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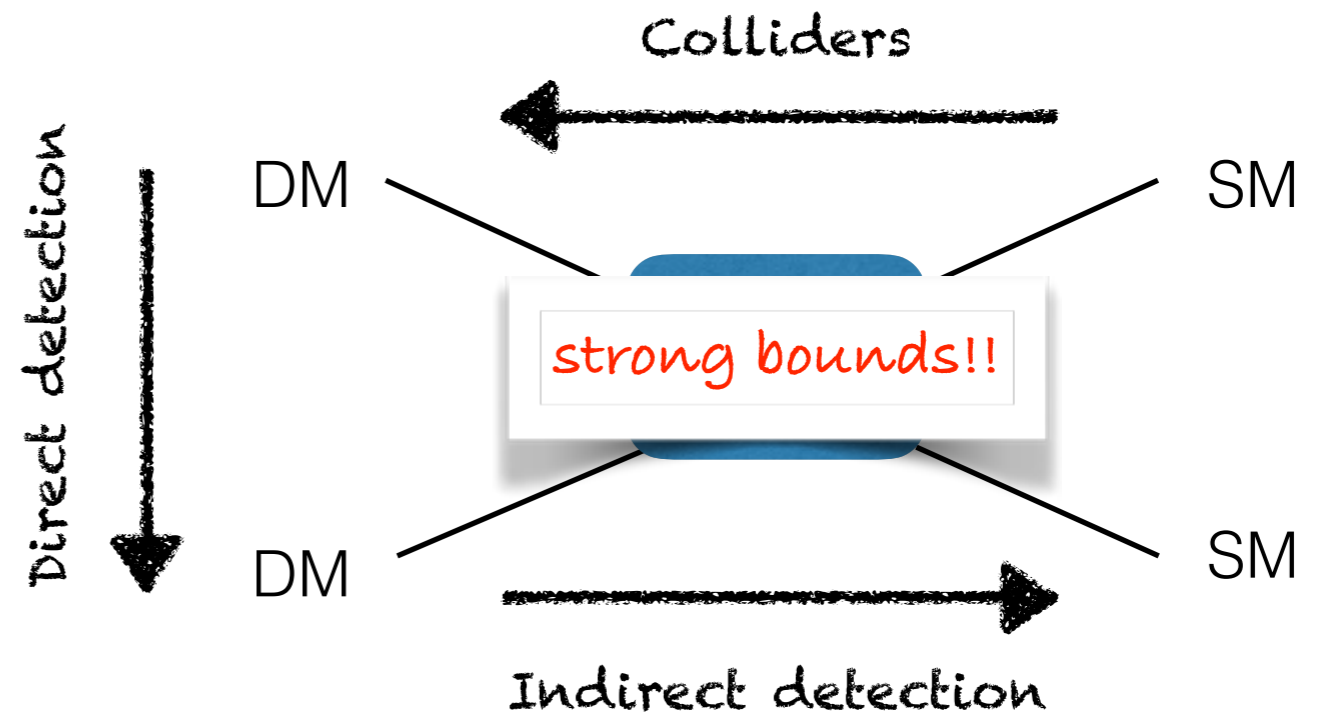
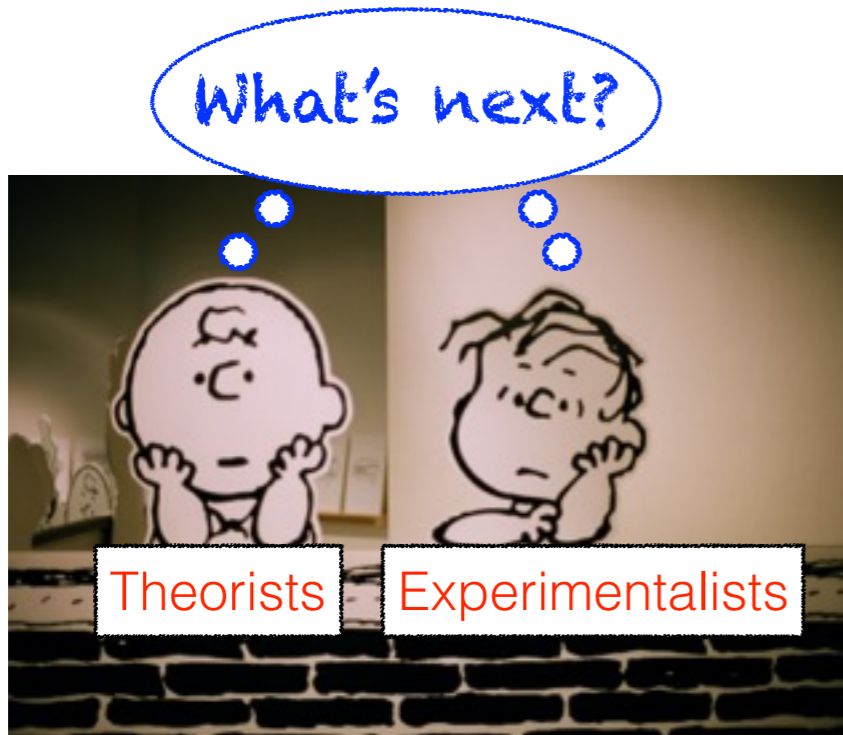
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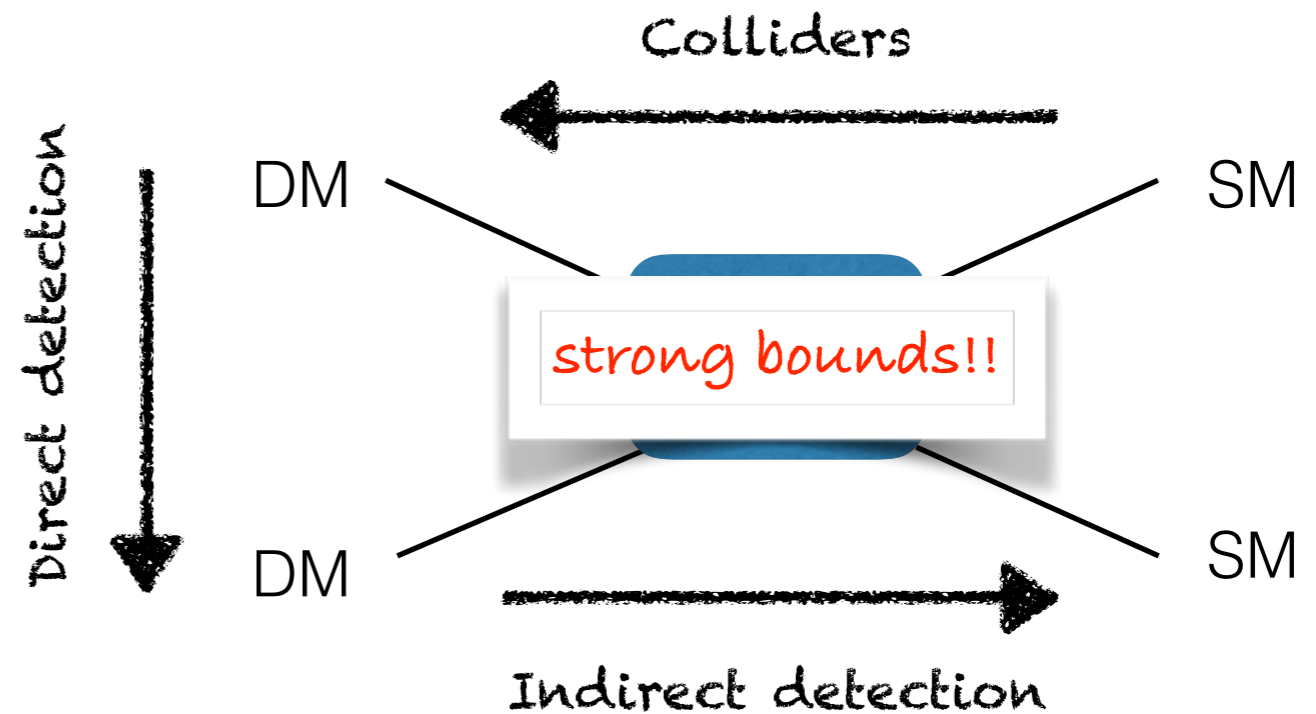
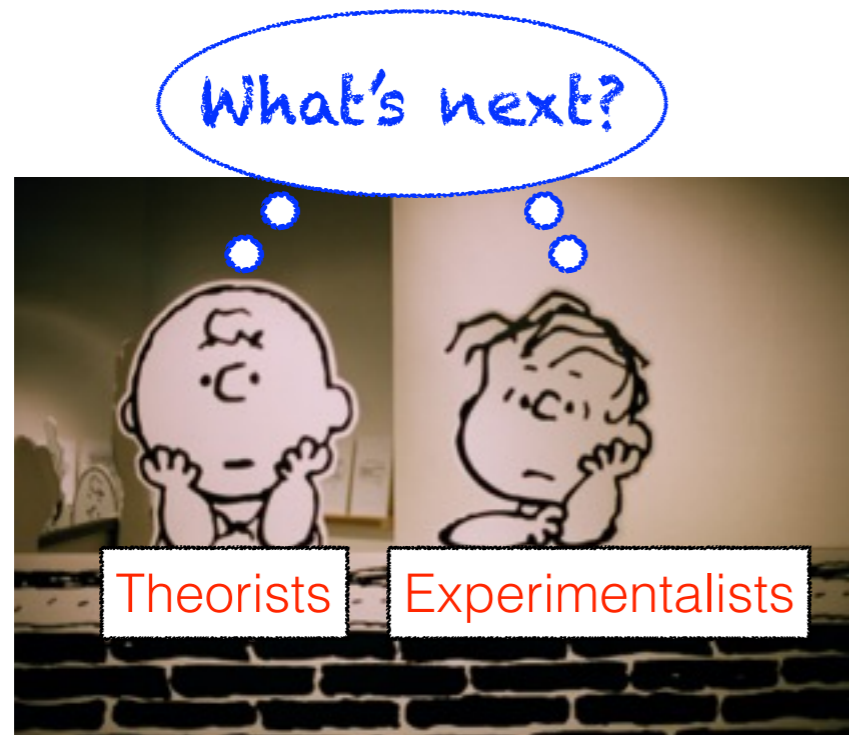
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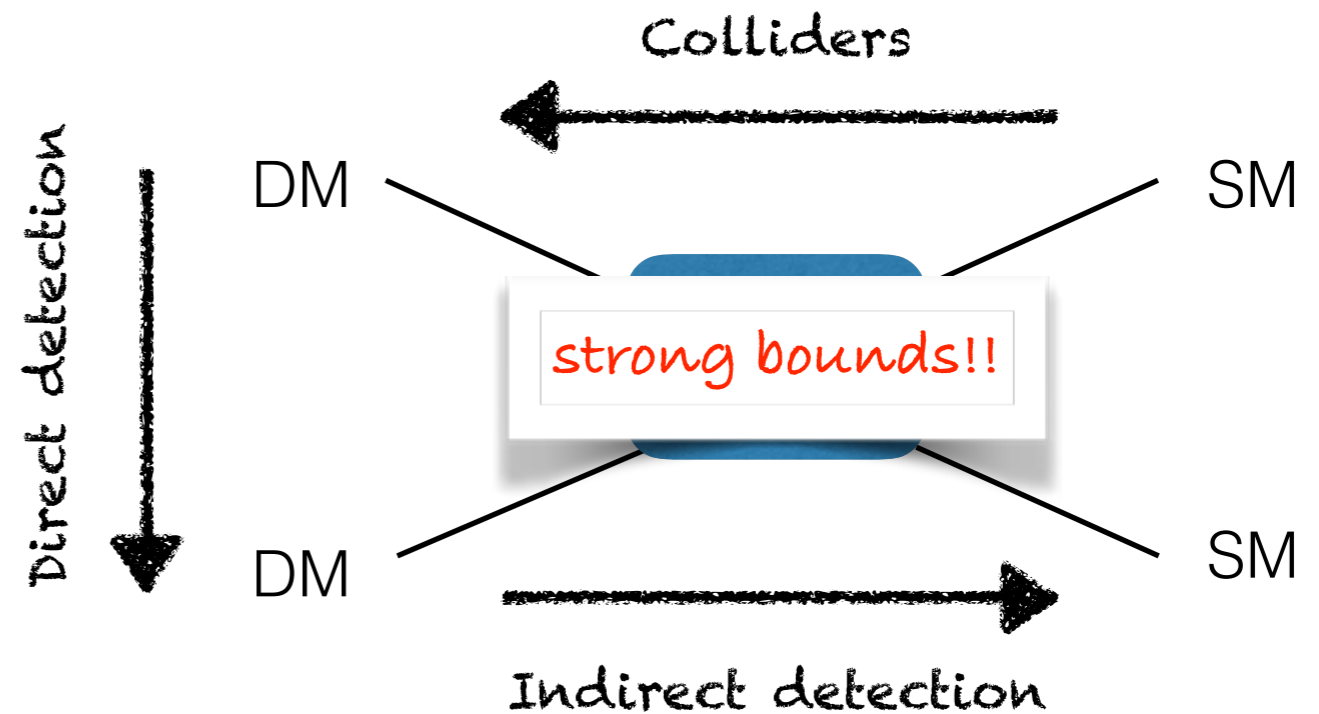
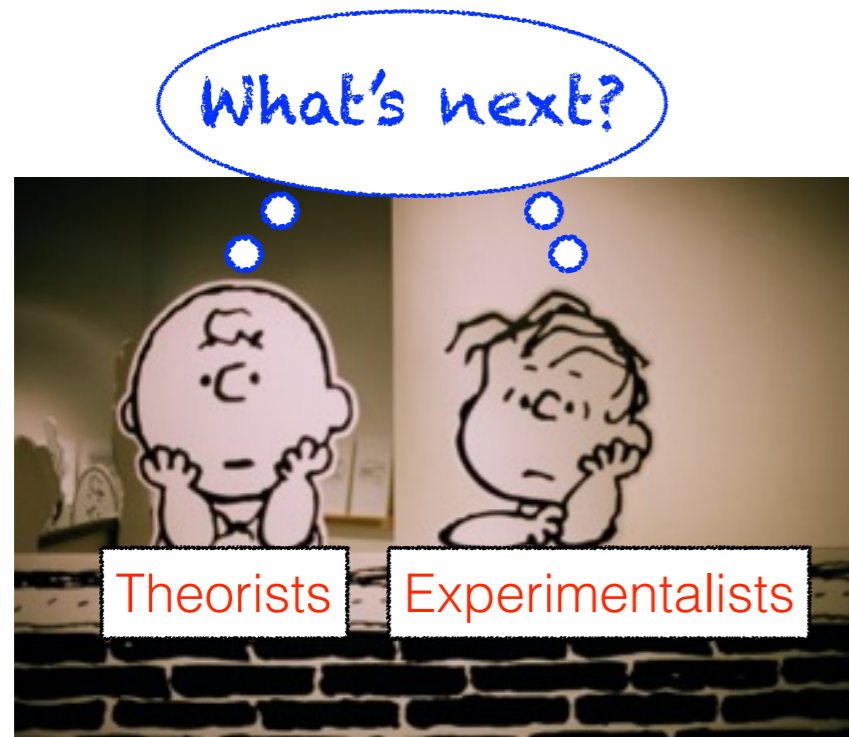


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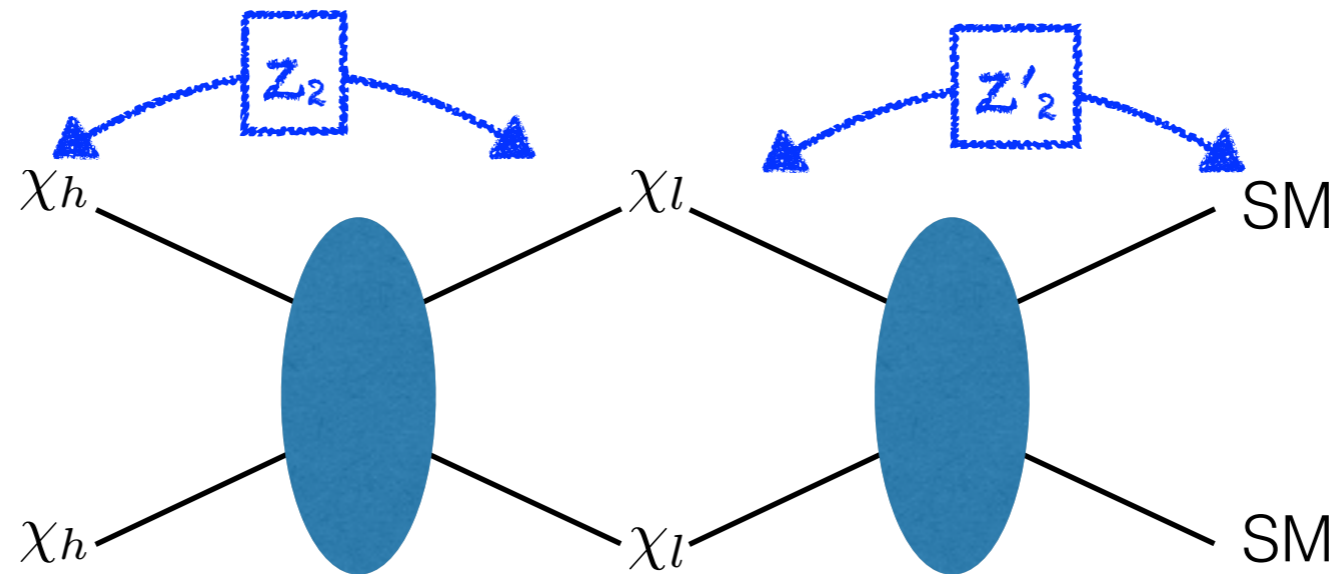
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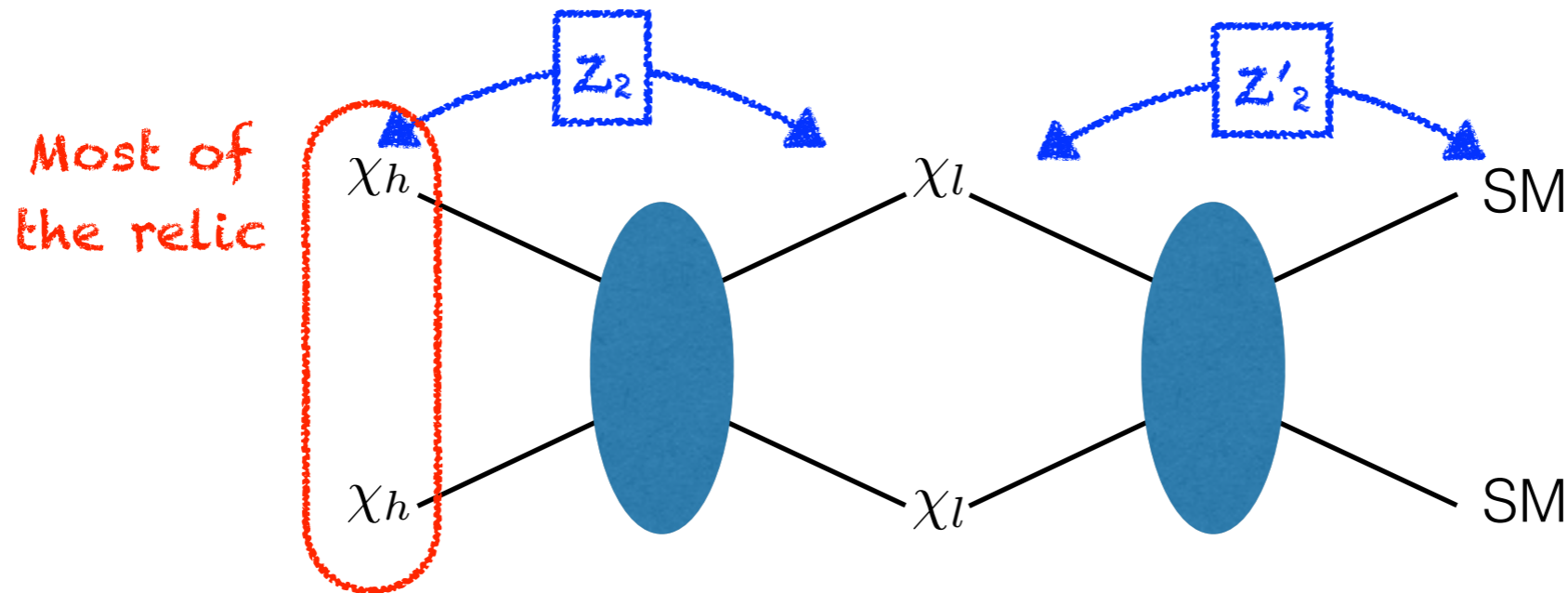
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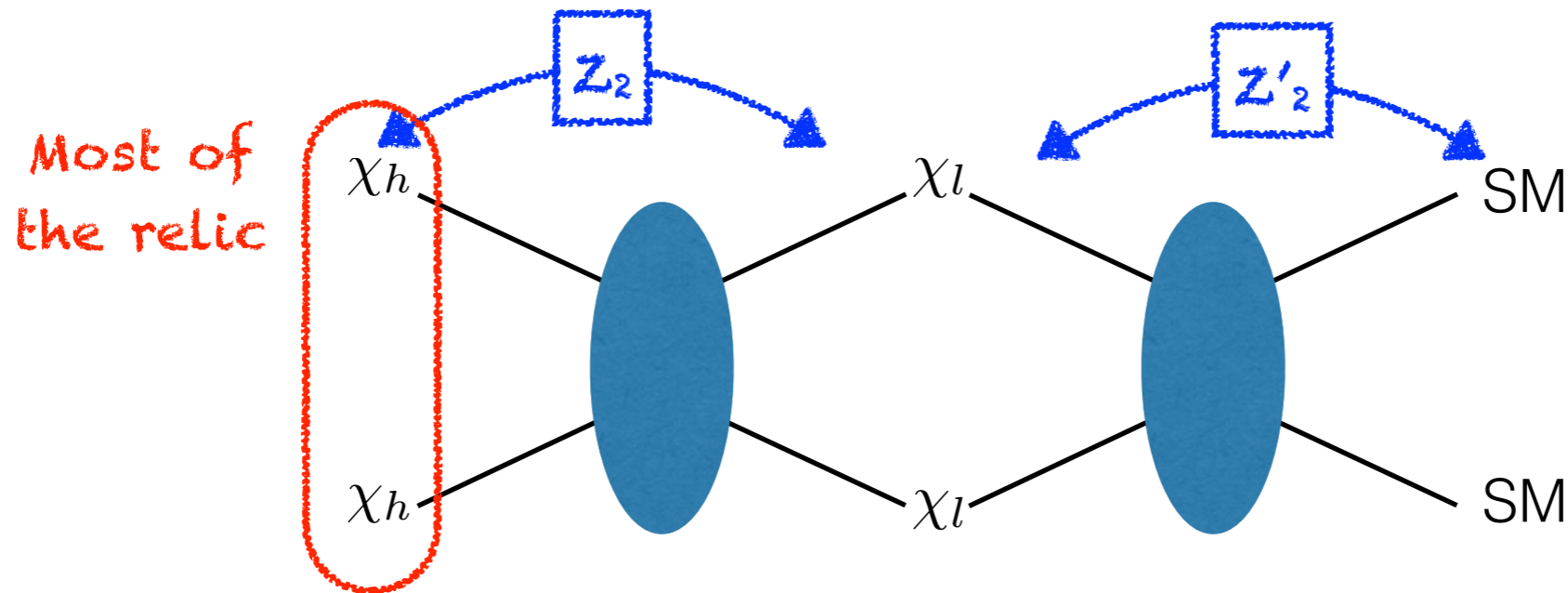
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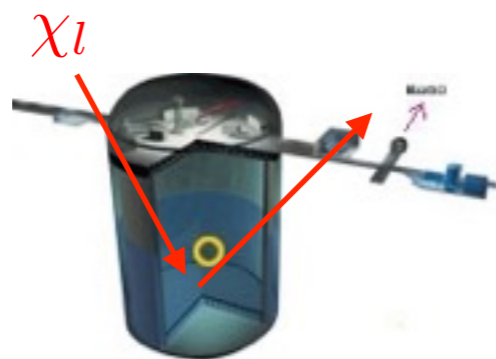
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Large volume  $\nu$  experiments



- Basic model: count  $N_{\text{events}}$  over the expected background ( $\nu$ )  
Directional information of GC (SK preliminary)
- Modified model: additional directional information (Sun) or process

*challenging*

*promising*

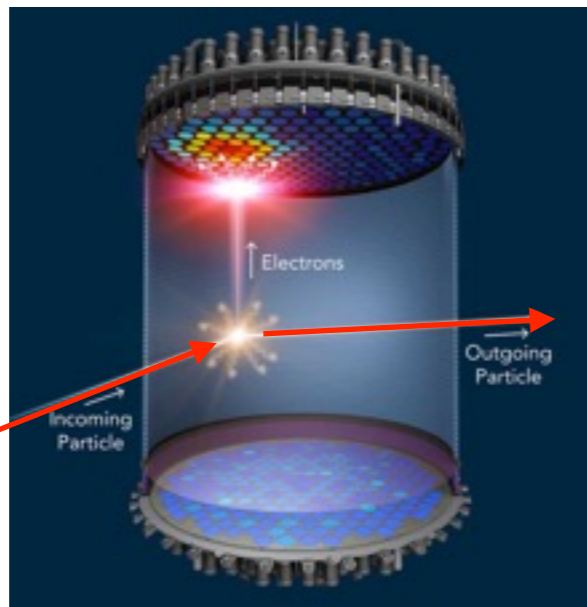
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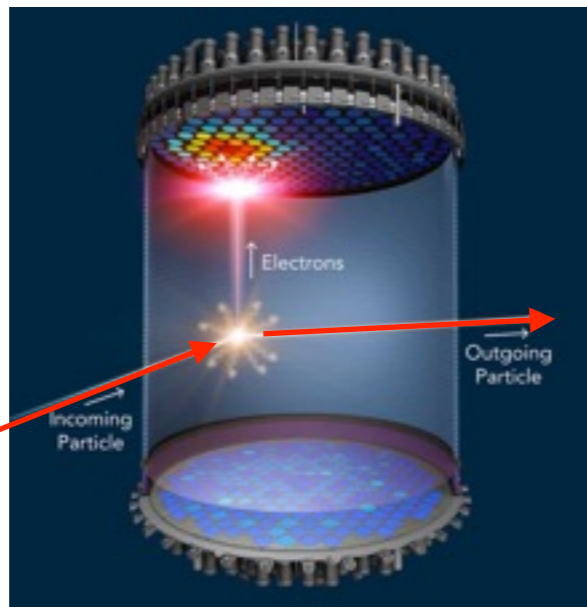
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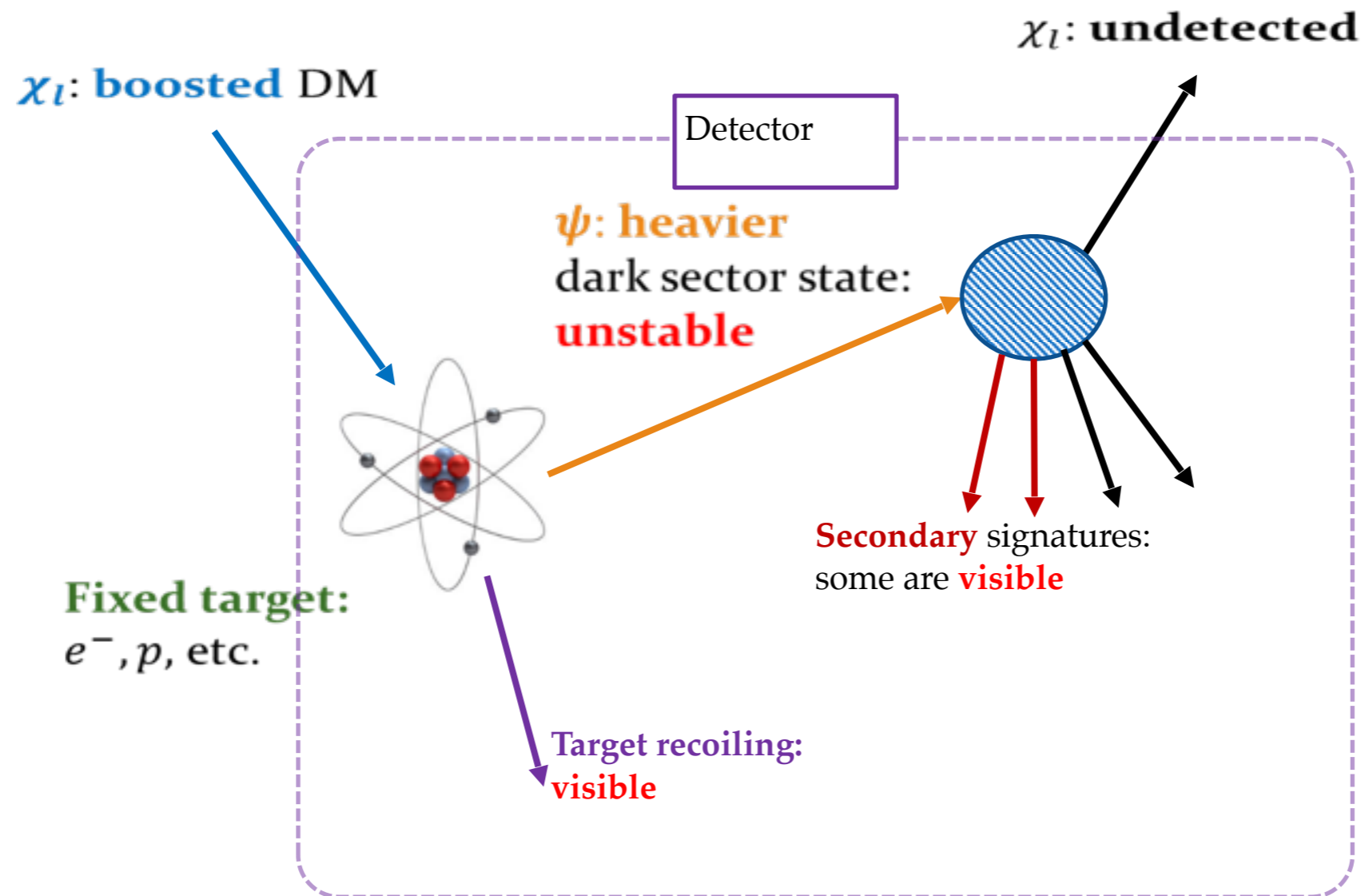
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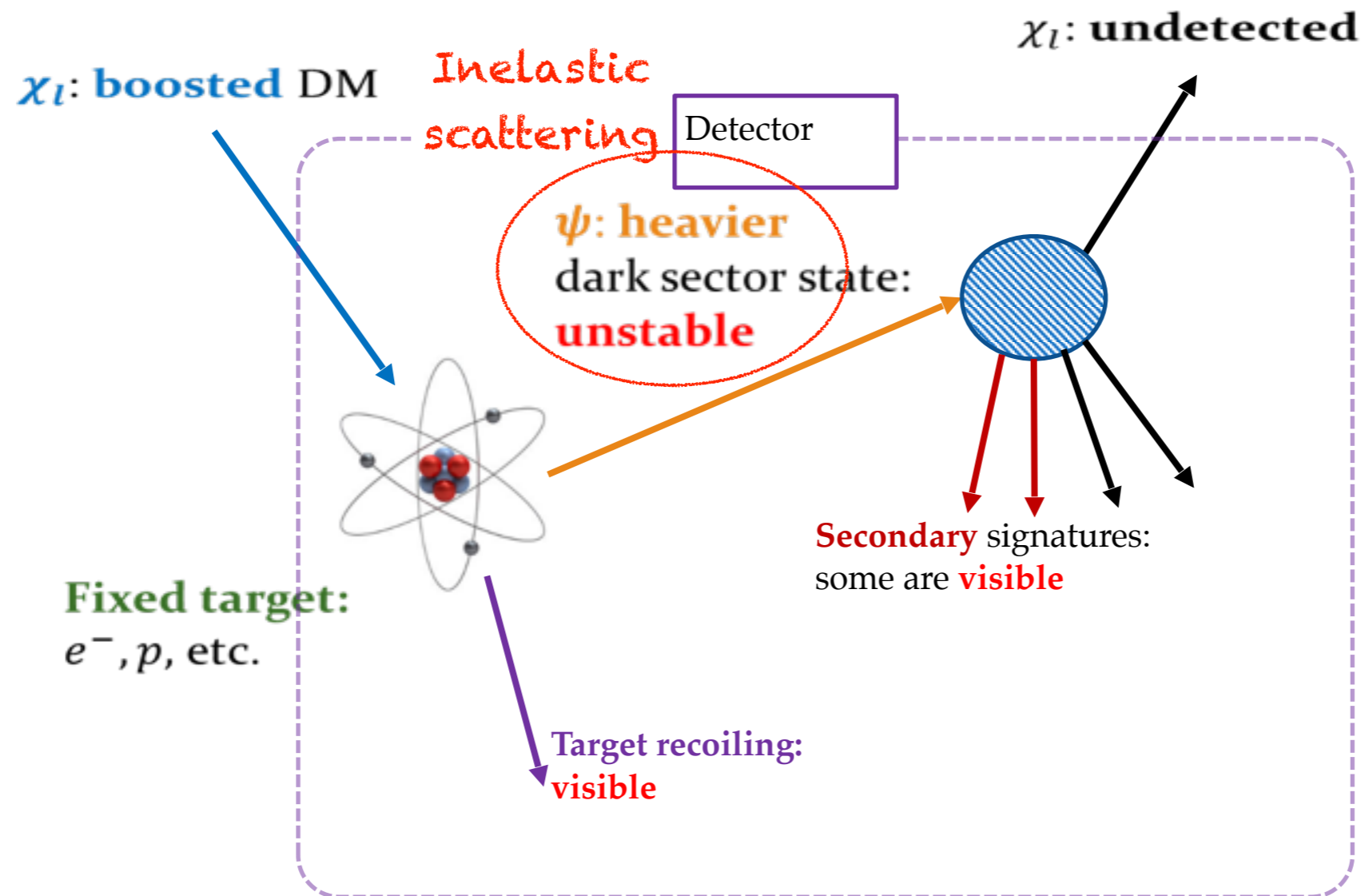
*energetic scattering*  
*more promising*

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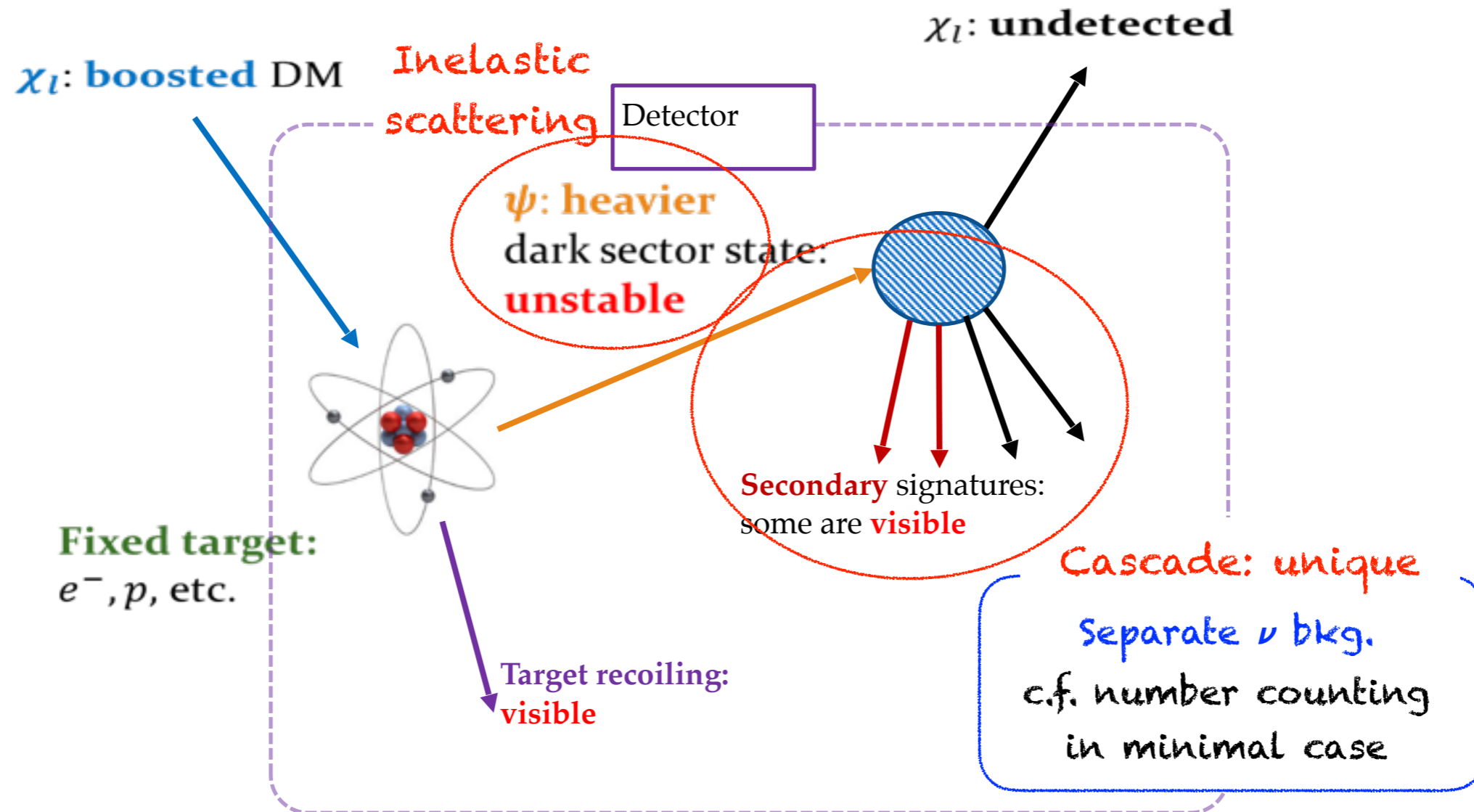




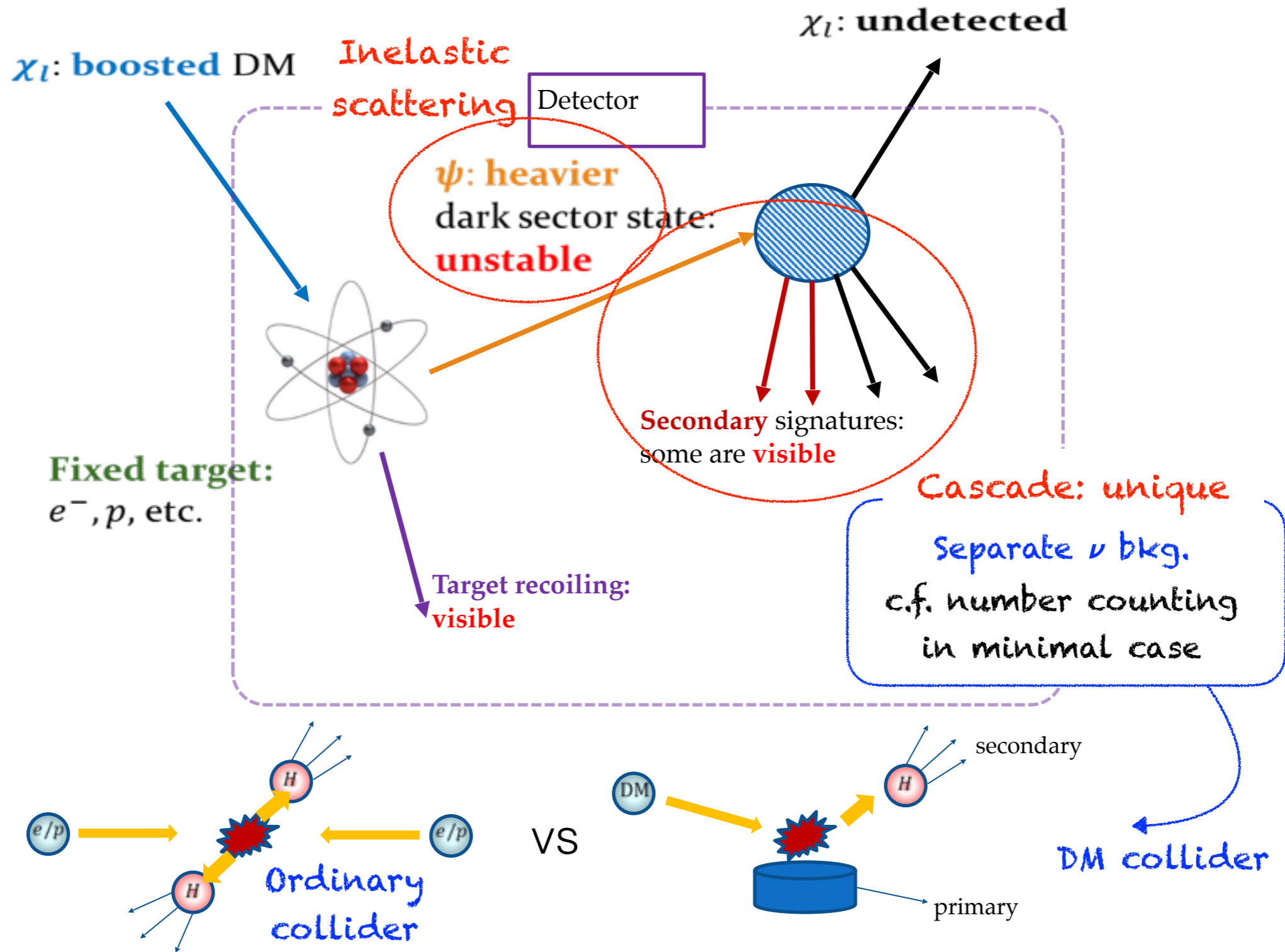
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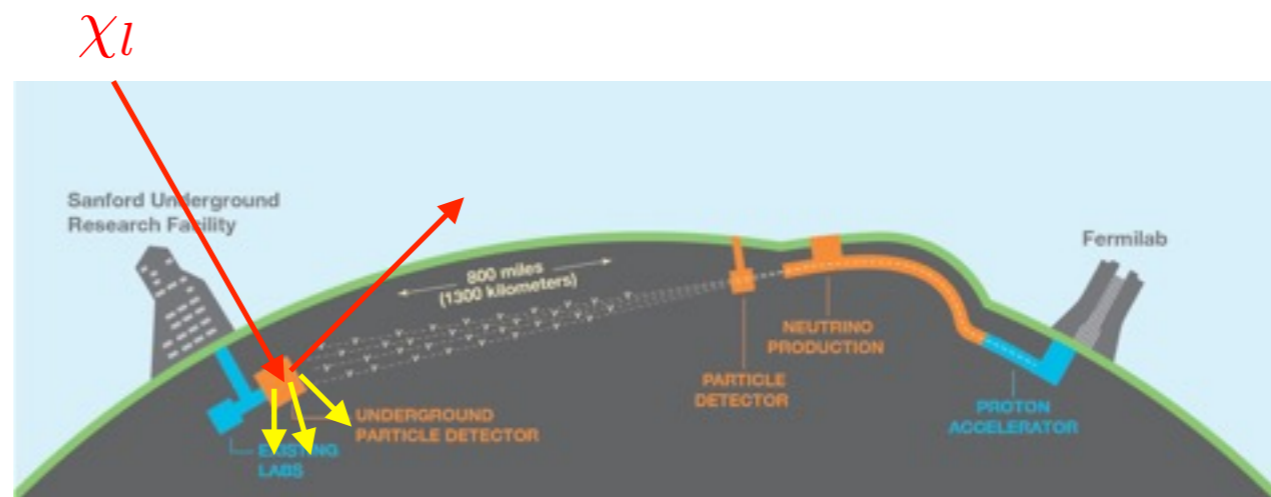
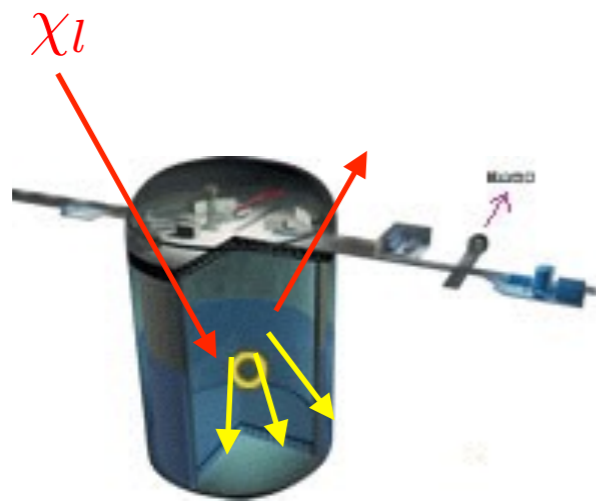
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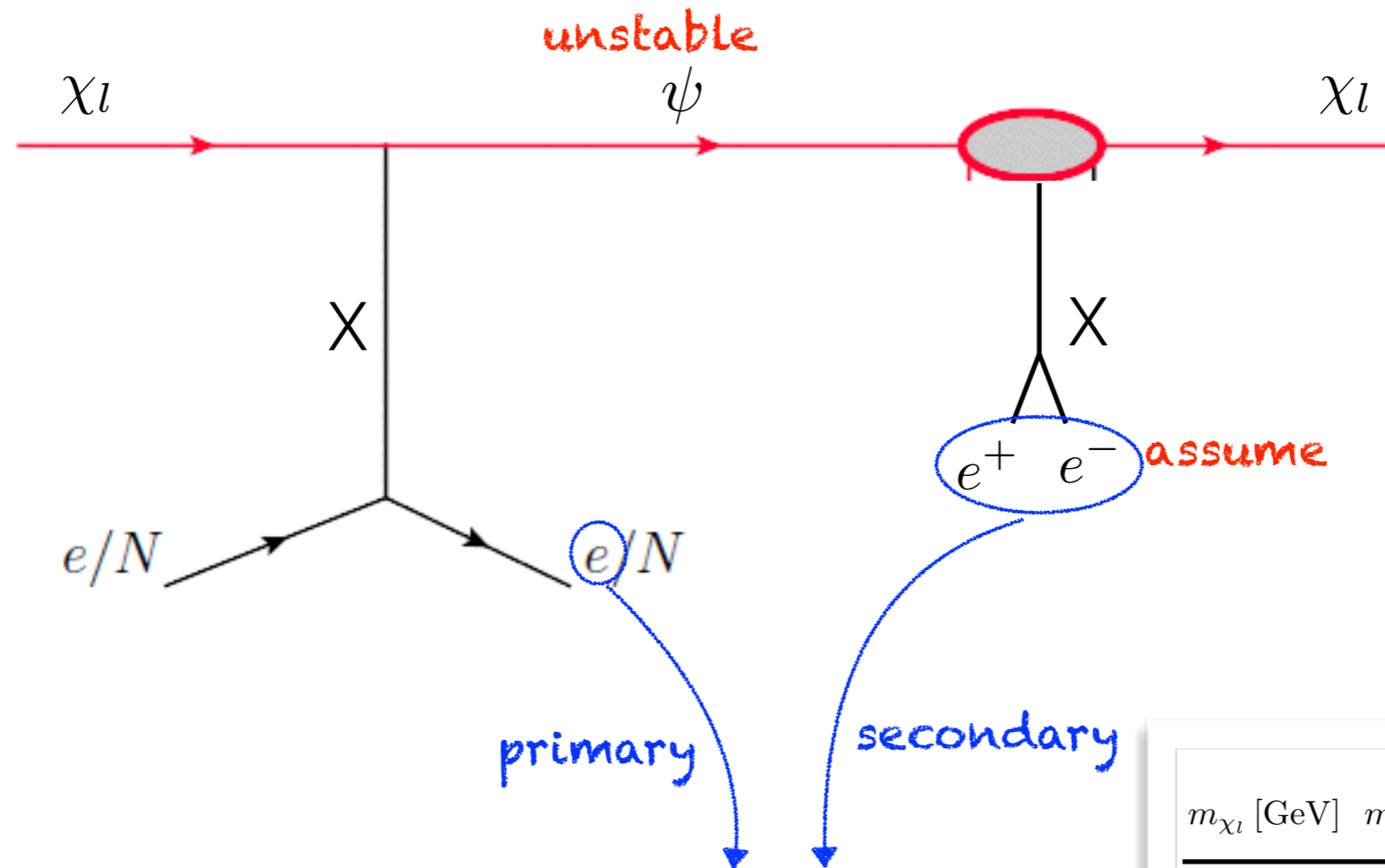
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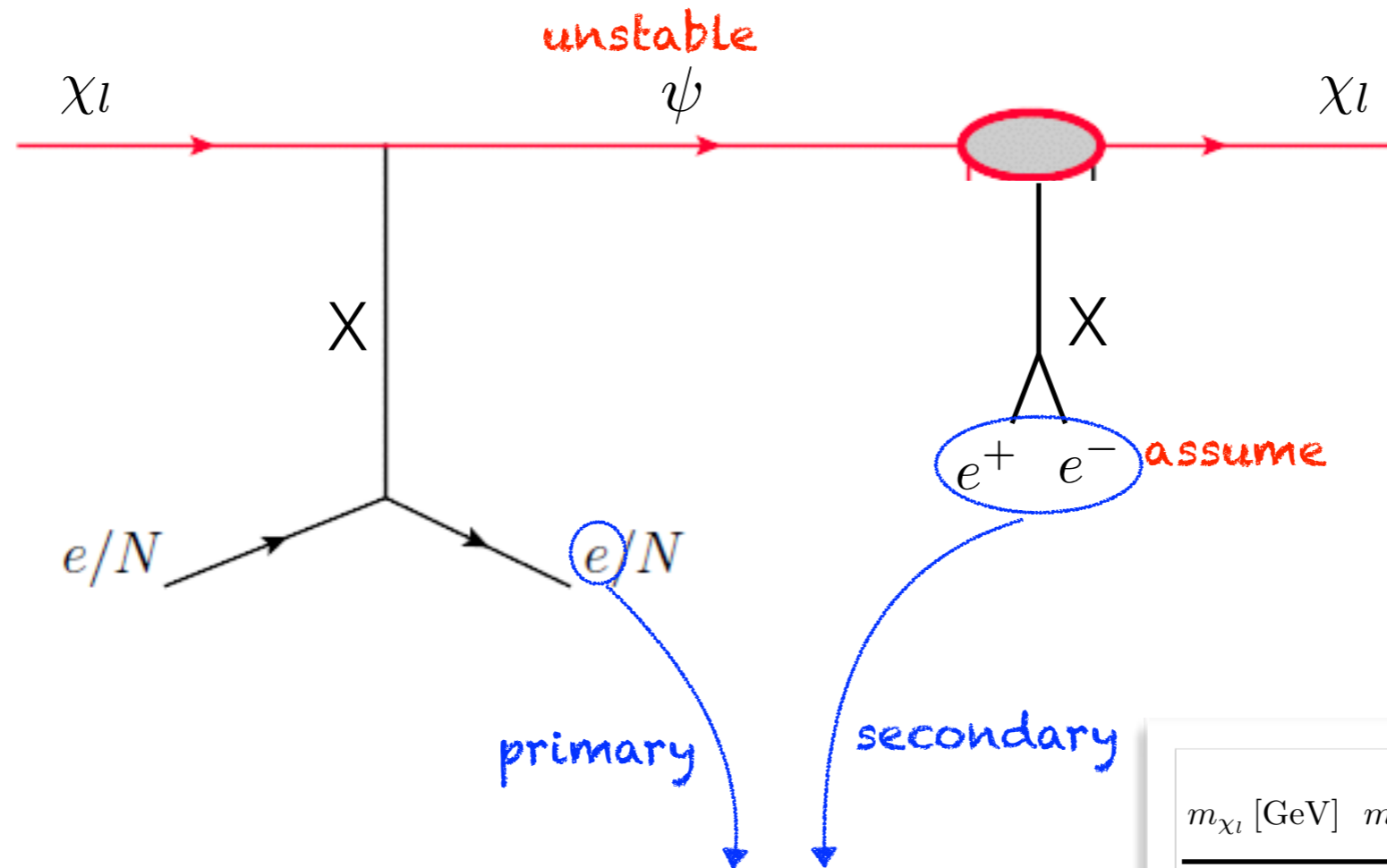
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in an experiment with angular resolution  $\sim 3^\circ$   
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Moderate recoil  $E \leftarrow$

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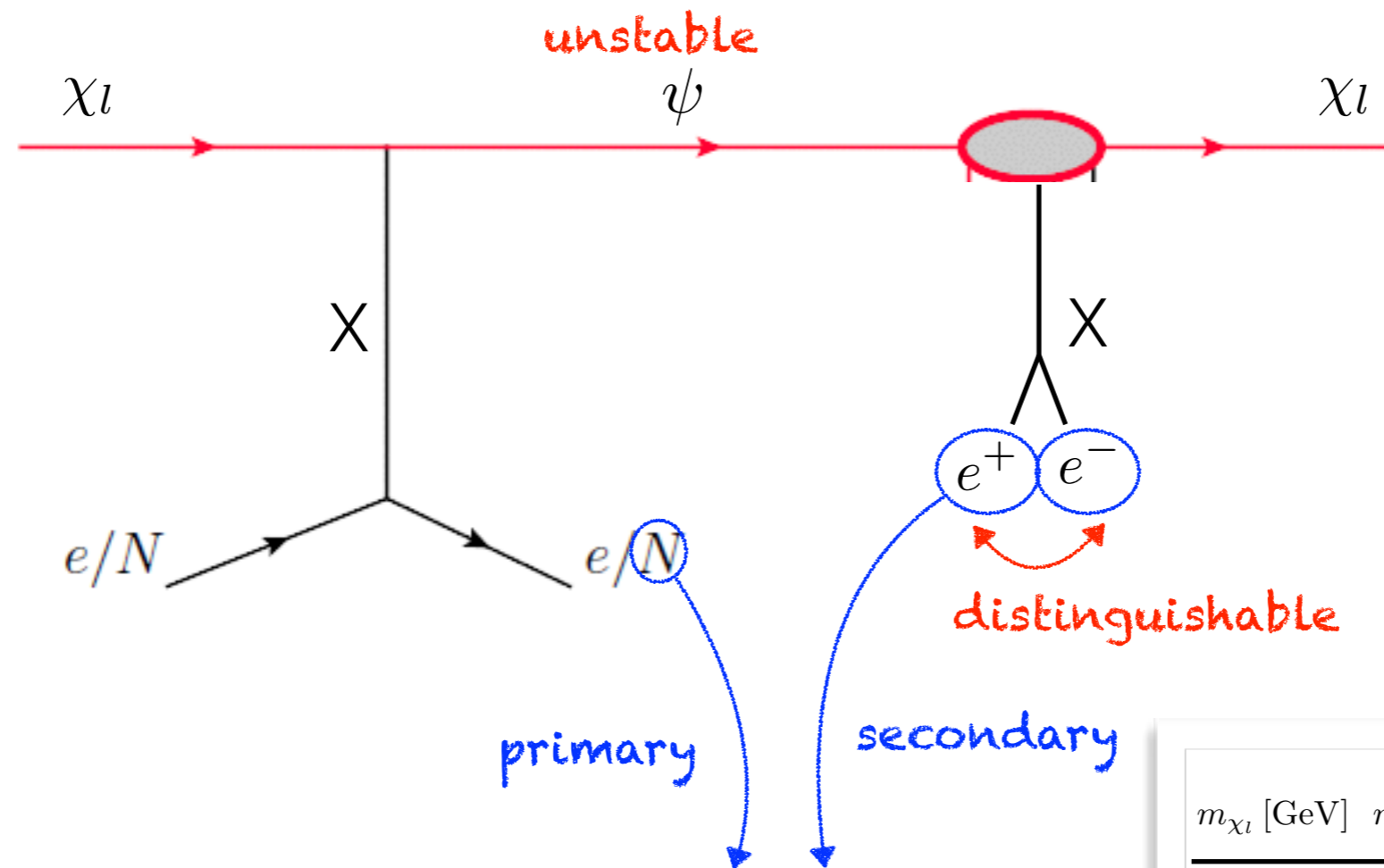


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in an experiment with angular resolution  $\lesssim 1^\circ$   
 (DUNE, SHiP better) for primary  $p_e$ : 0.03 - 1 GeV  
 smaller volume  
 cosmic & intensity  
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 Wider range of E ↻

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High chance to observe  
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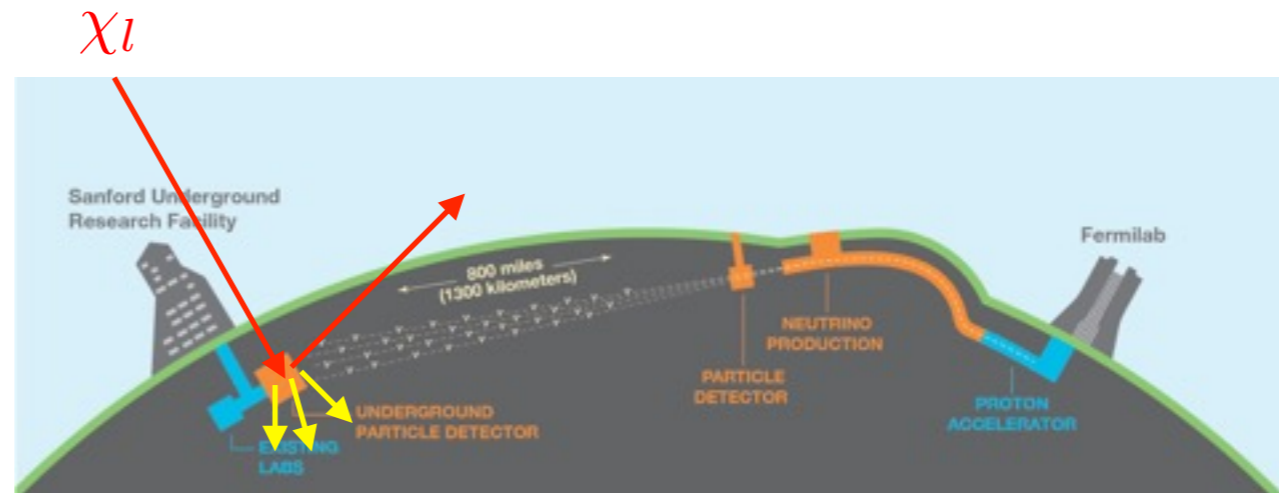
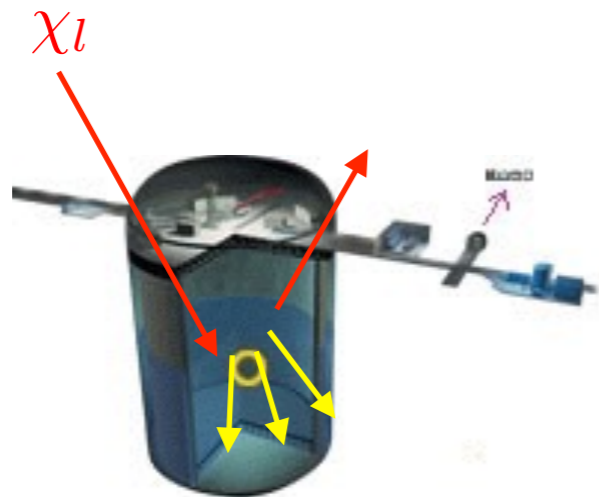
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| 0.1                | 1.0              | 0.5         | 50                |

*very sensitive!!*

Promising in an experiment with  $E_{th} \ll 1$  GeV (DUNE, SHiP)

Need much larger flux for higher  $E_{th} > 1$  GeV (SK/HK)

# Search in large volume $\nu$ experiments



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unit:  $10^{-7} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$

Remind, in a minimal BDM,  
flux over the whole sky

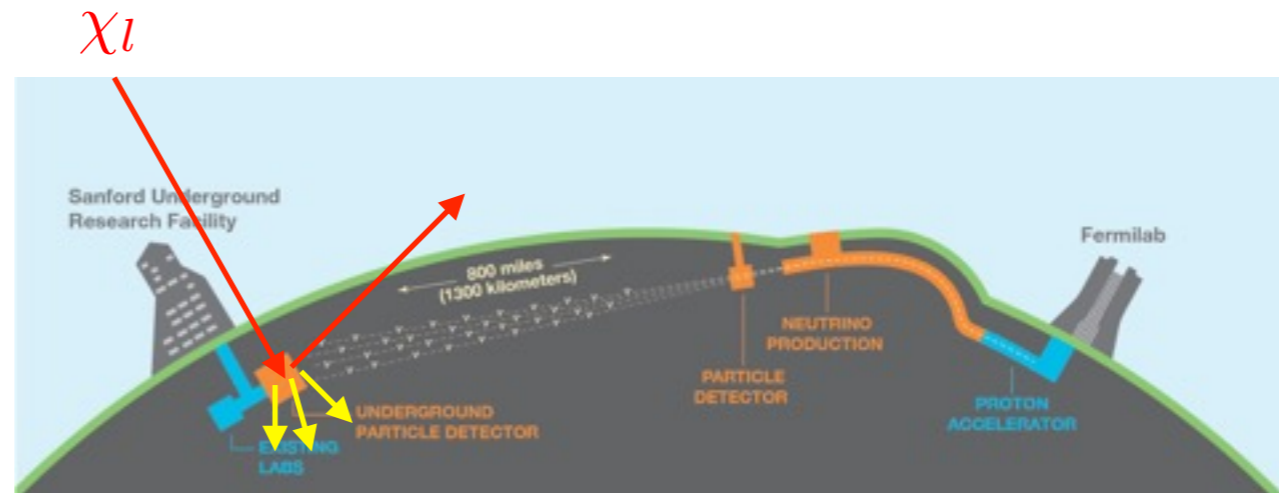
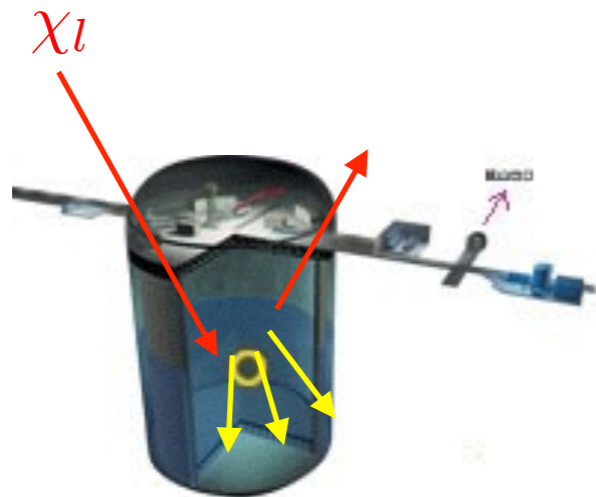
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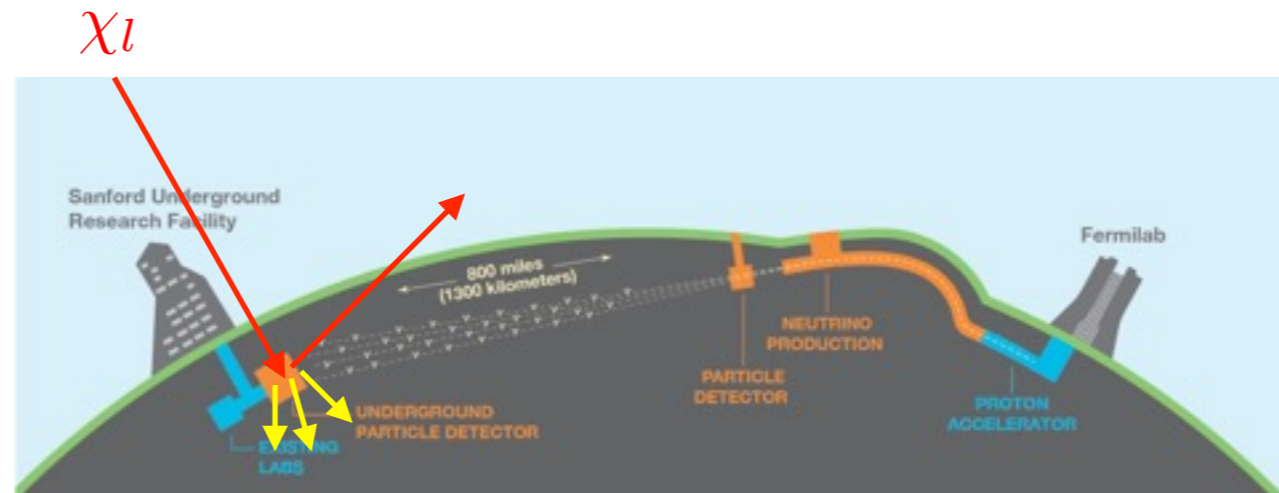
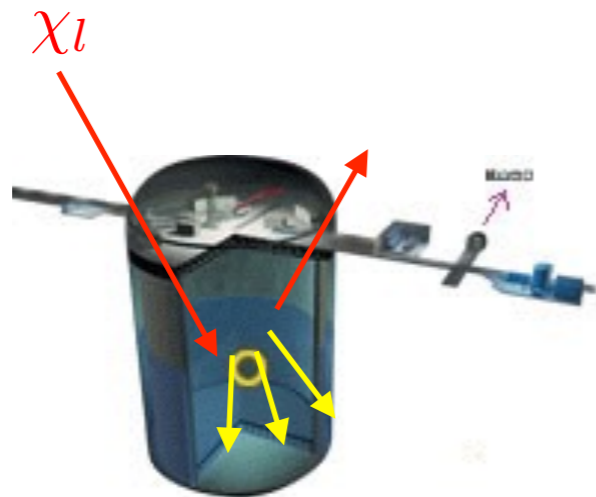
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less sensitive than  $e$

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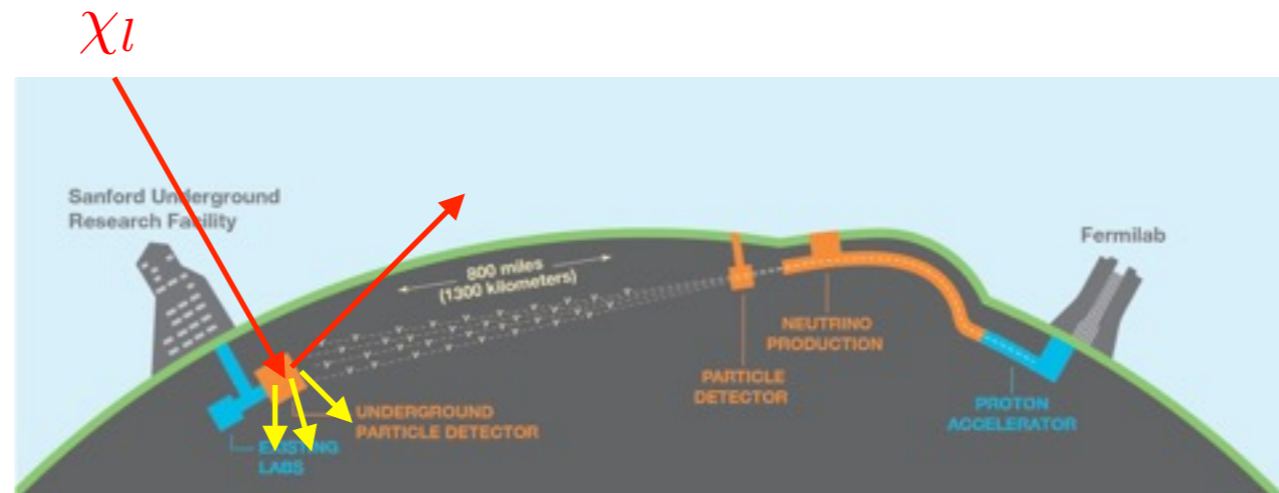
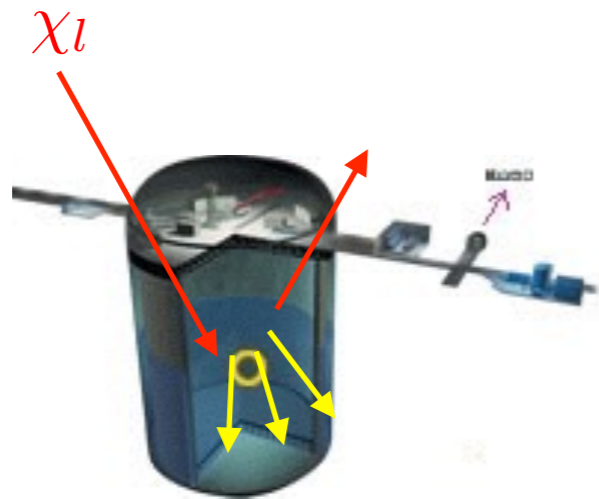
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13.6 yr of HK improves the sensitivity

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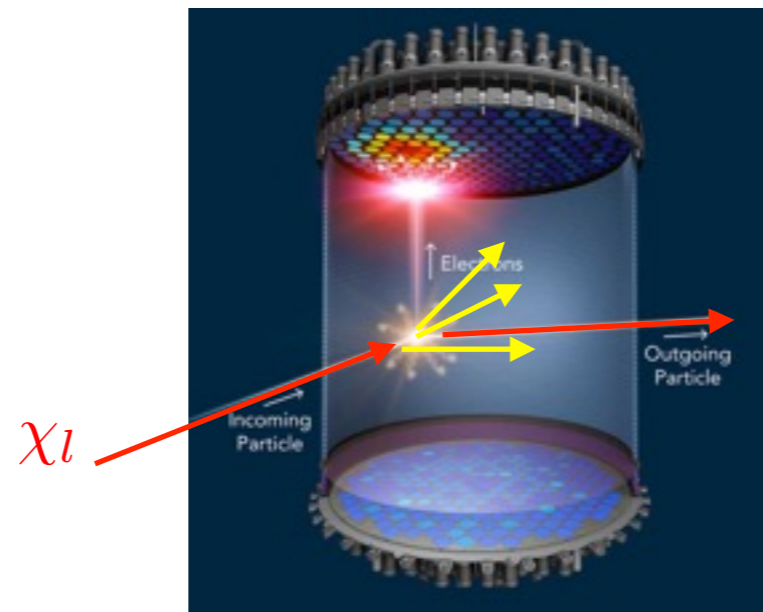
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(3 simultaneous signals)

Remarkable  
improvement  
in DUNE!!!

Promising

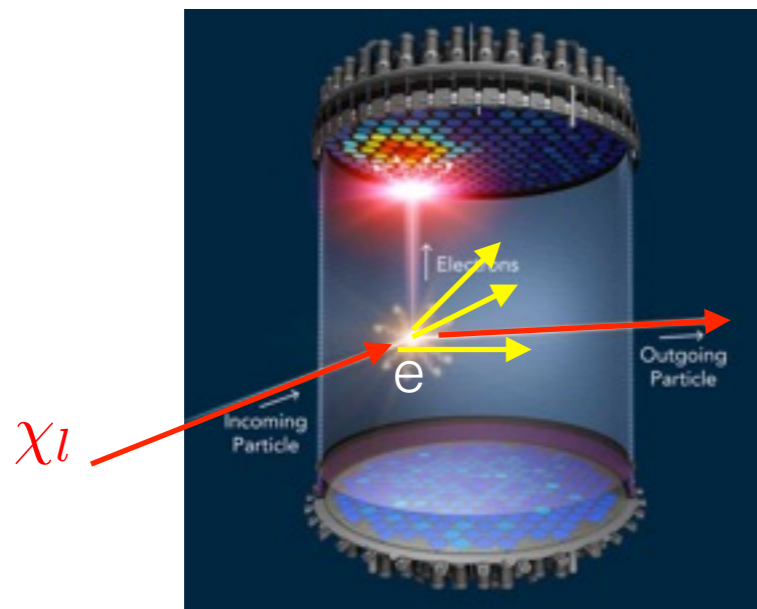
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Xenon1T, DEAP3600, LZ, XenonNT, ...



High energetic ( $> 10$  MeV)  
 $e^- + e^-/e^+$  signals

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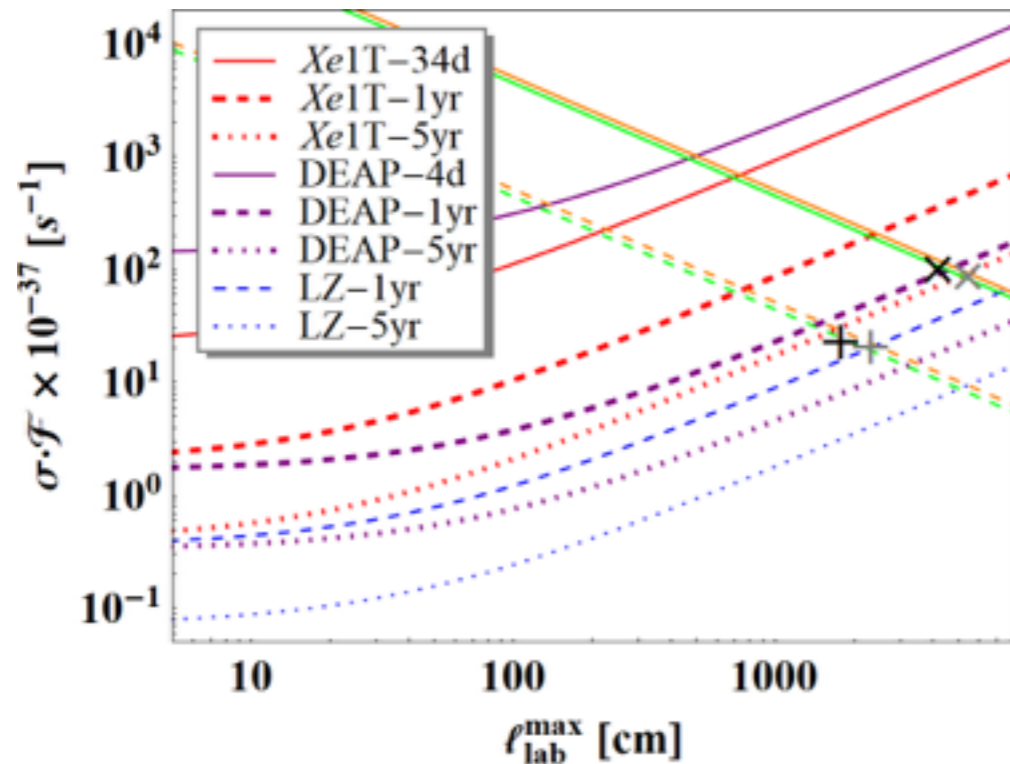
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- Displaced decay: two time-correlated signals  
*Easier to observe*
- Prompt (within resolution) decay: not easy to separate with minimal BDM  
if  $e^-/e^+$  highly collimated

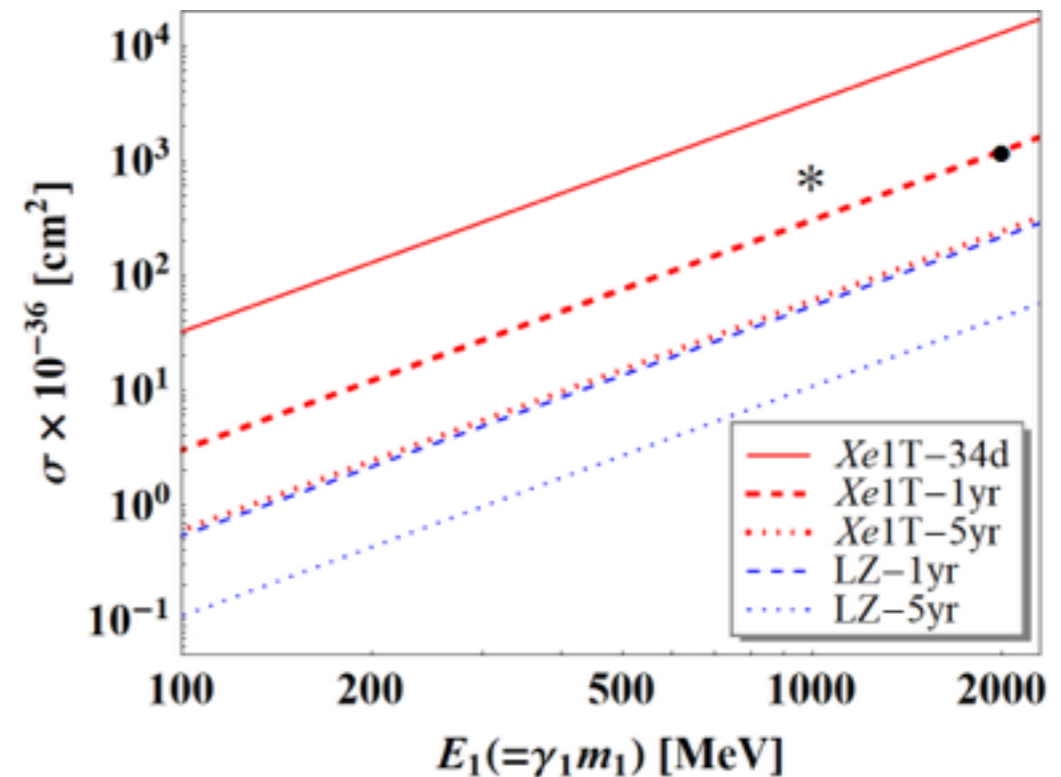
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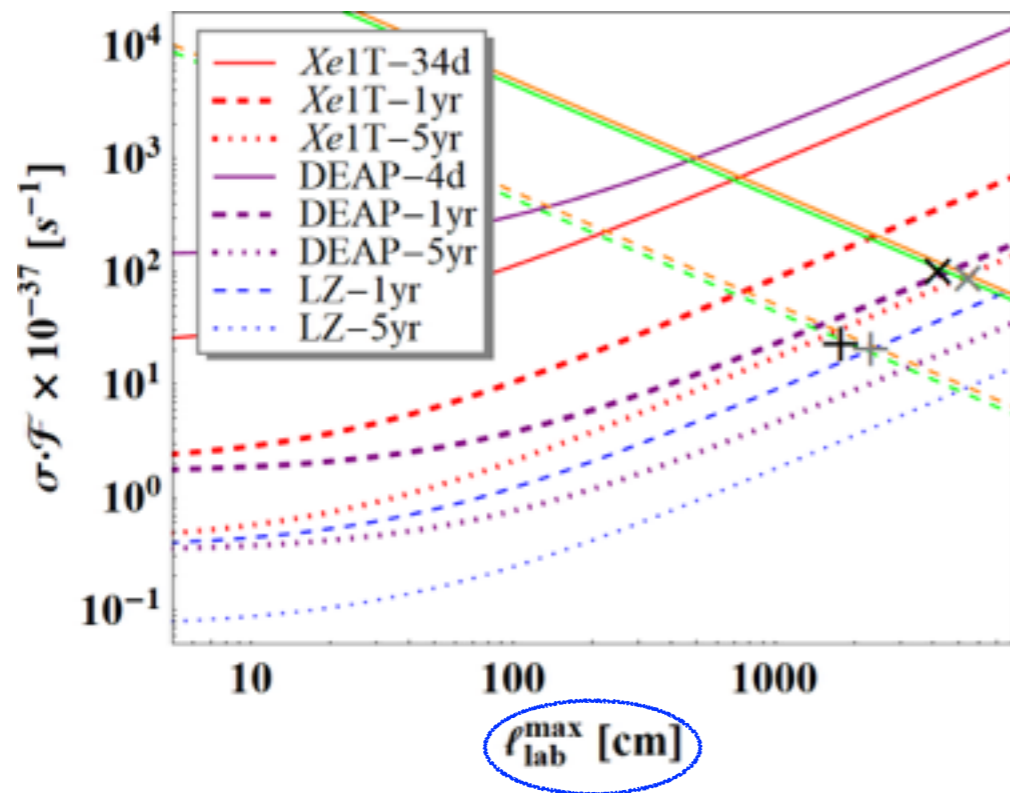
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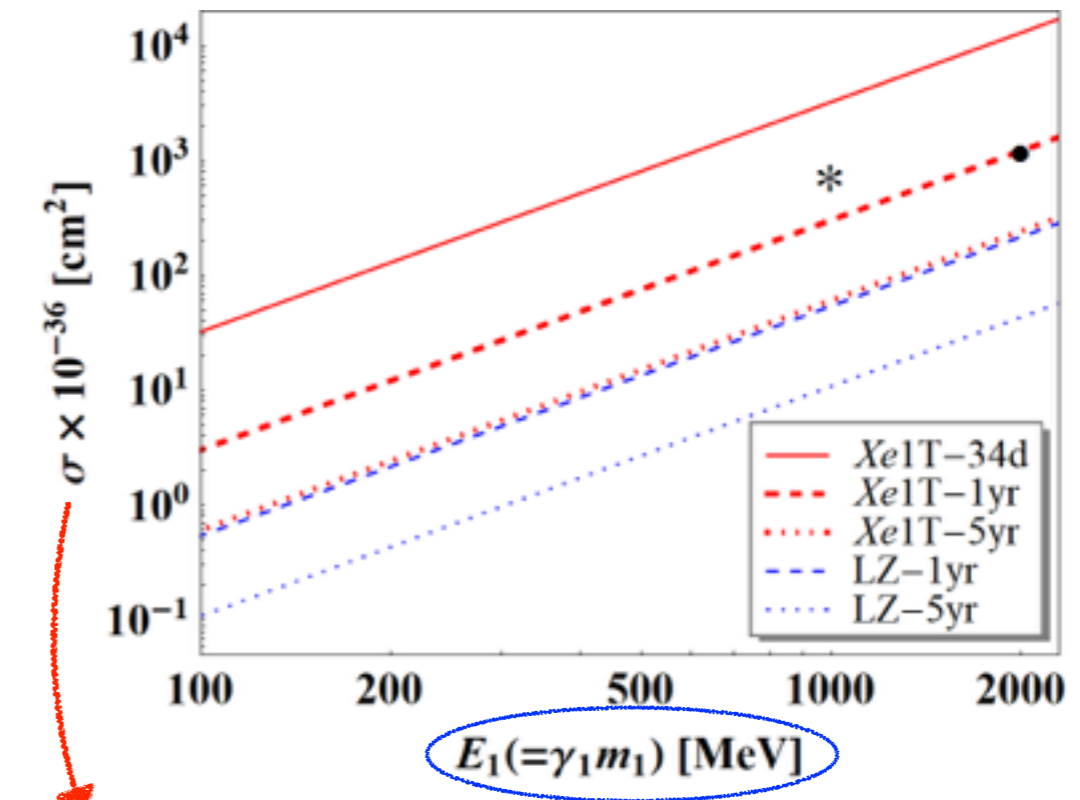
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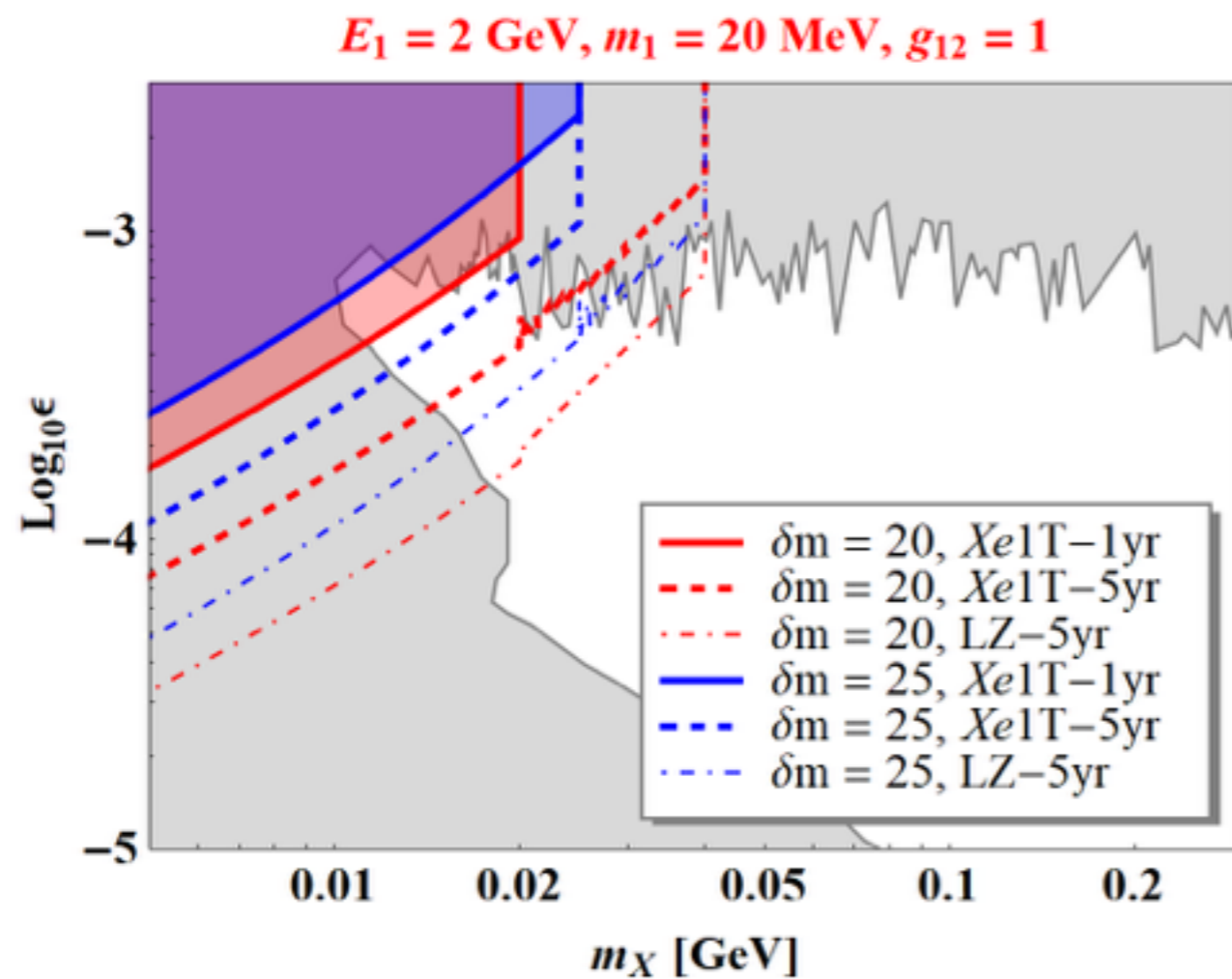
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X decays visibly

Assume no bkg.



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Super-K, Hyper-K, DUNE

## e-scattering

- $E_{th}$  low in Cherenkov light detectors (high  $\sigma$ )
- Sensitive with small flux
- Separation of two signals not easy (good for low  $p_e$ )

pros

cons

DUNE

## p-scattering

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*Intensity frontier exp.*
- Separation of two signals & 3 visible objects: promising

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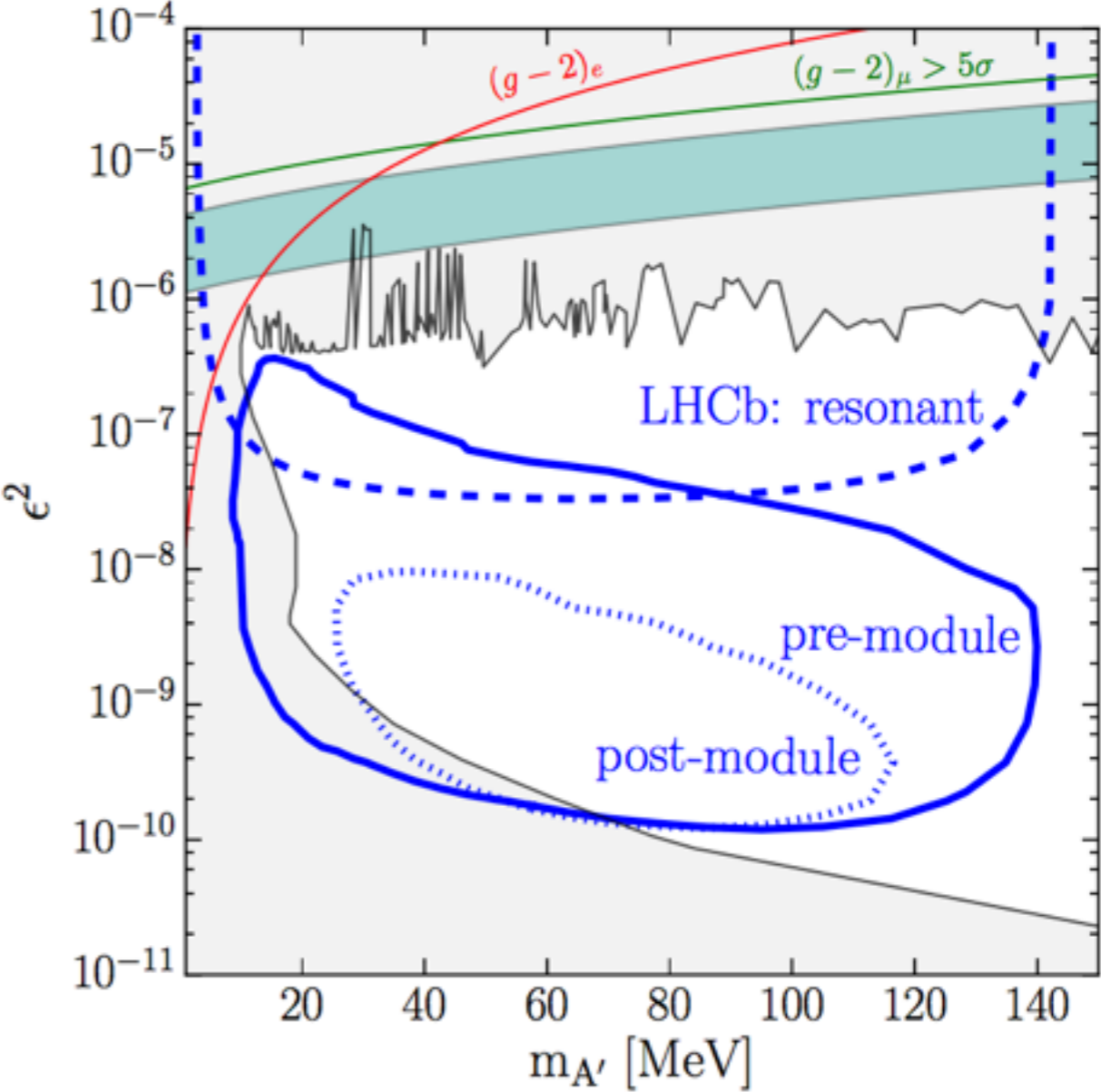
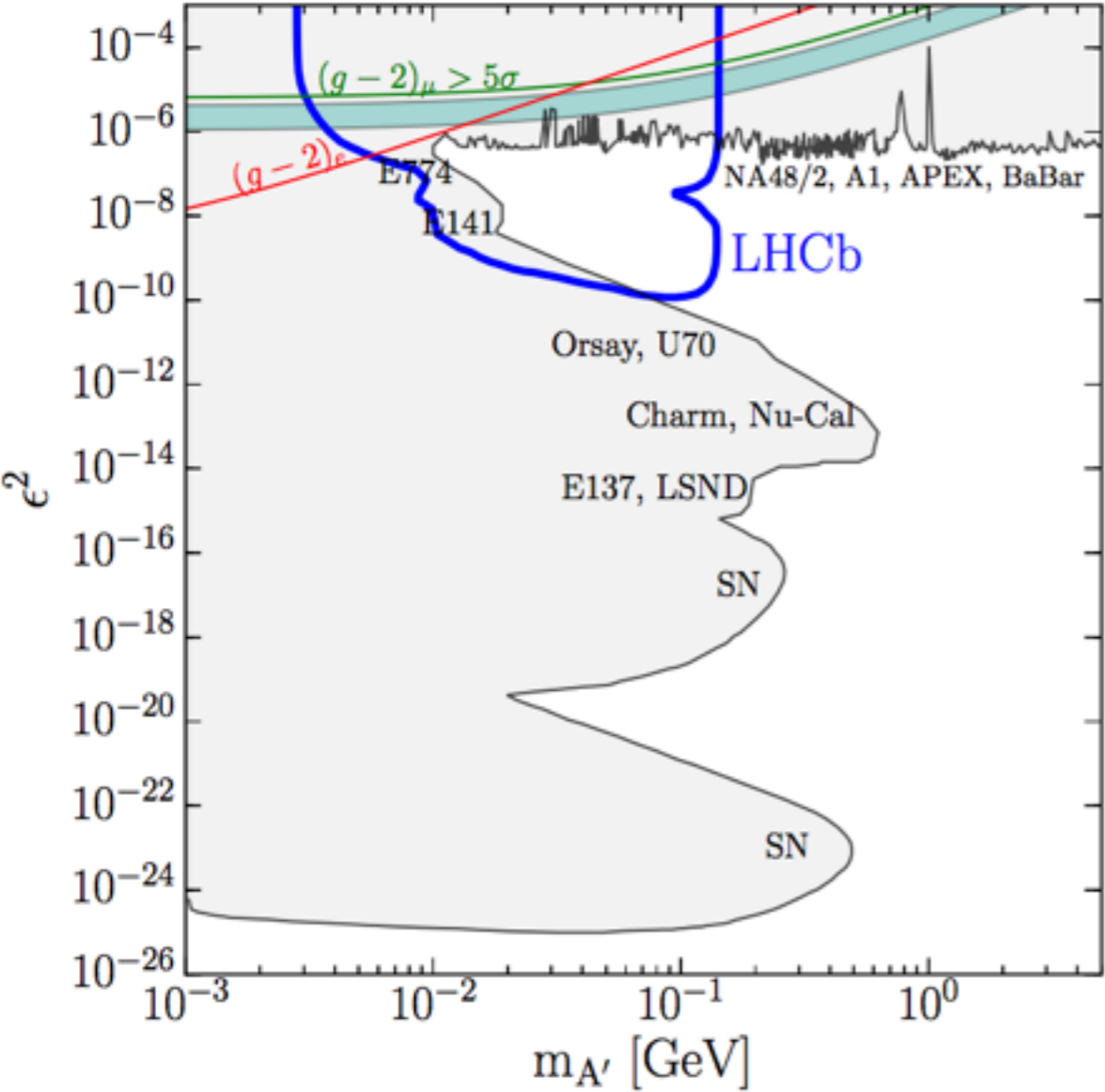
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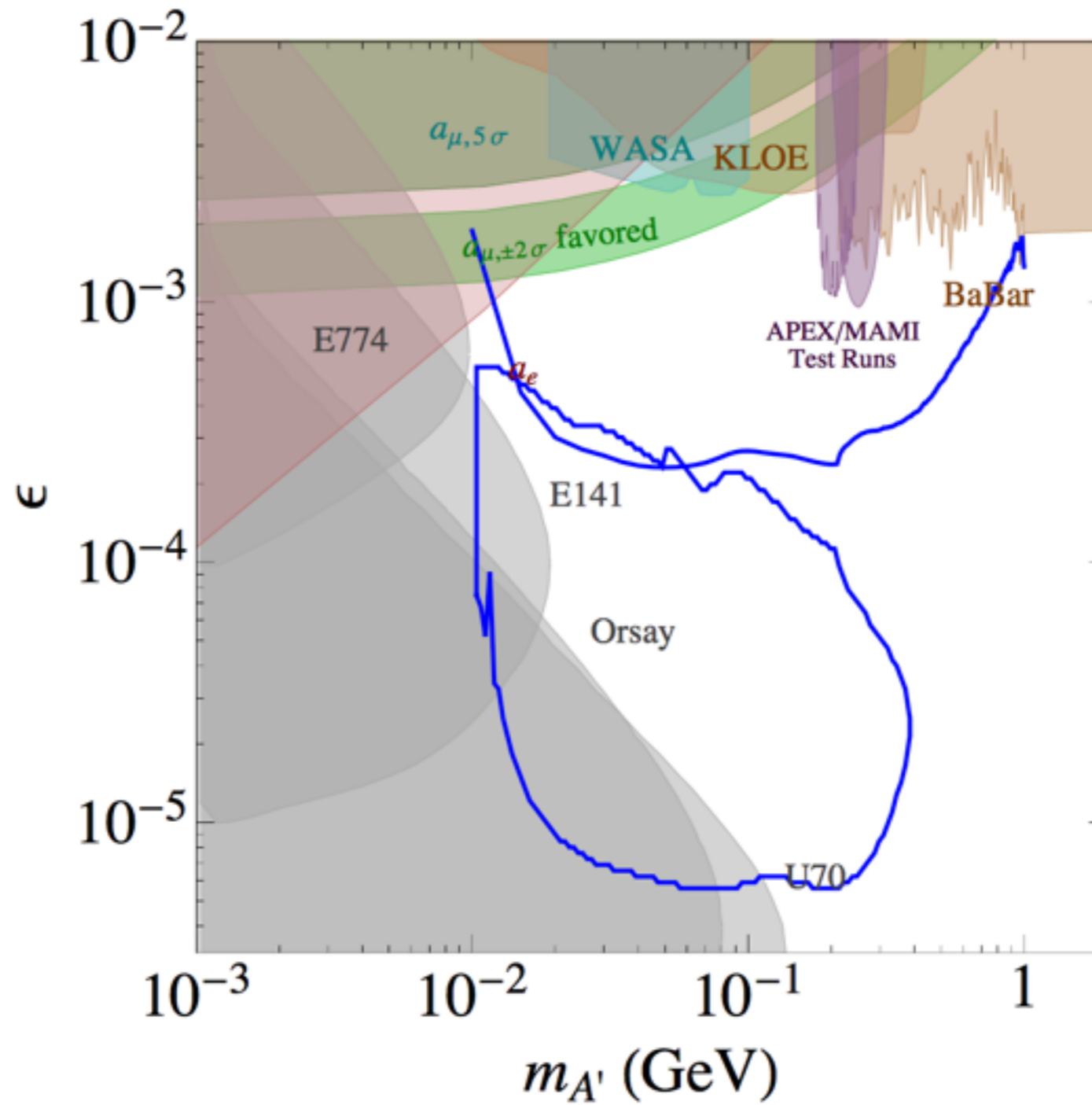
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*Depends on the detector resolutions much*

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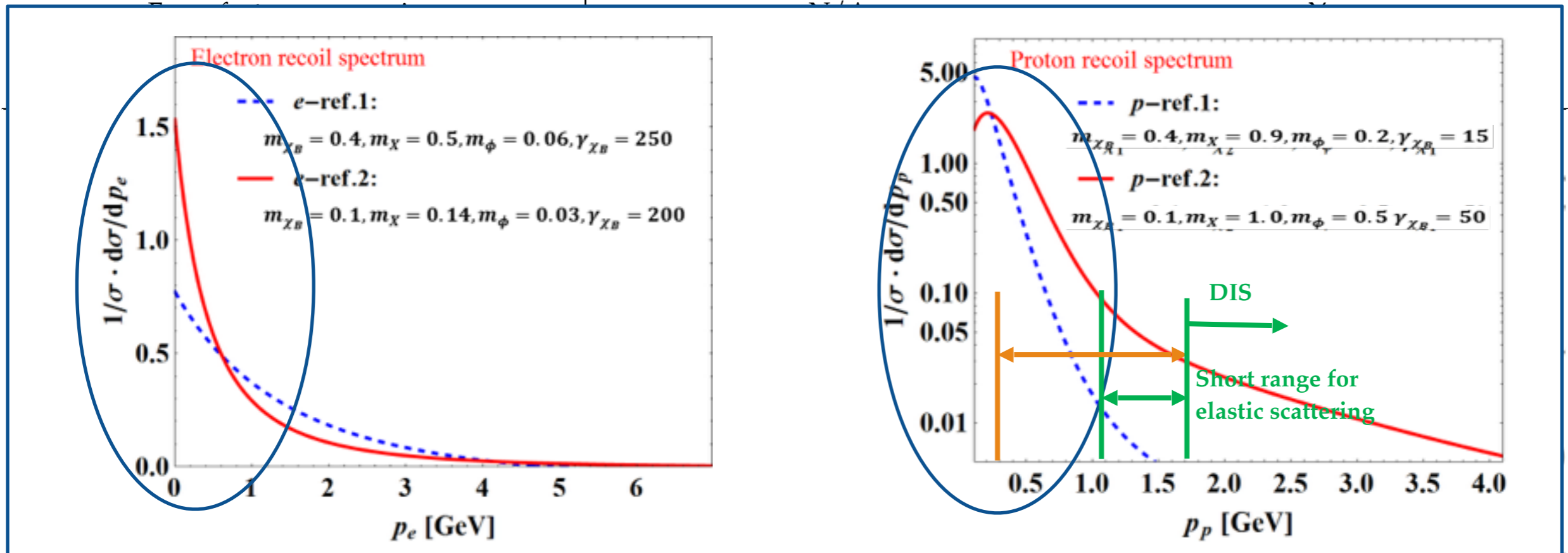


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# e/N scattering prospects

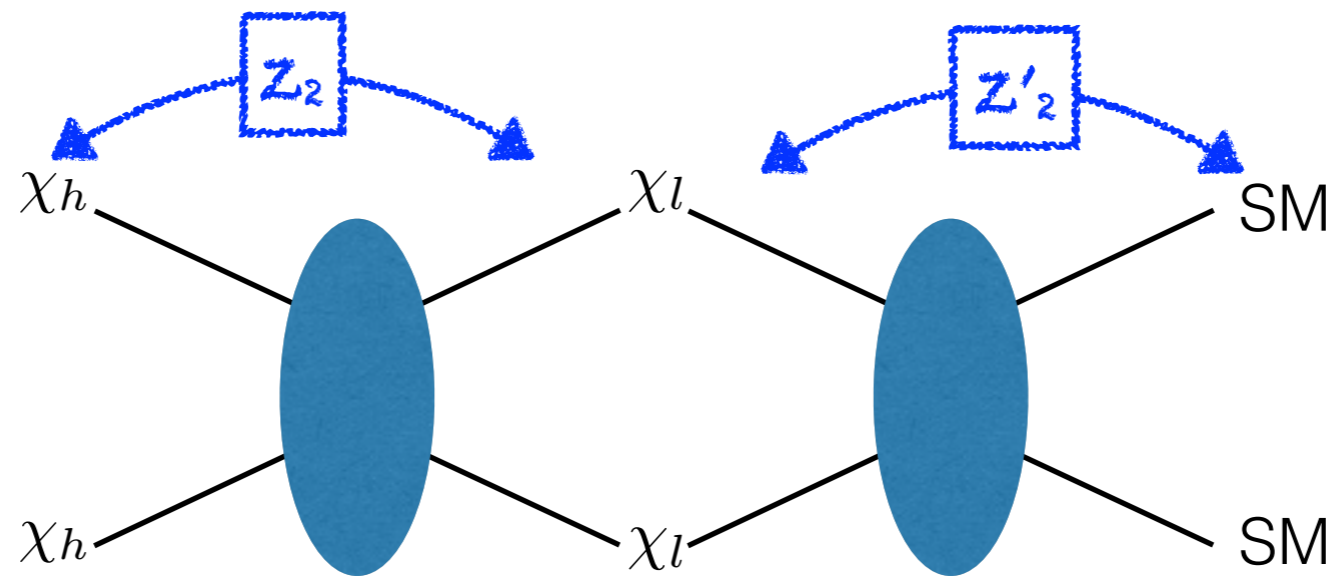
| Exp.                          | e-scattering                              | p-scattering                            |
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| Threshold energy              | Small                                     | Large for Cherenkov<br>Small for LArTPC |



# Boosted DM

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Minimal model example

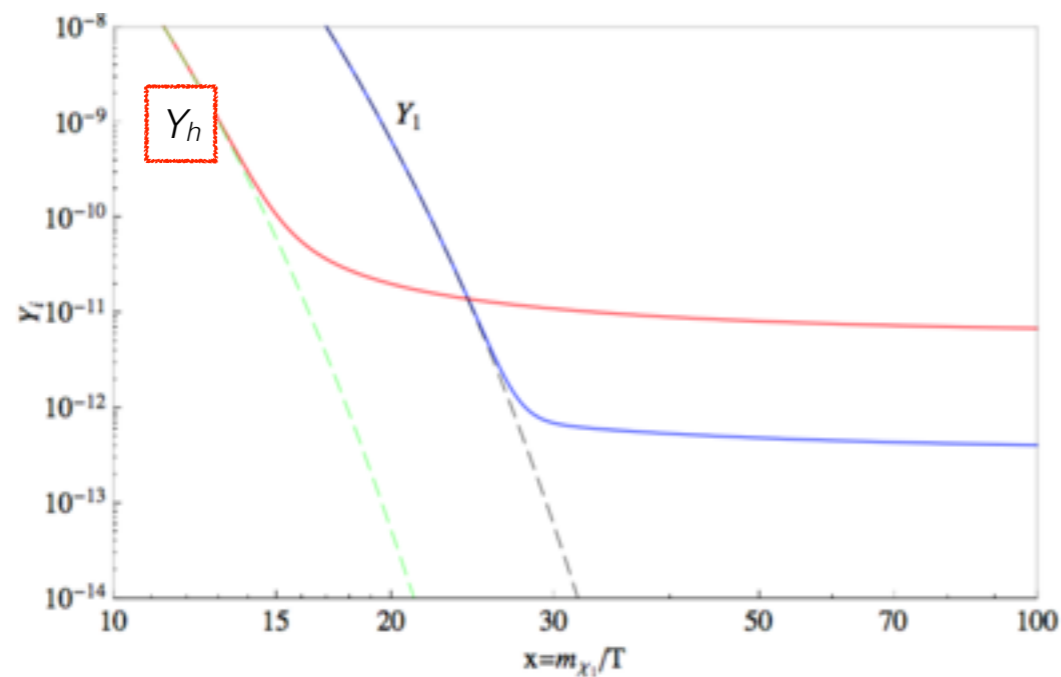
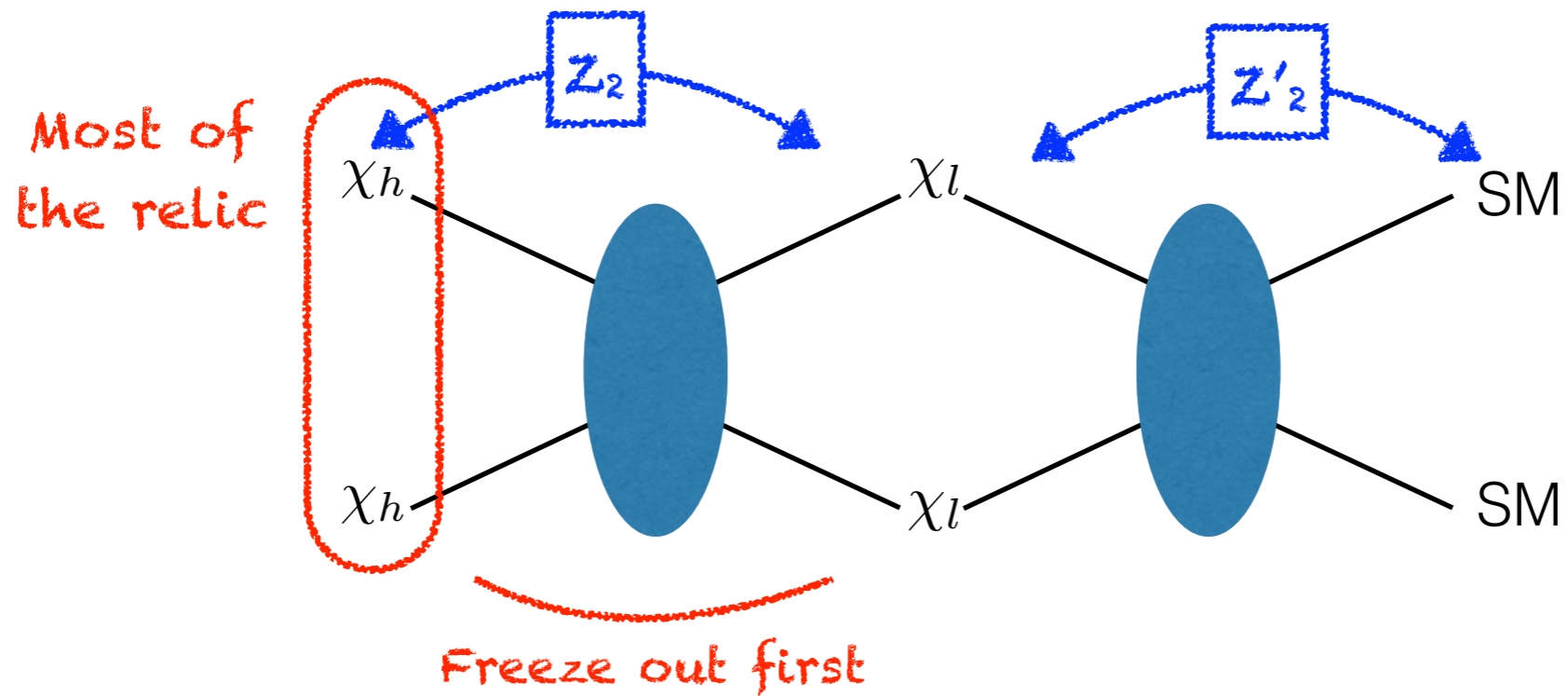


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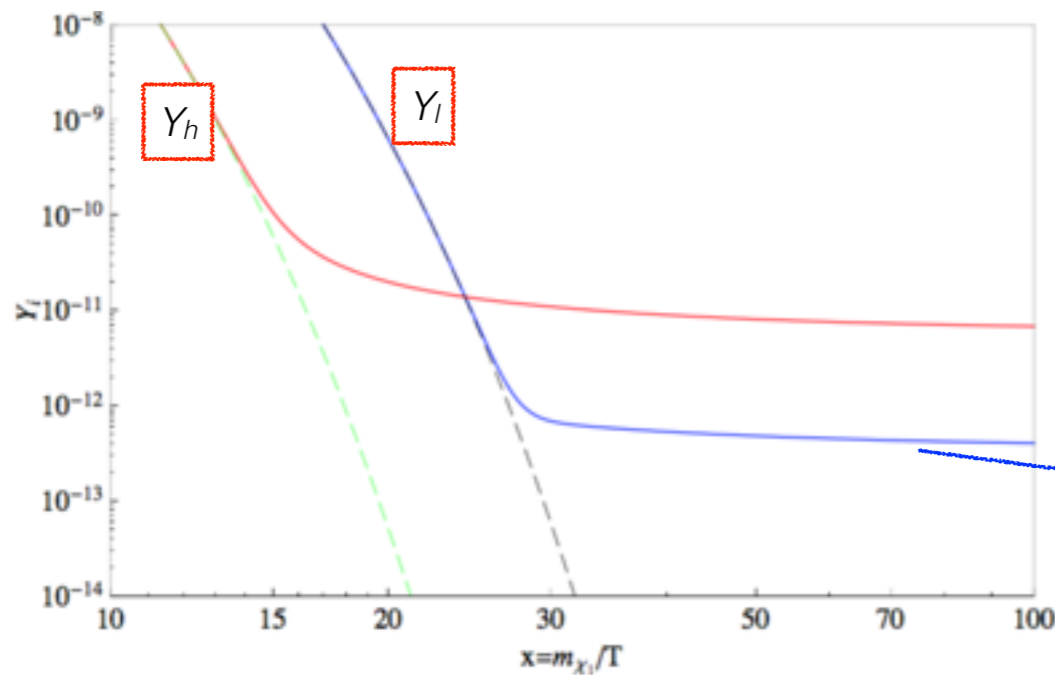
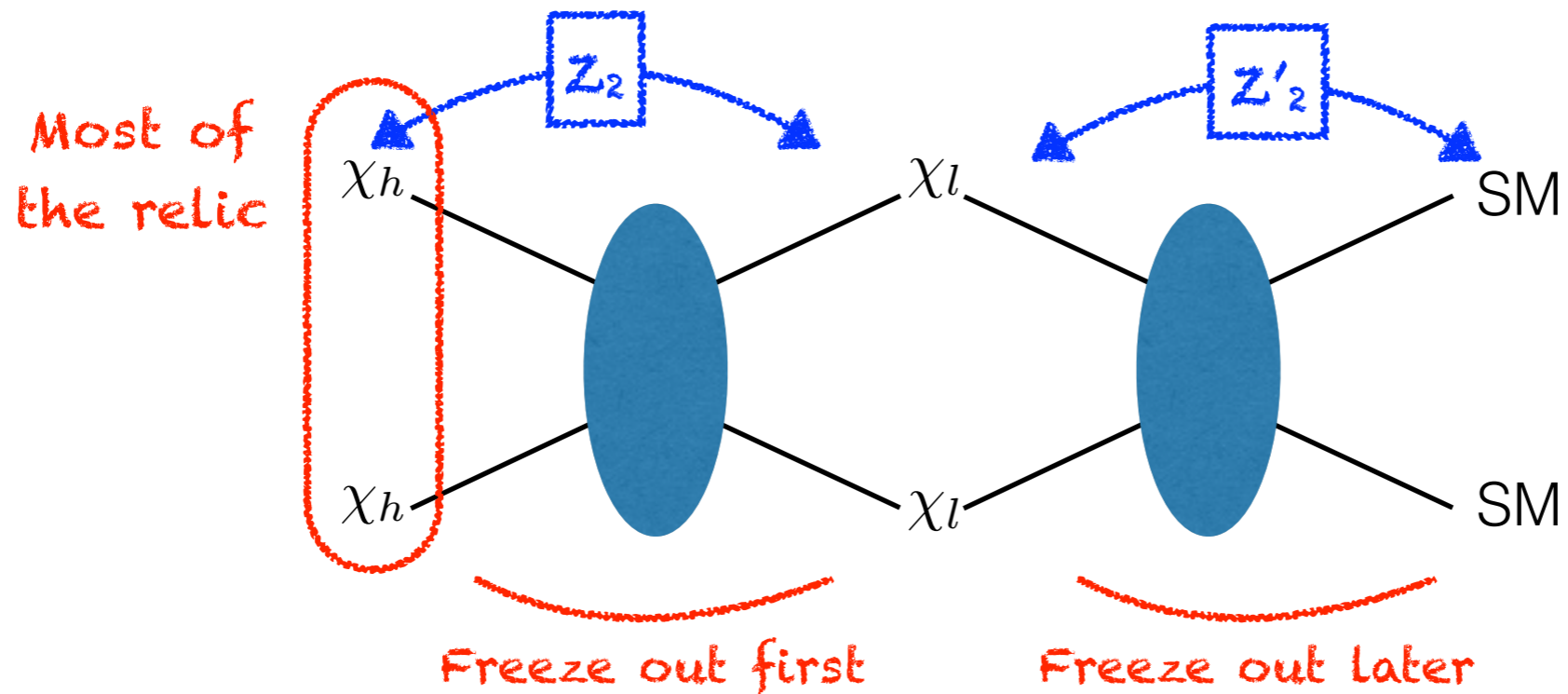


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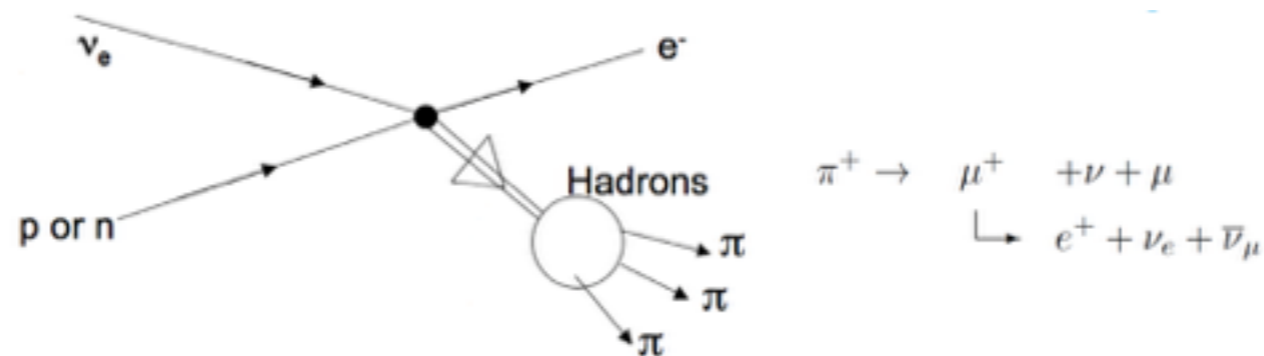


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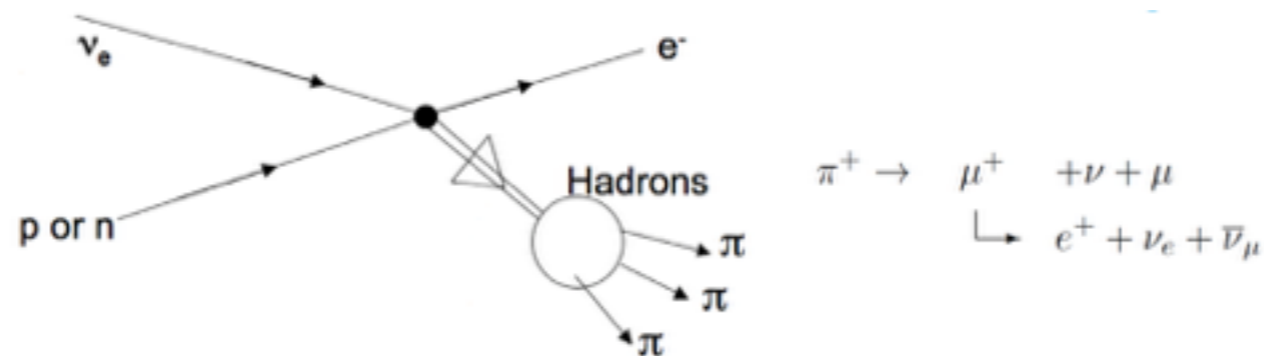


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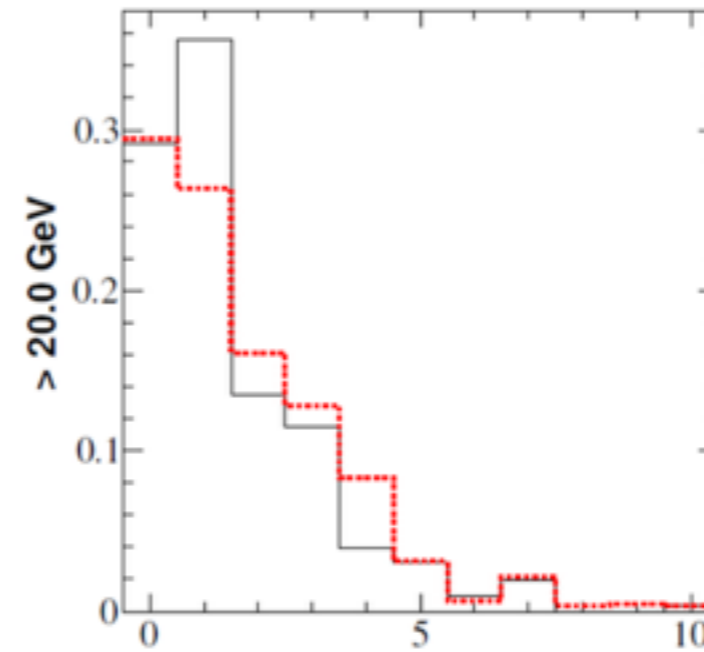
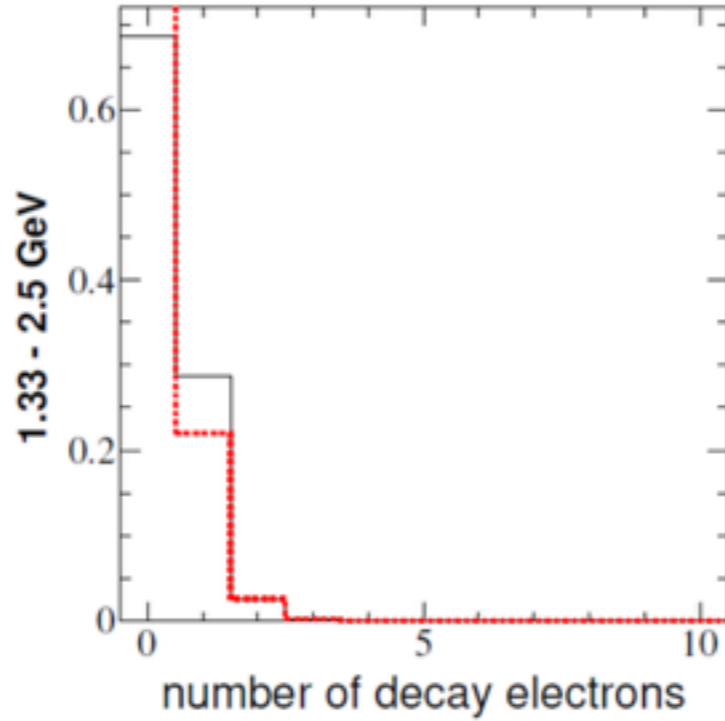
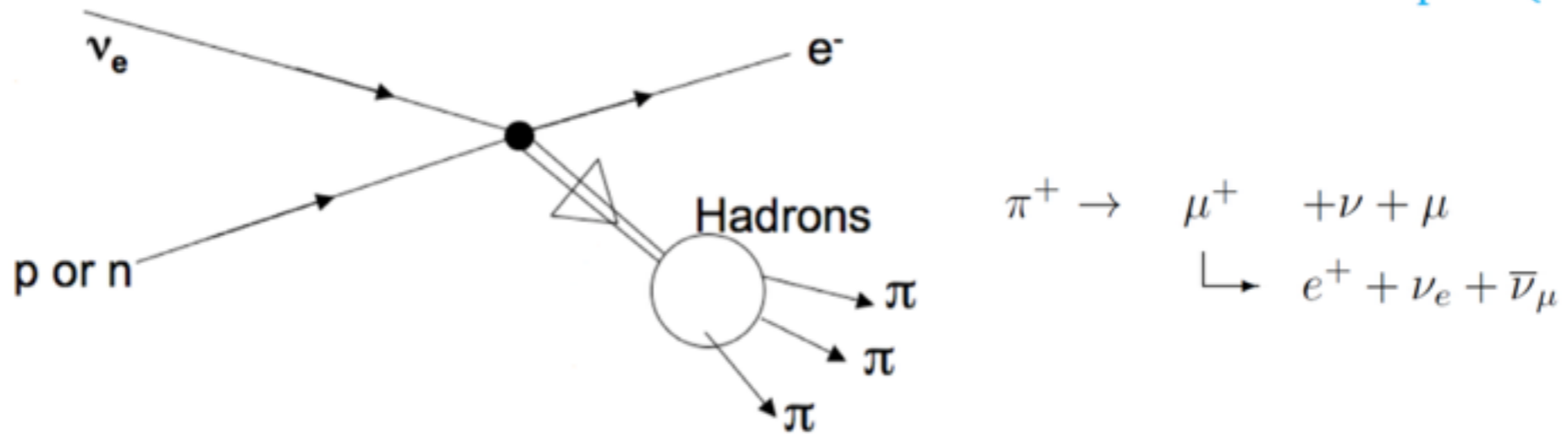
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Maybe DUNE can separate all possible backgrounds

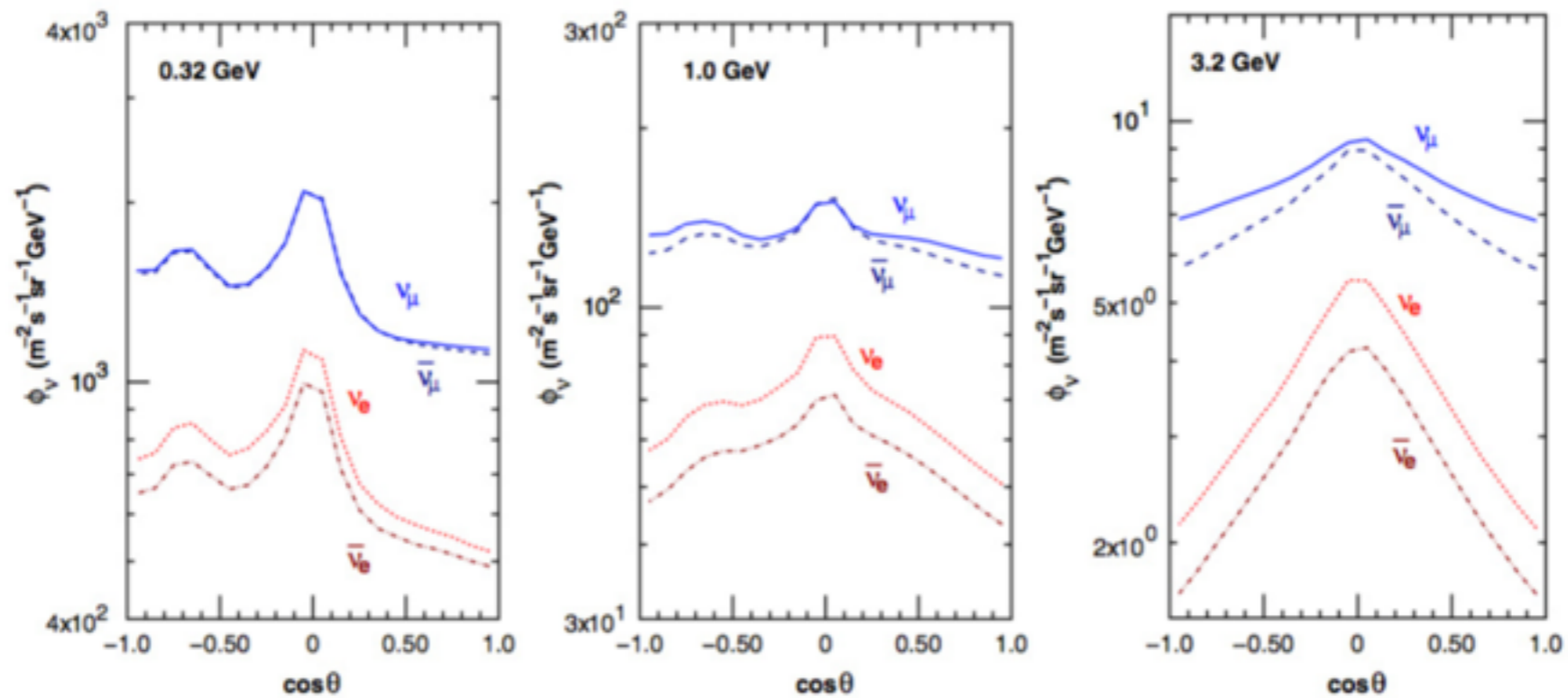
# Back up

Super-K (2012)



# Back up

Flux of atmospheric neutrino



$\theta$ : zenith angle

Energetic neutrino  $\sim 10^{-4} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$



# Back up

| Sub-Sample            | SK-I             | SK-II         | SK-III        | SK-IV           | Total           |                 |              |      |
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| non-showering         | 1564.4 (1352.4)  | 726.3 (697.5) | 612.9 (504.1) | 1960.7 (1690.3) | 4864.3 (4244.4) | 0.2             | 99.4         | 0.3  |
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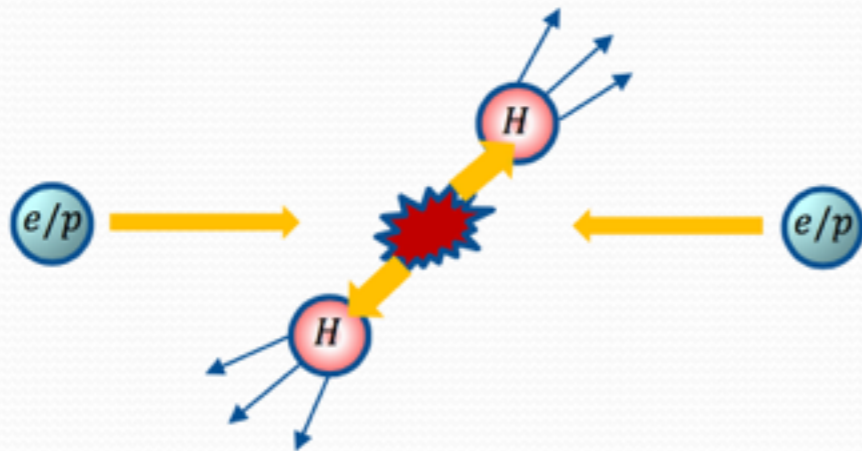
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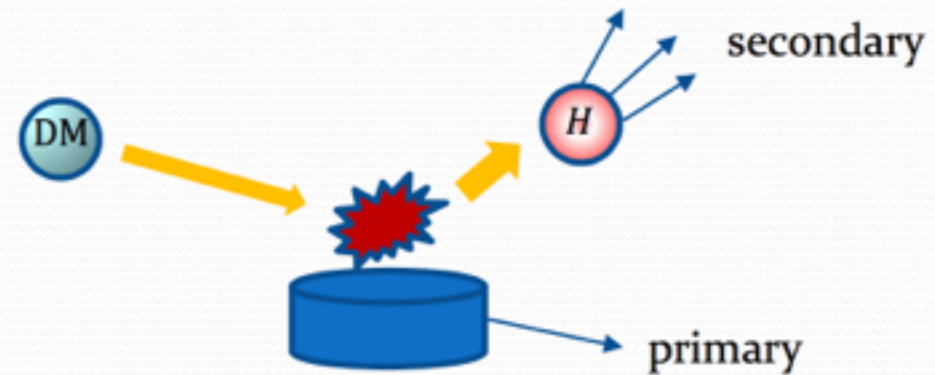
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## ● Collider as a heavy-state probe



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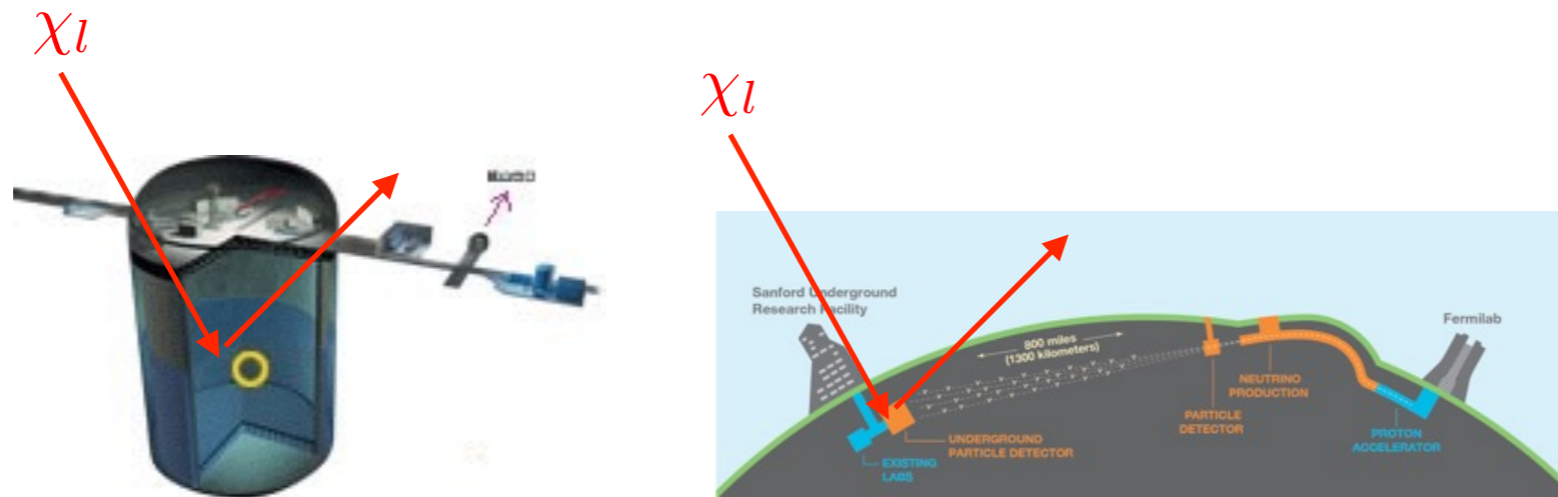


### Dark matter colliders

- Collision of **light dark-sector (stable)** particles onto a target
- to produce **heavier dark-sector** states
- and study resulting phenomenology

# Passive search of relativistic DM scattering

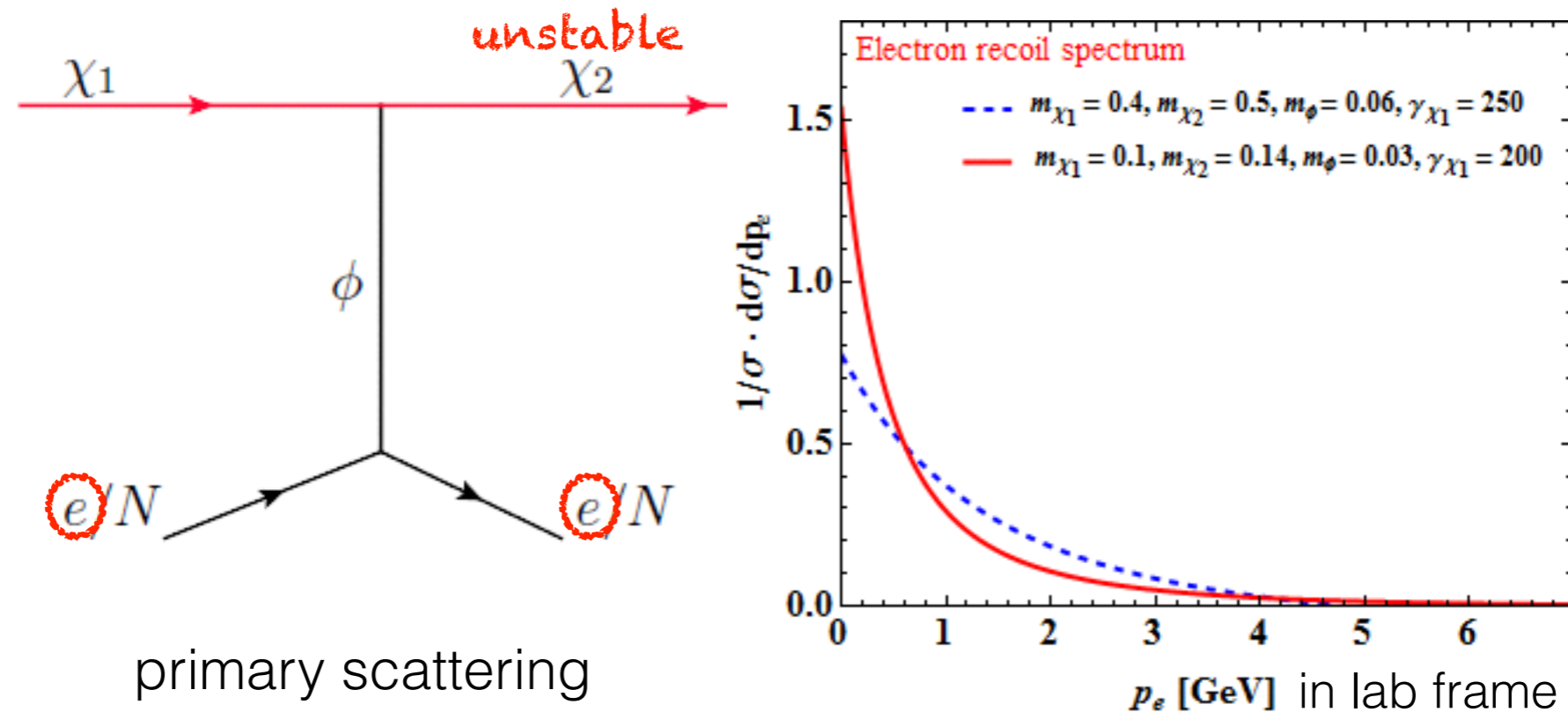
$\chi_h \chi_h \rightarrow \chi_l \chi_l$  (current universe) **relativistic**



Modification of minimal models make them **super promising**

- From Sun: a small coupling of  $\chi_h$  - SM or self-interaction of  $\chi_h$   
Berger, Cui, Zhao, 1410.2246      Kong, Mohlaberg, Park, 1411.6632  
Alhazmi, Kong, Mohlaberg, Park, 1611.09866
- **Non-minimal** dark sector (just like SM?): **extraordinary signal**  
Kim, Park, **SS**, 1612.06867

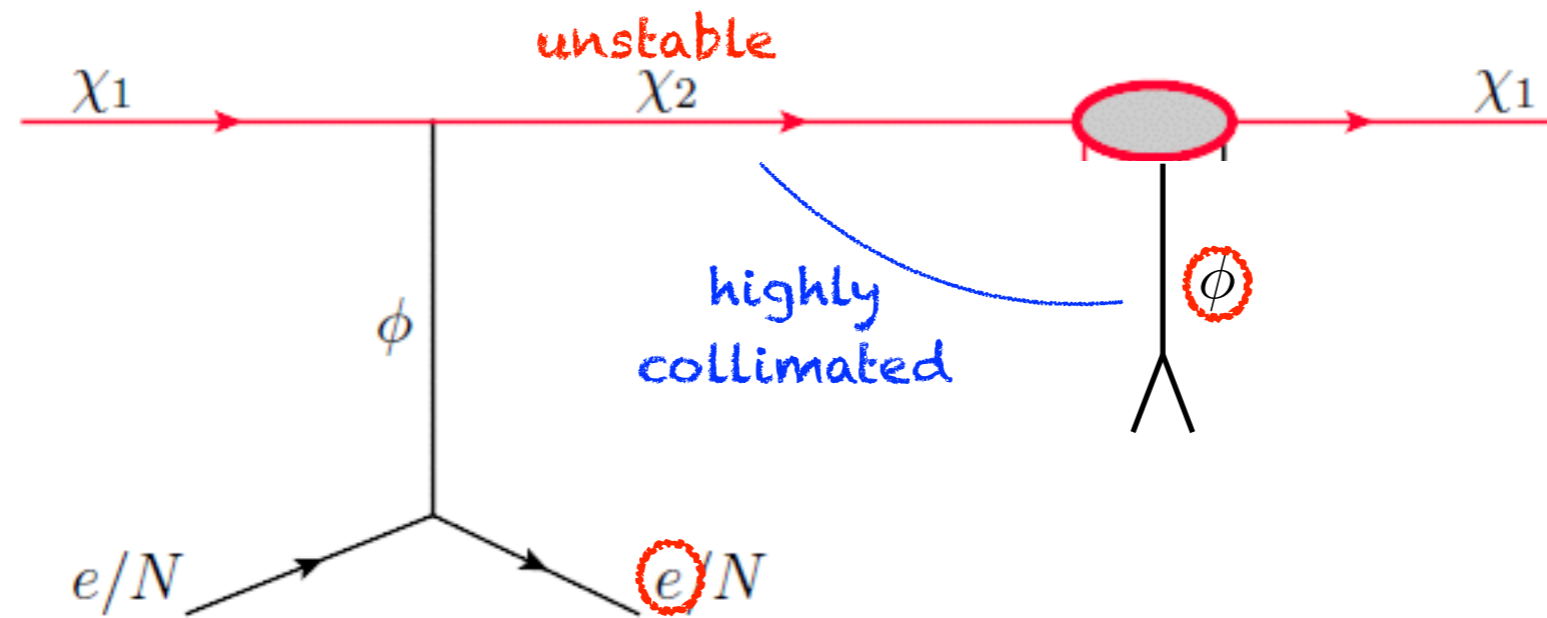
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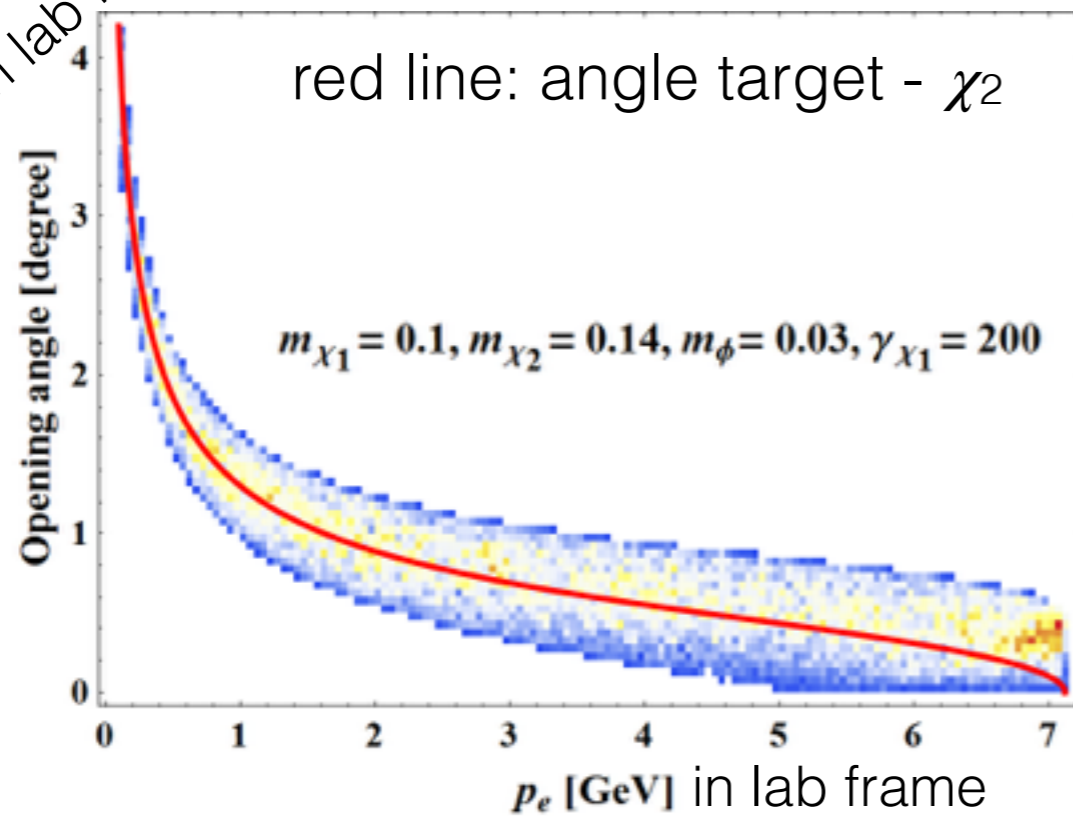
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*Kamiokande*
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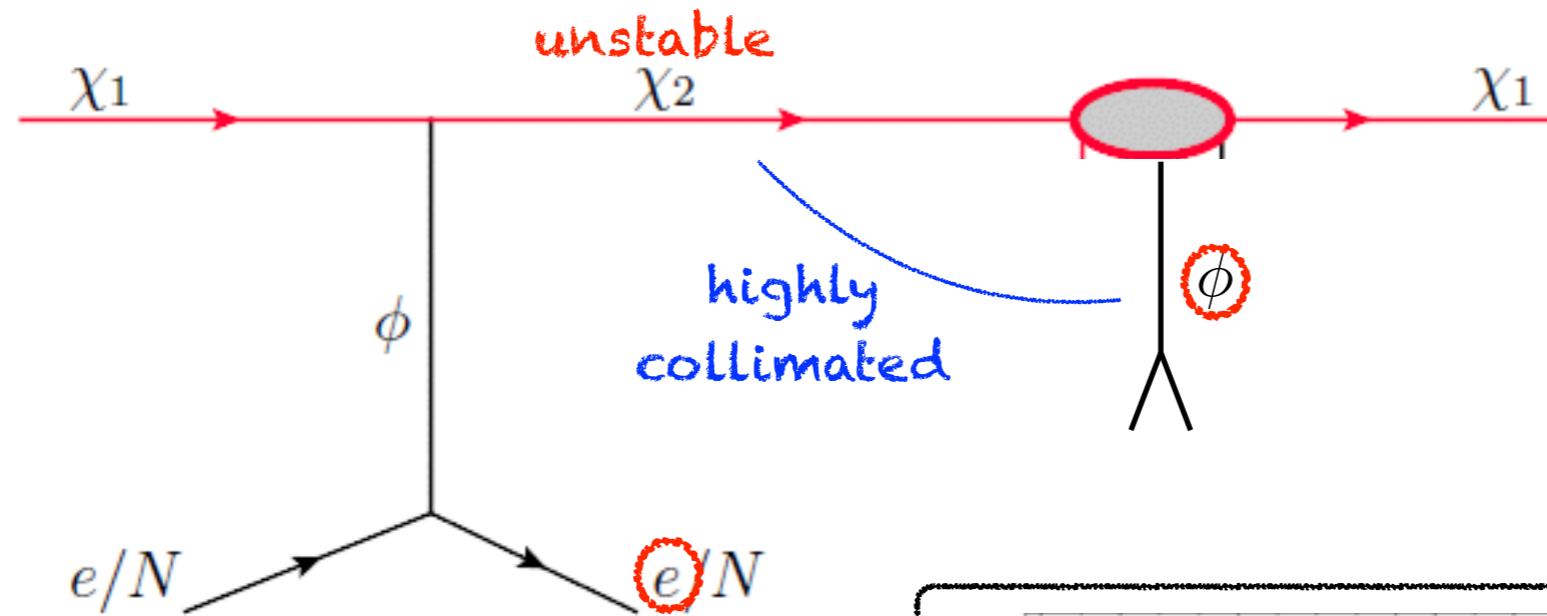
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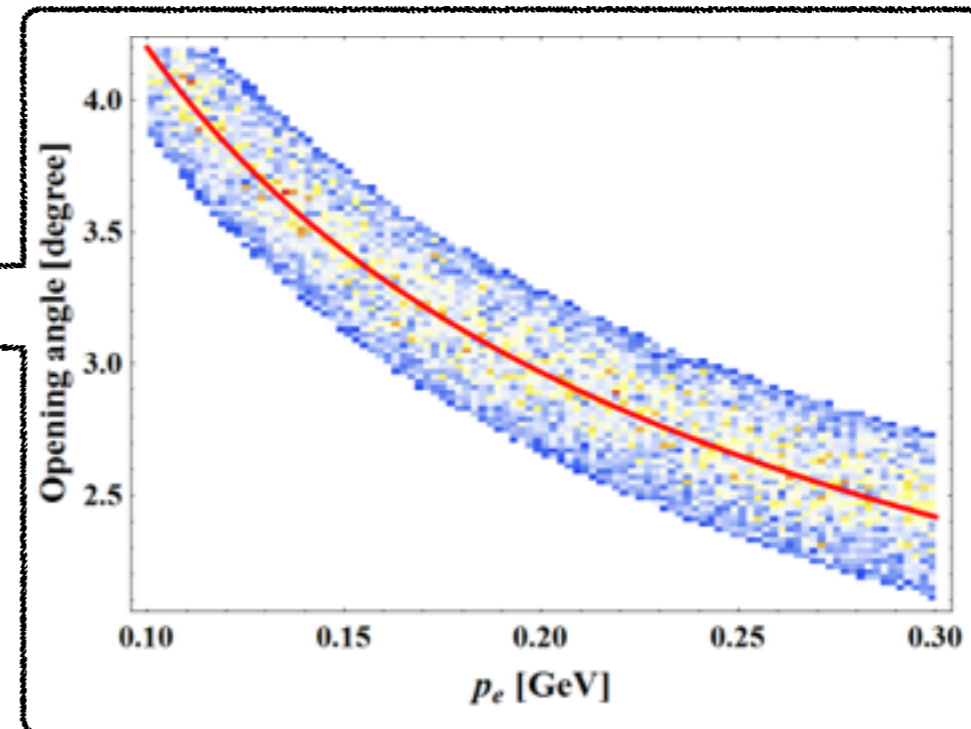
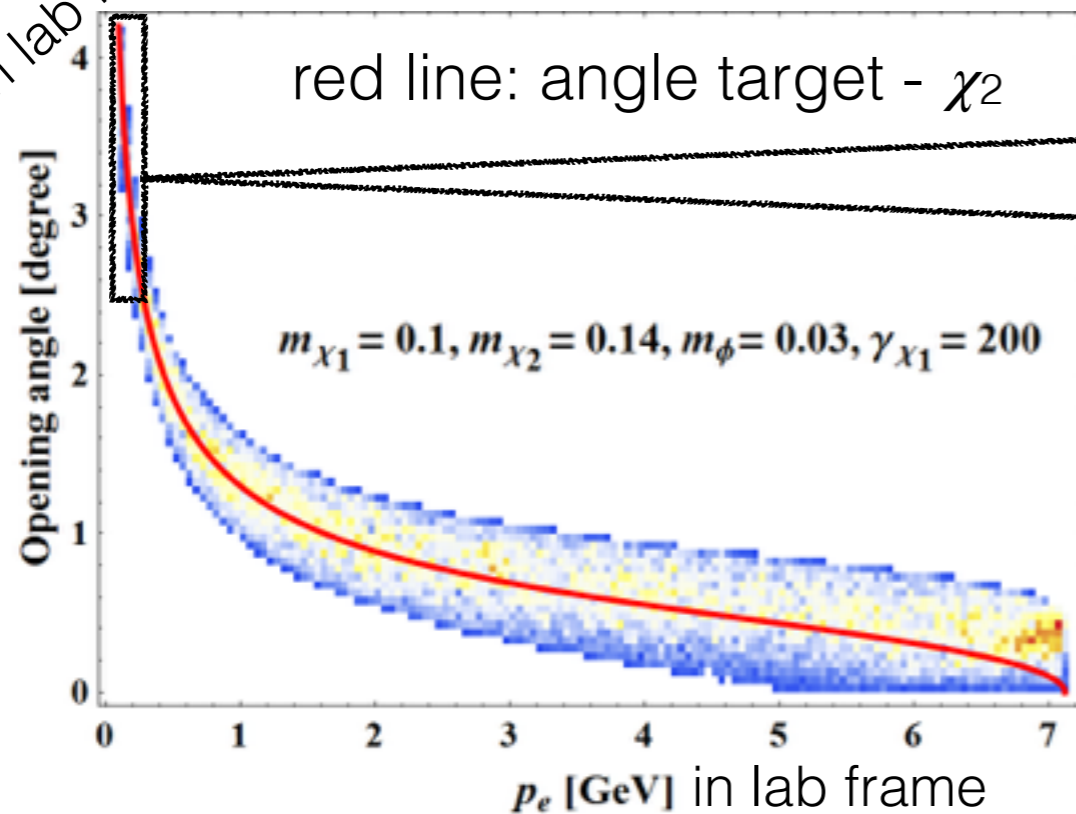
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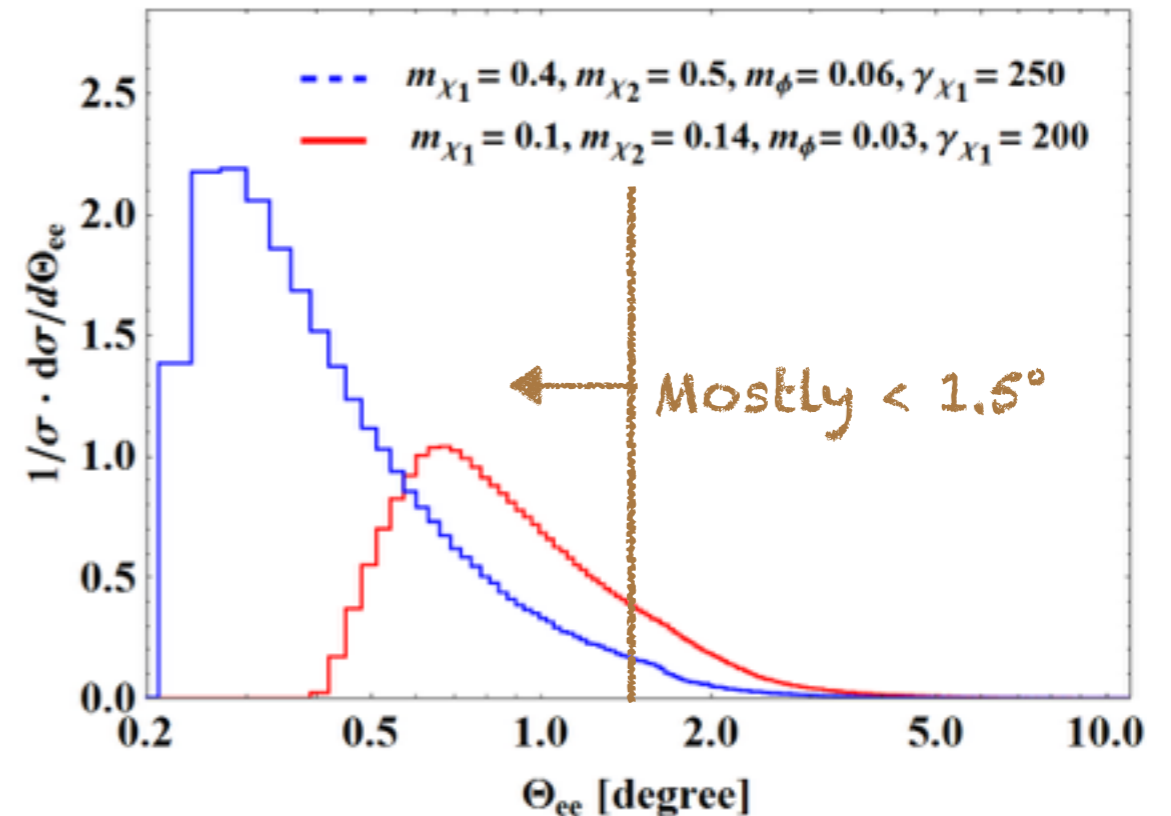
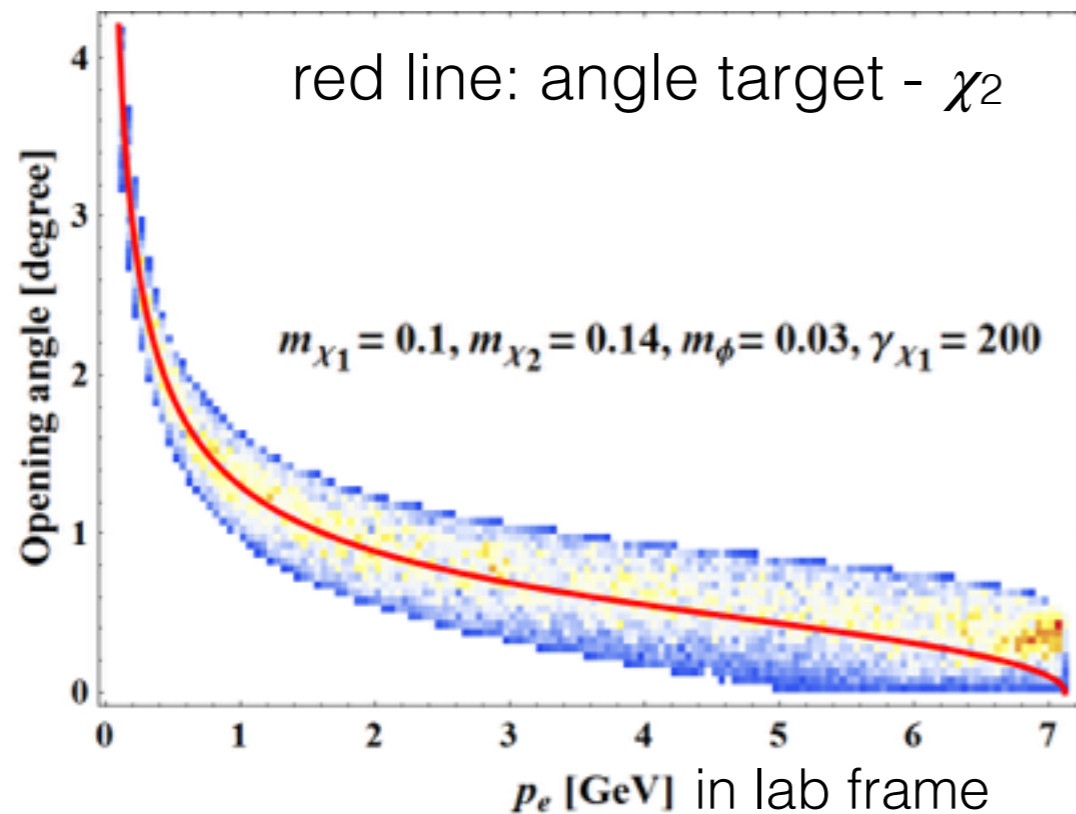
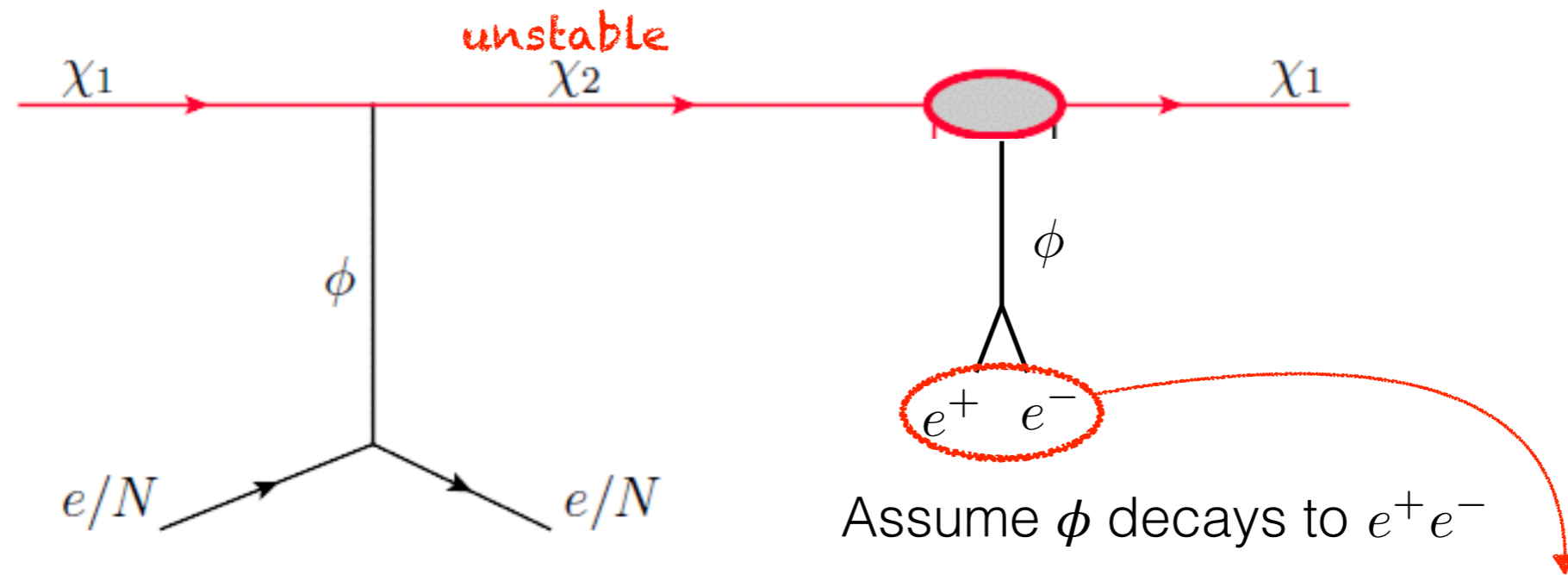


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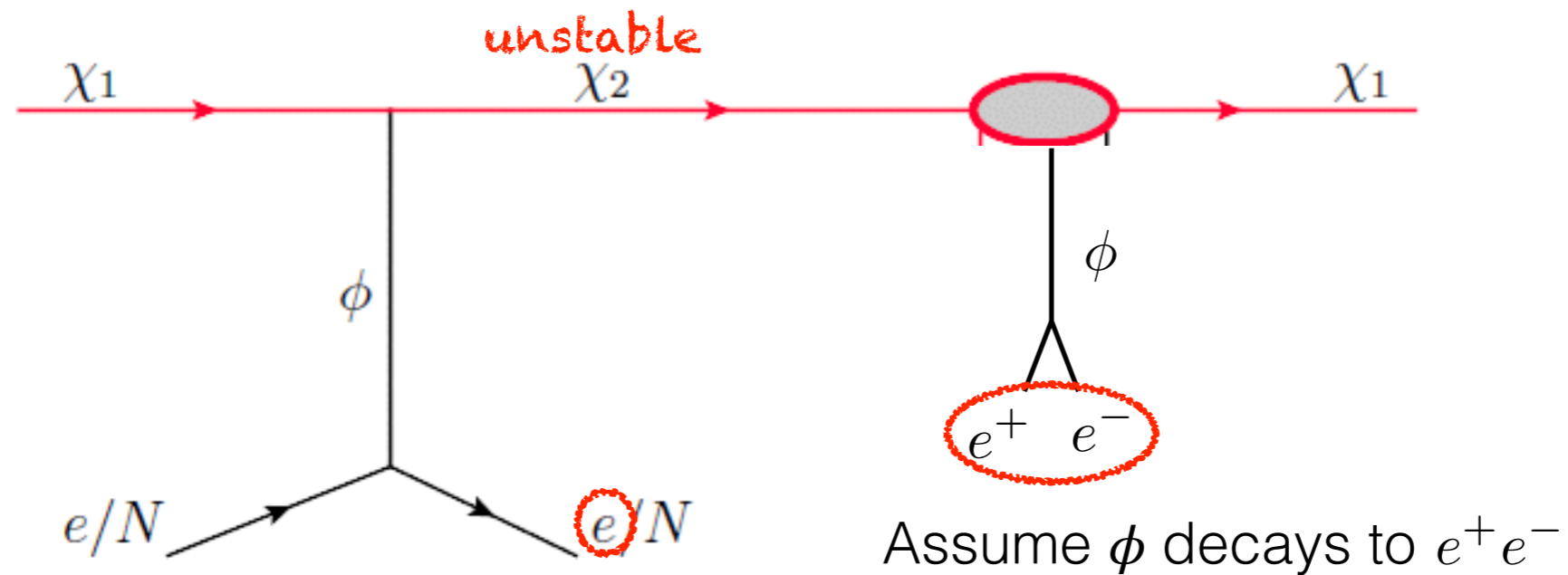
Angular resolution  $3^\circ$ ? **two signals!**  
(drops for smaller  $p_e$ )

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# e-scattering: detection prospects

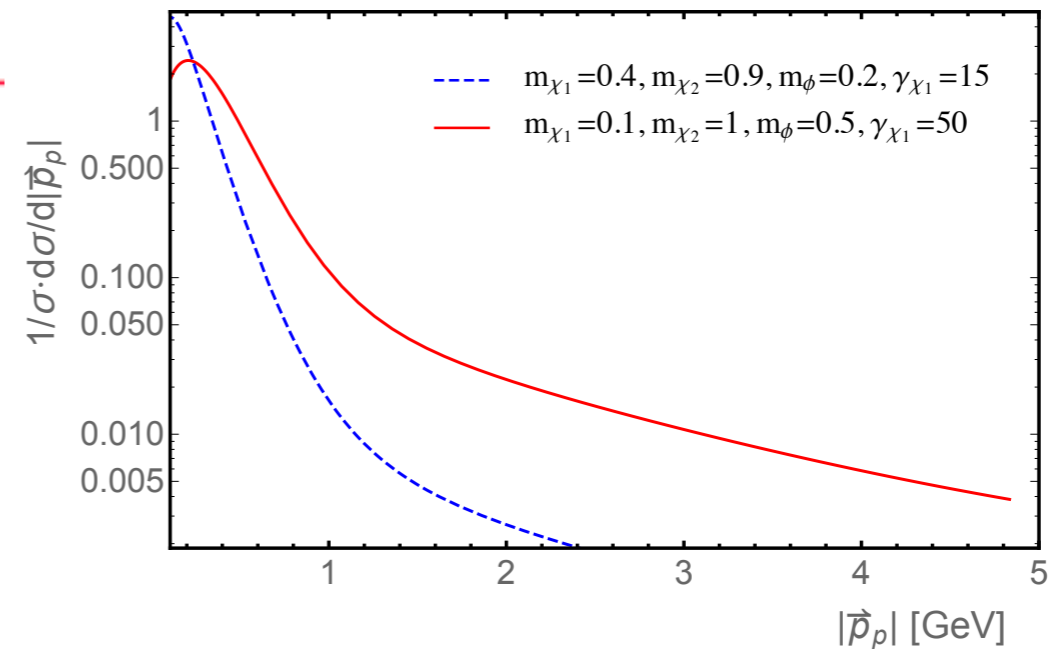
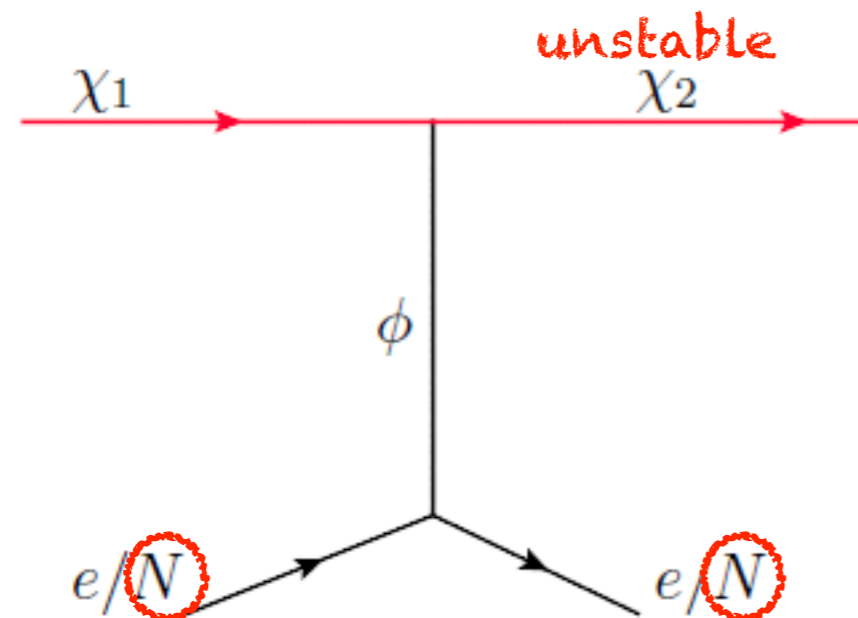


effective for  $E > E_{th}$

|         | Volume [Mt] | $E_e$ [GeV] | $E_p^{thres}$ [GeV] | $\theta_e^{res}$ | $\theta_p^{res}$ |
|---------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Super-K | 0.0224      | 0.1         | 1.07                | $3^\circ$        | $3^\circ$        |
| Hyper-K | 0.56        | 0.1         | 1.07                | $3^\circ$        | $3^\circ$        |
| DUNE    | 0.04        | 0.03        | 0.05                | $1^\circ$        | $5^\circ$        |

We need good res.

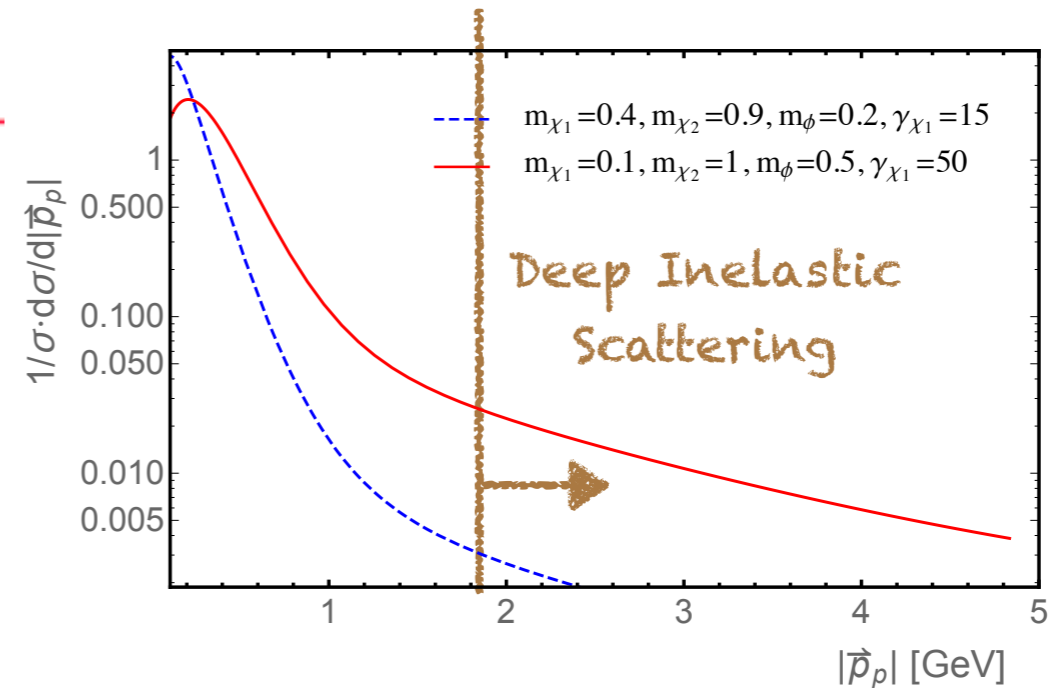
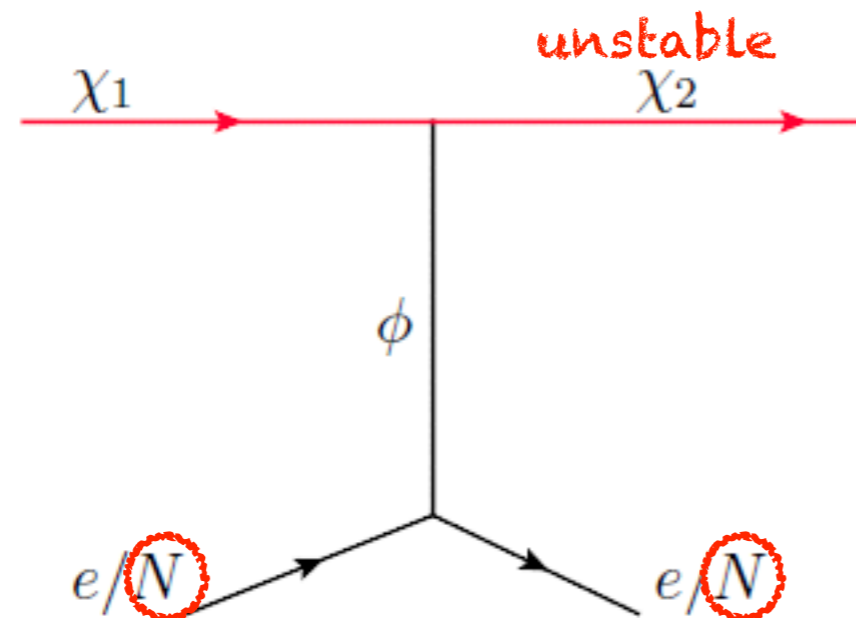
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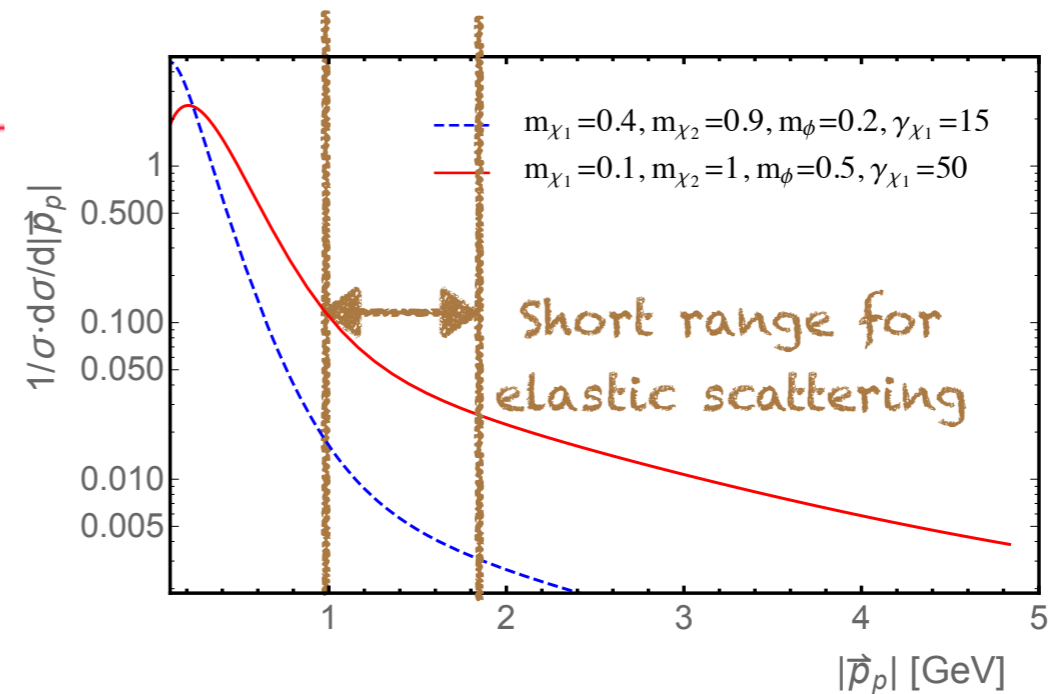
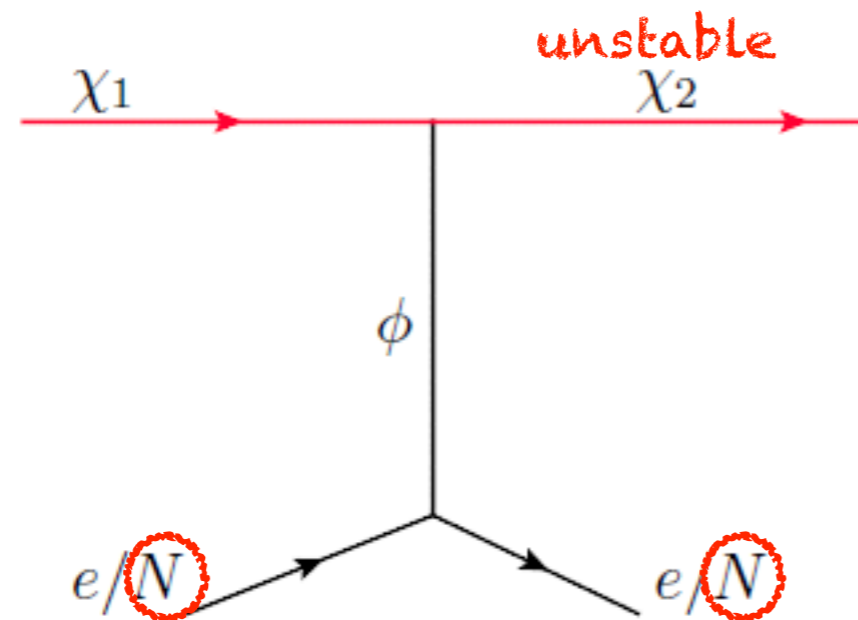
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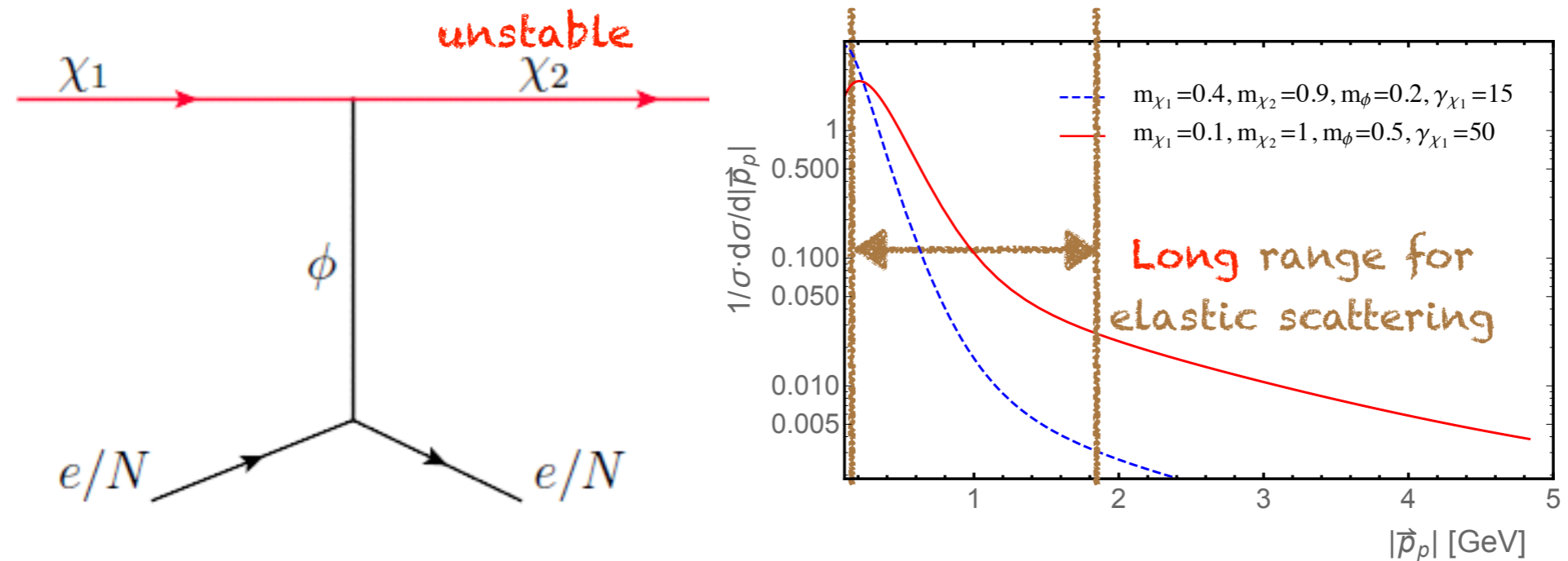
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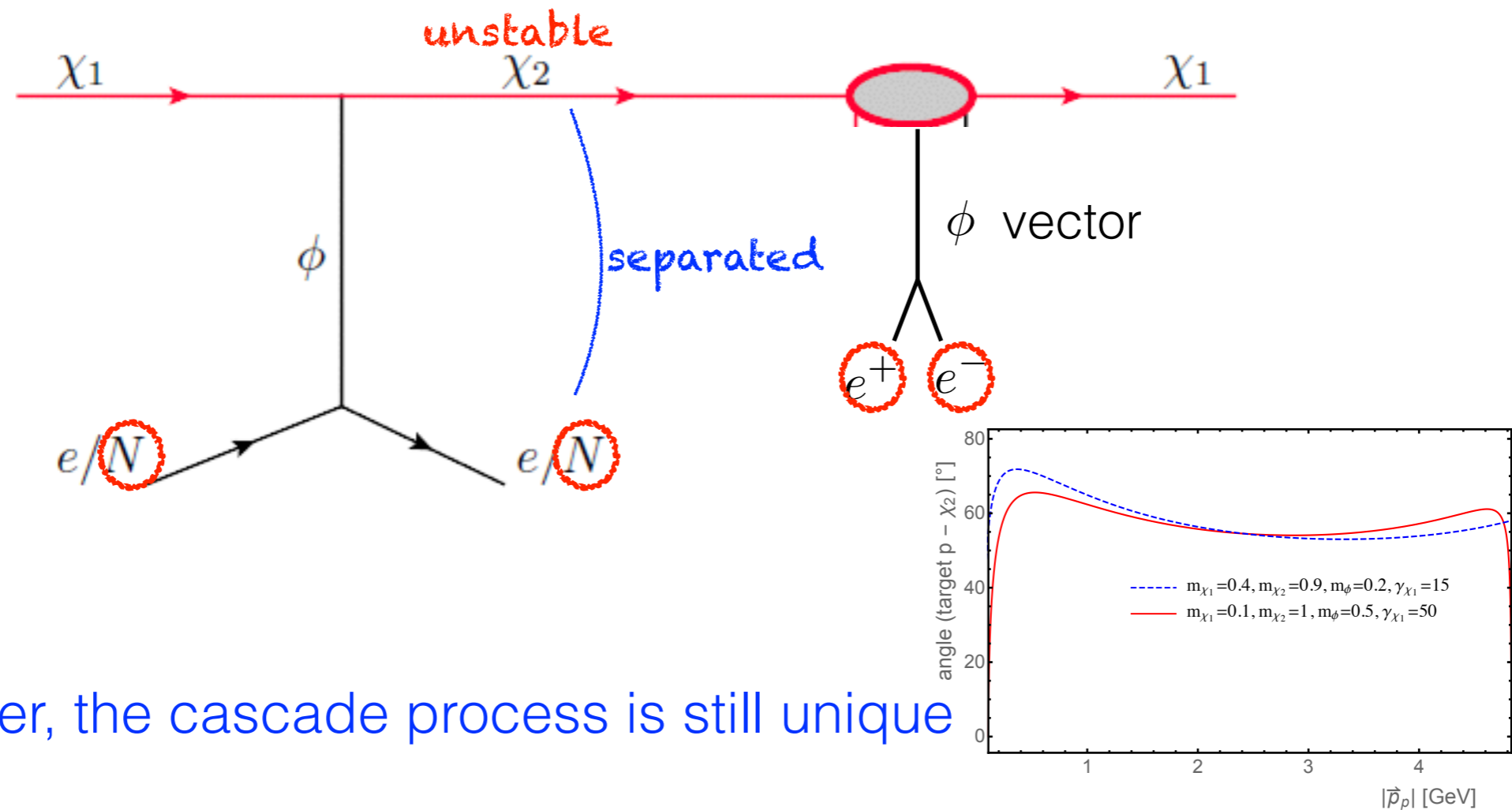
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for both Kamiokande & DUNE