

Workshop on Multi-front Exotic phenomena in Particle and Astrophysics

Electromagnetic properties of sub-GeV dark states

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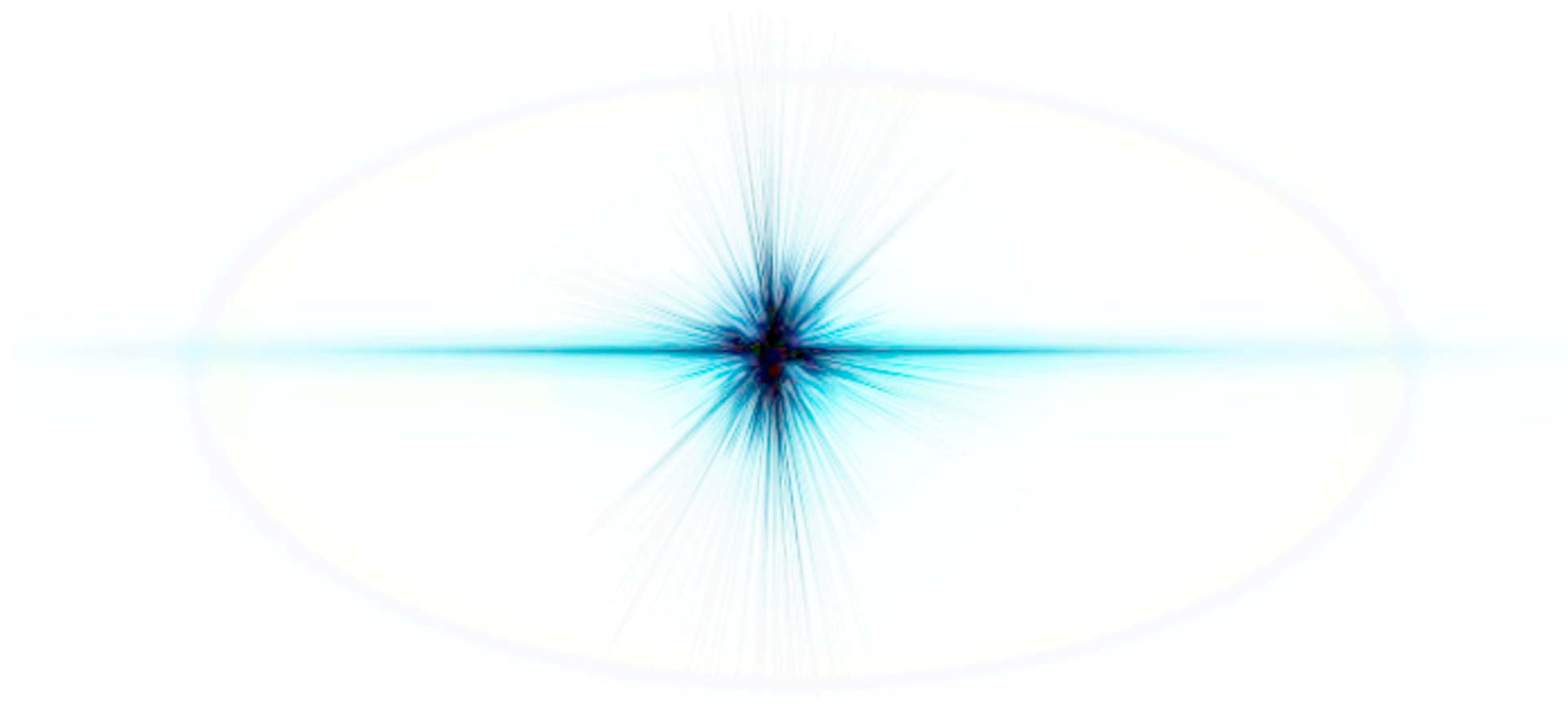


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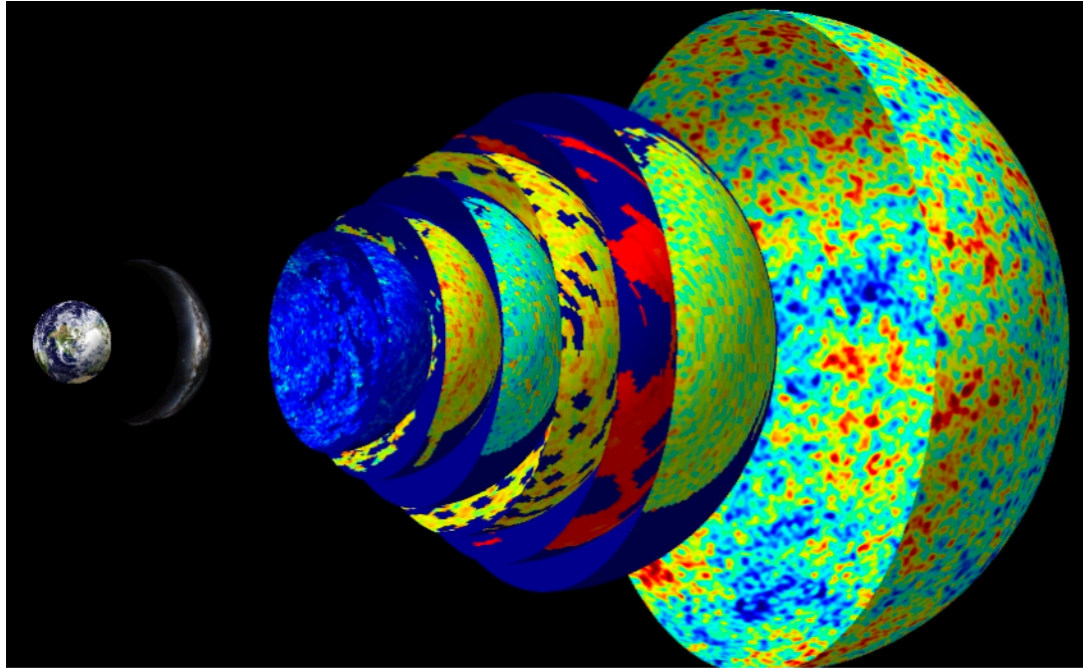


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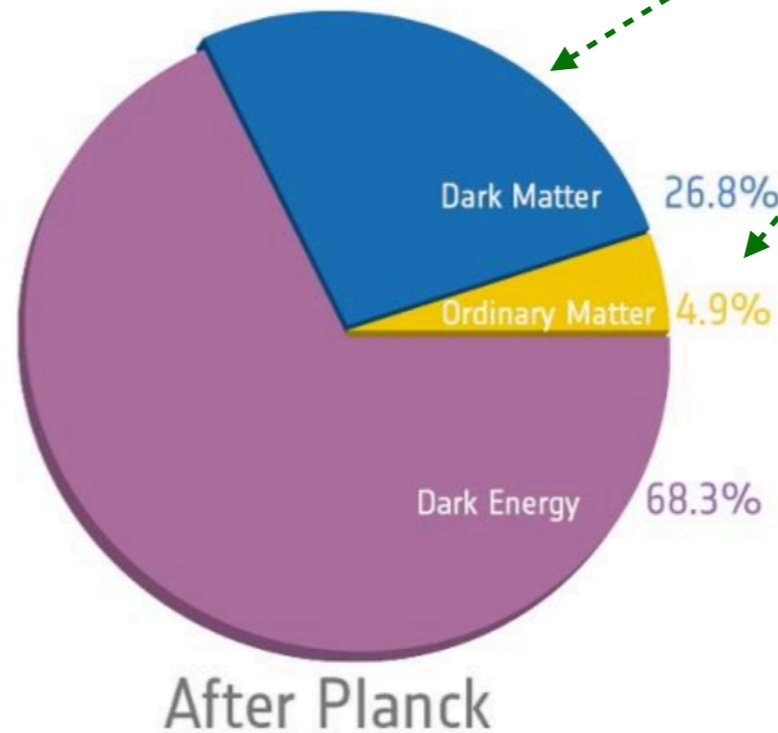
I. Brief motivations



Standard cosmology requires a dark sector



If both sectors are connected via a **portal** that involves **integer-charged particles**:



- A new integer-charged particle is necessarily heavy;
- But some **dark particle** can be **light**, and connect to **light**.

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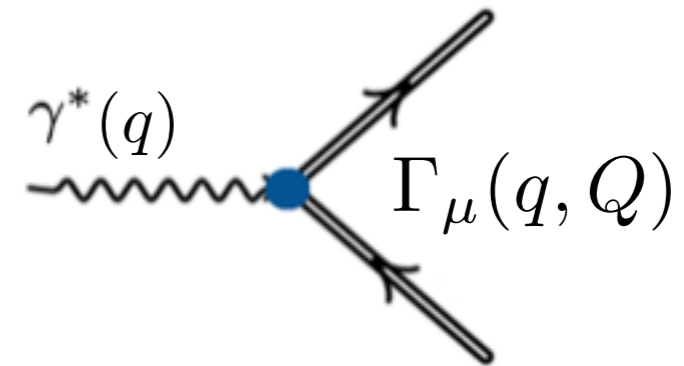
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the most general Lagrangian

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taking non-relativistic limit



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Non-rel. definition \rightarrow momentum-space

$$q = \int d^3x \rho_{\text{EM}}(\vec{x}) \propto J_0(q=0, Q=0)$$

[e.g. Holdom 1986, Raby, West 1987,
Bagnasco, Dine, Thomas 1993, Foadi, Frandsen, Sannino 2008, ...]

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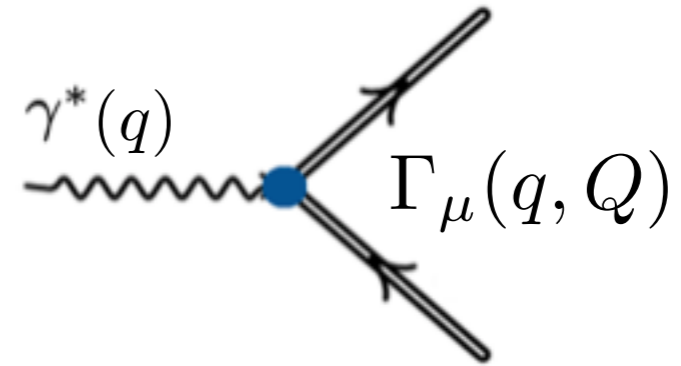
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Non-vanishing terms \rightarrow the interaction operator

Complex scalar $\phi^*(\partial_\mu\phi) - (\partial_\mu\phi^*)\phi$

Dirac fermion $\bar{\psi}\gamma_\mu\psi$

Complex vector $V_\alpha^+(\partial_\mu V^\alpha) - (\partial_\mu V_\alpha^+)V^\alpha$ imposing Lorentz gauge

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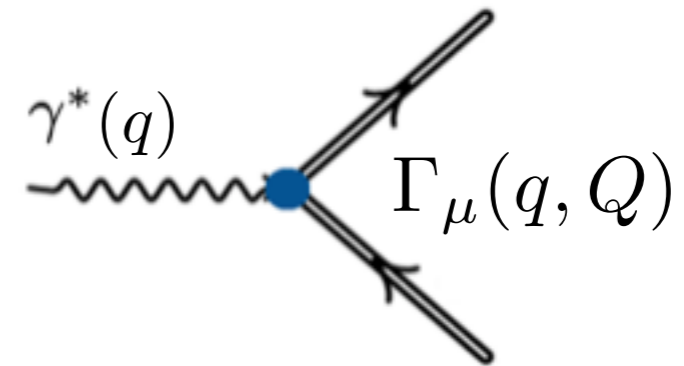
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- electric dipole

$$\vec{\mu}_{\text{M}} = \frac{1}{2} \int d^3x \vec{x} \times \vec{J}_{\text{EM}}(\vec{x}) \propto \left. (\nabla_{\vec{q}} \times \vec{J}) \right|_{\vec{q}=0}$$

- magnetic dipole

$$\int d^3x x_i x_j \rho_{\text{EM}}(\vec{x}) \propto \left. \frac{\partial^2 J_0}{\partial q^i \partial q^j} \right|_{\vec{q}=0}$$

- (trace) charge radius

- (traceless) electric quadrupole

$$\nabla_{q^i} (\nabla_{\vec{q}} \times \vec{J})_j + (i \leftrightarrow j) \Big|_{\vec{q}=0}$$

- magnetic quadrupole,

$$(\vec{r} \cdot \vec{J}) \vec{r} - 2r^2 \vec{J}$$

- anapole moment,

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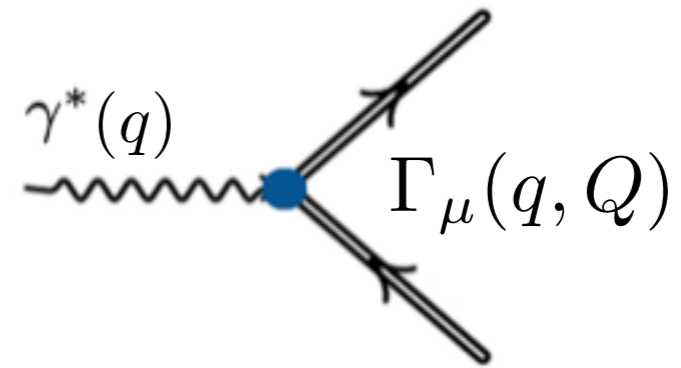
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charge radius	g_1^A/m^2	+1	+1	+1
toroidal moment	g_4^A/m^2	-1	+1	-1
anapole moment	g_5^A/m^2	-1	-1	+1

a. **Scalars** have no-spin, thus, at higher-order, only can have

- (trace) charge radius

$$(\phi^* \overset{\leftrightarrow}{\partial}_\mu \phi) \partial_\nu F^{\mu\nu}$$

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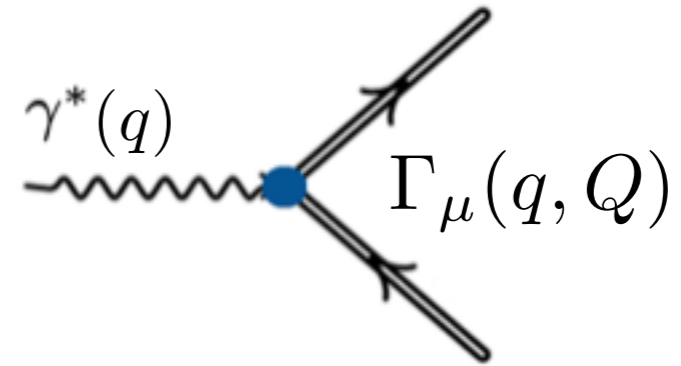
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elec. dipole	d	+1	-1	-1	\longrightarrow	$\sigma^{\mu\nu} q_\nu \gamma^5$	$\bar{\chi}\sigma^{\mu\nu}\gamma^5\chi F_{\mu\nu}$
elec. quadrupole	Q	+1	+1	+1		$[q^2\gamma^\mu - q^\mu\not{q}]$	$\bar{\chi}\gamma^\mu\chi\partial^\nu F_{\mu\nu}$
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[e.g. Pospelov, Veldhuis 2000, Sigurdson, Doran, Kurylov, Caldwell, Kamionkowski 2004, M. Nowakowski, E. A. Paschos J. M. Rodriguez 2004, Ho, Scherrer 2012, Kadota, Silk 2014, Mohanty, Rao 2015, ...]

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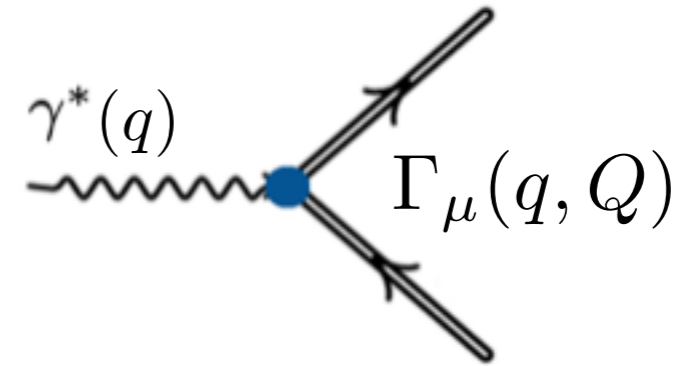
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magn. dipole	μ	+1	+1	+1	Lorentz gauge
elec. dipole	d	+1	-1	-1	$-2im_V\mu_V \left[k^\alpha g^{\mu\beta} - k^\beta g^{\mu\alpha} + \frac{1}{4m_V^2} (k^2 g^{\alpha\beta} p^\mu - 2k^\alpha k^\beta p^\mu) \right]$
elec. quadrupole	Q	+1	+1	+1	$-\frac{iQ_V}{4} (k^2 g^{\alpha\beta} p^\mu - 2k^\alpha k^\beta p^\mu)$
magn. quadrupole	\tilde{Q}	+1	-1	-1	$-\frac{id_V}{2m_V} p^\mu [kp]^{\alpha\beta} - \frac{i\tilde{Q}_V}{4} (p^\mu [kp]^{\alpha\beta} + 4m_V^2 \epsilon^{\mu\alpha\beta\rho} k_\rho)$
charge radius	g_1^A/m^2	+1	+1	+1	$-\frac{ieg_1^A}{2m_V^2} k^2 p^\mu g^{\alpha\beta} - \frac{eg_4^A}{m_V^2} k^2 (k^\alpha g^{\mu\beta} + k^\beta g^{\mu\alpha}) - \frac{eg_5^A}{m_V^2} k^2 \epsilon^{\mu\alpha\beta\rho} p_\rho$
toroidal moment	g_4^A/m^2	-1	+1	-1	
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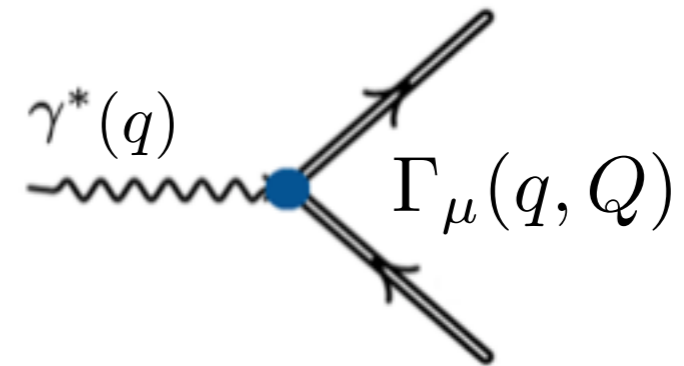
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For Self-Conjugate particles,
only C-odd factors survive:

$$C: \Gamma_\mu(q, Q) \rightarrow -\Gamma_\mu(-q, -Q)$$

$$SC: \Gamma_\mu(q, Q) \rightarrow \Gamma_\mu(-q, -Q)$$

Neutrino electromagnetic interactions: A window to new physics

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Most have been done for
massless SM neutrinos.

Incomplete references

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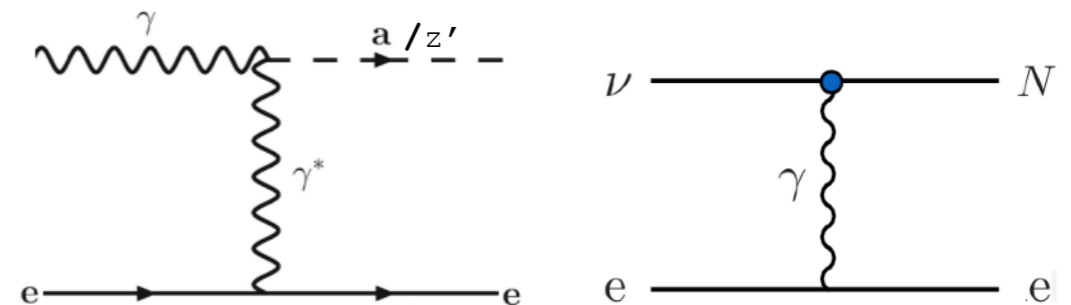
Relevant for EDGES anomaly, and well constrained recently, see e.g. E. Gabrielli, L. Marzola, M. Raidal & H. Veermäe 1507.00571, A. Berlin, D. Hooper, G. Krnjaic, S. D. McDermott 1803.02804, E. D. Kovetz, V. Poulin, V. Gluscevic, K. K. Boddy, R. Barkana, M. Kamionkowski 1807.11482, T. Emken, R. Essig, C. Kouvaris & M. Sholapurkar, 1905.06348, S. Foroughi-Abari, F. Kling & Y. Tsai 2010.07941, M. A. Buen-Abad, R. Essig, D. McKeen, Y. Zhong 2107.12377, M. Montigny, P. A. Ouimet, J. Pinfold, A. Shaa & M. Staelens 2307.07855, ...

2. At higher-order (or a EM-neutral particle): dipoles, quadrupoles, ...

For technical details on multipole expansions, see e.g. V. M. Dubovik and A. A. Cheshkov. 1974, K. Gaemers & G. Gounaris, 1979, J. F. Nieves & P. B. Pal 1996, ...

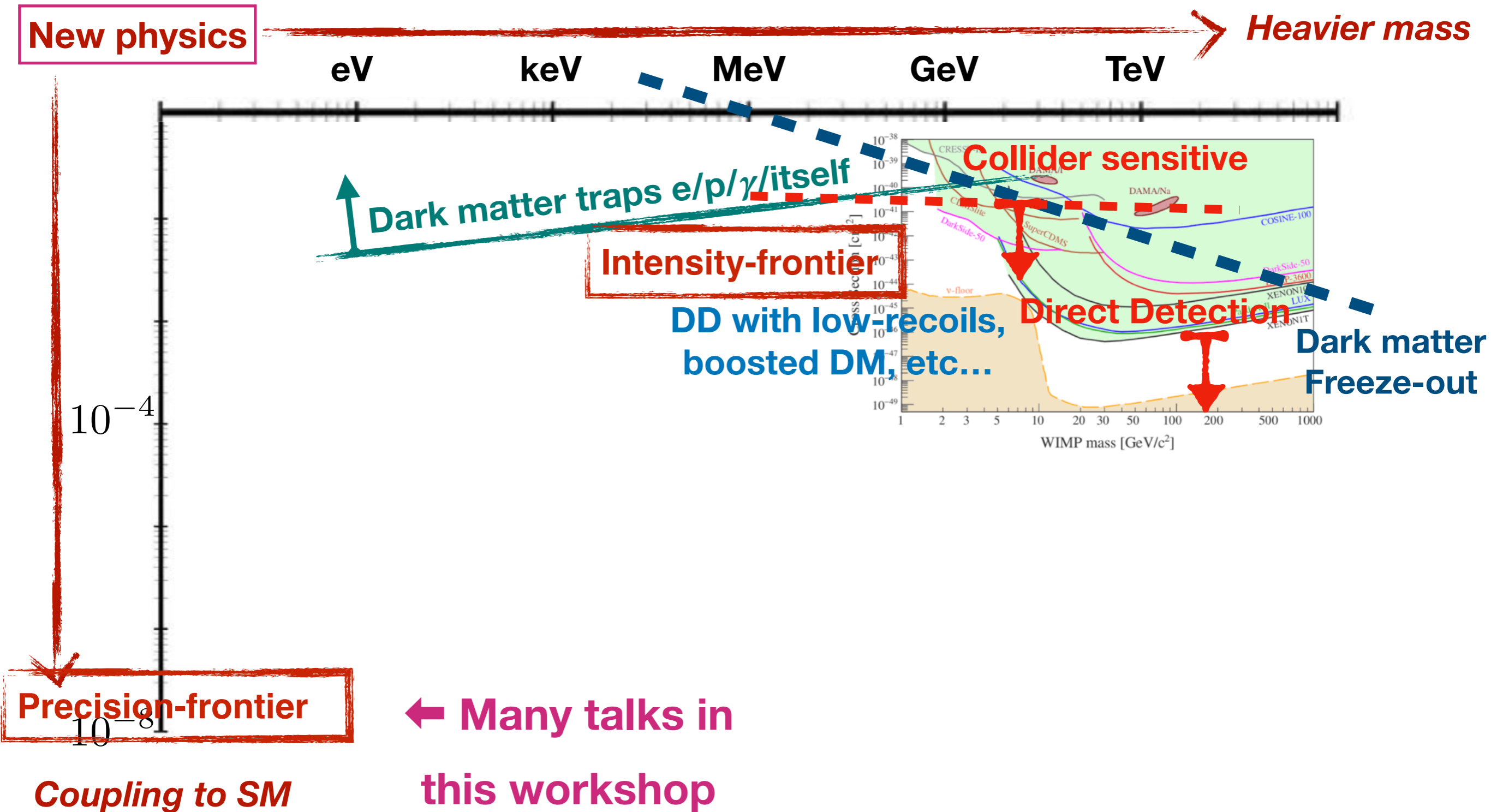
3. Inelastic cases (and two-photon cases):

typically easier to produce and detect;
 but **will not be discussed here.**

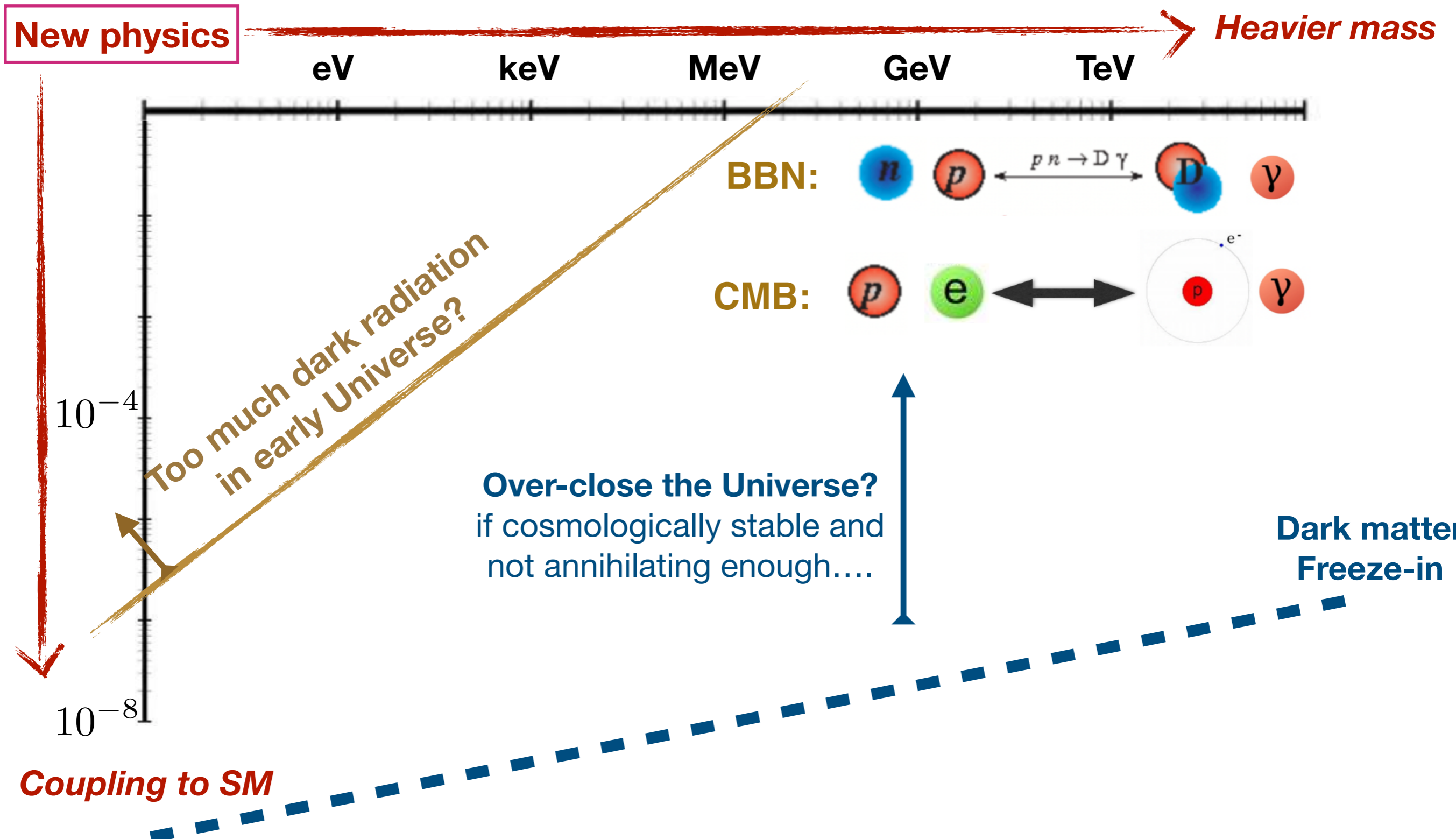


II. Sketch of constraints

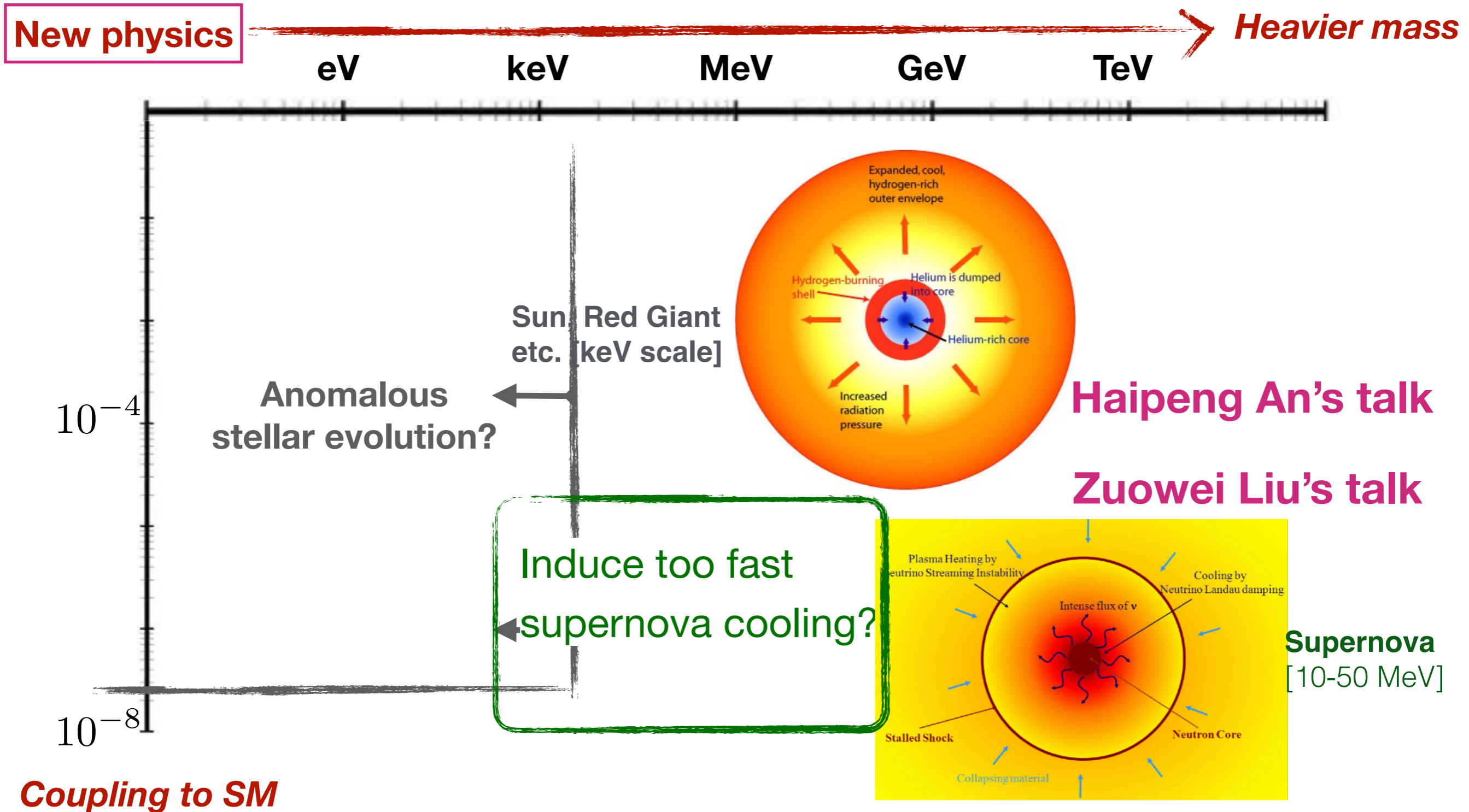
A typical exclusion plot for a light dark particle



Many involves dark **pair production in medium**

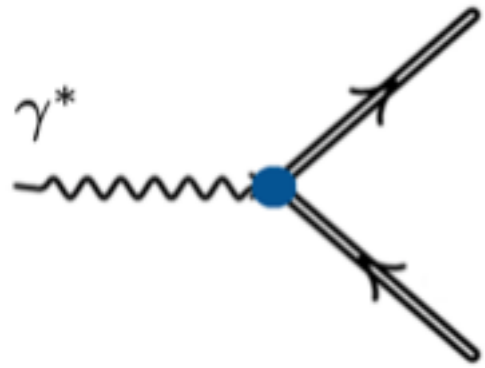


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All rely on pair production through a (thermal) photon

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$$I_{\text{invis.}}^{\mu\nu} = \int d\Pi_{p_1, p_2} (2\pi)^4 \delta^4(q - p_1 - p_2) M_{\gamma^* \rightarrow 12}^\mu M_{\gamma^* \rightarrow 12}^\nu$$

$$= \frac{1}{8\pi} \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_{12}^2}{s_{\gamma^*}}} f(s_{\gamma^*}) \left(-g^{\mu\nu} + \frac{q^\mu q^\nu}{s_{\gamma^*}} \right)$$

E.g. plasmon decay $\Gamma_{T,L} = \frac{1}{16\pi} Z_{T,L} \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_\chi^2}{\omega_{T,L}^2 - |\vec{k}|^2}} \frac{f(\omega_{T,L}^2 - |\vec{k}|^2)}{\omega_{T,L}}$

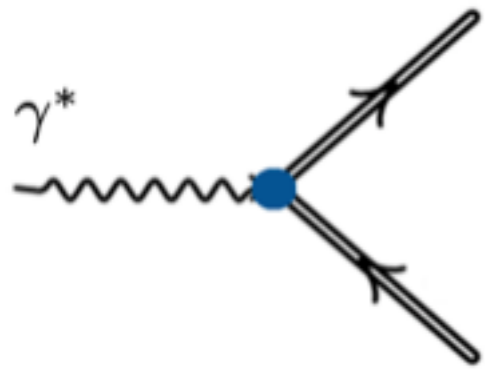
For milli-charged scalar (S) and charge radius of scalar

$$f_S(s) = \frac{(\epsilon e)^2 s (1 + 4m_\phi^2/s)}{3}$$

$$f_S^{CR}(s) = \frac{g_1^2 s^3 (1 + 4m_\phi^2/s)}{3m_\phi^4}$$

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For milli-charged scalar, fermion, and vector: **spin matters !**

$$f_S(s) = \frac{(\epsilon e)^2 s (1 + 4m_\phi^2/s)}{3}$$

$$f_F(s) = \frac{4(\epsilon e)^2 s (1 + 2m_\chi^2/s)}{3}$$

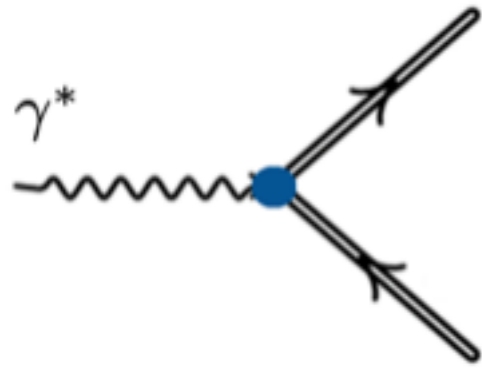
$$f_V(s) = \frac{(\epsilon e)^2 (s - 4m_V^2)(s^2 - 4m_V^2 s + 12m_V^4)}{12m_V^4}$$

similar up to a pre-factor

apparent divergence at $m_V \rightarrow 0$.

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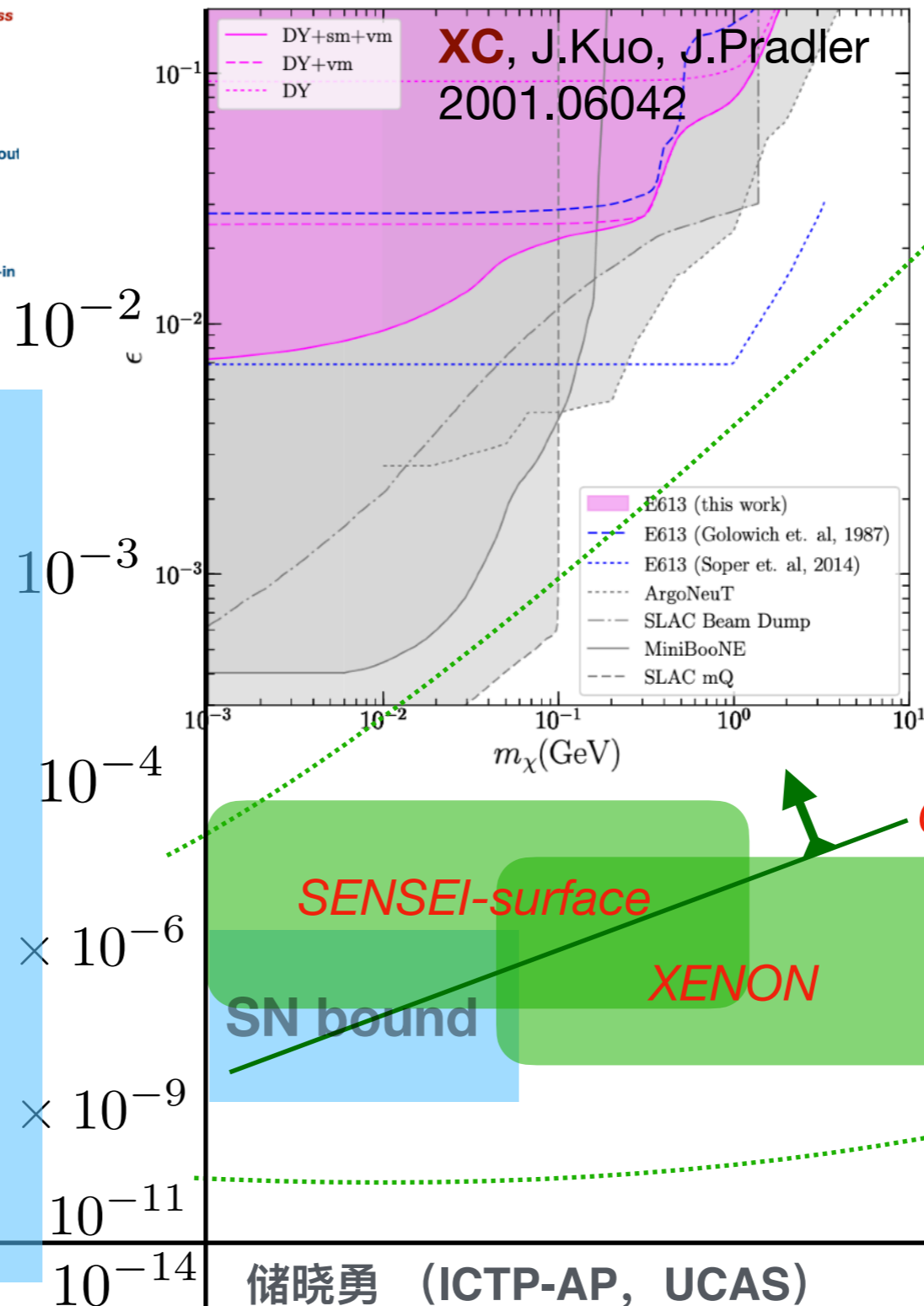
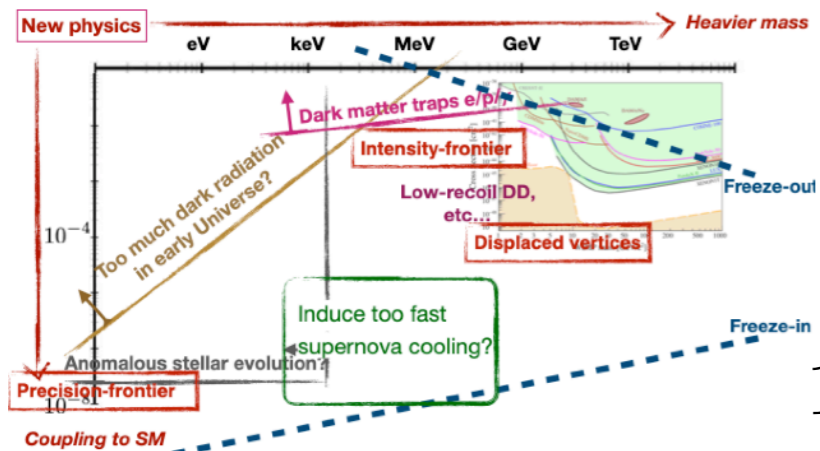
interaction type	fermion $f(s)$	vector $f(s)$
magnetic dipole	$\frac{2}{3} \mu_\chi^2 s^2 \left(1 + \frac{8m_\chi^2}{s}\right)$	$\frac{\mu_V^2 s (s - 4m_V^2) (16m_V^2 + 3s)}{12m_V^2}$
electric dipole	$\frac{2}{3} d_\chi^2 s^2 \left(1 - \frac{4m_\chi^2}{s}\right)$	$\frac{d_V^2 s (s - 4m_V^2)^2}{6m_V^2}$
electric quadrupole		$\frac{Q_V^2 s^2 (s - 4m_V^2)}{16}$
magnetic quadrupole		$\frac{\tilde{Q}_V^2 s^2 (s + 8m_V^2)}{24}$
charge radius	$\frac{4}{3} \frac{e^2 (g_1^\chi)^2 s^3}{m_\chi^4} \left(1 + \frac{2m_\chi^2}{s}\right)$	$\frac{e^2 (g_1^A)^2 s^2 (s - 4m_V^2) (12m_V^4 - 4m_V^2 s + s^2)}{48m_V^8}$
toroidal moment		$\frac{e^2 (g_4^A)^2 s^3 (s - 4m_V^2)}{3m_V^6}$
anapole moment	$\frac{4}{3} \frac{e^2 (g_5^\chi)^2 s^3}{m_\chi^4} \left(1 - \frac{4m_\chi^2}{s}\right)$	$\frac{e^2 (g_5^A)^2 s^2 (s - 4m_V^2)^2}{3m_V^6}$

More factor
 s/m_V^2
for dark **vector**.

III. Energy scales excluded

Summarise **dim-4** constraints:

milli-charged, many known in the literature



freeze-out [excluded]

If full dark matter

CMB spectrum

freeze-in

See Zuowei Liu's talk yesterday

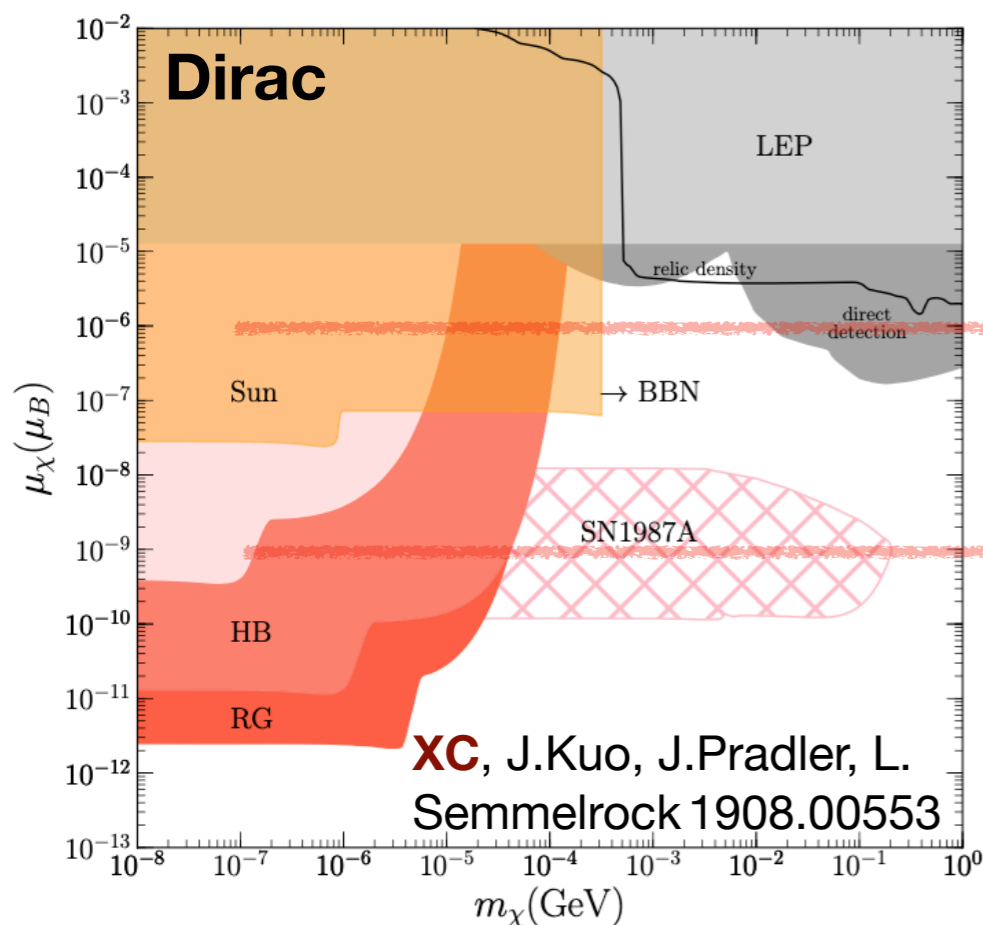
Stellar bound

Summarise **dim-5 constraints** on fermions:

interaction type	coupling	C	P	CP
magn. dipole	μ	+1	+1	+1
elec. dipole	d	+1	-1	-1

CP affects mildly
up to velocity suppressions
in non-relativistic regime

MDM

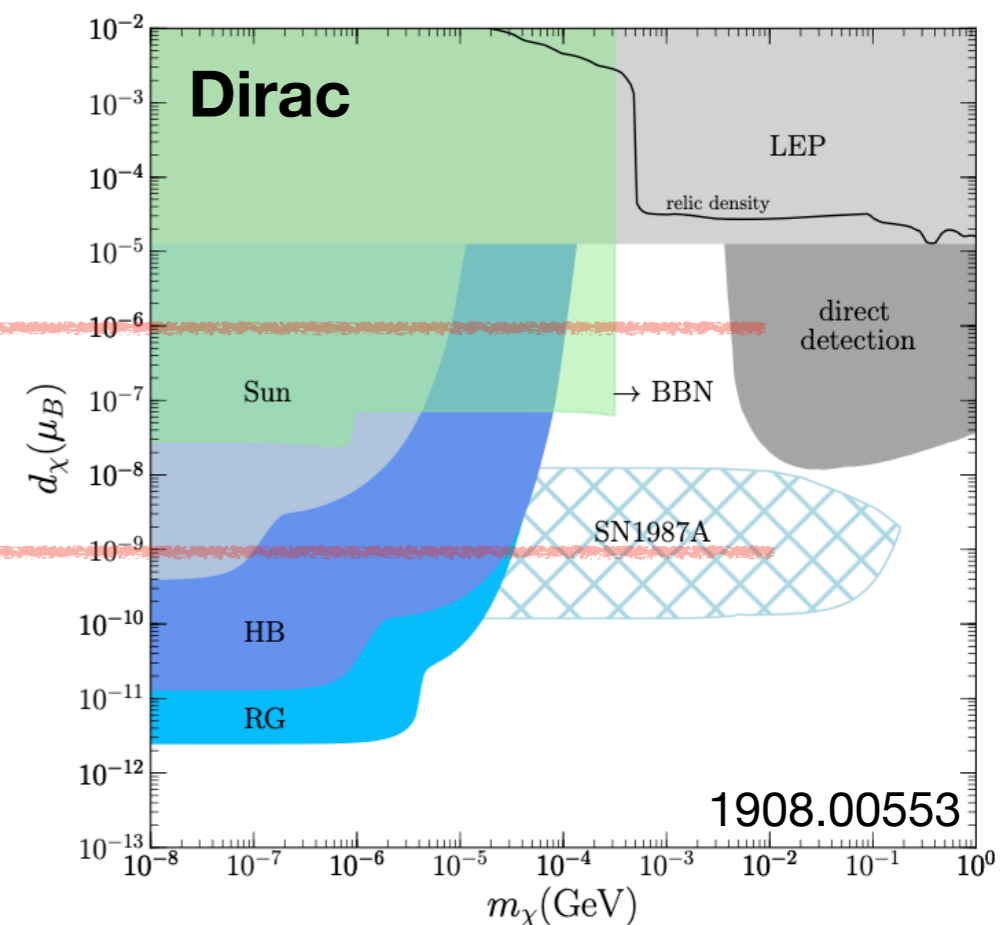


Intensity-frontier (see backup)

TeV

PeV

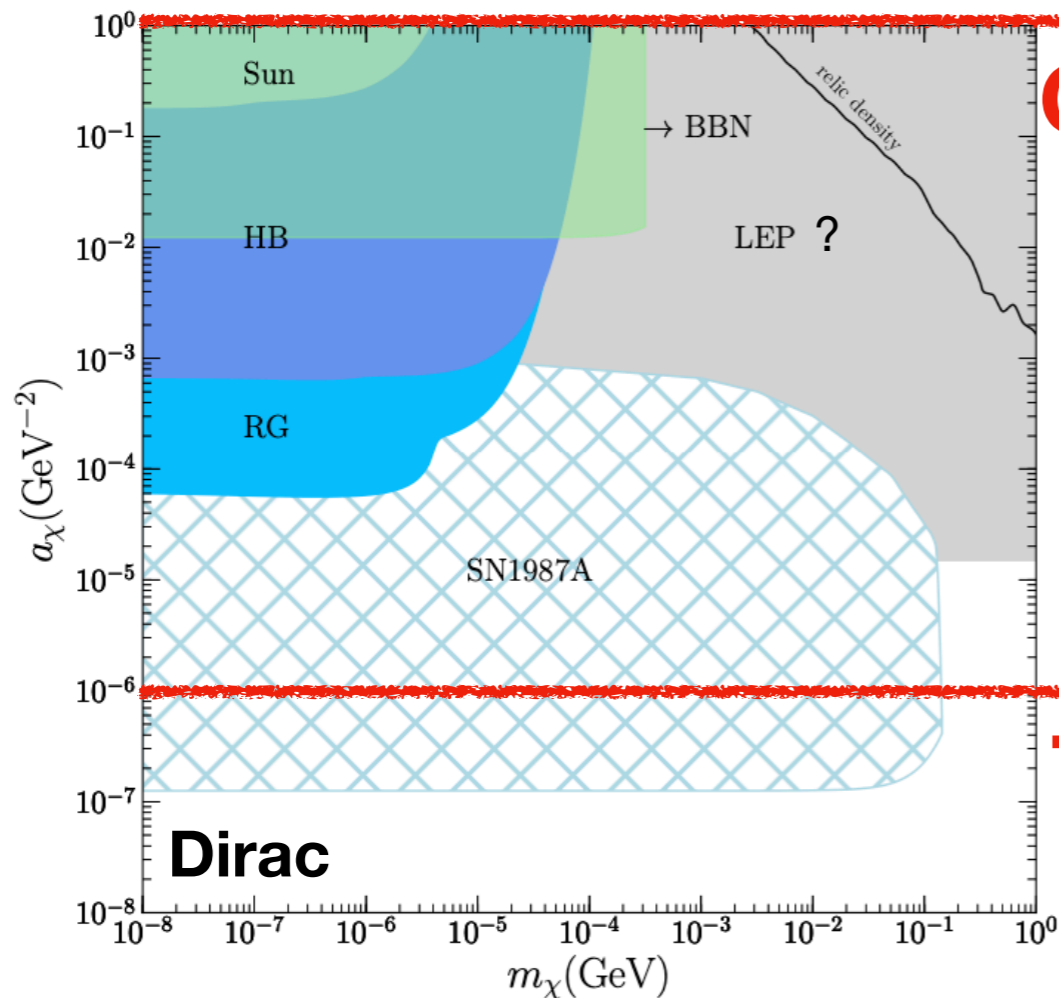
EDM



Summarise **dim-6 constraints** on fermions:

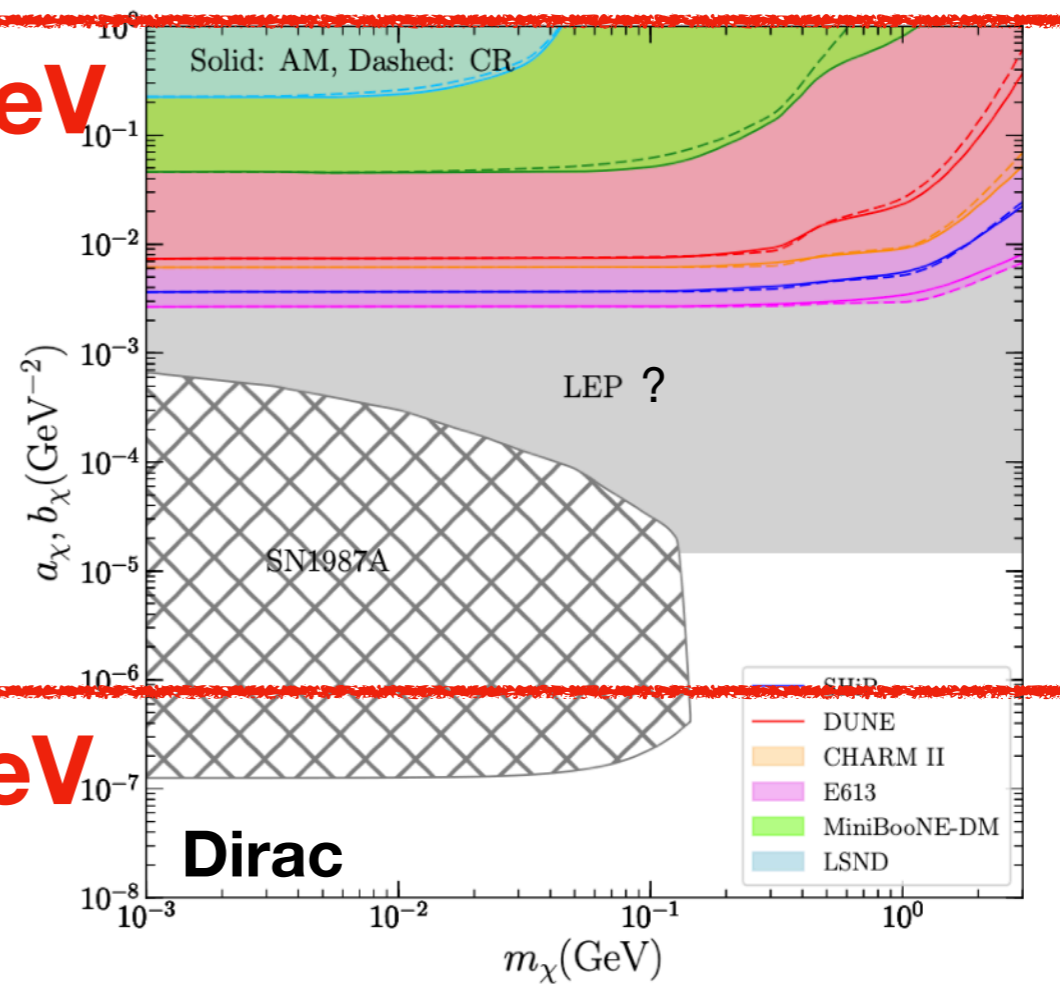
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charge radius	$\frac{4}{3} \frac{e^2 (g_1^\chi)^2 s^3}{m_\chi^4} \left(1 + \frac{2m_\chi^2}{s}\right)$
anapole moment	$\frac{4}{3} \frac{e^2 (g_5^\chi)^2 s^3}{m_\chi^4} \left(1 - \frac{4m_\chi^2}{s}\right)$

- **Colliders easily beats intensity-frontier for dim-6 operators**, while both hardly apply to GeV UV-scales.



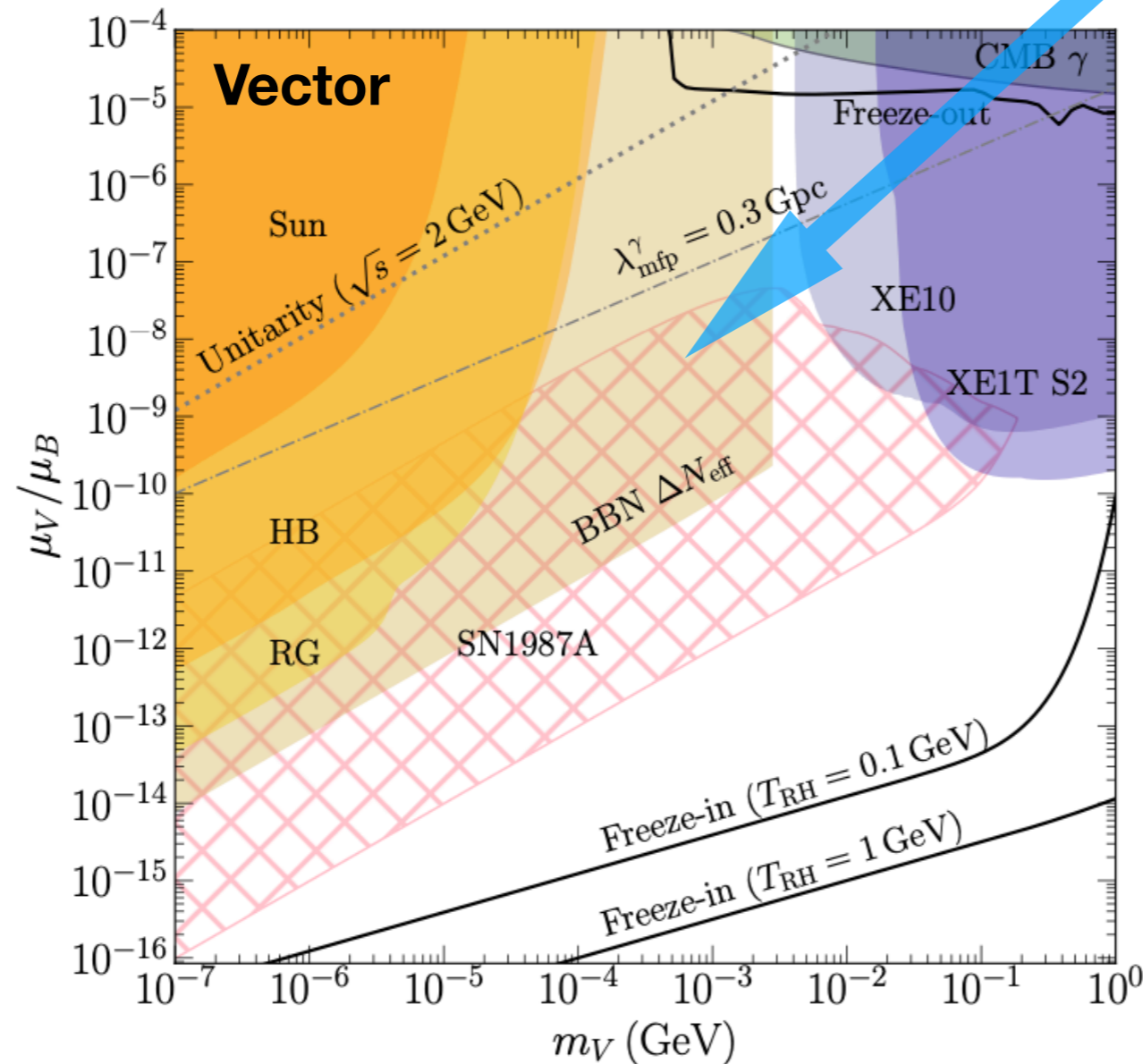
GeV

TeV



Turn to spin-1 case: vector is different

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**1/m-enhanced:
mostly from
longitudinal modes**

XC, J. Hisano, A.Ibarra, J.Kuo, J.Pradler, 2303.13643

IV. Validity of vector constraints

Theoretical validity

EM form factors are defined at extreme IR-end:

- For all spins, the **C.o.M energy** has to be below UV-theory scale Λ .

we can not exclude regions where dimensionless coeff. \times (C.o.M)ⁿ > 1

- Spin-1 case needs to be treated with additional caution:

we impose unitarity bound as: $\sigma_{V+V \rightarrow V+V}(s) \lesssim \frac{4\pi}{s} \sum_l (2l + 1)$

similar to WW-scattering (with a dark higgs mass above the energy-scale).

This is still not enough, which can be seen in **UV-completions**:

- EM form factors are not necessarily independent.

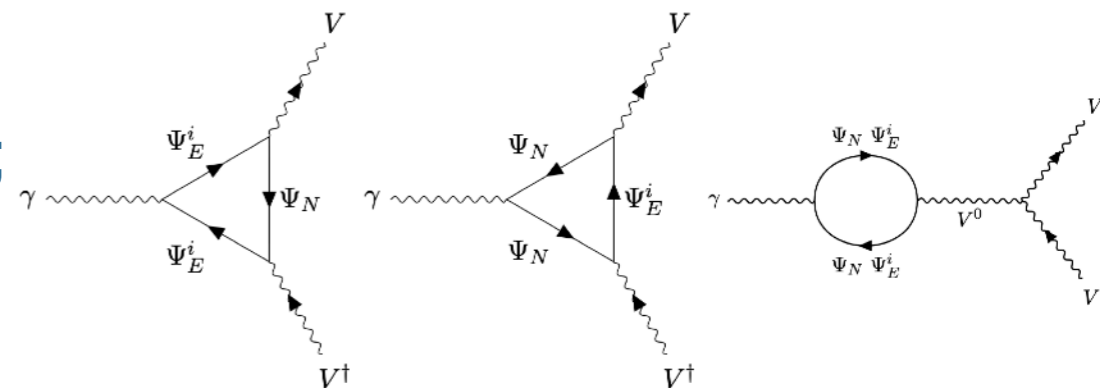
E.g. consider terms with CP (+ -):

interaction type	coupling	C	P	CP
elec. dipole	d	+1	-1	-1
magn. quadrupole	\tilde{Q}	+1	-1	-1

each amplitude **diverges** at $m_V \rightarrow 0$, even for transverse mode of V-production.

Dark SU(2) gauge bosons

- with: 1) dark **doublet fermions** coupled to photon;
 2) dark **doublet Higgs** generating masses.



In this UV model, there is, at first-order,

$$d_V = -\tilde{Q}_V m_V / 2$$

the **divergences** in transverse modes **cancel** with each other.

CAUTION EM properties of a particle may not be independent from each other (if they have the **same CP**).

V. Conclusions

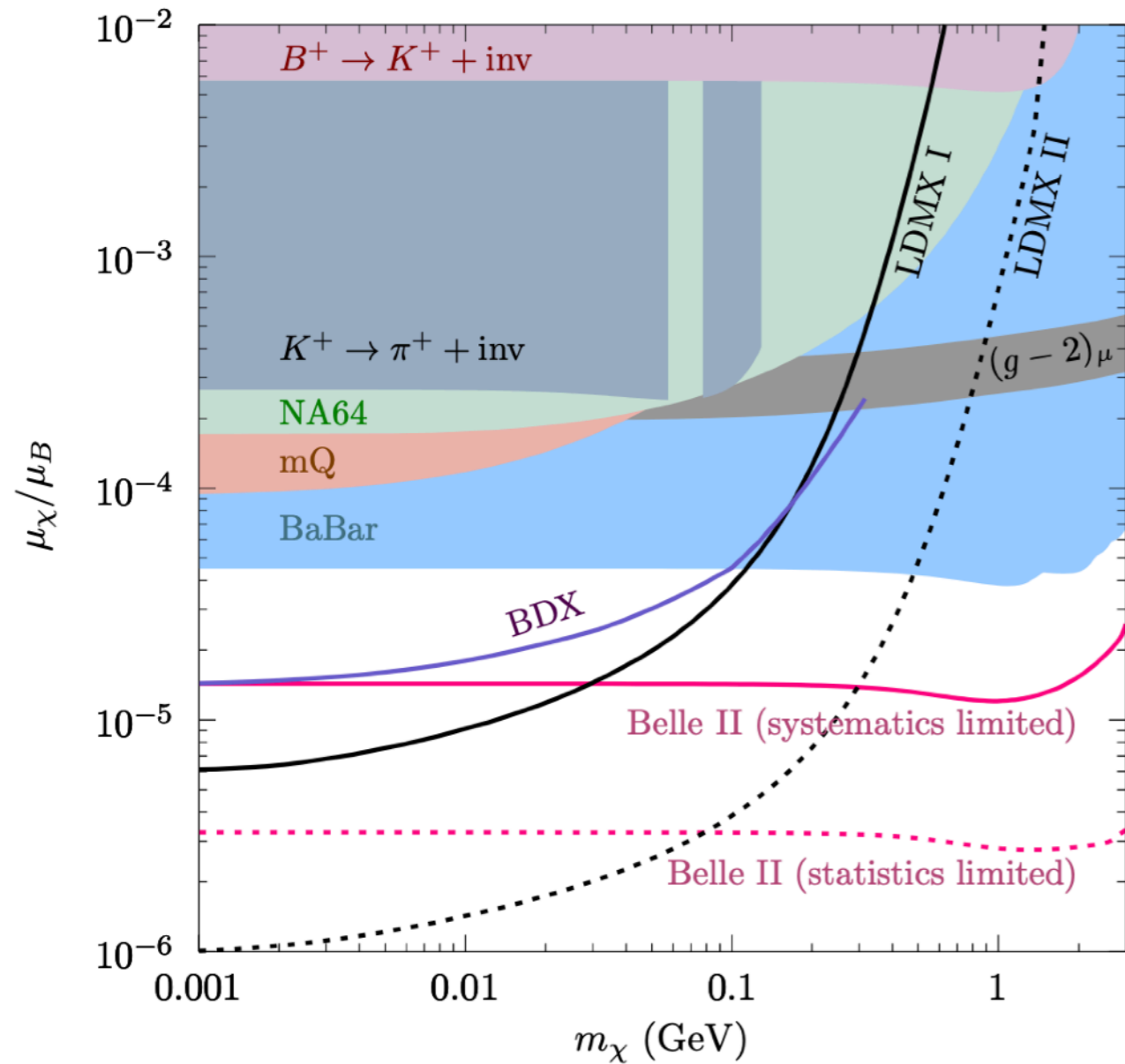
Conclusions

- So far no heavy new particles, try **something (with) light**?
- Appealing **light portal: multi-messenger** constraints/observations will be important to identify dark states;
- **Astrophysics** can be extremely useful in probing feeble dark states.
- Bounds on **EFT parameters/EM factors** are not always justified by UV models.

Backup

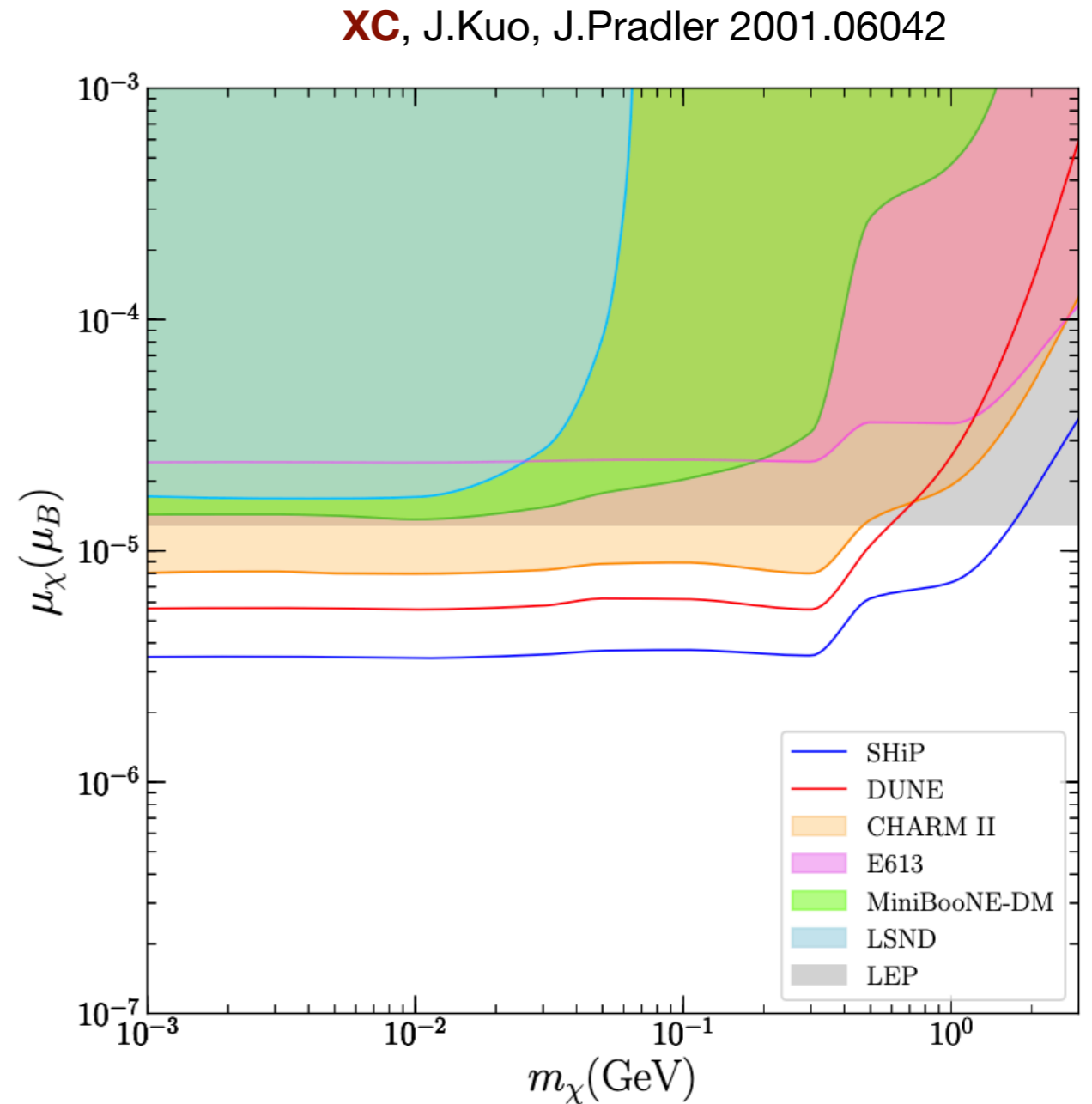
dark χ around keV-MeV: intensity-frontier

Electron-beam



XC, J.Pradler, L. Semmelrock 1811.04095

Proton-beam



dark χ around keV-MeV: cosmos/stellar

They all are based on the argument that:

(Meta-)stable dark particle should not be overproduced in dense medium.

1. Standard Solar Model has been quite successful, constraining anomalous energy loss [J. A. Frieman, S.

Dimopoulos & M. S. Turner 1987, G. G. Raffelt and G. D. Starkman 1989]:

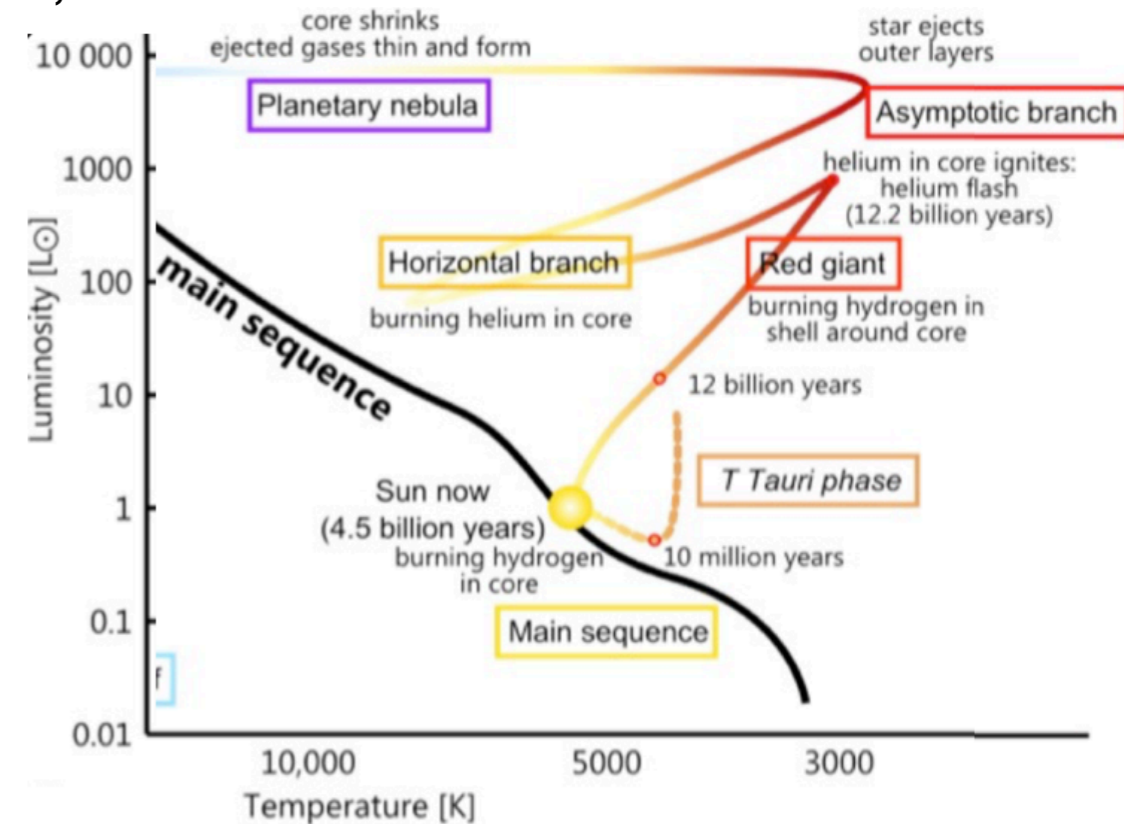
$$\int_{\text{Sun}} dV \dot{Q} < 10\% \times L_{\odot} \quad (\text{Sun}).$$

2. Maximal core mass NOT to ignite Helium burning (red giant) [G. G. Raffelt 1995]:

$$\dot{Q} < 10 \text{ erg/g/s} \times \rho \quad (\text{RG}).$$

3. Anomalous cooling speeds up stable Helium burning in Horizontal branch, reducing its typical ratio in Globular Cluster observations [G. G. Raffelt 1995]:

$$\int_{\text{core}} dV \dot{Q} < 10\% \times L_{\text{HB}} \quad (\text{HB}).$$



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	ω_p	T
Sun's core	0.3 keV	1.4 keV
HB's core	2.6 keV	10.6 keV
RG's core	8.6 keV	8.6 keV
SN's core	17.6 MeV	12.1 MeV

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Caveats do exist in the argument, such as:

- dark state **trapping** by additional dark states [e.g. Y. Zhang 1404.7172];
- **Production suppression** from large **thermal** mass/small **thermal** coupling of dark states [e.g. W. DeRocco, P. W. Graham, S. Rajendran 2006.15112].
- if **SN1987A** was not neutrino-driven explosion [e.g. N. Bar, K. Blum & Guido

D'Amico 1907.05020, and earlier 1601.03422].

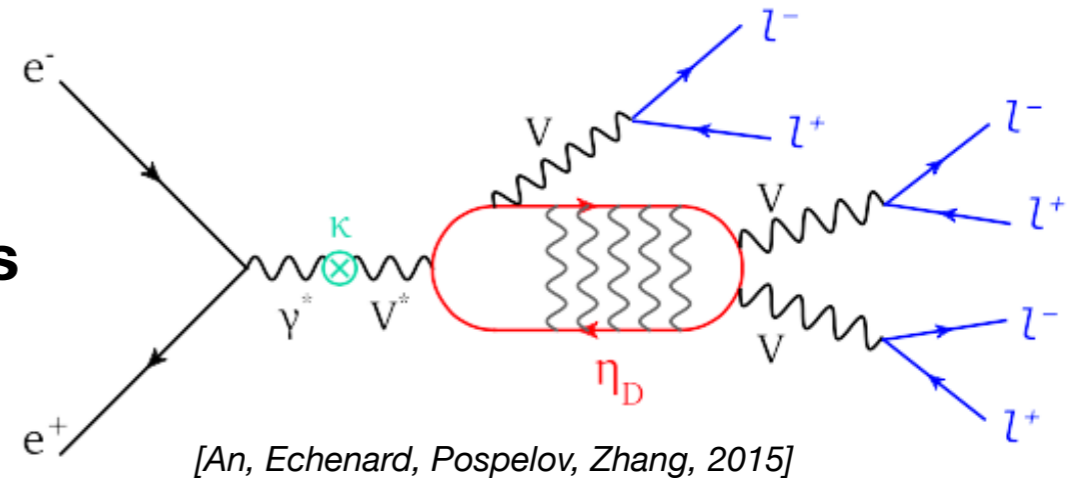
More dark structure, more signatures:

Higher-derivatives, more photons, non-conserved current,

Displaced vertex in detectors:

e.g. mixing with long-lived A' , dark bound states

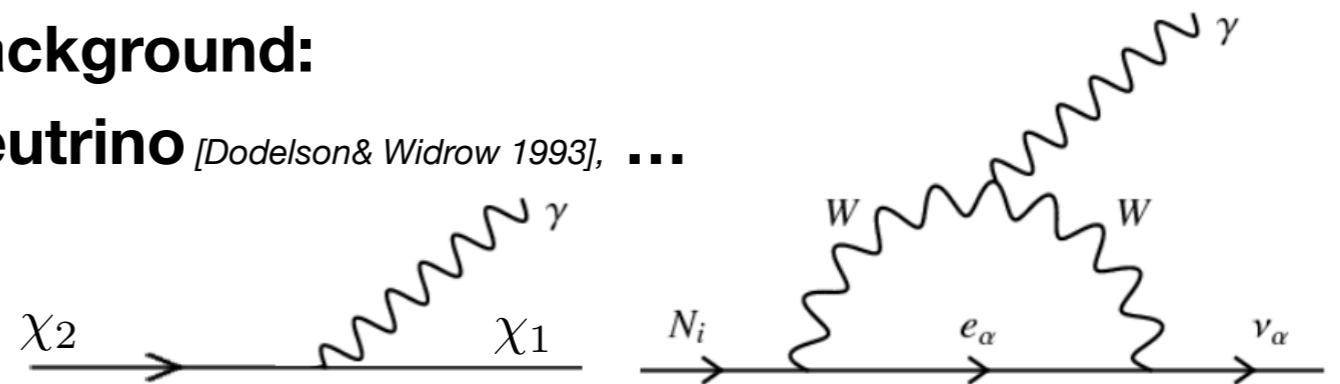
Displaced vertex



Low-energy cosmic photon beyond background:

excited state [Tucker-Smith & Weiner, 2001], sterile neutrino [Dodelson & Widrow 1993], ...

Detailed cosmos/astro.



Oscillating fine-structure constant:

e.g. a light scalar [Arvanitaki, Huang, Tilburg, 2014, Tilburg, Leifer,

Bougas, Budker, 2015, Stadnik and V. V. Flambaum 2015, ...]

$$s F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu}$$

Precision-frontier

