

# Cannibal domination and small scale structure

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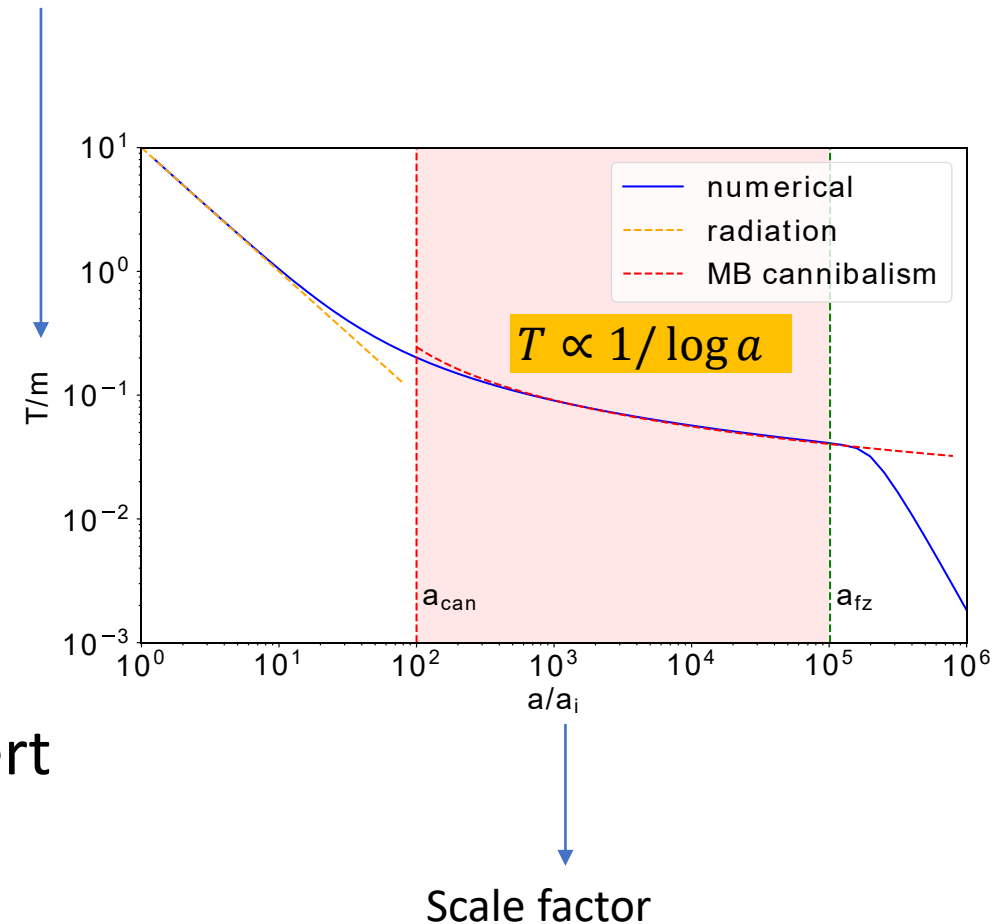
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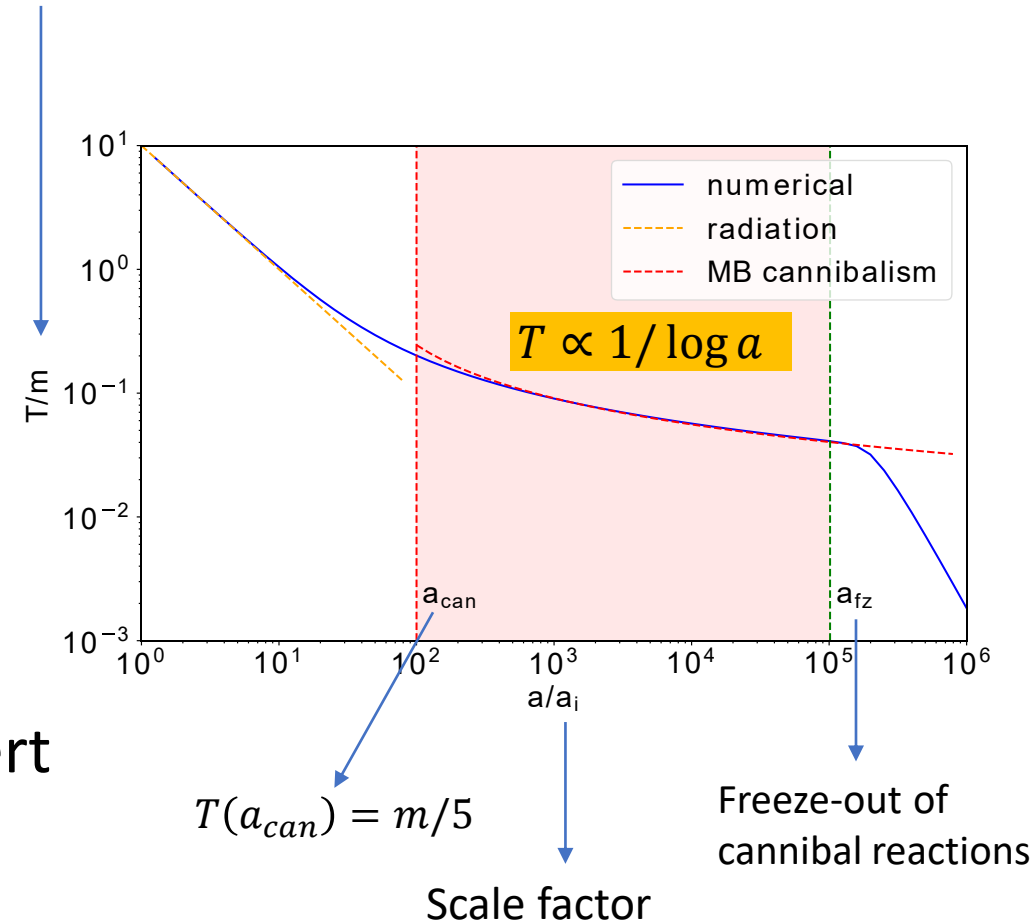
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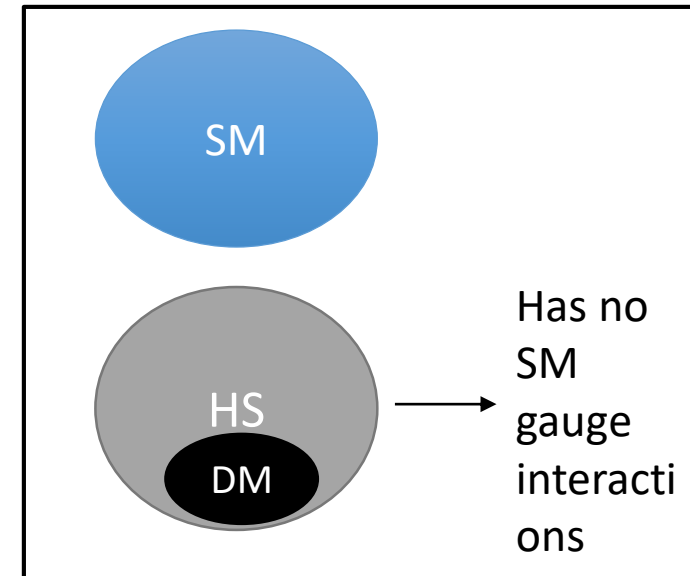


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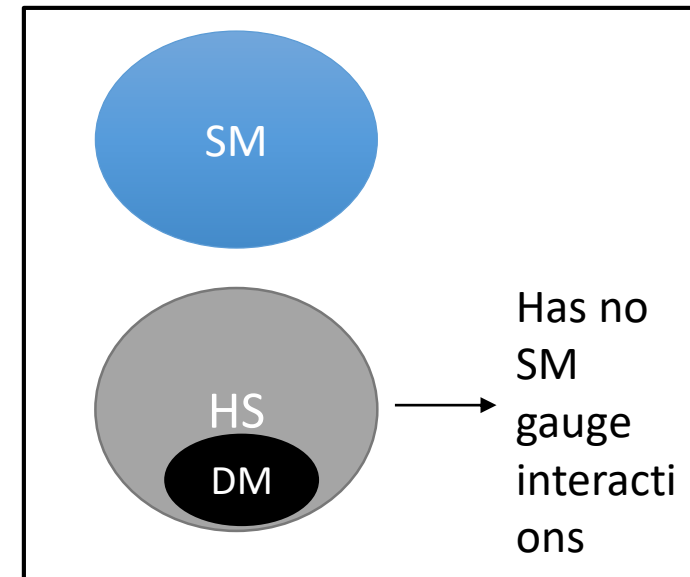




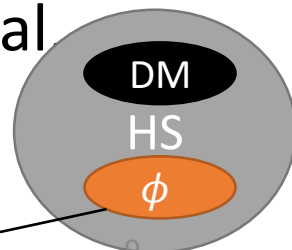
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- The lightest particle in HS (not necessarily DM) can naturally be cannibal  
Ex: glueballs,  $\phi^4$  scalar field, etc.



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  - 'Early matter dominated era' can produce micro-halos of DM (arxiv:1106.0536)

What if HS leads to an early cannibal dominated era?

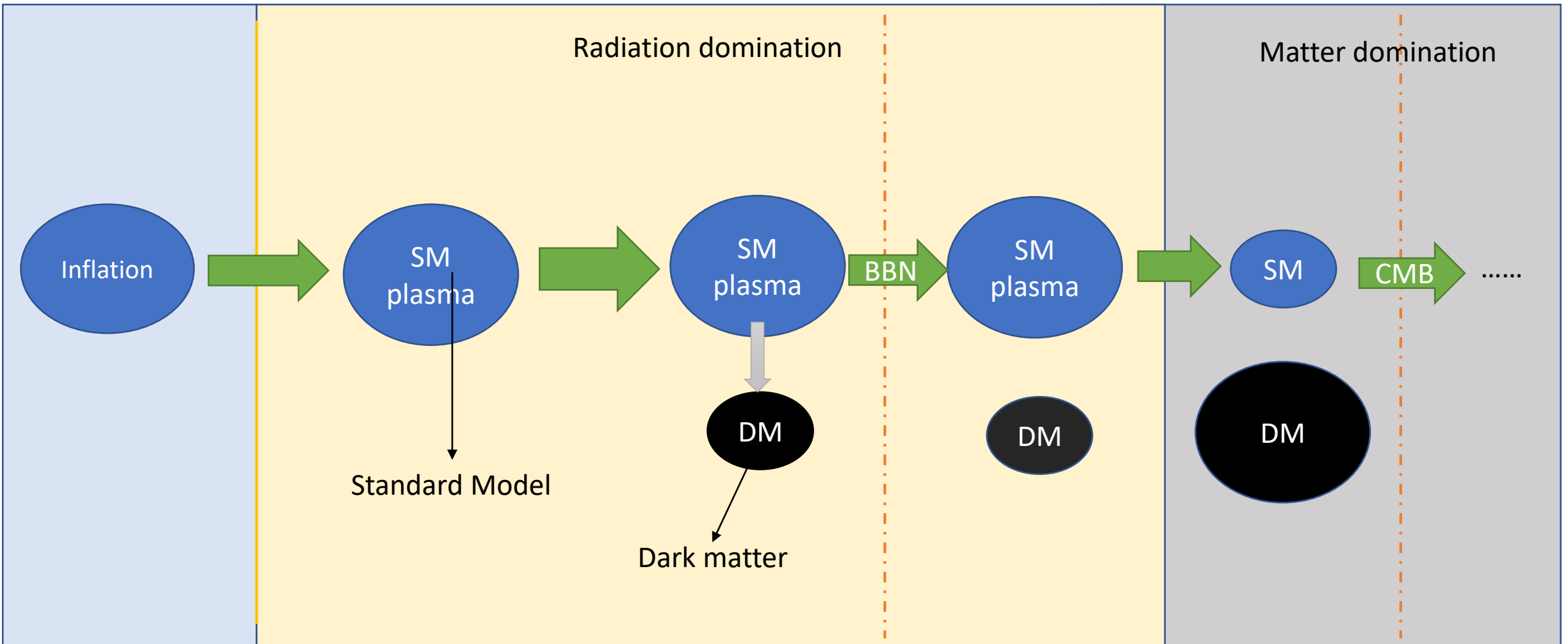
The questions we answer:

1. Link cannibal particle parameters with key matter power spectrum features
2. Estimate the kind of micro-halos produced using *linear theory*

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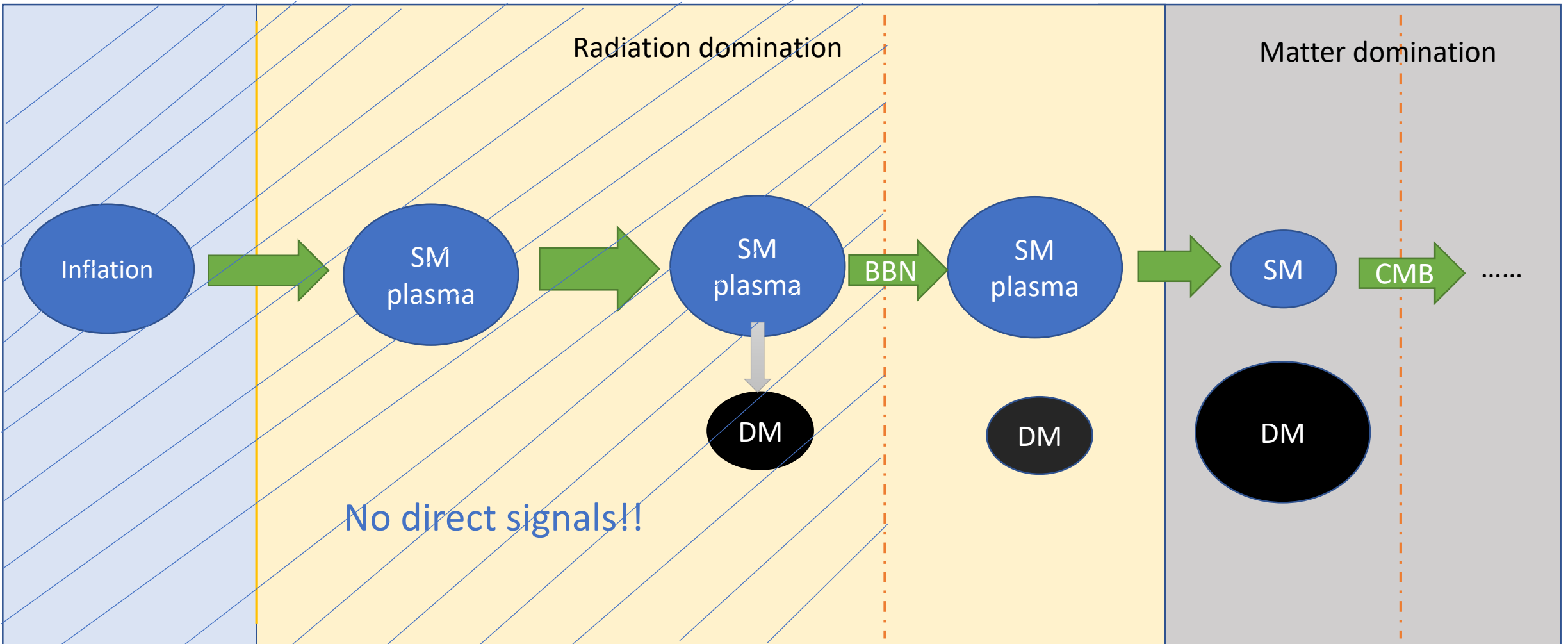
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# Vanilla $\Lambda$ CDM cosmology

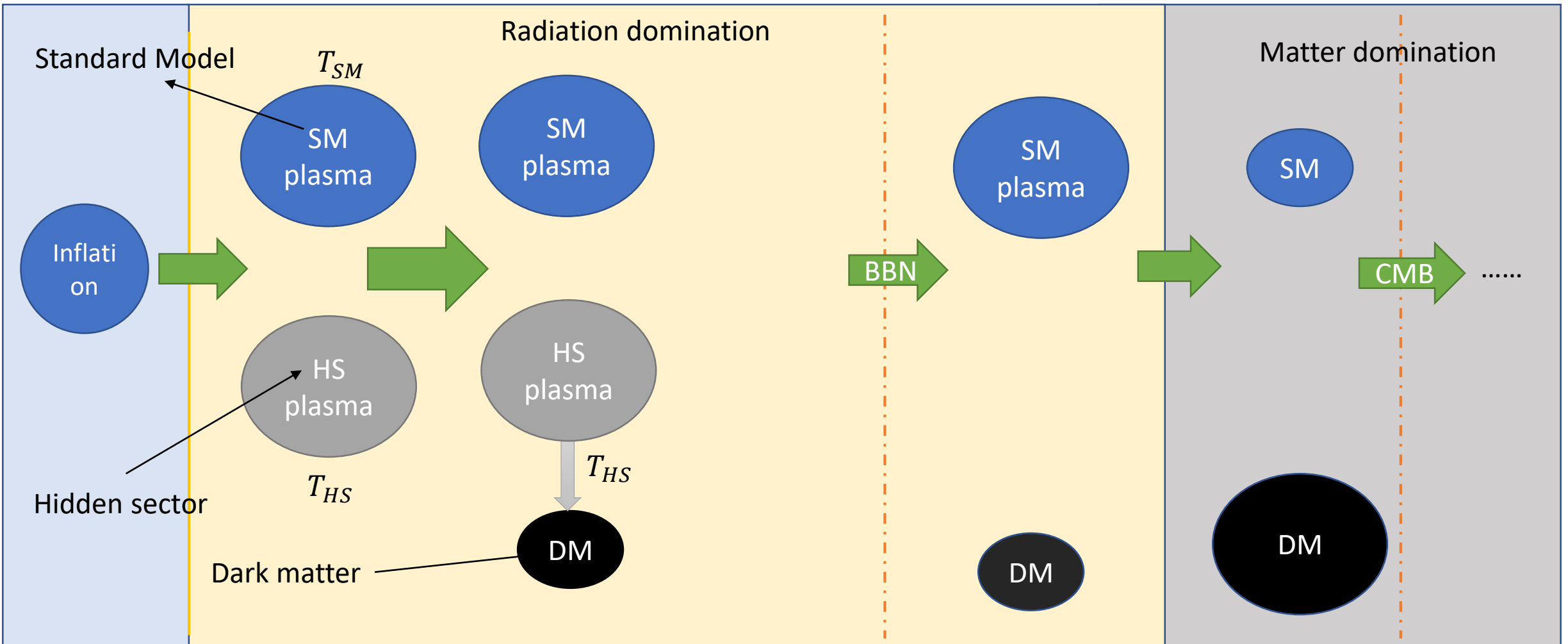




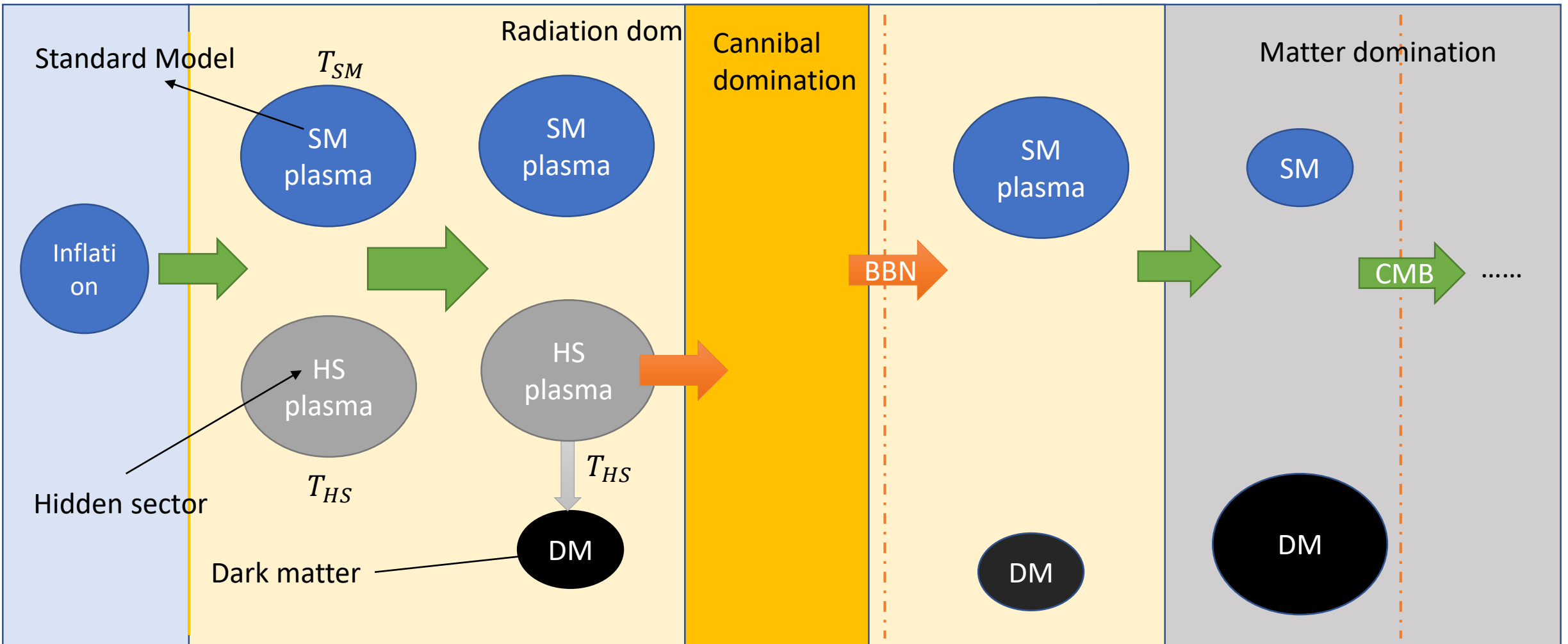
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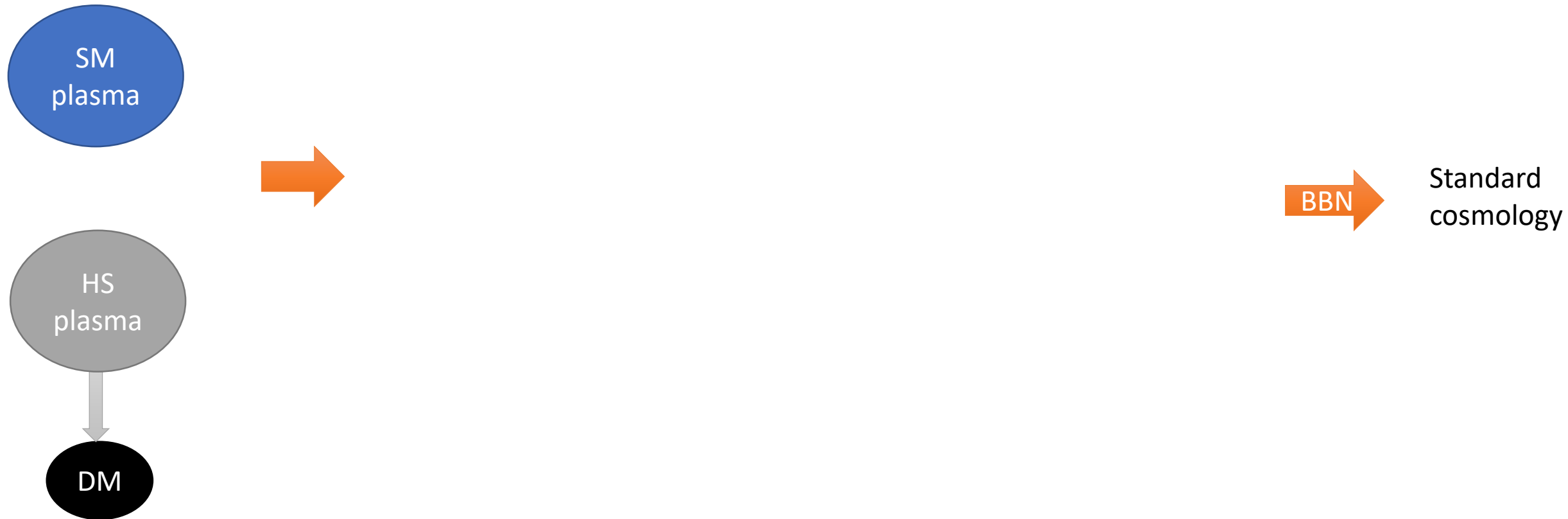
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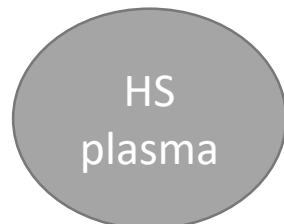


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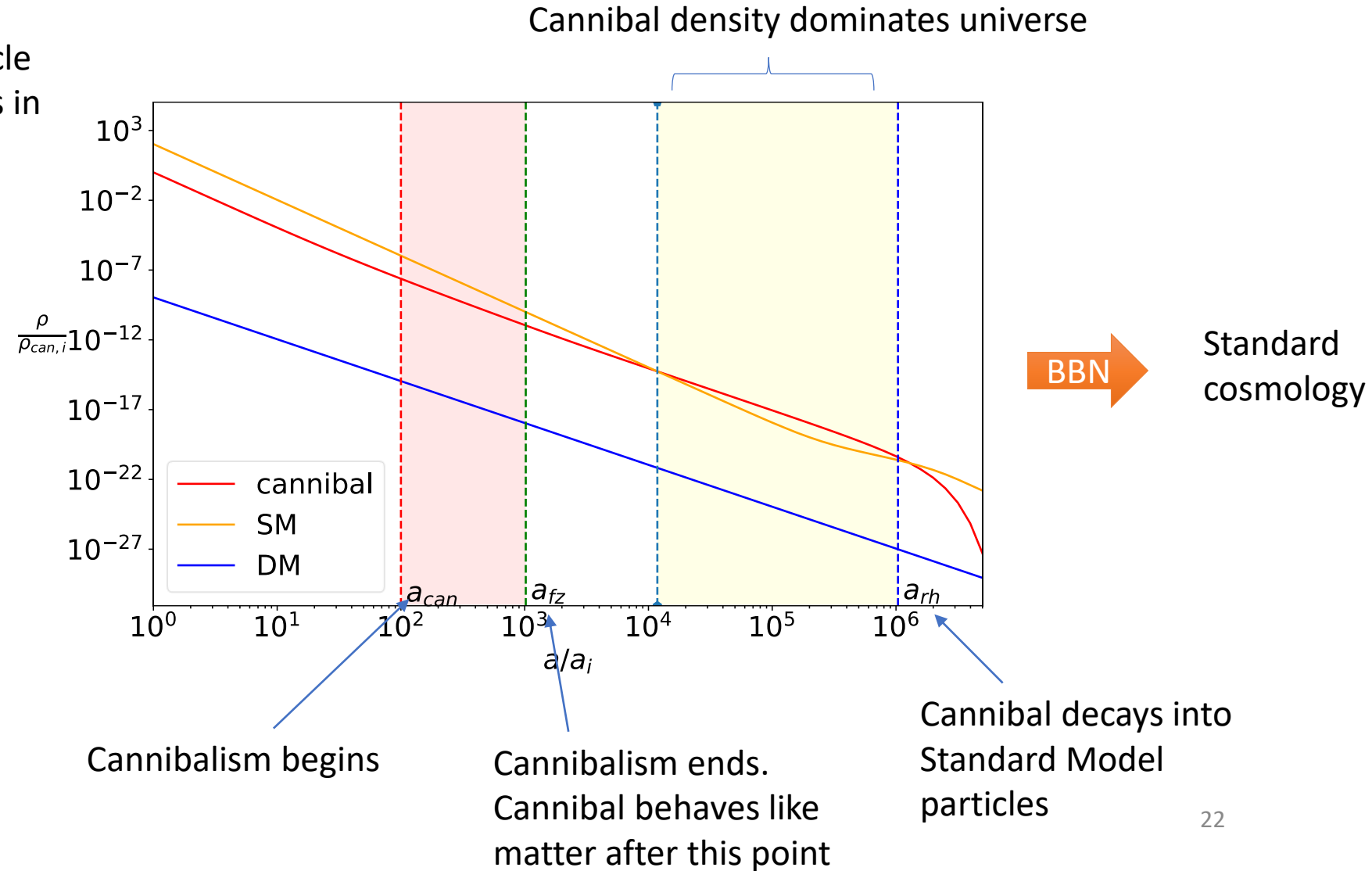
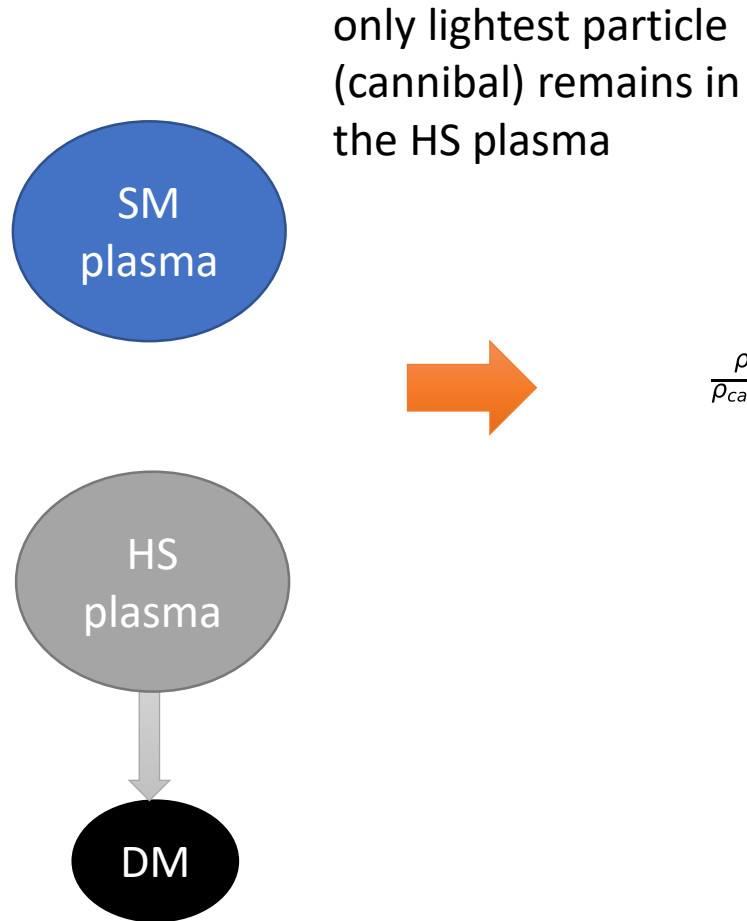
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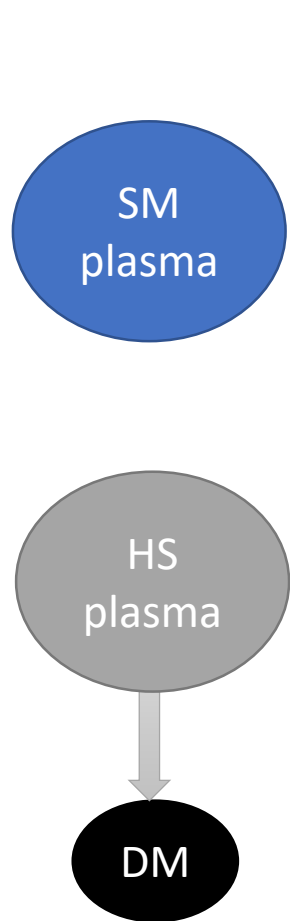


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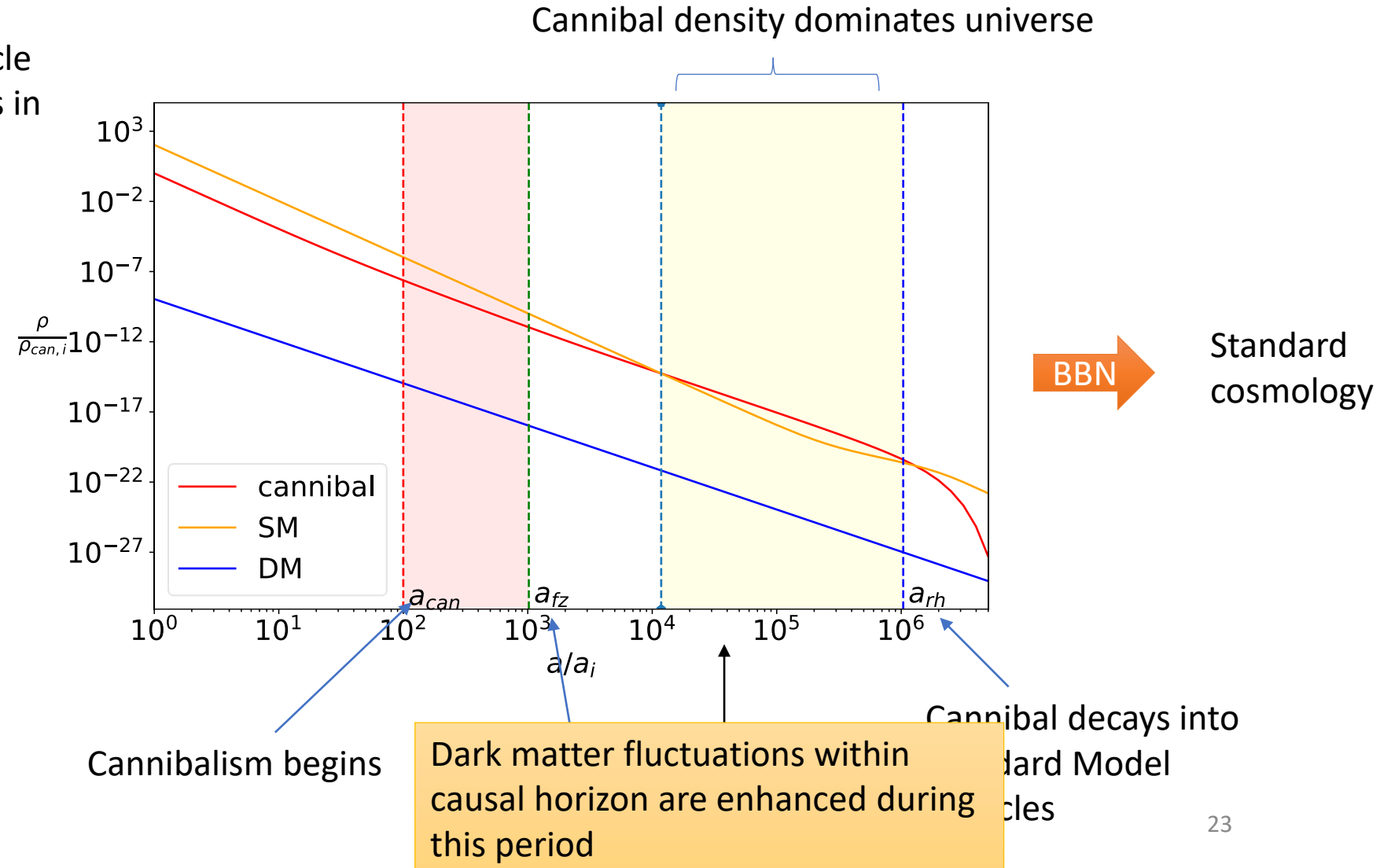
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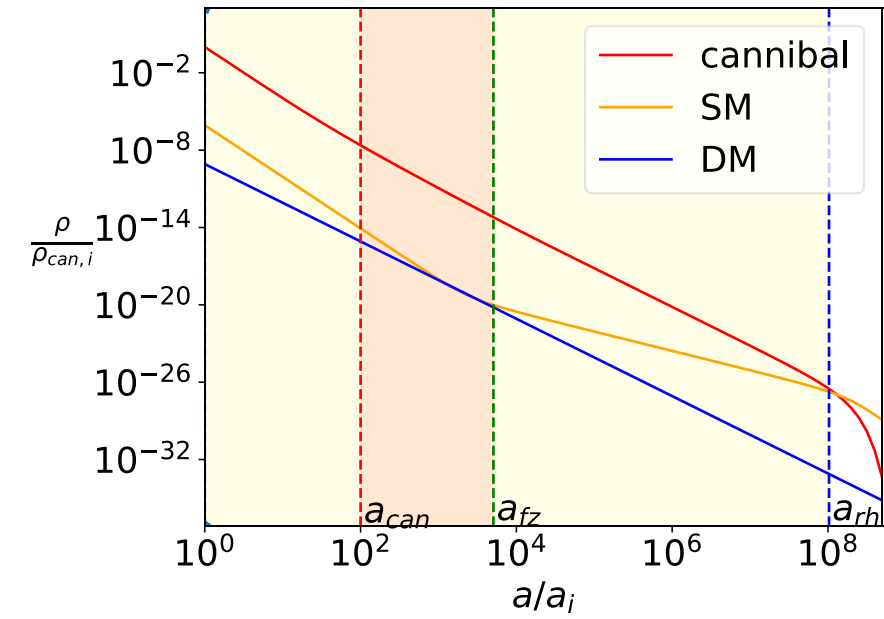
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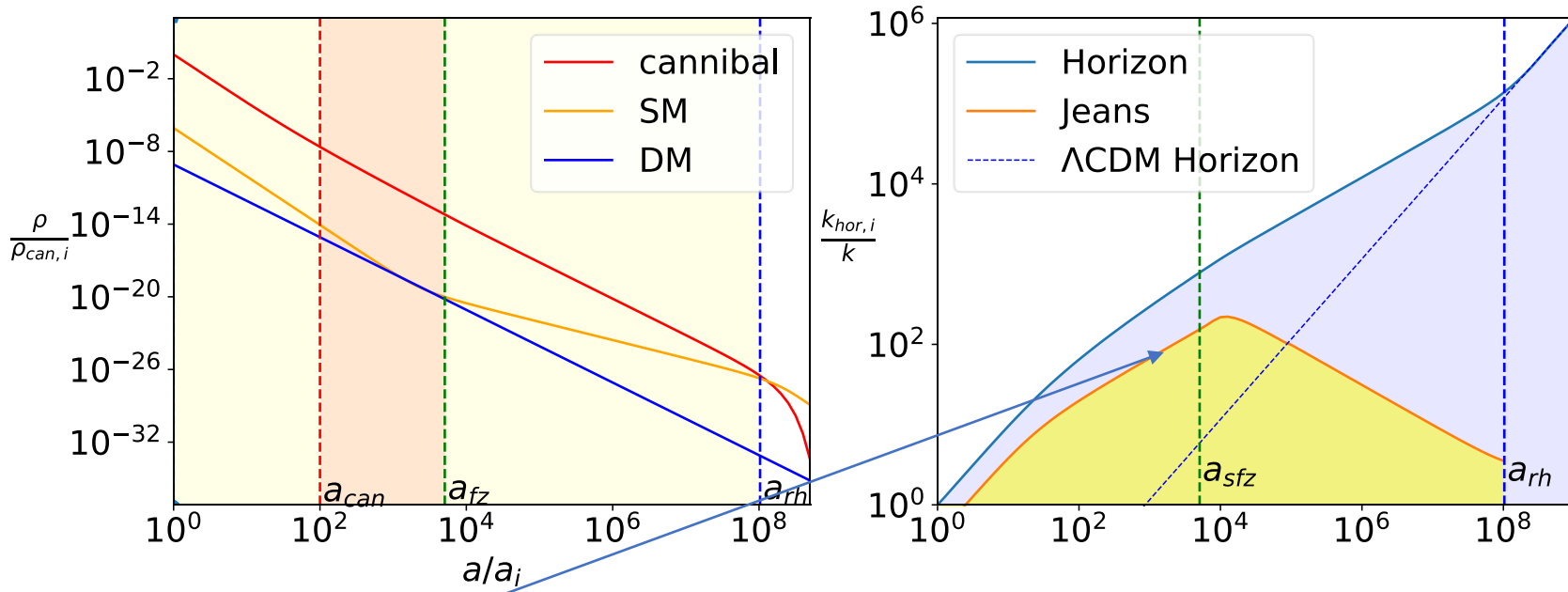


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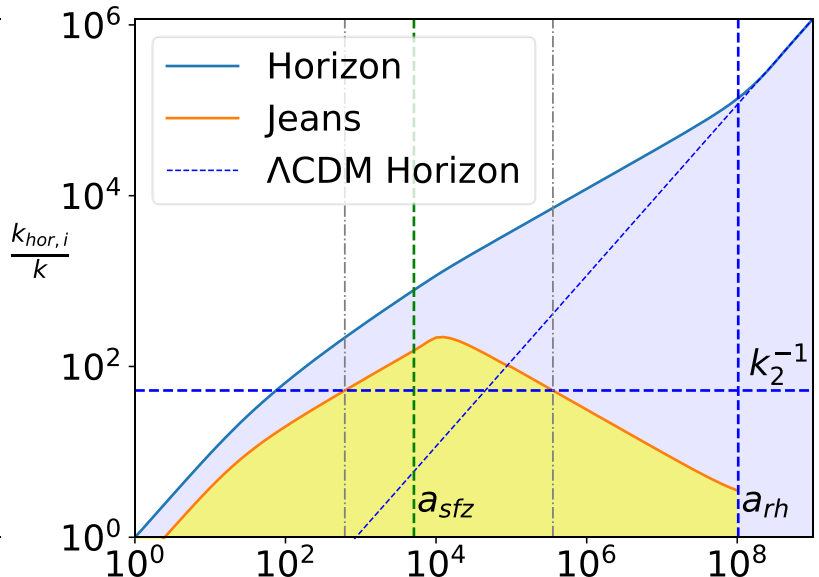
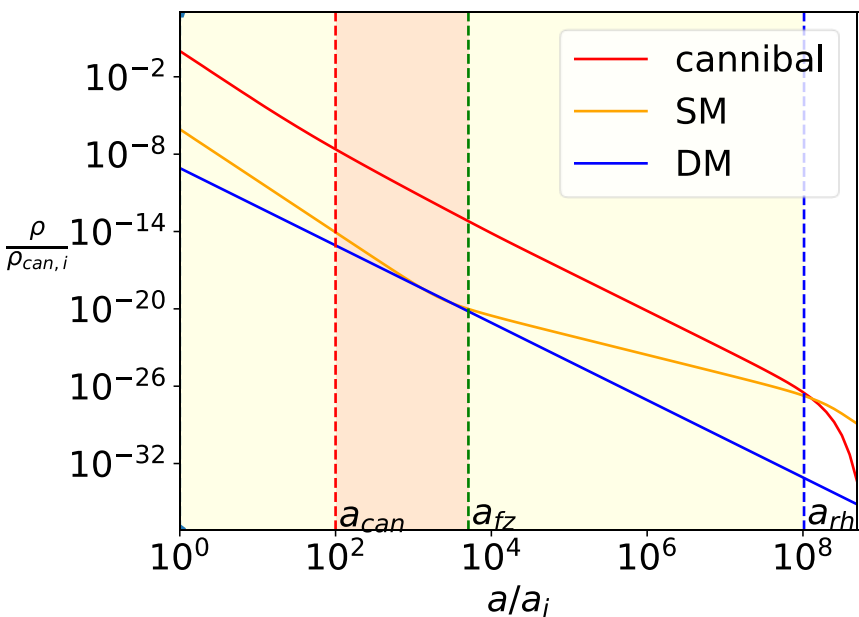
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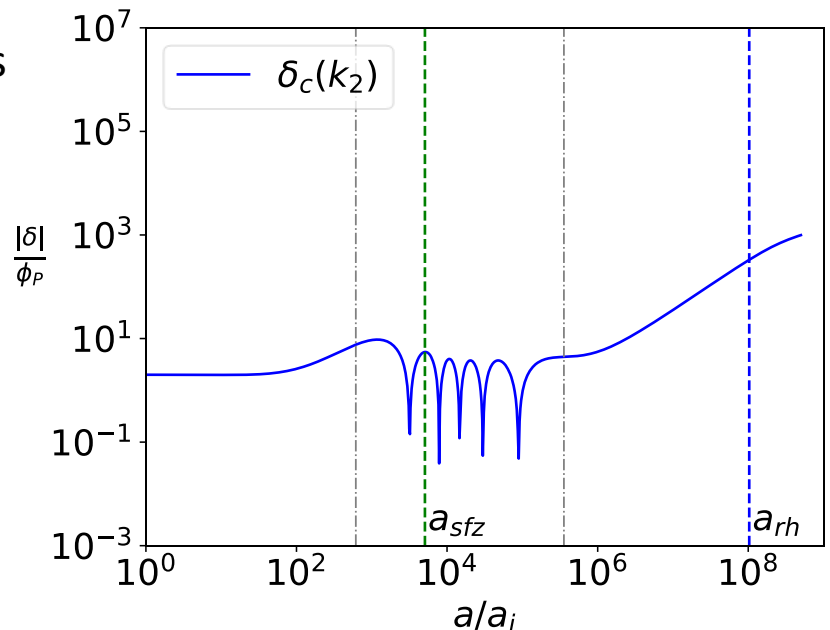


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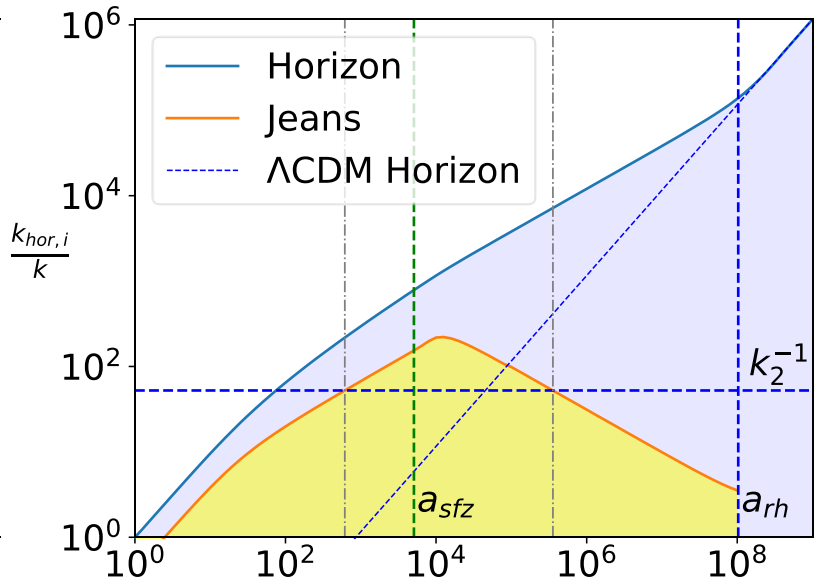
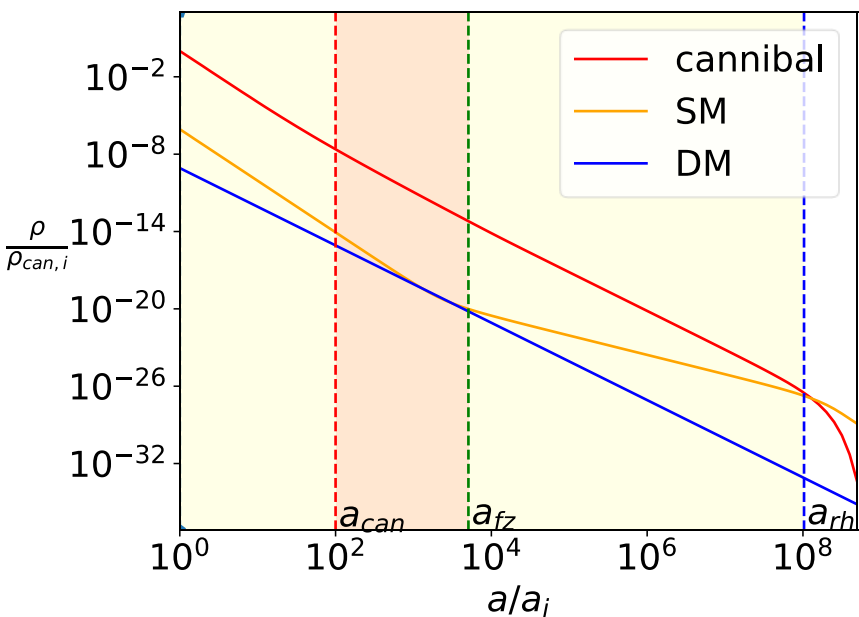
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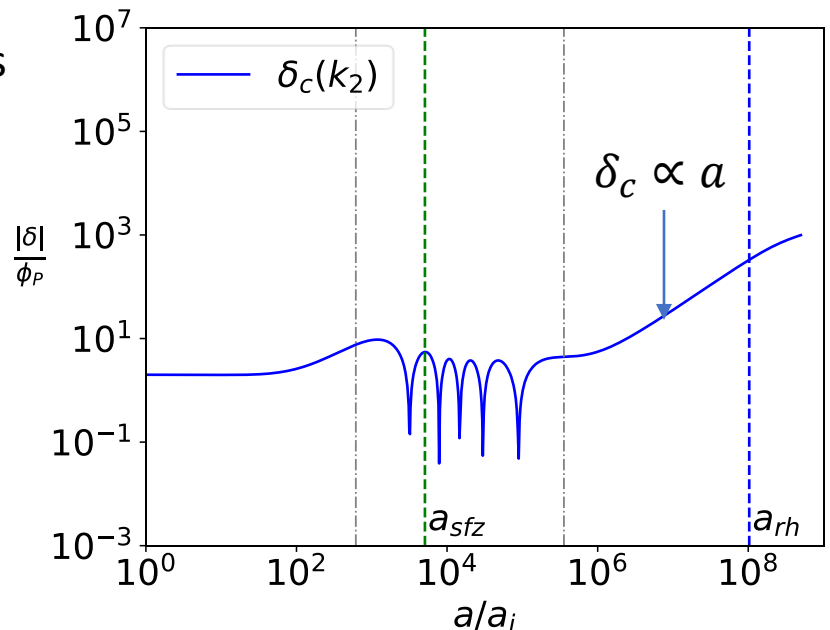
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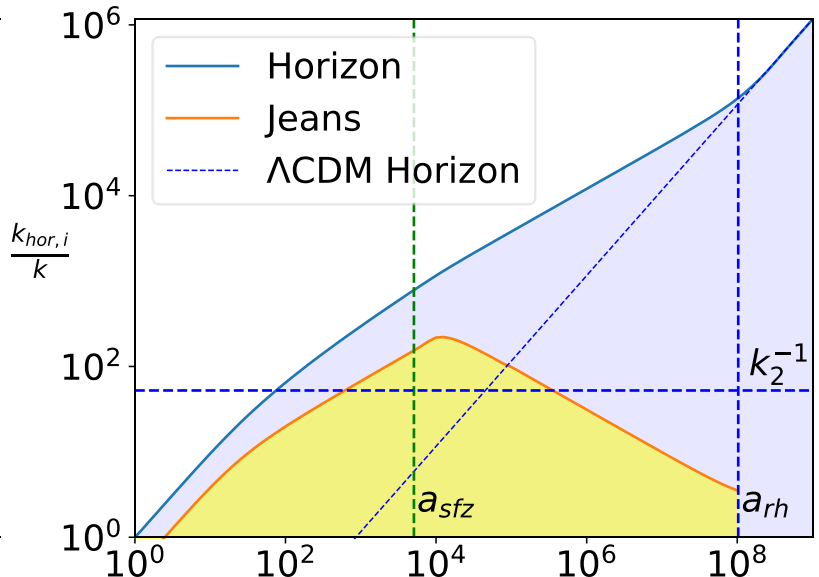
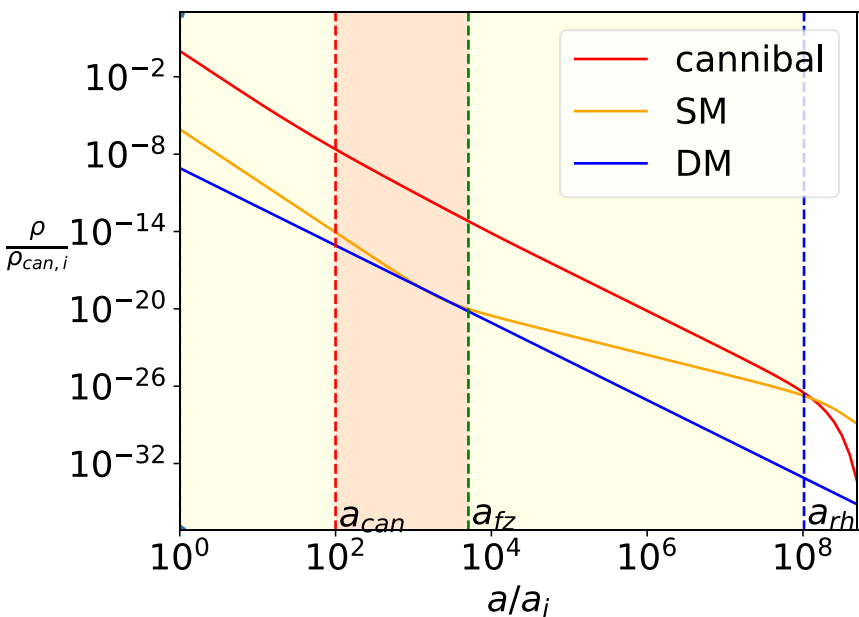
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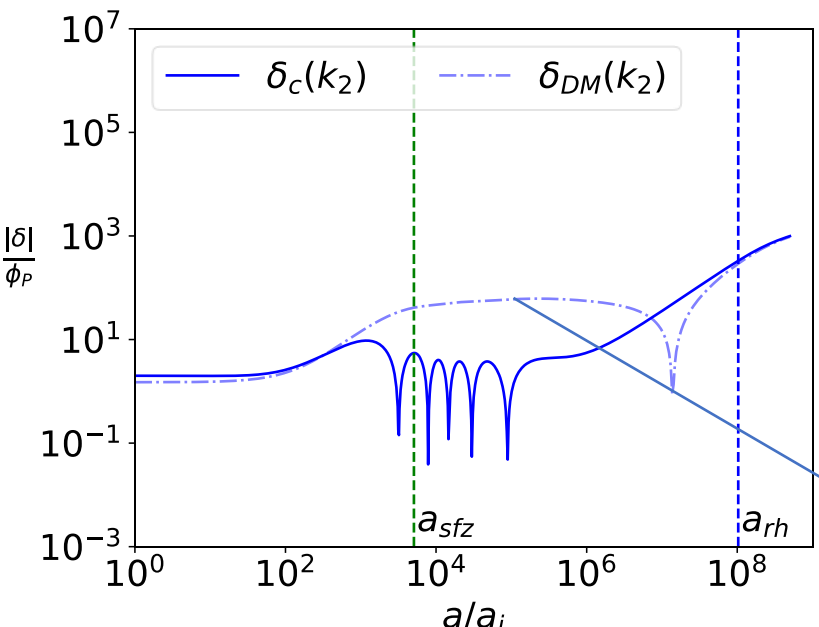
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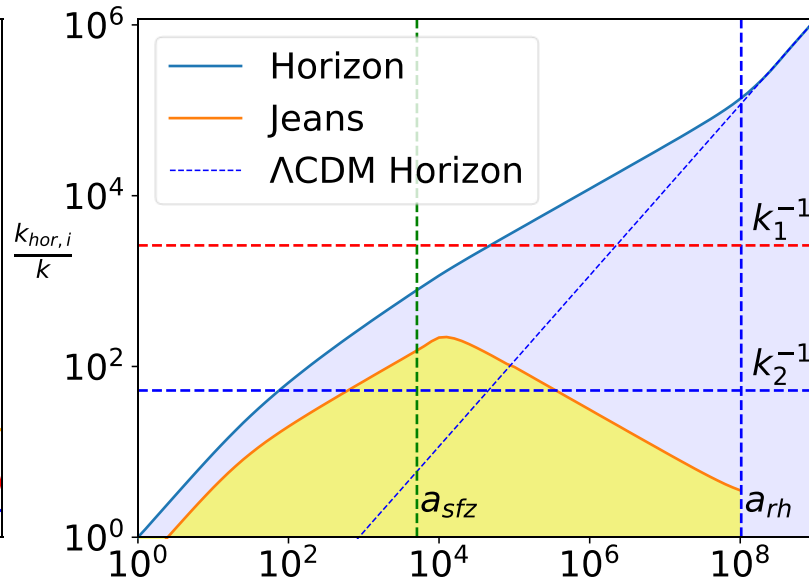
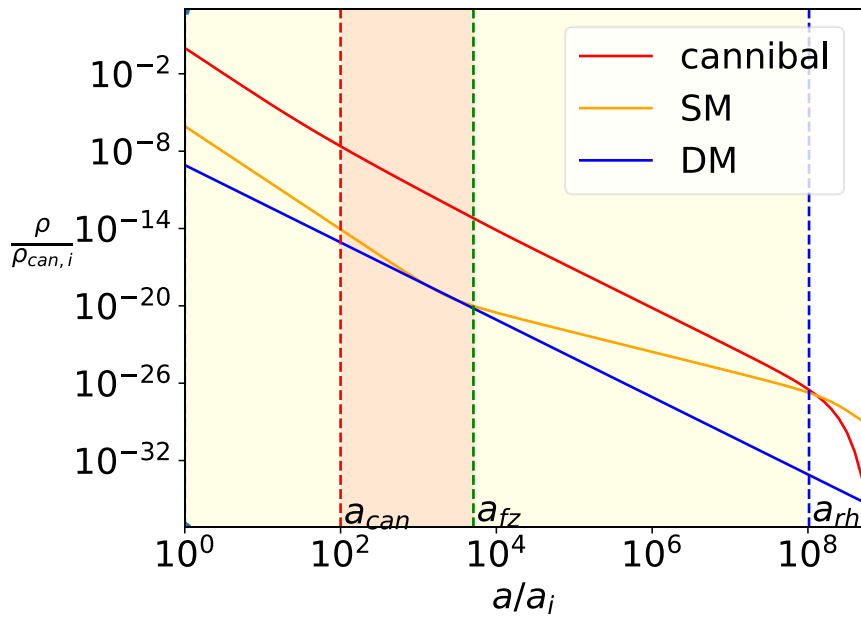
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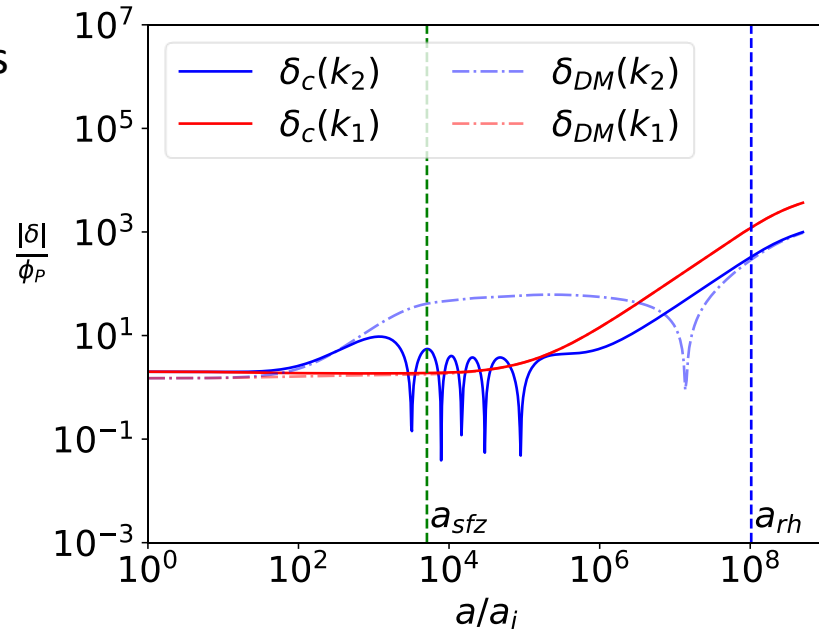
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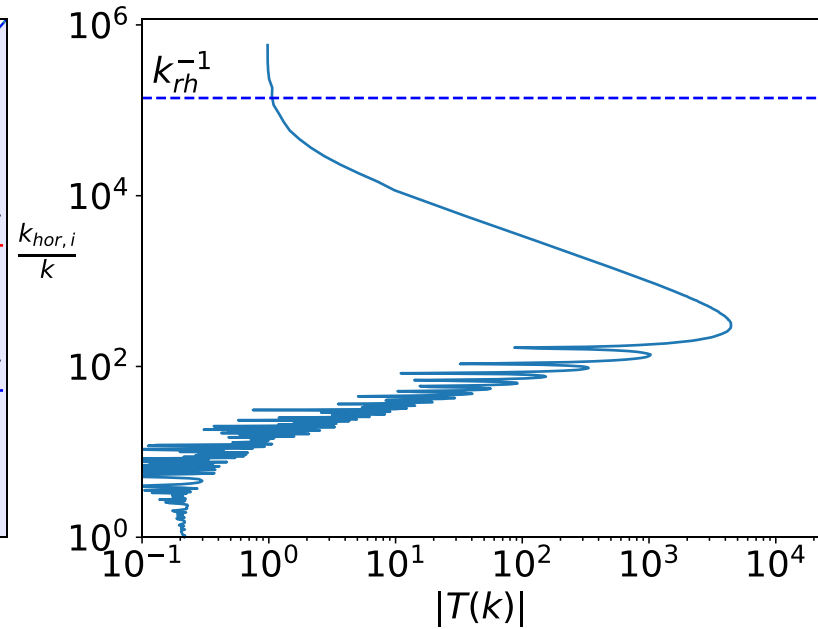
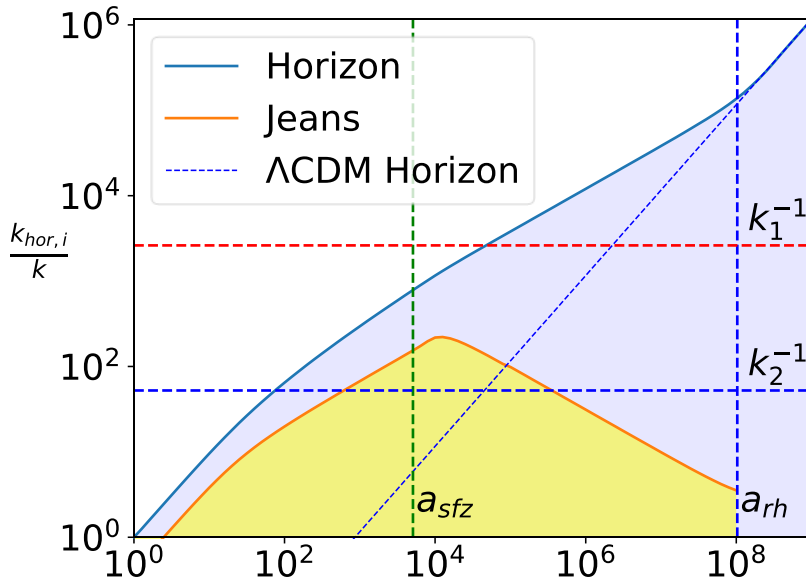
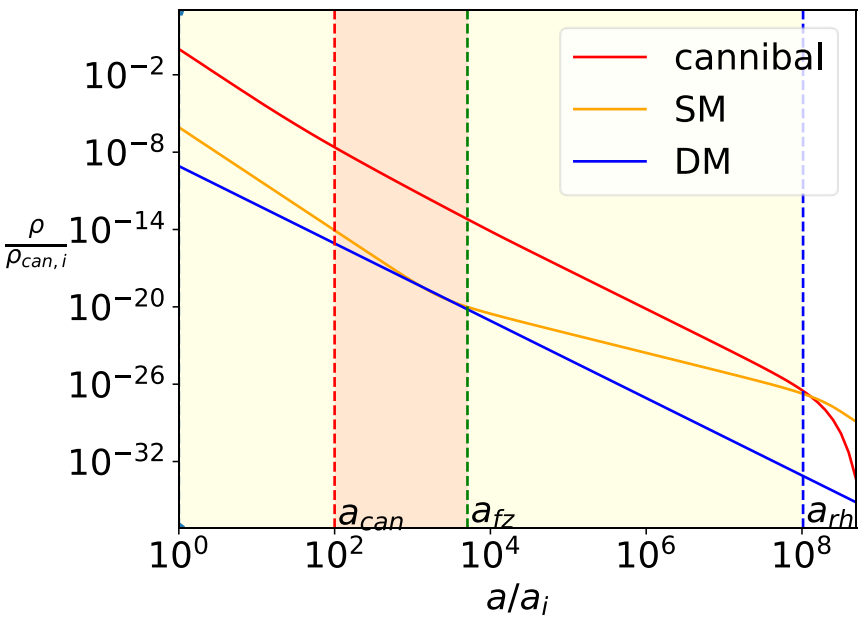
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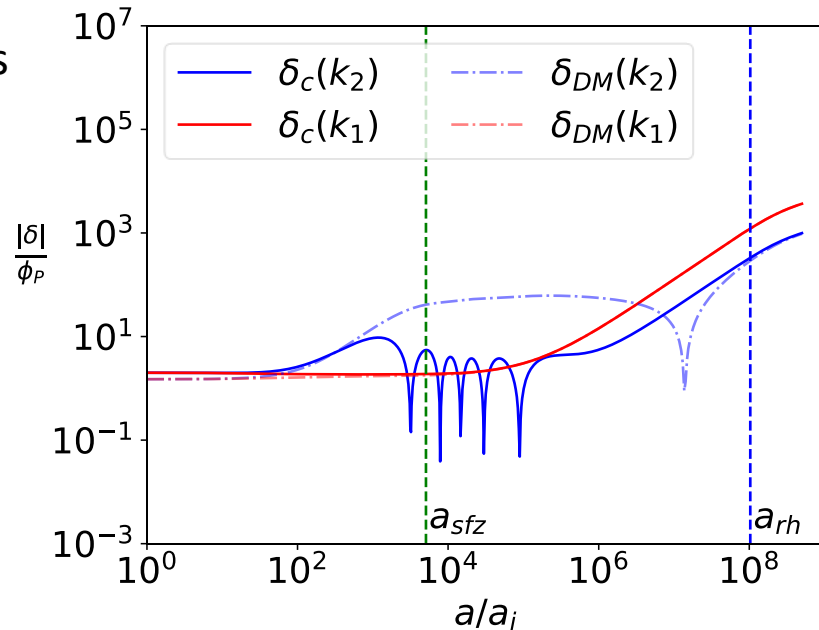
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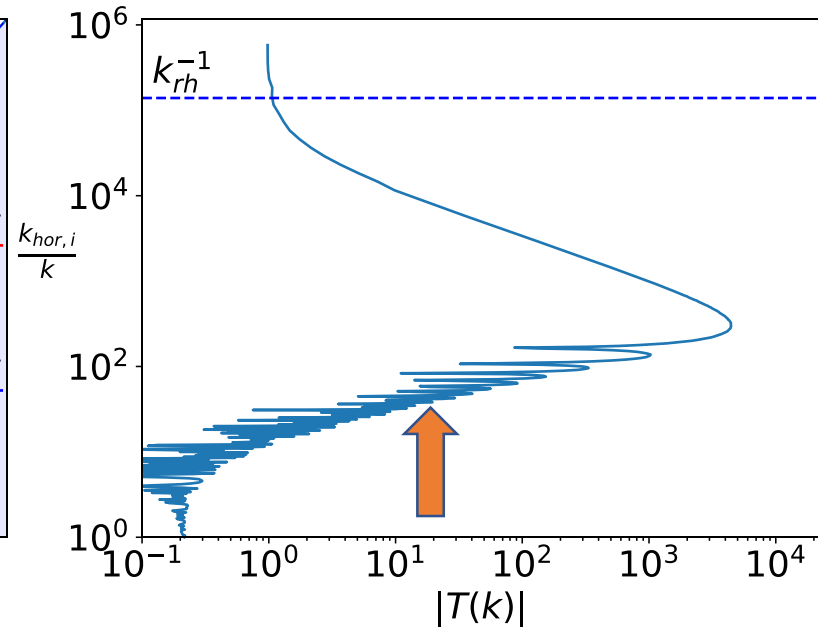
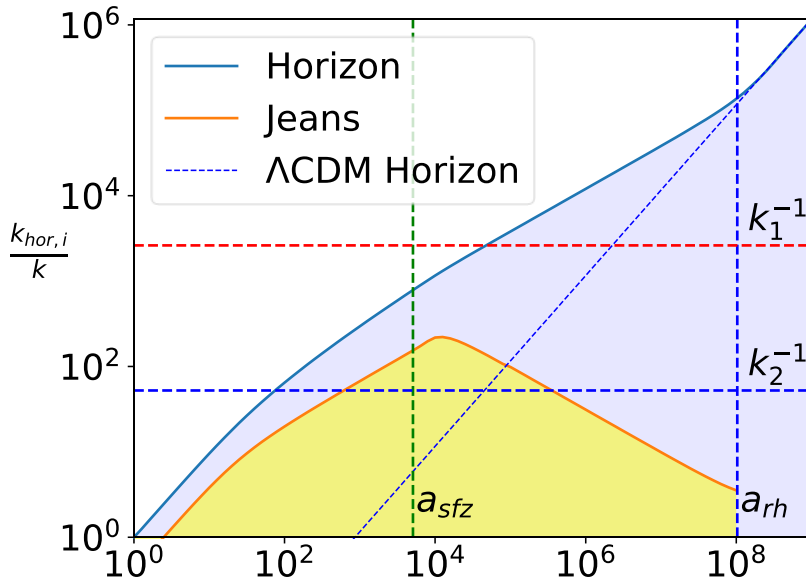
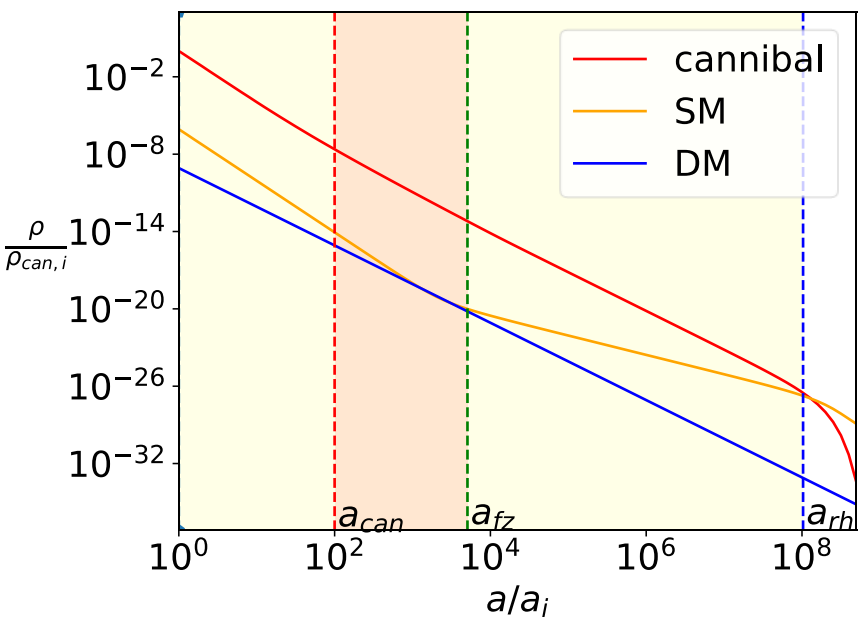
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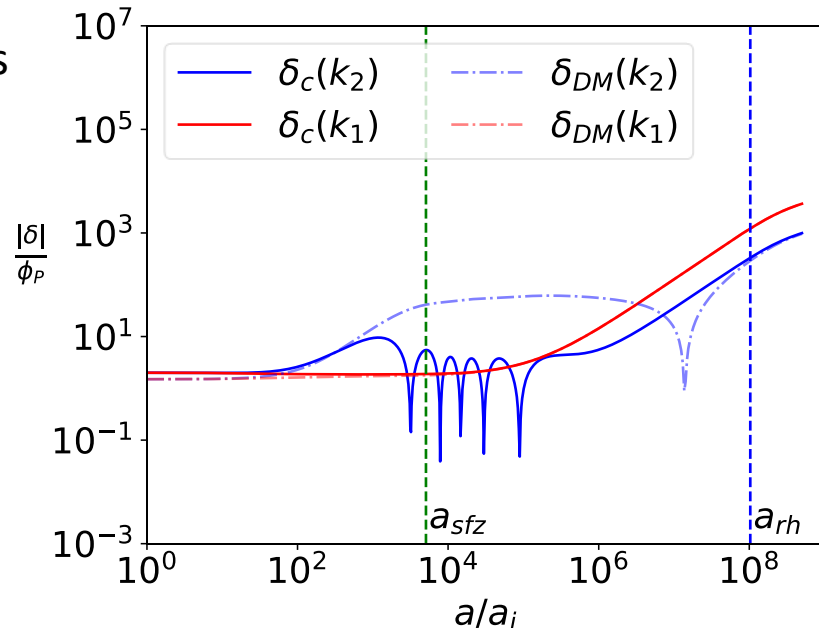


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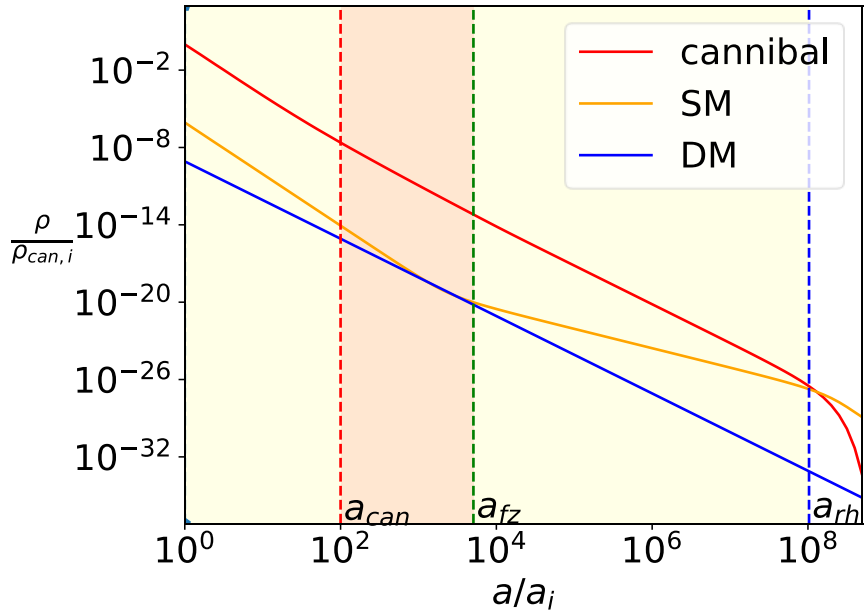
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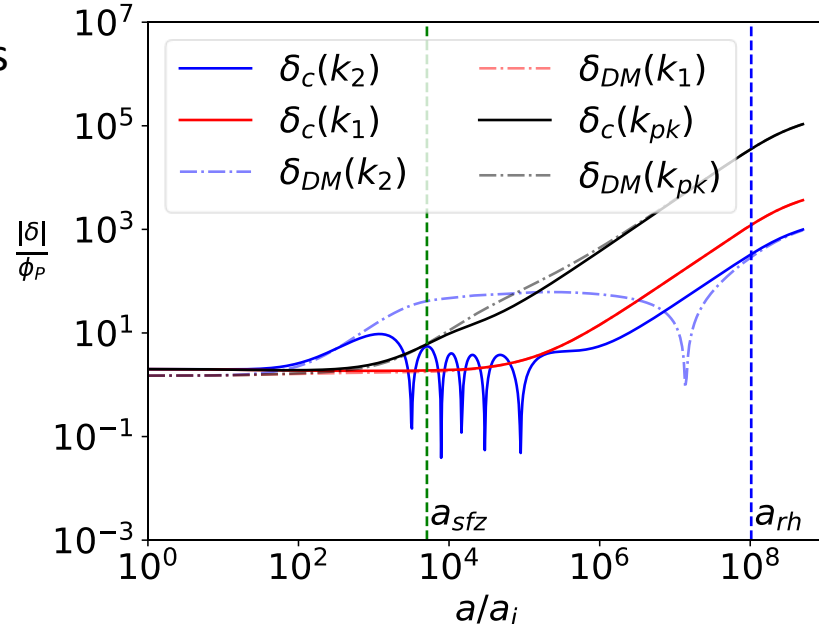
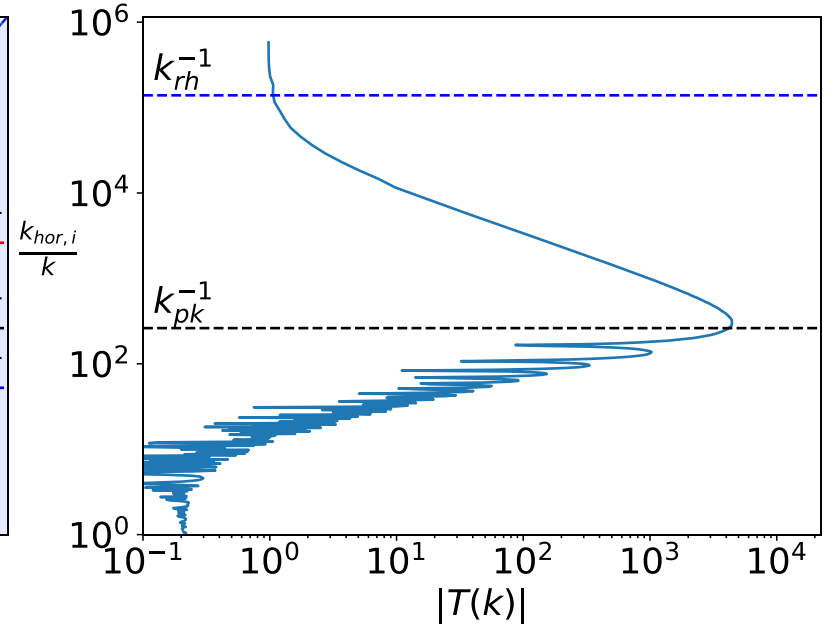
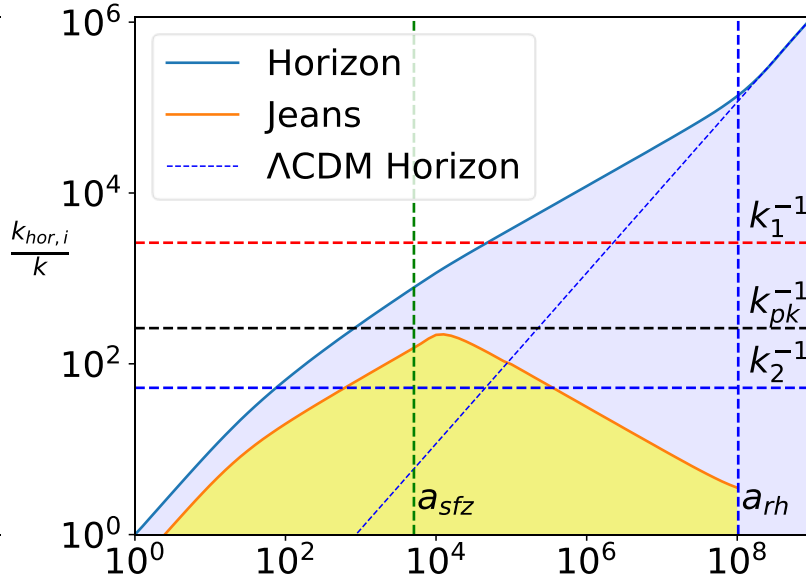


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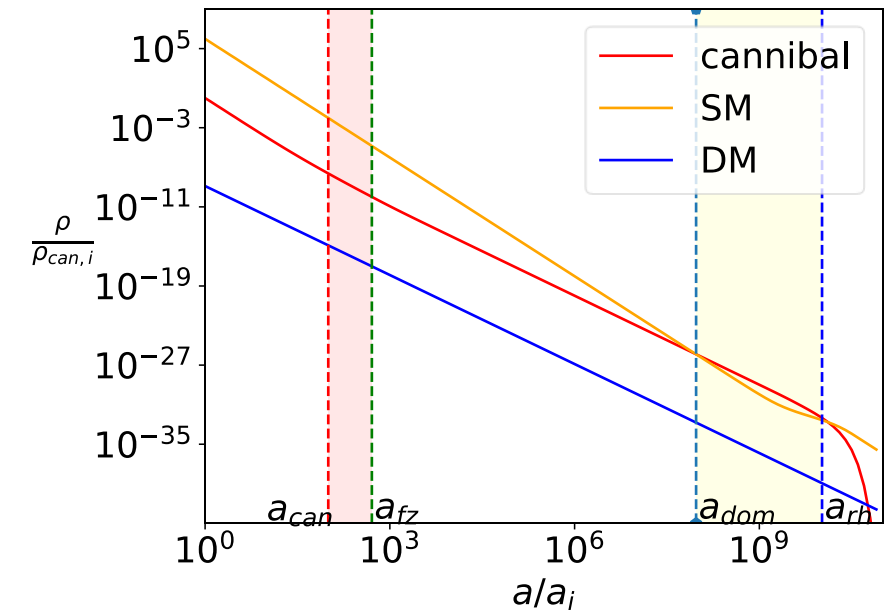
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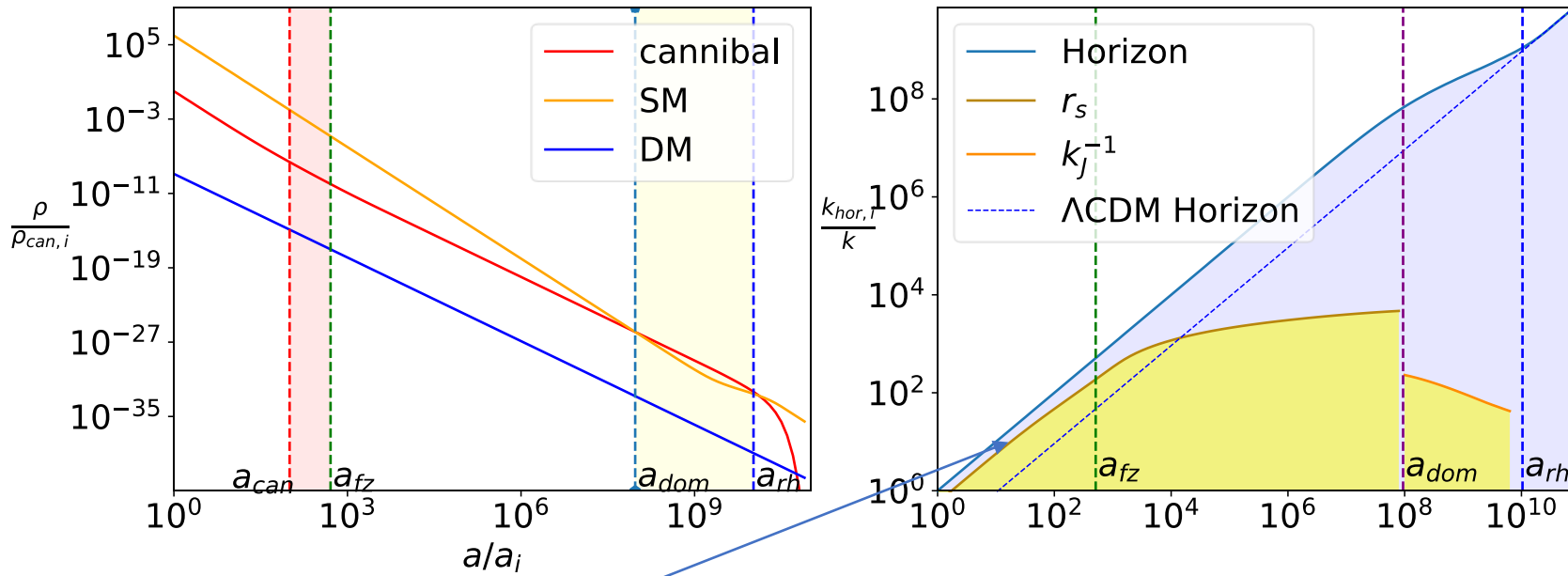
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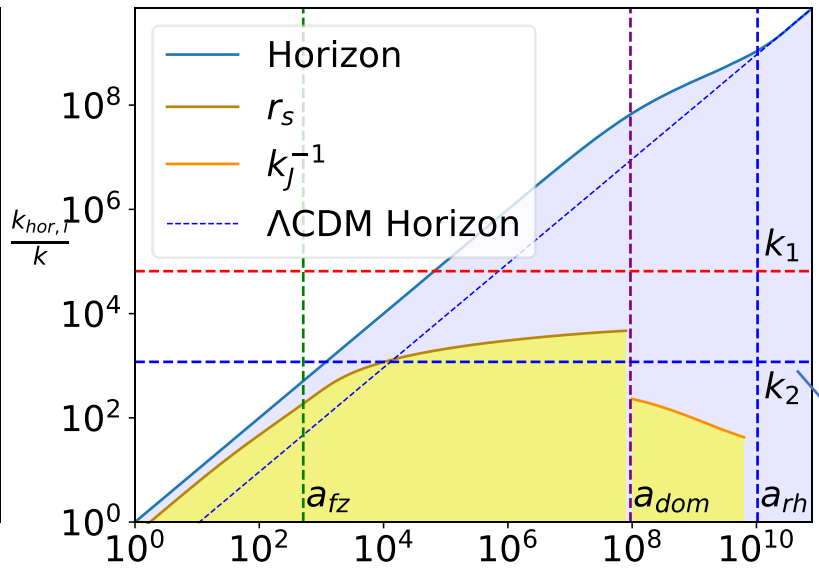
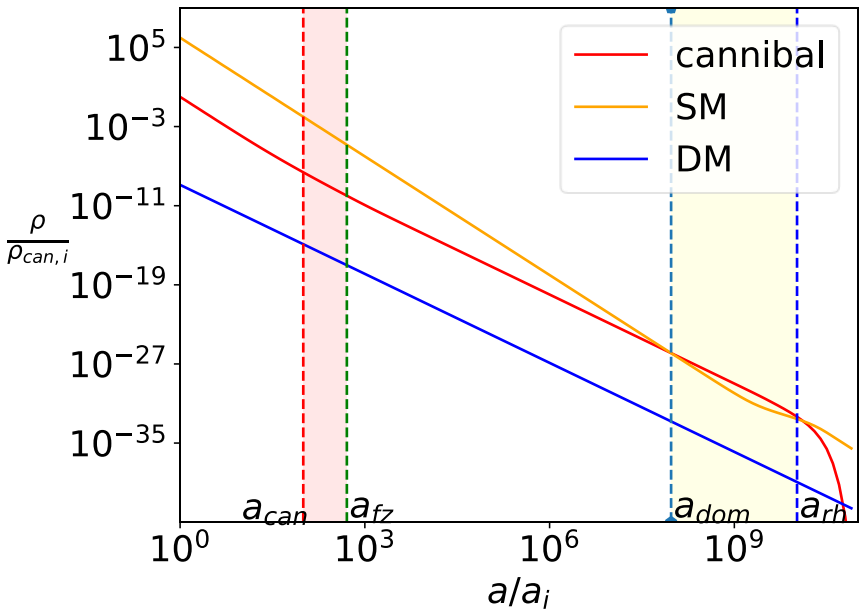
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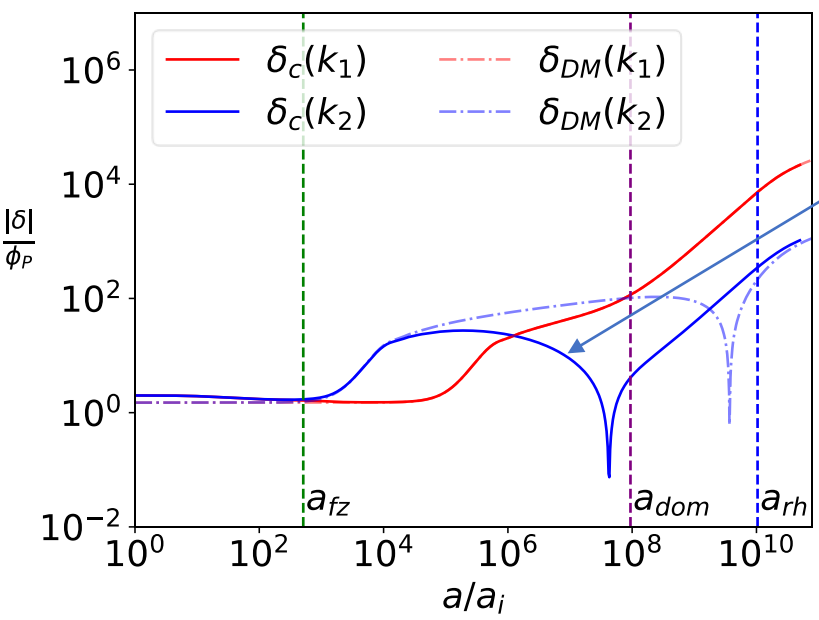
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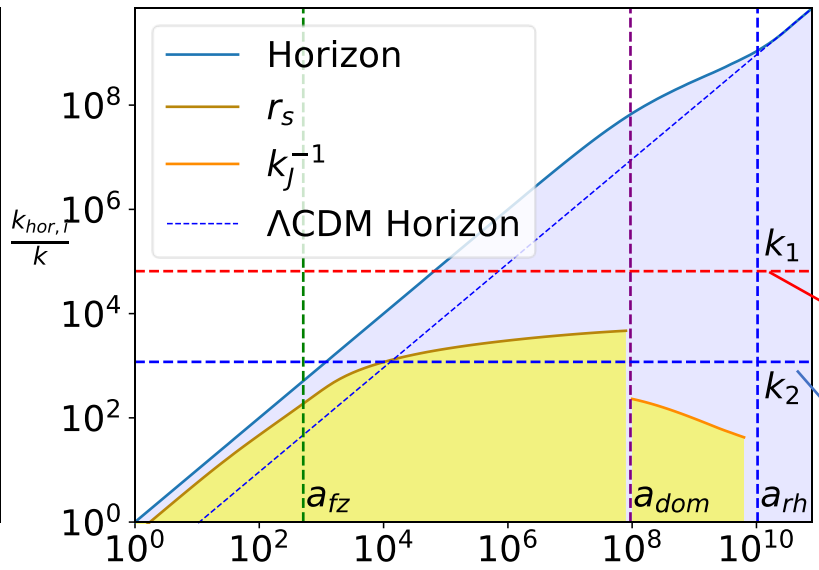
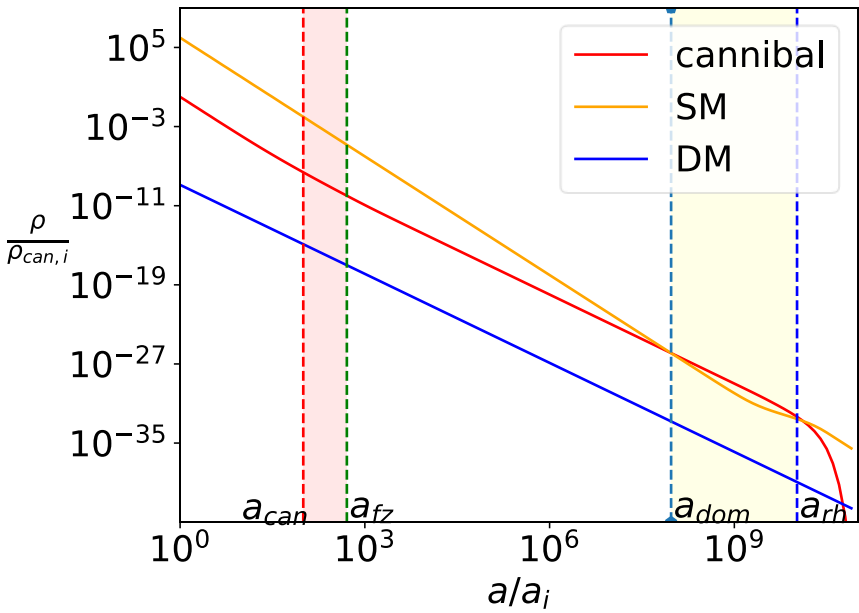
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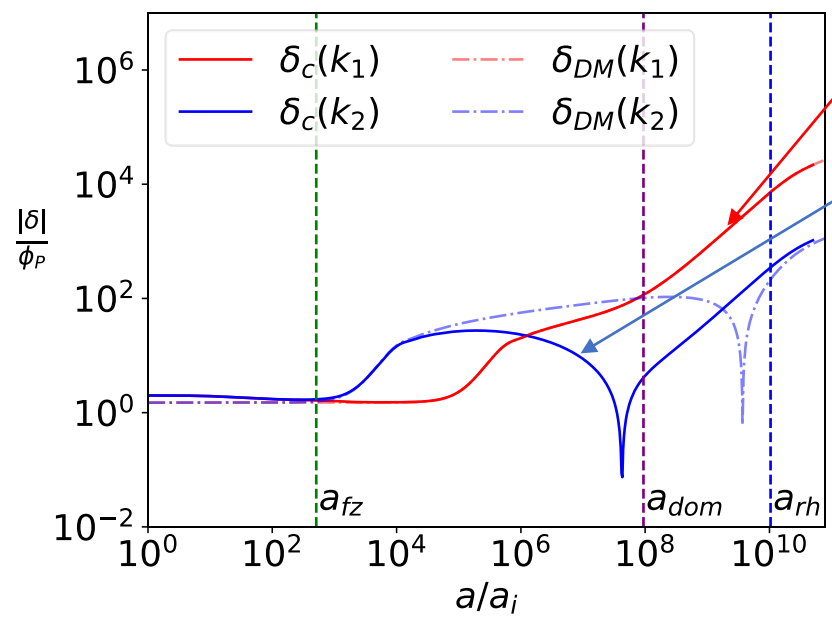
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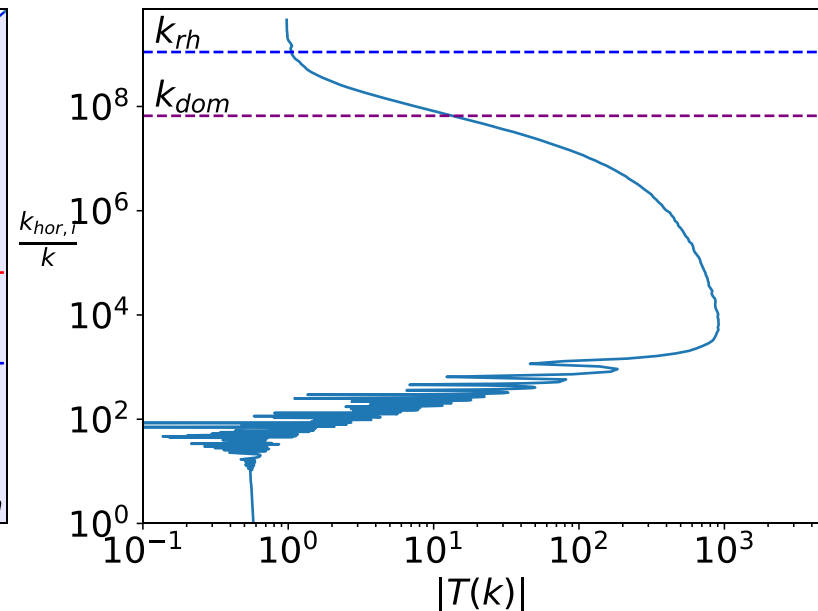
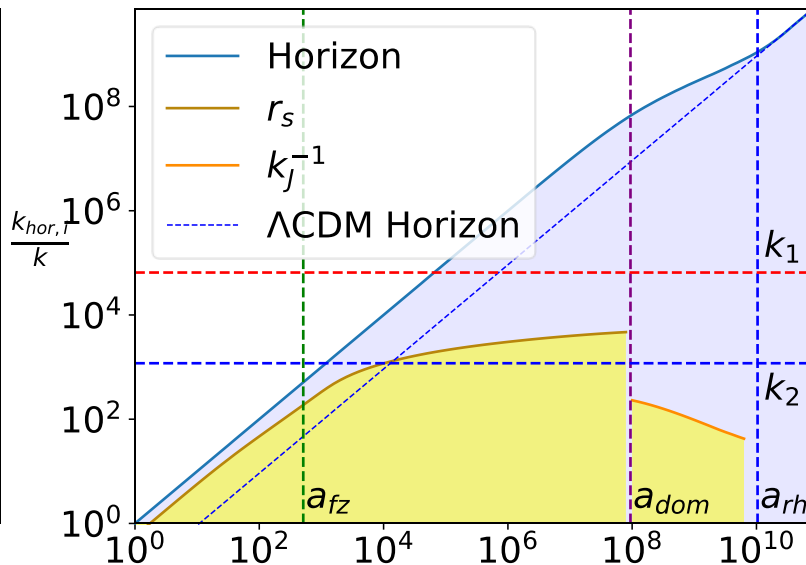
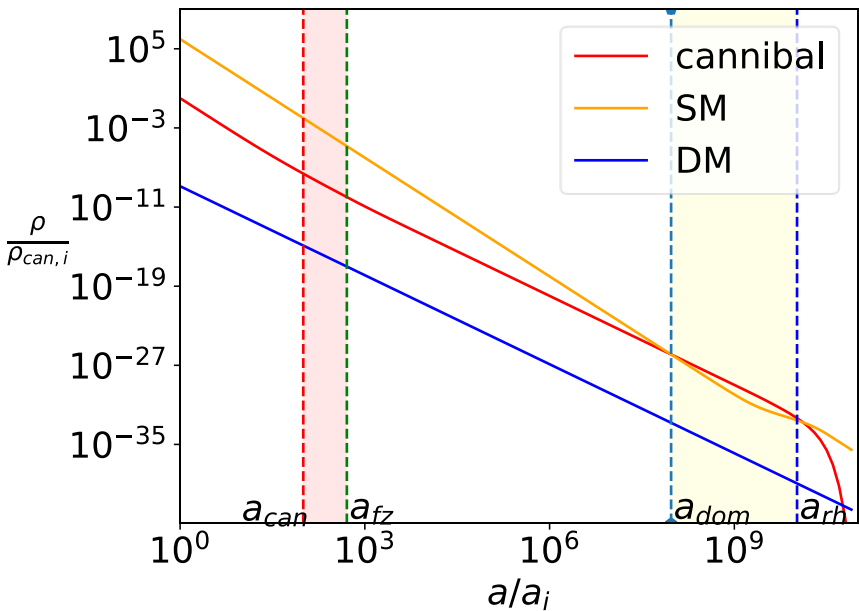
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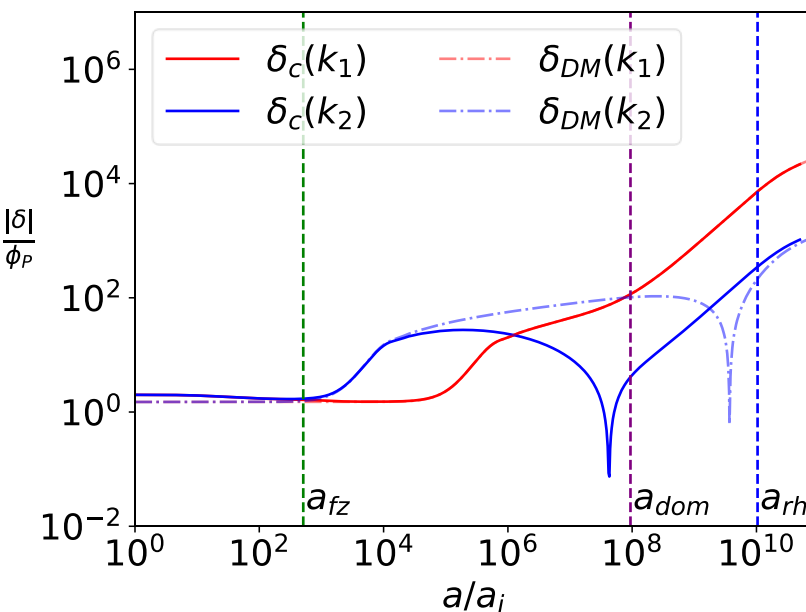
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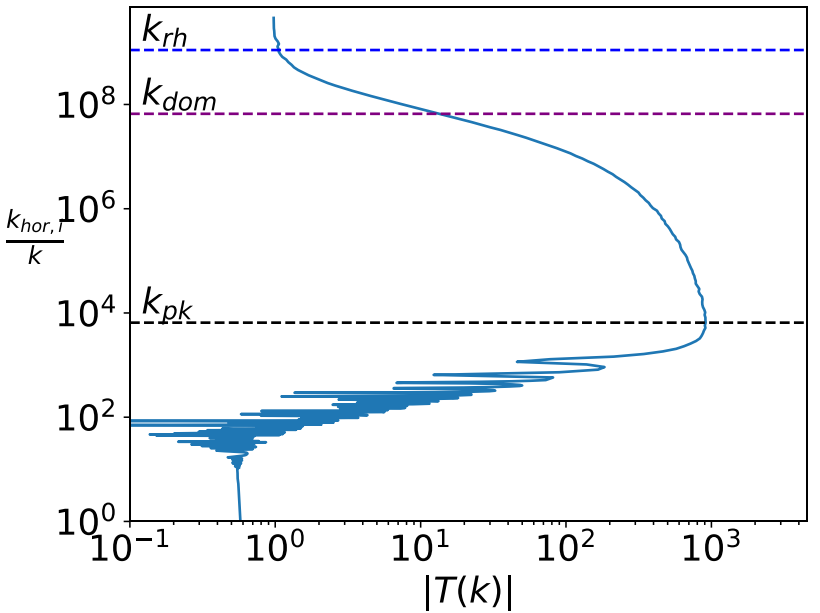
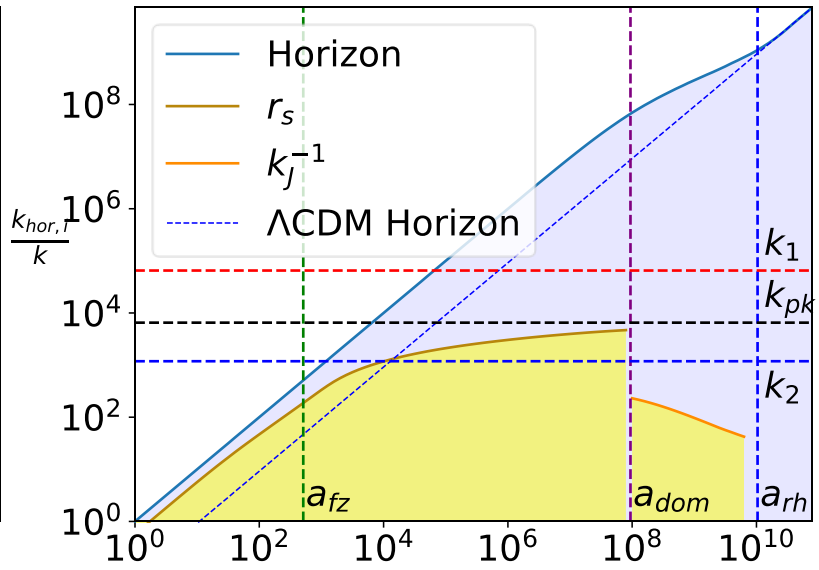
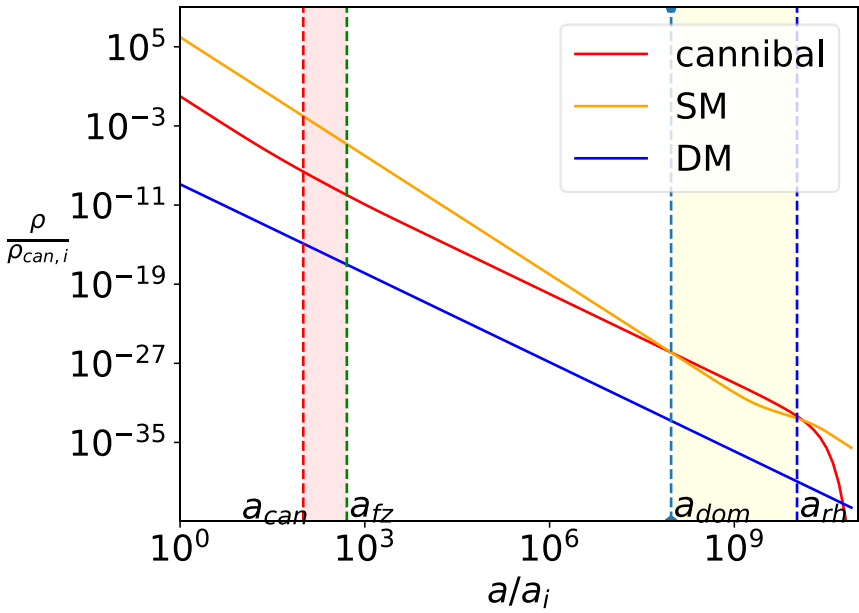
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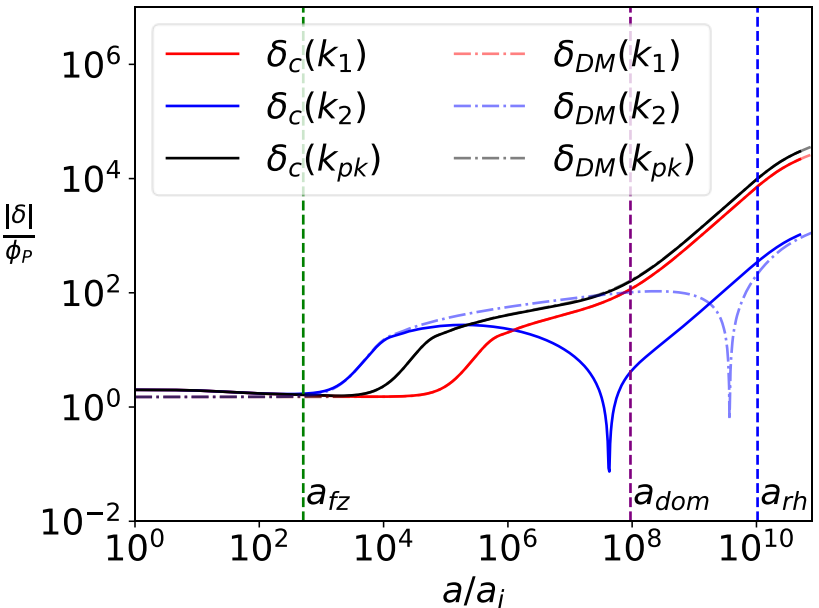
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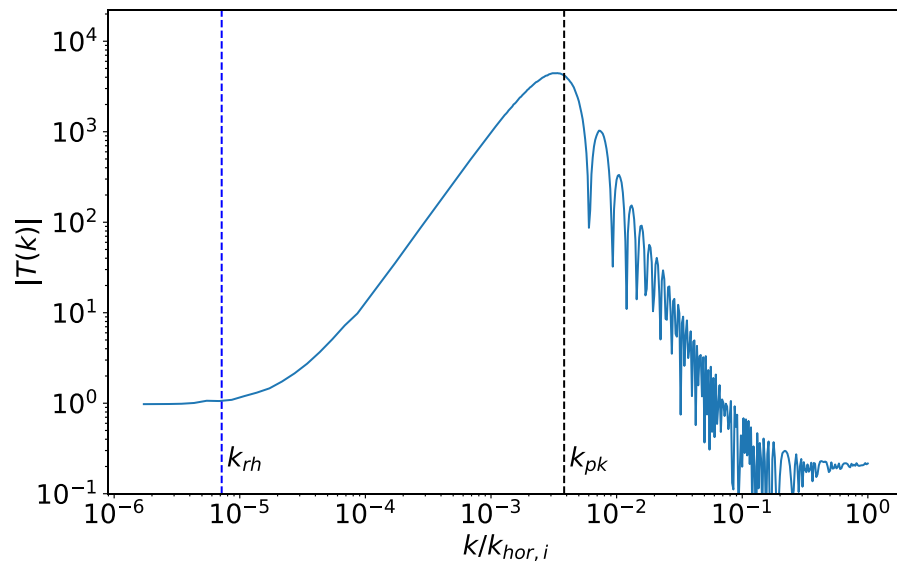
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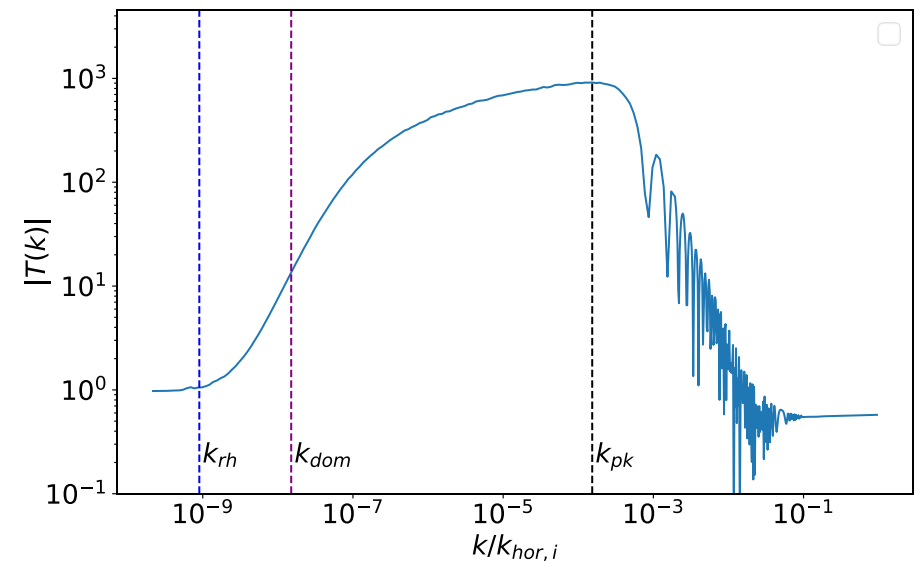
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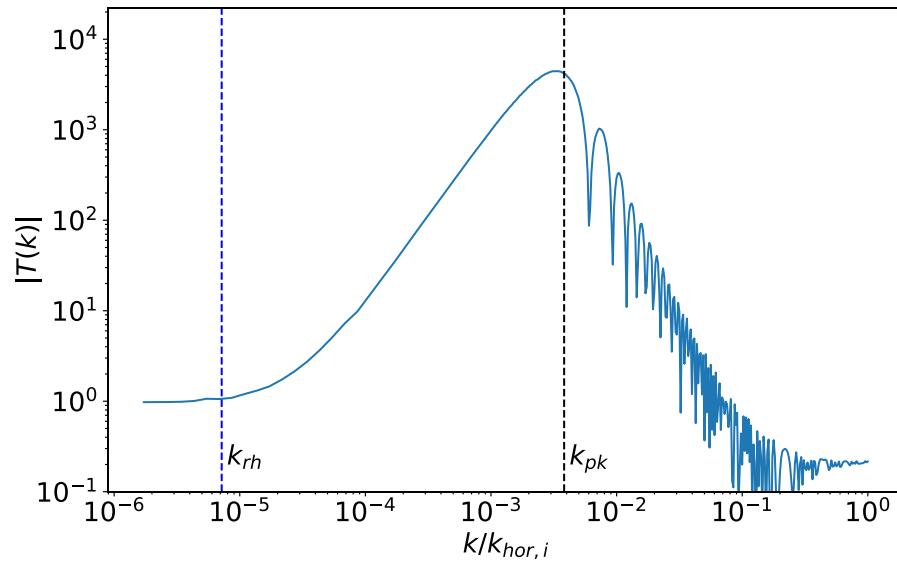
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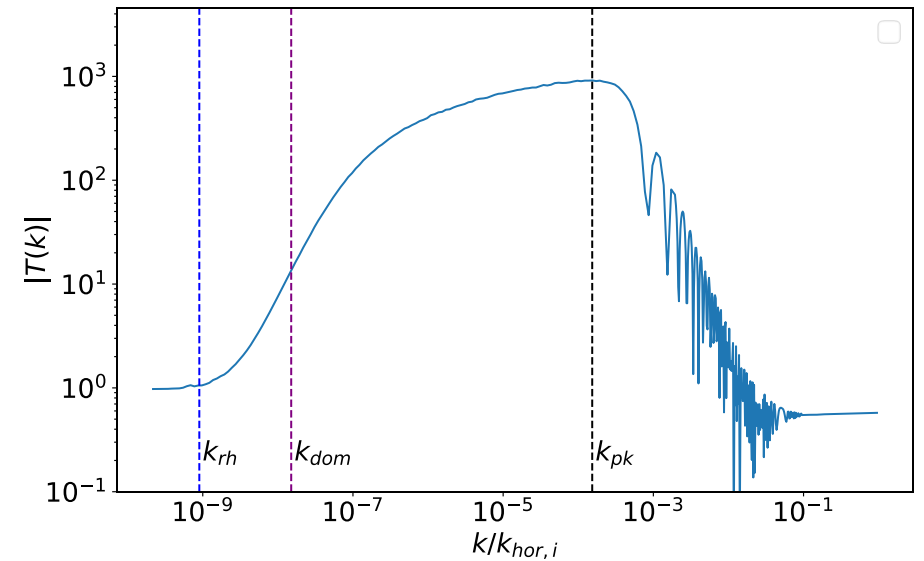
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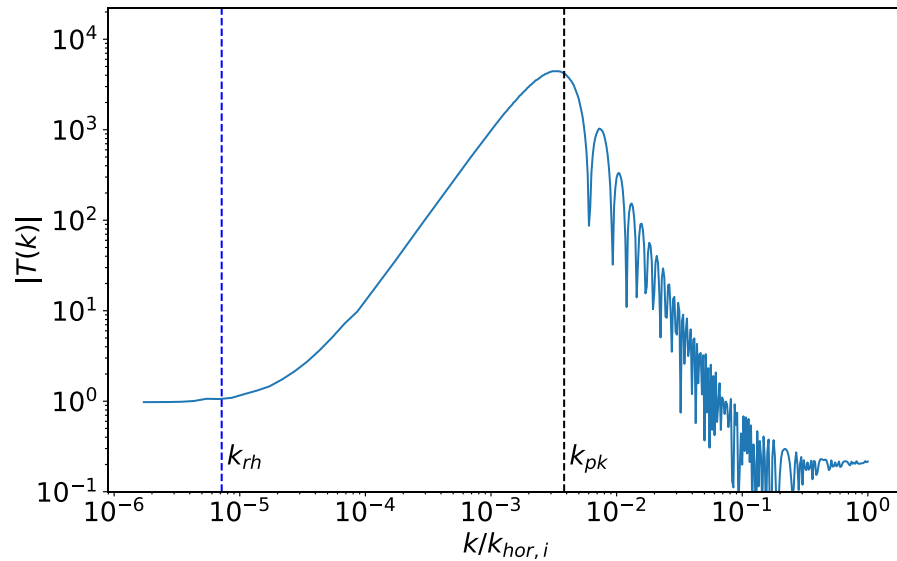
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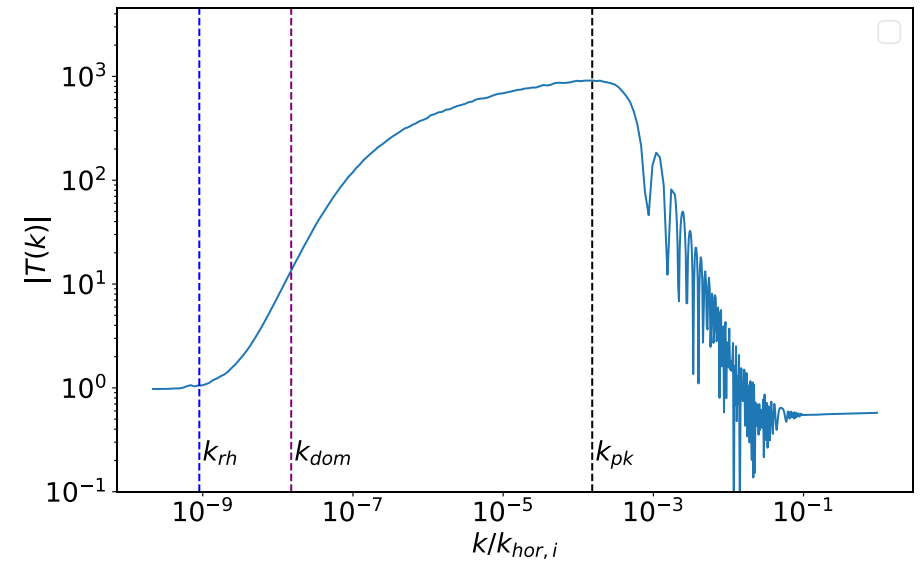
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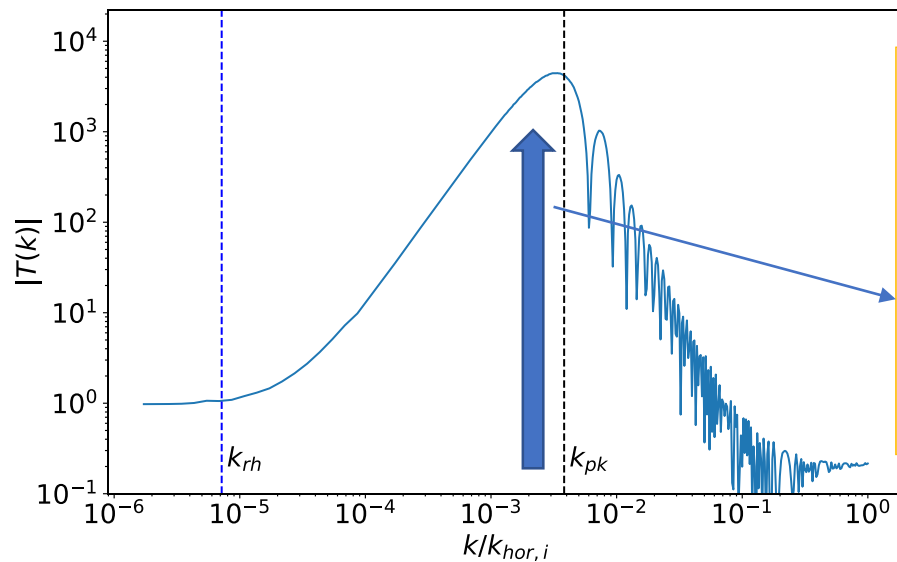


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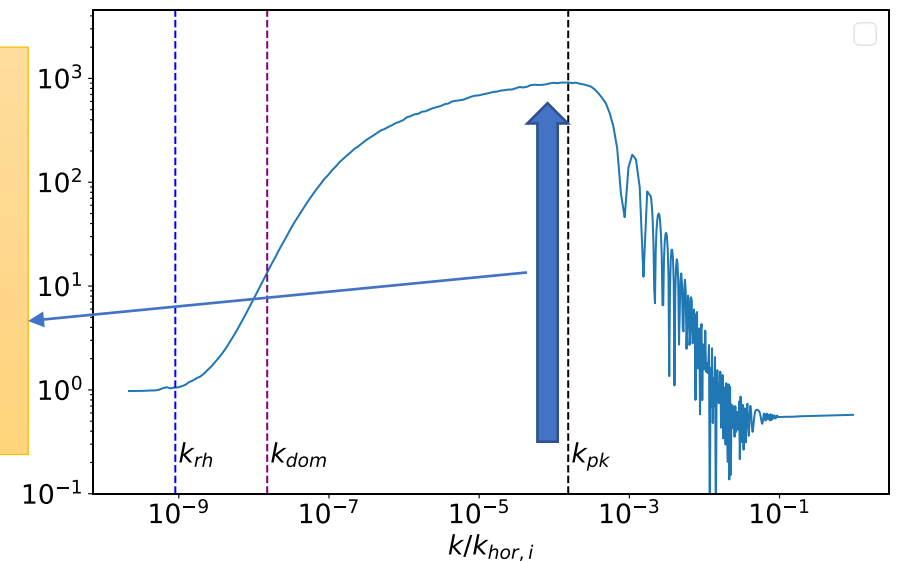
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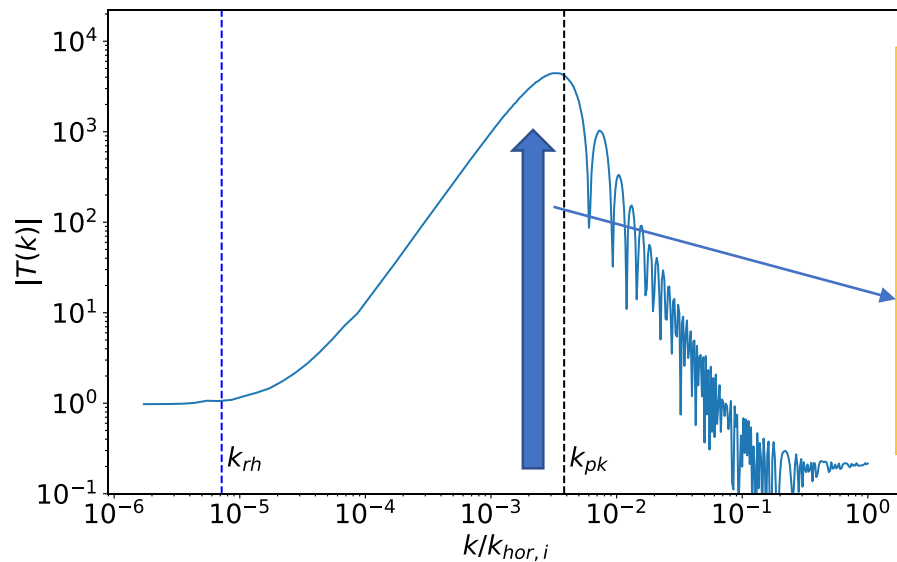
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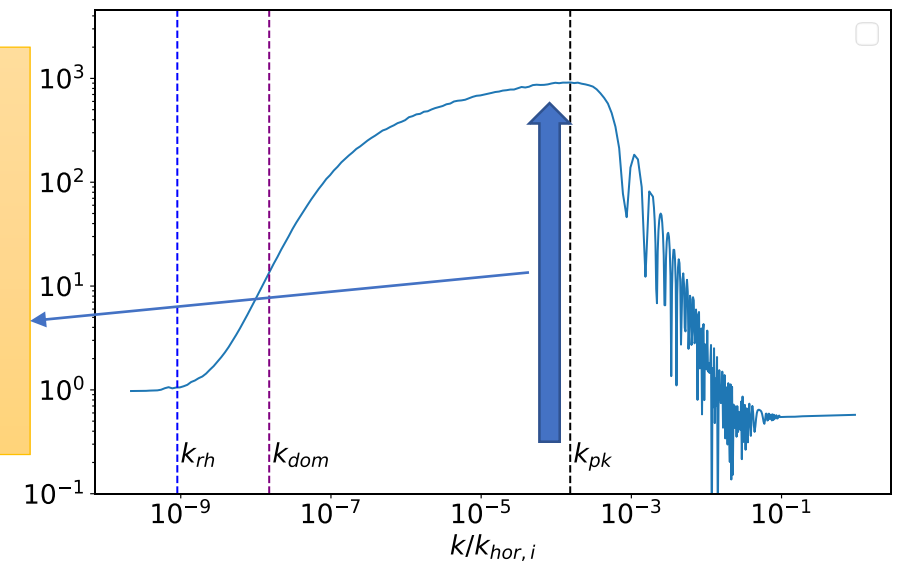
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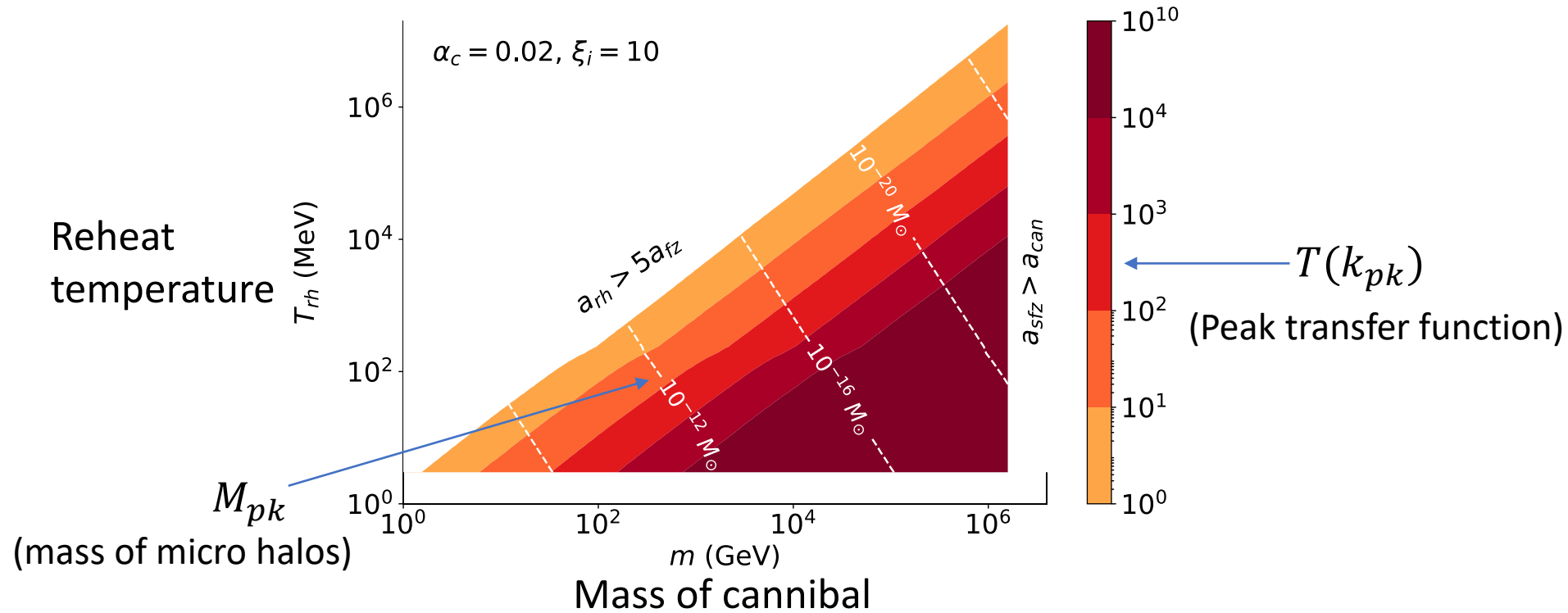
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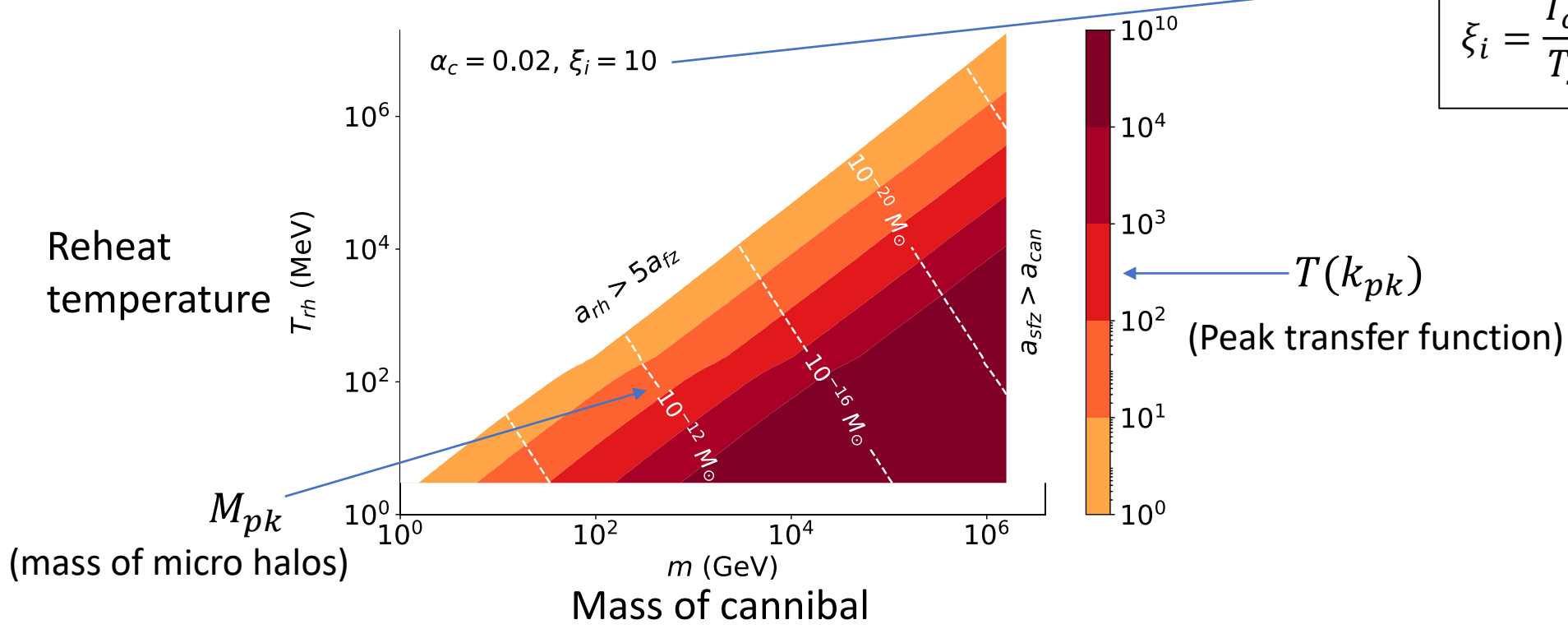


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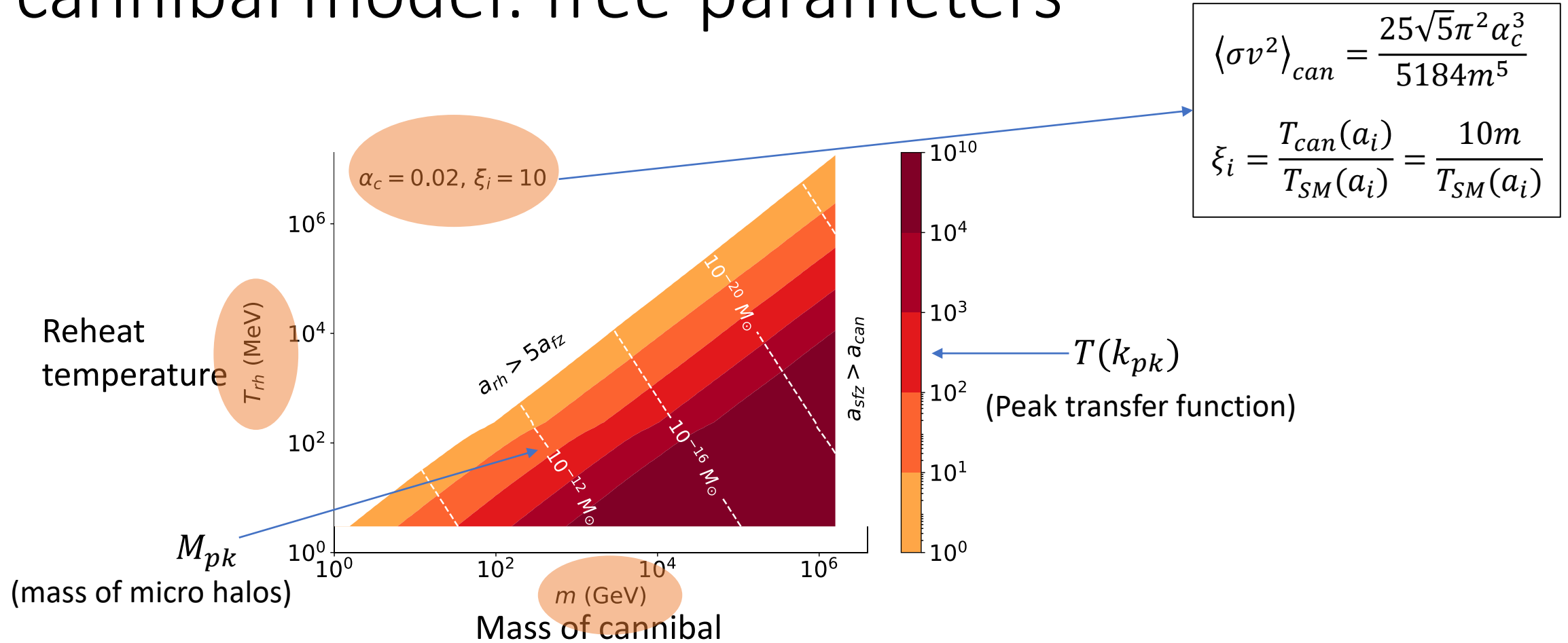
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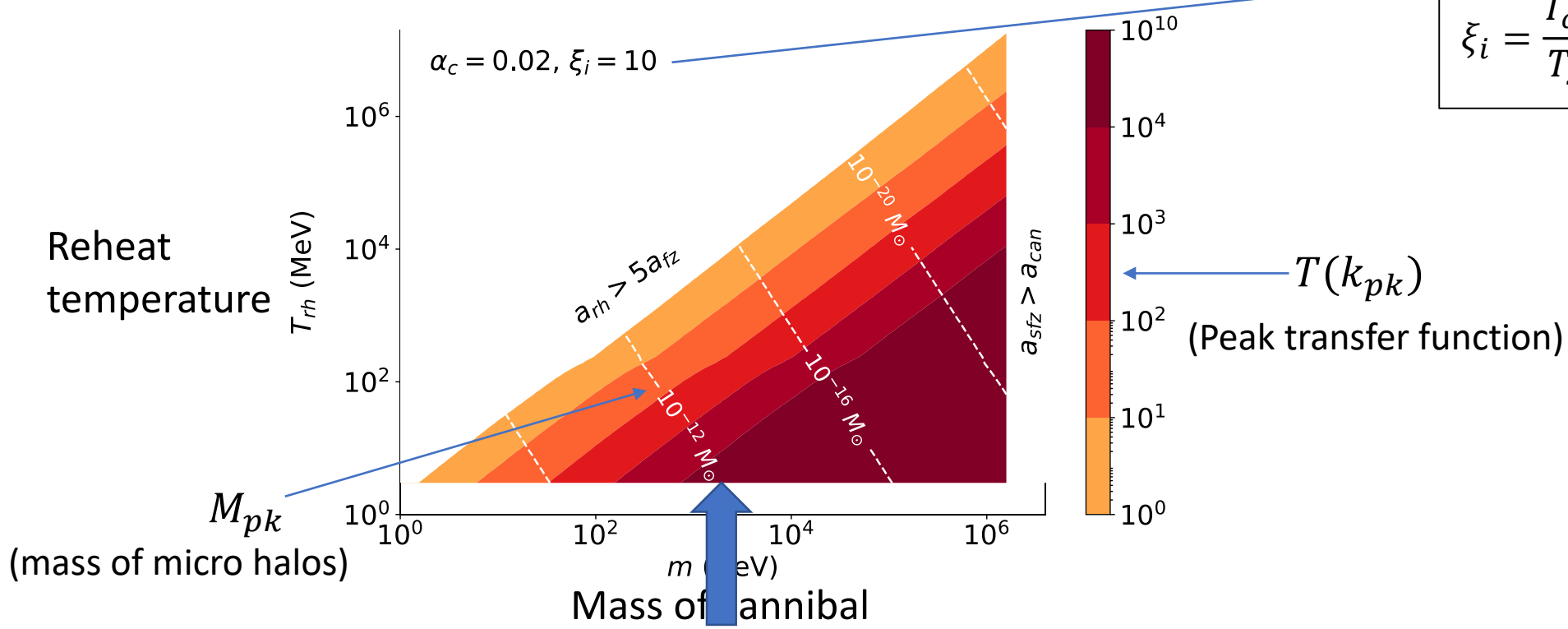


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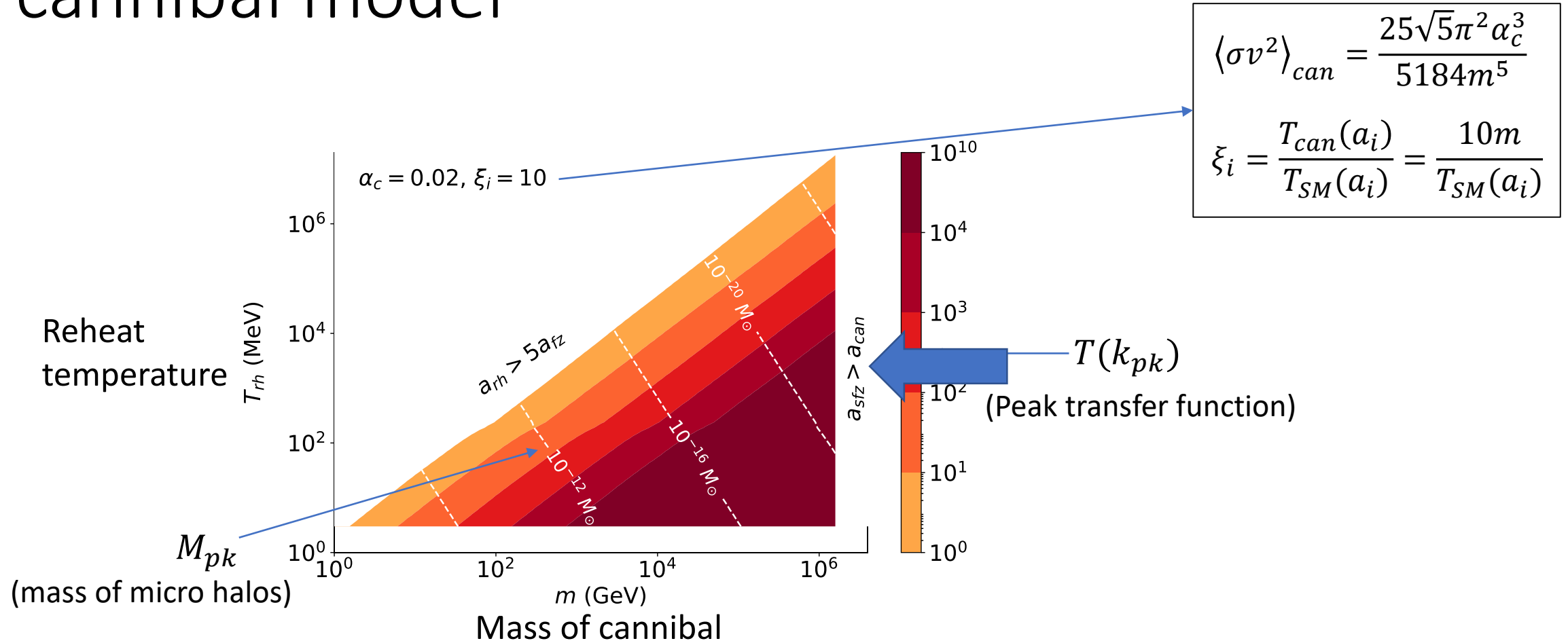
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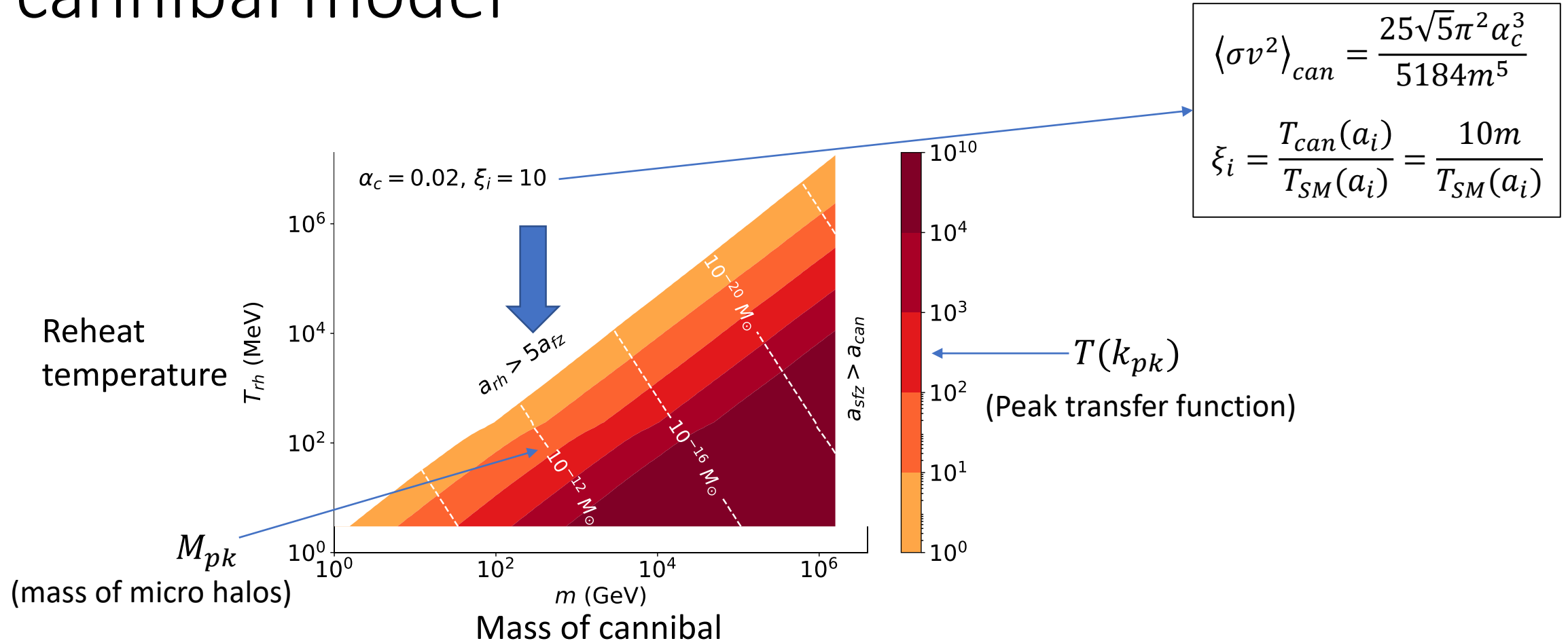


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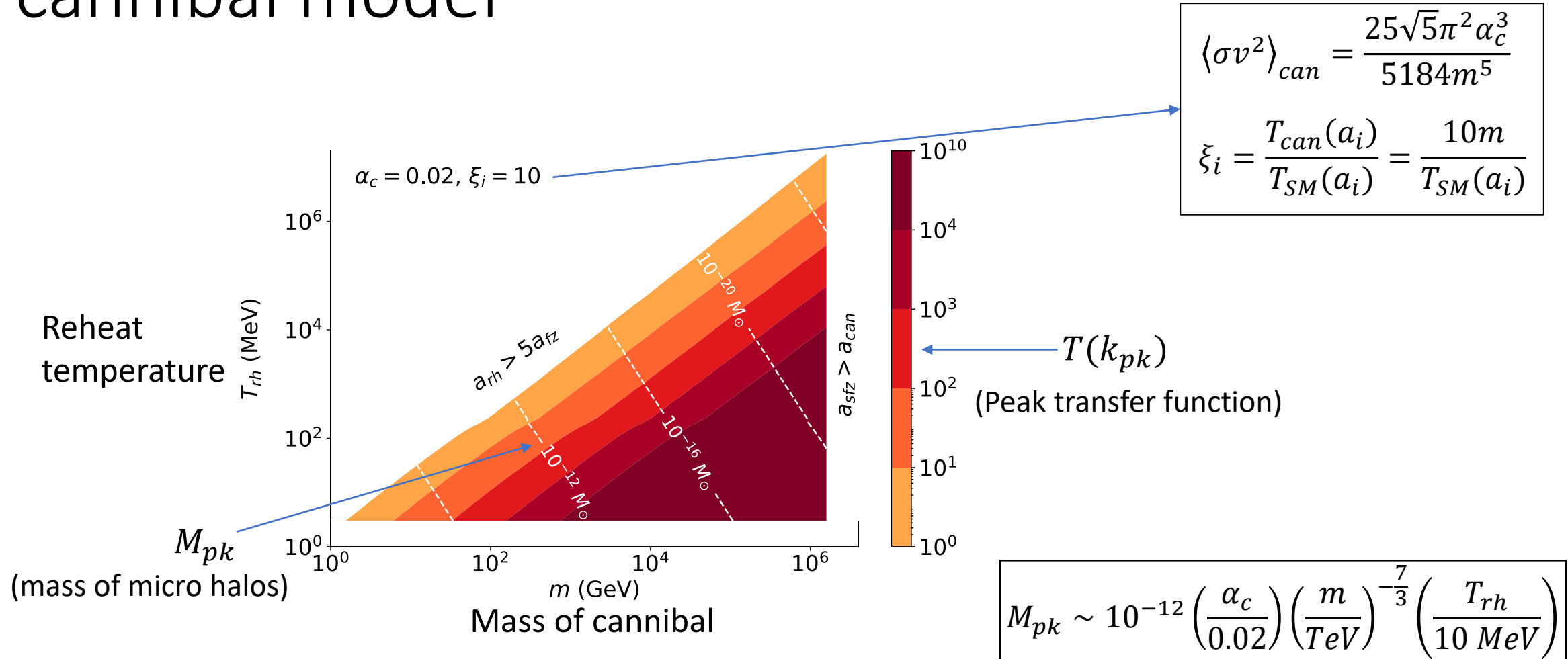
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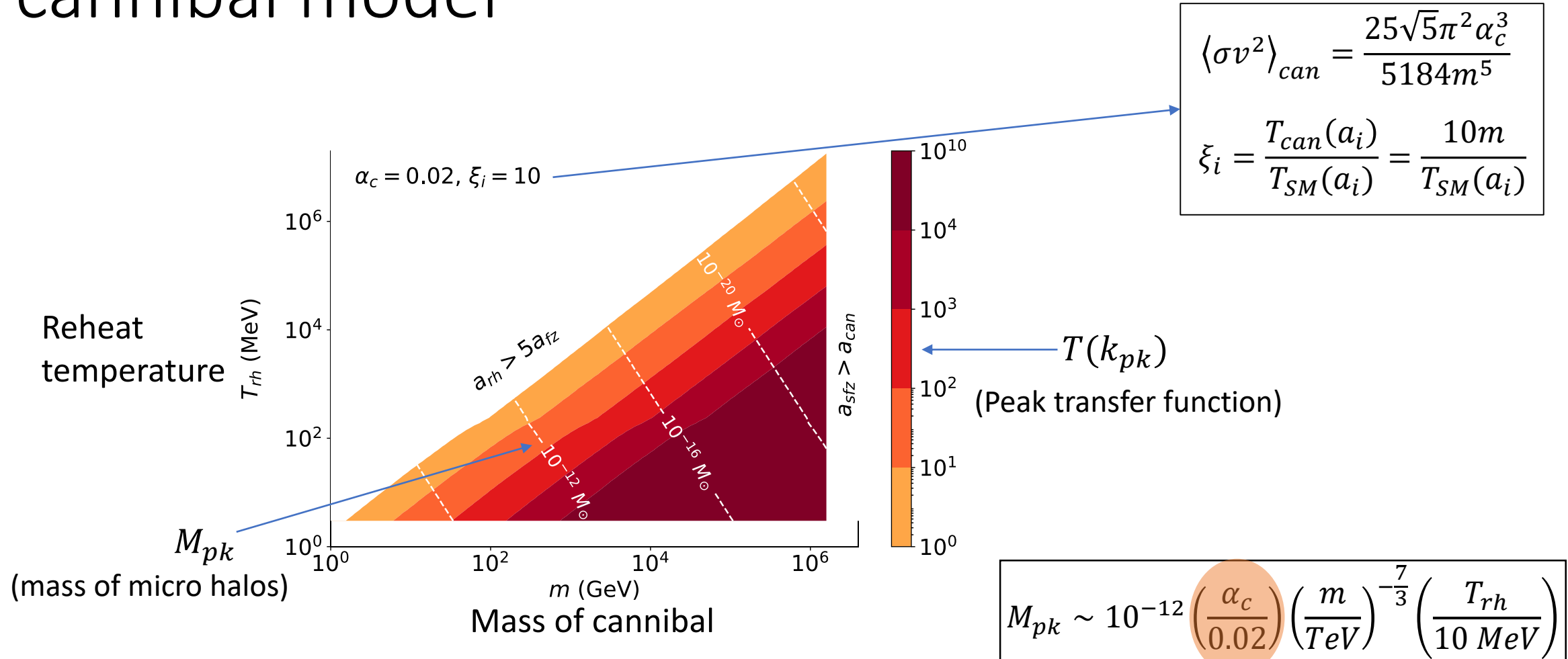
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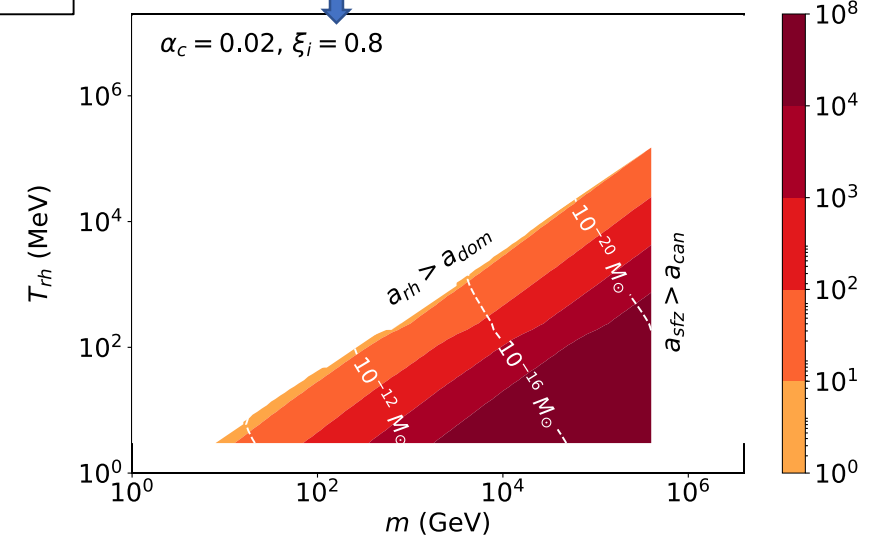
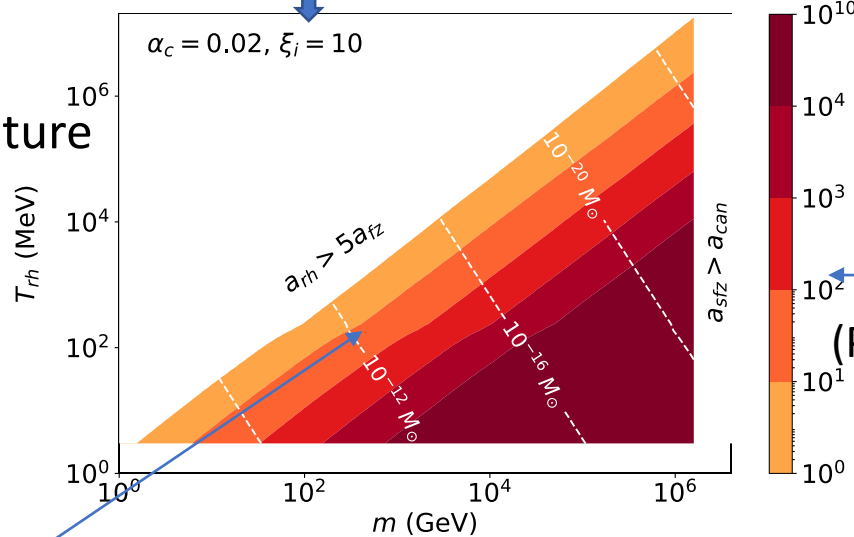
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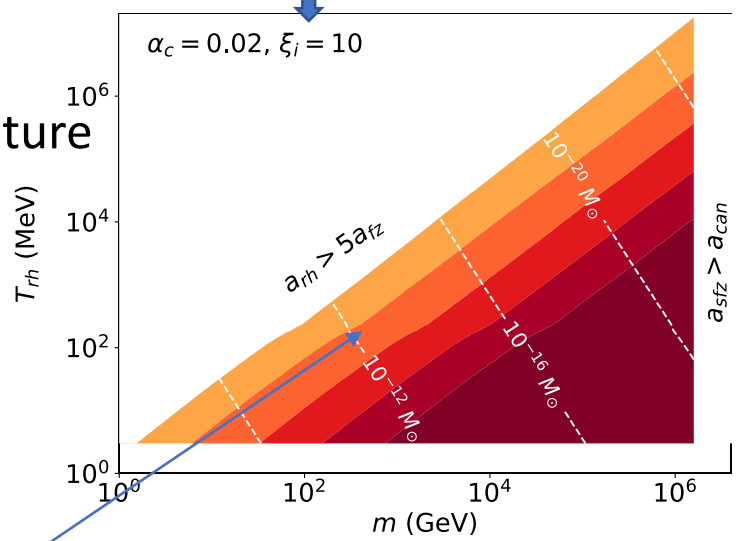
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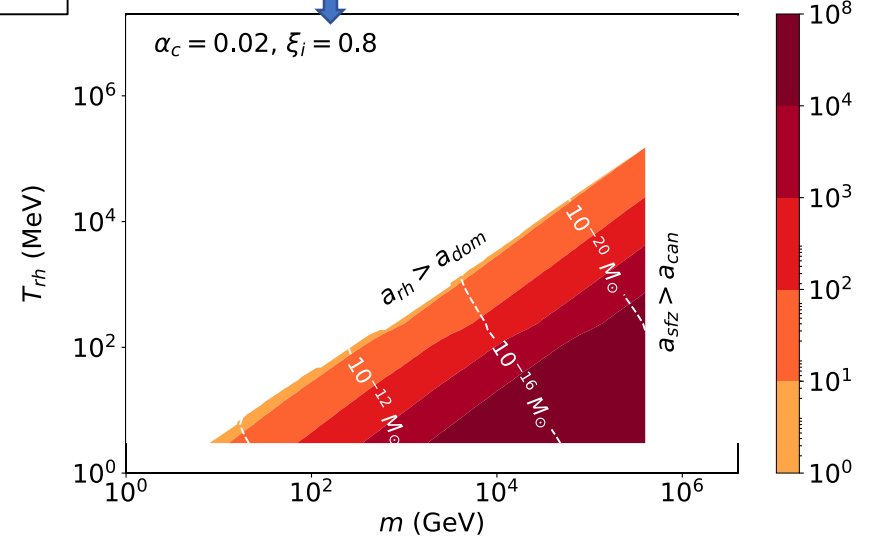
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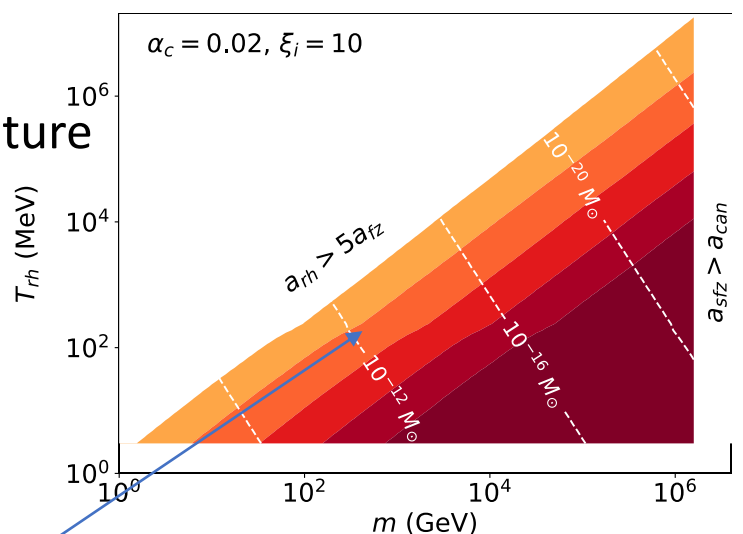
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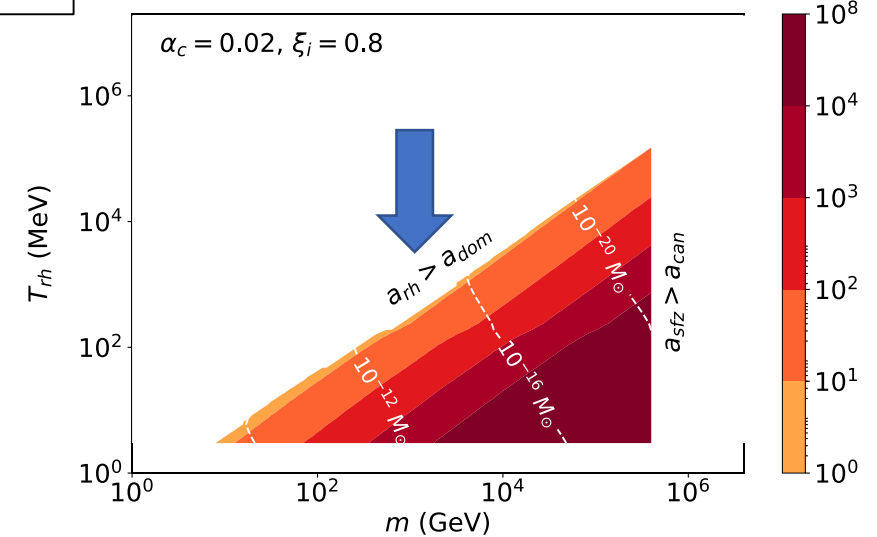
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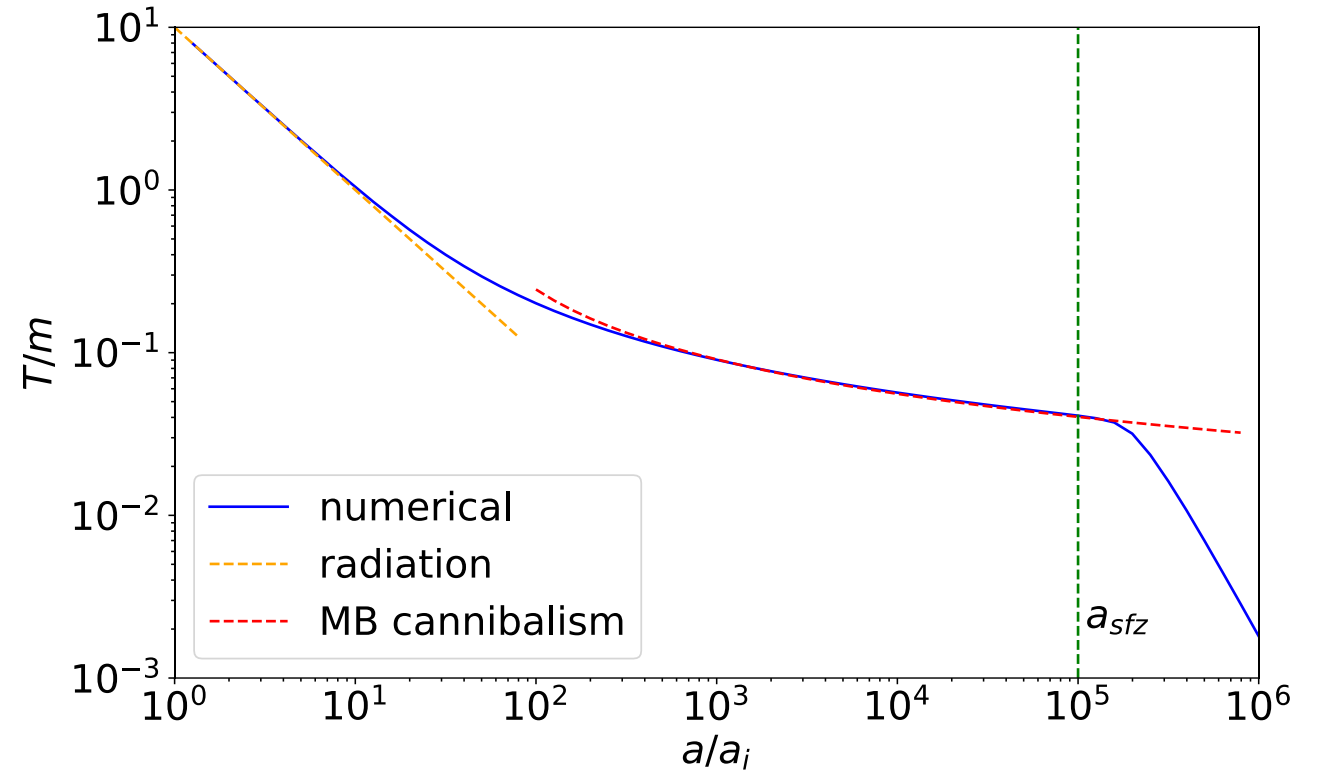
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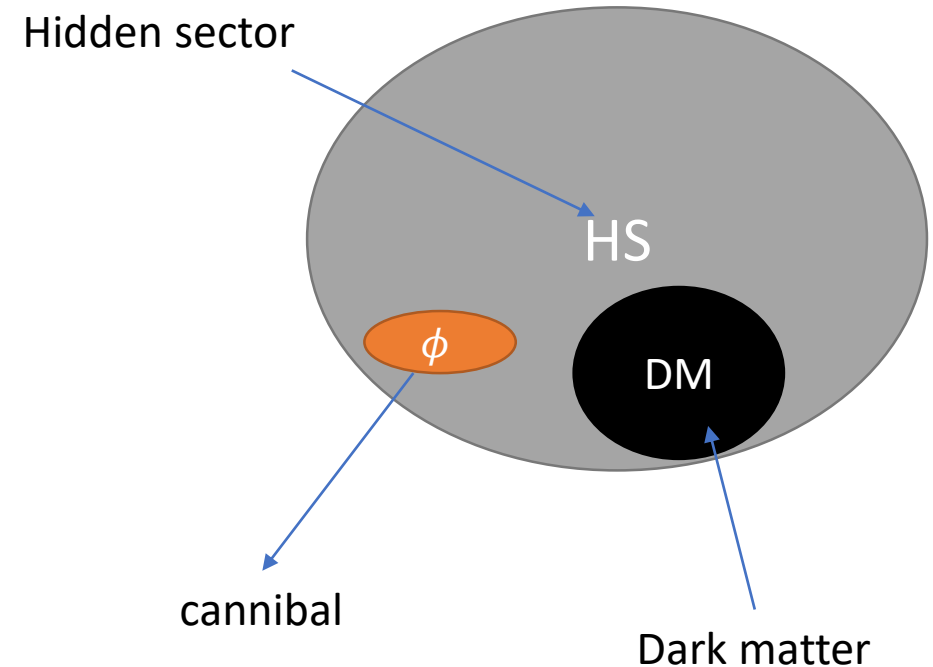
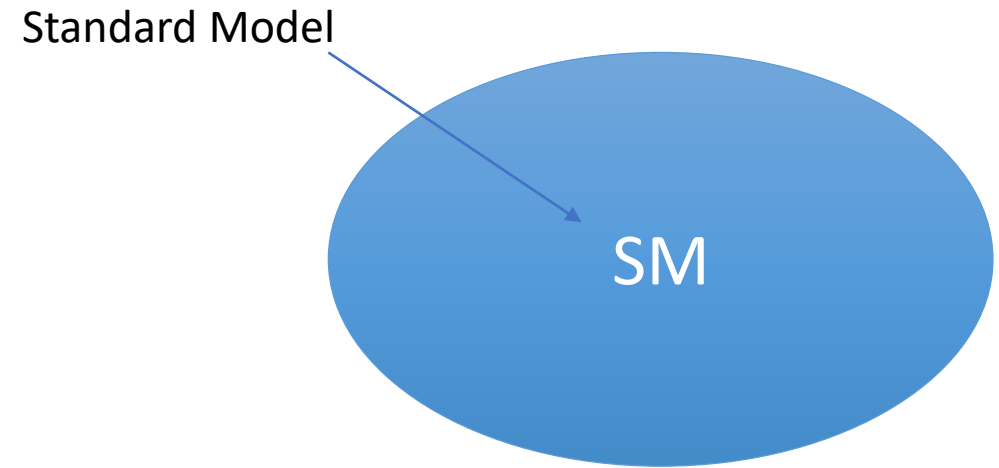
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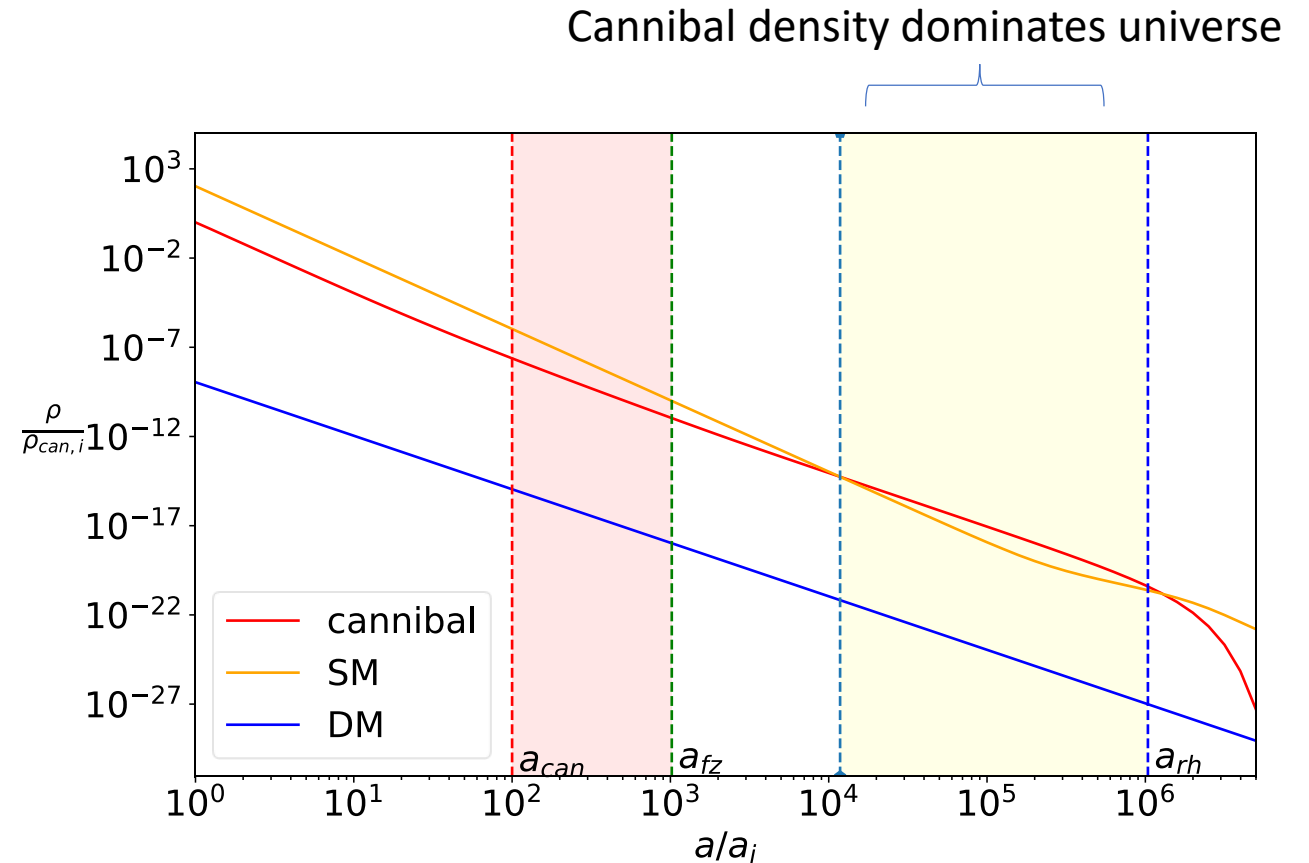
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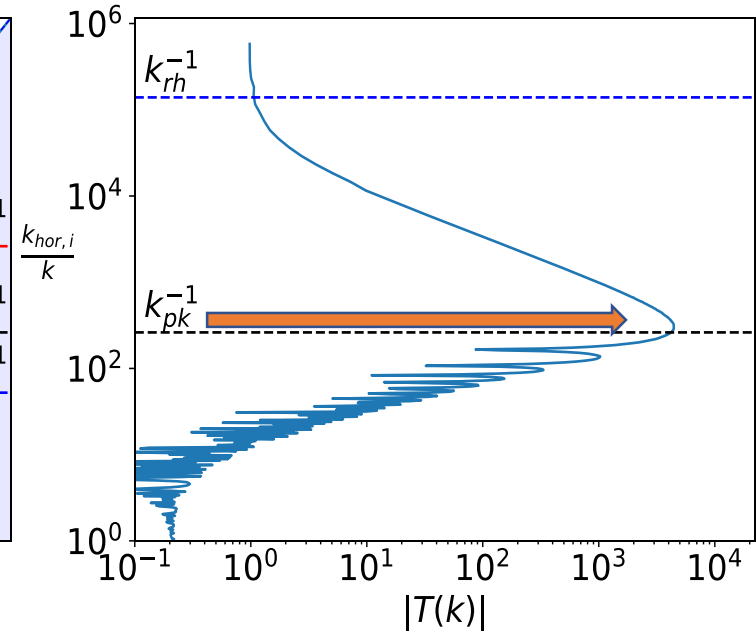
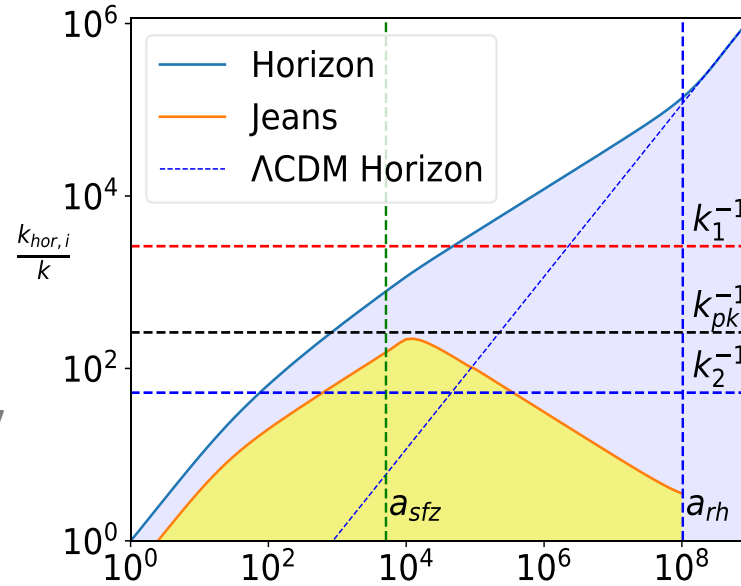
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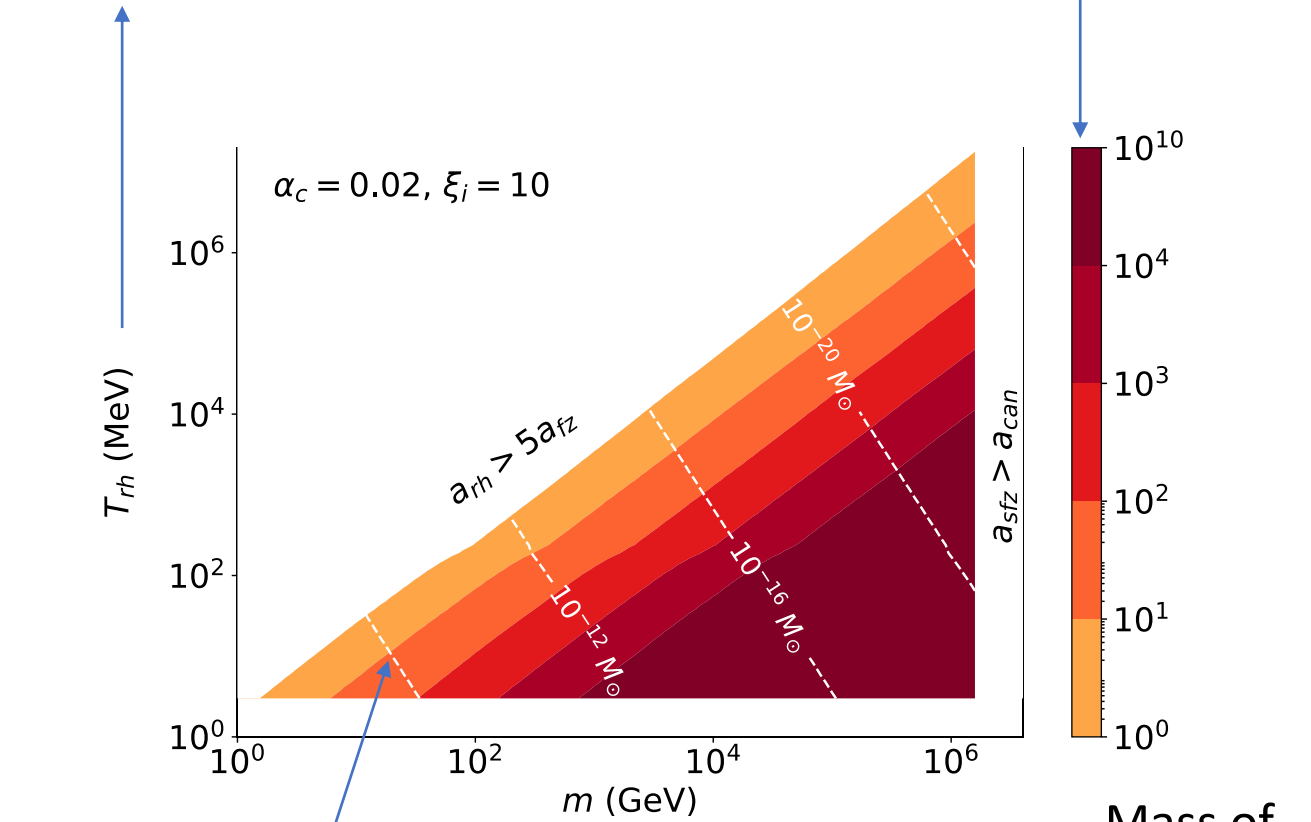


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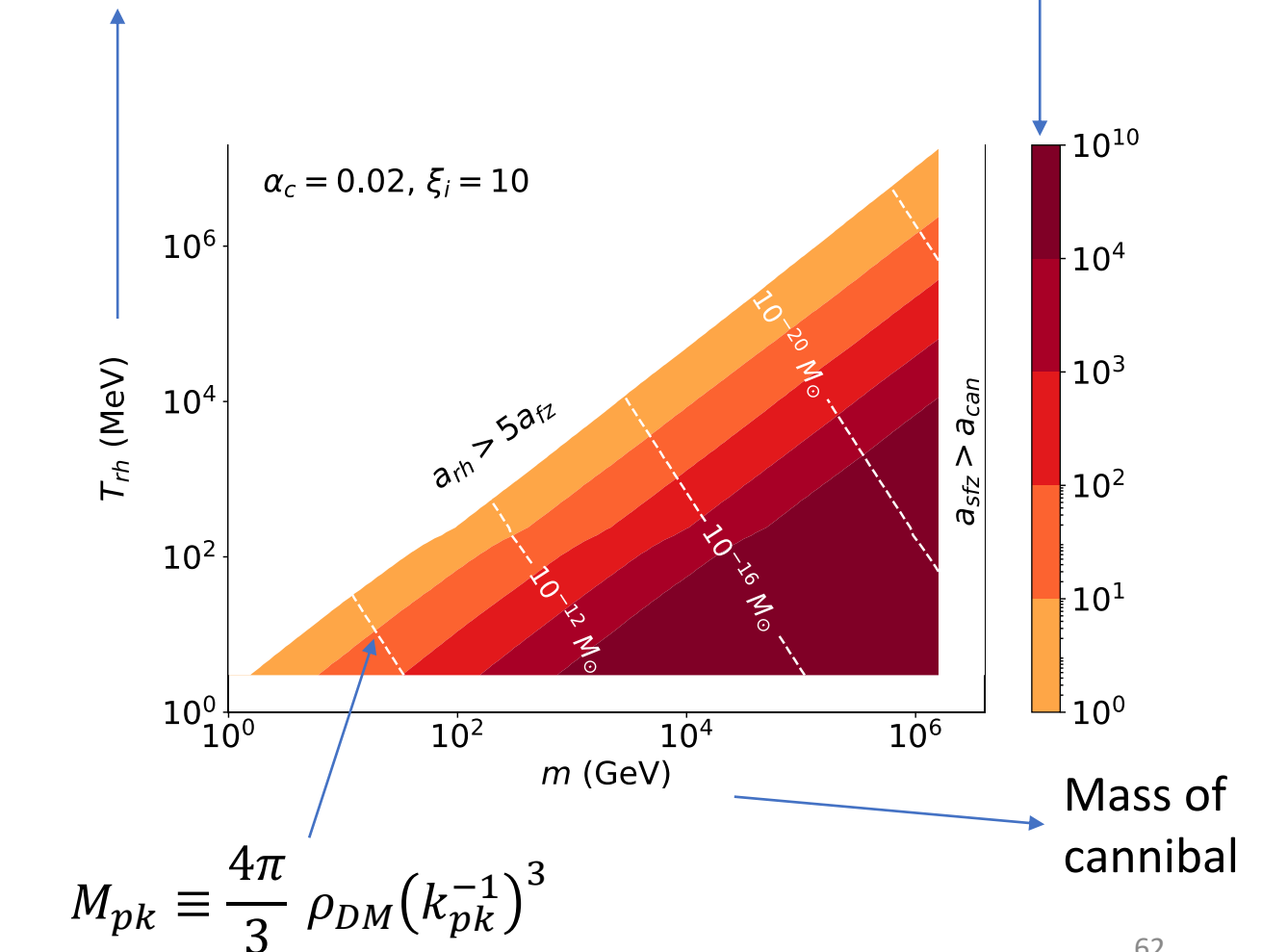
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