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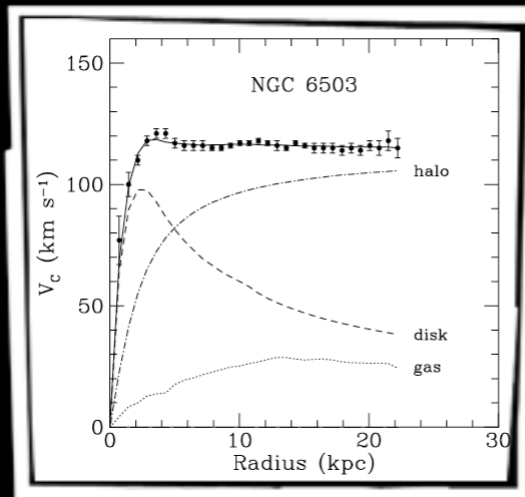
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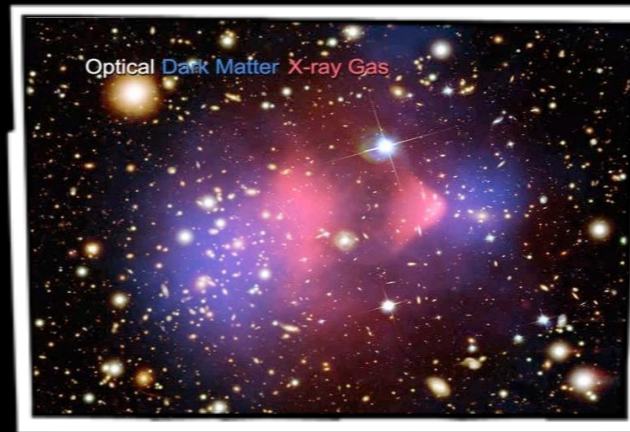
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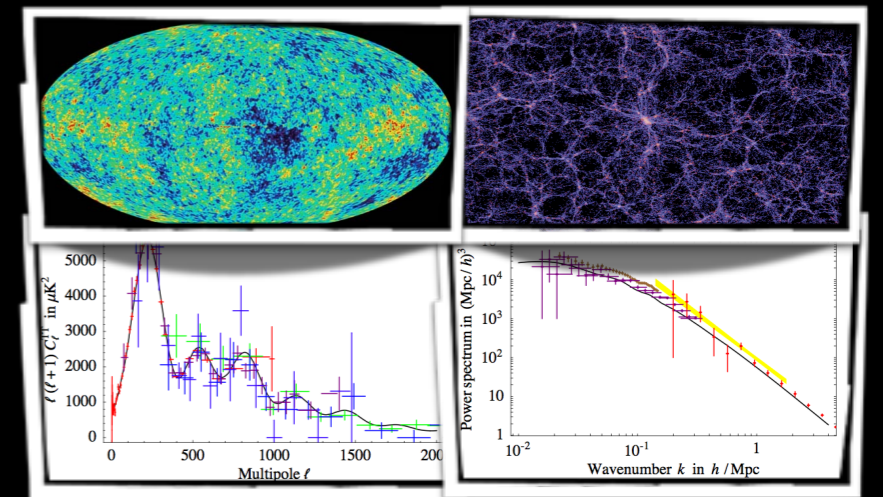
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galactic rotation curves



weak lensing (e.g. in clusters)



'precision cosmology' (CMB, LSS)

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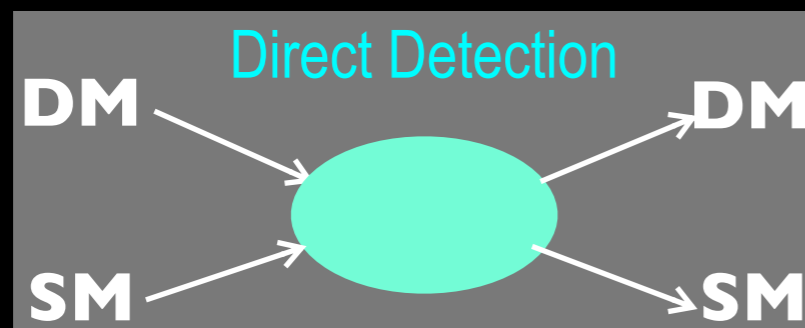
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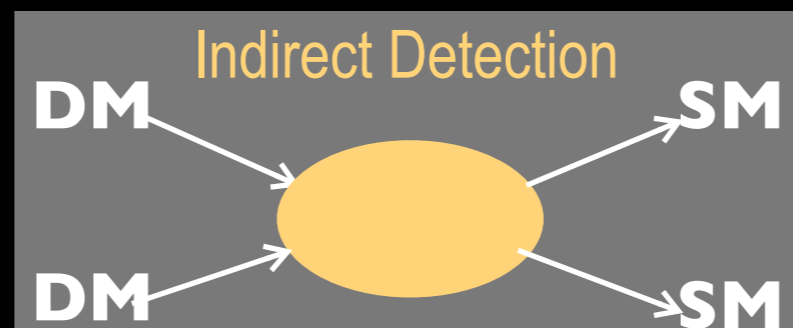
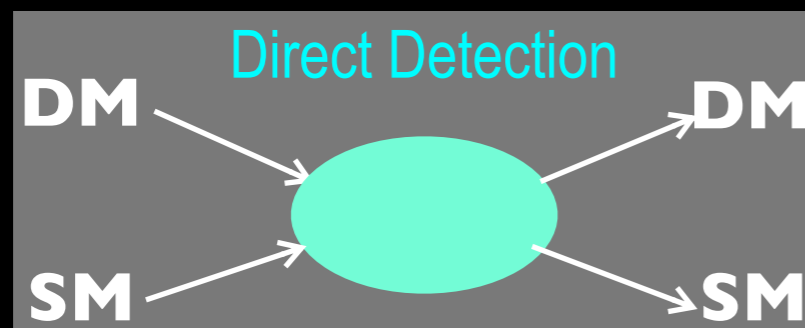
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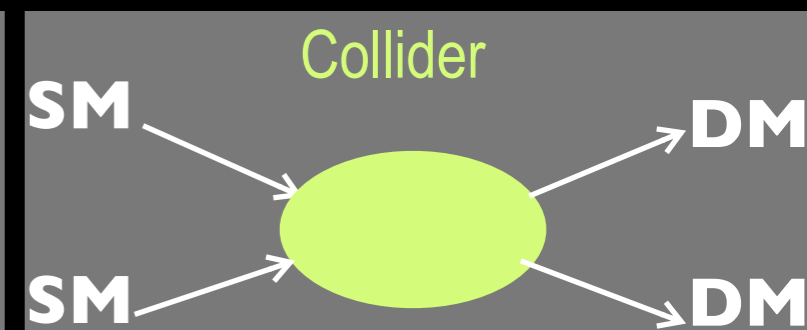
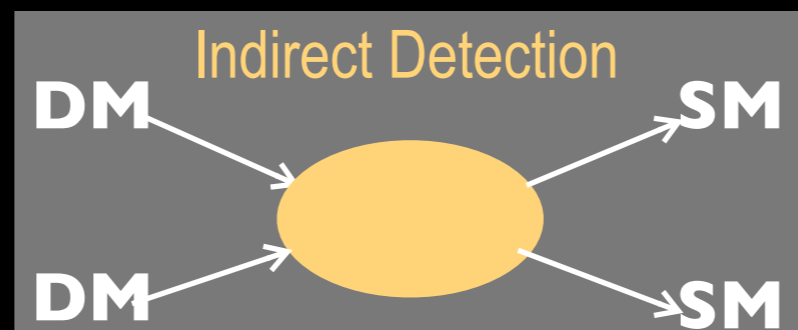
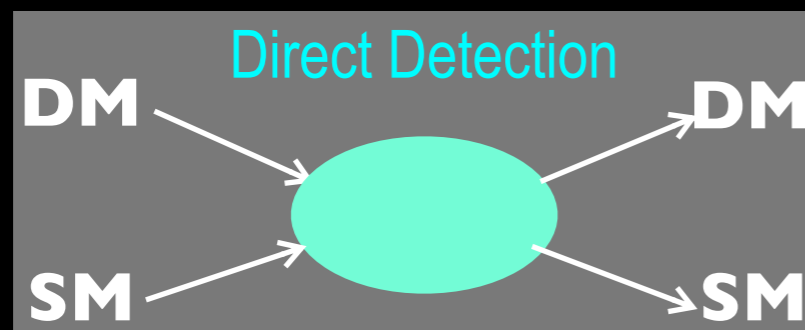
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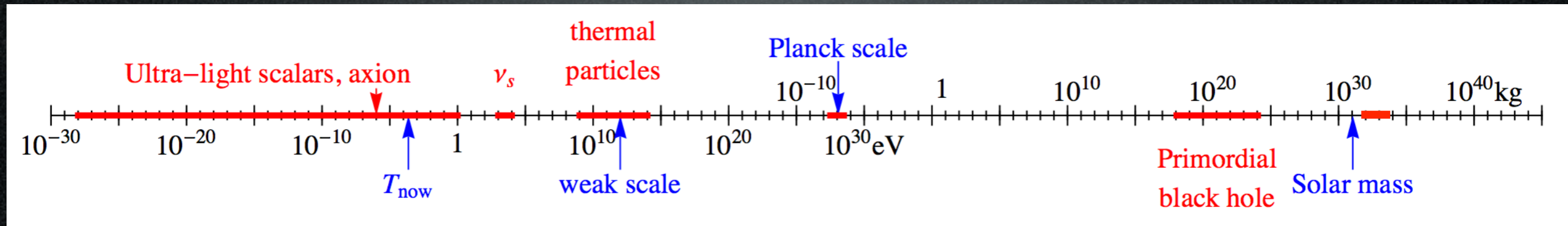
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Charge??  
Interactions??

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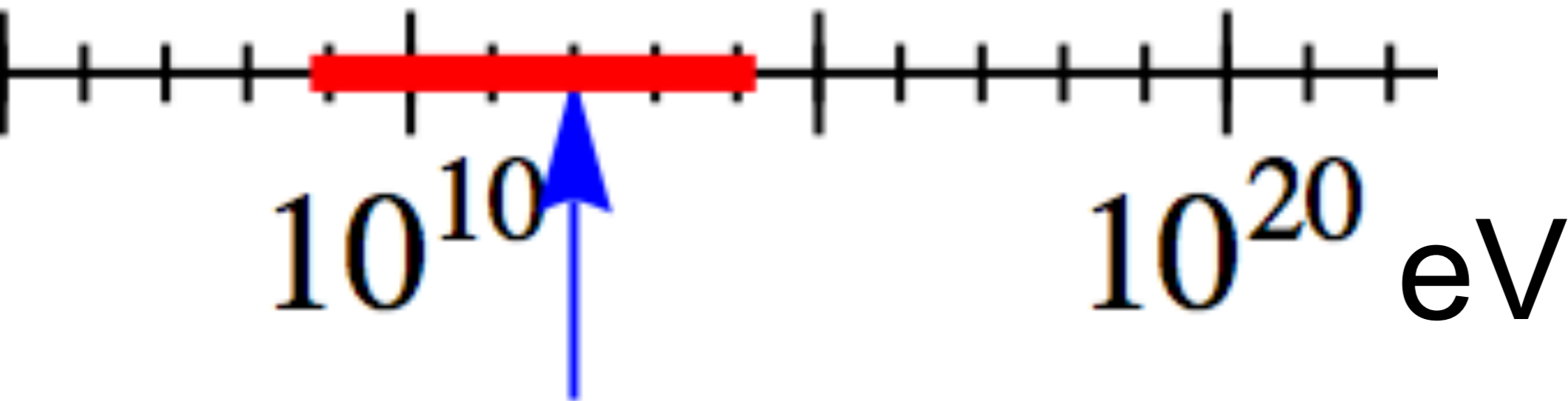


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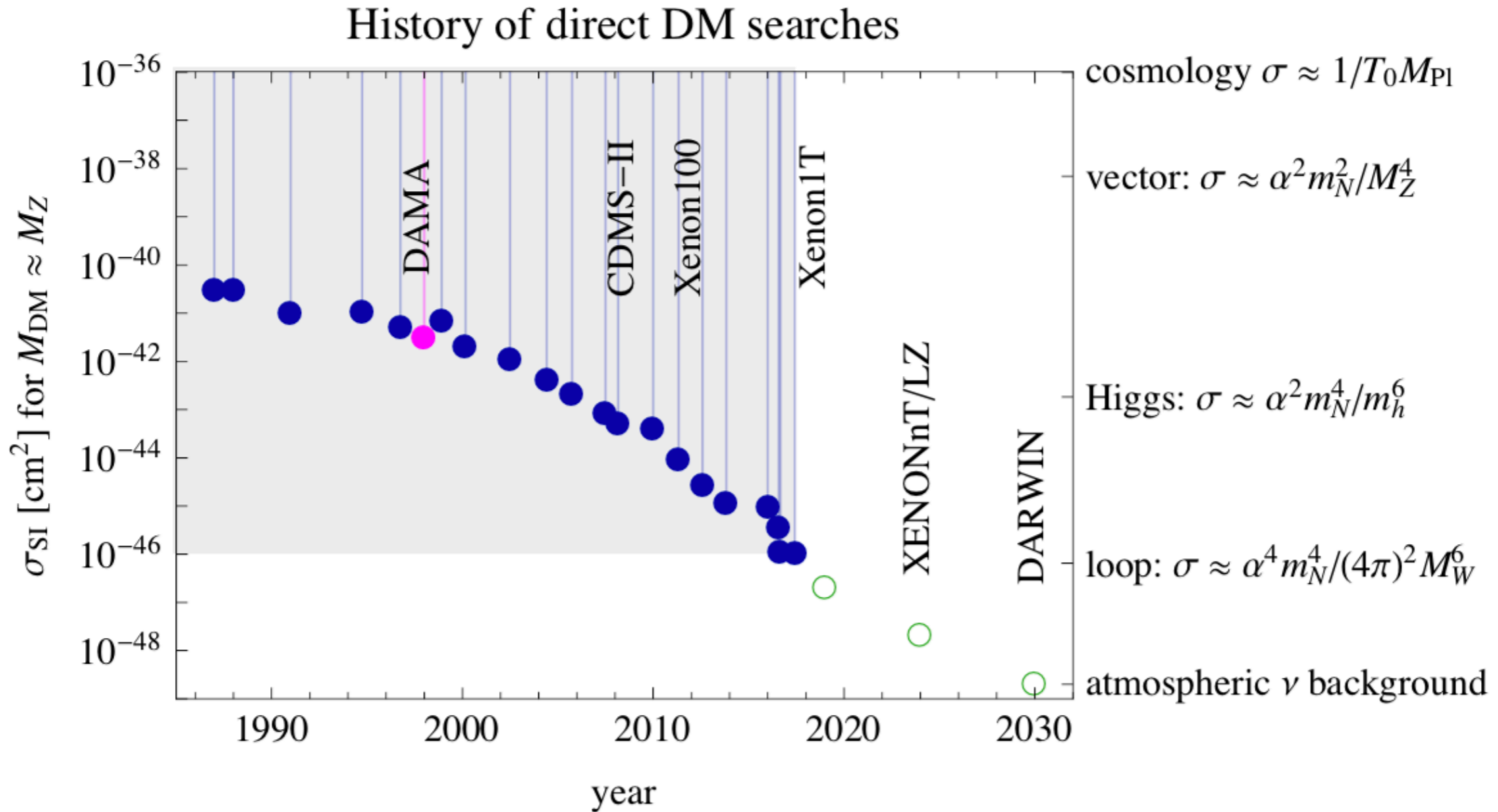
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A matter of perspective: plausible cross sections



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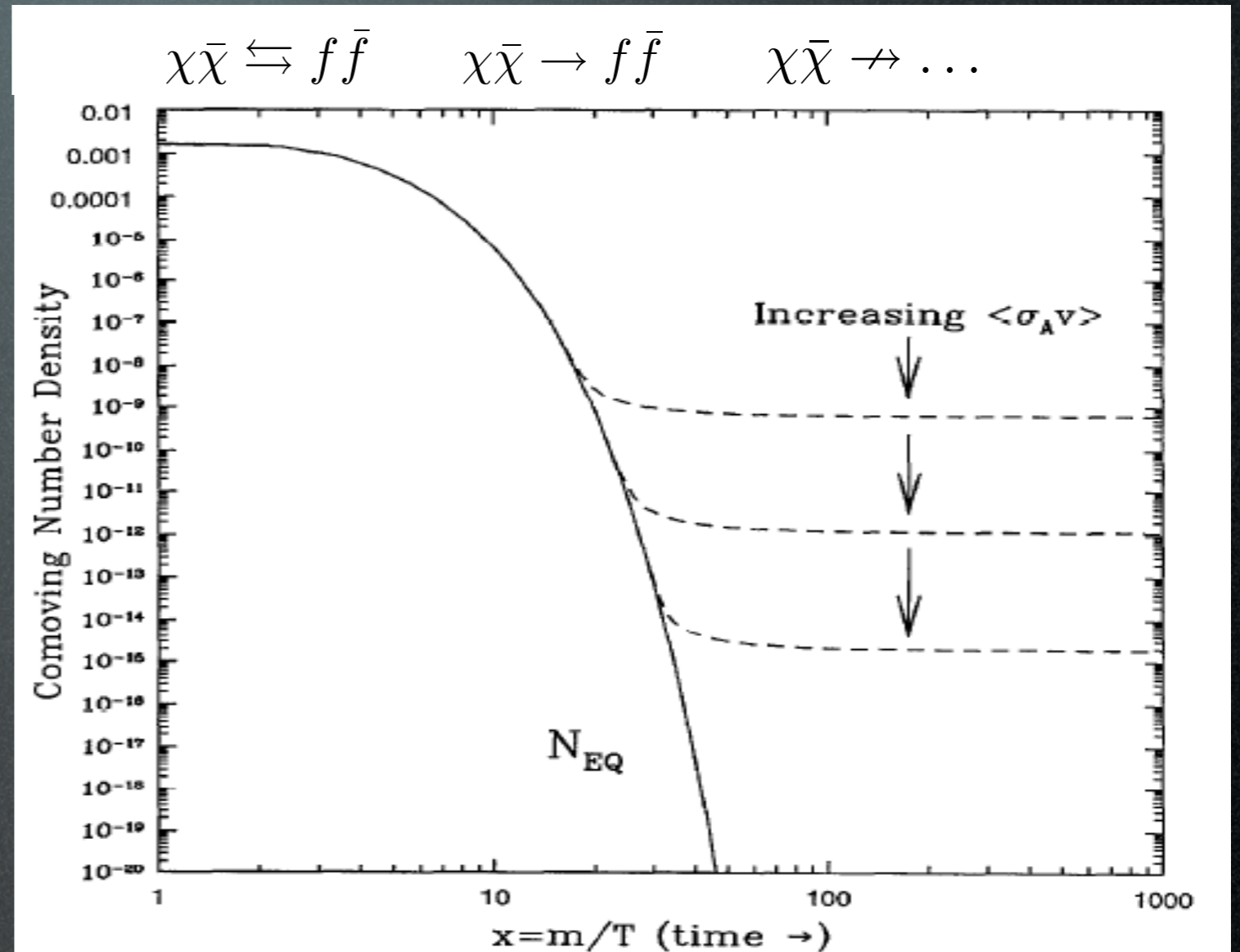
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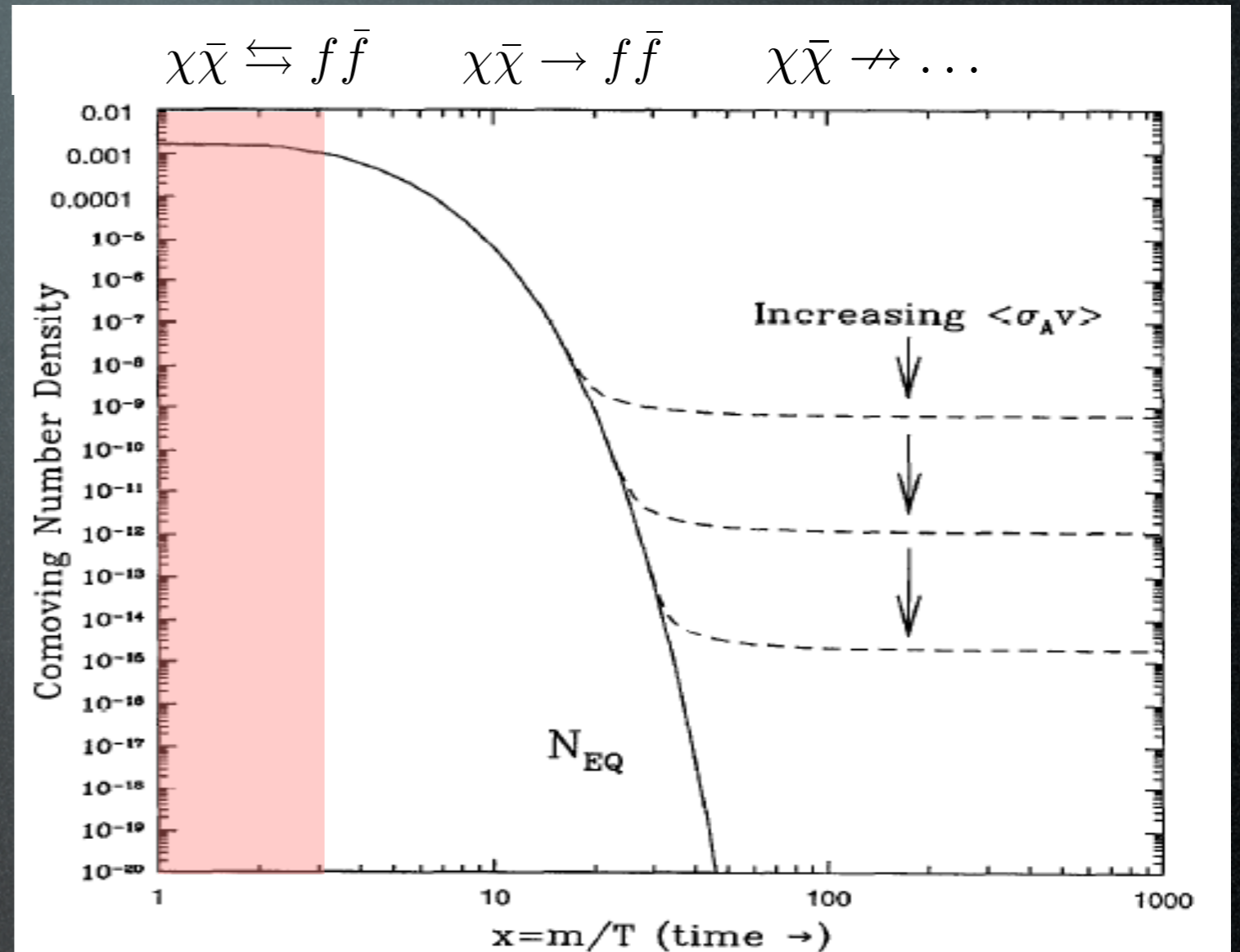
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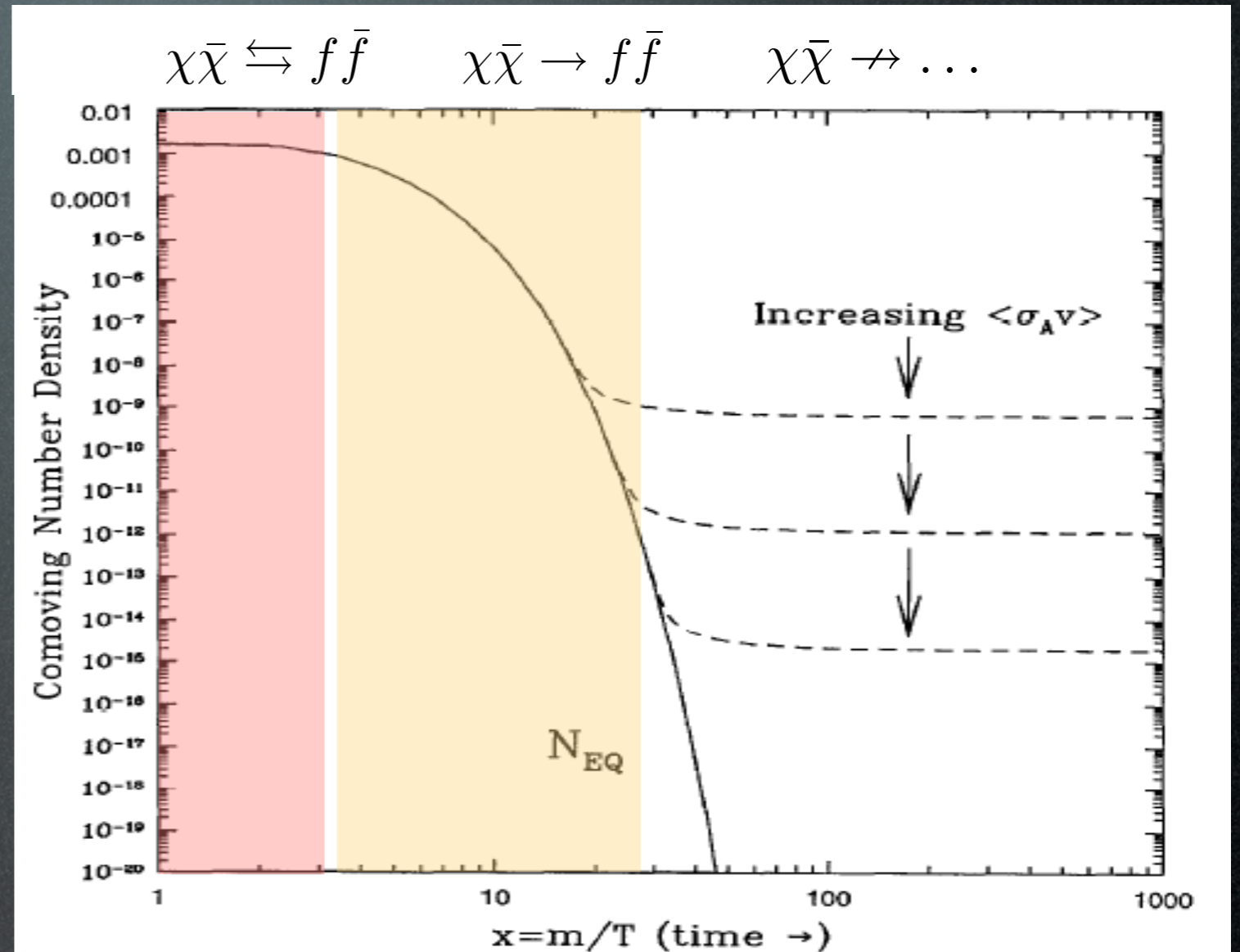
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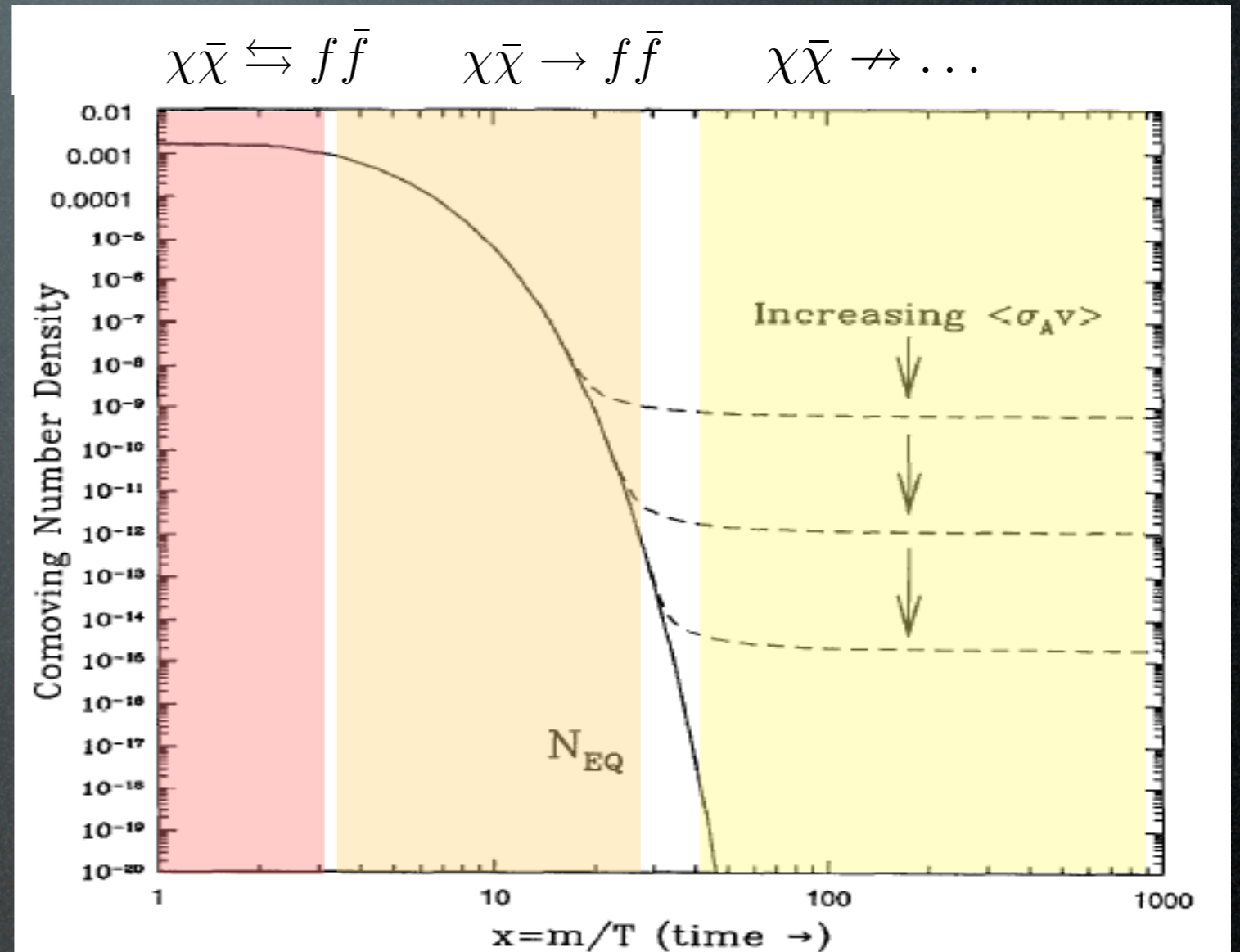
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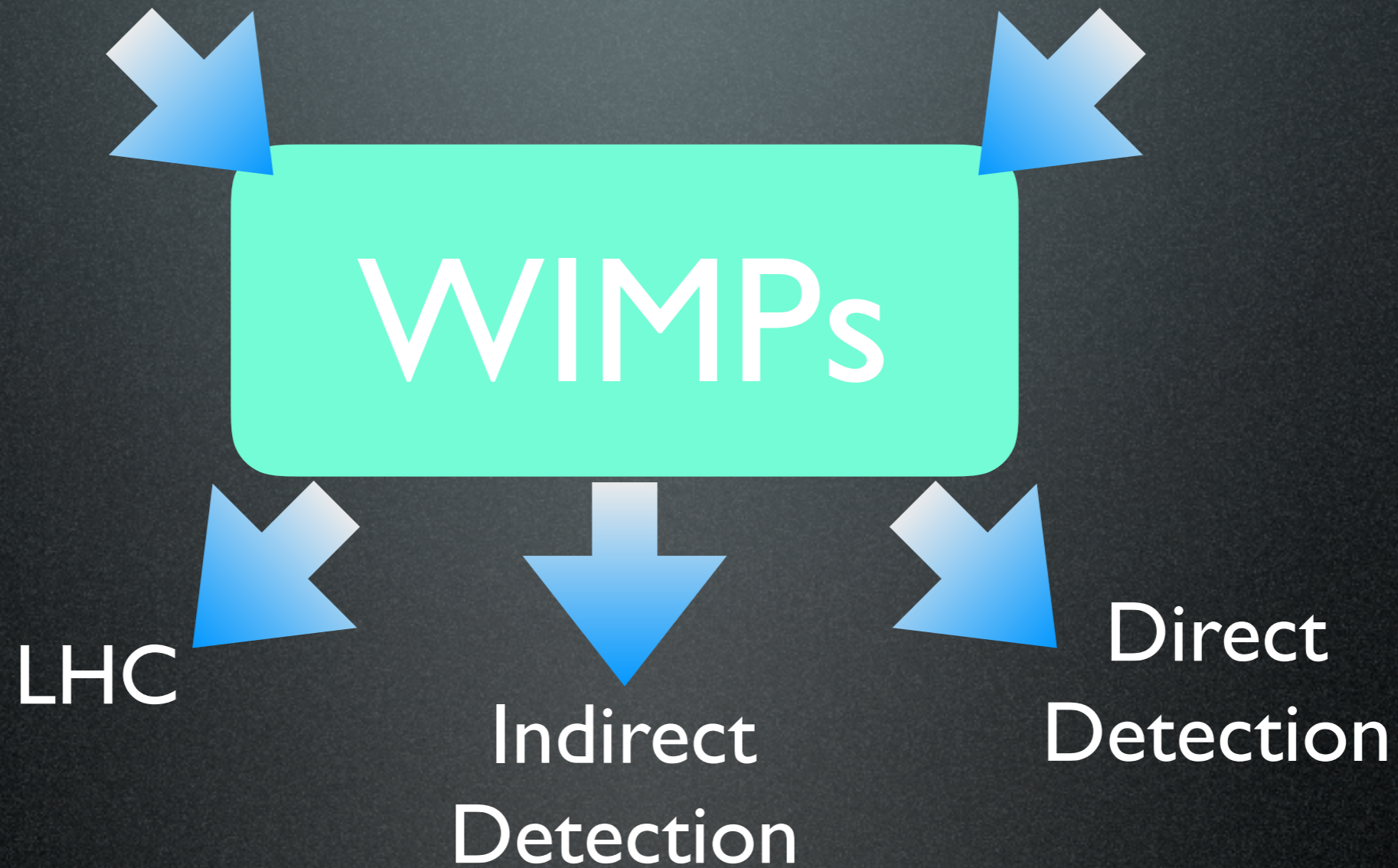
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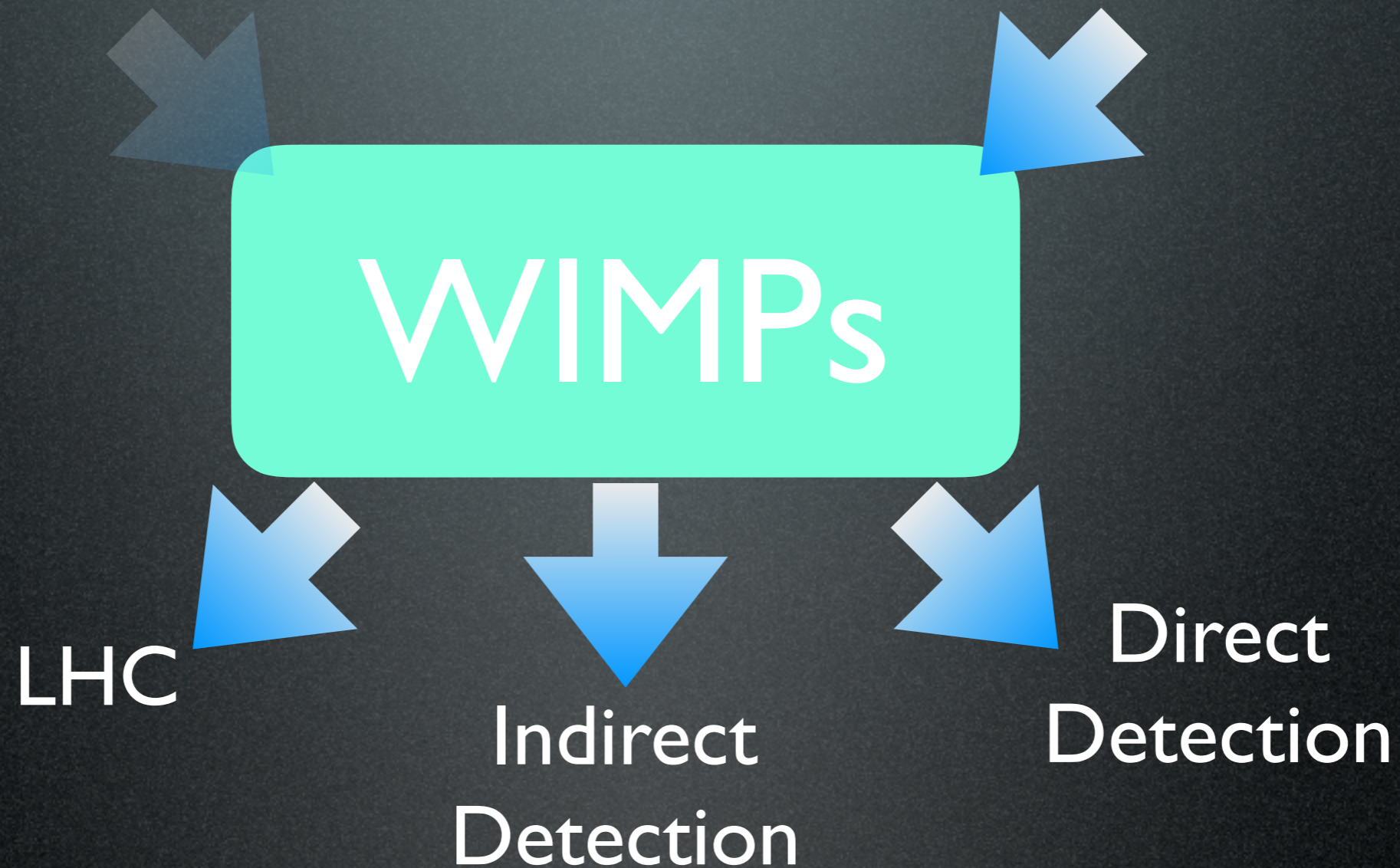


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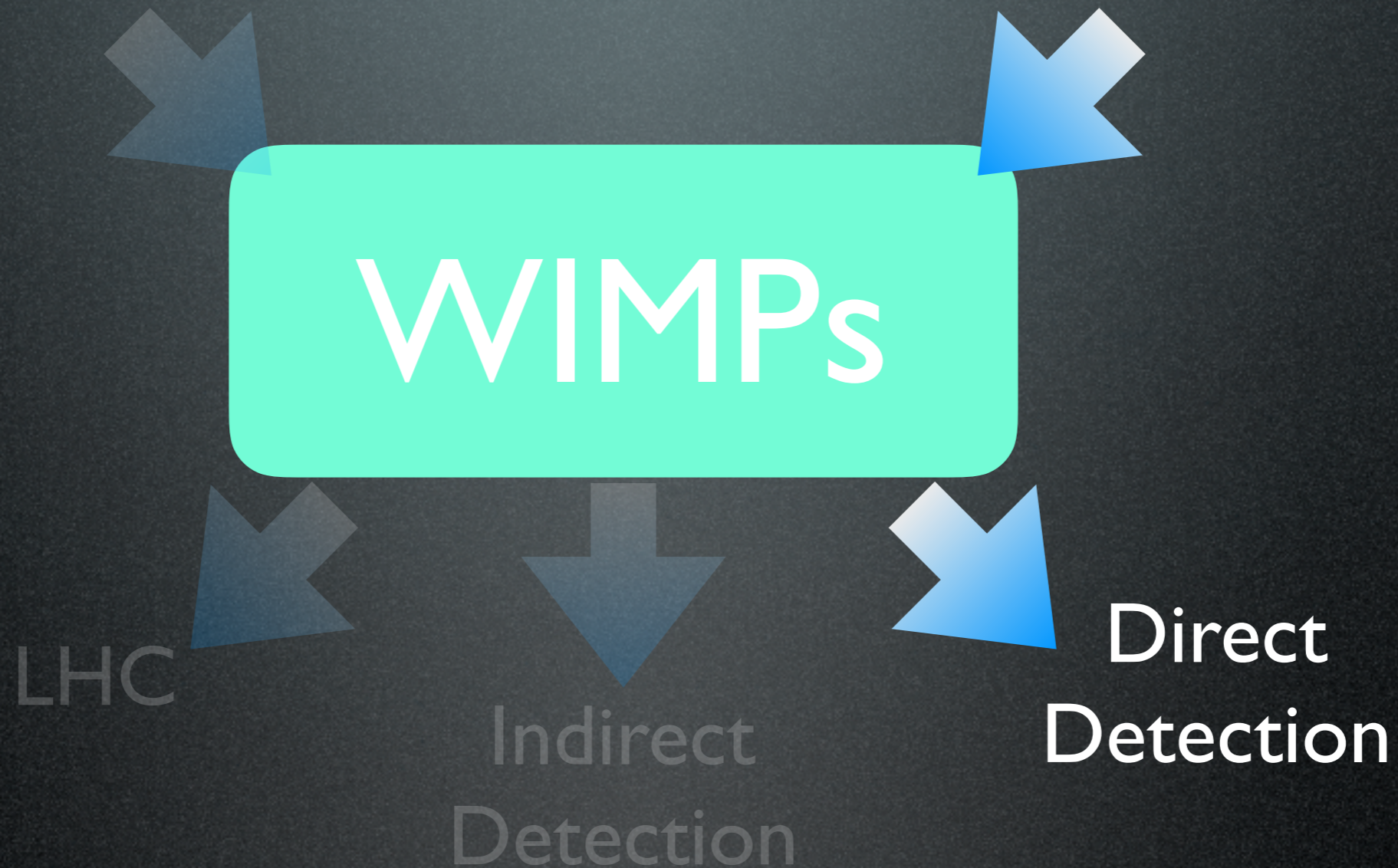


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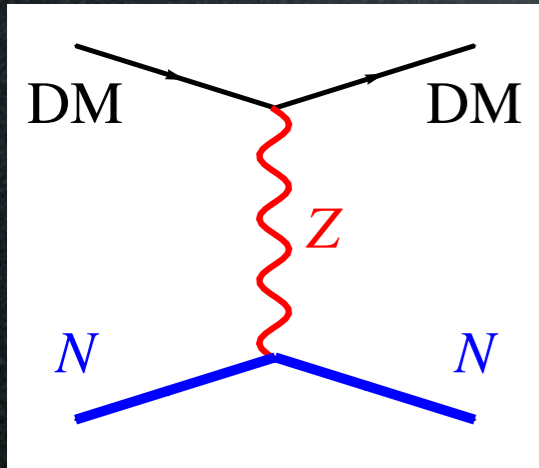


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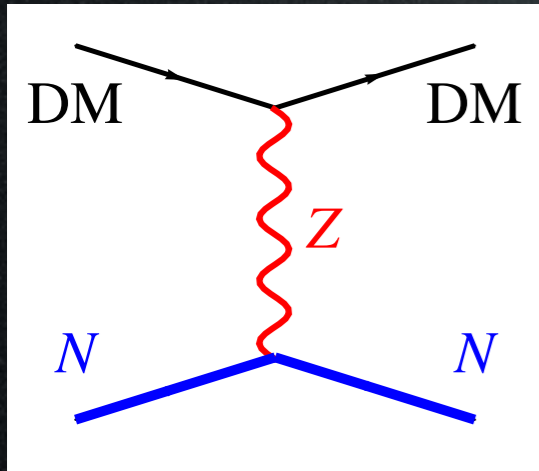


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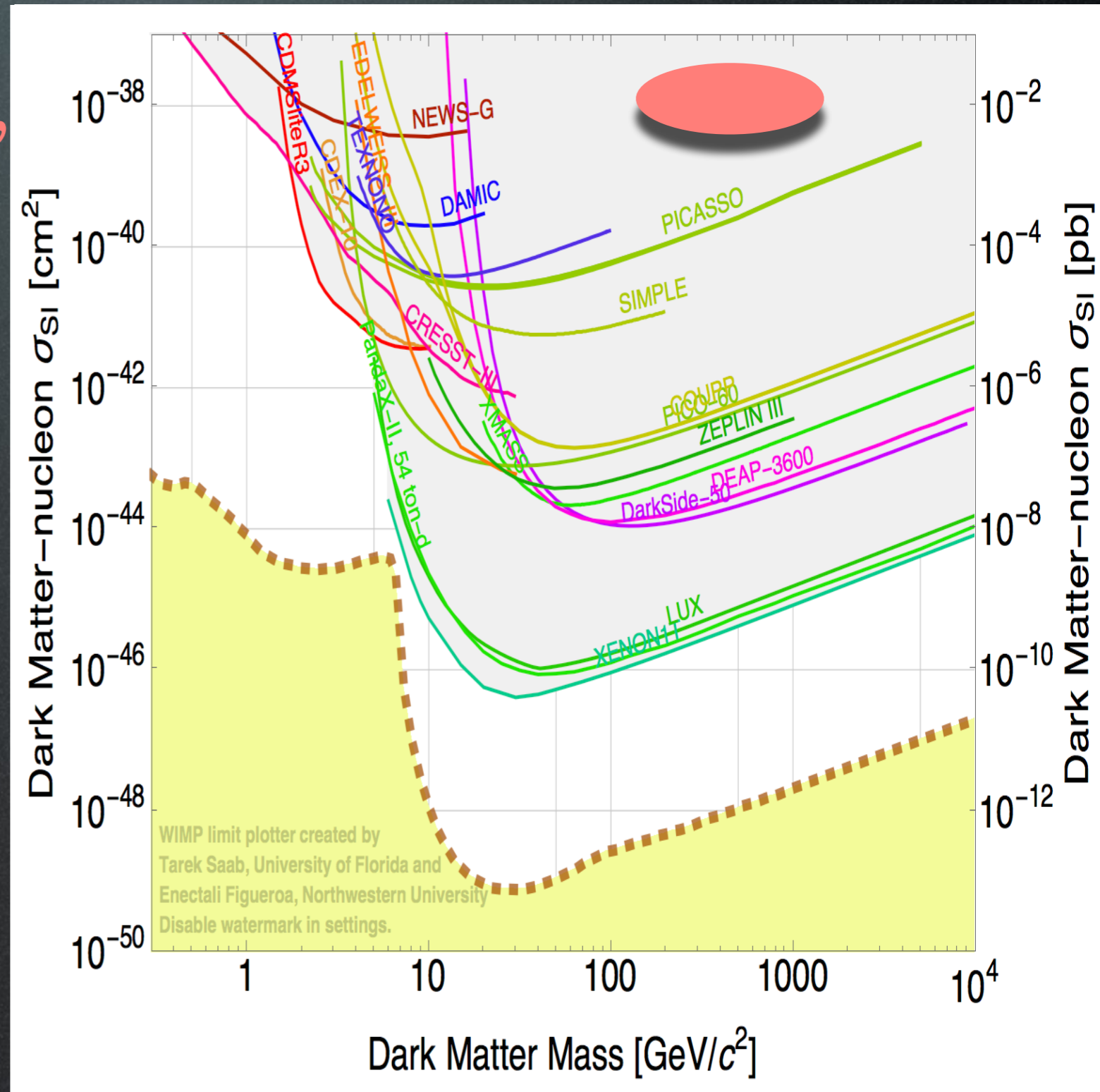
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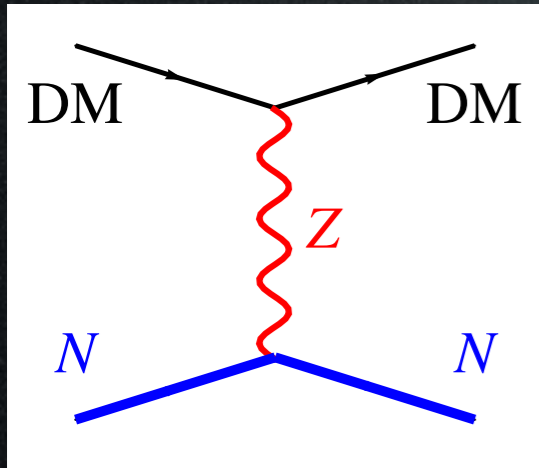


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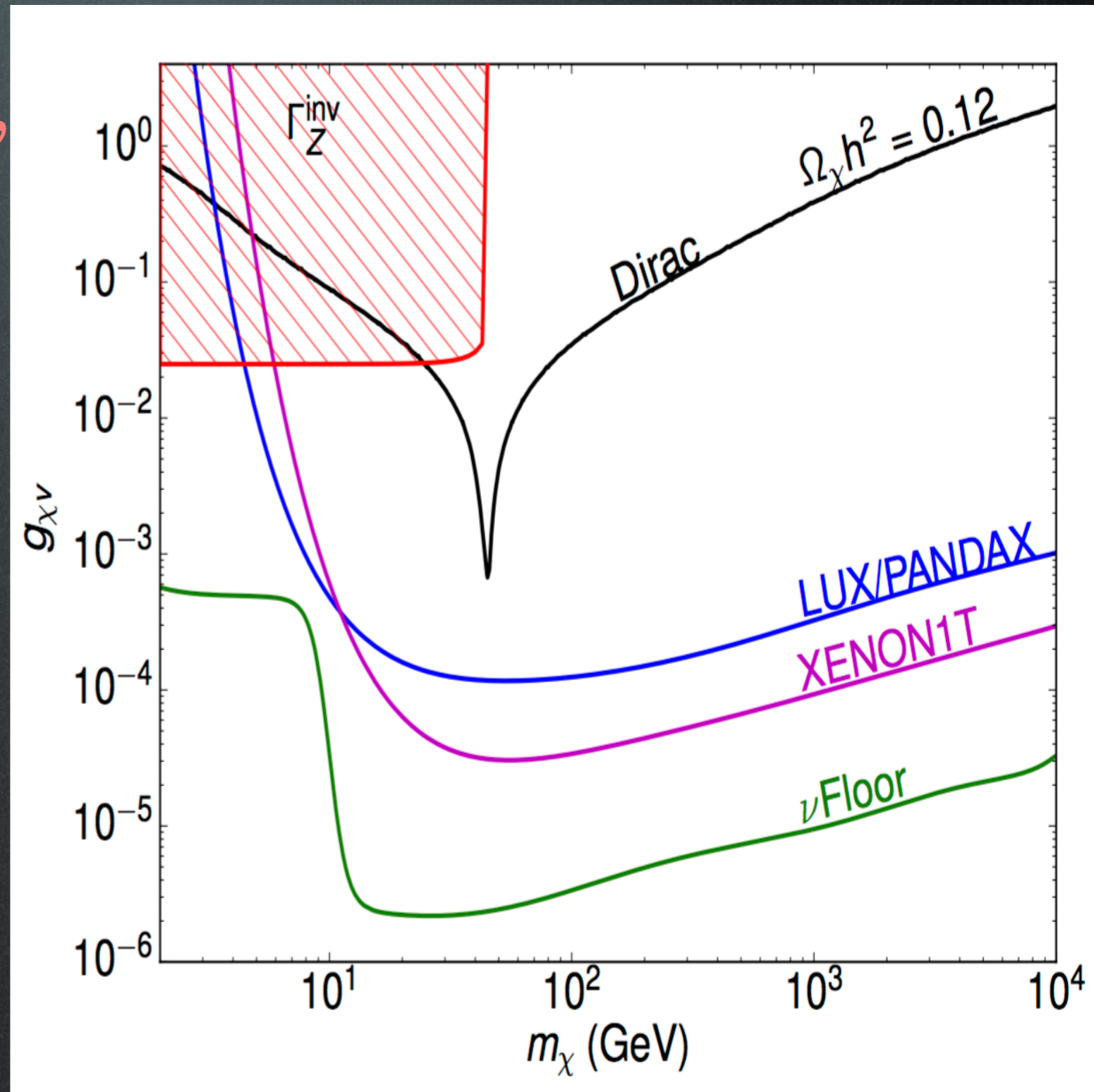


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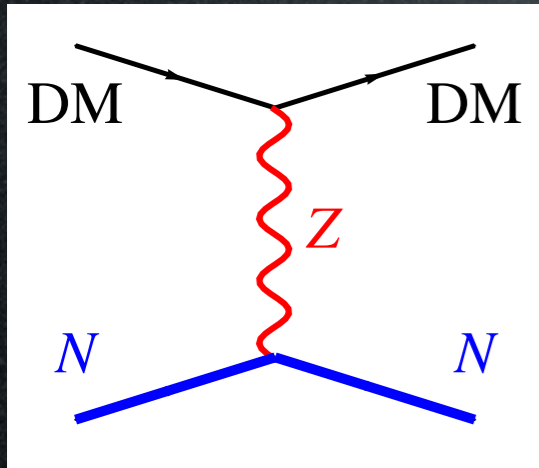


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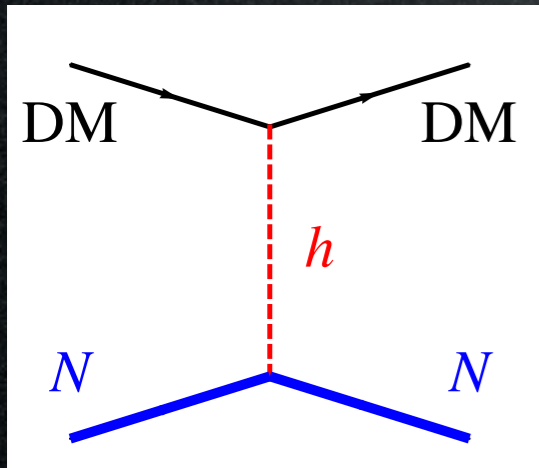
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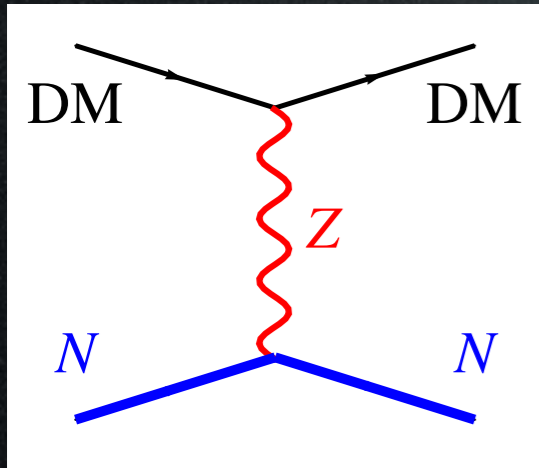


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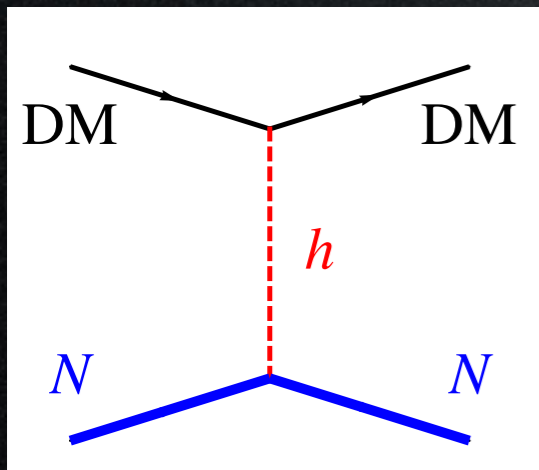
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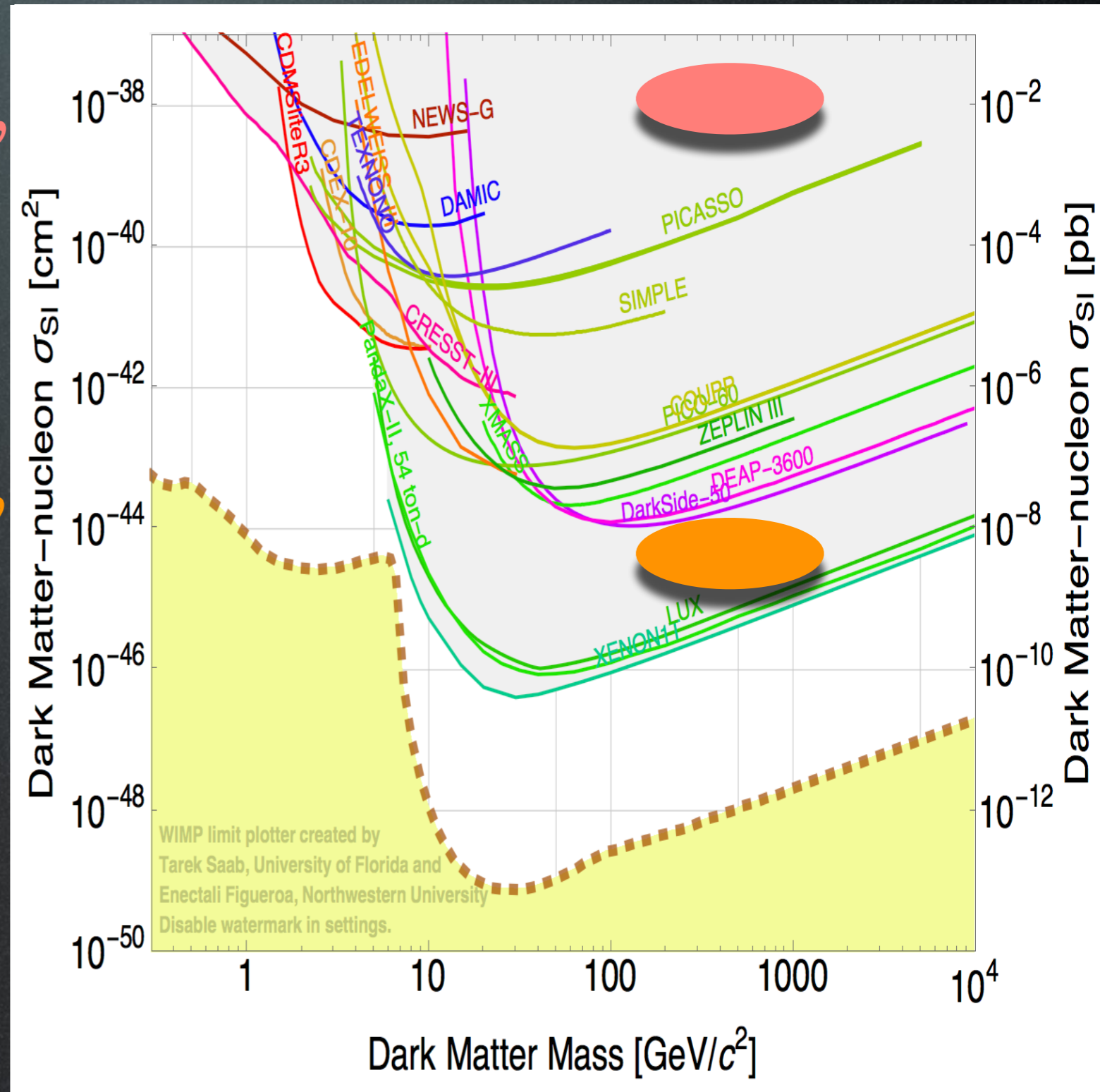
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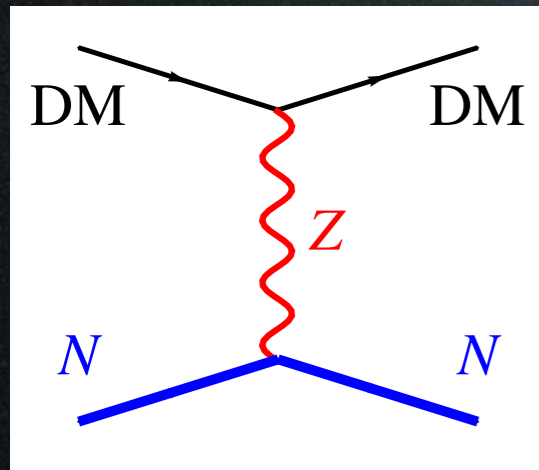


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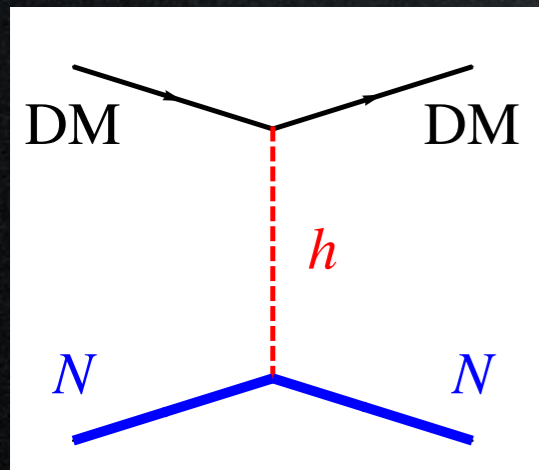


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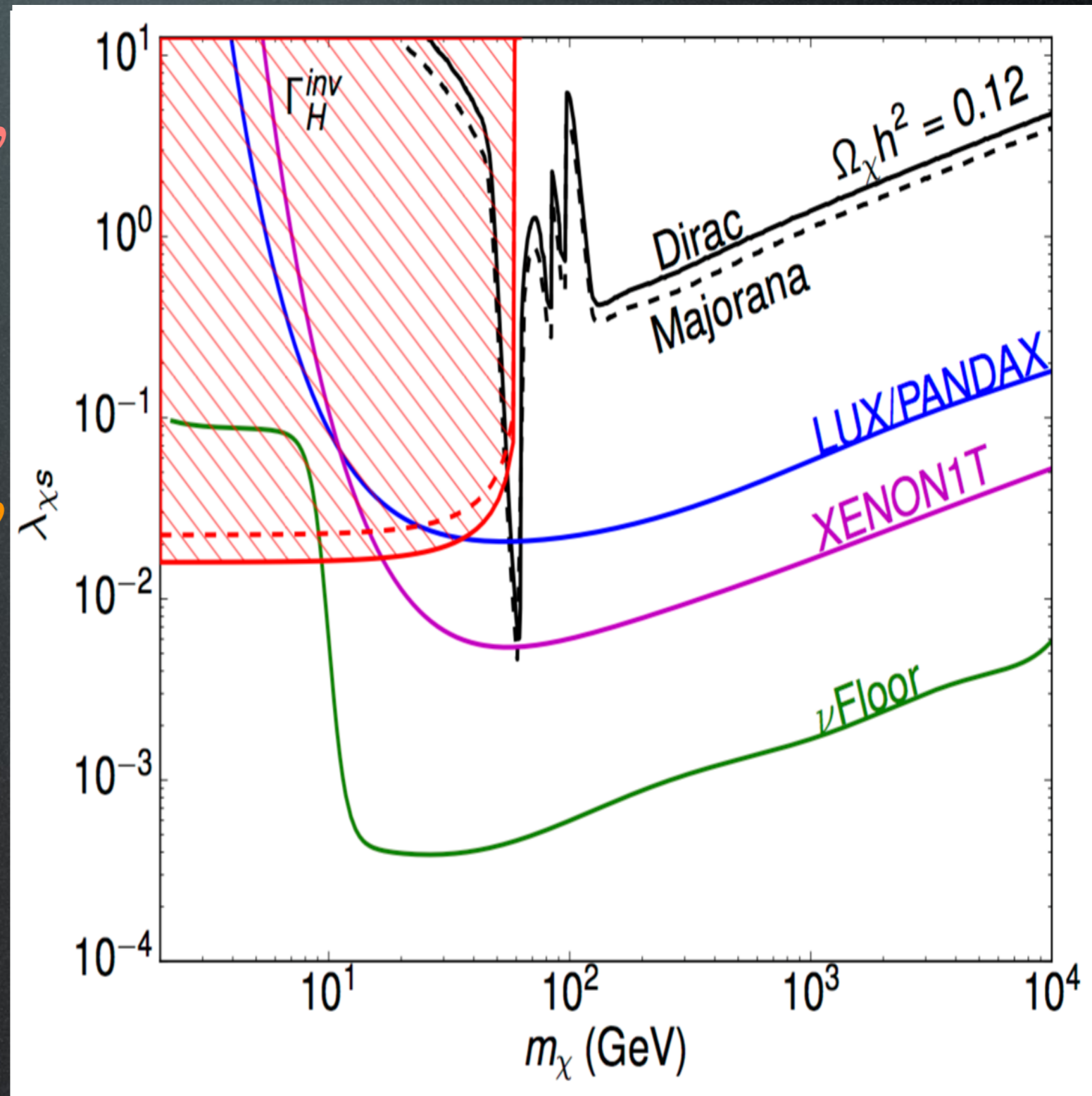
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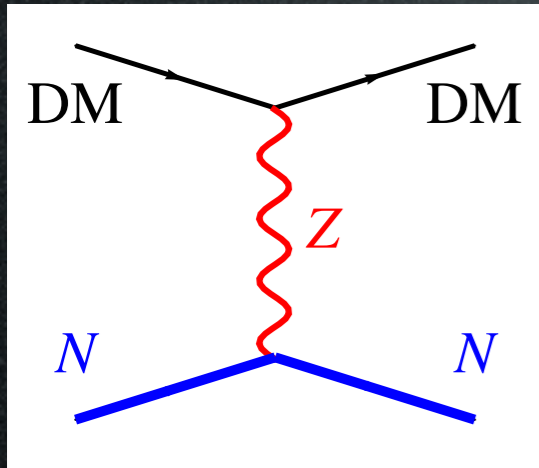


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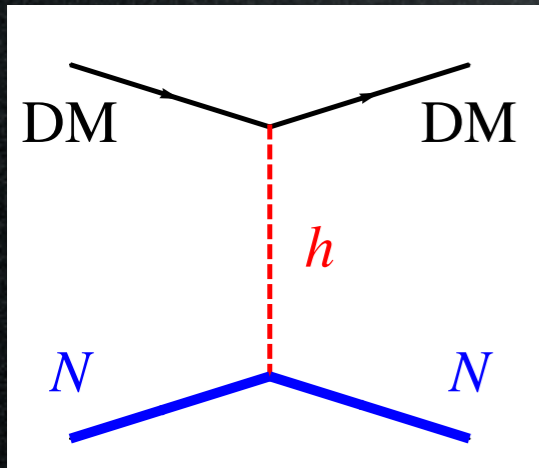
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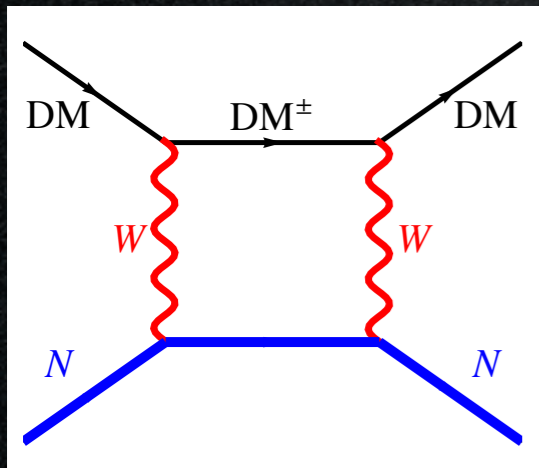
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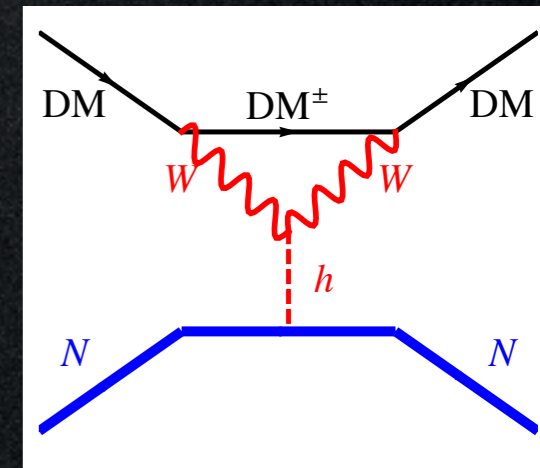
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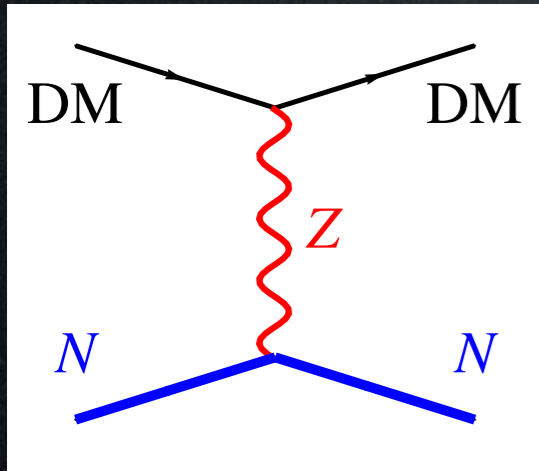
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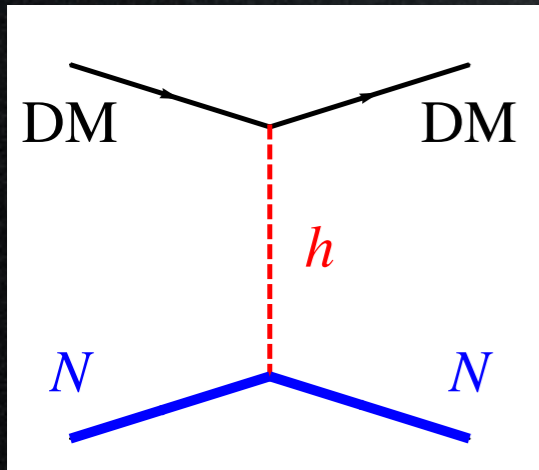


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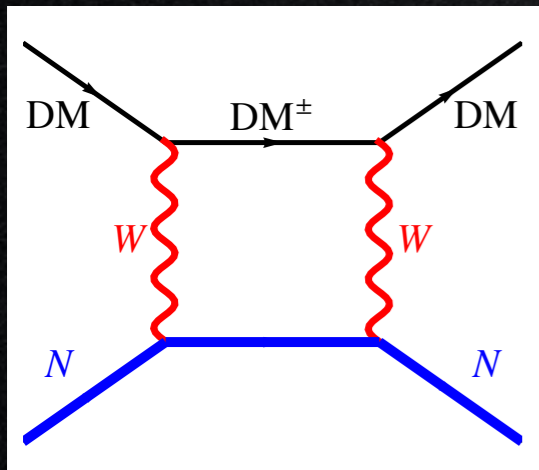
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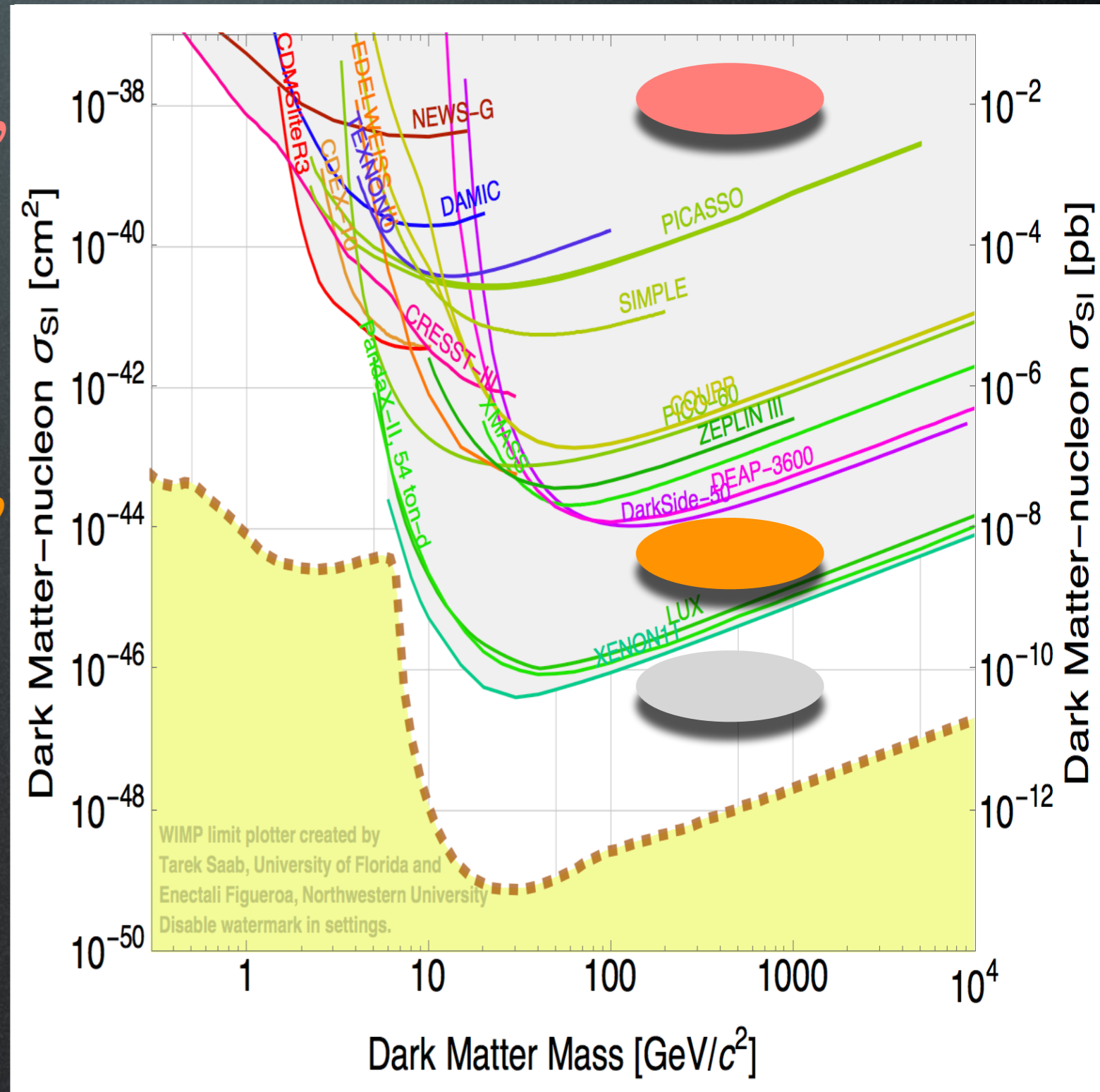
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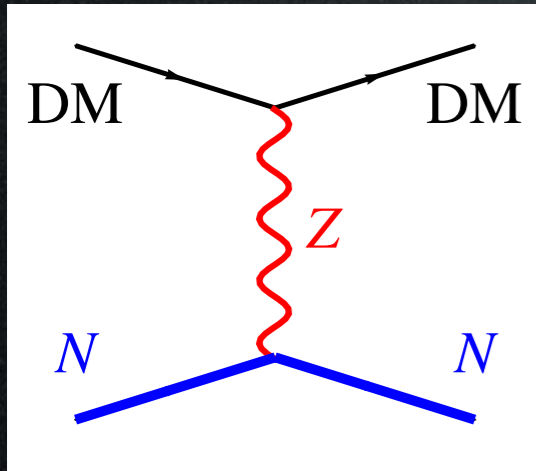


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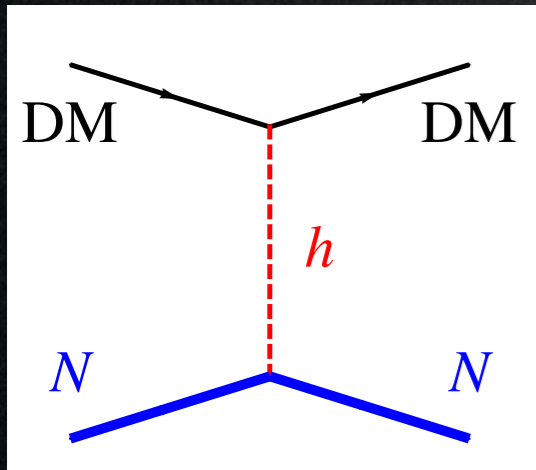


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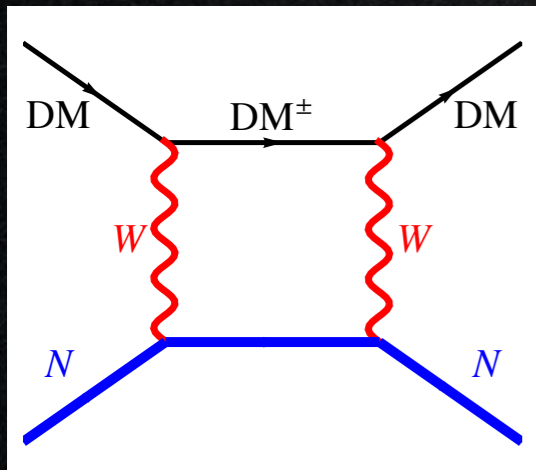
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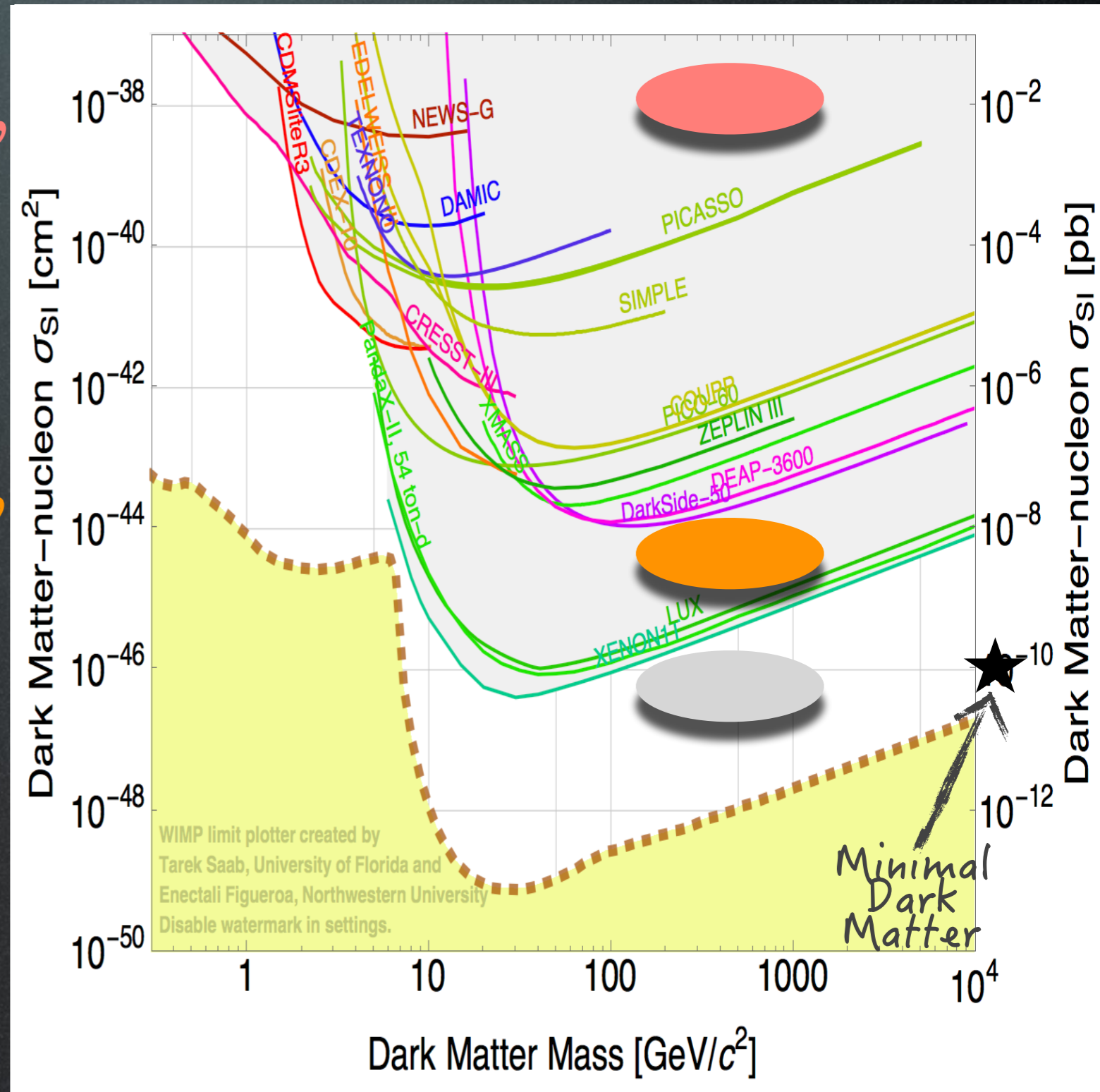
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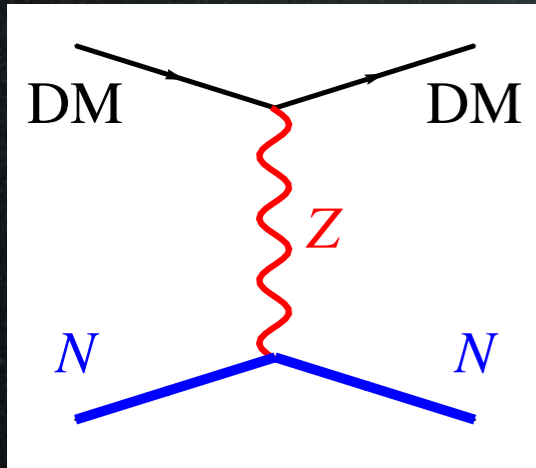
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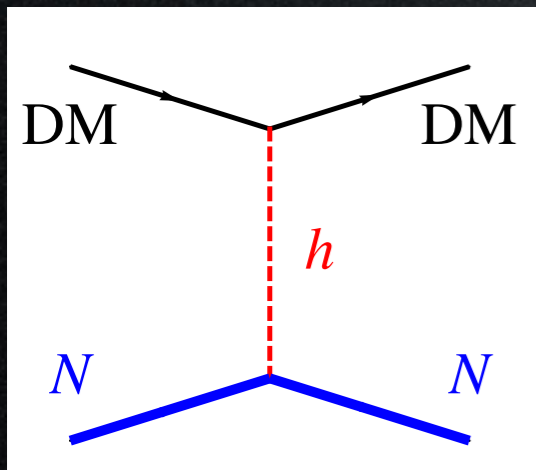
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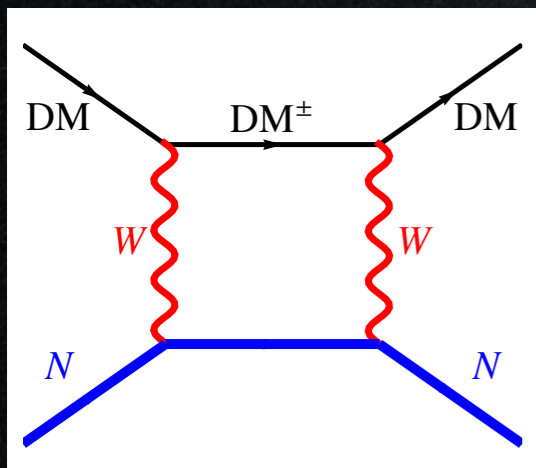
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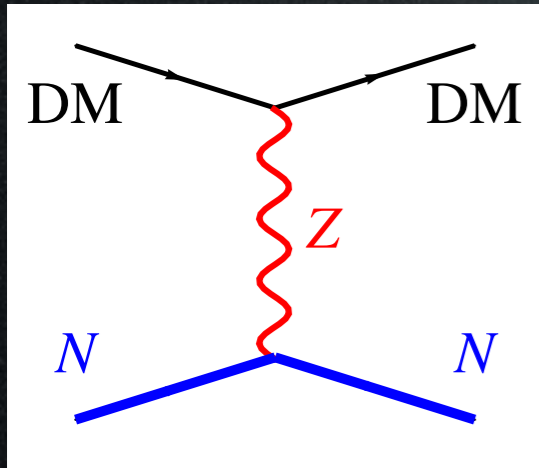
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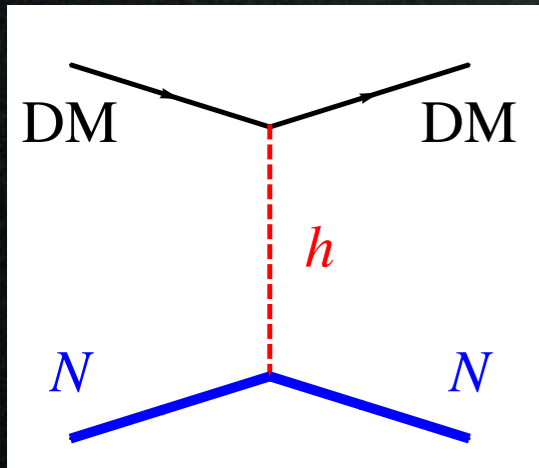
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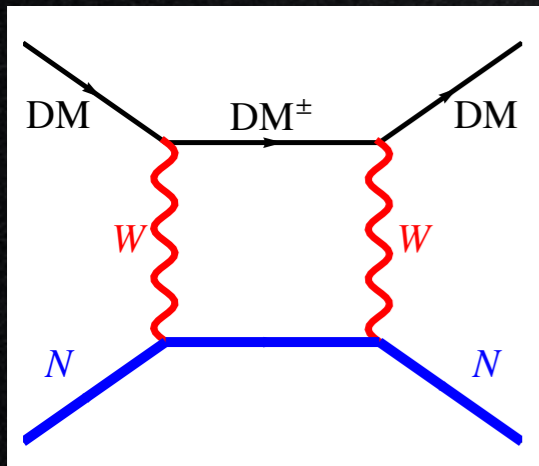
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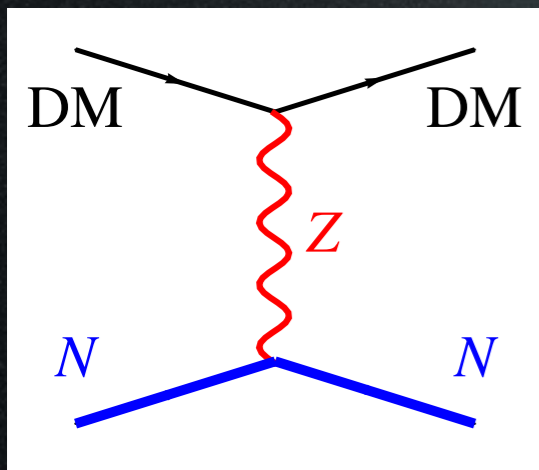
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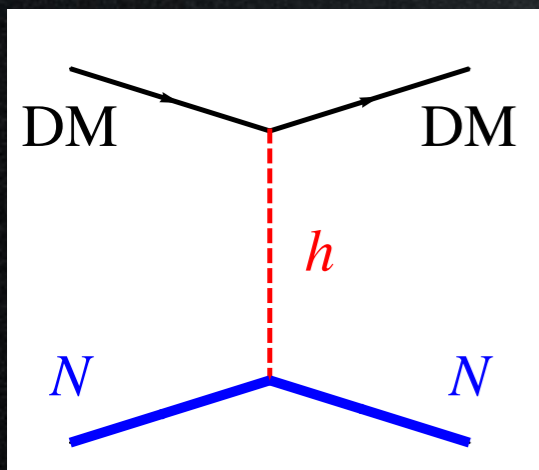
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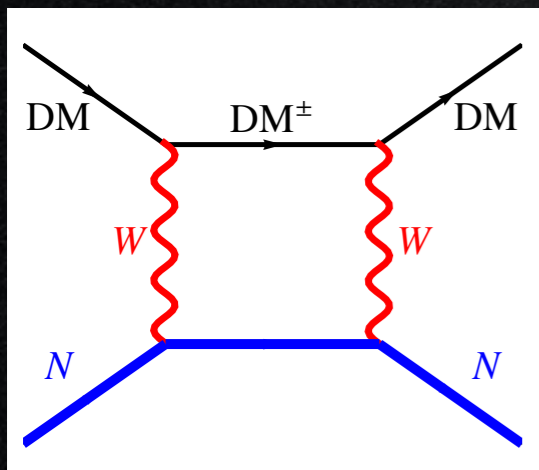
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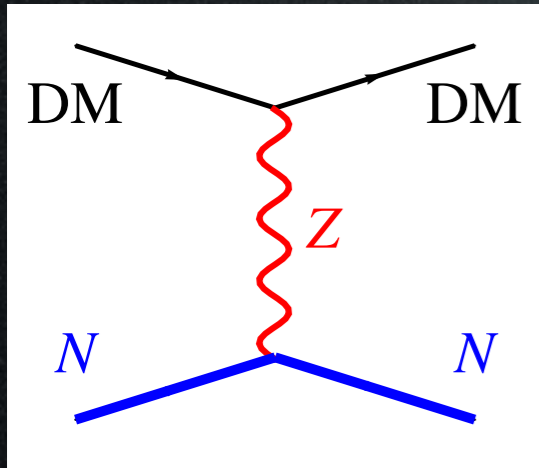
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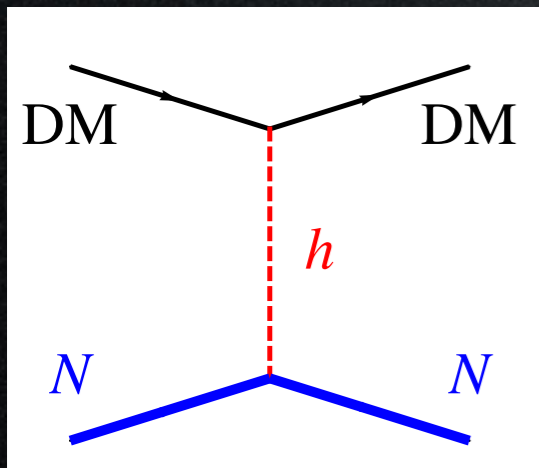
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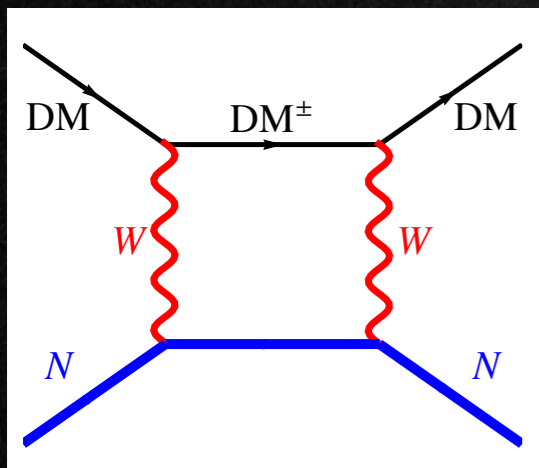
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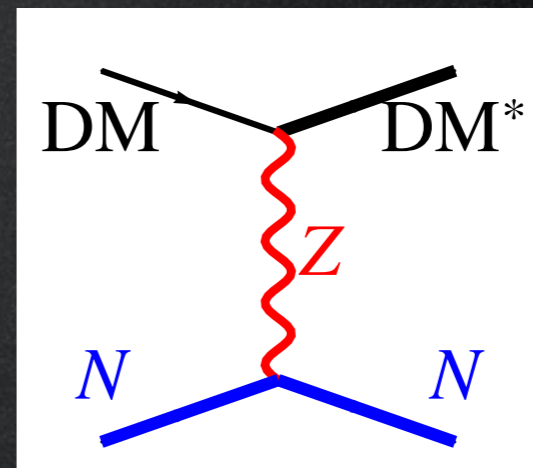
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# Candidates

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thermal  
freeze-out



WIMPs

LHC

AMS, Fermi, CTA  
Antares, Icecube

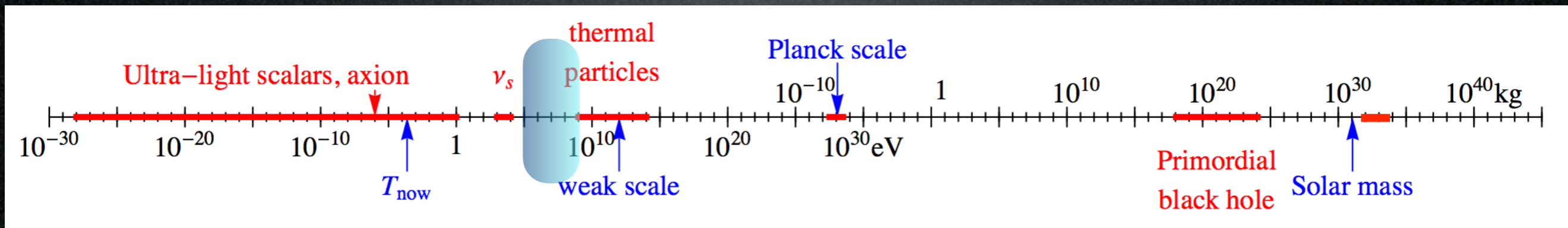
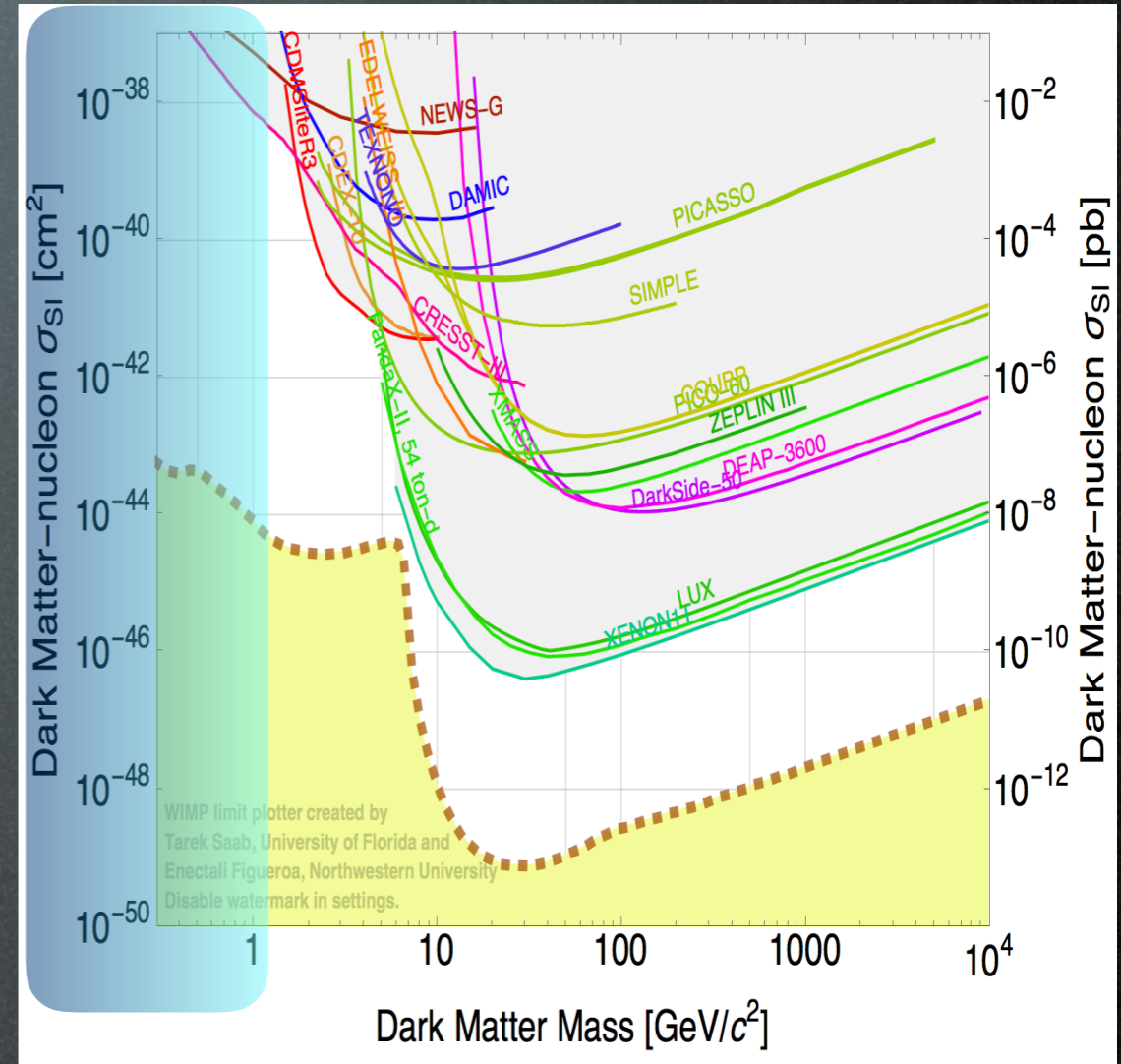
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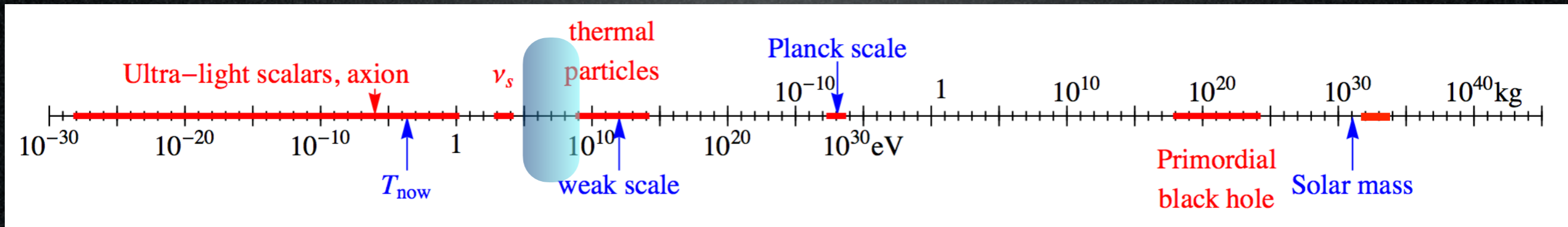
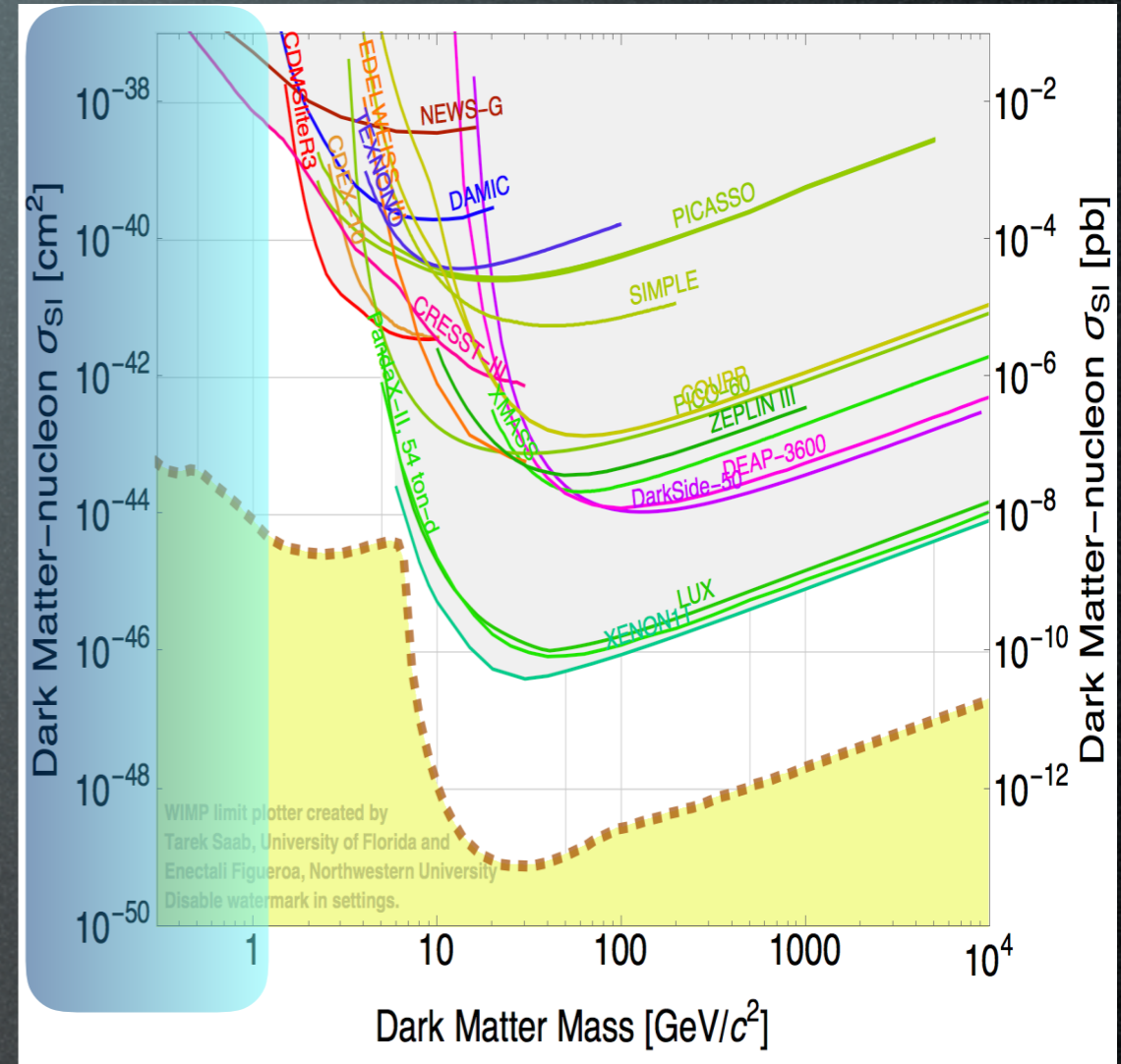


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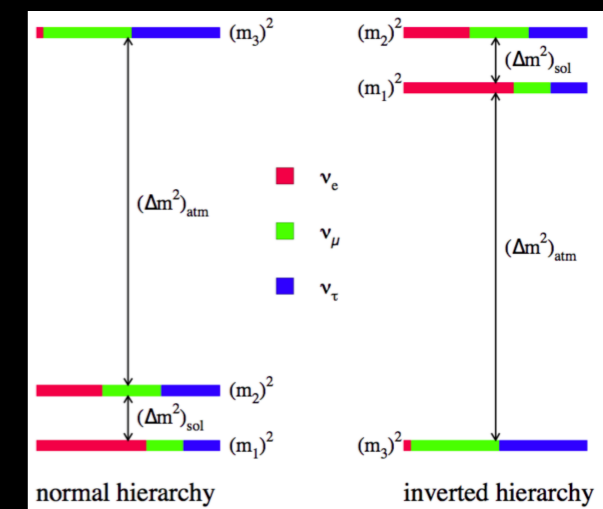
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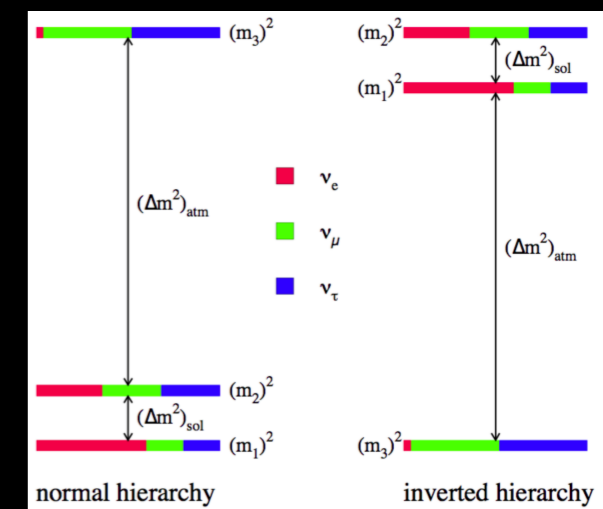
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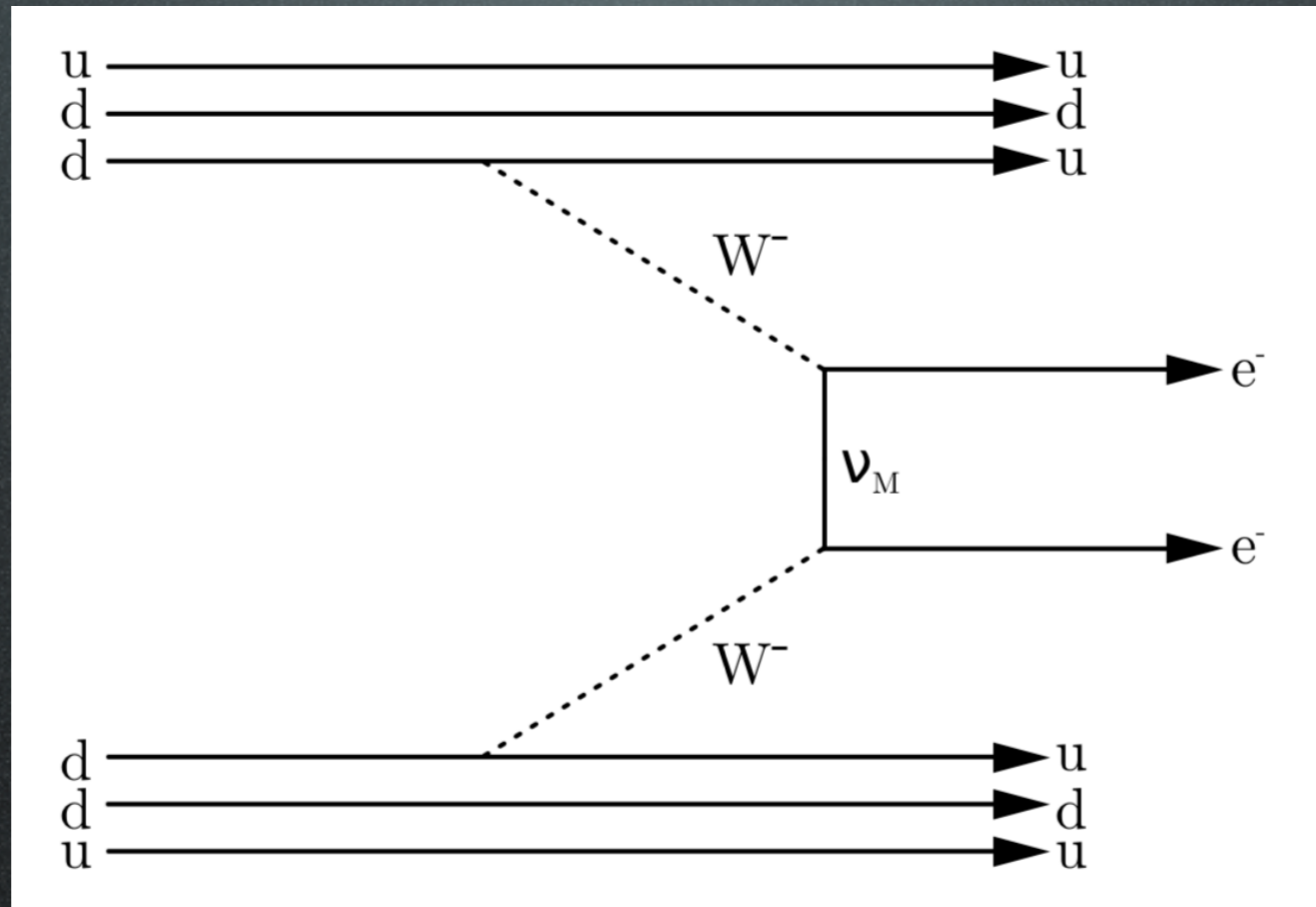
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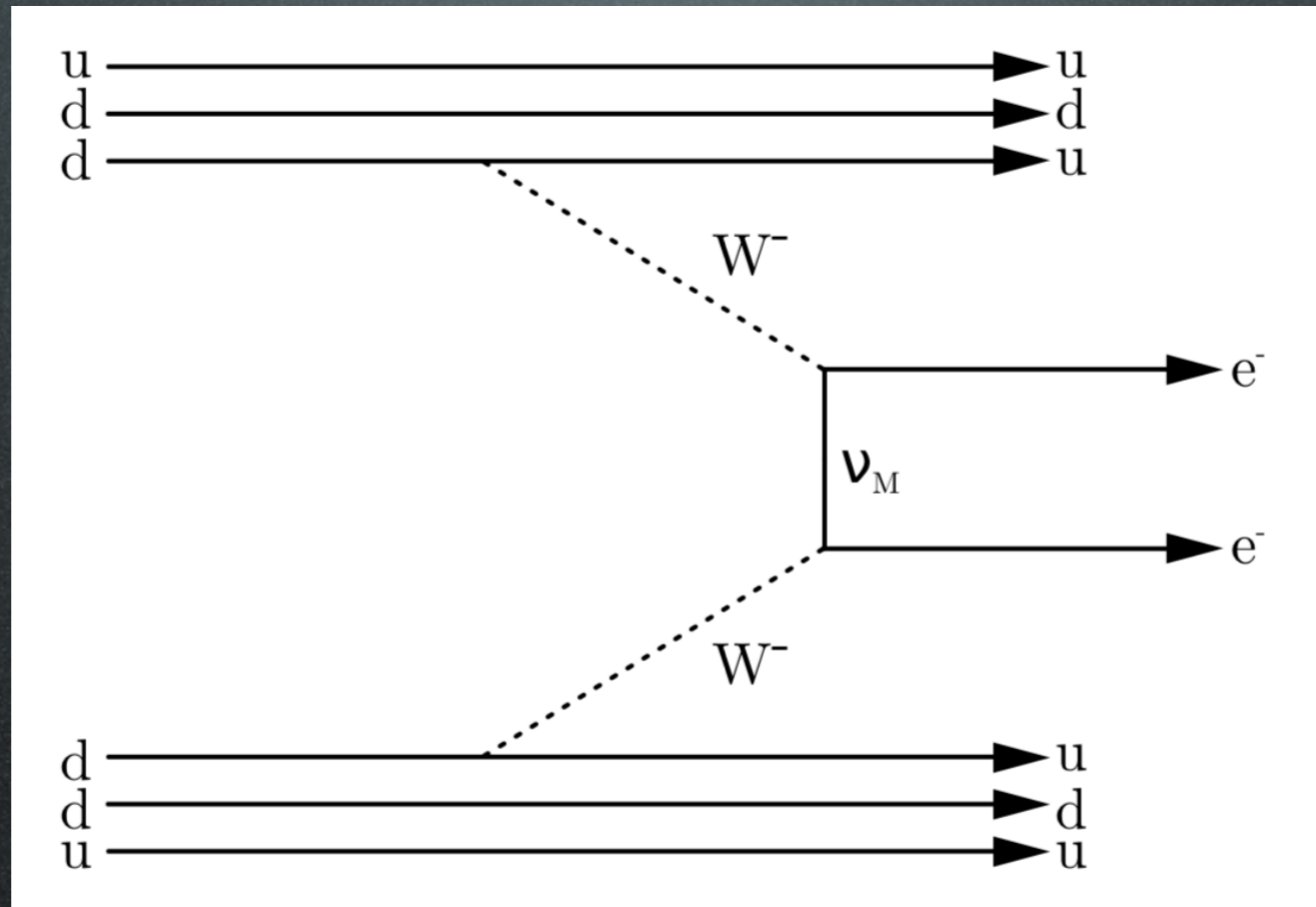




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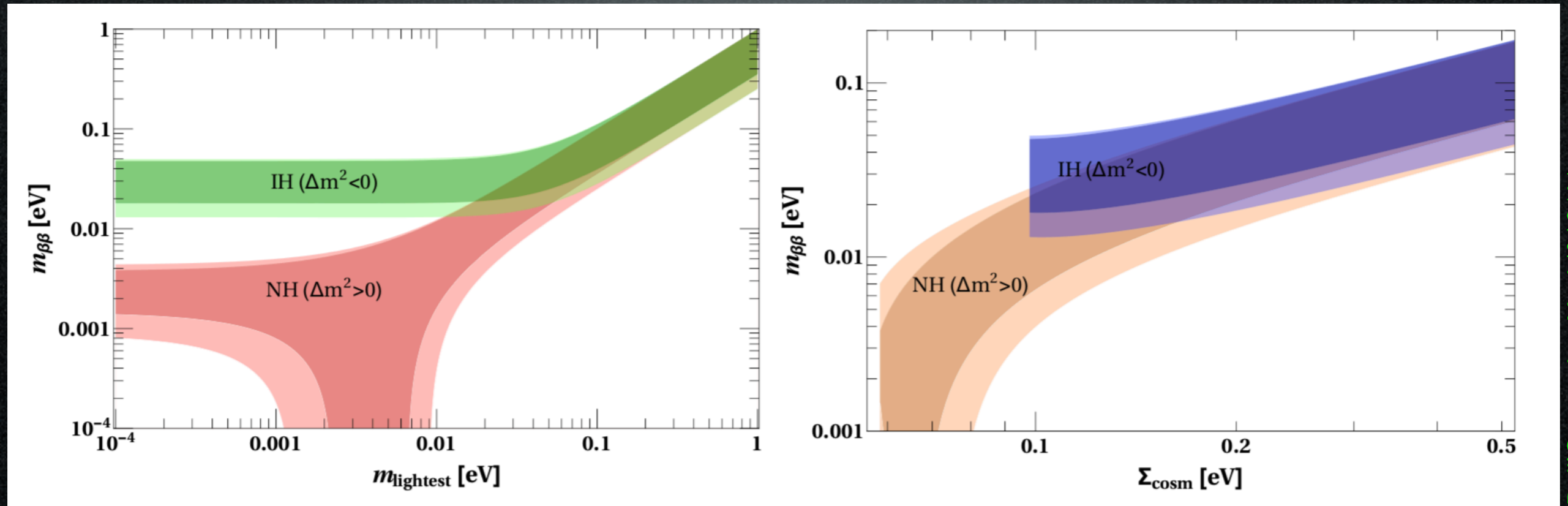
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# Conclusions

The physics of rare events (DM DD and  $0\nu\beta\beta$ ) is in an **experiment driven** phase

Theory can (does) point to **preferred directions**, but actually **too many**...