



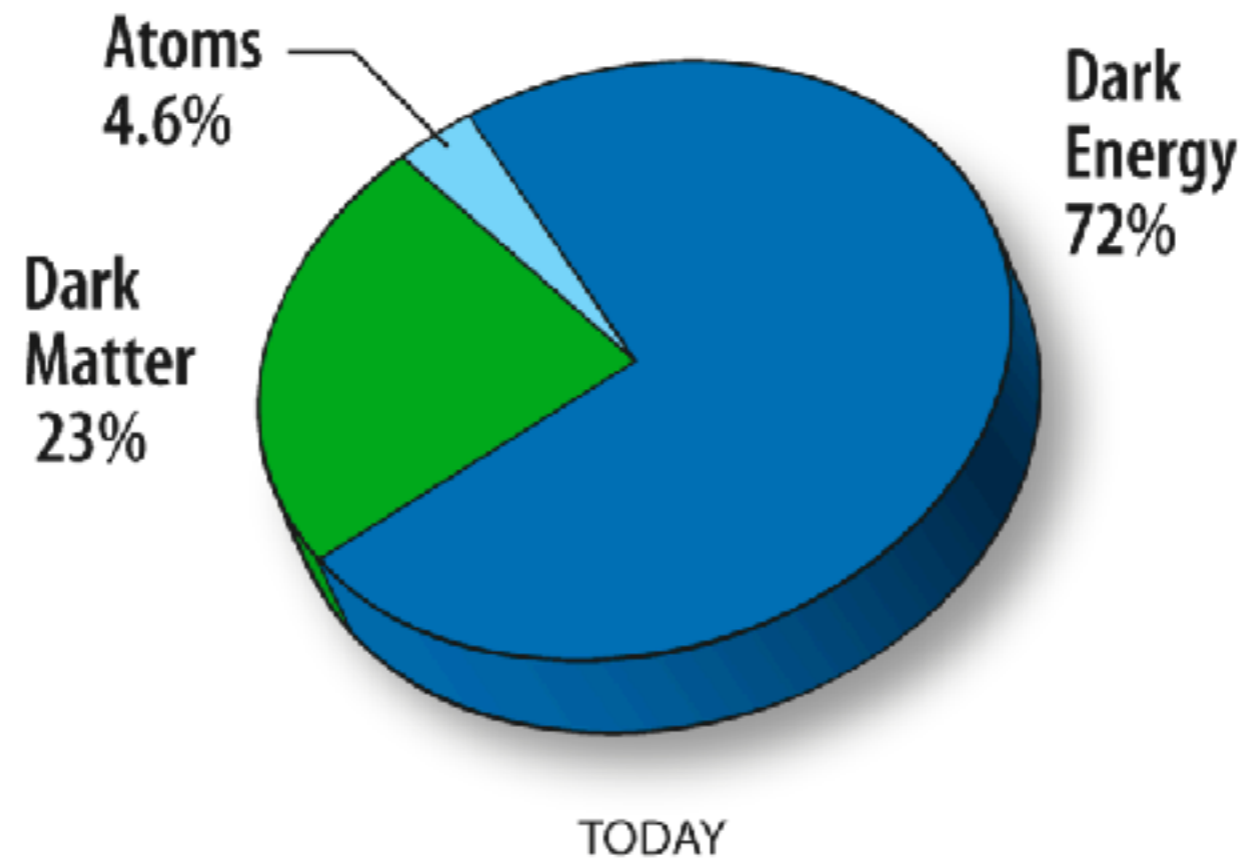
From ALPs to 'Zillas

Discovering Dark Matter in Novel Laboratories

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The Cosmic Inventory



What is **dark matter** and how do we learn more about it?

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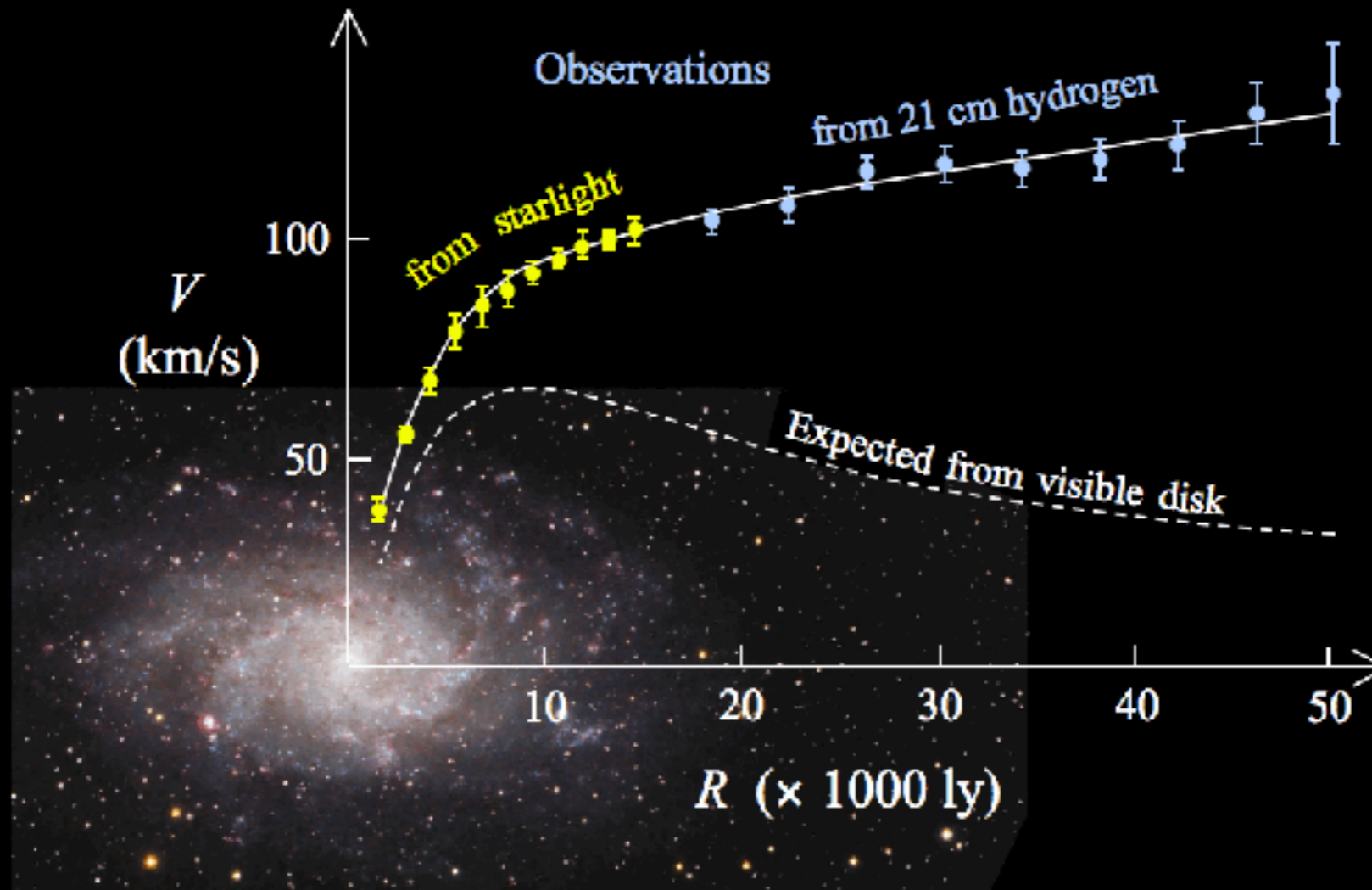
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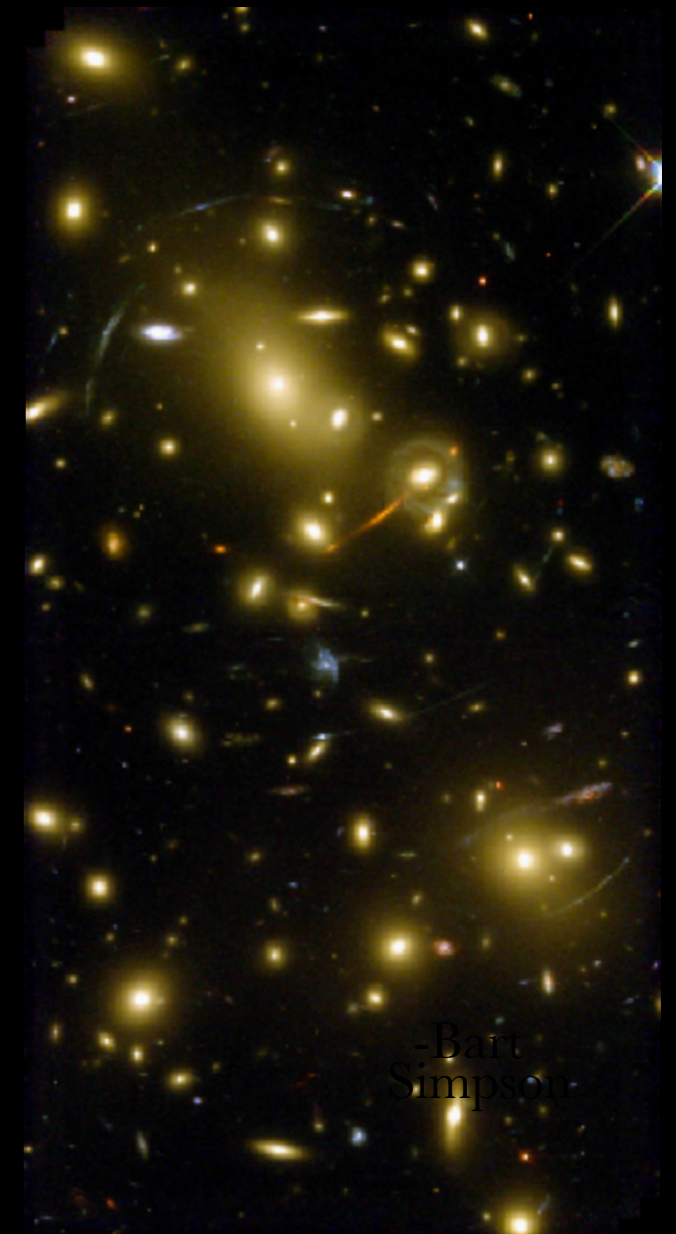
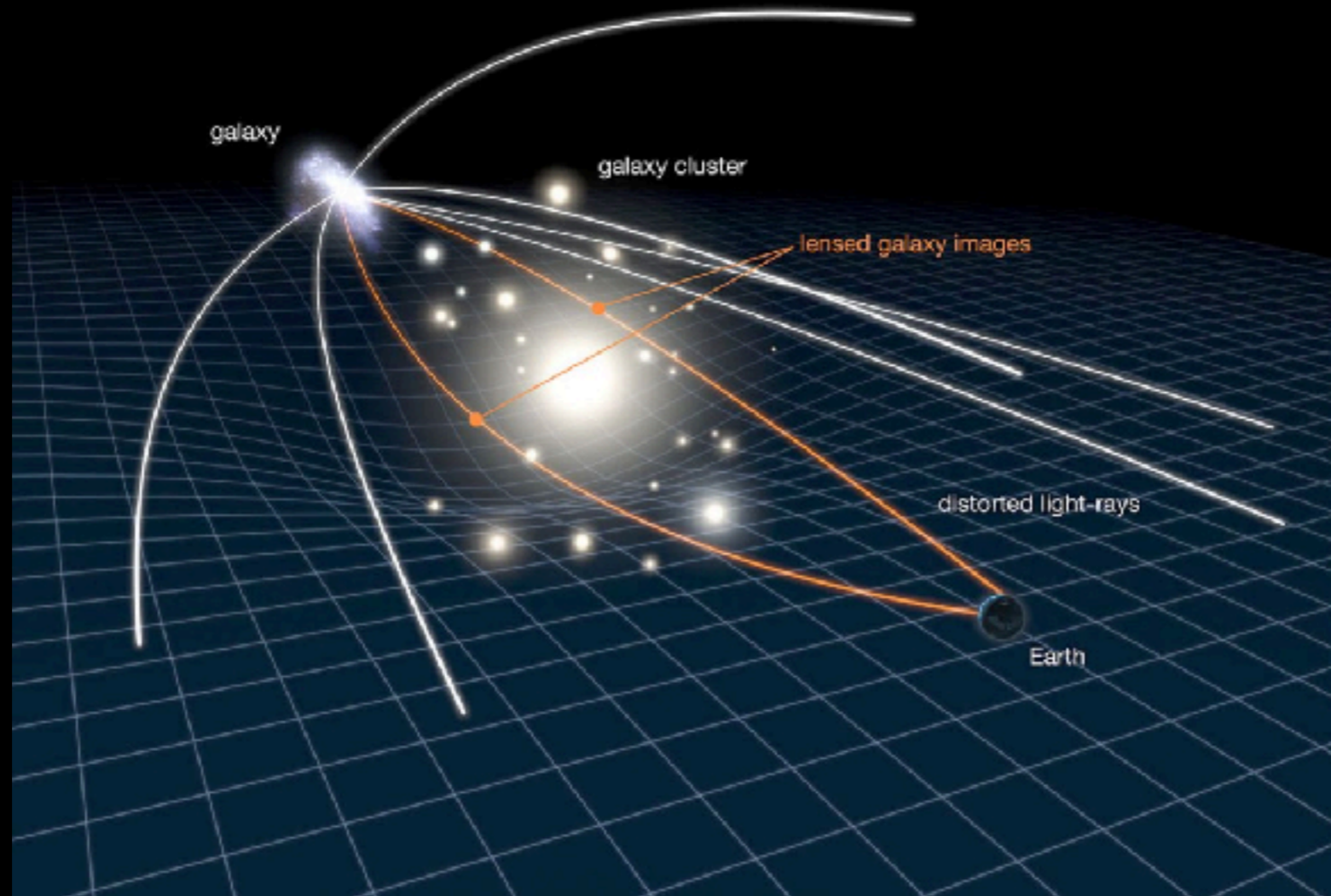
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Galaxy Rotation Curves



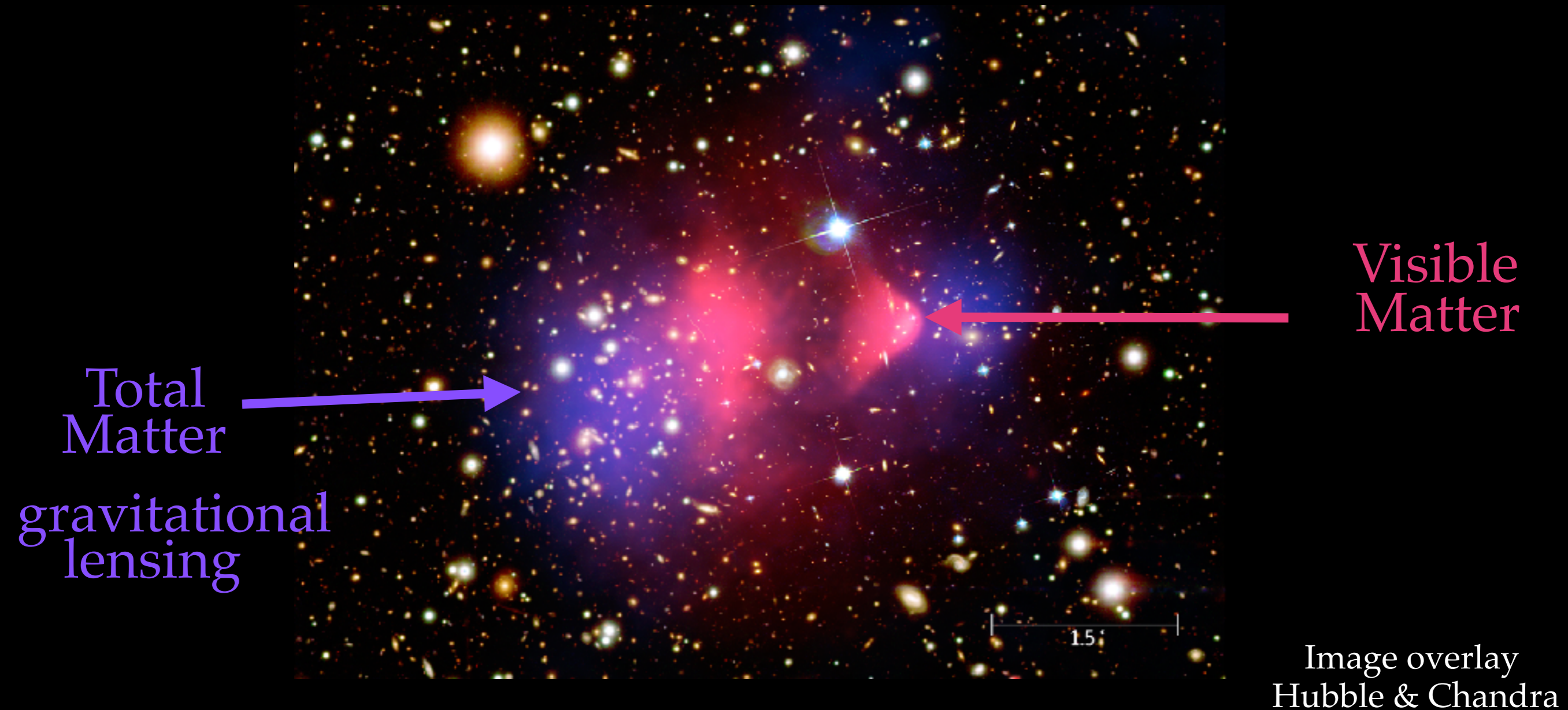
Dramatic effect: requires $\sim 85\%$ of matter to be “dark”
... and must surround galaxies in halo-like clouds

Gravitational Lensing



Measures total matter: requires $\sim 85\%$ to be "dark"

Galaxy Cluster Collisions



~ 85% of total mass passed through without scattering

CMB Power Spectrum

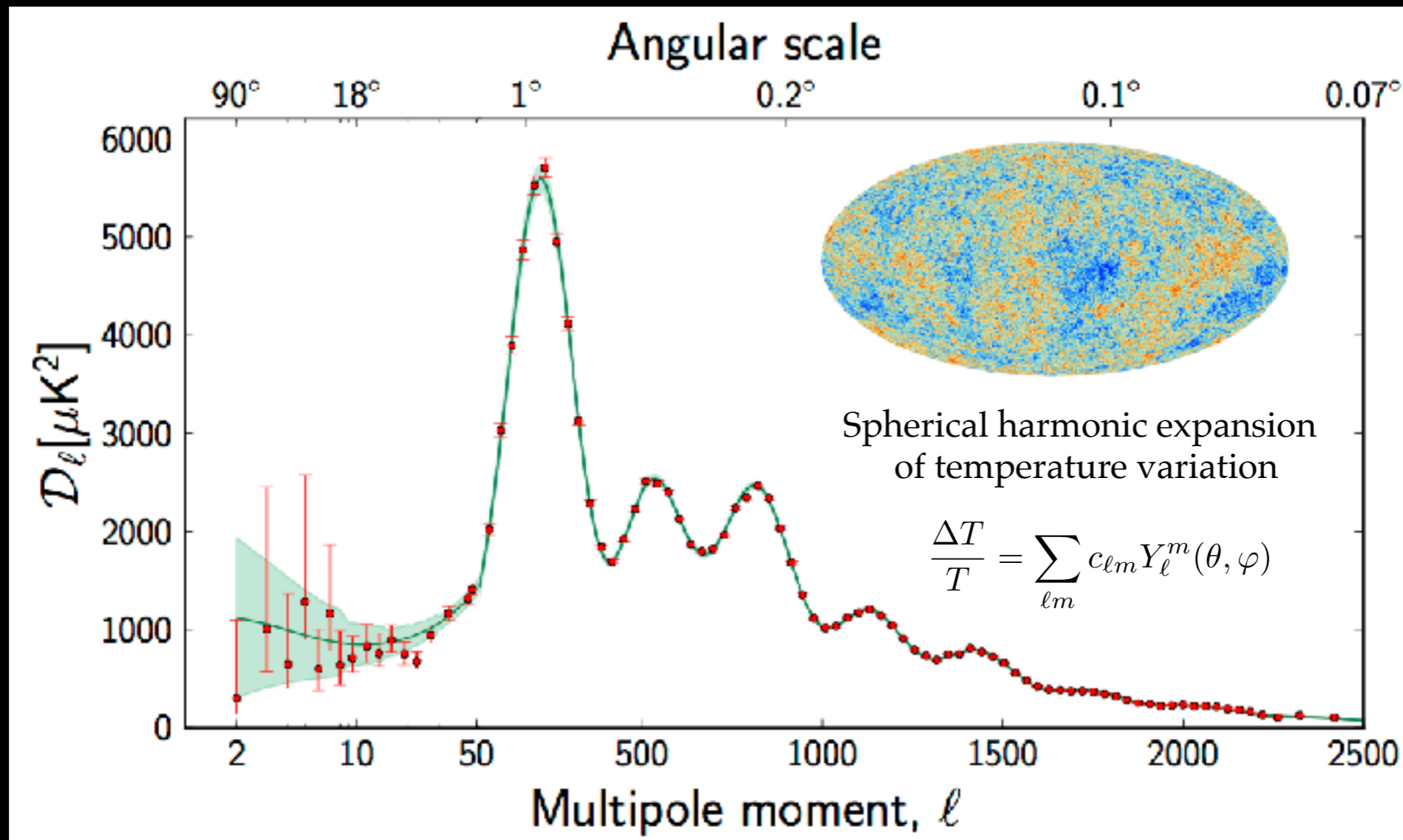
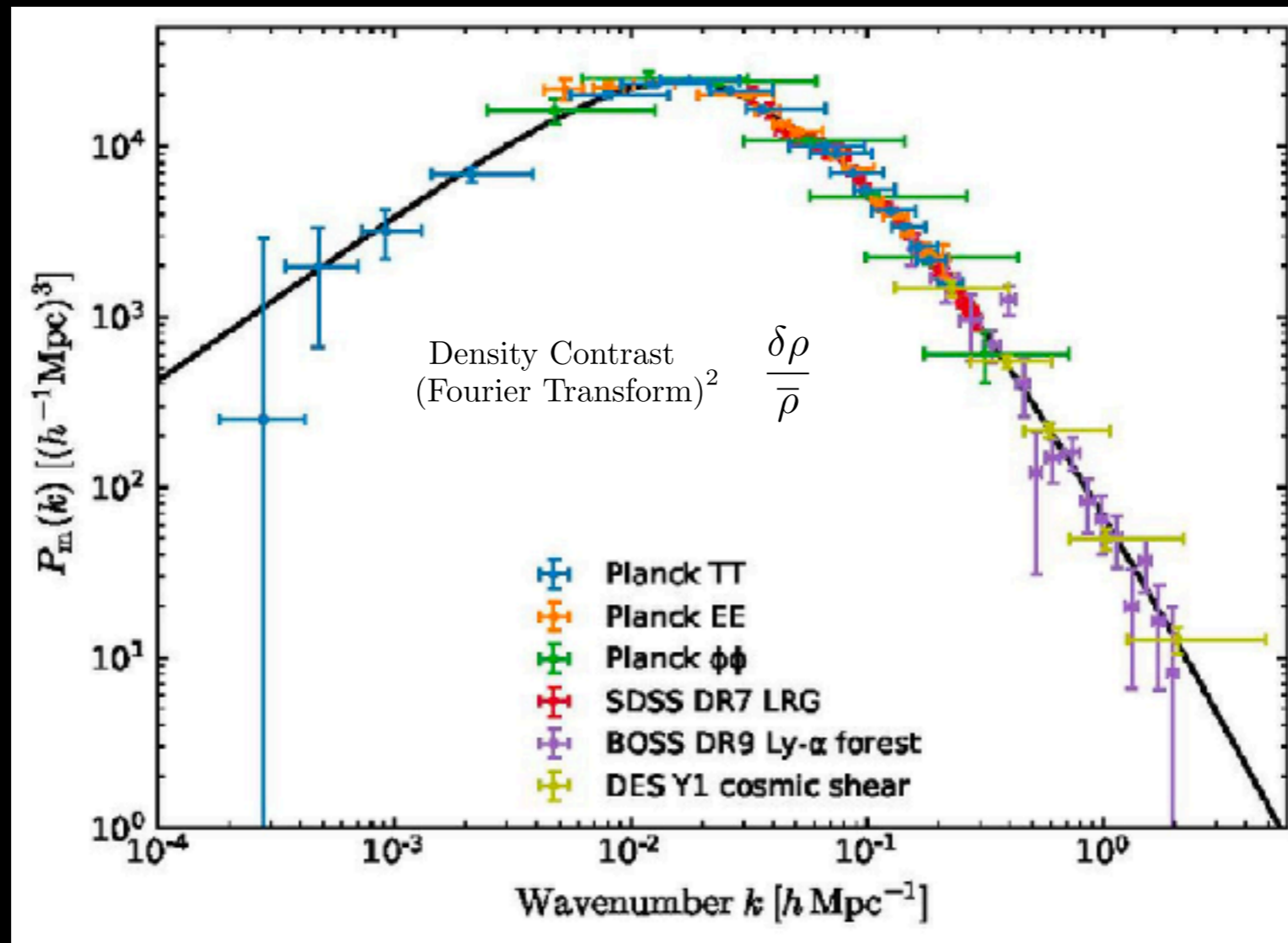


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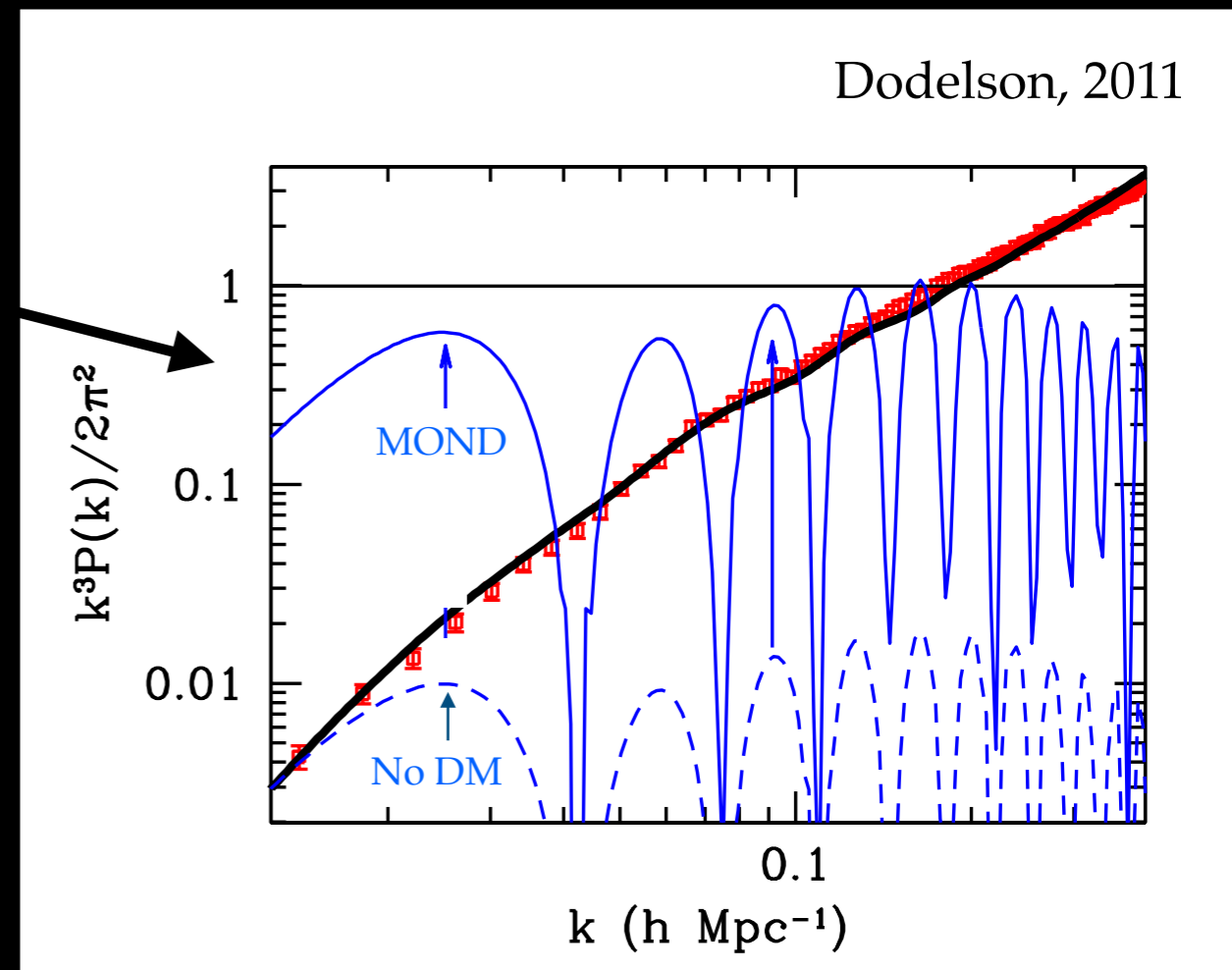
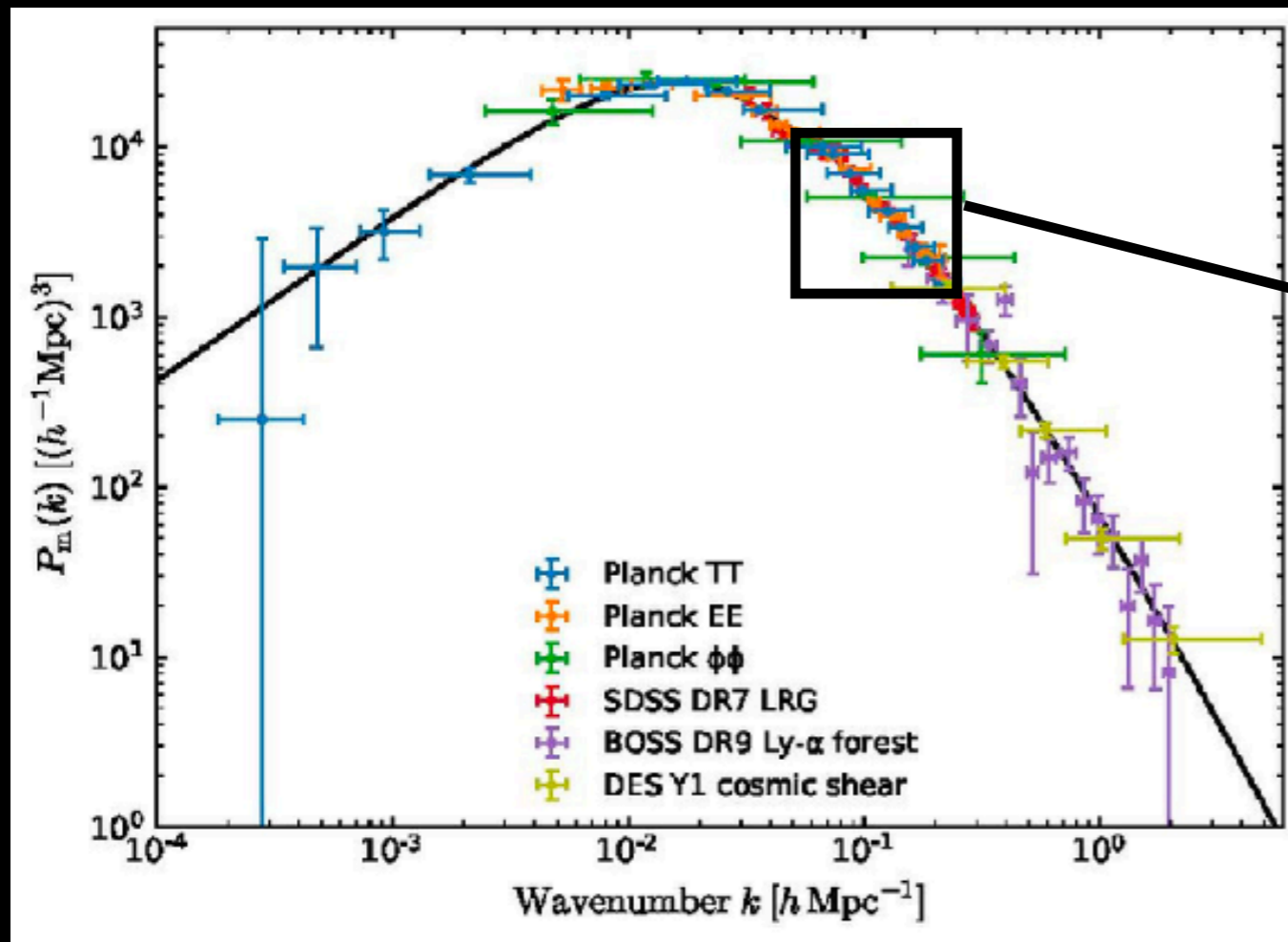
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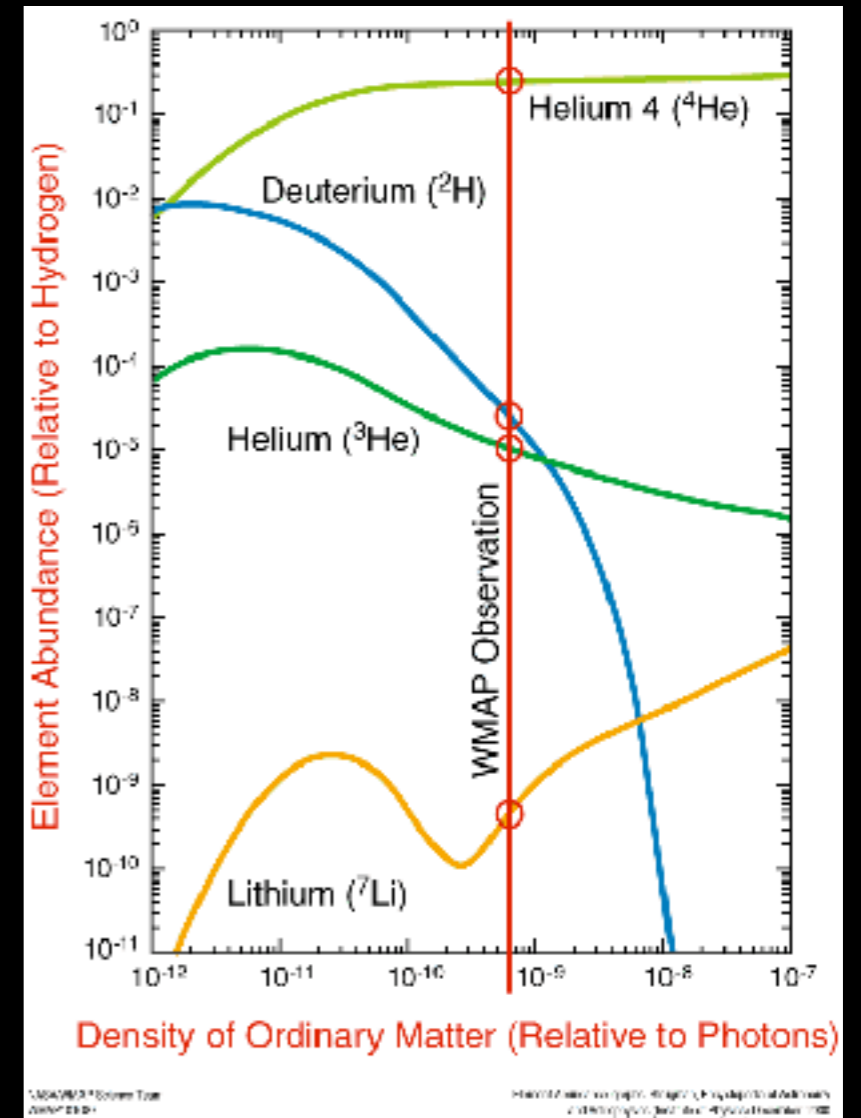
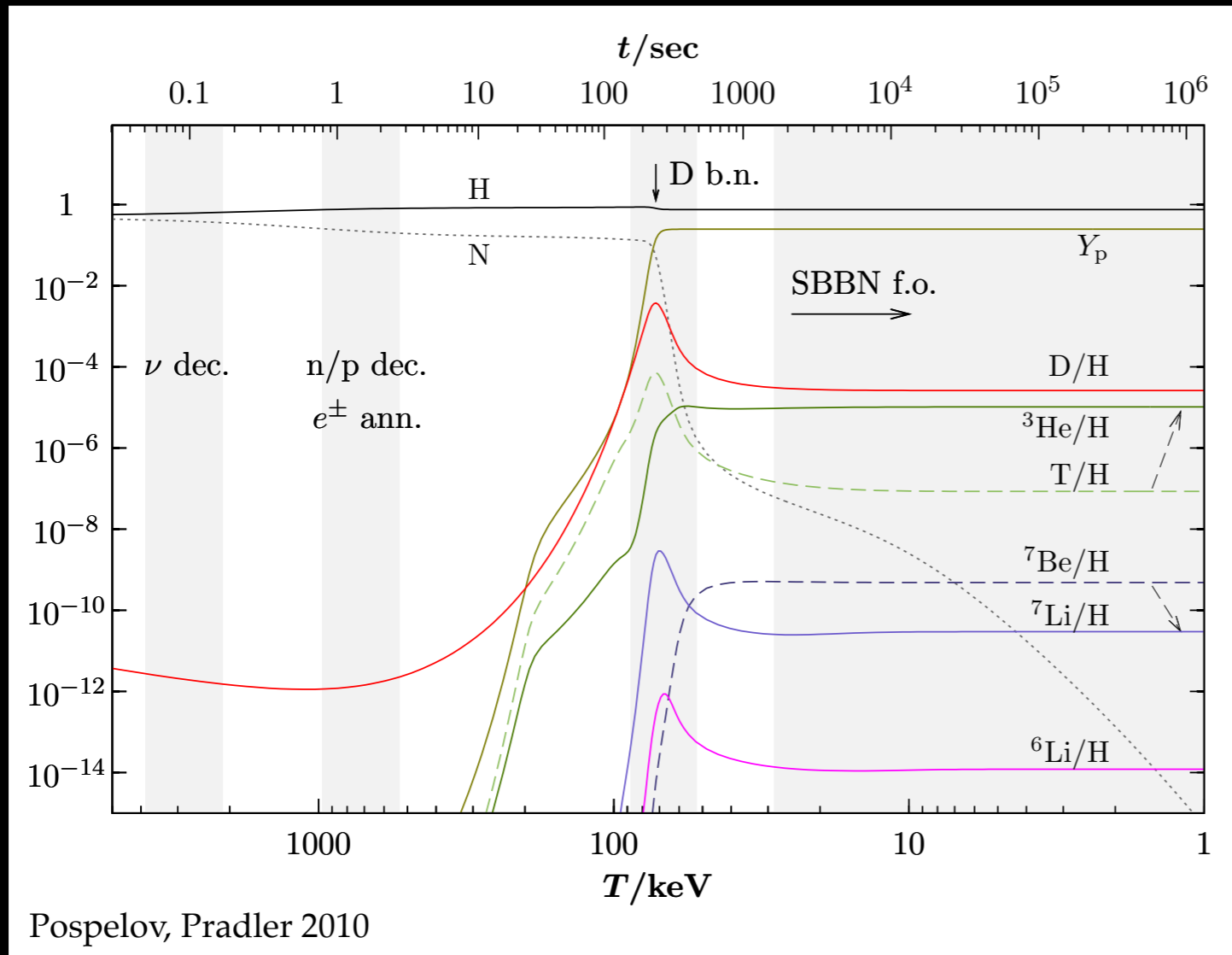
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... and wildly disagree without DM, even in modified gravity theories

Big Bang Nucleosynthesis Light Element Abundances



Requires present baryon density to be $\sim 15\%$ of total

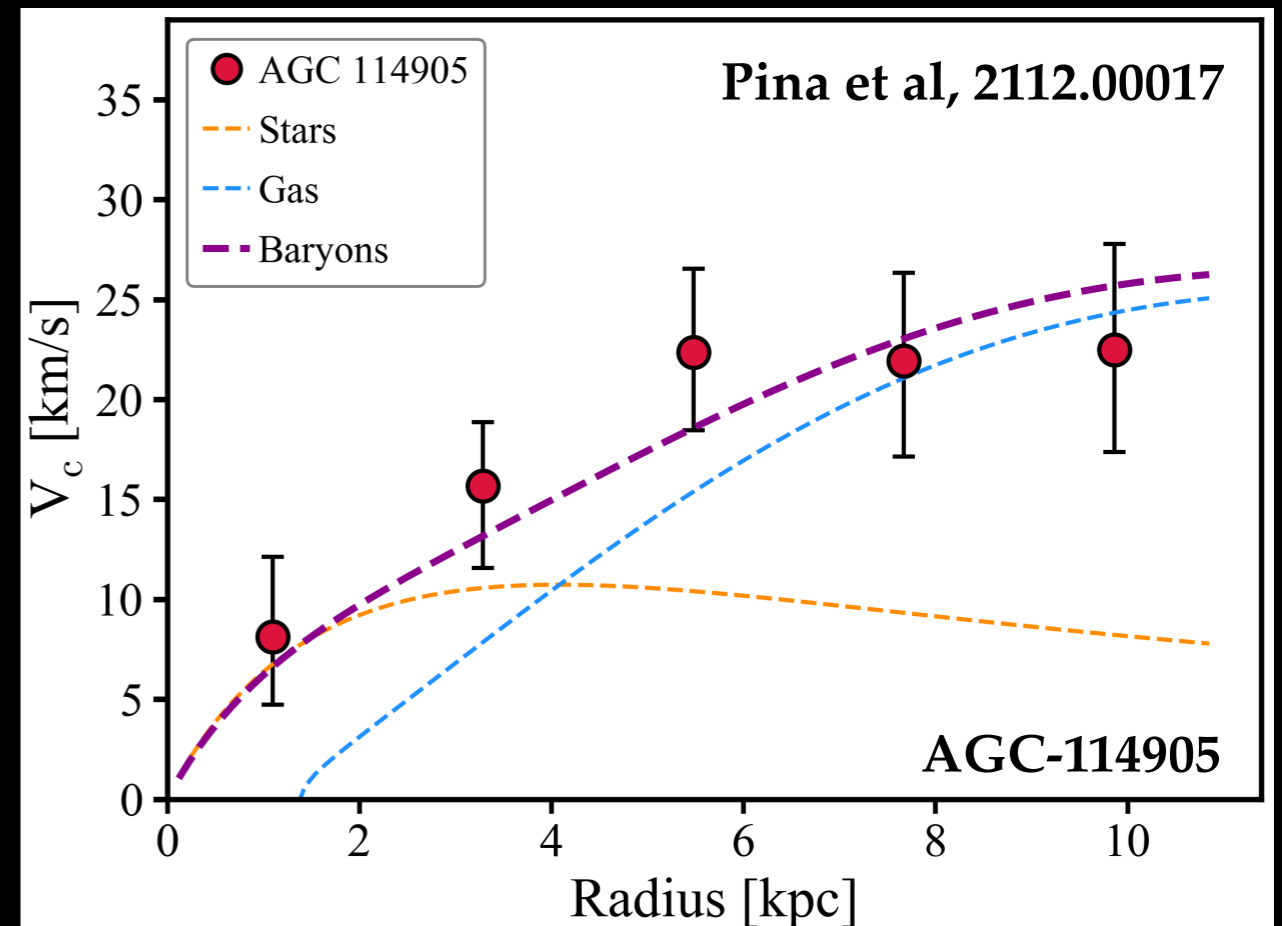
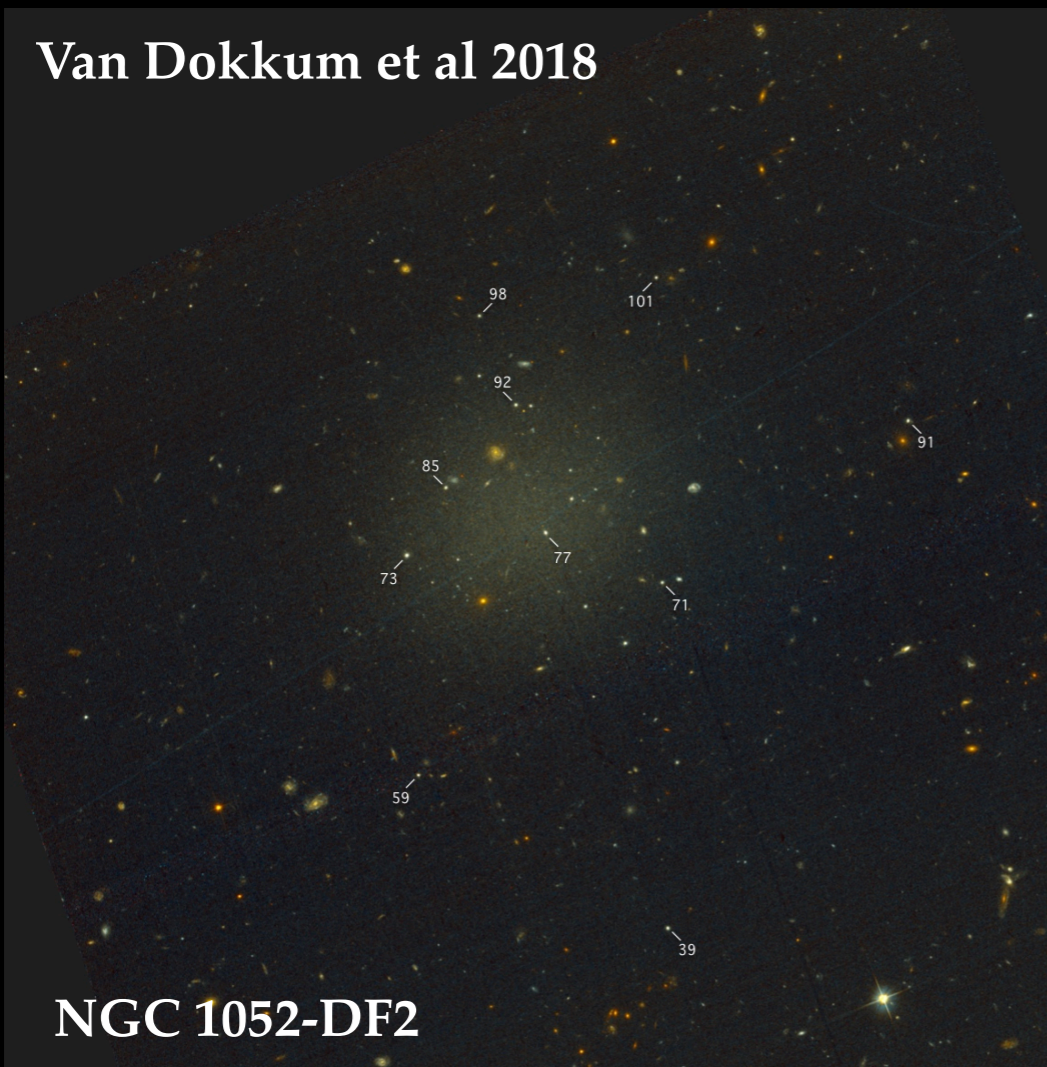
Observations extract: $\Omega_b \equiv \rho_b / \rho_{\text{tot}}$.

DM can't be disguised baryons

Outlier Galaxies *Without* Dark Matter

Rotation curves consistent with visible matter only

Van Dokkum et al 2018

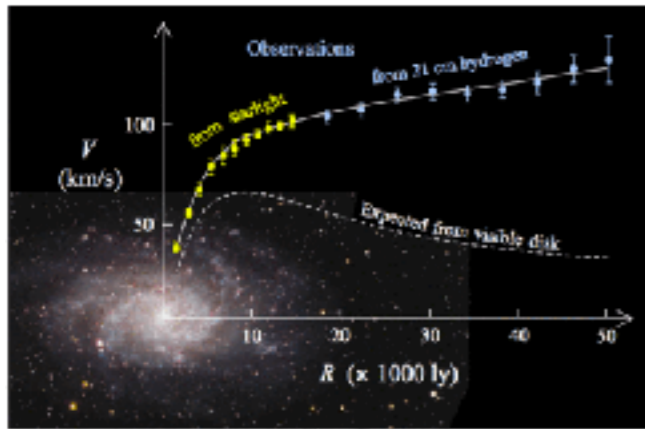


Perversely this strengthens the case for dark matter!

Modified gravity predicts deviations from Newton in all galaxies

Caution: still fairly new observations with some controversy

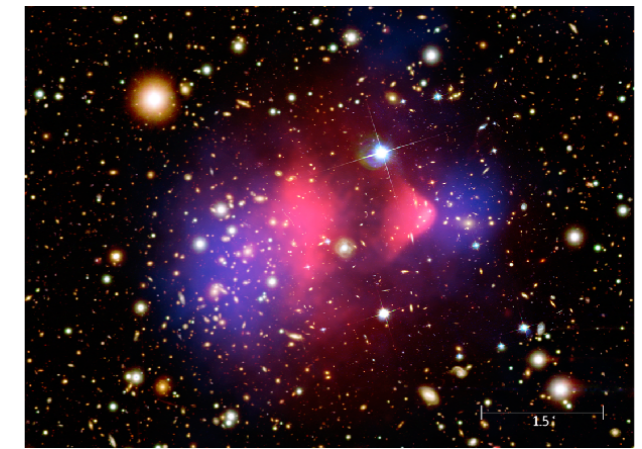
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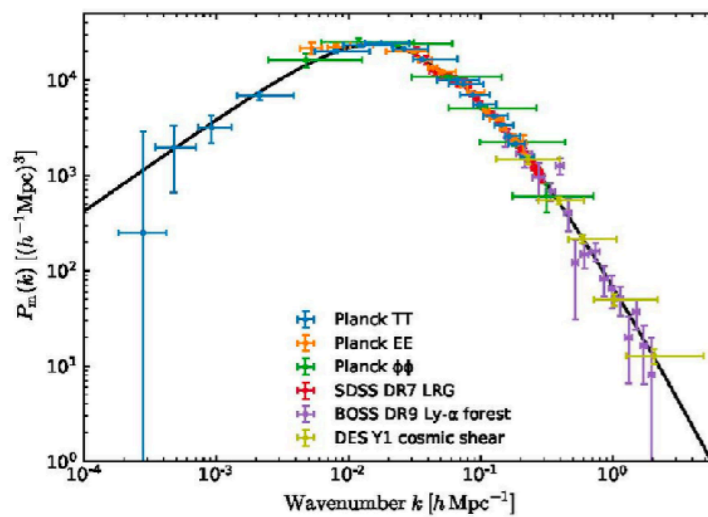
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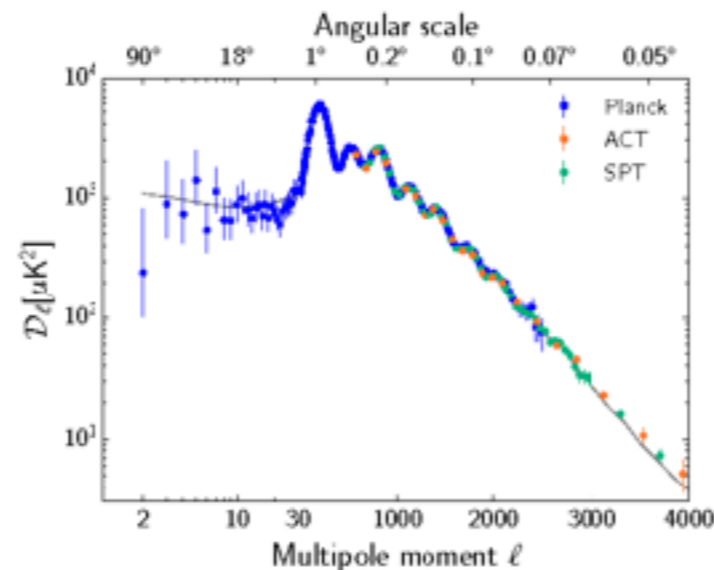
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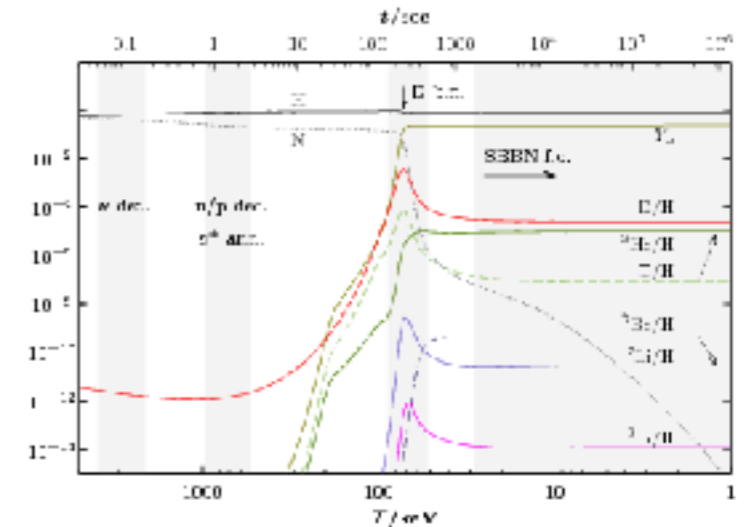
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BBN Light Element Yields

Independent, consistent observations spanning nearly all of spacetime
kpc-Gpc scales and redshifts $z \sim 3400 \rightarrow 0$

Holy Grail: extend knowledge to smaller scales

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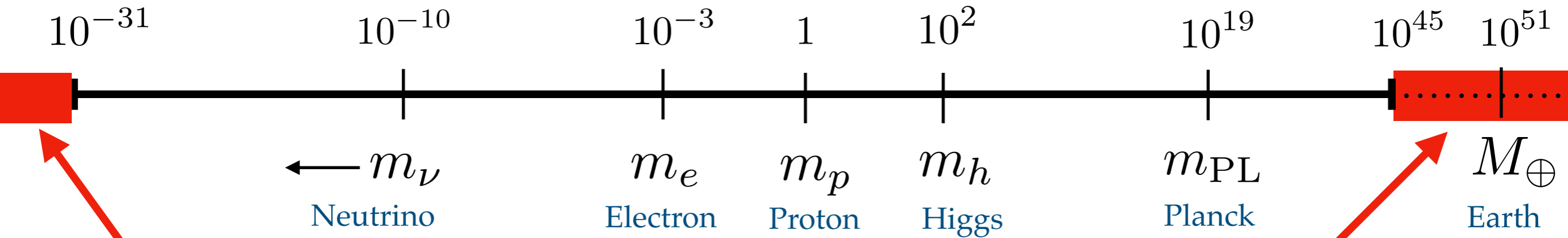
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5) *Might* interact via the weak force or a new fifth force

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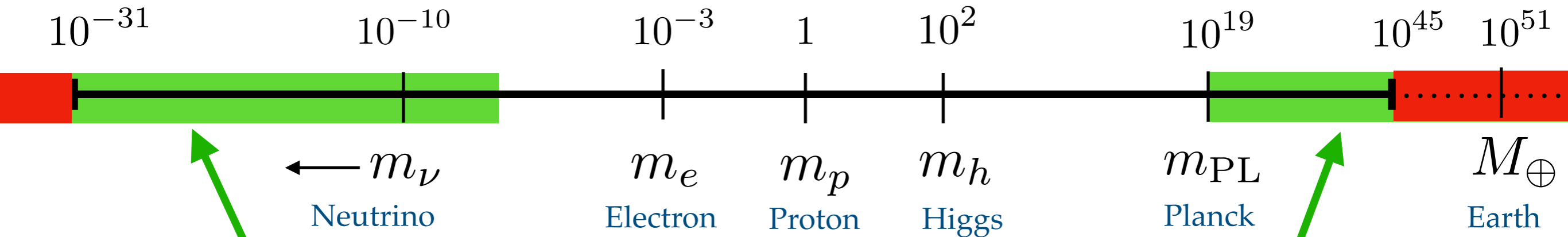


de Broglie wavelength can't exceed dwarf galaxy scales

Would have been observed indirectly (lensing / LIGO...)

$$\lambda_{\text{dB}} = \frac{2\pi}{mv} = 0.4 \text{ kpc} \left(\frac{10^{-22} \text{ eV}}{m_{\text{DM}}} \right) \left(\frac{10^{-3} c}{v} \right)$$

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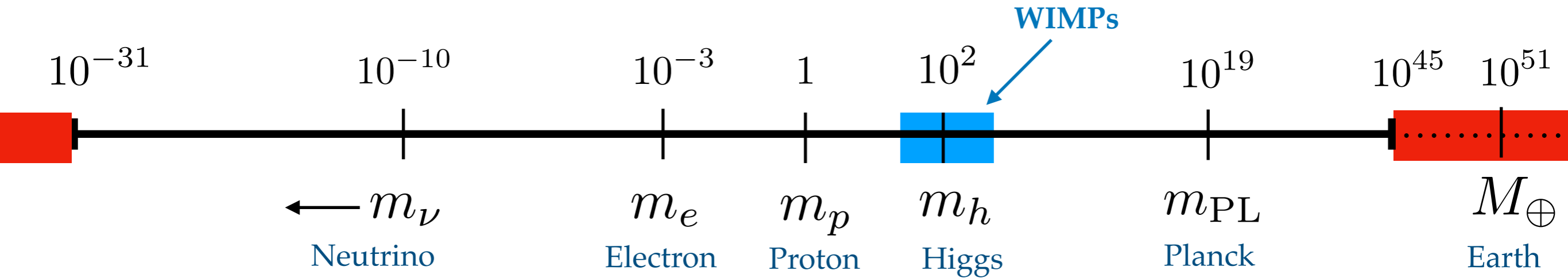


Must be bosonic

Can't fit enough fermions
inside galaxies (Pauli exclusion)

Must be primordial black hole
or extended object

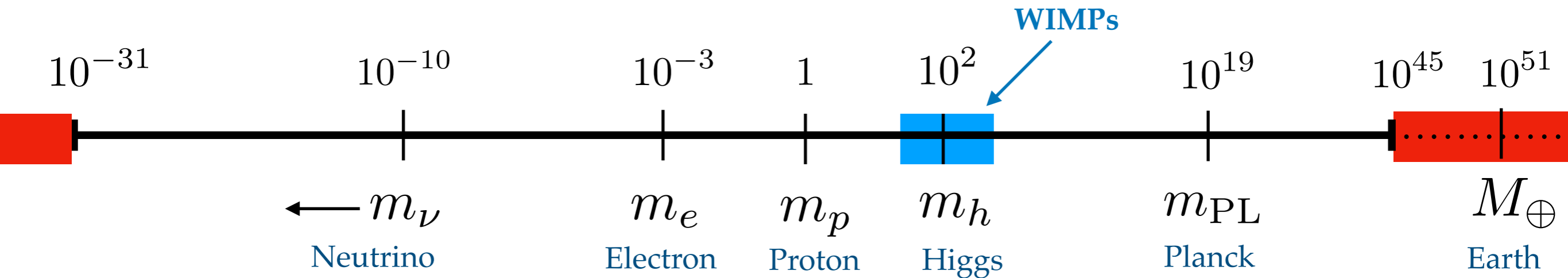
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$$m_p \approx \text{GeV}/c^2 \approx 10^{-24} \text{ gram}$$

$$m_{\text{PL}} = G_N^{-1/2}$$

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Traditional DM searches for WIMPs near the weak scale

Updating priors: null results from LHC & WIMP direct-detection

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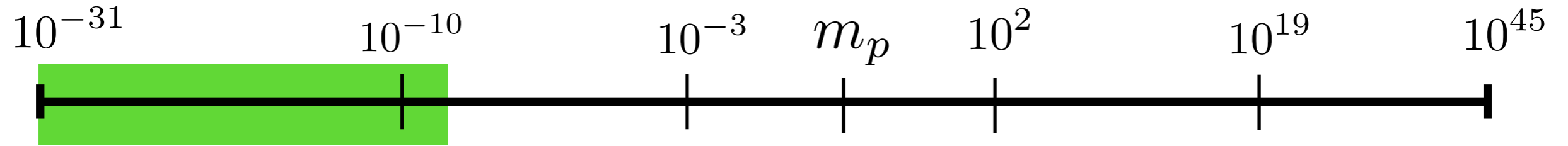
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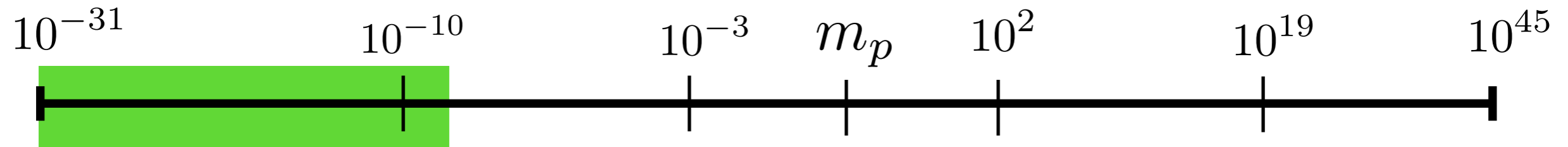


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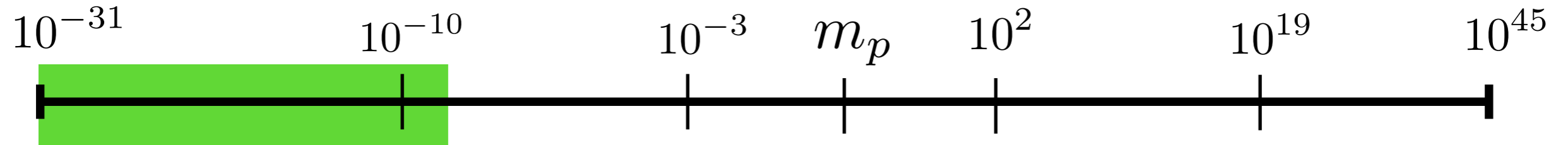
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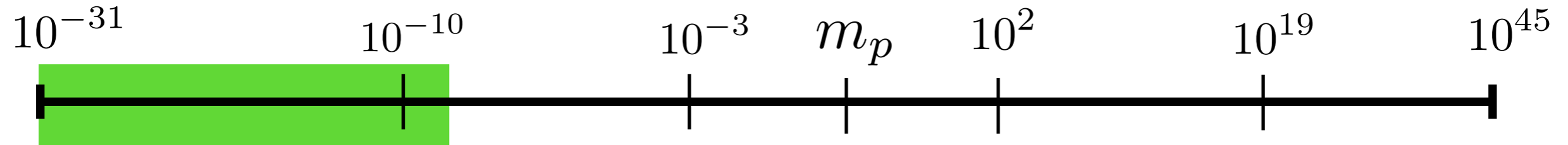
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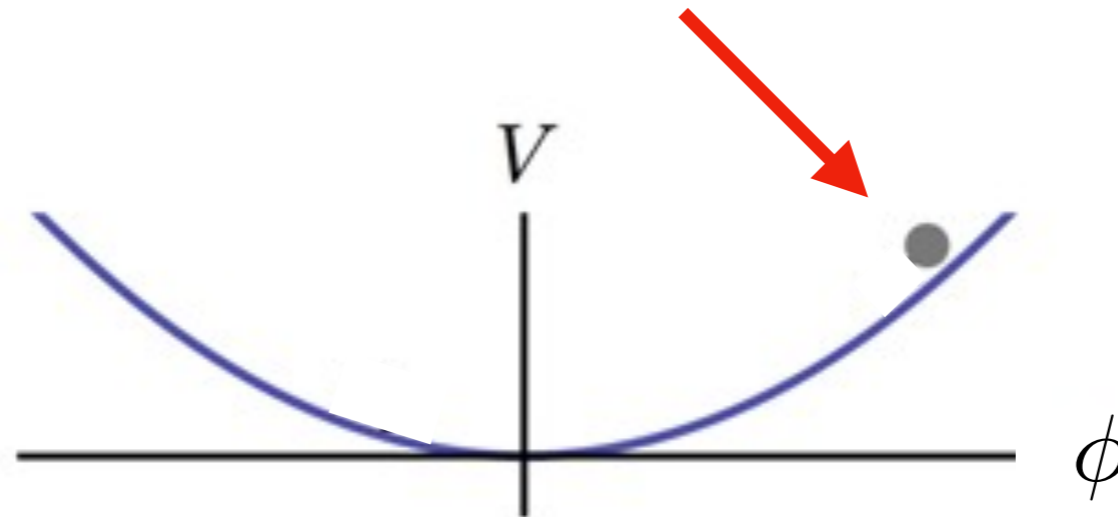
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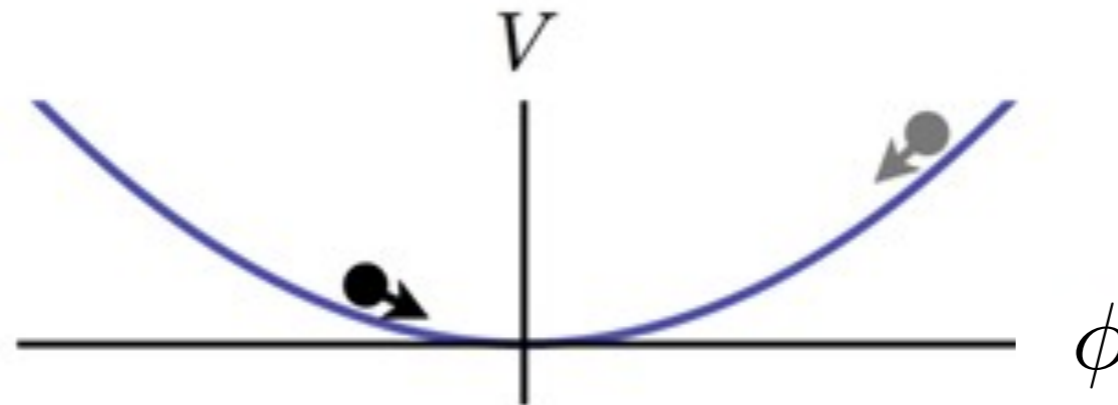
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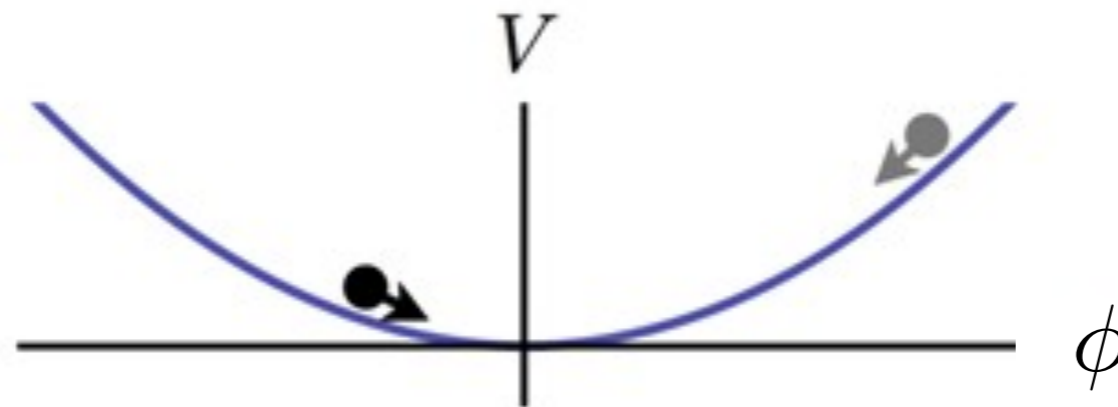


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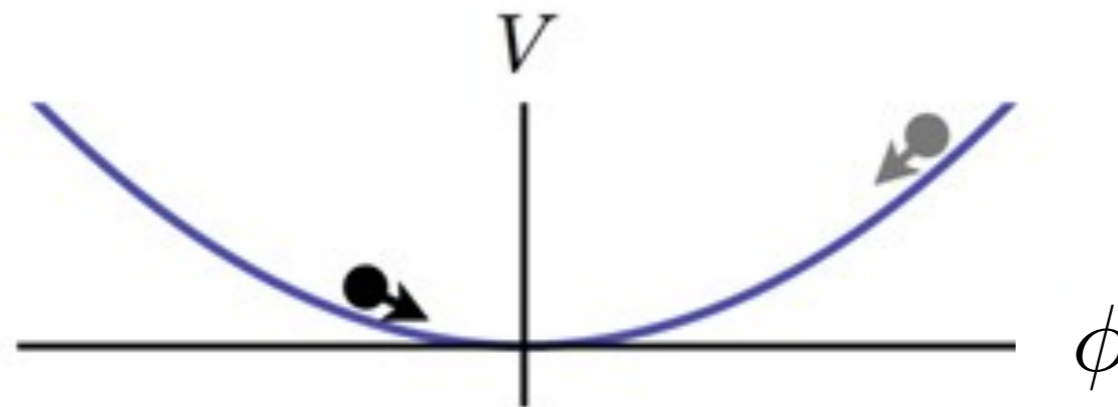
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Scalar field value set by DM density (locally & cosmologically)

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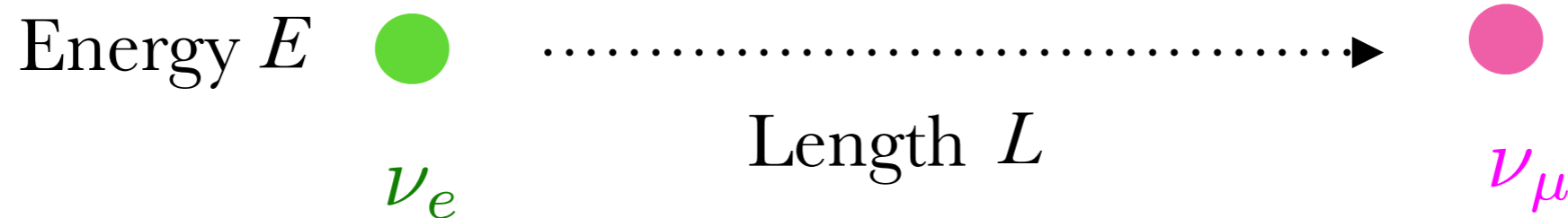
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"Distorted Neutrino Oscillations" (DINOs)



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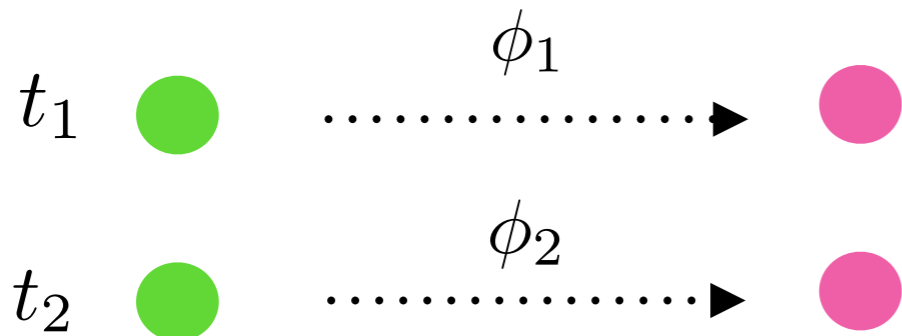
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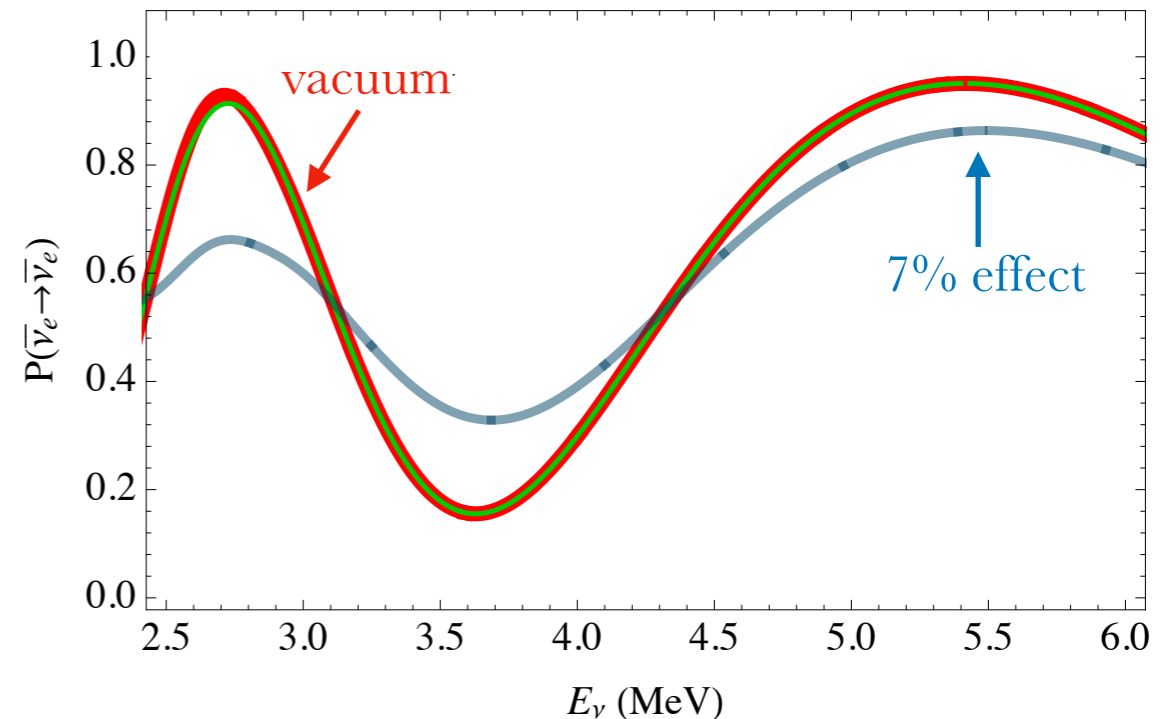
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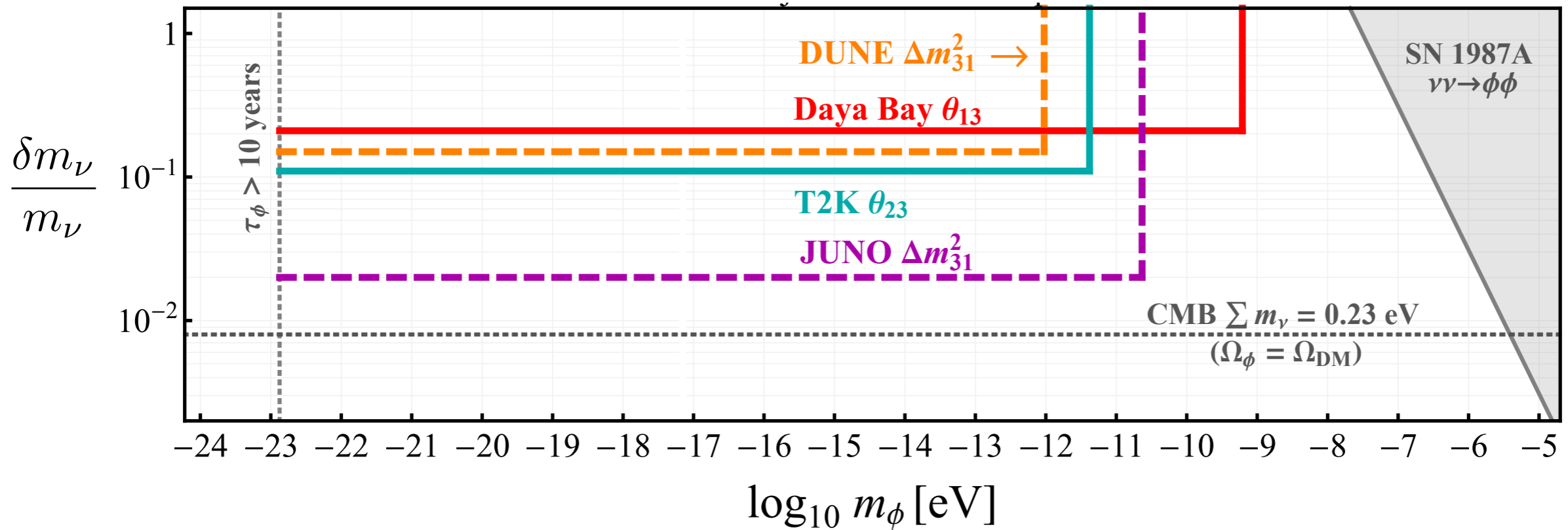
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Effect likely also important for ultra high energy and supernova neutrinos
 Longer travel times and different energy profiles than **terrestrial** sources

(accelerators + nuclear reactors)

dashed = projection
 solid = excluded

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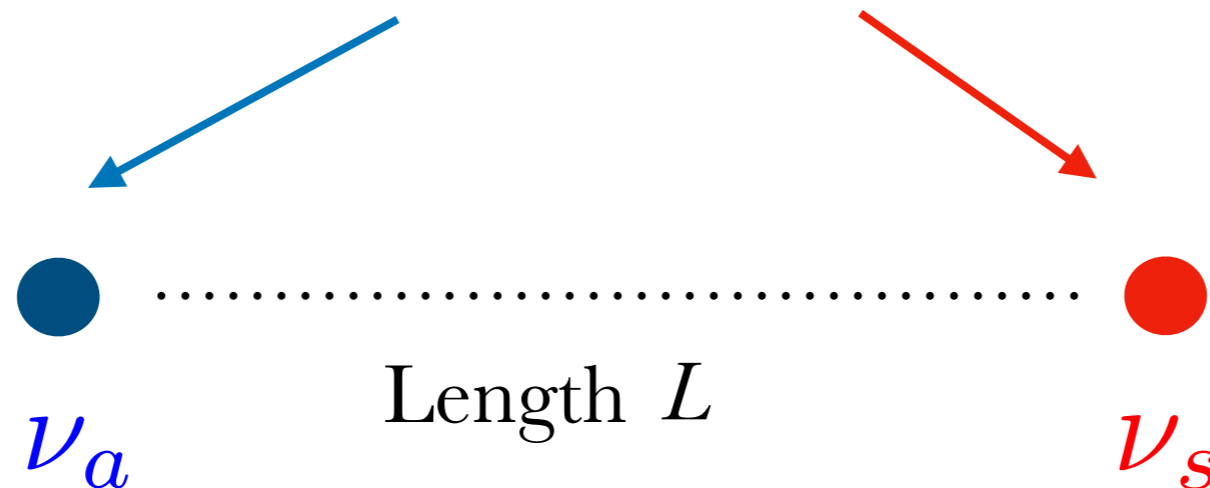

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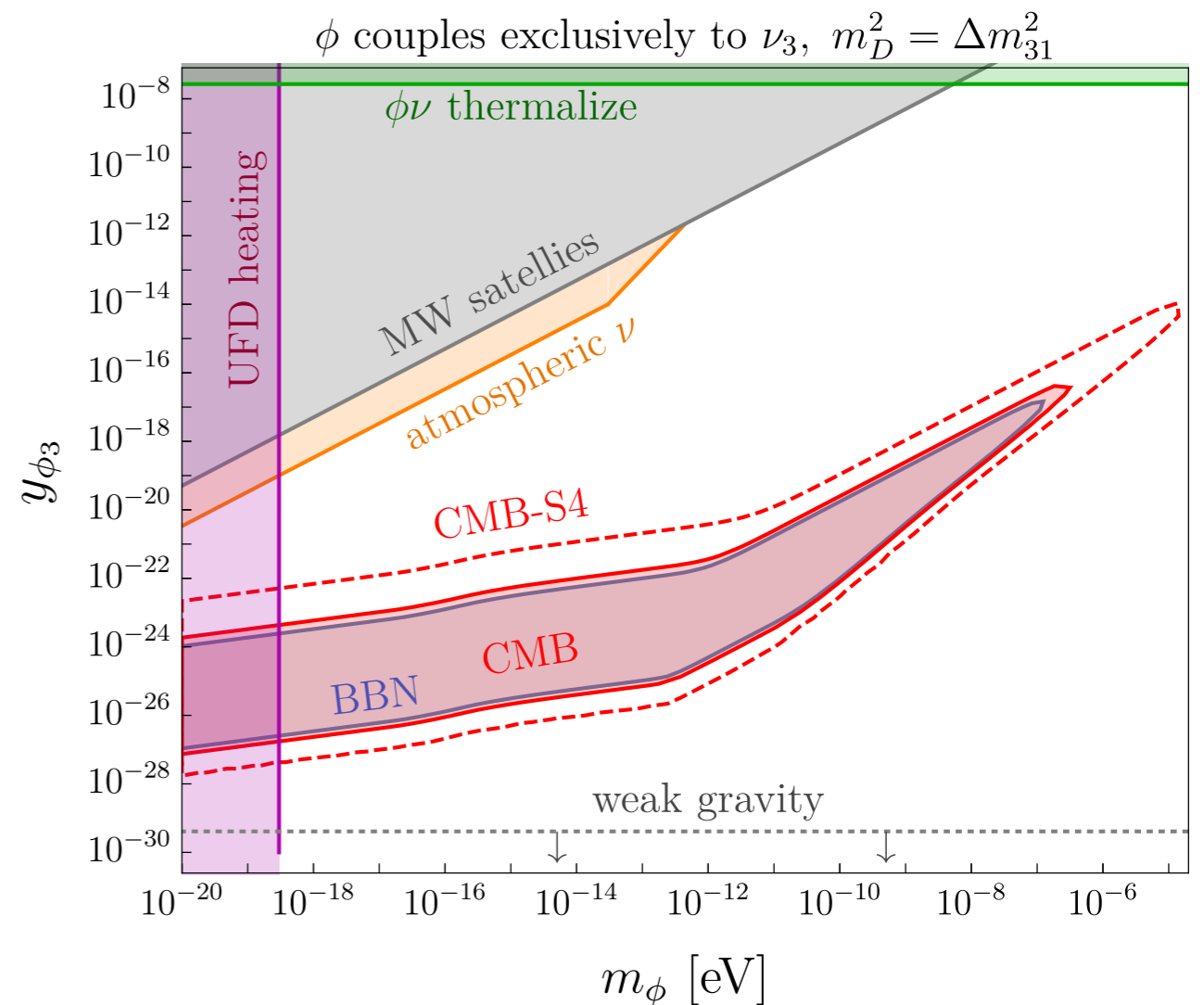
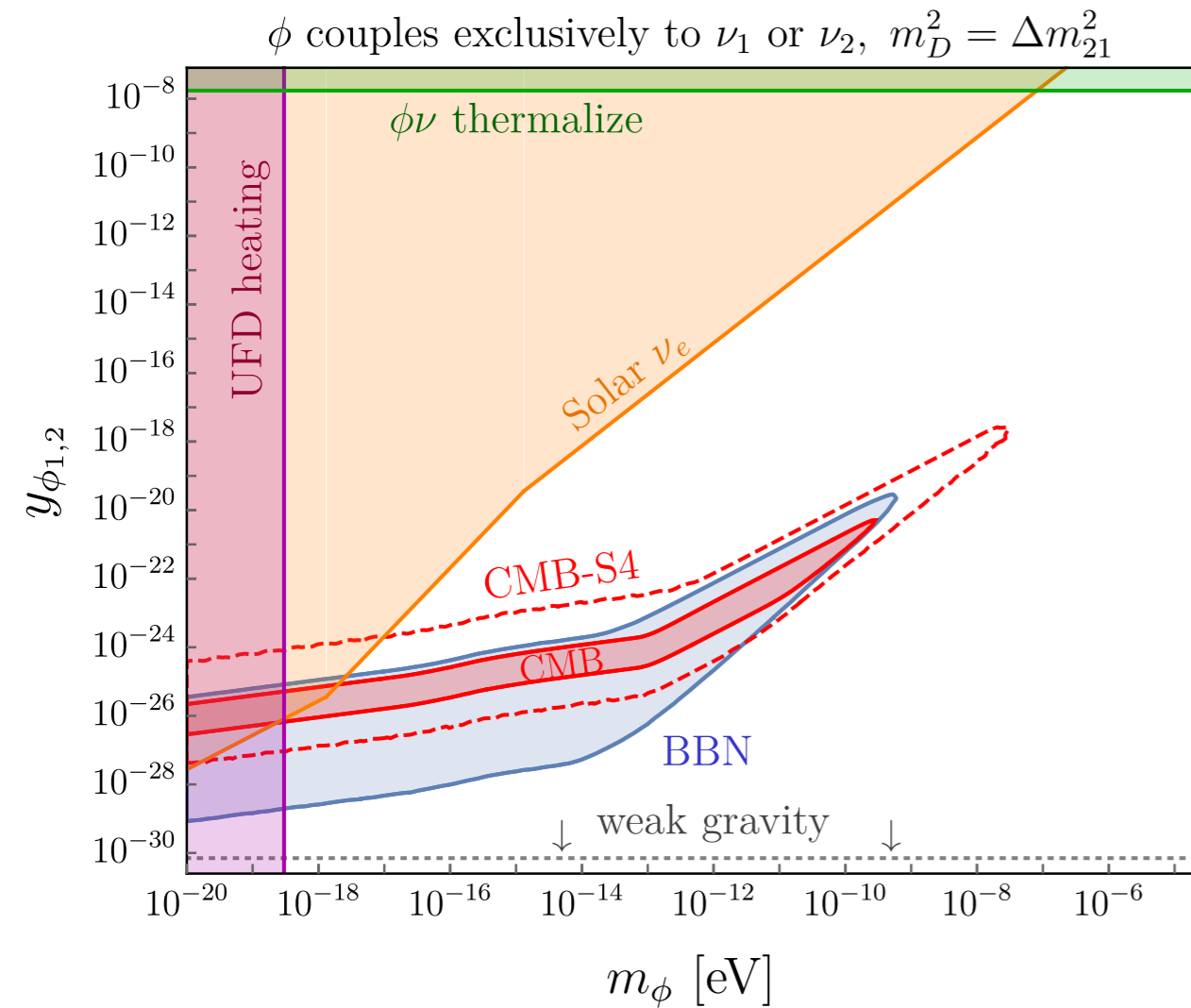
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Eigenstates are **active** and **sterile** neutrinos



Observables are deficits of active neutrinos correlated with DM background

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Limits interactions comparable to gravity between neutrinos

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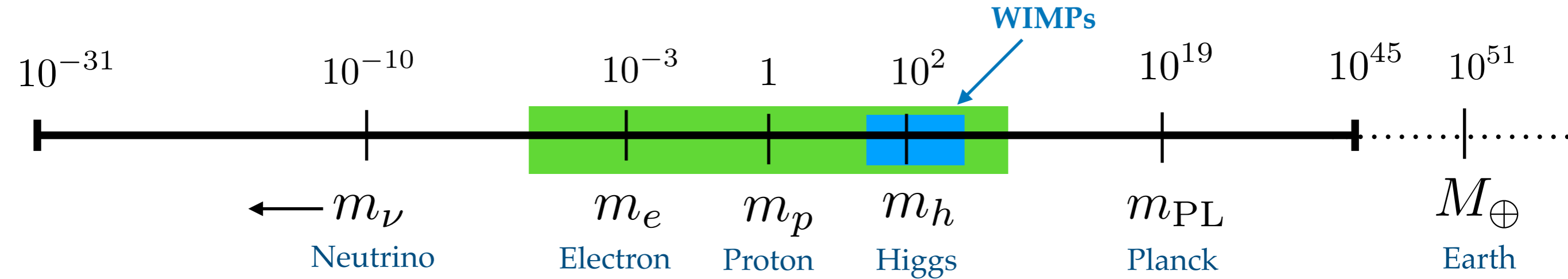
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Middleweight DM — e.g, WIMPs and their cousins

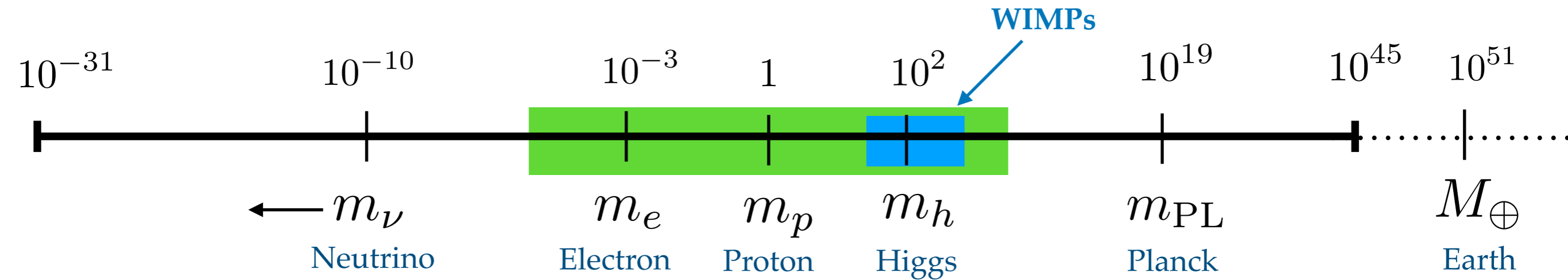
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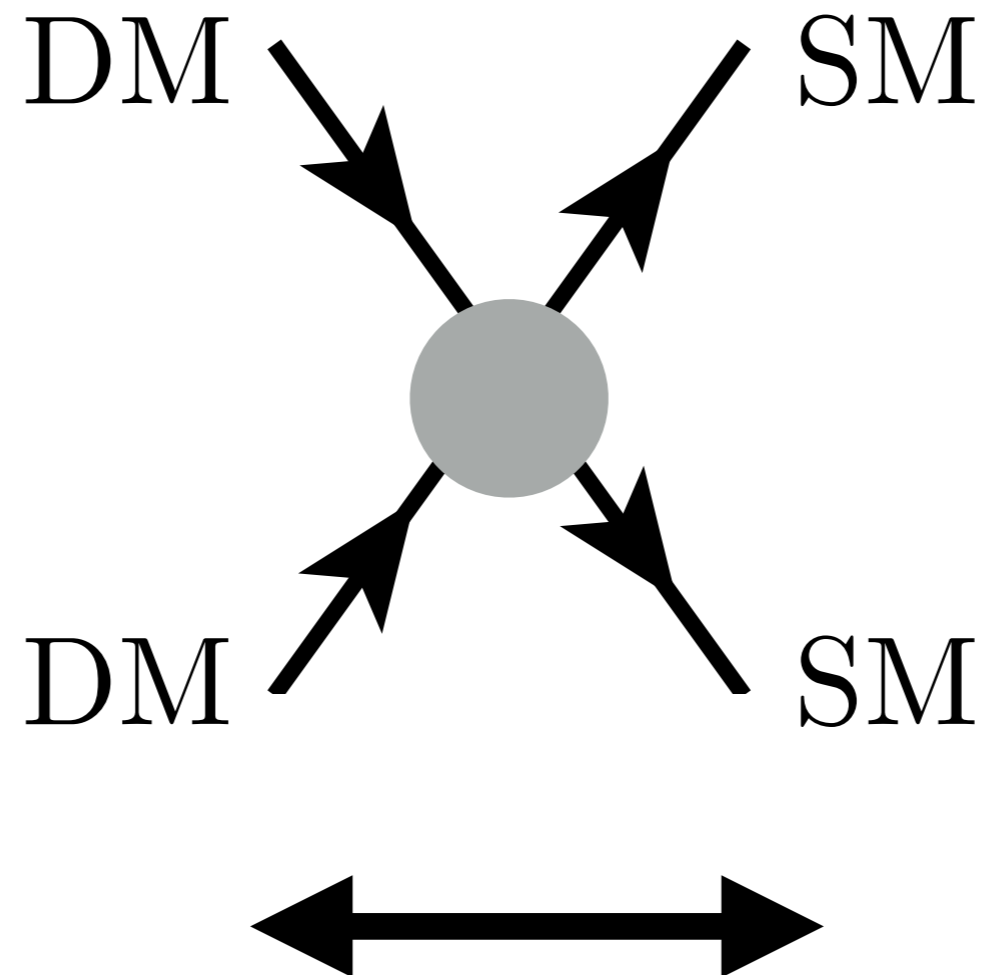
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This mass range allows a *thermal* origin

Why is this an amazing feature?

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Chemical equilibrium: DM production = annihilation
just after the big bang when $T \gg m_{\text{DM}}$

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SuperWIMP

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Very hard to test
[few known examples]

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Where did its density go?

$$n_i^{\text{eq}} = \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{g_i}{e^{E/T} \pm 1} \propto T^3 \quad (T \gg m)$$

In equilibrium, number density set by temperature

All relativistic species have comparable numbers

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Stayed the same

We've measured the DM mass density
so equilibrium predicts particle mass

$$m_\chi \approx \rho_\chi / n_\chi \sim 10 \text{ eV}$$

Too hot, ruled out!

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Where did its density go?

Other dark states

Heavy

too much DM

Light

spoil BBN/CMB

Requires nonstandard cosmology

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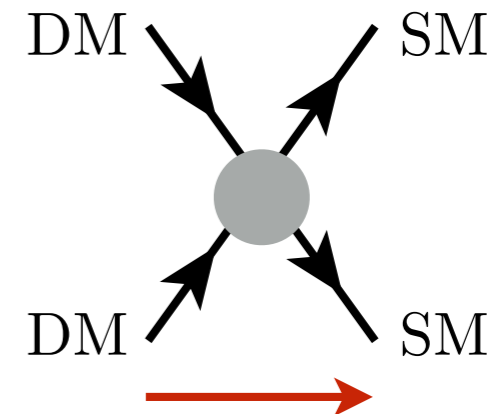
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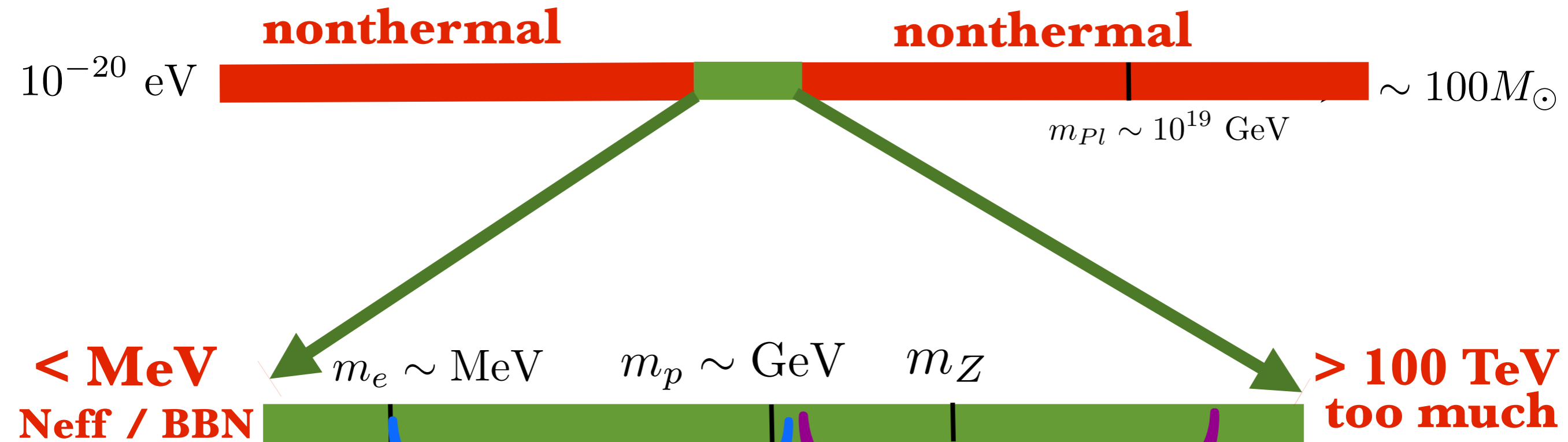
Direct Annihilation

- 1) Predicts *minimum* SM coupling
- 2) The **only** production scenario that is insensitive to unknown* cosmic epochs

*(example: inflation)

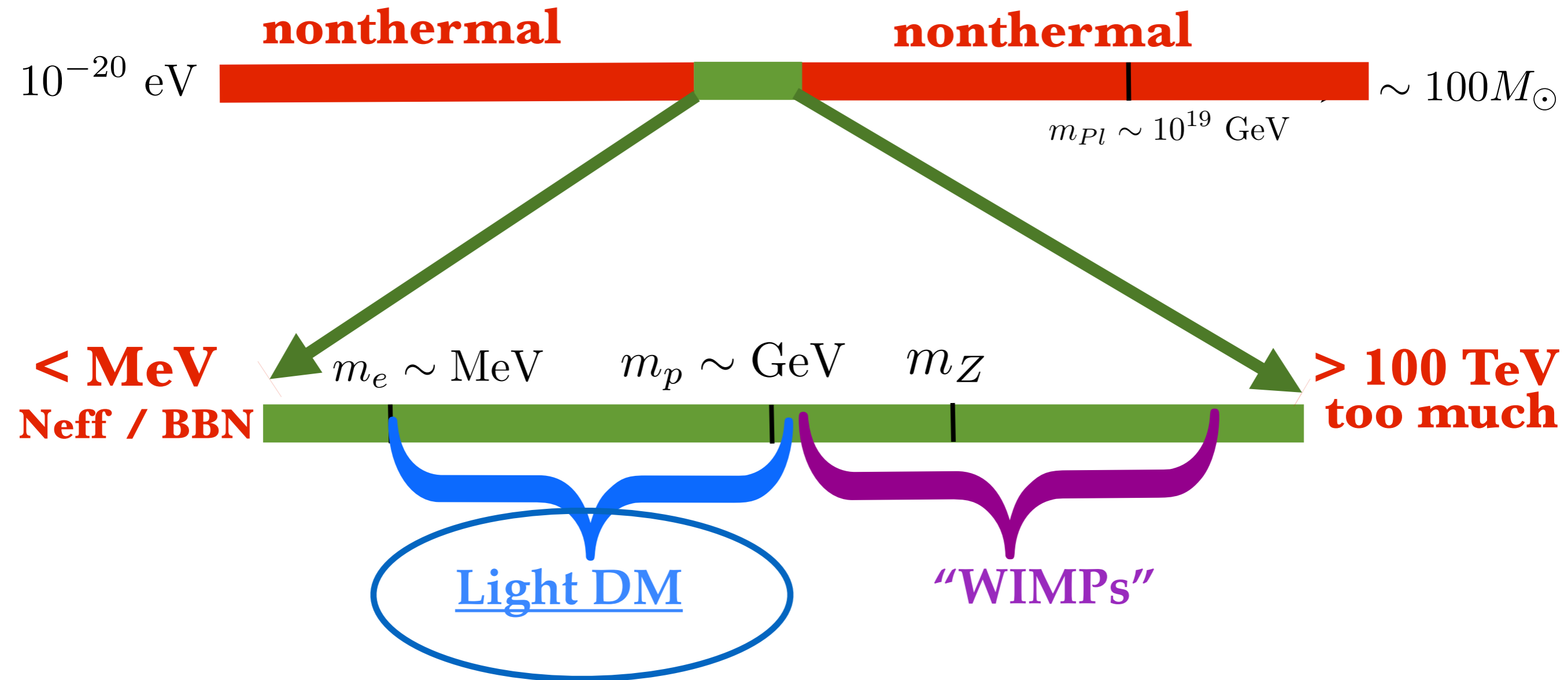


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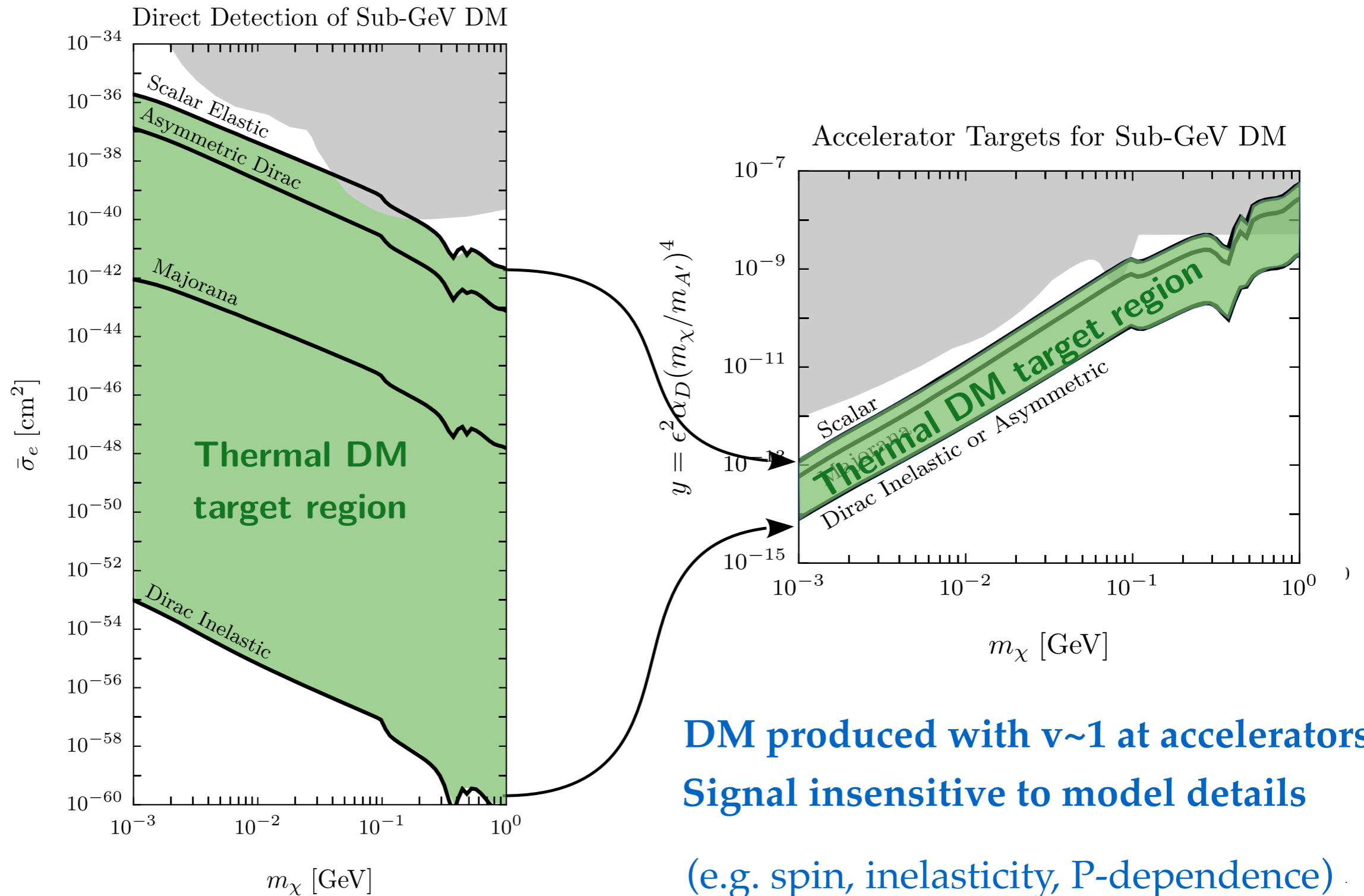
Any DM candidate outside this range is ruled out if theory allows thermalization with the SM

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Fixed Target Accelerators

Advantages of Accelerator Searches



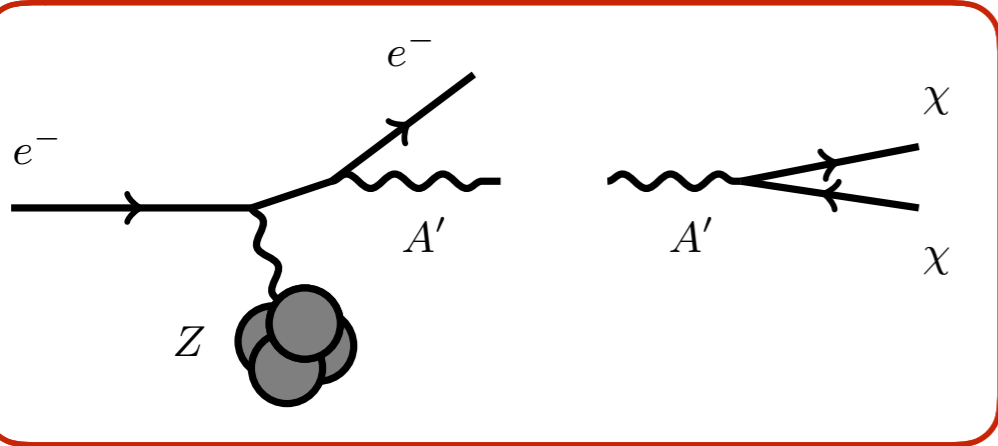
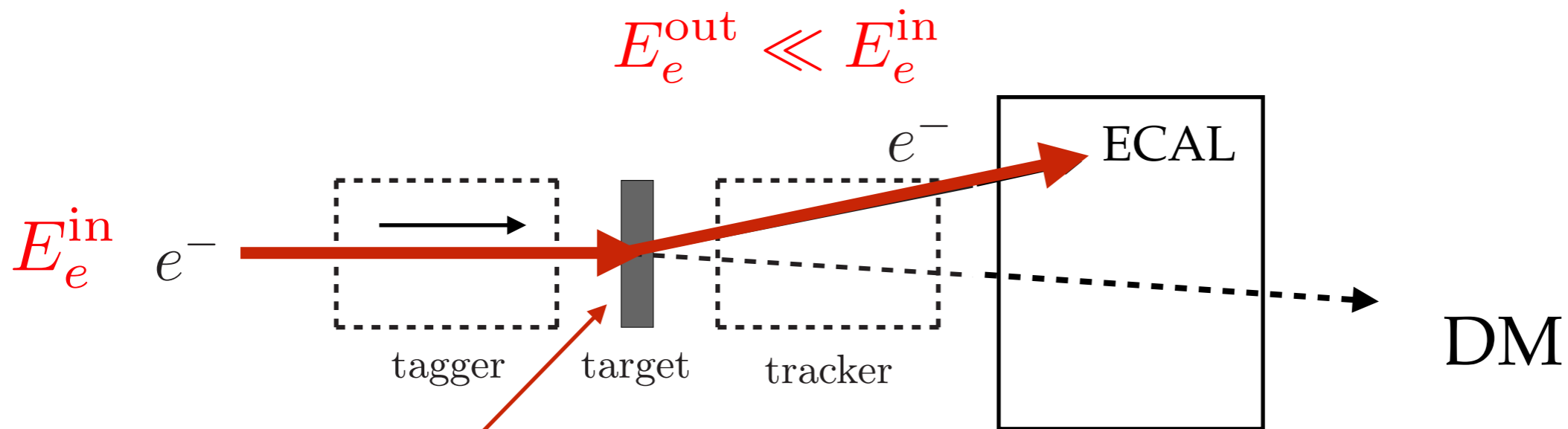
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Step 1

Deliver **single** ~ 10 GeV electron to thin target

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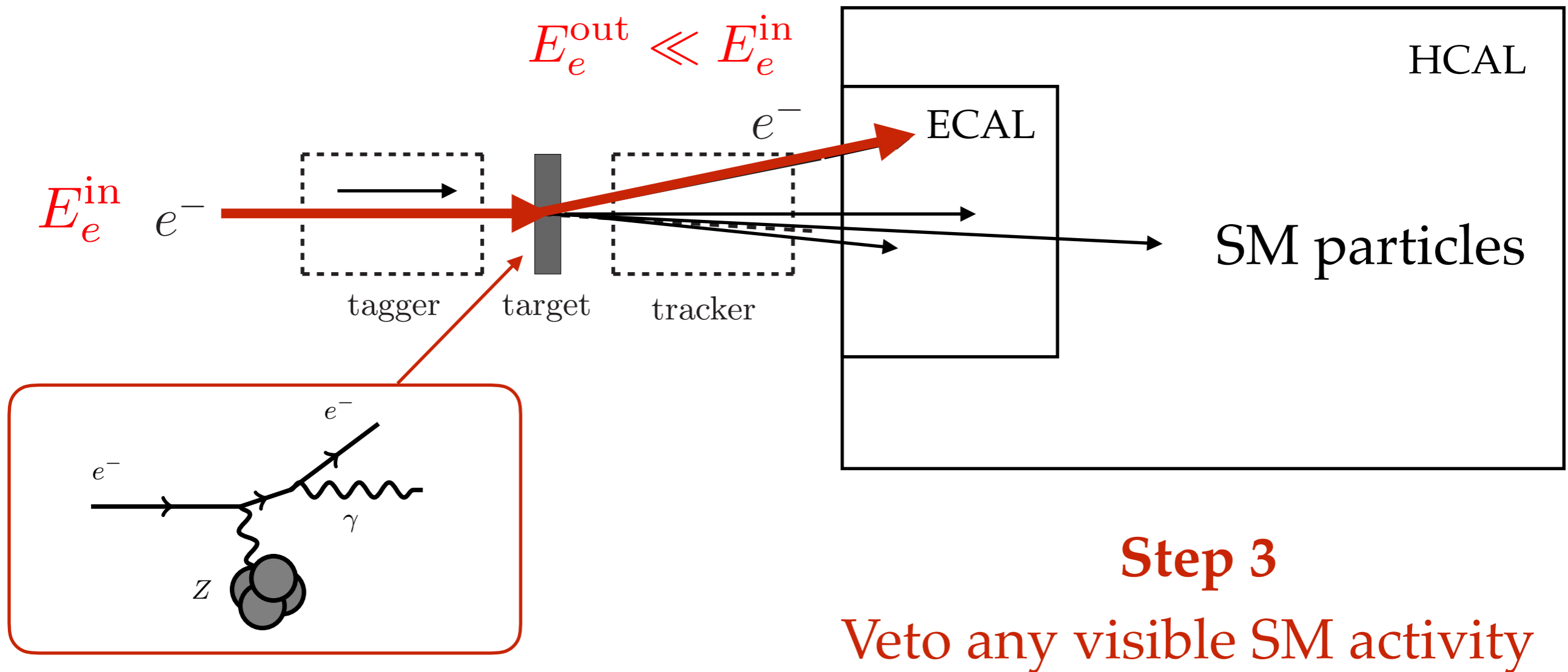
Step 2

Measure in & out energy @ ECAL

Trigger on large missing E/P

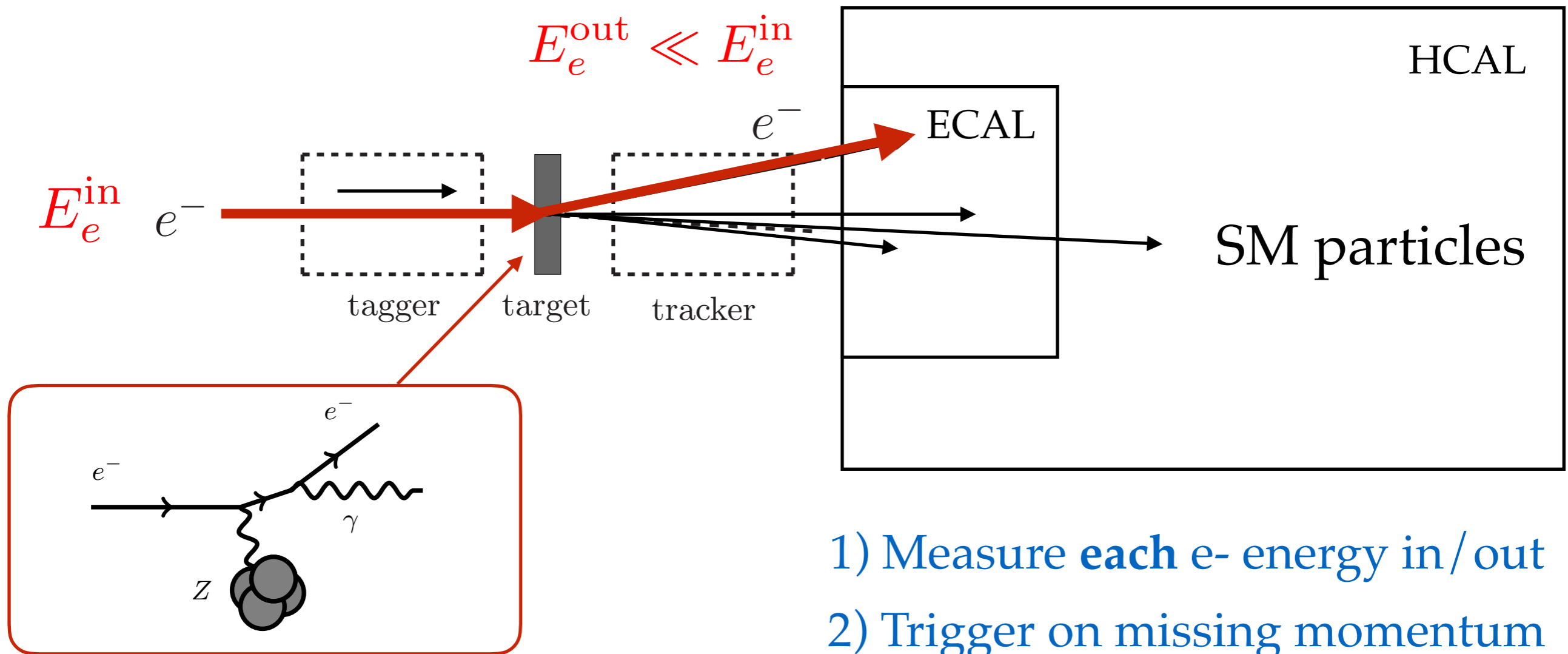
If DM is produced, beam electron loses large E/P fraction

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If SM particles produced, reject all events with ECAL/HCAL

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Step 4

Repeat steps 1-3 $N_e \simeq 10^{16}$ times

- 1) Measure **each** e- energy in/out
- 2) Trigger on missing momentum
- 3) ECAL/HCAL veto SM activity

A High Efficiency Photon Veto for the Light Dark Matter eXperiment

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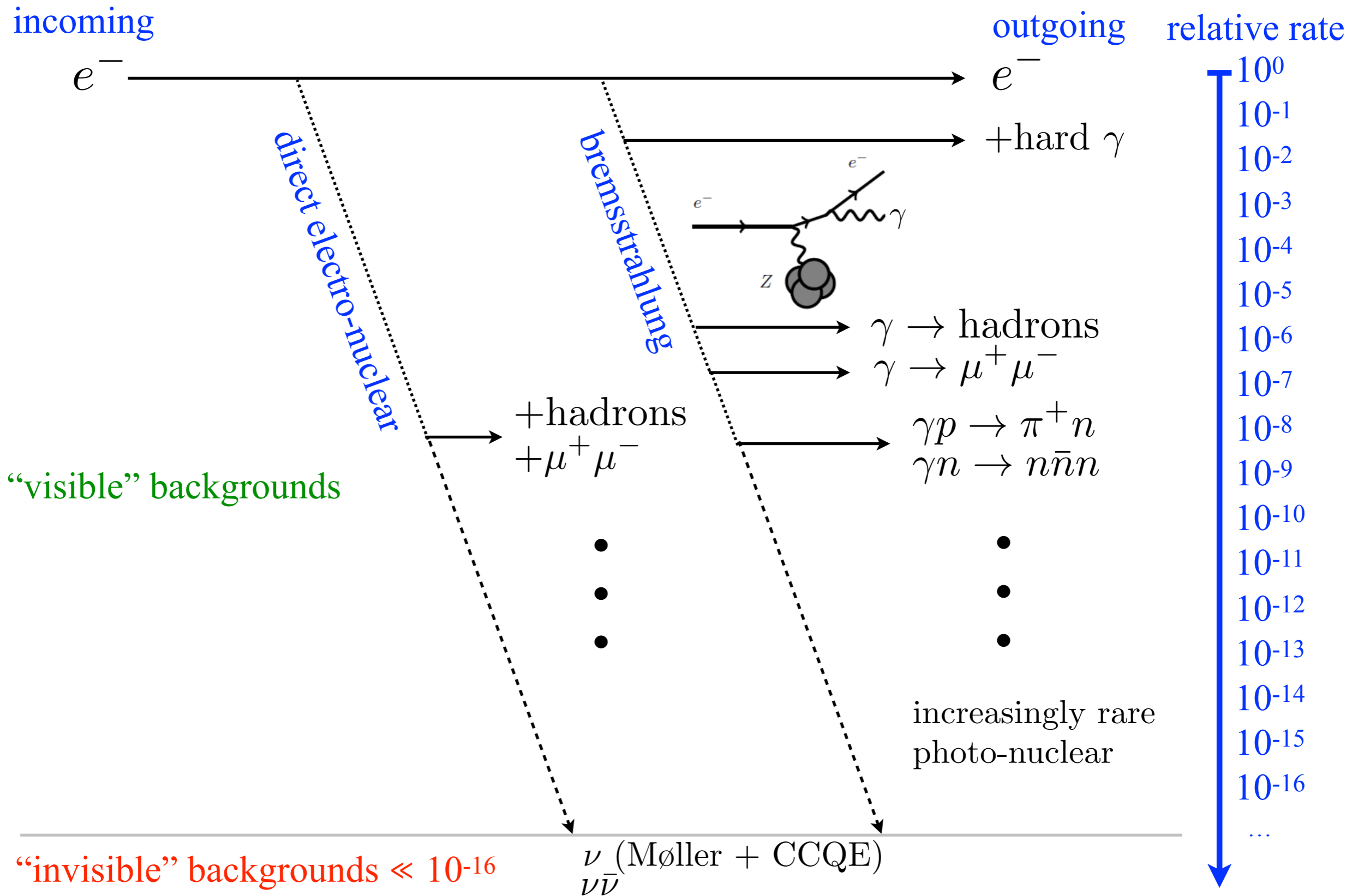
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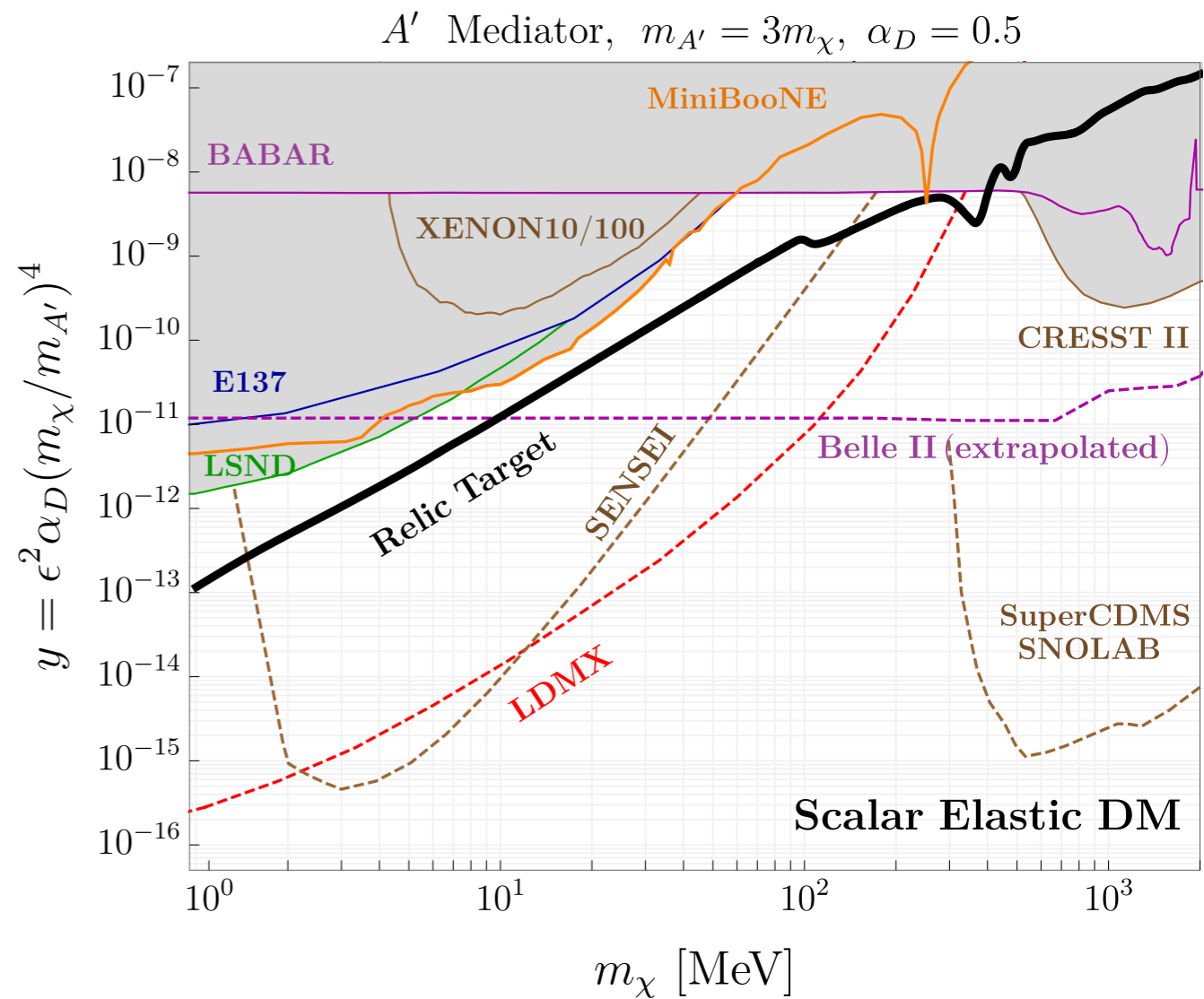
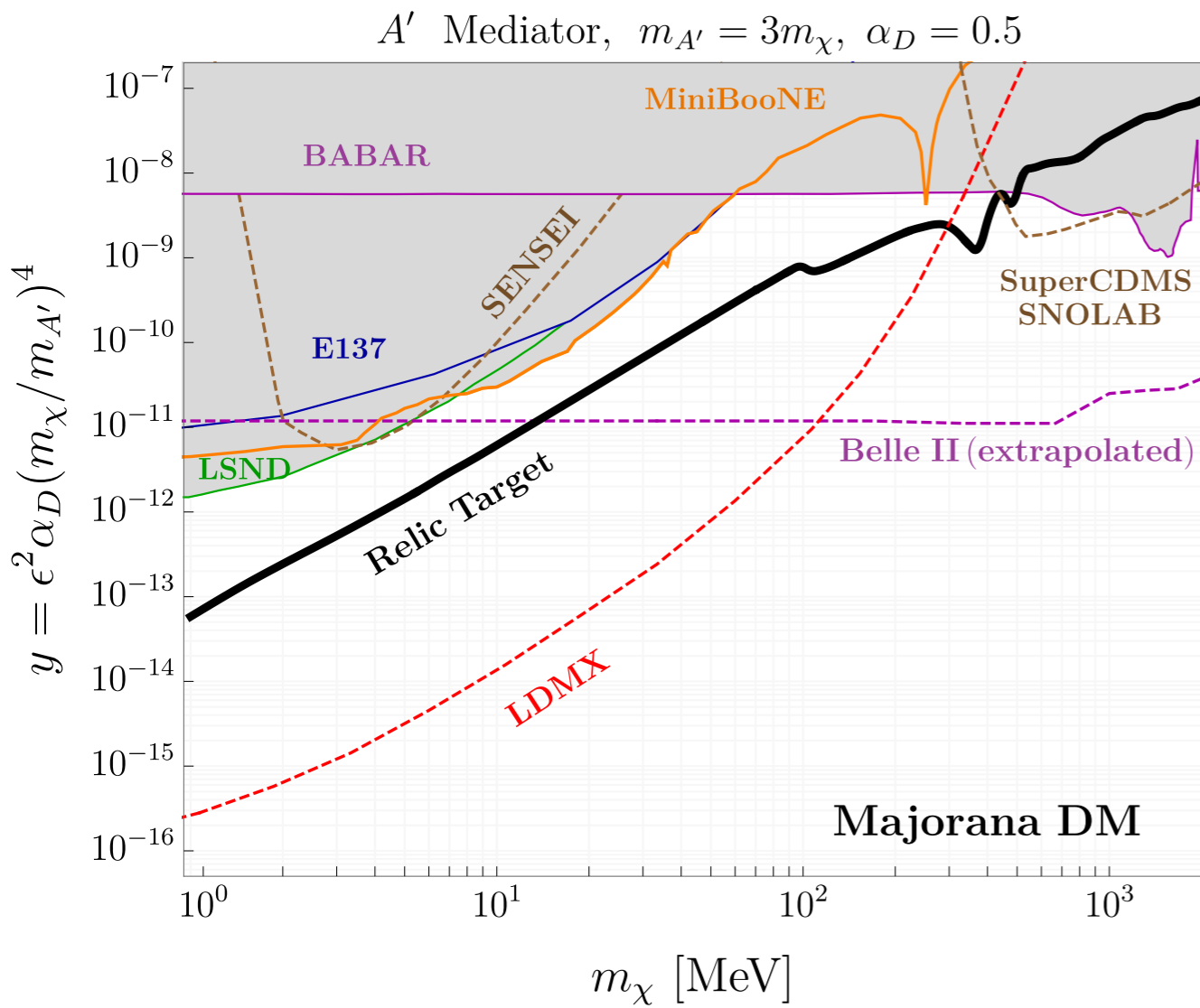
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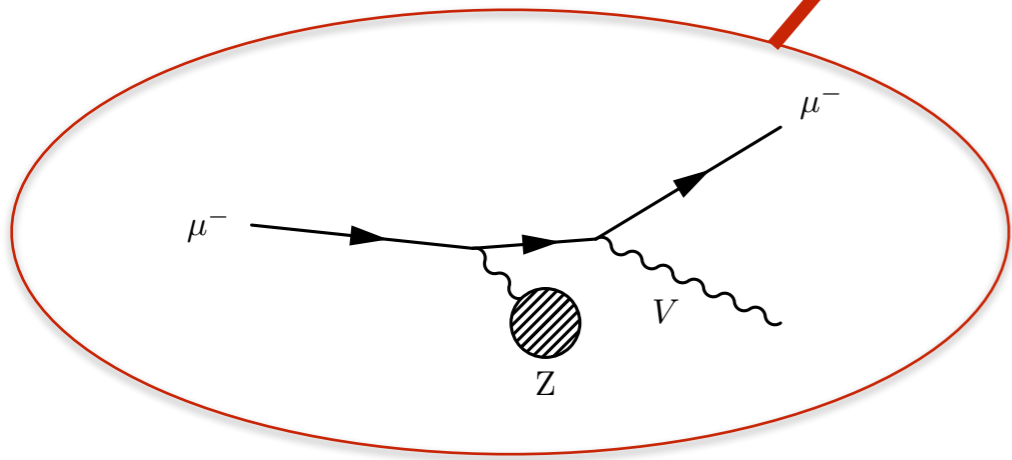
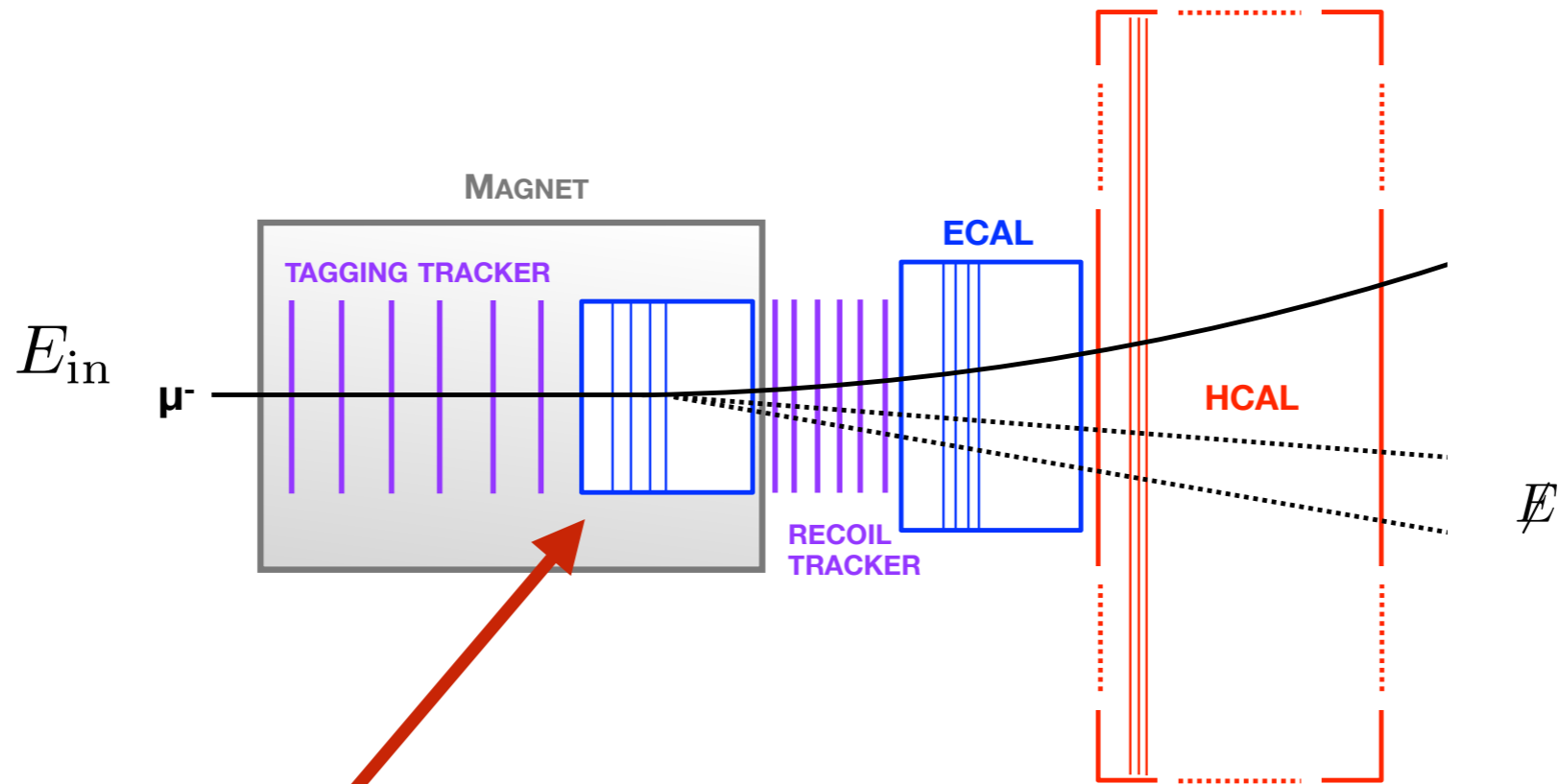
Background Rates



LDMX Projected Reach

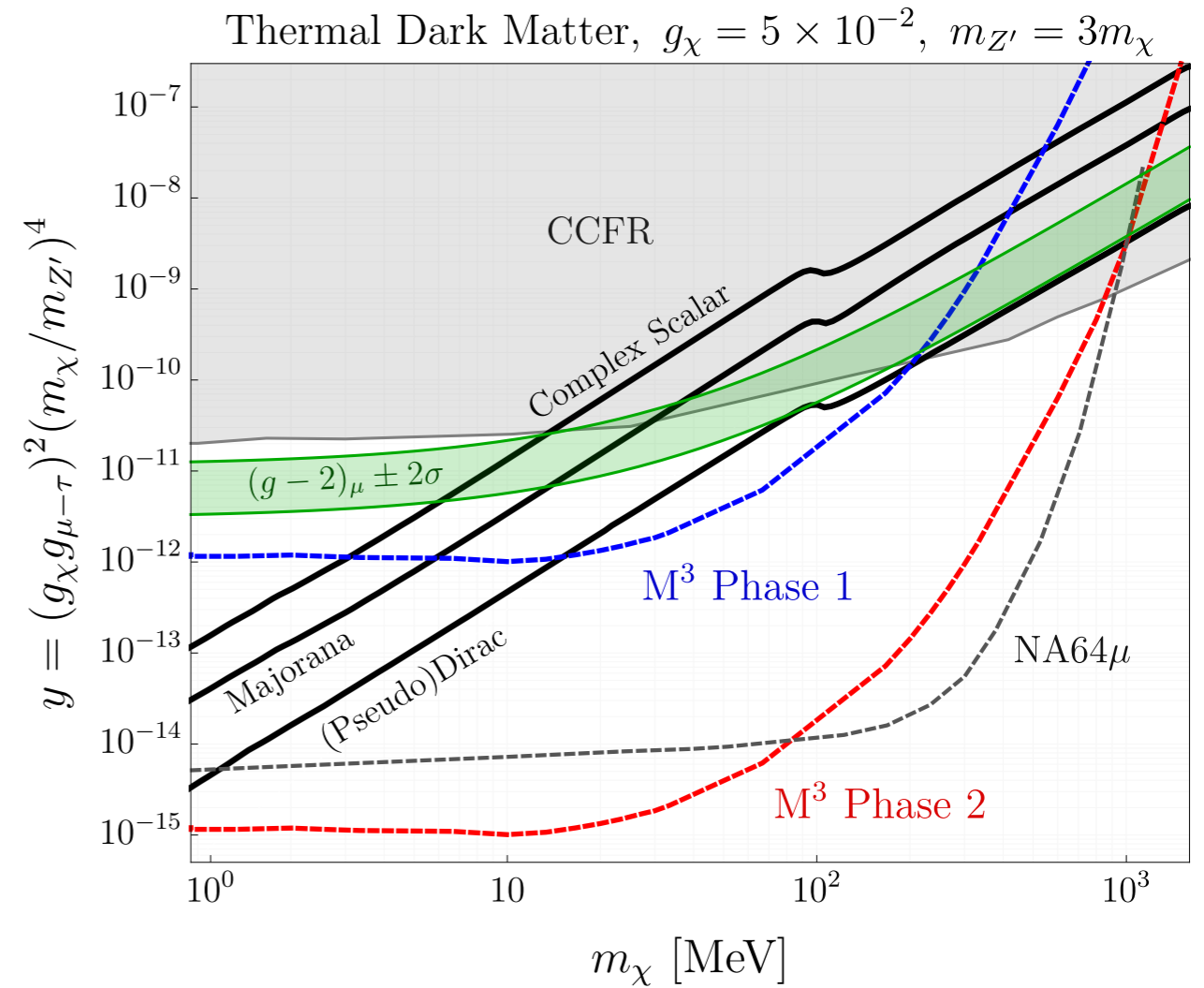
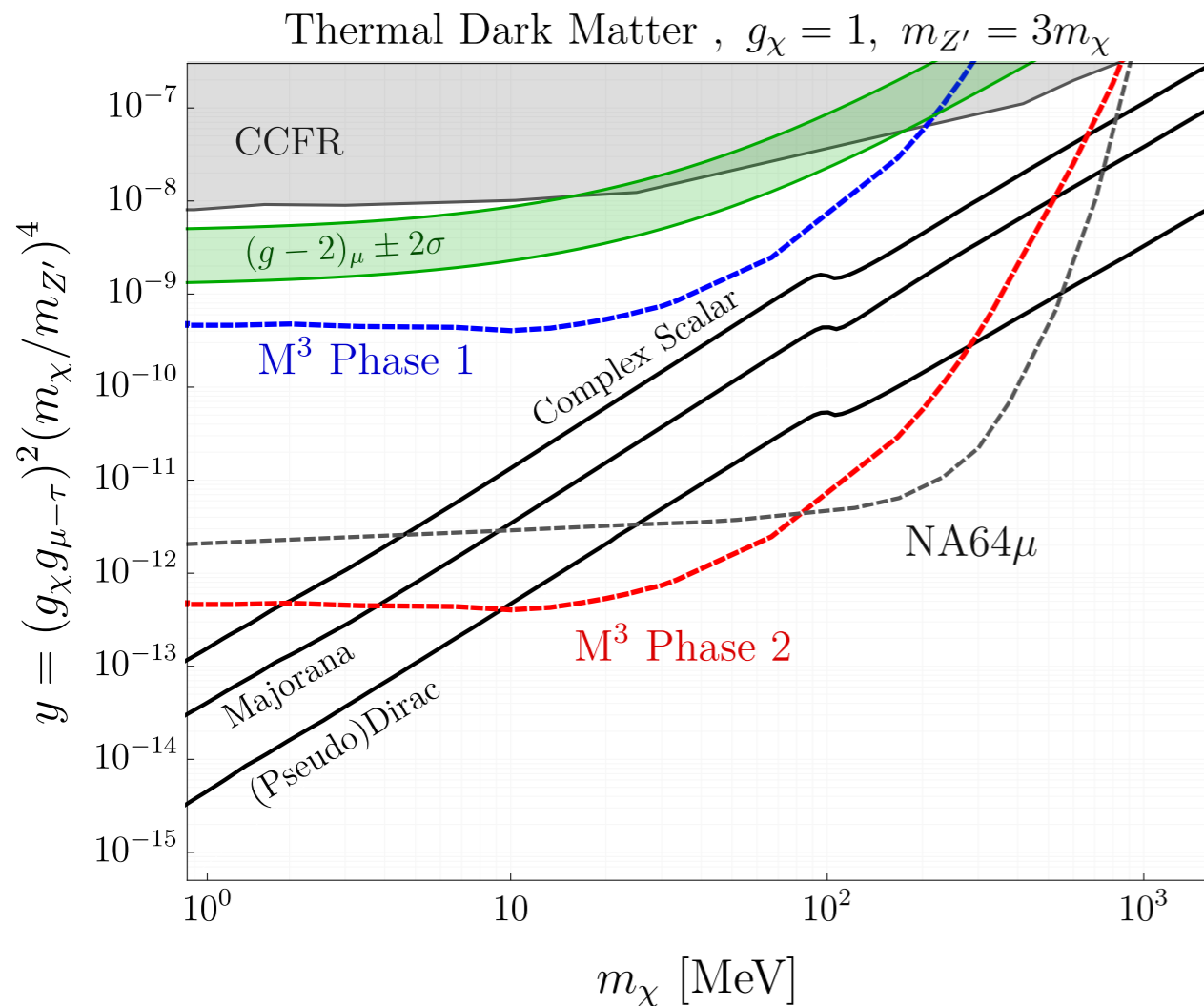


M³: Muon Missing Momentum @ FNAL



- 1) Measure E in/out with B field
- 2) Trigger on missing P
- 3) Veto additional SM activity

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Covers predictive thermal production targets for muon-philic DM. Including models that also explain g-2 anomaly

Holst, Hooper, GK, 2107.09067 PRL

Kahn, GK, Tran, Whitbeck 1804.03144, LDRD supported

Overview

What's the evidence for dark matter?

What can we deduce from first principles?

What can we learn in new places?

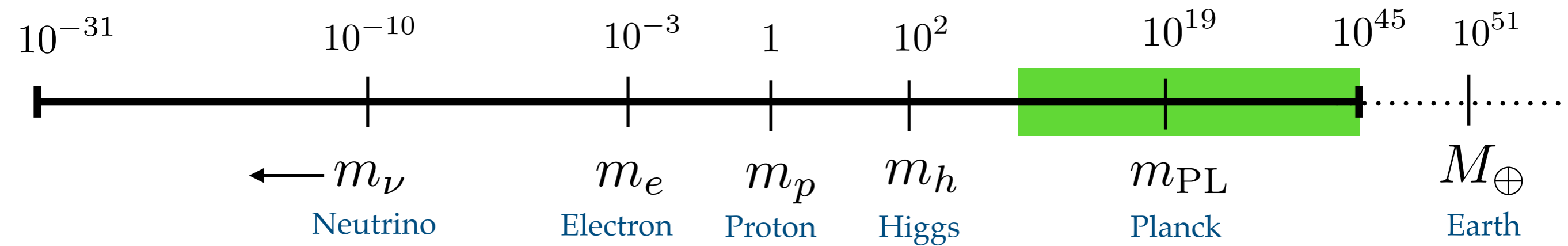
Wavelike

Particle-like

Macroscopic

Ultra Heavy DM (e.g. "WIMPZILLA!")

WIMPZILLAS and ultra heavy DM

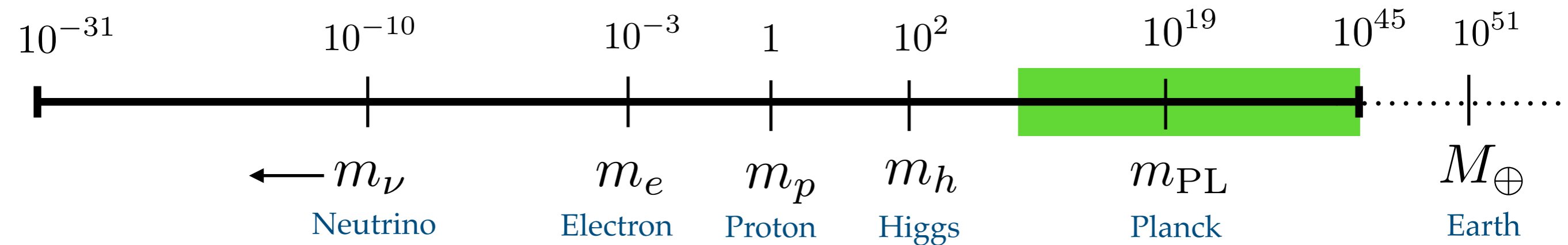


Broad category with many viable production mechanisms

Too heavy for thermal equilibrium in early universe

Kolb, Chung, Riotto [arXiv/9810361](https://arxiv.org/abs/9810361)

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Could we ever detect it using gravity alone?

$$F_G = G_N \frac{m_{\text{DM}} m_{\text{test}}}{d^2} \approx \underbrace{10^{-21} \text{ N}}_{\text{“zeptonewton”}} \left(\frac{m_{\text{DM}}}{m_{\text{PL}}} \right) \left(\frac{m_{\text{test}}}{m_{\text{PL}}} \right) \left(\frac{5 \text{ mm}}{d} \right)^2$$

$$m_{\text{PL}} = 2.2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ gram}$$

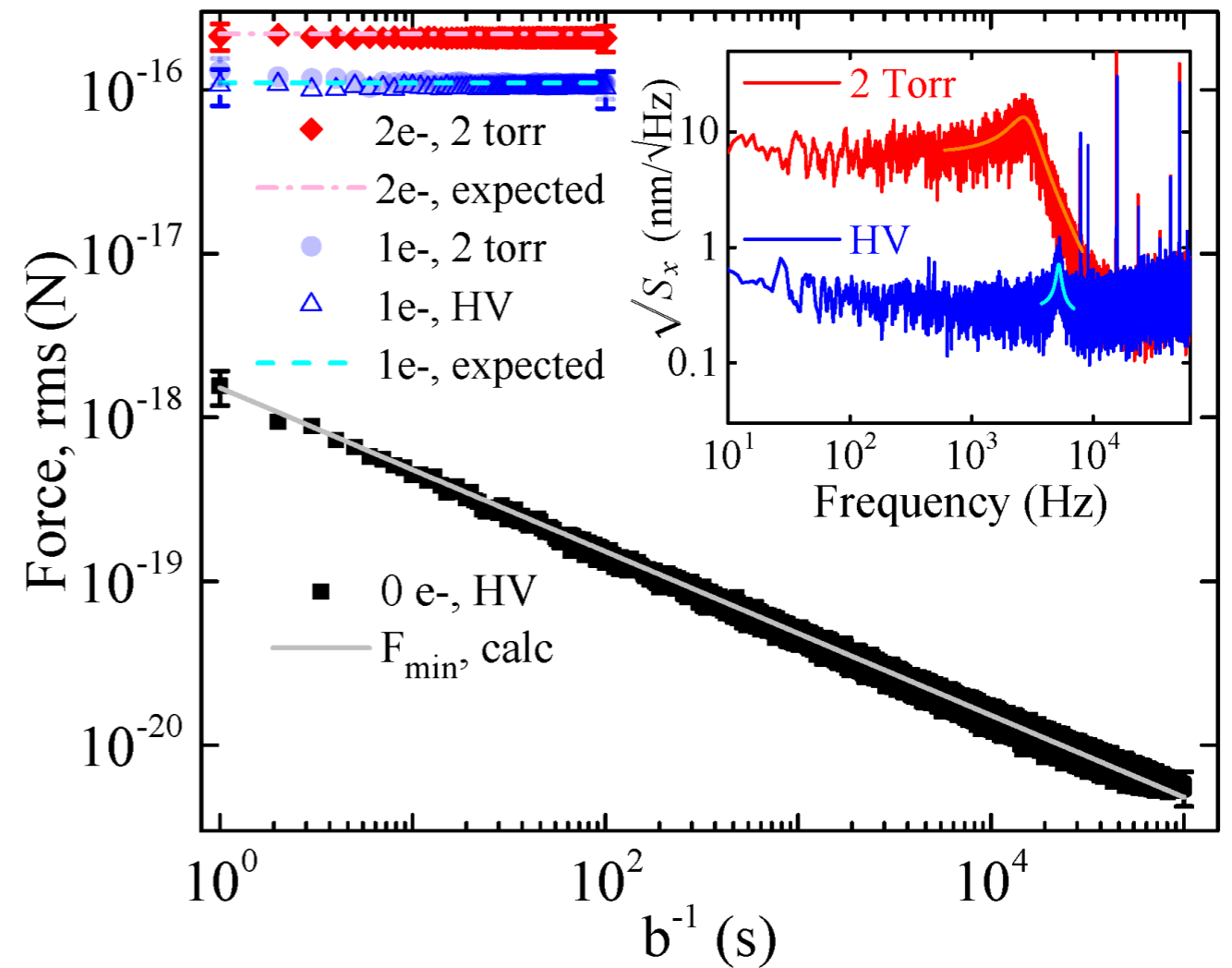
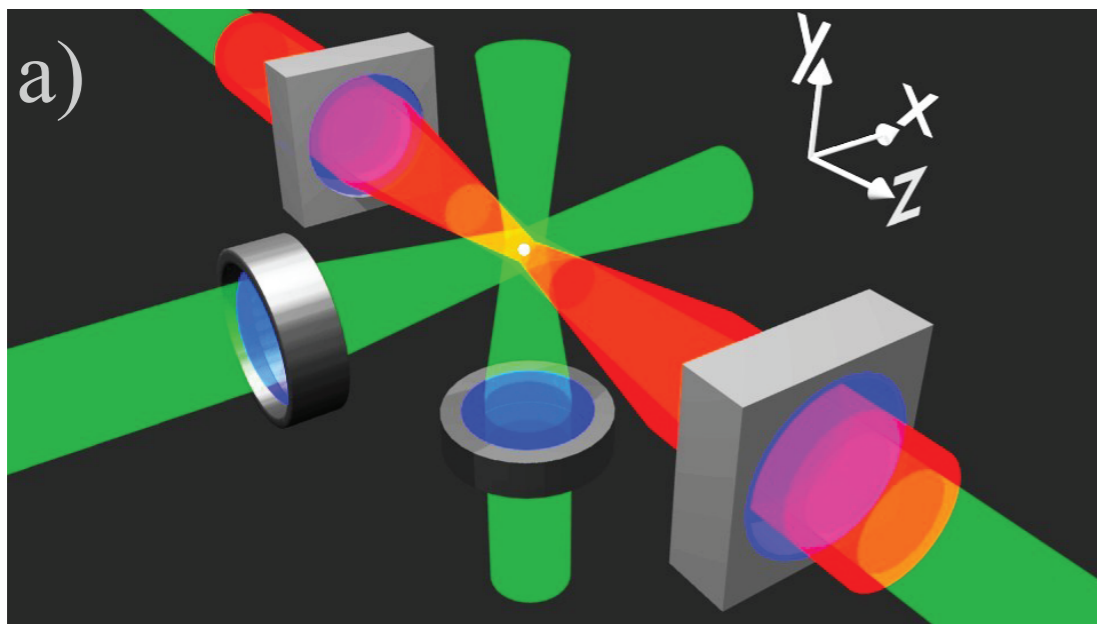
This sounds totally nuts, right?

Zeptonewton force sensing with nanospheres in an optical lattice

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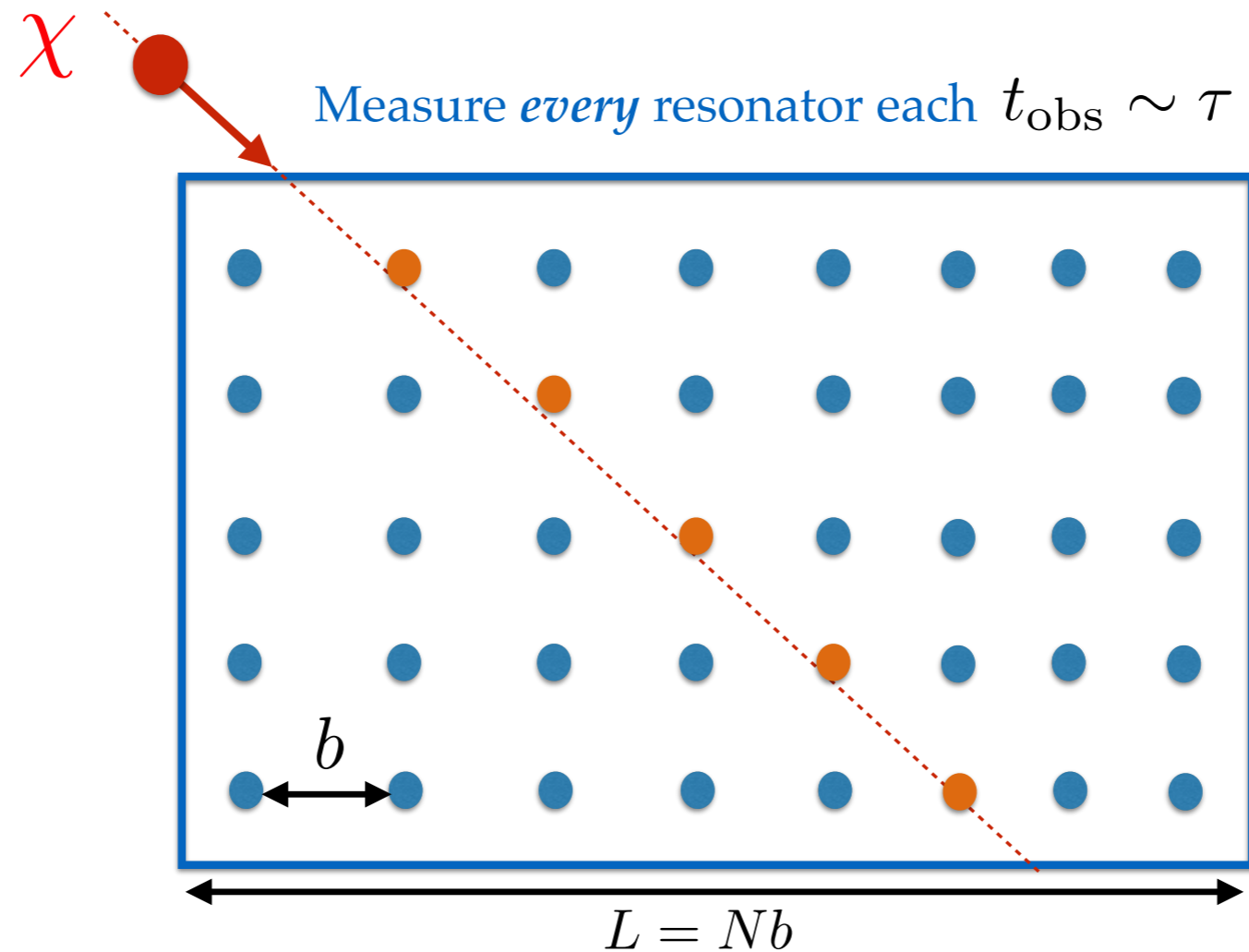
Department of Physics, University of Nevada, Reno, Reno NV, USA

(Dated: March 10, 2016)



Can we use this to gravitationally detect WIMPZILLAS?

Levitating Sensor Arrays “Windchime”



Correlated signal along *only one* linear track
Uncorrelated along *all other* possible linear tracks

Need big detector volume

$$L = Nb \sim \text{m}$$

Need small spacing

$$b \sim \text{mm}$$

Total detector count

$$\implies (L/d)^3 \sim 10^9$$

Video by Sean Kelley (NIST)



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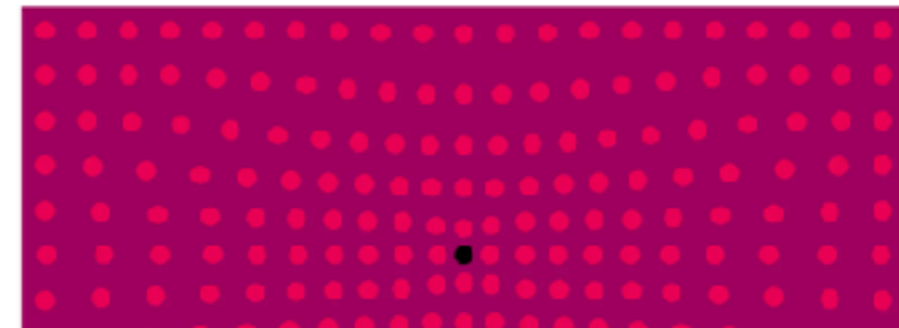
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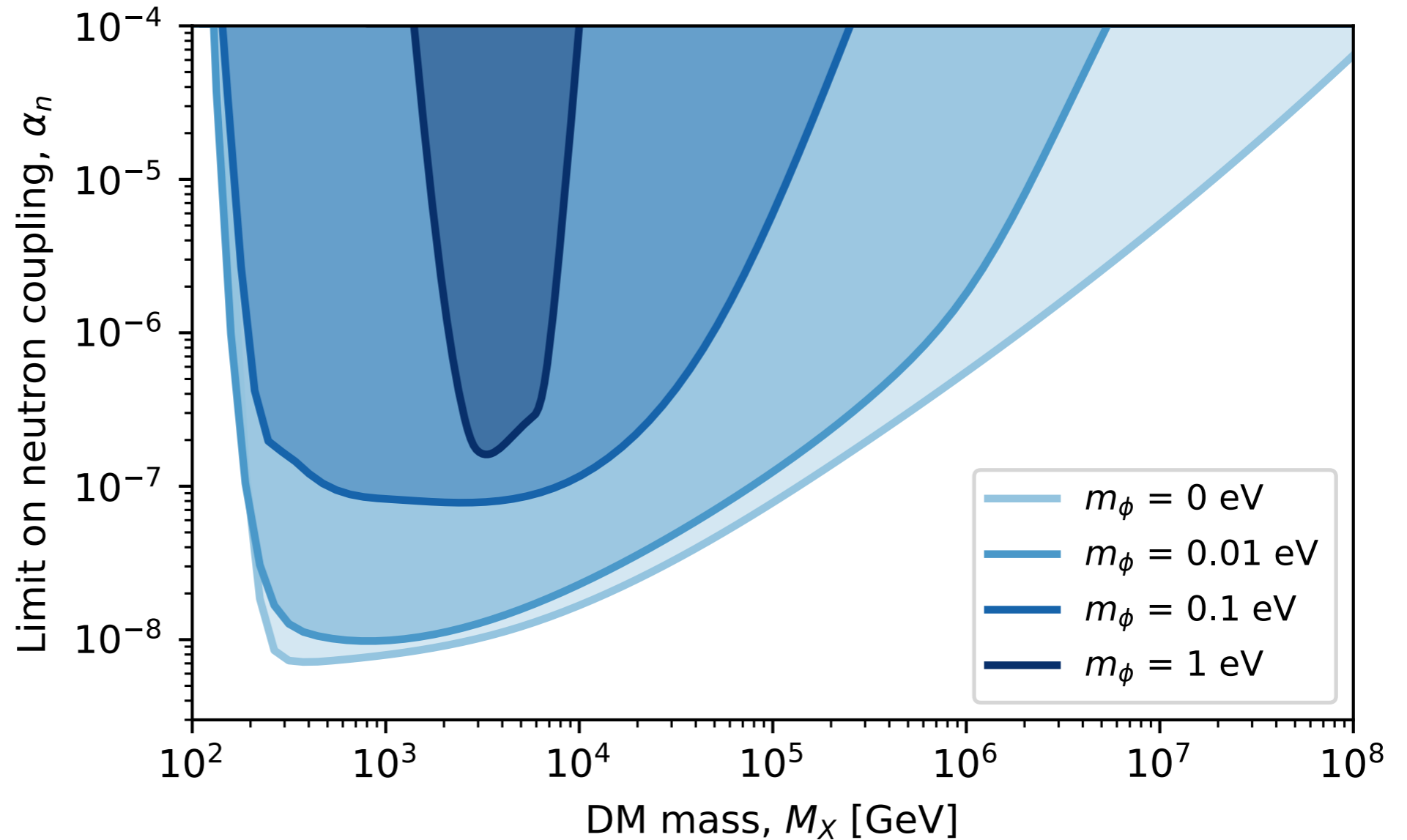
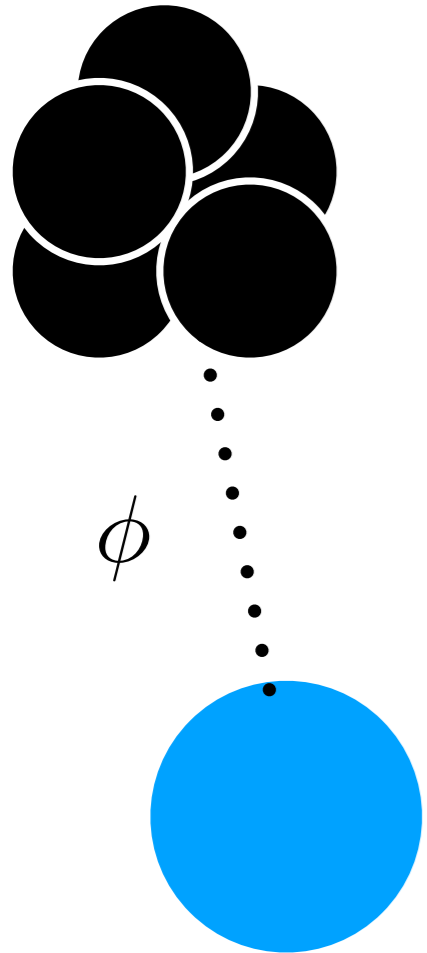
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Single sensor prototype already setting new limits

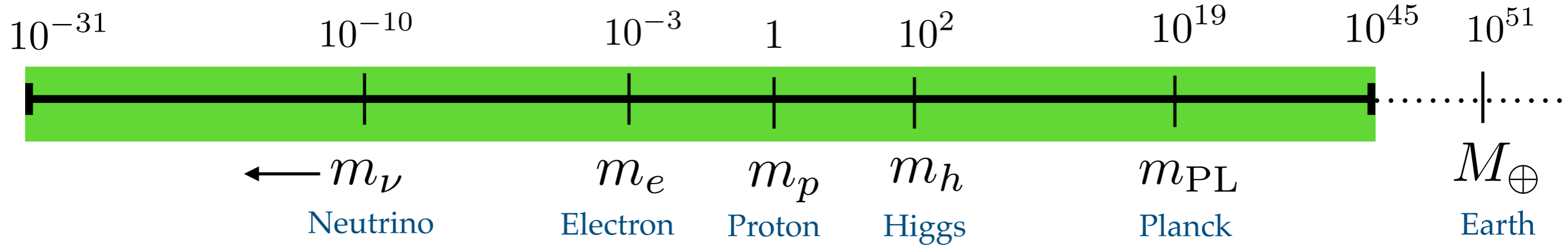
DM blob



Sensor

First ever DM limit using CM motion of macroscopic object

Concluding Remarks



Remarkable evidence for dark matter

CMB, LSS, BBN, rotation curves, lensing, cluster collisions

DM search effort has vastly expanded in scope

Broader priors on WIMP DM since 2010s motivate wider mass range

Many models, many novel “laboratories”

Wavelike DM

Neutrino oscillations
Accelerator + cosmic

Particle-like DM

Electron + Muon
Fixed-target exp
LDMX + M3

Macroscopic DM

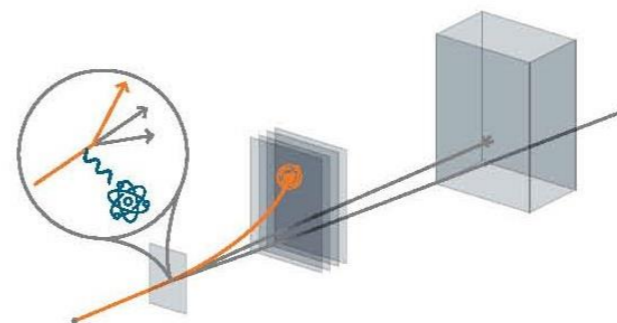
Nanospheres
Gravity coupling
Windchime

DOE Basic Research Needs Report

Three Priority Research Directions

LDMX
M3

Create & Detect
Dark Matter
at Accelerators



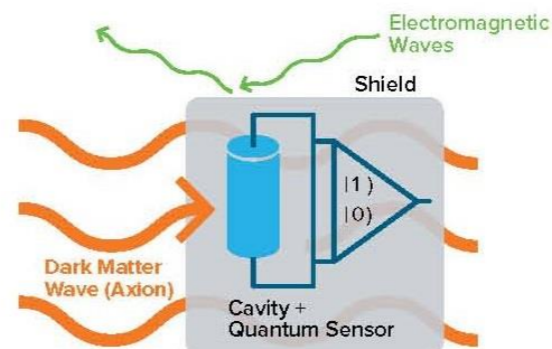
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Detect Galactic
Dark Matter
Underground



DINOs

Detect Wave
Dark Matter
in the Laboratory

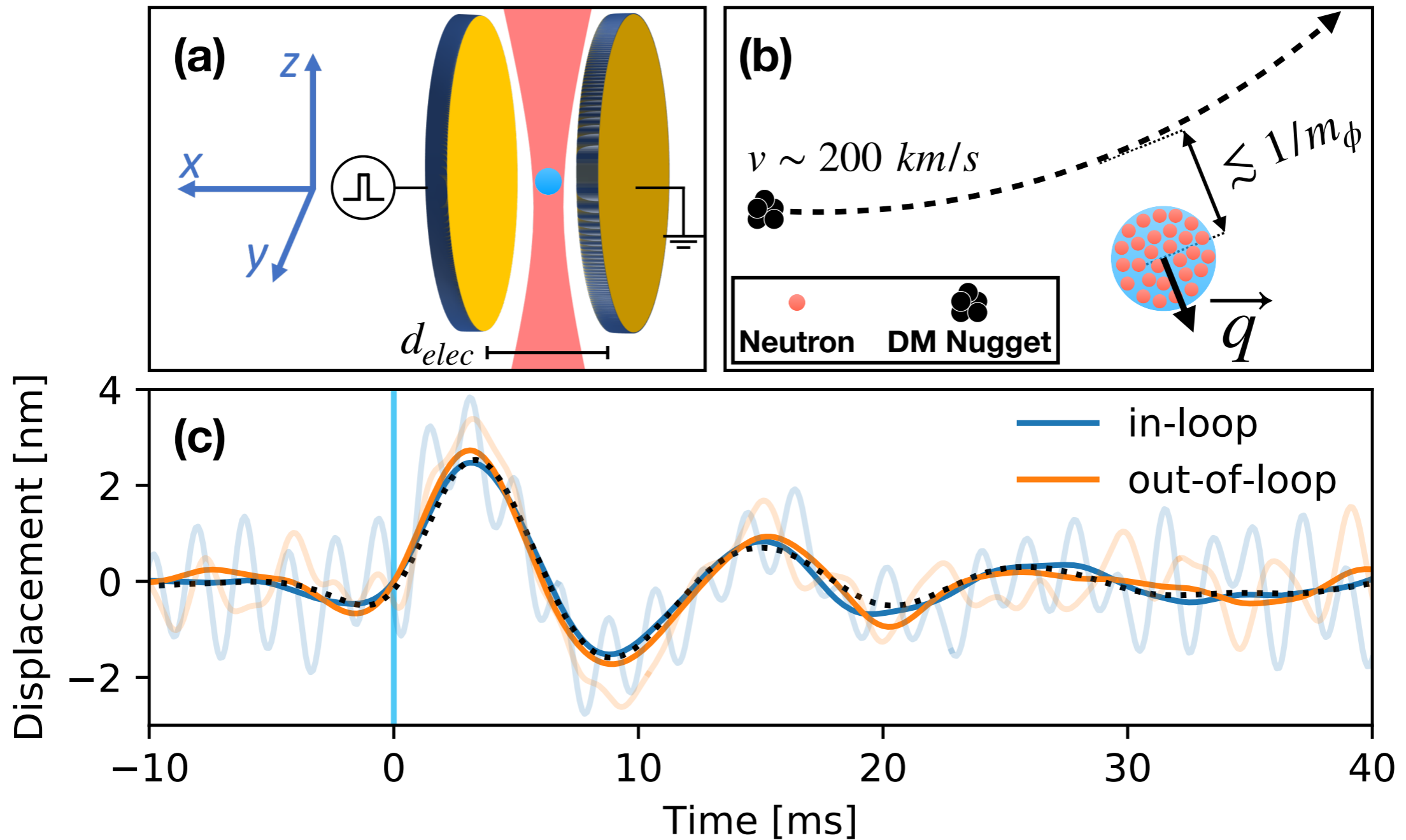


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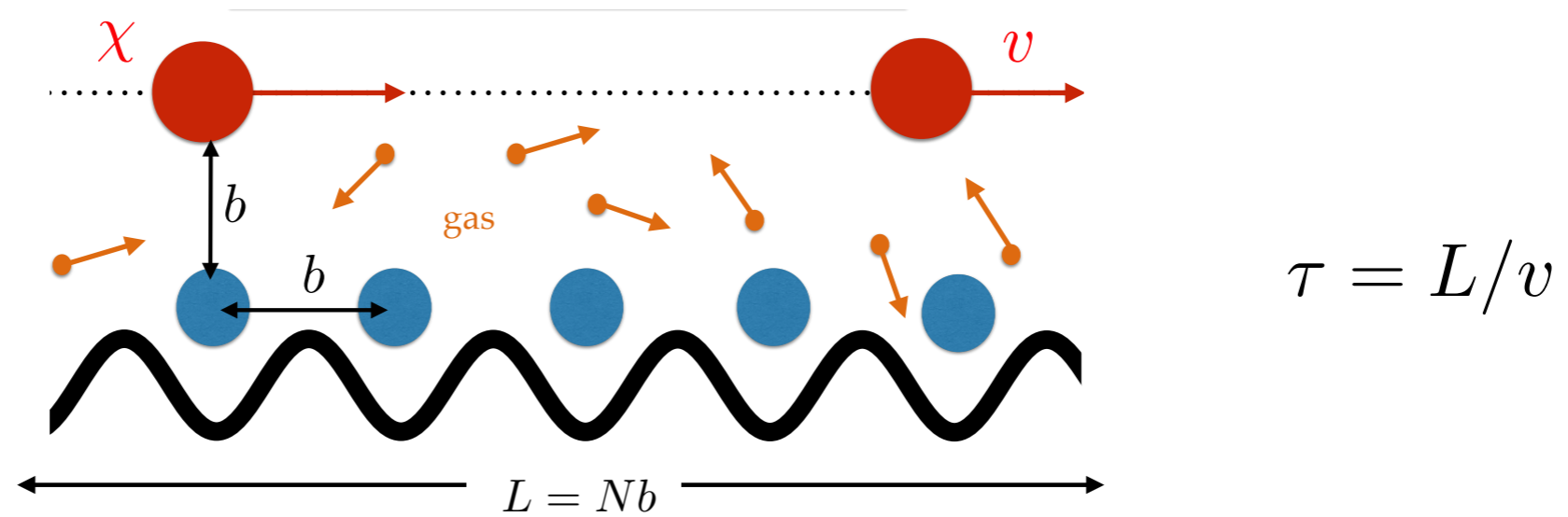
Thanks!

What can we do with only one sensor?

Nongravitational long range couplings of DM “nuggets” $V = \frac{\alpha_n}{r} \exp(-m_\phi r)$



Levitating Sensor Arrays “Windchime”



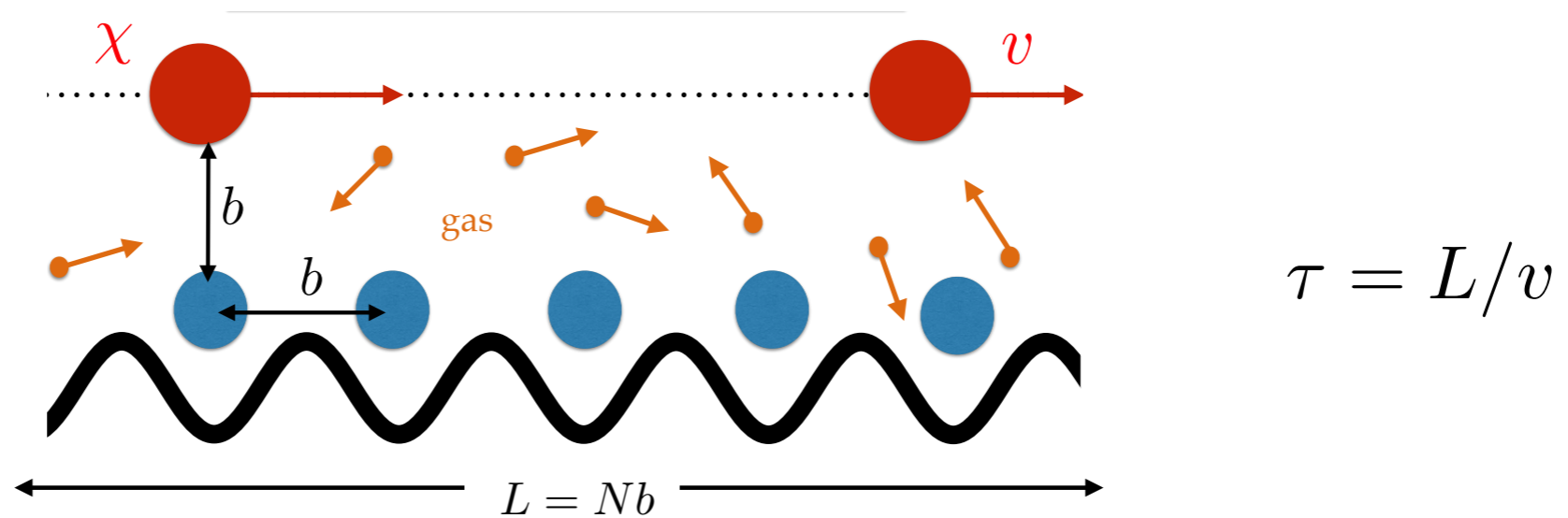
Signal to noise ratio gravitational impulse

RMS noise impulse from gas

$$\text{SNR}^2 = \frac{I^2}{\Delta I^2} = \frac{4\bar{F}^2 N\tau}{\alpha}$$

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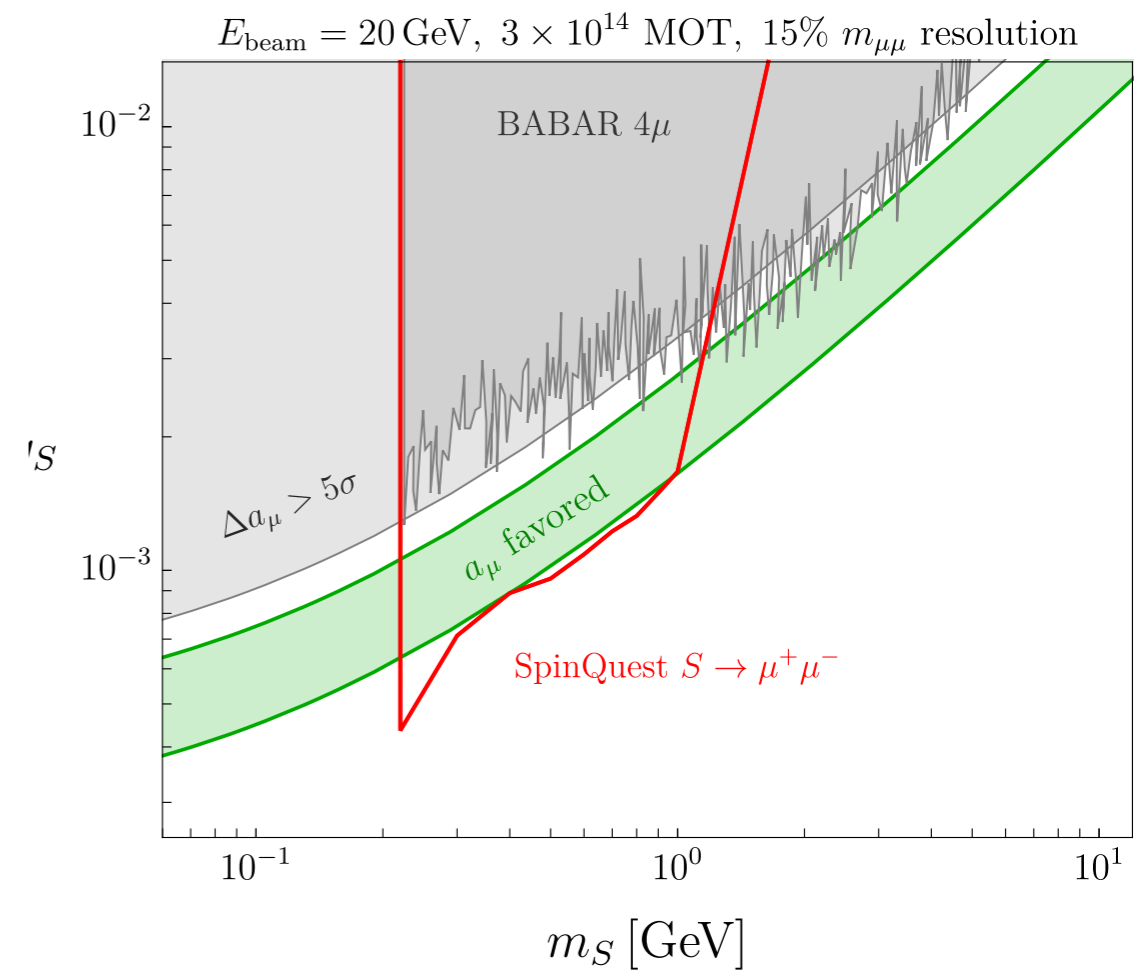
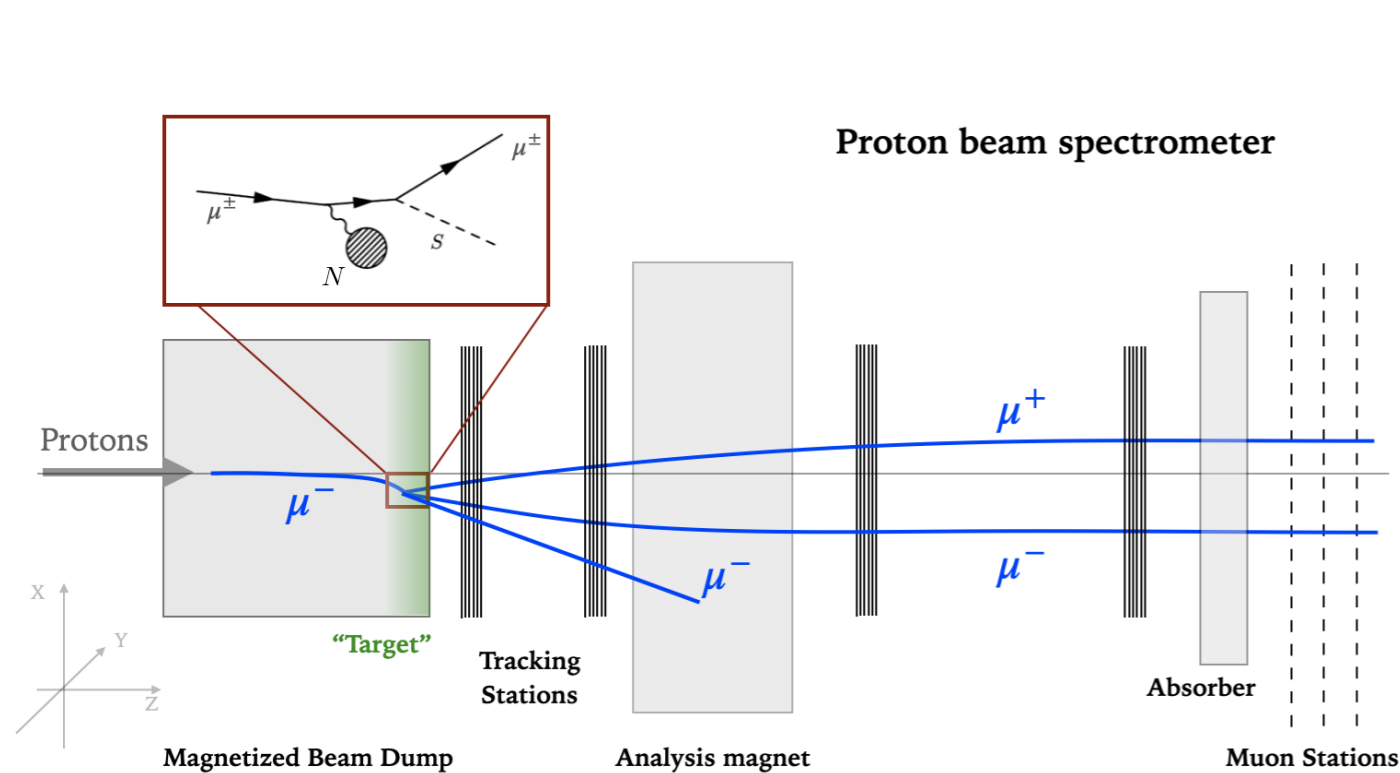
If all noise is uncorrelated and thermal, for a single track

$$\text{SNR}^2 \sim 10^4 \left(\frac{m_\chi}{\text{mg}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{m_{\text{det}}}{\text{mg}} \right)^2 \left(\frac{L}{\text{m}} \right) \left(\frac{\text{mm}}{b} \right)^4 \left(\frac{10 \text{ mK}}{T} \right) \left(\frac{10^{-10} \text{ Pa}}{P} \right) \left(\frac{4\text{u}}{m_{\text{gas}}} \right)^{1/2}$$

Very low rate — tradeoff with SNR:

$$R = \frac{\rho v A}{m_\chi} \sim \frac{50}{\text{year}} \left(\frac{m_{\text{Pl}}}{m_\chi} \right) \left(\frac{A}{10^2 \text{ m}^2} \right)$$

Muonic Forces & g-2 at SpinQuest



Proposed bump search for BSM dimuon decays at proton spectrometer
 Parasitic on existing SpinQuest @ FNAL experiment
 Coverage of low-mass BSM solutions to muon g-2

Measurement Noise

Previous discussion valid only if thermal noise dominates

Prepare detector wave packet of size $\sim \Delta x \rightarrow \Delta p \gtrsim \hbar/\Delta x$

Measure again at later time $\tau \rightarrow \Delta x + \hbar\tau/\Delta x m_{\text{det}}$

Optimize for position resolution: Standard Quantum Limit

$$\Delta x_{\text{SQL}}^2 \sim \hbar\tau/m_{\text{det}} \rightarrow \Delta I_{\text{SQL}}^2 = \hbar m_{\text{det}}/\tau^2$$

At SQL:
$$\frac{\Delta I_{\text{meas}}^2}{\Delta I_{\text{th}}^2} = \begin{cases} \hbar v^2/4k_{\text{B}}T\gamma d^2, & \text{mechanical} \\ \hbar m_{\text{d}}/PA_{\text{d}}d^2\sqrt{m_{\text{a}}k_{\text{B}}T}, & \text{free-falling.} \end{cases}$$

Need 50, 100 dB reduction in measurement noise to win if

$$T \sim 10\text{mK}, \quad \gamma \sim 10^{-6}\text{Hz}, \quad P = 10^{-10}\text{Pa}$$

Beating the SQL

Measuring With Squeezed States of Light

Mechanical position encoded only in phase quadrature

Reduce noise in phase, increase noise in amplitude

Beating SQL demonstrated, but only ~ 12 dB so far

Caves, PRD 23, 1693 (1981)

Purdy et. al. PRX 3, 031012 (2013)

Asai et. al. Nature Photonics 7, 613 (2013)

Back-Action Evasion (Quantum Speedometer)

Back action noise = random fluctuations in radiation pressure

Possible for shot noise to cancel back-action noise

Measure velocity instead of position

Knyazev, Danilishin, Hild, Khalili. 1701.01694

Braginsky and F. Khalili, Phys. Lett. A 147, 251 (1990).