

# Constraining Majoron from Big-Bang Nucleosynthesis

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# Outline of the talk

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- **Introduction to Majoron and Standard BBN (SBBN)**
- **Effect of Majoron on BBN**
- **Summary**

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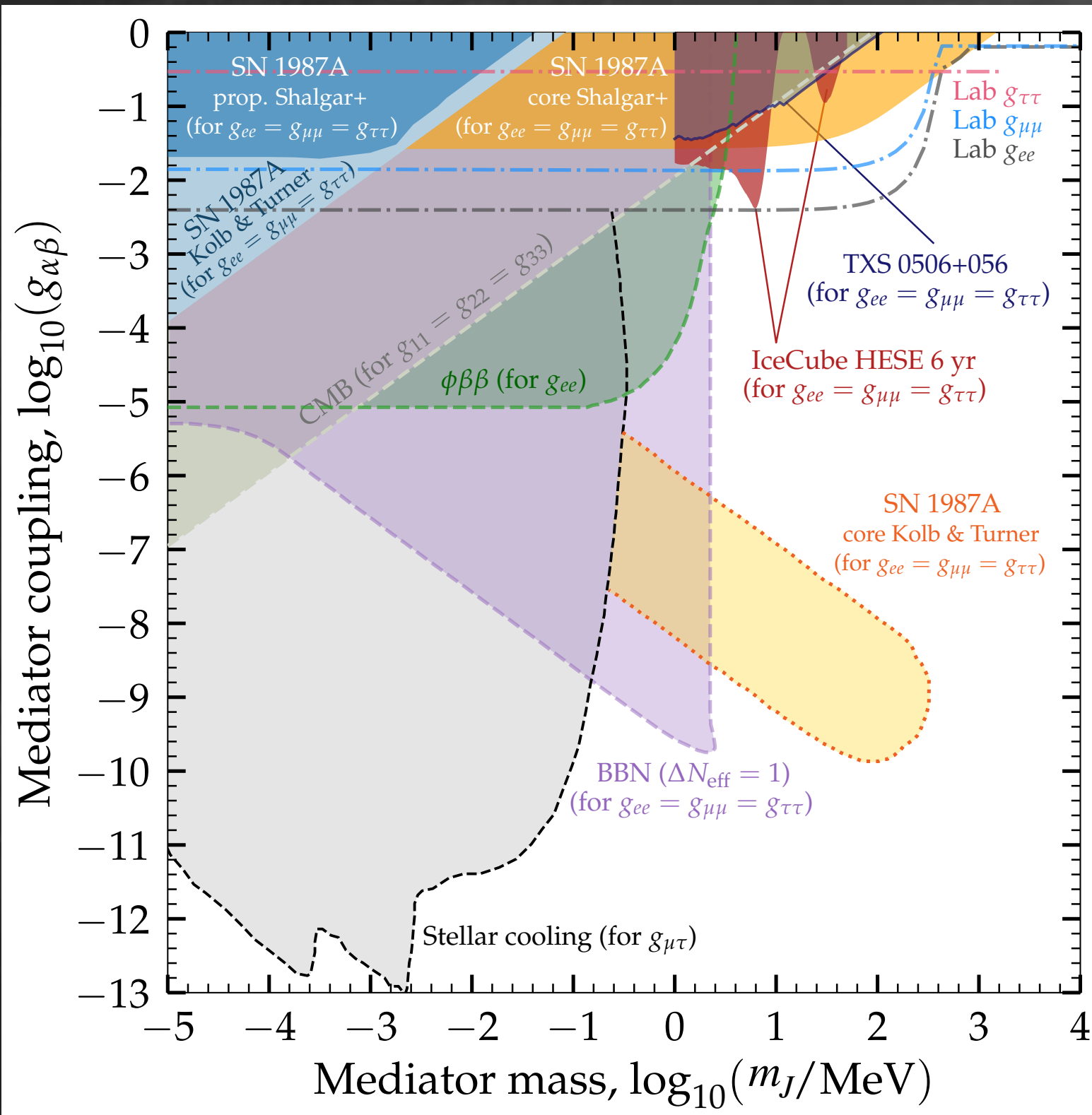
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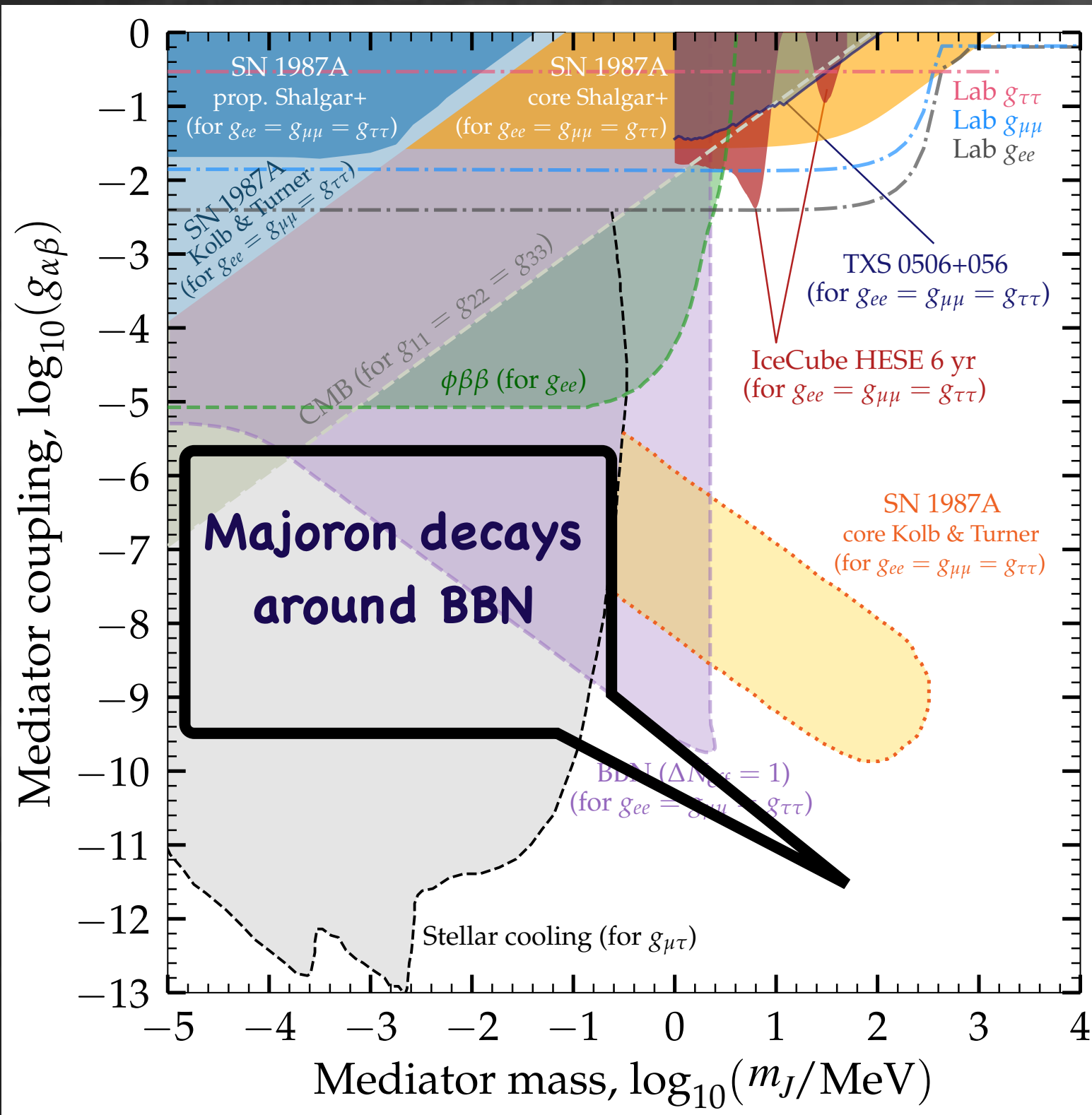
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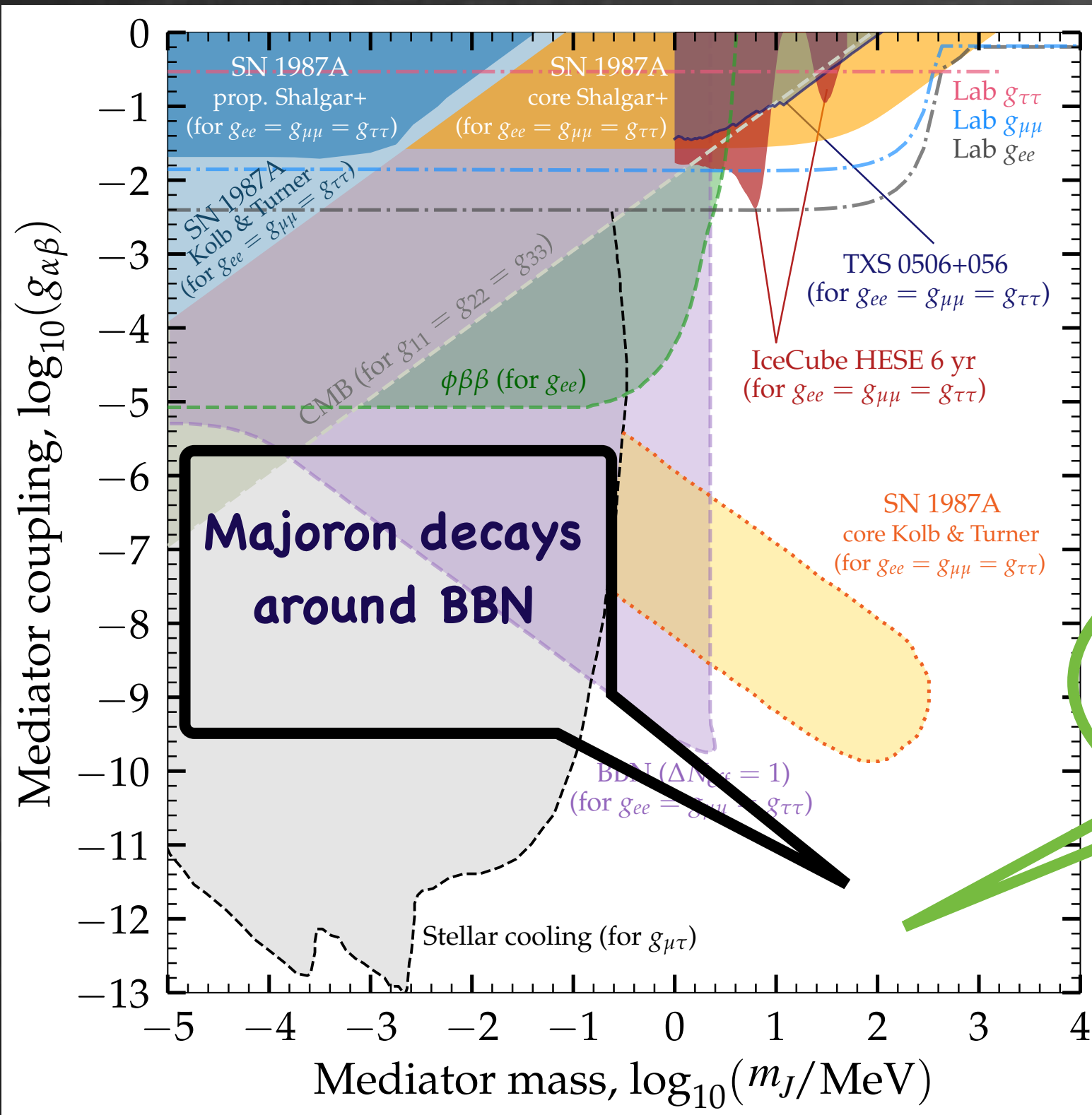
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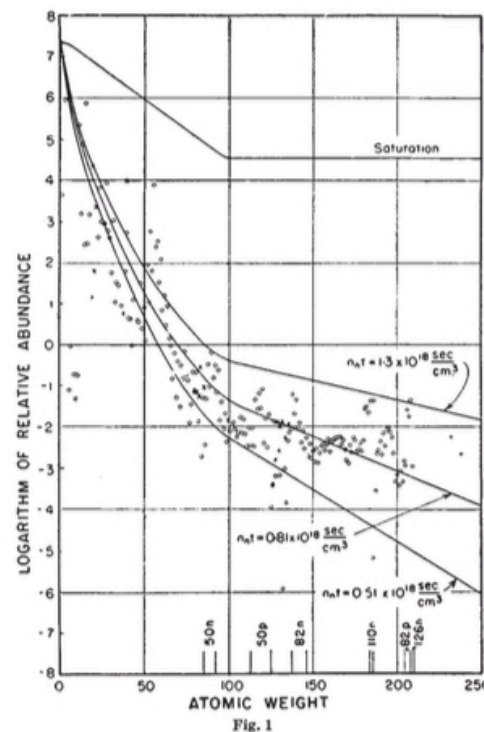
## THE EVOLUTION OF THE UNIVERSE

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THE discovery of the red shift in the spectra of distant stellar galaxies revealed the important fact that our universe is in the state of uniform expansion, and raised an interesting question as to whether the present features of the universe could be understood as the result of its evolutionary development, which must have started a few thousand million years ago from a homogeneous state of extremely high density and temperature. We conclude first of all that the relative abundances of various atomic species (which were found to be essentially the same all over the observed region of the universe) must represent the most ancient archaeological document pertaining to the history of the universe. These abundances must have been established during the earliest stages of expansion when the temperature of the primordial matter was still sufficiently high to permit nuclear transformations to run through the entire range of chemical elements. It is also interesting to notice that the observed relative amounts of natural radioactive elements suggest that their nuclei must have been formed (presumably along with all other stable nuclei) rather soon after the beginning of the universal expansion. In fact, we notice that natural radioactive isotopes with the decay periods of many thousand million years (such as uranium-238, thorium-232 and samarium-148) are comparatively abundant, whereas those with decay periods measuring only several hundred million years are extremely rare (as uranium-235 and potassium-40). If, using the known decay periods and natural abundances of these isotopes, we try to calculate the date when they have been about as abundant as the corresponding isotopes of longer life, we find that it must have been a few thousand million years ago, in general agreement with the astronomically determined age of the universe.

The early attempts to explain the observed relative abundances of the elements<sup>1,2</sup> were based on the assumption that the present distribution represents a 'frozen equilibrium state' corresponding to some very high temperature and density in an early stage of universal expansion. Such equilibrium theories lead, however, to the result that the logarithm of the relative abundance must be a linear function of the nuclear binding energy, which in its turn is known to be a linear function of atomic weight. Thus, according to that picture, we would expect a rapid exponential decrease of relative abundances all the way from hydrogen to uranium, in direct contrast to the observed distribution (sketched in Fig. 1).



tion fly beyond any limit) as the result of hypothetical universal collapse preceding the present expansion. In fact, the extremely high pressures obtaining near the point of complete collapse (singular point at  $t = 0$ ) would have squeezed the free electrons into the protons, turning the matter into the state of over-heated neutron fluid. When the expansion began, and the density of neutron gas dropped, the neutrons would be expected to begin decaying again into protons, and more and more complex nuclear aggregates could be built up as the result of the union between the newly formed protons and the neutrons still remaining. Such a building-up process must have started when the temperature of the neutron-proton mixture dropped below a few times  $10^{10}$  °K., which corresponds to the mutual binding energies of these nuclear particles. The equations governing such a gradual building-up process can evidently be written in the form:

$$\frac{dn_i}{dt} = \lambda_{i-1} n_{i-1} - \lambda_i n_i \quad (i = 1, 2, 3, \dots), \quad (1)$$

## Thermonuclear Reactions in the Expanding Universe

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IT has been shown in previous work<sup>1-3</sup> that the observed relative abundances of the elements can be explained satisfactorily by consideration of the building up of nuclei by successive neutron captures during the early stages of the expanding universe. Because of the radioactivity of the neutron, and also because neutrons are used in forming the elements, the building up process must have been completed essentially in a time of the order of several neutron decay periods, i.e., about  $10^3$ – $10^4$  sec. It should be noted that following the essential completion of the main element forming process, the temperature prevailing

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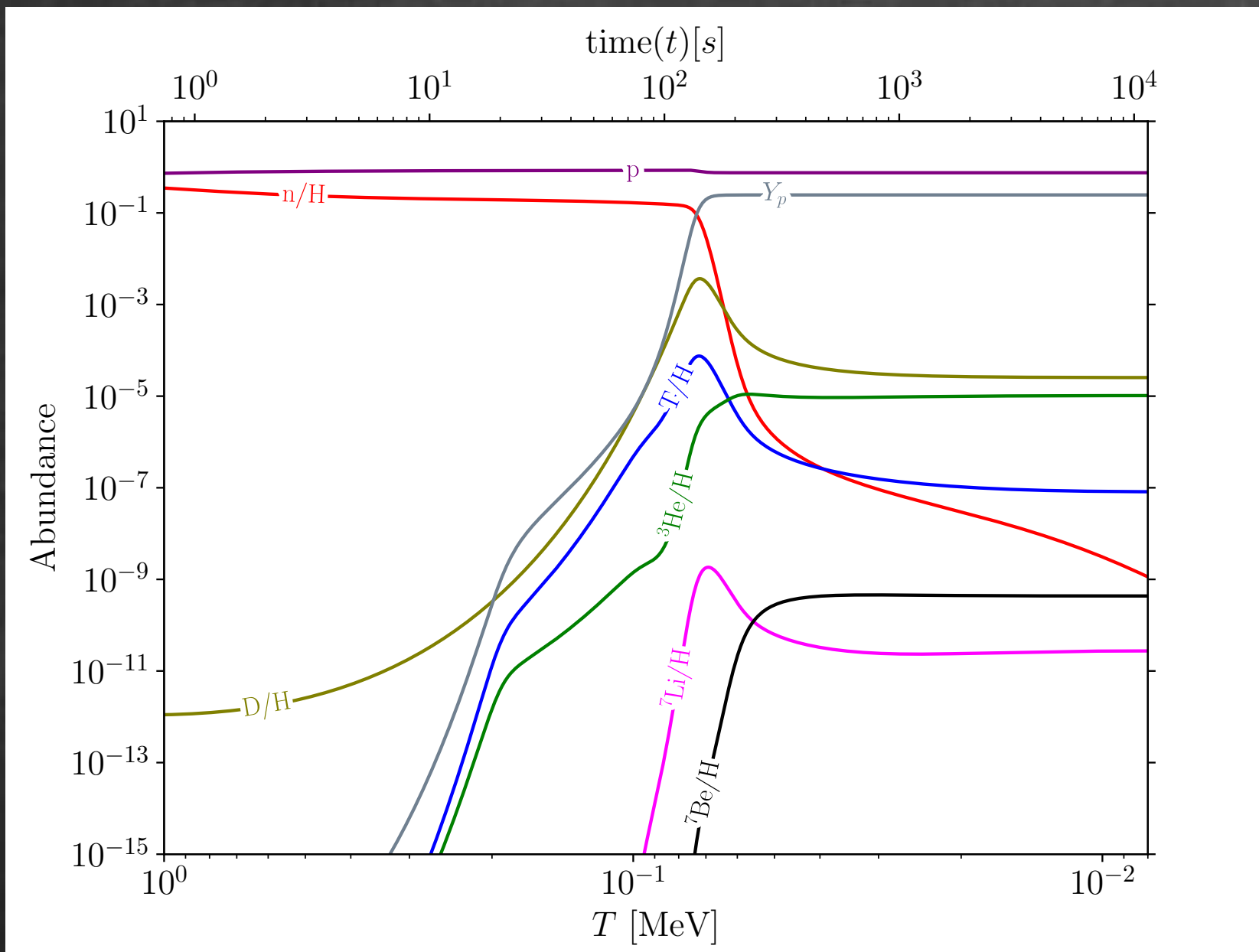
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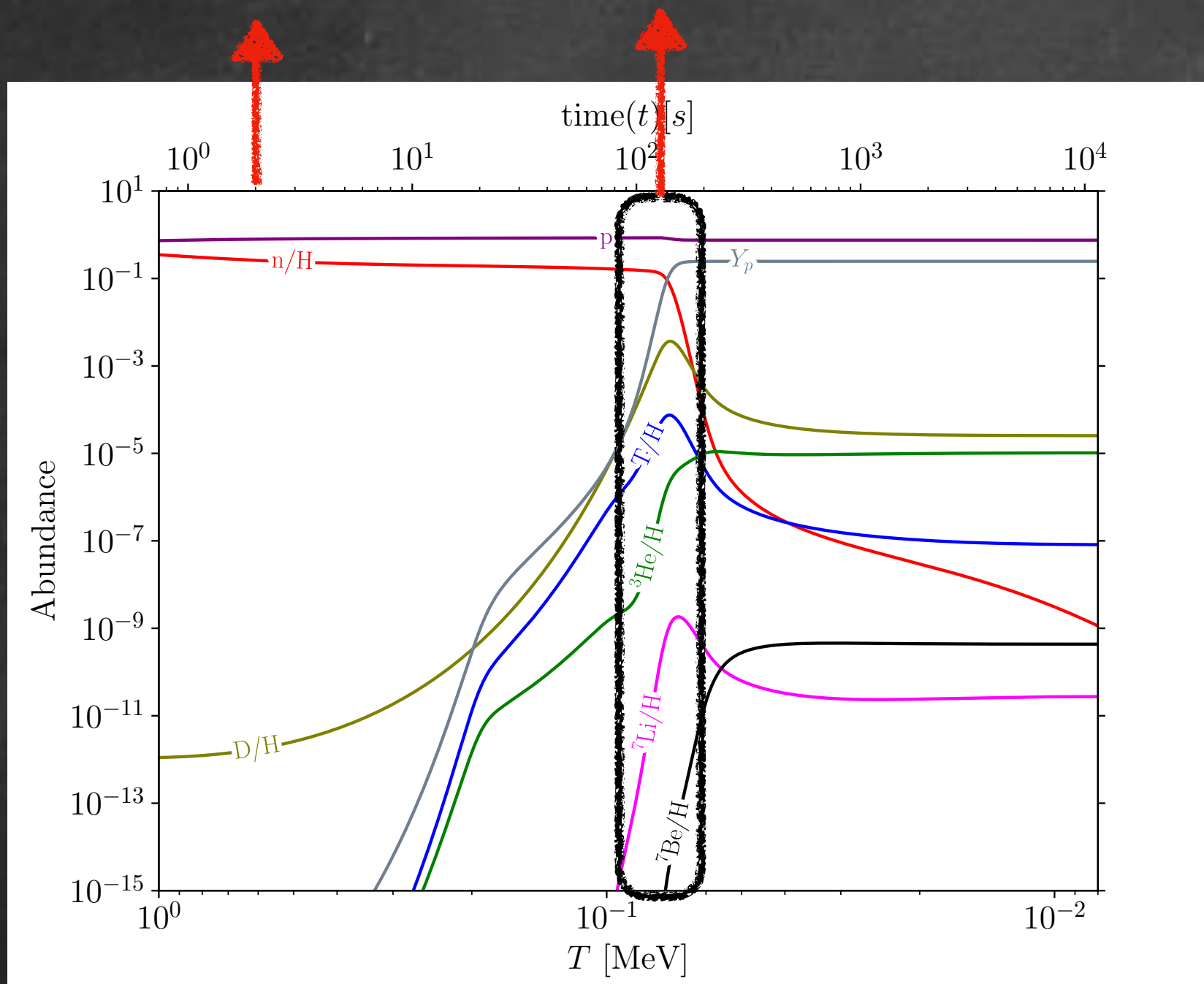




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D/H

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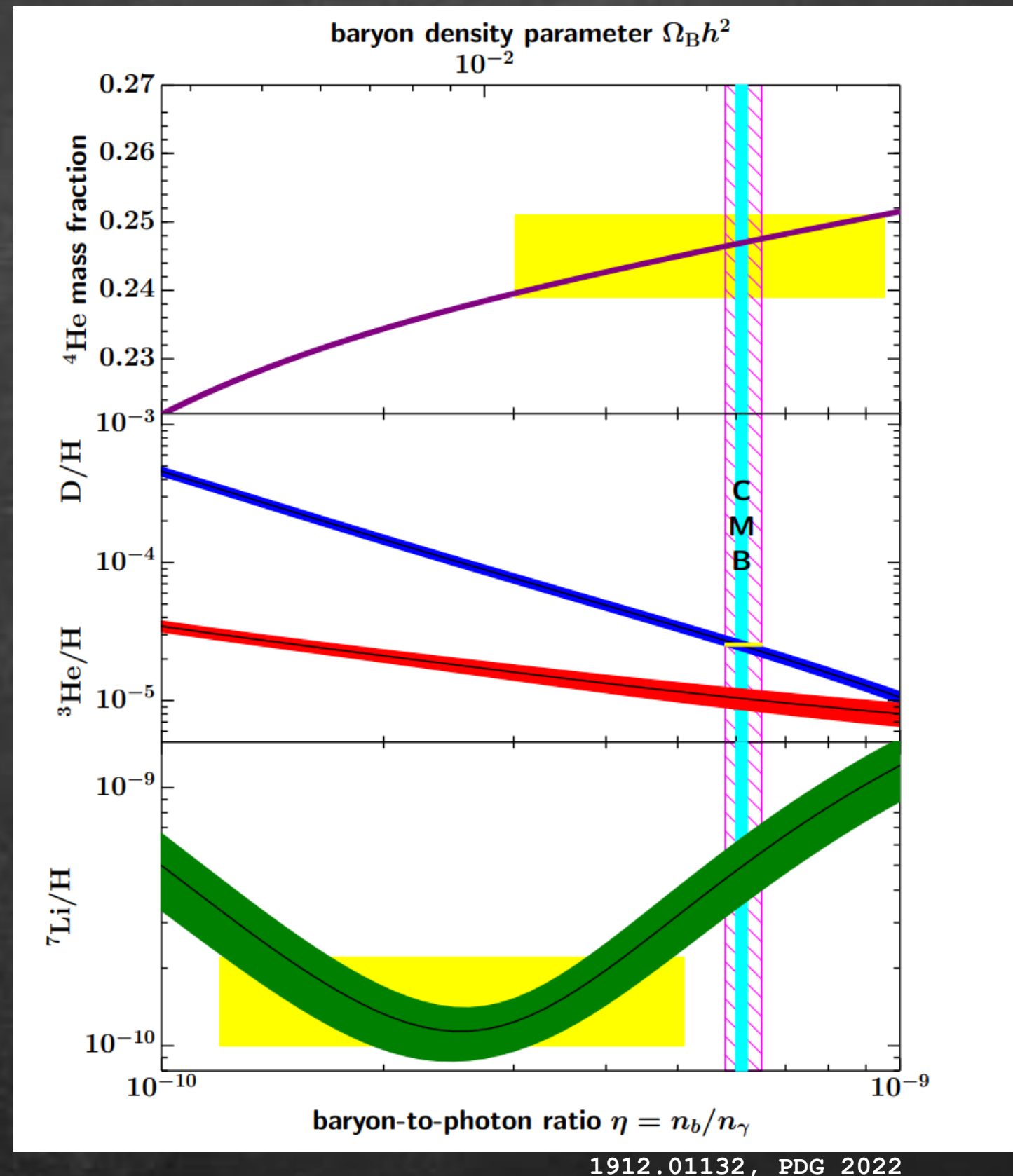
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$^7\text{Li}/\text{H}$

SBBN prediction:  $(4.72 \pm 0.72) \times 10^{-10}$

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Curve width corresponds to the theoretical uncertainty in the nuclear cross sections

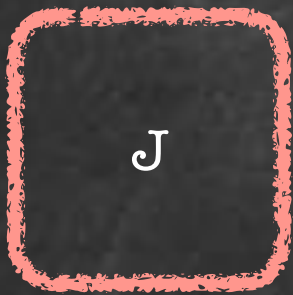


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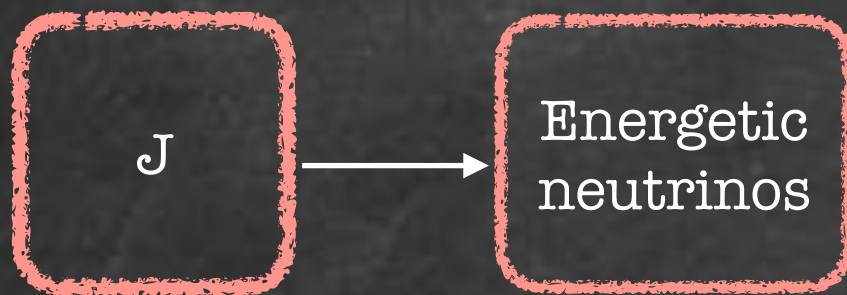
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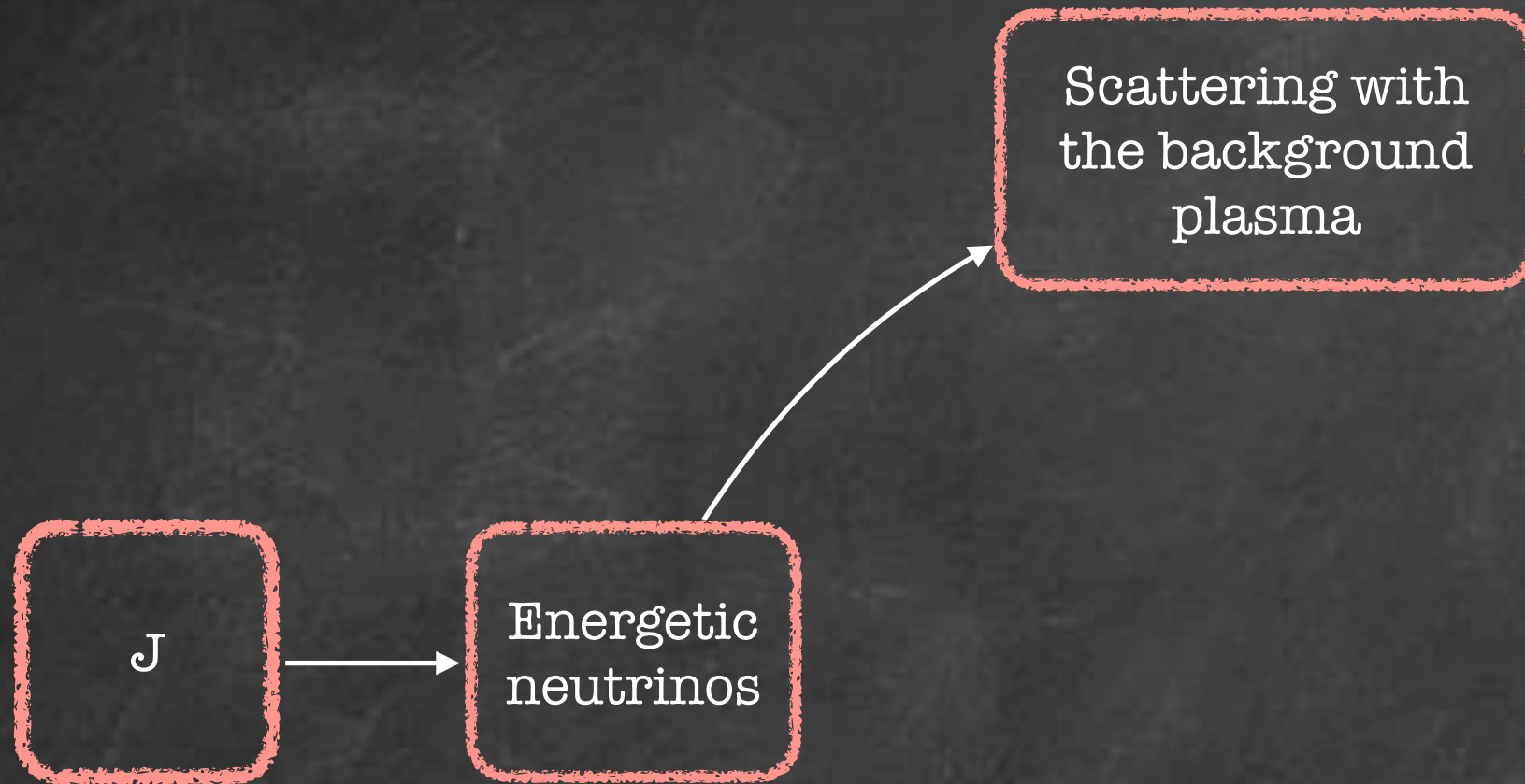
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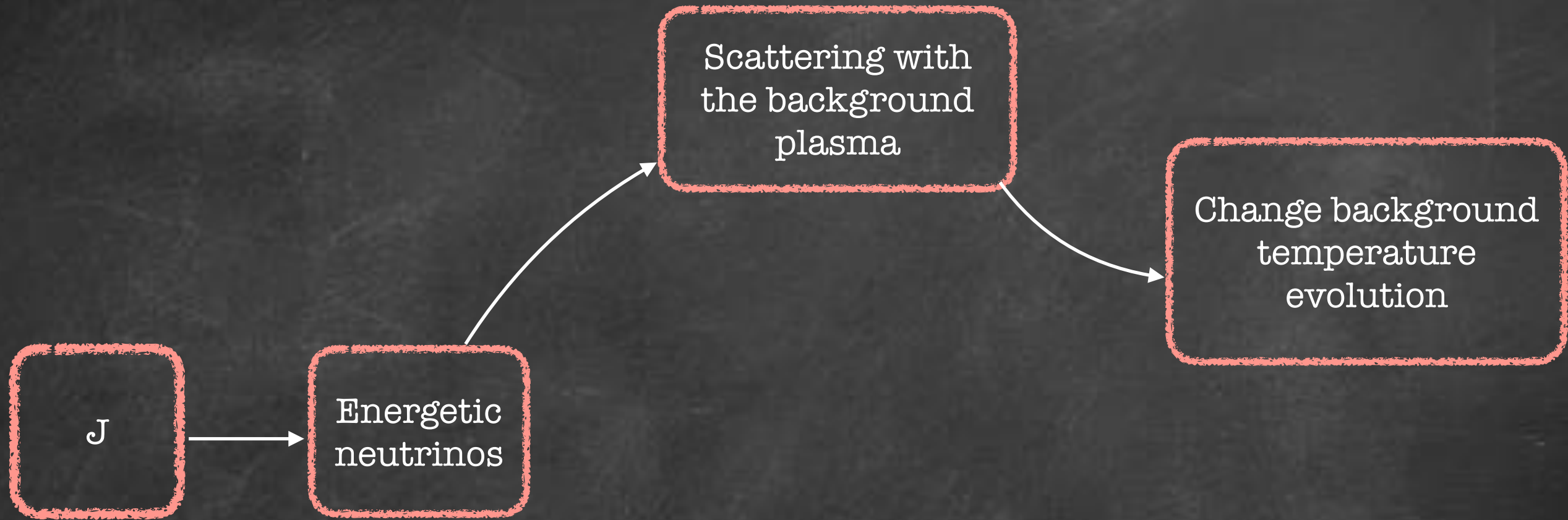
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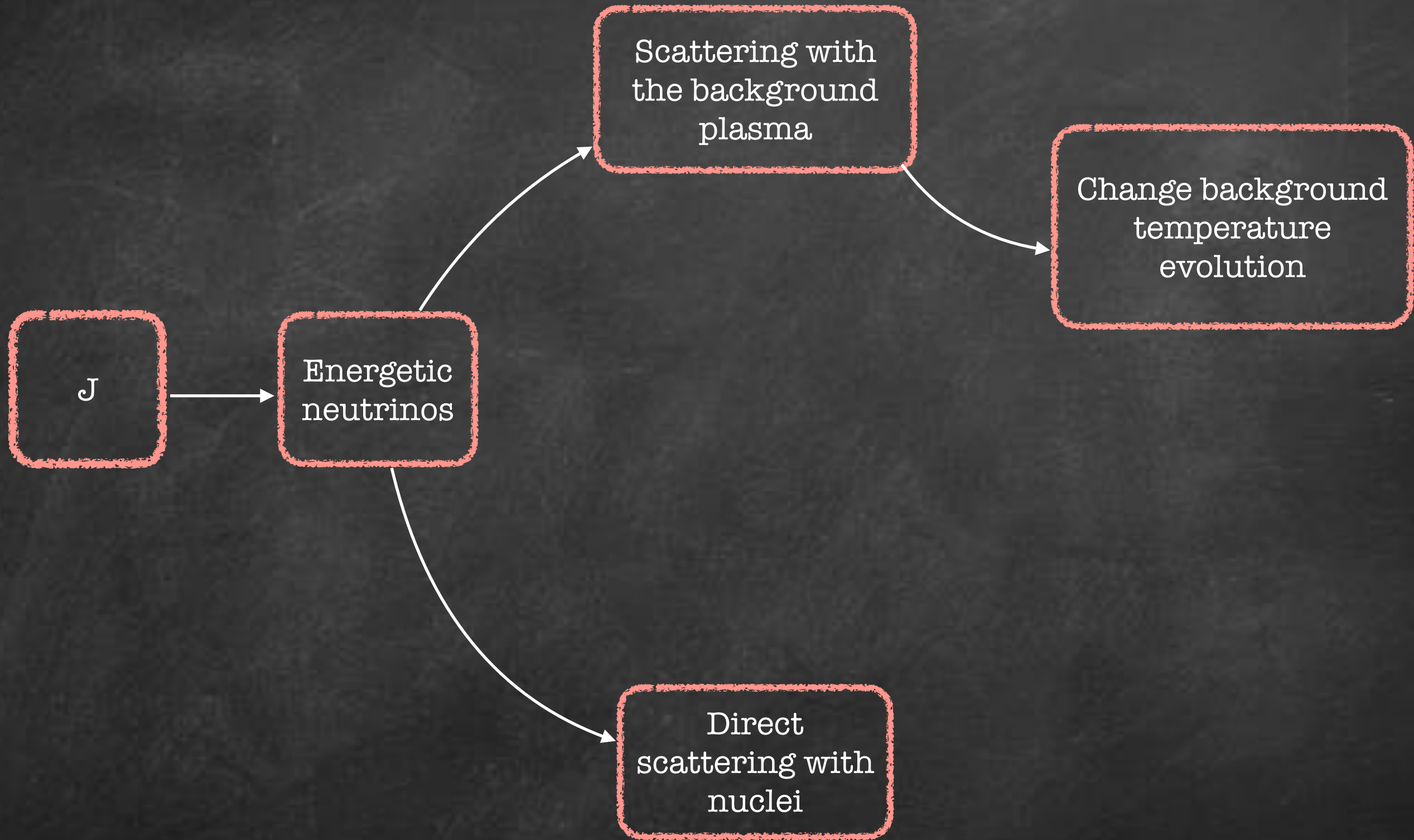


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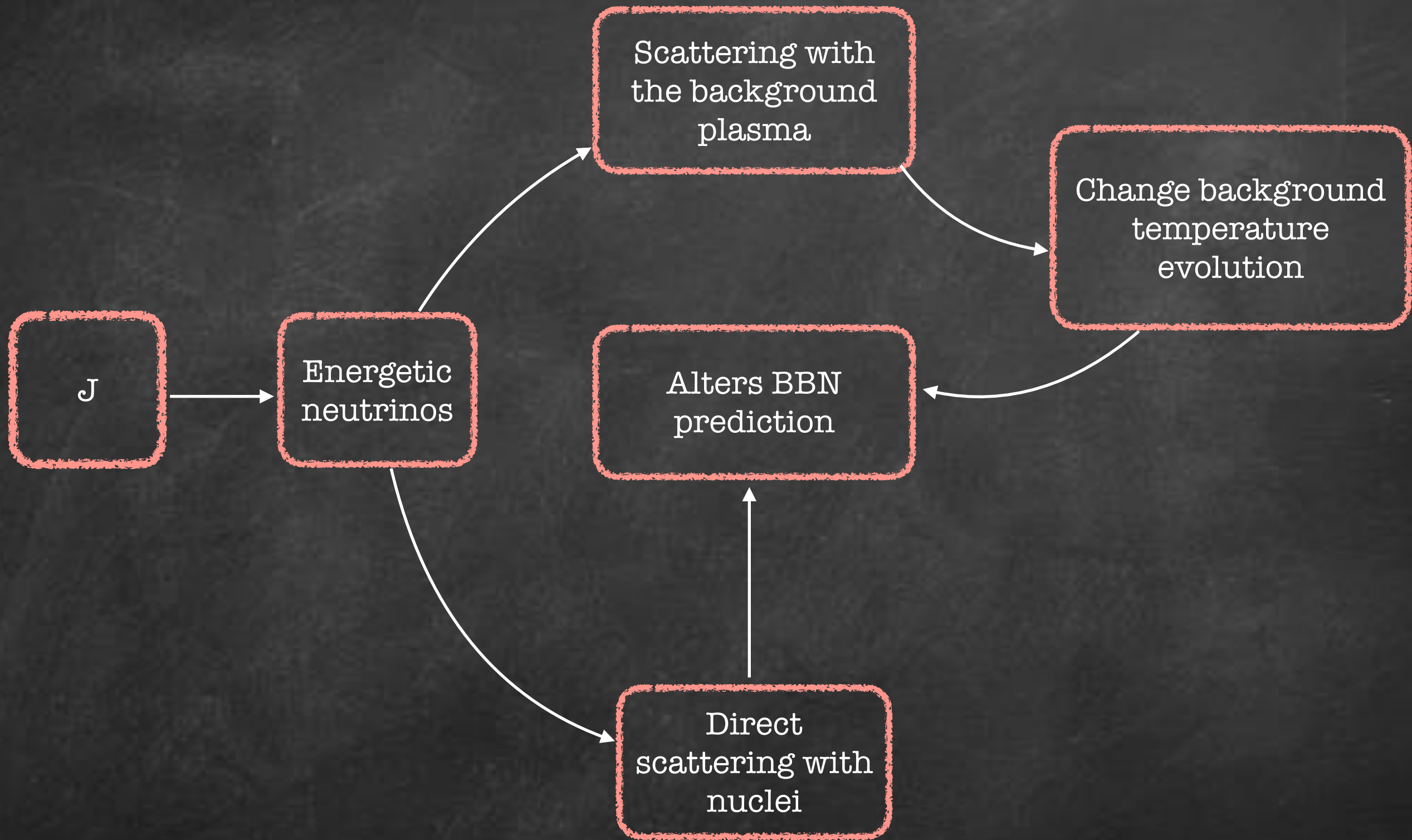


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$$\delta\Gamma_{A \rightarrow B} = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_0^{m_J/2} dE_{\nu_{\text{nt}}} f_{\nu_{\text{nt}}} E_{\nu_{\text{nt}}}^2 \sigma_{\nu_{\text{nt}} A \rightarrow B}$$

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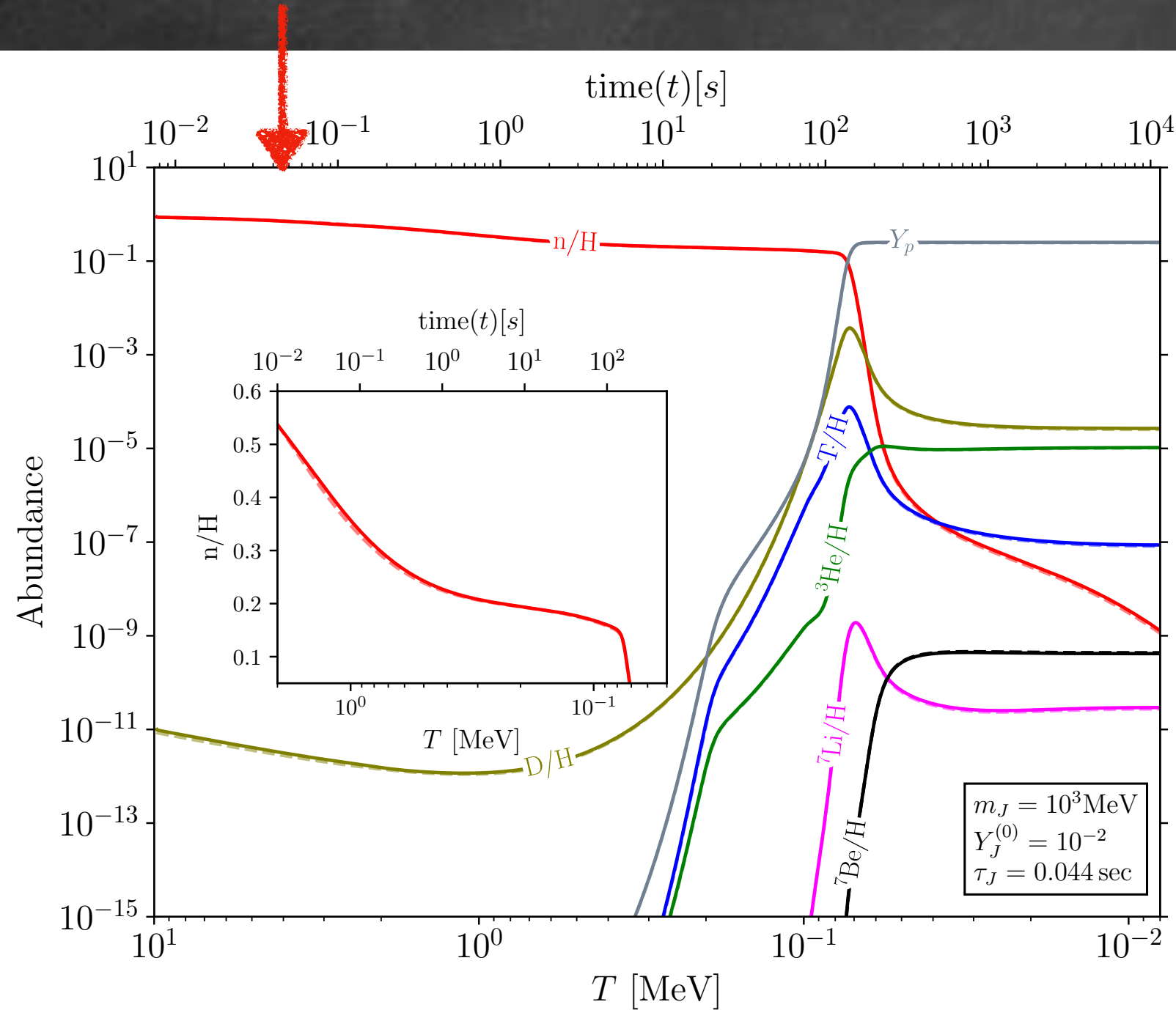
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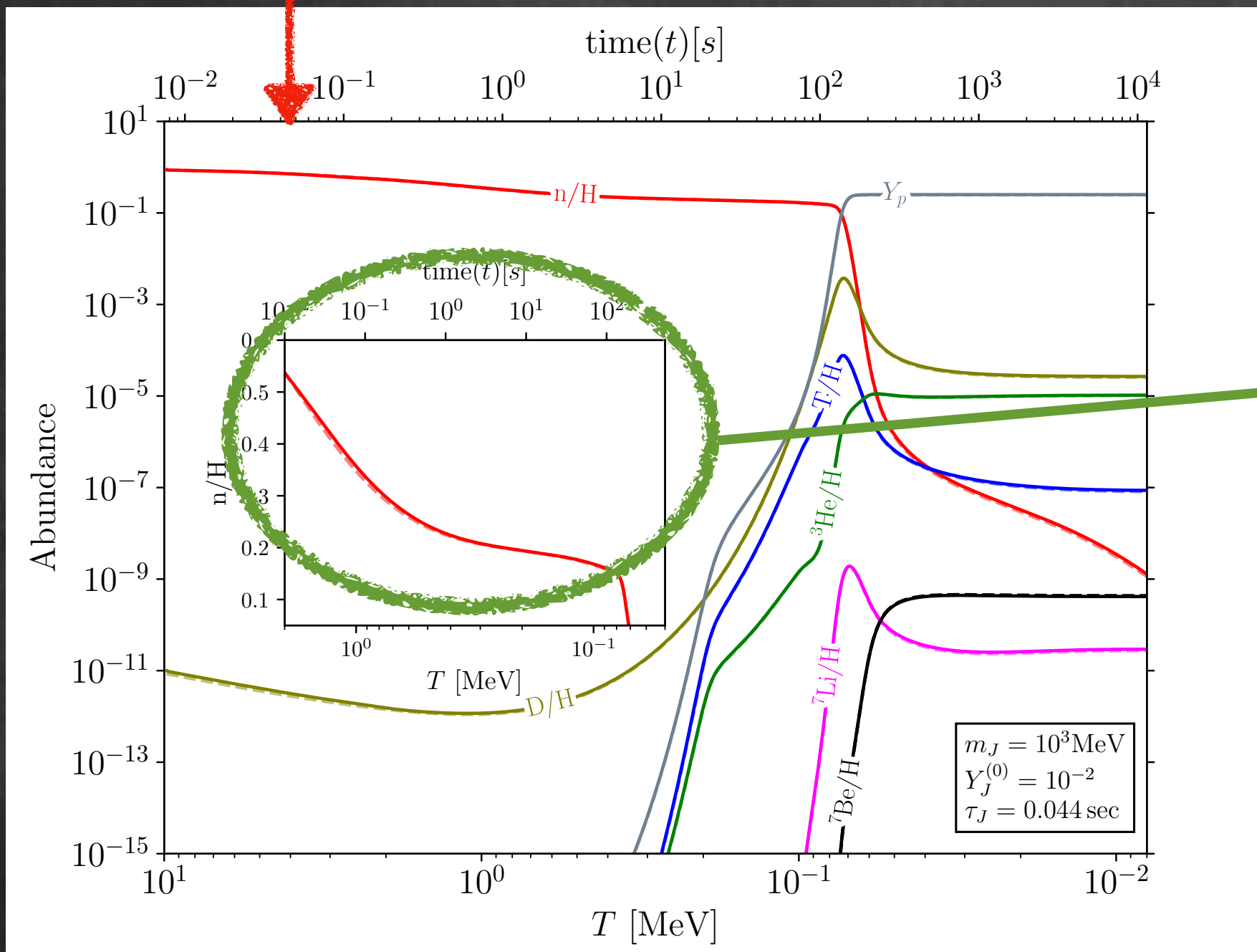
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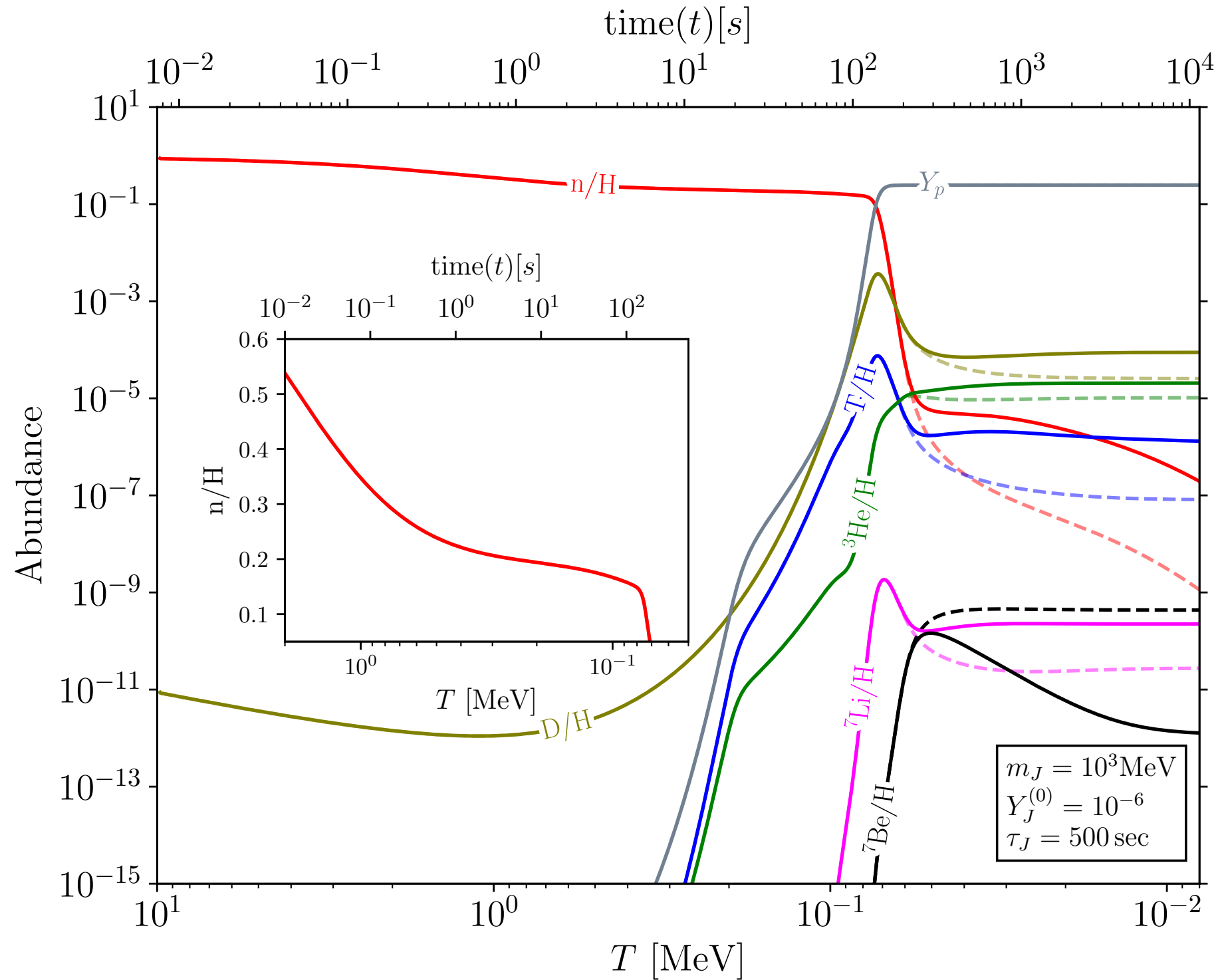
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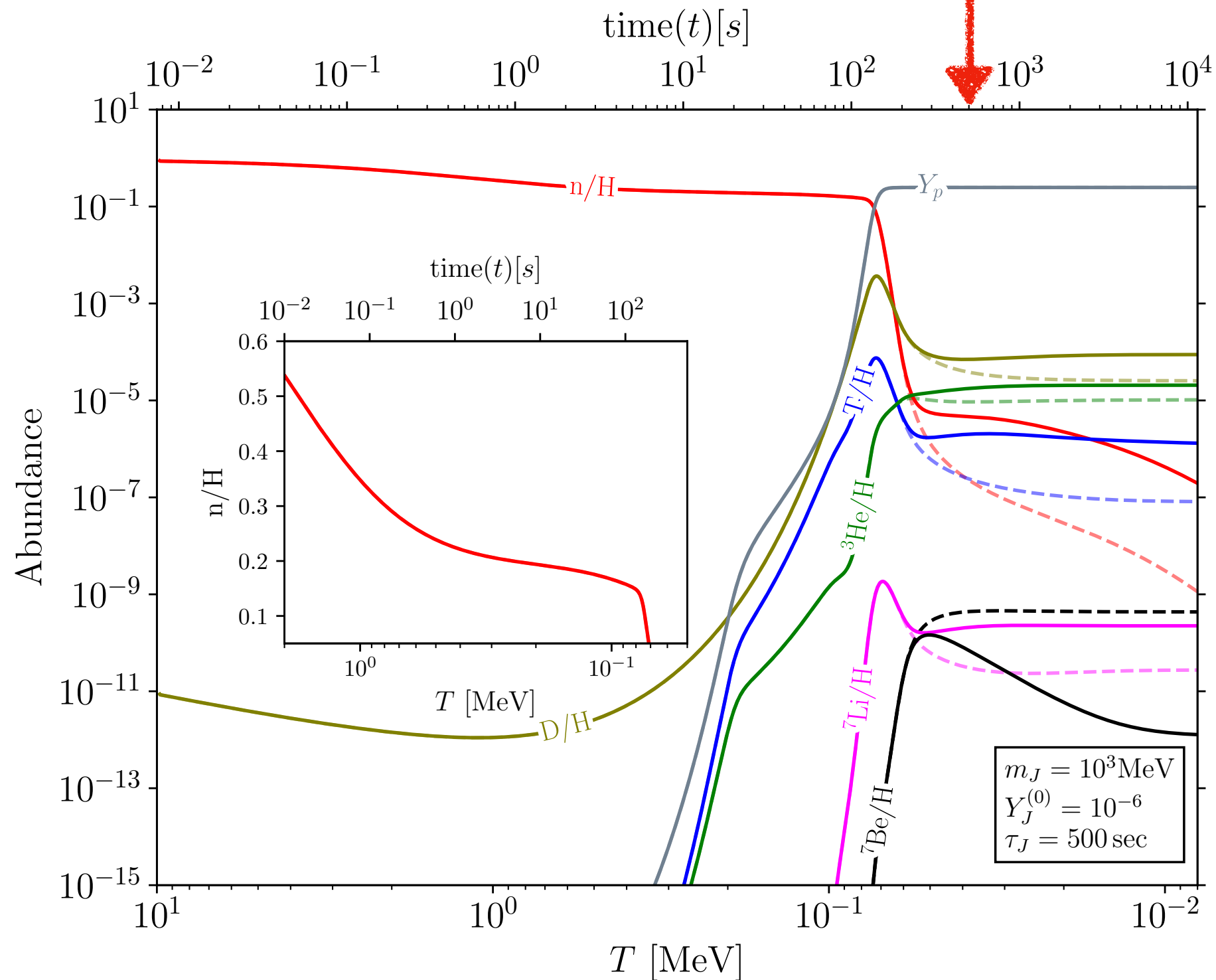
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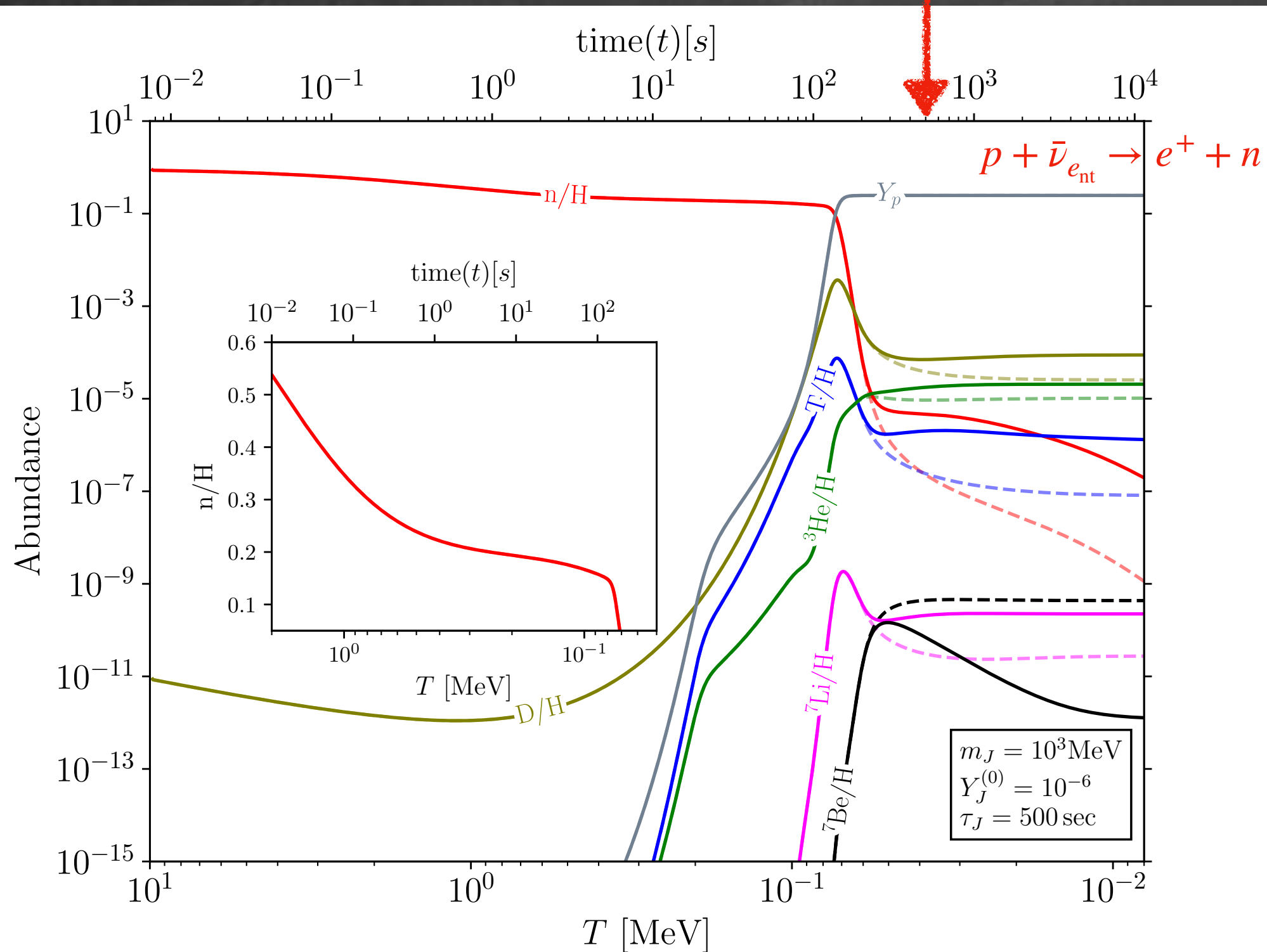
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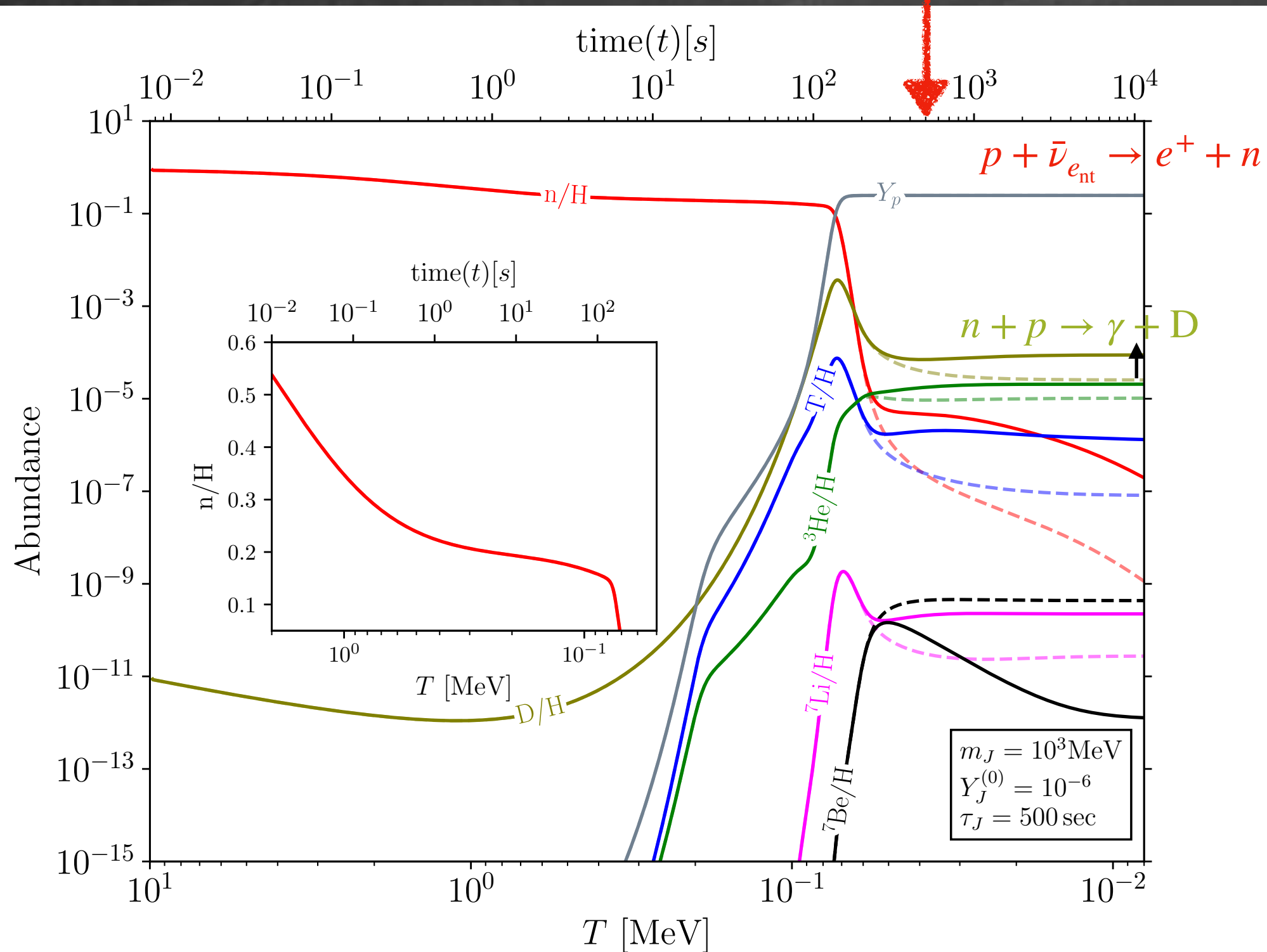
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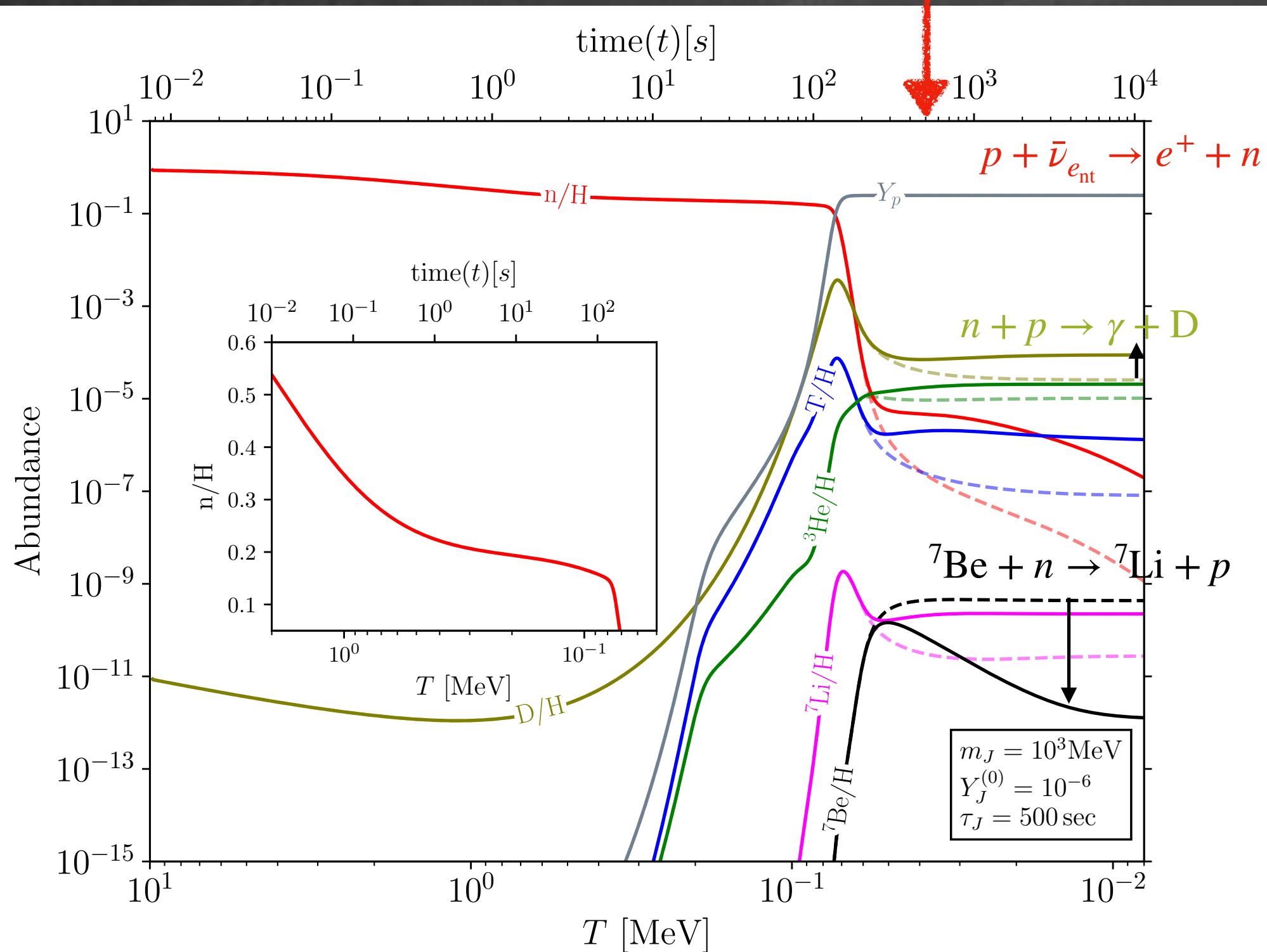
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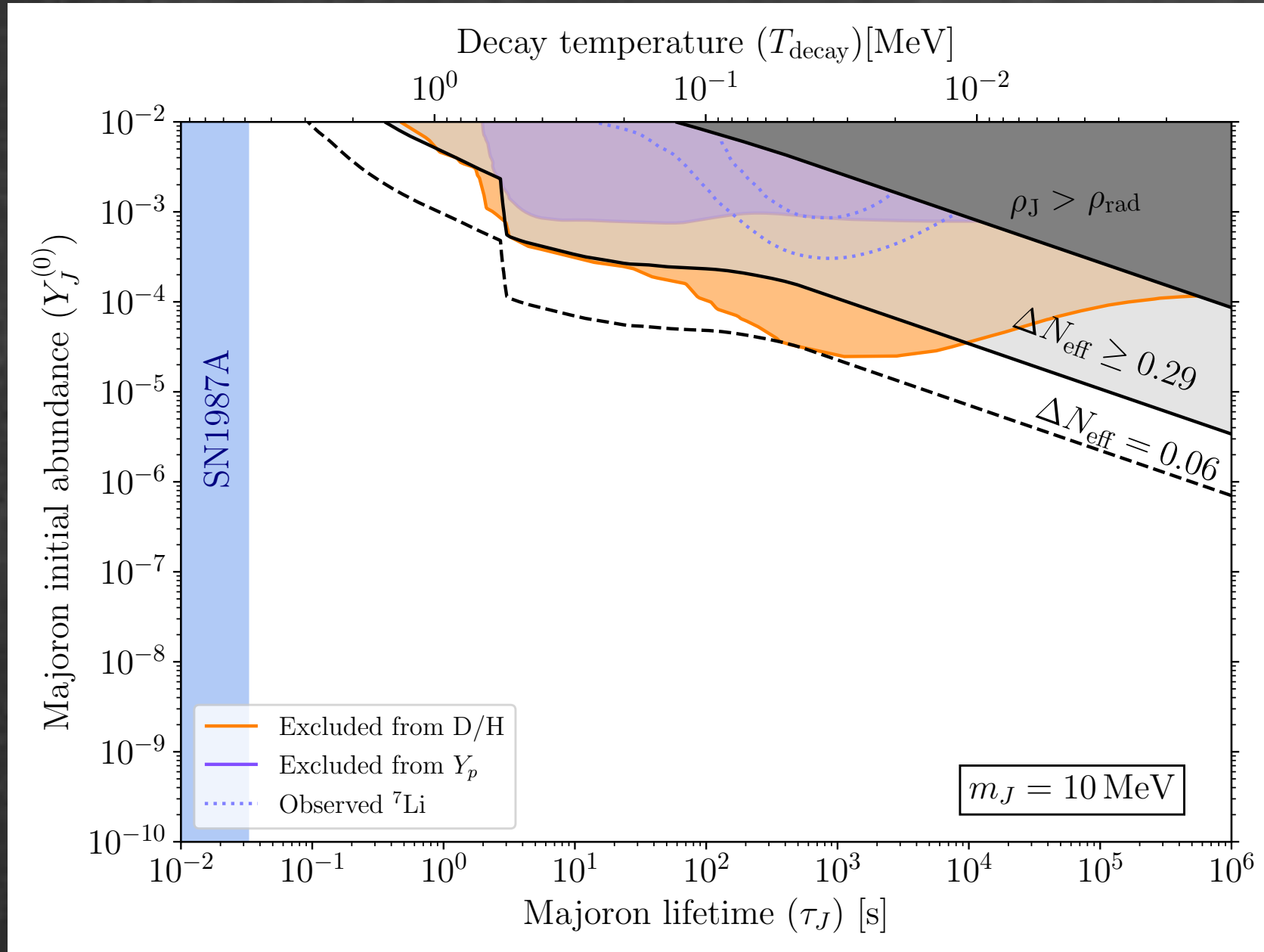


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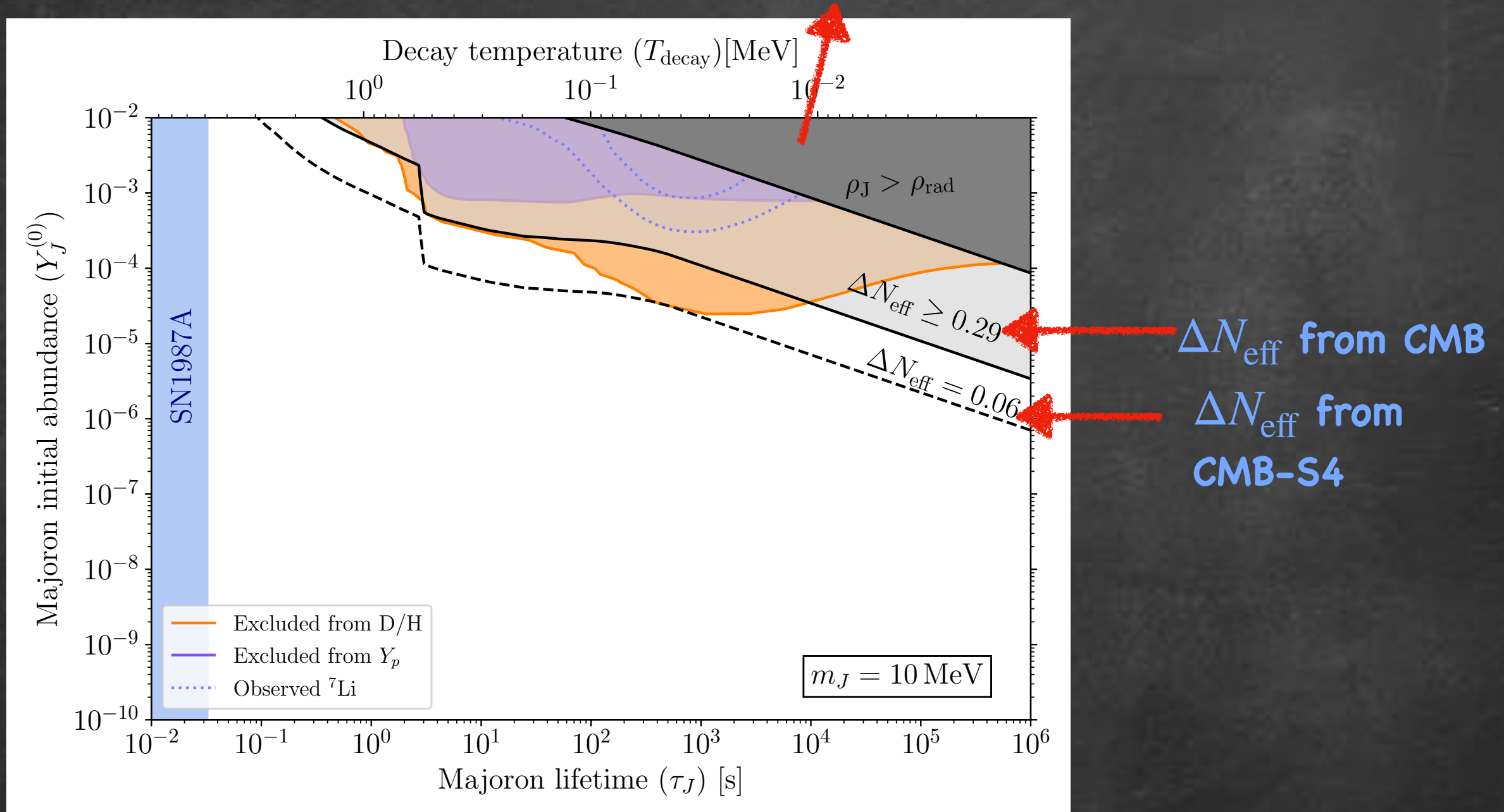


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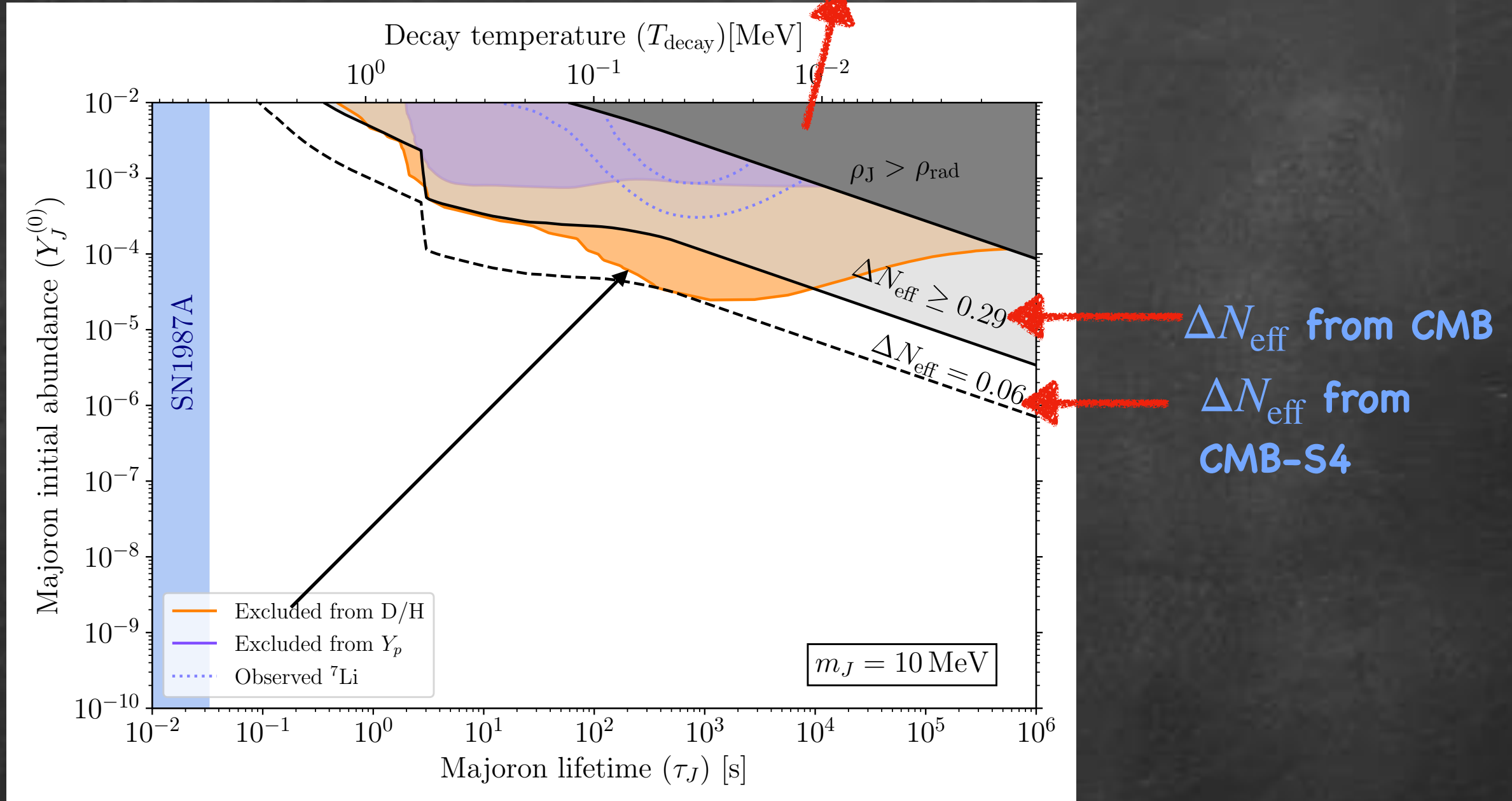
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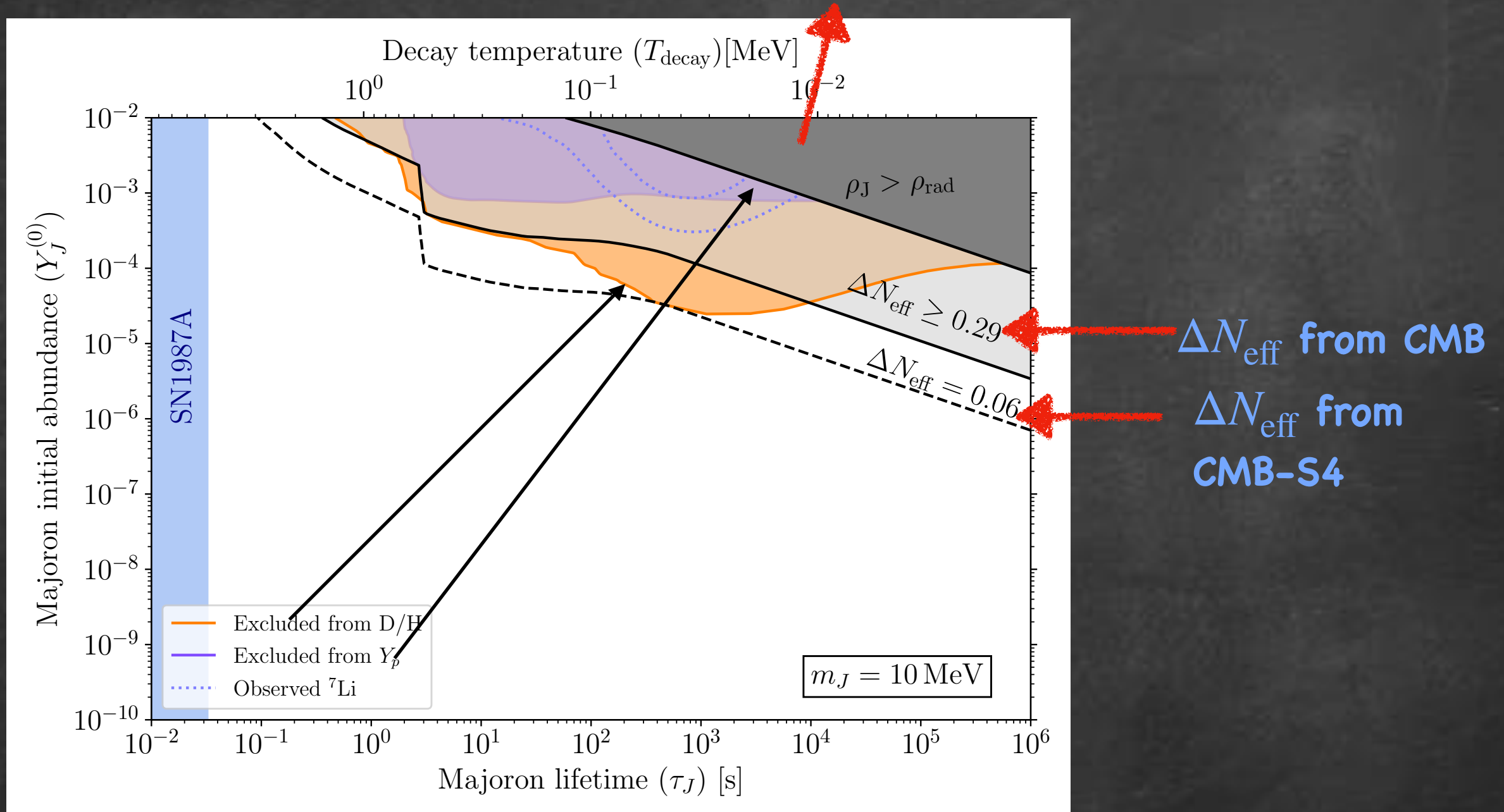
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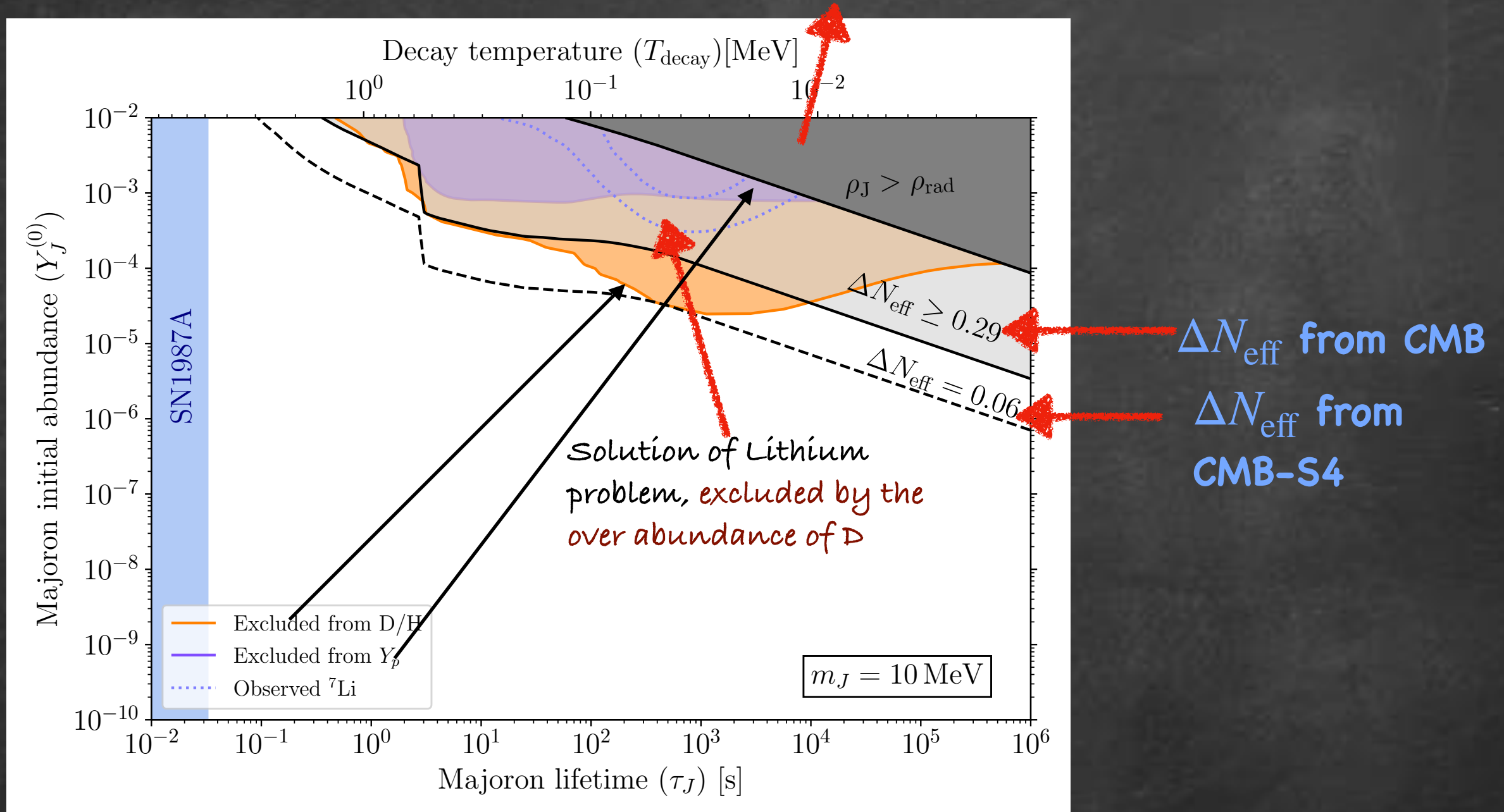
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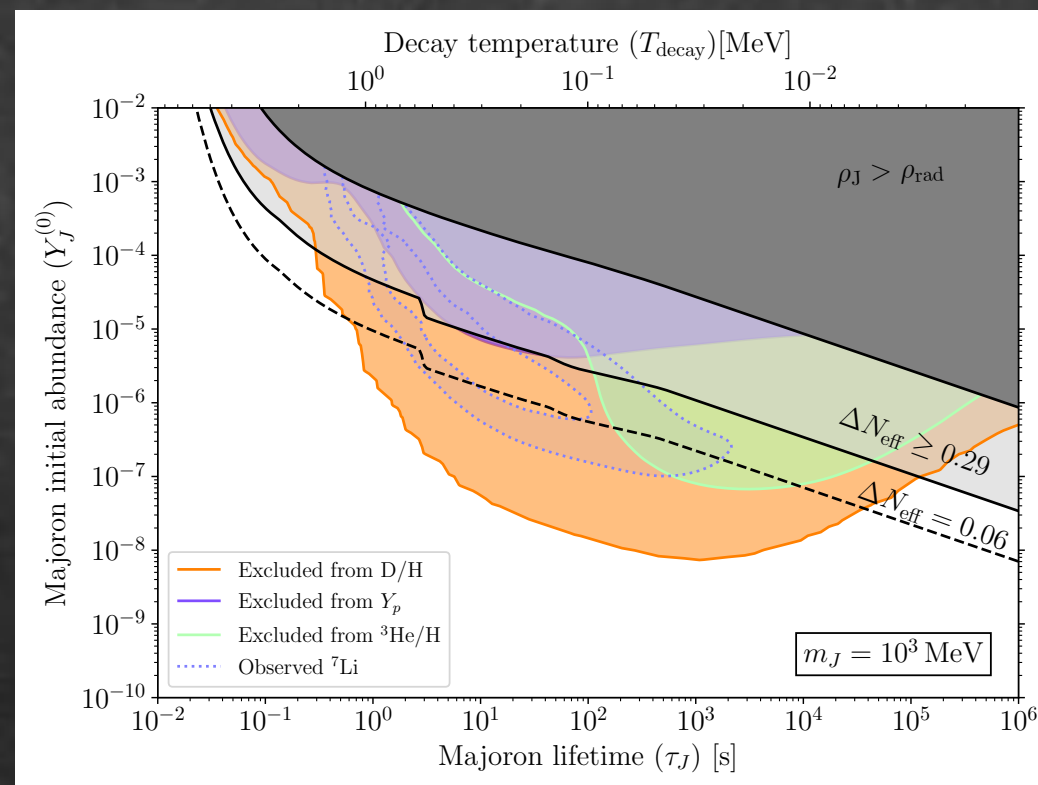
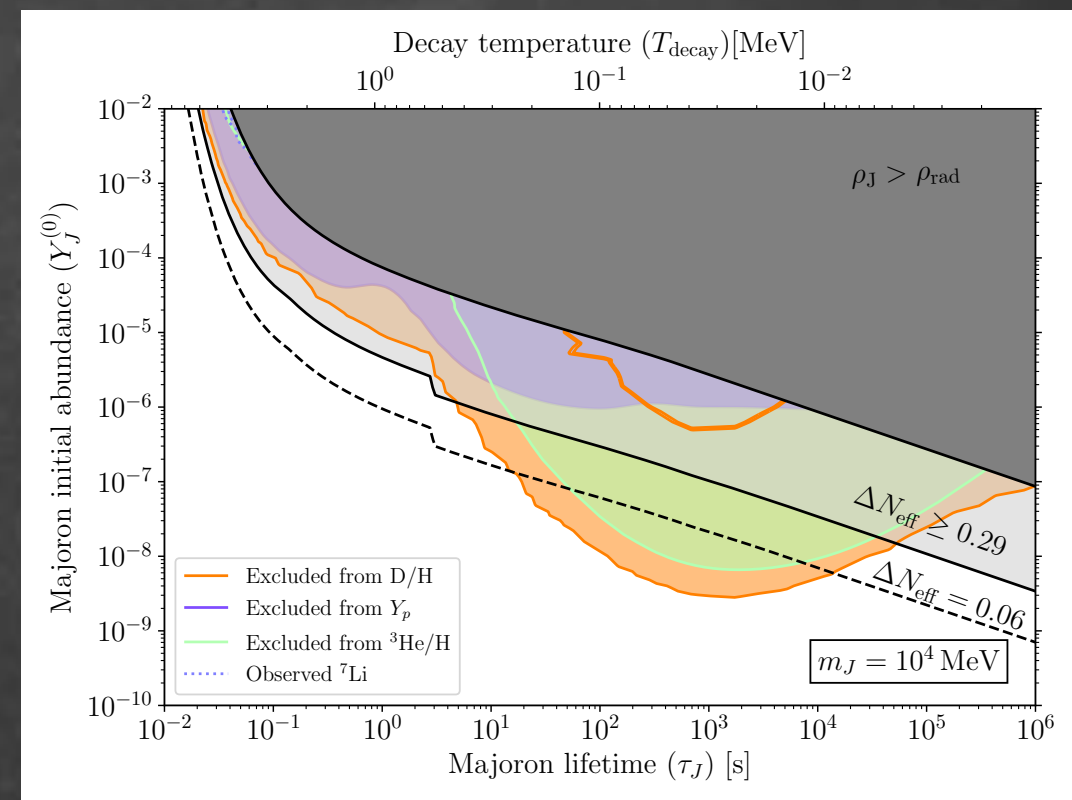
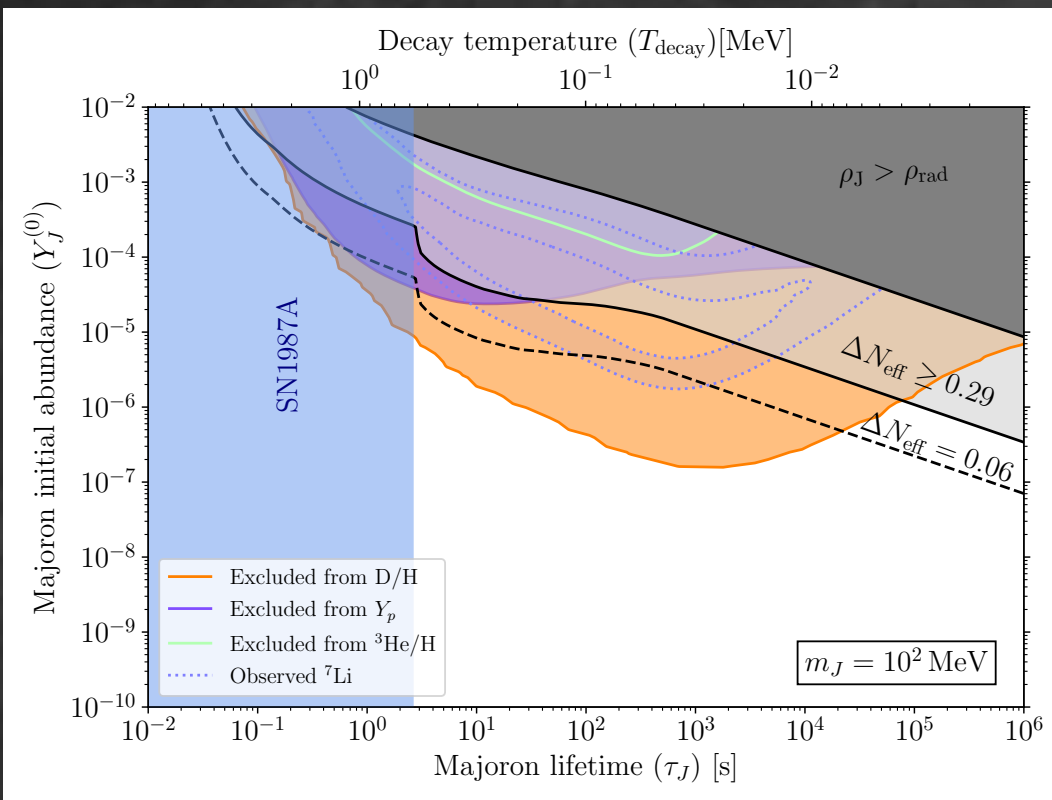
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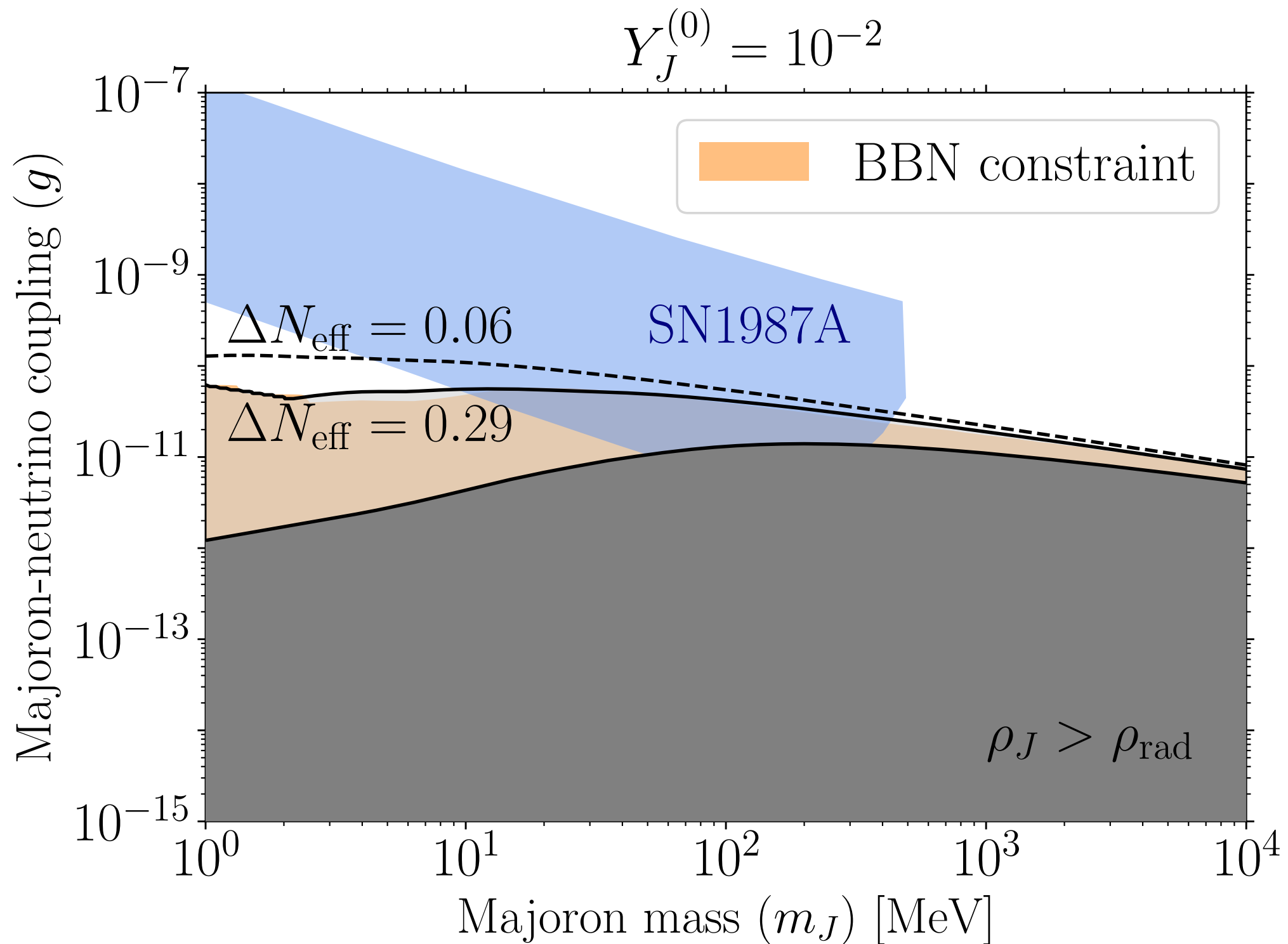
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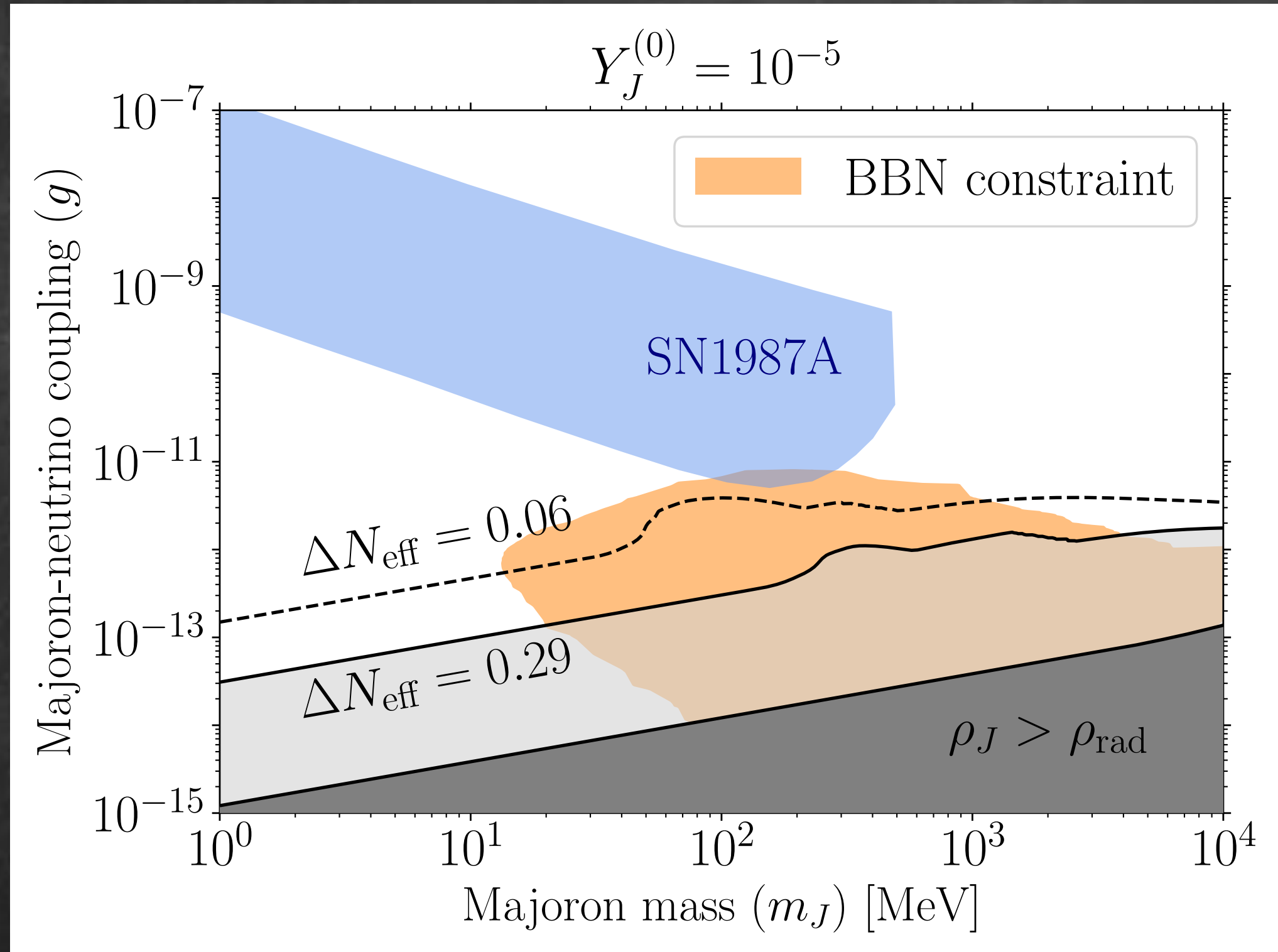




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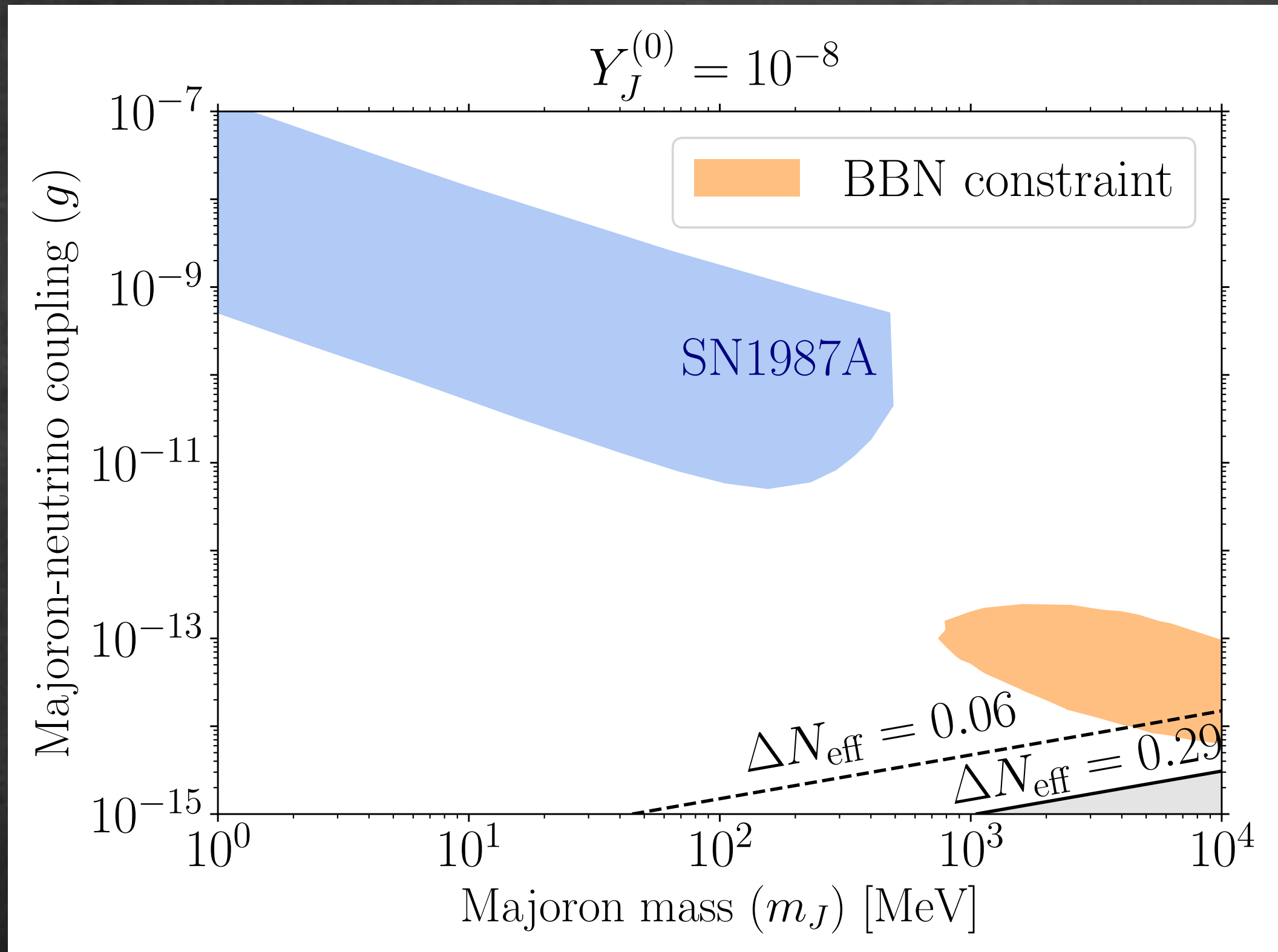
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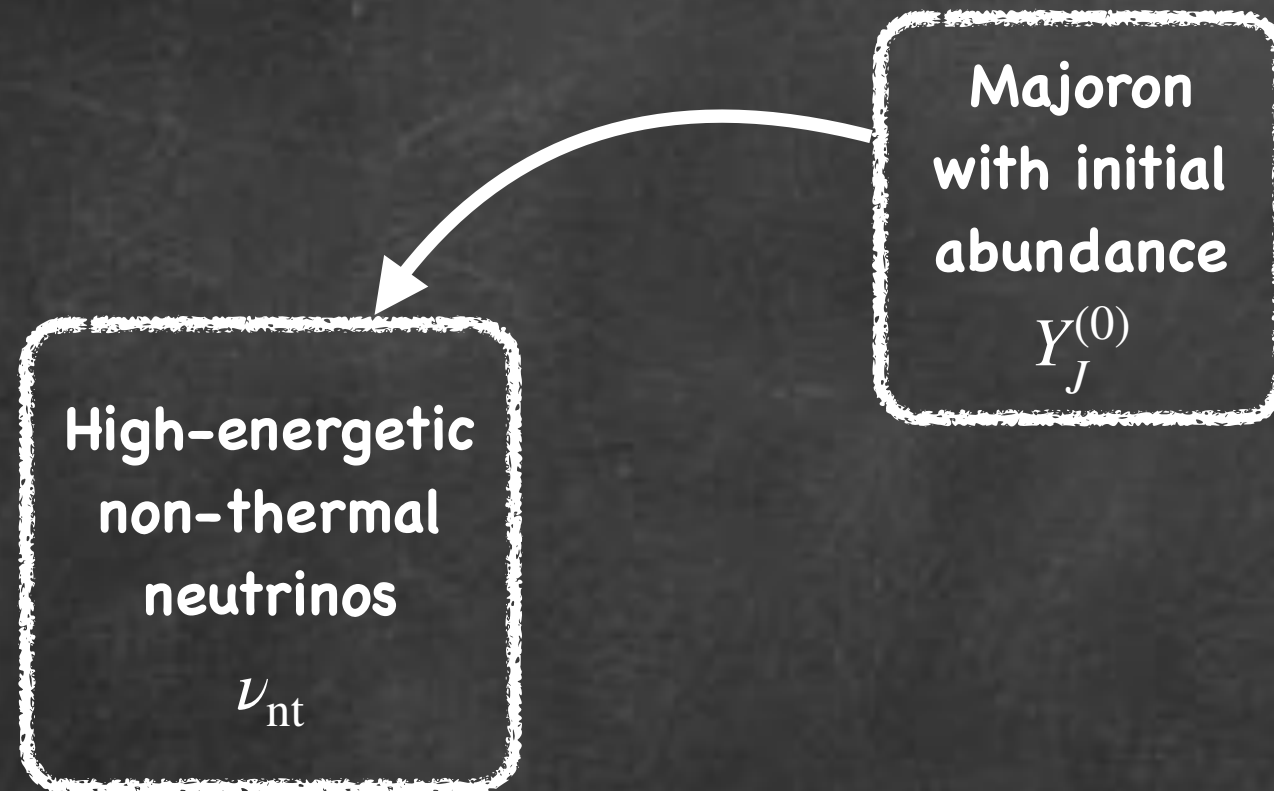
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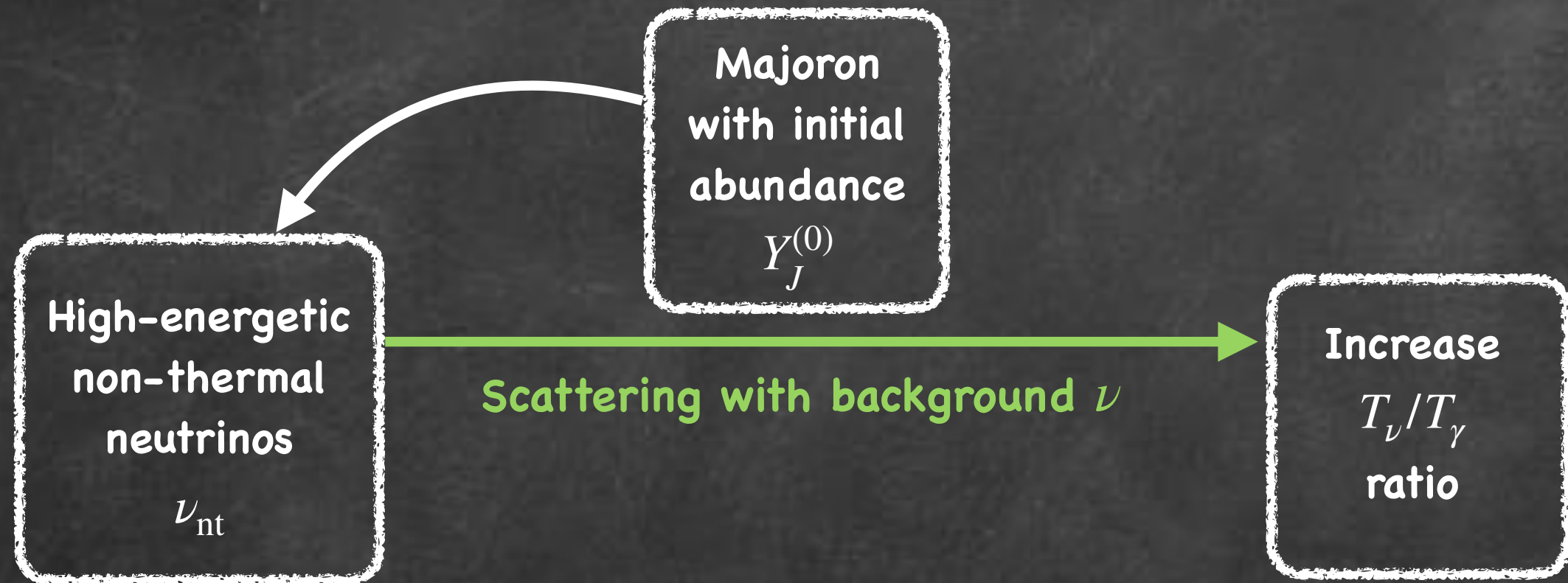
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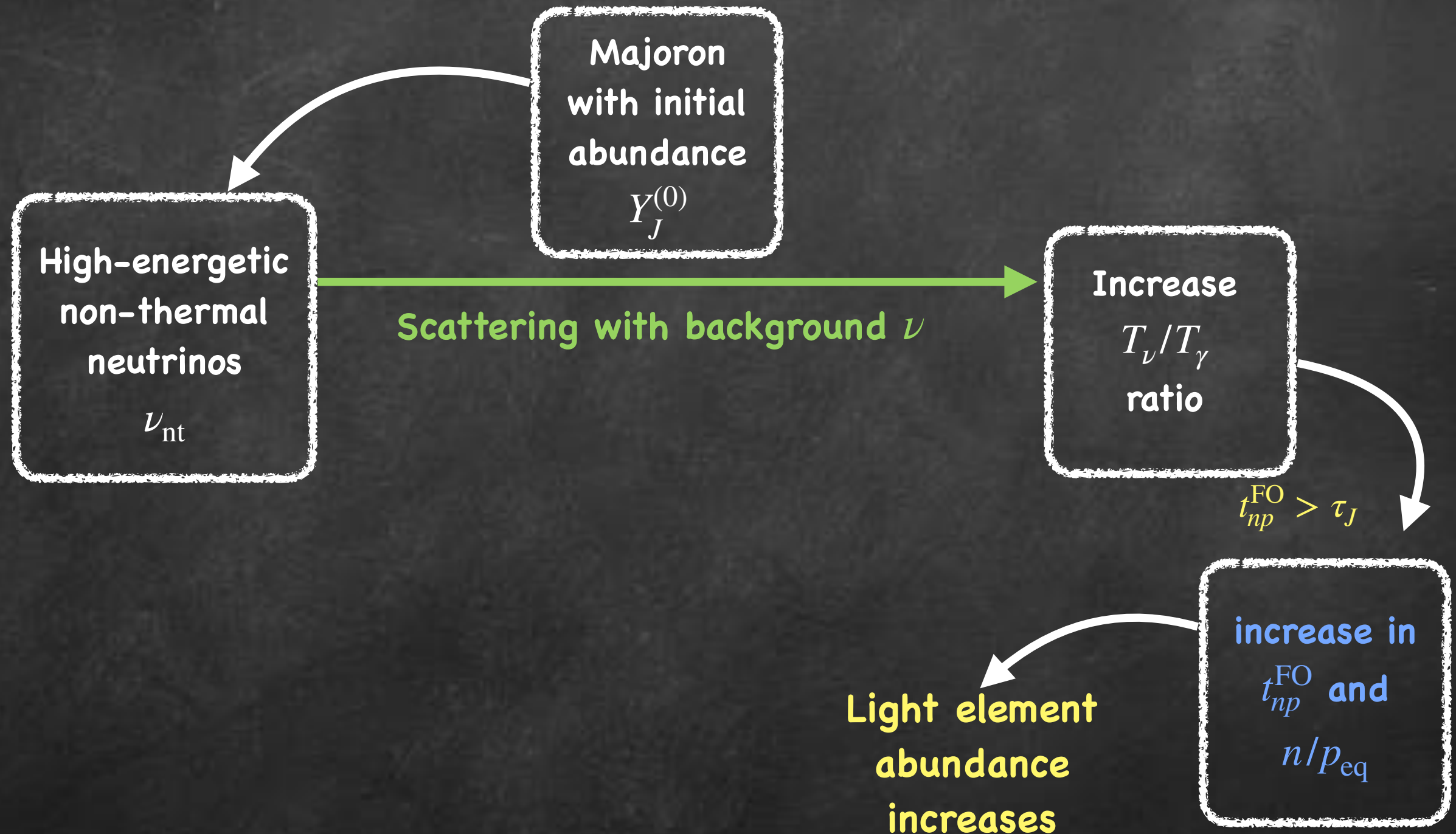
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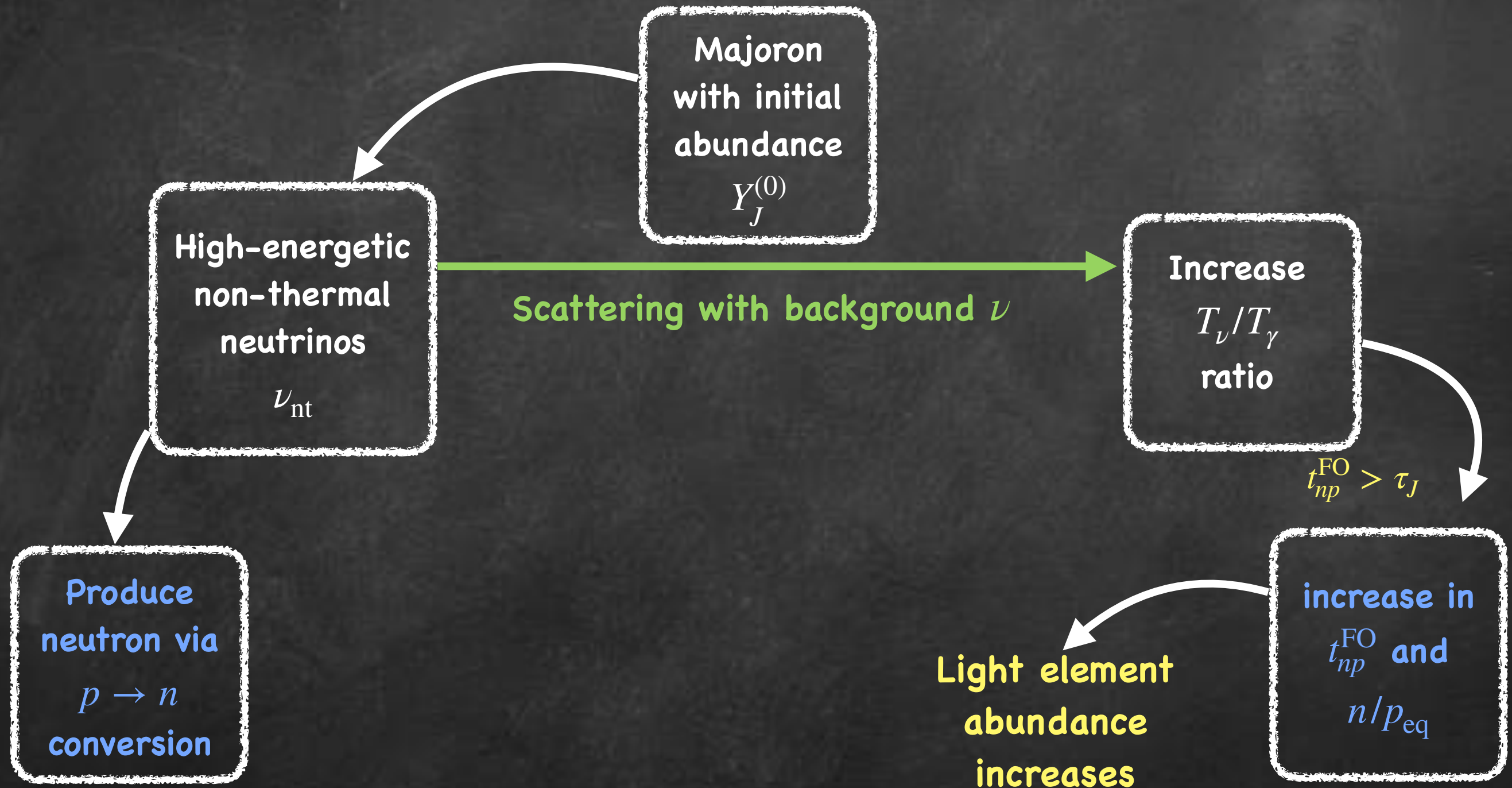
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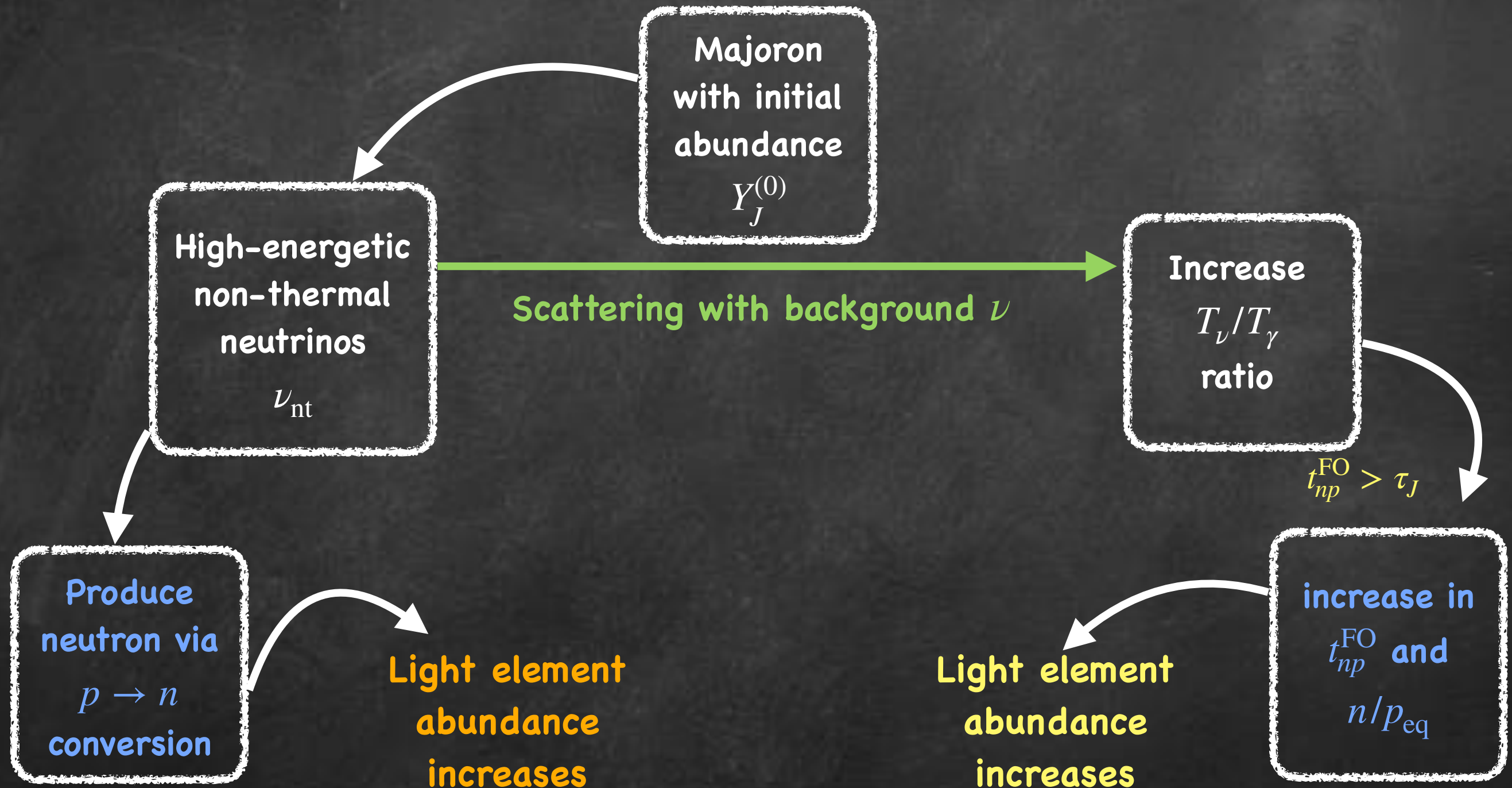
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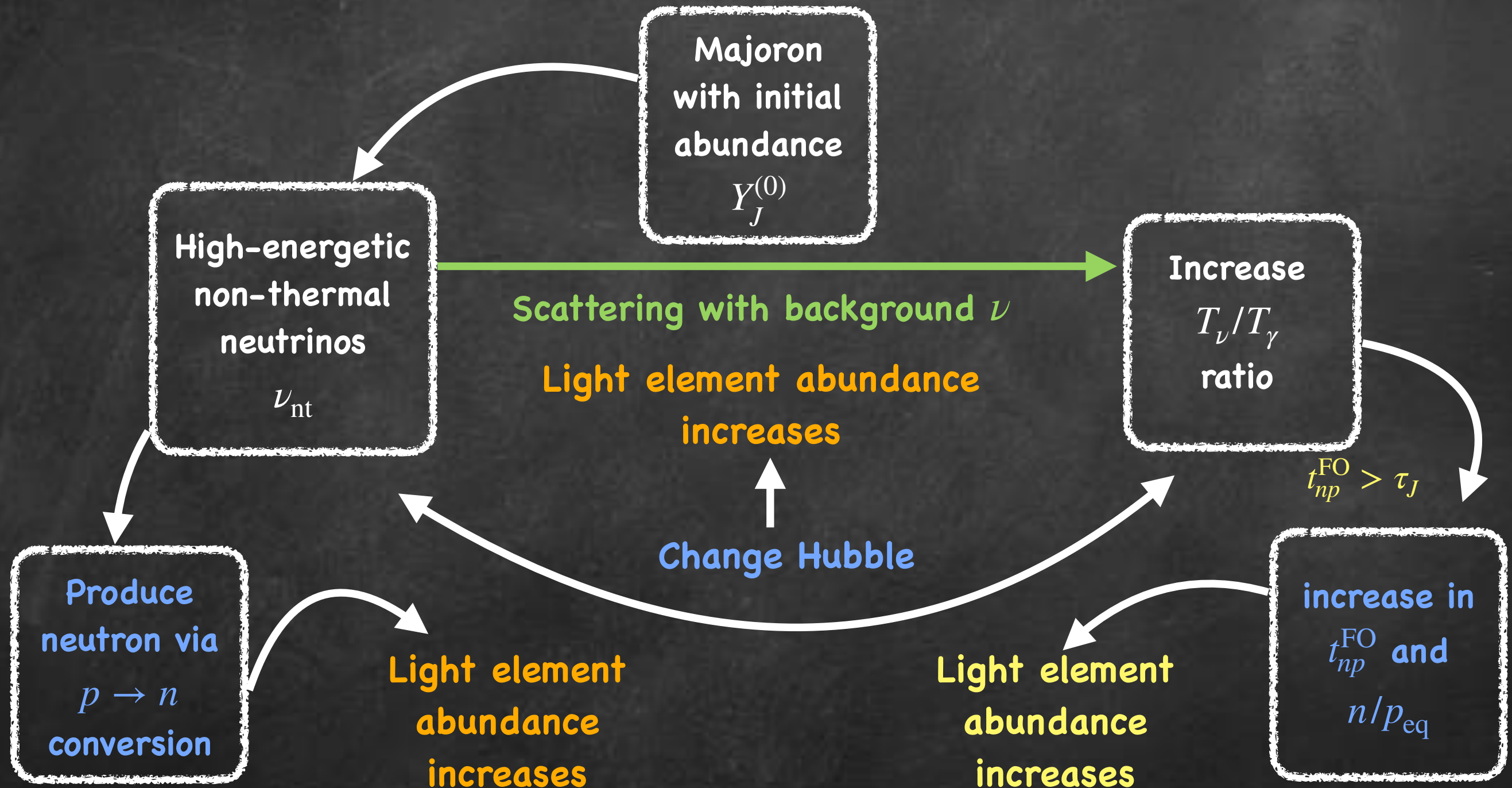
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