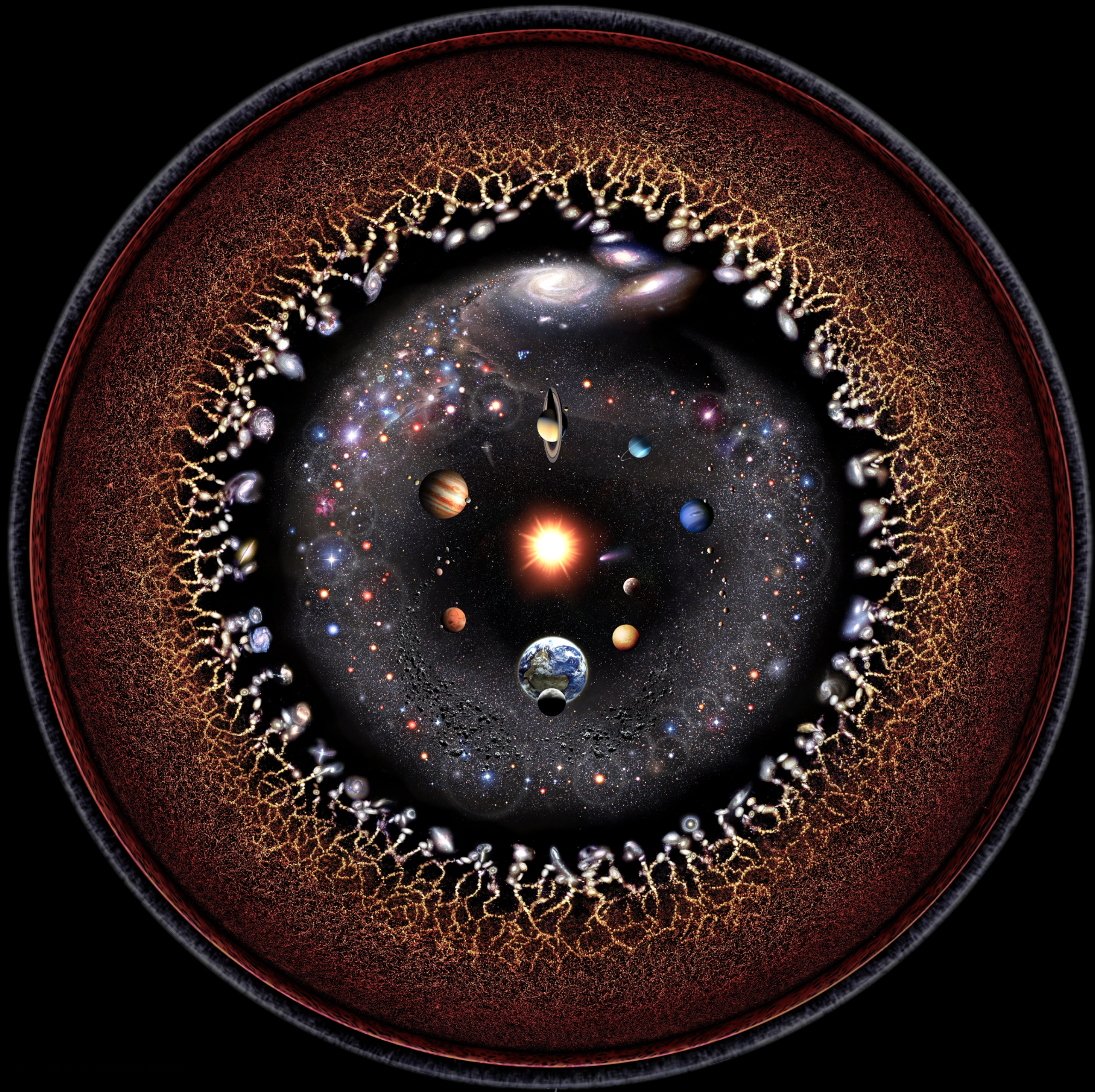


Light in the Dark

Opening a new window to the Dark Sector

UVA HEP Seminar
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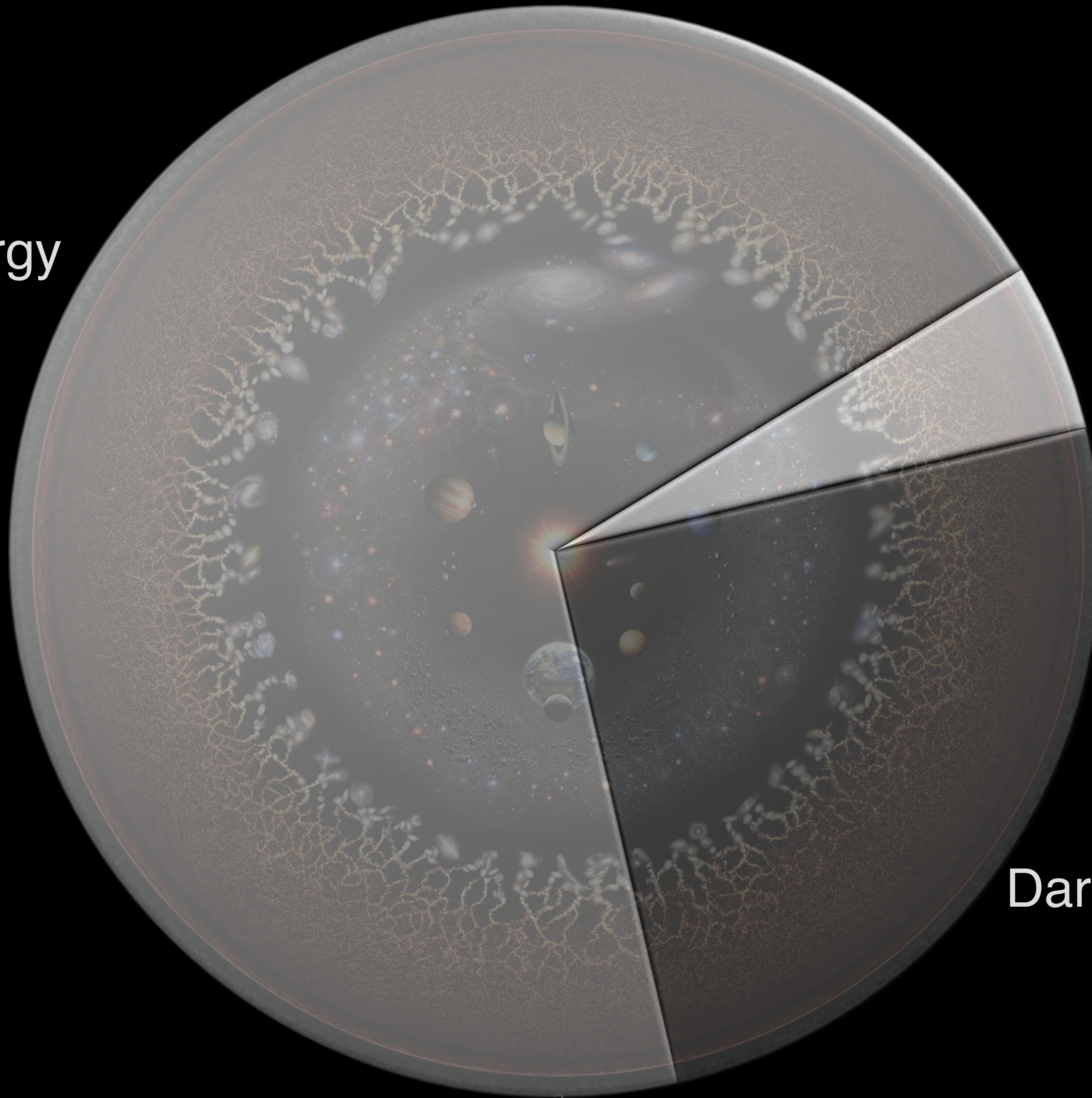
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Dark Energy
70%

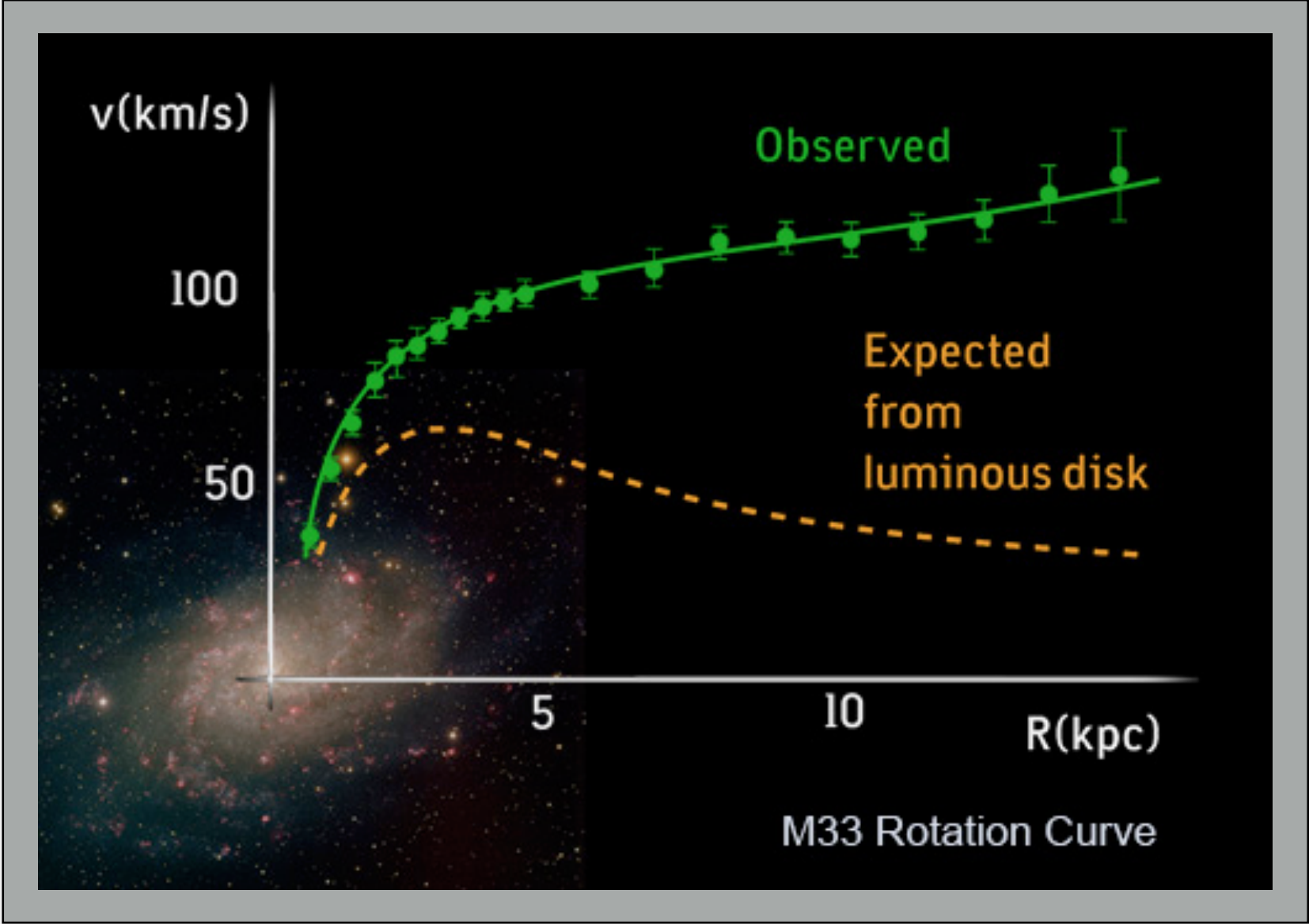
Ordinary Matter
5%

Dark Matter
25%



How do we know Dark Matter is there?

Rotation Curves



stars in the outer parts of many galaxies rotate much faster than expected based on gravitation from visible matter

shown by Vera Rubin in the 1970s for hundreds of galaxies

first observation of “dunkle Materie” (dark matter) in 1930(s)
(often attributed to F. Zwicky, 1933, studied Coma Cluster)

but actually first mentioned by Knut Lundmark in 1930
(see [L. Bergström's presentation](#) in April 2015)

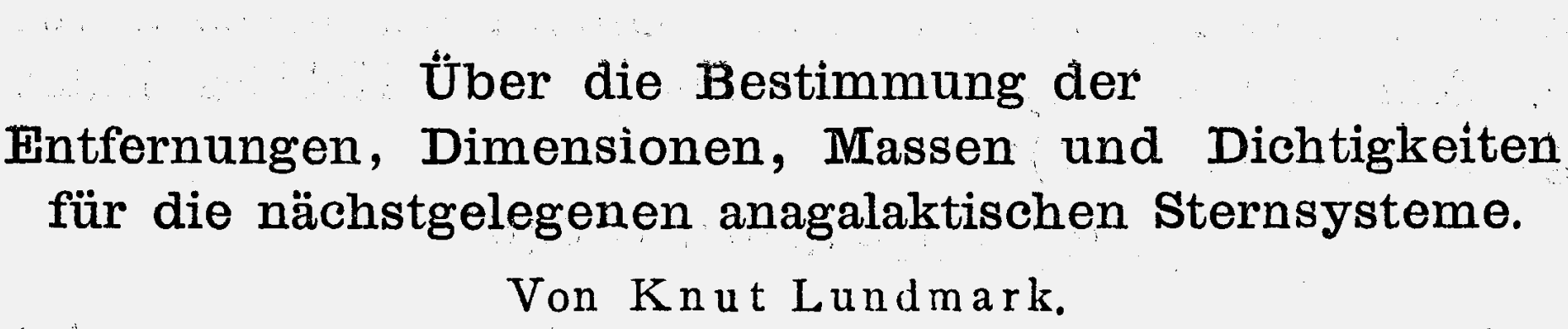


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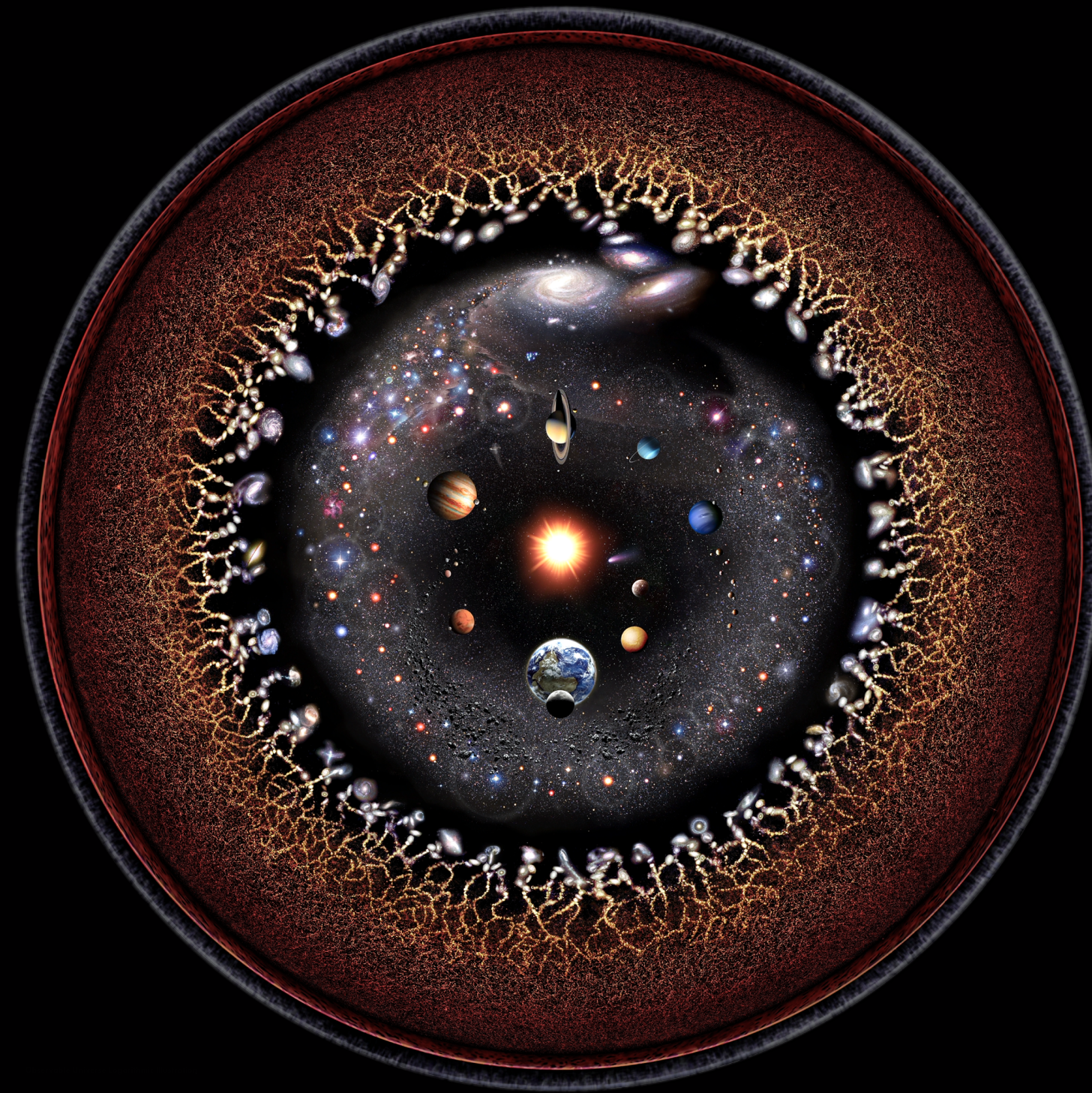
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N. G. C. 4594	30:1	0.042
Andromedanebel	20:1	0.006
Messier 51	10:1	0.012
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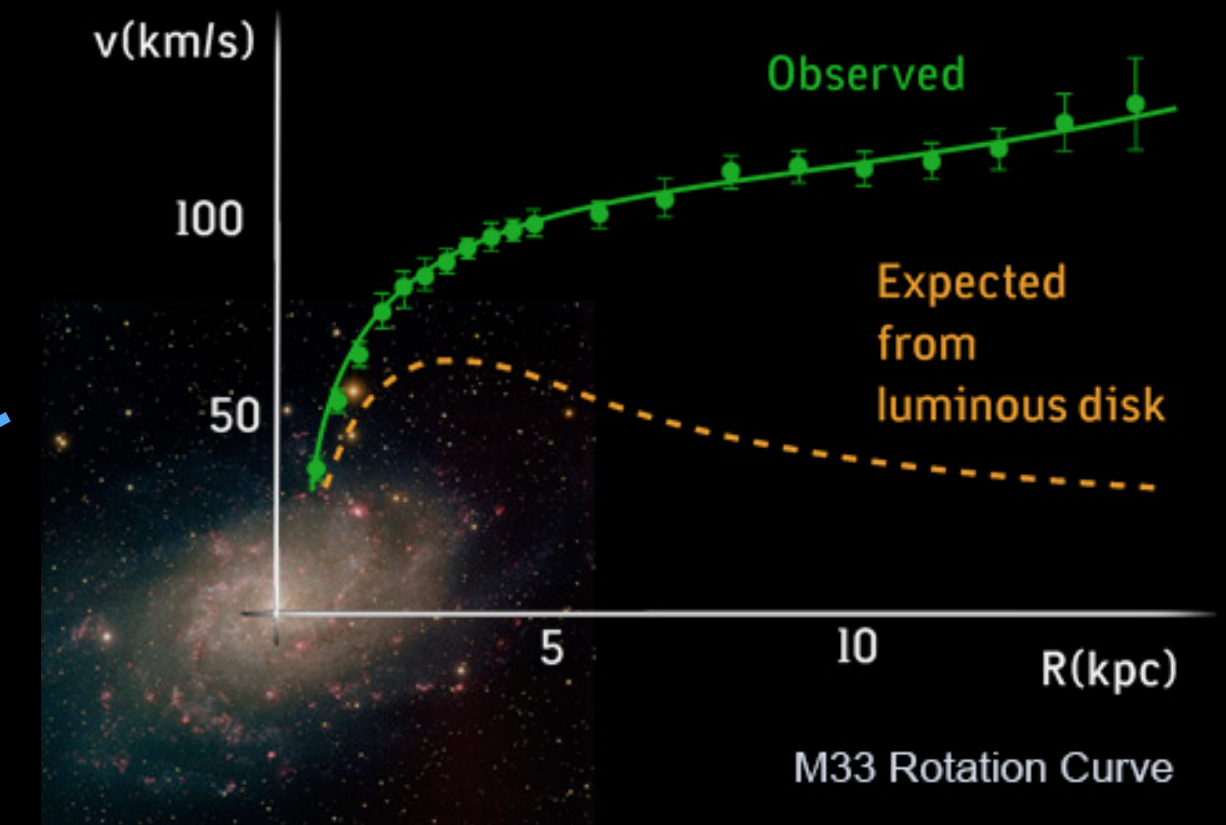
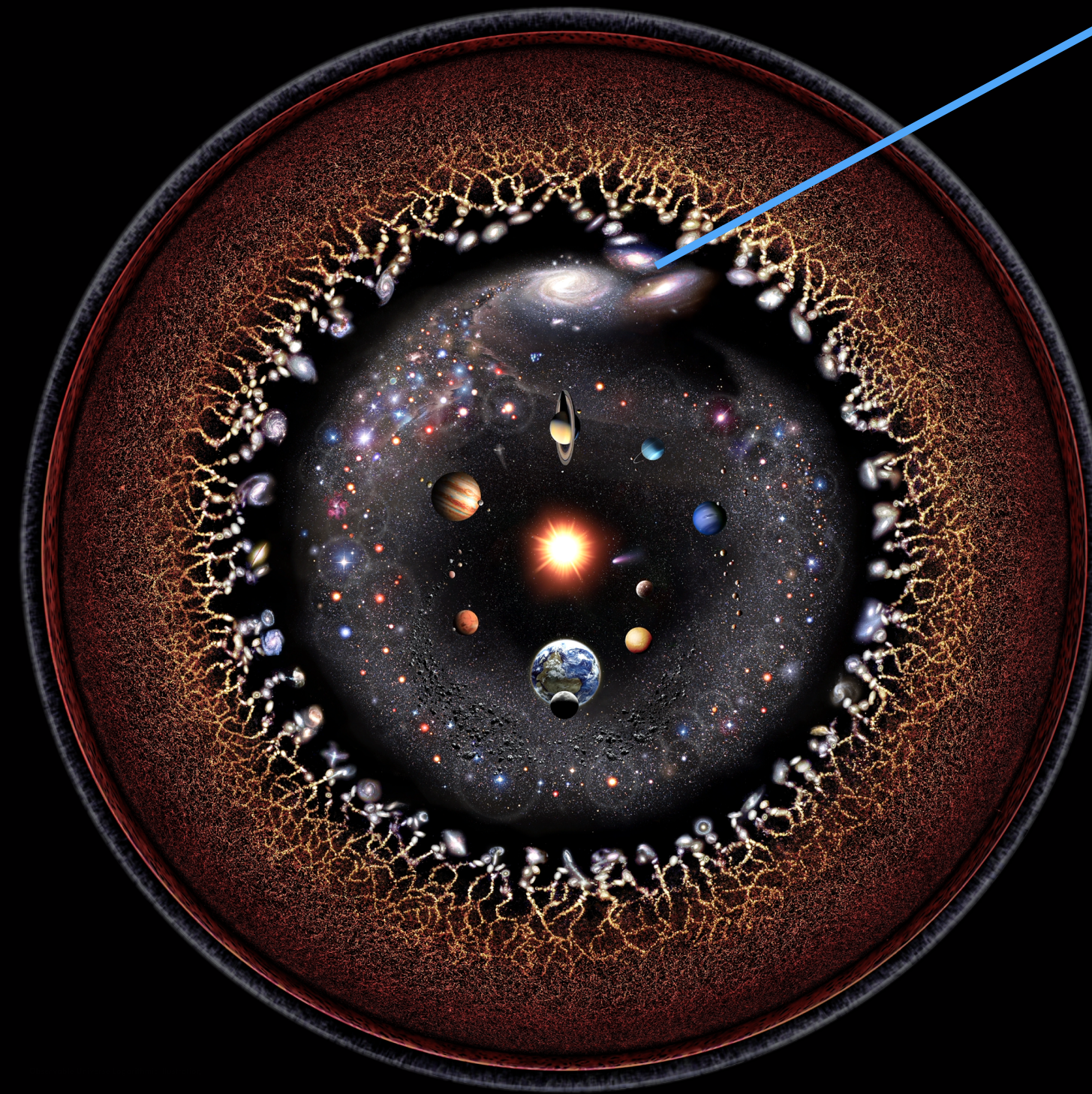
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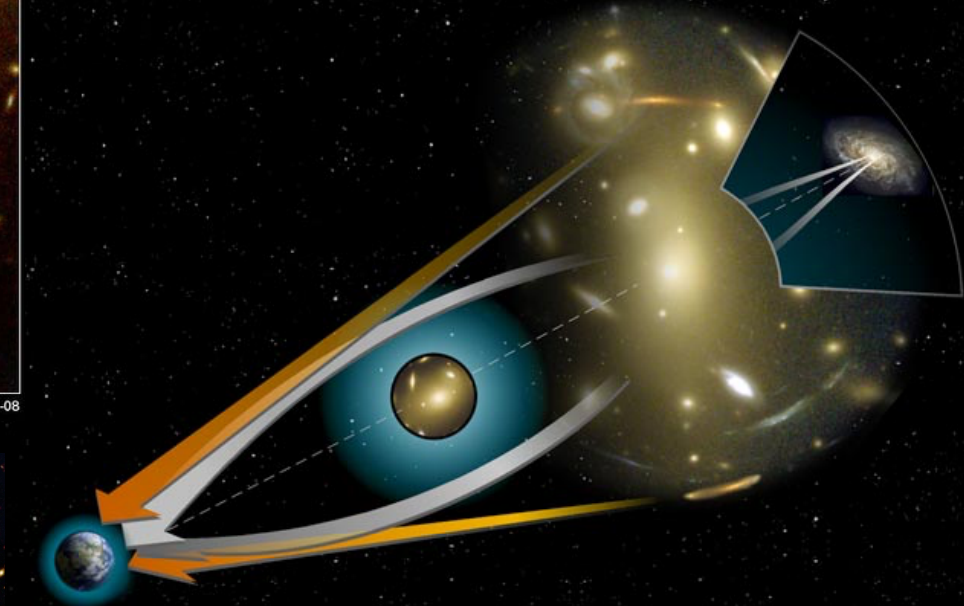
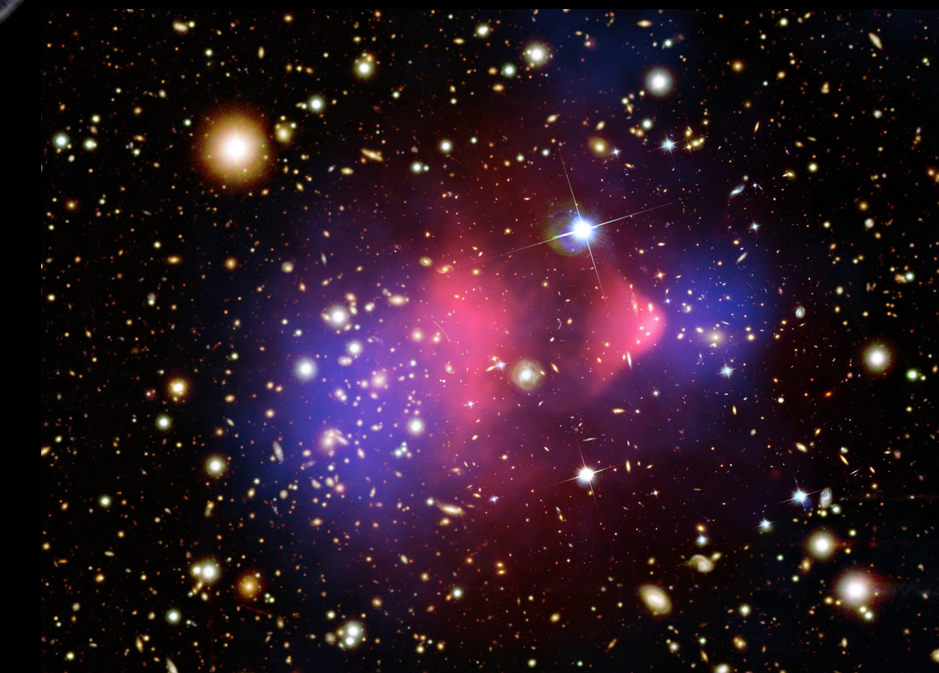
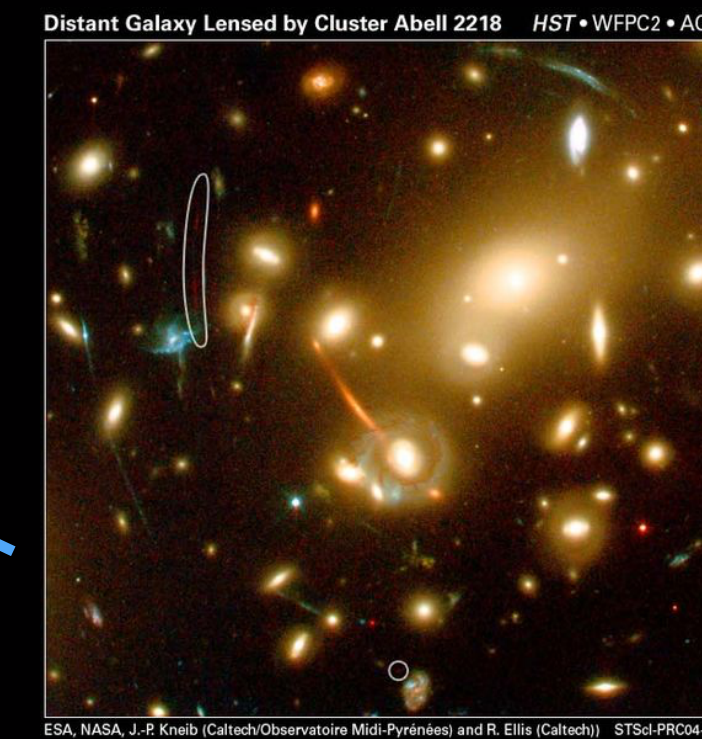
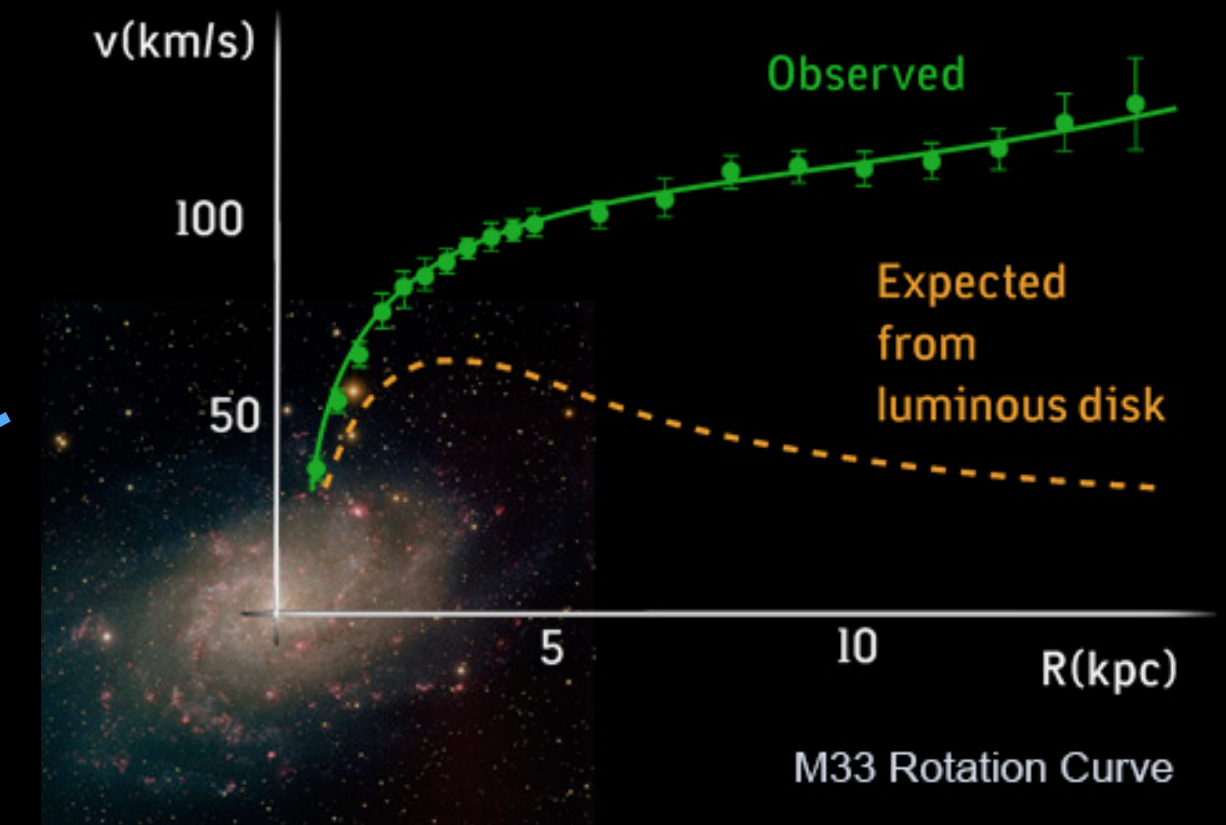
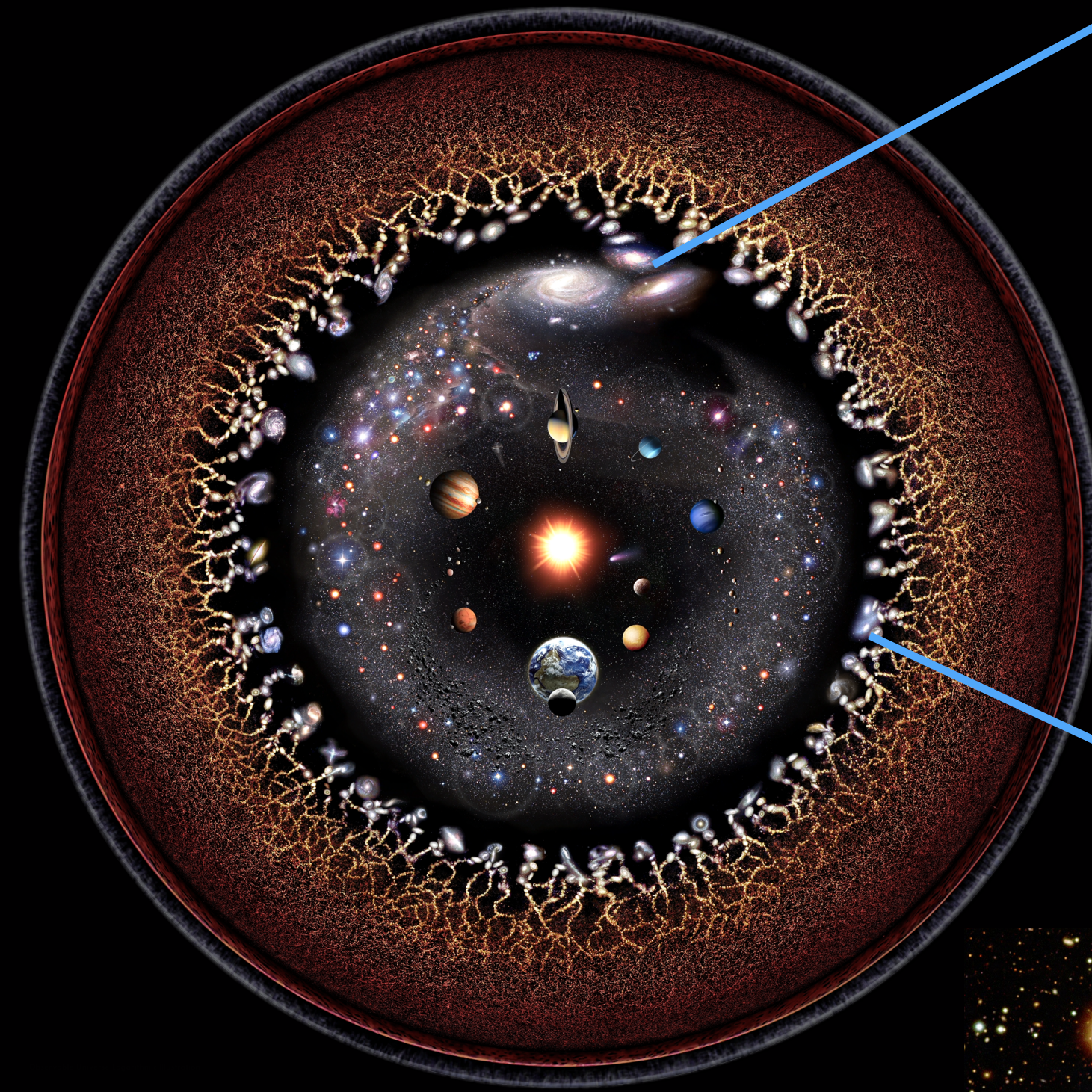
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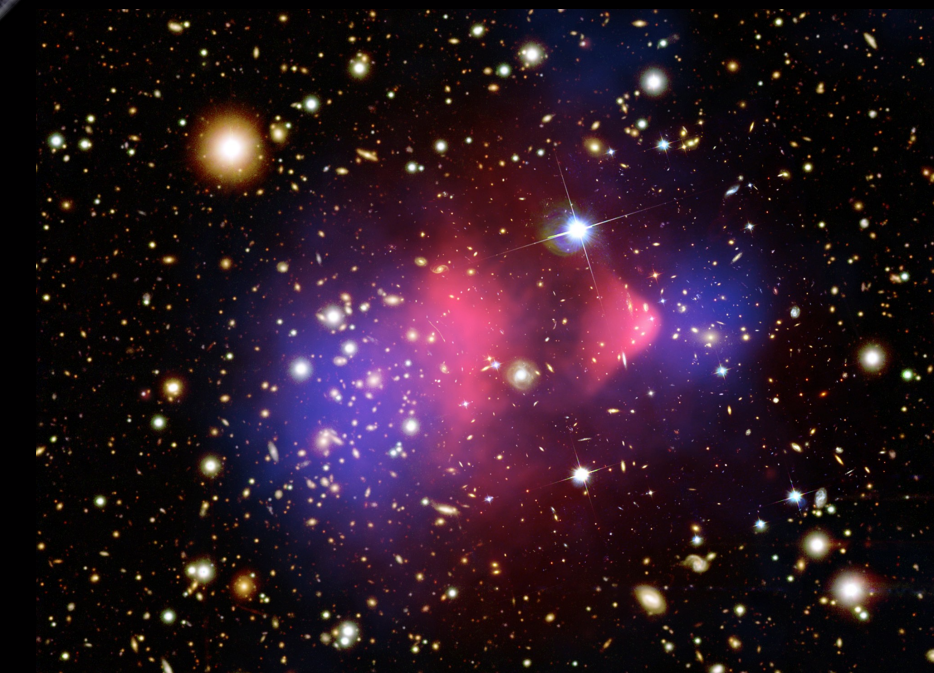
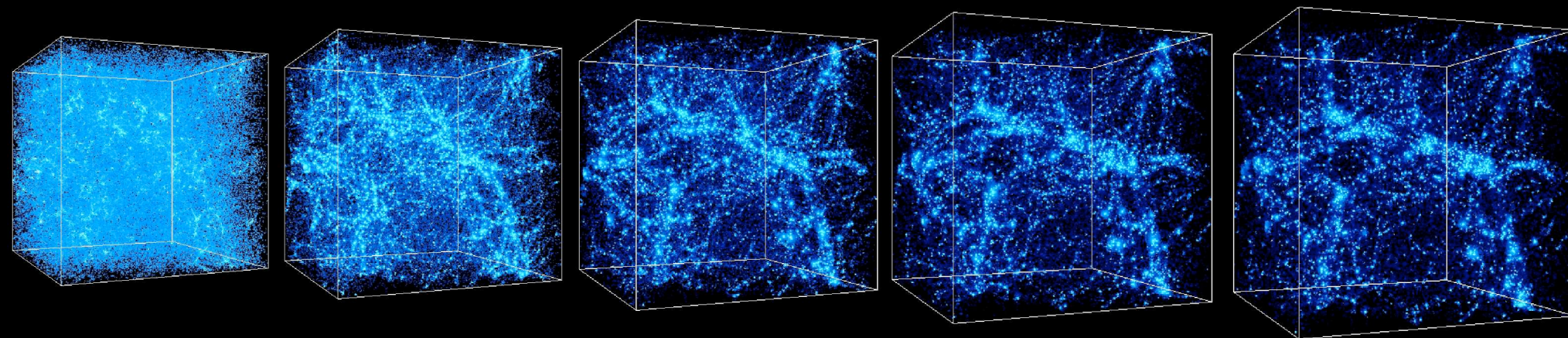
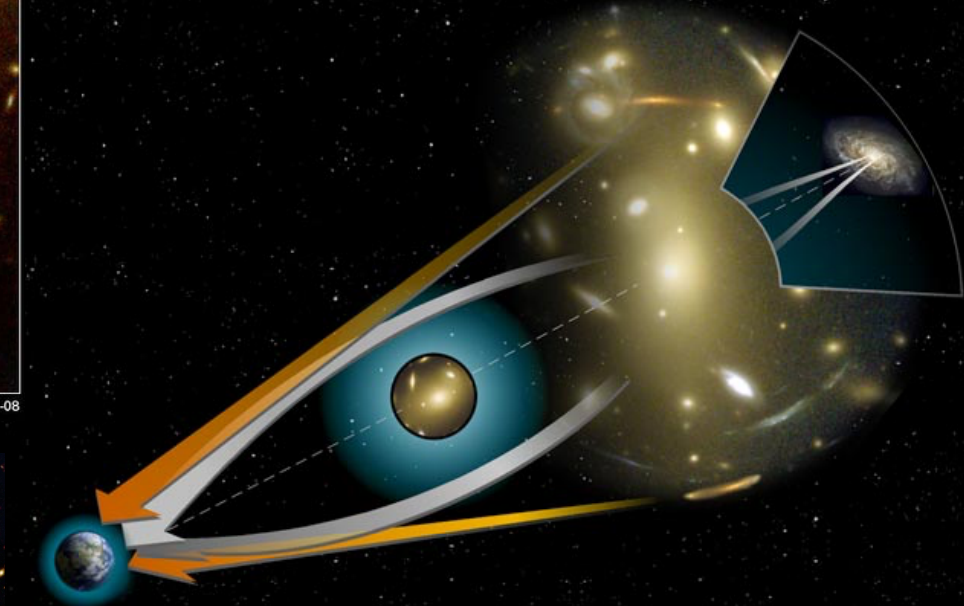
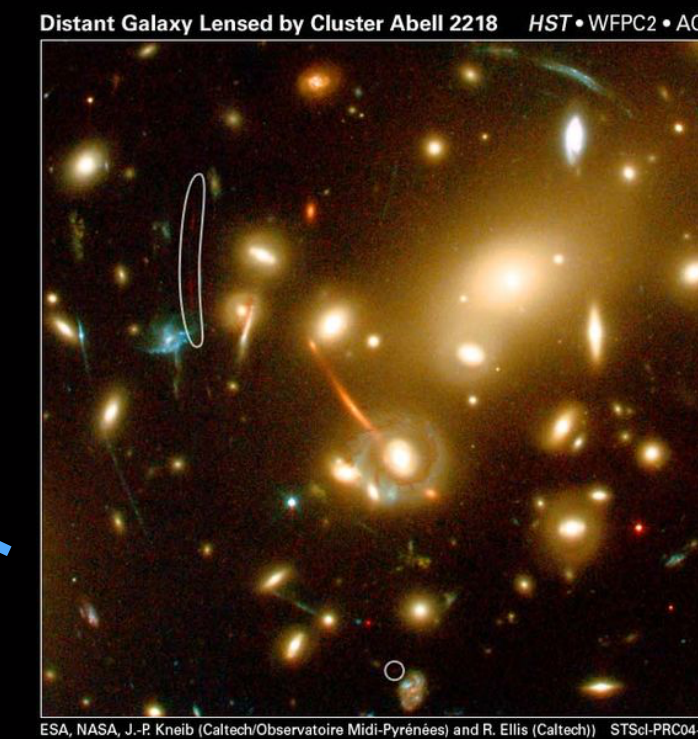
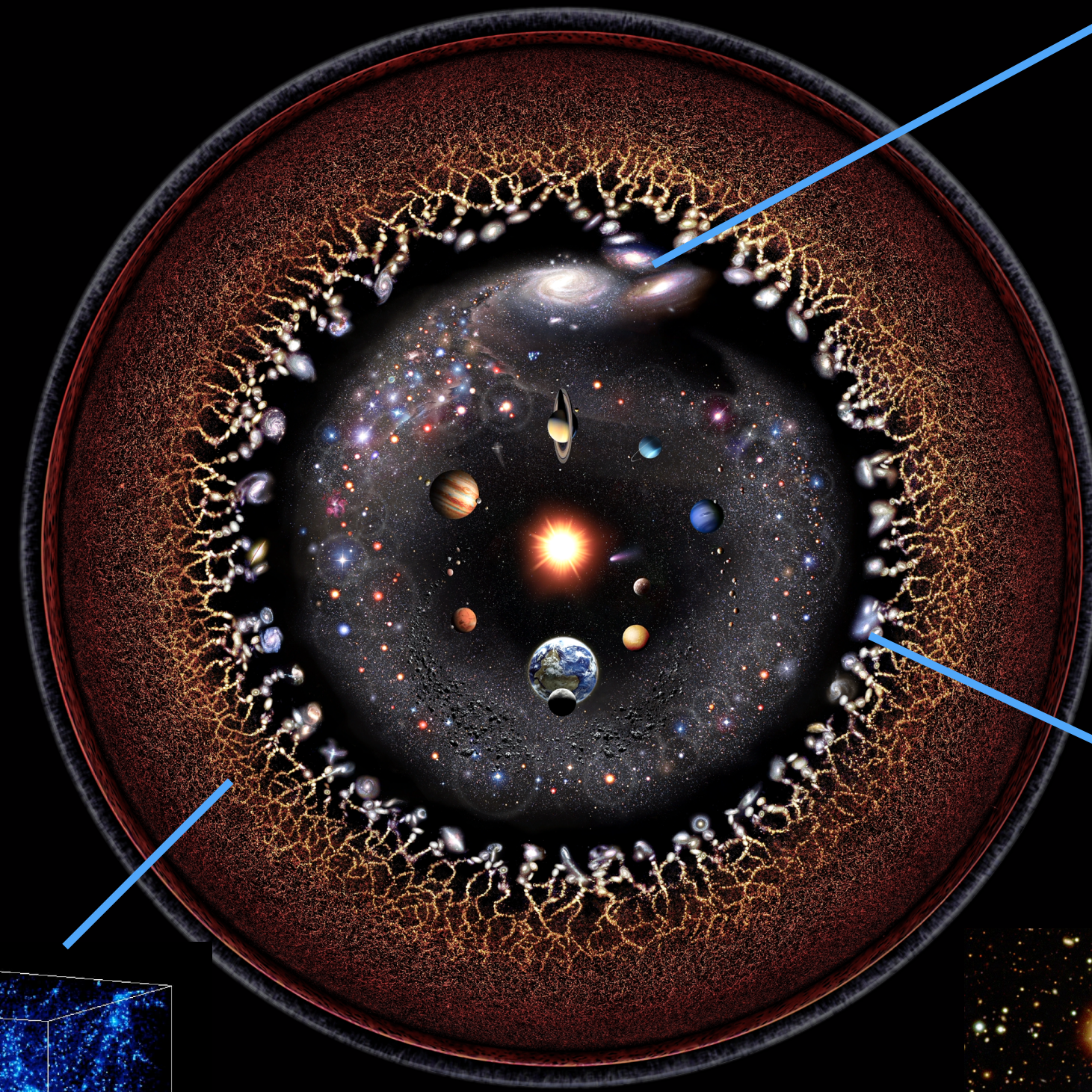
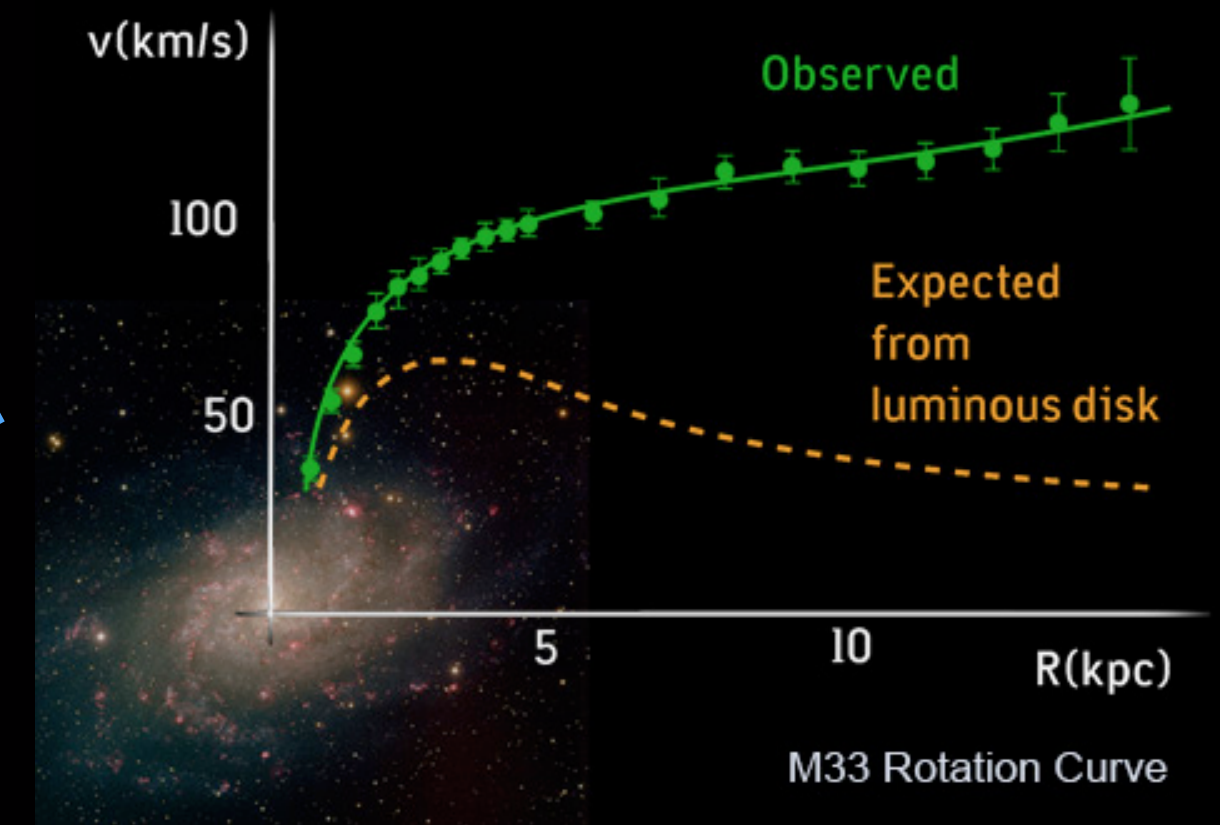
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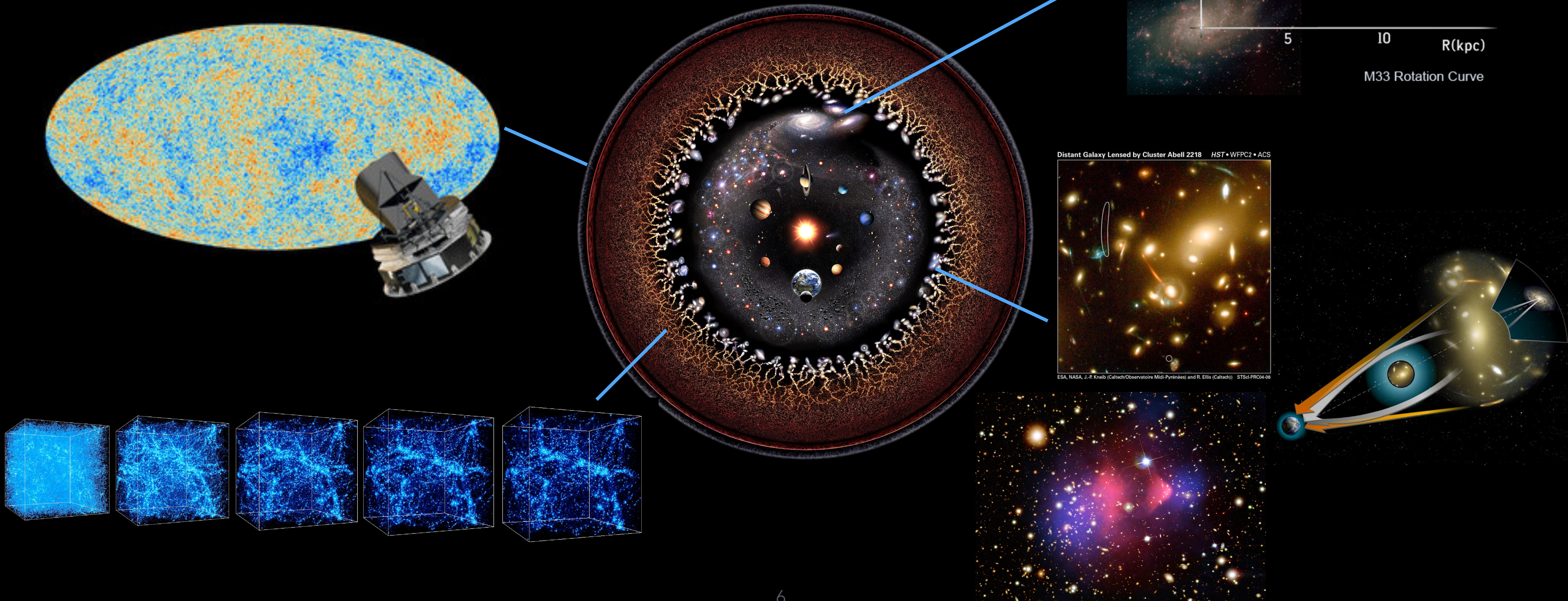
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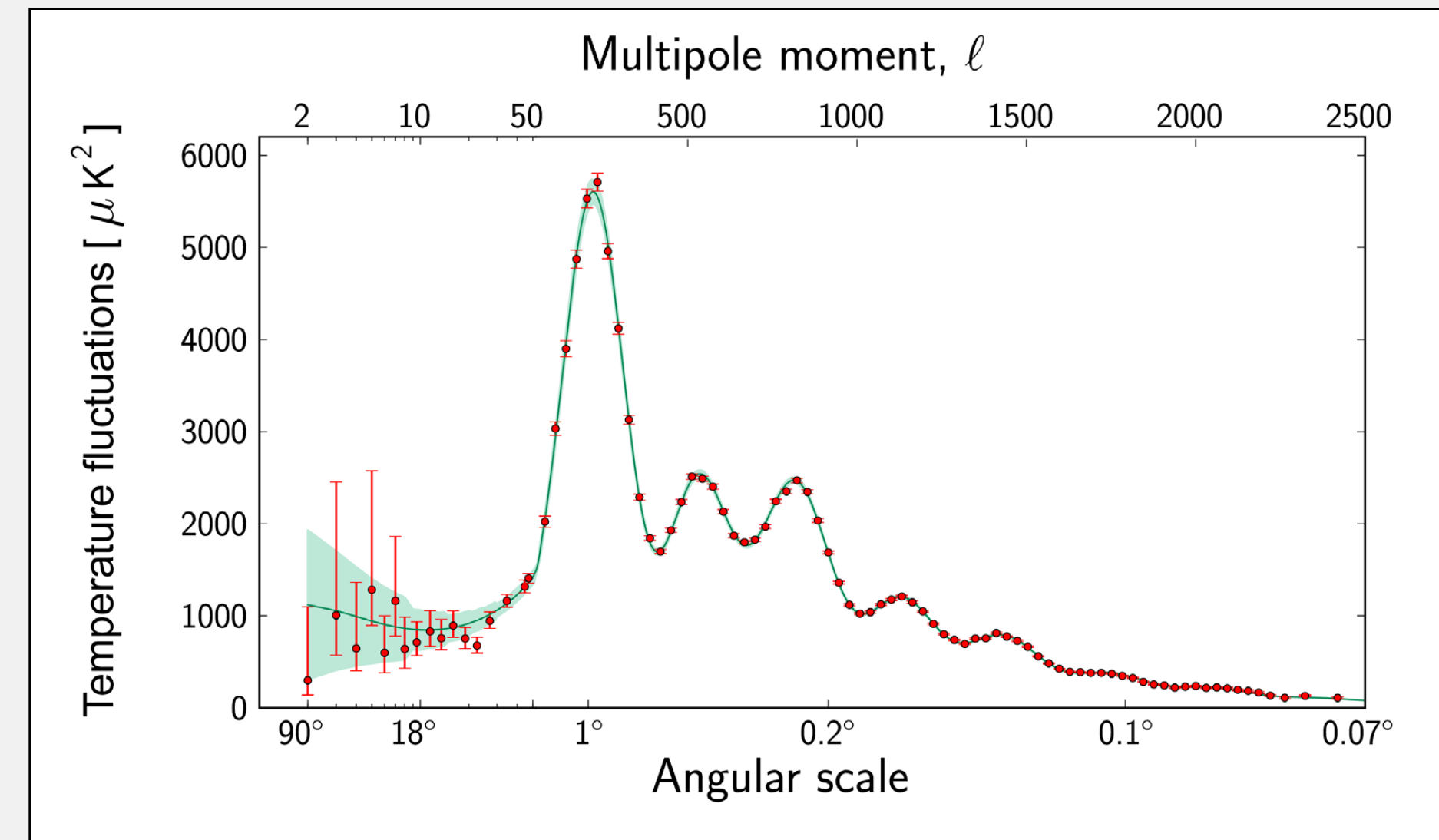
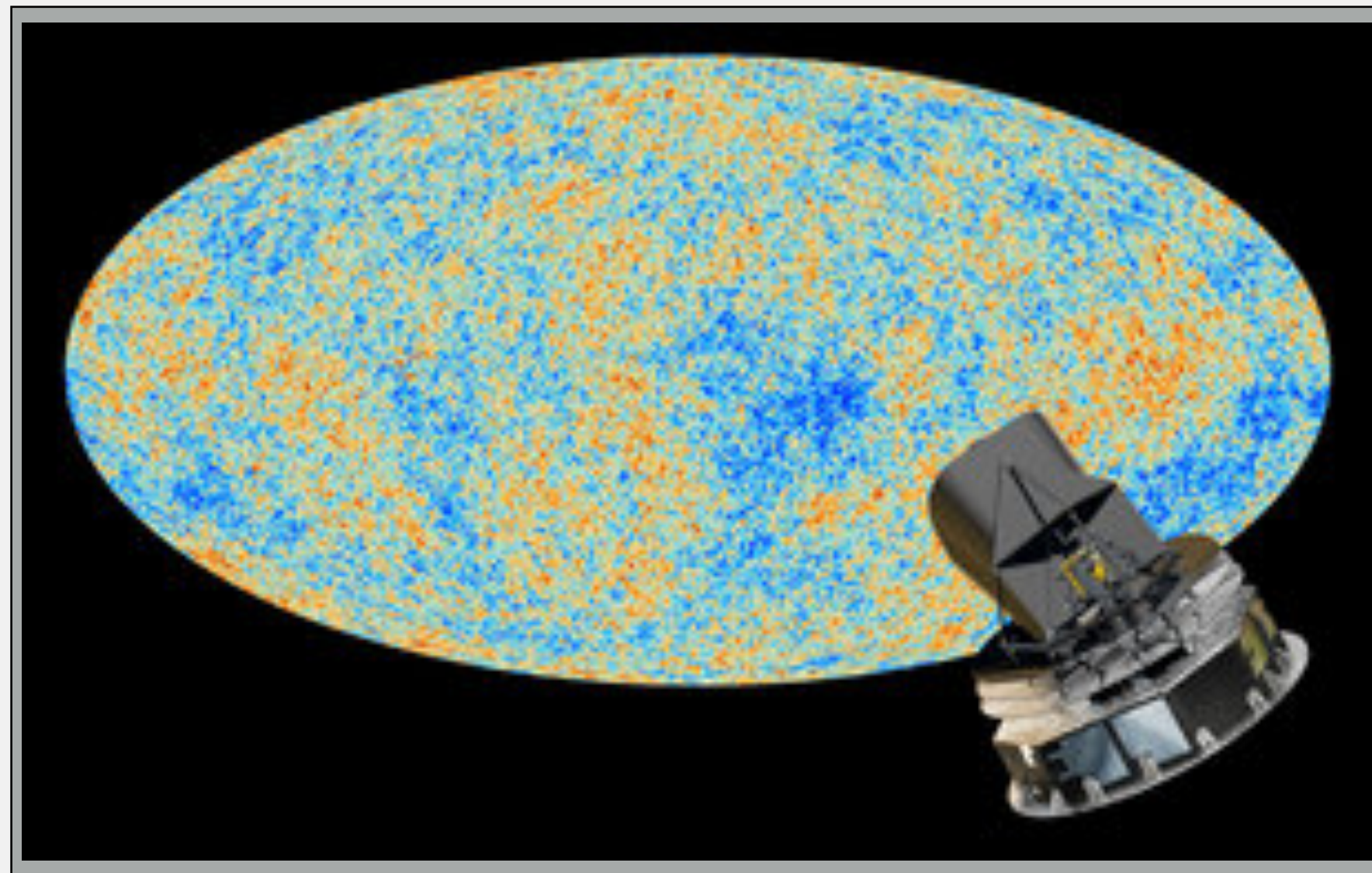
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Cosmic Microwave Background

radiation from shortly after the big bang

- density fluctuations in early Universe encoded in temperature fluctuations of CMB
- measured most recently by ESA PLANCK satellite



position/height of peaks contains information about composition of the Universe

Nobel Prize 2019 for J. Peebles

This is how we know how much Dark Matter there is in the Universe.

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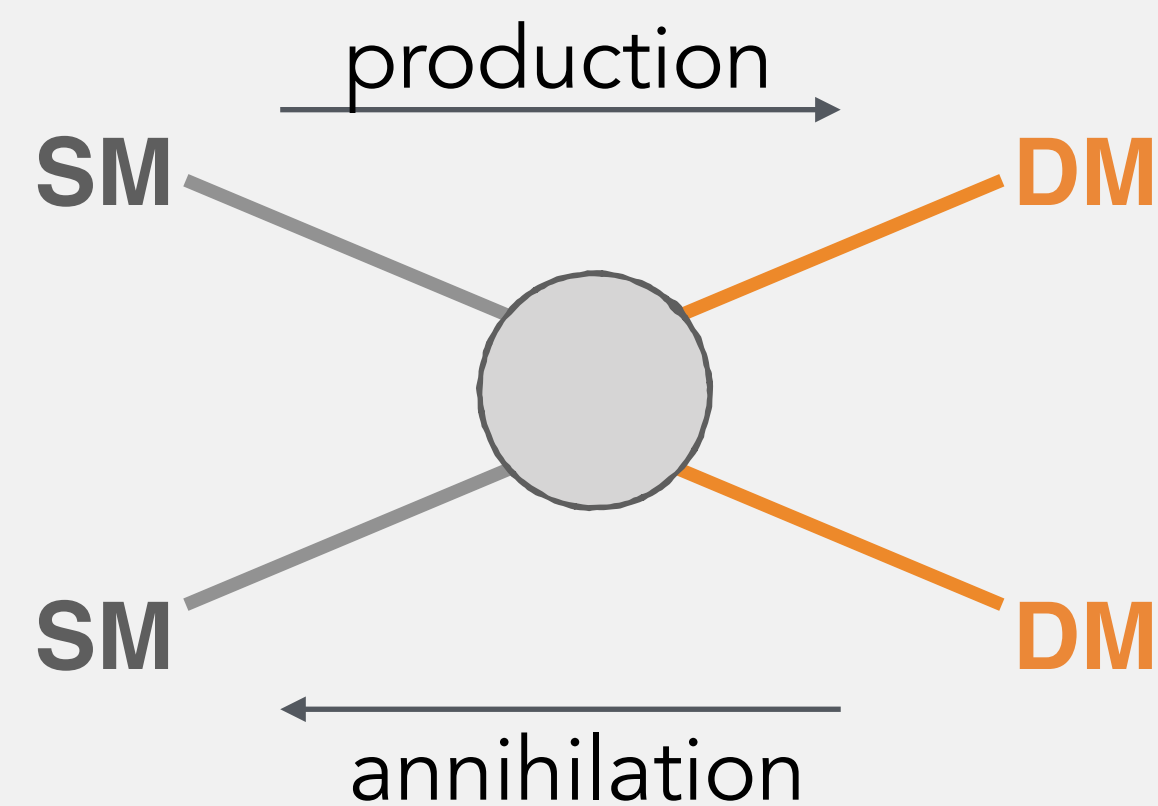
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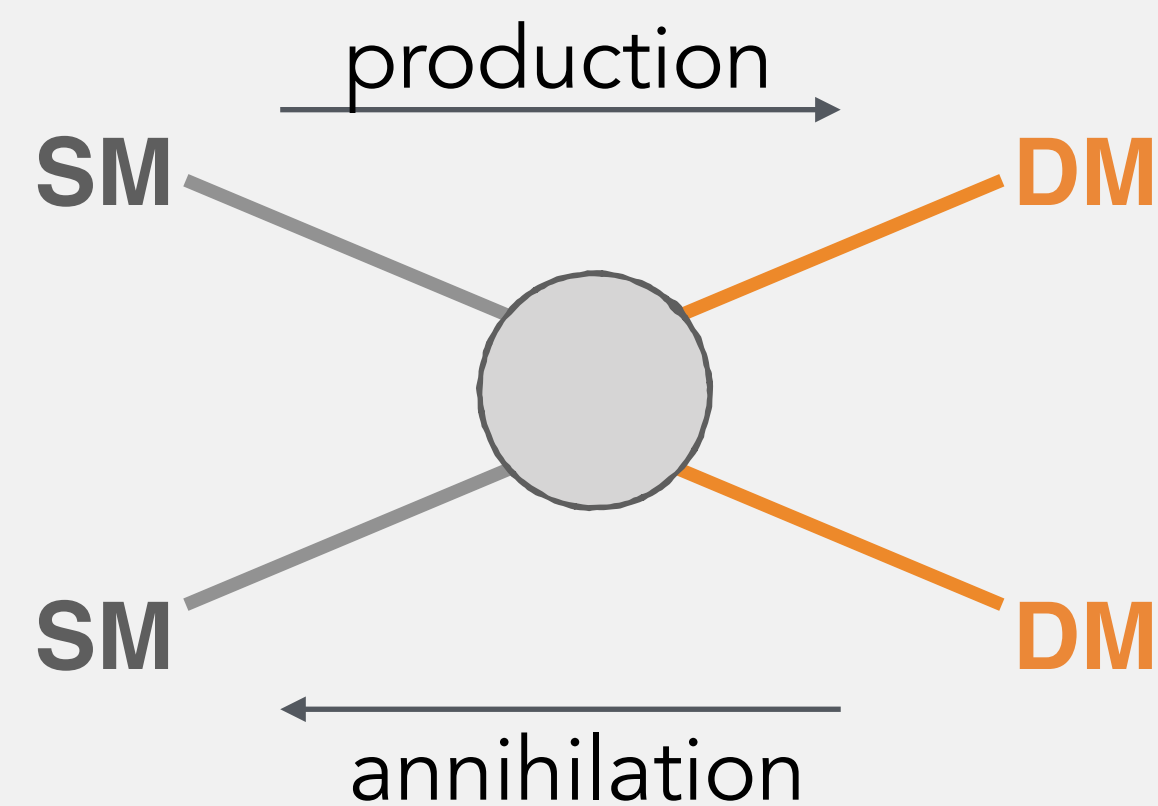
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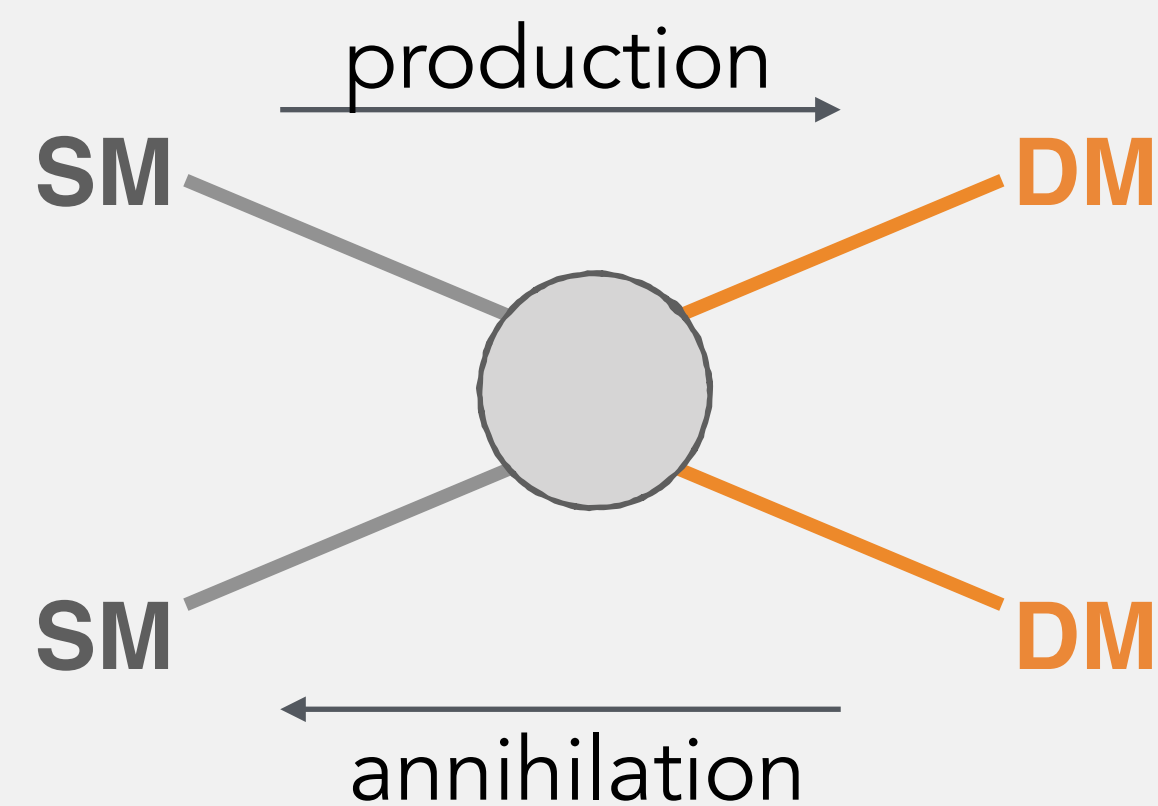
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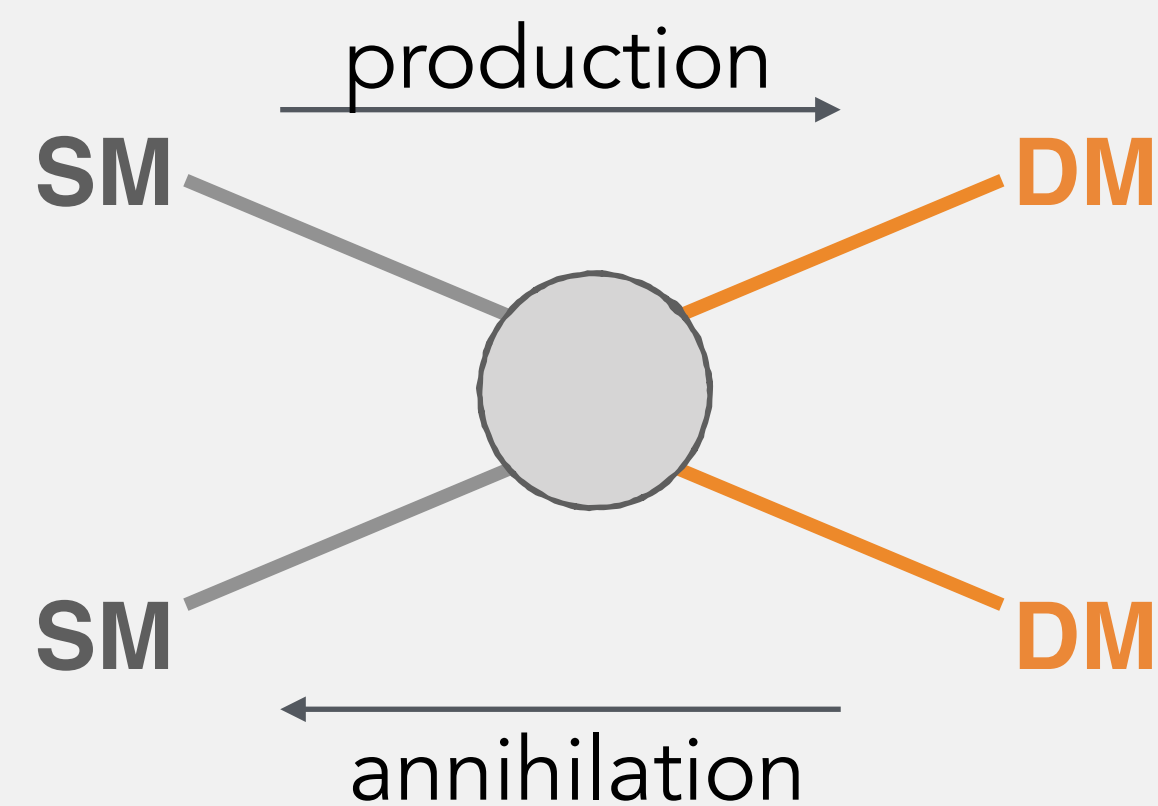
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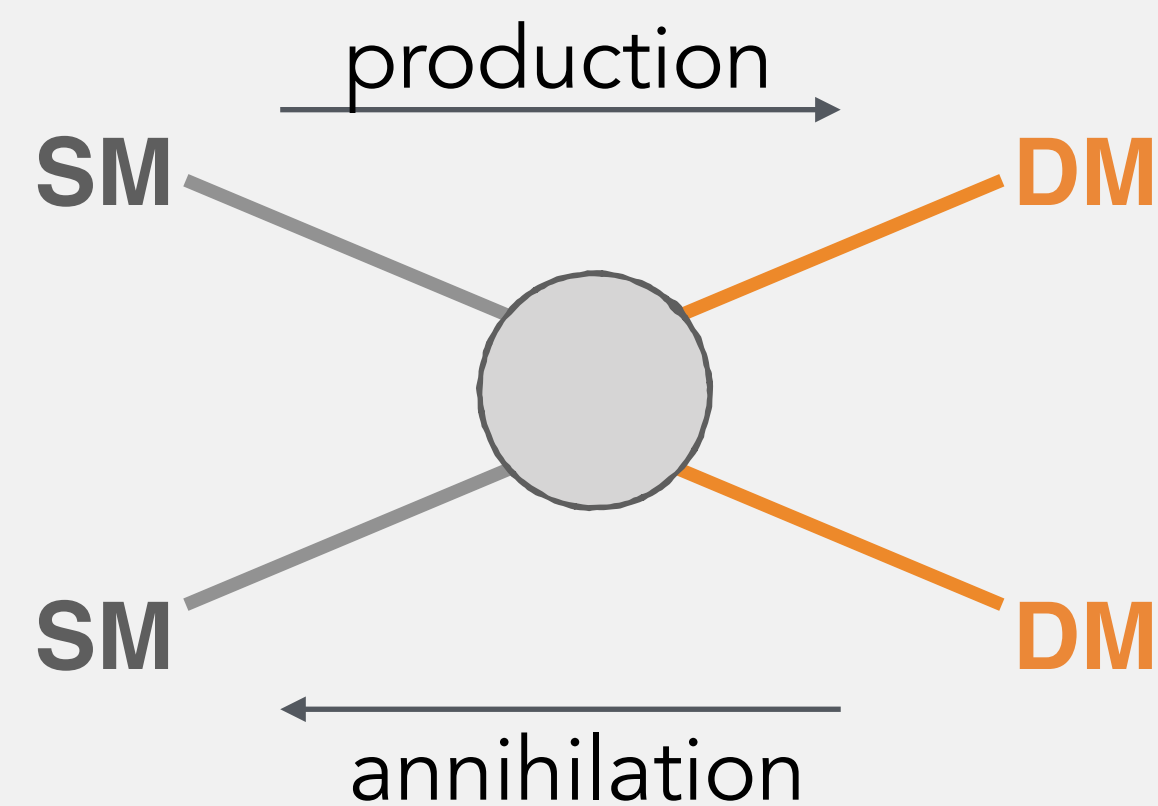
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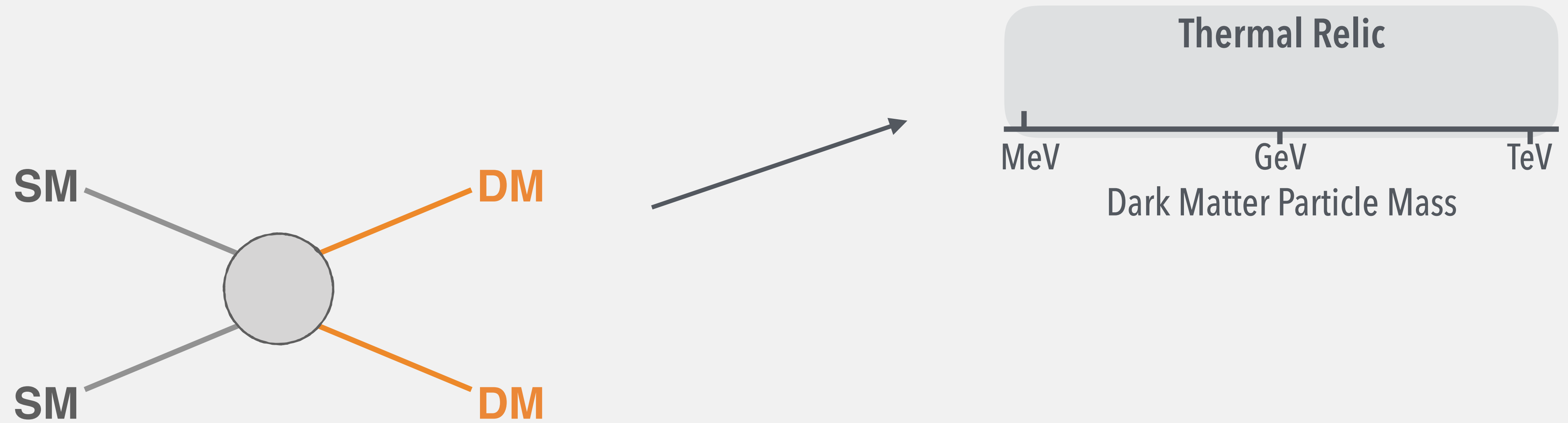
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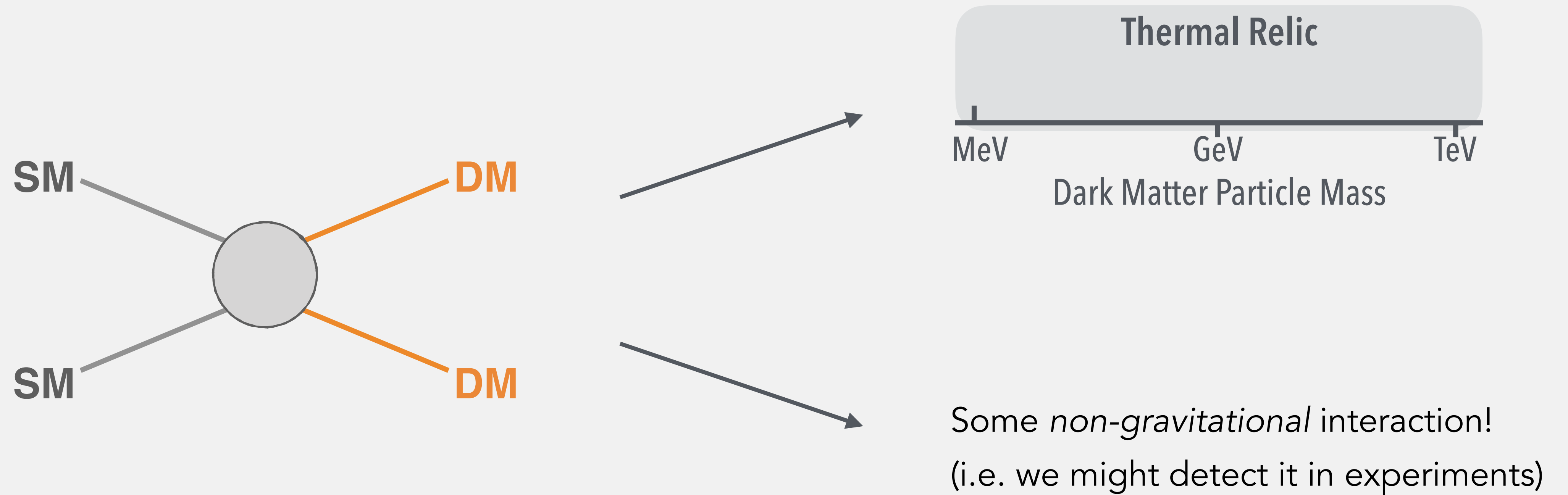
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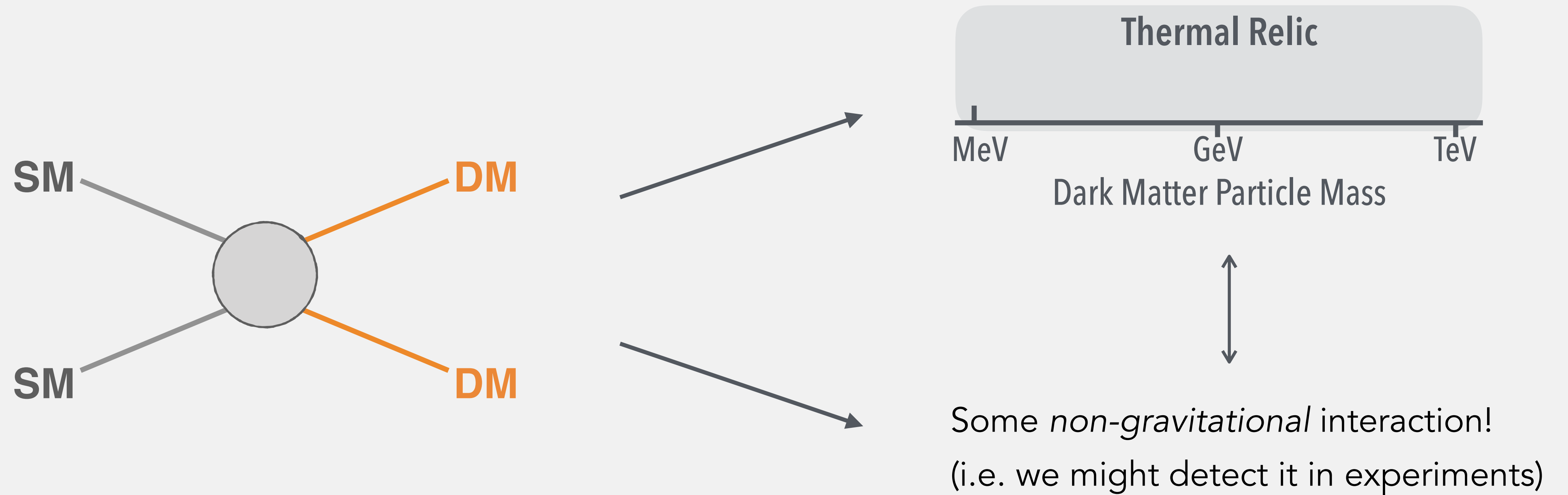
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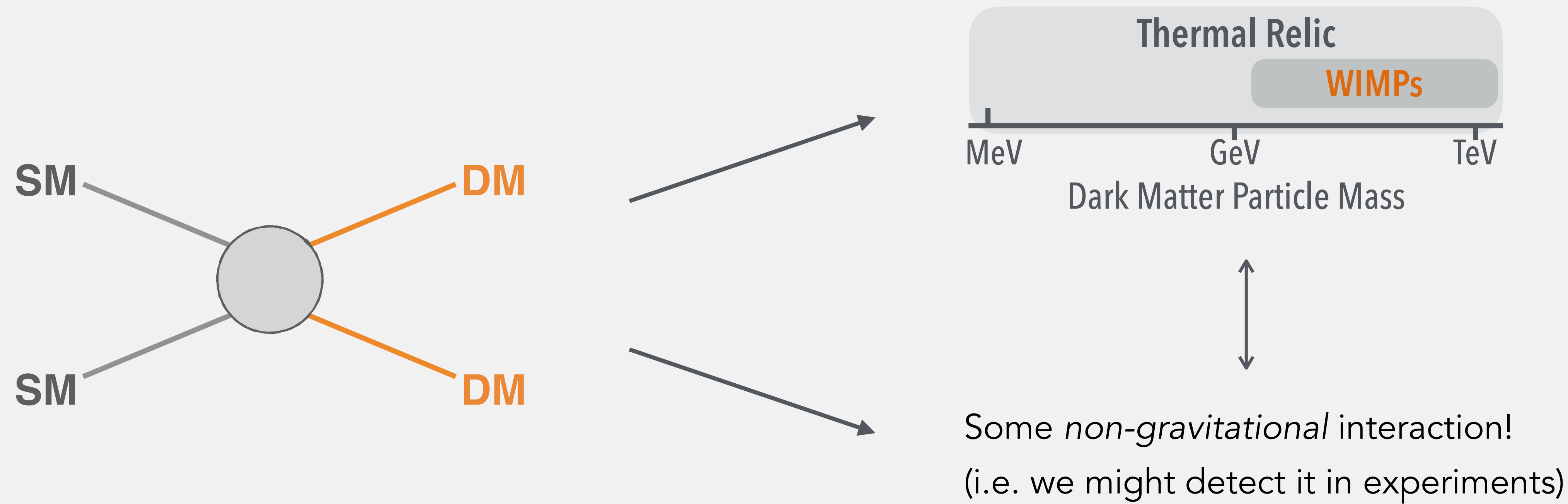


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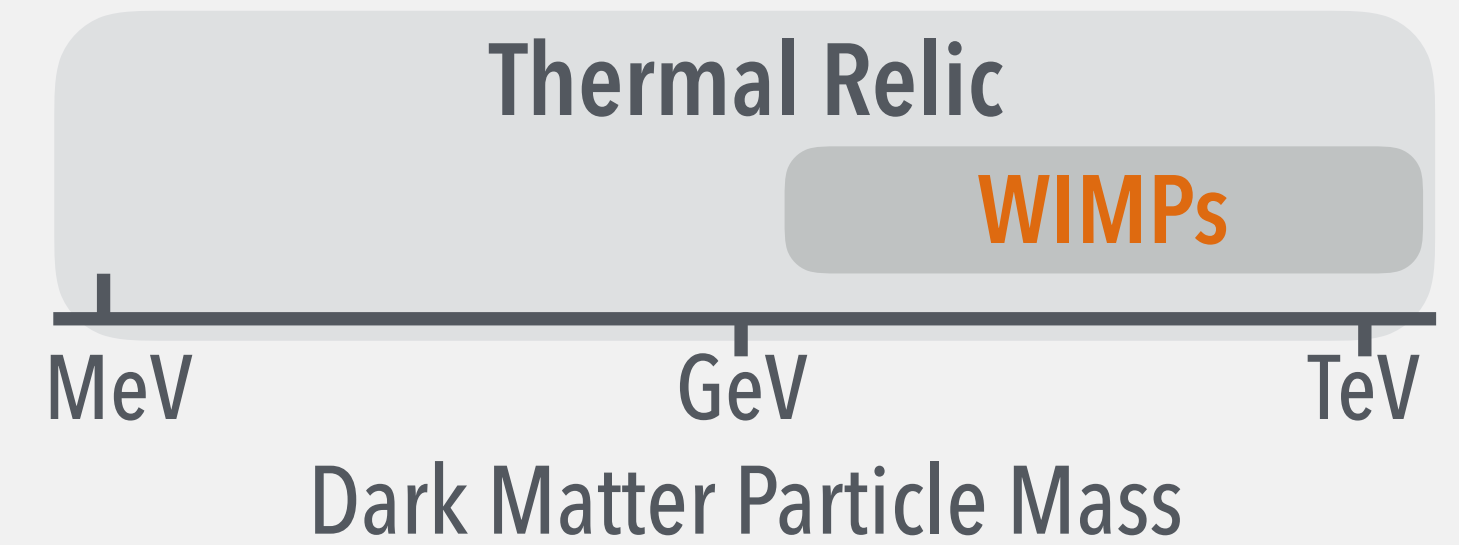
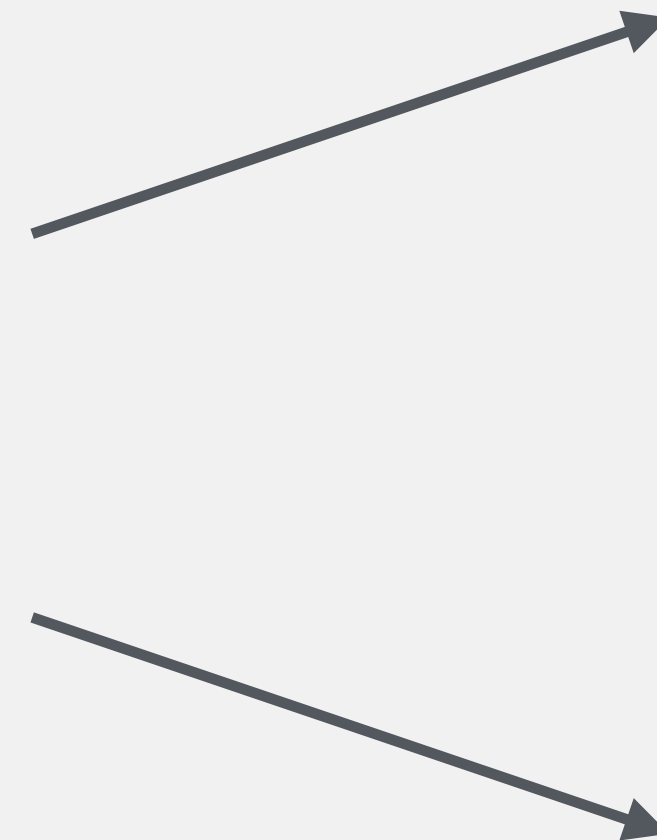
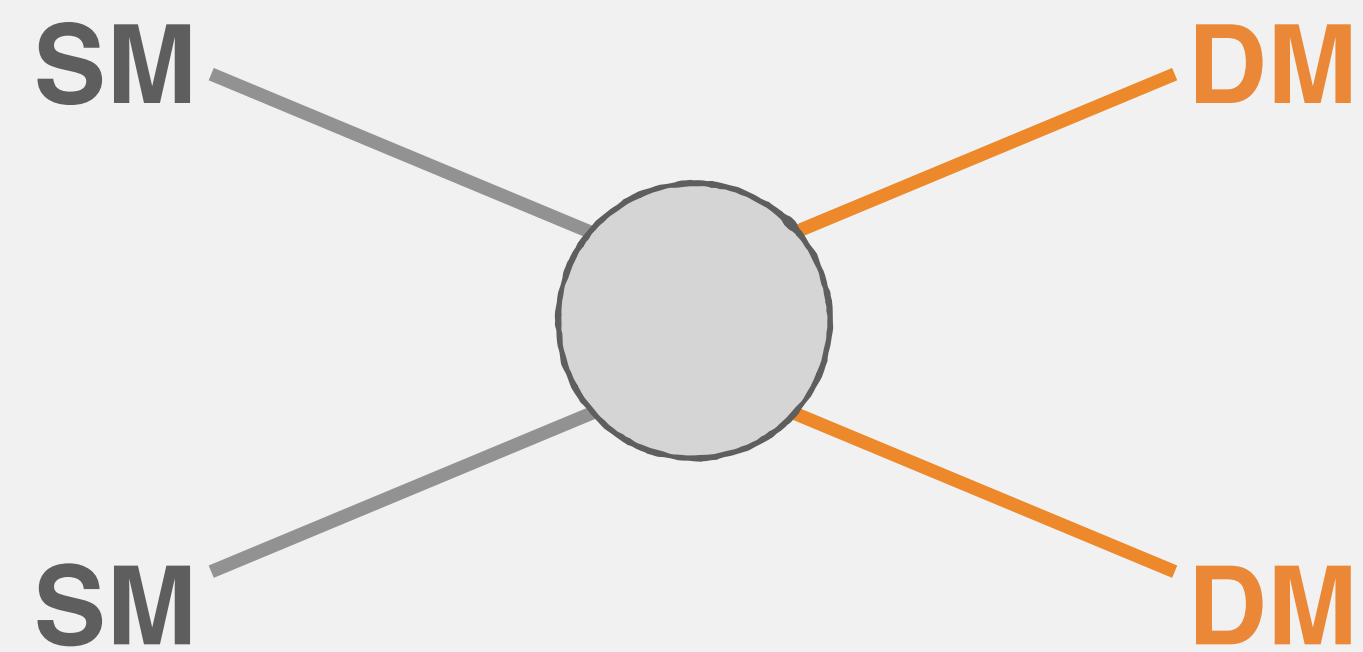
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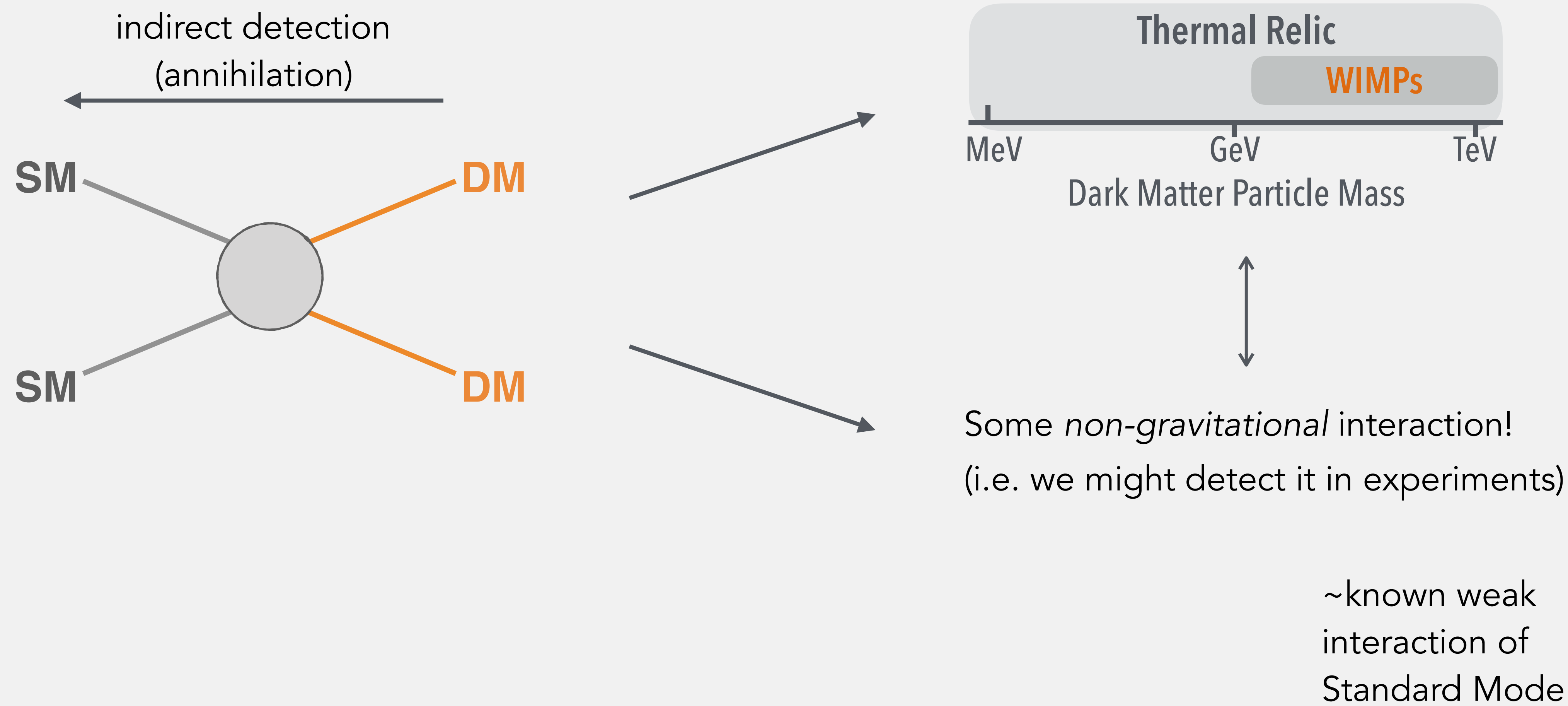


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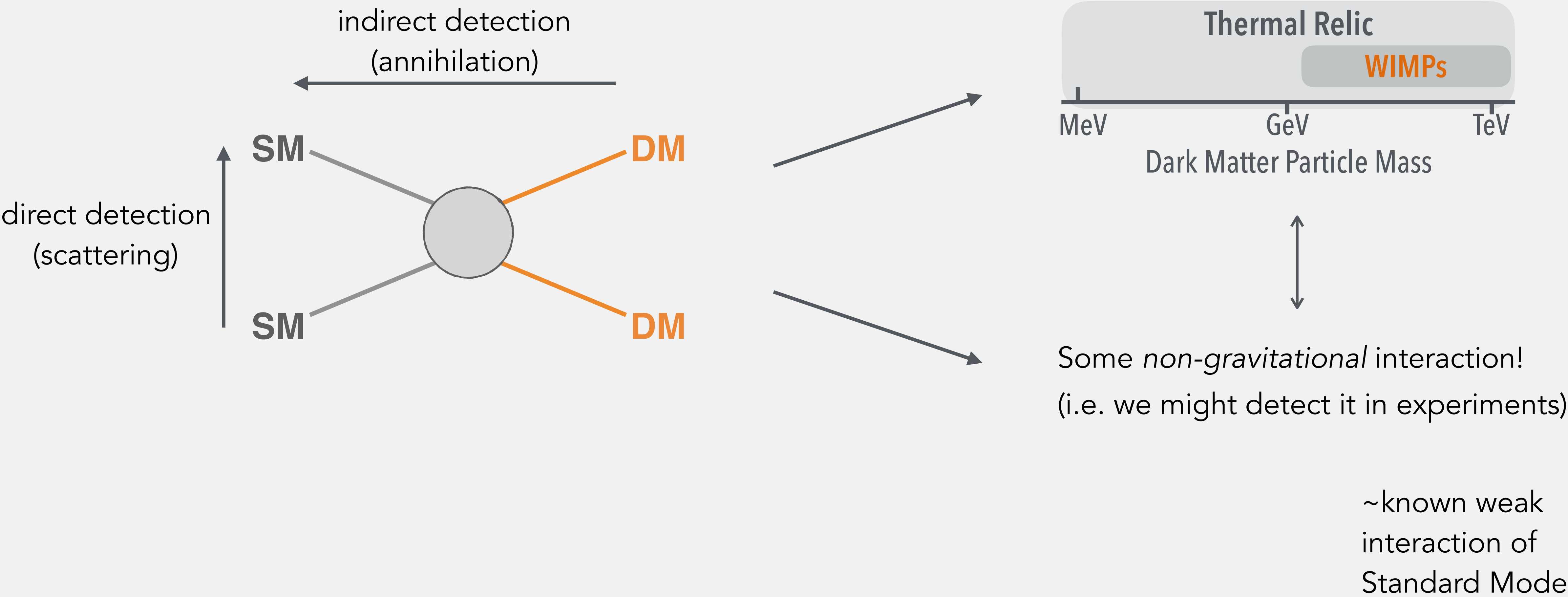
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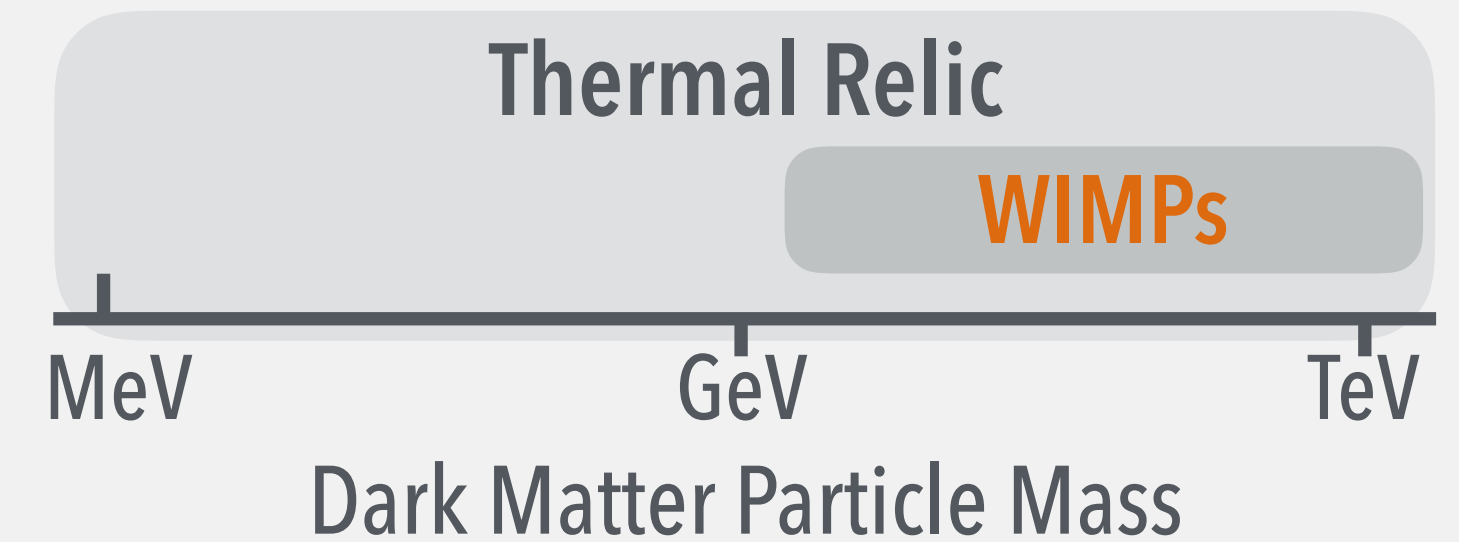
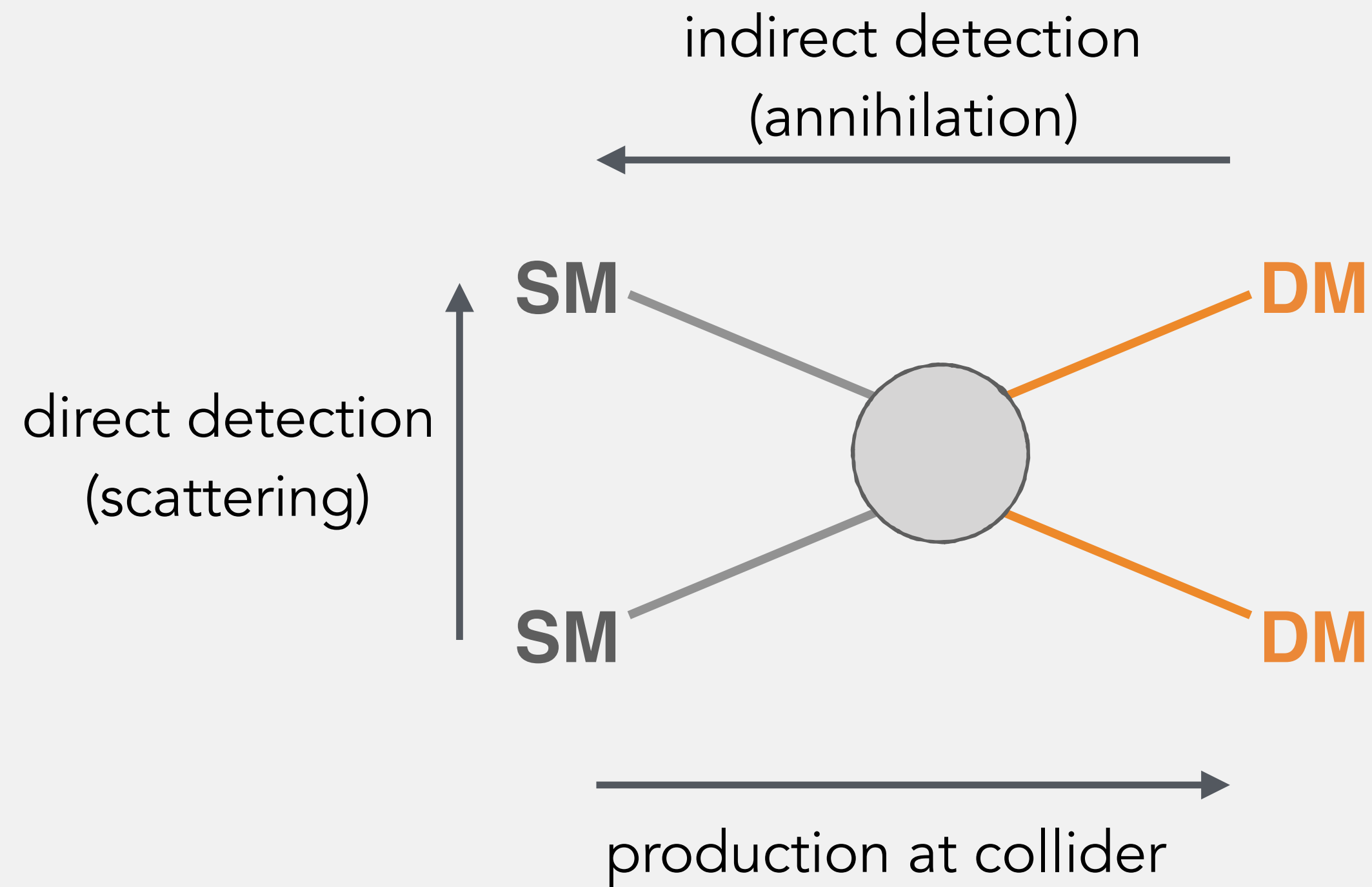
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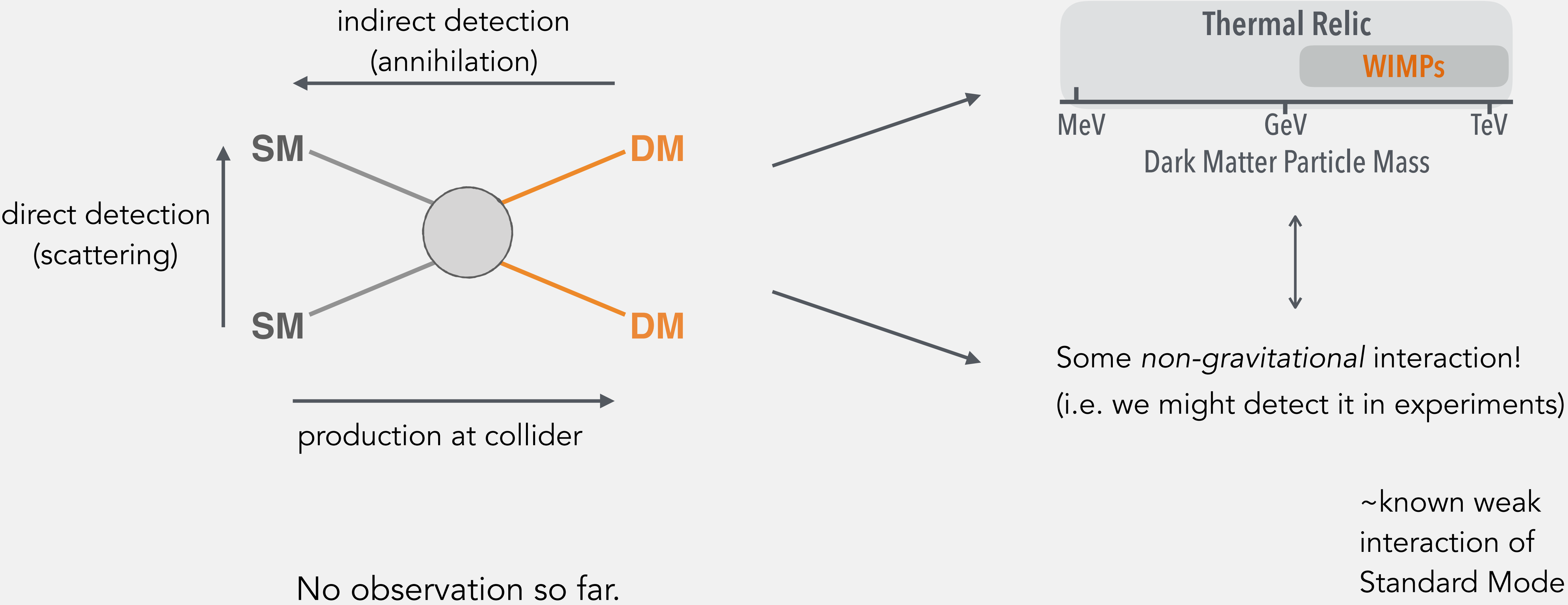


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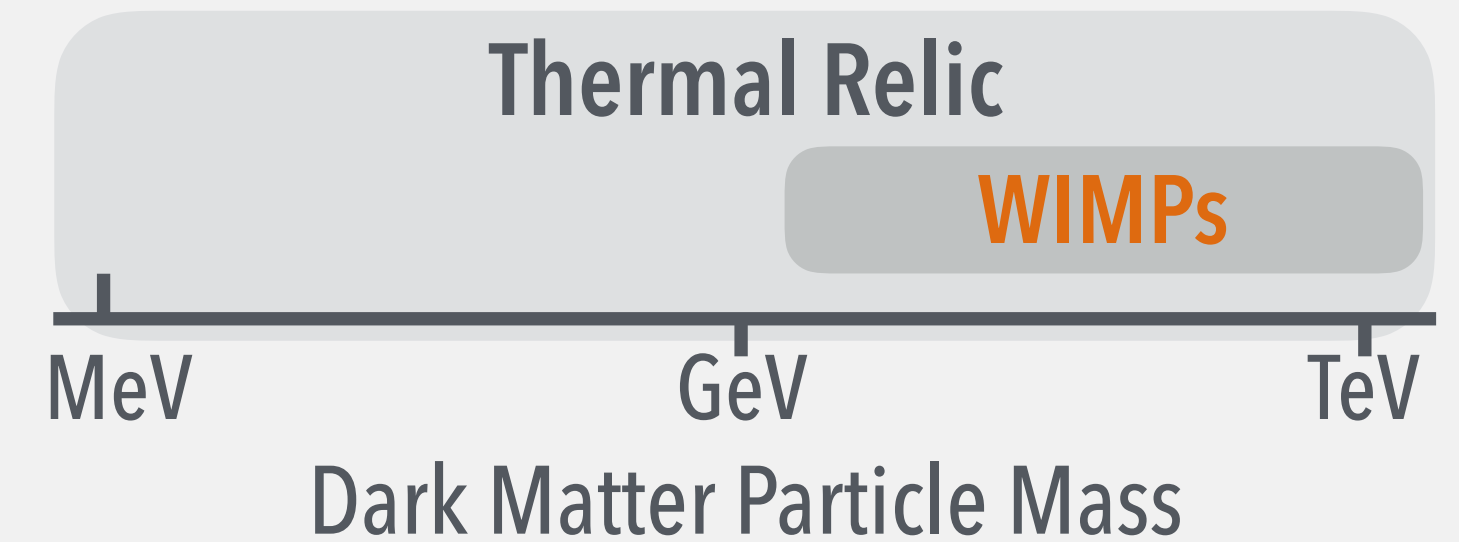
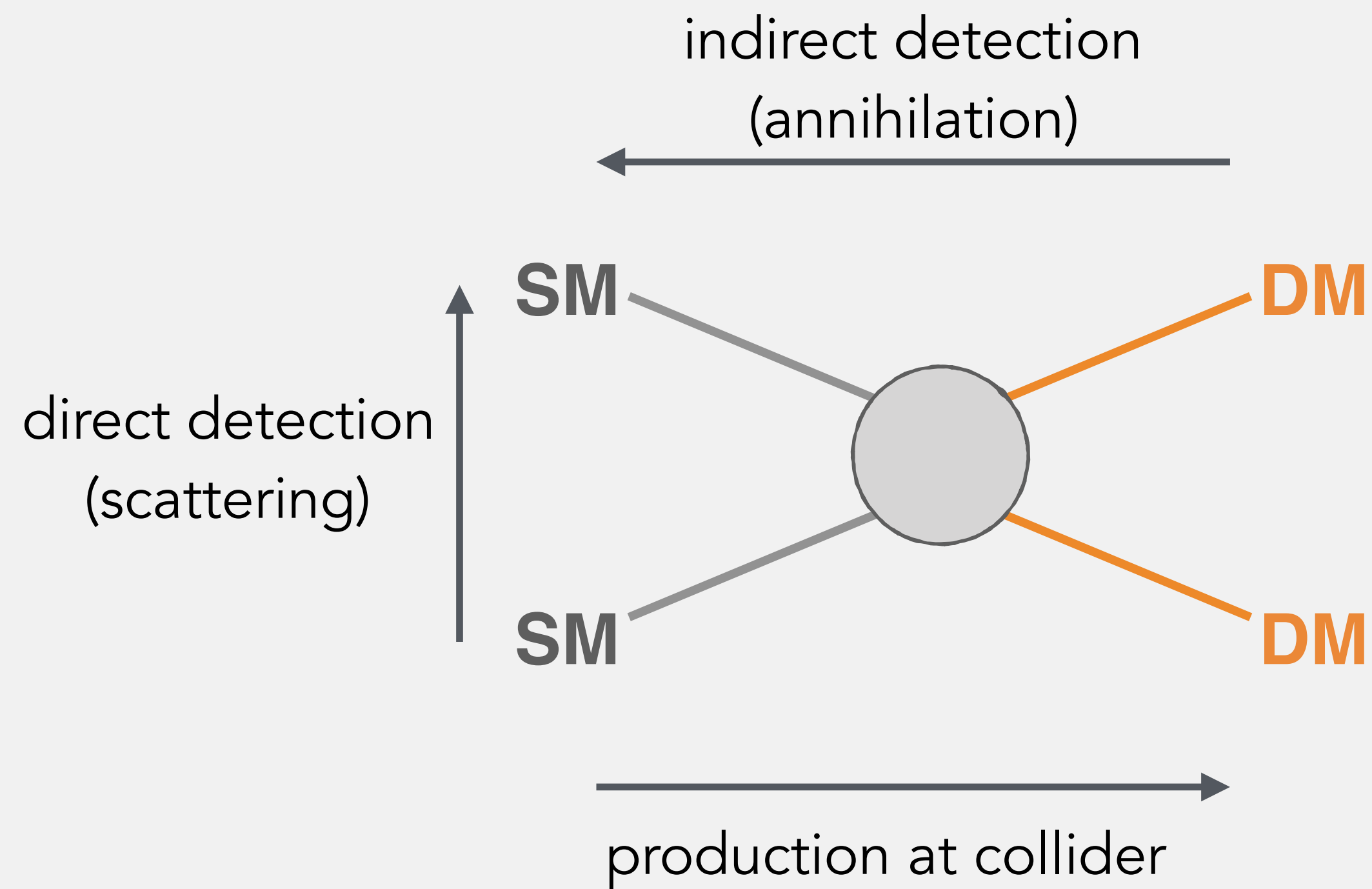
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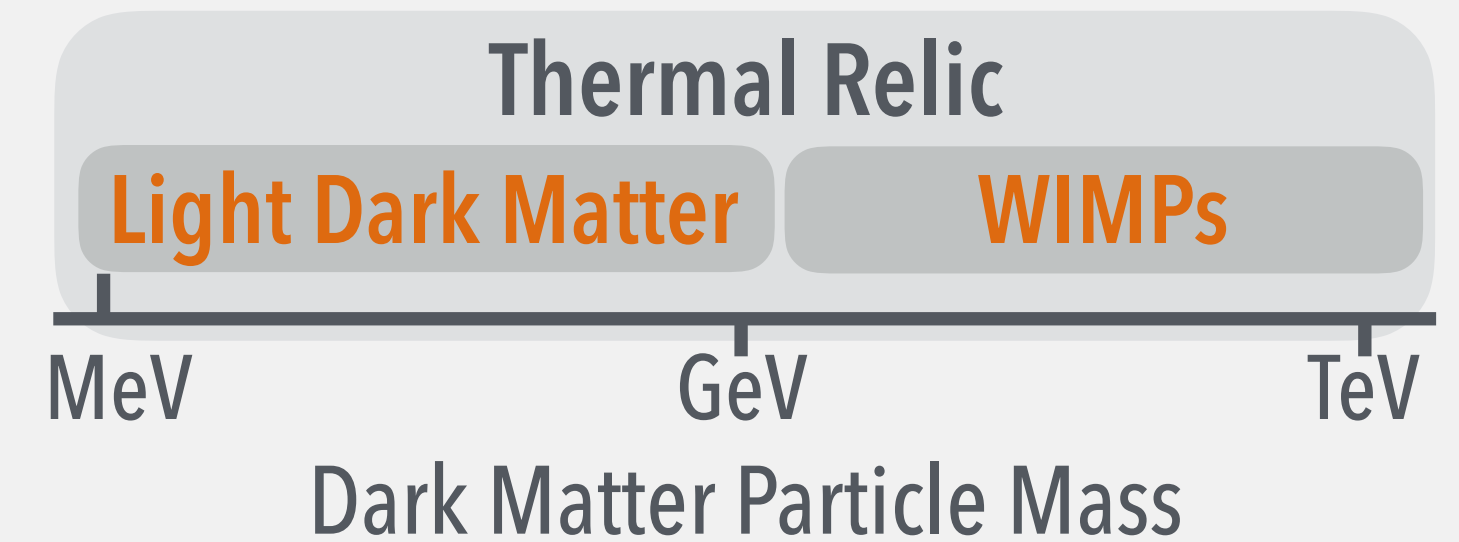
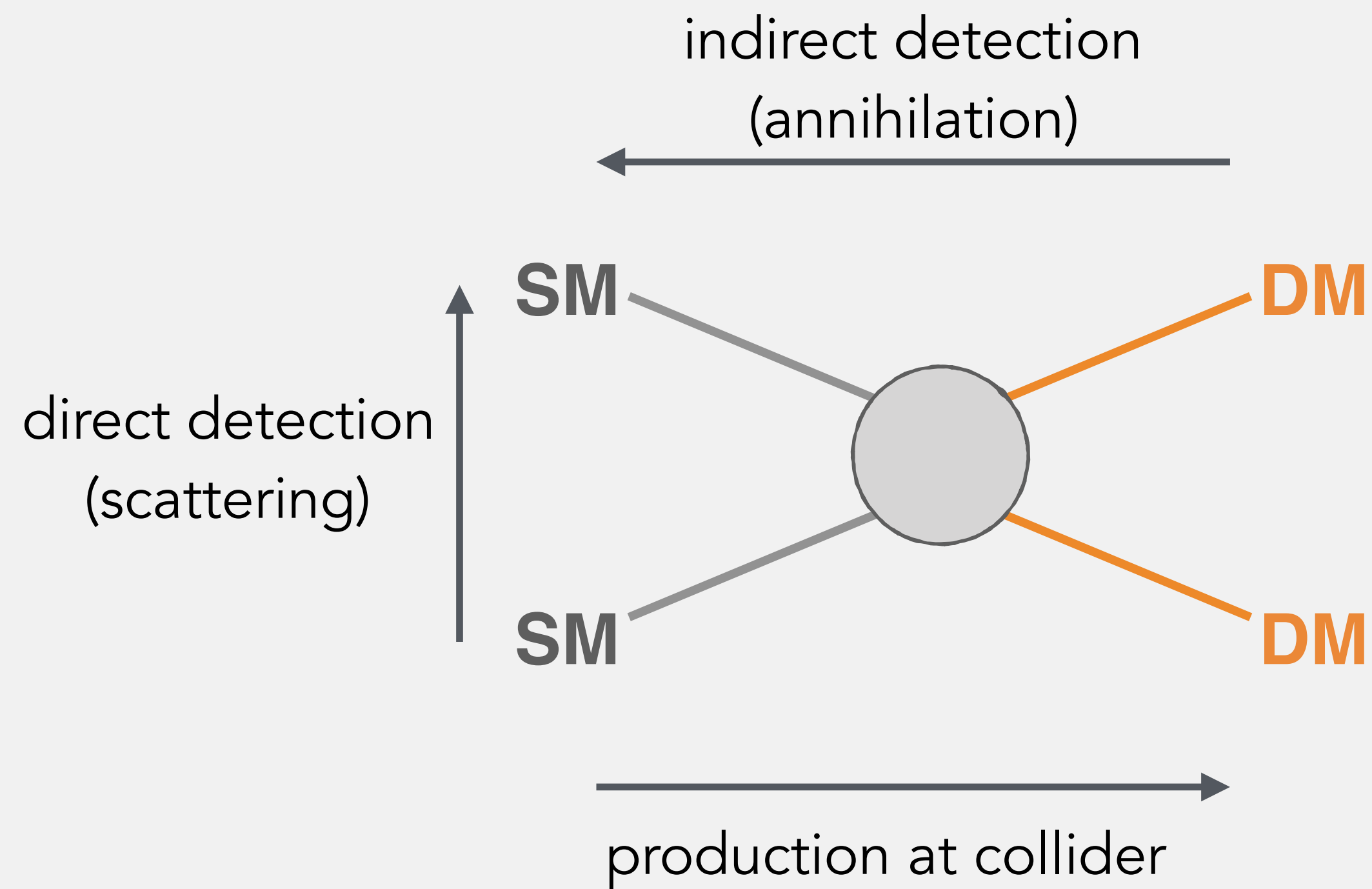
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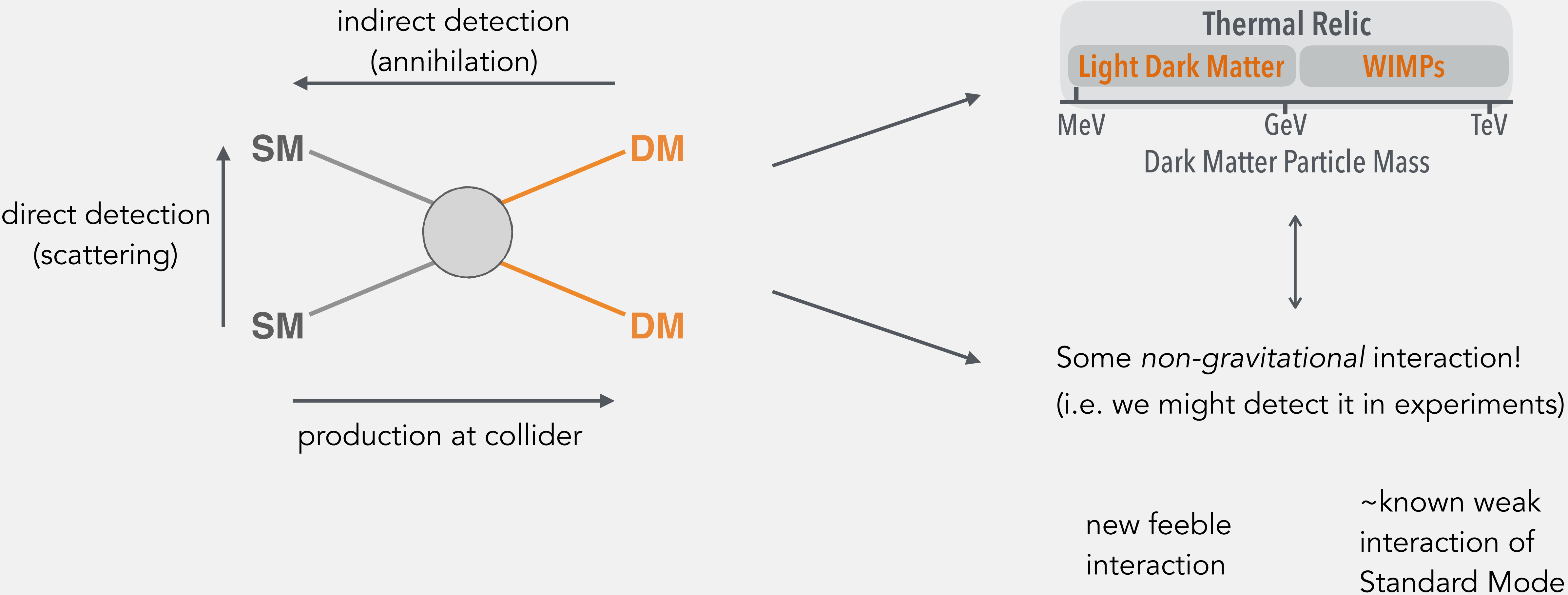
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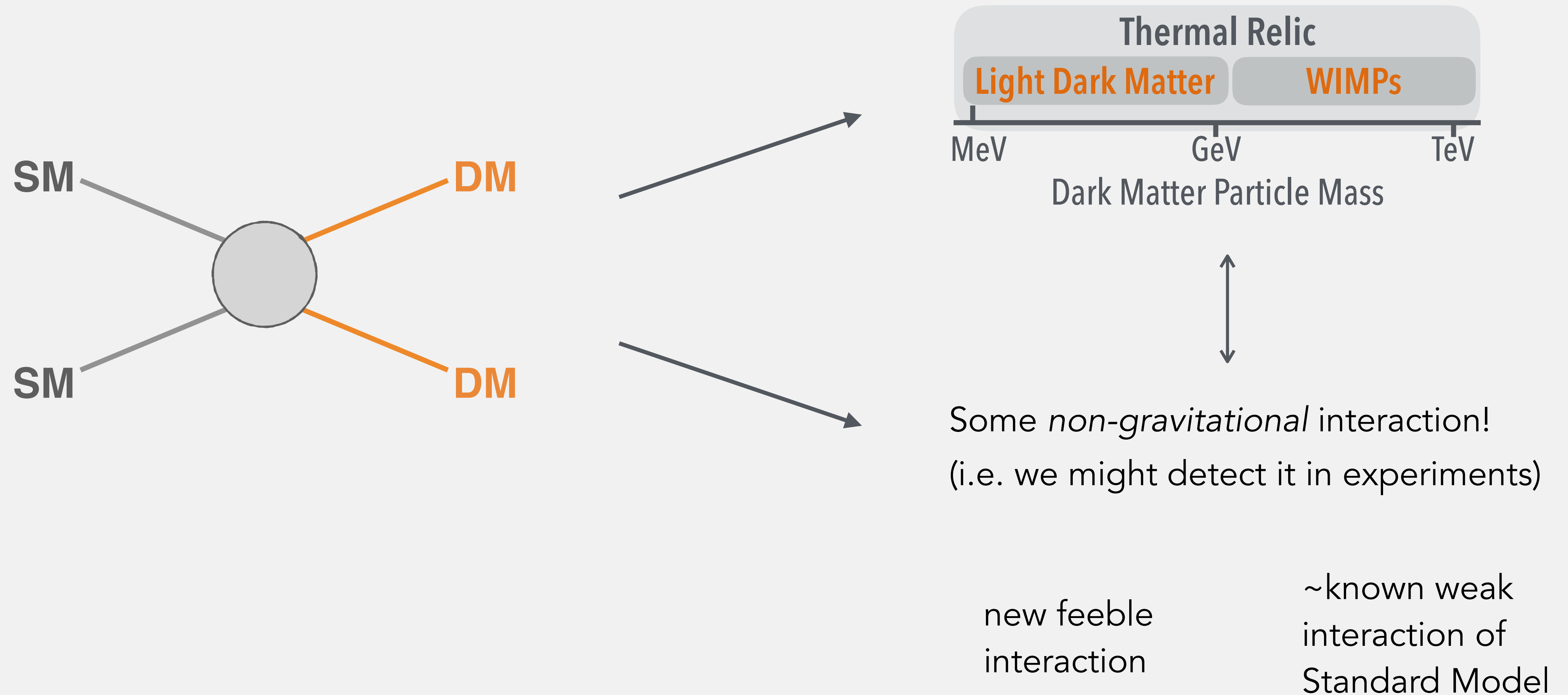
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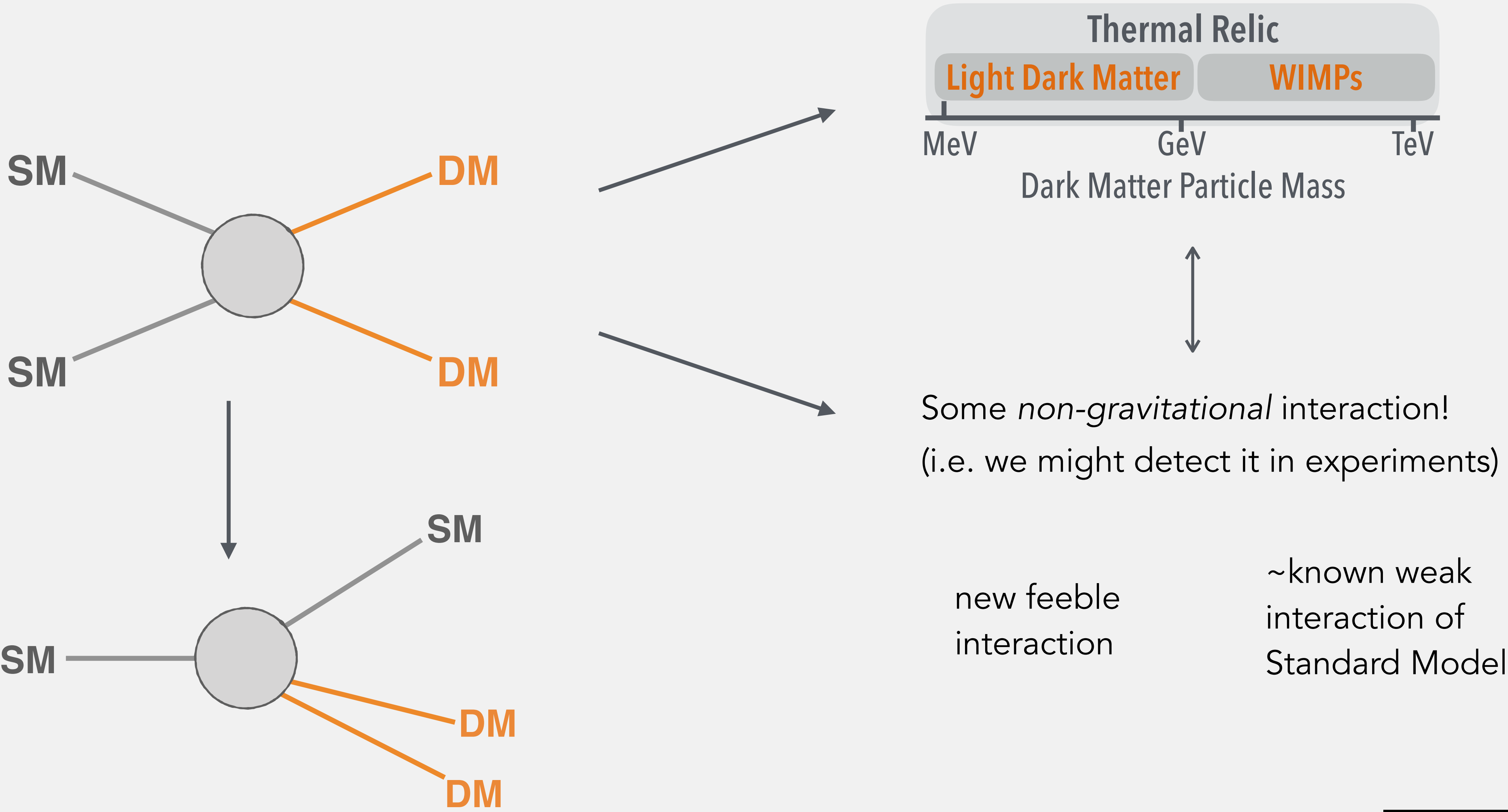
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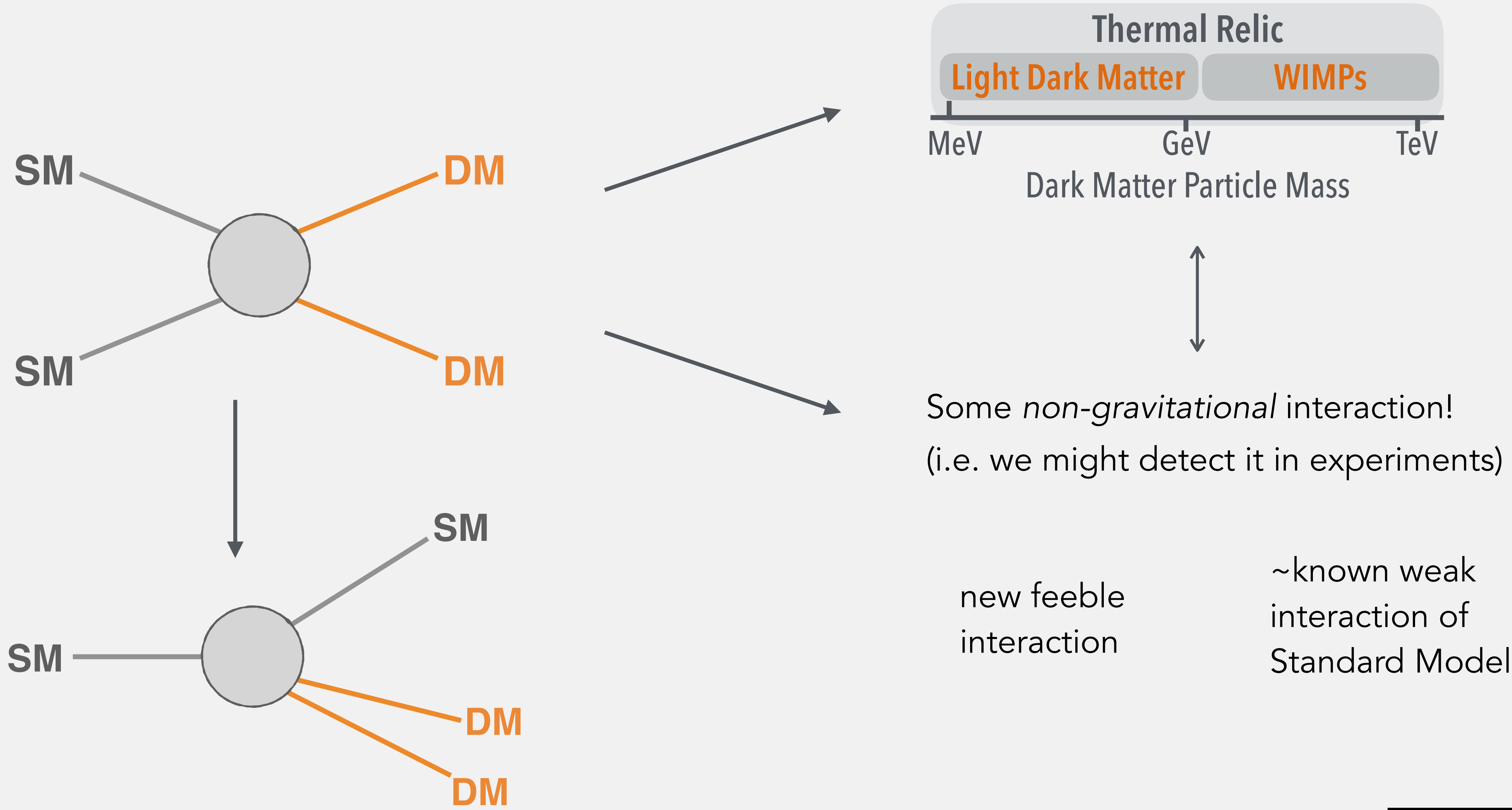
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production
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How to realise LDM

starting point: thermal relic assumption

- restricts viable mass range
- **minimum** annihilation cross section
 - otherwise overproduction of DM

if WIMPs 'too light' ($m_\chi < \text{few GeV}$)

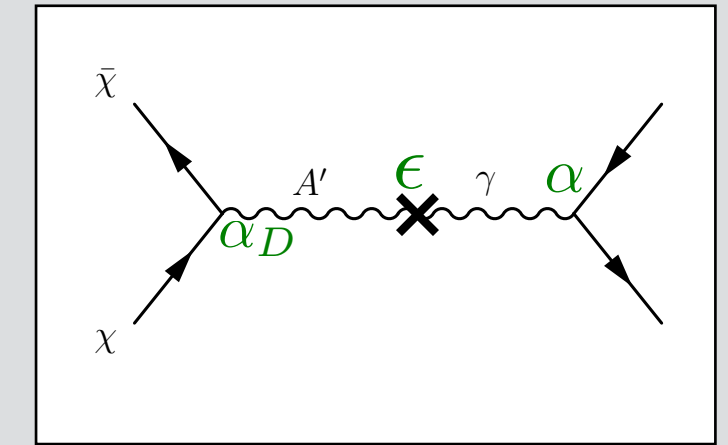
- annihilation into SM inefficient
 - overproduction of DM
- *Lee-Weinberg-bound*

introduce new, light mediator

- additional annihilation channel
 - correct relic abundance

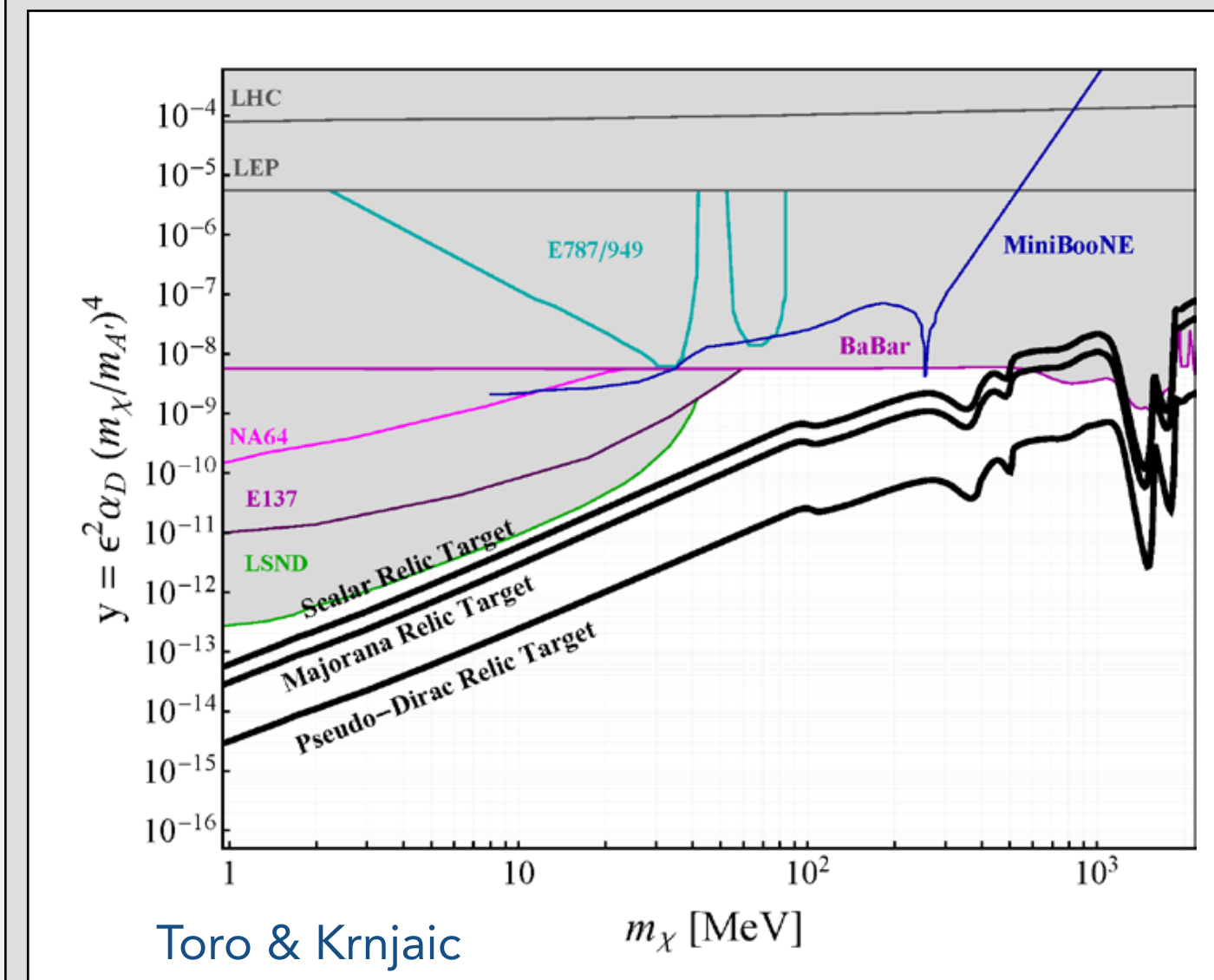
representative benchmark model: Dark Photon (A')

- vector mediator
- kinetically mixes with photon (ϵ)
- annihilation cross section



$$\sigma v \sim \alpha_D \epsilon^2 \frac{m_\chi^2}{m_{A'}^4} \sim \alpha_D \epsilon^2 \frac{m_\chi^4}{m_{A'}^4} \frac{1}{m_\chi^2} \sim y \frac{1}{m_\chi^2}$$

$$y = \alpha_D \epsilon^2 \frac{m_\chi^4}{m_{A'}^4}$$



**clear experimental
thermal targets**

conservative:

$$\alpha_D = 0.5 \quad \frac{m_\chi}{m_{A'}} = \frac{1}{3}$$

Sub-GeV Dark Matter Detection

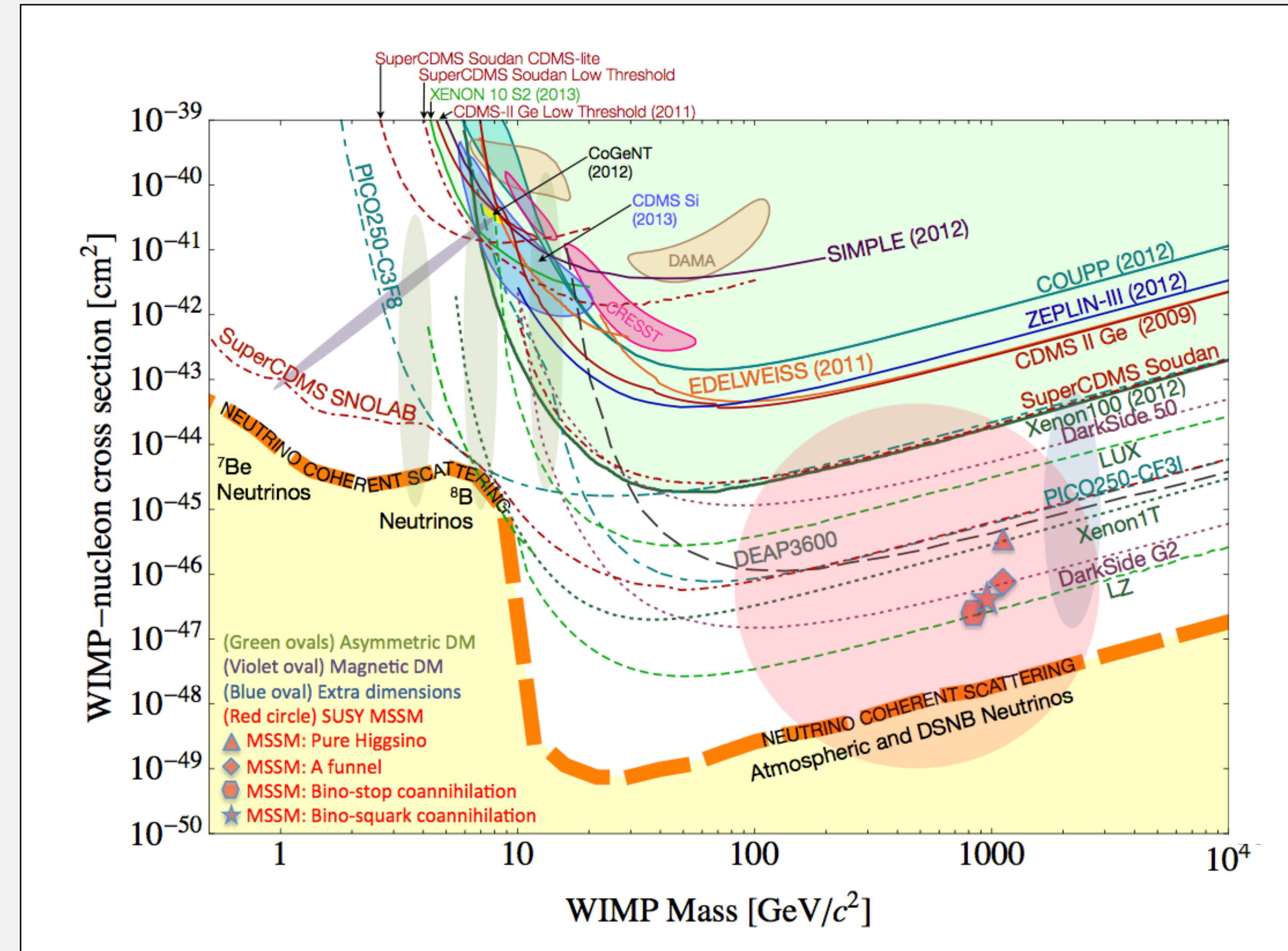
Direct Detection

Direct detection: **nuclear** recoil due to WIMP scattering

- sensitivity drops quickly below few GeV

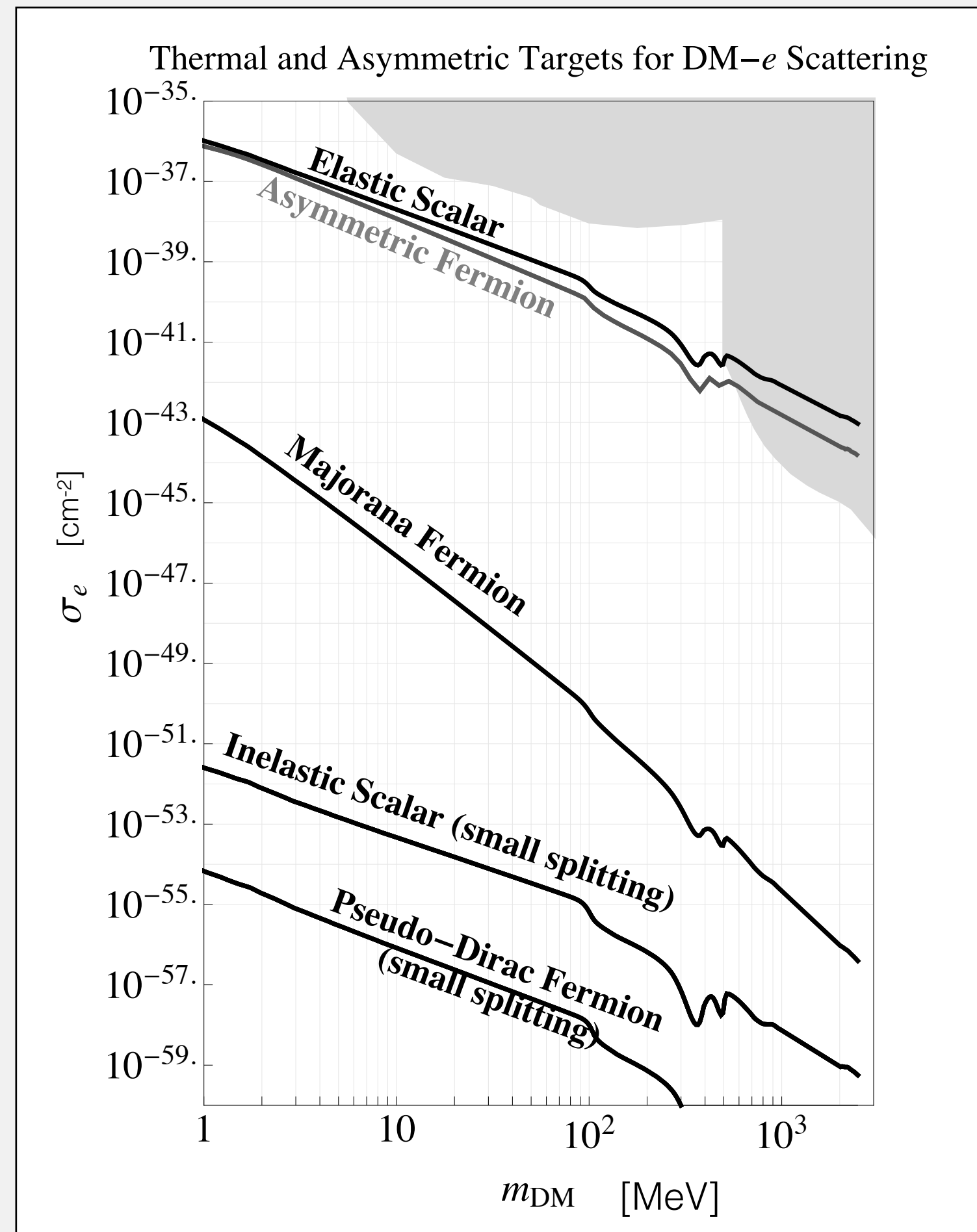
Many new ideas in recent years to get to lower masses

- needs lower energy threshold
- examples:
 - electron-DM scattering
 - semiconductors



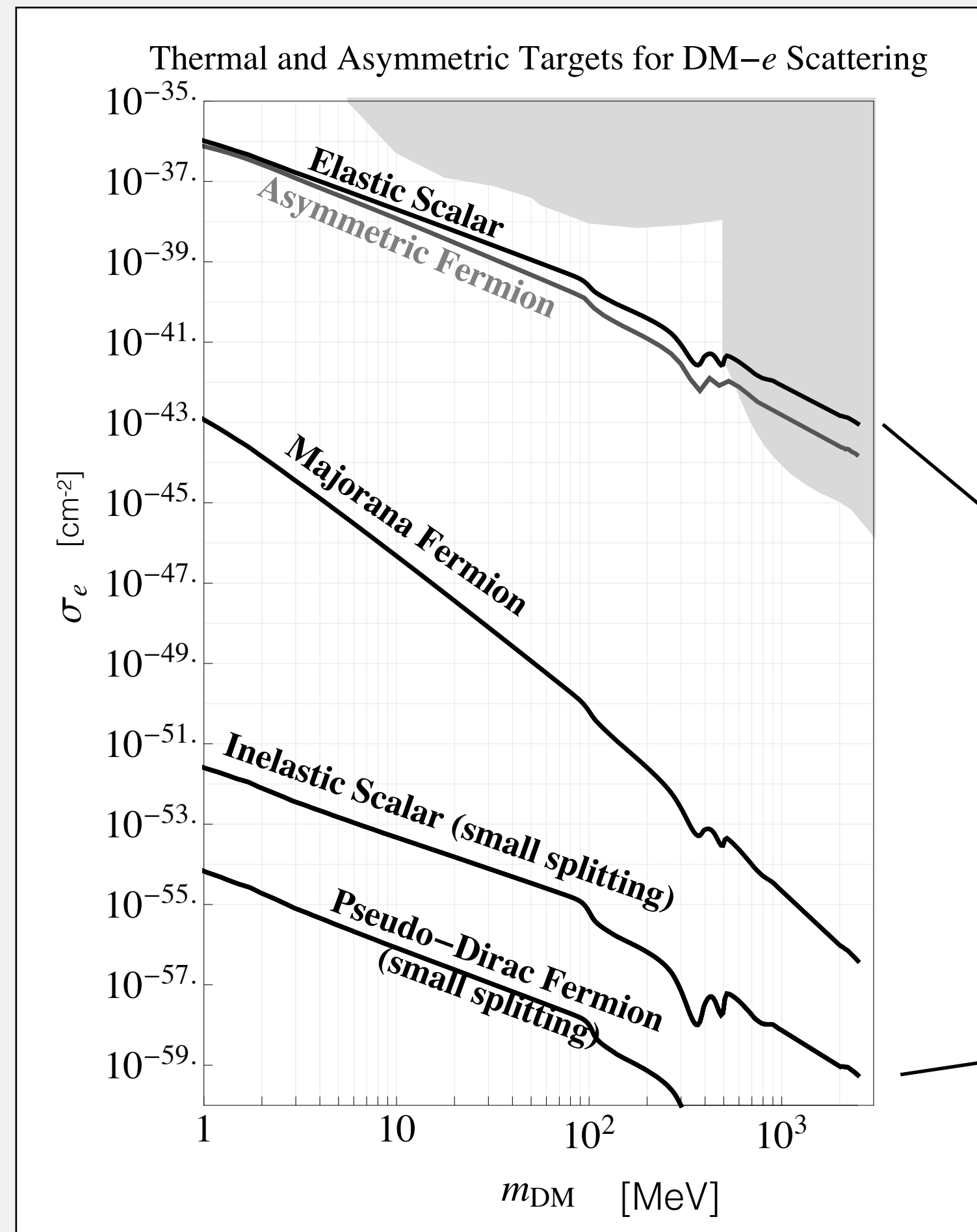
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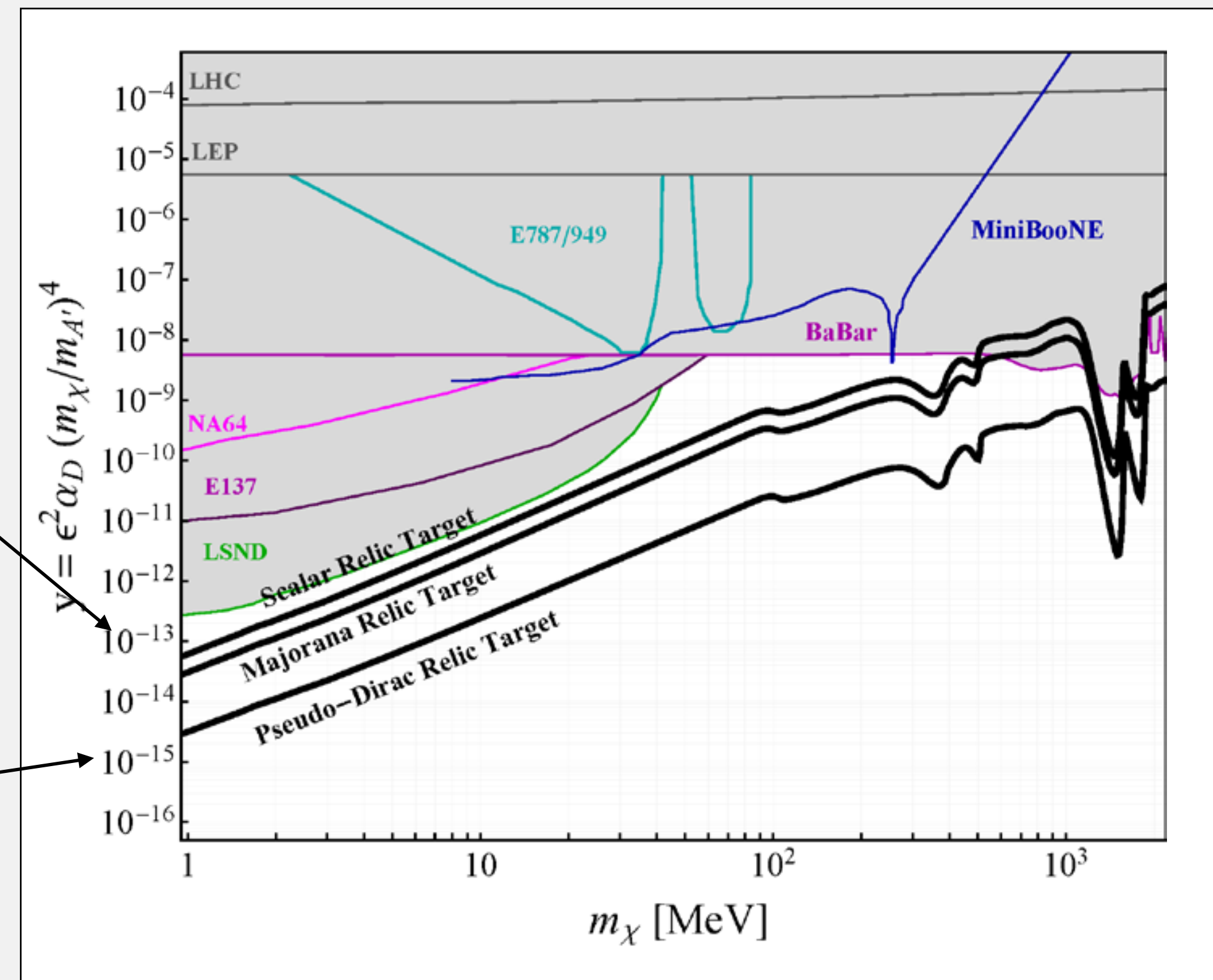


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at accelerators: relativistic production
—> spin/velocity dependency reduced
all thermal targets in reach!



[arxiv:1608.08632](#)

Dark Sectors 2016 Workshop: Community Report

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US Cosmic Visions: New Ideas in Dark Matter 2017 :
Community Report

Experiment	Machine	Type	E _{beam} (GeV)	Detection	Mass range (GeV)	Sensitivity	First beam
Future US initiatives							
BDX	CEBAF @ JLab	electron BD	2.1-11	DM scatter	$0.001 < m_\chi < 0.1$	$y \gtrsim 10^{-13}$	2019+
COHERENT	SNS @ ORNL	proton BD	1	DM scatter	$m_\chi < 0.06$	$y \gtrsim 10^{-13}$	
DarkLight	LERF @ JLab	electron FT	0.17	MMass (& vis.)	$0.01 < m_{A'} < 0.08$	$\epsilon^2 \gtrsim 10^{-6}$	
LDMX	DASEL @ SLAC	electron FT	4 (8)*	MMomentum	$m_\chi < 0.4$	$\epsilon^2 \gtrsim 10^{-14}$	
MMAPS	Synchr @ Cornell	positron FT	6	MMass	$0.02 < m_{A'} < 0.075$	$\epsilon^2 \gtrsim 10^{-8}$	
SBN	BNB @ FNAL	proton BD	8	DM scatter	$m_\chi < 0.4$	$y \sim 10^{-12}$	
SeaQuest	MI @ FNAL	proton FT	120	vis. prompt vis. disp.	$0.22 < m_{A'} < 9$ $m_{A'} < 2$	$\epsilon^2 \gtrsim 10^{-8}$ $\epsilon^2 \sim 10^{-14} - 10^{-8}$	
Future international initiatives							
Belle II	SuperKEKB @ KEK	e^+e^- collider	~ 5.3	MMass (& vis.)	$0 < m_\chi < 10$	$\epsilon^2 \gtrsim 10^{-9}$	2018
MAGIX	MESA @ Mami	electron FT	0.105	vis.	$0.01 < m_{A'} < 0.060$	$\epsilon^2 \gtrsim 10^{-9}$	2021-2022
PADME	DAΦNE @ Frascati	positron FT	0.550	MMass	$m_{A'} < 0.024$	$\epsilon^2 \gtrsim 10^{-7}$	2018
SHIP	SPS @ CERN	proton BD	400	DM scatter	$m_\chi < 0.4$	$y \gtrsim 10^{-12}$	2026+
VEPP3	VEPP3 @ BINP	positron FT	0.500	MMass	$0.005 < m_{A'} < 0.022$	$\epsilon^2 \gtrsim 10^{-8}$	2019-2020
Current and completed initiatives							
APEX	CEBAF @ JLab	electron FT	1.1-4.5	vis.	$0.06 < m_{A'} < 0.55$	$\epsilon^2 \gtrsim 10^{-7}$	2018-2019
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HPS	CEBAF @ JLab	electron FT	1.1-4.5	vis.	$0.015 < m_{A'} < 0.5$	$\epsilon^2 \sim 10^{-7**}$	2018-2020
NA/64	SPS @ CERN	electron FT	100	MEnergy	$m_{A'} < 1$	$\epsilon^2 \gtrsim 10^{-10}$	started
MiniBooNE	BNB @ FNAL	proton BD	8	DM scatter	$m_\chi < 0.4$	$y \gtrsim 10^{-9}$	done
TREK	K^+ beam @ J-PARC	K decays	0.240	vis.	N/A	N/A	done

<https://home.cern/scientists/updates/2016/05/cern-launches-physics-beyond-colliders-study-group>

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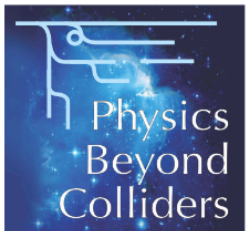
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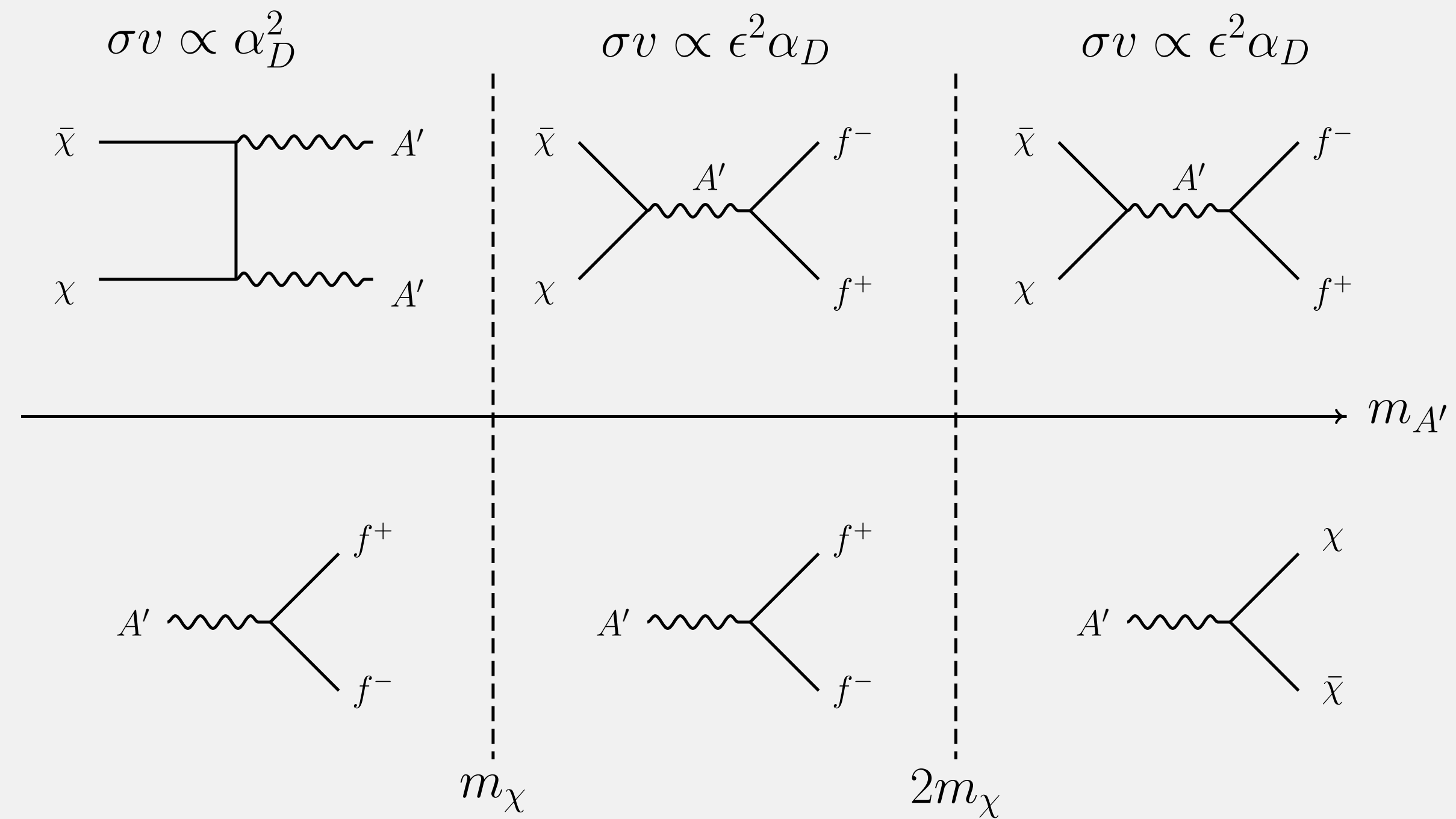
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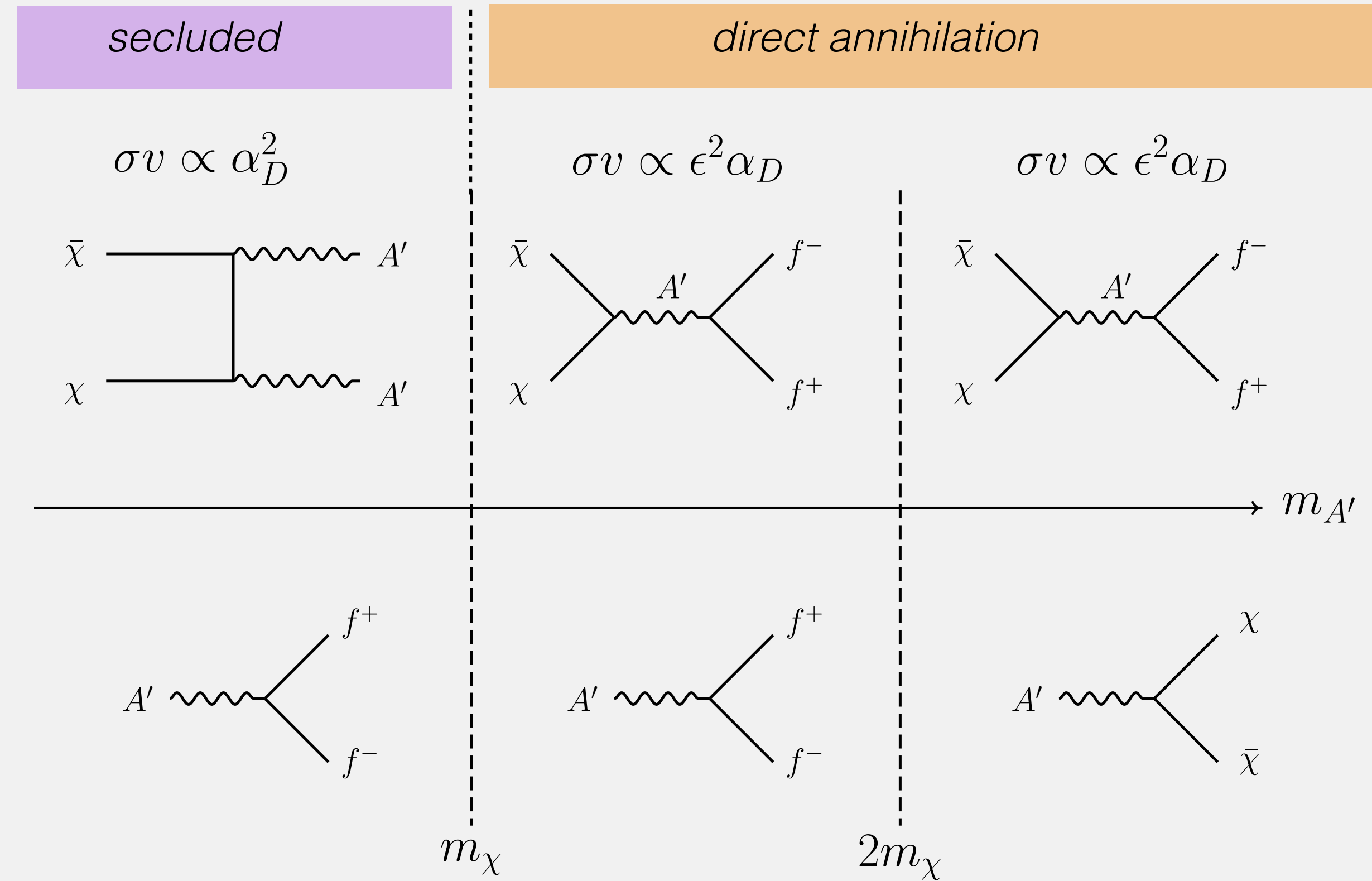
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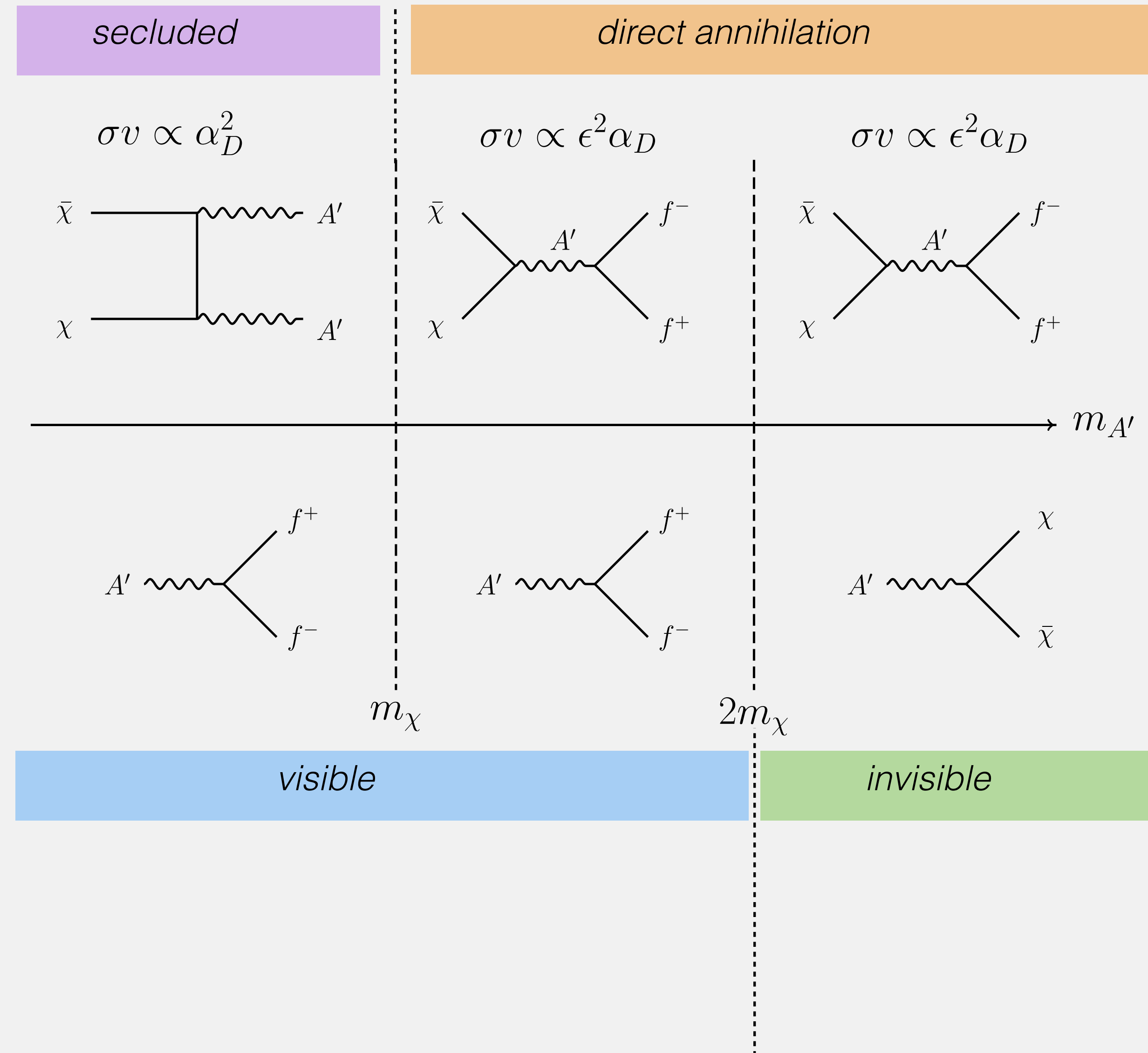
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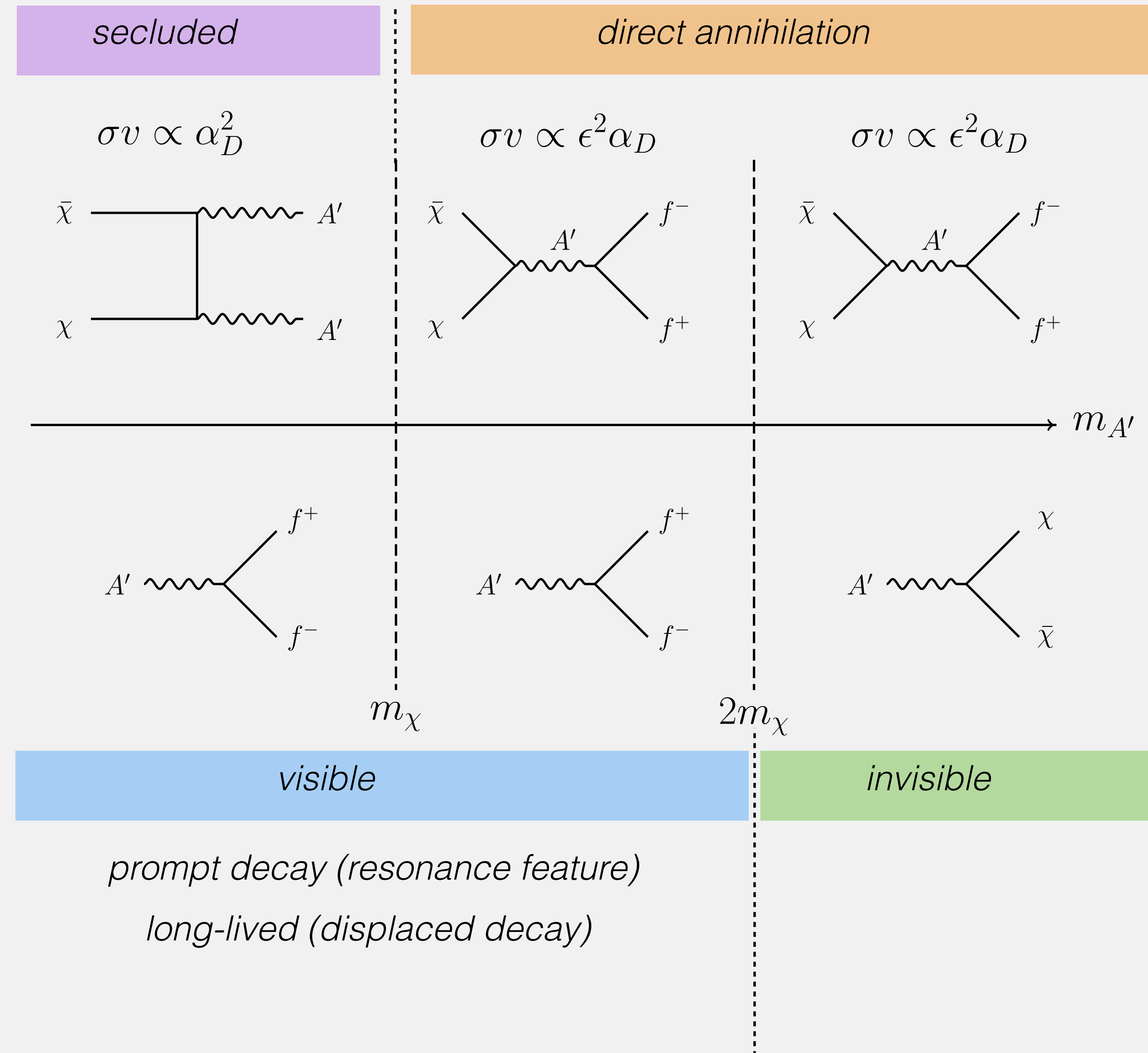
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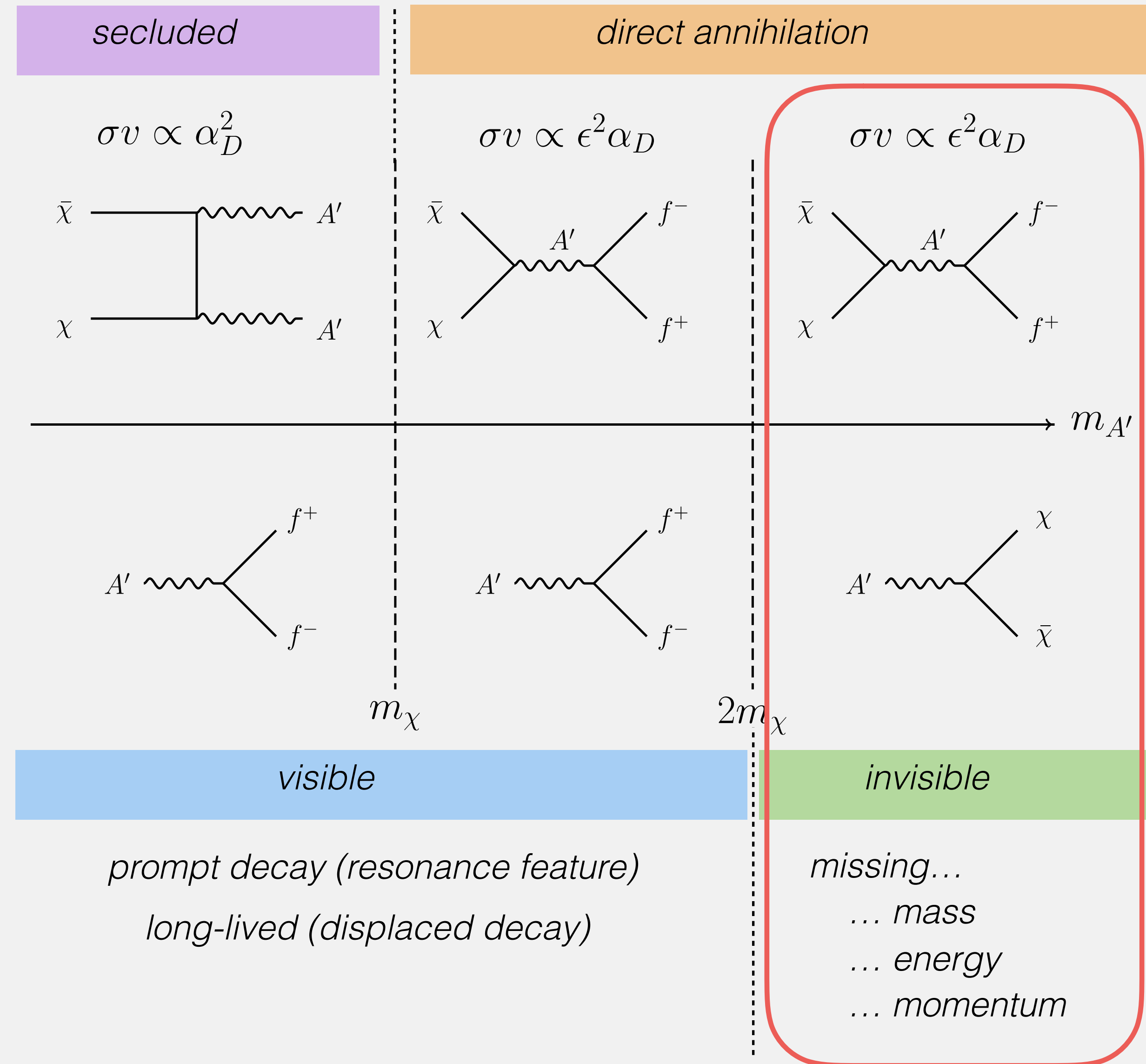
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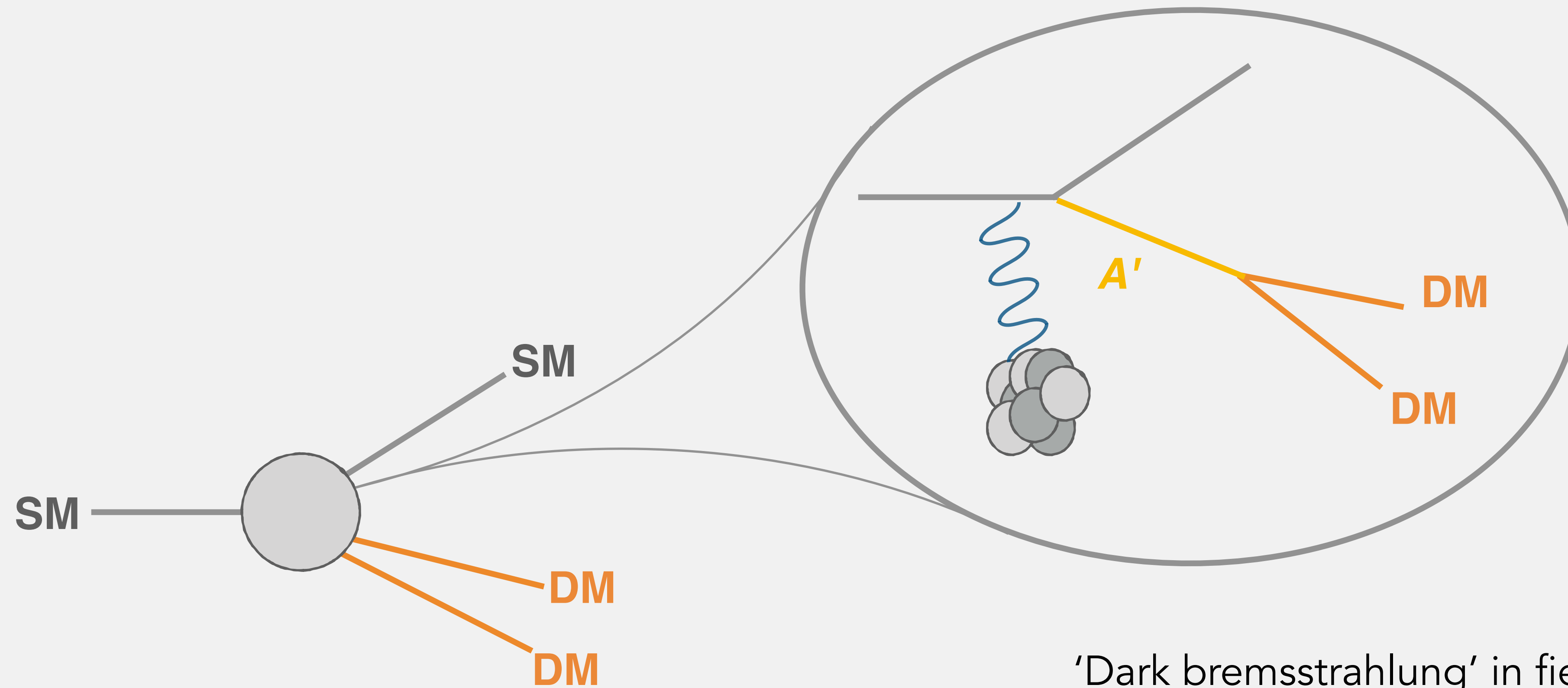


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Fixed-Target Missing Energy/Momentum

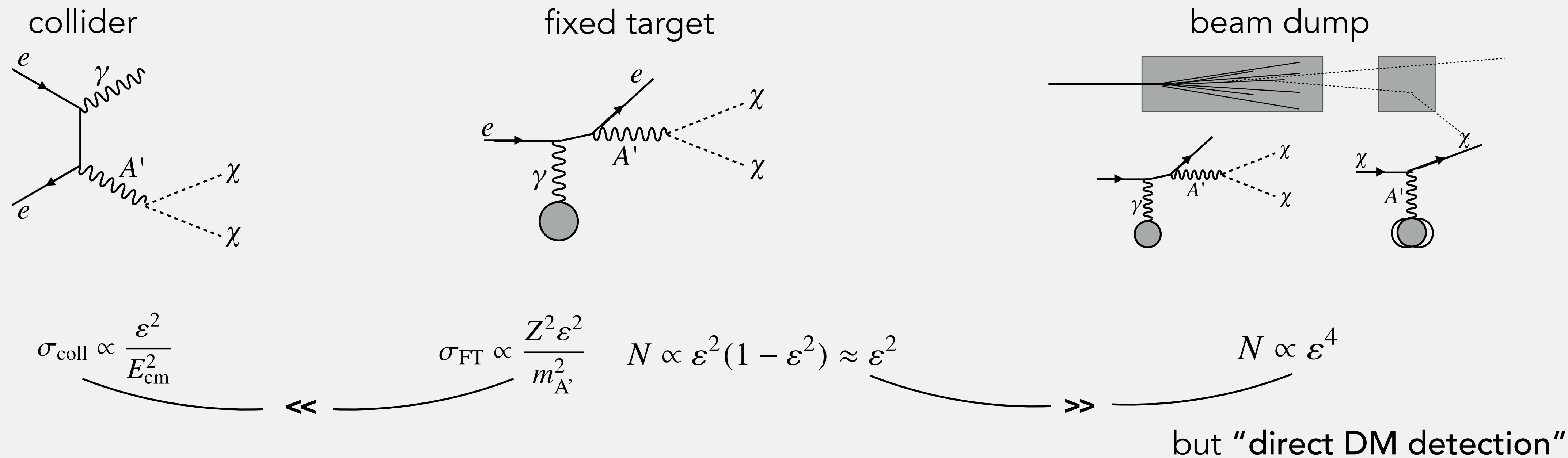
Accelerator Production



'Dark bremsstrahlung' in field of a nucleus

Main background: 'ordinary' bremsstrahlung
of a SM photon

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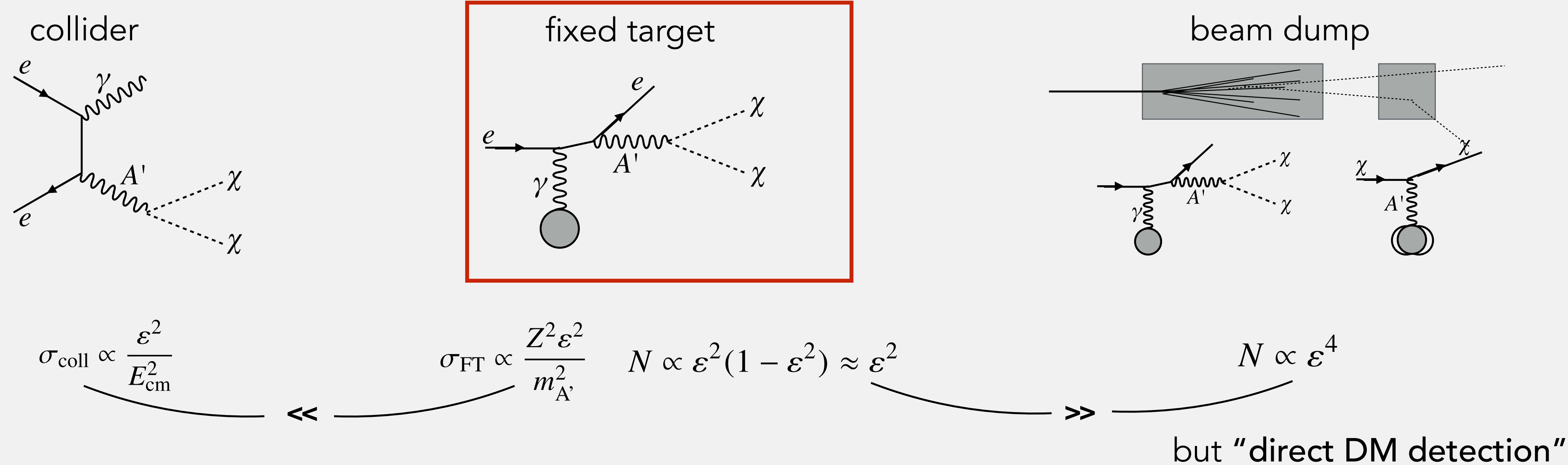


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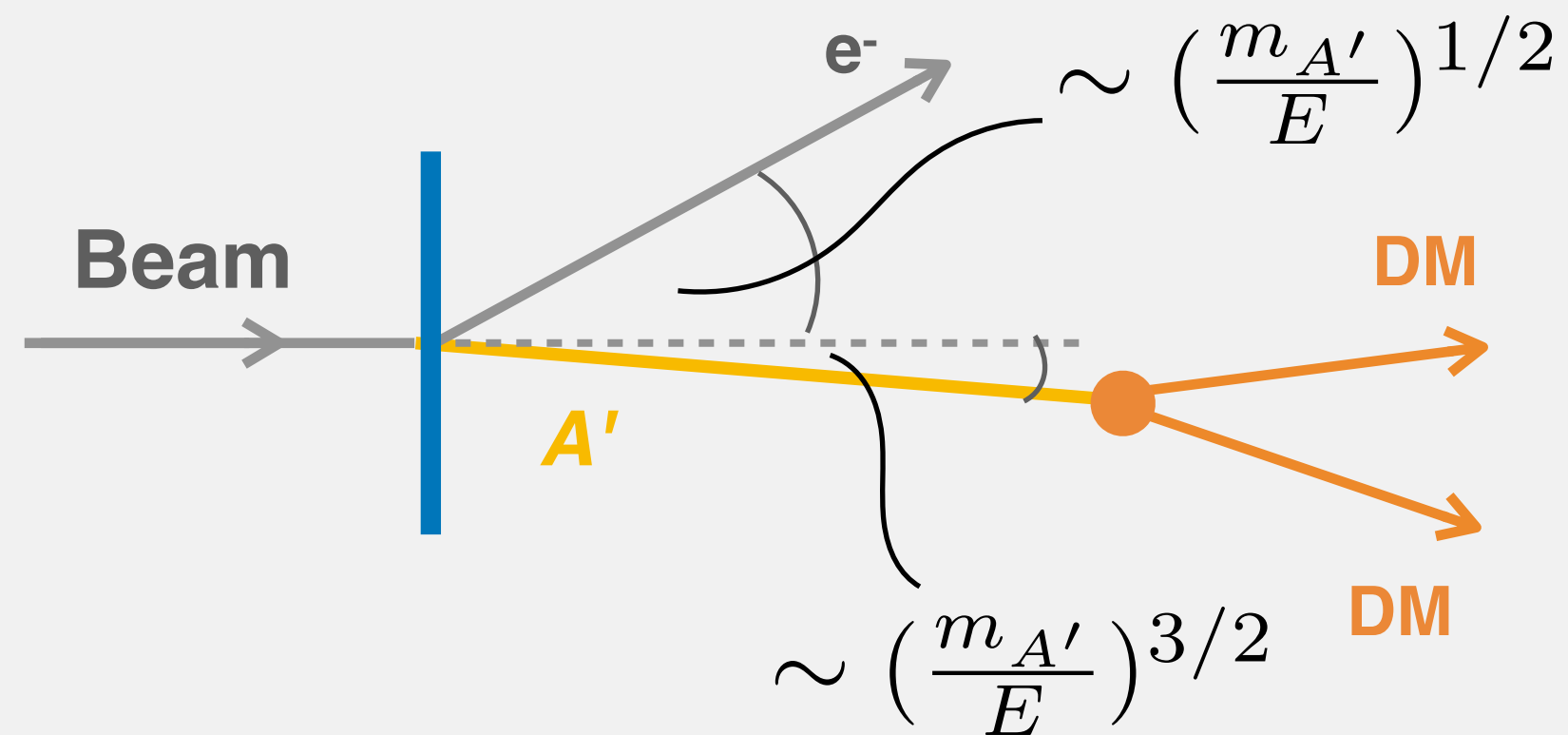
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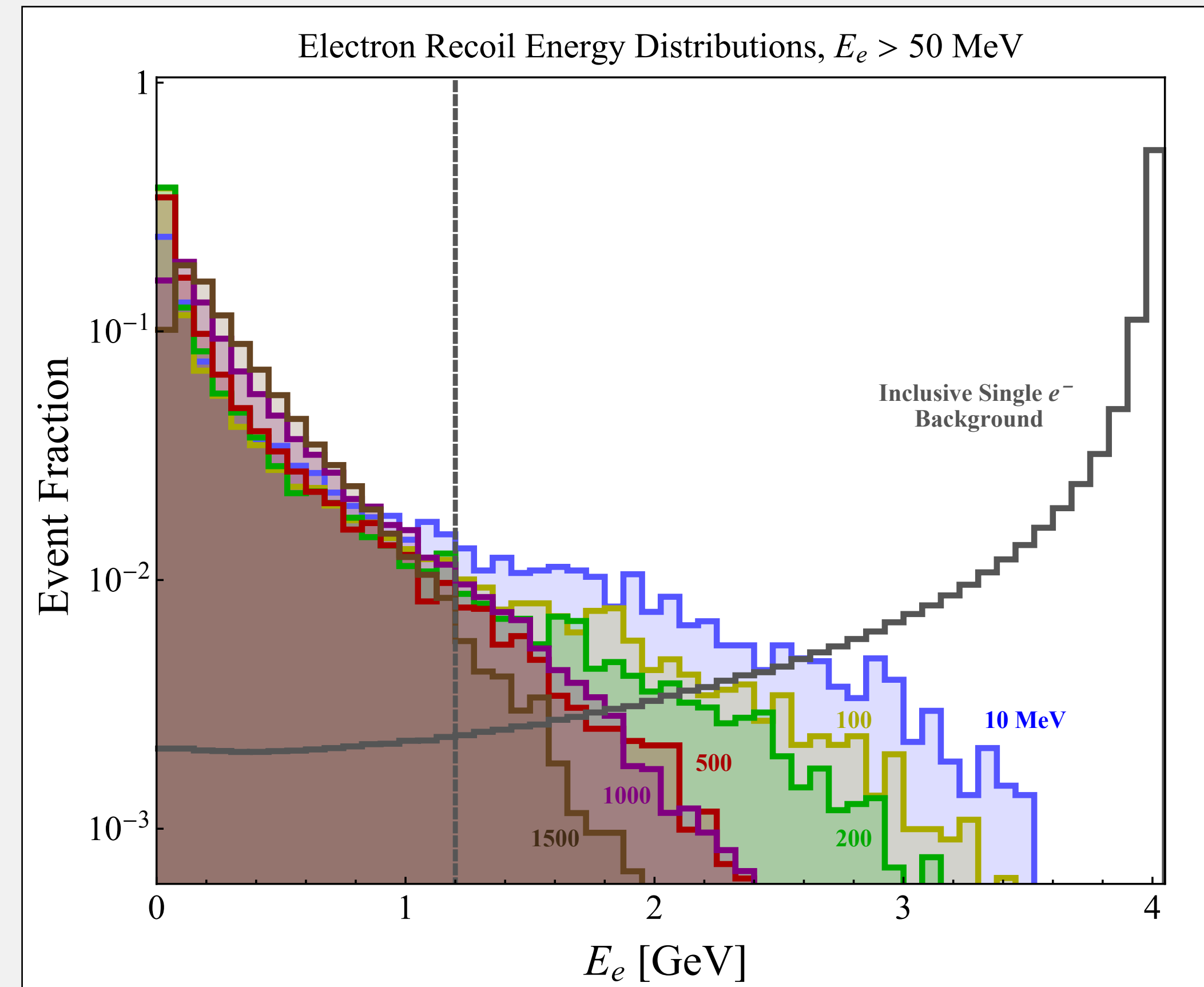


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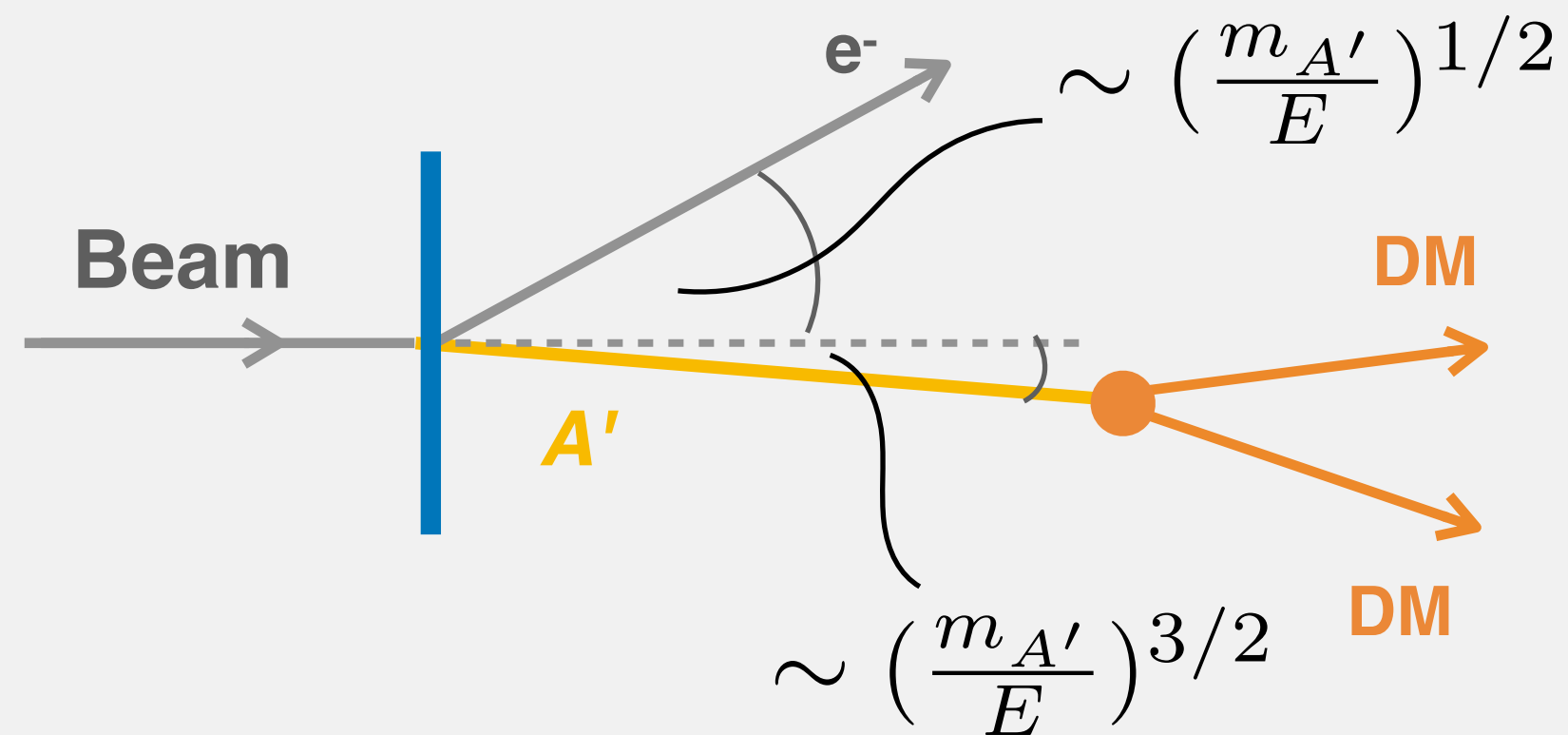


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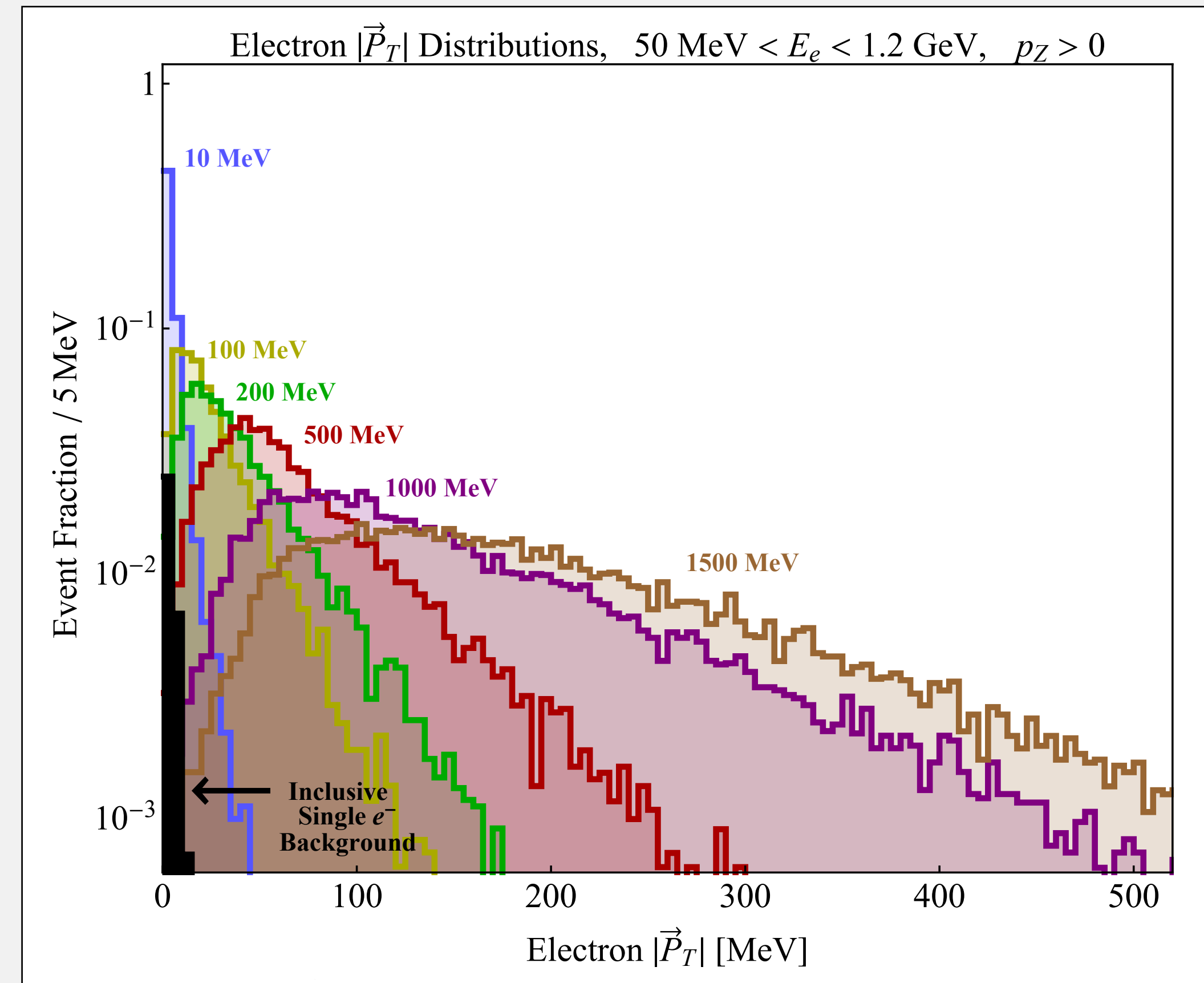
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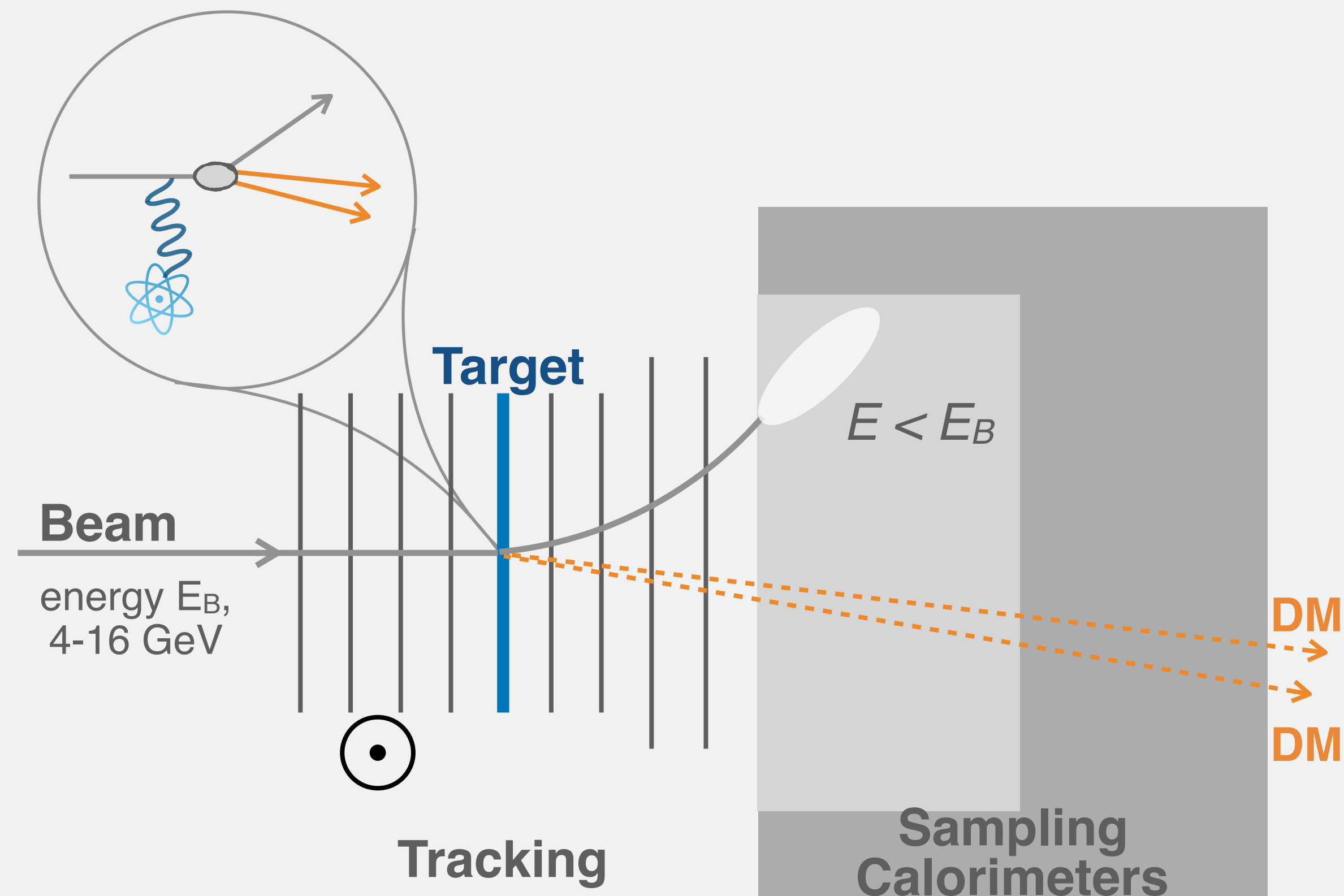
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Recoil electron gets transverse 'kick'
—> large missing transverse momentum

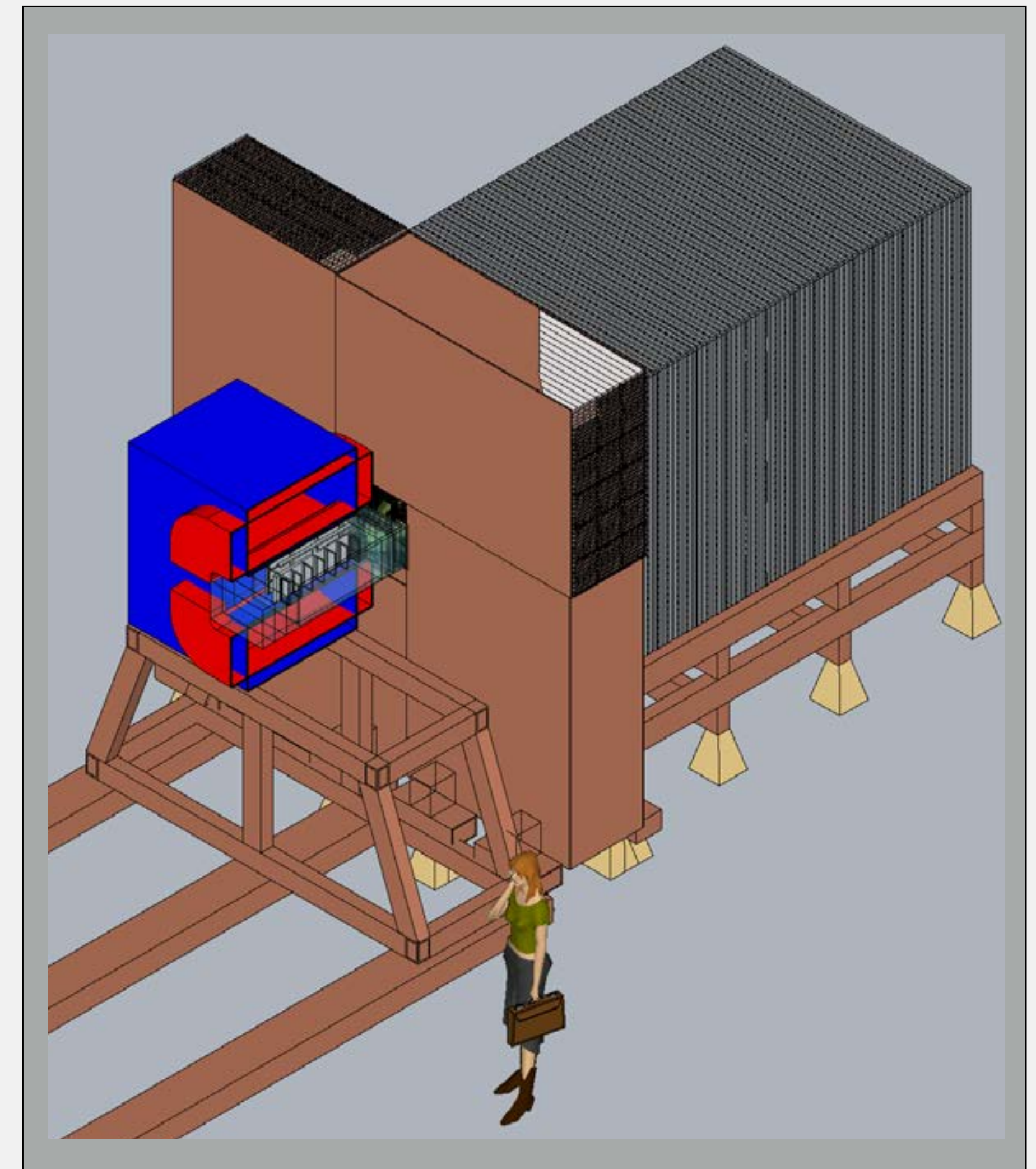


measurement of p_T : strong discriminator
AND information about (missing) mass!

Light Dark Matter eXperiment



individually measure up to 10^{16} electrons on target (EoT),
missing energy & *missing (transverse) momentum*



small-scale experiment

The Beam

A special beam...

beam **energy** ideally $4 \text{ GeV} < E_B < 20 \text{ GeV}$

looking for extremely rare signal

—> need very large statistics

goal: $10^{14} - 10^{16}$ electrons in few years

—> beam with **high duty-cycle**

resolve individual particles

—> **low number** of electrons per bunch (≤ 10)

—> **large beam spot**

options (still an open question):

SLAC (*default*, first stage)

dedicated transfer line from LCLS-II

(Linac Coherent Light Source)

CERN (later stage)

new Linac injecting electrons into SPS

(Super Proton Synchrotron)

S30XL @ LCLS-II @ SLAC

<https://confluence.slac.stanford.edu/display/MME/Publications+and+Presentations>

(Sector 30 Transfer Line)

Goal: Parasitically extract low-current, high-rate electron beam from LCLS-II linac

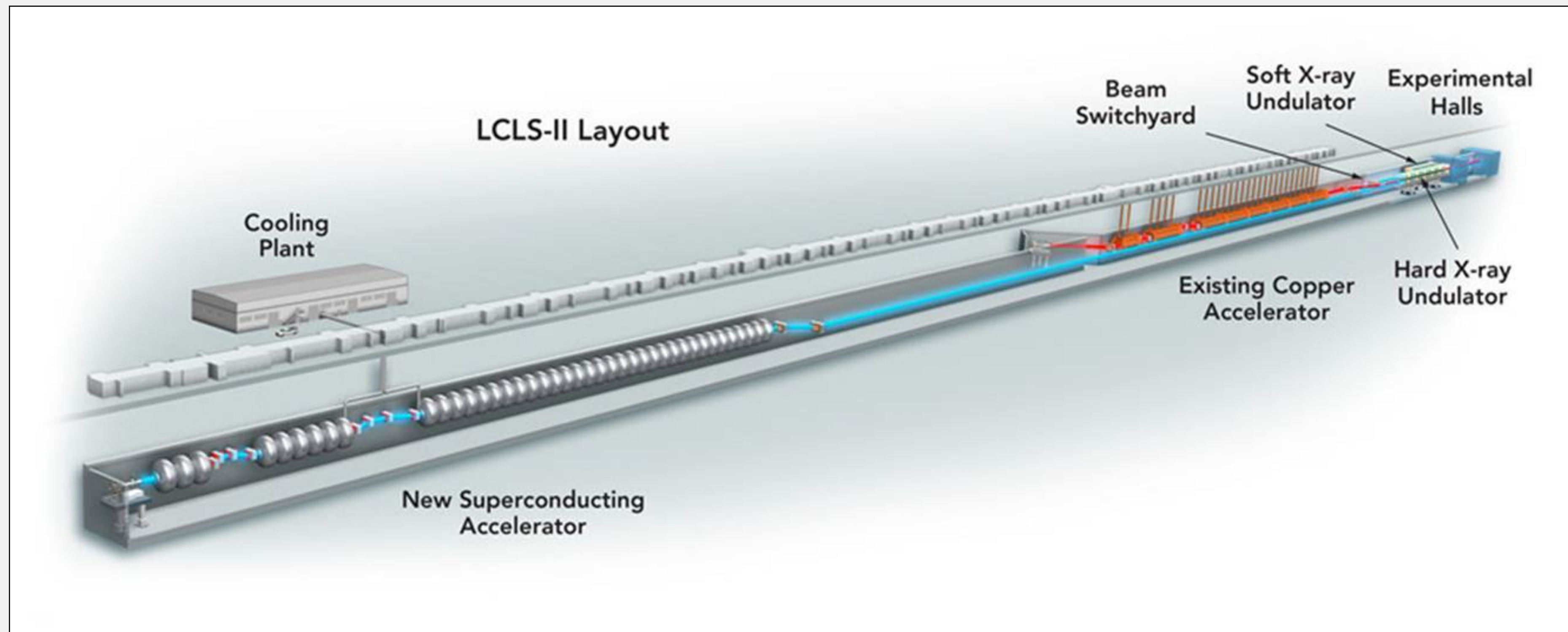
Physics program spans dark matter physics (LDMX), neutrino physics (electro-nuclear scattering as reference), test beam program...

energy: 4 (8) GeV

bunch frequency: 46 MHz (186 MHz)

4×10^{14} EoT year 1

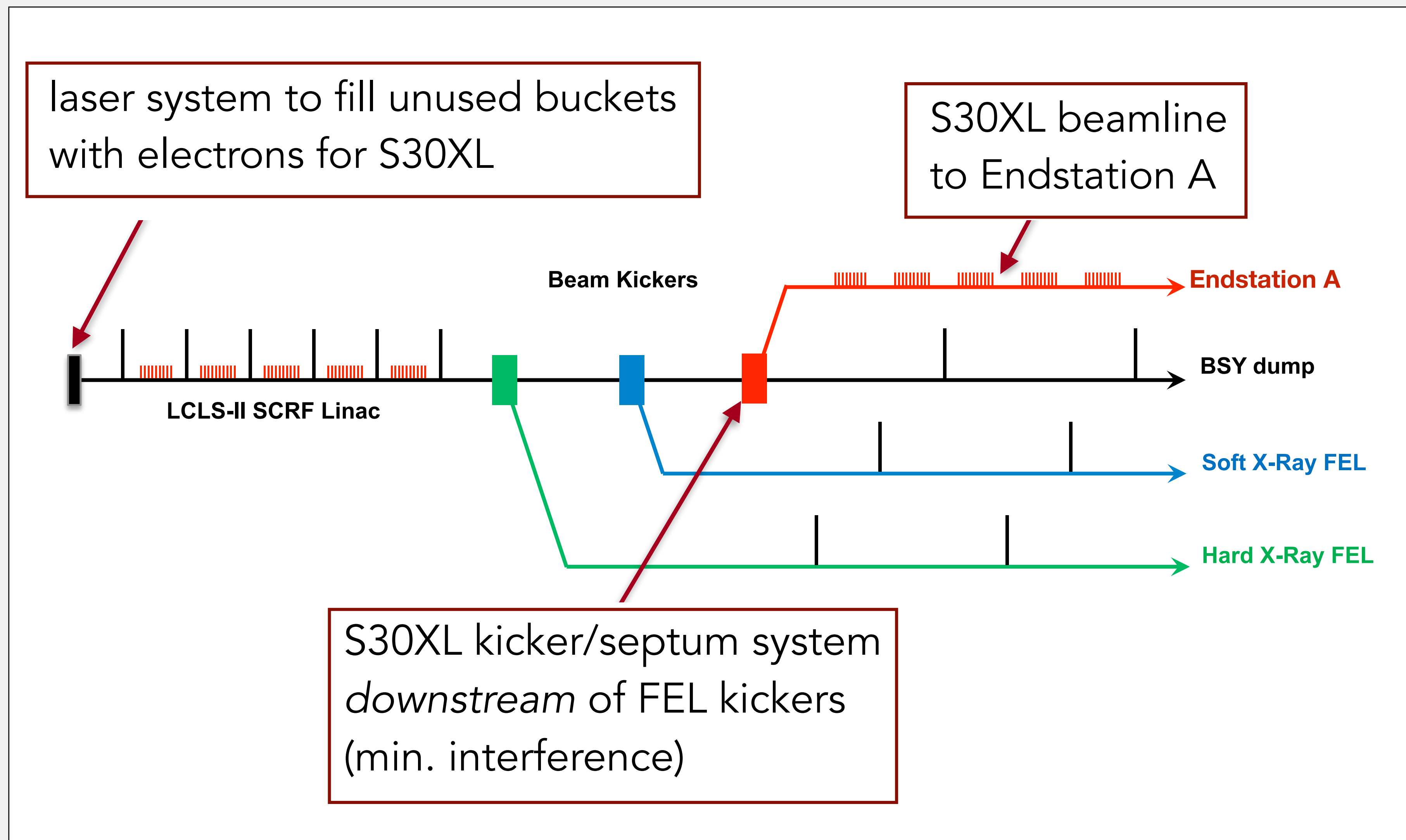
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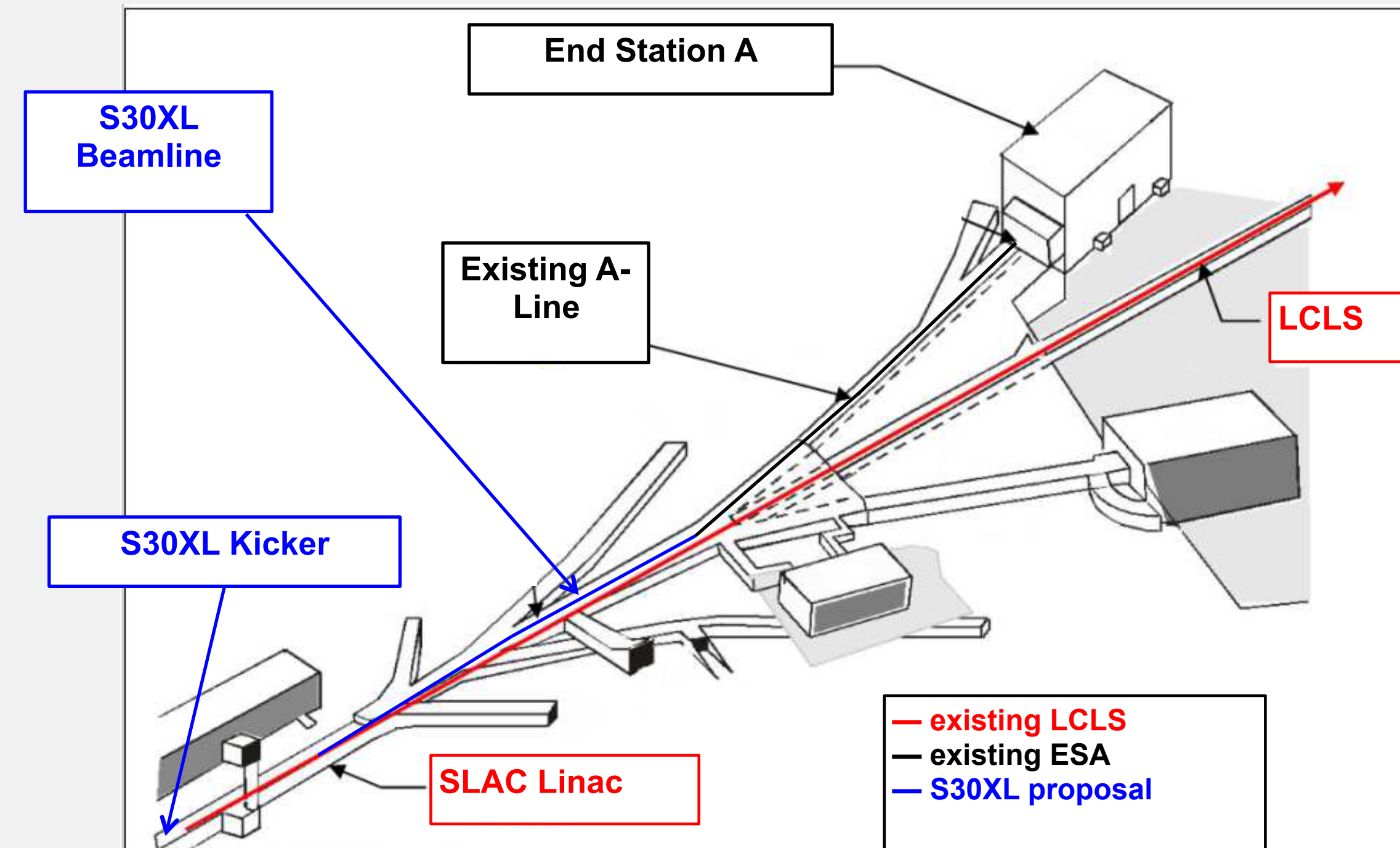


S30XL @ LCLS-II @ SLAC

(Sector 30 Transfer Line)

Staged approach:

- first: S30 Accelerator Improvement Project (kicker & ~100m beamline – ending in beam switchyard)
- Design underway following funding in FY19; release of construction funding expected after successful review (~early January)
- Installation timeframe: depends on LCLS-II downtime schedule
- Enable characterization of dark current, long-pulse kicker demonstration, single-electron QED tests, and high-rate single electron test beam
- second: additional ~100m beamline to connect to existing End Station A line, potentially laser system



eSPS at CERN

[arxiv:1805.12379](https://arxiv.org/abs/1805.12379) [arxiv:1905.07657](https://arxiv.org/abs/1905.07657)

Get e- back in CERN accelerators, next step for X-band linac developed for CLIC, accelerator R&D

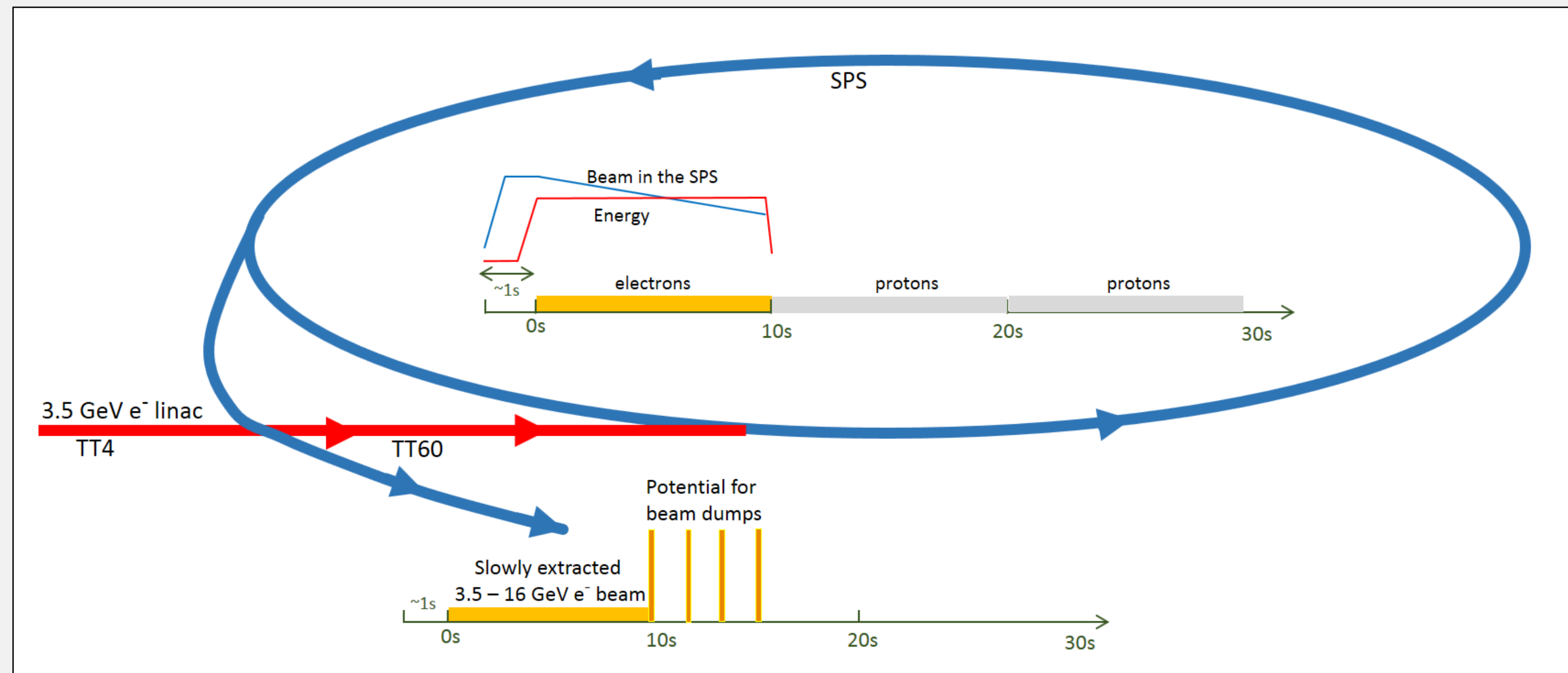
Idea ~2 years ago, quickly picked up momentum

Expression of interest to SPSC in October 2018 <https://cds.cern.ch/record/2640784> Input to Strategy Update (#36)

- 3.5 GeV Linac as injector to SPS
- large number of electrons can be filled within 2s
- slow extraction over 10s
- can run in parallel with other SPS programme

flexible parameters:

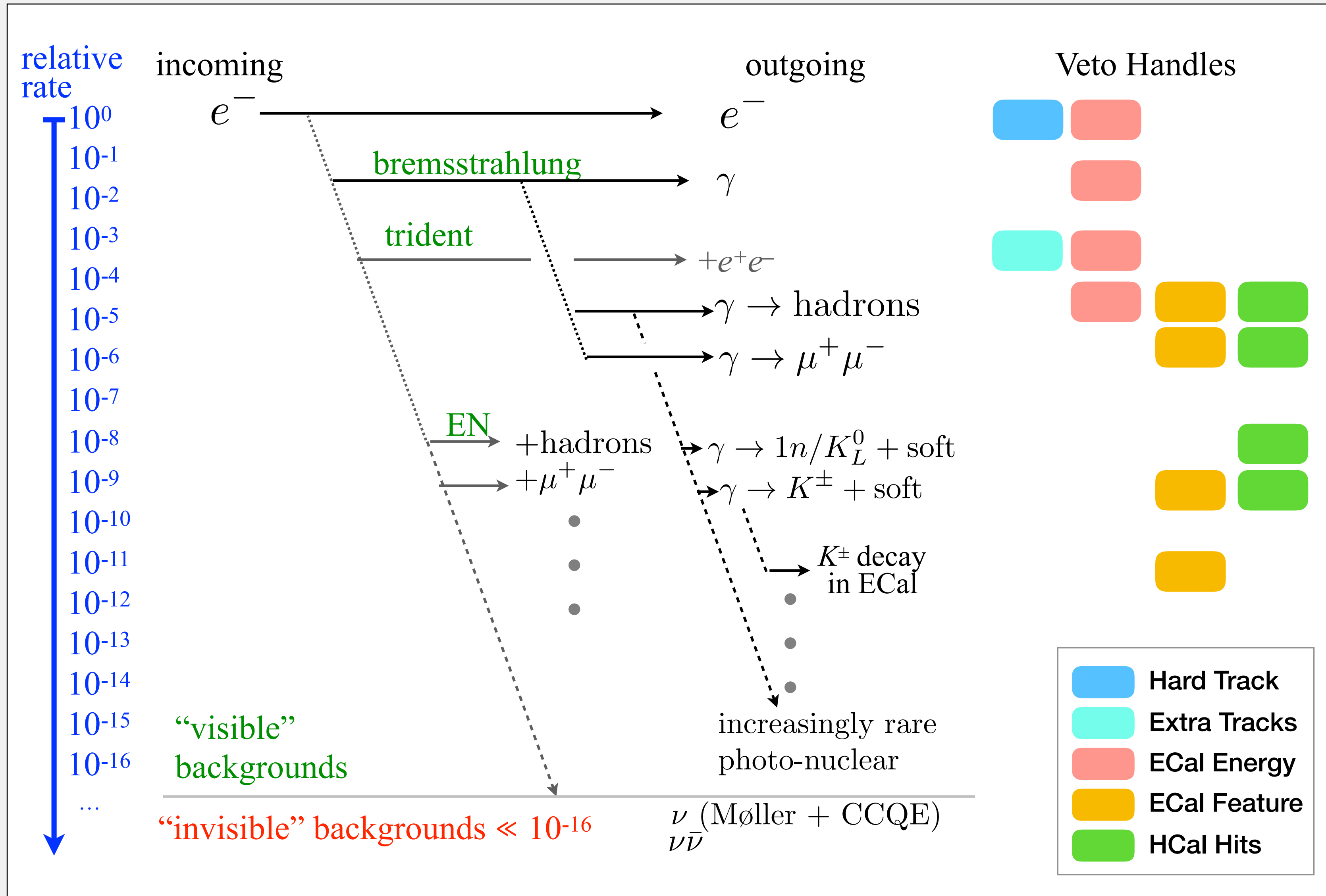
- energy: 3.5 - 16 GeV
- electrons per bunch: 1 - 40
- bunch spacing: multiples of 5 ns
- adjustable beam size



optimal catering for LDMX-like experiment

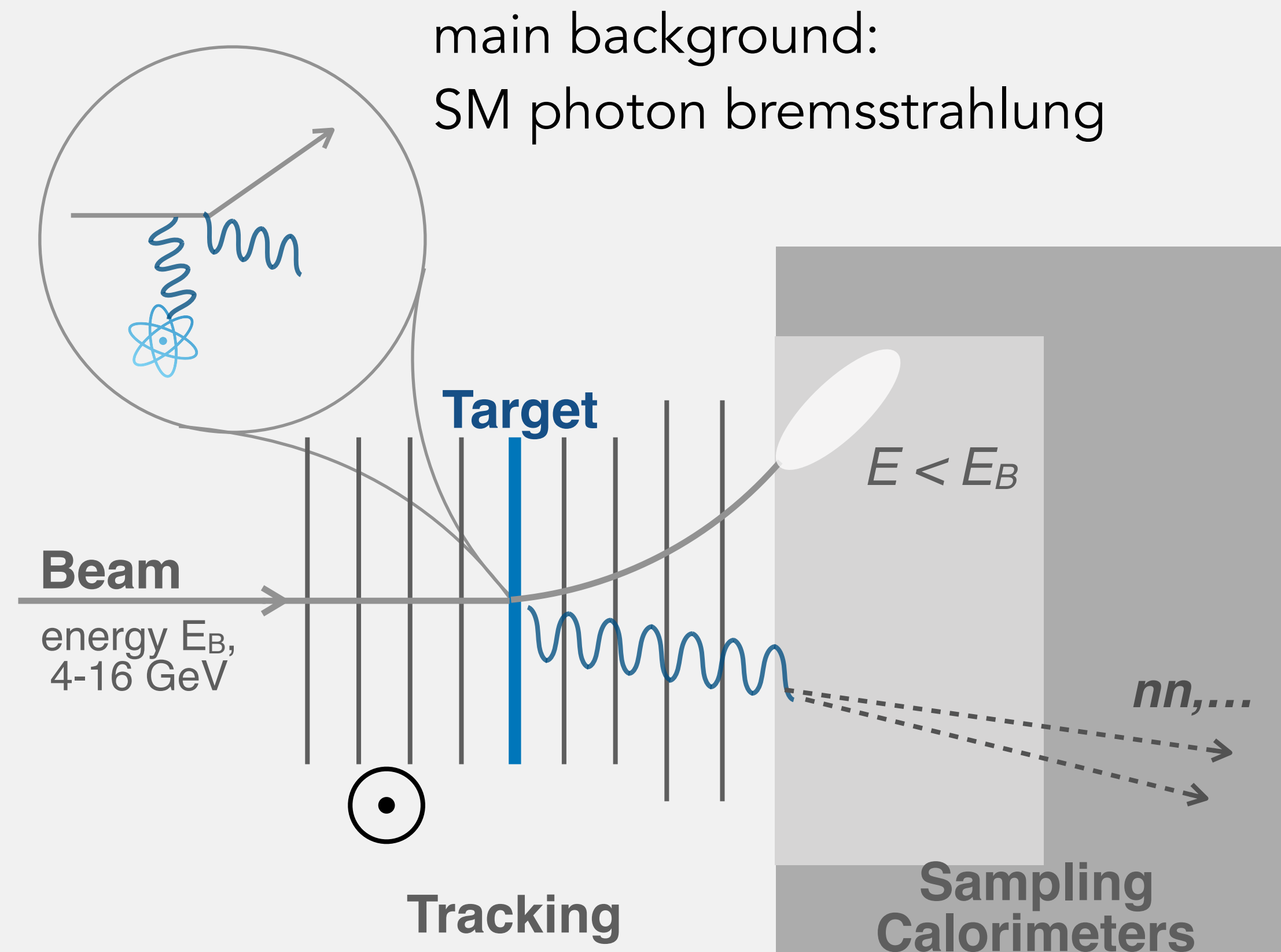
Backgrounds and Detectors

Backgrounds



essentially only
instrumental backgrounds

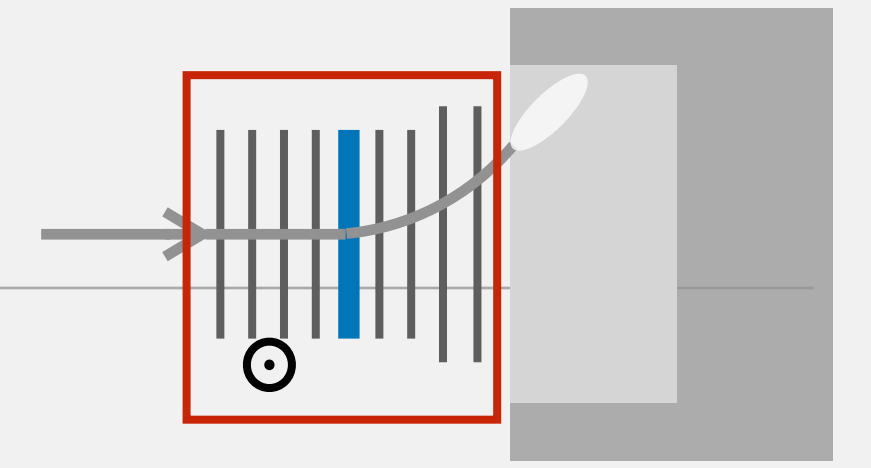
Background Challenges



particularly challenging:
photo-nuclear reactions producing
neutral final states (relative rate: $\sim 10^{-9}$)

—> most design work (with UVA!) recently
on HCal to optimise rejection power

Tracking



simplified copy of Silicon Vertex Tracker (SVT) of HPS experiment@JLab (visible Dark Photon search)

- fast (2ns hit time resolution)
- radiation hard
- technology well understood

tagging tracker

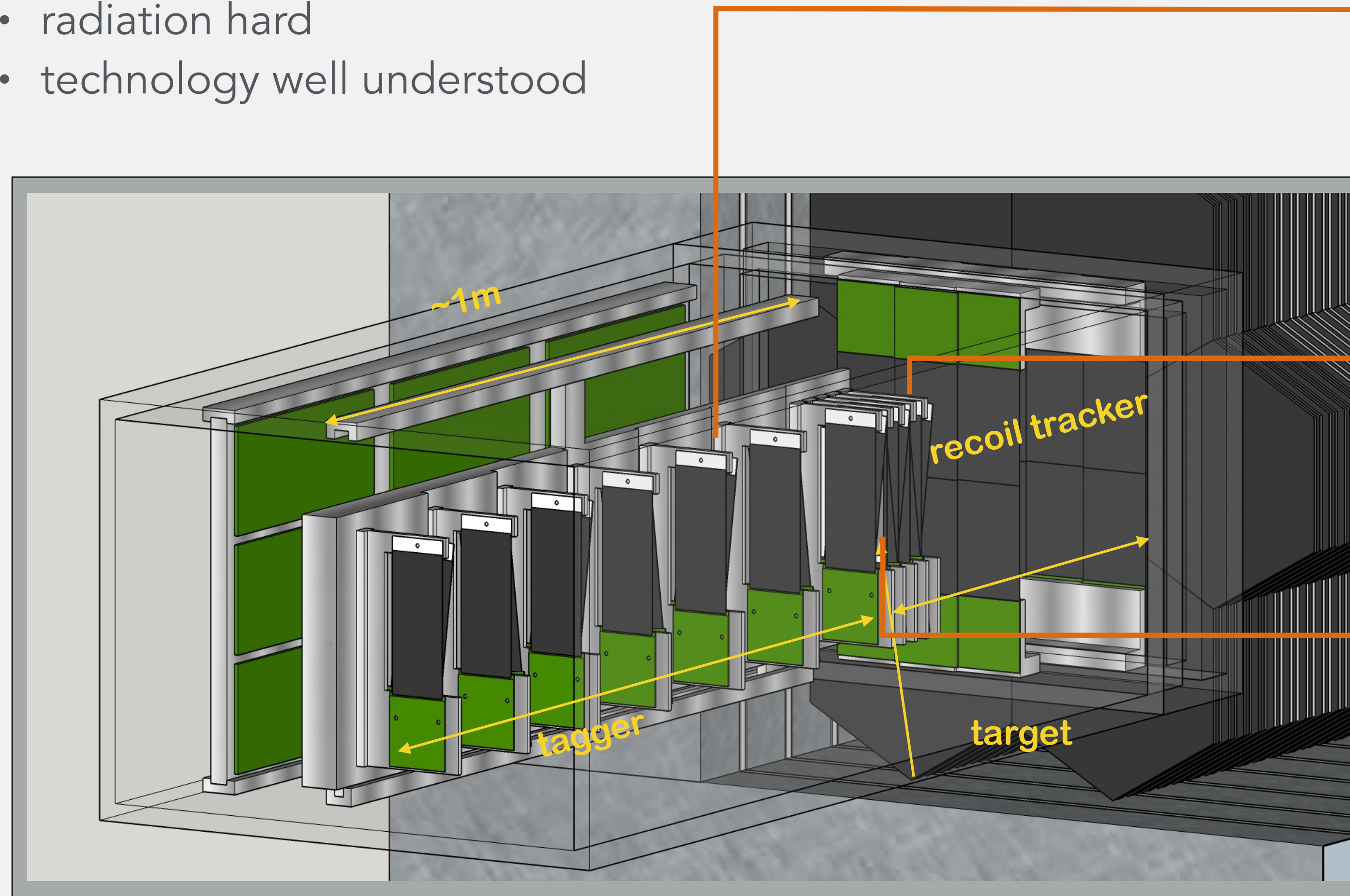
- in 1.5T dipole field
- measure incoming electron
 - momentum filter
 - impact point on target

recoil tracker

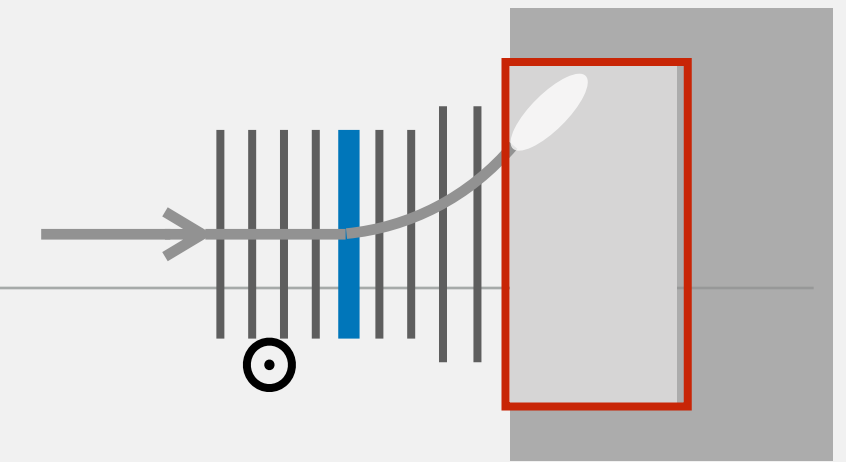
- in fringe field
- measure recoil electron

target

- $\sim 0.1 - 0.3 X_0$ tungsten
- balance signal rate & momentum smearing

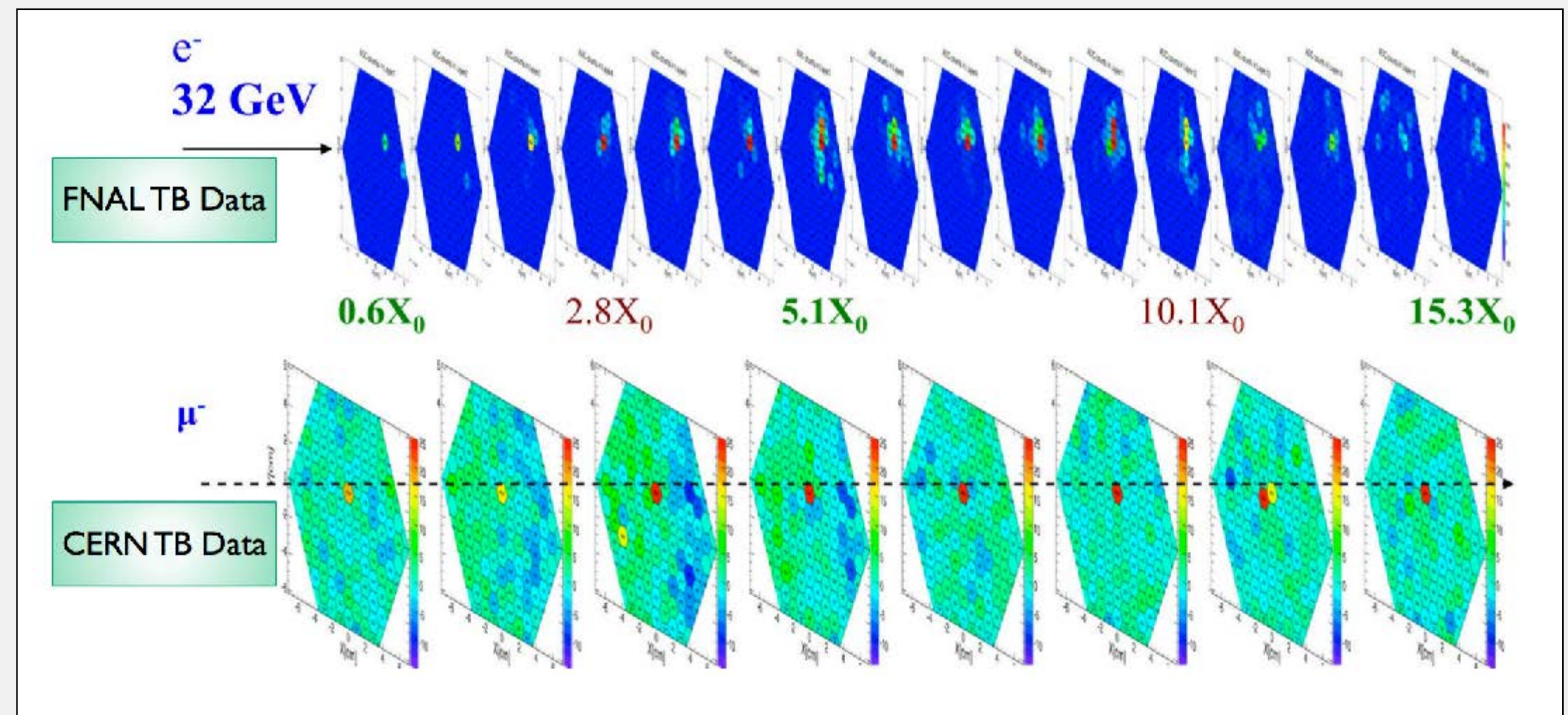
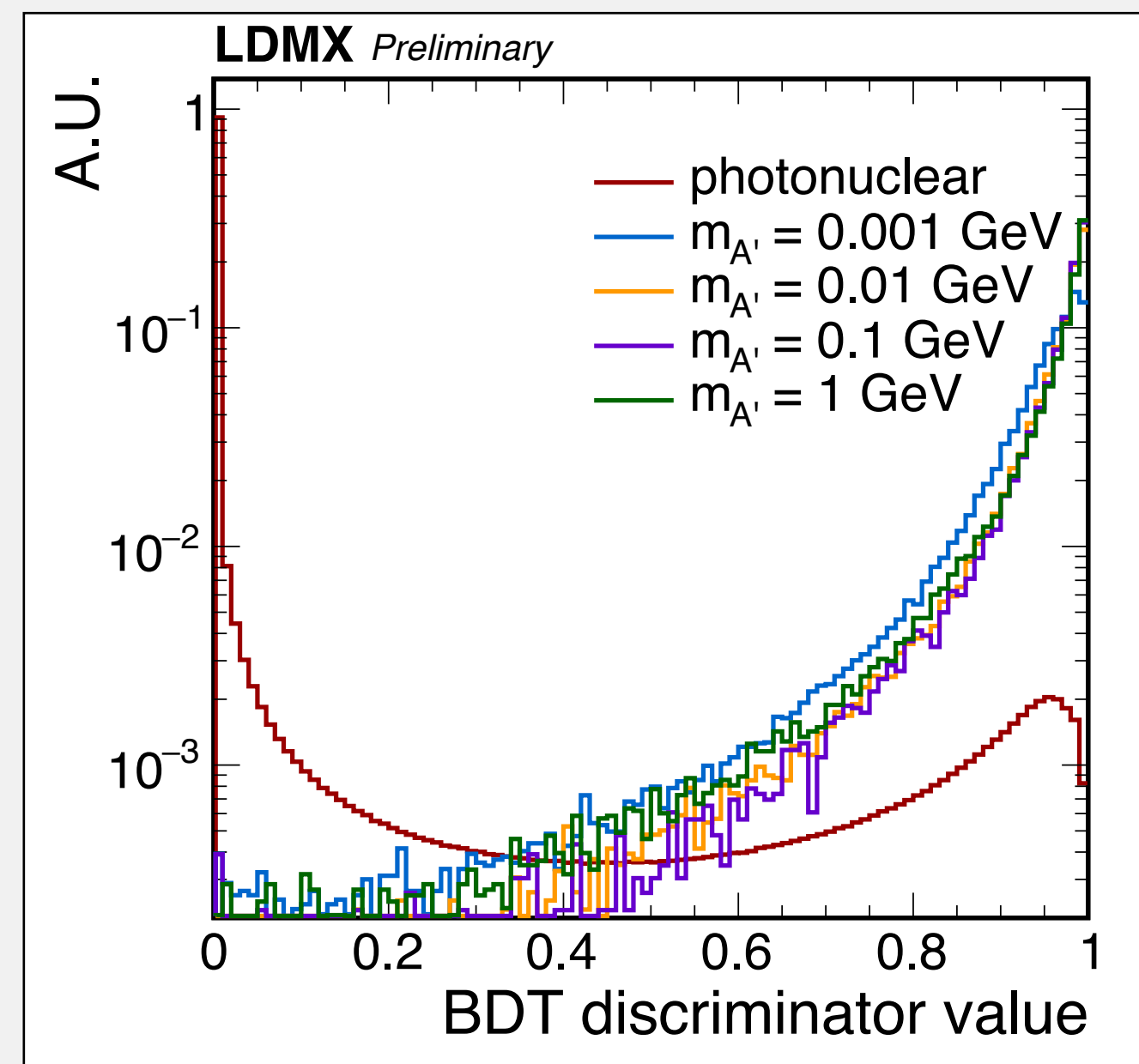
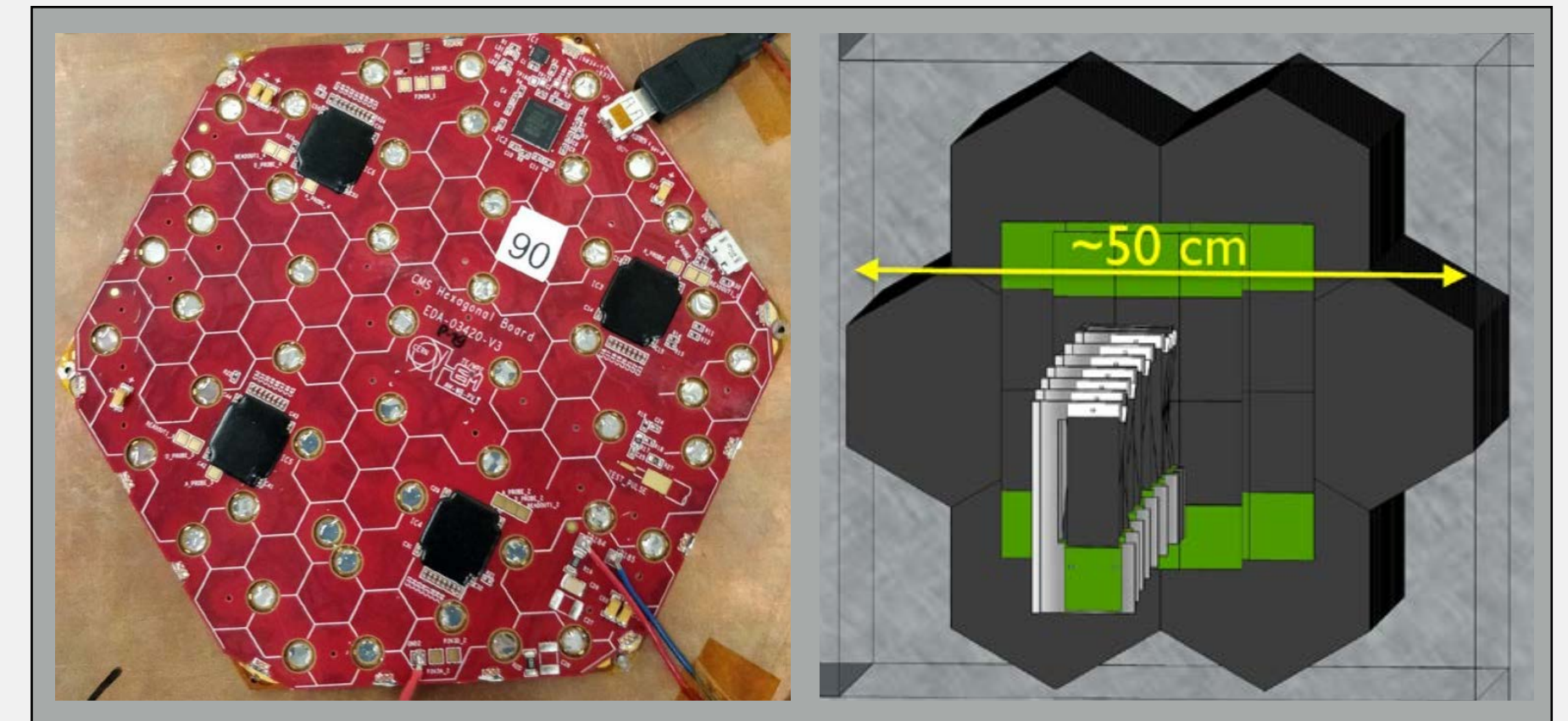


Electromagnetic Calorimeter

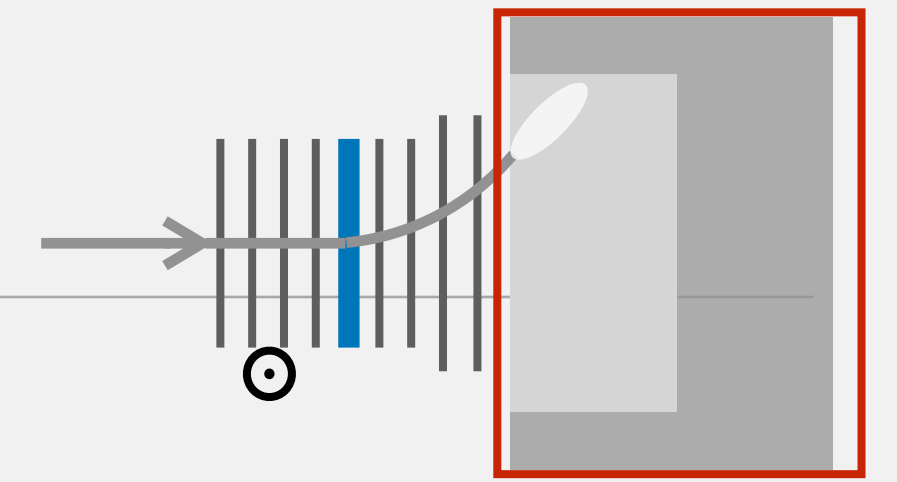


ECal

- draw on design of CMS@LHC forward SiW calorimeter upgrade
 - fast, radiation hard, dense
 - 40 radiation lengths (>30 layers)
 - high granularity ('tracking' of minimum ionising particles, MIP)
 - potentially increase granularity in central module

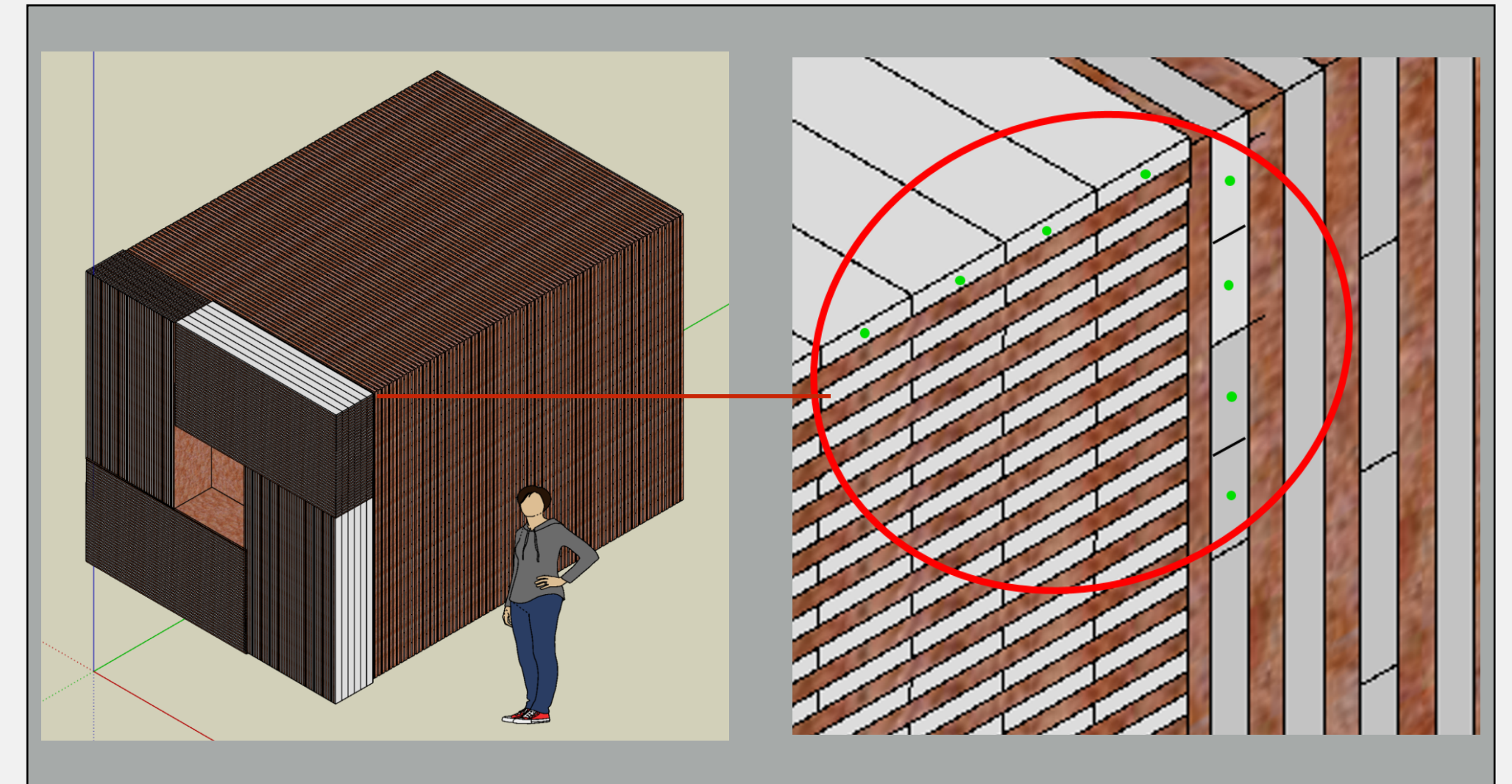
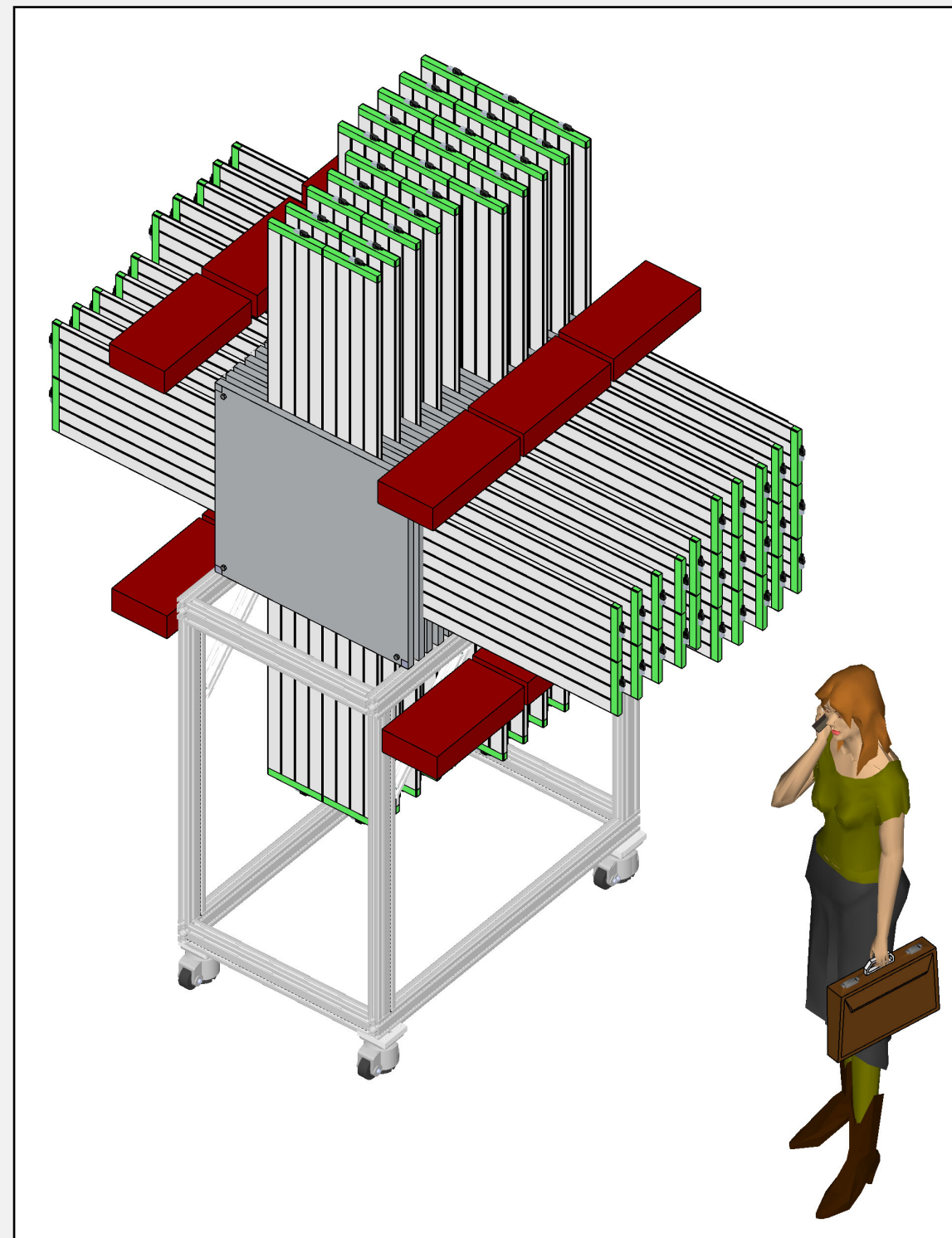


Hadronic Calorimeter



HCal

- highly efficient **veto** of low- and high-energy neutrons
- surround ECal as much as possible (back and side)
- plastic scintillator with steel absorber (inspiration from Minos/**Mu2e**/CMS)



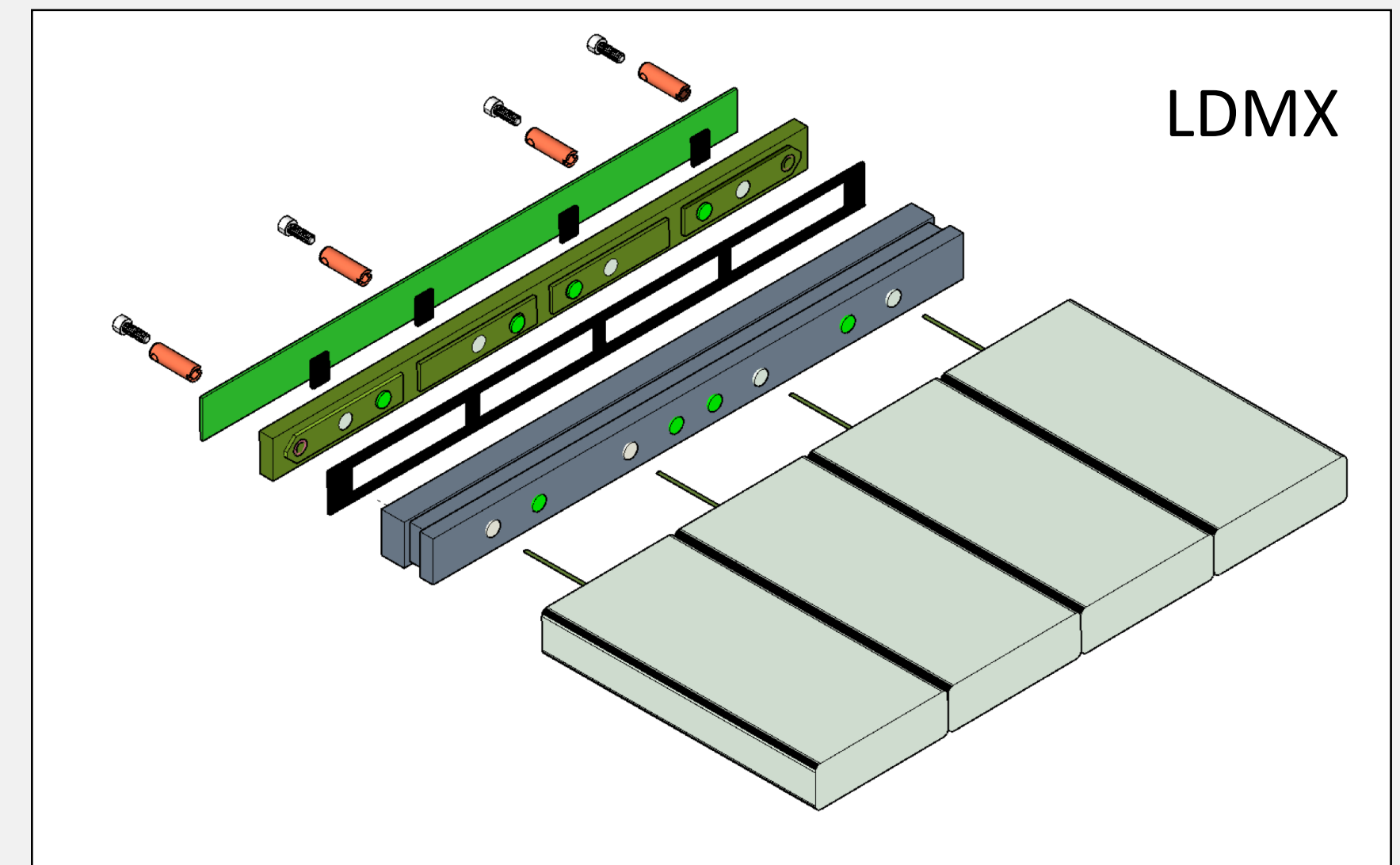
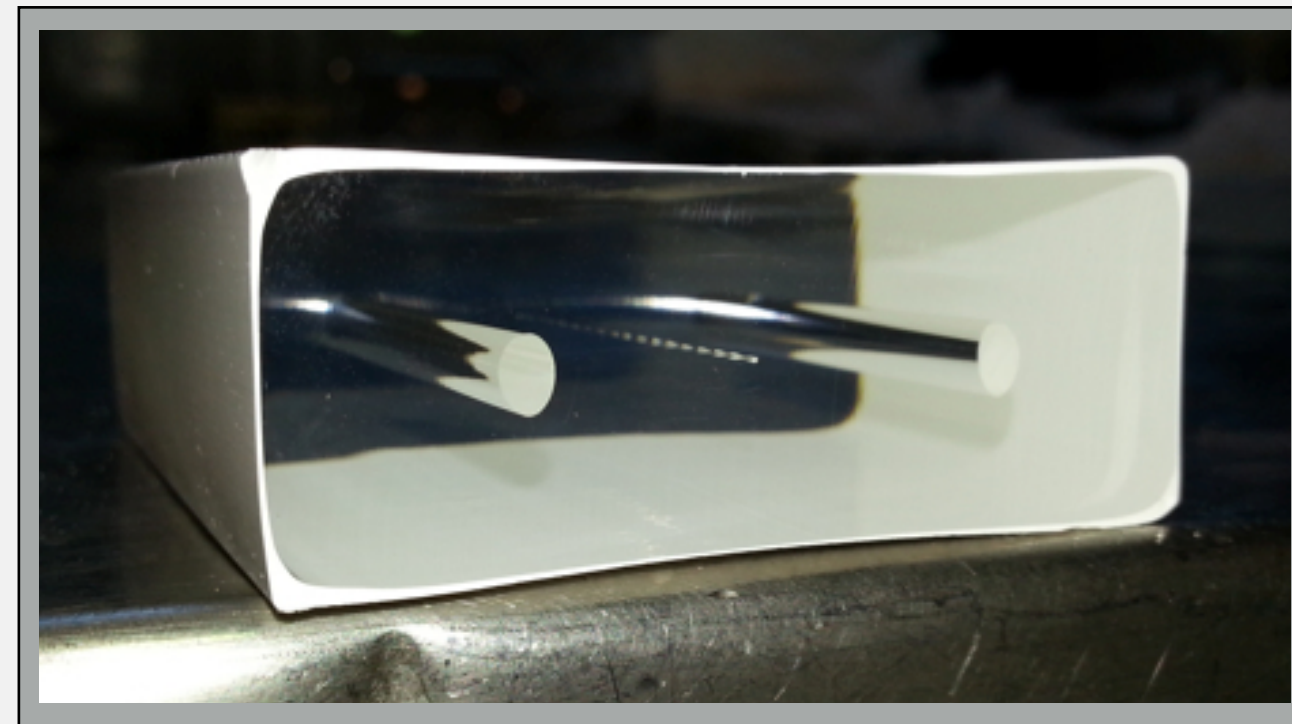
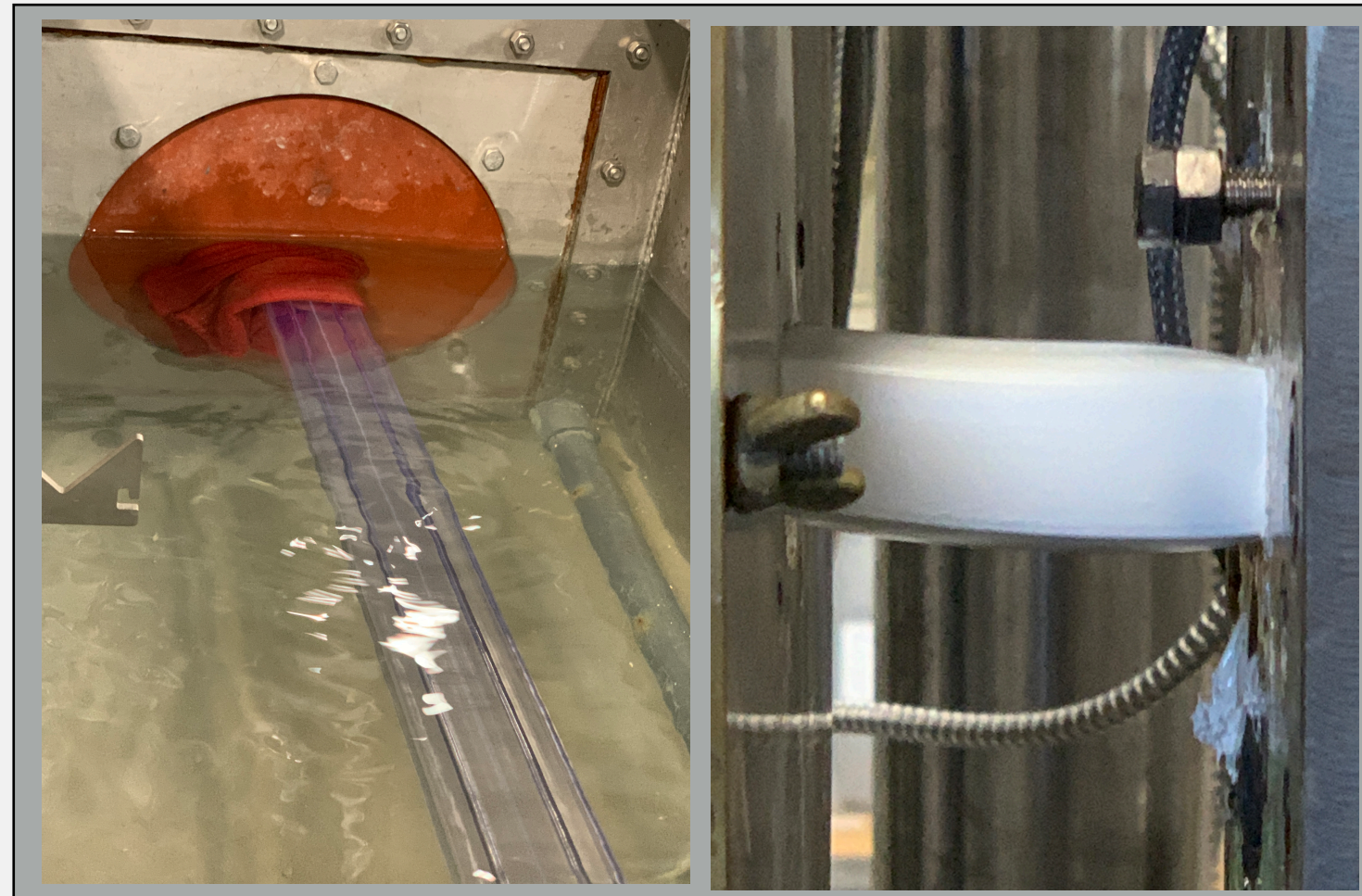
Testbeam

- obtained first funding from Swedish sources for R&D/prototype
- planned for fall 2020
- prototype layout coming together

Hadronic Calorimeter

Scintillator bars: based on Mu2e cosmic ray veto that UVA group is building

- great to have this first-hand expertise for LDMX!
- bars extruded at FNAL with one hole in the middle for fiber (Mu2e uses two holes)
- LDMX probably going to use quad-bar units instead of di-bars



Hadronic Calorimeter

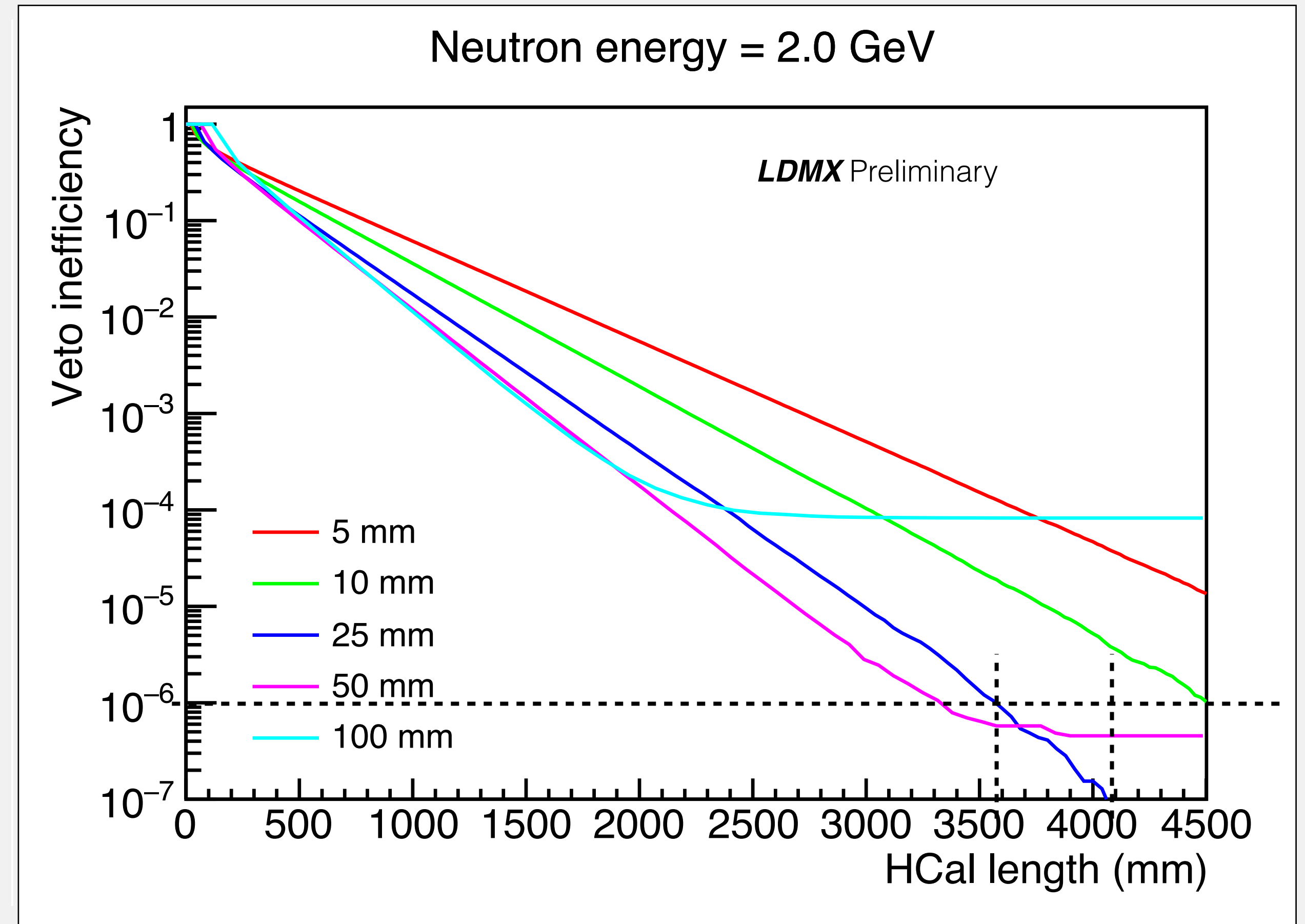
Benchmark example:
veto inefficiency of at most 10^{-6} for single
neutrons ($\sim 15\lambda$)

Absorber thickness?

- too thick: neutrons 'get stuck'
—> no signal in scintillator
- too thin: detector needs to be very large

Currently assuming 25mm, 4m deep,
transverse size 2-3m

"Side HCal" around the ECal: Similar
configuration, few λ deep

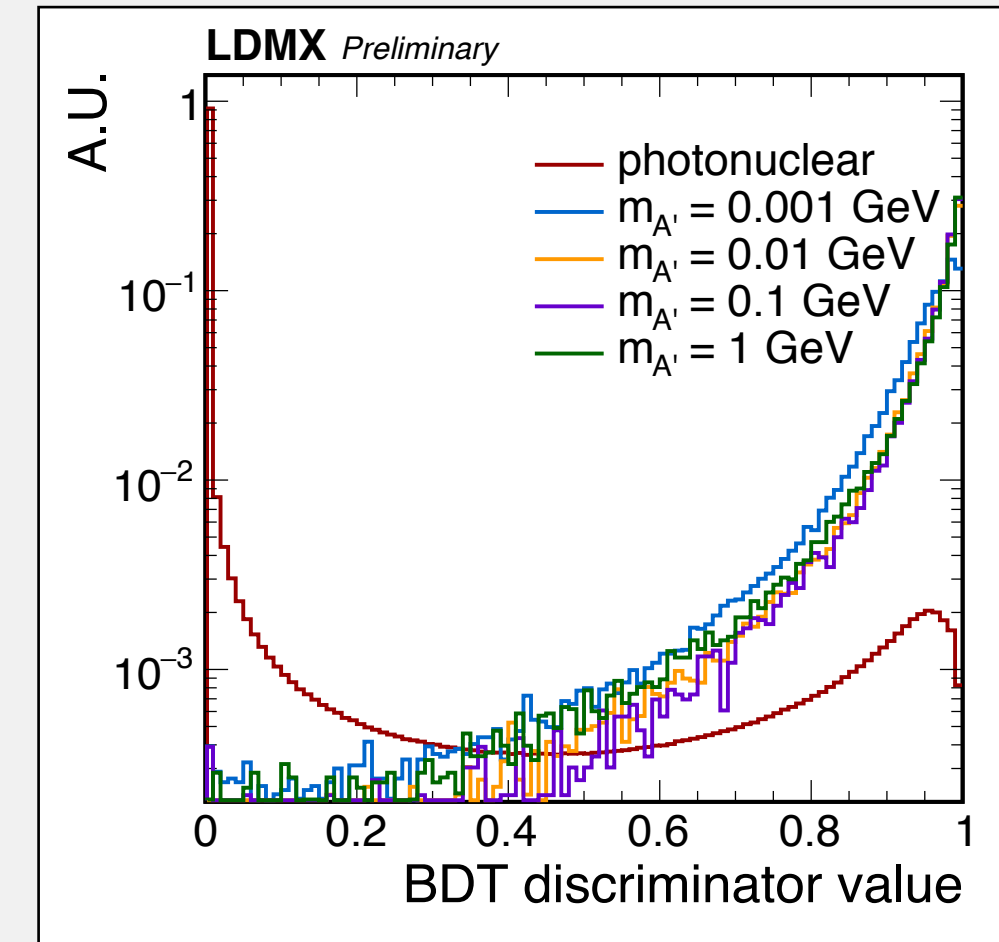


Finalisation of design parameters ongoing

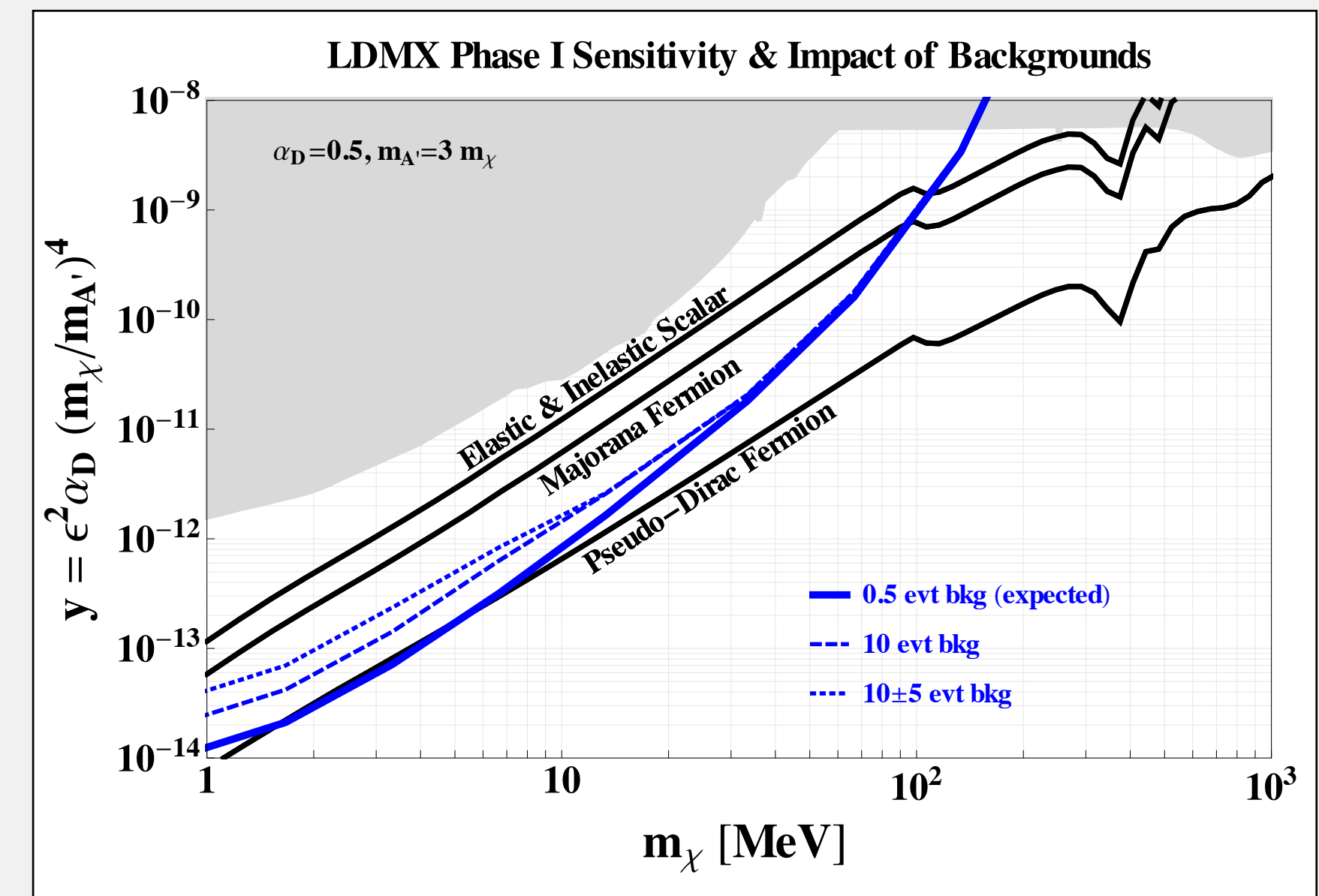
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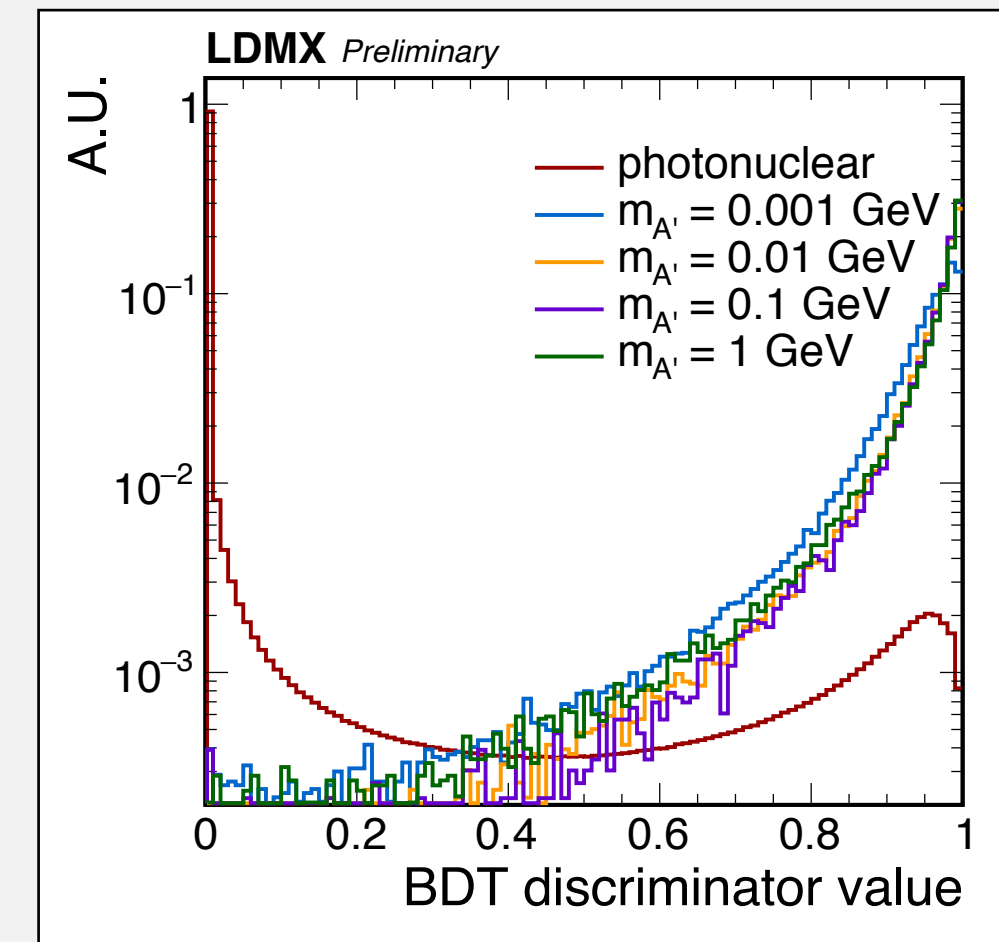
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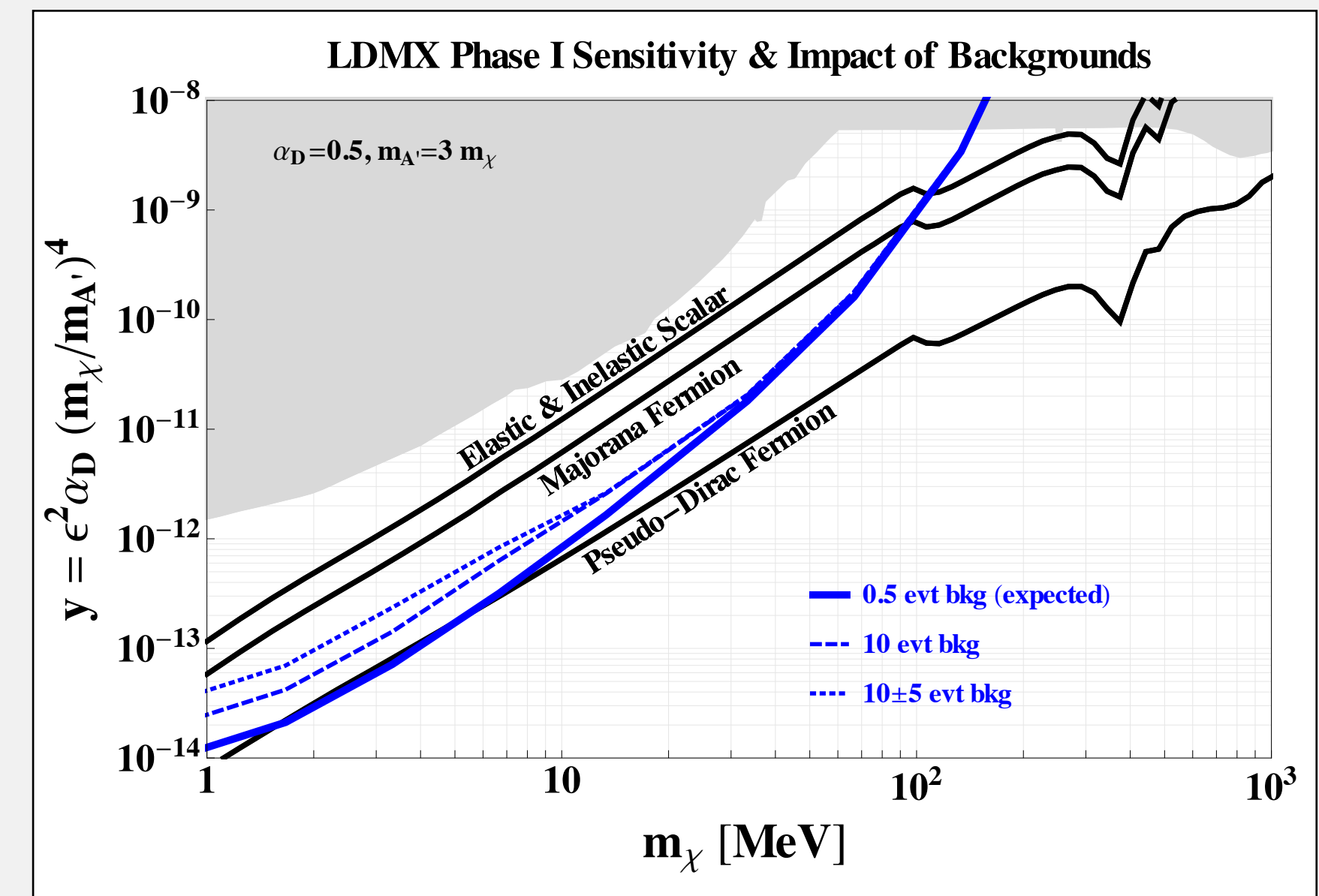
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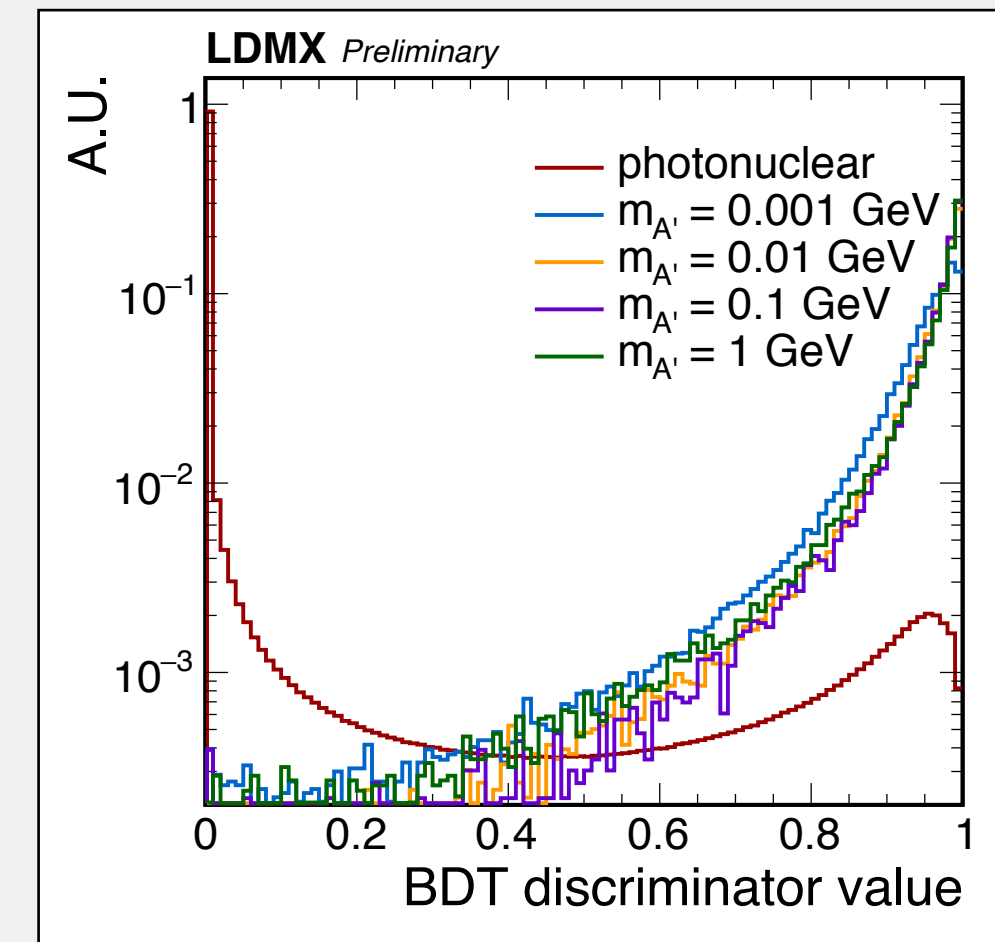
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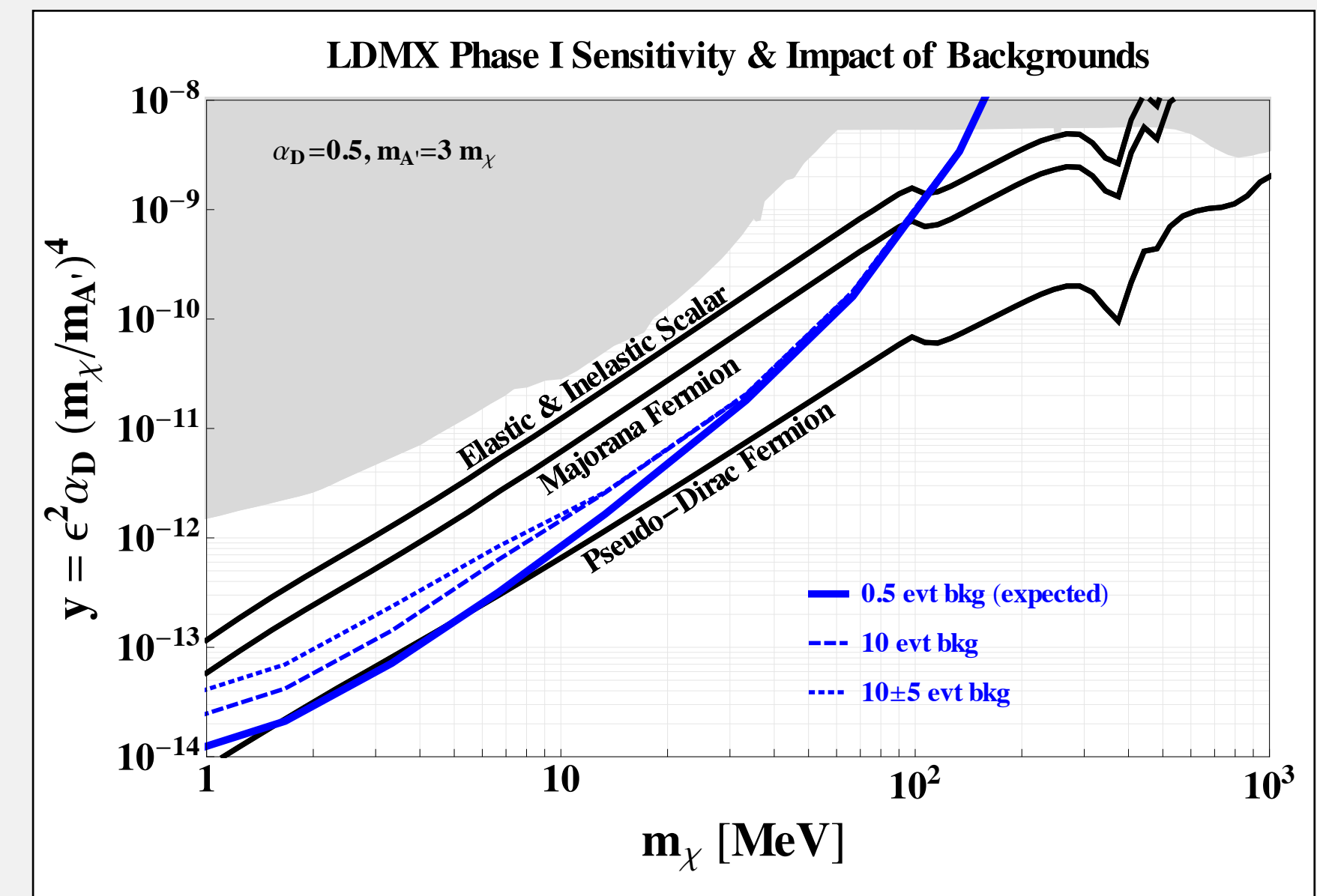
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with data:

redundancy in vetoes \rightarrow data control samples, verify rejection
comprehensive kinematic information \rightarrow establish signal-likeness



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Funding

US: Awaiting outcome of application for R&D funding submitted in spring

Europe: Some funding awarded during summer/fall

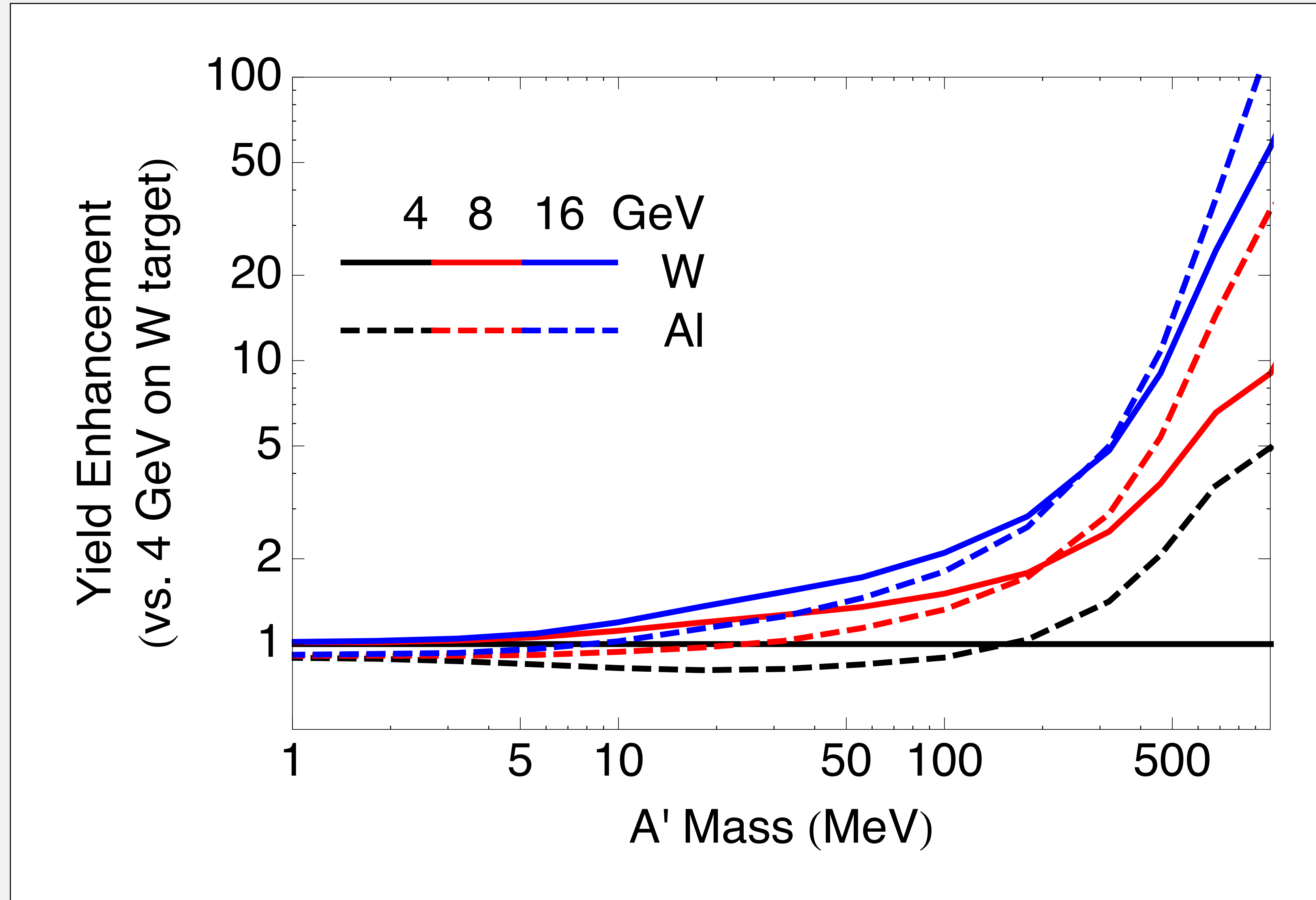
- support for HCal prototype/testbam
 - Crafoord Foundation + Royal Physiographic Society Lund
- project grant for research programme on LDMX from Knut and Alice Wallenberg Foundation
- individual support from Swedish Research Council

—> Things are moving along!

Going Beyond

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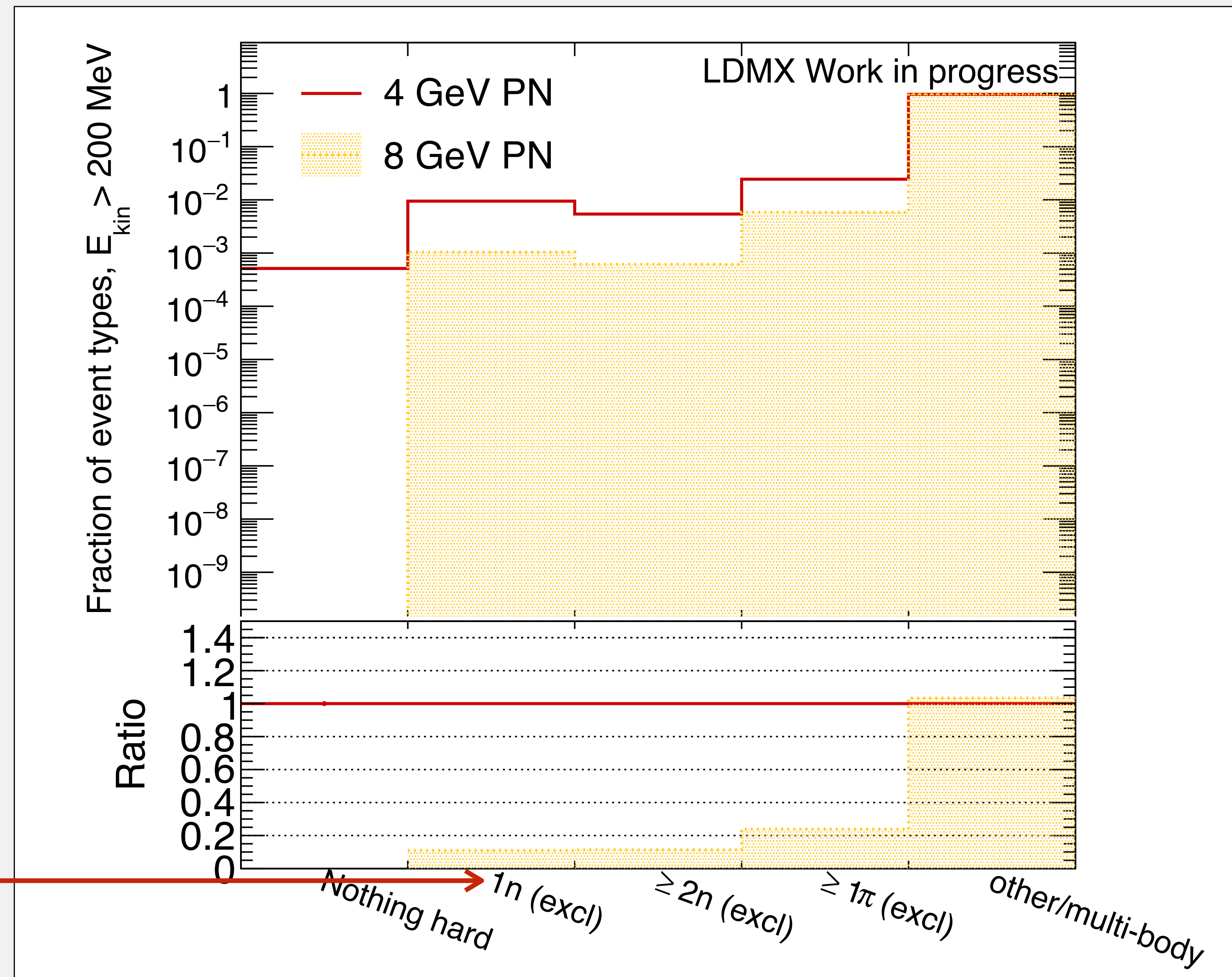
increased
signal yield



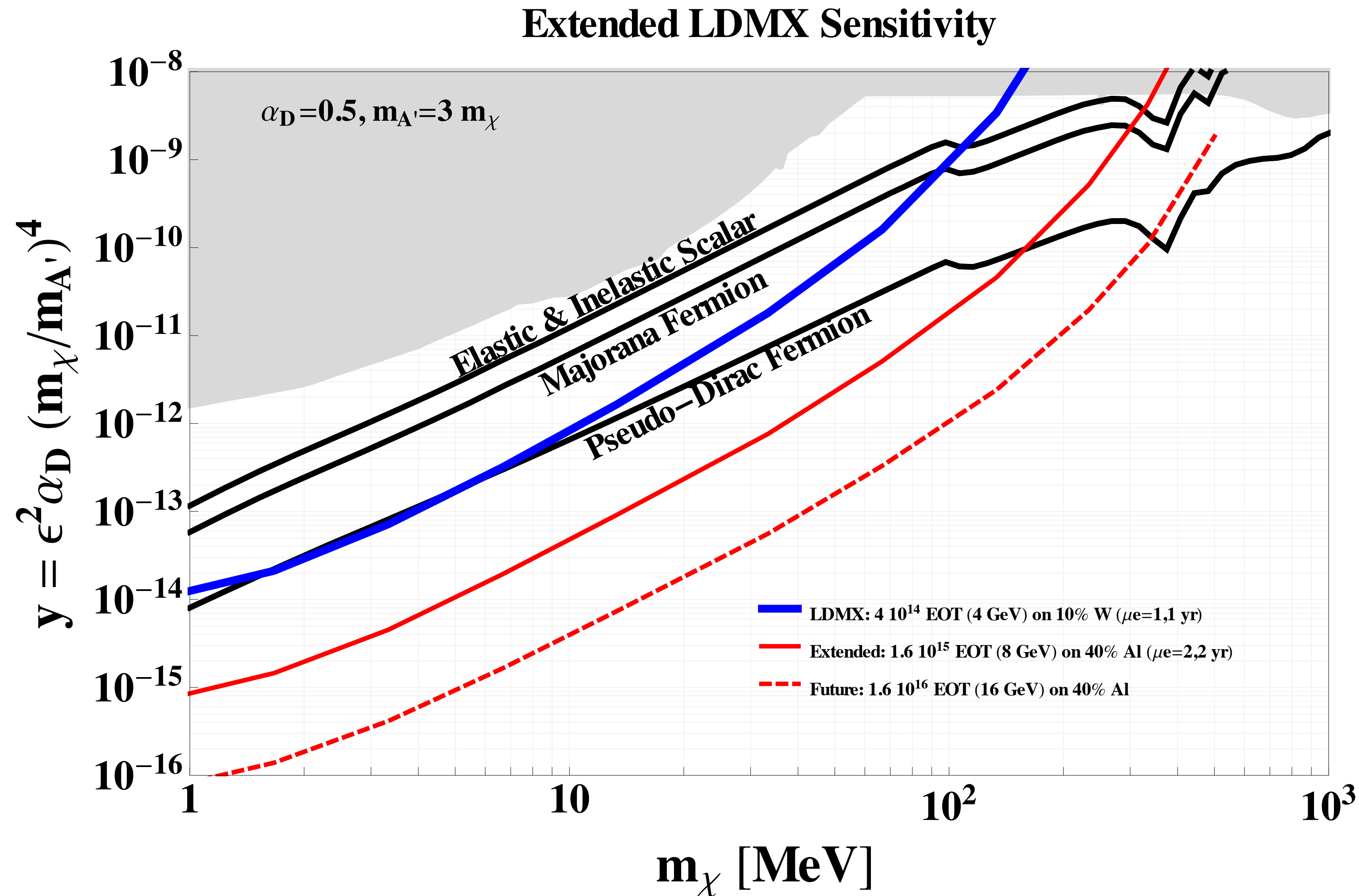
Why higher energy?

improved background rejection possibilities

particularly critical



Projected Sensitivity



LDMX can explore a lot of new parameter space

sensitive to various thermal targets already with "pilot run"

ultimately potential to probe all thermal targets up to O(100) GeV

timescale: few years

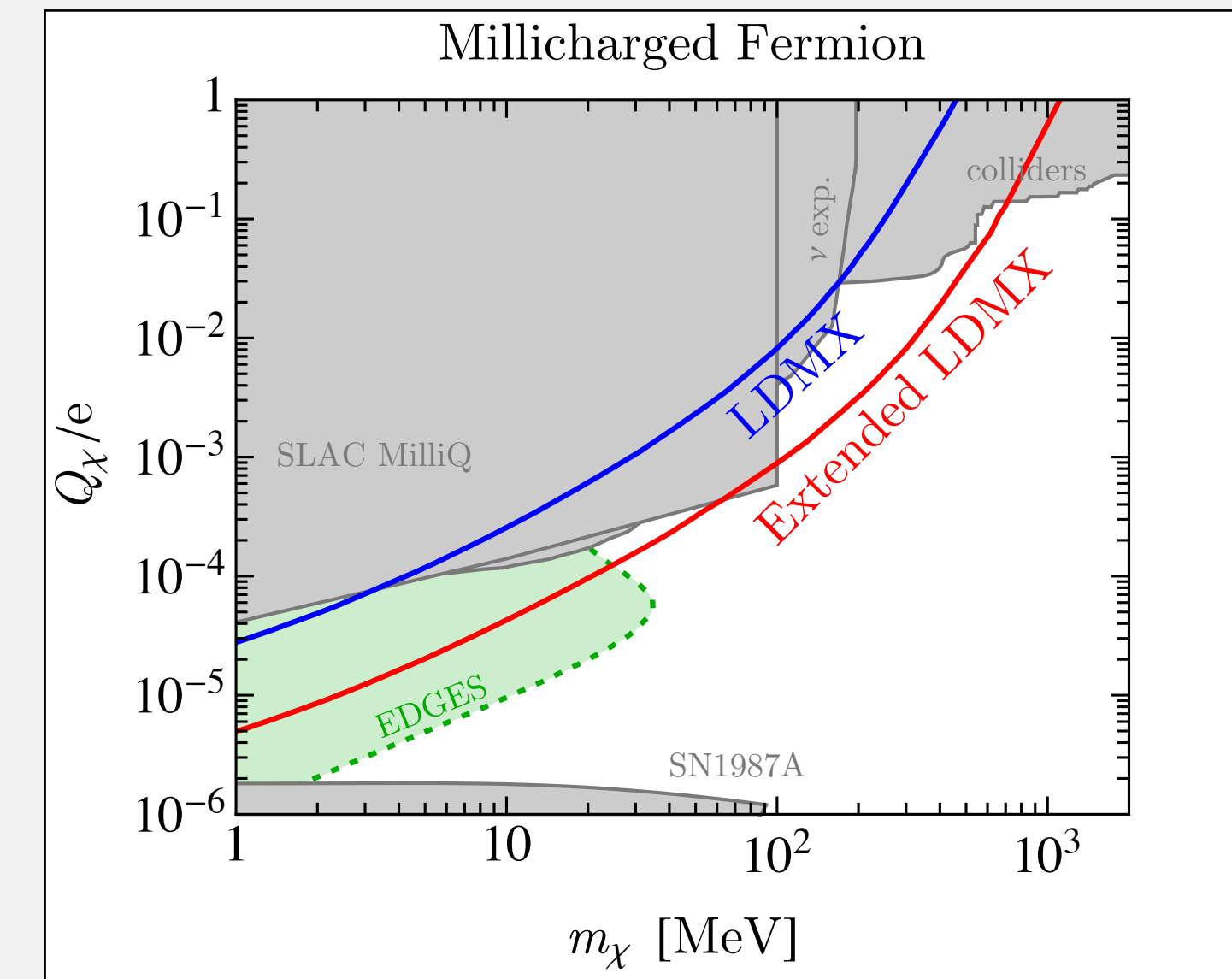
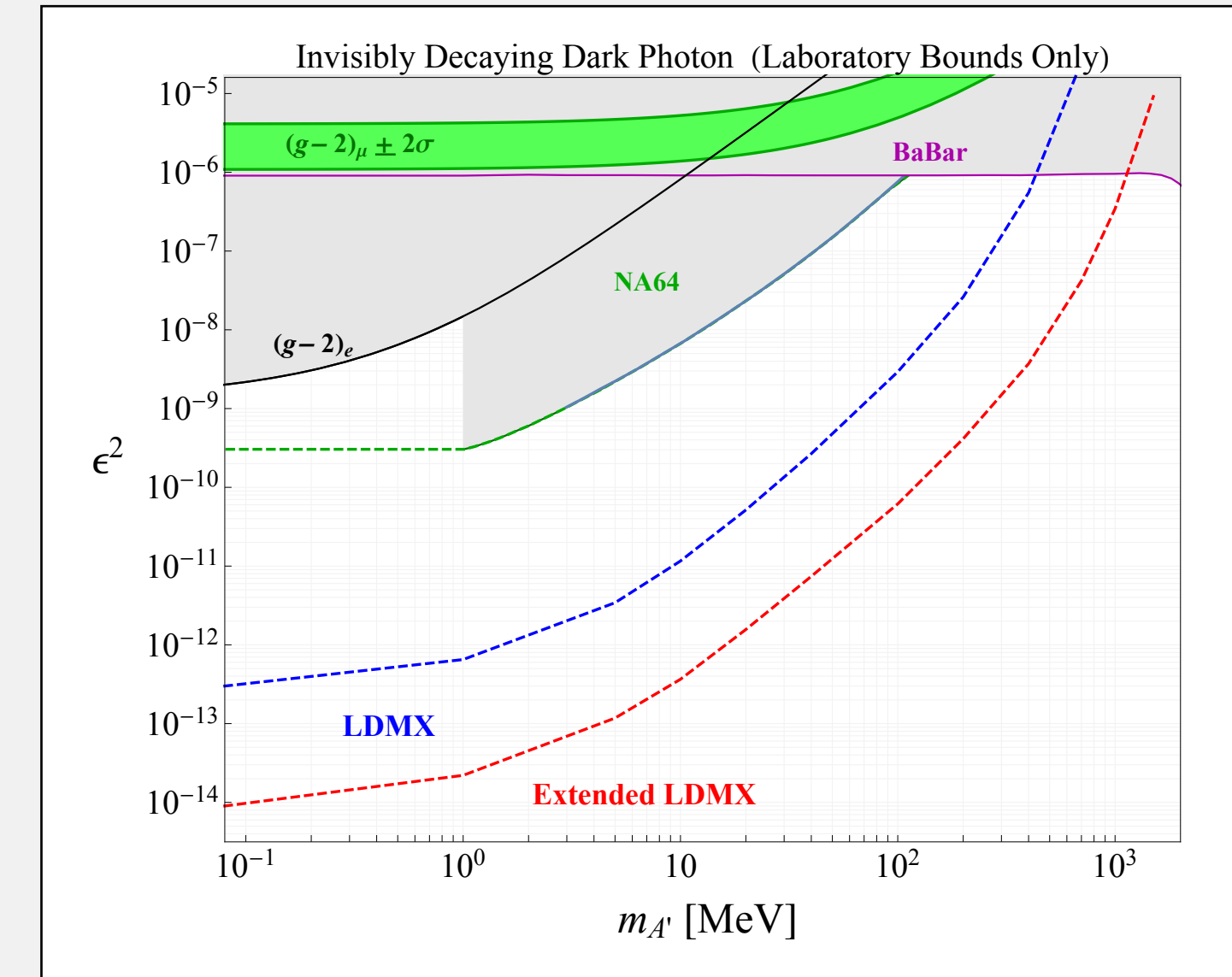
Further Potential

also sensitive to

- DM with quasi-thermal origin (asymmetric, SIMP/ELDER scenarios)
- new invisibly decaying mediators in general (A' one example)
- displaced vertex signatures (e.g. co-annihilation, SIMP)
- milli-charged particles

(more in Berlin, Blinov, Krnjaic, Schuster, Toro [arxiv:1807.01730](https://arxiv.org/abs/1807.01730))

in addition: *measurement* of photo- and electro-nuclear processes (for neutrino experiments)



Summary

- More than 5 times as much Dark Matter as normal matter
- Light, thermal relic Dark Matter well motivated
- Broad interest in Dark Sector physics, many new initiatives
- LDMX can achieve outstanding sensitivity (within a few years)
- Potential to probe thermal targets in MeV - GeV range
- First funding coming in

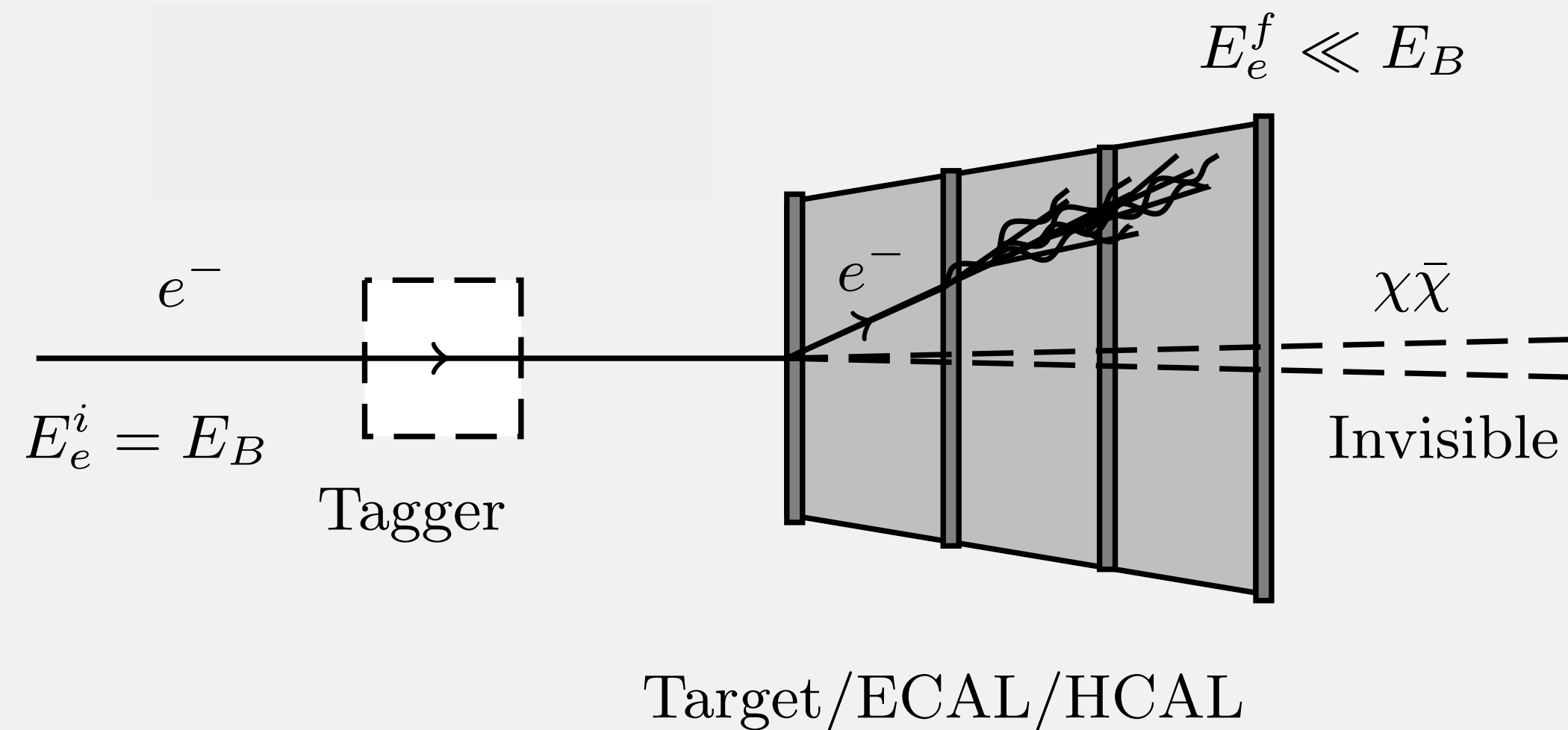
The next few years will be exciting!

Thank you!

Additional Material

Two Approaches

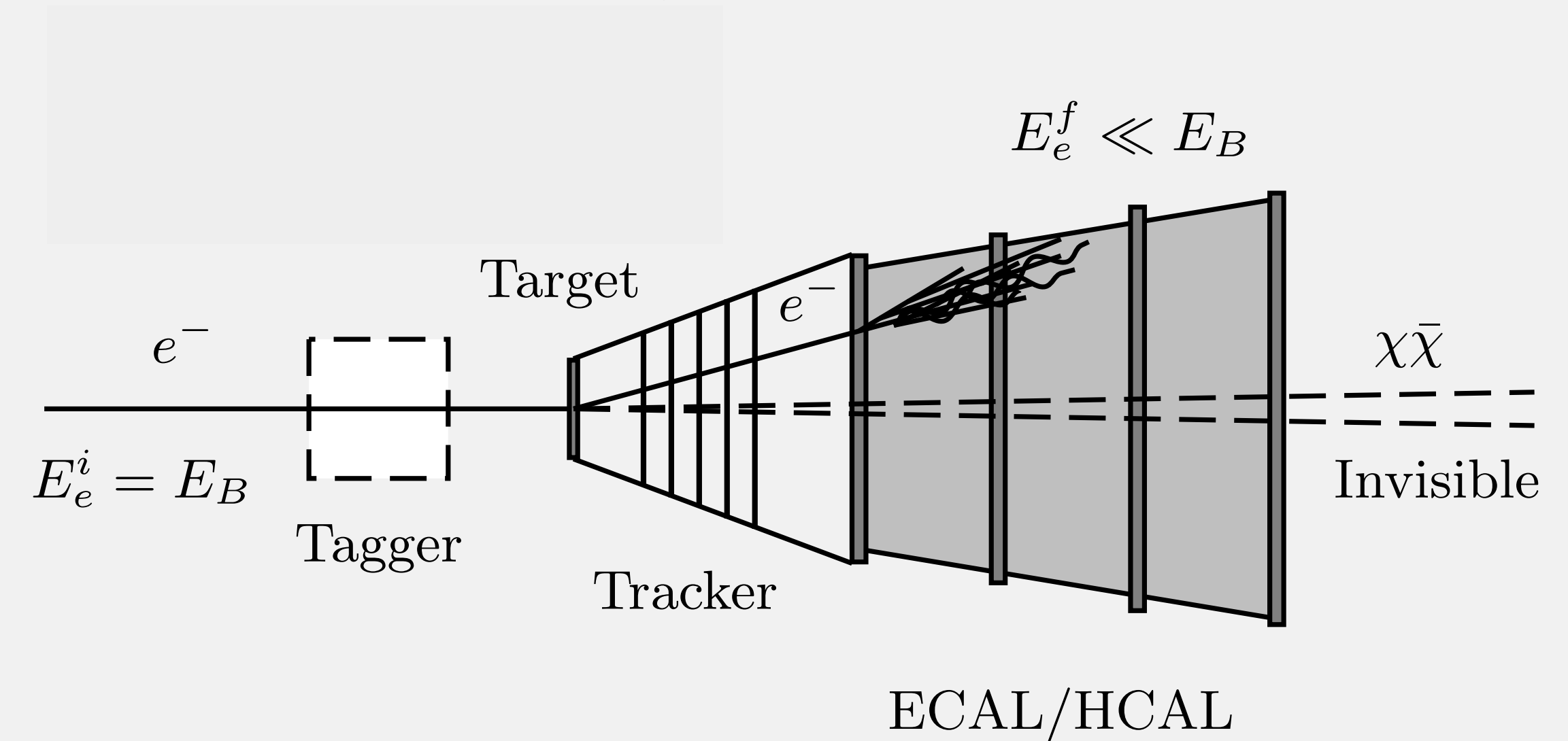
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higher signal yield/EoT (thicker target)
greater signal acceptance

no e- γ particle ID

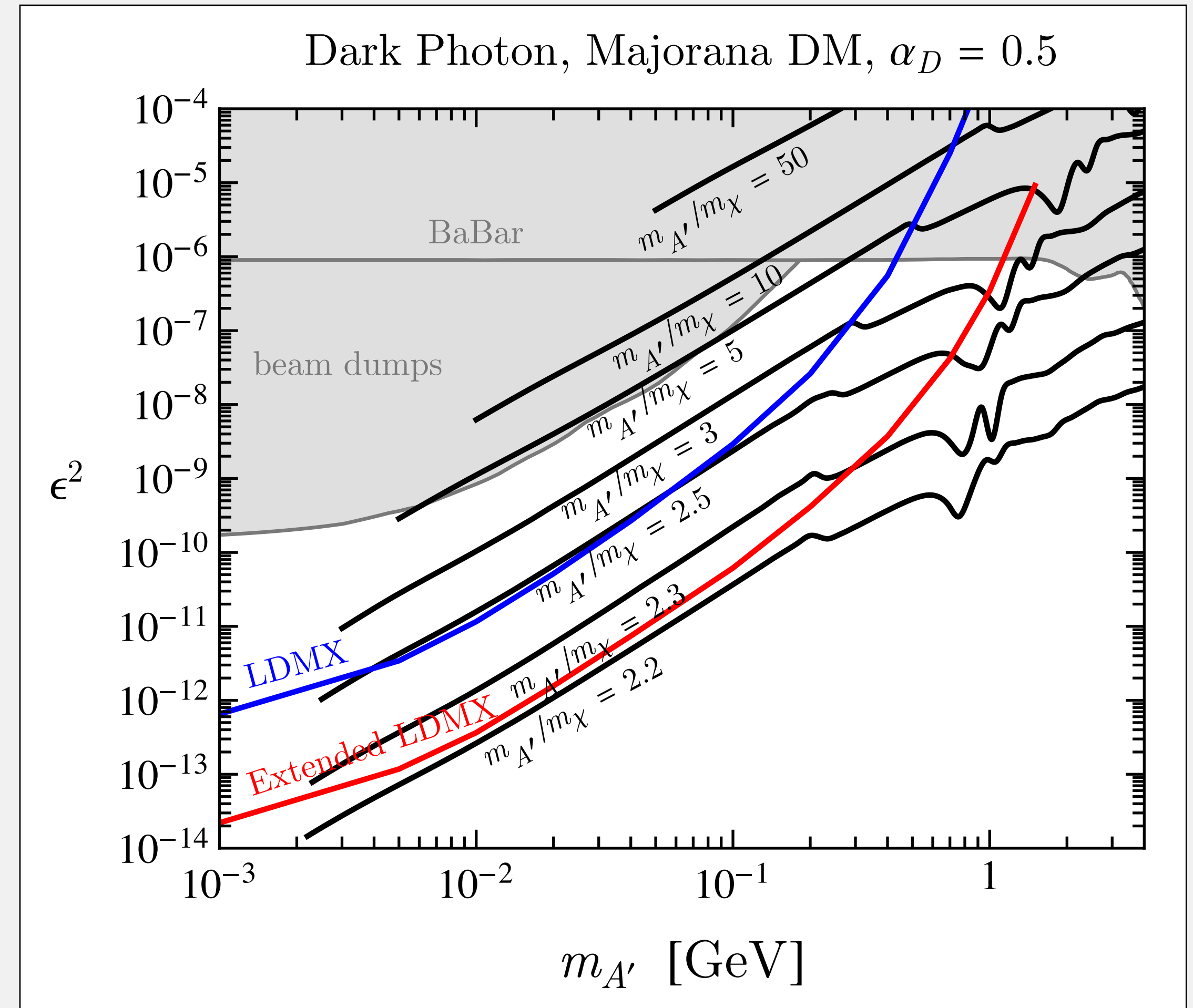
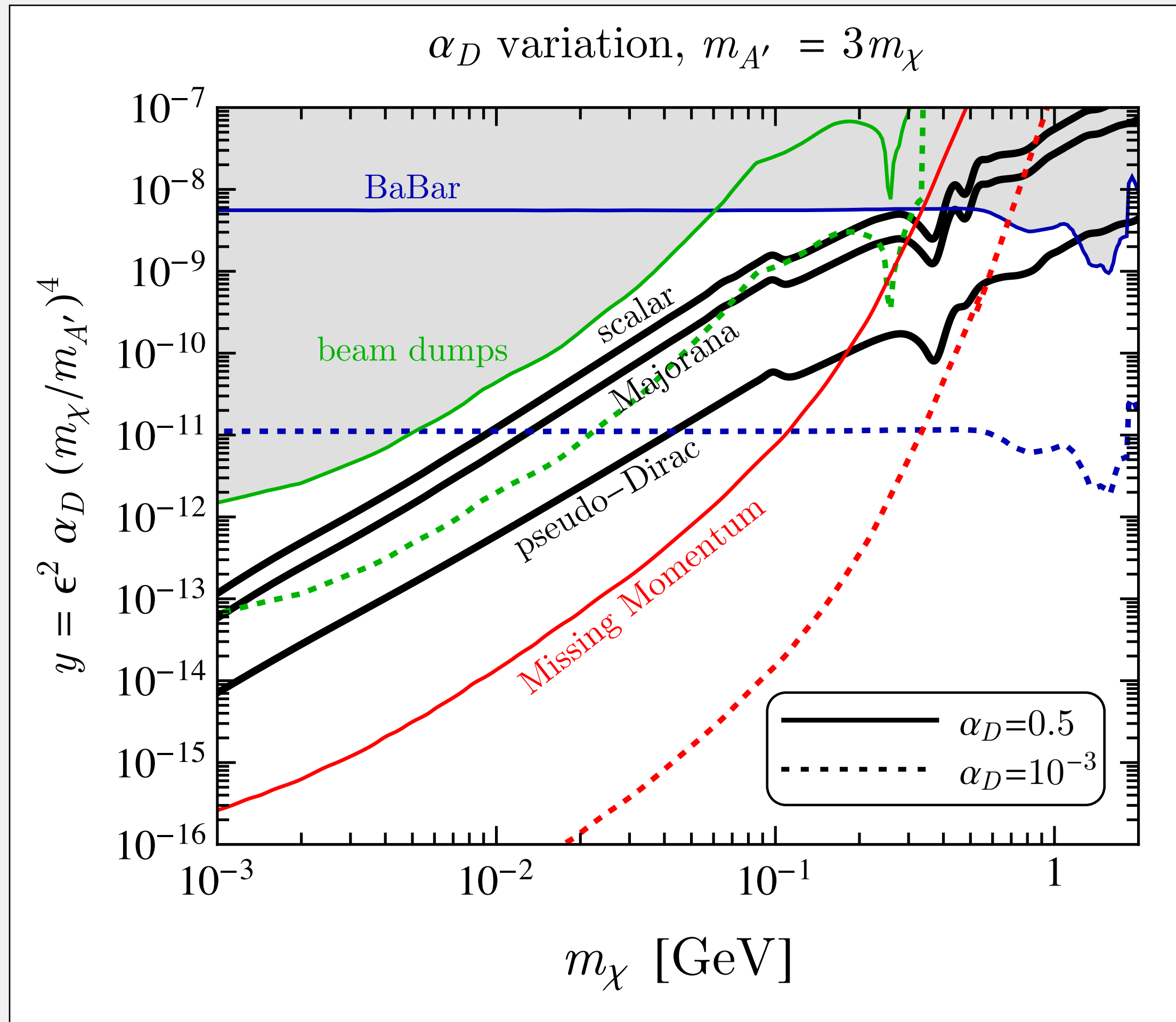
missing momentum



includes missing energy
 p_T as discriminator & *signal identifier*

e- γ particle ID

Parameter Dependence



Various Future Projections

