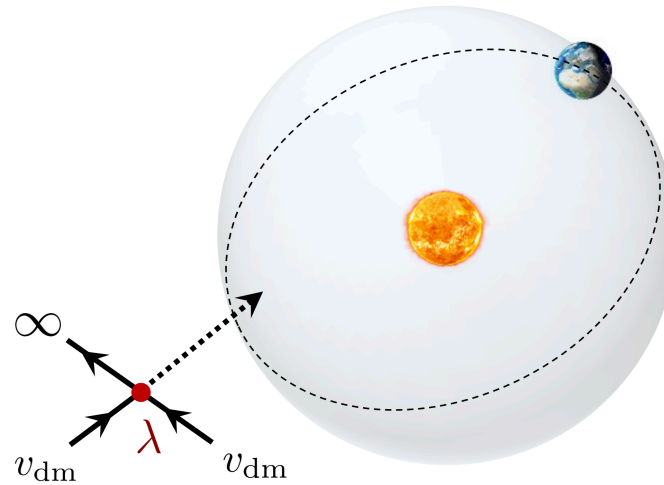
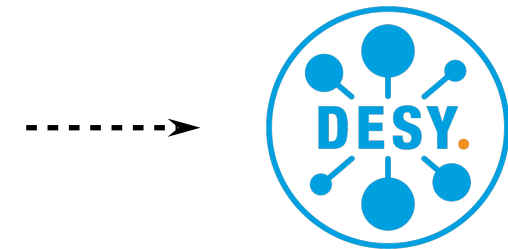


# Formation of Ultralight Dark Matter Solar Halos



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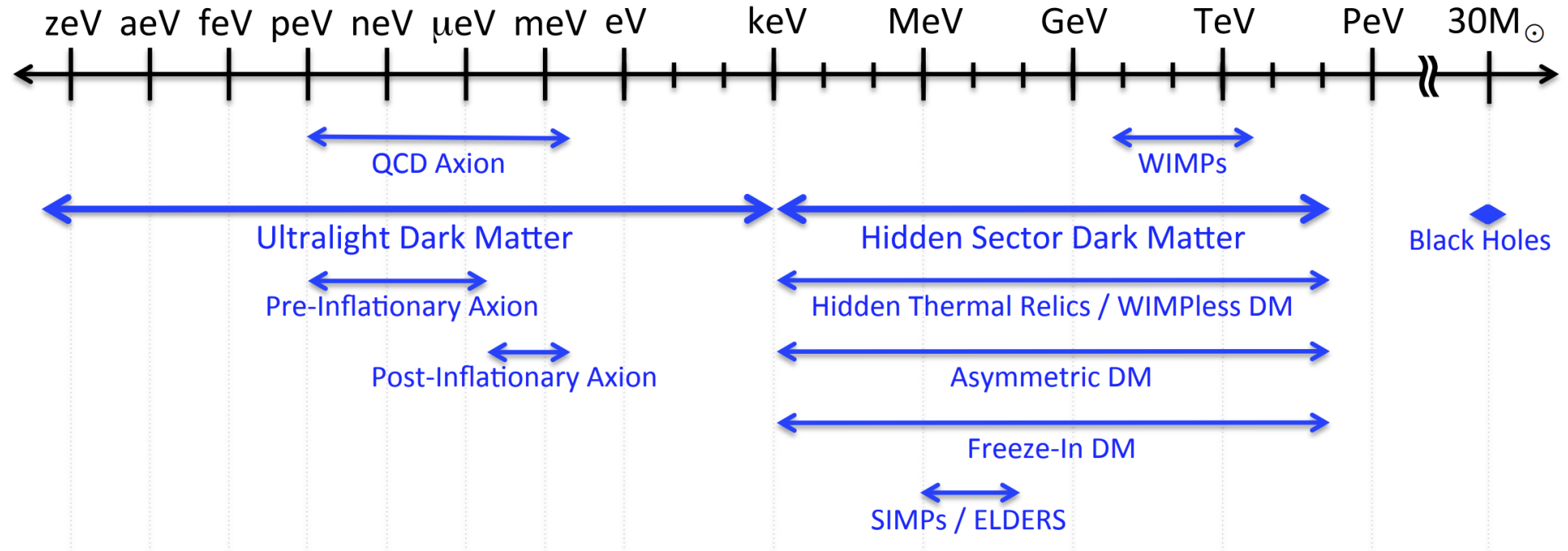
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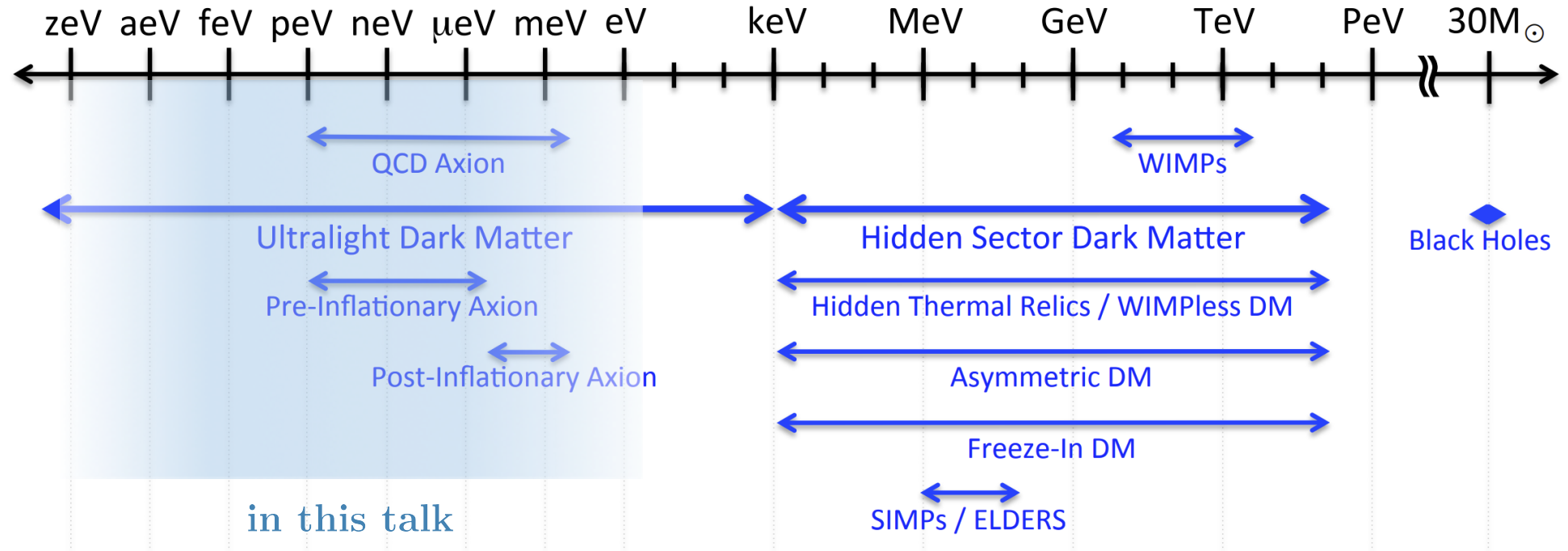


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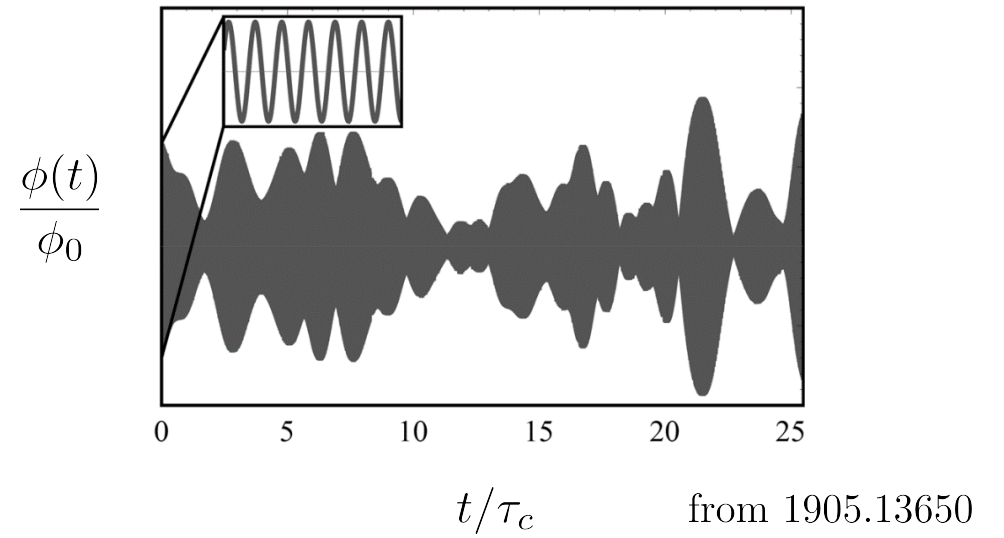


- Occupation number  $\gg 1 \implies$  boson,  $\phi \quad \equiv$  number of particles per  $\lambda_{\text{dB}}^3 \simeq (mv_{\text{dm}})^{-3}$
- Classical equations of motion
- Automatically produced as dark matter relics



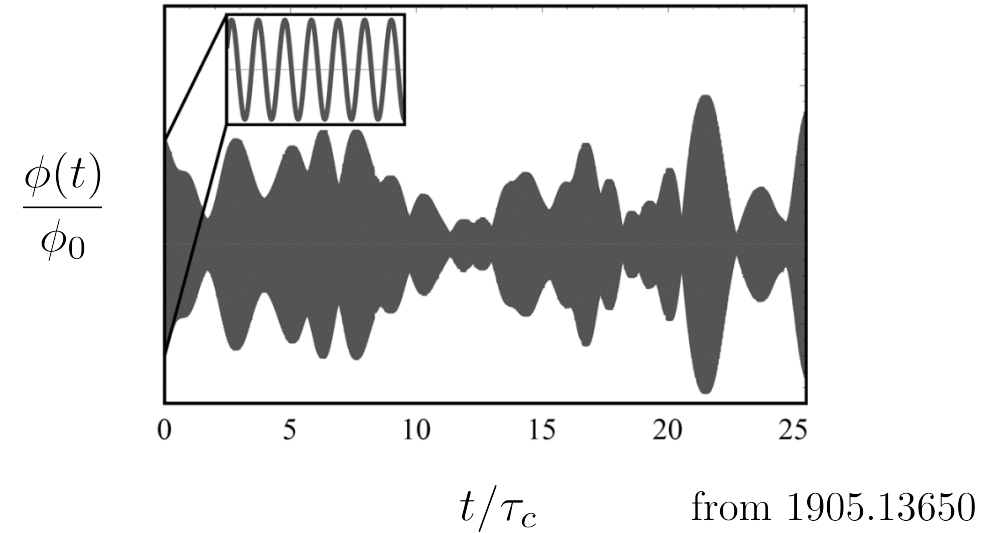
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In this talk:

- $\phi$  is the dark matter

- $V(\phi) = \frac{1}{2}m^2\phi^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4!}\phi^4 + \dots$   
 $\neq 0 \quad |\lambda| \ll 1$

axion  $\rightarrow \lambda = -\frac{m^2}{f_a^2}$

$\rightarrow$  misalignment fixes  $f_a = f_a(m; \theta_0)$

relation between  $m$  and  $f_a$  unfixed ←

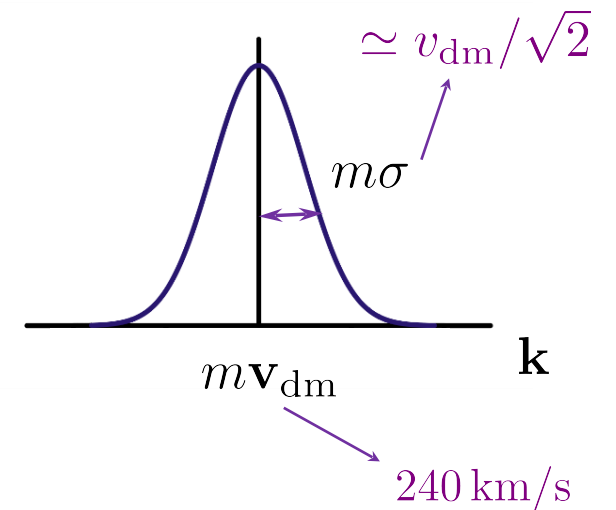
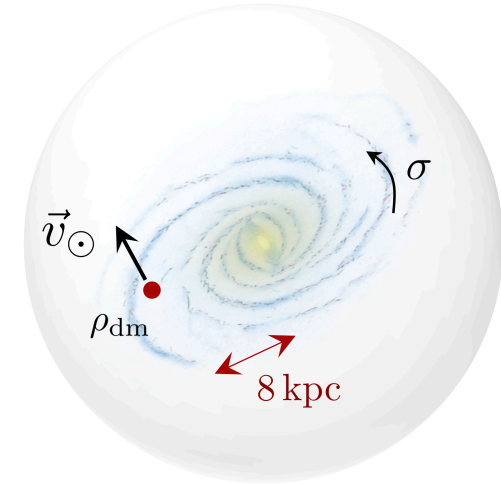
# Outline

- ULDM distribution and bound states
- Formation of the gravitational atom
- Some implication for direct detection

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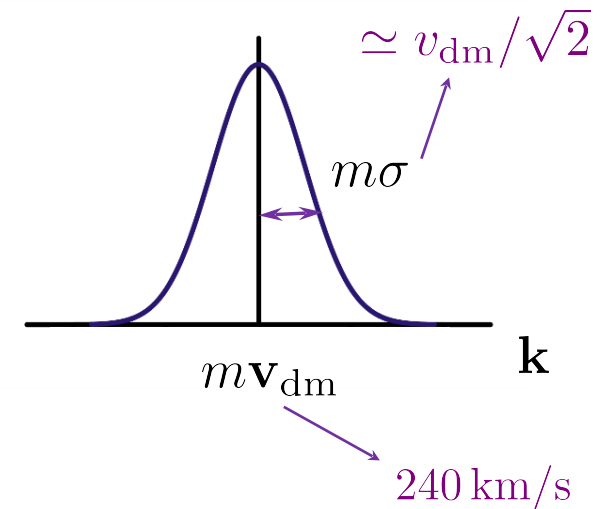
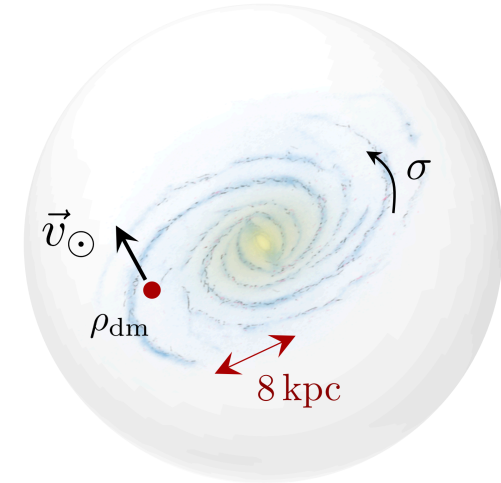
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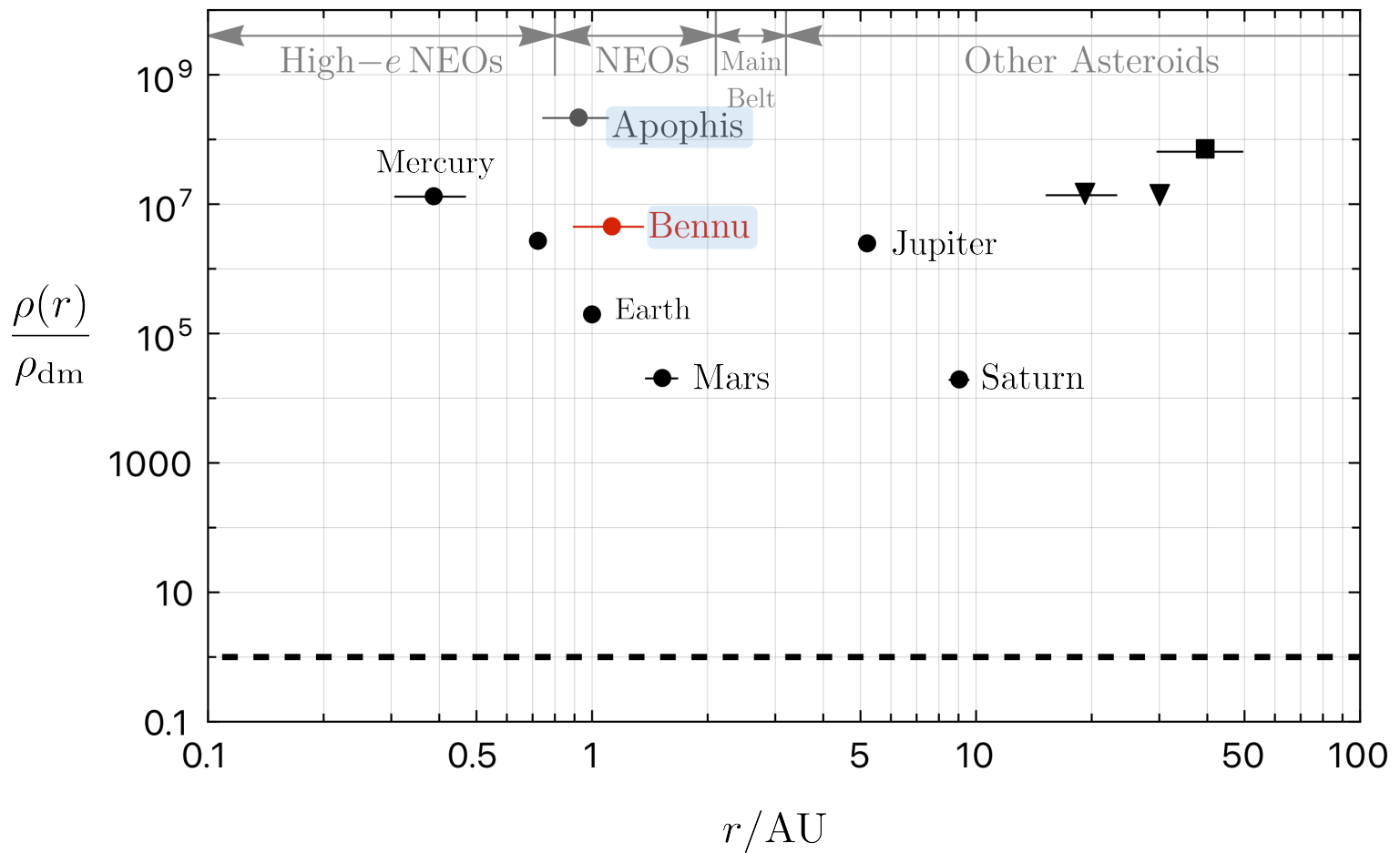
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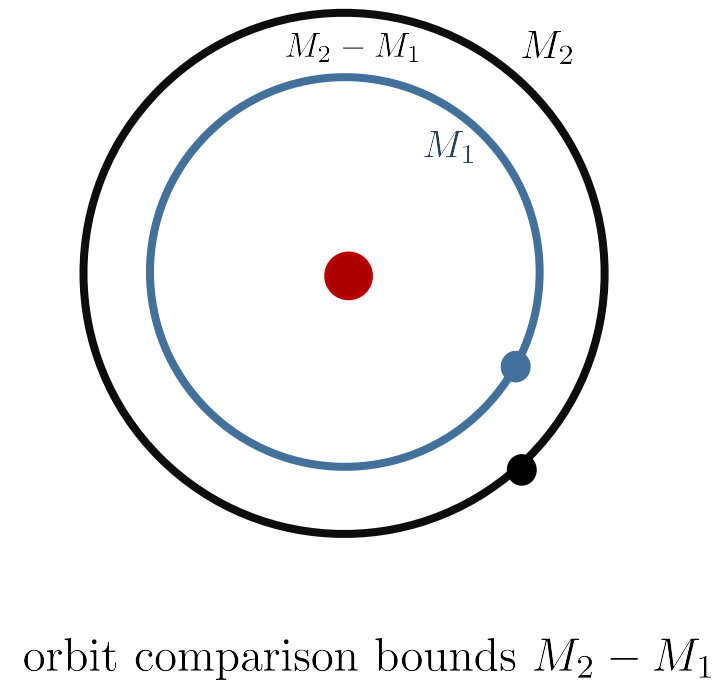
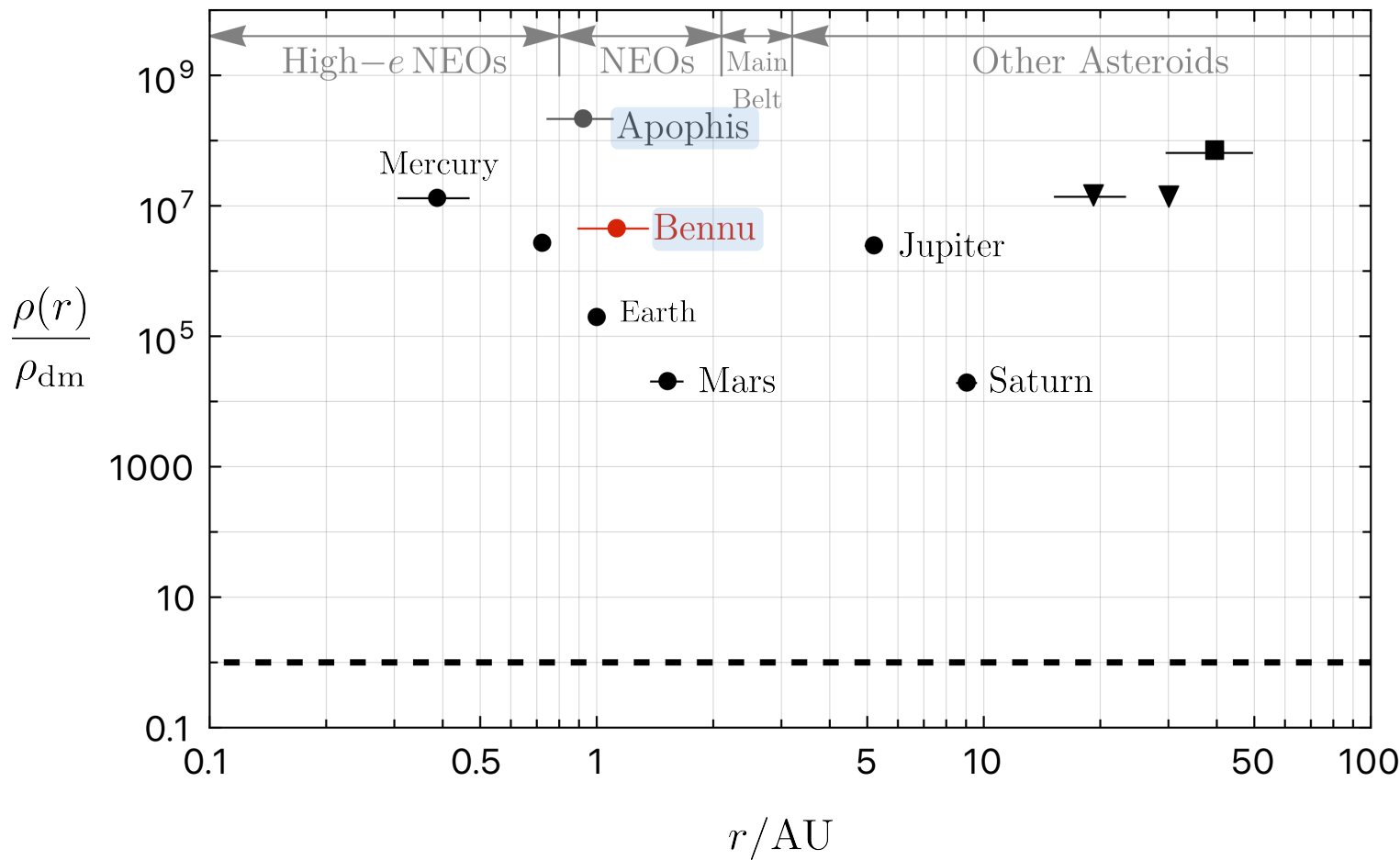
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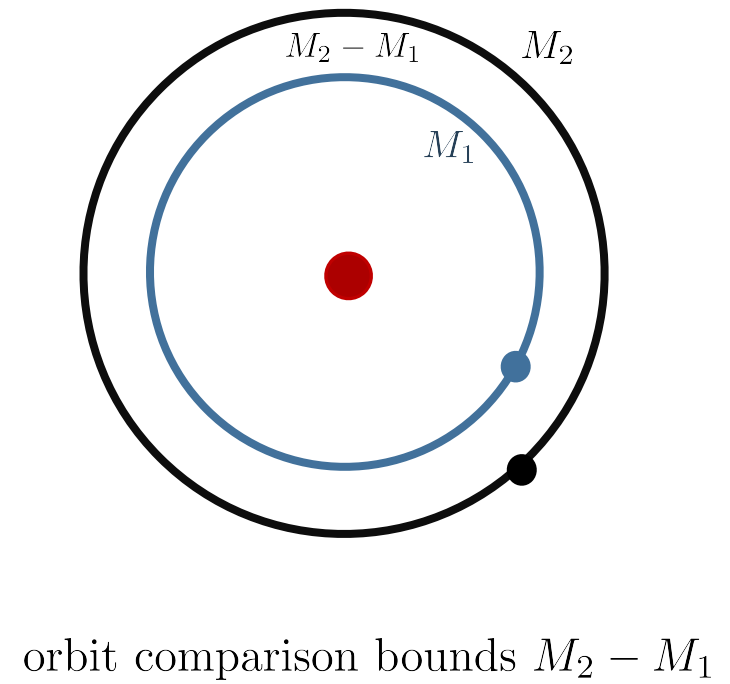
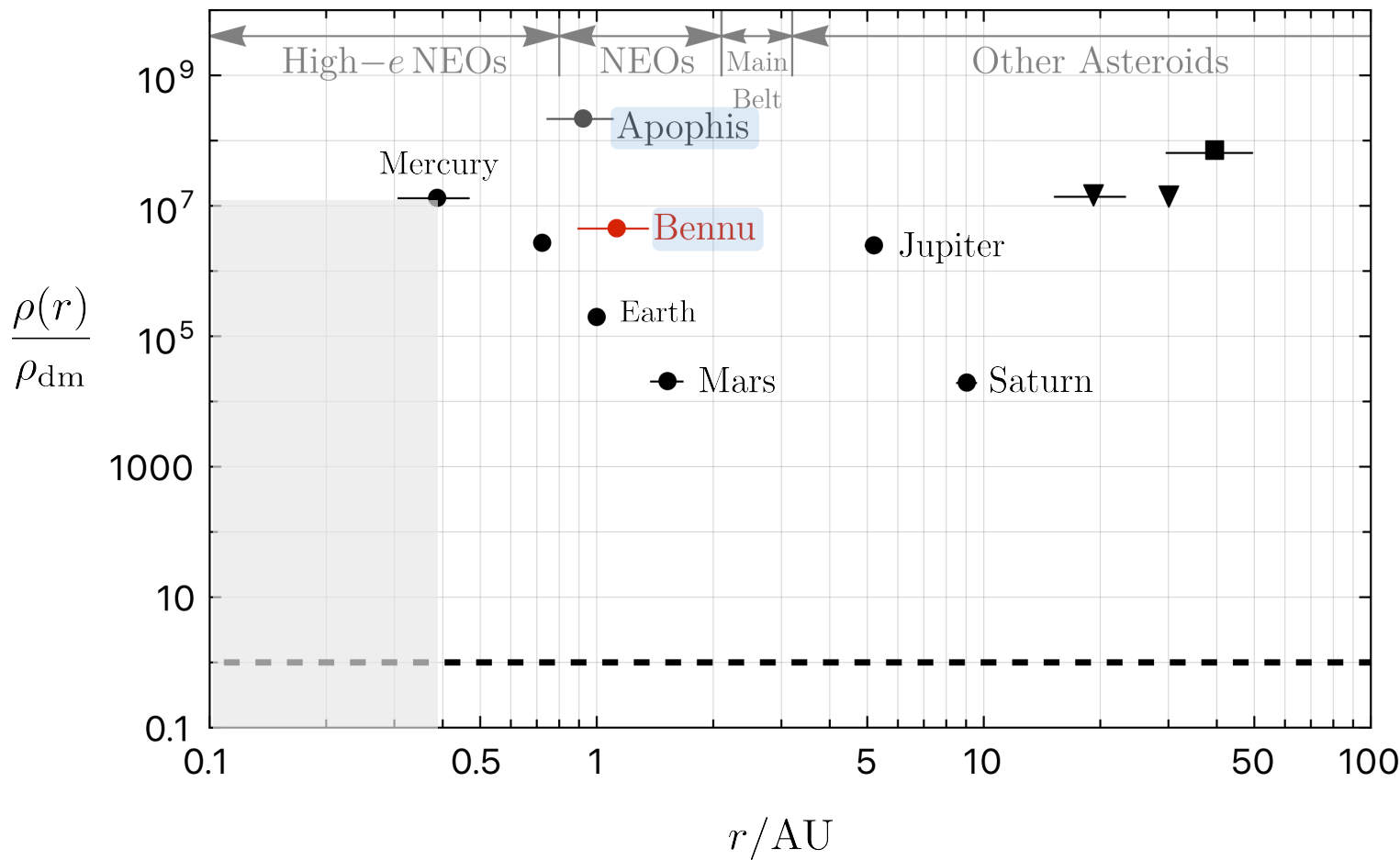


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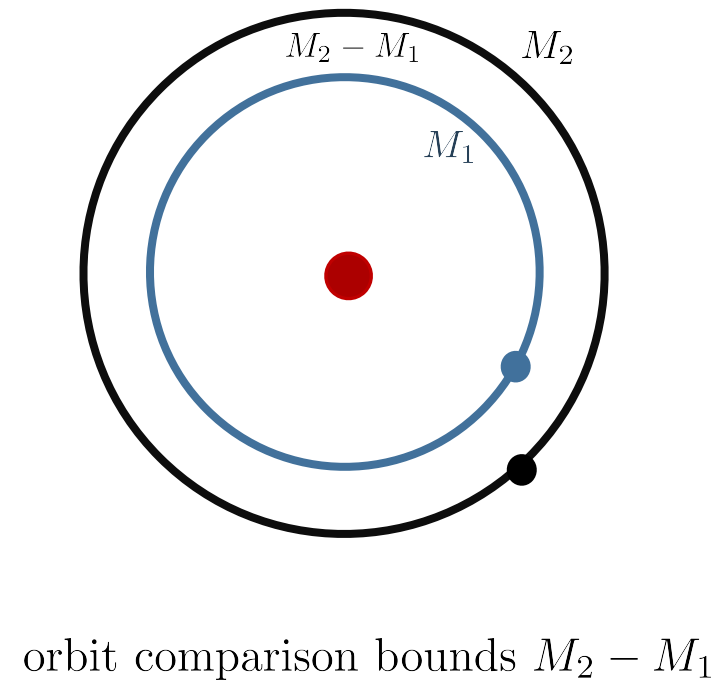
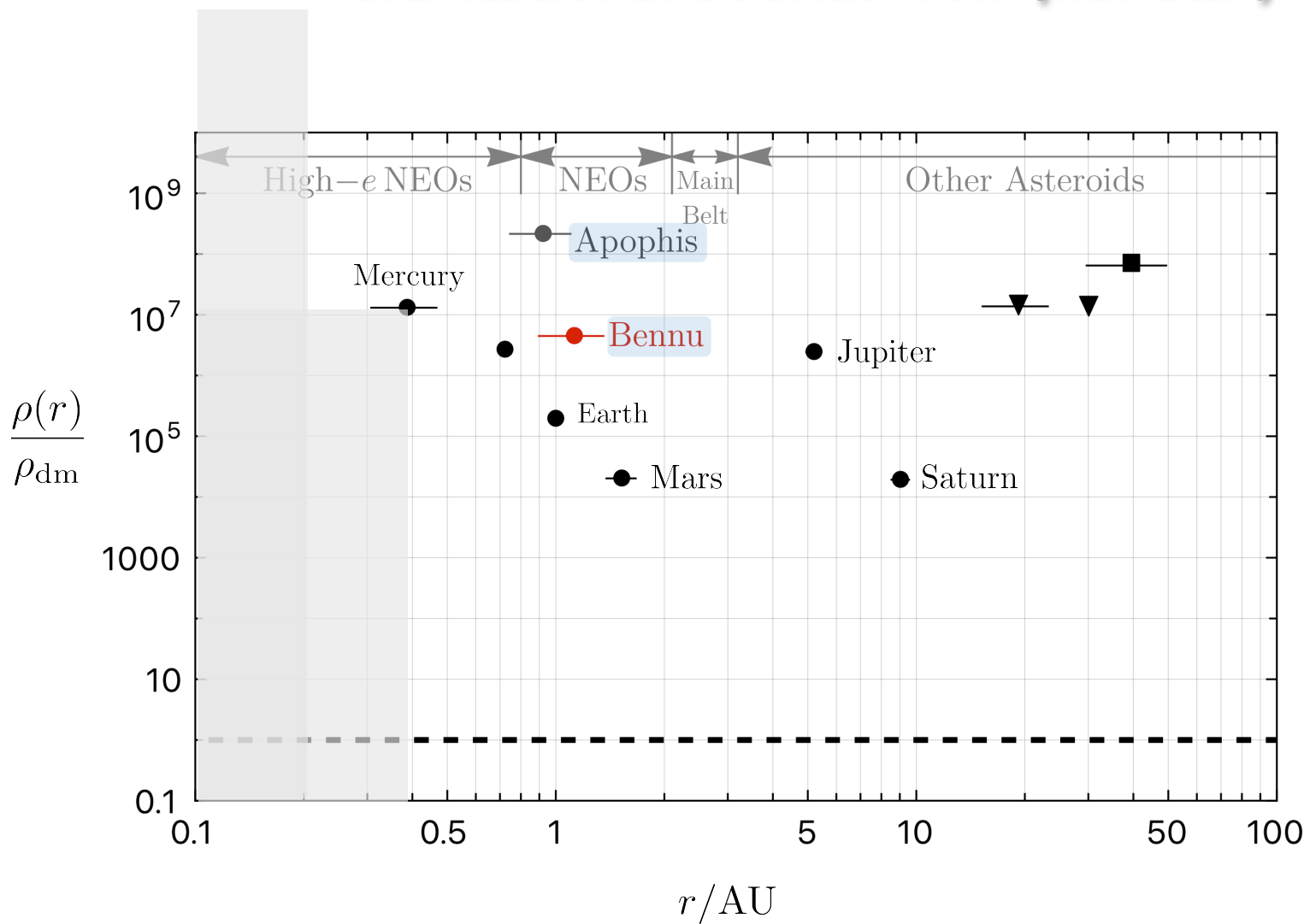
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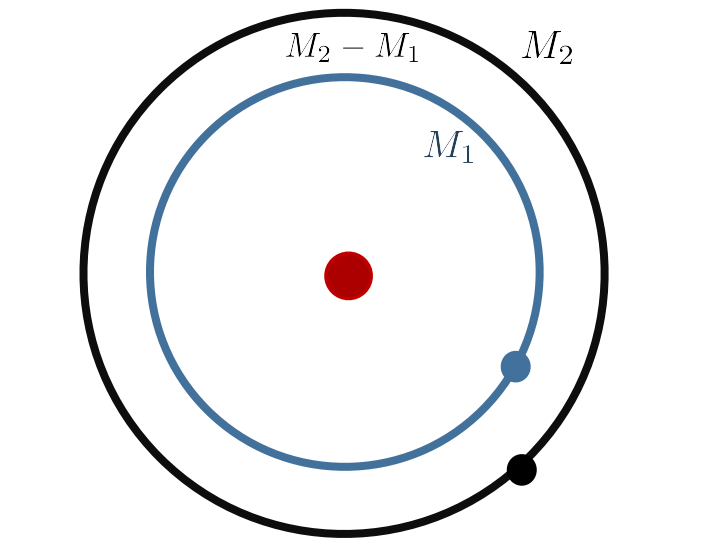
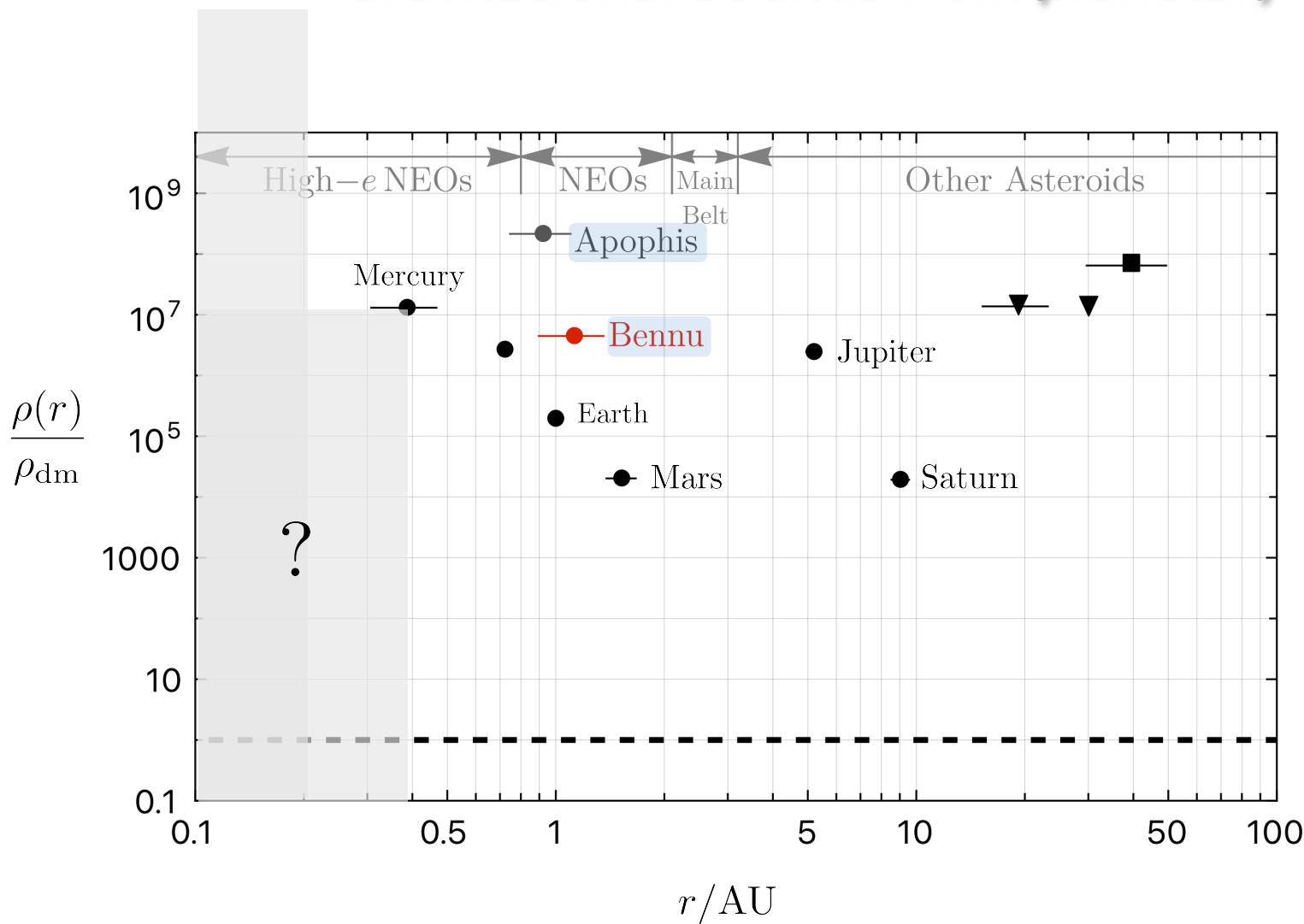
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$$\alpha \equiv GMm$$

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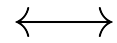
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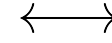
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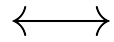
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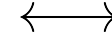
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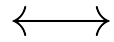
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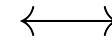
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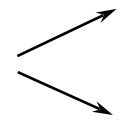
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if locally  
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$$\rho_{\text{crit}} \equiv \frac{m^2\Phi}{|g|} = \frac{8m^4\Phi}{|\lambda|}$$

self-interactions negligible  
 $\rightarrow$  free EoM



solutions:

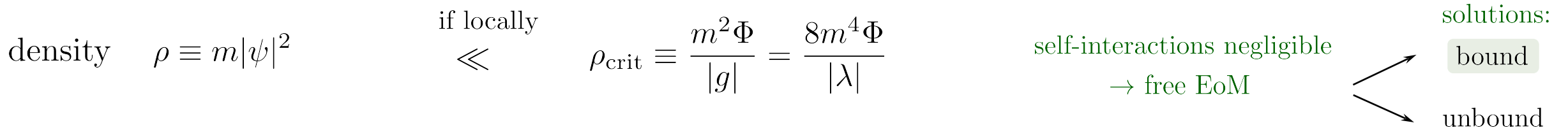
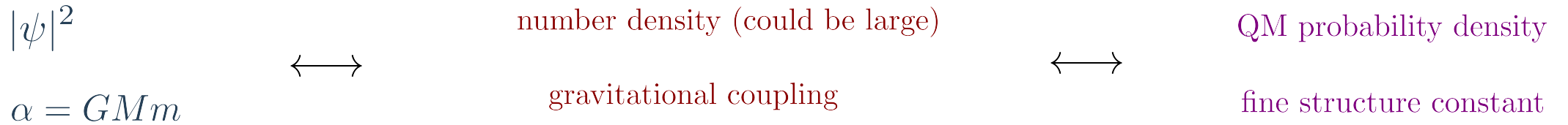
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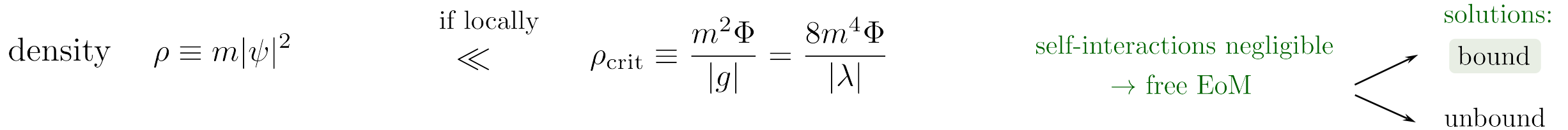
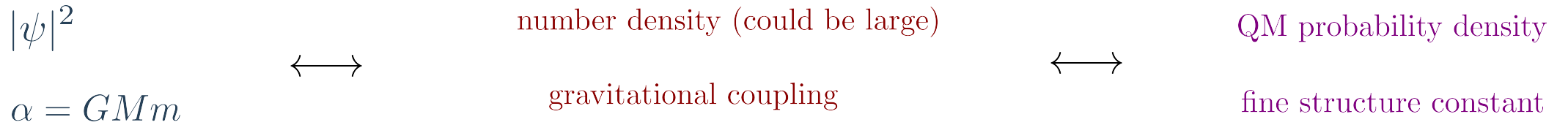
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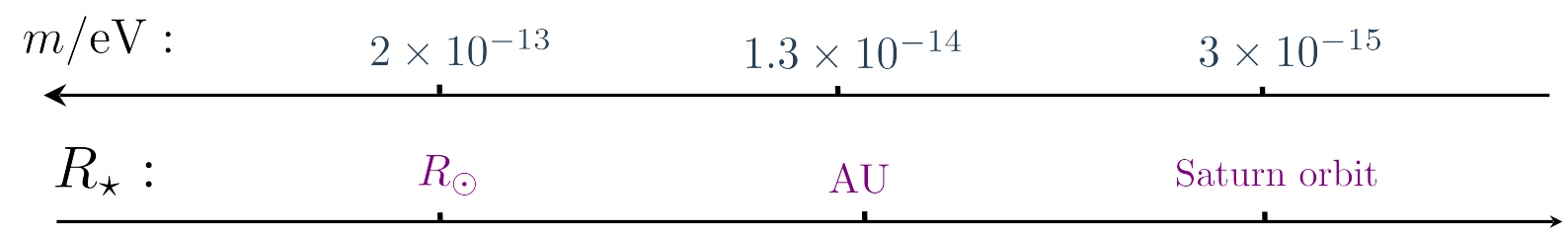
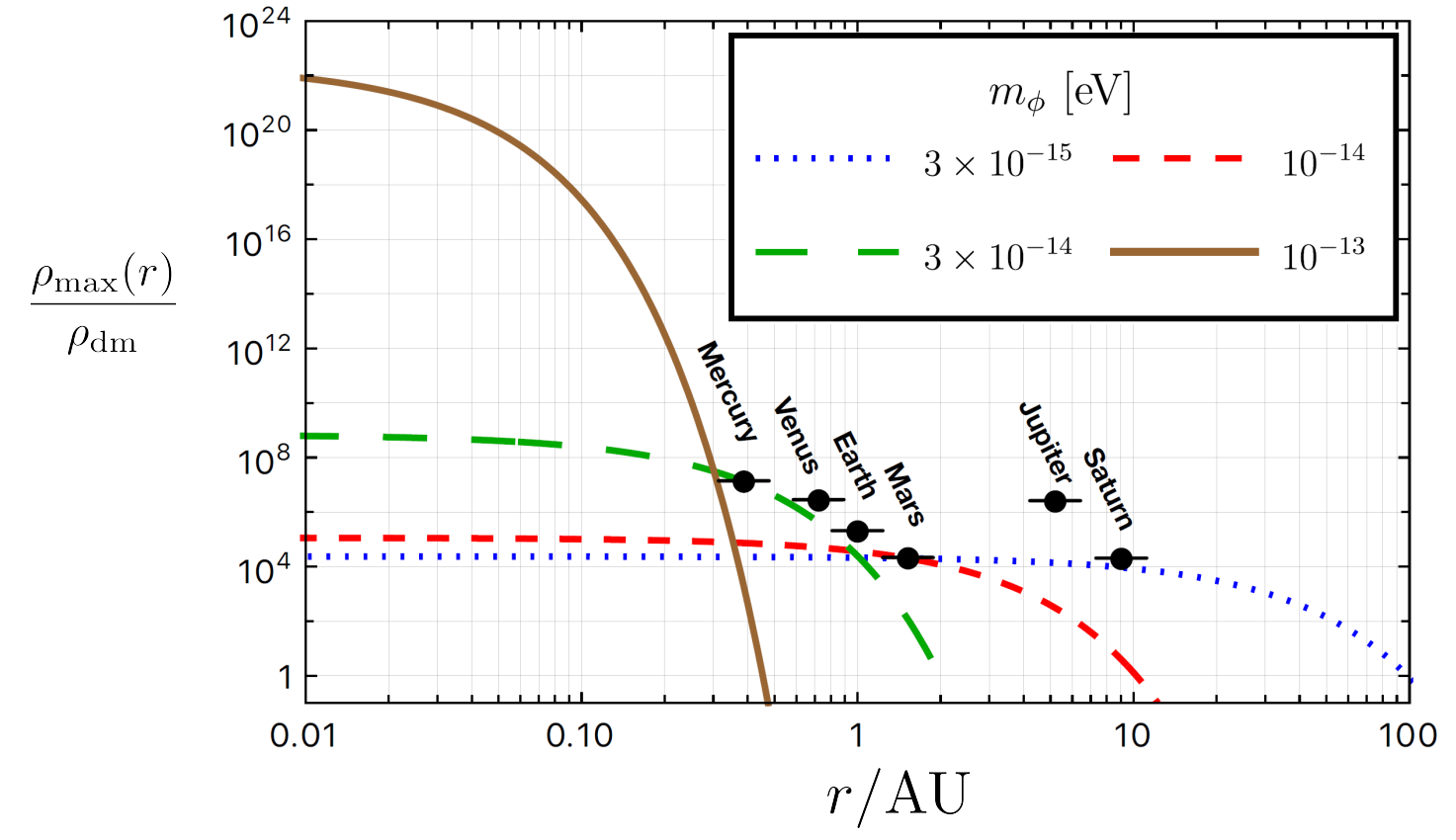
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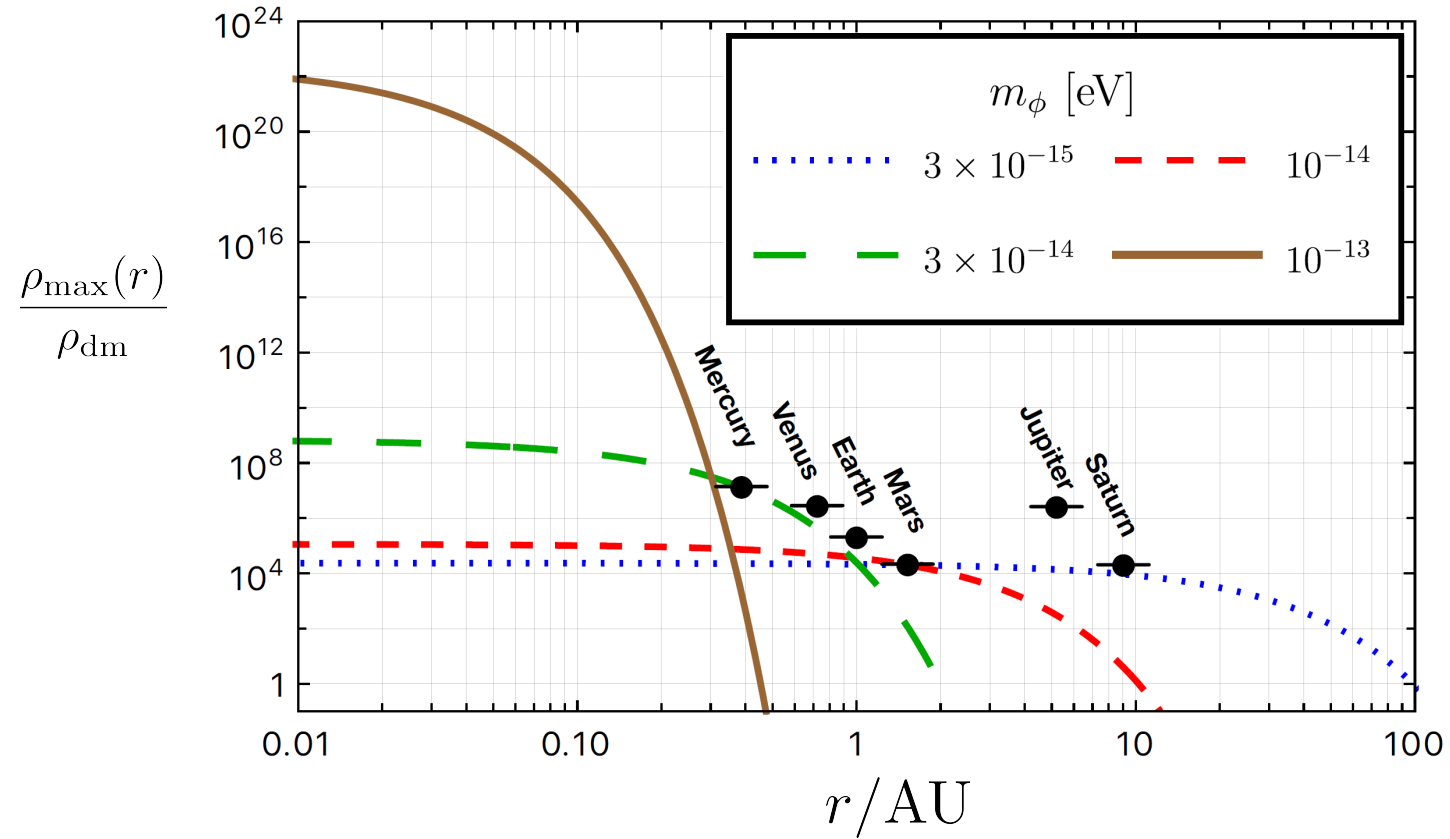
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$R_\star :$

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AU

Saturn orbit



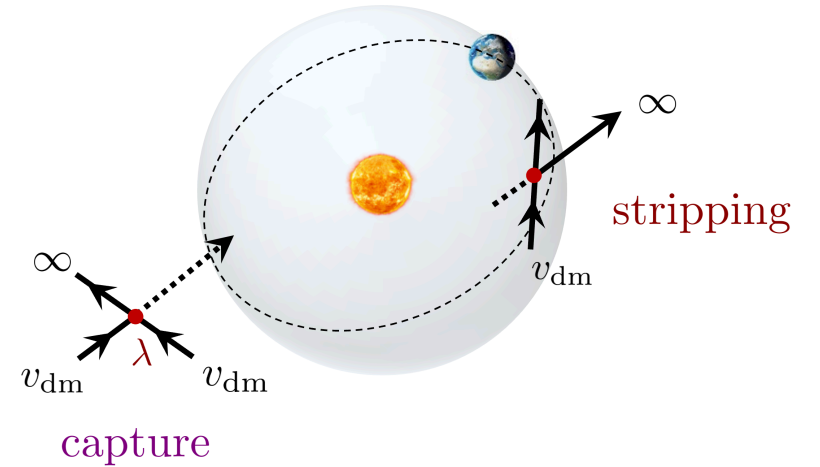
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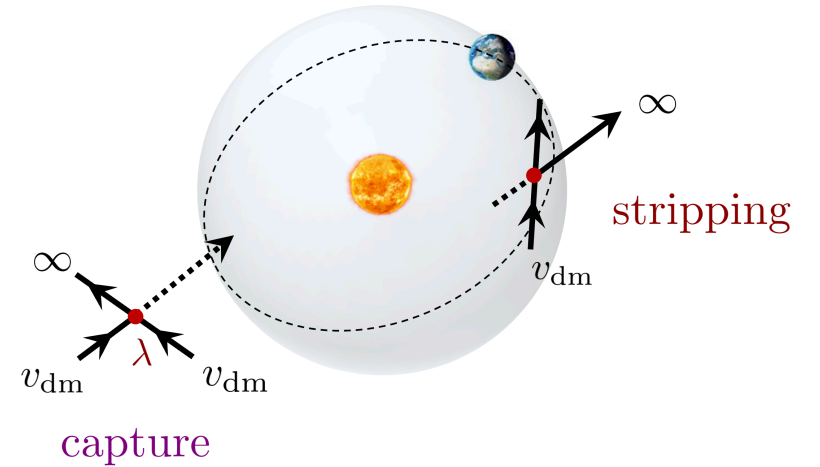
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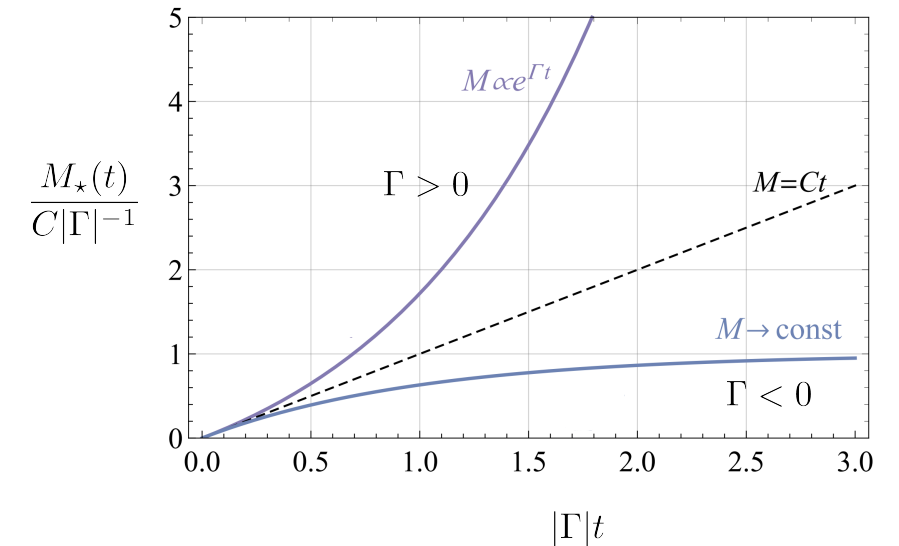
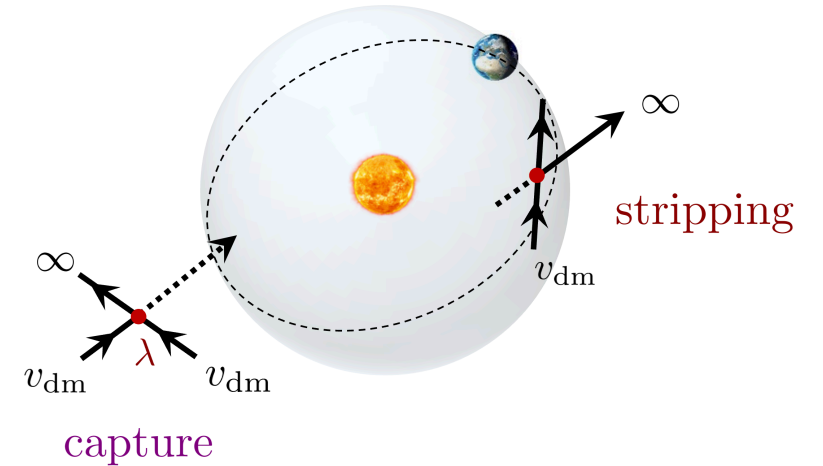
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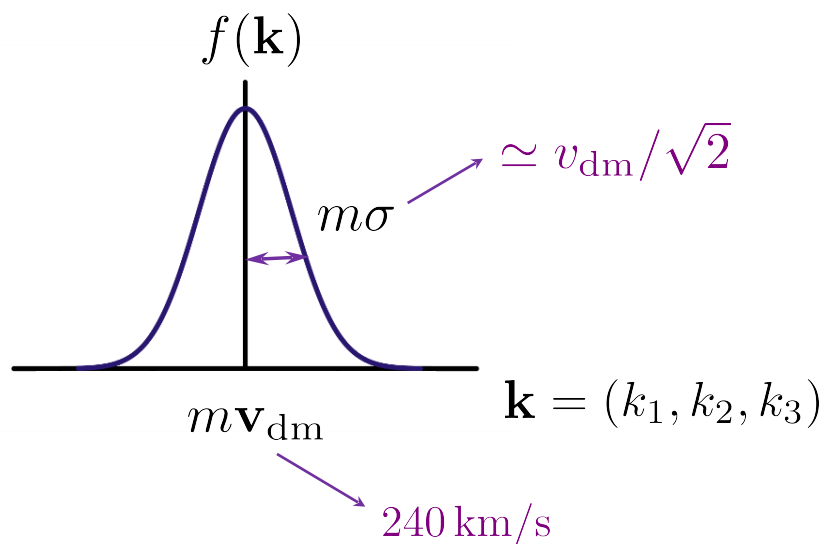
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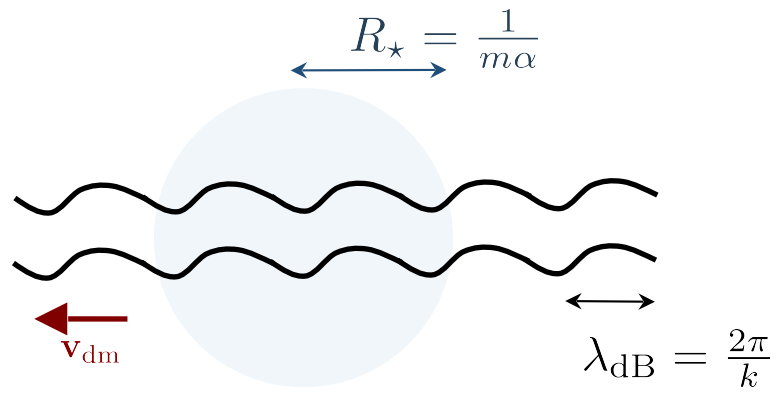
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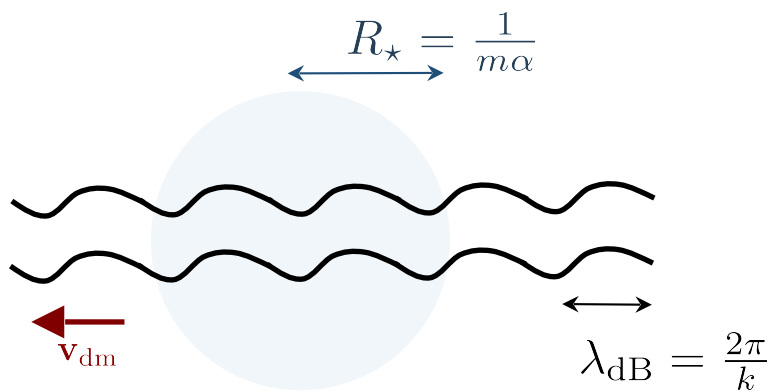
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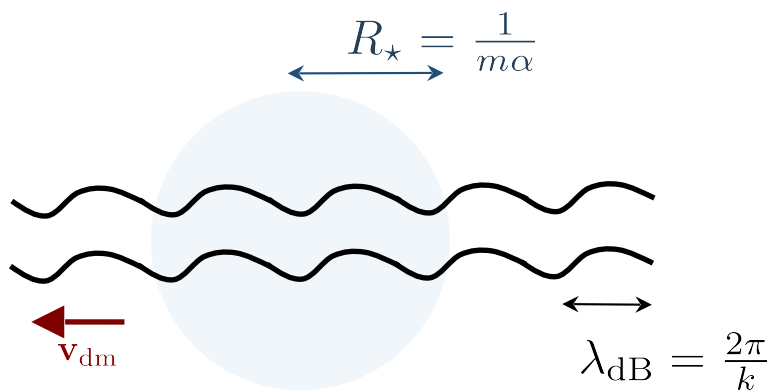
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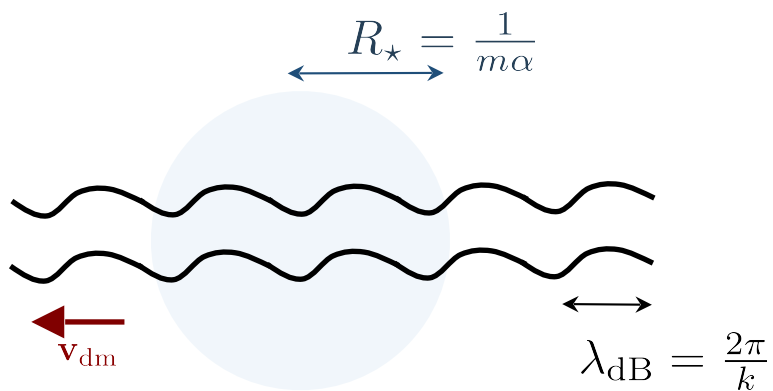


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large velocity



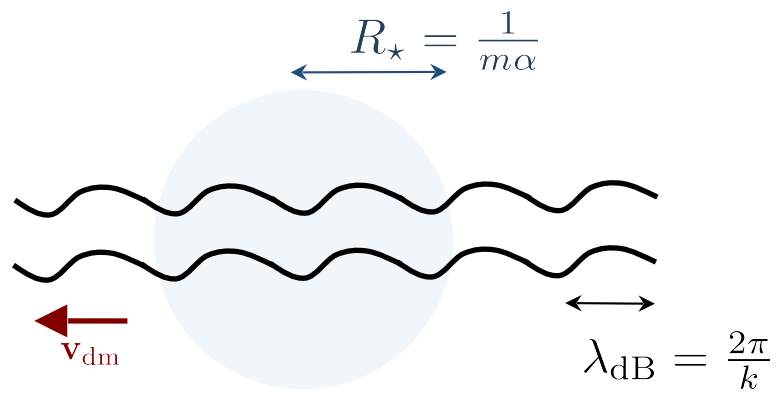
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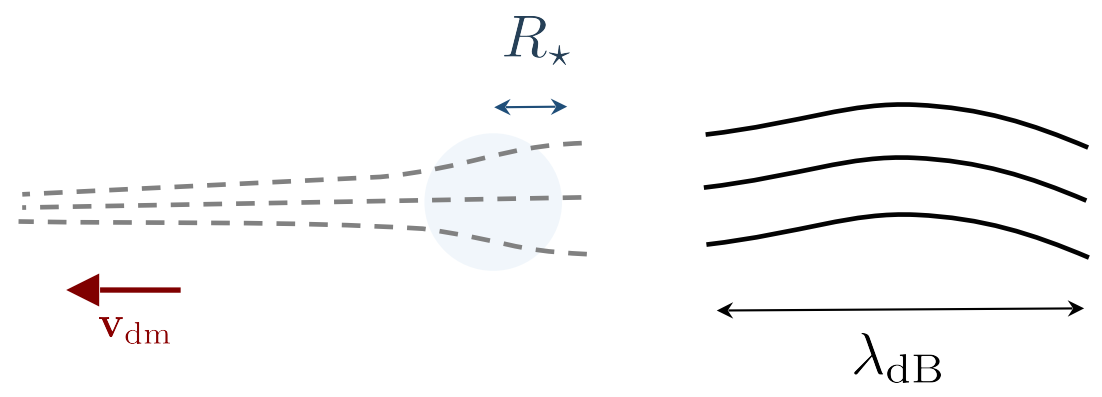
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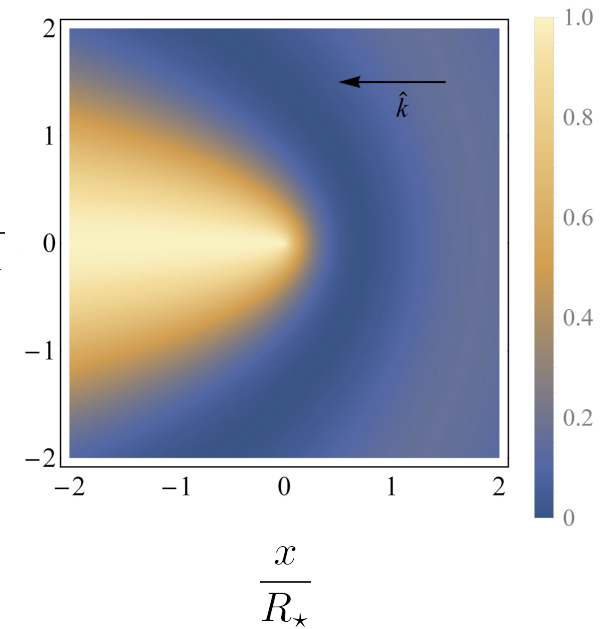
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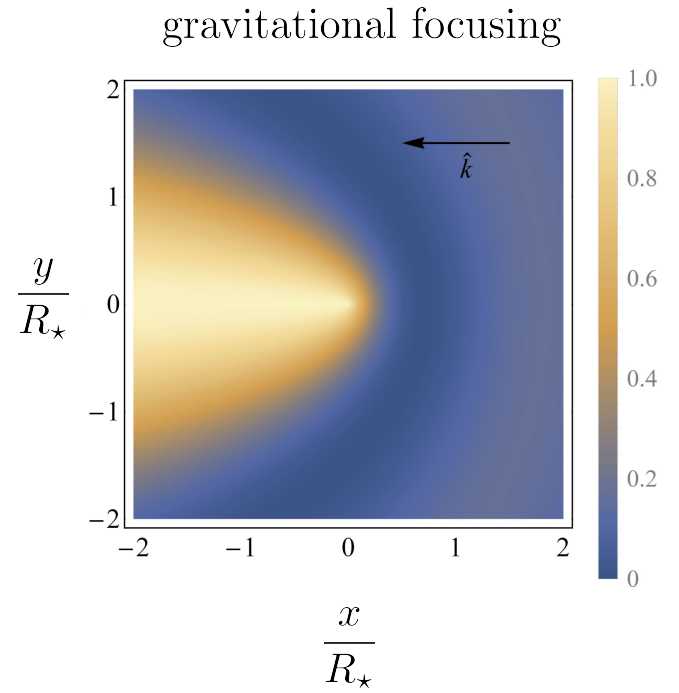
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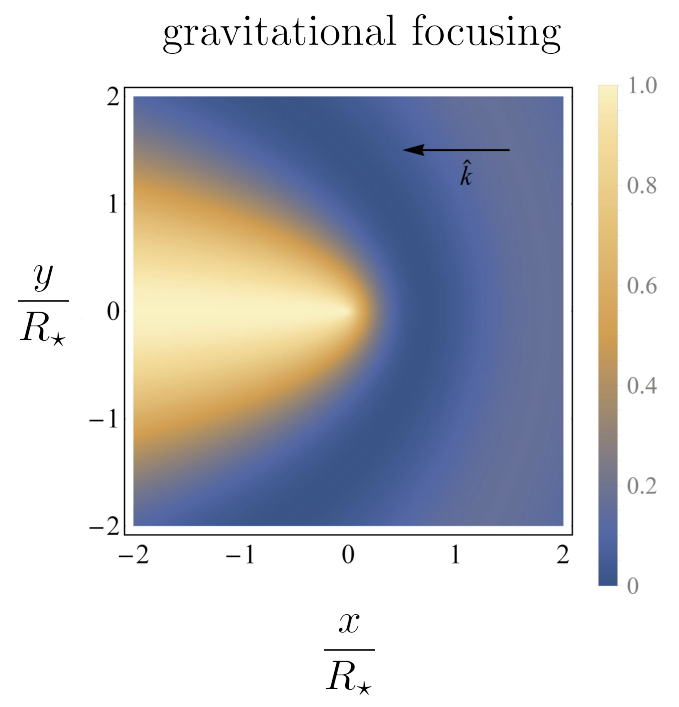
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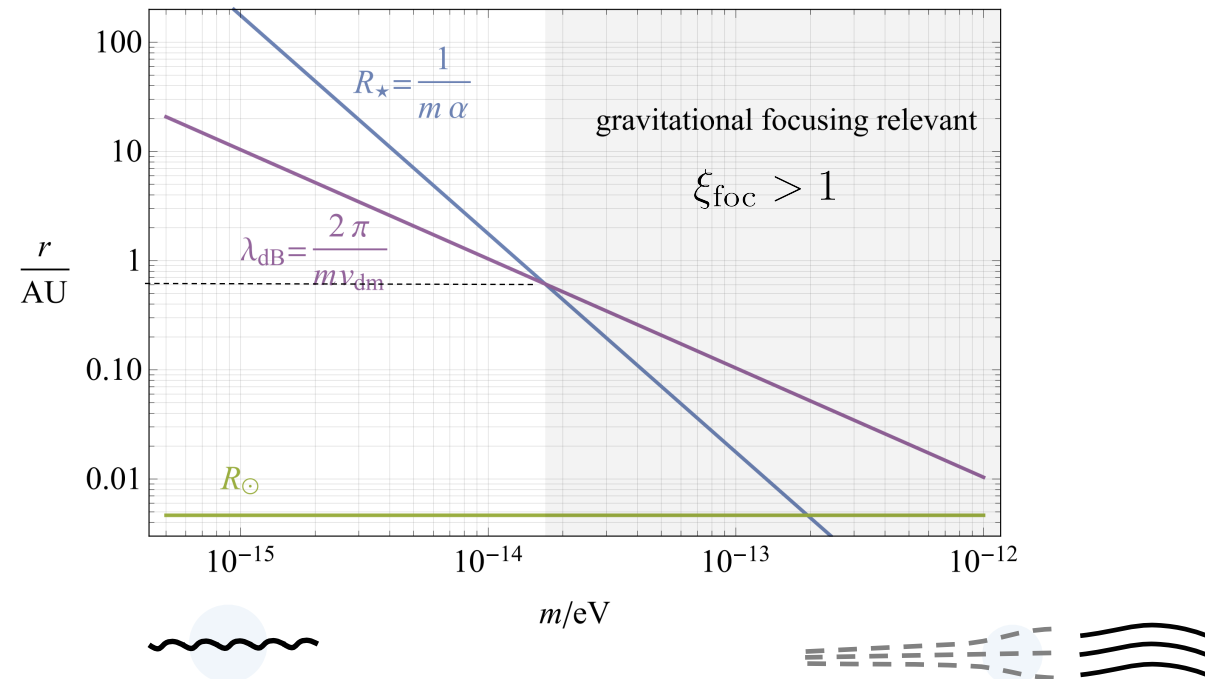
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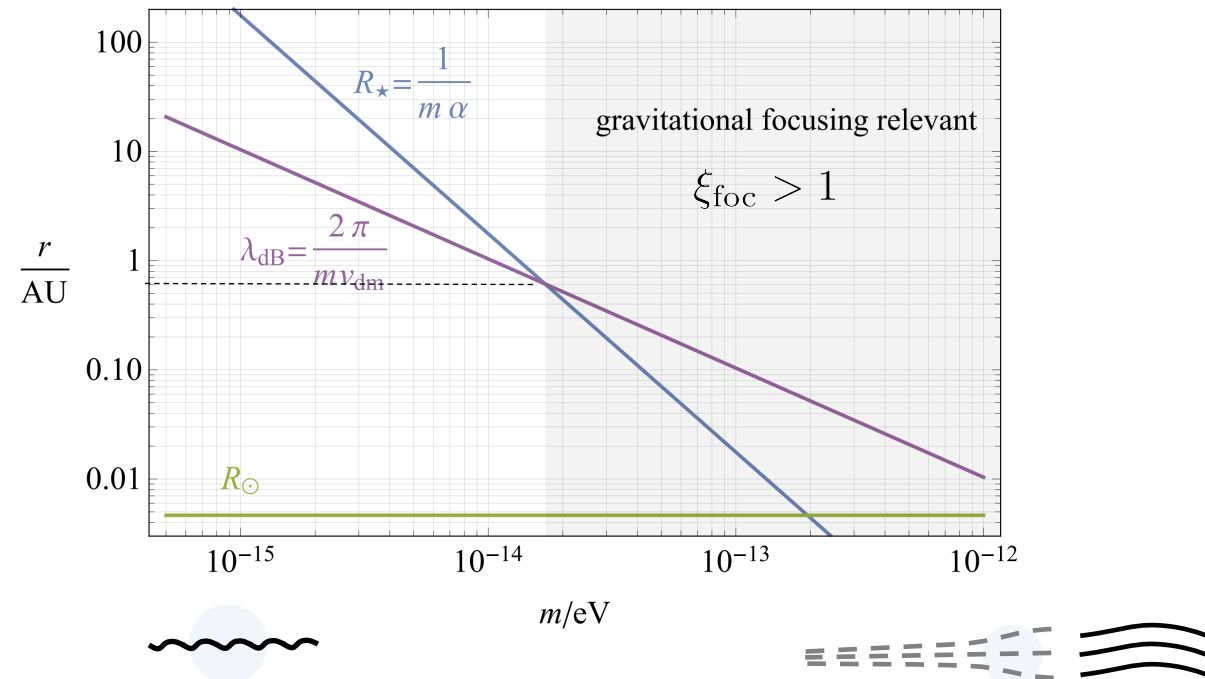


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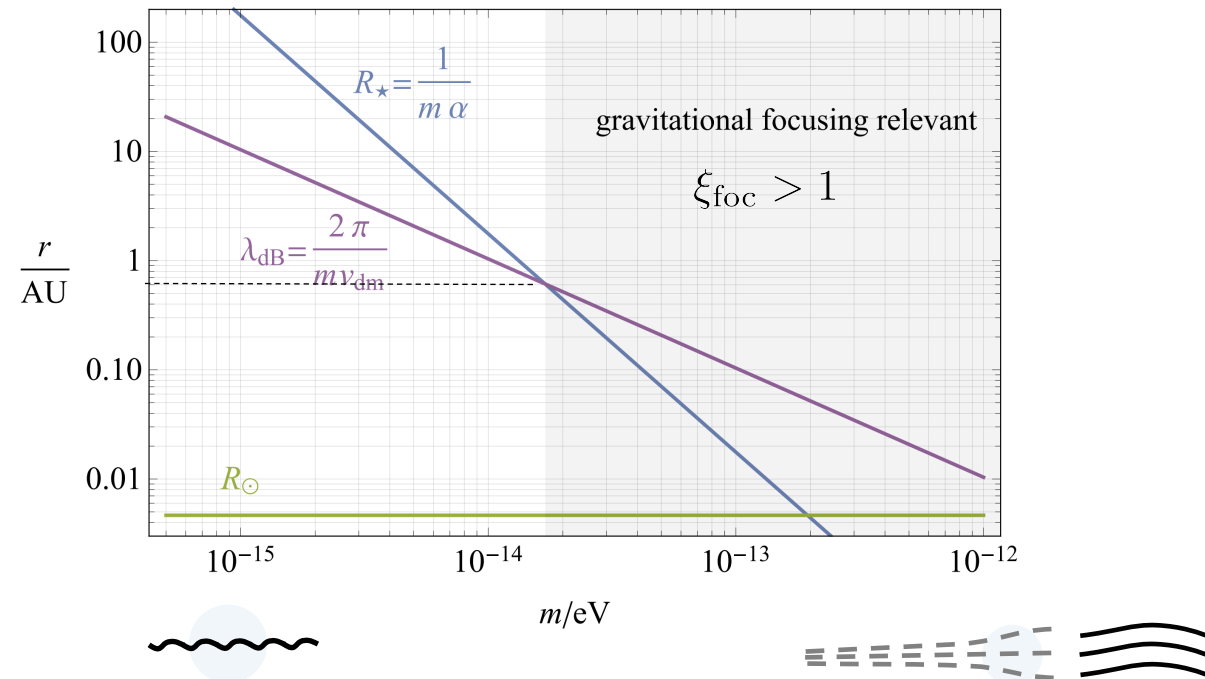


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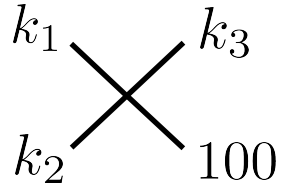
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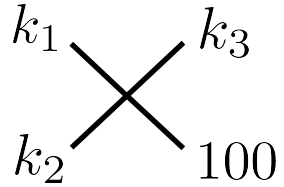


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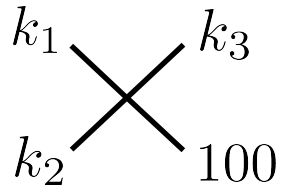
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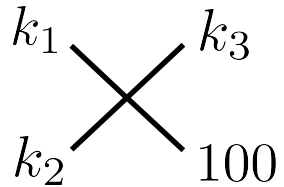
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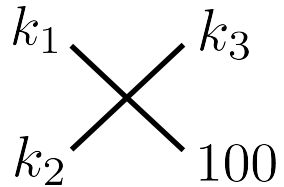
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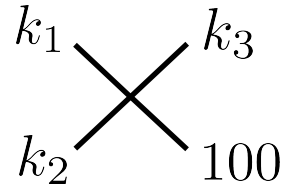
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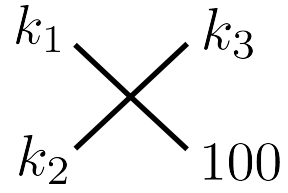
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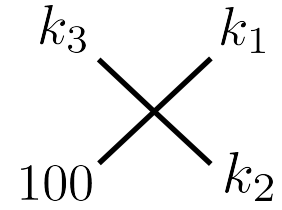
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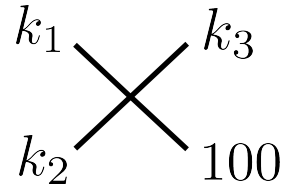


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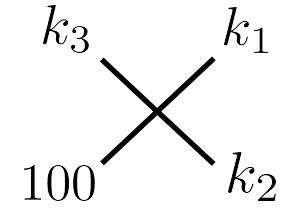


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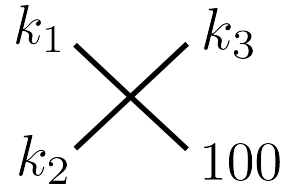
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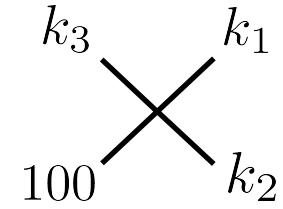
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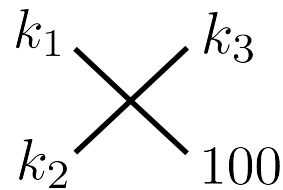
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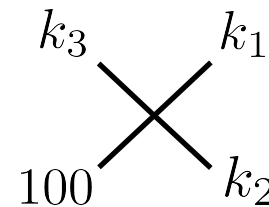
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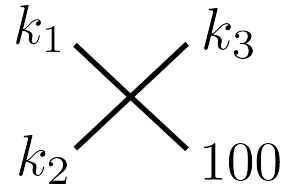
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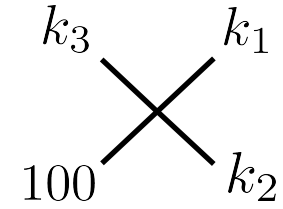
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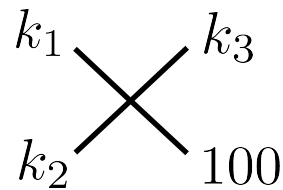
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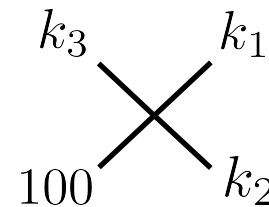
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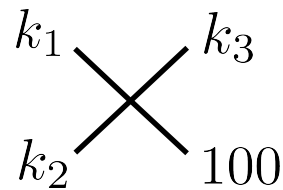
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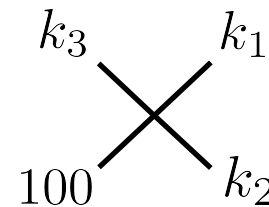
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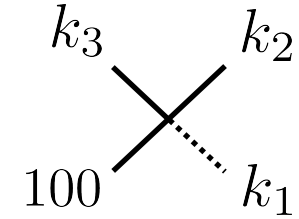
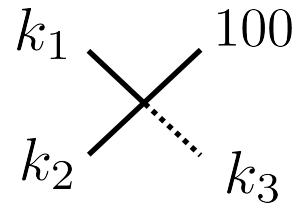
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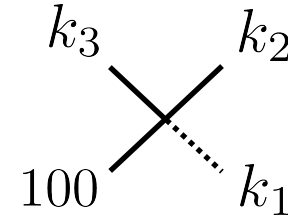
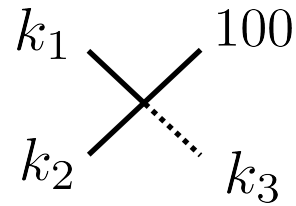
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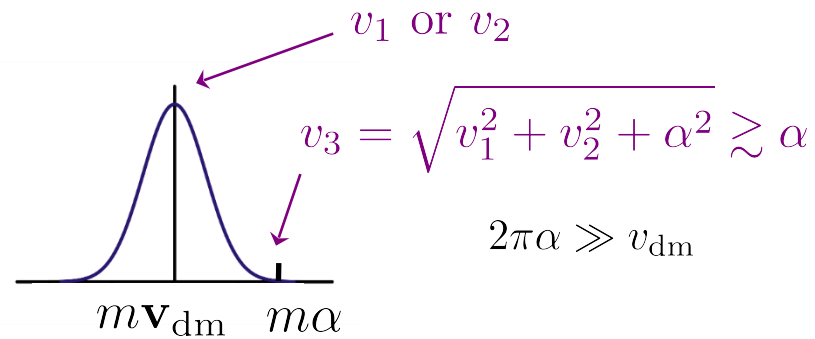
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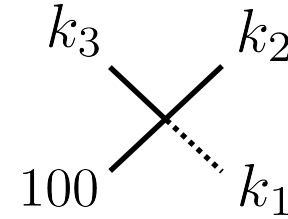
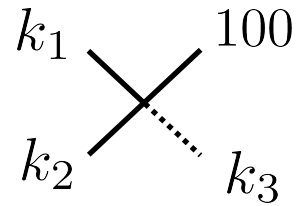
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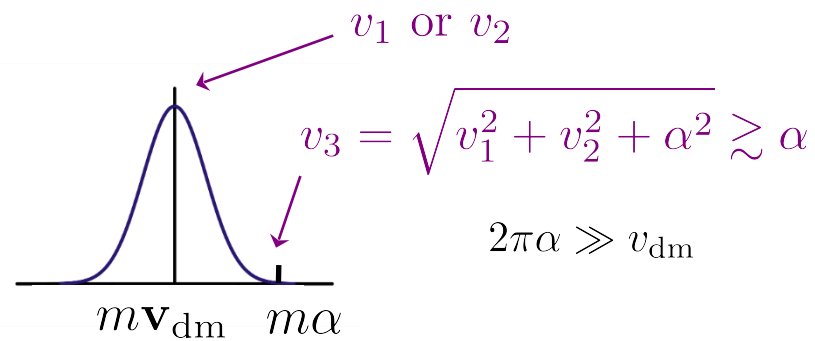
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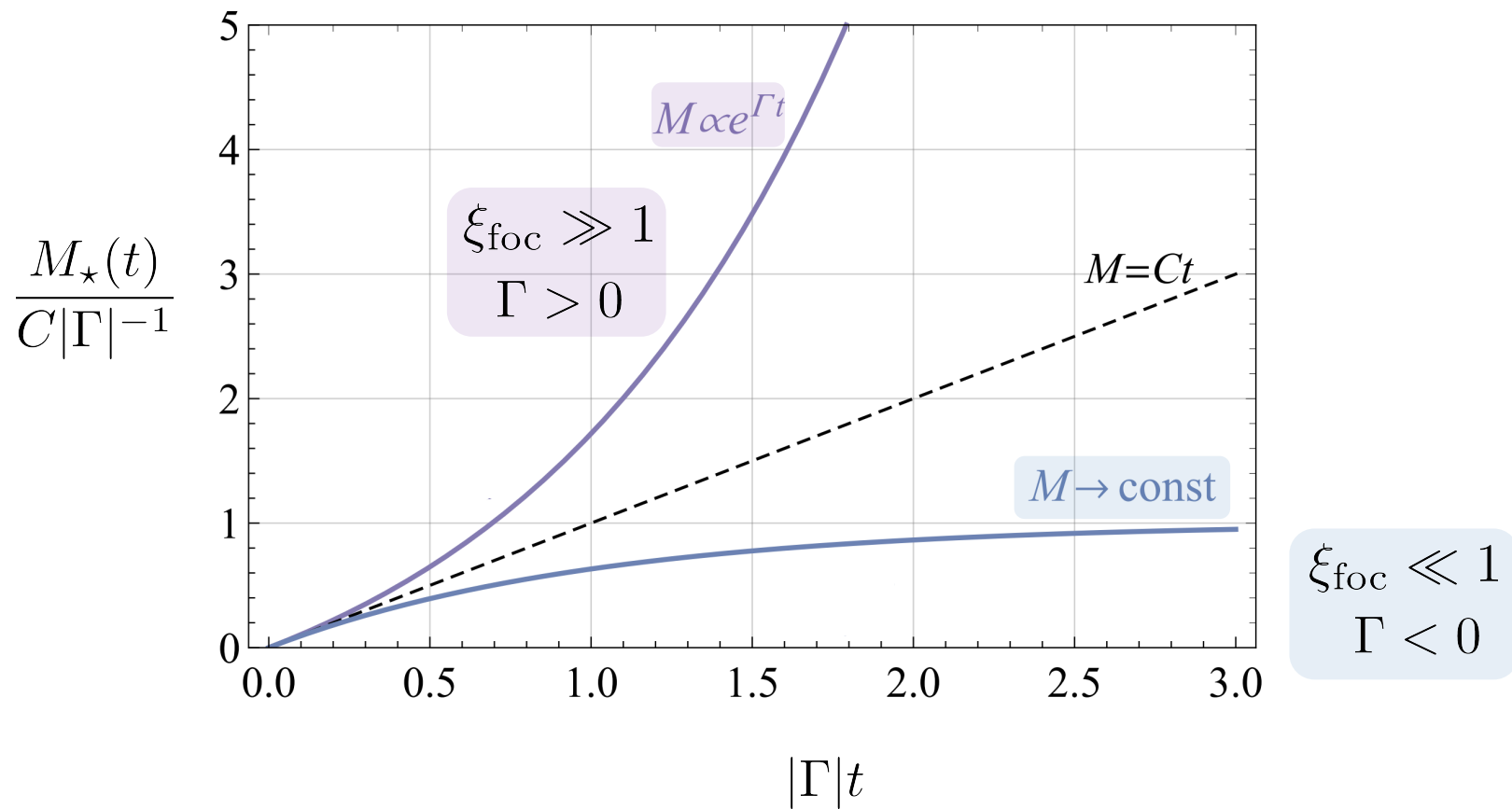
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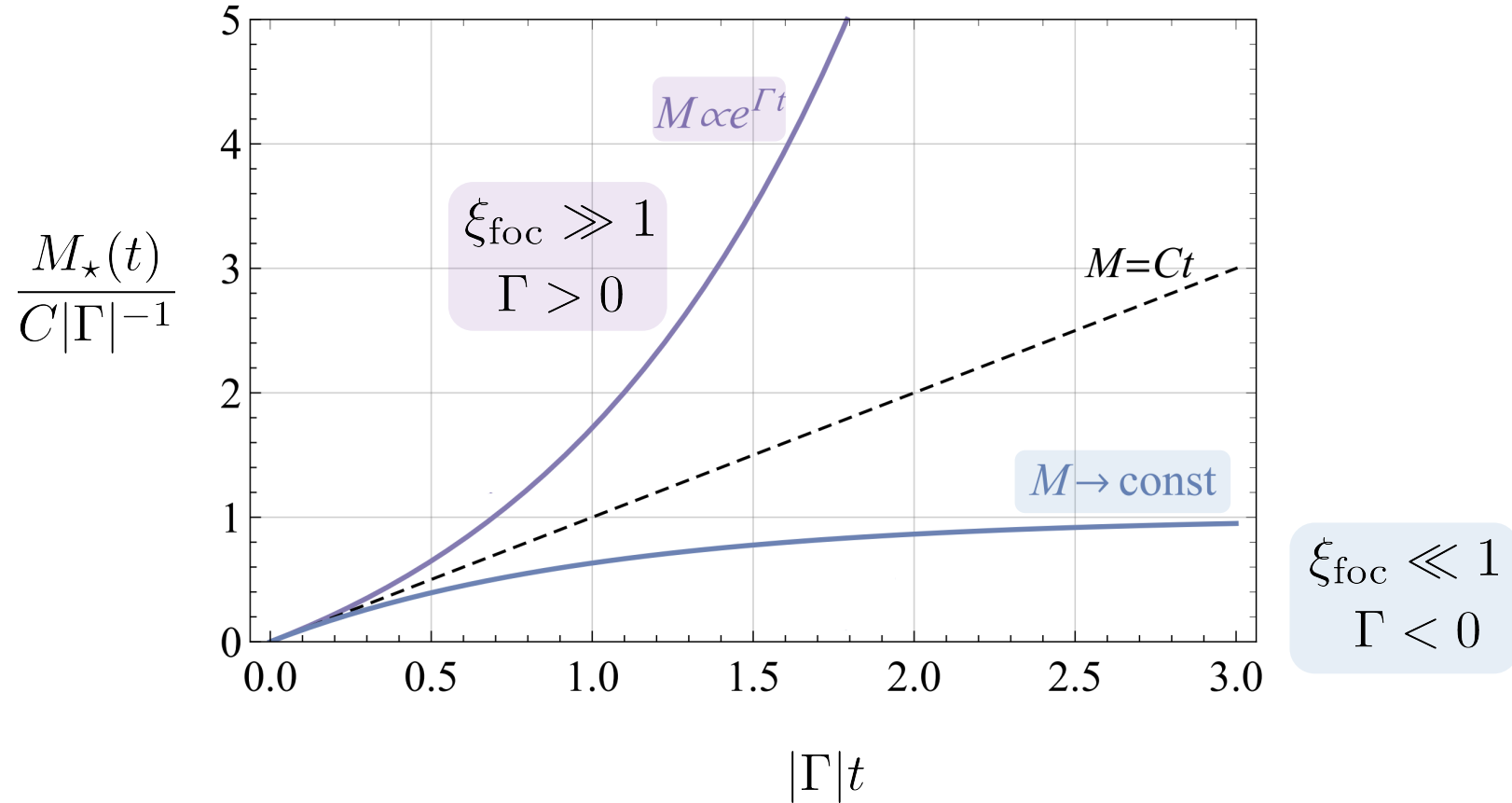
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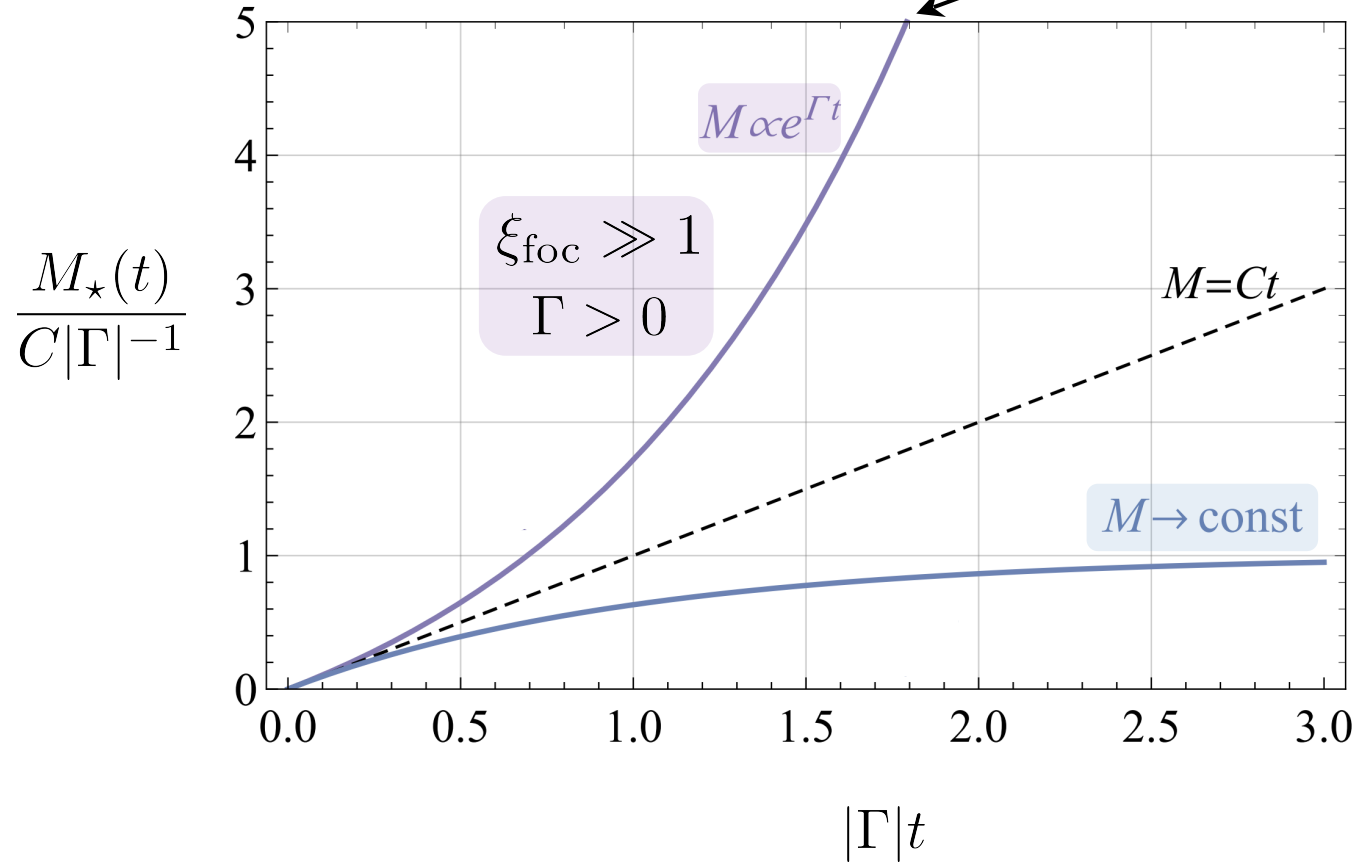


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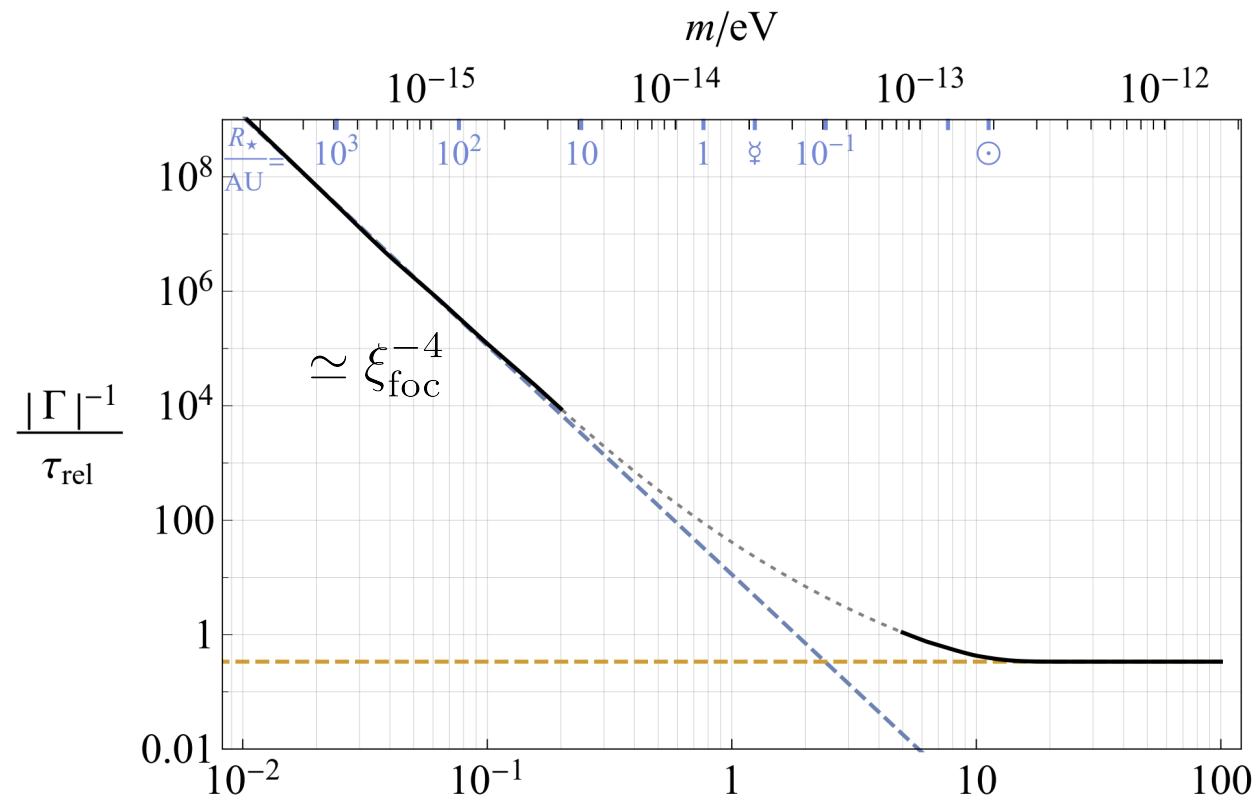
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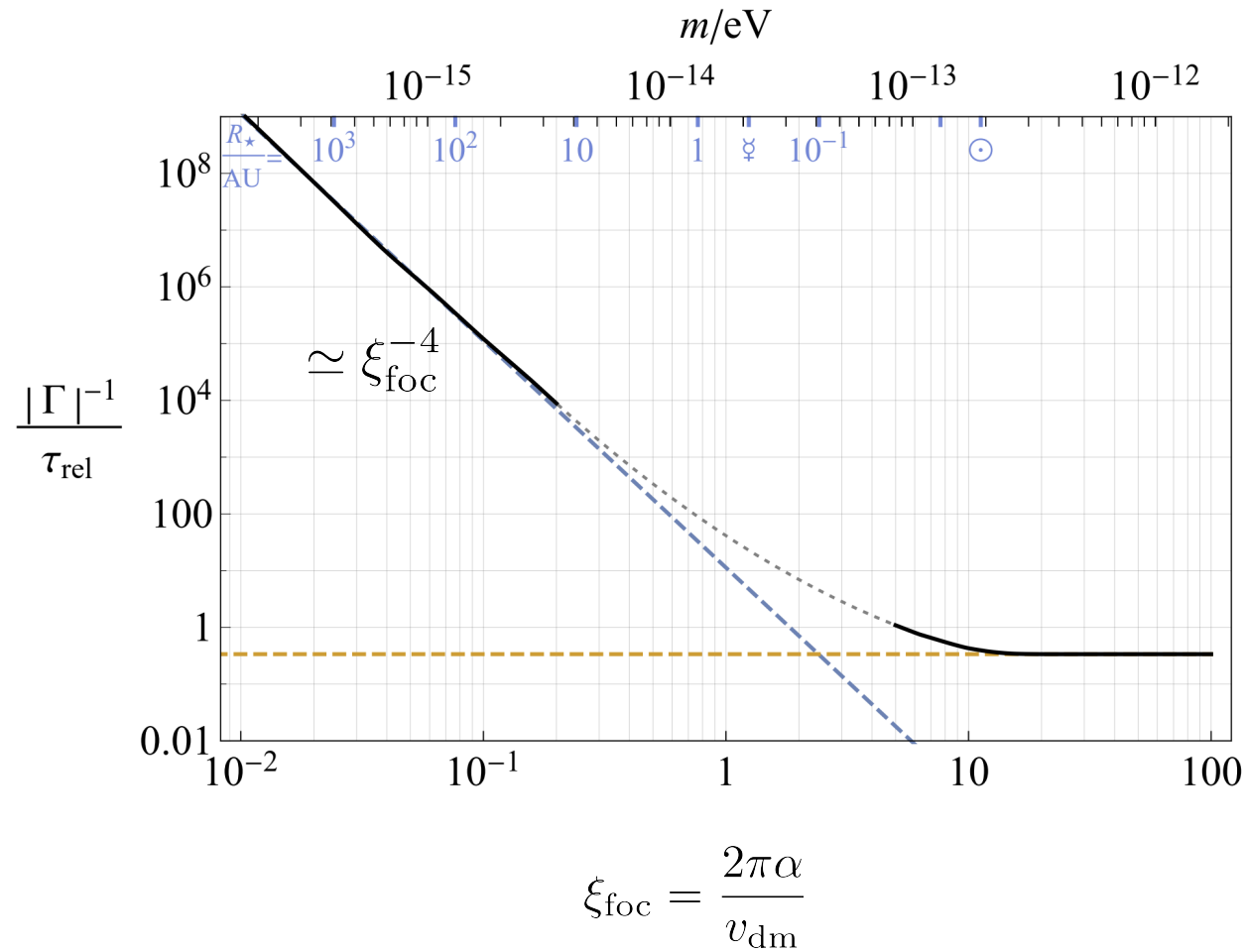


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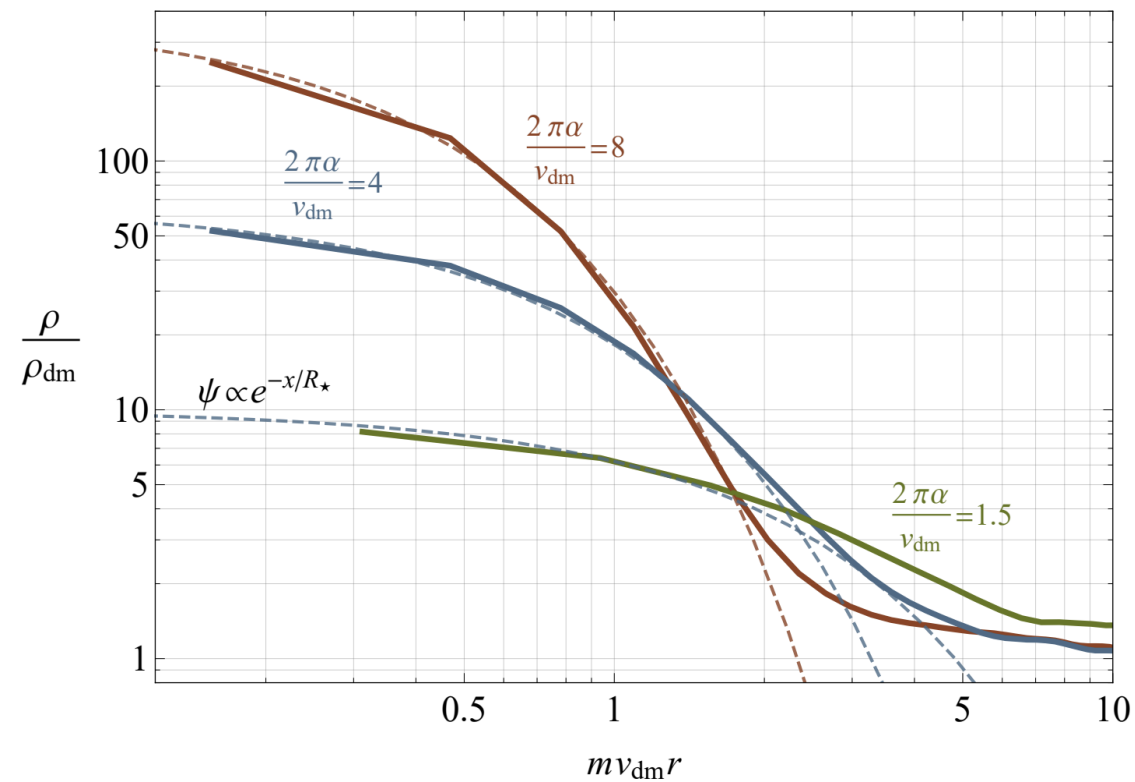
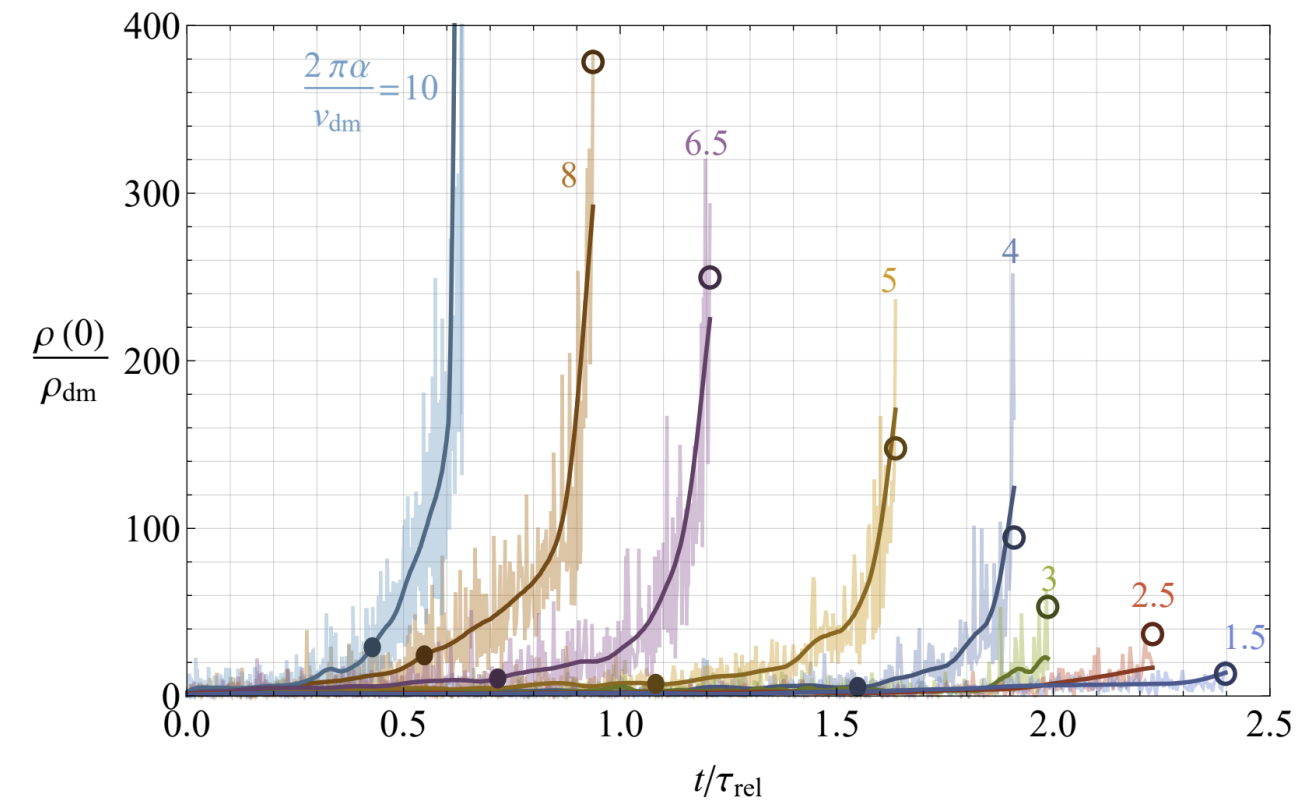
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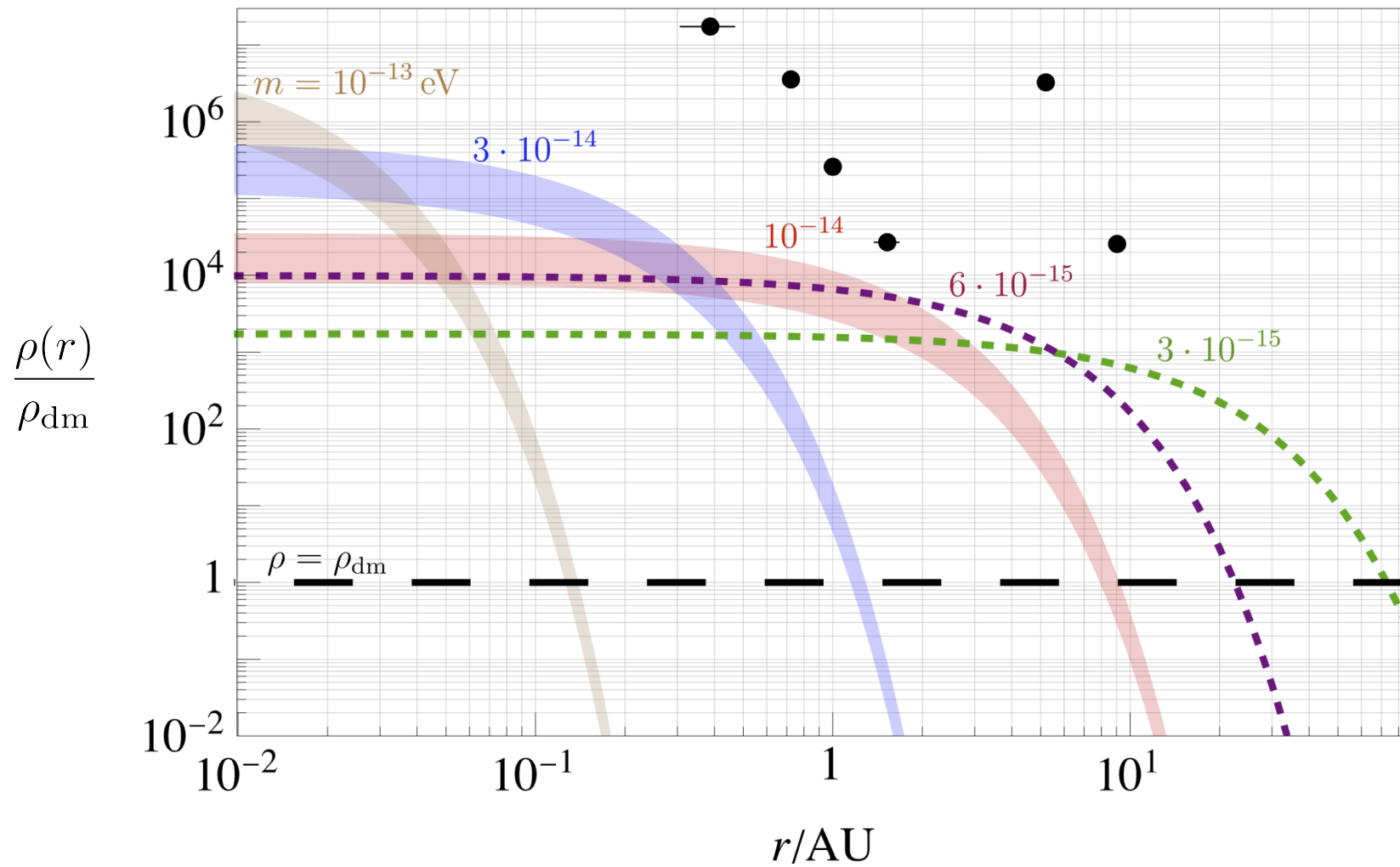
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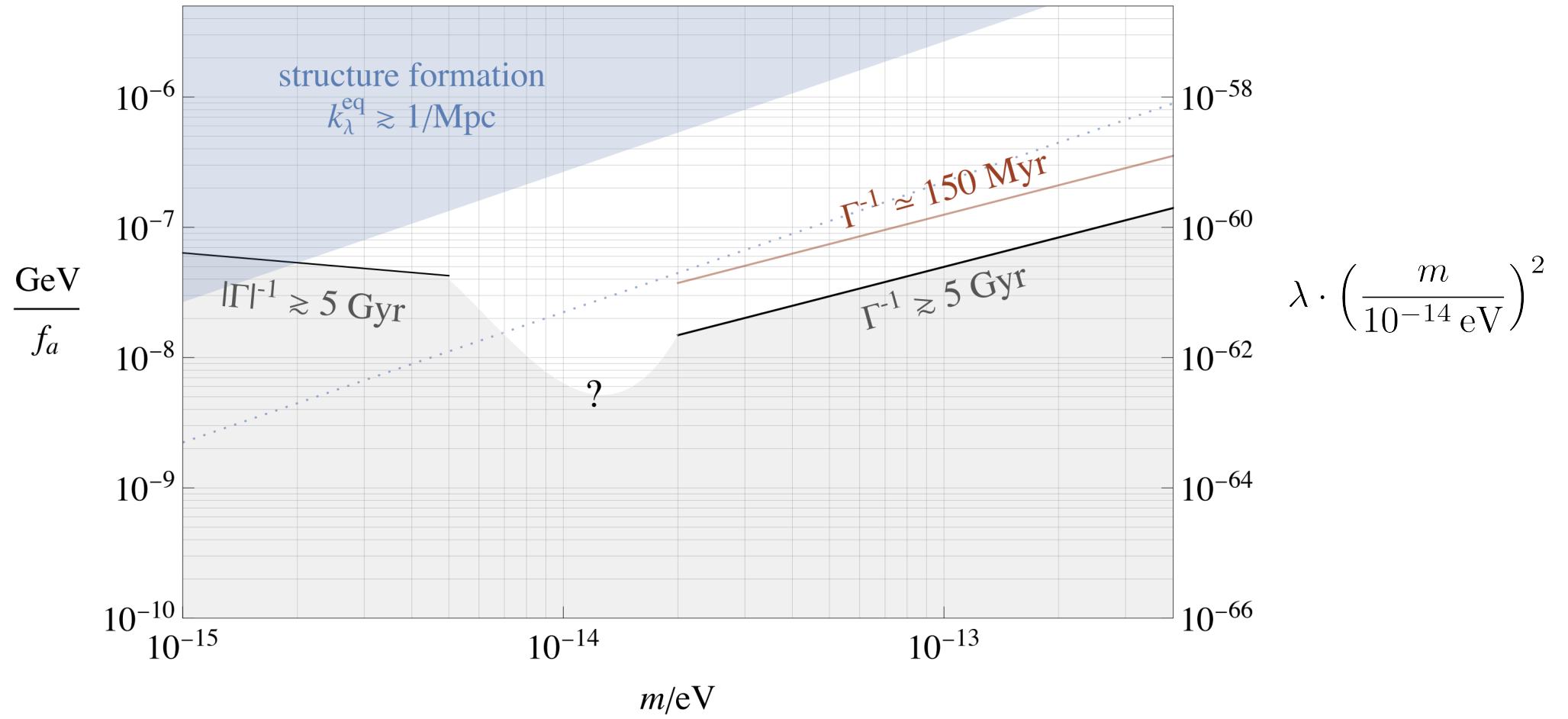


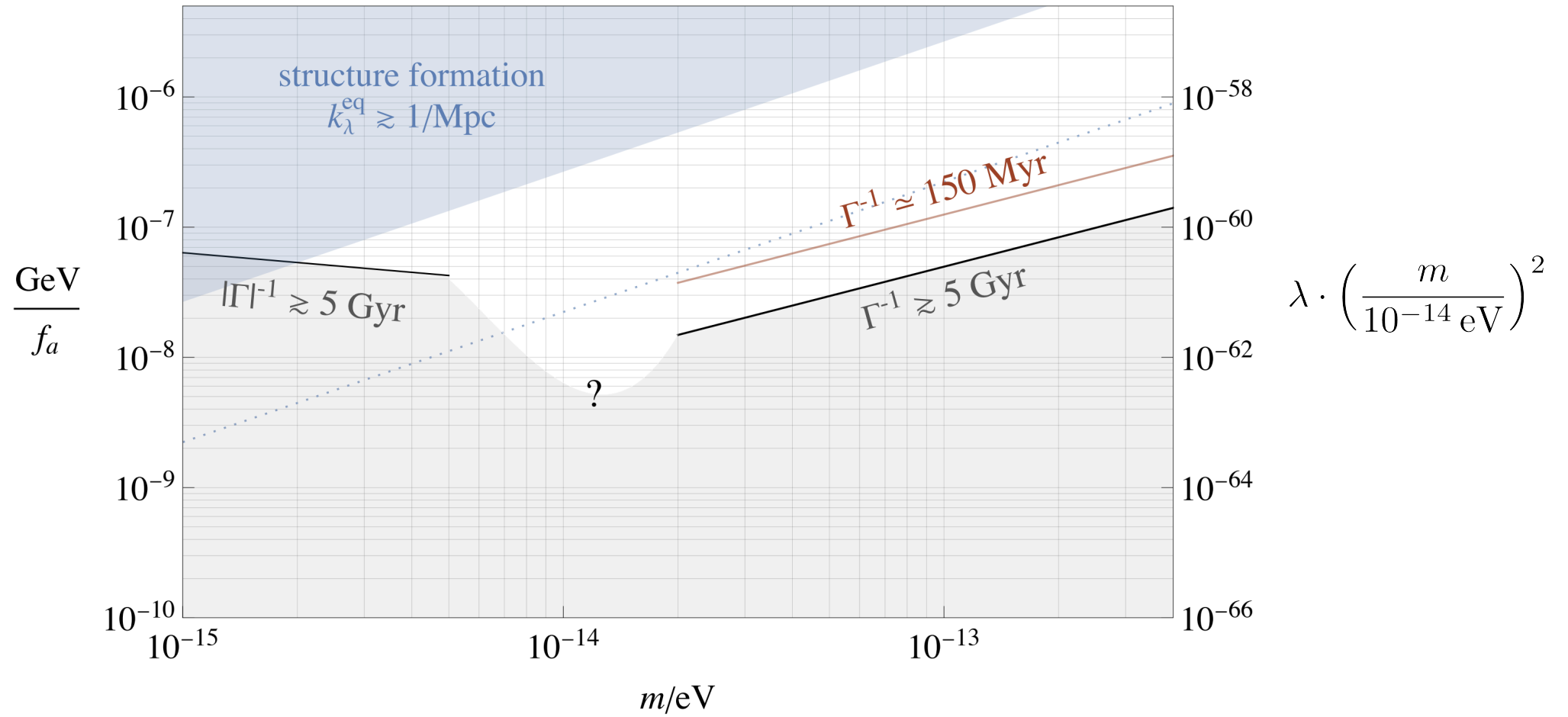
- transition around  $\xi = 1$

density profile after 5 Gyr



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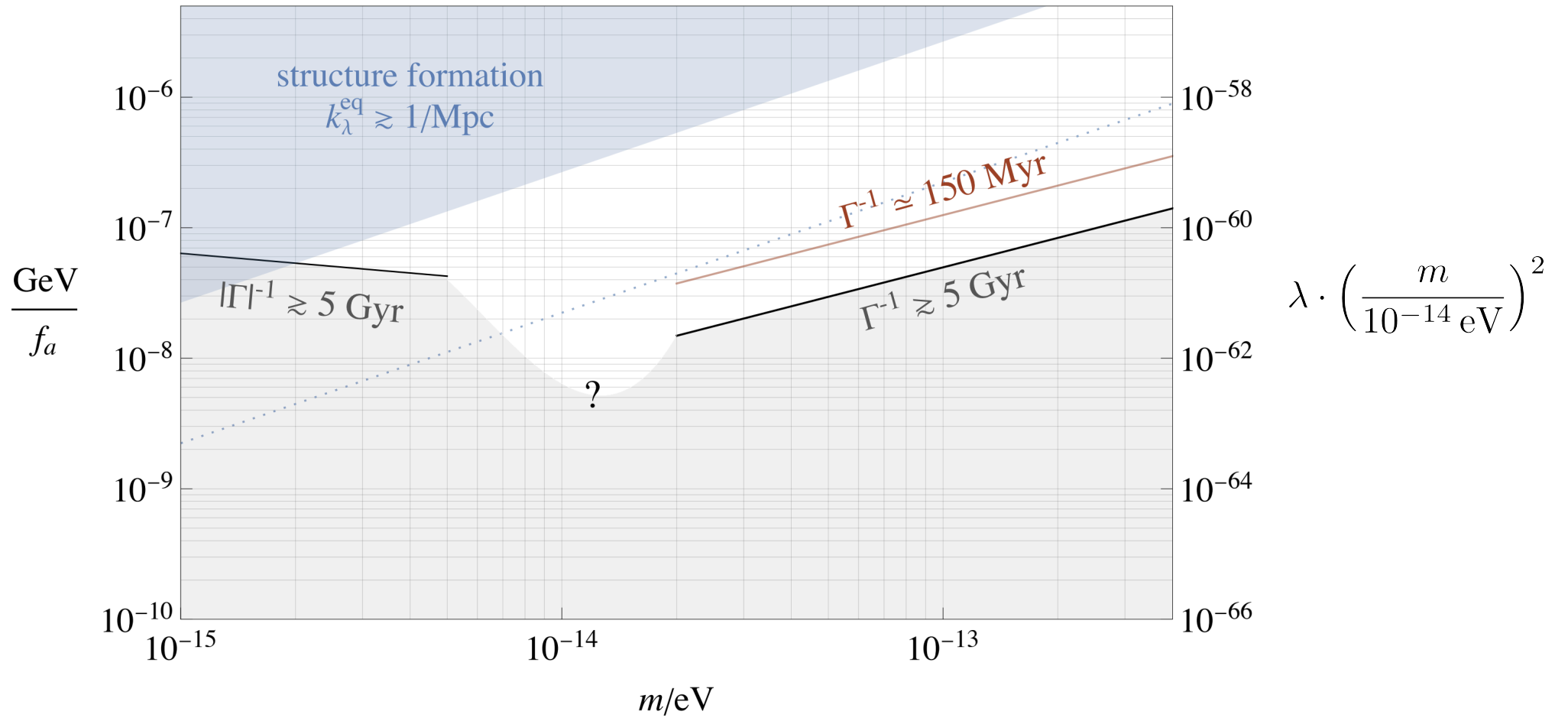




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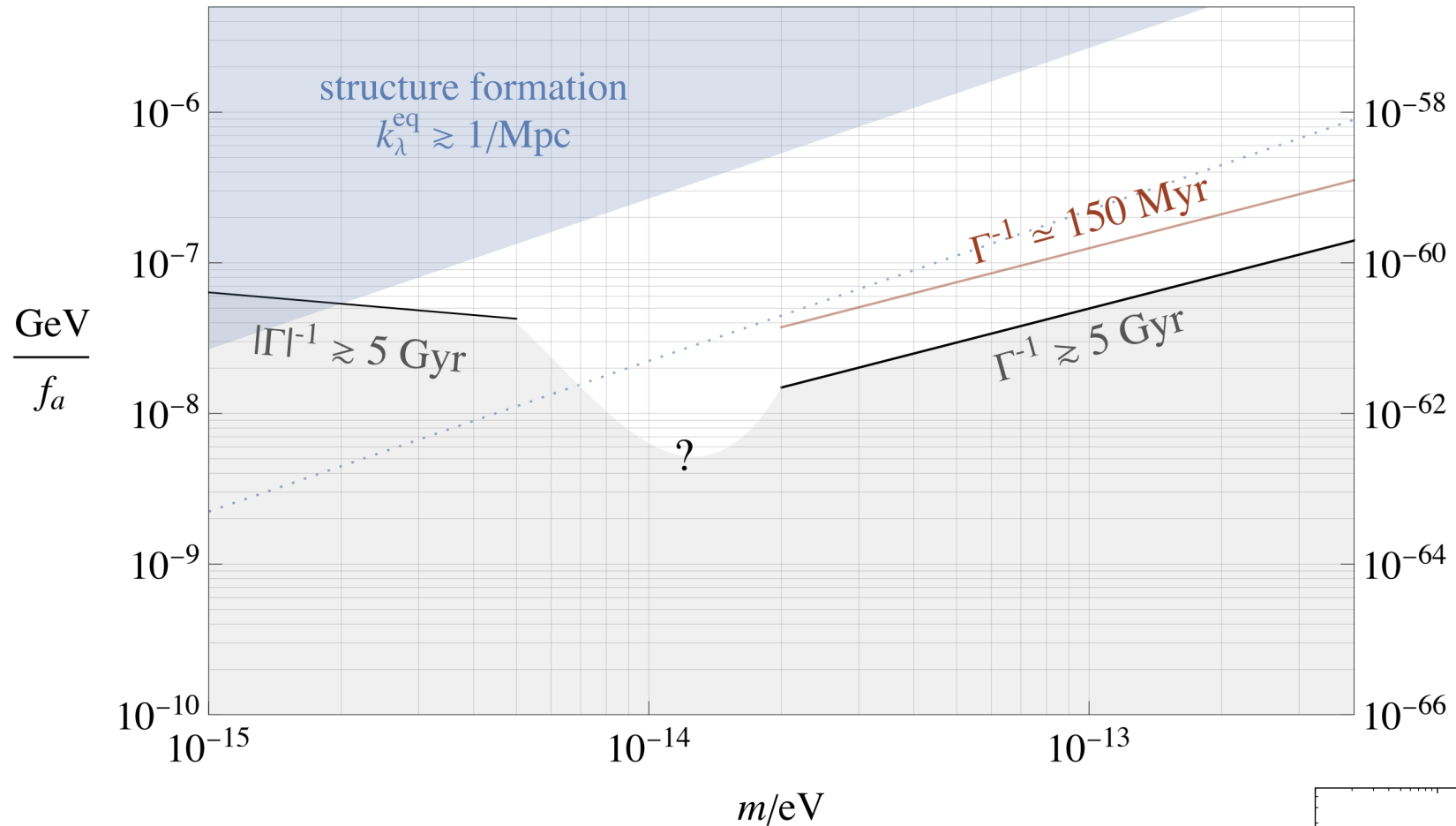


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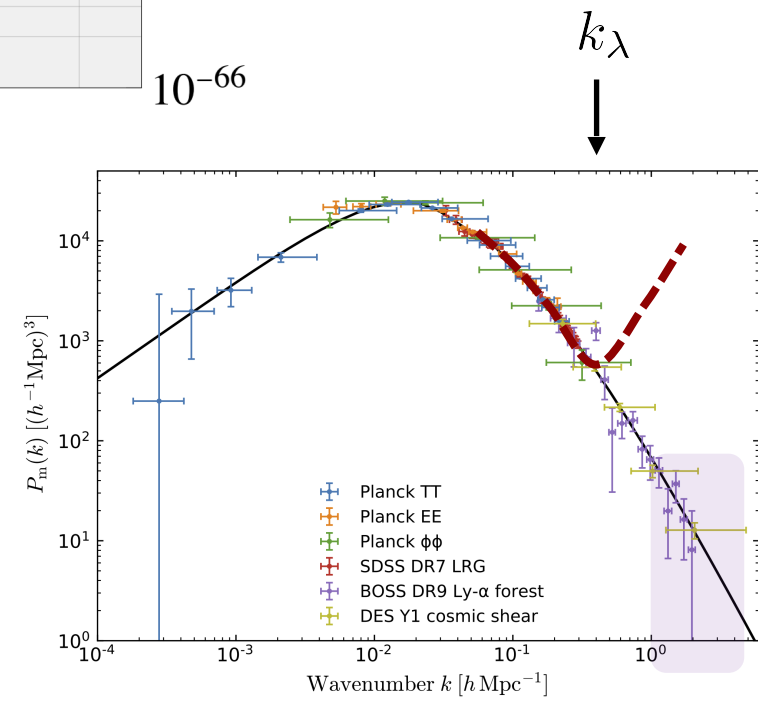
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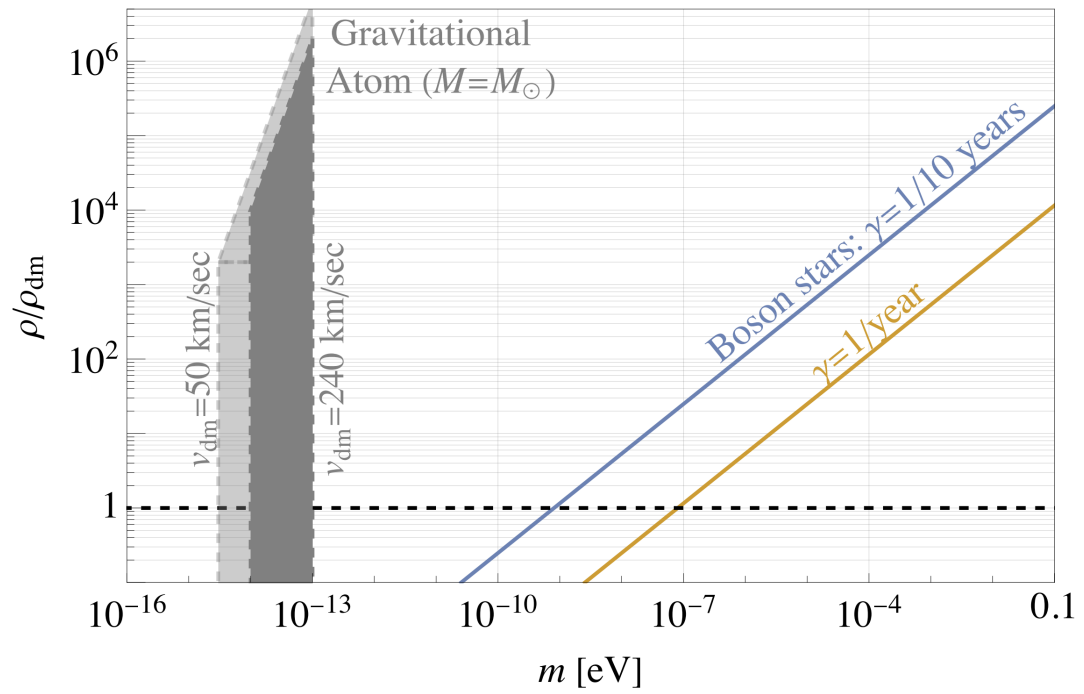
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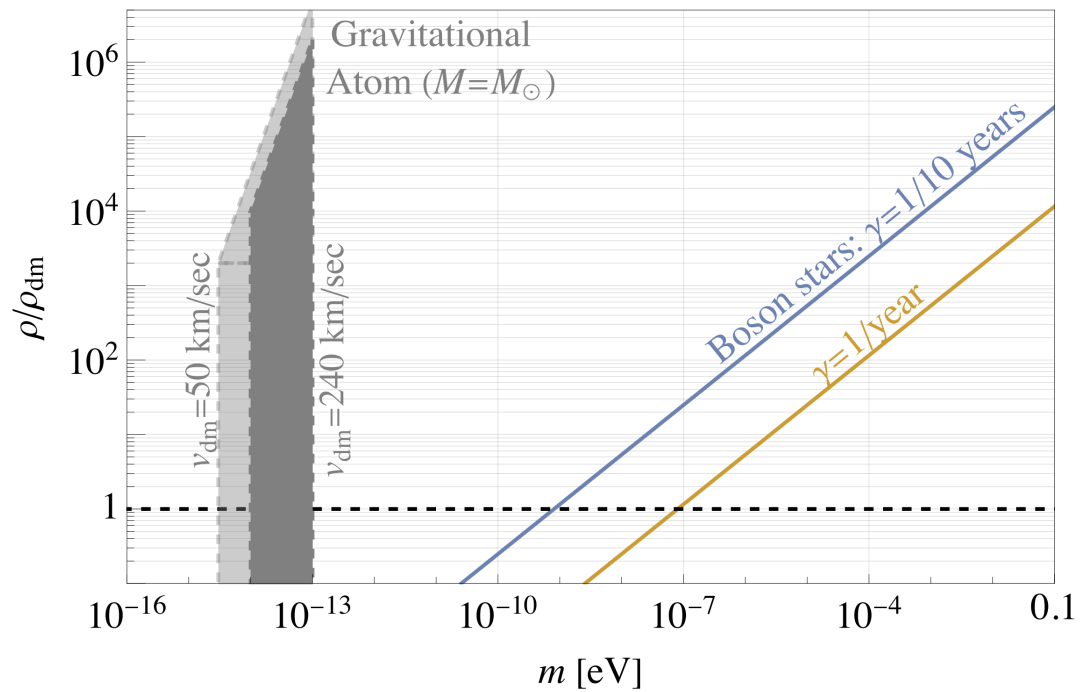
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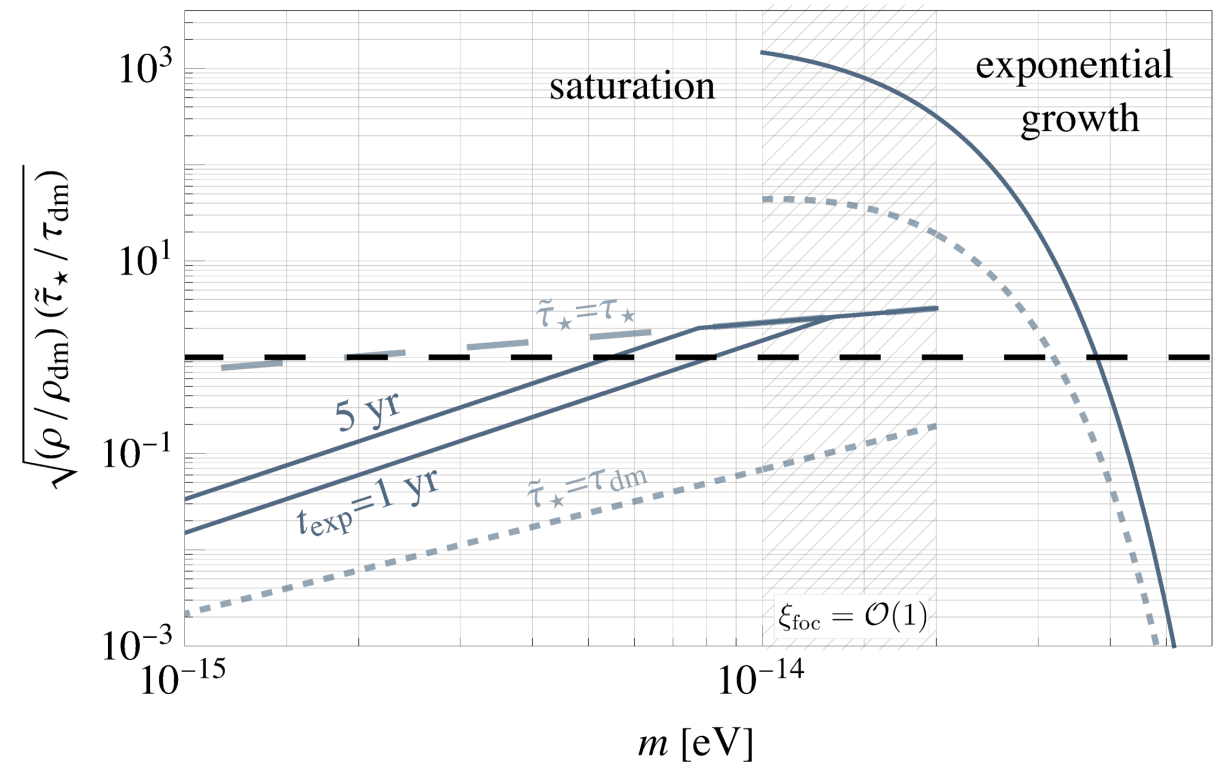


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## Outlook

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**Thanks!**

**Backup**



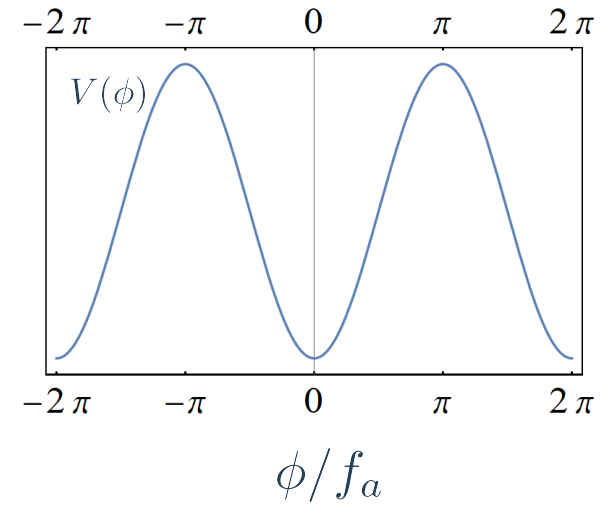
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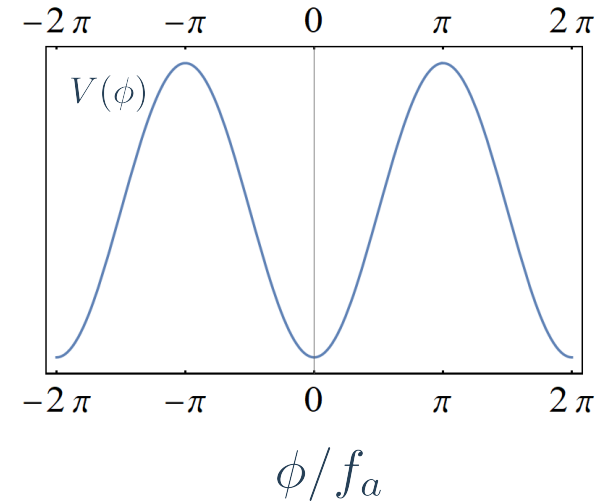
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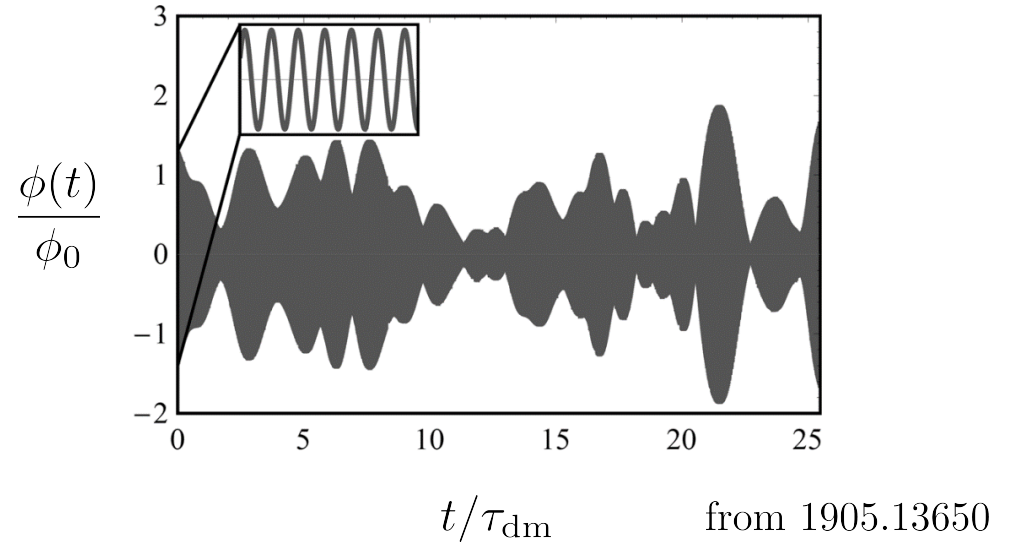
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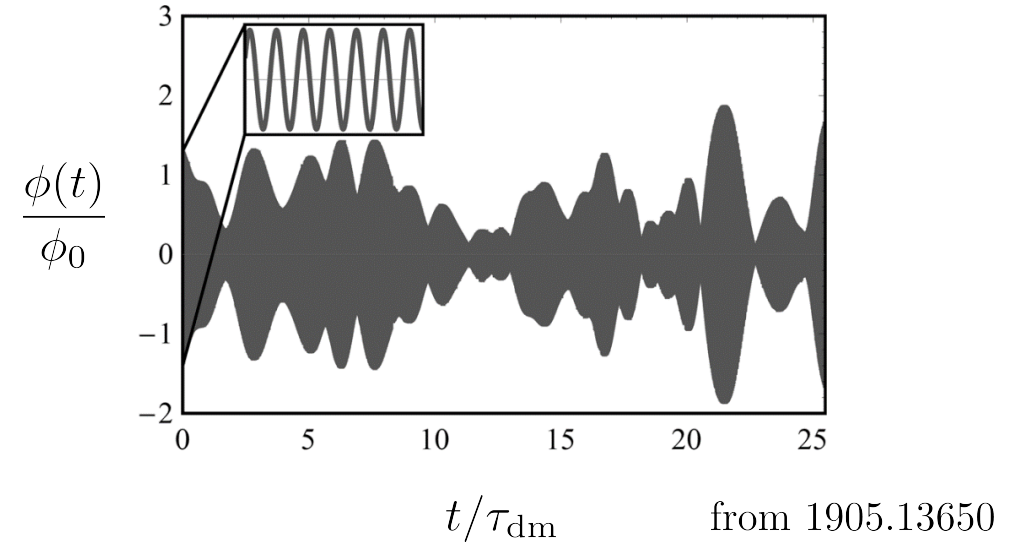
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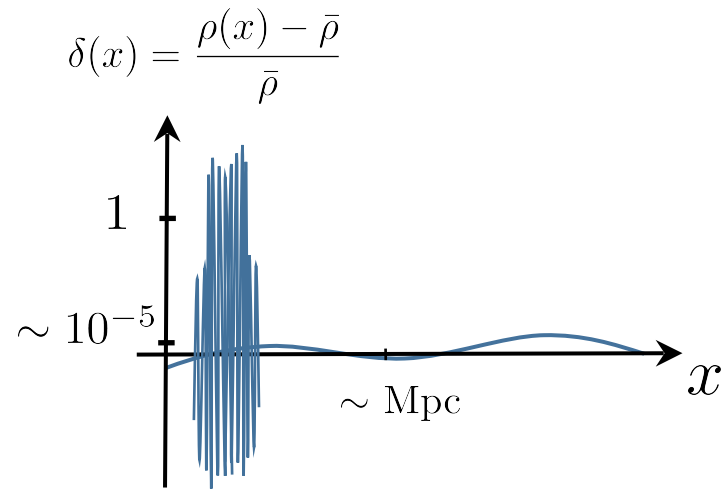
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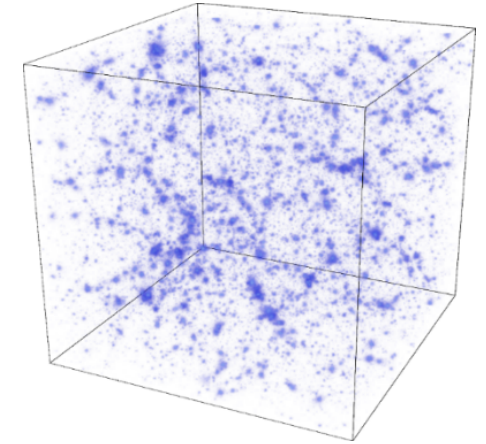
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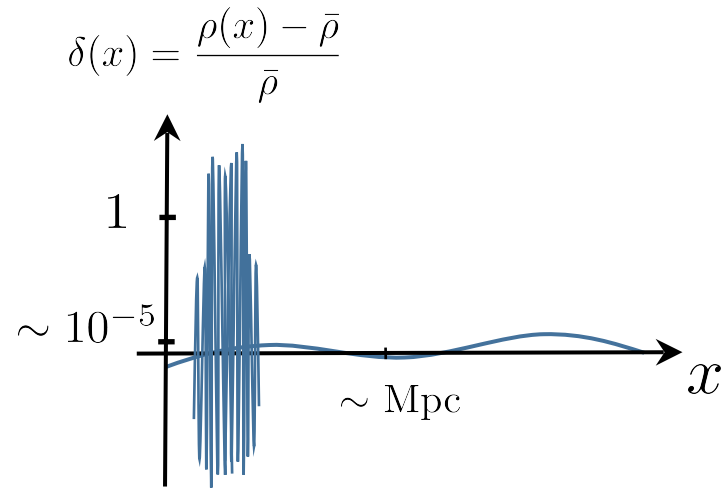


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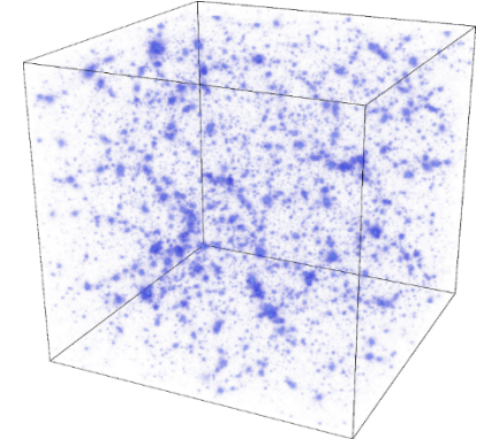


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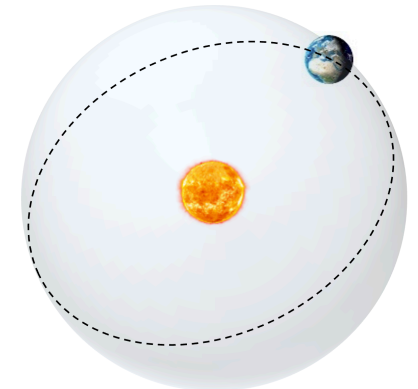
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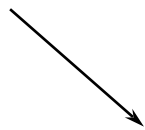


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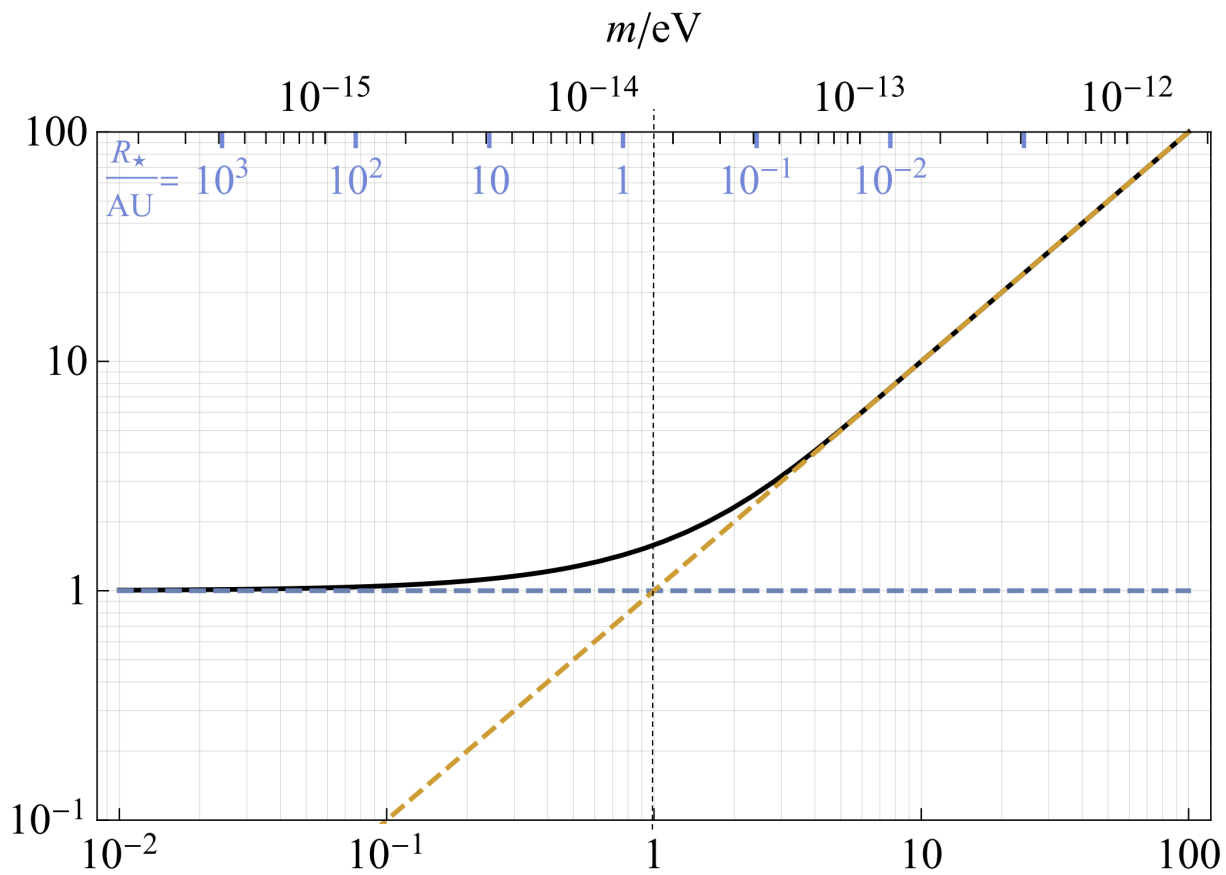


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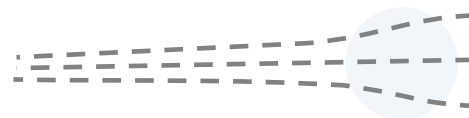
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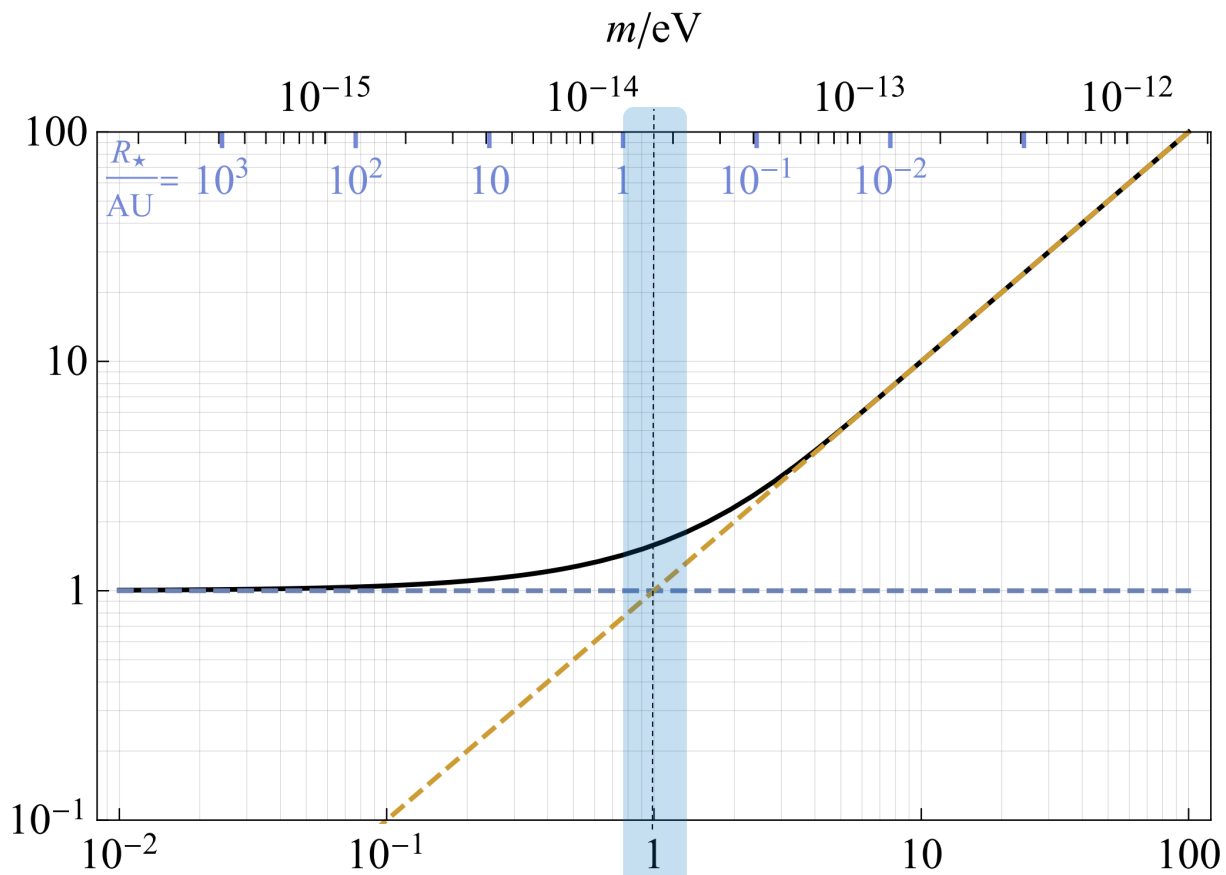




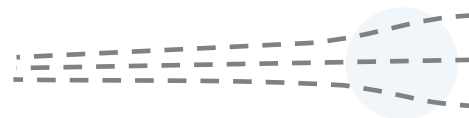
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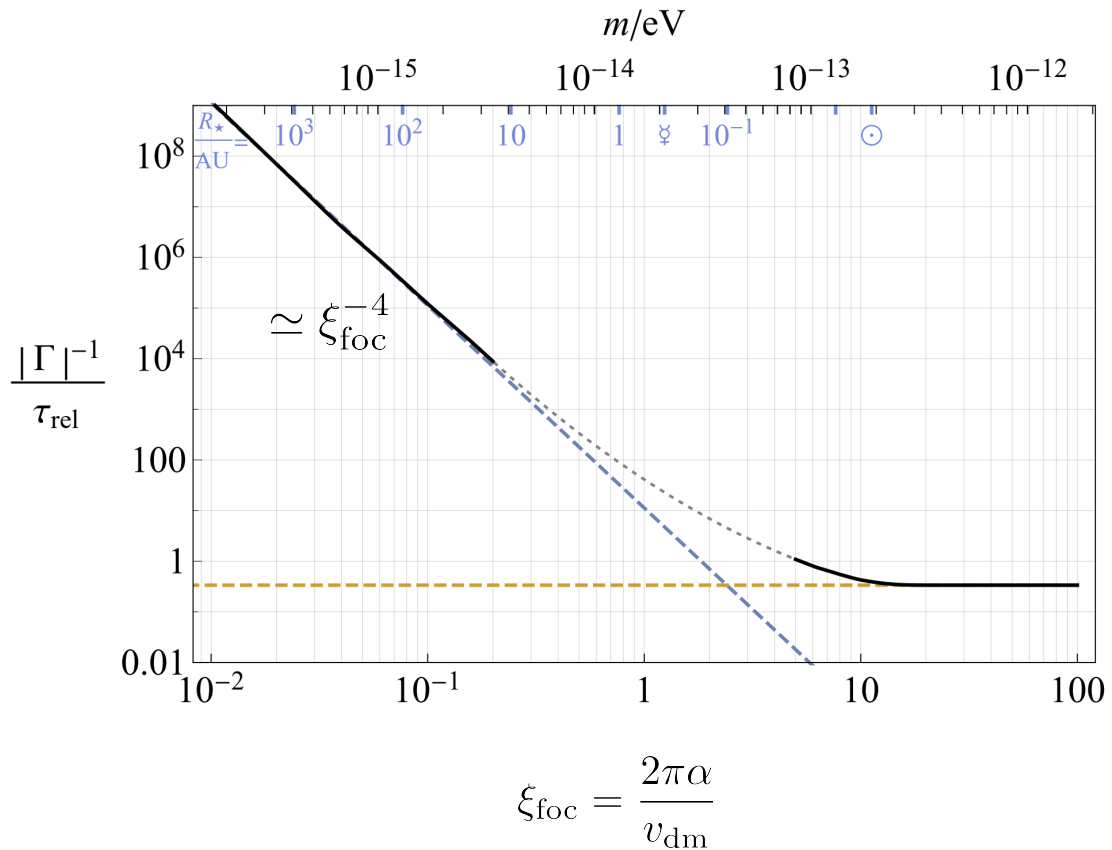
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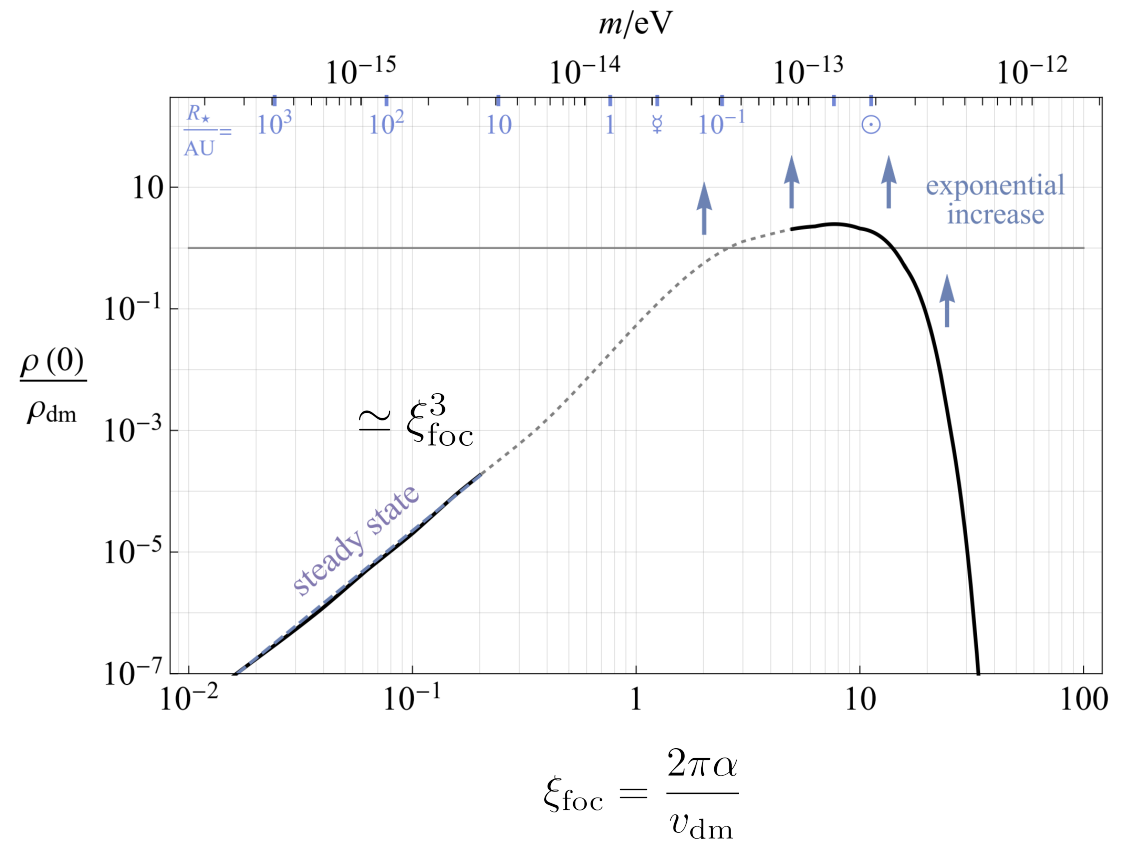
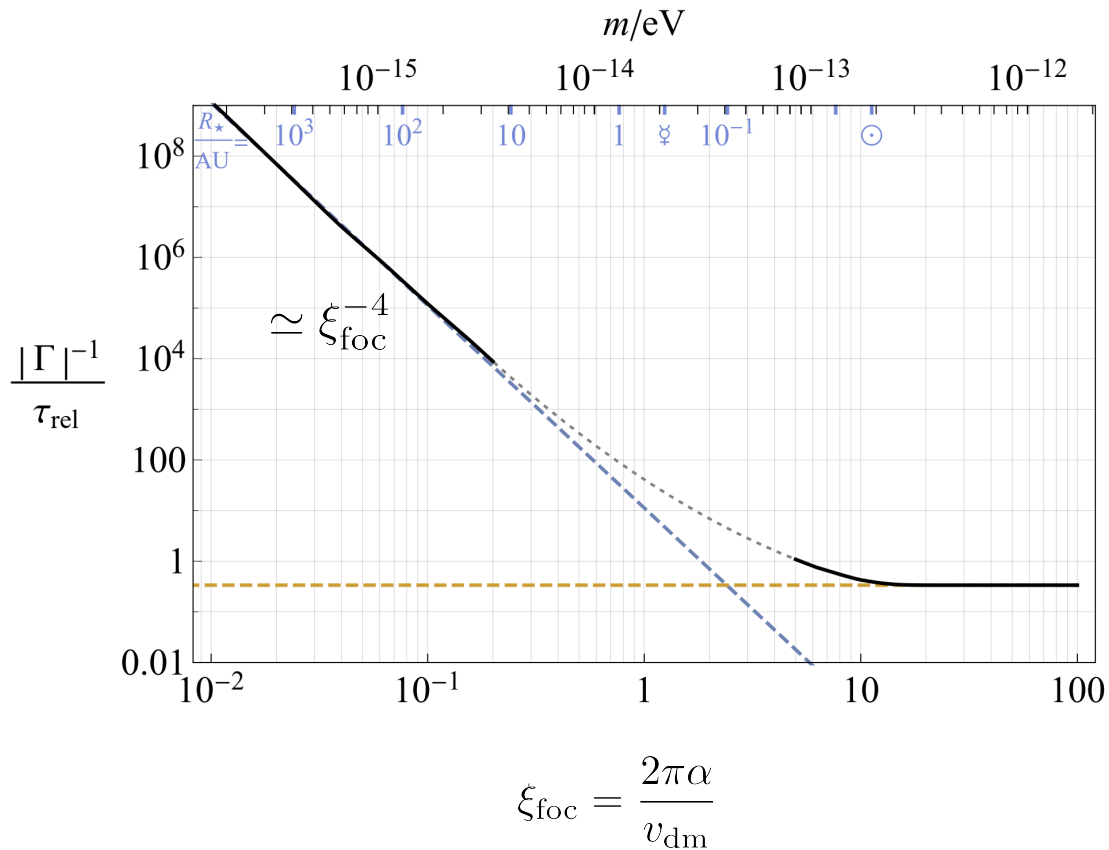


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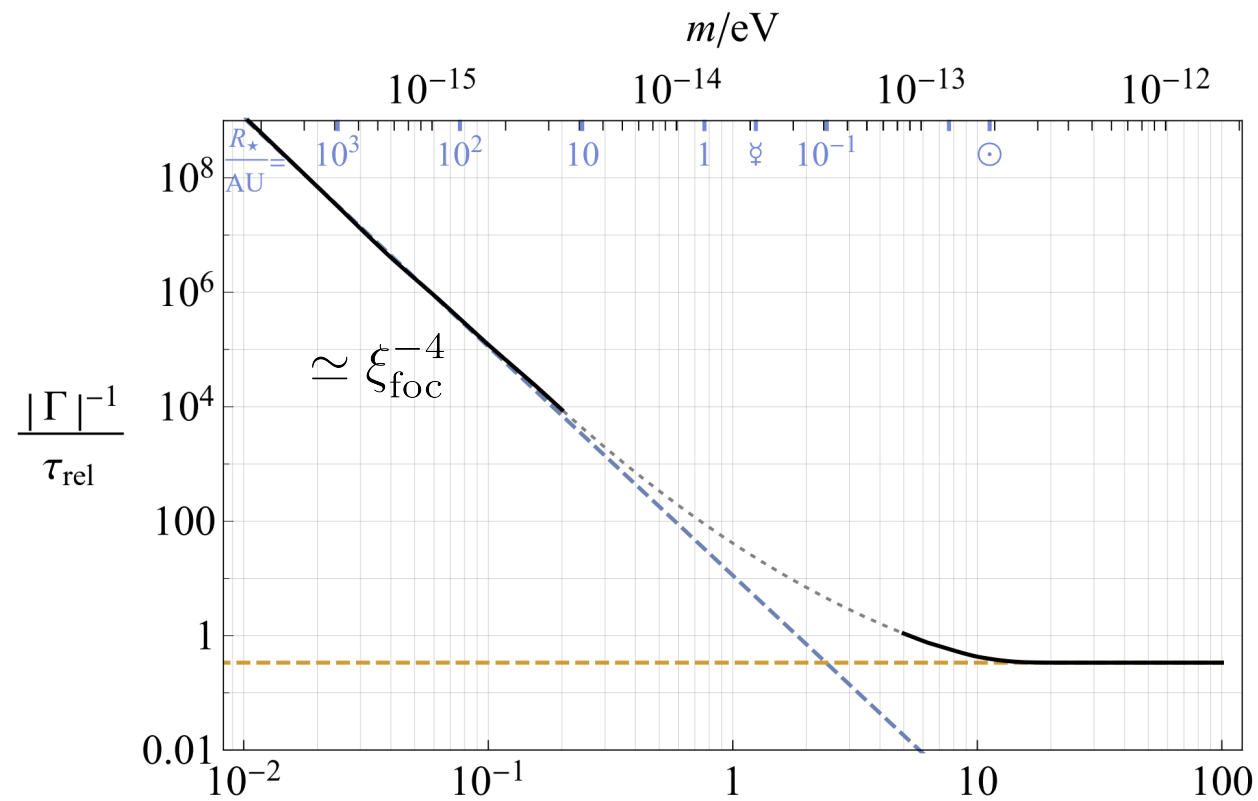
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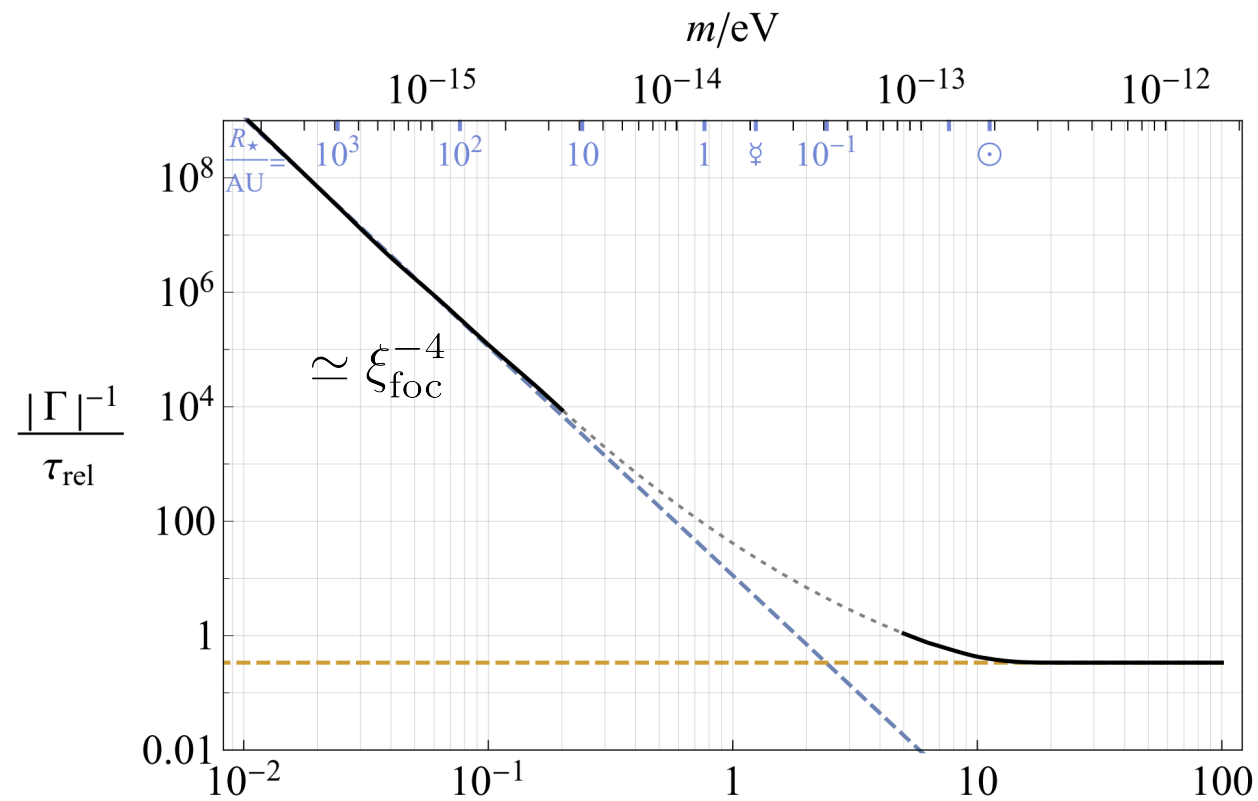


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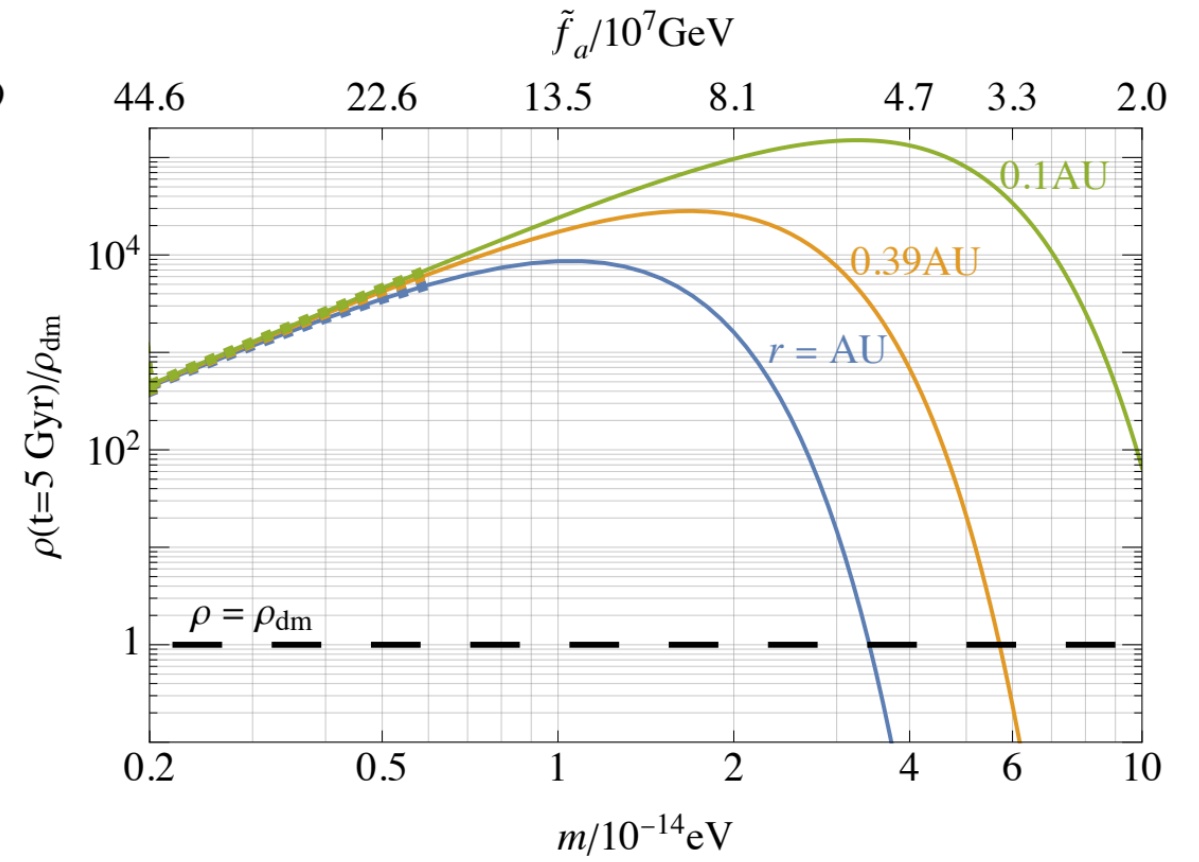
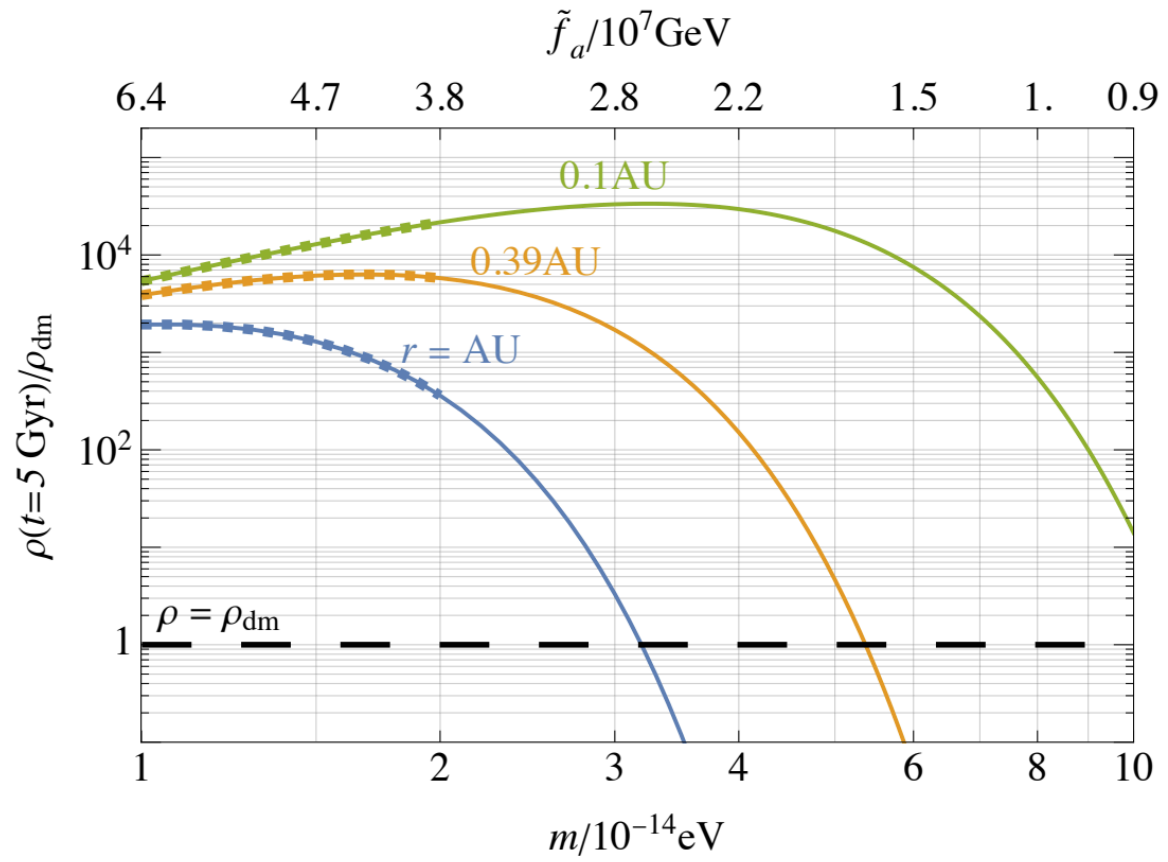
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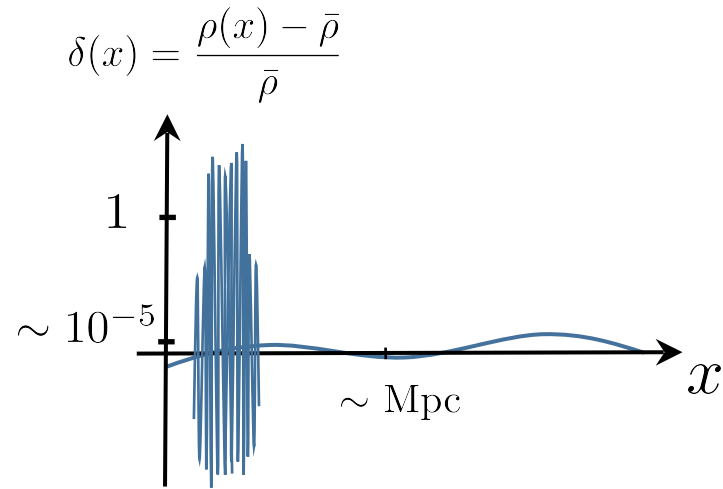
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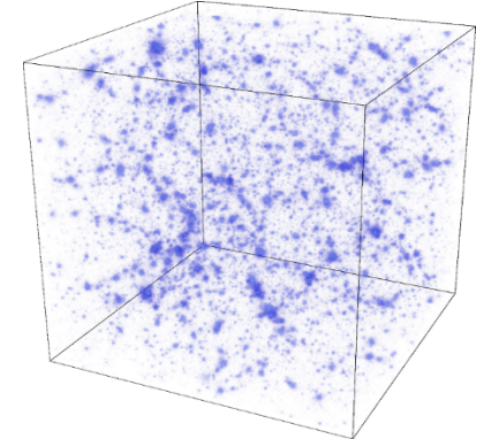


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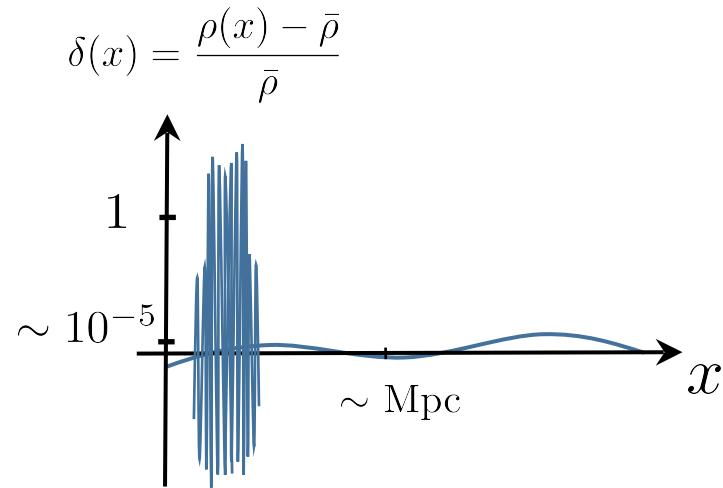


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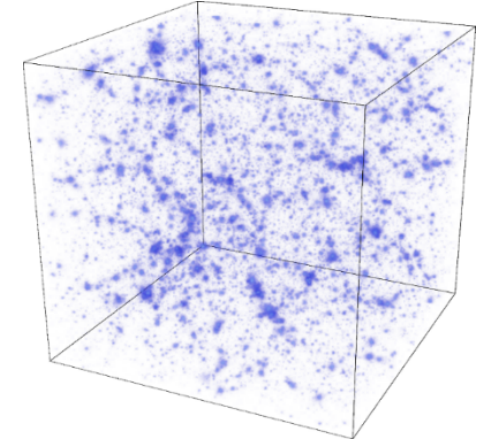


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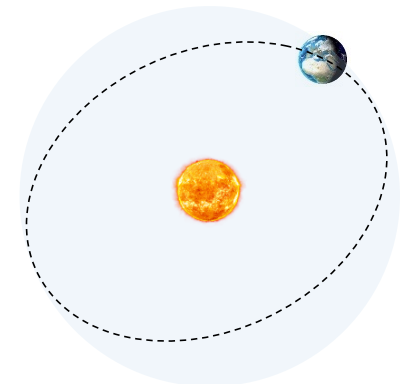


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**➔** 2) Dark matter bound to the Sun in a 'halo' with large overdensity

[Budker et al, '19]



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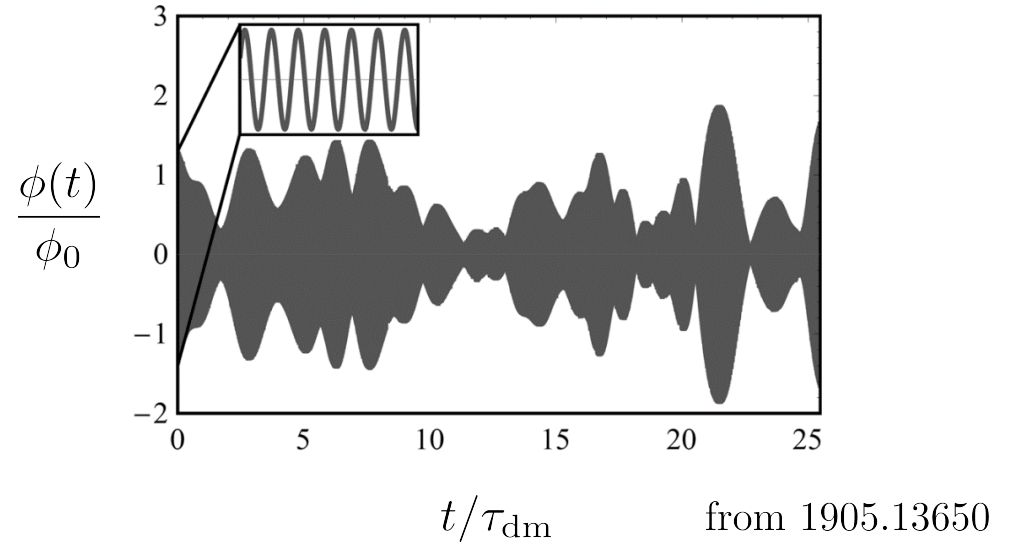
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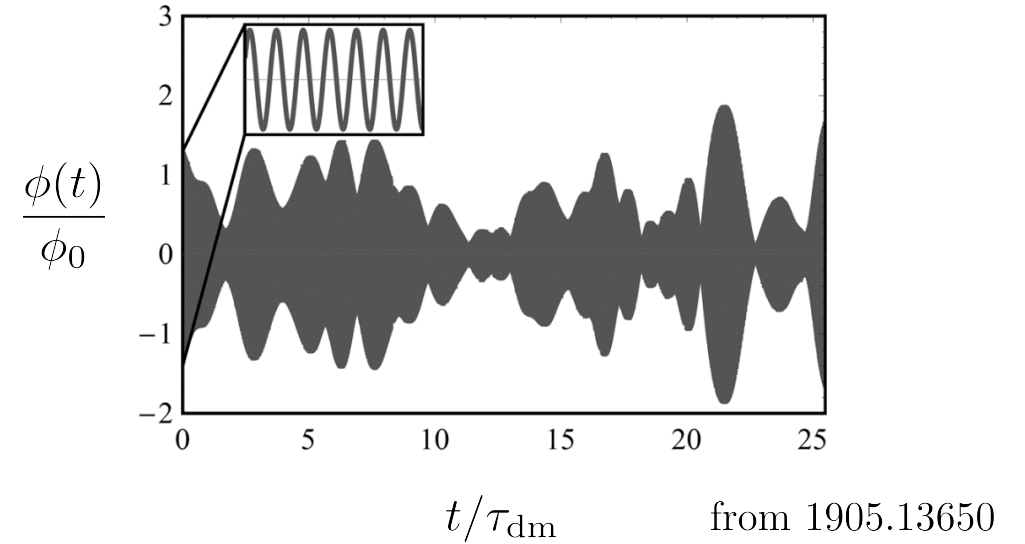
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In this talk:

- $\phi$  is the dark matter

- $V(\phi) = \frac{1}{2}m^2\phi^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4!}\phi^4 + \dots$   
 $\neq 0 \quad |\lambda| \lll 1$

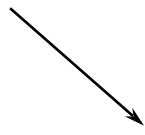
axion  $\rightarrow \lambda = -\frac{m^2}{f_a^2}$

$\rightarrow$  misalignment fixes  $f_a = f_a(m; \theta_0)$

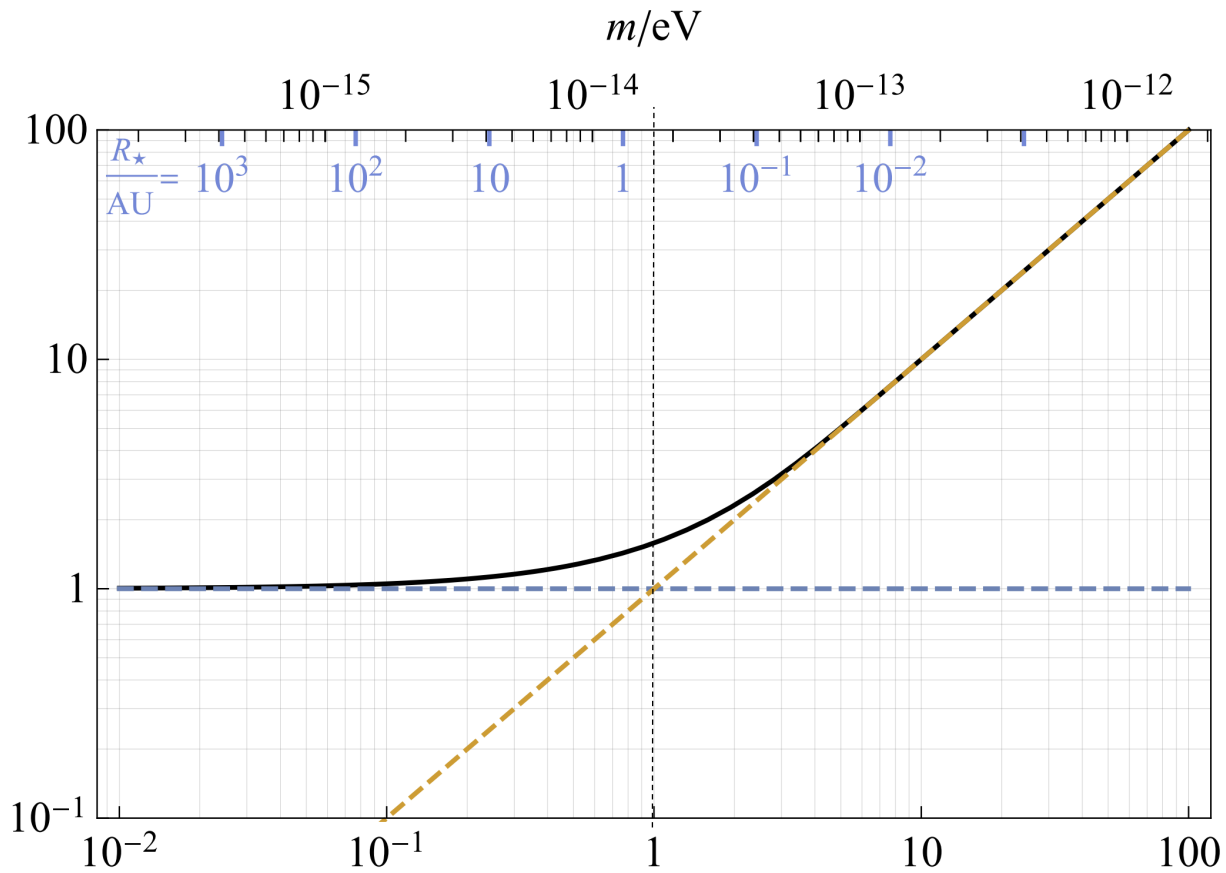
relation between  $m$  and  $f_a$  unfixed ←



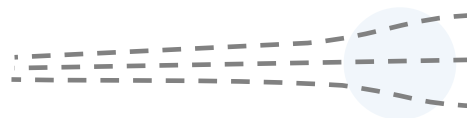
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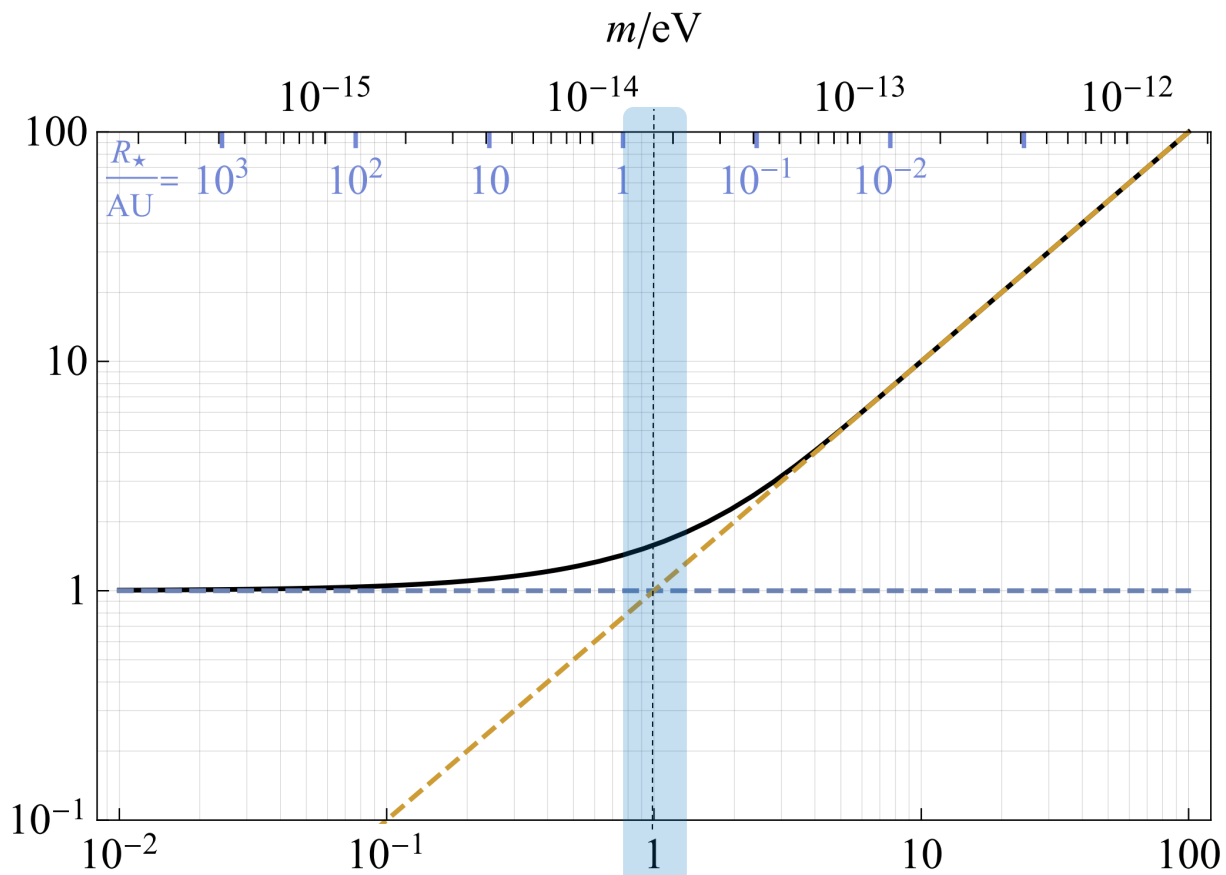
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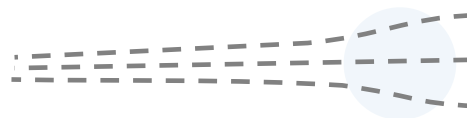
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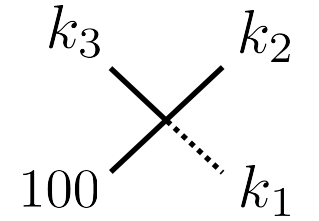
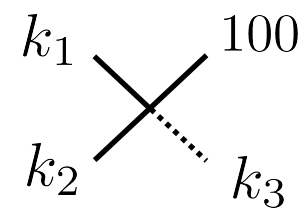
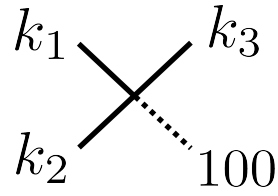
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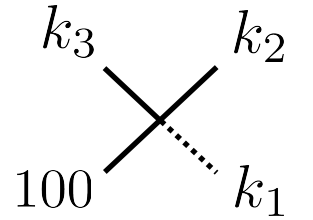
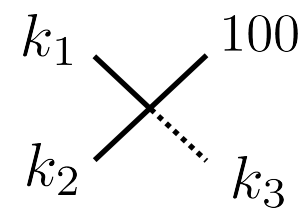
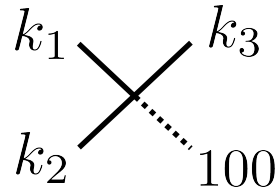
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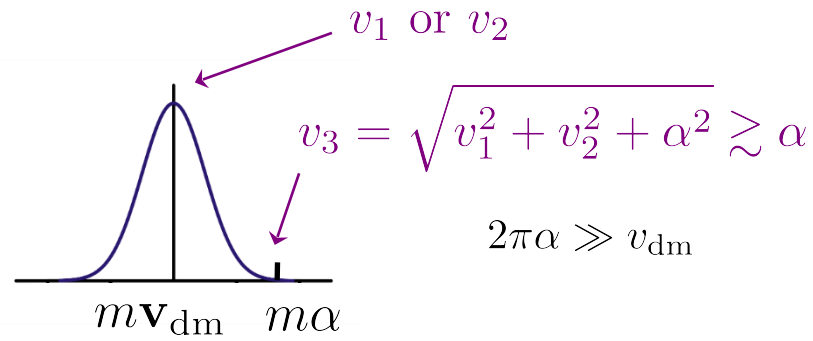
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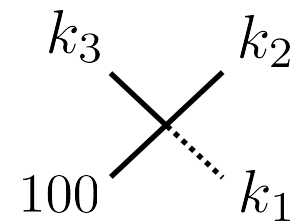
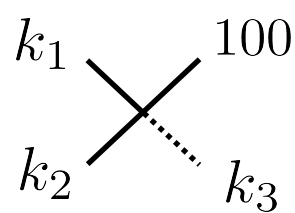
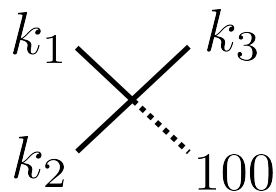
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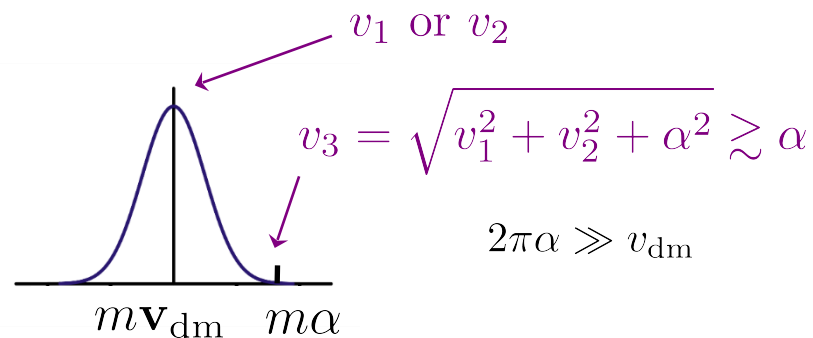
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$$\Gamma_1 \simeq \text{const}$$

$$\Gamma_2 \simeq e^{-\xi_{\text{foc}}}$$

$$\rightarrow \Gamma > 0$$

# Quantum scattering and Bose Enhancement

$$S = - \int dt d^3x \left[ \frac{i}{2} (\dot{\psi}^* \psi - \psi^* \dot{\psi}) + \frac{1}{2m} |\nabla \psi|^2 + m \Phi_{\text{ex}} |\psi|^2 + \frac{1}{2} g |\psi|^4 \right]$$

$$k_1 + k_2 \rightarrow k_3 + nlm$$

$$\mathcal{A} = \langle k_3 nlm | T[\dot{H}_{int}] | k_1 k_2 \rangle = 2g(2\pi) \delta(\Delta\omega) \mathcal{M}$$

$$\text{probability} = (2\pi) \delta(\Delta\omega) 4g^2 |\mathcal{M}|^2.$$

$$\dot{N} = \frac{4g^2}{2} \int [dk_1][dk_2][dk_3] [(\rho(\mathbf{k}_3) + 1)(N_0 + 1)\rho(\mathbf{k}_1)\rho(\mathbf{k}_2) - \rho(\mathbf{k}_3)N_0(\rho(\mathbf{k}_1) + 1)(\rho(\mathbf{k}_2) + 1)] (2\pi) \delta(\Delta\omega) |\mathcal{M}|^2$$

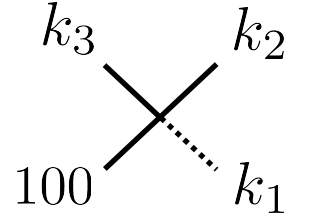
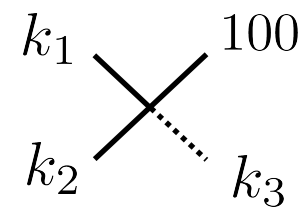
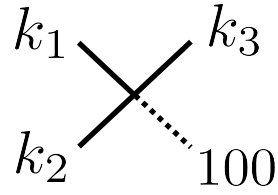
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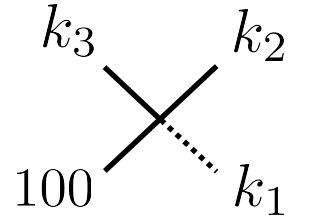
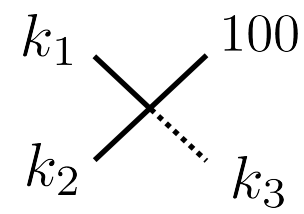
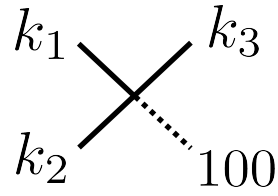
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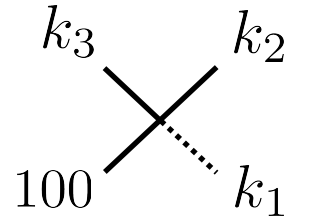
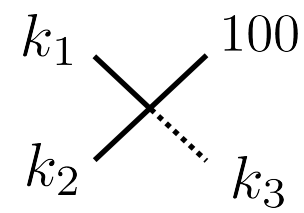
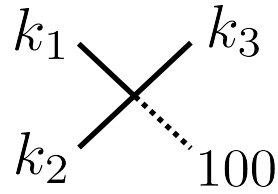
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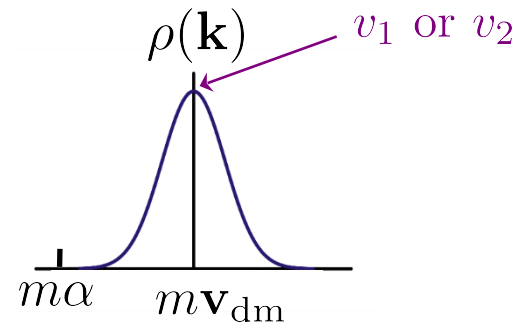
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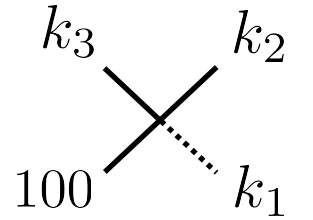
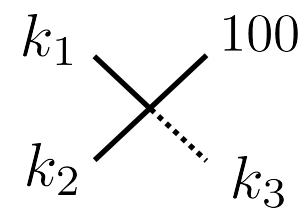
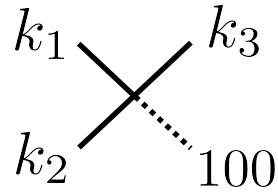
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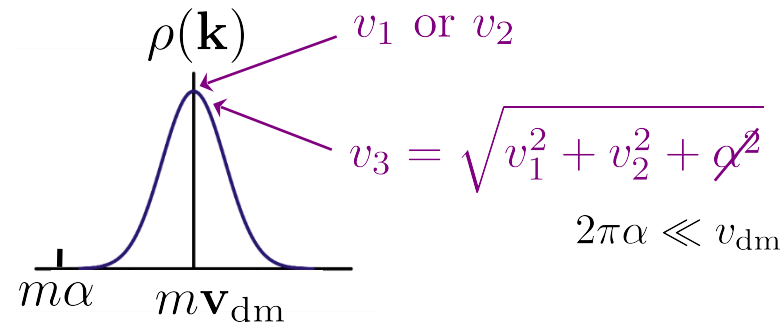
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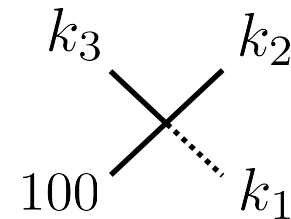
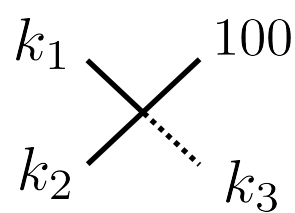
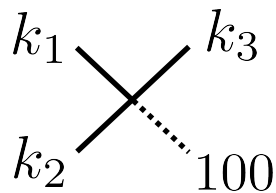
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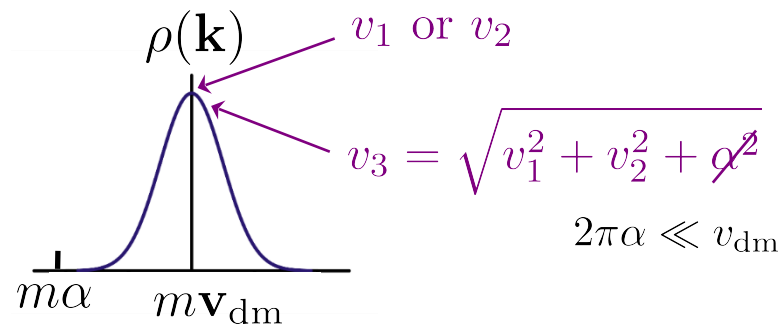


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$$\mathcal{M} \propto \xi_{\text{foc}}^4 \ll 1$$

$$\Gamma_2 \simeq 2\Gamma_1 \quad \rightarrow \quad \Gamma < 0$$

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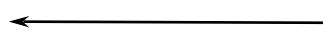
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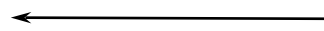


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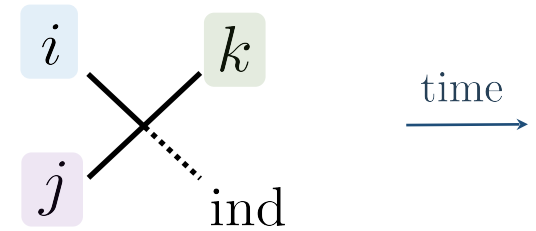
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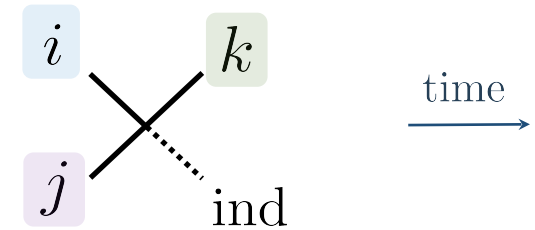
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$\omega_i + \omega_j = \omega_k + \omega_{\text{ind}}$



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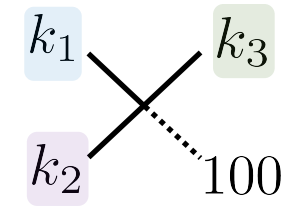
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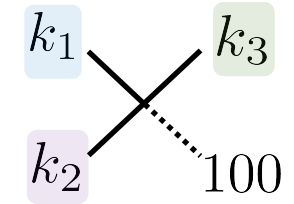
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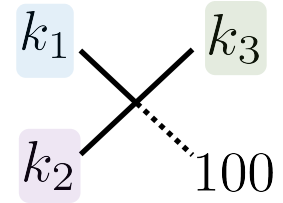


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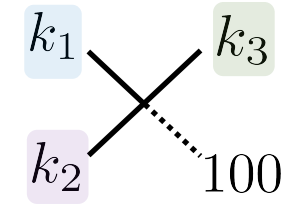
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Bose enhancement

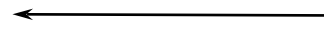
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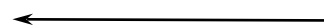
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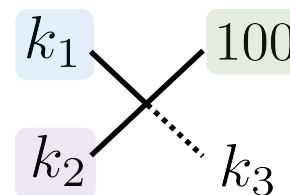
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(b)  $\psi_{i,j}$  = waves,  $\psi_k$  = bound

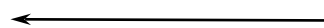


stimulated capture

$$\supset g\sqrt{N_*}f(\mathbf{k}_1)f(\mathbf{k}_2)\psi_{\mathbf{k}_1}\psi_{\mathbf{k}_2}\psi_{100}^*e^{-i(\omega_{k_1}+\omega_{k_2}-\omega_1)t}$$

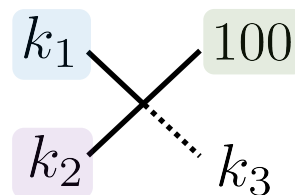
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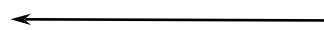
$$\dot{M}_* \sim mg^2 N_* \int [dk_{1,2,3}] \rho(\mathbf{k}_1) \rho(\mathbf{k}_2) |\mathcal{M}|^2 \delta(\Delta\omega) \equiv \Gamma_1 M_*$$

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$$mN_*$$

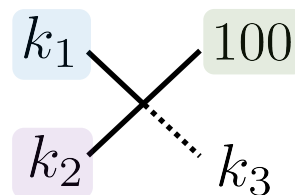
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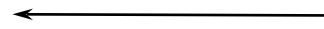
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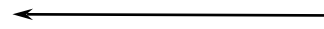
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waves

bound state

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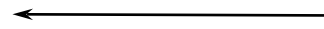
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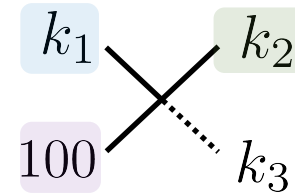
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(c)  $\psi_{i,k} = \text{waves}$ ,  $\psi_j = \text{bound}$



stripping

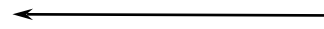
+2  $\leftrightarrow$  1

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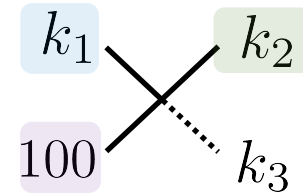
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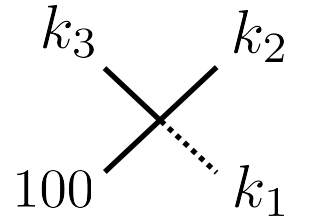
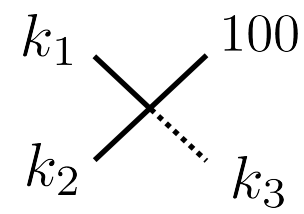
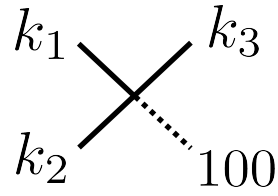
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$$\dot{M}_\star \sim -2mg^2 N_\star \int [dk_{1,2,3}] \rho(\mathbf{k}_1) \rho(\mathbf{k}_2) |\mathcal{M}|^2 \delta(\Delta\omega) \equiv -\Gamma_2 M_\star$$

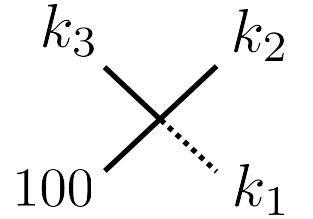
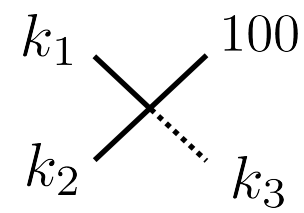
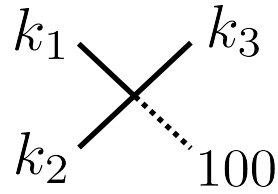
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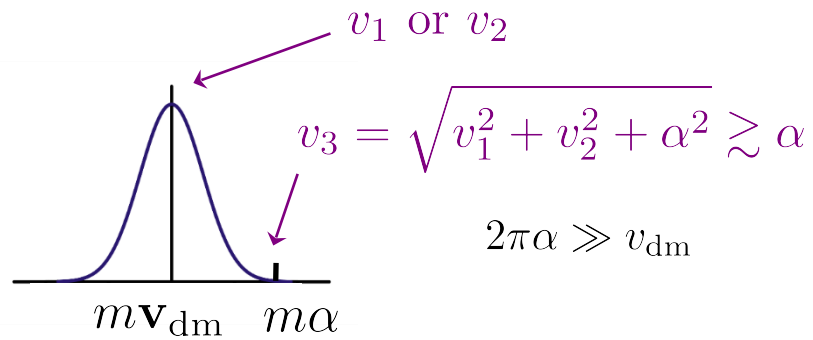
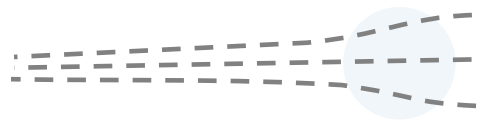
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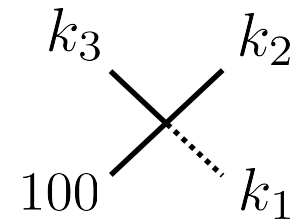
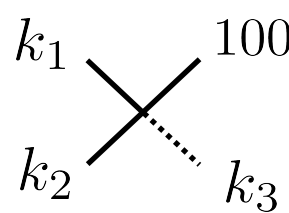
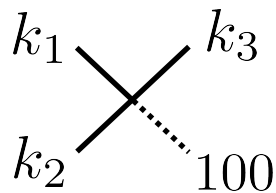
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$$m \gtrsim 10^{-14} \text{ eV}$$



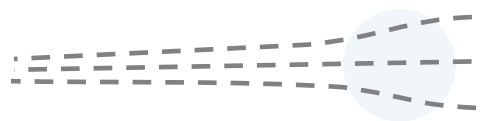
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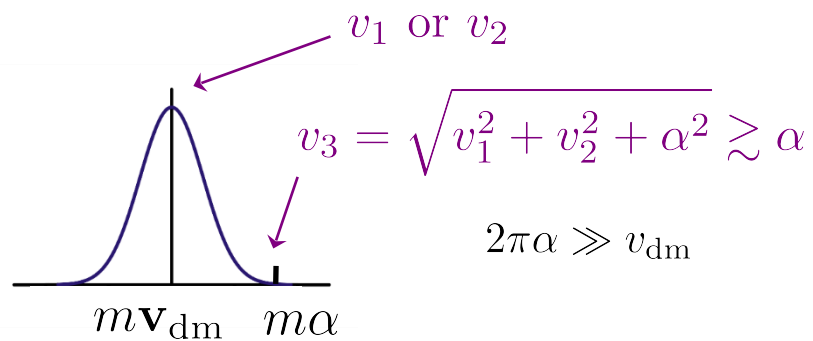


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$$\mathcal{M} \simeq \text{const}$$

$$\Gamma_1 \simeq \text{const}$$

$$\Gamma_2 \simeq e^{-\xi_{\text{foc}}}$$

$$\rightarrow \Gamma > 0$$

$$\Gamma^{-1} \leftrightarrow$$

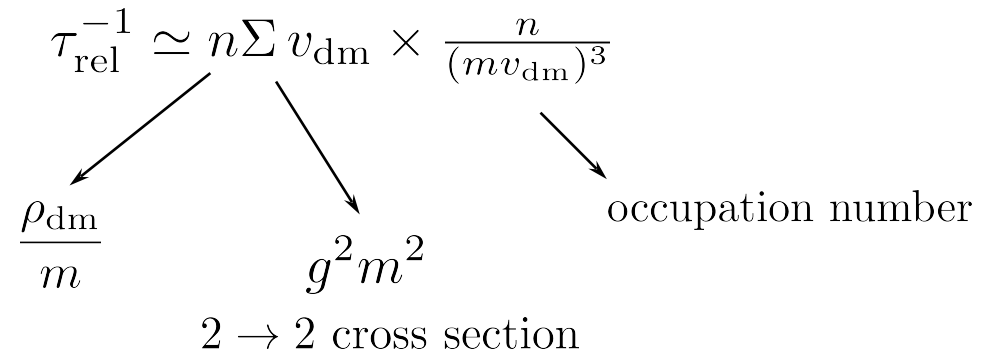
relaxation time

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$$\Gamma^{-1} \leftrightarrow$$

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# Dilute atoms

$$\mathcal{M}_{k_1+k_2 \rightarrow k_3+100} = \int d^3x e^{i(\mathbf{k}_1+\mathbf{k}_2-\mathbf{k}_3)\cdot\mathbf{x}} \frac{e^{-r/R_\star}}{\sqrt{\pi R_\star^3}} = \frac{8\sqrt{\pi R_\star^3}}{[1 + (\Delta k R_\star)^2]^2}$$

$\Gamma =$

$$\frac{64g^2 \rho_{\text{dm}}^2 \alpha^4}{(\pi m v_{\text{dm}}^2)^3} \int dp_1 dp_2 d \cos \theta_1 d \cos \theta_2 d \cos \theta_3 d\phi_1 d\phi_2 \frac{p_1^2 p_2^2 p_3}{(1 + \Delta p^2)^4} \left[ e^{-\left(\frac{\alpha}{v_{\text{dm}}} \mathbf{p}_1 - \hat{z}\right)^2} - 2e^{-\left(\frac{\alpha}{v_{\text{dm}}} \mathbf{p}_3 - \hat{z}\right)^2} \right] e^{-\left(\frac{\alpha}{v_{\text{dm}}} \mathbf{p}_2 - \hat{z}\right)^2}$$

# Dilute atoms

$$\frac{\rho(r=0)}{\rho_{\text{dm}}} \simeq \frac{0.4\xi_{\text{foc}}^3}{\pi^{5/2}} \simeq 5 \cdot 10^{-5} \left[ \frac{M}{M_{\odot}} \frac{m}{2 \cdot 10^{-15} \text{ eV}} \frac{240 \text{ km/s}}{v_{\text{dm}}} \right]^3$$

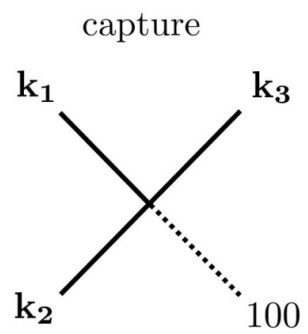
$$\tau_{\star} \gtrsim \frac{2\pi}{m\alpha^2} = \left[ \frac{2\pi}{\xi_{\text{foc}}} \right]^2 \tau_{\text{dm}} \simeq 1 \text{ year} \left[ \frac{1.3 \cdot 10^{-14} \text{ eV}}{m} \right]^3$$



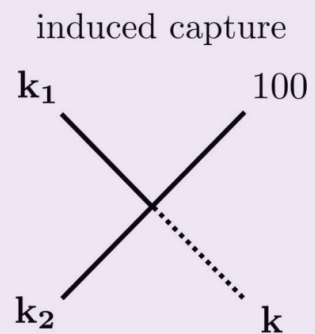
# Excited states and two level system

$$\begin{aligned}
 \dot{N}_{100} = & 2g^2 \int [dk_1][dk_2][dk_3] |\mathcal{M}_{k_1+k_2 \rightarrow k_3+100}|^2 (2\pi) \delta(\omega_{k_1} + \omega_{k_2} - \omega_1 - \omega_{k_3}) \\
 & \{ \rho(\mathbf{k}_1) \rho(\mathbf{k}_2) \rho(\mathbf{k}_3) + N_{100} [\rho(\mathbf{k}_1) \rho(\mathbf{k}_2) - 2\rho(\mathbf{k}_2) \rho(\mathbf{k}_3)] \} \\
 & + 4g^2 \int [dk_1][dk_2] |\mathcal{M}_{k_1+100 \rightarrow k_2+200}|^2 (2\pi) \delta(\omega_{k_1} + \omega_1 - \omega_2 - \omega_{k_2}) \\
 & \{ N_{100} N_{200} [\rho(\mathbf{k}_2) - \rho(\mathbf{k}_1)] - \rho(\mathbf{k}_1) \rho(\mathbf{k}_2) [N_{100} - N_{200}] \} \\
 & + 2g^2 \int [dk] |\mathcal{M}_{200+200 \rightarrow 100+k}|^2 (2\pi) \delta(2\omega_2 - \omega_1 - \omega_k) \{ \rho(\mathbf{k}) N_{200}^2 + N_{100} N_{200}^2 - 2N_{200} N_{100} \rho(\mathbf{k}) \}.
 \end{aligned}$$

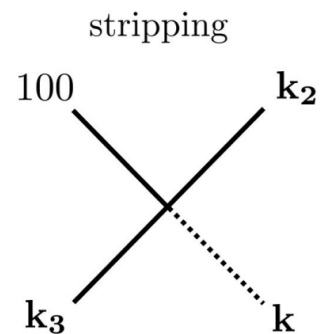
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 \dot{N}_{200} = & 2g^2 \int [dk_1][dk_2][dk_3] |\mathcal{M}_{k_1+k_2 \rightarrow k_3+200}|^2 (2\pi) \delta(\omega_{k_1} + \omega_{k_2} - \omega_2 - \omega_{k_3}) \\
 & \{ \rho(\mathbf{k}_1) \rho(\mathbf{k}_2) \rho(\mathbf{k}_3) + N_{200} [\rho(\mathbf{k}_1) \rho(\mathbf{k}_2) - 2\rho(\mathbf{k}_2) \rho(\mathbf{k}_3)] \} \\
 & - 4g^2 \int [dk_1][dk_2] |\mathcal{M}_{k_1+100 \rightarrow k_2+200}|^2 (2\pi) \delta(\omega_{k_1} + \omega_1 - \omega_2 - \omega_{k_2}) \\
 & \{ N_{100} N_{200} [\rho(\mathbf{k}_2) - \rho(\mathbf{k}_1)] - \rho(\mathbf{k}_1) \rho(\mathbf{k}_2) [N_{100} - N_{200}] \} \\
 & - 4g^2 \int [dk] |\mathcal{M}_{200+200 \rightarrow 100+k}|^2 (2\pi) \delta(2\omega_2 - \omega_1 - \omega_k) \{ \rho(\mathbf{k}) N_{200}^2 + N_{100} N_{200}^2 - 2N_{200} N_{100} \rho(\mathbf{k}) \},
 \end{aligned}$$



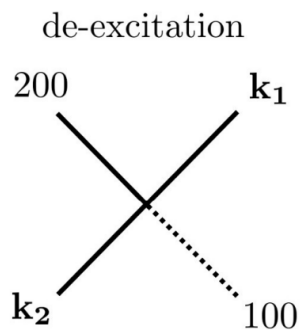
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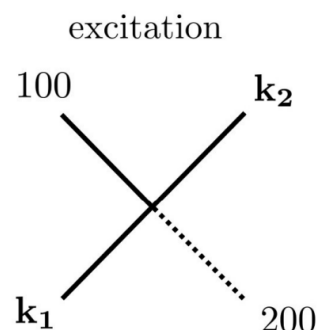
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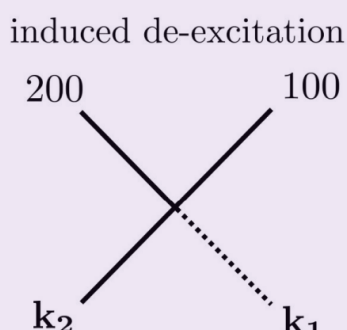
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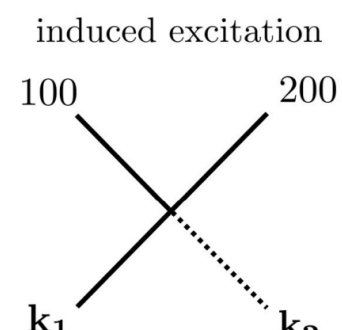
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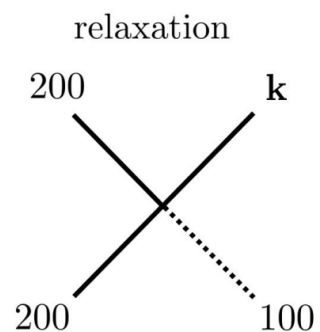
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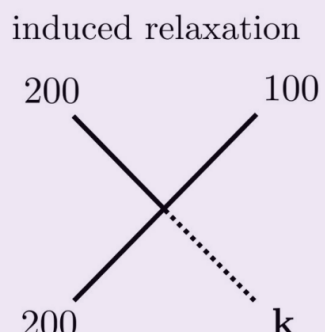
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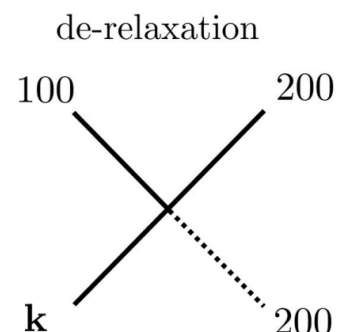
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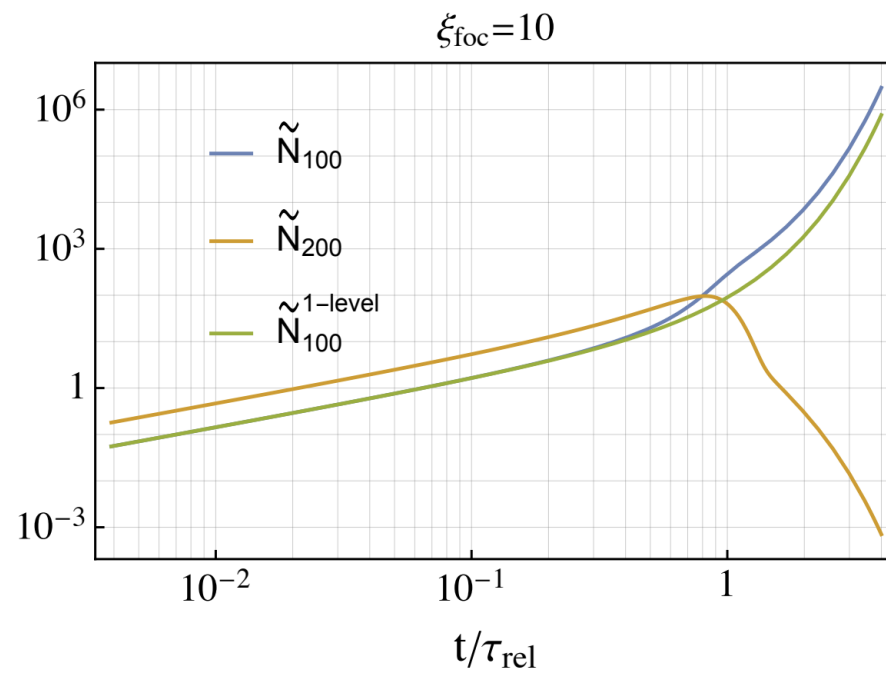
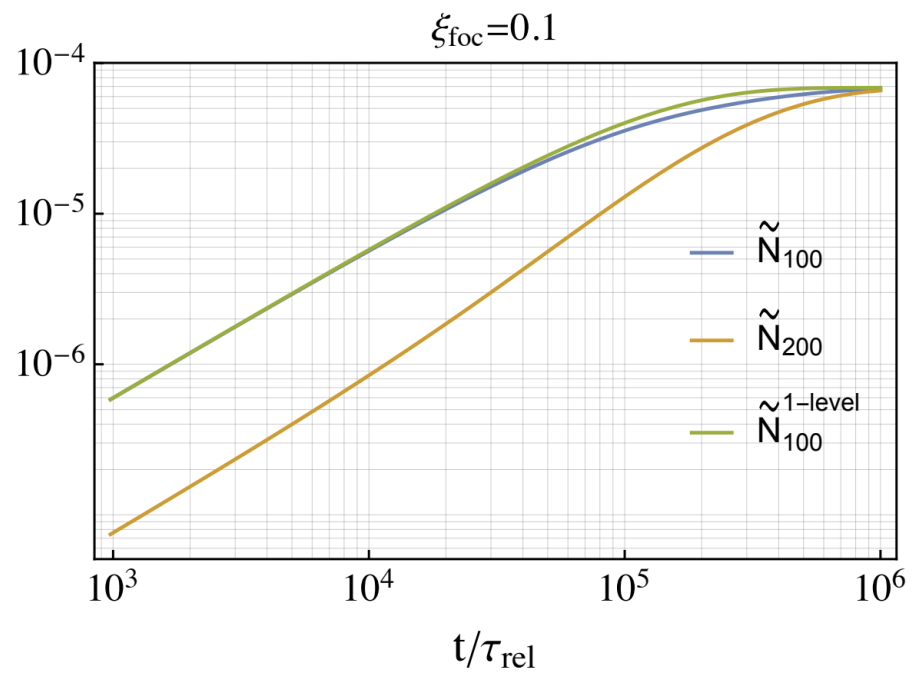
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(3c)



$$\mathcal{M}_{k_1+k_2 \rightarrow k_3+100} = \frac{2\sqrt{2}\pi}{\sqrt{k_1 k_2 k_3}} \int d^3\zeta e^{-\zeta} J_0 \left[ 2\xi(1 - \hat{k}_1 \cdot \hat{\zeta}) \right] J_0 \left[ 2\zeta(1 - \hat{k}_2 \cdot \hat{\zeta}) \right] J_0 \left[ 2\zeta(1 - \hat{k}_3 \cdot \hat{\zeta}) \right] \underbrace{\hspace{15em}}_{F[\hat{k}_i \cdot \hat{k}_j]}$$

$$\Gamma = \frac{8g^2 \rho_{\text{dm}}^2}{\pi^2 m^3 v_{\text{dm}}^2} \int dp_1 dp_2 d \cos \theta_1 d \cos \theta_2 d \cos \theta_3 d\phi_1 d\phi_2 p_1 p_2 F^2[\hat{p}_i \cdot \hat{p}_j] \left[ e^{-(\mathbf{p}_1 - \hat{z})^2} - 2e^{-(\mathbf{p}_3 - \hat{z})^2} \right] e^{-(\mathbf{p}_2 - \hat{z})^2}$$

$$\tau_{\text{rel}} \equiv \frac{m^3 v_{\text{dm}}^2}{g^2 \rho_{\text{dm}}^2} \simeq 9 \text{ Gyr} \left[ \frac{f_a}{10^8 \text{ GeV}} \right]^4 \left[ \frac{m}{10^{-14} \text{ eV}} \right]^3 \left[ \frac{0.4 \text{ GeV/cm}^3}{\rho_{\text{dm}}} \right]^2 \left[ \frac{v_{\text{dm}}}{240 \text{ km/s}} \right]^2$$

$$\mathcal{L}_\phi = \frac{d_\alpha}{4M_{\text{Pl}}} \phi F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}$$

$$\frac{\delta\alpha}{\alpha_0} \simeq \frac{d_\alpha \phi}{M_{\text{Pl}}} \simeq 6 \times 10^{-16} d_\alpha \left( \frac{10^{-15} \text{ eV}}{m_\phi} \right) \sqrt{\frac{\rho_\phi}{\rho_{\text{dm}}}}$$

**c.f.**  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{em}} = \frac{\alpha}{4} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}$

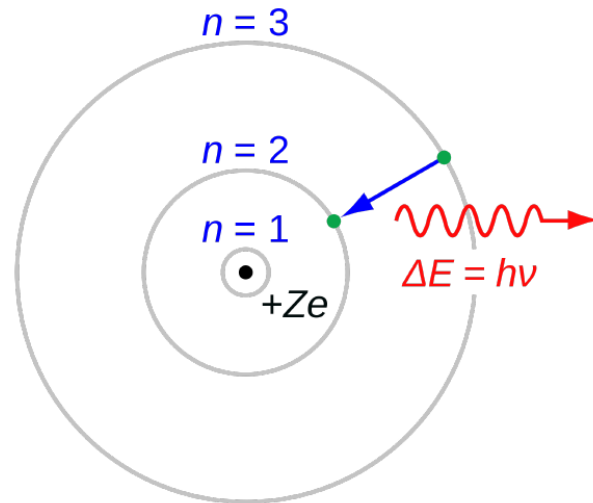
w/ oscillations at frequency  $\omega_\phi \simeq m_\phi \simeq \text{few Hz} \left( \frac{m_\phi}{10^{-15} \text{ eV}} \right)$

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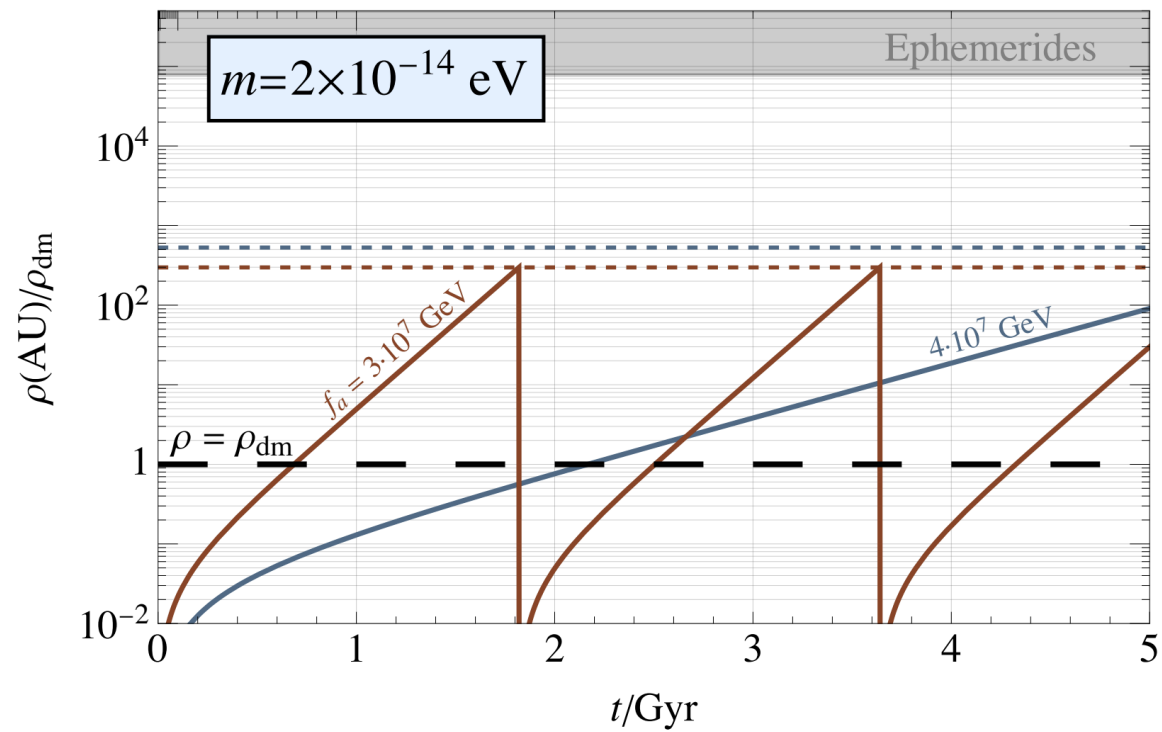
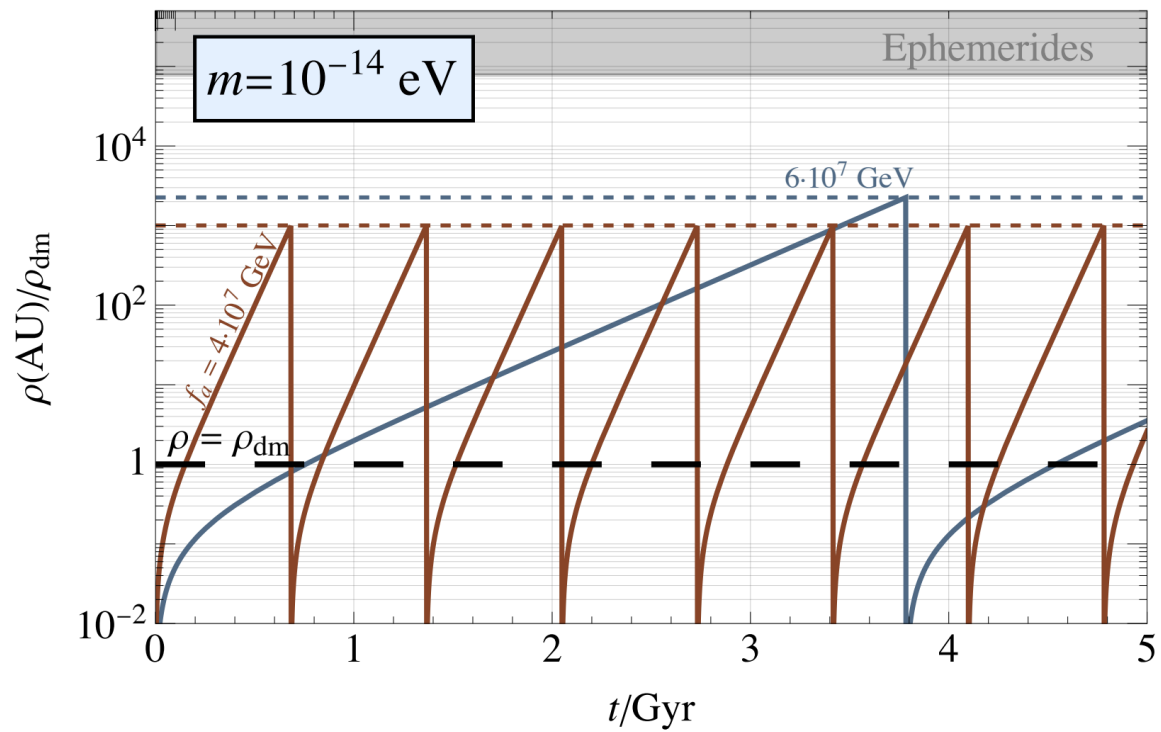


**Modern optical clocks have achieved**

$$\frac{\delta\alpha}{\alpha_0} \lesssim 10^{-18}$$

**Future nuclear clock expected to reach**

$$\frac{\delta\alpha}{\alpha_0} \lesssim 10^{-23}$$



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