

# Boosted Dark Matter and the signal probes at Neutrino and Direct Detection Experiments

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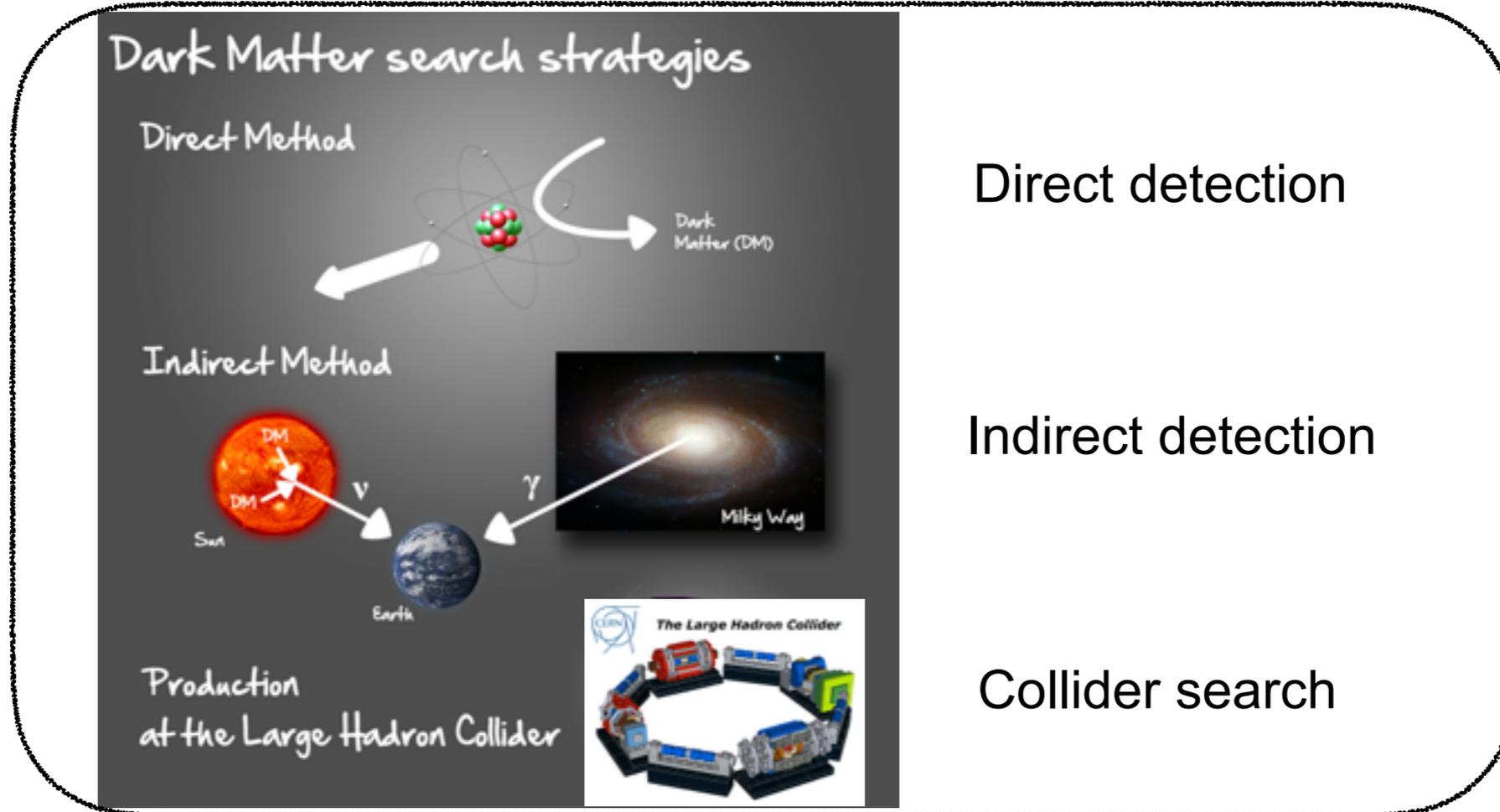
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Multi-component boosted dark matter (BDM)

# Search for WIMP (non-gravitational)



Direct detection

Indirect detection

Collider search

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- Keep probing the rest of the corners of parameter space
- Non-conventional DM scenario & search strategy  
(chance for new theory development!!)

# Alternative of WIMP?

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## Easy set-up

- Keep the gravitational interaction as observed: keep  $\Lambda$ CDM
- Non-gravitational interaction: out of the originally targeted weak scale



My current focus: *Multi-component boosted DM*

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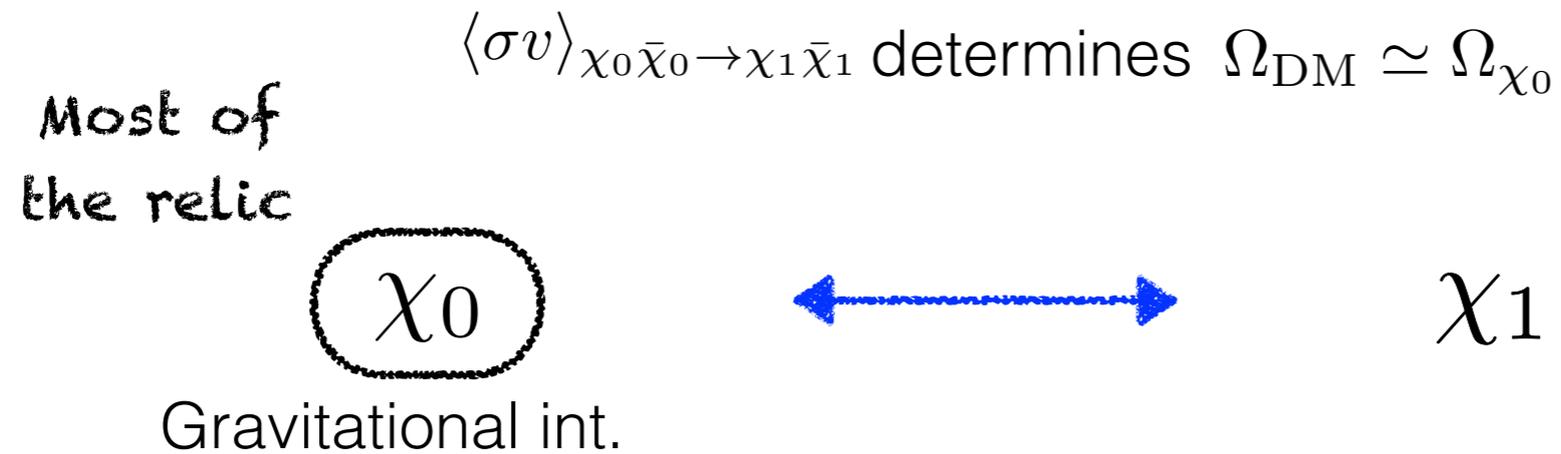


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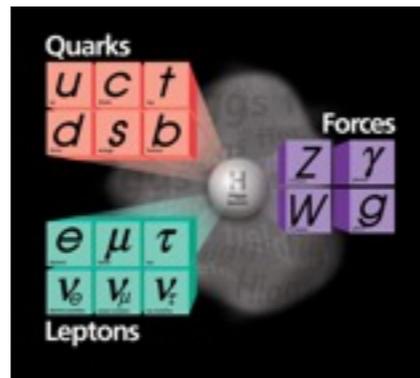
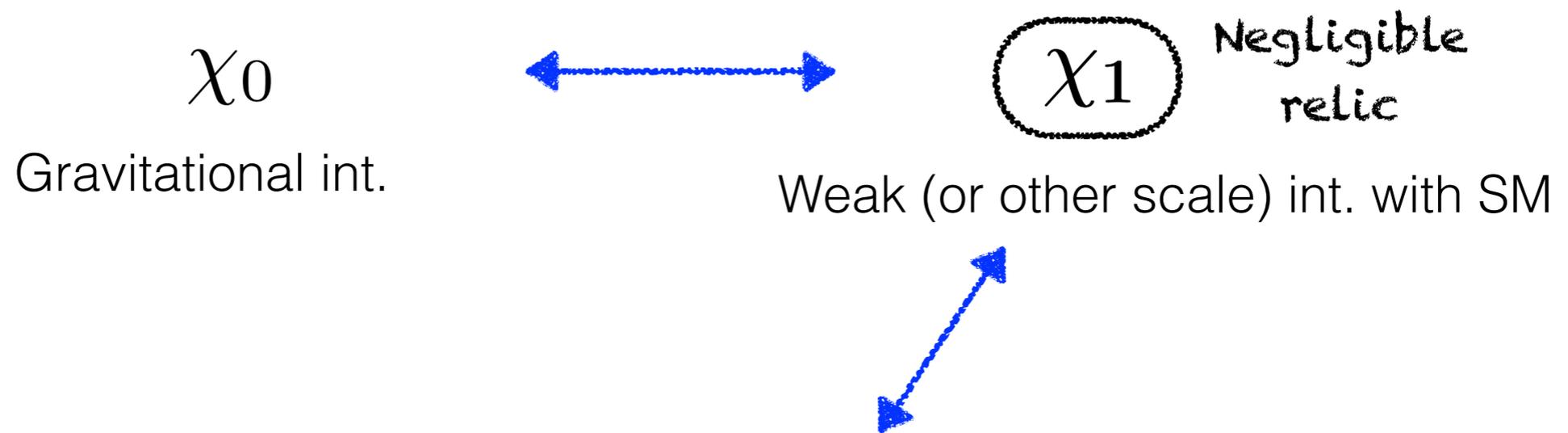
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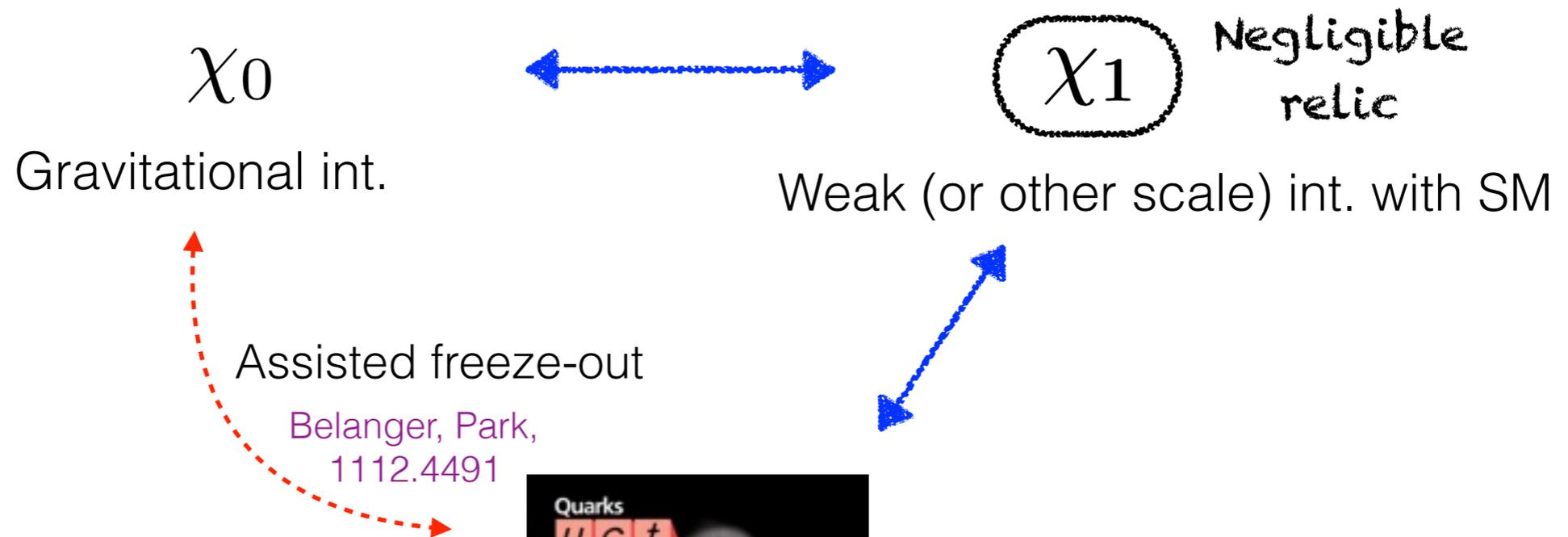
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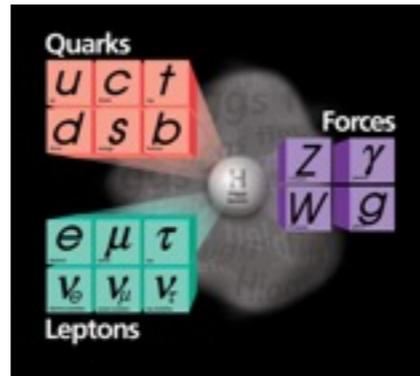


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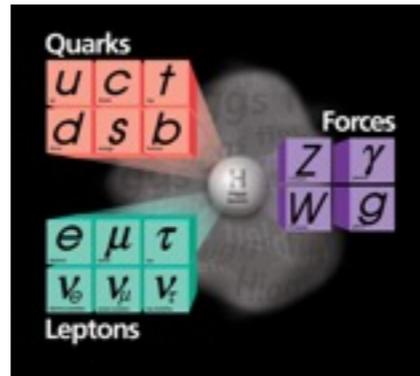
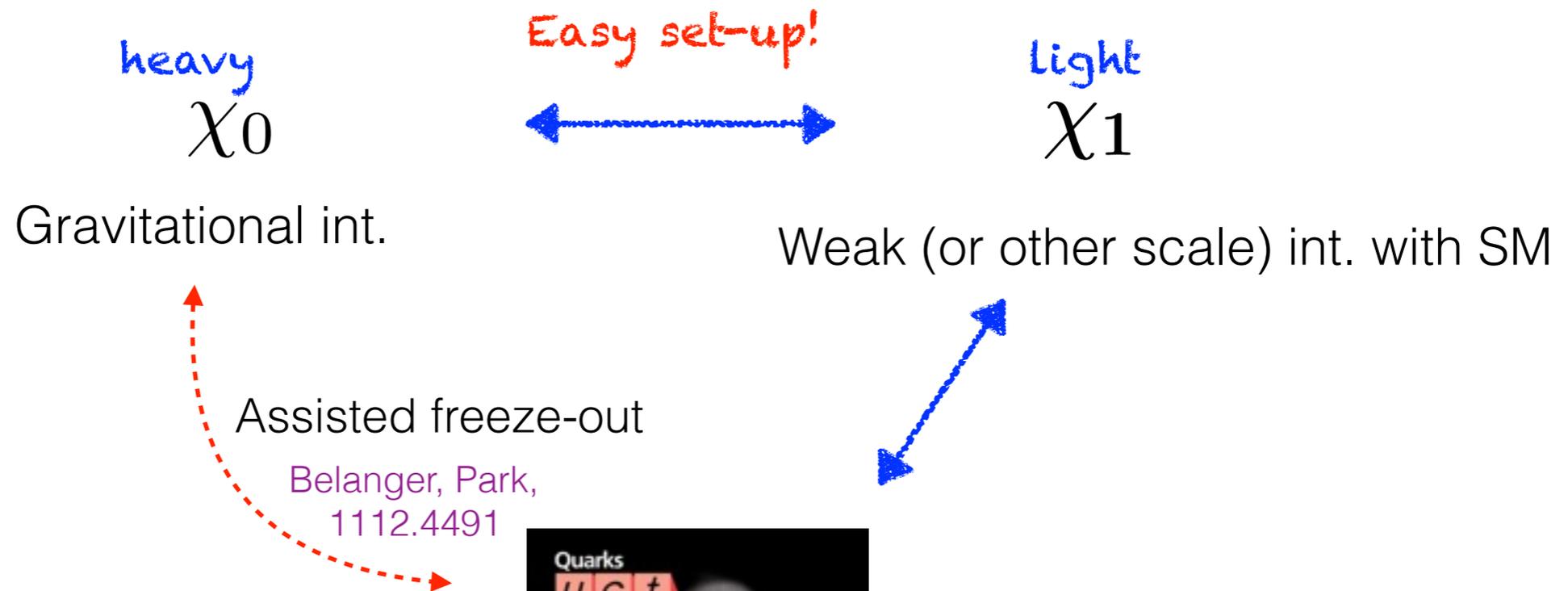


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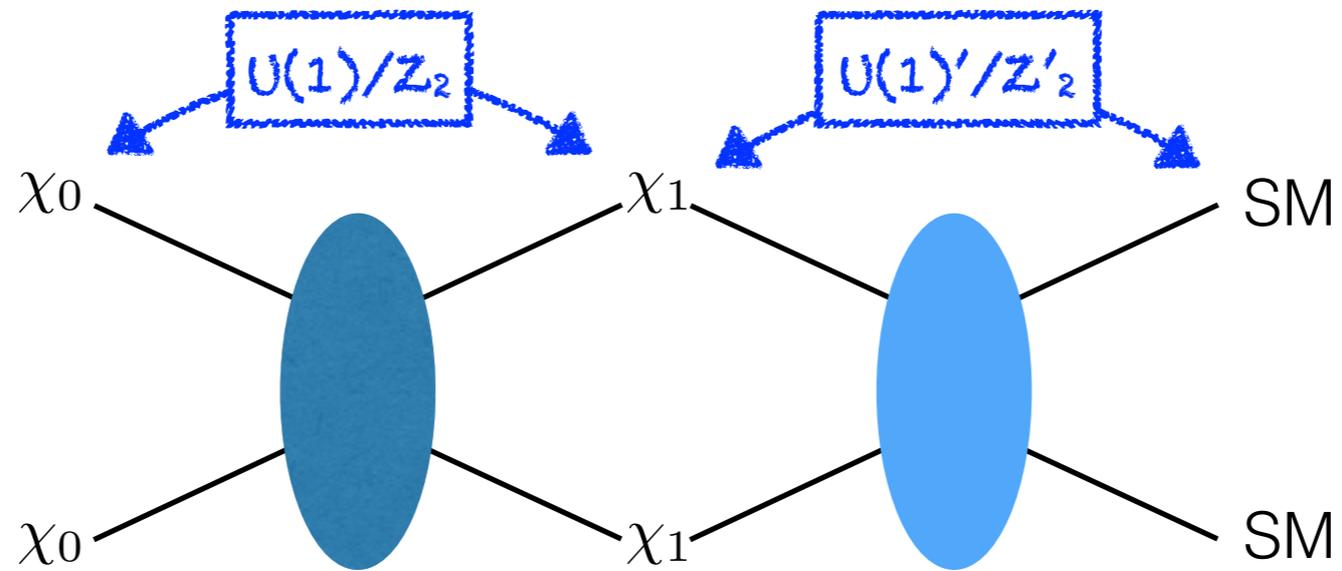


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- Extraordinary signal (relativistic DM scattering)

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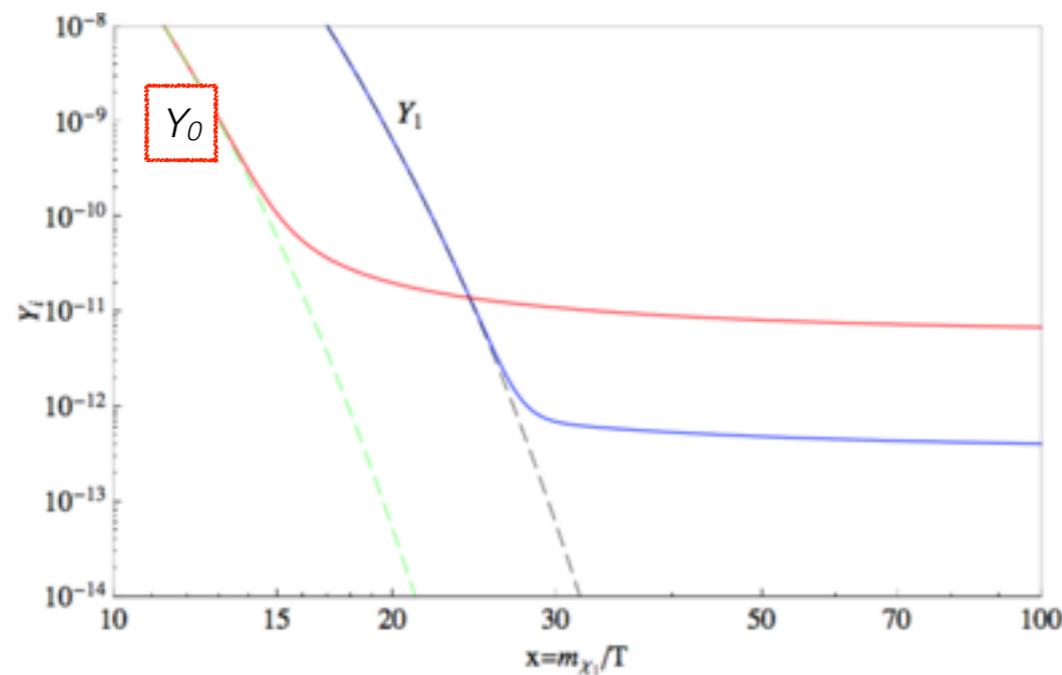
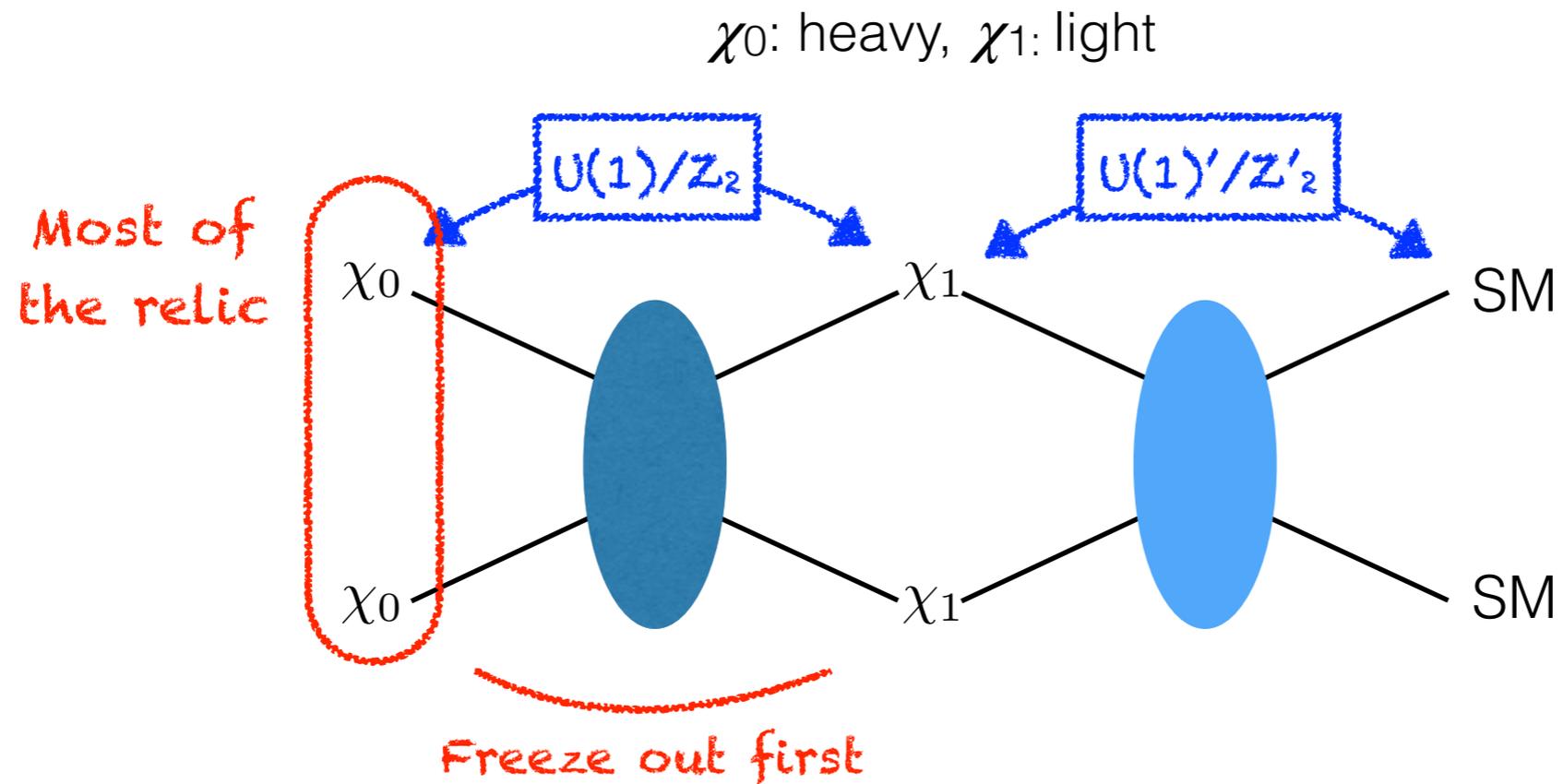
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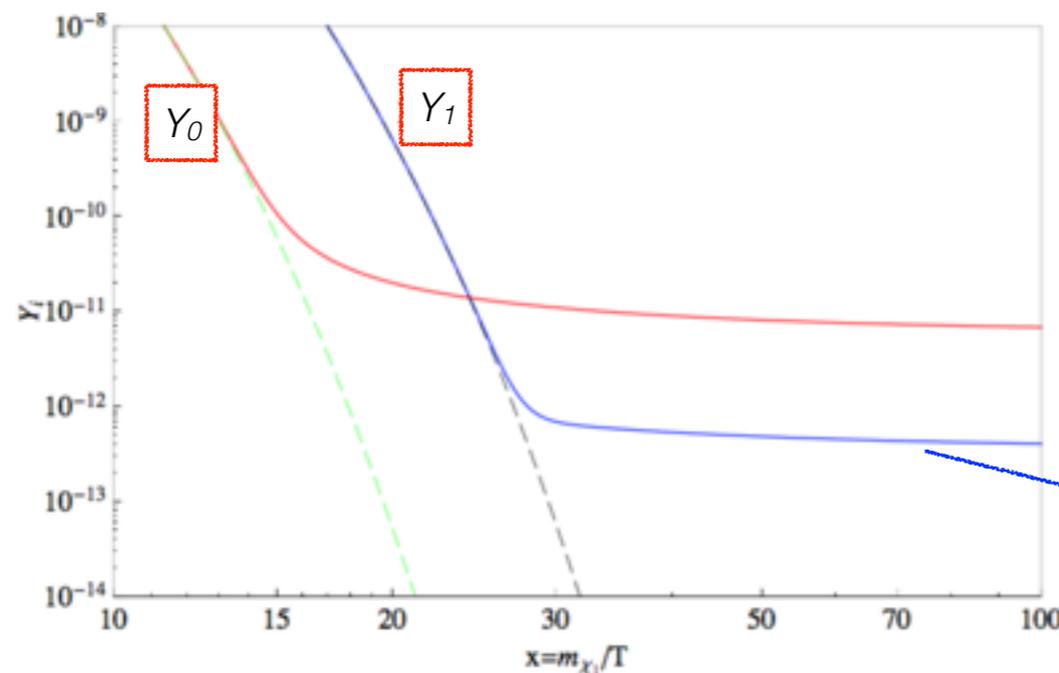
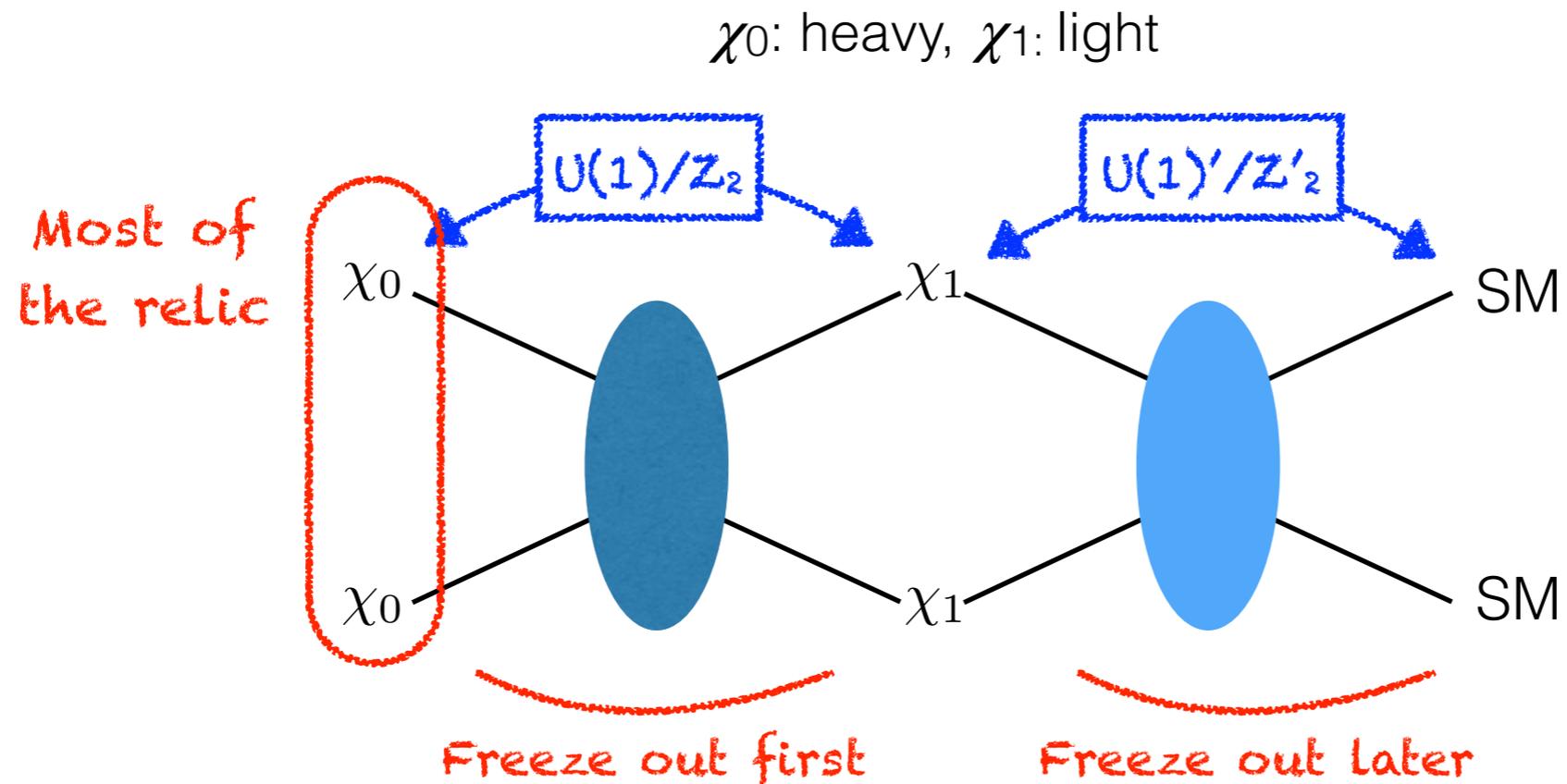
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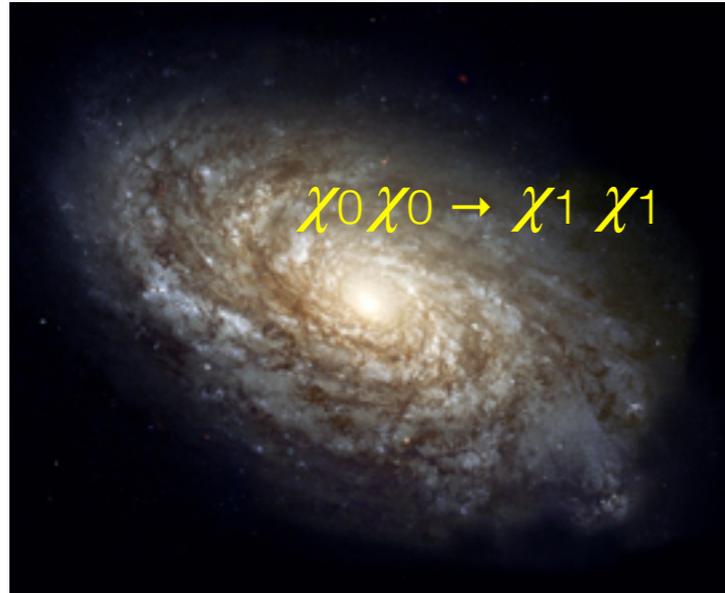
Assisted freeze-out mechanism

non-relativistic relic  $\chi_1$  (negligible)

$Y_0 \gg Y_1$

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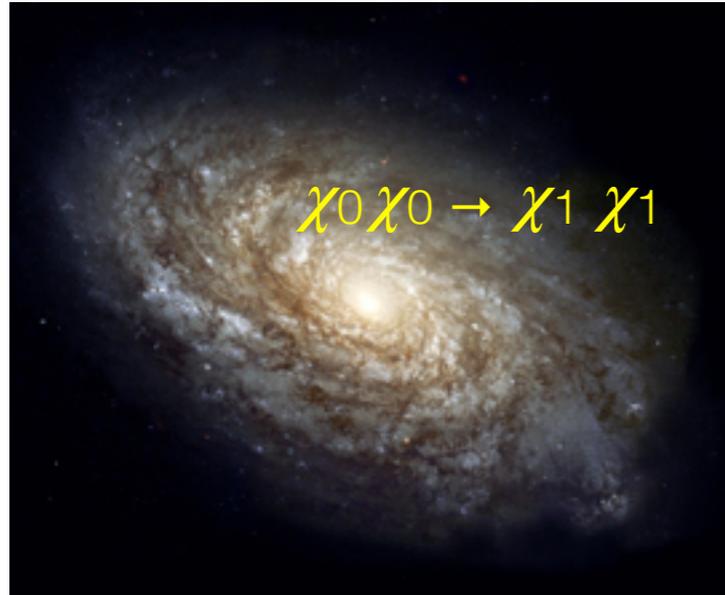
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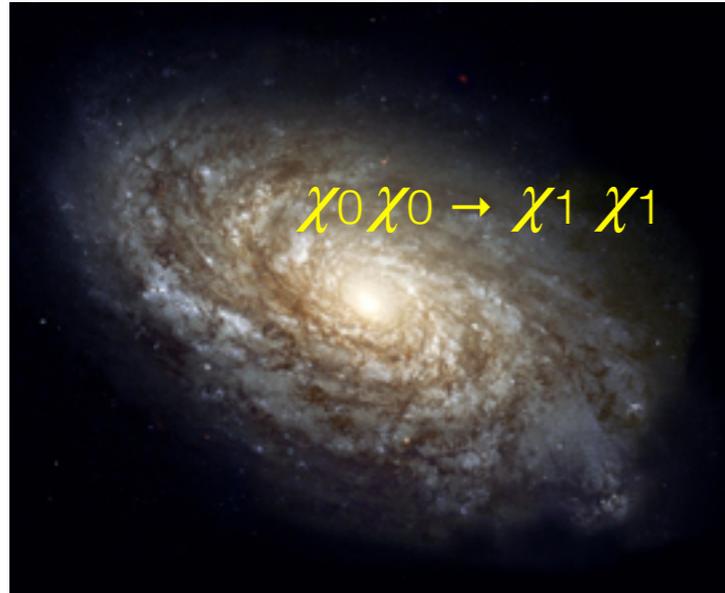


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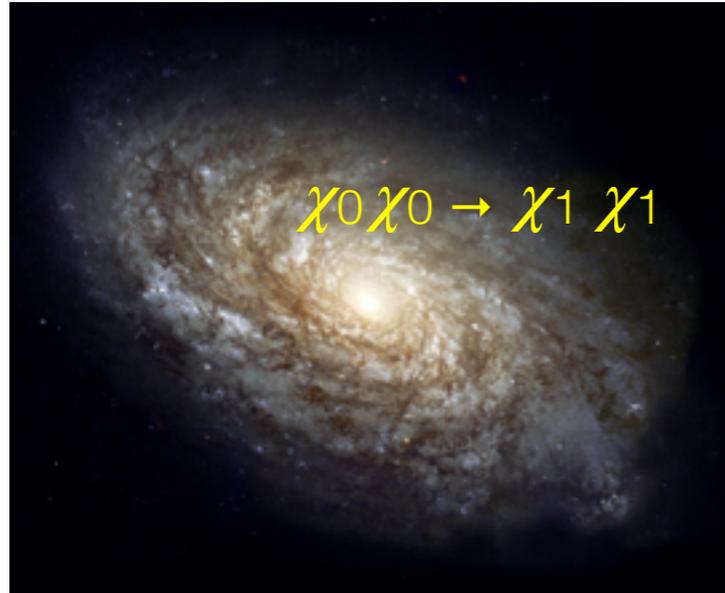
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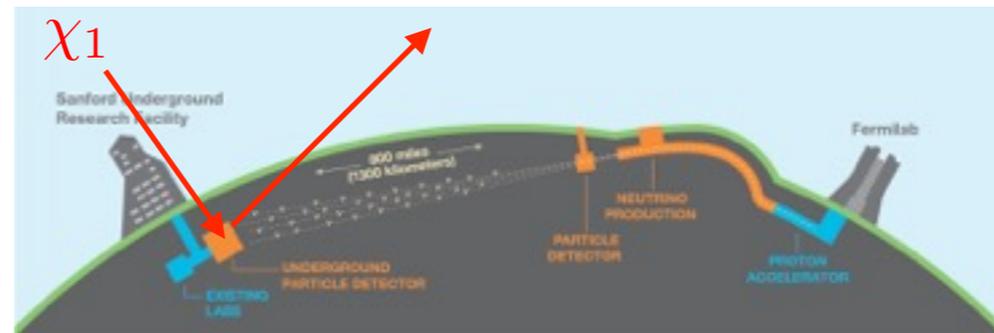
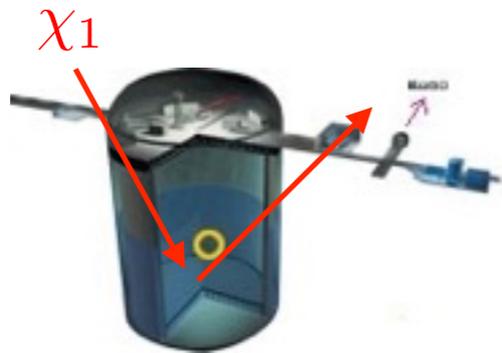
Fixed  $\sim 1$  if s-channel annihilation dominates

10,000 times smaller than the flux of atmospheric neutrino

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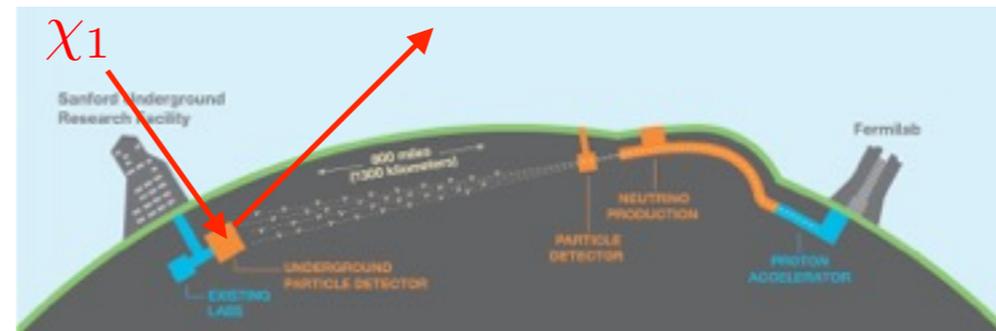
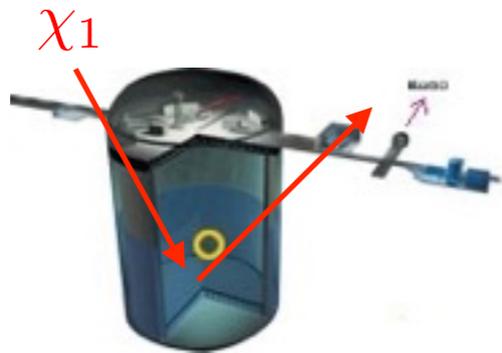
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Subtraction of  
major background ( $\nu$ )

- Directional information:  
e.g., GC, Sun, dSphs  
1405.7370 1410.2246 1610.03486  
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- Signal with unique feature

Open up novel possibilities of BDM search in many experiments

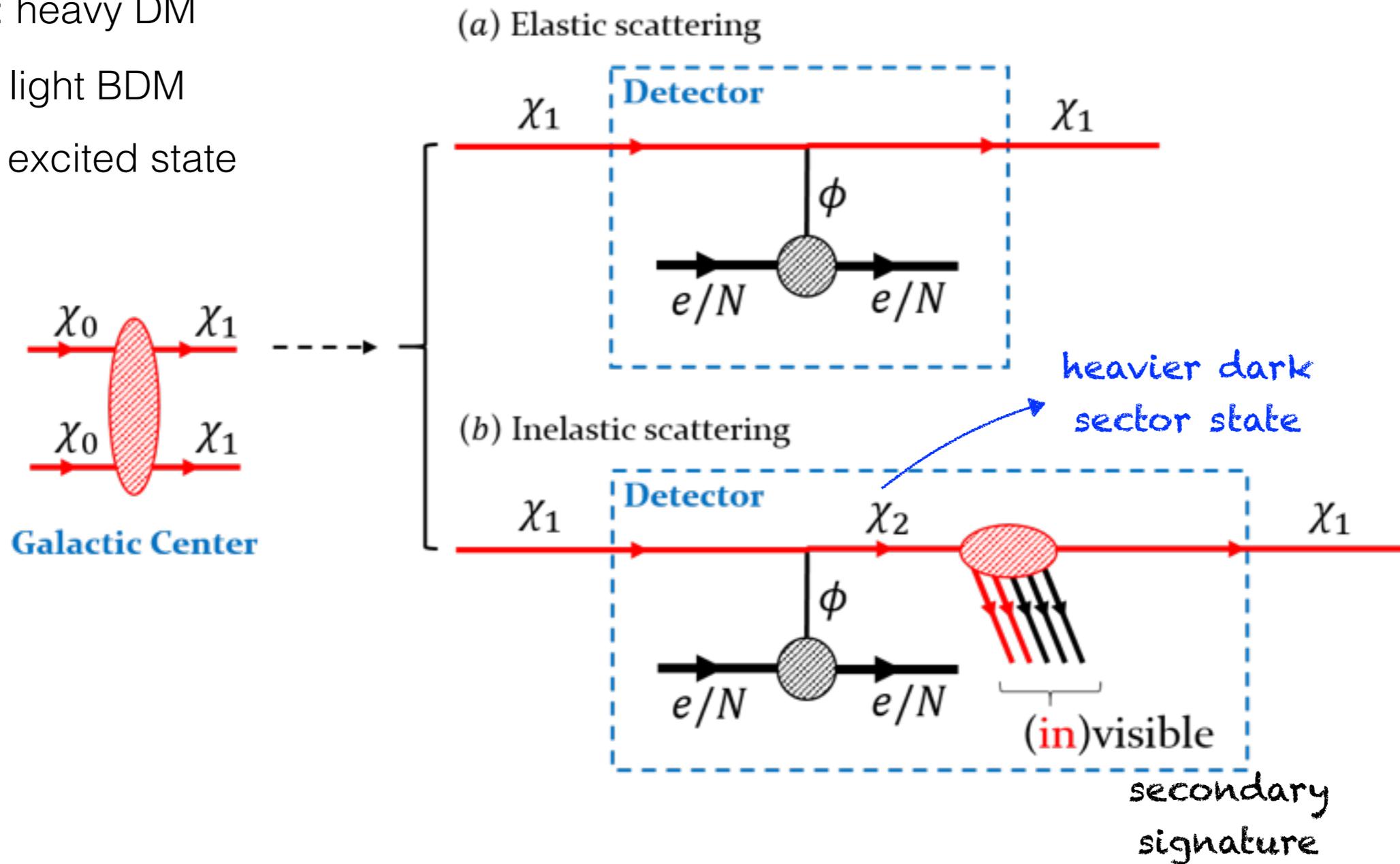
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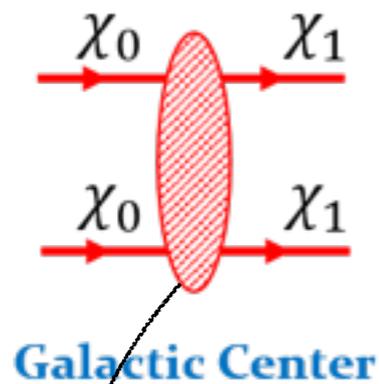
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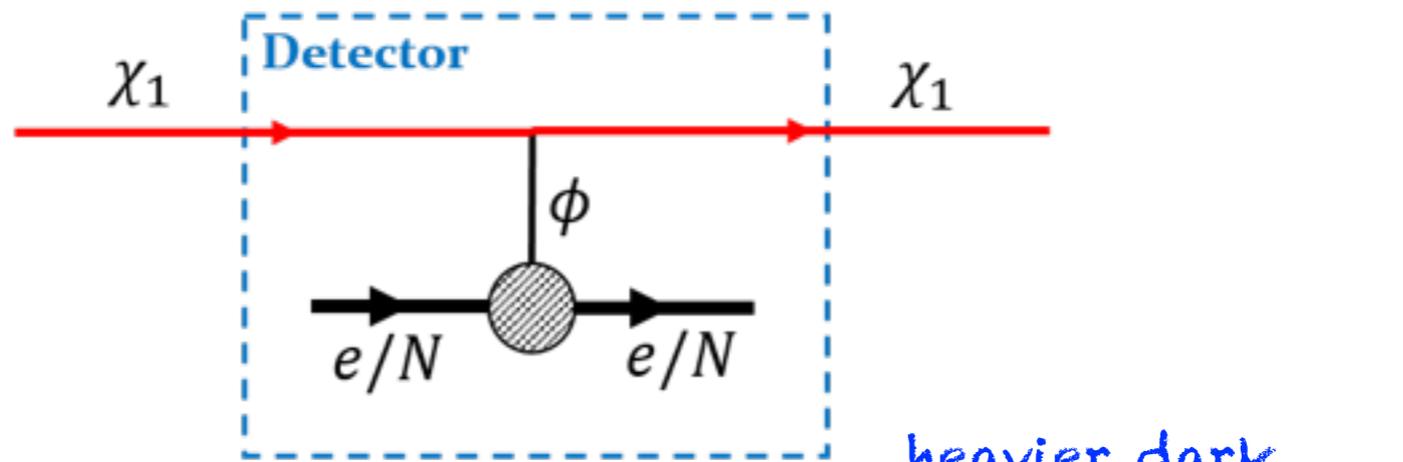
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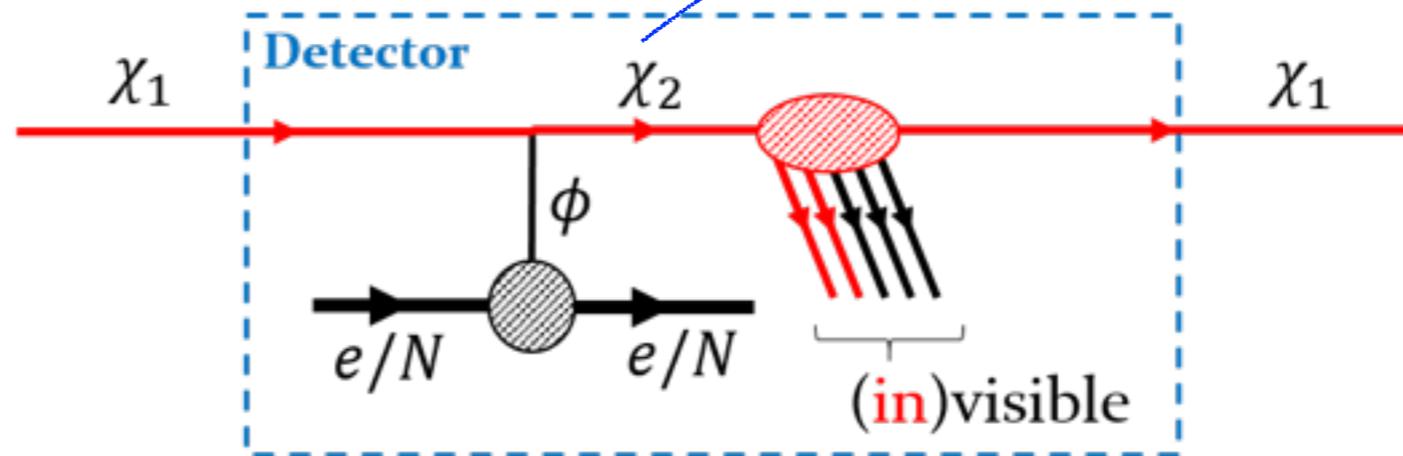


Assume a contact interaction  
(no details discussed)

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(b) Inelastic scattering



secondary signature

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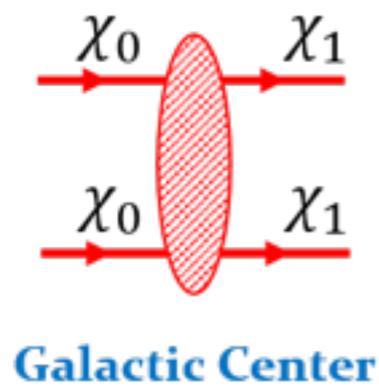
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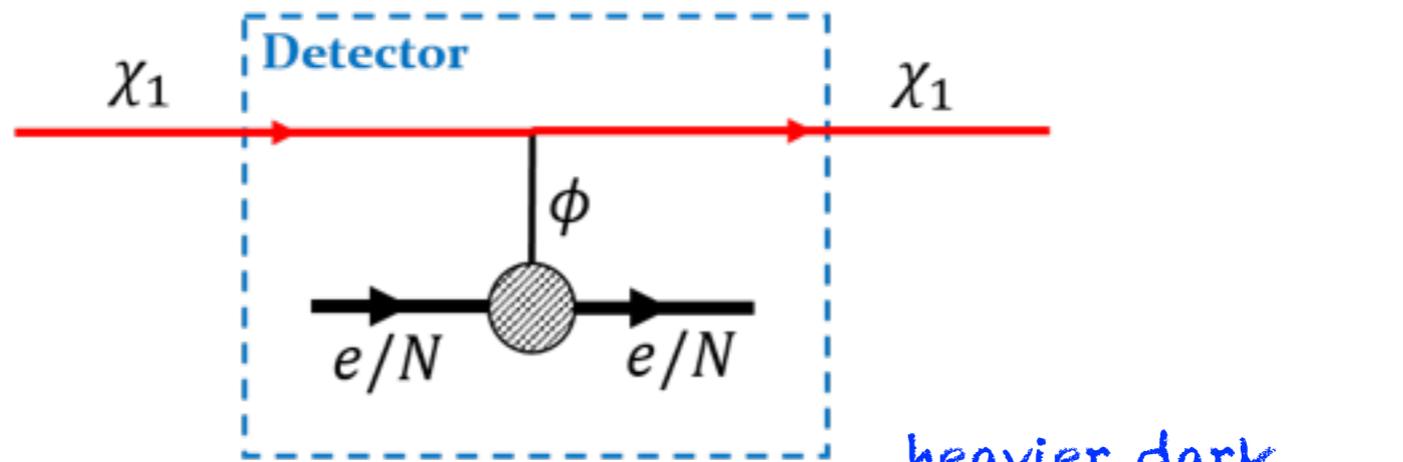
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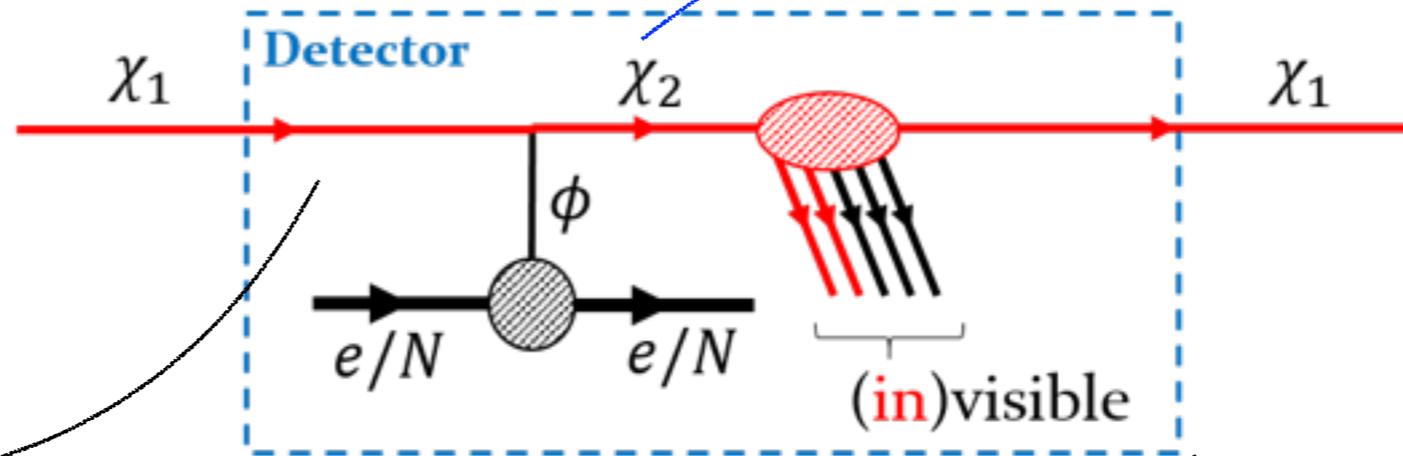
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heavier dark sector state

(in)visible

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Follow the structure of inelastic DM e.g., pseudo-Dirac fermion, dark photon

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# Reference Model

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kinetic mixing      eBDM                      iBDM

$$-\mathcal{L}_m = m_L \psi_L^T C \psi_L + m_R \psi_R^T C \psi_R + 2m_D \bar{\psi}_R \psi_L + \text{h.c.} = \Psi^T C M \Psi + \text{h.c.}$$

$$\Psi \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \psi_L \\ \psi_R^c \end{pmatrix} \quad M \equiv \begin{pmatrix} m_L & m_D \\ m_D & -m_R \end{pmatrix},$$

Spontaneously broken  $U(1)_X$

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kinetic mixing



eBDM



iBDM

Extension possible: scalar DM, Higgs portal, dipole operator, ...

cf inelastic DM [hep-ph/0101138](#) co-annihilation [Binetruy, Girardi, Salati, NBP 1984](#)  
[Mizuta, Yamaguchi, PLB 1993](#)

Complementary

iDM + de-excitation  
(in the current universe)

[astro-ph/0702587](#) 0903.1037 1312.1363

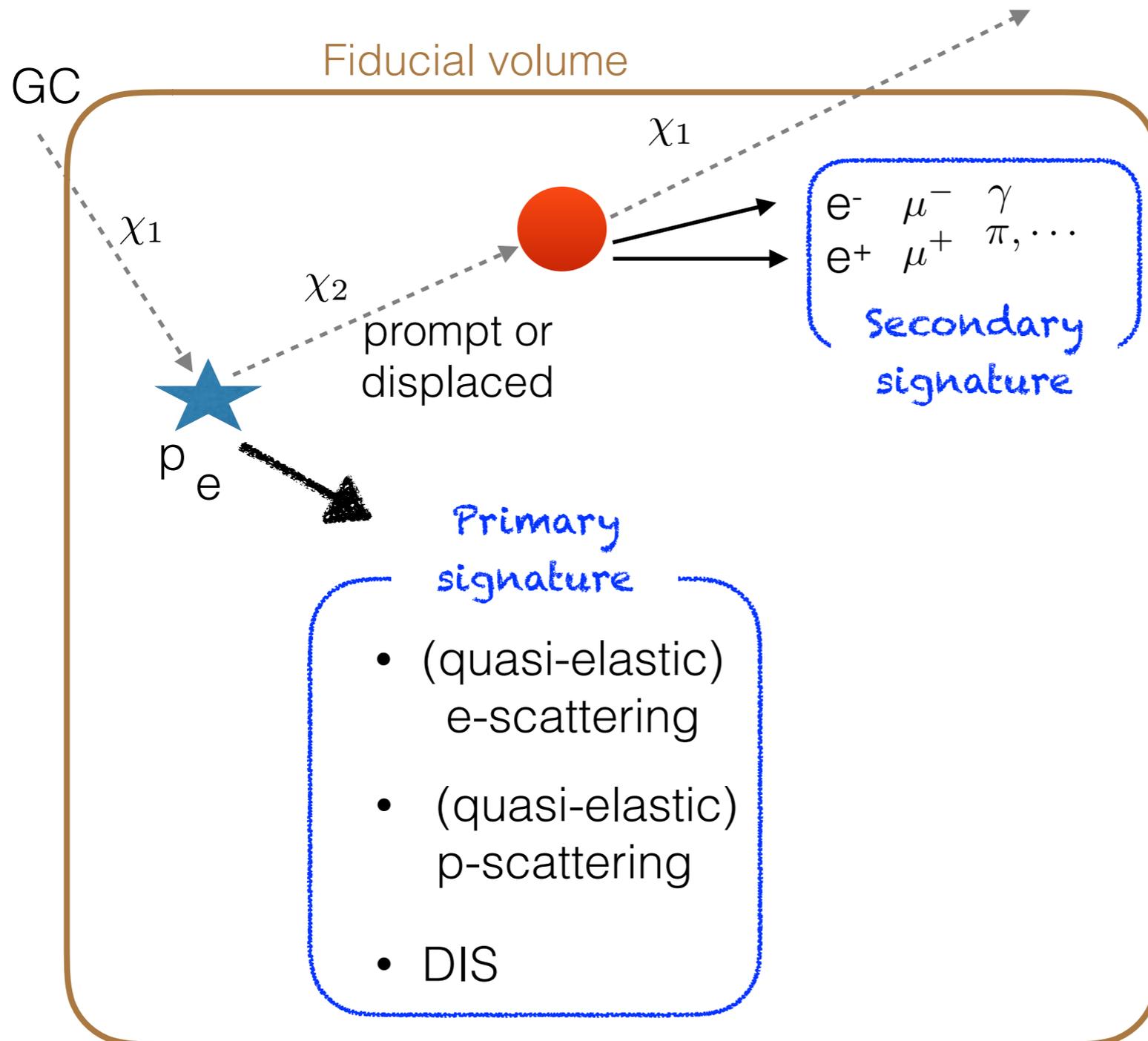
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Fixed target experiments

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# Signals inside a fiducial volume



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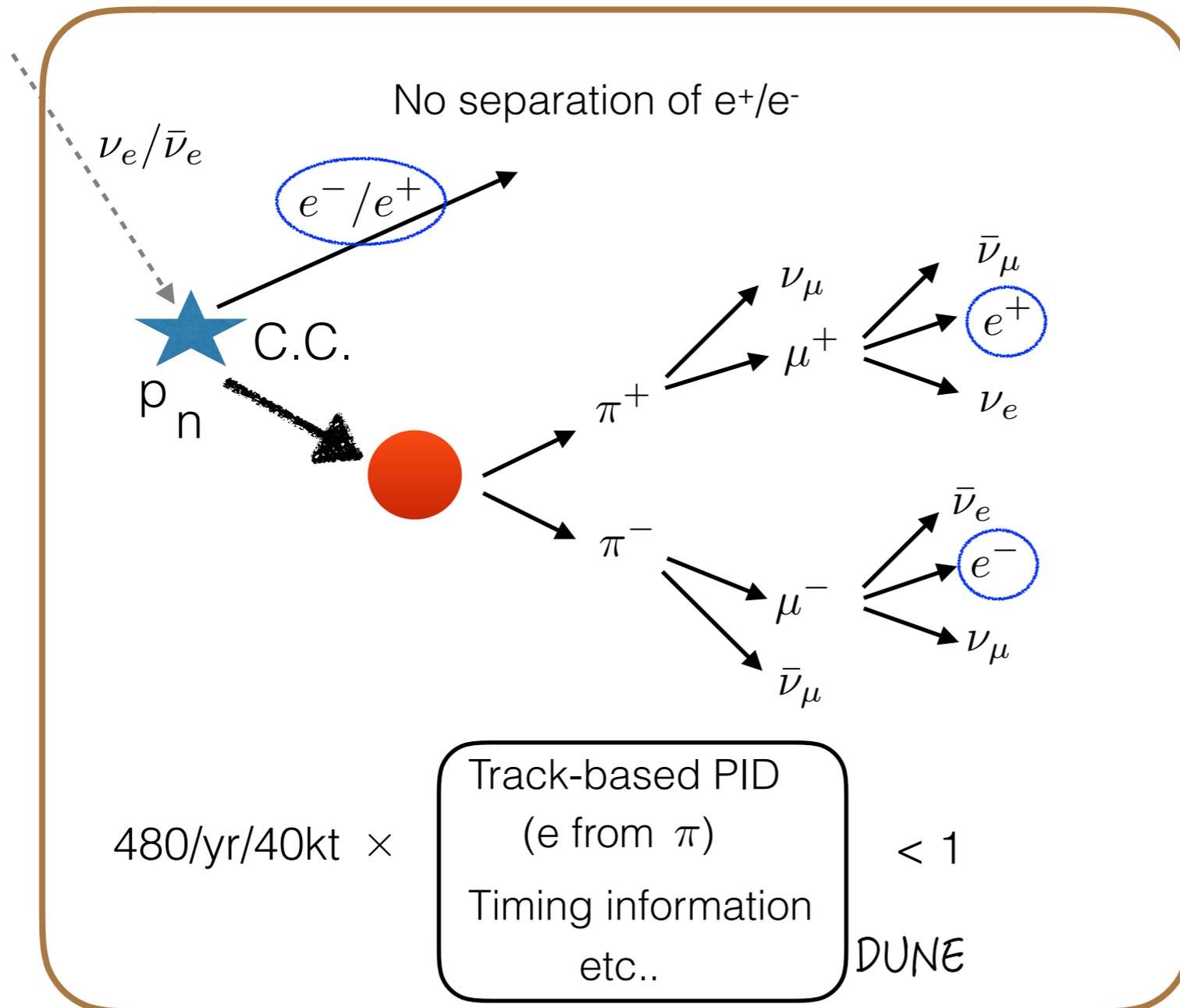
- Tracks pop-up inside fiducial volume (depending on parameter choice)
- Track observation & time correlation can reject bkg.

# Background candidate: underground

e.g., primary: e-scattering, secondary  $e^+ e^-$  iBDM

Fiducial volume

Work in progress



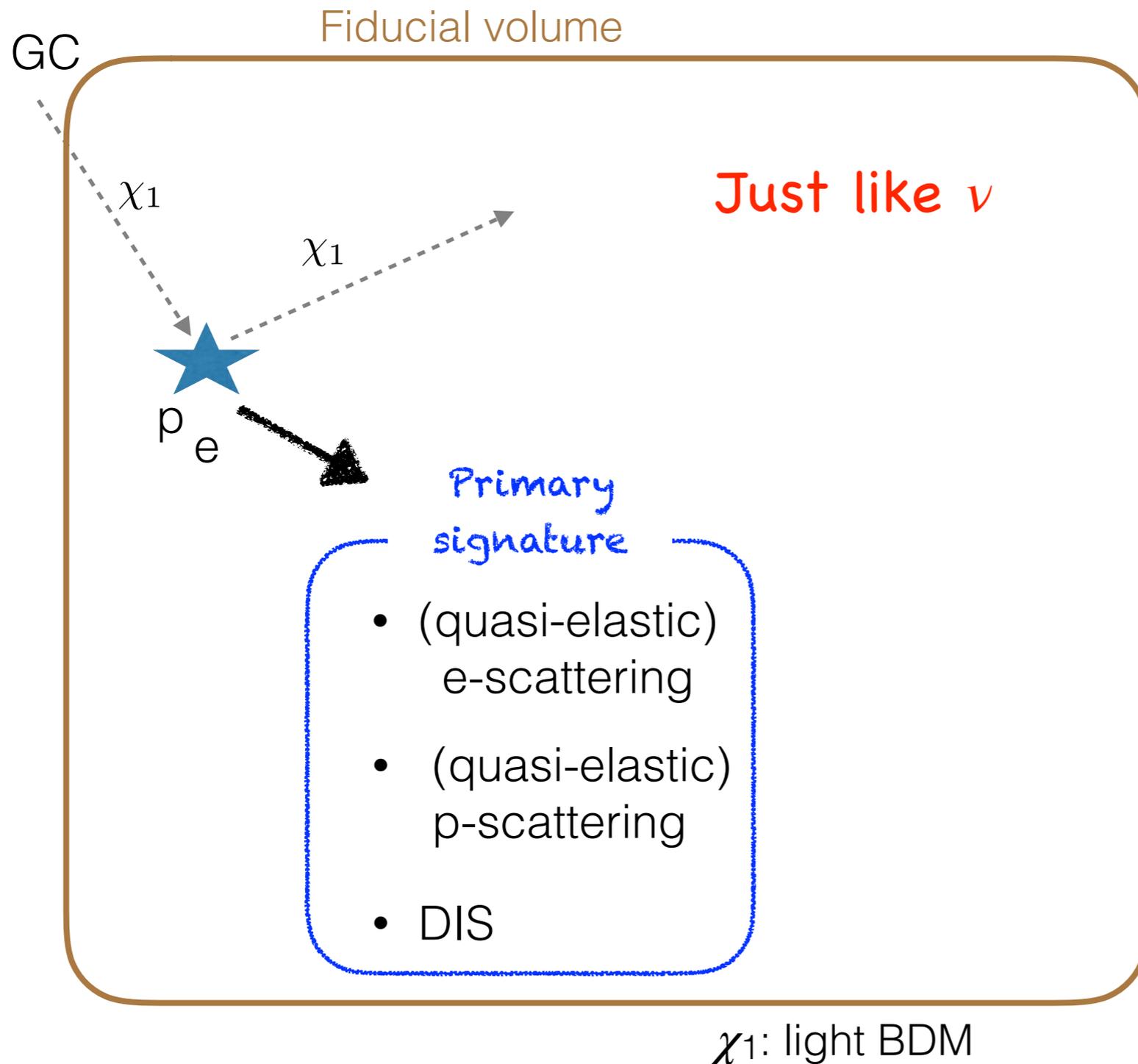
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- Other subdominant bkg. negligible
- N.C. events (smaller)
- $\nu_\mu$ : accompanying  $\mu$
- $\nu_\tau$ : too small flux
- Zero-bkg. is easily achievable
- (quasi-elastic) proton scattering: less bkg.

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Minimal case

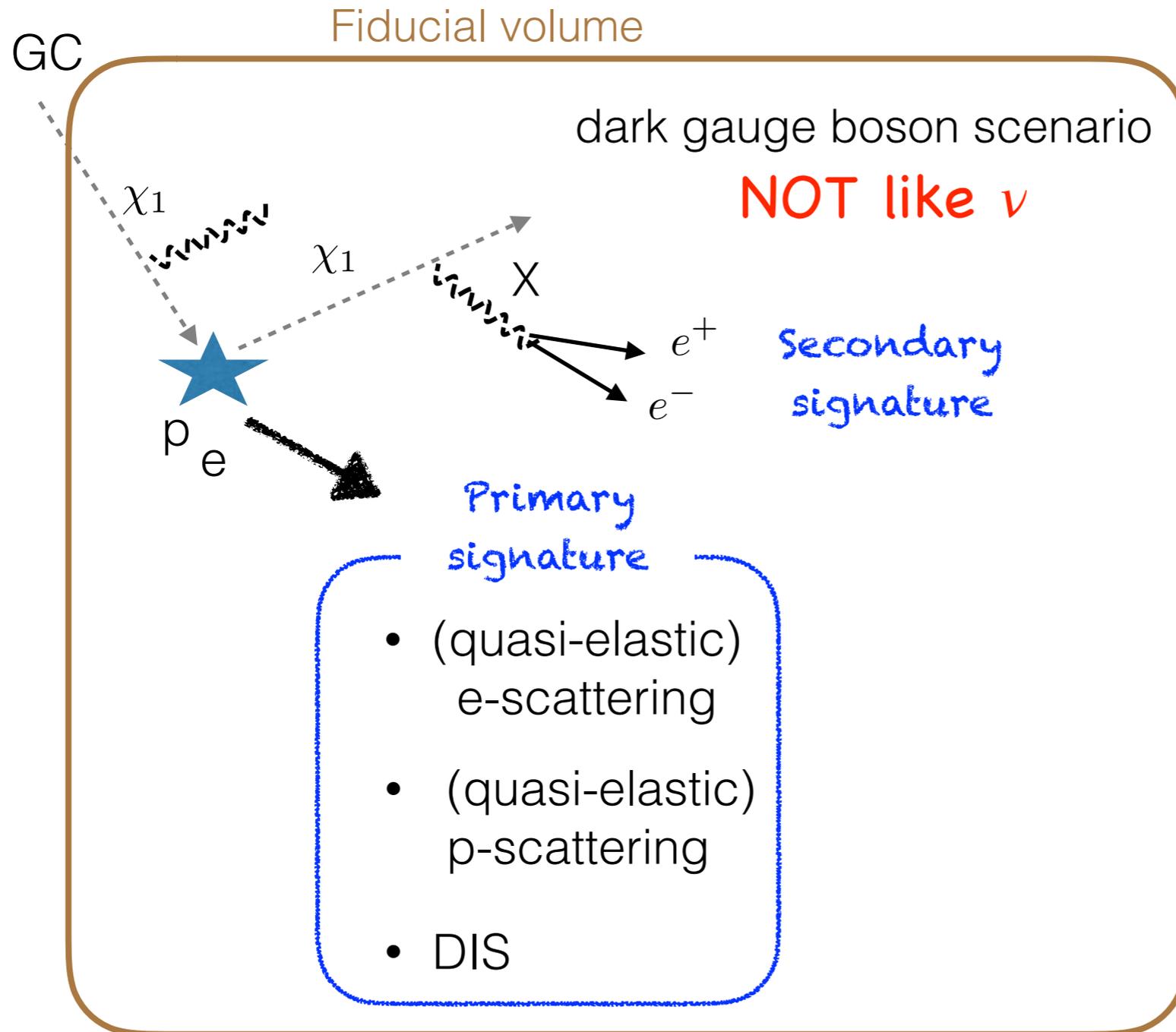
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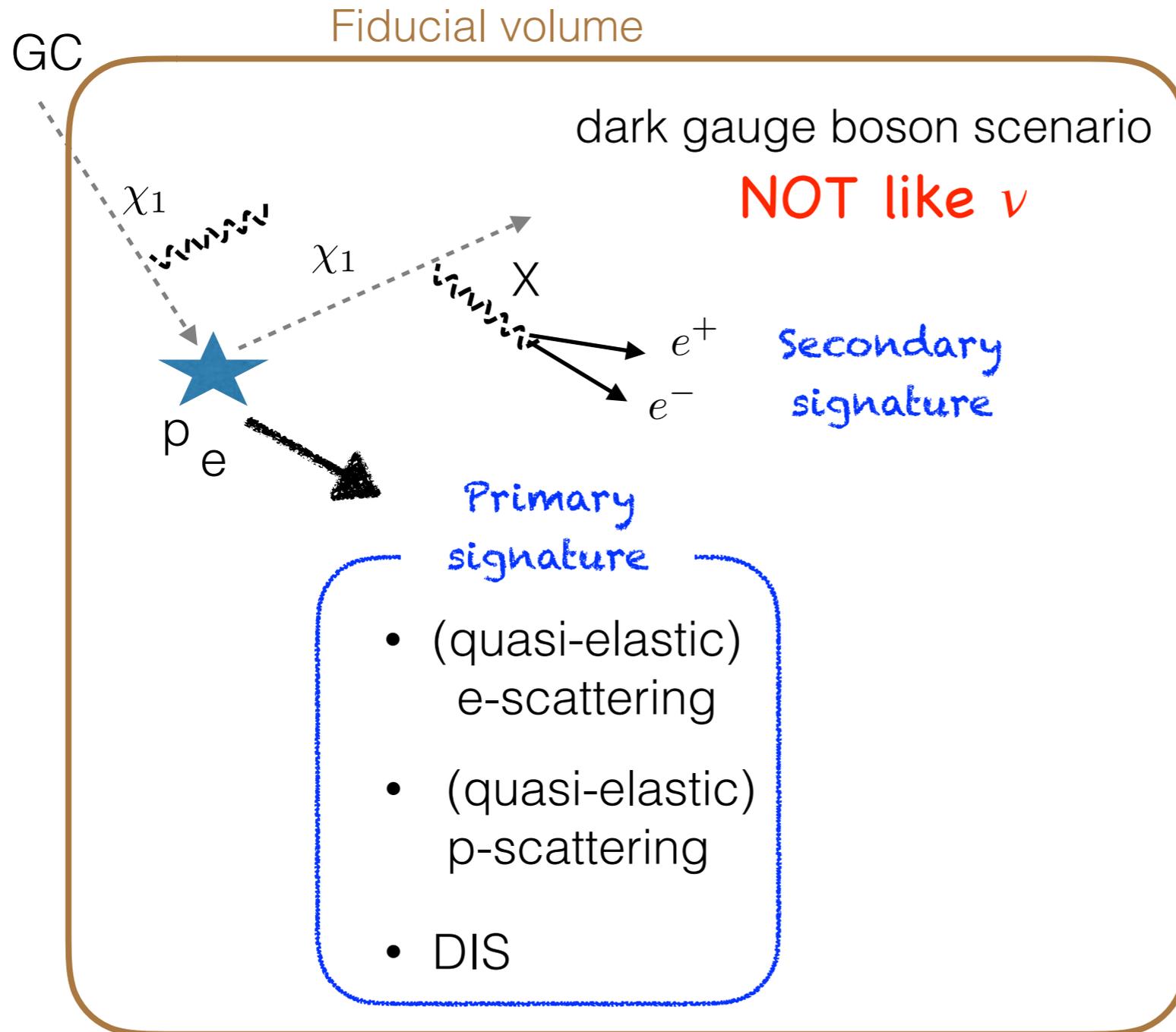
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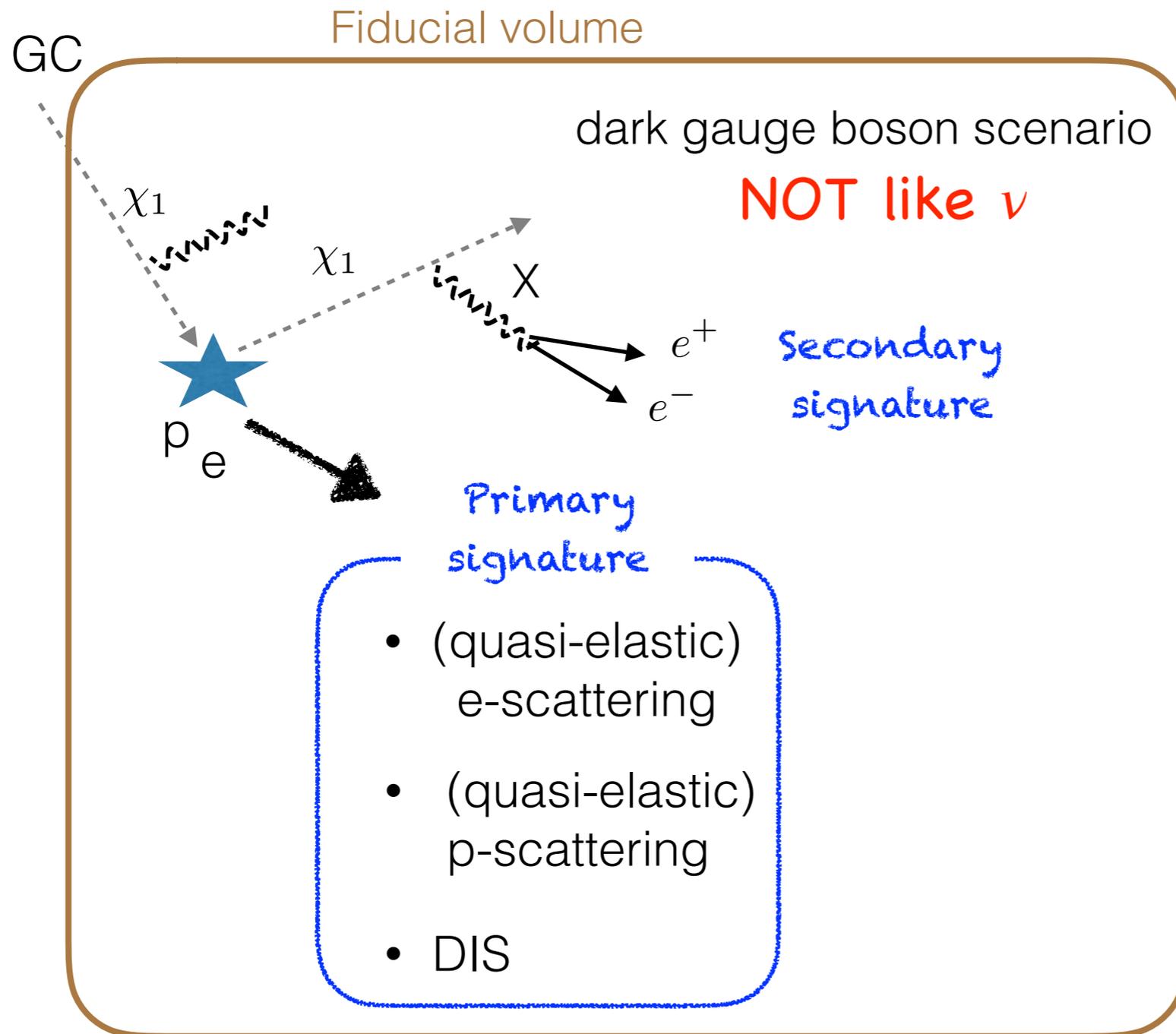
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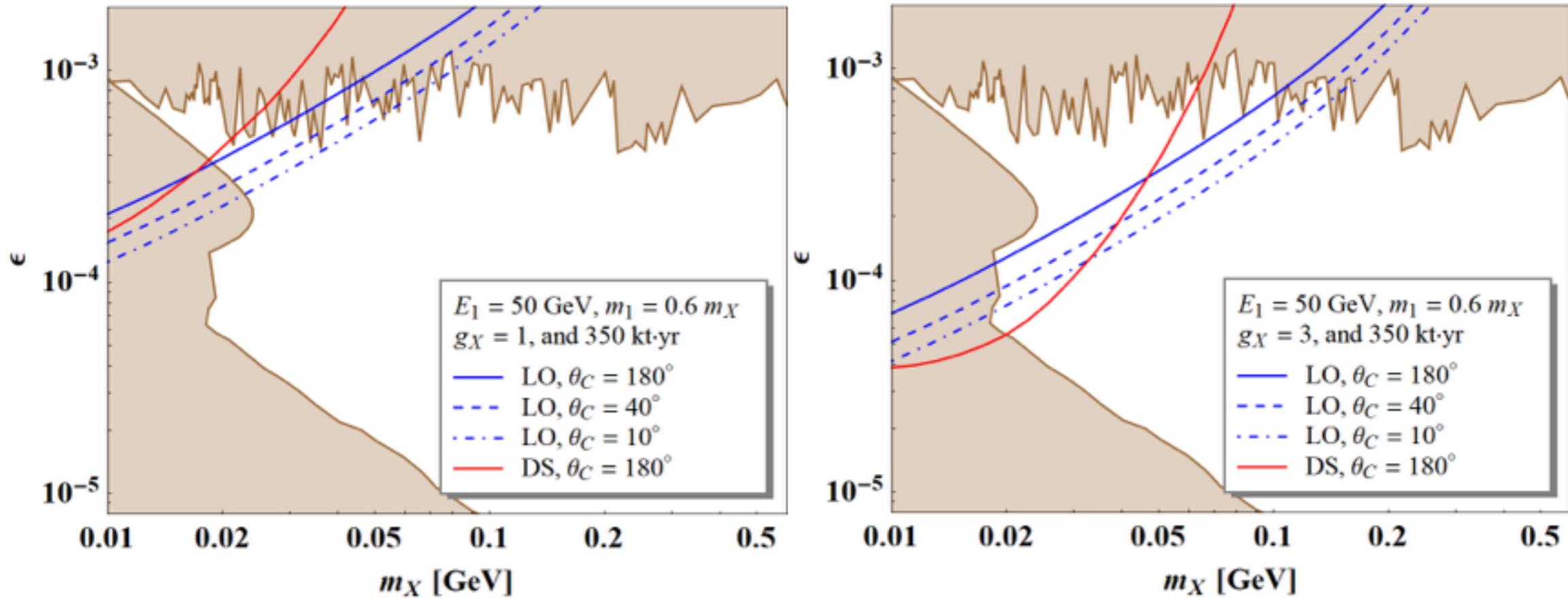
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- Efficient for large  $N_{BG}$  (cosmogenic BSM signal)

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$\theta_C$ : cone angle around the GC

DS and LO sensitivities are comparable or better (for larger  $N_{BG}$ )

DS effective for larger  $E_1$ ,  $g_X$  and smaller  $m_1$ ,  $m_X$

## Signal probe

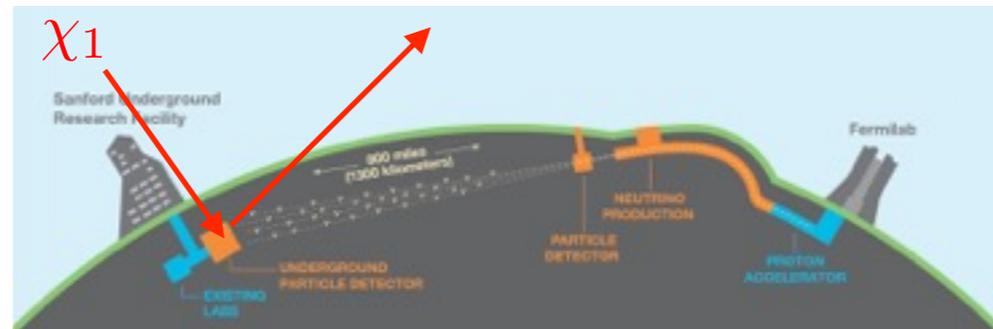
- Large volume deep underground  $\nu$ -experiments
- Moderate volume surface based  $\nu$ -experiments
- Ton scale WIMP direct detection experiments

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DUNE far detector  
 DUNE TDR (coming up)  
 Most of BDM papers

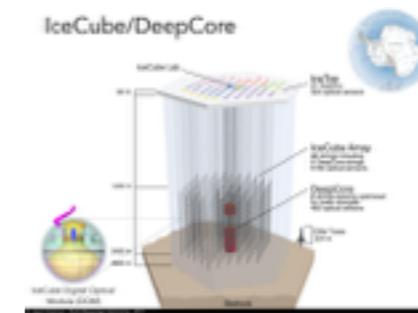


Super-K

1711.05278



Hyper-K/KNO



IceCube/DeepCore

# Smaller size good if $m_{\chi_0} \approx O(1 \text{ GeV})$

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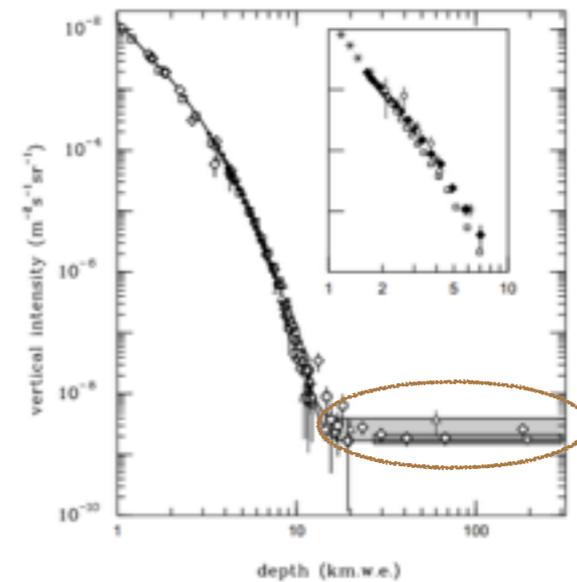
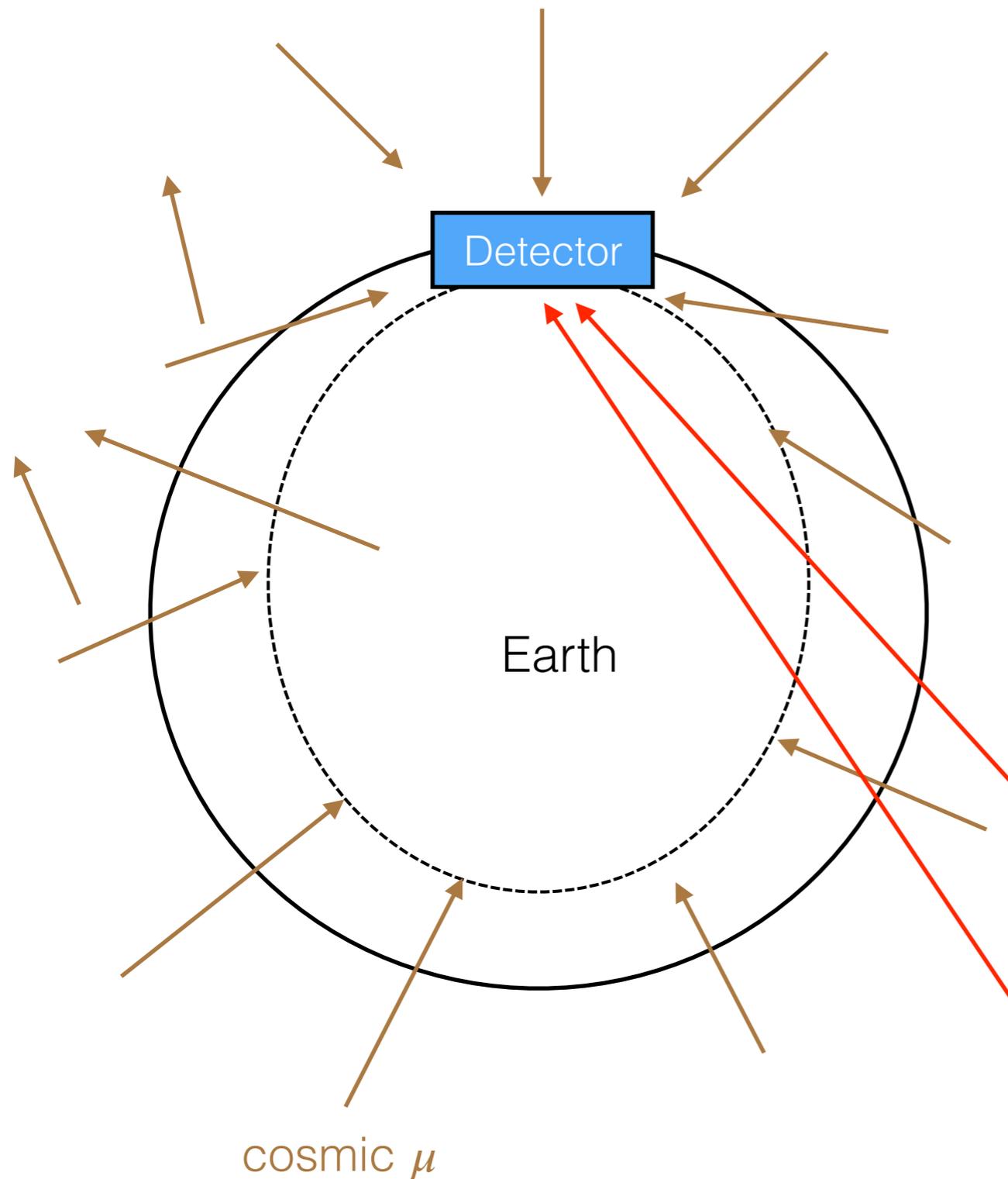
- Moderate volume [surface](#) based  $\nu$ -experiments:  
Short-baseline neutrino program, ProtoDUNE, ...
- Ton scale WIMP direct detection experiments:  
DarkSide-20k, COSINE-100 (including passive volume),  
LUX-ZEPLIN, XENON-nT, ...







# Earth shielding



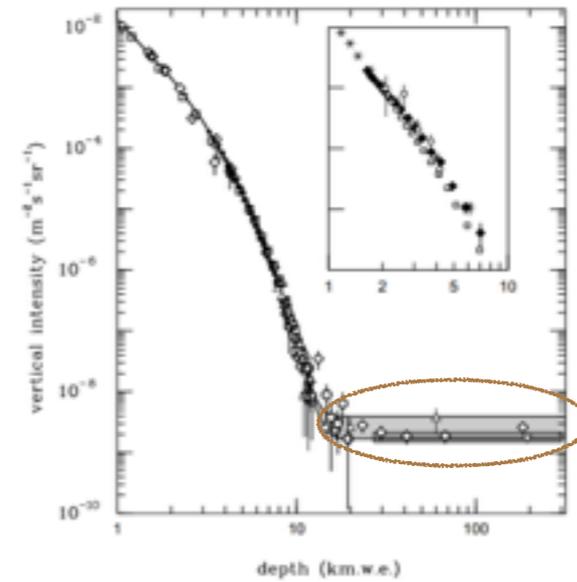
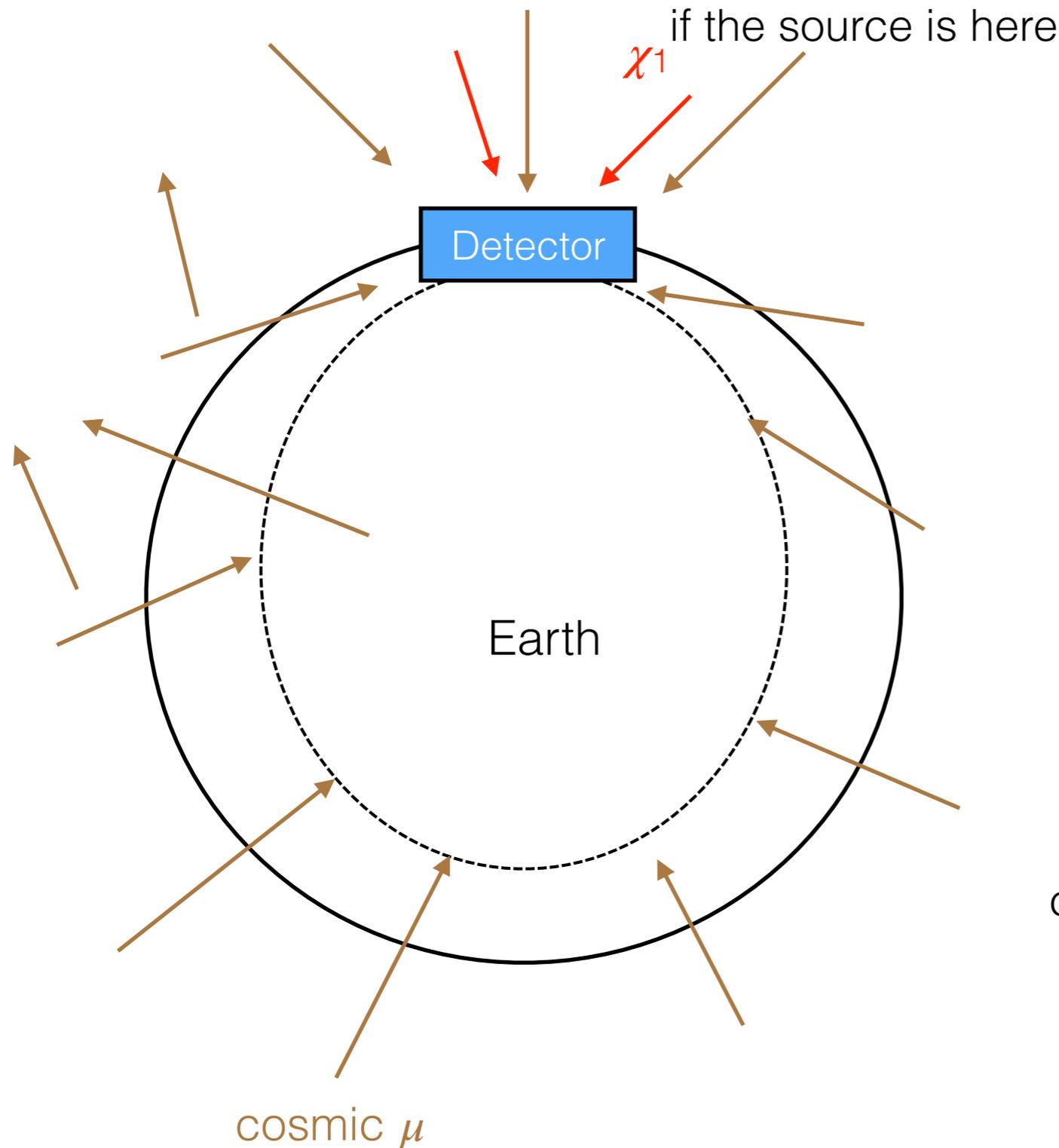
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$\chi_1$  if the source is here



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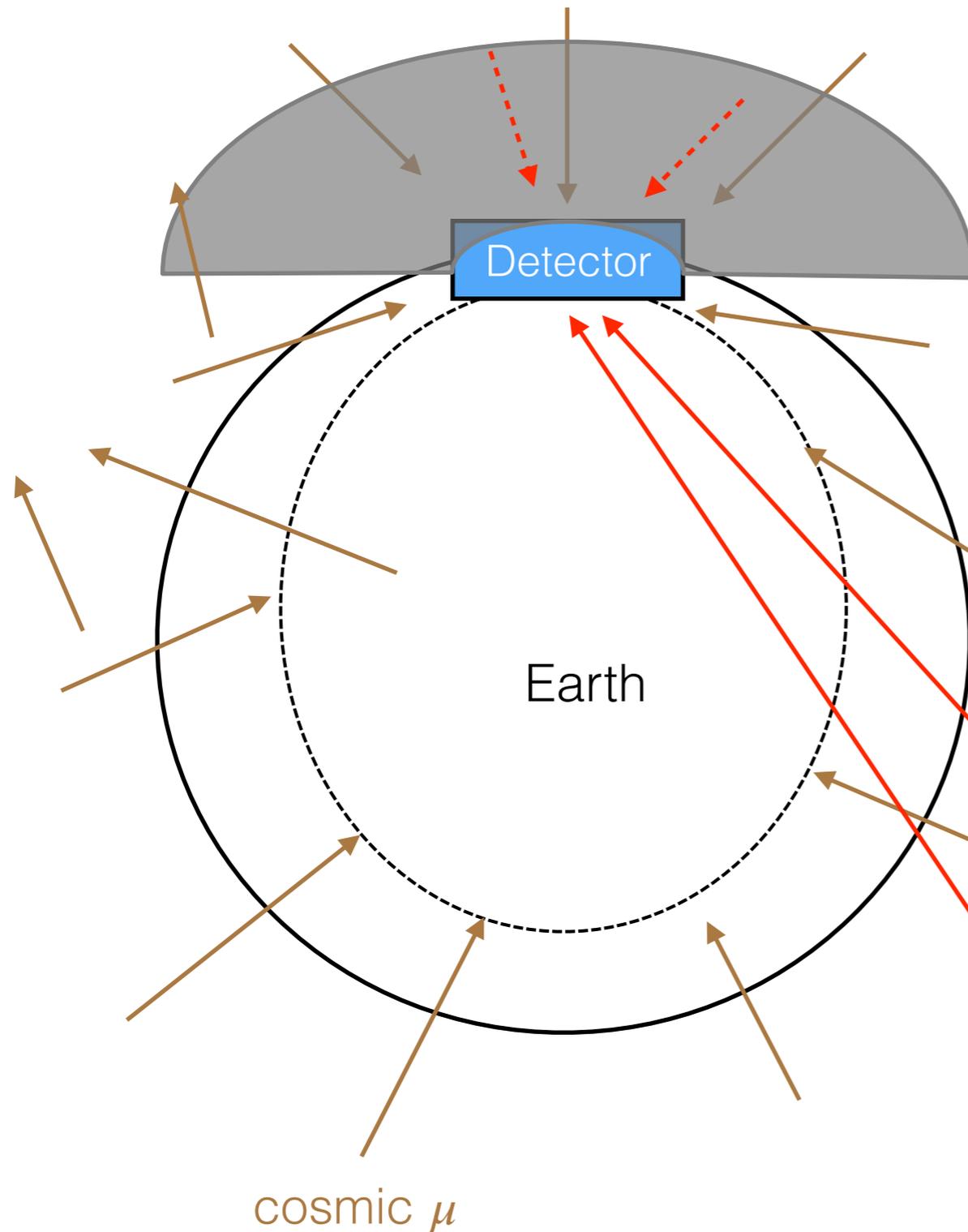
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Hard to subtract the  
cosmic-ray background  
in this case

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Collect upward-going signal  
only when the source is at  
the opposite side



From the sun: half

From the GC:

SBNP: 0.66, ProtoDUNE: 0.69

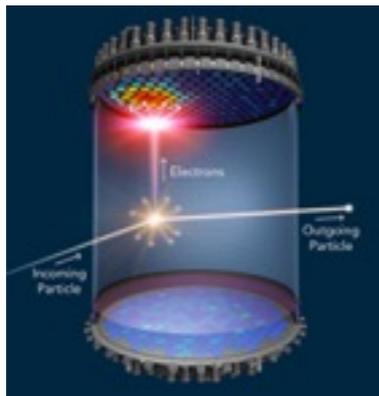


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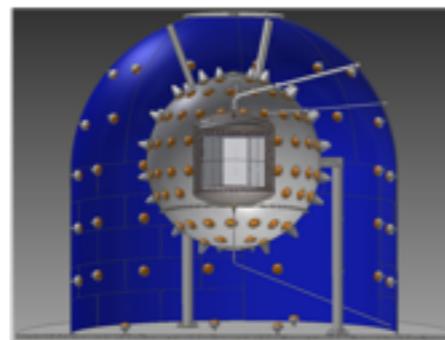
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## DM direct detection experiments

- Need special strategies: PMT saturation (ionization signal)
- Pattern of scintillation signals (identify two displaced vertices)
- Double scattering signal in the array-type detectors (COSINE-100)



LUX-ZEPLIN  
or Xenon NT



DarkSide-20k

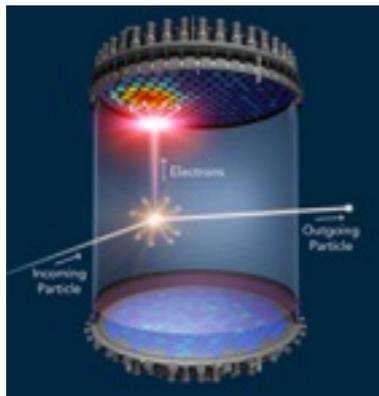
# Smaller size good if $m_{\chi_0} \approx O(1 \text{ GeV})$

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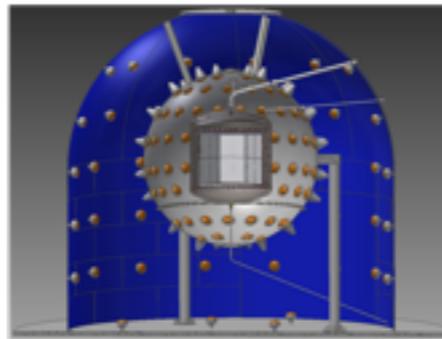
## DM direct detection experiments

- Need special strategies: PMT saturation (ionization signal)
- Pattern of scintillation signals (identify two displaced vertices)
- Double scattering signal in the array-type detectors (COSINE-100)

↪ **First iBDM search result**



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COSINE-100

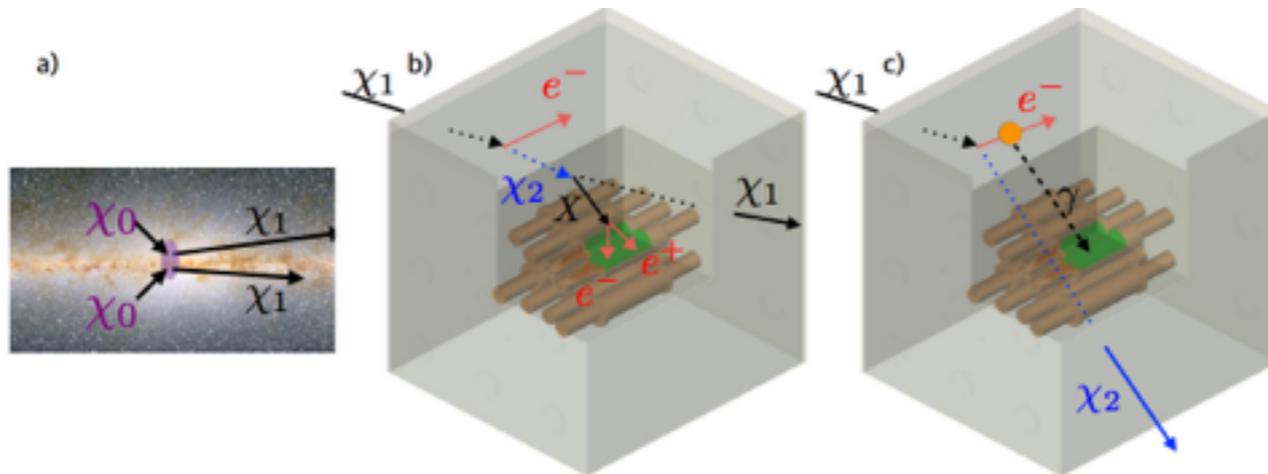
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# COSINE-100 result

COSINE-100, 1811.09344

Based on theoretical study

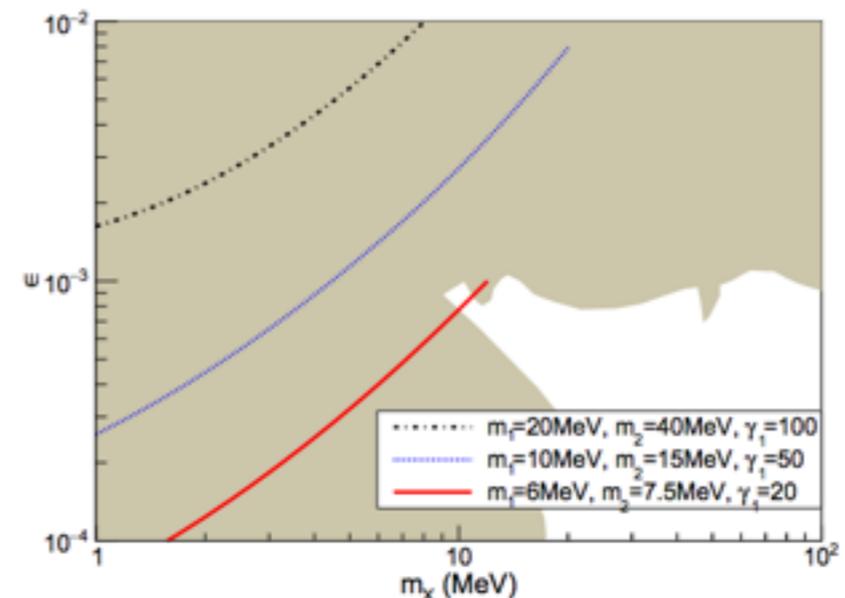
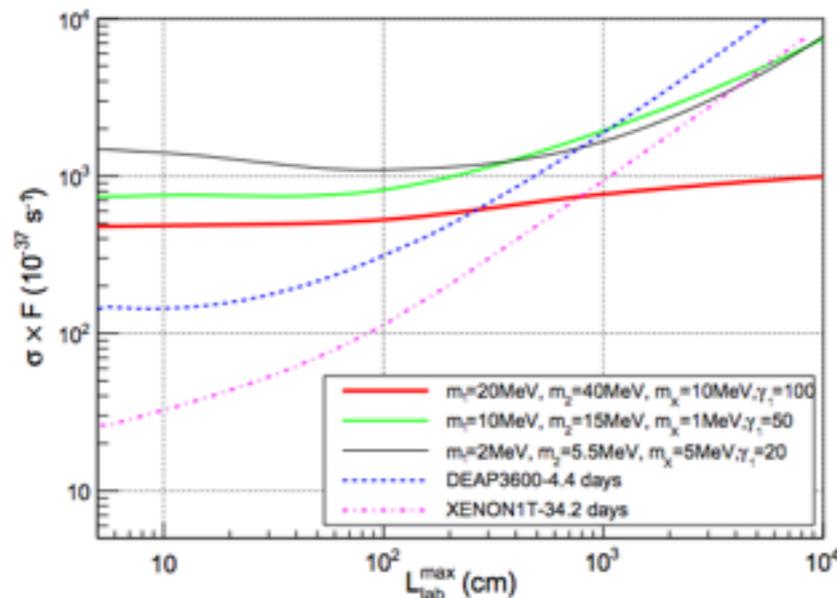
Giudice, Kim, Park, **SS**, 1712.07126



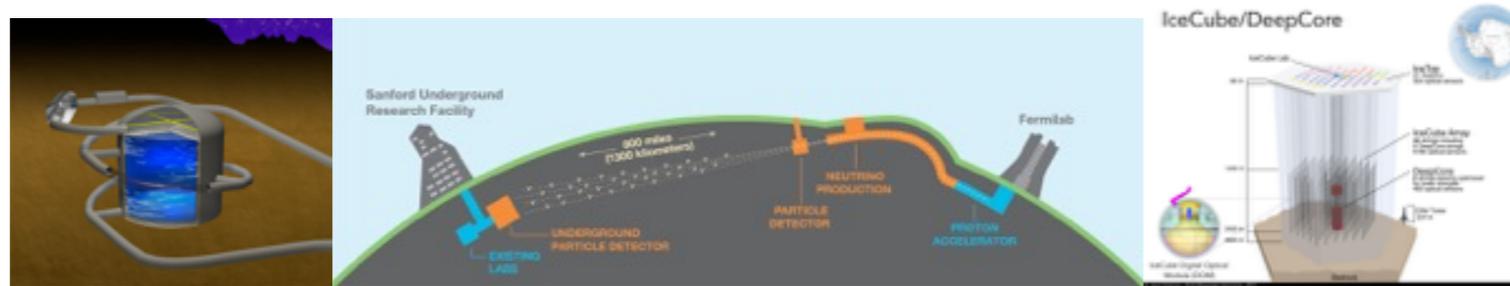
2200L of liquid scintillator  
(~ 2 ton)

106kg array of 8 ultra-pure NaI(Tl) crystals  
immersed in an active veto detector

Observed: 21 events, Background expected:  $16.4 \pm 2.1$

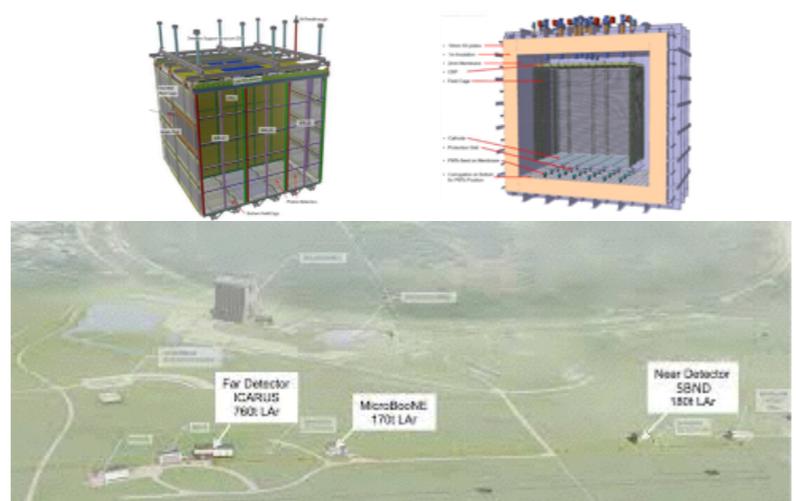


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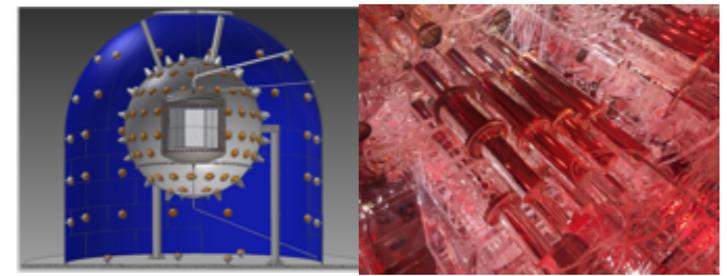


Large volume  $\nu$  experiments (underground)

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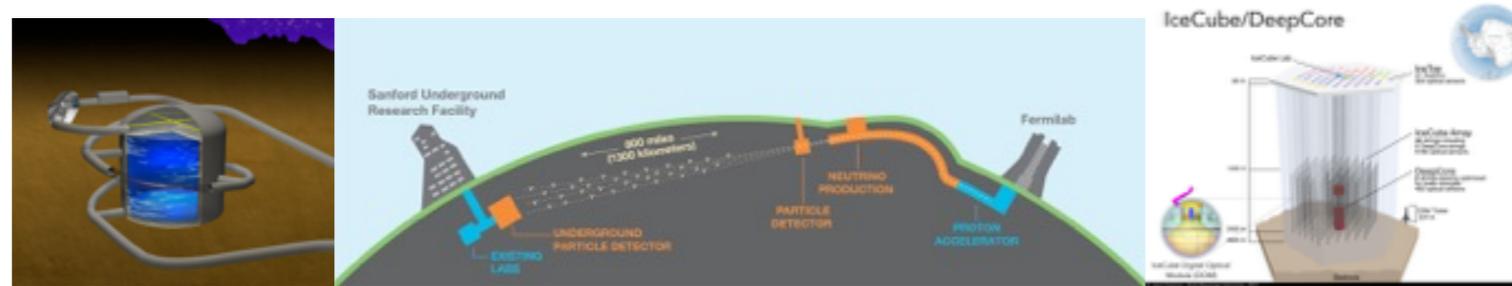


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Ton scale DM direct detection experiments (underground)

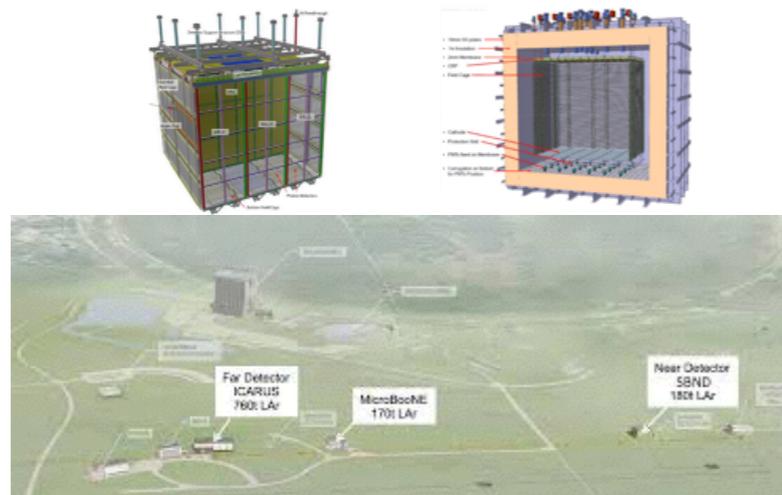
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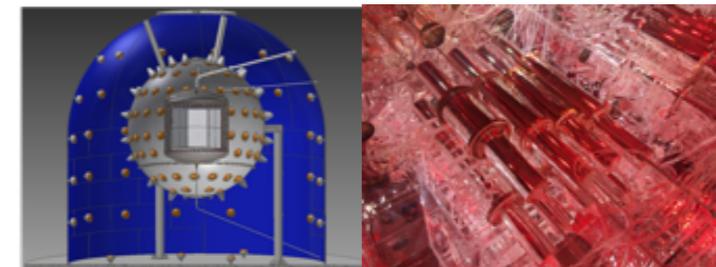
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Early discovery & less  $\nu$  background



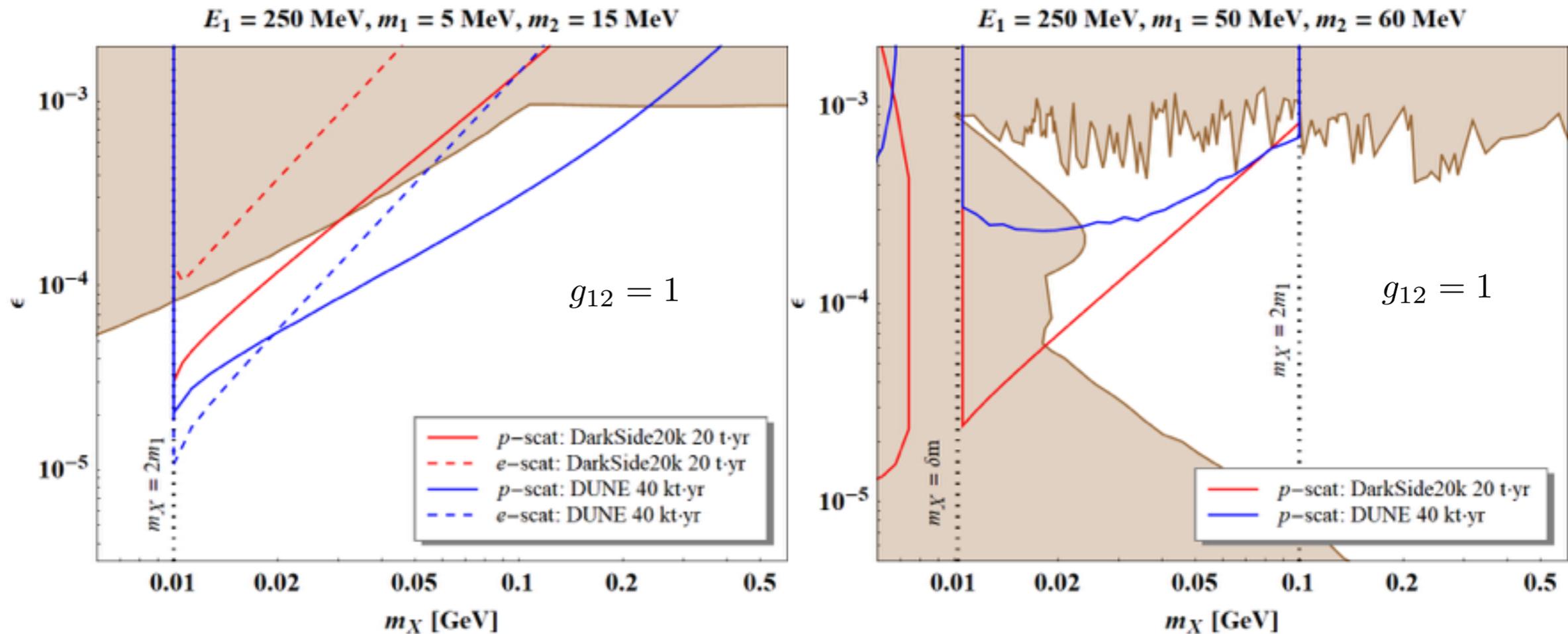
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Better resolution ( $E_{th}$ , angle)  
Sensitive for smaller  $E_1=m_0$



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# Sensitivities at DUNE vs DarkSide

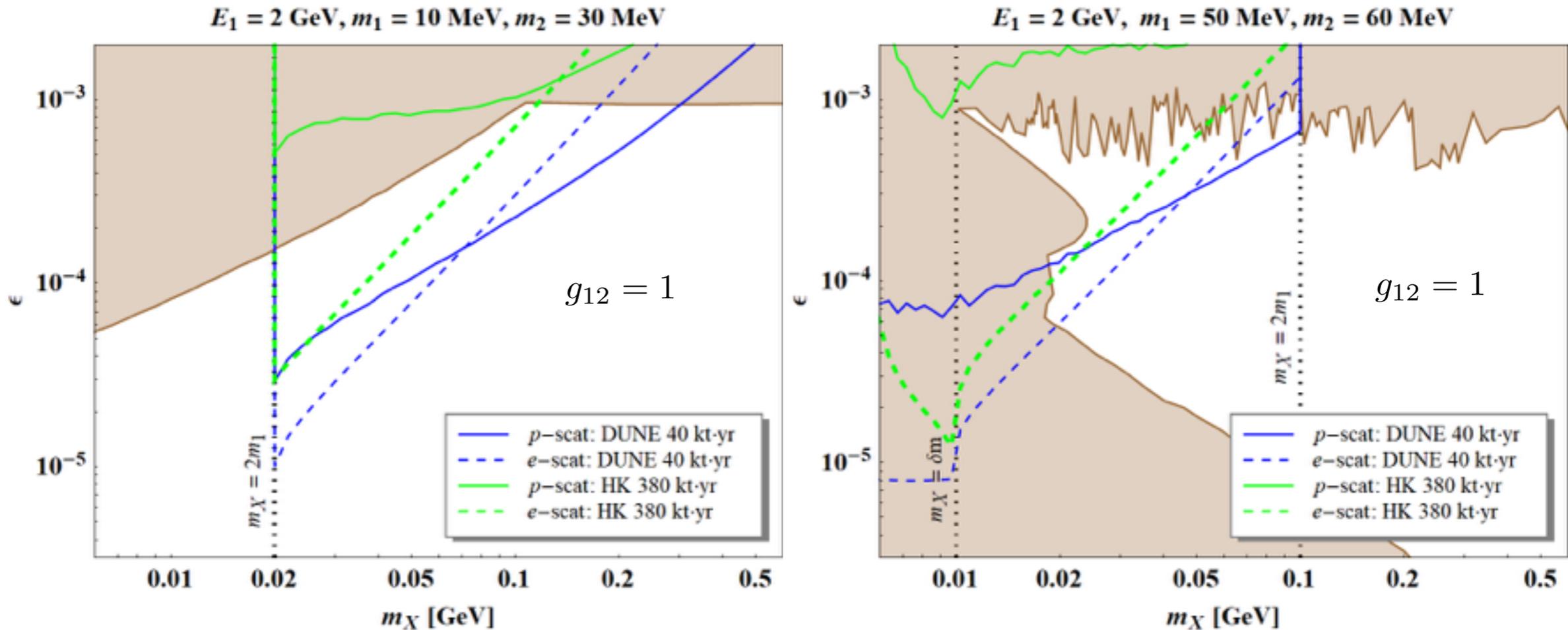


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- p-scattering larger than e-scattering as increasing  $m_X$
- DarkSide-20k gets sensitive for smaller  $m_X$  (longer decay length)
- DarkSide-20k can be competitive over DUNE when  $E_1$  and  $m_X$  is small ( $E_{th}$ )

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- DUNE preferred parameter region over HK (lower  $E_{th}$ , better resolution) although the size is  $\sim 1/10$
- Difference huge for p-scattering

→ Better for larger  $E_1$

# Conclusions

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- BDM (iBDM & eBDM) is an excellent alternative of conventional WIMP & requires new DM search strategies
- Unique signal feature helps to reject  $\nu$  background:
  - i) iBDM
  - ii) Darkstrahlung for eBDM
- Complementary searches in various experiments
  1. Large (underground)  $\nu$  experiments  
DUNE TDR, SK BDK search, HK/KNO...
  2. Moderate surface  $\nu$  experiments: early discovery, less  $\nu$  background  
ProtoDUNE, ICARUS, ...
  3. Ton scale DM direct detection experiments: smaller  $E_1$ , lower  $E_{th}$   
COSINE-100, DarkSide-20k, ...

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Agashe, Cui, Necib, Thaler, 1405.7370

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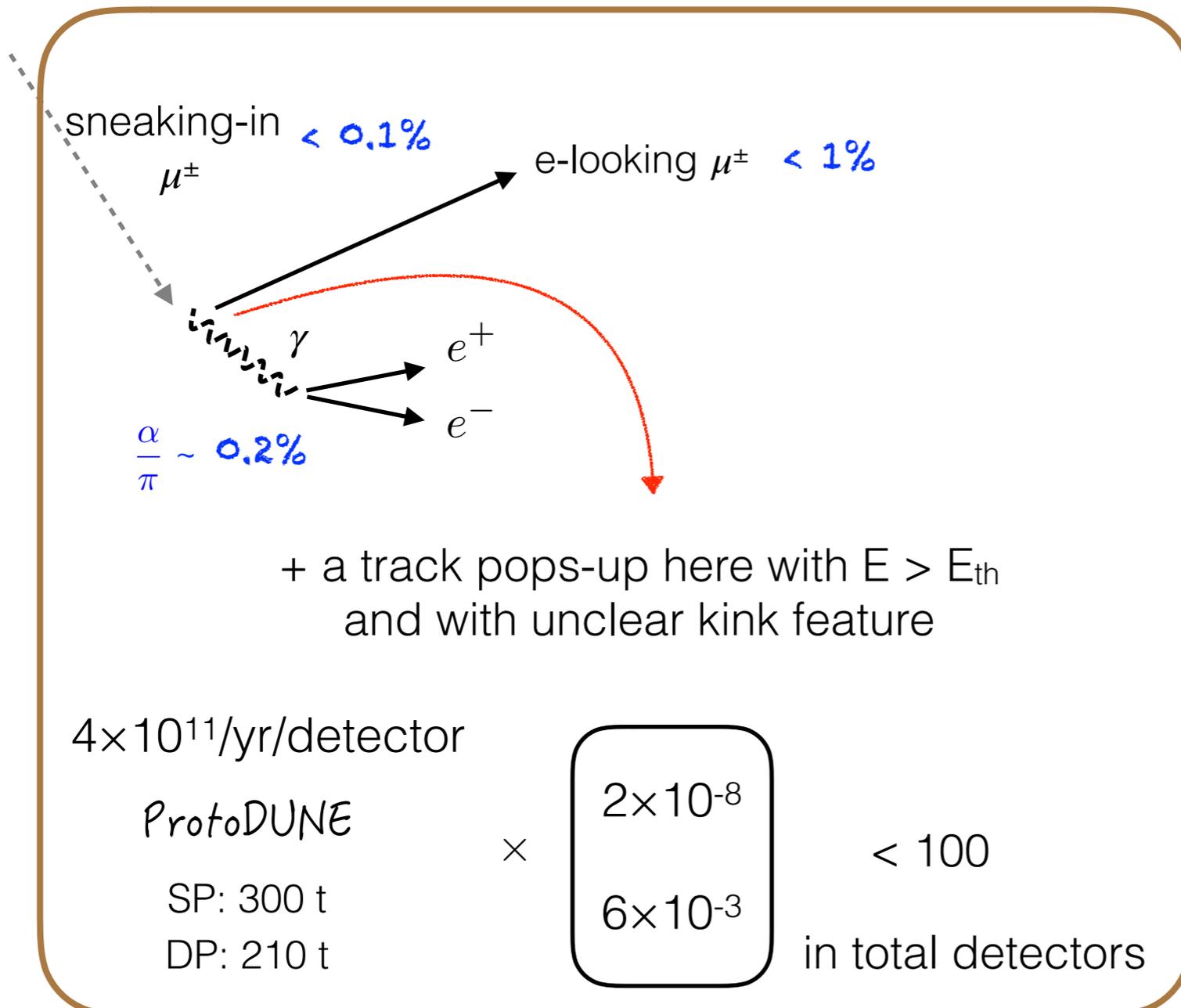
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- Decaying multi-component DM [Bhattacharya et al., 1407.3280](#)  
[Kopp, Liu, Wang, 1503.02669](#)
- High velocity (semi-relativistic) DM
  - Anti-DM from DM-induced nucleon decay in the Sun  
[Huang, Zhao, 1312.0011](#)
  - Energetic cosmic-ray induced DM [Yin, 1809.08610](#)  
[Bringmann, Pospelov, 1810.10543](#)     [Ema, Sala, Sato, 1811.00520](#)

Same phenomenology

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Fiducial volume cosmic  $\mu$  events ( $> 400$  MeV)  $\approx 94/m^2/s/sr$  at sea level



$4 \times 10^{11}/\text{yr}/\text{detector}$

ProtoDUNE

SP: 300 t

DP: 210 t

$\times$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 \times 10^{-8} \\ 6 \times 10^{-3} \end{pmatrix}$$

$< 100$

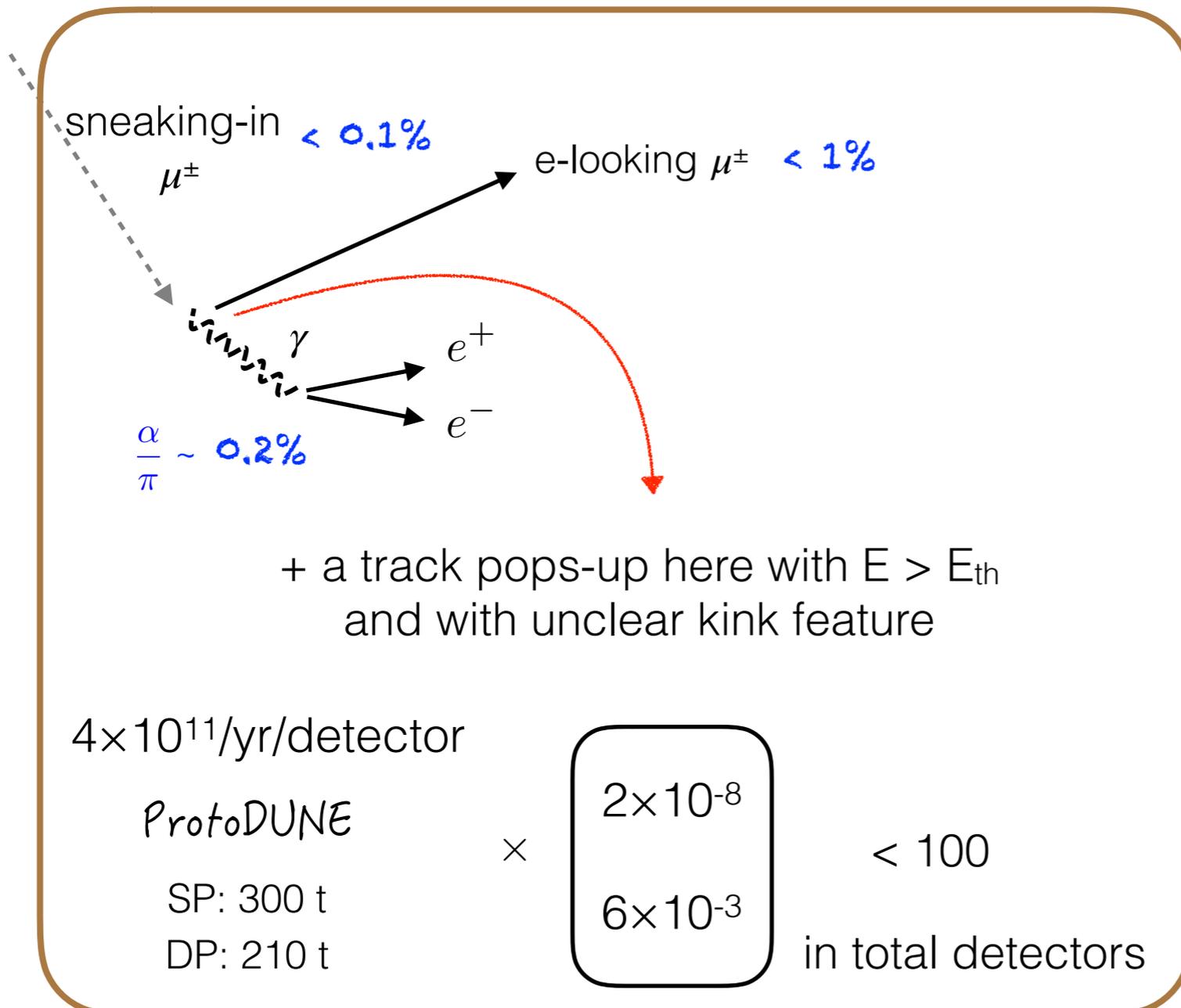
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- Pattern analysis by machine learning will decrease further ( $N_{bkg}$ : negligible)

Work in progress

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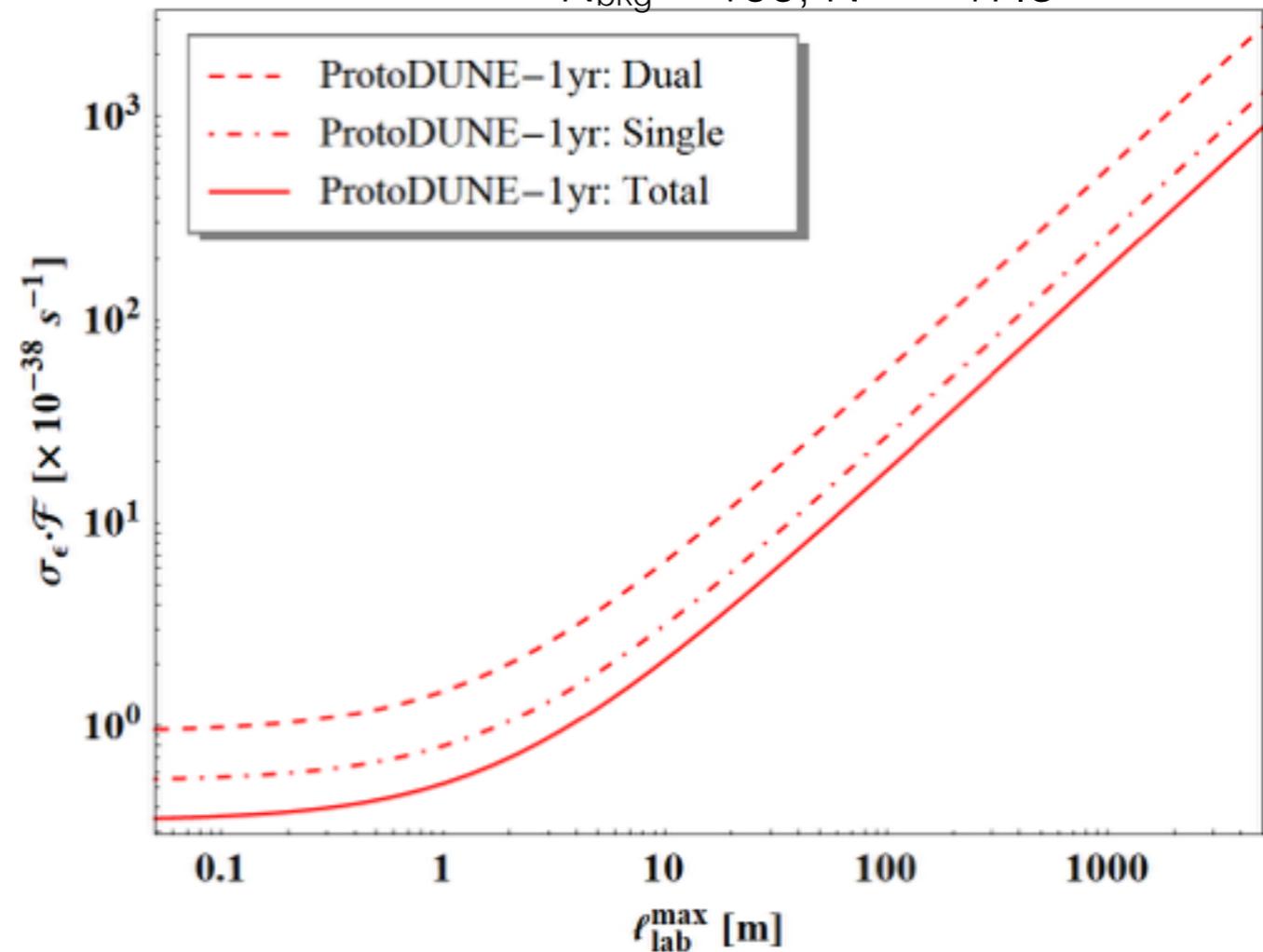
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# Backup: model independent sensitivity

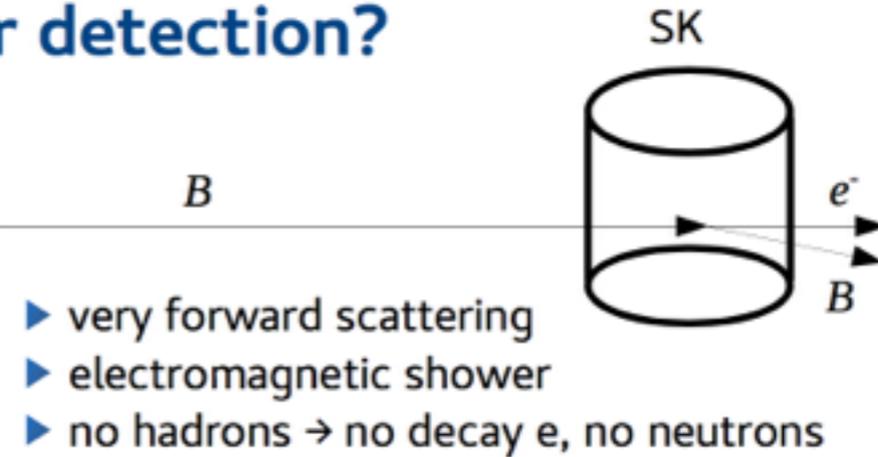
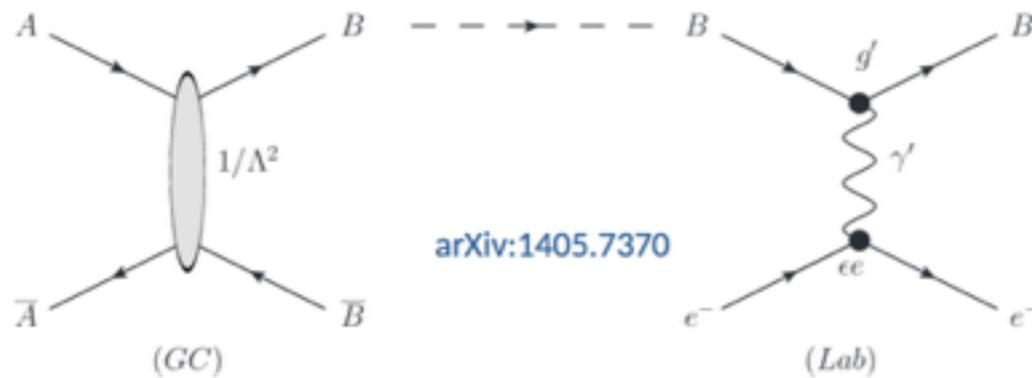
$$\sigma_\epsilon \cdot \mathcal{F} \geq \frac{2.3}{A(\bar{\ell}_{\text{lab}}^{\text{max}}) \cdot t_{\text{exp}} \cdot N_T}$$

↗ zero-background assumption  
 (90% C.L.) e.g., ProtoDUNE (worst case)  
 $N_{\text{bkg}} = 100, N^{90} = 17.8$

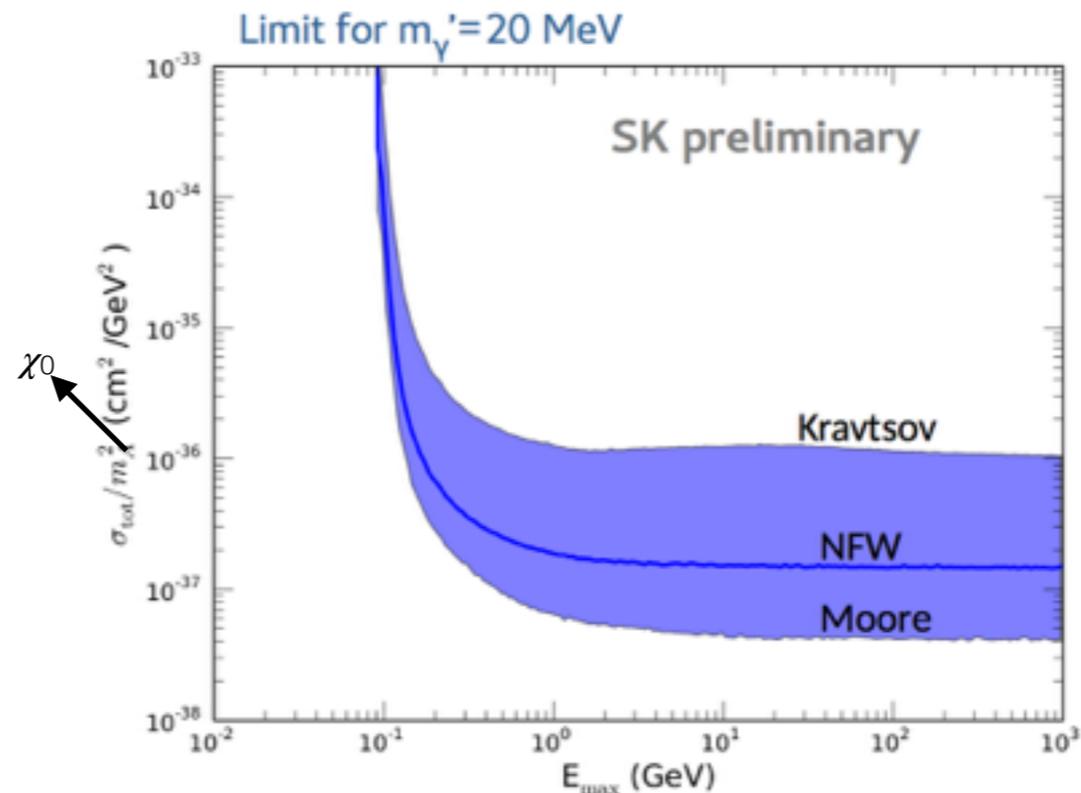
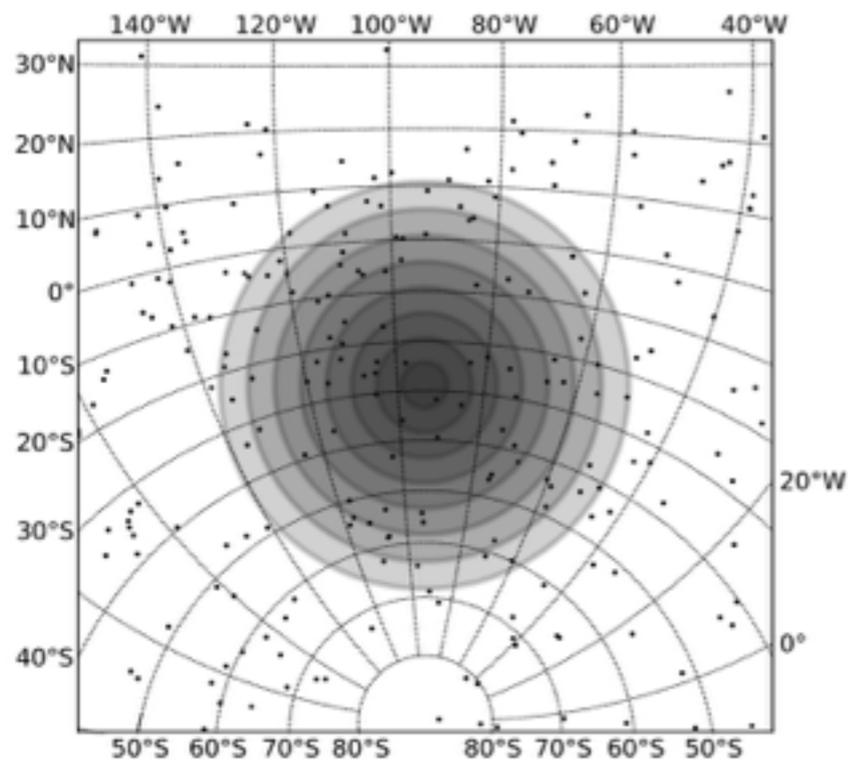


# Backup: SK

## (In)direct dark matter detection?



Cone search: 8 cones from 5° to 40° around GC  
 → No clusters visible



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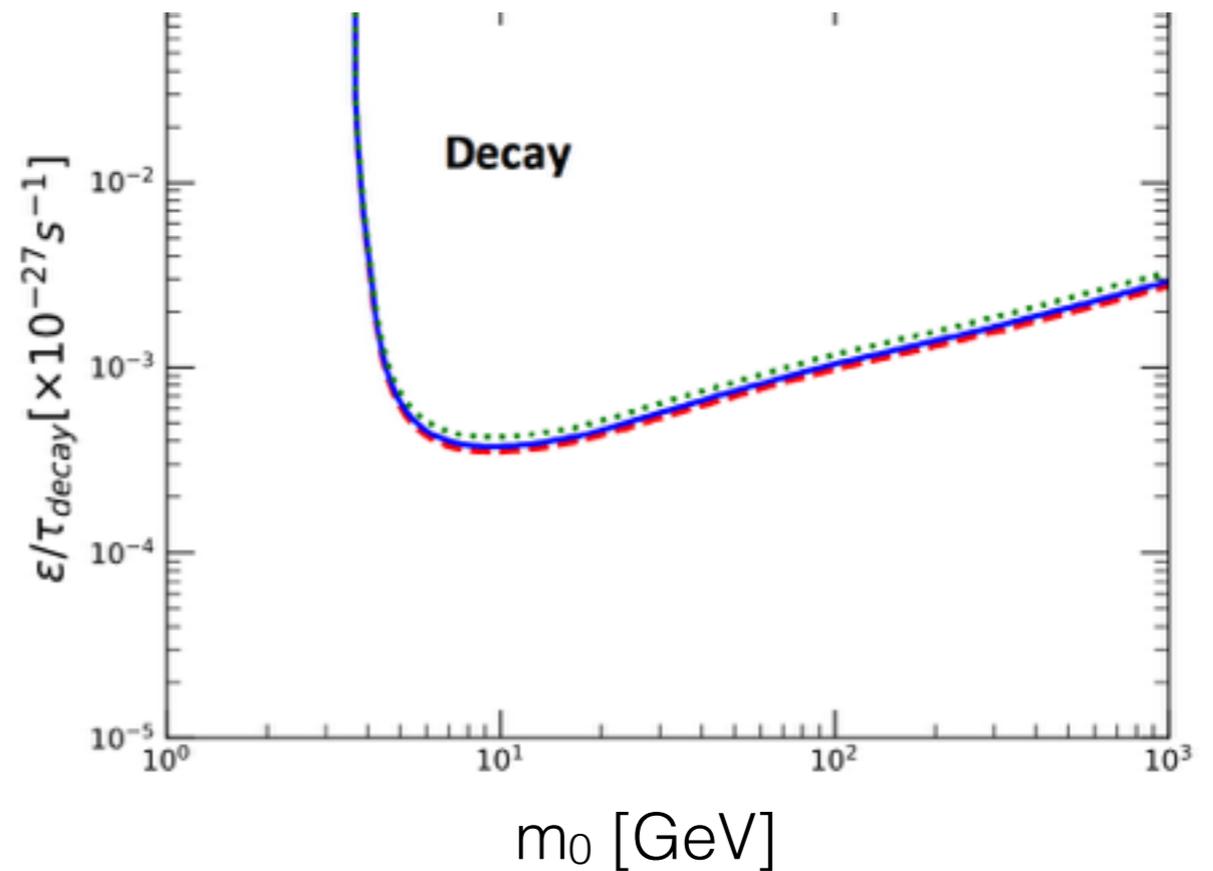
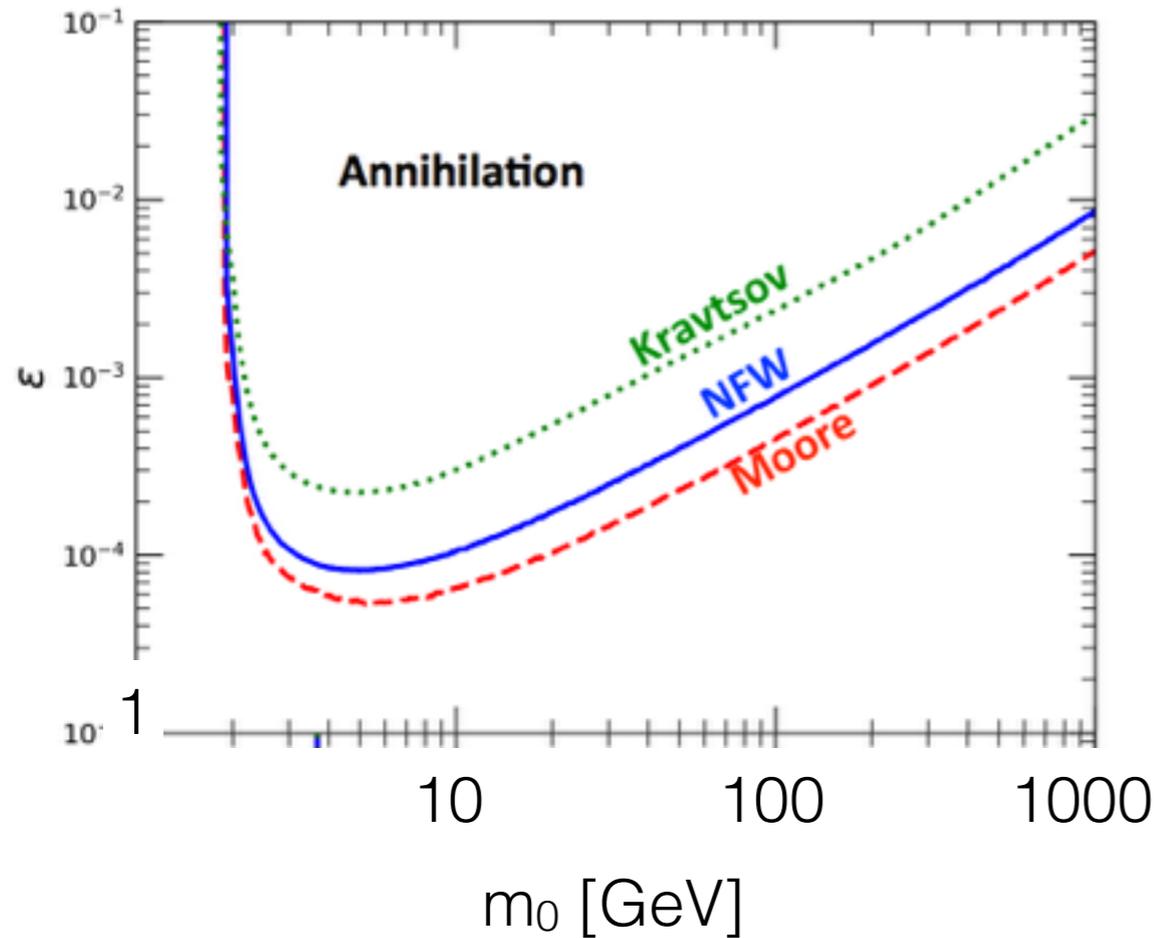
$0.1 \text{ GeV} < p_e < 1 \text{ TeV}$

$p_e^{\text{th}}$  with  
angular resolution  $3^\circ$  GC & Sun

1. 1-ring (if  $E_{\text{vis}} < 100 \text{ GeV}$ )
2.  $e$ -like
3. 0 decay electrons
4. 0 tagged neutrons

SK, 1711.05278

90% bound



$m_1 = 200 \text{ MeV}, m_\chi = 20 \text{ MeV}, g_{11} = 0.5$

