

New Directions for Nuclear Dark Matter

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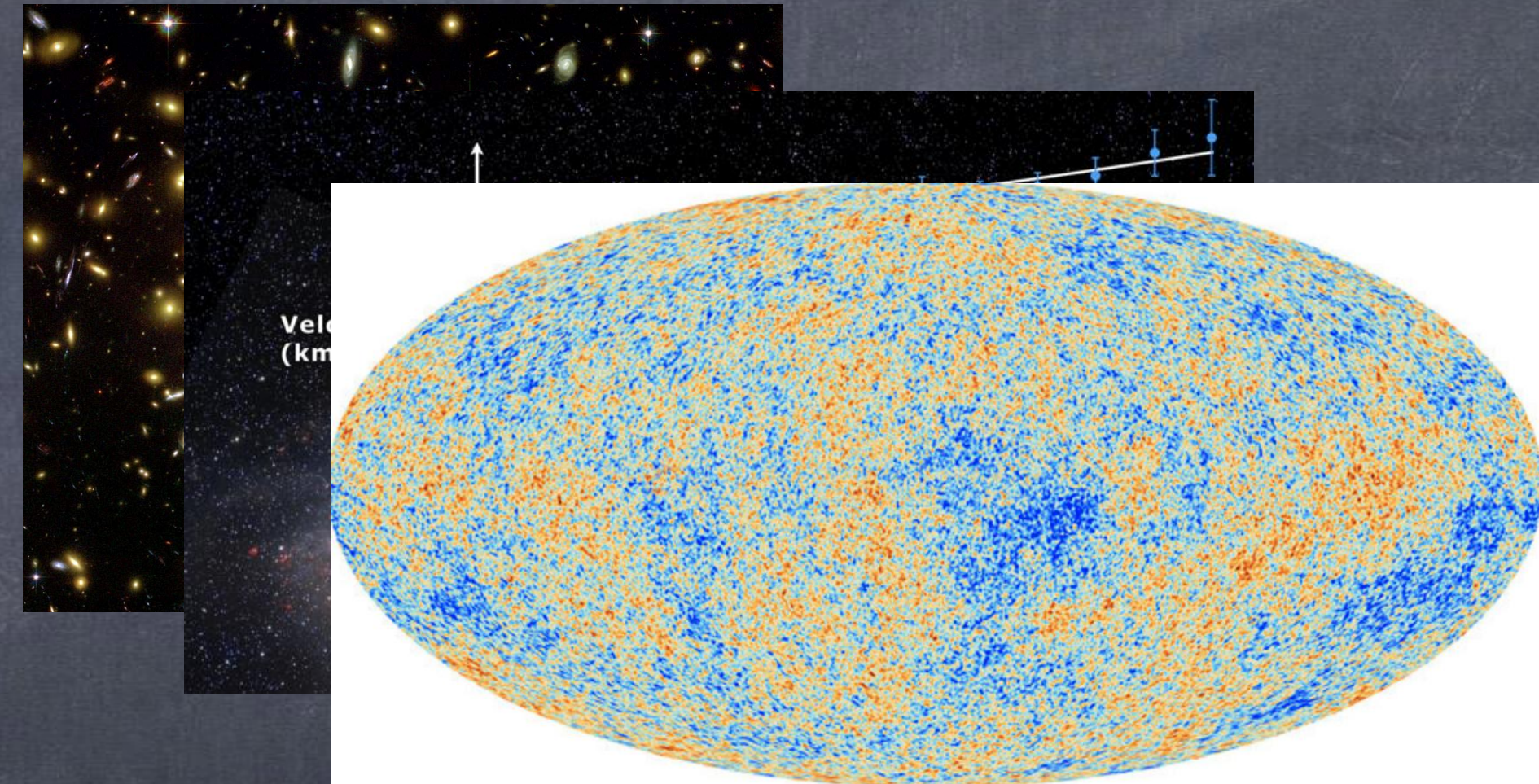
Dark Matter is a New Particle

Not ordinary Matter:

$$\Omega_{\text{DM}} \gg \Omega_{\text{Baryons}}$$

(CMB) (BBN, CMB)

Not MOND:



Not light Neutrinos:

$$\Omega_{\nu} \approx 0.02 \left(\frac{m_{\nu}}{\text{eV}} \right)$$

Dark Matter was made in the EU



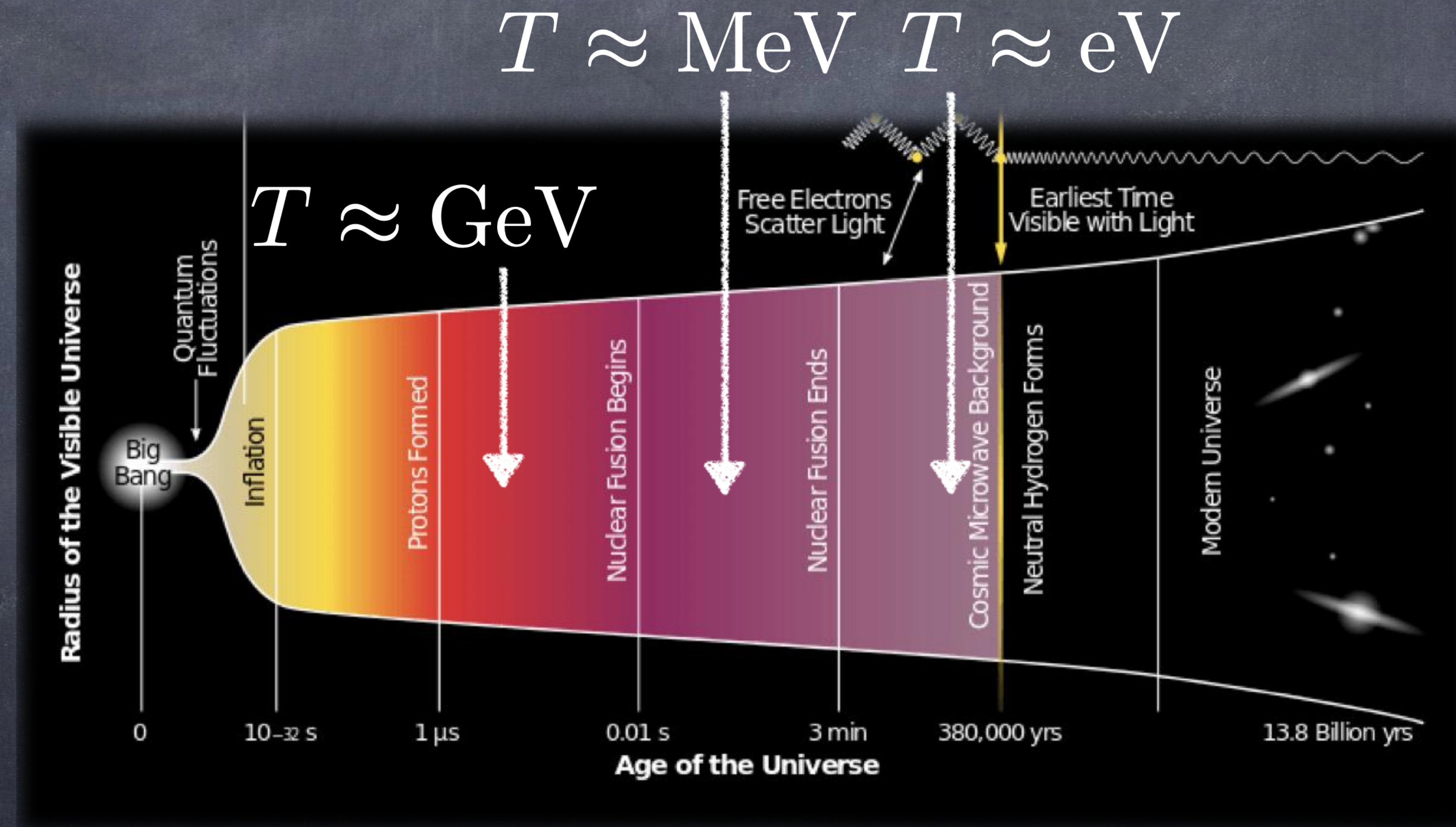
1. The EU is very hot

$$T \gg M$$

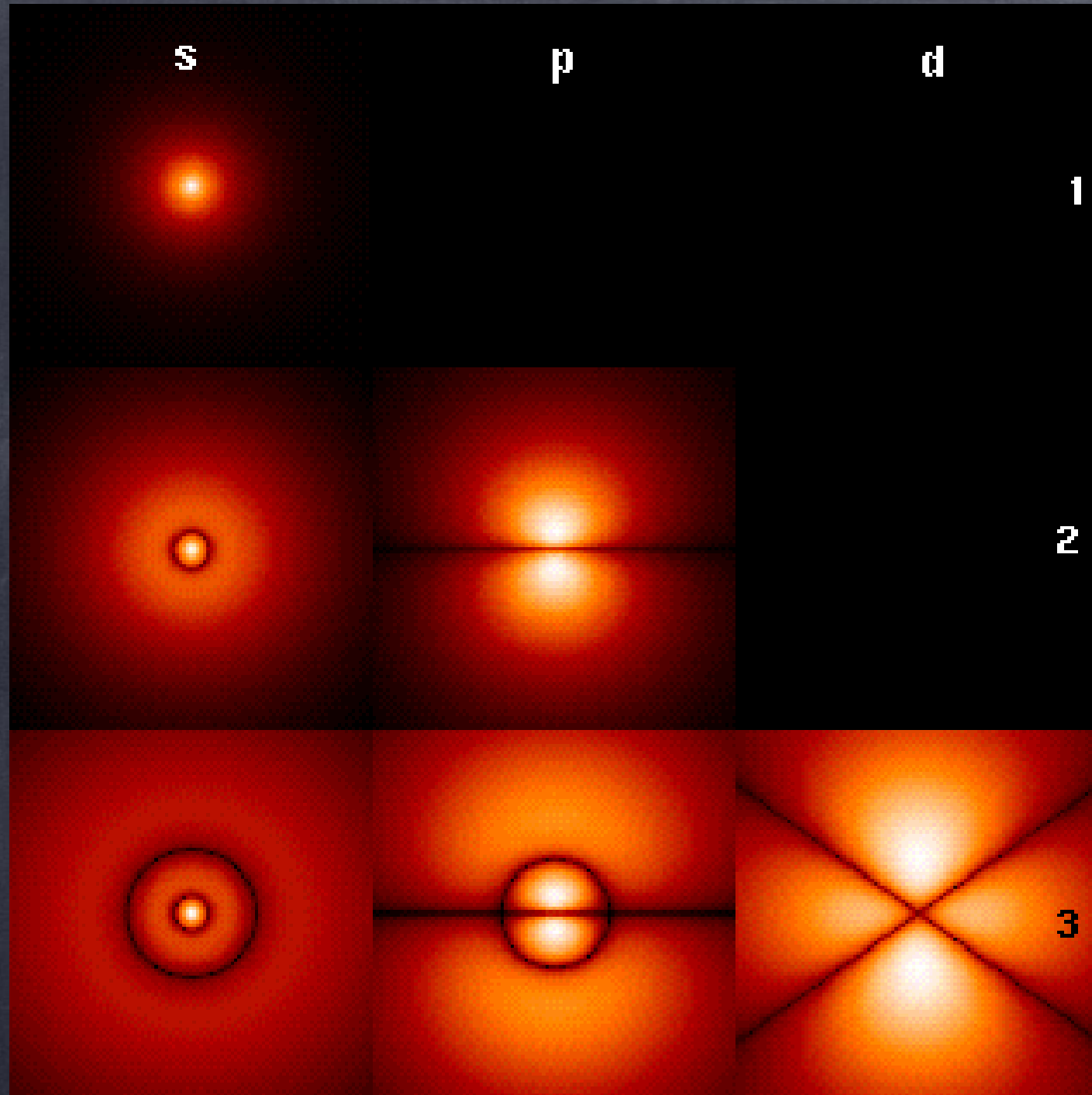
2. $E = Mc^2$ ensures*

abundant

production



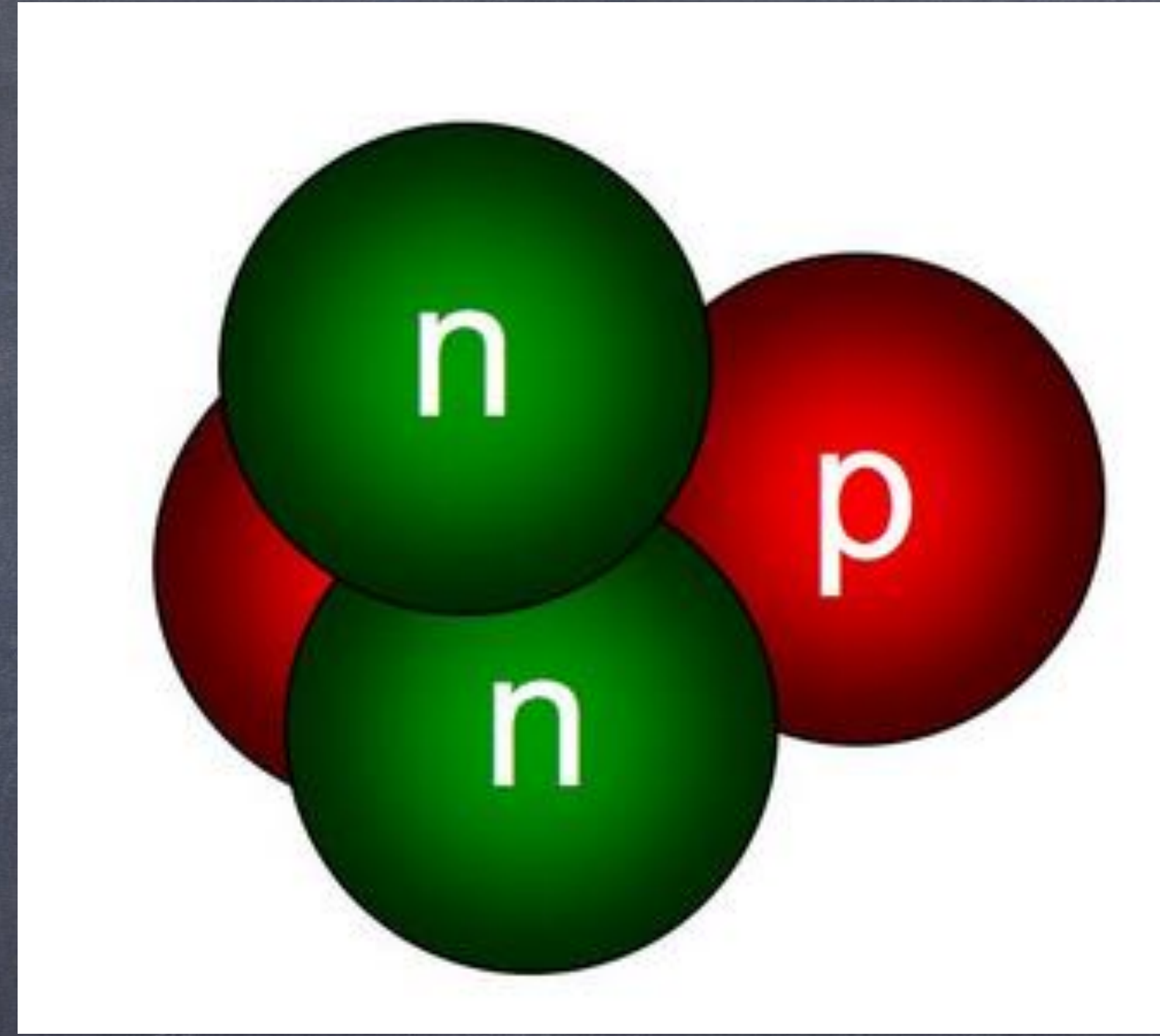
Dark Matter probes the EU



Hydrogen Atom

Cosmic Microwave
Radiation

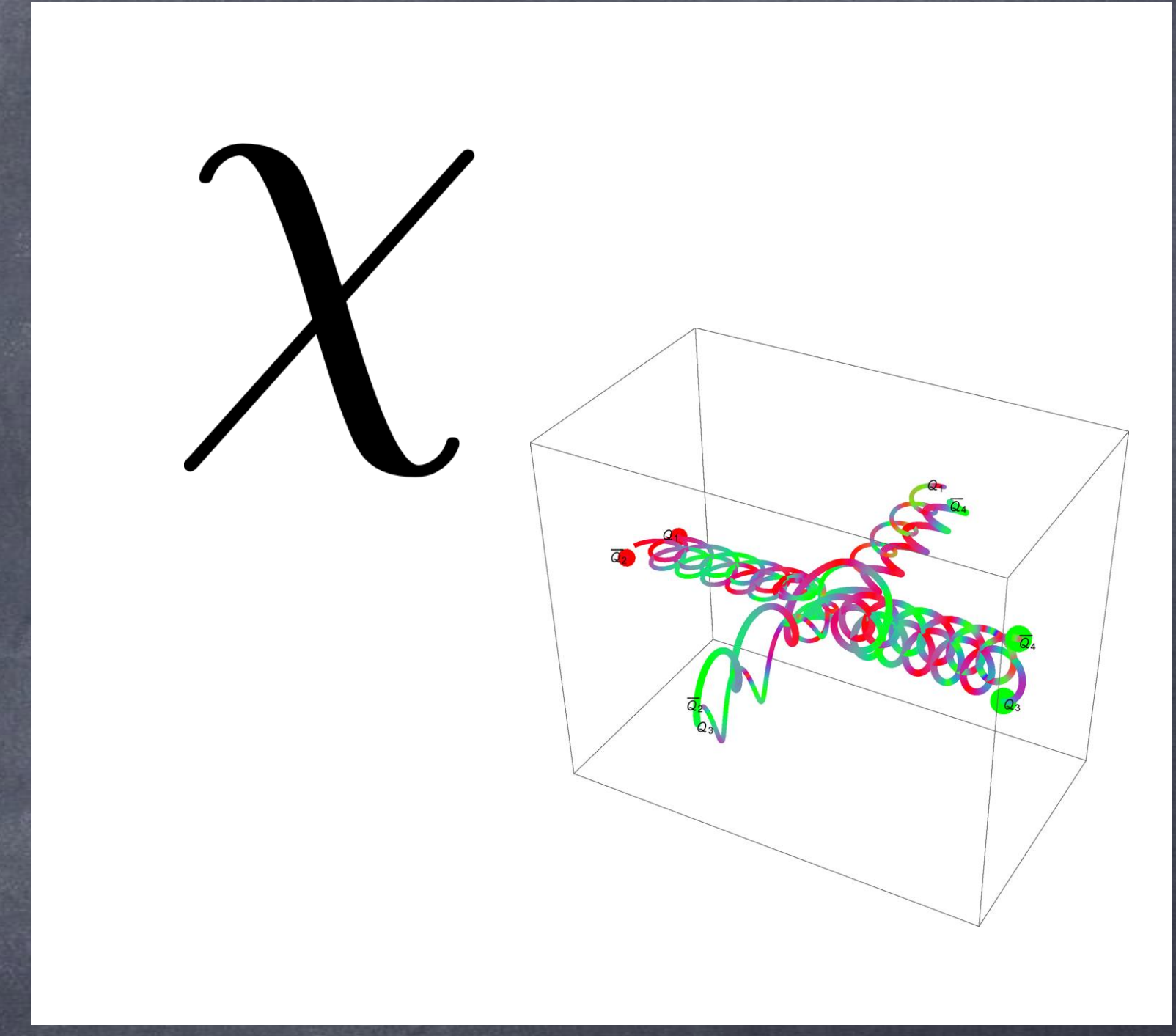
$t \approx 300\,000$ years



Light Nuclei

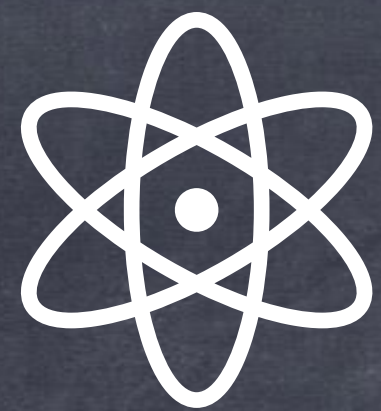
Big Bang Nucleosynthesis
H and He abundance

$t \approx 1$ sec.

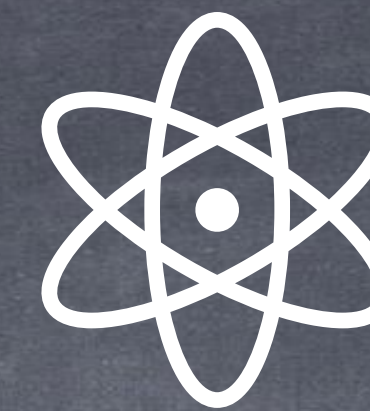


Dark States

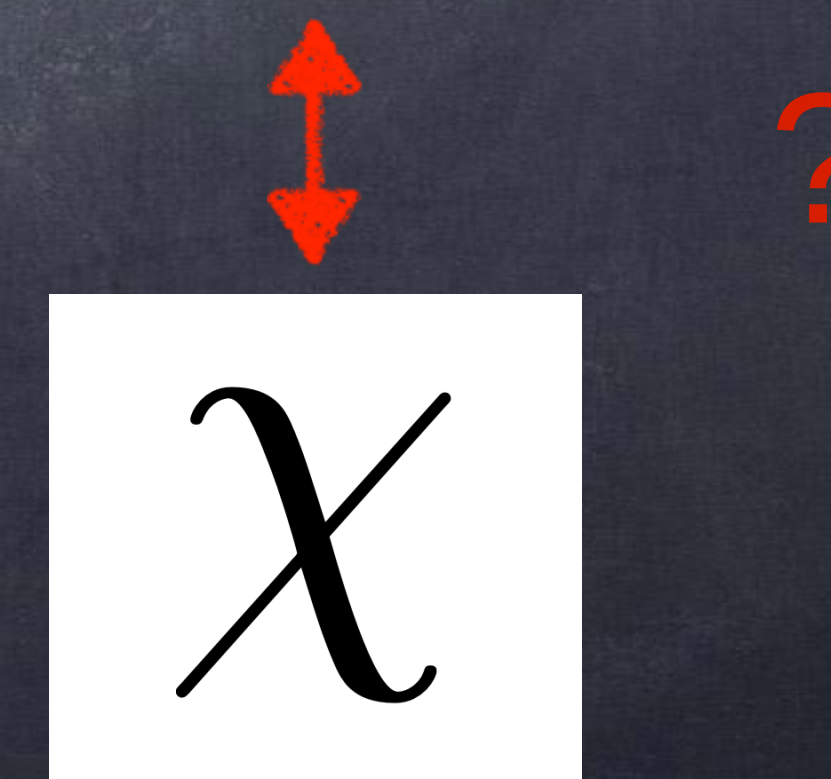
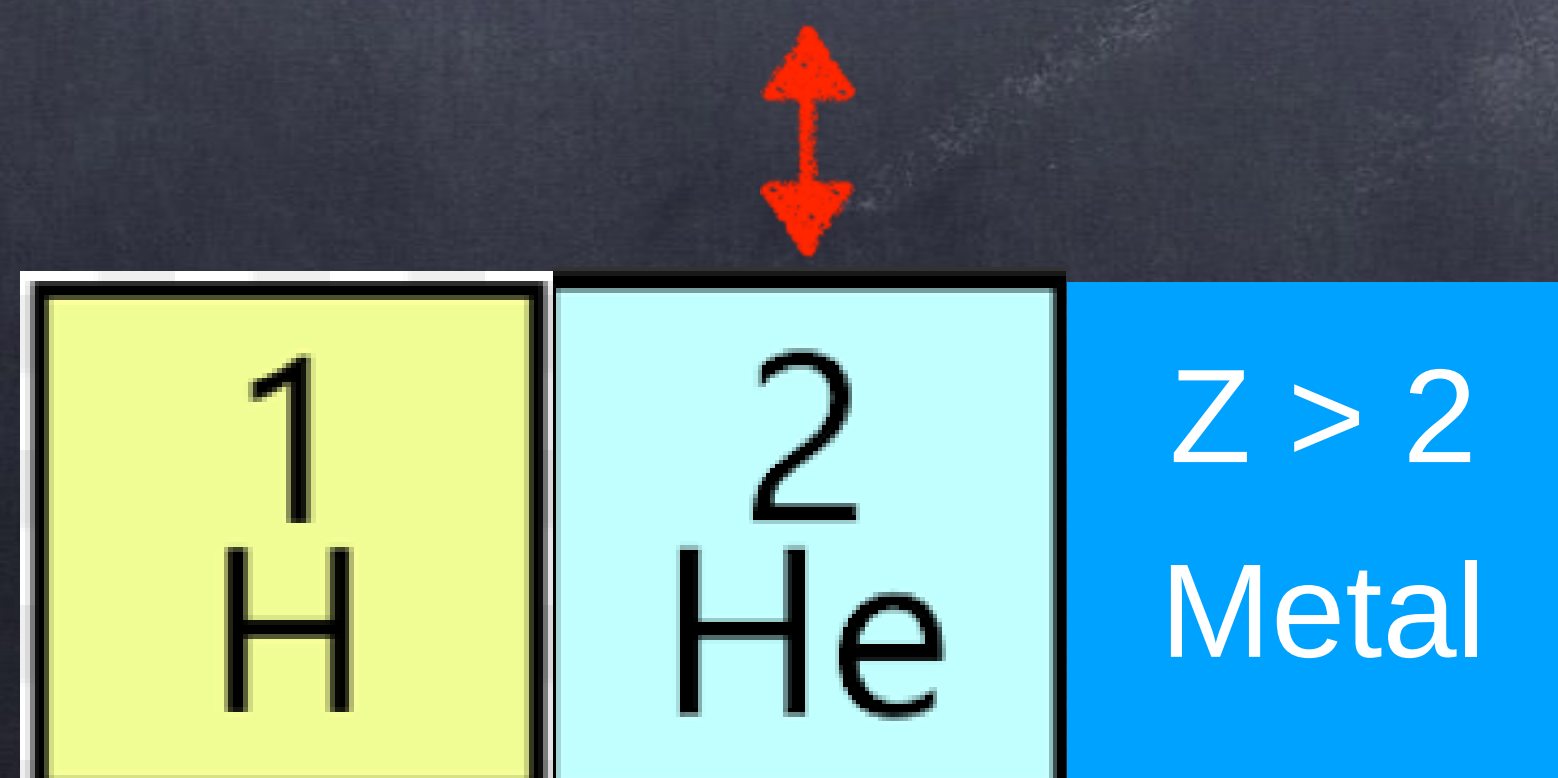
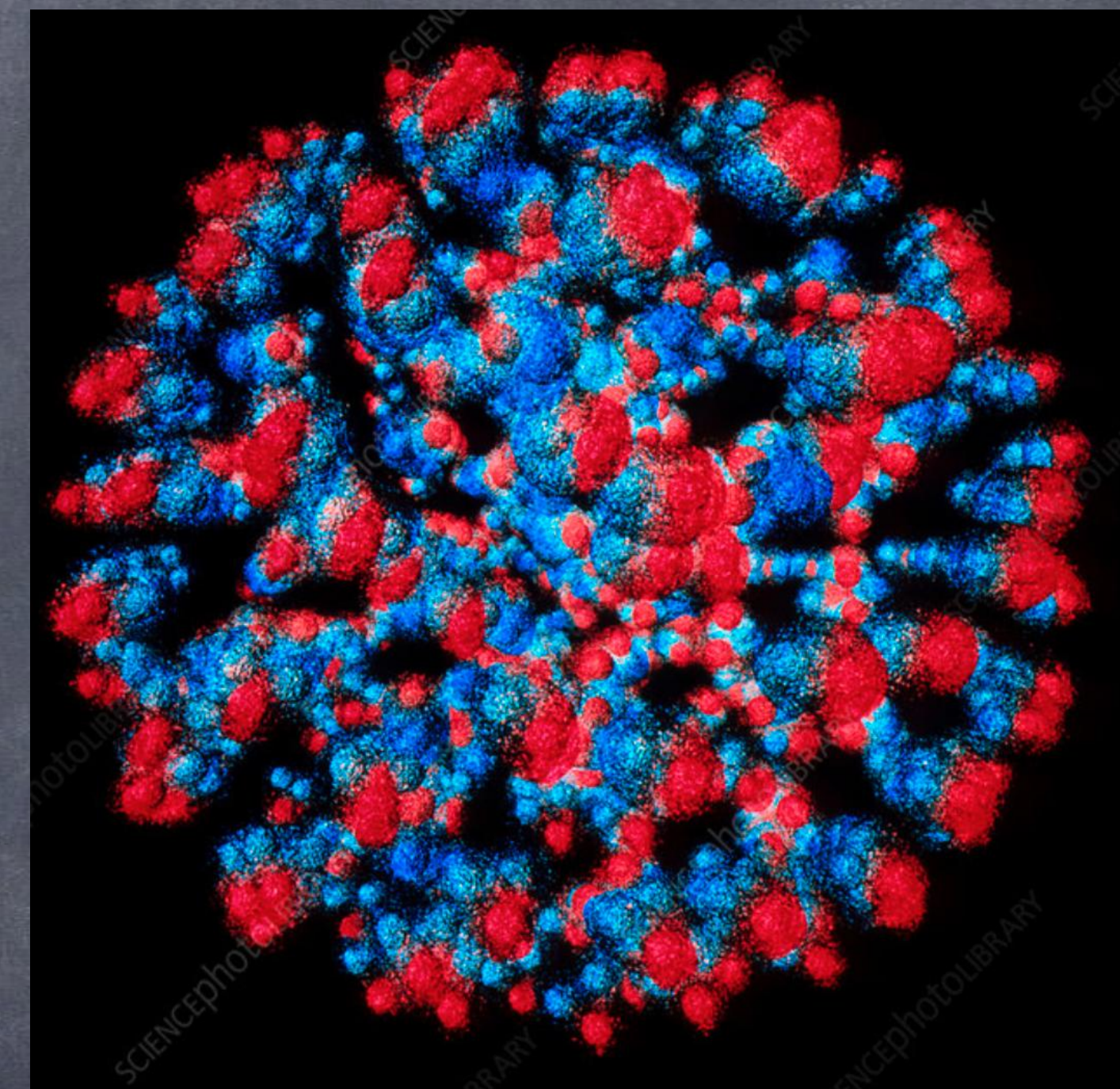
DM Genesis
 $t < 1$ sec.



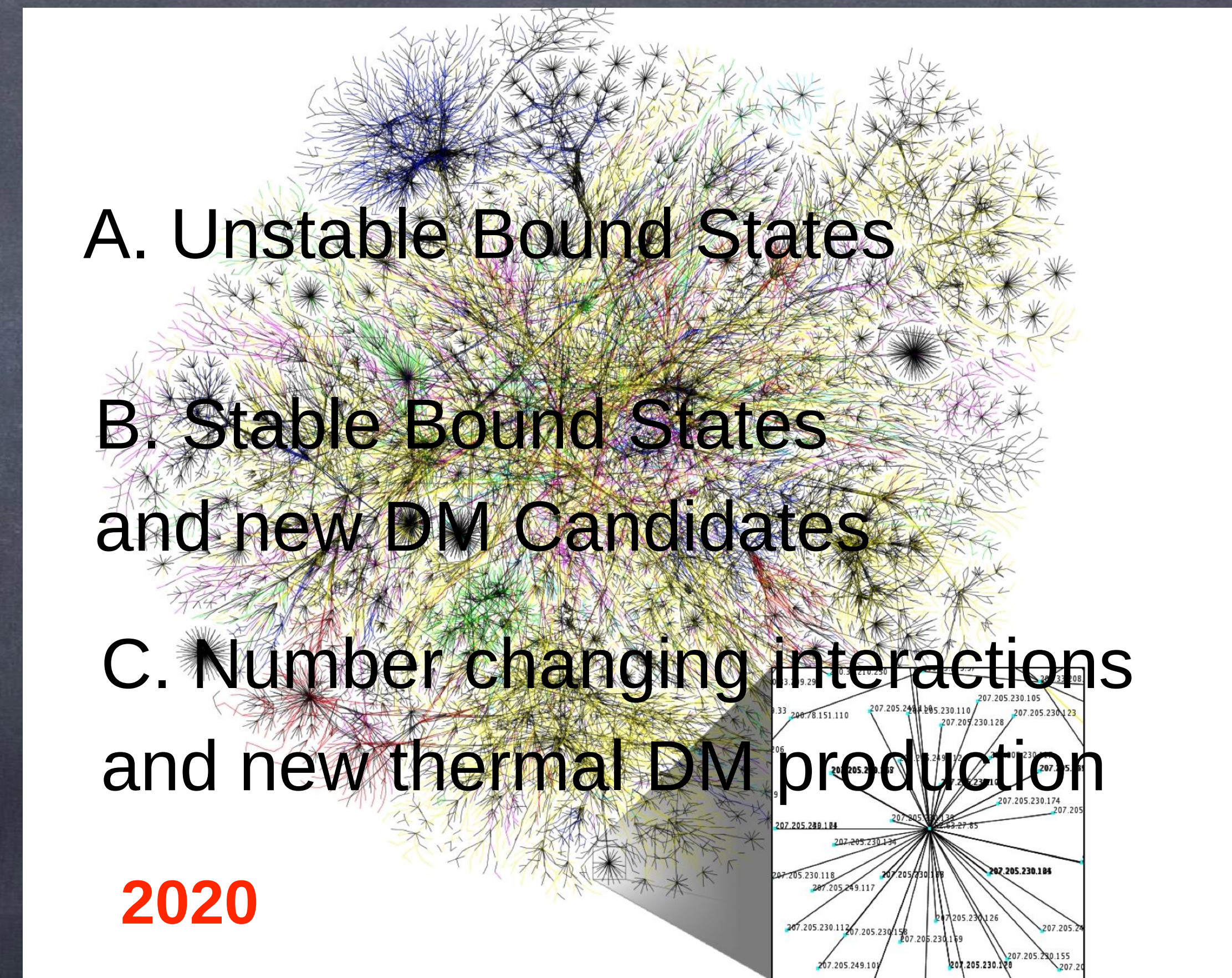
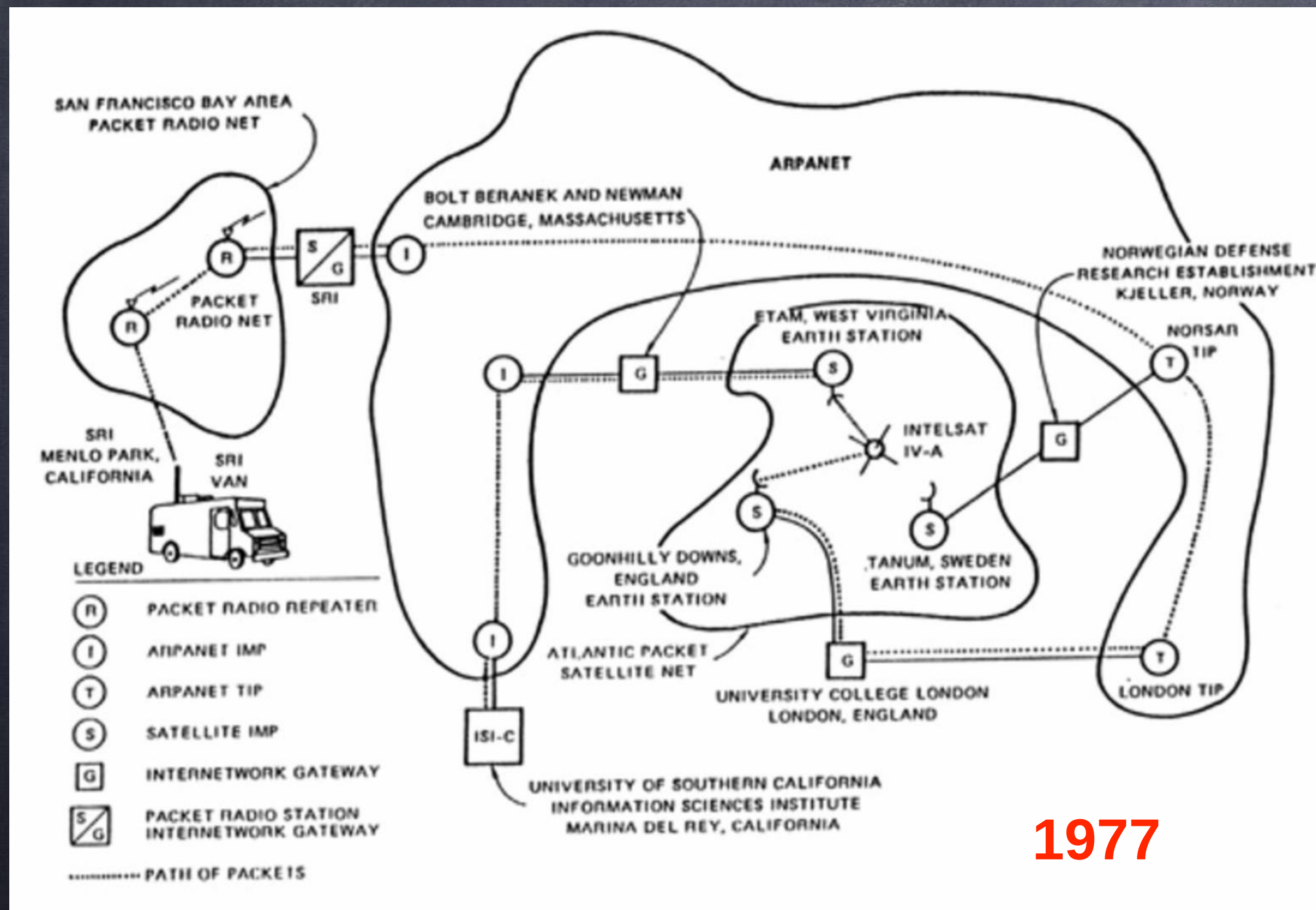
Matter has structure



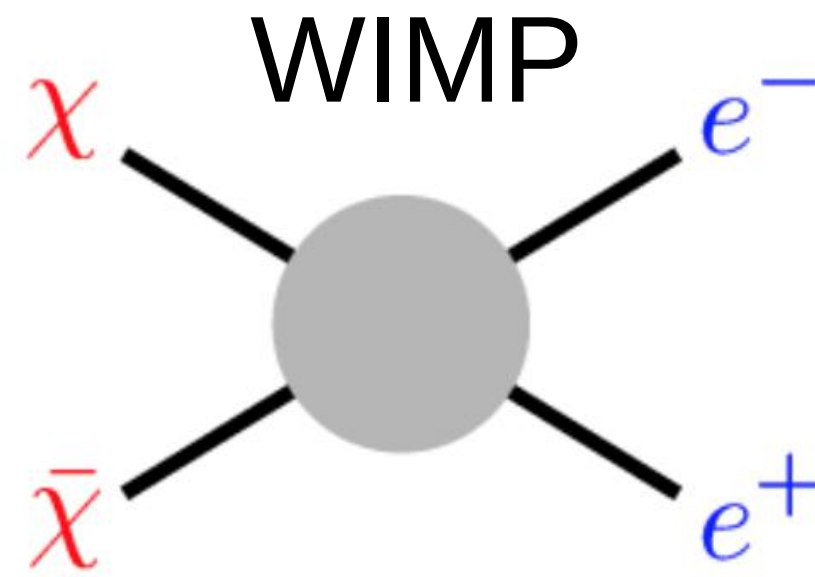
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1	1 H																	2 He
2	3 Li	4 Be											5 B	6 C	7 N	8 O	9 F	10 Ne
3	11 Na	12 Mg											13 Al	14 Si	15 P	16 S	17 Cl	18 Ar
4	19 K	20 Ca	21 Sc	22 Ti	23 V	24 Cr	25 Mn	26 Fe	27 Co	28 Ni	29 Cu	30 Zn	31 Ga	32 Ge	33 As	34 Se	35 Br	36 Kr
5	37 Rb	38 Sr	39 Y	40 Zr	41 Nb	42 Mo	43 Tc	44 Ru	45 Rh	46 Pd	47 Ag	48 Cd	49 In	50 Sn	51 Sb	52 Te	53 I	54 Xe
6	55 Cs	56 Ba	57 La	72 Hf	73 Ta	74 W	75 Re	76 Os	77 Ir	78 Pt	79 Au	80 Hg	81 Tl	82 Pb	83 Bi	84 Po	85 At	86 Rn
7	87 Fr	88 Ra	89 Ac	104 Rf	105 Db	106 Sg	107 Bh	108 Hs	109 Mt	110 Ds	111 Rg	112 Cn	113 Nh	114 Fl	115 Mc	116 Lv	117 Ts	118 Og
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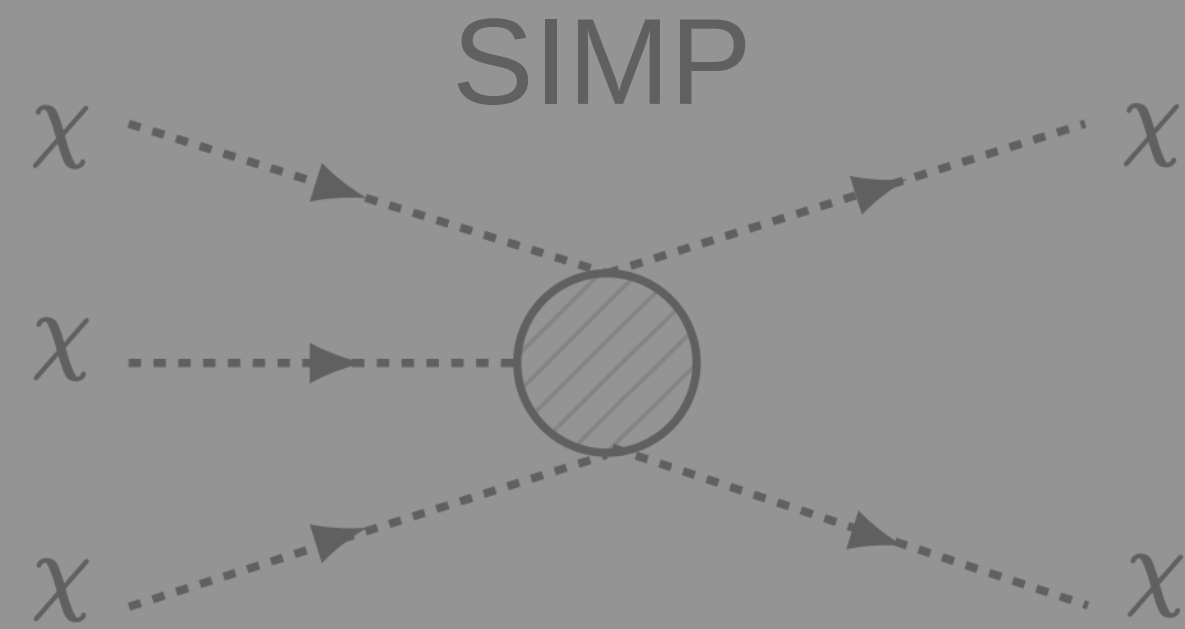
Is Dark Matter complex?



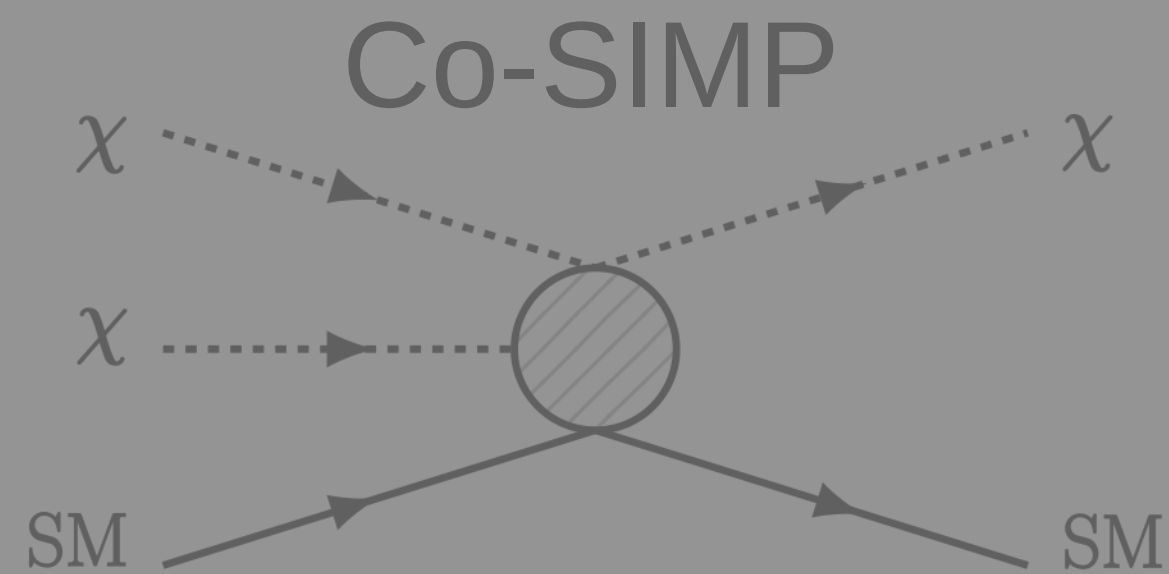
Freezeout in the EU



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$$\Gamma_{\text{DM}} = \langle \sigma v_{\text{rel.}} \rangle n_{\text{DM}} > H(T)$$

$$\Omega_{\text{DM}} h^2 \approx \frac{0.12}{\langle \sigma v_{\text{rel.}} \rangle [25 \text{ TeV}]^2}$$

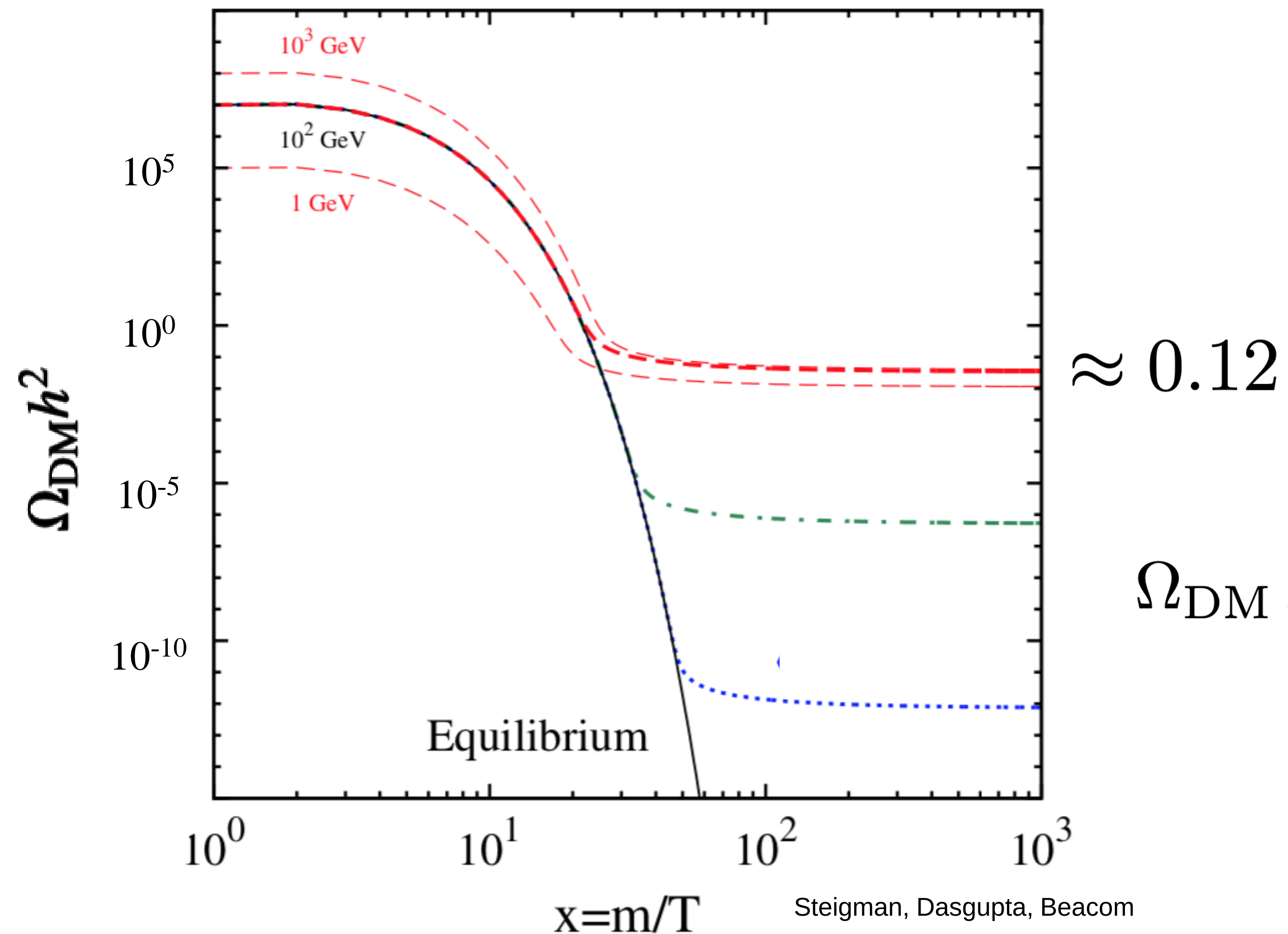
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$$\Omega_{\text{DM}} h^2 \approx \left(\frac{\text{MeV}}{m_{\text{DM}}} \right)^3 \frac{0.12}{\langle \sigma_{3 \rightarrow 2} v_{\text{rel.}}^2 \rangle [100 \text{ MeV}]^5}$$

WIMP Freezeout

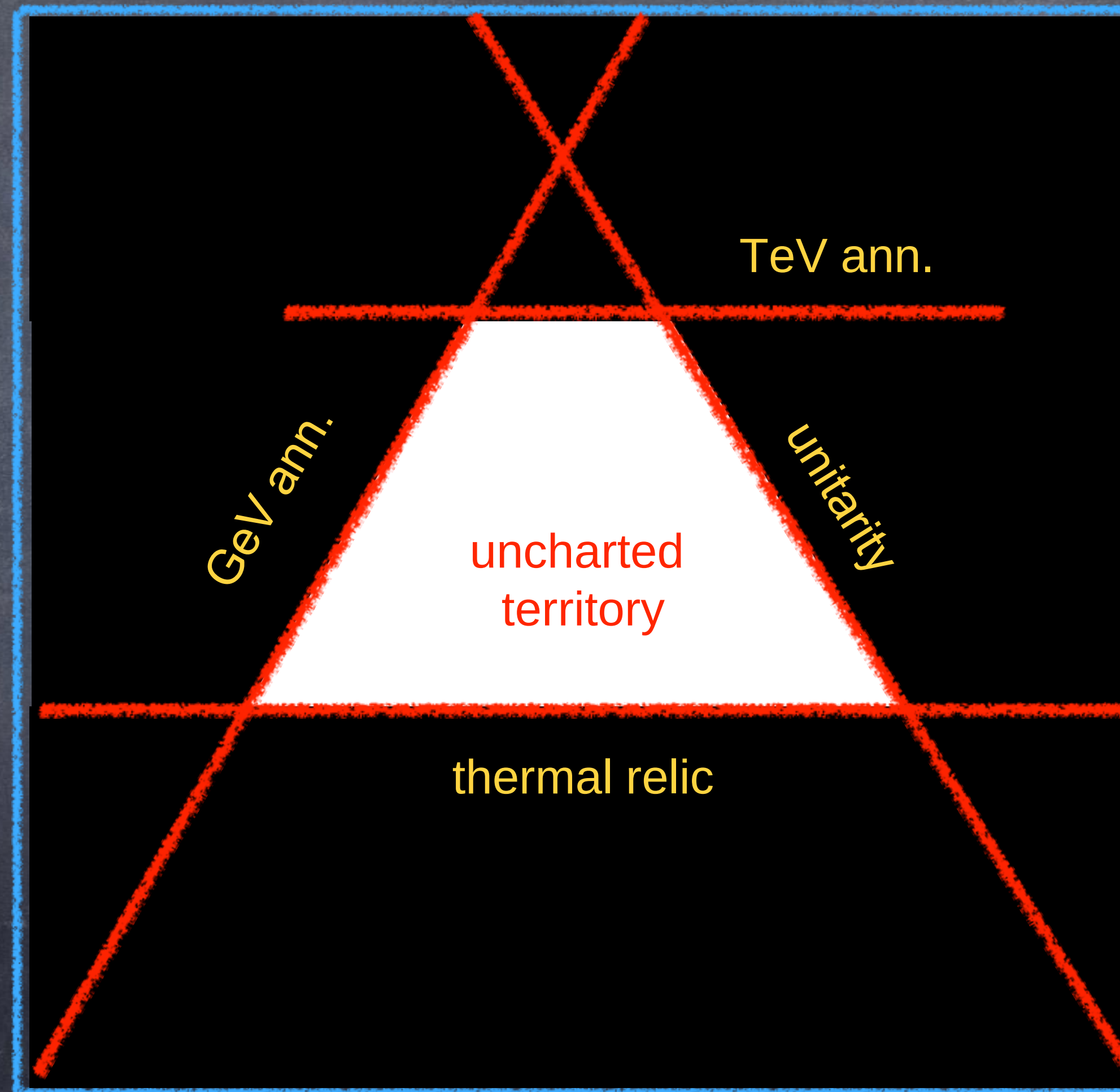


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arXiv: 1204.3622

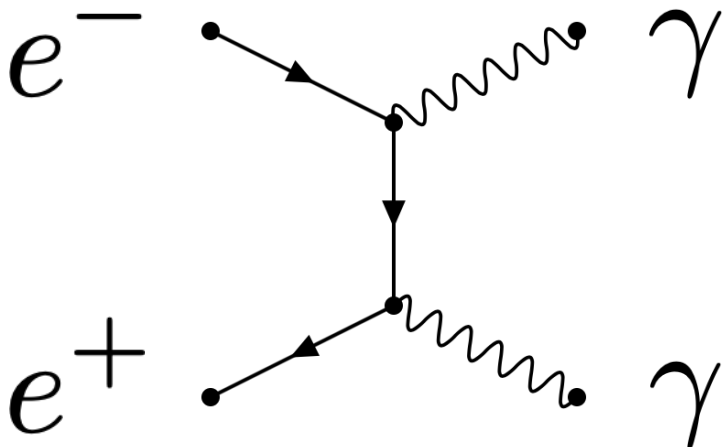
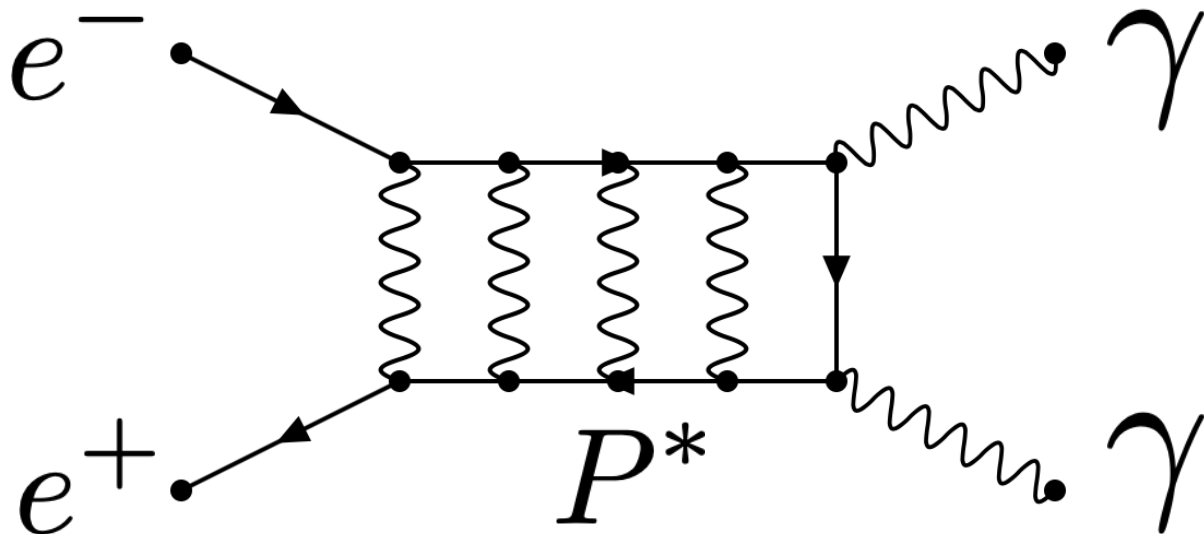
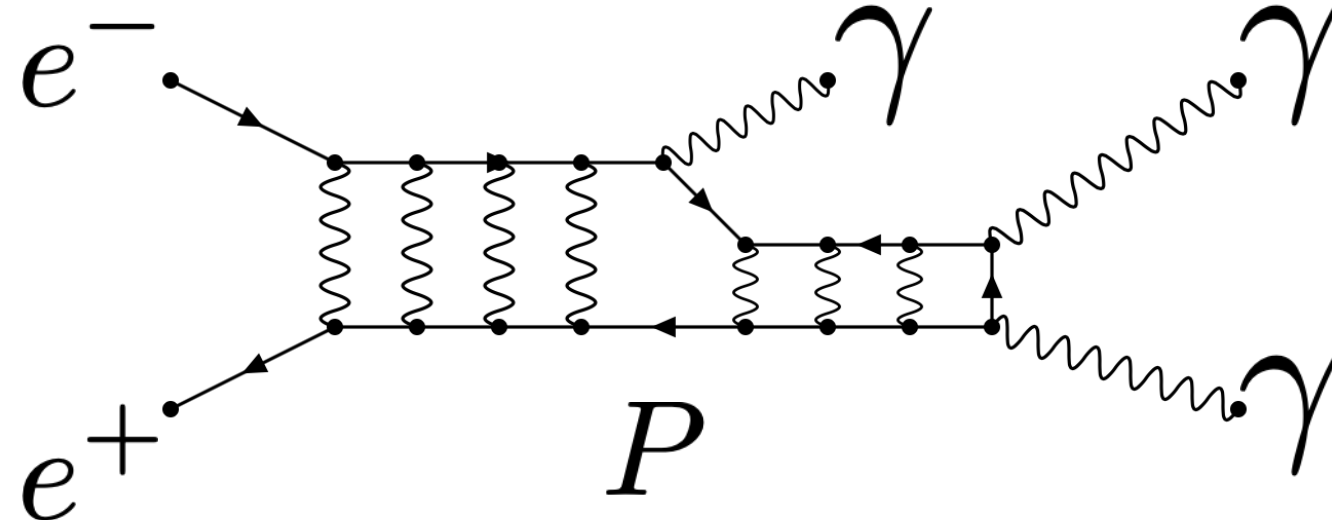
Cartoon Overview of Approach

Dark Matter Annihilation $\langle\sigma v_{\text{rel.}}\rangle$



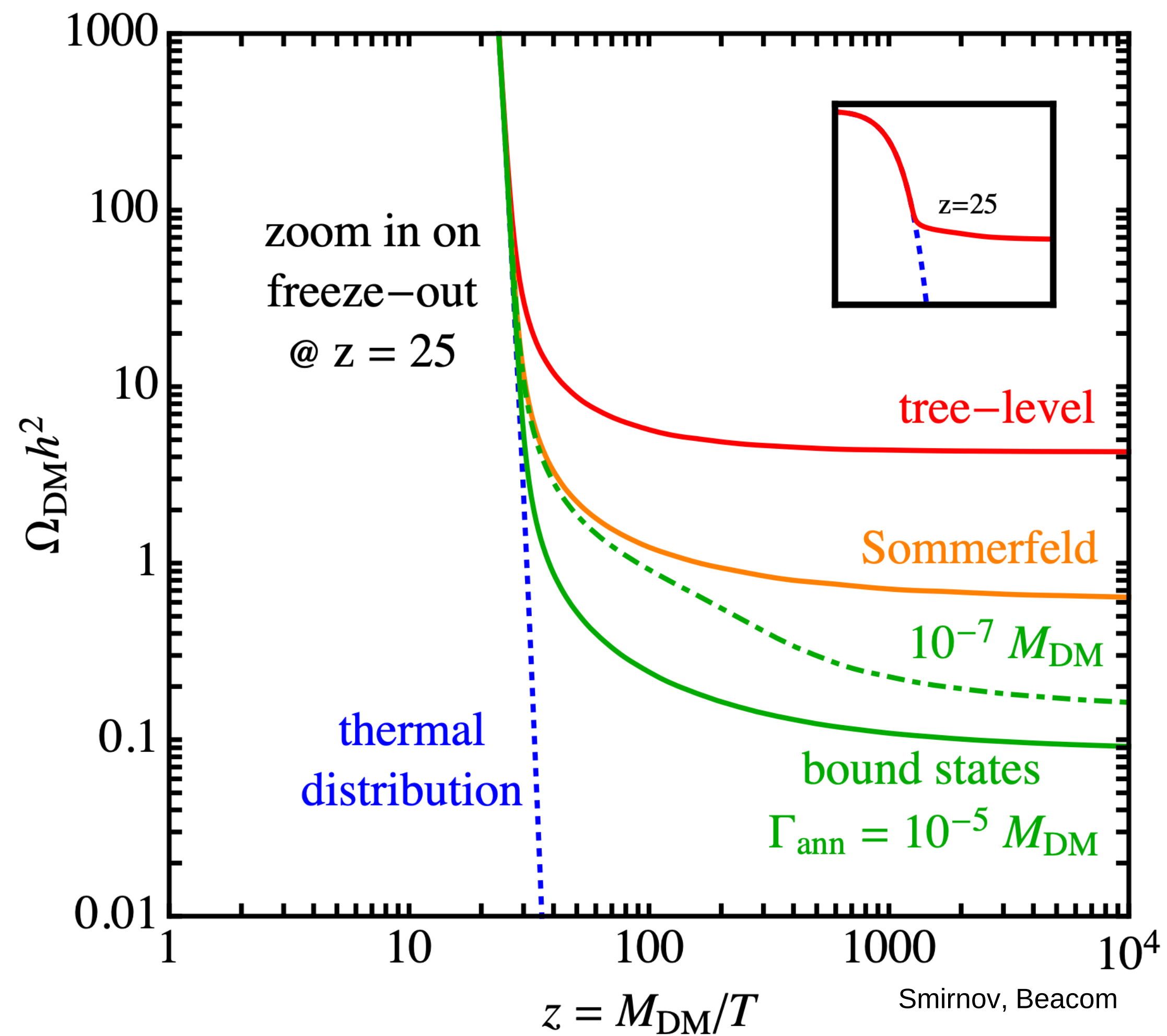
Dark Matter Mass

Unstable DM Bound States

Process	Diagram	Cross-Section area	
$e^+ e^- \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$		large velocity 	small velocity 
$e^+ e^- \rightarrow P^* \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$			
$e^+ e^- \rightarrow P^* \rightarrow P \gamma$ $P \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$			

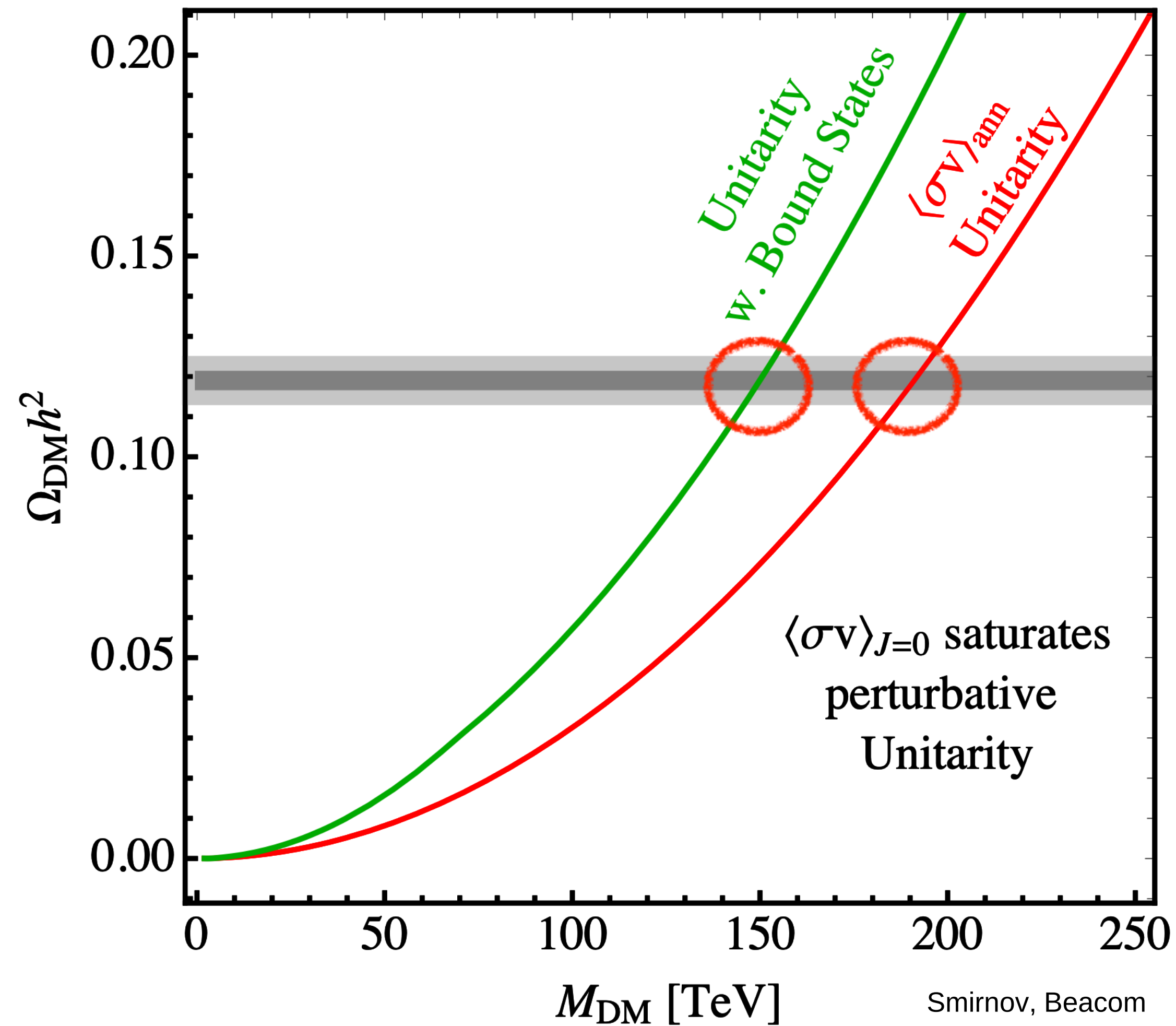
Assuming Parapositronium (J=0)

Effect on the Freezeout



arXiv: 1904.11503

Maximal WIMP Mass

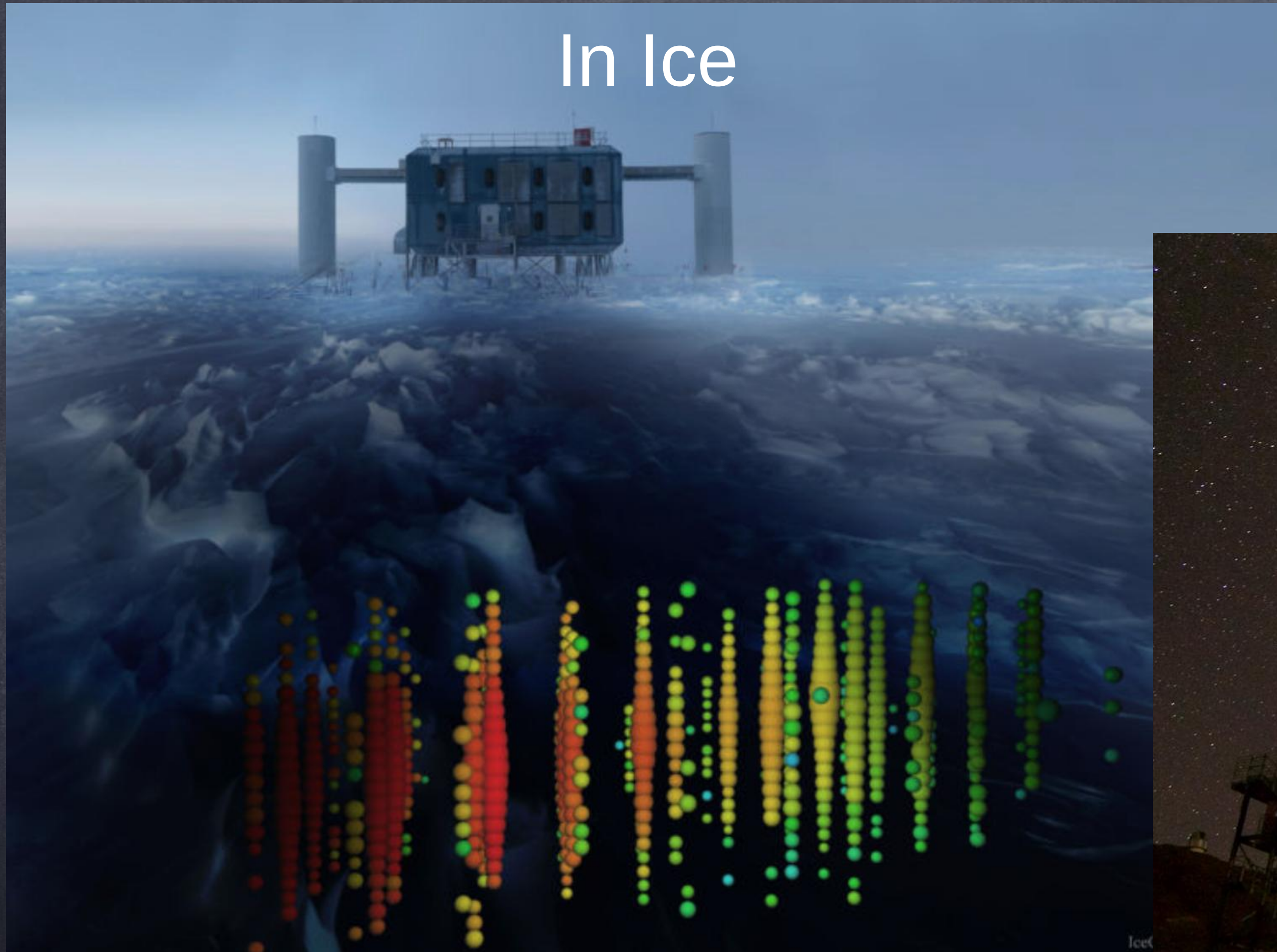


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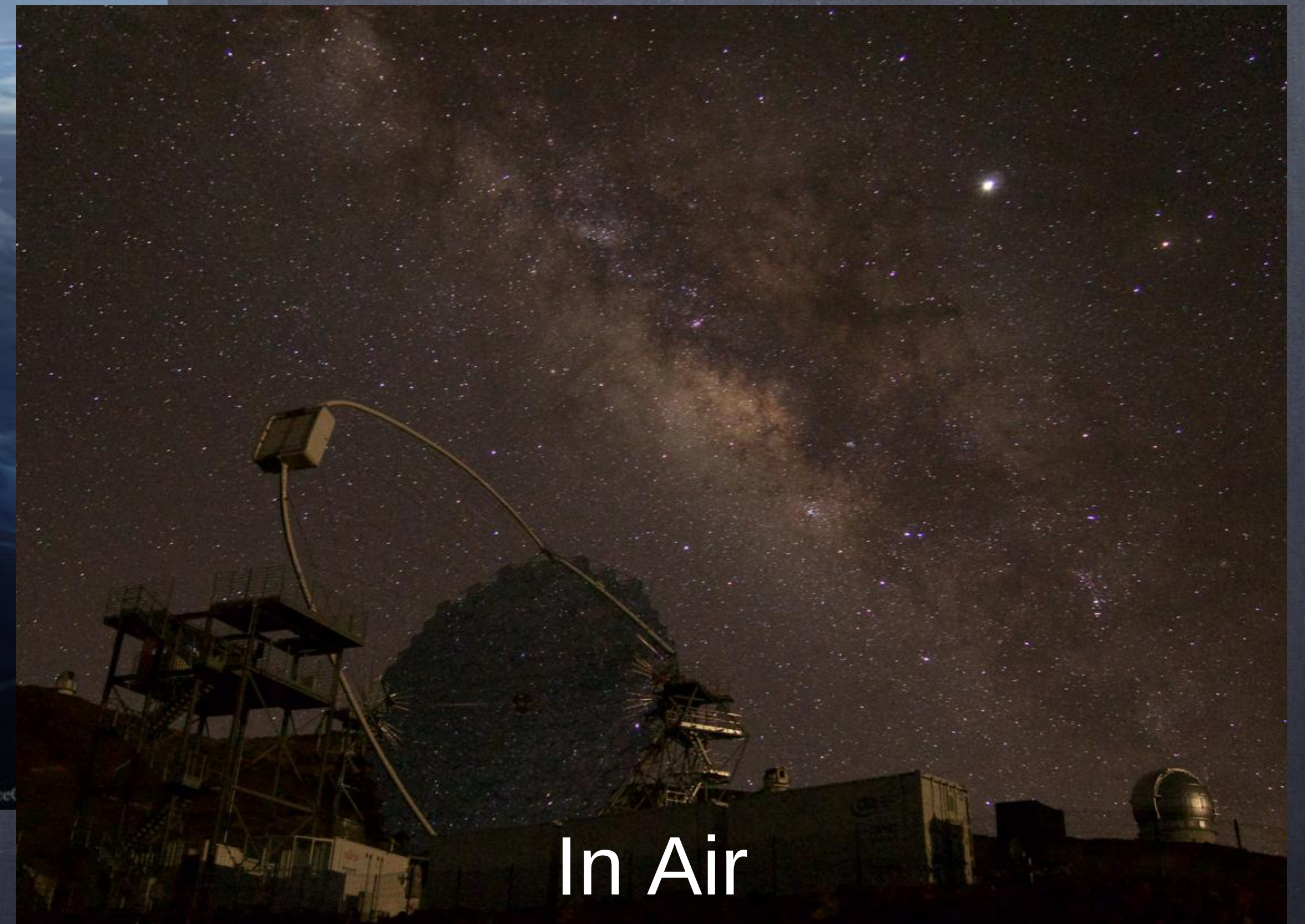
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Cherenkov Detectors

In Ice

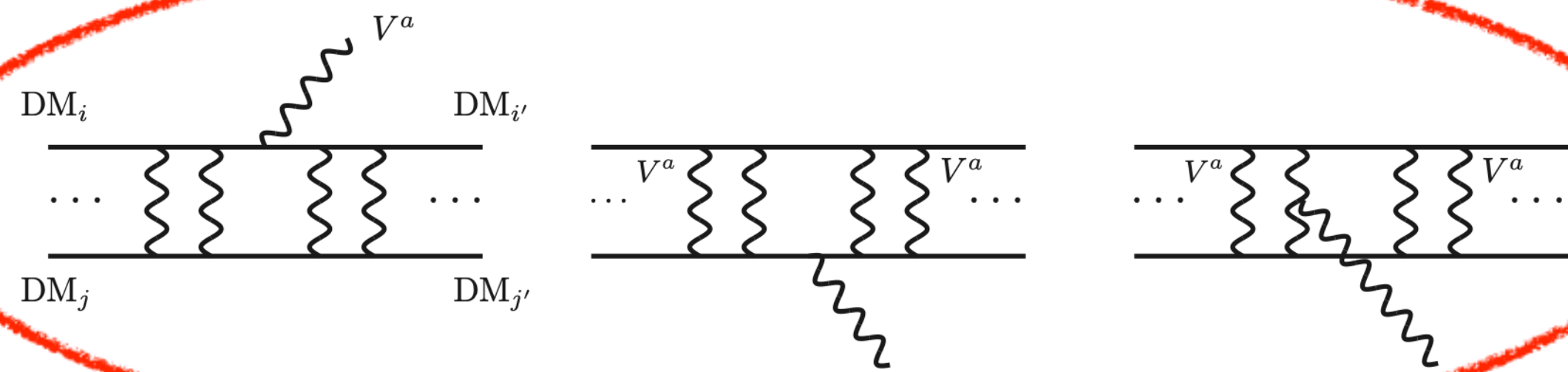


In Air

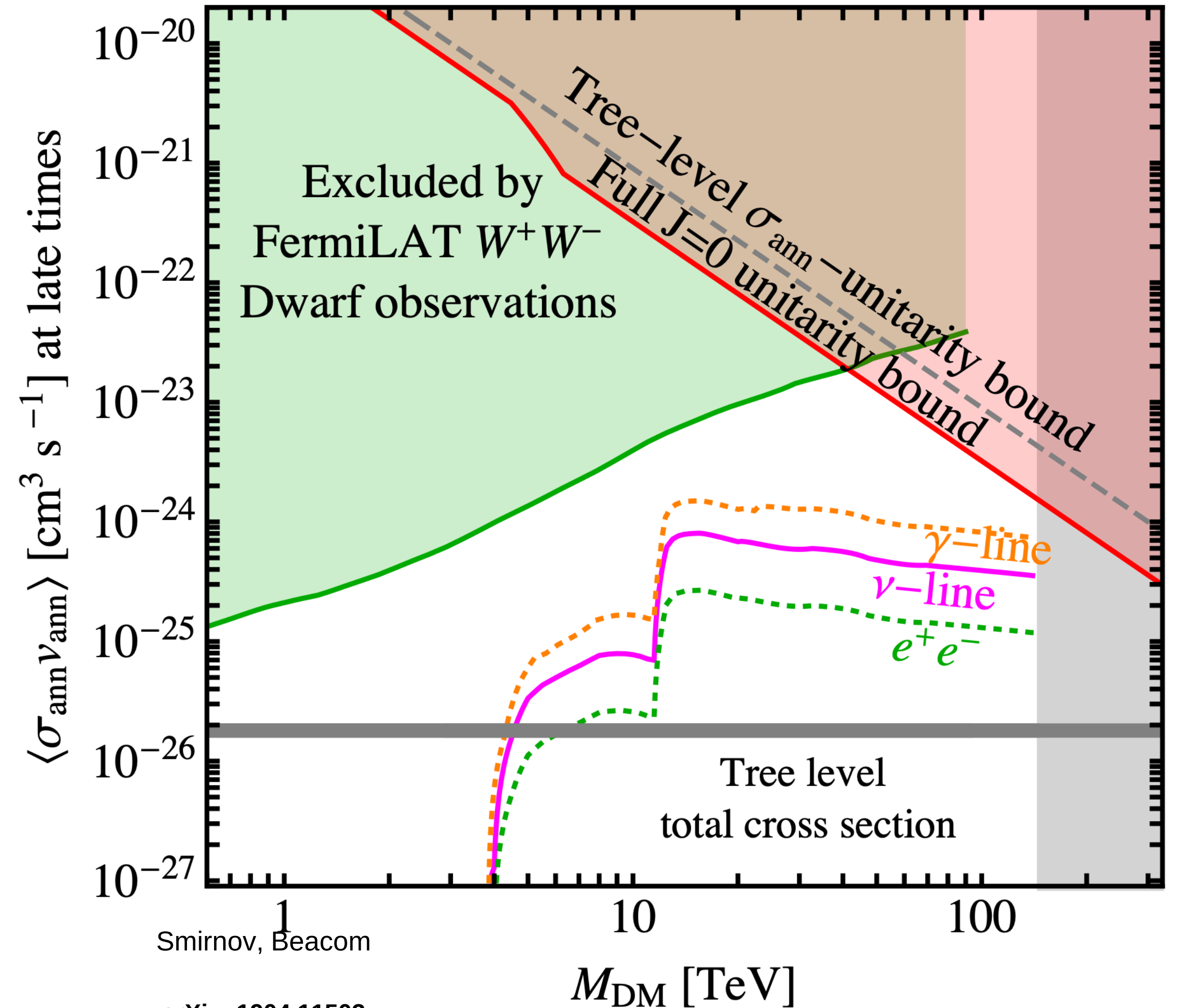
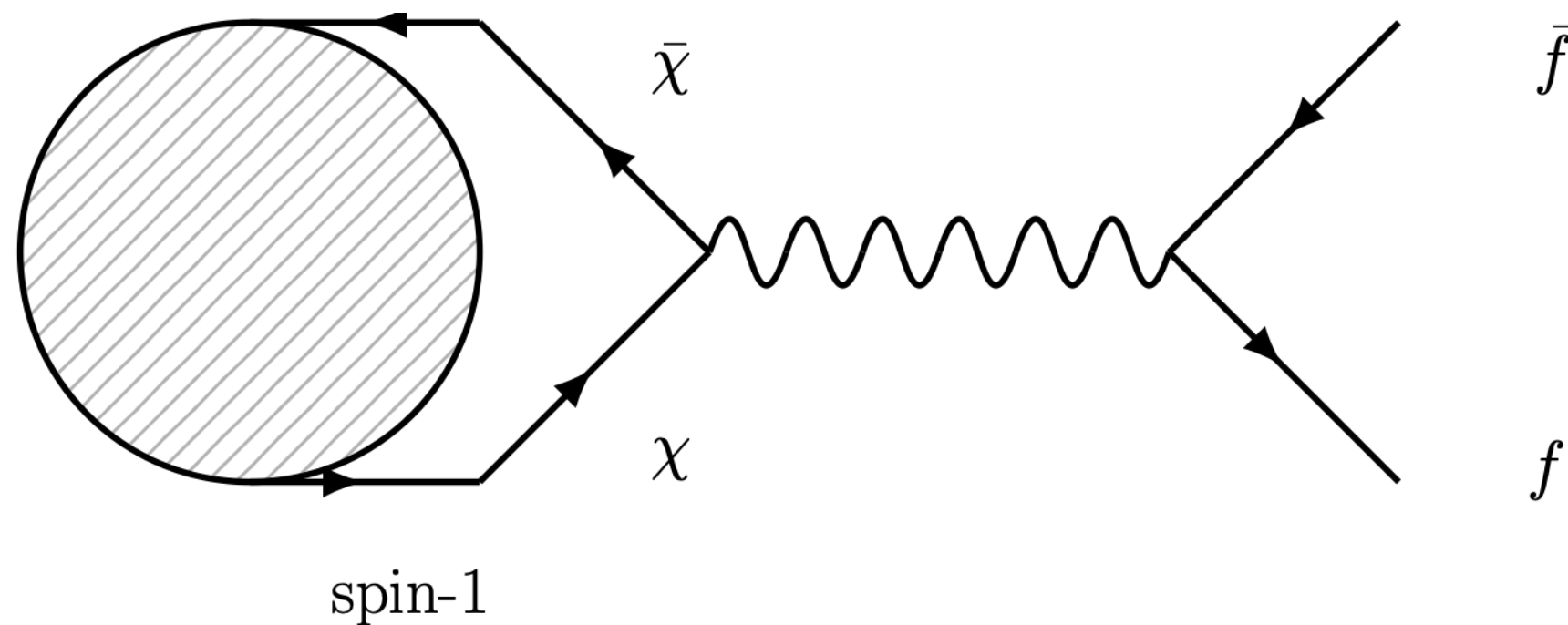


New DM Signals

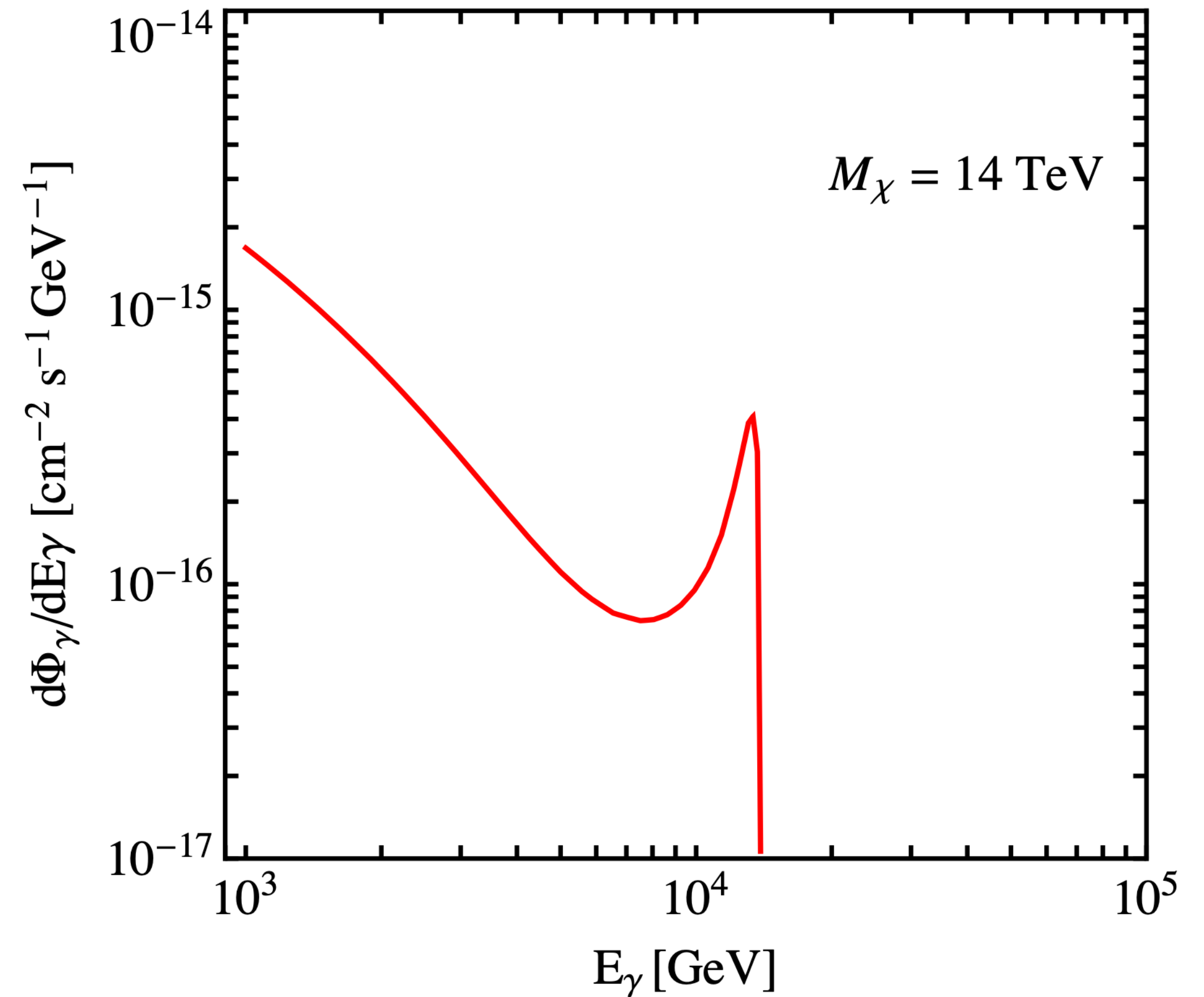
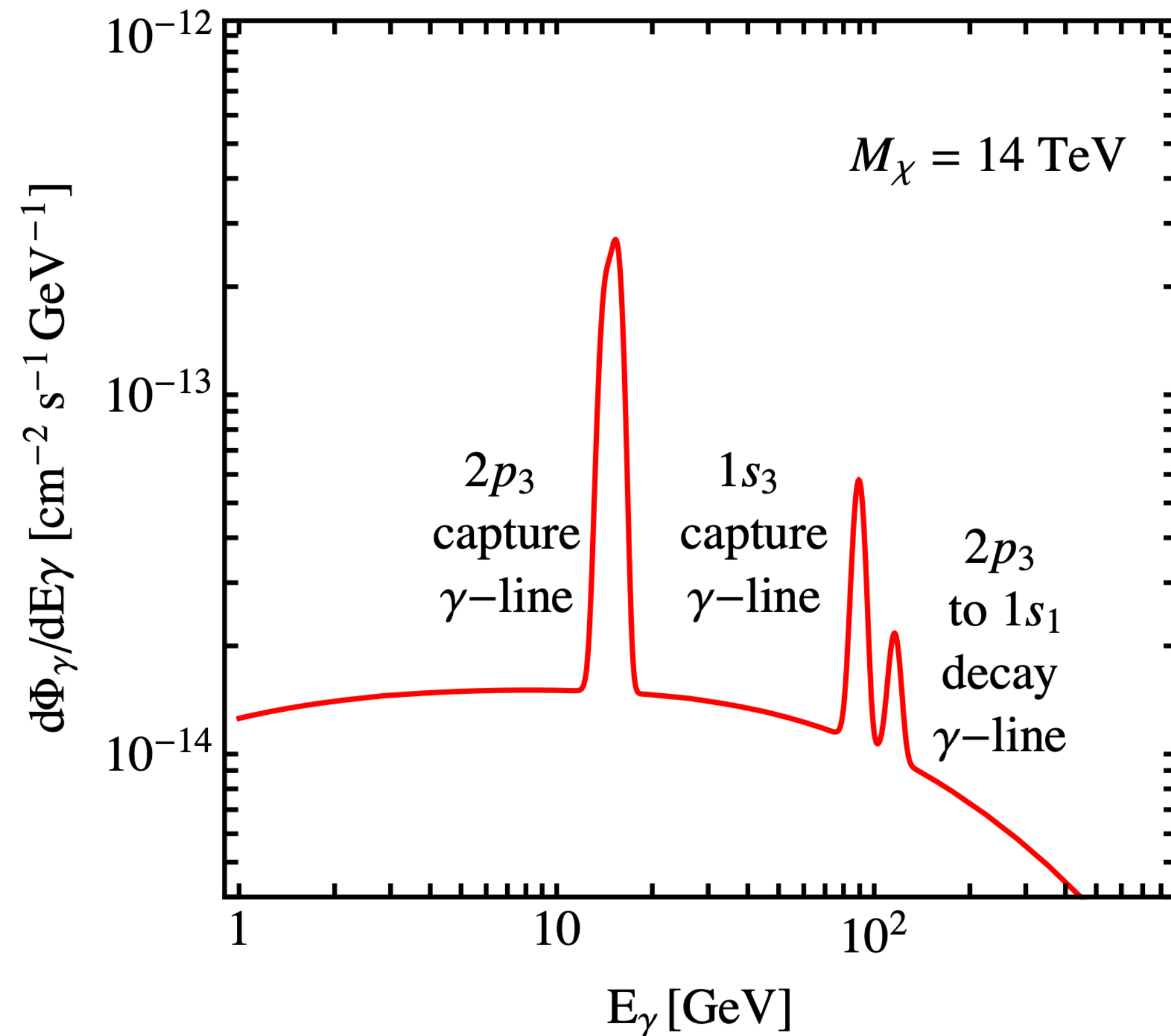
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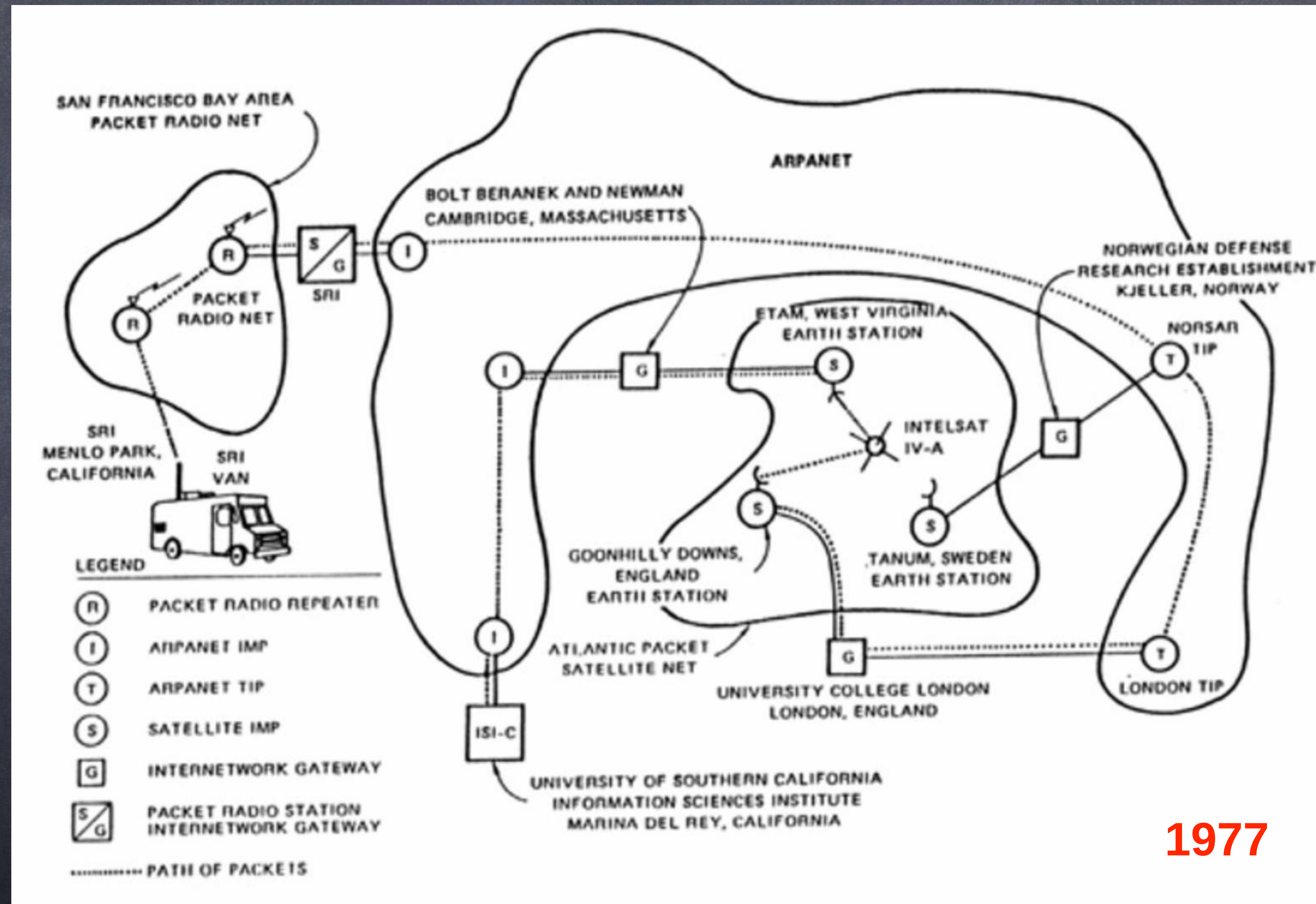
B) DM Bound State annihilates:



Example: DM Spectroscopy (SU(2) 5-plet)



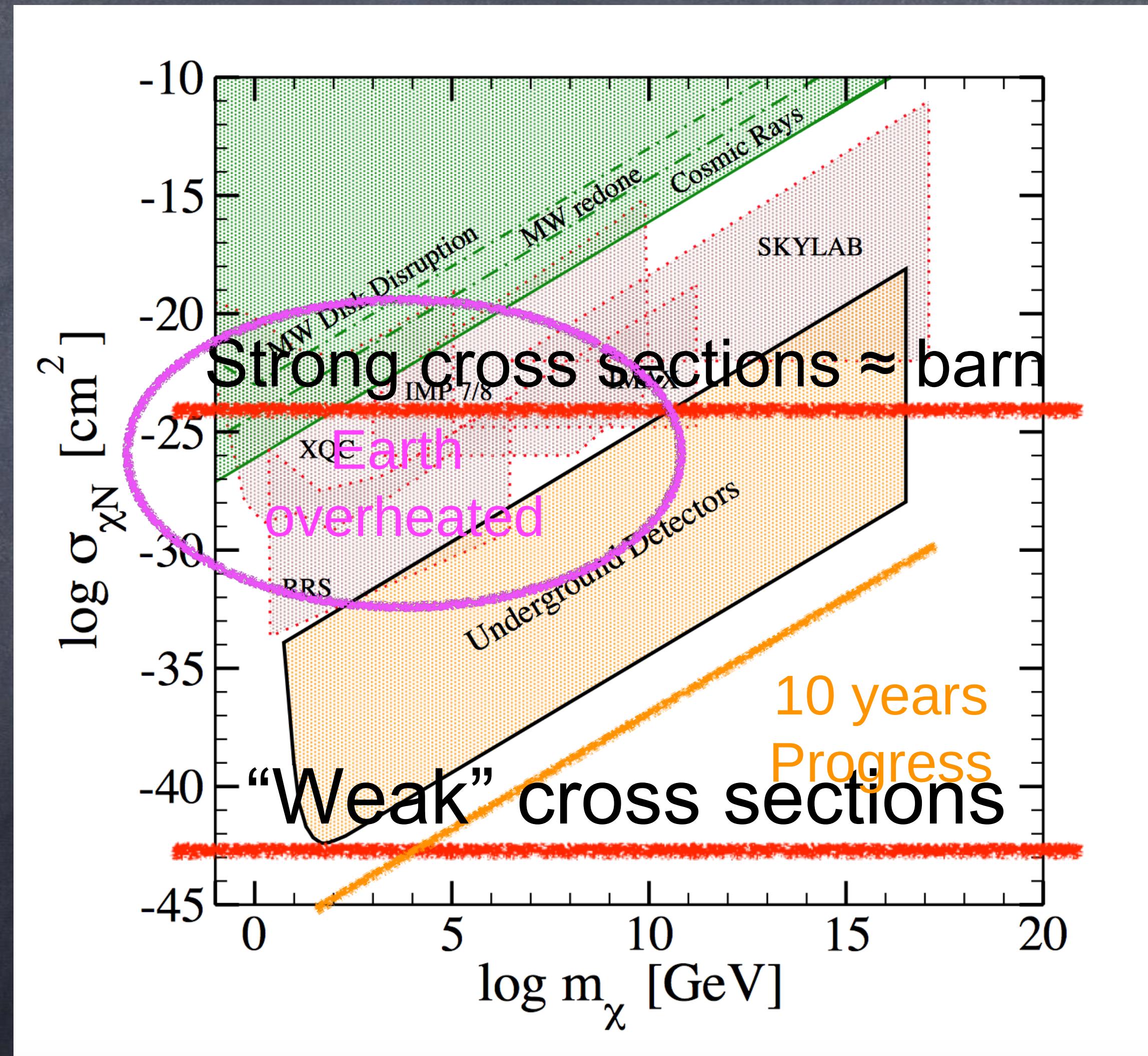
Beyond WIMPs



1977

QCD Charged DM ?

The allowed Parameter Space



J. Beacom et al. 2007

Color-Charged Dark Matter Model

$$(SU(3)_c, SU(2)_L, U(1)_Y)$$

$$Q = (3, 1, 0)$$

$$Qqq \quad e = 4/3 \text{ or } e = -2/3 \text{ or } e = -1/3$$

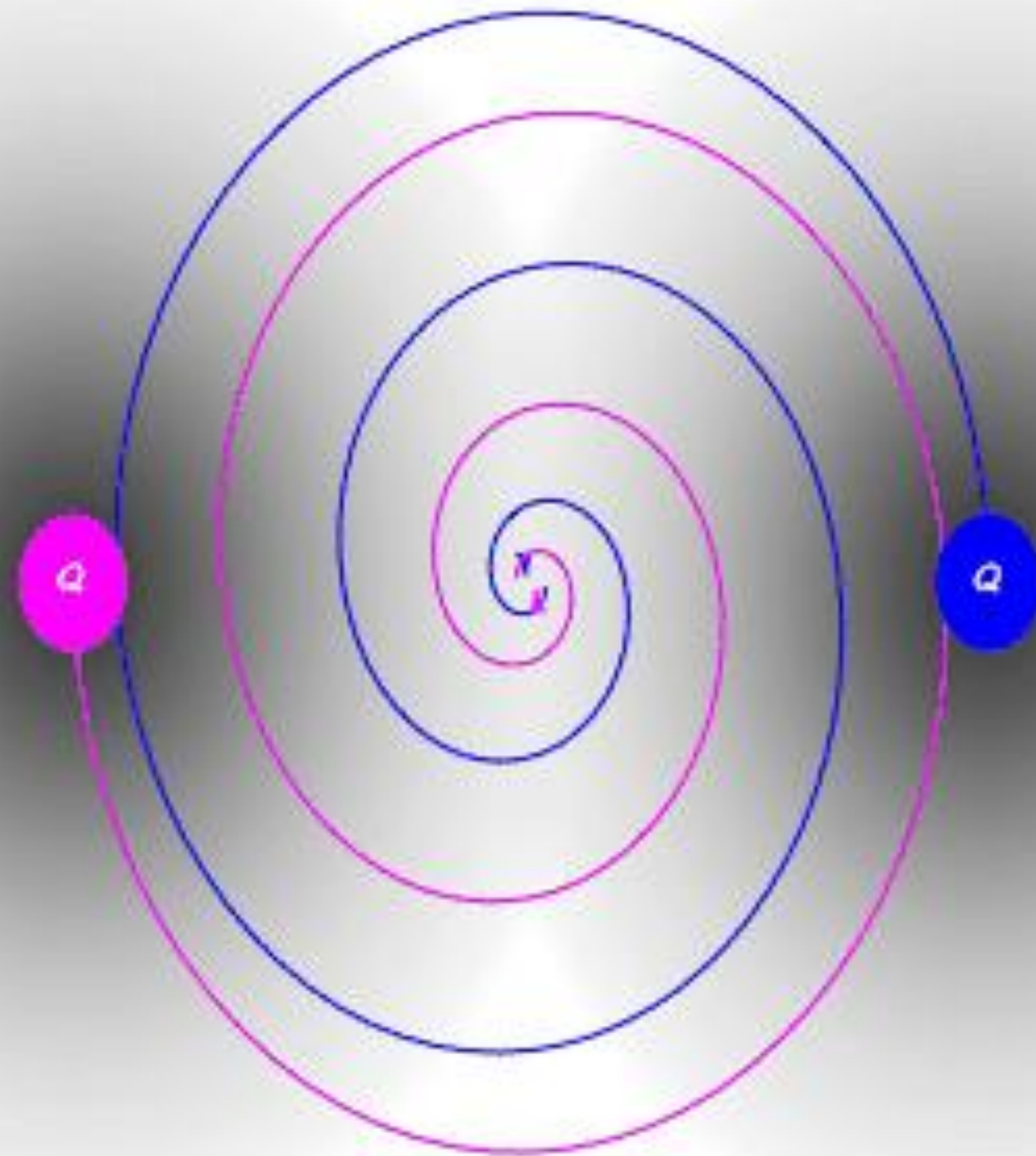
$$Q = (3, N, Y)$$

$$Q = (8, 1, 0) \quad Qg$$

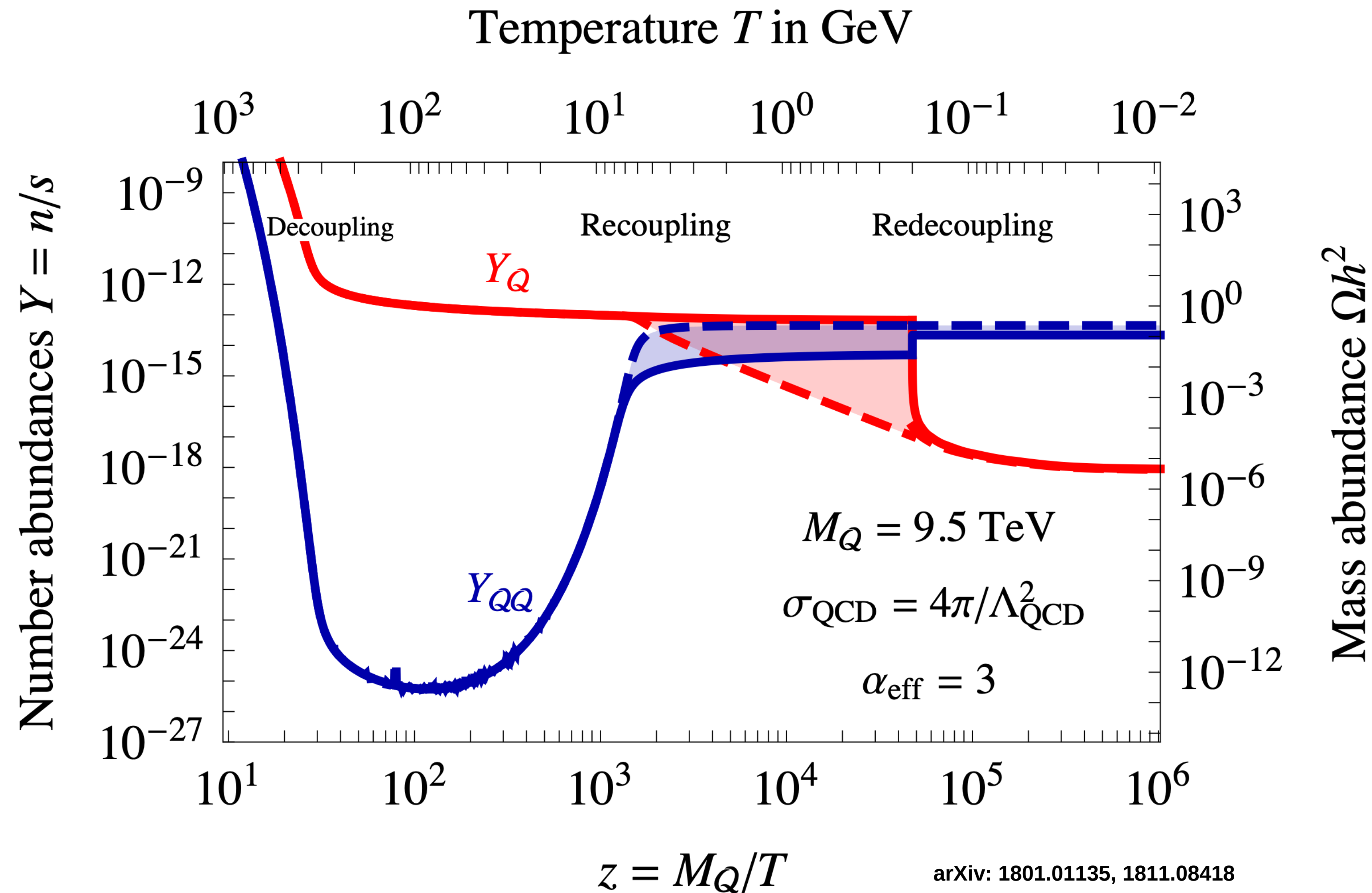
Idea: Chromocatalysis

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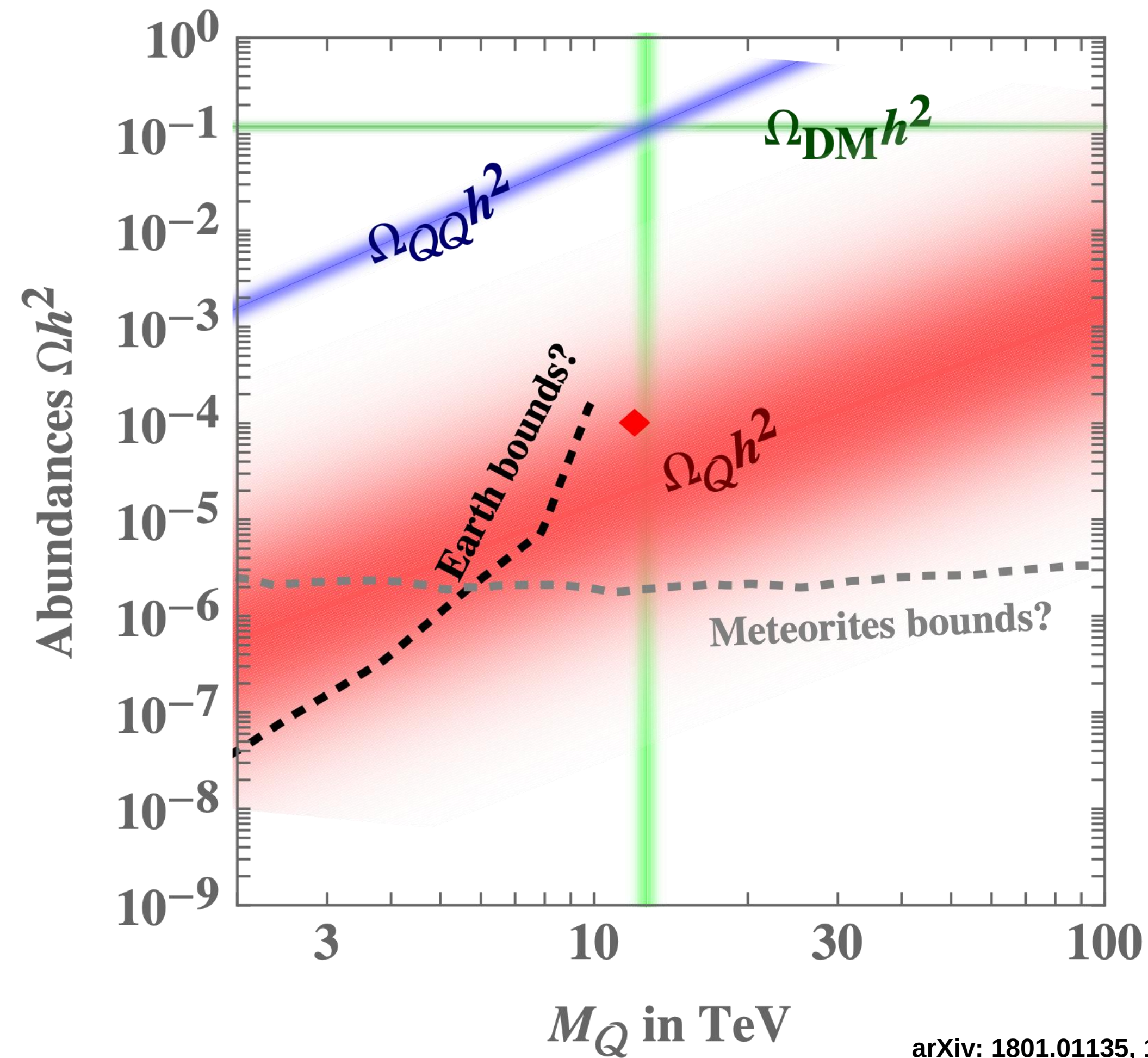
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Chromo-catalysis in Cosmology



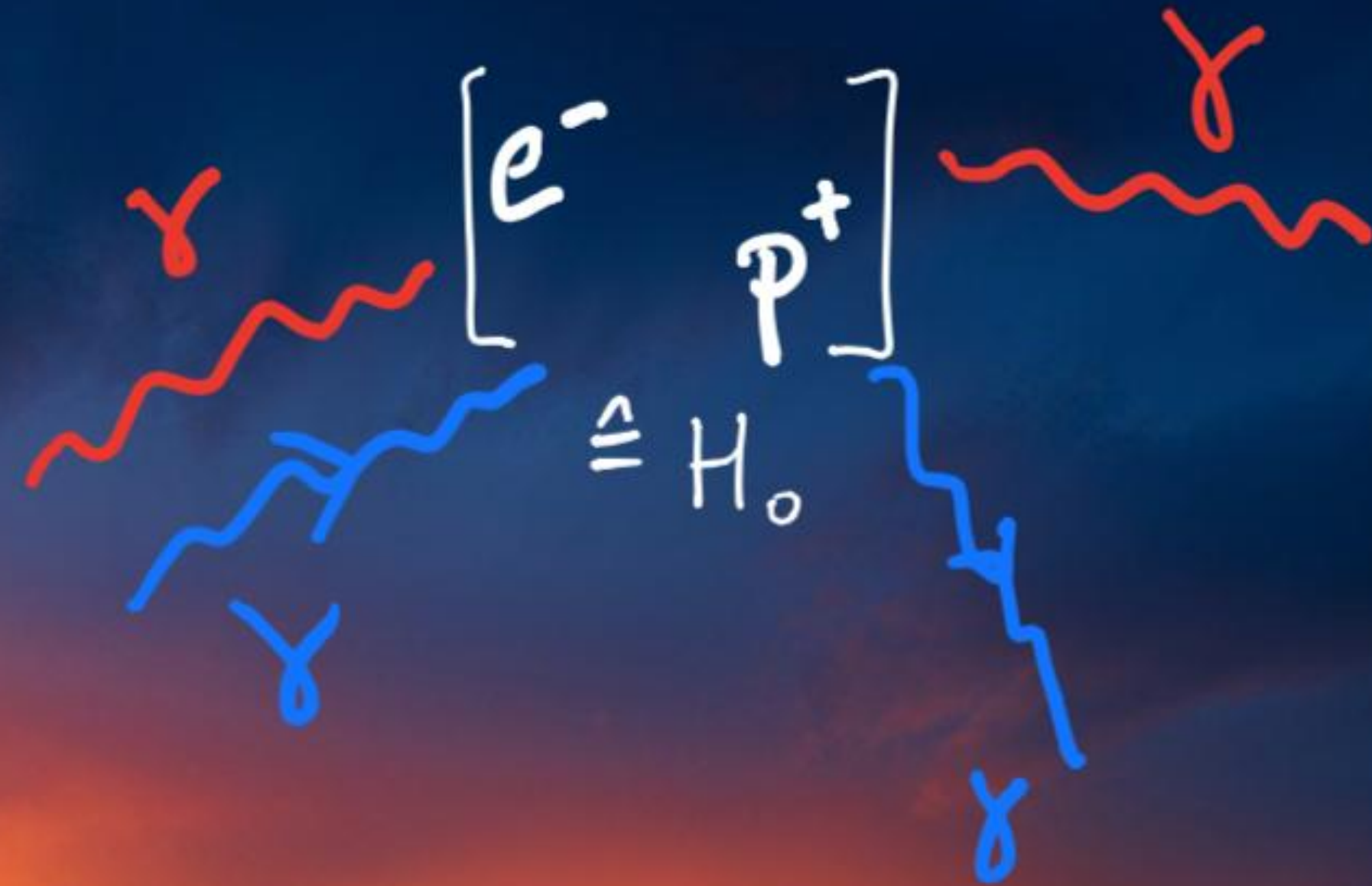
Abundances Today



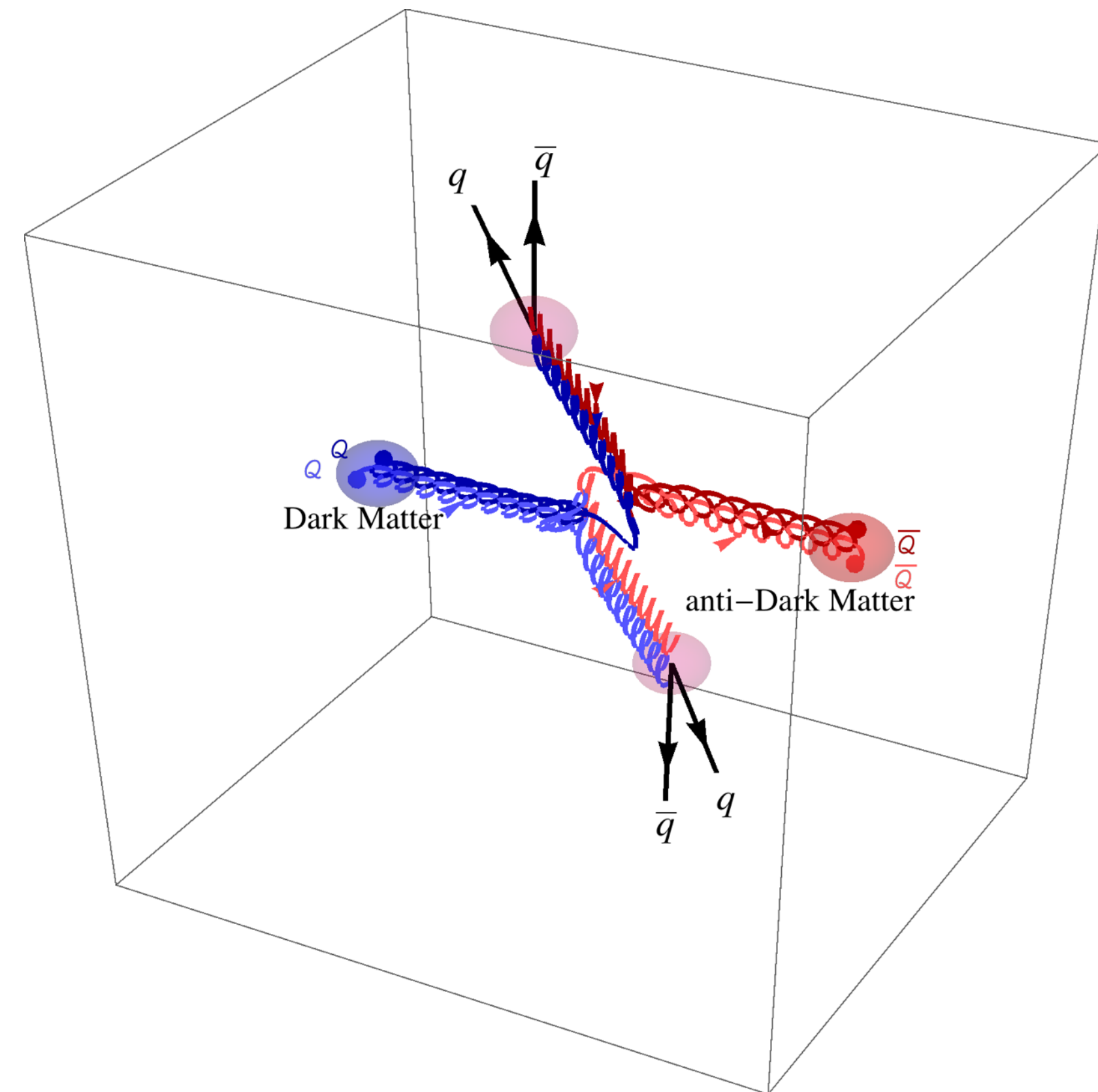
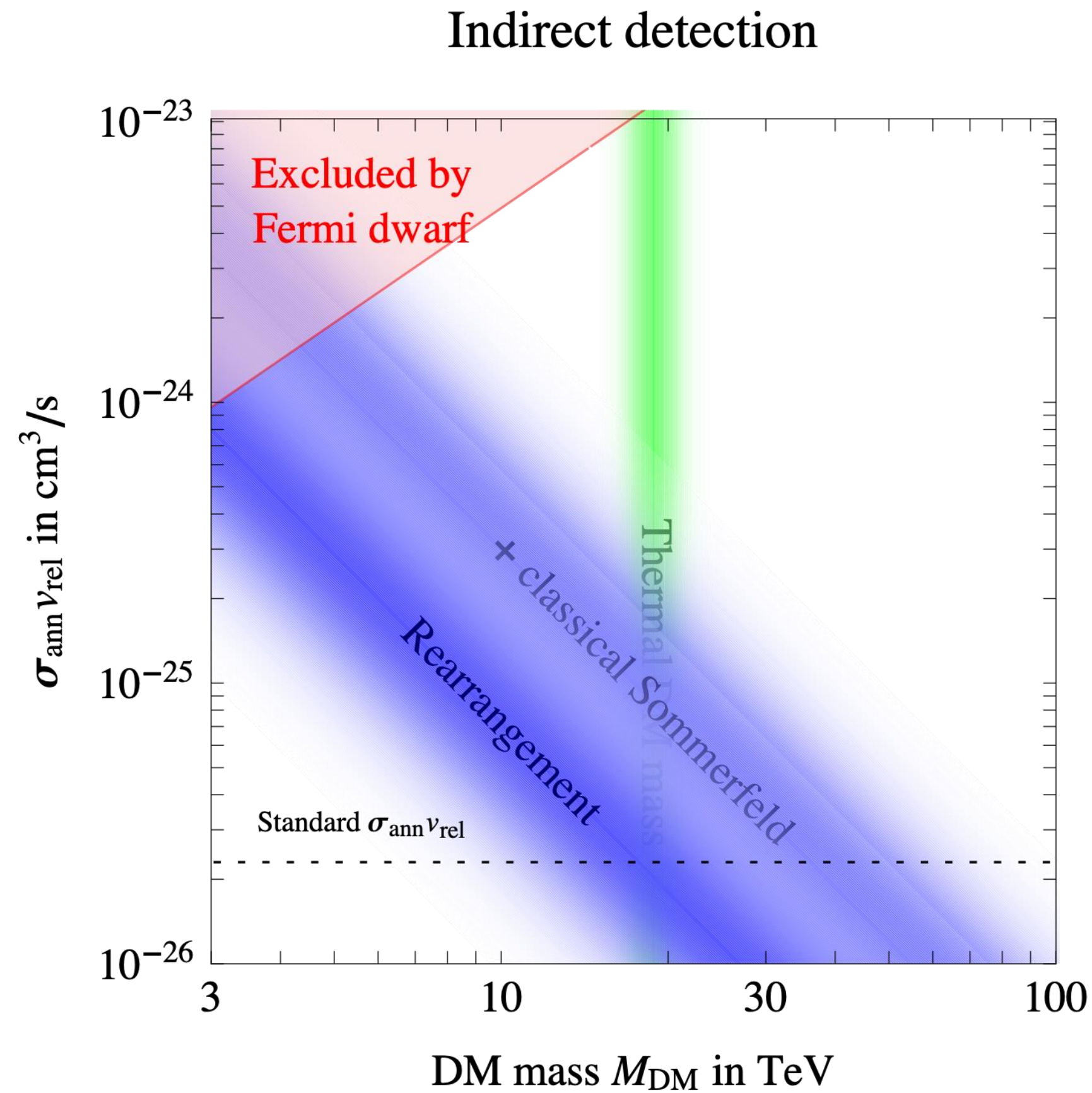
arXiv: 1801.01135, 1811.08418

Direct Detection & Chromopolarizability

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} \supset \mathcal{R}_b^3 [H_0^\dagger H_0 F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} + \dots]$$



Rearrangement Annihilation



arXiv: 1801.01135

Mining Dark Matter



Element Studied	N_{SIMP}/N_N at $M_{\text{SIMP}} = 10 \text{ TeV}$		Formation Mechanism
	Bound	Expectation?	
He space	—	10^{-10}	BBN
Be Earth	$7 \cdot 10^{-9}$ [26]	No	BBN
Oxygen water	$3 \cdot 10^{-14}$ [26]	No	accumulation
Enriched petro-C ¹⁴	10^{-16} [26]	$10^{-16}?$	accumulation
Iron Earth	10^{-12} [31]	$10^{-16}?$	accumulation
Meteorites	$4 \cdot 10^{-14}$ [32]	$10^{-15}?$	capture

Table 2: *Experimental bounds on the density of Strongly Interacting Massive Particles with non-exotic electric charges, compared to the expected abundance of our hybrid, roughly estimated assuming that it binds in nuclei (otherwise they sink).*

⁶The SIMP thermonuclear energy content Mc^2 could be artificially released through $Q\bar{Q}$ annihilations, and is about 10^4 times larger than the world fossil energy reserve, 10^{23} J.

Nuclear Searches

- A. “Stuck” isomers can be de-excited by the hybrids
- B. Life-time measurements or near by detectors search for the signal

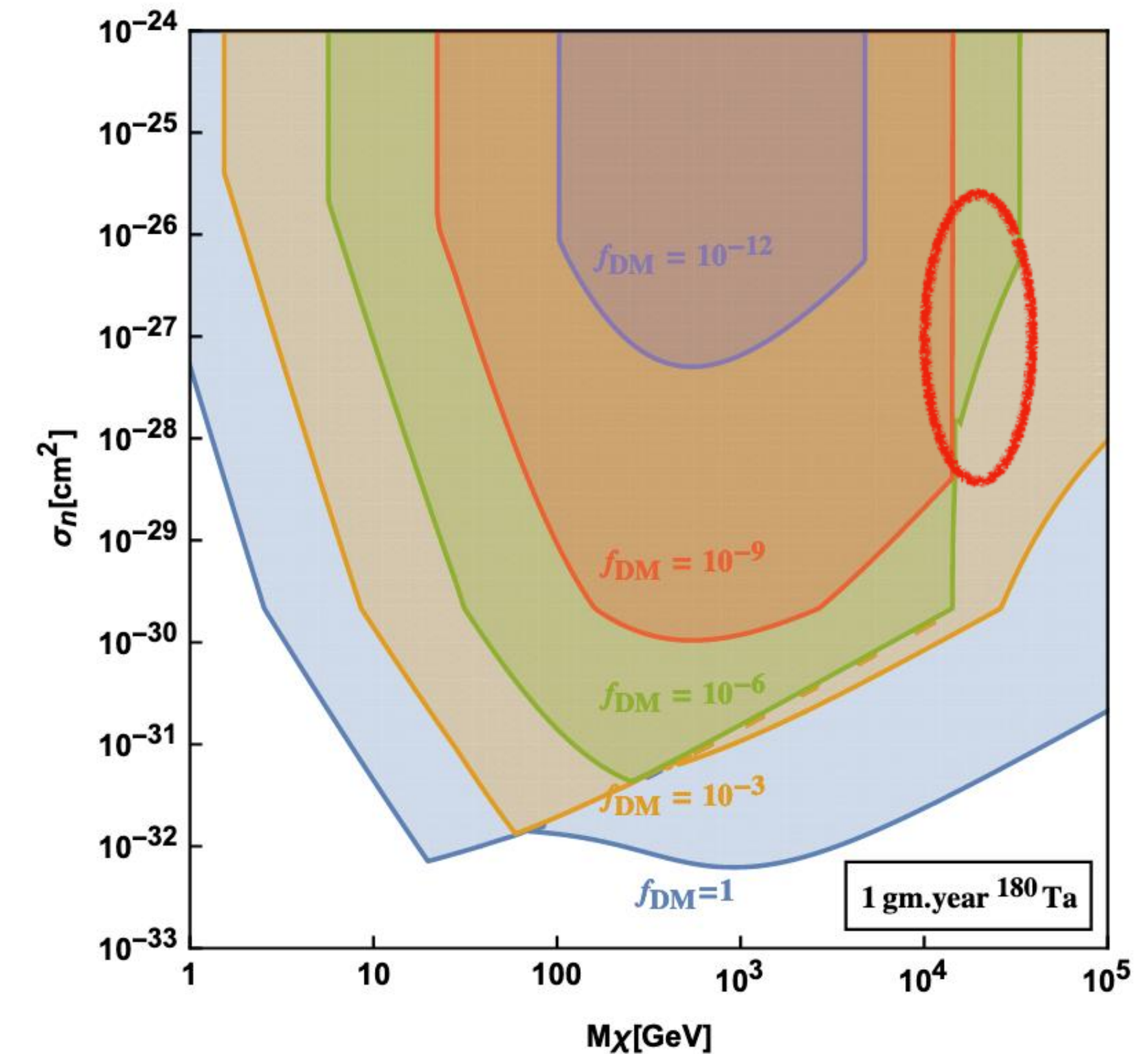
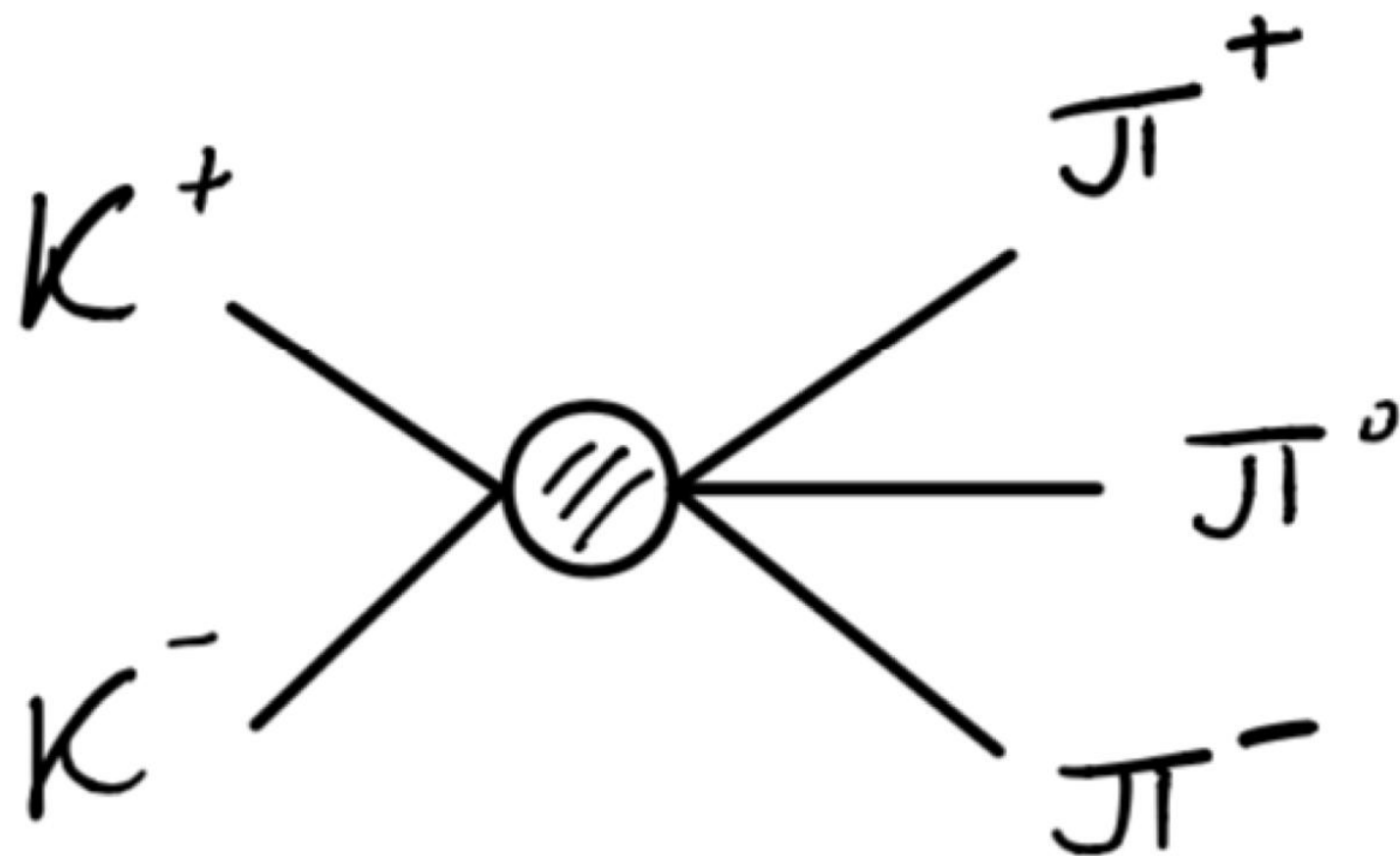


FIG. 3. Projections for limits on per-nucleon cross-section for DM that interacts strongly with nuclei that correspond to 1 gram year exposure for ^{180m}Ta

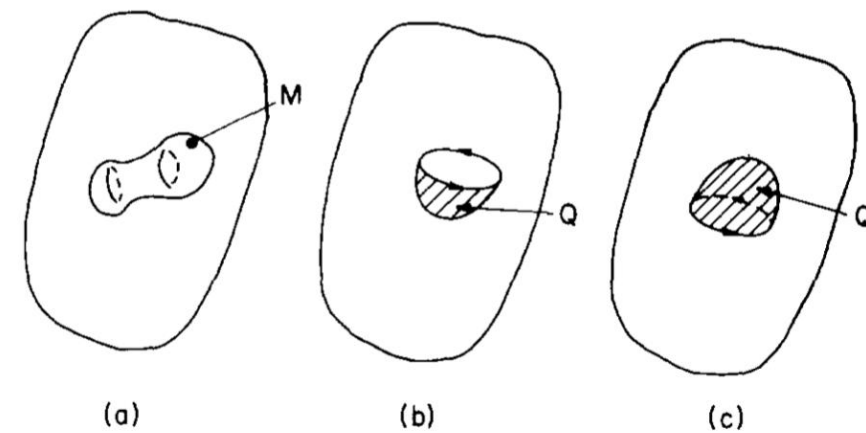
arXiv: 1907.00011, M. Pospelov, S. Rajendran, and H. Ramani

Number Changing Interactions

Inspiration: QCD at low Energies



E. Witten / Global aspects of current algebra



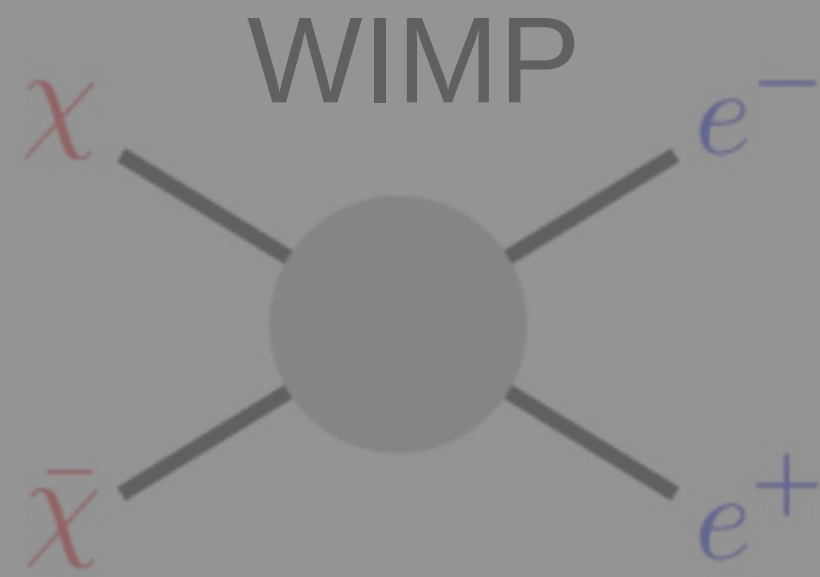
$$\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{N_c}{240\pi^2 f_\pi^5} \int d^4x \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \text{Tr} [A \partial_\mu A \partial_\nu A \partial_\alpha A \partial_\beta A] ,$$

with $4\pi f_\pi \approx \Lambda_D$ and $A = \sum_a \lambda_a \pi^a$

$$\langle \sigma_{32} v_{\text{rel}}^2 \rangle = \frac{5\sqrt{5}}{2^{11} \pi^5 f_\pi^5 z_\pi^2} \left(\frac{m_\pi}{f_\pi} \right)^5 \frac{N_c^2}{N_\pi^3} \underbrace{\frac{1}{5!} \sum T_{\{ijklm\}}^2}_{= t^2}$$

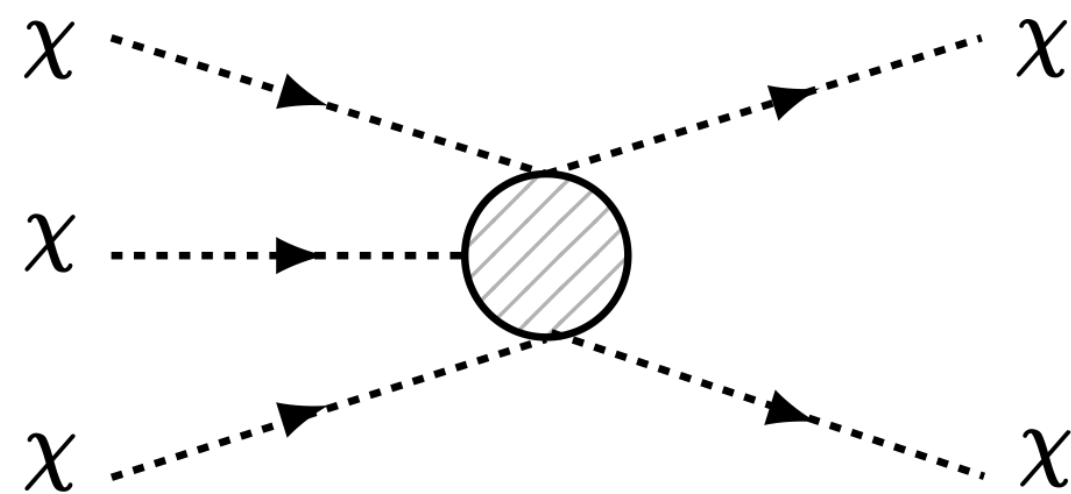
[E. Witten \(1983\)](#)

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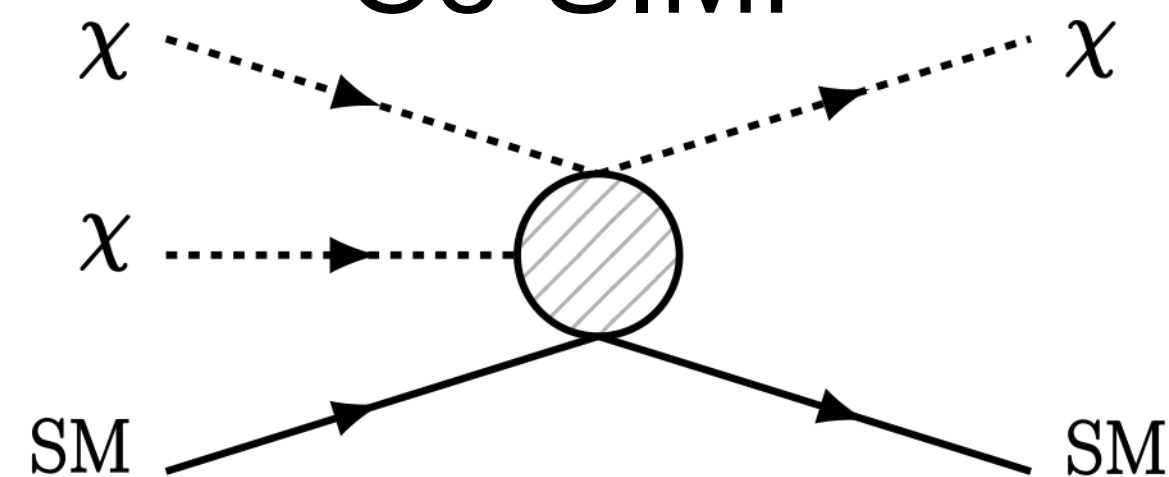
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SIMP



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Co-SIMP



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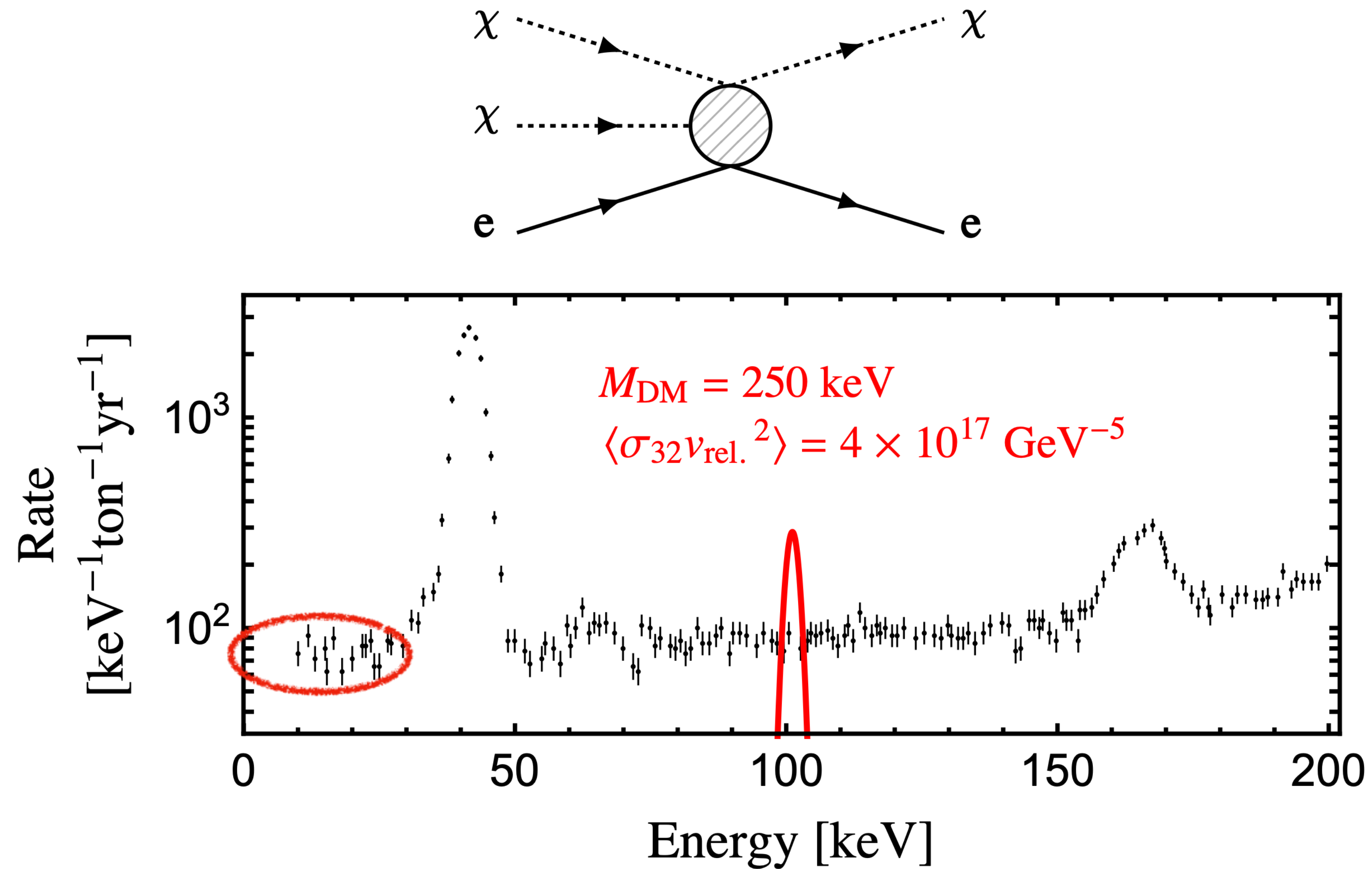
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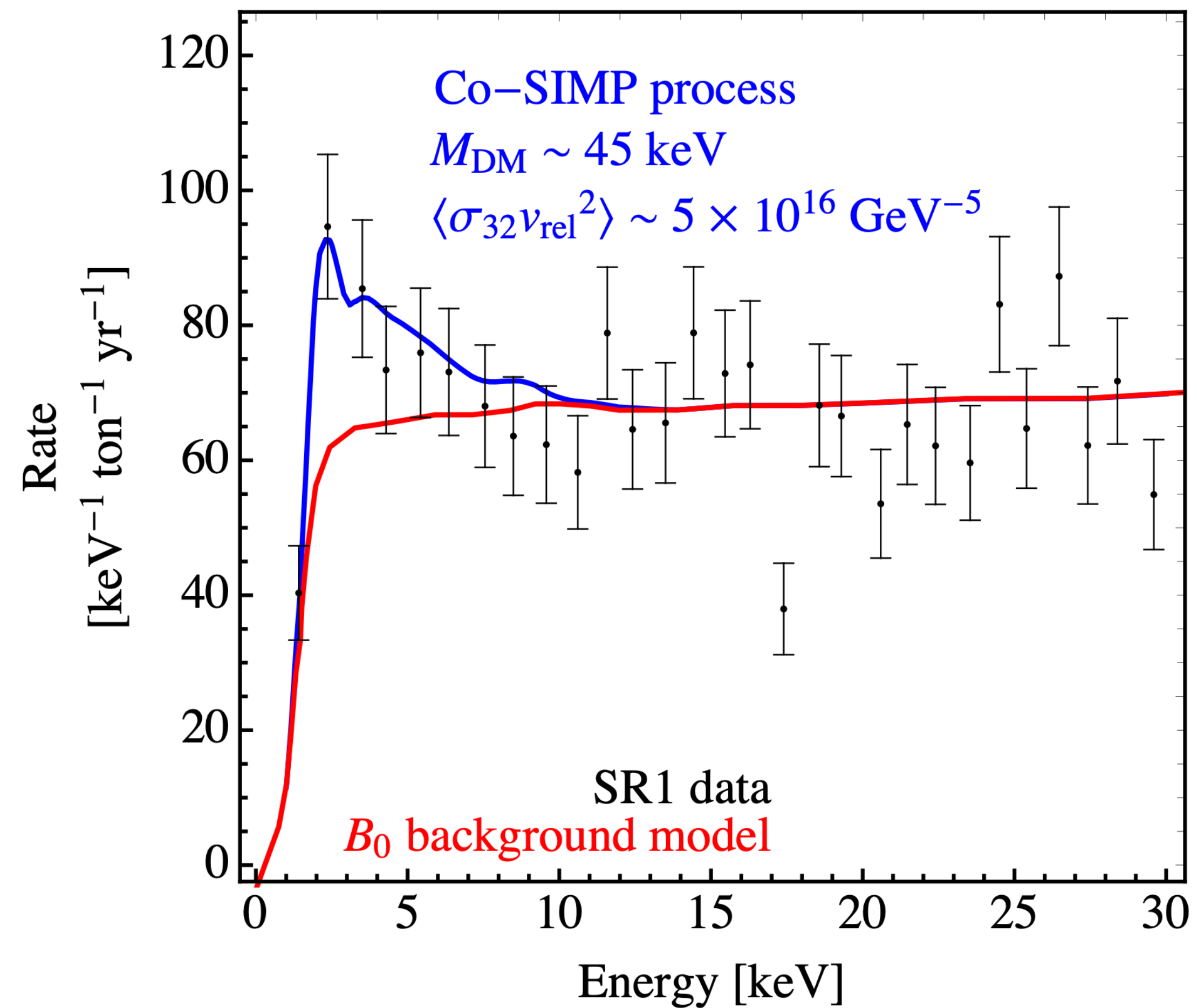
Electrophilic Co-SIMP

Monoenergetic Recoil



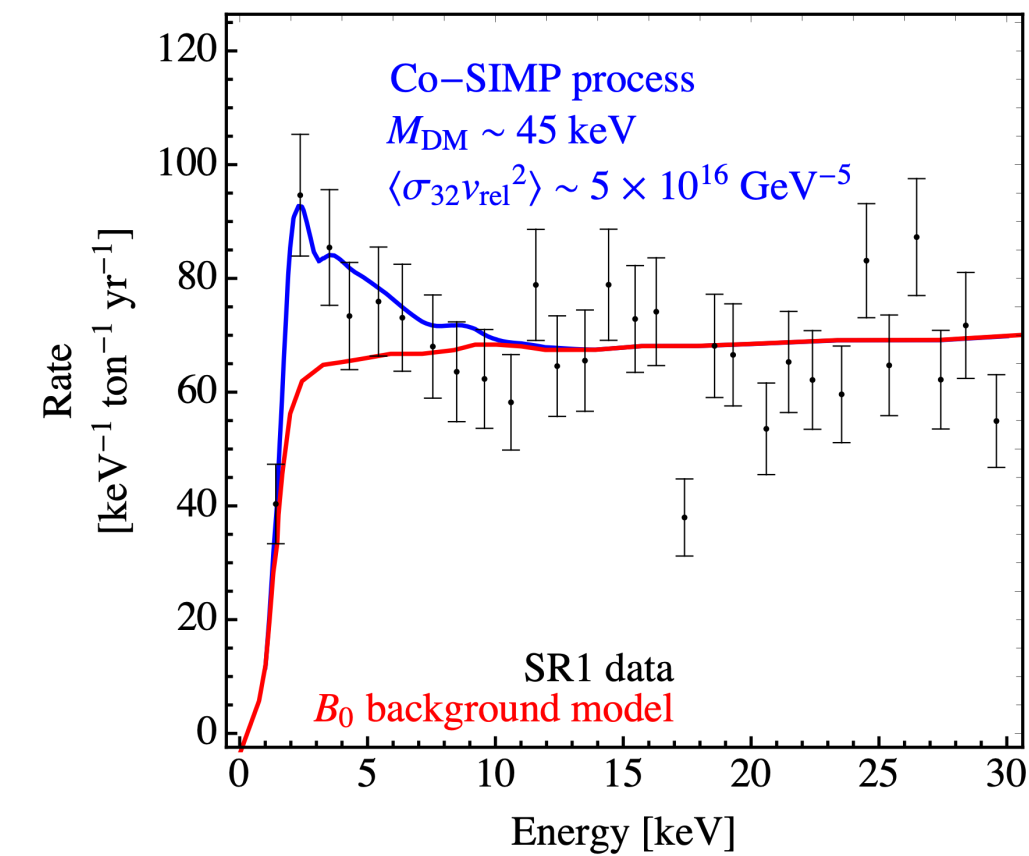
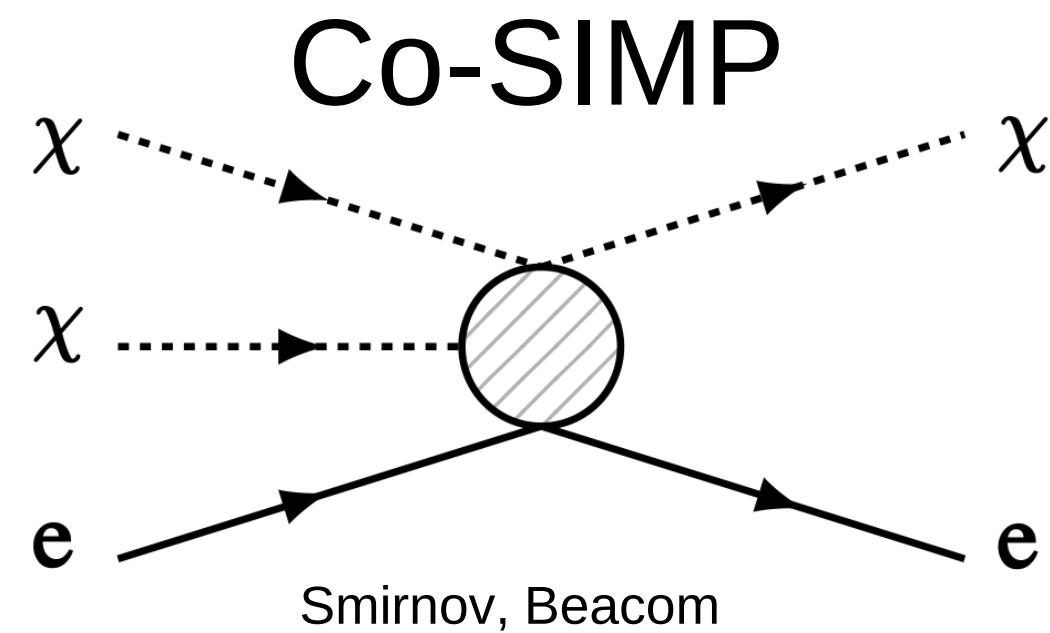
arXiv: 2002.04038; J. Smirnov, J. Beacom

XENON1T Signal



v2 on arXiv today: arXiv: 2002.04038v2; J. Smirnov, J. Beacom

Look right here effect



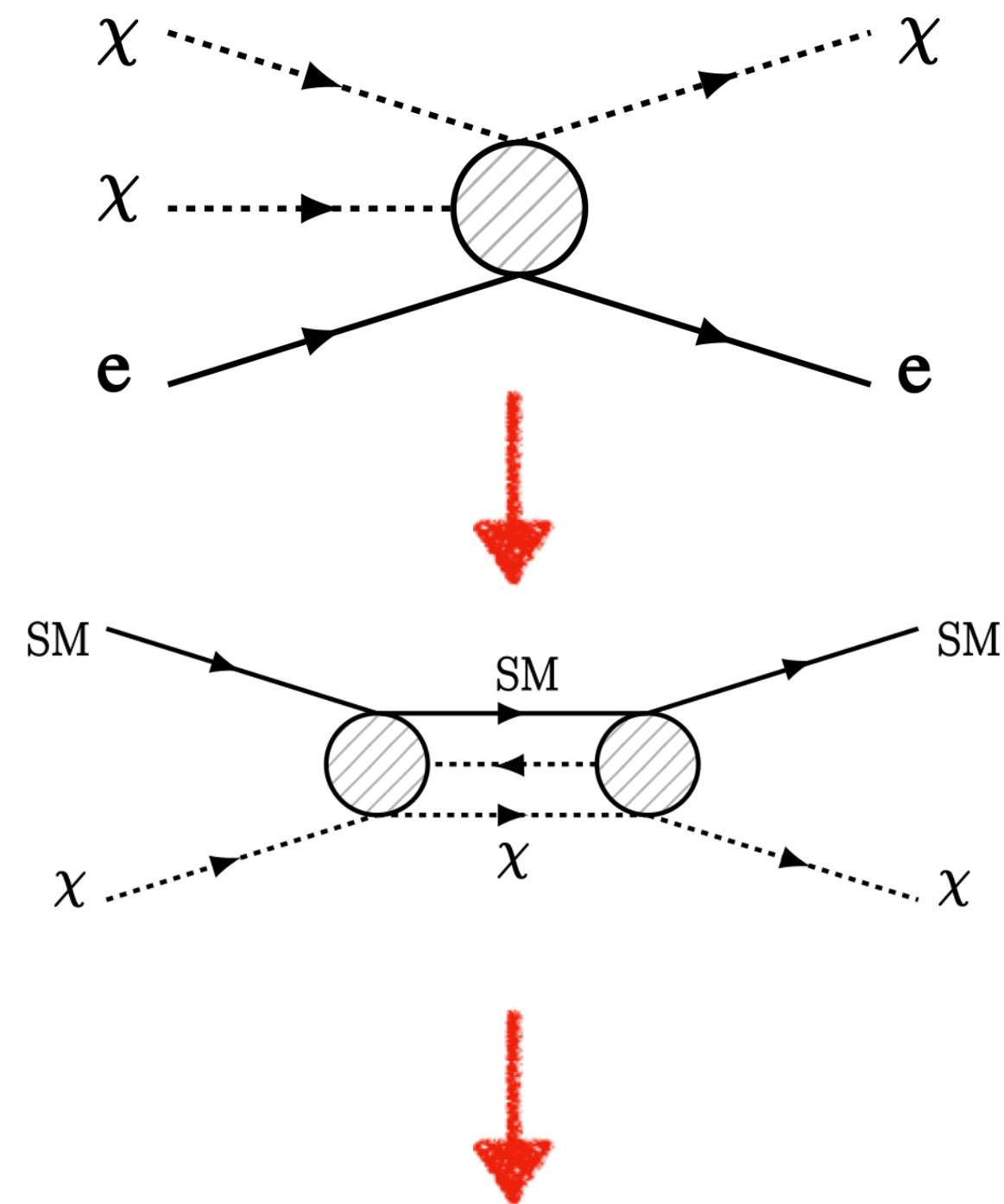
Given XENON1T mass and exposure:

$$+50 \text{ events} \Rightarrow M_{\text{DM}} \approx 30 - 50 \text{ keV}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_R \approx 2 - 6 \text{ keV}$$

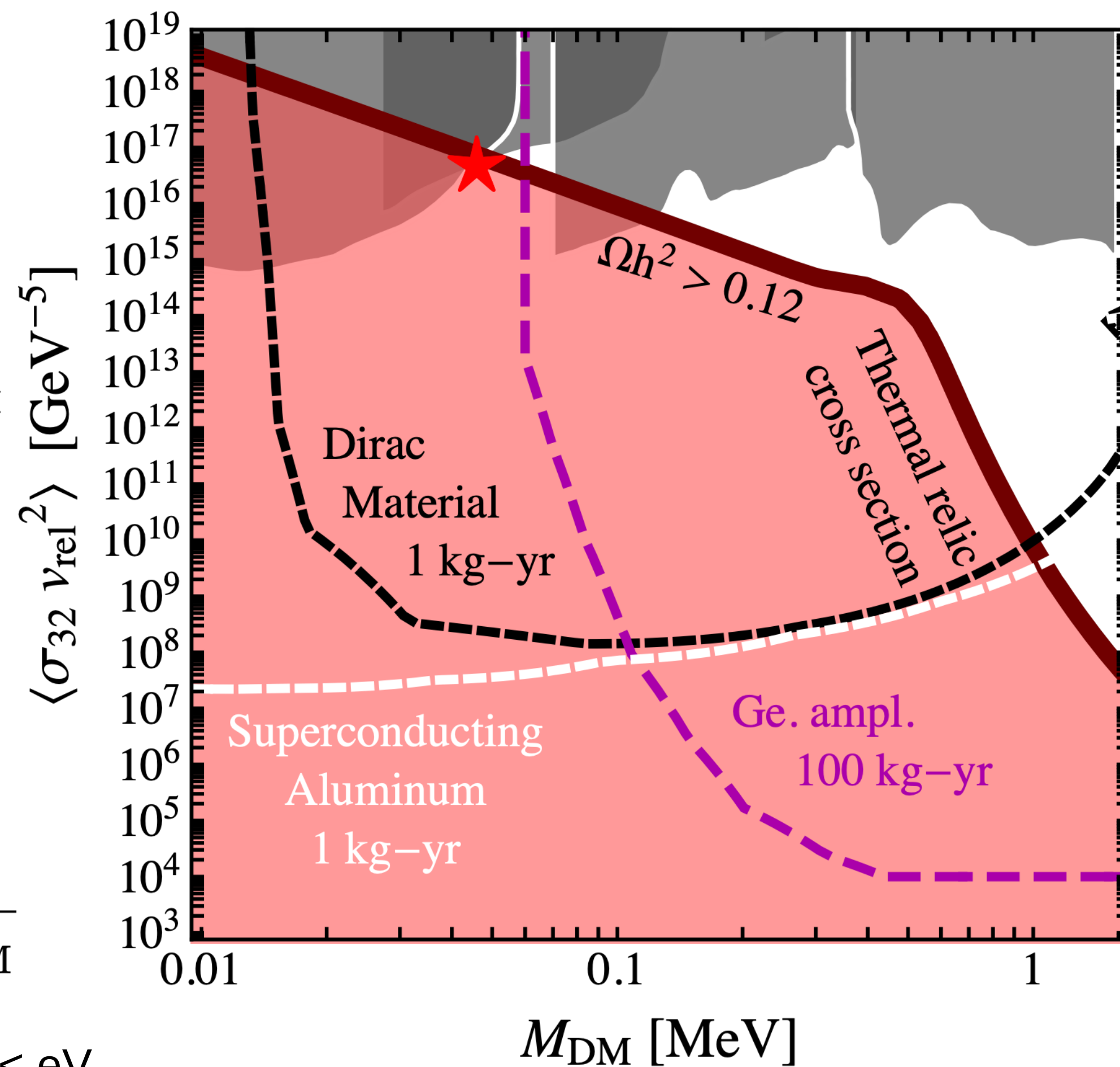
Implications

Scattering off Electrons



$$\sigma_{\chi e} \sim 10^{-37} \text{ cm}^2 \quad E_R \approx v_{\text{rel}}^2 \frac{\mu^2}{M_{\text{SM}}}$$

Detectors with lower energy thresholds < eV

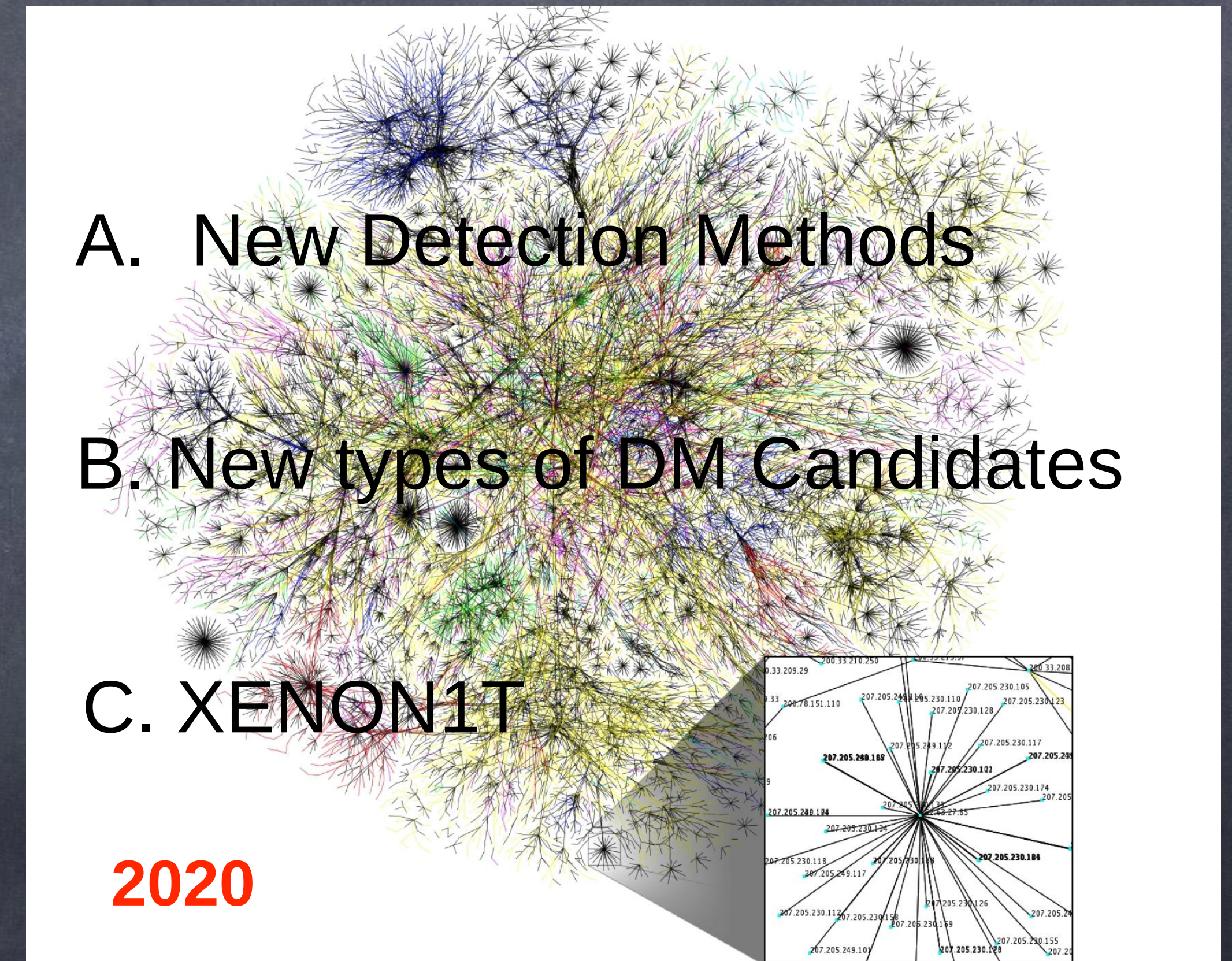
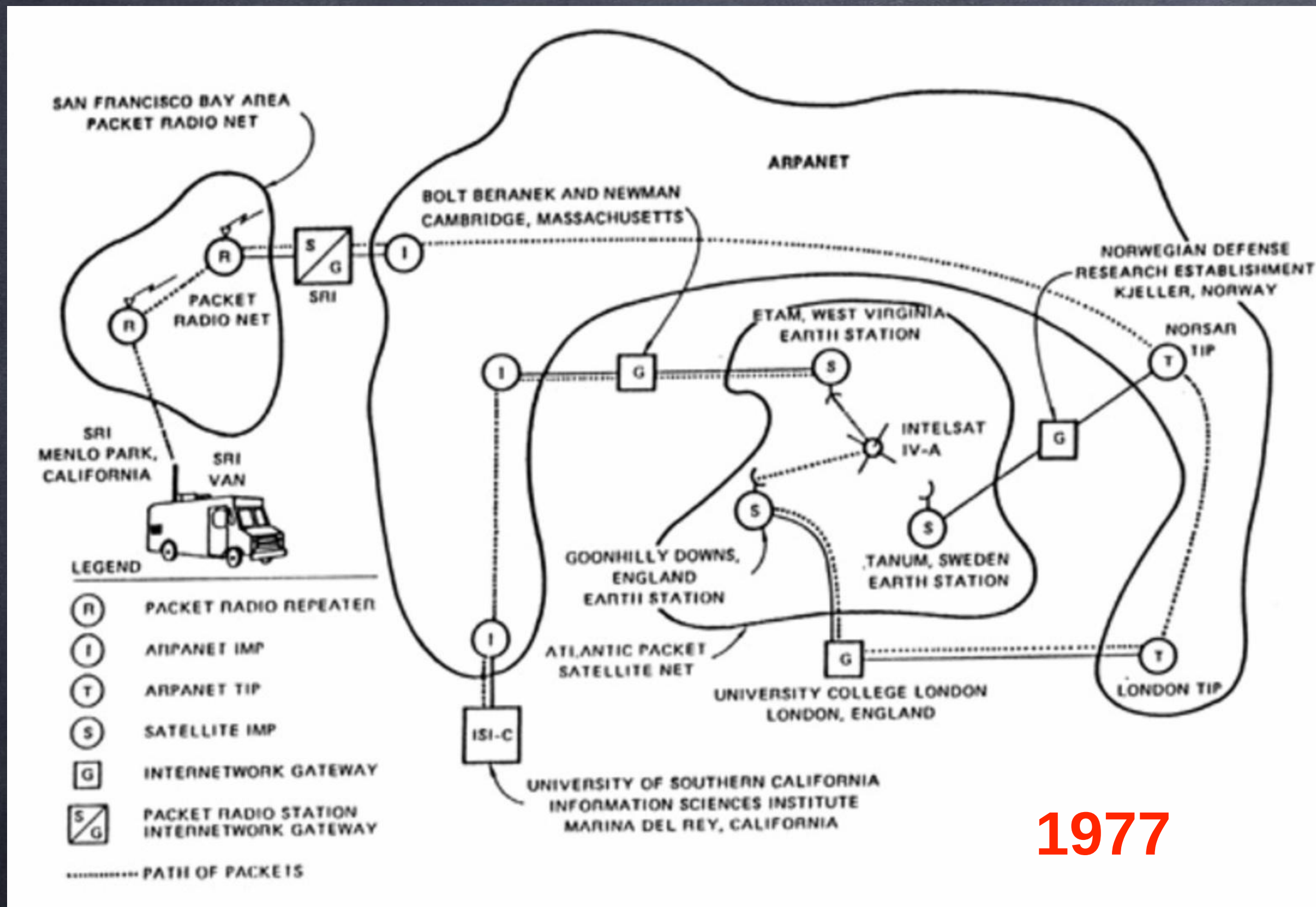


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Consequences

- A. New target for low energy recoils at 30 - 50 keV
- B. Modified Signal shape in Argon due to atomic structure
- C. Richer light sector possible: UV completion needed to
check consistency with BBN
- D. New collider signatures expected (UV models)

New Directions for Thermal Dark Matter



Thanks!

Questions for UV completions

A. Emerging

Showers? Hadronic and
Electromagnetic

B. Opacity of materials

C. Loop coefficients

-> Work in progress with: Bei

Zhou and John Beacom

