

# Dark matter self-interaction: the fate of the spike & annihilation-boosted dark matter in the Milky Way galaxy

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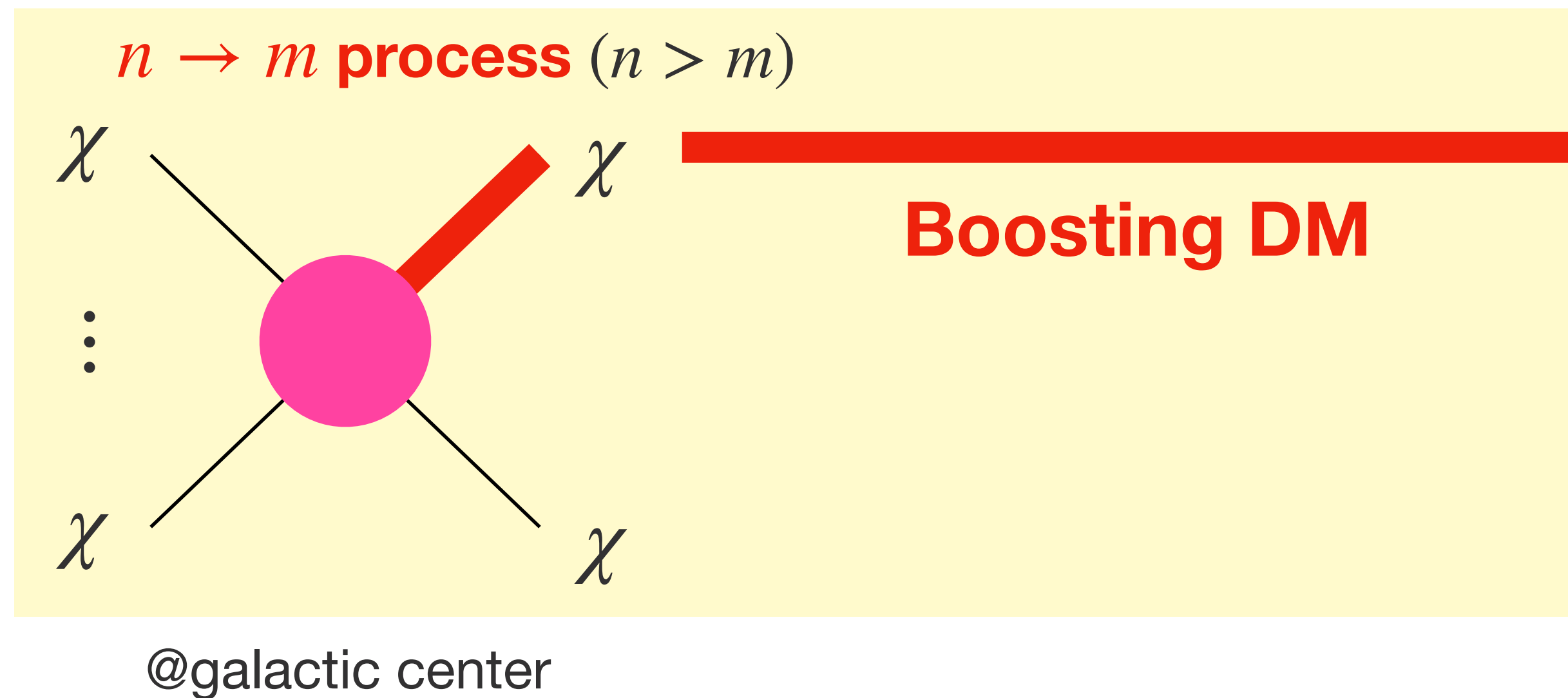
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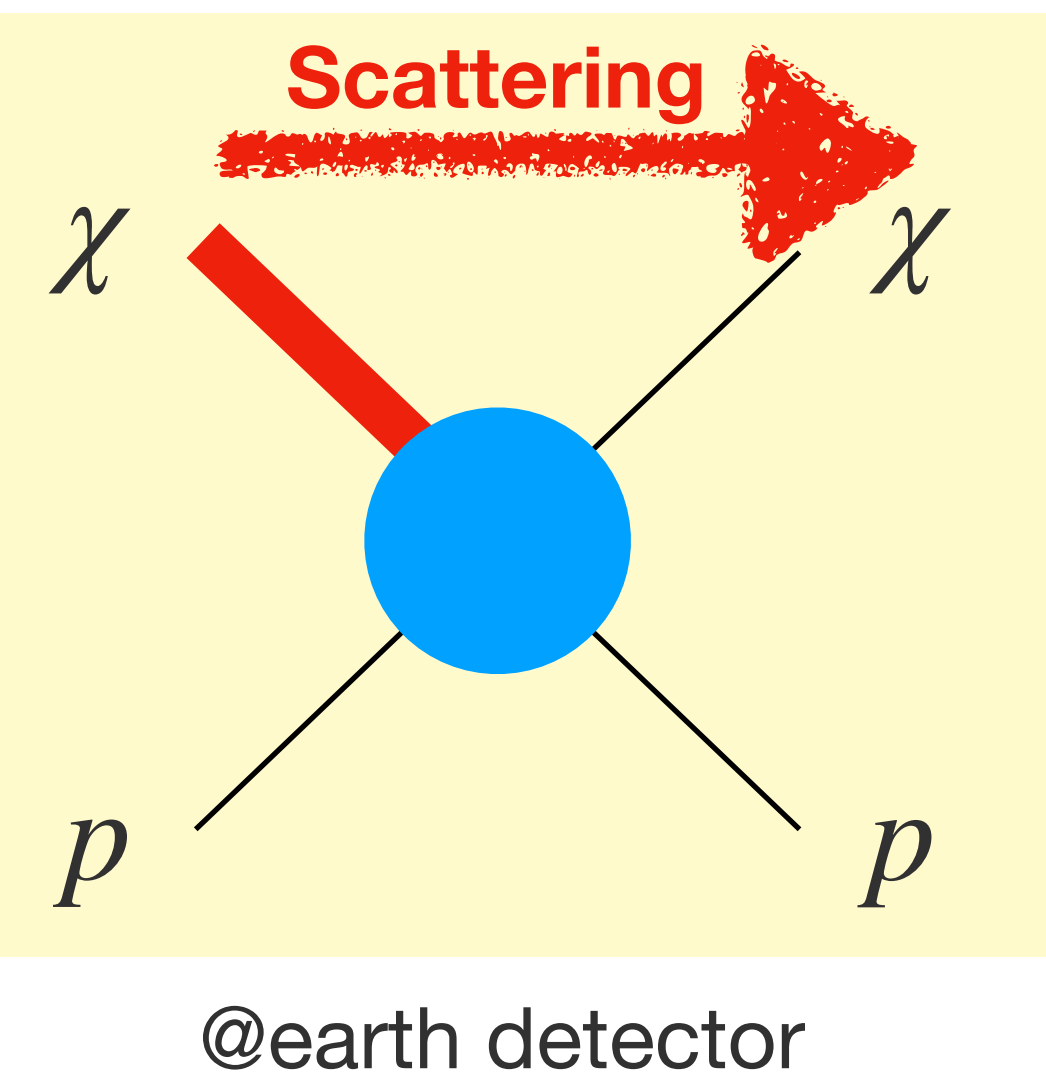
# Dark matter self-interaction

Question: What is the DM search strategy, including self-interaction?

## DM self-interaction



## DM-SM interaction



Answer: **“Annihilation” Boosted DM scatt. w/  $n \rightarrow m$  kinematical feature**

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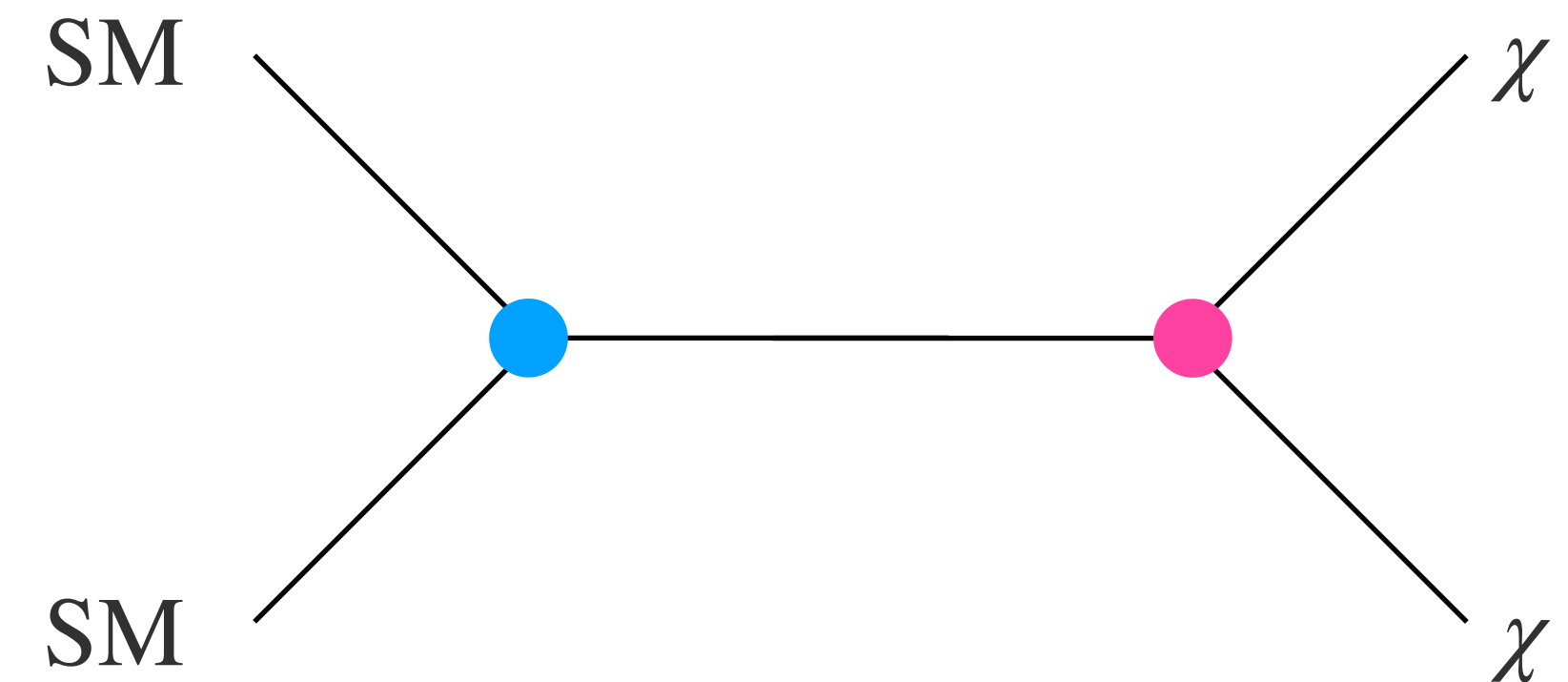
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$\simeq$  Writing down SM + DM Lagrangian

$$\left\{ m_\chi, \alpha_{\text{SM}}, \alpha_{\text{self}} \right\}$$

DM mass      DM-SM int.      DM self-int.

cf. DM-SM interaction via mediator



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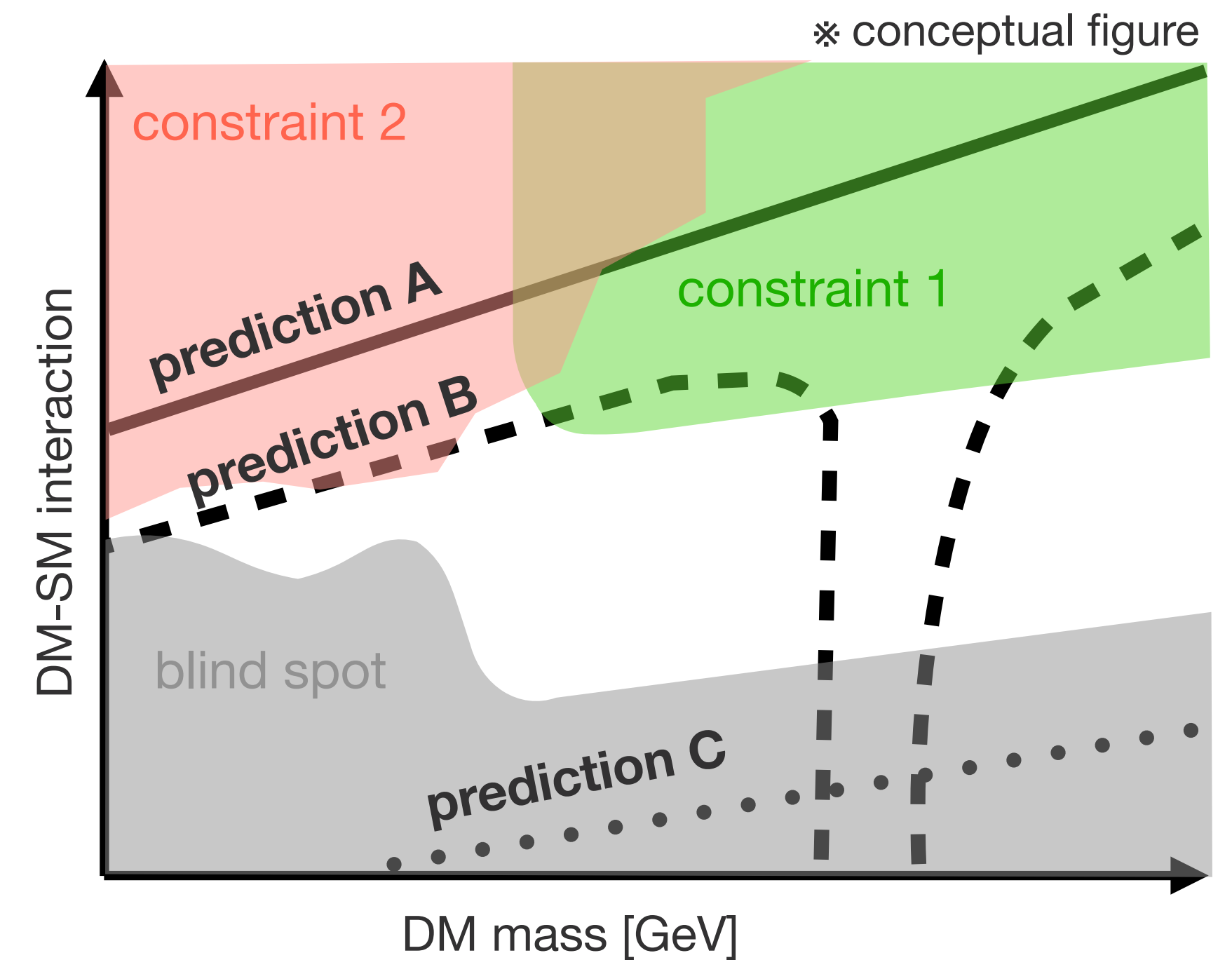
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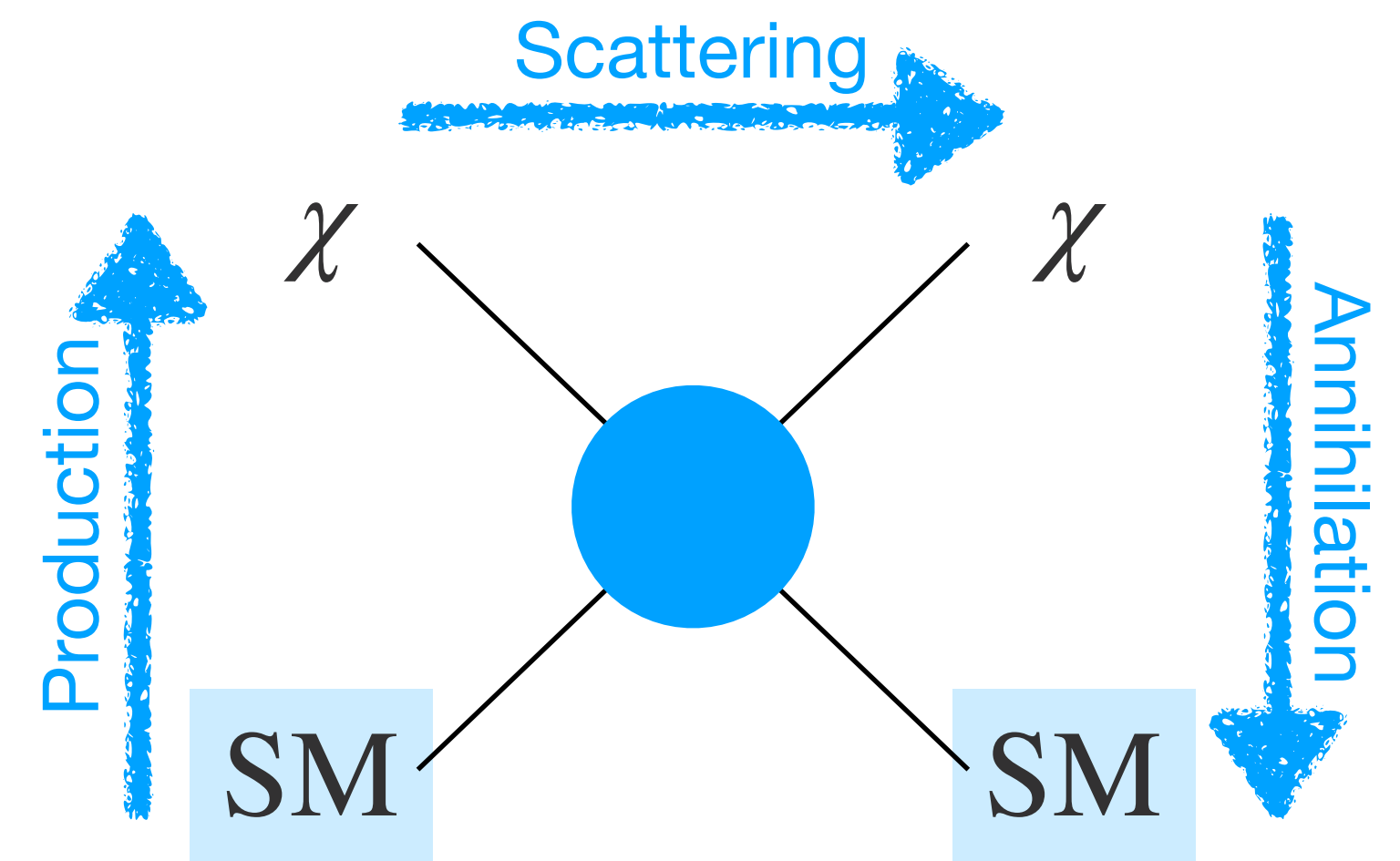
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## DM-SM interaction

- As we have studied broadly so far!
- cf. Discussions last week [(Strongly interacting) DM at collider] [Sub-GeV DM]



cf. WIMP search strategy





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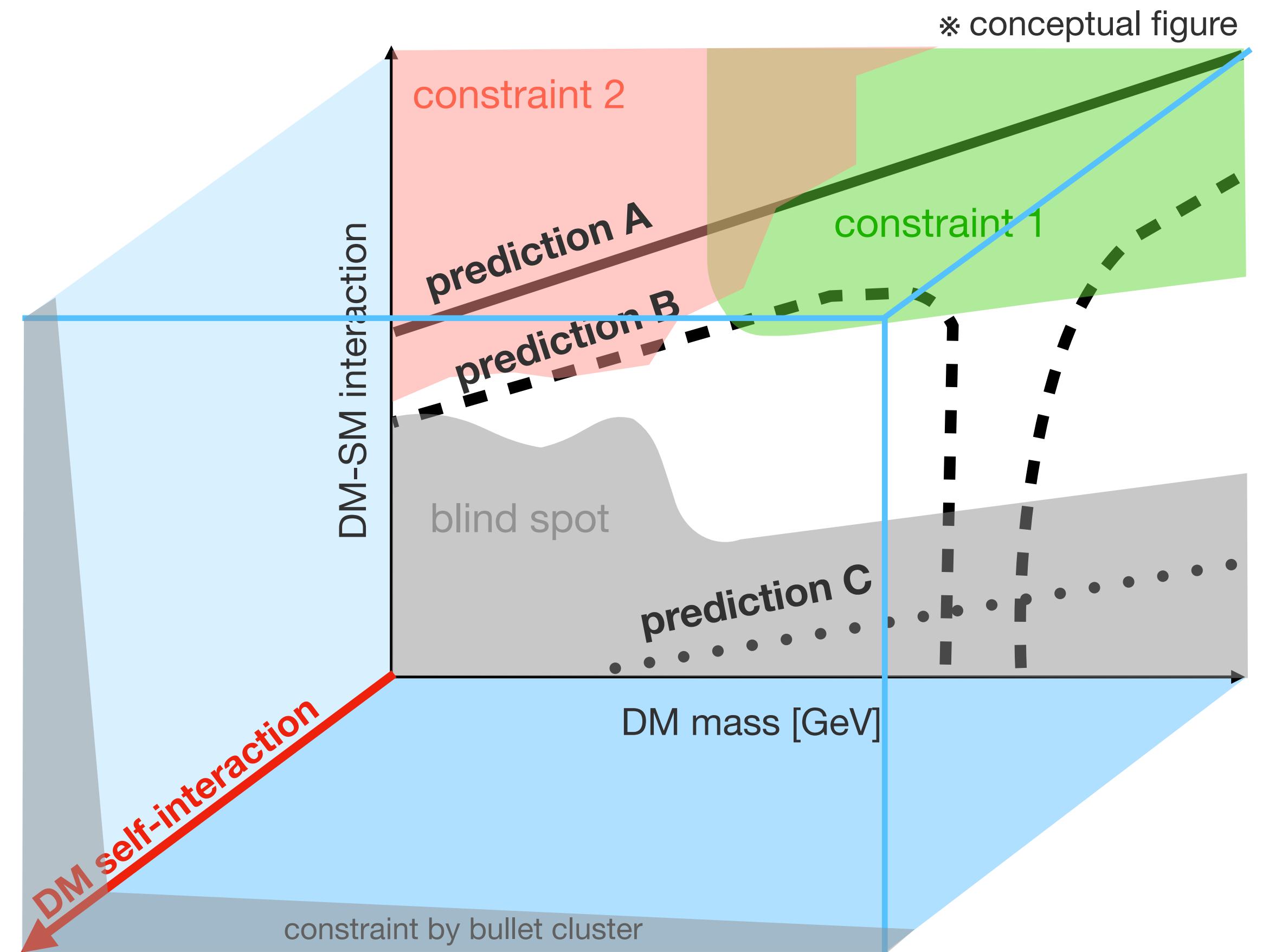
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## DM self-interaction

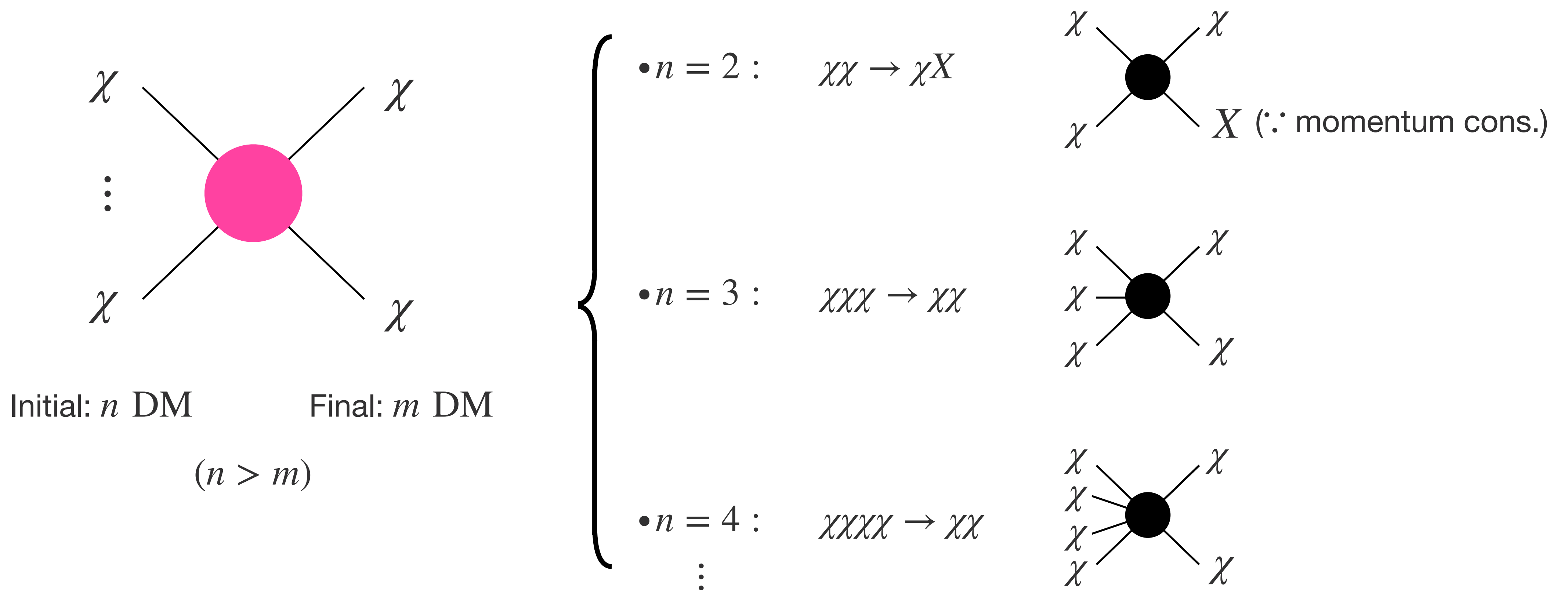
- (Could be) the most challenging part for experimental search
- Key to determine DM density distribution around galactic center → “DM circumstance” = Crucial input for astro. studies  
cf. Gonzalo’s talk



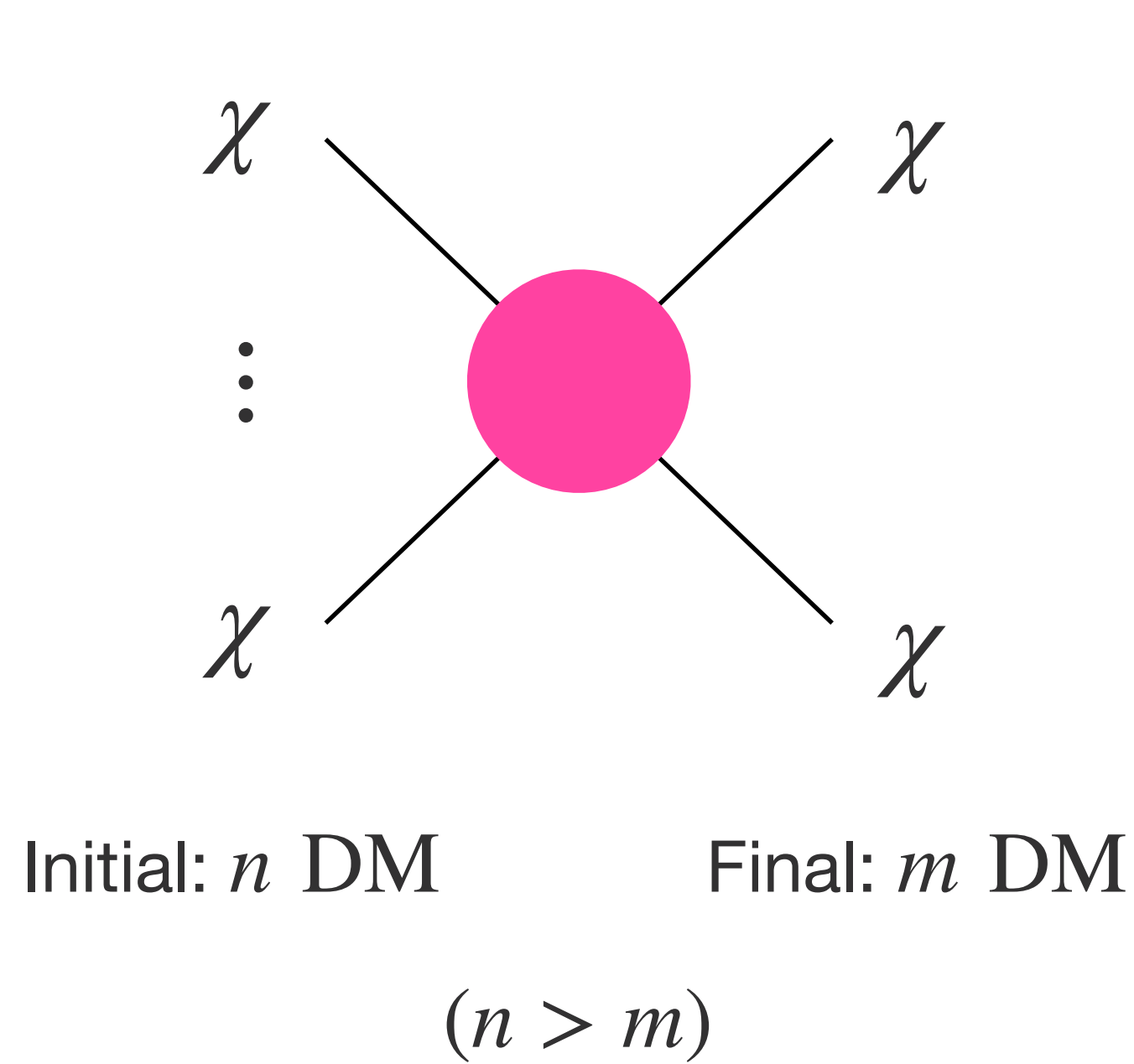
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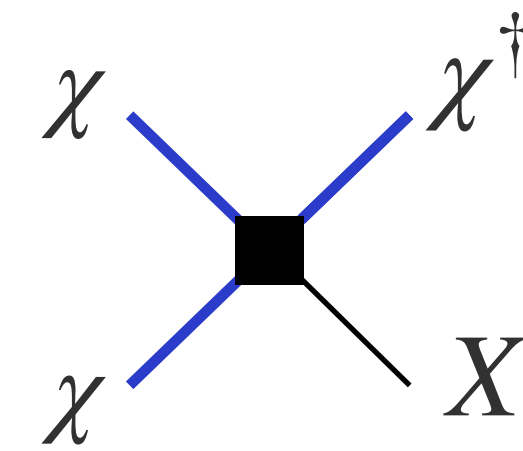
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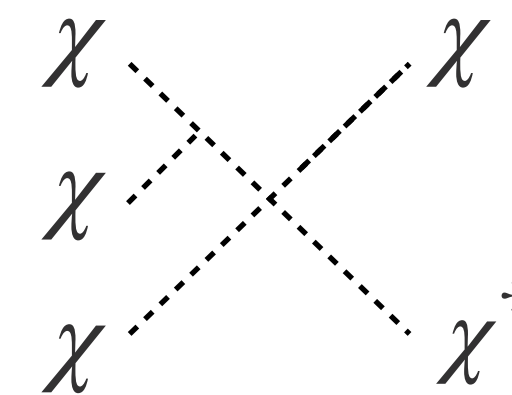


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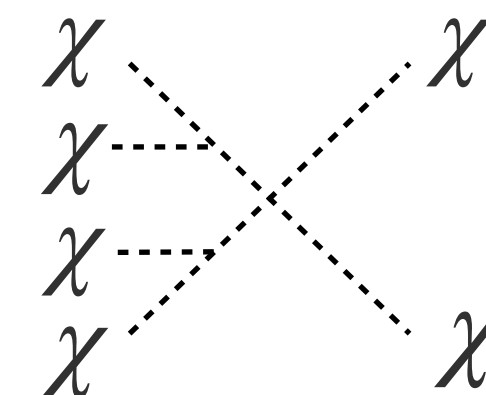
[F. D'Eramo, J. Thaler (2010)]

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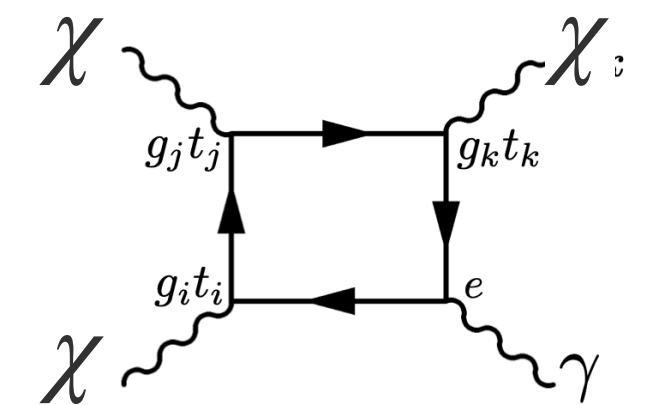


e.g. [Y. Hochberg, et al. (2014)]

•  $n = 4$  :  $\chi\chi\chi\chi \rightarrow \chi\chi$



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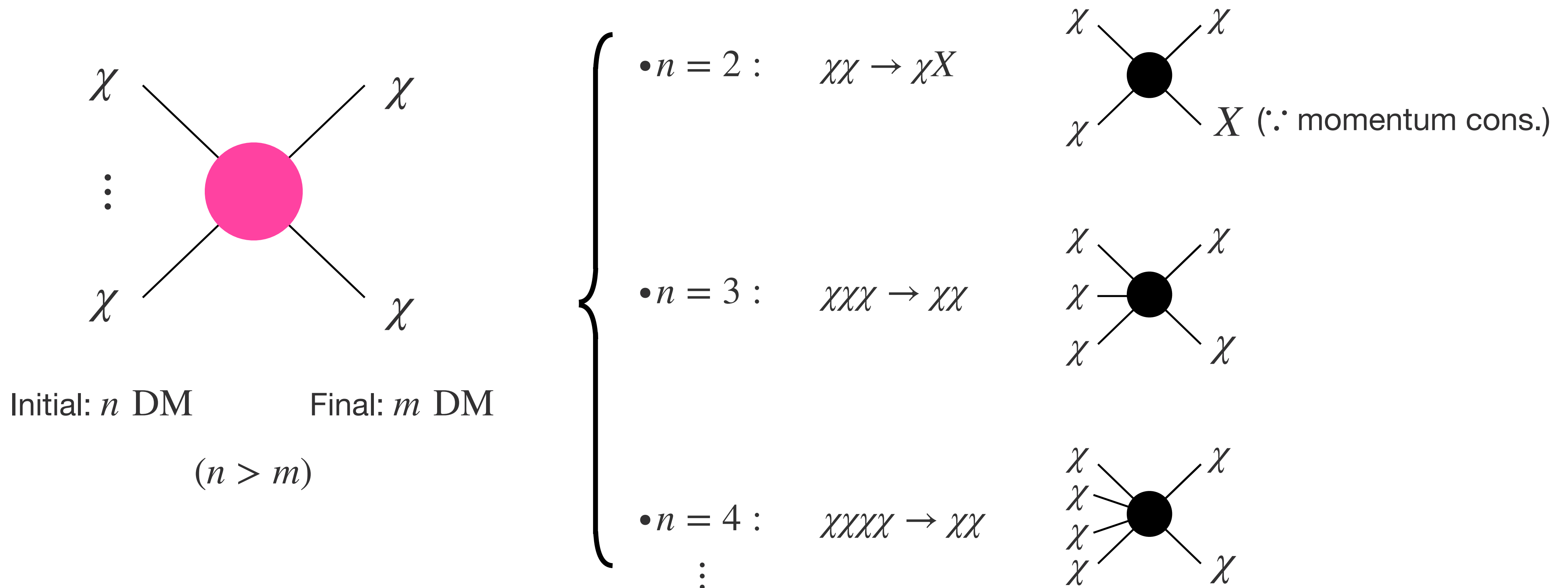


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# DM number changing process ( $n \rightarrow m$ process)

## Several functions

- Associated by DM self-interaction (cf. DM self-scattering) → Break correlation btw DM-SM interaction & self-interaction
- Affect DM density profile → The effect may be inherited in DM signature at local galaxy
- Accelerate DM particle by  $n \rightarrow m$  kinematics → New functions in DM search?



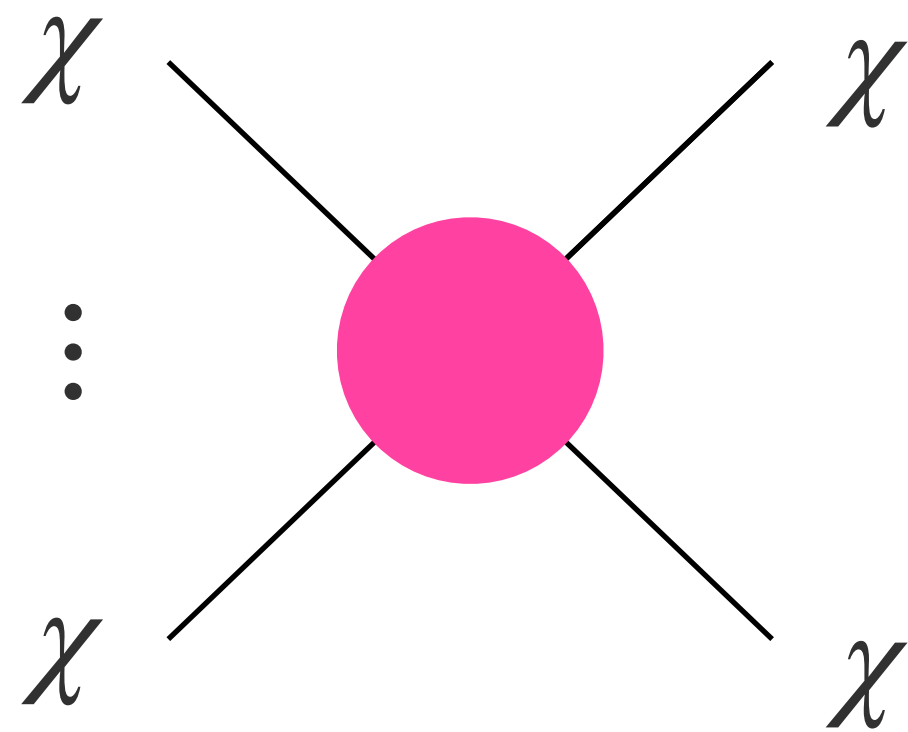


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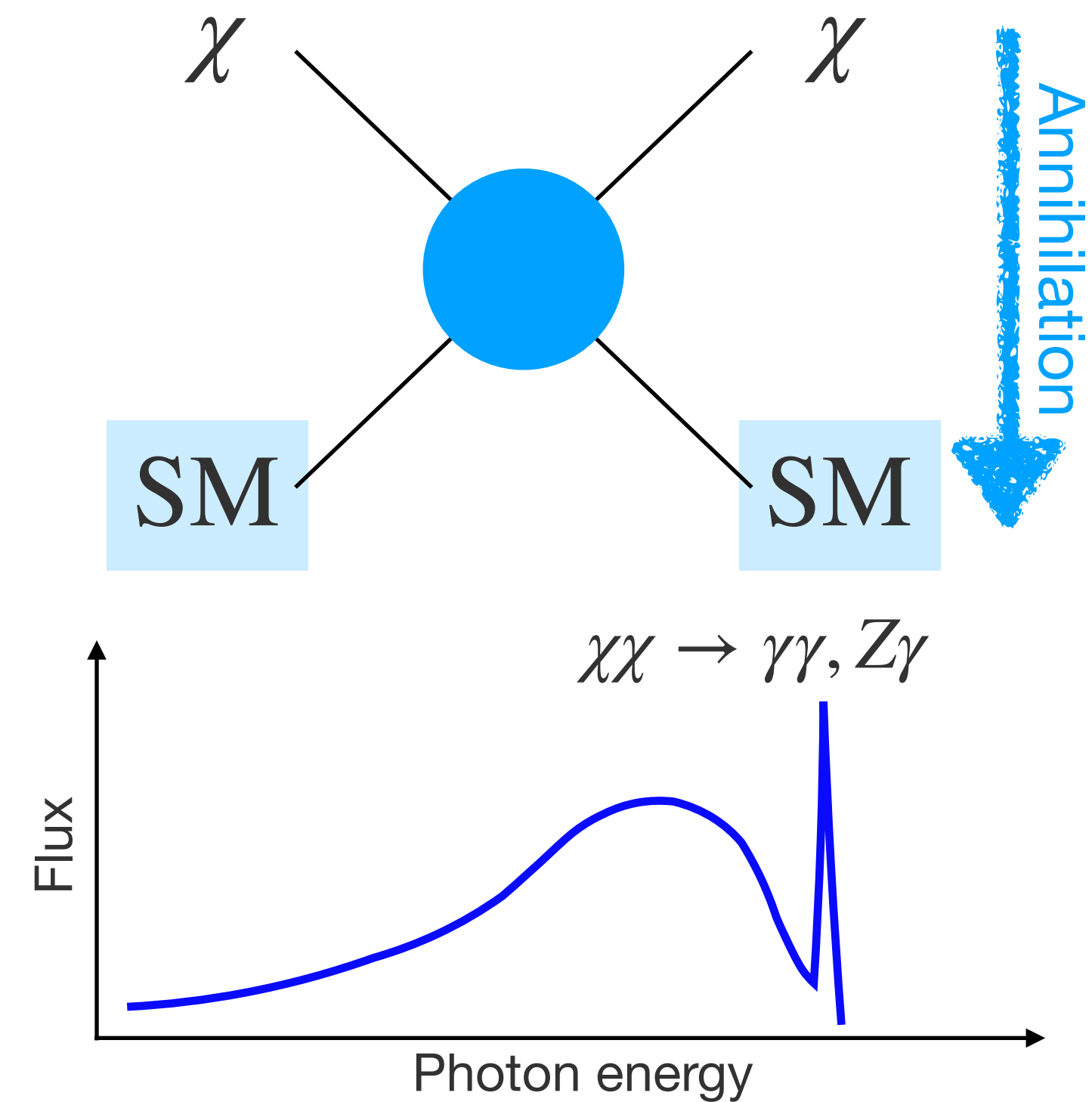
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$n \rightarrow m$  process



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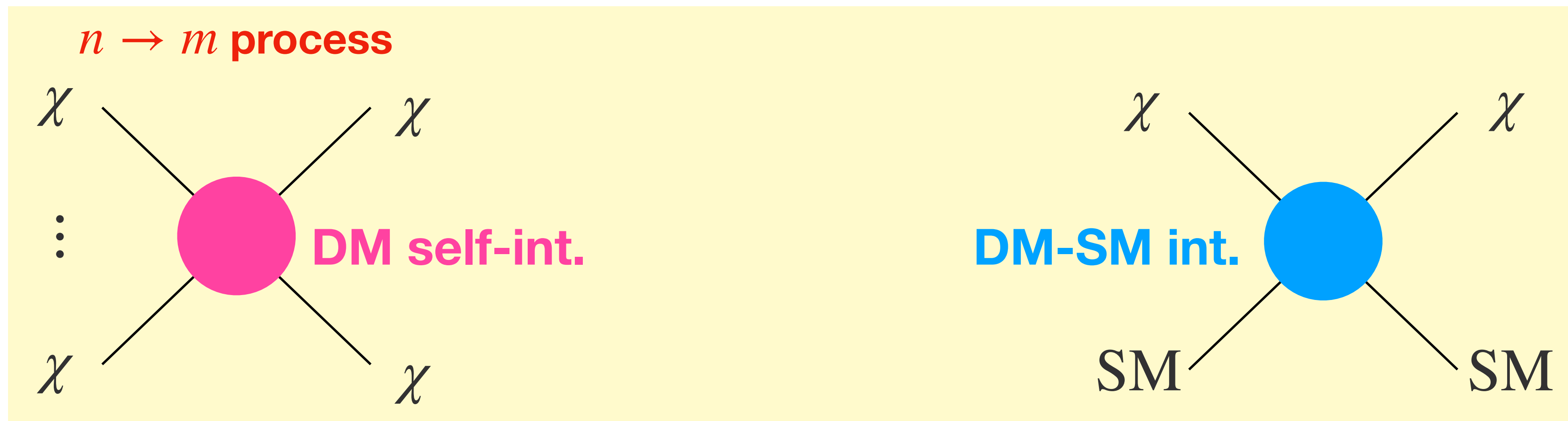
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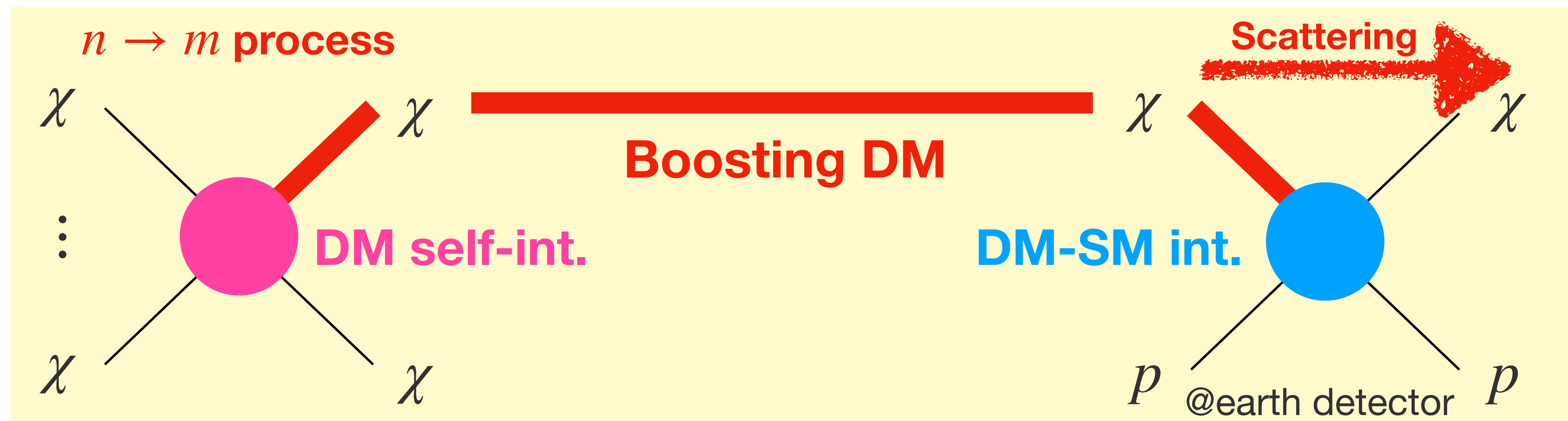


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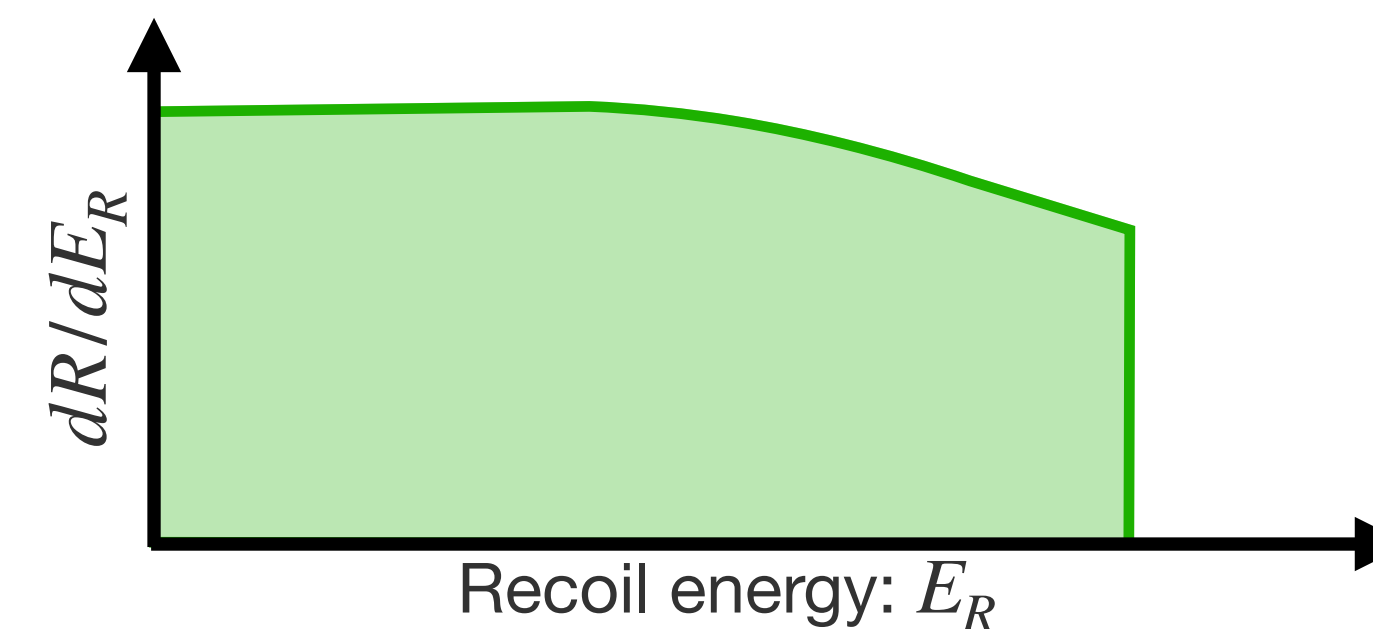
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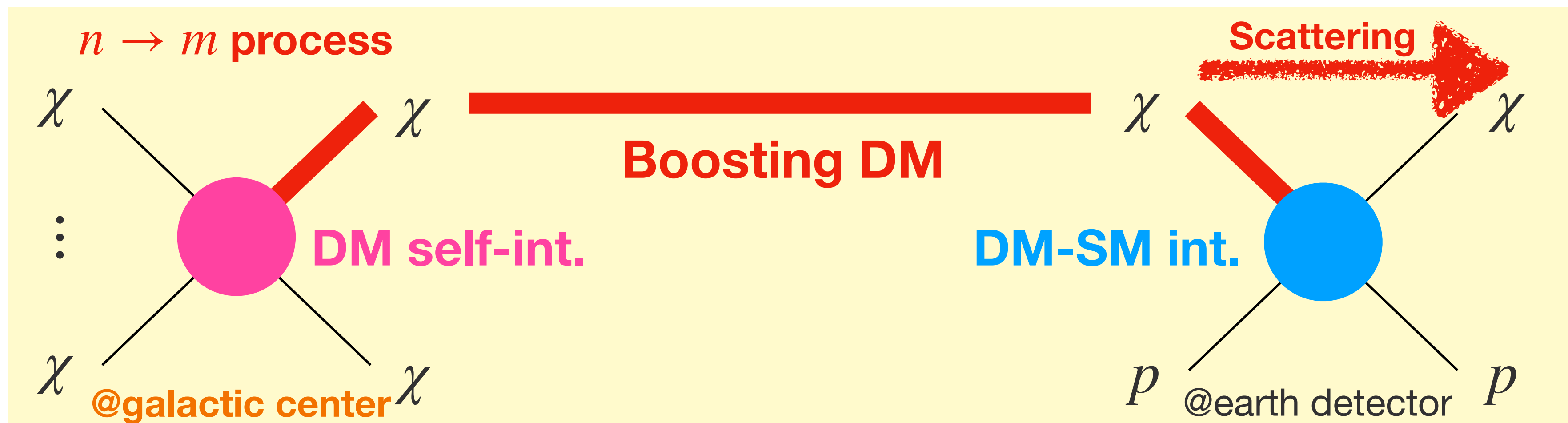
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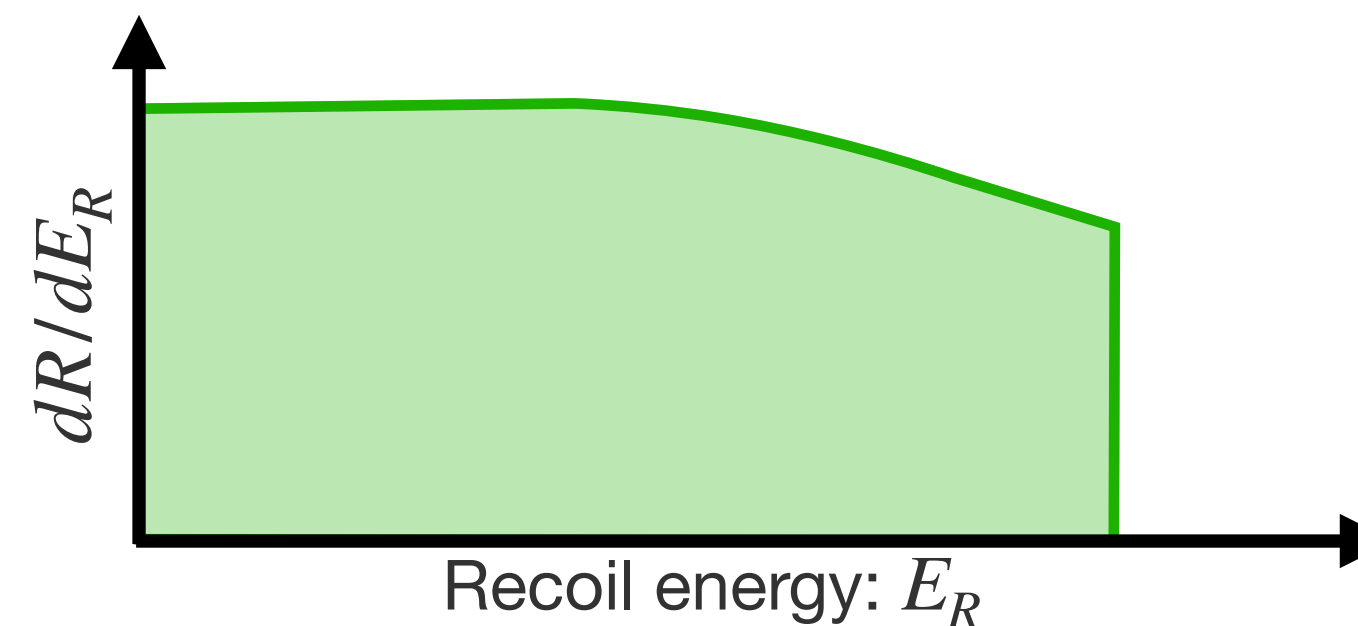
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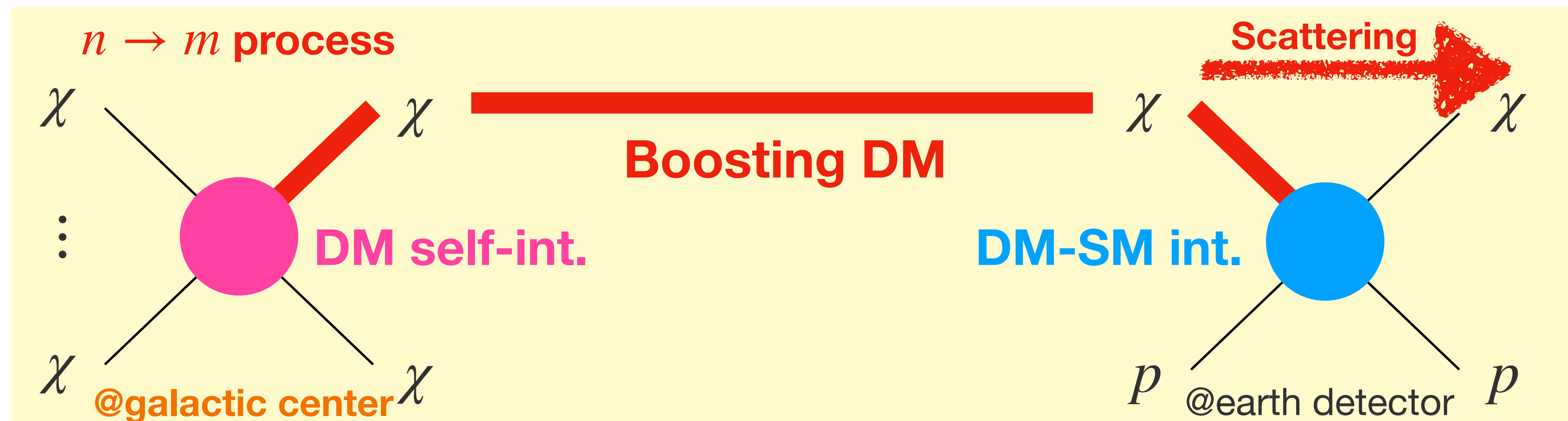
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See also [K. Agashe, et al. (2014)] [D. McKeen, N. Raj (2019)] [T. Toma (2022)] [M. Aoki, T. Toma (2023)]

Our question: **What is the consequence of  $n \rightarrow m$  processes?**

**How can we probe parameters of DM interaction theory?**



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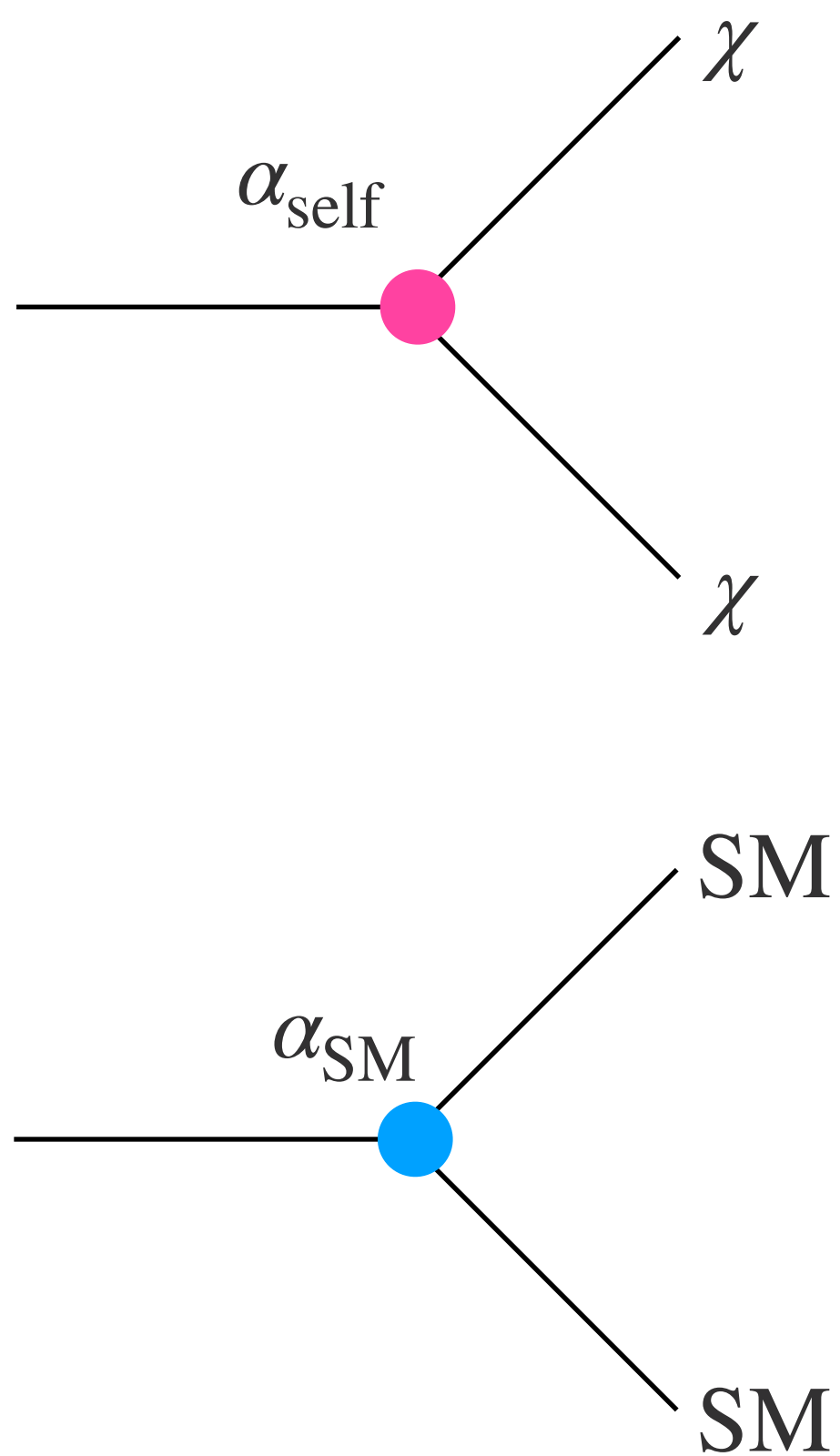


# Setup



# Model-independent parametrization

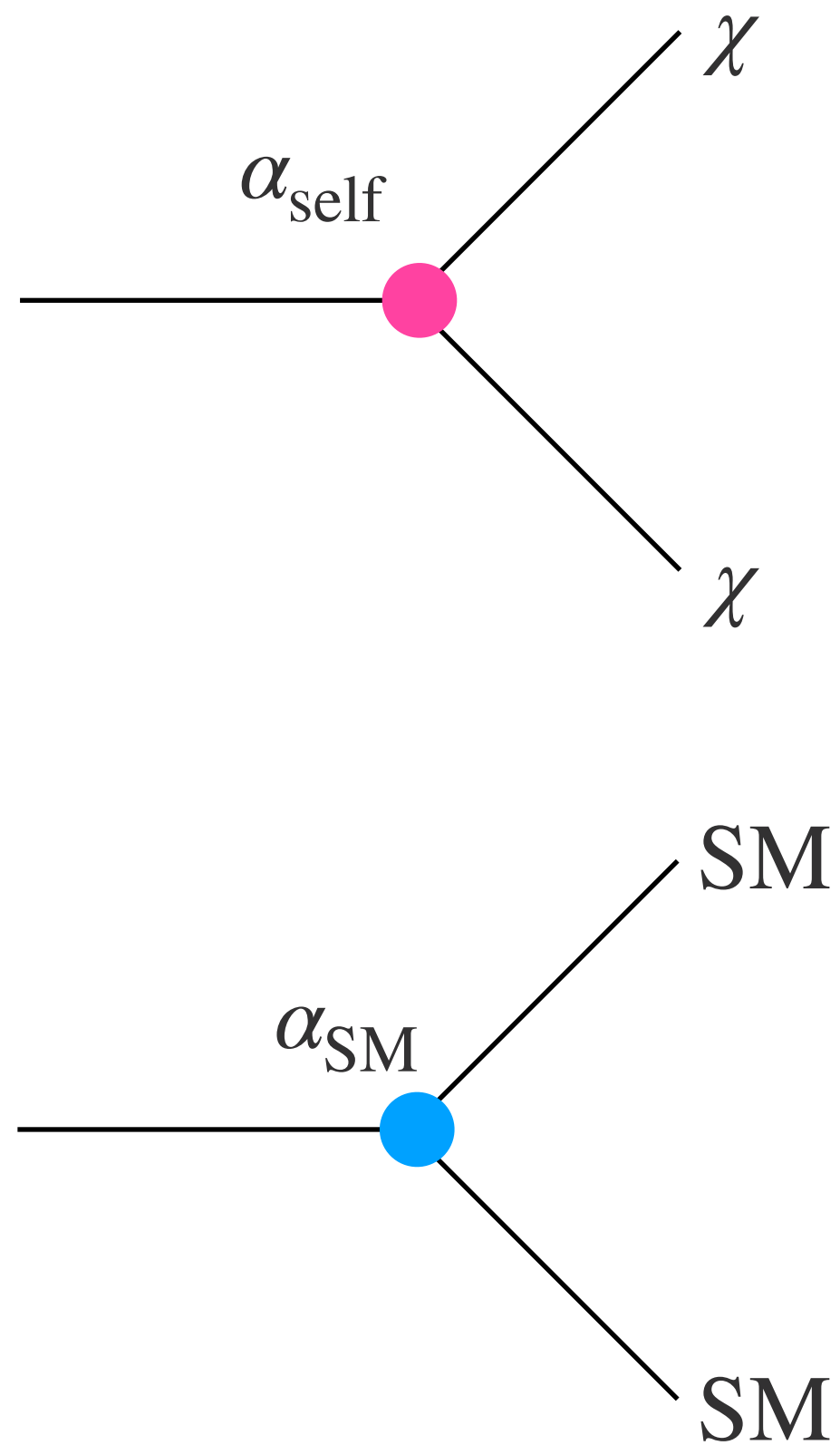
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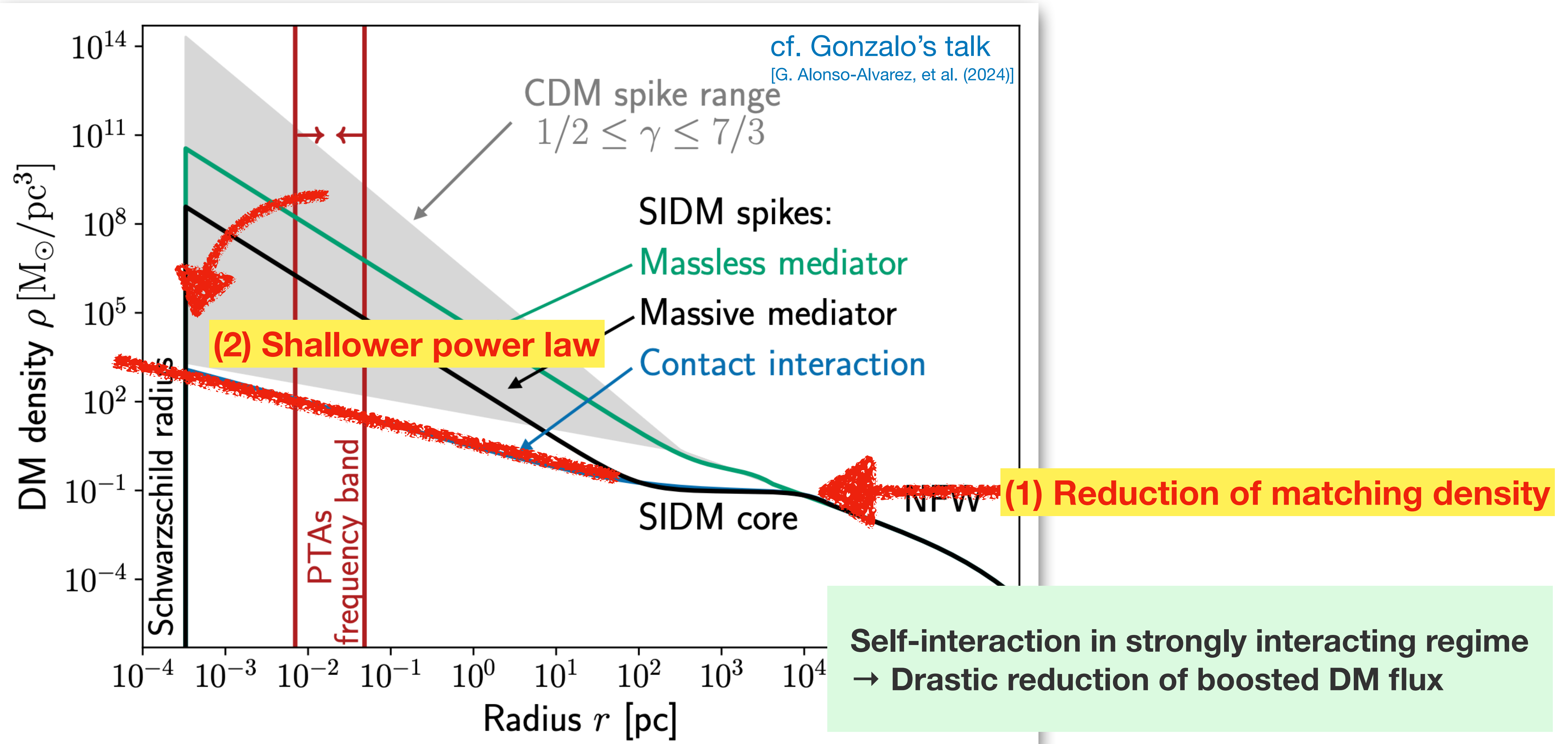
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# 1. Spike from self-scattering core





# 2. Dissolution via # changing: <sup>(Annihilation)</sup> $2 \rightarrow 0$ & $n \rightarrow m$

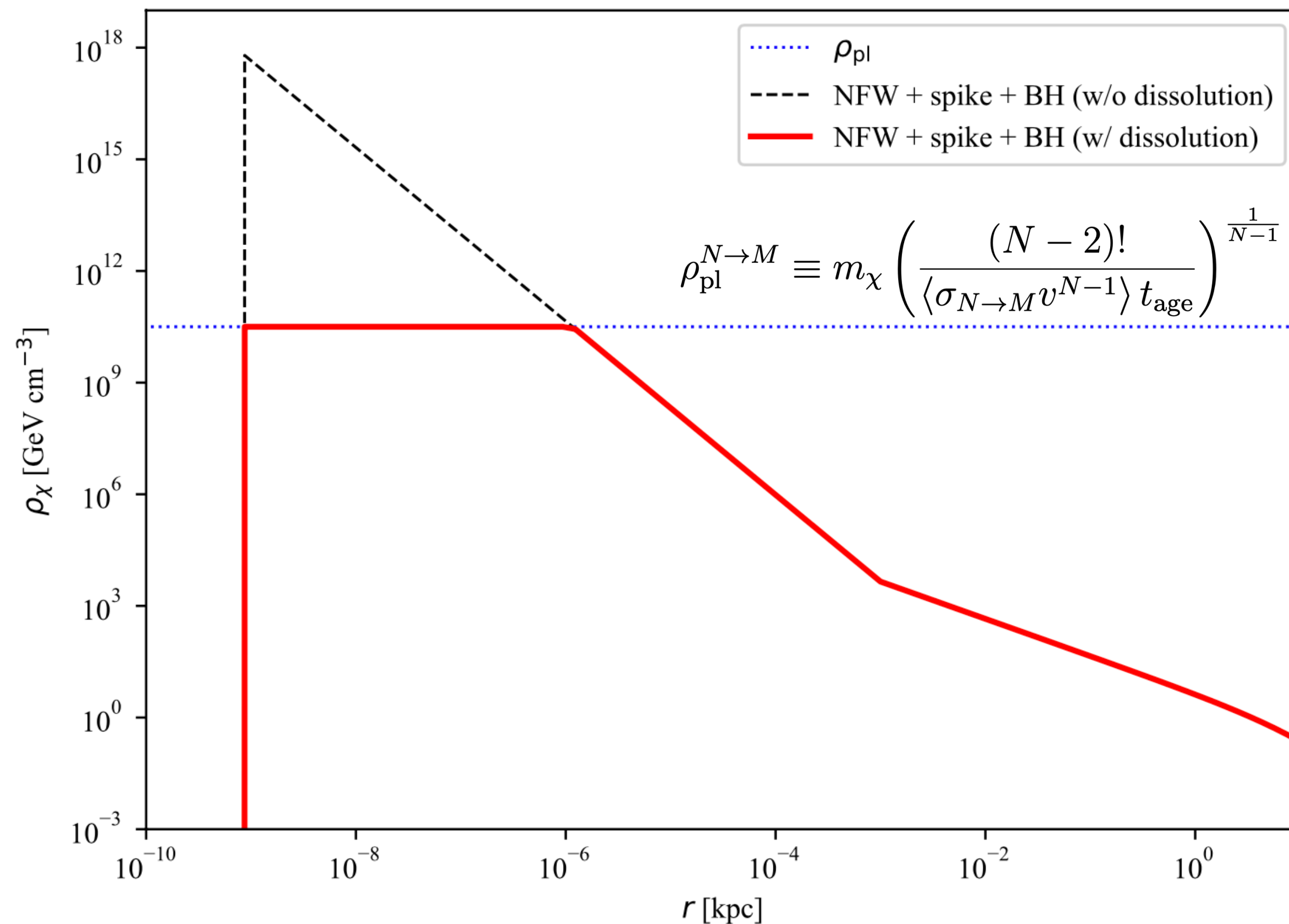
DM # evolution @fixed orbit

$2 \rightarrow 0$  process

$n \rightarrow m$  process

$$\dot{n}_\chi(r, t) = - \langle \sigma_{\text{ann}} v \rangle (n_\chi(r, t))^2$$

$$- \frac{n}{n!} \langle \sigma_{n \rightarrow m} v^{n-1} \rangle (n_\chi(r, t))^n$$



- One process ( $N \rightarrow M$ ) dominance  $\rightarrow$  analytical solution

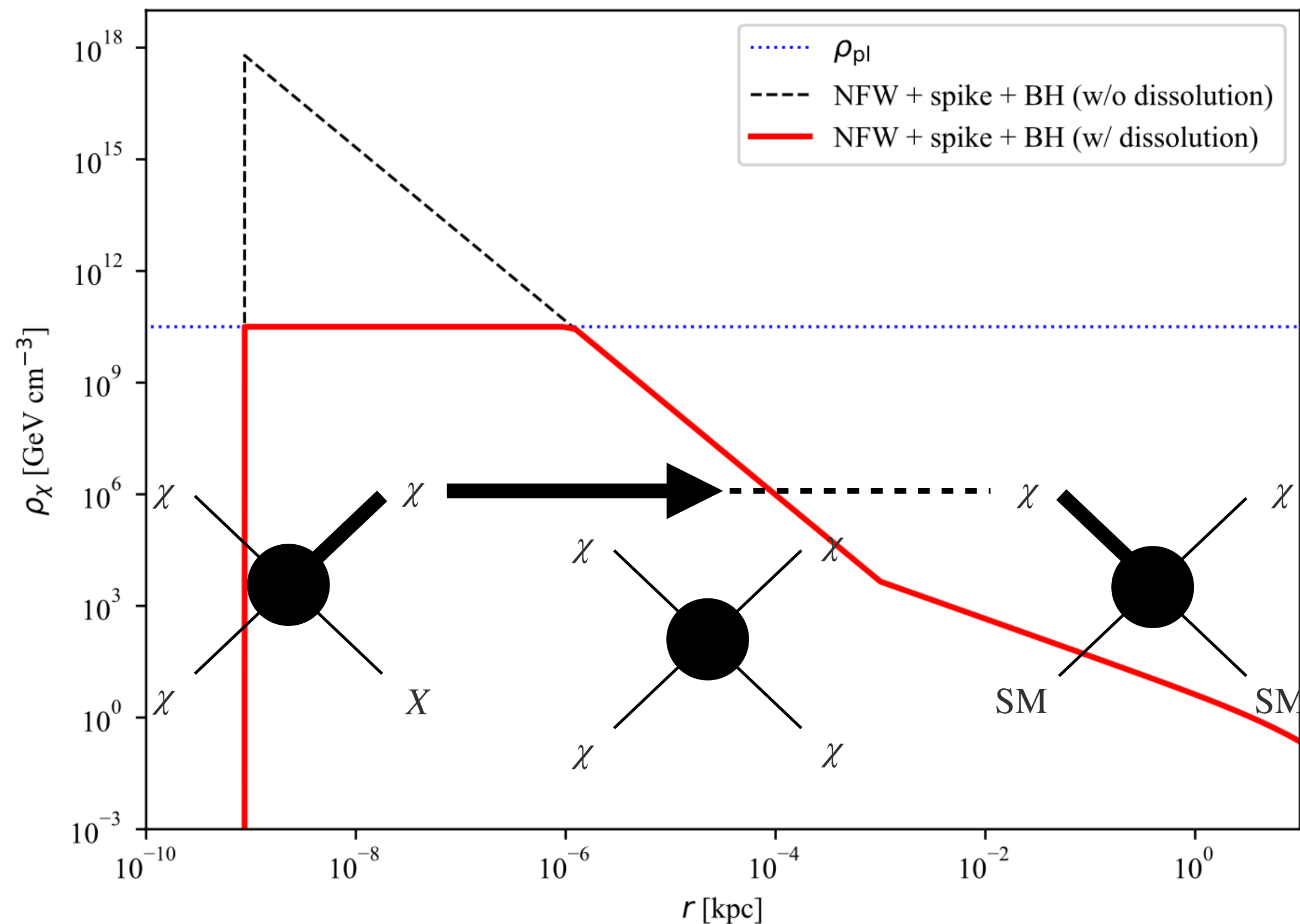
$$\rho_\chi(r, t) = \frac{\rho_{\text{pl}}^{N \rightarrow M} \rho_\chi(r, t_{\text{ini}})}{\left[ (\rho_{\text{pl}}^{N \rightarrow M})^{N-1} + \rho_\chi(r, t_{\text{ini}})^{N-1} \right]^{\frac{1}{N-1}}}$$

- More than one process  $\rightarrow$  numerical solution

**DM # changing processes**  
 $\rightarrow$  plateau density around the central region

# 3. Self-heating: $n \rightarrow m$

- If boosted DM is captured on the way to the earth...
  - Energy will be deposited into DM halo  $\rightarrow$  escalating core formation
  - We will lose boosted DM flux @ earth position



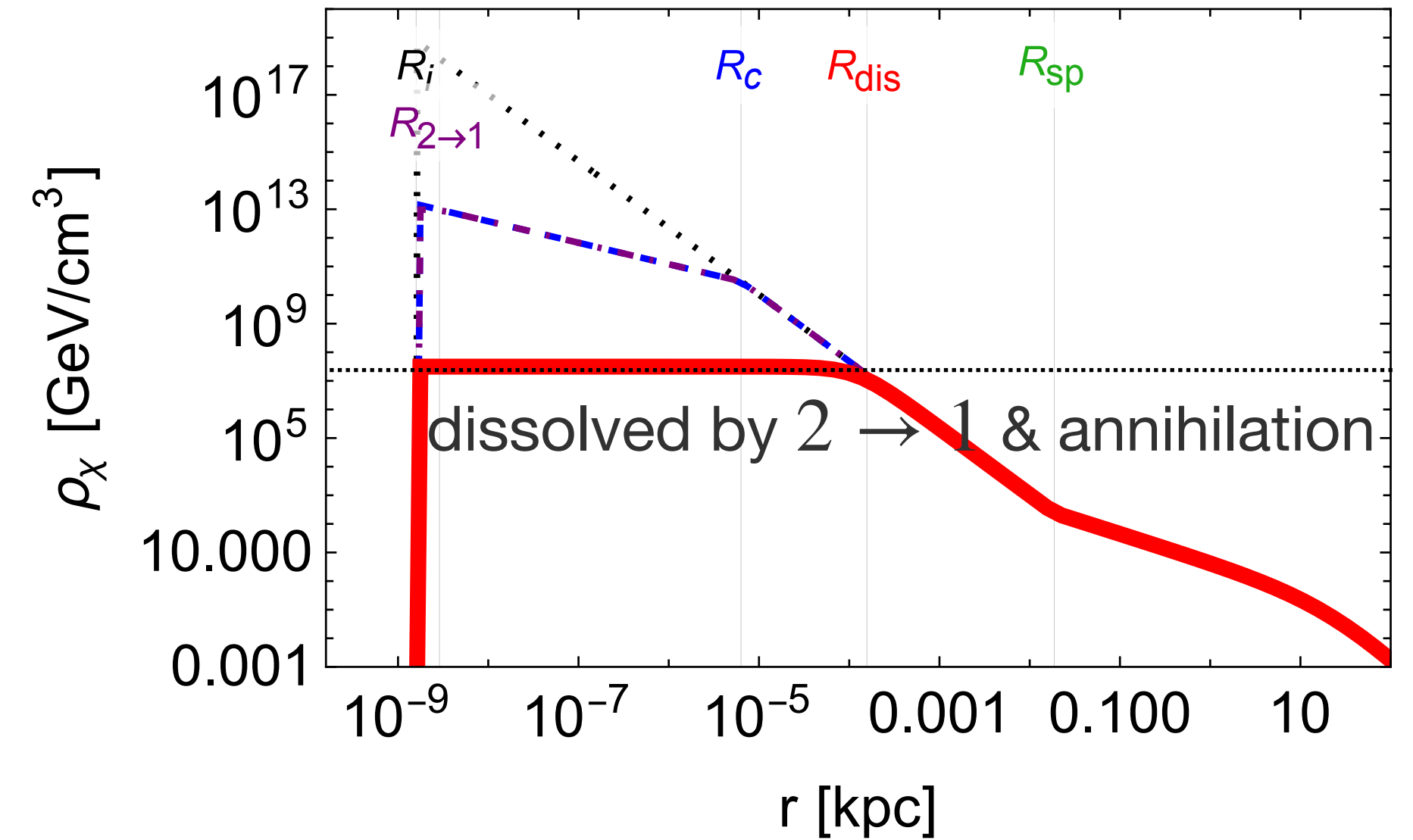
Capture factor: 
$$\xi(r) = r \times \frac{\rho_\chi(r) \sigma_{2 \rightarrow 2}}{m_\chi} (< 1)$$

$n \rightarrow m$  process ( $n > m$ )  
 $\rightarrow$  **DM capture & core formation**

# DM density profile ~fate of DM spike~

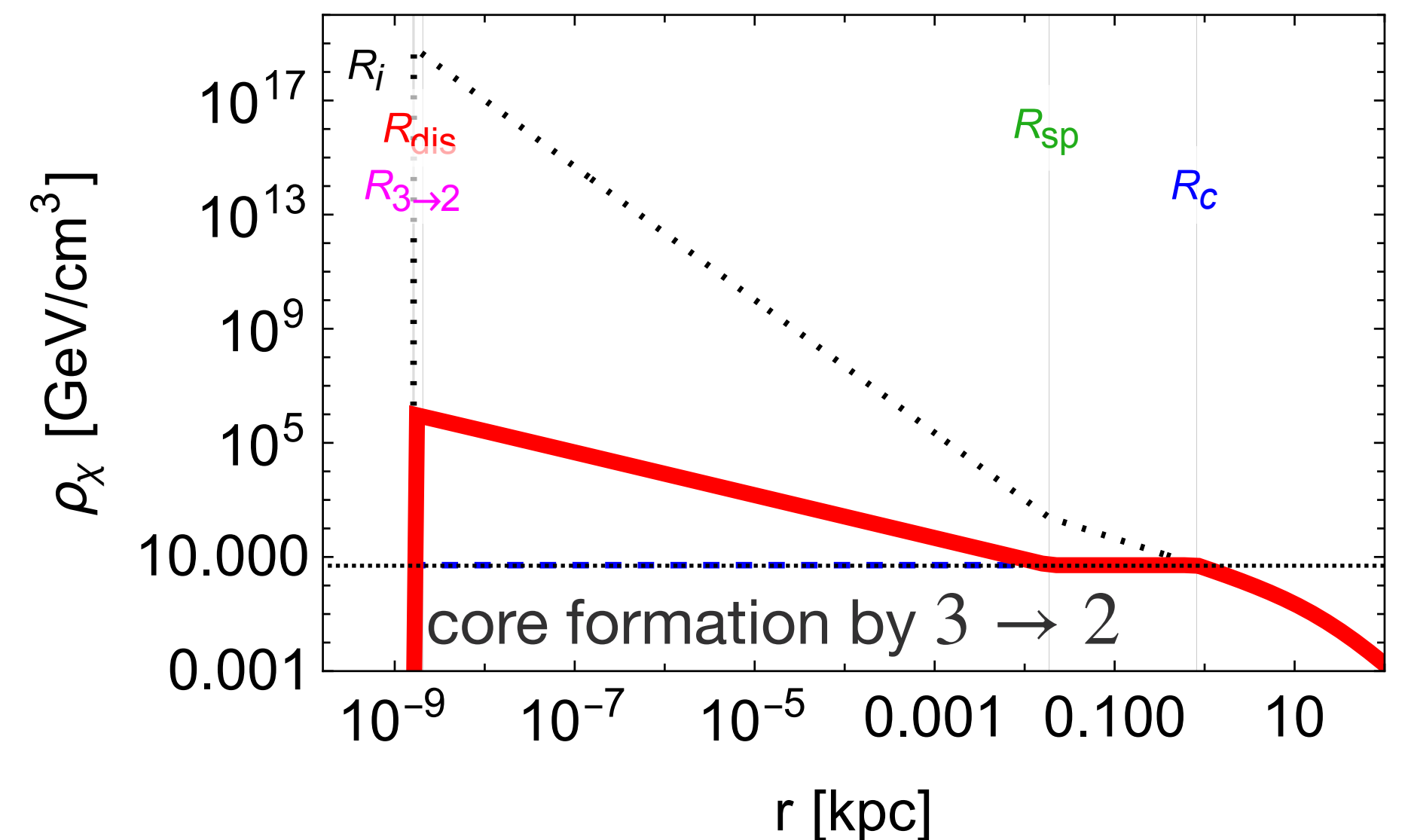
2 → 1

- DM-SM interaction & DM self-interaction are both in weak regime
  - Core formation effect (2 → 2) is irrelevant
  - Dissolution effect (2 → 1 & annihilation) crucially determine  $\rho_\chi$
- **High-density region may survive & realize boosted DM flux**




3 → 2

- DM-SM interaction: weak & DM self-interaction: strong
  - Core formation (2 → 2) reduces high-density region [\[Y. Hochberg, et al. \(2014\)\]](#)
  - Modified power law for spike from isothermal core [\[S. L. Shapiro, et al. \(2014\)\]](#)
- **Boosted DM flux is totally irrelevant**
- Same conclusion for  $n \rightarrow m$  ( $n \geq 3$ )



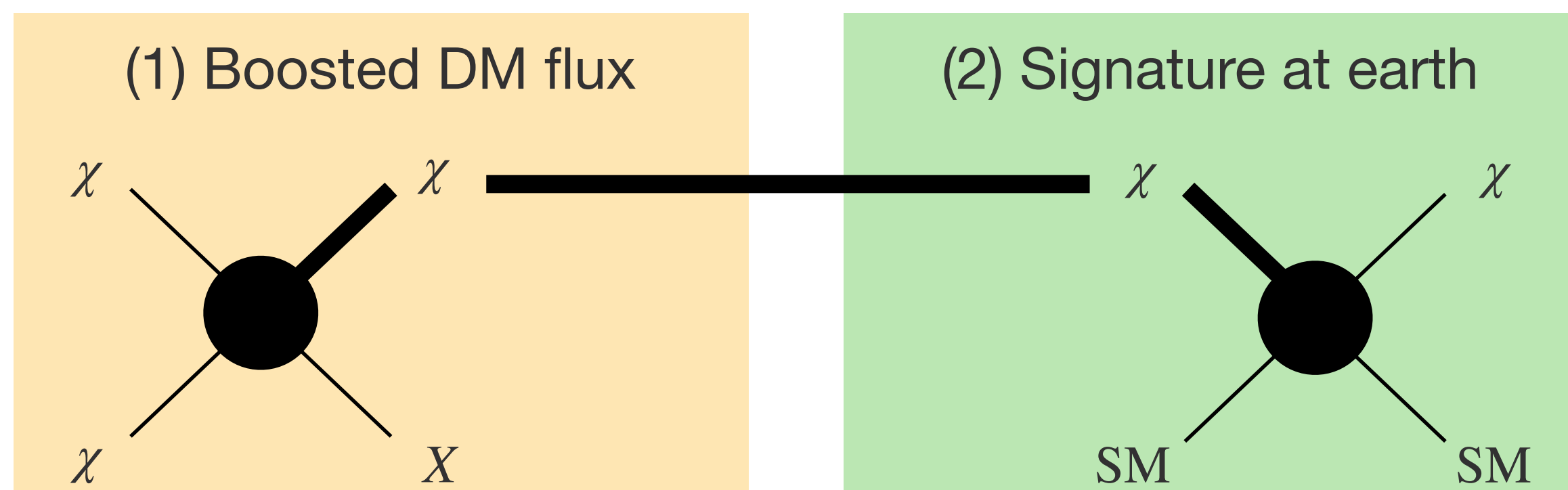
# Annihilation Boosted DM via $2 \rightarrow 1$ (= semi-annihilation)

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**Sensitivity at current experiment?  
Smoking gun signature?**

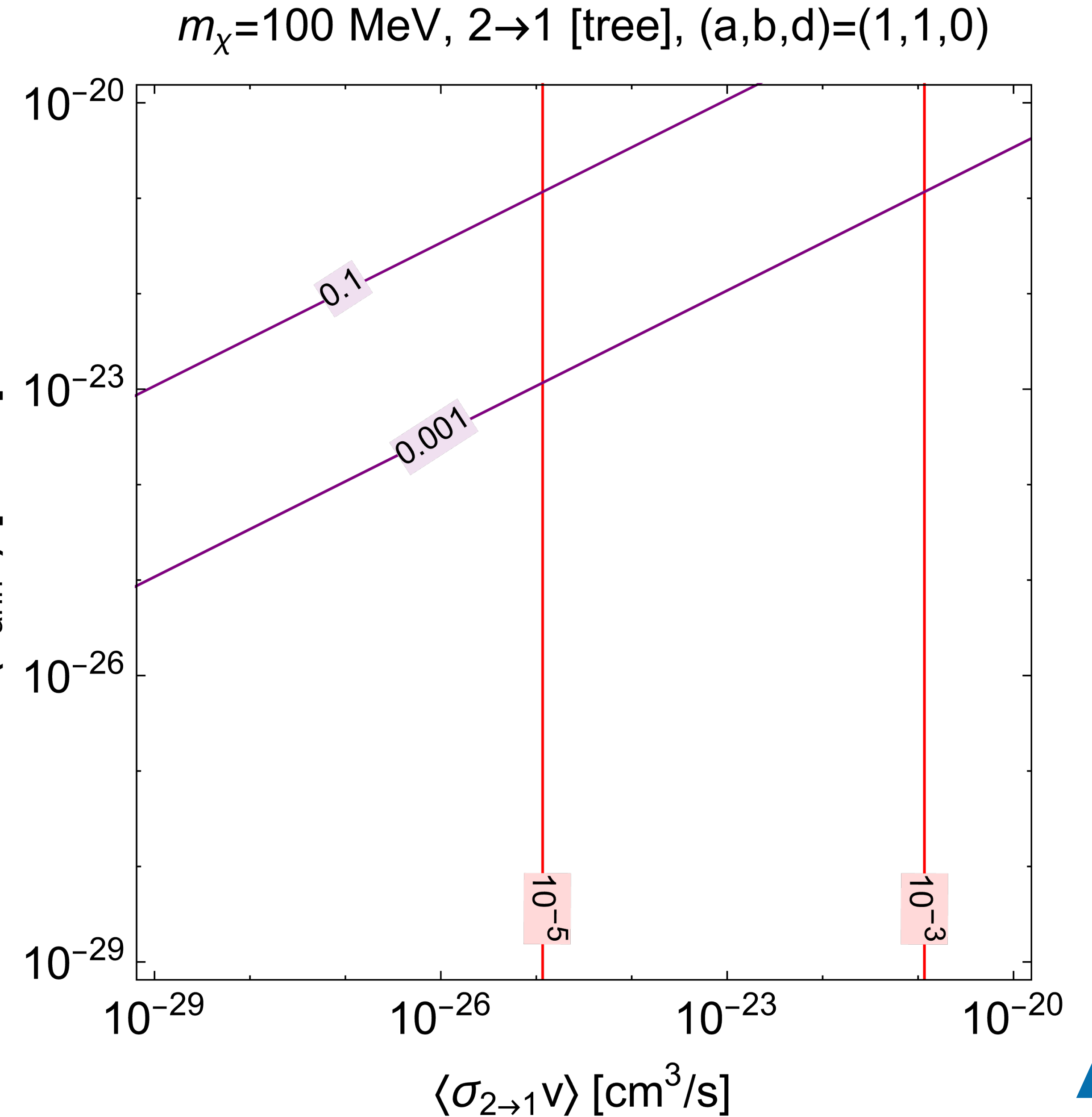
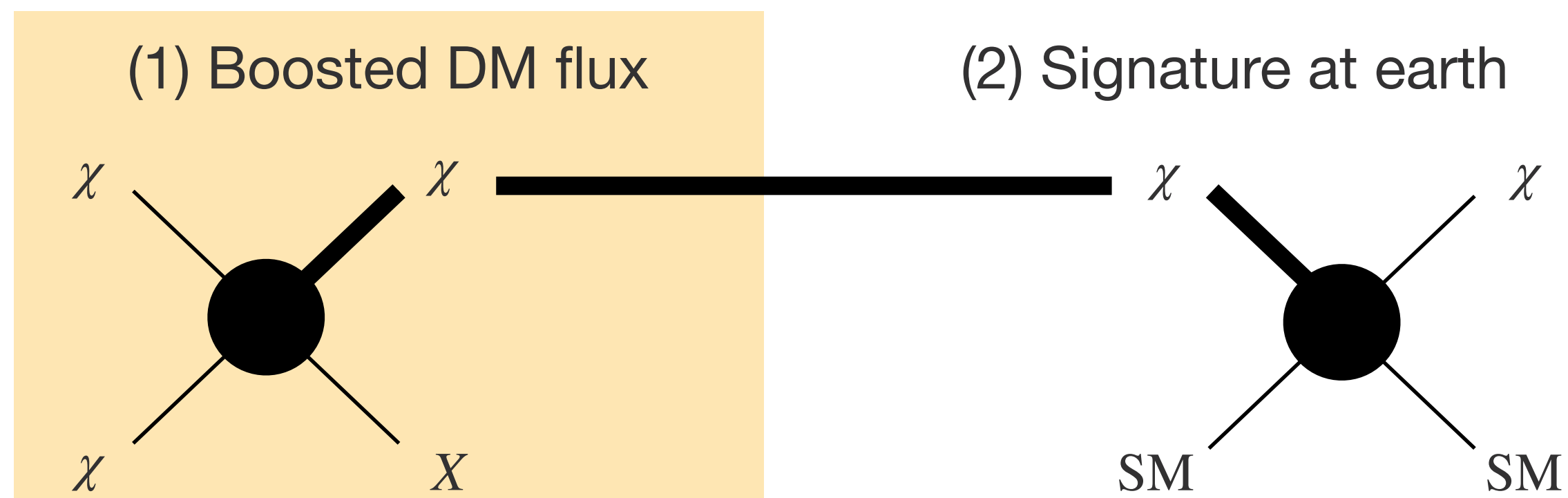
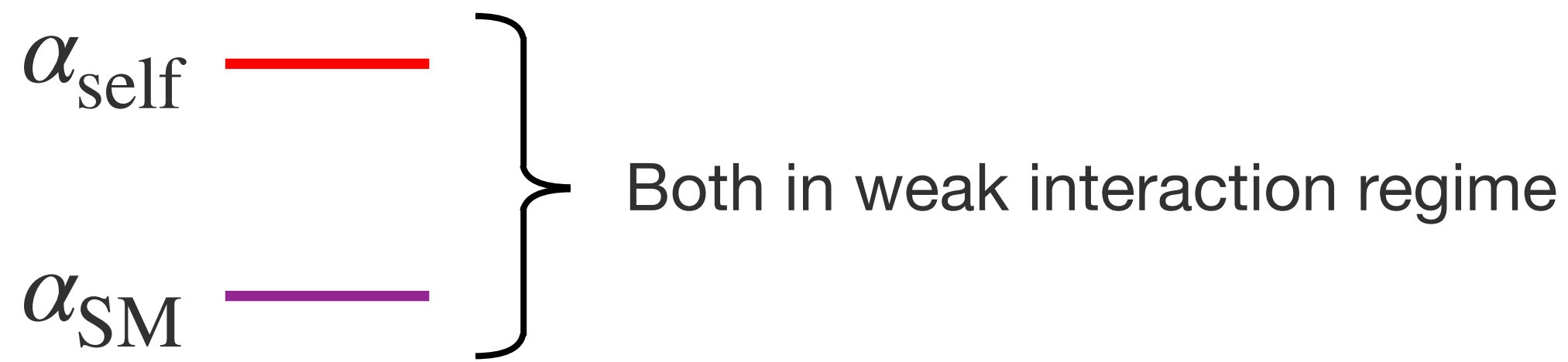
# Results





# Boosted DM flux

## Contours of interactions



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Contours in  $\log_{10} \Phi_{\text{BDM}} [\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}]$

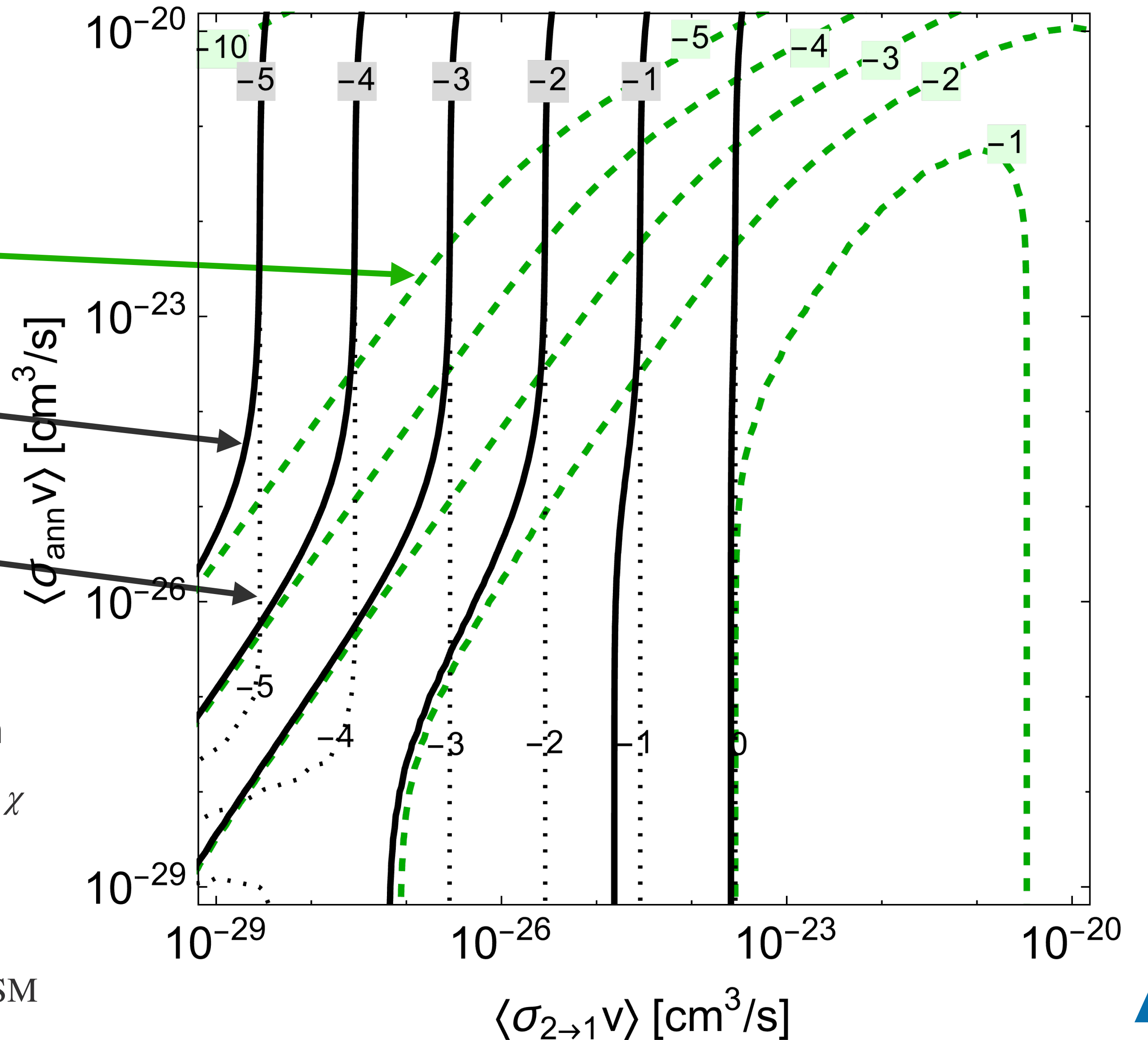
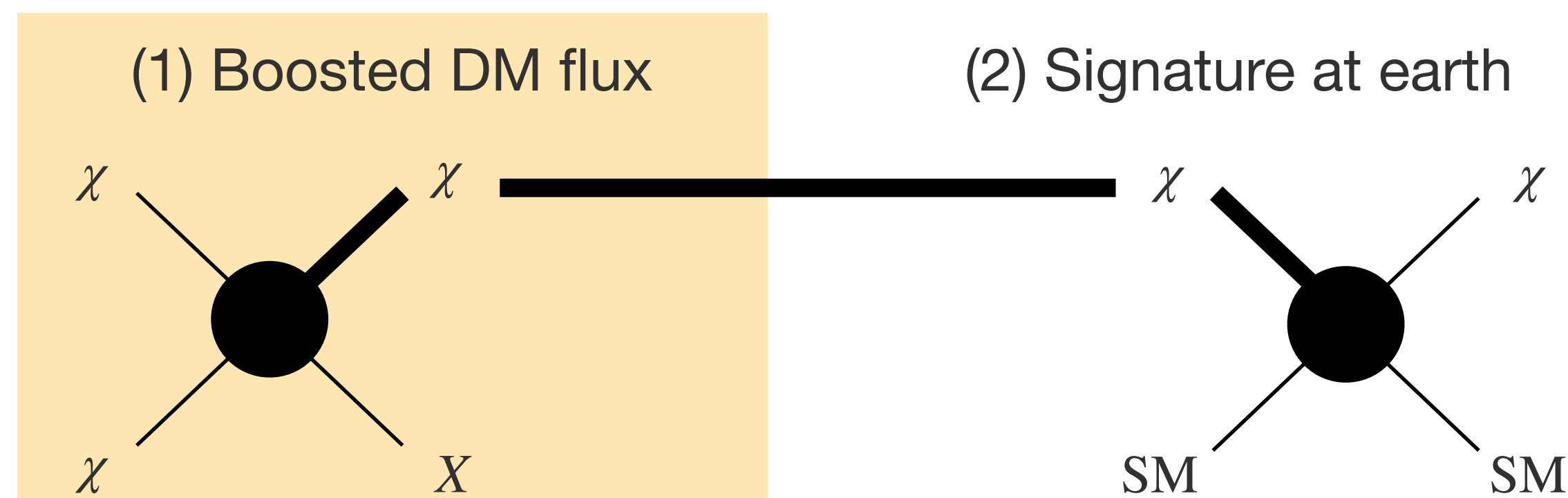
Flux from spike region

Total flux (w/ spike)

Total flux (w/o spike)

\* extrapolating NFW profile to spike region

$m_\chi = 100 \text{ MeV}$ ,  $2 \rightarrow 1$  [tree],  $(a,b,d) = (1,1,0)$



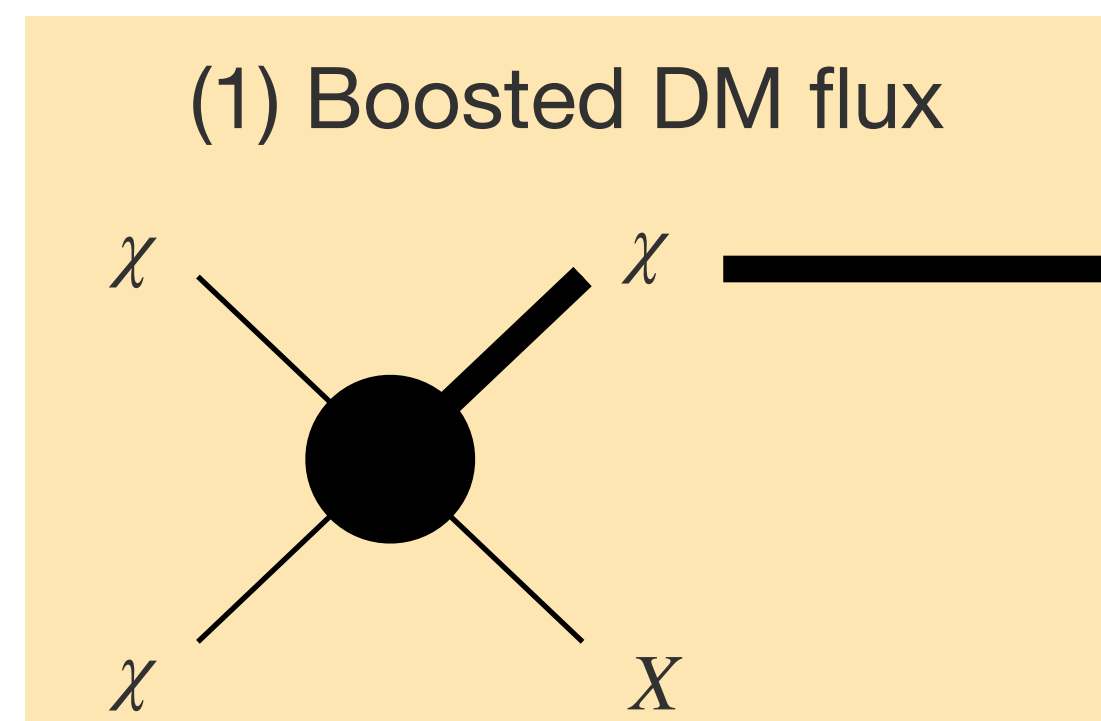
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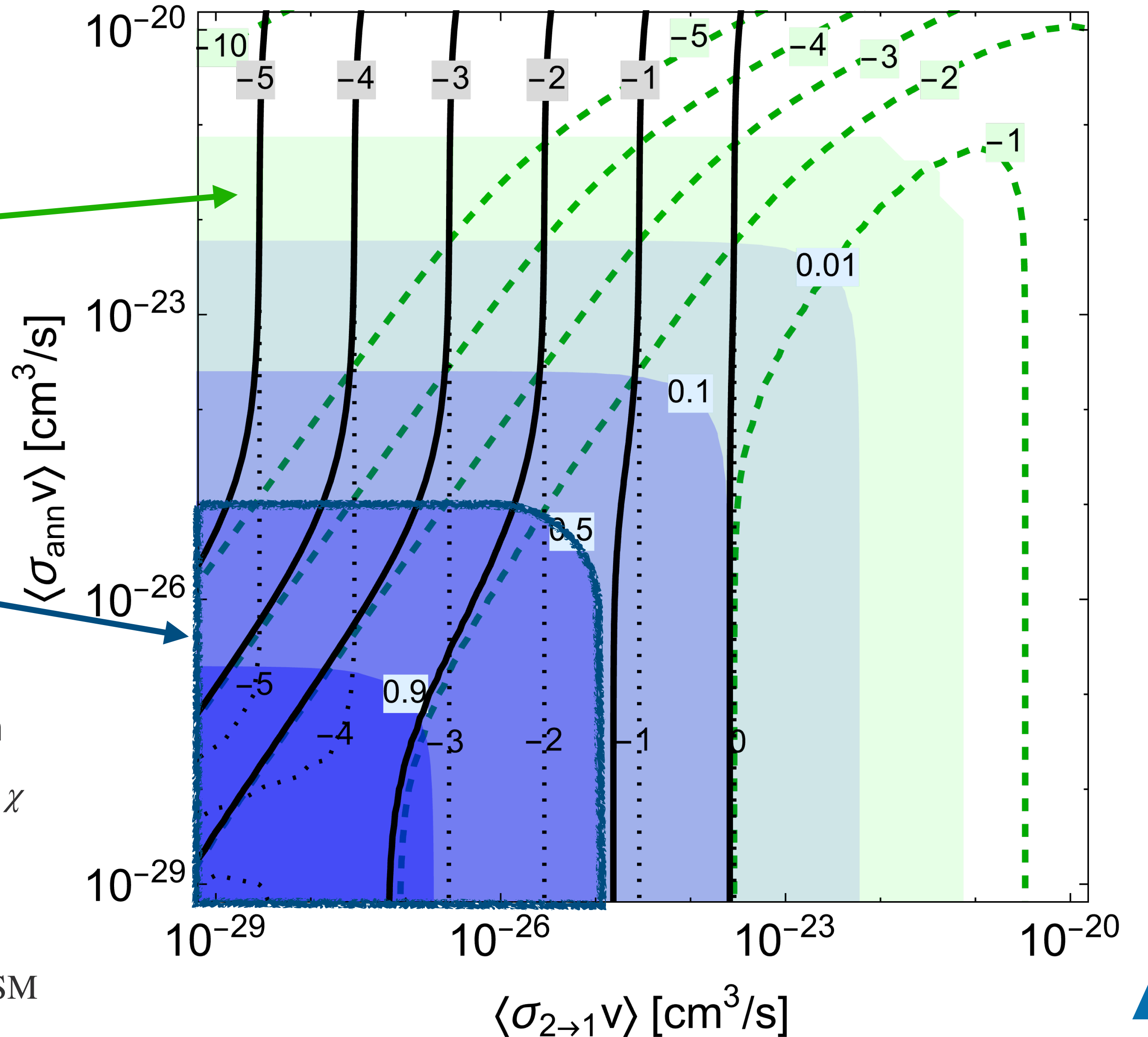
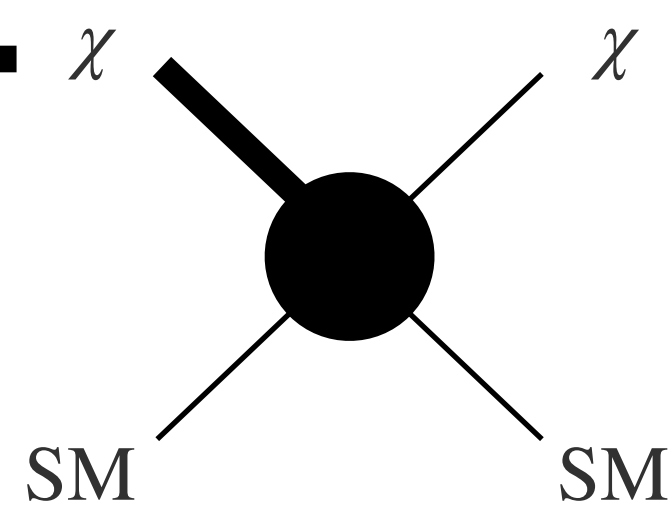
Spike power law remain in current universe

Spike dominance (>50%)

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(2) Signature at earth



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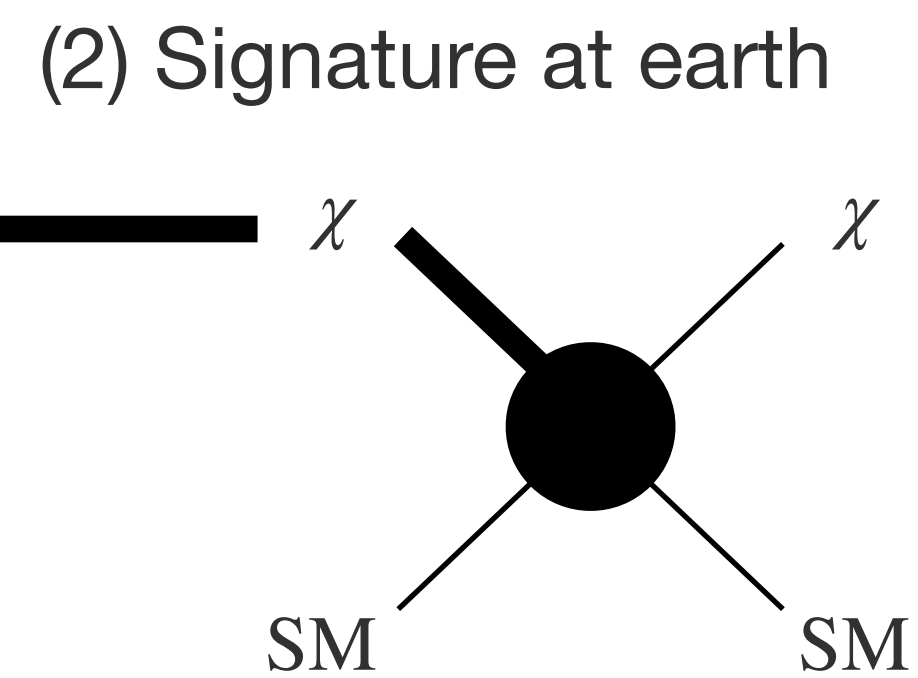
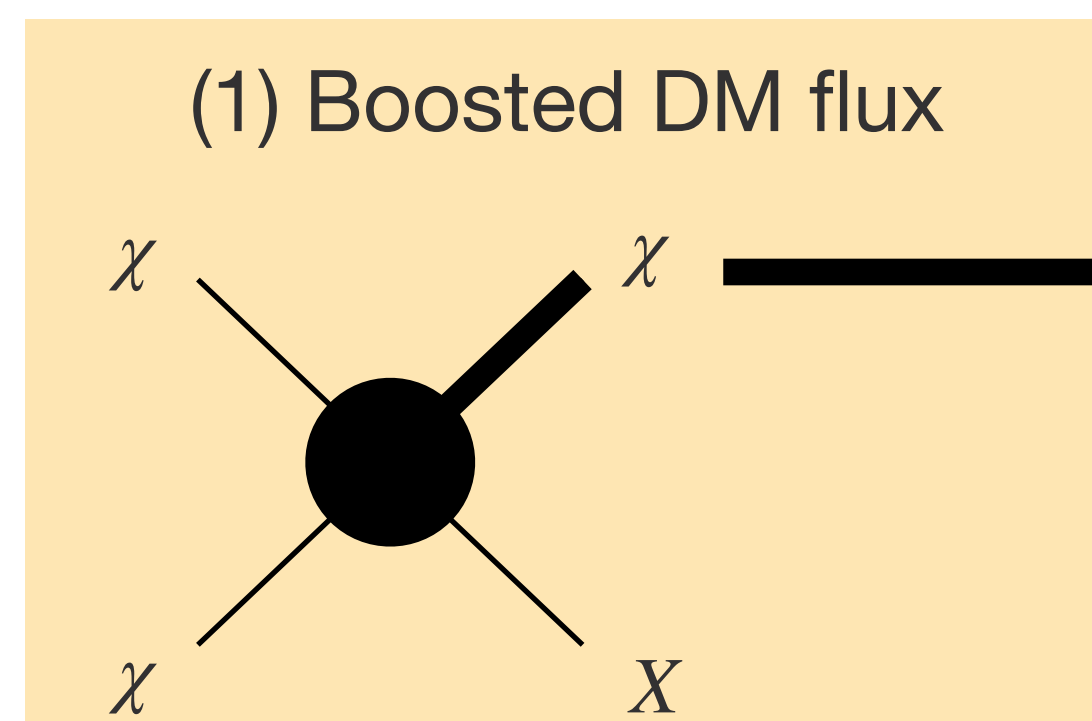
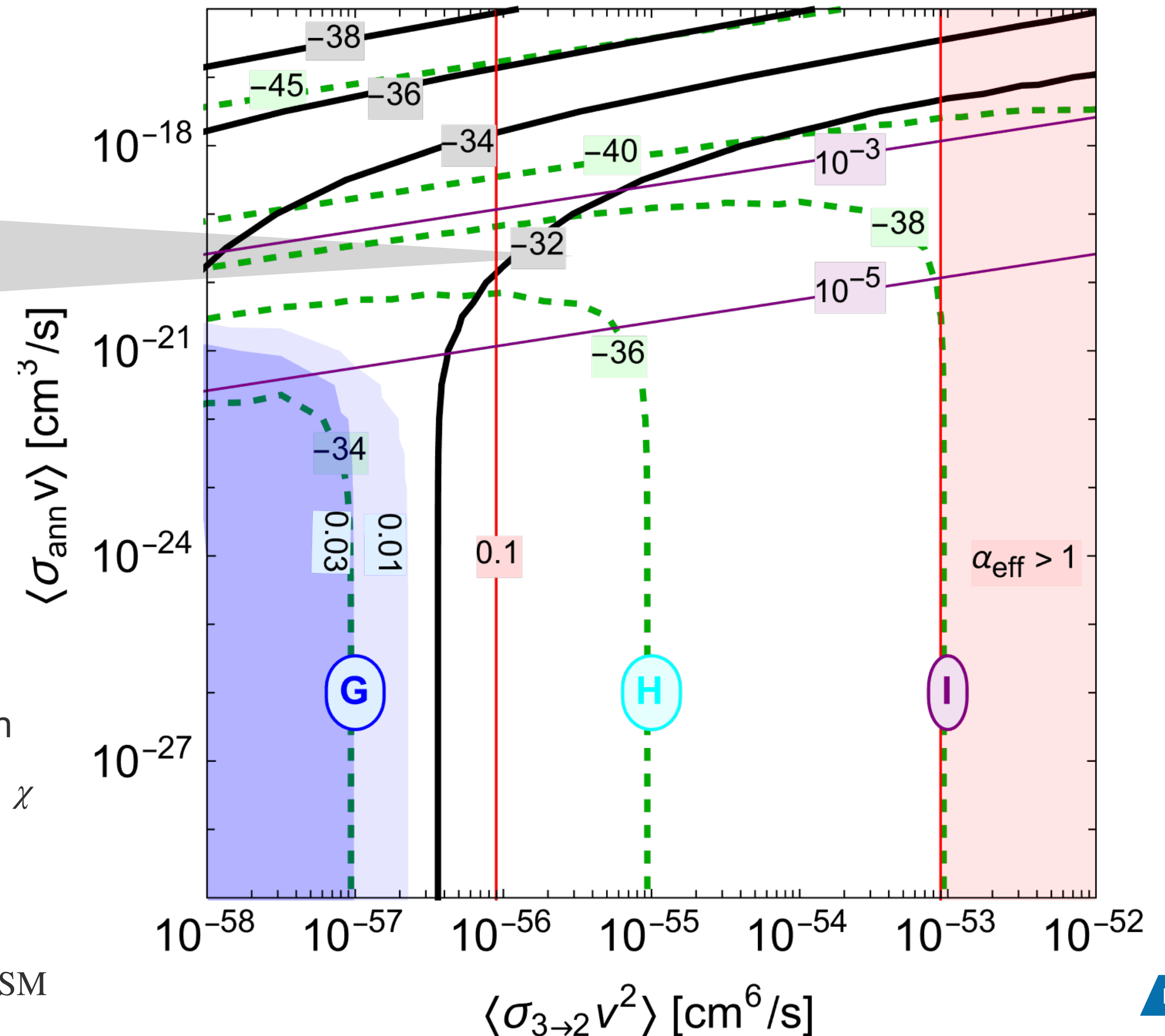
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For  $3 \rightarrow 2$  process?

$$\Phi_{\text{BDM}}^{3 \rightarrow 2} \lesssim 10^{-32} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$$

→ Hopeless to have boosted DM signature for  $n \geq 3$  ...

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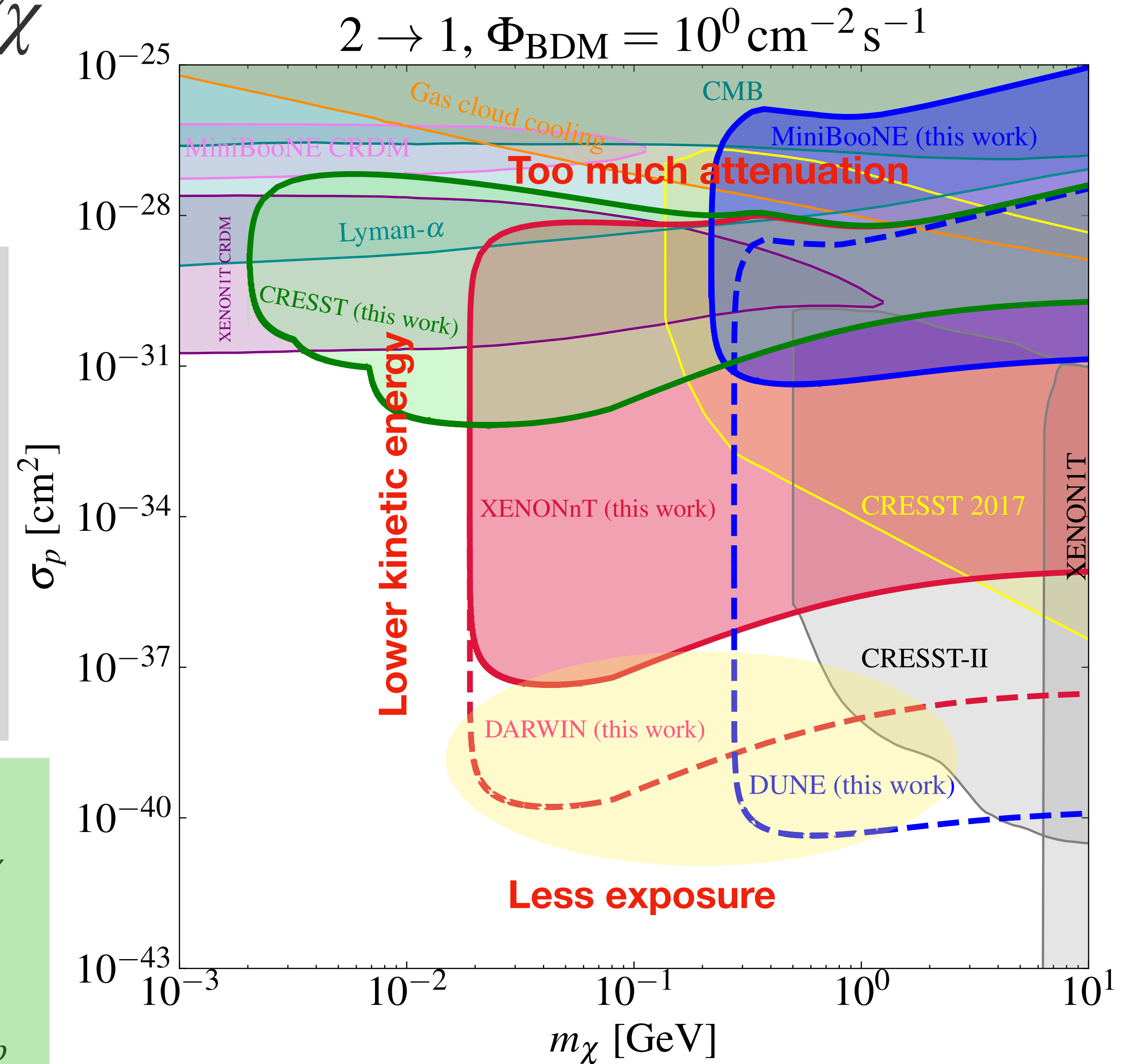
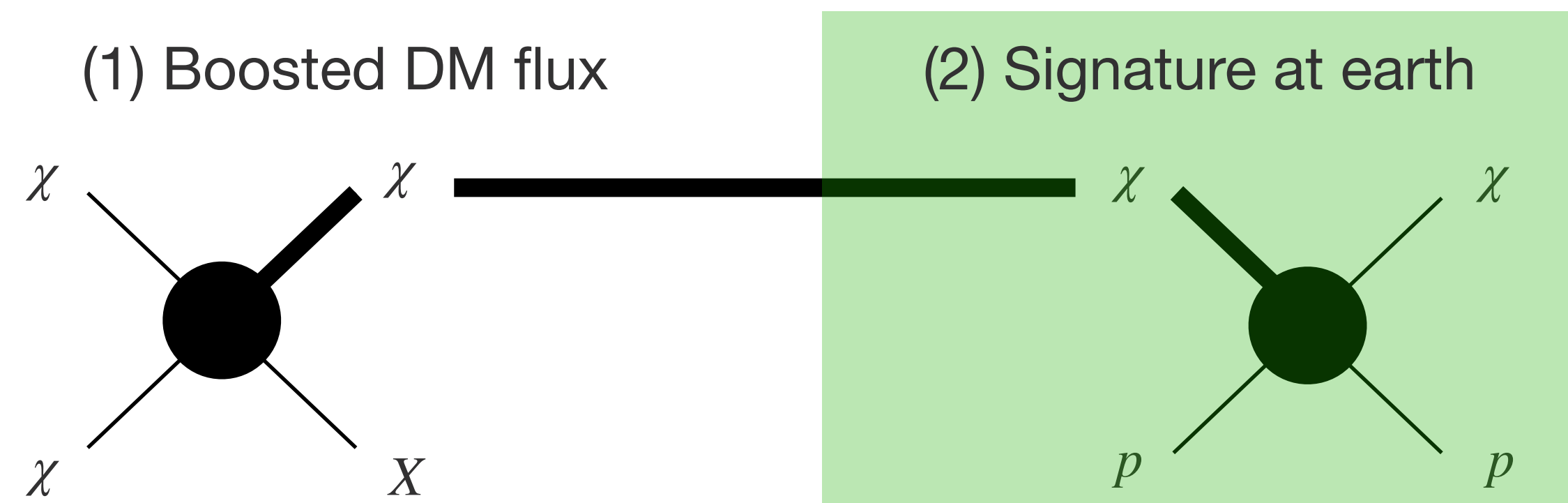
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- Projected sensitivity of ordinary DM-proton scattering

### Other constraints:

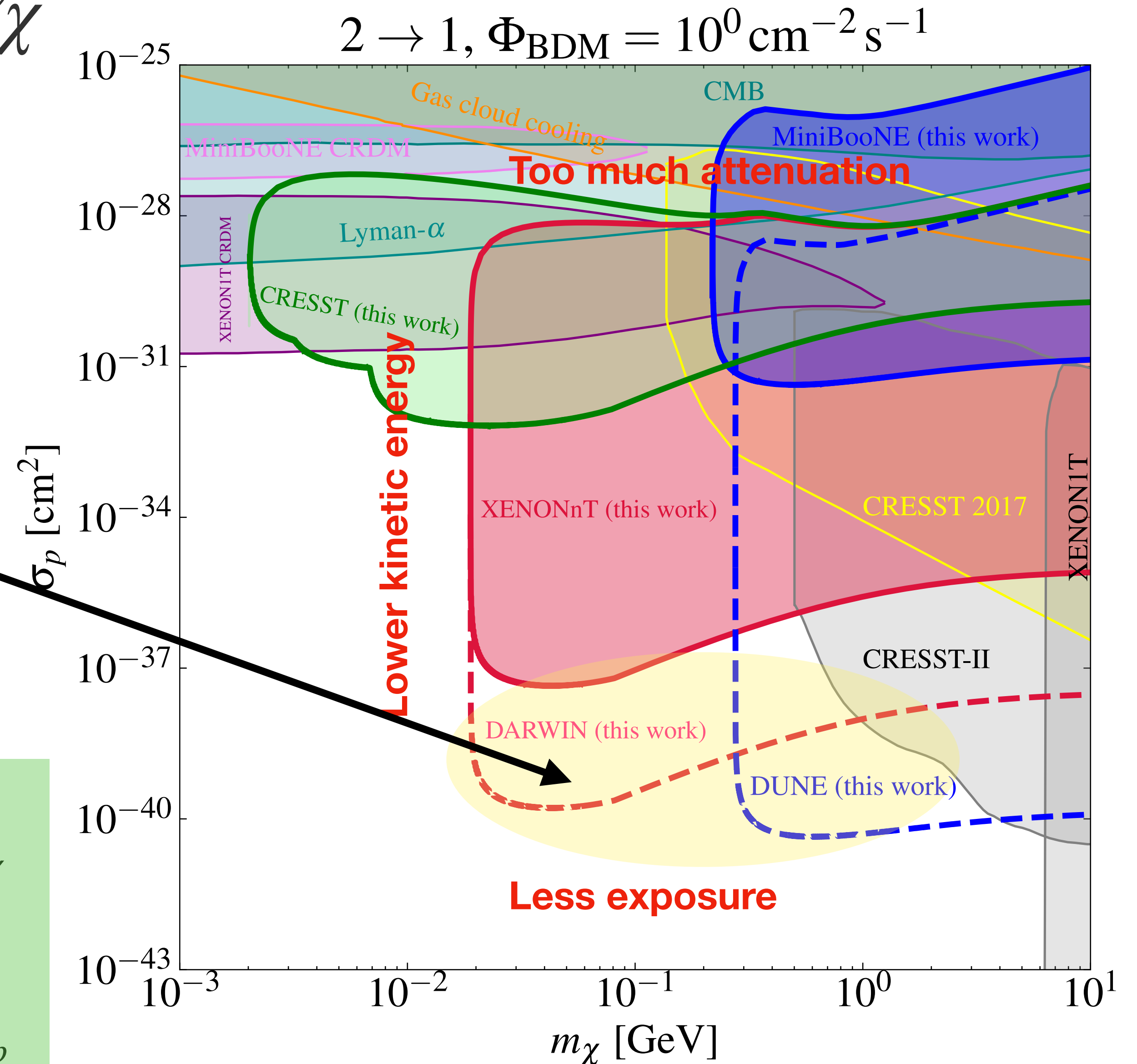
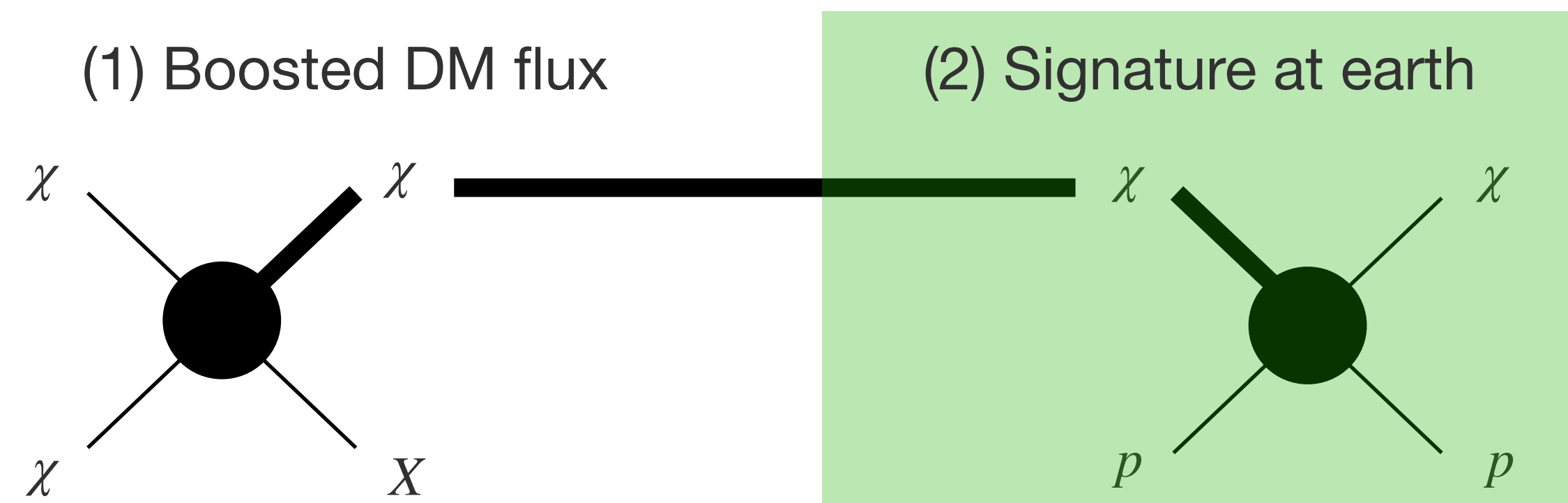
- CMB :** power suppression & acoustic peak shift [W. L. Xu, et al. (2018)]
- Lyman- $\alpha$  :** collisional damp of structure growth by  $\sigma_p$  [K. K. Rogers, et al. (2022)]
- Cloud cooling:** gas cloud heating via  $\chi - p$  scatt. [A. Bhoonah, et al. (2018)]
- CRDM:** boosted DM via CR up-scattering [T. Bringmann, M. Pospelov (2018)]



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- Projected sensitivity of ordinary DM-proton scattering
- High initial  $E_\chi \rightarrow$  Better sensitivity for low DM mass
- Current bound : CRESST, XENON, MiniBooNE
- Prospect : DARWIN, DUNE  
(up to  $10^{-40}$  cm<sup>2</sup> for  $m_\chi \sim 0.1 - 1$  GeV)

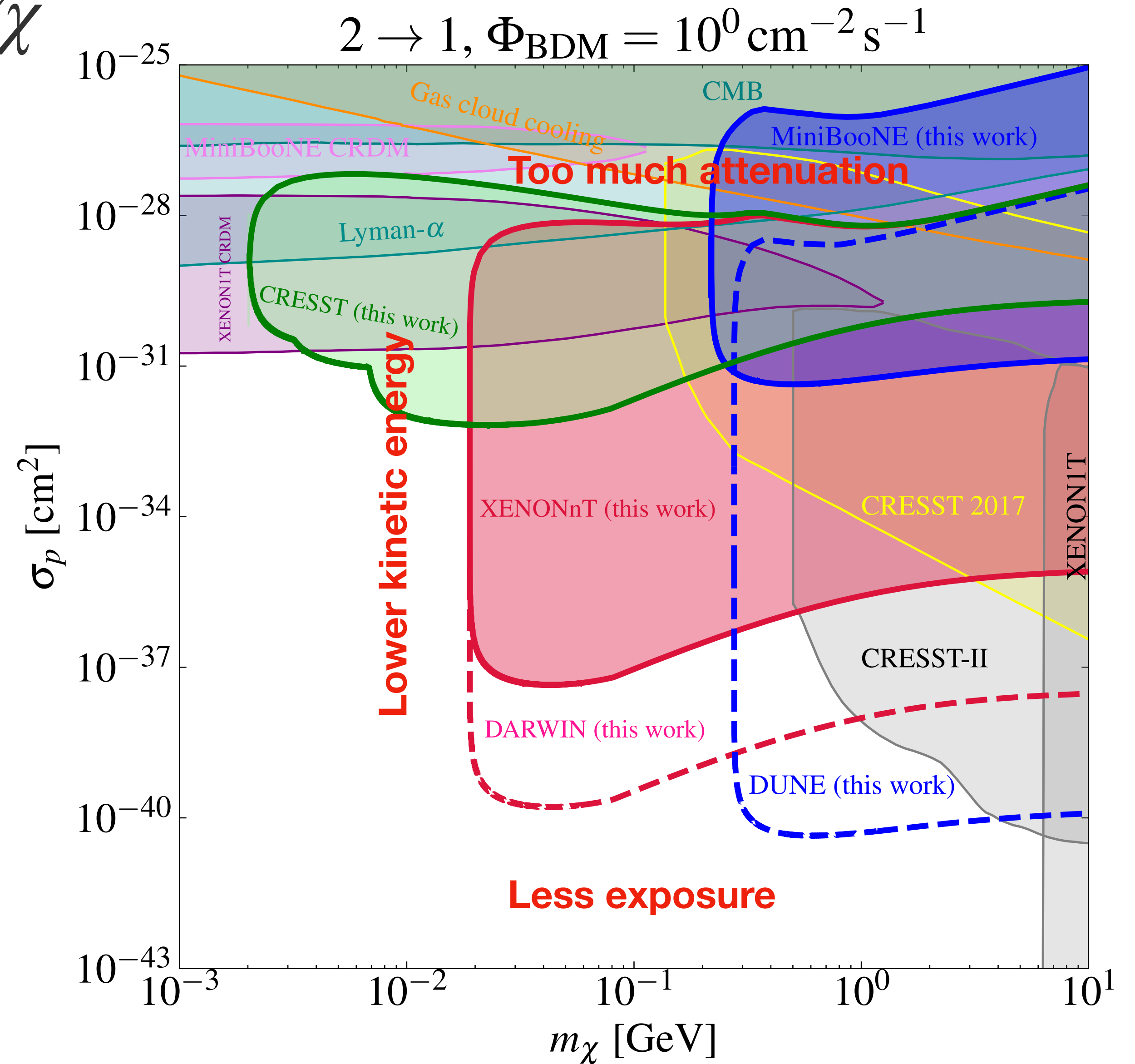
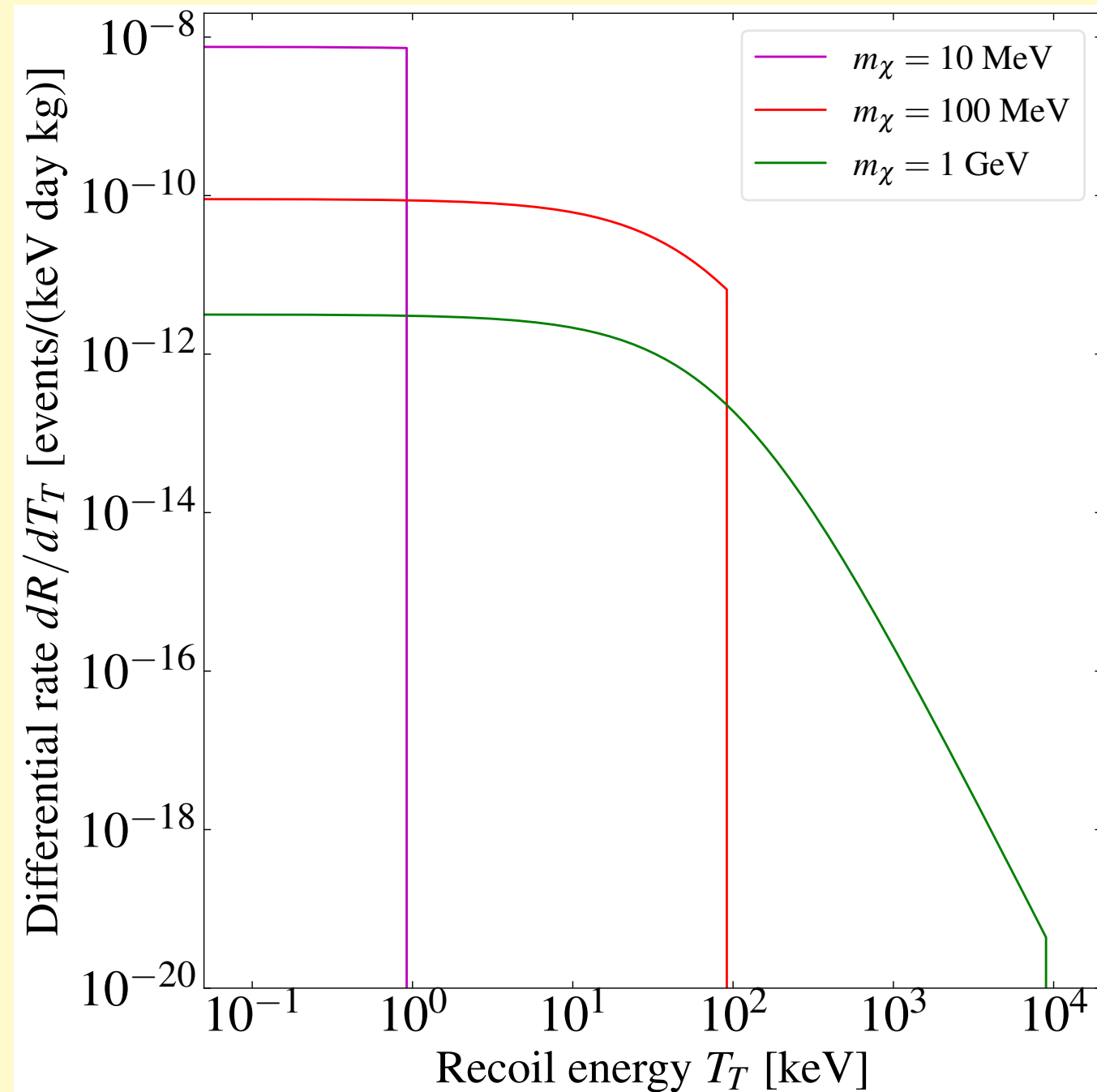


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- Recoil energy has a sharp cutoff (@ $E_\chi = m_\chi/4$ )

$\rightarrow$  DM mass reconstruction





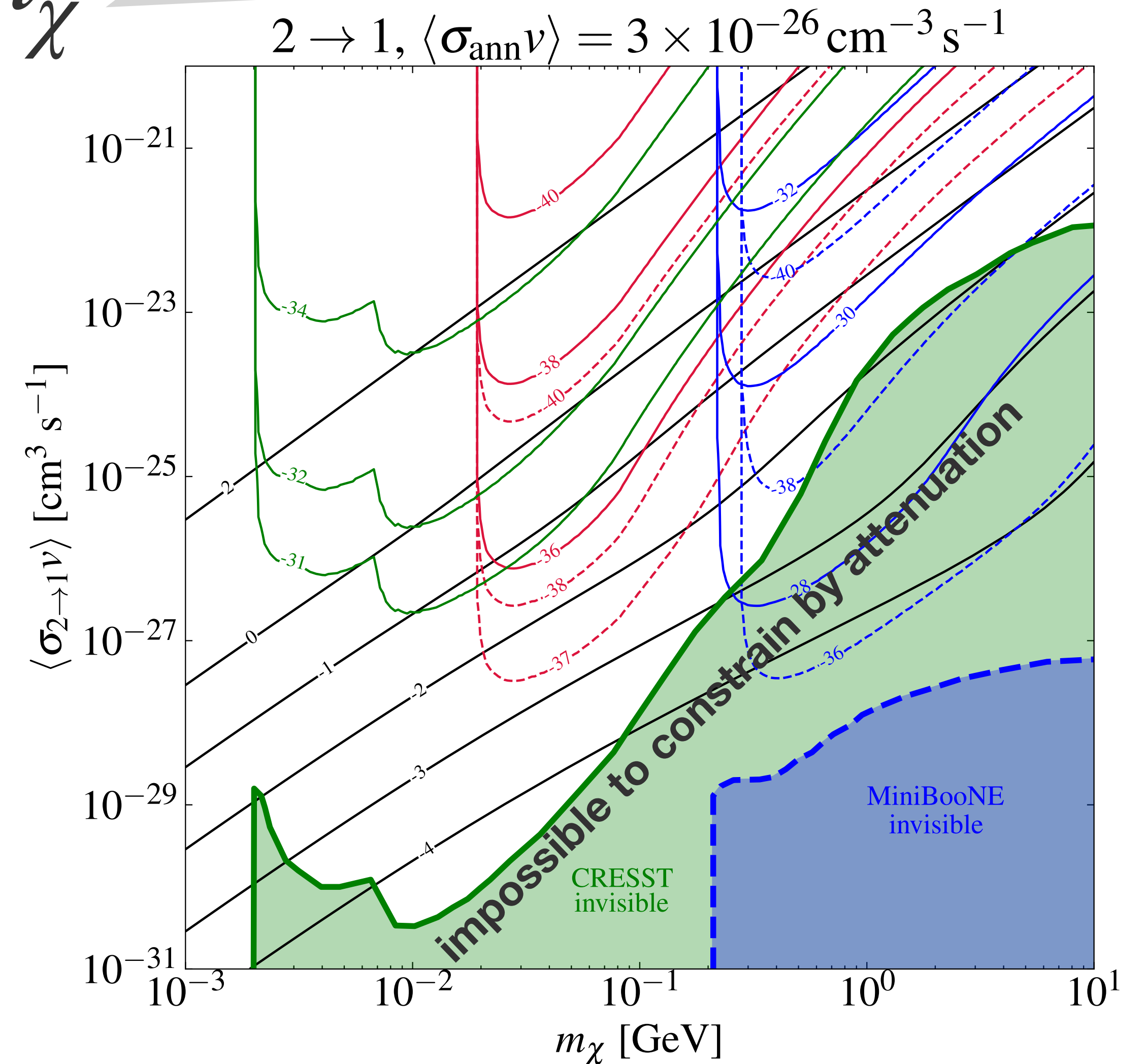
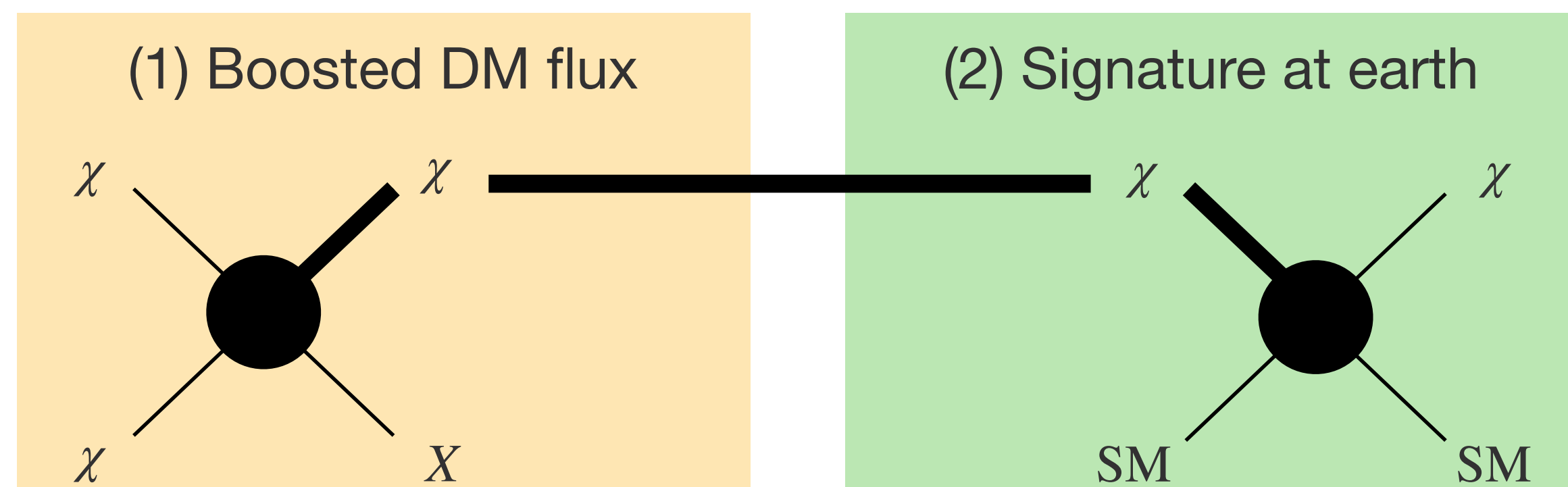
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Time to combine everything!

## Cross section dependence

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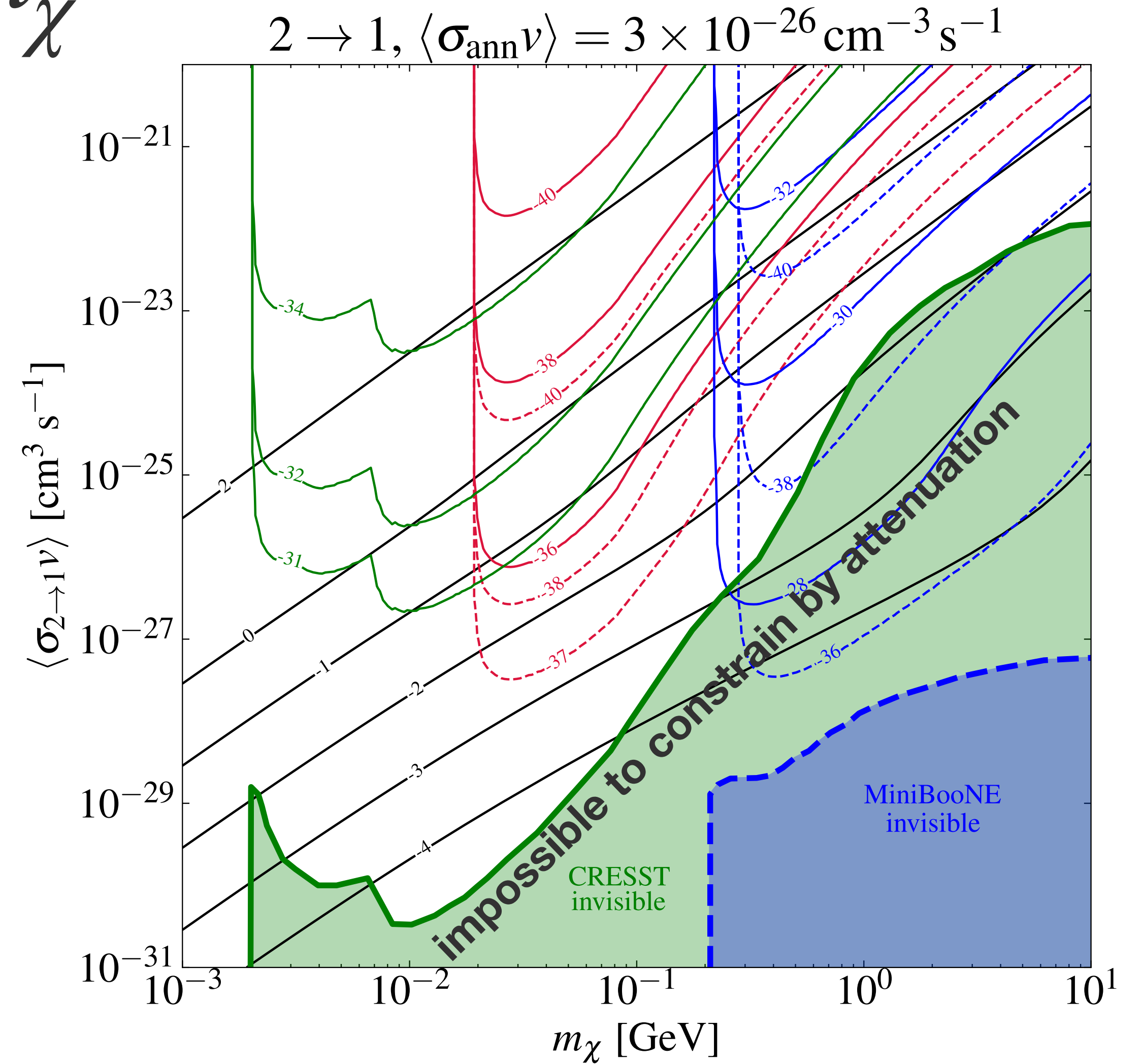
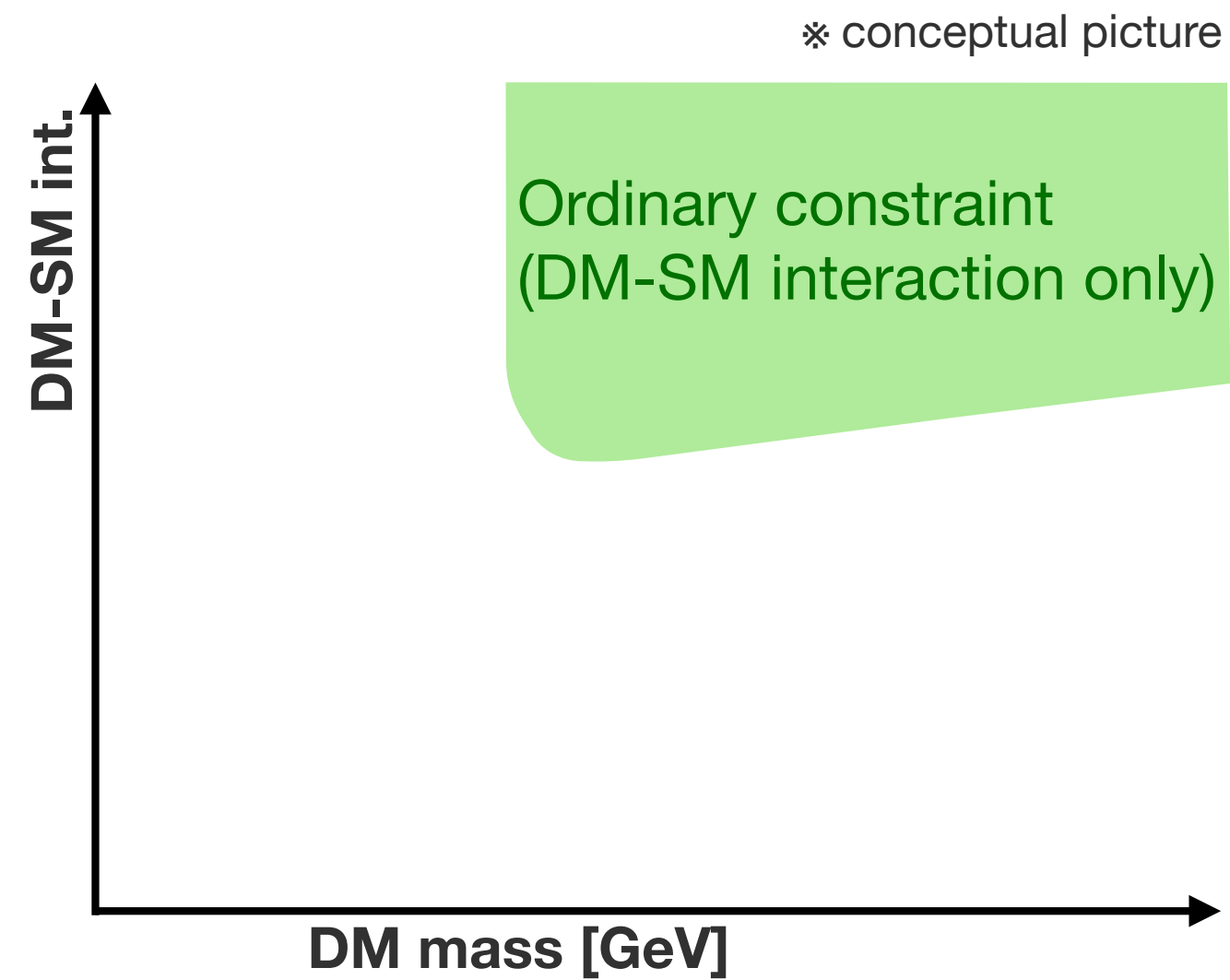
$$\Phi_{\text{BDM}} = \frac{1}{2!} \frac{r_\odot}{4\pi} \left( \frac{\rho_\odot}{m_\chi} \right)^2 \langle \sigma_{2 \rightarrow 1 \nu} \rangle \left[ 2\pi \int d\theta \sin\theta \int_{\text{l.o.s}} \frac{ds}{r_\odot} \left( \frac{\rho_\chi(r(s, \theta))}{\rho_\odot} \right)^2 \right]$$



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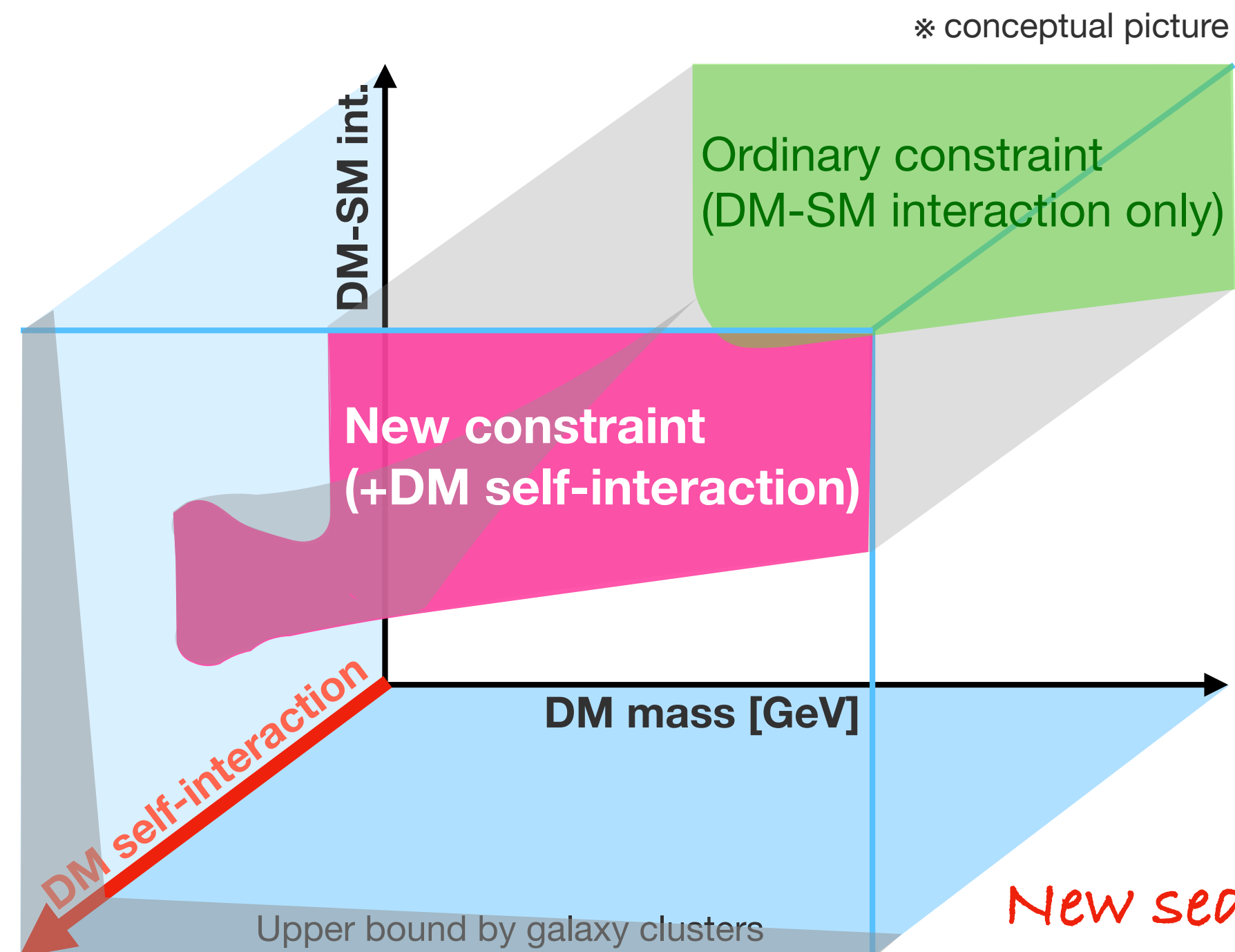


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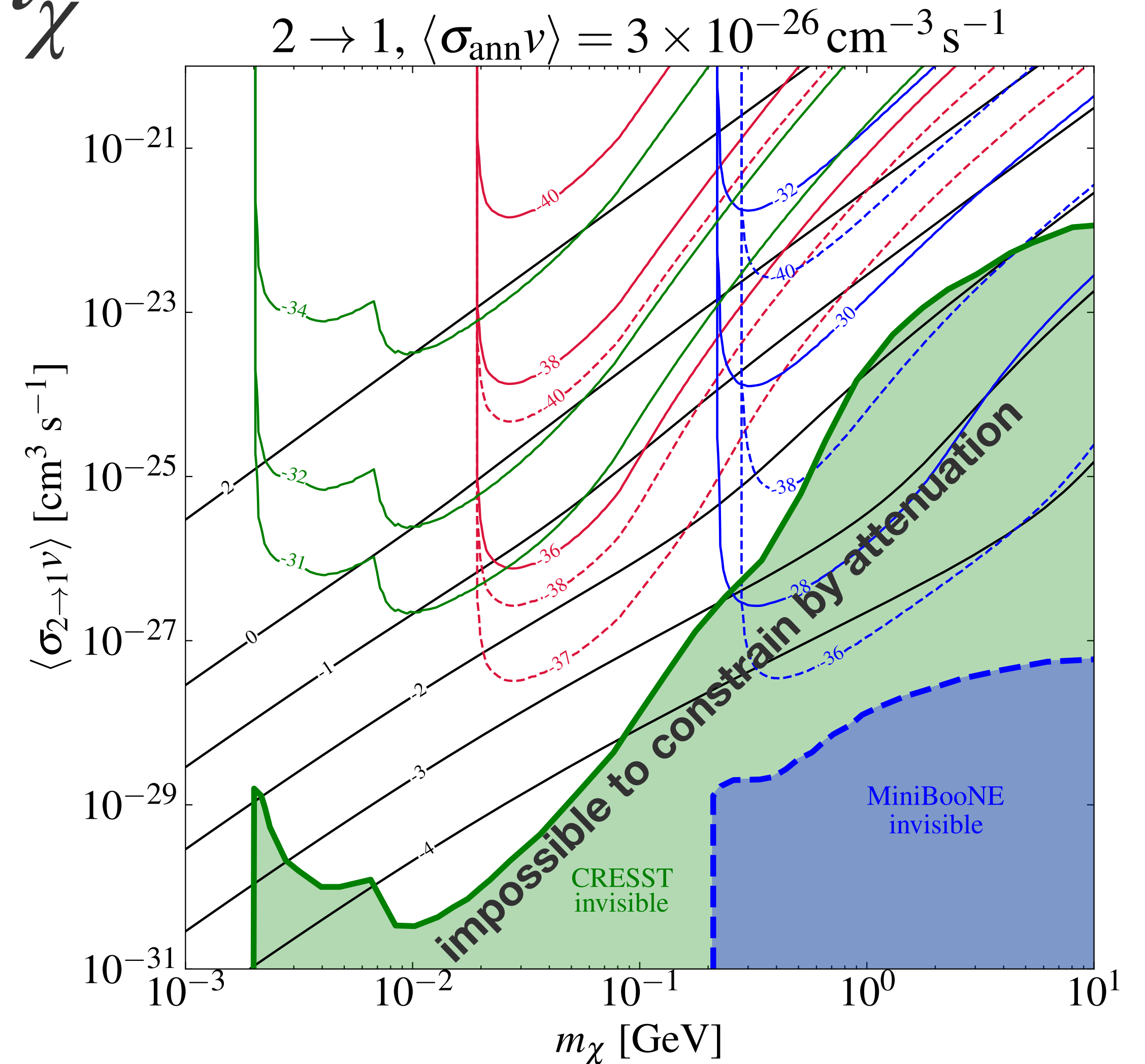
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*New search strategy!*

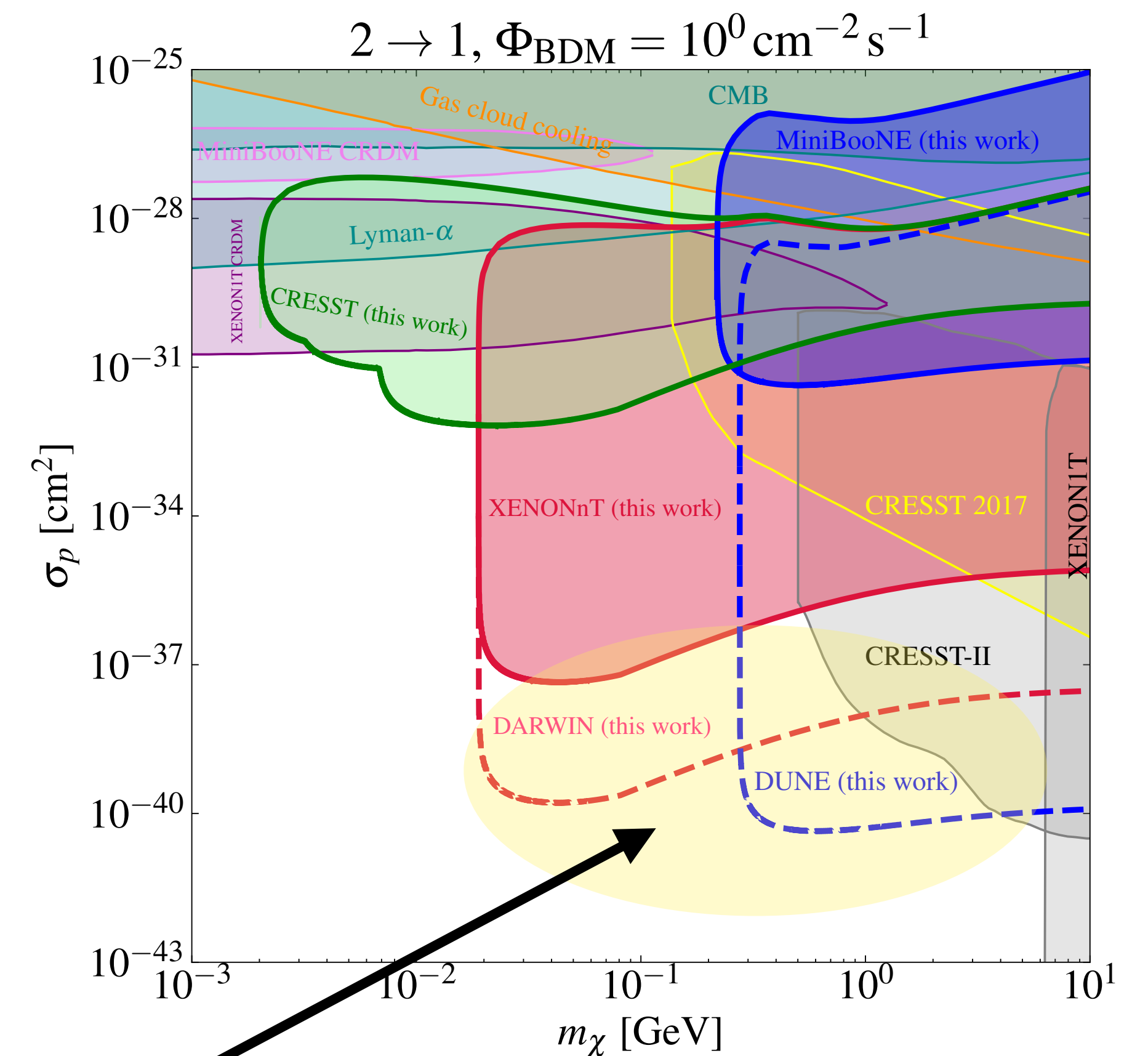




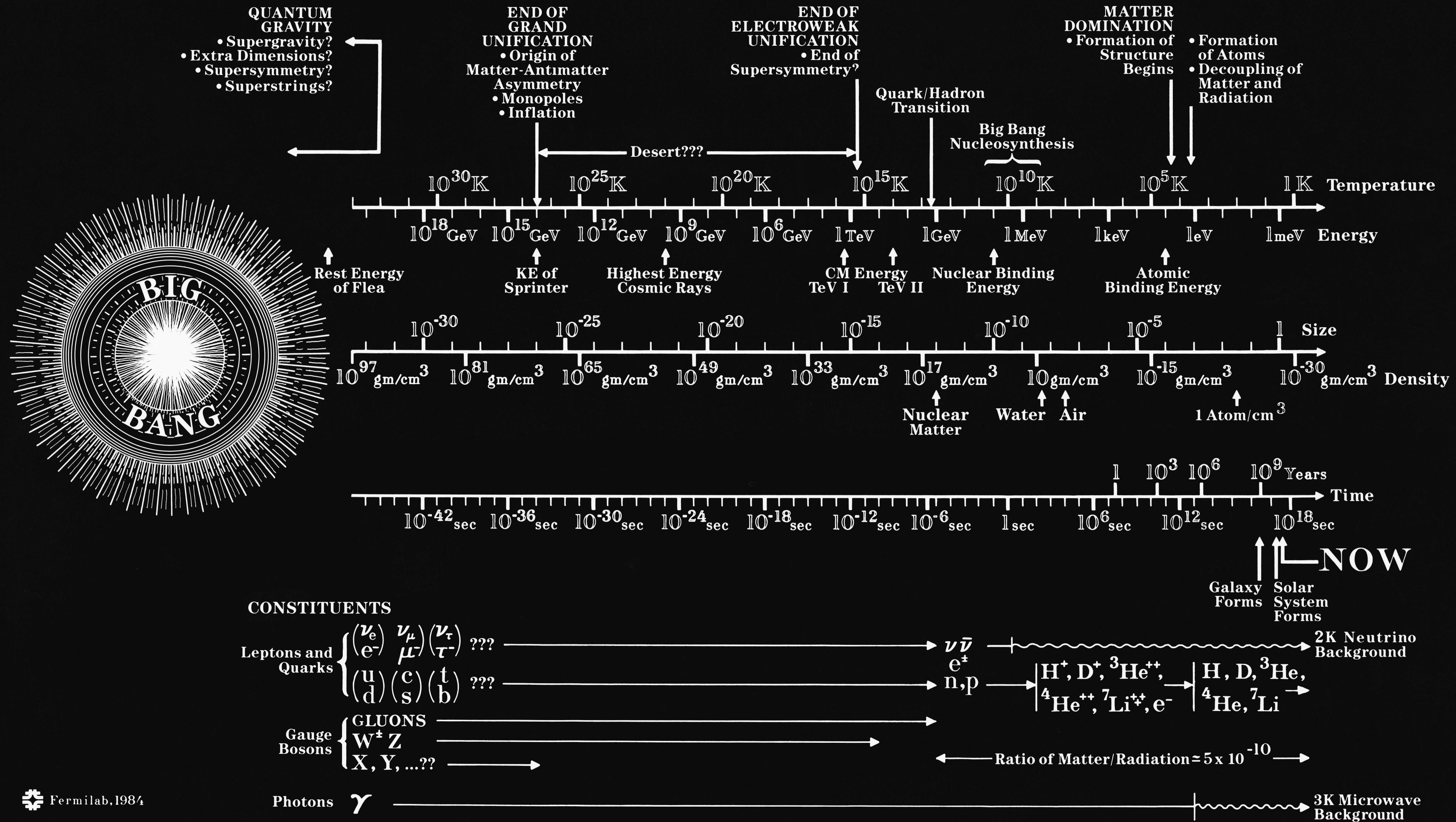
# Summary

We systematically studied **the conscience of  $n \rightarrow m$  process** at local galaxy

- Key functions of  $n \rightarrow m$  process:
  - Modifying DM density at the central region
    - Deplete DM high-density region for  $n \geq 3$
  - Accelerate DM for  $n > m$ 
    - Realize sizable boosted DM flux for  $2 \rightarrow 1$
- (Boosted DM flux)  $\times$  (DM-proton scattering) = (**Boosted DM signature**)
- Energy threshold is determined by  $n \rightarrow m$  kinematics
  - DM mass reconstruction could be possible for  $2 \rightarrow 1$  scenario
- Experimental sensitivities:
  - current bound : CRESST, XENON, MiniBooNE
  - prospect : DARWIN, DUNE (up to  $10^{-40} \text{ cm}^2$  for  $m_\chi \sim 0.1 - 1 \text{ GeV}$ )



# Backup



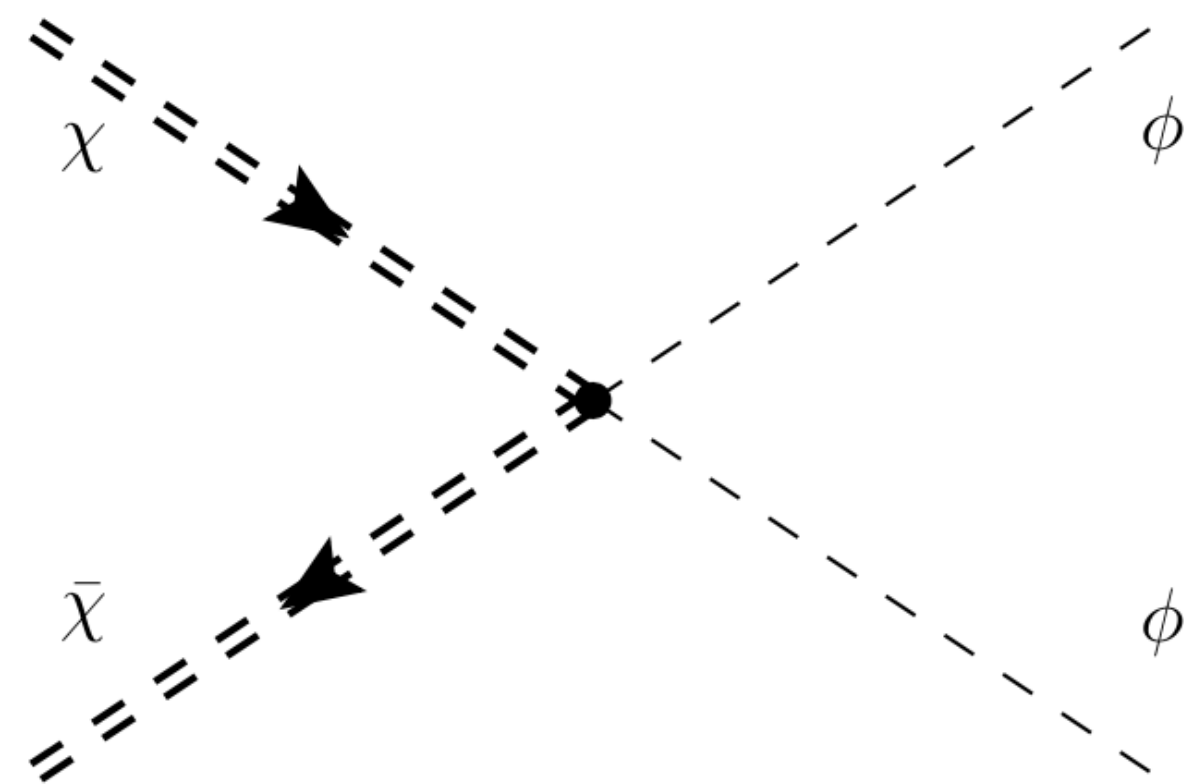


# Concrete model: semi-annihilation (1/2)

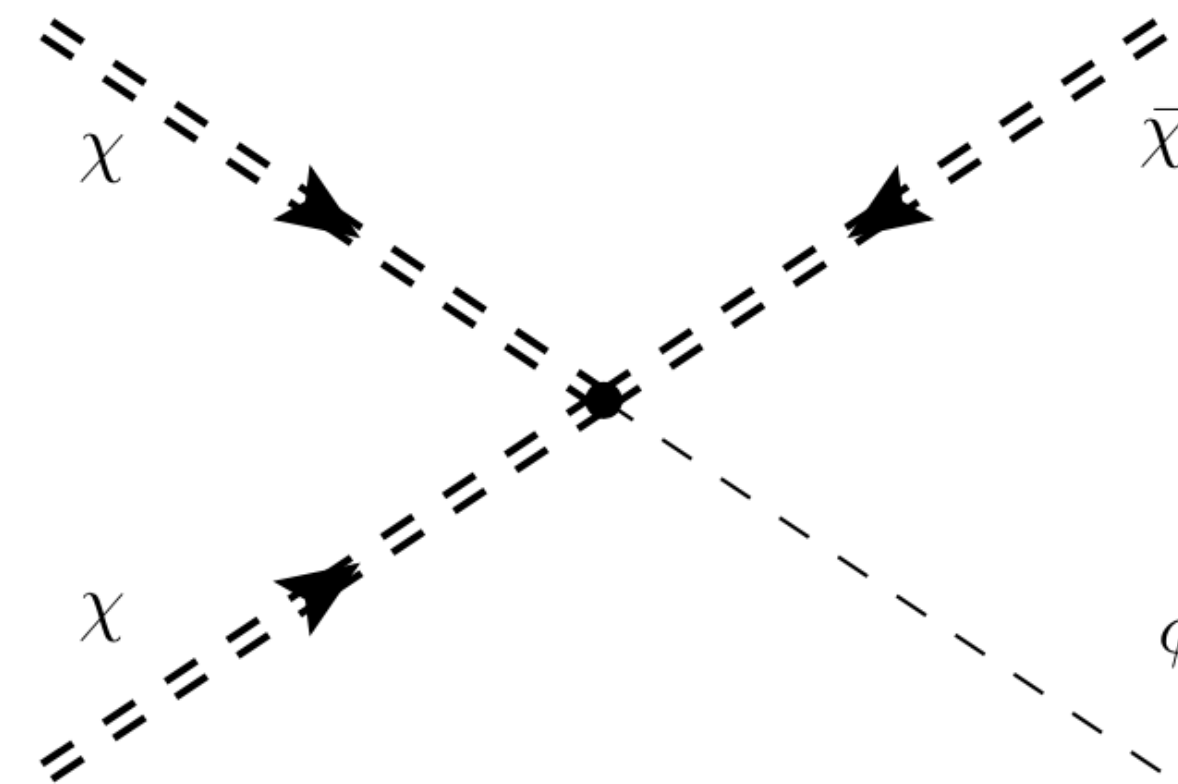
Tree-level scenario w/  $Z_3$  symmetry

	spin	$Z_3$
$\chi$	complex scalar	$(-1)^{1/3}$
$\phi$	real scalar	0

**Table 2:** Field content and symmetries of the model with a  $Z_3$  symmetry.



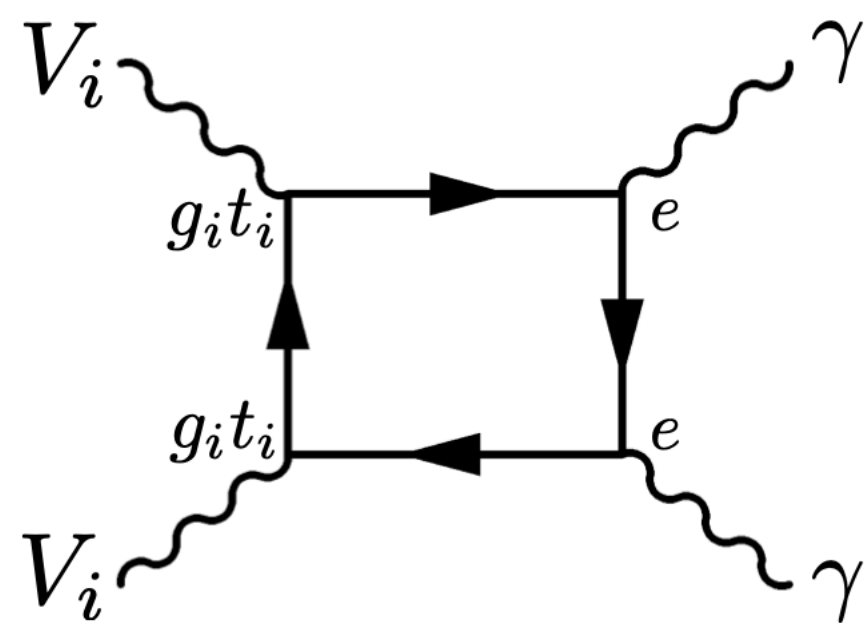
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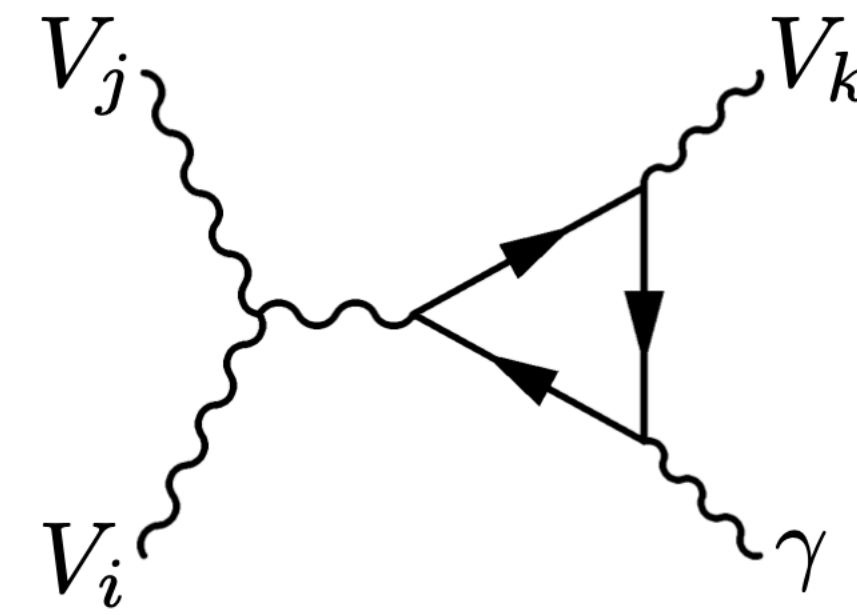
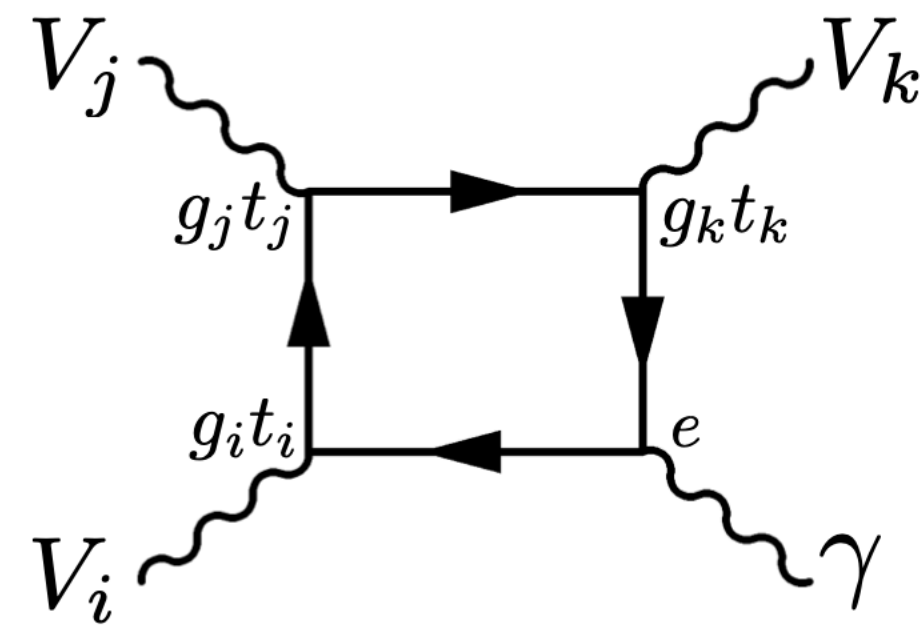
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# Concrete model: semi-annihilation (2/2)

## Loop-induced scenario



Annihilation



Semi-annihilation