Freeze-in versus Glaciation: Freezing into a thermalized hidden sector

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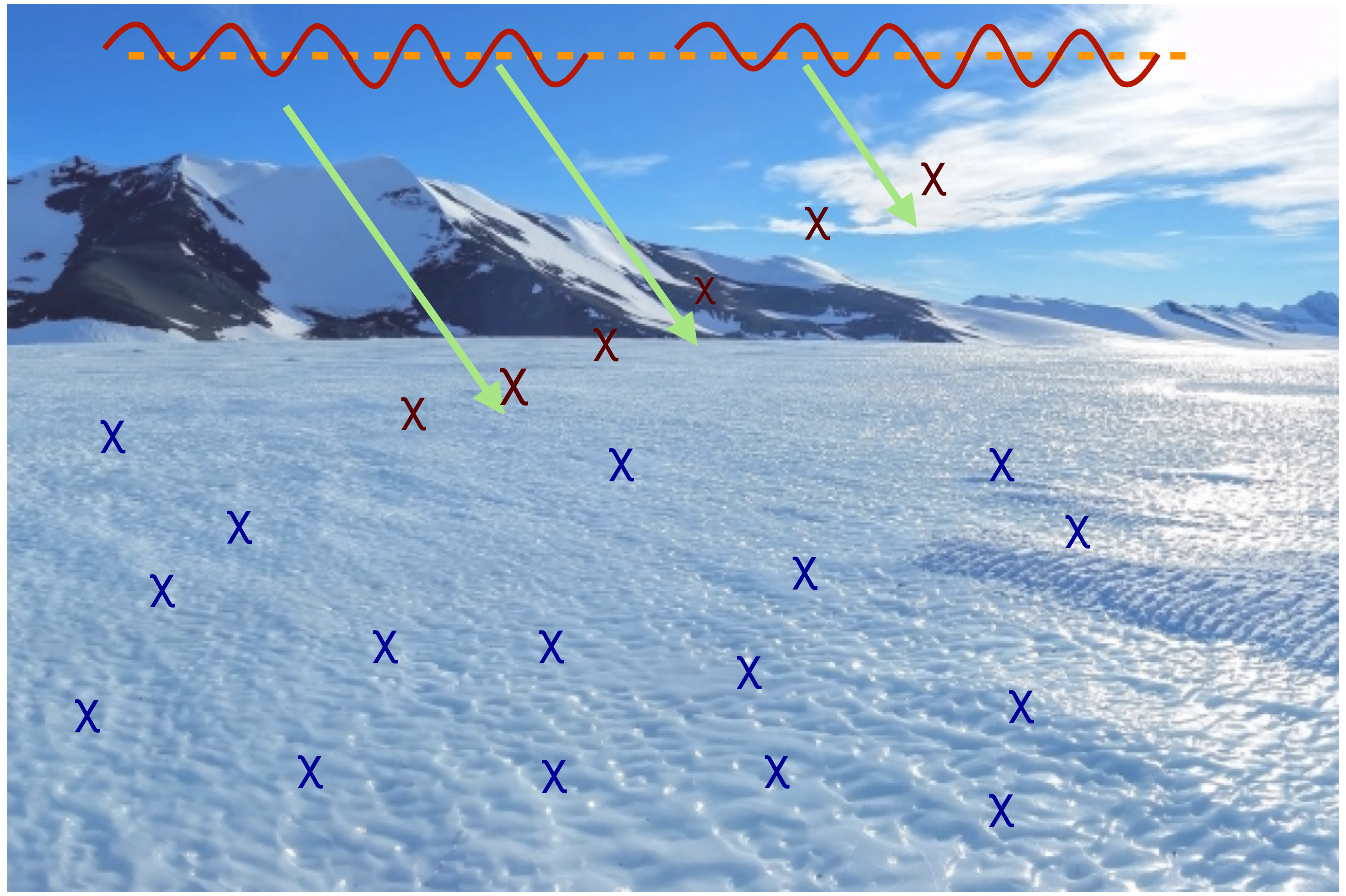

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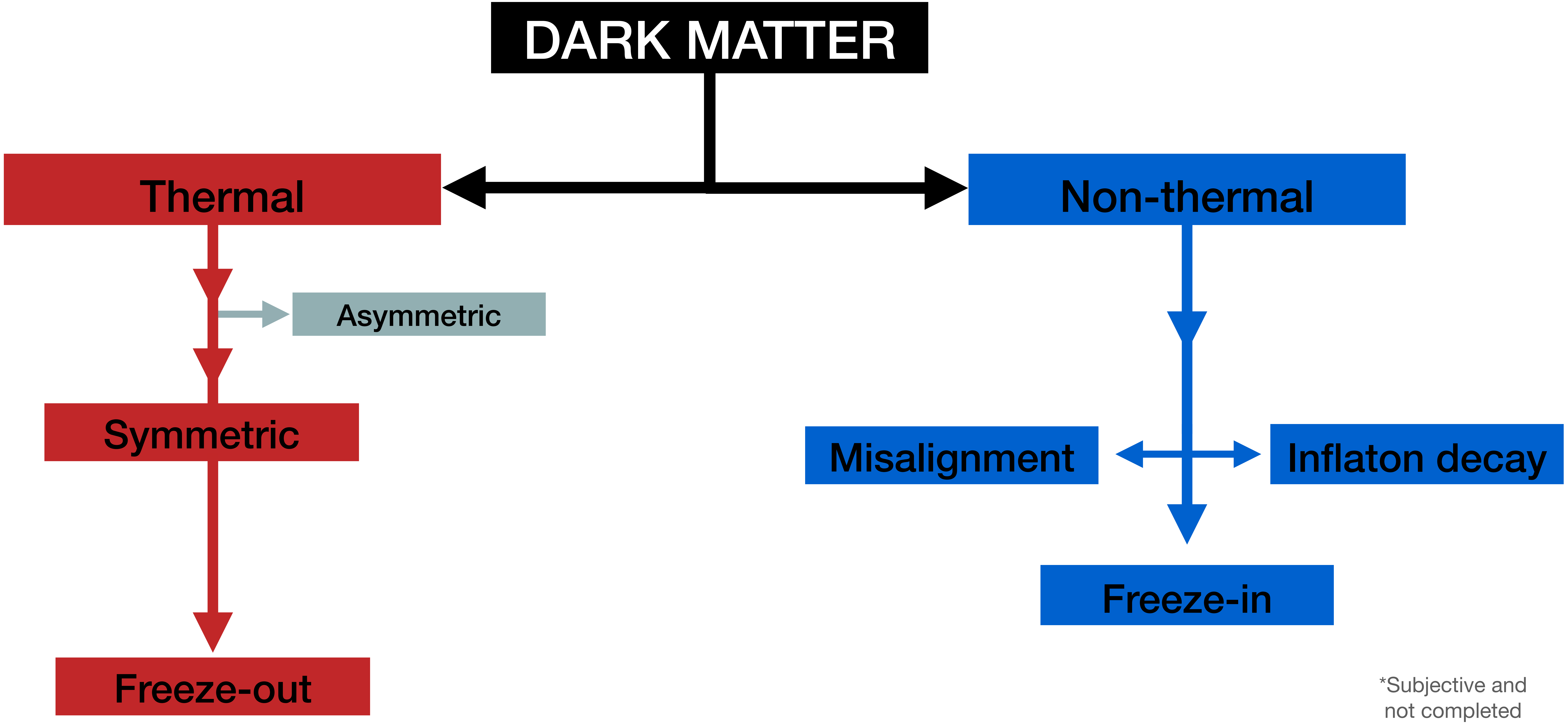

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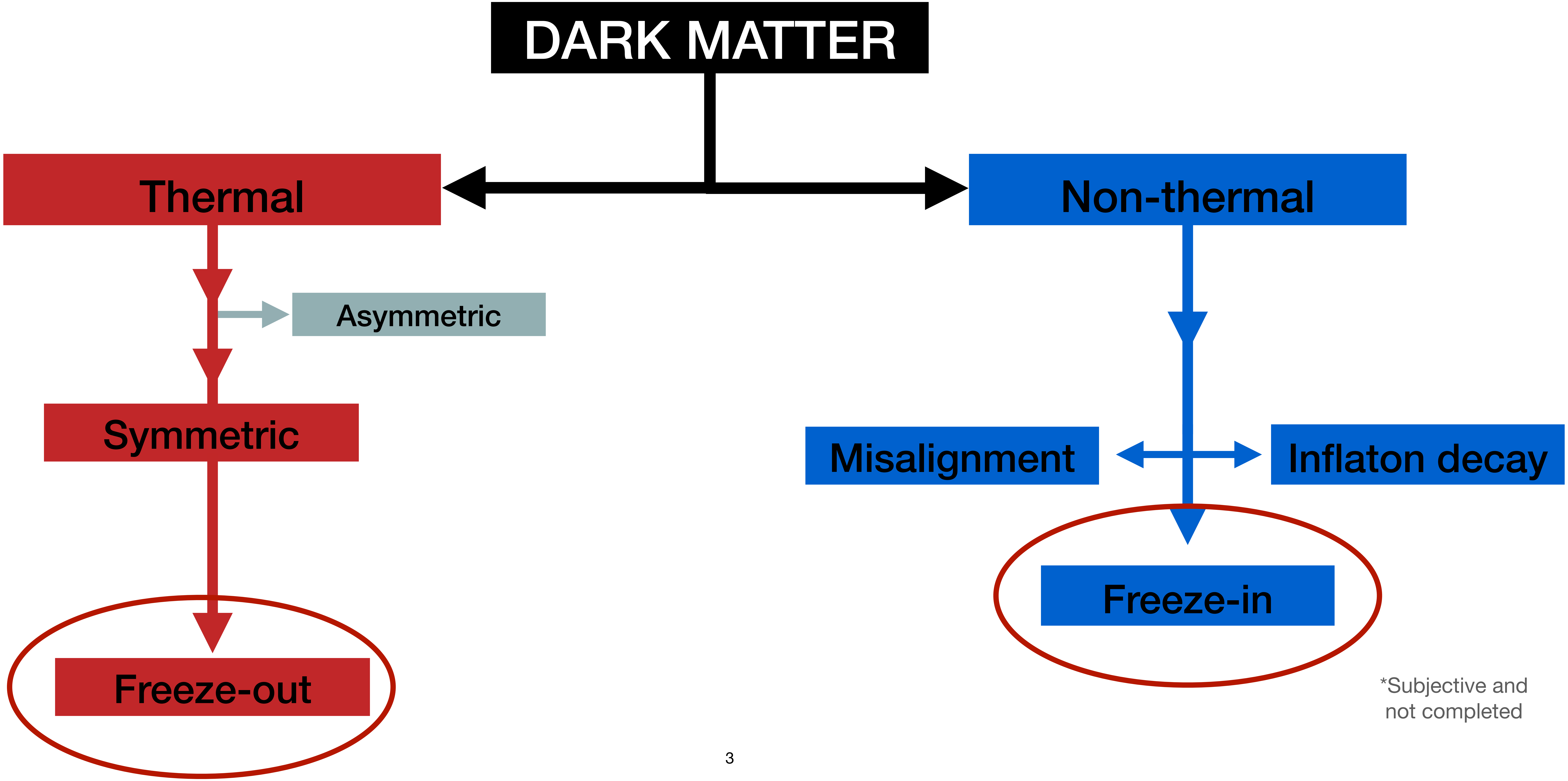

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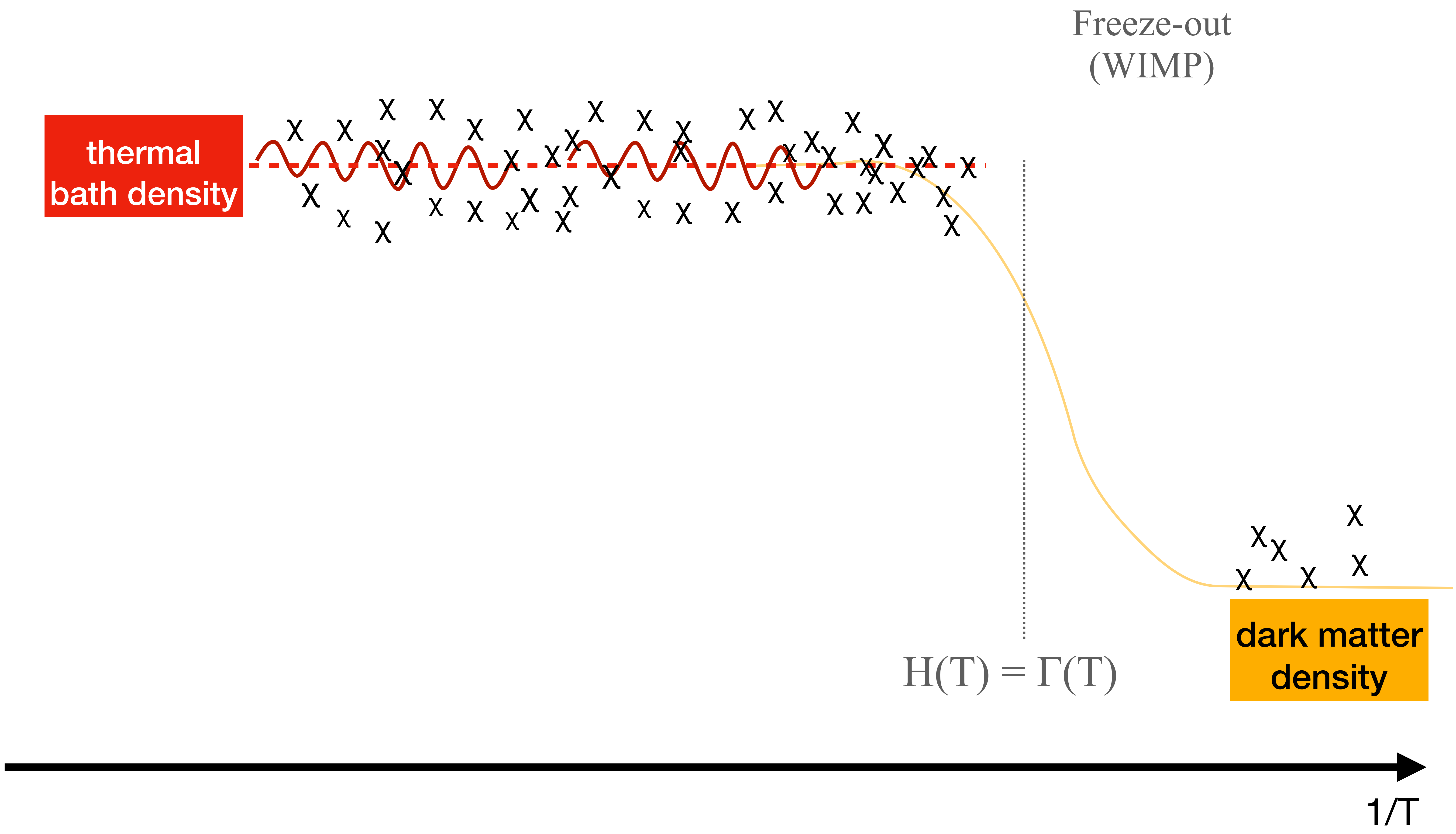

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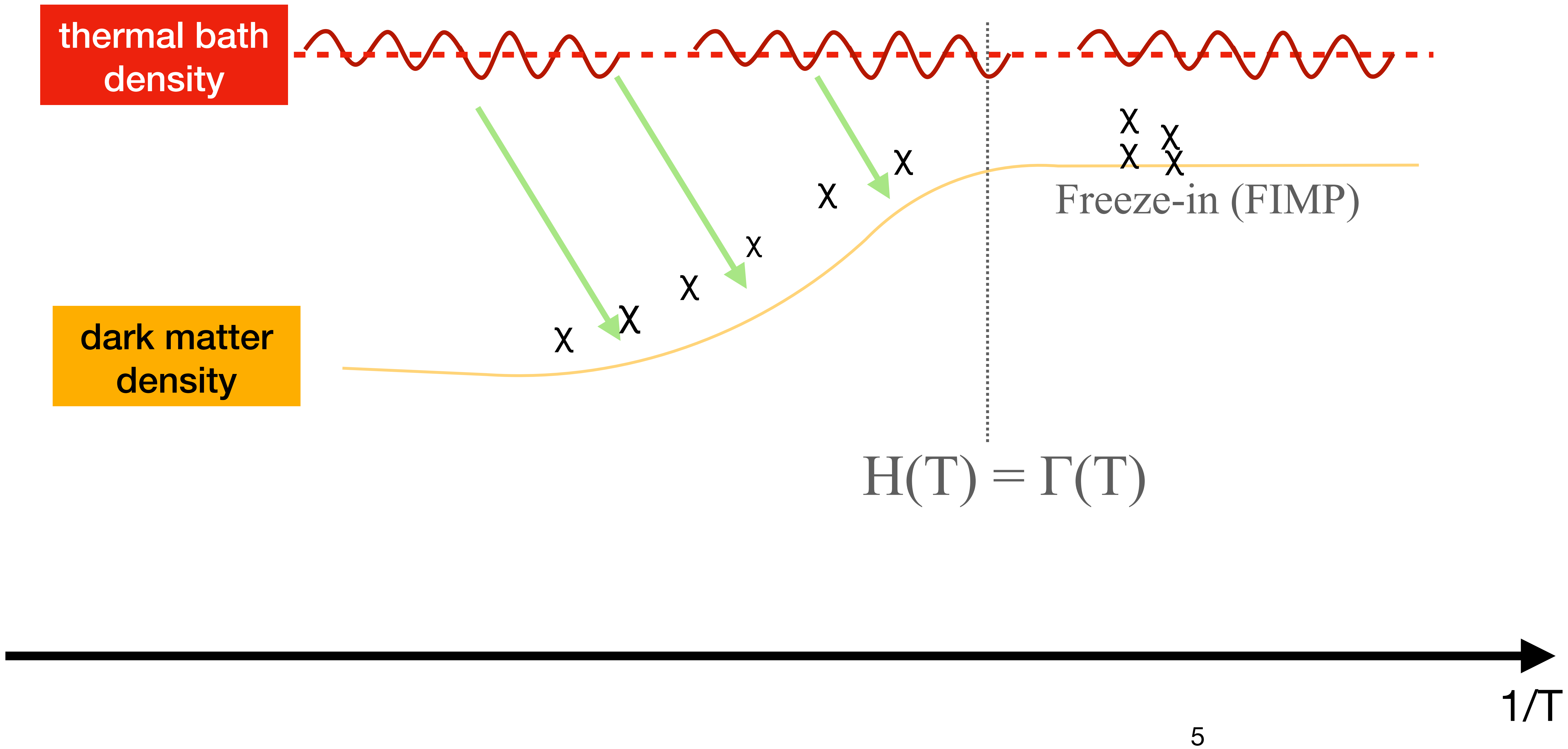

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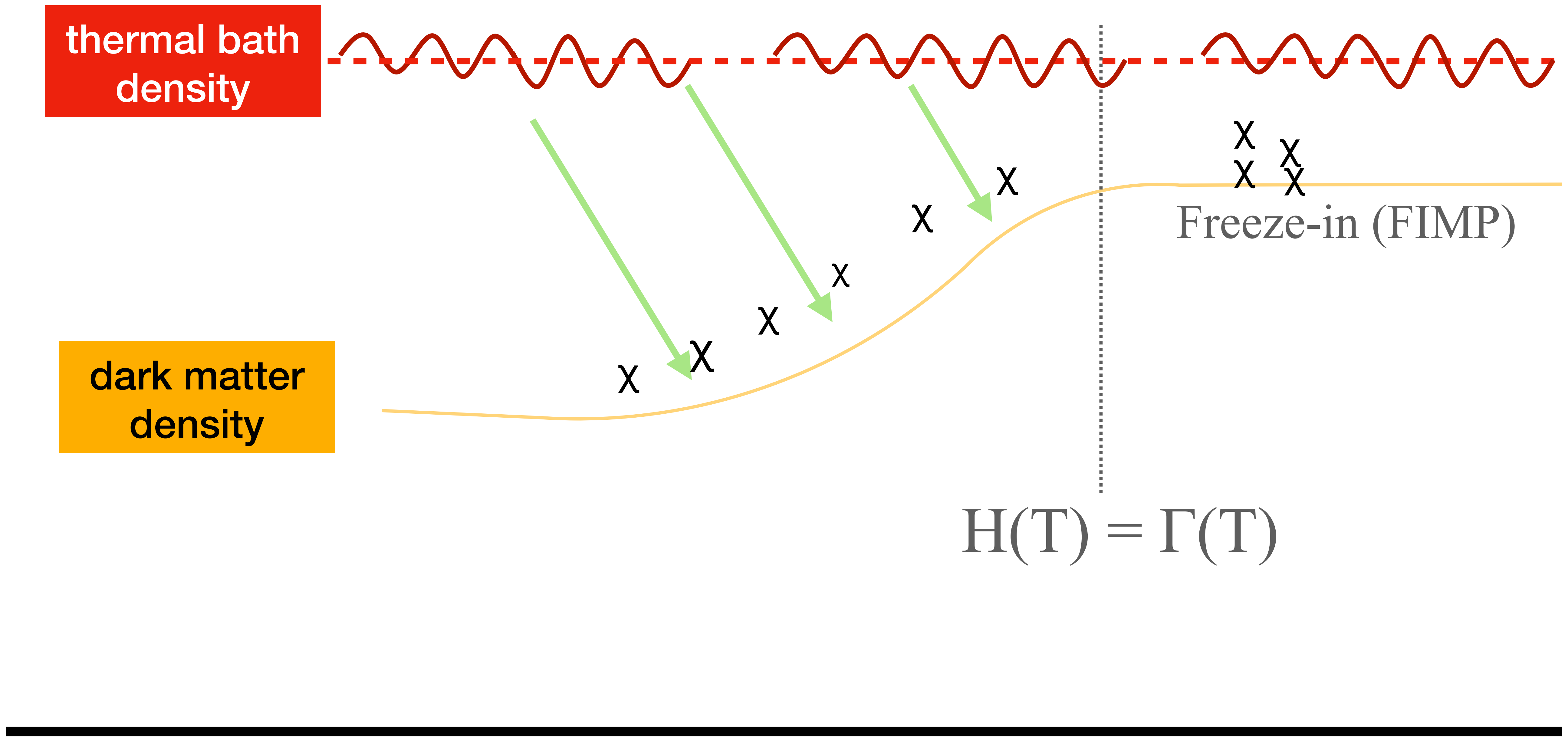

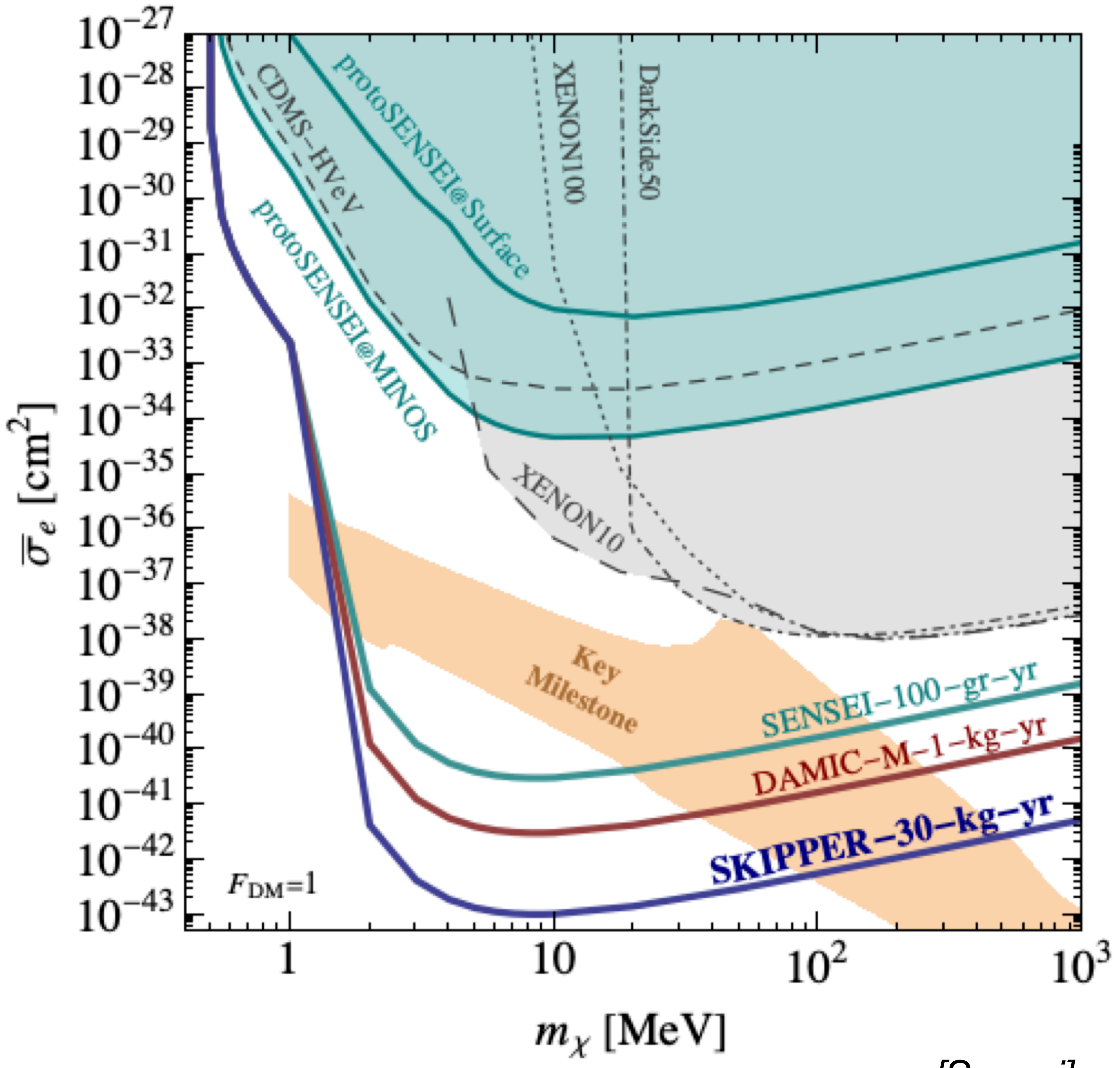

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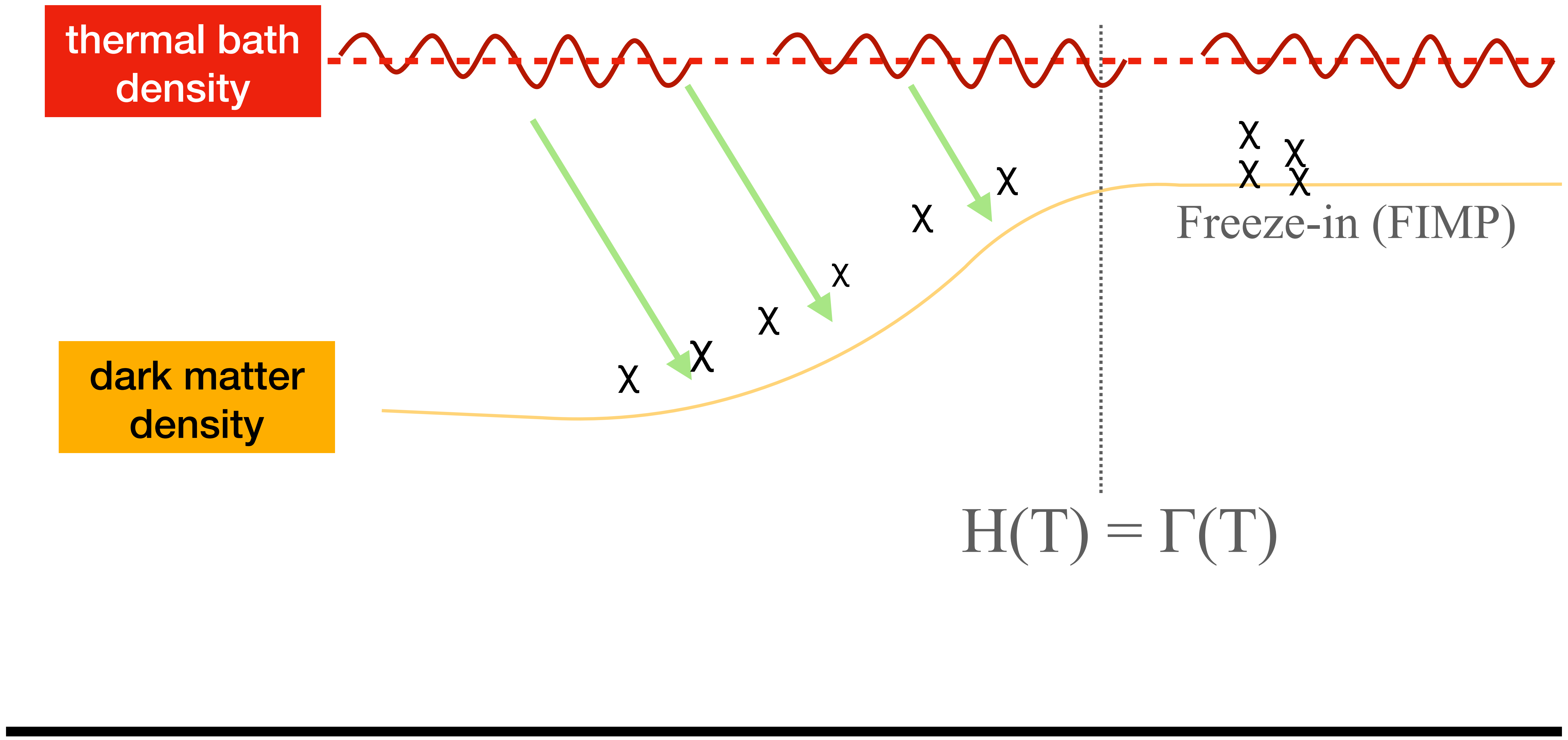

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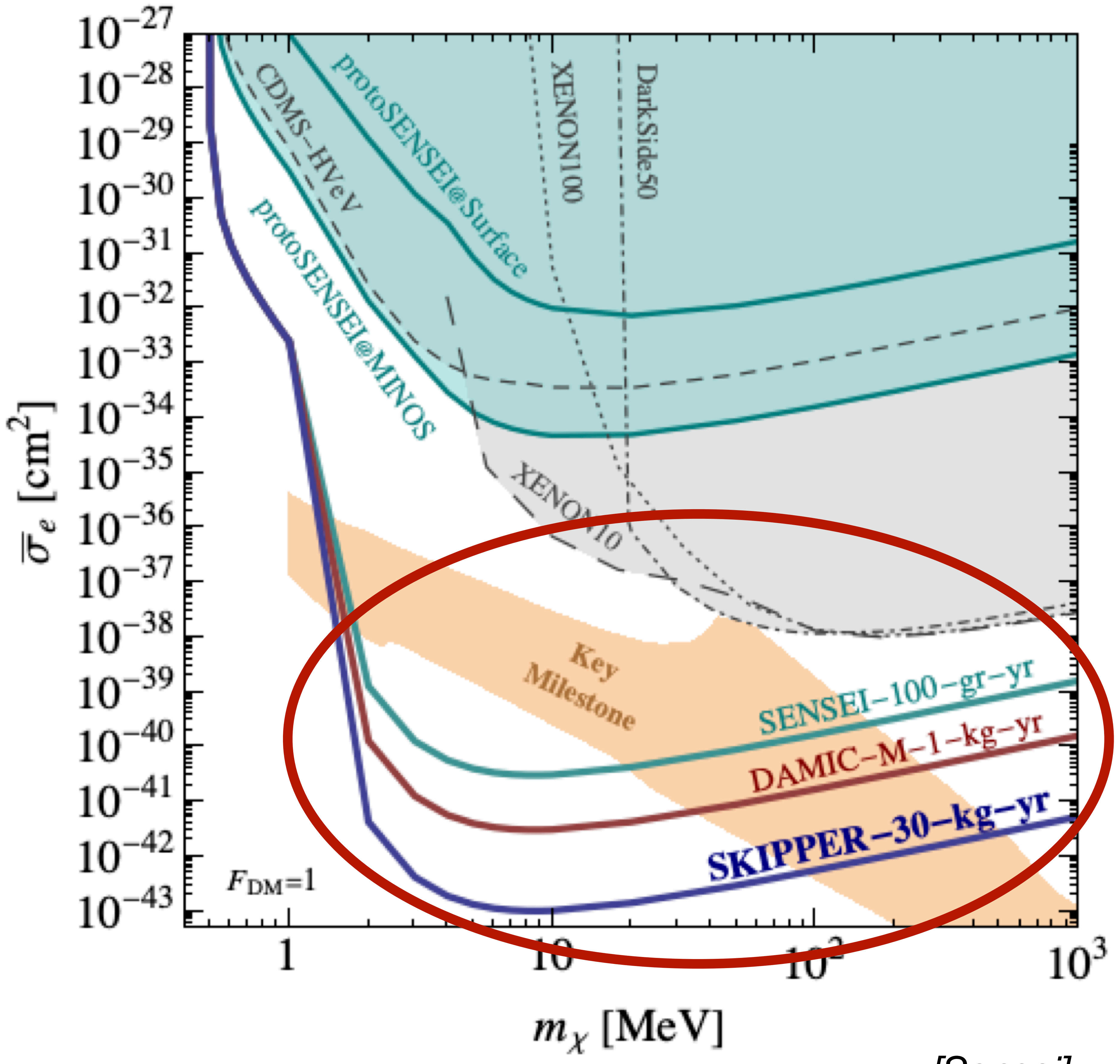

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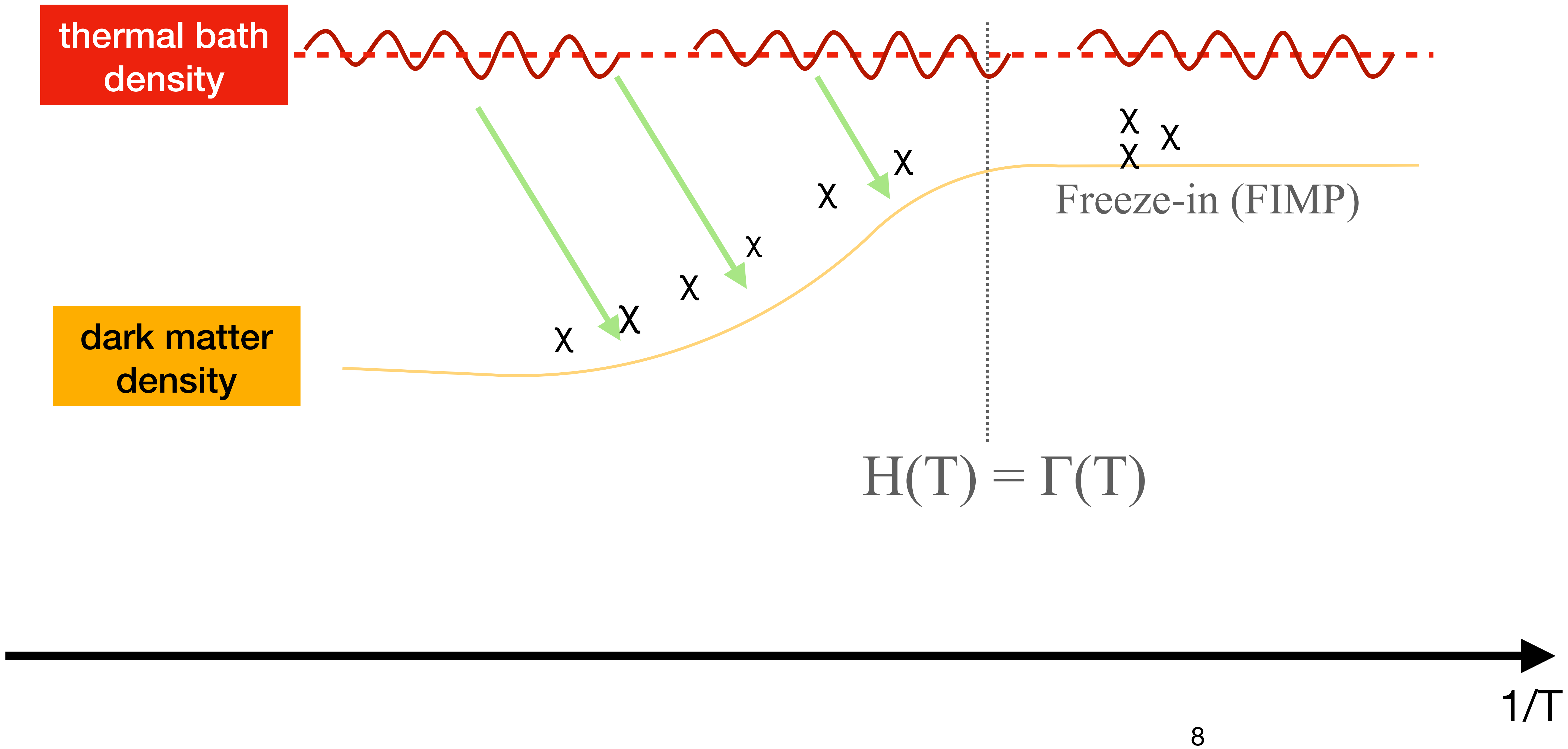

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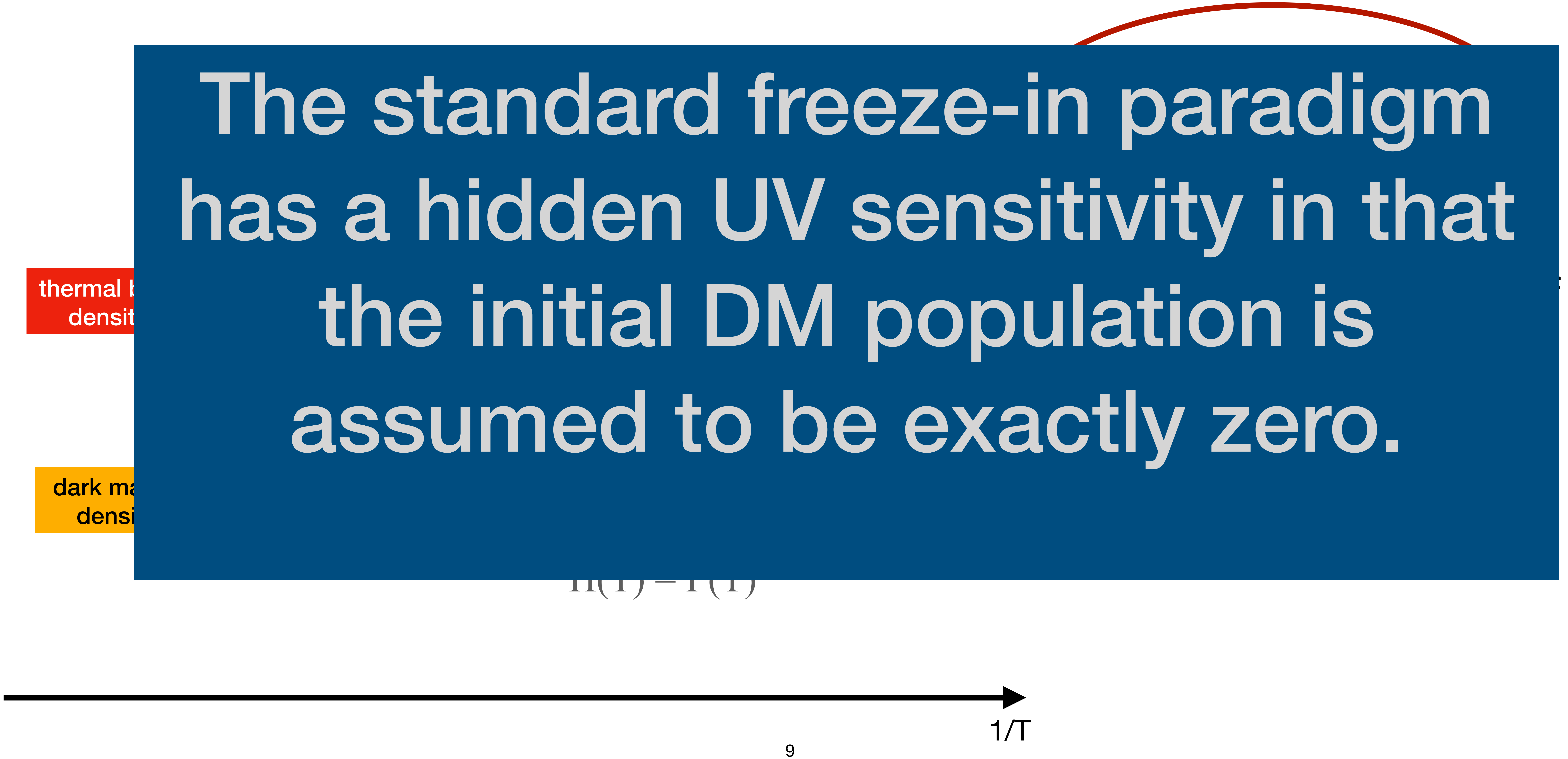

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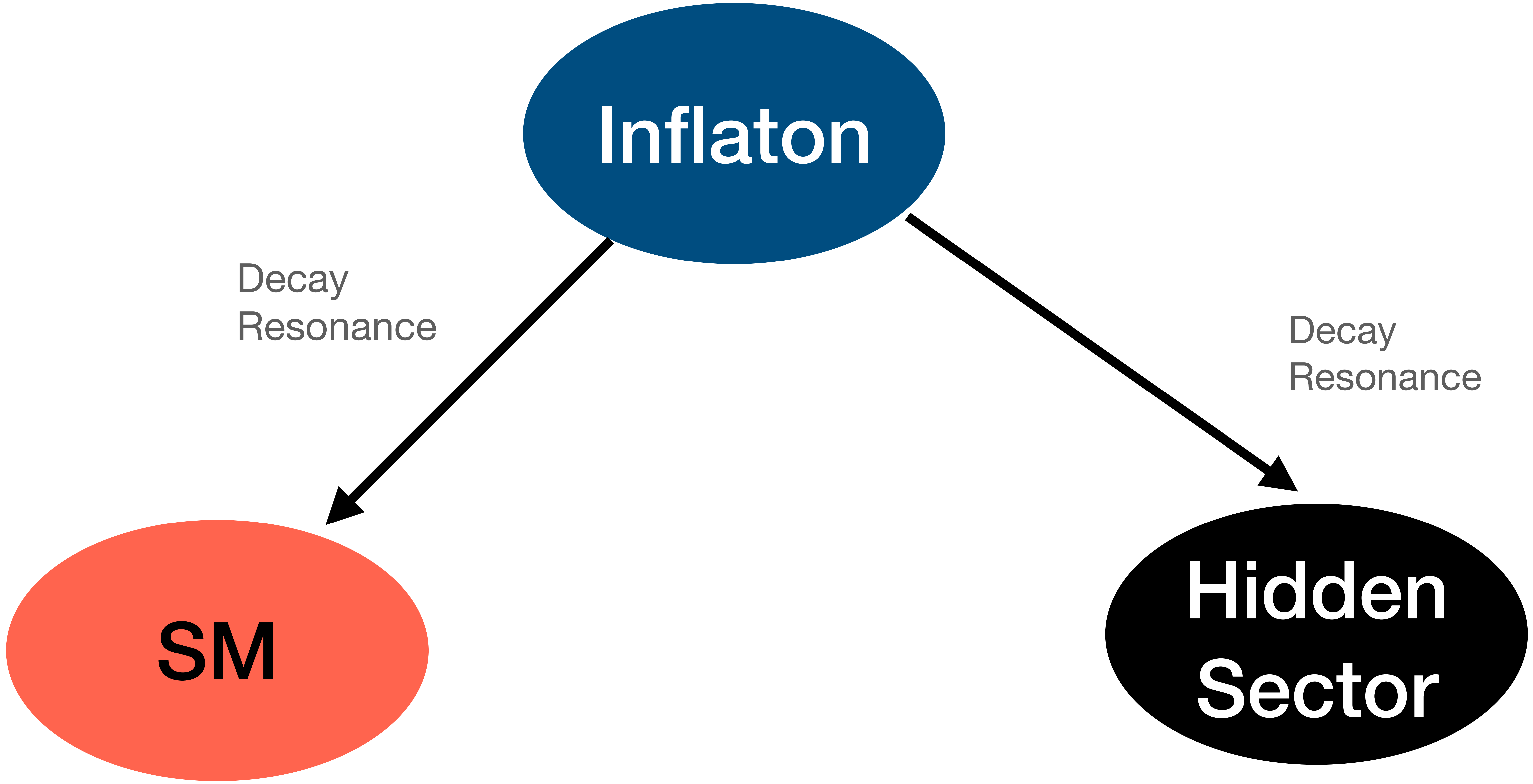
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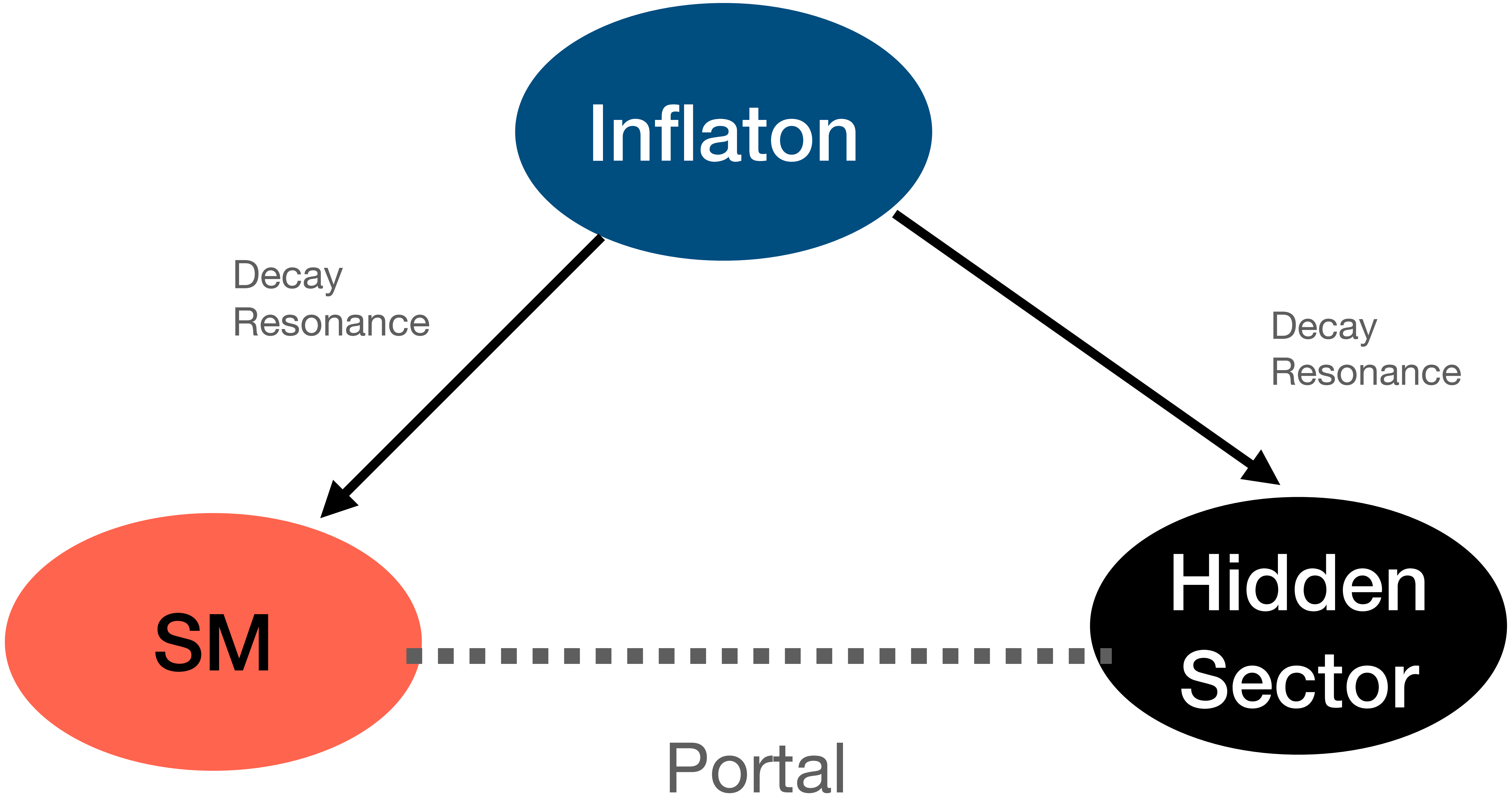
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Explicit Model: Kinetic mixing portal

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}\tilde{Z}'_{\mu\nu}\tilde{Z}'^{\mu\nu} - \frac{\epsilon}{2\cos\theta_W}\tilde{Z}'_{\mu\nu}\tilde{B}^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}m^2_{Z_D}\tilde{Z}_{D\mu}\tilde{Z}^{\mu}_{D} + g_\chi J^\mu_D \tilde{Z}_{D\mu} + \bar{\chi}\left(i\gamma^\mu\partial_\mu - m_\chi\right)\chi\,,$$

$m_{Z_D} \ll m_Z$ (ultra light mediator)

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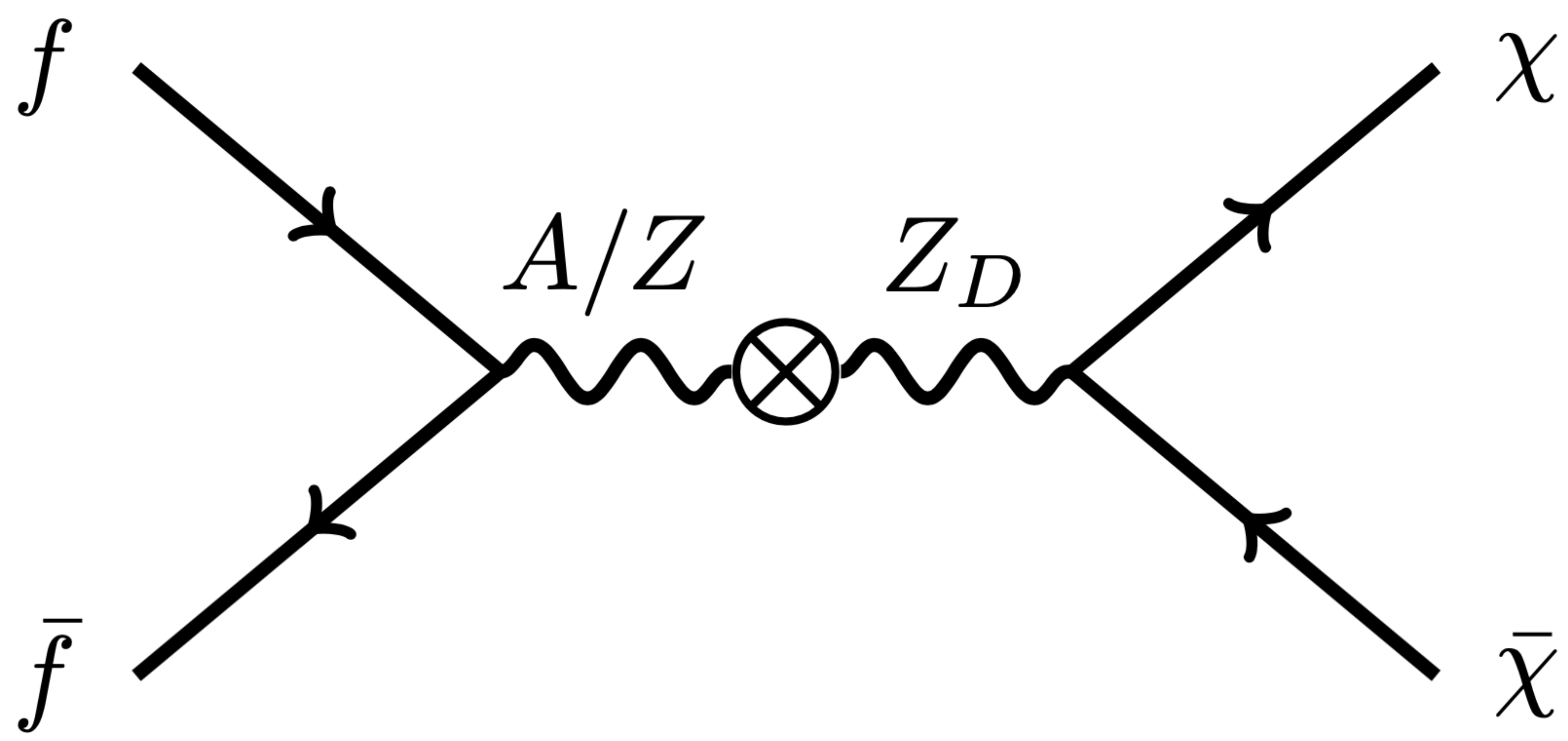

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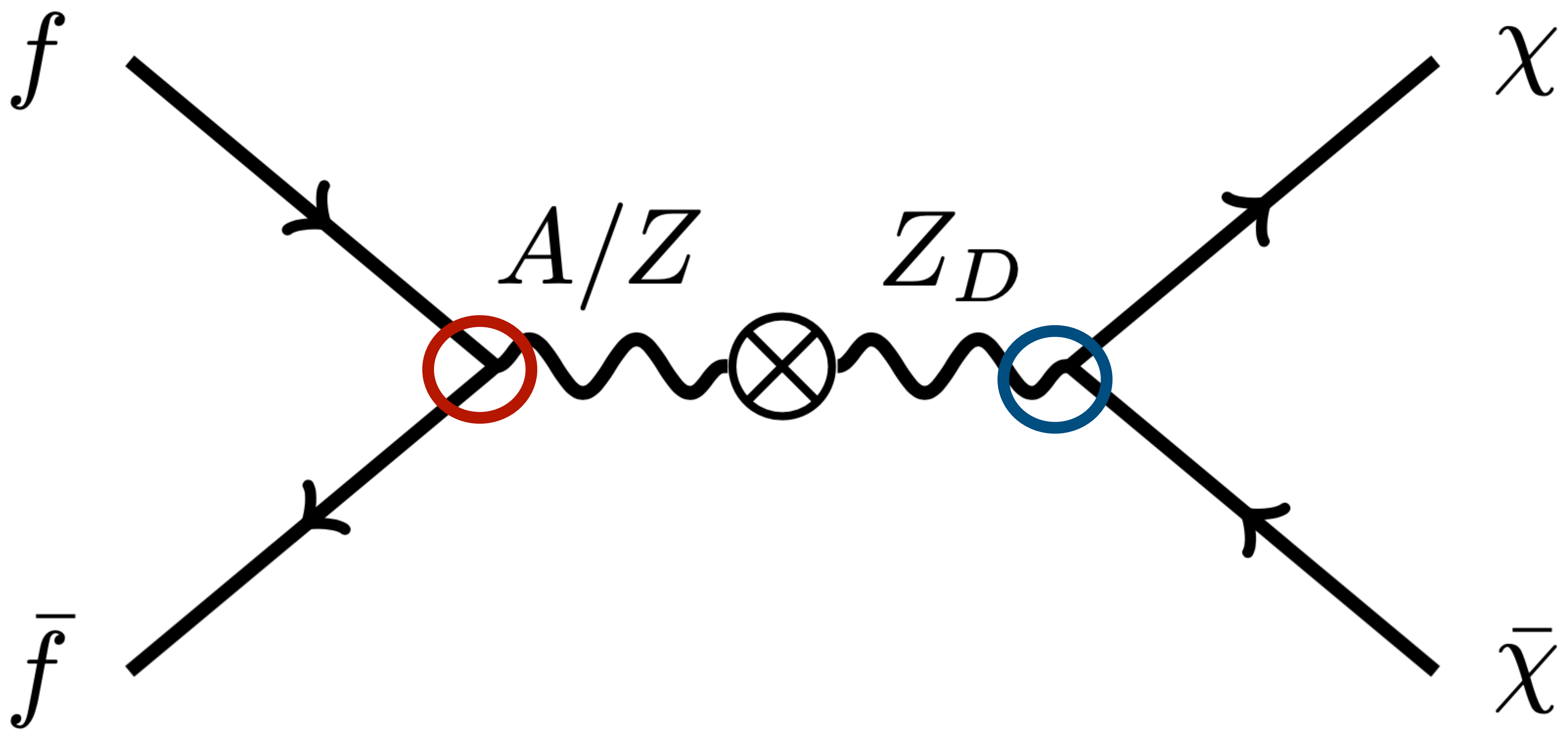

$$\langle \sigma v \rangle \propto \epsilon^2 \alpha_D$$

Scenario

- We explore how a pre-existing population of DM, either alone or as part of a thermalized dark sector, affects the dynamics of freeze-in.
- For a kinetically mixed dark photon, the dominant source of energy injection into the hidden sector is through DM pair production (thermal corrections).
- Elastic processes are fast enough for instantaneous kinetic equilibrium.

Boltzmann Equation

Number density of DM:

$$\dot{n}_\chi + 3Hn_\chi = -\langle\sigma v\rangle^{\tilde{T}}_{fo}(n_\chi^2 - n_{eq}^2(\tilde{T})) + \langle\sigma v\rangle^{T}_{fi} n_{eq}^2$$

Energy density of the HS:

$$\dot{\rho}_{HS} + 3H(\rho_{HS} + P_{HS}) = \langle\sigma v E\rangle^{T}_{fi} n_{eq}^2(T)$$

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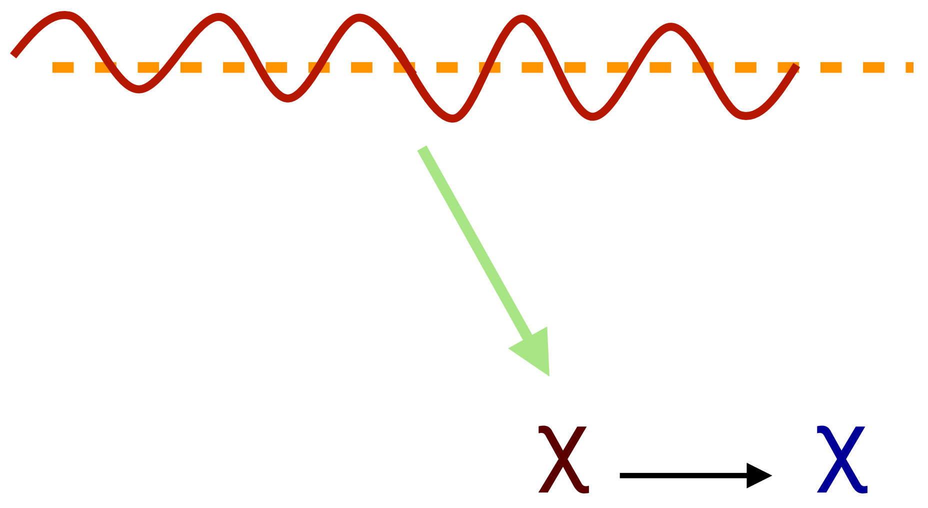

$$\chi\bar{\chi} \to \chi\bar{\chi} \qquad (1\,2 \to 3\,4)$$

$$T_1 \neq T_2$$

$$x_i = \frac{m_i}{T_i}$$

Momentum transferred:

$$\mathcal{C}^{p}_{1\,2\to 3\,4}(T,\tilde{T}) = n_1^{\rm eq}(T) n_2^{\rm eq}(\tilde{T})\langle \sigma v p\rangle$$

$$= -\frac{g_1 g_2 T^4 \tilde{T}^3}{32\pi^4}\int_{\tilde{s}_{\rm min}}^{\infty} d\tilde{s}\, \frac{\lambda^{\frac{1}{2}}(\tilde{s}^2, x_1, x_2)}{\tilde{s}}\sigma(s)\left(\lambda(\tilde{s}^2, x_1, x_2)K_2(\tilde{s}) + 4\tilde{s}x_1^2 K_1(\tilde{s})\right)$$

$$s = \tilde{s}^2 T\tilde{T} + (T-\tilde{T})(Tx_1^2 - \tilde{T}x_2^2)\,, \qquad \tilde{s}_{\rm min} = x_1 + x_2$$

Turning the tables

Have you seen this formula?

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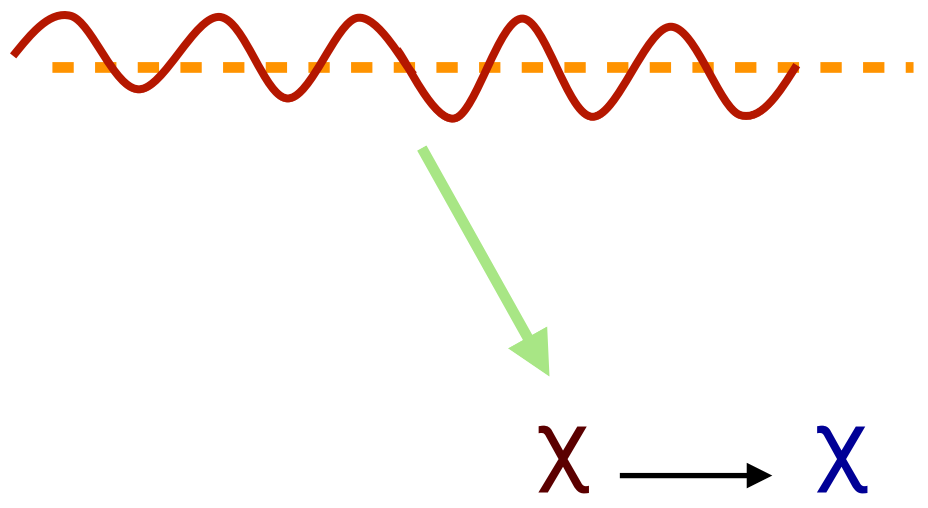

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Thermally averaged momentum loss:

$$\Gamma_{p\,\mathrm{loss}} \approx \langle \frac{dp}{dt} \rangle \frac{1}{\langle p \rangle} = \frac{n_{2\mathrm{eq}}(\tilde{T}) \langle \sigma_T v p \rangle}{\langle p \rangle}$$

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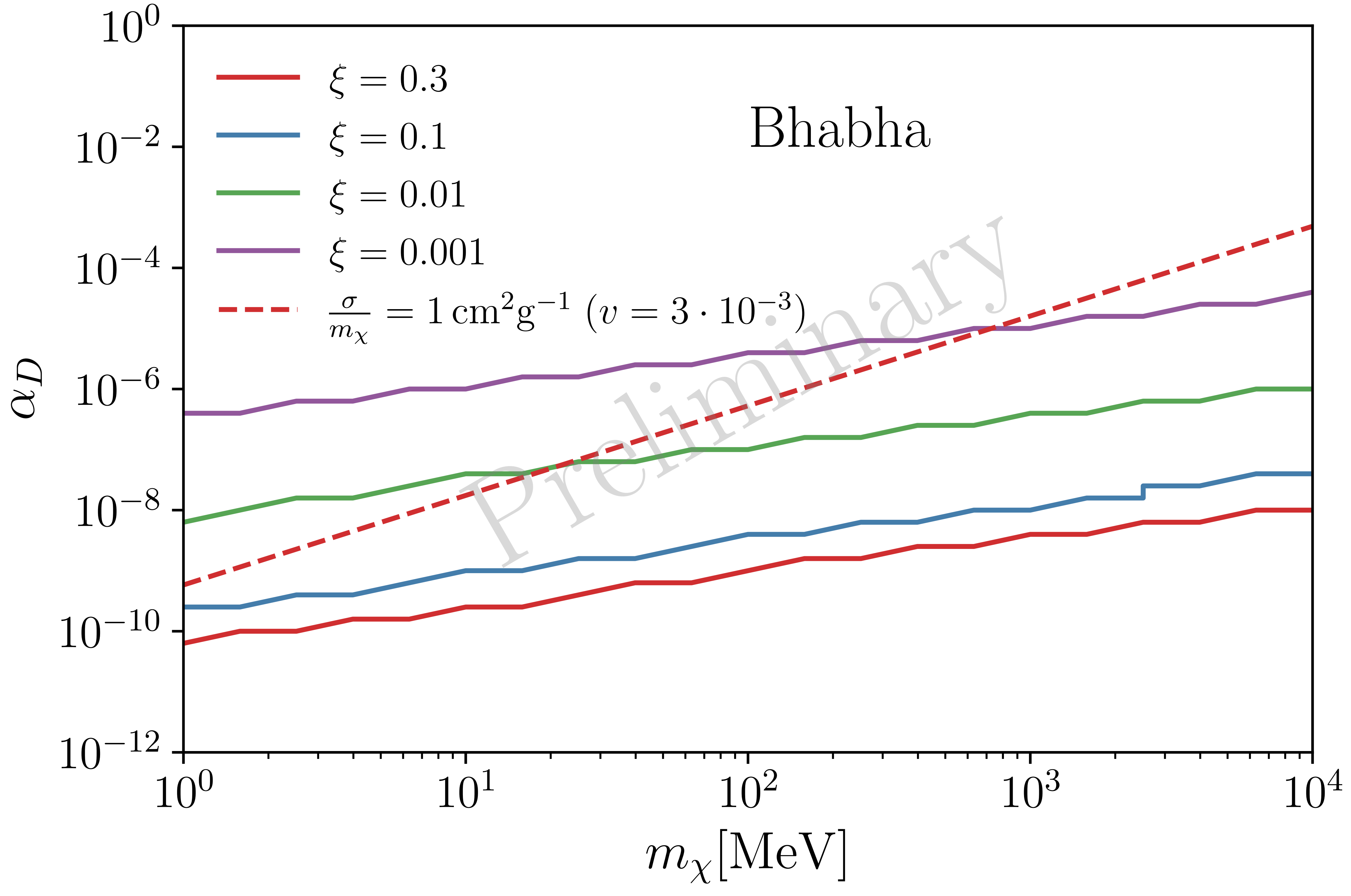

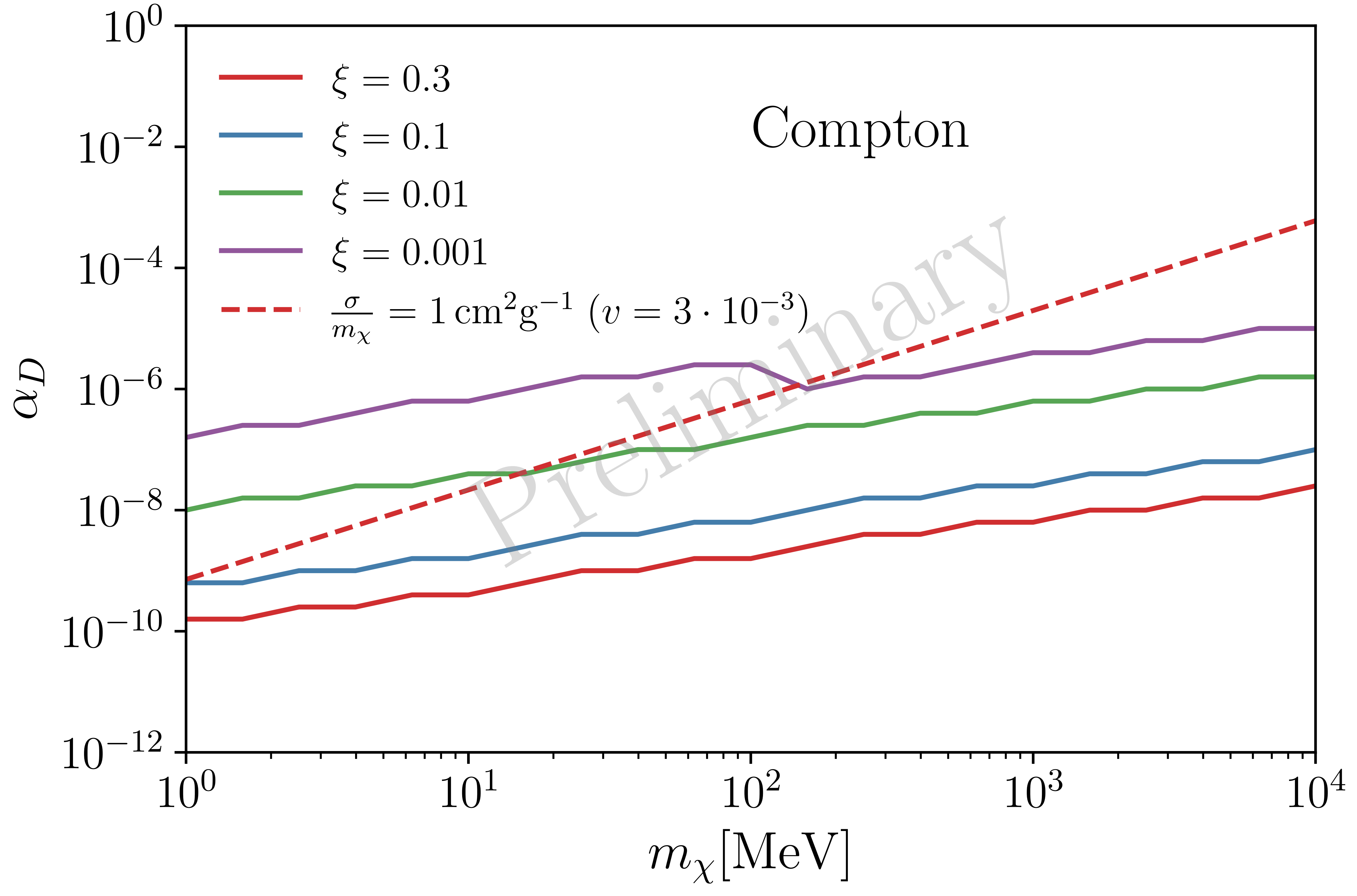

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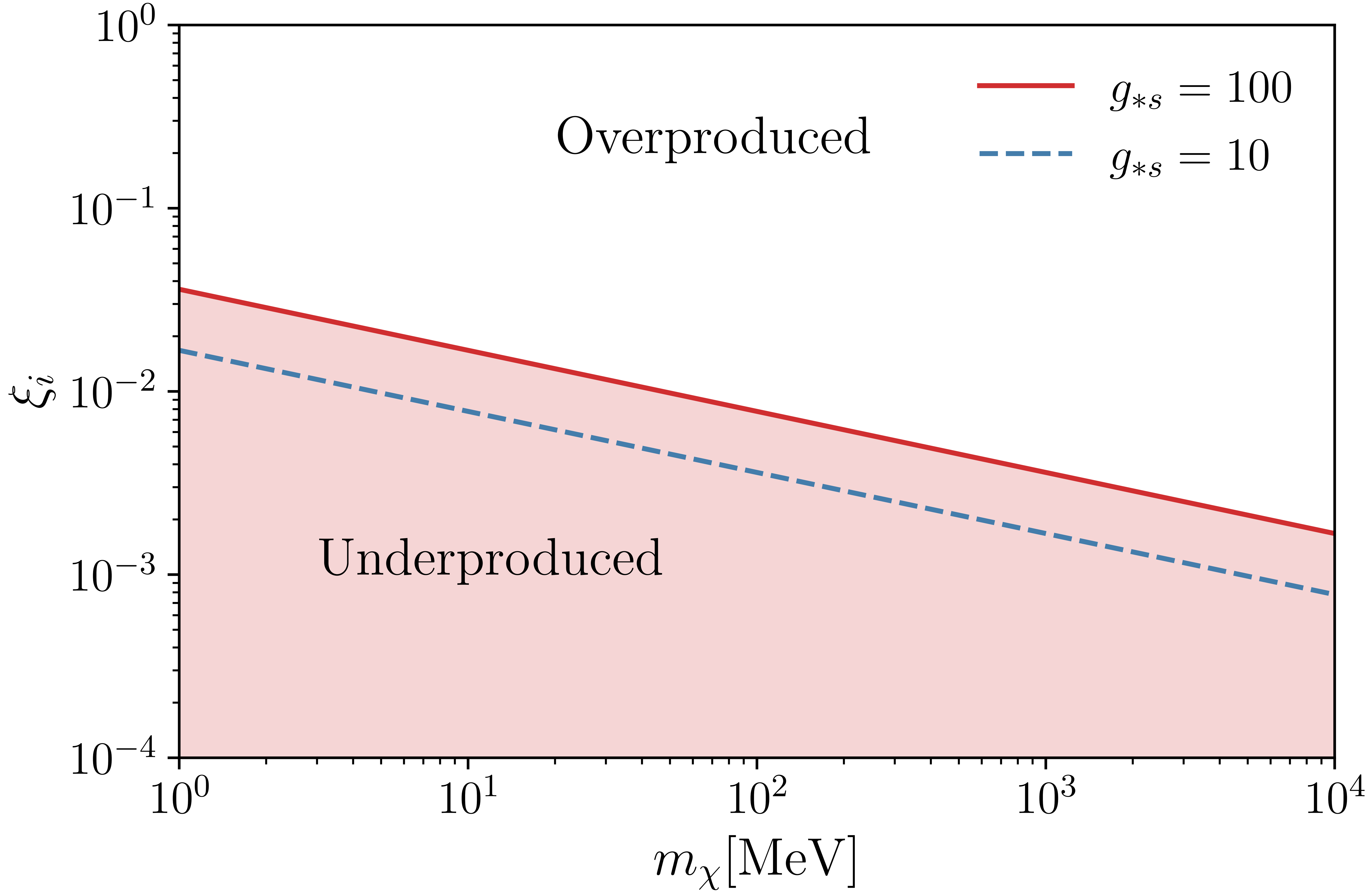
Initial DM



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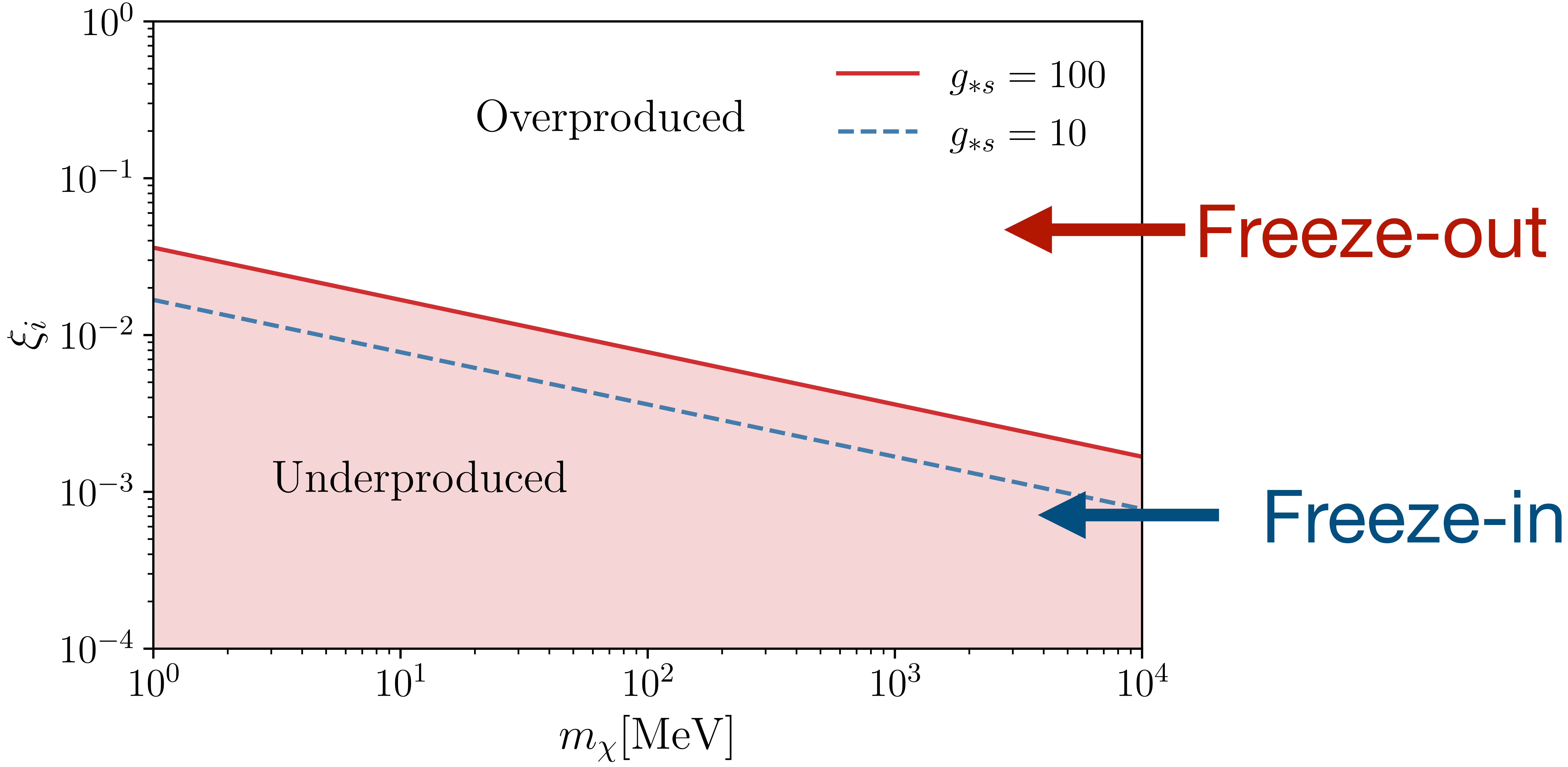
Freeze-in or freeze-out?



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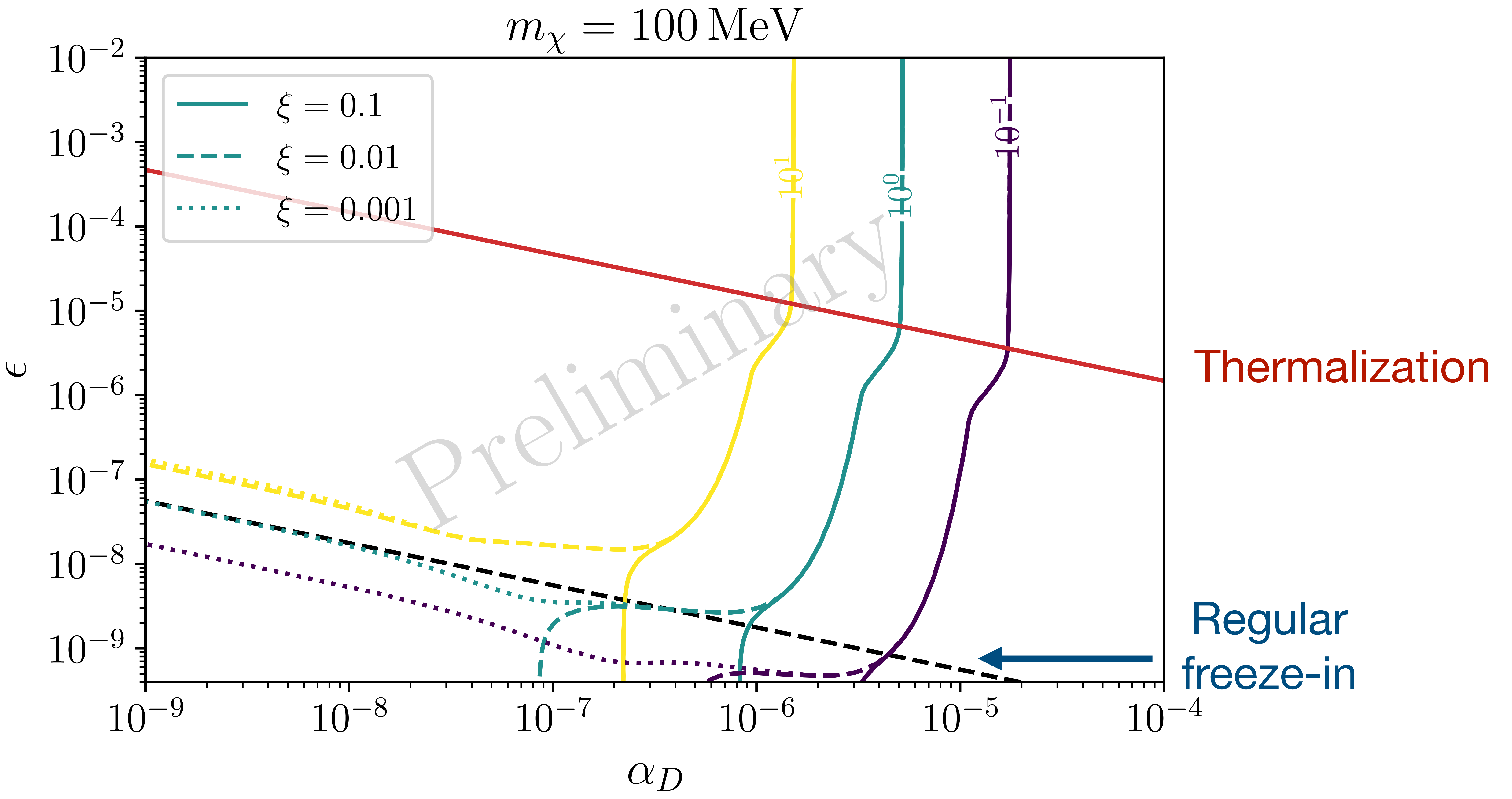

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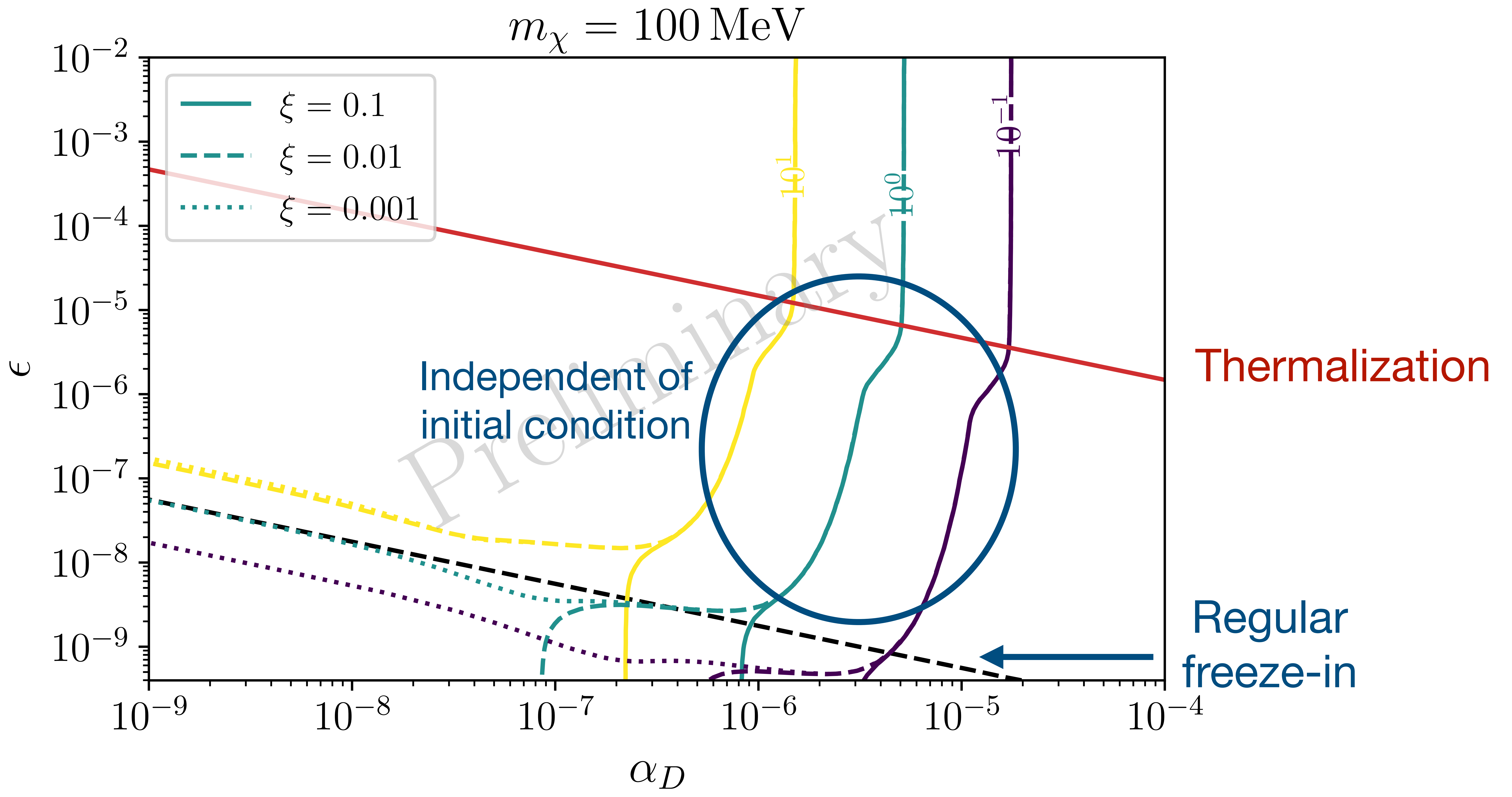

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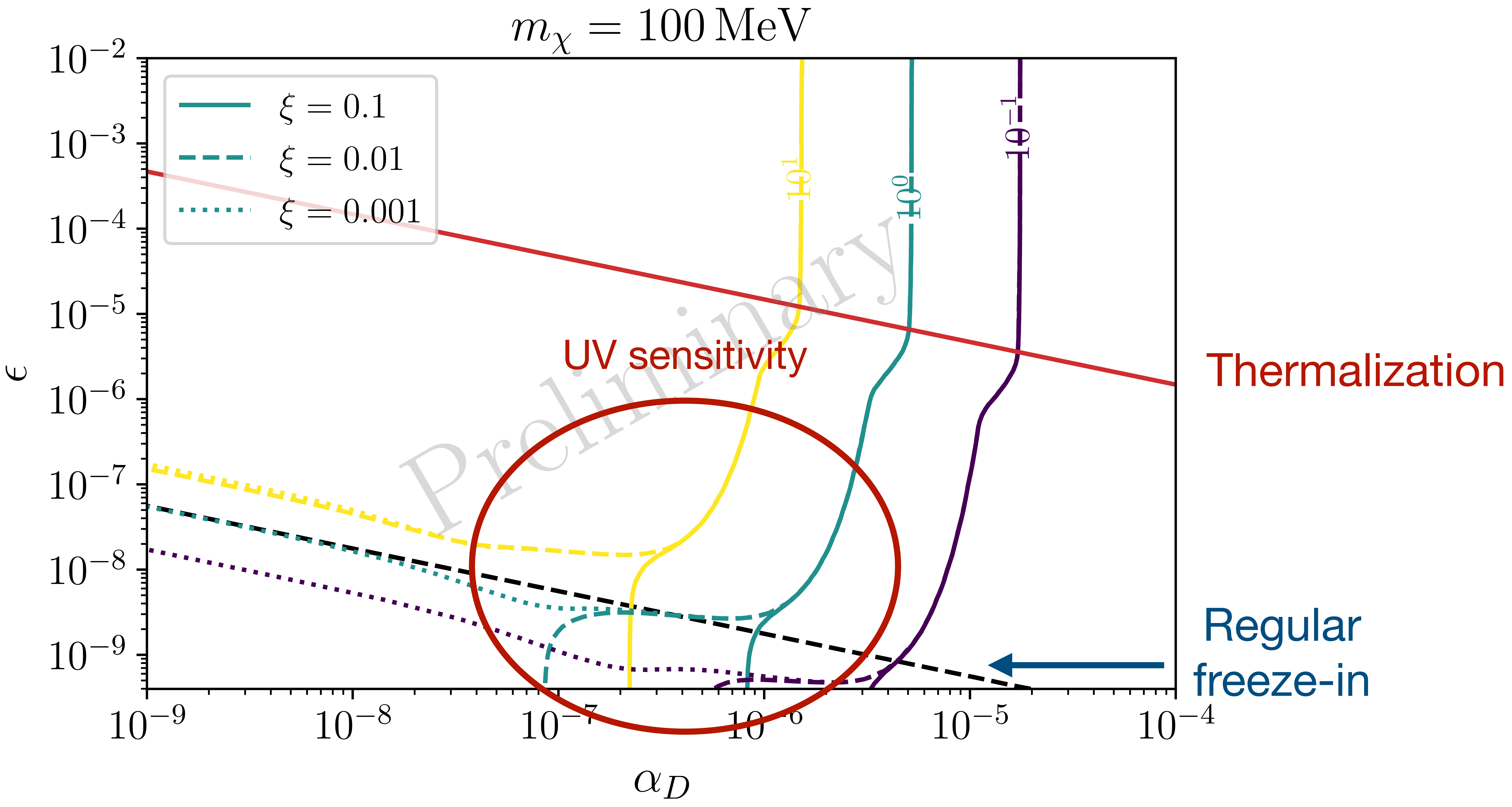

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Conclusion

- The standard freeze-in paradigm, this same combination of couplings appears in the annihilation cross section, leading to a 1-to-1 relation between thermal history parameter space and direct detection parameter space. As soon as one allows for an initial thermalized population in the dark sector, this “freeze-in line” expands to a “glaciation band” because there are multiple points in the $\varepsilon - \alpha_D$ plane which achieve the correct relic abundance.

Obrigado!