



FREEZE-IN AT STRONGER COUPLING

And the highest temperature of the Universe

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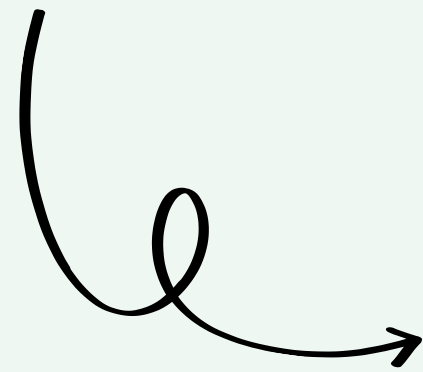
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Freeze-in at

LOW REHEATING TEMPERATURES



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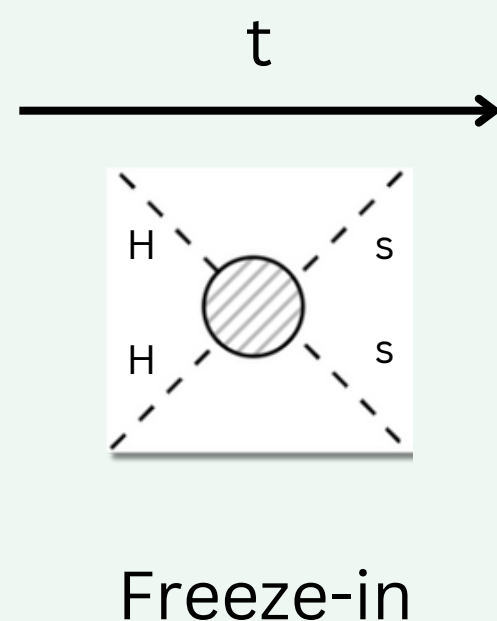


LOW TR FREEZE-IN PRODUCTION

Example:

Higgs portal

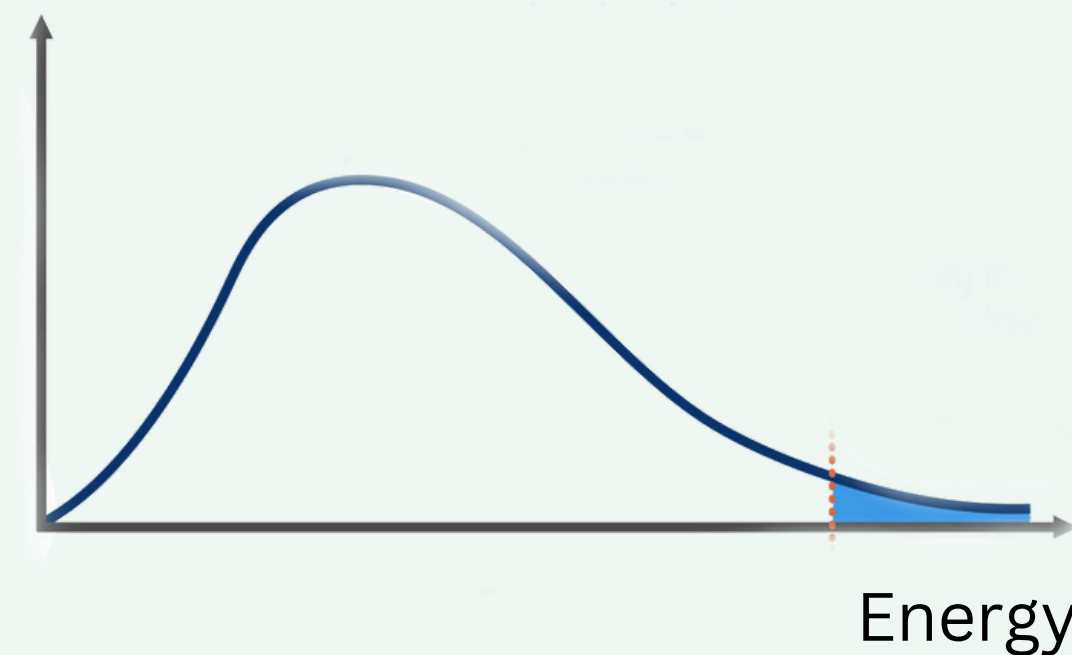
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of H particles



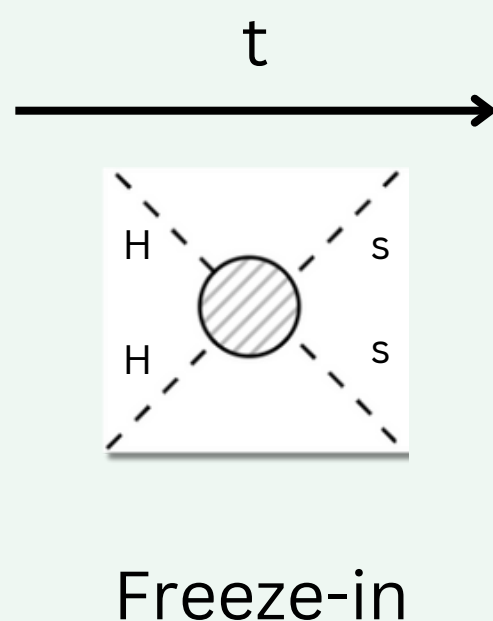
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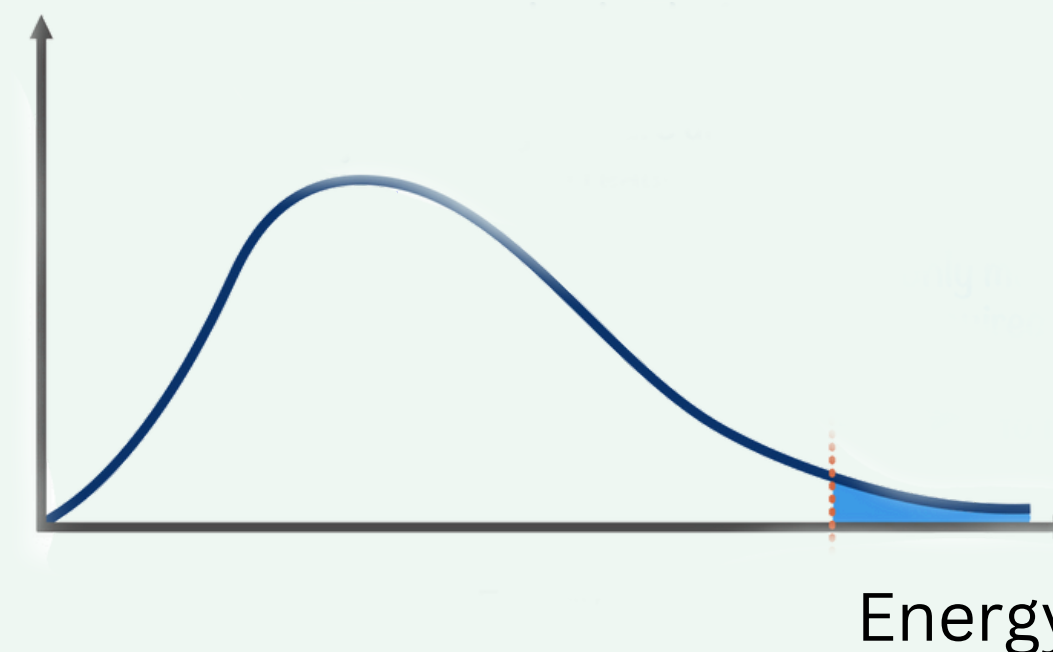
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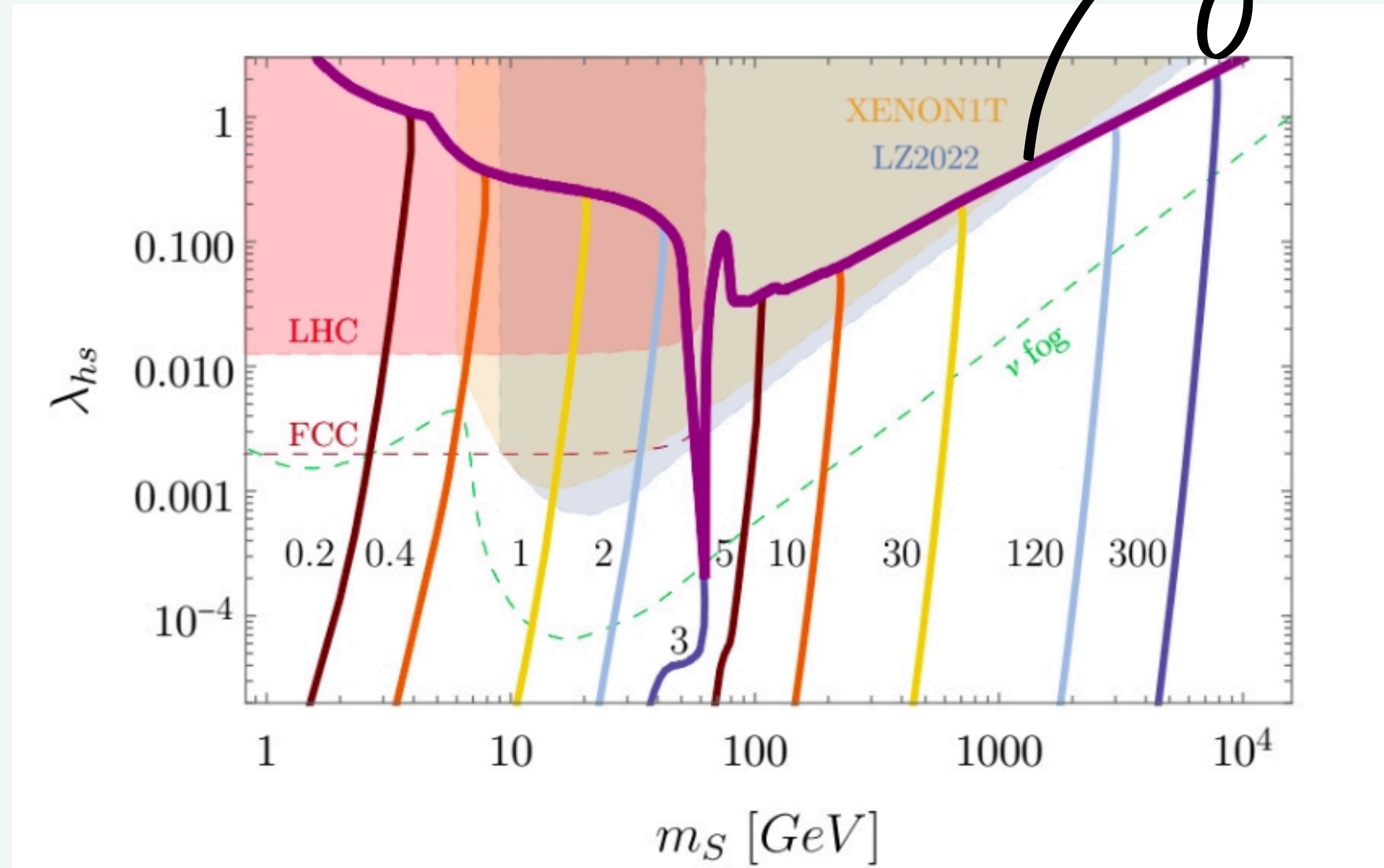


Boltzmann distribution

$$\Gamma(h_i h_i \rightarrow s s) \simeq \frac{\lambda_{hs}^2 T^3 m_s}{2^7 \pi^4} e^{-2m_s/T}$$

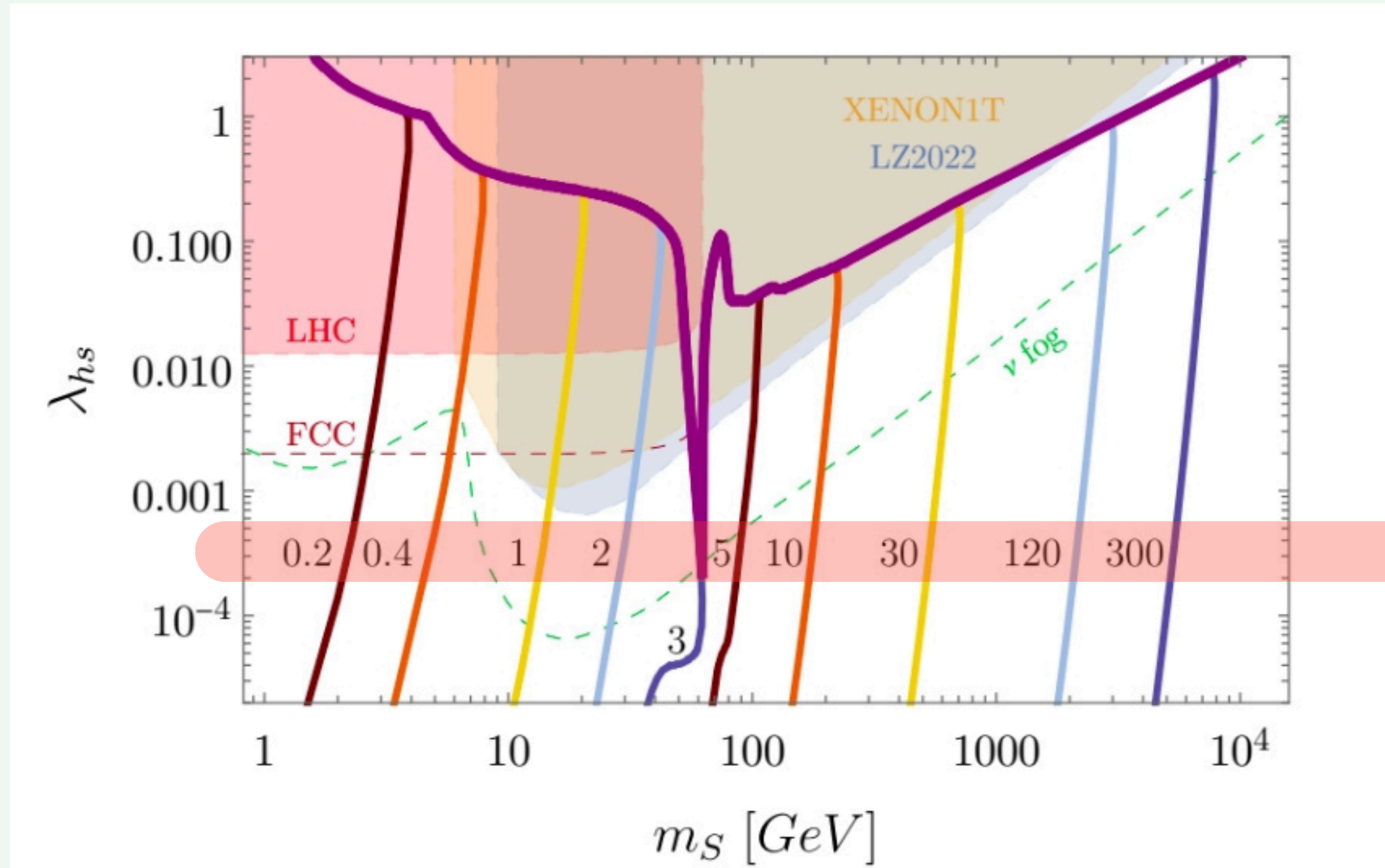
The rate of production is Boltzmann suppressed

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The purple line is the freeze-out line, from there and above the DM is thermalised and the relic abundance is set by freeze-out

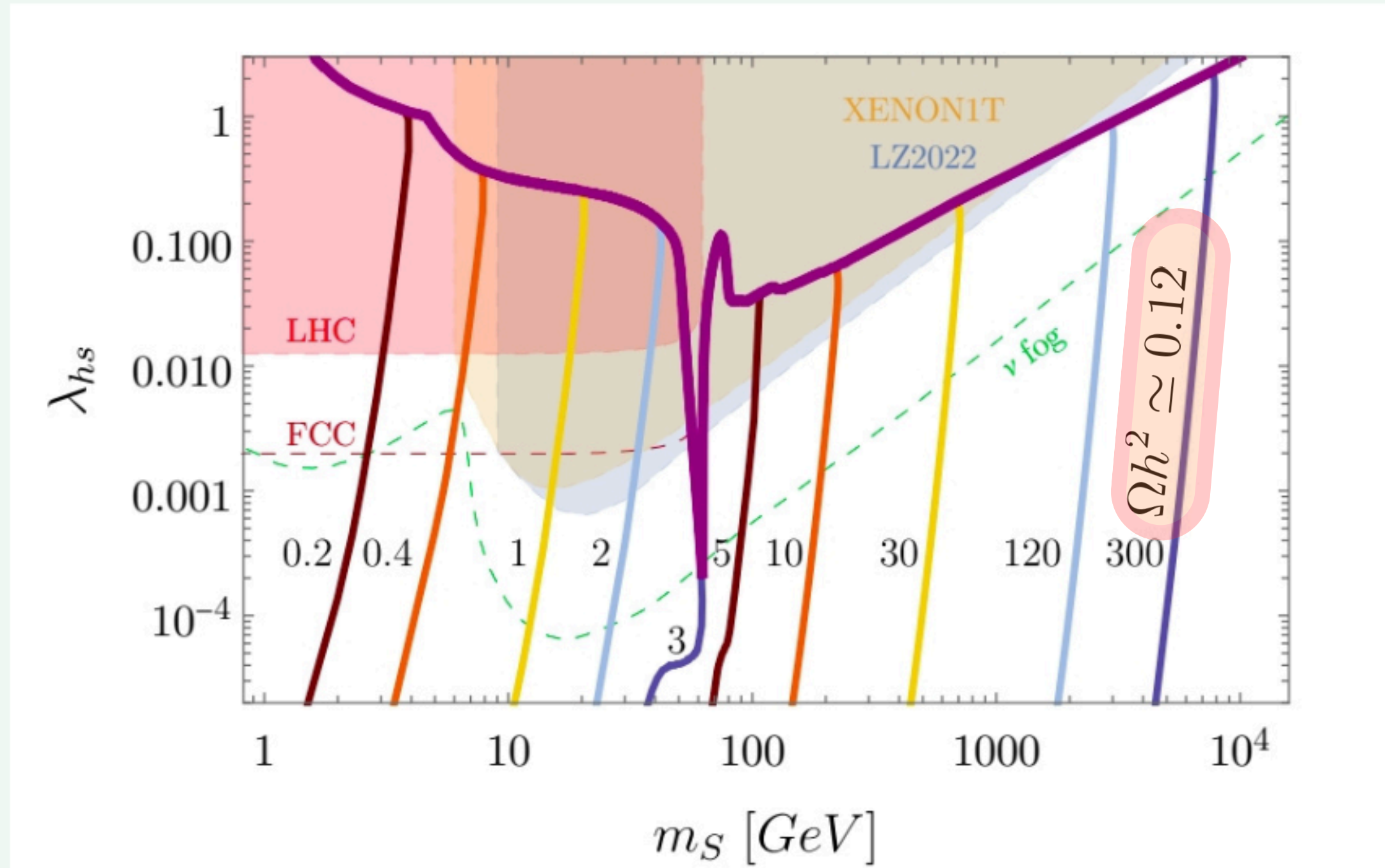
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T_R

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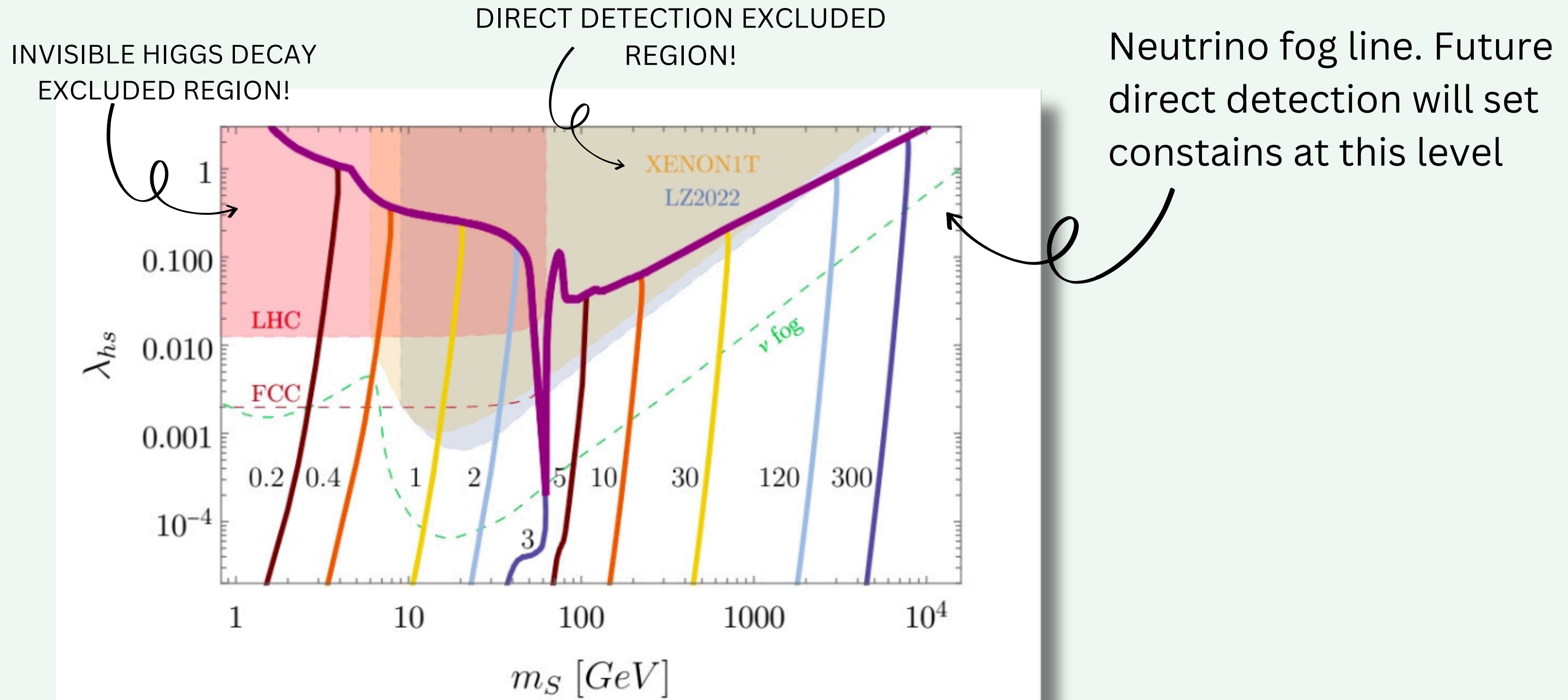
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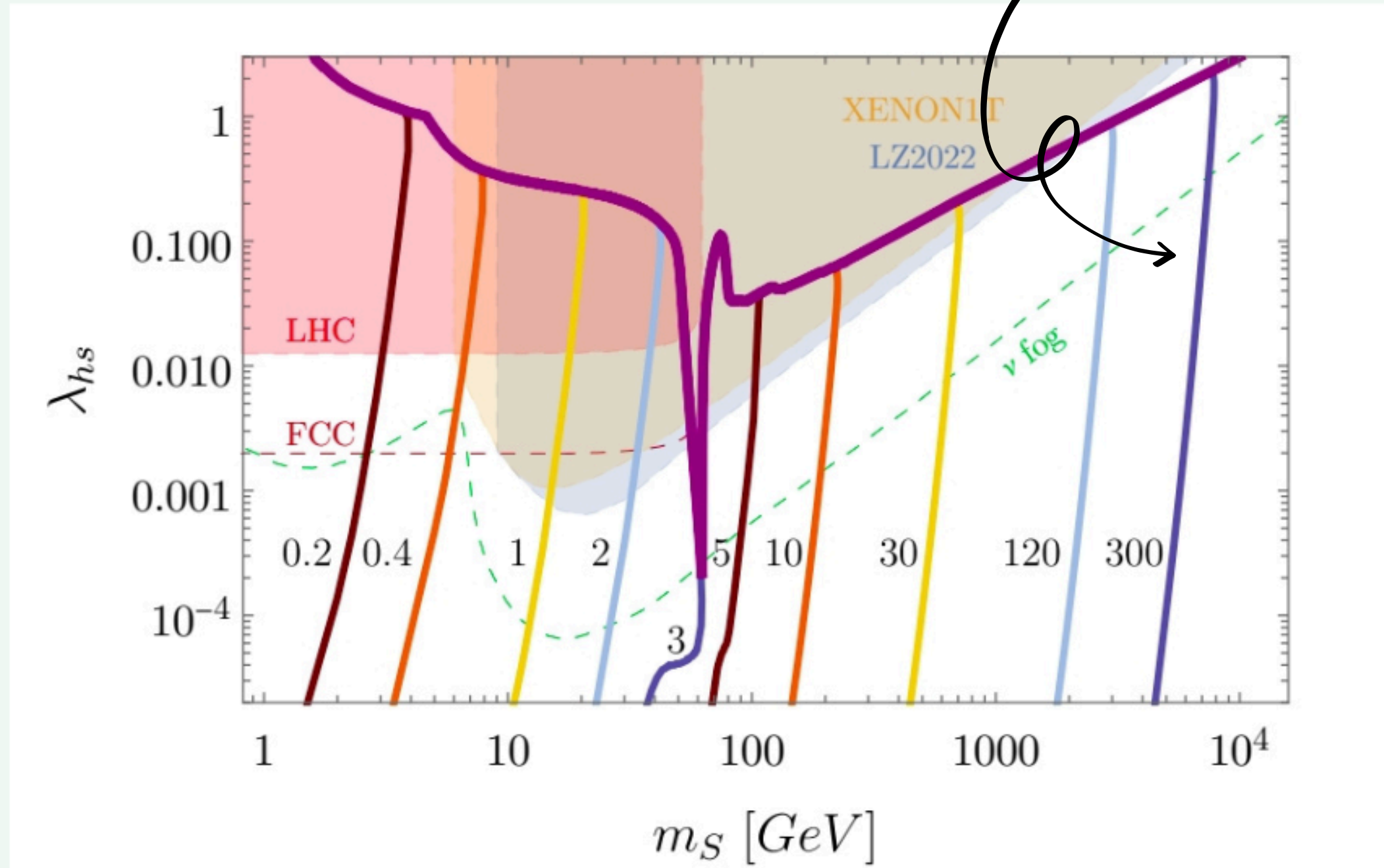
... and lead to the correct relic abundance $\Omega h^2 \simeq 0.12$

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Pure freeze-in



- No thermalisation
= pure freeze-in production
- Coupling up to order 1!
- Freeze-in tested at **DIRECT DETECTION** and **COLLIDER** (Invisible Higgs decay)
- We move freely in the parameter space from FIMP to WIMP, no overproduction region

UNDERLING ASSUMPTION

INSTANTANEOUS REHEATING

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UNDERLYING APPROXIMATION

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Strongest experimental bound is BBN

$$T_R \gtrsim \text{few MeV}$$

THE 'STANDARD' STORY OF REHEATING

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Reheating Boltzmann Equations

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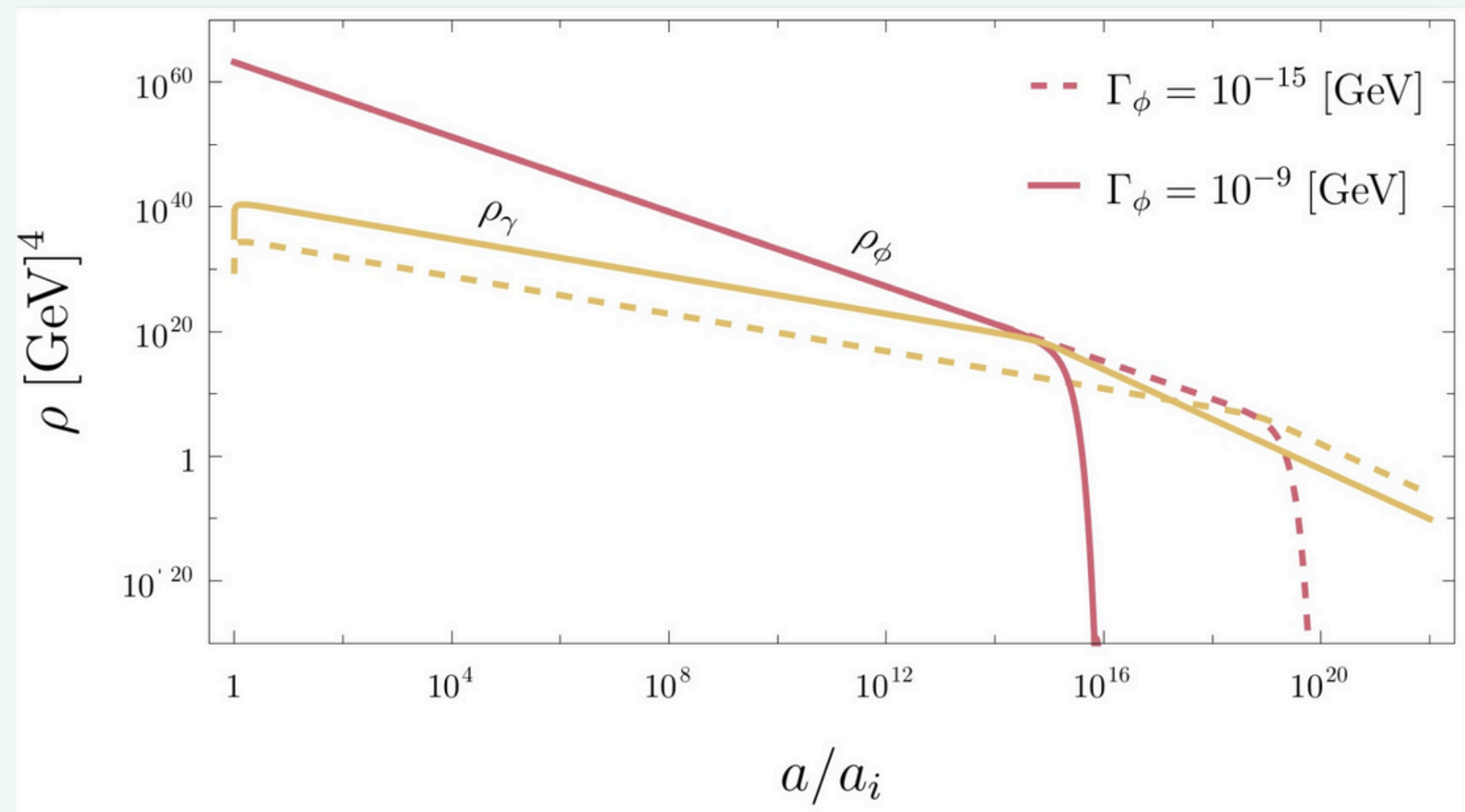
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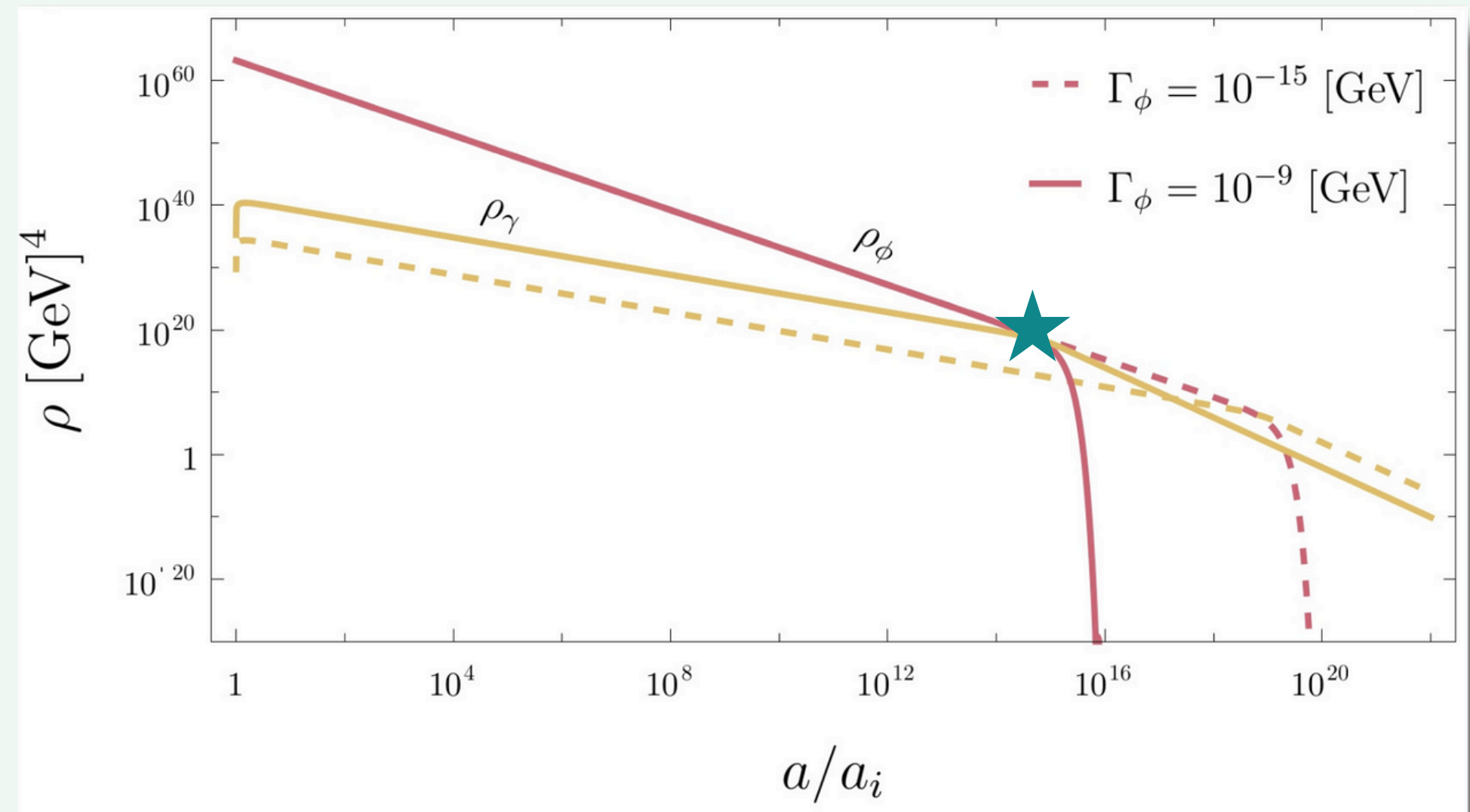
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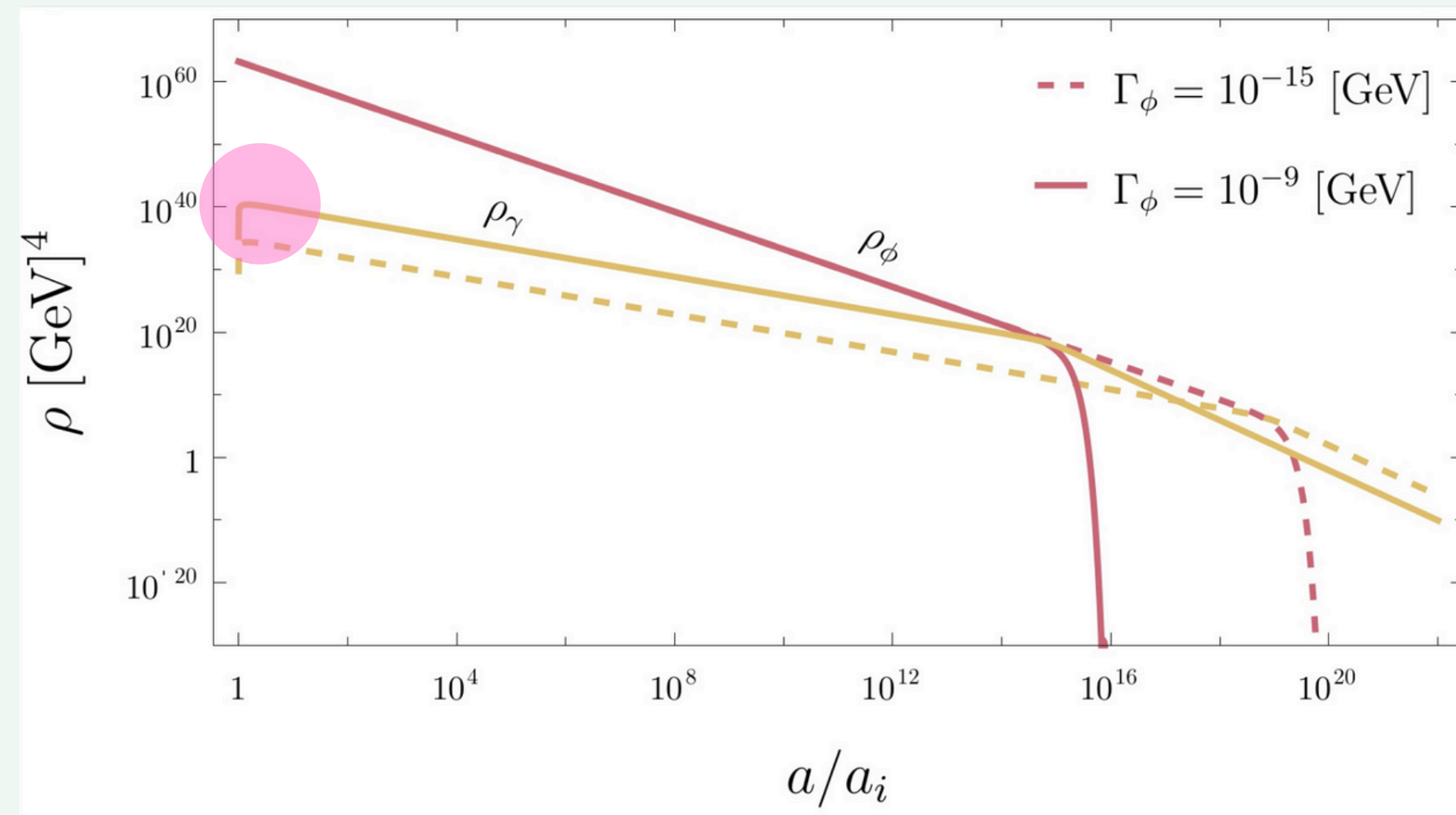
Temperature of the SM bath at this moment is T_R



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In our freeze-in at stronger coupling analysis we need to replace

$$T_R \rightarrow T_{\text{max}}$$

This could spoil the assumption

$$m_s < T_R$$

If T_{max} is very large

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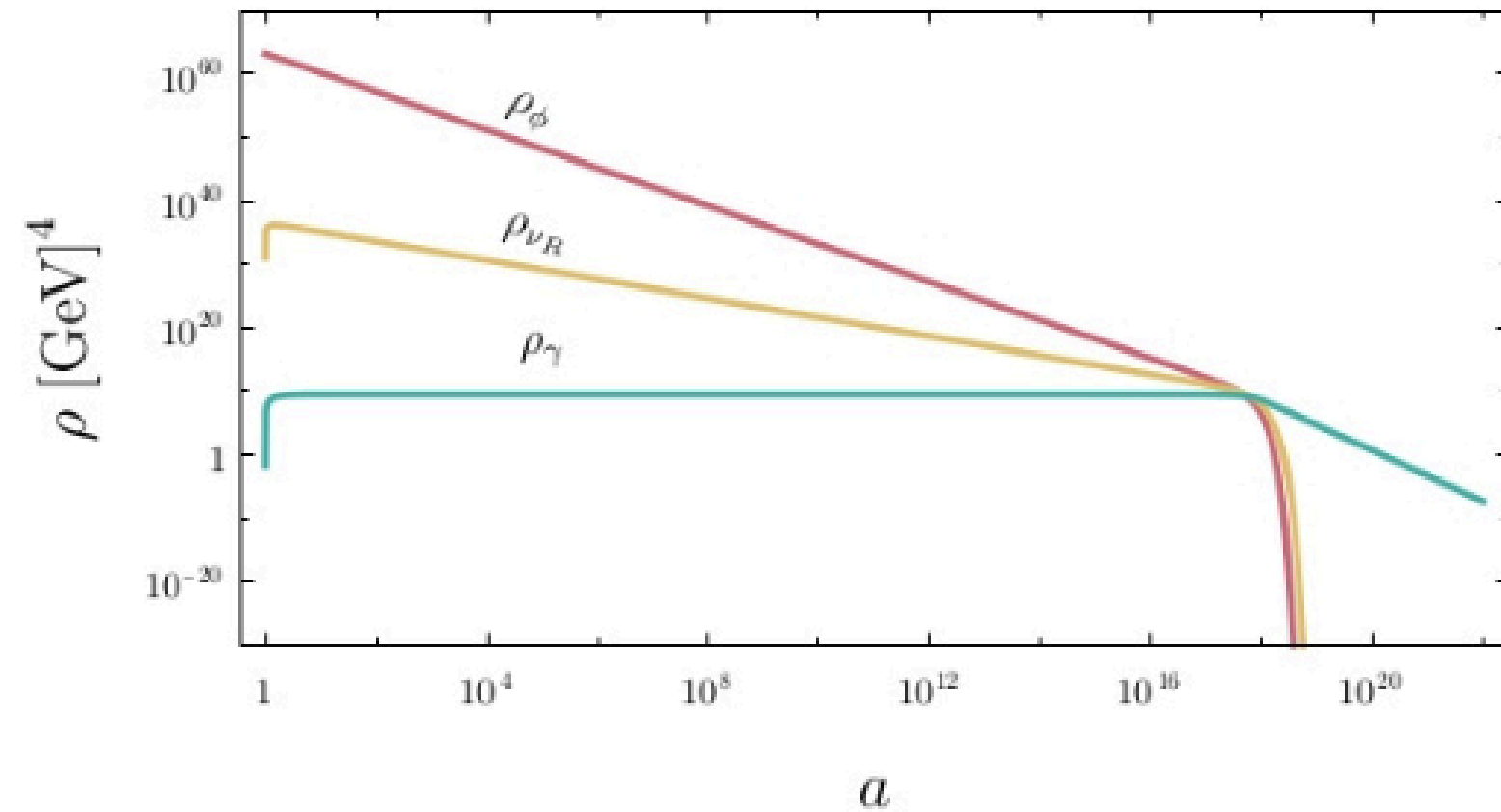
$$\rho_\phi + \rho_\nu + \rho_\gamma = 3H^2 m_P^2,$$

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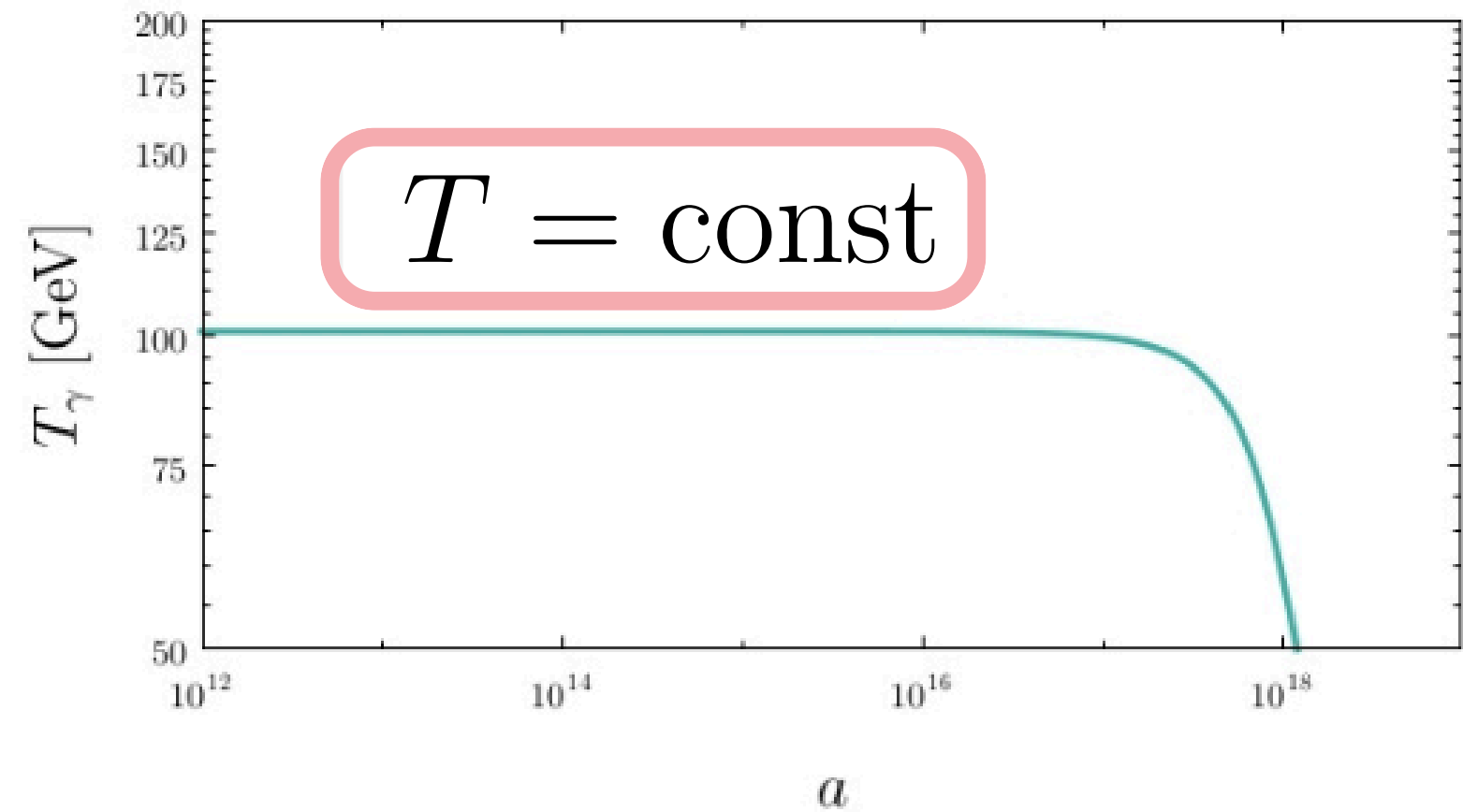
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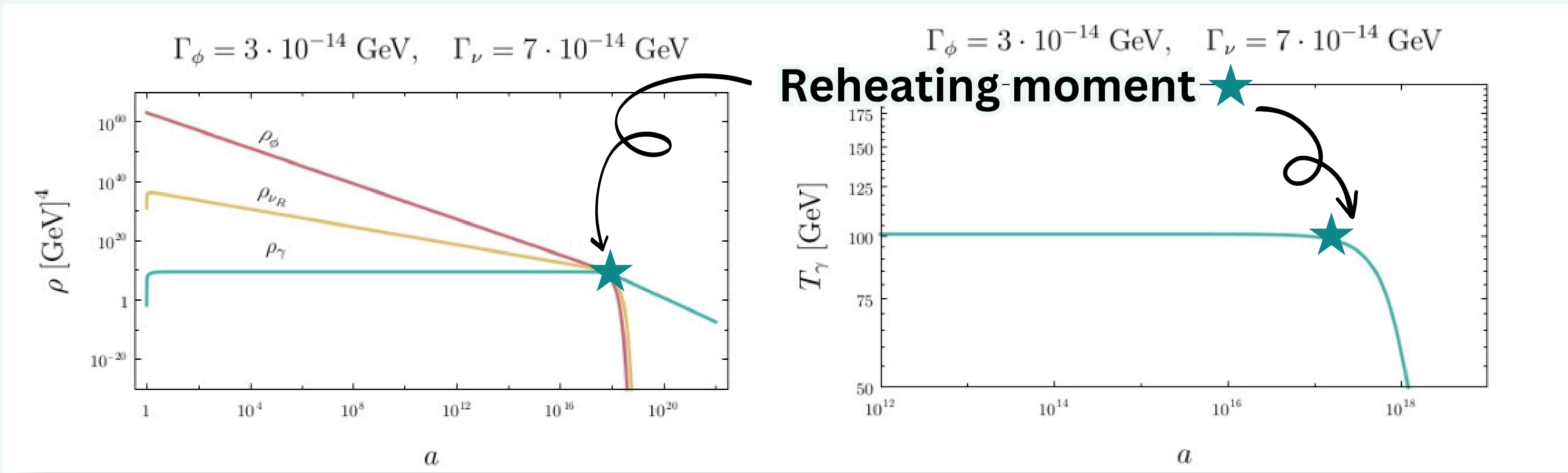


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$$T_R \rightarrow 0.95 \times T_R$$

5% correction with respect to the instantaneous reheating approximation

with $\Gamma_\phi \sim \Gamma_\nu$

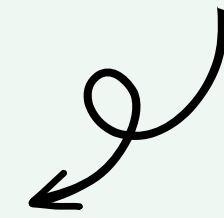
You can find different reheating histories here



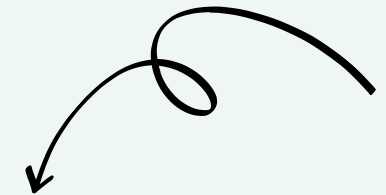
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TAKE HOME MESSAGE

EARLY UNIVERSE: EFFICIENT GRAVITATIONAL PRODUCTION OF FEEBLY COUPLED PARTICLES

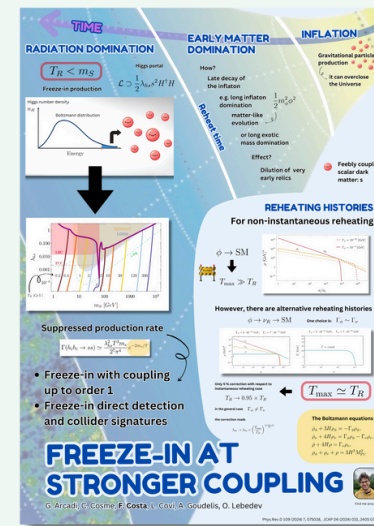


NEED FOR A "LONG" MATTER DOMINATED EPOCH AND THEREFORE **LOW REHEATING TEMPERATURE** TO AVOID OVERPRODUCTION



- **BOLTZMANN SUPPRESSED PRODUCTION RATE AND DIRECT DETECTION AND COLLIDER SIGNATURES!**
- **NO OVERPRODUCTION GAP BETWEEN FREEZE-OUT AND FREEZE-IN AT LOW REHEATING TEMPERATURES**
- **5% CORRECTION ON TR ACCOUNTING FOR THE REHEATING HISTORY WHEN**

$$T_{\max} \simeq T_R$$



THANK YOU

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More info at the poster session



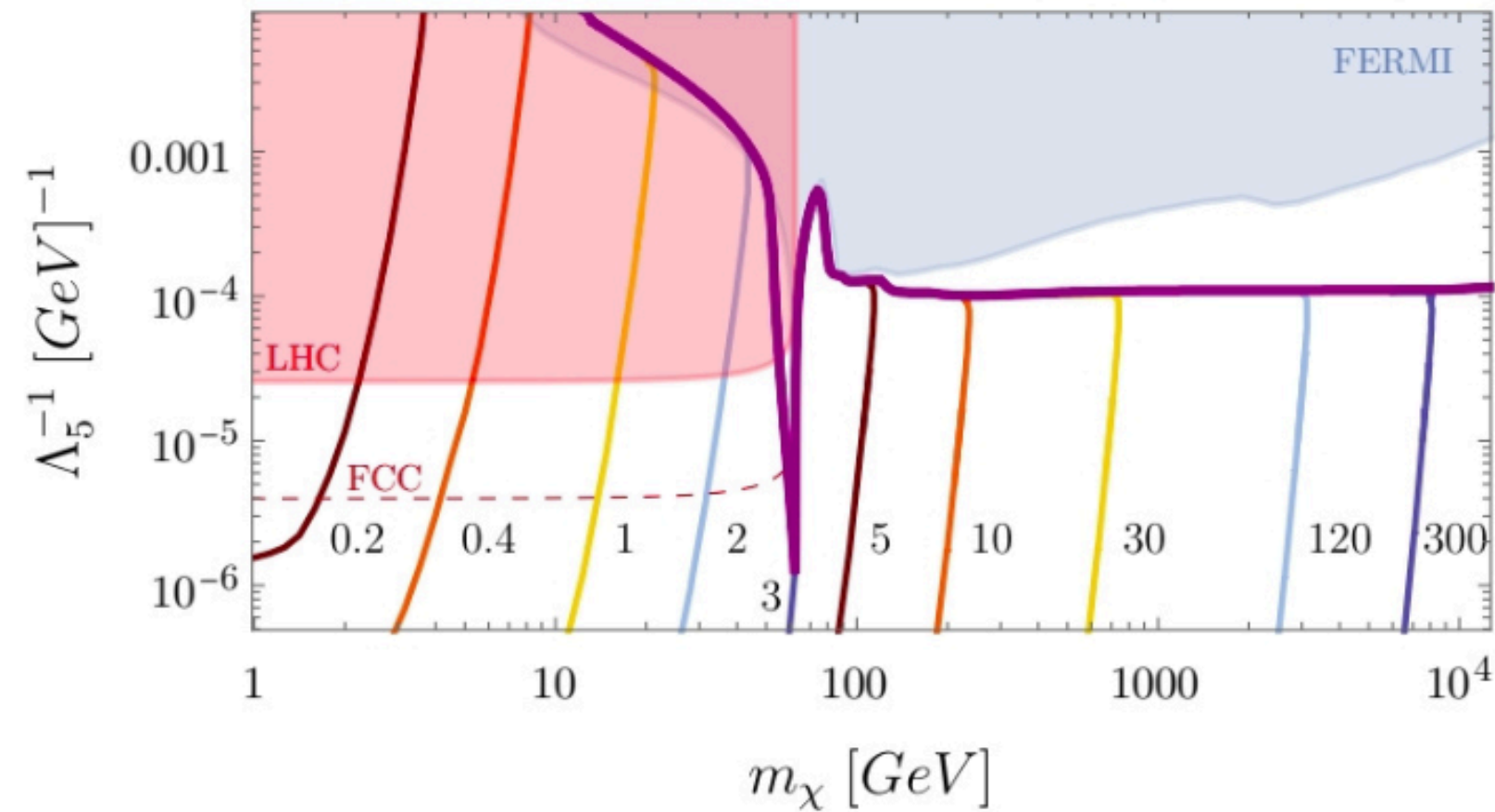
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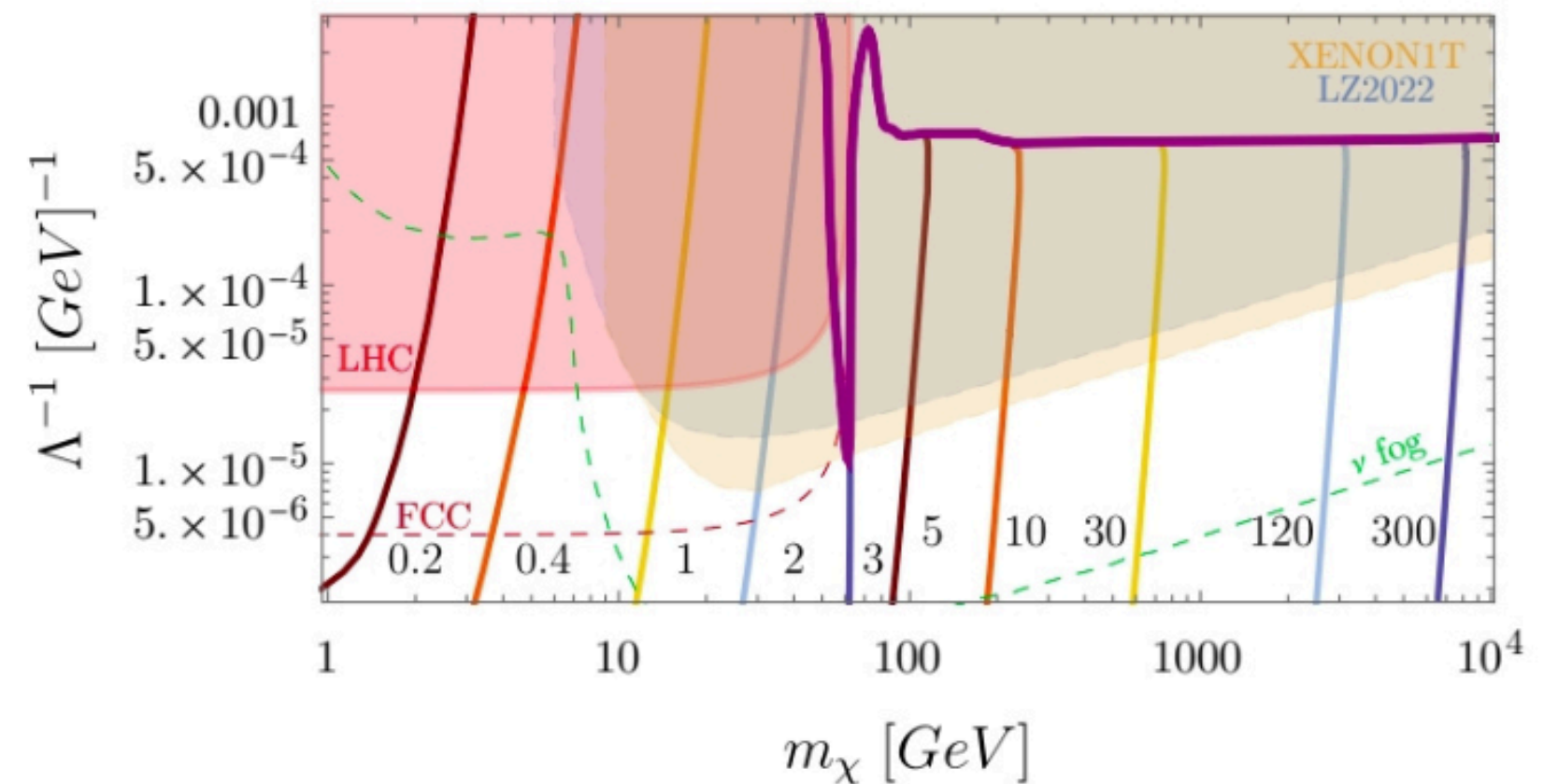
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New parameter space opened up at low DM masses and testable at collider!



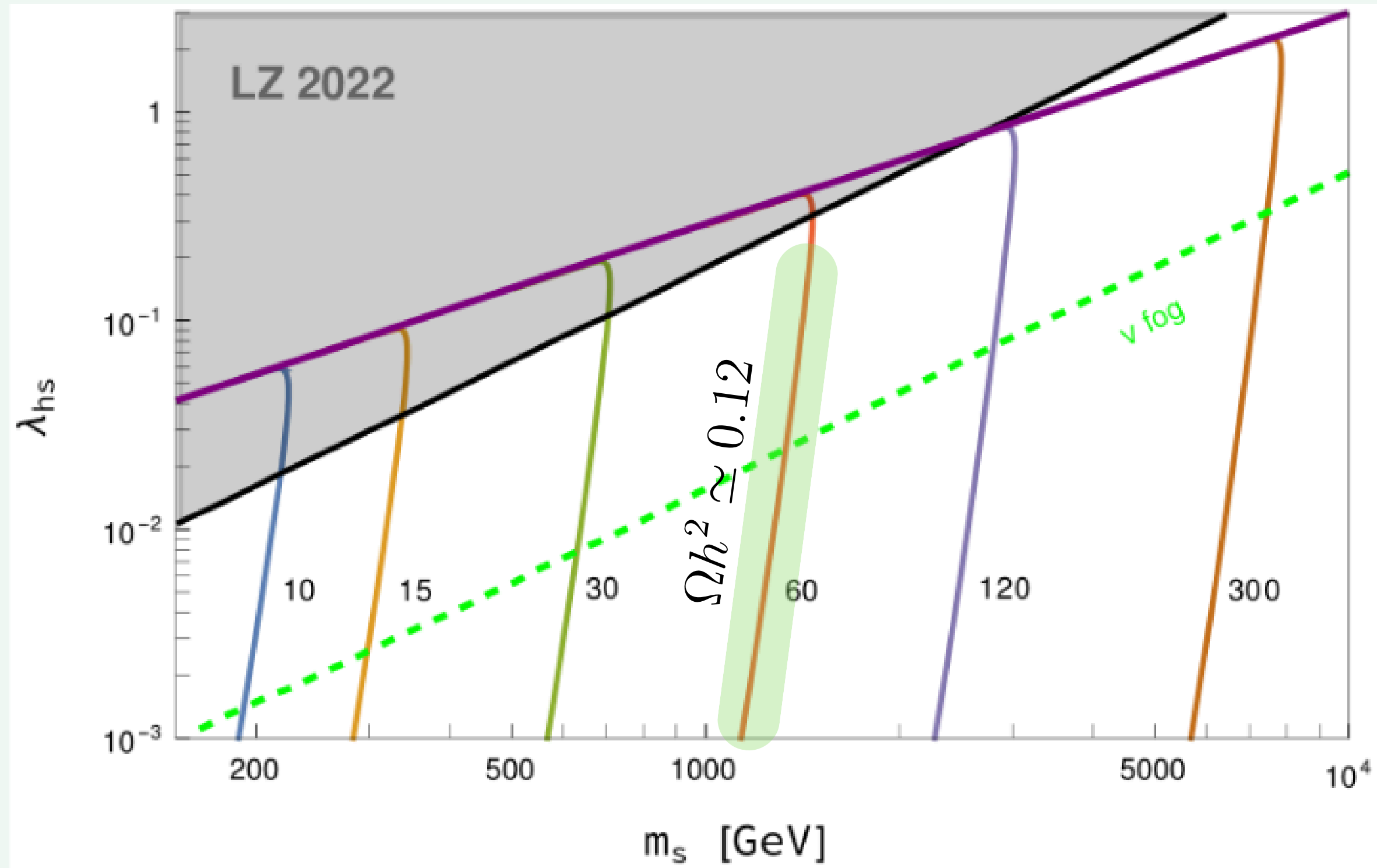
Colliders can test below the reach of DD experiments (below the neutrino fog)

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FREEZE-IN REGIME

FREEZE-IN

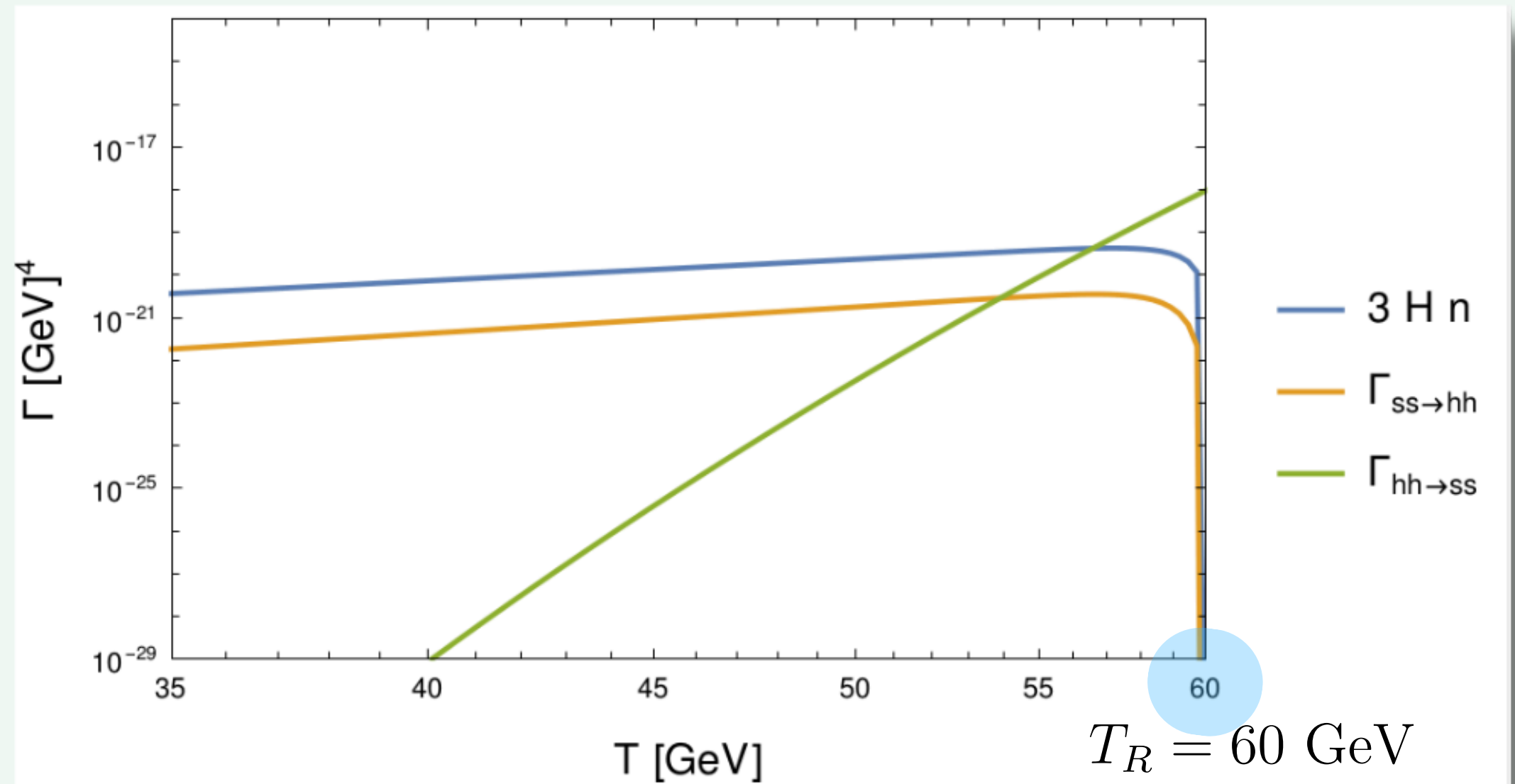


FREEZE-IN REGIME

$$m_s = 1460 \text{ GeV} \quad \lambda_{hs} = 0.10$$

Boltzmann equation

$$\dot{n}_s + 3Hn_s = \Gamma(h_i h_i \rightarrow ss) - \Gamma(ss \rightarrow h_i h_i)$$

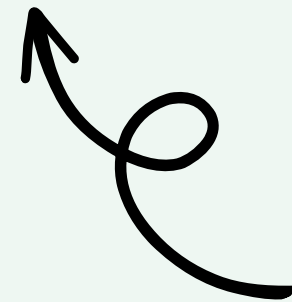
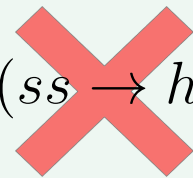


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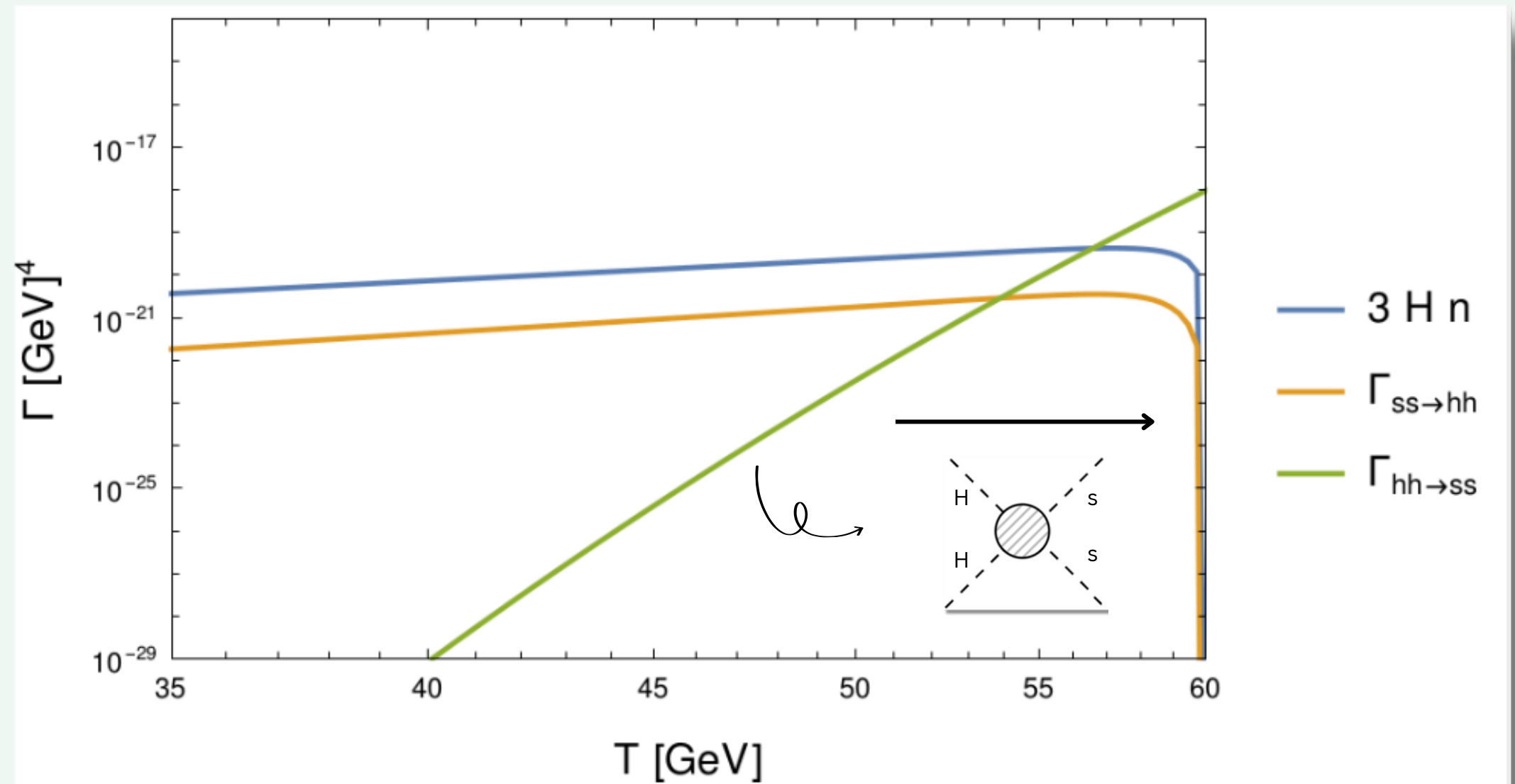
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Only the production rate of the freeze-in process is active at early times



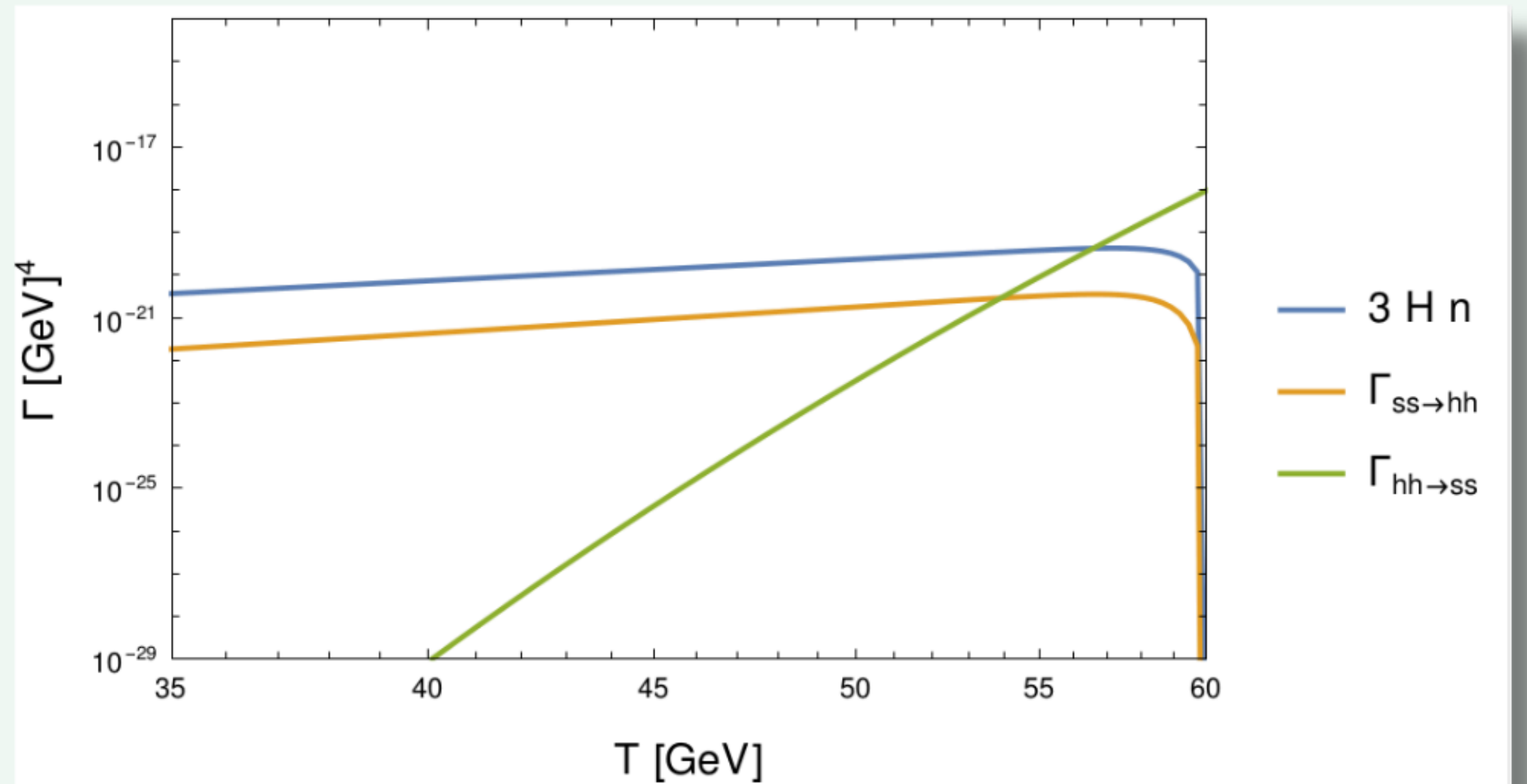
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But

$$\Gamma > 3Hn$$

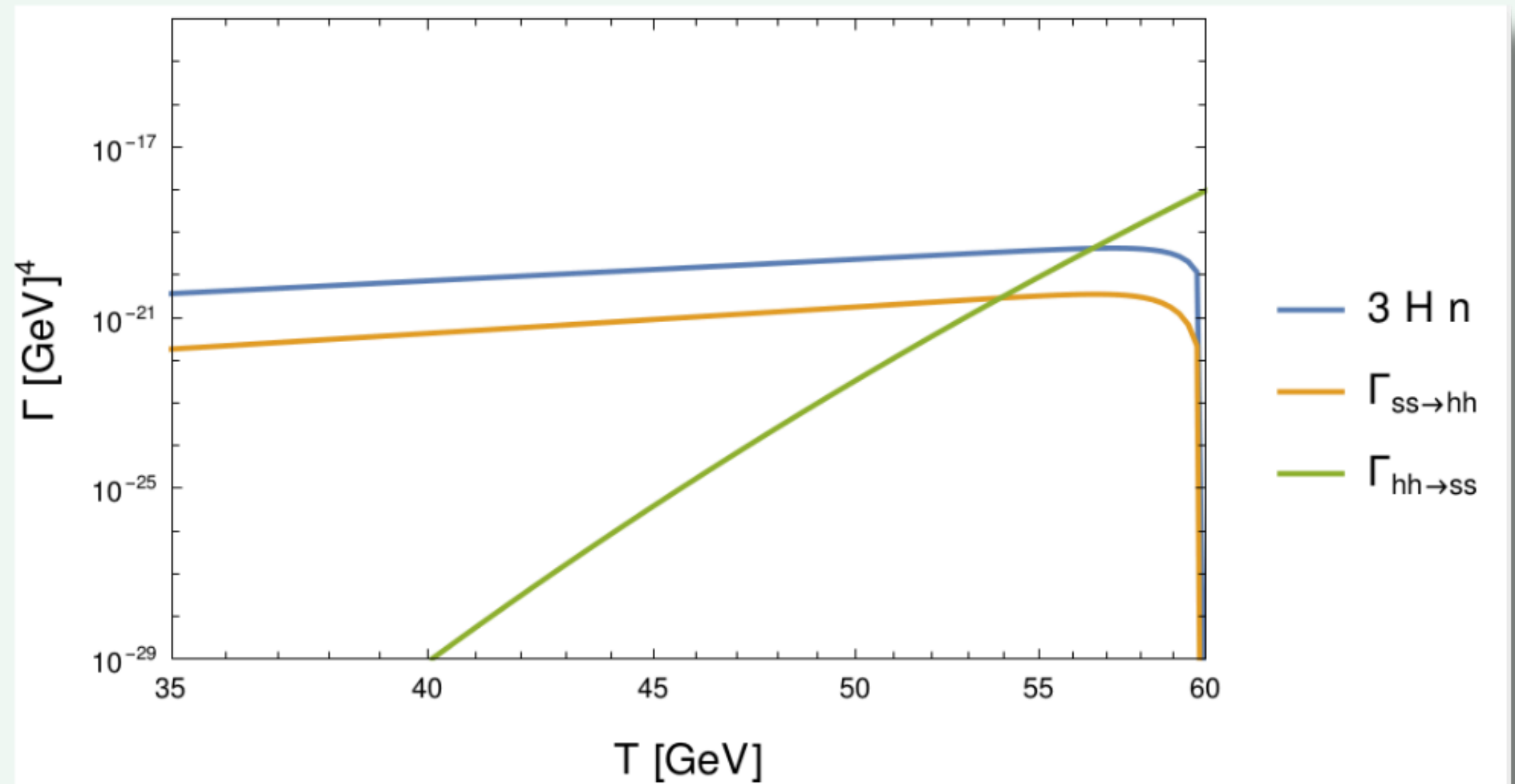


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$\Gamma(h_i h_i \rightarrow ss) > 3Hn \not\Rightarrow$ Thermalisation

$\Gamma(h_i h_i \rightarrow ss) = \Gamma(ss \rightarrow h_i h_i) \Rightarrow$ Thermalisation

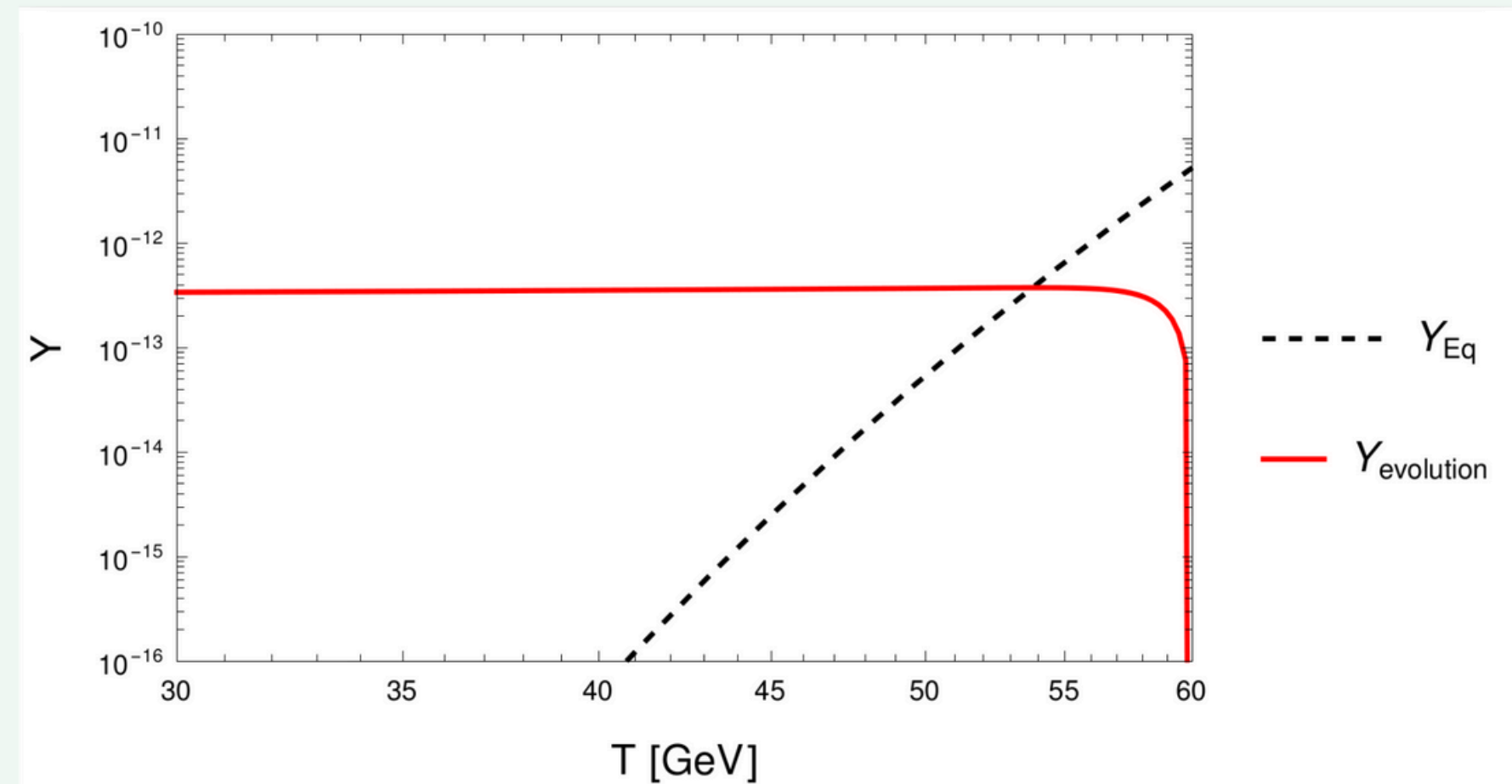


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FREEZE-IN REGIME

In fact the number density does not follow the equilibrium curve
OUT OF EQUILIBRIUM

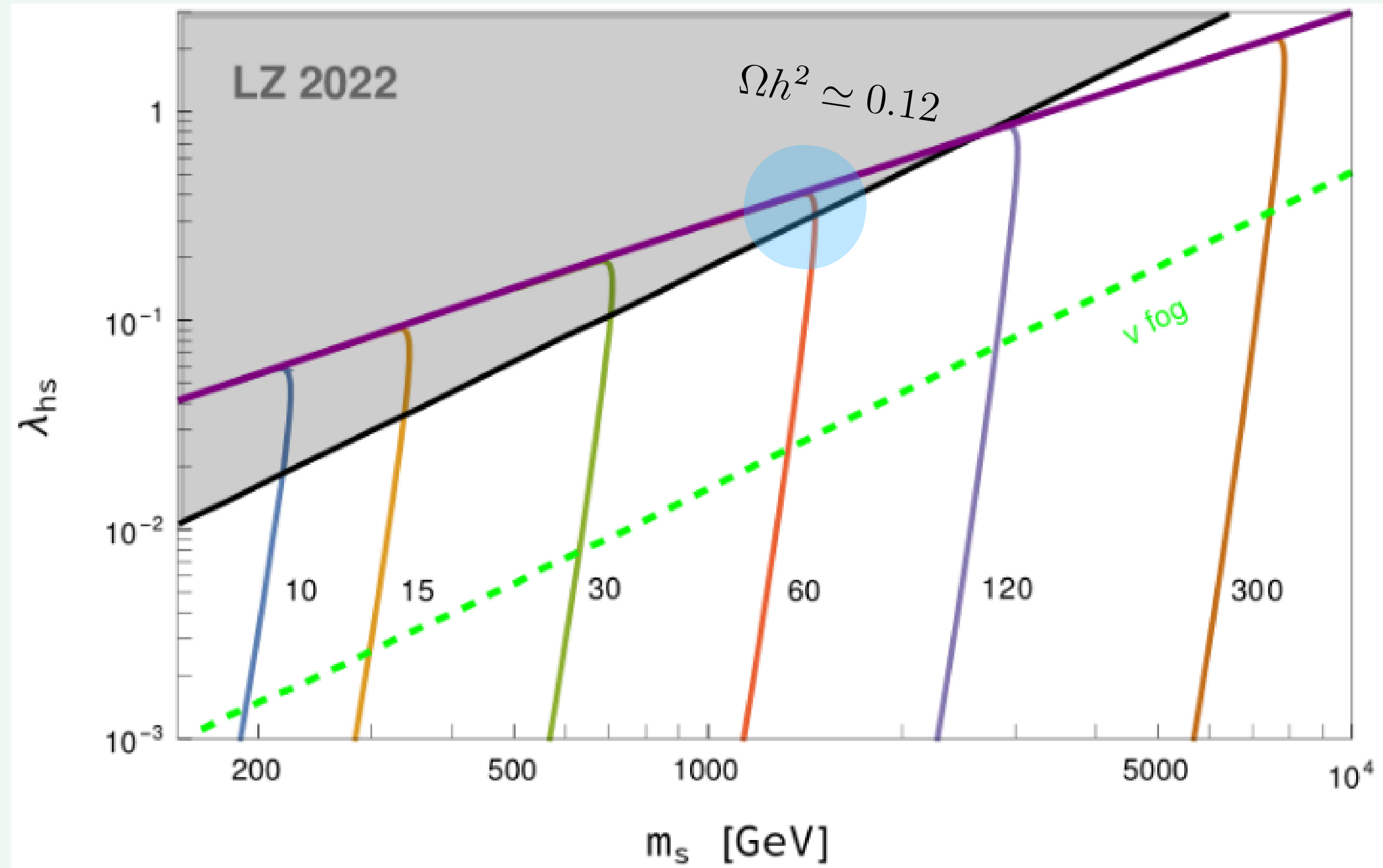
Looks like a UV freeze-in production, peaked at the reheating temperature



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ANNIHILIATION BECOMES IMPORTANT

BACKREACTION



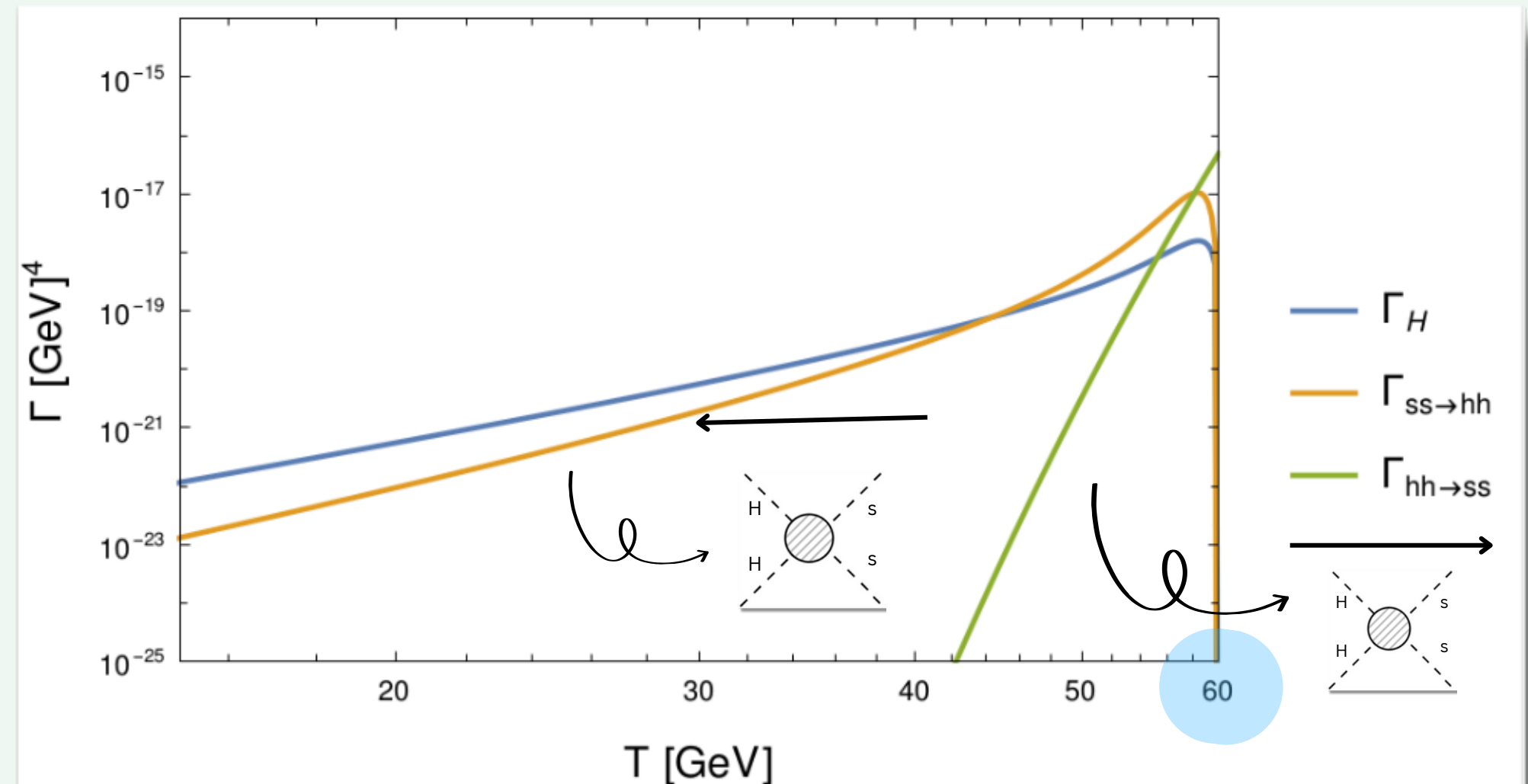
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$$m_s = 1451 \text{ GeV} \quad \lambda_{hs} = 0.39$$

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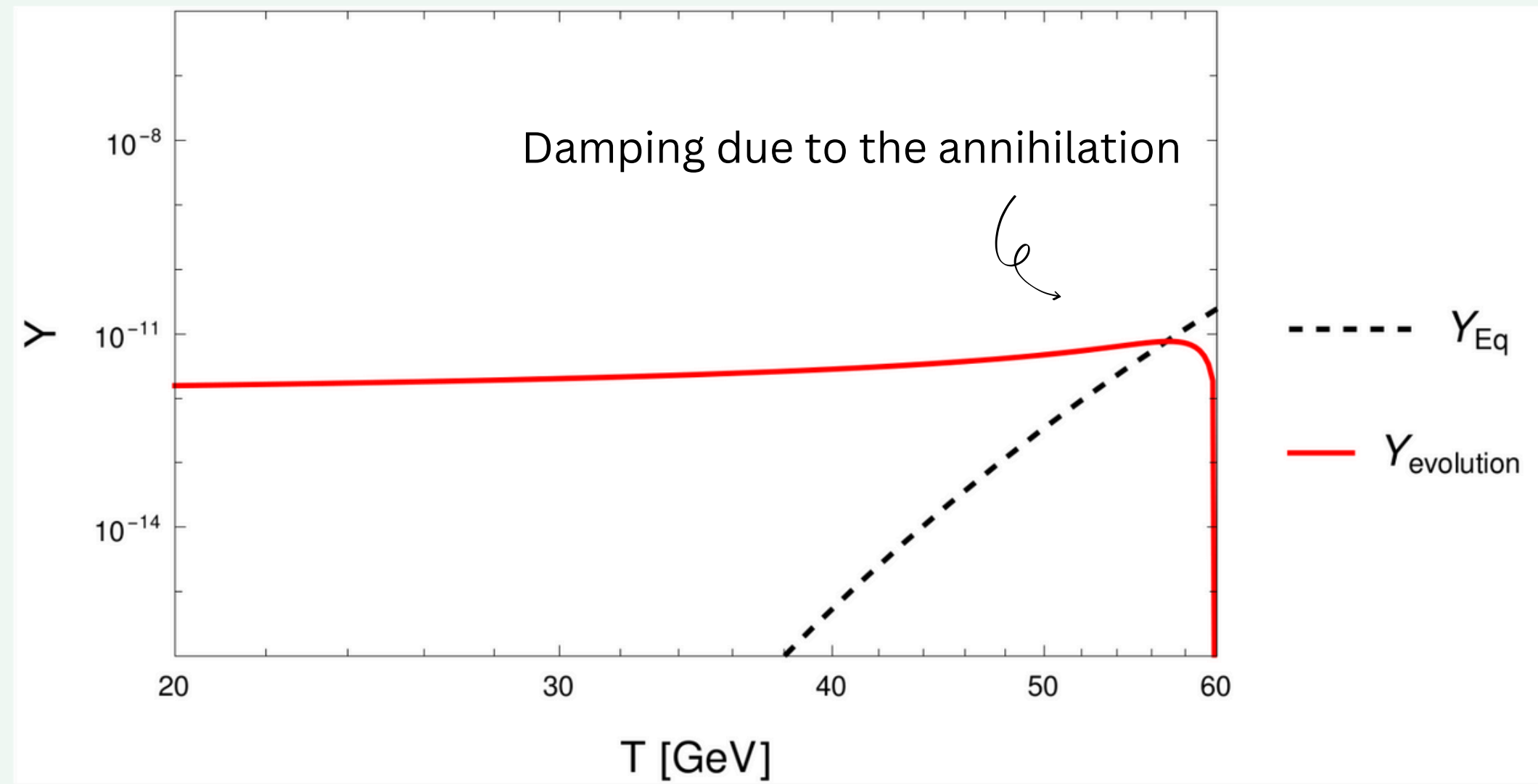
Here the backreaction is not negligible anymore



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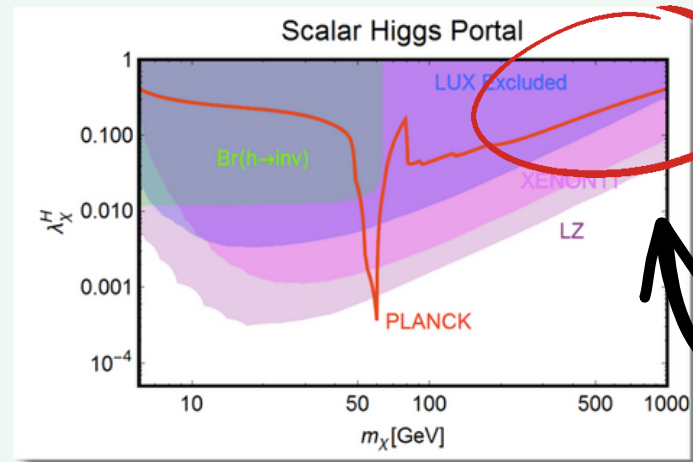
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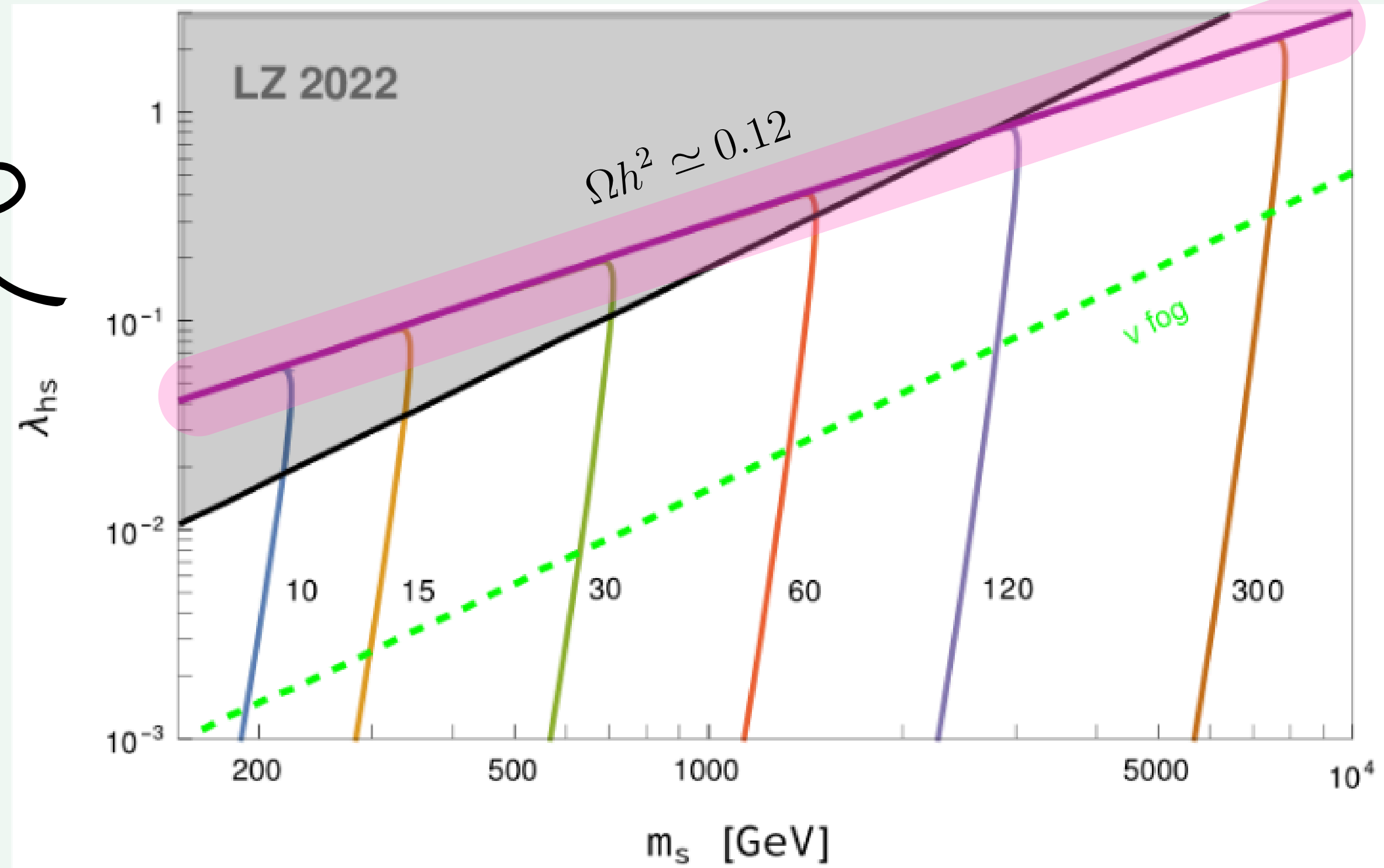


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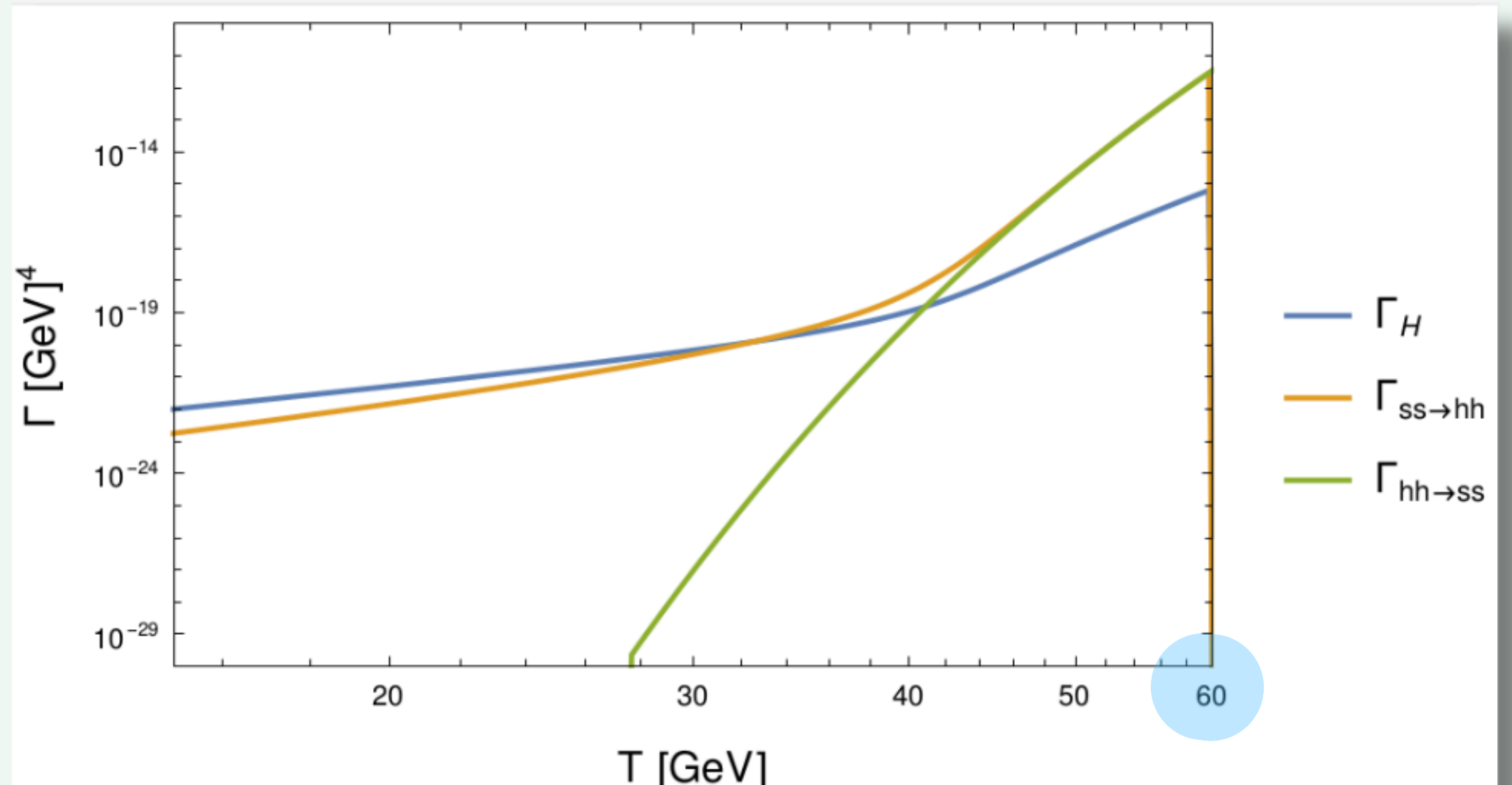
$$m_s = 1012 \text{ GeV} \quad \lambda_{hs} = 0.29$$

Boltzmann equation

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Freeze-out

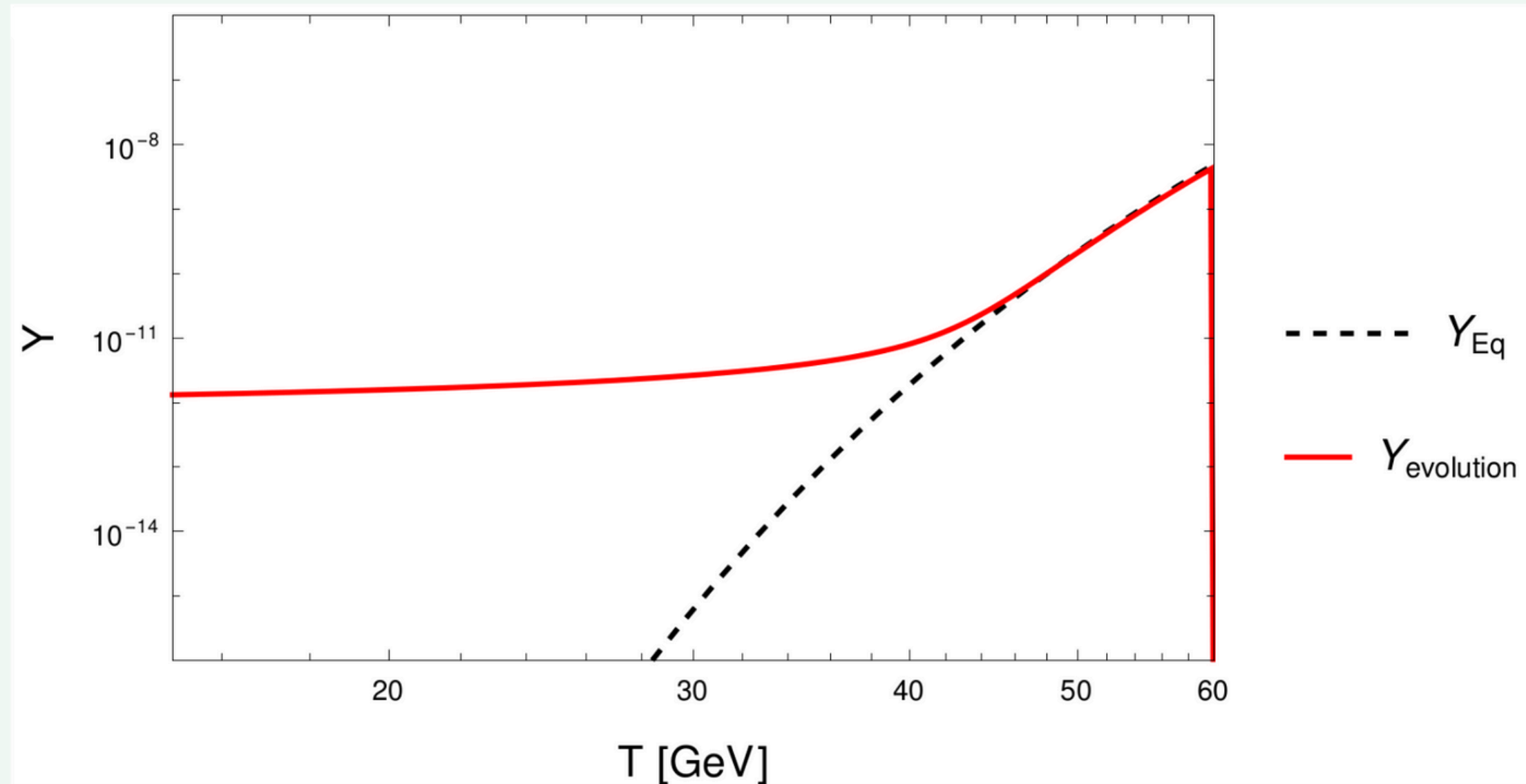
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FREEZE-OUT REGIME

The number density is equal to the equilibrium number density until freeze-out
IN EQUILIBRIUM



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FREEZE-IN TO FREEZE-OUT

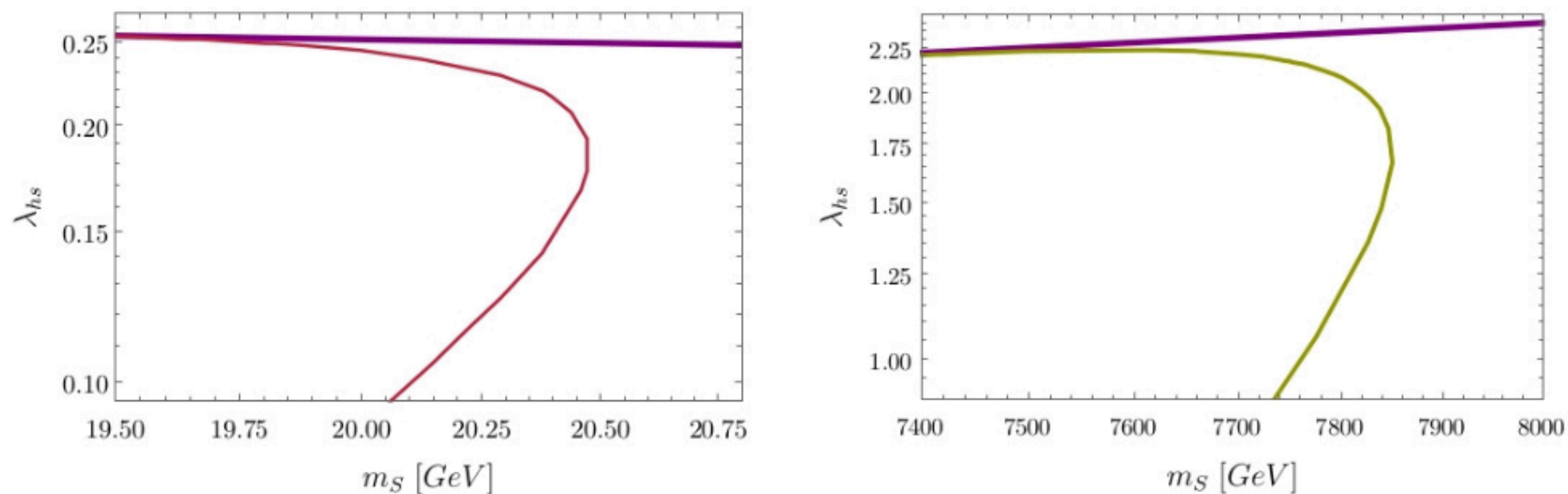


Figure 4: Freeze-in to freeze-out transition at low and high temperatures. The purple line corresponds to thermal DM as in Fig. 2. *Left:* $T_R = 1$ GeV. *Right:* $T_R = 300$ GeV.