

# ADVANCES IN DARK MATTER PRODUCTION THEORY

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## **A personal selection of recent ideas in the field**

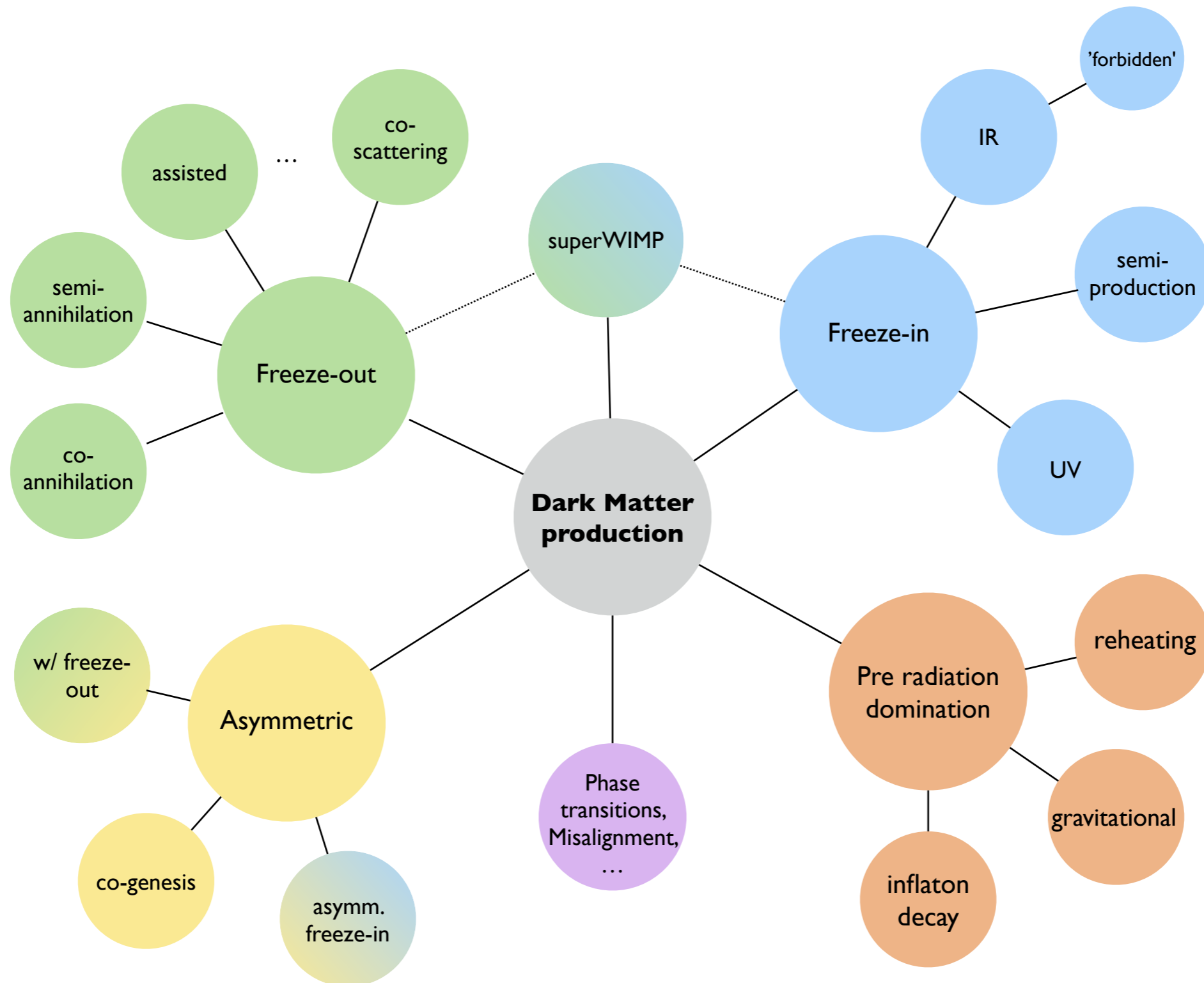
+ some results based on:

**T. Binder, T. Bringmann, M. Gustafsson & A.H.** [1706.07433](#), [2103.01944](#)

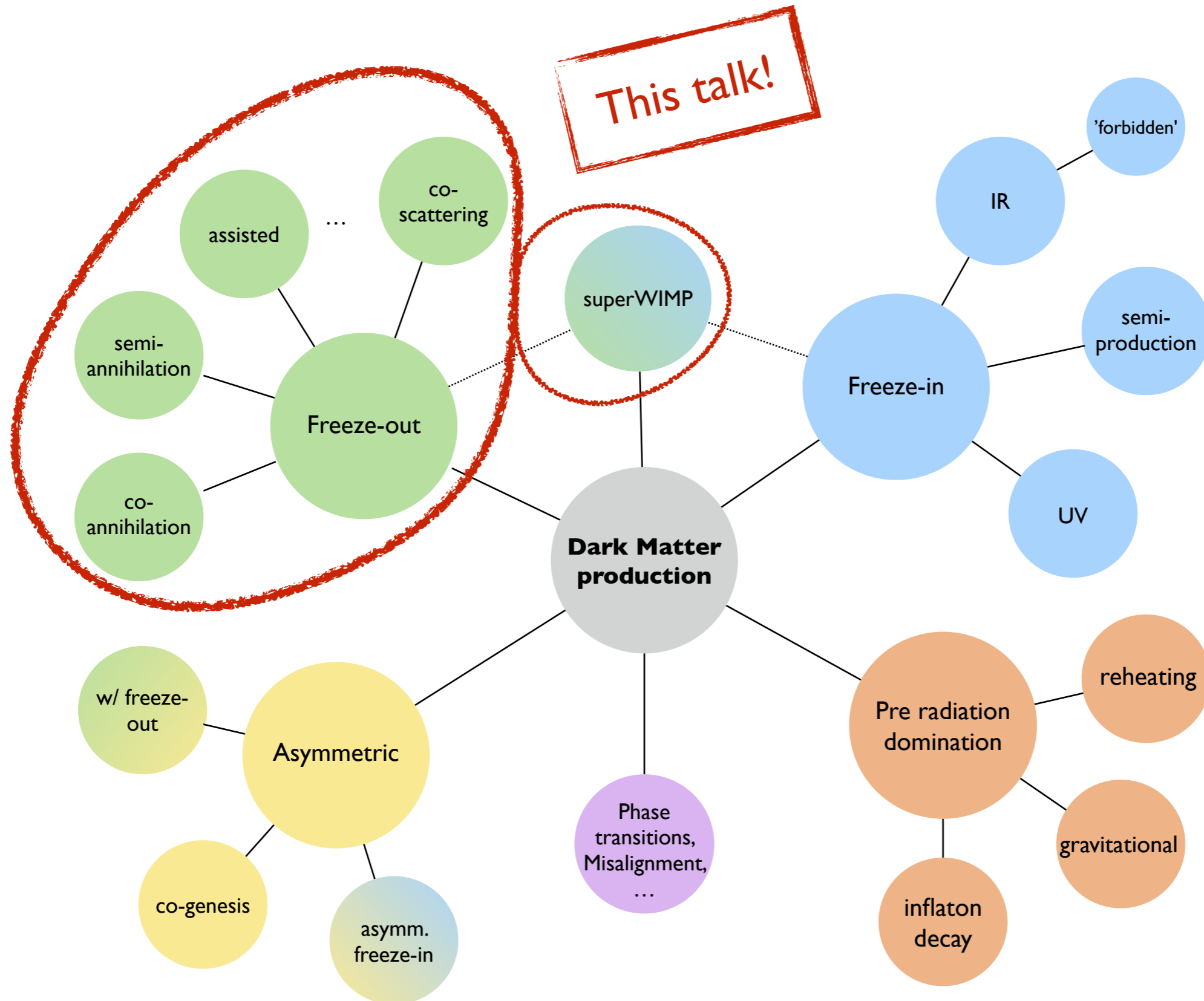
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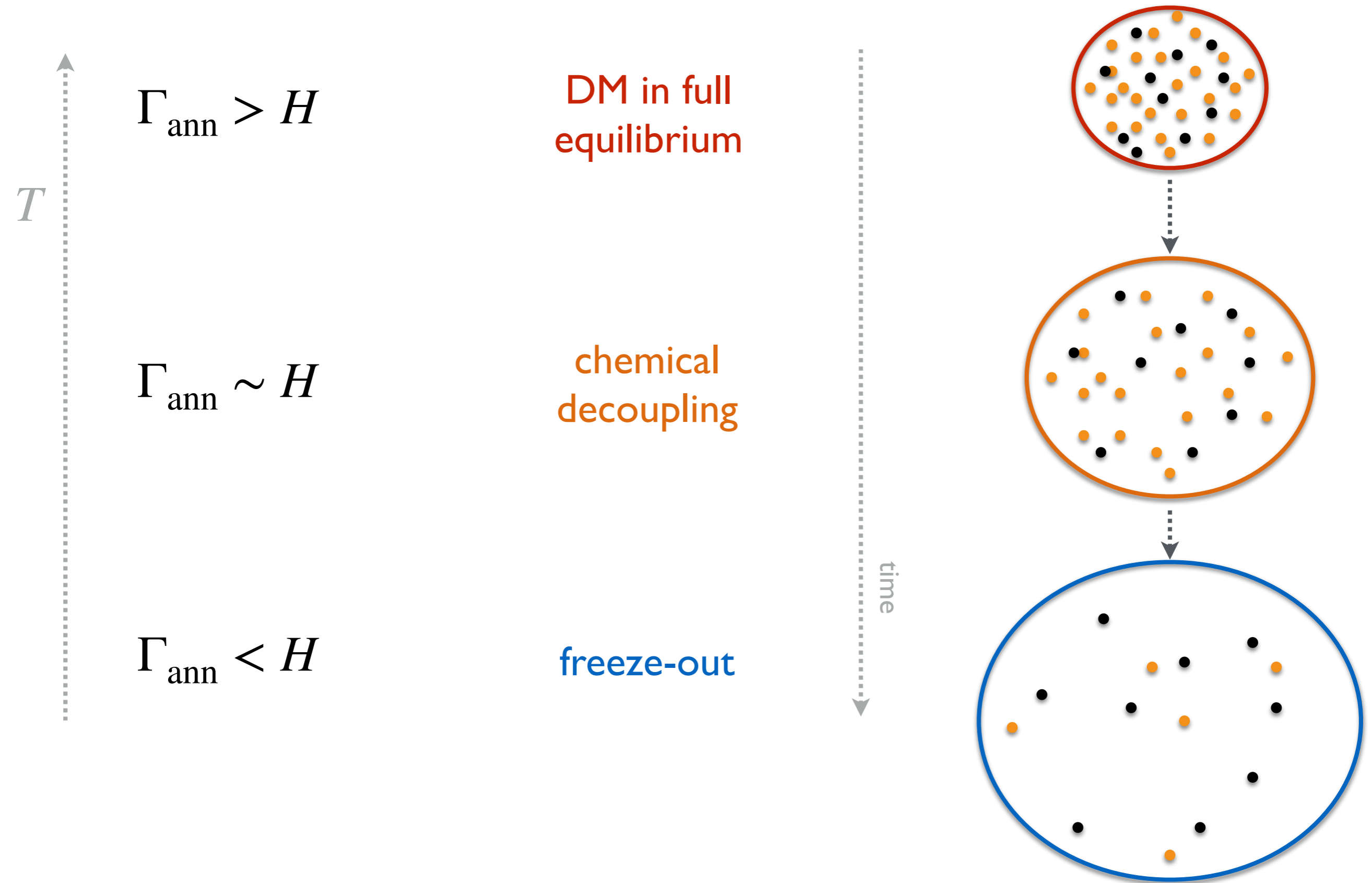


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# THERMAL RELIC DENSITY

## A.K.A. FREEZE-OUT

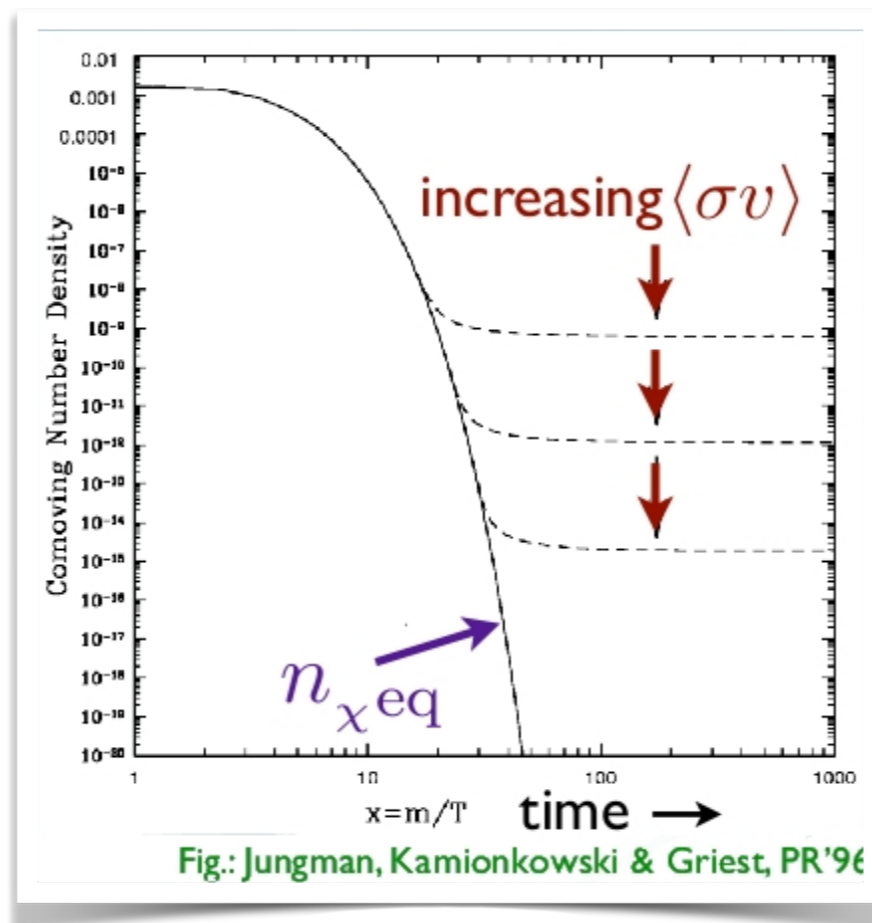


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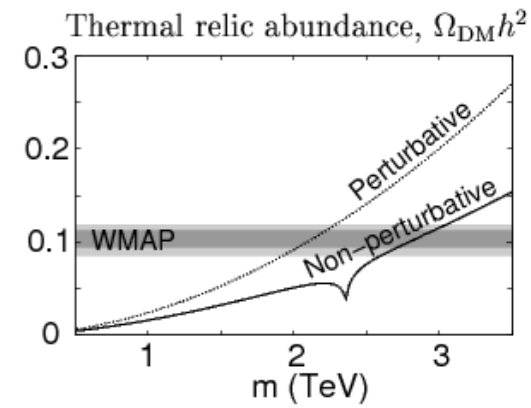
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# CHAPTER I: PARTICLE PHYSICS EFFECTS

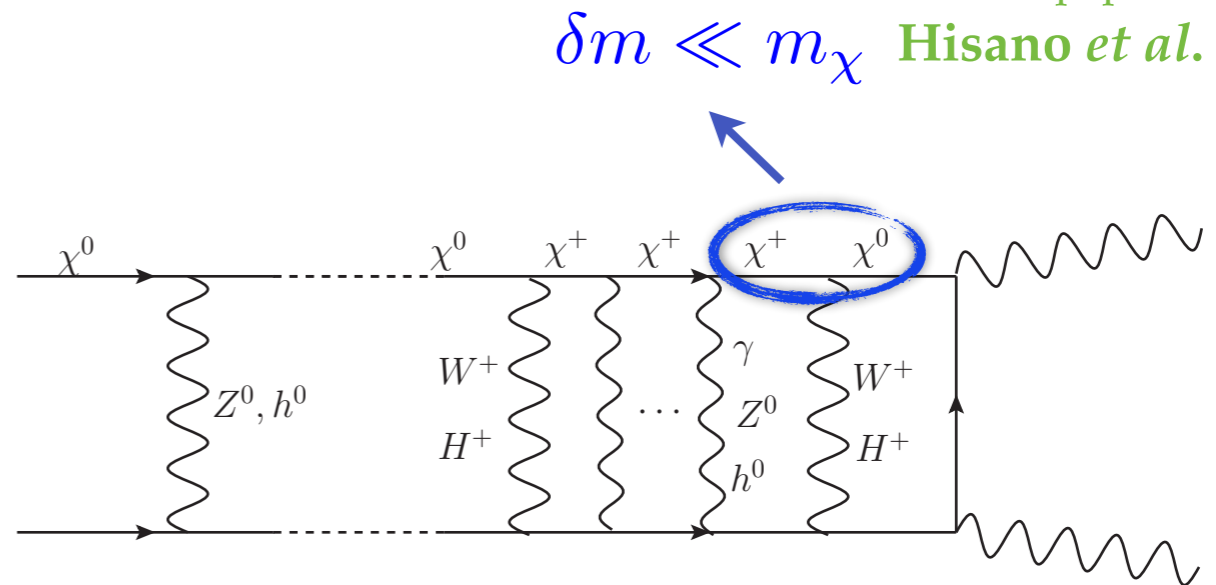
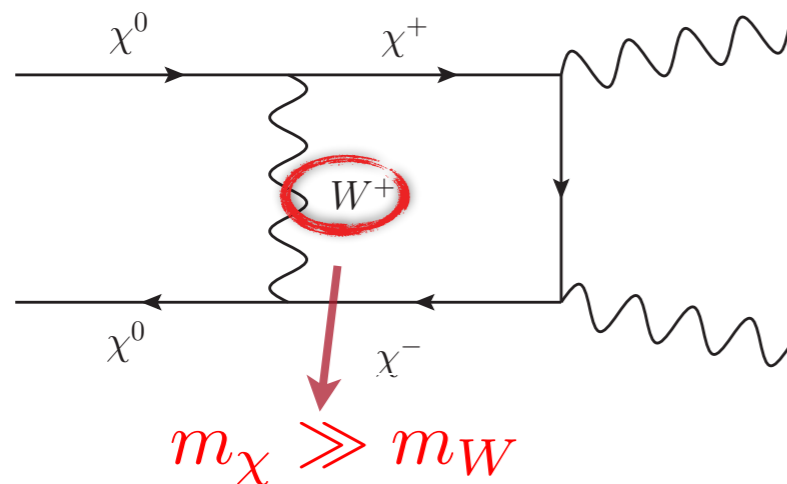
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## FROM EW INTERACTIONS



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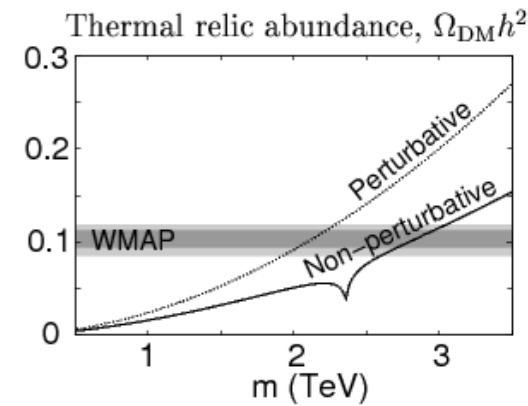
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seminal papers  
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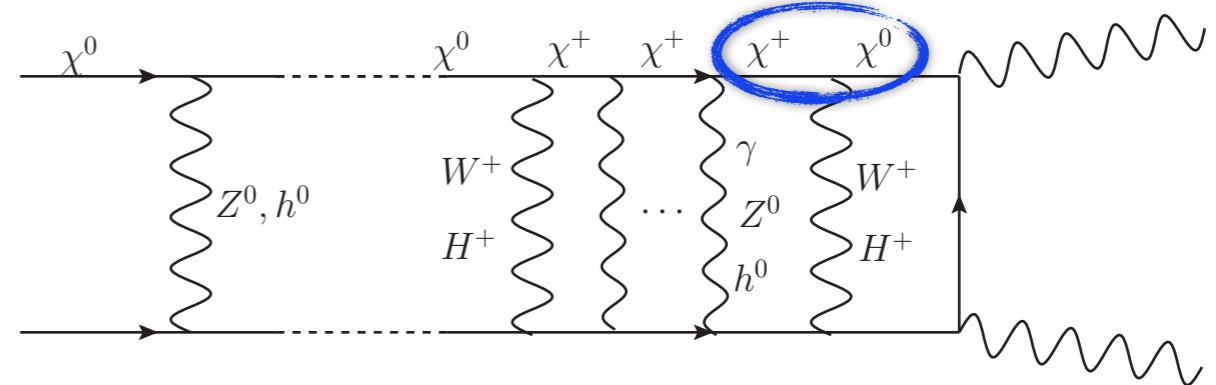
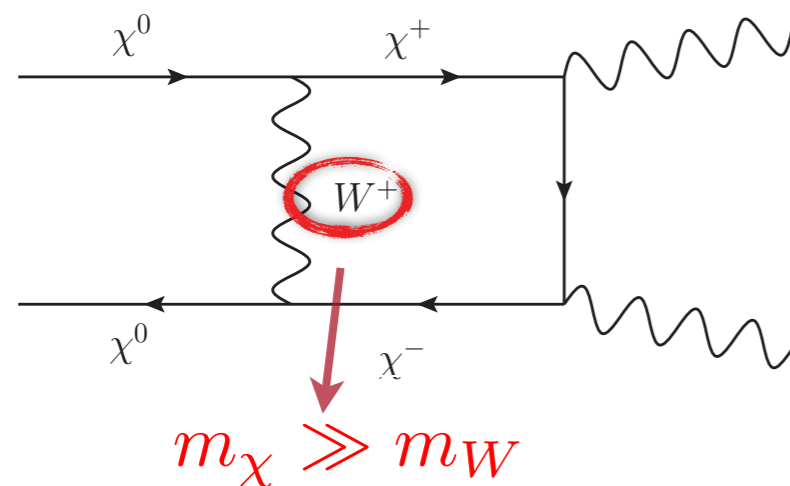
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at TeV scale  $\Rightarrow$  generically effect of  $\mathcal{O}(1 - 100\%)$

on top of that **resonance** structure

$\hookrightarrow$  effect of  $\mathcal{O}(\text{few})$   
for the relic density

AH, R. Iengo, P. Ullio. '10

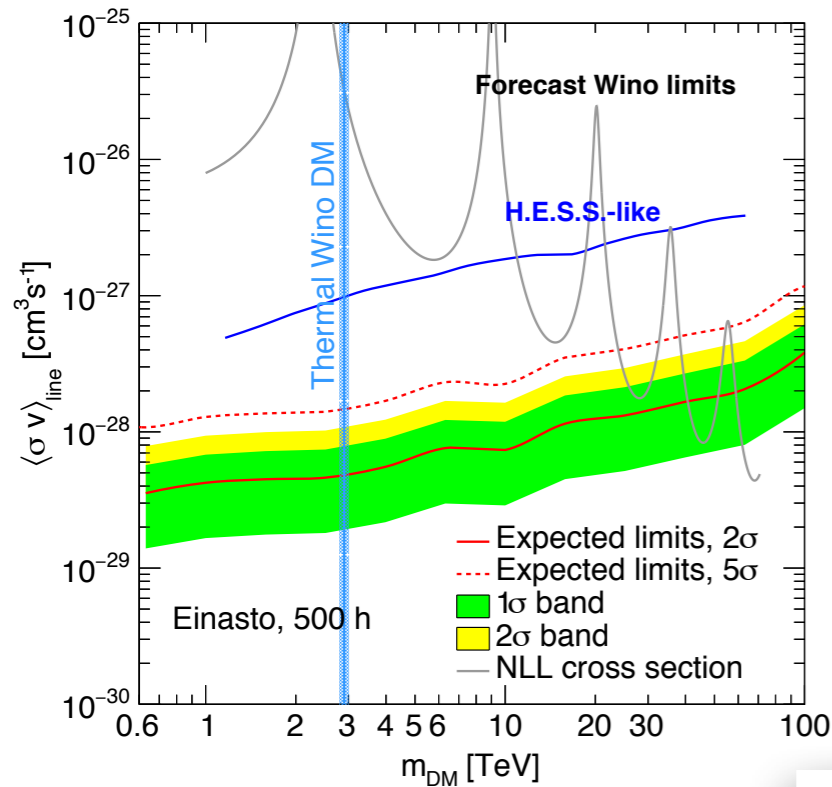
AH '11

AH *et al.* '17, M. Beneke *et al.*; '16

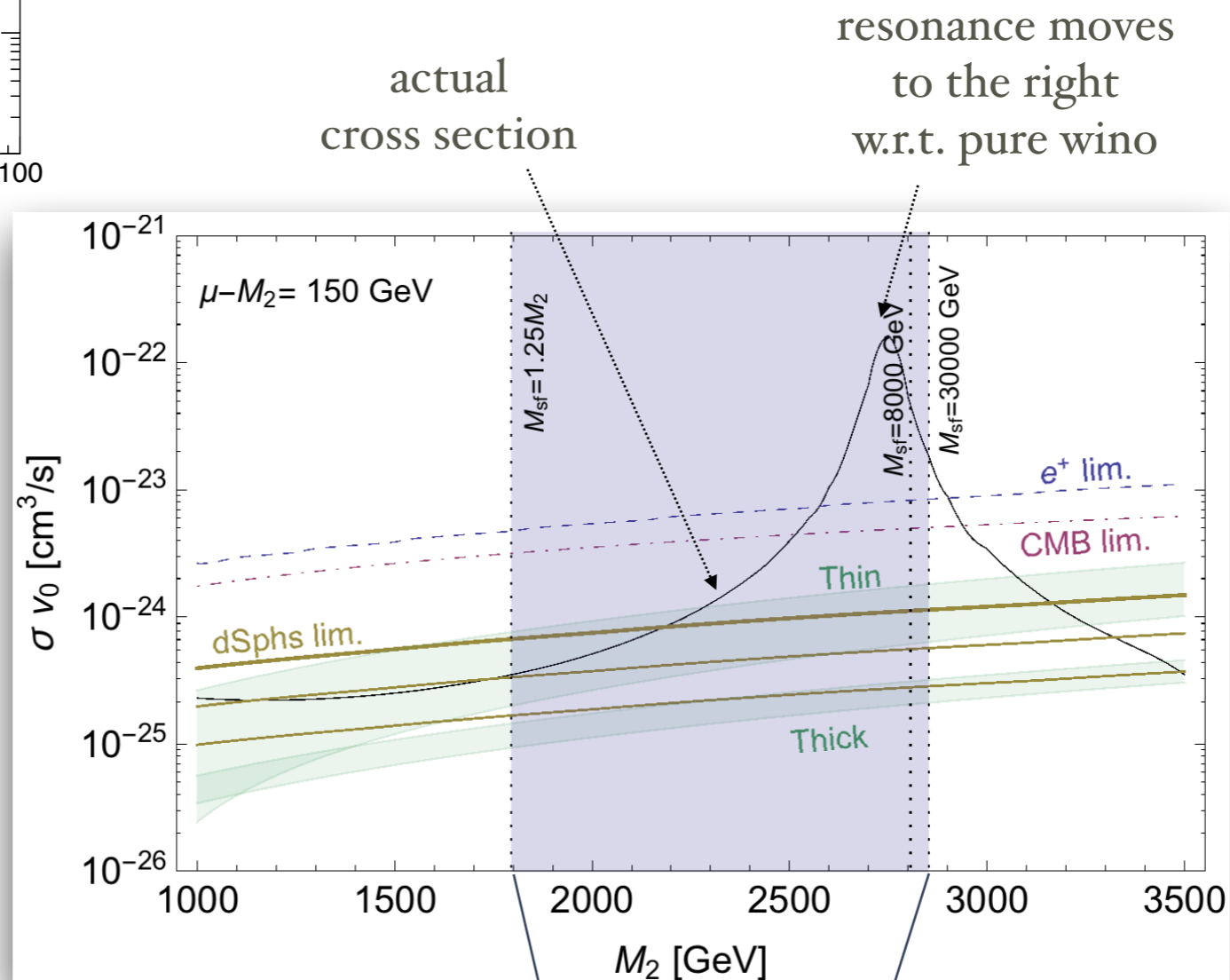
can be understood as being close to  
a **threshold of lowest bound state**

# THE SOMMERFELD EFFECT

## INDIRECT DETECTION



Slatyer *et al.*, '21



Beneke, ...AH, ... *et al.*, '16

correct RD can be achieved:  
when varying sfermion masses

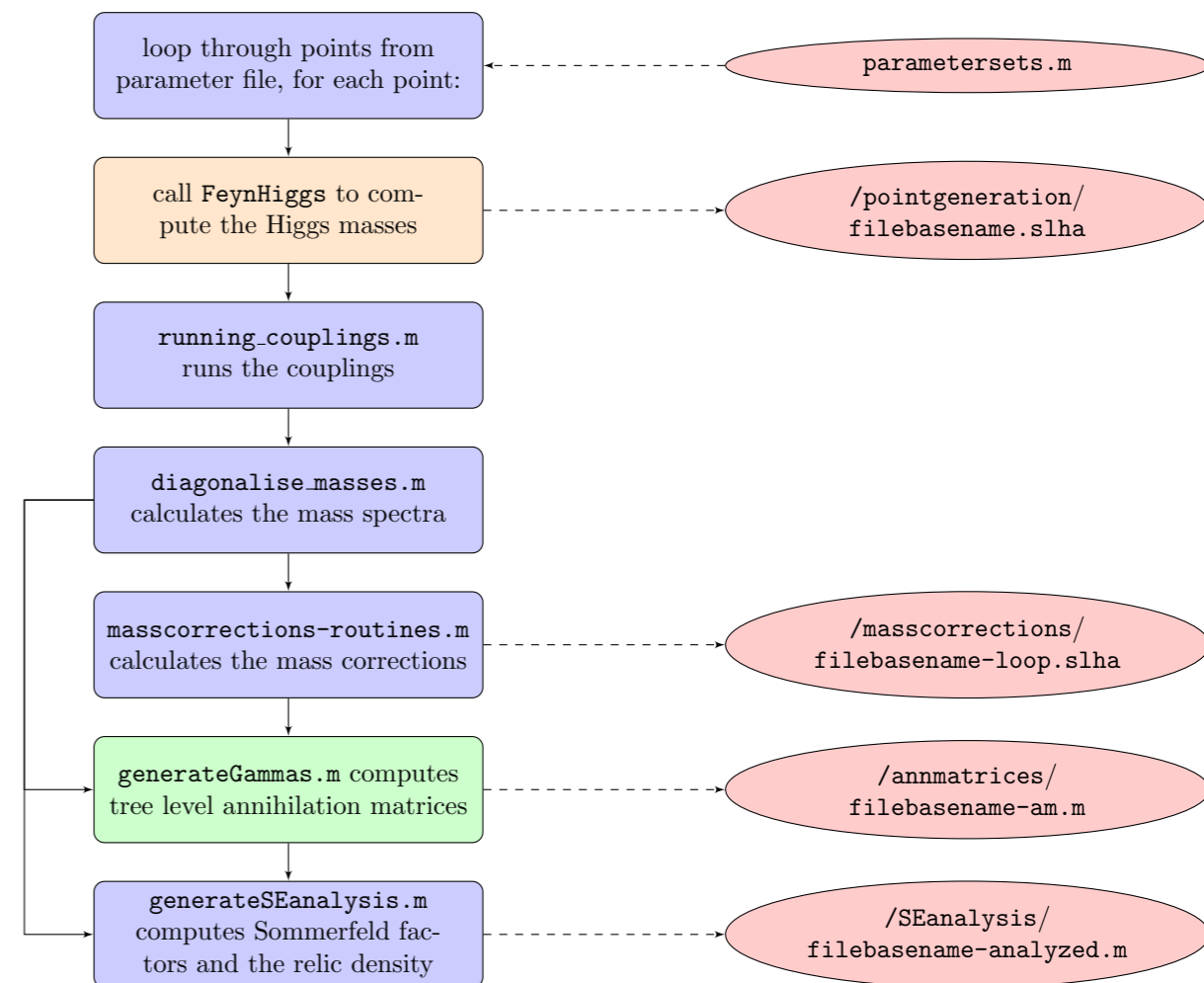
similar study, pure Wino case: Ibe *et al.*, '15

# NEW NUMERICAL TOOL

based on EFT, improving accuracy in numerous ways

- suitable for (large scale) scans
- implemented full MSSM
- one-loop on-shell mass splittings and running couplings
- the Sommerfeld effect for P- and  $O(v^2)$  S-wave
- off-diagonal annihilation matrices
- present day annihilation in the halo (for ID)
- possibility of including thermal corrections
- ...
- accuracy at  $O(\%)$ , dominated by theoretical uncertainties of EFT

not present  
in DarkSE  
AH, '11



**Status:** all works as intended, making the code ready for public release

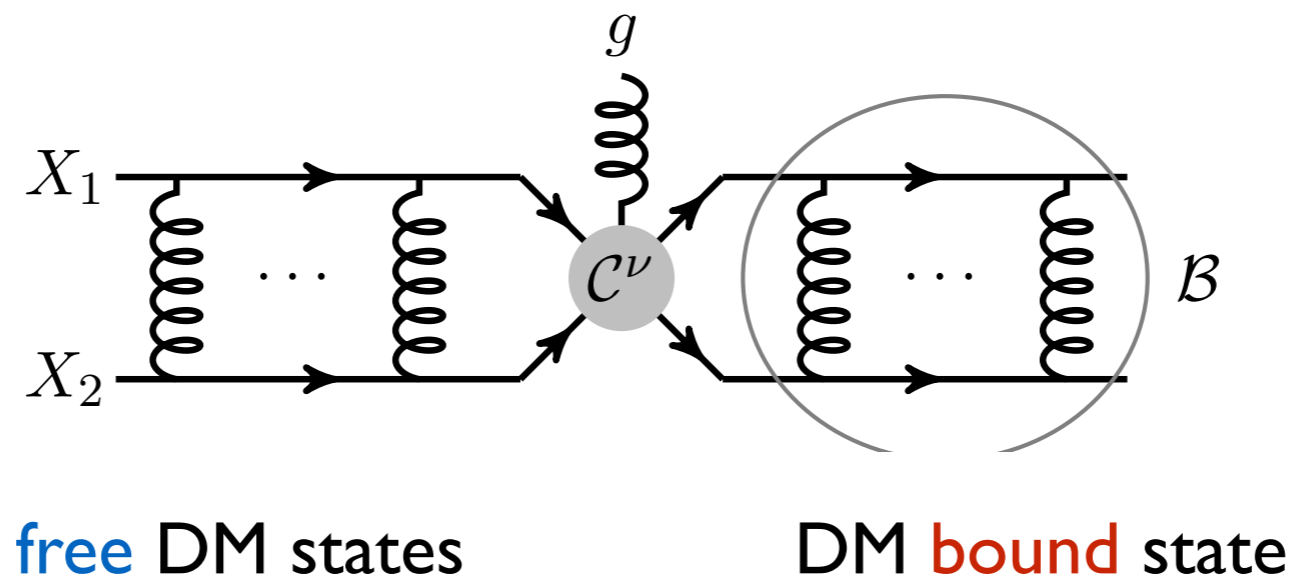
Beneke,..., AH,... *et al.* in preparation

# BOUND STATE FORMATION

As noticed before **Sommerfeld effect has resonances** when Bohr radius  $\sim$  potential range,  $\longrightarrow$  Can DM form actual bound states from such long range interactions?  
i.e. when **close to a bound state threshold**

$\downarrow$   
**Yes, it can!**

Q: How to describe such bound states and their formation?



\*the effect was first studied in simplified models with light mediators, then gradually extended to non-Abelian interactions, double emissions, co-annihilations, etc.

see papers by **K. Petraki *et al.*** '14-19

\*\*vide also "WIMPonium"  
**March-Russel, West '10**

# DARK MATTER AT NLO

Bergstrom '89; Drees et al., 9306325;  
Ullio & Bergstrom, 9707333

} helicity suppression lifting

⋮

Bergstrom et al., 0507229;  
Bringmann et al., 0710.3169

} spectral features in indirect searches

⋮

Ciafaloni et al., 1009.0224  
Cirelli et al., 1012.4515  
Ciafaloni et al., 1202.0692  
AH & Iengo, 1111.2916

} large EW corrections

⋮

Chatterjee et al., 1209.2328  
Harz et al., 1212.5241  
Ciafaloni et al., 1305.6391  
Hermann et al., 1404.2931  
Boudjema et al., 1403.7459  
Bringmann et al., 1510.02473  
Klasen et al., 1607.06396

} ***thermal relic density***

$$\Omega_{DM} h^2 = 0.1187 \pm 0.0017. \quad \text{<1.5% uncertainty!}$$

Planck+WMAP pol.+highL+BAO; 1303.5062

⋮  
SloopS, DM@NLO, PPC4DMID

} NLO codes

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$$p_\chi + p_{\bar{\chi}} = p_i + p_j \pm p_\gamma \Rightarrow$$

photon can be  
arbitrarily soft

$$f_\gamma \sim \omega^{-1}$$

Maxwell approx. not valid anymore...

...problem:  $T$ -dependent IR divergence!

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Beneke, Dighera, AH, 1409.3049

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thermal  
1-loop

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photon  
emission

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absorption

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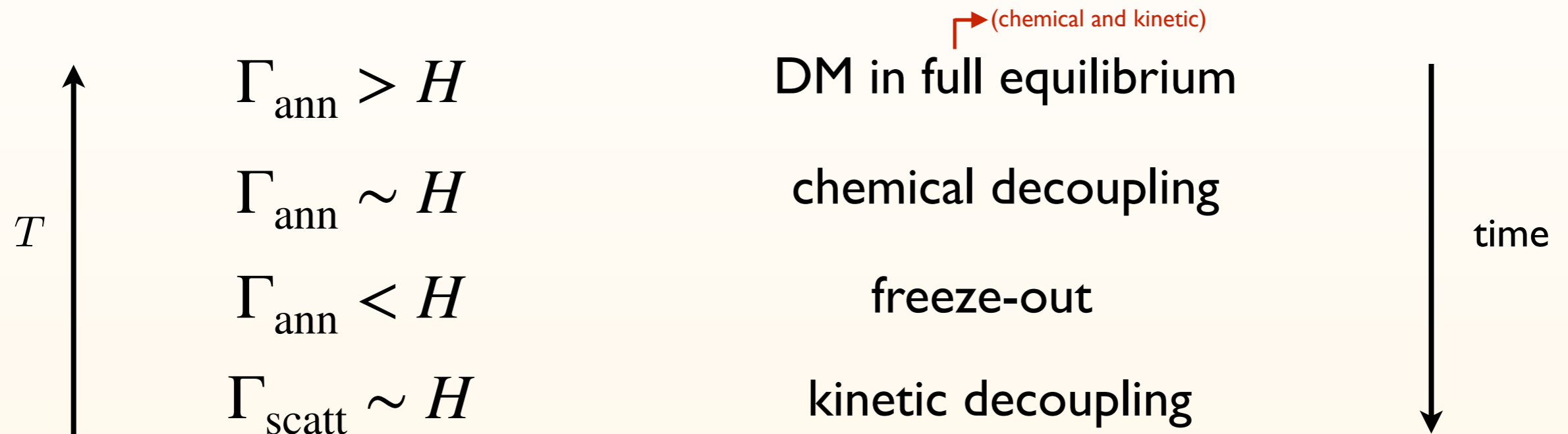
**SOLUTION:** non-equilibrium thermal field theory

in the DM context some results available, lot more to be done...  
but typically not that relevant for phenomenology

# CHAPTER II: NON-EQUILIBRIUM EFFECTS

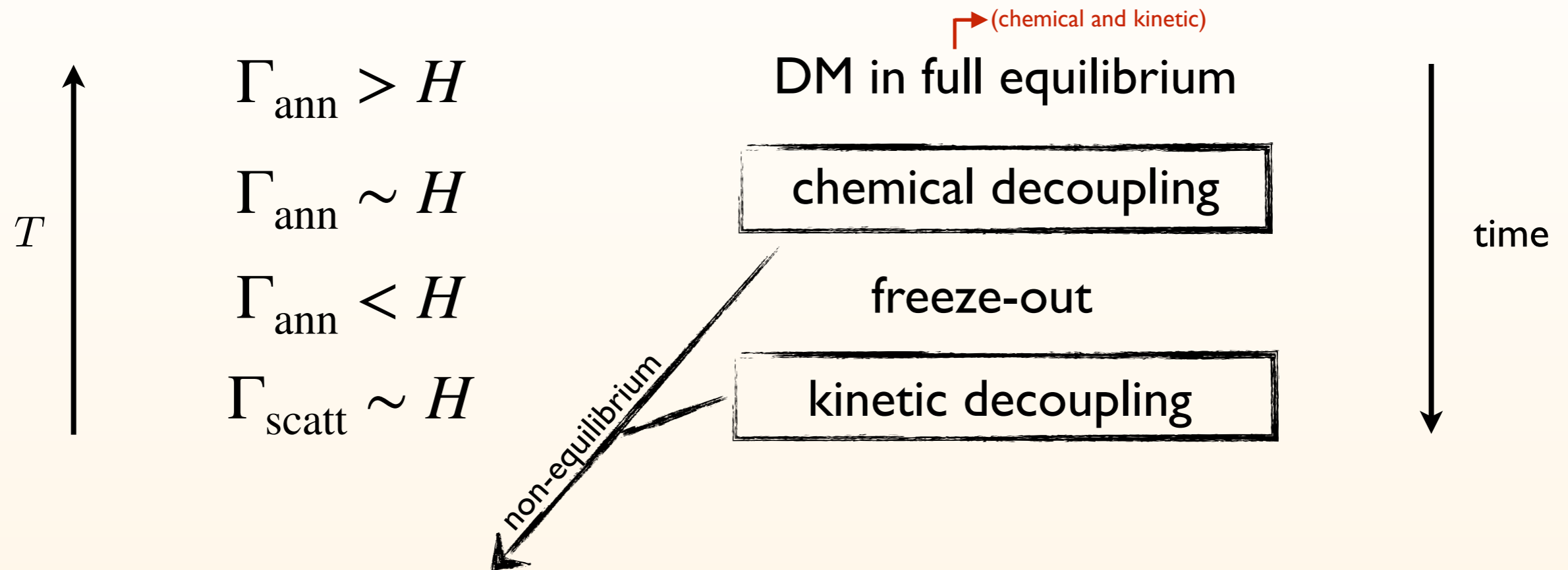
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time evolution of  $f_\chi(p)$  in kinetic theory:

$$E (\partial_t - H \vec{p} \cdot \nabla_{\vec{p}}) f_\chi = \mathcal{C}[f_\chi]$$

Liouville operator in  
FRW background

the collision term

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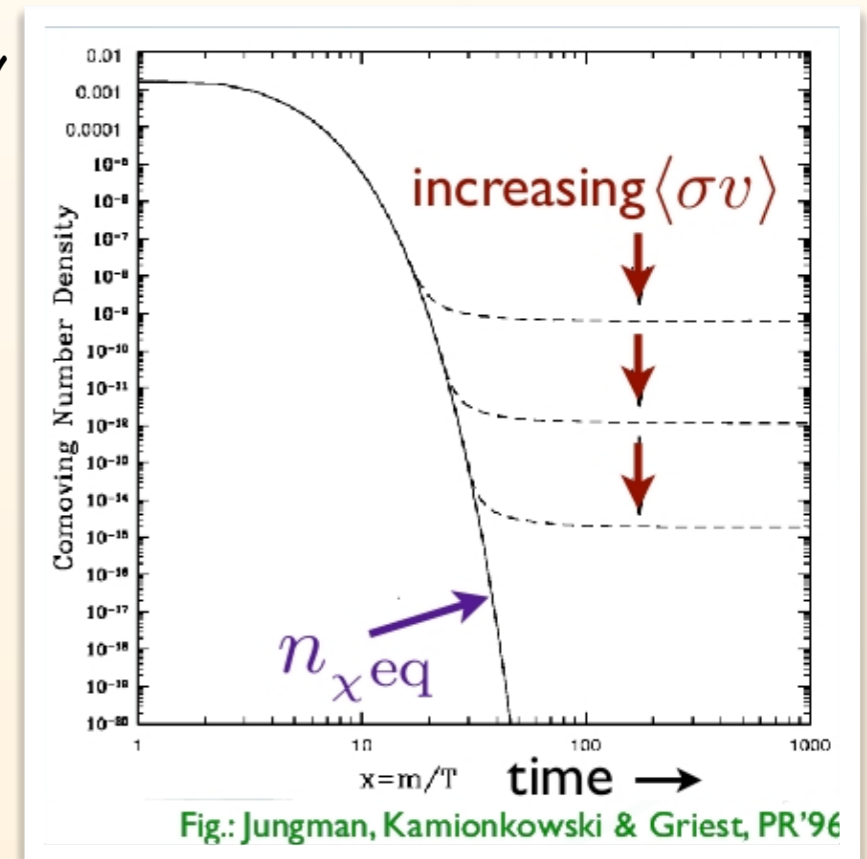
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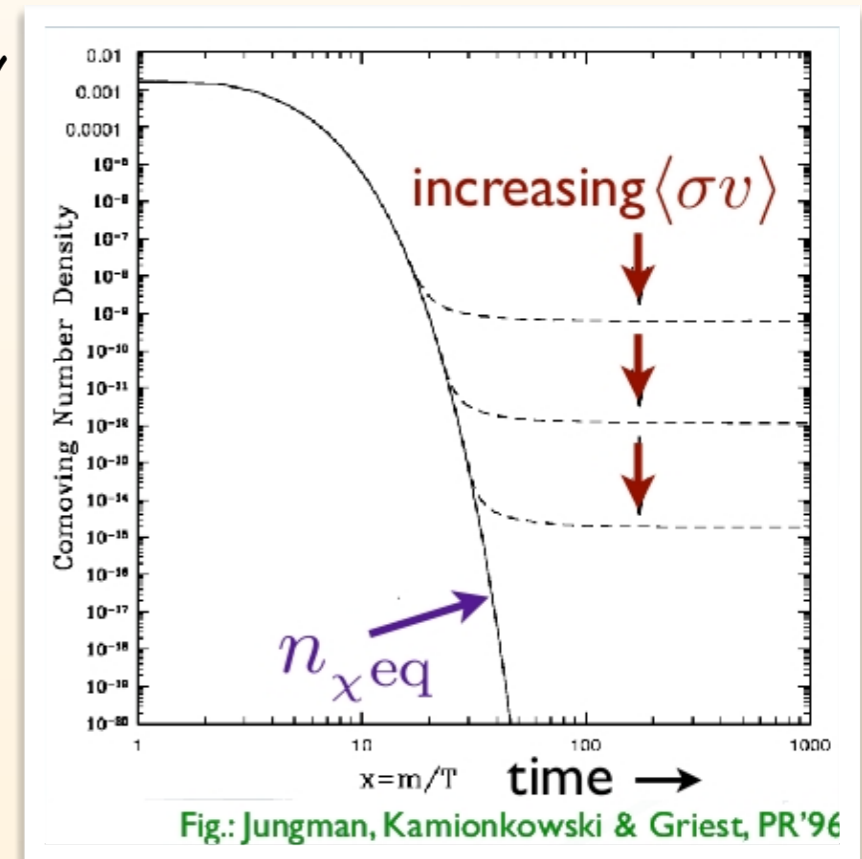
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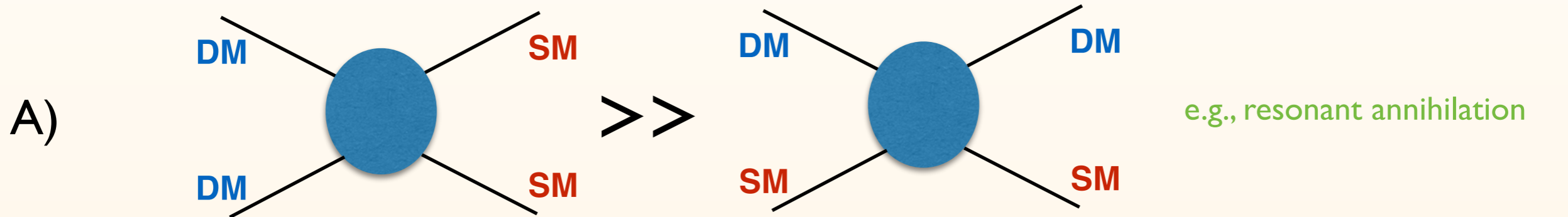
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# EARLY KINETIC DECOUPLING?

A **necessary** and **sufficient** condition: scatterings weaker than annihilation  
i.e. rates around freeze-out:  $H \sim \Gamma_{\text{ann}} \gtrsim \Gamma_{\text{el}}$

Possibilities:



B) Boltzmann suppression of **SM** as strong as for **DM**  
e.g., below threshold annihilation (forbidden-like DM)

C) Scatterings and annihilation have different structure  
e.g., semi-annihilation, 3 to 2 models, ...

D) Multi-component dark sectors  
e.g., additional sources of DM from late decays, ...

# HOW TO GO BEYOND KINETIC EQUILIBRIUM?

All information is in the full BE:

both about chemical ("normalization") and kinetic ("shape") equilibrium/decoupling

$$E (\partial_t - H\vec{p} \cdot \nabla_{\vec{p}}) f_{\chi} = \mathcal{C}[f_{\chi}]$$

contains both **scatterings** and **annihilations**

Two possible approaches:

fBE

solve numerically  
for full  $f_{\chi}(p)$

have insight on the distribution  
no constraining assumptions

numerically challenging  
often an overkill

CBE

consider system of equations  
for moments of  $f_{\chi}(p)$

partially analytic/much easier numerically  
manifestly captures all of the relevant physics

finite range of validity  
no insight on the distribution

0-th moment:  $n_{\chi}$   
2-nd moment:  $T_{\chi}$   
...

# NEW TOOL!

## GOING BEYOND THE STANDARD APPROACH

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### Dark matter Relic Abundance beyond Kinetic Equilibrium

Authors: Tobias Binder, Torsten Bringmann, Michael Gustafsson and Andrzej Hryczuk

DRAKE is a numerical precision tool for predicting the dark matter relic abundance also in situations where the standard assumption of kinetic equilibrium during the freeze-out process may not be satisfied. The code comes with a set of three dedicated Boltzmann equation solvers that implement, respectively, the traditionally adopted equation for the dark matter number density, fluid-like equations that couple the evolution of number density and velocity dispersion, and a full numerical evolution of the phase-space distribution. The code is written in Wolfram Language and includes a Mathematica notebook example program, a template script for terminal usage with the free Wolfram Engine, as well as several concrete example models. DRAKE is a free software licensed under GPL3.

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Currently, an user guide can be found in the Appendix A of this reference. Please cite also quoted other works applying for specific cases.

**v1.0** « Click here to download DRAKE

(March 3, 2021)

<https://drake.hepforge.org>

### Applications:

DM relic density for  
any (user defined) model\*

Interplay between chemical and  
kinetic decoupling

Prediction for the DM  
phase space distribution

Late kinetic decoupling  
and impact on cosmology

see e.g., [I202.5456](#)

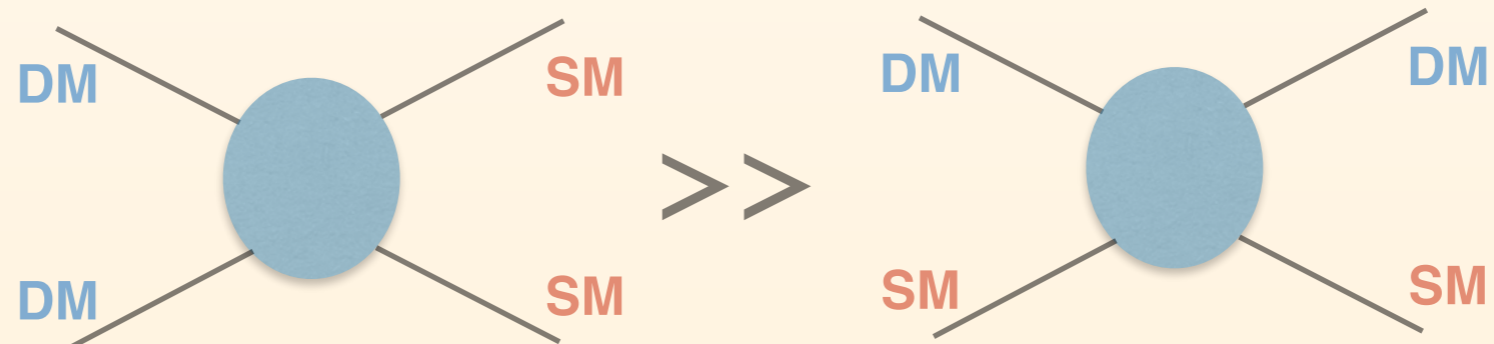
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(only) prerequisite:  
*Wolfram Language (or Mathematica)*

\*at the moment for a single DM species and w/o  
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## EXAMPLE A: SCALAR SINGLET DM

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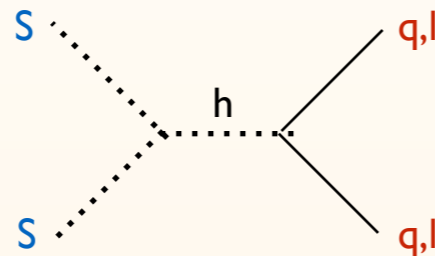
## SCALAR SINGLET DM

To the SM Lagrangian add one singlet scalar field  $S$  with interactions with the Higgs:

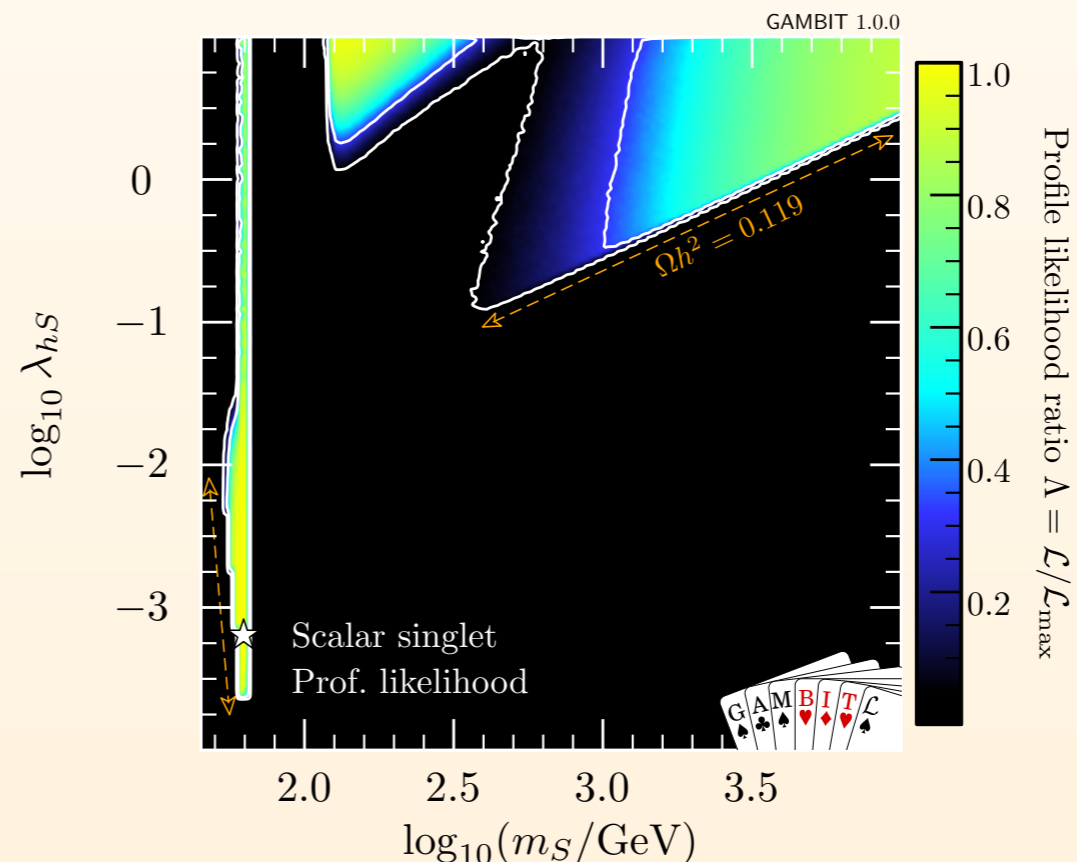
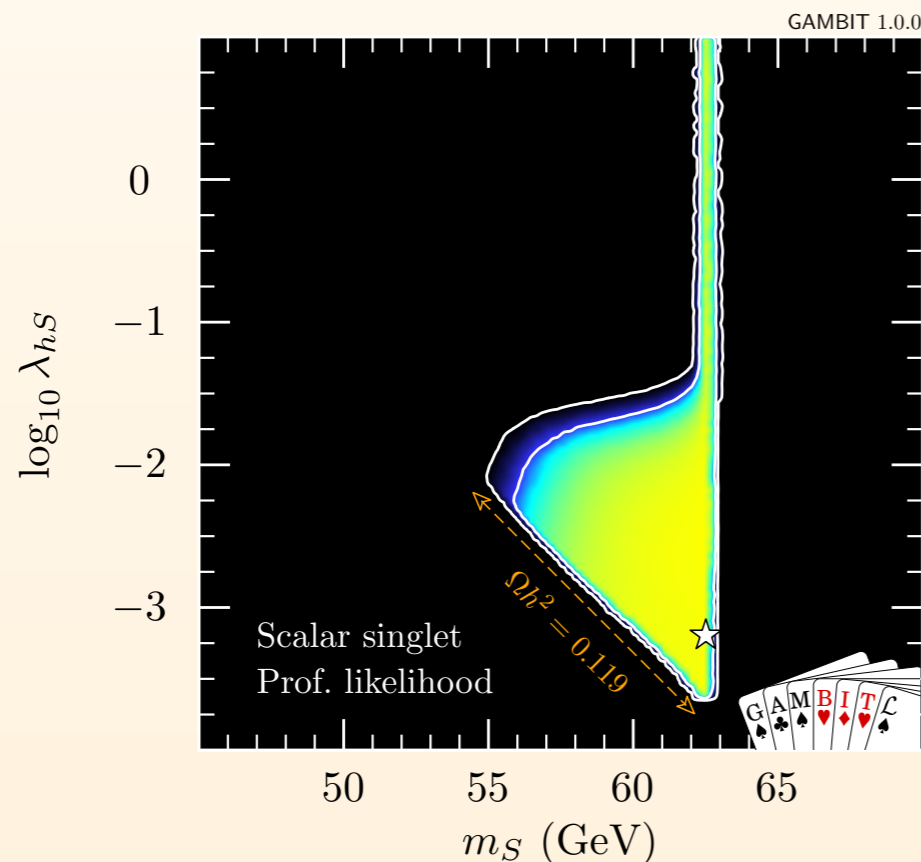
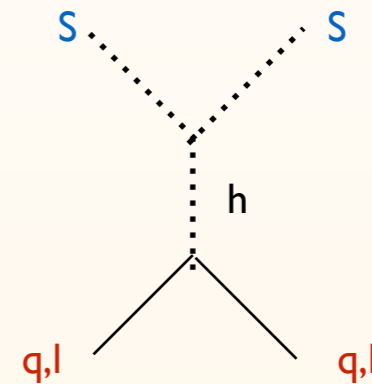
$$\mathcal{L}_S = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu S \partial^\mu S - \frac{1}{2} \mu_S^2 S^2 - \frac{1}{2} \lambda_s S^2 |H|^2$$

$$m_s = \sqrt{\mu_S^2 + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_s v_0^2}$$

Annihilation  
processes:  
**resonant**



El. scattering  
processes:  
**non-resonant**

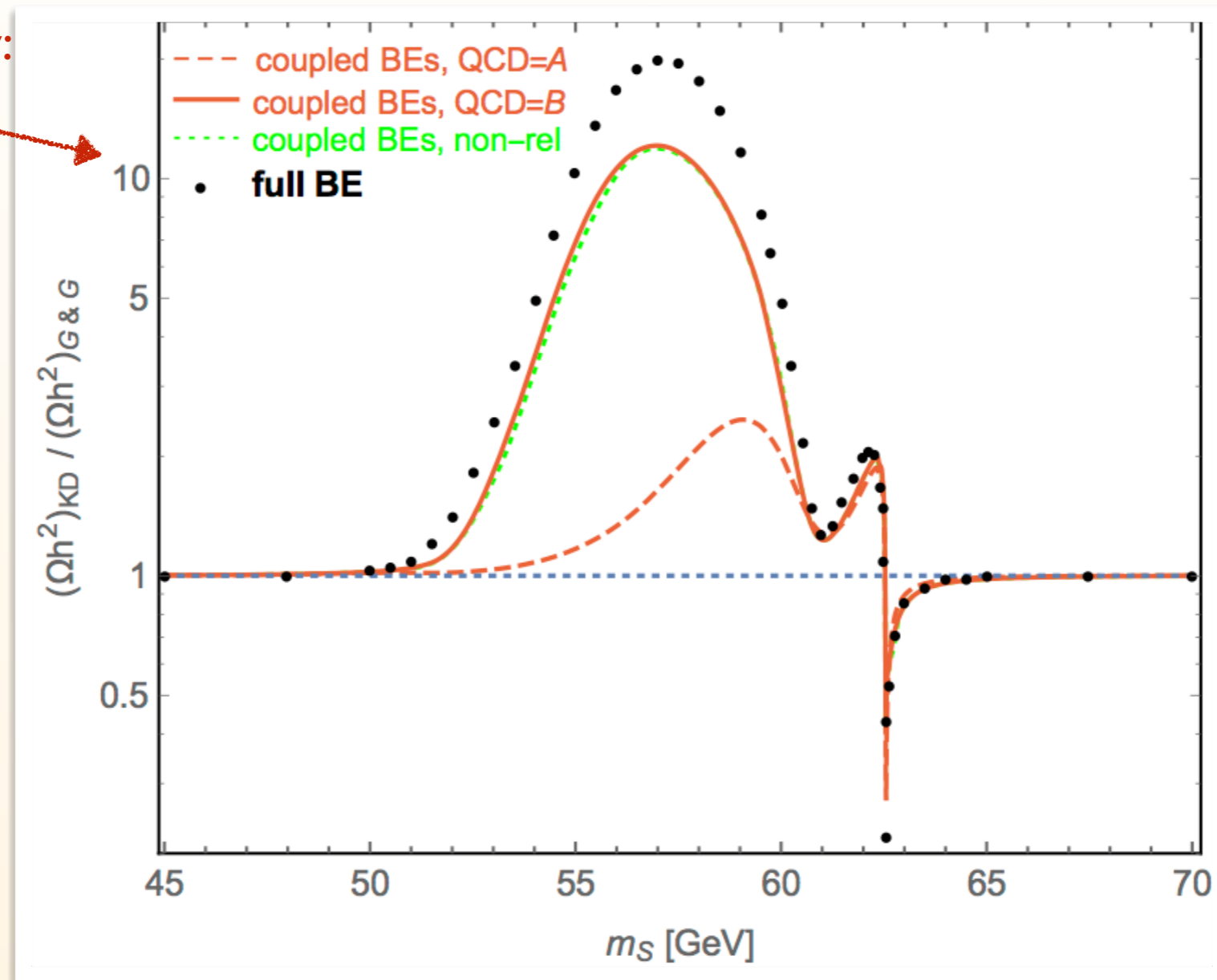


GAMBIT collaboration  
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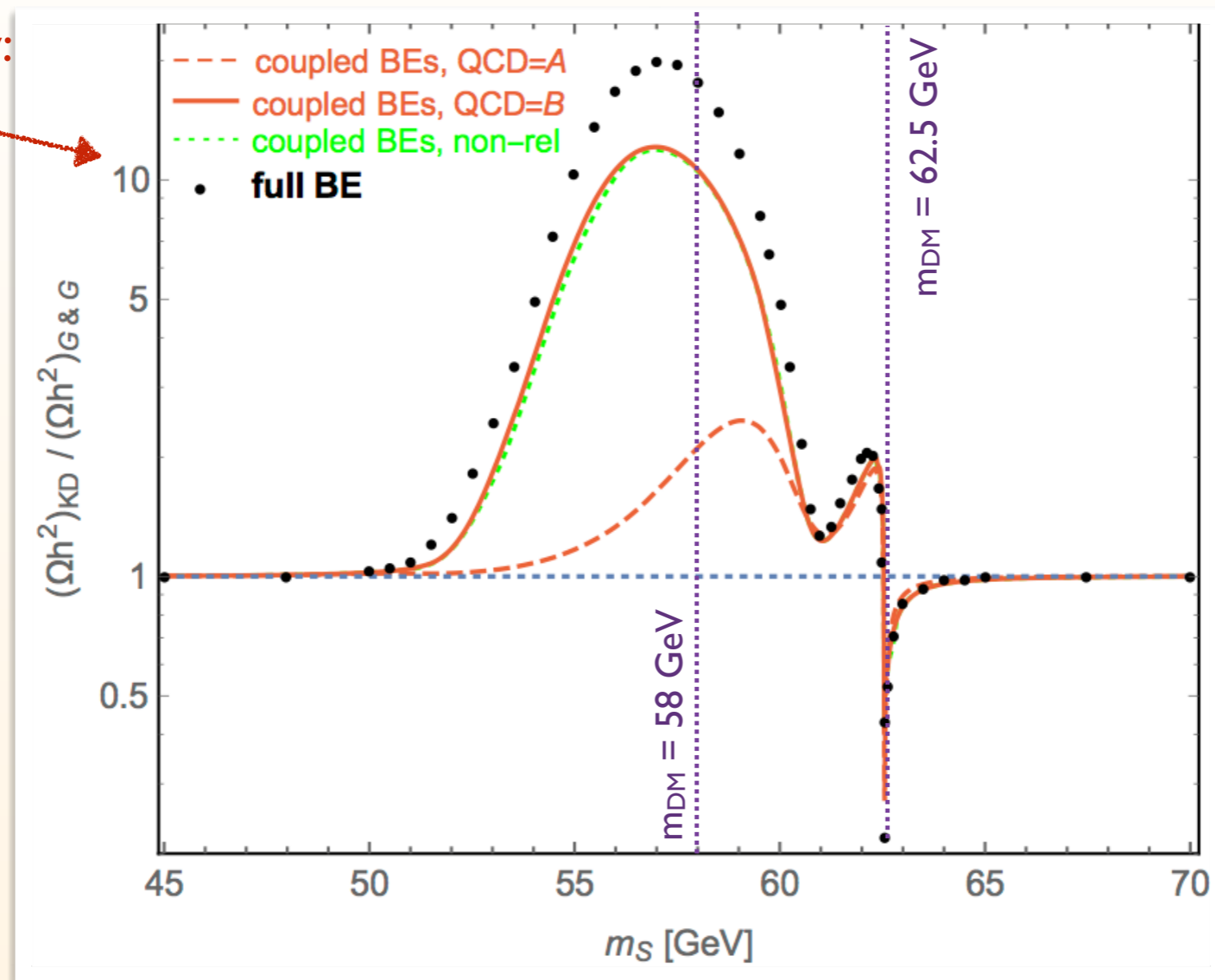
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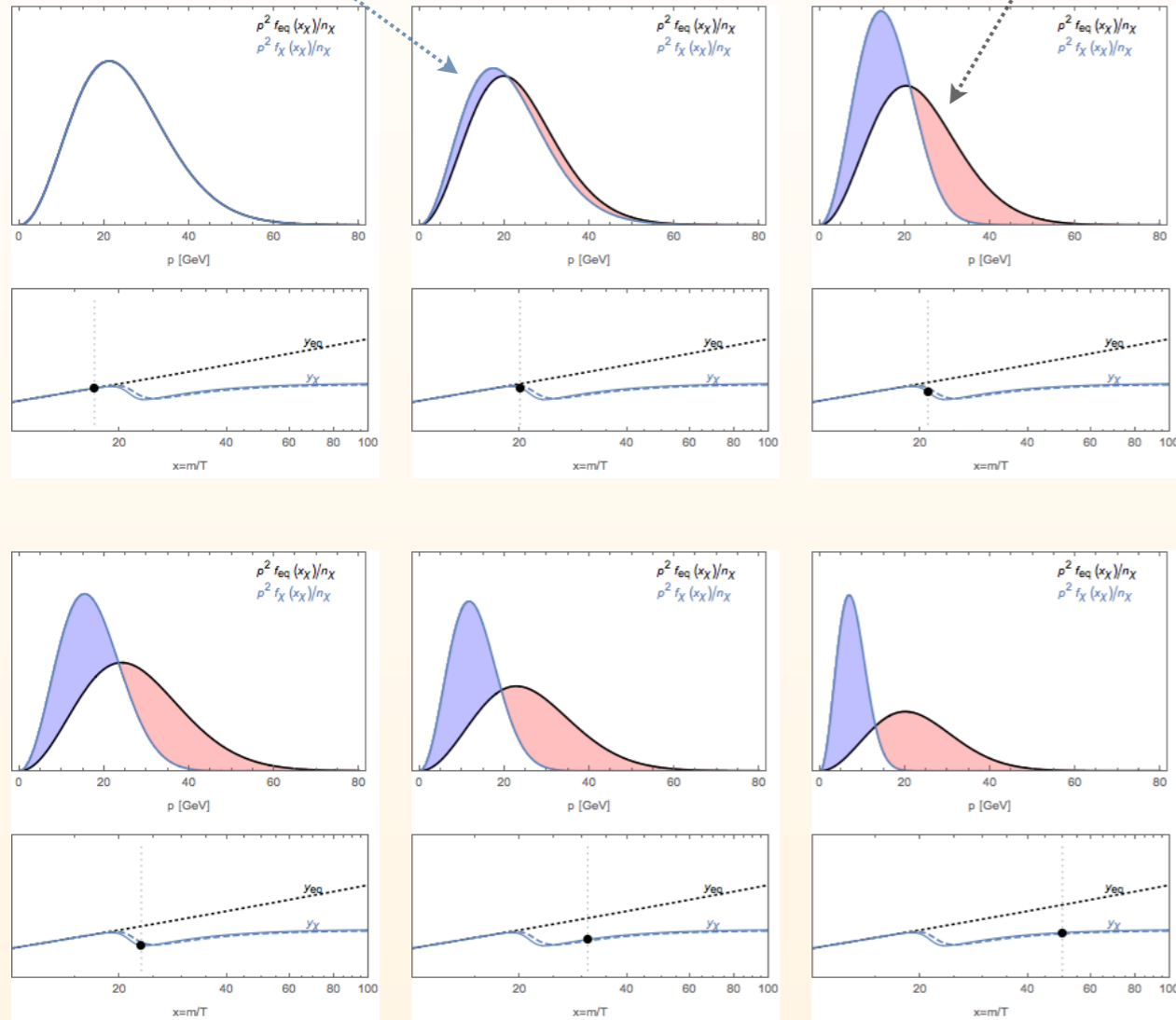
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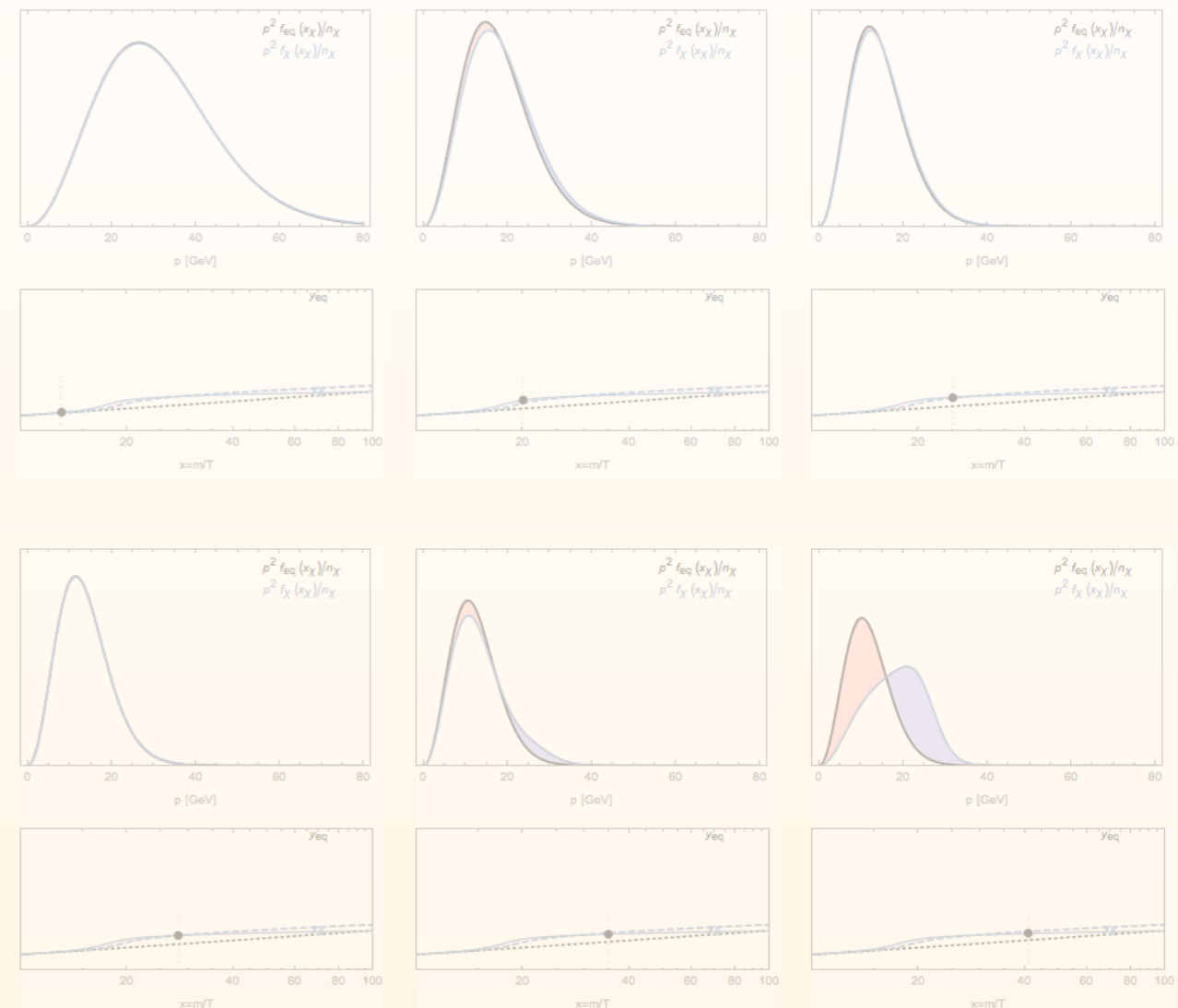
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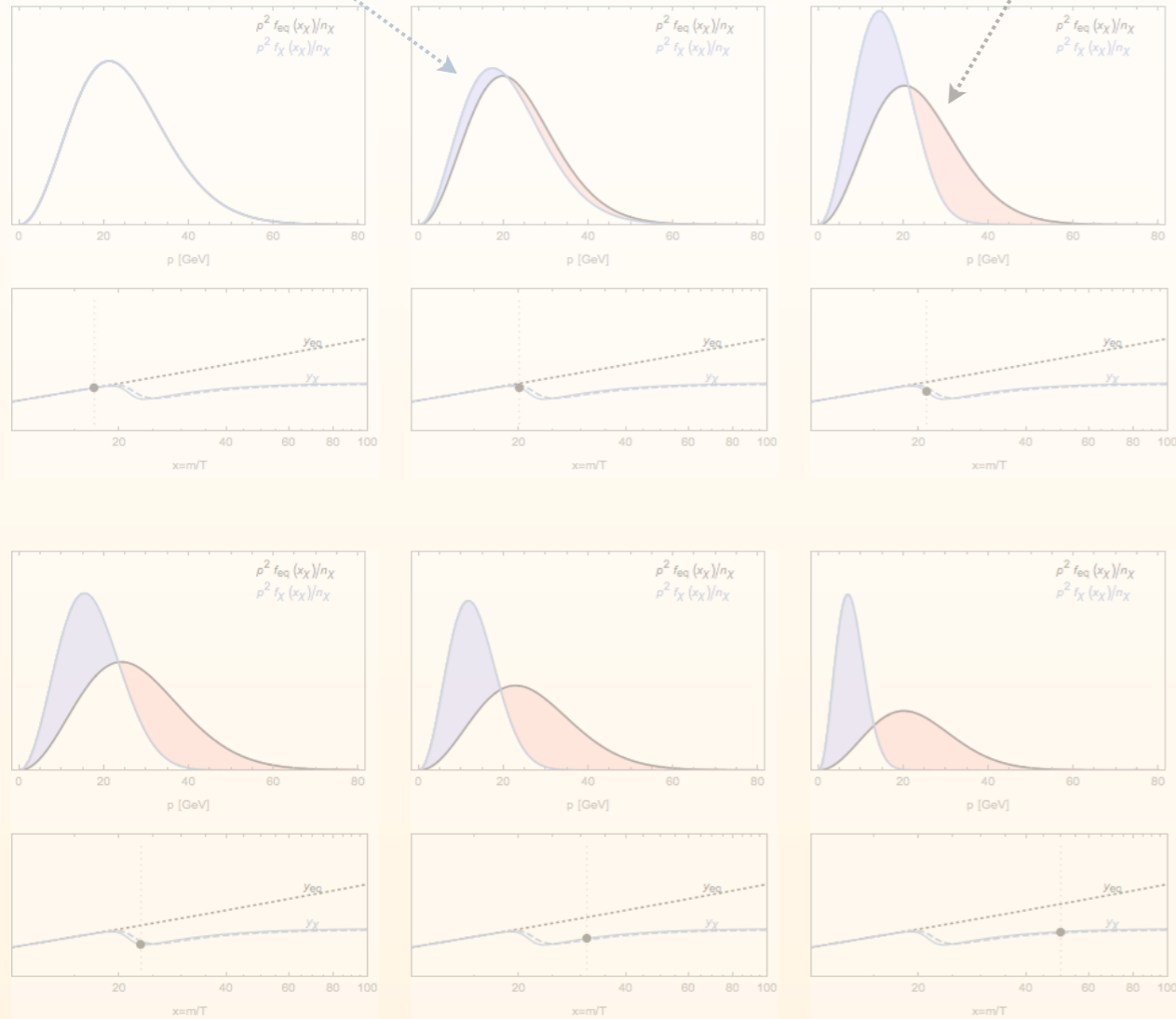
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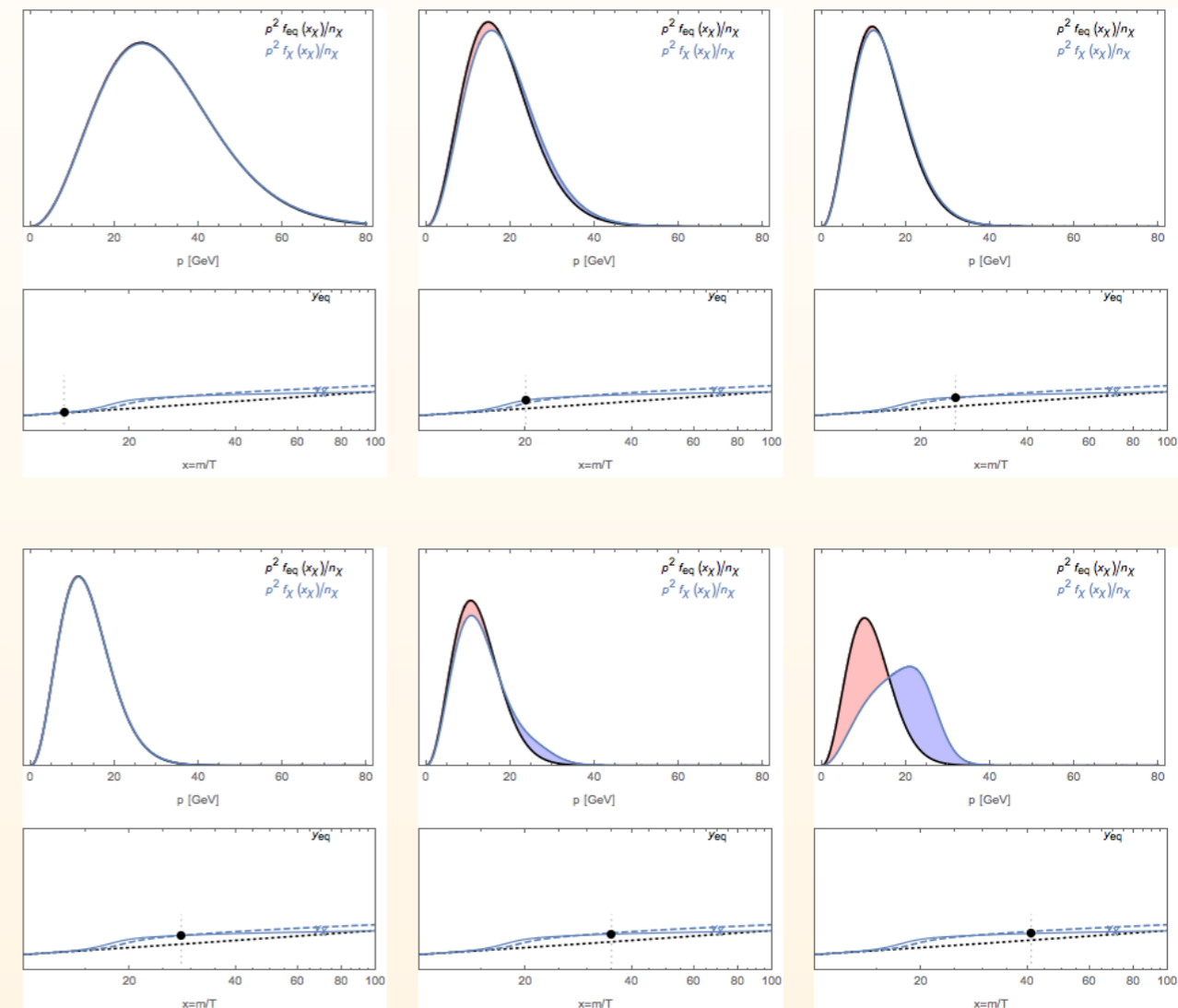
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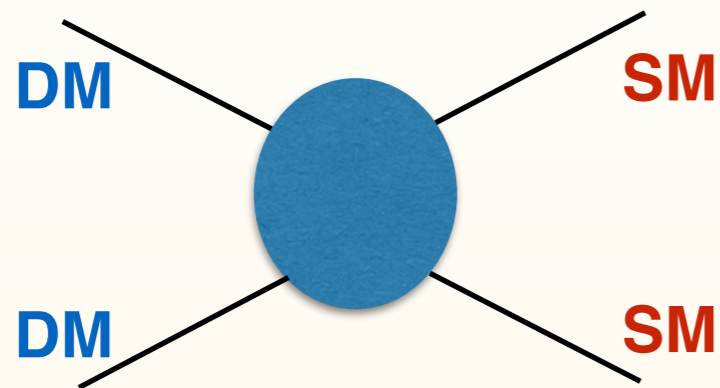
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# CHAPTER III:

# MULTI-COMPONENT DARK MATTER

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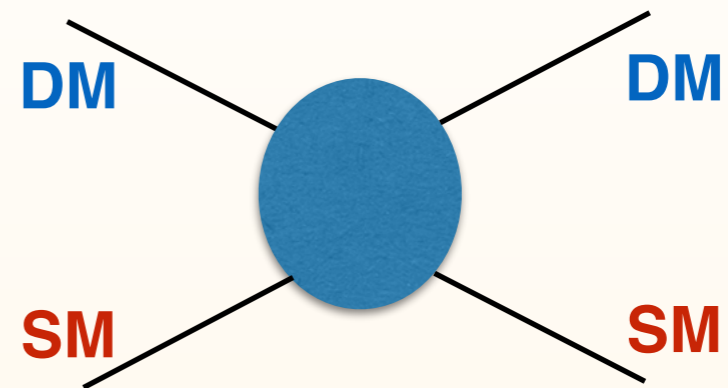


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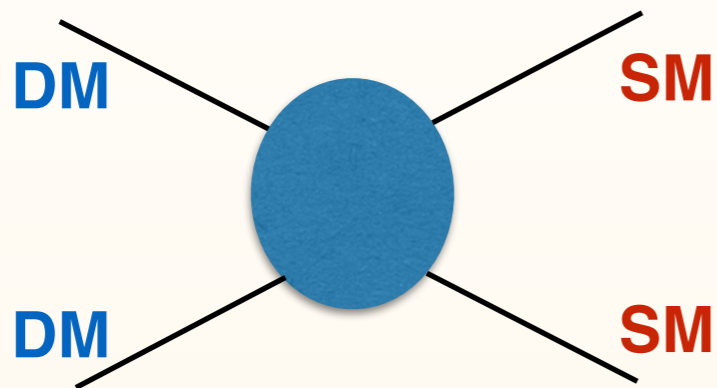


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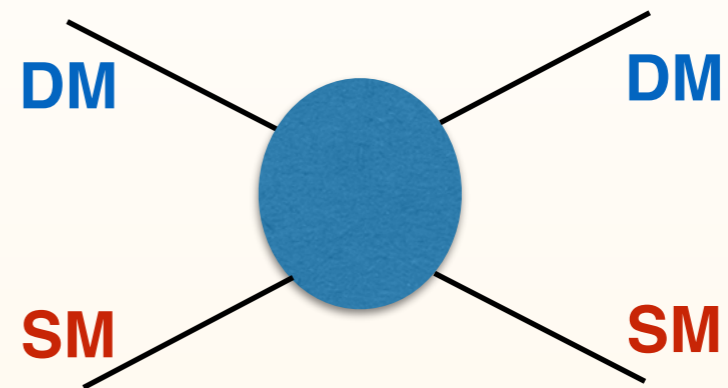


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Recall: in *standard* thermal relic density calculation:

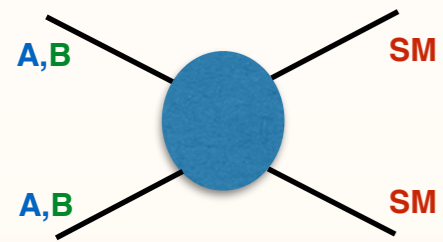
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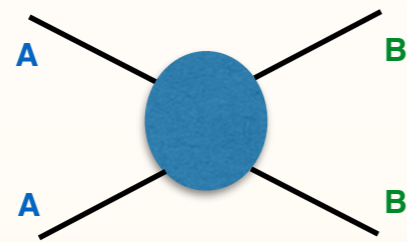
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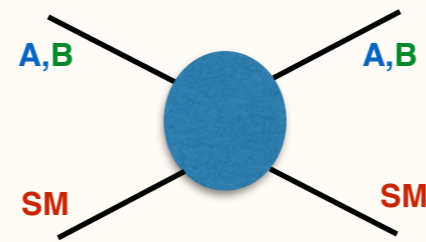
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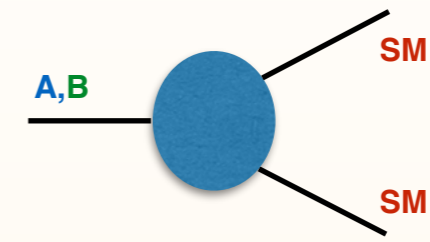
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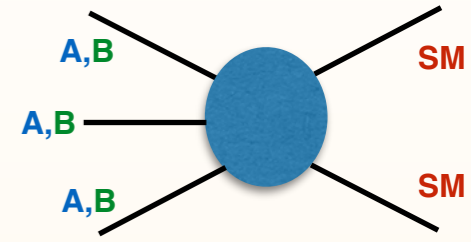
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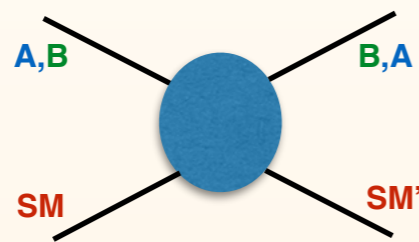
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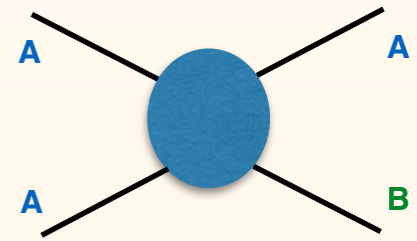
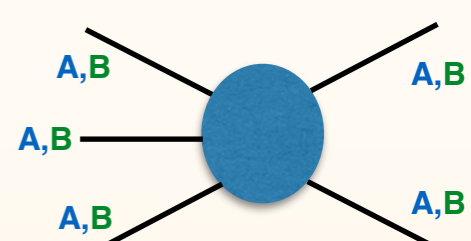
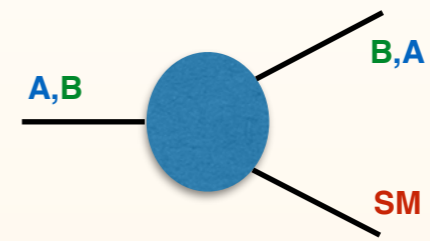
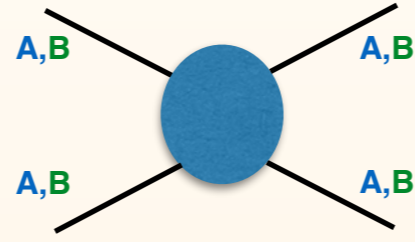
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+ .....

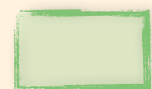
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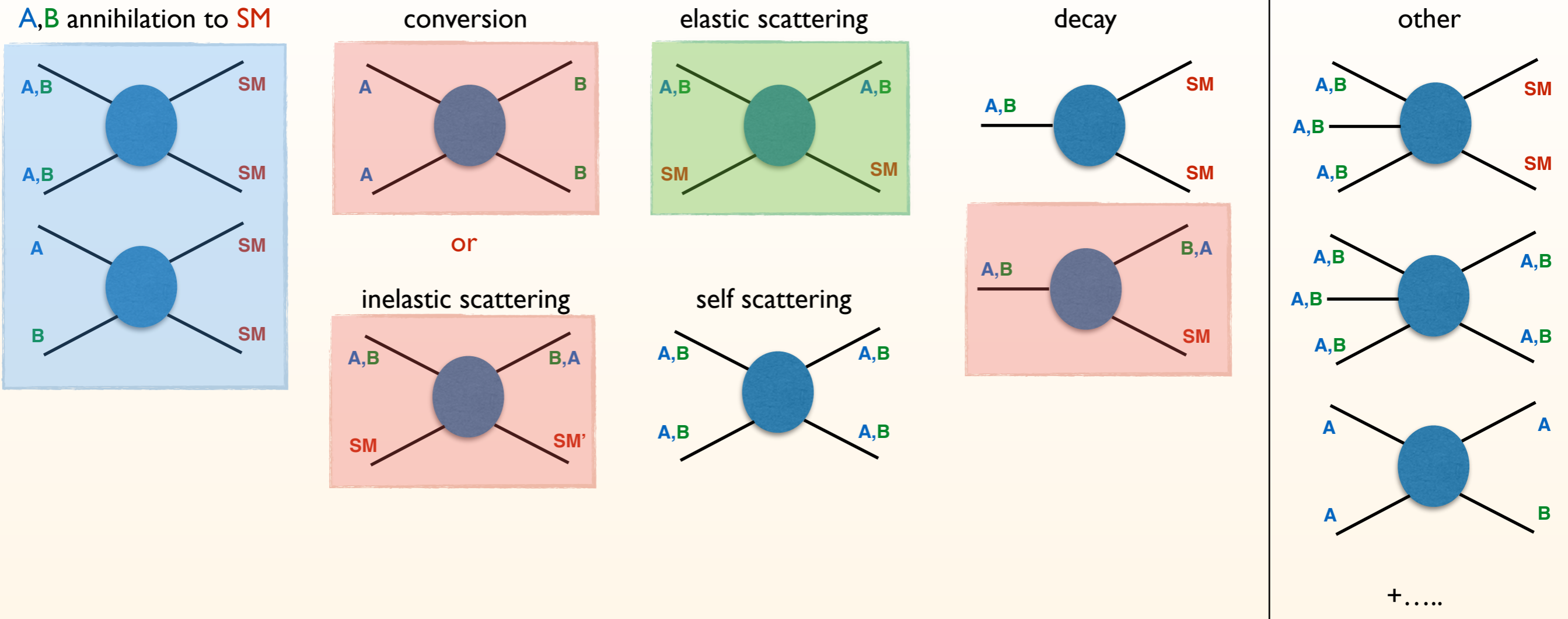


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Co-annihilation  $\longrightarrow$   
Griest, Seckel '91

due to **efficient conversion processes** one can trace only number density of sum of the states with shared conserved quantum number using **weighted annihilation cross section**

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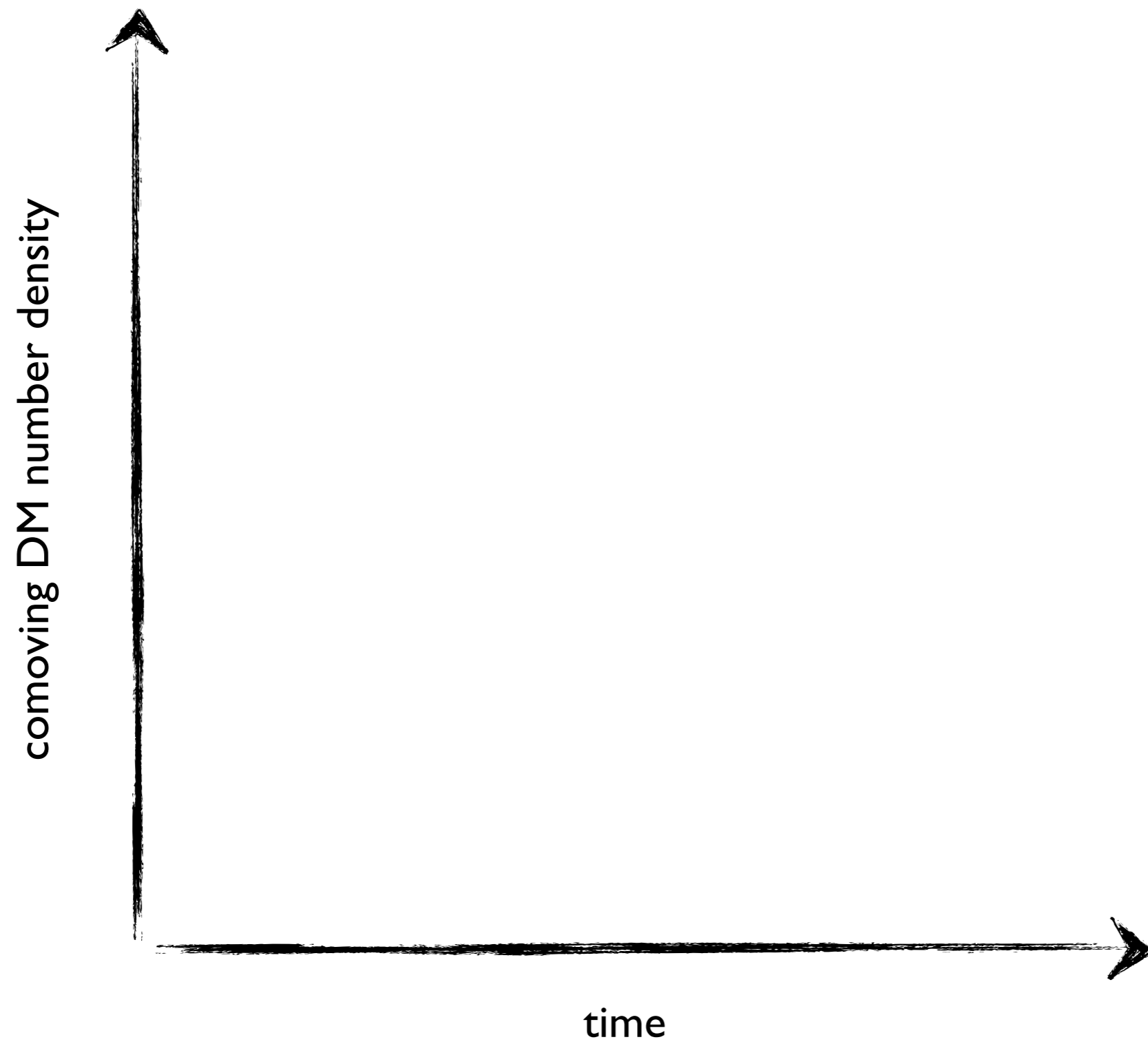
scenario process	Co-annihilation	superWIMP	Co-decaying	Conversion-driven/ Co-scattering	Cannibal/Semi- annihilation	Forbidden-like	...
annihilation $A A \leftrightarrow SM SM$ $A B \leftrightarrow SM SM$ $B B \leftrightarrow SM SM$							
conversion $A A \leftrightarrow B B$							
inelastic scattering $A SM \leftrightarrow B SM$							
elastic scattering $A SM \leftrightarrow A SM$ $B SM \leftrightarrow B SM$							in all scenarios <b>kinetic equilibrium</b> assumption crucial, but not always ” automatic”!
el. self-scattering $A A \leftrightarrow A A$ $B B \leftrightarrow B B$							
decays $A \leftrightarrow B SM$ $A \leftrightarrow SM SM$ $B \leftrightarrow SM SM$							
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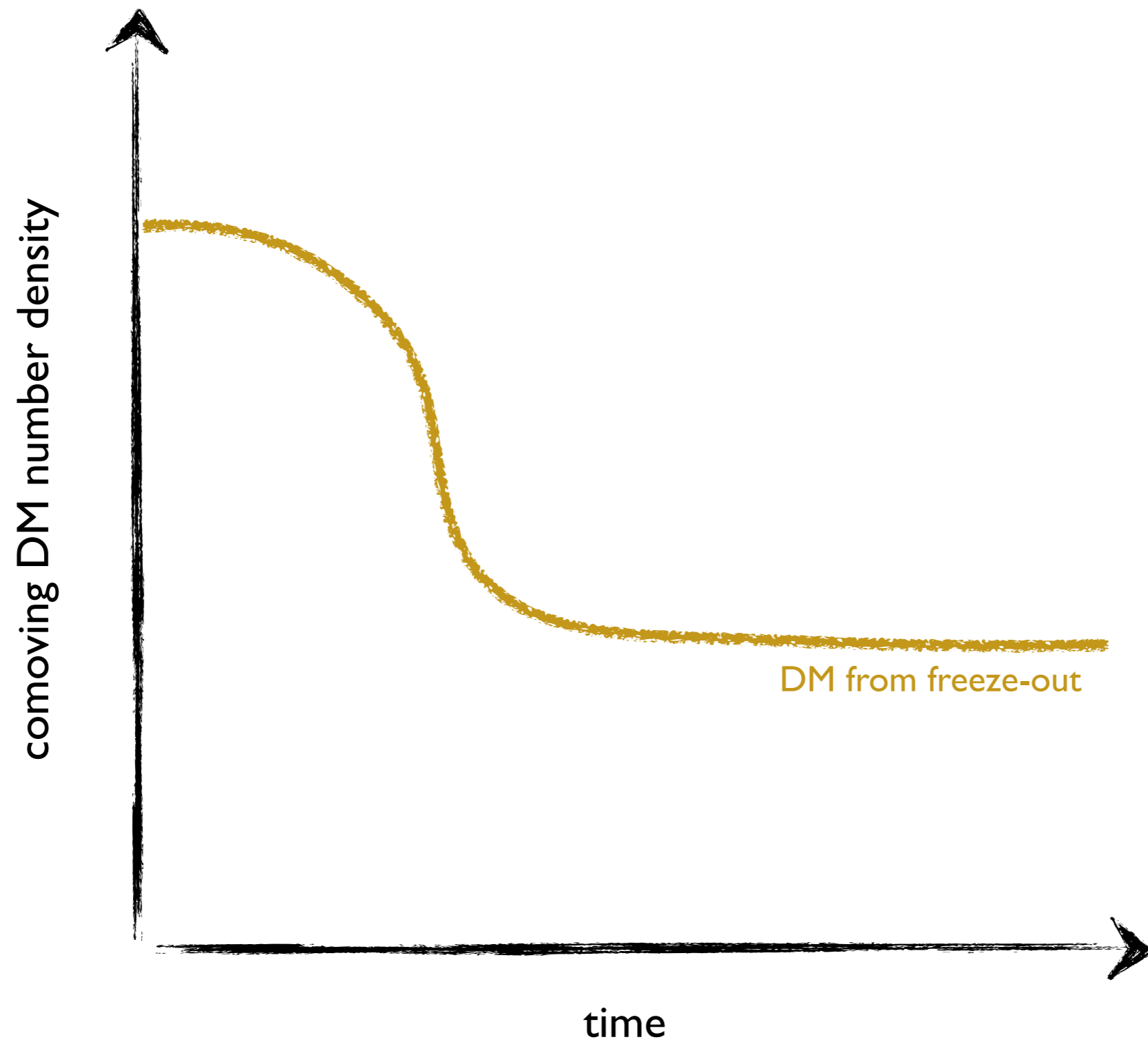
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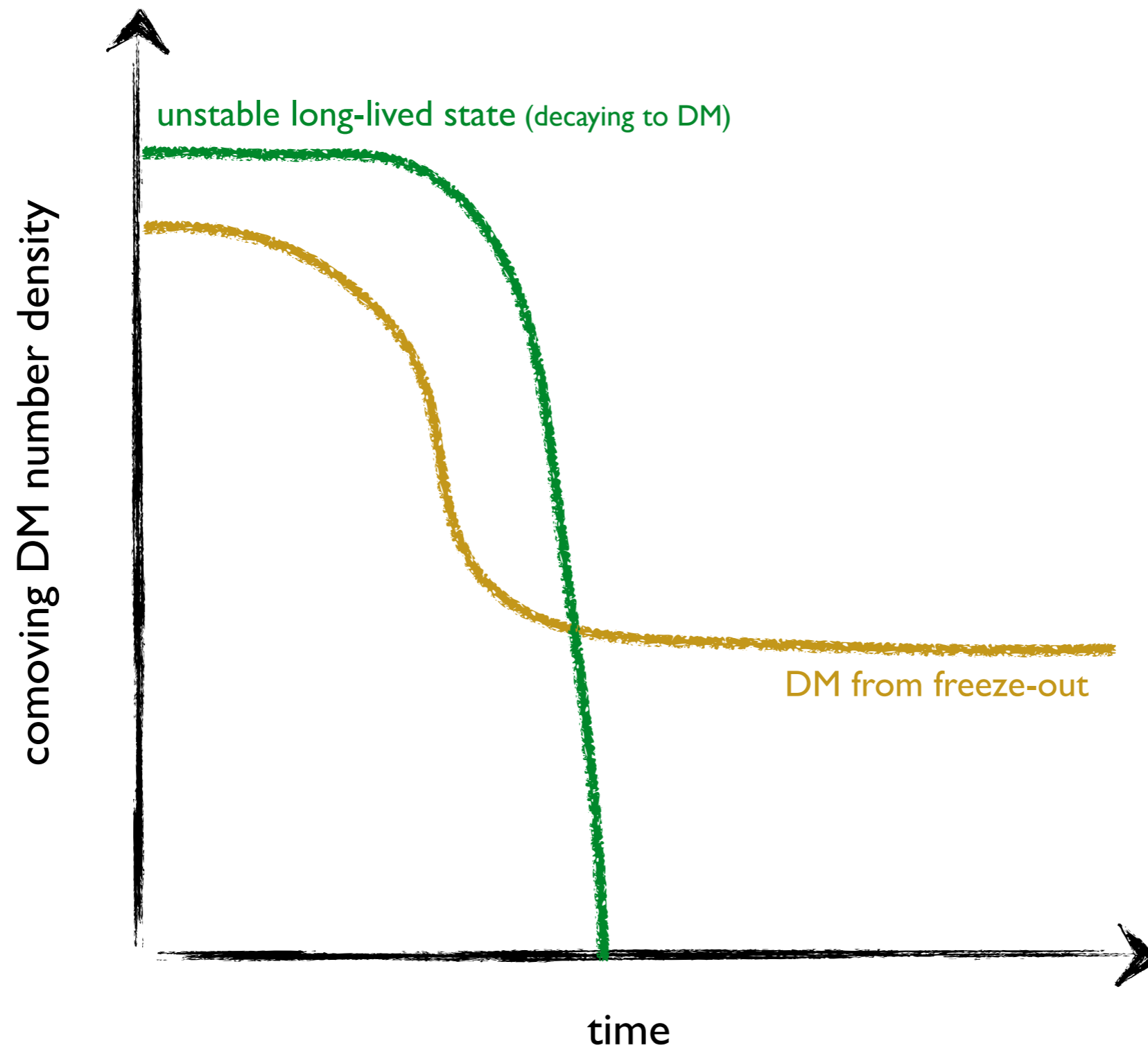
### D) Multi-component dark sectors

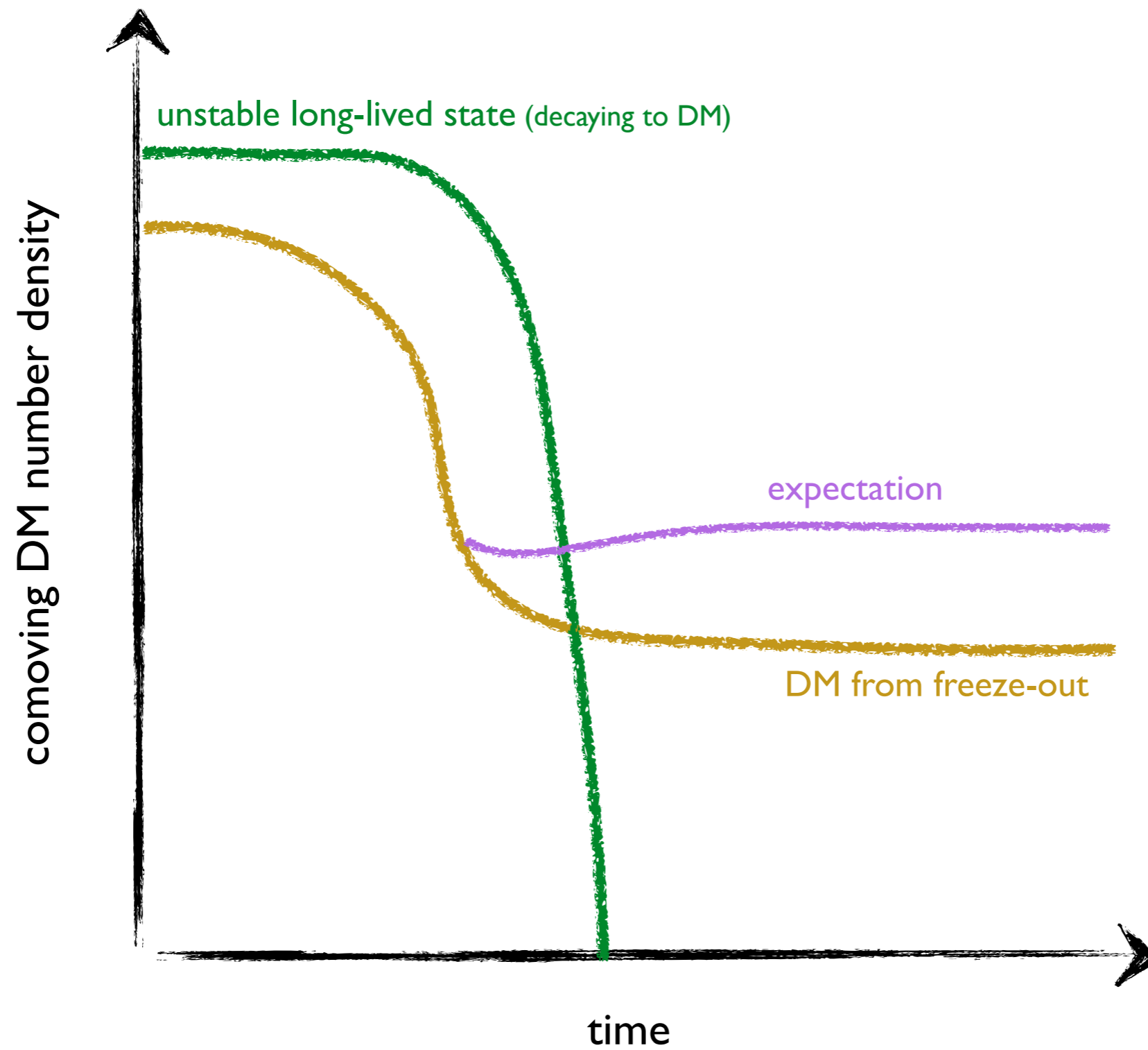
Sudden injection of more DM particles **distorts**  $f_\chi(p)$   
(e.g. from a decay or annihilation of other states)

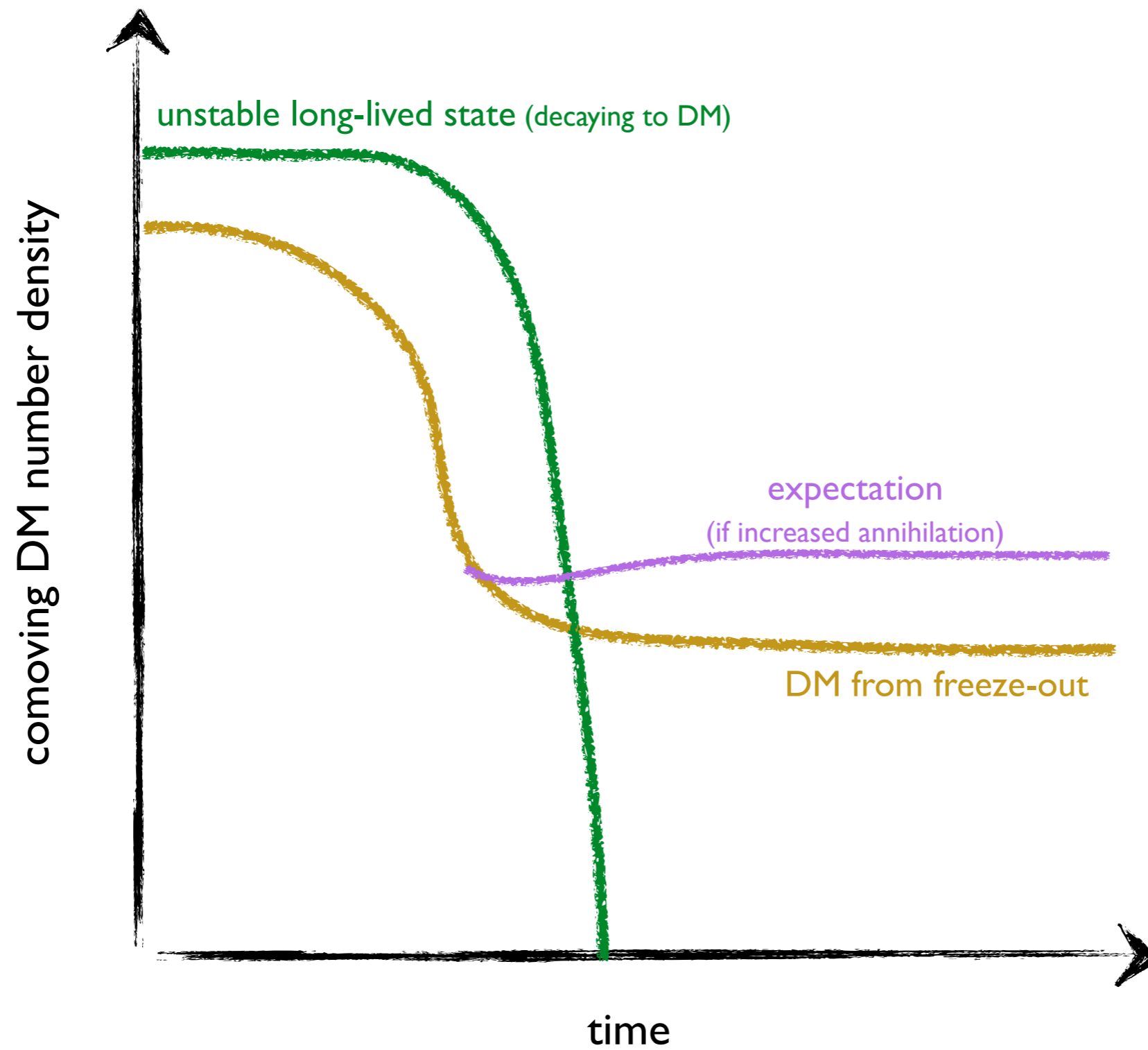
- this can **modify the annihilation rate** (if still active)
- how does the **thermalization** due to elastic scatterings happen?

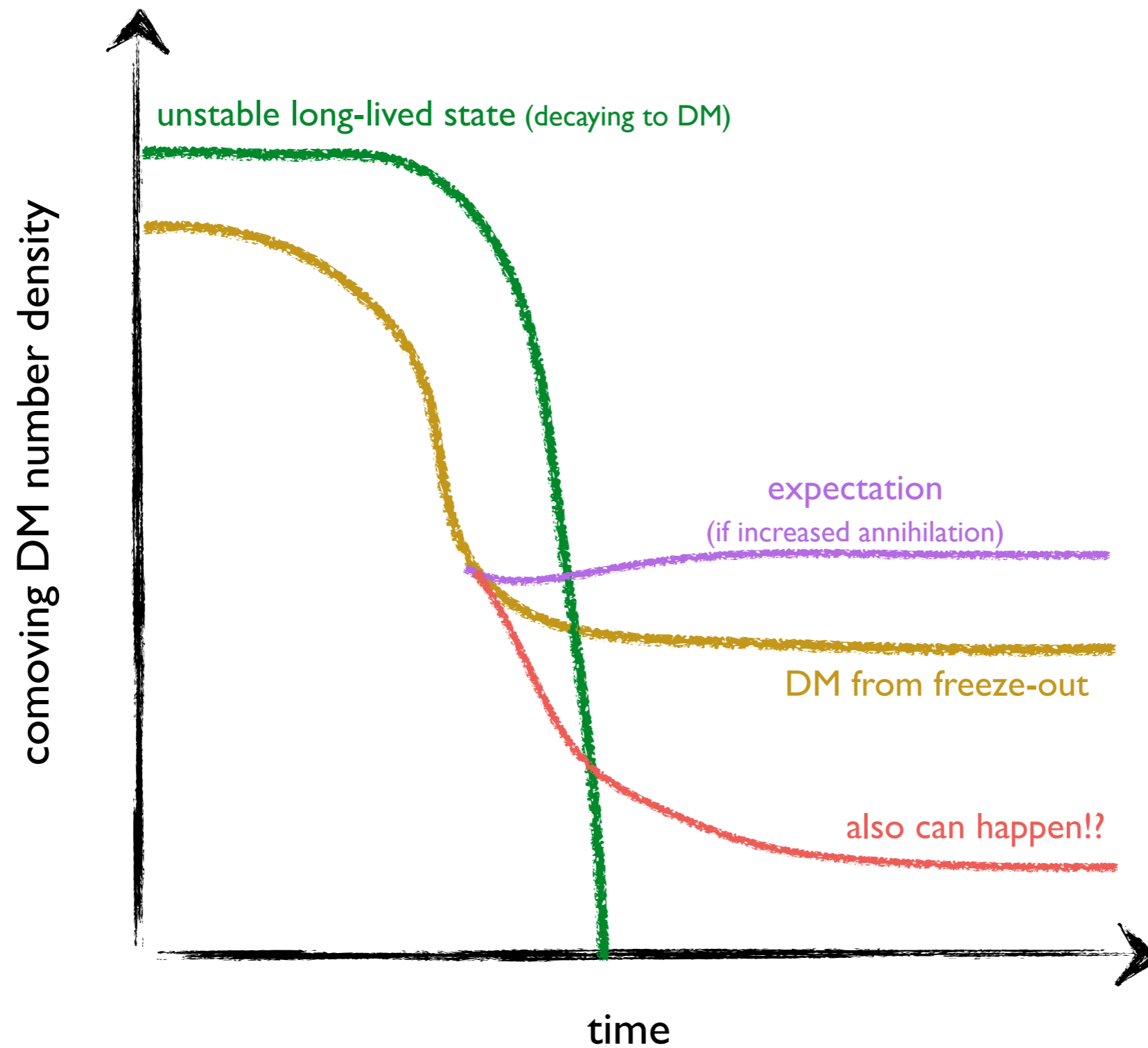








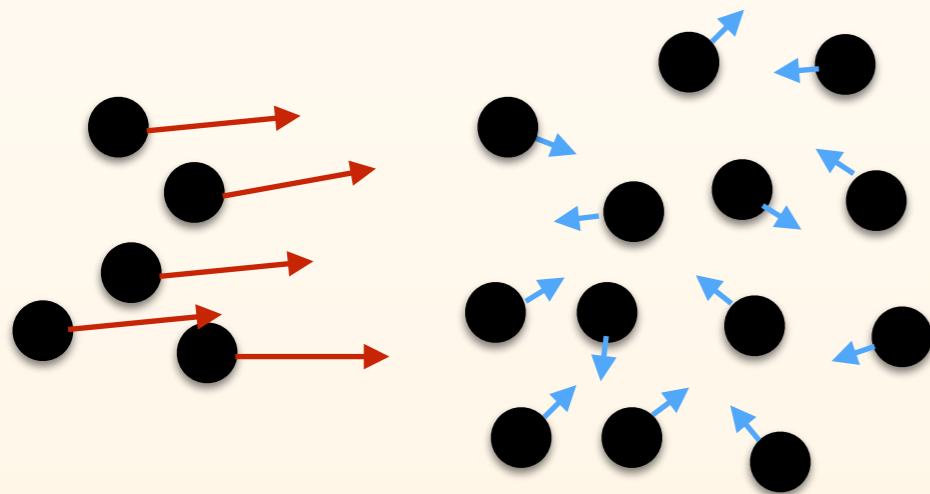




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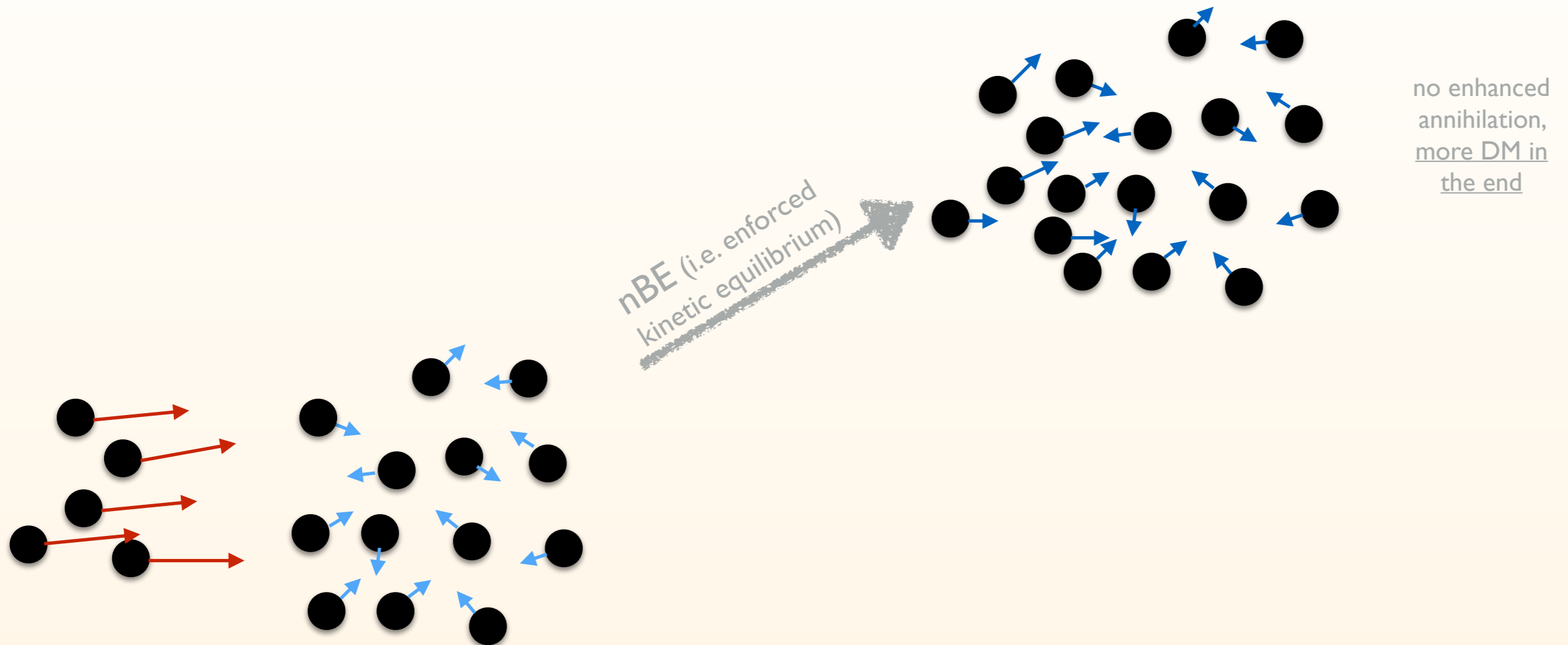
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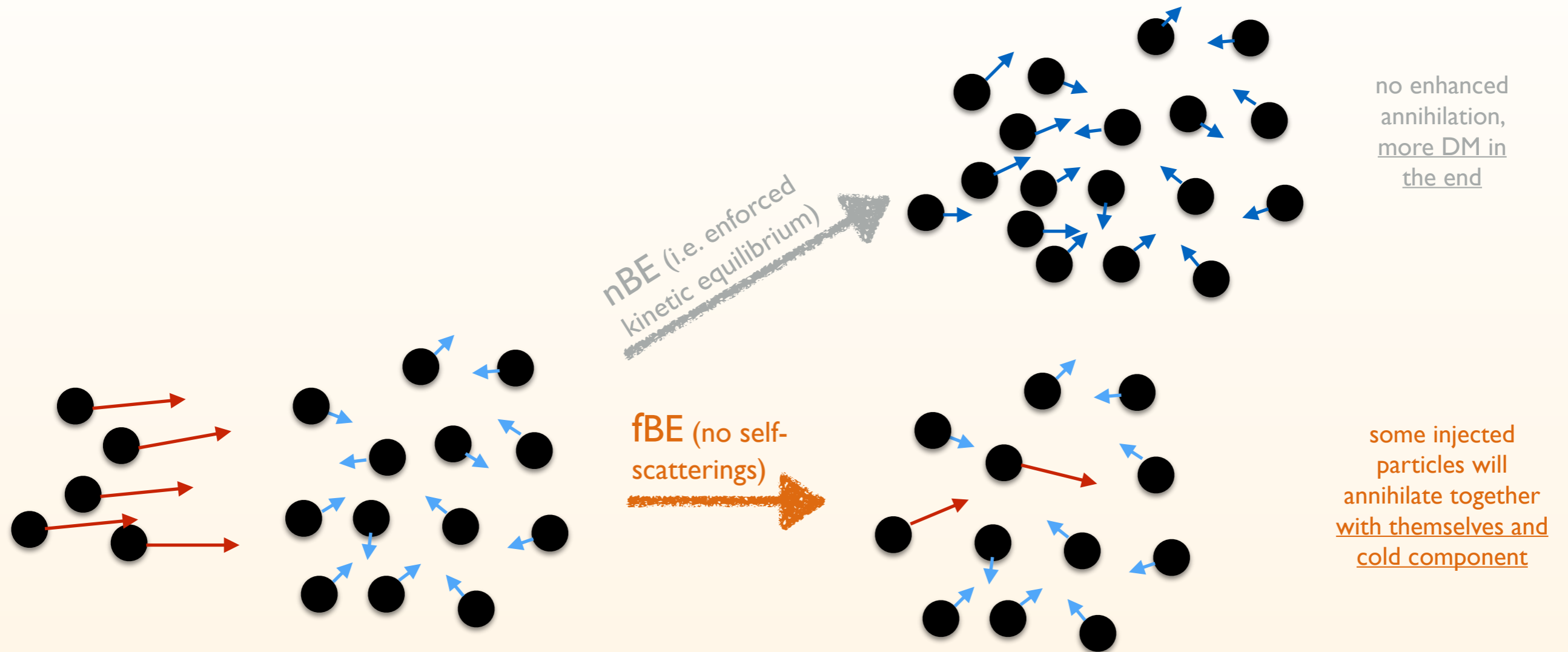
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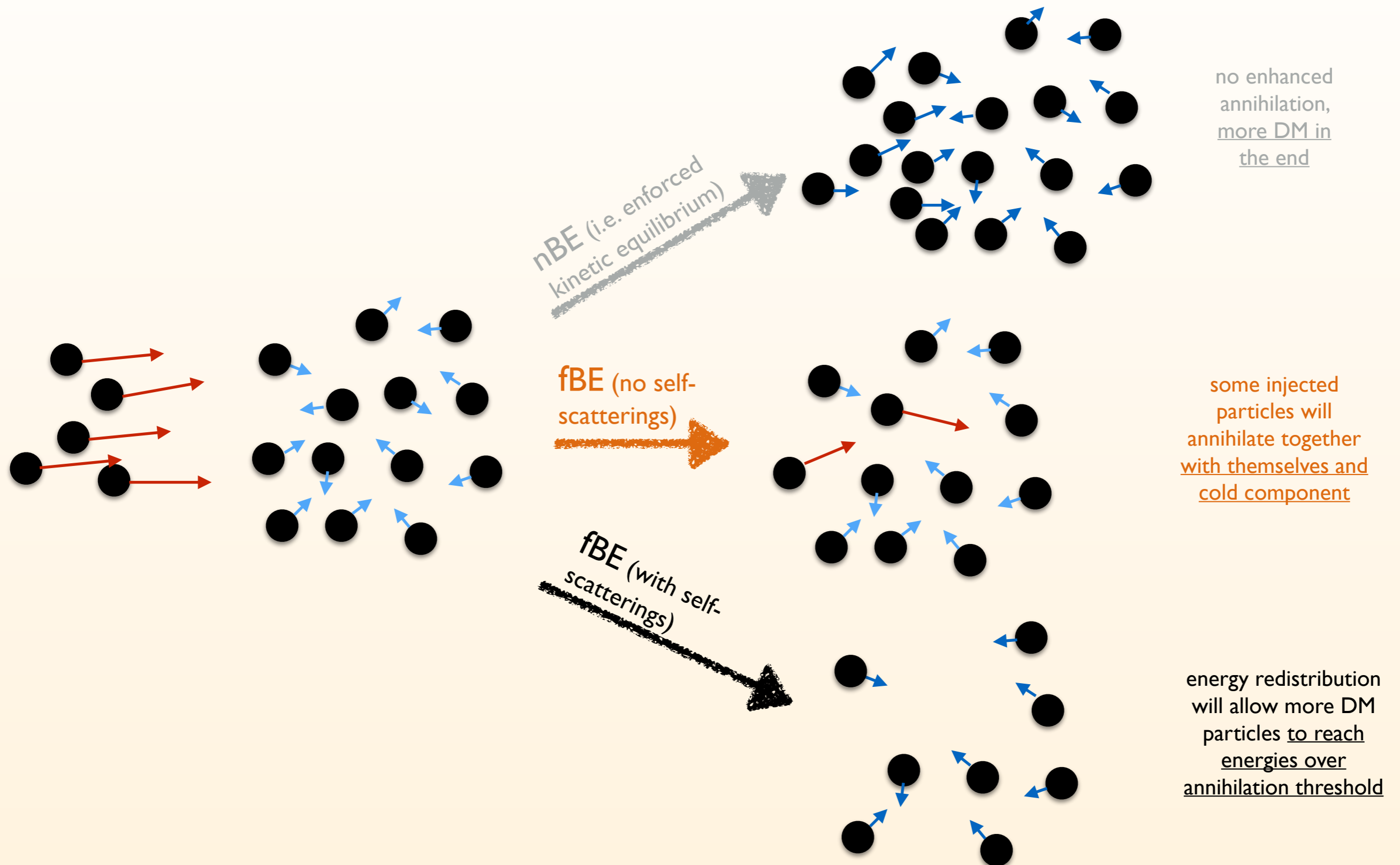
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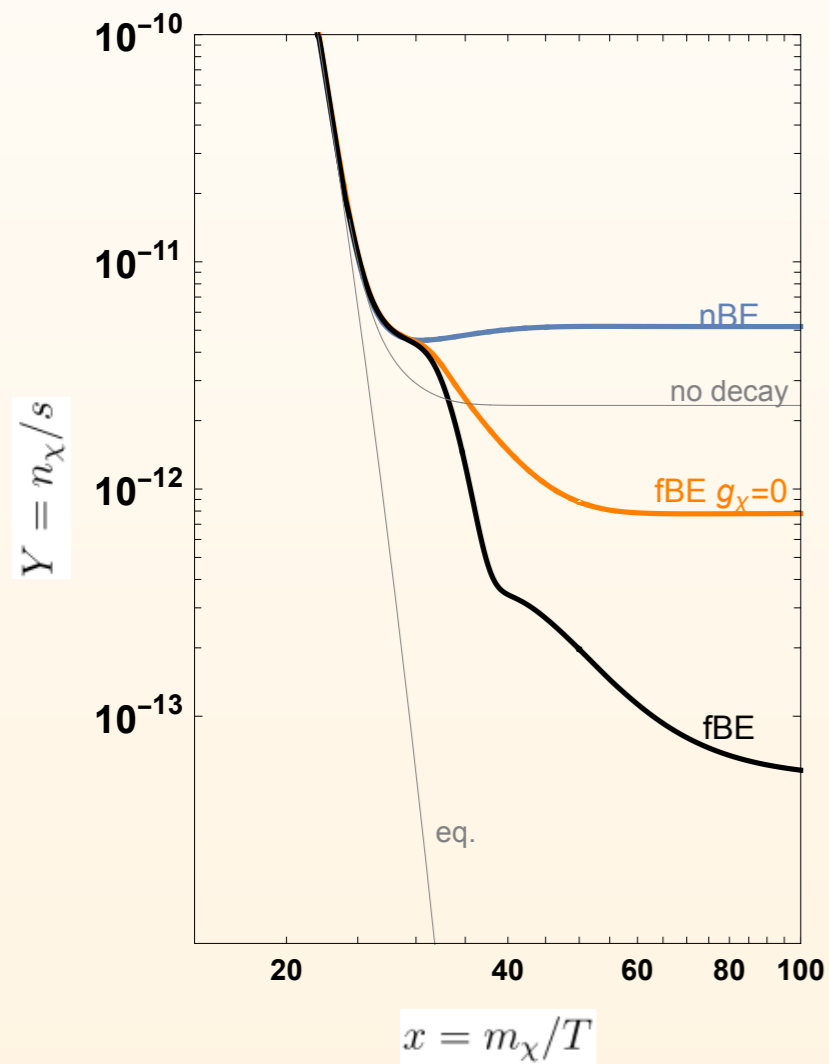


# EXAMPLE EVOLUTION

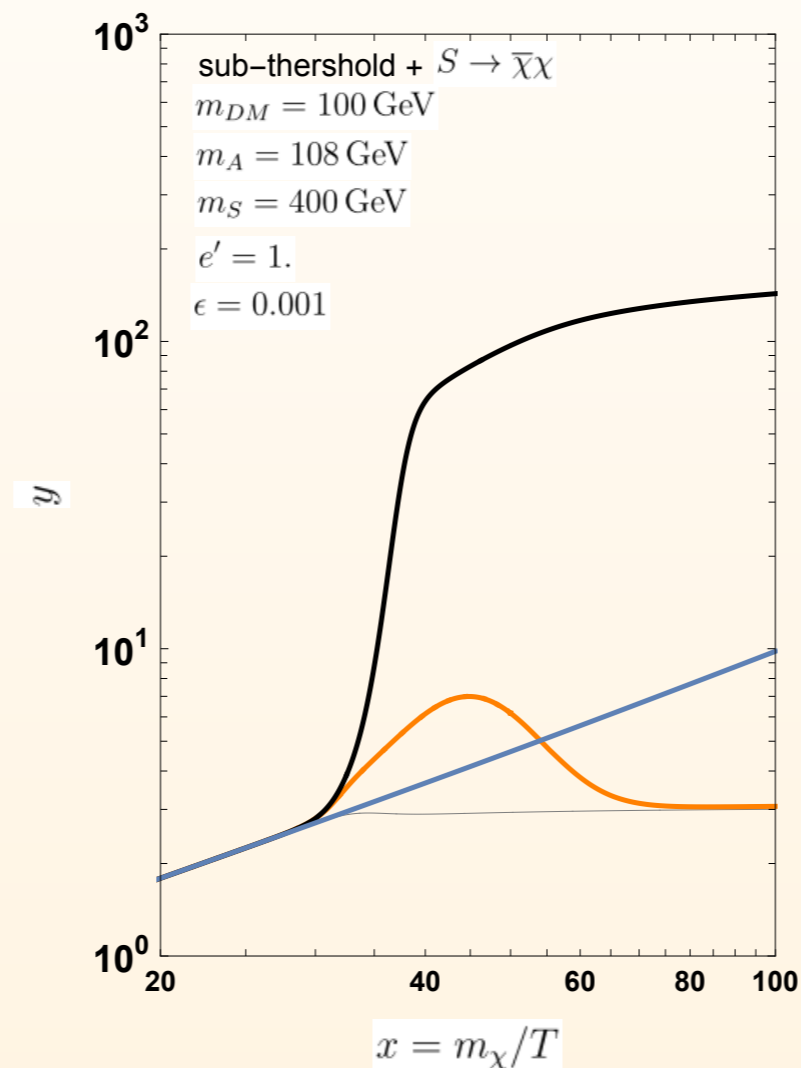
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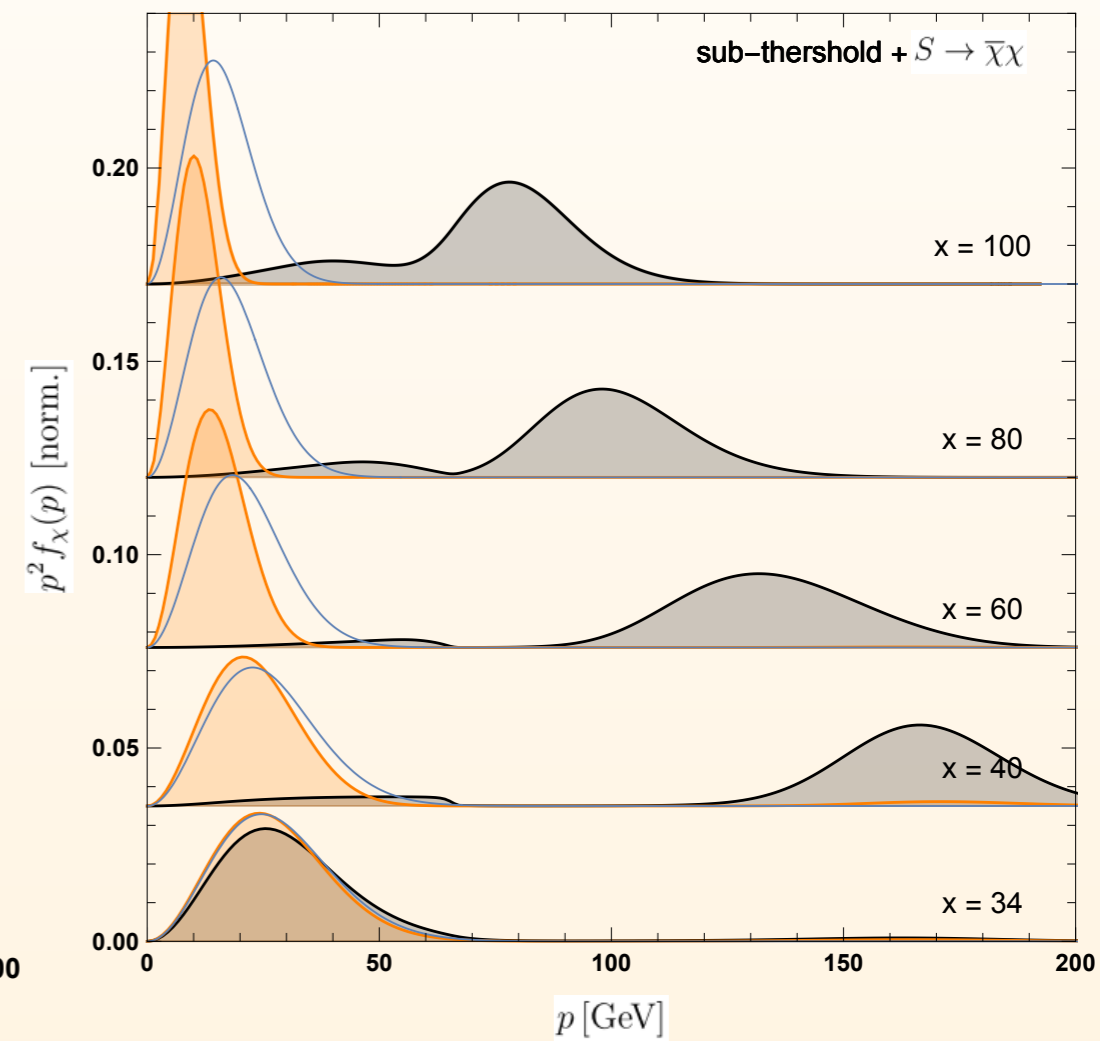
$Y \sim$  number density



$y \sim$  temperature



$p^2 f(p) \sim$  momentum distribution



# TAKEAWAY MESSAGE

**When computing relic density of dark matter one needs carefully to check if the standard treatment is sufficient for the case at hand**

*”Everything should be made as simple as possible, but no simpler.”*

attributed to\* Albert Einstein

\*The published quote reads:

”It can scarcely be denied that the supreme goal of all theory is to make the irreducible basic elements as simple and as few as possible without having to surrender the adequate representation of a single datum of experience.”

„On the Method of Theoretical Physics” ,The Herbert Spencer Lecture, delivered at Oxford (10 June 1933); also published in *Philosophy of Science*, Vol. I, No. 2 (April 1934), pp. 163-169., p. 165