

# Photo- and Hadrodisintegration constraints on massive relics decaying into neutrinos



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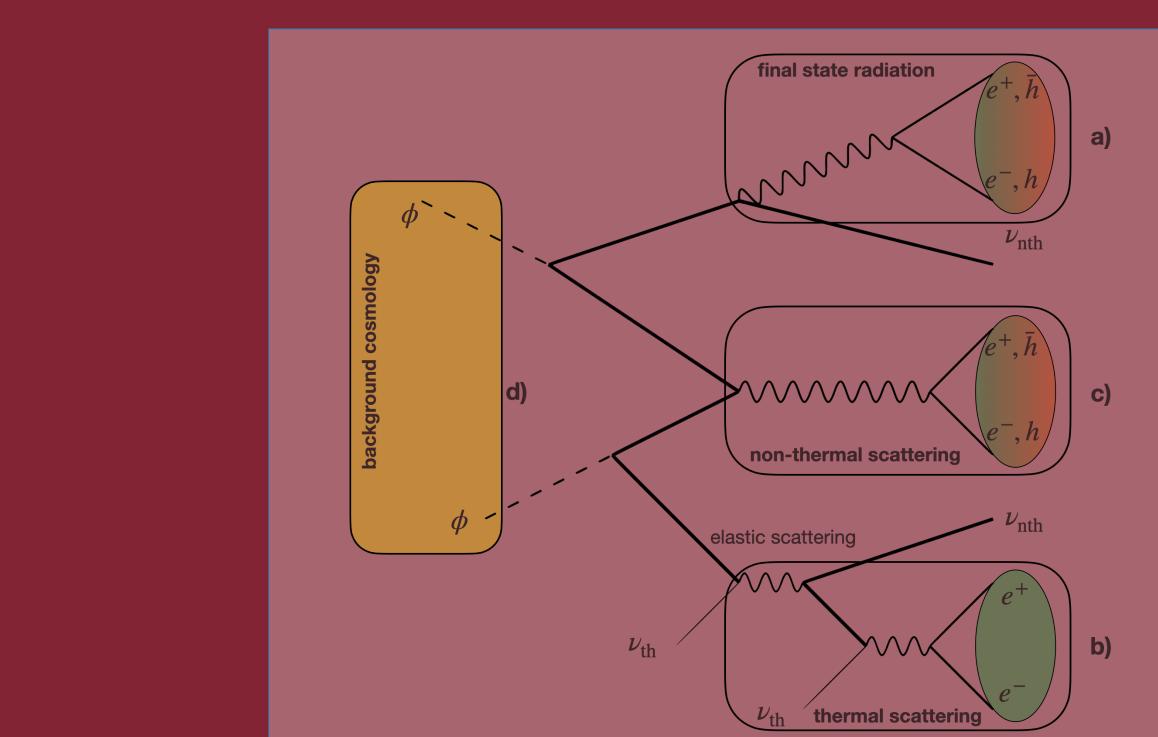
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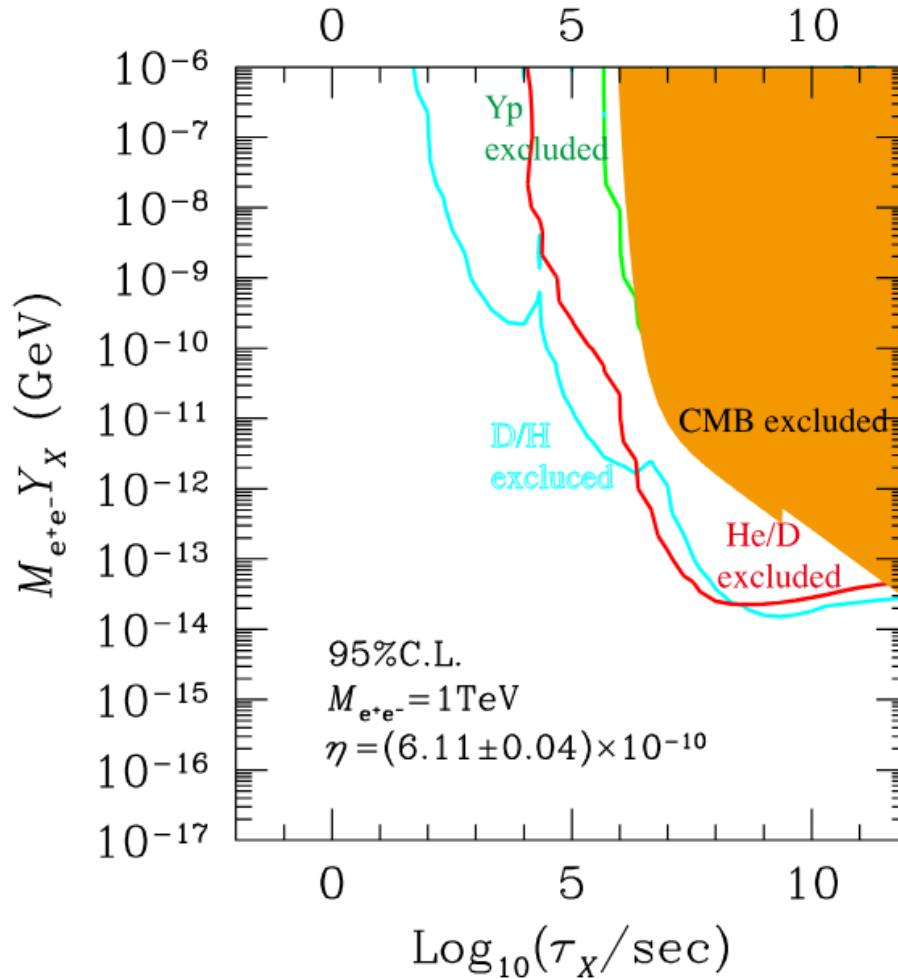
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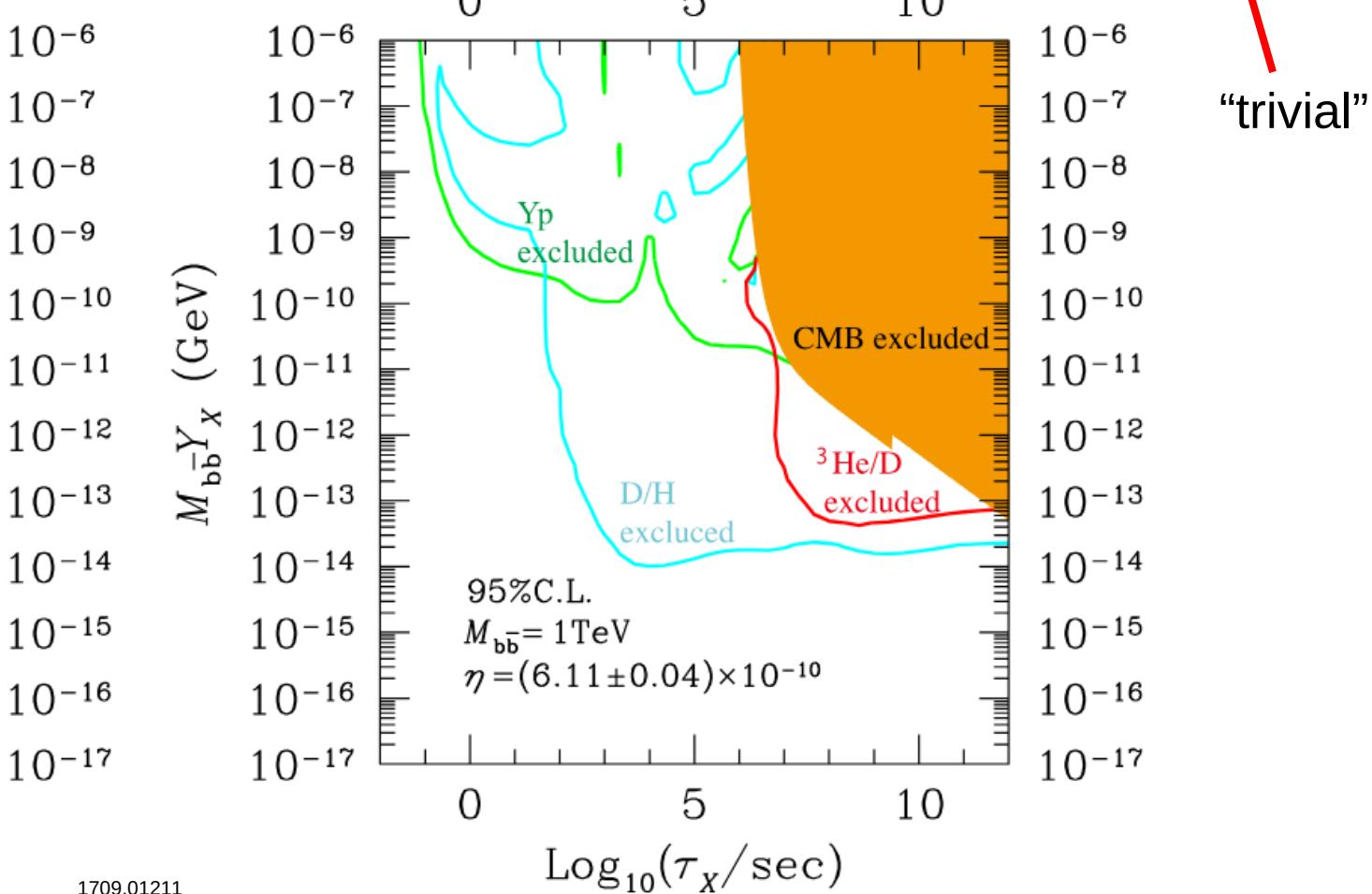
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 EM Particles  
 Hadrons  
 Neutrinos  
 Dark Sector

$$\phi \rightarrow e^+ e^-$$

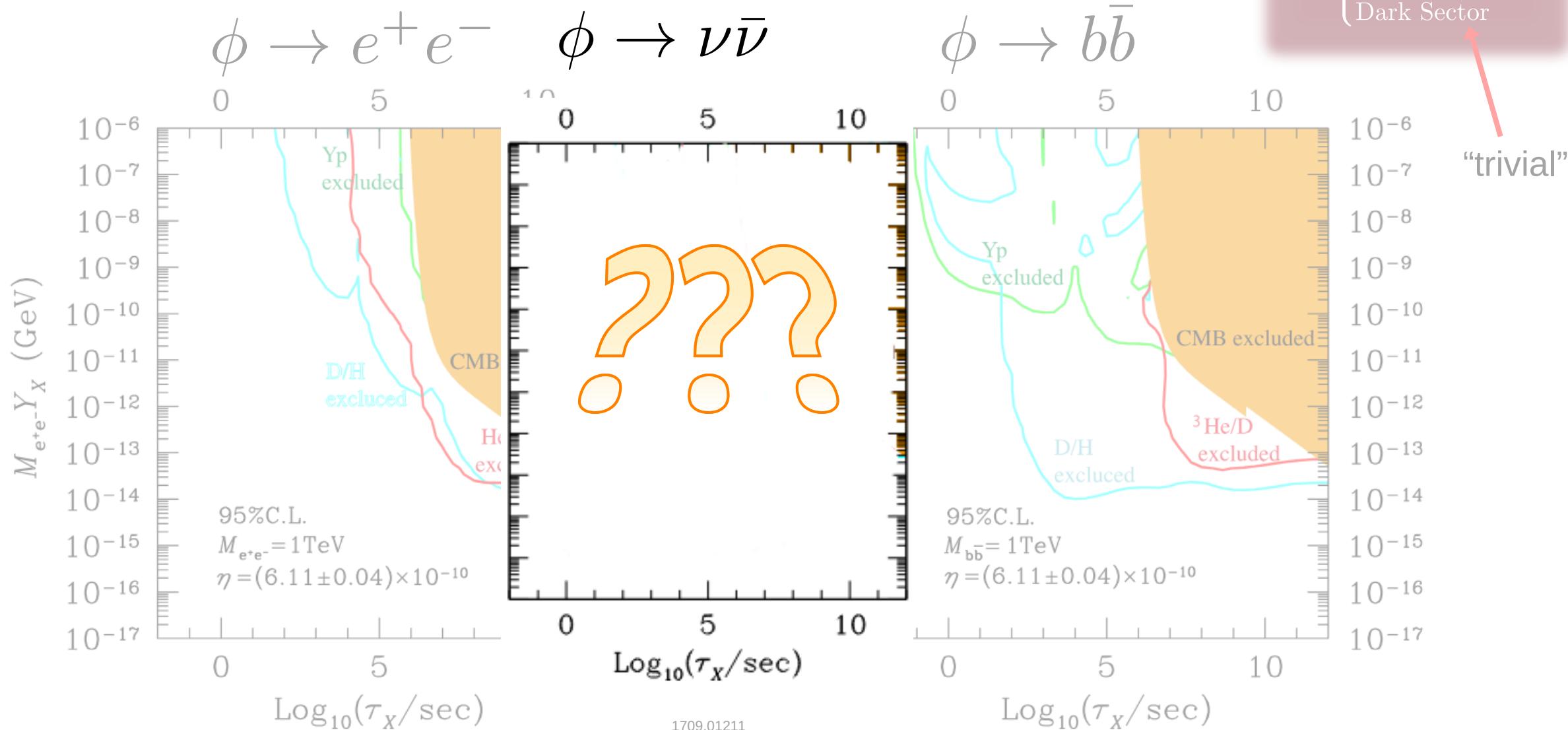


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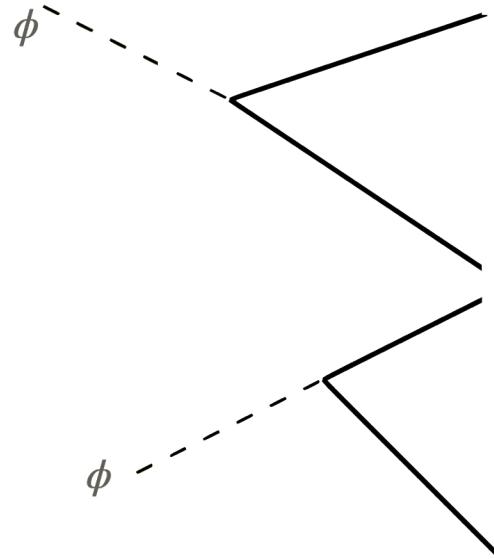
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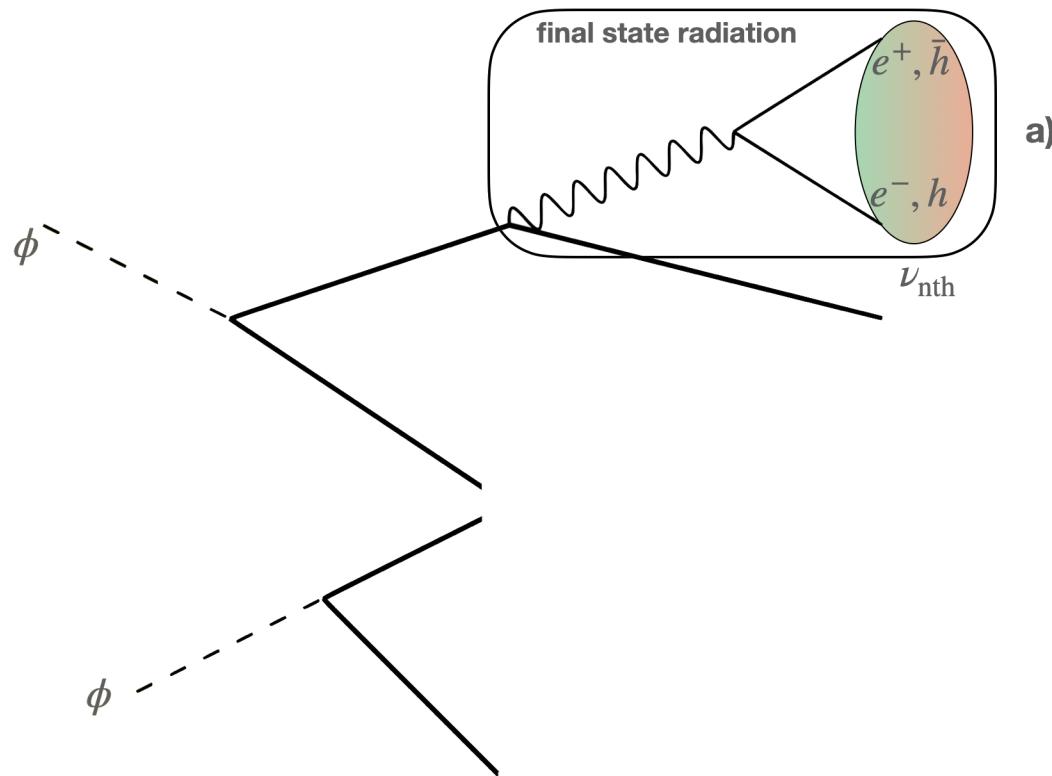


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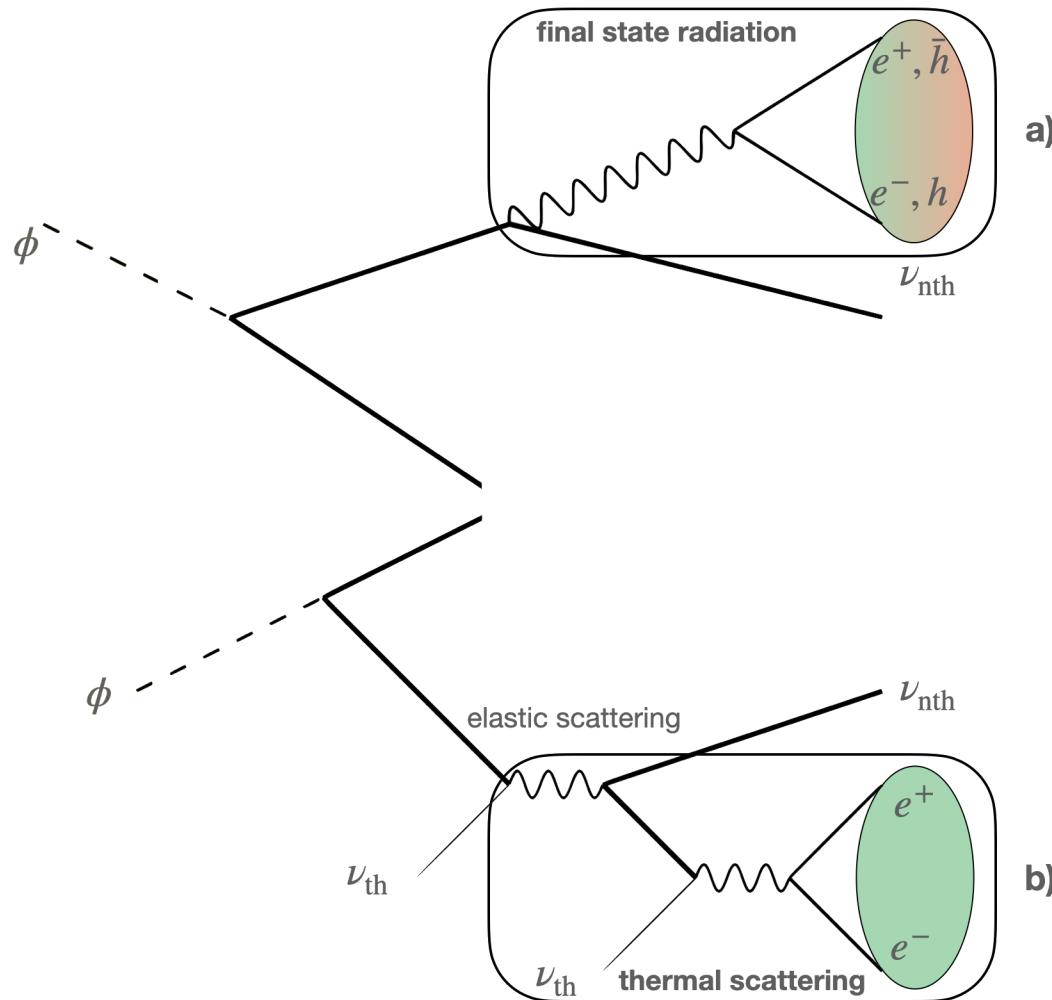


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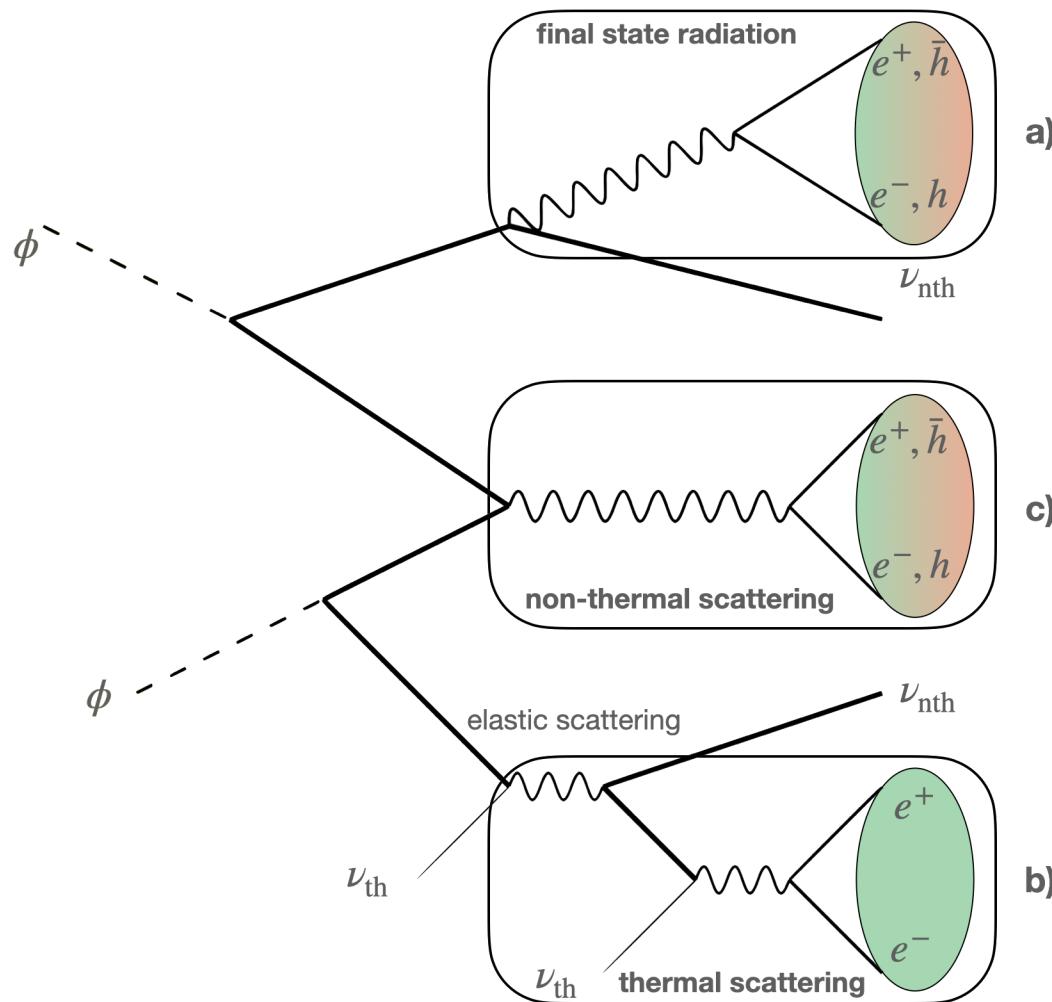
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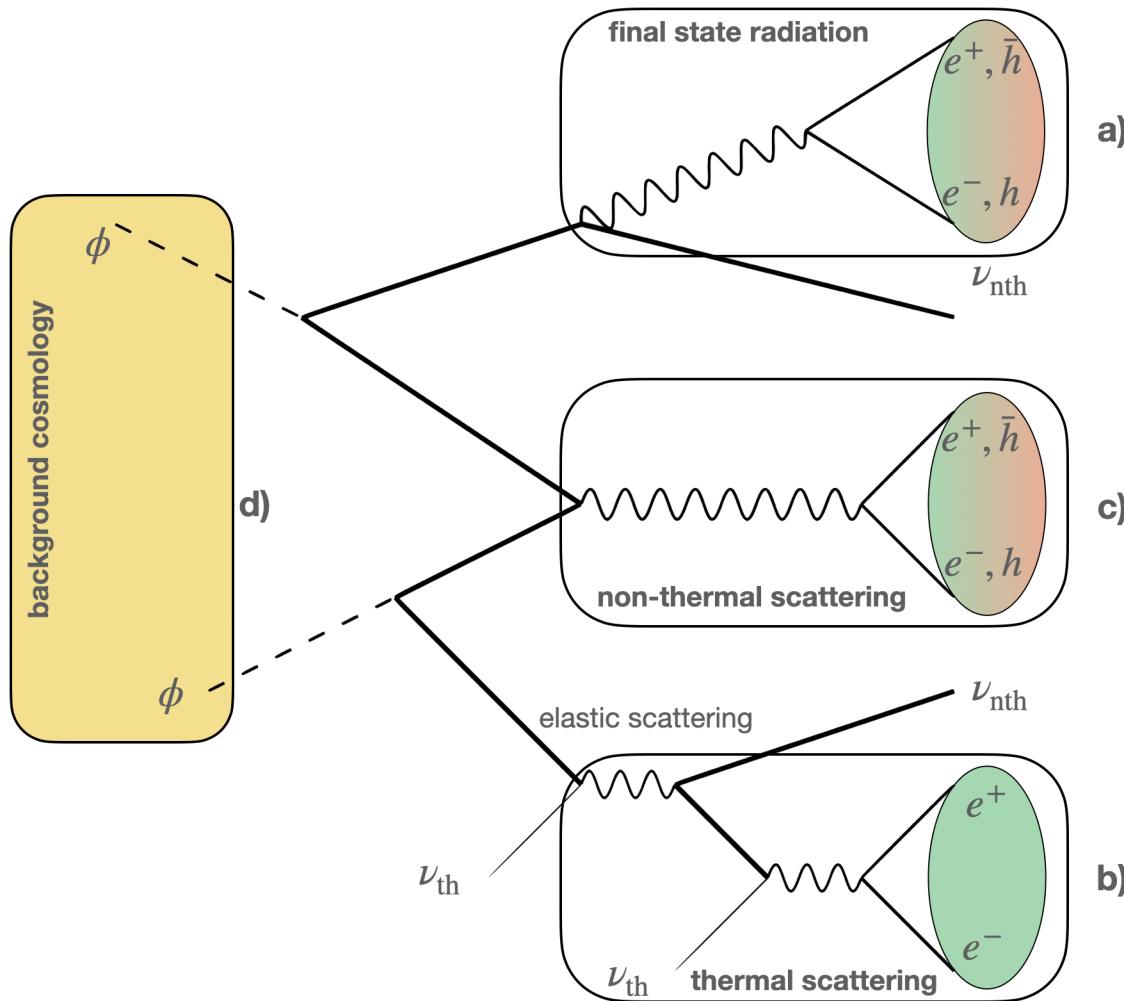


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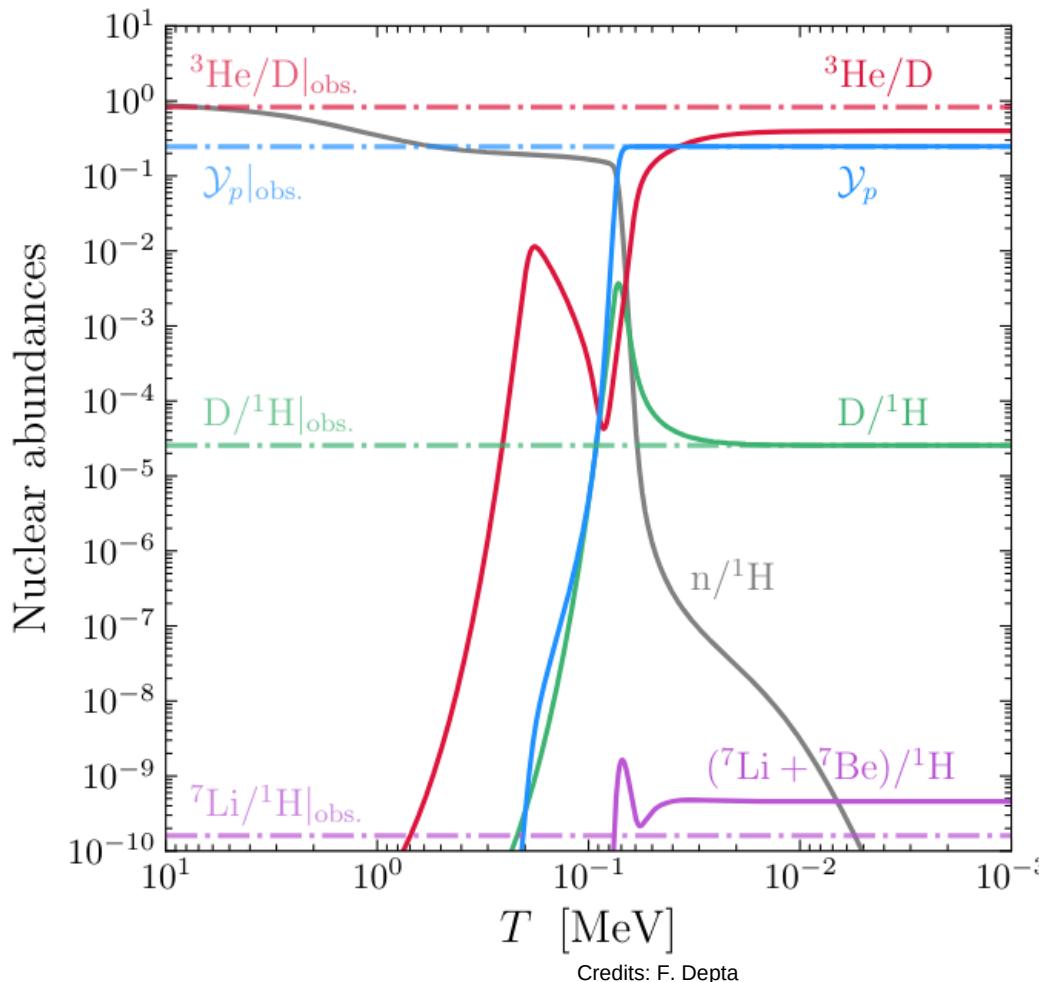


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- d) Changes in the **background cosmology**

# Interlude: BBN data, photodisintegration & hadrodisintegration

We use a modified version of AlterBBN [1806.11095].



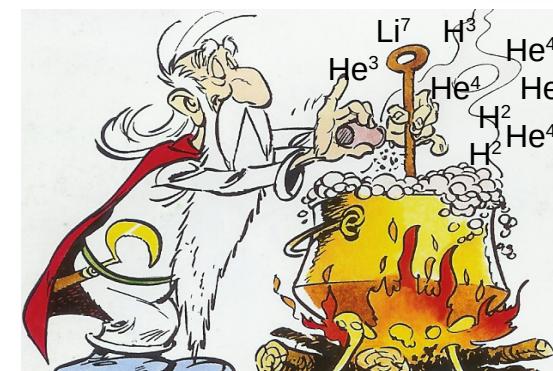
$$\mathcal{Y}_p = (2.45 \pm 0.03) \times 10^{-1}$$

$$D/{}^1H = (2.547 \pm 0.029) \times 10^{-5}$$

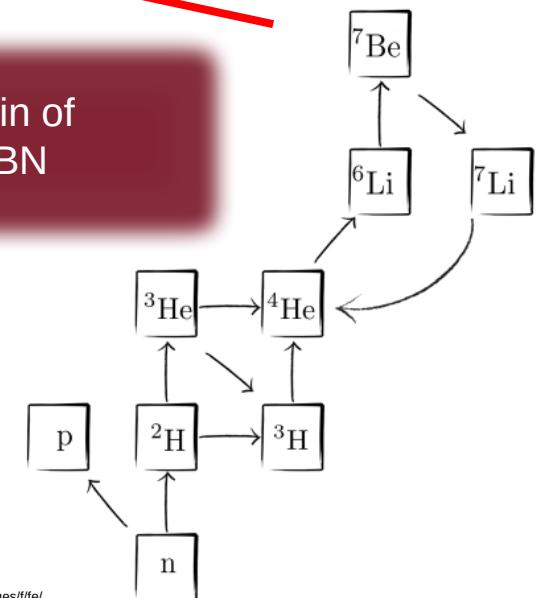
$${}^3He/D = (8.3 \pm 1.5) \times 10^{-1}$$

$${}^7Li/{}^1H = (1.6 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-10}$$

Reaction chain of  
Standard BBN

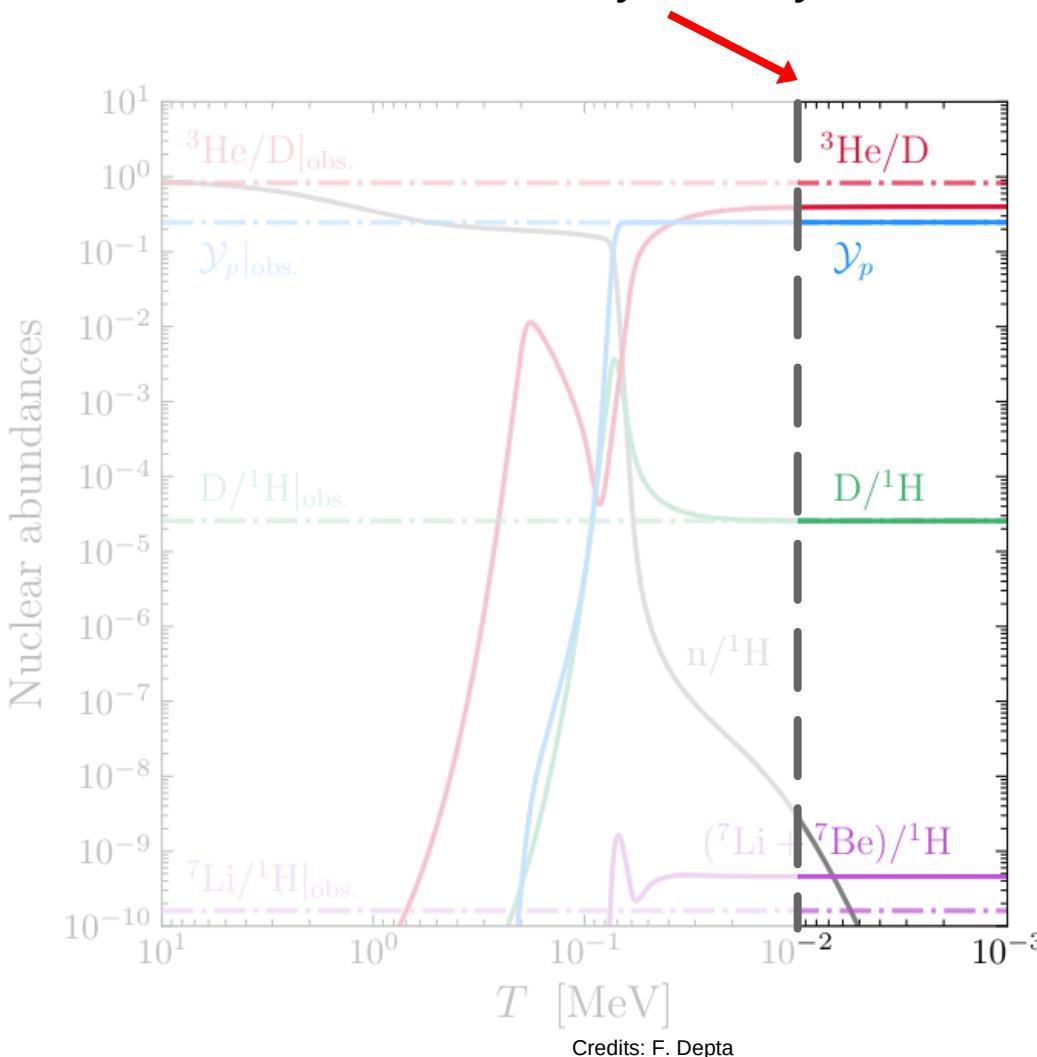


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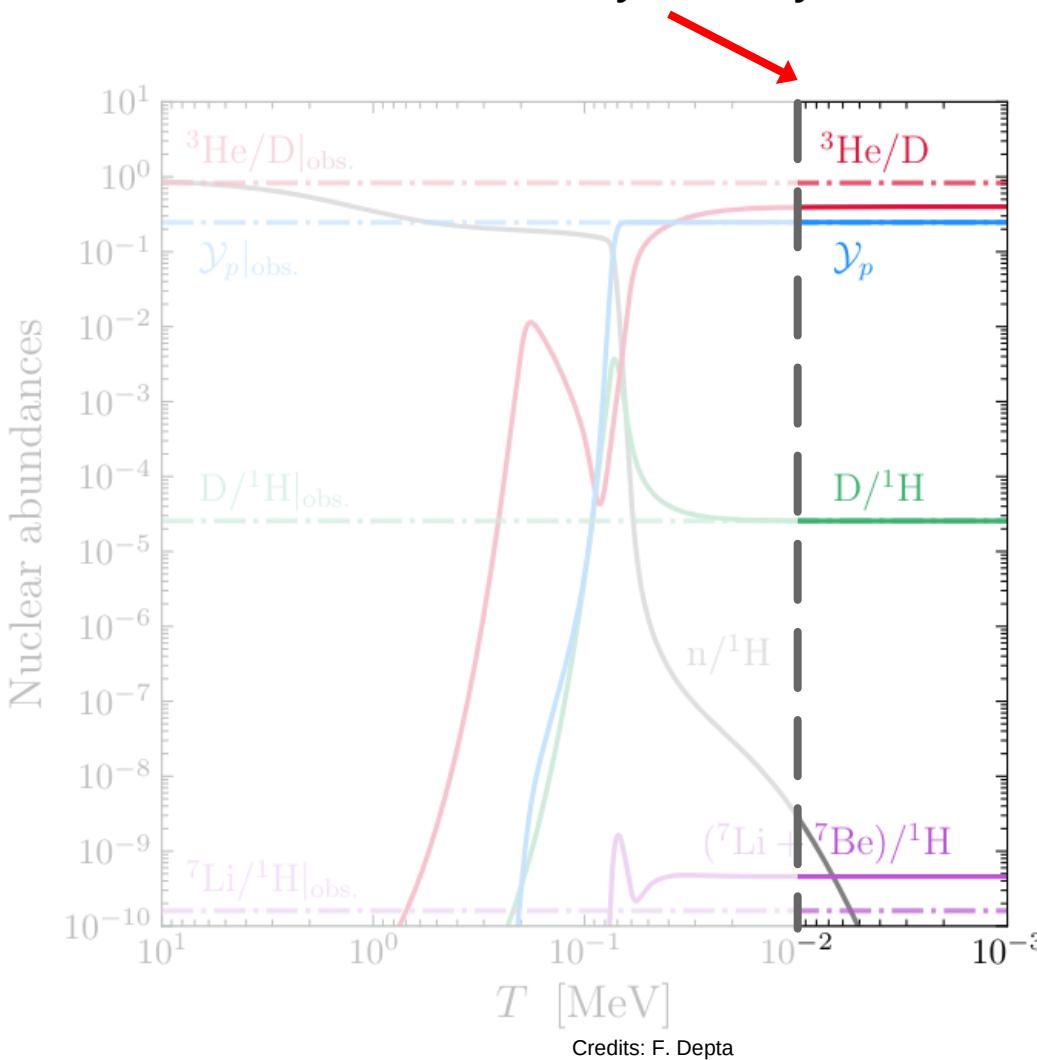
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Numerical Framework **ACROPOLIS**  
By Frederik, Marco and Kai  
(2011.06518)

<https://github.com/hep-mh/acropolis/tree/v2>

$$\left[ \frac{dn_X}{dt} \right]_{\text{photo}} = \sum_j n_j N_{j\gamma \rightarrow X} \int_0^\infty dE f_\gamma(E) \sigma_{j\gamma \rightarrow X}(E) - n_X \sum_{j'} \int_0^\infty dE f_\gamma(E) \sigma_{X\gamma \rightarrow j'}(E)$$

“universal spectrum”

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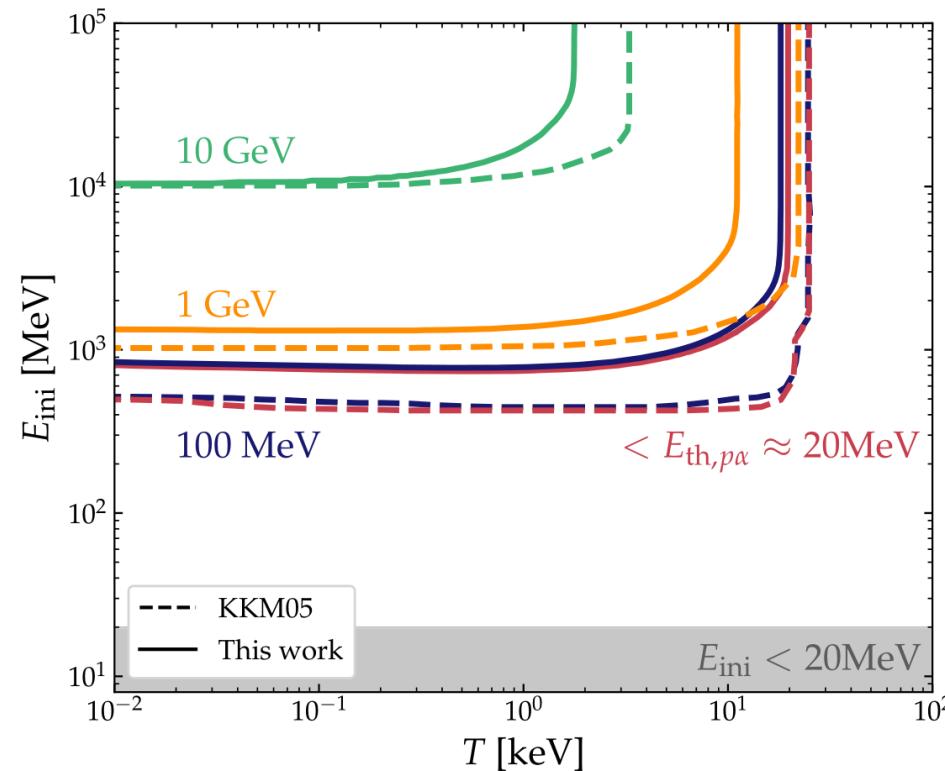
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(i, $\alpha$ ; 3)	$n + \alpha_{BG} \rightarrow 2n + {}^3\text{He}$	$p + \alpha_{BG} \rightarrow p + n + {}^3\text{He}$	inelastic
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Observation:

While PDI tends to destroy deuterium, HDI produces it from destroying helium-4.

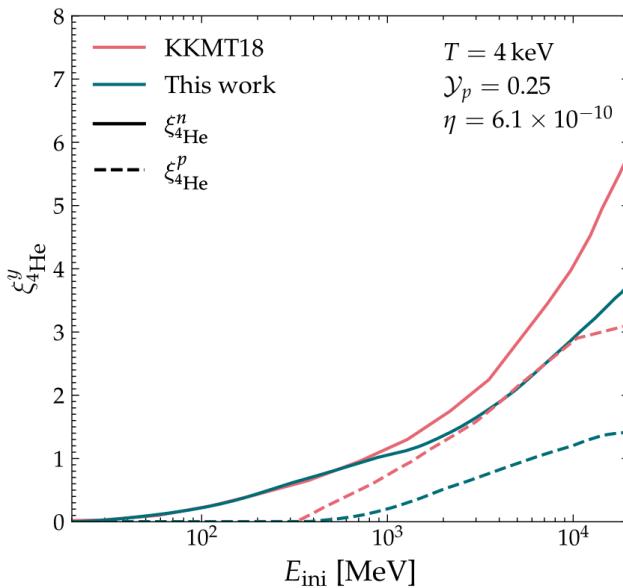
Redistribute the kinetic energy

Disintegrate  ${}^4\text{He}$

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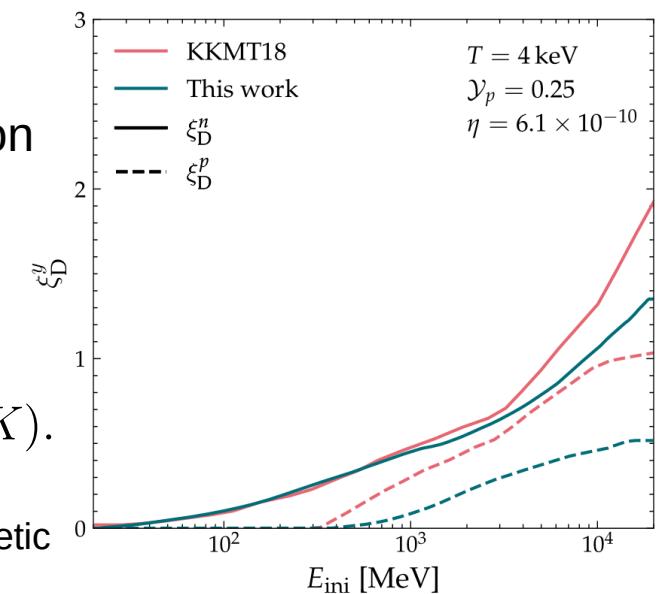
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- IV. Repeat until all particles in the cascade have negligible kinetic energy**



Number of nuclei produced per injected nucleon

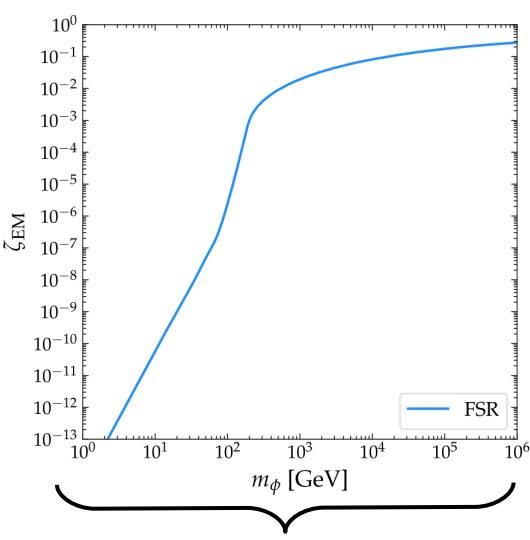
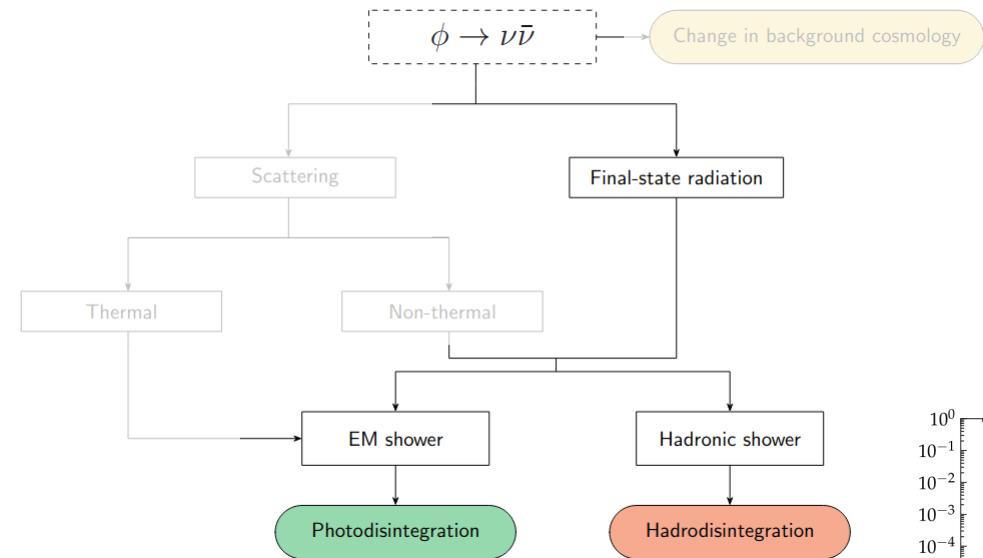
$$\left[ \frac{dn_X}{dt} \right]_{\text{hadro}} = \sum_{y=n,p} \int_0^\infty dK \xi_X^y[n_j](K) \frac{d^2 n_y^{\text{inj}}}{dtdK}(K).$$

Note: We approximate the injection spectrum as monoenergetic

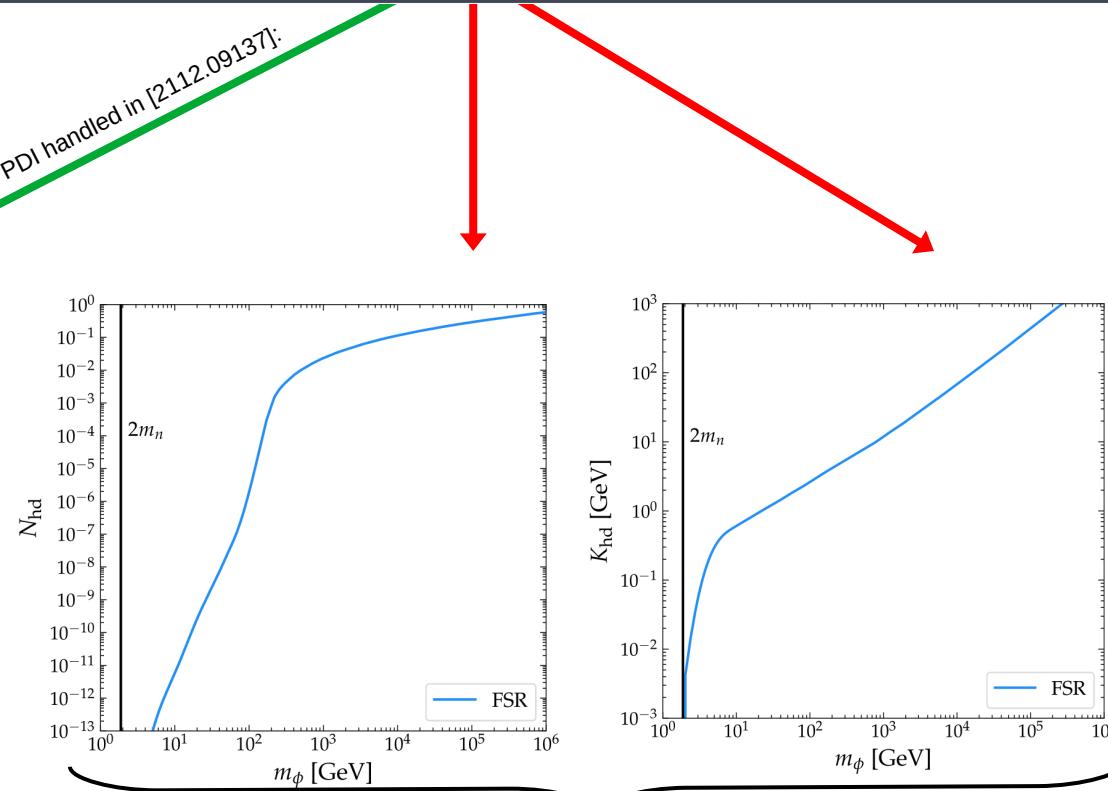


# Handling the contributions step-by-step

Injection rate is determined by the decay rate



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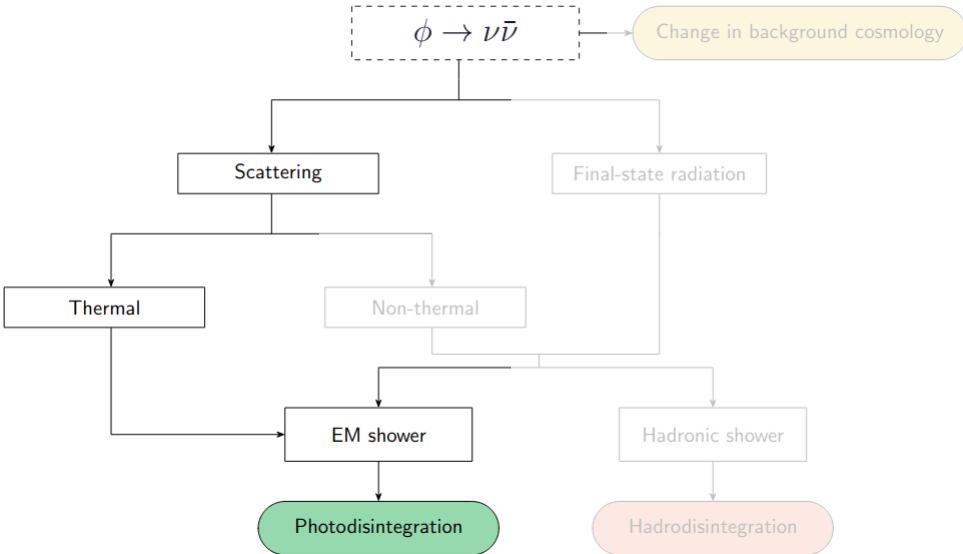


HDI requires 2 parameters

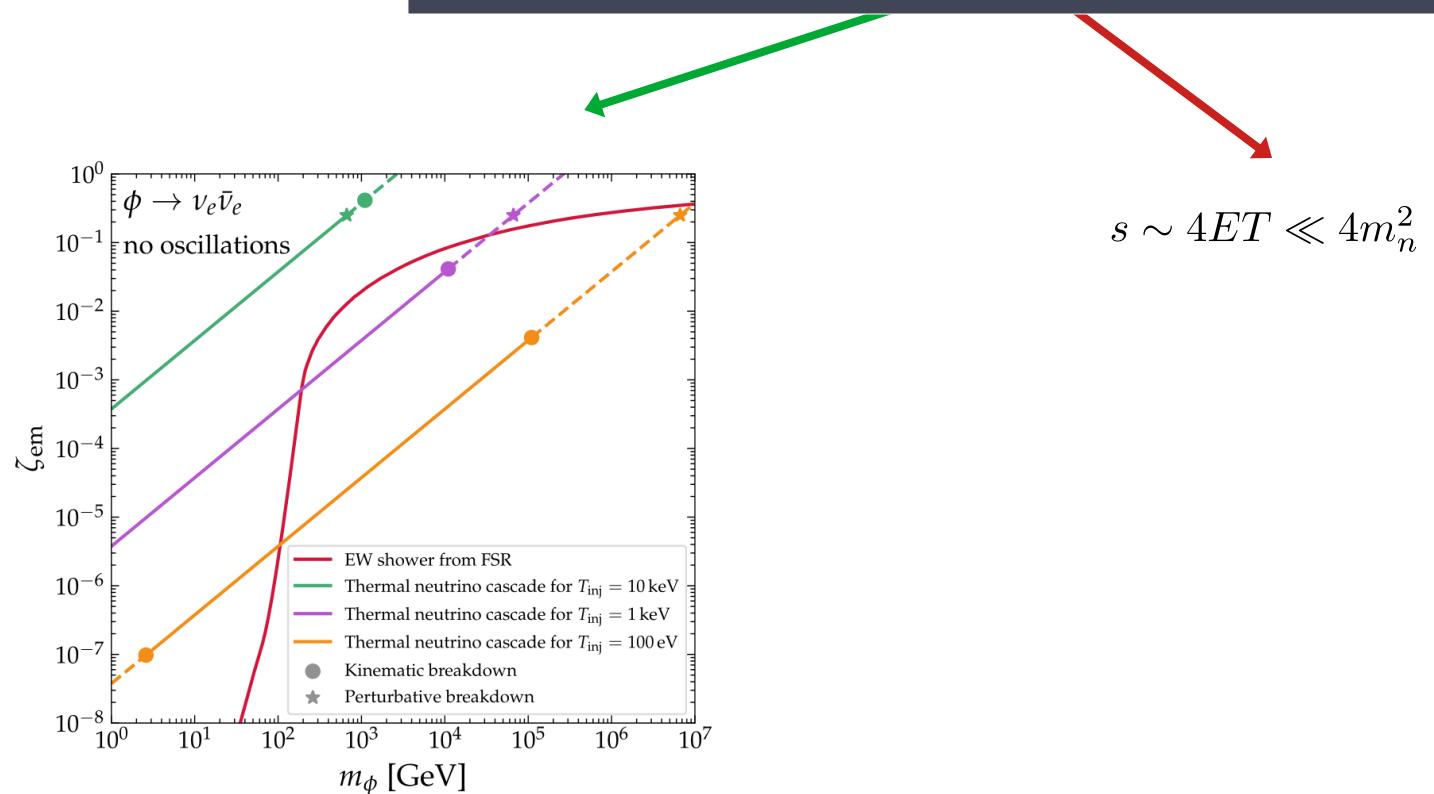
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Injection rate given by thermal scattering rate

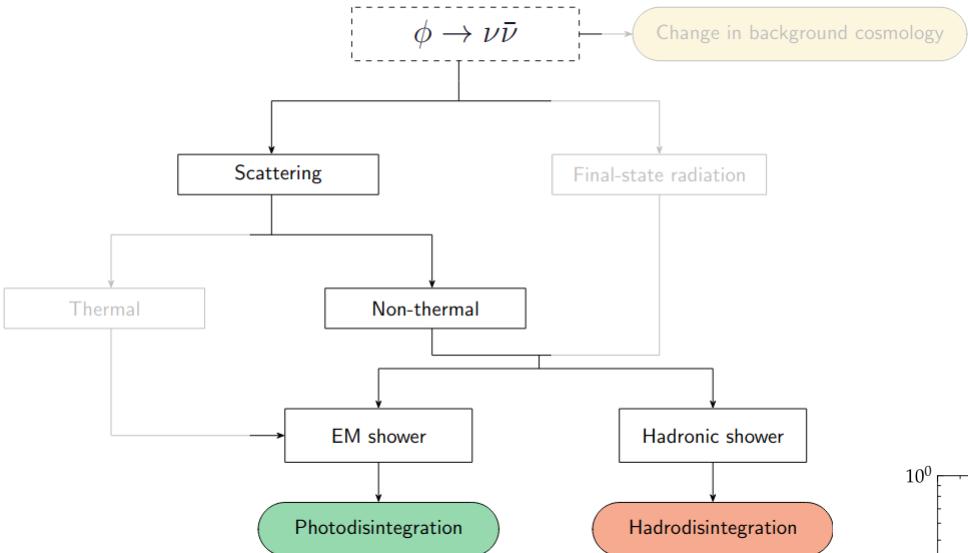
$$\Gamma_{ee}(T, E) \sim G_F^2 E T_\nu^4$$



Effect of an individual injection determined analytically



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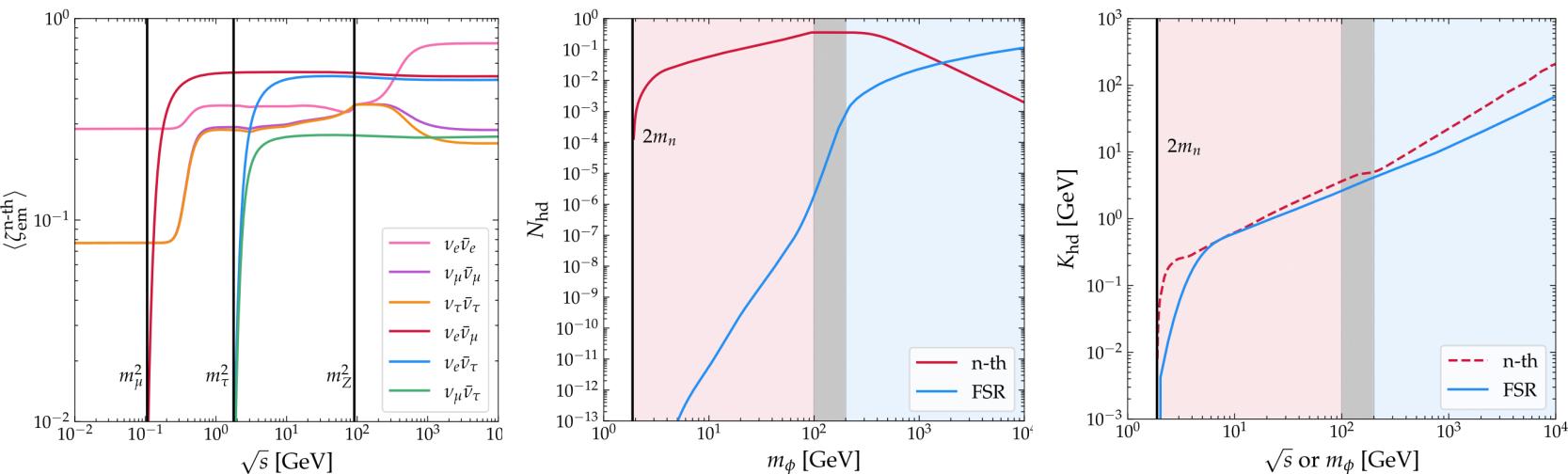
Injection rate given in general by

$$\Gamma_{\text{ann}}(T, E) = \frac{g_\nu}{16\pi^2 E^2} \int_0^\infty d\epsilon f_{\nu, \text{n-th}}(\epsilon) \int_0^{4E\epsilon} ds s \cdot \sigma_{\text{ann}}(s)$$

Requires knowledge of non-thermal spectrum!!!  
Exact methodology very technical

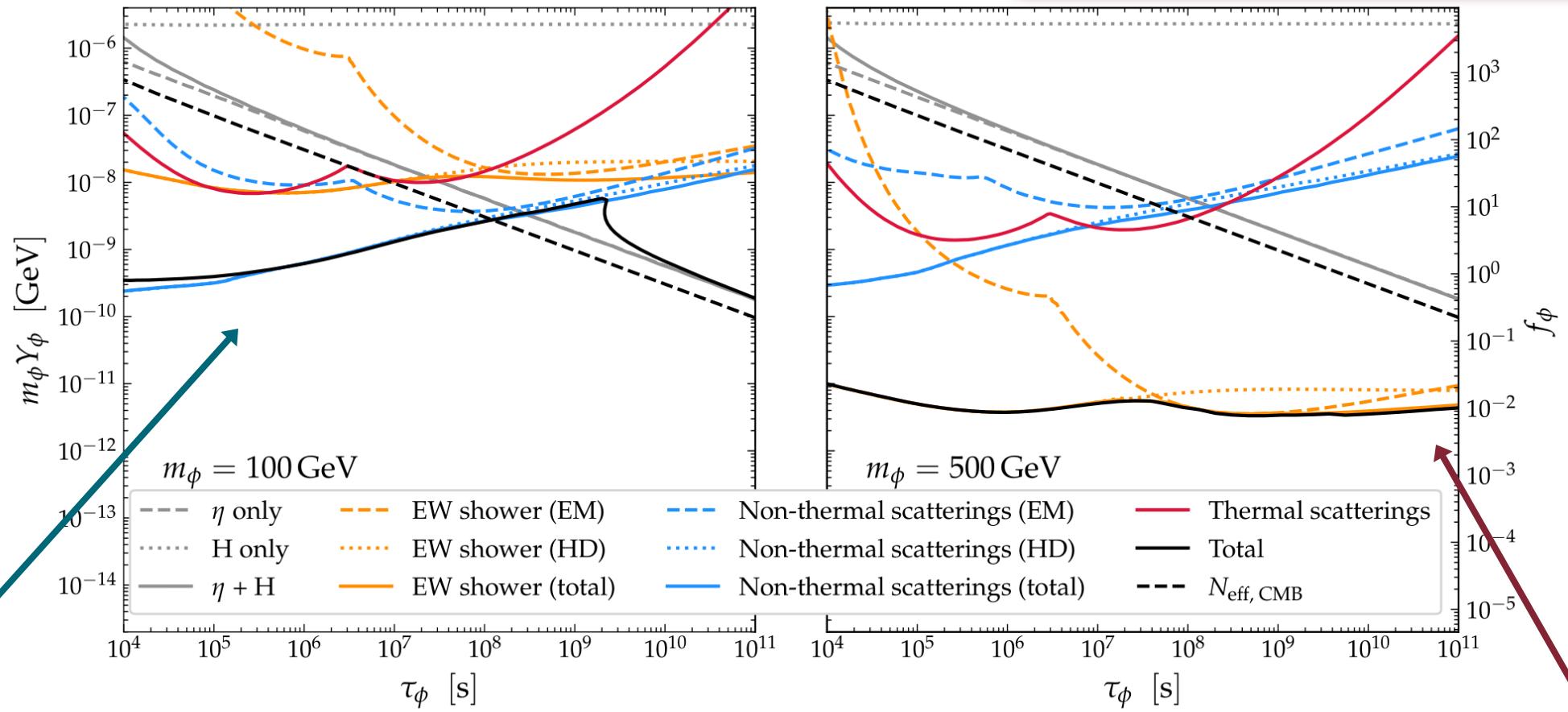


Effects of individual event determined by PYTHIA



# Detailed discussion of the resulting constraints

We observe both synergy effects and cancelations!



Below the EW scale:  
Domination of non-thermal scattering (light) and  
indirect effects (heavy)

Above the EW scale:  
Complete domination of EW shower from FSR

# Scanning the full parameter space

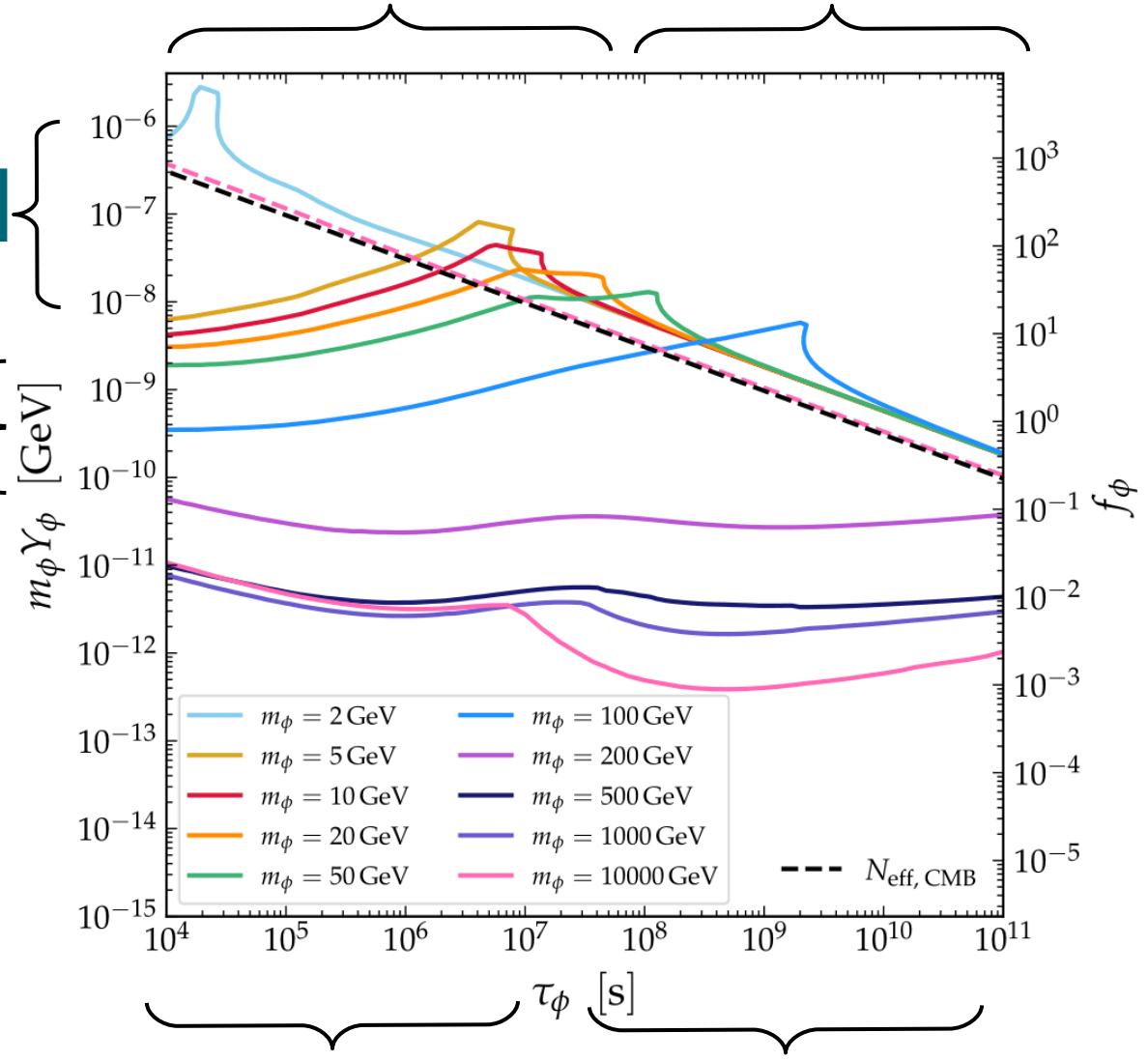
Jump across nucleon mass threshold

Unlocking of  $Z$  resonance  
Dominance of FSR begins

All 4 effects play an important role in some part of the parameter space, however the thermal scattering only due to the depletion of the spectrum.

Non-thermal domination

Cosmo domination

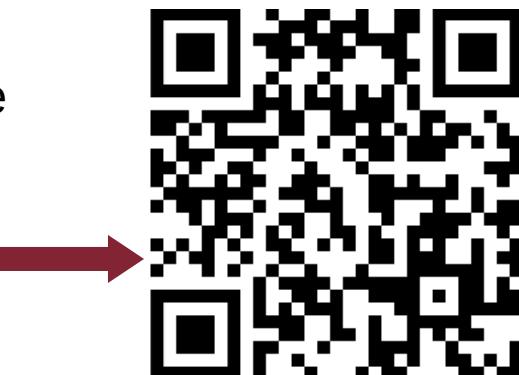
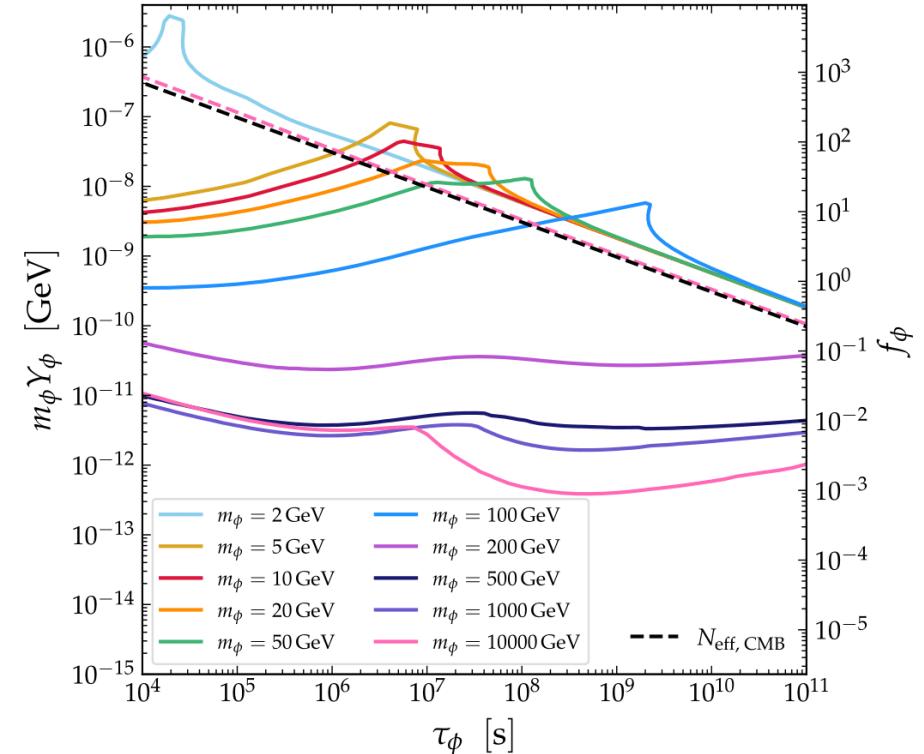


Hadronic domination

EM & mixed contribution

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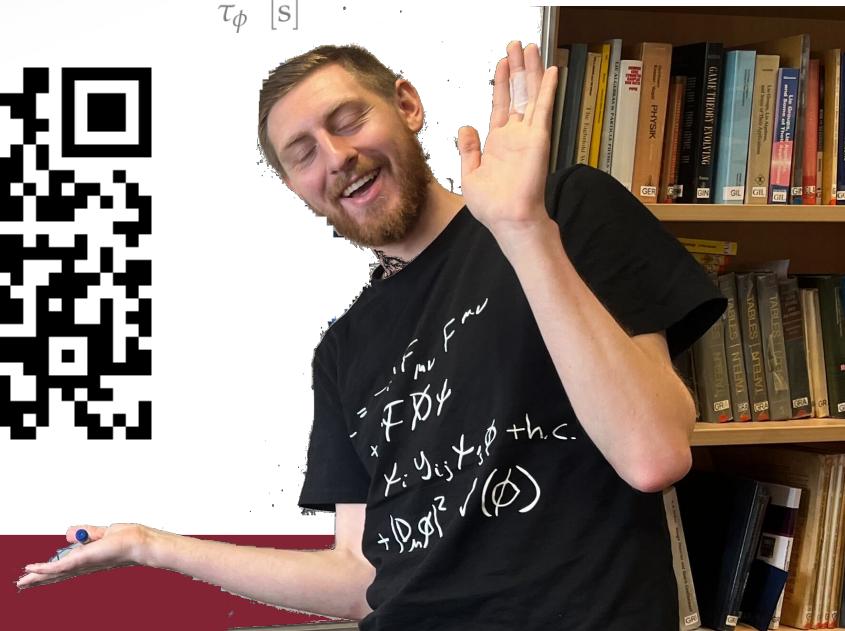
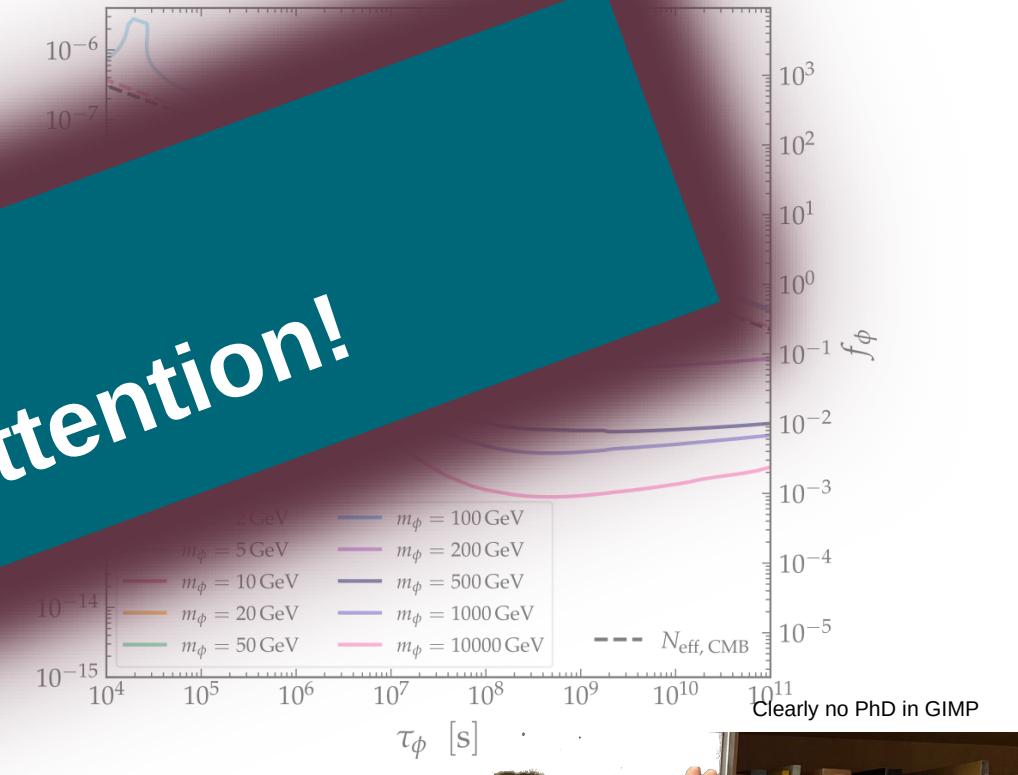
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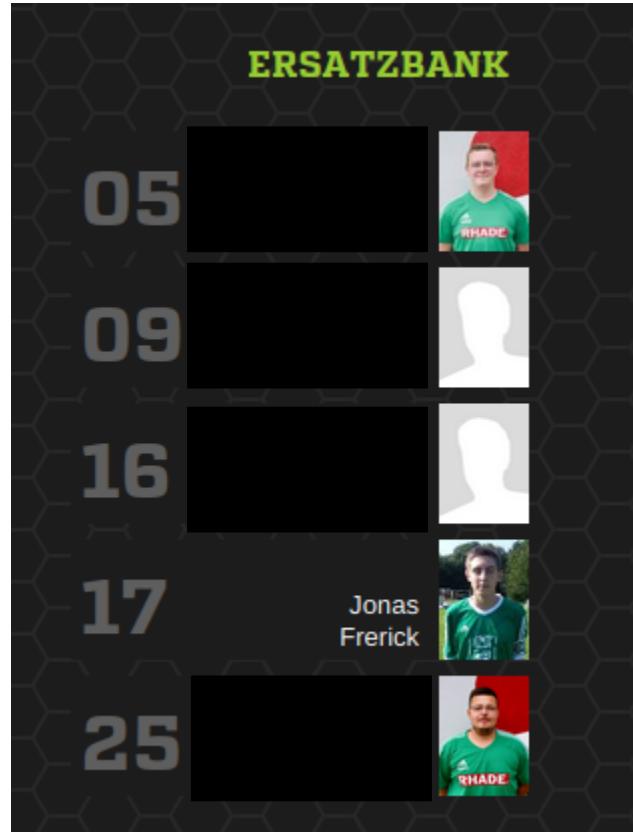


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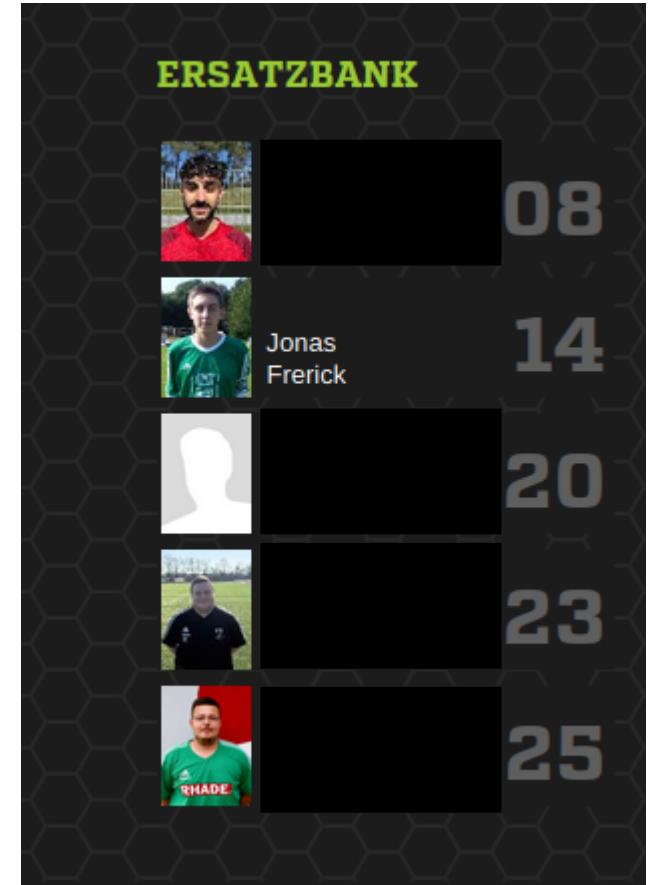
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That's it!  
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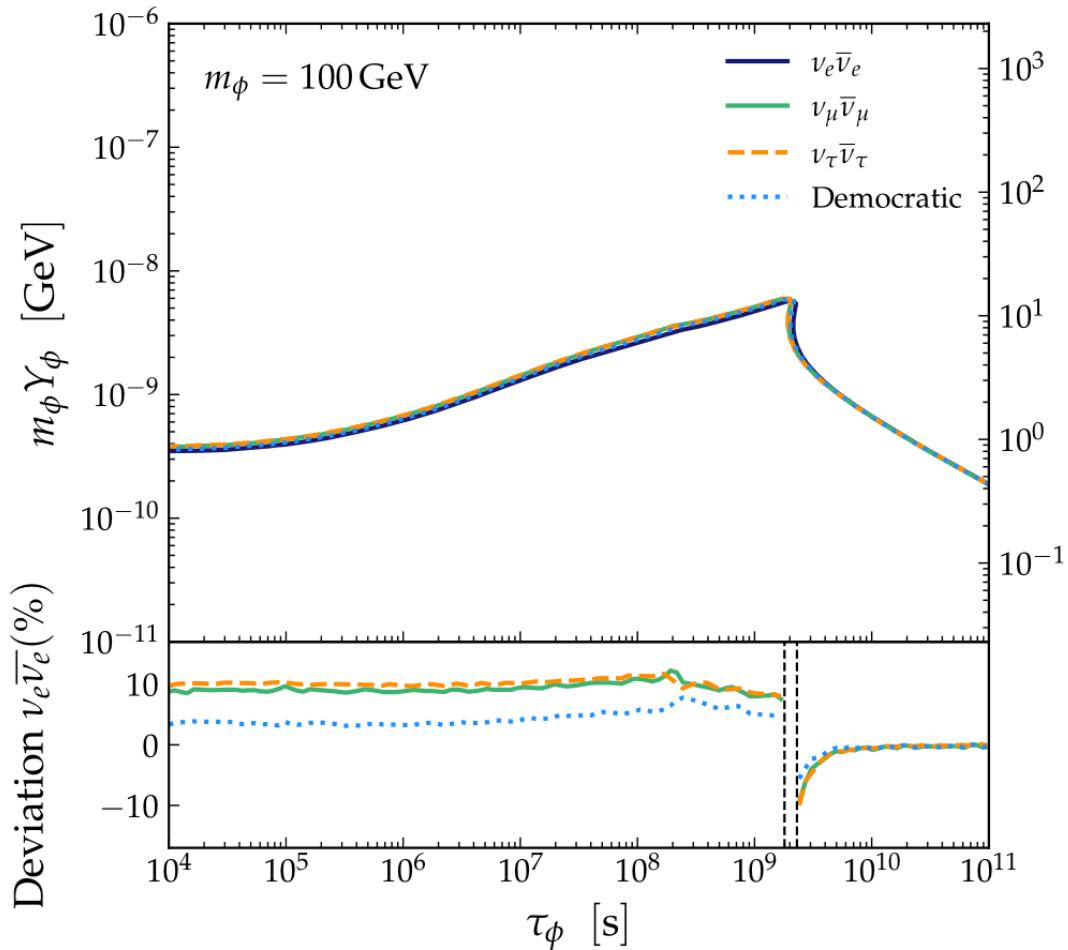




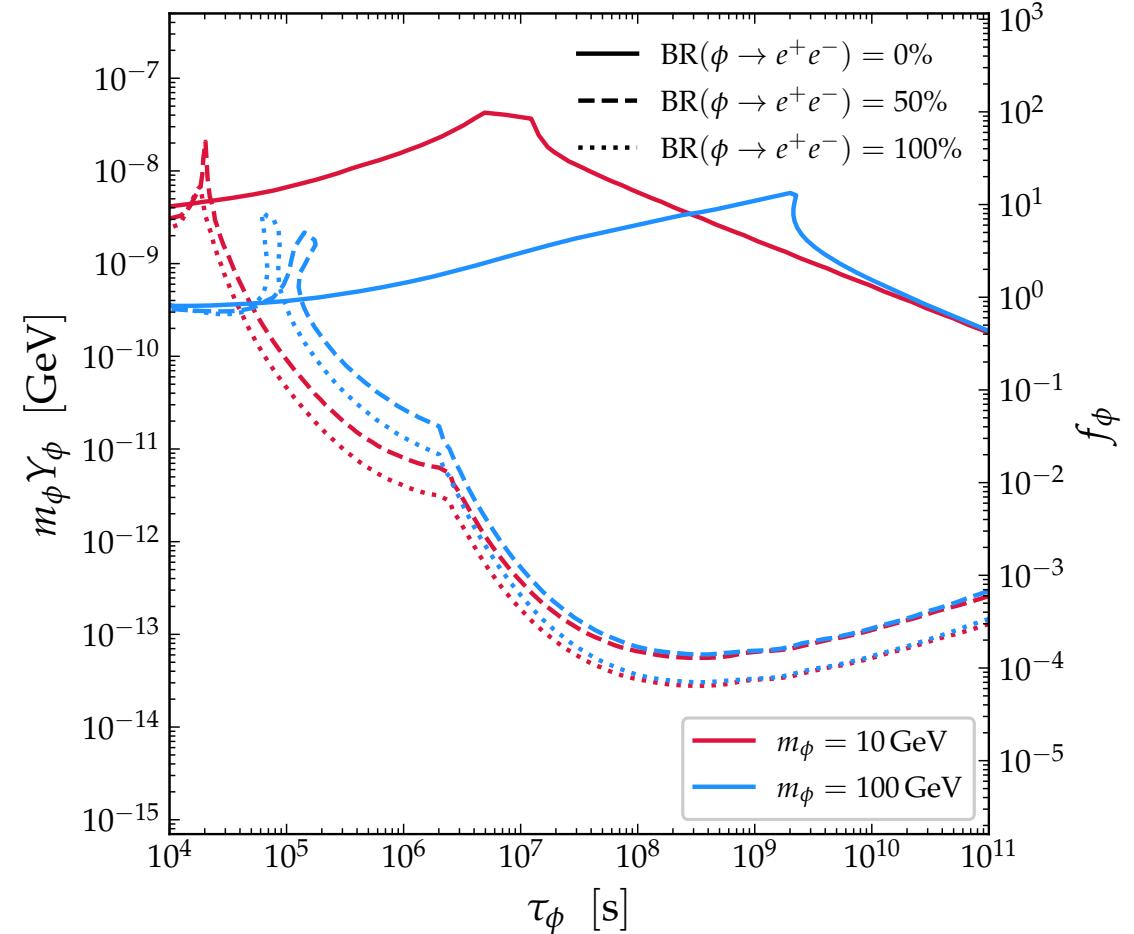
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# How broadly applicable are these results?



Results largely independent of initial neutrino composition ✓



Results likely still relevant for loop suppressed decay into electrons ✓

# Prelude to the Interlude: ingredients for Big Bang Nucleosynthesis?



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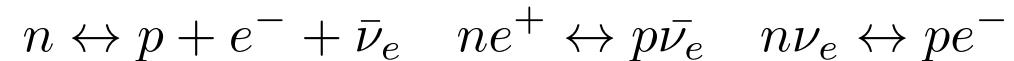
$$d\tau^2 = dt^2 - a(t)^2 (dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2)$$

$$\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \equiv H = \sqrt{\frac{8\pi G}{3}\rho} \quad , \quad \dot{\rho} + 3H(\rho + p) = 0$$

Baryon asymmetry

$$n_b = \eta n_\gamma \quad , \quad \eta \approx 6 \cdot 10^{-10}$$

Equilibrium of the weak interactions



$$\frac{Y_n}{Y_p} \simeq \exp\left(-\frac{Q}{T}\right) \quad , \quad Y_N = \frac{n_N}{n_b}$$

Note:  $\mathcal{Y}_p = 4Y_4He$

# Prelude to the Interlude: how to cook light elements



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$T \sim 1 \text{ MeV}$

Weak interactions drop out of equilibrium:  
neutron freeze-out

Now begins a race between the production  
of stable nuclei and the decay of neutrons!

$T \sim 0.1 \text{ MeV}$

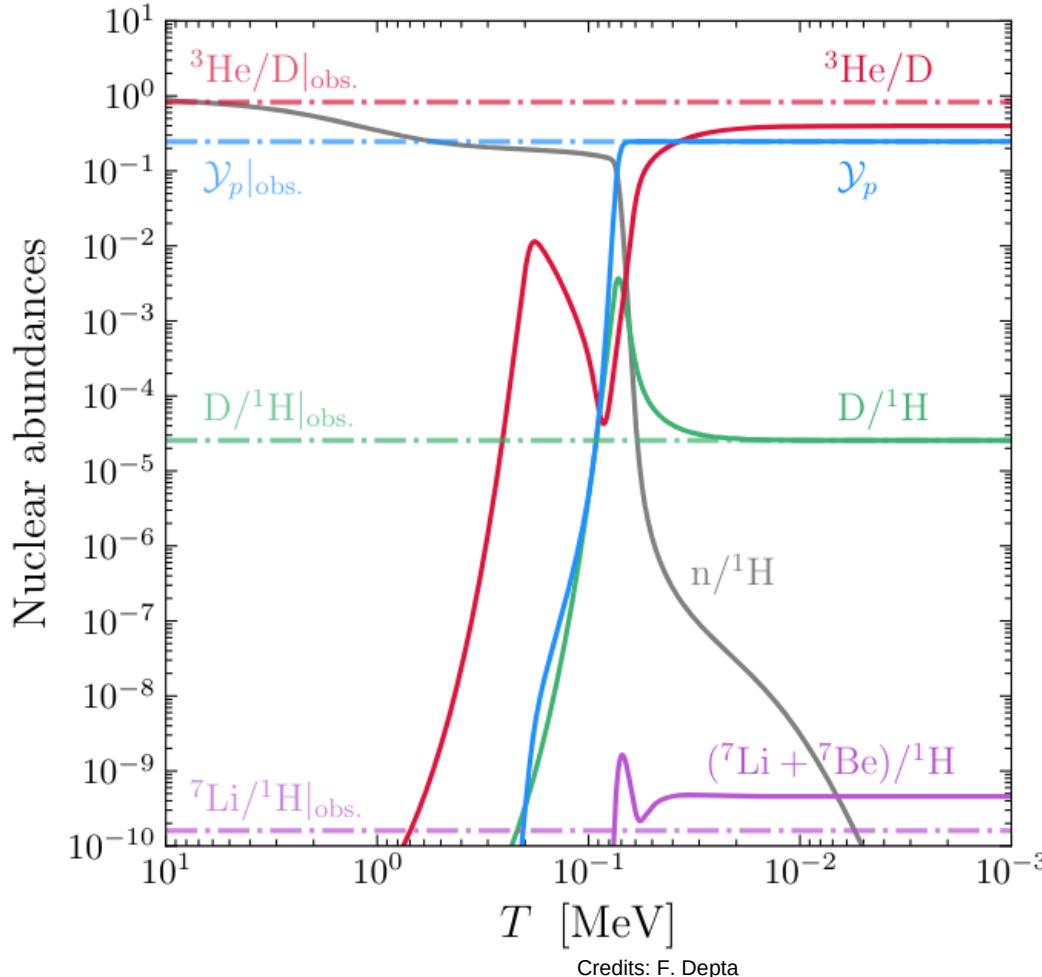
End of the deuterium bottleneck:  
Protons and neutrons can only produce  
deuterium initially:  $n+p \rightarrow {}^2H + \gamma$

However, the tiny baryon-to-photon ratio  
means that the exponential high-energy tail  
of the photon distribution can still destroy  
deuterium!

$T \sim 10 \text{ keV}$

End of fusion processes, final (SM)  
abundances are reached

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## Effects of changes in the background cosmology

- Modification of the **Hubble rate**

$$H(t) \sim \sqrt{\rho_{\text{SM}} + \rho_{\text{DS}}}$$

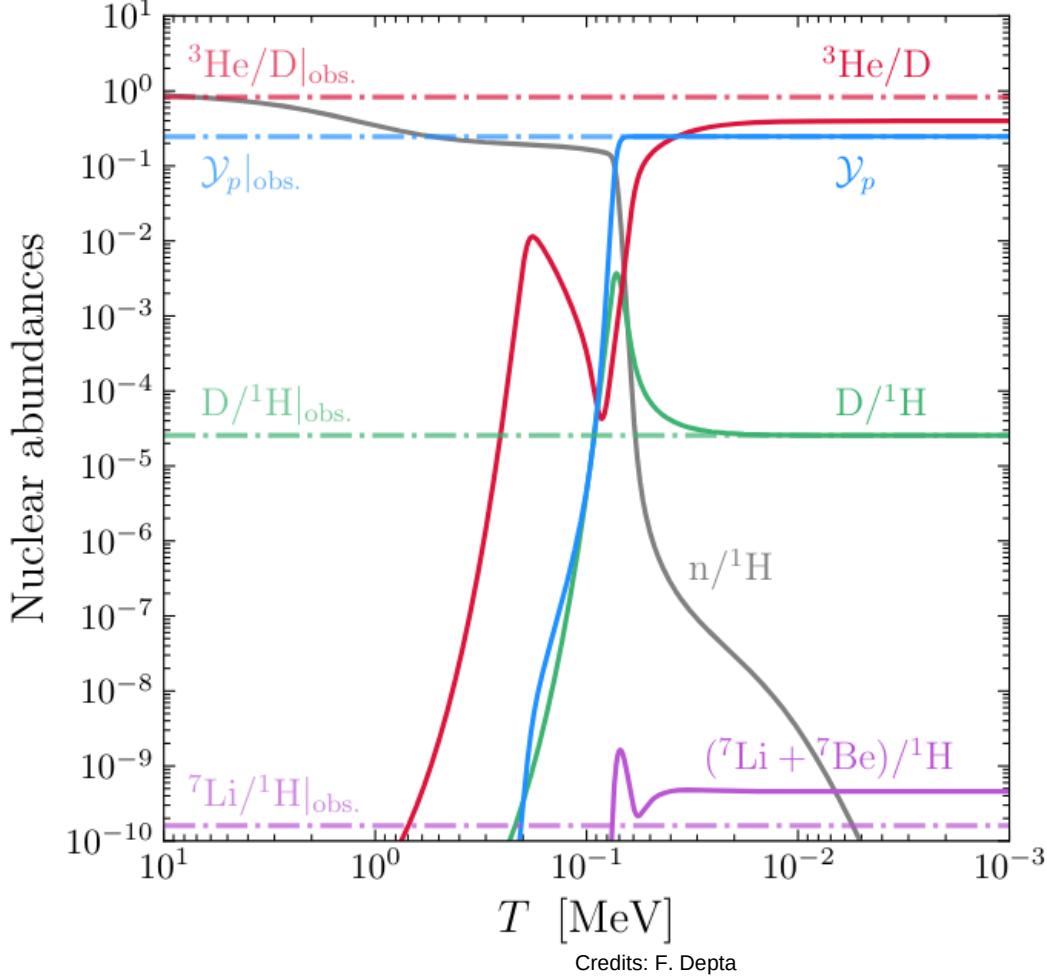
- Modification of the **time-temperature relation**

$$\dot{T} = \frac{\dot{q}_{\text{SM}} - 3H(\rho_{\text{SM}} + P_{\text{SM}})}{d\rho_{\text{SM}}/dt}$$

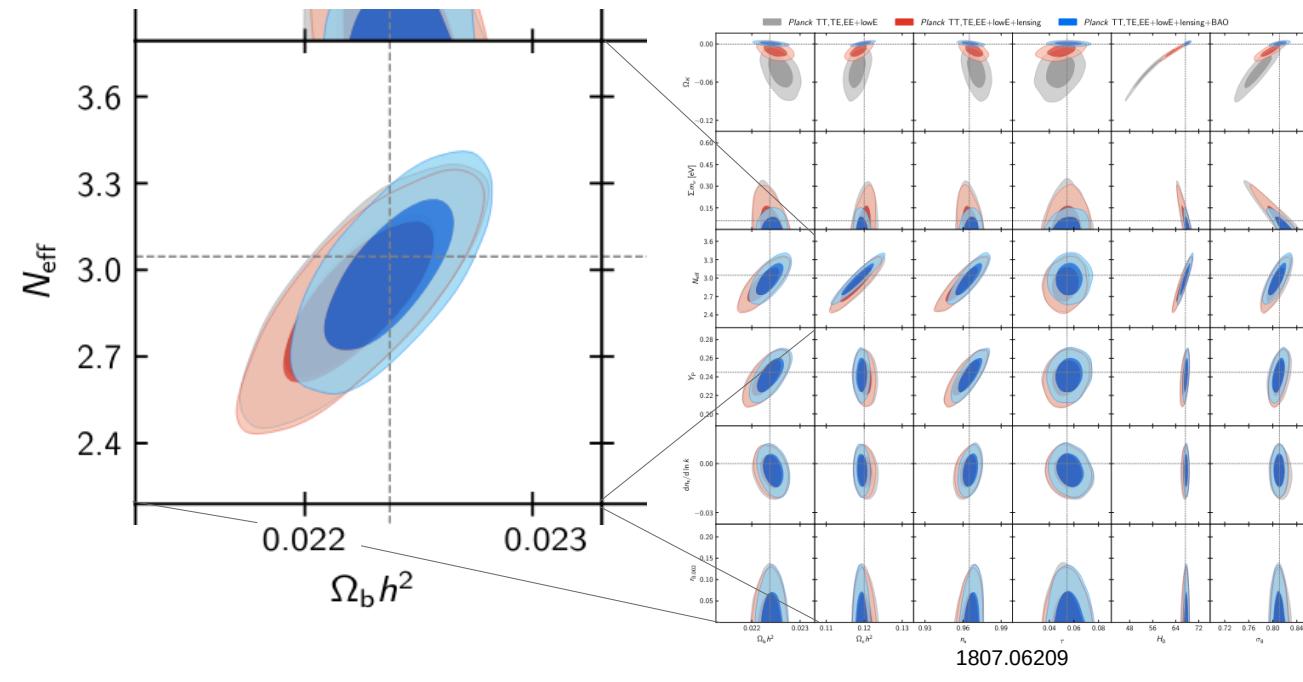
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Modification is driven by correlation to the **effective number of relativistic neutrinos**:



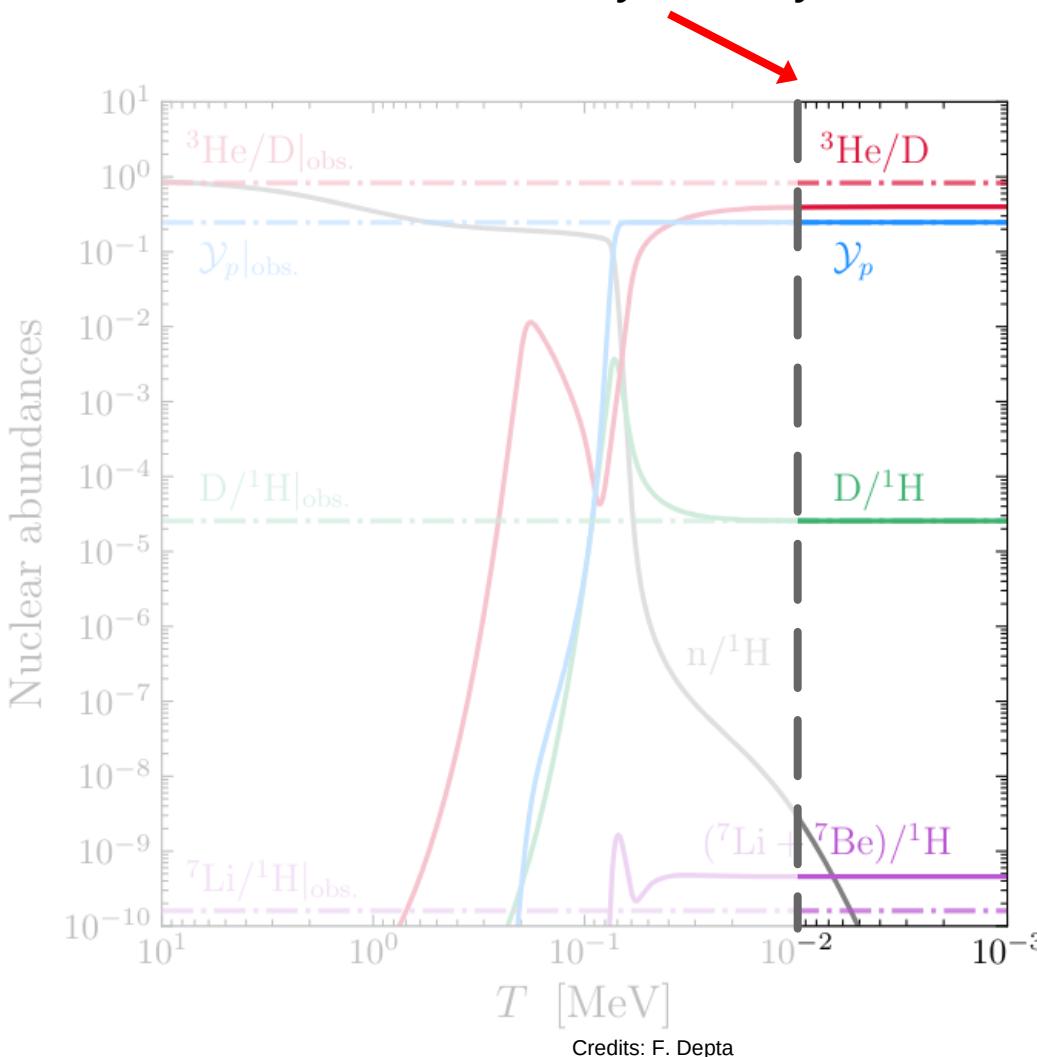
$$N_{\text{eff}} = \frac{\rho_{\nu}^{\text{th}}(t_{\text{rec}}) + \rho_{\nu}^{\text{n-th}}(t_{\text{rec}})}{2 \frac{7}{8} \frac{\pi^2}{30} \left(\frac{4}{11}\right)^{4/3} T(t_{\text{rec}})^4} \equiv [3 + \Delta(t_{\text{rec}})] \left(\frac{11}{4}\right)^{4/3} \left(\frac{T_{\nu}(t_{\text{rec}})}{T(t_{\text{rec}})}\right)^4.$$



$$\Rightarrow \eta = \bar{\eta} + r\sigma_{\eta} \frac{N_{\text{eff}} - \bar{N}_{\text{eff}}}{\sigma_{N_{\text{eff}}}}$$

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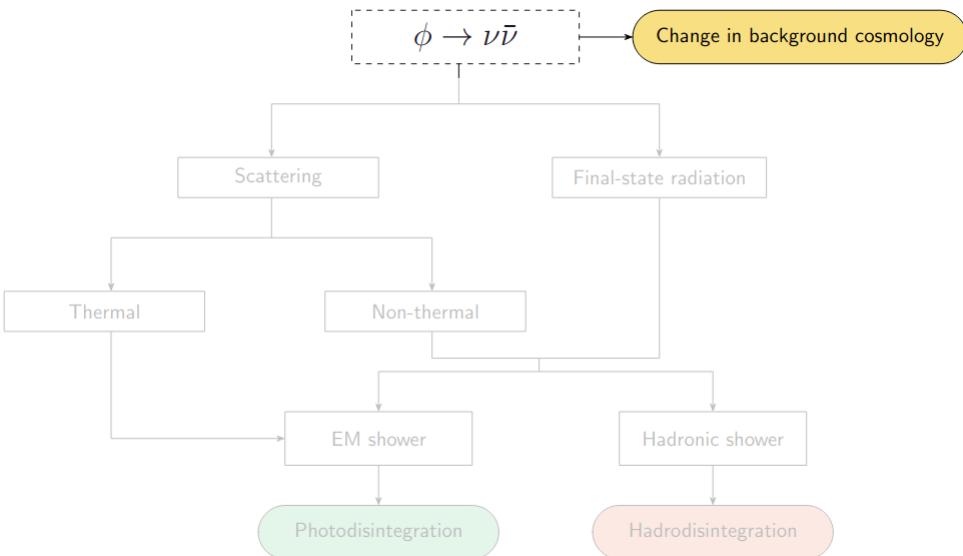
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Rapid scattering on the CMB induces a **universal spectrum**

$$f_{\gamma, \text{univ}}(T, E) \sim \begin{cases} K_0(E/E_X)^{-3/2} & , E < E_X \\ K_0(E/E_X)^{-2} & , E_X < E < E_{ee}^{\text{th}} \\ 0 & , E > E_{ee}^{\text{th}} \end{cases}$$

$$E_X = m_e^2/(80T) , \quad E_{ee}^{\text{th}} = m_e^2/(22T) , \quad K_0 \propto E_0$$

# Handling the contributions step-by-step



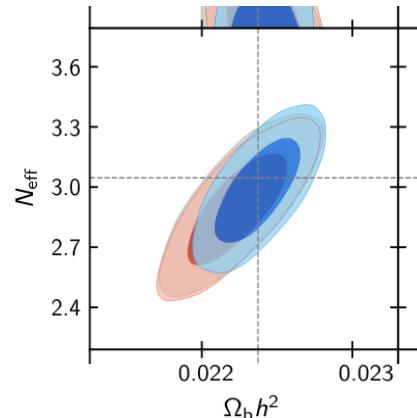
**The dominant effect:**

Additional energy density increases  $N_{\text{eff}}$

Change in  $\eta$  due to correlation with  $N_{\text{eff}}$

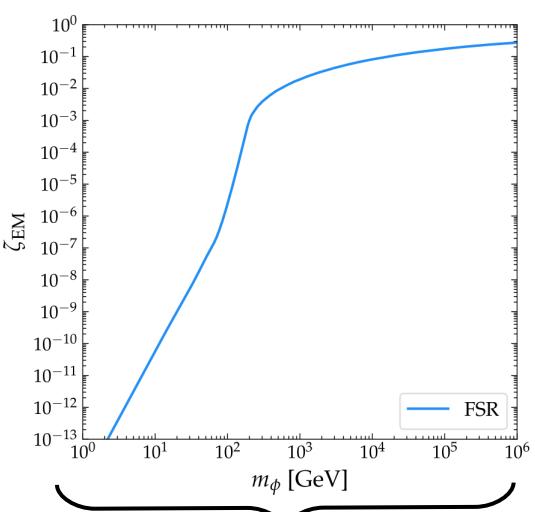
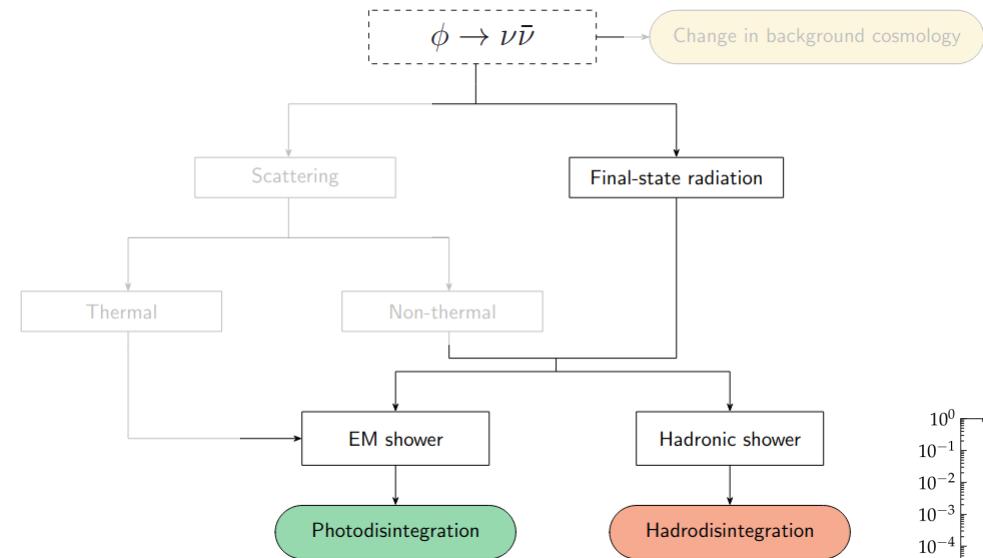
Initial conditions of BBN are varied due to  $\eta$

BBN is modified and we get different abundances

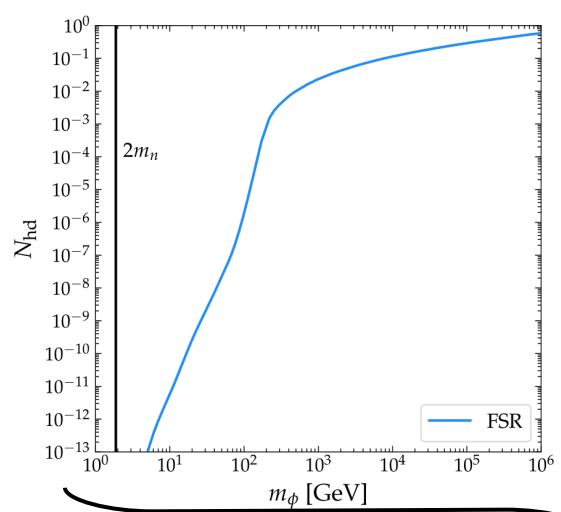


# Handling the contributions step-by-step

Injection rate is determined by the decay rate



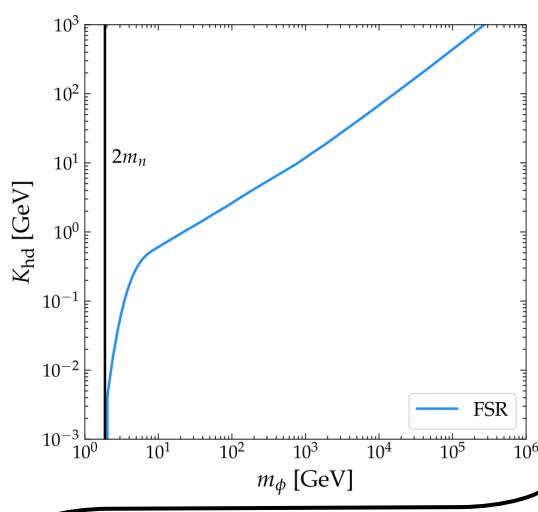
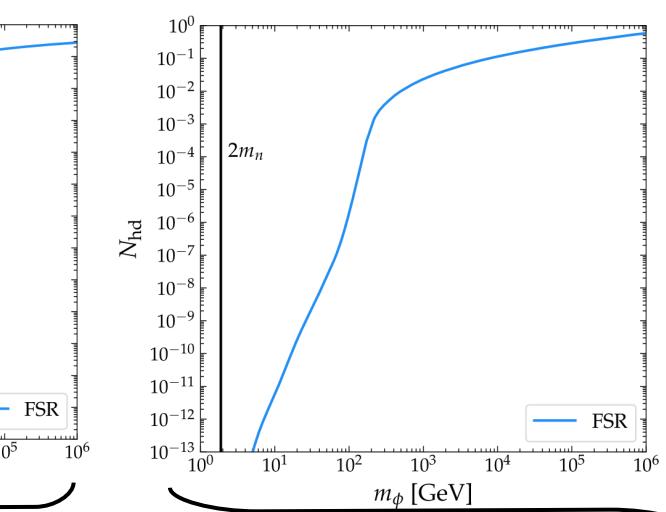
PDI requires 1 parameter (universal spectrum)



HDI requires 2 parameters

Effect of an individual injection determined by PYTHIA

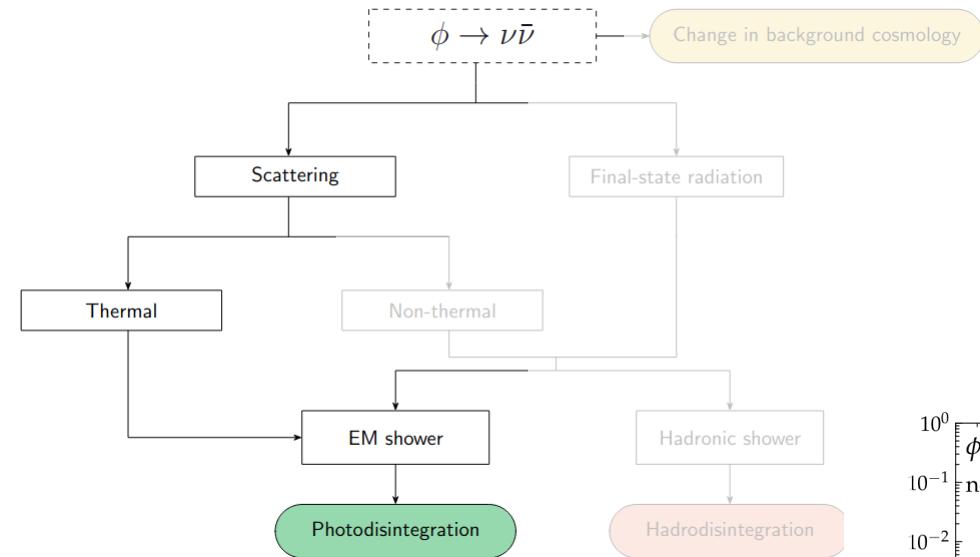
PDI handled in [2112.09137];



# Handling the contributions step-by-step

Injection rate given by thermal scattering rate

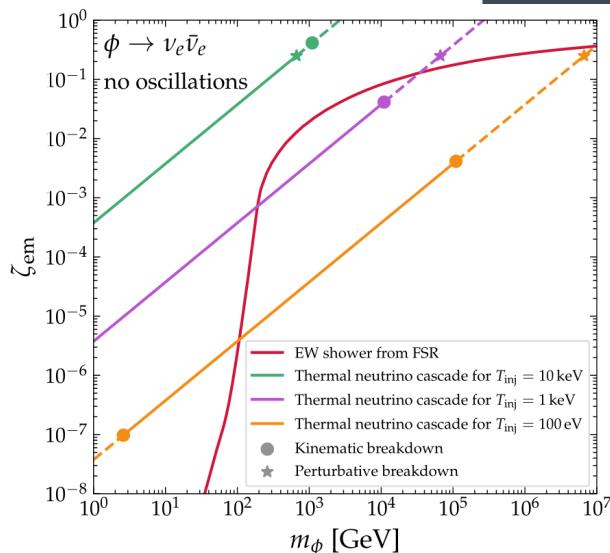
$$\Gamma_{ee}(T, E) \sim G_F^2 E T_\nu^4$$



Effect of an individual injection determined analytically

$$d\zeta_{\text{em}} \simeq \frac{E(t)}{E_{\text{inj}}} \Gamma_{ee}(t) dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \zeta_{\text{em}}(T_{\text{inj}}) = \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{\Gamma_{ee}}{H} \right)_{\text{inj}}$$

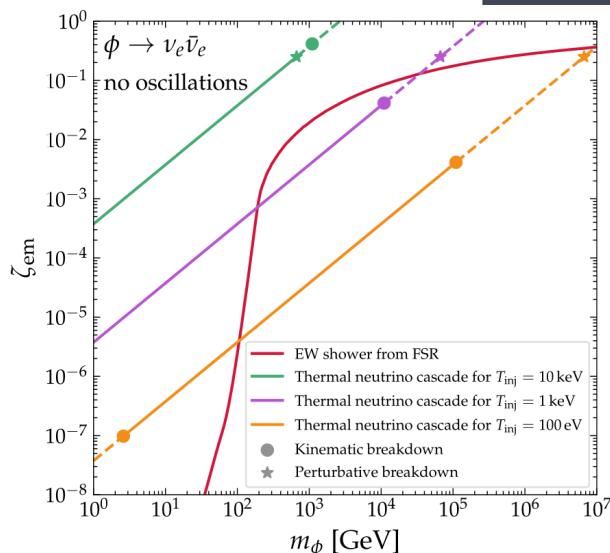
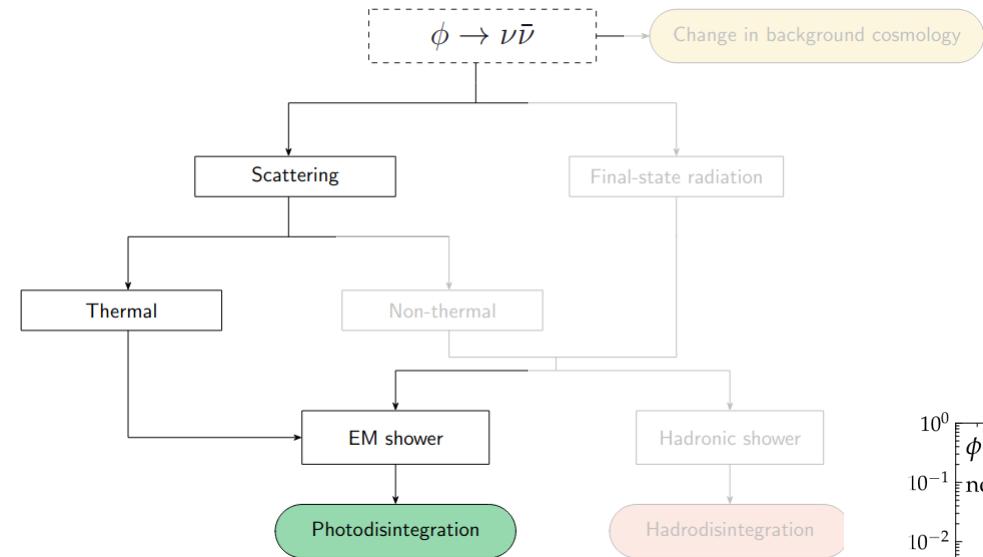


$$s \sim 4ET \ll 4m_n^2$$

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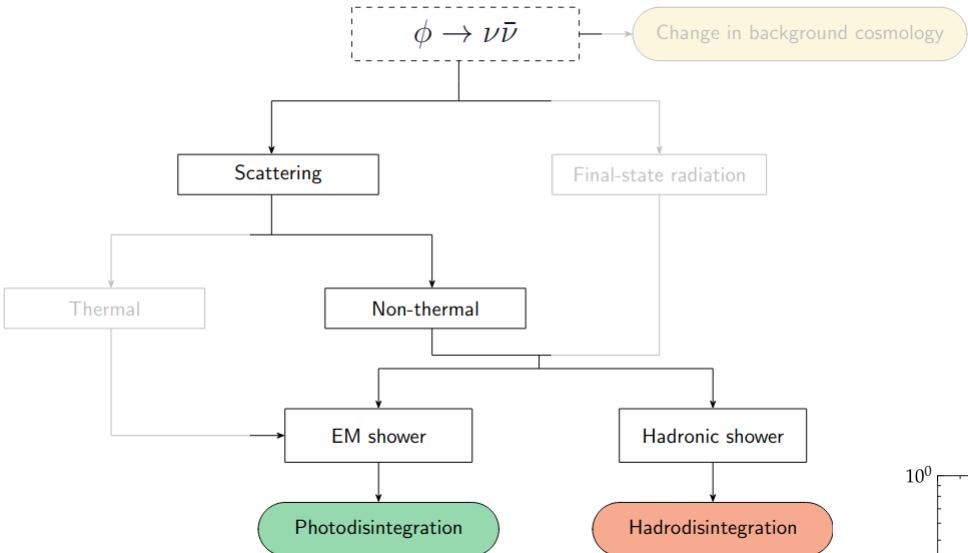
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“Elastic” scattering:

$$\begin{aligned} & \Gamma_{ee}(T, E_1) + \Gamma_{ee}(T, E_2) \\ &= \text{const.} \times G_F^2 T_\nu^4 (E_1 + E_2) \\ &= \Gamma_{ee}(T, E_1 + E_2) \end{aligned}$$

Redistribution of energy is irrelevant!

# Handling the contributions step-by-step



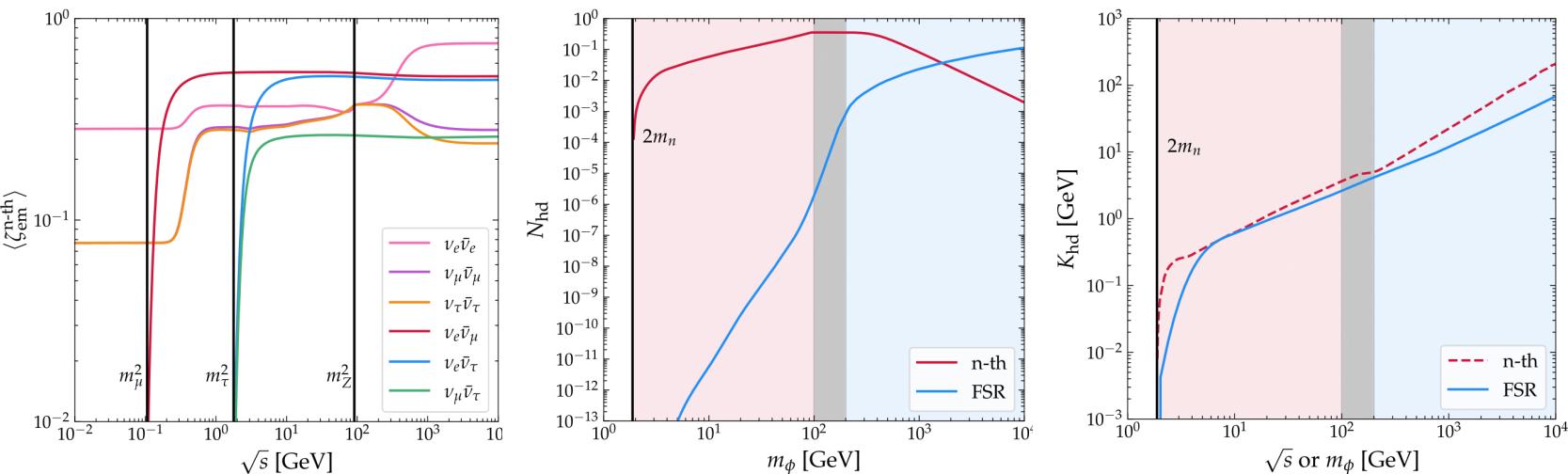
Injection rate given in general by

$$\Gamma_{\text{ann}}(T, E) = \frac{g_\nu}{16\pi^2 E^2} \int_0^\infty d\epsilon f_{\nu, \text{n-th}}(\epsilon) \int_0^{4E\epsilon} ds s \cdot \sigma_{\text{ann}}(s)$$

Requires knowledge of non-thermal spectrum!!!  
See following slides for exact methodology

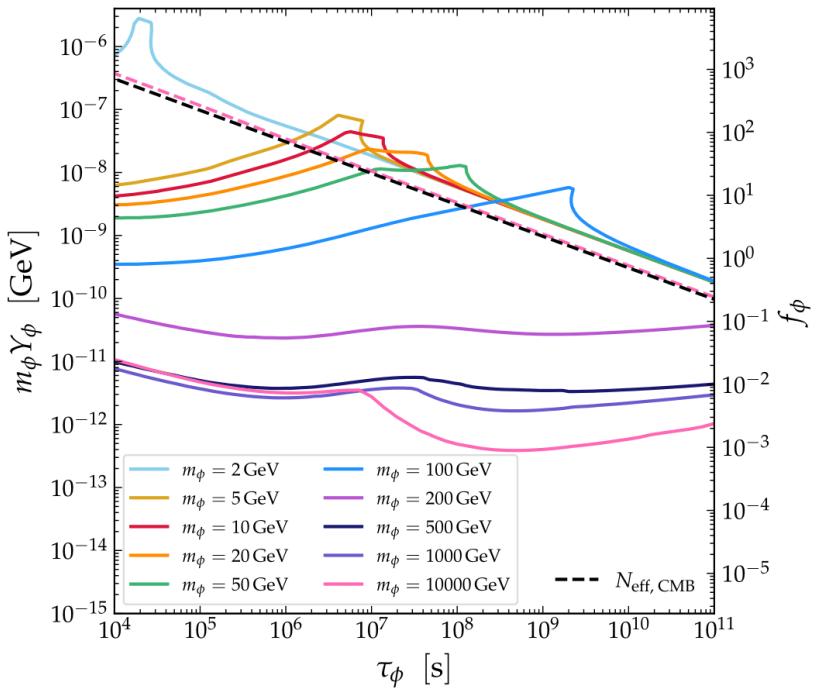


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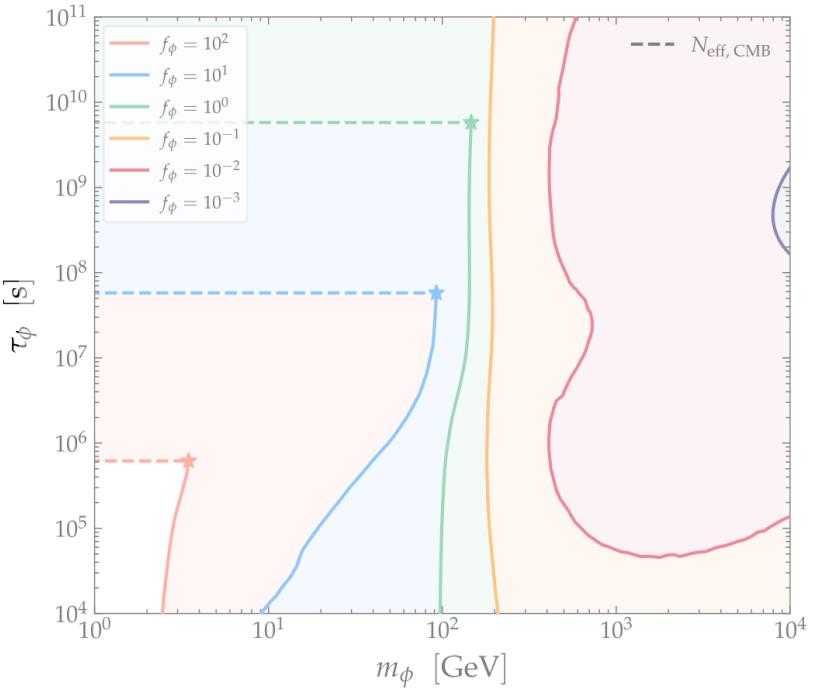


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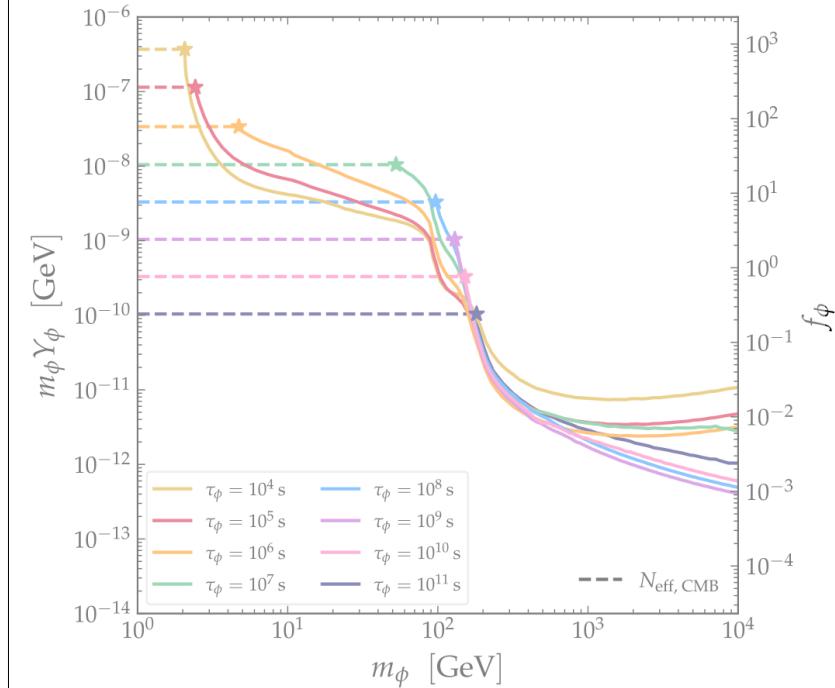
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$f_\phi$

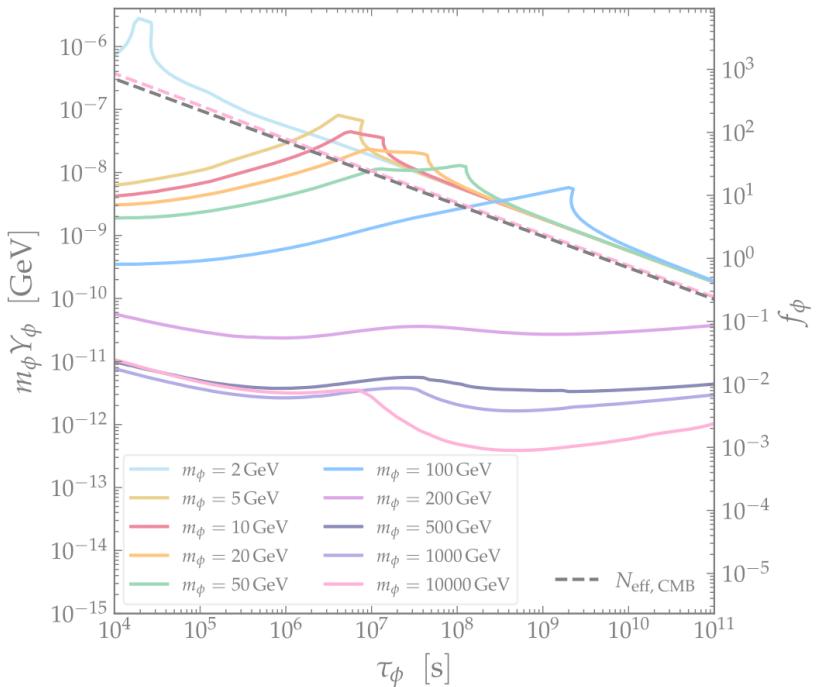


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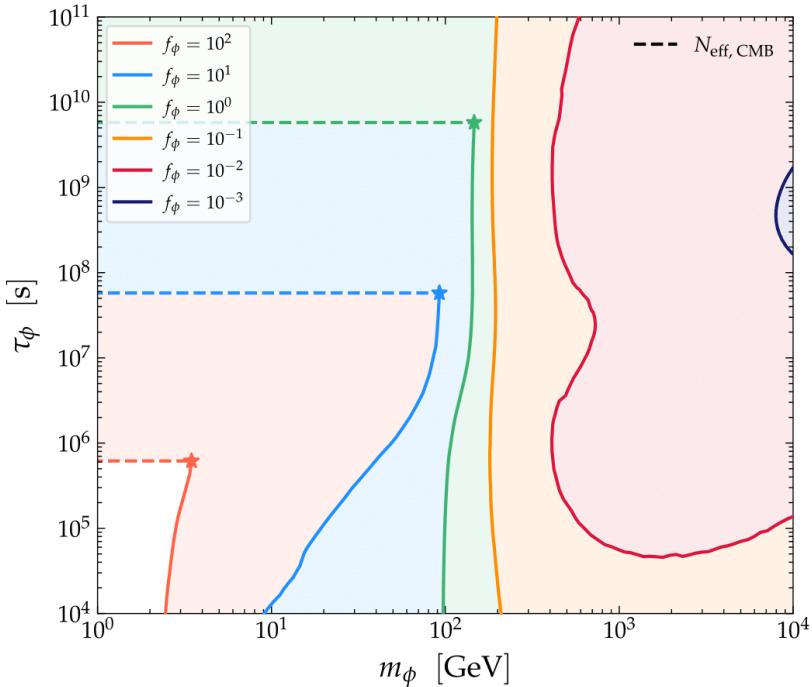


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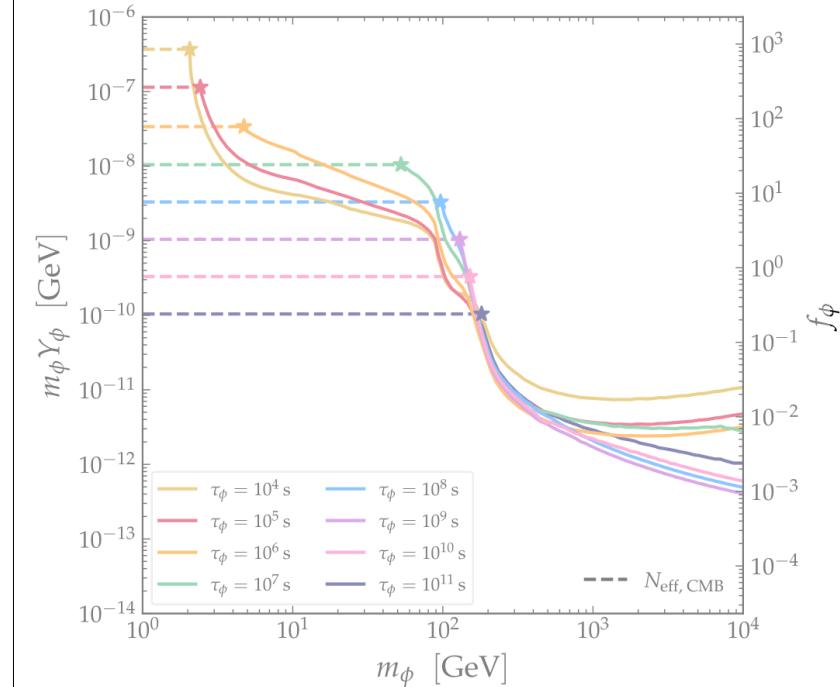
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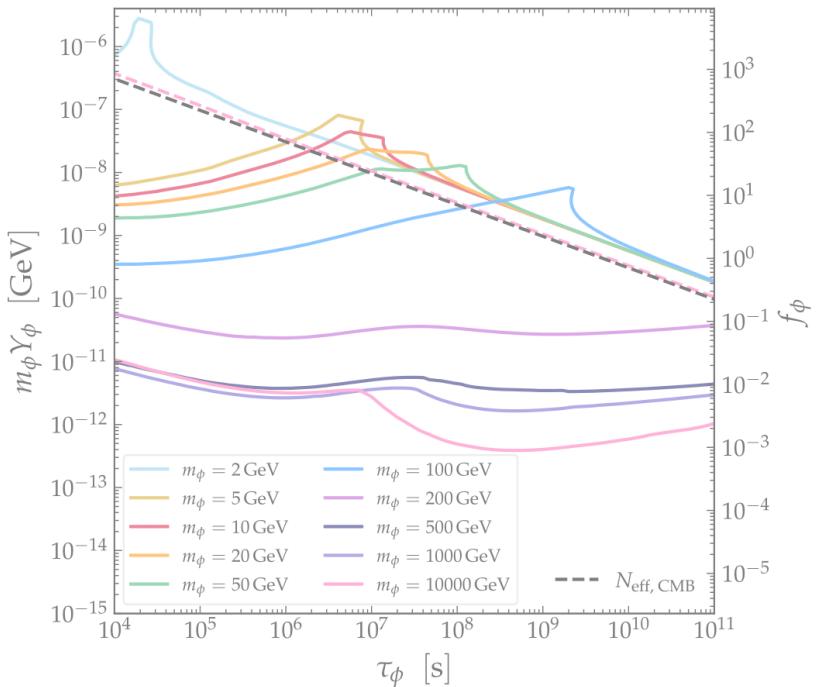


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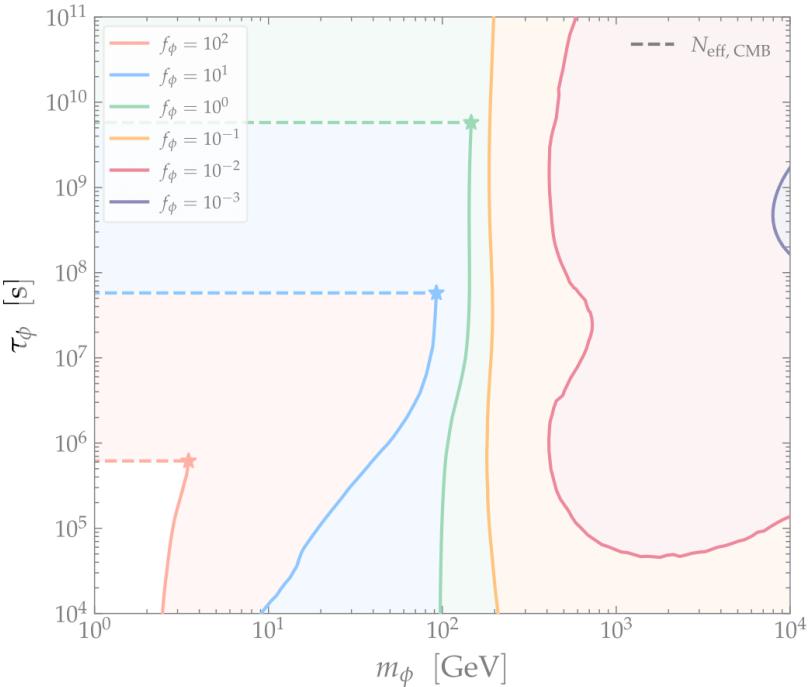


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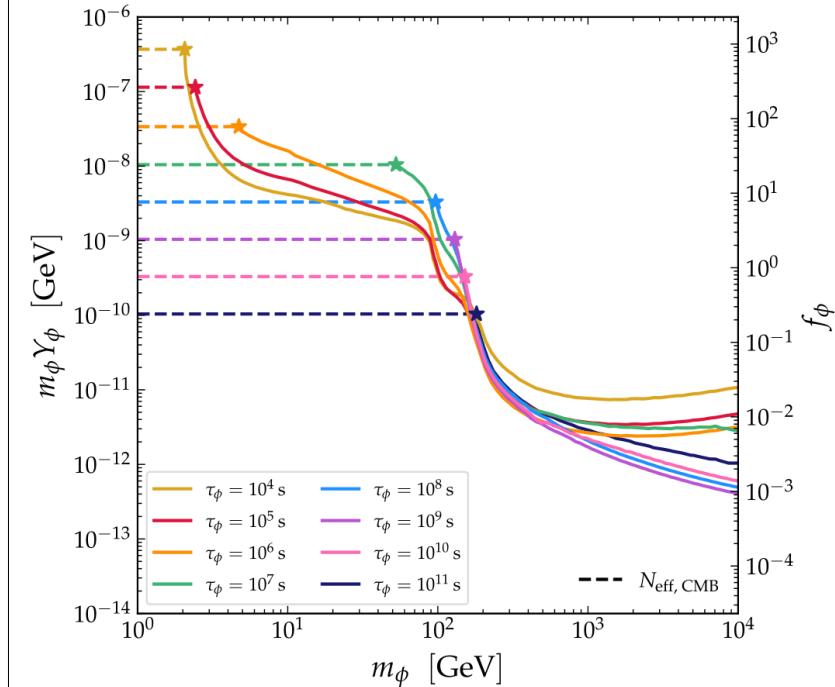
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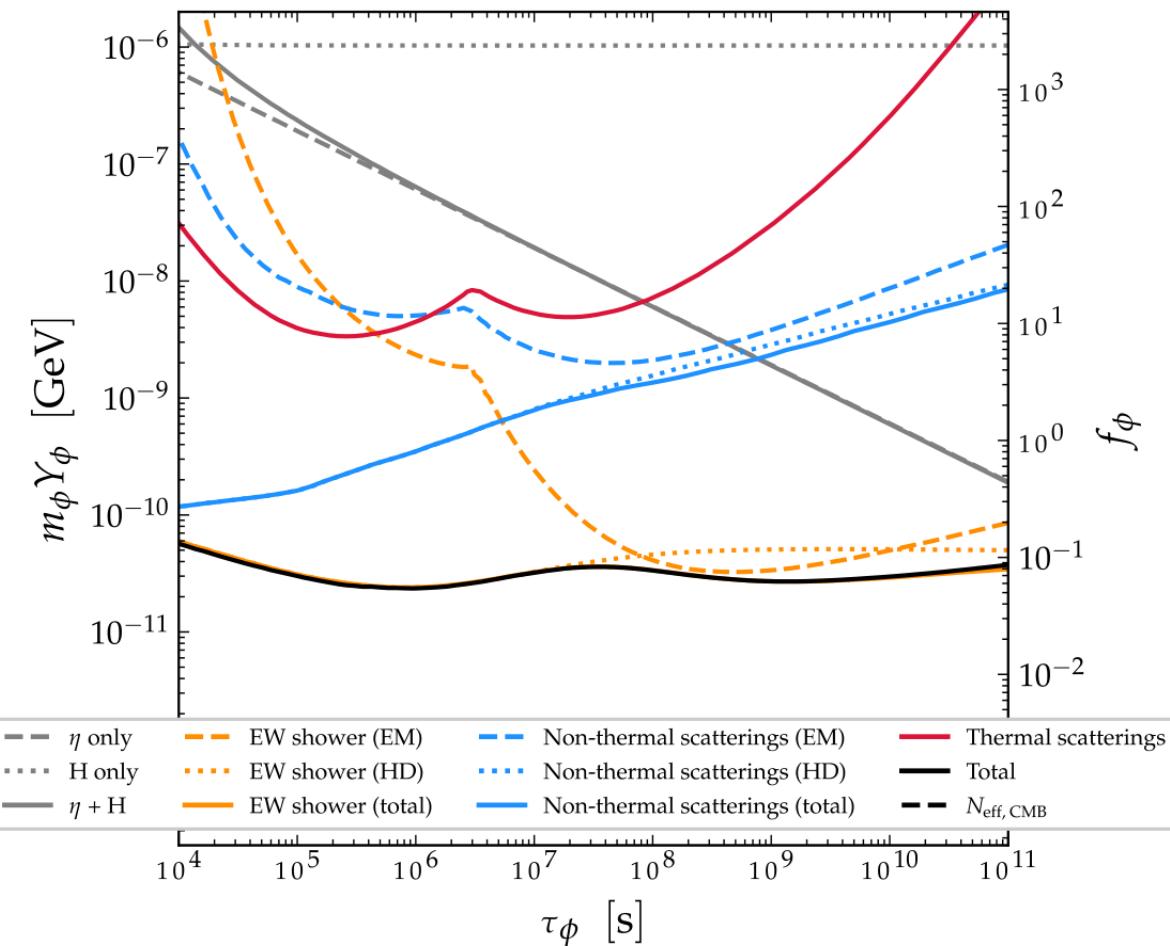
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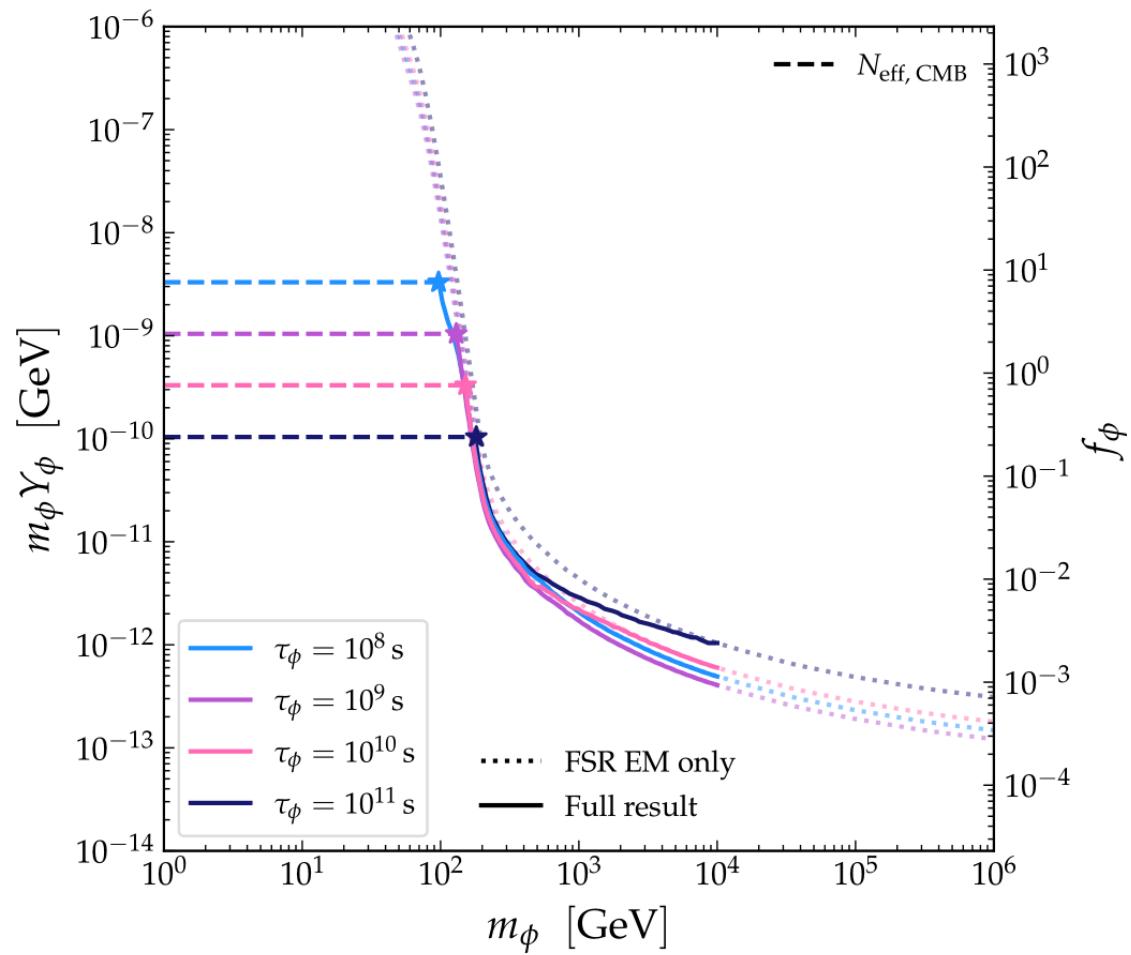
$\tau_\phi$



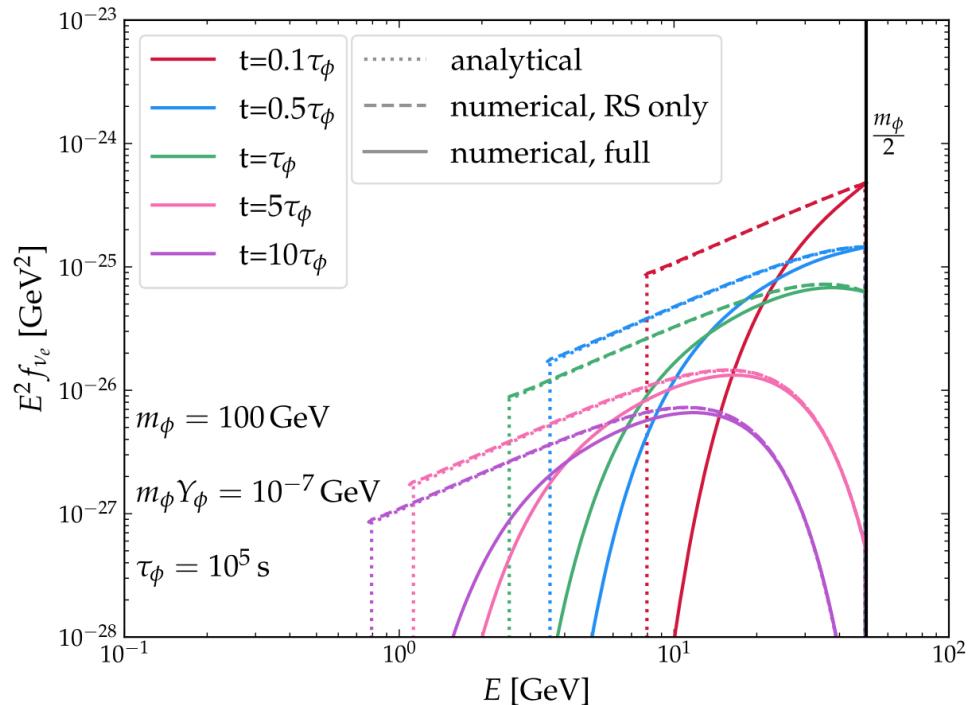
# “Intermediate” mass result: 200GeV



# Asymptotic behaviour



# How to track the neutrino cascade



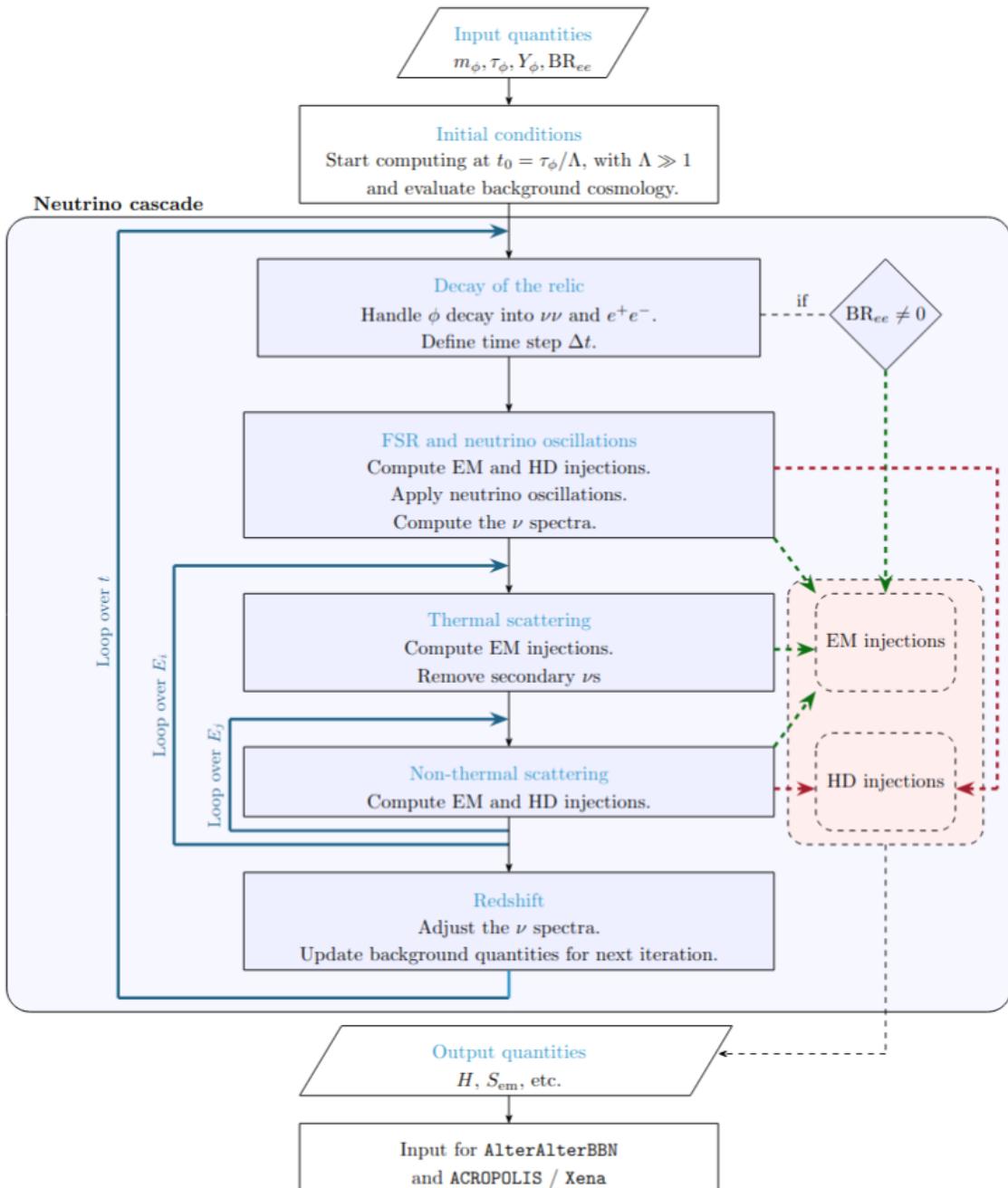
Is the Hubble rate dominant

Yes

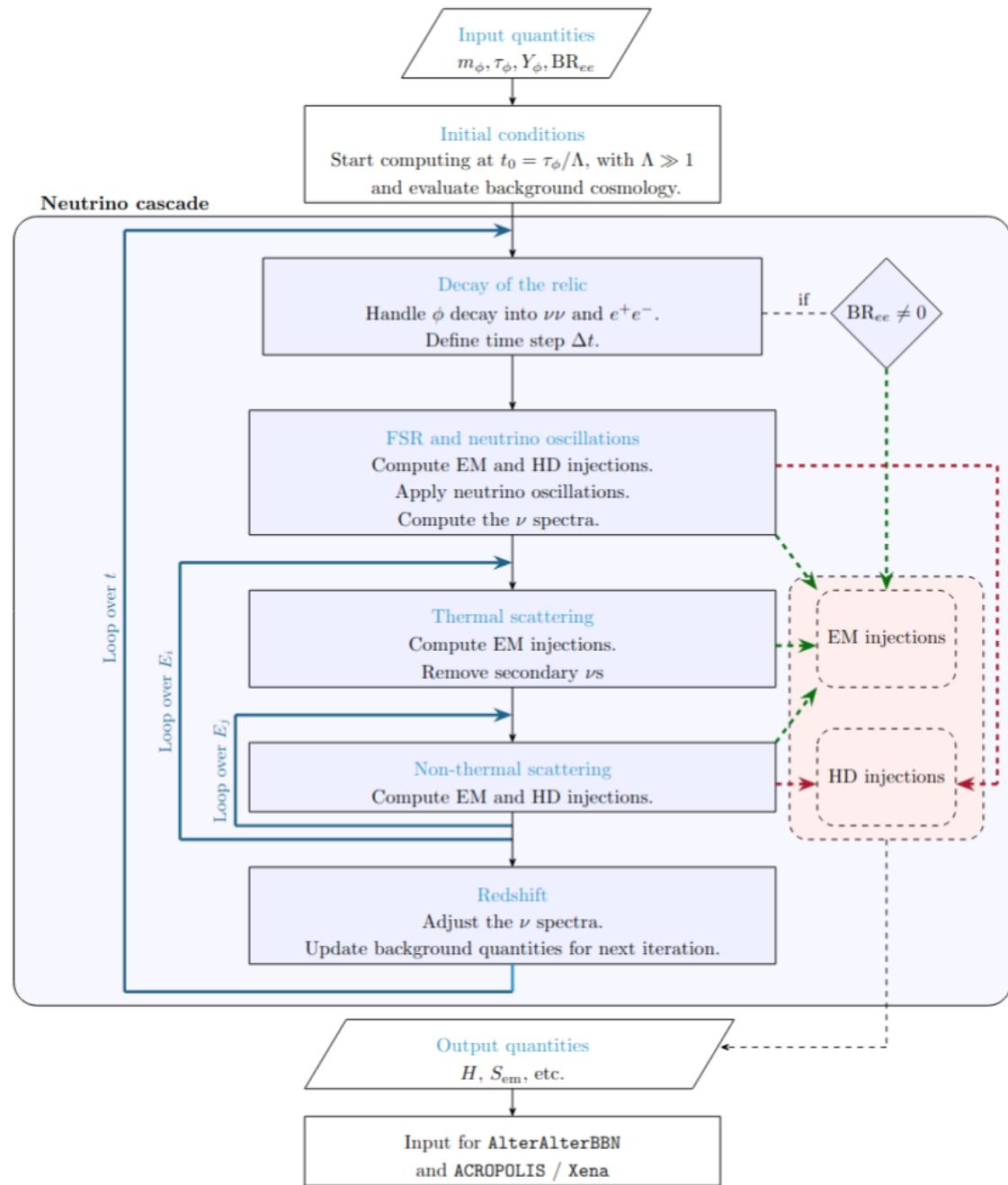
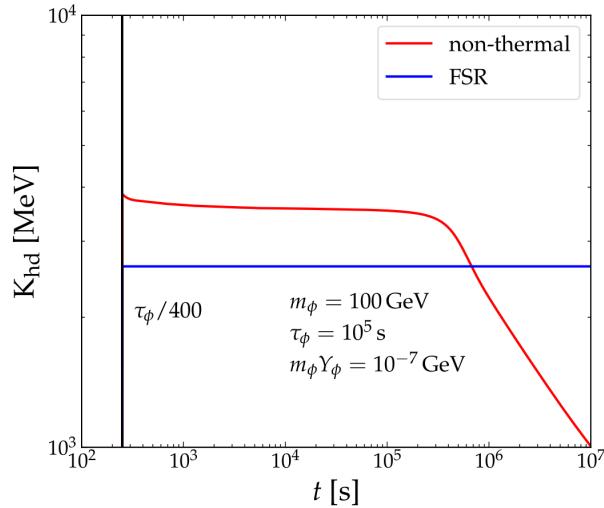
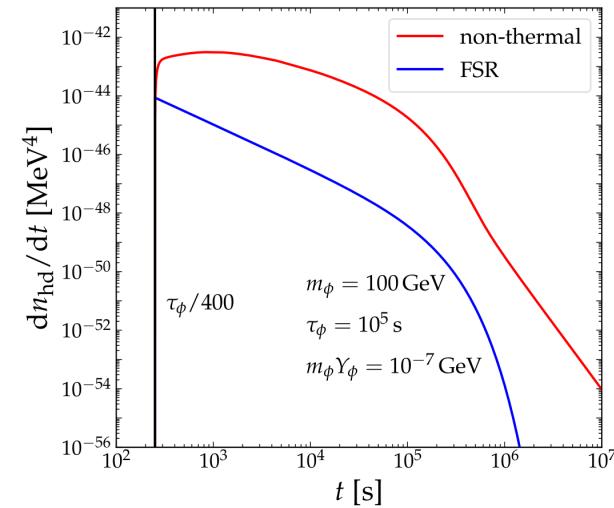
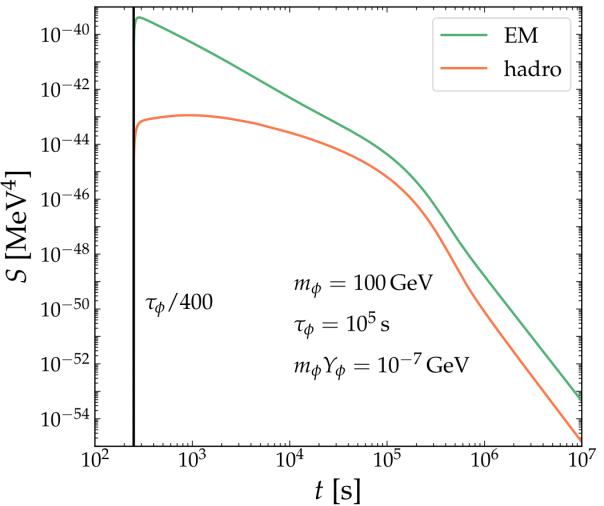
Spectrum mainly redshifts

No

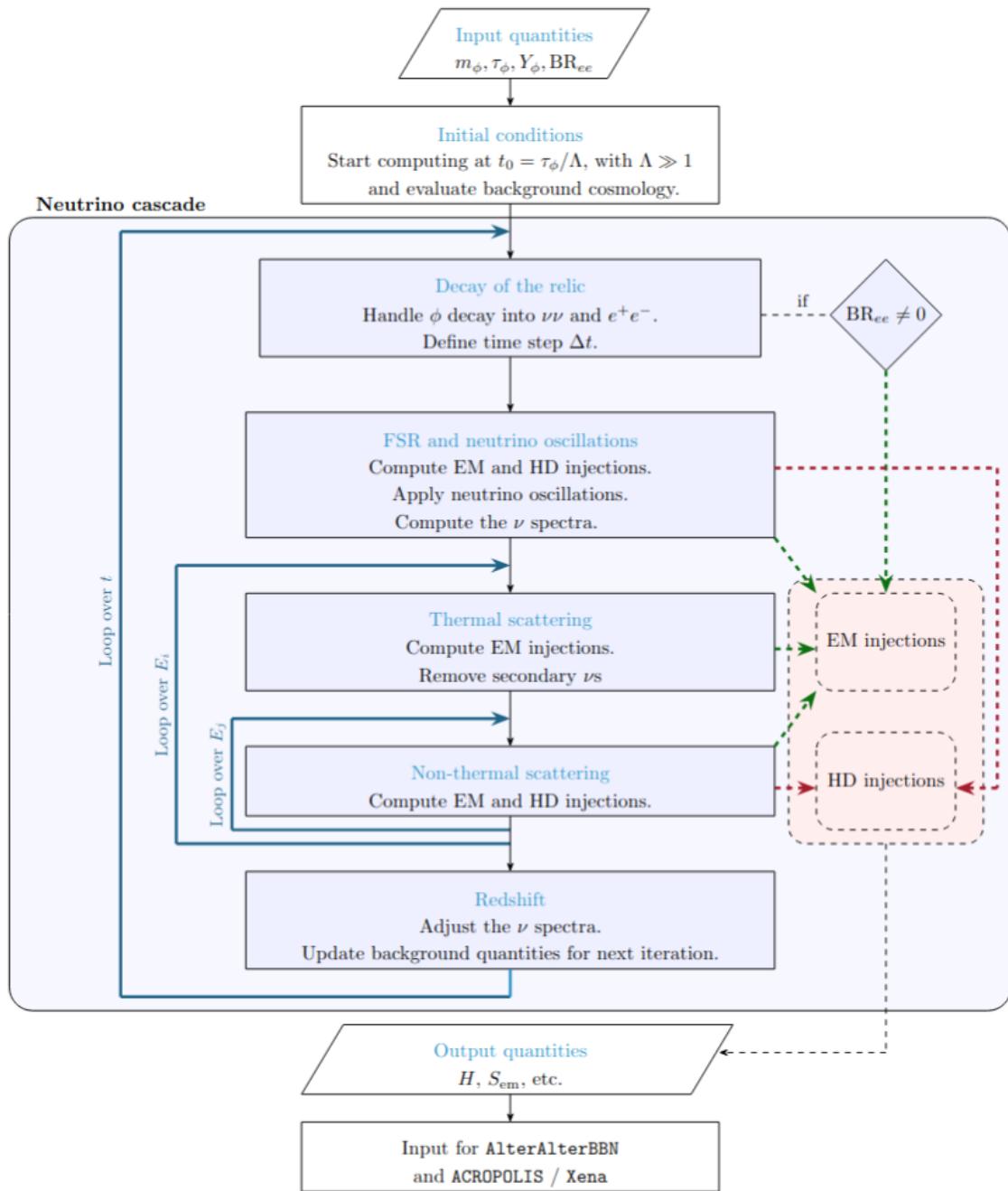
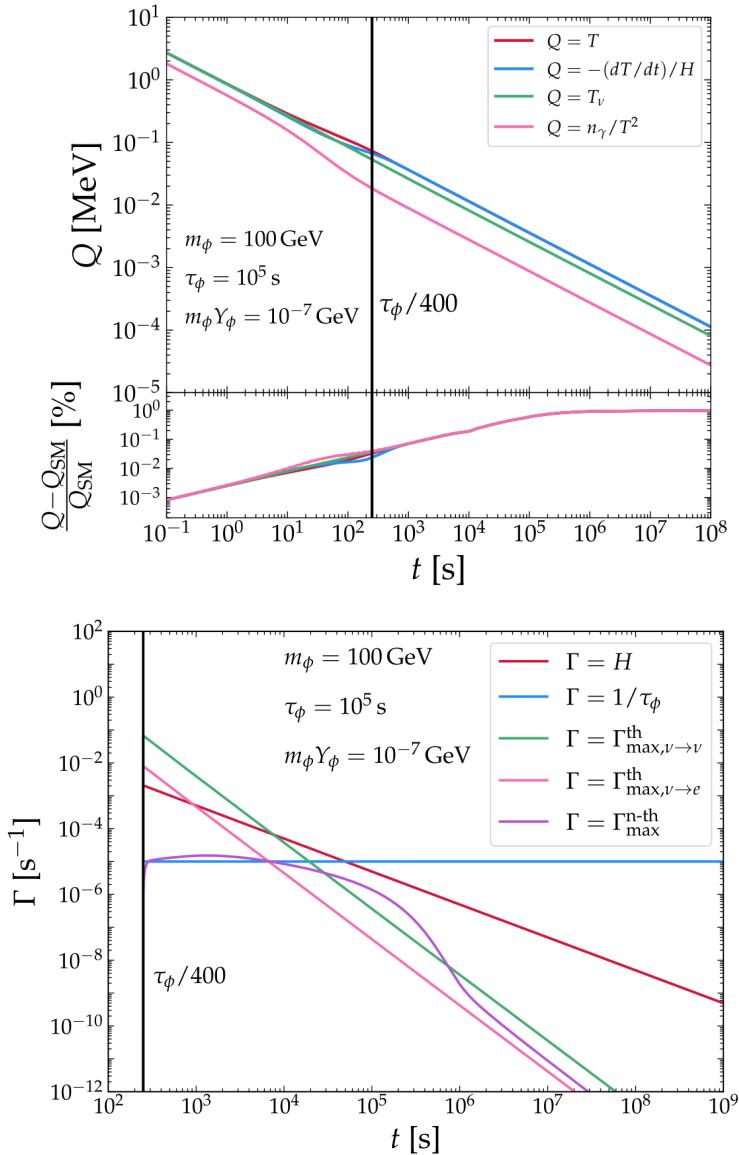
Elastic scattering depletes the spectrum  
Approximation: No redistribution of energy



# How to track the neutrino cascade

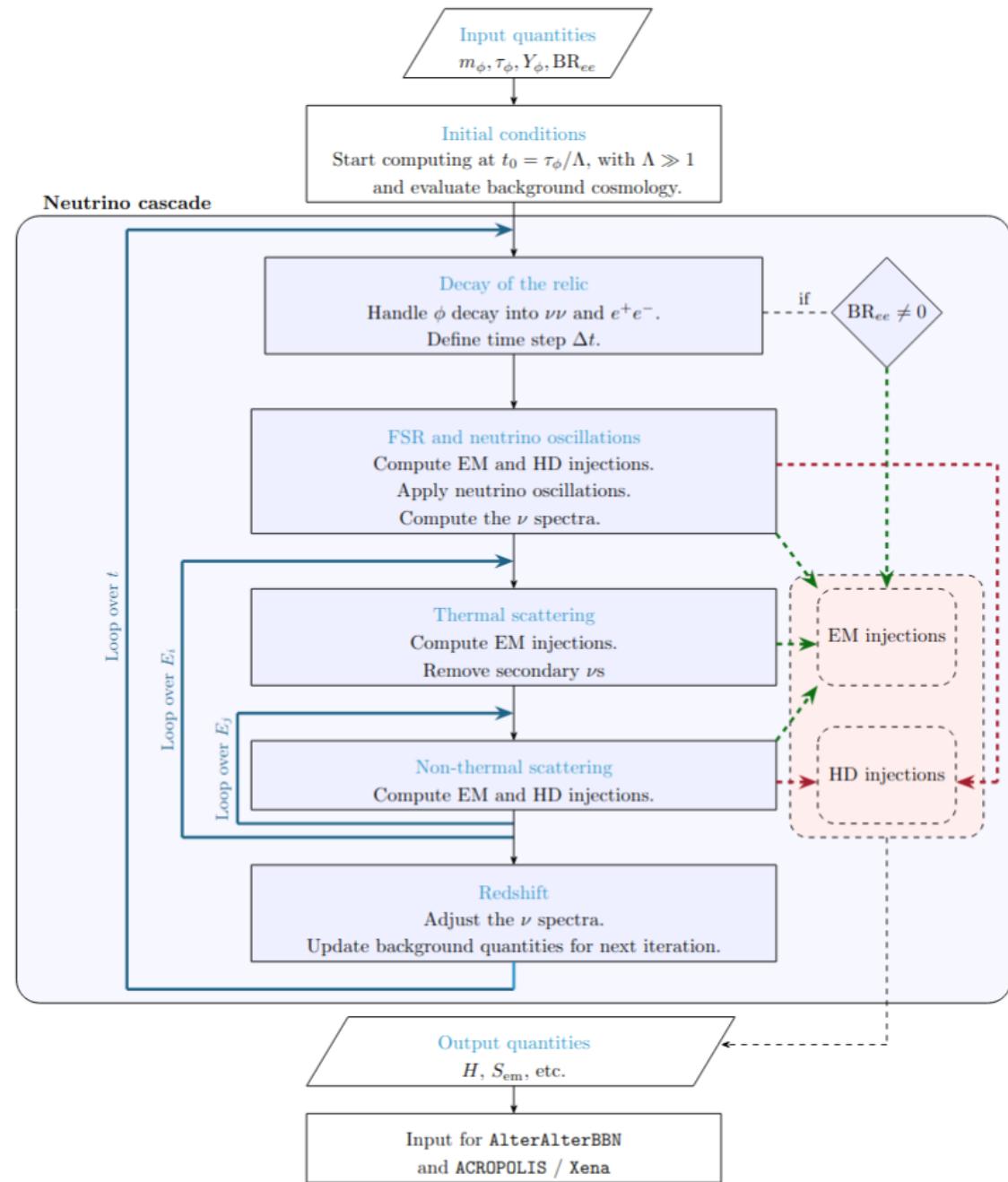


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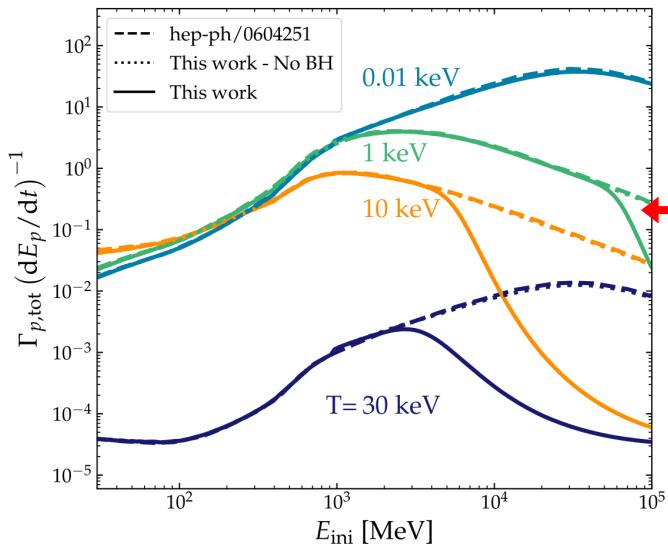


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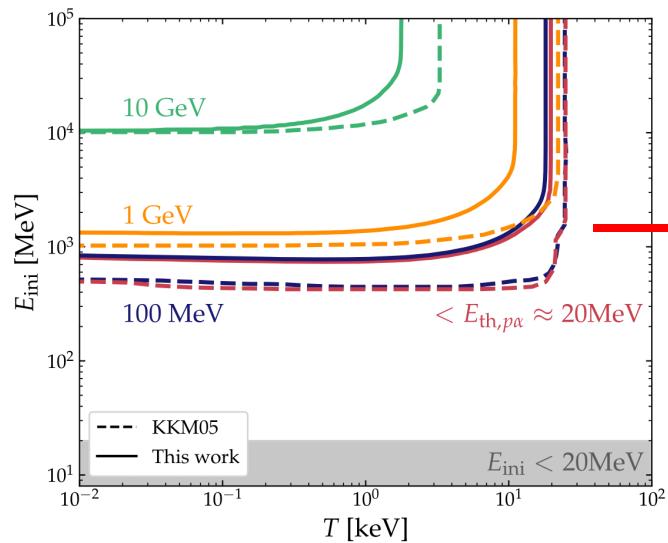
Variable	Description	Unit
<b>Input parameters</b>		
$Y_\phi$	Abundance of $\phi$	-
$m_\phi$	Mass of $\phi$	MeV
$\tau_\phi$	Lifetime of $\phi$	s
$\text{BR}_{ee}$	Branching ratio into $e^+e^-$	-
<b>One-dimensional output parameters</b>		
$f_\phi$	Fractional abundance of $\phi$ , $\frac{\Omega_\phi}{\Omega_{\text{DM}}}$	-
$N_{\text{eff}}$	Effective number of neutrinos	-
$\eta$	Baryon-to-photon ratio	-
<b>Two-dimensional output parameters</b>		
$t$	Time	s
$T$	Temperature	MeV
$\frac{dT}{dt}$	Time-temperature relation	MeV <sup>2</sup>
$T_\nu$	Neutrino temperature	MeV
$H$	Hubble rate	MeV
$n_\gamma$	Photon number density	MeV <sup>3</sup>
$S_{\text{em}}$	Electromagnetic source term, eq. (4.11)	MeV <sup>4</sup>
$S_{\text{hd}}$	Hadronic source term	MeV <sup>4</sup>
$\frac{dn_{\text{hd}}^{\text{n-th}}}{dt}$	Injected hadrons per time from non-th. scattering, eq. (4.14)	MeV <sup>4</sup>
$K_{\text{hd}}^{\text{n-th}}$	Avg. kinetic energy of hadrons from non-th. scattering, eq. (4.14)	MeV
$\frac{dn_{\text{fsr}}^{\text{hd}}}{dt}$	Injected hadrons per time interval from FSR, eq. (4.14)	MeV <sup>4</sup>
$K_{\text{hd}}^{\text{fsr}}$	Avg. kinetic energy of hadrons from FSR, eq. (4.14)	MeV



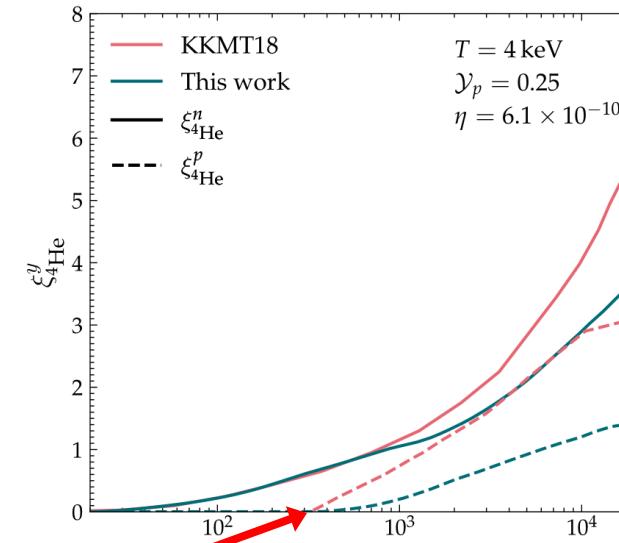
# Details on hadrodisintegration & discrepancy with the literature



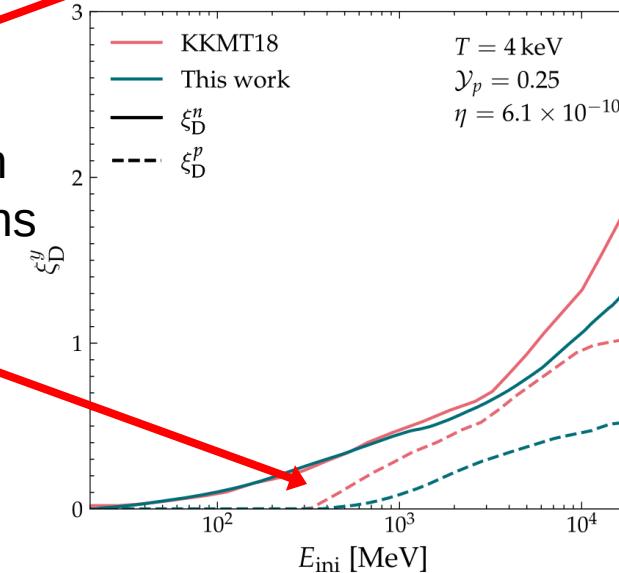
Cross check with the literature



Related to difference in stopping power of protons



Note:  
Discrepancy in neutrons due to interconversions



# Model building

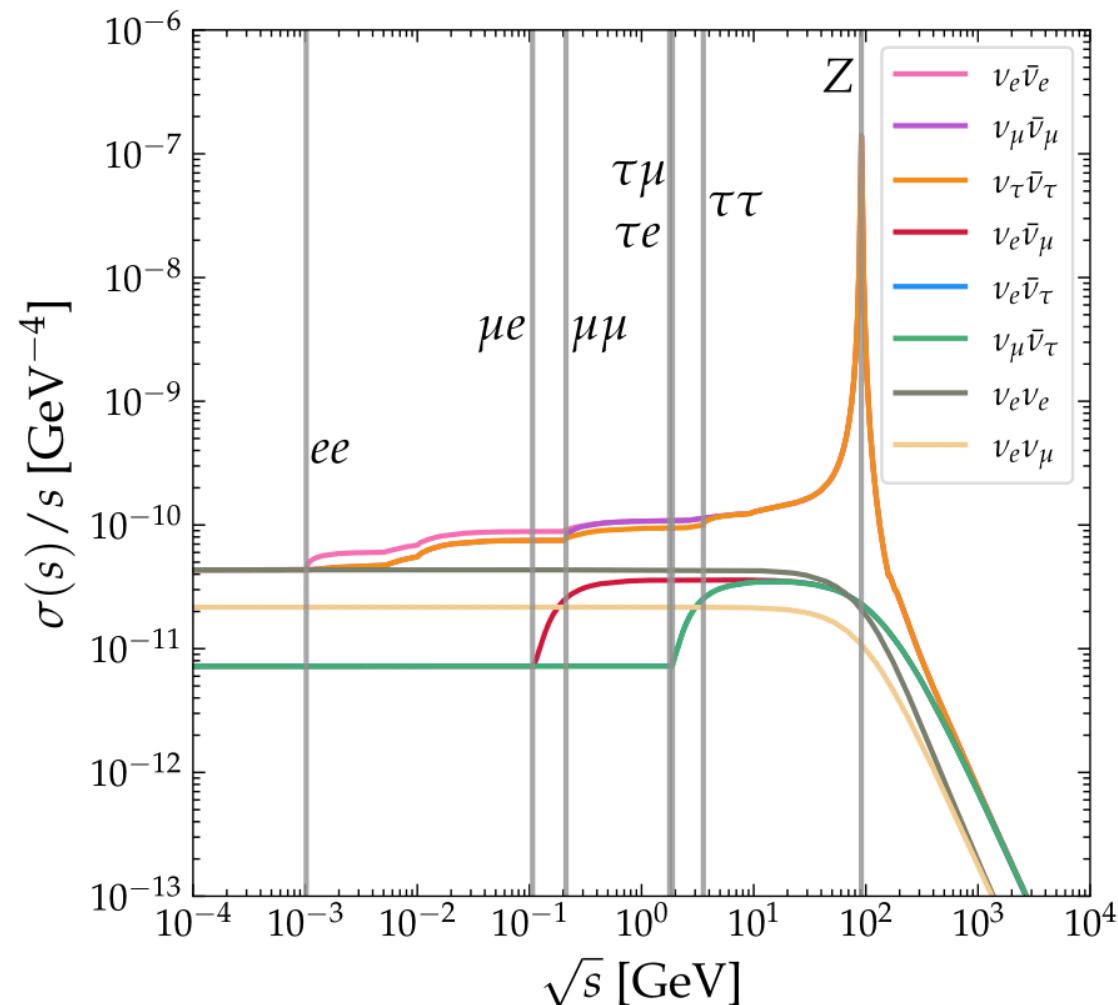
- Majoron: with loop suppressed decay into electrons
- Gauge boson coupled to two sterile neutrinos + seesaw mixing
- Neutral component of a scalar hypercharge 2 triplet
- Decay into one neutrino and one DS state is potentially also relevant

$$y_N \phi \overline{N^c} N$$

$$\Delta = (\delta^0, \delta^+, \delta^{++})$$

$$\Delta LL$$

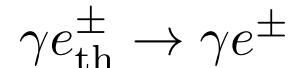
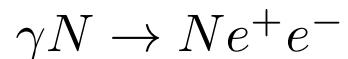
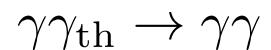
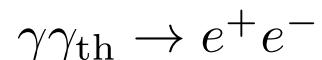
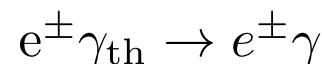
# The full EW cross sections



# Details on photodisintegration processes

## Important energy loss/redistribution processes

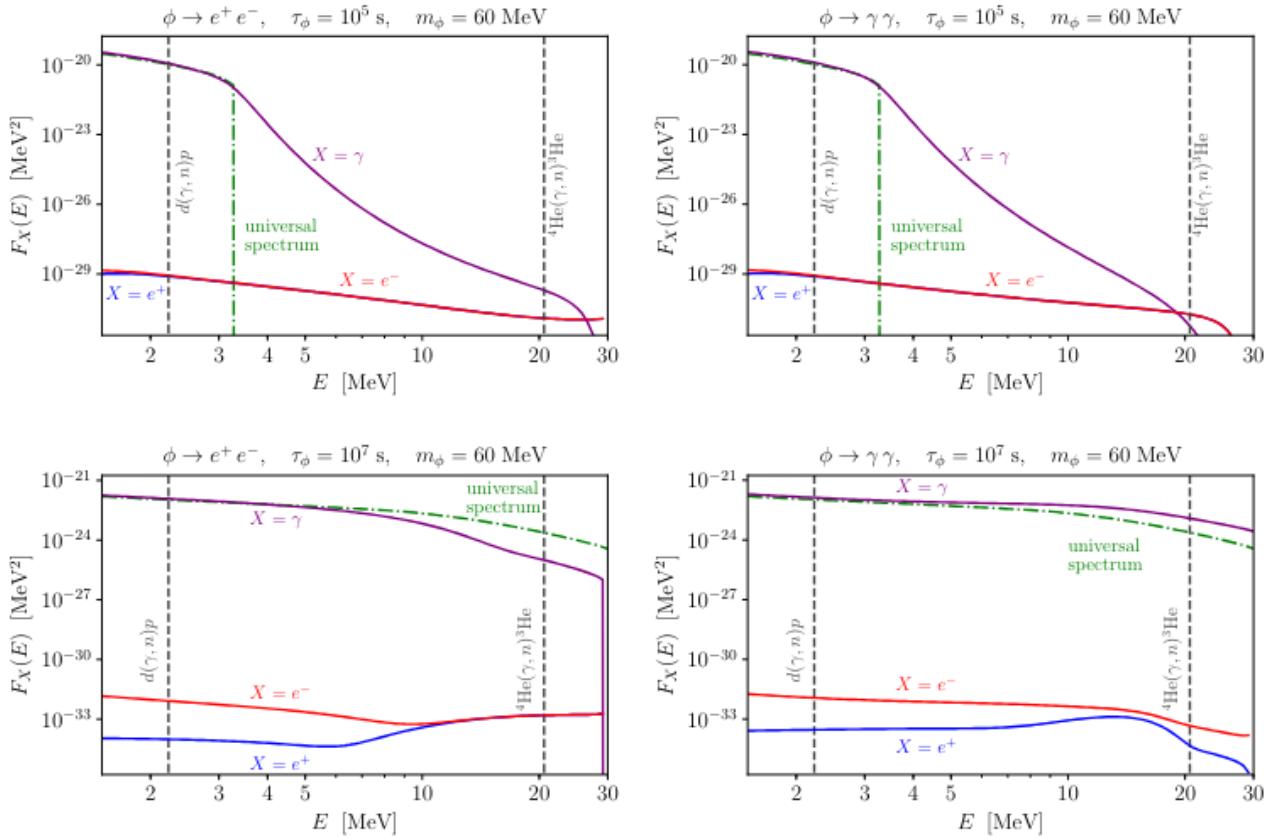
- Inverse Compton scattering
- Double-photon pair creation
- Photon-photon scattering
- Bethe-Heitler pair creation
- Compton scattering



## Disintegration processes

					$E_r^{\text{th}}$ [MeV]
D	+	$\gamma$	$\rightarrow$	n + p	2.22
$^3\text{H}$	+	$\gamma$	$\rightarrow$	n + D	6.26
$^3\text{H}$	+	$\gamma$	$\rightarrow$	2n + p	8.48
$^3\text{He}$	+	$\gamma$	$\rightarrow$	p + D	5.49
$^3\text{He}$	+	$\gamma$	$\rightarrow$	n + 2p	7.72
$^4\text{He}$	+	$\gamma$	$\rightarrow$	p + $^3\text{H}$	19.81
$^4\text{He}$	+	$\gamma$	$\rightarrow$	n + $^3\text{He}$	20.58
$^4\text{He}$	+	$\gamma$	$\rightarrow$	2D	23.85
$^4\text{He}$	+	$\gamma$	$\rightarrow$	n + p + D	26.07
$^6\text{Li}$	+	$\gamma$	$\rightarrow$	n + p + $^4\text{He}$	3.70
$^6\text{Li}$	+	$\gamma$	$\rightarrow$	X + $^3A$	15.79
$^7\text{Li}$	+	$\gamma$	$\rightarrow$	$^3\text{H}$ + $^4\text{He}$	2.47
$^7\text{Li}$	+	$\gamma$	$\rightarrow$	n + $^6\text{Li}$	7.25
$^7\text{Li}$	+	$\gamma$	$\rightarrow$	2n + p + $^4\text{He}$	10.95
$^7\text{Be}$	+	$\gamma$	$\rightarrow$	$^3\text{He}$ + $^4\text{He}$	1.59
$^7\text{Be}$	+	$\gamma$	$\rightarrow$	p + $^6\text{Li}$	5.61
$^7\text{Be}$	+	$\gamma$	$\rightarrow$	n + 2p + $^4\text{He}$	9.30
					$\tau_r$ [s]
$n$					$8.802 \times 10^2$
$^3\text{H}$					$5.61 \times 10^8$

# Details on photodisintegration processes



**Figure 1.** Comparison of the differential spectra for  $\phi \rightarrow e^+ e^-$  (left) and  $\phi \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$  (right) for two different lifetimes,  $\tau_\phi = 10^5$  s (top) and  $\tau_\phi = 10^7$  s (bottom) with  $m_\phi = 60$  MeV and  $n_\phi/n_\gamma|_{T=T^{\text{cd}}=10\text{ GeV}} = 10^{-5}$ , evaluated at a temperature  $T$  corresponding to  $t \simeq \tau_\phi$ . For reference also the universal spectrum as well as the photodisintegration thresholds of deuterium and  ${}^4\text{He}$  are shown.

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# Neutrino oscillations

$$t_{\text{osc}} \sim \frac{T}{\Delta m^2} \sim 10^{-5} \text{ s} \left( \frac{T}{\text{MeV}} \right) \quad 1812.05605$$

Neutrino oscillation time scale much higher than other time scales in our setup!

Therefore, we can assume instantaneous oscillations using the following mixing matrix

$$(\mathbf{M}_{\text{osc}})_{\alpha\beta} = \sum_{i=1}^3 |U_{\alpha i}|^2 |U_{\beta i}|^2 \approx \begin{pmatrix} 0.55 & 0.17 & 0.28 \\ 0.17 & 0.45 & 0.37 \\ 0.28 & 0.37 & 0.35 \end{pmatrix}$$