# Cannibal domination and small scale structure

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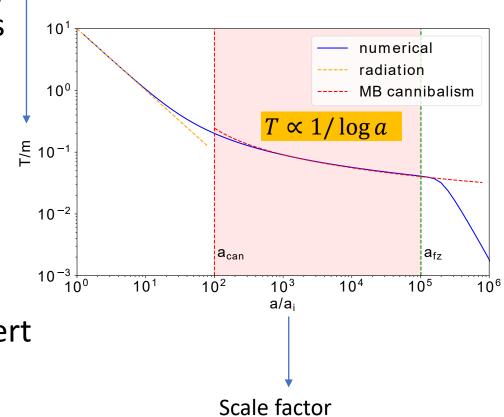
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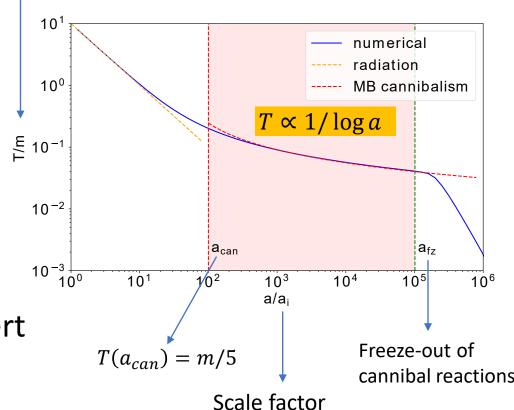


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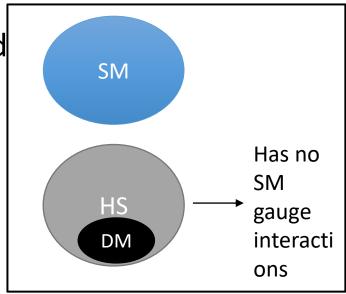
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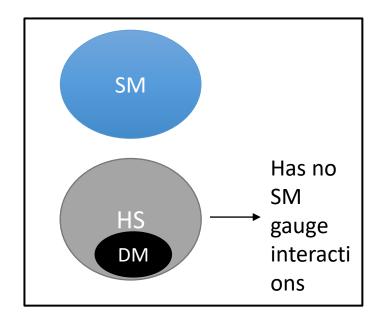
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• The lightest particle in HS (not necessarily DM) can naturally be cannibal Ex: glueballs,  $\phi^4$  scalar field, etc.

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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:

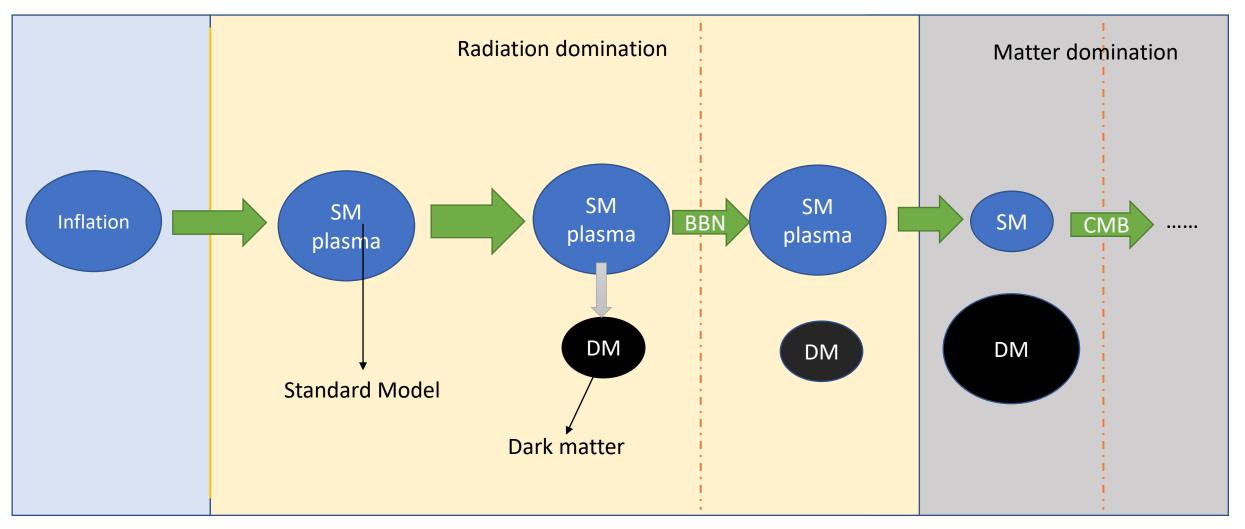
1. Link cannibal particle parameters with key matter power spectrum features

2. Estimate the kind of micro-halos produced using *linear theory* 

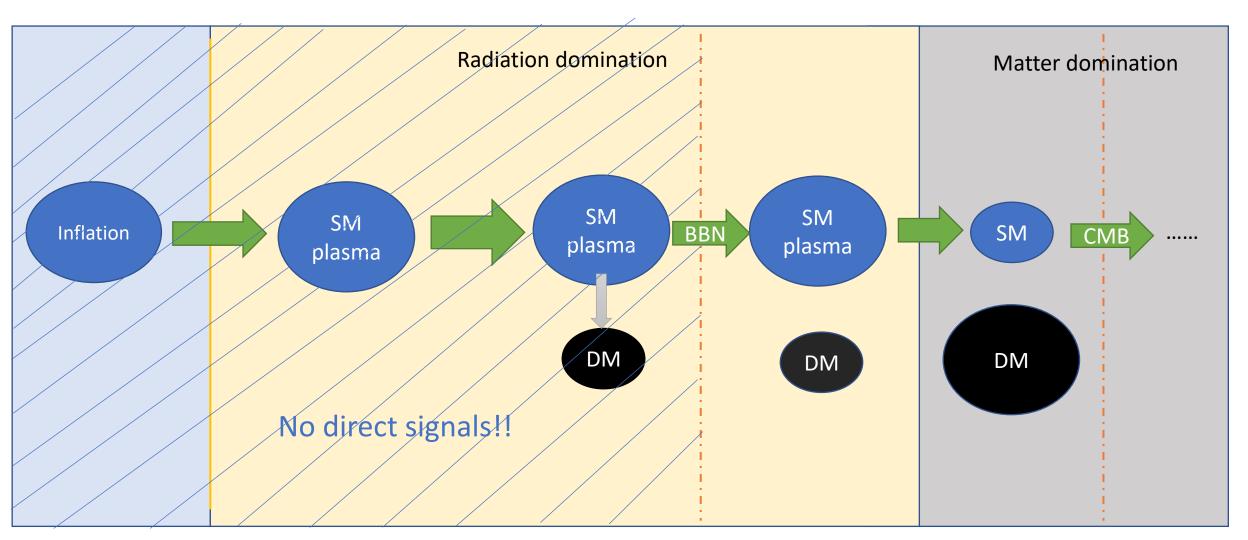
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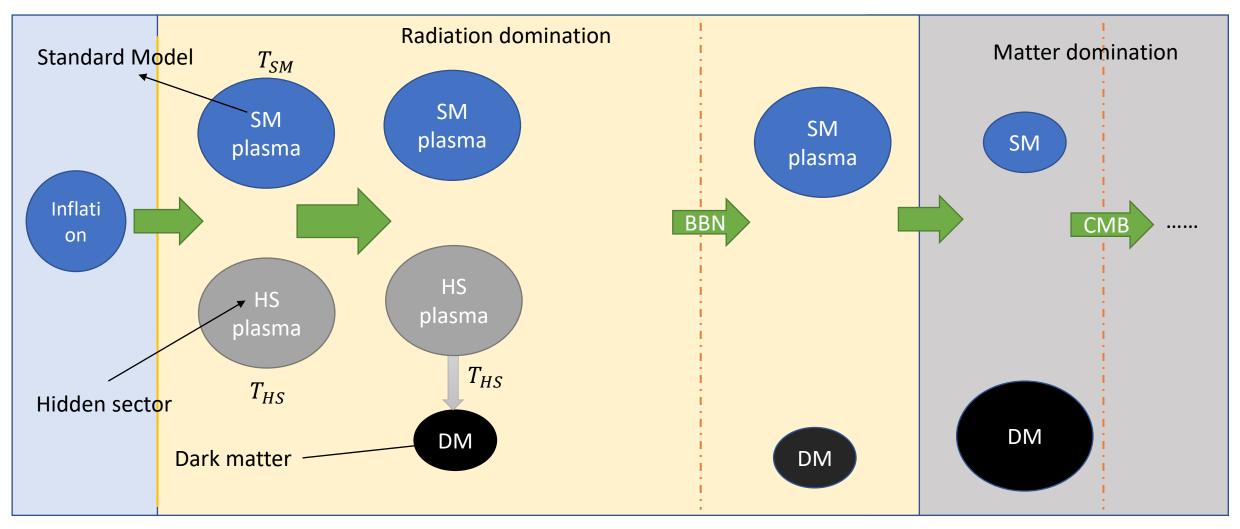
### Vanilla ACDM cosmology



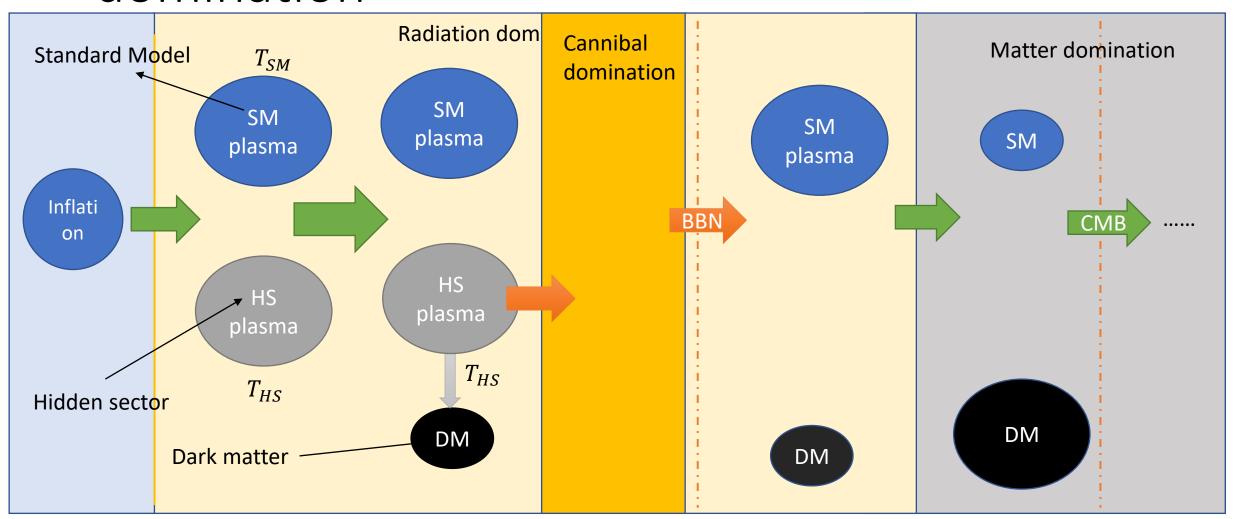
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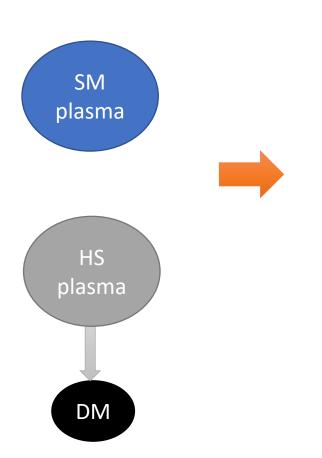


### Hidden sector cosmology

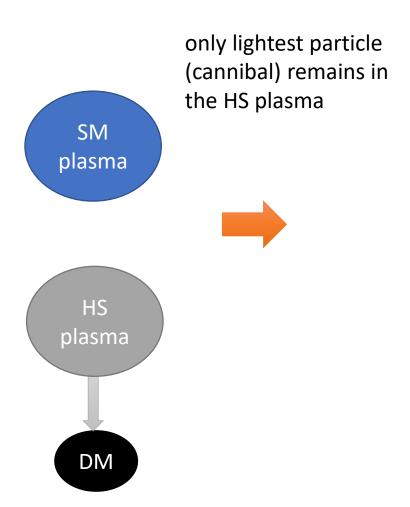


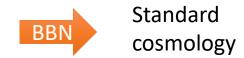
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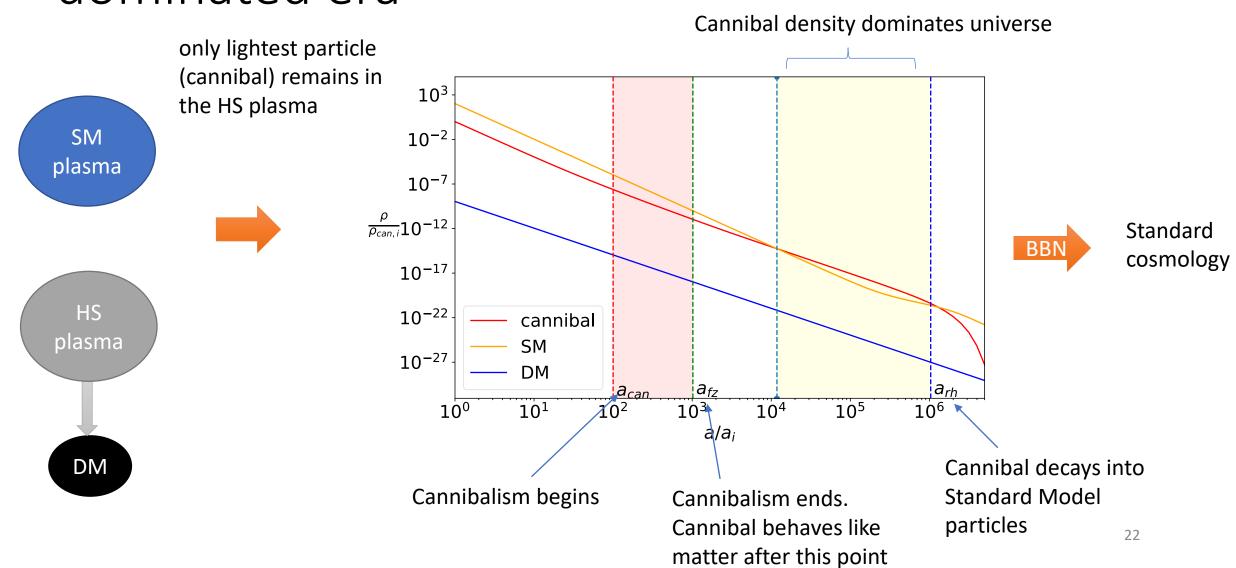


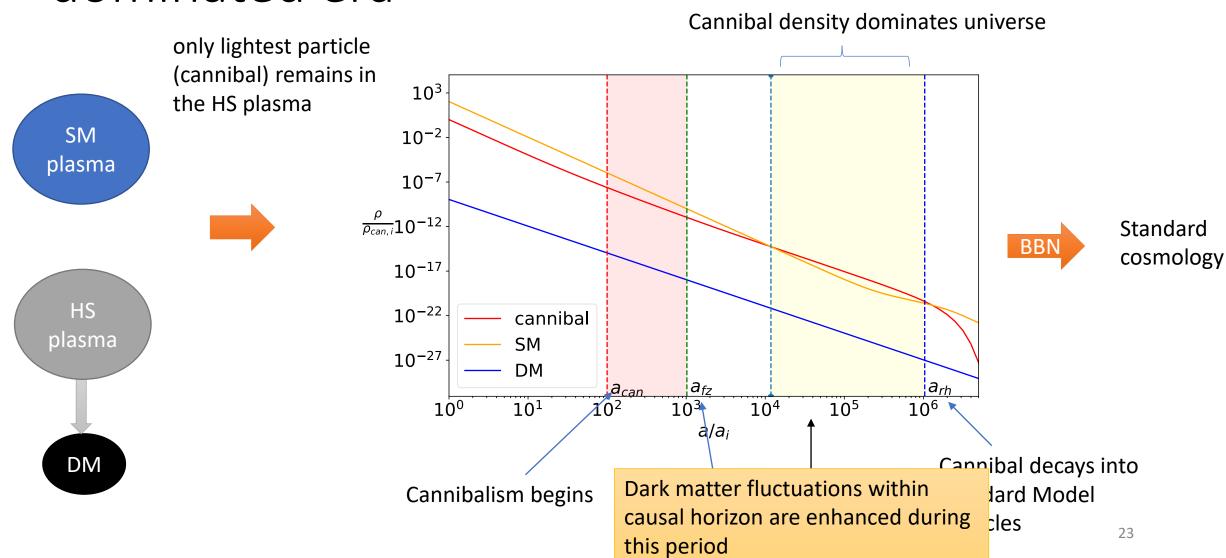




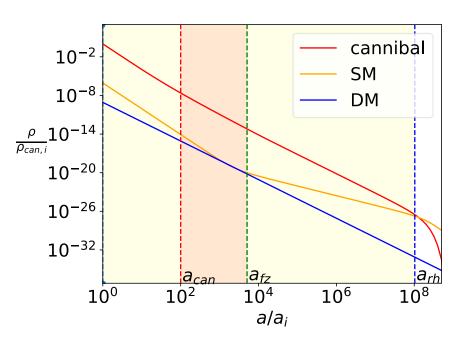




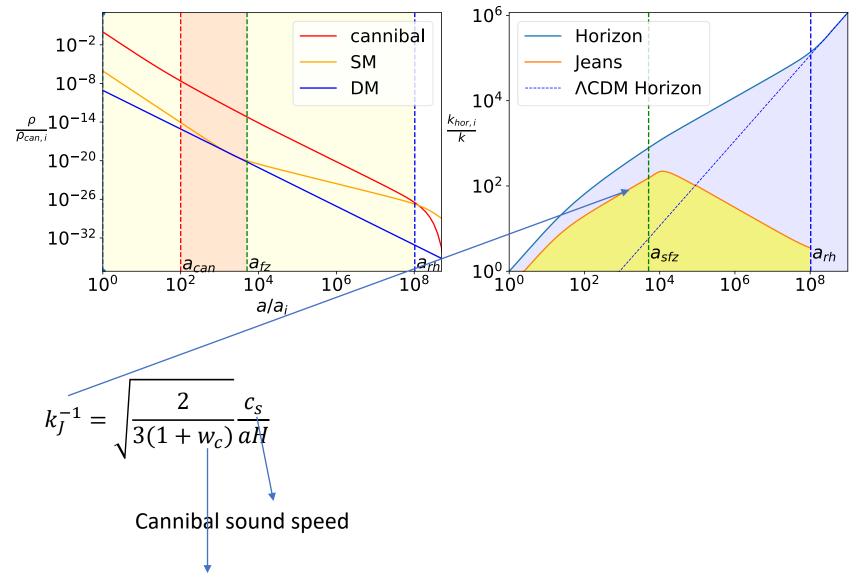




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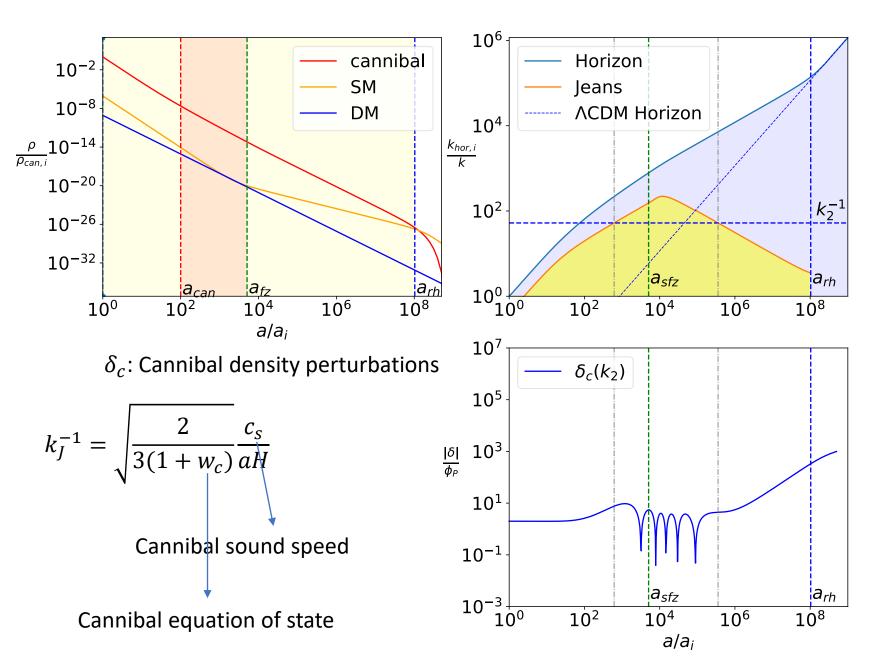


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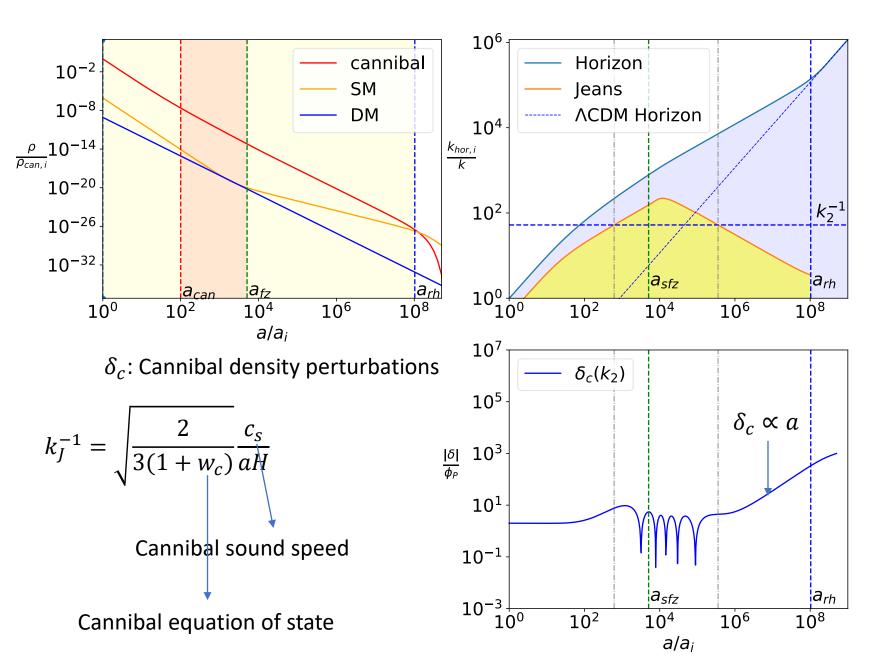


Cannibal equation of state

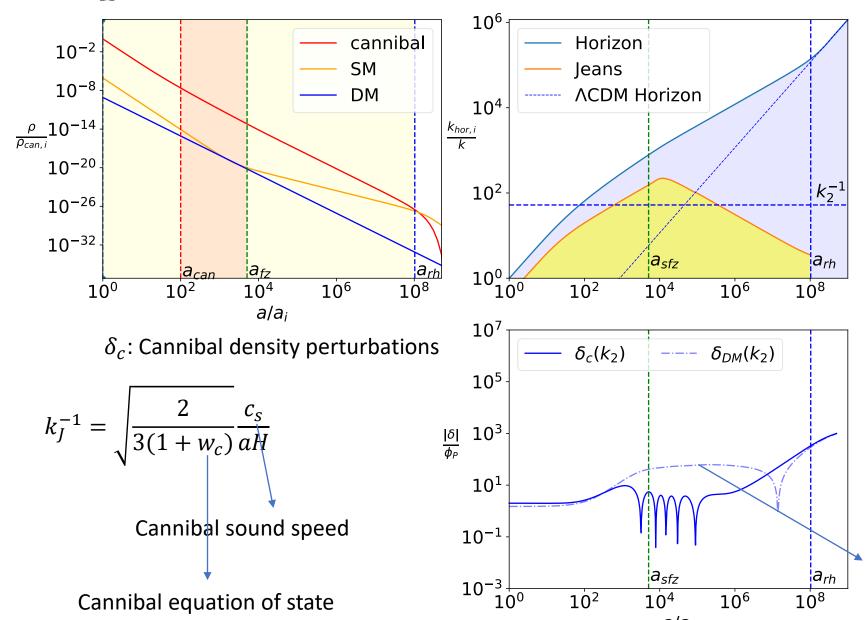
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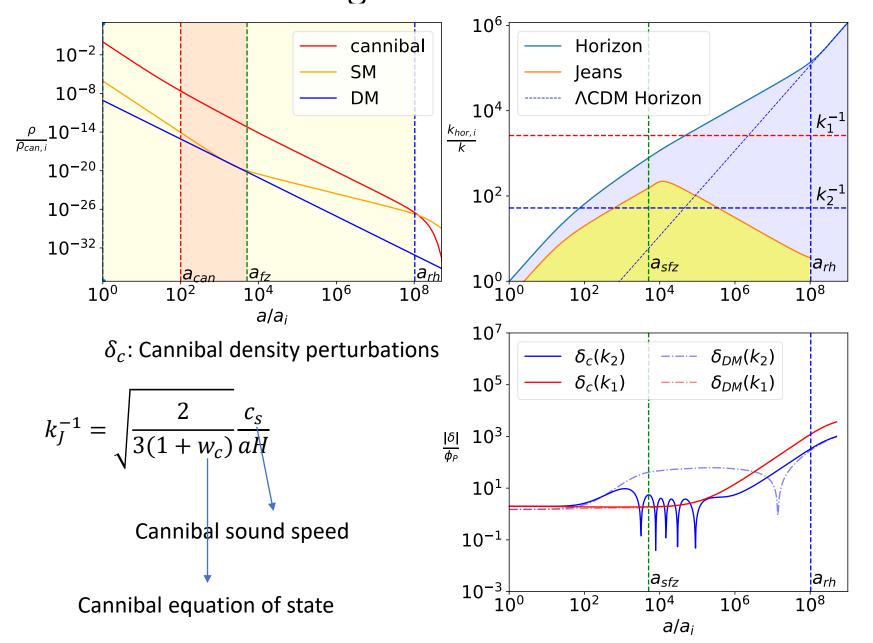
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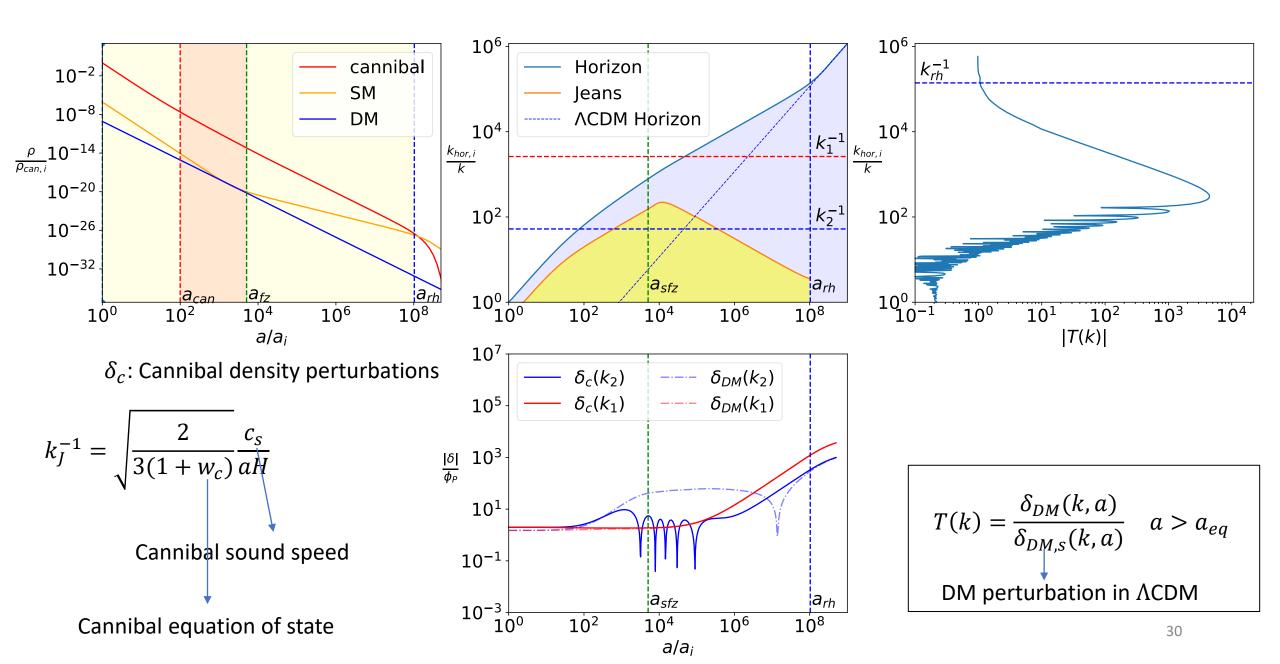
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Stagnation while cannibal is oscillating

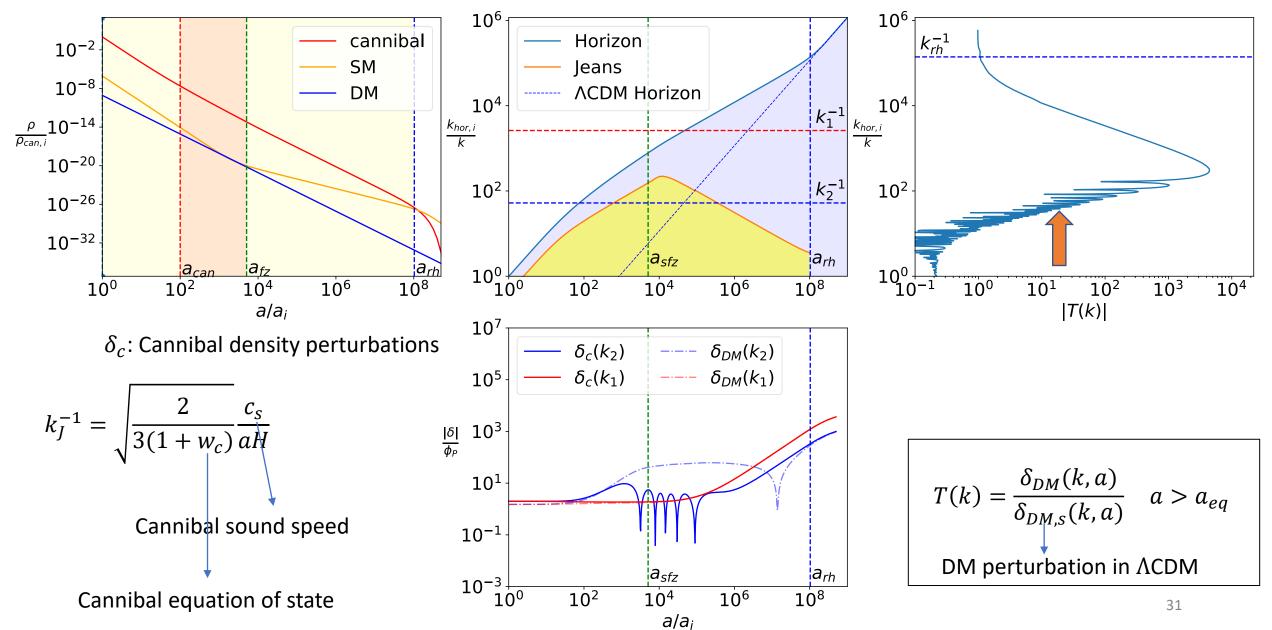
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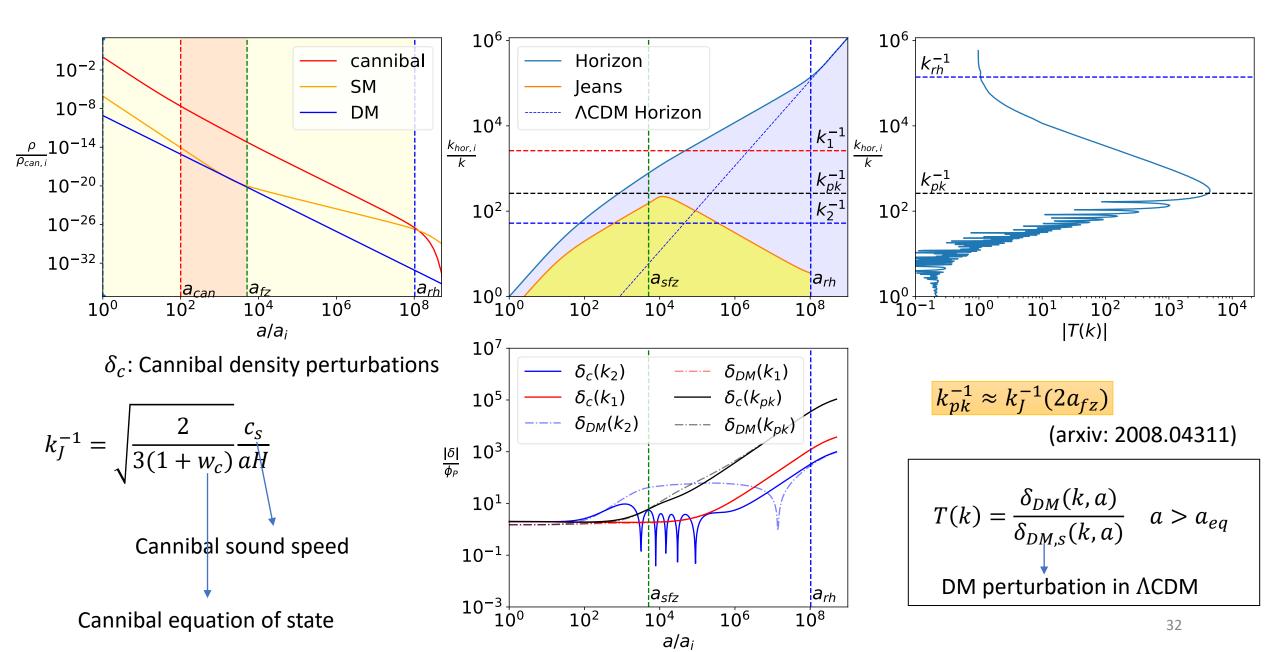
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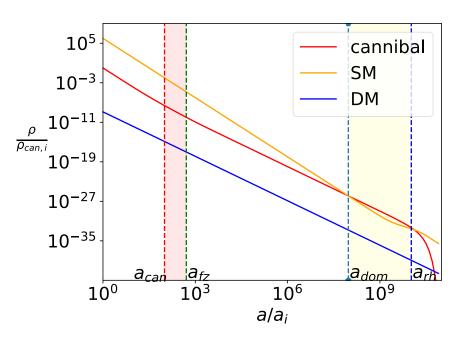
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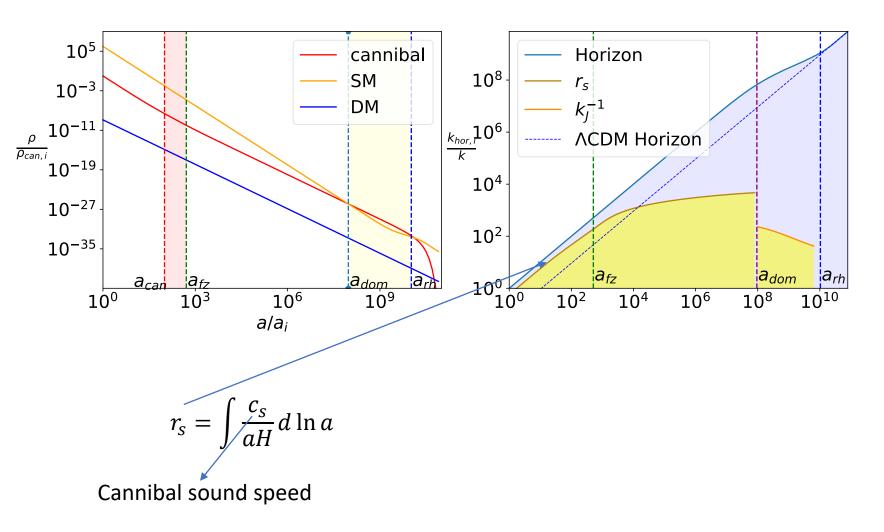
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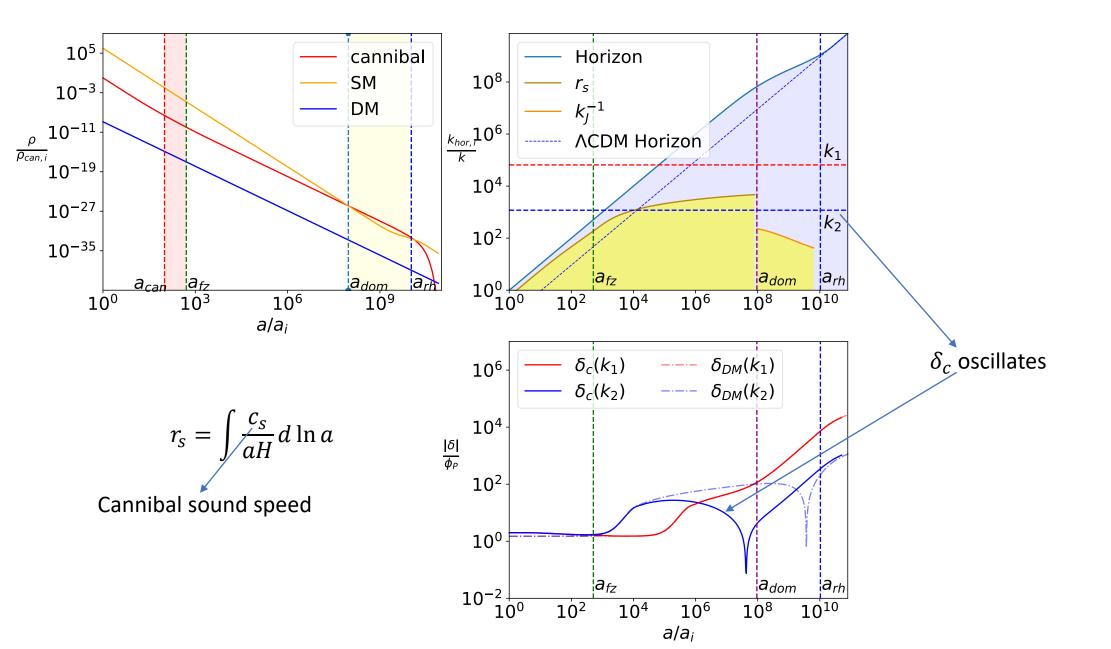
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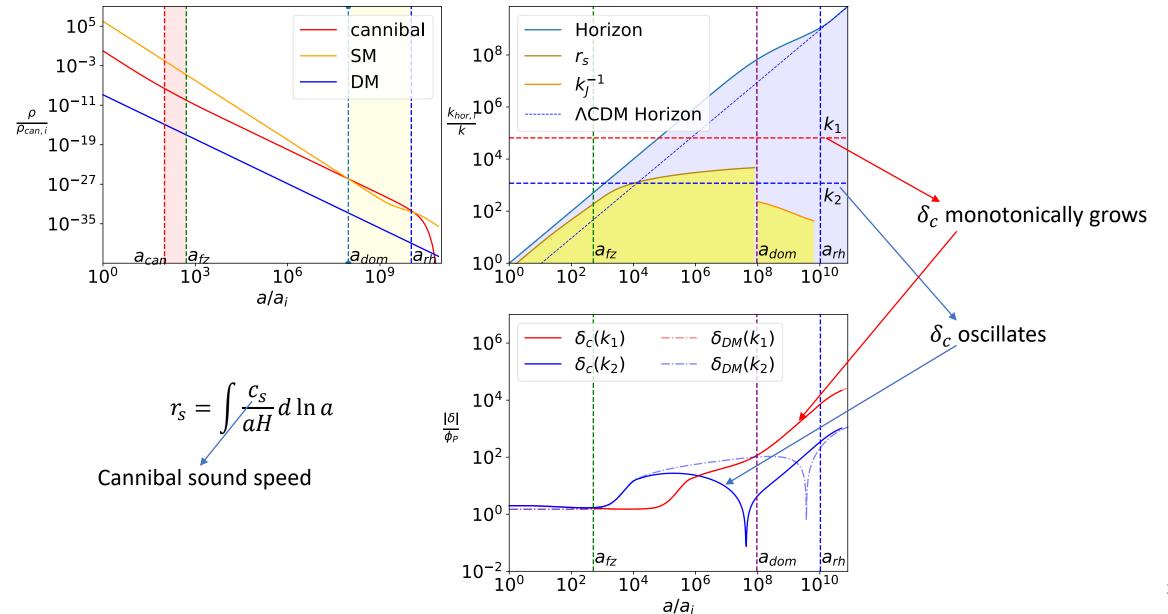
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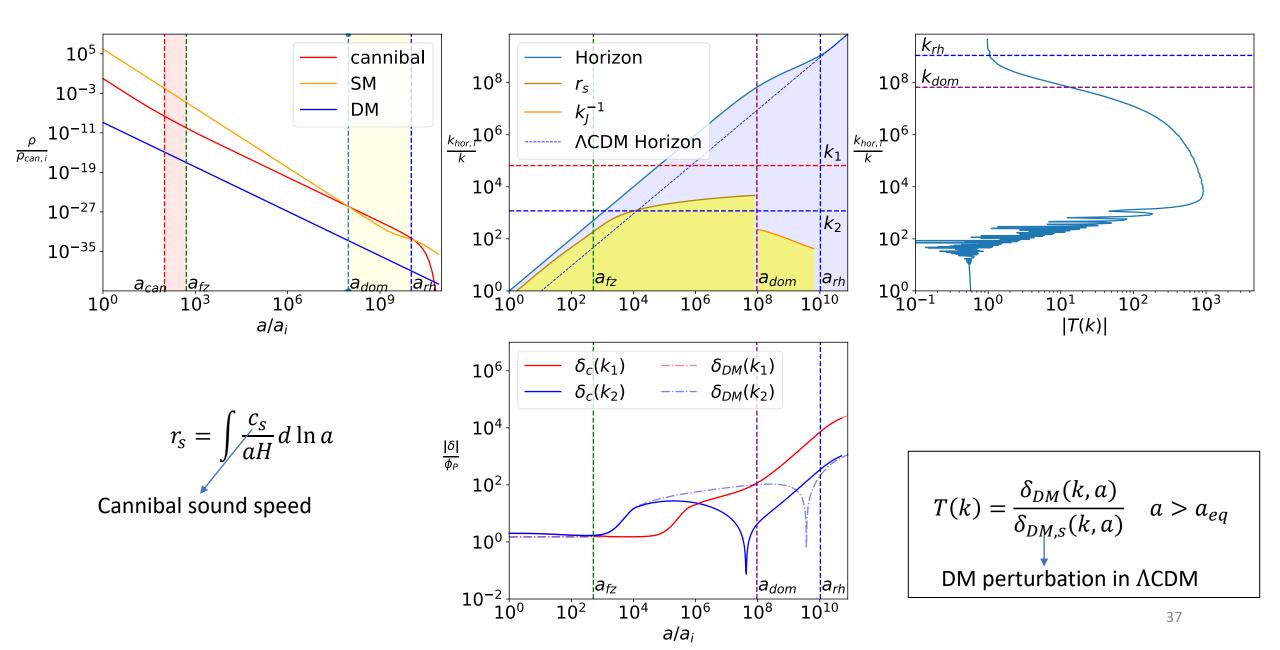
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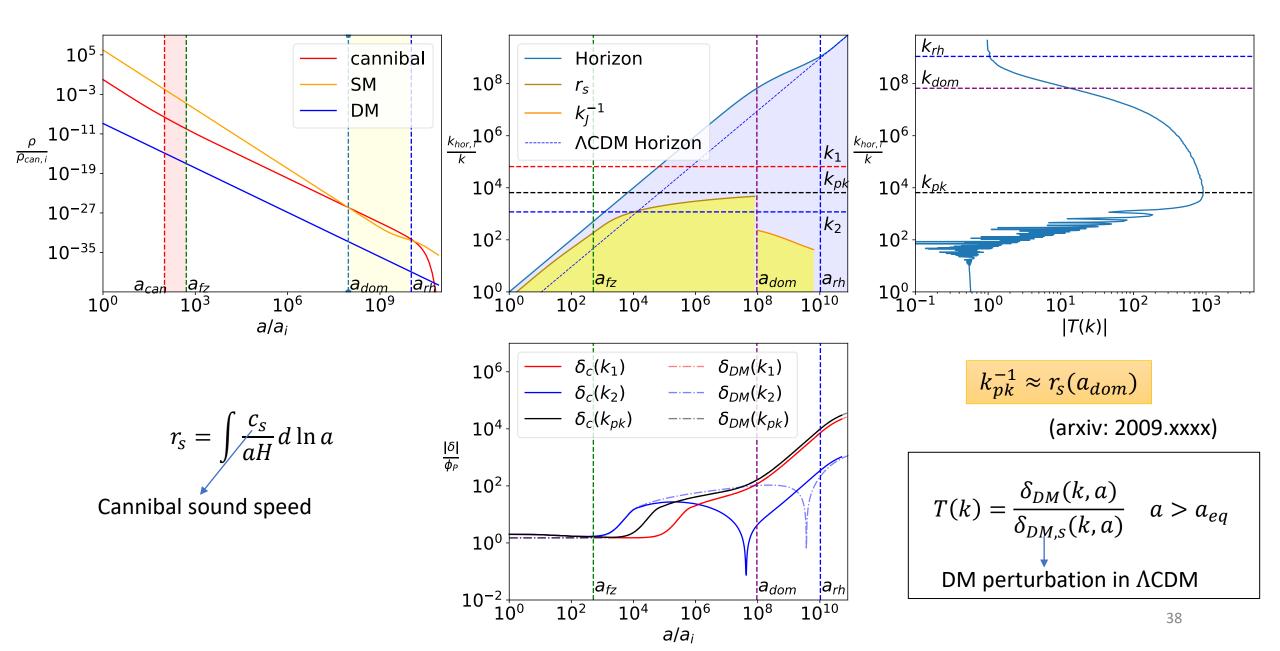
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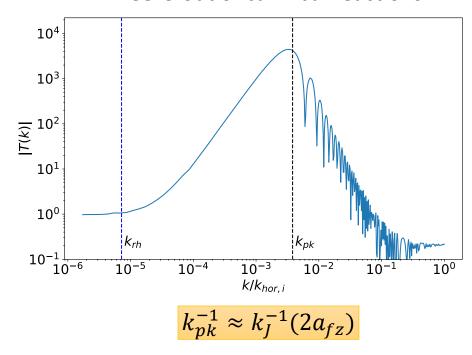


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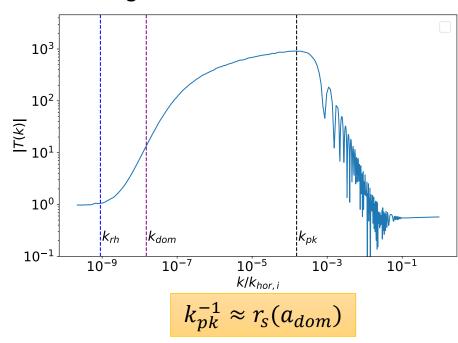


### Two qualitatively different transfer functions

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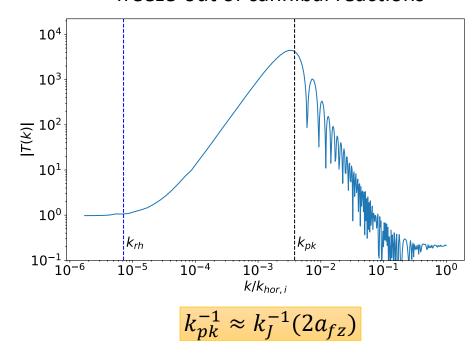


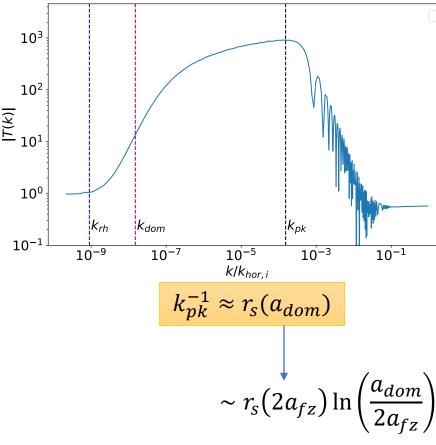
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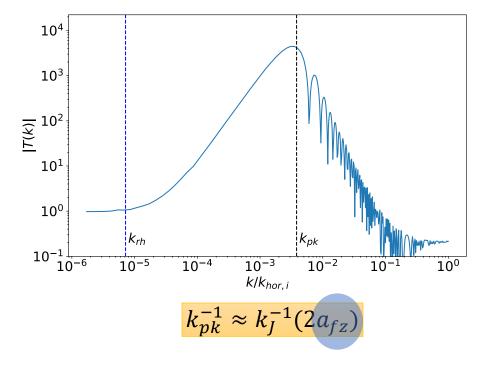
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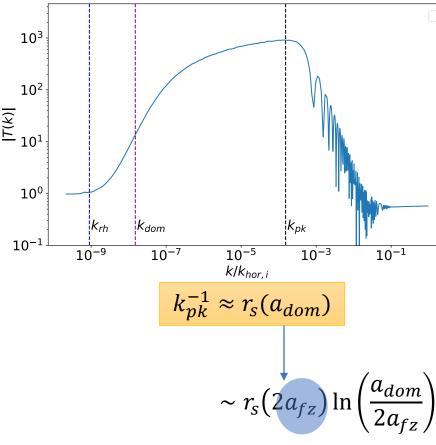




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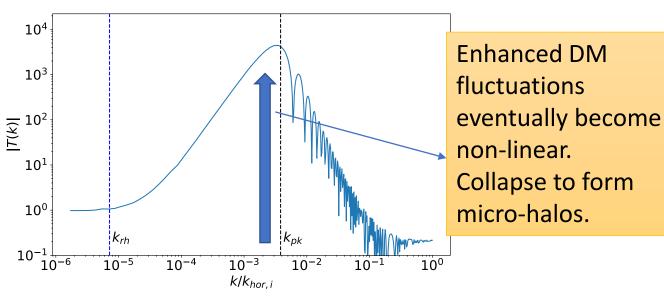
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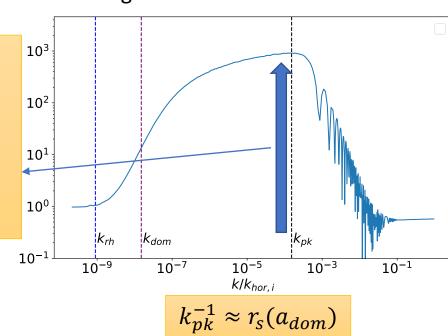


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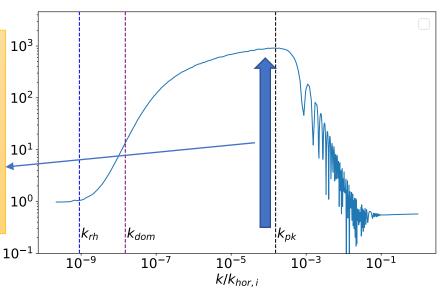
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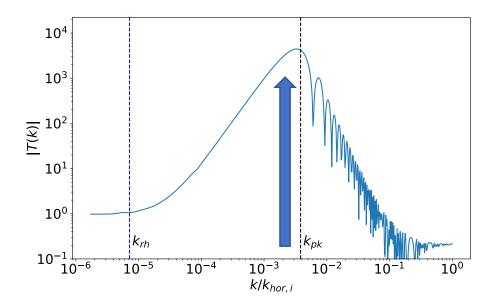
Enhanced DM fluctuations eventually become non-linear.
Collapse to form micro-halos.



- $k_{pk}$  determines the typical mass of micro halos:  $M_{pk} \sim \frac{4\pi}{3} \rho_{DM} \left(k_{pk}^{-1}\right)^3$
- $T(k_{pk})$  determines the central density of micro-halos: Micro-halos are typically  $\geq \left[T(k_{pk})\right]^3$  times denser than standard micro-halos.

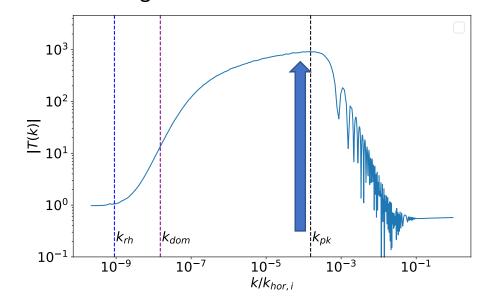
### Cannibal parameters to key microhalo features

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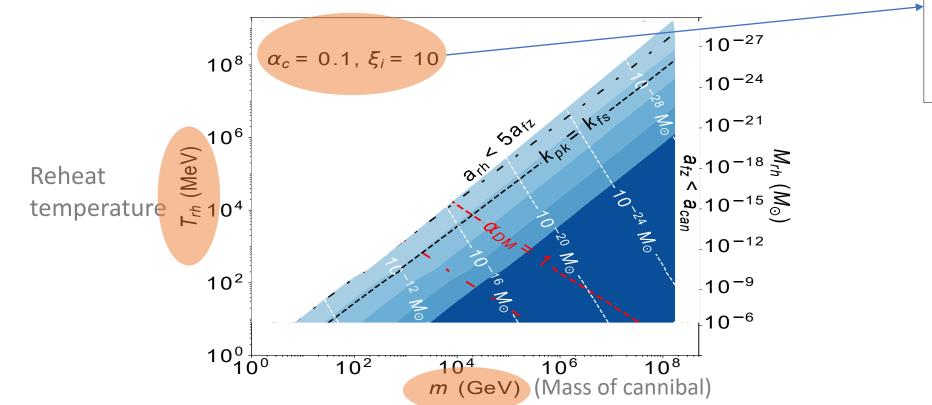
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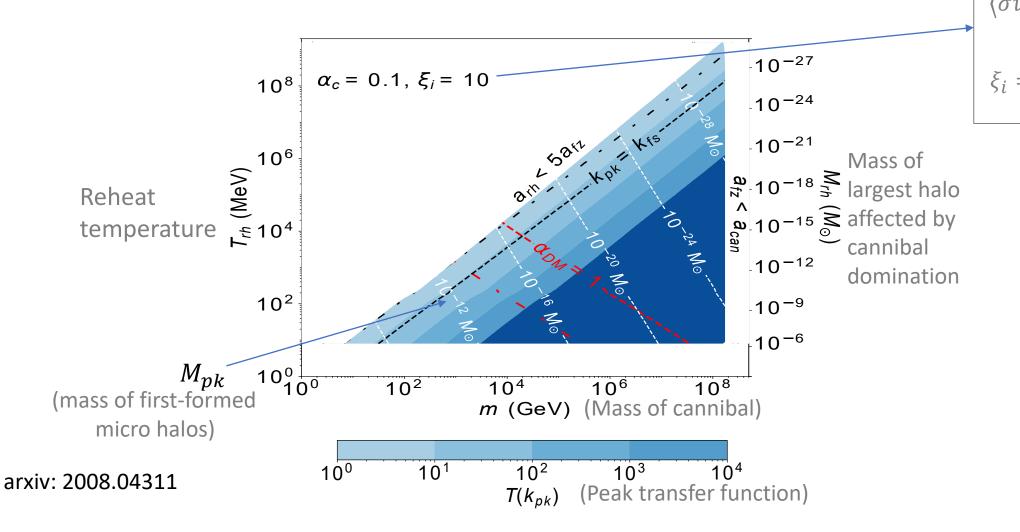
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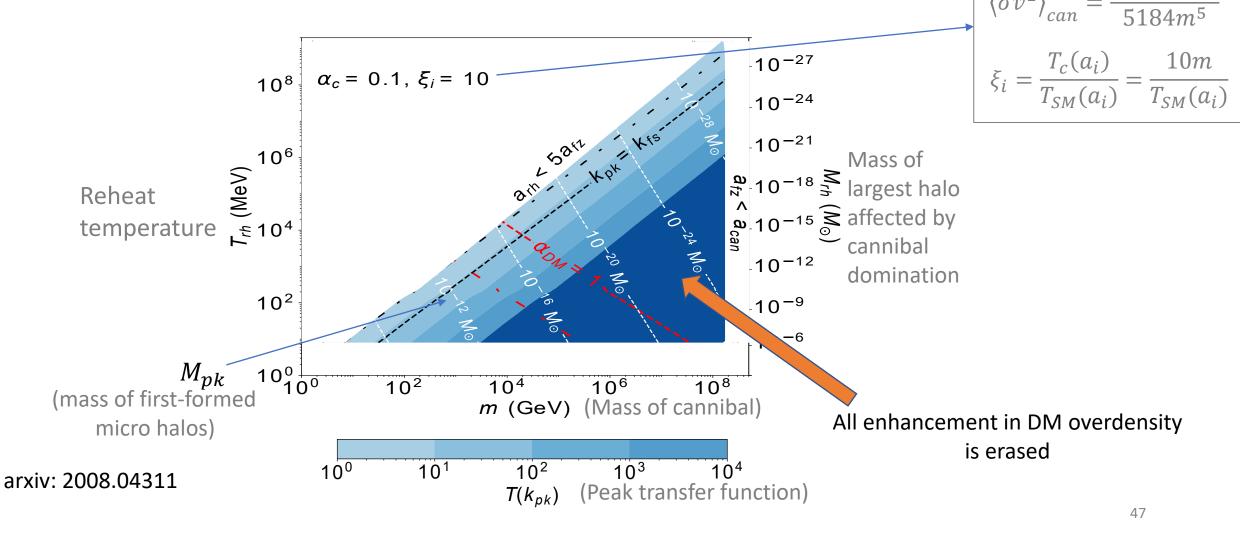
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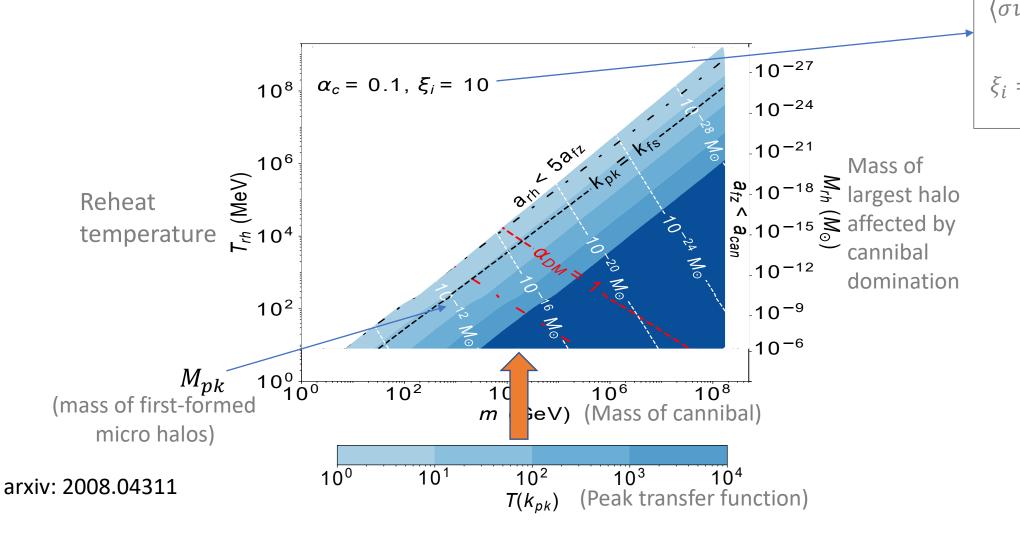
Parameter space of cannibal model: Type of microhalos



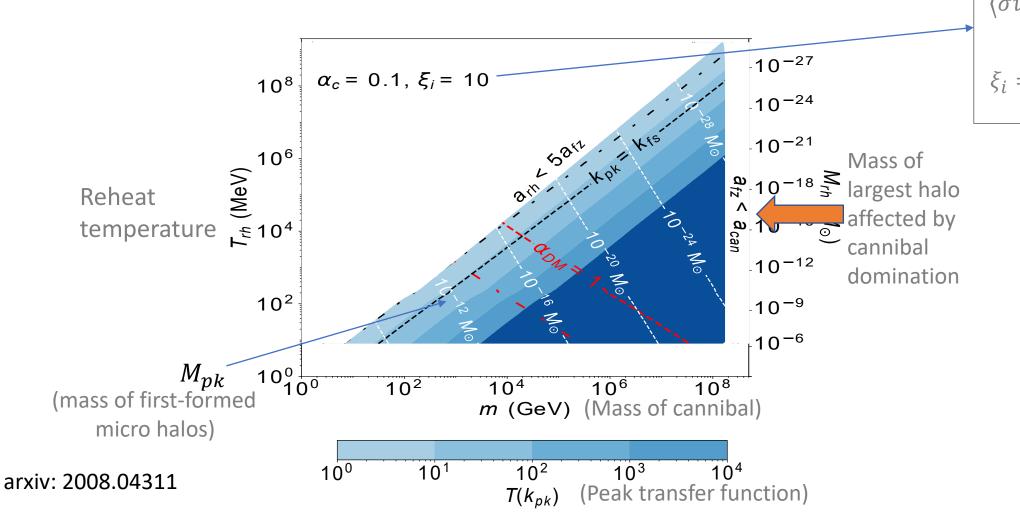
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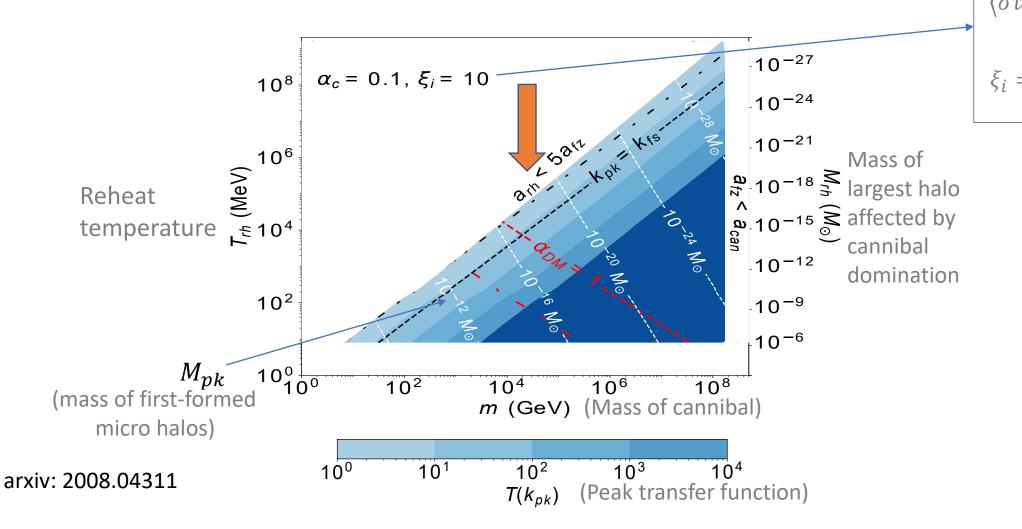


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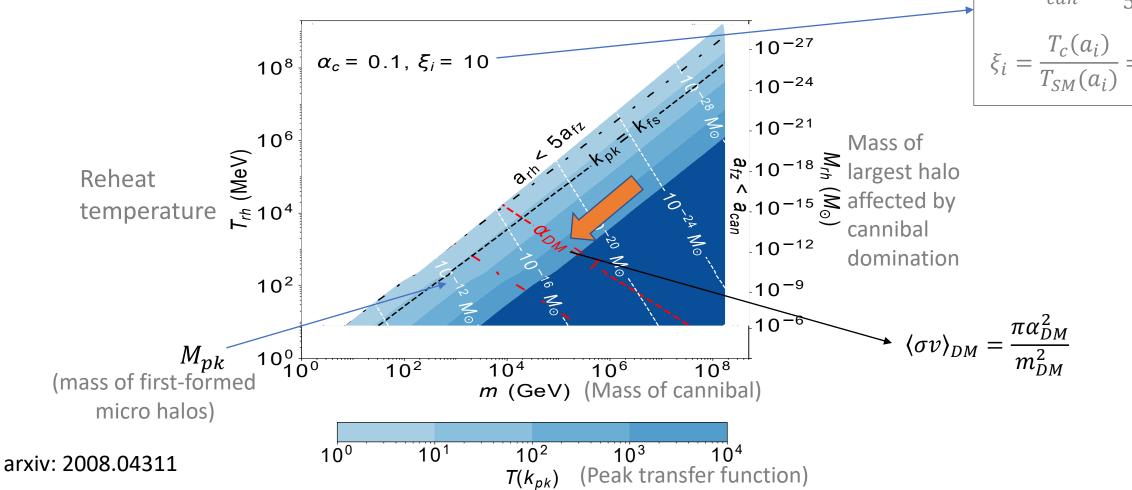
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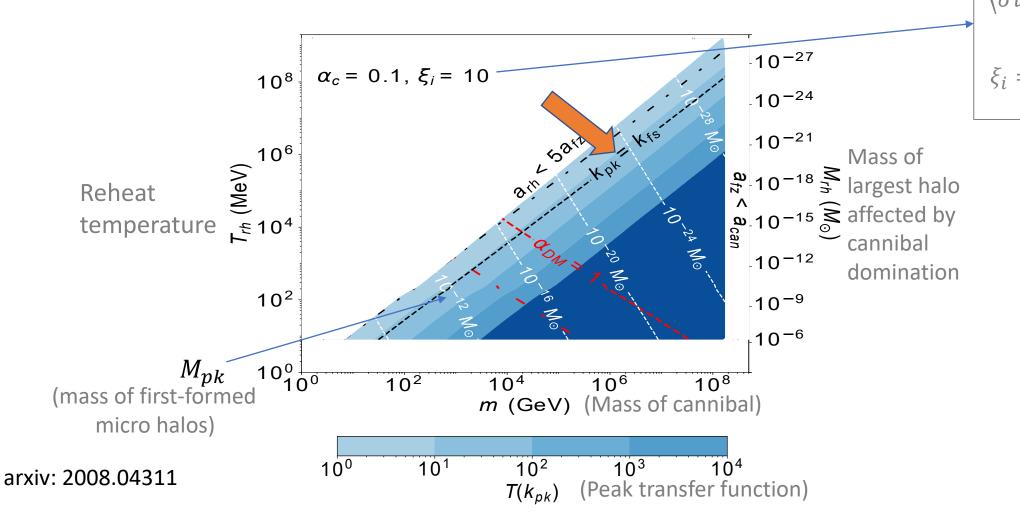


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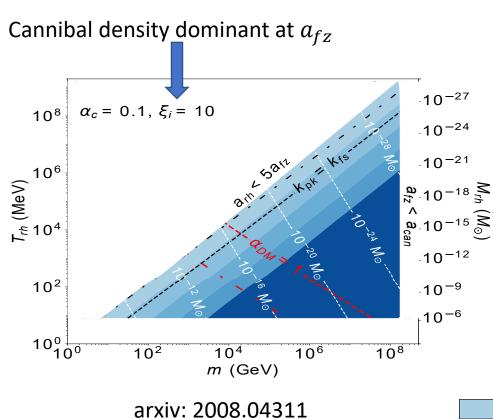
limit if DM freezes out from HS bath

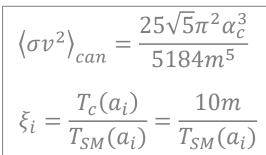


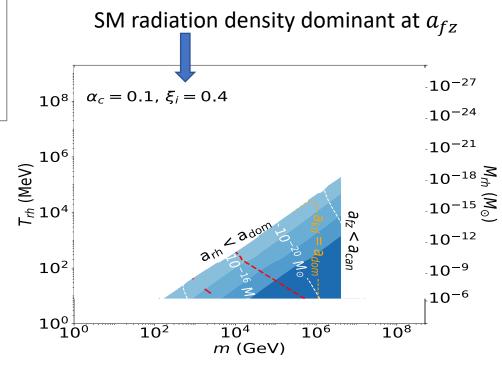
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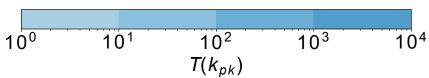


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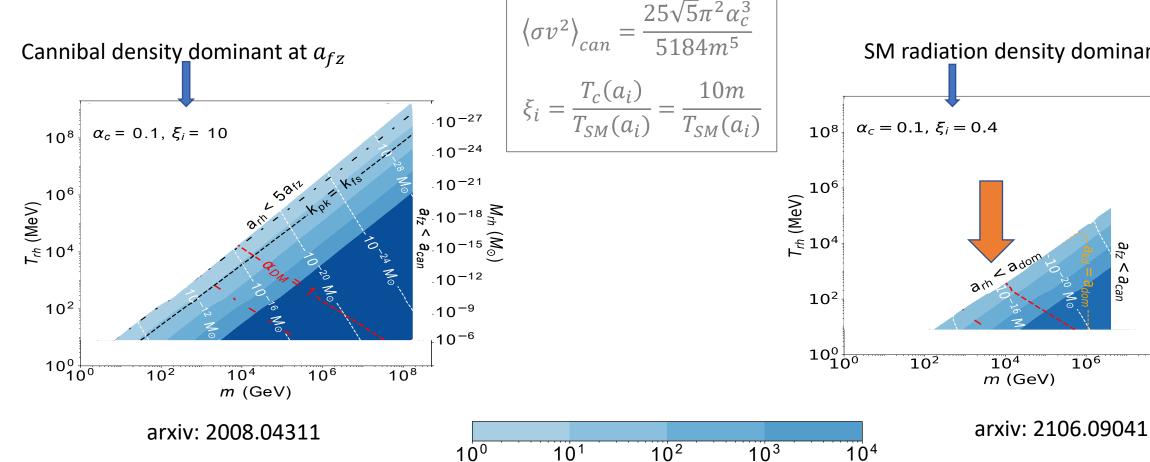


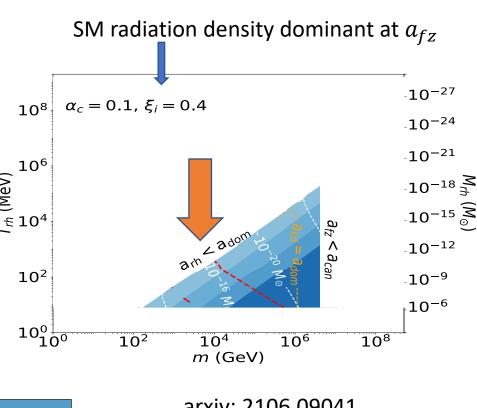


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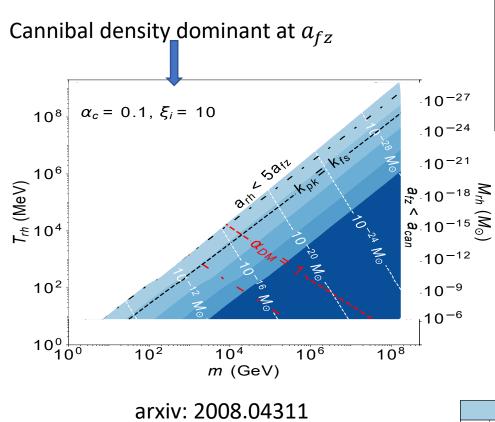
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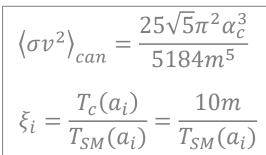
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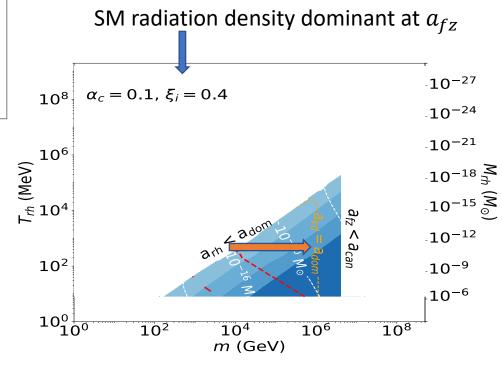


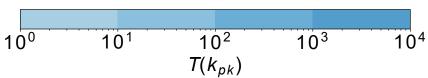


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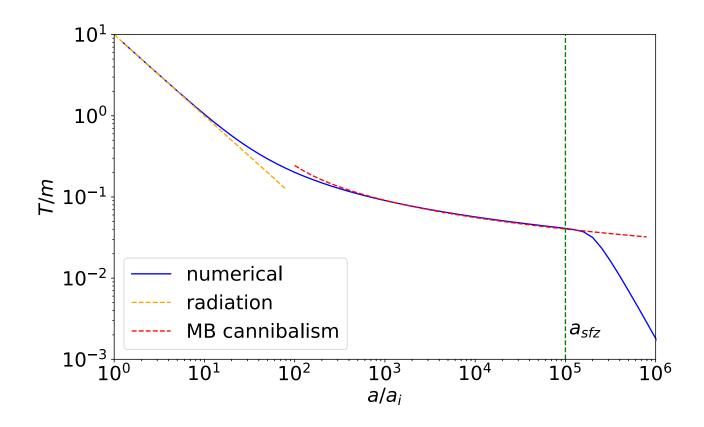




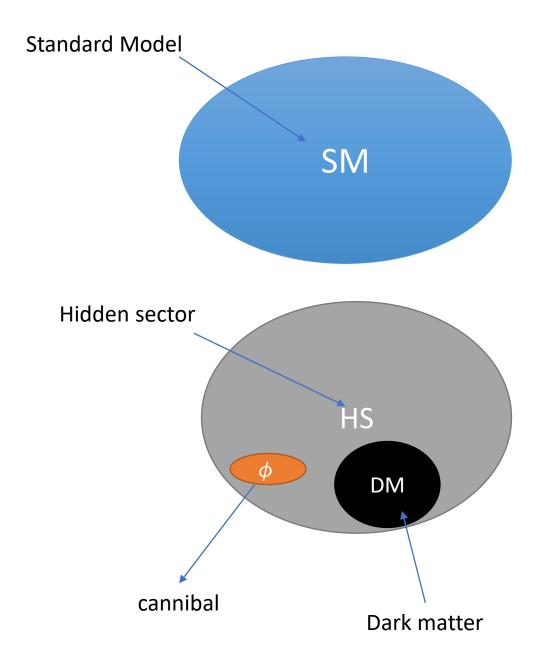


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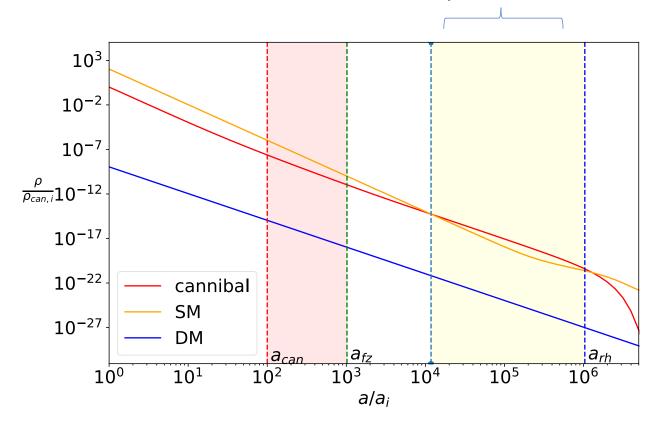


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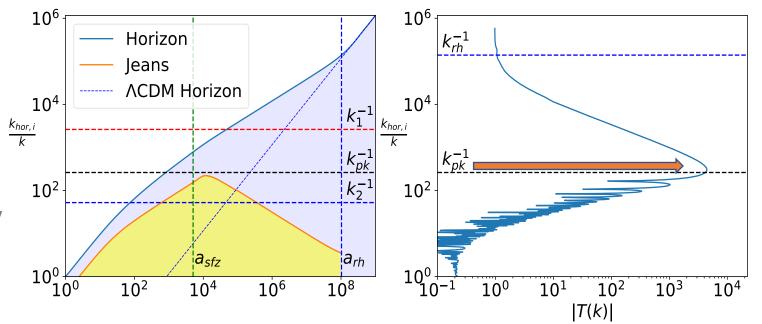


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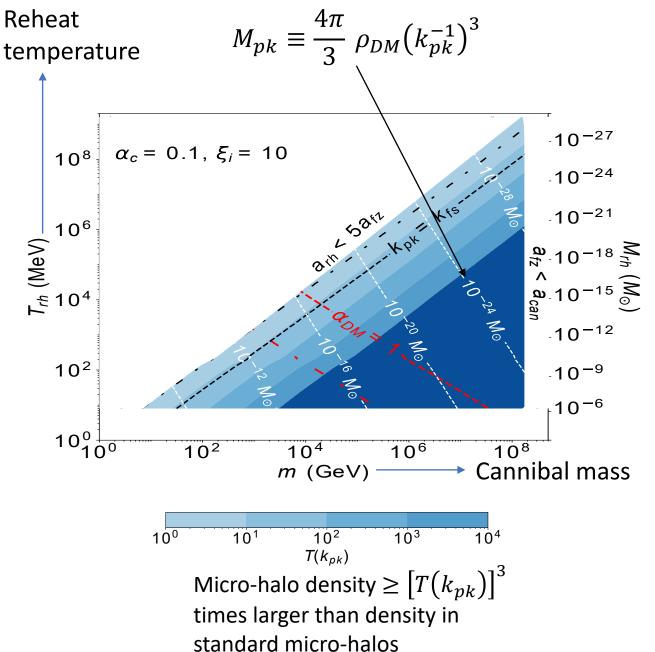
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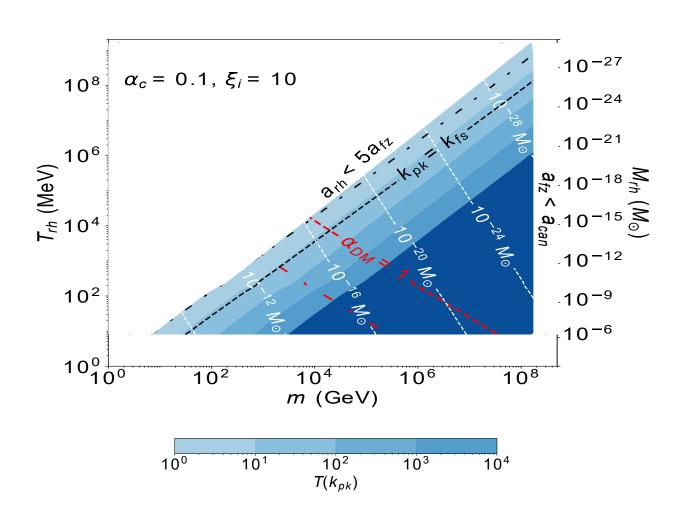
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