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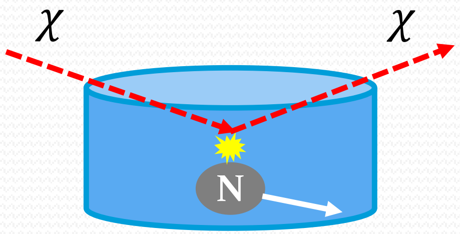

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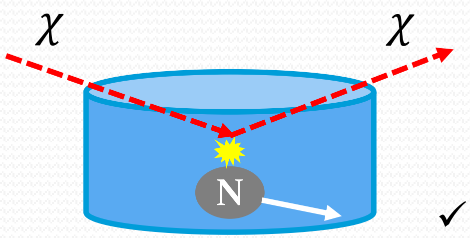

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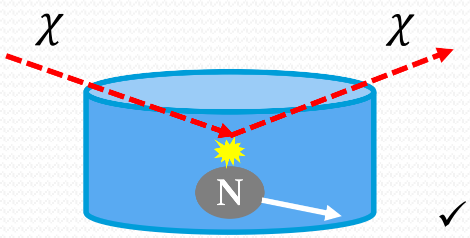

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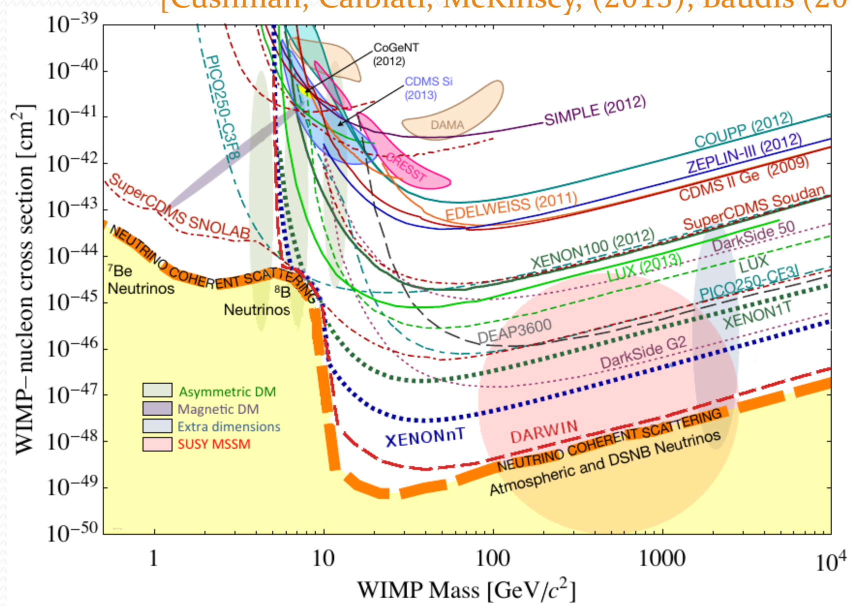

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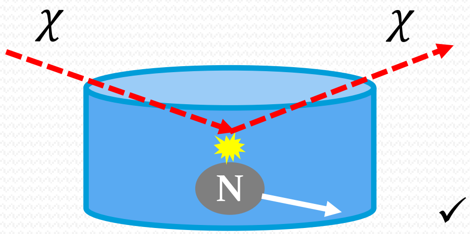

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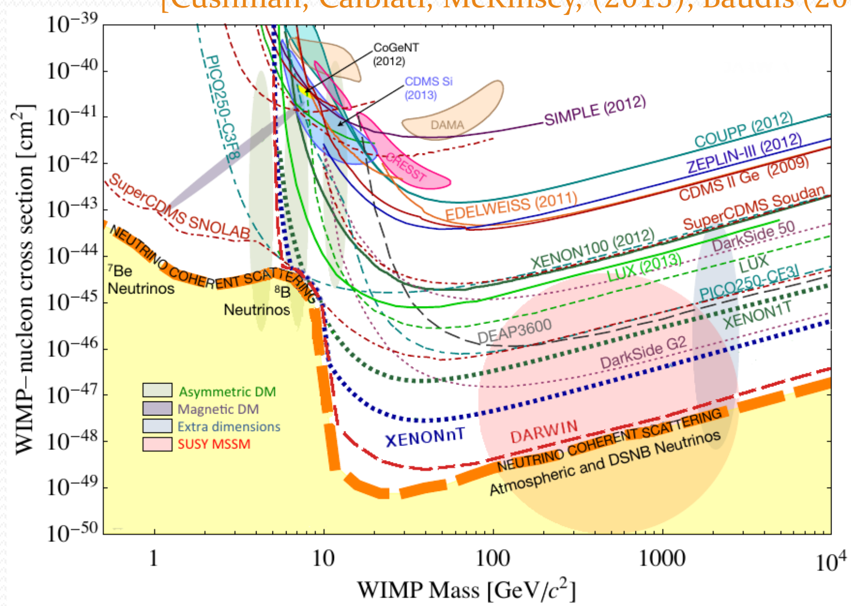

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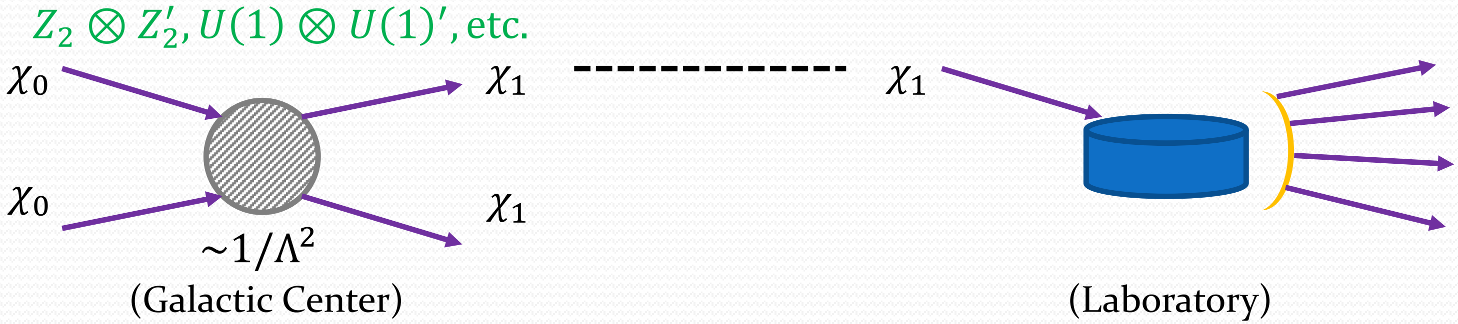

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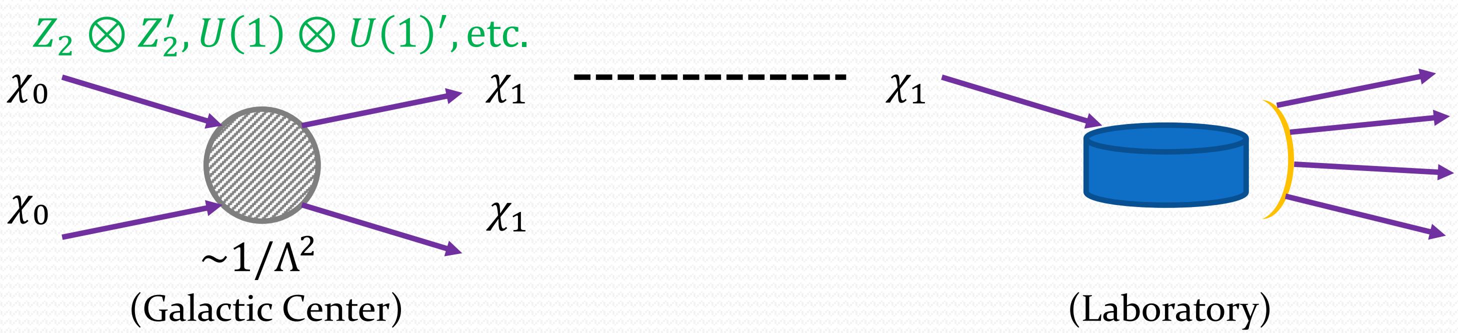

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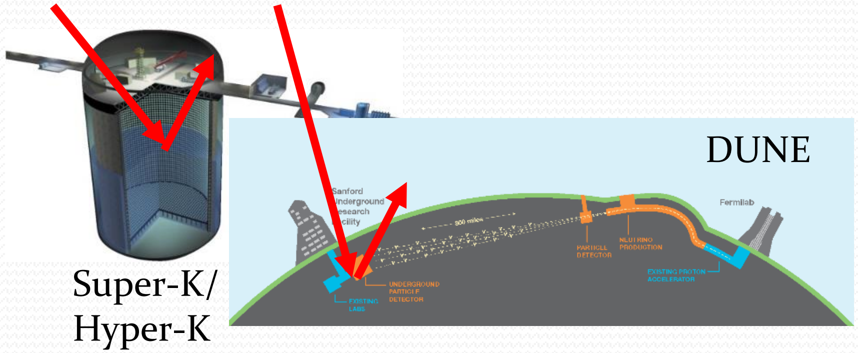

✓ Elastic scattering [Agashe et al (2014); Berger et al (2014); Kong et al. (2014); Alhazmi et al. (2016)]

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- Elastic nucleon scattering in the context of gauged baryon number/higgs portal models

[Cherry, Frandsen, Shoemaker (2015)]

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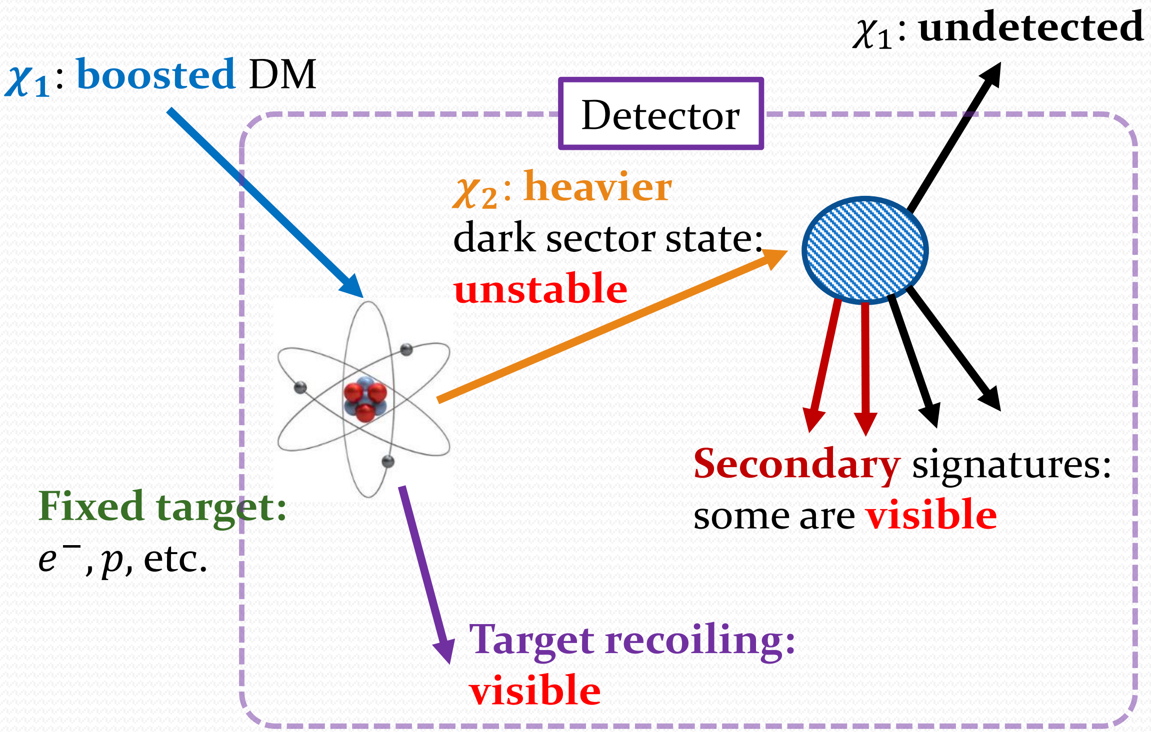

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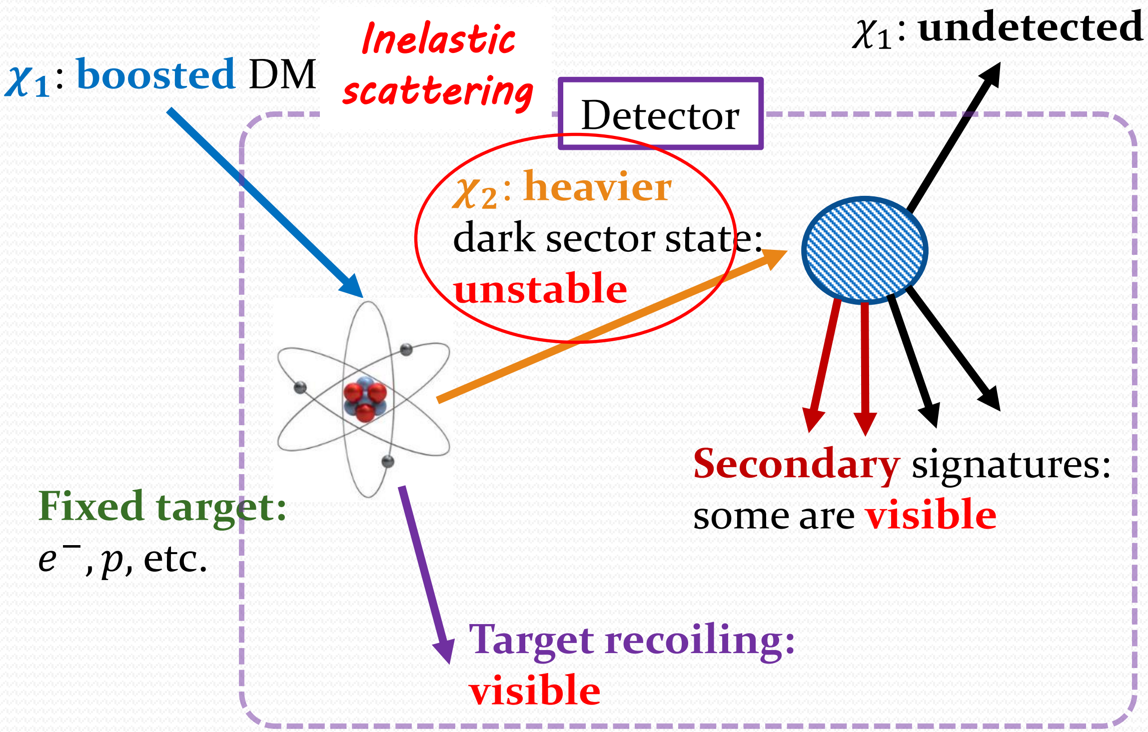

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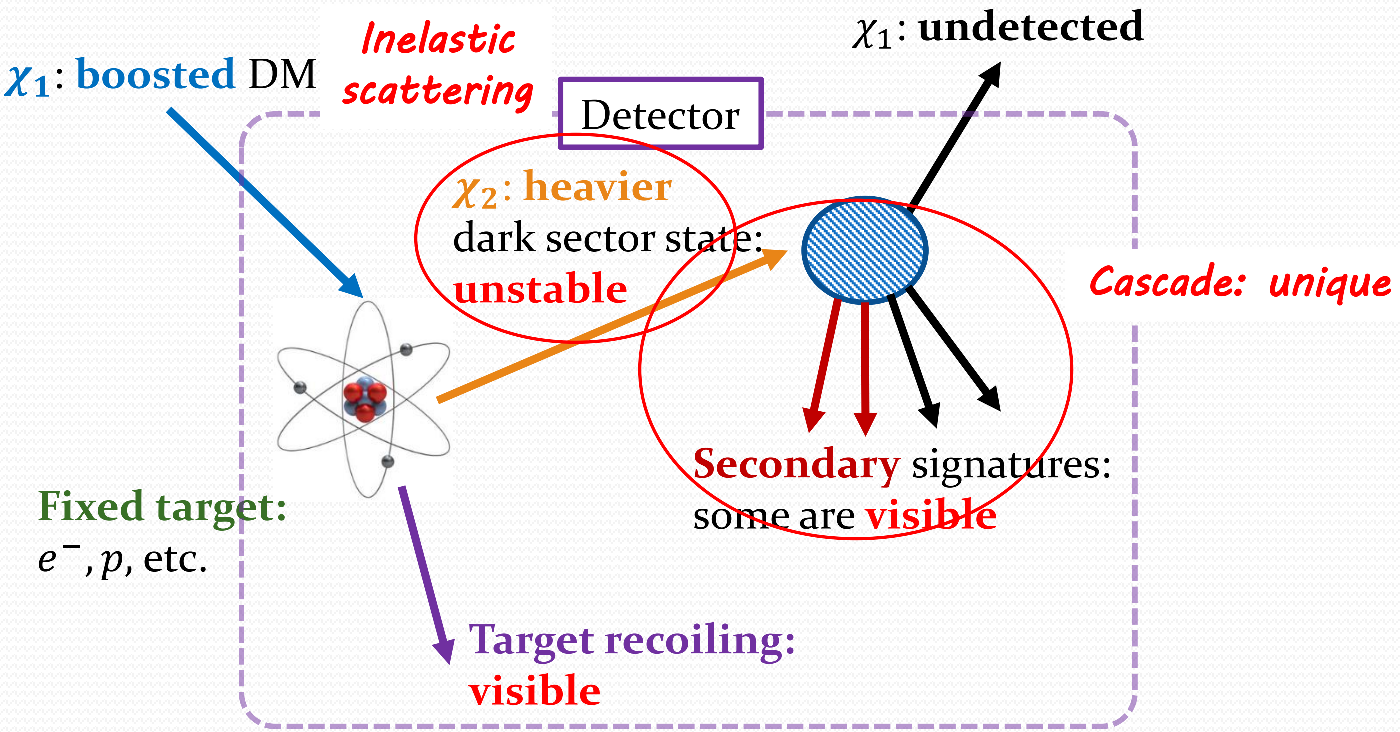

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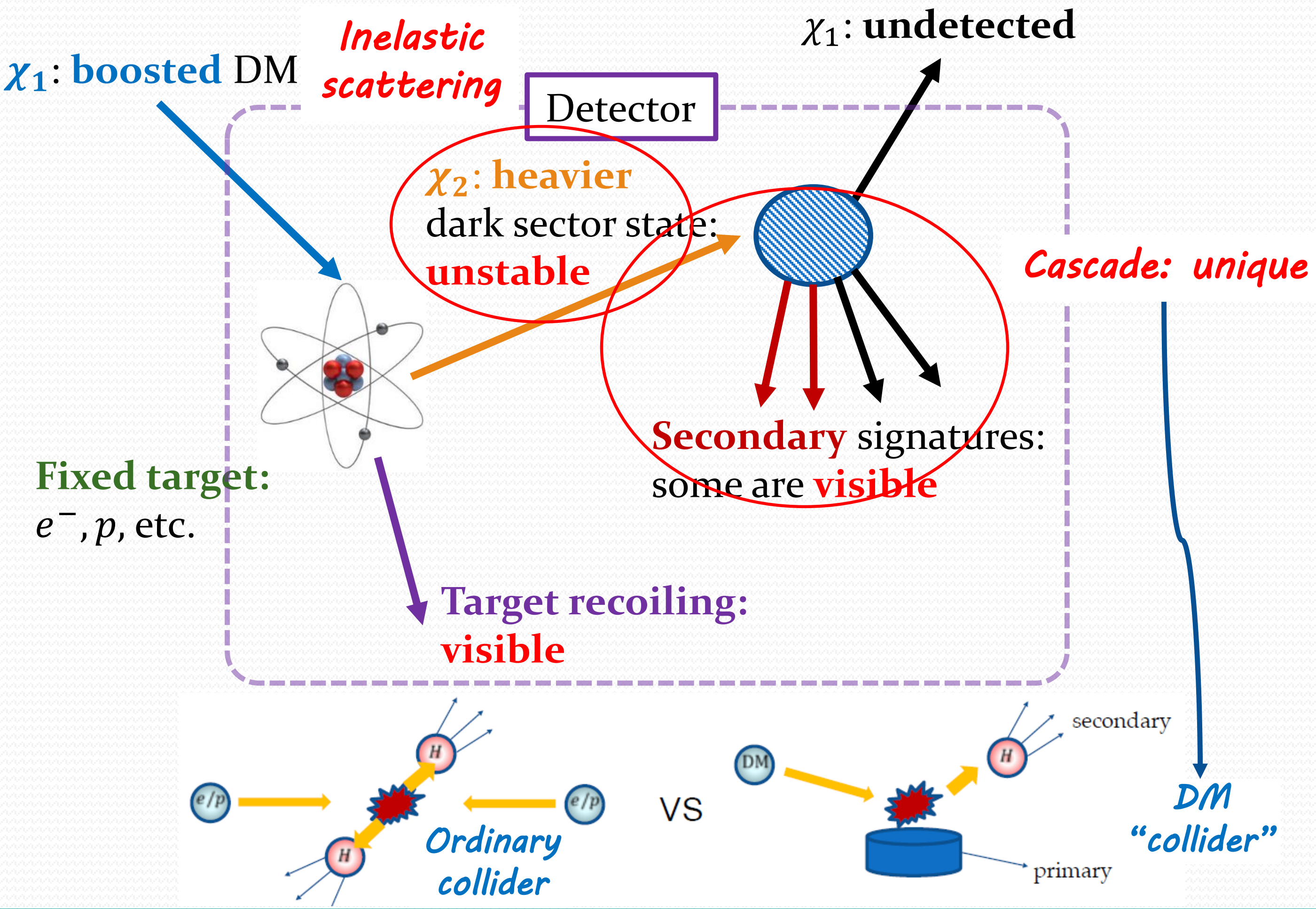
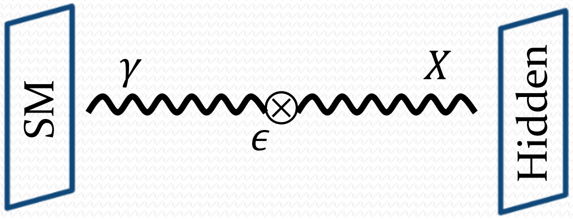
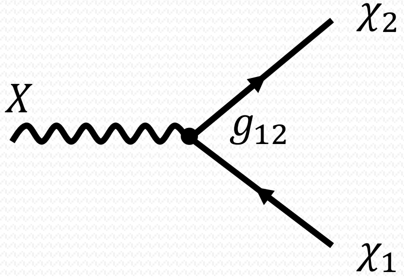


Benchmark Model

$$\mathcal{L}_{\rm int} \ni -\frac{\epsilon}{2}F_{\mu\nu}X^{\mu\nu} + g_{11}\bar{\chi}_1\gamma^\mu\chi_1 X_\mu + g_{12}\bar{\chi}_2\gamma^\mu\chi_1 X_\mu + \text{h.c.} + (\text{others})$$



- Vector portal (e.g., dark gauge boson scenario) [Holdom (1986)]
- Fermionic DM
  - χ_2: a heavier (unstable) dark-sector state
  - Flavor-conserving neutral current ⇒ elastic scattering
  - Flavor-changing neutral current ⇒ **inelastic scattering** [Tucker-Smith, Weiner (2001); Kim, Seo, Shin (2012)]



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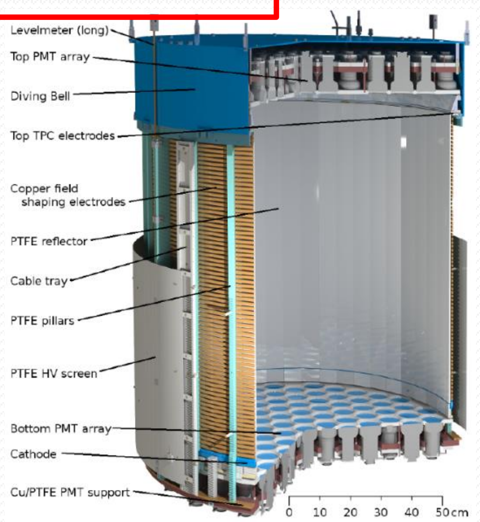

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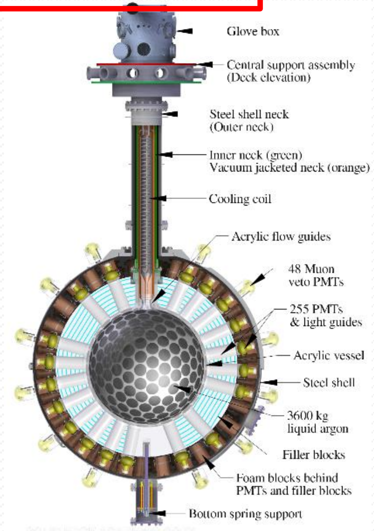

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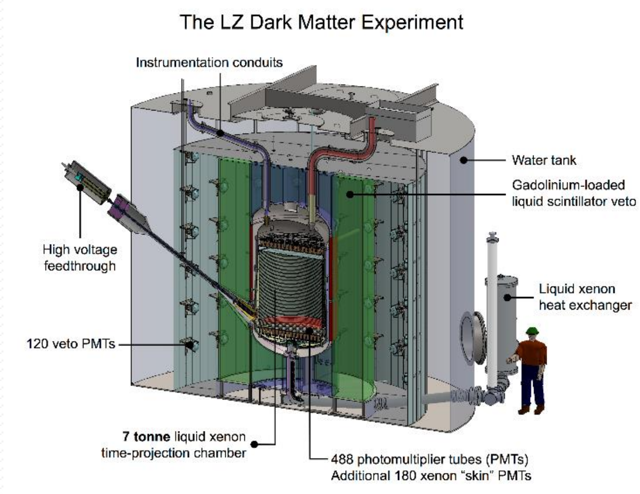
LUX-ZEPLIN(LZ)



projected

Experiment	Geometry	$(r,\ h)$ or r [cm]	Mass [t]	Target
XENON1T	Cylinder	(38, 76)	1.0	LXe
DEAP-3600	Sphere	72	2.2	LAr
LZ	Cylinder	(69, 130)	5.6	LXe

[Numbers are for fiducial volumes.]

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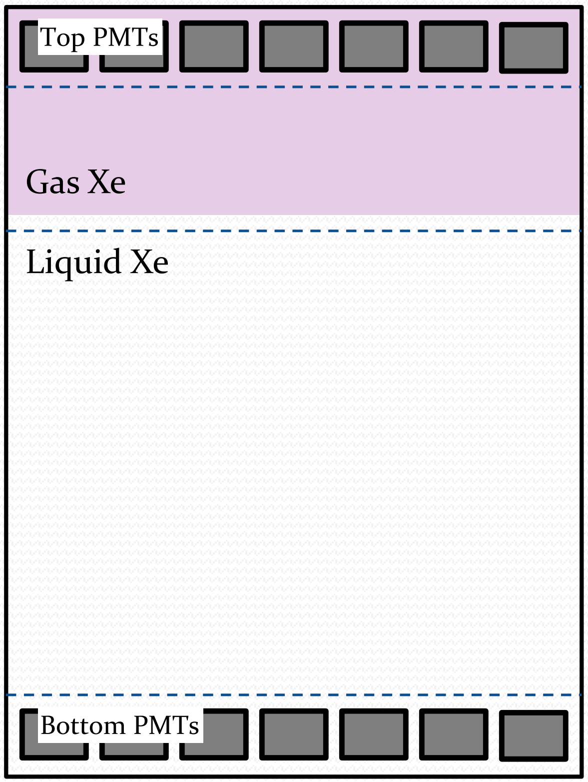

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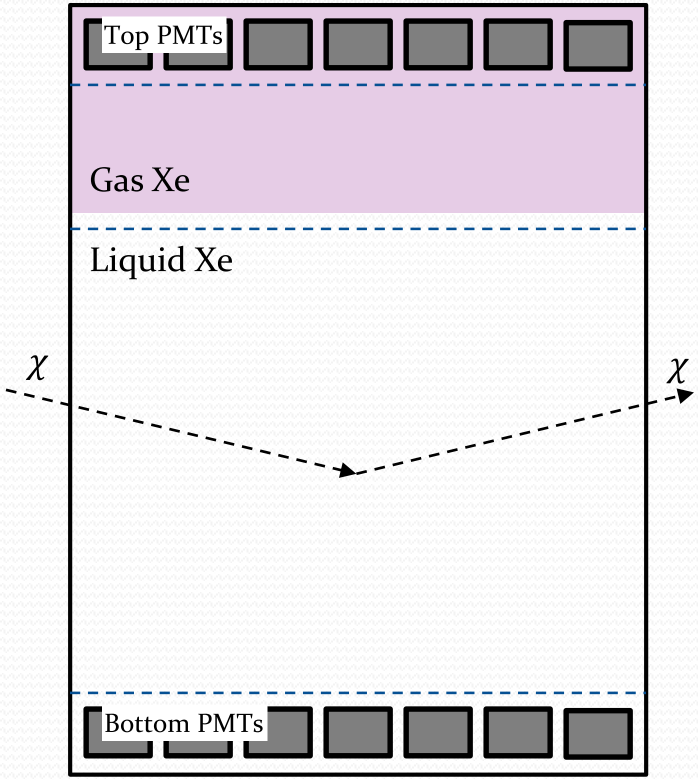

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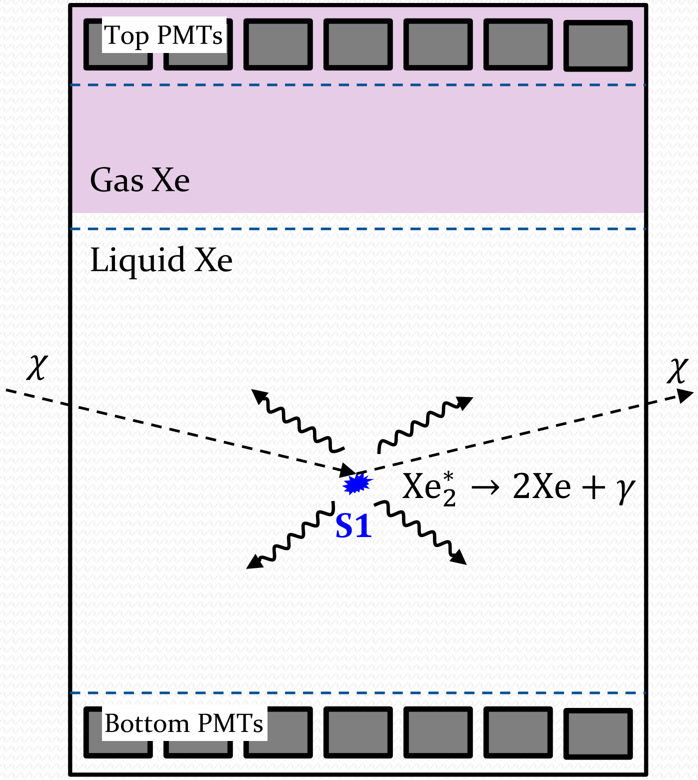

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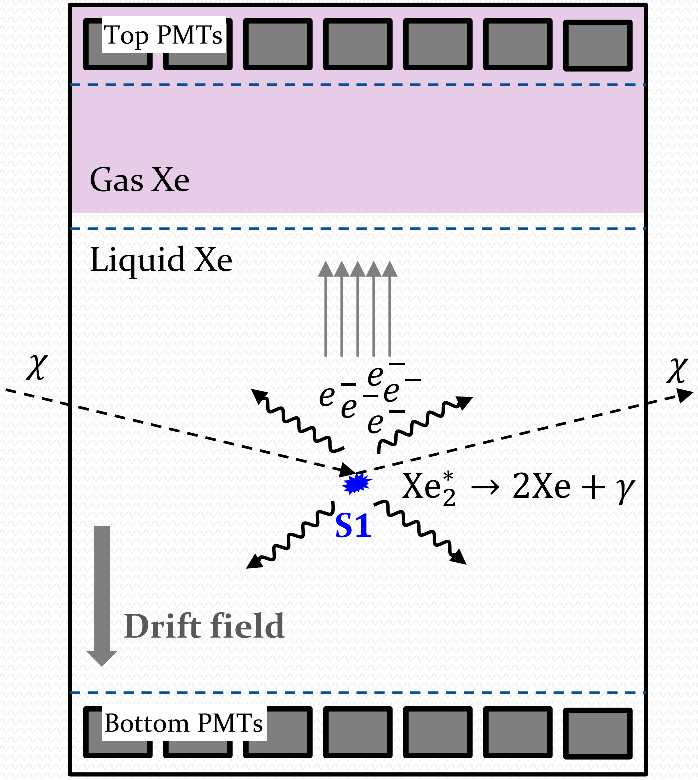

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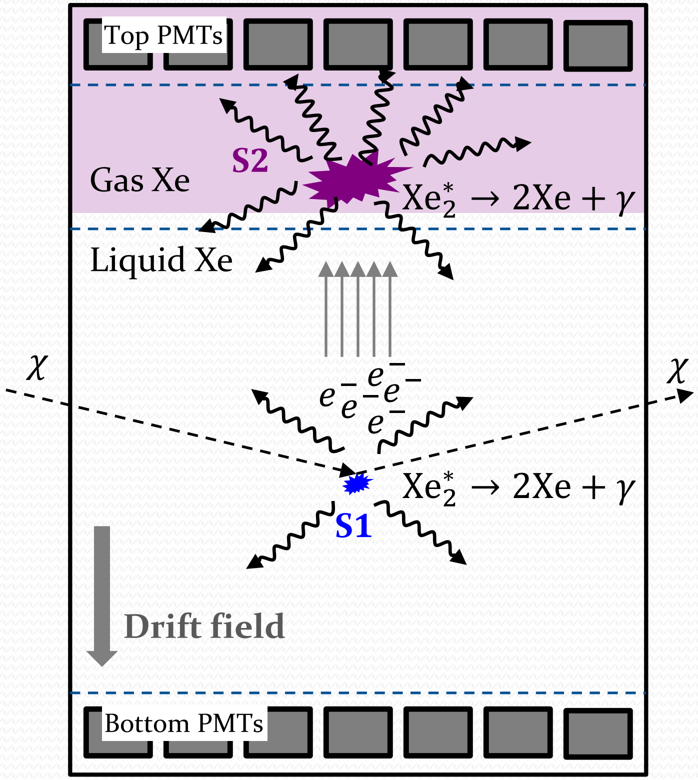

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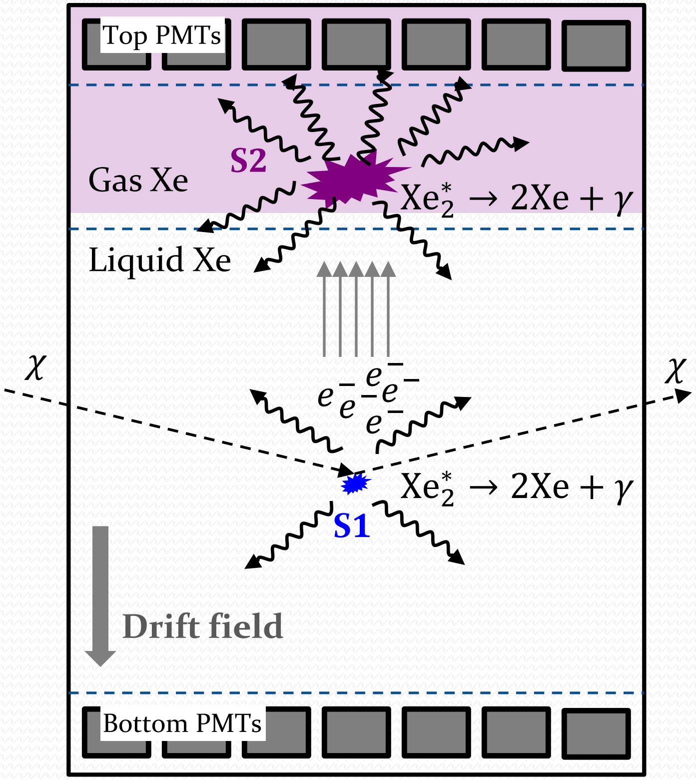

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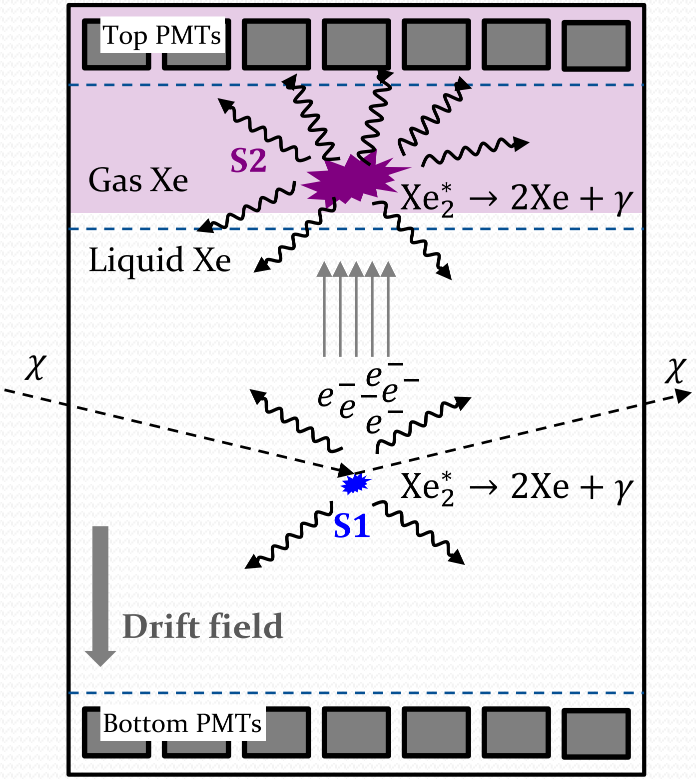

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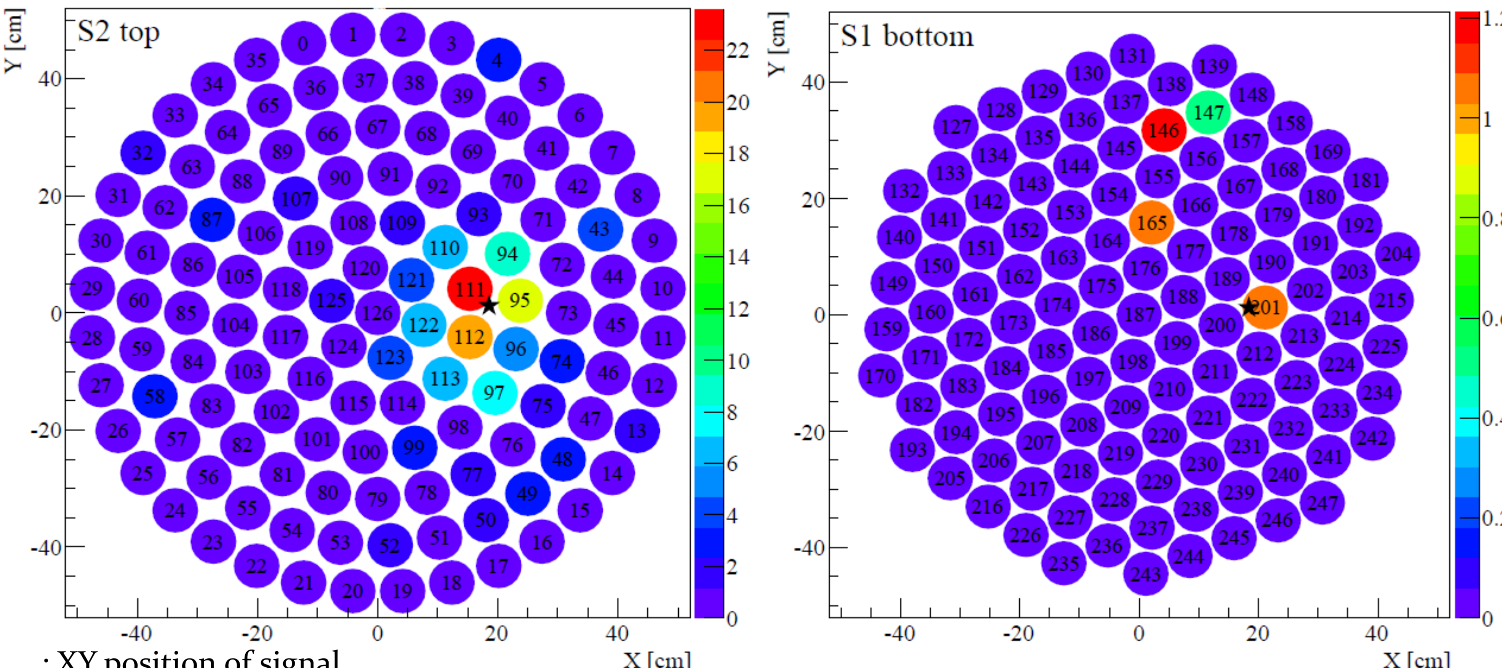

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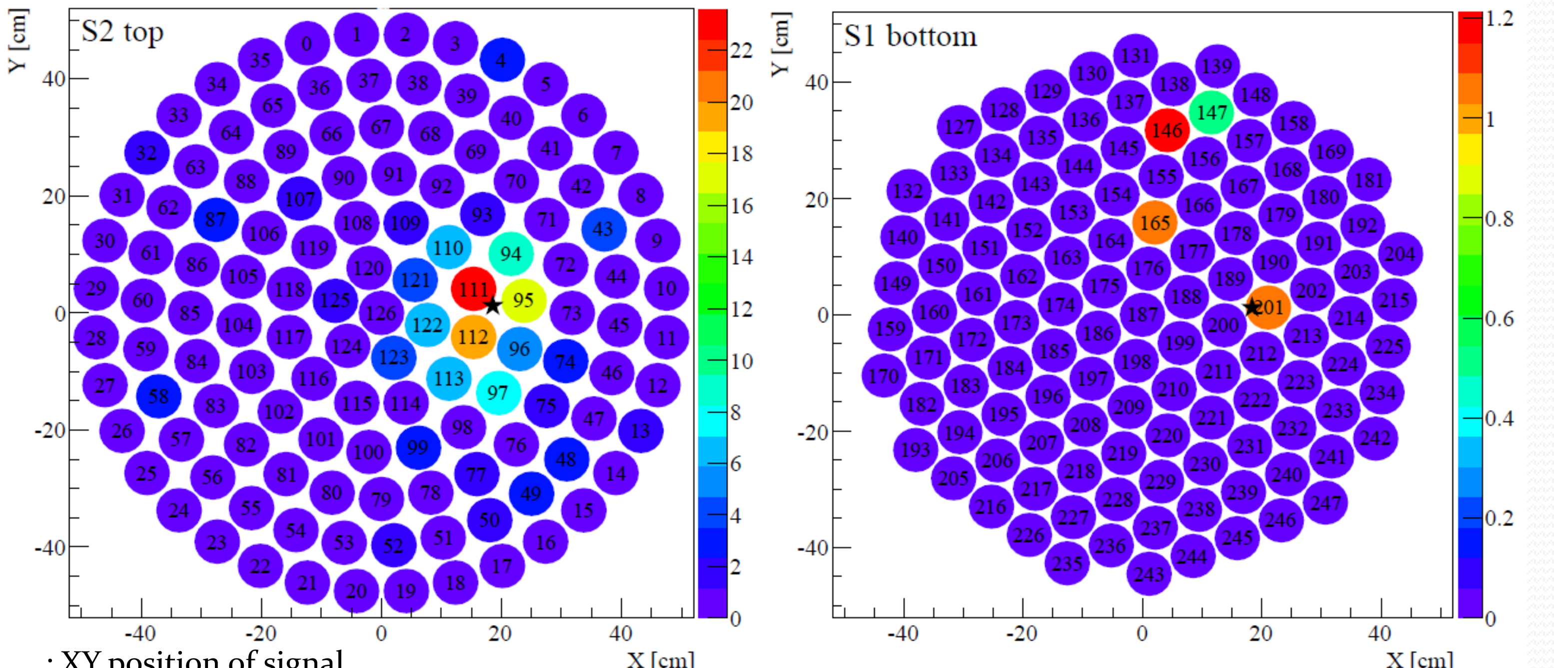

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❑ Likelihood analysis allowing position resolution in XY plane as good as < 2 cm (may be better with high energy source [LUX collaboration (2017)])

“Disclaimer”

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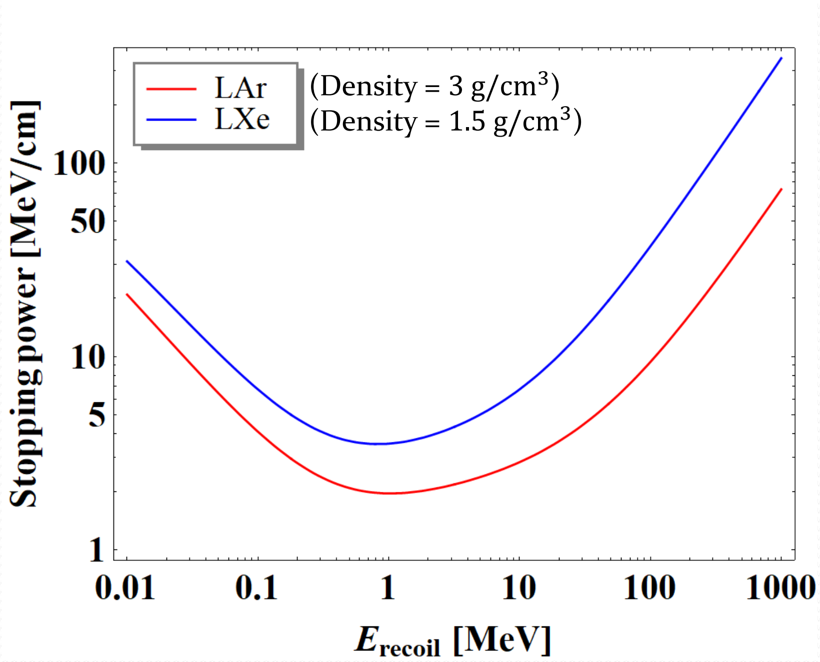

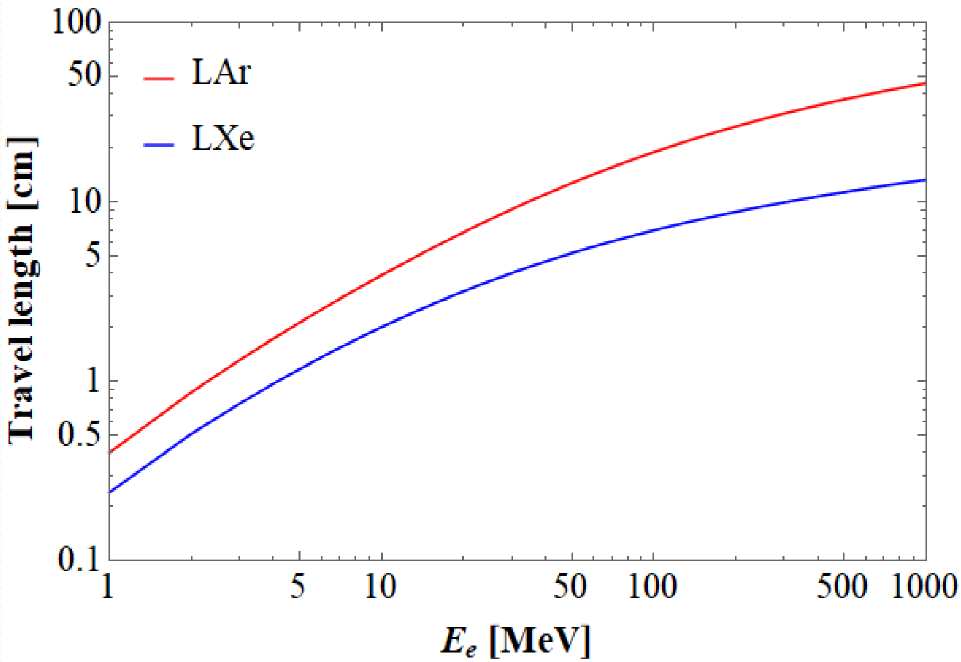

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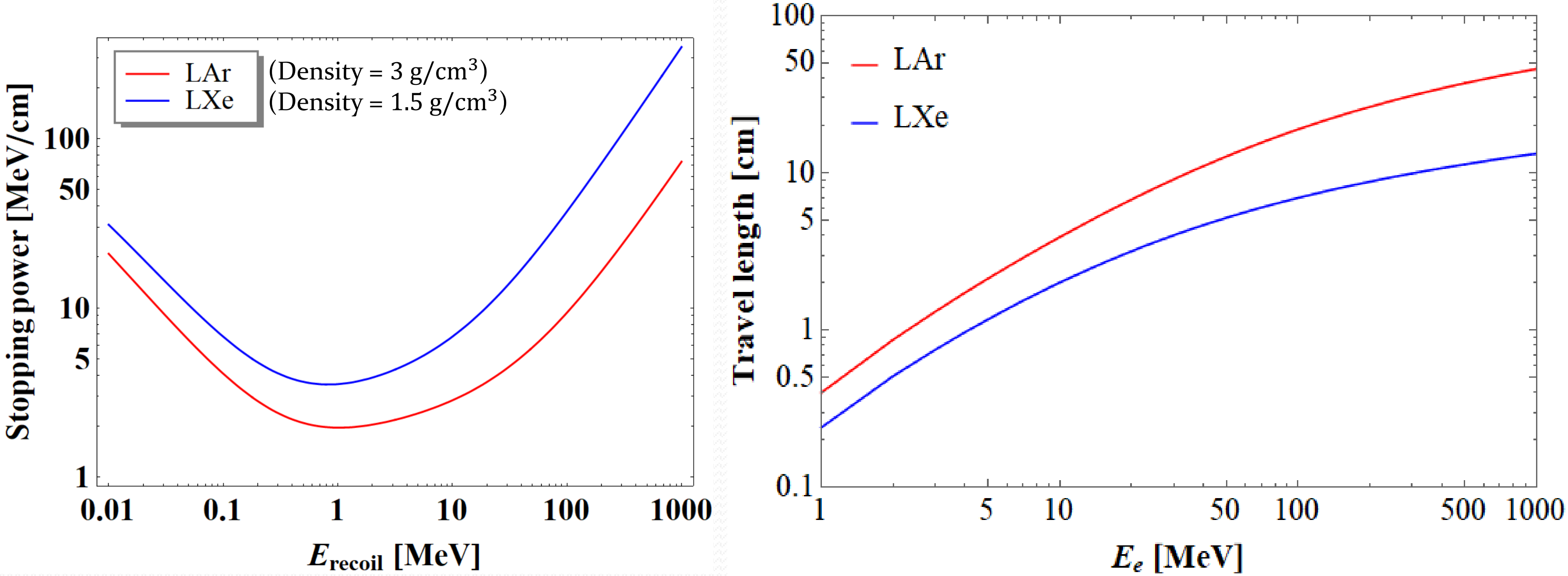

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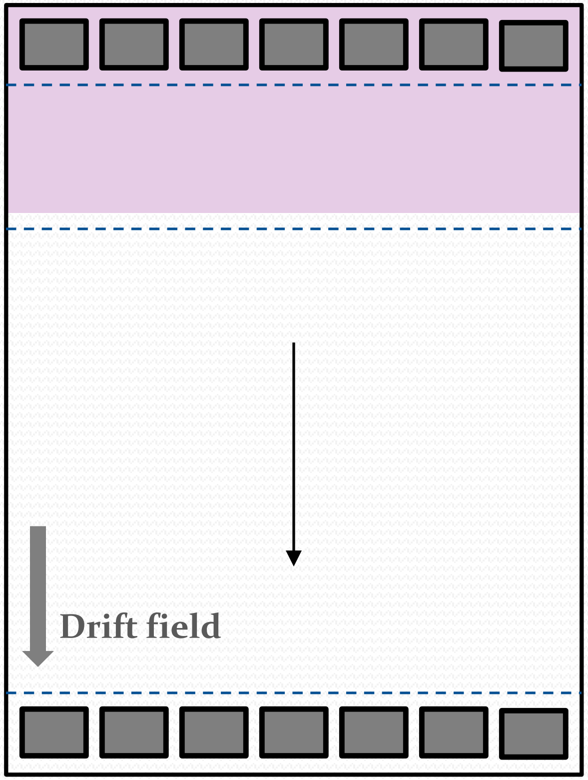

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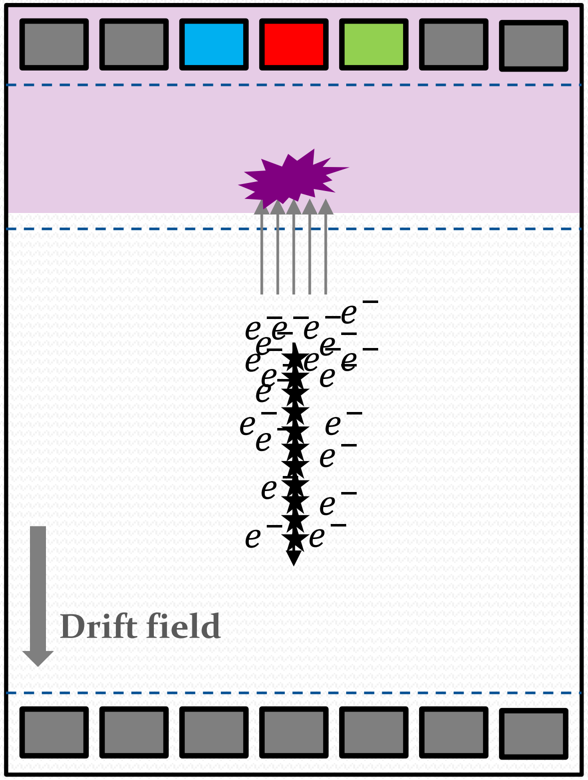

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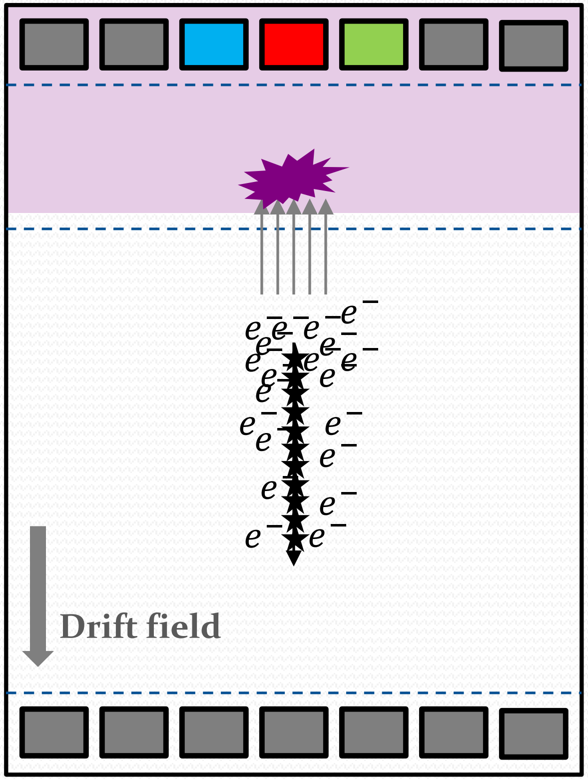

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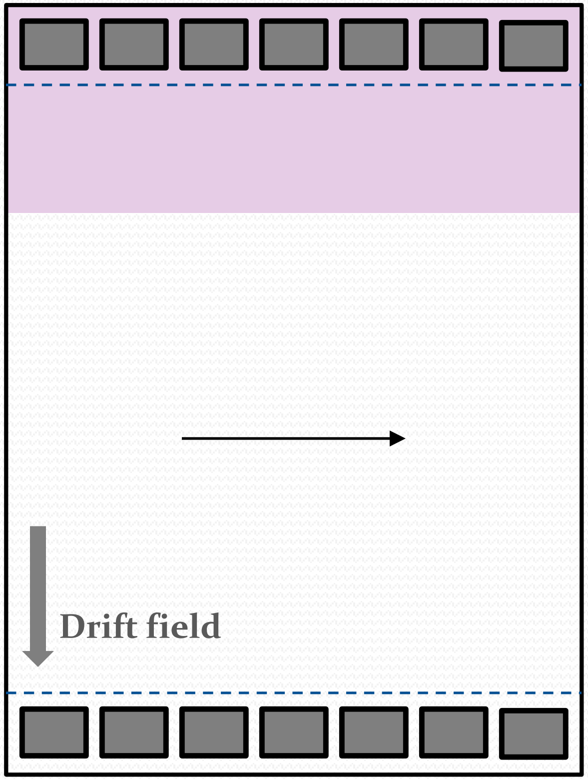

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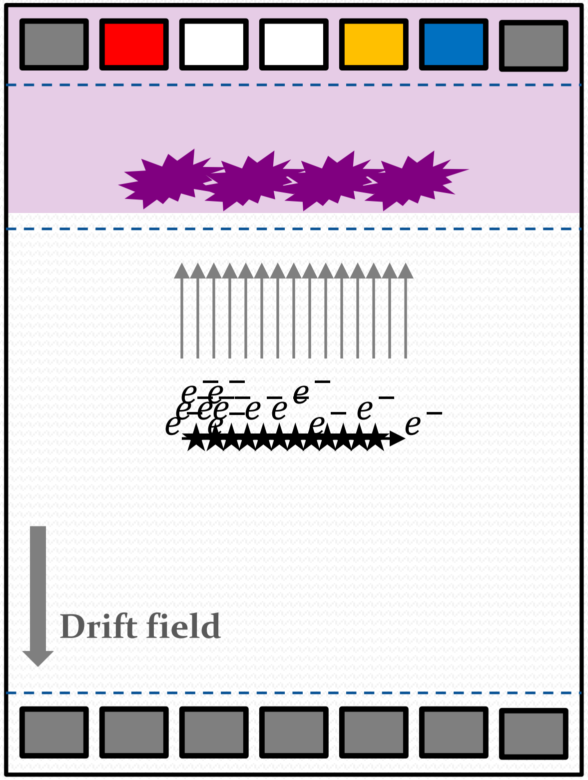

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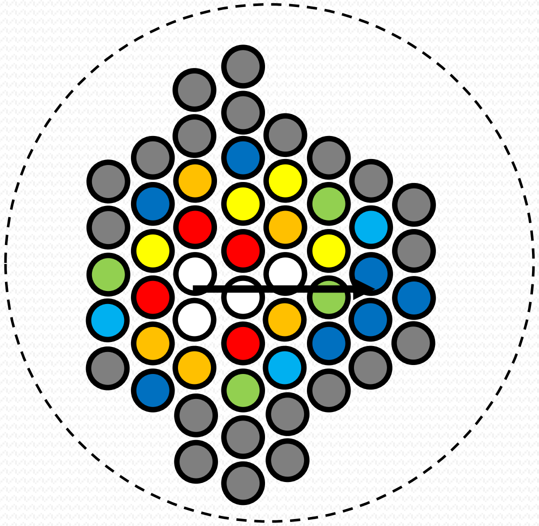

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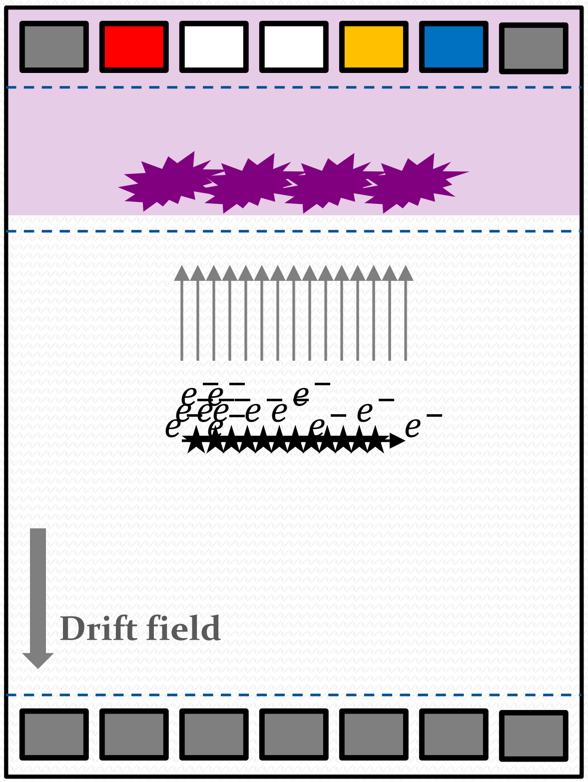

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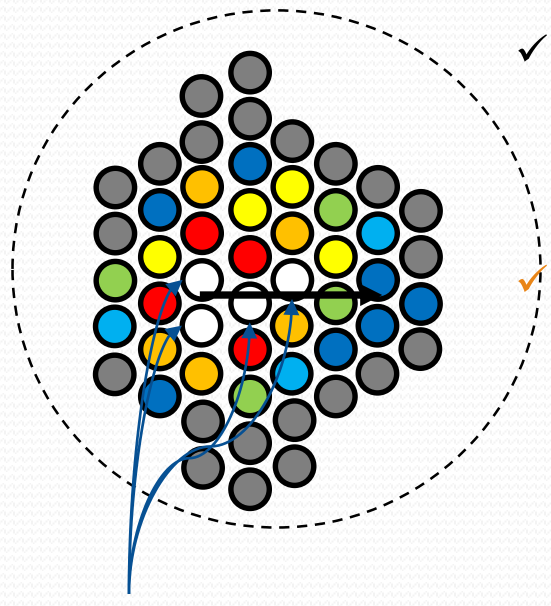

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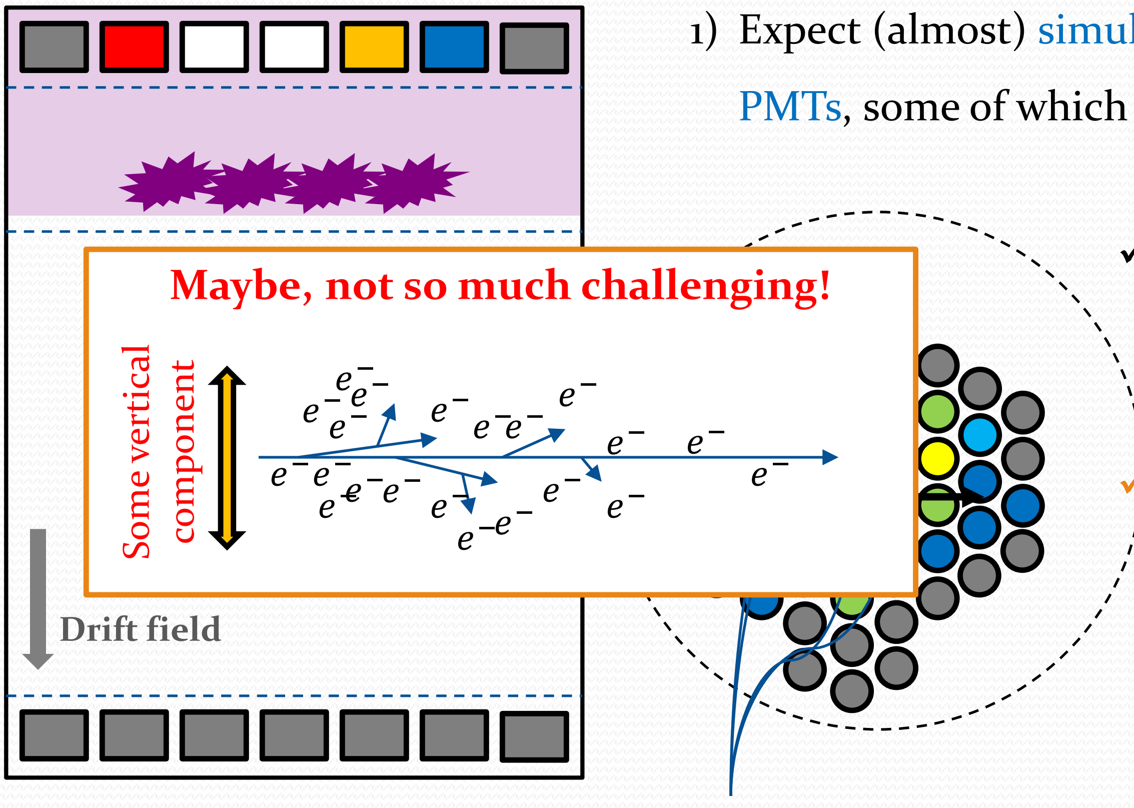

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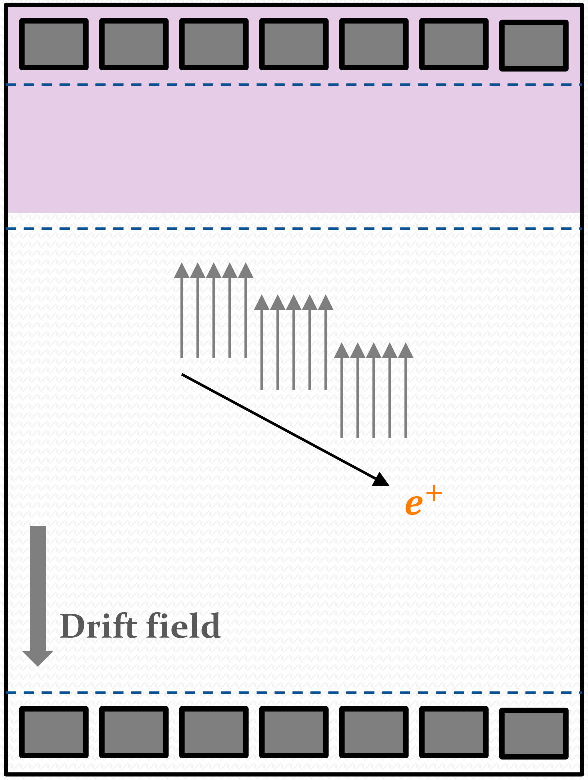

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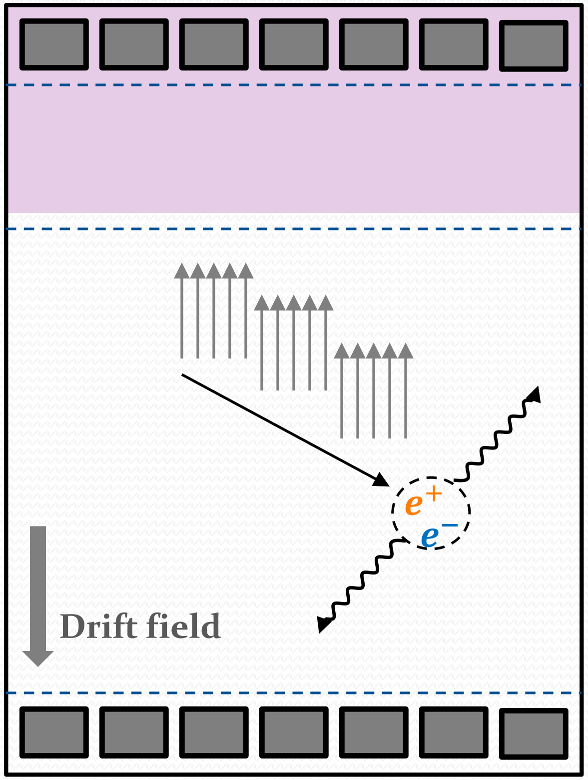

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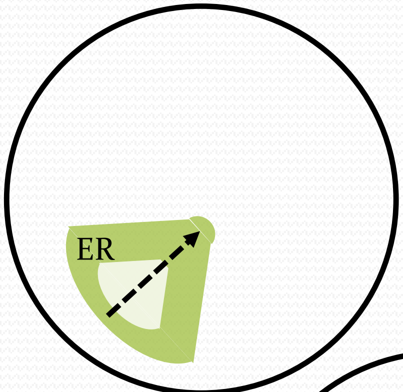

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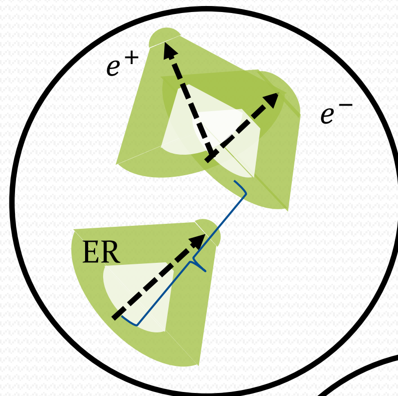

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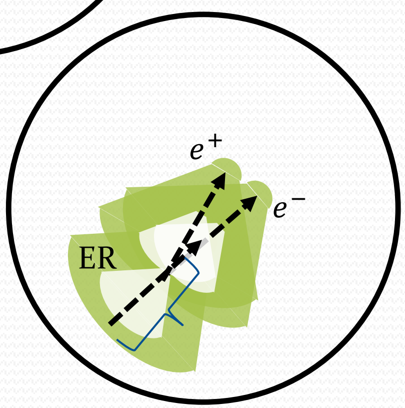

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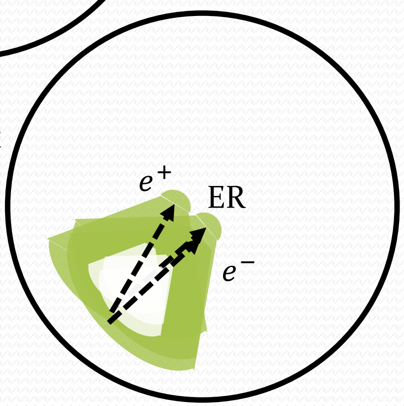

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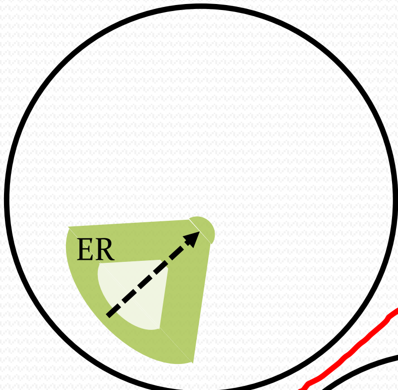

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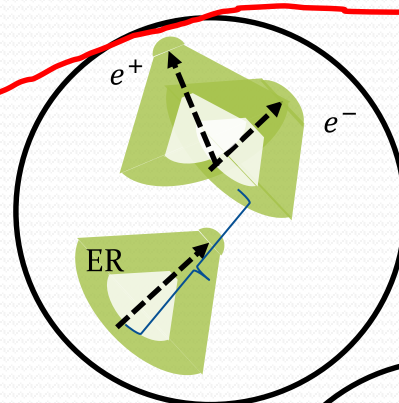

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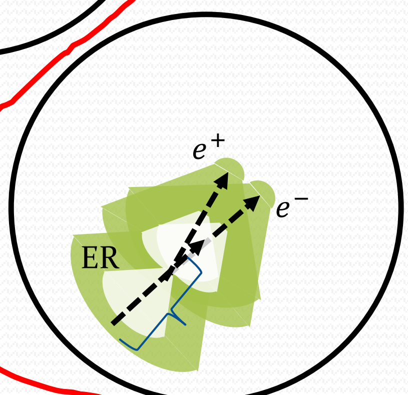

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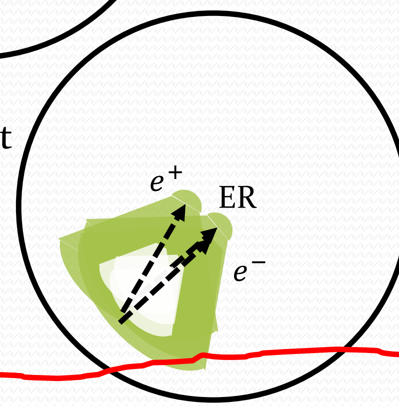

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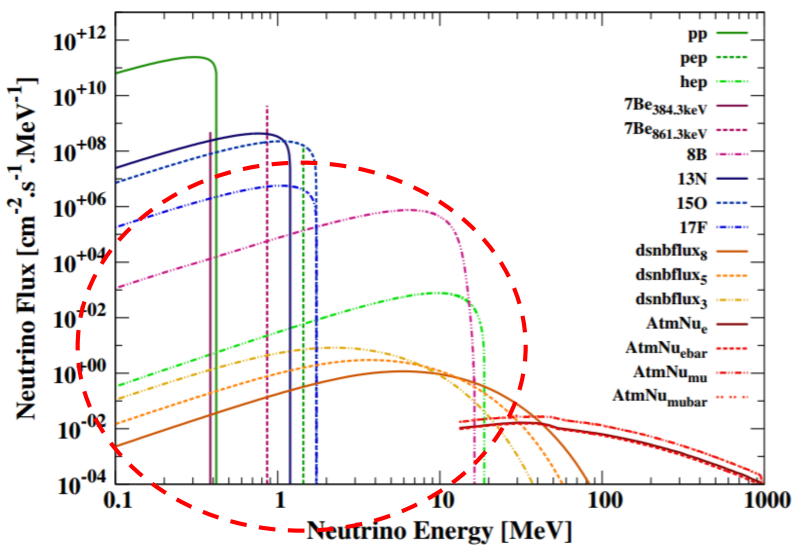

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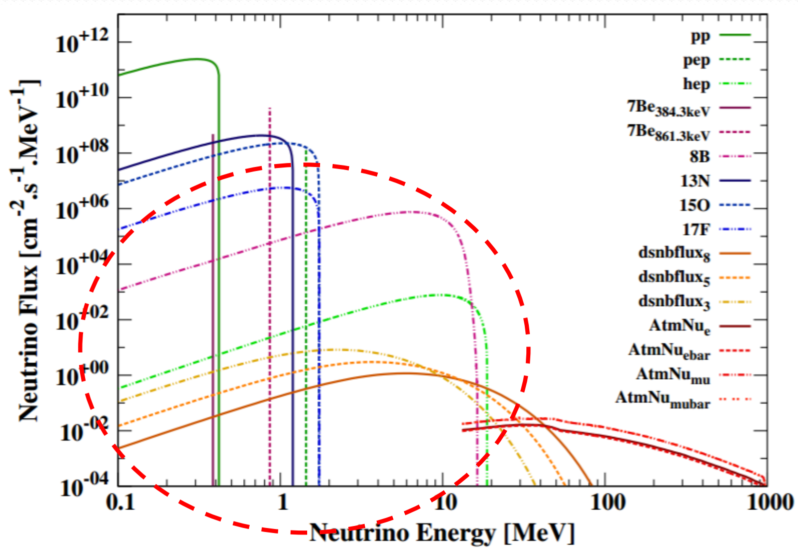

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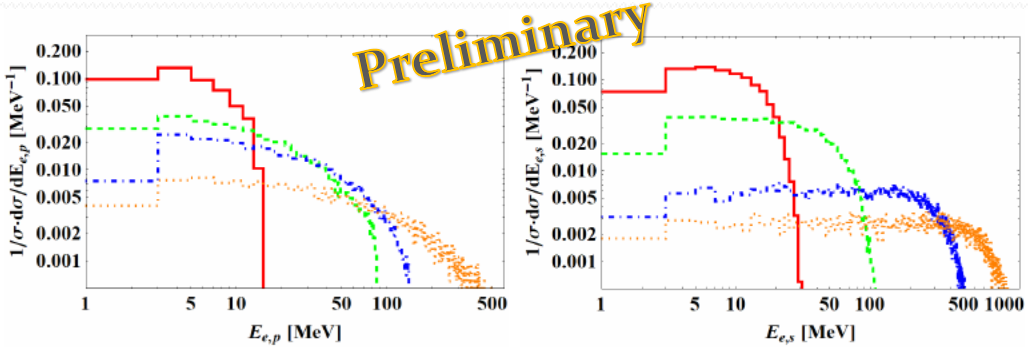

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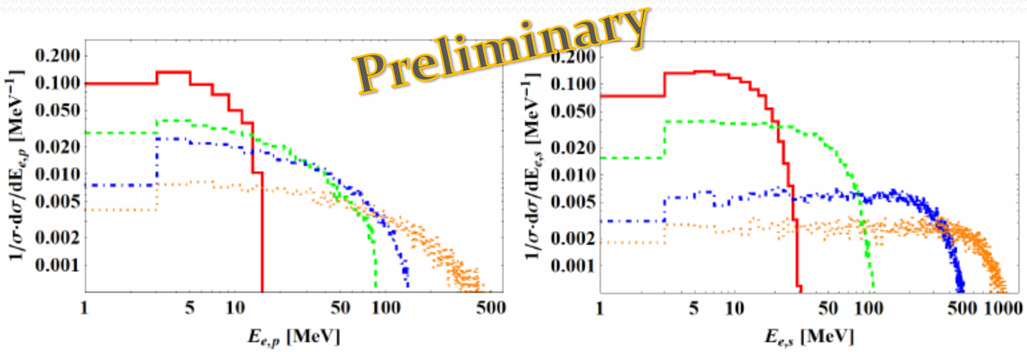

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Benchmark Studies: Detection Prospects

Preliminary

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Experiments	Run time	multi	single	multi	single	multi	single	multi	single
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	5 yr	390	32	43	1.5	0.075	0.075	0.054	0.054
DEAP-3600	1 yr	450	63	55	3.1	–	0.16	–	0.11
	5 yr	91	13	11	0.61	–	0.031	–	0.022
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	5 yr	36	5.4	5.0	0.26	0.013	0.013	0.0096	0.0096

TABLE II: Required fluxes of χ_1 in unit of $10^{-3}\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ with which our reference points get sensitive to the benchmark experiments. For comparison expected fluxes are shown under the assumptions of $\langle\sigma v\rangle_{\chi_0\chi_0\to\chi_1\chi_1} = 5\times10^{-26}\text{cm}^3\text{s}^{-1}$and the NFW DM halo profile.

- Selection criteria: "multi" channel – multiple tracks, "single" channel - > 1 track or a single track with $E_{\text{recoil}} \geq 10$ MeV.
- 3 signal events under the zero background assumption.
- DEAP3600 having no sensitivity to ref3 and ref4 in the "multi" channel: no displaced vertices in ref3 and ref4, it is challenging to identify 3 final state particles with S1 only.

Model-independent Reach

- Non-trivial to find appropriate parameterizations for providing model-independent reaches due to many parameters involved in the model
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$$N_{\rm sig} = \sigma \cdot \mathcal{F} \cdot A \cdot t_{\rm exp} \cdot N_e$$

  - σ: scattering cross section between χ_1 and (target) electron
  - $\mathcal{F}$: flux of incoming (boosted) χ_1
  - A: acceptance
  - $t_{\rm exp}$: exposure time
  - N_e: total number of target electrons

} **Controllable!** ($t_{\rm exp}$, N_e)

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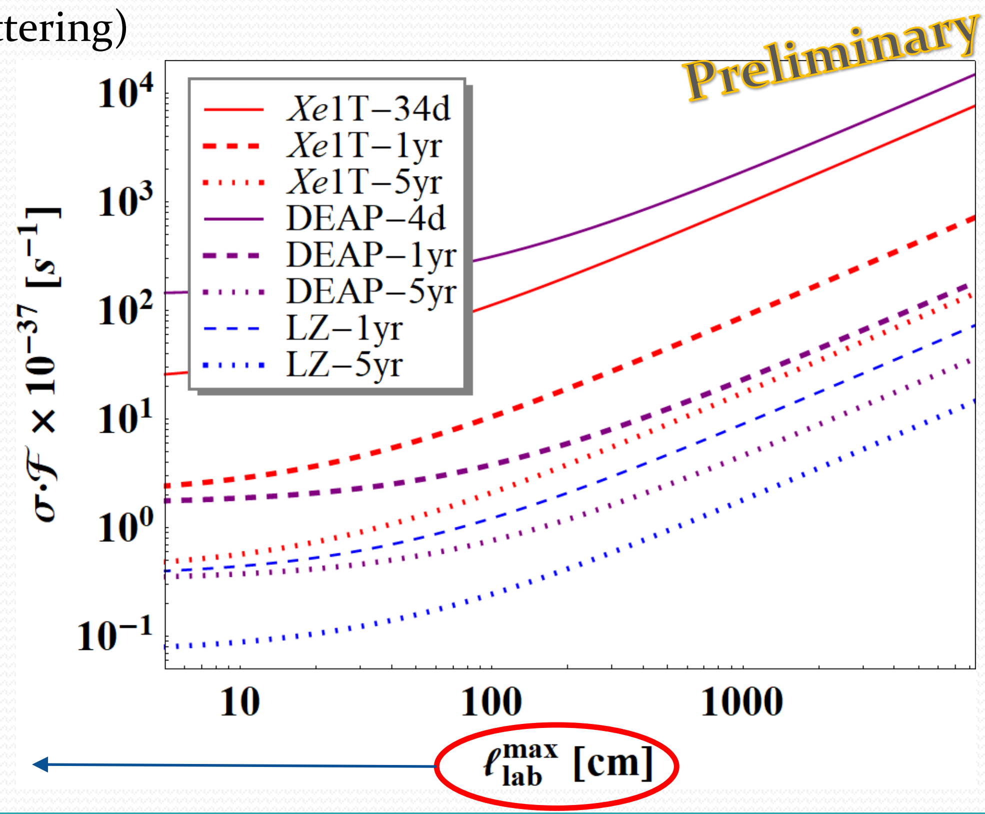

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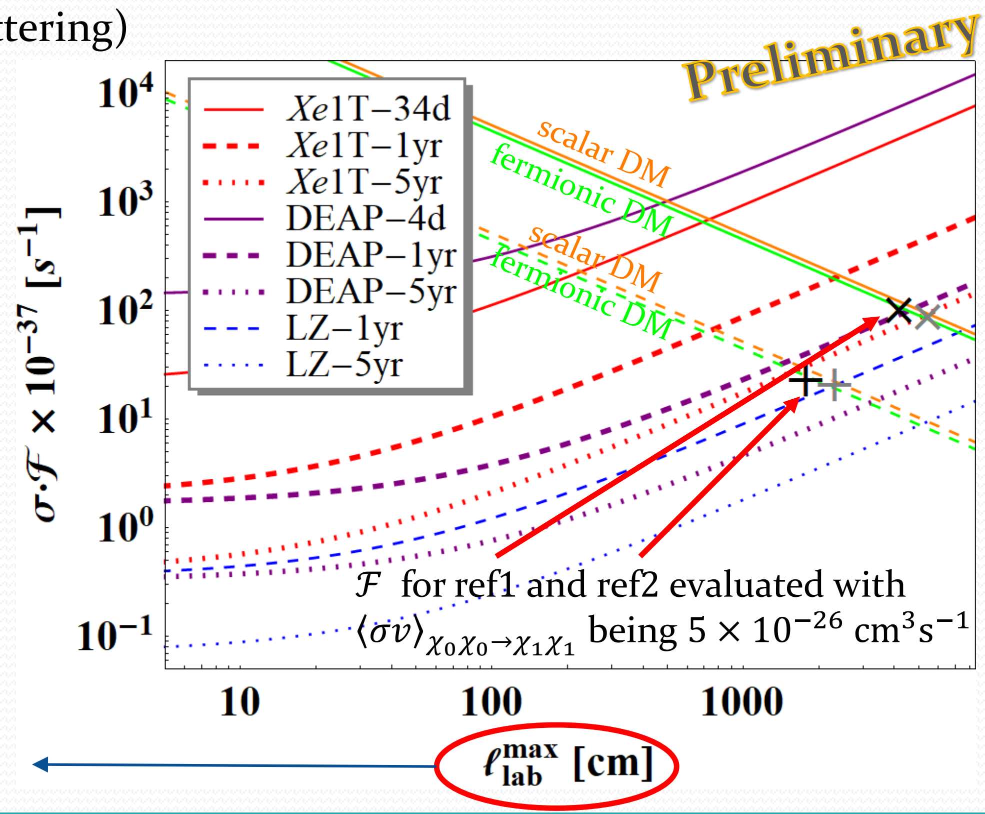

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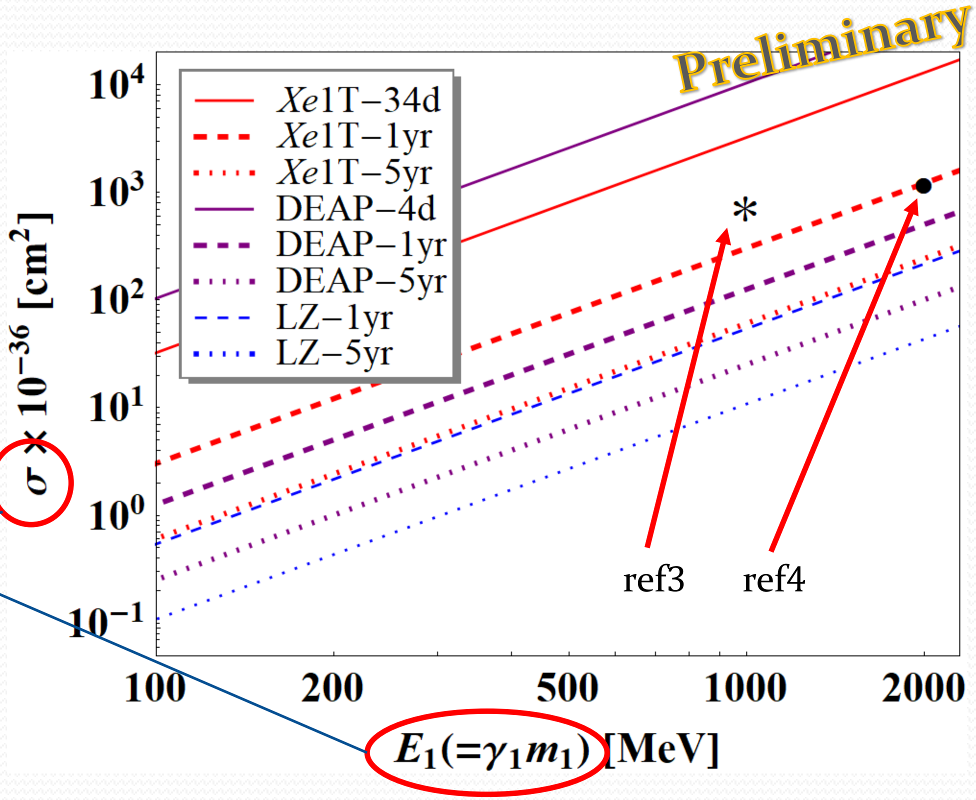

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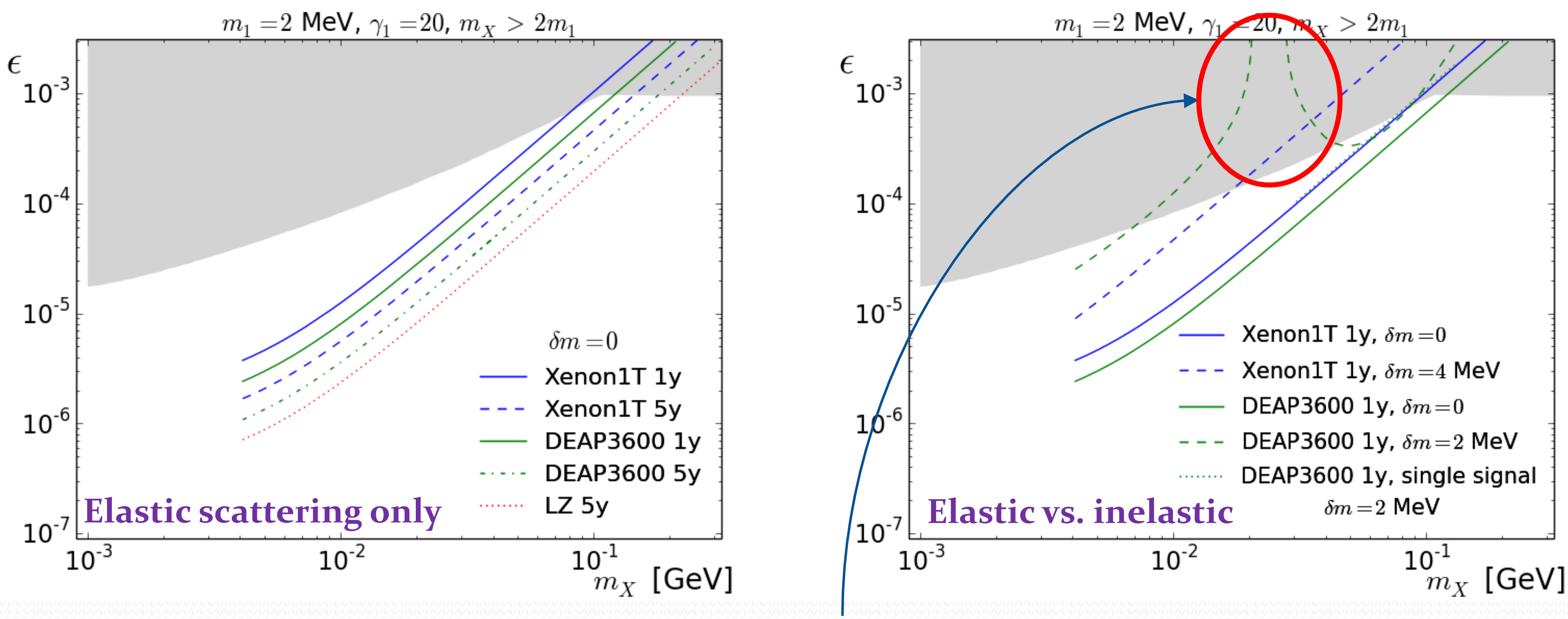

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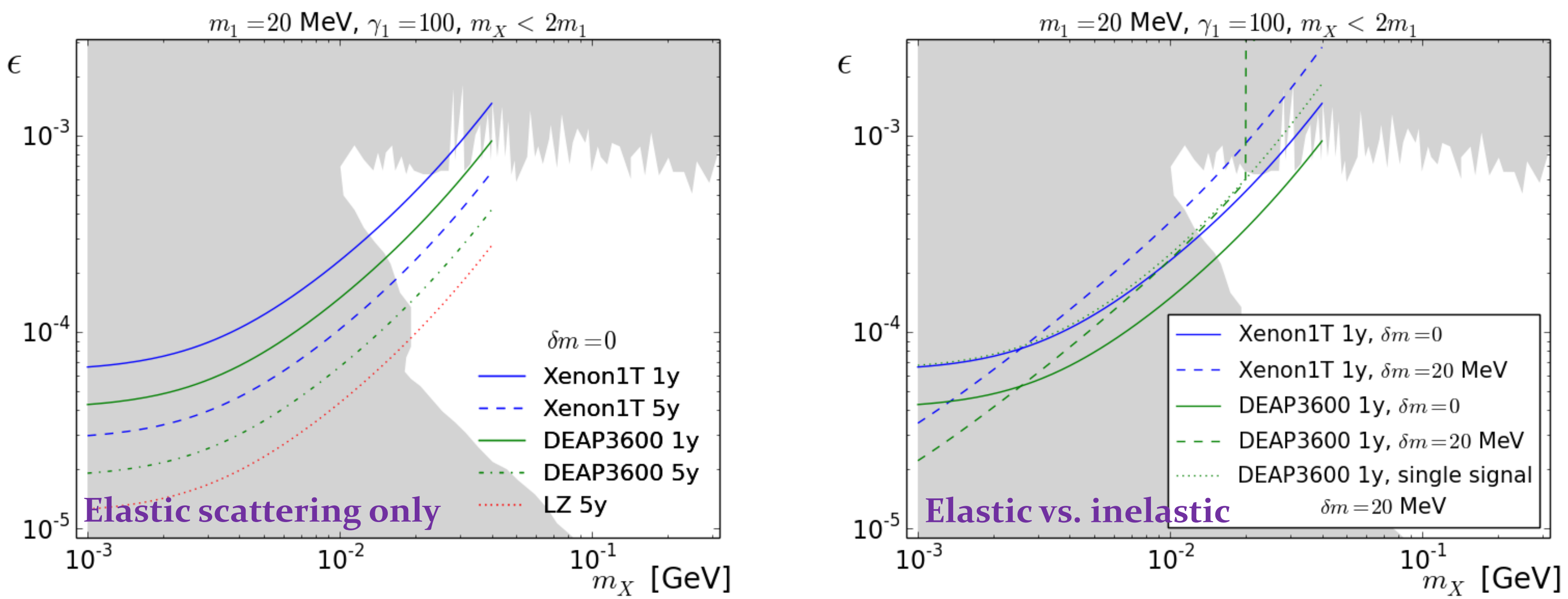

Conclusions

- Boosted light dark matter searches are **promising**.
- Conventional dark matter direct detection experiments possess **sensitivities to MeV-range** (heaviest light?) DM.
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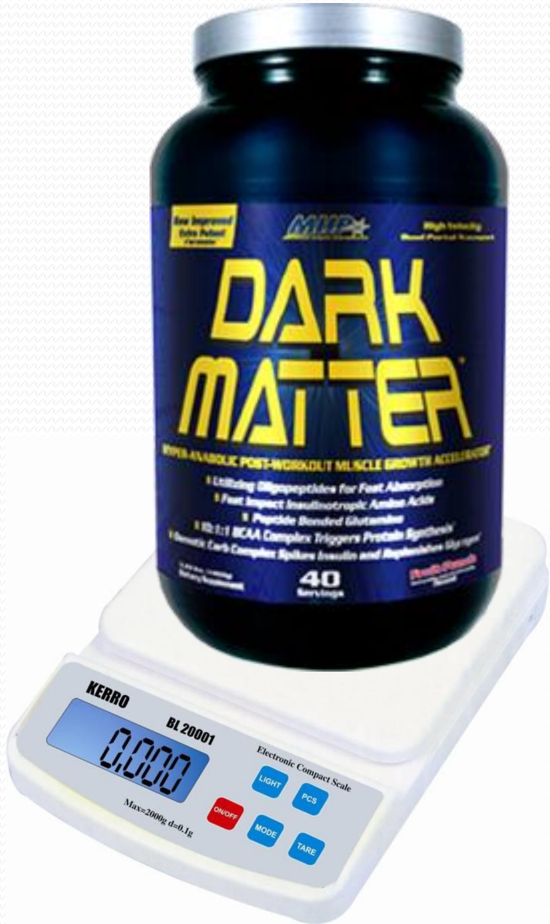

Back-up

Boosted DM from the Sky: Semi-annihilation

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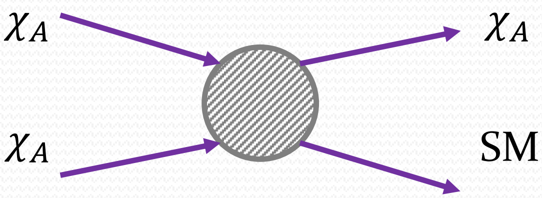
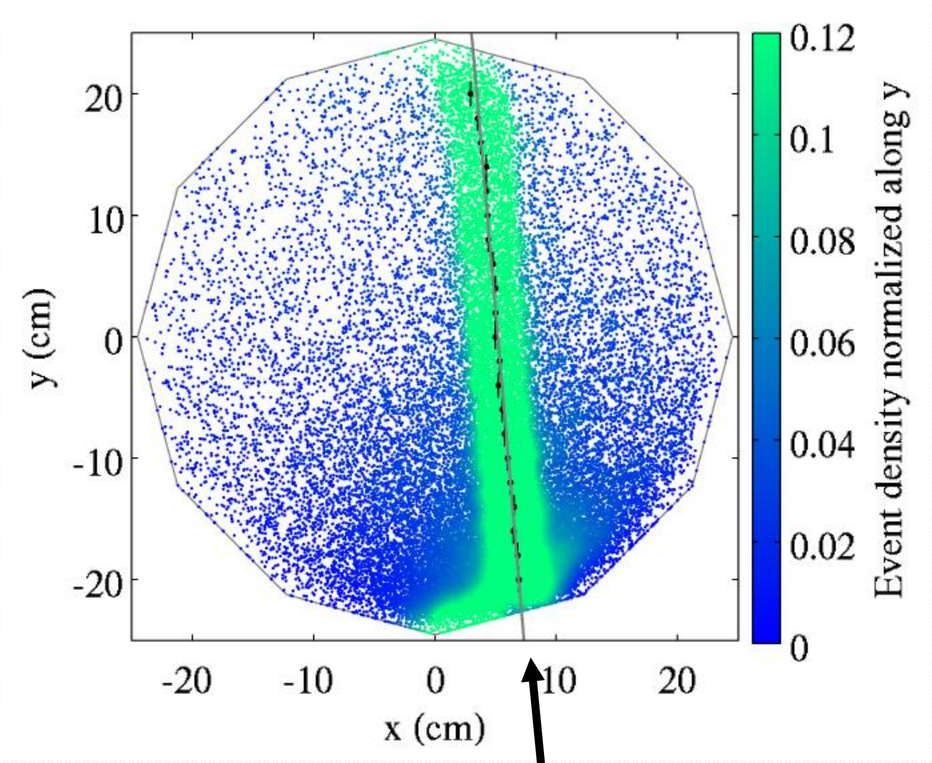


- Under the circumstance in which the mass of SM here is lighter (i.e., $m_A > m_{\rm SM}$), the outgoing χ_A can be boosted and its boost factor is given by

$$\gamma_A = \frac{5m_A^2 - m_{\rm SM}^2}{4m_A^2}$$

Boosted DM Signal Detection

[LUX Collaboration (2017)]



[Points: reconstructed S2 positions]

2.45 MeV neutron beam source

Expecting a long track by an energetic electron/positron

Backgrounds for Xenon1T

Table 2 Summary of the sources contributing to the background of XENON1T in a fiducial target of 1.0 t and a NR energy region from 4 to 50 keV (corresponding to 1 to 12 keV ER equivalent). The expected rates are taken from the Monte Carlo simulation-based study [18] and assume no ER rejection. CNNS stands for "coherent neutrino nucleus scattering".

Background Source	Type	Rate $[(t \times y)^{-1}]$	Mitigation Approach
^{222}Rn (10 μBq/kg)	ER	620	material selected for low Rn-emanation; ER rejection
solar pp- and ^{7}Be-neutrinos	ER	36	ER rejection
^{85}Kr (0.2 ppt of ^{nat}Kr)	ER	31	cryogenic distillation; ER rejection
$2\nu\beta\beta$ of ^{136}Xe	ER	9	ER rejection
Material radioactivity	ER	30	material selection; ER and multiple scatter rejection; fiducialization
Radiogenic neutrons	NR	0.55	material selection; multiple scatter rejection; fiducialization
CNNS (mainly solar ^{8}B-neutrinos)	NR	0.6	–
Muon-induced neutrons	NR	<0.01	active Cherenkov veto [43]; multiple scatter rejection; fiducialization

[Xenon Collaboration (2017)]

All are smaller than ~100 keV, hence irrelevant to our signals