

# New dark matter search channels at electron colliders

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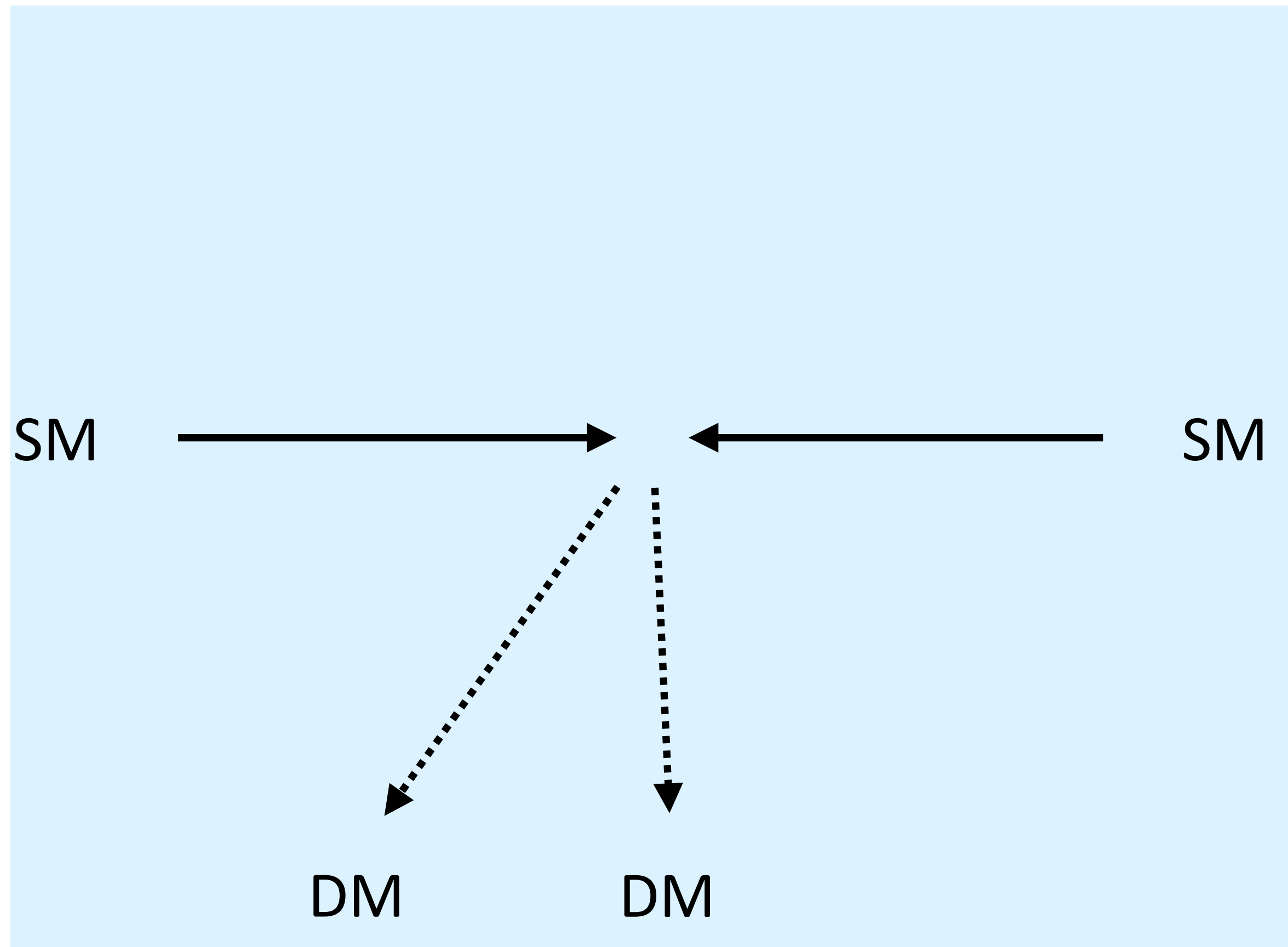
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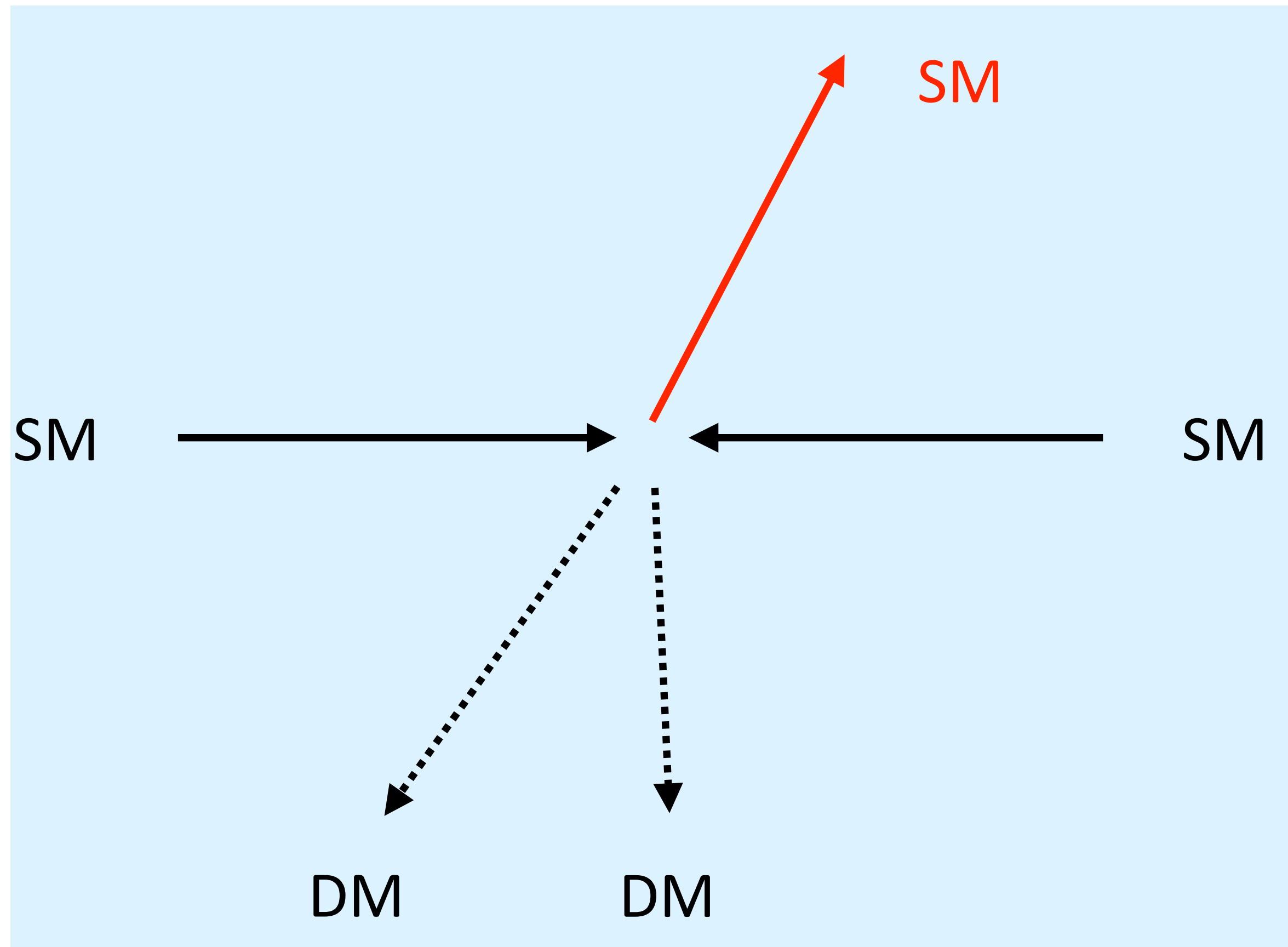
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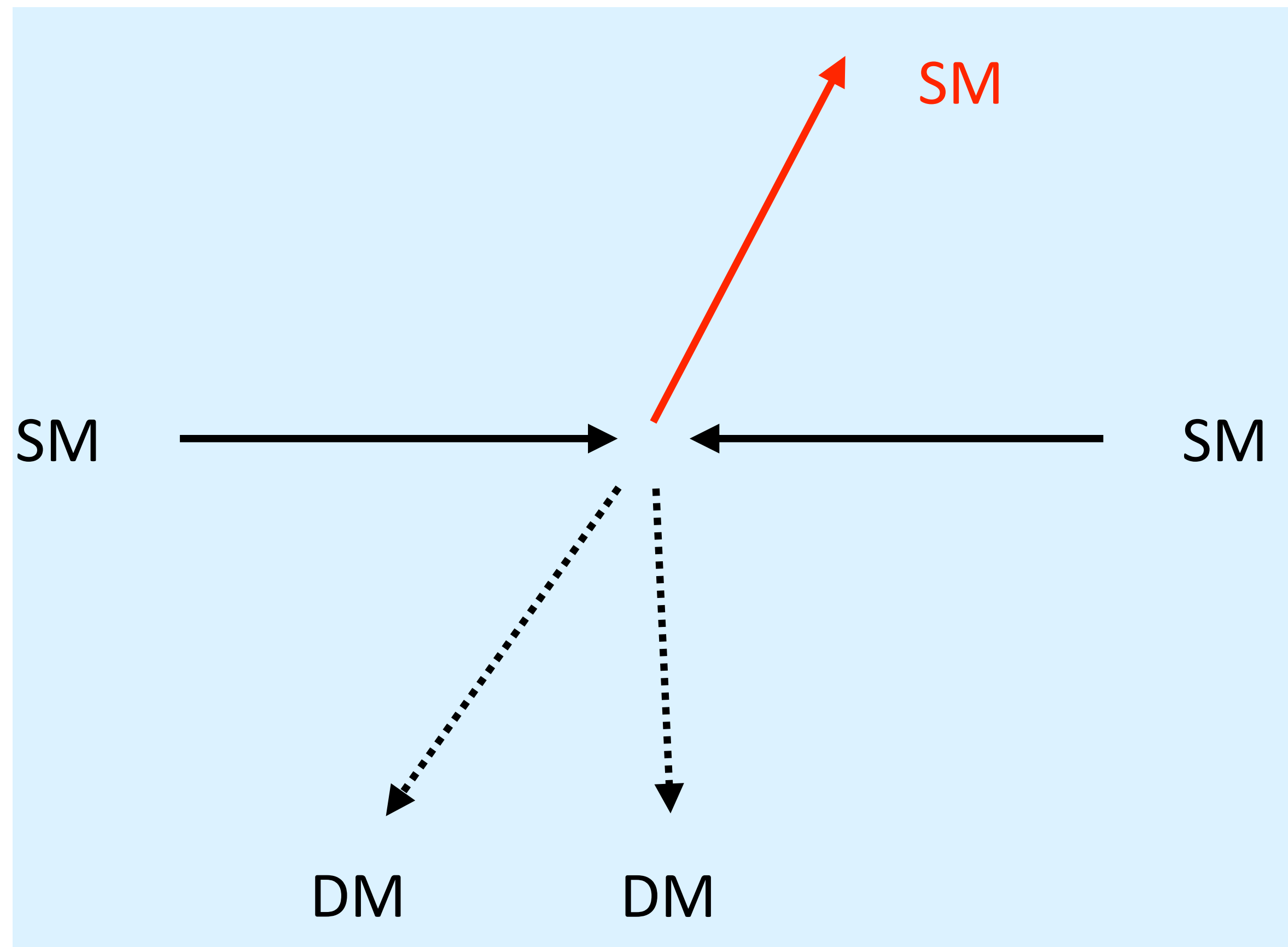
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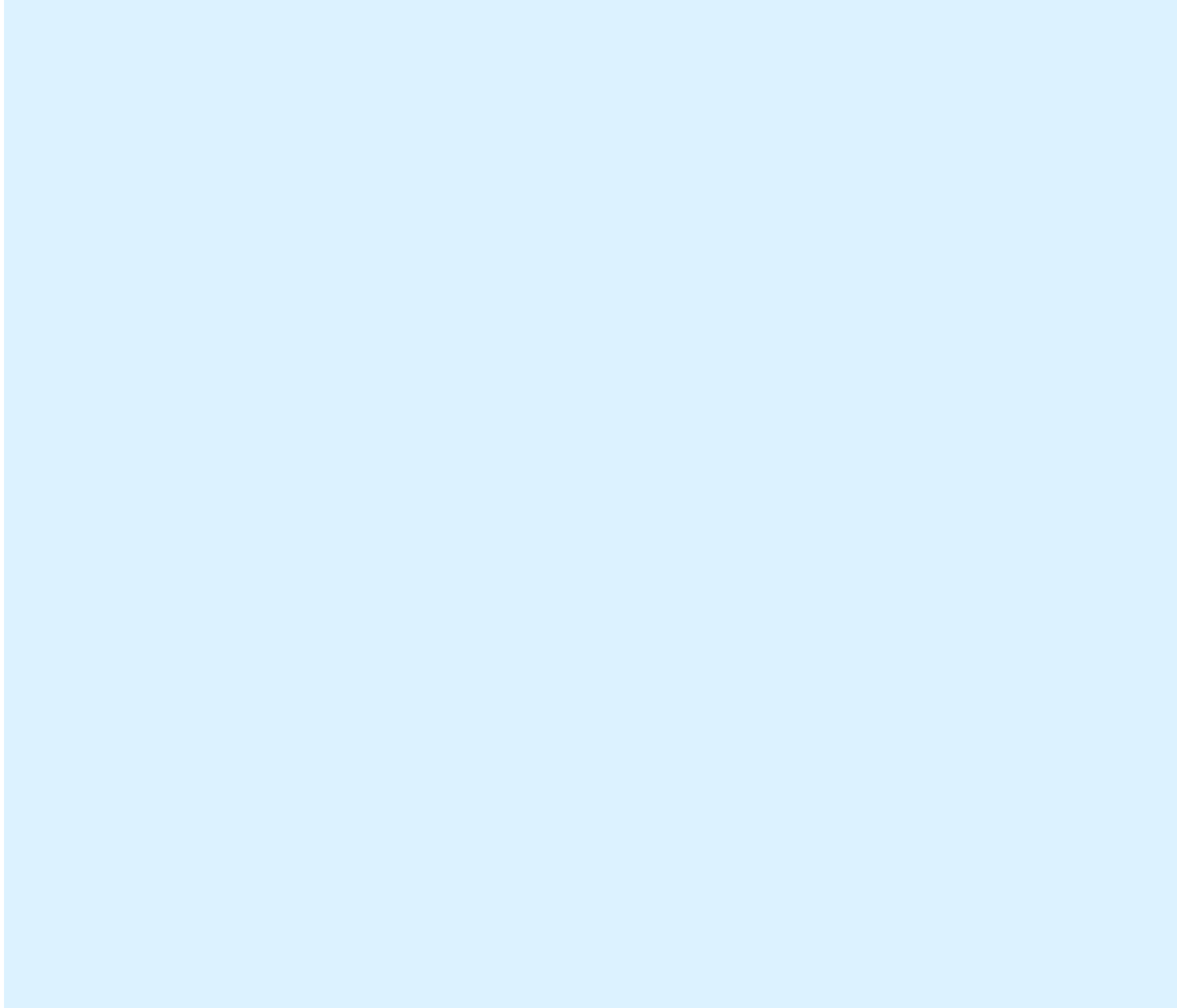


## Different mono-X channels

- mono-photon
- mono-jet
- mono-Higgs
- mono-Z
- mono-top

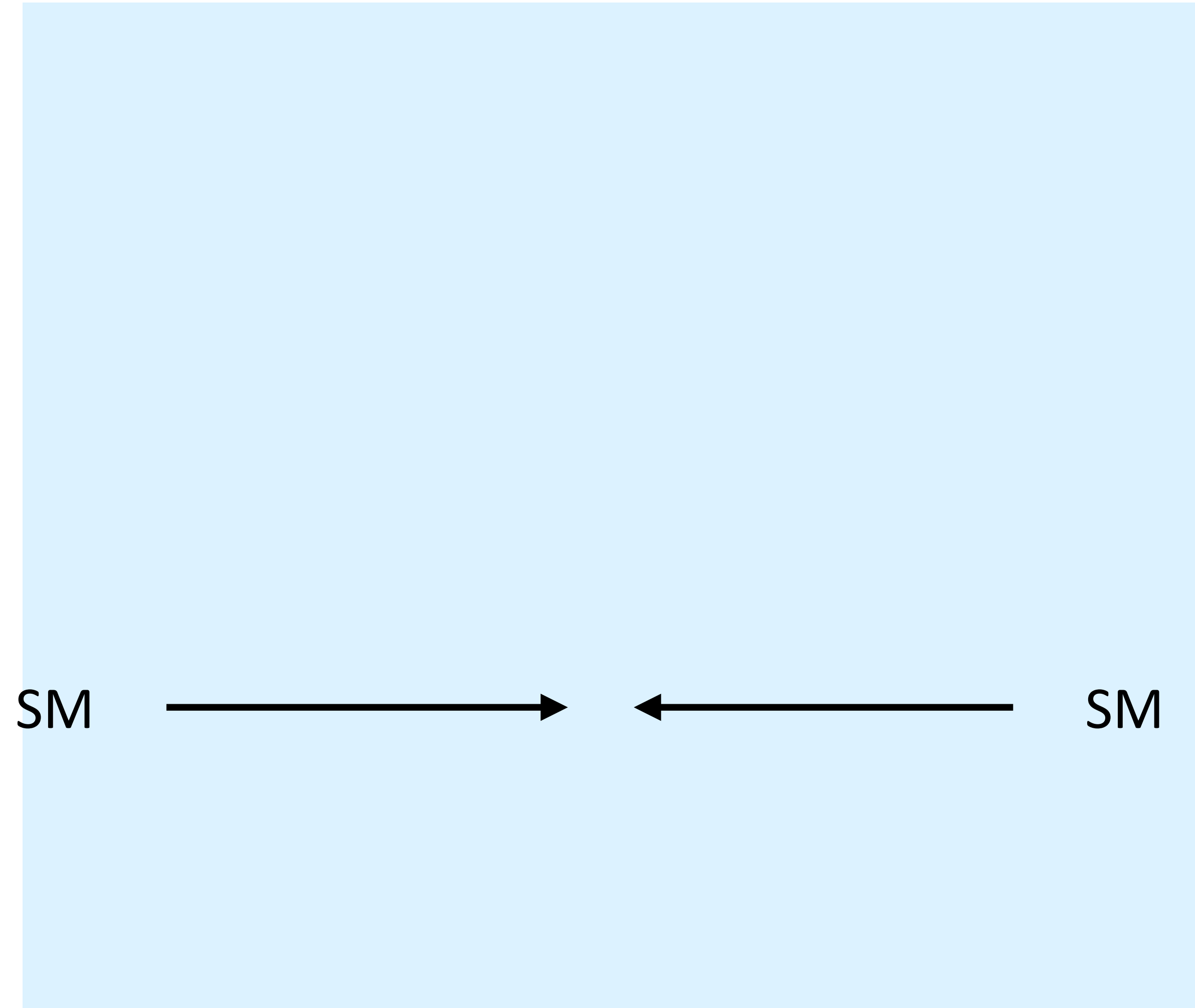
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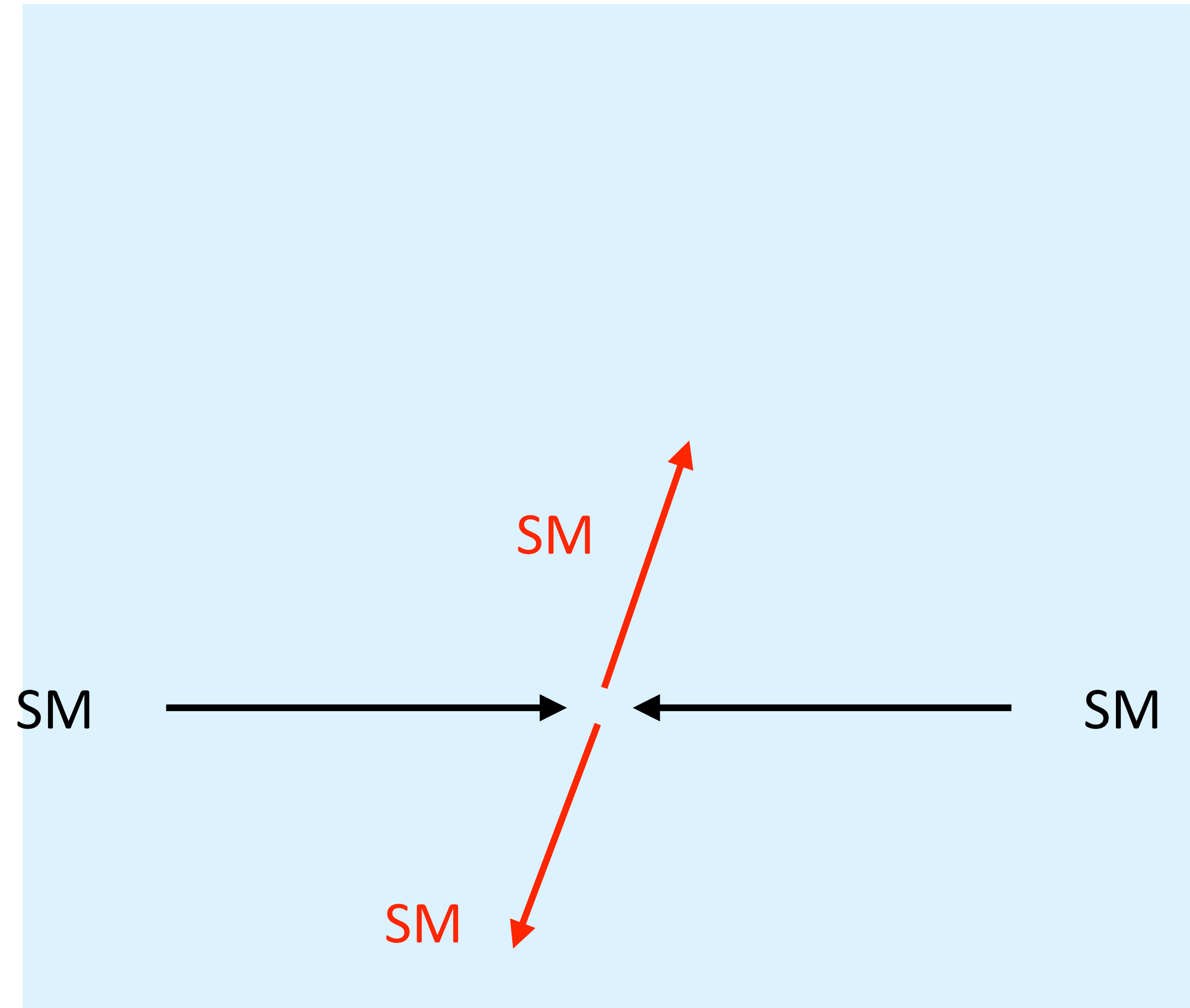
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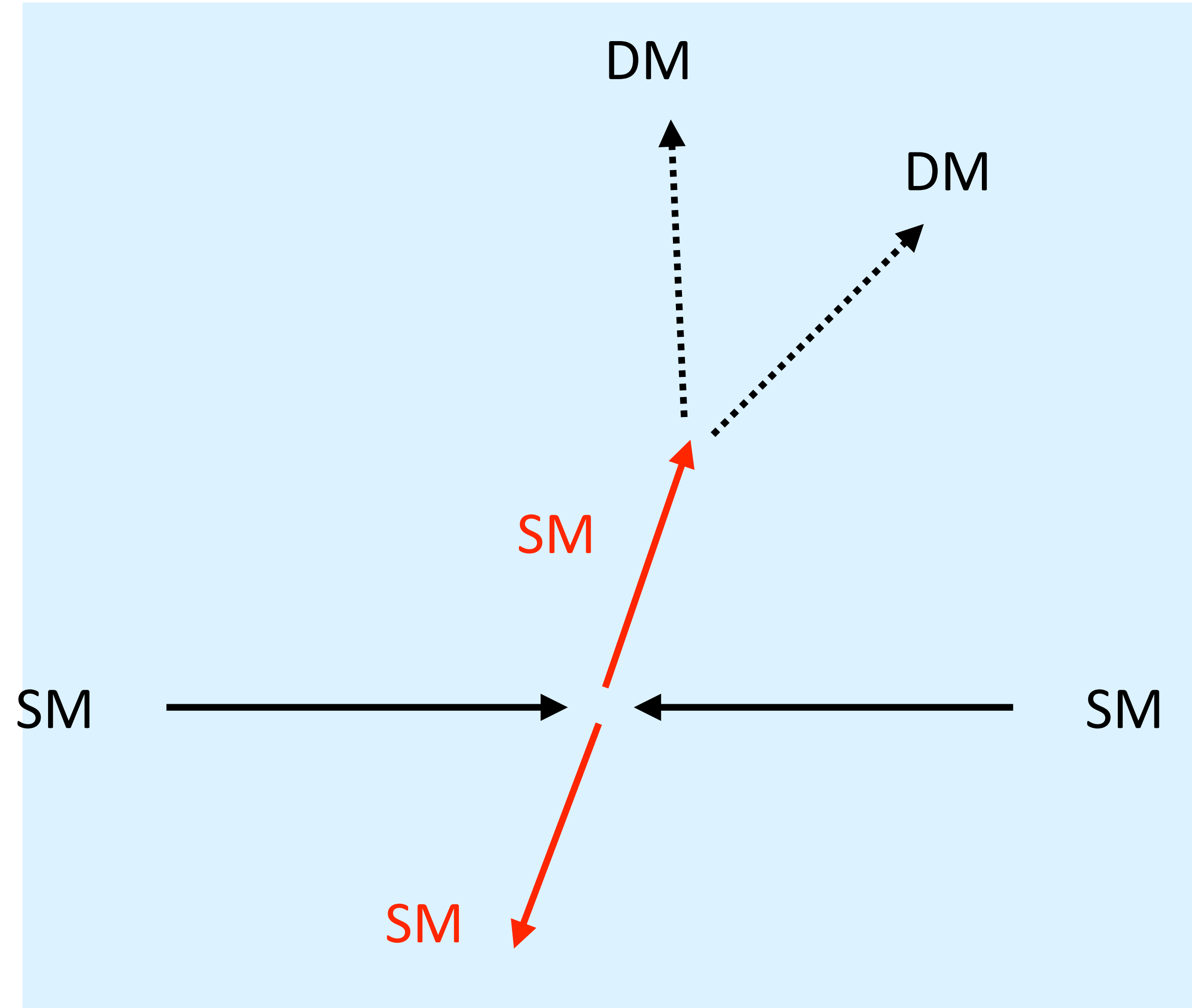


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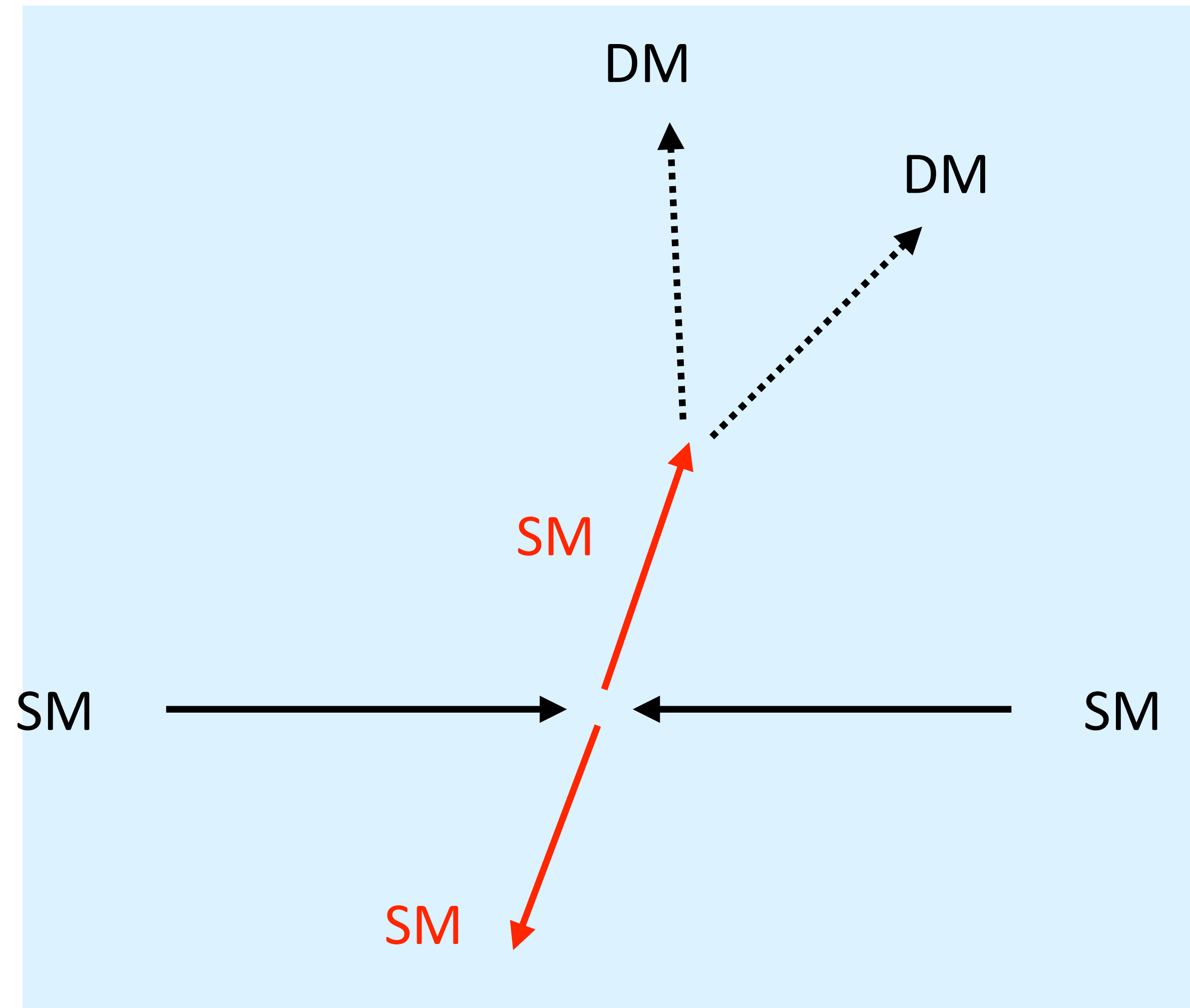
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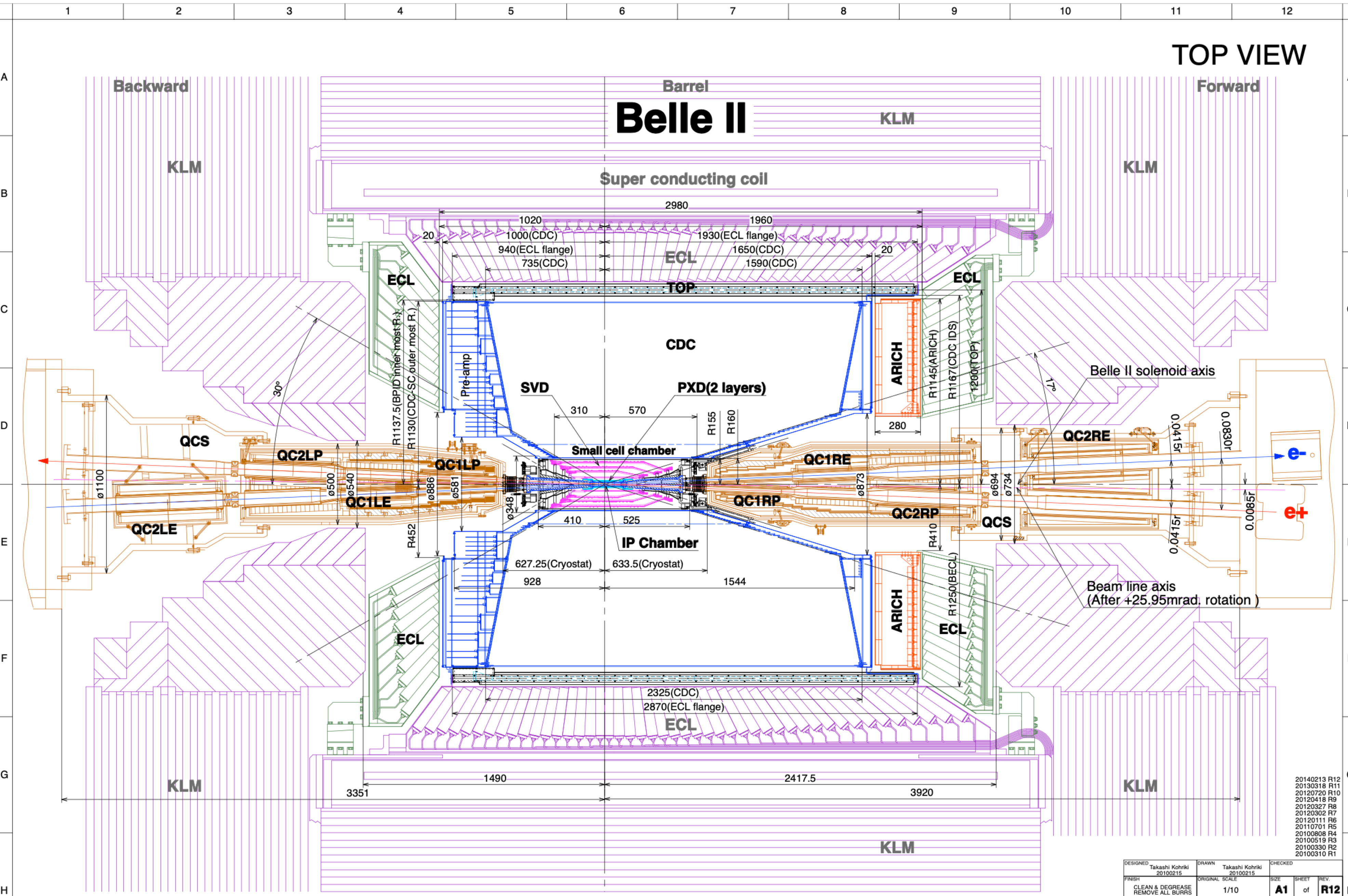
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**fixed target in collider**

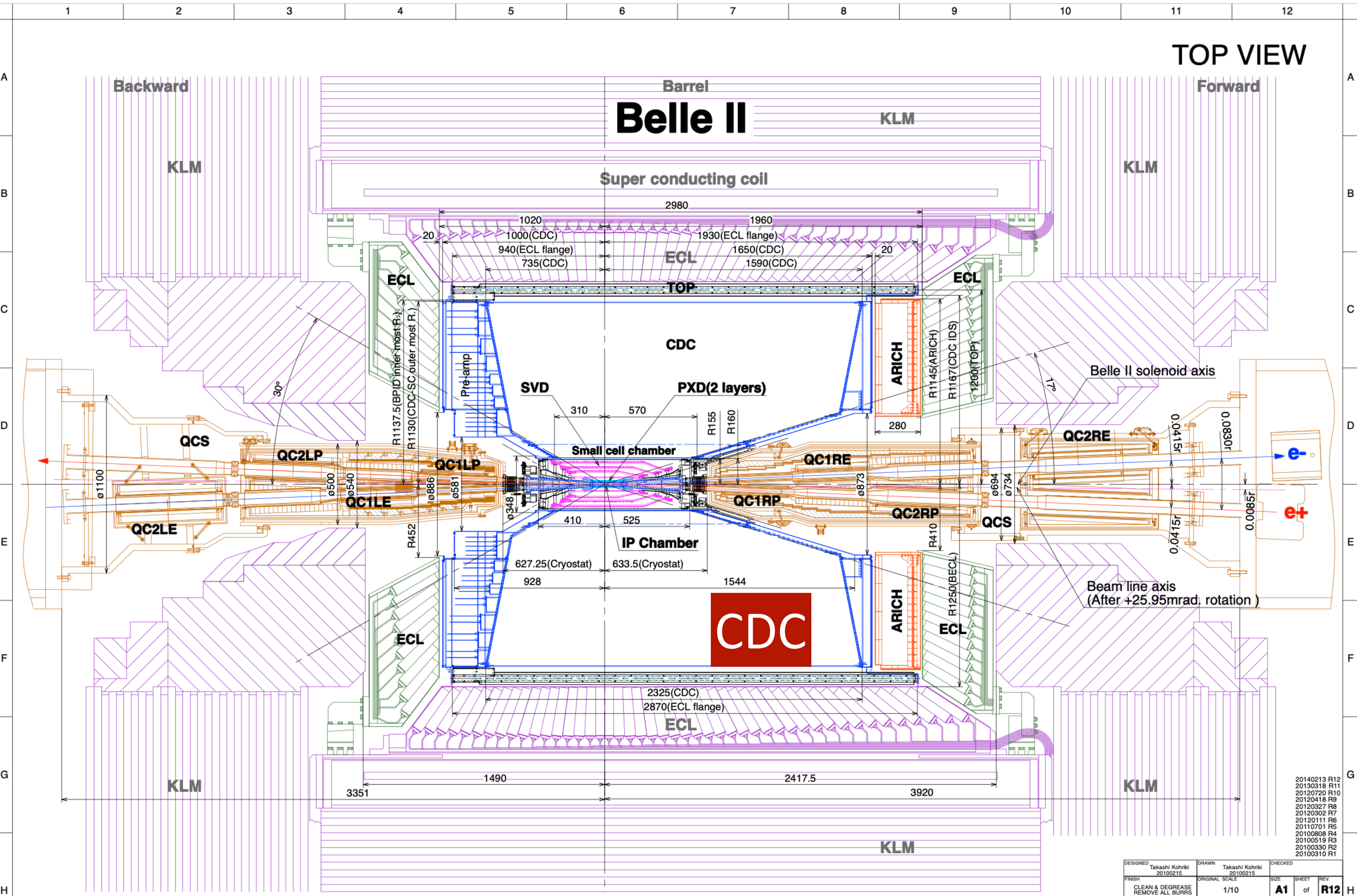


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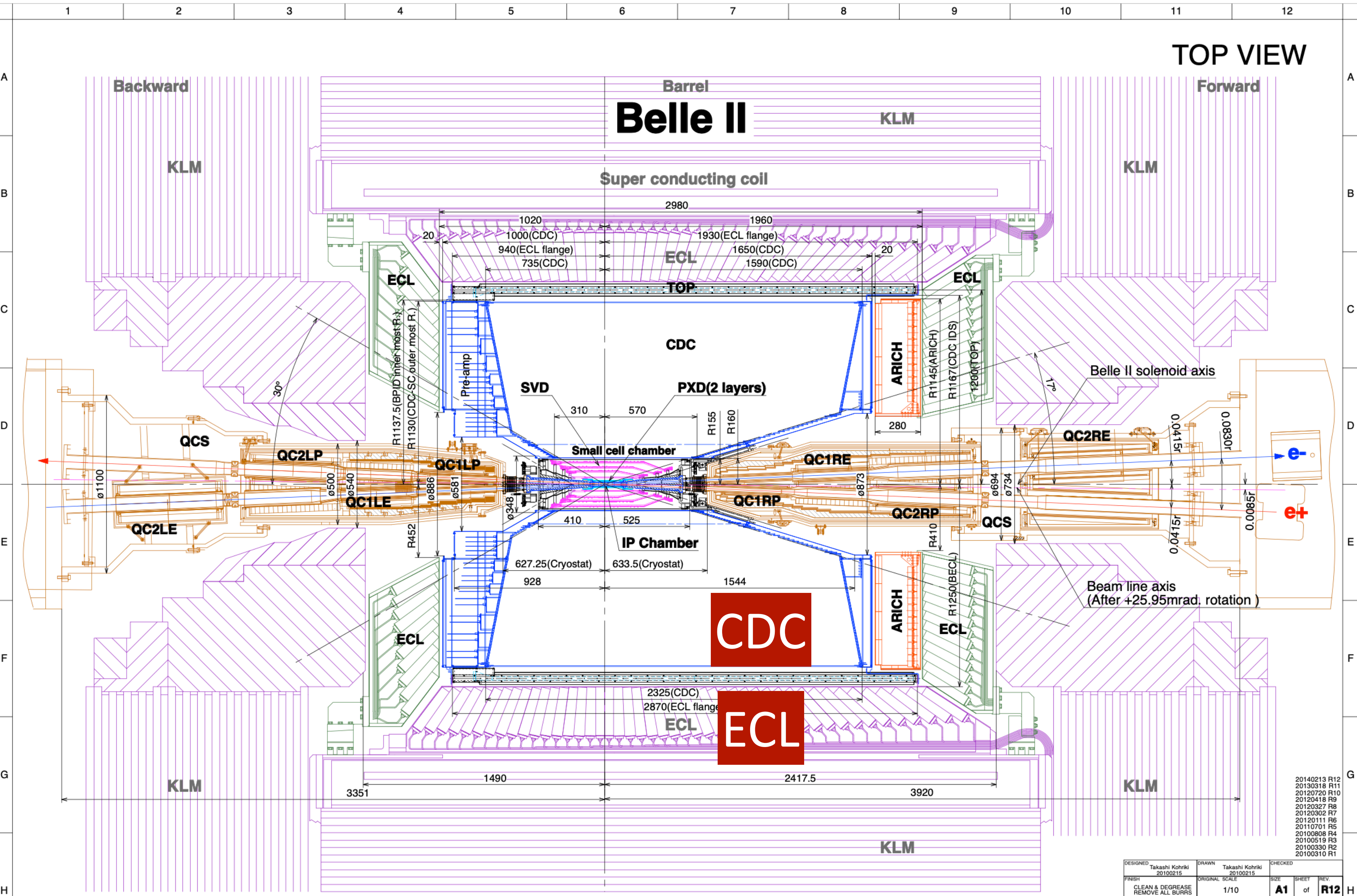


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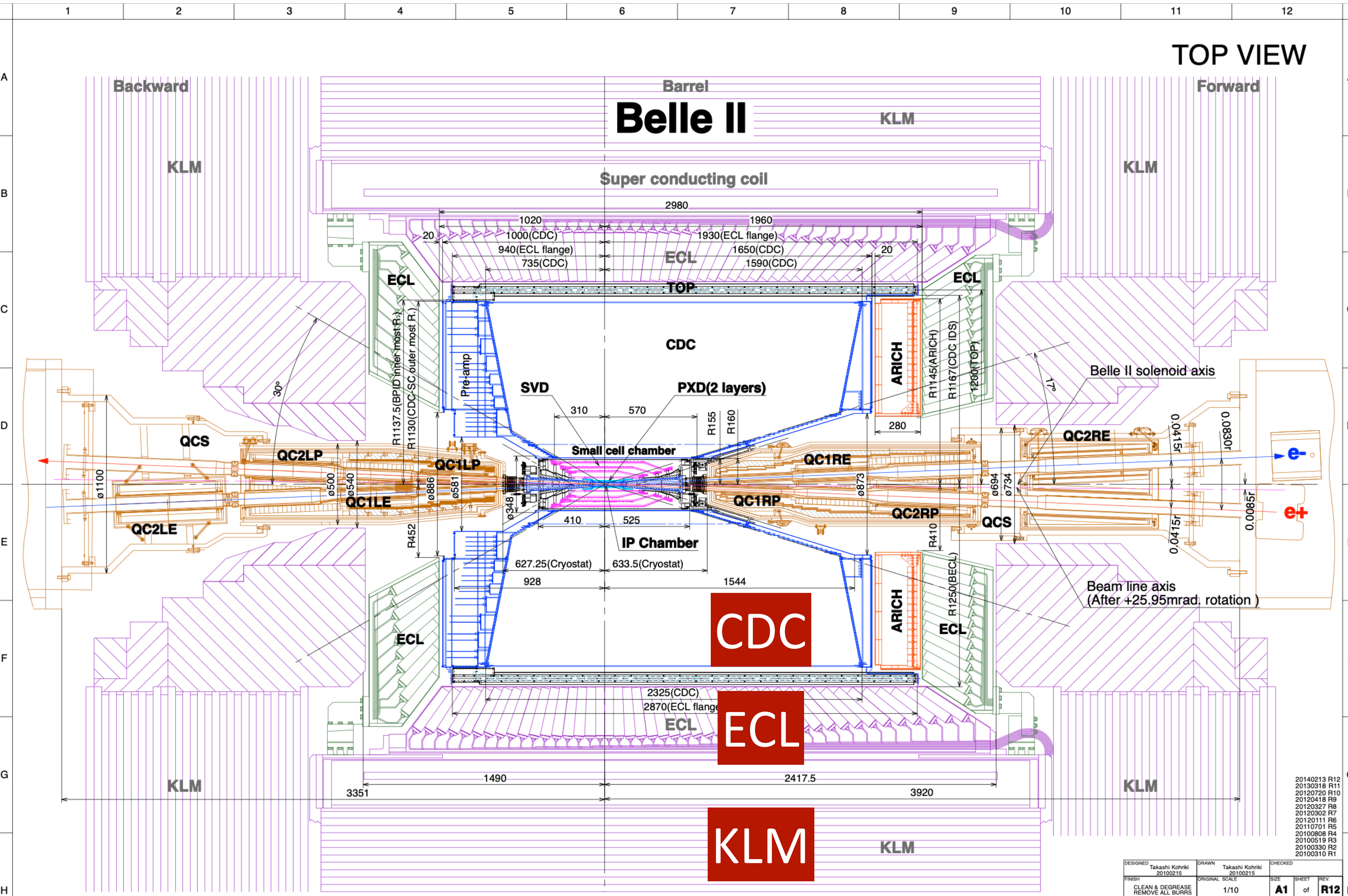


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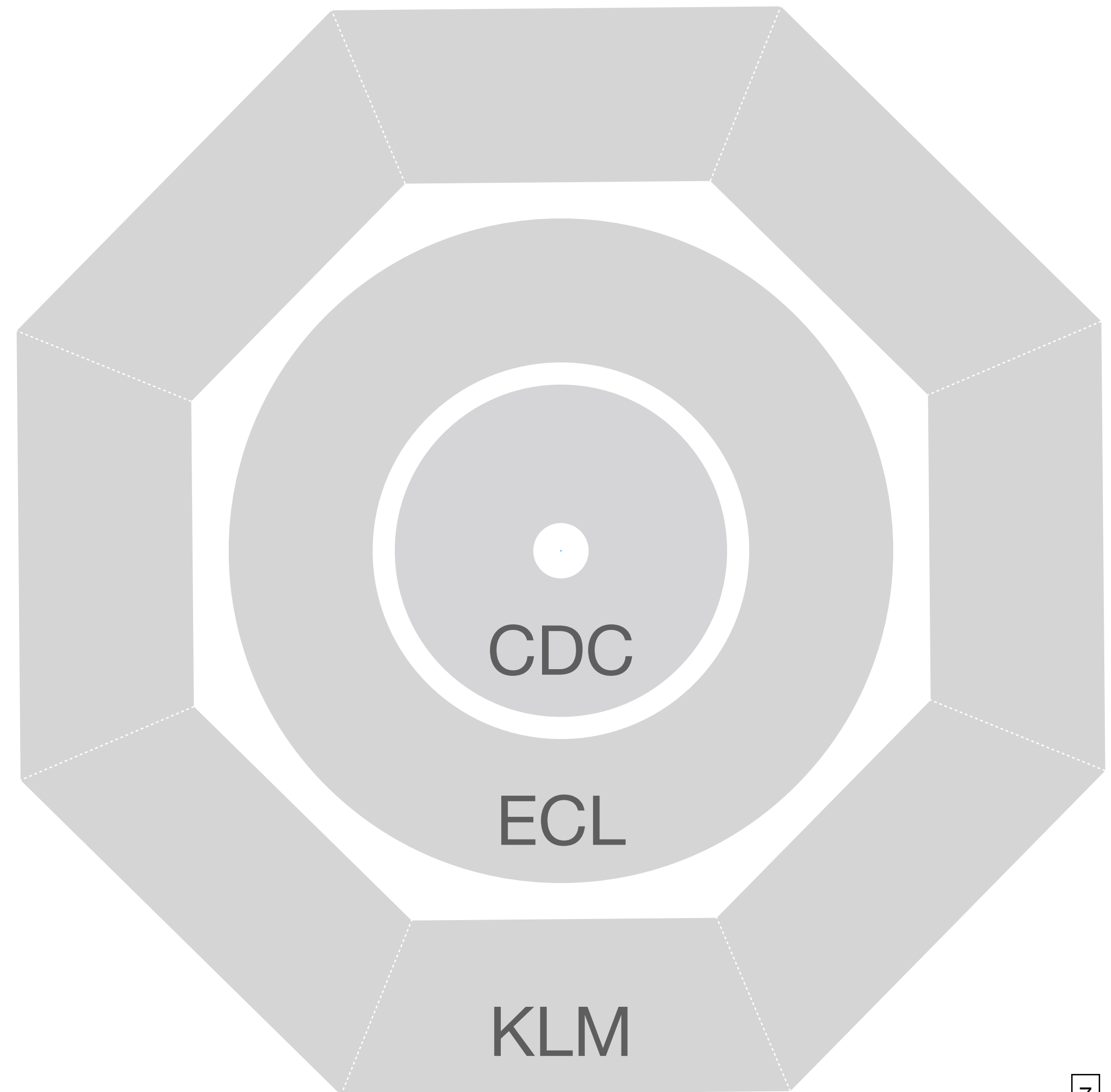
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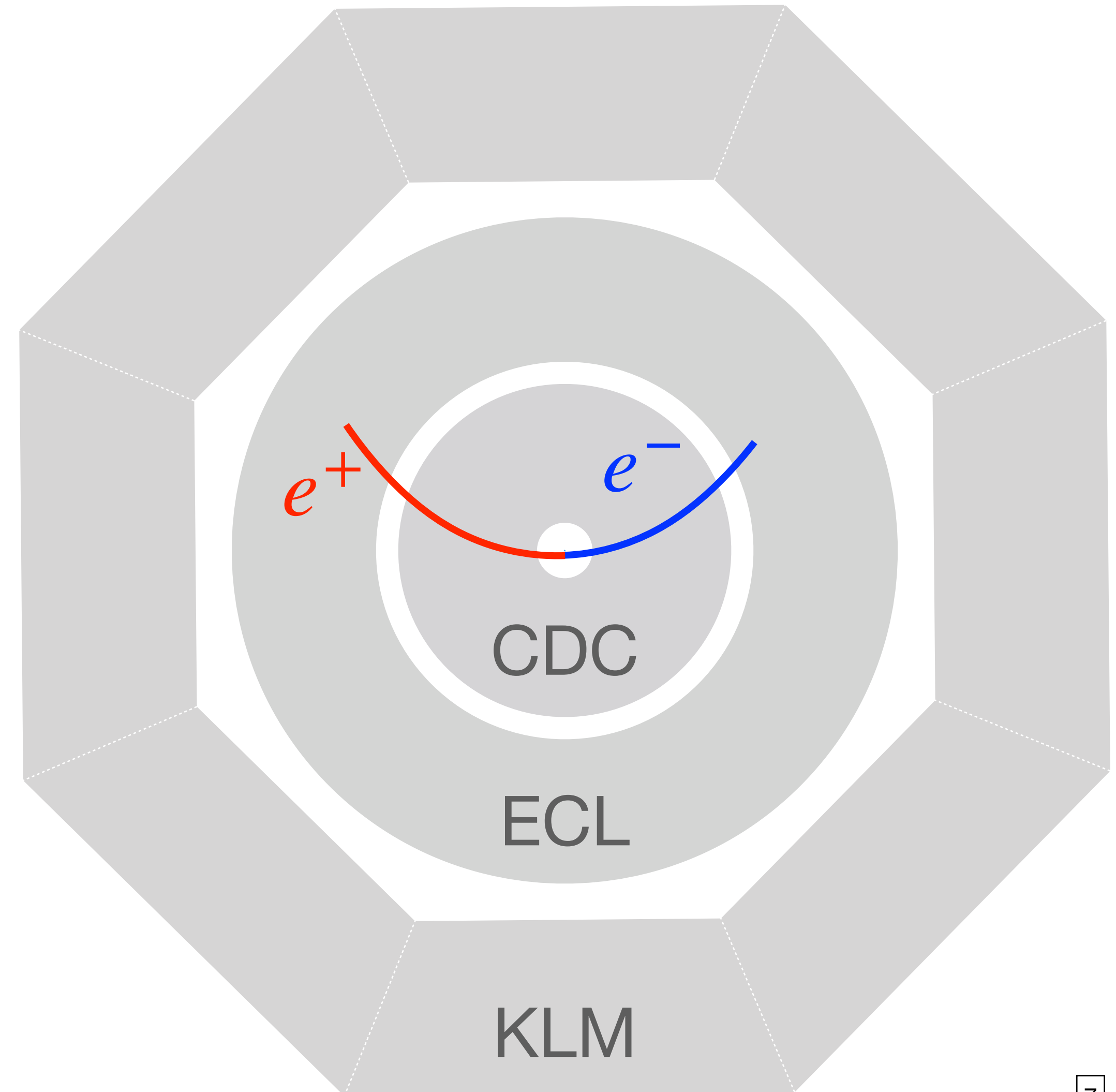
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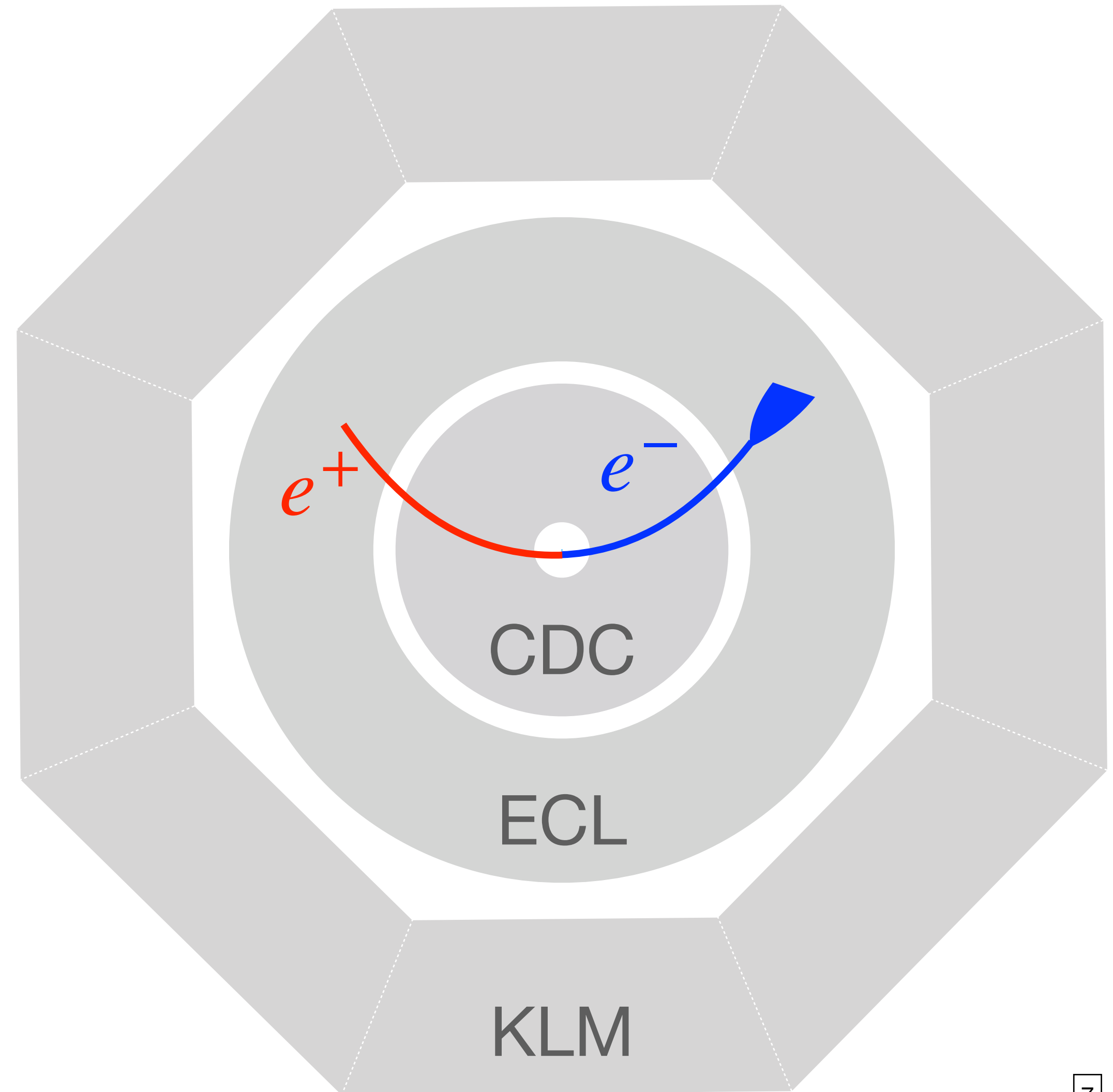
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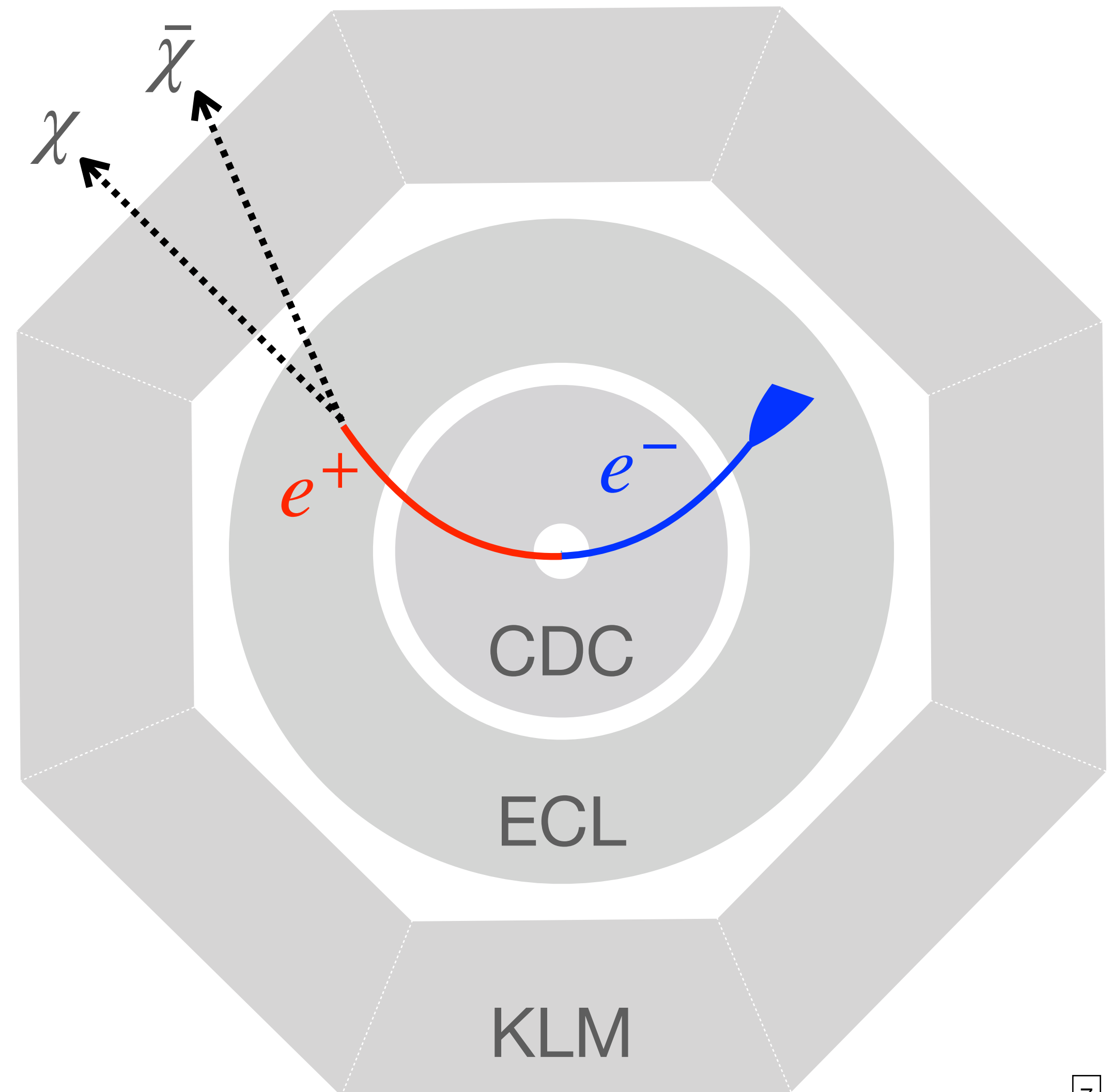
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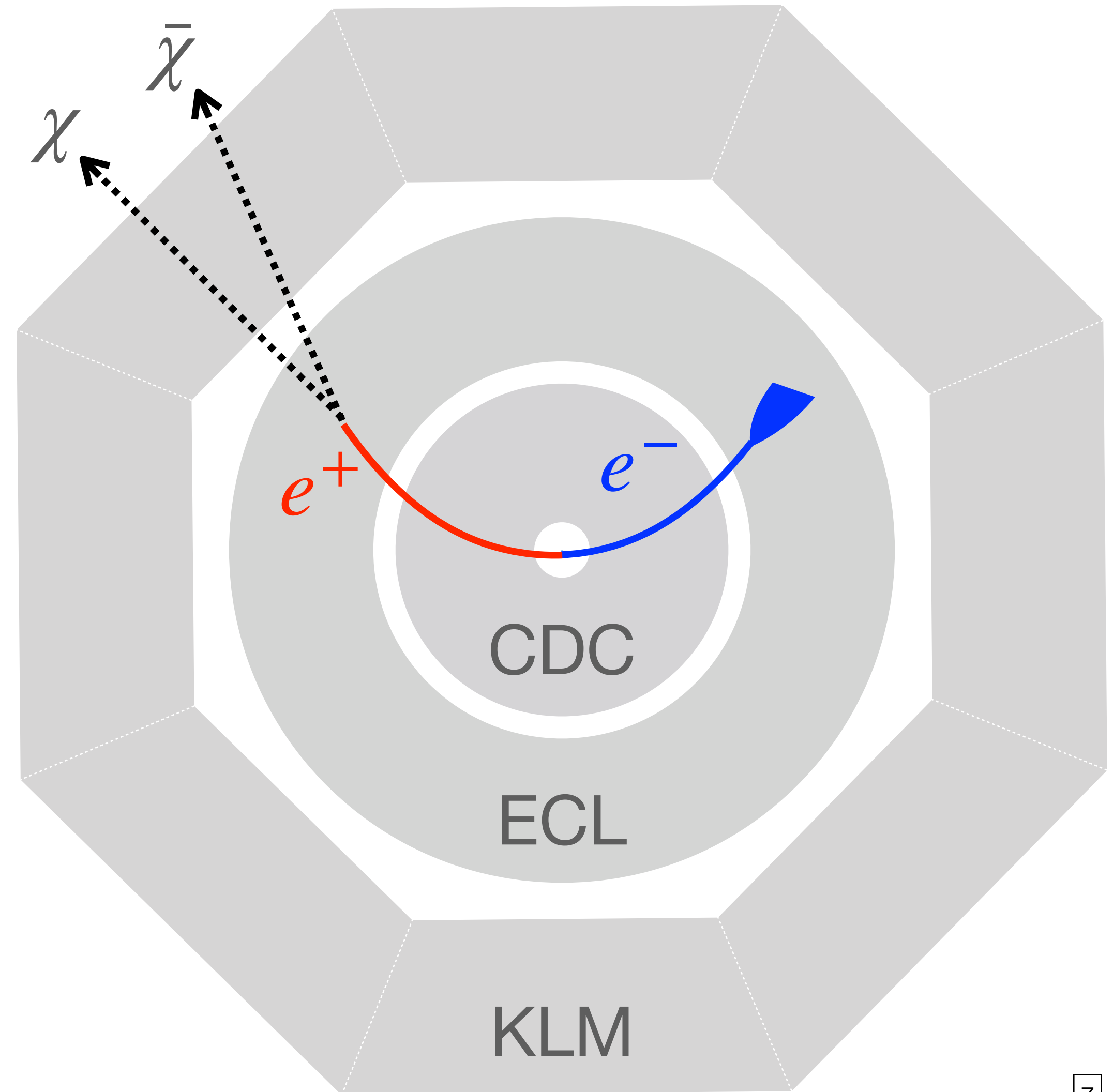


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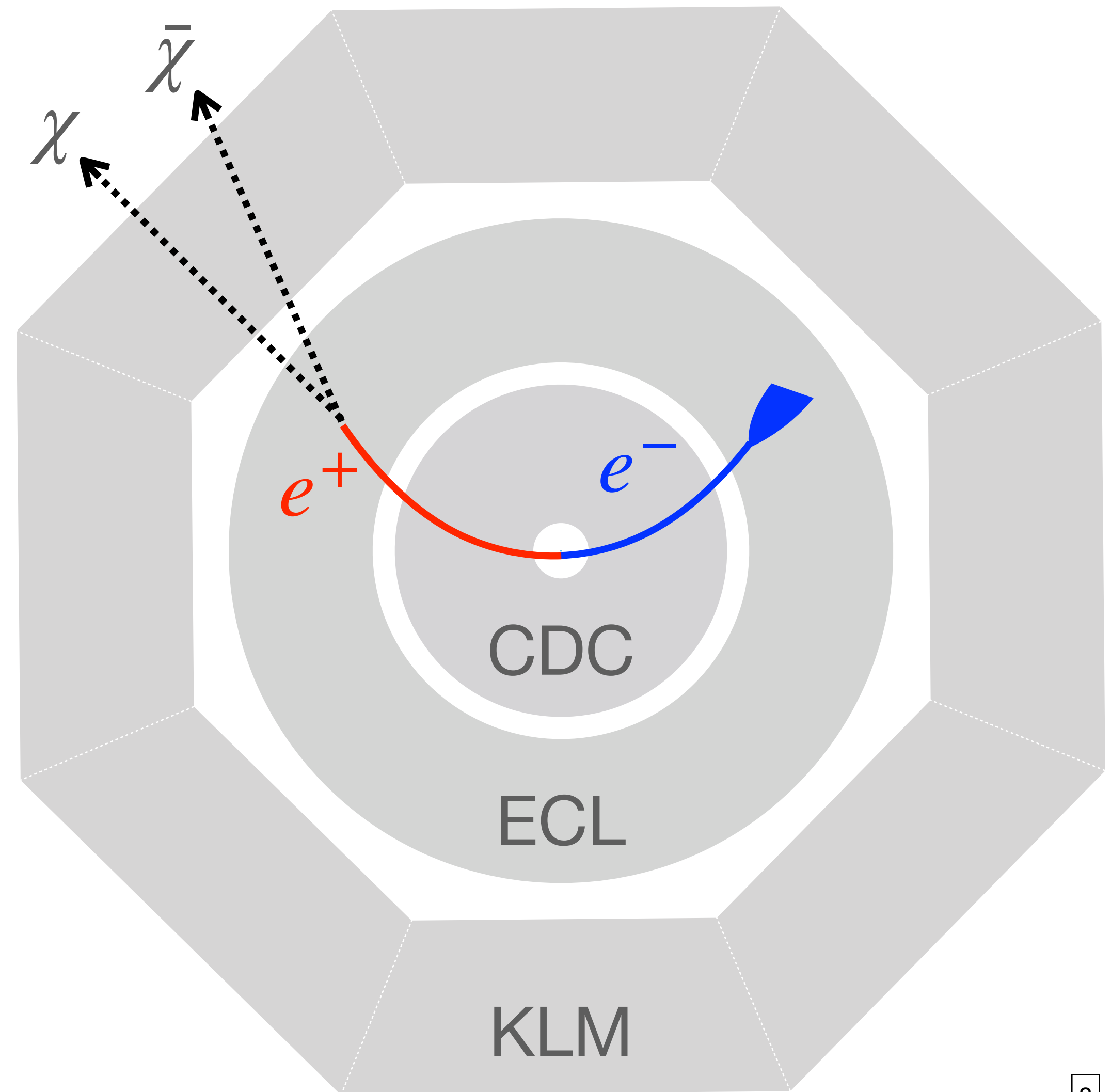
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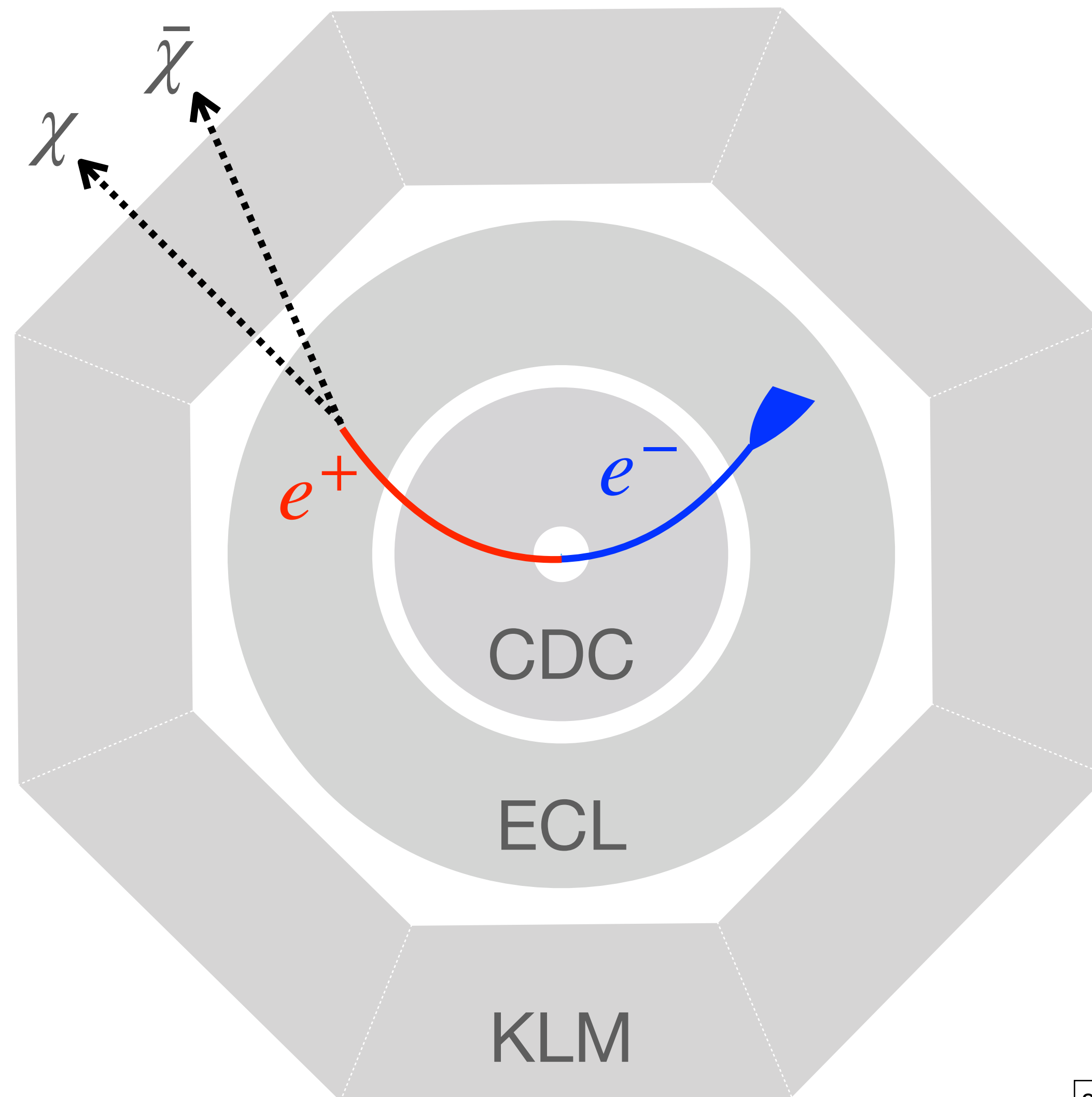


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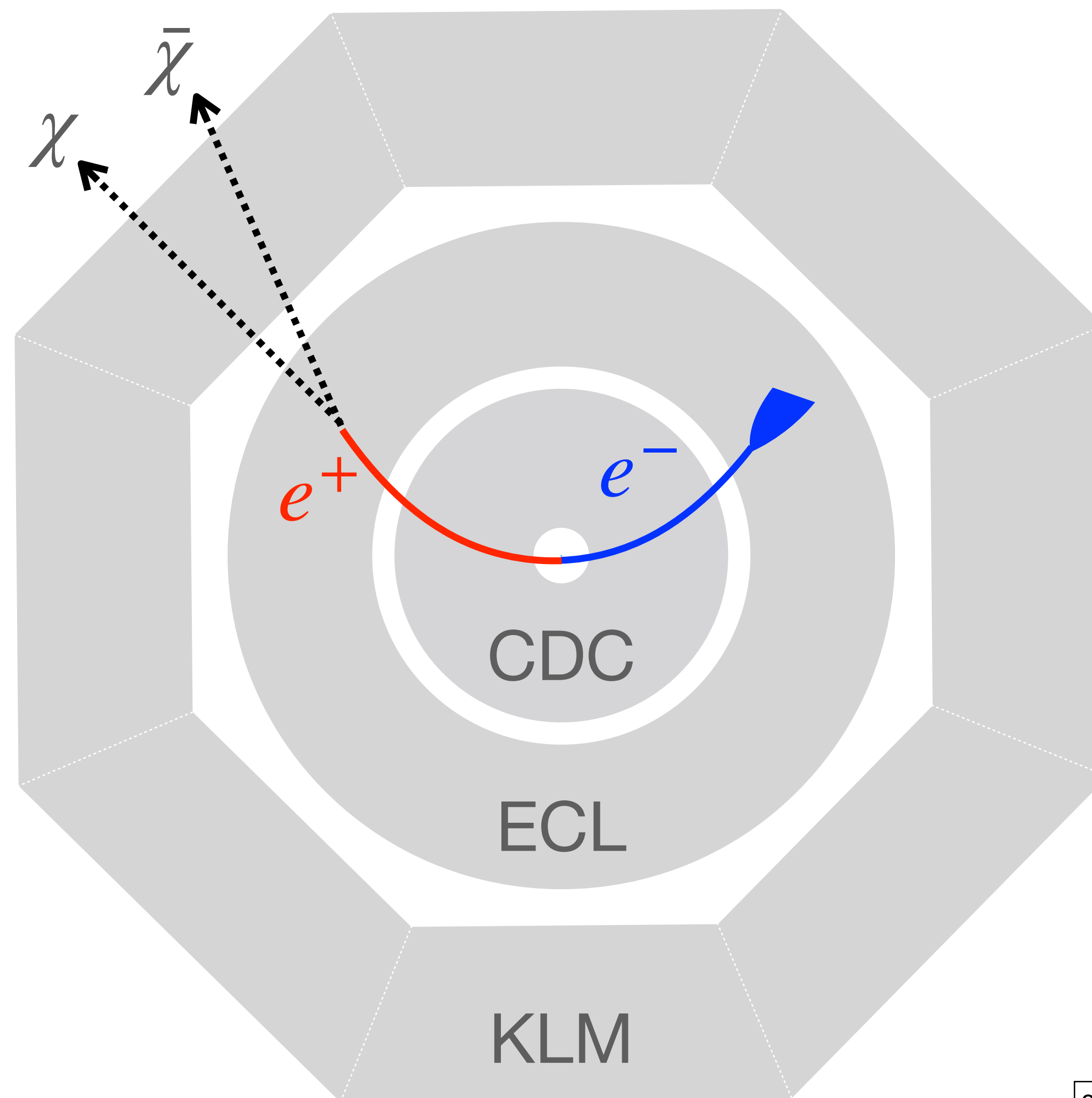
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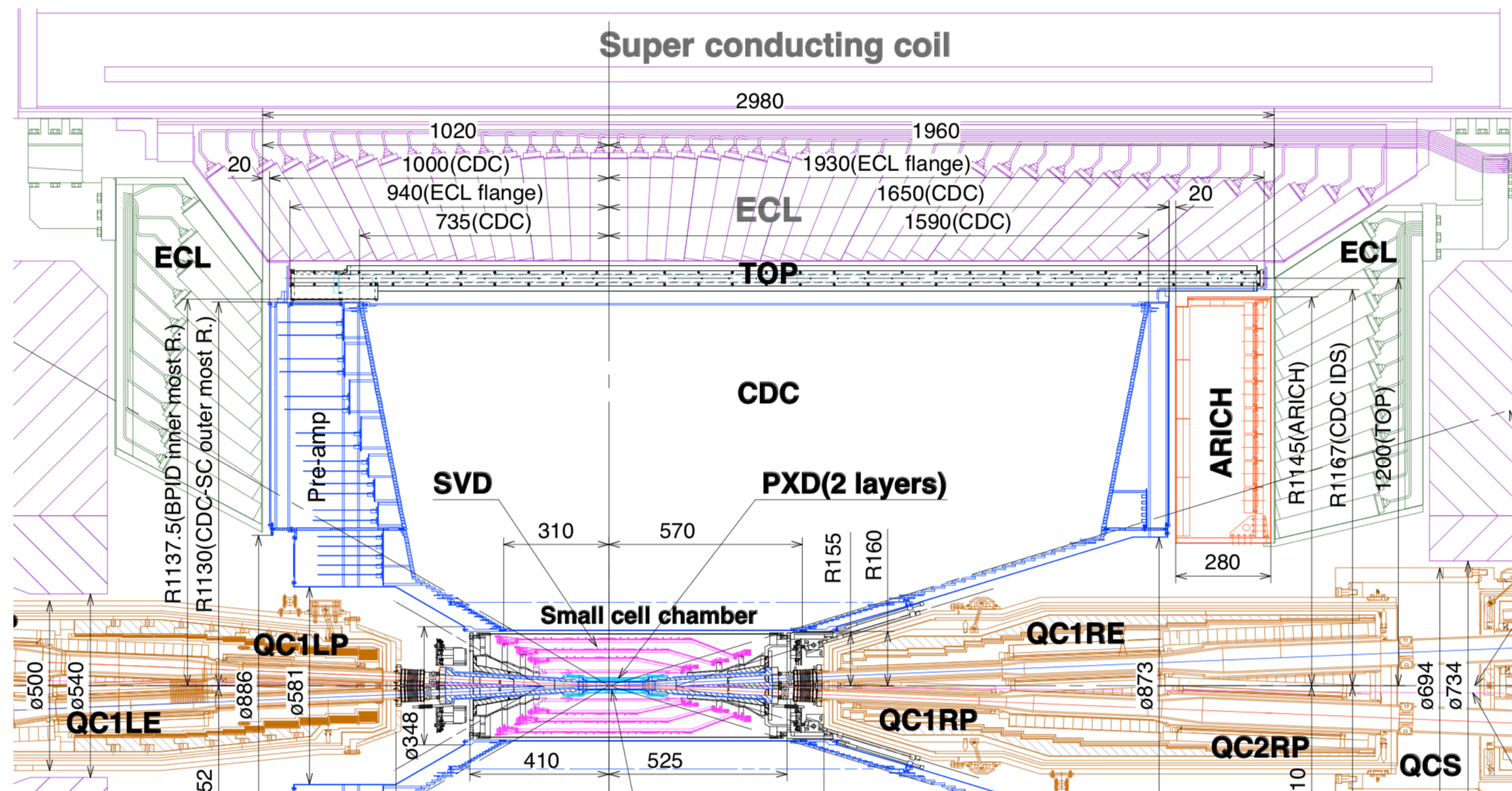
- ECL:  $e^-$  &  $e^+$

missing energy:  $<5\%$   $e^+$  energy in ECL



# Use the ECL barrel region as the fixed target

ECL barrel:  $32.2^\circ < \theta < 128.7^\circ$



- Better hermiticity (non-projective gaps between ECL crystals)
- Less non-instrumented setups (e.g., magnetic wires) between ECL & KLM
- More beam BG in endcaps

$6 \times 10^{11} e^+e^-$  events from Bhabha scattering in the barrel region with 50/ab

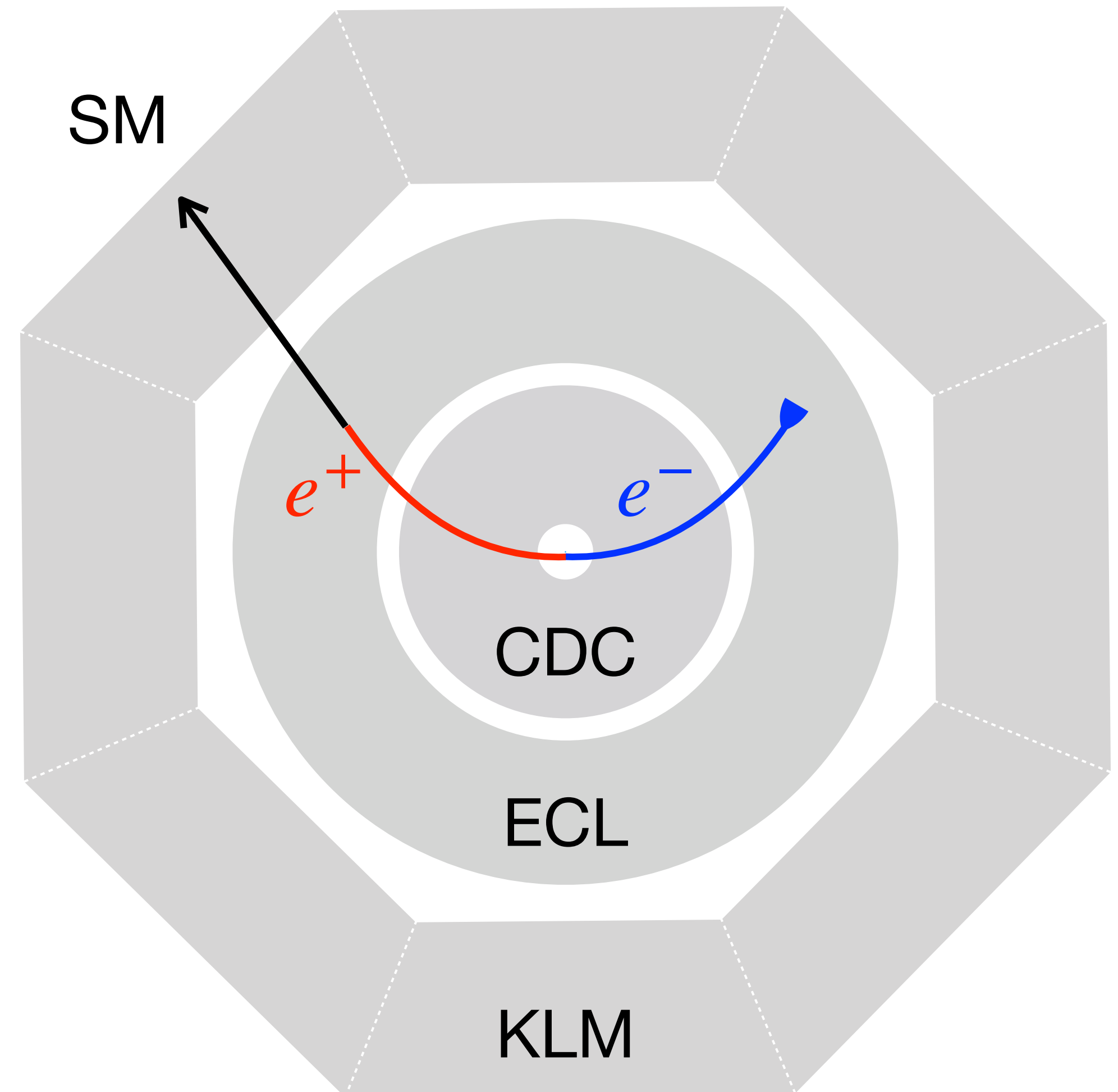


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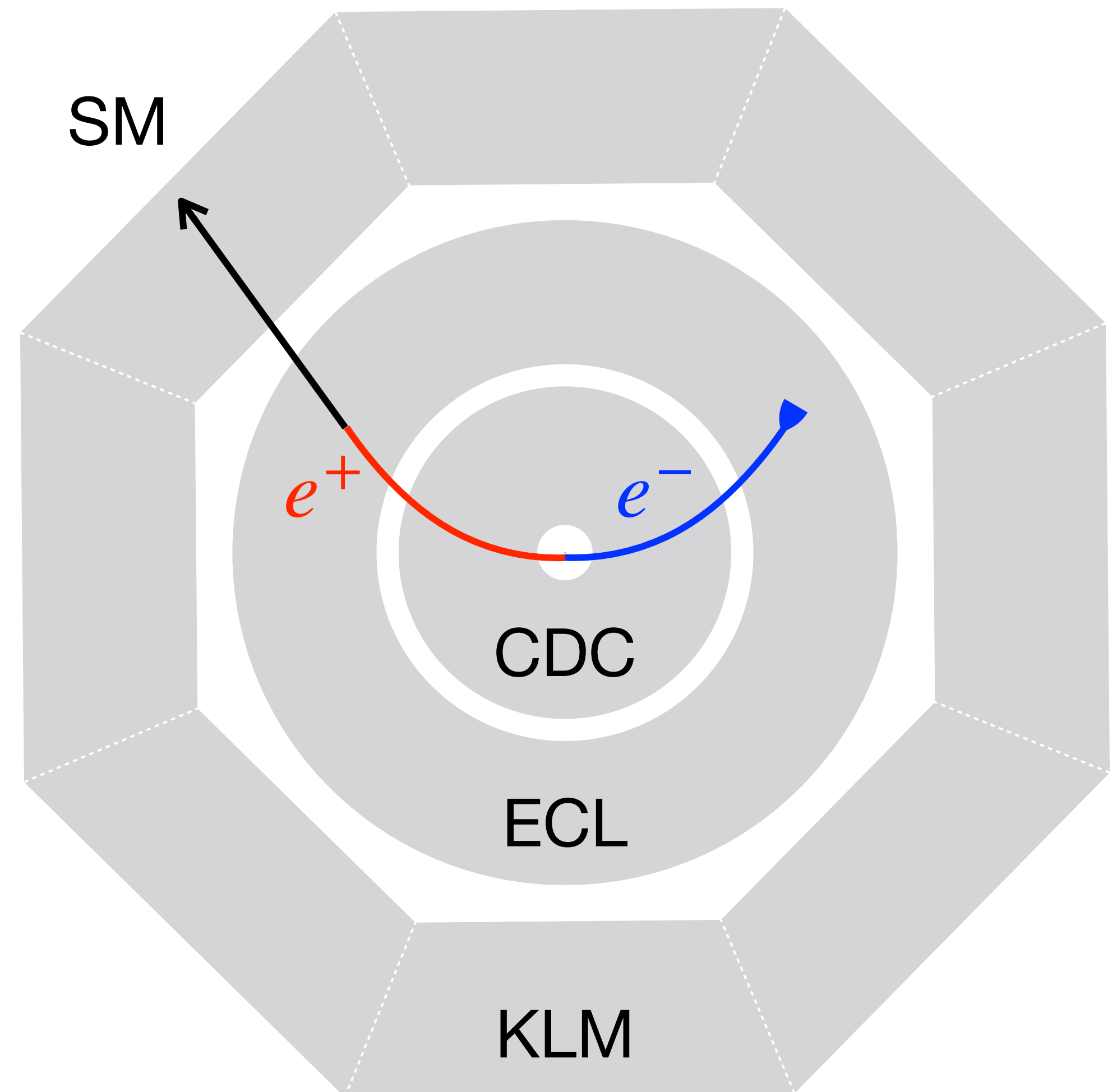


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SM particles escape detection

- Charged particles ( $e, \mu, \pi^\pm$ ): unlikely to contribute
- Neutral particles ( $n, \gamma, \nu$ ): neutrino BG is small  
main BG are due to  $n$  &  $\gamma$



# Photon-induced BG: high-E photons escape ECL

Photon spectrum ( $e^+$  in matter) [Tsai & Whitis 1966]

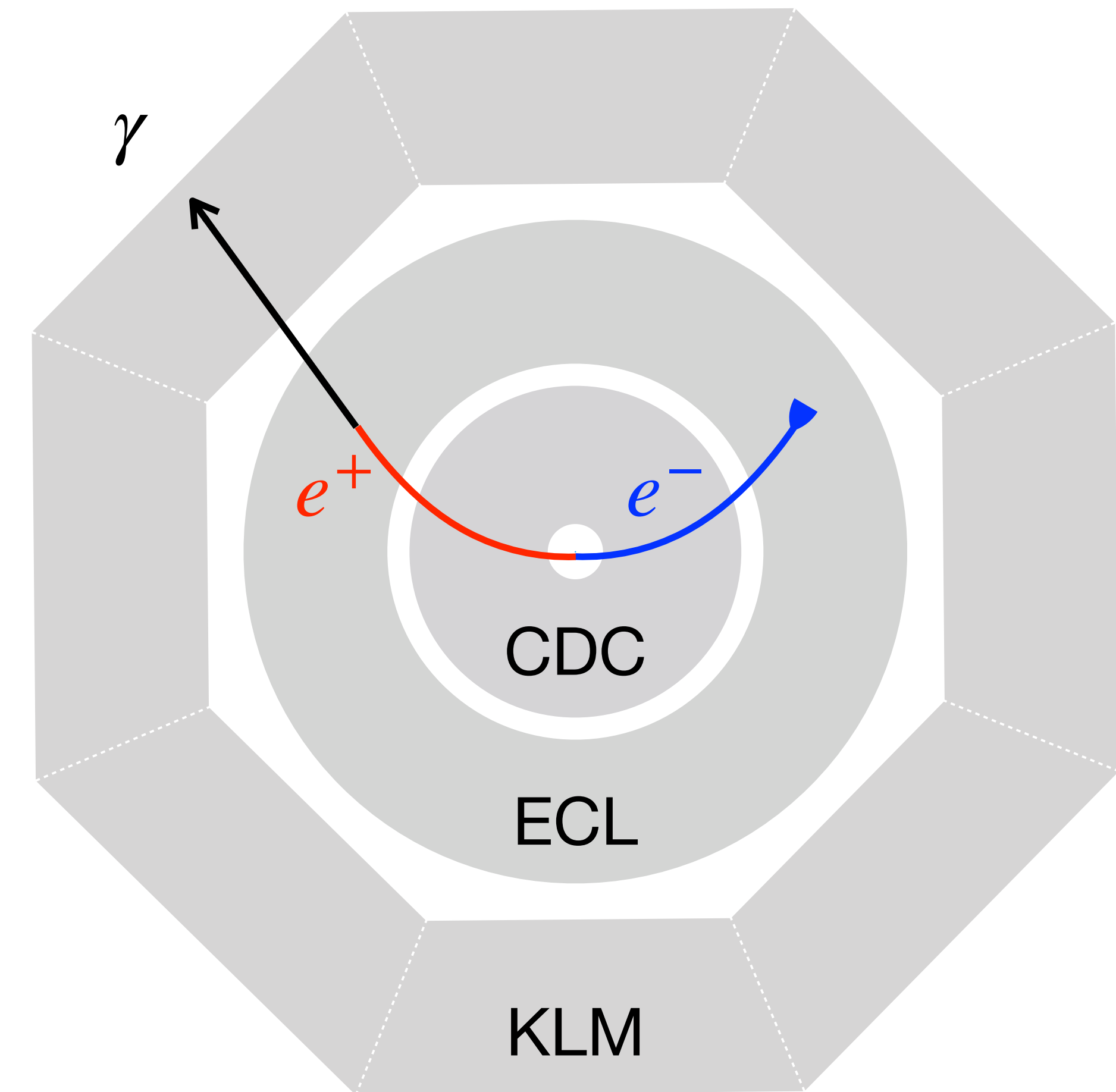
$$\frac{dN_\gamma}{dx_\gamma}(t, x_\gamma) \simeq \frac{1}{x_\gamma} \frac{(1 - x_\gamma)^{(4/3)t} - e^{-(7/9)t}}{7/9 + (4/3)\ln(1 - x_\gamma)}$$

$$x_\gamma = E_\gamma/E_e \quad t = \# \text{ of } X_0$$

ECL = 16- $X_0$  CsI crystals

$$\text{prob of high-E } \gamma = \int_{0.95}^1 dx_\gamma \frac{dN_\gamma}{dx_\gamma}(16, x_\gamma) \simeq 4.7 \times 10^{-8}$$

# of high-E  $\gamma \sim 2.8 \times 10^4$  after ECL (for  $6 \times 10^{11}$  incident  $e^+$ )



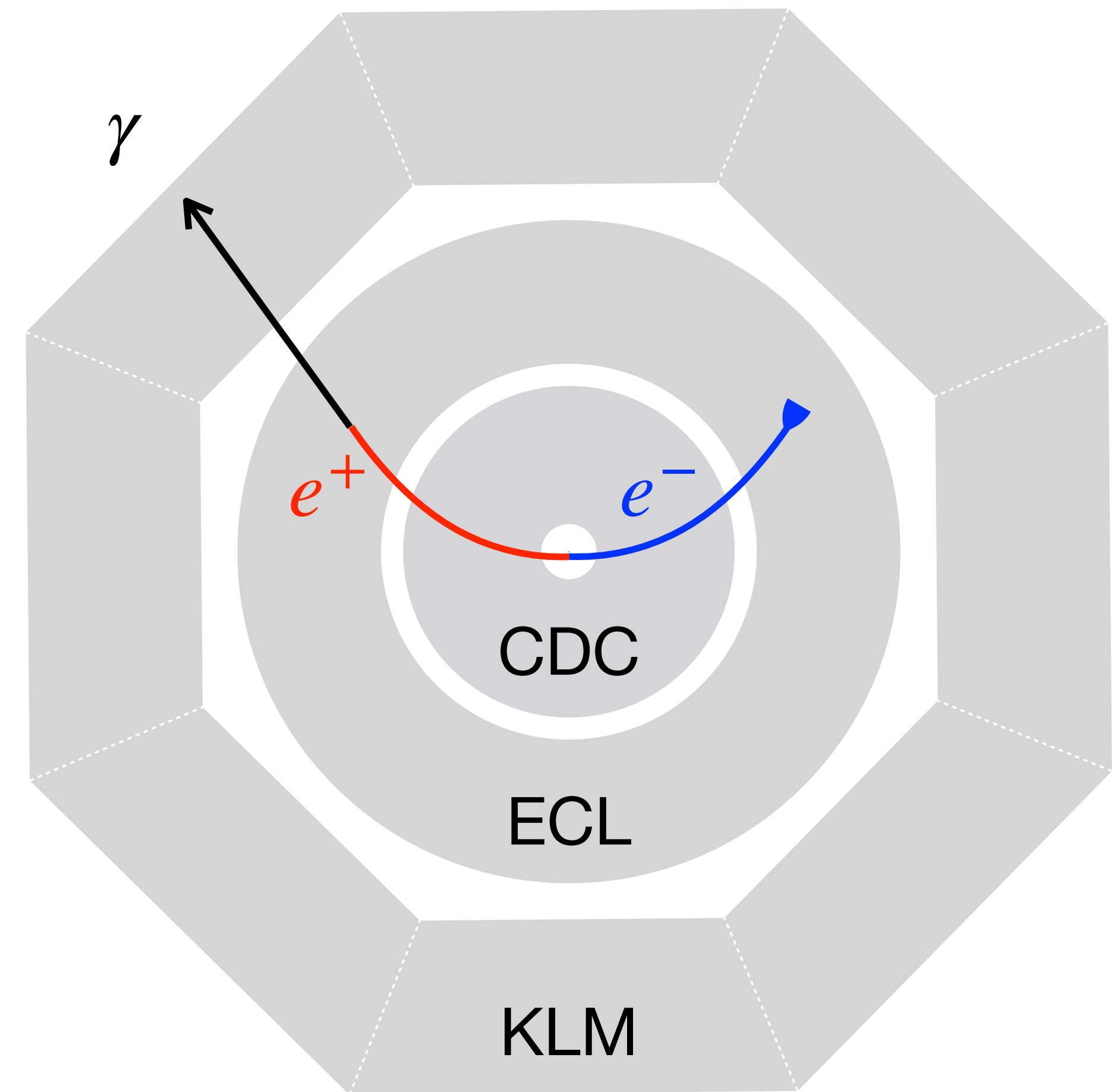
# KLM veto capability on photon

KLM = alternating layers of 4.7-cm iron plates & active detectors  $\implies$  difficult for GeV  $\gamma$  to penetrate

However,  $\gamma$  can be absorbed by non-instrumented setups (e.g., magnet coil)

KLM veto efficiency =  $4.5 \times 10^{-4}$  (IFR @ BaBar)

13 photon BG (for  $6 \times 10^{11}$  incident  $e^+$ )



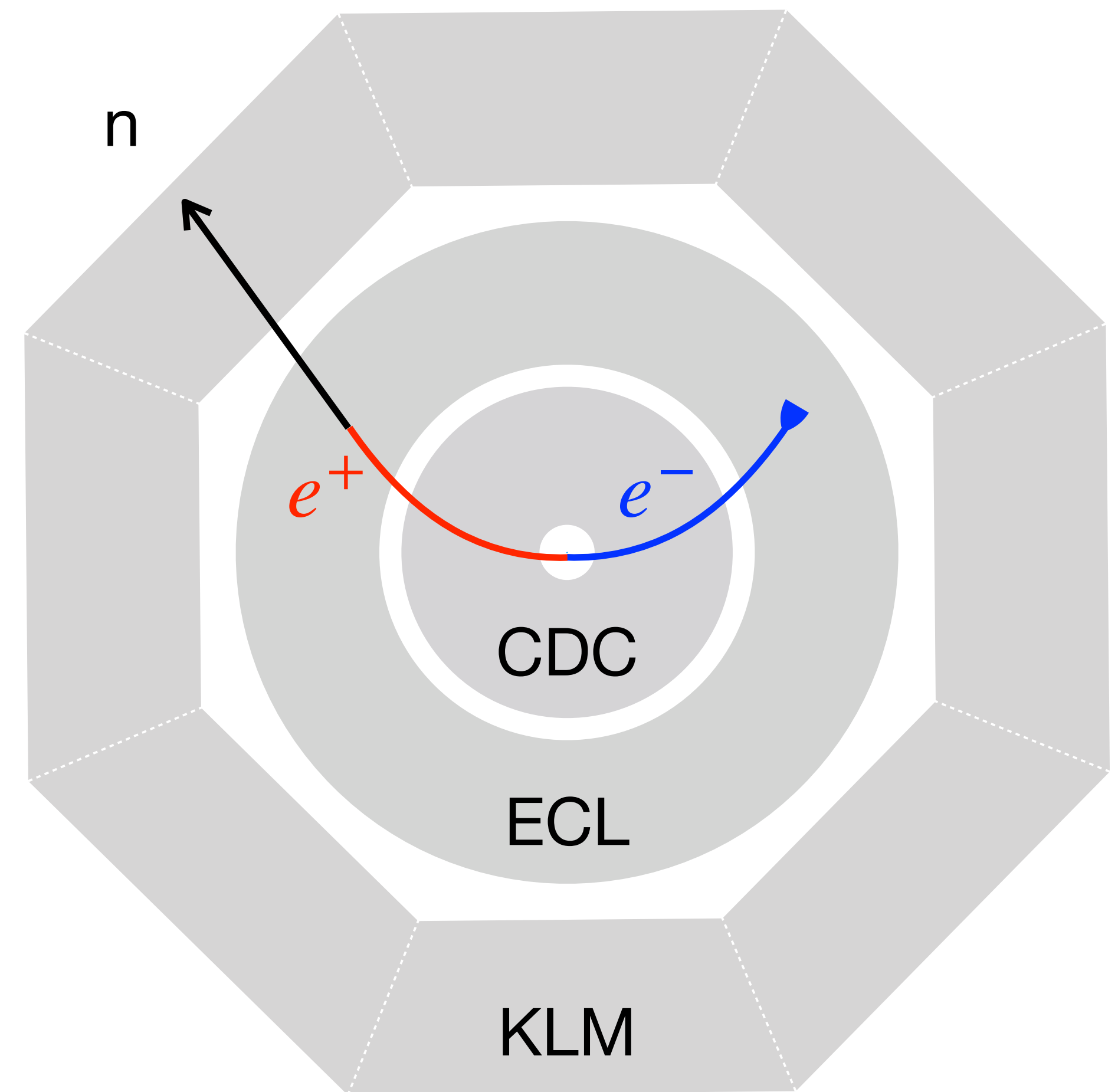
# Neutron-induced backgrounds: GEANT4 simulations

GEANT4 simulation:

$10^9 e^+$  with a CsI target w  $1 X_0$

Neutrons with significant energy  
are produced in the first  $X_0$   
(confirmed in simulations w  $2 X_0$ )

At least one neutron with  $E > 3 \text{ GeV}$



# Probability for a neutron to penetrate ECL & KLM

Prob to penetrate a target with length  $L$

$$P = \exp(-L/\lambda_0)$$

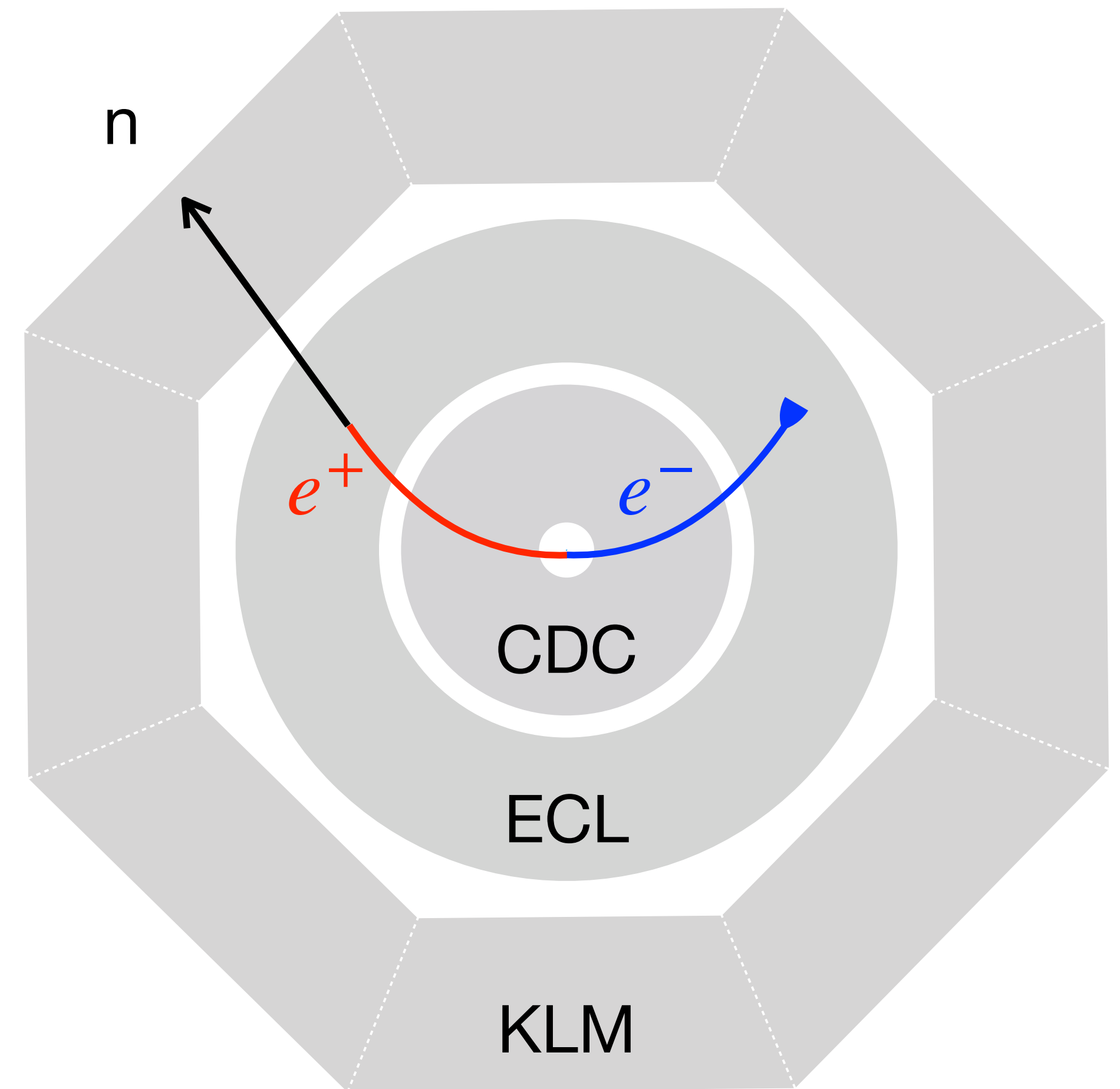
$\lambda_0$  = hadronic interaction length

$$\text{KLM} \sim 3.9 \lambda_0 \quad \text{ECL} \sim 0.8 \lambda_0$$

Prob to penetrate ECL & KLM  $\sim 1\%$

Neutron-induced BG  $\sim 81$

Both photon & neutron-induced BG  $\sim 94$



# Sensitivity on invisible dark photon



# Invisible dark photon

$$\delta B_{\mu\nu} X^{\mu\nu} \text{ or } m^2 \epsilon B_\mu X^\mu$$

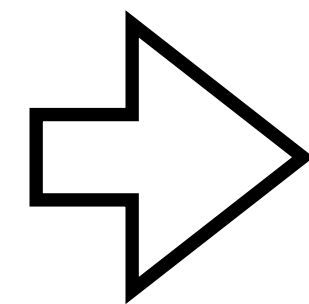


$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = A'_\mu (e Q_f \epsilon \bar{f} \gamma^\mu f + g_\chi \bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \chi)$$

dark photon  $A'_\mu$

couplings:  $g_\chi \gg e\epsilon$

$$m_{A'} = 3m_\chi$$



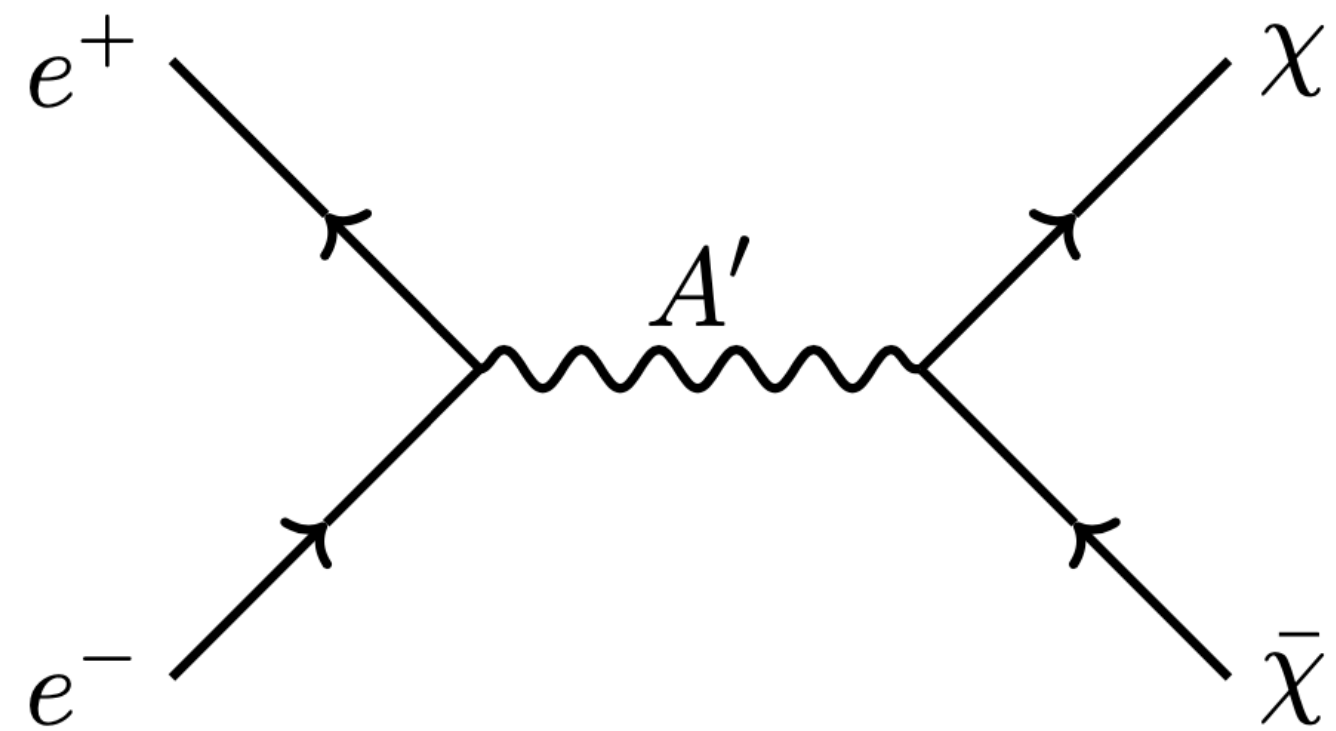
invisible decay dominates

[Holdom 1986]

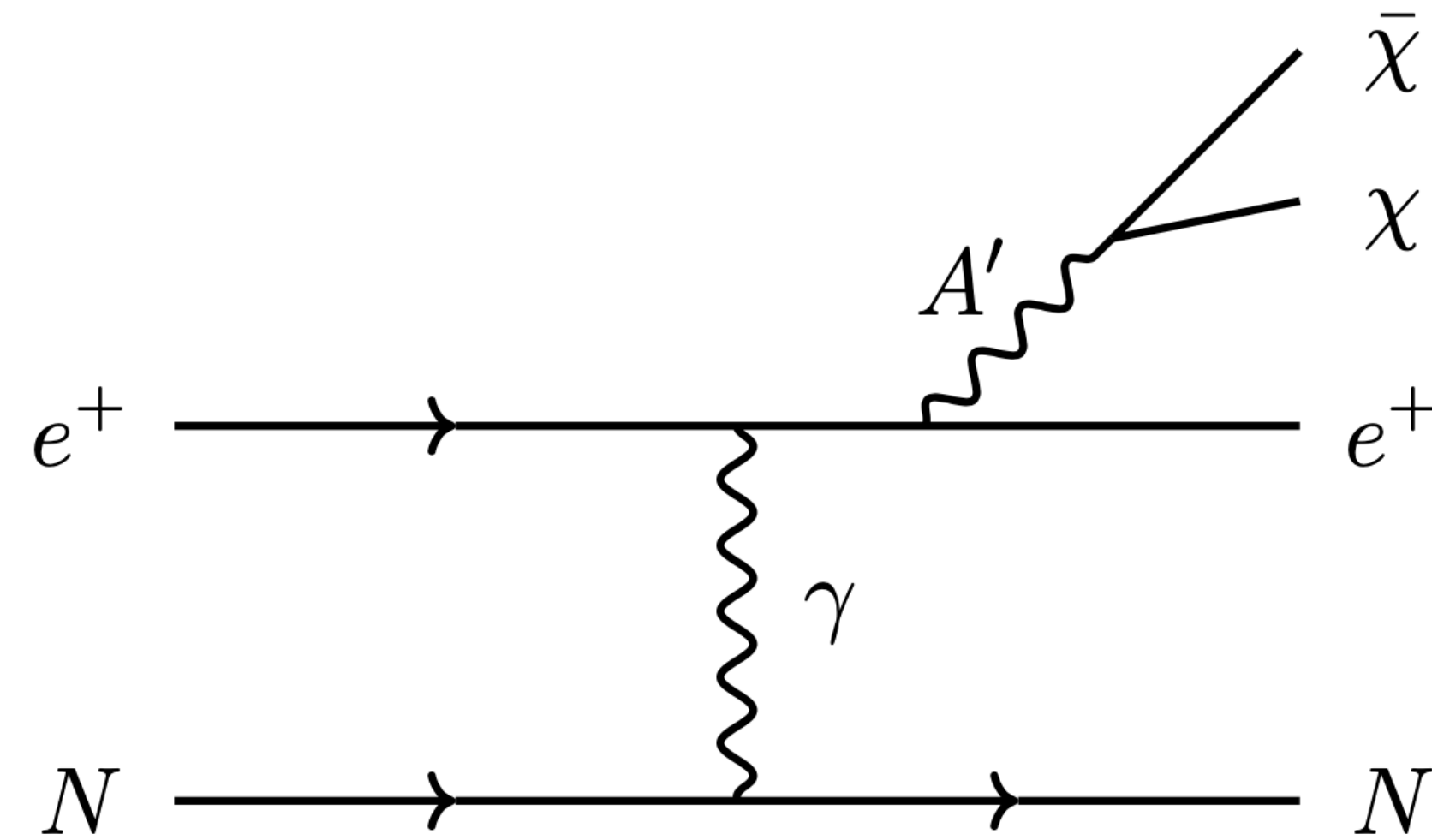
[Foot & He 1991]

[Feldman, ZL, Nath, [hep-ph/0702123](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0702123), 391 cites]

# Positron interaction with ECL



annihilation w/  
atomic electrons

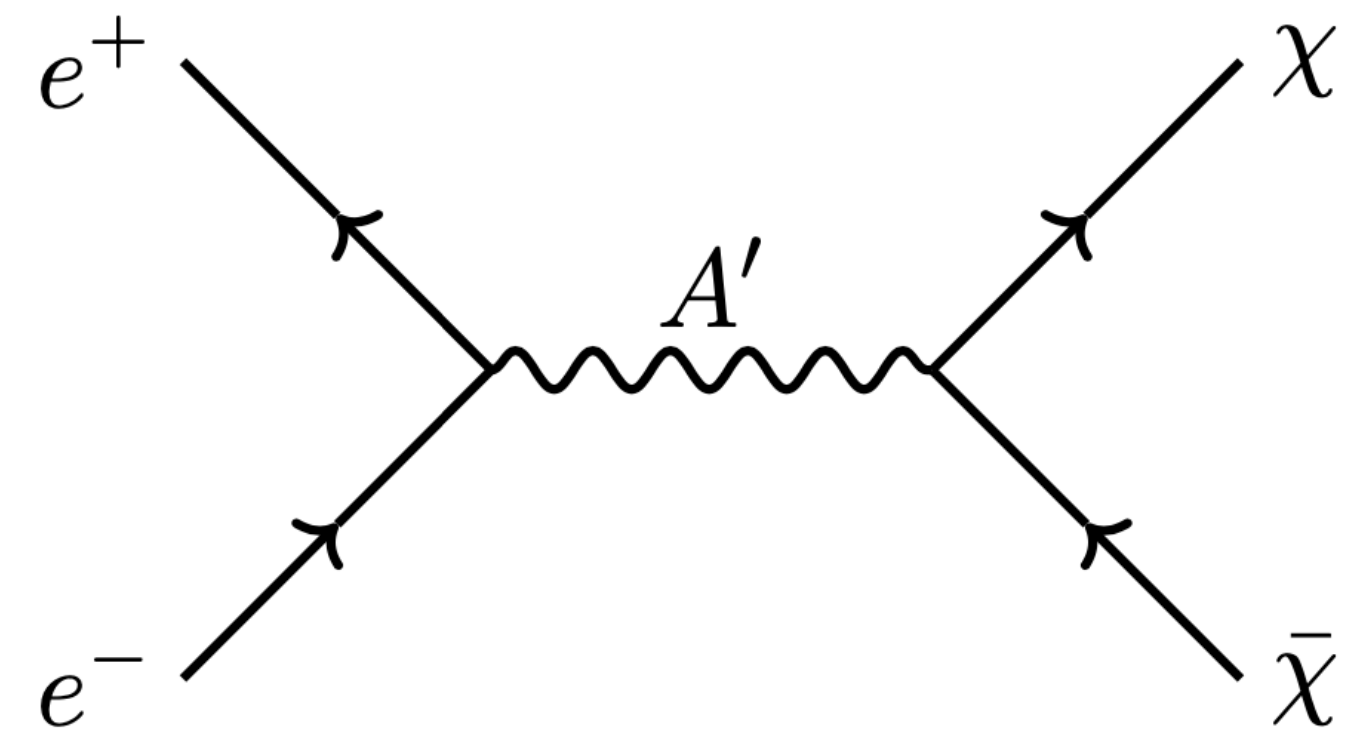


bremsstrahlung w/  
target nucleus

# Annihilation with atomic electrons

$$N_{\text{ann}} = \mathcal{L} \int_{E_{\text{min}}}^{E_{\text{max}}} dE \frac{d\sigma_B}{dE} \int_{0.95E}^{E+m_e} dE_{A'} n_e T_e(E' = E_{A'} - m_e, E, L_T) \sigma_{\text{ann}}(E_{A'})$$

- $\sigma_B$  is the Bhabha xsec
- $\sigma_{\text{ann}}$  is the annihilation xsec
- $n_e$  is the electron # density
- $T_e$  is the positron differential track length



[Tsai & Whitis 1966]

# Bremsstrahlung with target nucleus

$$N_{\text{bre}} = \mathcal{L} \int_{E_{\text{min}}}^{E_{\text{max}}} dE \frac{d\sigma_B}{dE} \int_{0.95E}^{E-m_e} dE_{A'} n_N T_e(E', E, X_0) \frac{d\sigma_{\text{bre}}}{dE_{A'}}$$

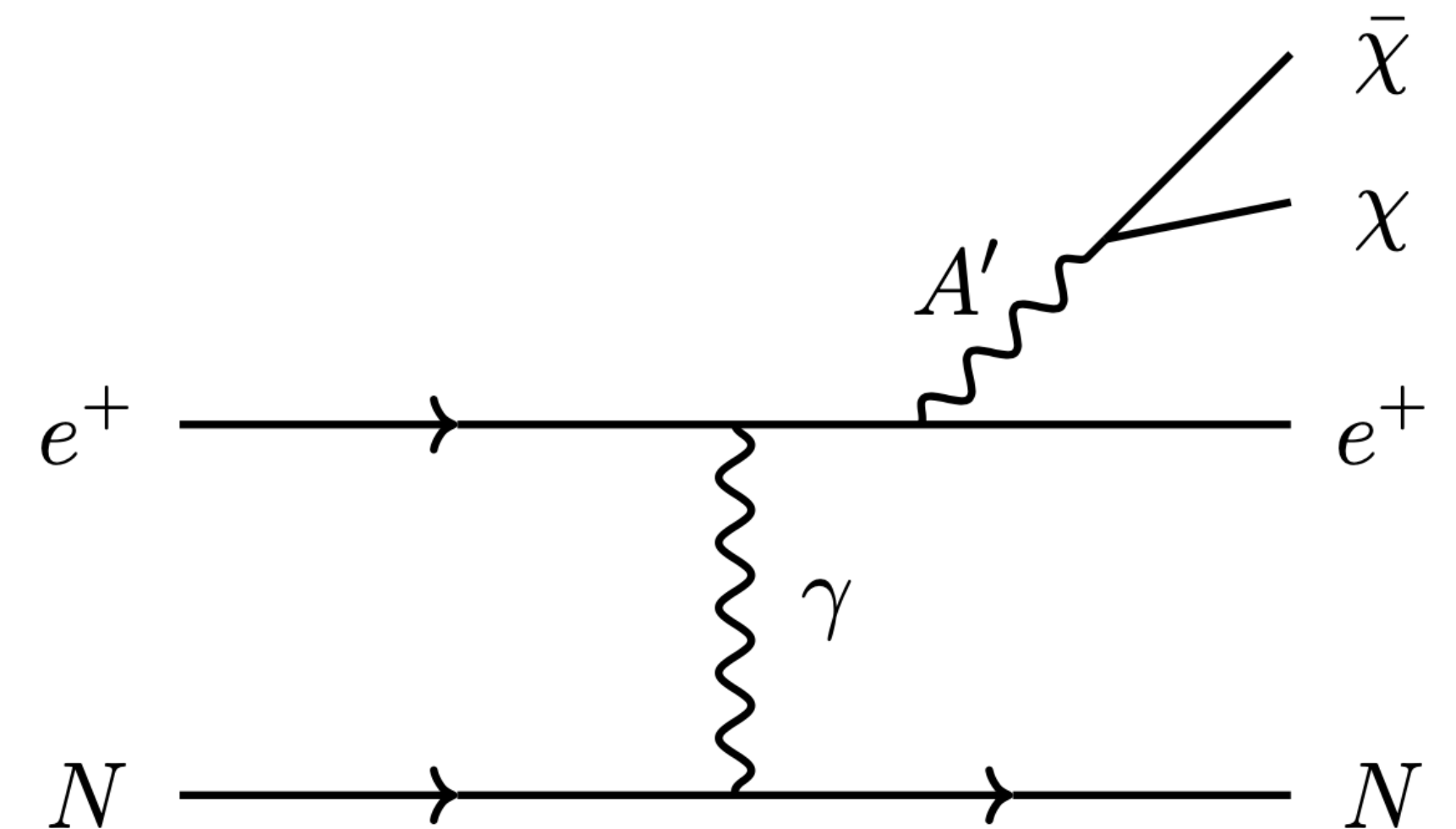
dominated by on-shell  $A'$  production

$\sigma_{\text{bre}}$  is the xsec of on-shell produced  $A'$

[Bjorken+ 0906.0580]

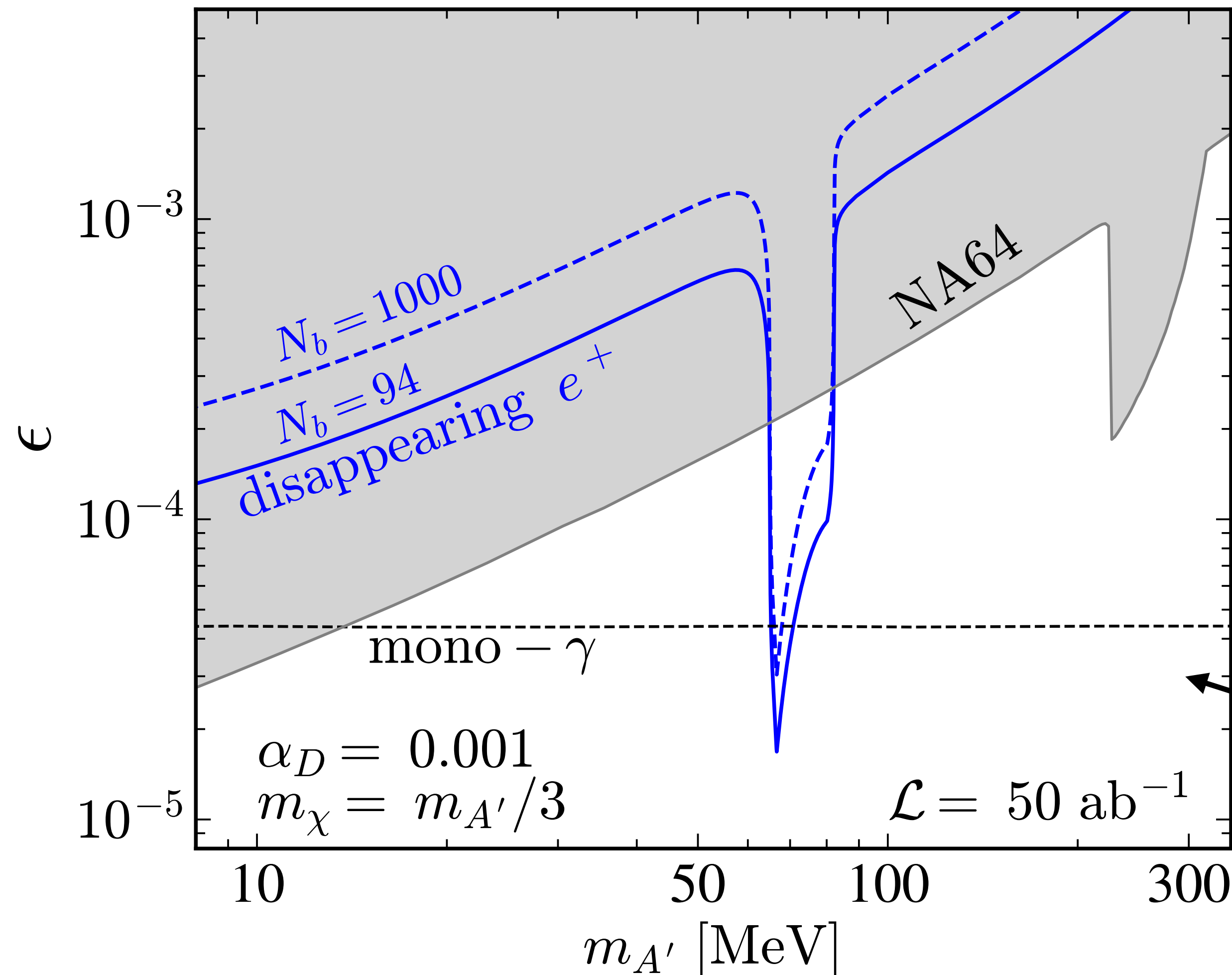
[Gninenko+ 1712.05706]

[Liu & Miller, 1705.01633]



# Belle II sensitivity on invisible dark photon

[Liang, ZL, Yang, 2212.04252]



solid: 94 BG events

dashed: 1000 BG events

probing new parameter space  
beyond mono-photon and NA64

potential CRBG for DP  $m < 2 \text{ GeV}$   
[2207.06307]

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# Belle II probes of strongly-interacting dark matter

[Liang, ZL, Yang, PRD, 2312.08970]

# Strongly interacting dark matter

DM is usually assumed to have a **weak** interaction w/ SM, e.g., WIMPs

However, **strongly-interacting** DM w/ a small abundance are allowed

DM gets **boosted** by various astro sources

- cosmic ray [Cappiello+, 1810.07705]  
[Bringmann+, 1810.10543]  
[Ema+, 1811.00520]
- diffuse supernova neutrino [Das+, 2104.00027]
- blazars [Wang+, 2111.13644]

# Detection of strongly interacting DM can be difficult

strongly-interacting DM can be difficult to detect

- strong interaction xsec
- small abundance (because the strong interaction xsec )

- **DMID**: suppressed by the small abundance
- **DMDD**: suppressed by the small abundance & shielded by rock/air (like CR)
- **CMB**: unconstrained if the abundance is  $<0.4\%$  [Boddy +, 1808.00001]

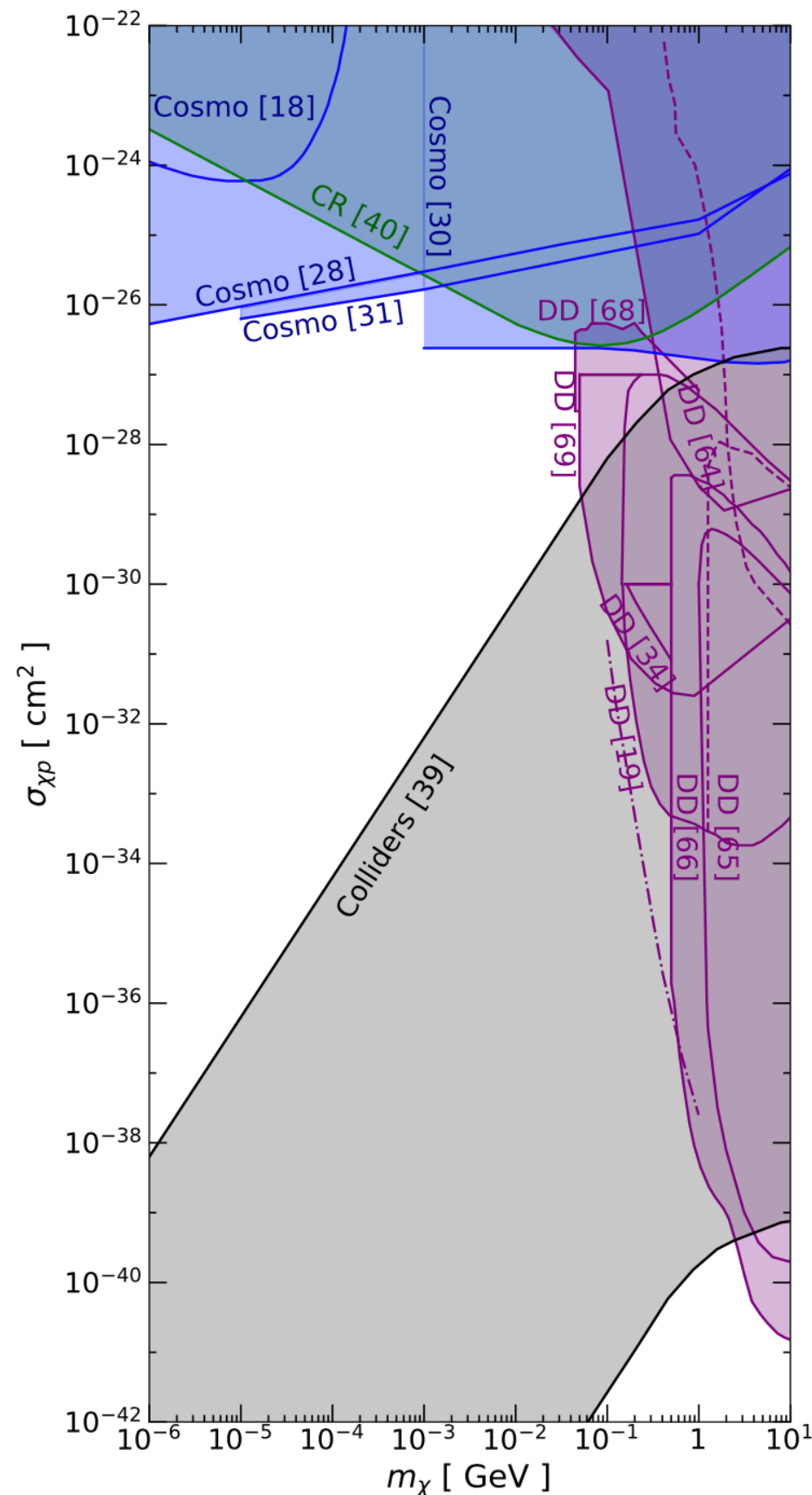
Colliders are ideal place to probe such DM, as they are not limited by these 2 factors.



# Ceiling of collider searches

strongly-interacting DM starts to interact w/ detectors  $\Rightarrow$  no more mono-X

[Cappiello+ 1810.07705]



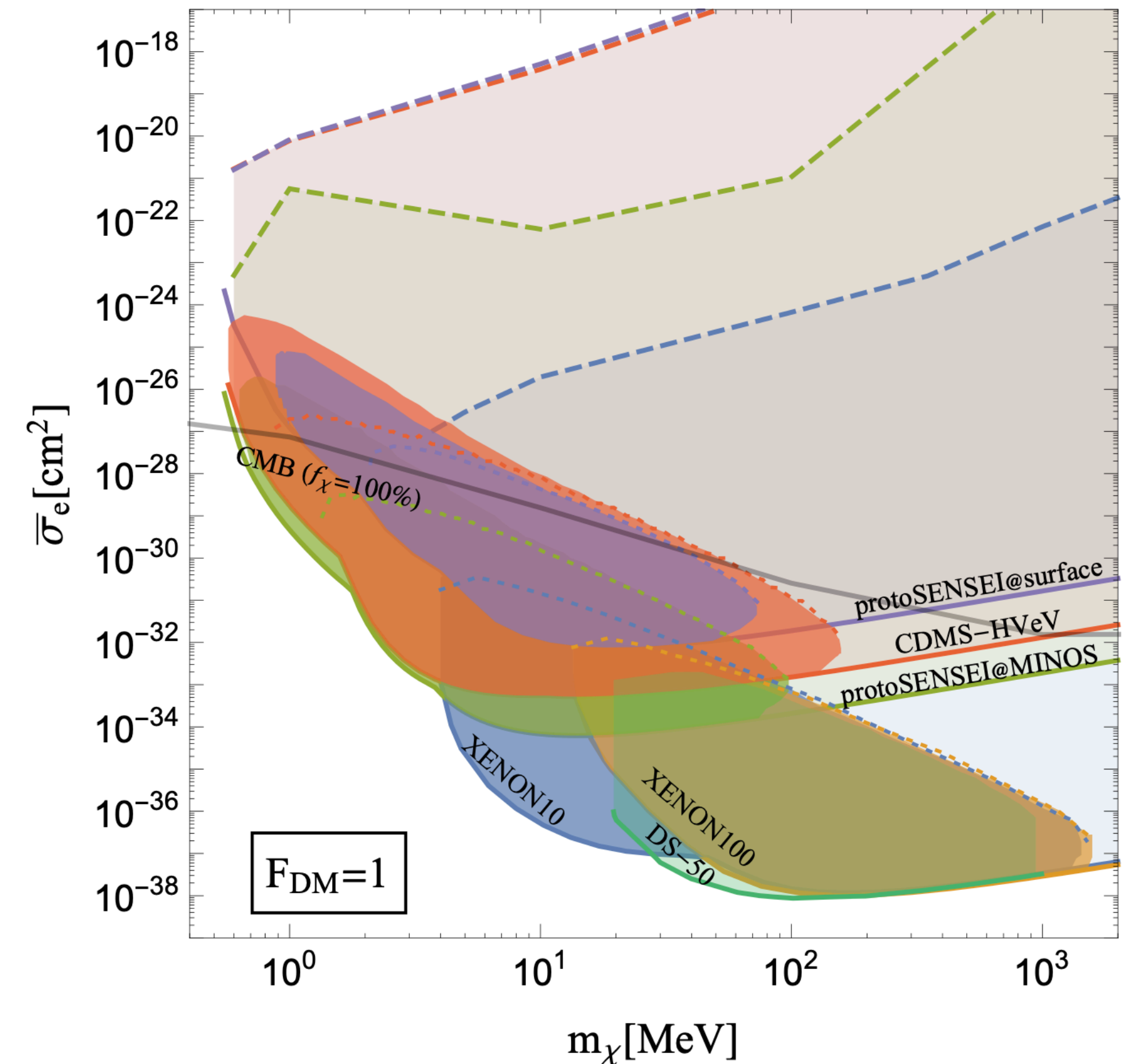
DM interactions with  
LHC detectors

[Bai & Rajaraman 1109.6009]

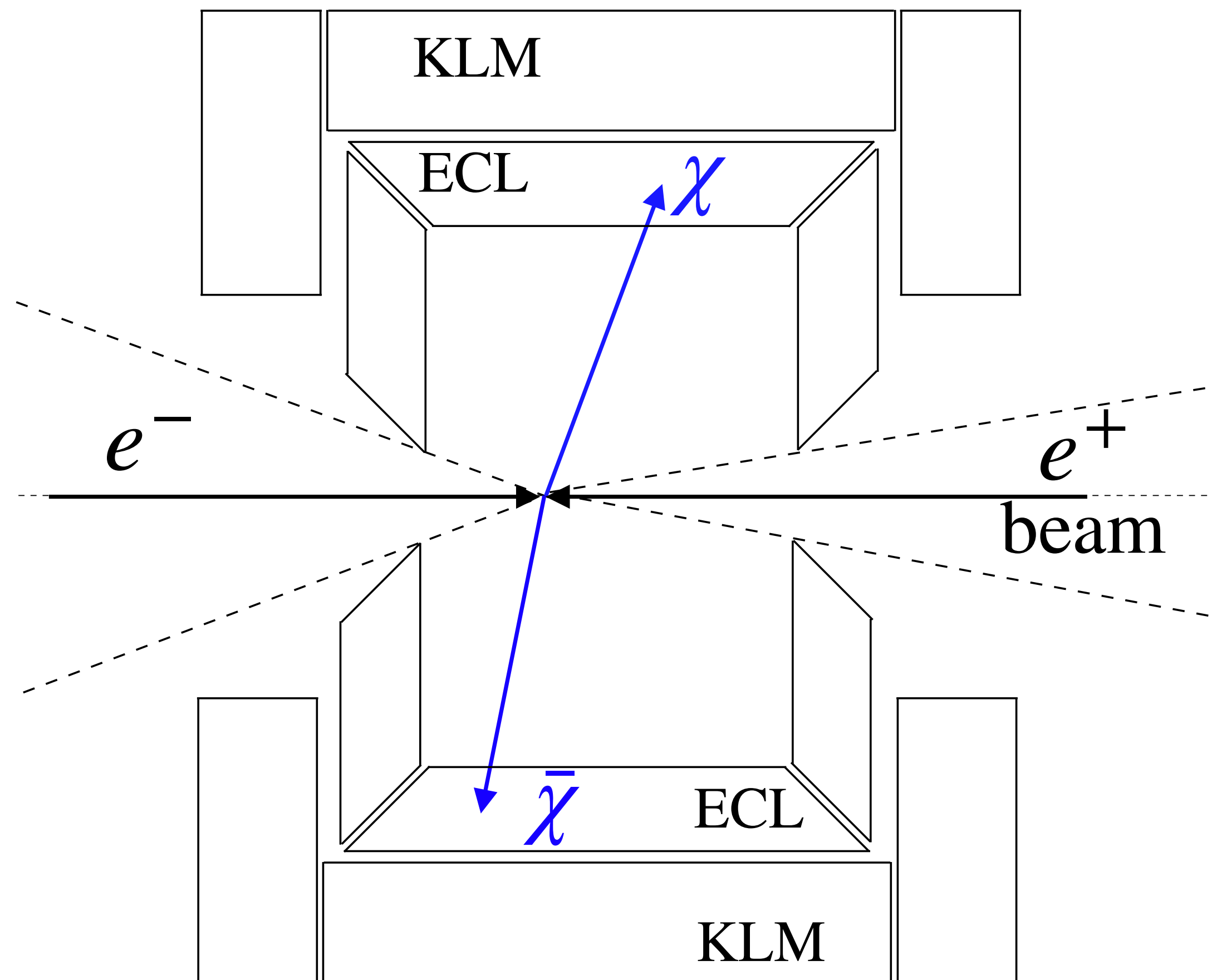
[Daci et al., 1503.05505]

[Bauer et al., 2005.13551]

[Emken+ 1905.06348]



# DM scattering w/ ECL @ Belle II



DM interacts strongly w detector  
 $\Rightarrow$  multiple electron recoils  
 $\Rightarrow$  “cluster”

similar to SM photon

$$\text{DM: } E_{\text{cluster}} \leq E_{\chi} - m_{\chi}$$

mono-cluster & di-cluster to DM

# Strong DM-electron interaction via a light mediator

spin-1 (vector)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}^V = Z'_\mu (g_\chi^V \bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \chi + g_e^V \bar{e} \gamma^\mu e)$$

spin-1 (axial-vector)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}^A = Z'_\mu (g_\chi^A \bar{\chi} \gamma^5 \gamma^\mu \chi + g_e^A \bar{e} \gamma^5 \gamma^\mu e)$$

spin-0 (scalar)

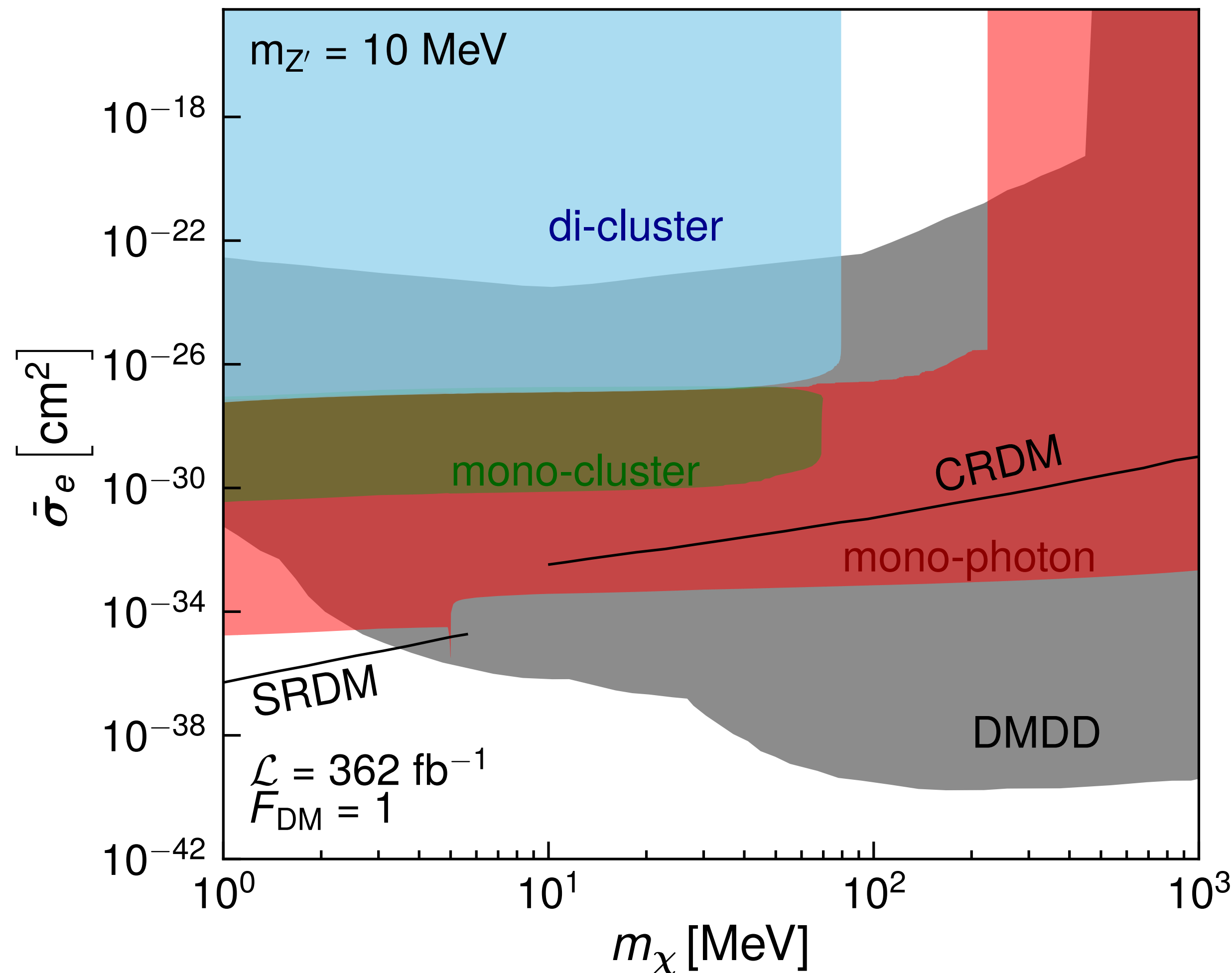
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}^S = \phi (g_\chi^S \bar{\chi} \chi + g_e^S \bar{e} e)$$

spin-0 (pseudo-scalar)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}^P = \phi (i g_\chi^P \bar{\chi} \gamma^5 \chi + i g_e^P \bar{e} \gamma^5 e)$$

a light mediator is needed for a large xsec

# Belle II sensitivity versus DMDD (10 MeV mediator)



DMDD xsec @  $|q| = \alpha m_e$

FF = 1

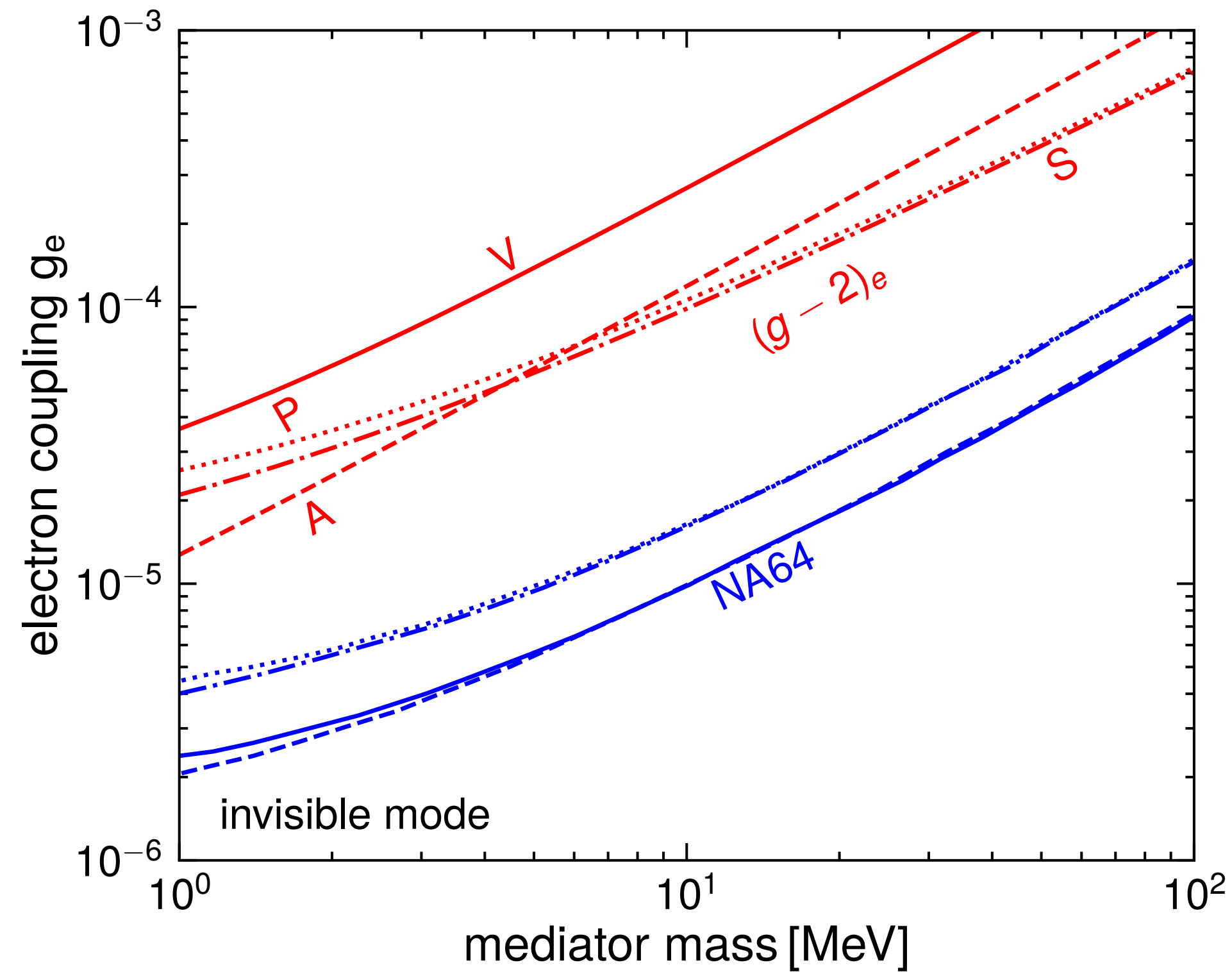
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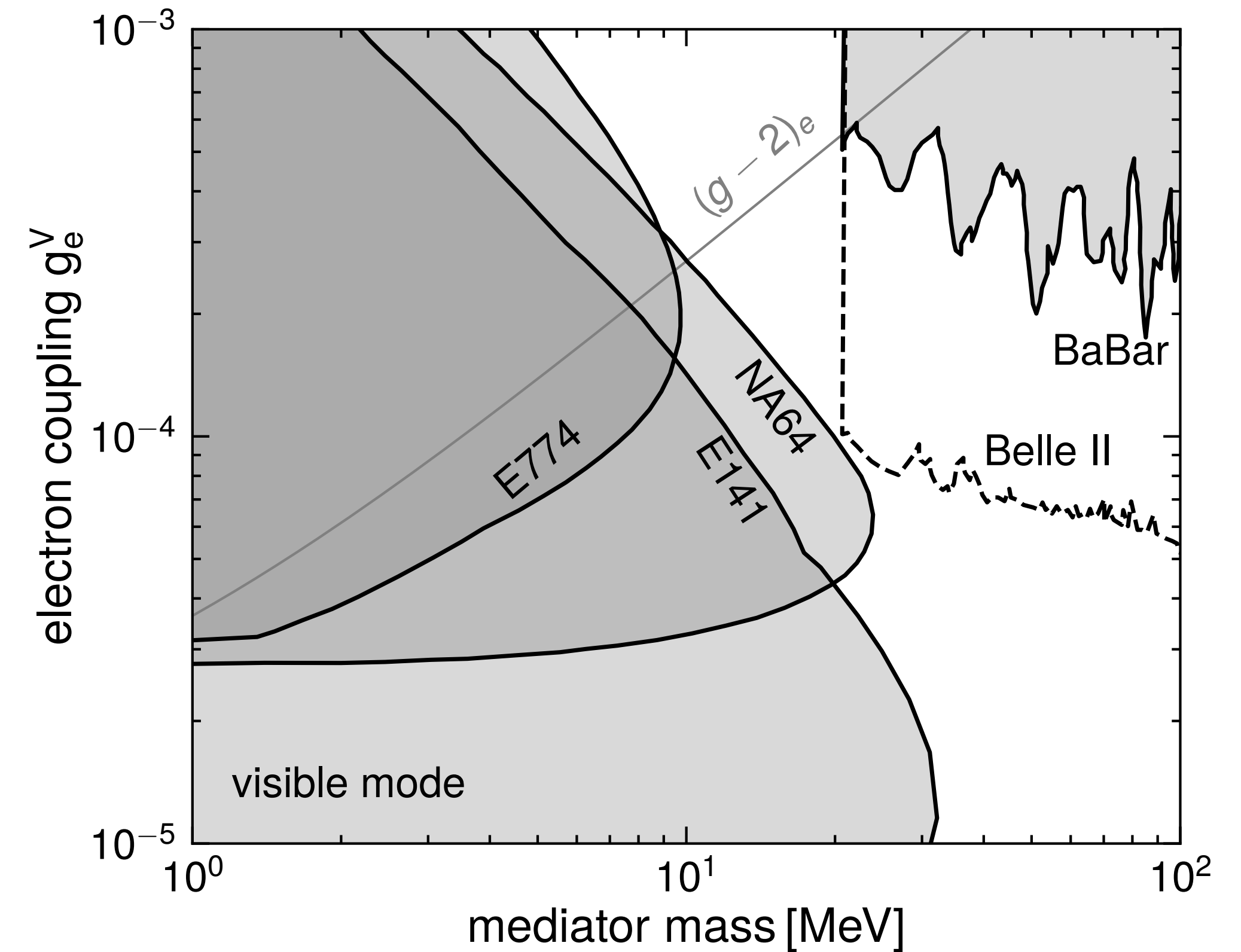
# Experimental constraints on mediators

electron  $g-2$  & NA64



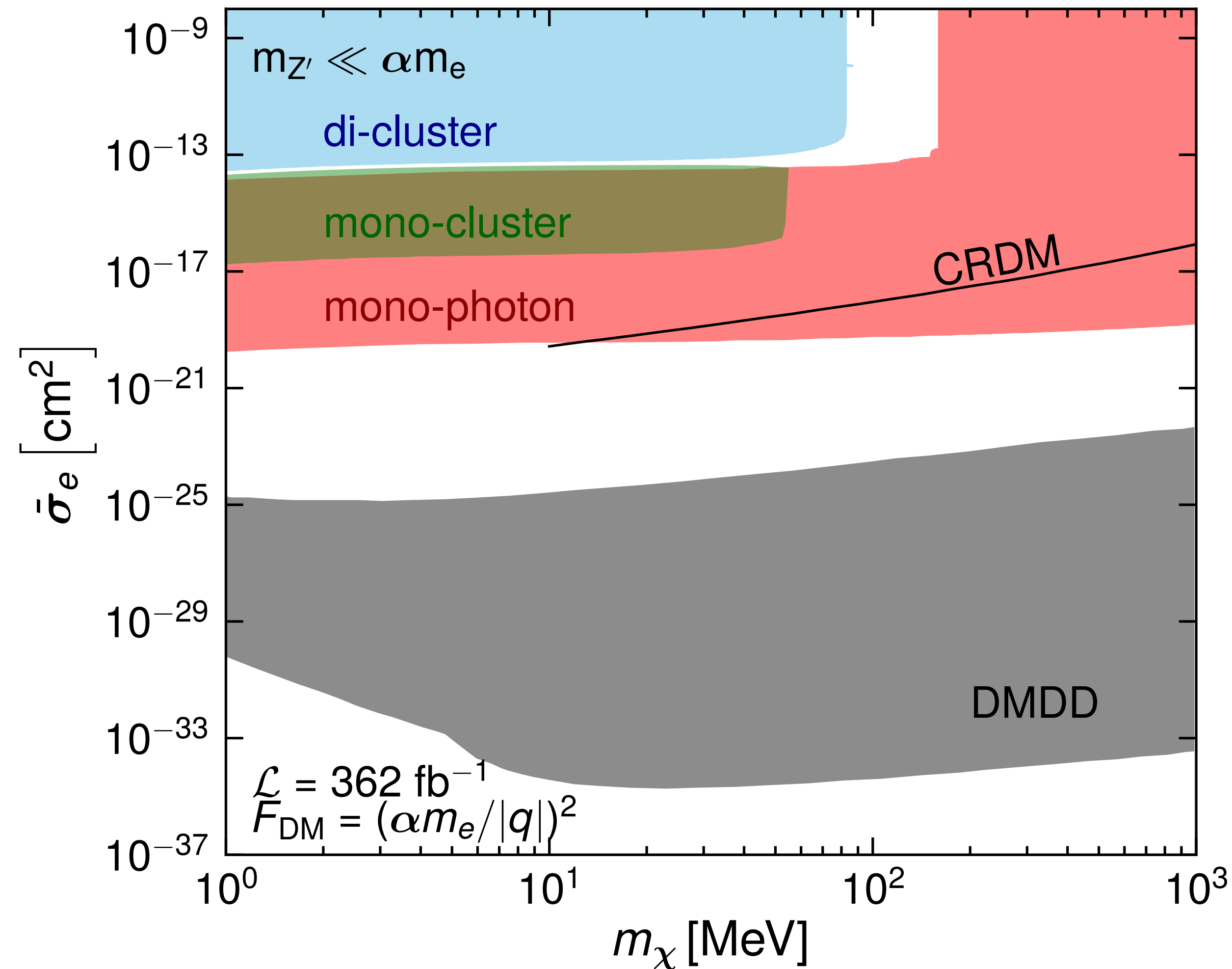
invisible scenario

electron beam-dump & collider



visible scenario

# Belle II sensitivity versus DMDD (ultralight mediator)



$$FF \propto |q|^{-2}$$

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allowed para space between  
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[Liang, ZL, Yang, 2312.08970]

# Summary

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- [New dark matter channel](#) at electron colliders [Liang, ZL, Yang, 2212.04252]
  - Fixed target inside electron collider: positron collisions with detector
  - Probe new parameter space of [invisible dark photon](#), surpassing both the [mono-photon](#) channel at Belle II & the missing momentum search at [NA64](#).
- Electron collider constraints on [strongly-interacting dark matter](#)
  - DM-induced [mono-cluster](#) or [di-cluster](#) signatures [Liang, ZL, Yang, 2312.08970]
  - Current Belle II data can probe the parameter space w/ a large cross section, which is often difficult to probe in DMDD & DMID experiments.

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# Kinetic mixing & mass mixing

$$SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \times U(1)_X$$

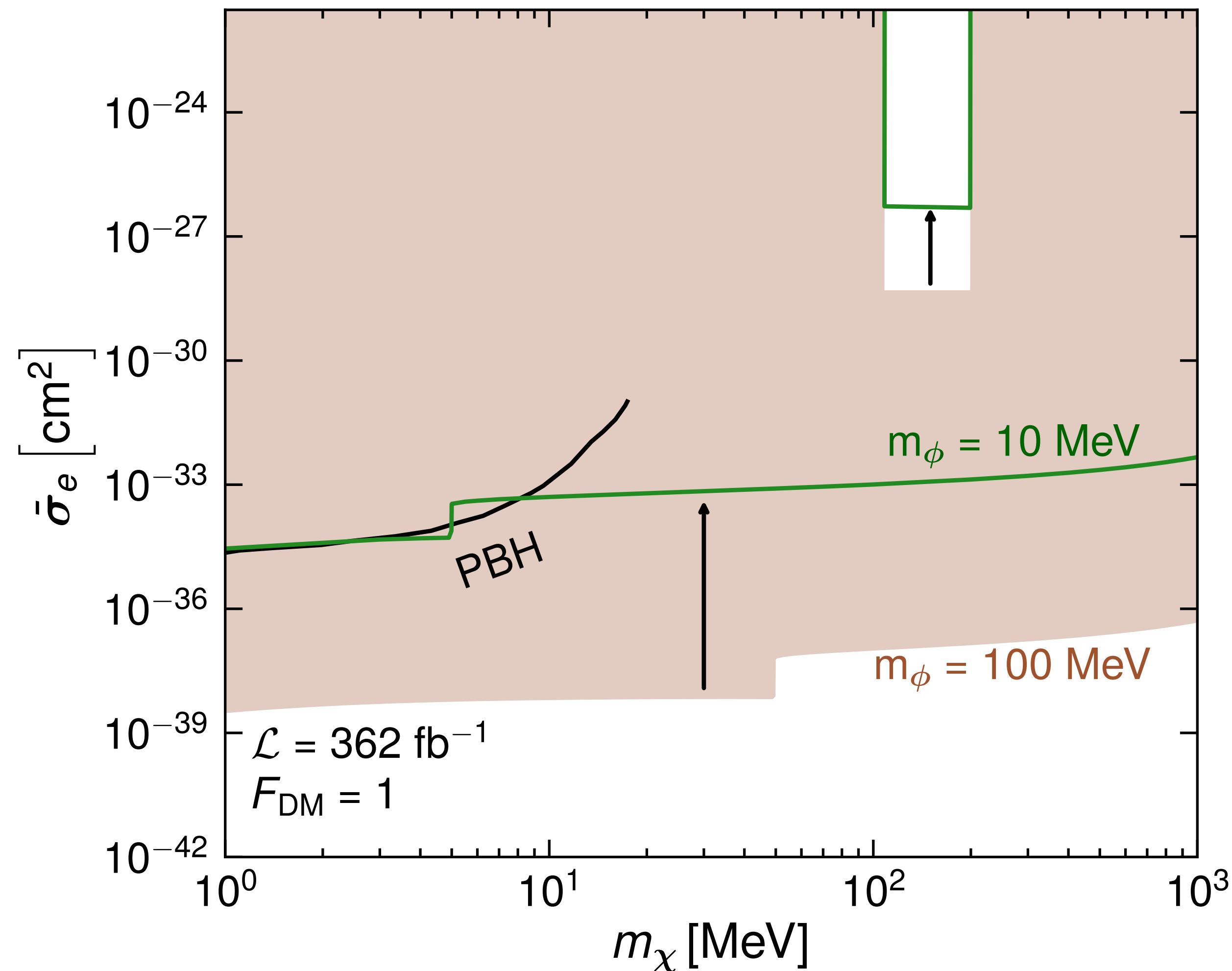
[Feldman, ZL, Nath, [hep-ph/0702123](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0702123), 391 cites]

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}B_{\mu\nu}B^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4}X_{\mu\nu}X^{\mu\nu} + g_D X_\mu \bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \chi - \frac{\tilde{\delta}}{2} B_{\mu\nu} X^{\mu\nu} - \frac{M_1^2}{2} (\partial_\mu \sigma + X_\mu + \tilde{\epsilon} B_\mu)^2$$

↑ kinetic mixing                      ↑ mass mixing

kinetic mixing  $\tilde{\delta}$  & mass mixing  $\tilde{\epsilon}$  are **degenerate** (w/o  $\chi$ ): only  $\epsilon \sim (\tilde{\epsilon} - \tilde{\delta})$  is physical

# Comparison with primordial black hole



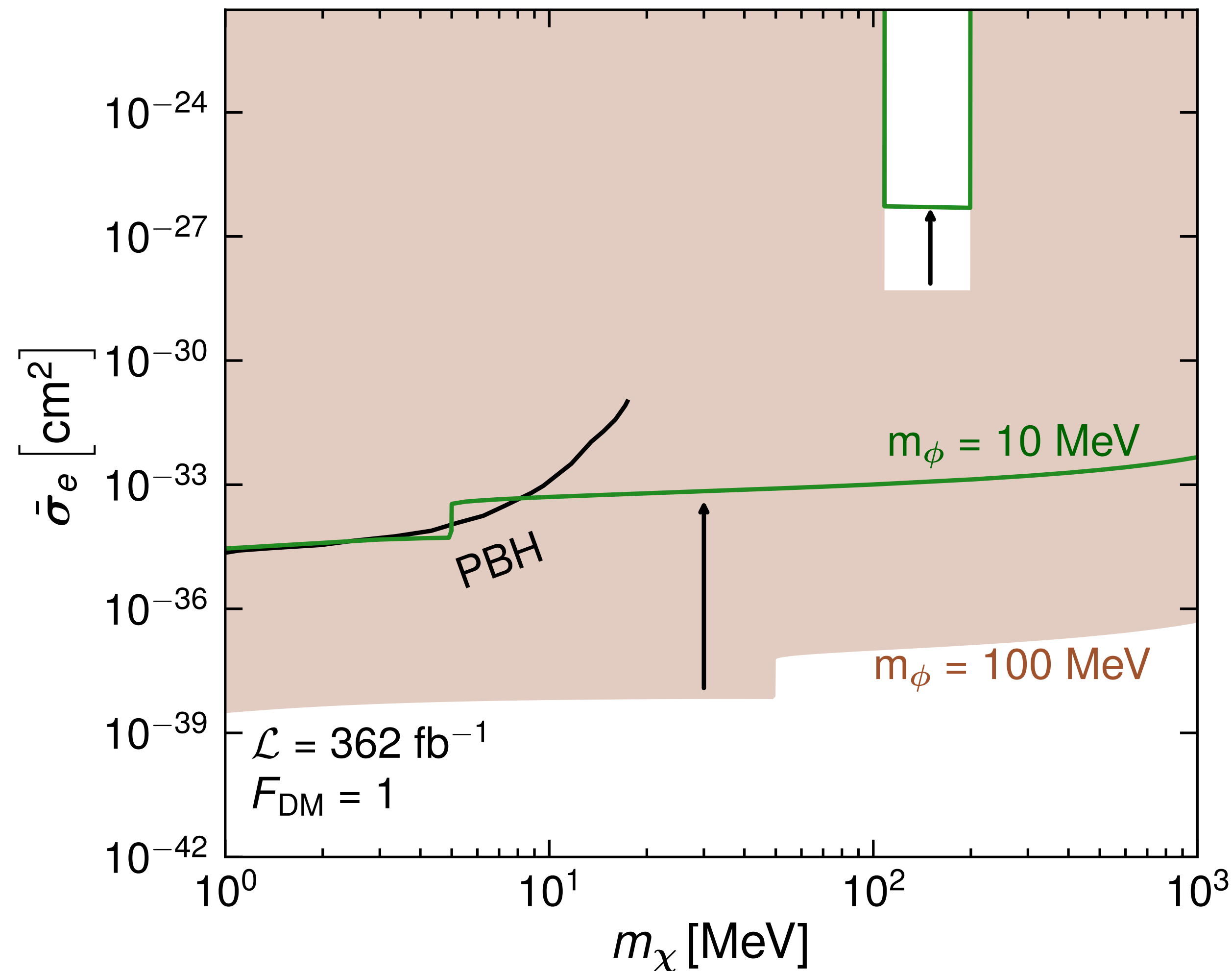
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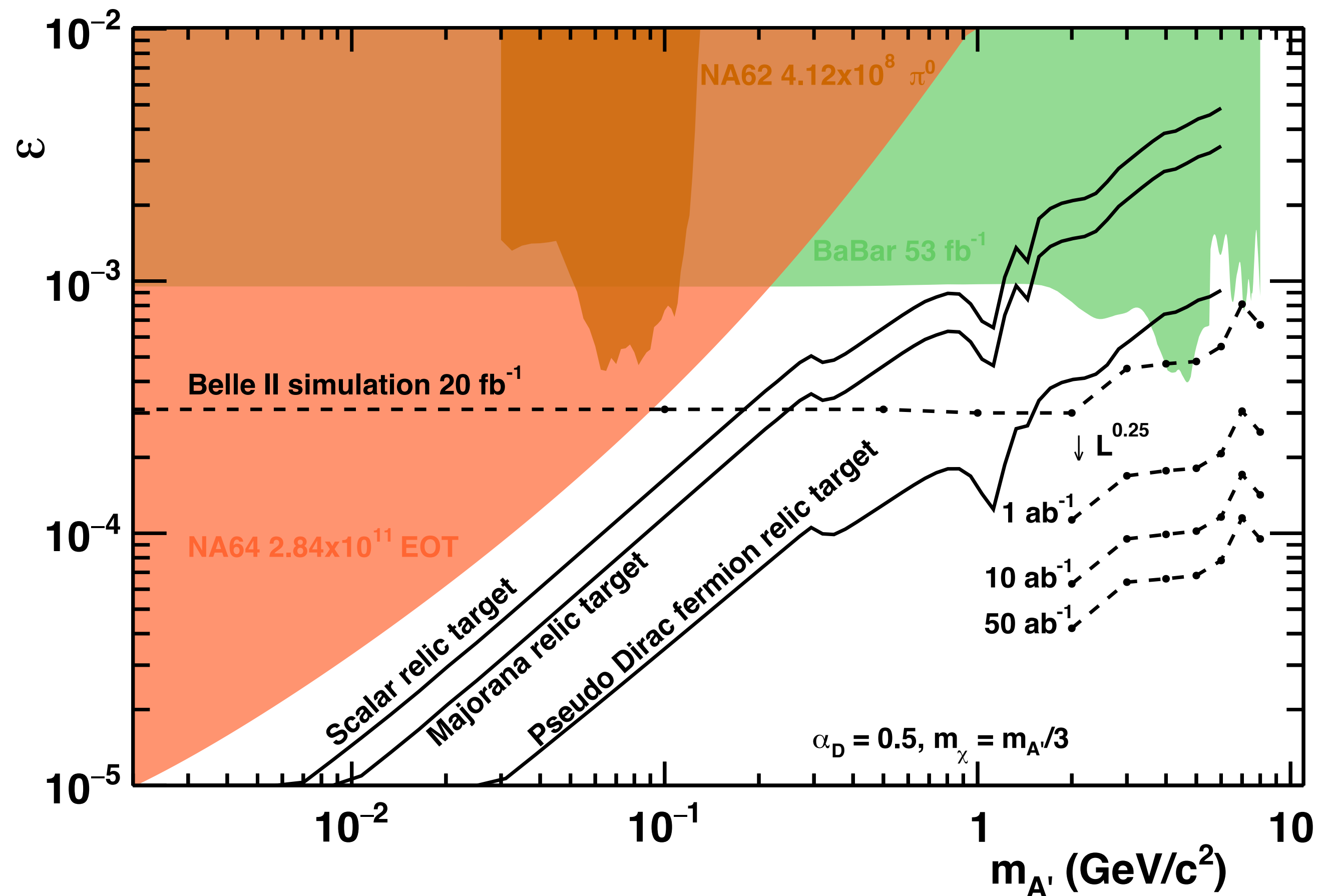
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Belle II limits for the scalar mediator

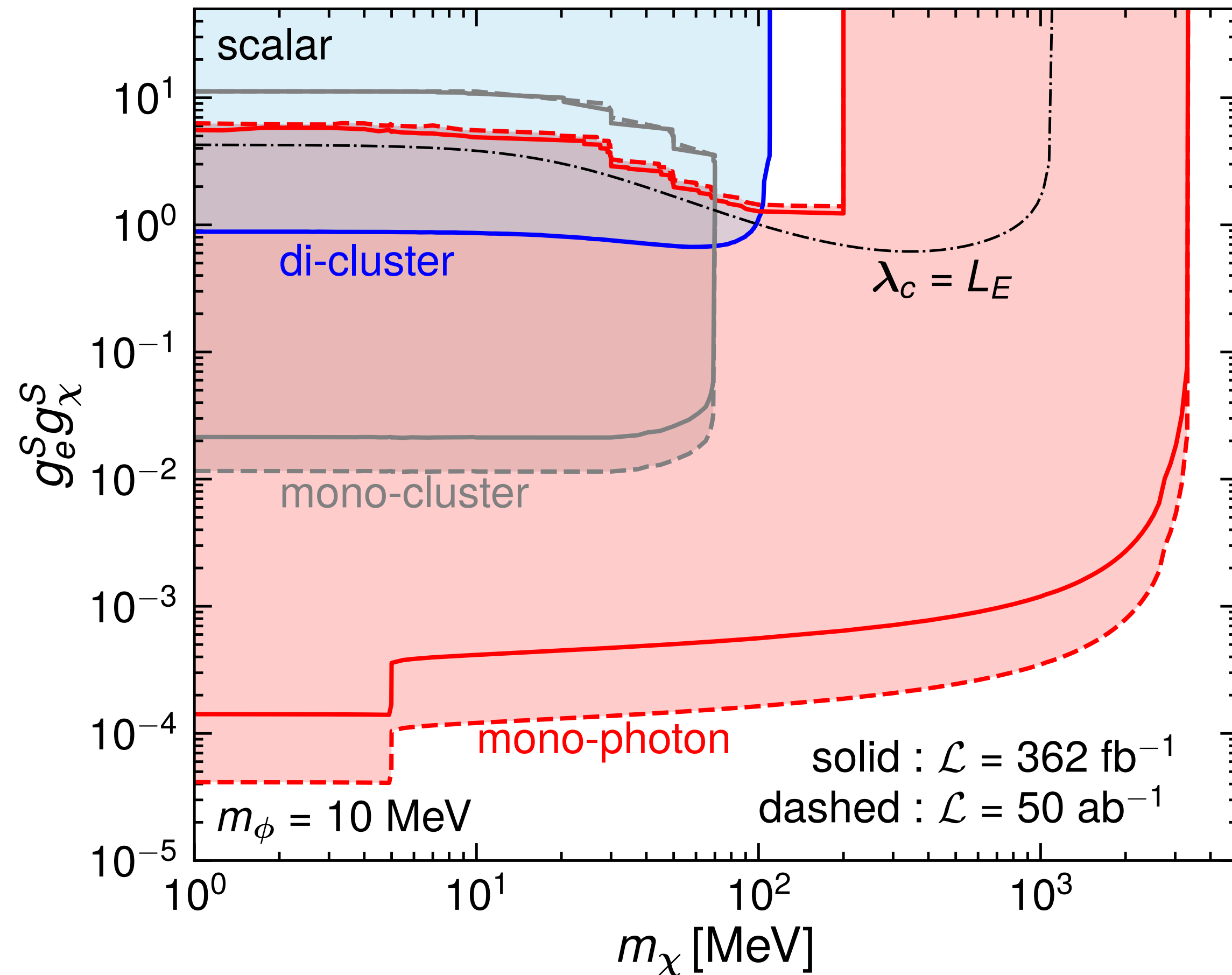
- $10^4$  times better w/  $m = 100$  MeV
- similar to PBH w/  $m = 10$  MeV

# CRBG for DP $m < 2$ GeV



potential CRBG for DP  $m < 2$  GeV  
 [2207.06307]

# Scalar mediator

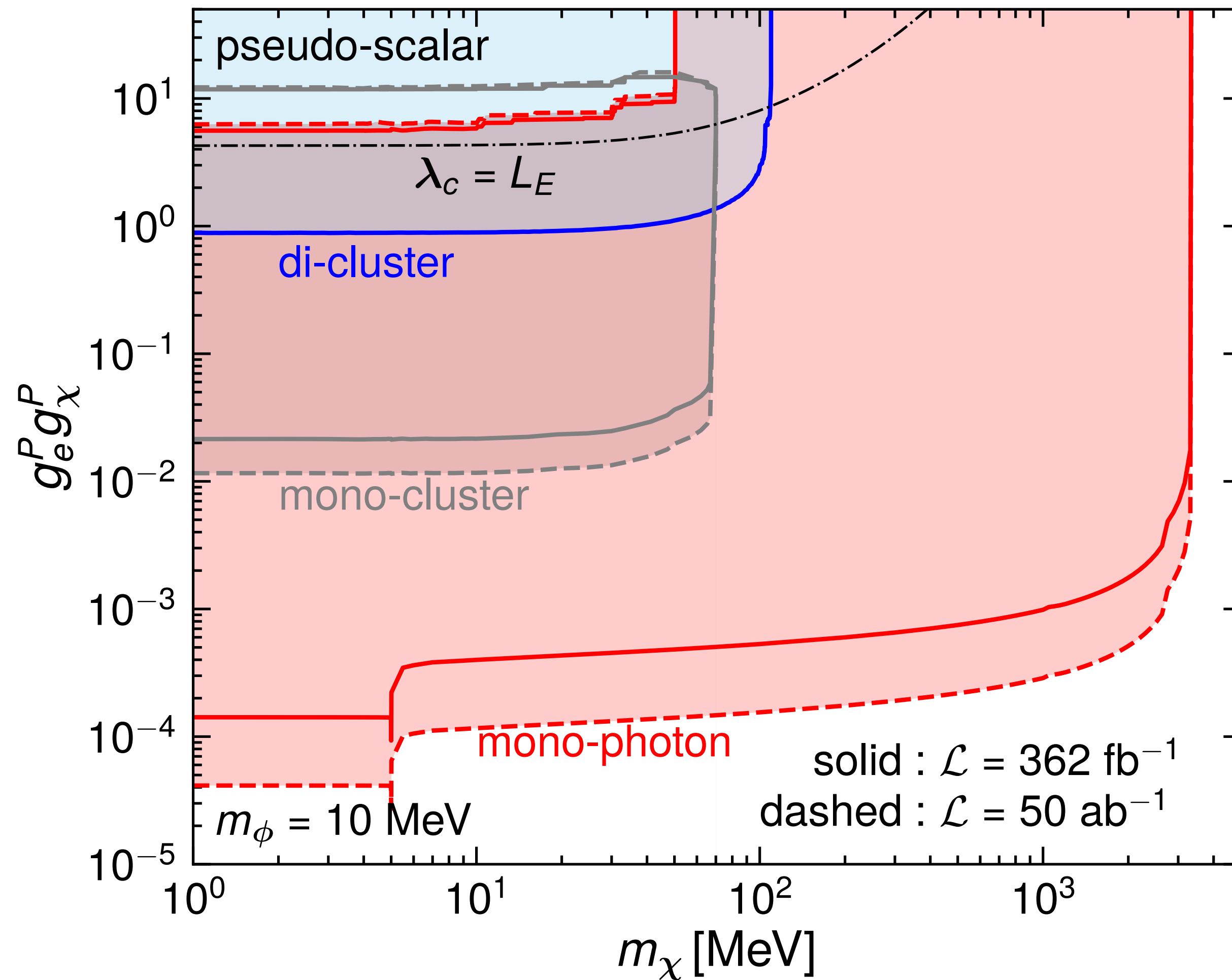


mediator mass = 10 MeV

ceiling of mono-photon

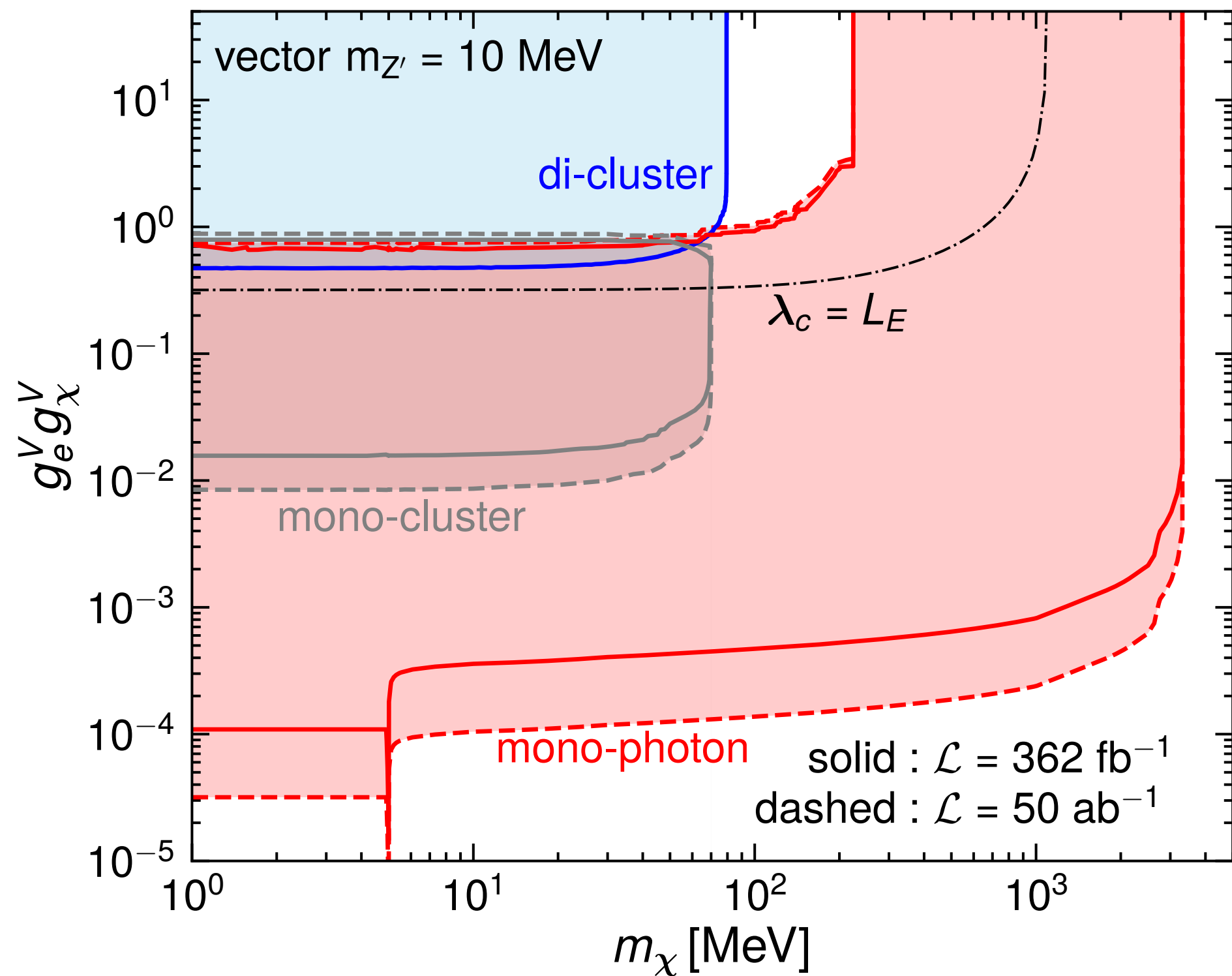
di-cluster probes large couplings

# Pseudo-scalar mediator

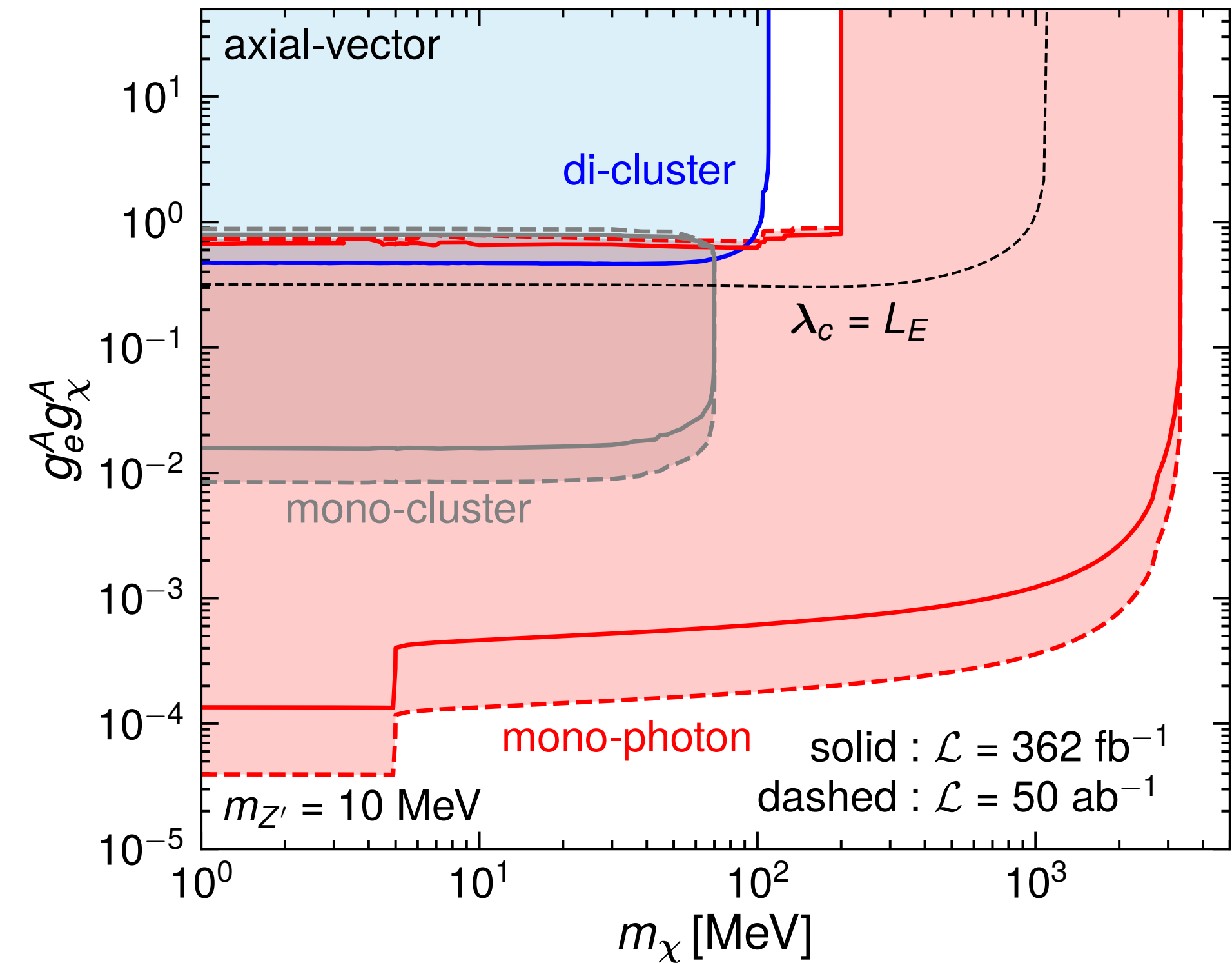


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# Vector & axial-vector couplings

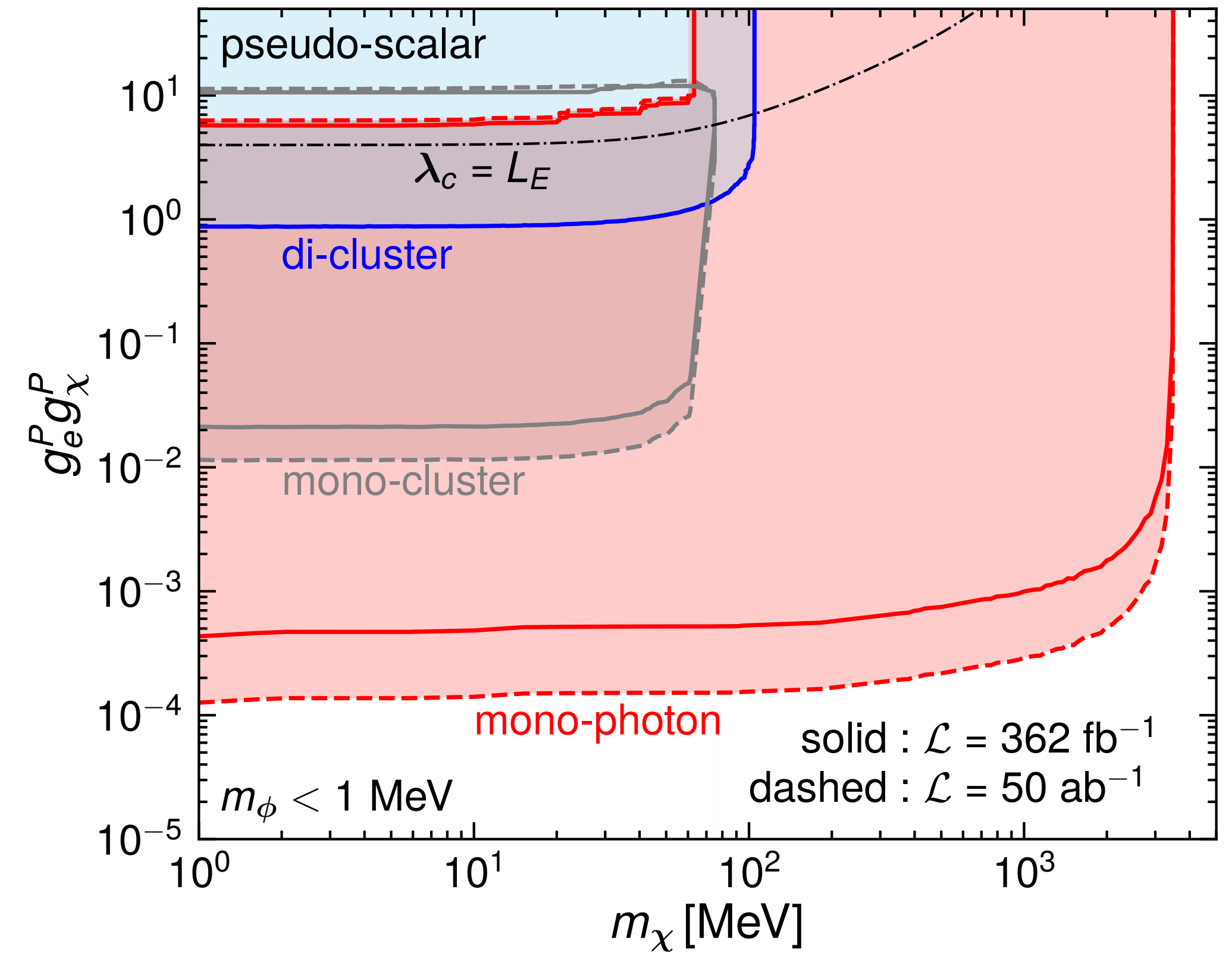
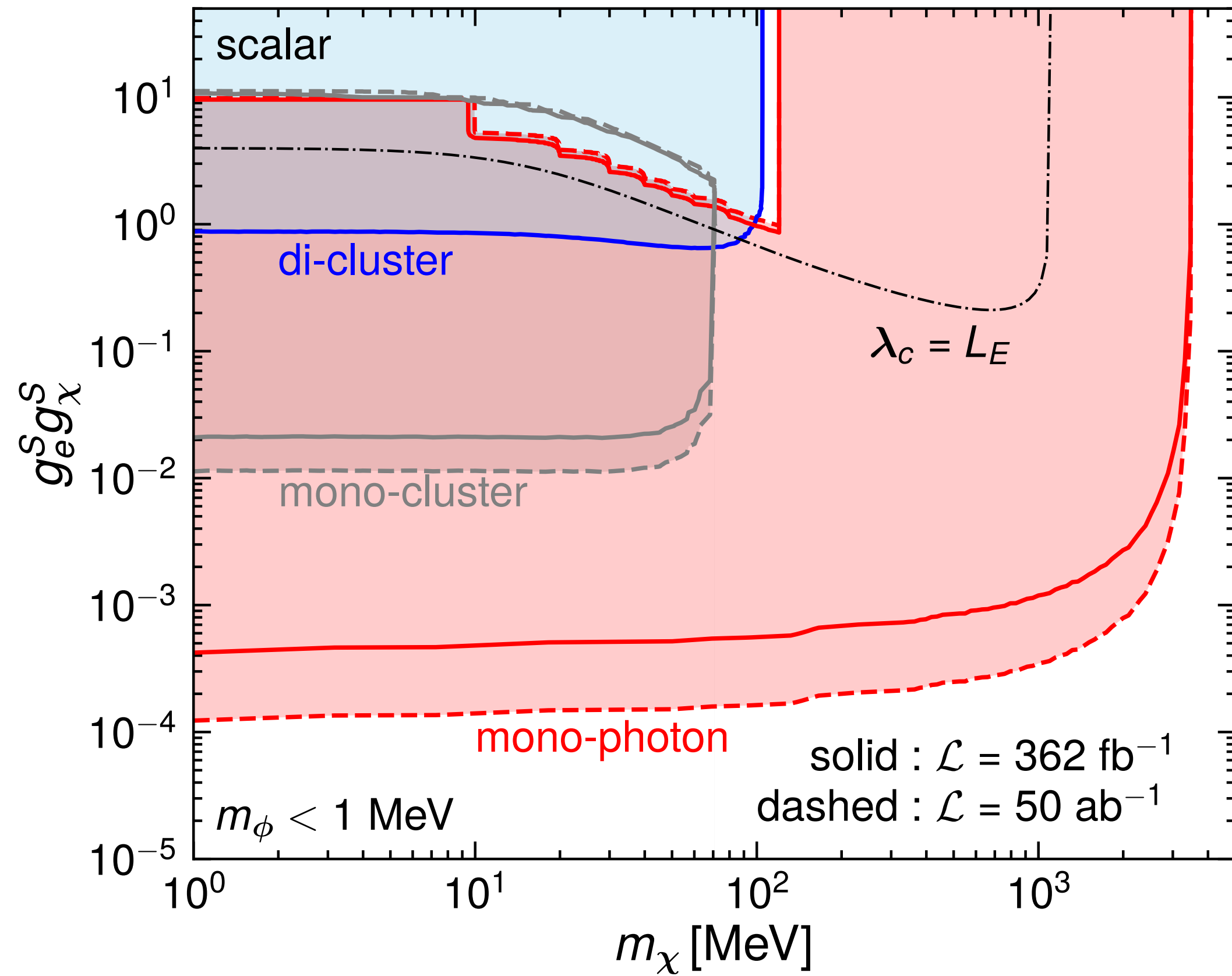


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[Liang, ZL, Yang, 2312.08970]

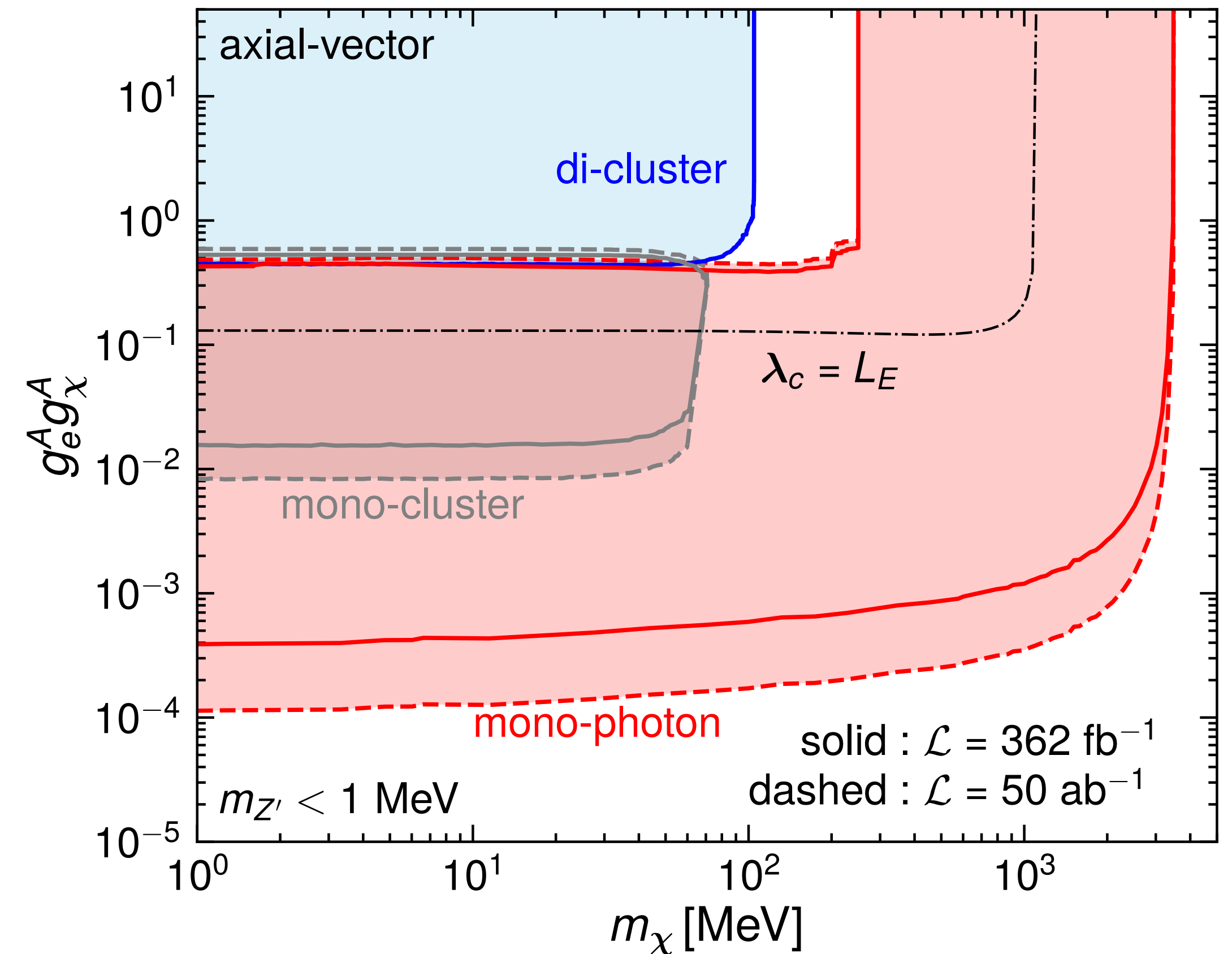
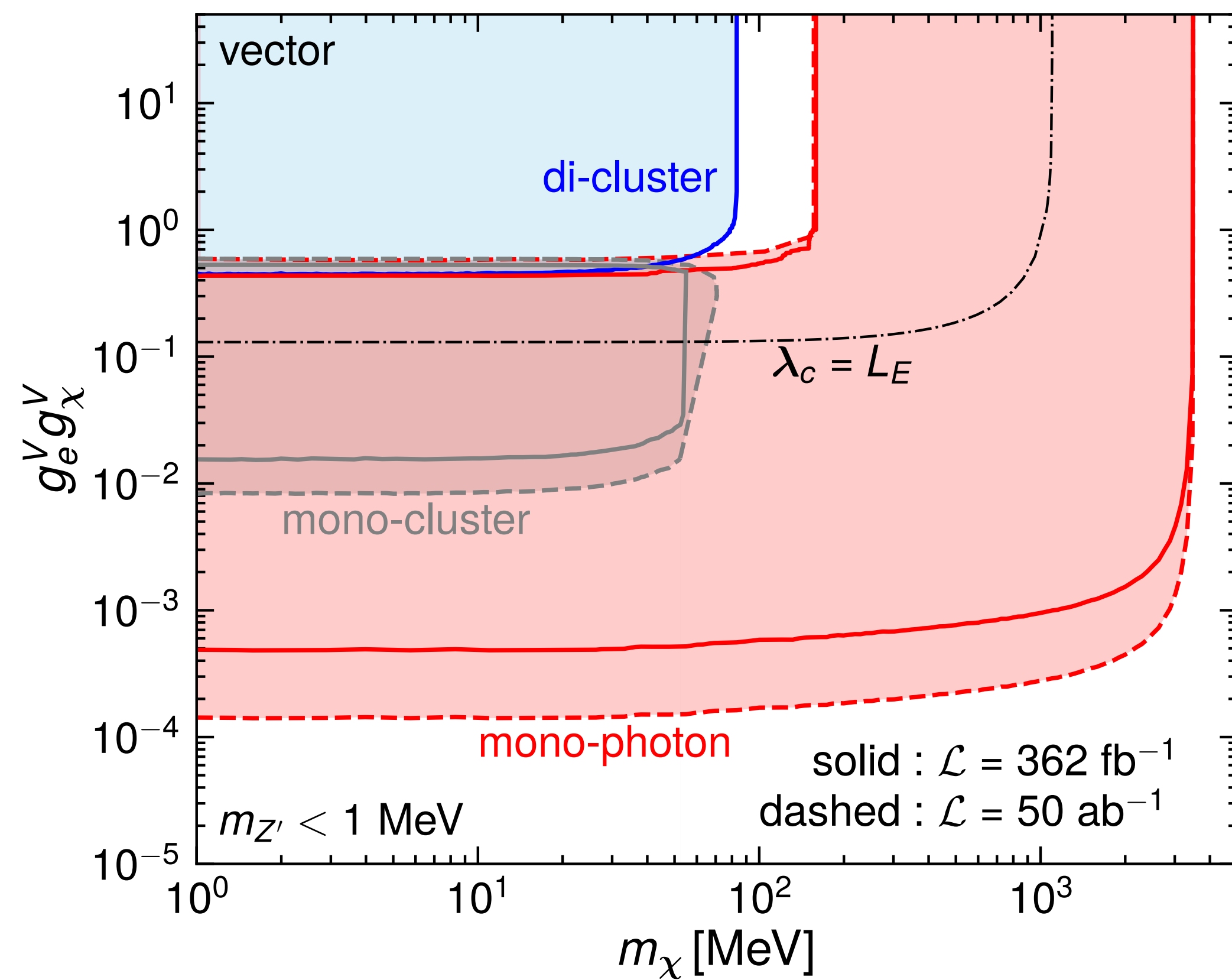
# Scalar & pseudo-scalar



mediator mass = 1 MeV



# Vector & axial-vector



mediator mass = 1 MeV

# electron $g-2$

as shown in Fig. (3). The contributions to the electron  $g-2$  from the mediators in Eqs. (14-17) are [64–66]

$$\Delta a_e^{\text{NP}} = \frac{g_e^2 \lambda^2}{8\pi^2} \int_0^1 dx \frac{Q(x)}{(1-x)(1-\lambda^2 x) + \lambda^2 x}, \quad (18)$$

where  $\lambda = m_e/m$  with  $m_e$  ( $m$ ) being the electron (mediator) mass,  $g_e$  denotes the various couplings to electrons in Eqs. (14-17), and  $Q(x)$  are

$$Q_V = 2x^2(1-x), \quad (19)$$

$$Q_A = 2x(1-x)(x-4) - 4\lambda^2 x^3, \quad (20)$$

$$Q_S = x^2(2-x), \quad (21)$$

$$Q_P = -x^3, \quad (22)$$

where the subscript denotes the four types of mediators in Eqs. (14-17).

The interpretation of electron  $g-2$  data depends on the experimental determination of the fine structure constant  $\alpha$ . By using the  $\alpha$  value measured with rubidium (Rb) atoms [67] and cesium (Cs) atoms [68], it is shown in Ref. [69] that the new electron  $g-2$  measurement [70] has a  $2.2\sigma$  and  $-3.7\sigma$  deviations from the SM prediction [71]:

$$\Delta a_e(\text{Rb}) = (34 \pm 16) \times 10^{-14}, \quad (23)$$

$$\Delta a_e(\text{Cs}) = (-101 \pm 27) \times 10^{-14}. \quad (24)$$

Given the intricate aspects of this measurement, we adopt a cautious approach in constraining new physics models: We add a  $2\sigma$  to the central deviations in Eqs. (23-24) and then use the largest deviation to constrain new physics contributions regardless the sign. Thus, the new physics contributions should satisfy

$$|\Delta a_e^{\text{NP}}| \lesssim 155 \times 10^{-14}. \quad (25)$$

Fig. (4) shows the constraints on the four types of mediators in Eqs. (14-17).

# Track length

For positrons with initial energy  $E$  to enter a target with thickness  $L_T$ , the differential track-length distribution as a function of the positron energy  $E'$  can be computed by [1, 2]

$$T_e(E', E, L_T) = X_0 \int_0^{L_T/X_0} I_e(E', E, t) dt, \quad (1)$$

where  $X_0$  is the radiation length of the target. Here  $I_e(E', E, t)$  is the energy distribution of  $E'$  at the depth  $tX_0$ , which can be computed iteratively such that  $I_e = \sum_i I_e^{(i)}$  where  $I_e^{(i)}$  denotes the  $i$ -th generation positrons [3]. We adopt the analytical model of Ref. [3] up to second-generation positrons, which are found to be in good agreement with simulations in Ref. [1]. The contributions from the first two generations are [3]

$$I_e^{(1)}(E', E, t) = \frac{1}{E} \frac{(\ln(1/v))^{b_1 t - 1}}{\Gamma(b_1 t)}, \quad (2)$$

$$I_e^{(2)}(E', E, t) = \frac{2}{E} \int_v^1 \frac{dx}{x^2} \frac{1}{b_2 + b_1 \ln(1-x)} \left[ \frac{(1-x)^{b_1 t} - (1-v/x)^{b_1 t}}{b_1 \ln[(x-x^2)/(x-v)]} + \frac{e^{-b_2 t} - (1-v/x)^{b_1 t}}{b_2 + b_1 \ln(1-v/x)} \right], \quad (3)$$

where  $b_1 = 4/3$ ,  $b_2 = 7/9$ ,  $v = E'/E$ .

[1] 1802.03794

[2] 1807.05884

[3] Tsai & Whitis 1966

# xsec of on-shell dark photon

where  $n_N$  is the number density of I (or Cs). Here  $d\sigma_{\text{bre}}/dE_{A'}$  is the differential cross section of the on-shell produced  $A'$  [71–73],

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{bre}}}{dE_{A'}} = (\phi_I + \phi_{\text{Cs}}) \frac{4\alpha^3 \epsilon^2}{E'} \frac{x(1-x+x^2/3)}{m_{A'}^2(1-x) + m_e^2 x^2}, \quad (13)$$

where  $x \equiv E_{A'}/E'$ , and  $\phi_N$  denotes the effective flux of photons from nucleus  $N$  [71]:

$$\phi_N = \int_{t_{\min}}^{t_{\max}} dt \frac{t - t_{\min}}{t^2} \left[ \frac{Za^2 t}{(1 + a^2 t)(1 + t/d)} \right]^2, \quad (14)$$

with  $t_{\min} = (m_{A'}^2/2E')^2$ ,  $t_{\max} = m_{A'}^2 + m_e^2$ ,  $a = 111m_e^{-1}Z^{-1/3}$ , and  $d = 0.164A^{-2/3} \text{ GeV}^2$ . We use  $Z = 53$  (55) and  $A = 127$  (133) for I (Cs). Here we only consider the dominant elastic form factor.

[71] Bjorken et al, 0906.0580

[72] Gninenko et al, 171205706

[73] Liu & Miller, 1705.01633

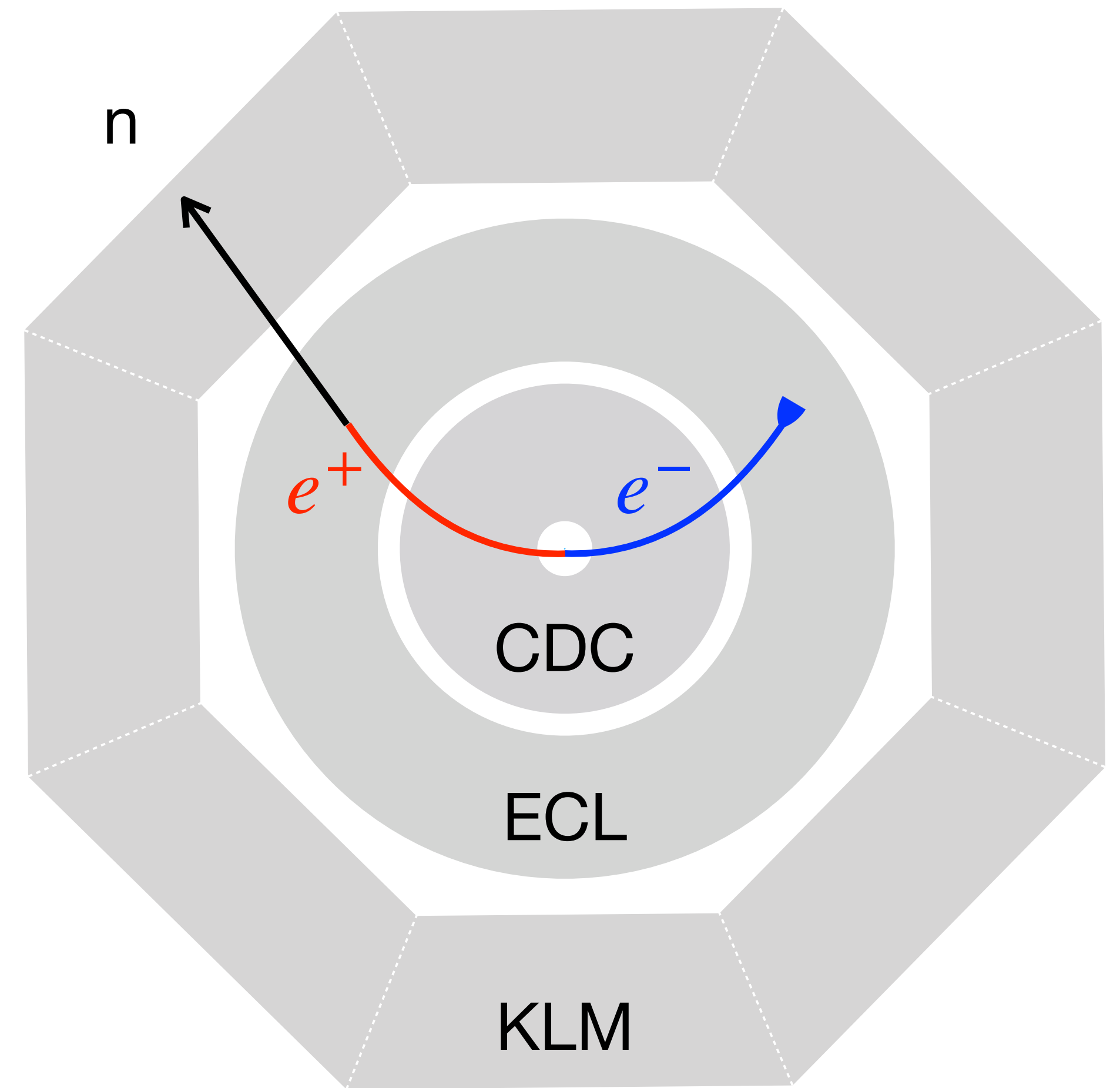
# Selection in GEANT4 simulations

At least 1 neutron with energy  $> 3$  GeV

Energy deposition in ECL  $< 5\%$

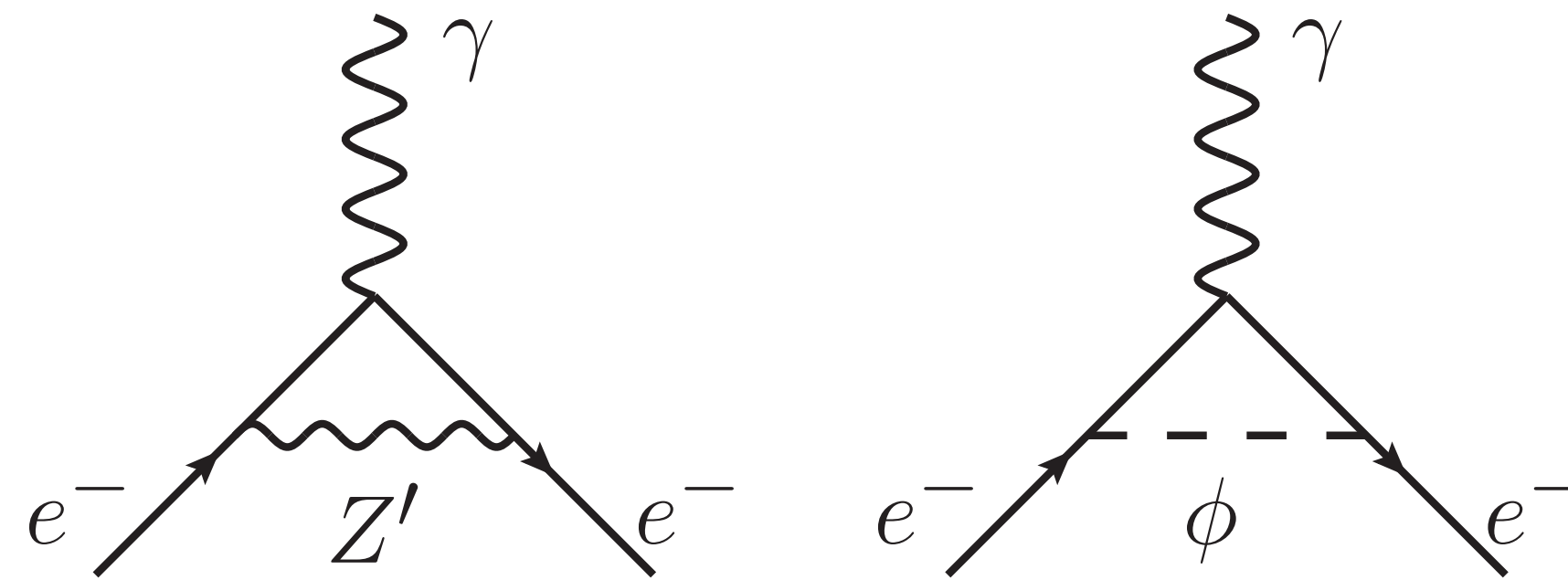
Veto  $p/\pi^\pm$  with momentum  $> 0.6$  GeV (either deposit energy in ECL or produce tracks in KLM)

Count # of neutrons with K.E.  $> 280$  MeV  
(hadronic shower threshold)

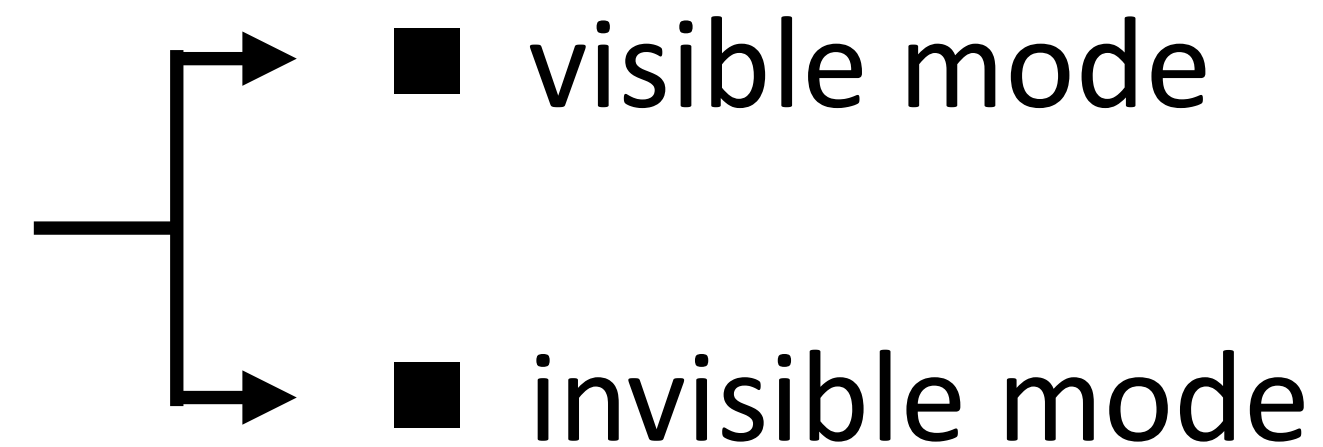


# Experimental constraints on light mediators

- Electron  $g-2$



- Electron beam dump & BaBar



- Moller scattering (SLAC E158)

$$|g_e^V g_e^A| \lesssim 10^{-8}$$