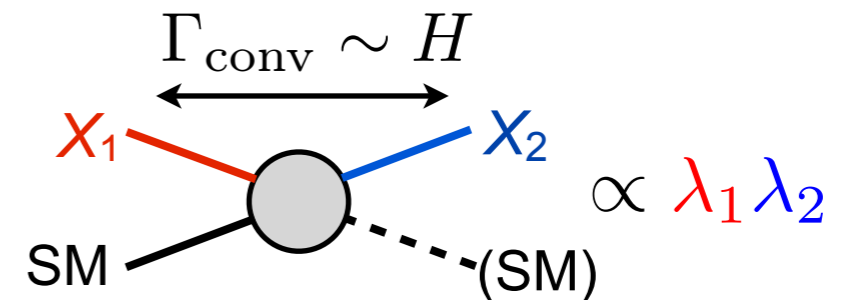
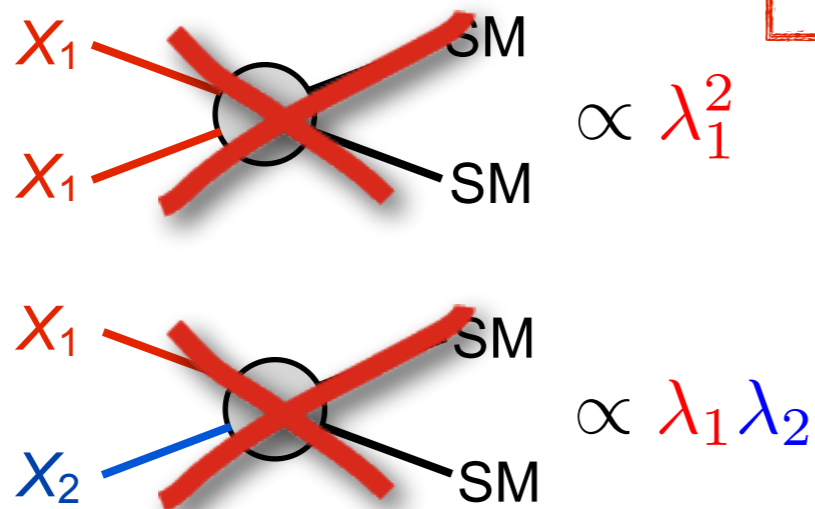
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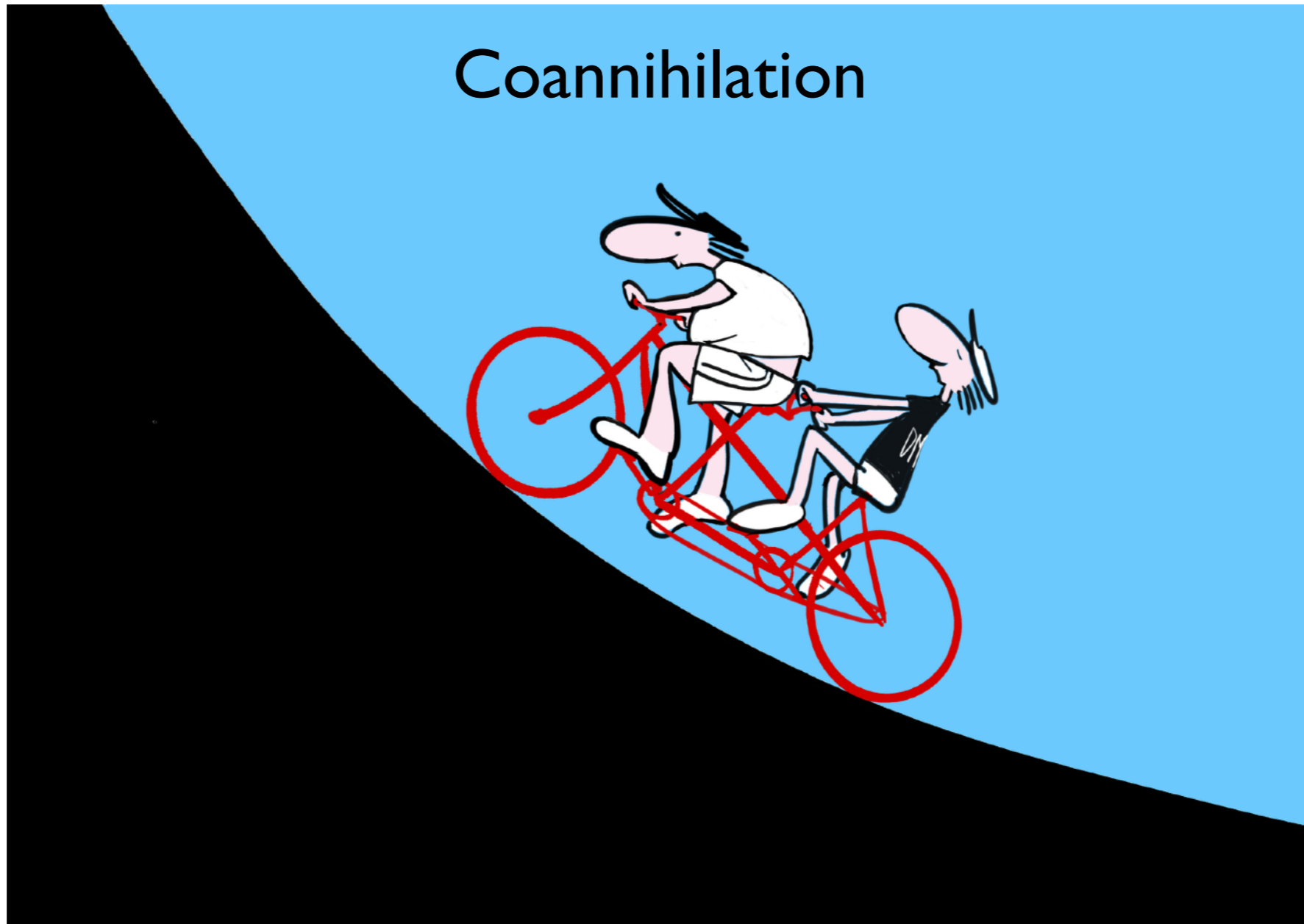


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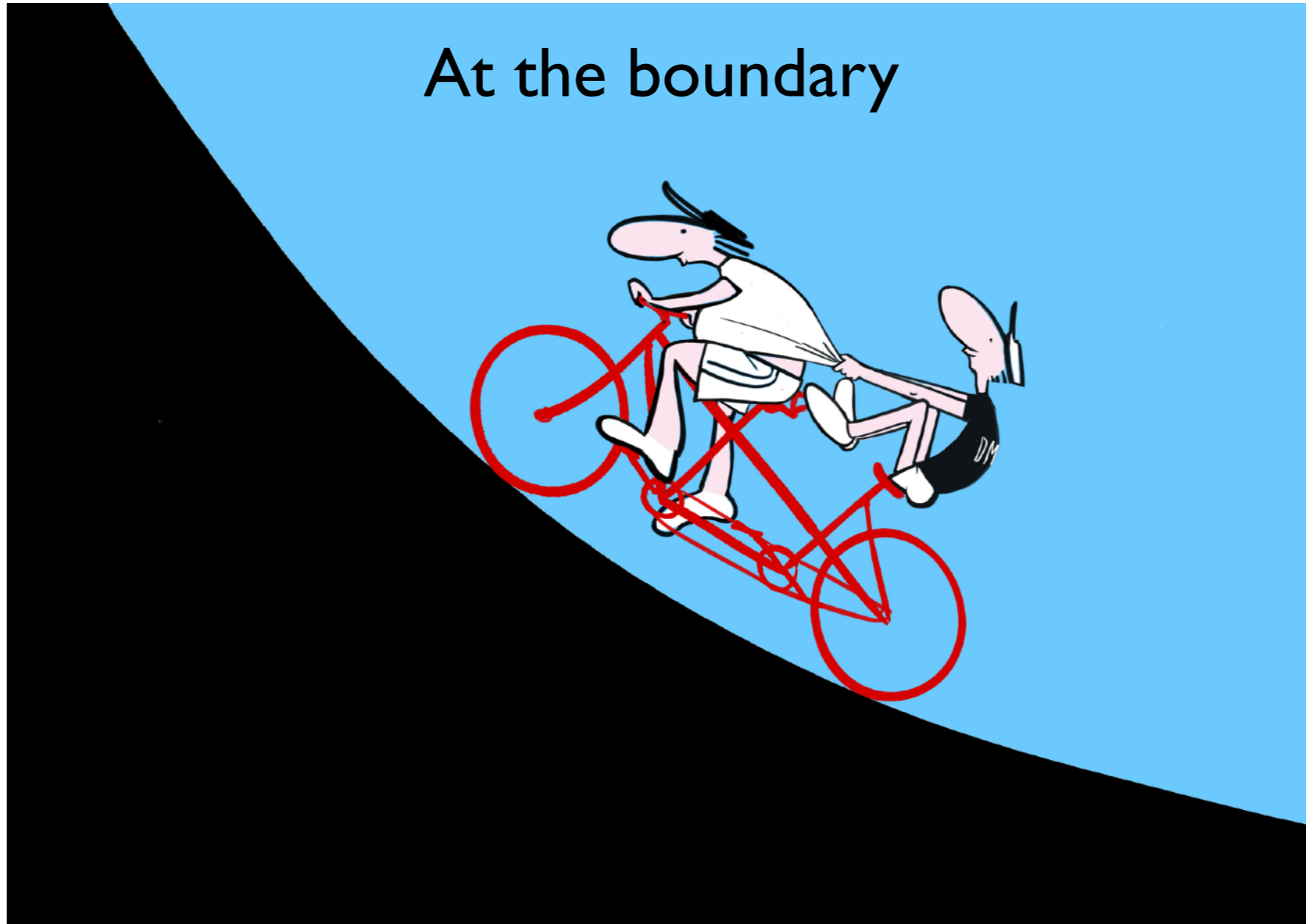
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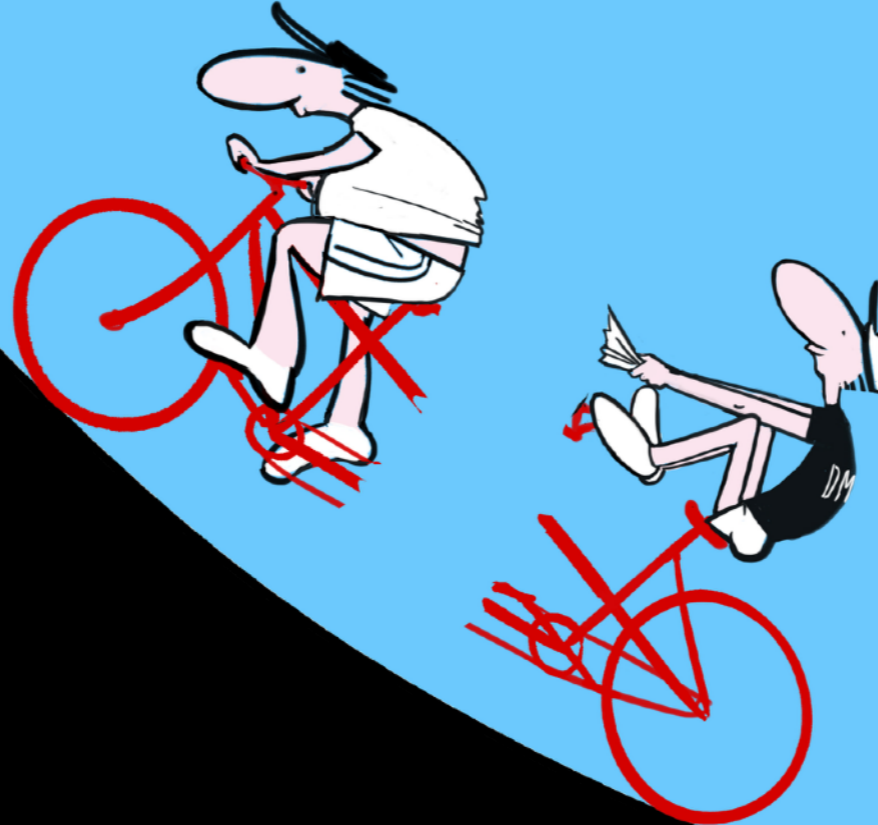
Coannihilation



At the boundary



Conversion-driven freeze-out



General back-of-the-envelope estimate:

Conversion rate on the edge of being efficient:

$$\Gamma_{\text{conv}} \sim H$$

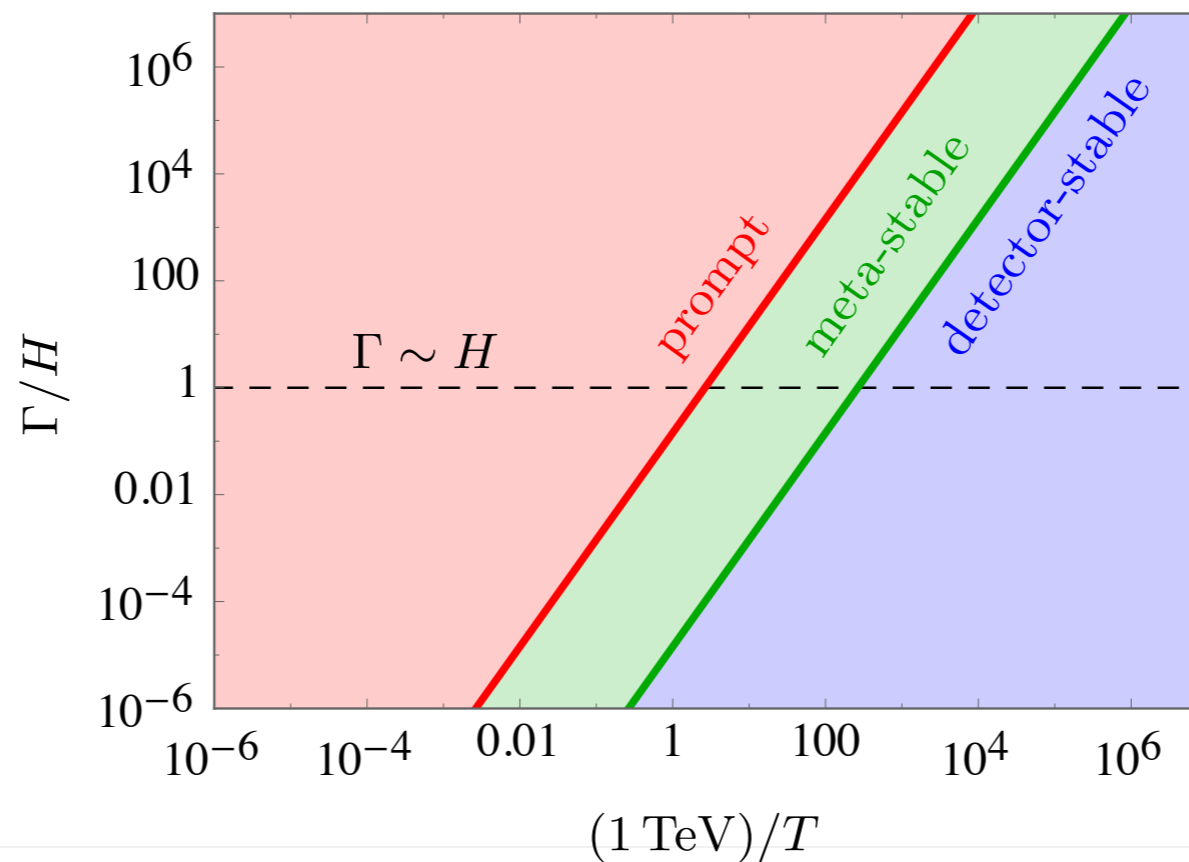
$$\Rightarrow \Gamma_{\text{dec}} \lesssim H$$

$$c\tau \gtrsim H^{-1} \simeq 1.5 \text{ cm} \left(\frac{(100 \text{ GeV})^2}{T^2} \right)$$

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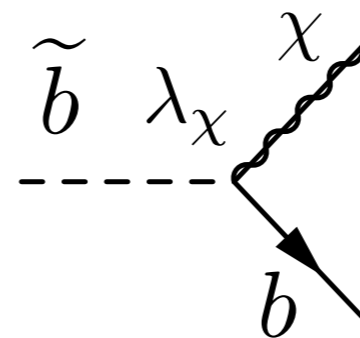
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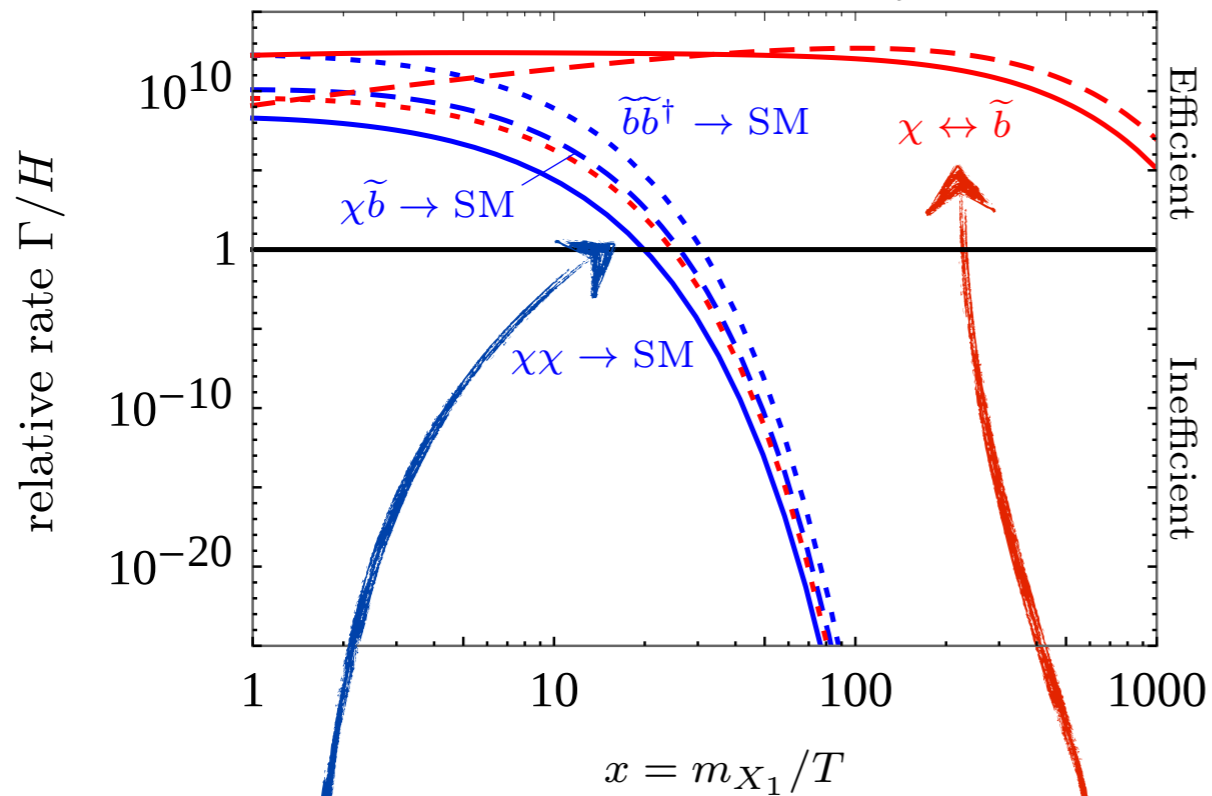


λ_χ is a free parameter here [see Ibarra et al. 2009 for SUSY realization]

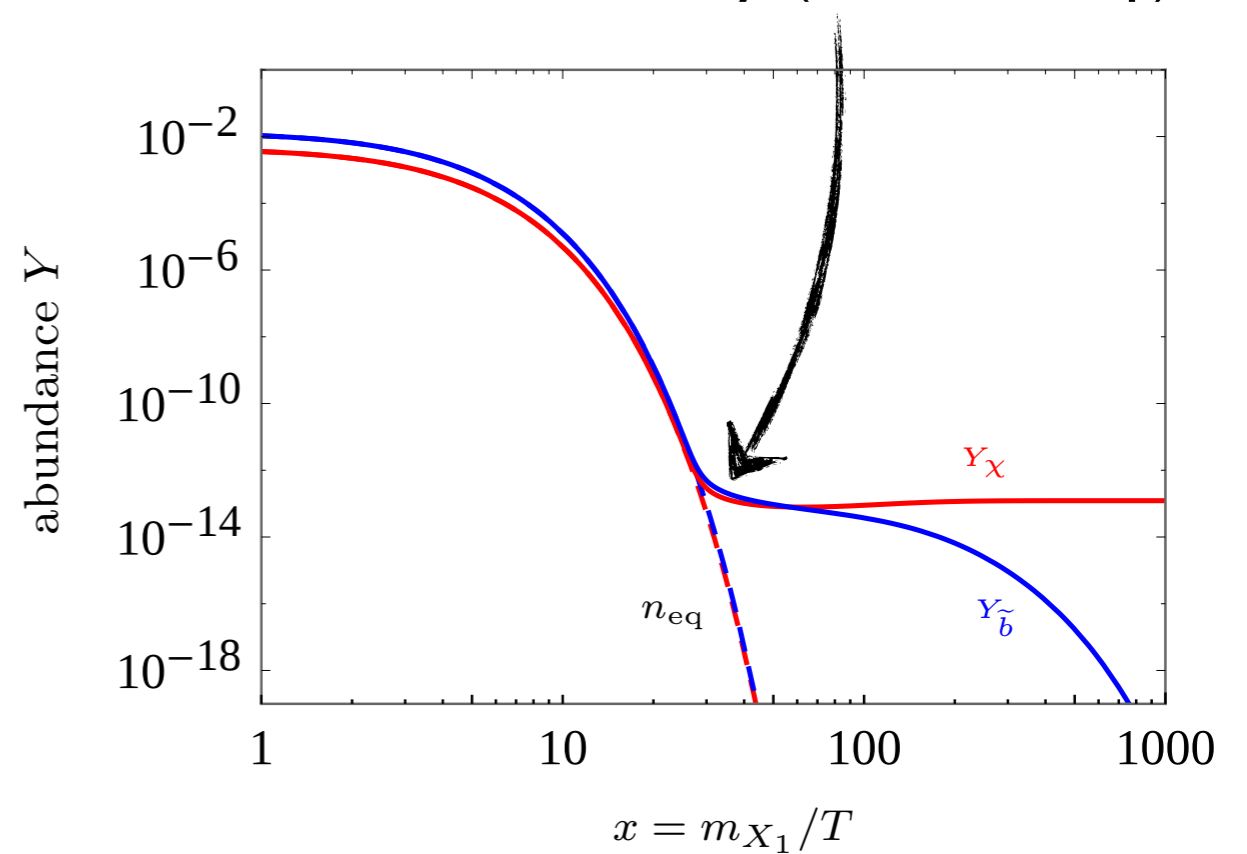
Numerical solution of full coupled system

- SUSY coupling $\lambda_\chi \simeq 0.17$:

$$m_\chi = 500 \text{ GeV}, m_{\tilde{b}} = 510 \text{ GeV}$$



DM and mediator freeze-out simultaneously (chemical eq.)



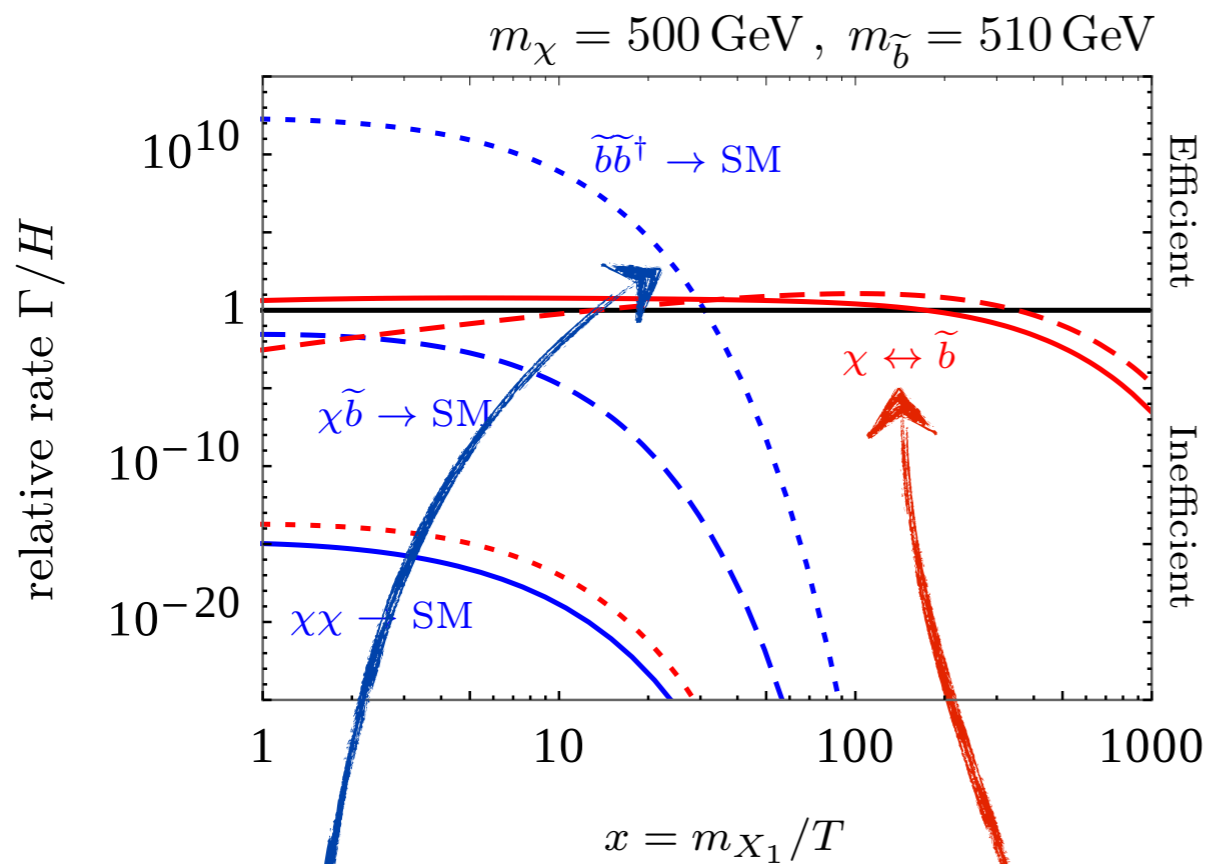
all annihilations
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conversion thoroughly efficient

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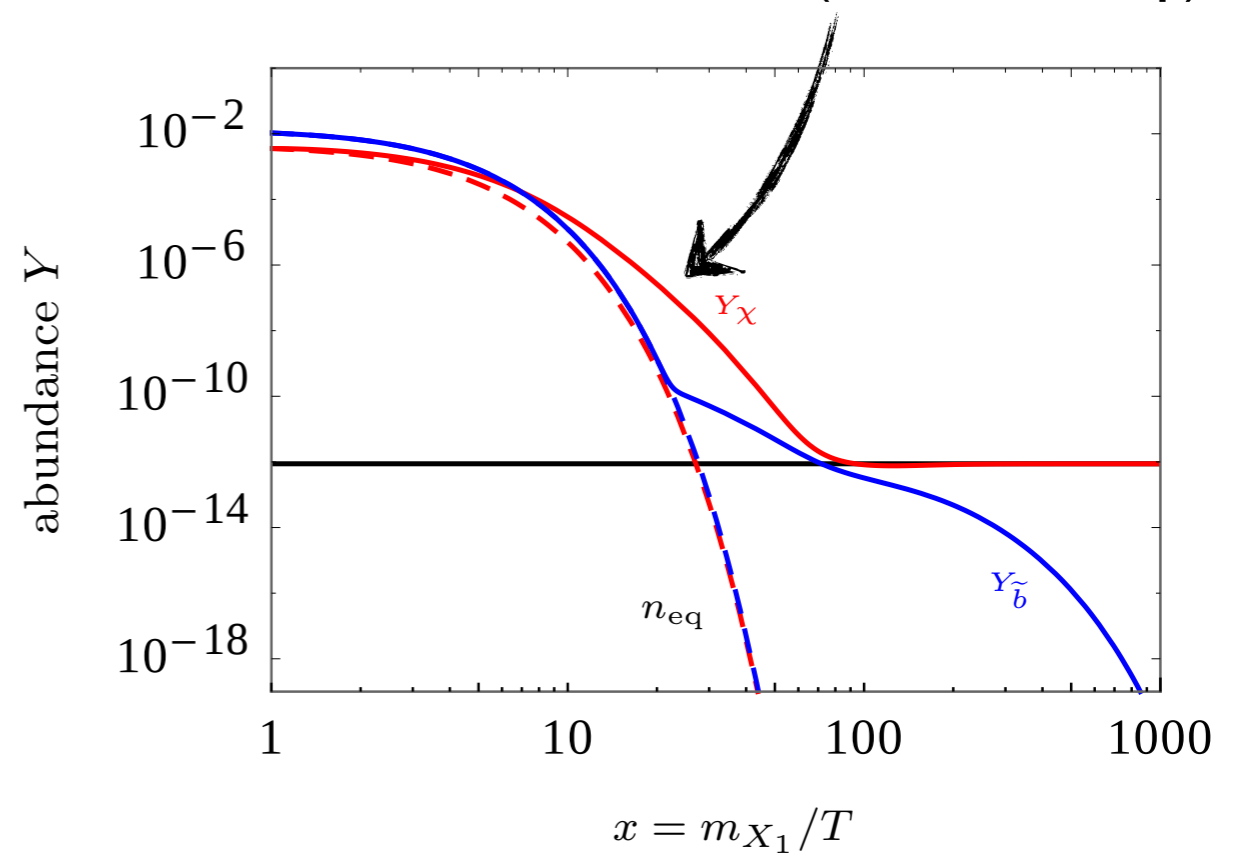
- Very small coupling $\lambda_\chi \simeq 2.6 \times 10^{-7}$:

DM and mediator freeze-out at different x (no chem. eq.)



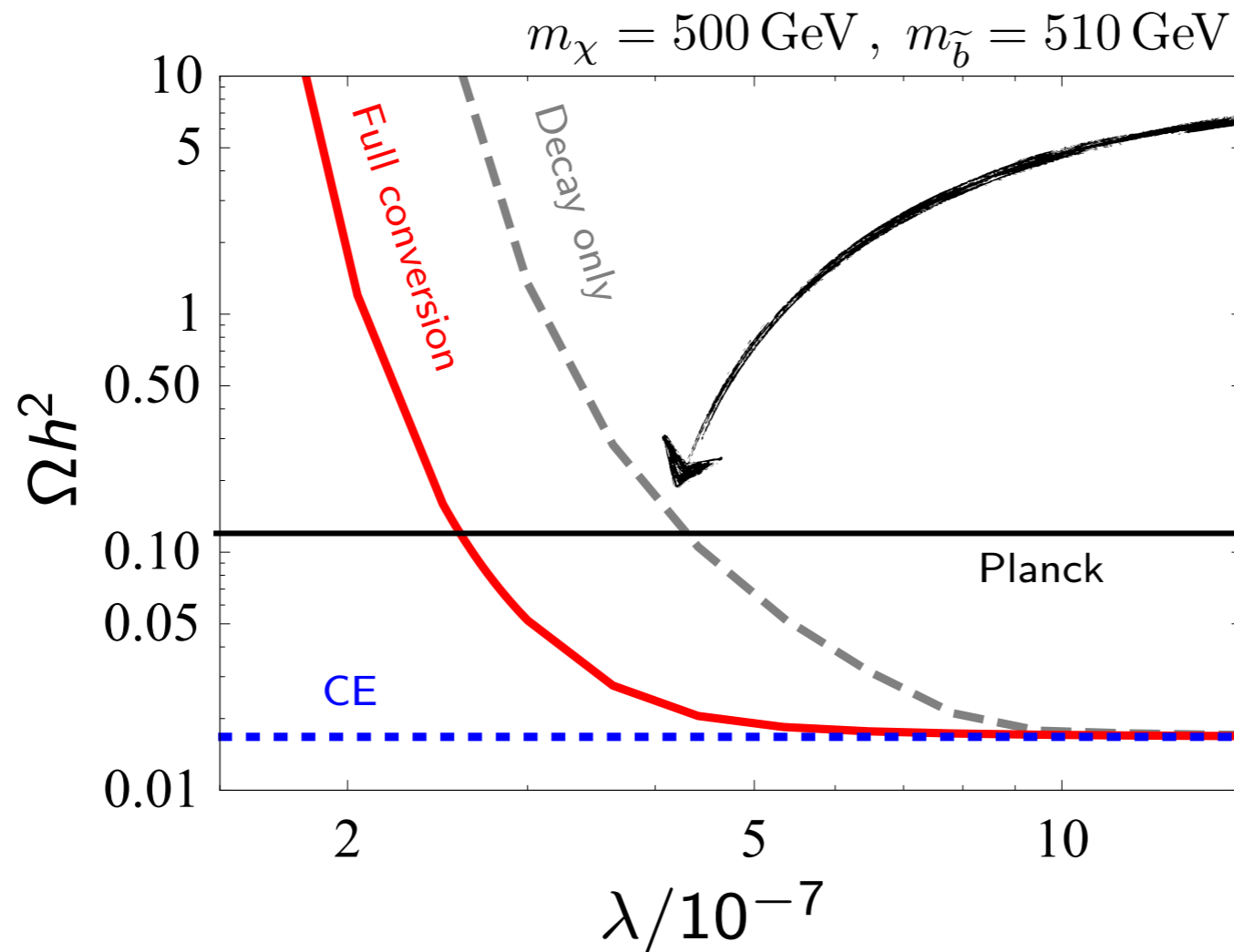
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conversion on the edge
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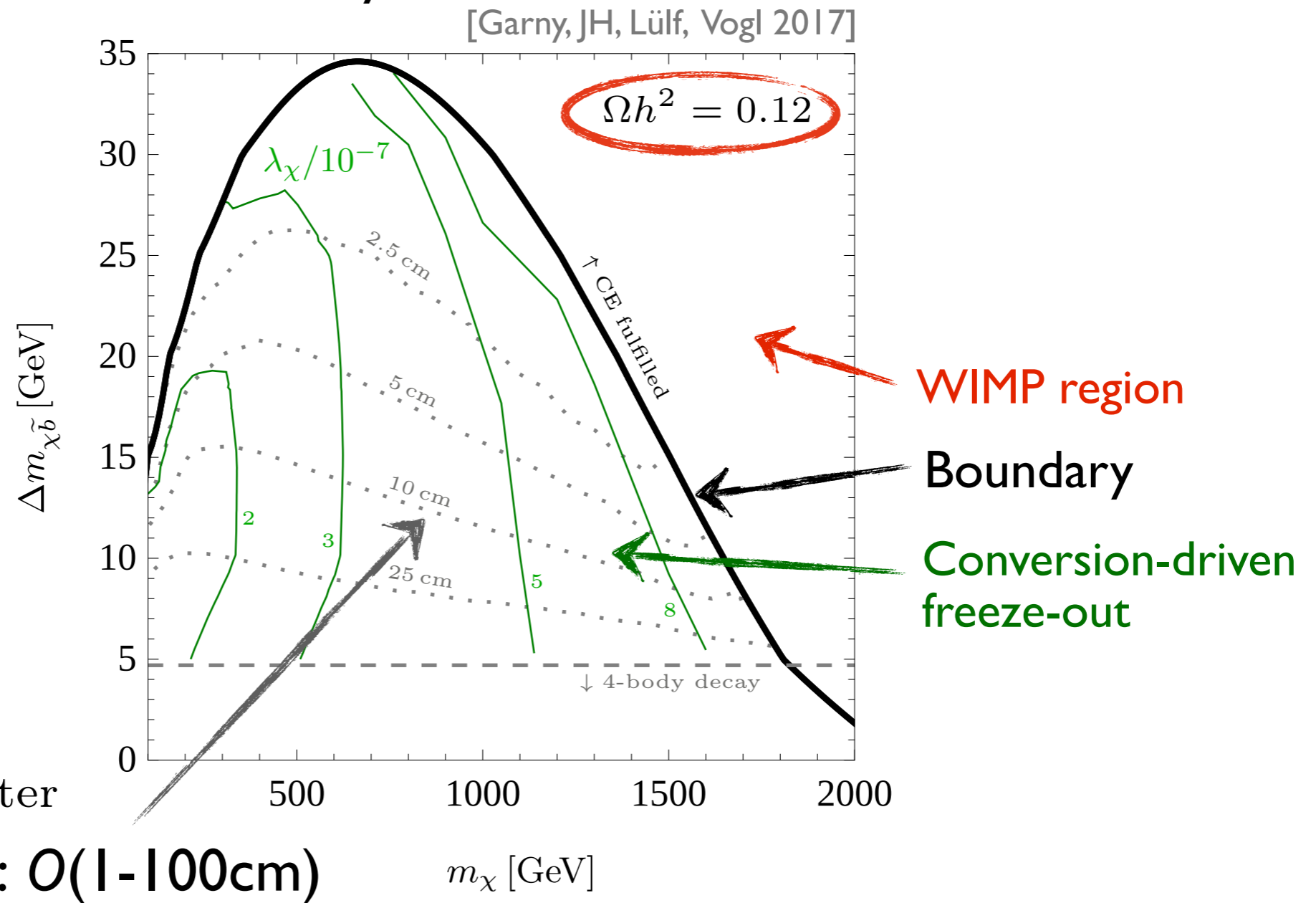
- Scan of the coupling:



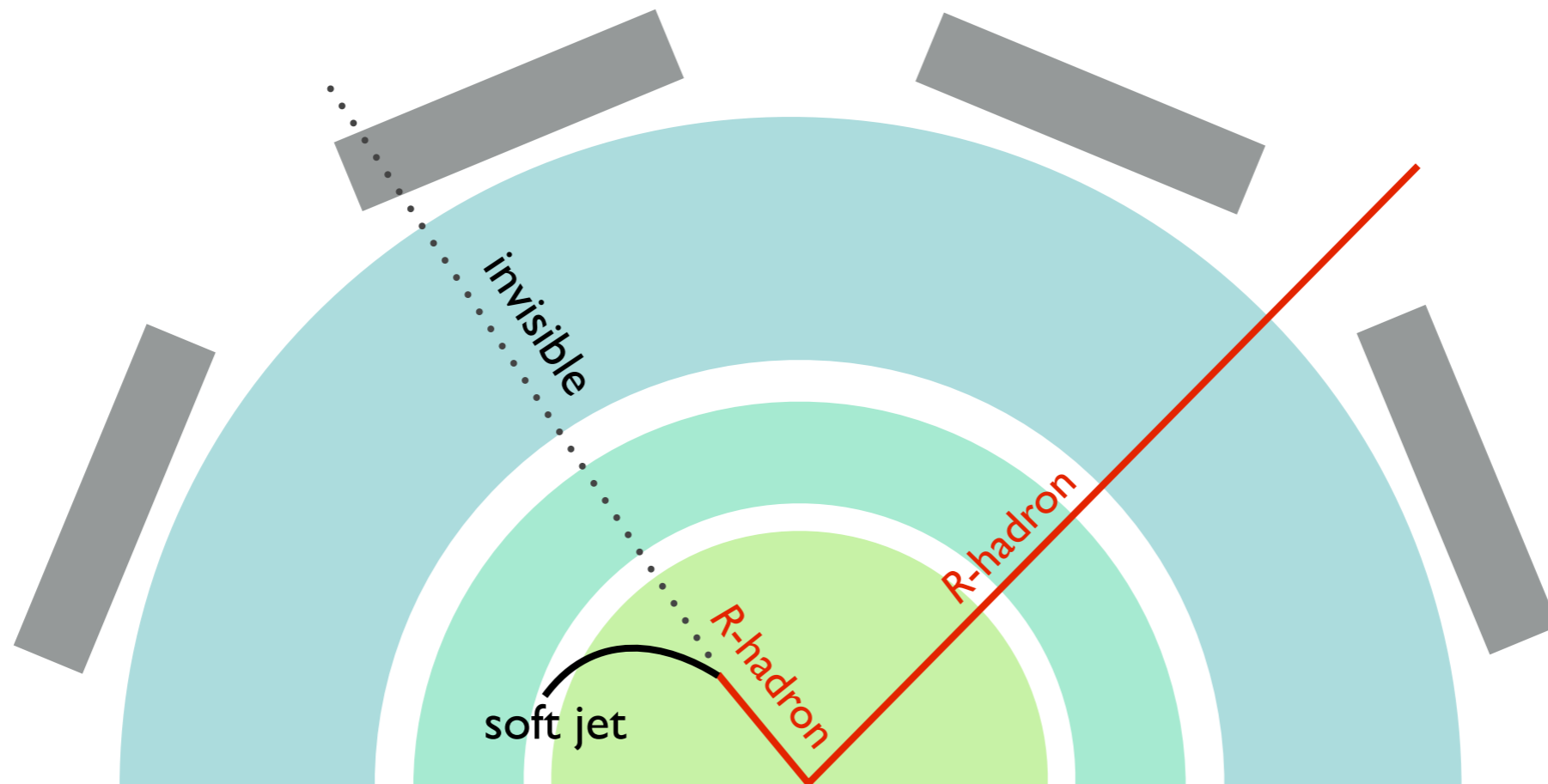
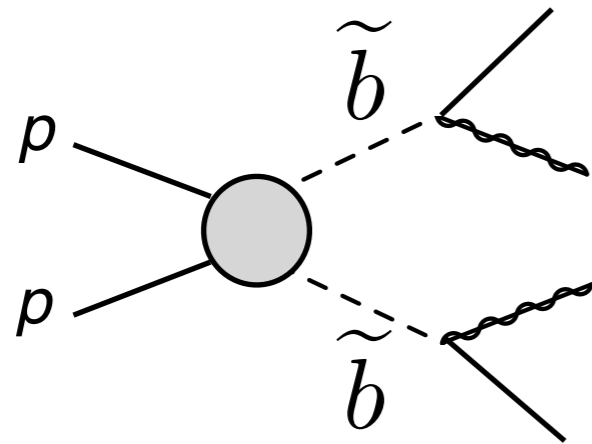
Decay only: similar
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Allowed parameter space

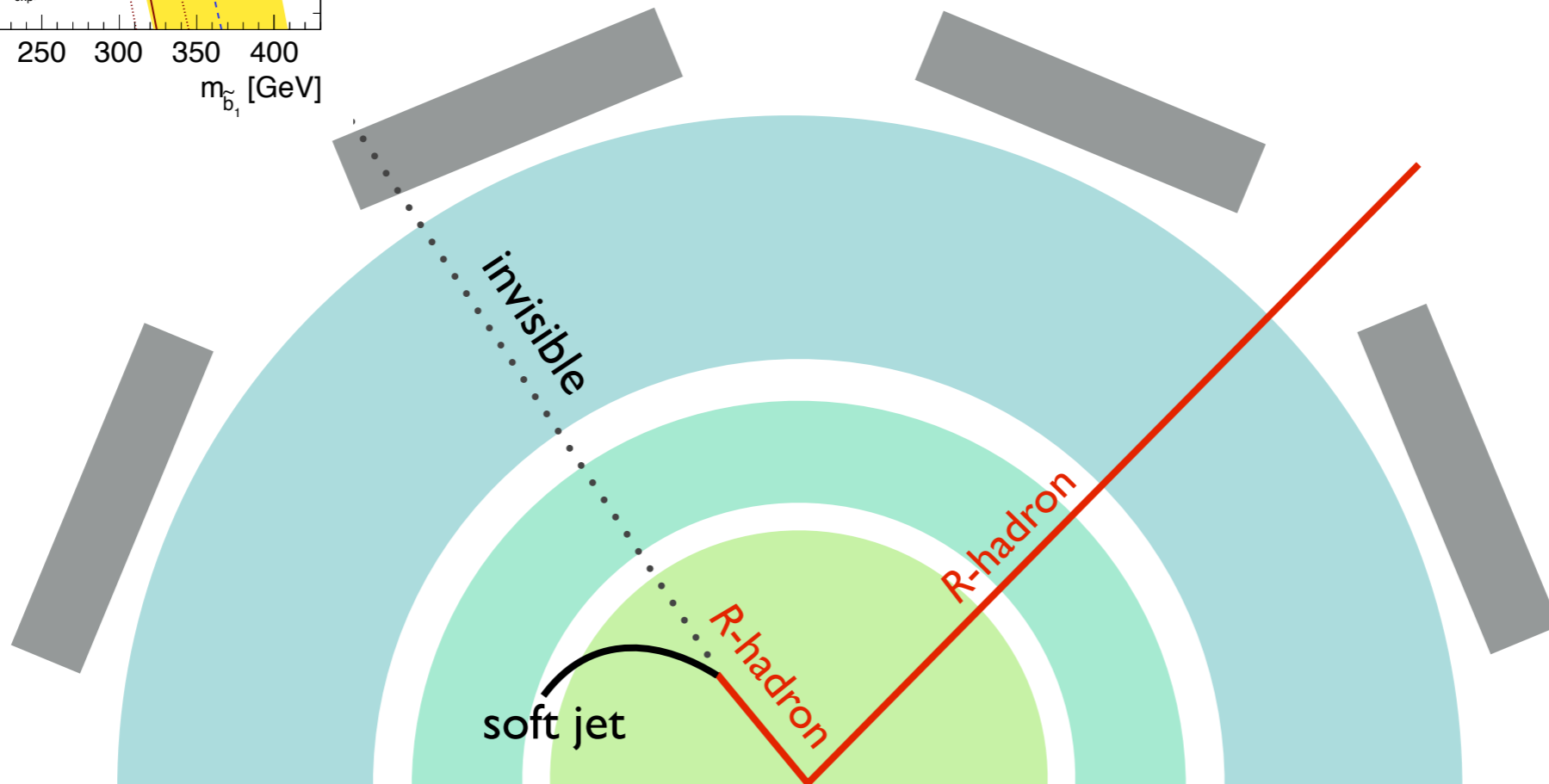
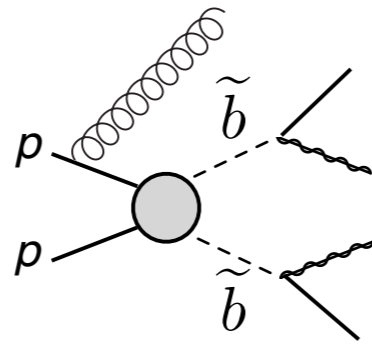
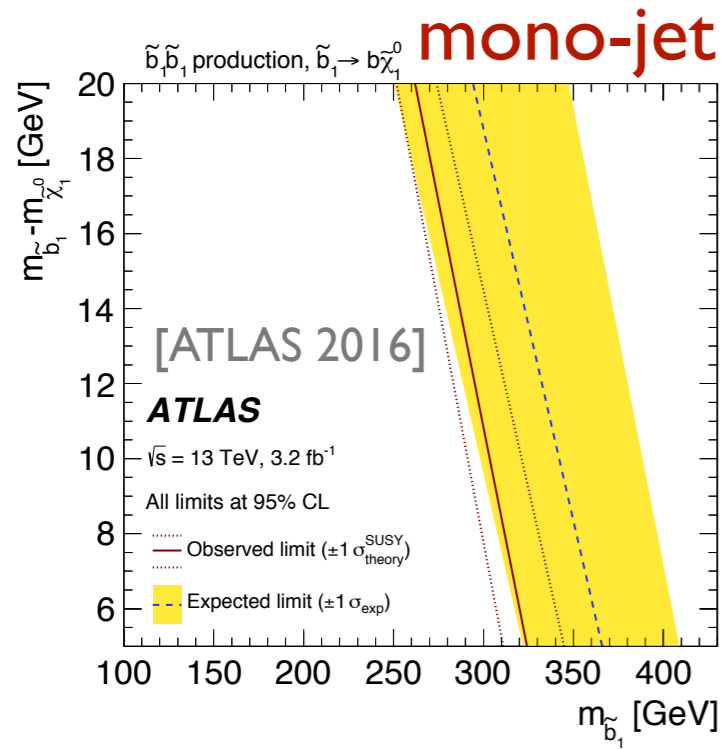
- Require Planck relic density



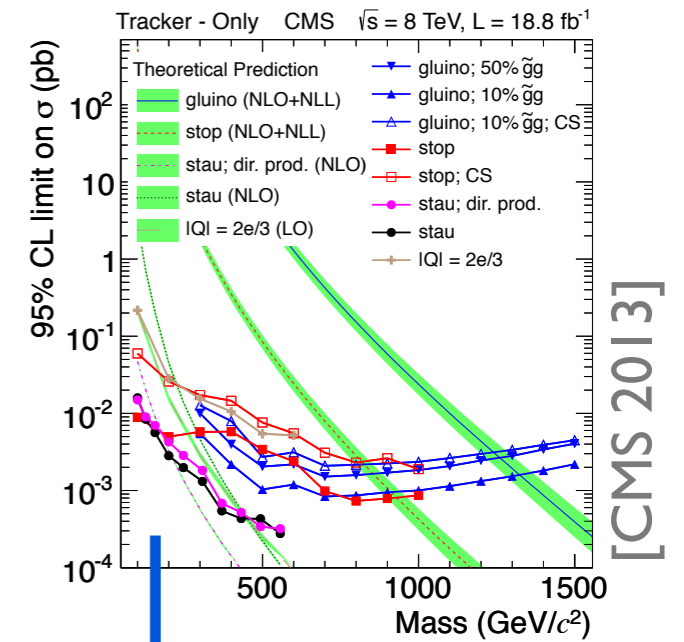
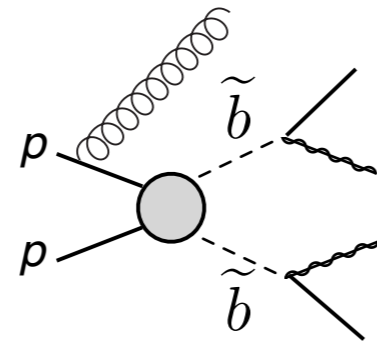
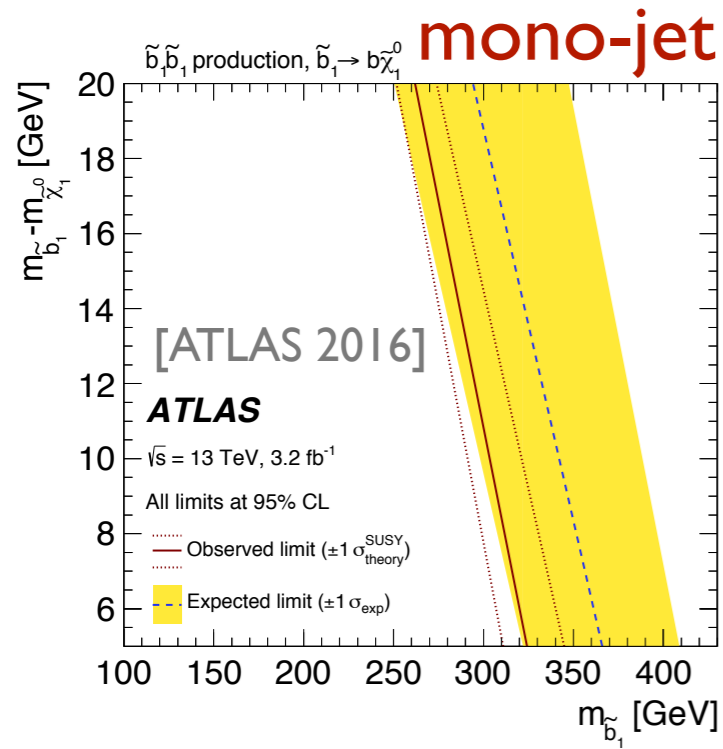
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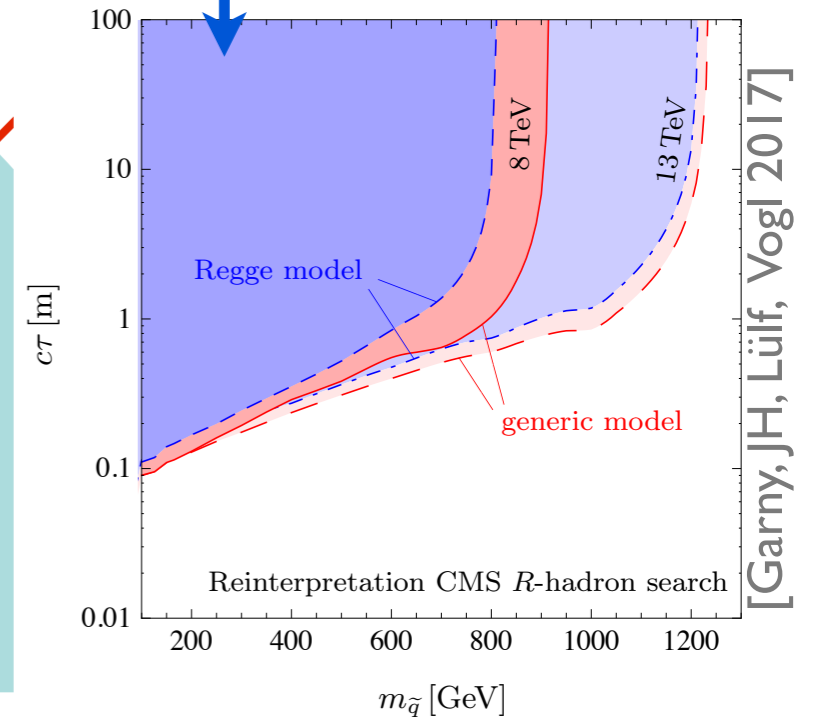
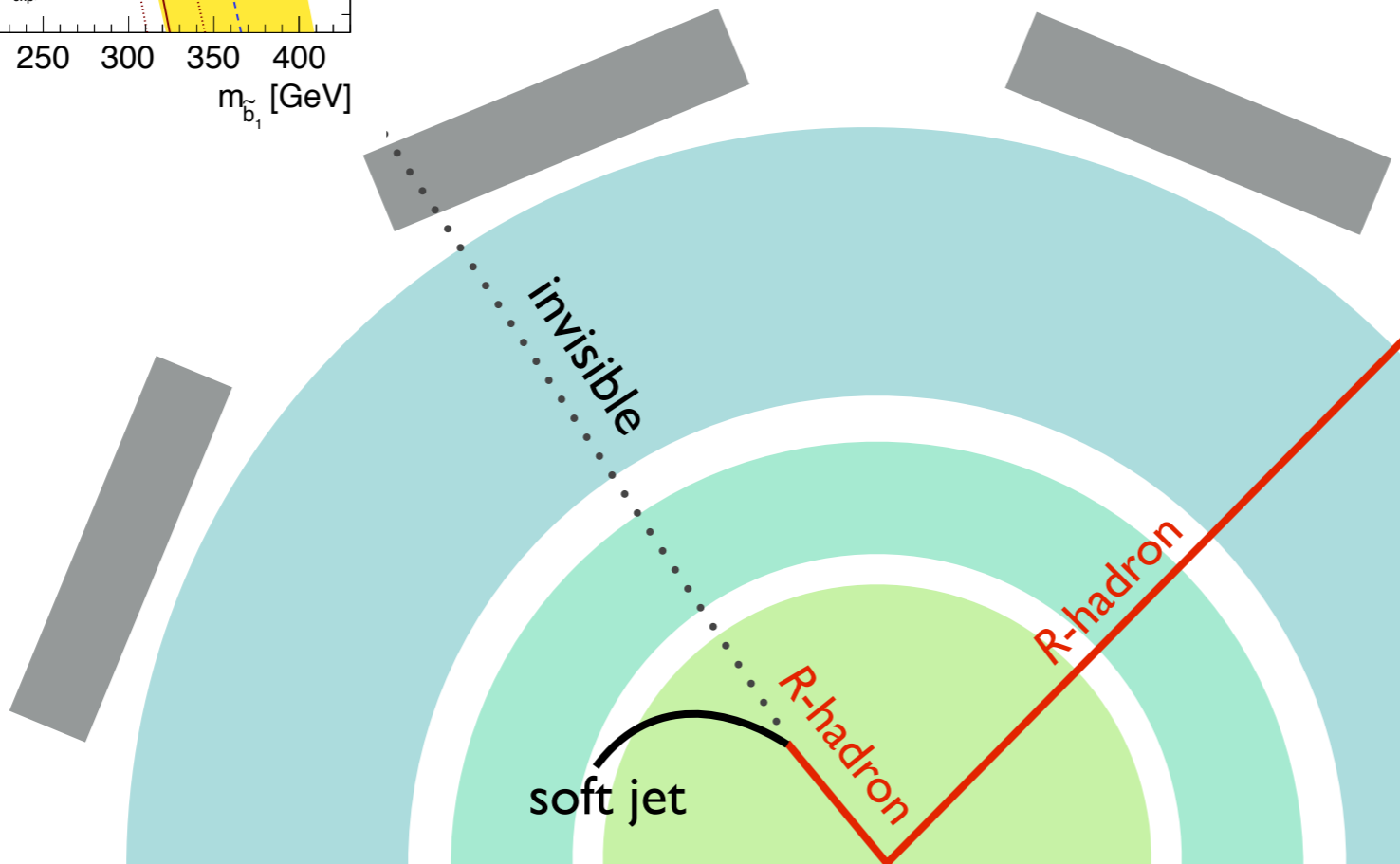
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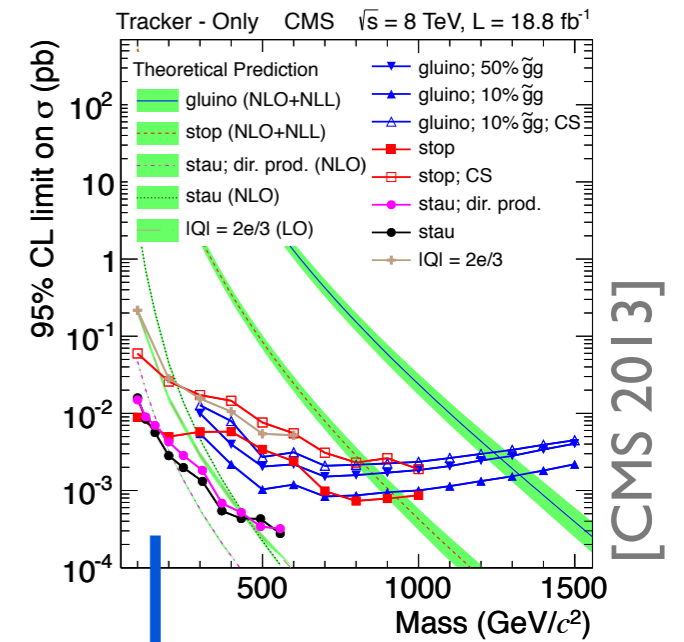
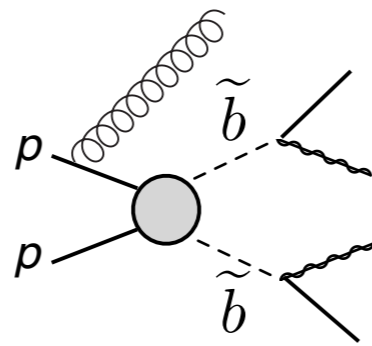
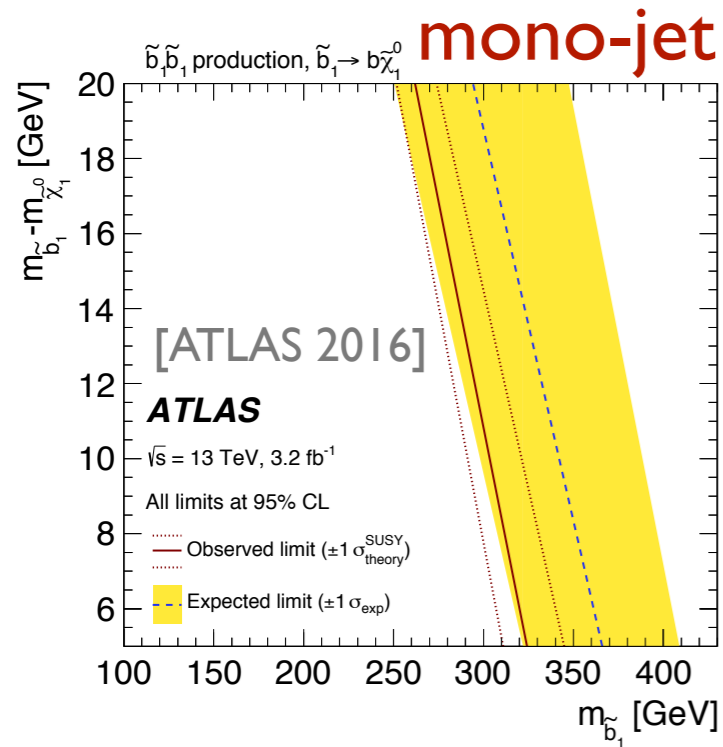
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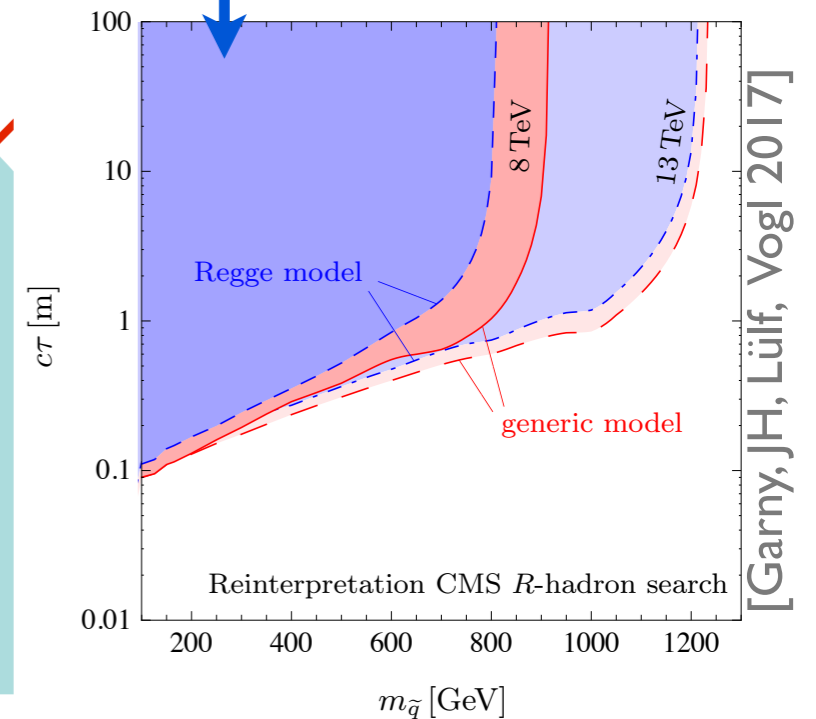
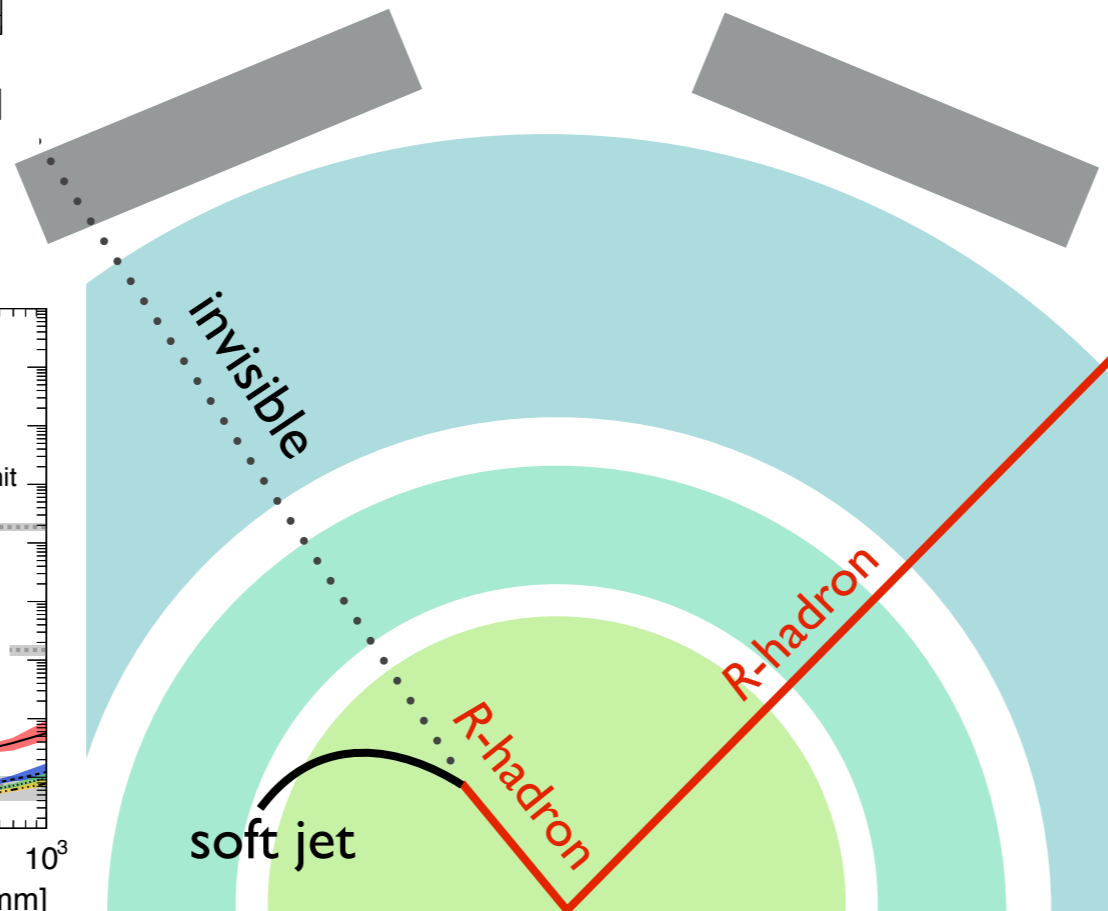
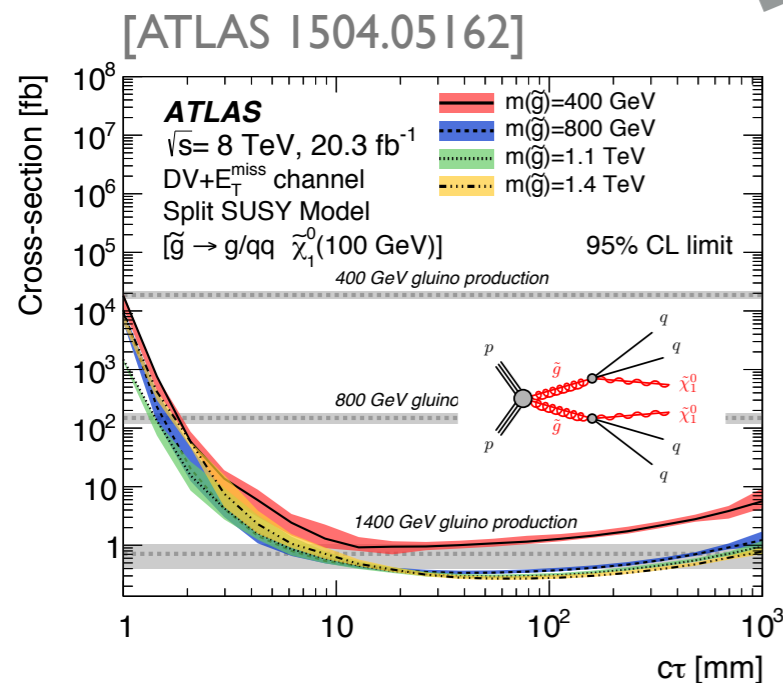
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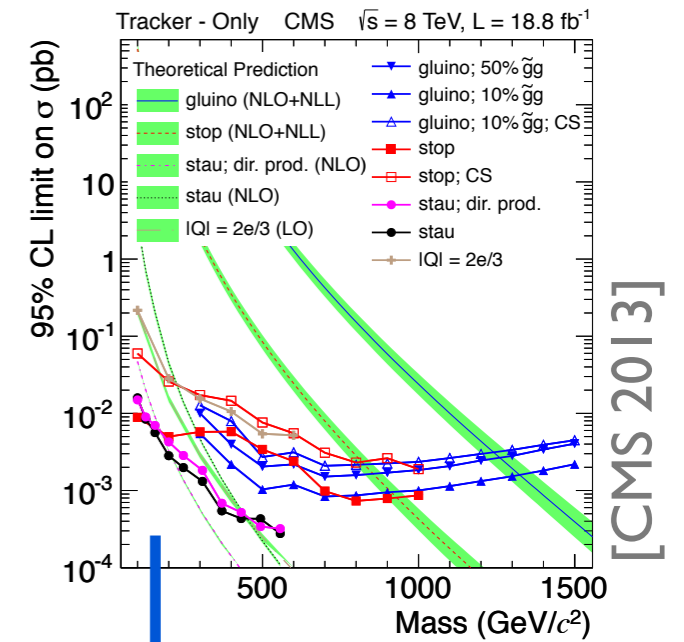
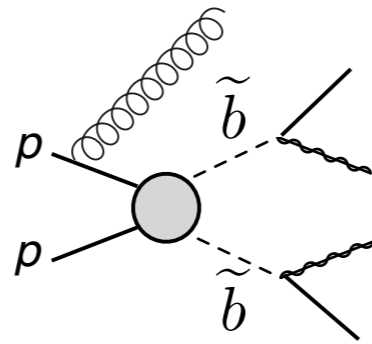
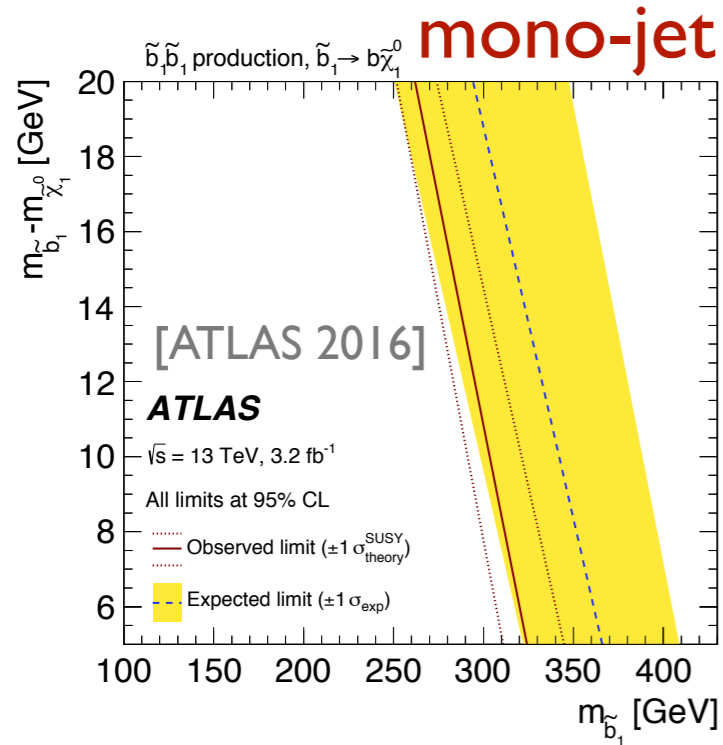
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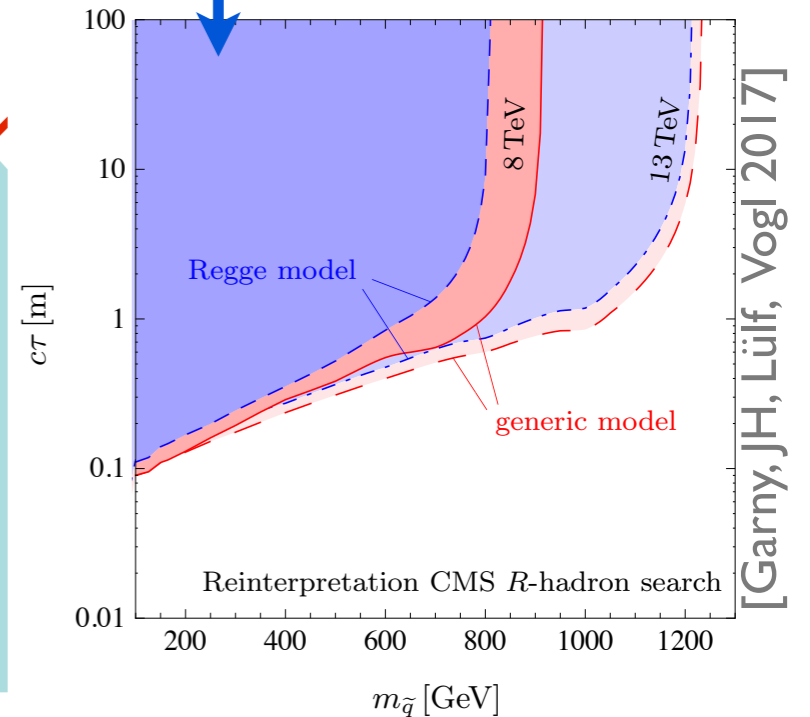
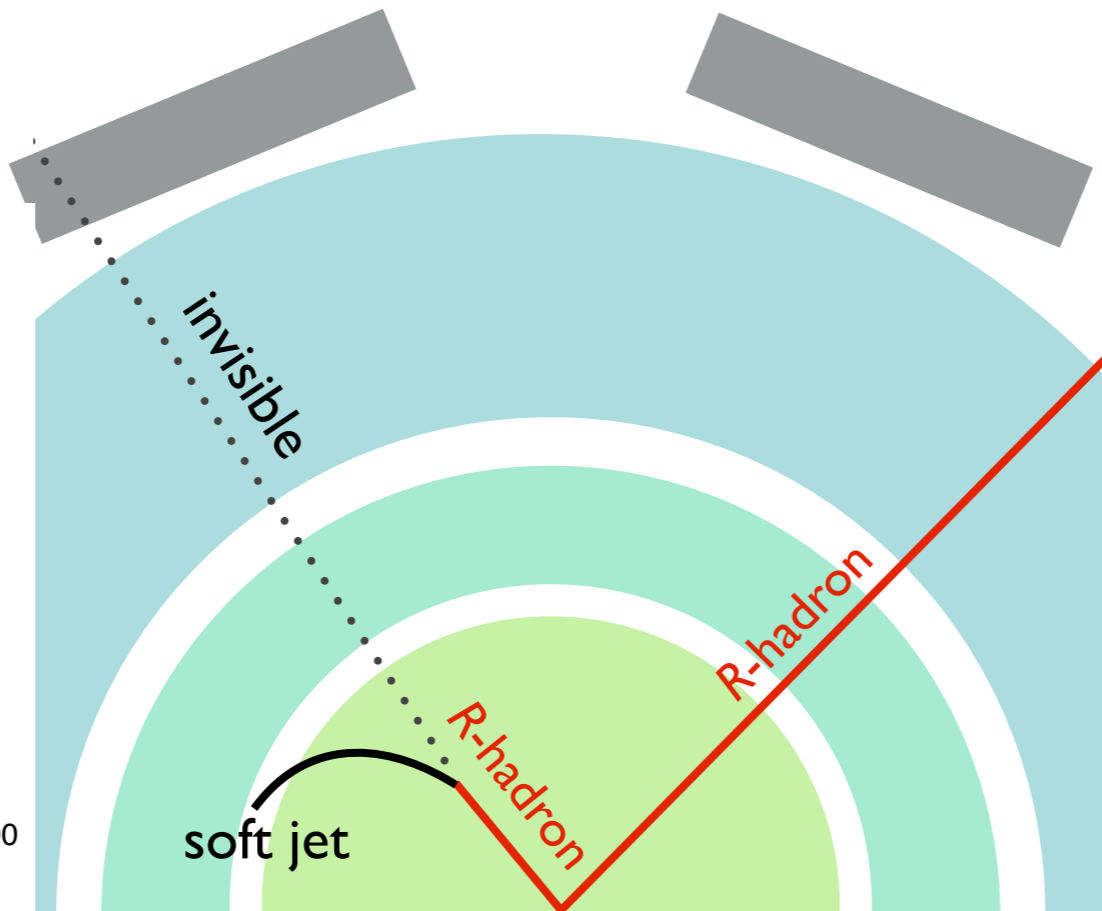
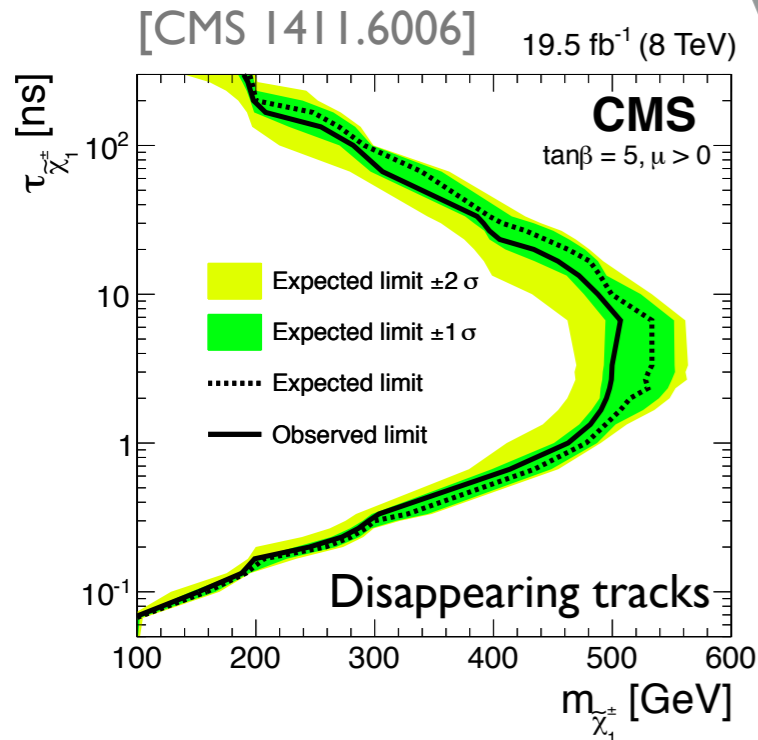
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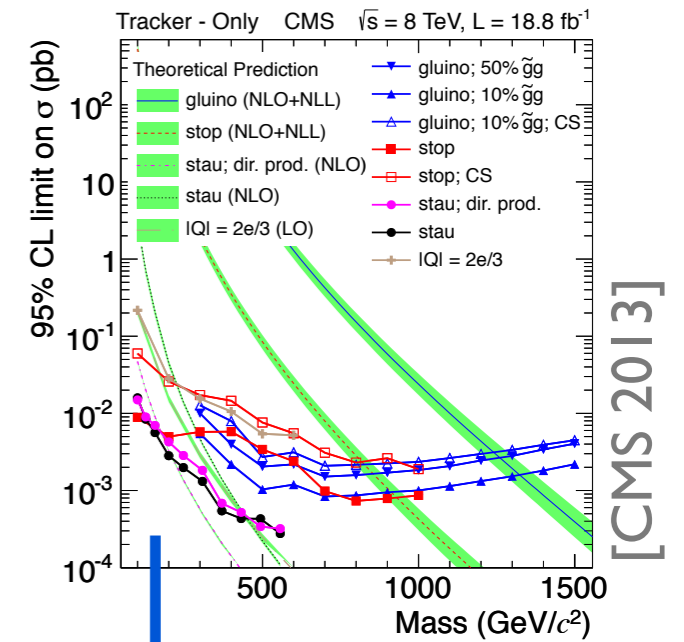
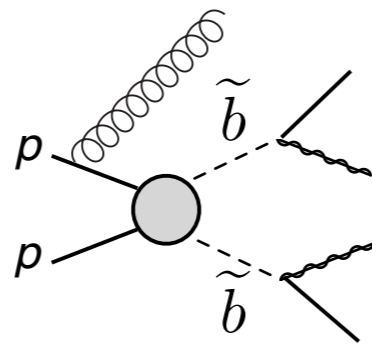
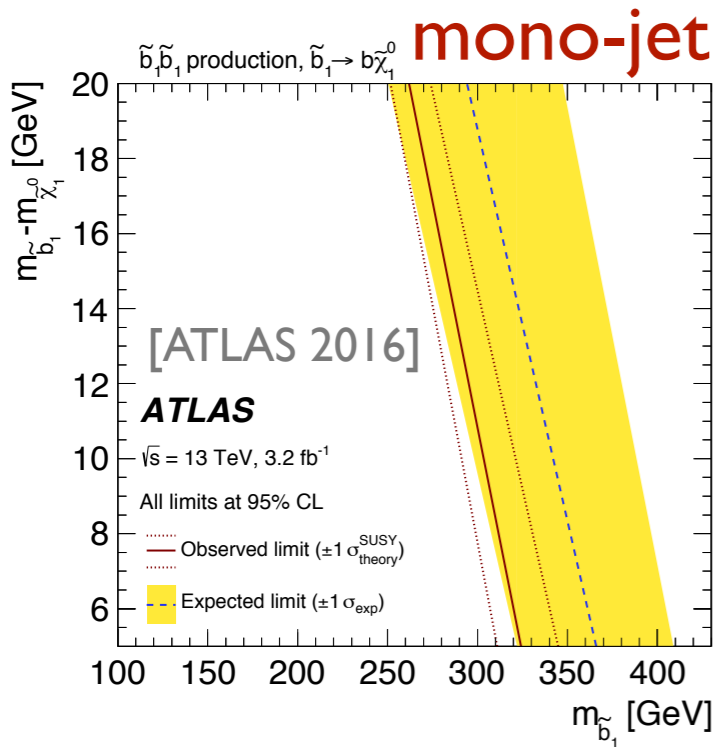
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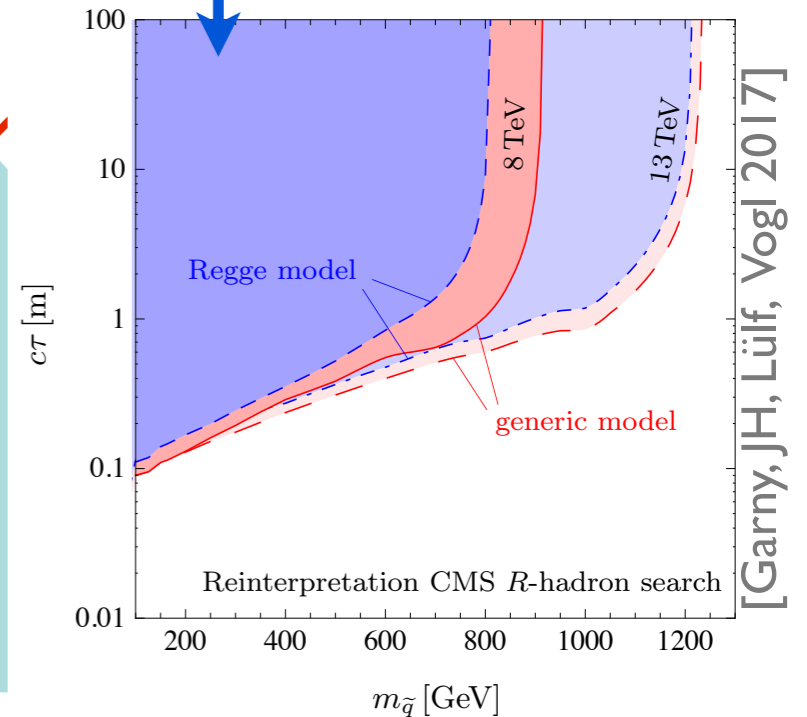
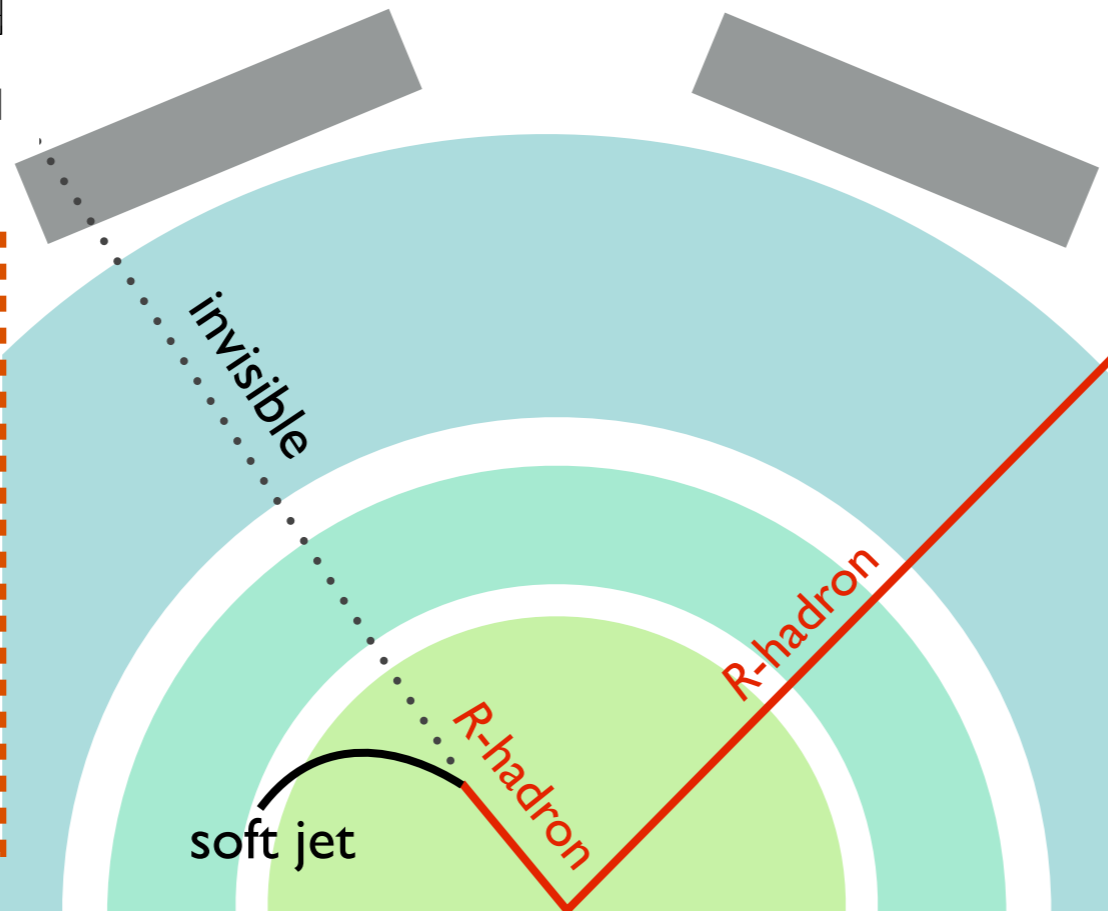


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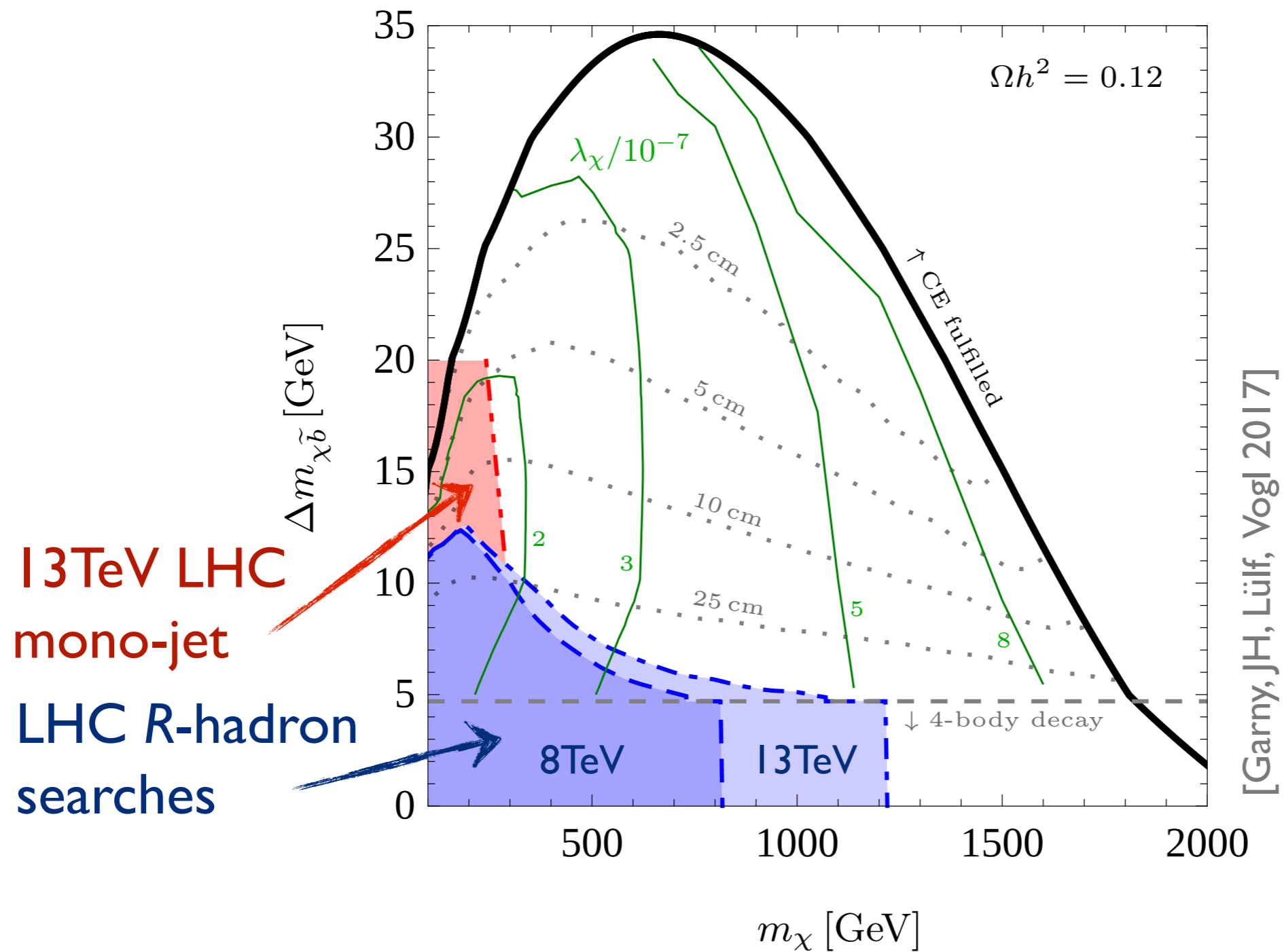


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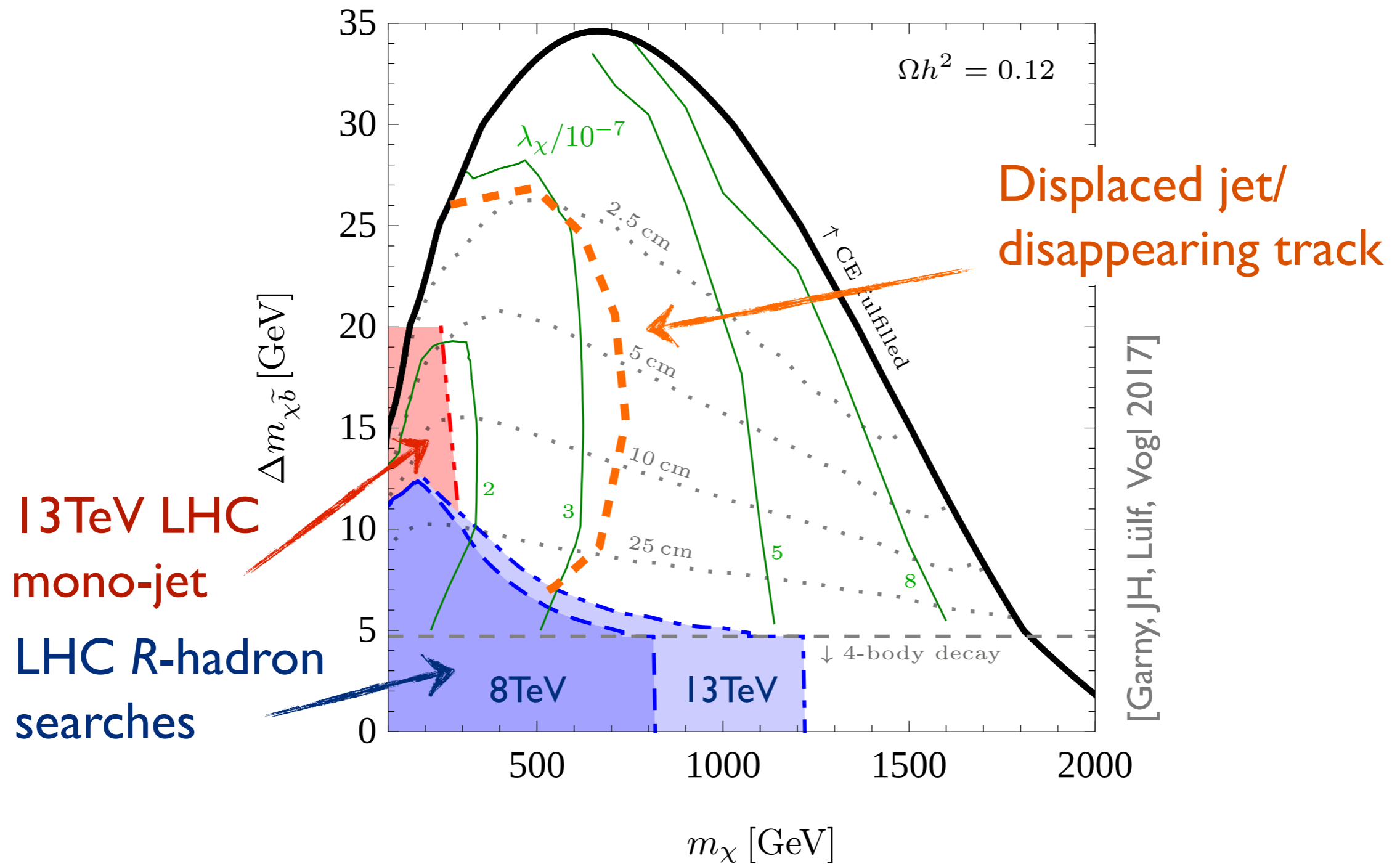
Dedicated search for
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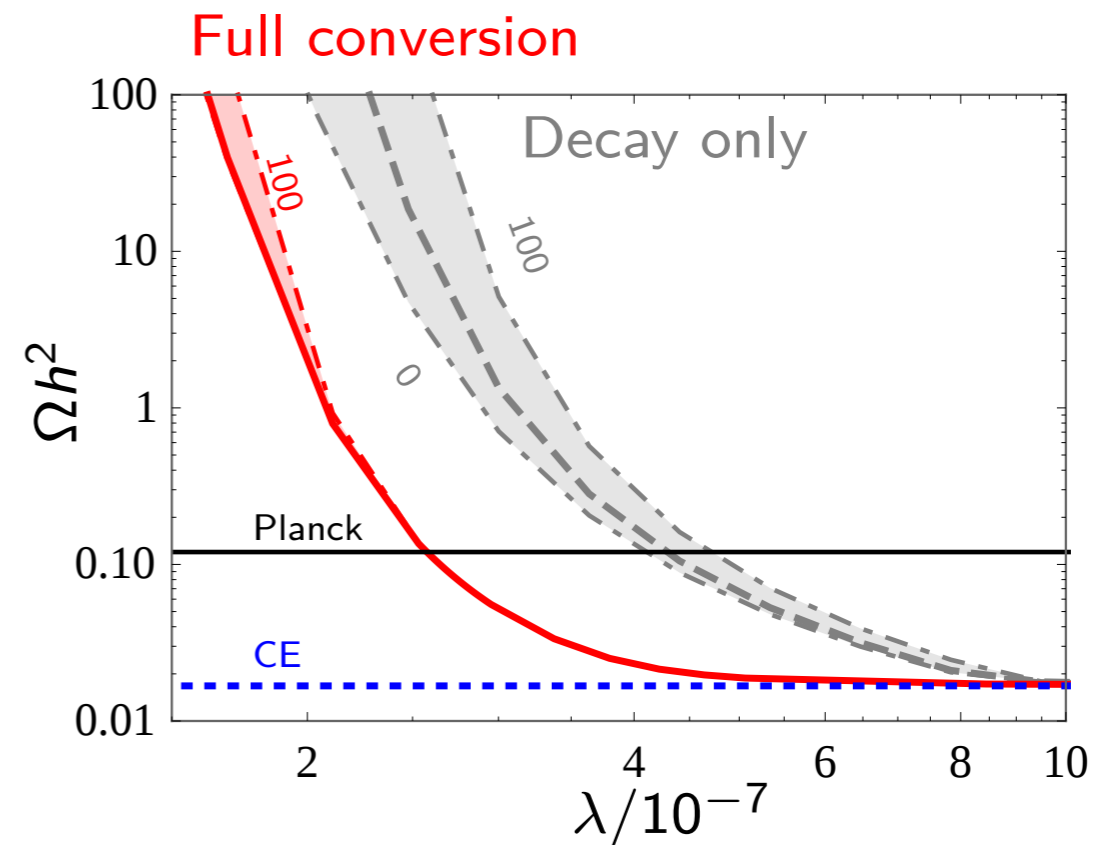
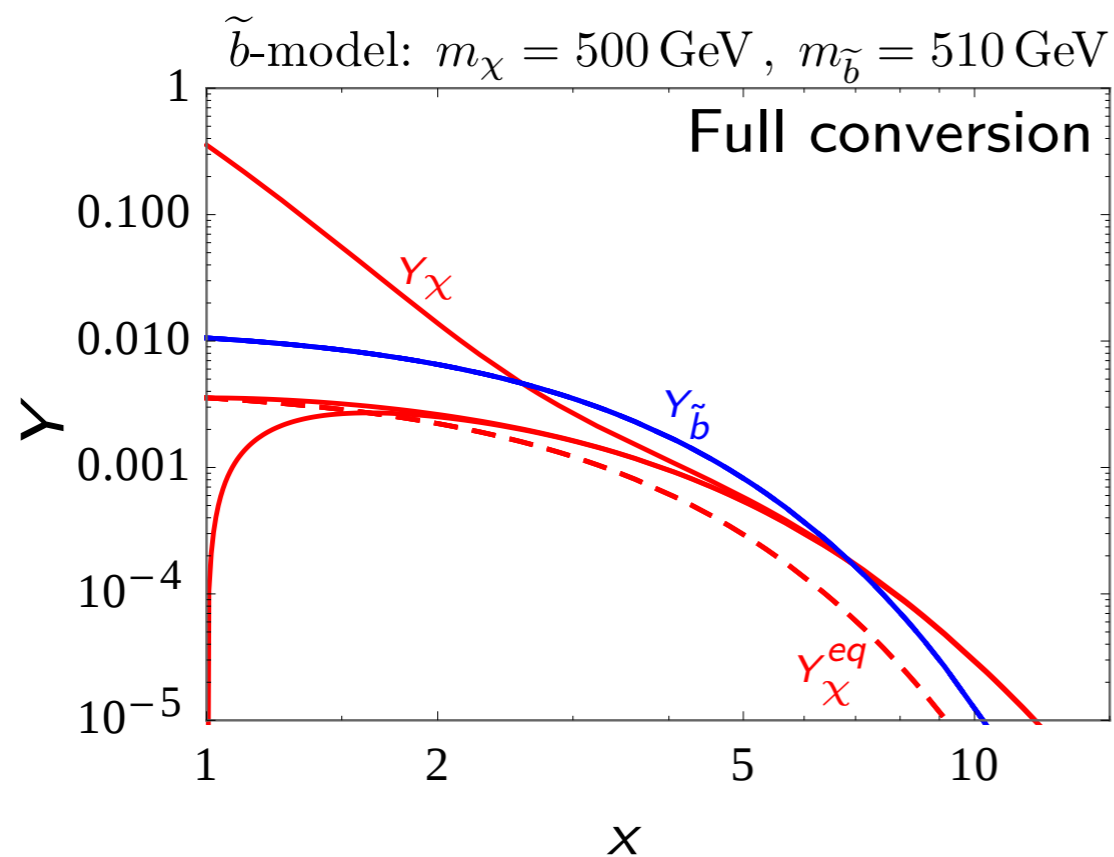
[Garny, JH, Lülfi, Vogl 2017]

Scrutinizing some assumptions



Dependence on Initial Conditions

- So far equilibrium density at $x=1$ assumed
- Does DM thermalize?



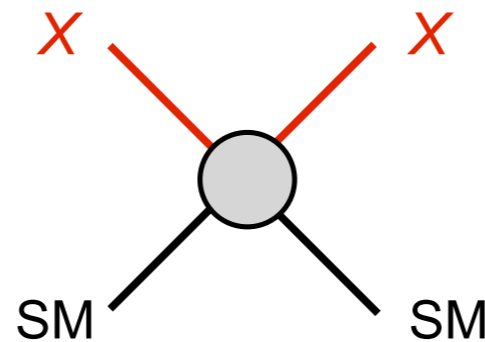
- Insensitive in range $Y_\chi(1) = (0-100) \times Y_\chi^{eq}(1)$
 \Rightarrow Independent of thermal history prior to freeze-out!

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- Assumption of thermal distributions (via kinetic equilibrium)

$$f_{\chi}(t, p) = f^{\text{eq}}(t, p) \frac{n(t)}{n^{\text{eq}}(t)}$$

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(kinetic decoupling takes place well after freeze-out)

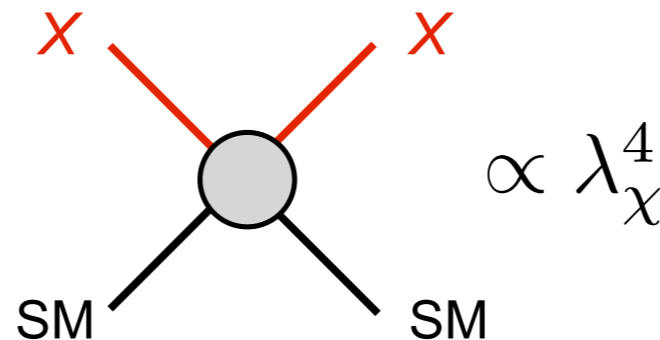
[cf. Chen, Kamionkowski, Zhang 2001, Bringmann, Hofmann 2006; Borzumati, Bringmann, Ullio 2007]

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Unintegrated Boltzmann equation

- Consider unintegrated Boltzmann equation for χ :

$$Hx\partial_x f_\chi(q, x) = \tilde{C}(q, x) \left(f_\chi^{\text{eq}} \frac{Y_{\tilde{b}}}{Y_{\tilde{b}}^{\text{eq}}} - f_\chi \right)$$

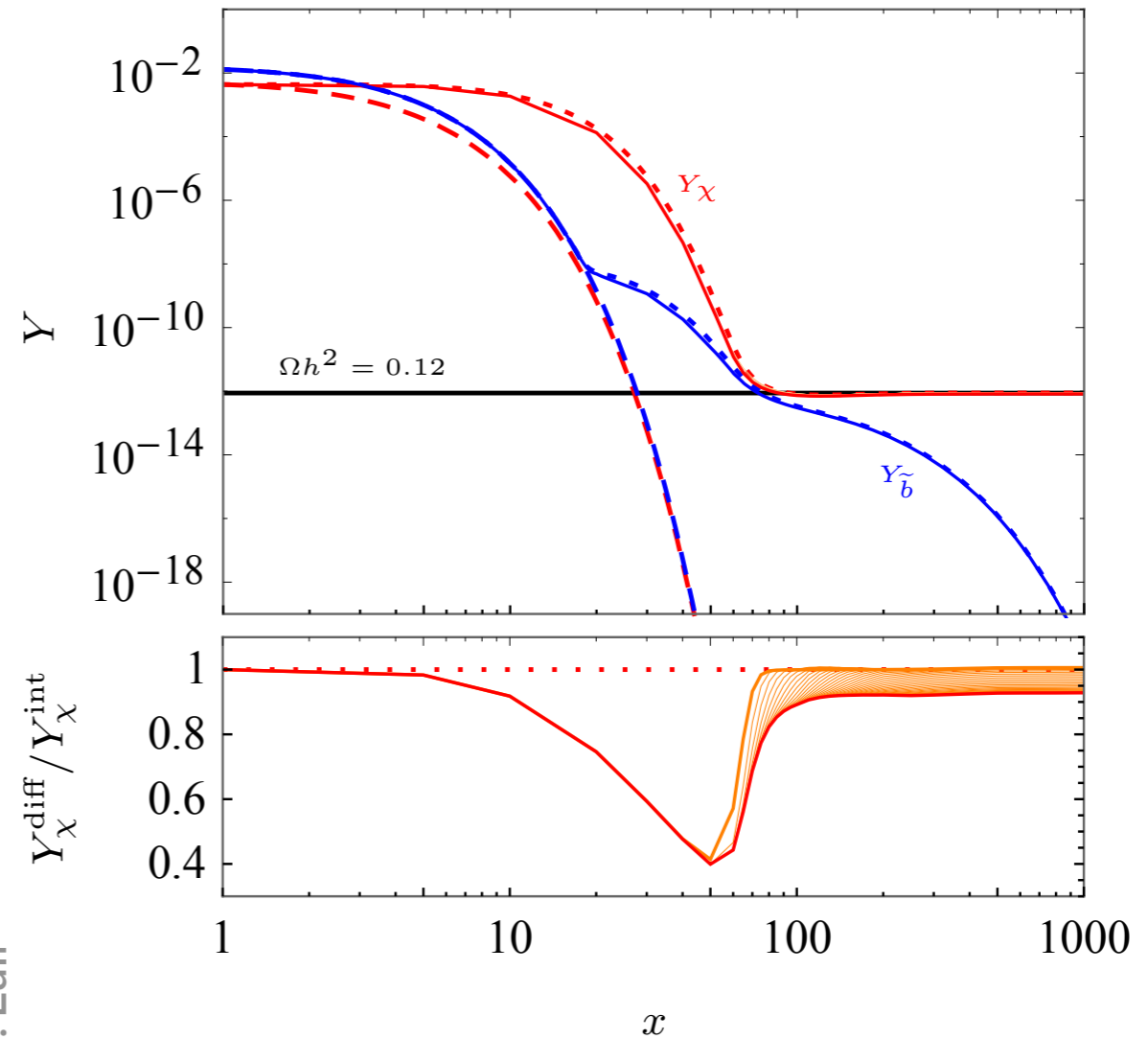
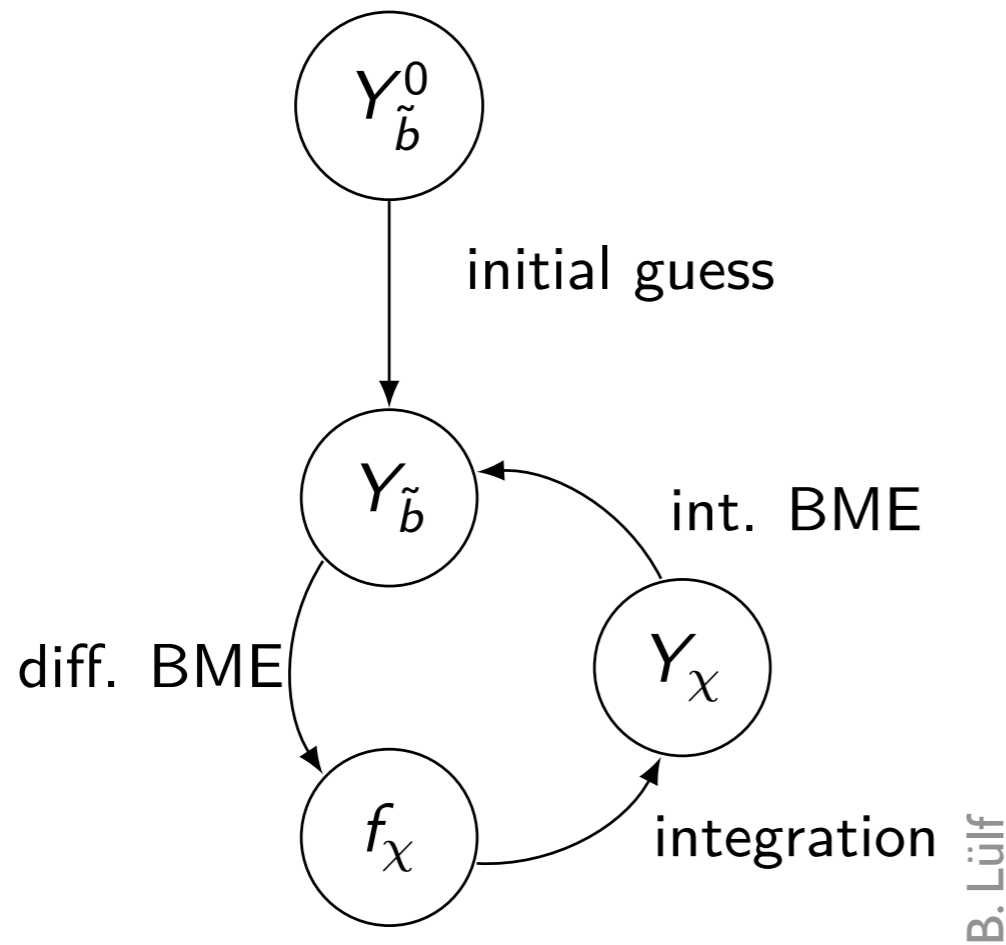
- Conversion only: linear in f_χ
- Can be solved by separation of variables and variation of constants:

$$f_\chi(q, x) = f_\chi^{\text{eq}}(q, x) \frac{Y_{\tilde{b}}}{Y_{\tilde{b}}^{\text{eq}}} - \int_{x_0}^x \frac{d(f_\chi^{\text{eq}}(q, y) Y_{\tilde{b}}(y) / Y_{\tilde{b}}^{\text{eq}}(y))}{dy} \times \exp \left(- \int_y^x \frac{\tilde{C}(q, z)}{zH(z)} dz \right) dy$$

Involves $Y_{\tilde{b}}$ → still coupled system

Iterative solution

- Do not solve coupled system at once but iteratively
- Start with "guess" for $Y_{\tilde{b}}$: solution of integrated equations

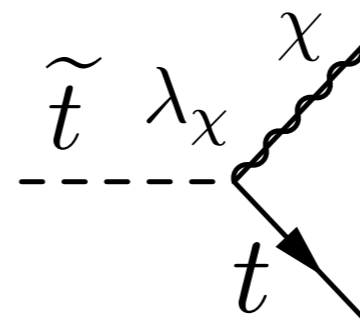


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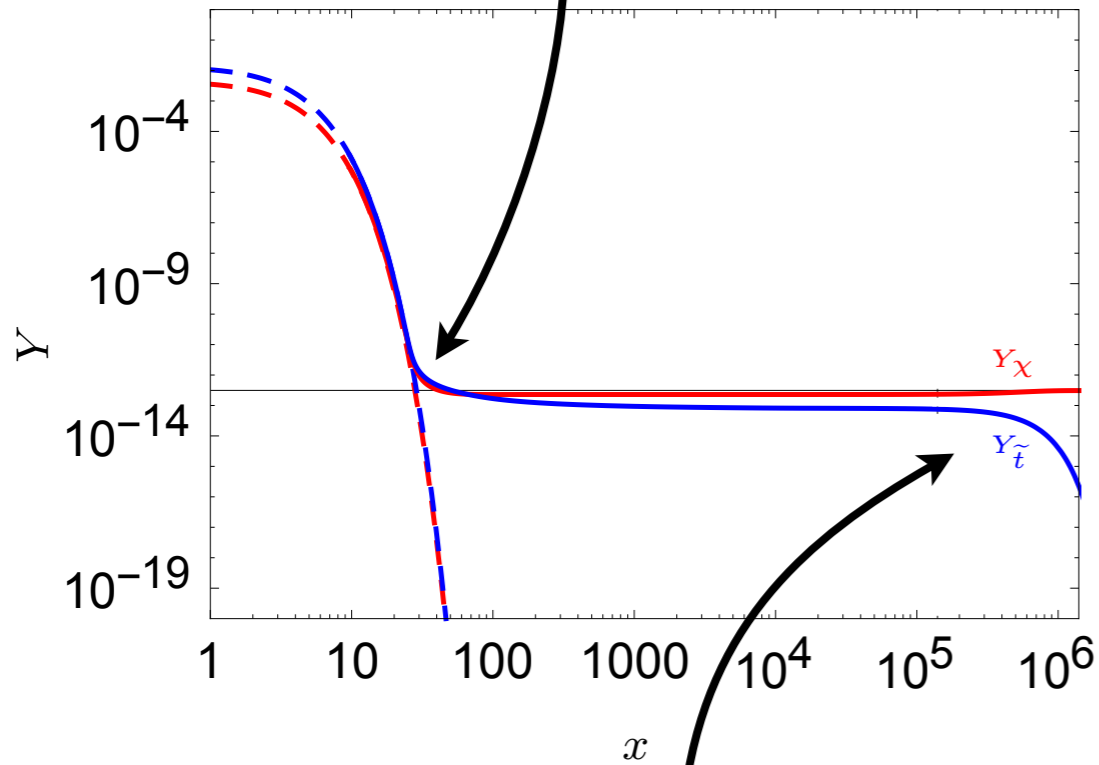
- Difference: Top-quark non-negligible mass!

Allowed parameter space: top-partner model

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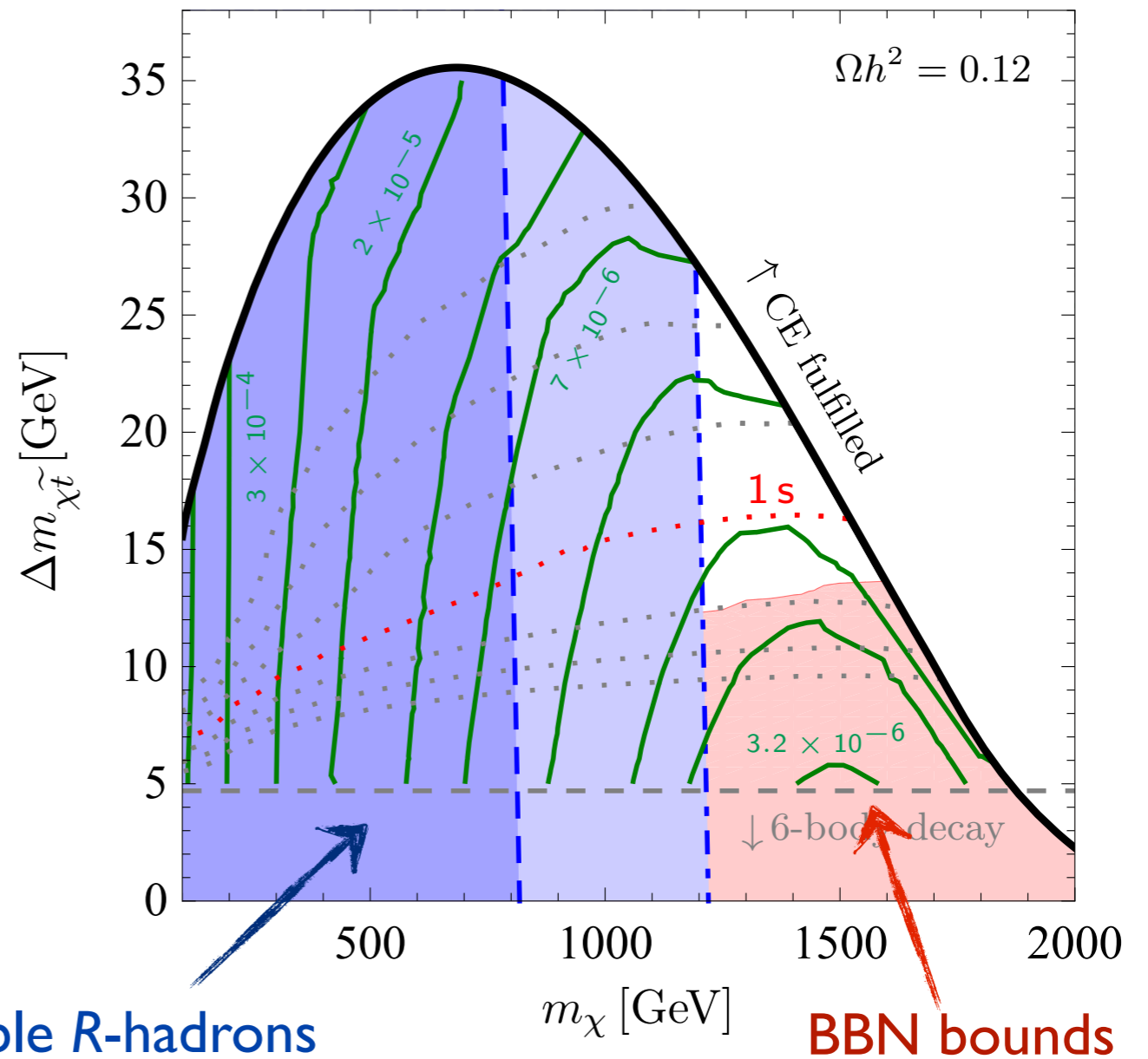
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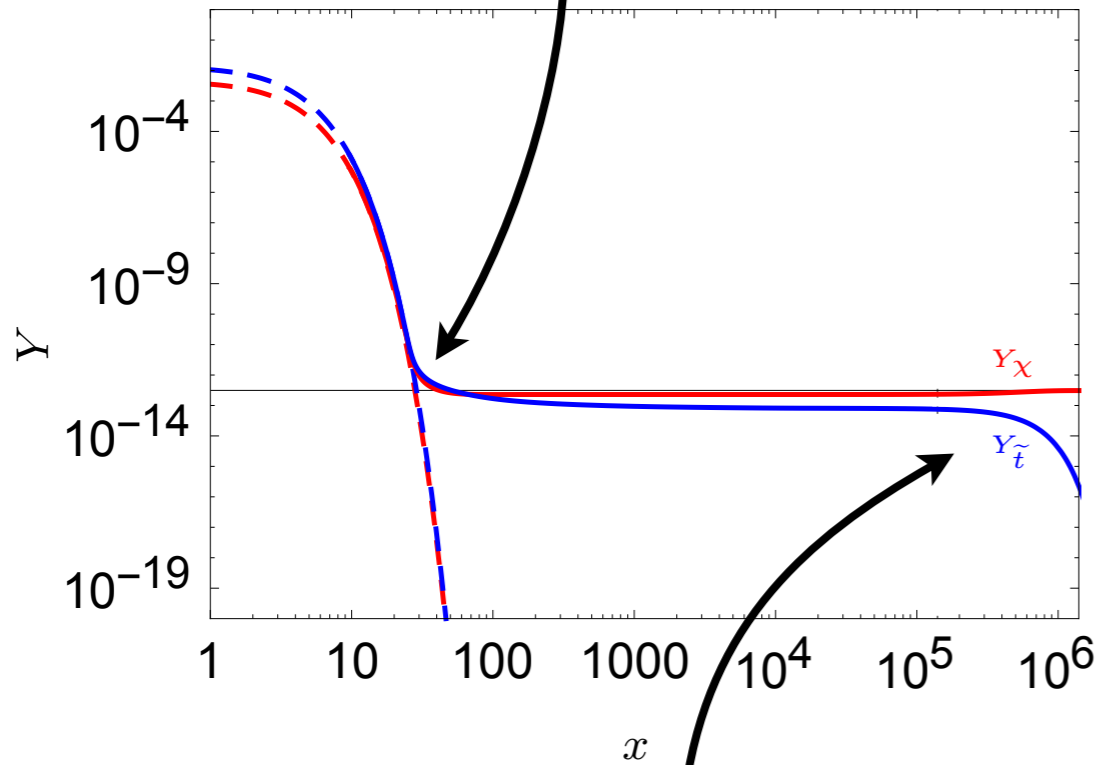


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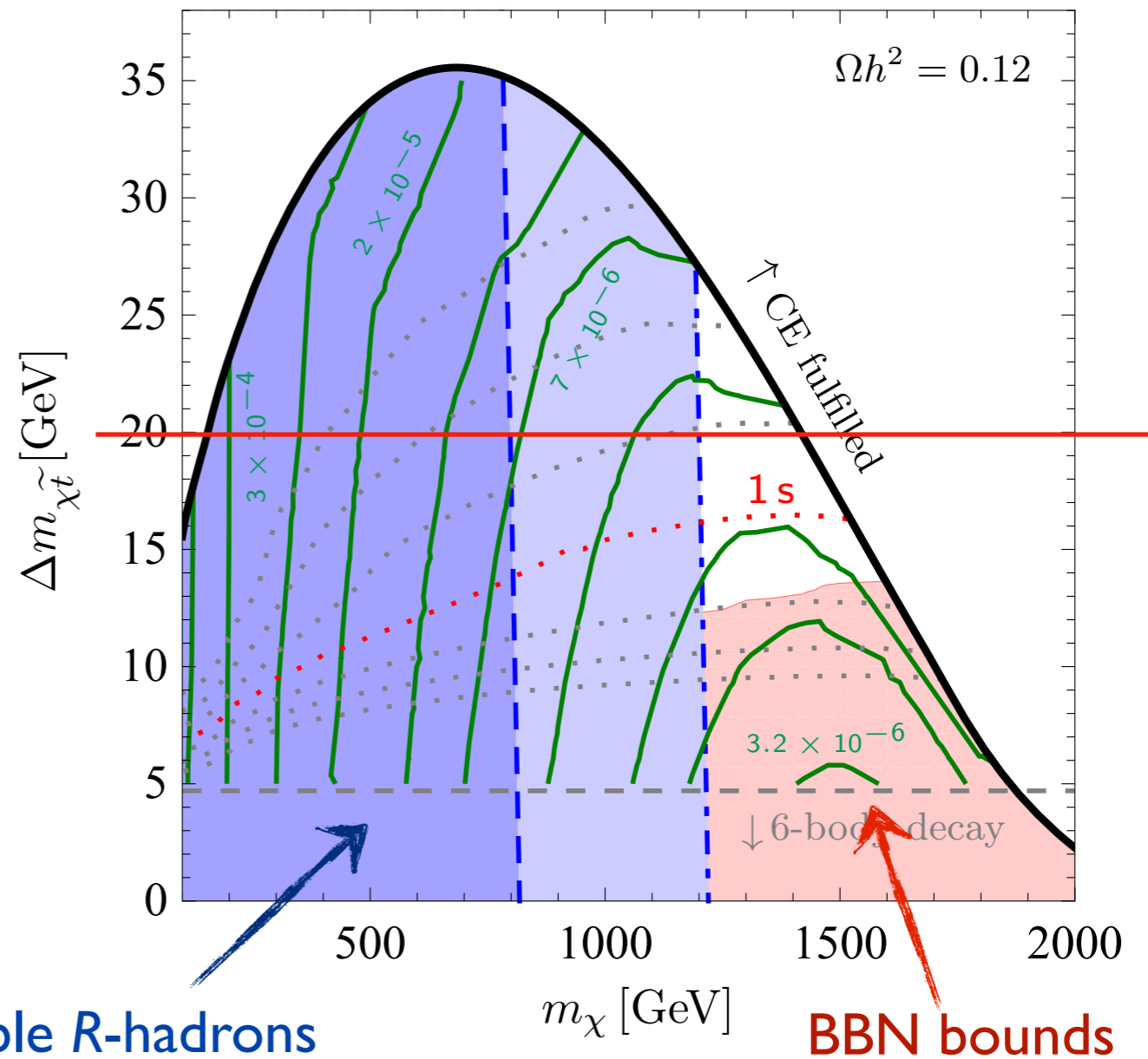
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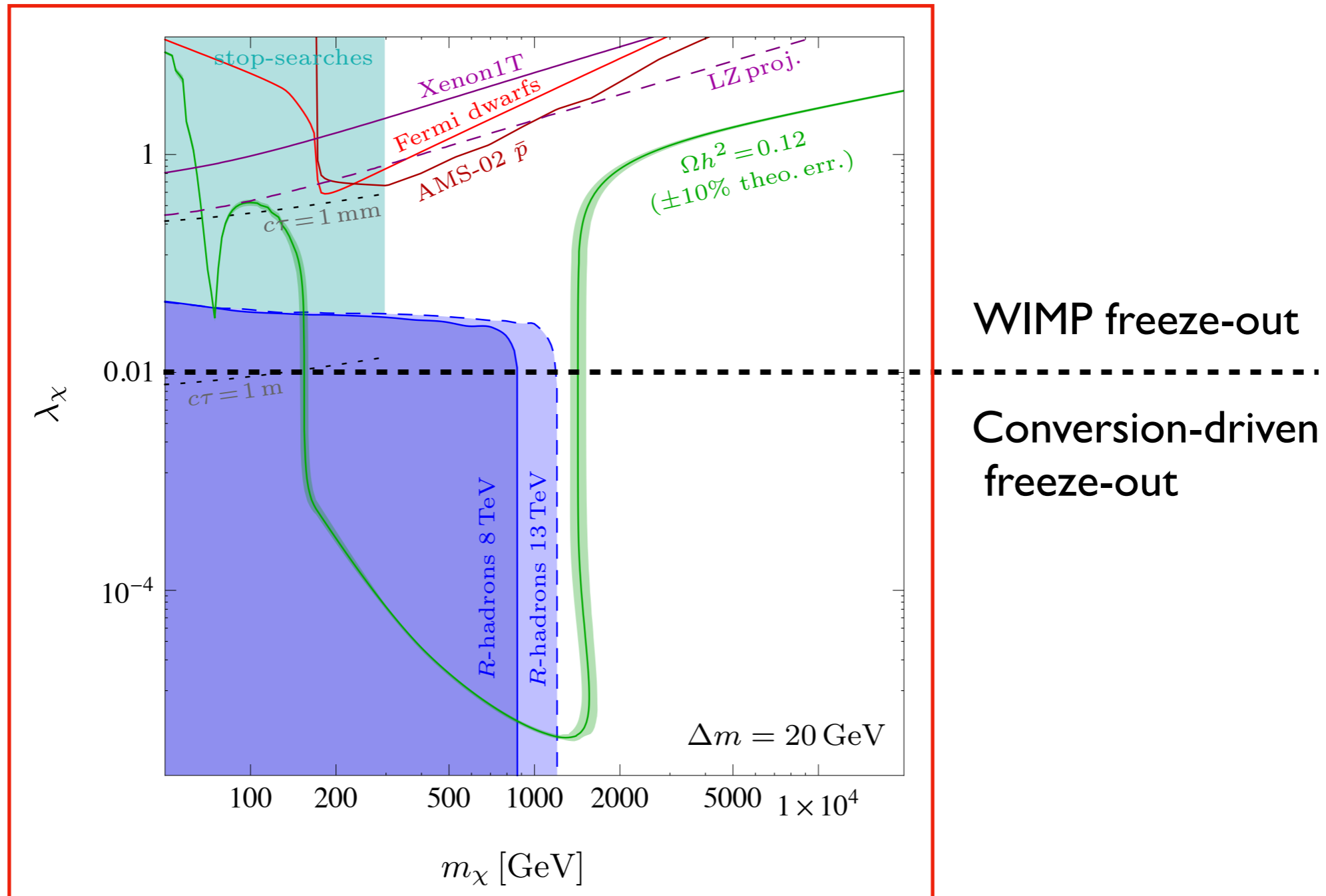
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BBN bounds

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Summary

- Vanilla WIMP under pressure: Watch out for avenues beyond WIMPs with new LHC signatures!
- Conversion-driven freeze-out:
 - Shares nice features of WIMPs!
 - Accommodates null-results from WIMP-searches
 - $H \sim \Gamma$: Lifetimes naturally $O(1-100\text{cm})$
 - ⇒ Strong motivation for long-lived particles at LHC
- Interesting times for dark matter hunters lie ahead

Recent effort to identify gaps,
systematically cover LLP signatures

LHC LLP Community Workshops:

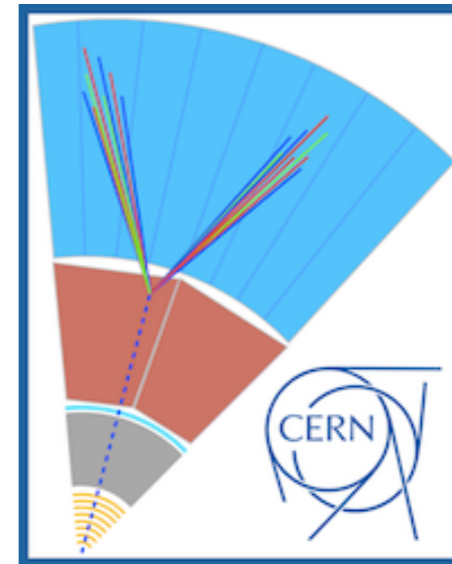
April 2017: <https://indico.cern.ch/event/607314/>

October 2017: <https://indico.cern.ch/event/649760/>

May 2018: <https://indico.cern.ch/event/714087/>

Next Workshop: <https://indico.cern.ch/event/744951/>

Community white paper to appear soon



Reinterpretation of
heavy-stable charged particle/
 R -hadron searches for
arbitrary BSM models:
Now public at
<http://smodels.hephy.at>

arXiv:1808.05229v1



Constraining new physics with searches for long-lived particles:
Implementation into SModelS

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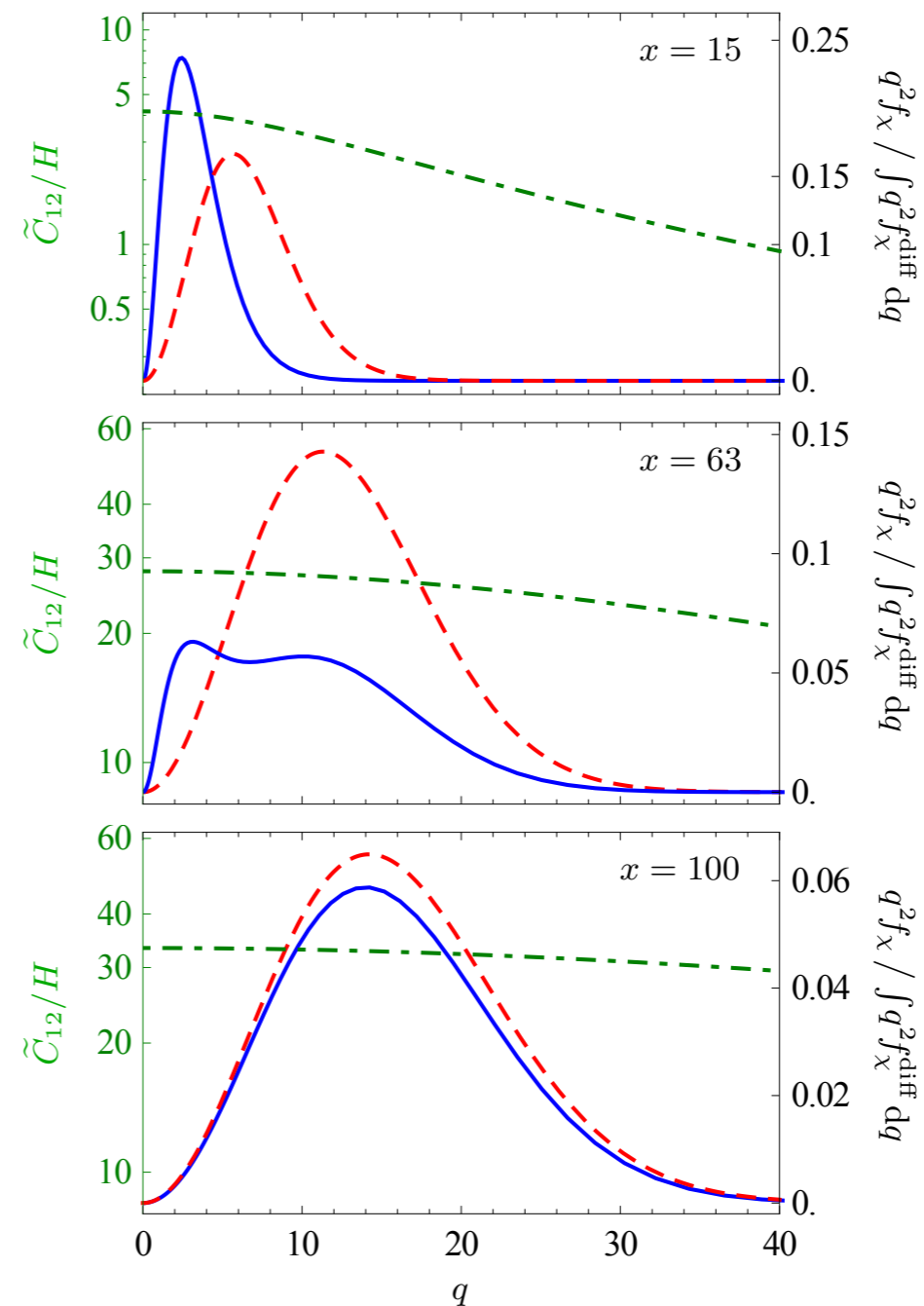
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Backup slides

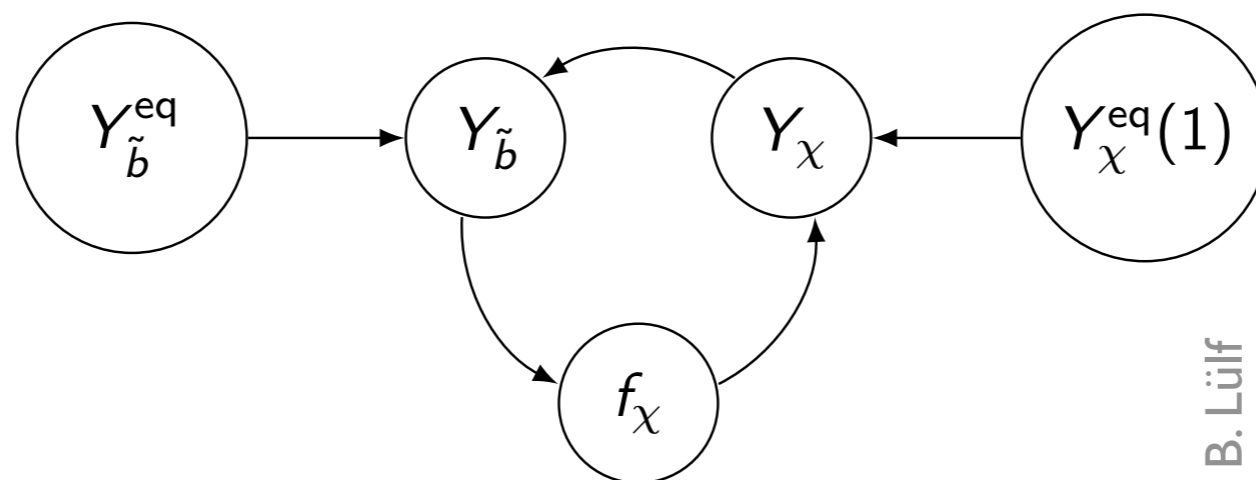
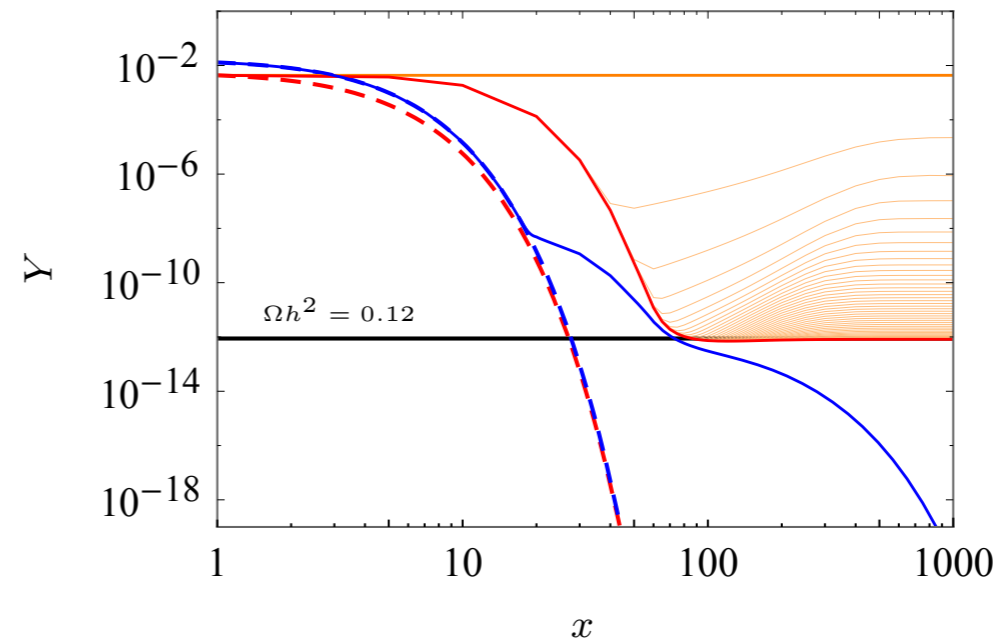
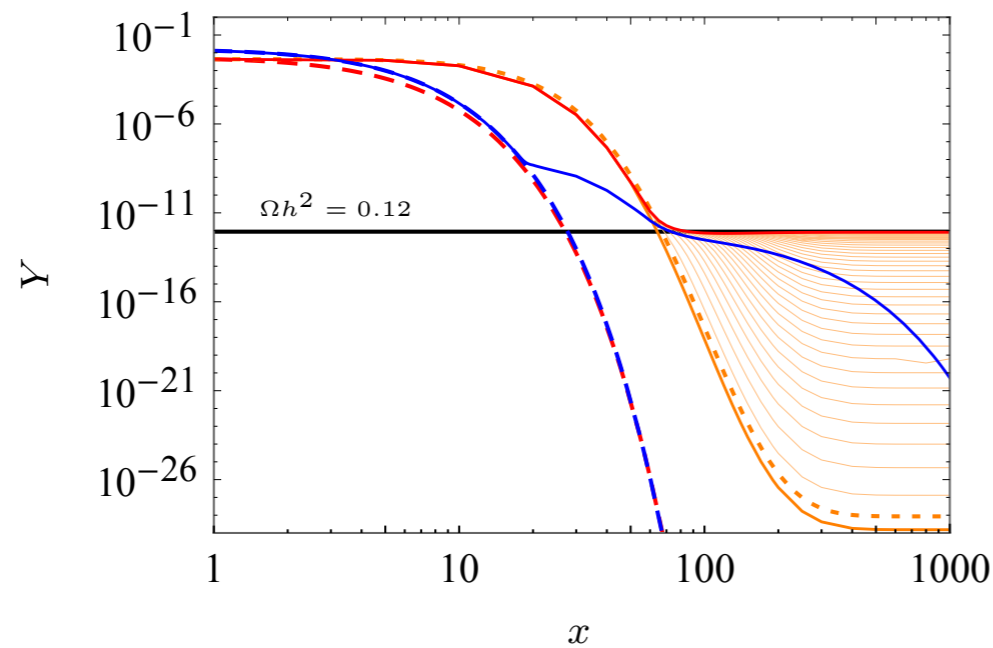
Deviation from thermal distribution

- small x : redshift only
- Conversion inset: thermalization starts
- Close-to-thermal distribution



Testing initial guess

- Extreme cases for initial evolutions of abundances
- Converge to same solution:



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Iterative solution

- All initial guesses converge to the same solution
- Difference to integrated treatment below 10%
- Solution of coupled system more important

[cf. D'Agnolo, Pappadopulo, Ruderman, 2017]

