

# Low-Energy Atomic Probes of Dark Bosons and Neutrino-Mediated Forces

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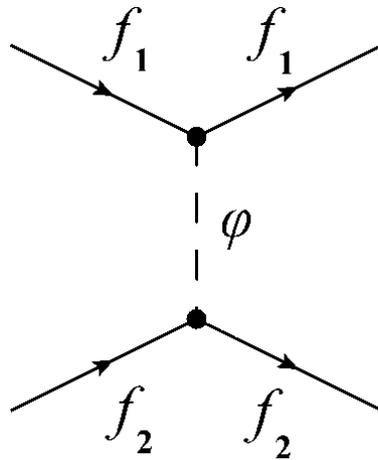
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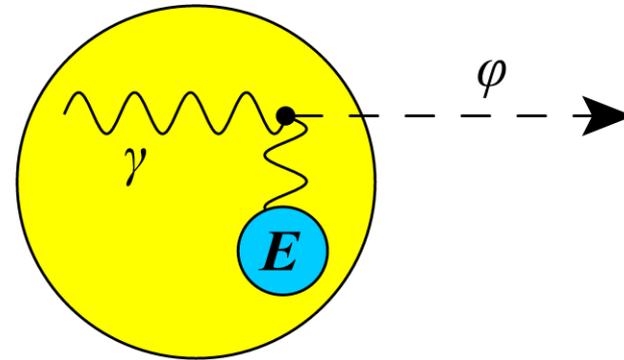
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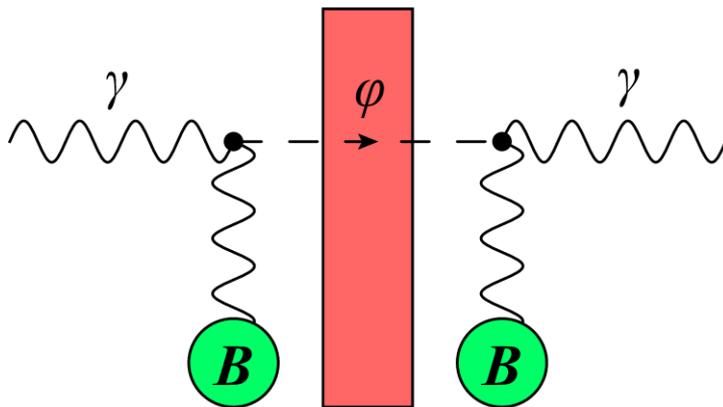
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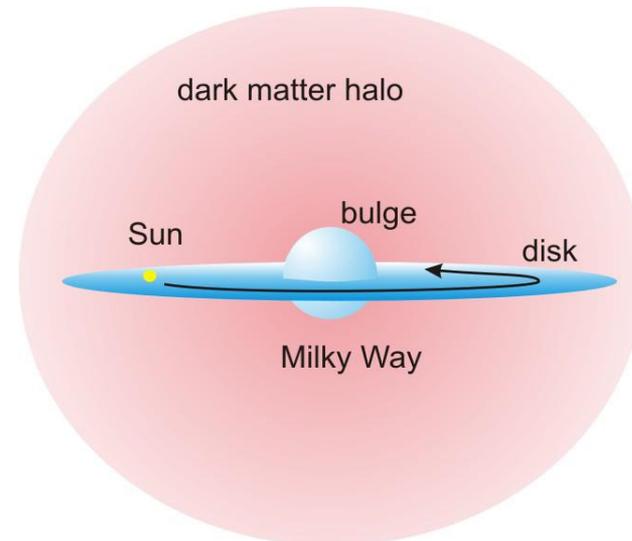
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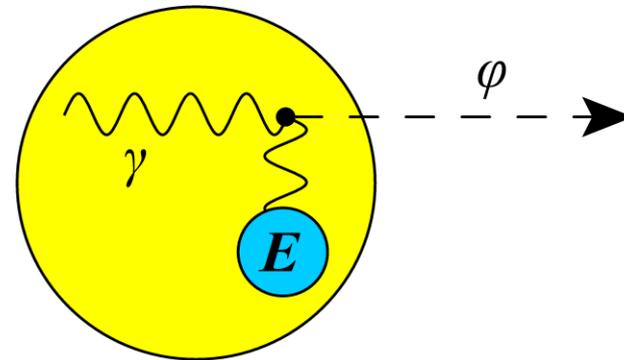
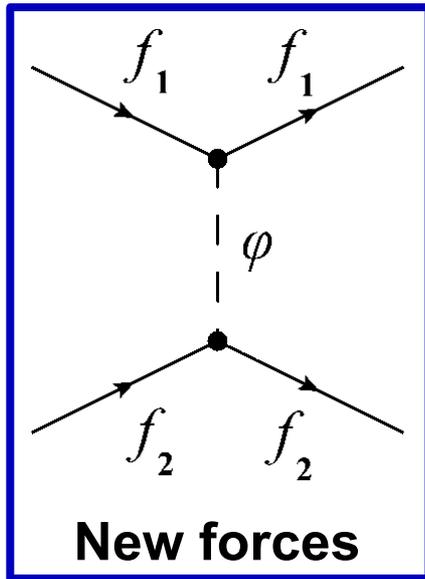


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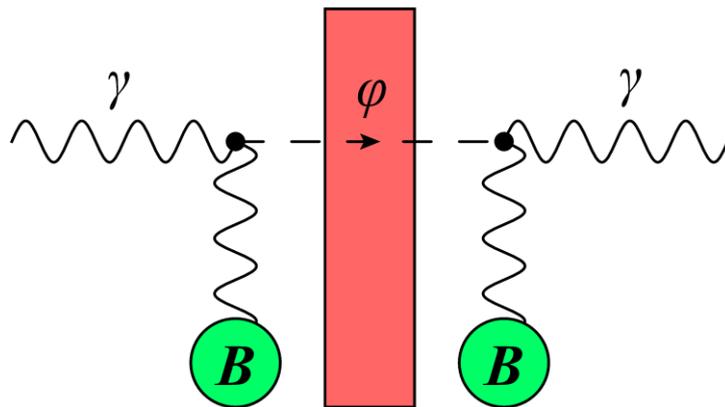


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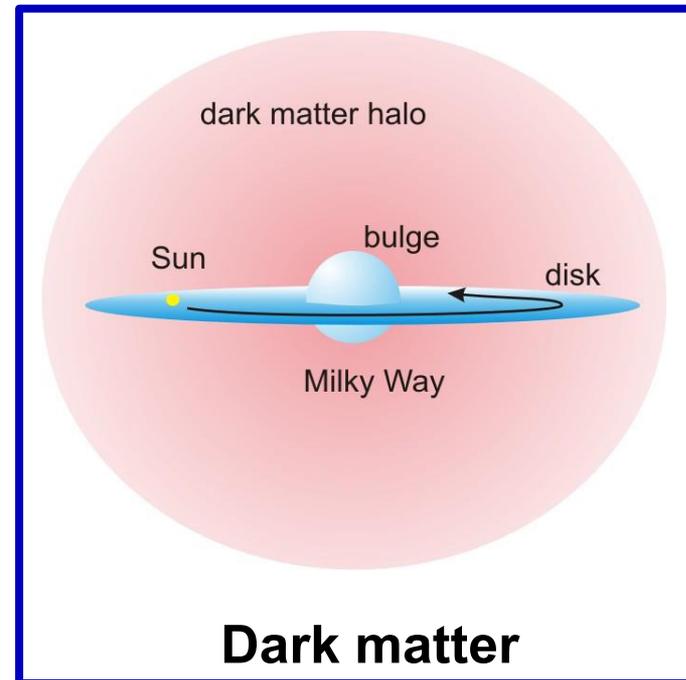
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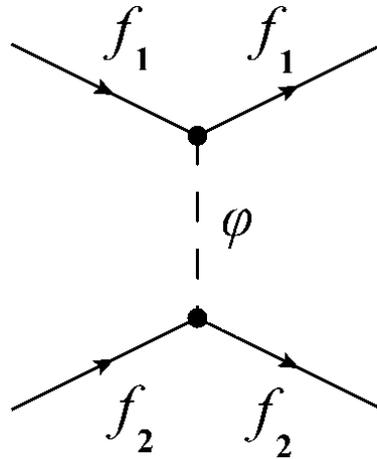


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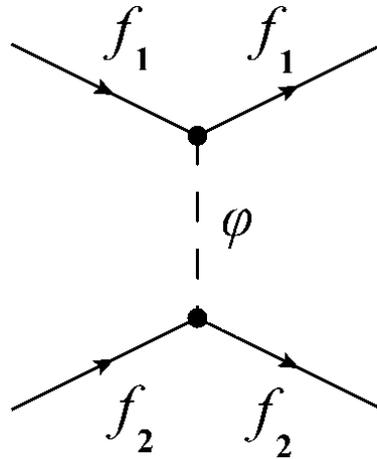
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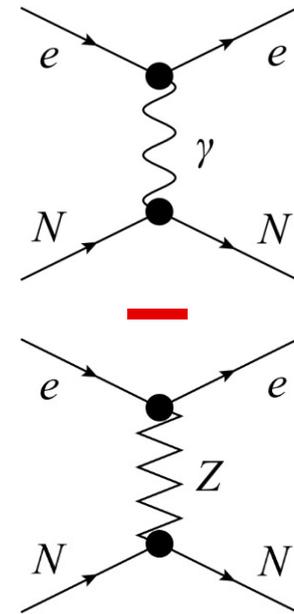
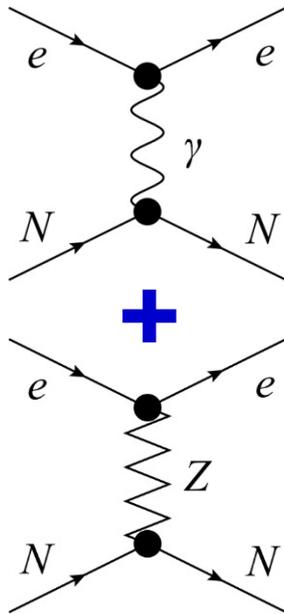
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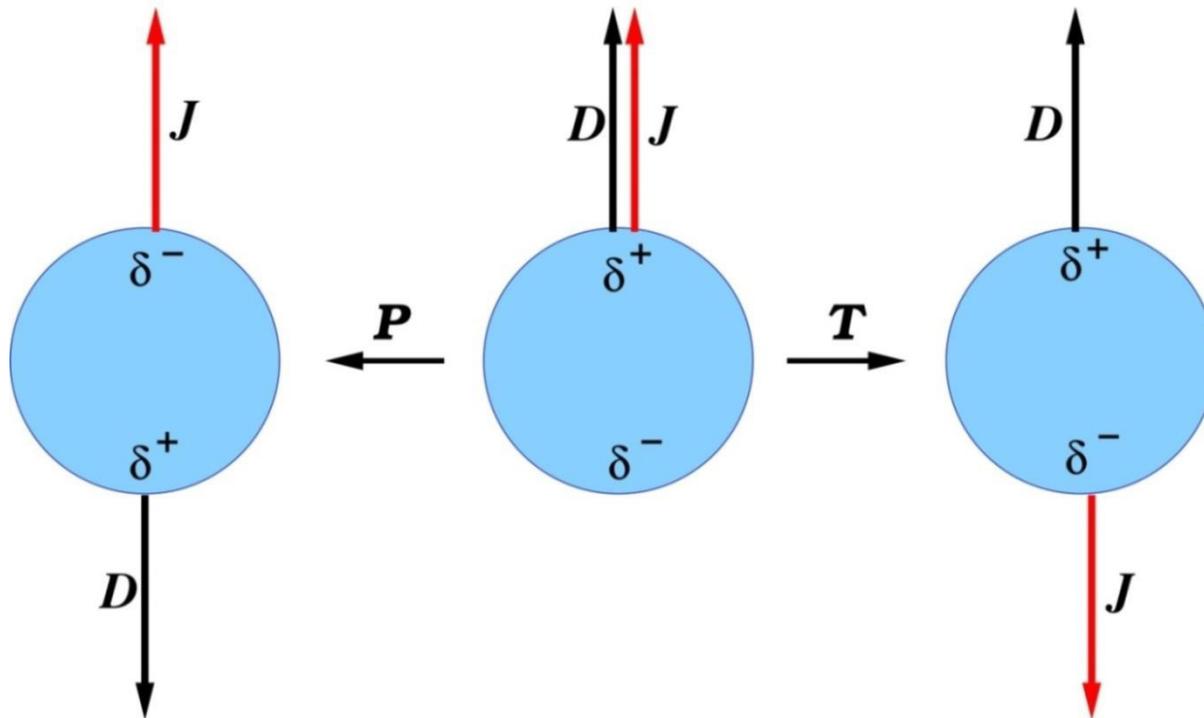
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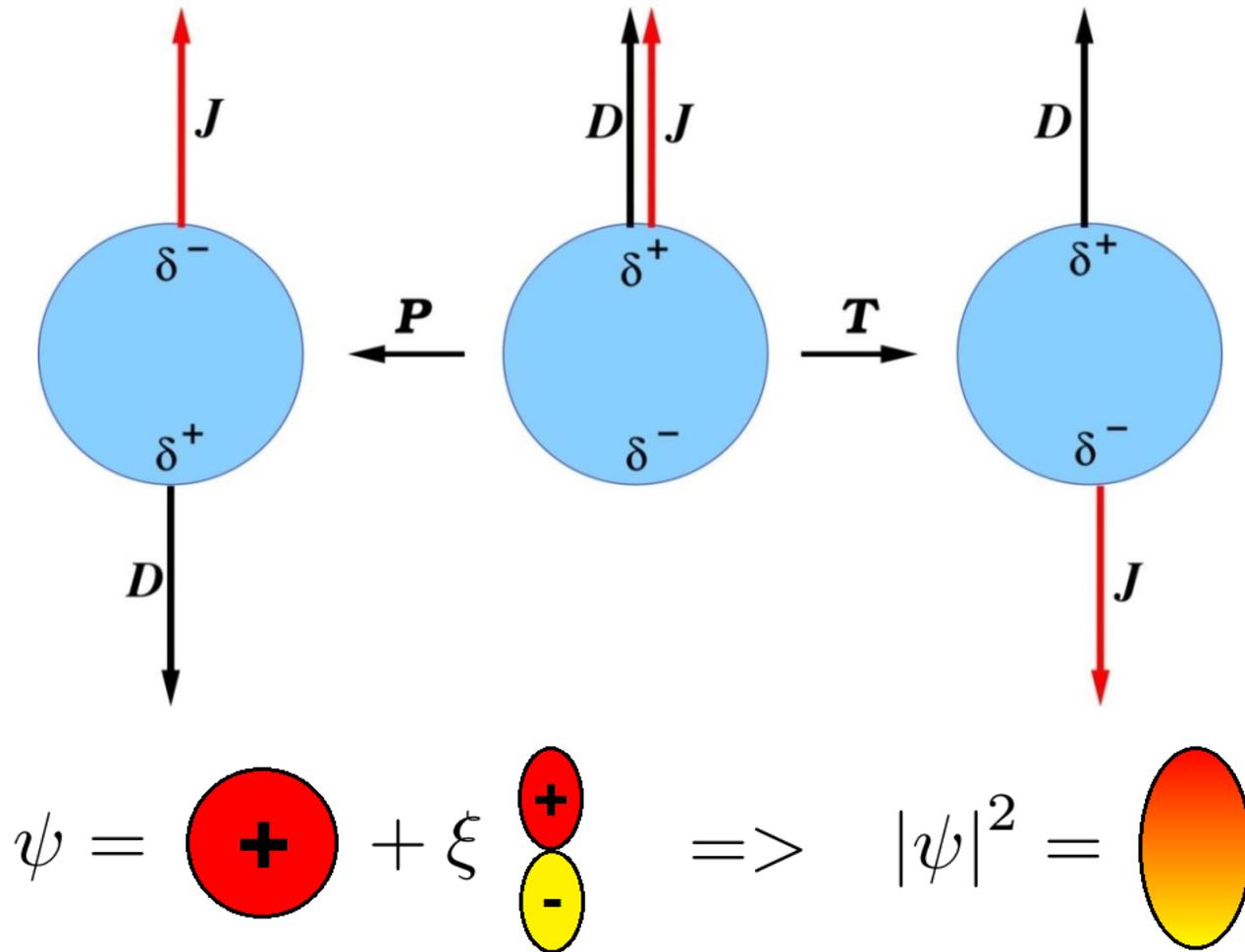
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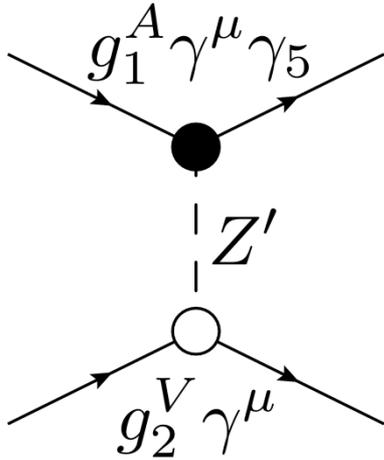
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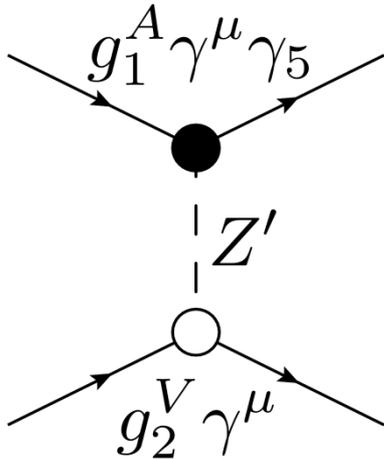


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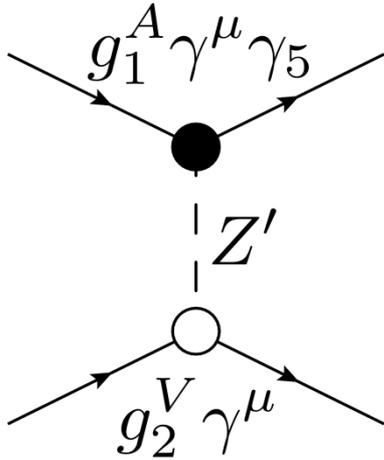
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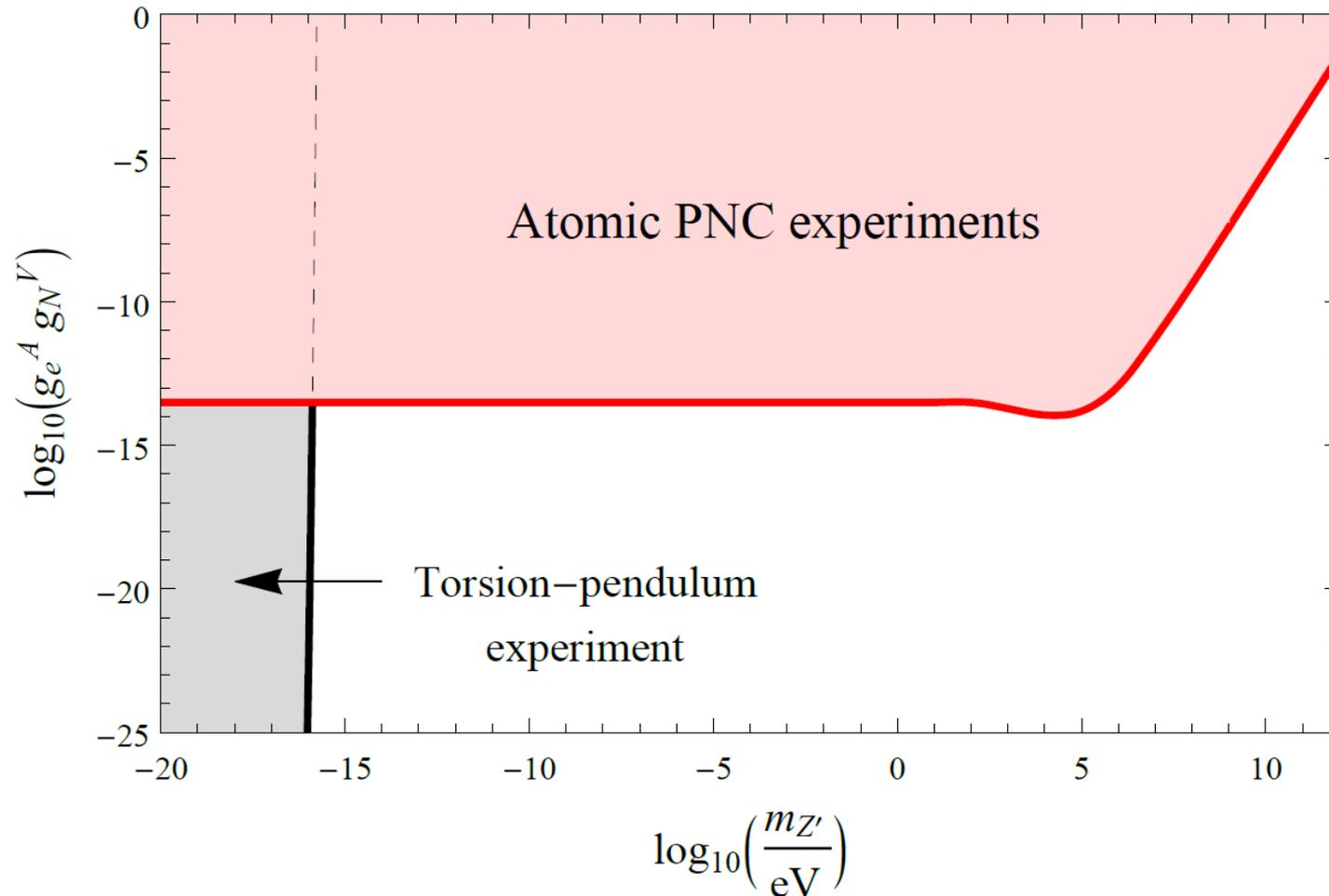
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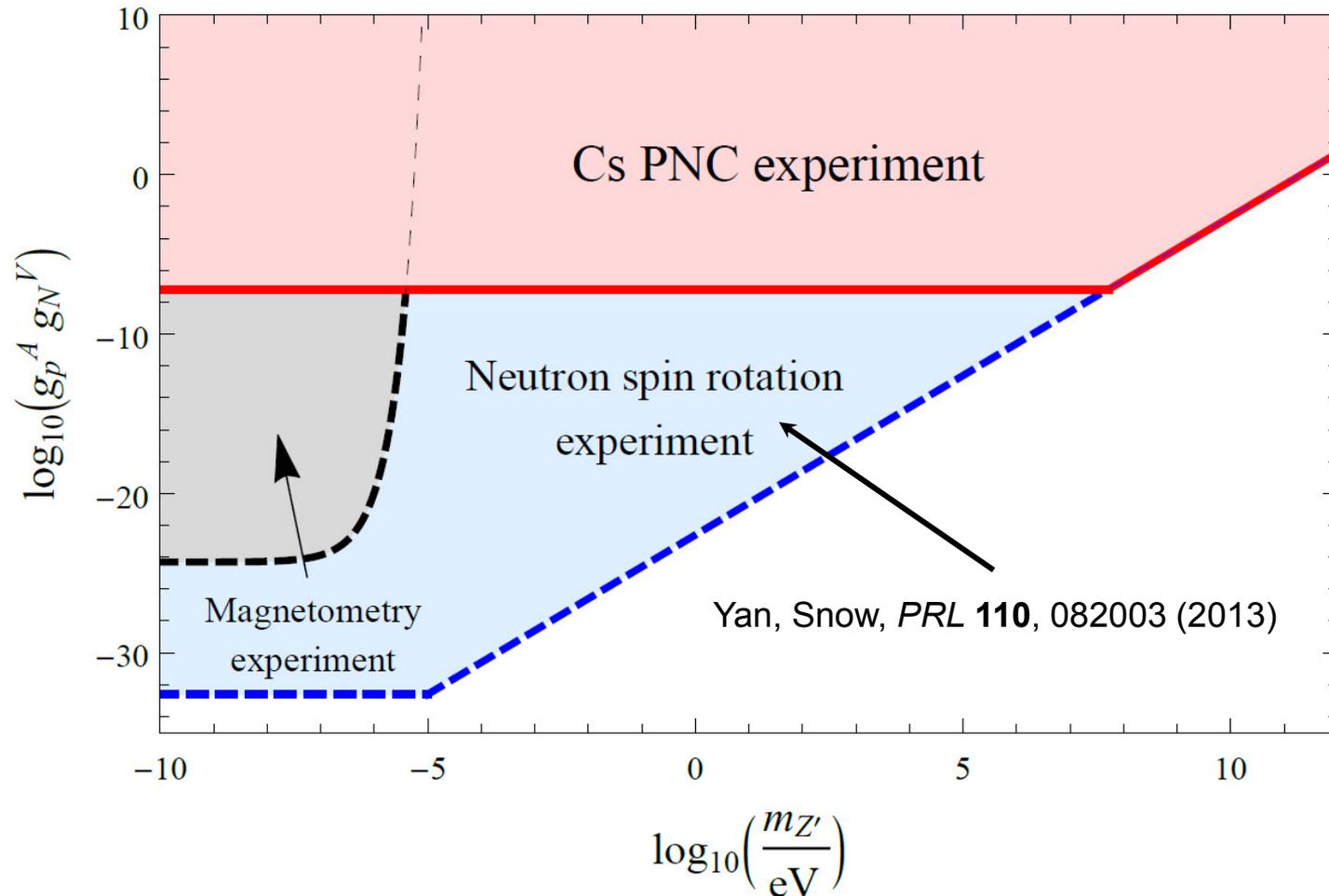
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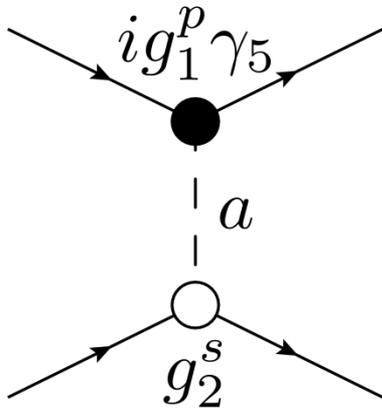
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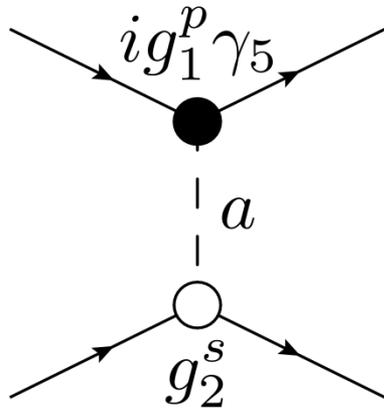


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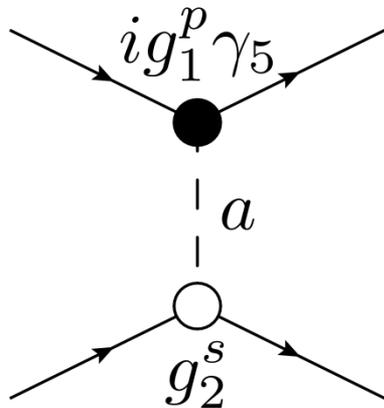
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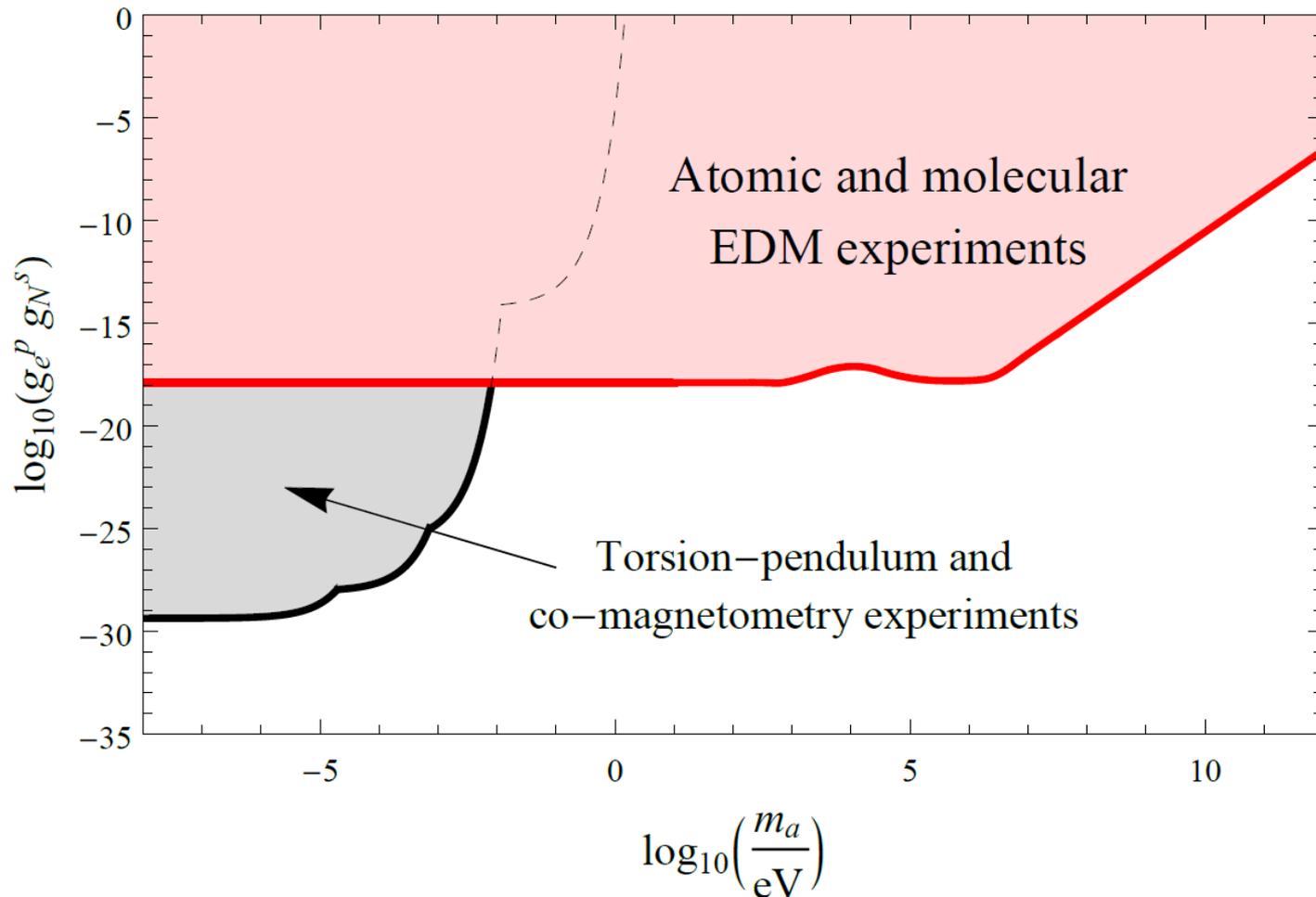
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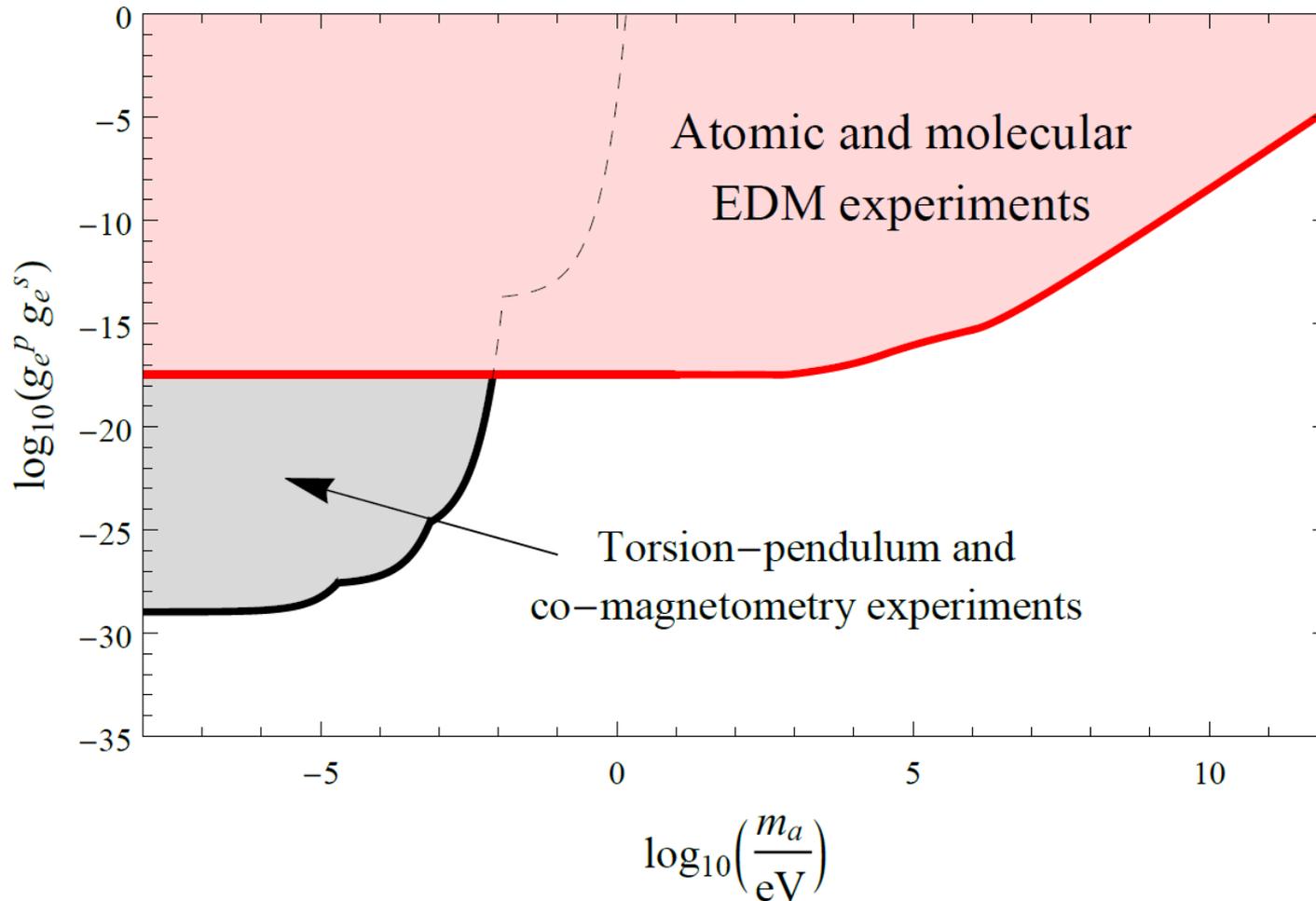
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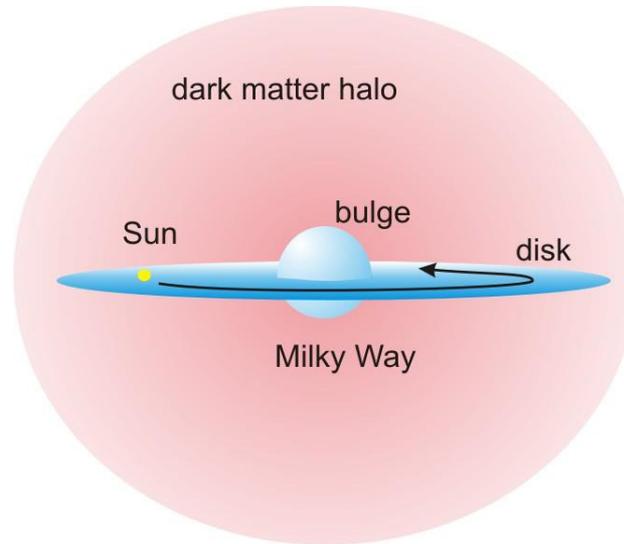
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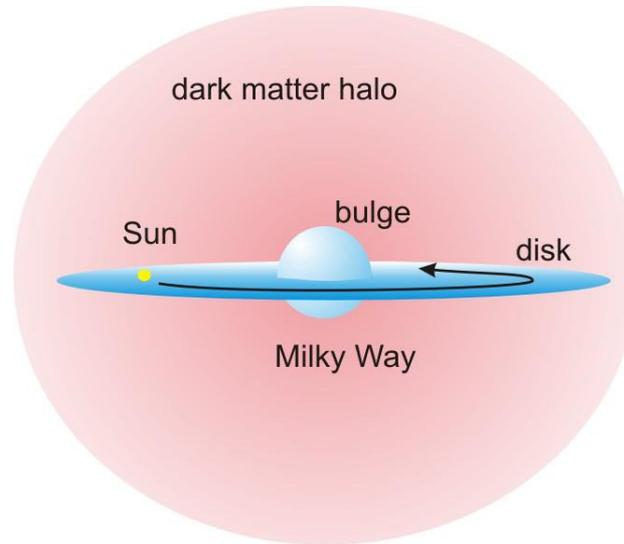
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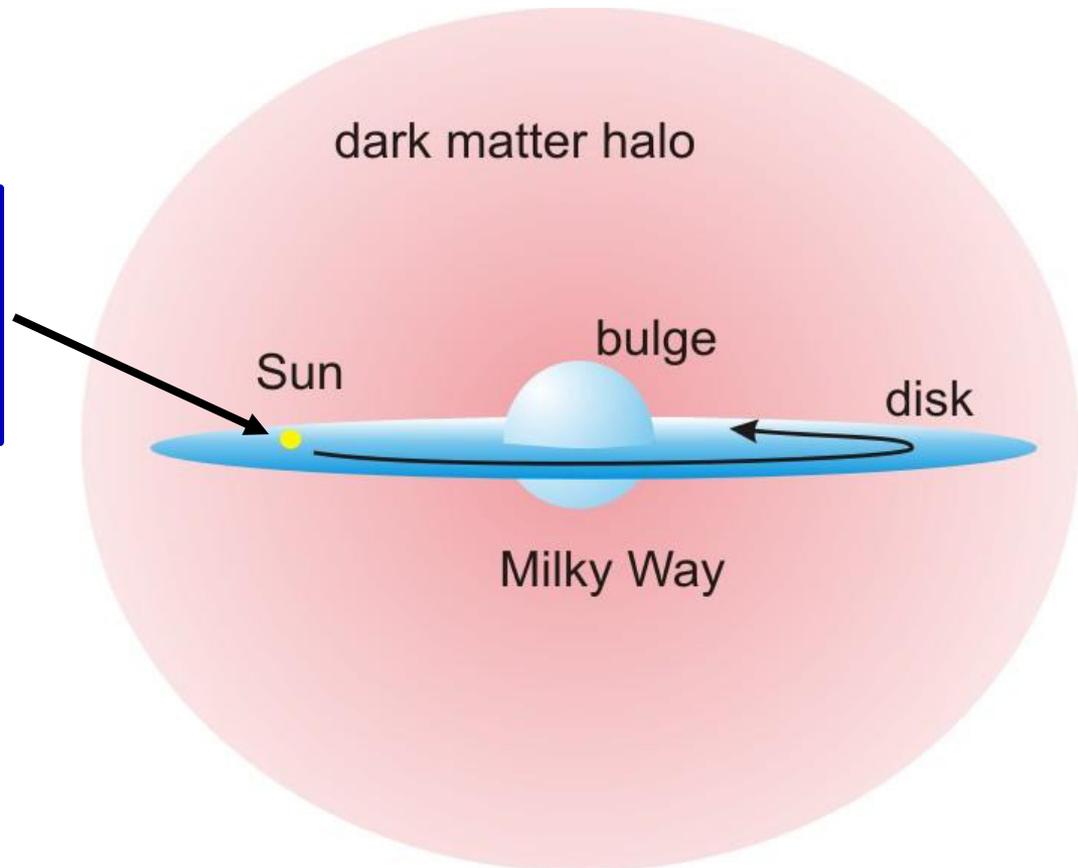
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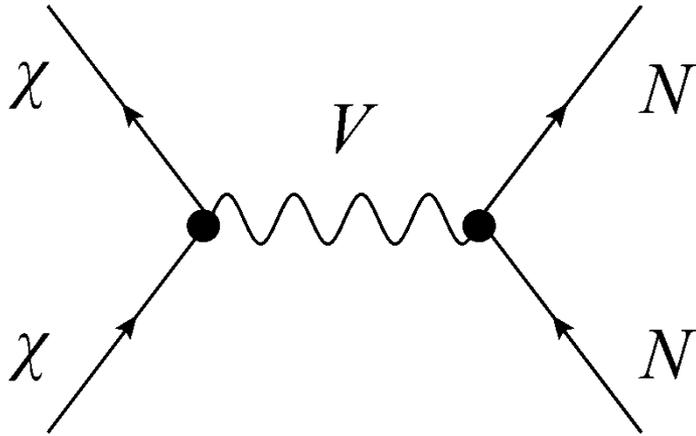
Overwhelming astrophysical evidence for existence of **dark matter** (~5 times more dark matter than ordinary matter).

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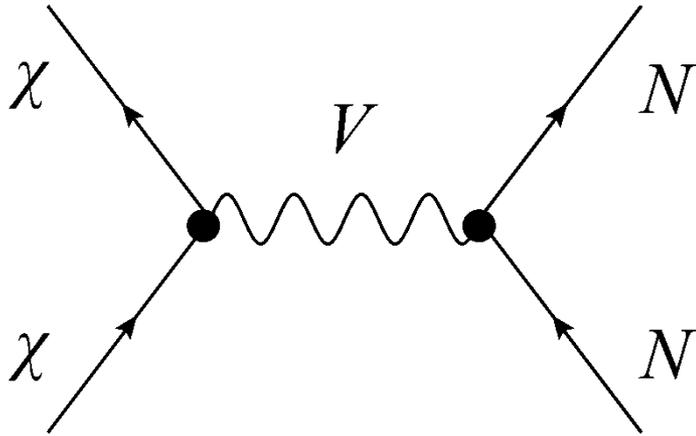
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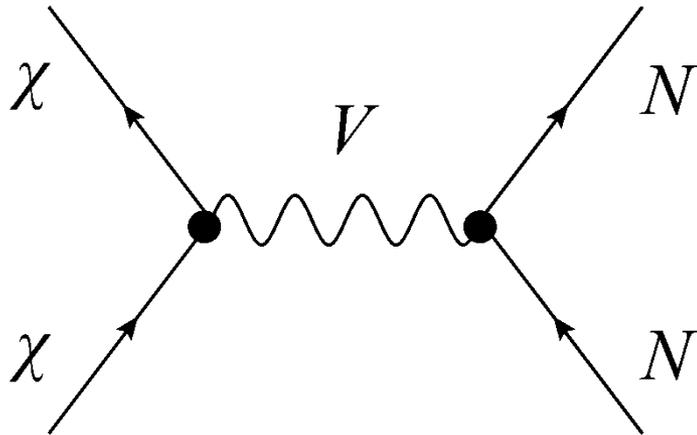
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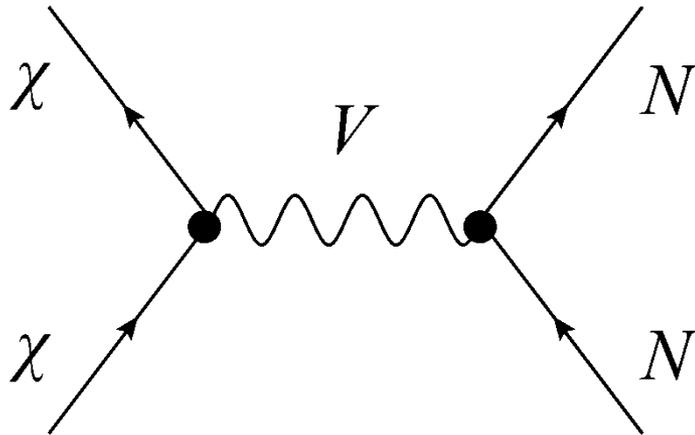
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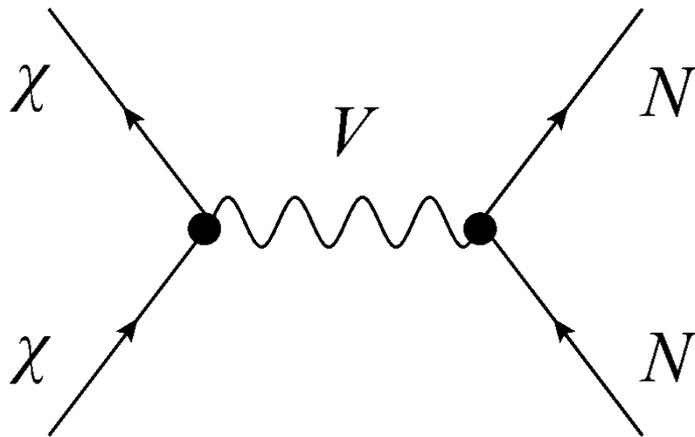


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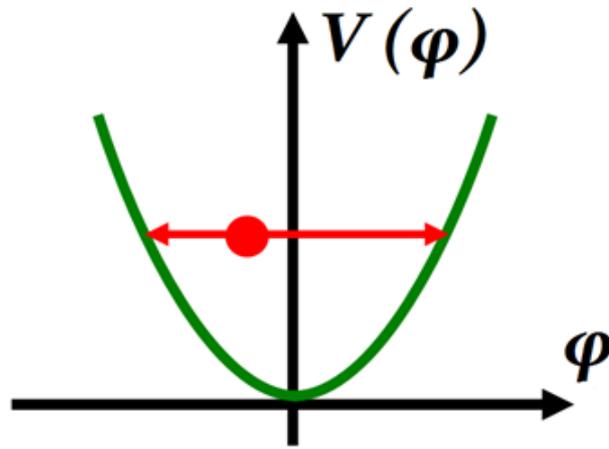


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- $10^{-22} \text{ eV} \lesssim m_\varphi \lesssim 0.1 \text{ eV} \Leftrightarrow 10^{-8} \text{ Hz} \lesssim f \lesssim 10^{13} \text{ Hz}$



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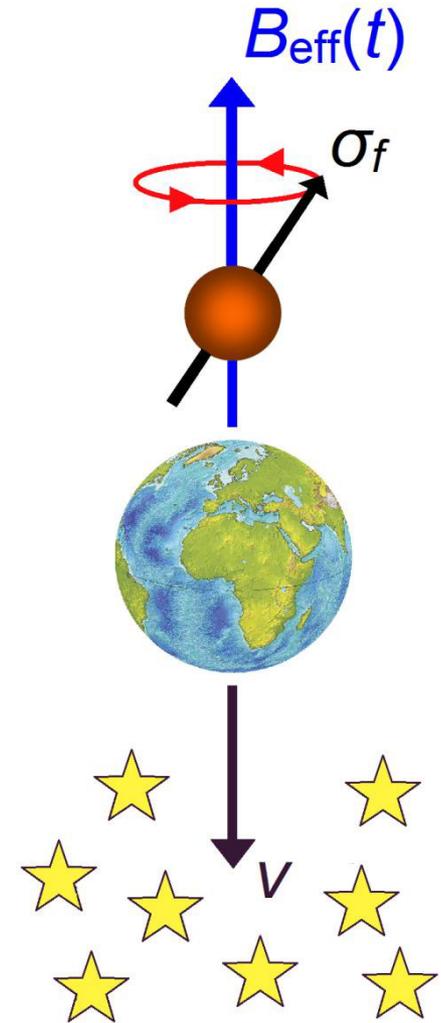
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$$\mathcal{L}_{aff} = -\frac{C_f}{2f_a} \partial_i [a_0 \cos(\varepsilon_a t - \mathbf{p}_a \cdot \mathbf{x})] \bar{f} \gamma^i \gamma^5 f$$


$$\Rightarrow H_{\text{eff}}(t) \simeq \boldsymbol{\sigma}_f \cdot \mathbf{B}_{\text{eff}} \sin(m_a t)$$

**Pseudo-magnetic field**

$$B_{\text{eff}} \propto v$$

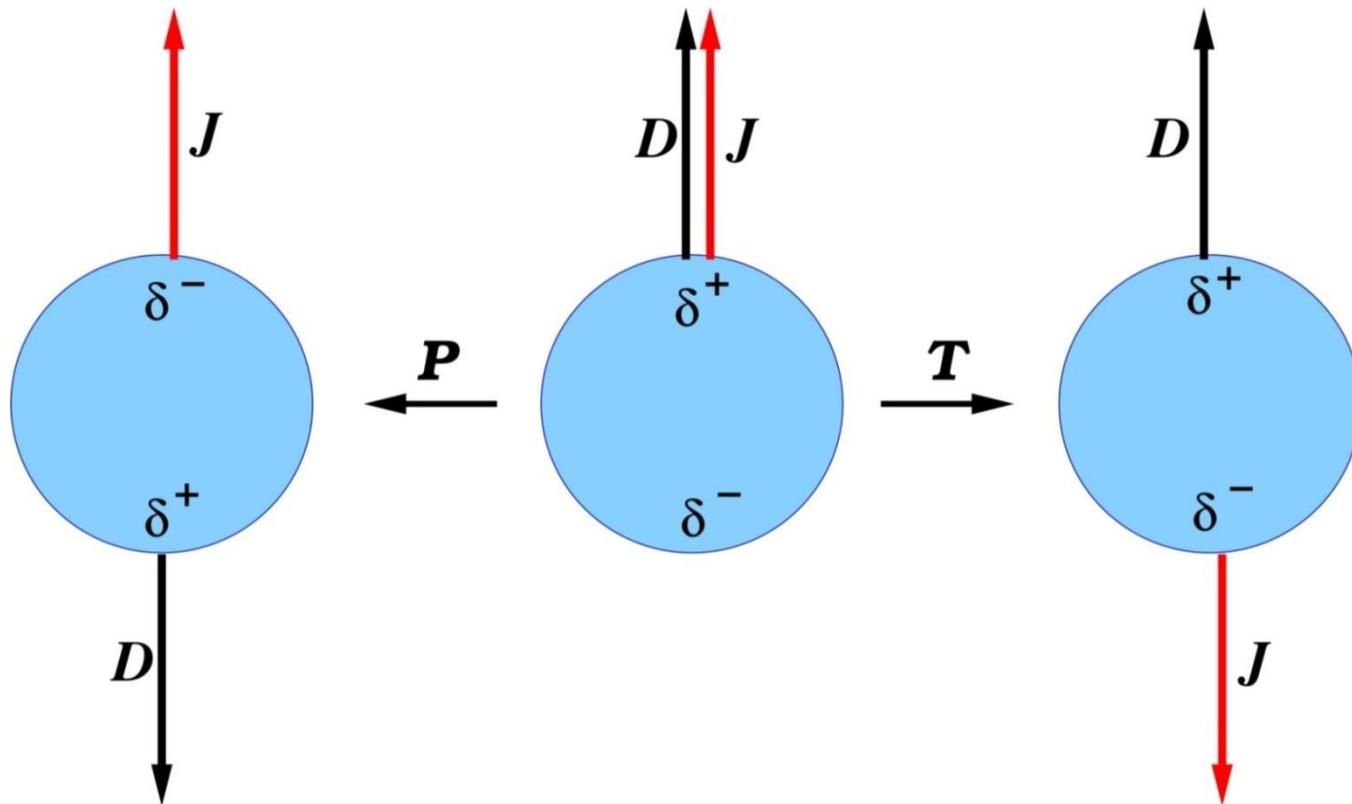


# Oscillating Electric Dipole Moments

Nucleons: [Graham, Rajendran, *PRD* **84**, 055013 (2011)]

Atoms and molecules: [Stadnik, Flambaum, *PRD* **89**, 043522 (2014)]

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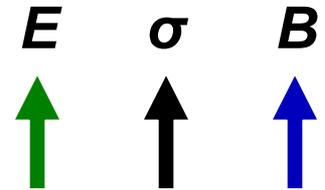
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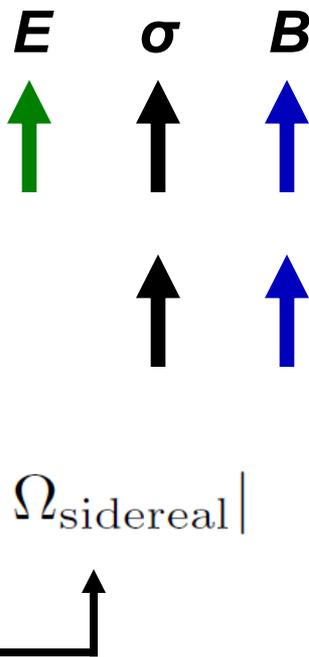
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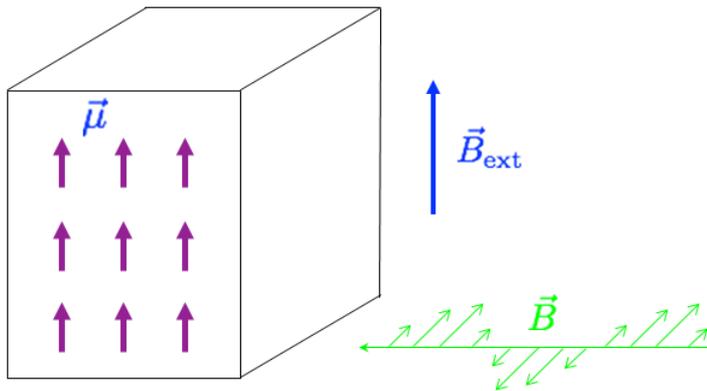
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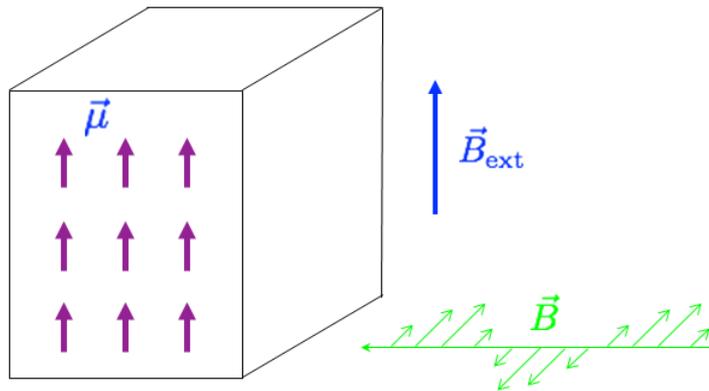
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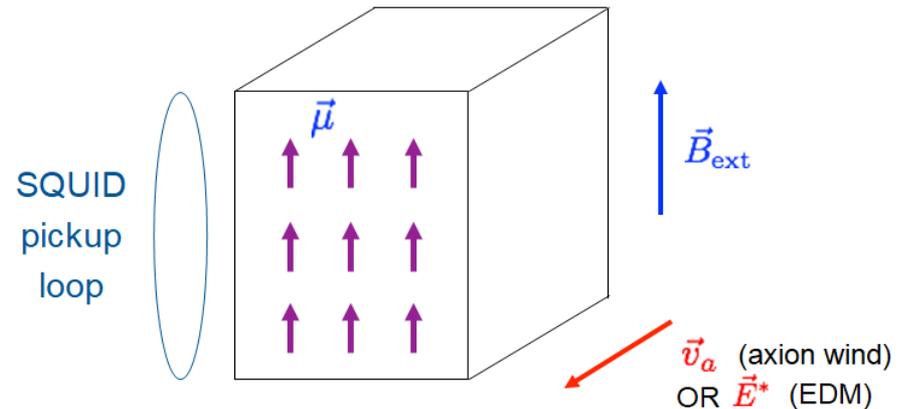
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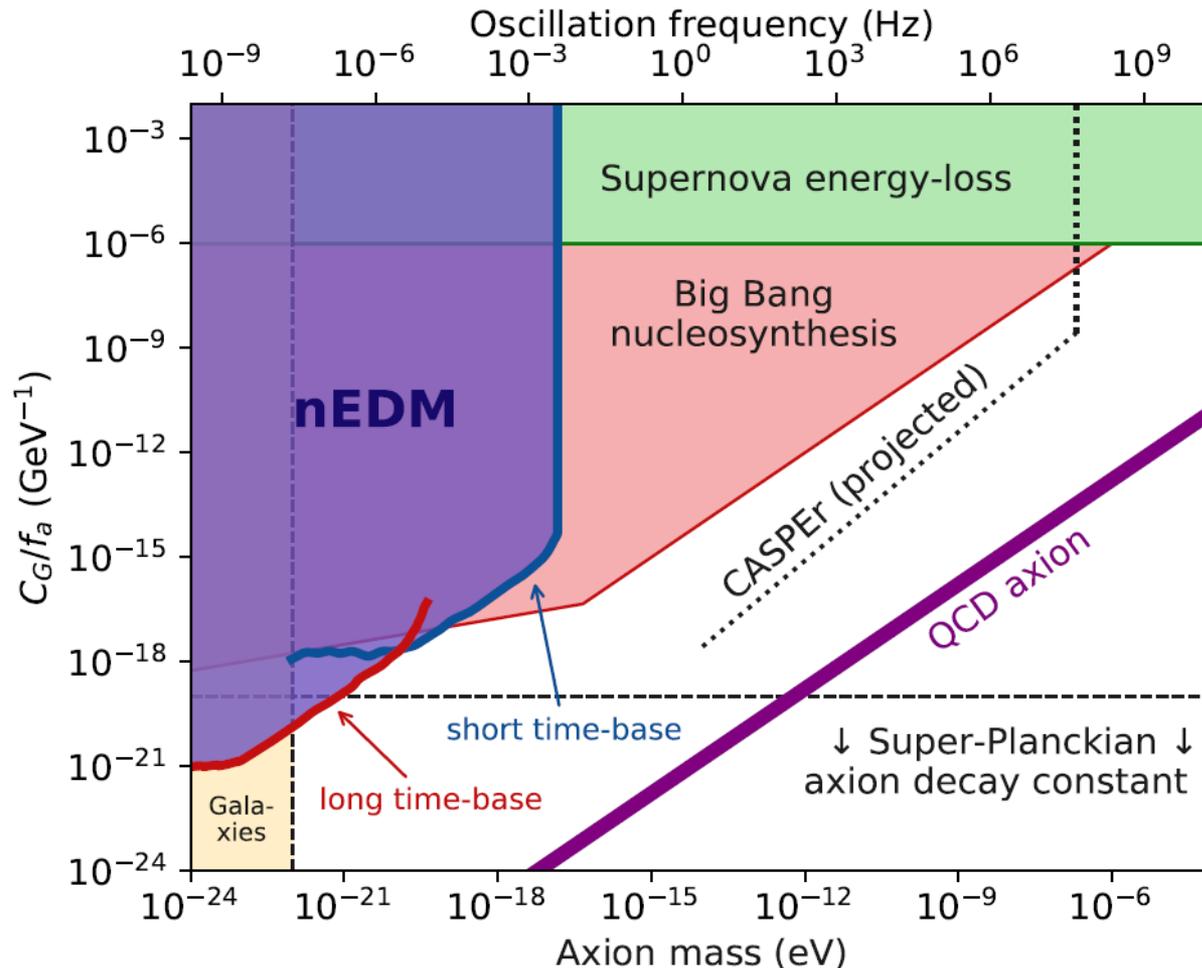
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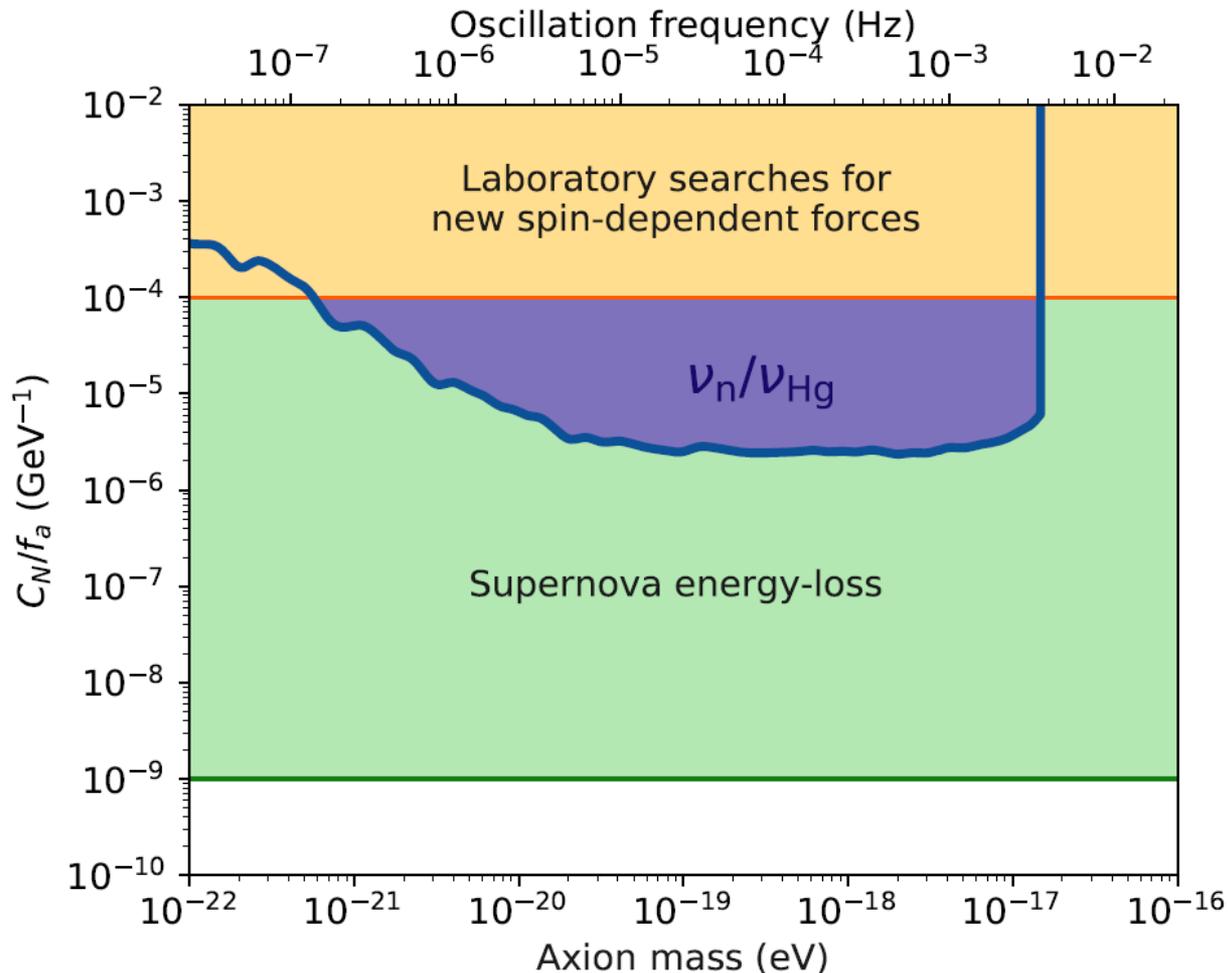
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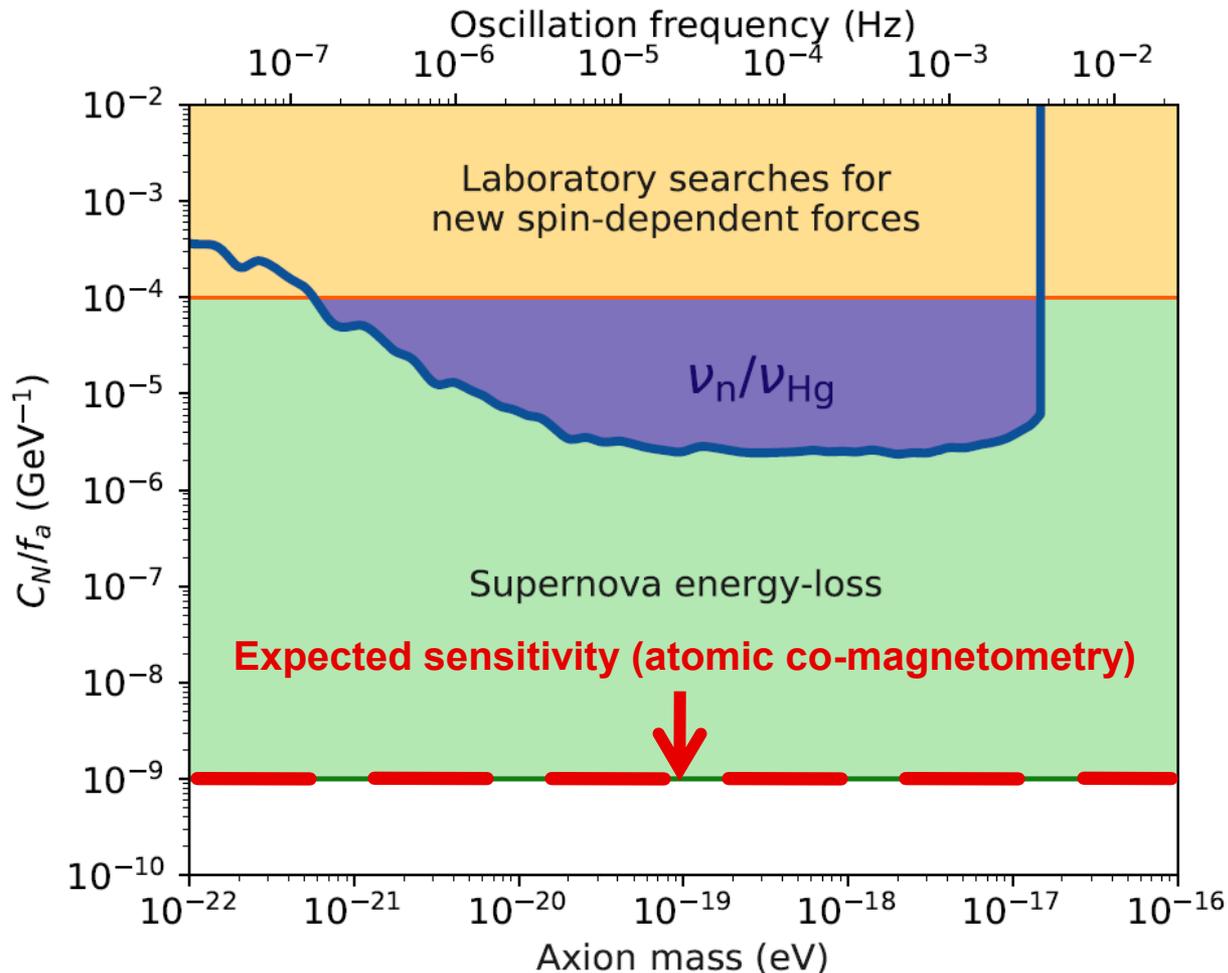
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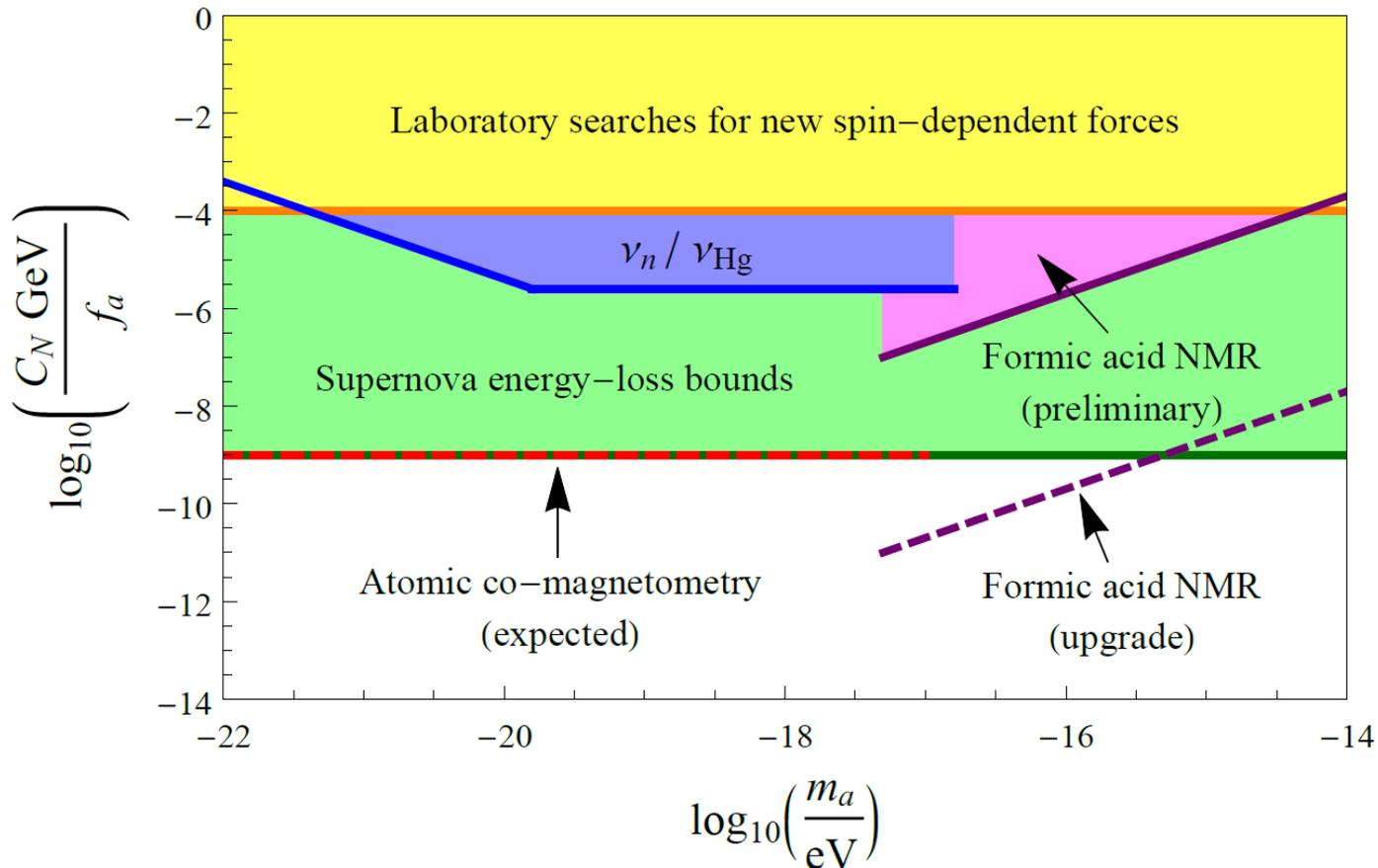


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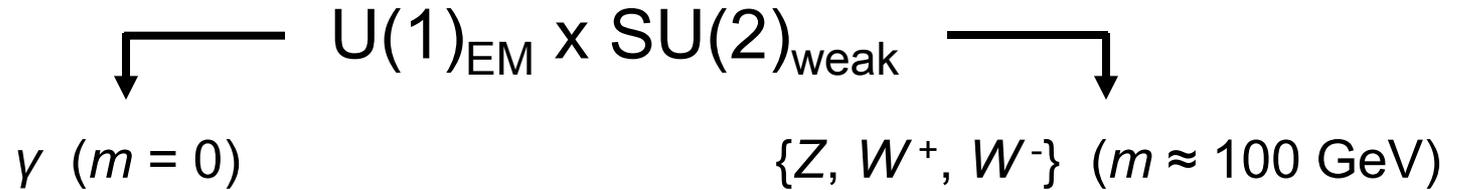
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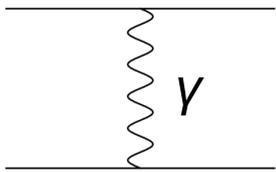
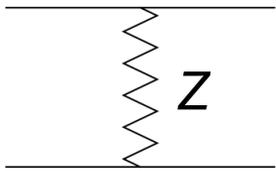
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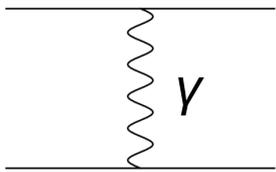
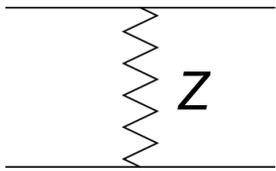
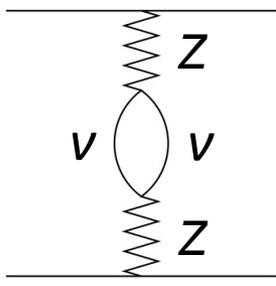
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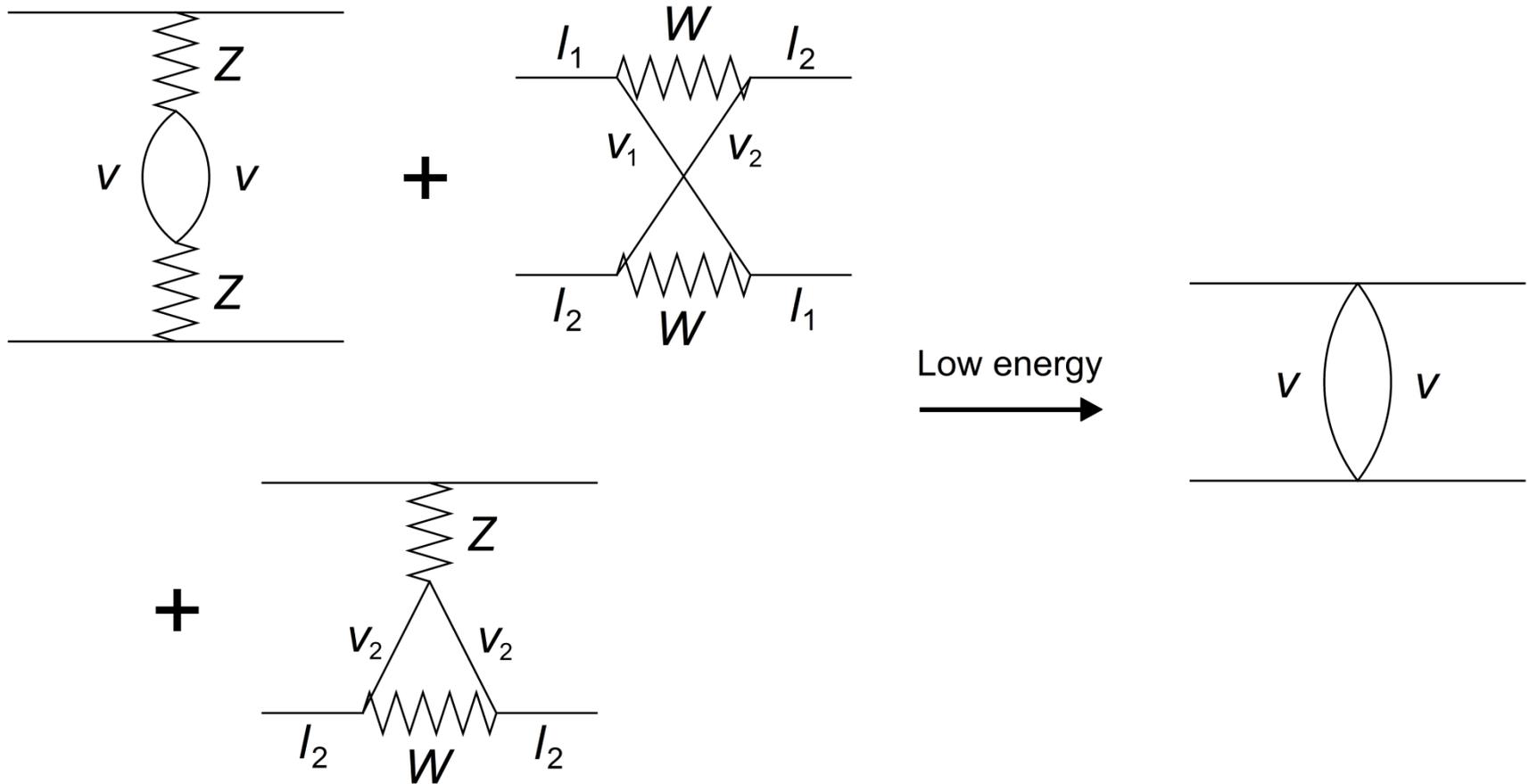
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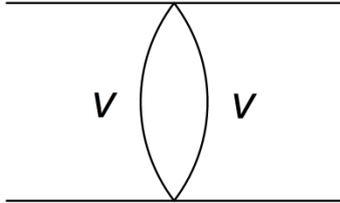
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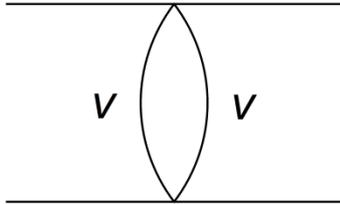
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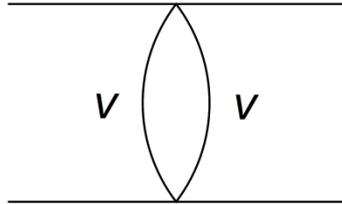


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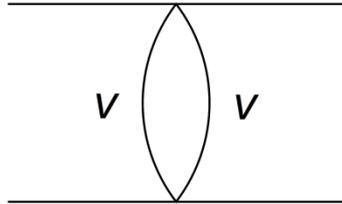
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Finite-sized nucleus:  $(a_B/r_c)^2 \approx (a_B/R_{\text{nucl}})^2 \sim 10^9$

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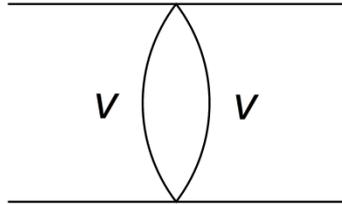
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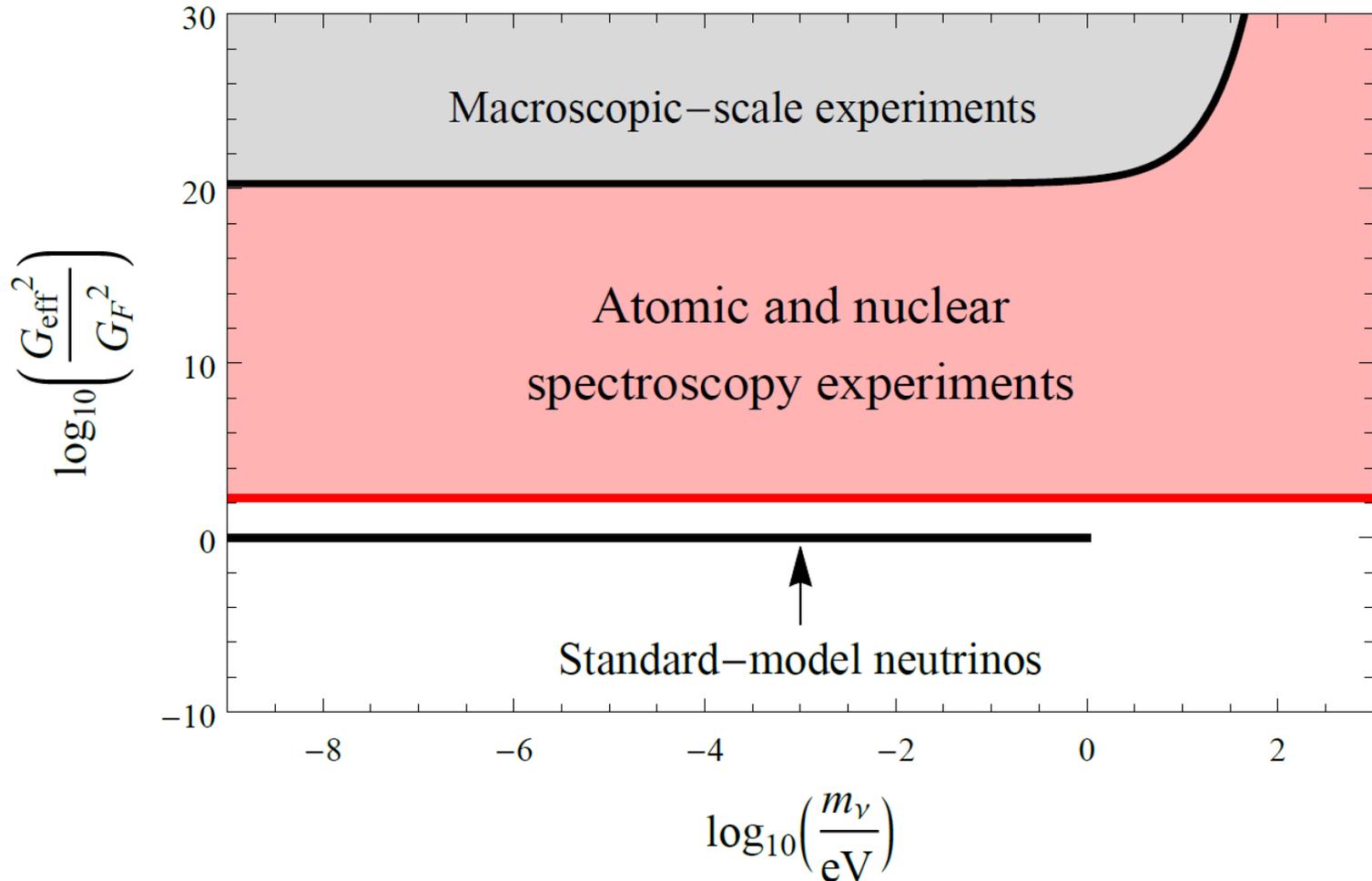
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- **More details in full slides (also on ResearchGate)**