

# Detecting Composite Dark Matter with Bremsstrahlung and the Migdal Effect

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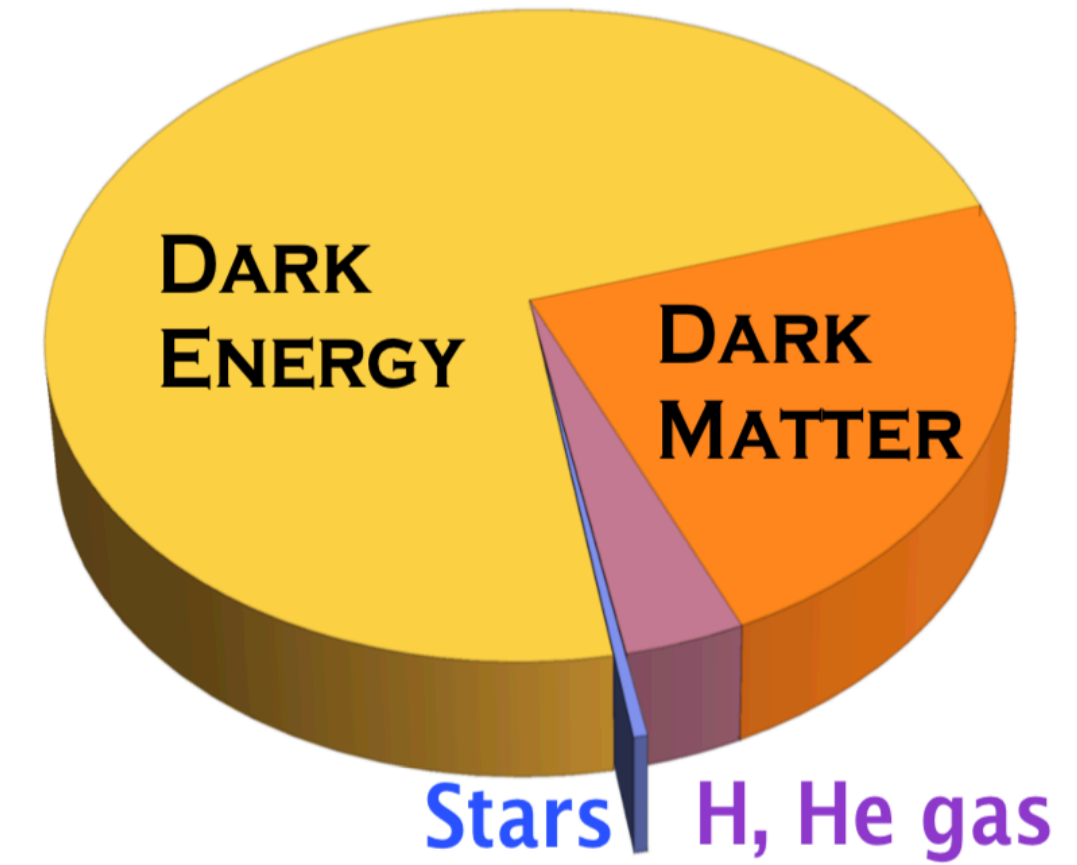
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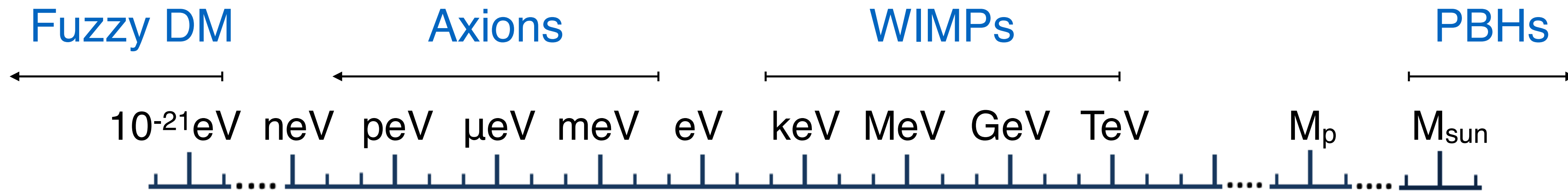
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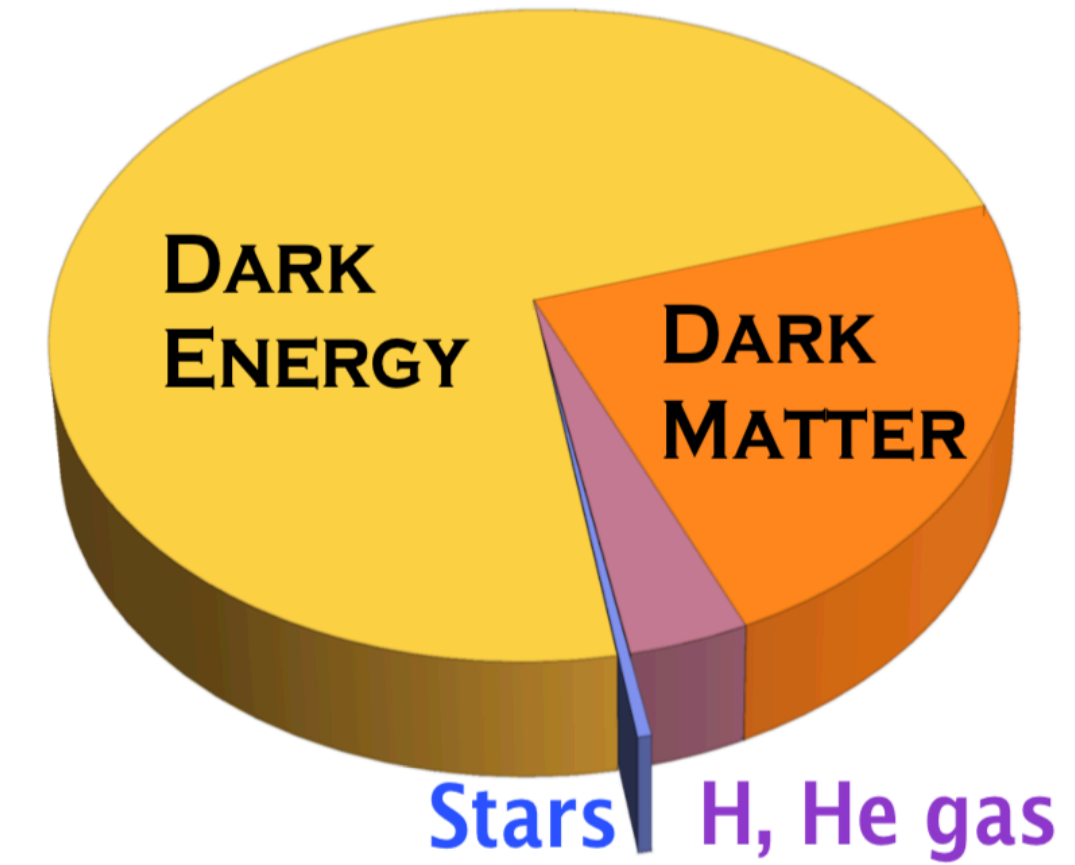
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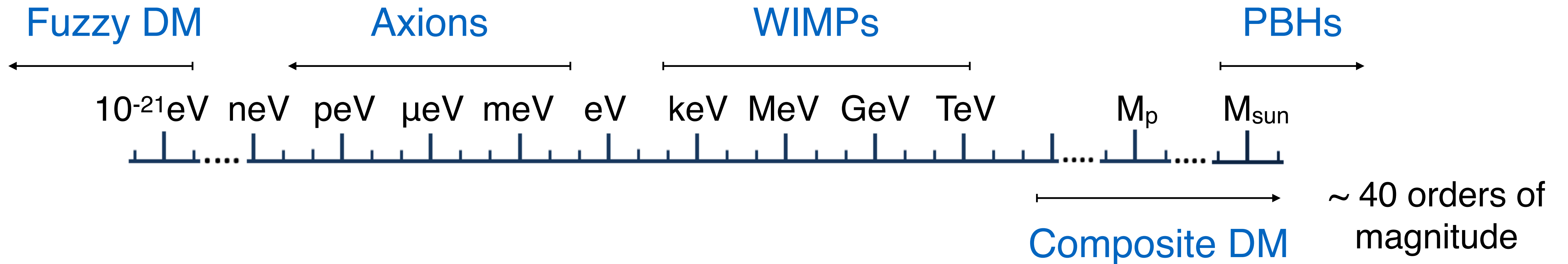


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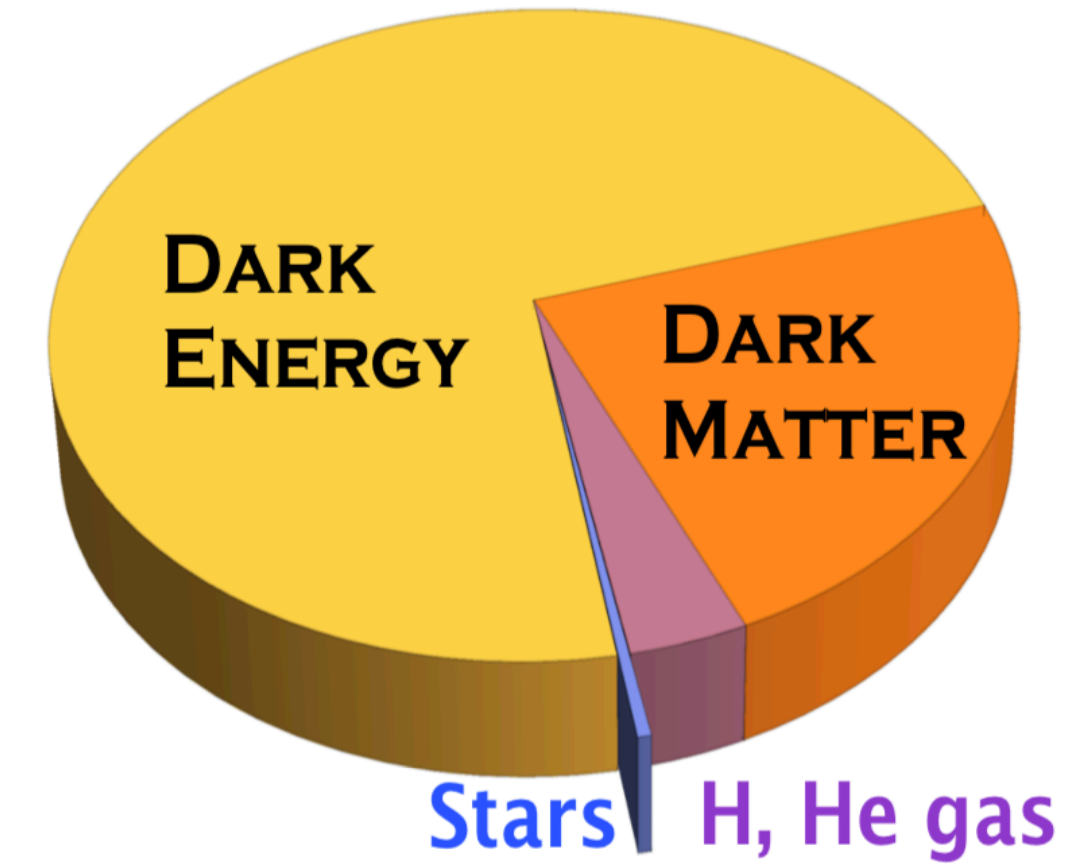


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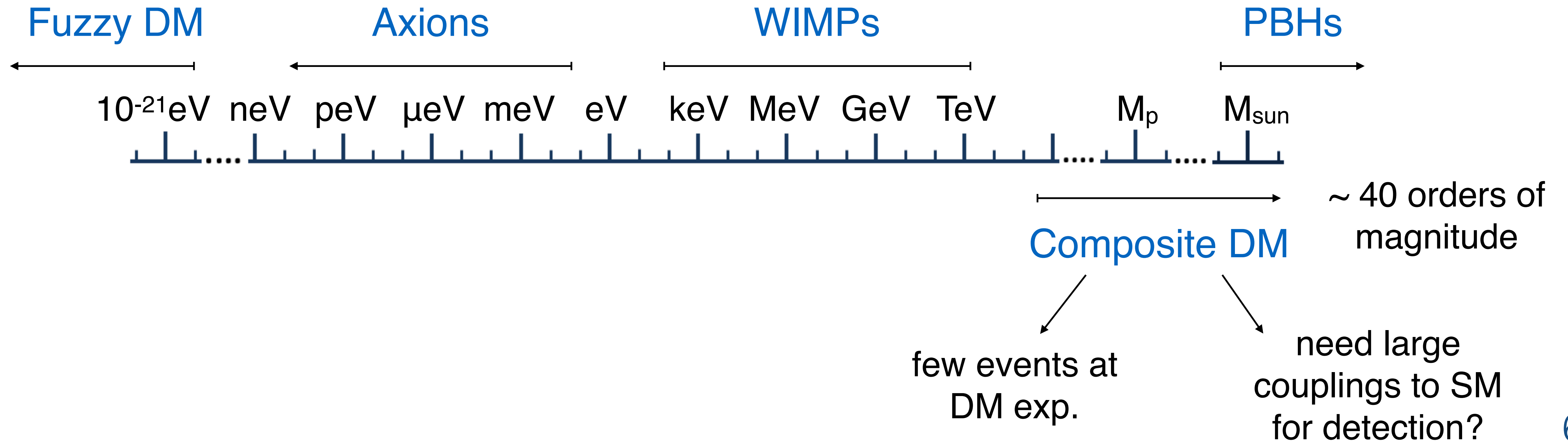


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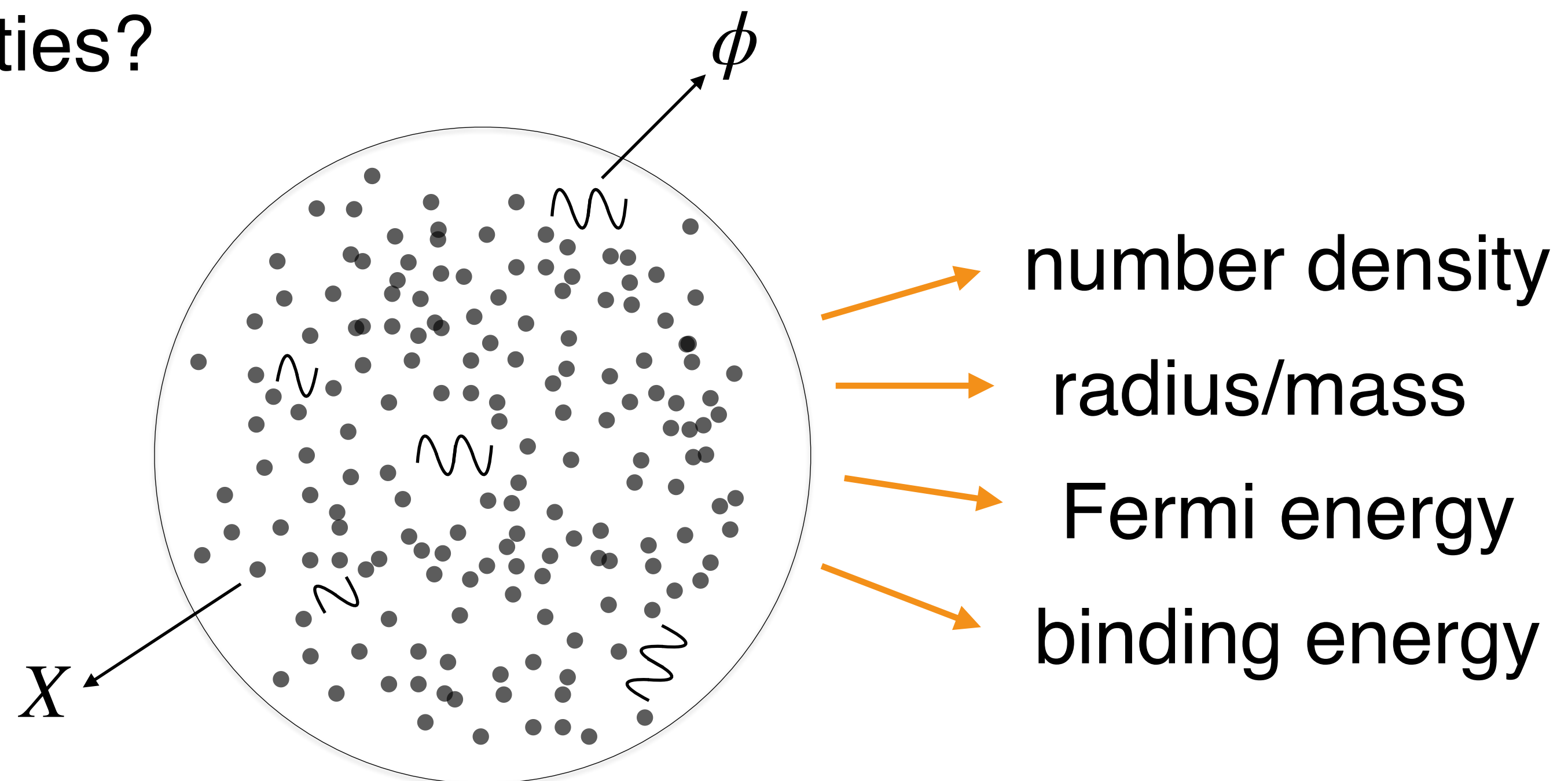


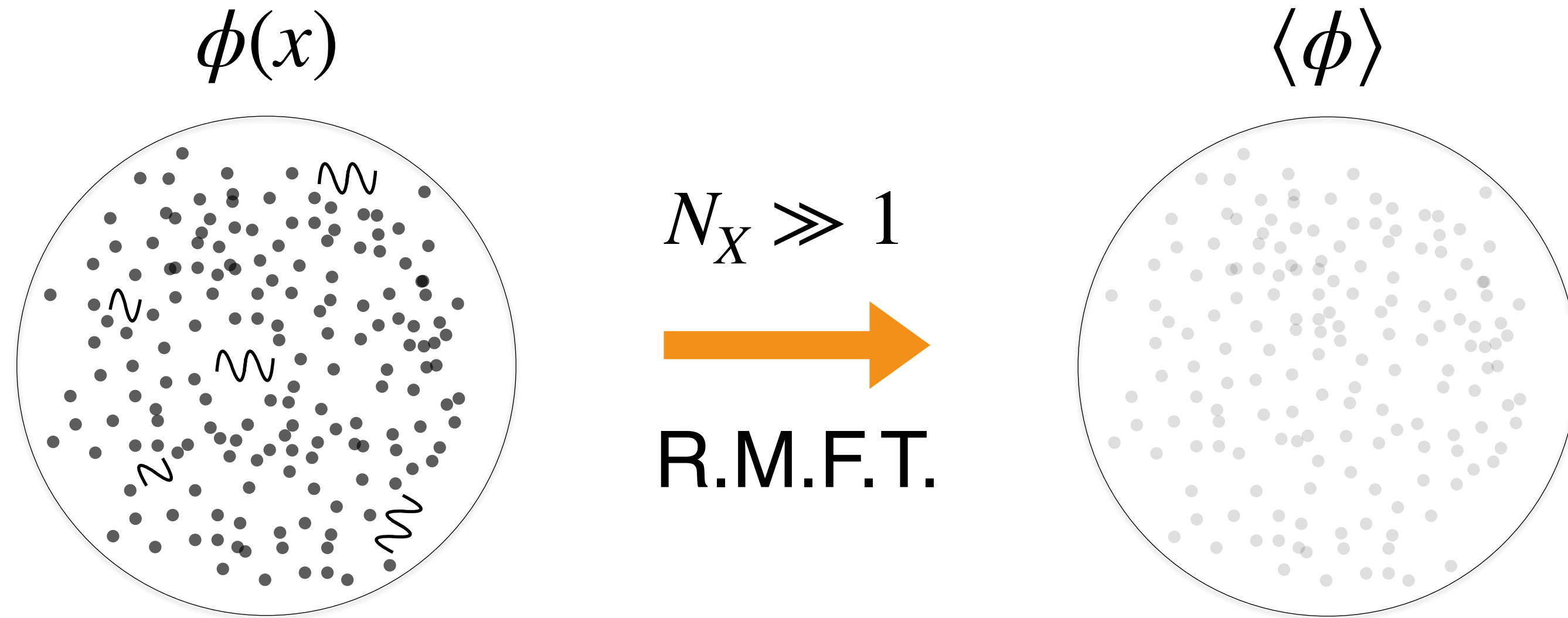
## Asymmetric DM model:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{DM}} = \frac{1}{2} \partial^2 \phi + \frac{1}{2} m_\phi^2 \phi^2 + \bar{X} \left( i \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m_X \right) X + g_X \bar{X} \phi X$$

Can DM bound states form in the early universe?

If so, what are their properties?





$$m_* \equiv m_X - g_X \langle \phi \rangle \quad \text{effective mass}$$

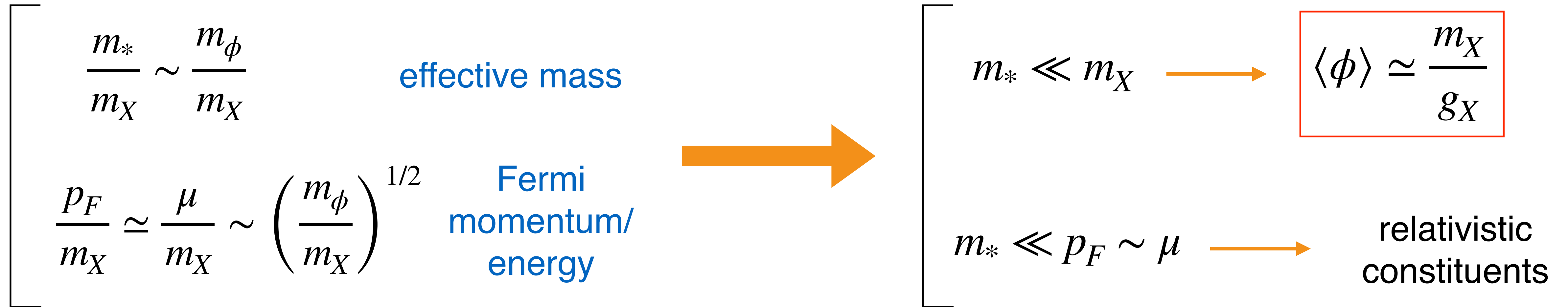
composite equations

$$\mu = (p_F^2 + m_*^2)^{1/2} \quad \text{chemical potential}$$

$$\varepsilon \simeq \frac{1}{2} m_\phi^2 \langle \phi \rangle^2 + \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{p_F} dp \, p^2 (p^2 + m_*^2)^{1/2} \quad \text{energy density}$$

$$p = - \left( \frac{dE}{dV} \right)_N = \frac{\mu - \varepsilon}{V} \quad \text{pressure}$$

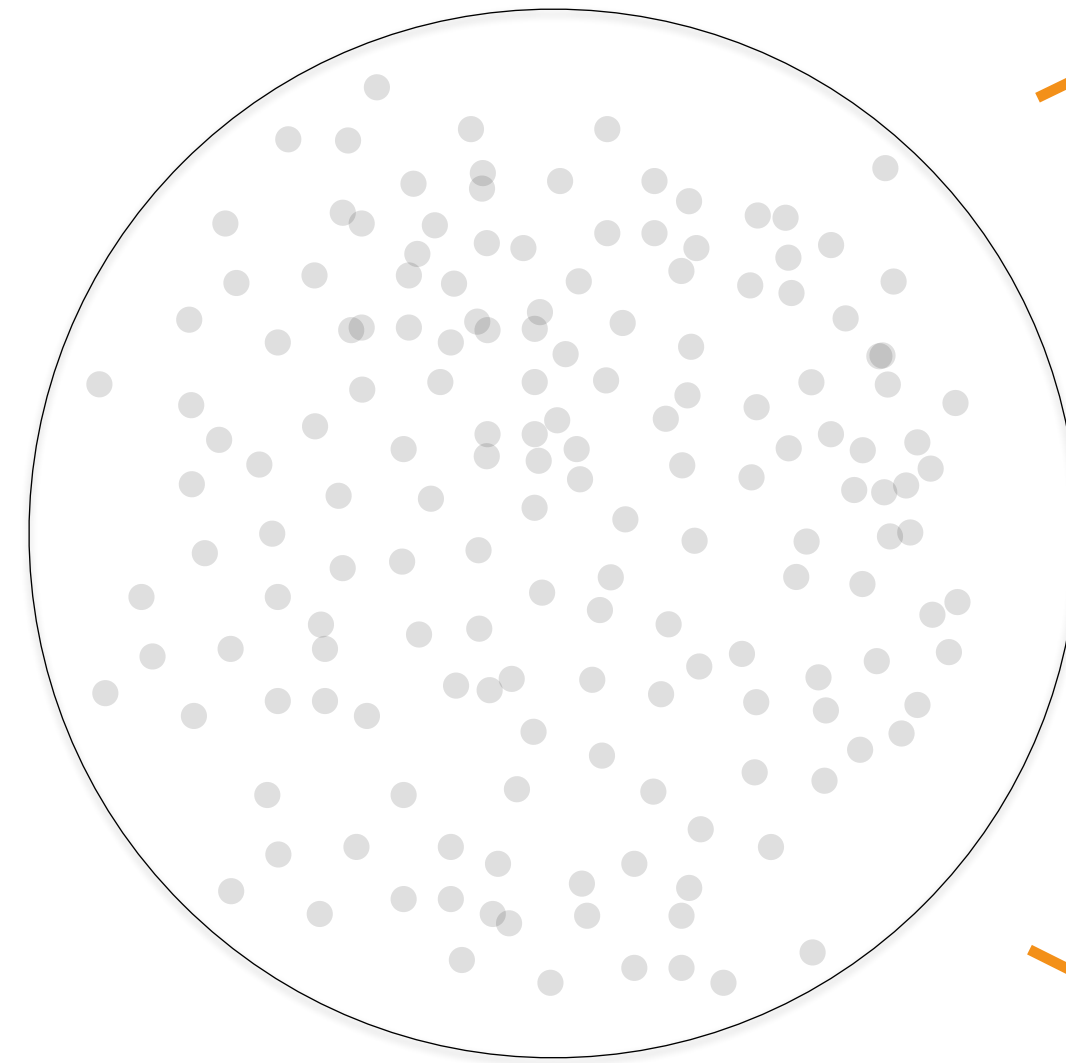
Simple scaling relations are recovered when  $m_X \gg m_\phi$



# Composite properties:

given  $\bar{m}_X, N_X$

$$\mu \equiv \bar{m}_X \sim m_X^{1/2} m_\phi^{1/2}$$



$$\langle \phi \rangle \propto m_X$$

$$n_X = \frac{\bar{m}_X^3}{3\pi^2}$$

number density

$$M_X = N_X \bar{m}_X$$

mass

$$R_X = \left( \frac{9\pi N_X}{4\bar{m}_X^3} \right)^{1/3}$$

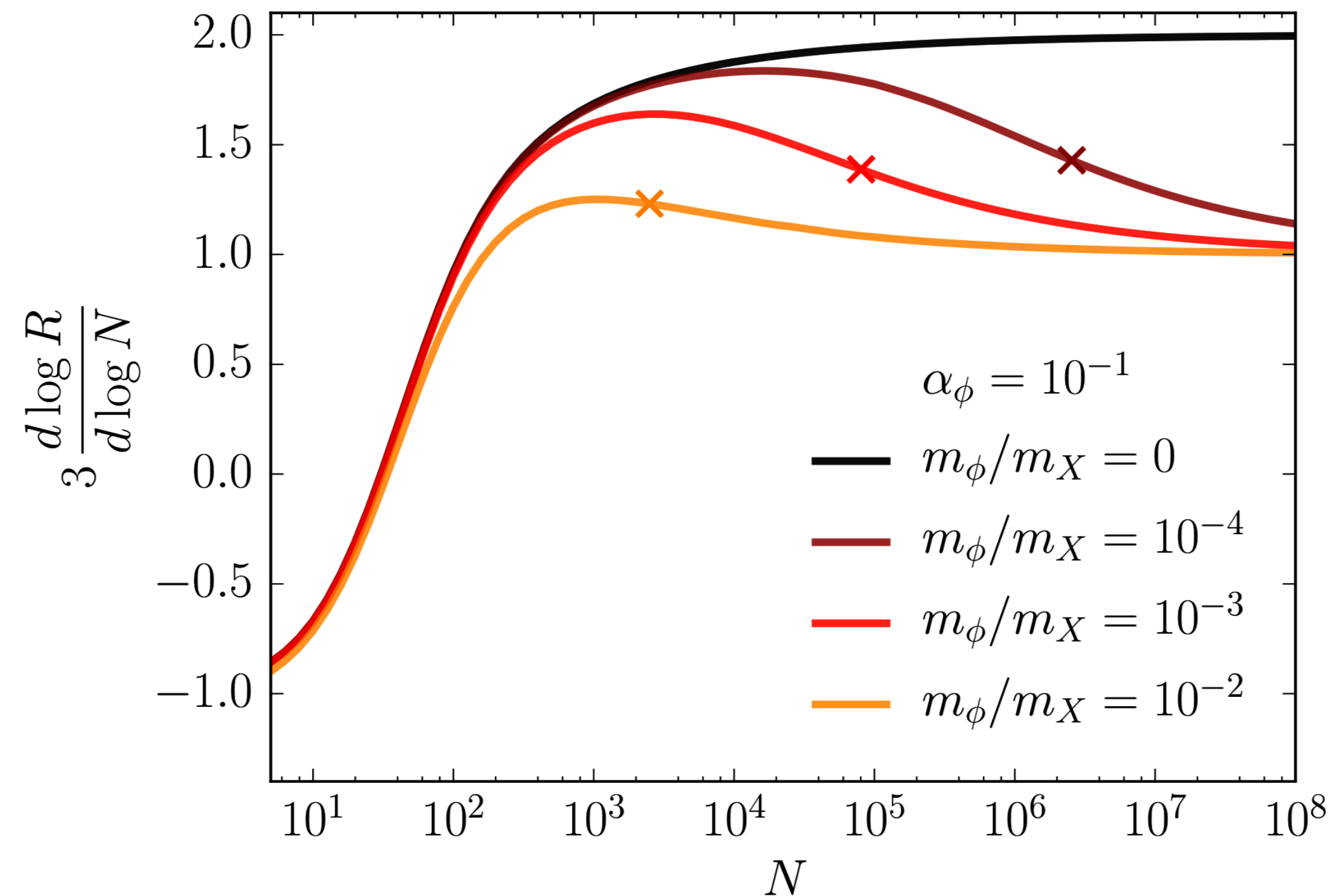
radius

$$BE(N_X) \simeq N_X (m_X - \bar{m}_X)$$

binding energy

# How good is this mean-field approximation?

Numerical studies indicate transition when  $R_X \gtrsim m_\phi^{-1}$



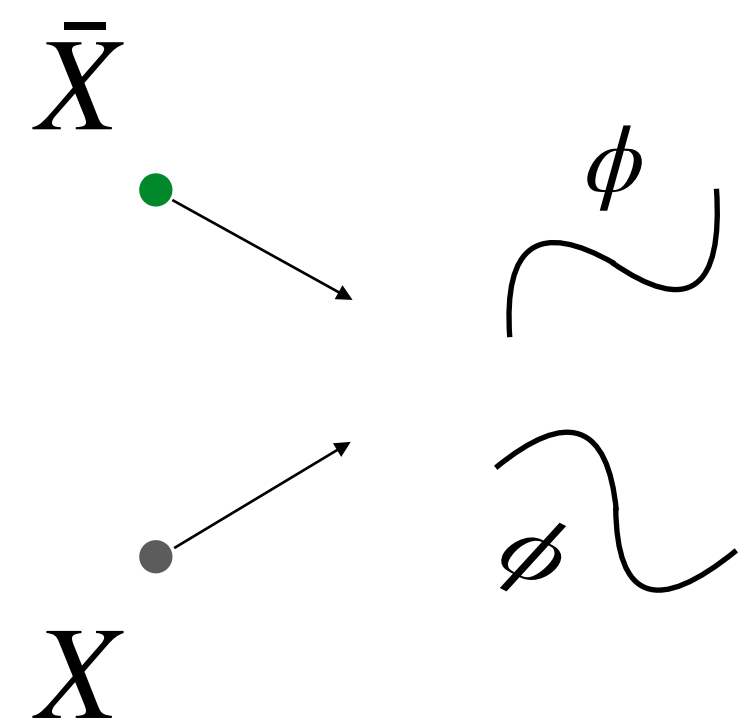
$$R_X \sim m_\phi^{-1} \longrightarrow N_X \simeq \left( \frac{\bar{m}_X}{m_\phi} \right)^3 \simeq 10^{10} \left( \frac{\alpha_X}{0.3} \right)^{-\frac{3}{4}} \left( \frac{m_X}{\text{TeV}} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \left( \frac{m_\phi}{\text{MeV}} \right)^{-2} \quad \text{saturation number}$$

# Cosmological Synthesis

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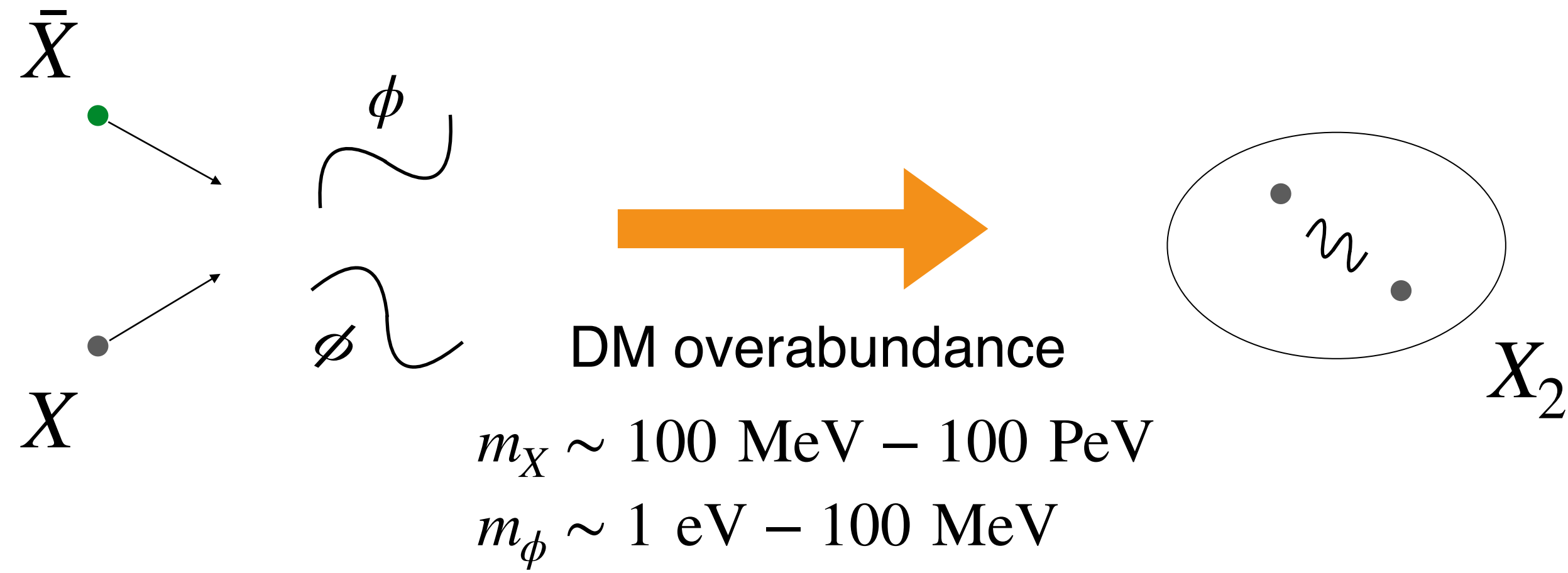
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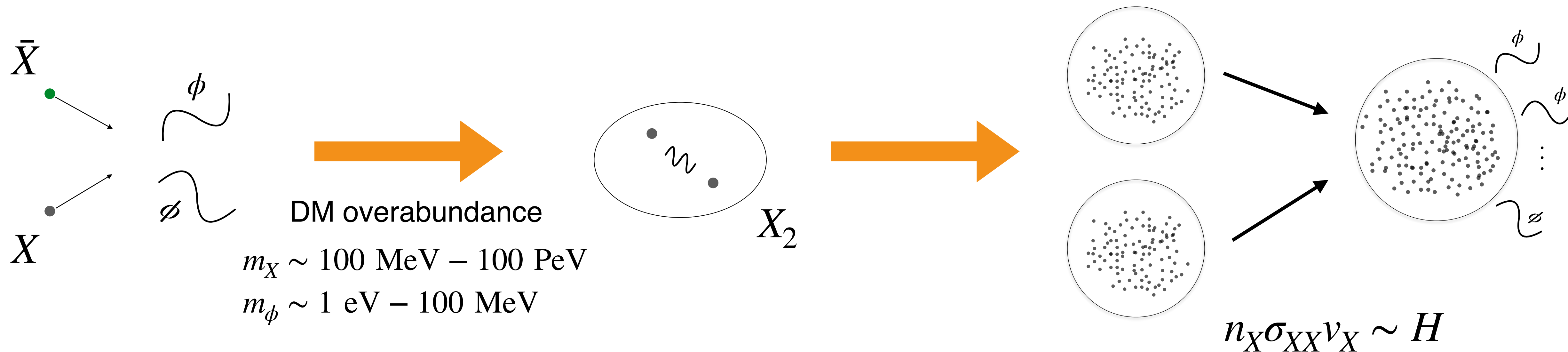
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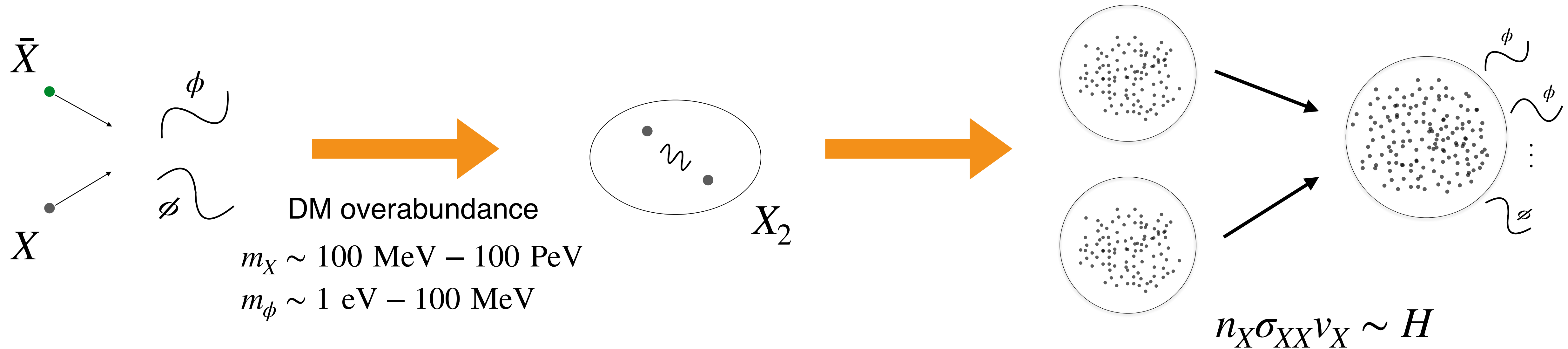
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+ subsequent dilution by a factor  $\zeta$

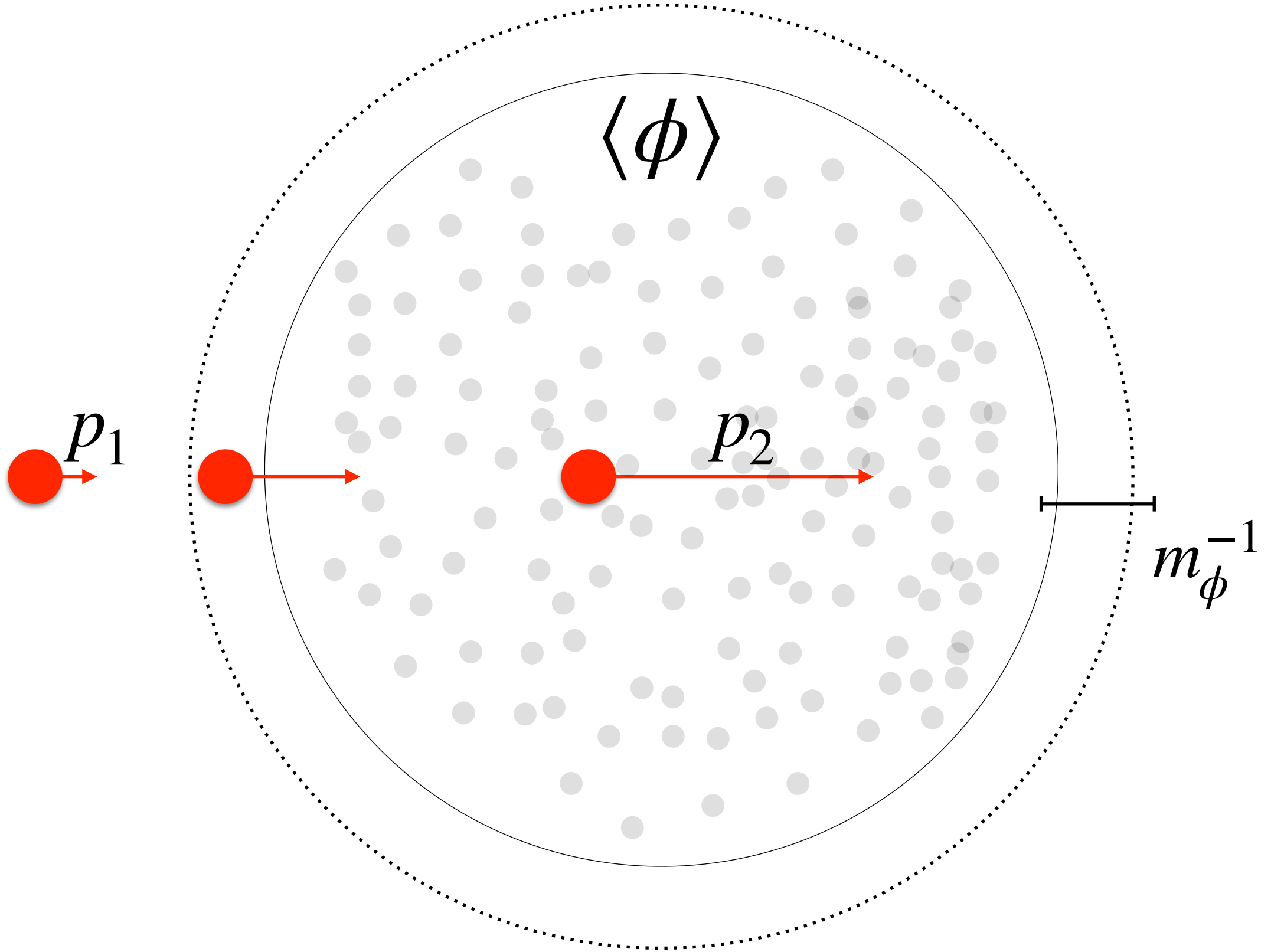
When assembly is complete:

$$10^{10} \text{ GeV} \lesssim M_X \lesssim 10^{45} \text{ GeV}$$

$$100 \text{ fm} \lesssim R_X \lesssim 10 \mu\text{m}$$

# Nuclear Coupling

Add attractive Yukawa interaction:  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{DM}} + g_n \bar{n} \phi n$

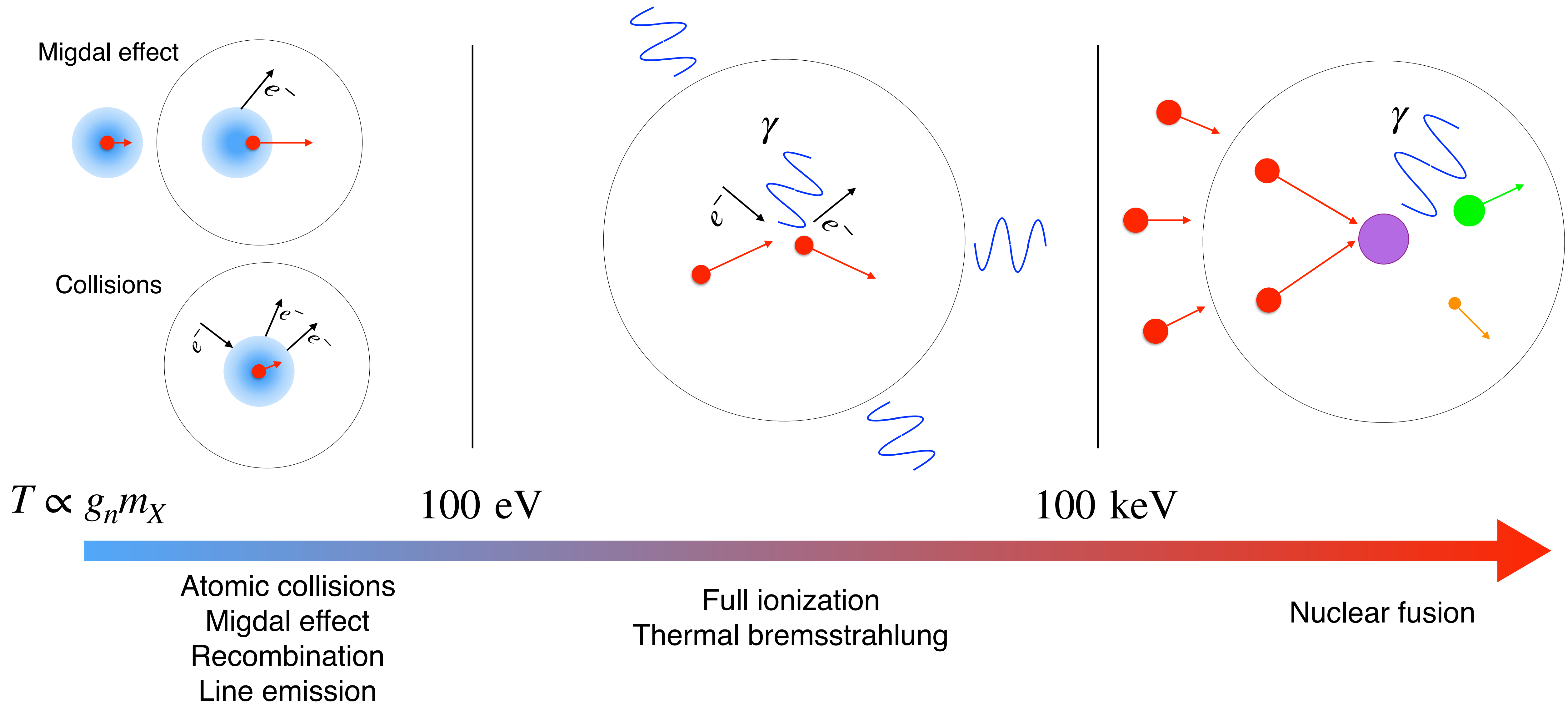


$$p_1^2 + m_N^2 = p_2^2 + (m_N - Ag_n \langle \phi \rangle)^2$$

NR limit

$$\frac{p_2^2 - p_1^2}{2m_N} \simeq Ag_n \langle \phi \rangle \propto g_n m_X$$

# Pheno summary:



# Nucleus-DM Scattering

How much energy nuclei lose as they scatter against DM constituents?

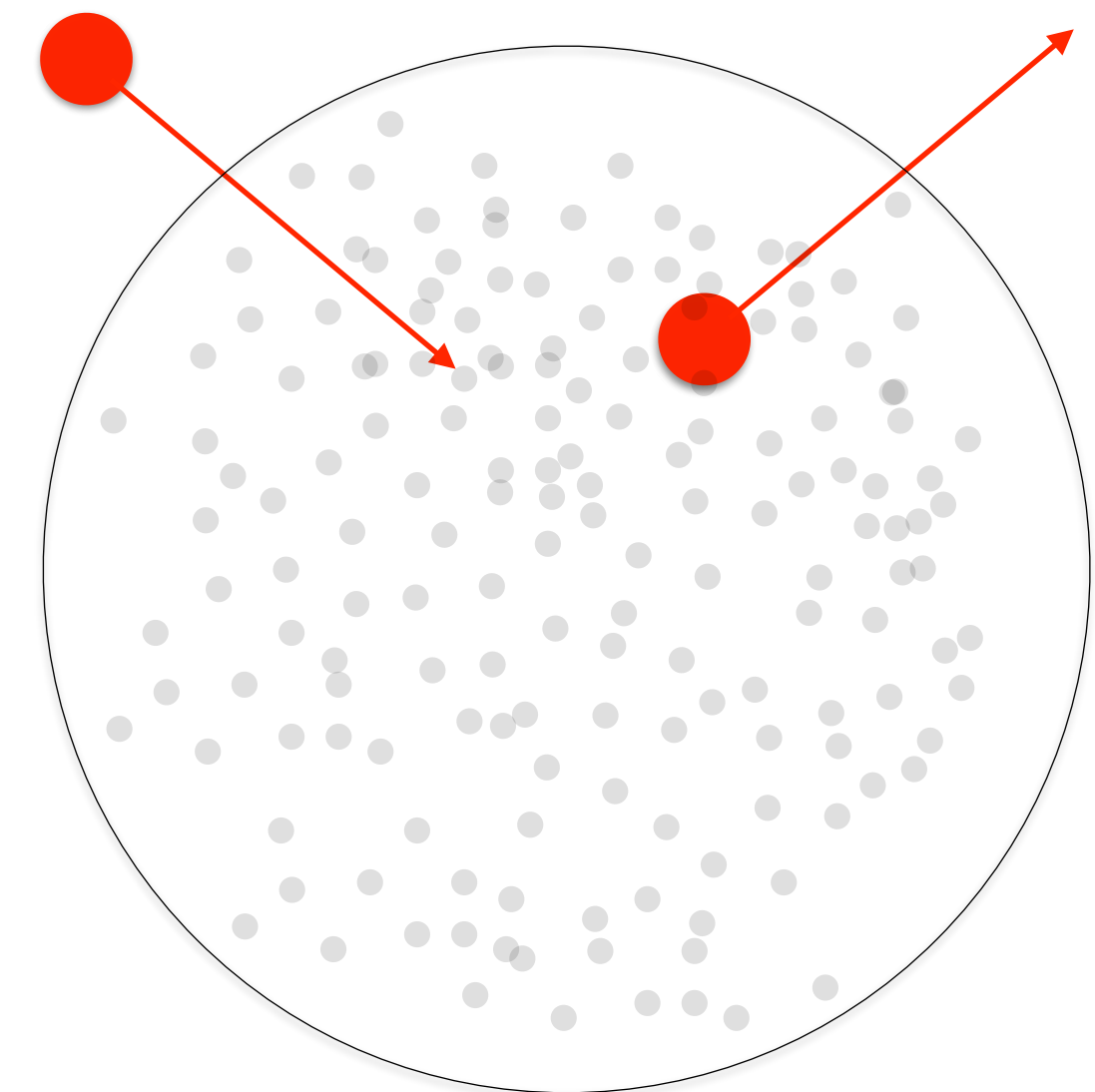
(not much!)

Some considerations:

- Coupling is very constrained:  $g_n \lesssim 10^{-10}$

- Nuclei at most transfer:  $\Delta E \sim \frac{1}{2}m_N v_N^2 \longrightarrow \frac{\Delta E}{p_F} \ll 10^{-4}$

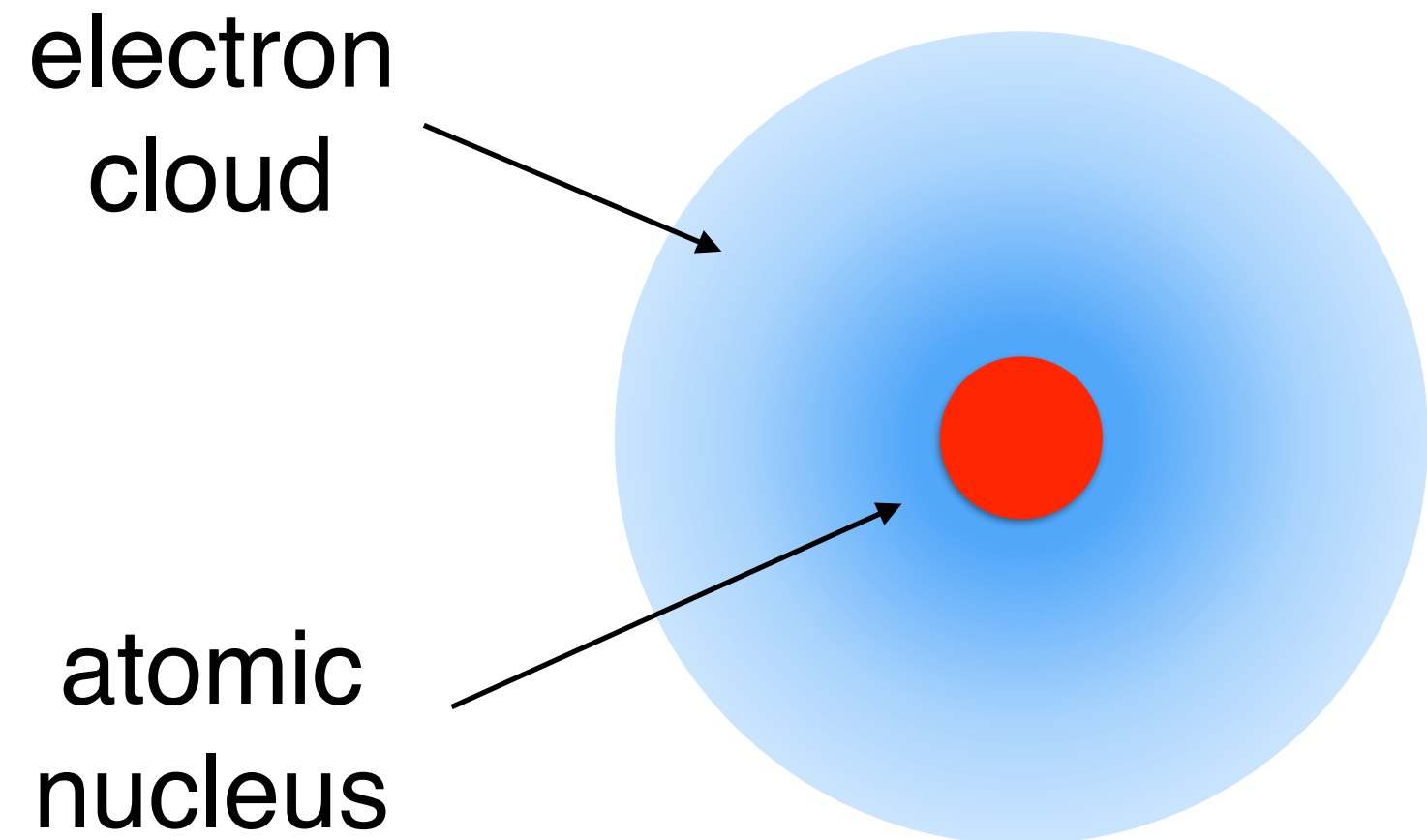
- Proper calculation yields:  $\Gamma_{NX \rightarrow NX^*} \sim g_n^5 \sim \mathcal{O}(10^{-50})$



## **II. Direct Detection Signatures**



# Migdal Effect at Xenon-1T



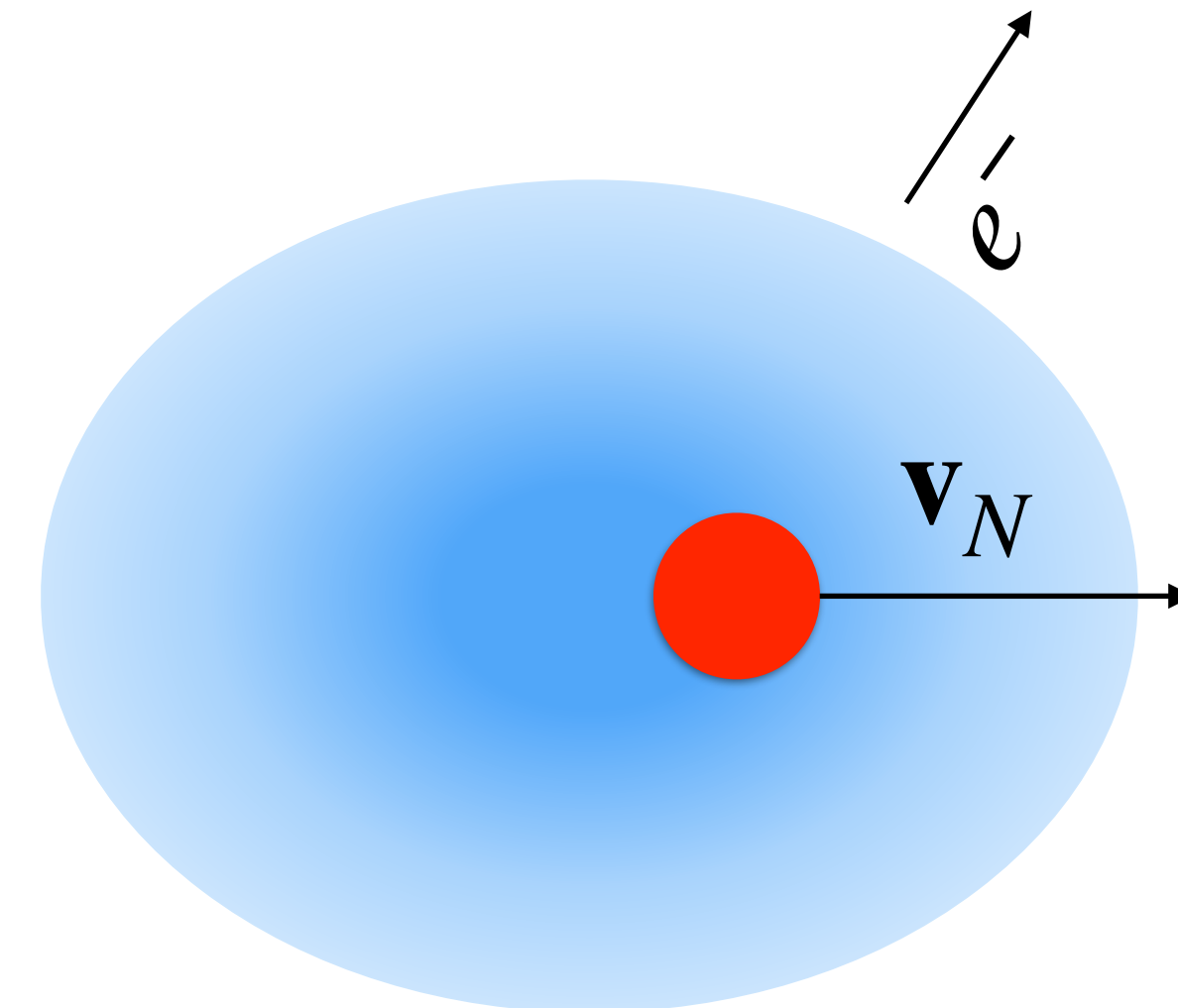
$$|\psi_0\rangle$$

$$\langle \psi_k | \psi_0 \rangle = 0$$

sudden nuclear recoil



e.g.  $\alpha, \beta^\pm$  decay  
DM scattering?



$$|\psi\rangle \simeq e^{\left(-im_e \sum_j \mathbf{v}_N \cdot \hat{\mathbf{x}}_j\right)} |\psi_0\rangle$$

$$\langle \psi_k | \psi \rangle \neq 0$$

How sudden?



$$\Delta t_{\text{recoil}} \ll 10^{-17} \text{ s}$$

(e.g. Xe, Ar)

Migdal approximation



**Ionization prob:**

initial level



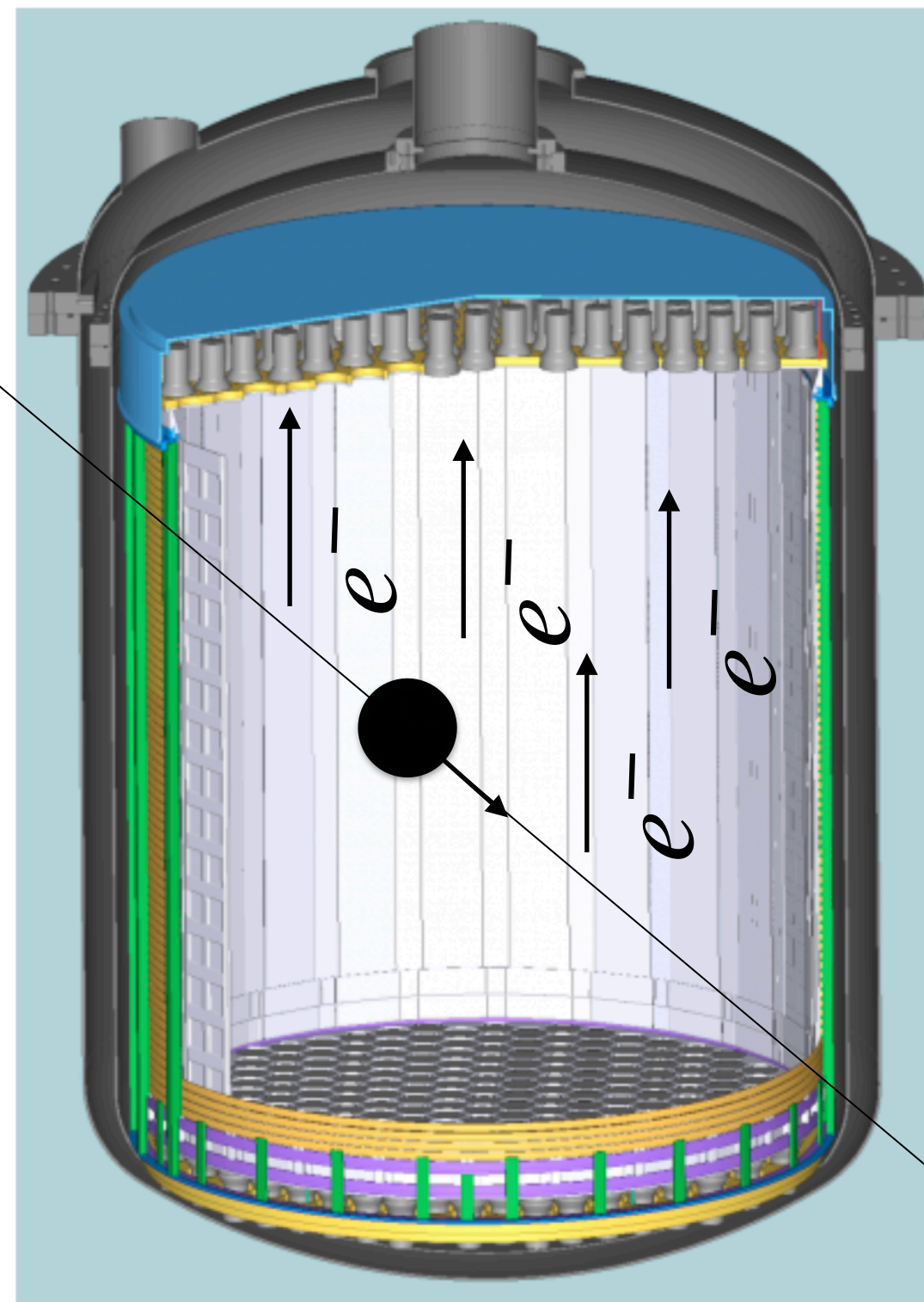
Xe ( $q_e = m_e \times 10^{-3}$ )

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5s	–	–	–	$1.2 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.1 \times 10$	$4.7 \times 10^{-4}$
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Expected number of events:

$$\frac{dR}{dE_R} = \frac{\rho_X}{m_N M_X} \int_{v > v_X^{(min)}} \frac{d\sigma}{dE_R} v f(v) dv \quad \xrightarrow{\text{ionization prob.}} \quad \frac{dR_{ion}}{dE_R dE_e} = \frac{dR}{dE_R} \times \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{n,l} \frac{dp_q}{dE_e}(n, l \rightarrow E_e) \right)$$

Integrate over recoil/electronic energies:

$$\left[ R_{ion} = \left( \frac{4\pi R_X^2 n_X}{m_N} \right) \times \left( \int_{v > v^{(min)}} dv v g(v) \right) \times \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{n,l} \int dE_e \varepsilon(E_{em}) \frac{dp_q}{dE_e}(n, l \rightarrow E_e) \right) \right. \quad \text{event rate}$$

$$\left. E_{em} = E_{nl} + E_e \sim \mathcal{O}(\text{keV}) \quad \text{total e.m. energy} \right.$$

Xenon-1t's 1<sup>st</sup> DM search exposure:

$$N_{ion} \simeq (98 \text{ kg yr}) R_{ion} \simeq 10 \left( \frac{m_X}{\text{TeV}} \right)^{-\frac{2}{5}} \left( \frac{m_\phi}{\text{MeV}} \right)^{-\frac{4}{5}} \left( \frac{g_n}{10^{-17}} \right) \left( \frac{\alpha_X}{0.3} \right)^{-\frac{1}{10}}$$

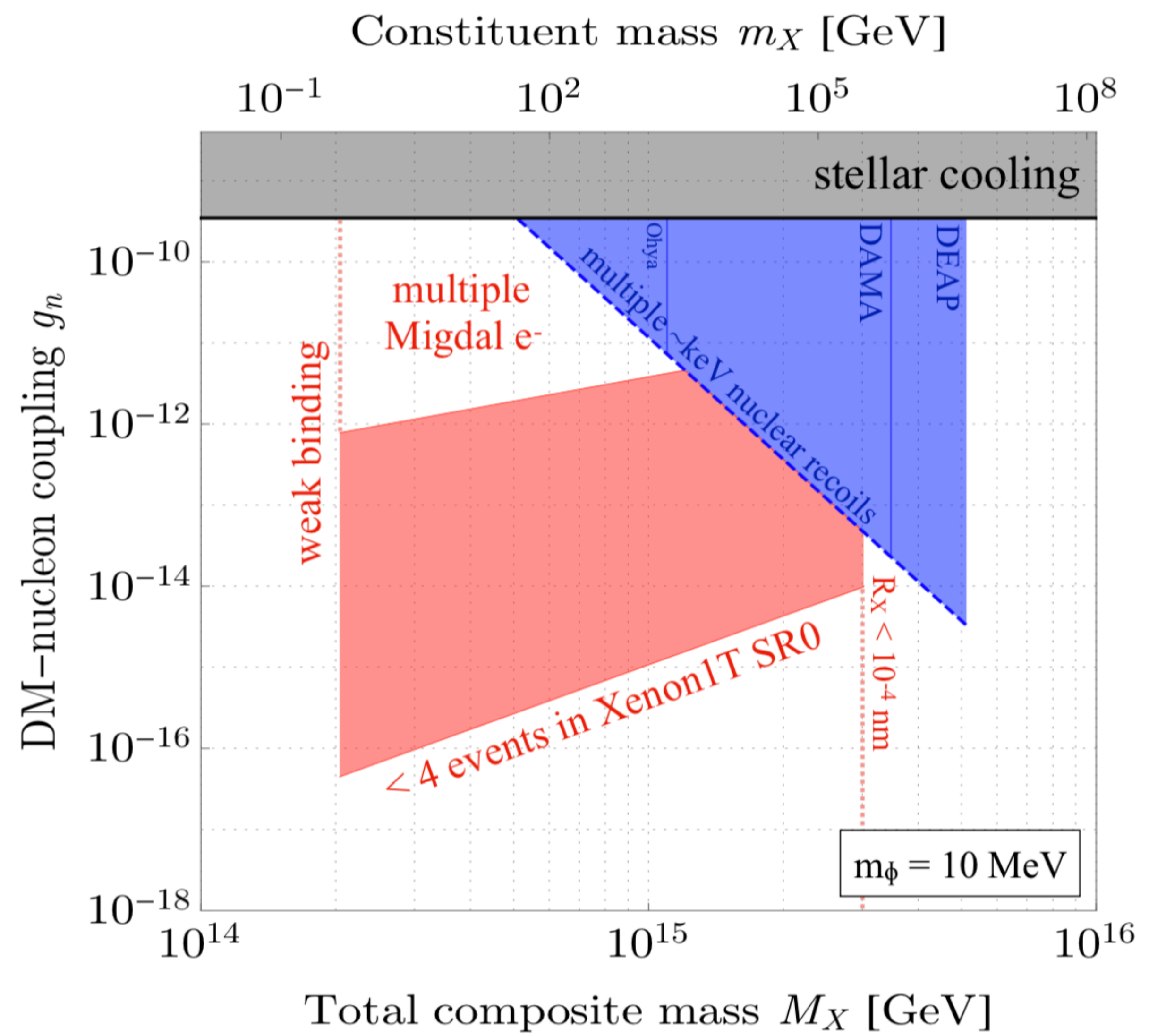
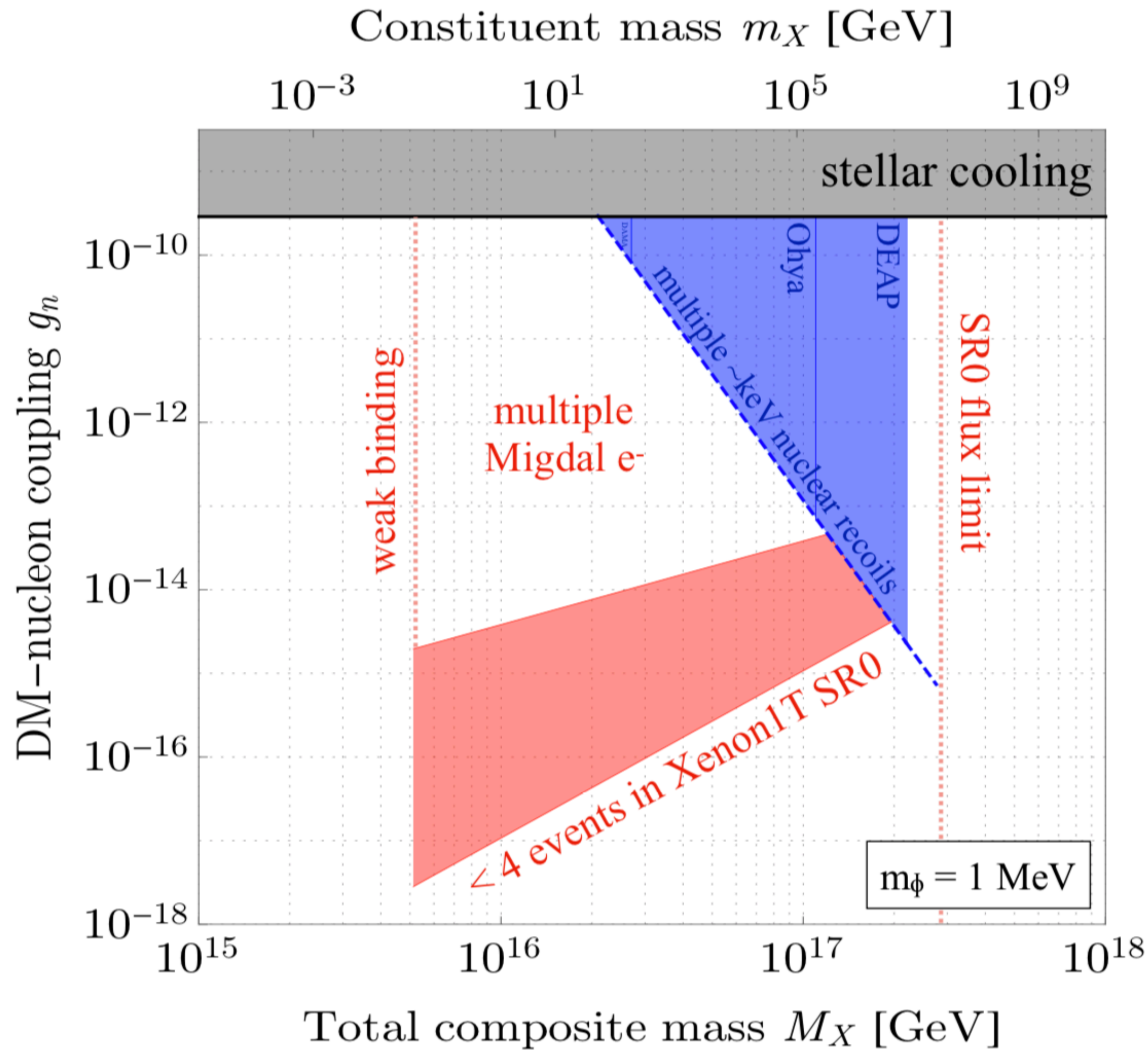
Can also compute # ionization events during single transit:

$$N_{transit} \simeq (2\pi R_X^2 n_N L_{det}) \times \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{n,l} \int dE_e \varepsilon(E_{em}) \frac{dp_q}{dE_e}(n, l \rightarrow E_e) \right)$$

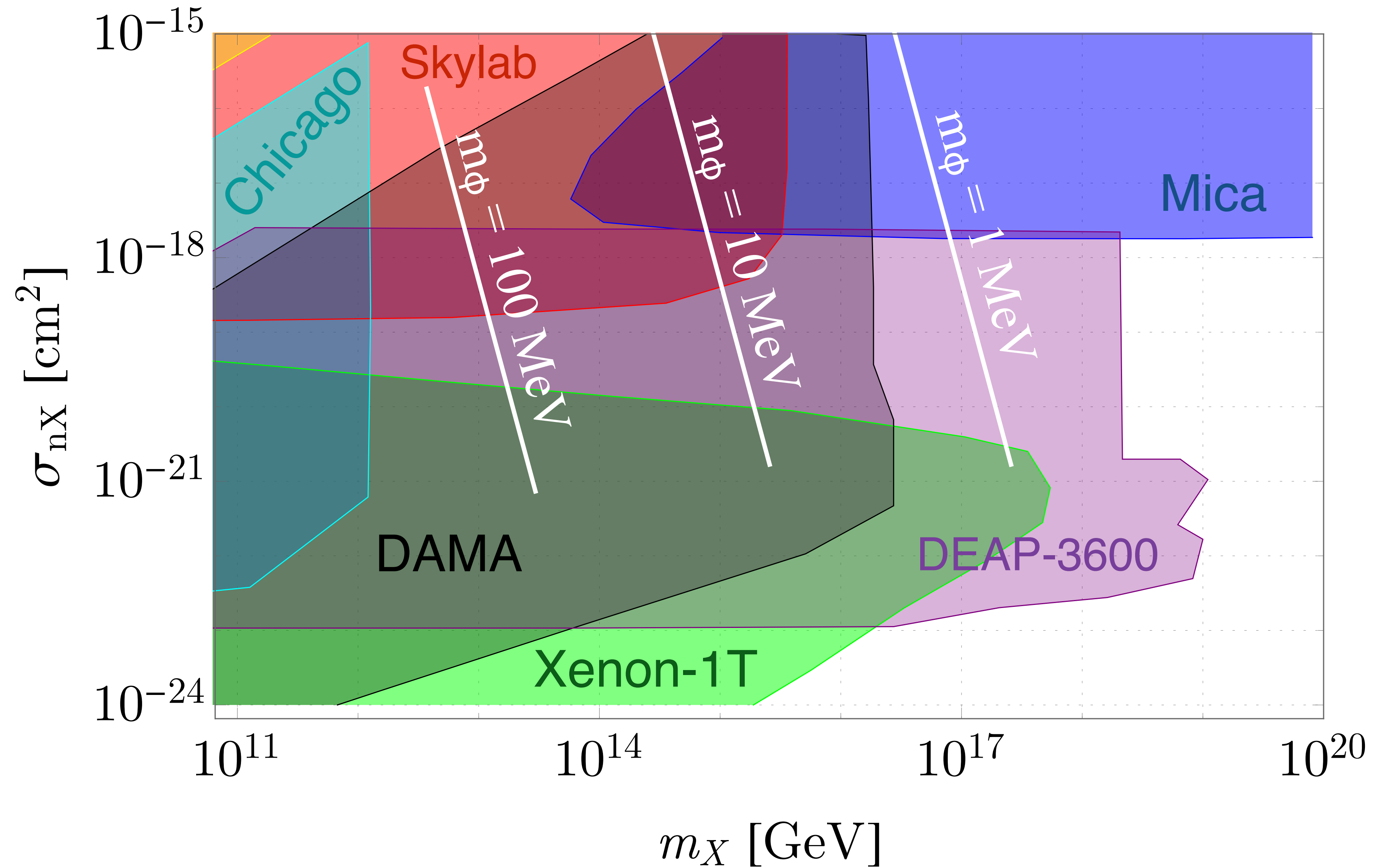
$$N_{transit} \simeq 10^7 \left( \frac{R_X}{\text{nm}} \right)^2 \left( \frac{m_X}{\text{TeV}} \right) \left( \frac{g_n}{10^{-17}} \right) \left( \frac{\alpha_X}{0.3} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$



# Constraints obtained at $\alpha_X = 0.3$



# Landscape of experimental bounds:



# Large Composite Detection

In most of parameter space, composites have masses  $M_X \gtrsim M_P$

DD experiments require  $\sim 1$  event per year:

$$\frac{\rho_X v_X A_{\text{det}} t_{\text{exp}}}{M_X^{\text{max}}} \sim 1$$

$\rho_X \simeq 0.3 \text{ GeV cm}^{-3}$   
 $v_X \simeq 220 \text{ km s}^{-1}$   
 $\longrightarrow$   
 $A_{\text{det}} \simeq 10^3 \text{ cm}^2$   
 $t_{\text{exp}} \sim 10 \text{ yrs}$

$$M_X^{\text{max}} \simeq 10^{18} \text{ GeV} \quad \text{e.g. Xenon-1T, DEAP, LZ}$$

Need  $A_{\text{det}} \gg 10^3 \text{ cm}^2 \longrightarrow$  IceCube, SNO+



Where in parameter space may these experiments have sensitivity?

- Maximum composite mass:

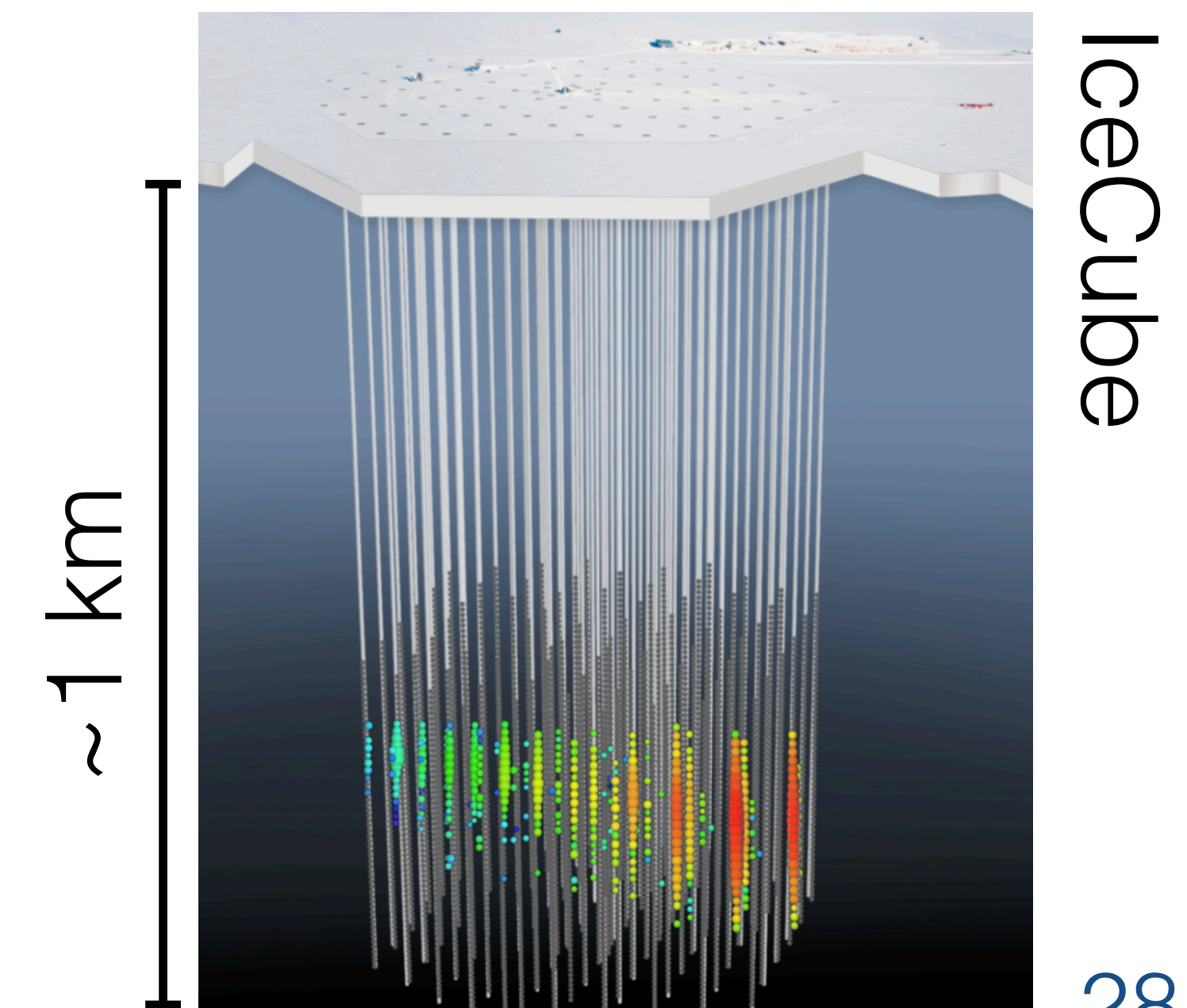
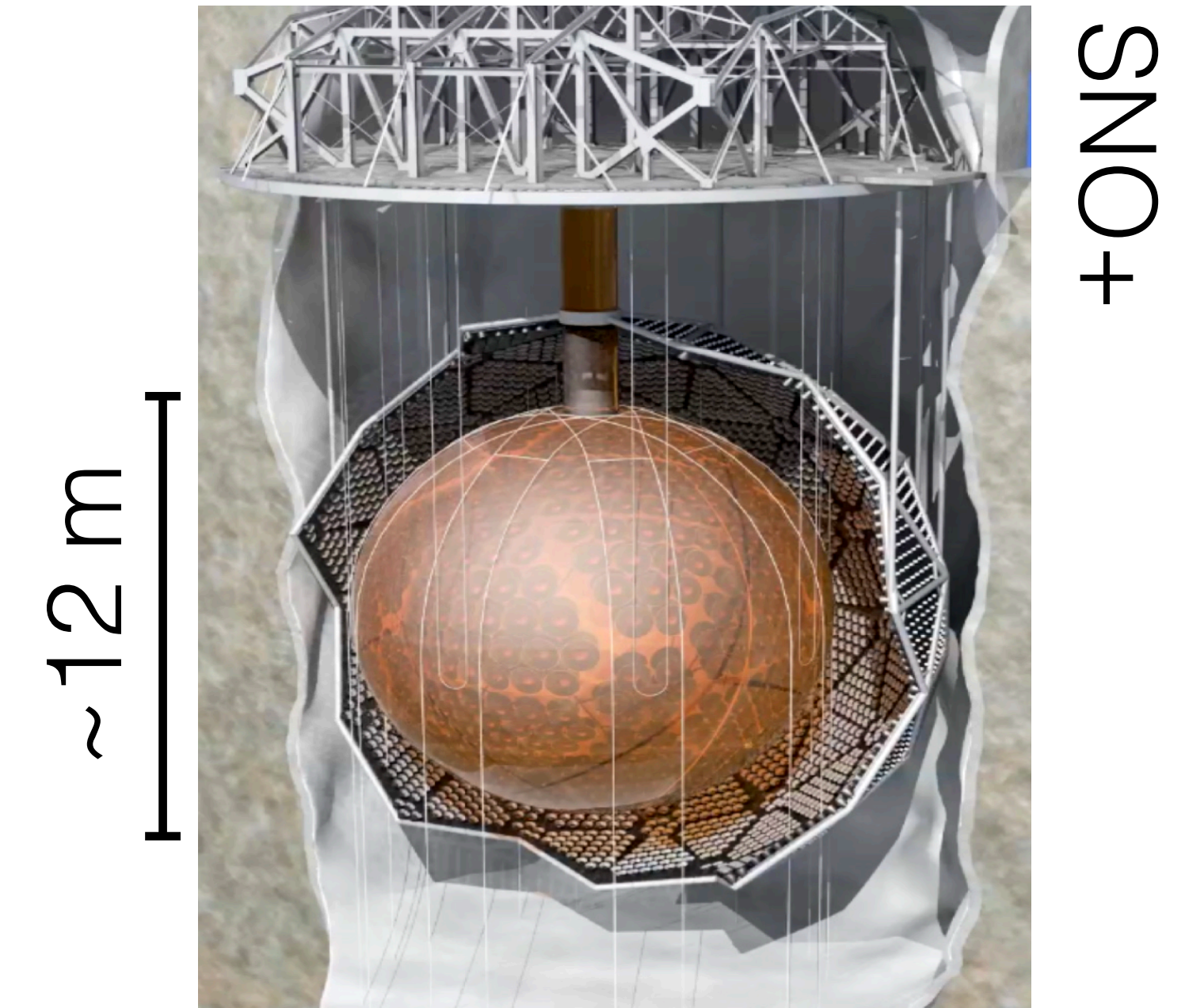
SNO+:  $M_X^{max} \simeq 10^{22} \text{ GeV}$

IceCube:  $M_X^{max} \simeq 3 \times 10^{25} \text{ GeV}$

- Triggering detectors:

SNO+:  $\sim 1 \text{ MeV per } 100 \text{ ns} \longrightarrow \dot{E} \simeq 10^4 \text{ GeV s}^{-1}$

IceCube:  $\sim 10 \text{ TeV per } 100 \text{ ns} \longrightarrow \dot{E} \simeq 10^{11} \text{ GeV s}^{-1}$

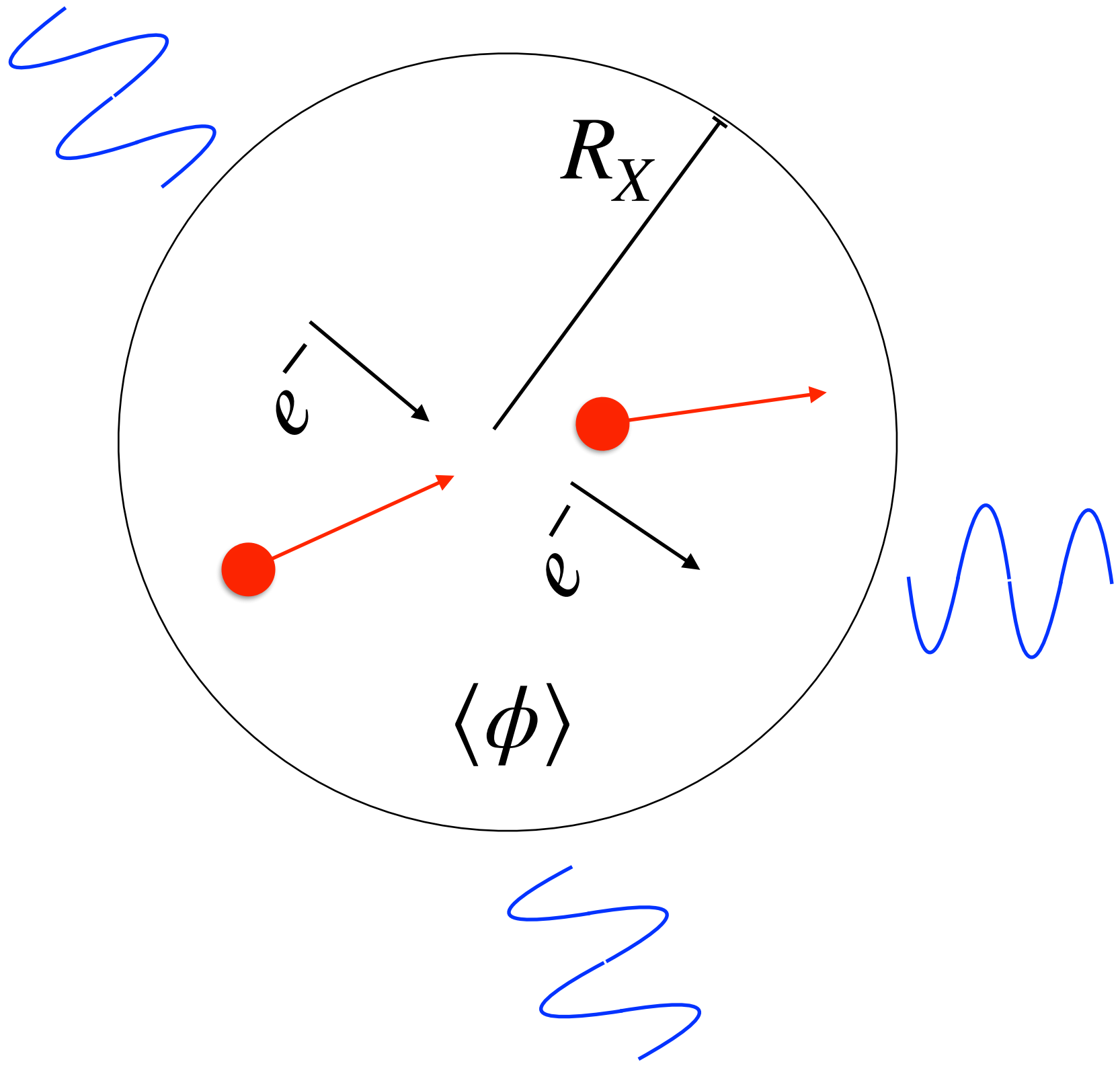




# 1) Thermal bremsstrahlung

Low-Z atoms are fully ionized at  $T \gtrsim 100 \text{ eV}$

$\gamma$  mean free path:  $(n_e \sigma_T)^{-1} \simeq 5 \text{ cm} \gg R_X \longrightarrow$  photons stream out w/out scattering

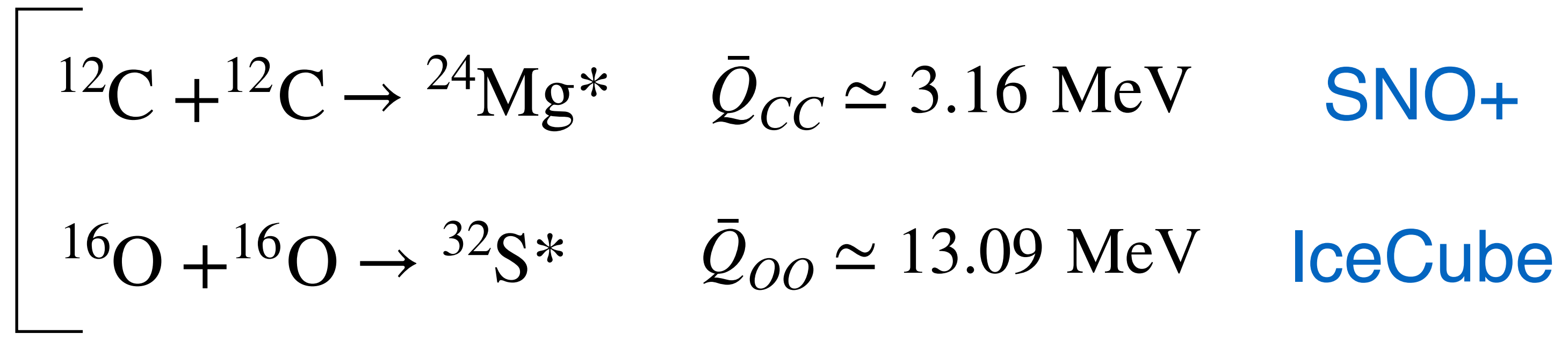
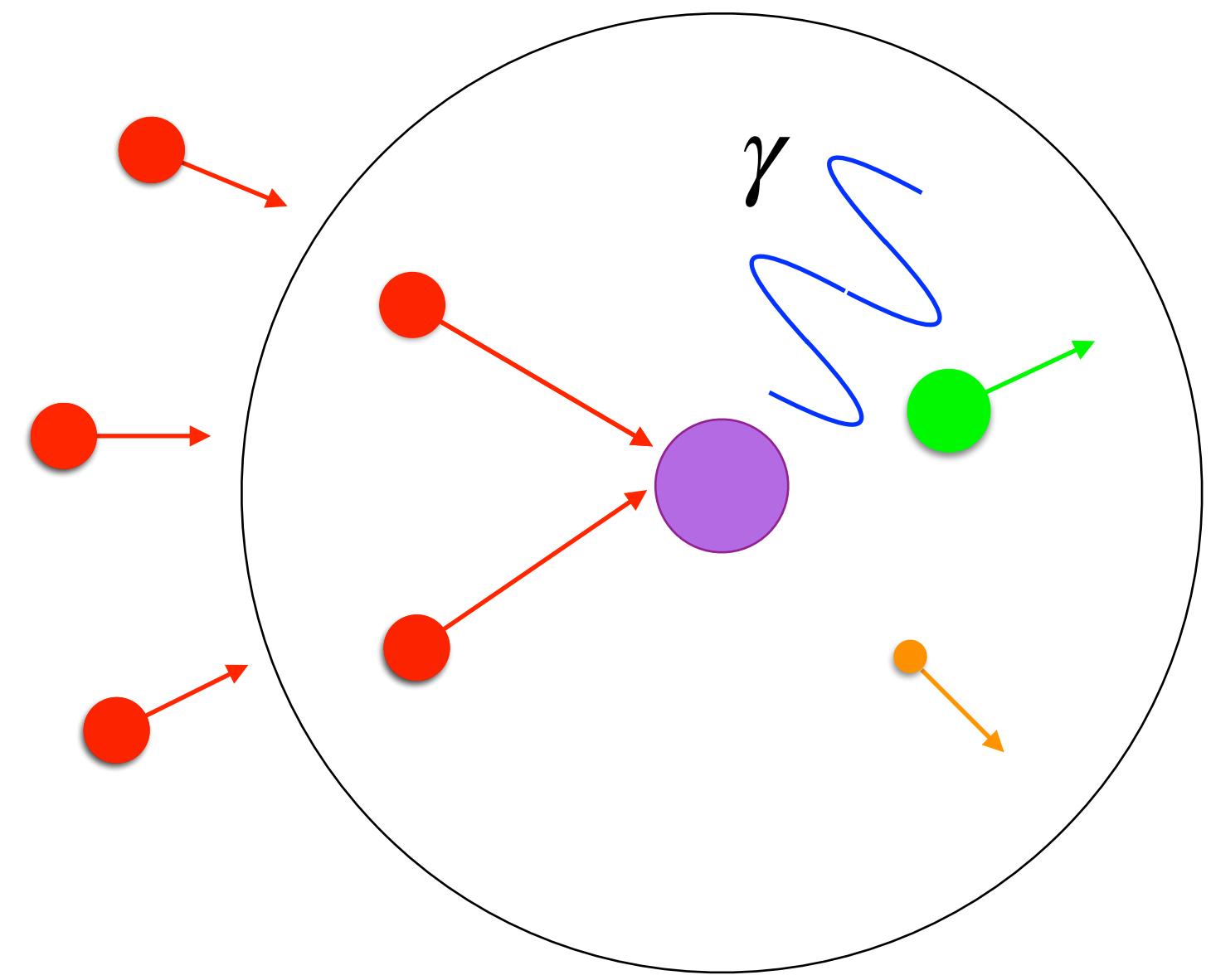


$$\dot{E}_{brem} \sim \left( \frac{e^6 n_e^2}{m_e^2} \right) \int e^{-\frac{\hbar\omega}{T}} d\omega dV \simeq$$

$$\simeq 10^{10} \text{ GeV s}^{-1} \left( \frac{m_X}{\text{TeV}} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \left( \frac{R_X}{\text{nm}} \right)^3 \left( \frac{g_n}{10^{-10}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

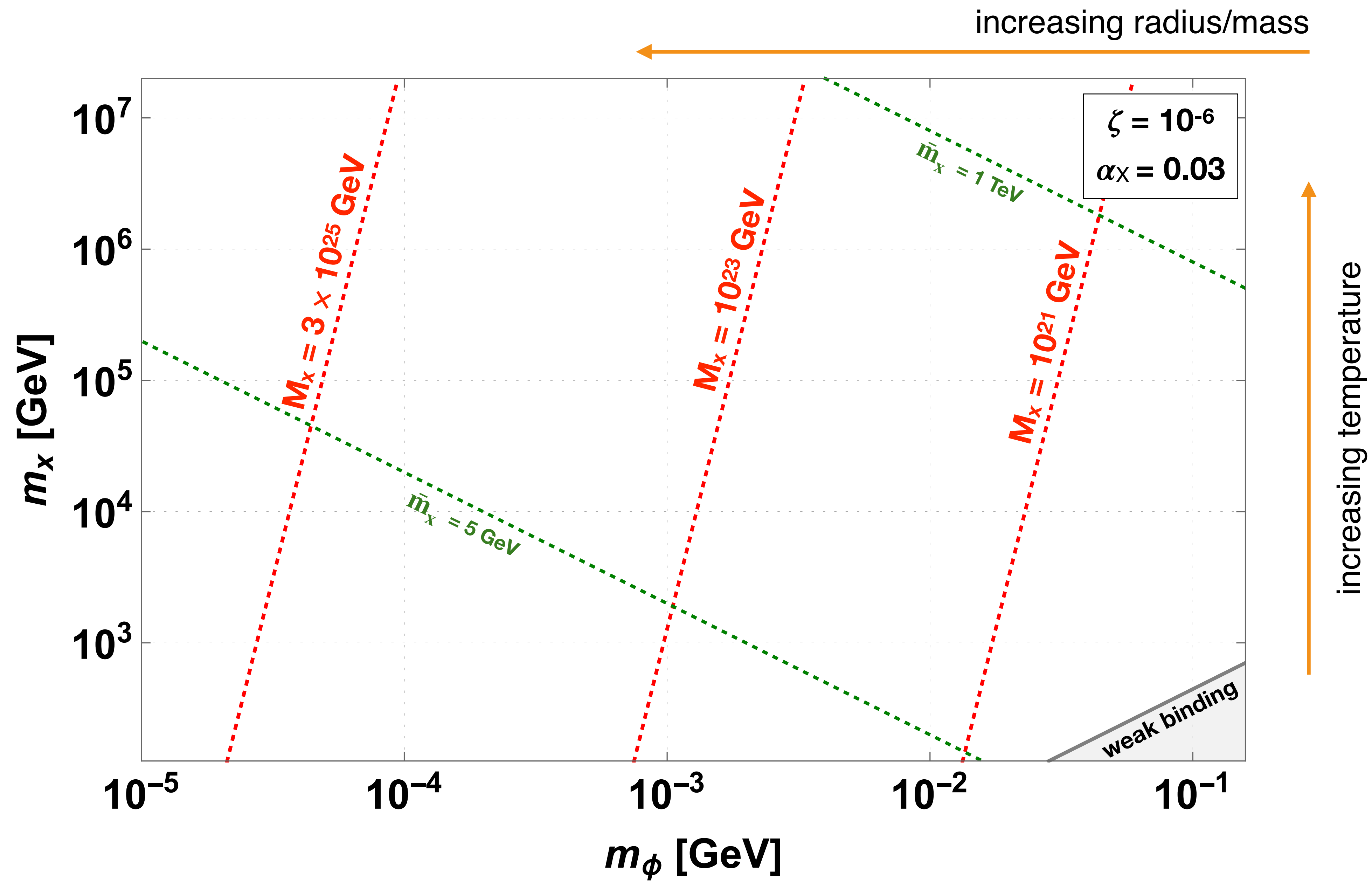
integrated bremsstrahlung rate

## 2) Thermonuclear fusion

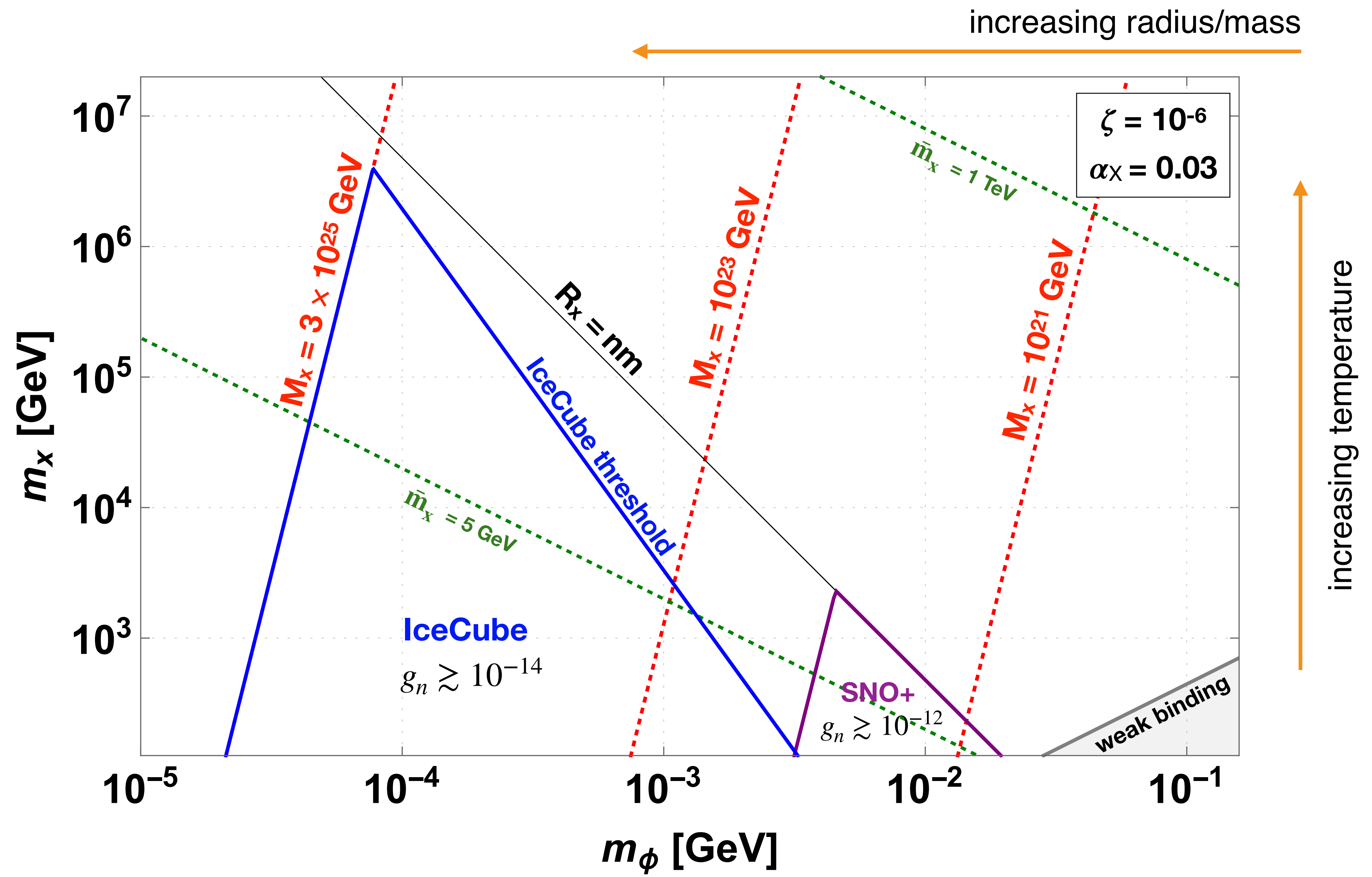


At least  $\sim 1$  reaction per composite crossing:  $\frac{\dot{R}_{th}(T)R_X^3L_{det}}{v_X} \sim 1$

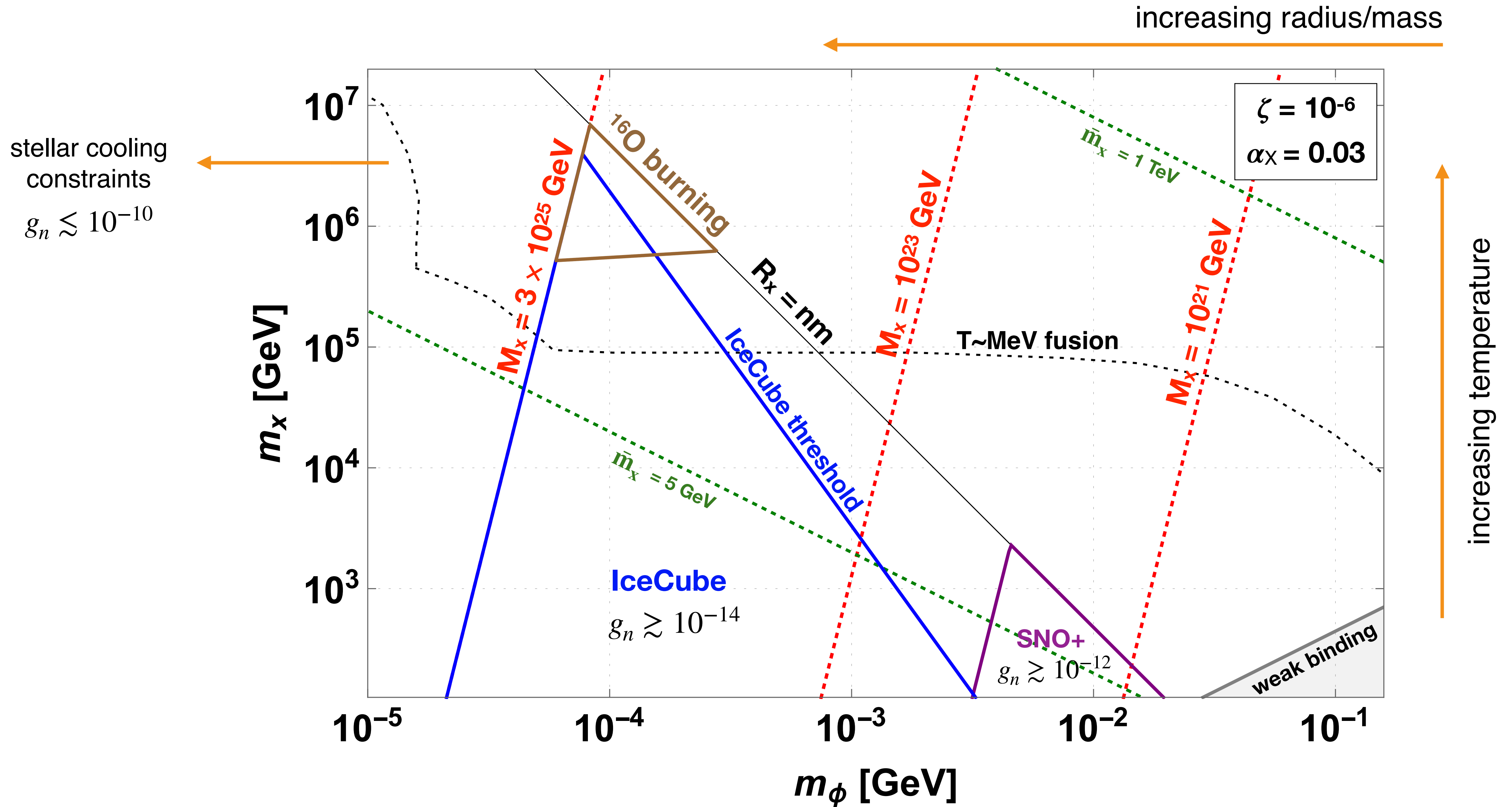
Parameter space for detection:



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In summary:

## Composite Detection

“Light”,  
very-weakly  
coupled

Heavy,  
weakly  
coupled

Large DD experiments

Neutrino observatories

Migdal effect probes

$$g_n \sim 10^{-17}$$

$$10^{11} \text{ GeV} \lesssim M_X \lesssim 10^{17} \text{ GeV}$$

Bremsstrahlung, fusion probes

$$g_n \sim 10^{-14}$$

$$10^{20} \text{ GeV} \lesssim M_X \lesssim 10^{25} \text{ GeV}$$

# **III. Astrophysical Signatures**

# Astrophysical Capture

Composites are efficiently stopped via dissipation processes:

Heat conduction

Ionization

Thermal radiation



$$T \propto g_n m_X$$

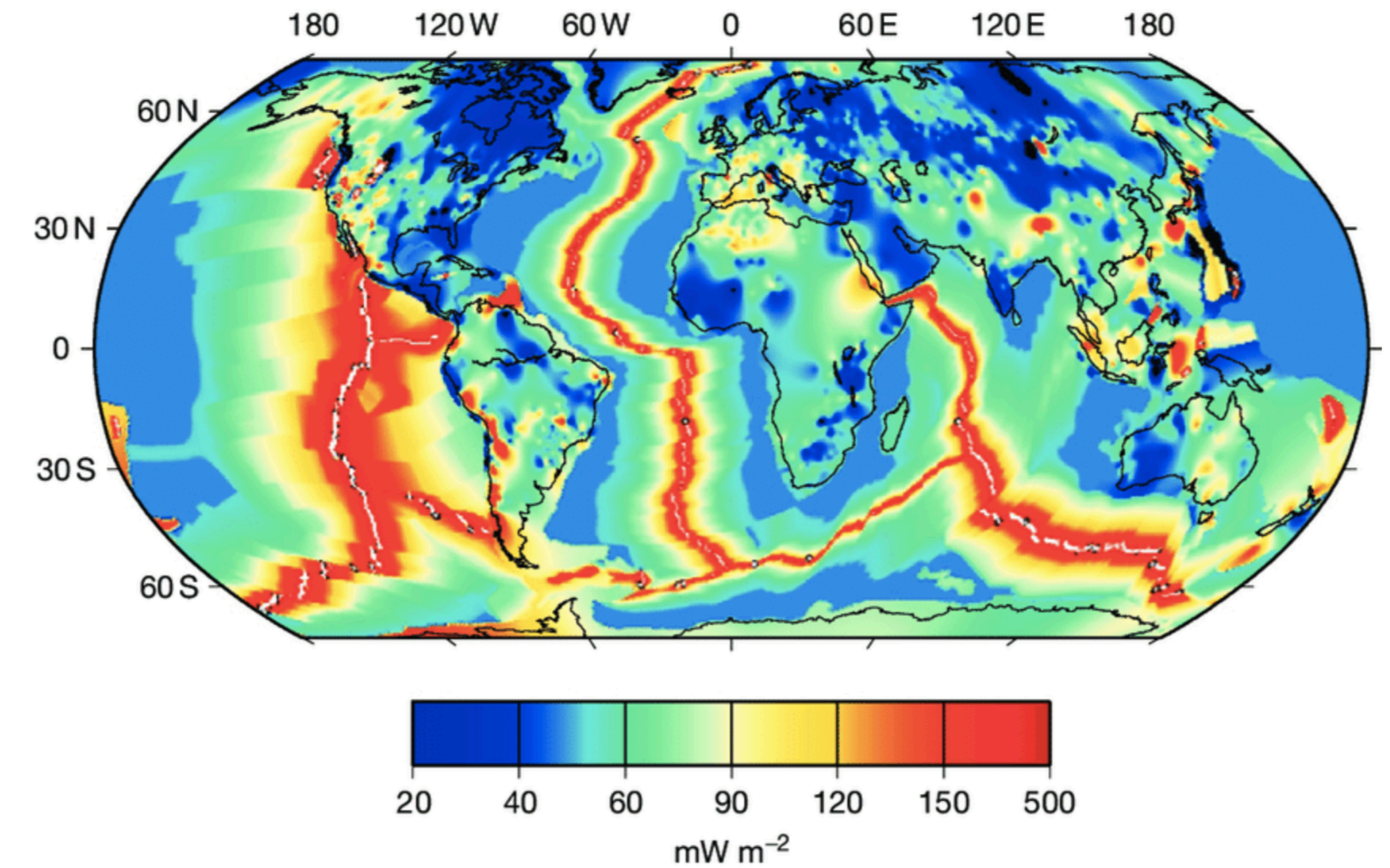
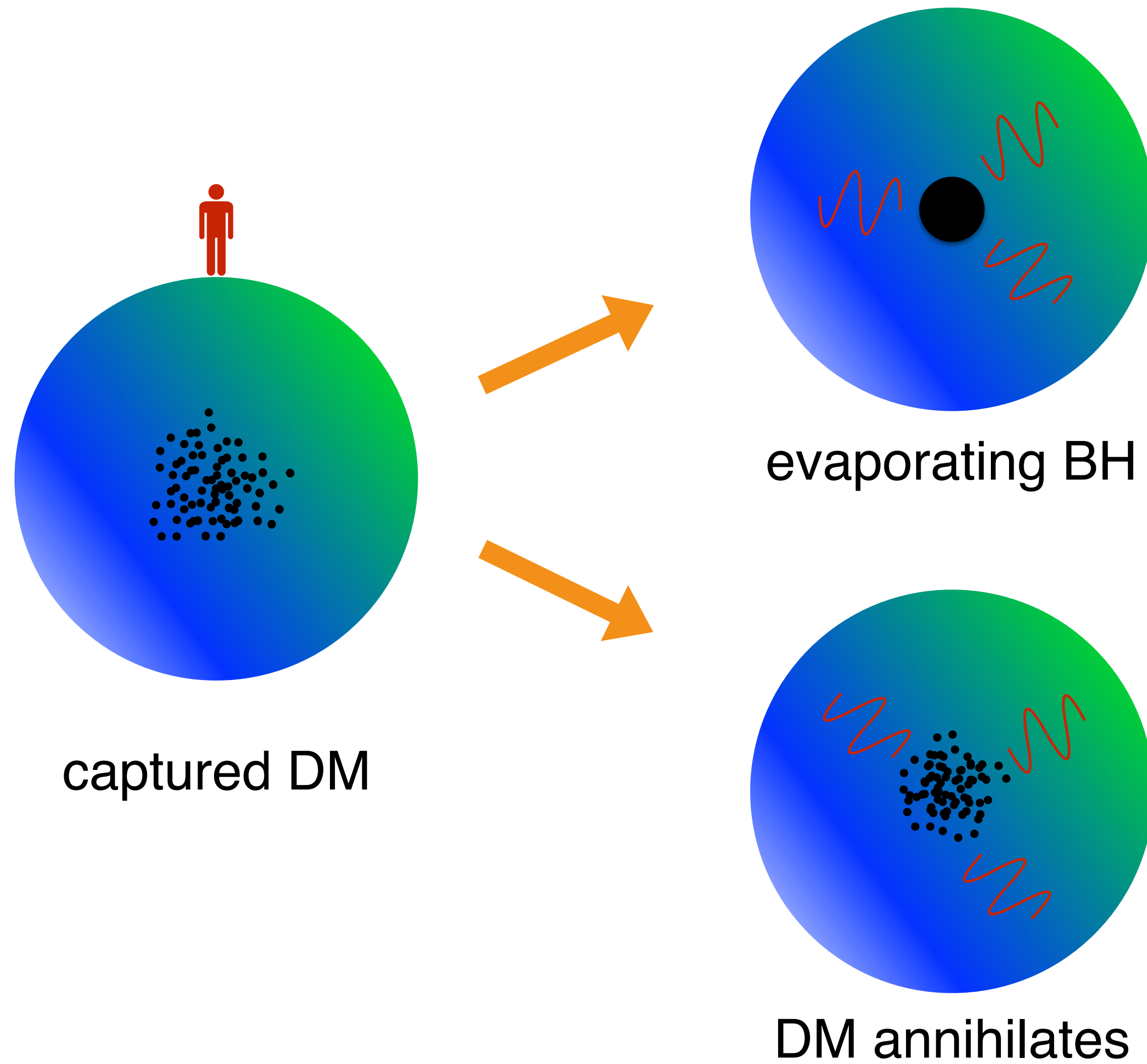
e.g. with thermal bremsstrahlung:

$$L_{stop} \simeq 10^{-2} \text{ km} \left( \frac{m_X}{\text{TeV}} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \left( \frac{m_\phi}{\text{keV}} \right)^2 \left( \frac{g_n}{10^{-10}} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \quad \text{at } \rho \sim 1 \text{ g cm}^{-3}$$

**What are the signatures of composites accumulating in stellar objects?**



One possibility: Earth heating!



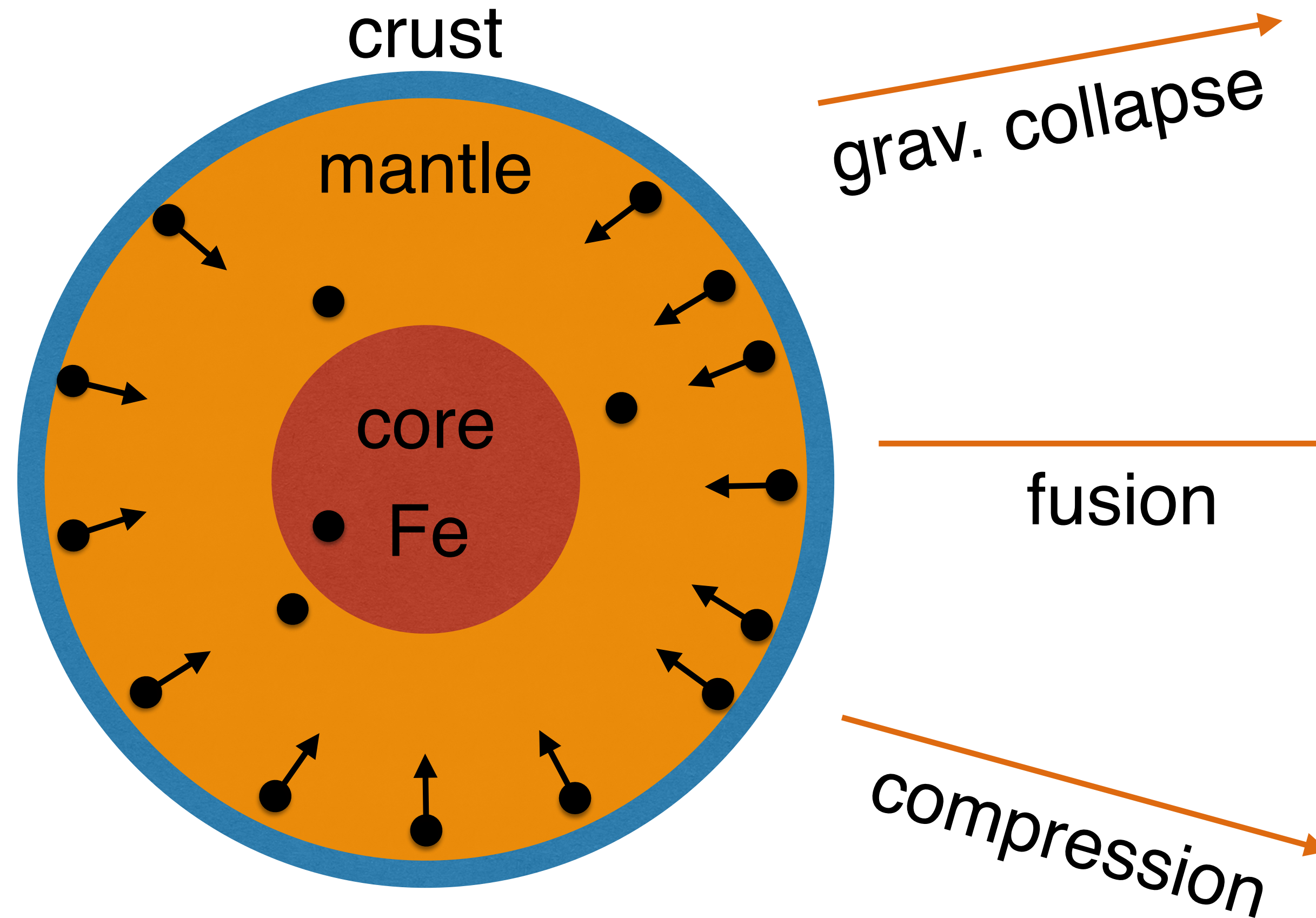
$$\dot{Q}_{\oplus} \sim 44 \text{ TW}$$

rule out parameter space where:

$$\dot{Q}_{DM}(\sigma_{NX}, \dots) \gtrsim \dot{Q}_{\oplus}$$



# Different heating processes:



$$M_{crit} \sim \frac{M_{pl}^3}{\bar{m}_X^2} \gtrsim 10^{55} \text{ GeV}$$

but capture rate is  $\dot{M}_X \simeq 10^{25} \text{ GeV s}^{-1}$

$$\dot{E} \sim \bar{Q} \dot{R}_{th} R_X^3 \longrightarrow \dot{Q}_{fus} \lesssim \dot{Q}_{\oplus}$$

$$\Delta E \sim n_N R_X^3 \langle \phi \rangle \sim \text{MeV } \bar{m}_X^{-4}$$

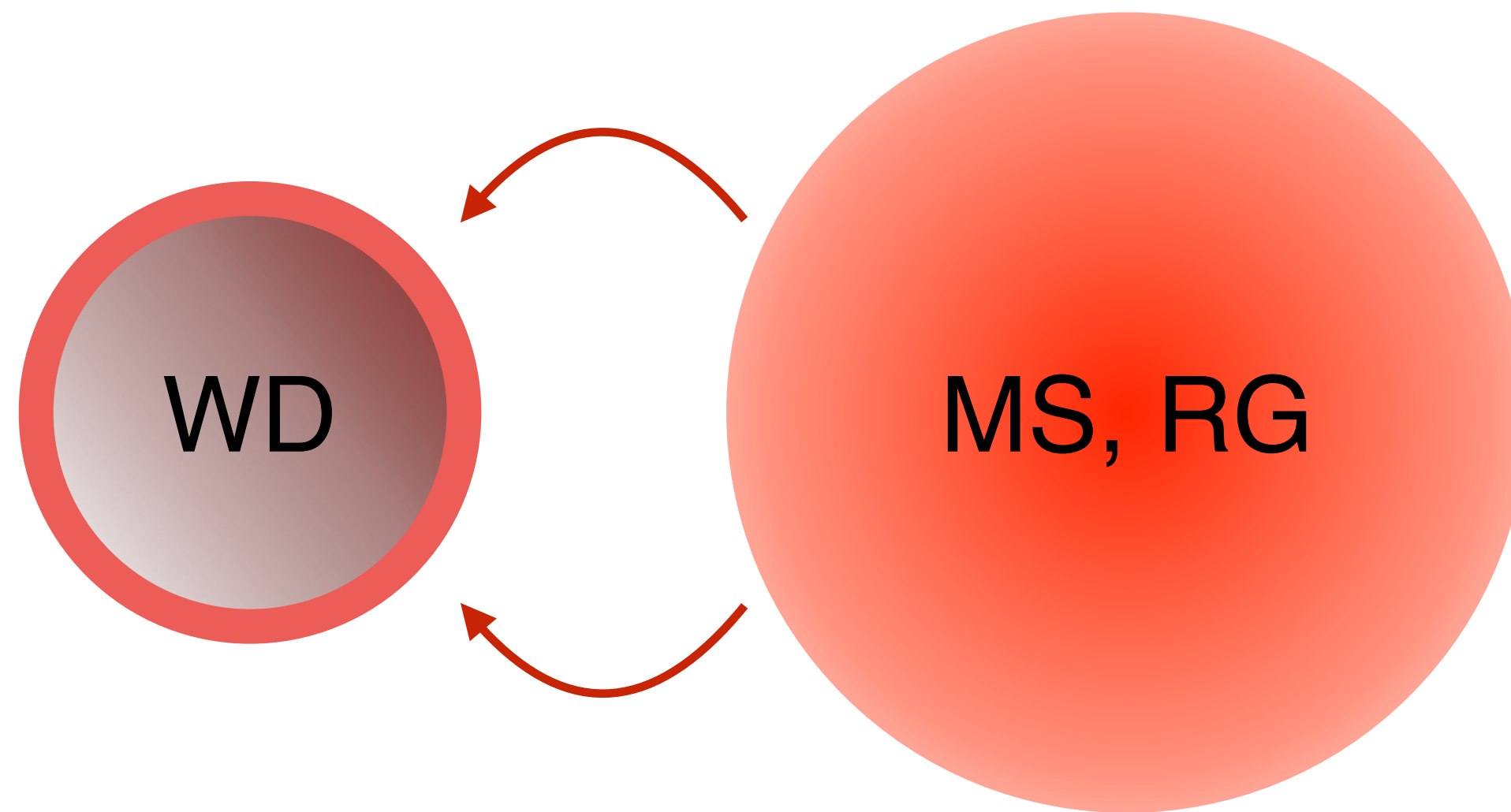
$$\dot{Q}_{comp} \gtrsim \dot{Q}_{\oplus} \text{ for } \bar{m}_X \lesssim \text{GeV}$$

# Type-Ia Supernovae

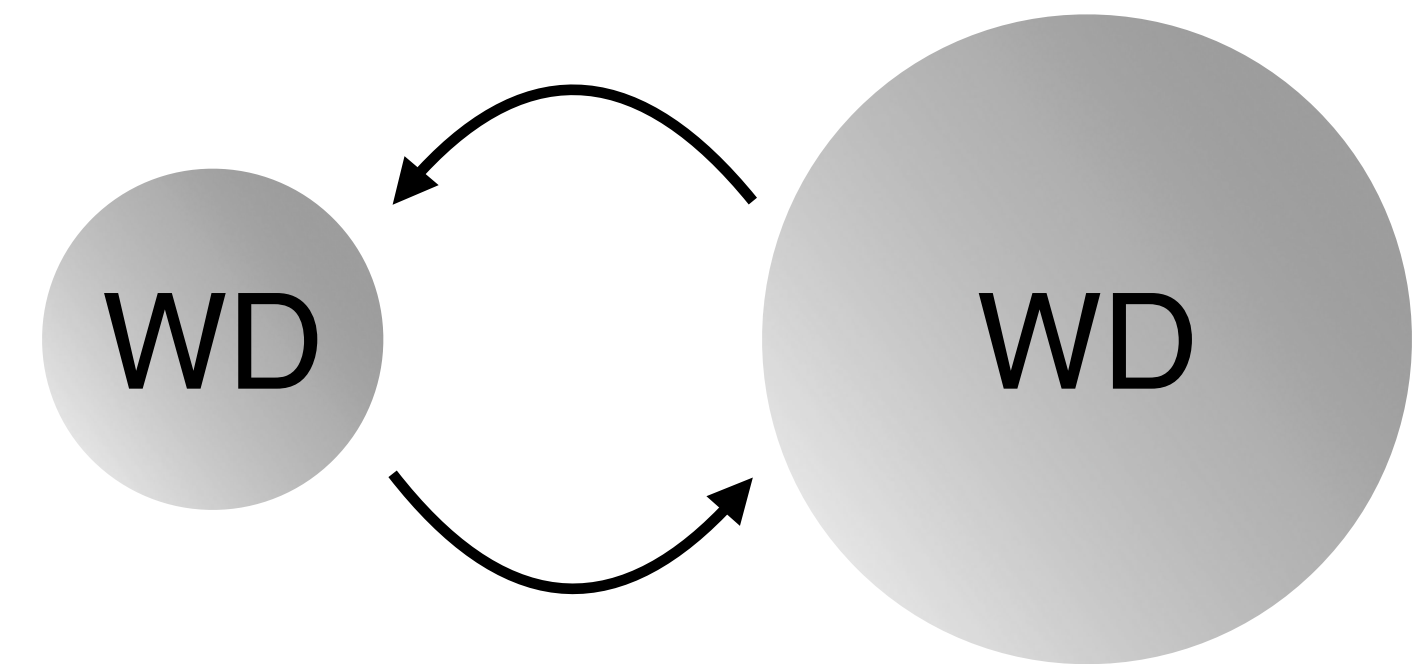
- Thermonuclear explosions of white dwarfs
- Standard candles
- Exact trigger channel/s still debated:



single WD

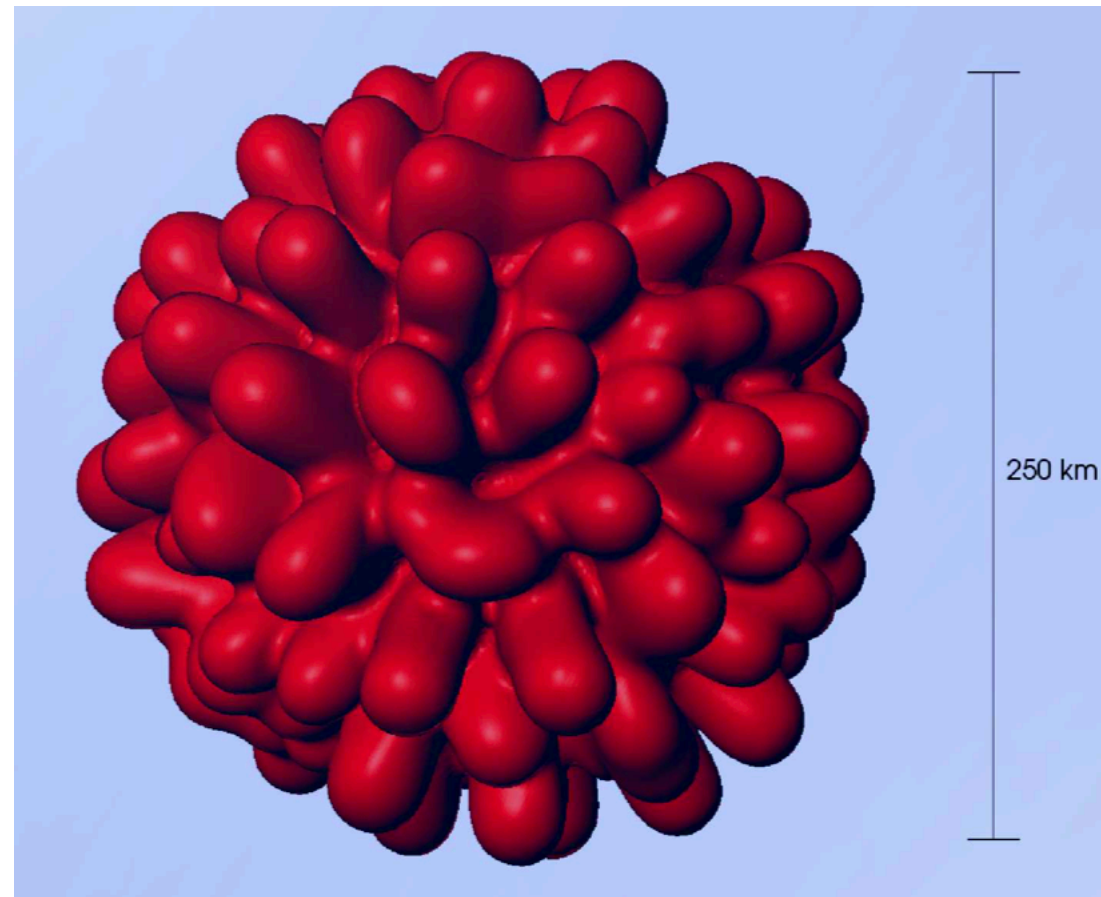


single degenerate

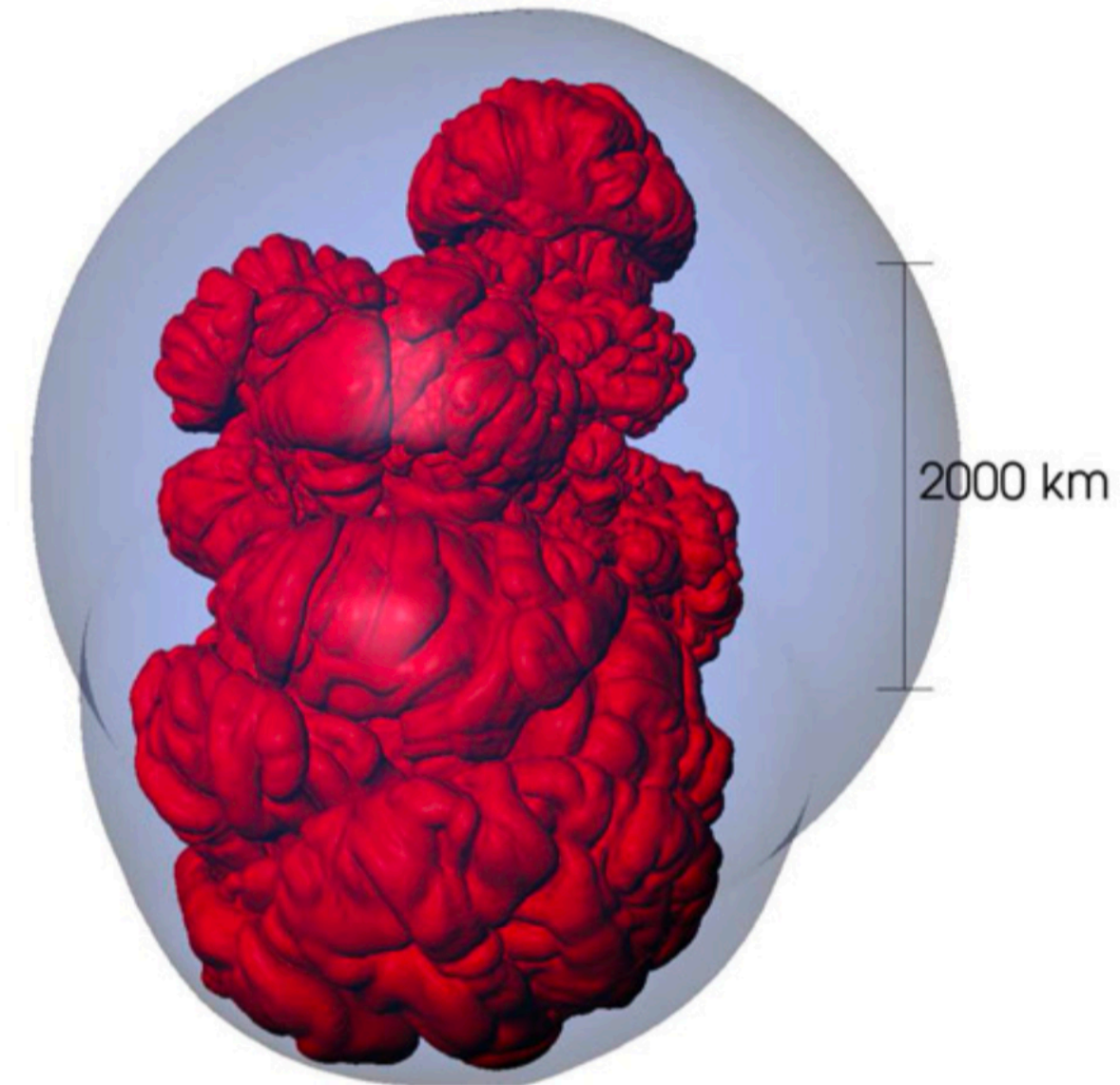


double degenerate

Ignition requires localized heat deposition at WD core:

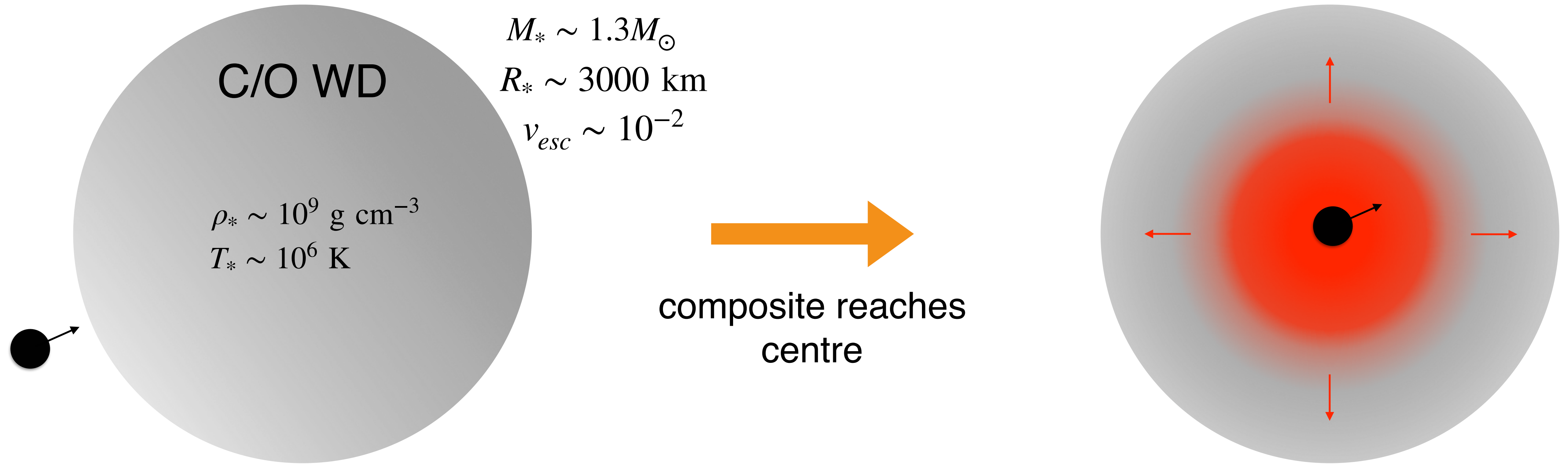


nuclear flame  
expands



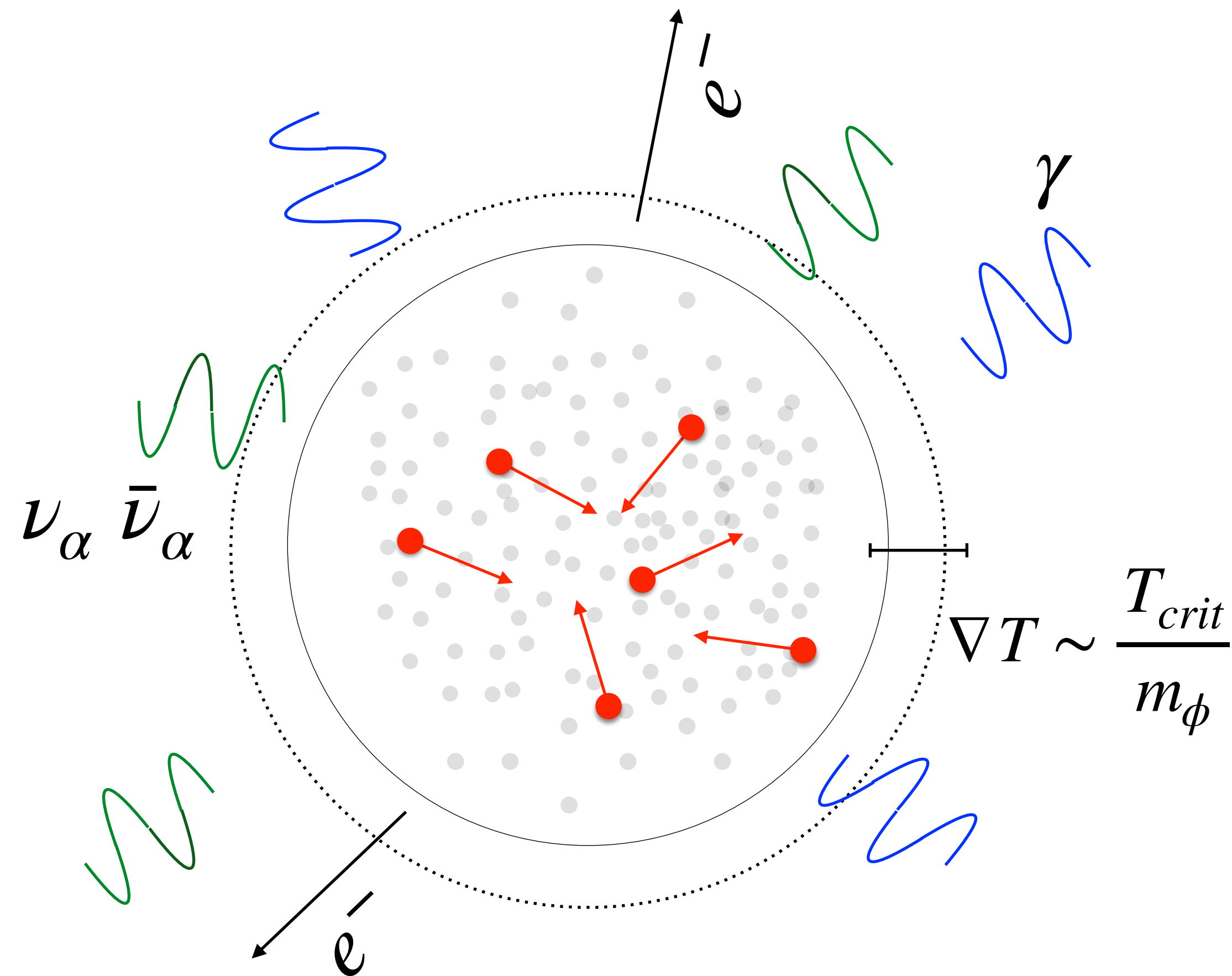


Composites may cause single WDs to explode upon transit:



Ignition requires:

- (I) heating rate > heat dissipation
- (II)  $T_{crit} \sim 10^{10} \text{ K} \sim \text{MeV}$

**WD dissipation processes:****1) Electron conduction**

$$\dot{Q}_{\text{cond}} \simeq 10^{27} \text{ GeV s}^{-1} \left( \frac{\rho_*}{10^9 \text{ g cm}^{-3}} \right)^{\frac{4}{15}} \left( \frac{R_X}{\mu\text{m}} \right)$$

**2) Photon emission**

$$\dot{Q}_{\text{rad}} \simeq 10^{24} \text{ GeV s}^{-1} \left( \frac{m_\phi}{\text{keV}} \right) \left( \frac{R_X}{\mu\text{m}} \right)^2$$

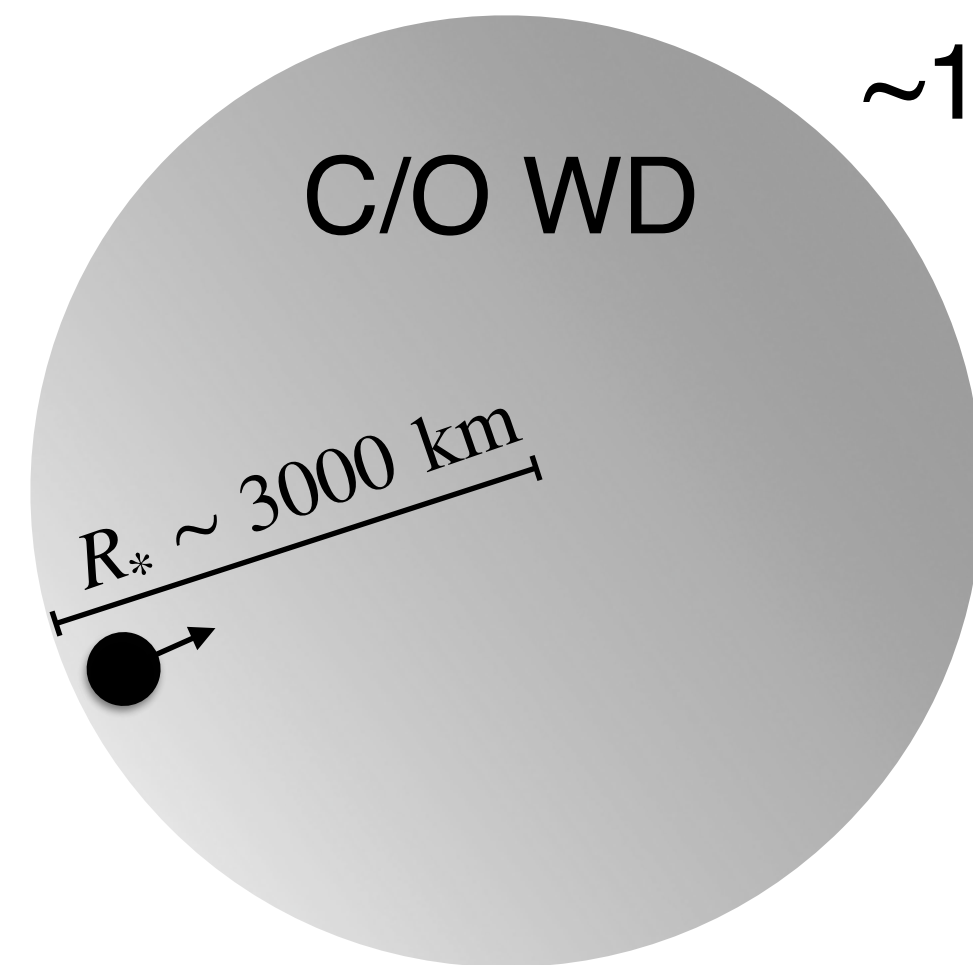
**3) Neutrino emission**

$$\dot{Q}_{\nu\bar{\nu}} \simeq 10^{18} \text{ GeV s}^{-1} \left( \frac{R_X}{\mu\text{m}} \right)^3$$



How **heavy** must composites be to **reach** the core?

$$v_{esc} = \sqrt{\frac{2GM_*}{R_*}} \sim 0.05 \quad \longrightarrow \quad E_i \simeq 10^{27} \text{ GeV} \left( \frac{M_X}{10^{30} \text{ GeV}} \right)$$



$\sim 1 \text{ s}$  crossing time

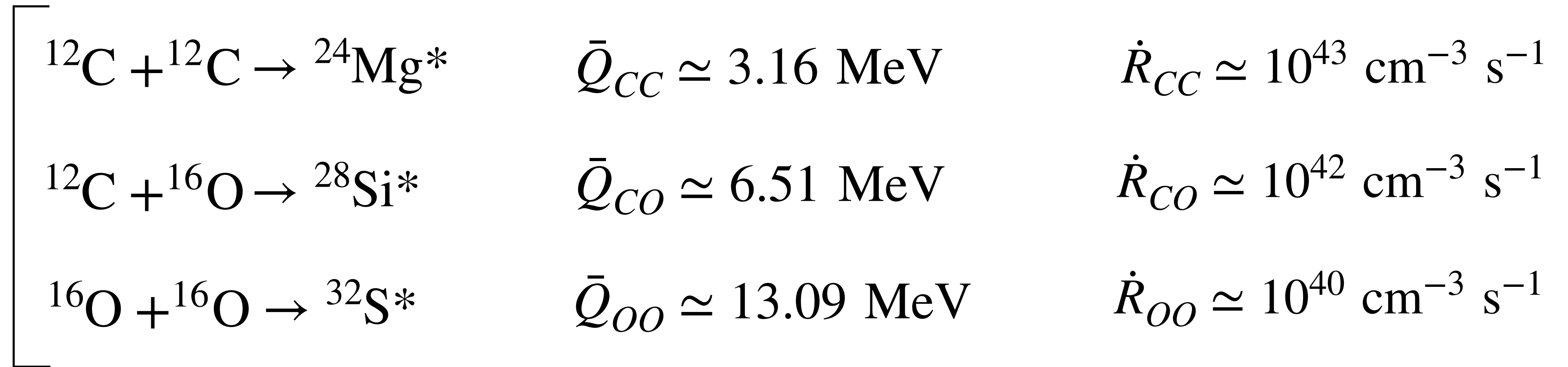
$$\frac{E_i}{\max(\dot{Q}_{\text{cond}}, \dot{Q}_{\text{rad}}, \dot{Q}_{\nu\bar{\nu}})} \gtrsim 1 \text{ s} \quad \longrightarrow \quad M_X \gtrsim 10^{30} \text{ GeV}$$

How **large** must composites be to **ignite** the core?

nuclear energy rate > heat dissipation

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reactions



$$\dot{Q}_{\text{fus}} \simeq 10^{32} \text{ GeV s}^{-1} \left( \frac{R_X}{\mu\text{m}} \right)^3$$

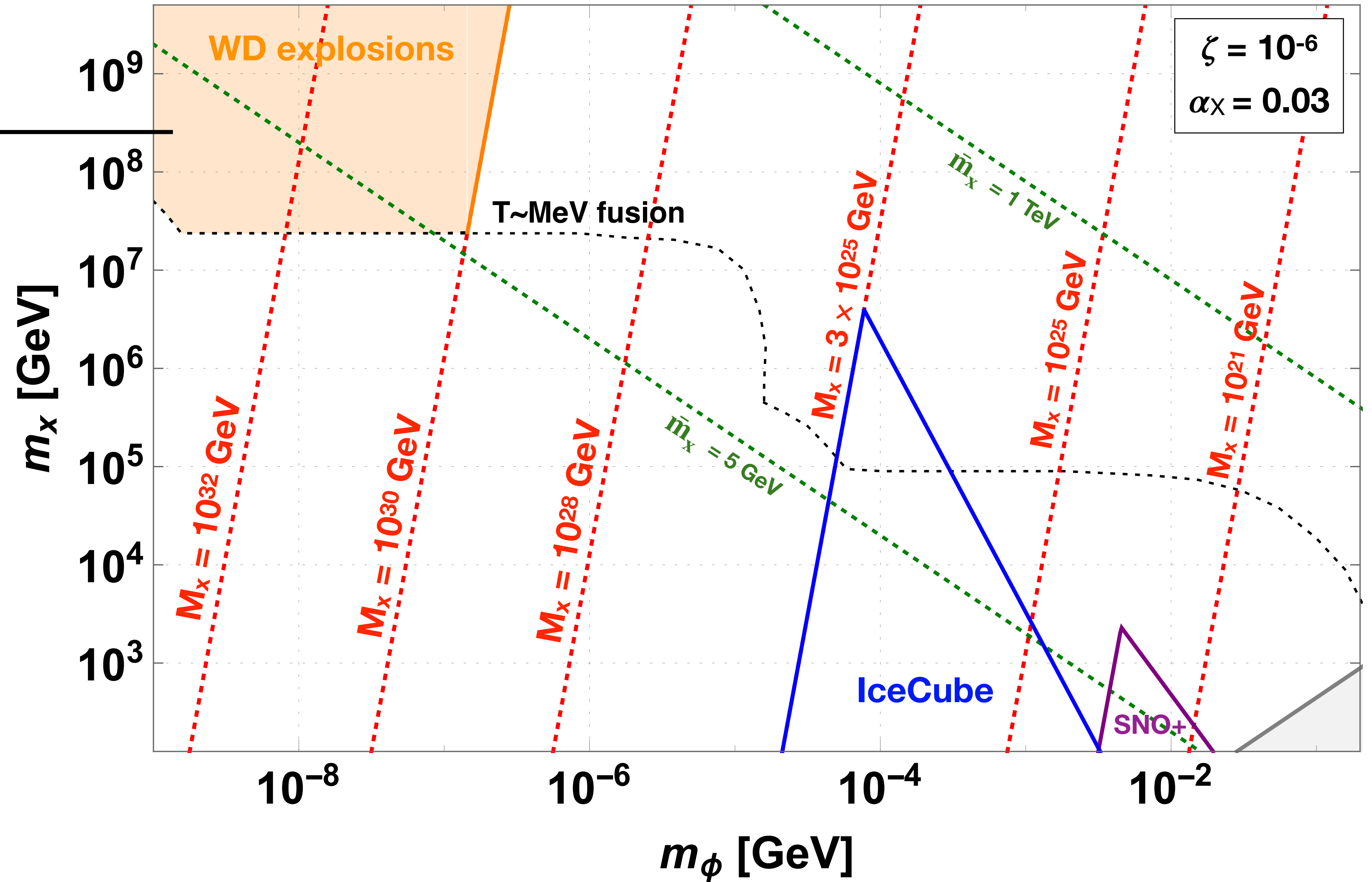
50/50 C/O mix



require  $R_X \gtrsim 10^{-2} \mu\text{m}$  to ignite core

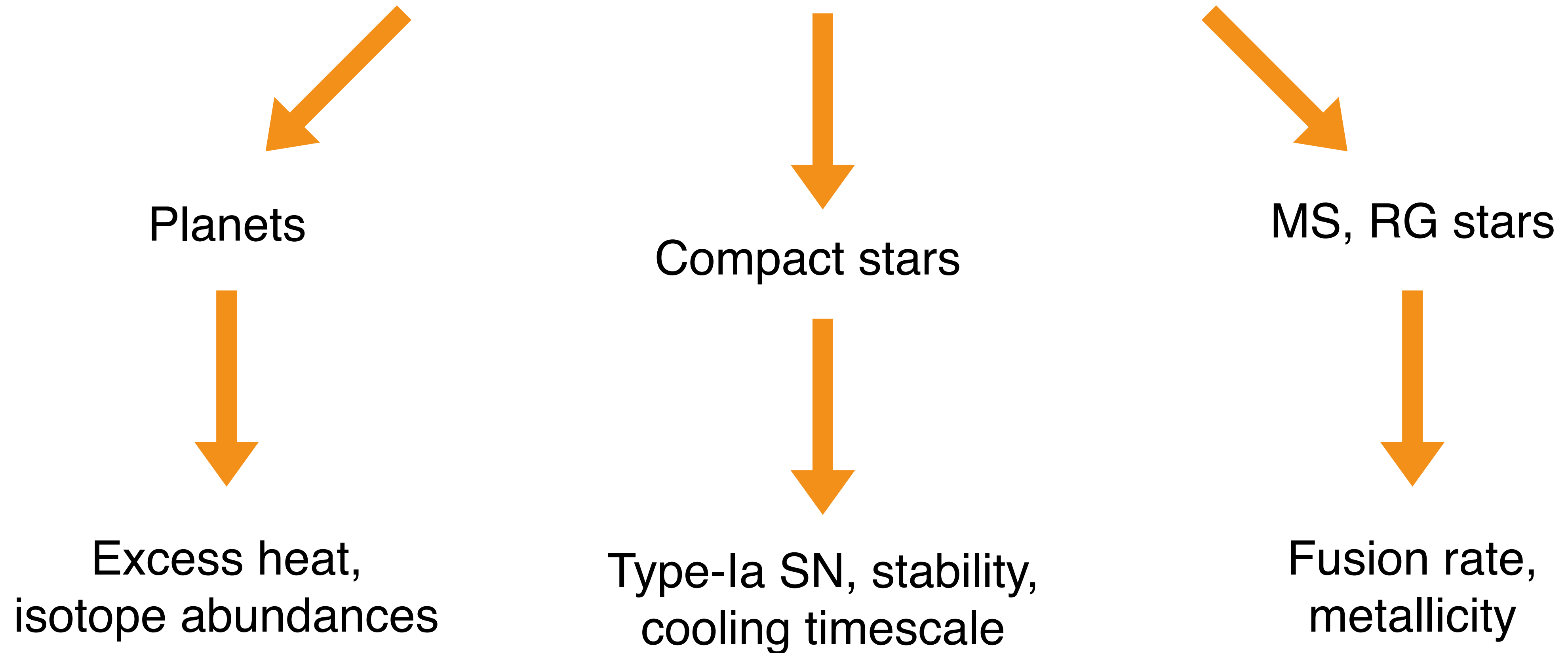
Set bounds based on WD survival:

$A g_n \langle \phi \rangle \lesssim \text{MeV}$  ←



In summary:

Composite Signatures



—————→  
future work

# Concluding Remarks

- Composite dark matter with weak couplings to the SM could be detected through energetic signatures at various experiments.
- Astrophysical implications include substantial capture and heating of stellar objects, even leading to the ignition of Type-Ia supernovae.
- Various fermionic and bosonic composite dark matter models may present similar phenomenology.

# Detecting Composite Dark Matter with Bremsstrahlung and the Migdal Effect

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Thank you for your attention!



# Backup slide: Composite Equations I

Scalar only:

$$\text{i) } \frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial \langle \phi \rangle} = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad 3C_{\phi}^2 \left( \frac{m_*}{m_X} \right) \int_0^{\frac{p_F}{m_X}} \frac{x^2 dx}{\sqrt{x^2 + (m_*/m_X)^2}} = 1 - \frac{m_*}{m_X}$$

$$\text{ii) } p = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \int_0^{\frac{p_F}{m_X}} \frac{x^4 dx}{\sqrt{x^4 + (m_*/m_X)^2}} = \frac{1}{2C_{\phi}^2} \left( 1 - \frac{m_*}{m_X} \right)^2$$

$$\text{iii) } C_{\phi}^2 = \frac{4\alpha_{\phi} m_X^2}{3\pi m_{\phi}^2}$$

# Backup slide: Composite Equations II

Add vector field:

$$\text{i) } \frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial \langle \phi \rangle} = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad 3C_\phi^2 \left( \frac{m_*}{m_X} \right) \int_0^{\frac{p_F}{m_X}} \frac{x^2 dx}{\sqrt{x^2 + (m_*/m_X)^2}} = 1 - \frac{m_*}{m_X}$$

$$\text{ii) } p = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \int_0^{\frac{p_F}{m_X}} \frac{x^4 dx}{\sqrt{x^4 + (m_*/m_X)^2}} = \frac{1}{2C_\phi^2} \left( 1 - \frac{m_*}{m_X} \right)^2 - \frac{C_V^2}{2} \left( \frac{p_F}{m_X} \right)^6$$

$$\text{iii) } C_\phi^2 = \frac{4\alpha_\phi m_X^2}{3\pi m_\phi^2} \quad C_V^2 = \frac{4\alpha_V m_X^2}{3\pi m_V^2}$$

# Backup slide: Composite Equations III

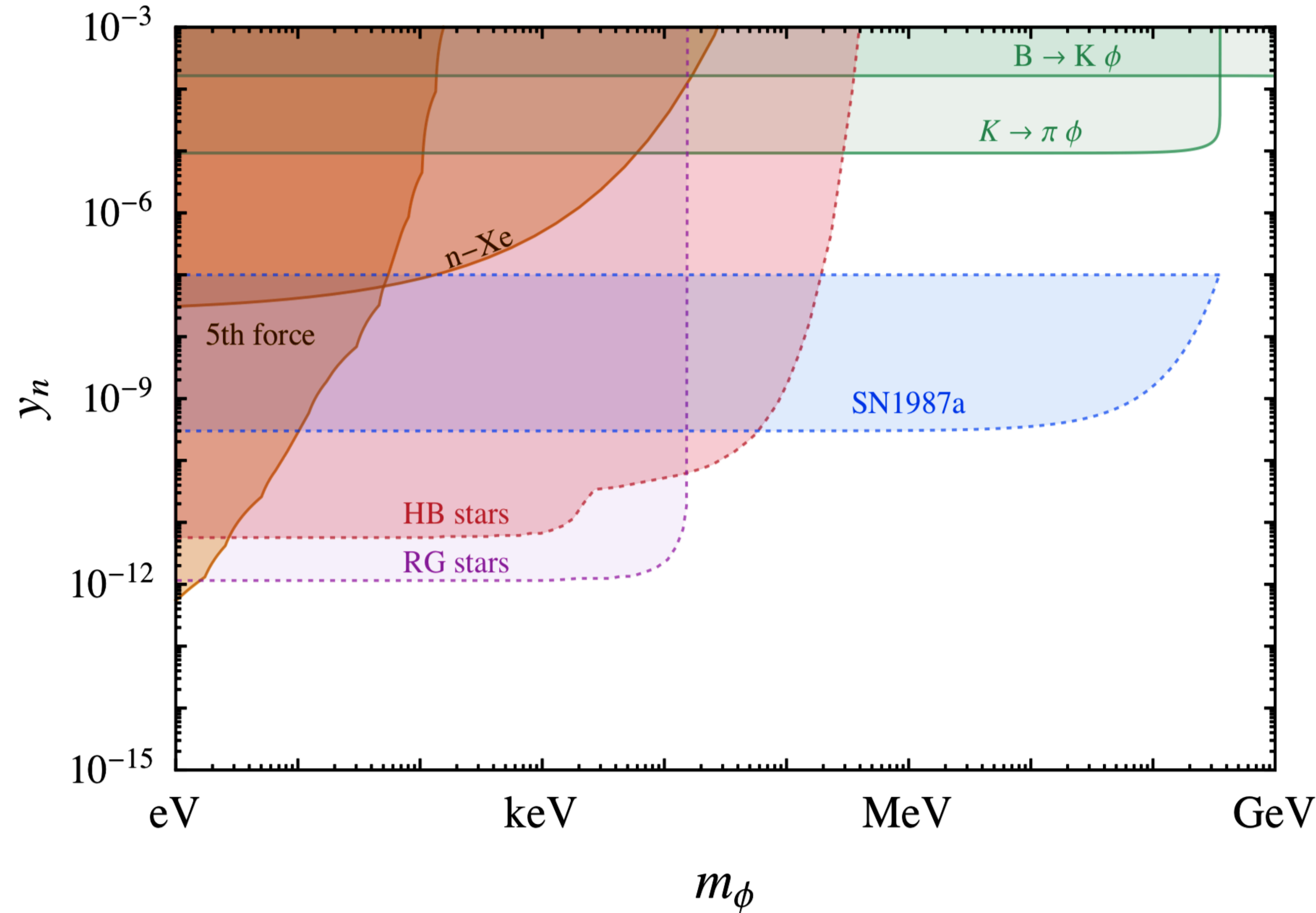
Add  $V(\phi) \sim \lambda\phi^4$  potential:

$$\text{i) } \frac{\partial \varepsilon}{\partial \langle \phi \rangle} = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad 3C_\phi^2 \left( \frac{m_*}{m_X} \right) \int_0^{\frac{PF}{m_X}} \frac{x^2 dx}{\sqrt{x^2 + (m_*/m_X)^2}} = 1 - \frac{m_*}{m_X} + C_\phi^2 \lambda \left( 1 - \frac{m_*}{m_X} \right)^3$$

$$\text{ii) } p = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \int_0^{\frac{PF}{m_X}} \frac{x^4 dx}{\sqrt{x^4 + (m_*/m_X)^2}} = \frac{1}{2C_\phi^2} \left( 1 - \frac{m_*}{m_X} \right)^2 + \frac{\lambda}{4} \left( 1 - \frac{m_*}{m_X} \right)^4$$

$$\text{iii) } C_\phi^2 = \frac{4\alpha_\phi m_X^2}{3\pi m_\phi^2}$$

# Backup slide: Stellar Cooling Bounds on $g_n$



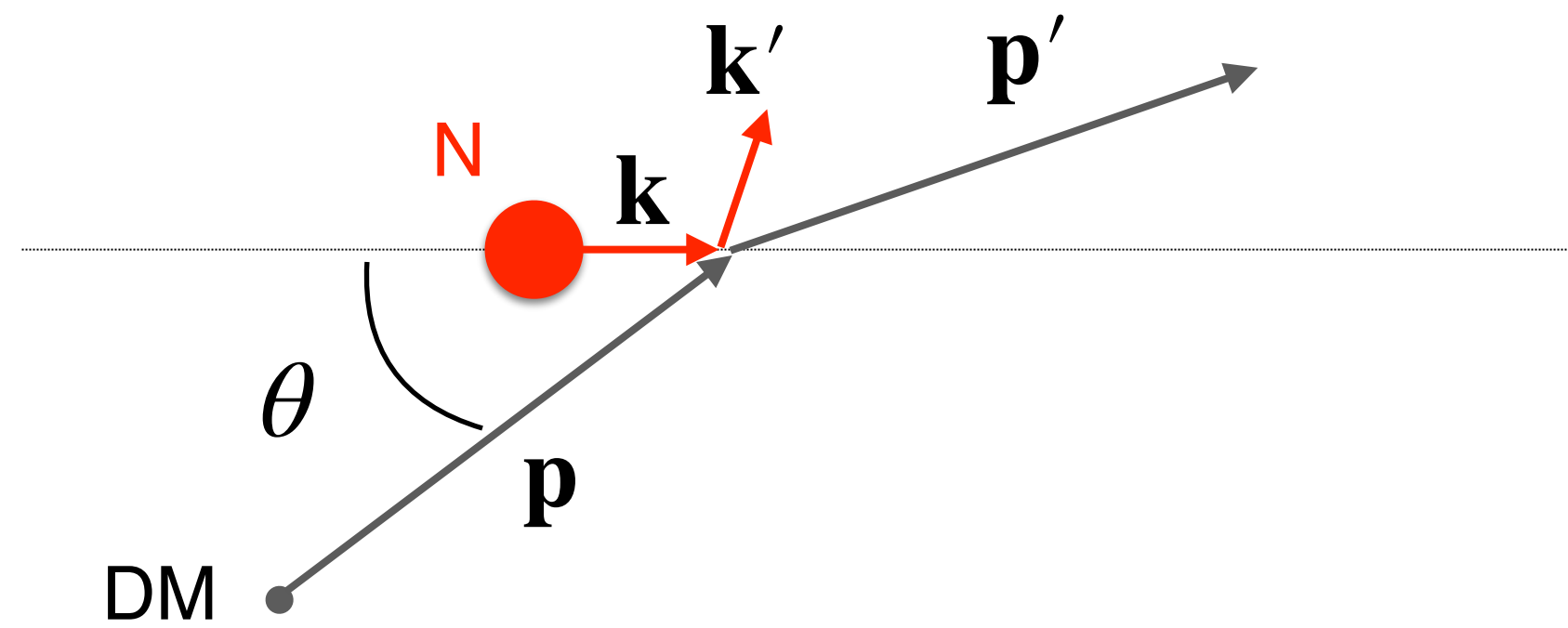
limits energy to:

$$\Delta E \simeq A g_n \left( \frac{m_X}{g_\phi} \right)$$

$$\lesssim \text{keV} \left( \frac{g_n}{10^{-10}} \right) \left( \frac{m_X}{\text{TeV}} \right) \left( \frac{1}{g_\phi} \right) \left( \frac{A}{10} \right)$$

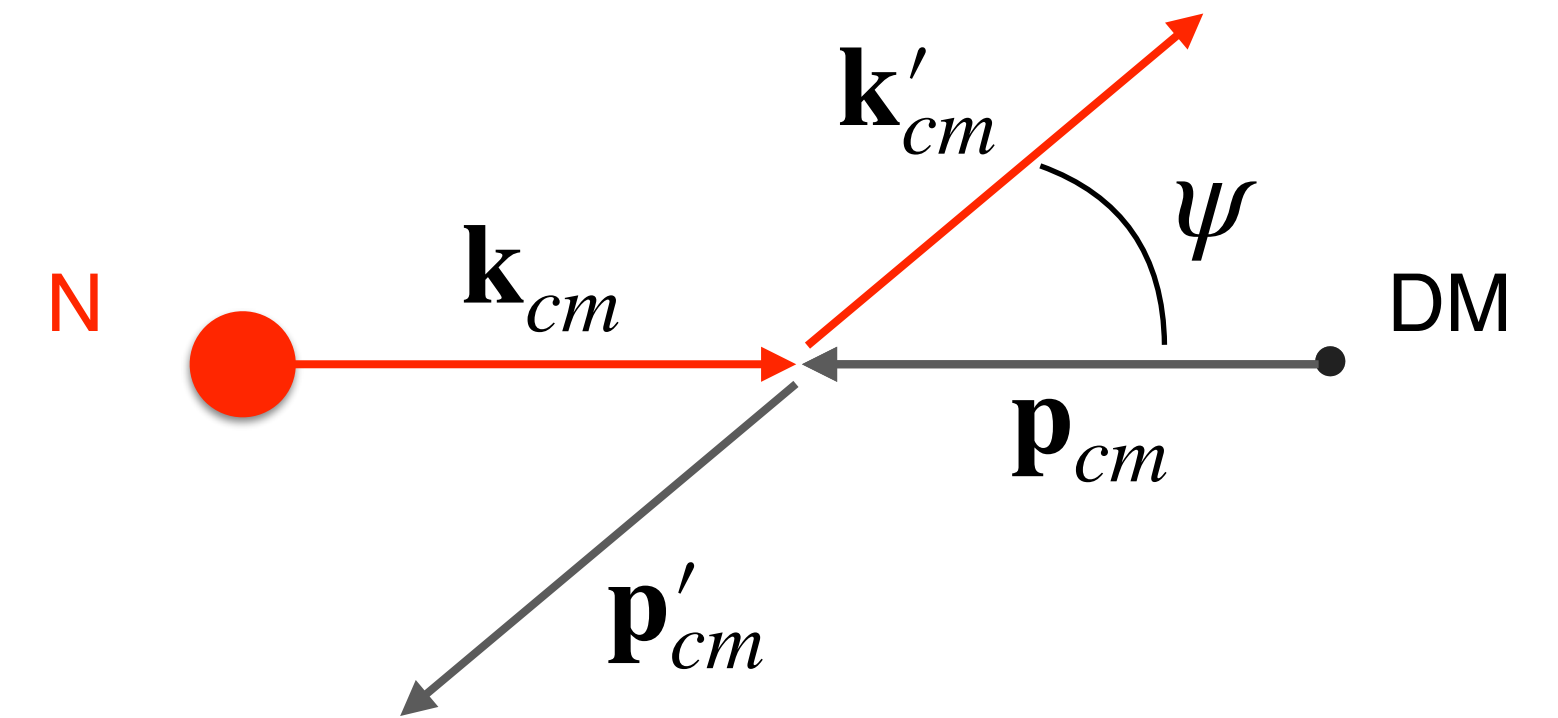
# Backup slide: DM-Nucleus Scattering I

Composite frame:



large boost

CM frame:



$$\Gamma_{NX} = n_X \int_0^{p_F} \frac{dp p^2}{V_F} \int d\varphi d(\cos \theta) \int d\alpha d(\cos \psi) \left( \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_{(CM)} \tilde{v} \underbrace{\Theta(\Delta E + p - p_F)}_{\text{Pauli-blocking}}$$

integrate over target phase space (composite rest frame)
relativistic kinematics (centre-of-momentum frame)

# Backup slide: DM-Nucleus Scattering II

$$\tilde{v} \simeq 1 - v_N \cos \theta \quad \text{Moller velocity}$$

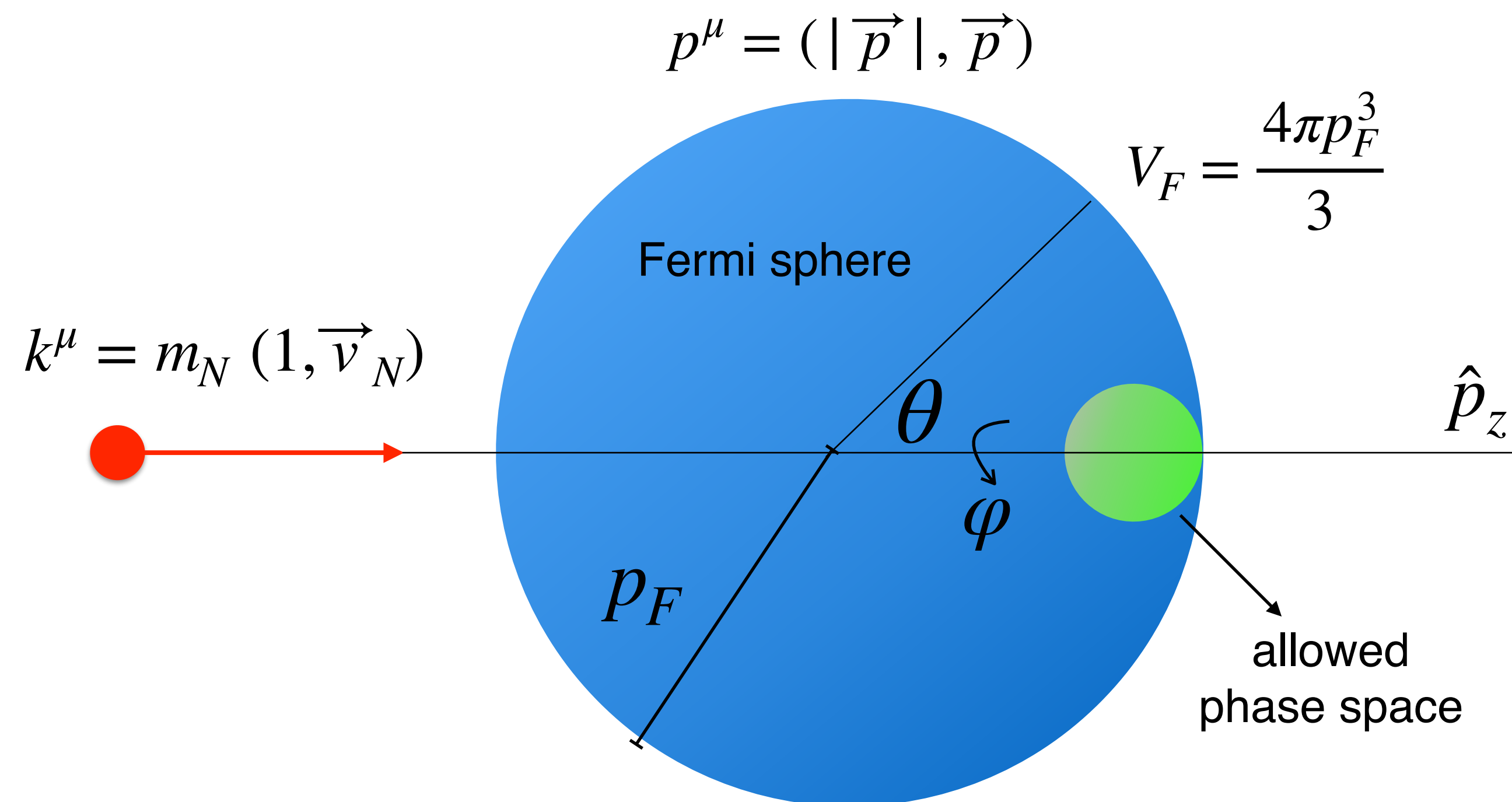
$$E_{cm}^2 \simeq m_N^2 + 2m_N p (1 - v_N \cos \theta) \quad \text{CM energy}$$

$$\Delta E_{max} \simeq \frac{1}{2} m_N v_N^2 \sin^2 \theta \quad \text{Max energy transfer}$$

$$k_{cm}^2 \simeq \frac{m_N p^2}{m_N + 2p} - \frac{2m_N p^2 (m_N + p) v_N \cos \theta}{(m_N + 2p)^2} \quad \text{CM momentum}$$

$$\beta \simeq \frac{p}{m_N + p} + \frac{m_N v_N \cos \theta}{m_N + p} \quad \text{Boost parameter}$$

$$\psi_{max} \simeq \frac{(m_N (m_N + 2p))^{1/2} v_N \cos \alpha}{p} \quad \text{Max scattering angle}$$



$$\Gamma_{NX} \sim \frac{A^2 g_n^2 g_X^2 m_N^4 (m_N + 2p_F) v_N^6}{p_F^4}$$

scattering rate



# Backup slide: Coherent Composite-Nucleus Scattering

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{dq}\right)_{XN \rightarrow XN} = A^2 N_X^2 f^2(\Lambda) \bar{\sigma}_0 \left(\frac{q}{2m_N^2 v_X^2}\right) |F_X(qR_X)|^2 |F_a(qr_N)|^2 \quad \text{diff. cross section}$$

$$F_X(qR_X) = \frac{3j_1(qR_X)}{qR_X} \quad \text{composite substructure}$$

$$\bar{\sigma}_0 = \frac{g_n^2 g_X^2 m_N^2}{4\pi \tilde{m}_\phi^4} \quad \text{ref. cross section}$$

$$F_a(qr_N) = \frac{3j_1(qr_N)}{qr_N} e^{-q^2 r_N^2} \quad \text{nuclear substructure}$$

$$f(\Lambda) = \min \left[ 1, \left( \frac{\Lambda}{R_X} \right)^3 \right] \quad \text{scatterer wavefunction overlap}$$

# Backup slide: Collective Excitations - Surface Modes

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{dq}\right)_{0\rightarrow 1_l} \simeq A^2 N_X^2 f^2(\Lambda) \bar{\sigma}_0 \left(\frac{q}{2m_N^2 v_X^2}\right) |F_{\text{surf}}^{(l)}(qR_X)|^2 \quad \text{diff. cross section}$$

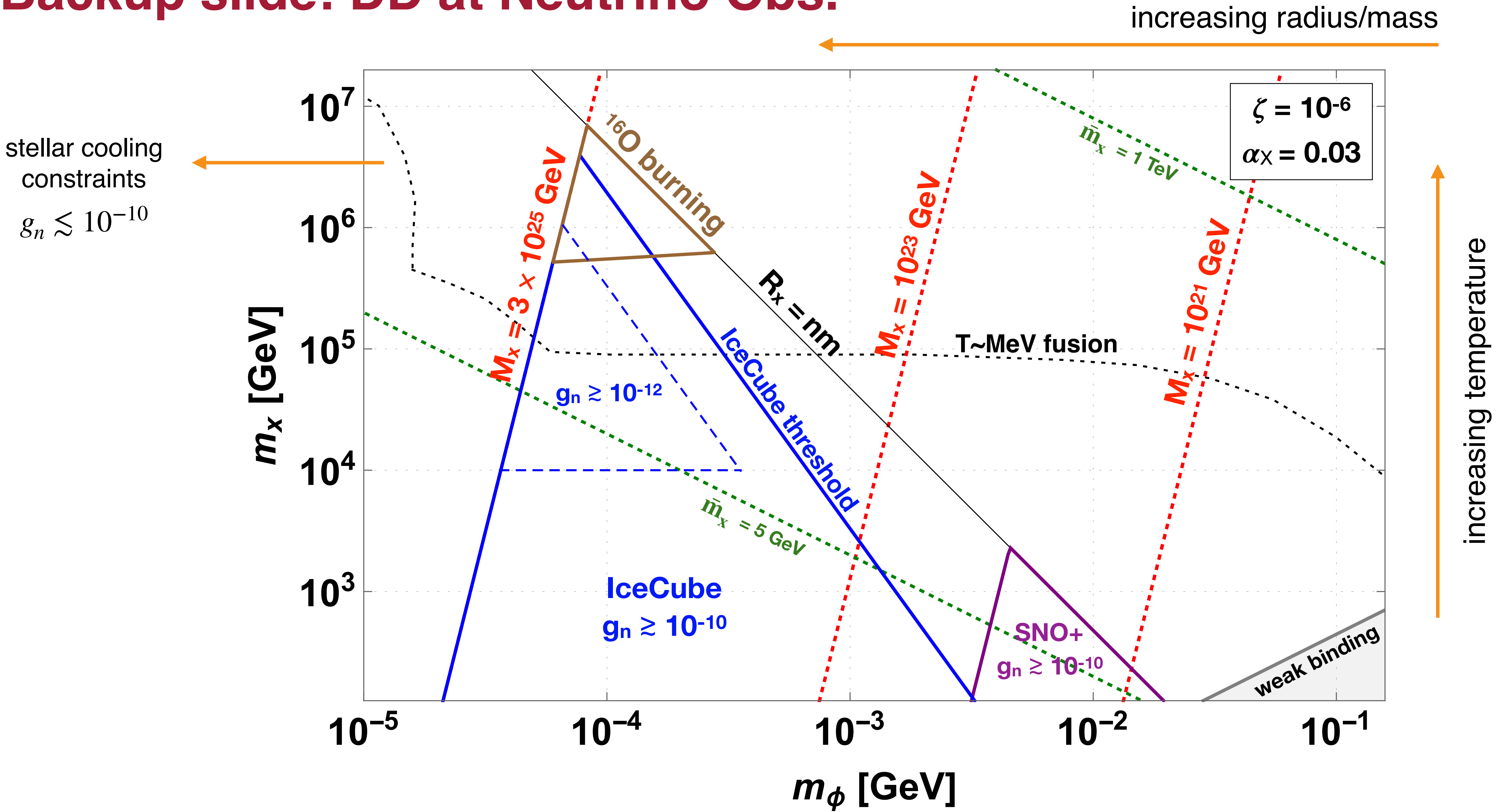
$$F_{\text{surf}}^{(l)}(qR_X) = \epsilon_l (2l + 1)^{1/2} j_l(qR_X) \quad \text{surface mode form factor}$$

$$\epsilon_l \propto m_X^{-1/4} \bar{m}_X^{-3/2} R_X^{-7/4} \simeq 10^{-14} \left(\frac{m_X}{\text{TeV}}\right)^{-1/4} \left(\frac{\bar{m}_X}{5 \text{ GeV}}\right)^{-3/2} \left(\frac{R_X}{\text{nm}}\right)^{-7/4} \quad \text{mode amplitude}$$

$$\bar{\sigma}_0 = \frac{g_n^2 g_X^2 m_N^2}{4\pi \tilde{m}_\phi^4} \quad \text{reference cross section}$$

$$f(\Lambda) = \min \left[ 1, \left(\frac{\Lambda}{R_X}\right)^3 \right] \quad \text{scatterer wavefunction overlap}$$

# Backup slide: DD at Neutrino Obs.



# Backup slide: DM Velocity Distribution

$$f_*(\mathbf{v}) = \frac{(v^2 - v_e^2)^{3/2}}{N_*} \exp\left(-\frac{\tilde{v}^2}{v_0^2}\right) \Theta(v - v_e) \Theta(v_{eg} - \tilde{v})$$

$$\tilde{v}^2 \equiv v^2 - v_e^2 + v_{rf}^2 + 2v_{rf} \sqrt{v^2 - v_e^2} \cos \phi$$

$$v_{rf} = |\mathbf{v}_{rf}| = 230 \text{ km/s}$$

$$v_e \approx 11.2 \text{ km/s}$$

$$v_{eg} = 528 \text{ km/s}$$

# Backup slide: WD Dissipation Processes I

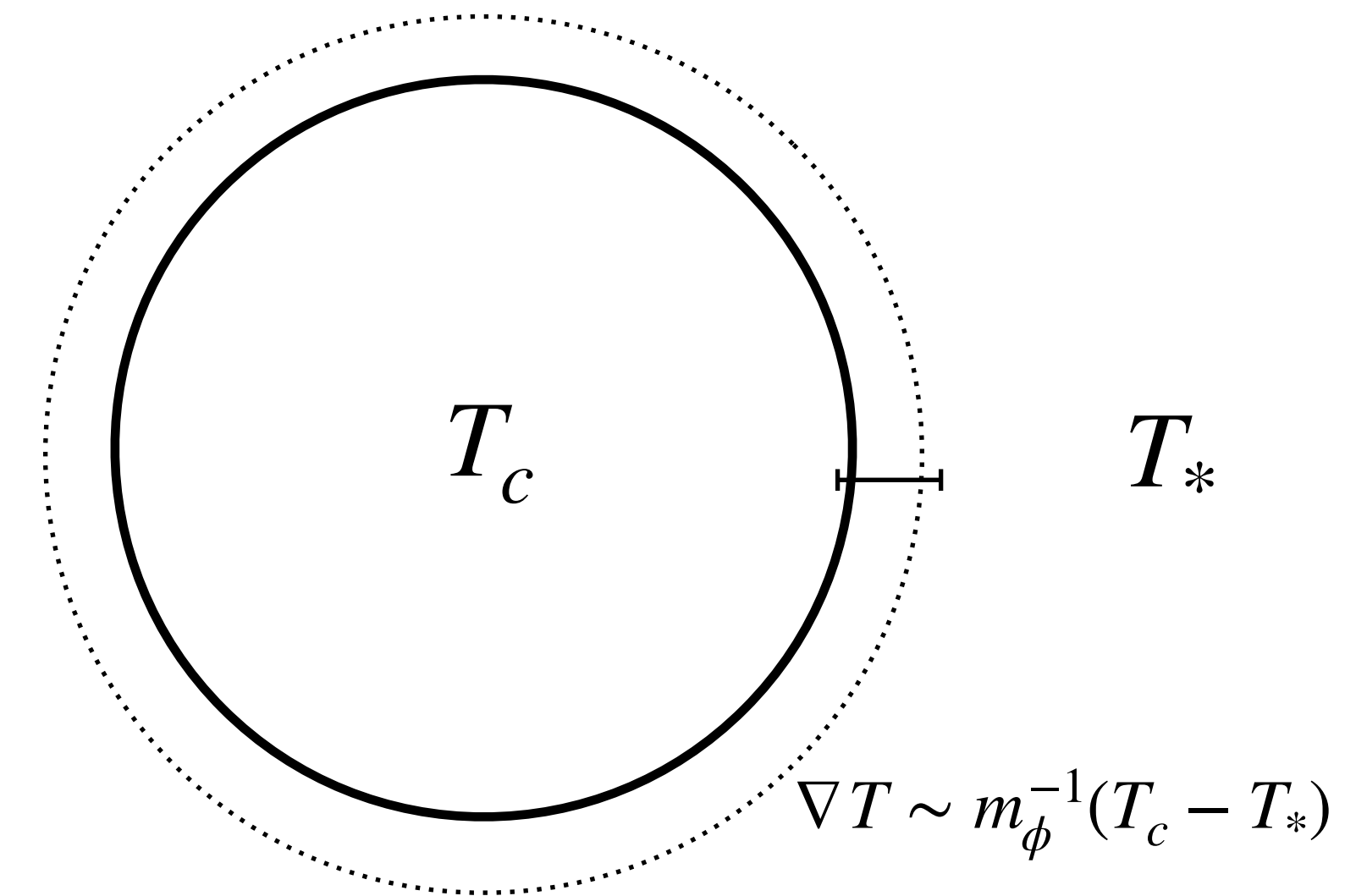
## 1) Electron conduction

$$\dot{Q}_{\text{cond}} = \frac{4\pi^2 R_X T_c^3 (T_c - T_*)}{15\kappa_c \rho_*} \simeq 10^{27} \text{ GeV s}^{-1} \left( \frac{\rho_*}{10^9 \text{ g cm}^{-3}} \right)^{\frac{4}{15}} \left( \frac{R_X}{\mu\text{m}} \right)$$

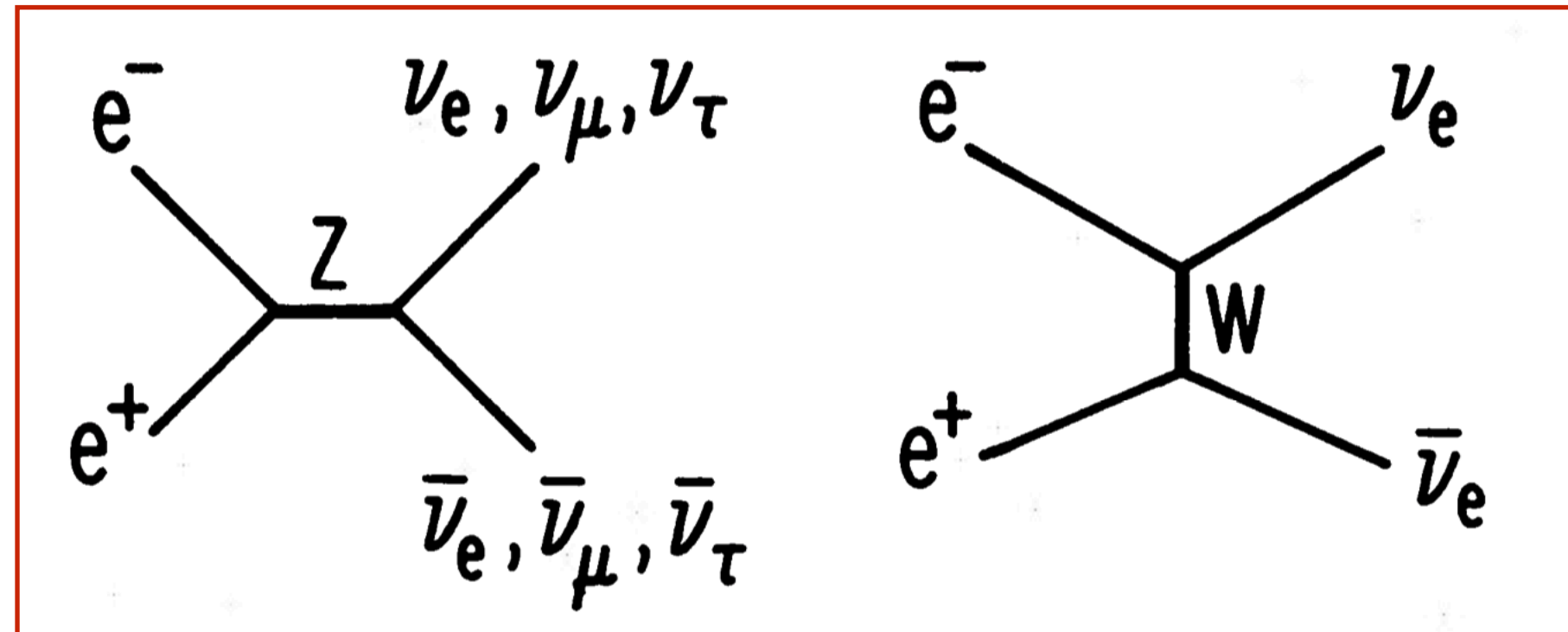
## 2) Photon emission

High stellar opacity  $\longrightarrow$  blackbody spectrum

$$\dot{Q}_{\text{rad}} = \frac{4\pi R_X^2 \sigma_{\text{SB}} \nabla T^4}{\kappa_r \rho_*} \simeq 10^{24} \text{ GeV s}^{-1} \left( \frac{m_\phi}{\text{keV}} \right) \left( \frac{R_X}{\mu\text{m}} \right)^2$$



# Backup slide: WD Dissipation Processes II

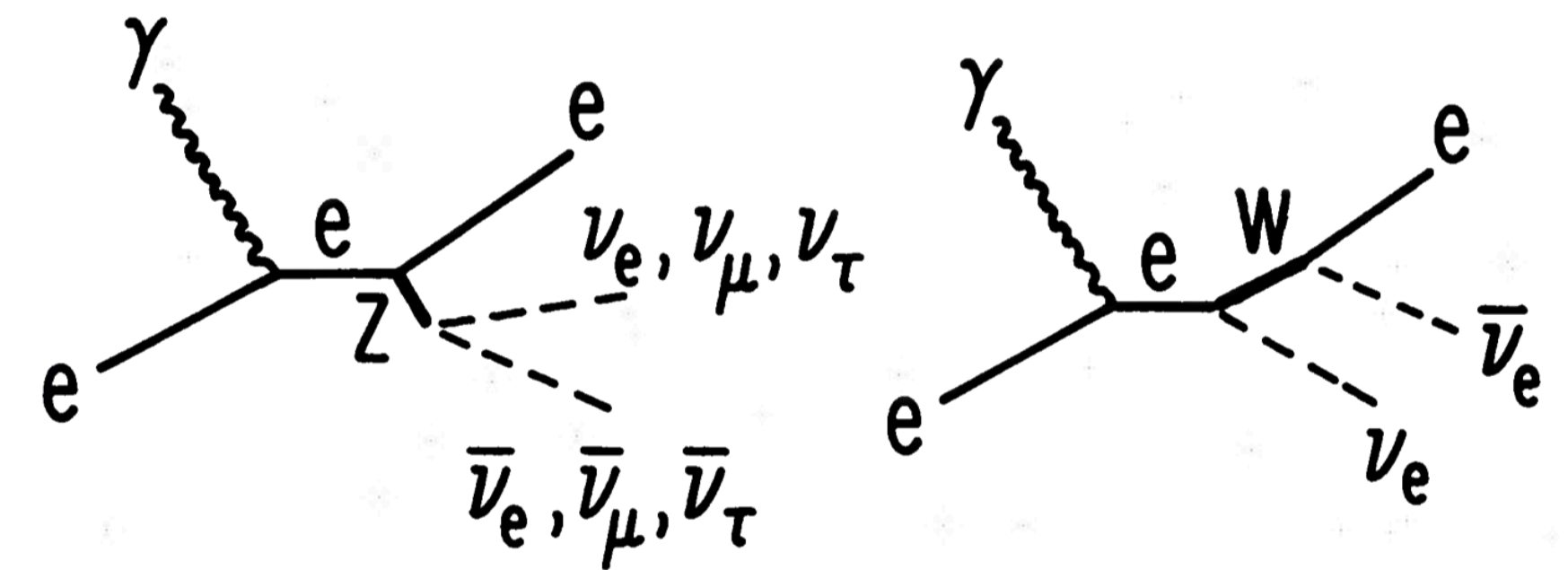


$e^+e^-$  annihilation

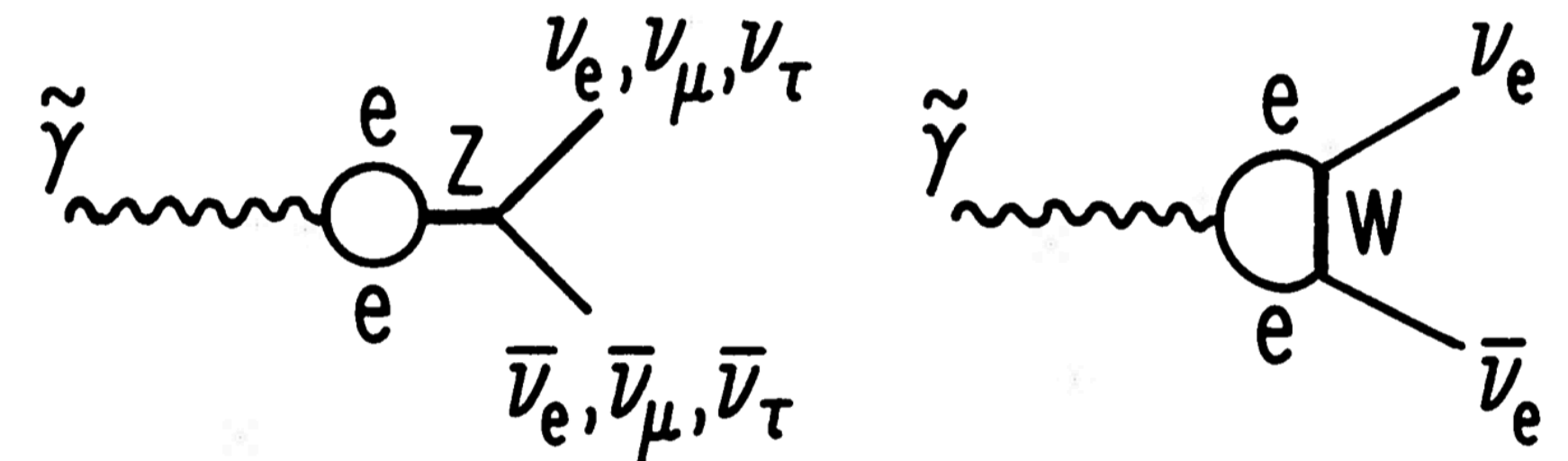
Sum over all neutrino processes:

$$\dot{Q}_{\nu\bar{\nu}} \simeq 10^{18} \text{ GeV s}^{-1} \left( \frac{R_X}{\mu\text{m}} \right)^3$$

Subdominant processes:



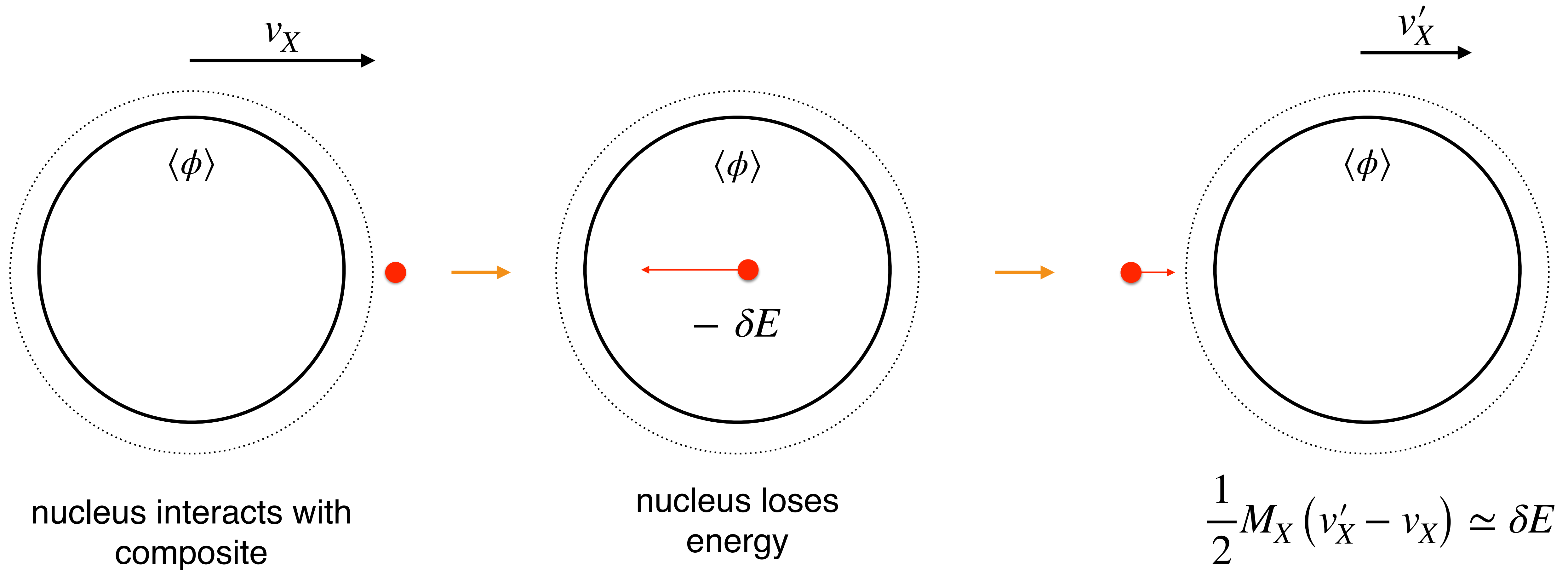
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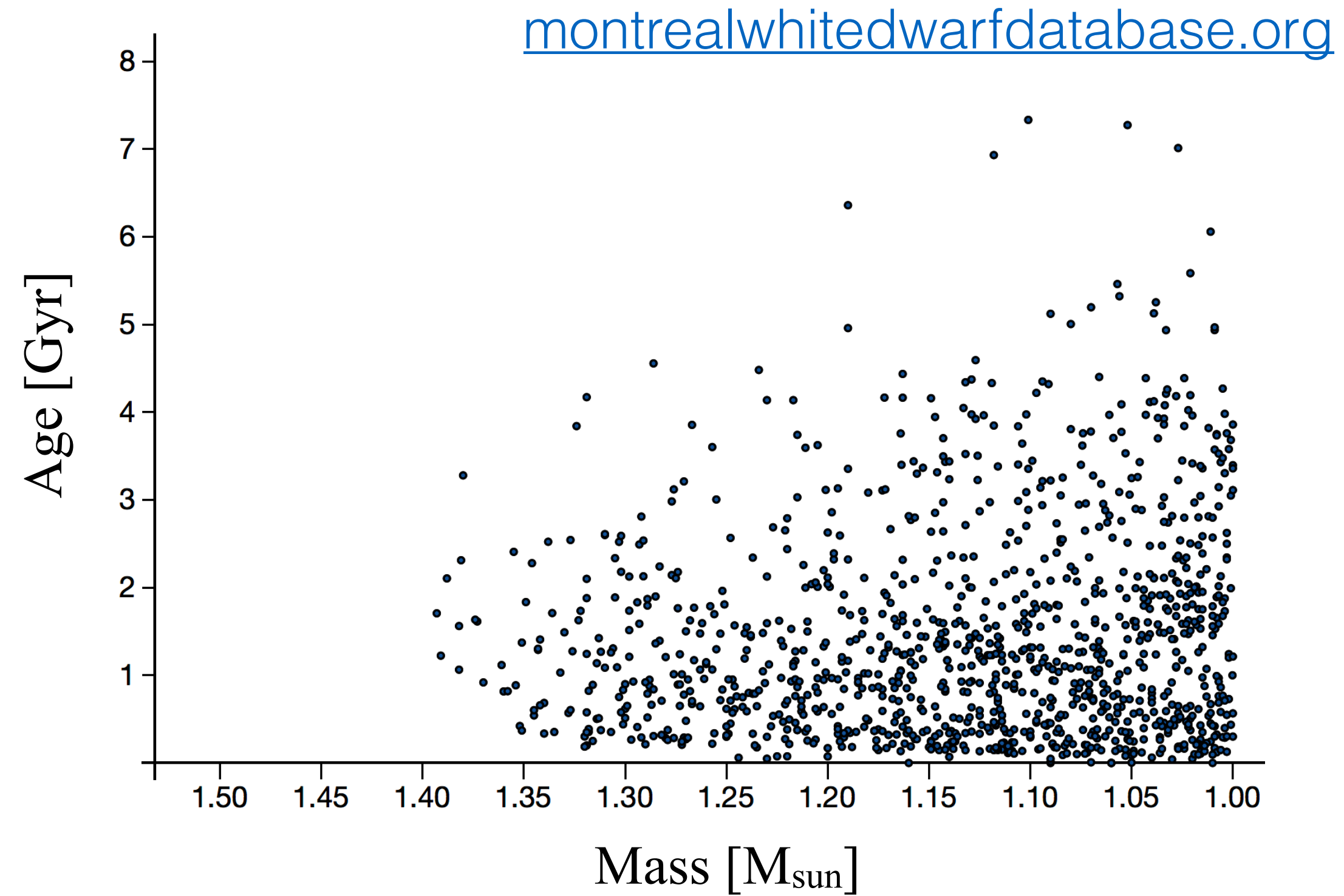
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# Backup slide: Composite Stopping



# Backup slide: WD Sample



~1200 WDs → ~ O(1) fraction are C/O

90% at < 1000 pc

> Gyr cooling ages

~1 encounter if

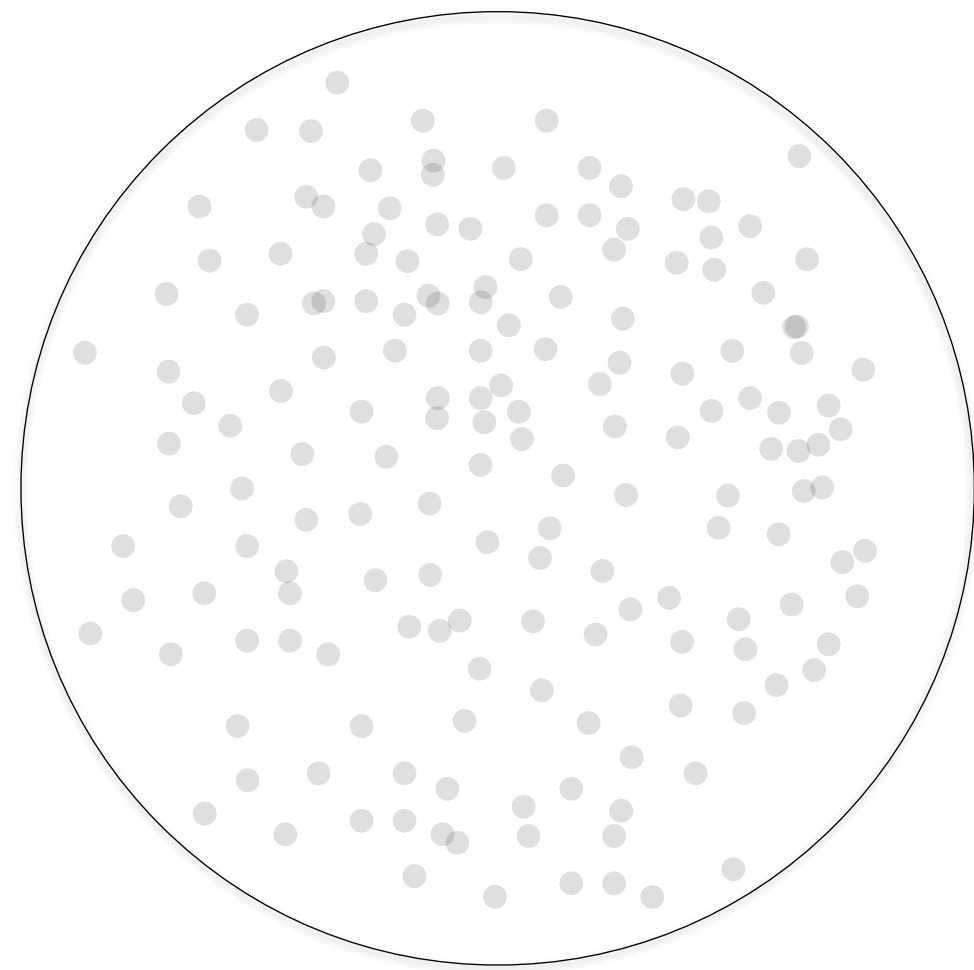
$$M_X \lesssim 10^{42} \text{ GeV}$$

$$(\rho_X \sim 0.3 \text{ GeV cm}^{-3})$$

## Backup slide: Extended Composite Model

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{DM}} = \frac{1}{2} \partial^2 \phi + \frac{1}{2} m_\phi^2 \phi^2 + \frac{1}{2} m_V V^2 - \frac{1}{4} V_{\mu\nu} V^{\mu\nu} + \bar{X} \left( i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - g_V V^\mu \partial_\mu - m_X \right) X + g_\phi \bar{X} \phi X$$

Repeat mean-field approach:



$$\langle \phi \rangle \neq 0$$

$$\langle V^0 \rangle \neq 0$$

$$\langle V^0 \rangle \sim \left( \frac{m_\phi}{m_V} \right)^3 \frac{m_X^3}{m_V^2}$$