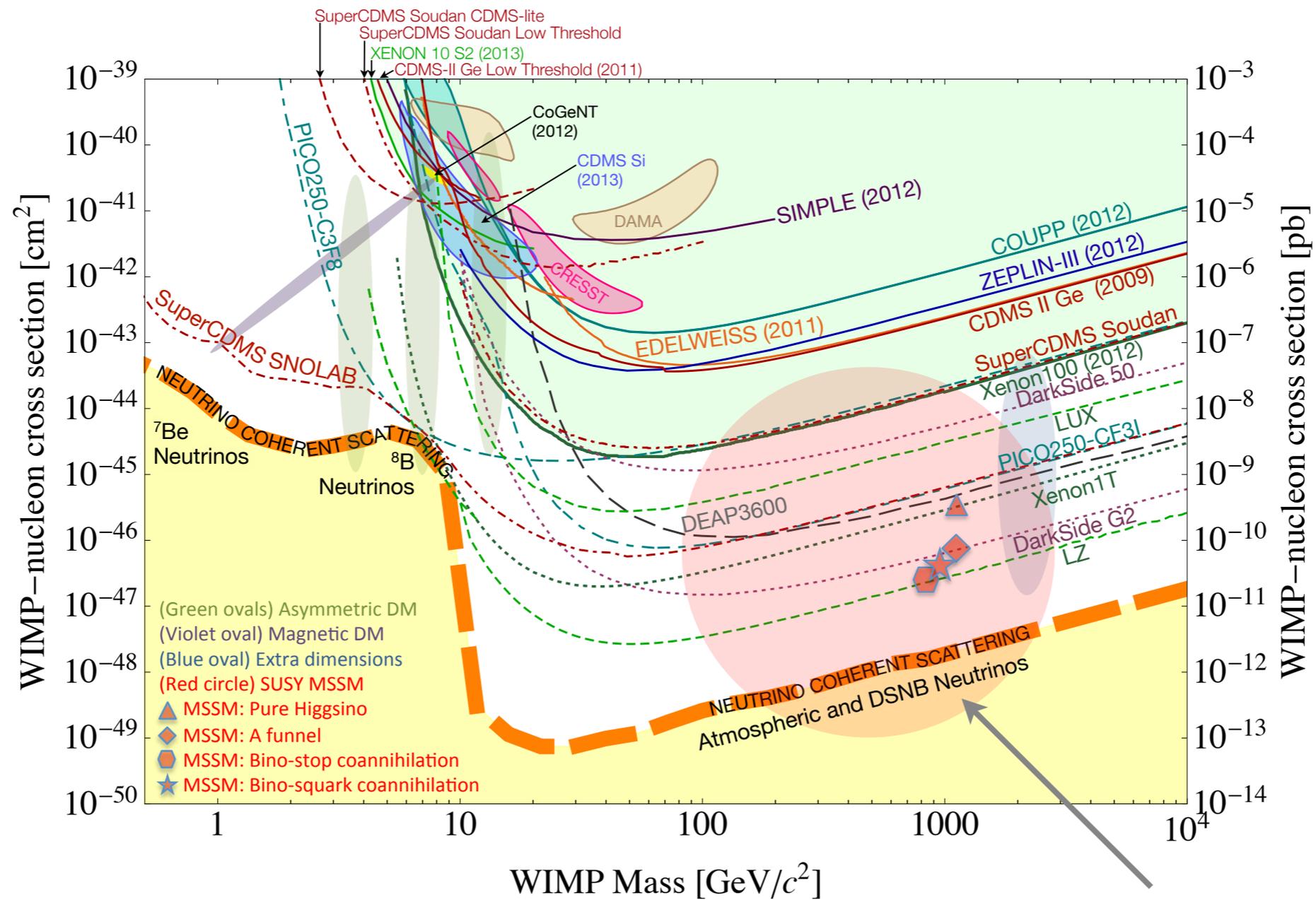


# Beyond the WIMP

Kathryn Zurek

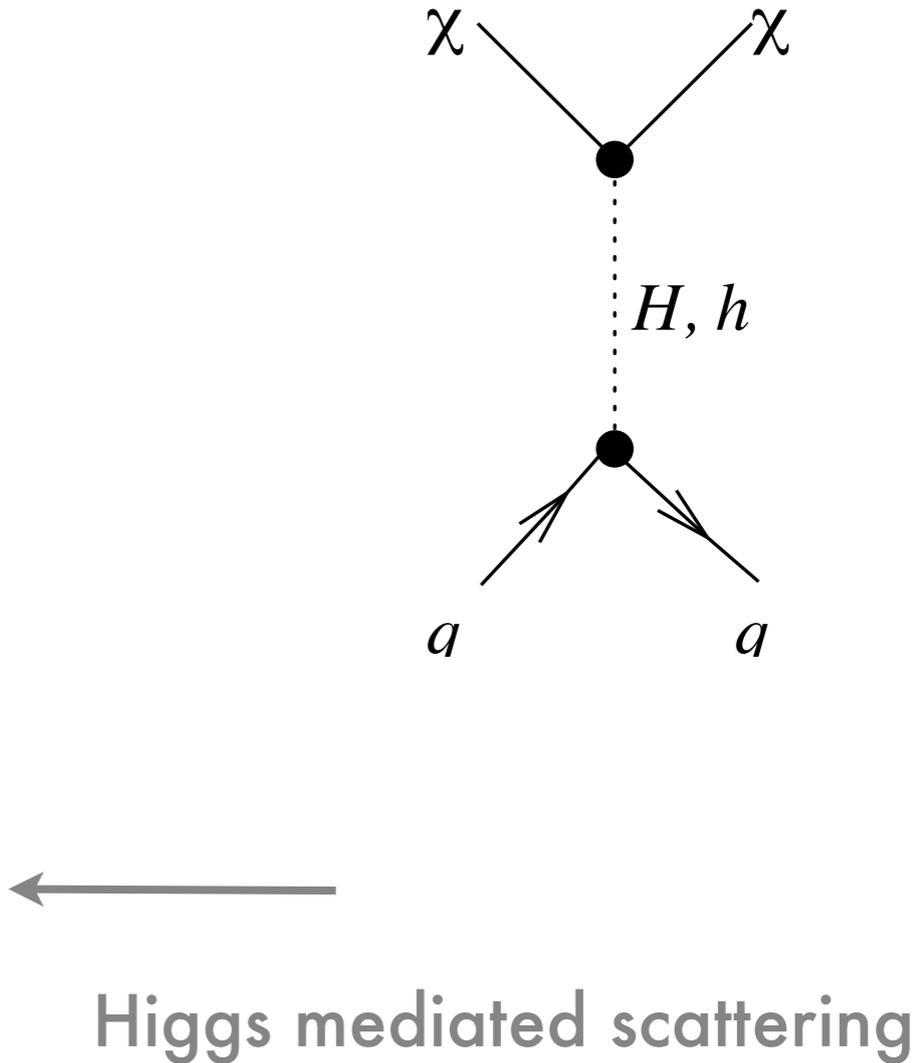
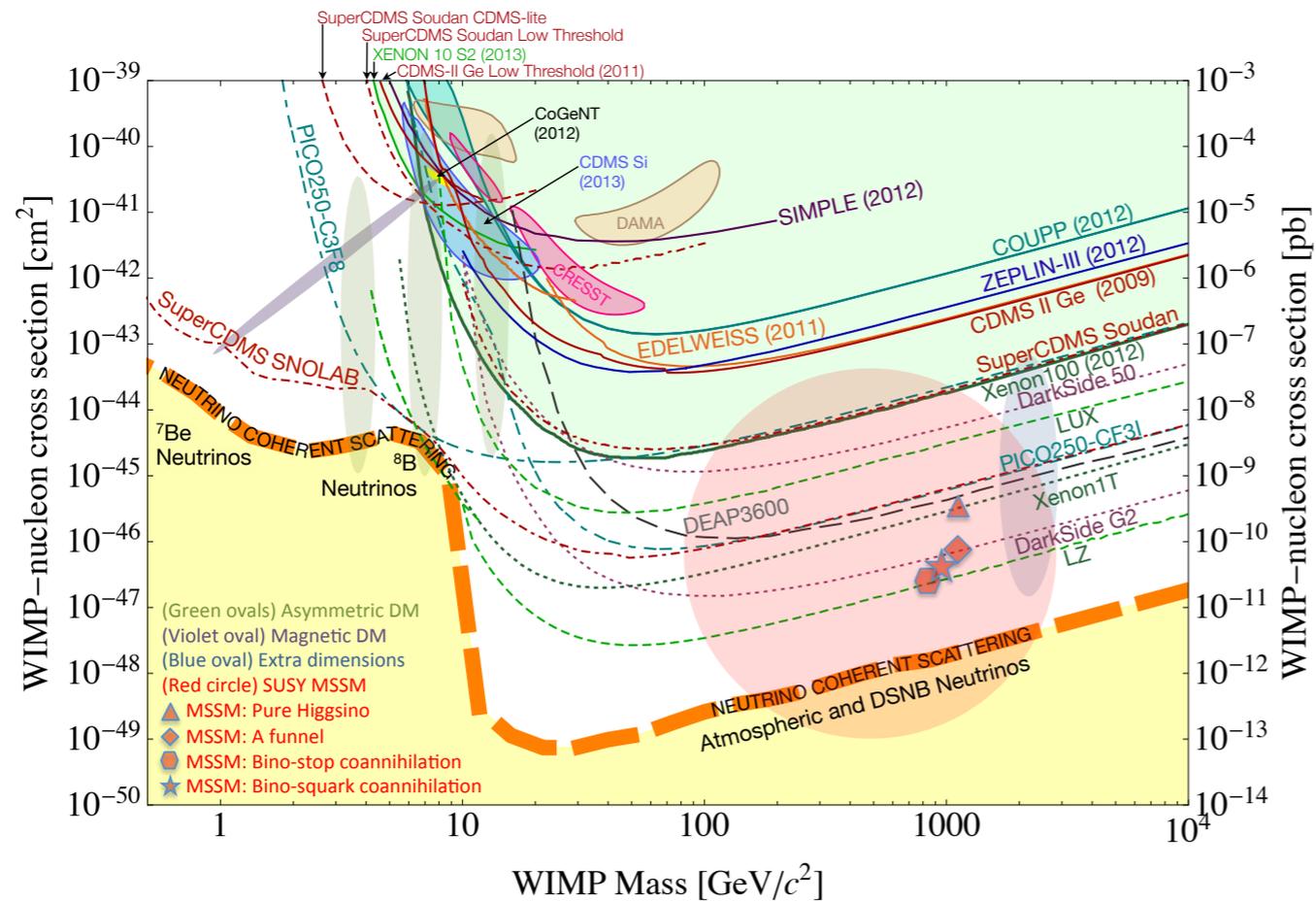
# Why Beyond the WIMP?



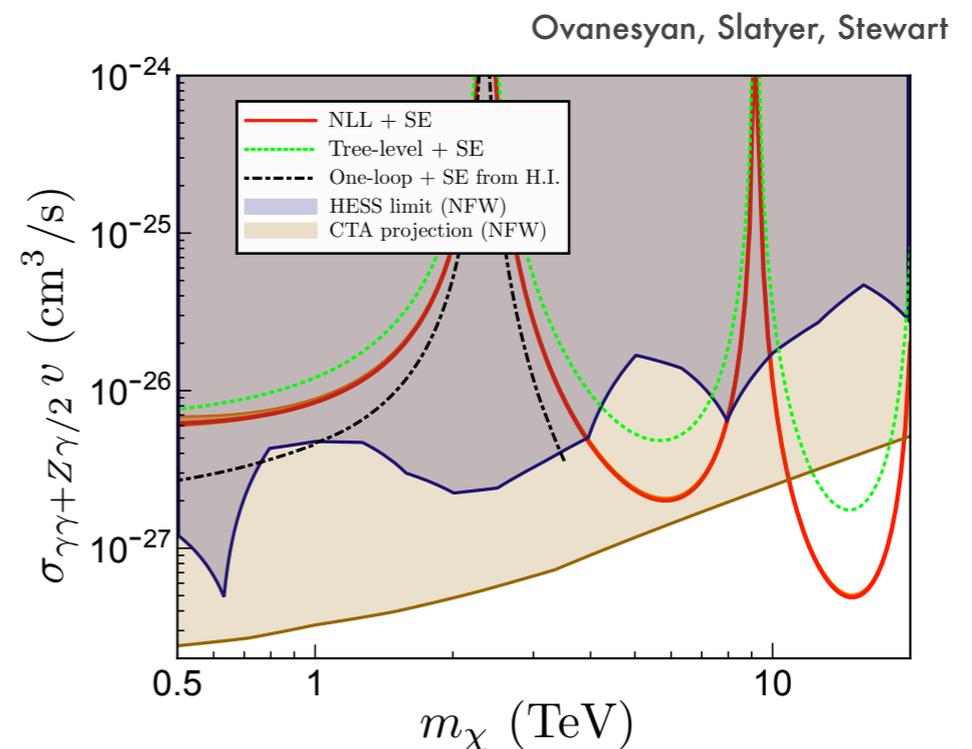
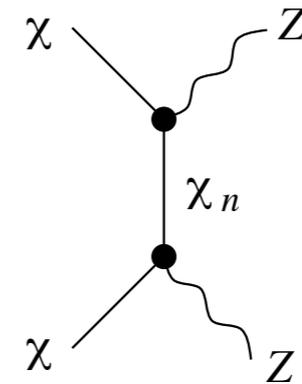
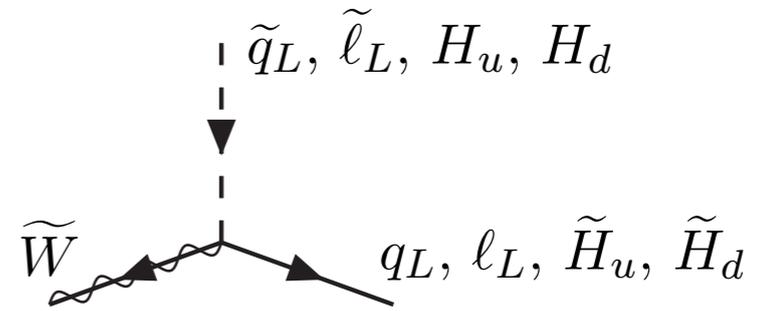
What is the anatomy of this MSSM blob?

# A Tale of (two) Higgs Scattering

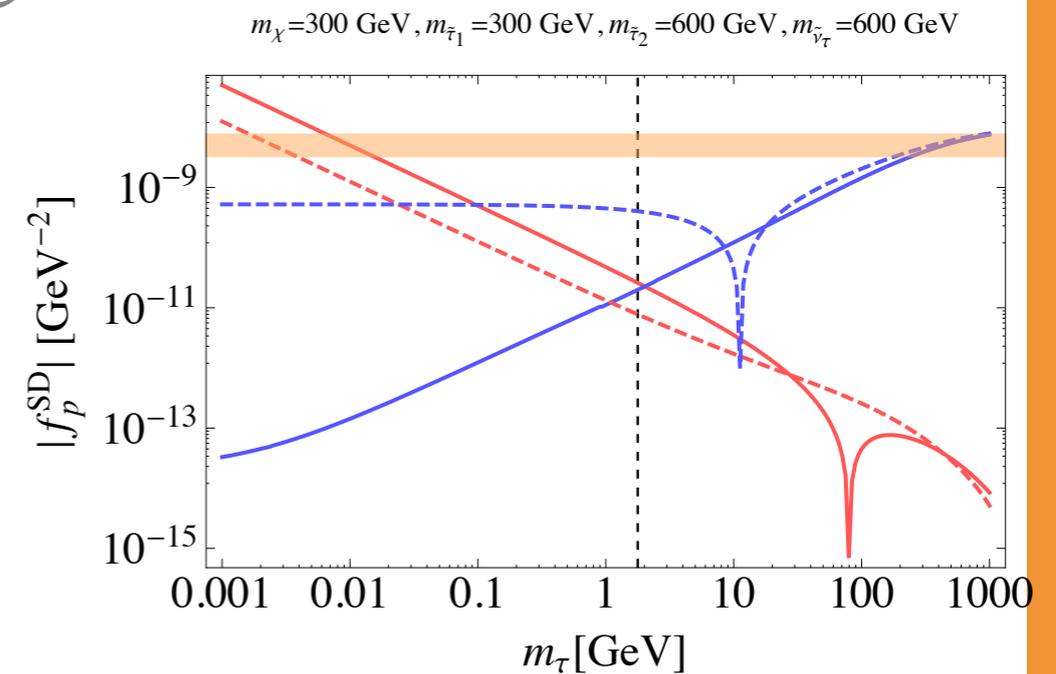
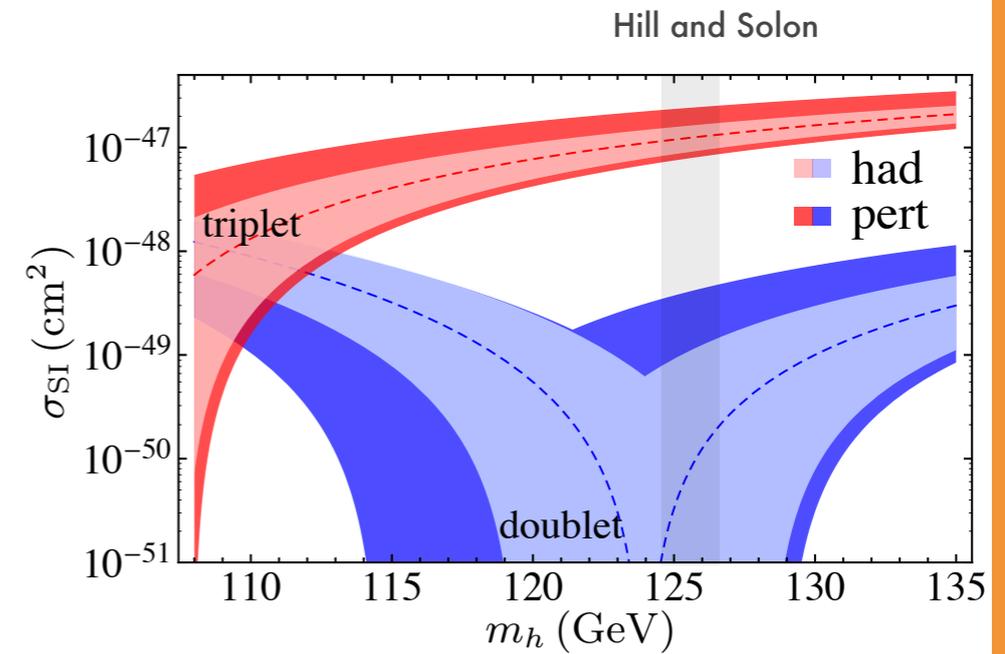
$$\sigma_n \approx 8.3 \times 10^{-42} \text{ cm}^2 \left( \frac{Z_d}{0.4} \right)^2 \left( \frac{\tan \beta}{30} \right)^2 \left( \frac{100 \text{ GeV}}{m_H} \right)^4$$



- Blob closure is deceptive
- Pure states do not couple to Higgs at tree level
- Pure wino and Higgsino are viable; do not scatter off nucleon at tree level
- Indirect detection large

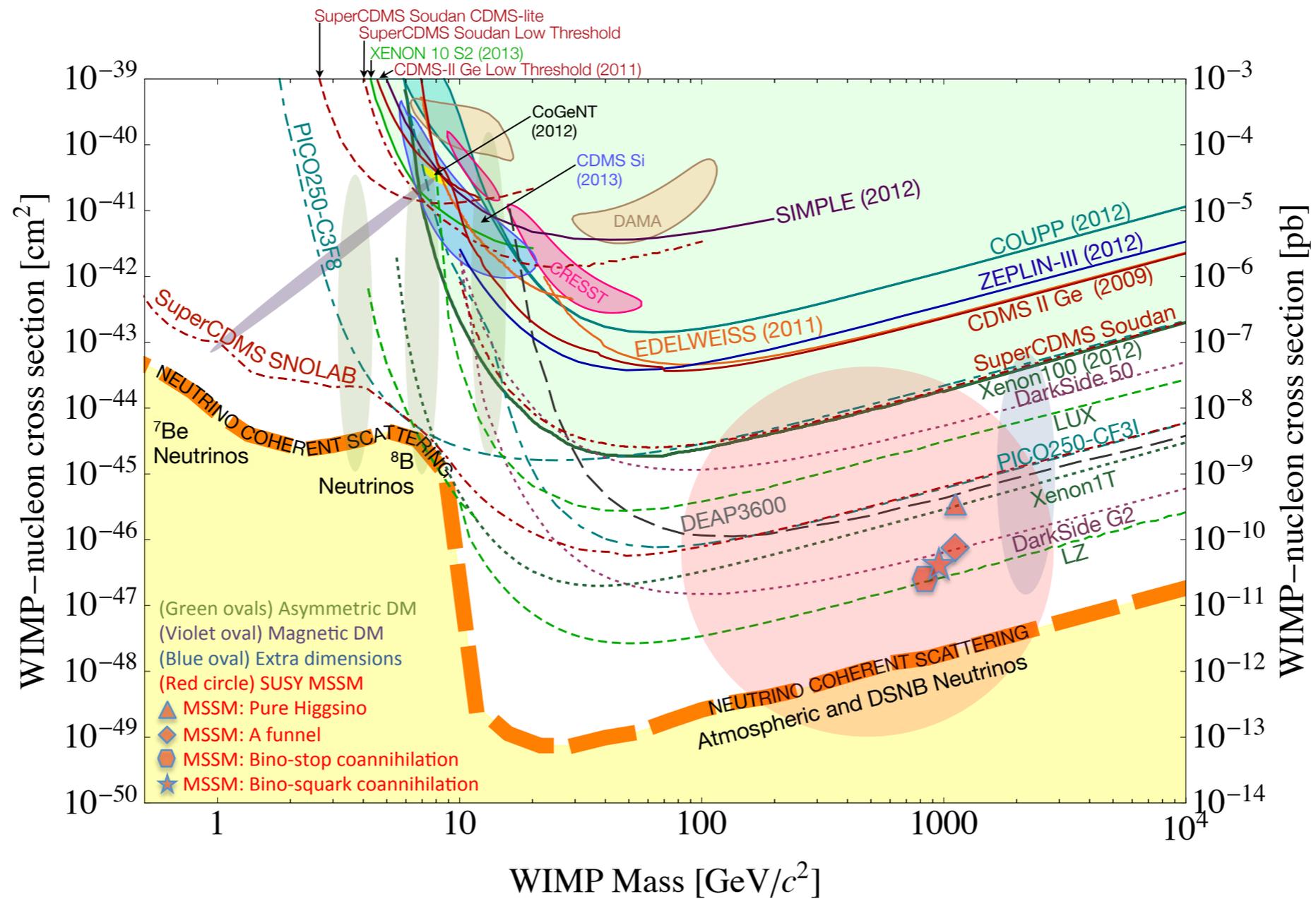


- 1-loop direct detection
- Bino is hard; even 1-loop contribution is suppressed



Berlin, Robertson, Solon, KZ

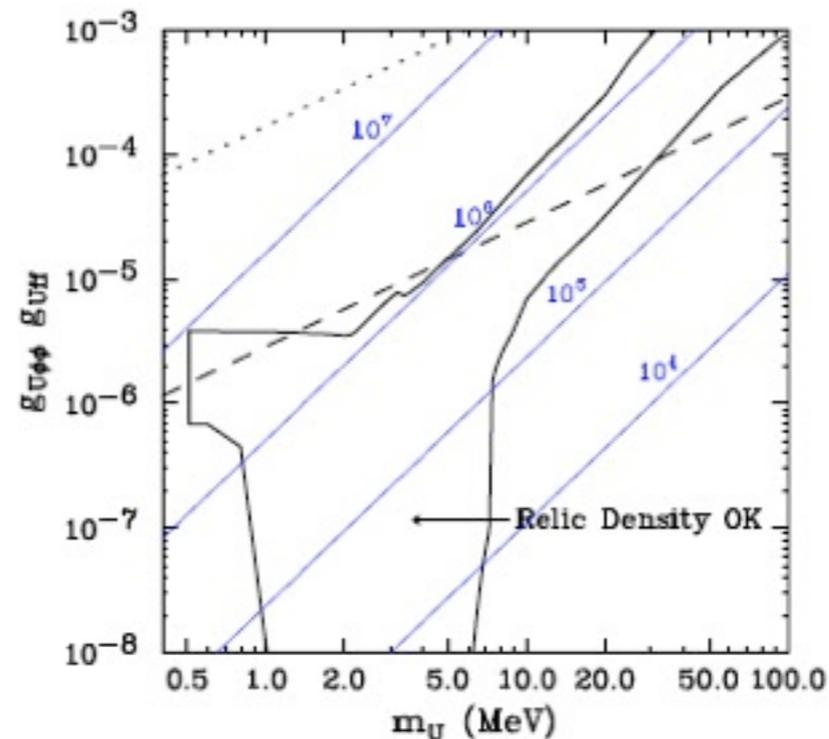
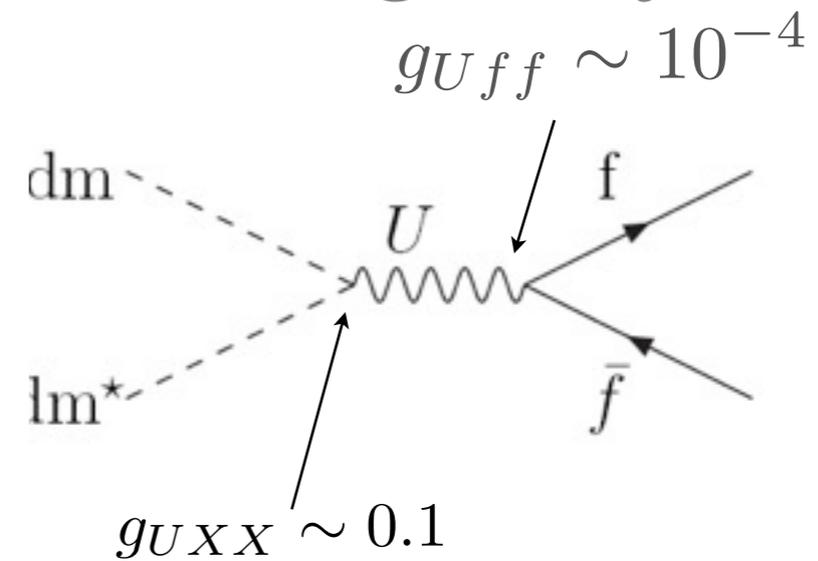
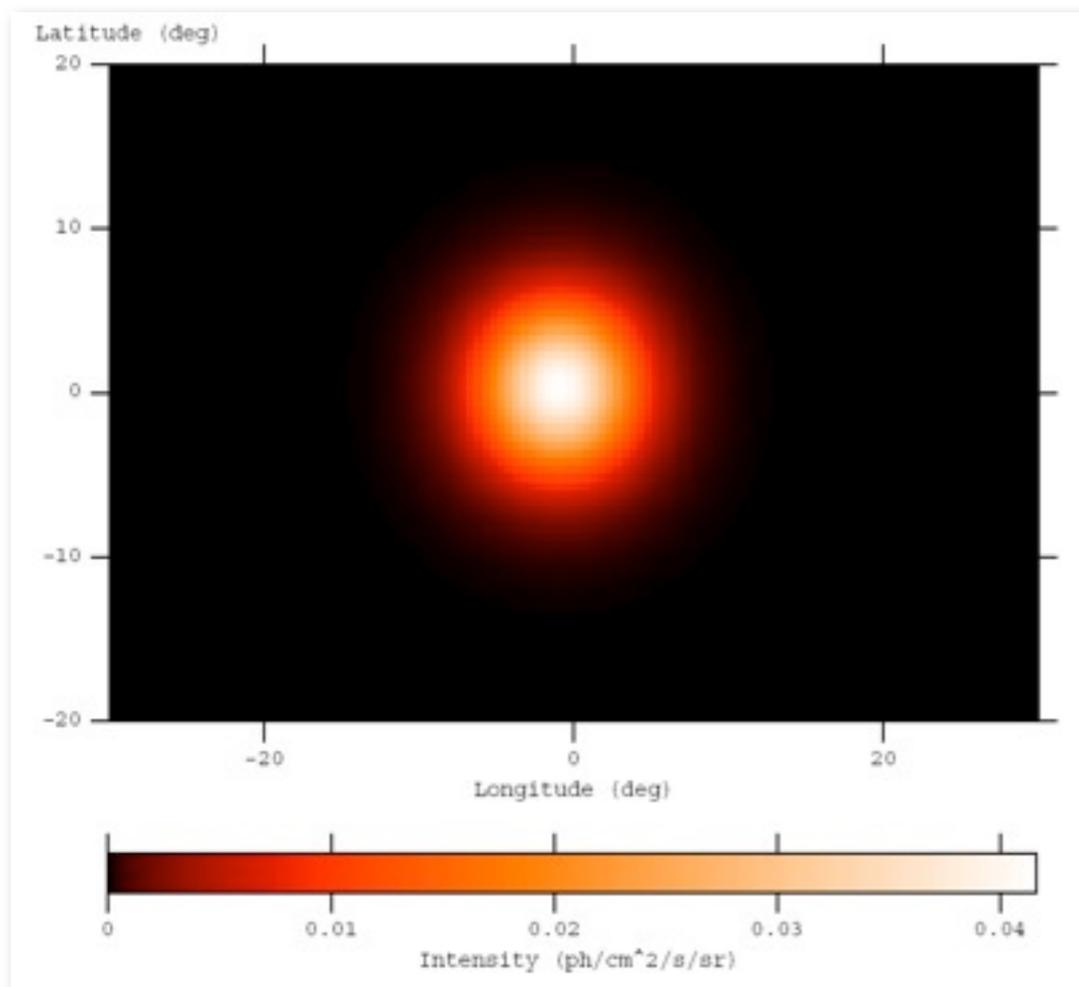
# Why Beyond WIMP?



- Two reasons to move beyond WIMP:
  - Simple, “natural” models reside elsewhere
  - Experiments are pointing us in that direction

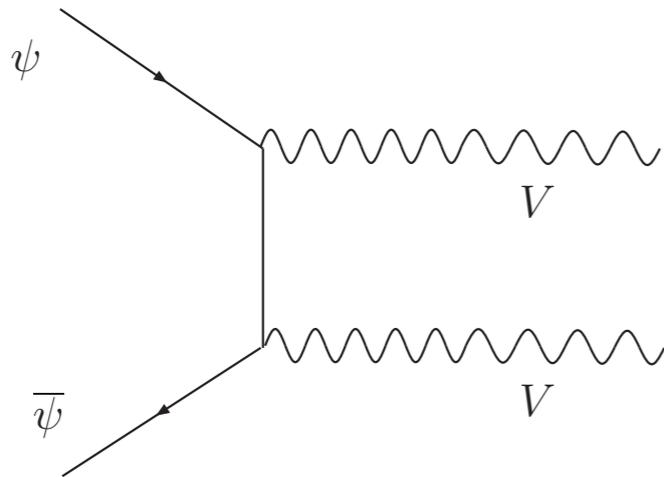
# Ex: MeV DM

- in original guise, phenomenologically motivated, ugly model

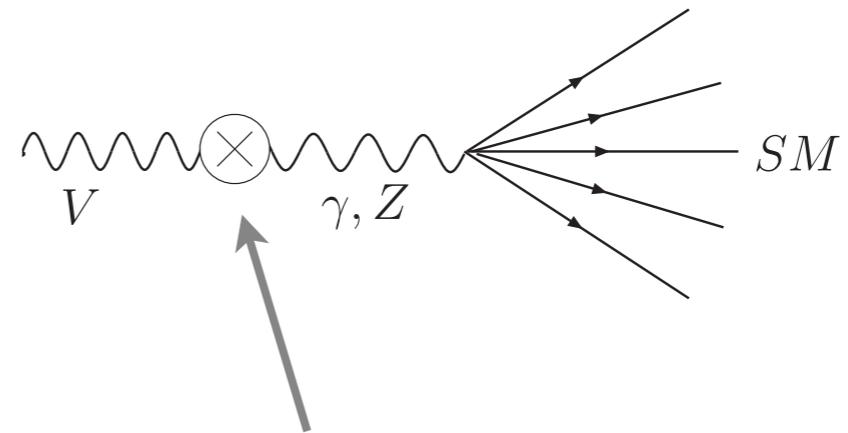


Hooper, Kaplinghat, Strigari, KZ

- Moral 1: seclude it, and everything is easier



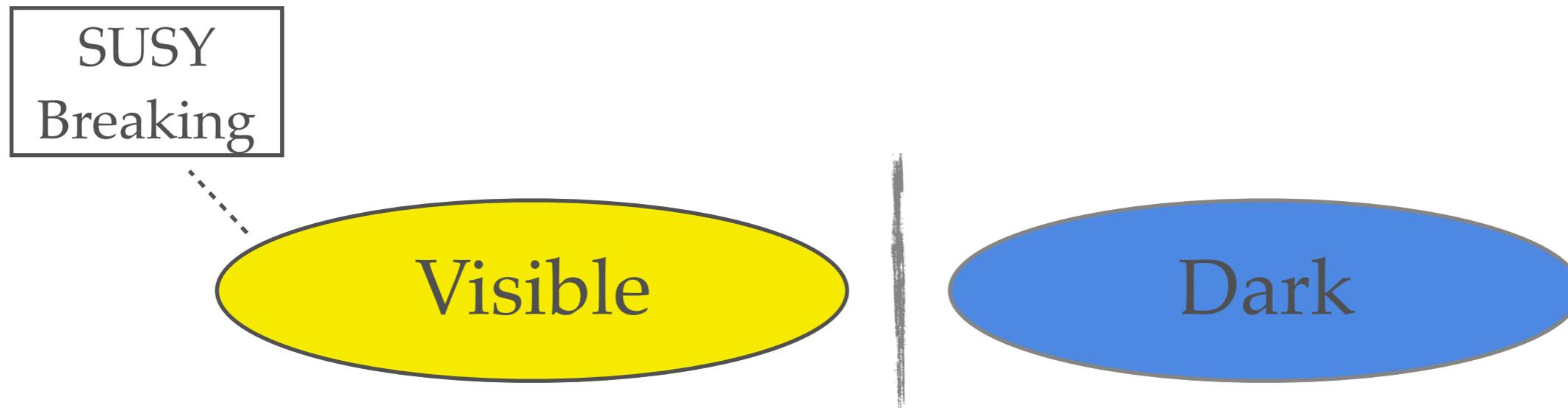
Pospelov and Ritz



Small number resides here



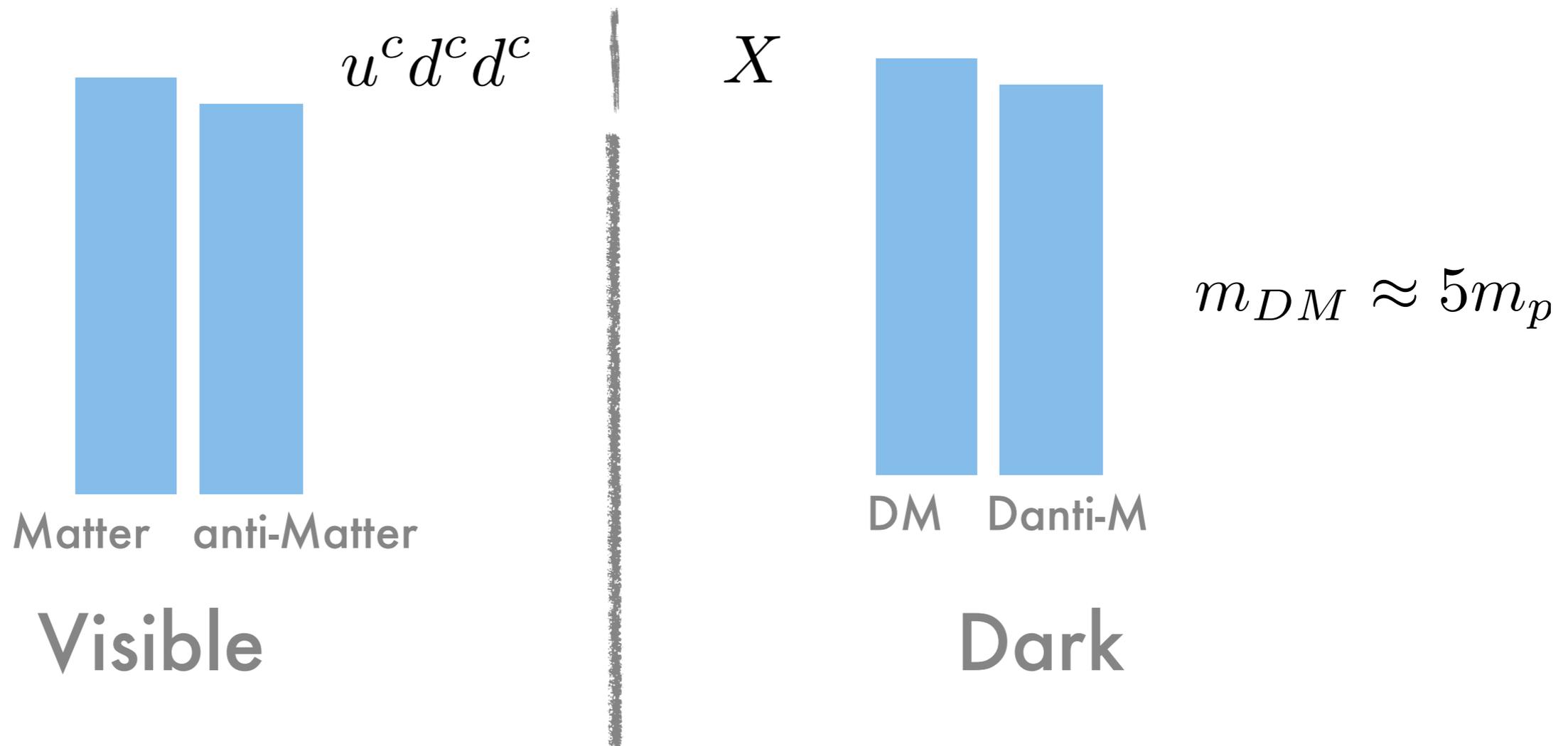
- Moral 2: secluded, hidden valleys can be “natural”



Amount of SUSY breaking transmitted sets DM mass scale  
Small coupling between sectors = small mass

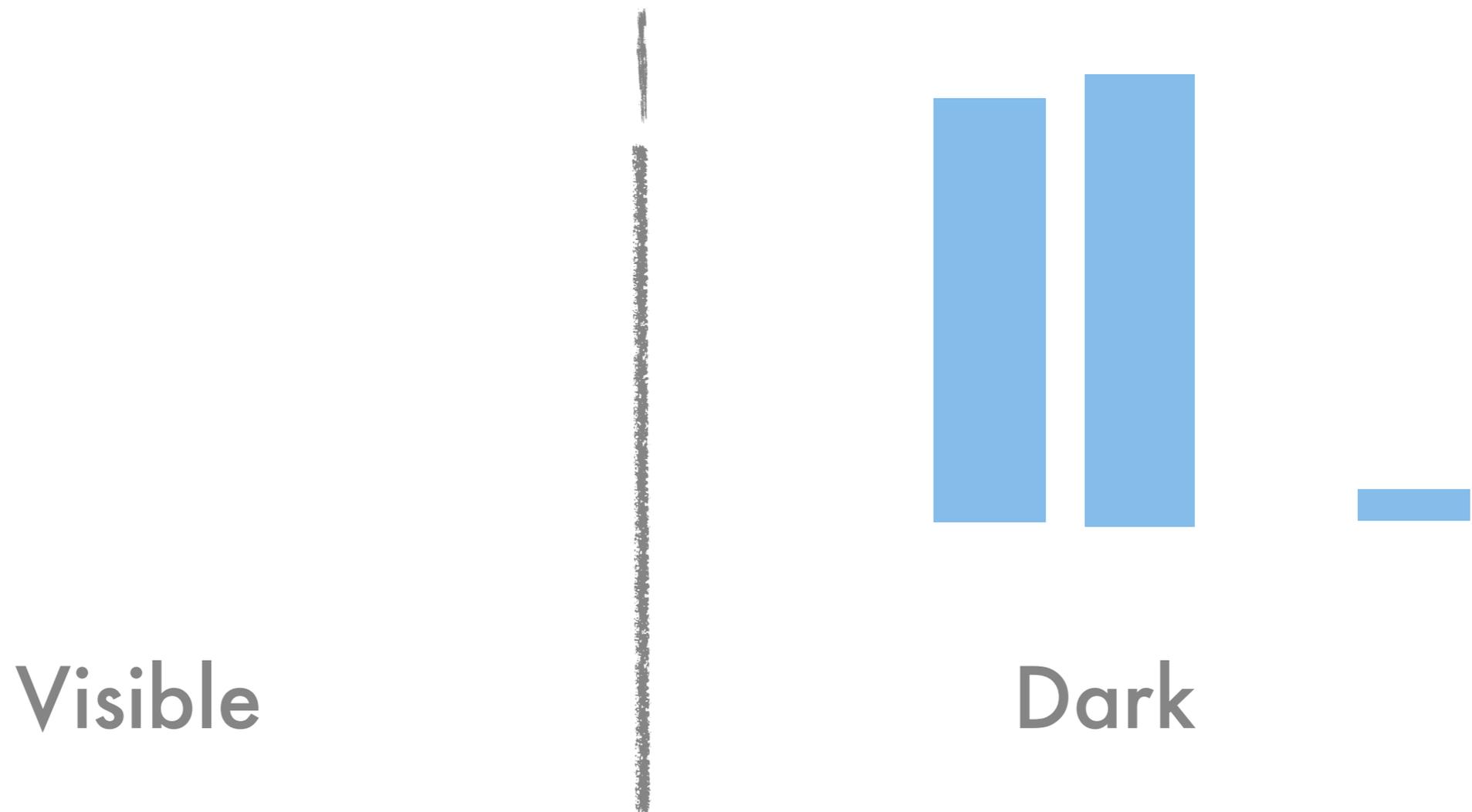
# Hide it!

- Higher dimension operator coupling



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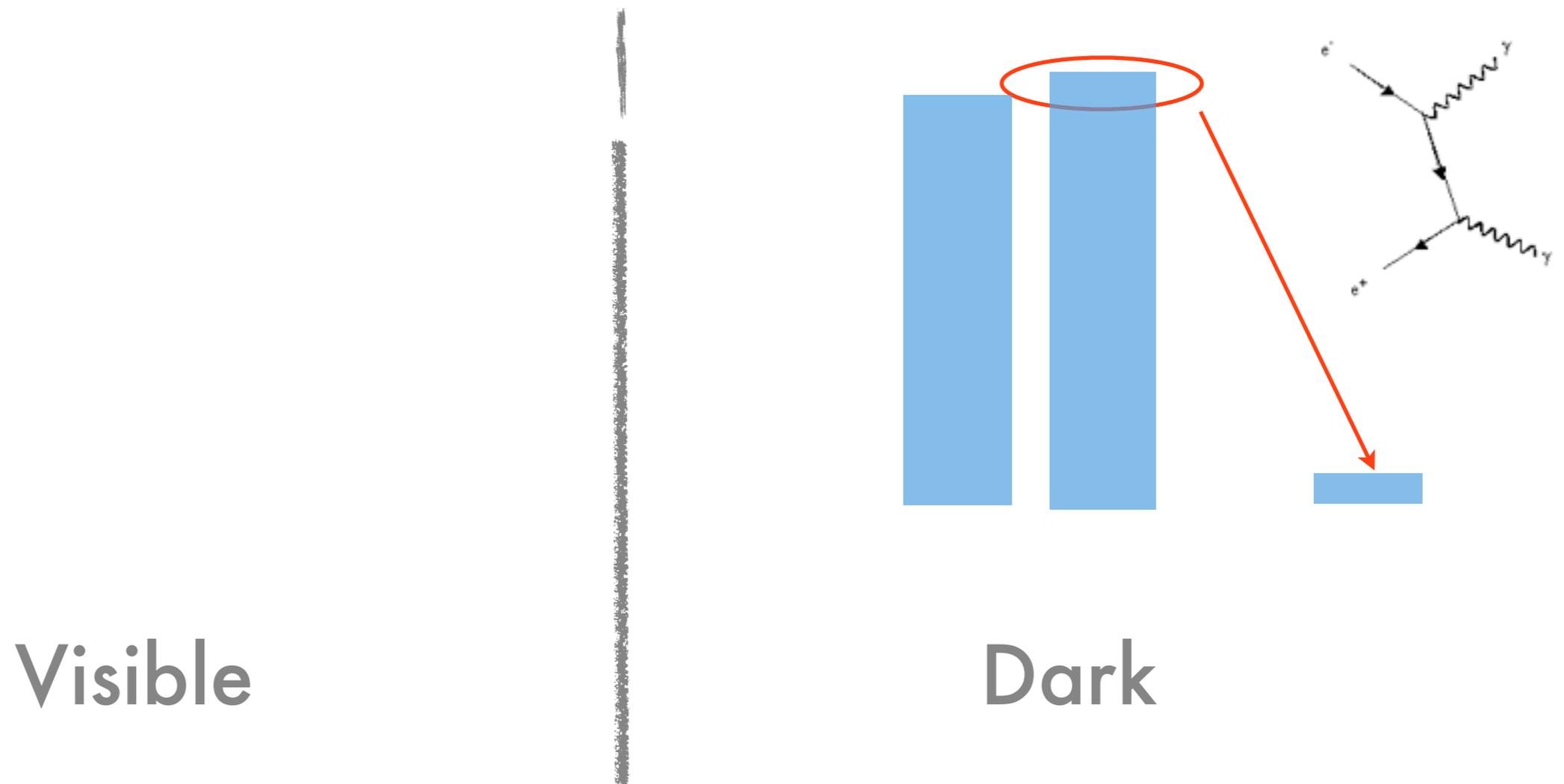
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Barrier carries B or L

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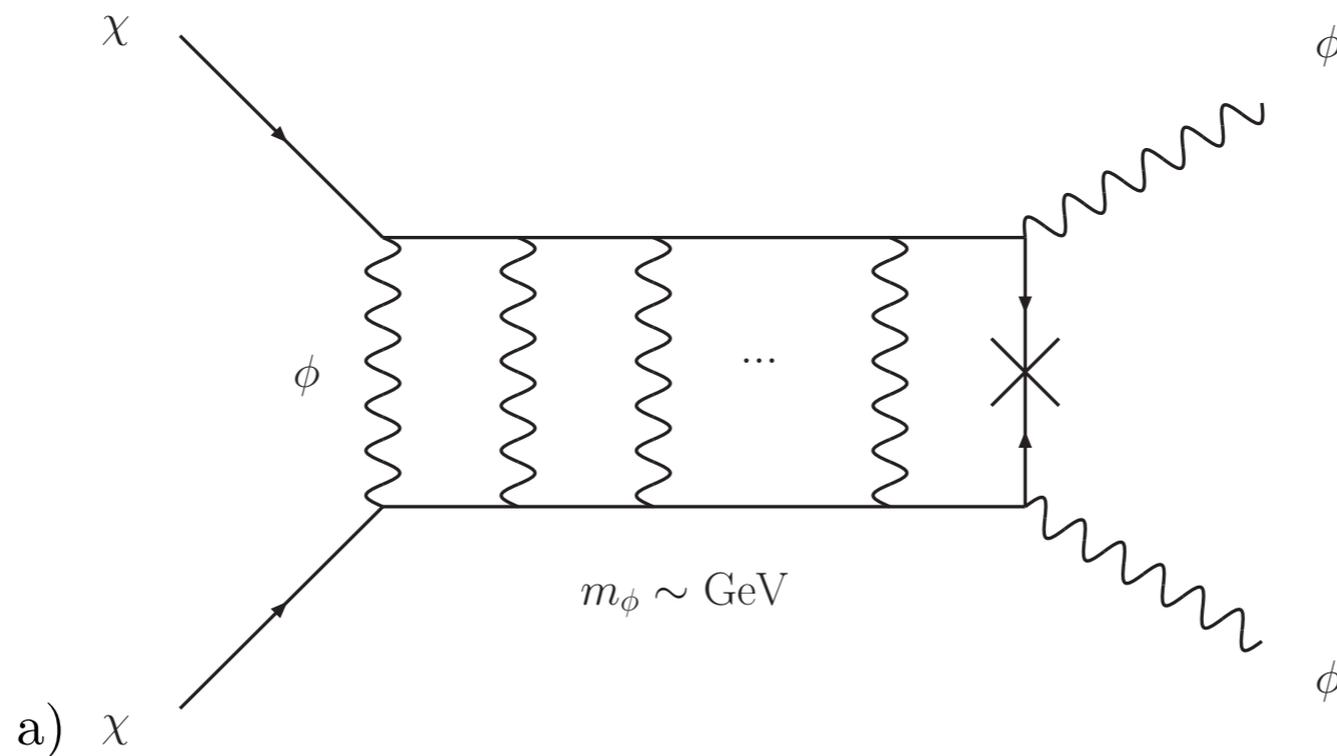
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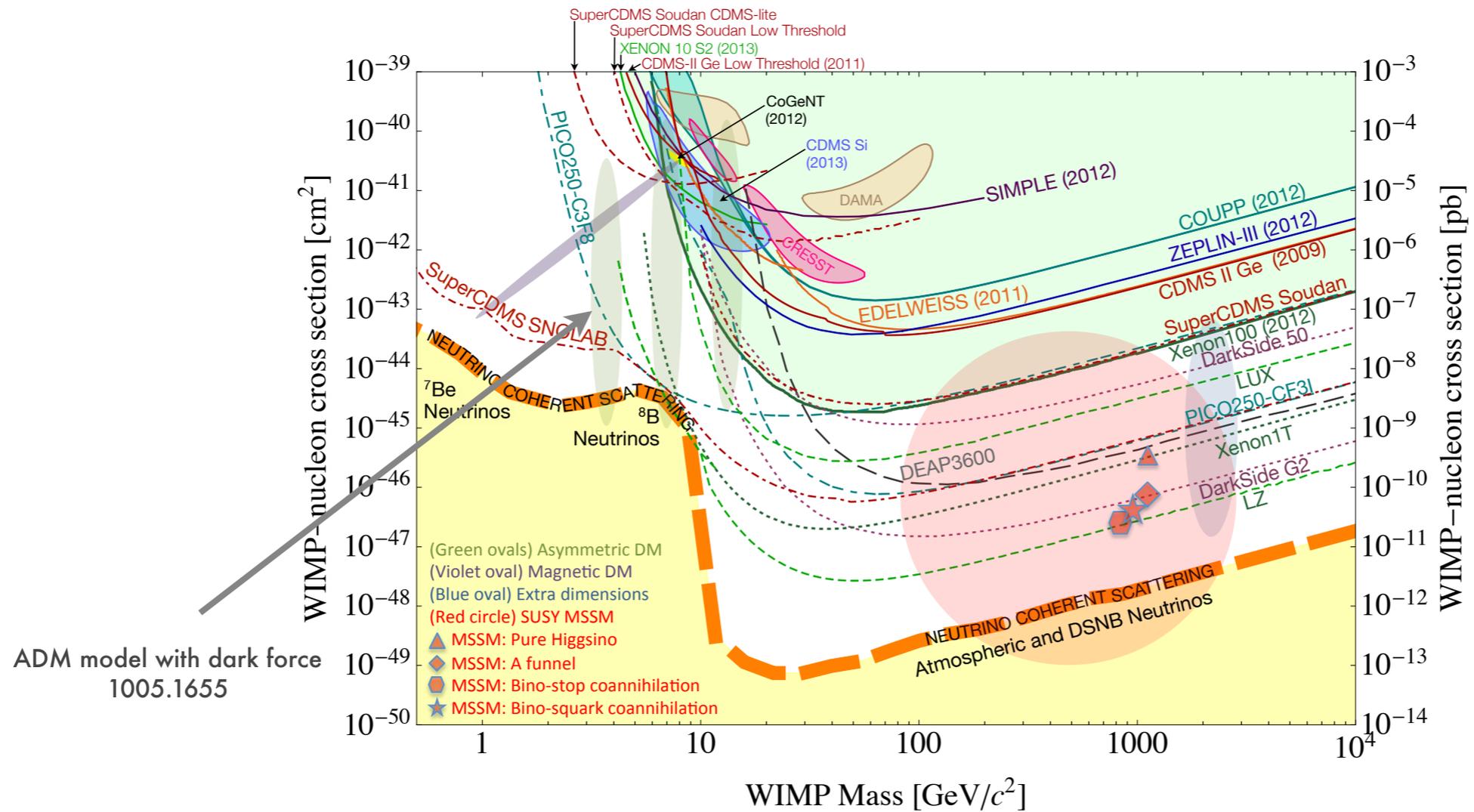
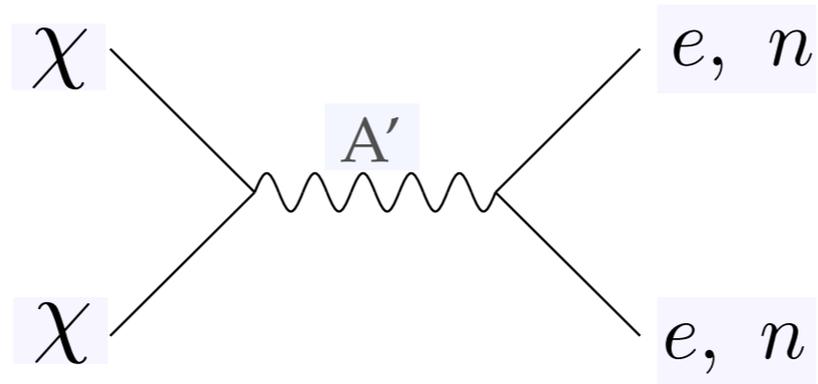
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# Experiments Alight

- PAMELA / ATIC / DAMA / Integral

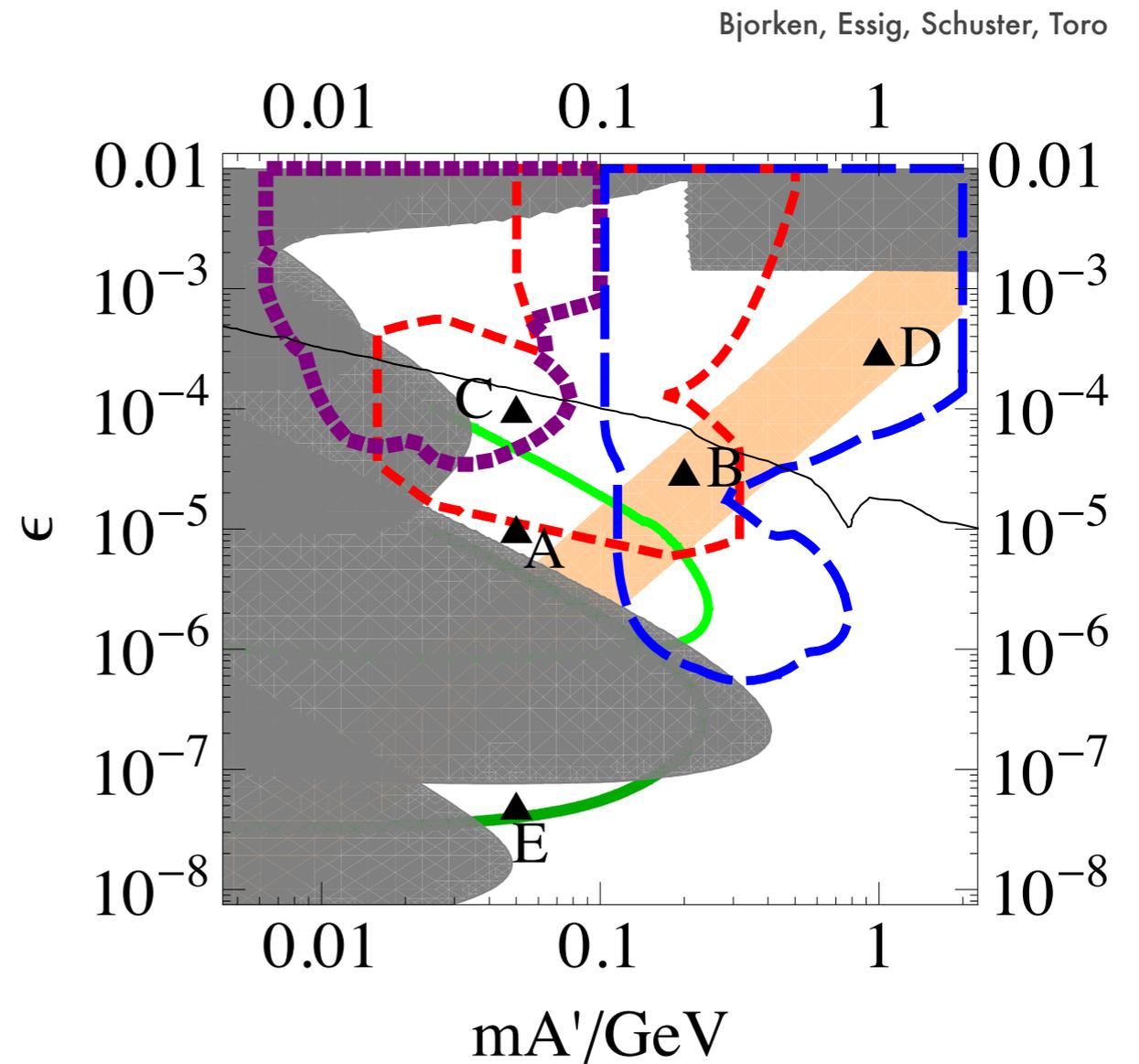
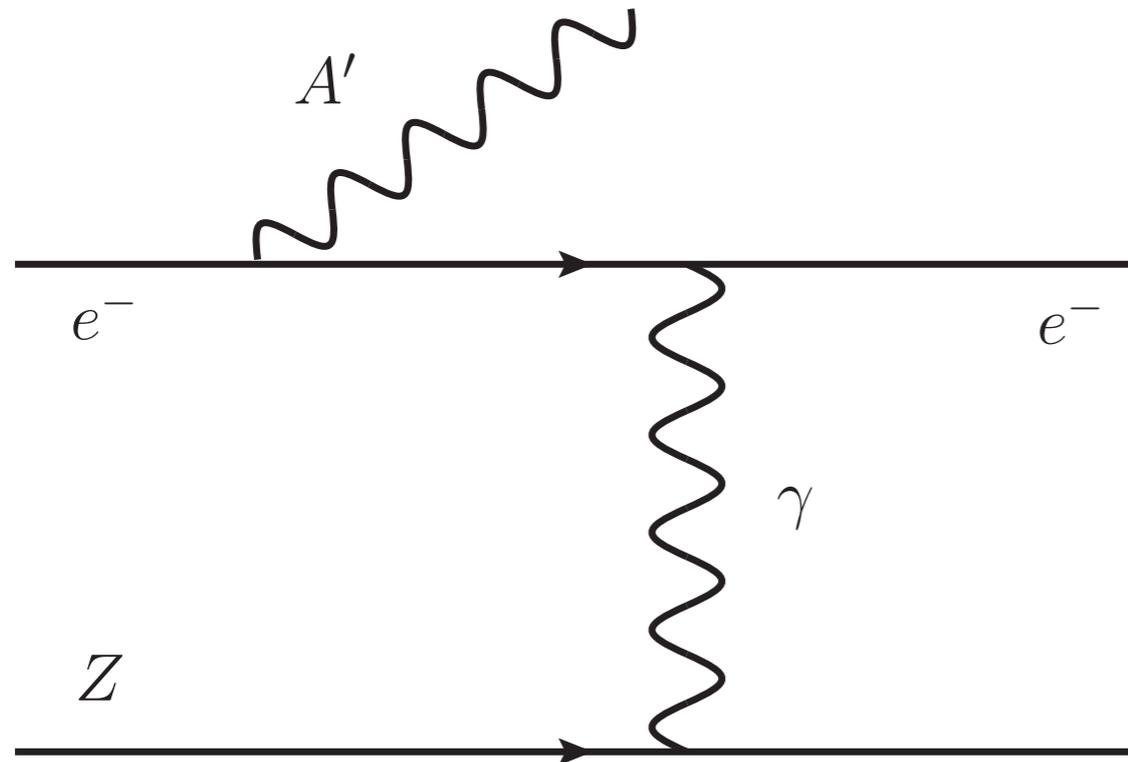


- Presence of dark force mediates DD



# Theorists Alight

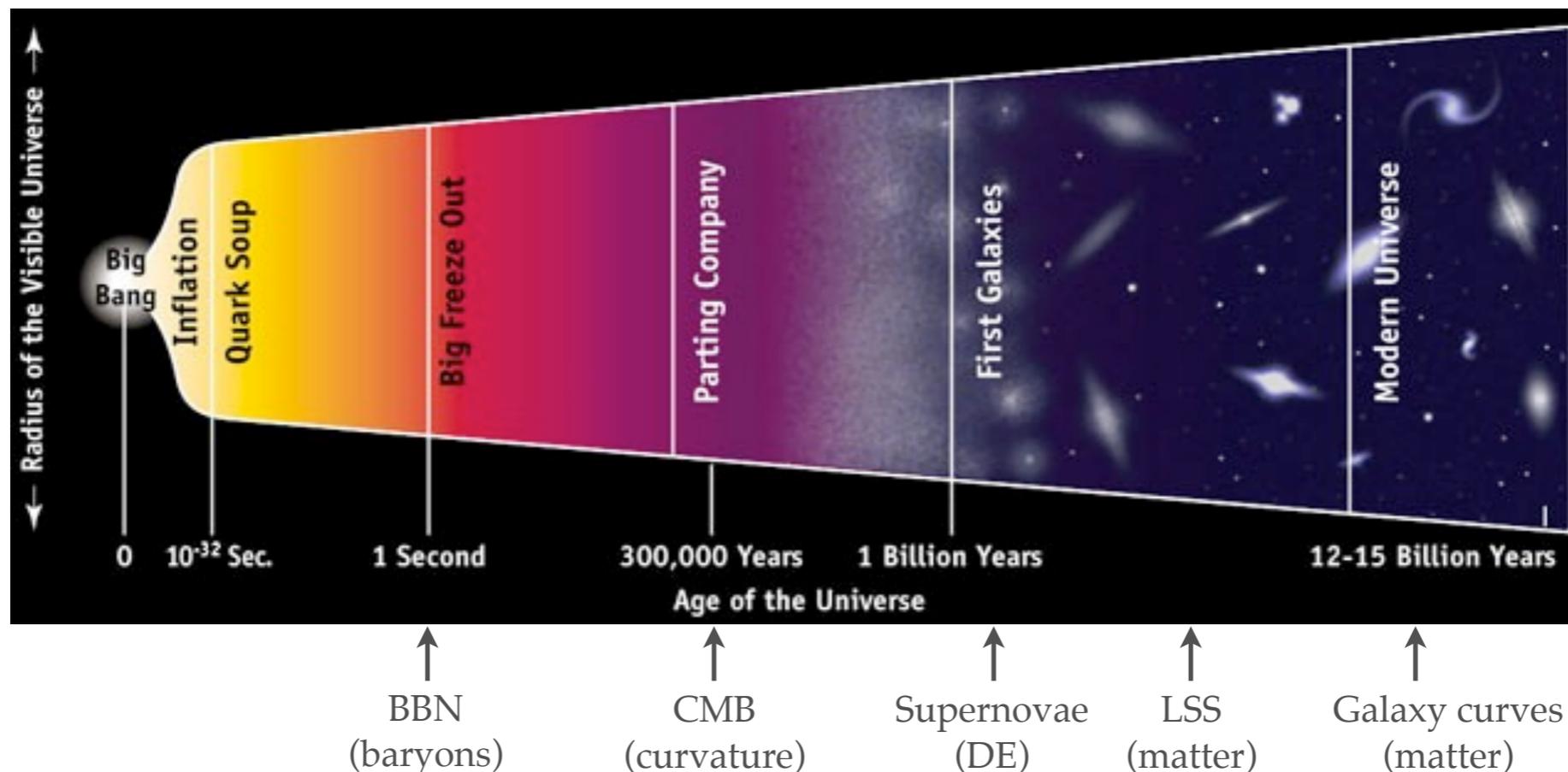
- with new experiments



- What else can we design?

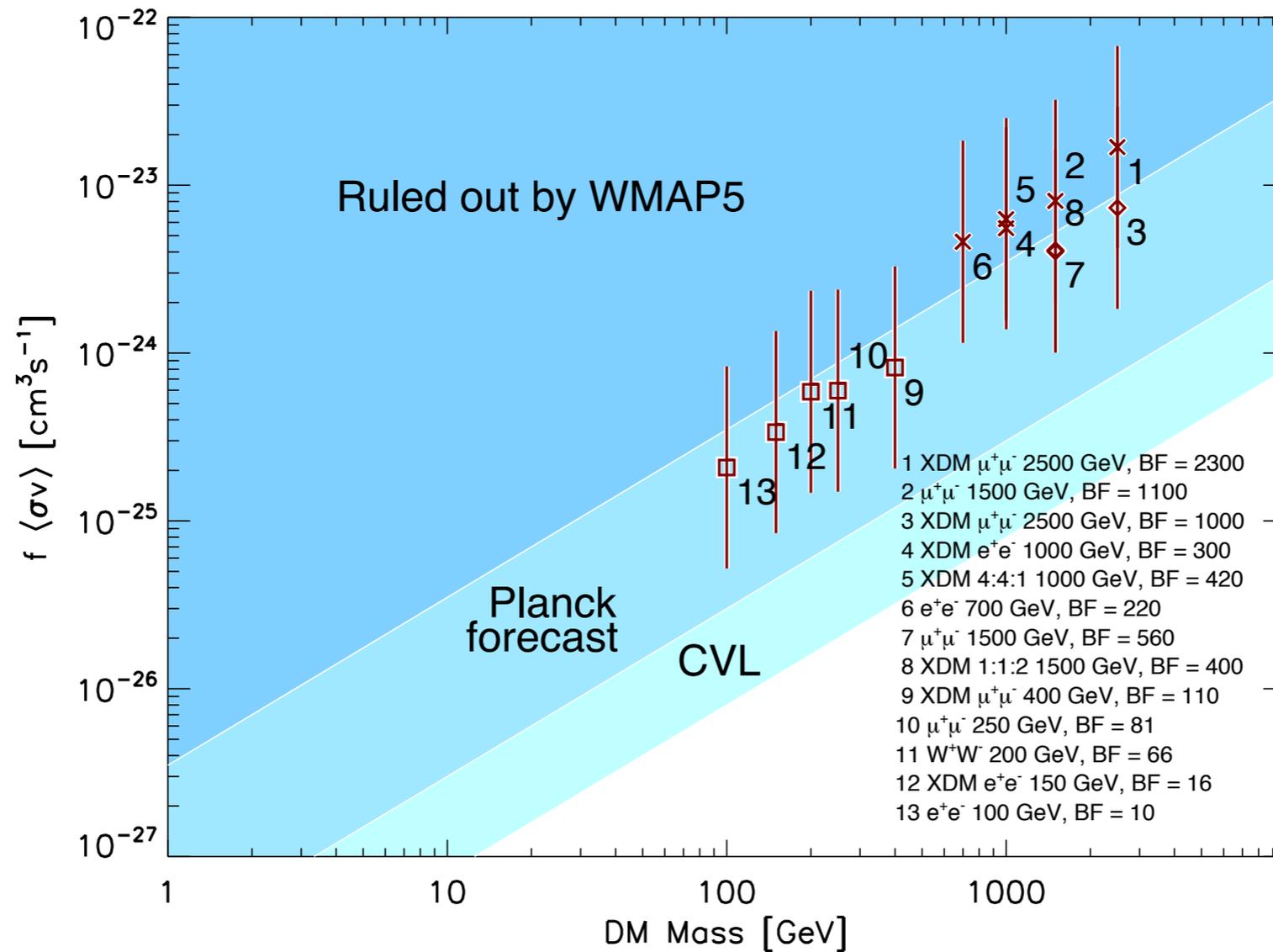
# Everything does not go.

- Should not fear the great unknown when walking away from naturalness
- The Universe gives direction
- Cosmo / astro is strongly constraining



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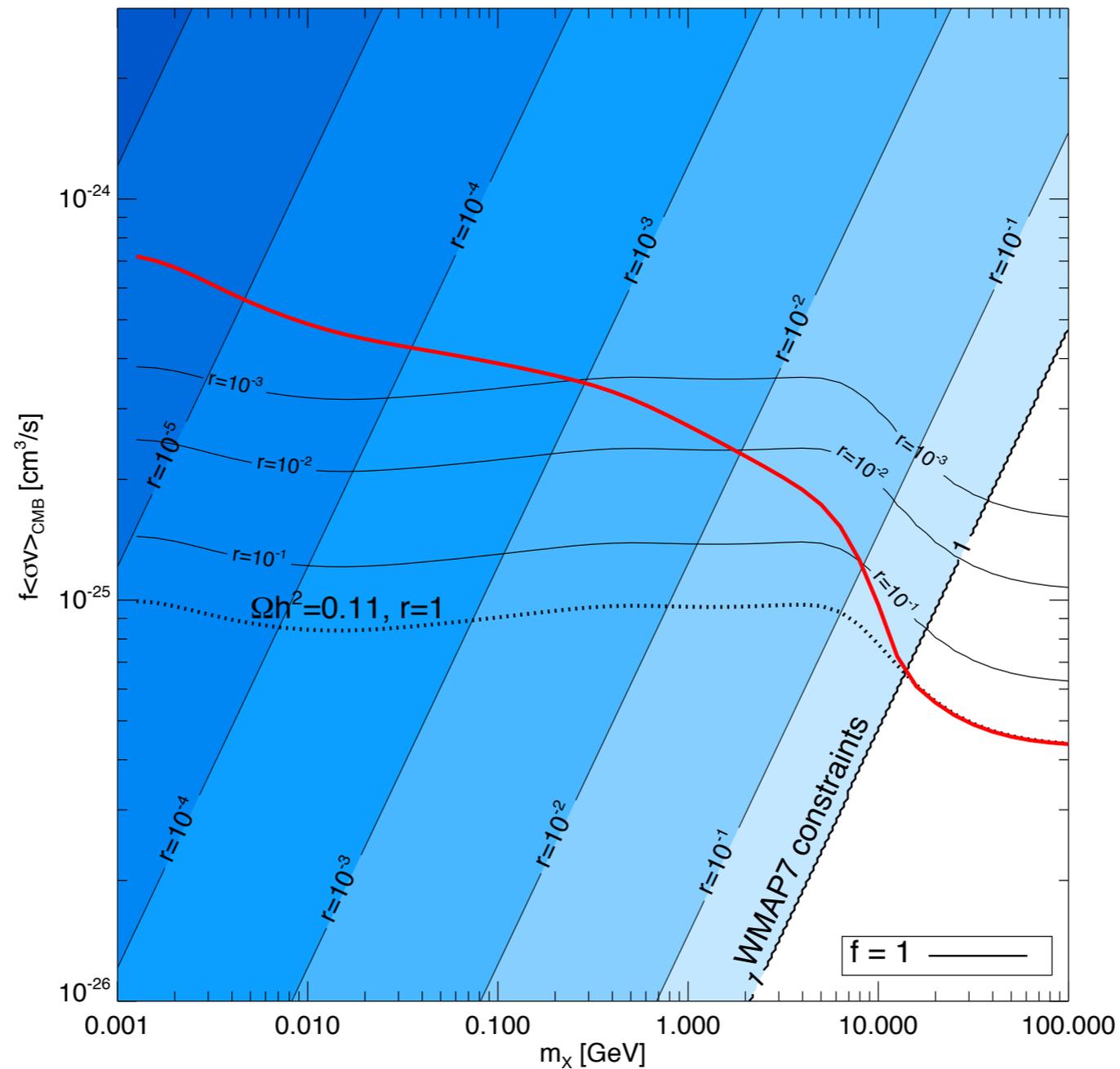
- Thermal DM has its mass limits



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Padmanabhan, Slatyer  
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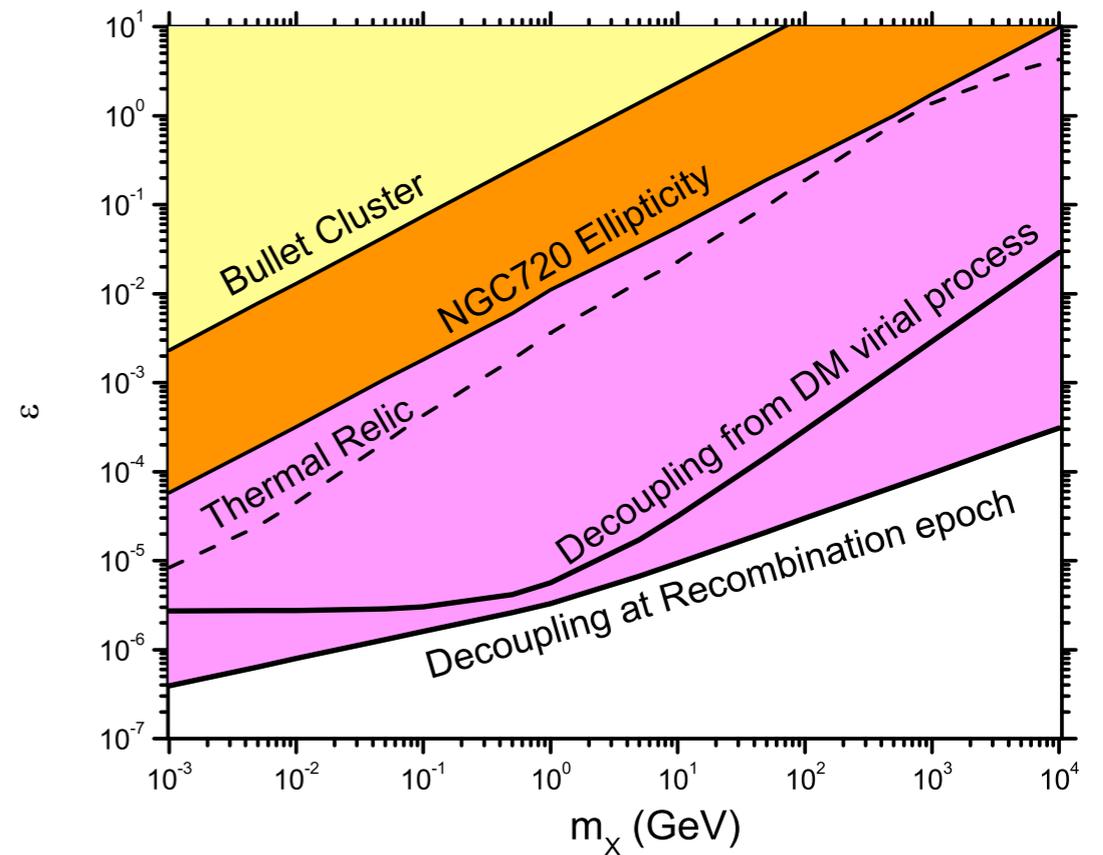
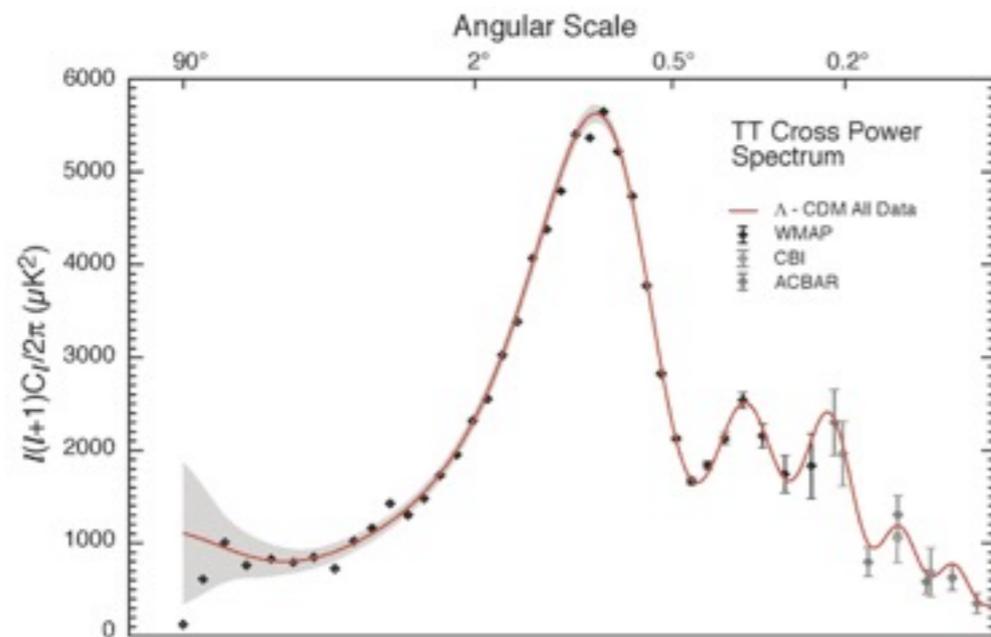
- ADM has its (lower) annihilation limits



Lin, Yu, KZ 1111.0293

# e.g.

- DM must be decoupled from baryons on CMB epoch



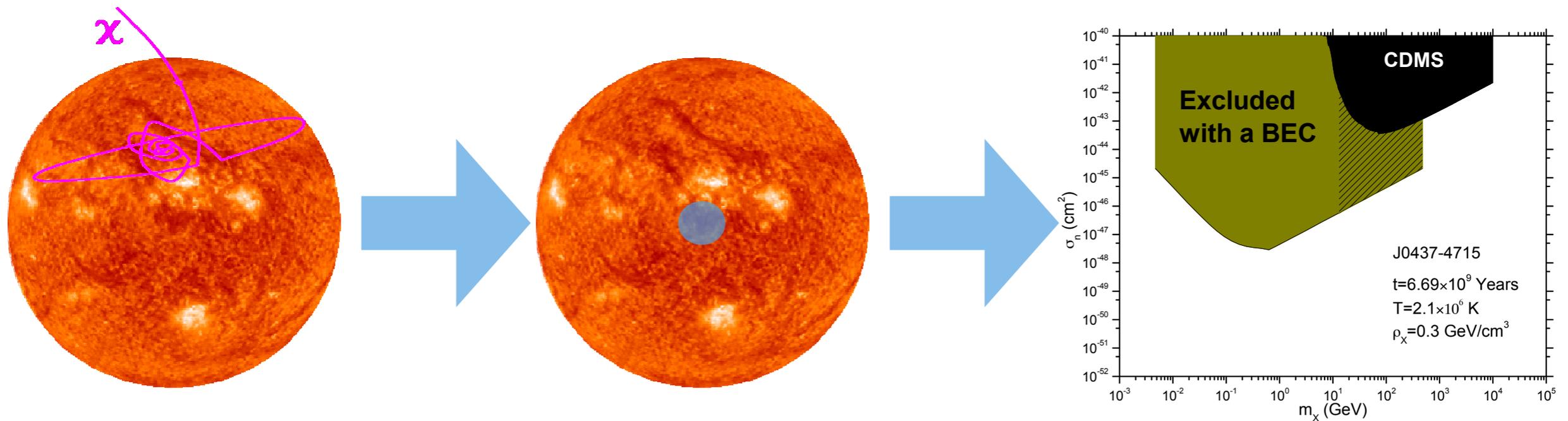
- Esp. for dark (massless) photon mediators

$$\frac{d\sigma_{Xb}}{d\Omega_*} = \frac{\alpha_{\text{em}}^2 \epsilon^2}{4\mu_b^2 v_{\text{rel}}^4 \sin^4(\theta_*/2)}$$

McDermott, Yu, KZ 1011.2907

e.g.

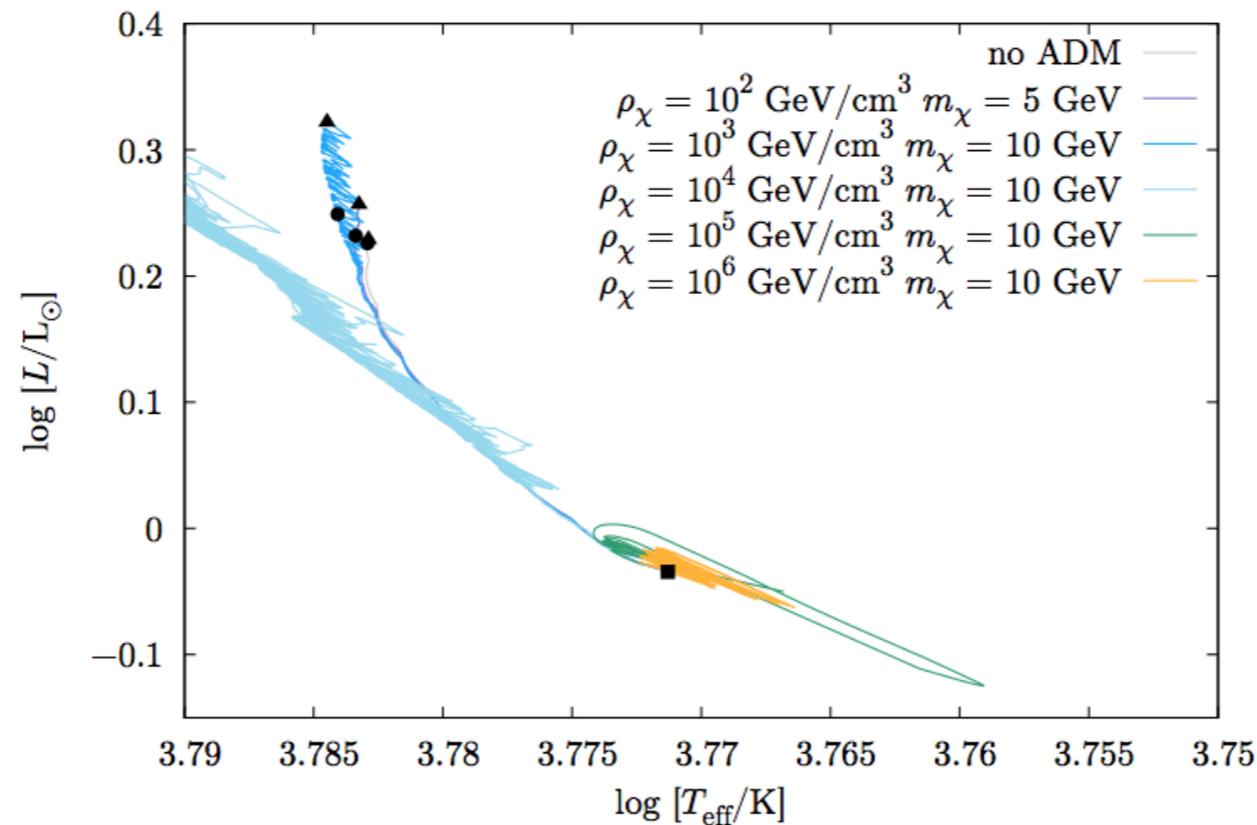
- Make sure no stars are destroyed on the way ....



McDermott, Yu, KZ 1103.5472

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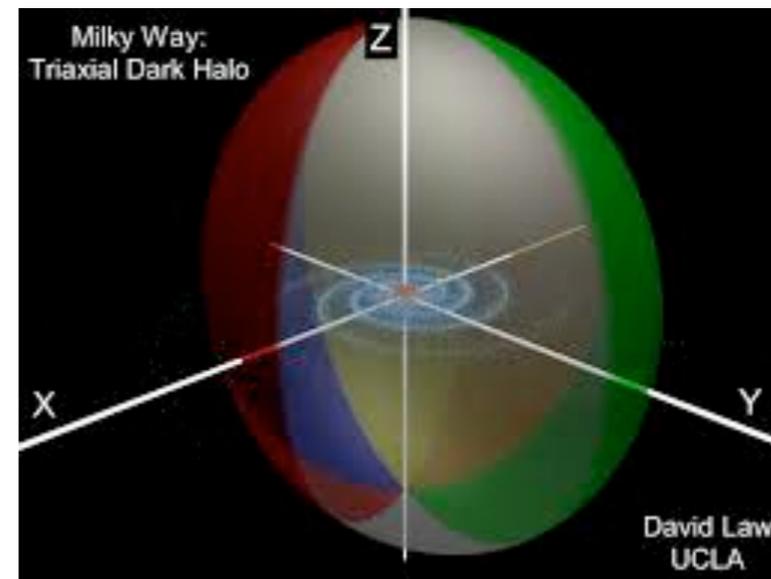
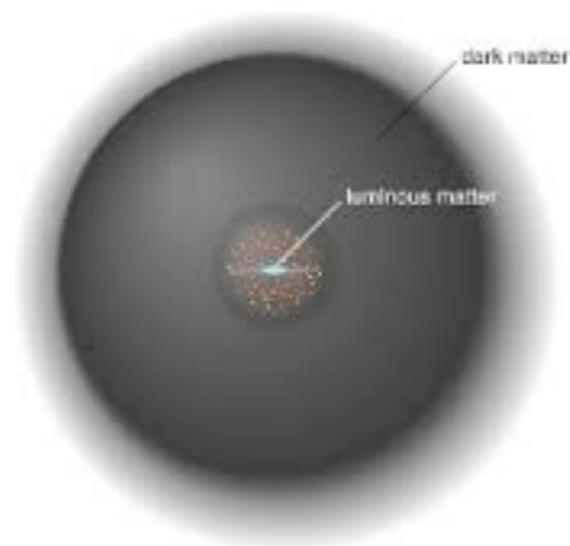
- And that stars still evolve as usual on the HR diagram



Taoso et al, 1005.5711

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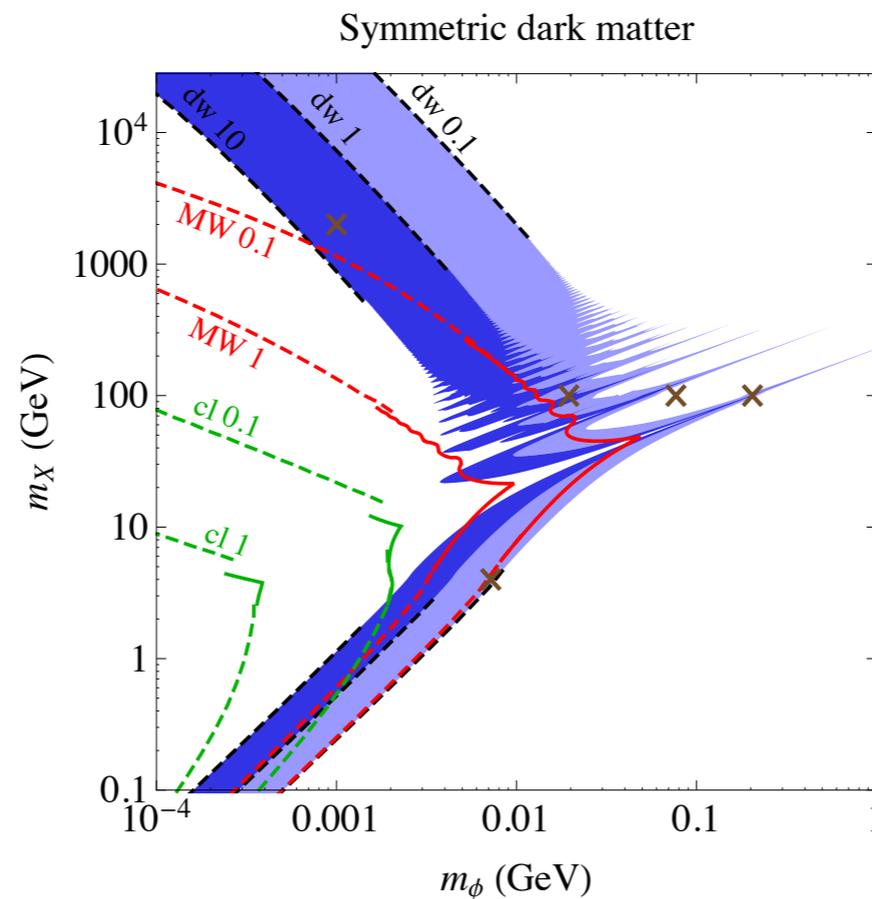
- ... and the shapes of halos and clusters of galaxies come out right



- Self-interactions change these

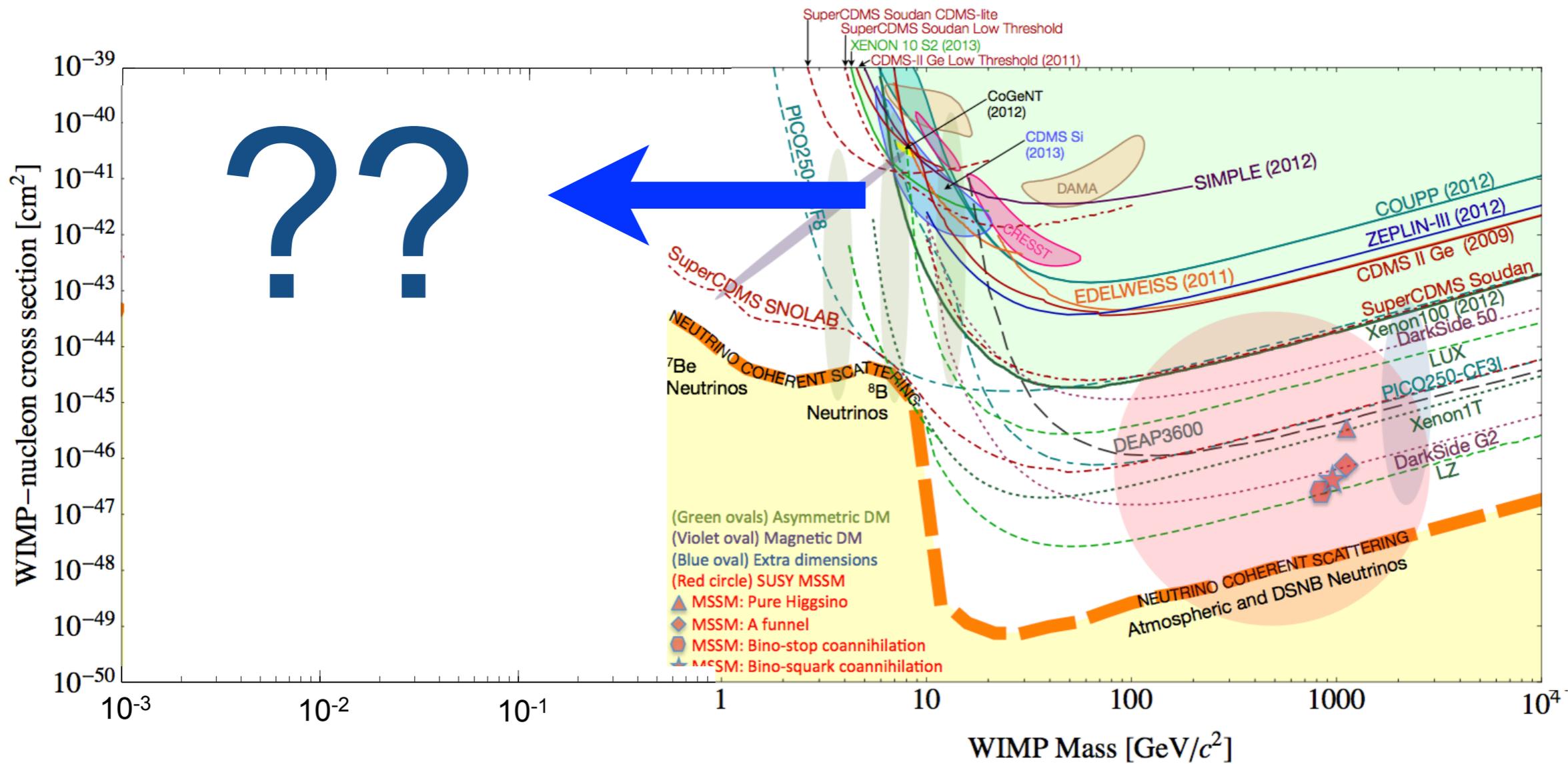
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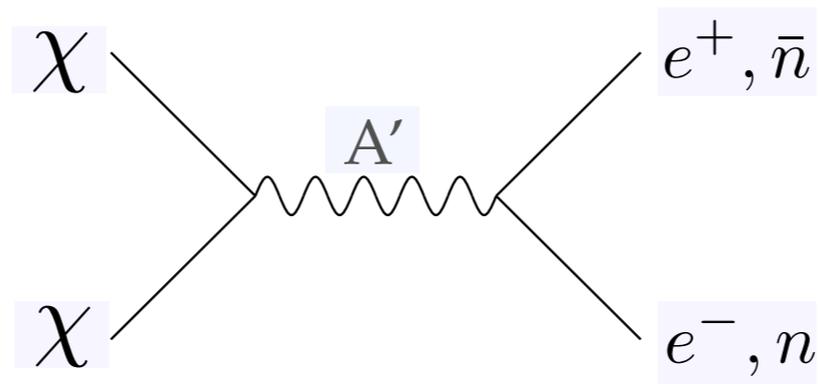
- Self-interactions change these

- All of which are important when it comes to designing a new experiment



Plot from R. Essig

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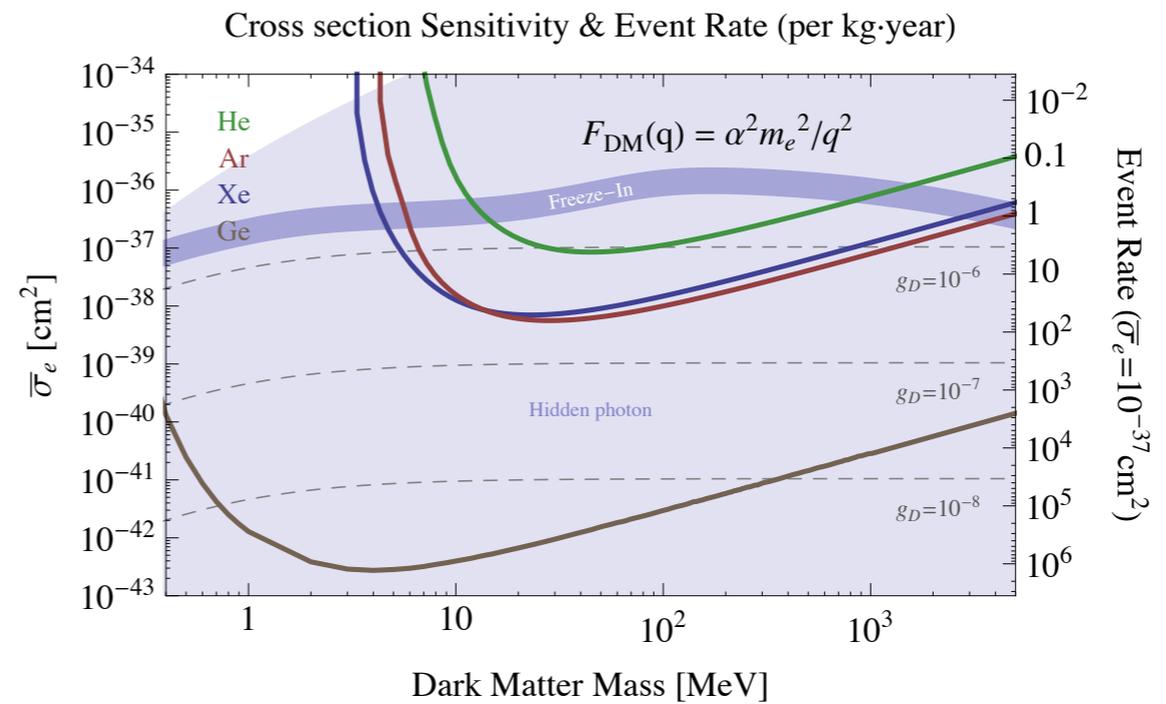
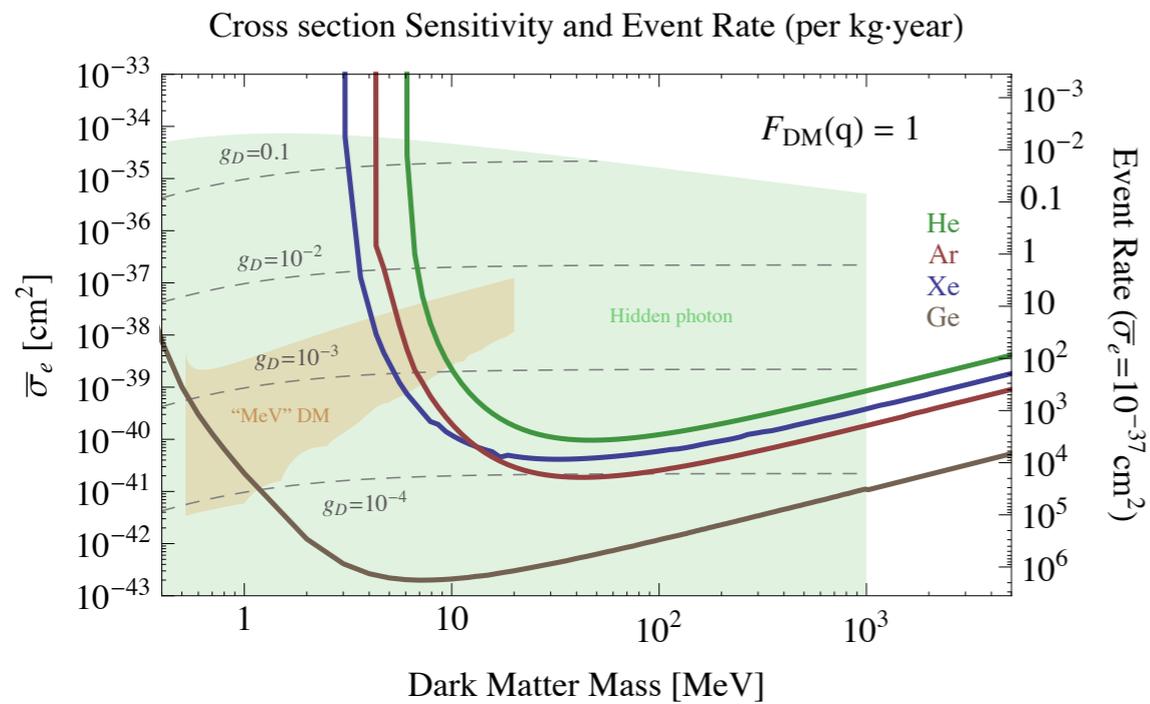
$$\sigma_n \approx \frac{g_\chi^2 g_n^2 \mu_n^2}{\pi m_{A'}^4}$$

$$\sigma_e \approx \frac{g_\chi^2 g_e^2 \mu_e^2}{\pi m_{A'}^4}$$

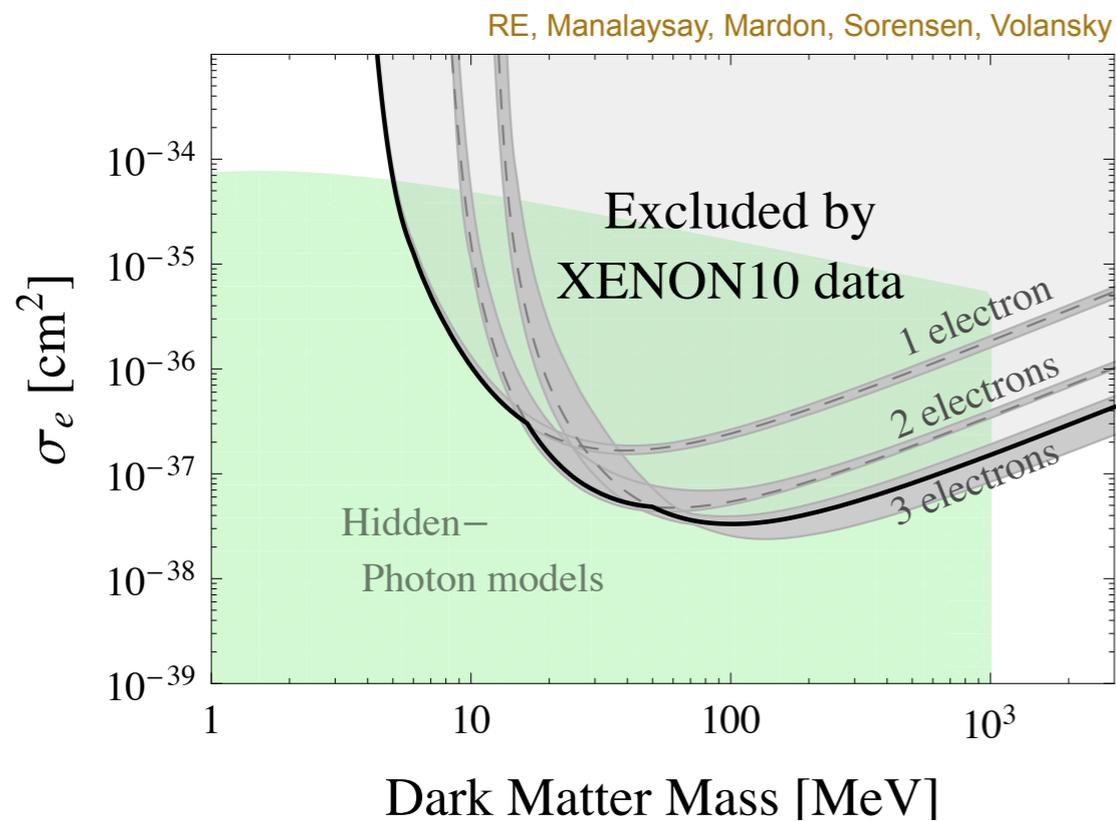
Constrained by halo shapes

Constrained by stars, terrestrial experiments

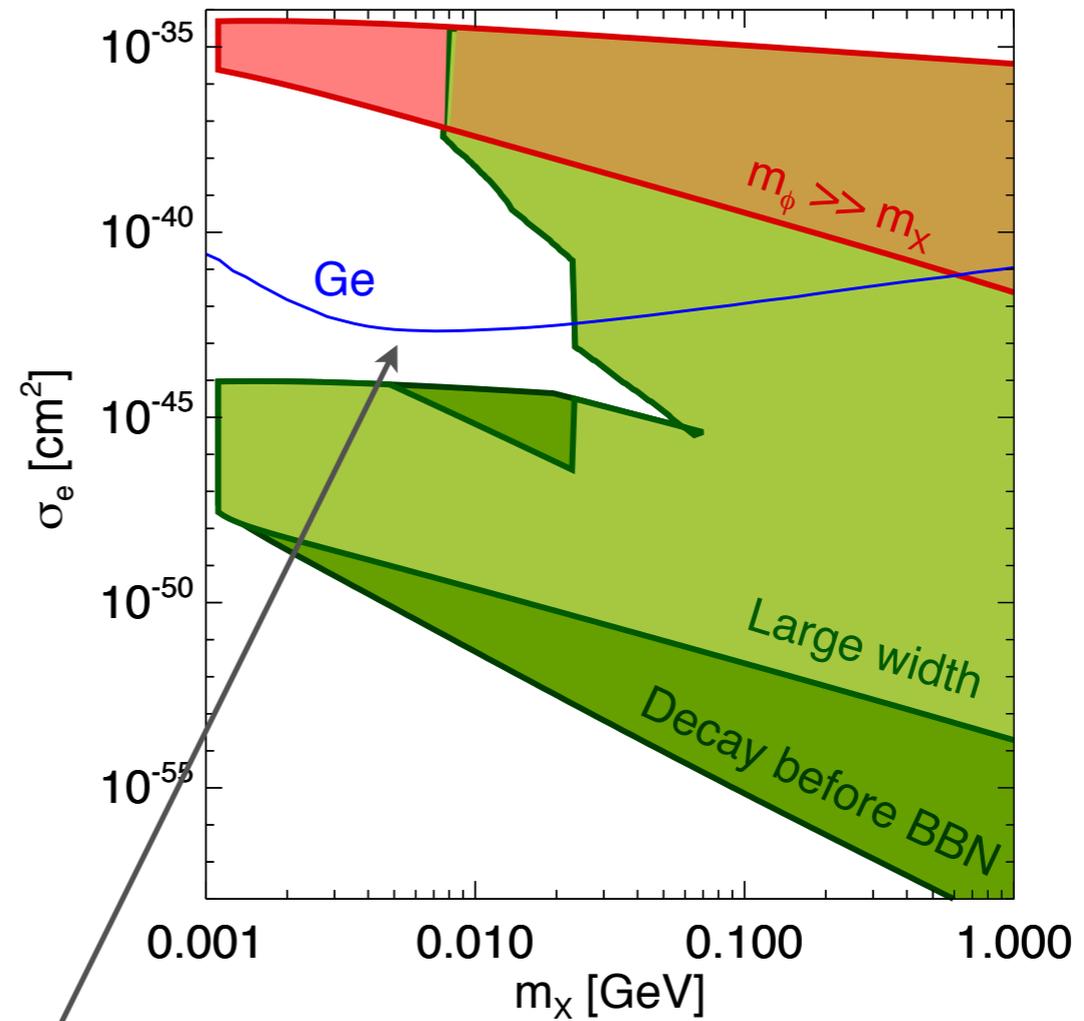
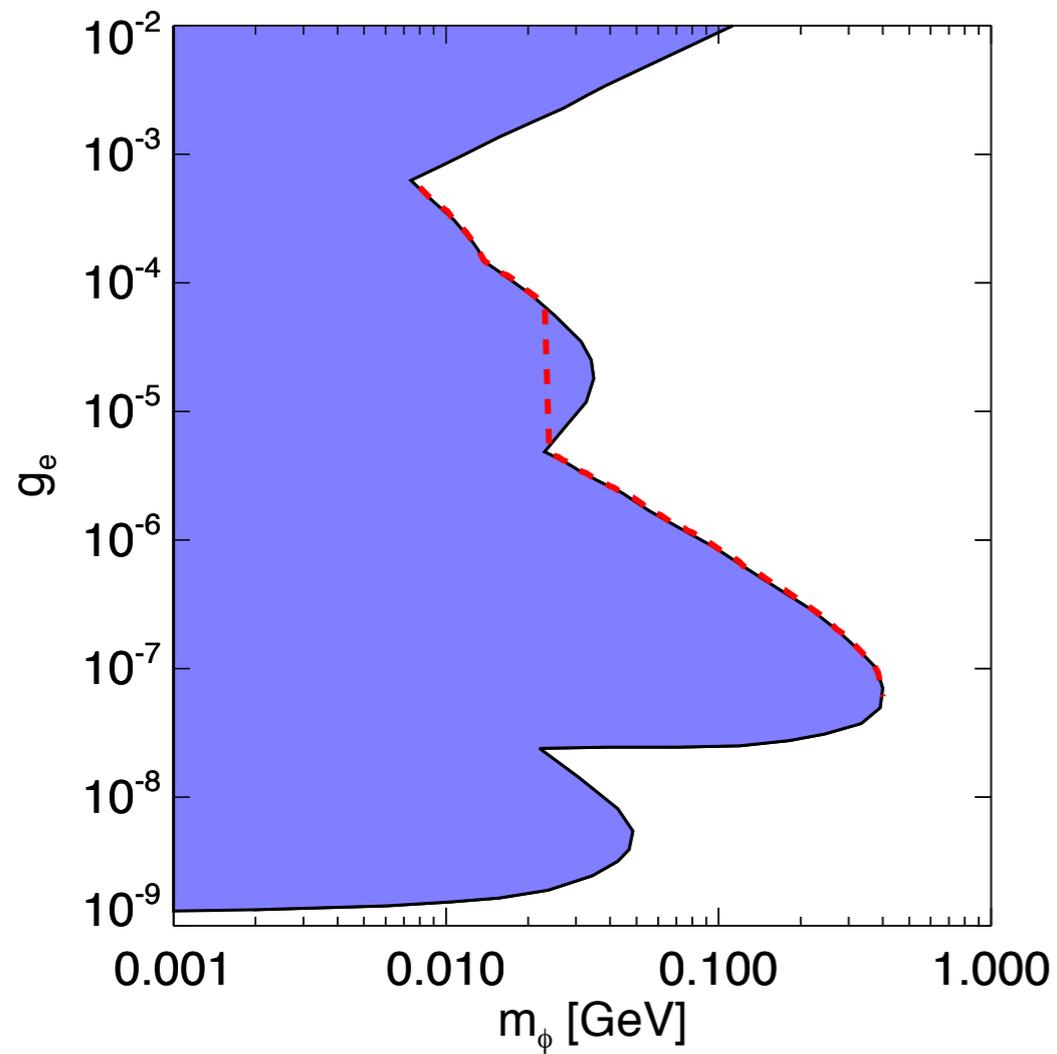
- What kinds of models can you look for?



Essig, Mardon, Volansky 1108.5383



# • Complementarity



Lin, Yu, KZ 1111.0293

Projected maximum sensitivity of direct detection experiment

Cut-out gives combined constraints of beam dump + supernova +  $g-2$

# Even lower masses...

- To the warm DM limit around keV
- Available kinetic energy in scattering

$$E_D \simeq \mu_{e,X} v^2$$

$$m_X \sim 1 \text{ MeV} \implies E_D \simeq 1 \text{ eV} \quad m_X \sim 1 \text{ keV} \implies E_D \simeq 1 \text{ meV}$$

- .... requires new technology; sub-eV thresholds
- Semi-conductors have  $\sim$ eV thresholds

# Superconductors

(Superconducting Detectors for Super  
Light Dark Matter; Hochberg, Zhao, KZ  
1504.07237)

- Superconductors! Cooper pairs have  $\sim$ meV binding energies
- Above this threshold electrons behave as free electrons in Fermi degenerate metal
- Ram an electron; create quasiparticles which random walk until absorbed by TES

# Superconductors

- Need to beat noise; current demonstrated noise levels in TES

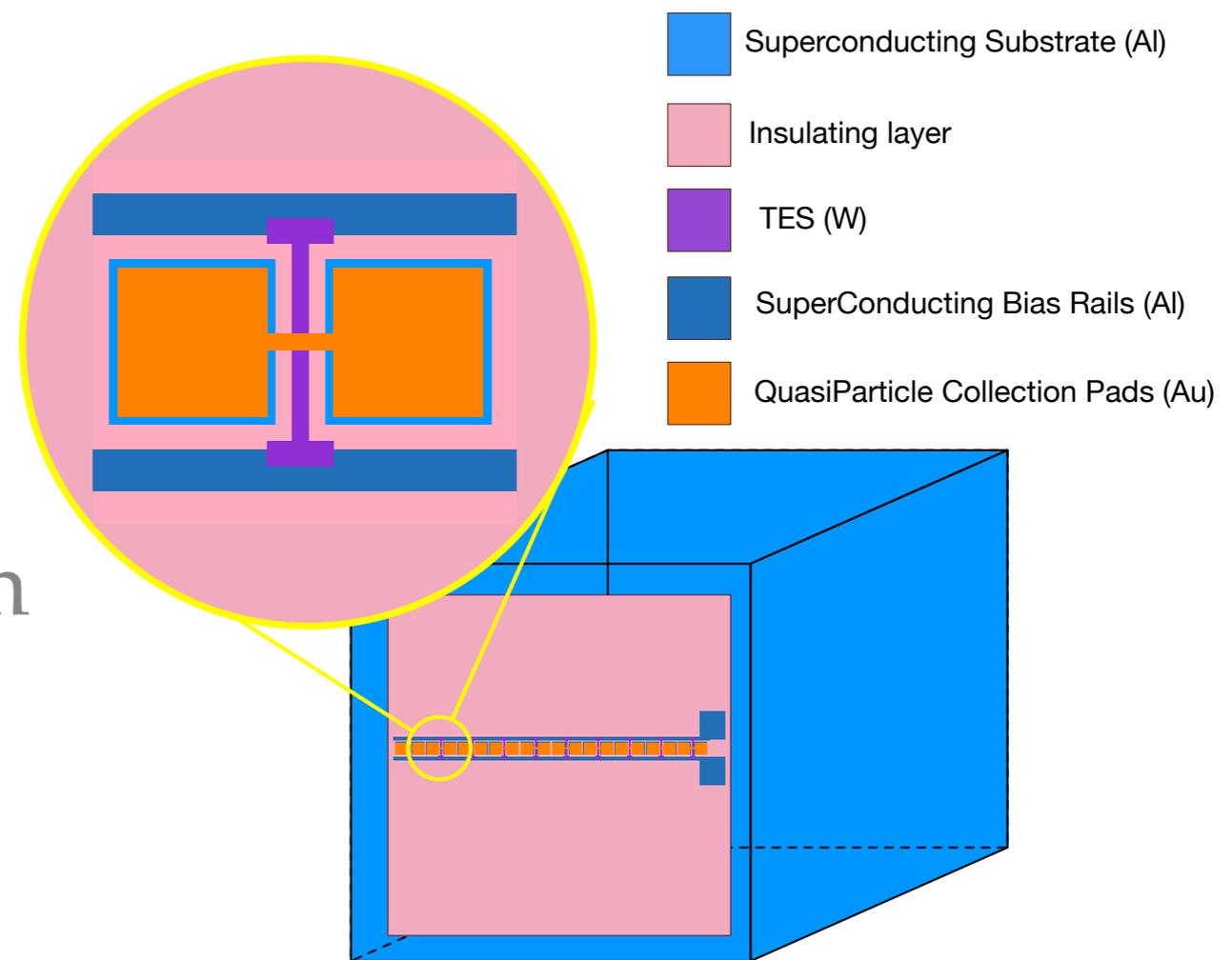
$$10^{-19} - 10^{-20} \text{W} / \sqrt{\text{Hz}}$$

- Corresponds to ~50-300 meV of energy over readout time of ~ms

# Detector concept

(Superconducting Detectors for Super Light Dark Matter; Hochberg, Zhao, KZ 1504.07237)

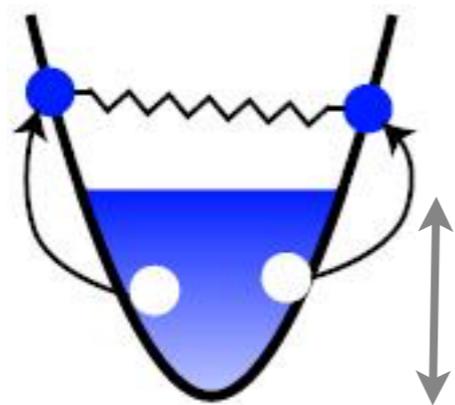
- Quasiparticle lifetime in excess of microsecond
- With velocity of  $10^{-2}c$ , plenty of time to random walk before being absorbed



Design by M. Pyle

# Rates & Constraints

- Scattering off electron in Fermi-degenerate metal: Pauli blocking



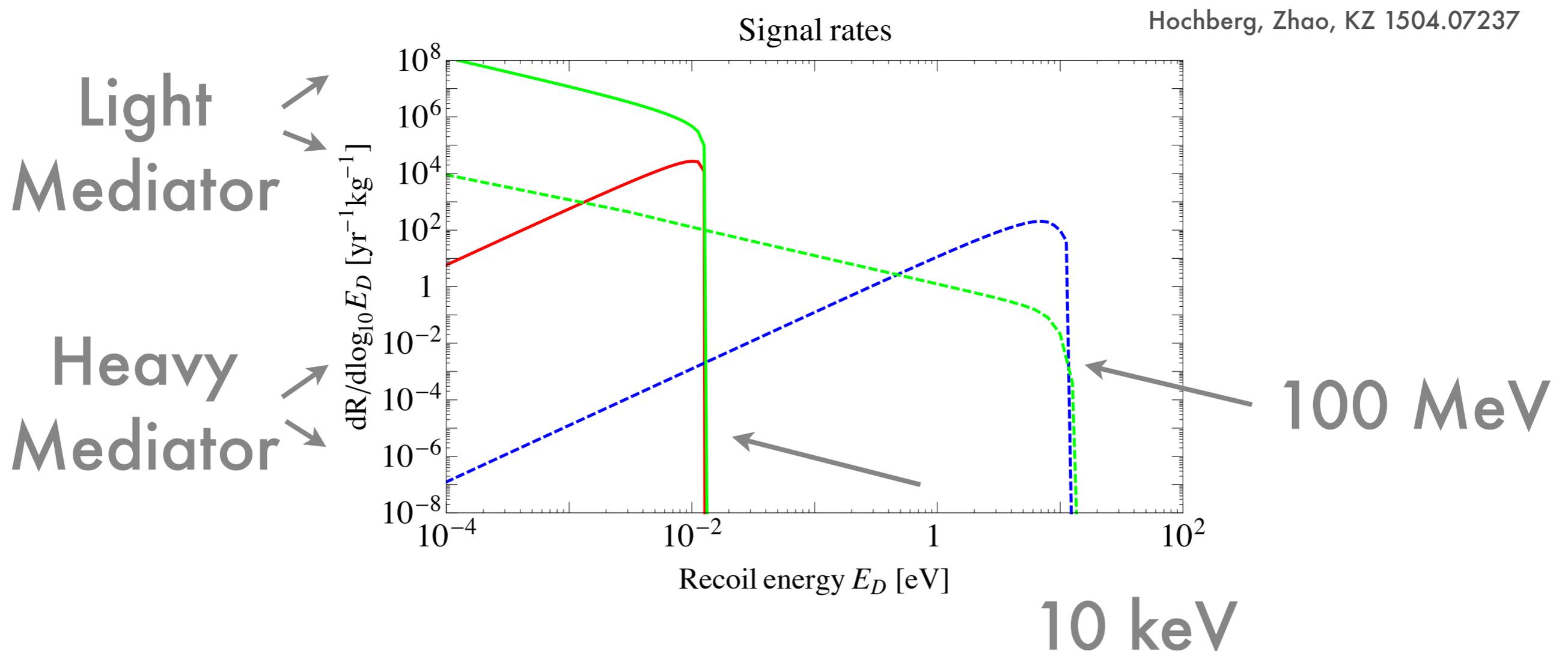
Hochberg, Zhao, KZ 1504.07237

$$E_F \sim 10 \text{ eV}$$

$$\langle n_e \sigma v_{\text{rel}} \rangle = \int \frac{d^3 p_3}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{\langle |\mathcal{M}|^2 \rangle}{16 E_1 E_2 E_3 E_4} S(E_D, |\mathbf{q}|), \quad (1)$$
$$S(E_D, |\mathbf{q}|) = 2 \int \frac{d^3 p_2}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{d^3 p_4}{(2\pi)^3} (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(P_1 + P_2 - P_3 - P_4) \\ \times f_2(E_2)(1 - f_4(E_4)),$$

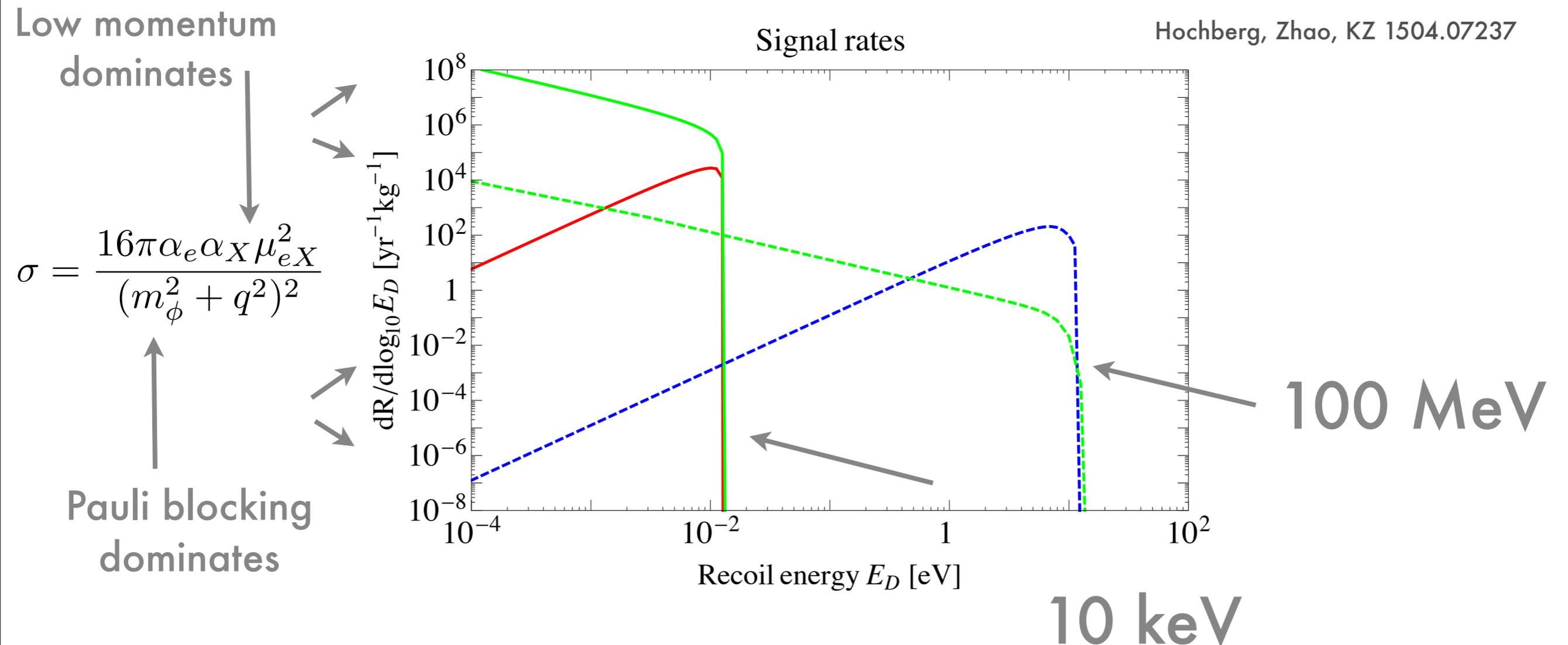
# Rates & Constraints

Rate curves consistent with all astrophysical, cosmological and terrestrial constraints



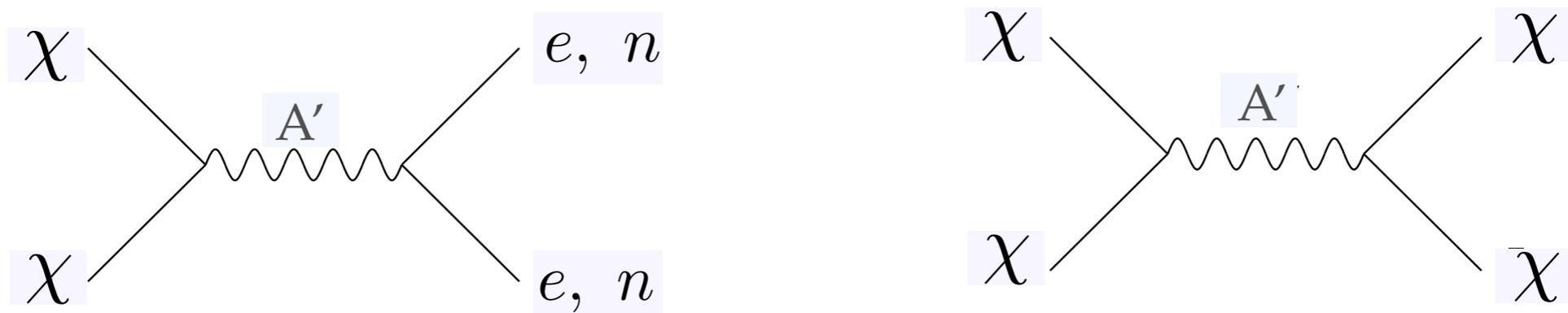
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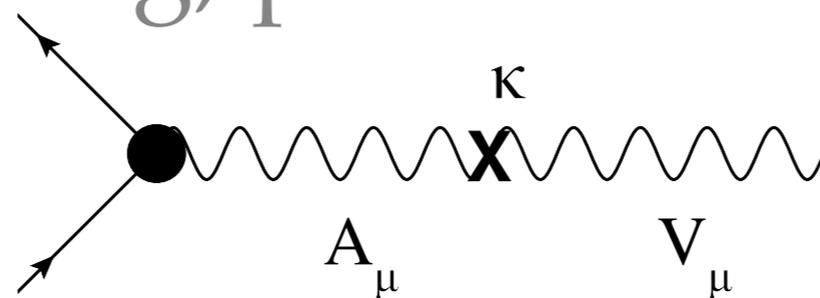


# Constraints

- Sample simplified model
- Same process that mediates scattering with electrons mediates self-scattering

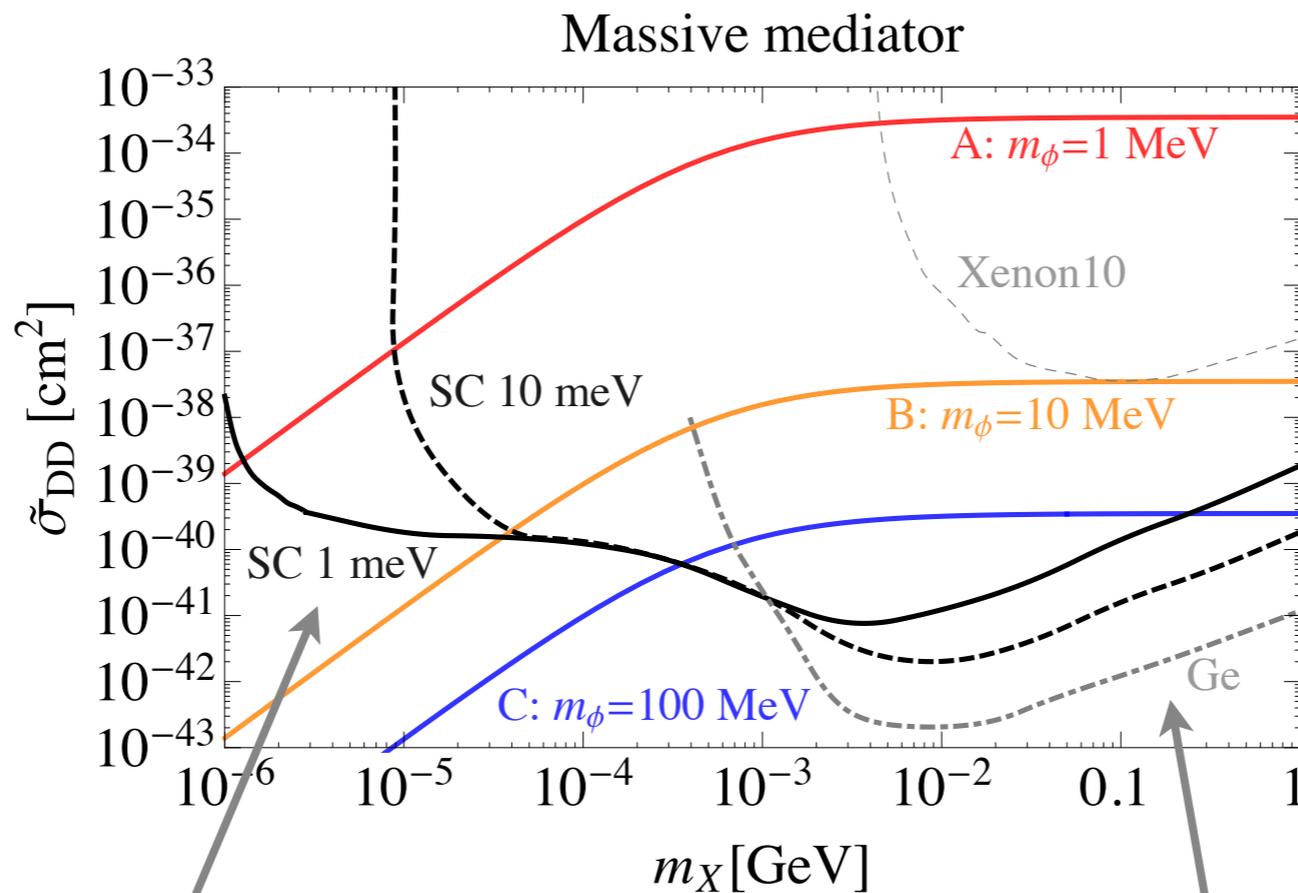


- Sufficiently light mediator can lead to stellar cooling; plasmon decay



# Reach

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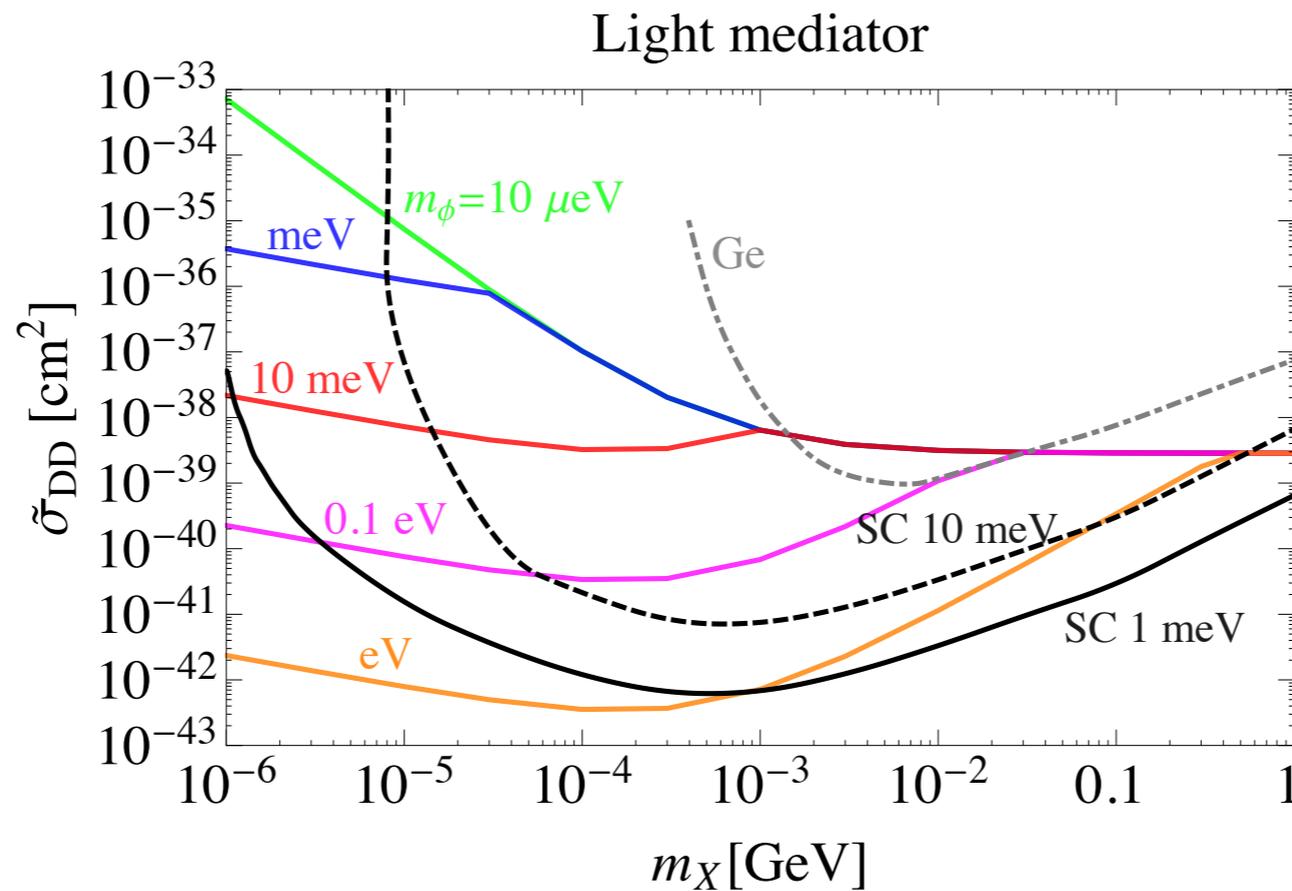
Models satisfy  
astro and  
terrestrial  
constraints

Superconductor with  
1 or 10 meV  
threshold

Ge Semiconductor

# Reach

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For light mediator, superconductors win over semiconductors because of low threshold

# Prospects

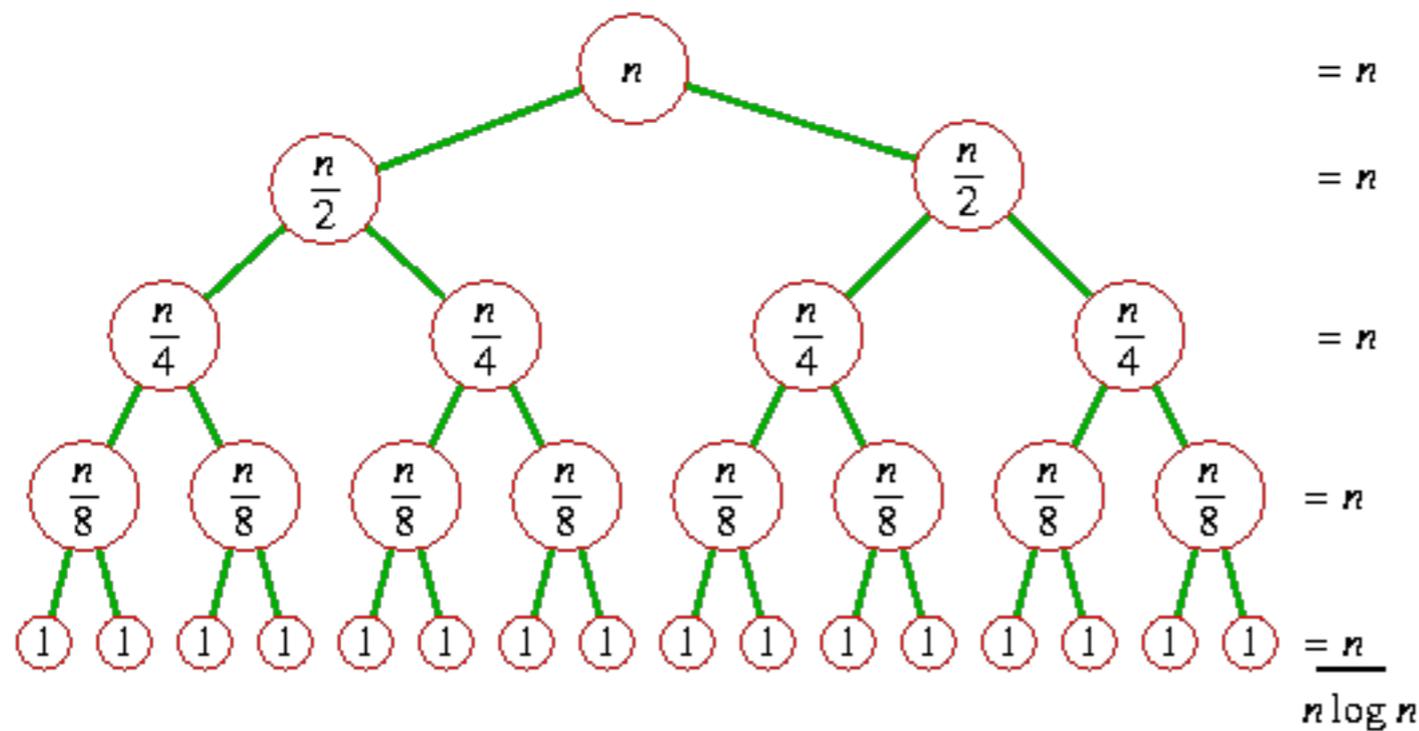
- Substantial R&D will be necessary to lower noise to level that meV energies are detectable. However, everything currently being done for semiconductors can be ported
- Models satisfying all constraints are within reach; more work remains on relic density mechanisms

# Conclusions, Lessons for Future

- Moving beyond the WIMP happens as we move beyond the weak scale; if we fail to find new physics at weak scale, hunt for DM must continue
- Leverage development of technology for WIMP to broaden searchlight --> natural place to go is lighter
- Astrophysics and cosmology will continue to be crucial companions

# Conclusions, Lessons for Future

- Need systematic, multi-pronged approach; probably still too self-limited



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Objects  
AMS  
CDMS  
COUPP  
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Icecube  
KIMS  
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