

# WG I:

## New avenues in direct detection

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# DoE Charge

- Workshop is in response to P5 report recommendations to maintain a diversity of new, small projects for dark matter searches in areas of parameter space not currently being (or on track to be) explored
- Show the existence of a (organized and well motivated) community
- Show we have a strong physics case with clear targets in the parameter space
- Show we have a clear roadmap (experimental program) to address the physics case:
  - ready to start project funding FY19 (generation 1)
  - complementary or more sensitive follow-up (generation 2) in ~5-7y (?)
  - an R&D activity for a long term program (generation 3) in >7y (?)

# DoE would like to know about projects that...

- are <\$10 million
- can be mostly DoE funded
- targeting new parameter space

we will want to make a clear summary  
for close-out plenary and white paper

# White paper

- Authorship is to be determined, but likely anyone supportive of this science and who contributes to white paper
- 1-page contributions will help conveners summarize all ideas — please send to us asap

# We will collect info in a table (discuss)

Name of Experiment	Target Material	Readout	Parameter space	Project Budget	Timescale/Status
xenon TPCs (Xenon100/1T/ nT, LUX, LZ)	Xe	TPC	~5 MeV (ER) ~500 MeV (NR+B) 1 GeV (NR)		many results + R&D ongoing
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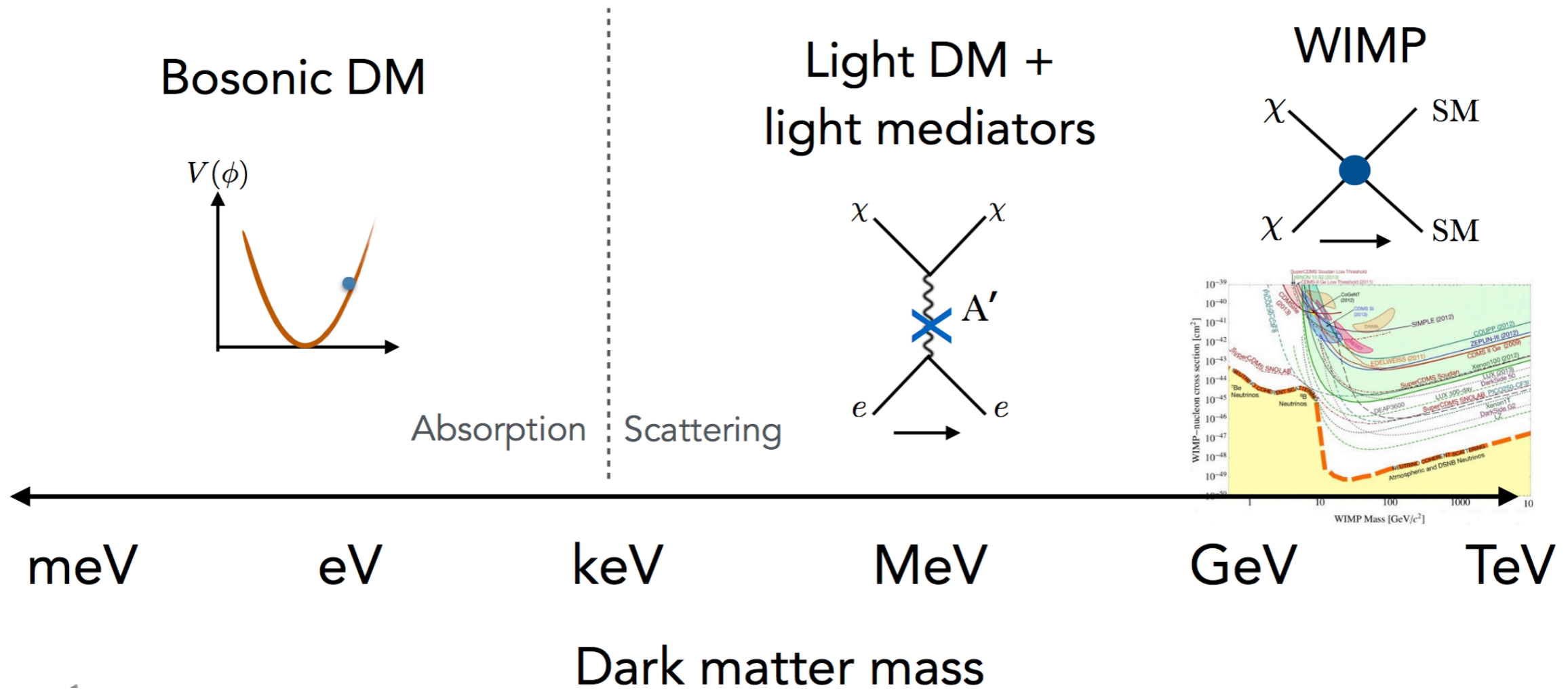
# Important goal: explain why science case is strong

To make a clear and simple case in close-out plenary, we may want to:

- Decide which parameter space we want to focus on
- Provide 1 or 2 benchmark models w/ sharp targets in this parameter space

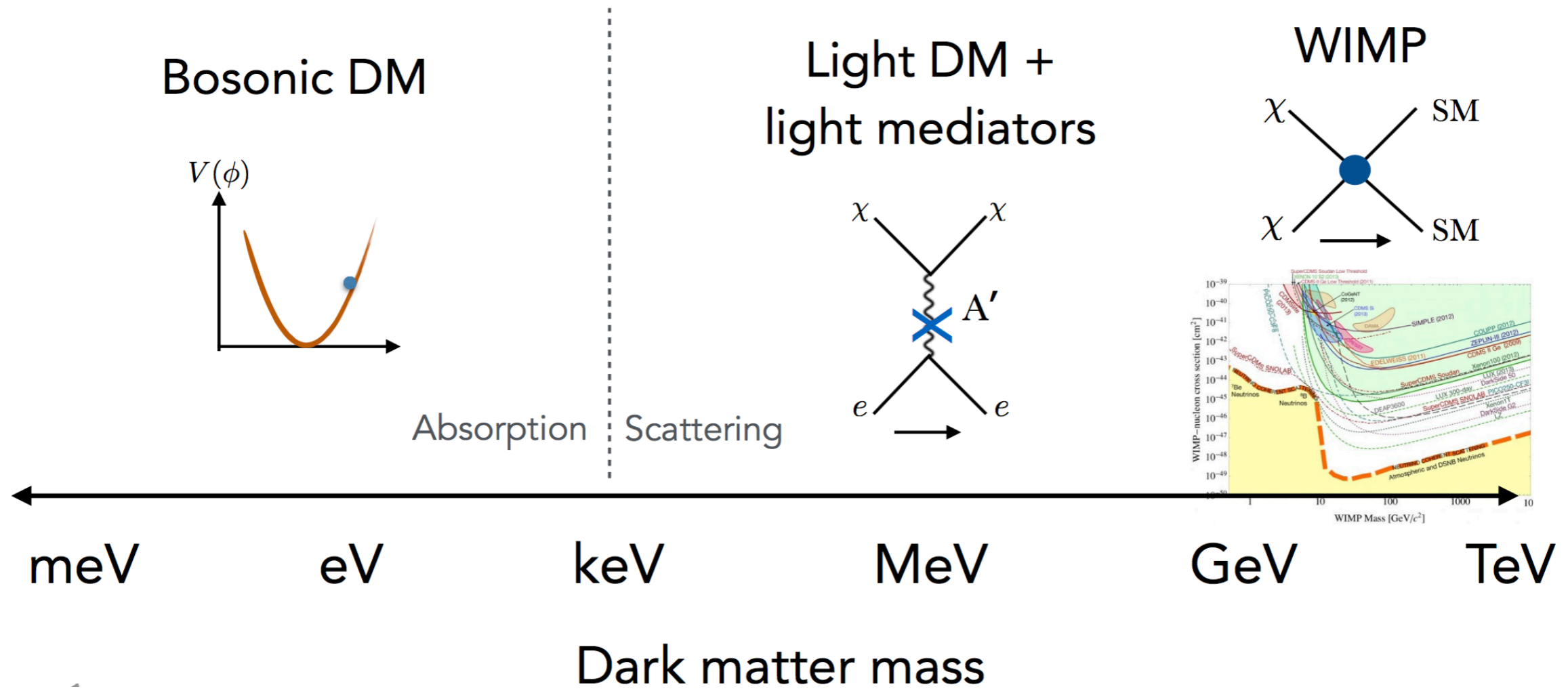
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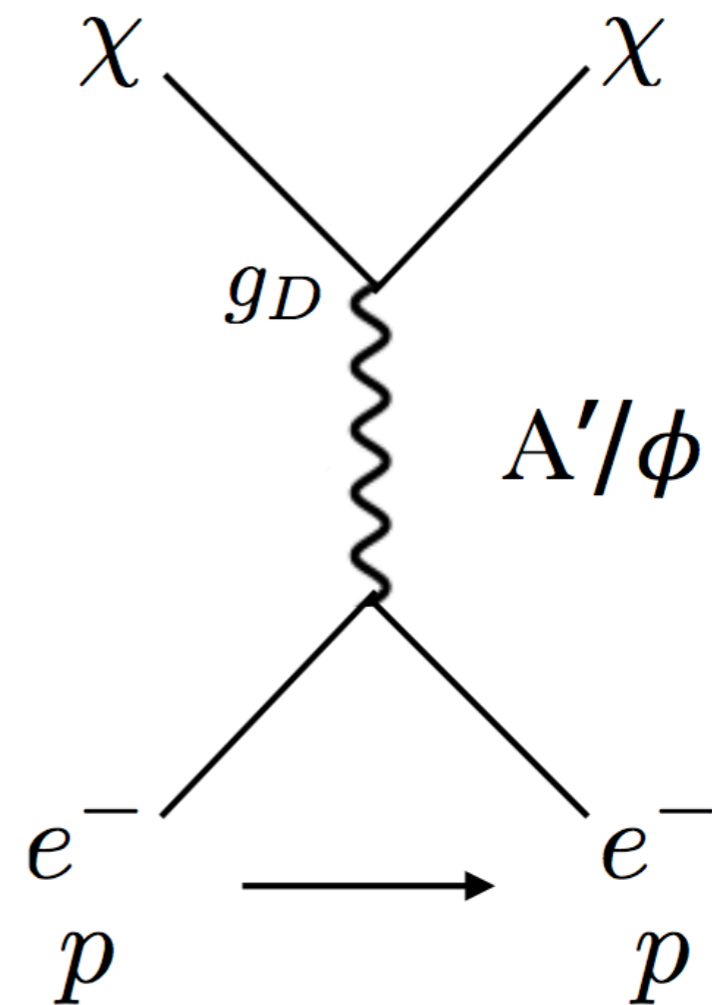
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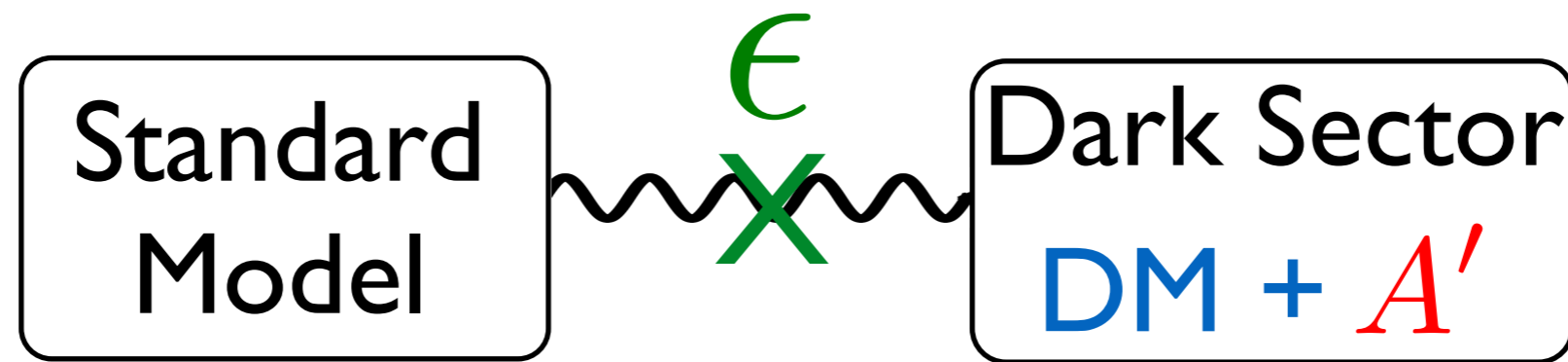
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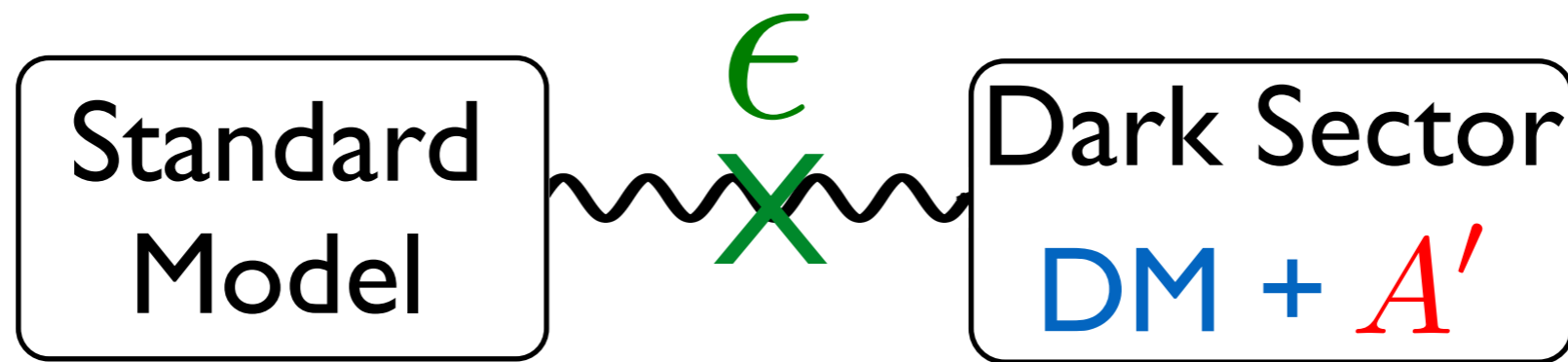
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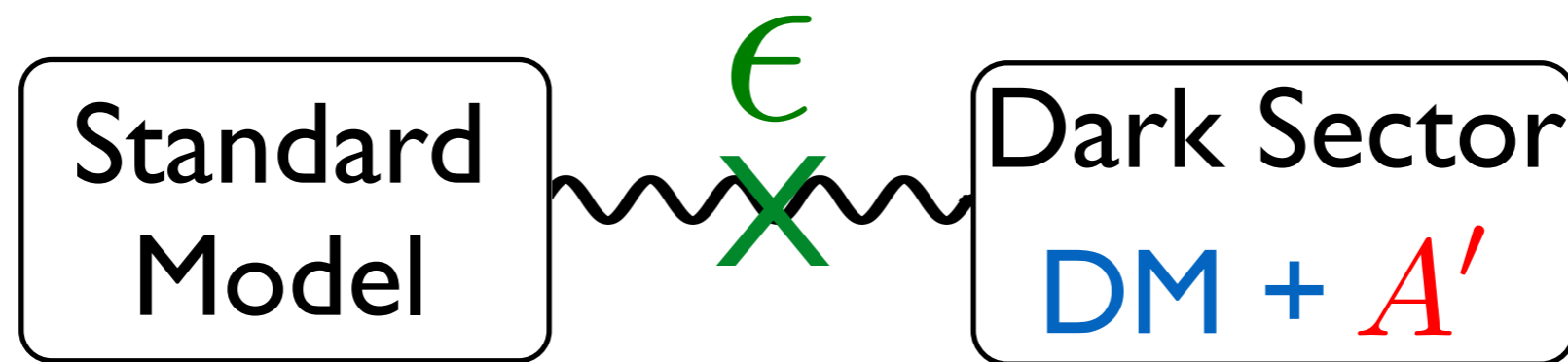
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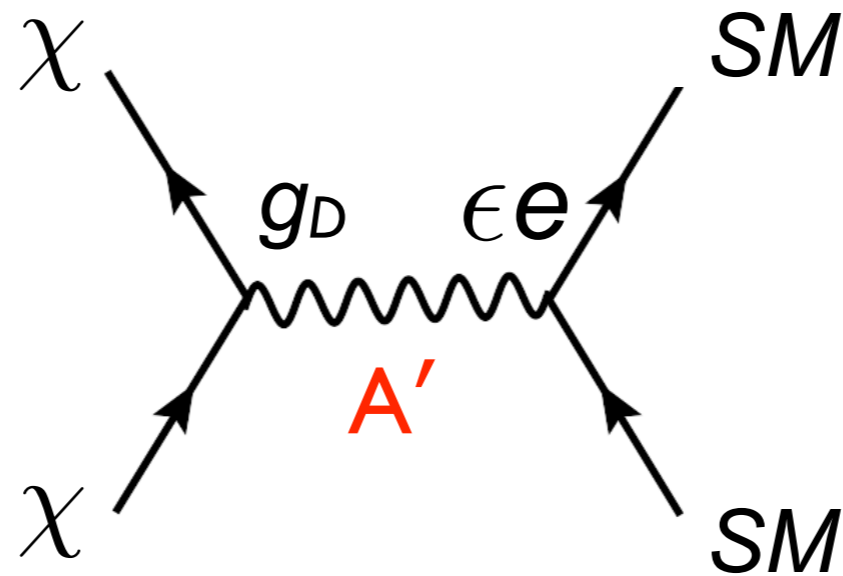
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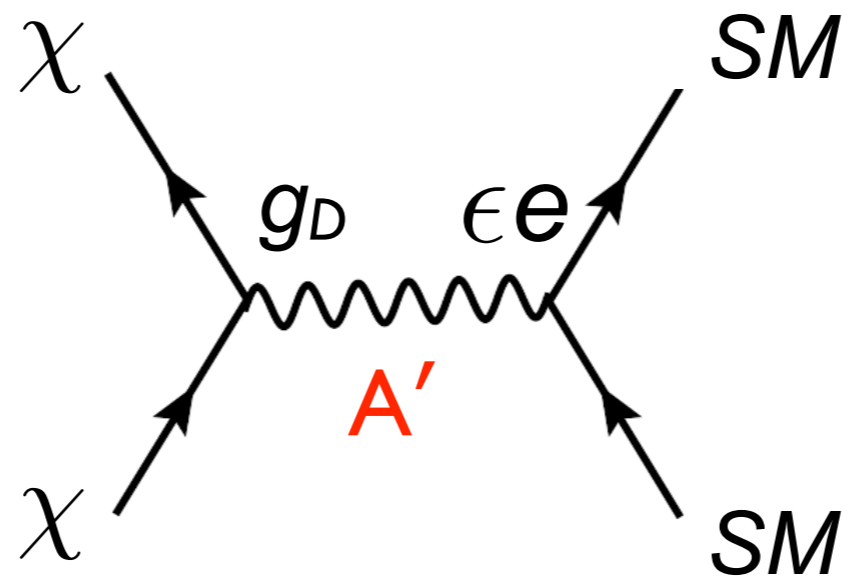
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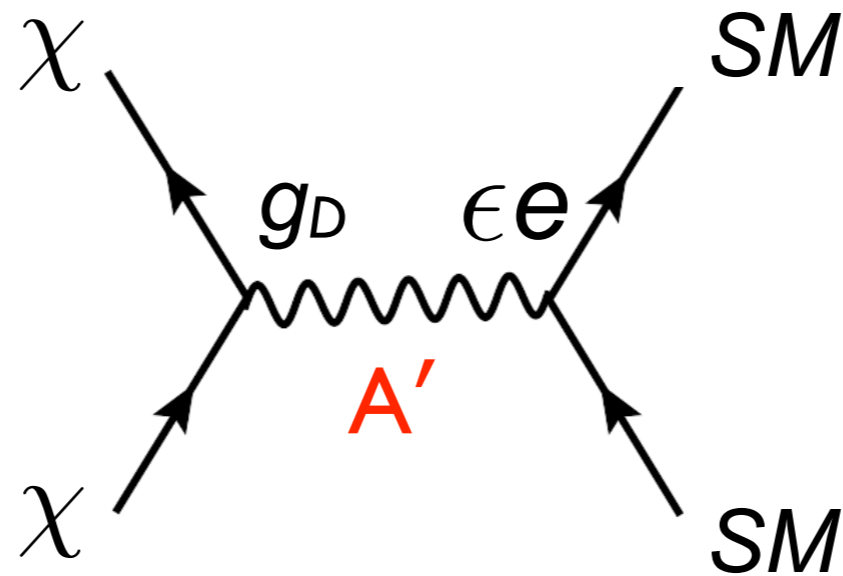


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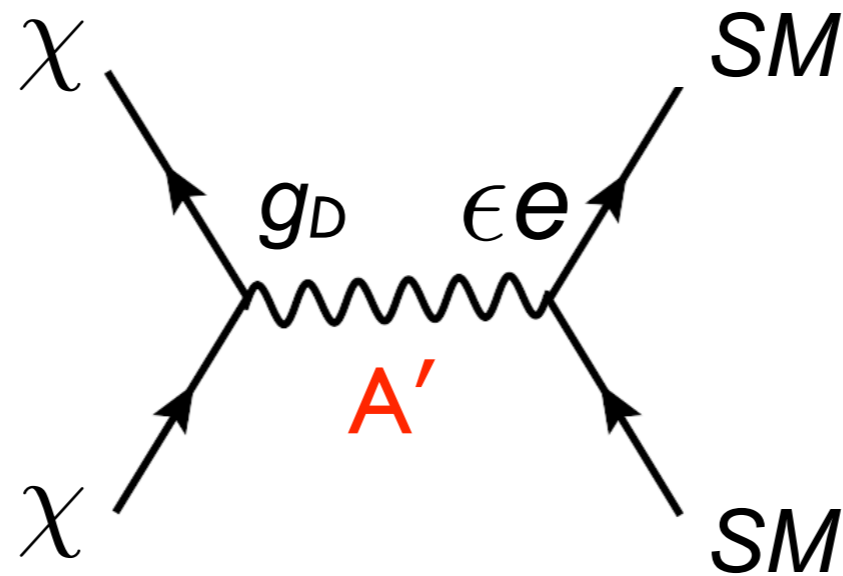
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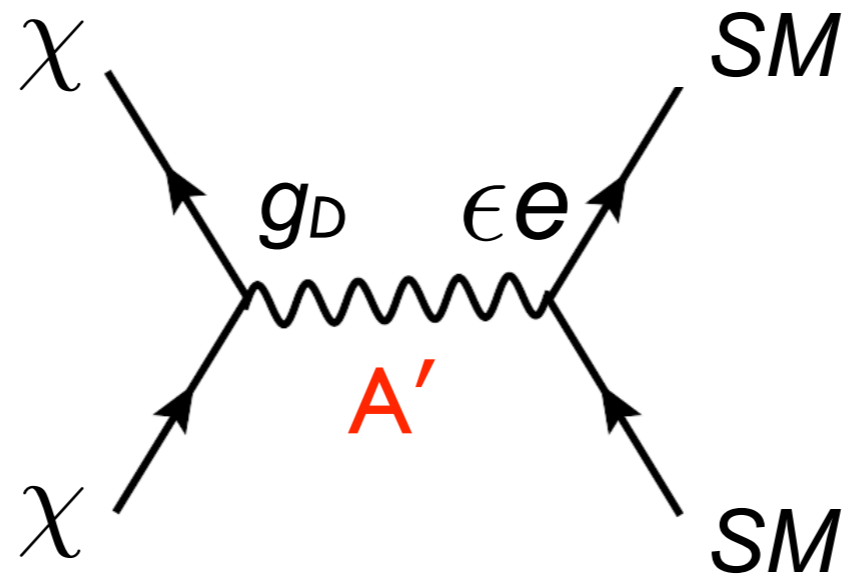
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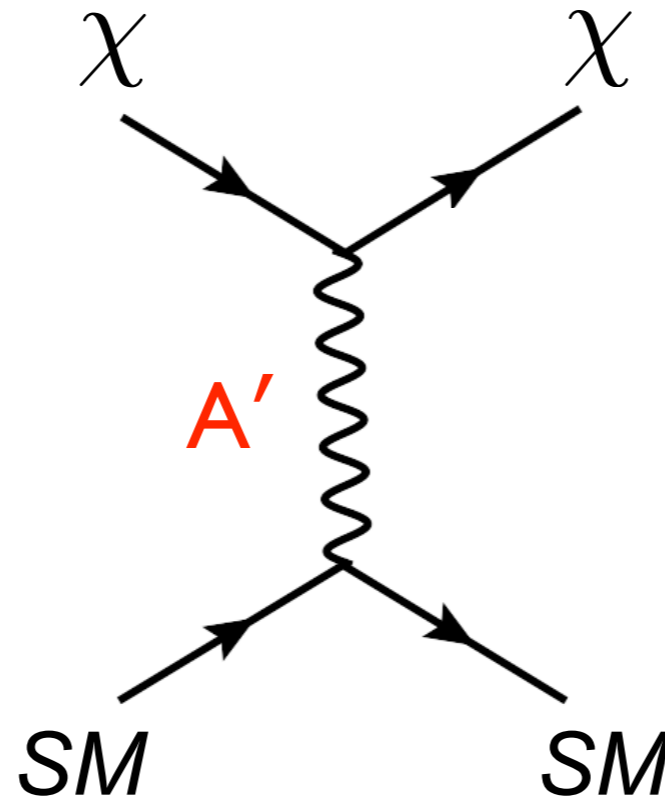
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*provides nice targets for  
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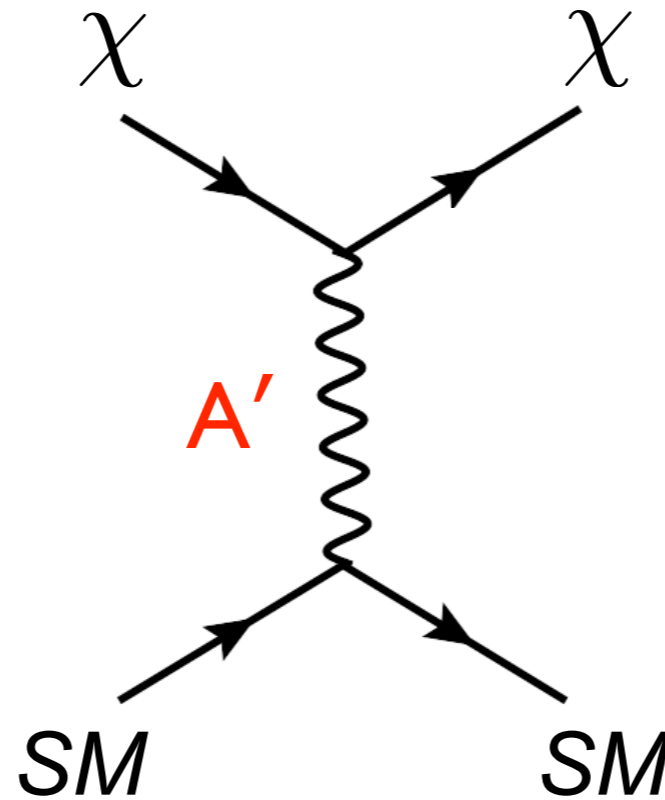
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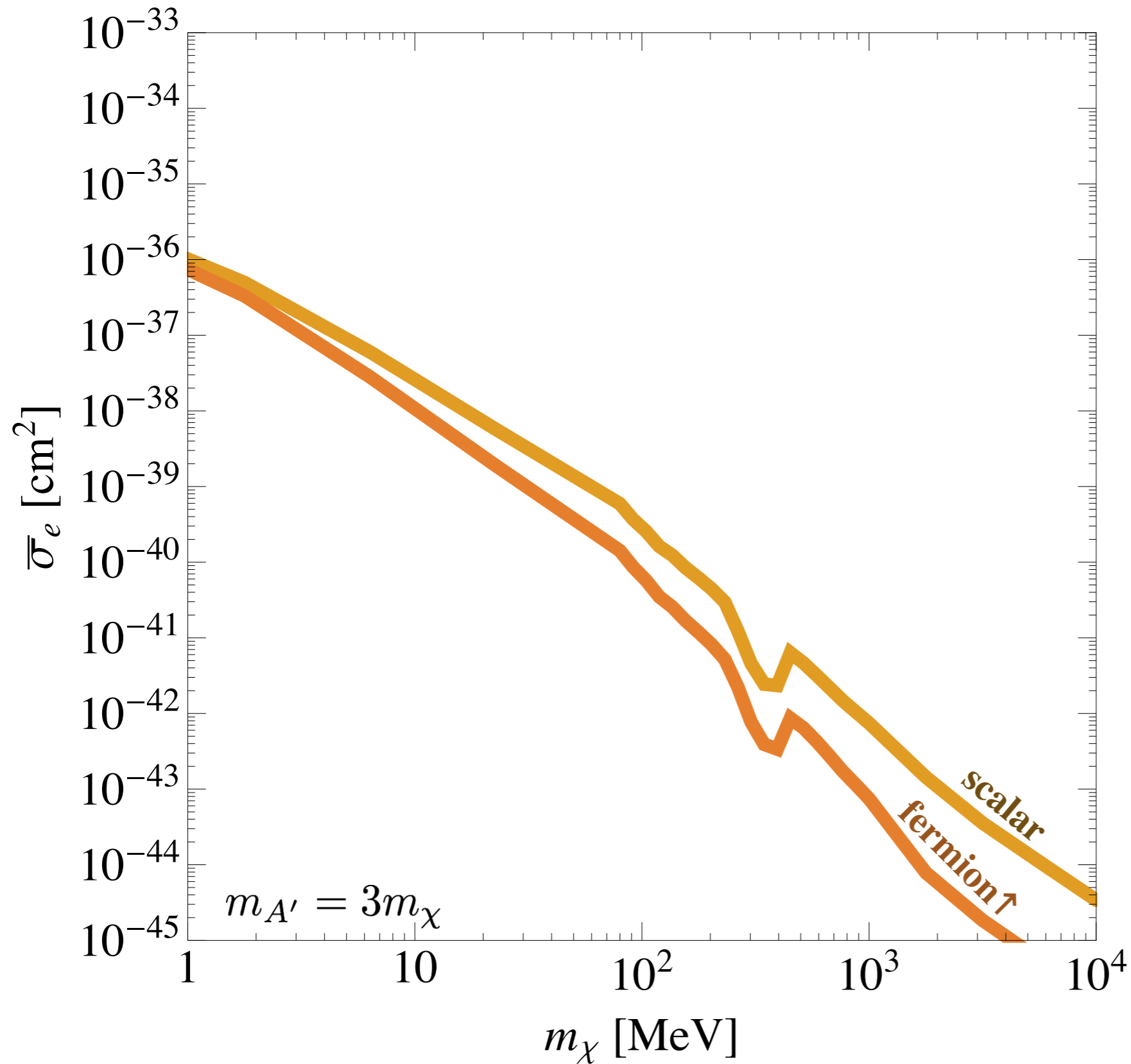


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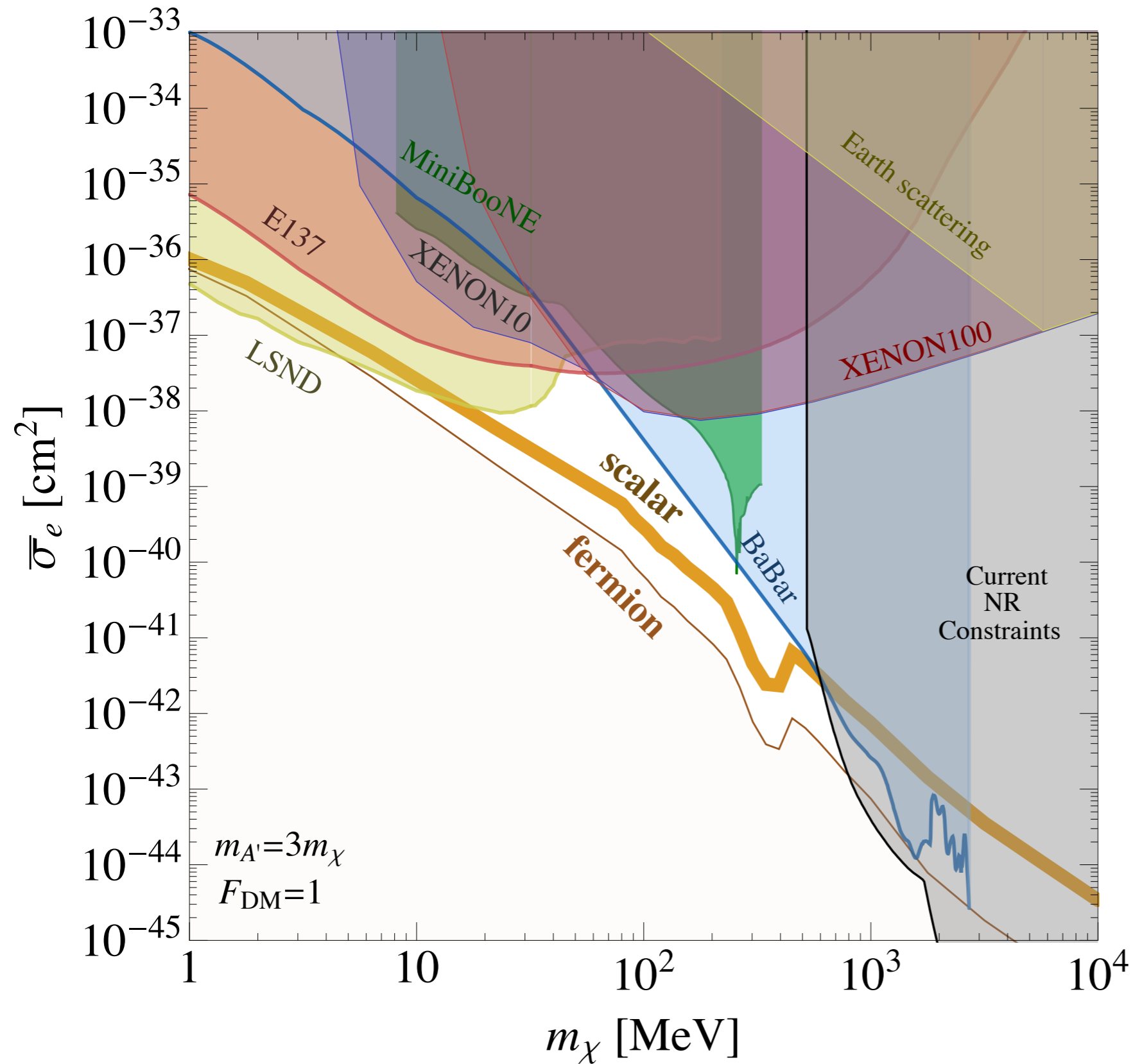
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similar combination as freeze-out parameters!

# Freeze-out & Asymmetric DM targets



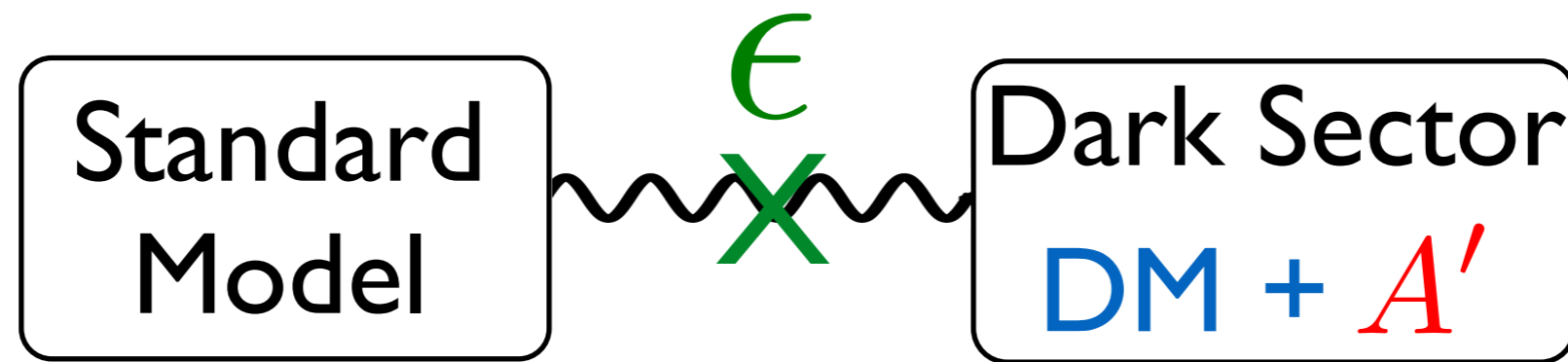
# Current constraints



exciting  
complementarity  
with collider &  
beam-dump probes



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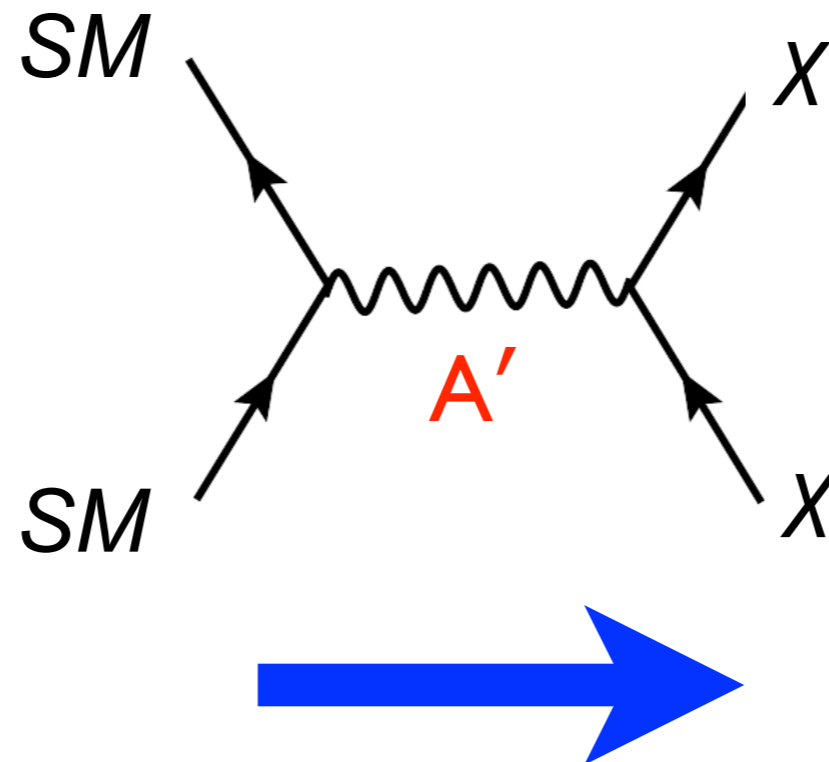
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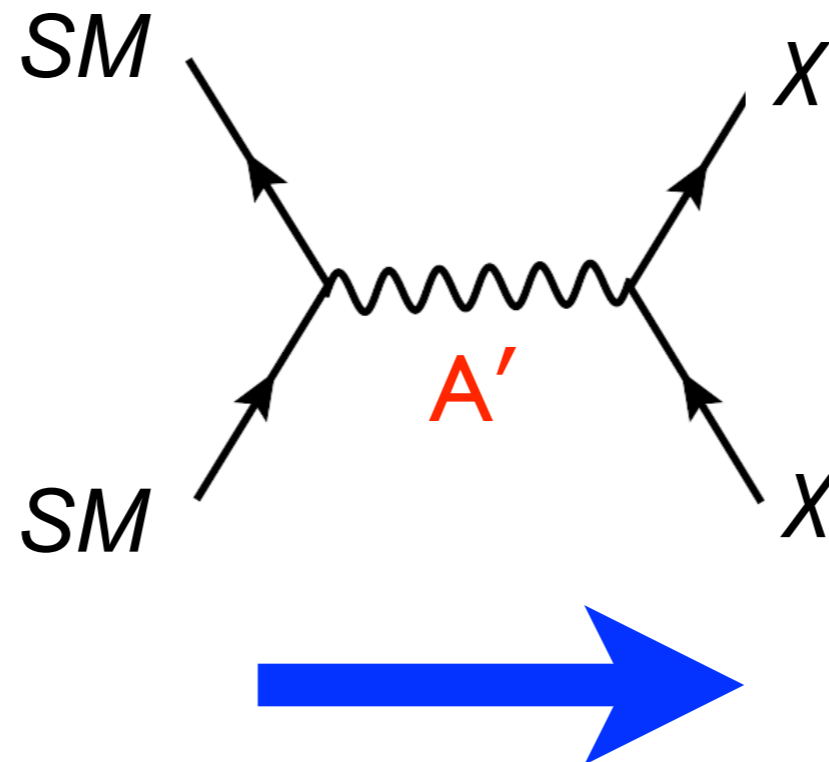


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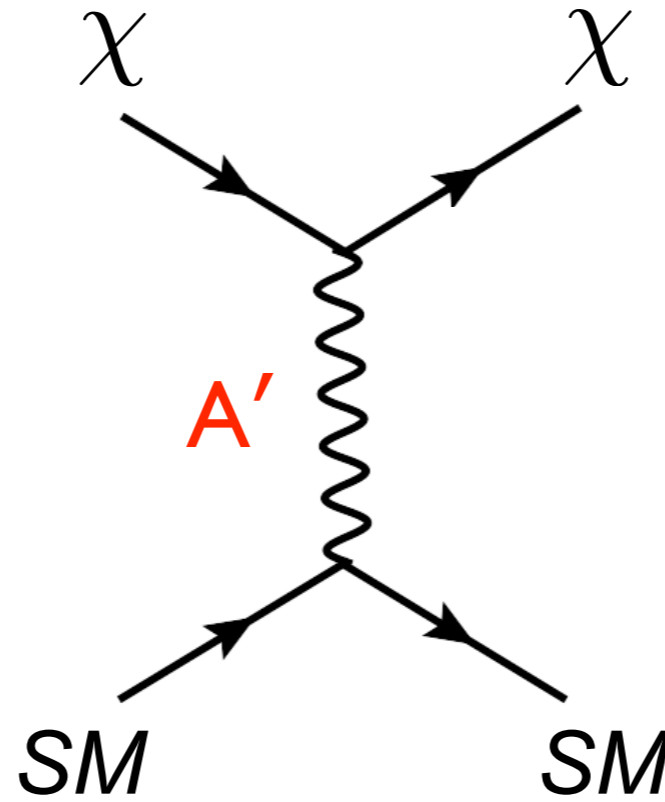


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e.g.  $m_X = 100$  MeV, correct relic abundance for  $\alpha_D \epsilon^2 \sim 5 \times 10^{-24}$

(~independent of  $m_{A'}$ )

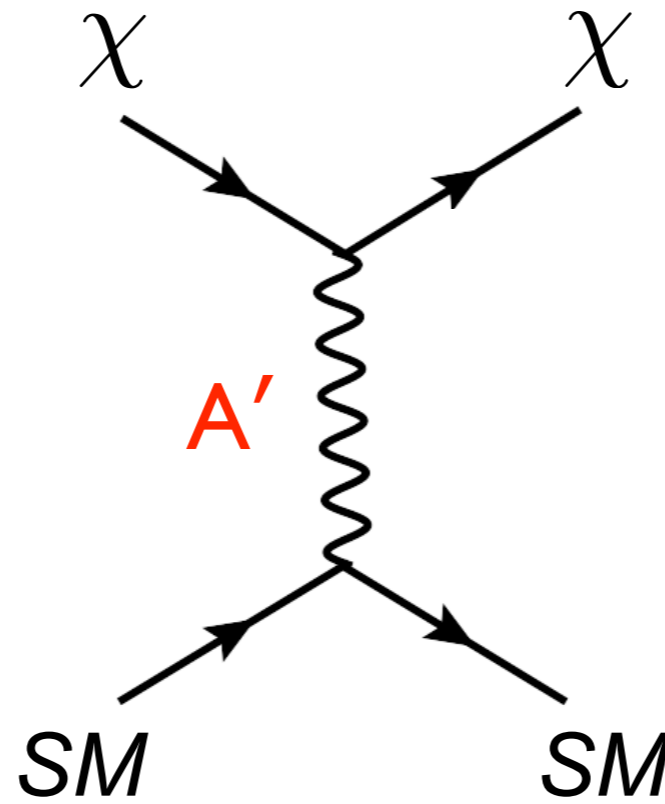
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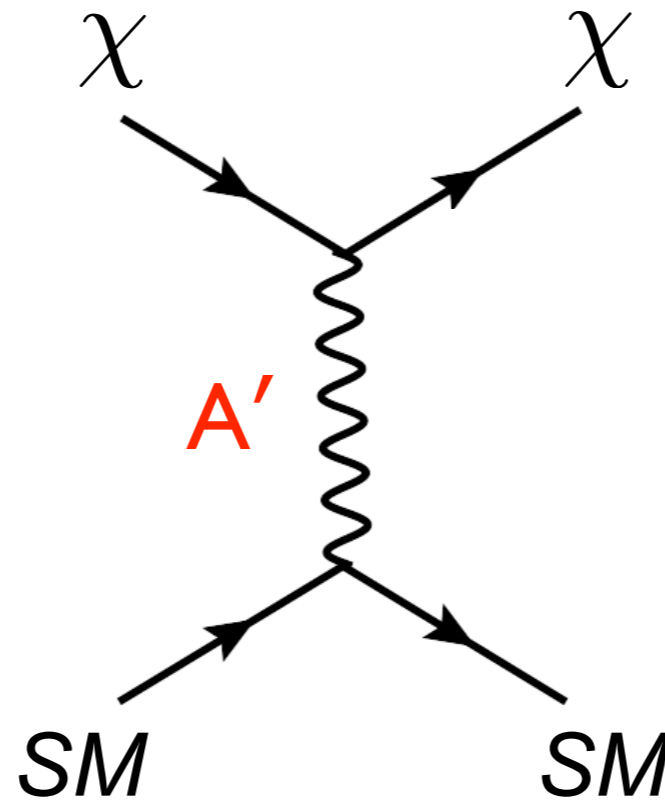
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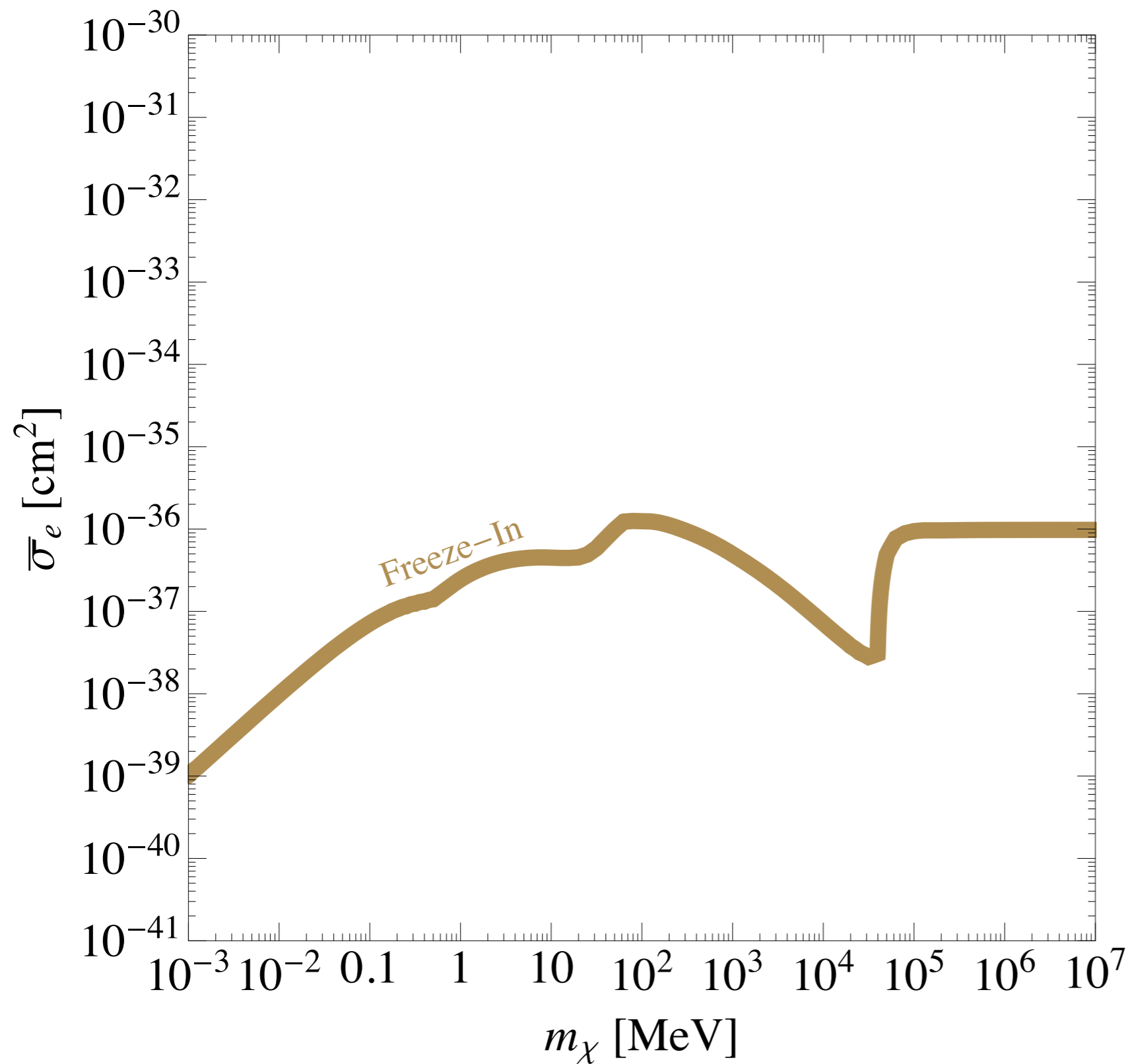
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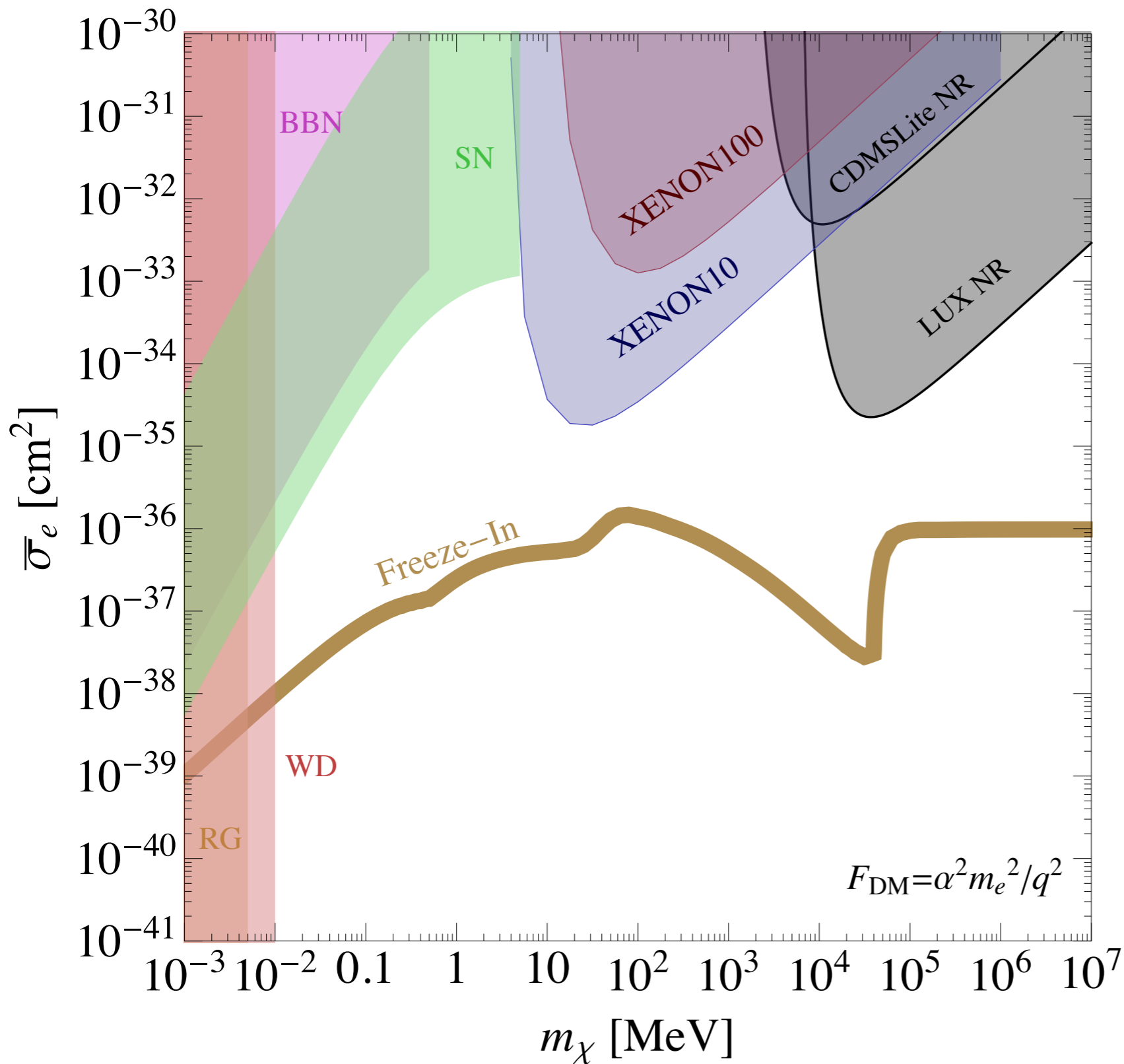
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# Freeze-in target



# Current Constraints



collider & beam-  
dump constraints  
irrelevant

light mediator  
scenario is uniquely  
probed by Direct  
Detection



# Summary of Possible Theory Targets for DM scattering

- “Thermal Freeze-out”
  - “Asymmetric freeze-out”
  - “Freeze-in”
- } closely related, count  
as 1 target?

# Discussion of Benchmark Models

- clear, simple targets
- DM can scatter off both electrons and nuclei:

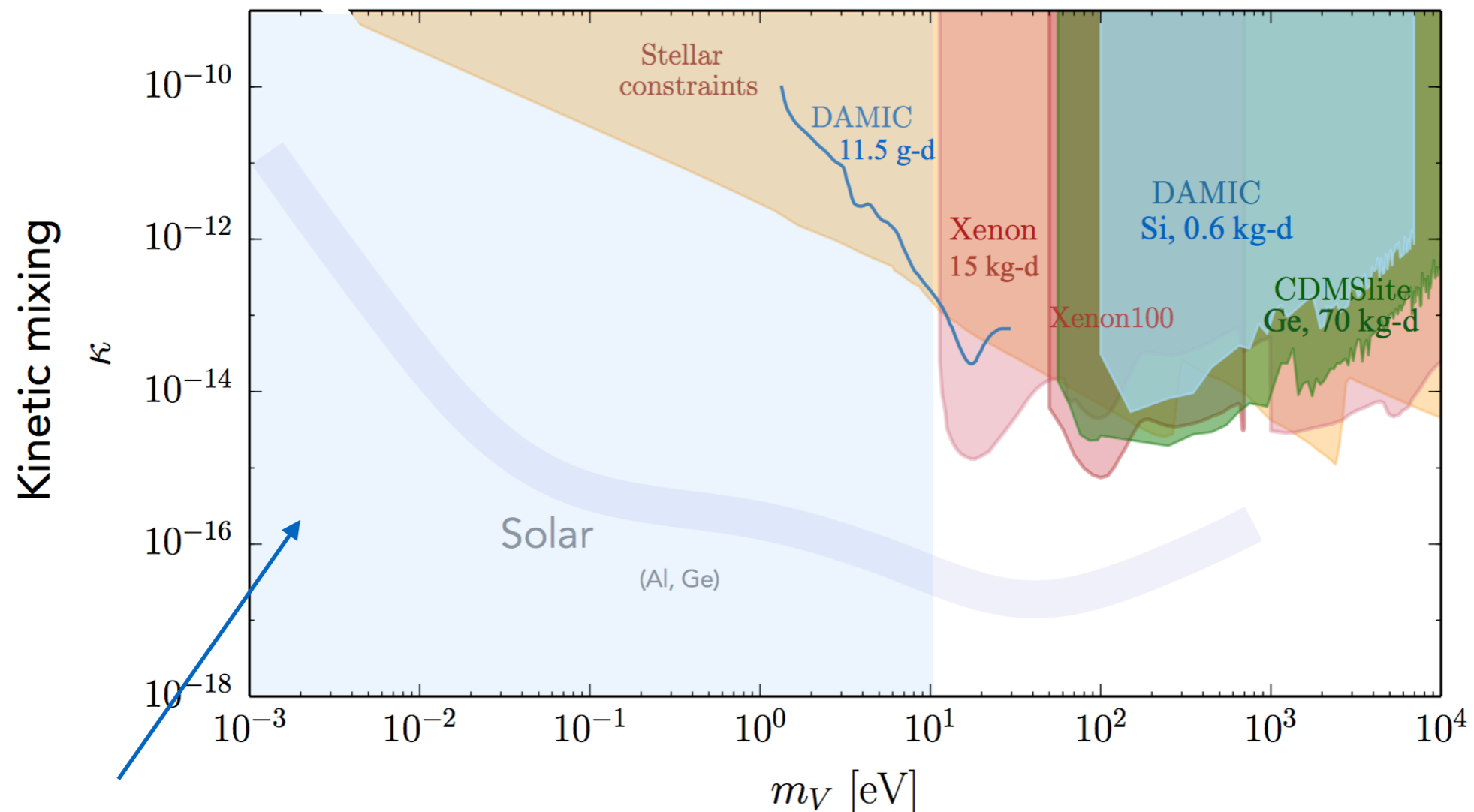
$$\bar{\sigma}_n \simeq \frac{Z^2}{A^2} \frac{\mu_{\chi,n}^2}{\mu_{\chi,e}^2} \bar{\sigma}_e \simeq \frac{1}{4} \frac{m_\chi^2}{m_e^2} \bar{\sigma}_e$$

- But benchmarks have shortcomings: since  $A'$  couples to electrically charged particles, some proposed detection techniques won't be very sensitive to this model
- In white paper, do we want to add other models (e.g. where DM couples preferentially to quarks)?

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## Hidden photon



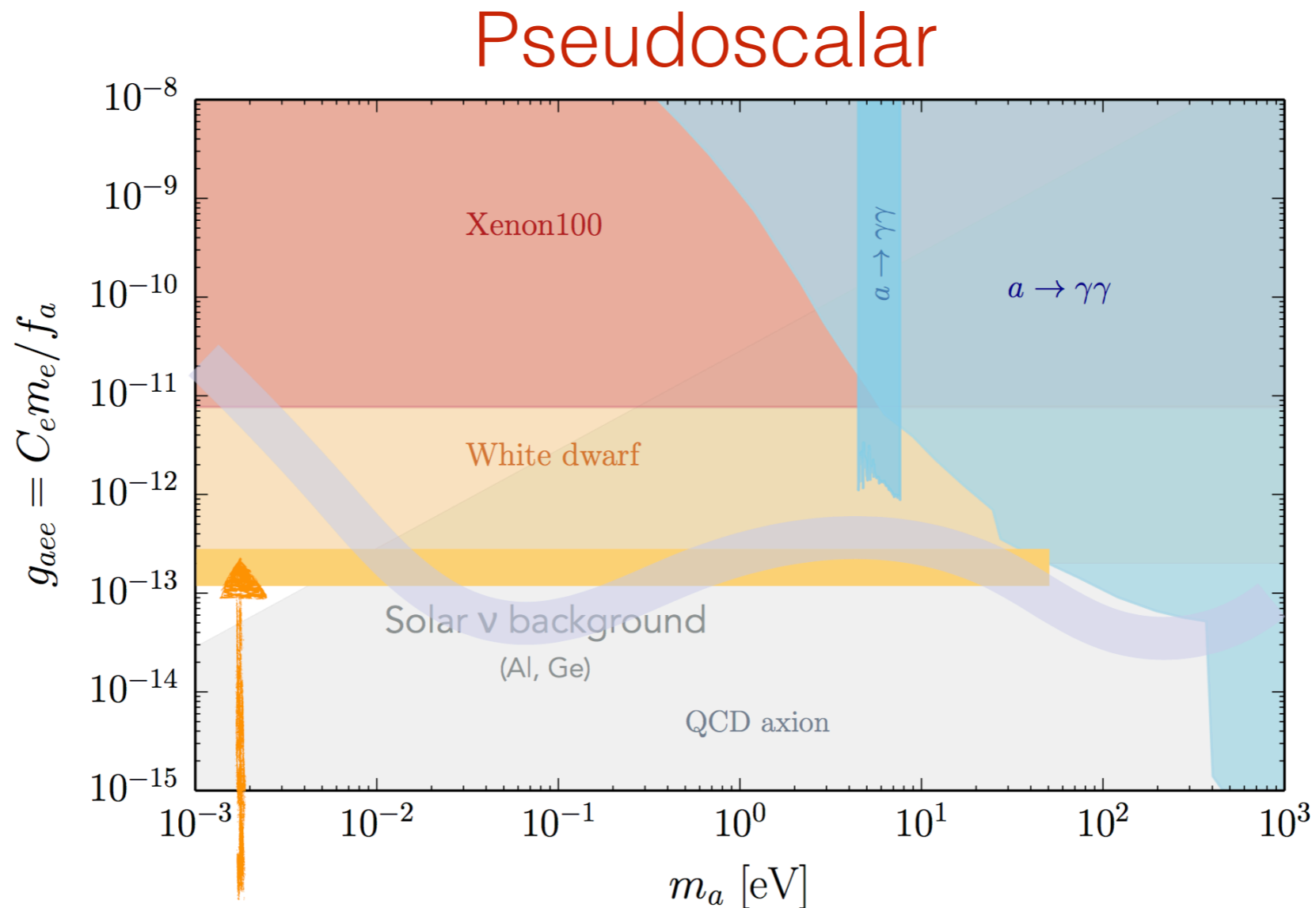
$$10^{12.5} \text{ GeV} < H_I < 10^{13.5} \text{ GeV}$$

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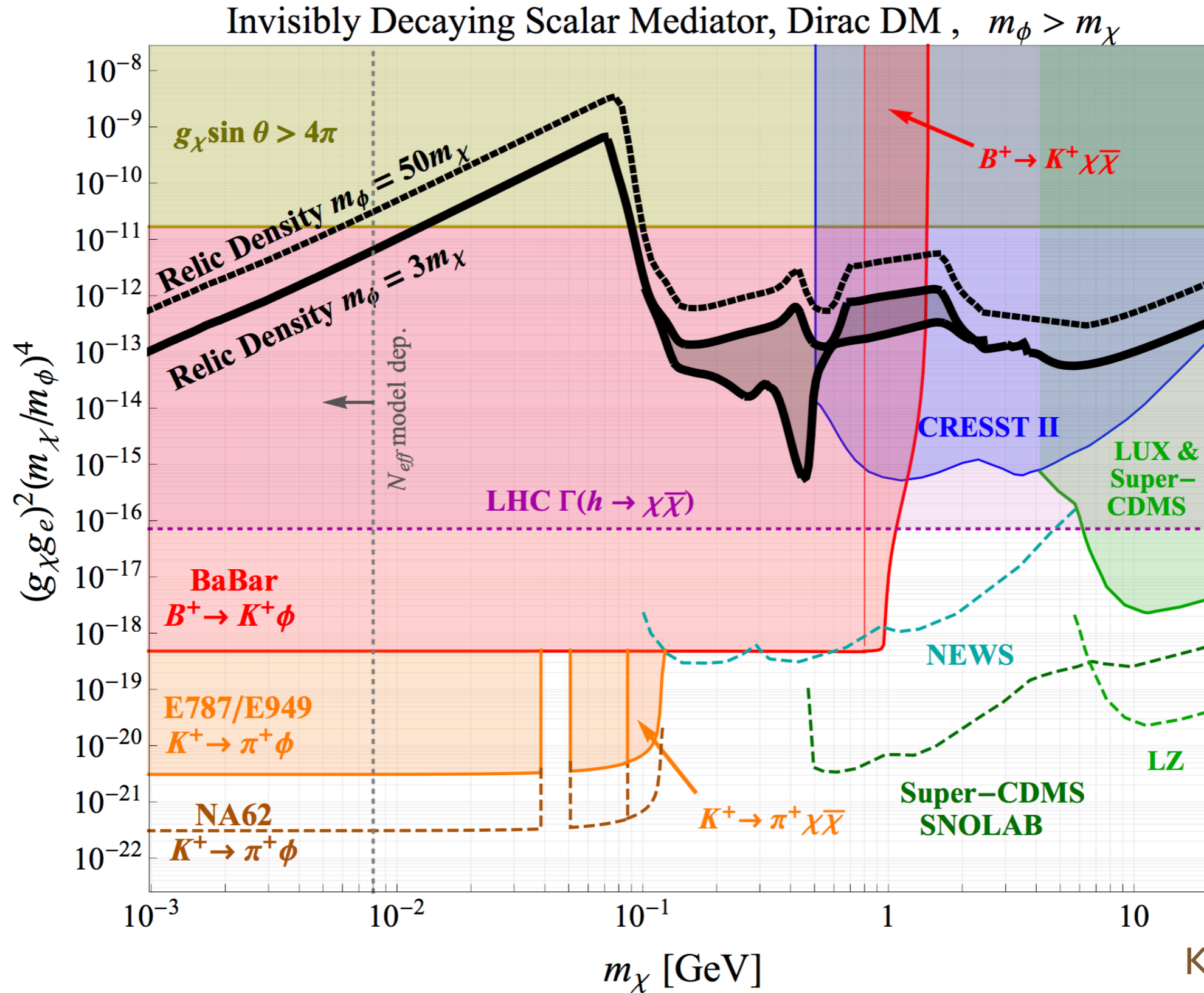
White dwarf cooling hint

Isern et al. 2008;  
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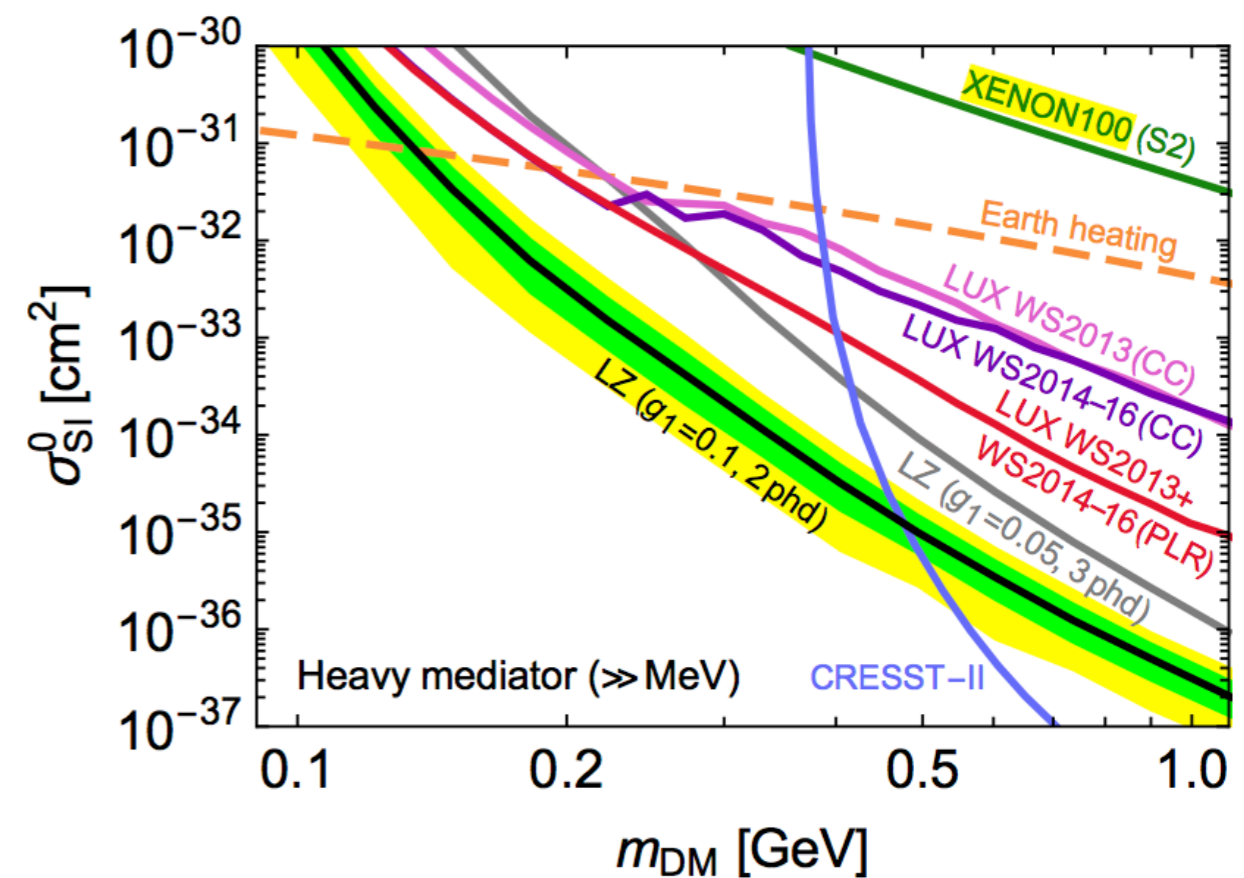
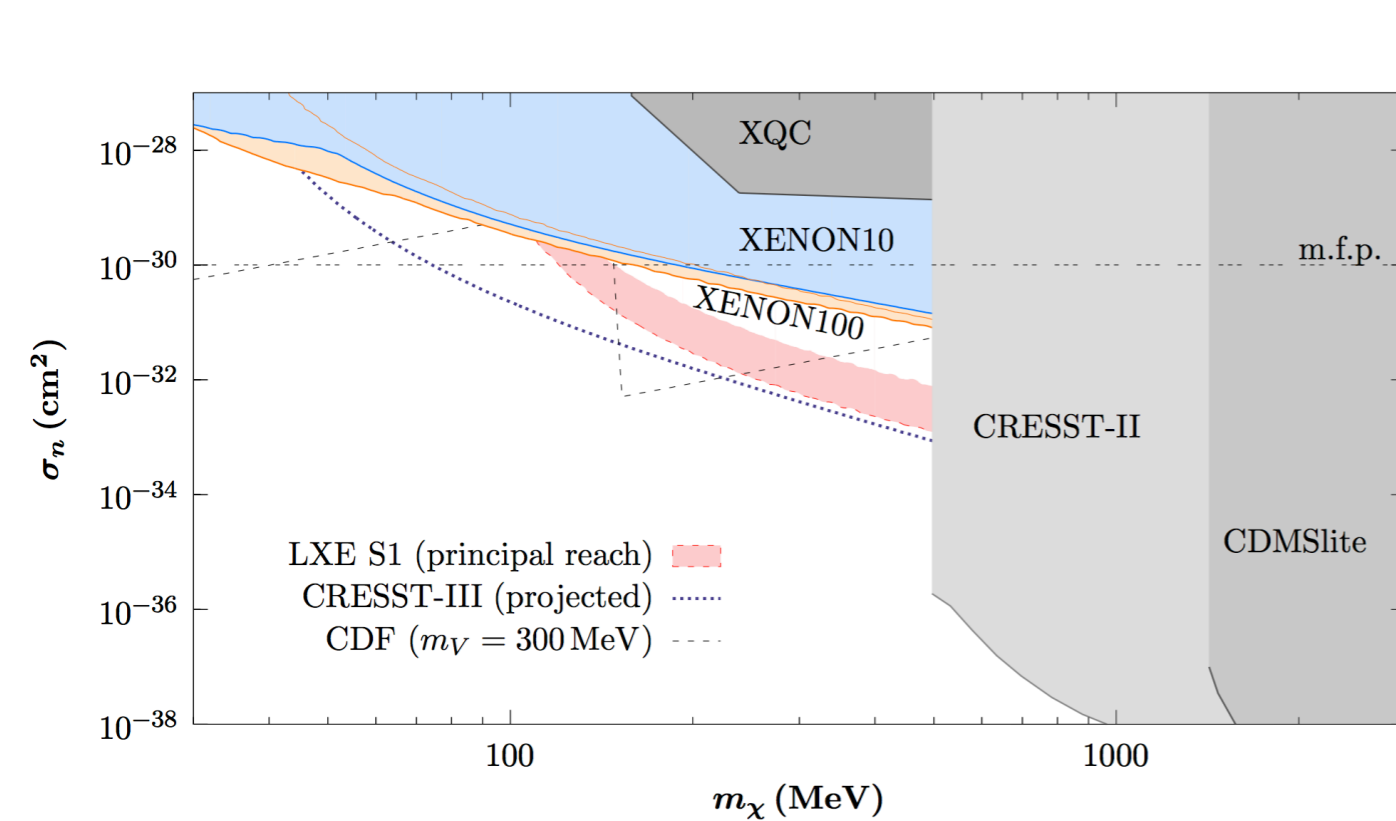
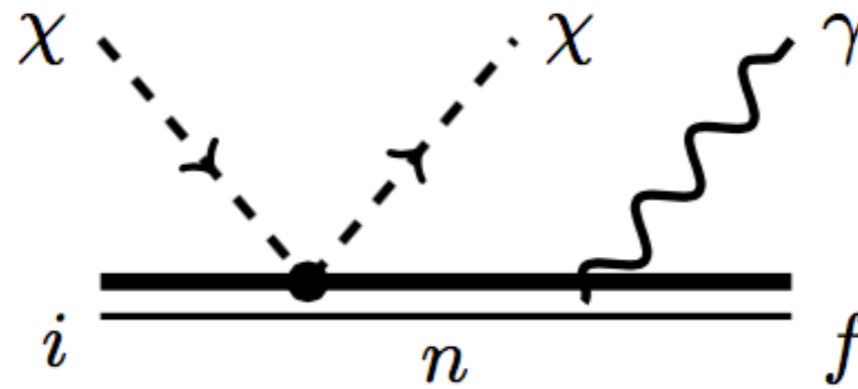
**Backup**

# Scalar mediator



# Bremsstrahlung in DM-Nucleus scattering

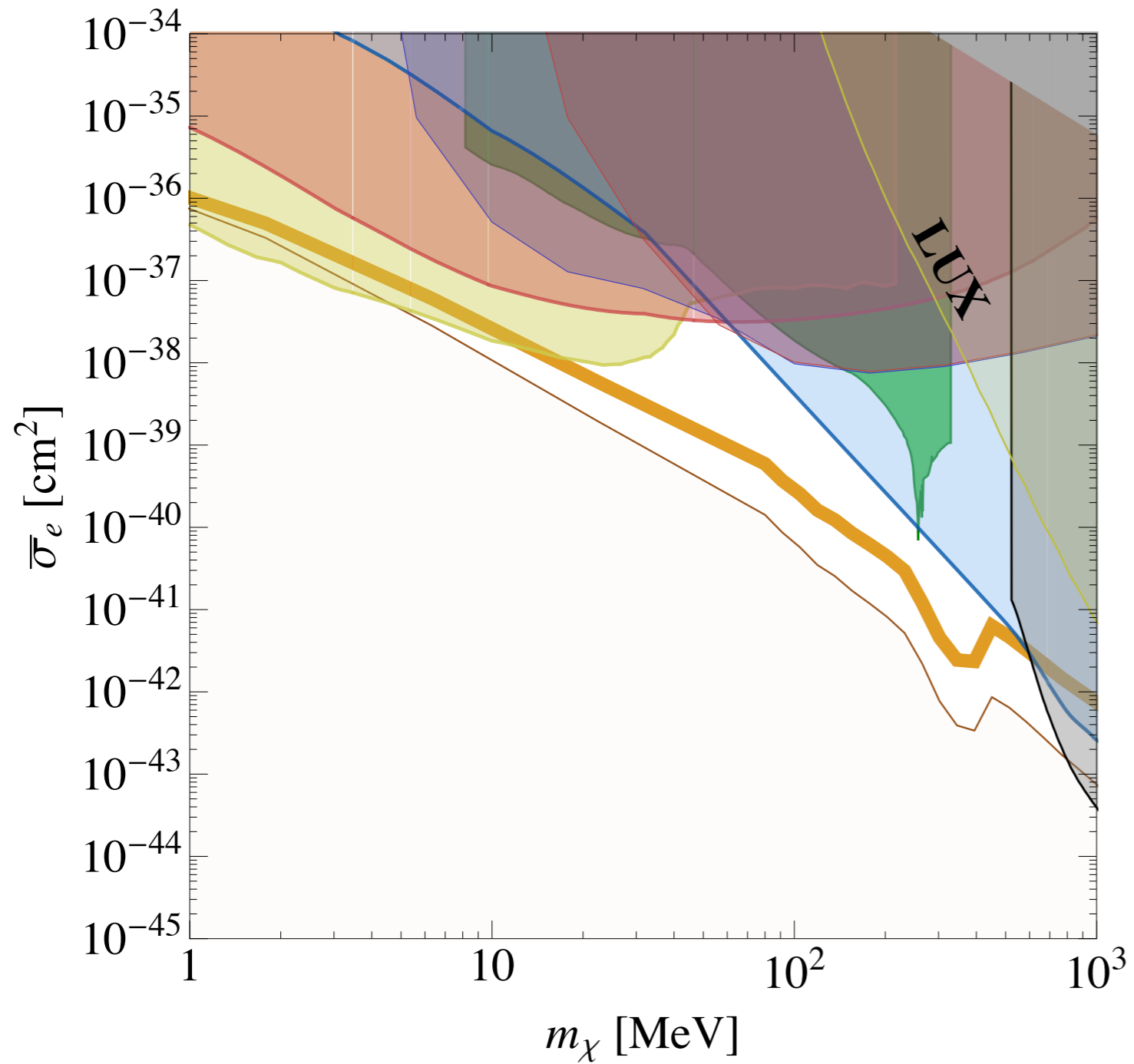
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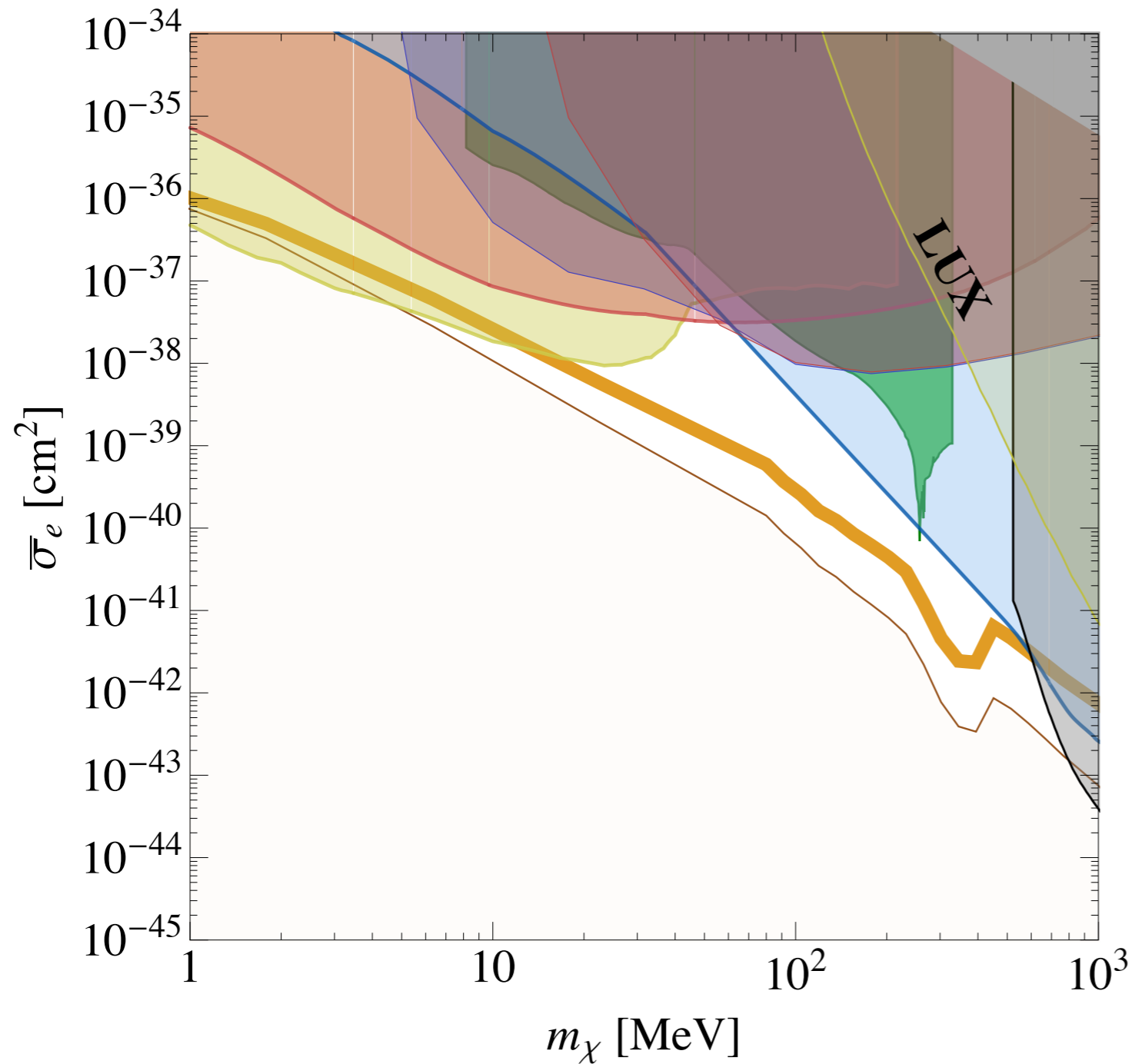
McCabe

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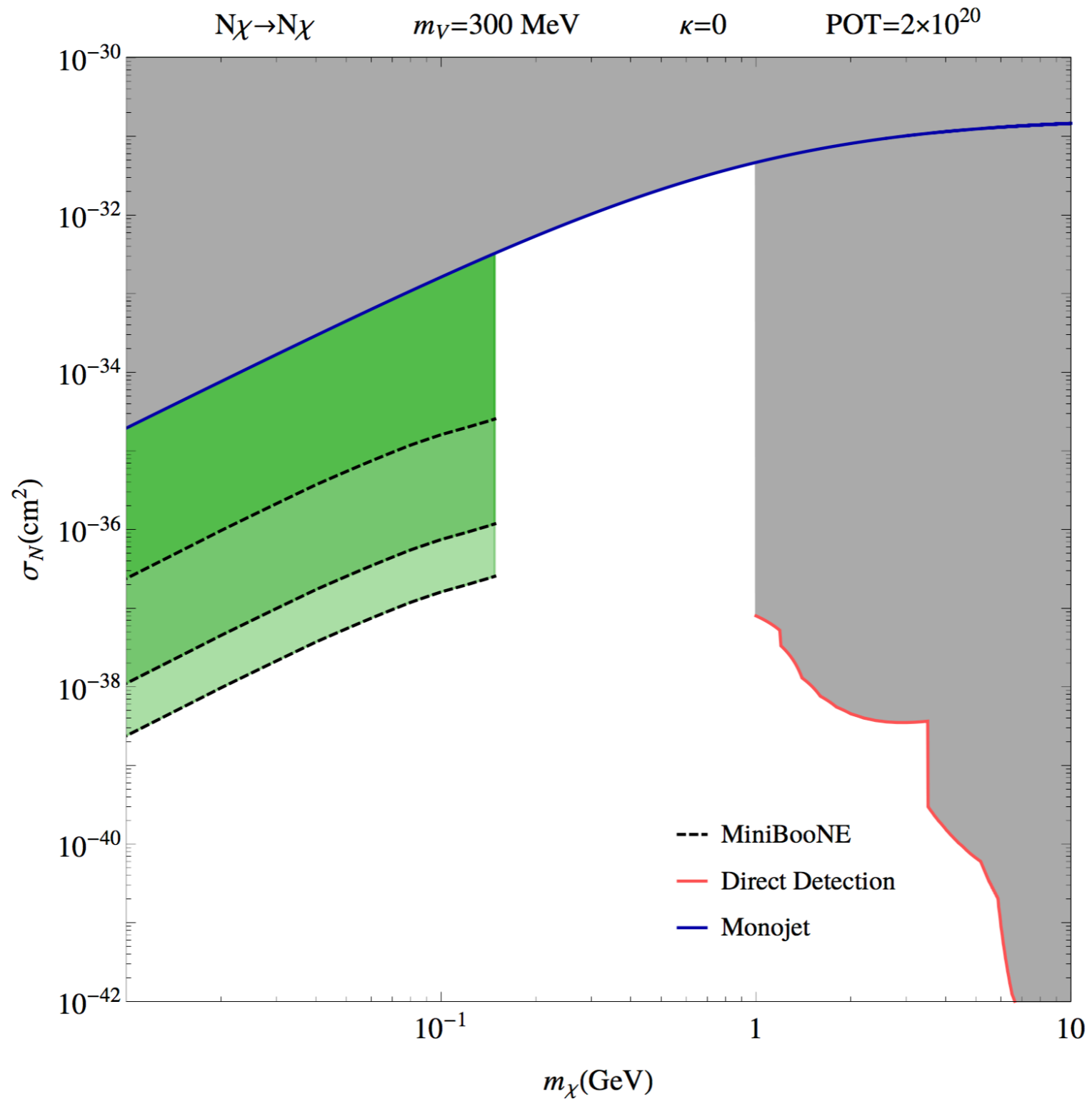
can consider instead  
new vector mediator  
that couples dominantly  
to quarks  
("leptophobic DM")

(gauge  $U(1)_B$  symmetry)

also has thermal targets

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