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# A comprehensive analysis of supernova neutrino-dark matter interactions

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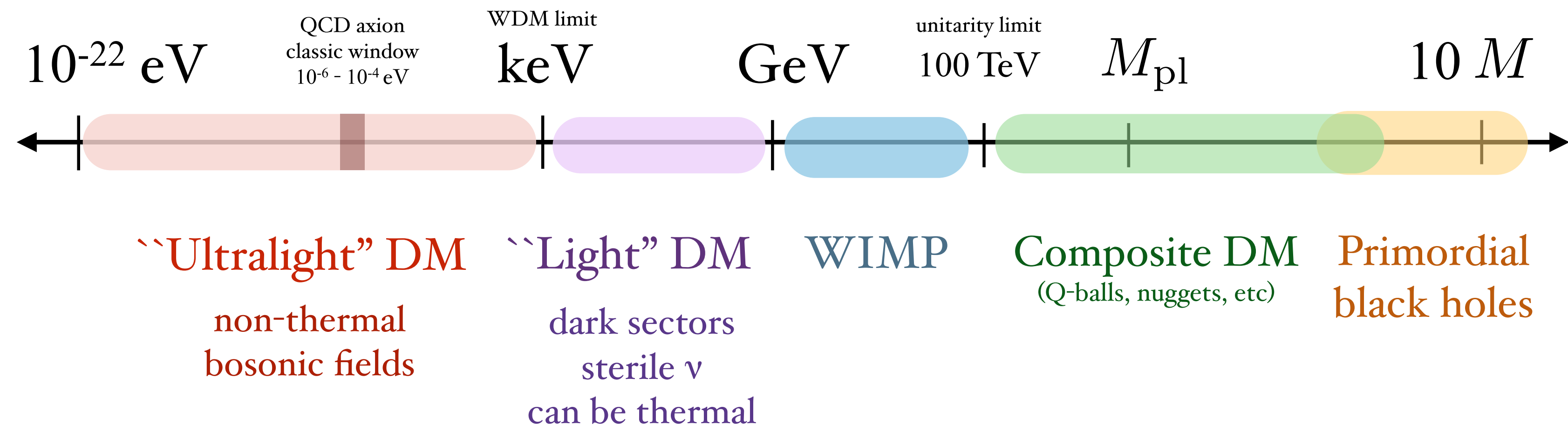
# Two sectors of interest:

## Dark Matter and Neutrinos

- What is the nature of dark matter and its interactions?
- What is its mass?
- What is its spin?
- Does it have non-gravitational interactions?

### Mass scale of dark matter

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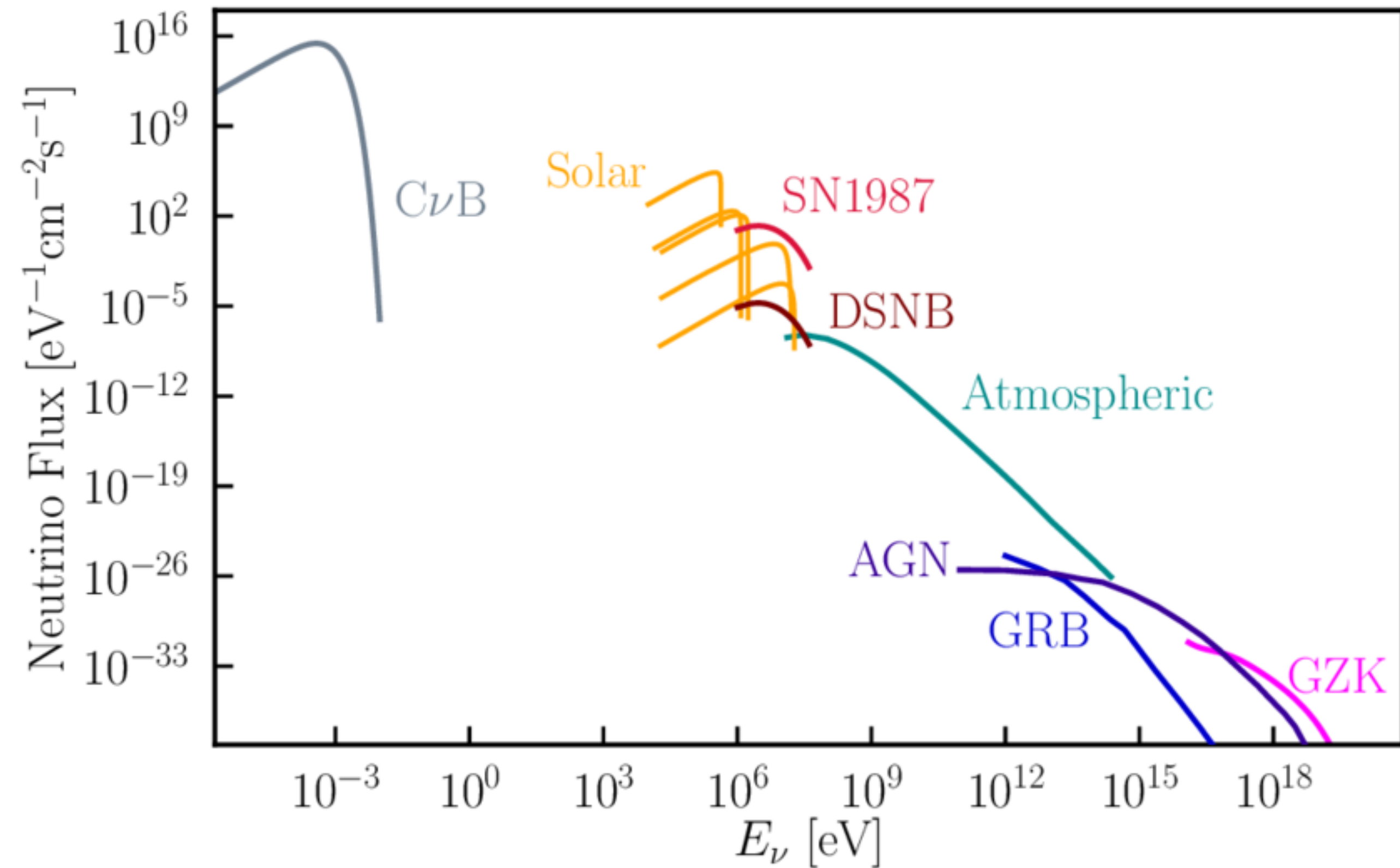


Tongyan Lin [1904.07915]

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- Exploring neutrinos
  - Majorana vs Dirac?
  - Normal/Inverted ordering?
  - Any non-standard interactions?
- Observed neutrino energy scale can tell us about different kinds of physics



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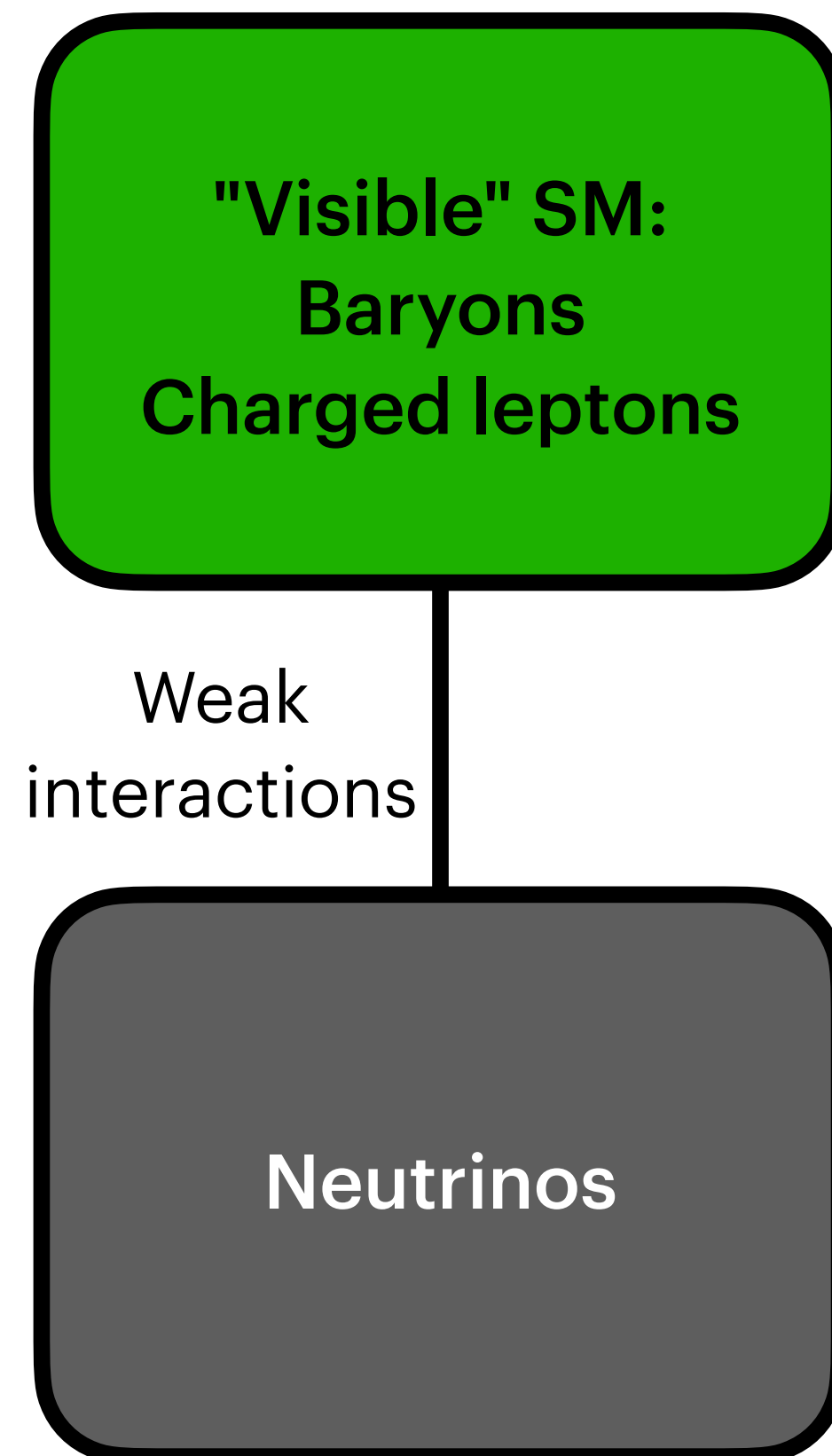
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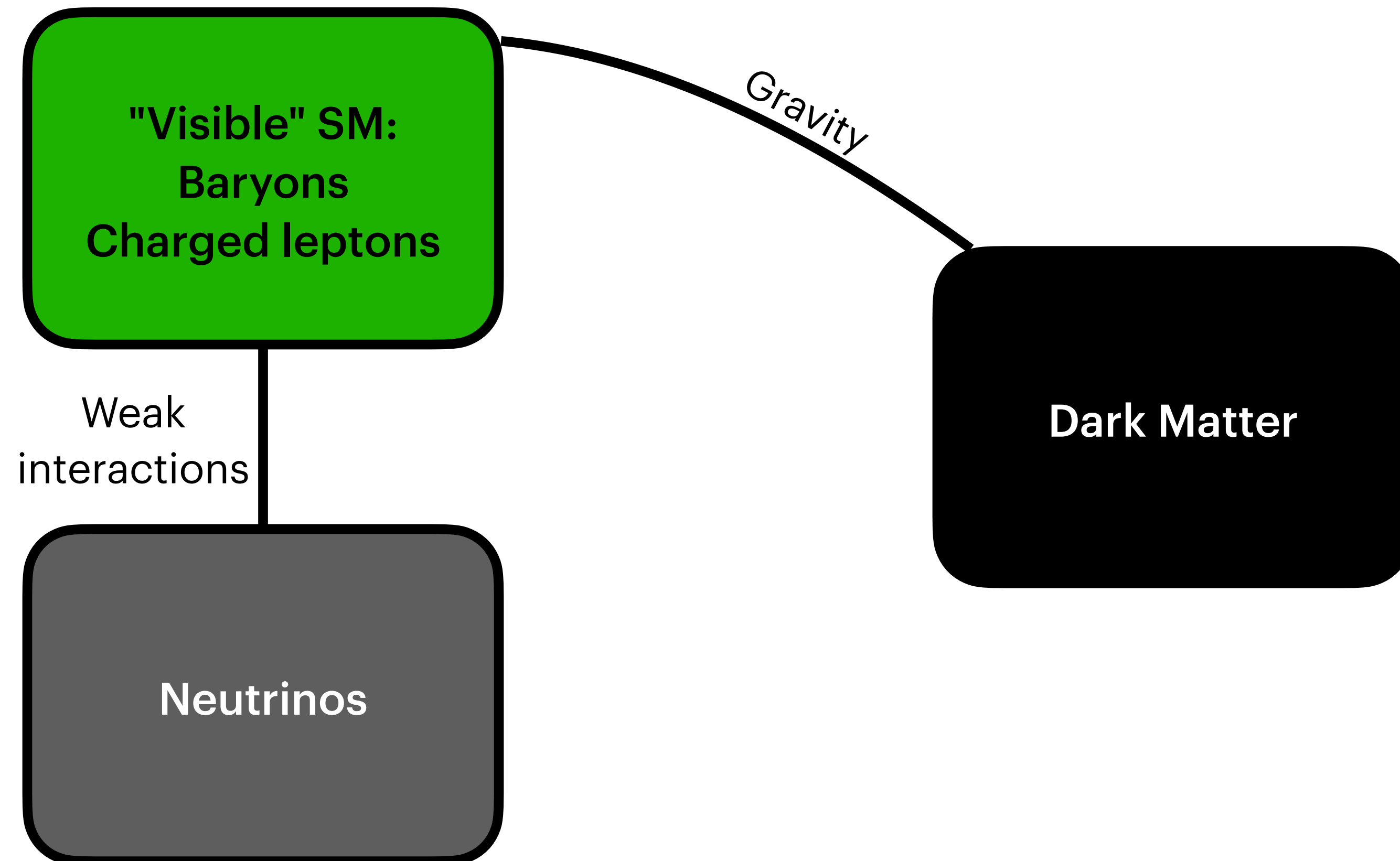
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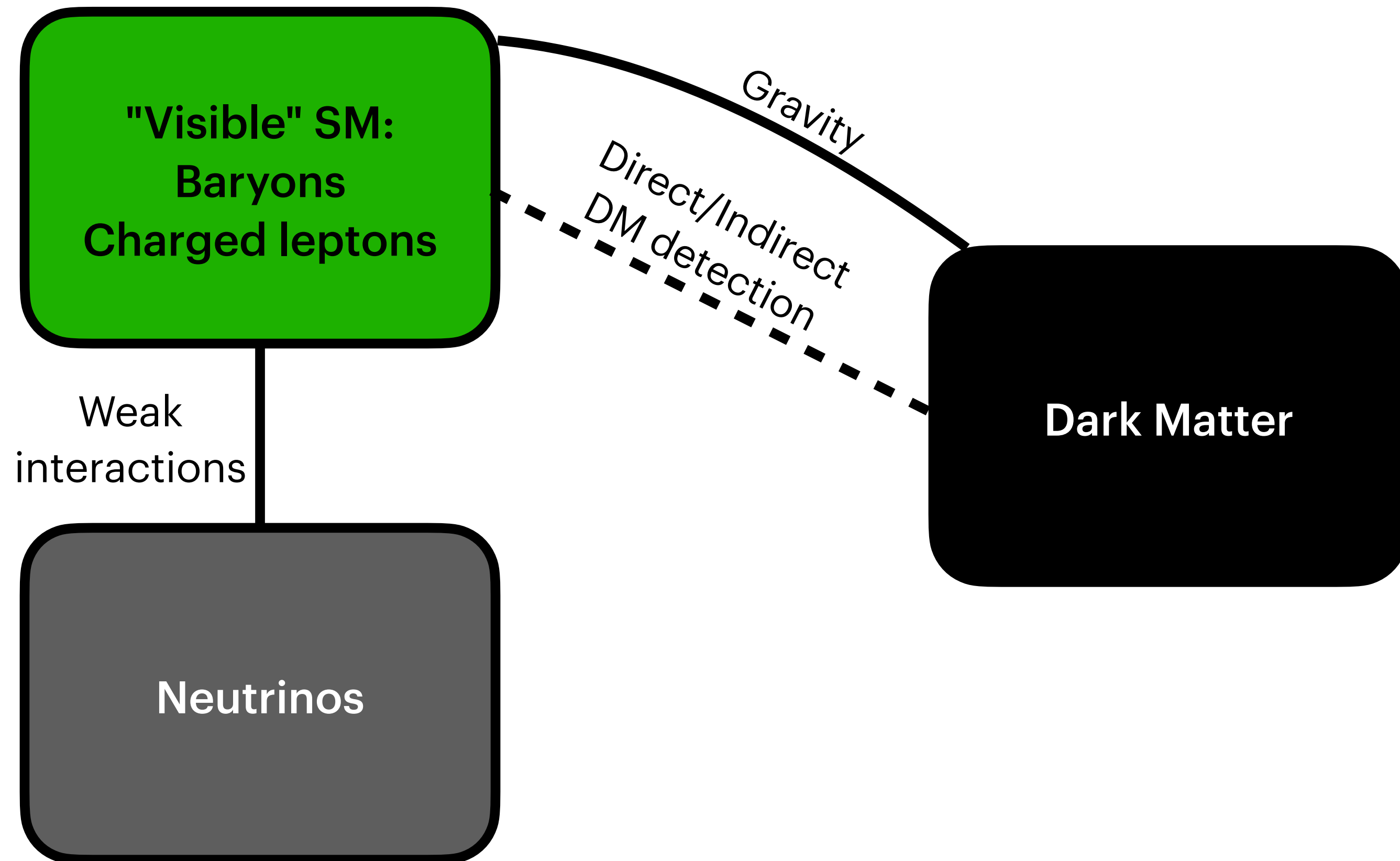
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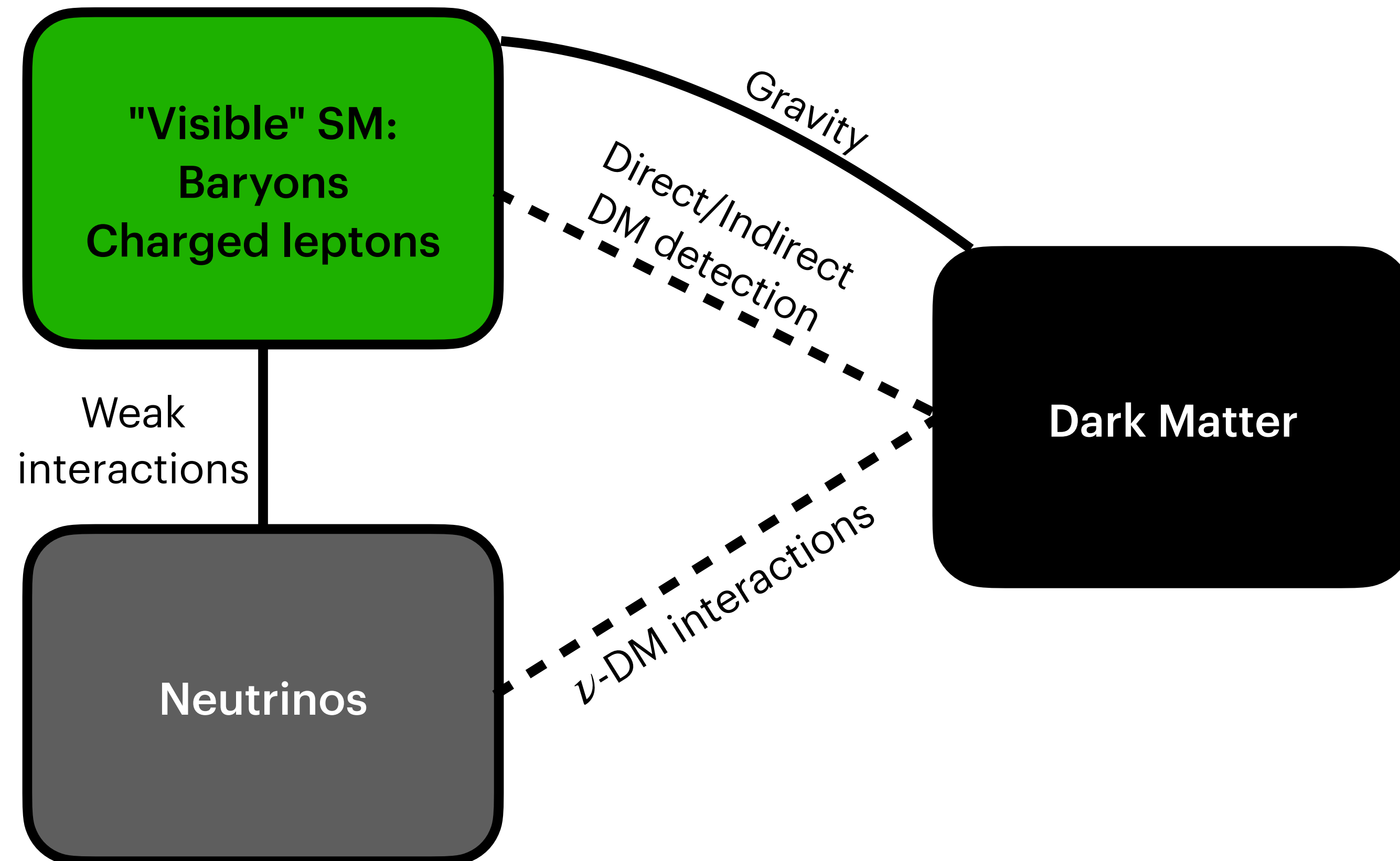
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- Can these two sectors interact, and can we be sensitive to it?





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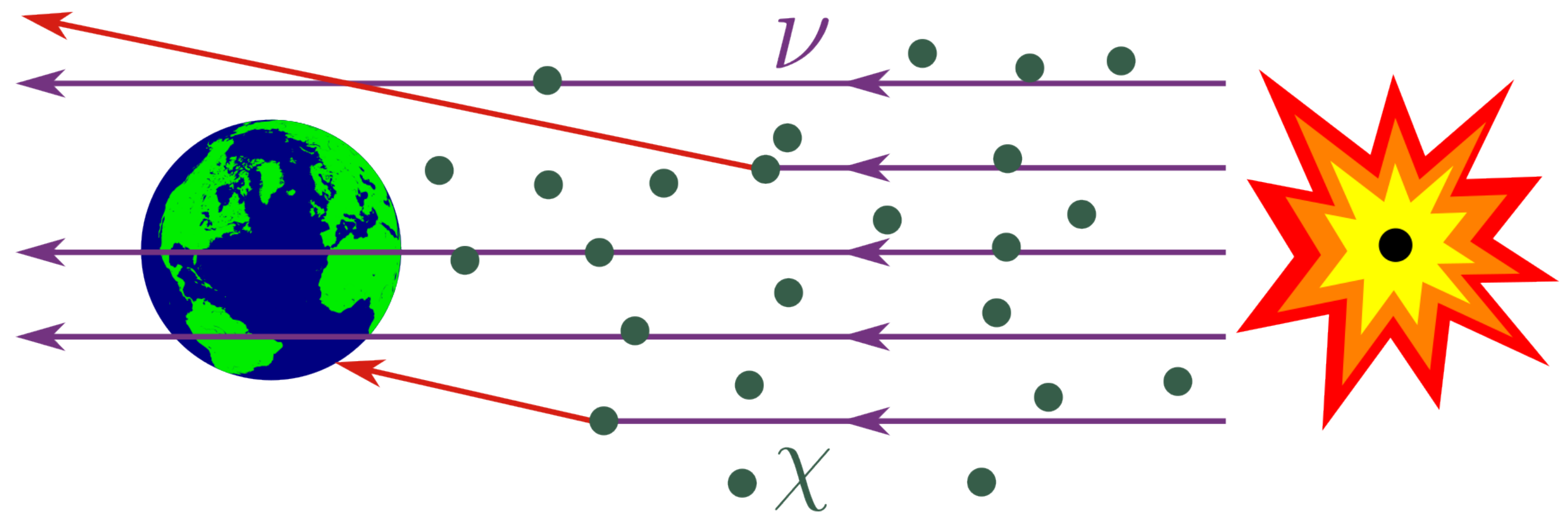
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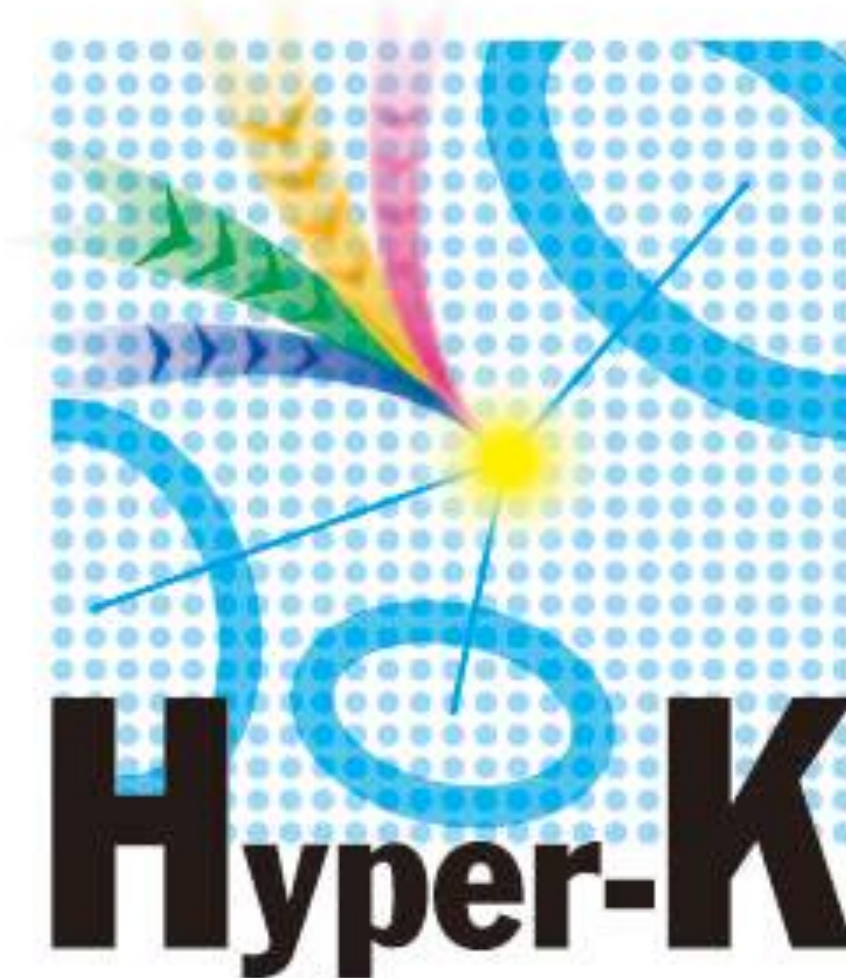
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  - local supernova
  - diffuse supernova neutrino background
  - high energy astrophysical neutrinos



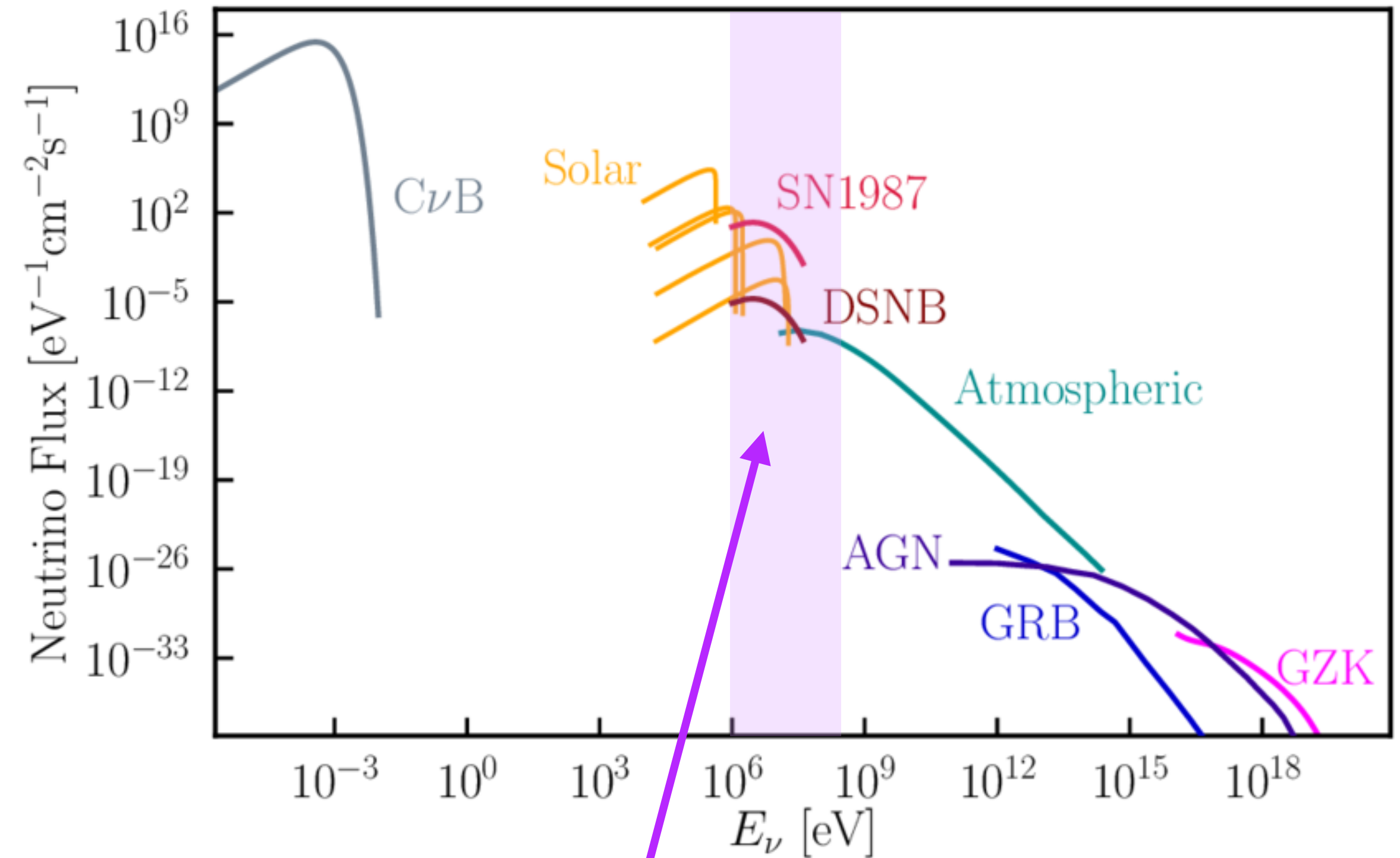
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- Upcoming neutrino experiments sensitive to SN neutrino flux, dominantly at MeV range
  - Can they probe effects of SN neutrinos passing through galactic DM halo?
  - Such a signal prefers higher number density of DM:  
 $m_\chi < 1 \text{ GeV}$

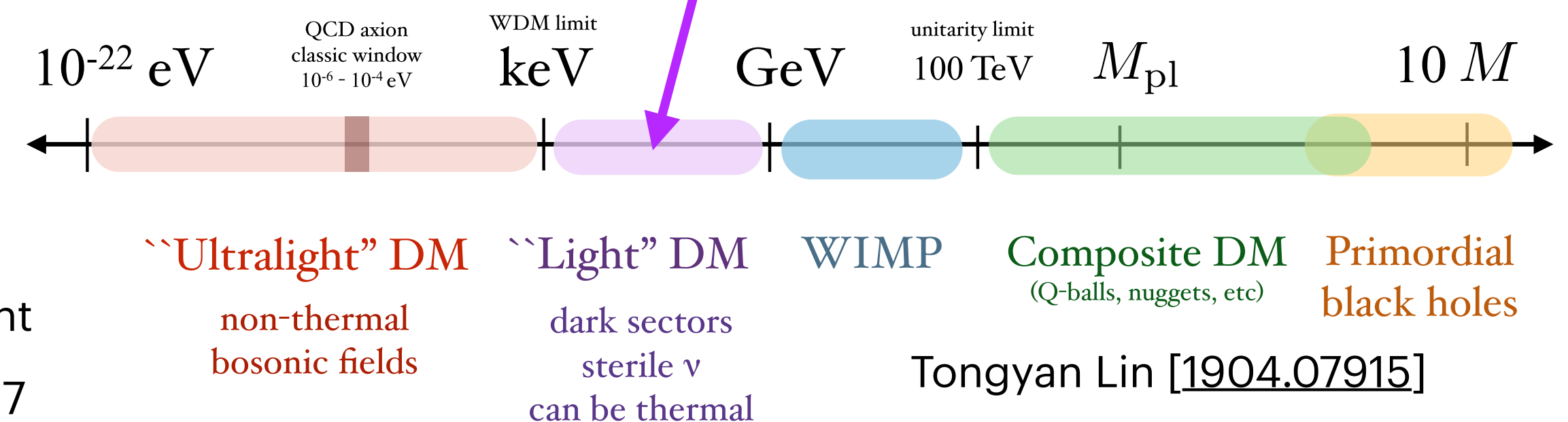


# Scales of $\nu$ -DM interactions

- DM mass ranges from keV - GeV
- neutrino energy scales  $\sim$  MeV
- How do we model such interactions?
  - Focus on light mediators  $<$  EW scale to maximize  $\sigma$

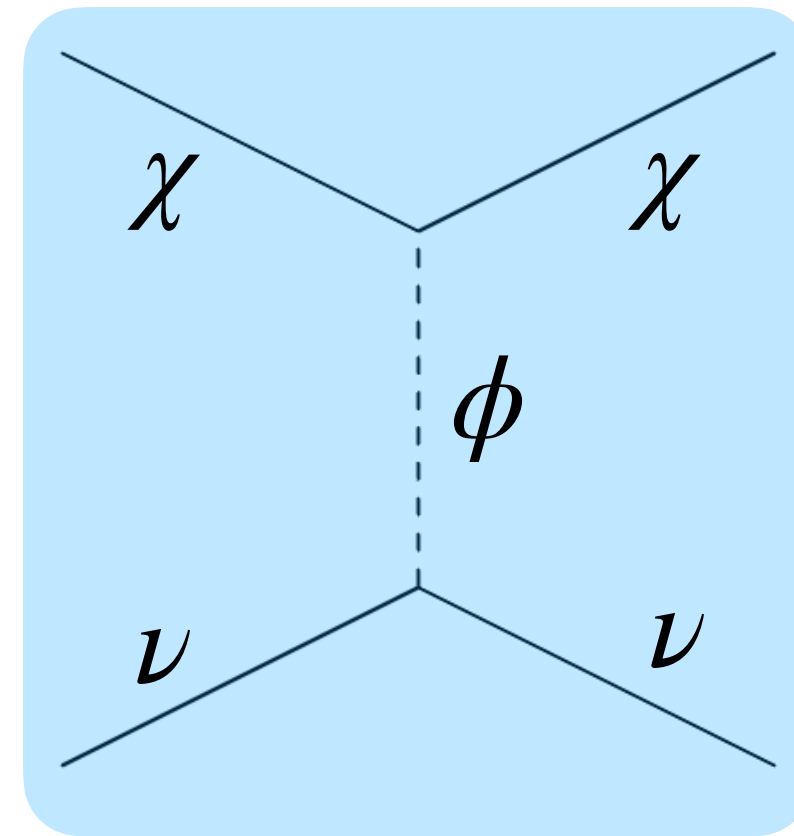


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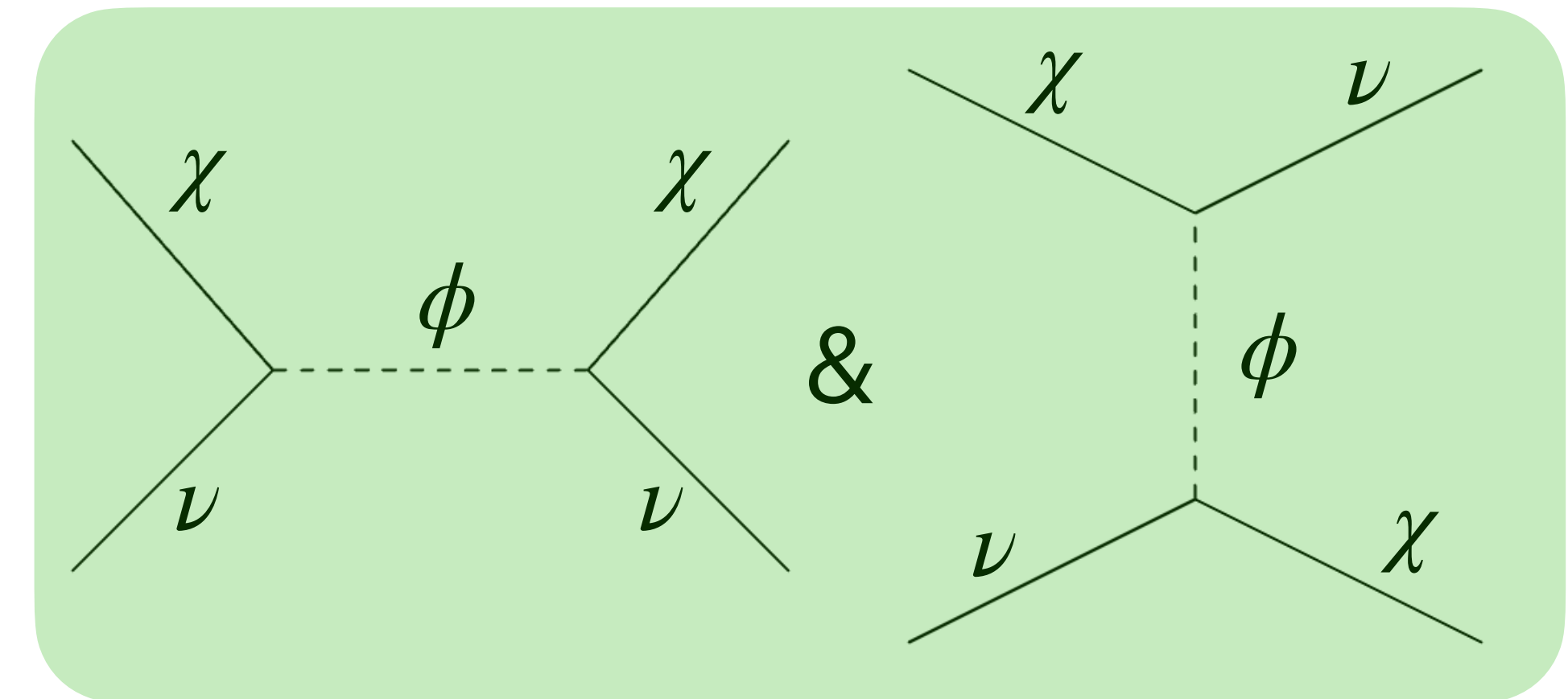


# Modeling $\nu$ -DM interactions

- Categorize models into DM, mediator types
- Three mediator types:
  - Scalar mediator
  - Fermion mediator
  - Vector mediator



or



- Secondary categorization is **t-channel** or **s&u-channel**
- Consider different dark matter types as well: scalar, fermion, vector
  - Fermion DM restricts mass scale  $> \text{keV}$

# Modeling $\nu$ -DM interactions

- For each model, compute  $\frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta}$  exactly
  - only assumption is non-relativistic DM in the initial state
- Comparing to results in the literature
  - found some inconsistencies with other results

- **Scalar mediator cases:**

scenario	Lagrangian	channels	amp. sq.	[54]	[32]
complex scalar †	(2.7)	$t$	(2.8)	—	✓
Dirac fermion	(2.9)	DM- $\nu$ : $u$	(2.10)	✓*	—
		DM- $\bar{\nu}$ : $s$	(2.11)	—	—
Majorana fermion	(2.9)	$s, u$	(2.12)	✗	—
Dirac fermion †	(2.13)	$t$	(2.14)	—	✓
complex vector †	(2.15)	$t$	(2.16)	—	—

[32] C. Argüelles, A. Kheirandish, A. Vincent [1703.00451]

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# Bounds on $\nu$ -DM interactions

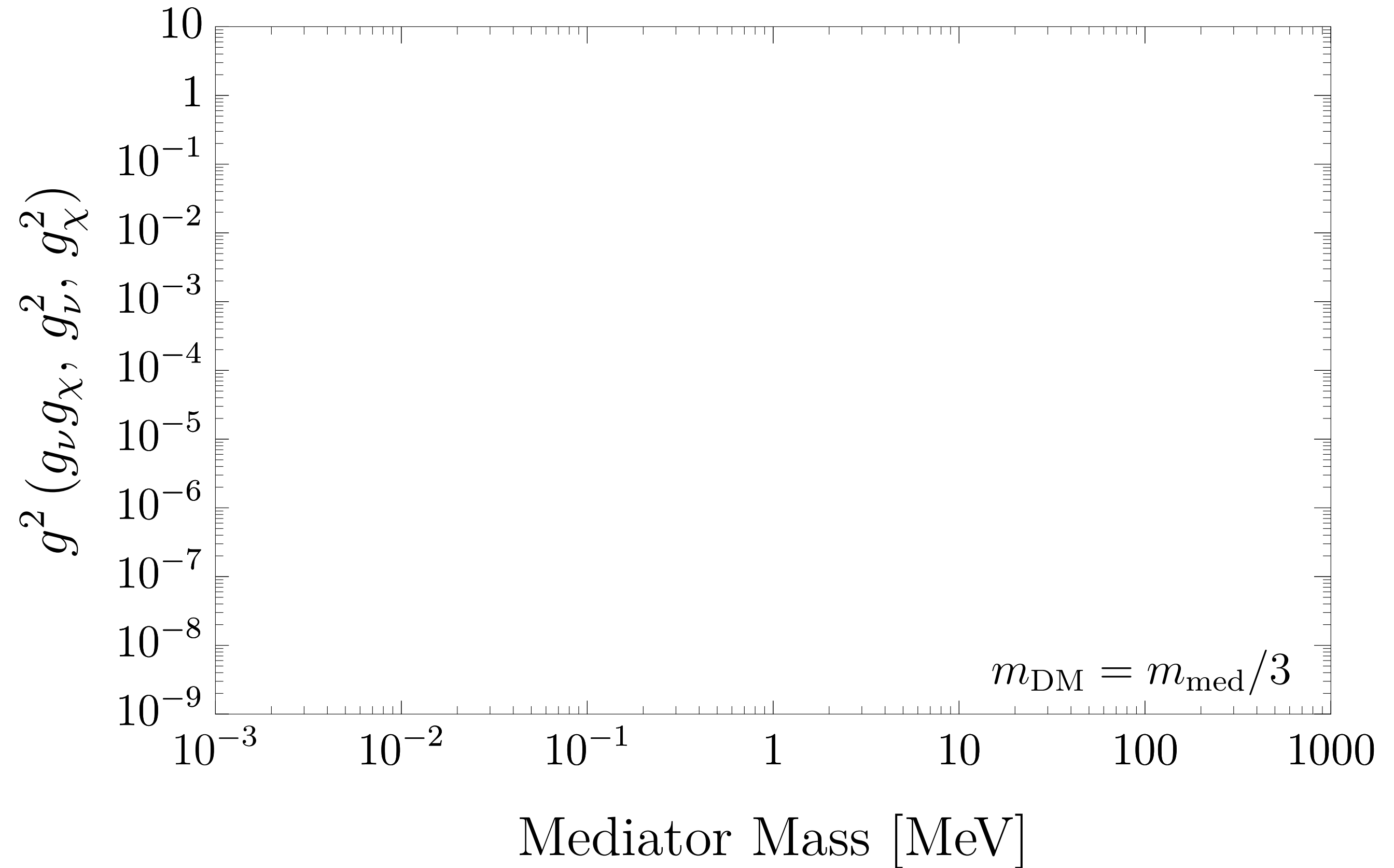
- Three categories for bounds on these interactions:
  - Cosmological
  - Astrophysical
  - Lab
- Will carefully show each bound for one example model: Dirac fermion DM, scalar mediator:

$$\mathcal{L} = -\phi\bar{\nu}\left(g_{\nu s} + ig_{\nu p}\gamma_5\right)\nu - \phi\bar{\chi}\left(g_{\chi s} + ig_{\chi p}\gamma_5\right)\chi$$

# Bound Plots for Example Model

Dirac Fermion DM, Scalar mediator

- Cosmological bounds:



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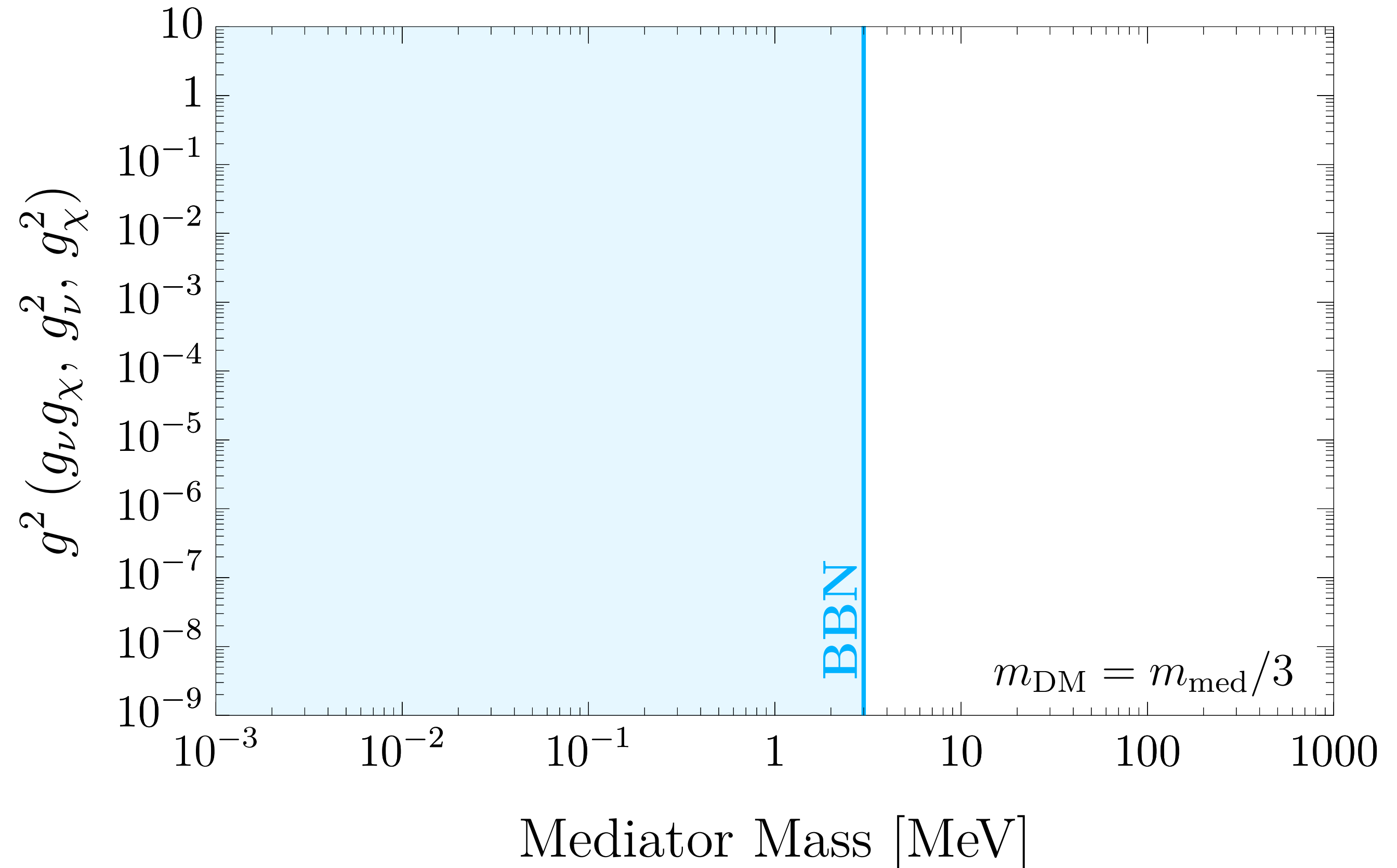
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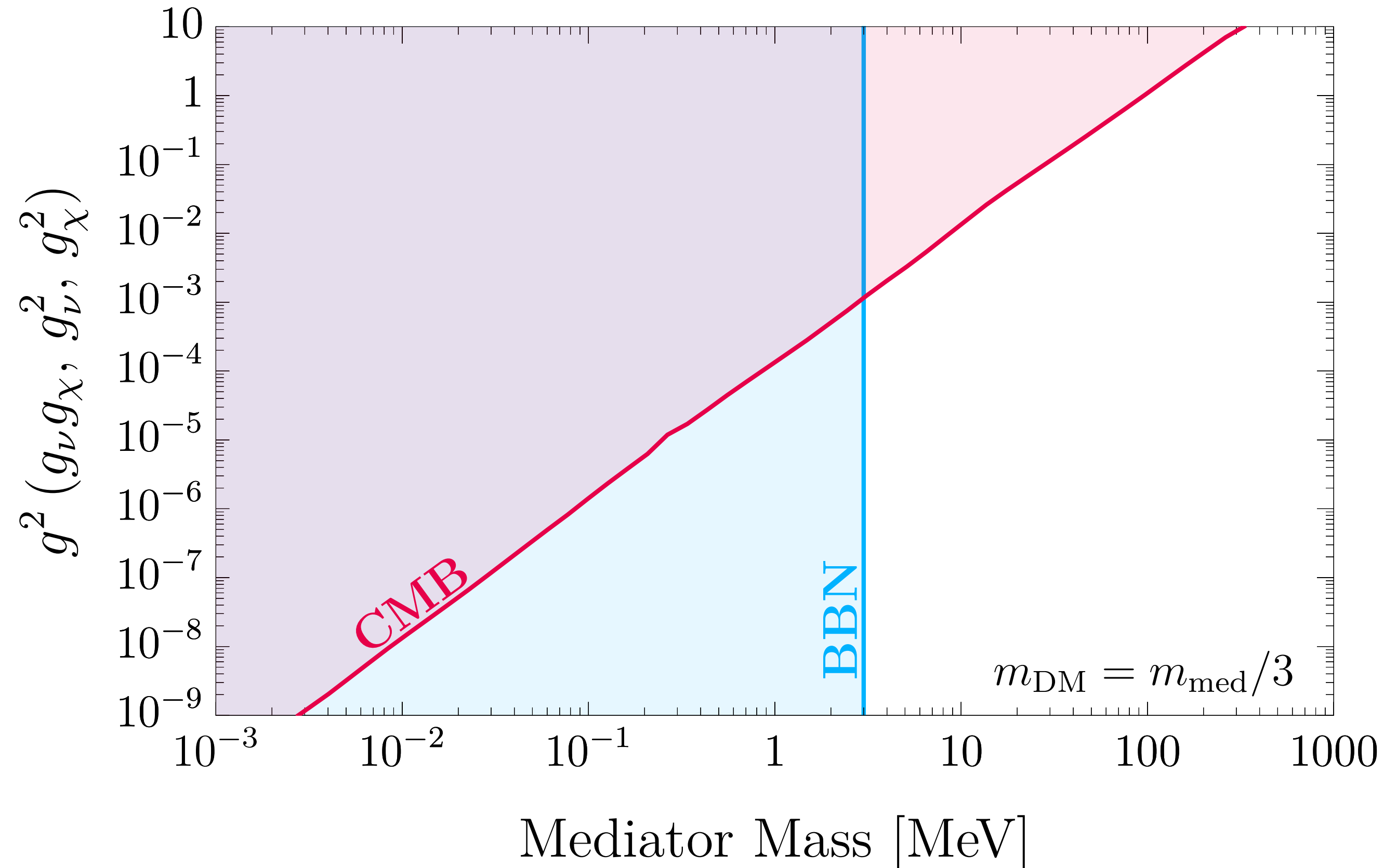
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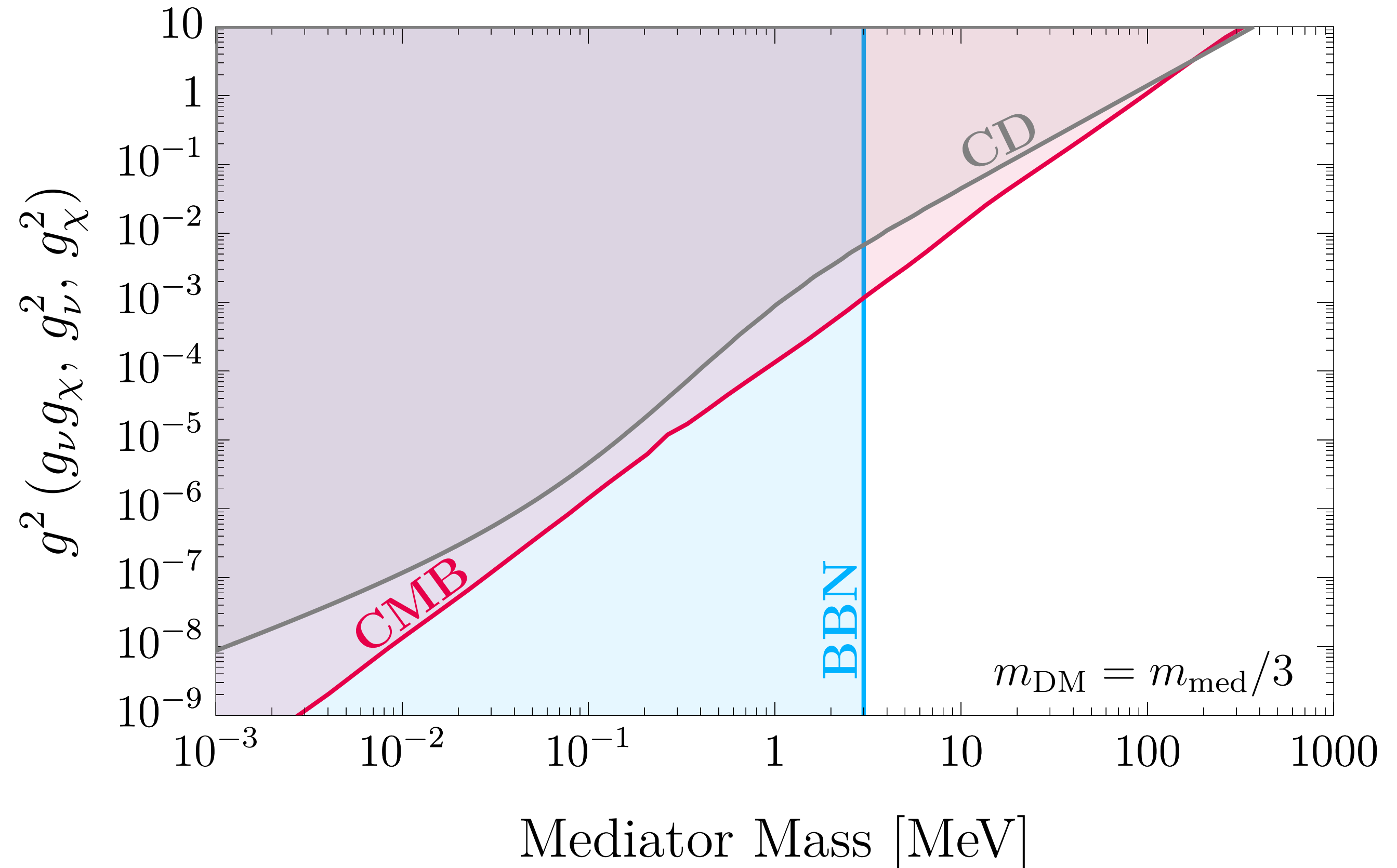


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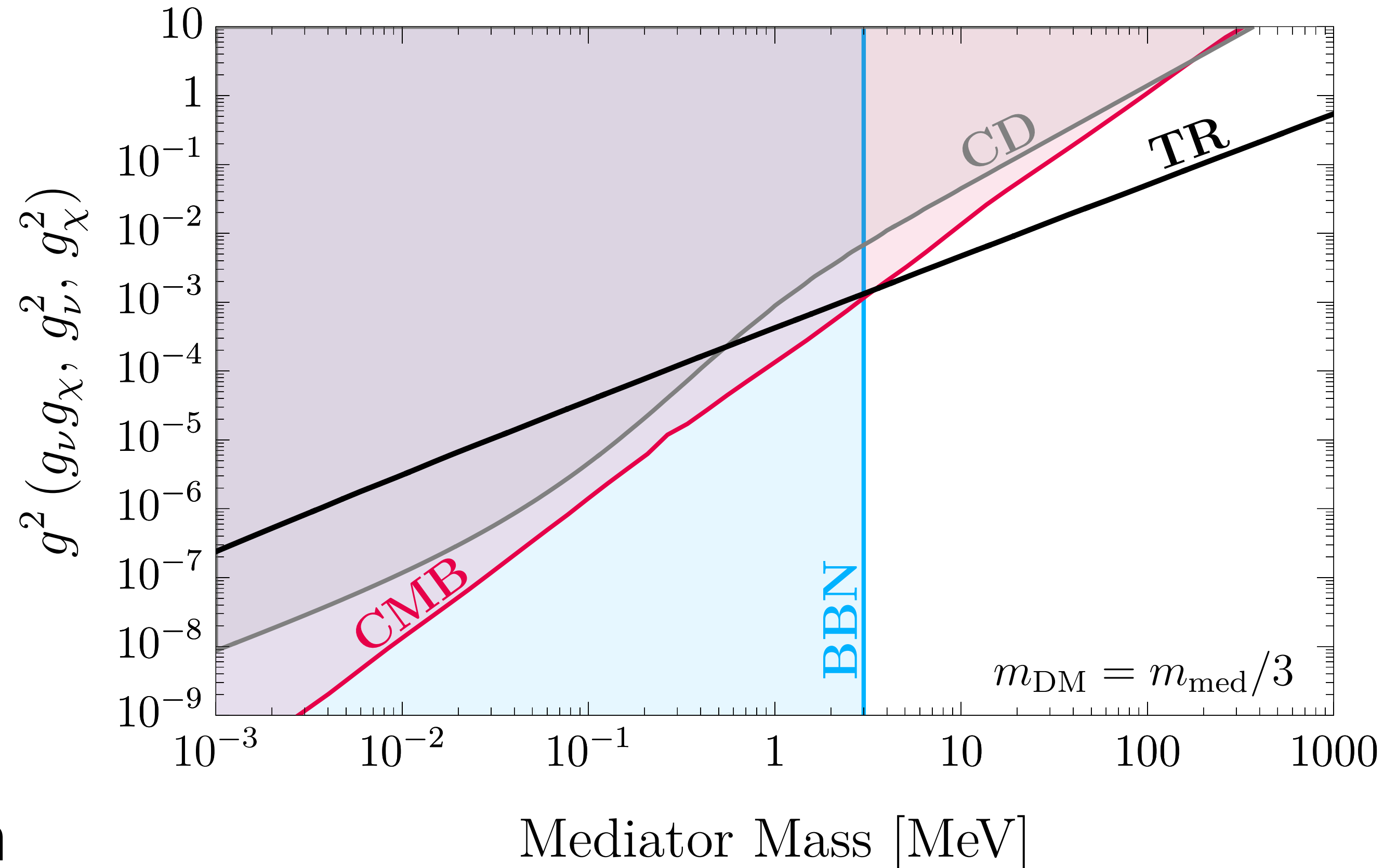


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  - Thermal relic density: annihilation rate of DM into neutrinos needed to match relic abundance

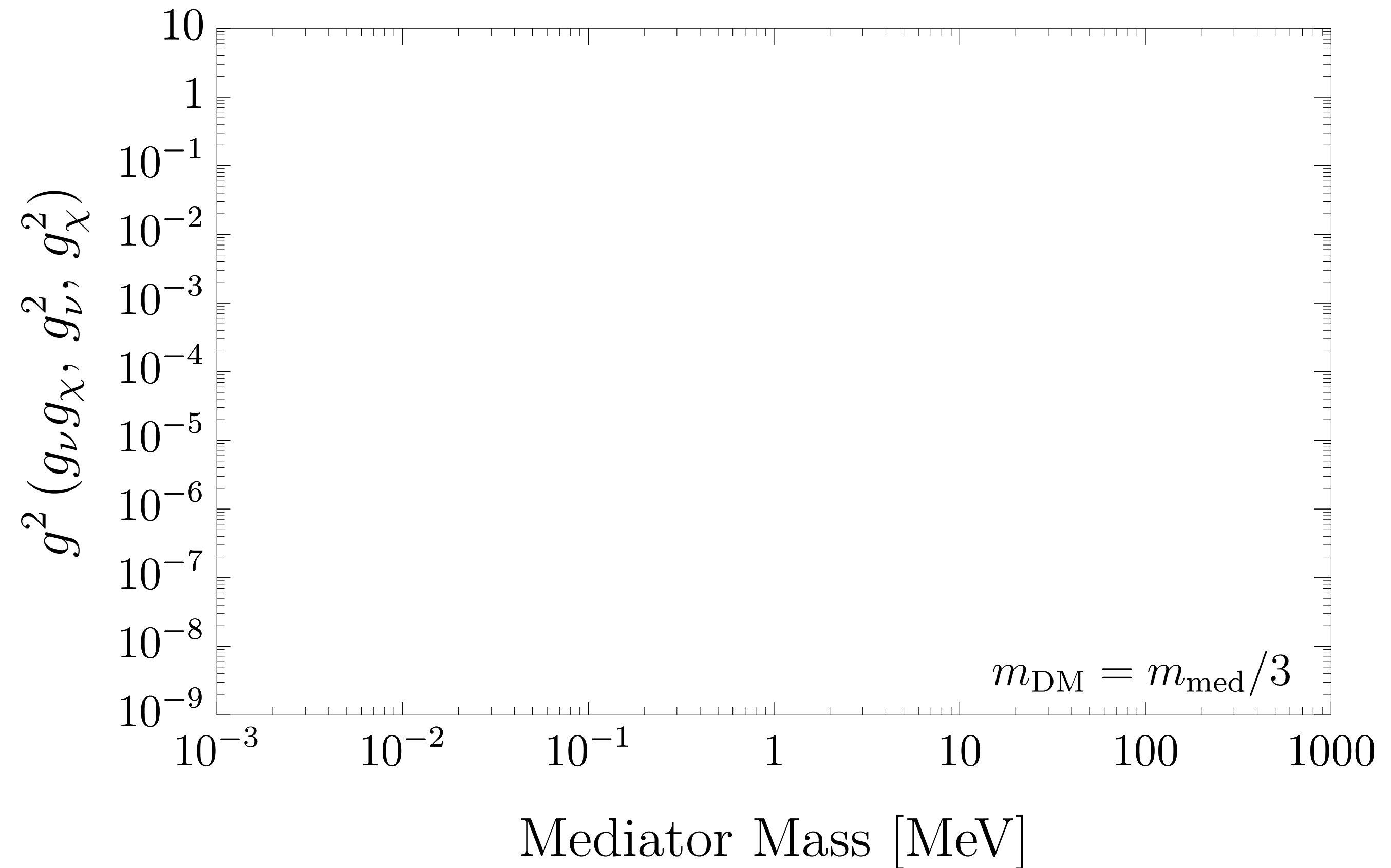


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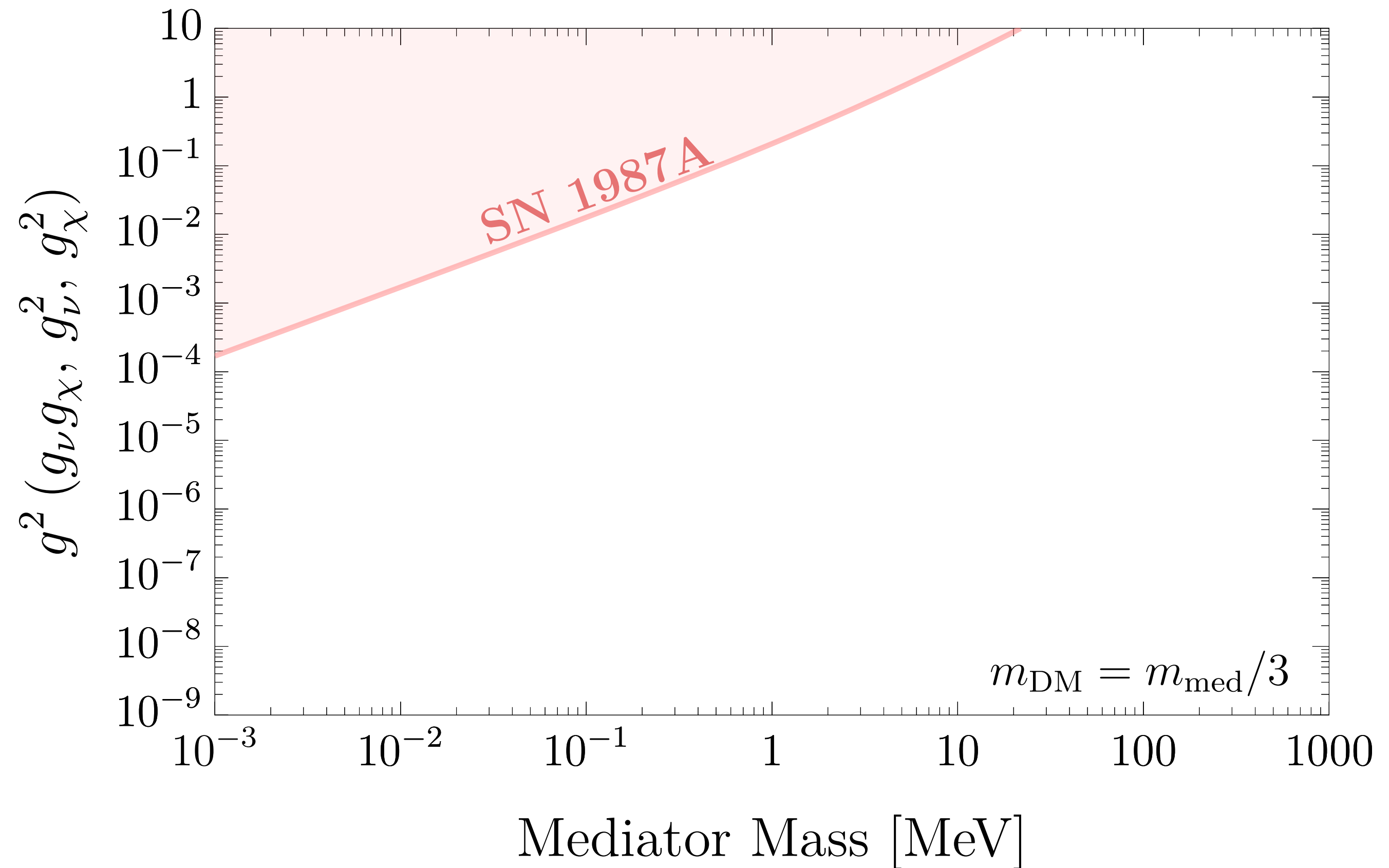
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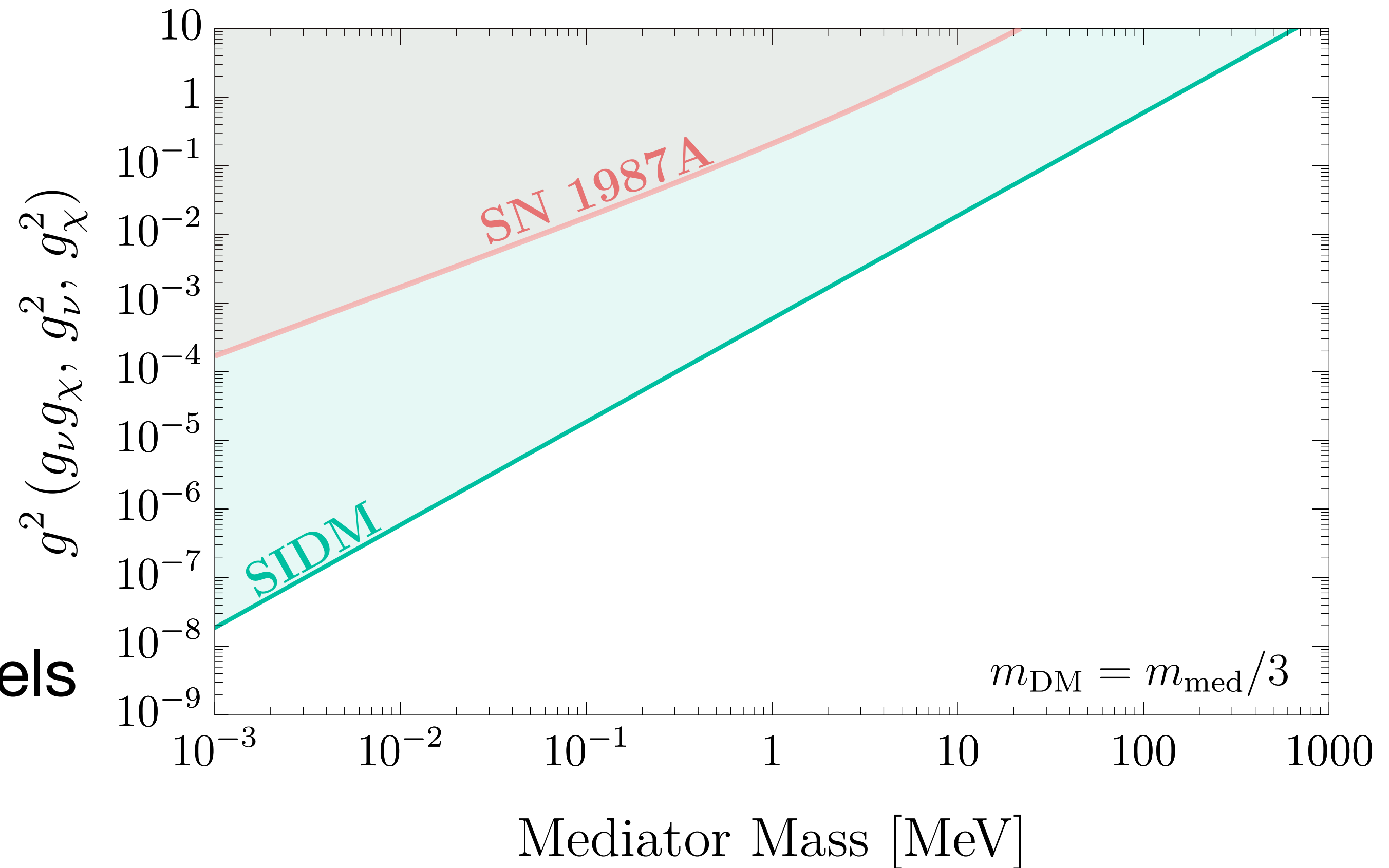
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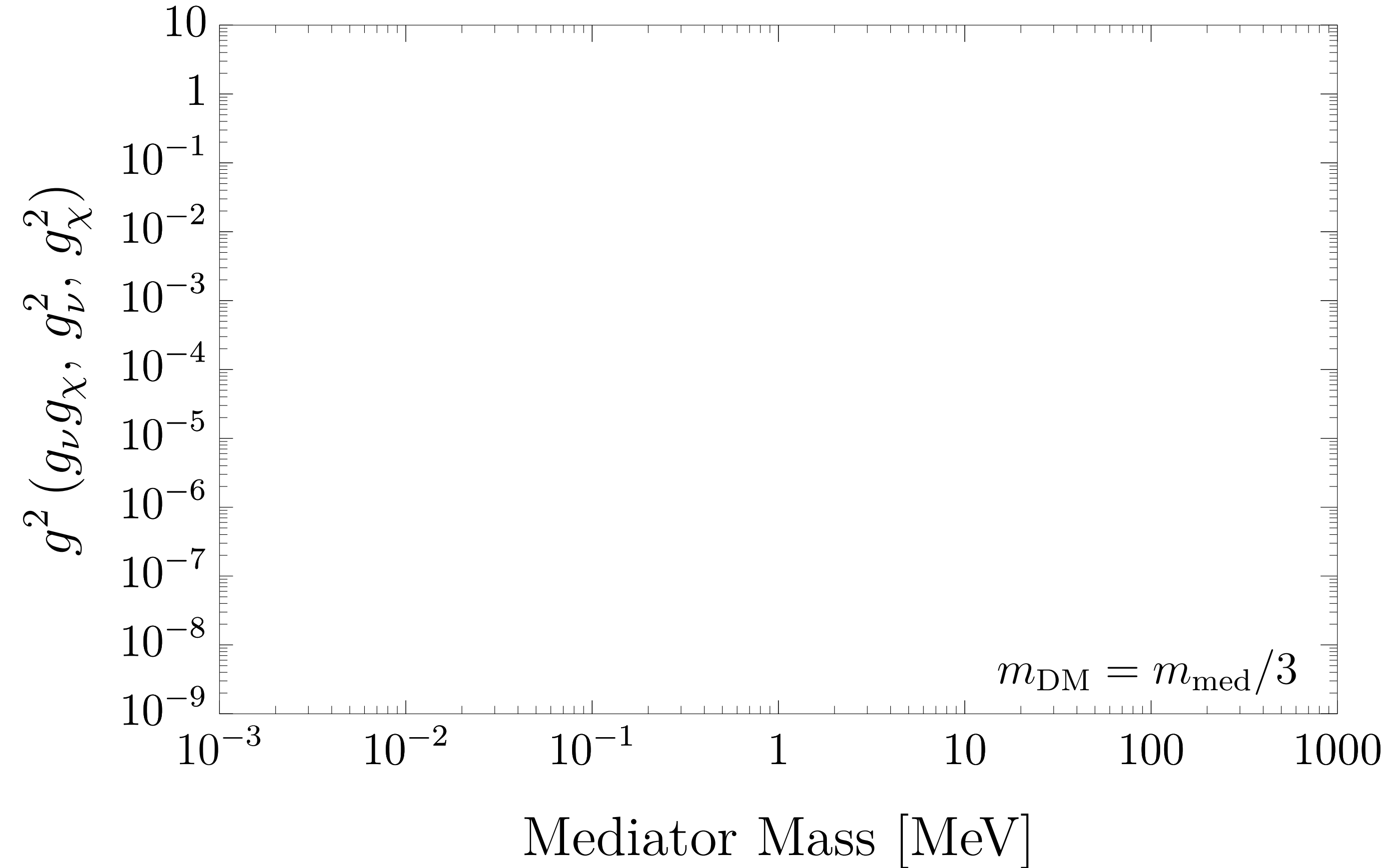
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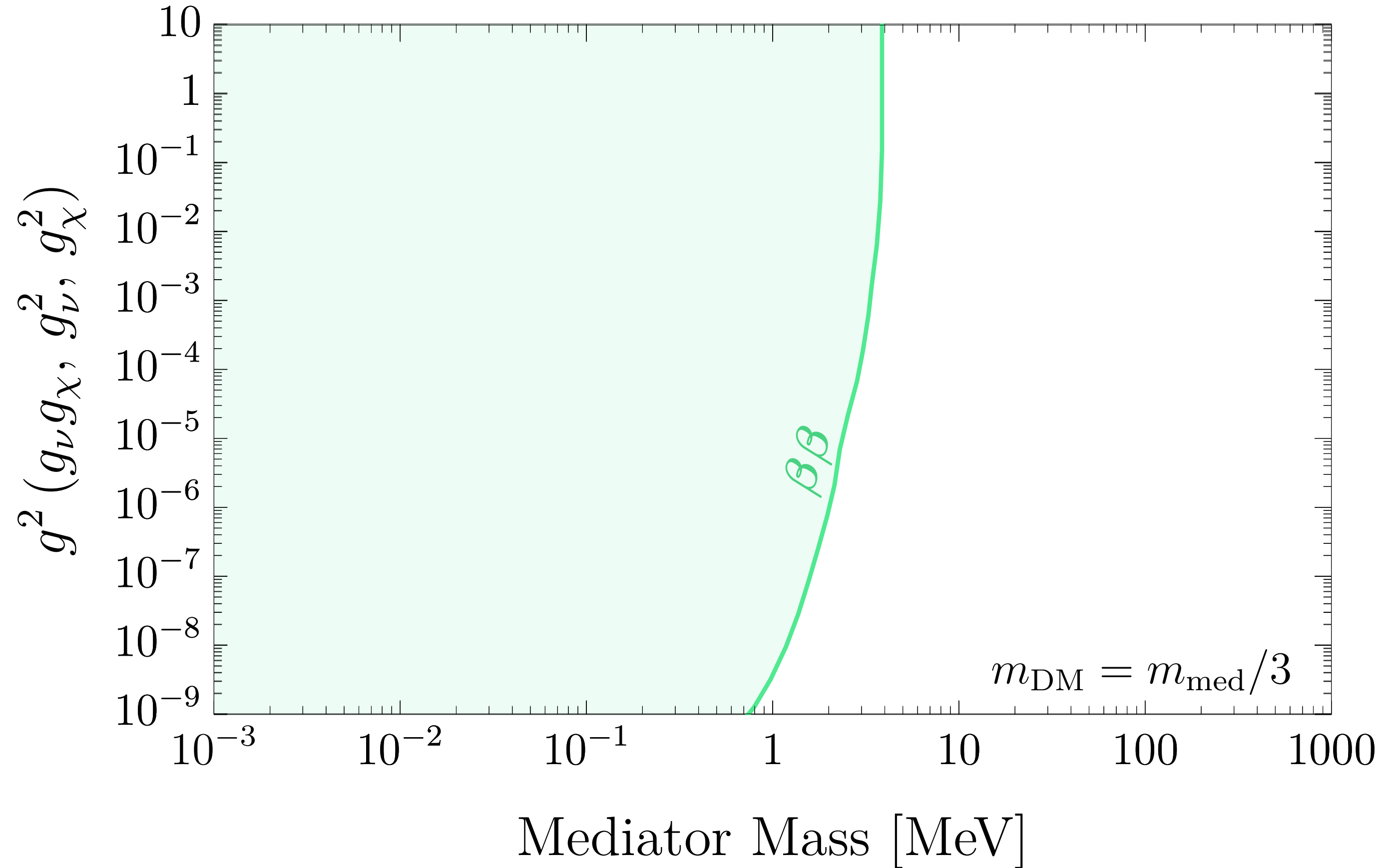
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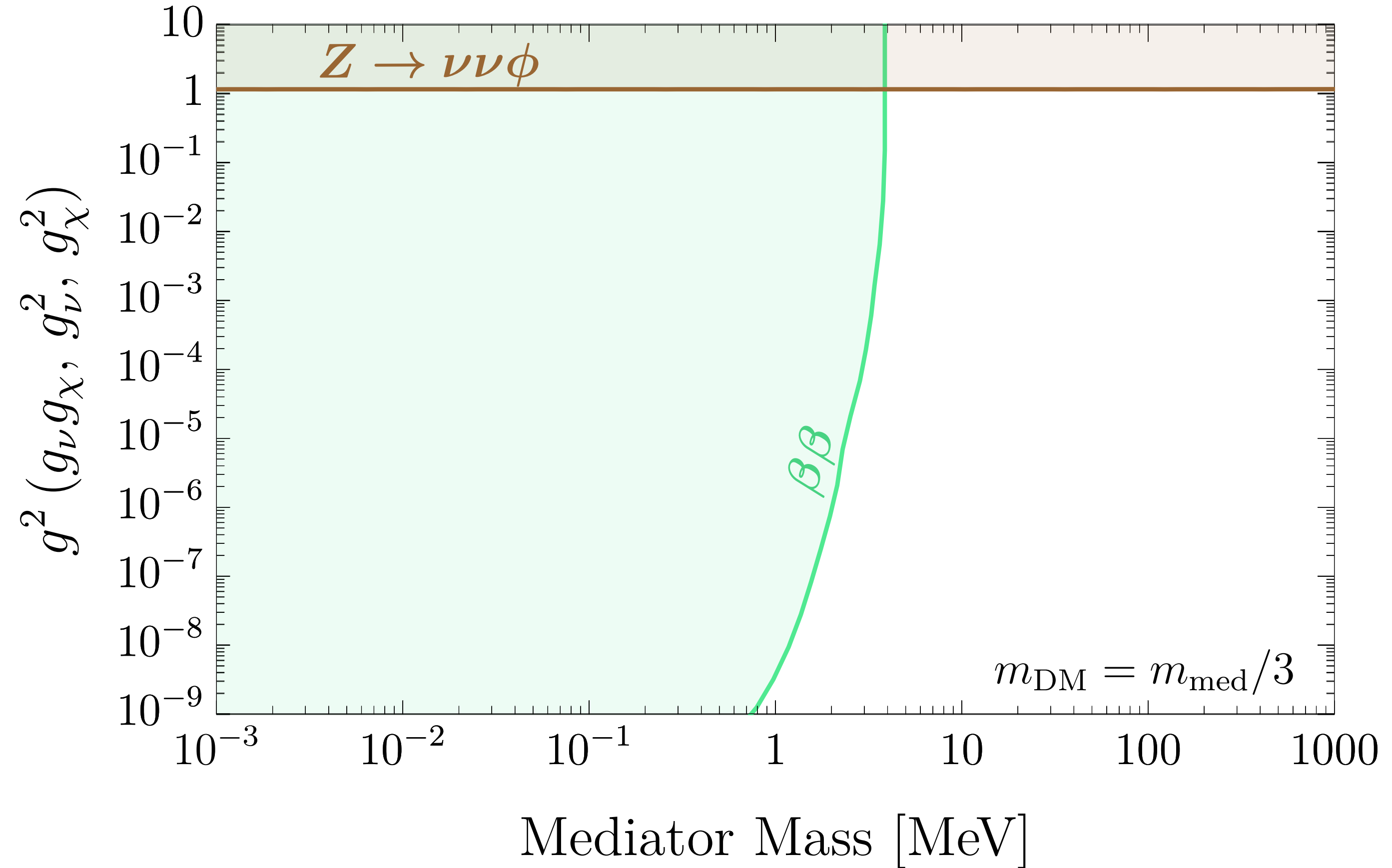


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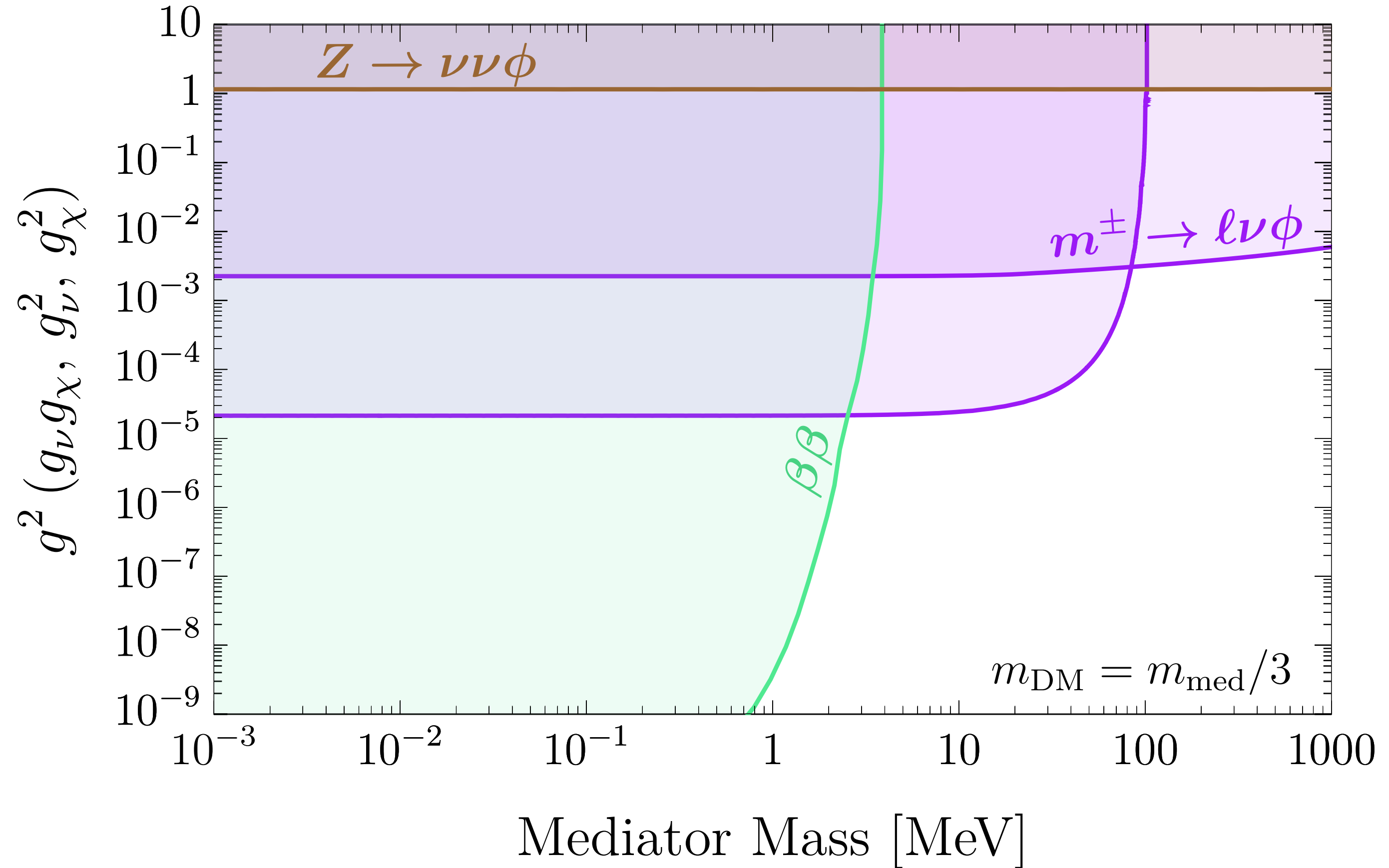
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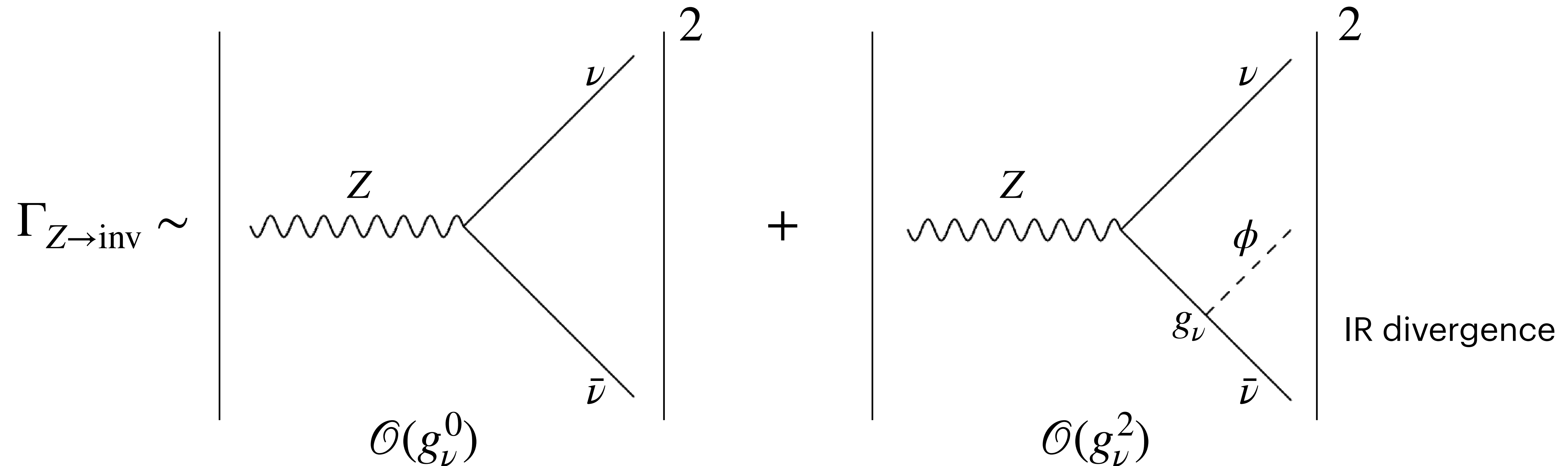
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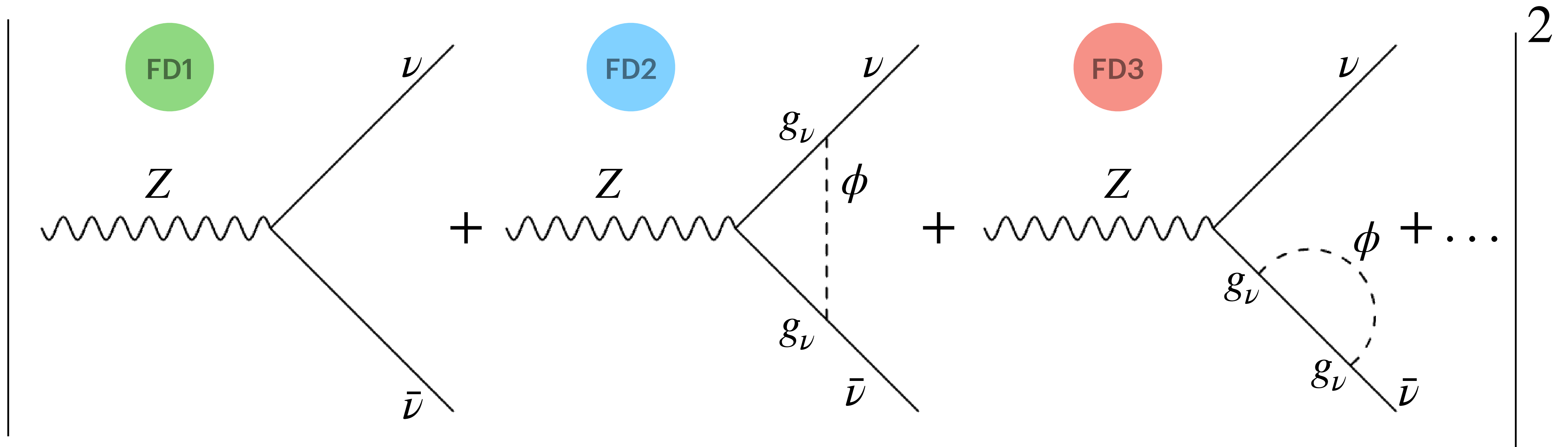
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- Adding one loop interference terms cancels the IR divergence

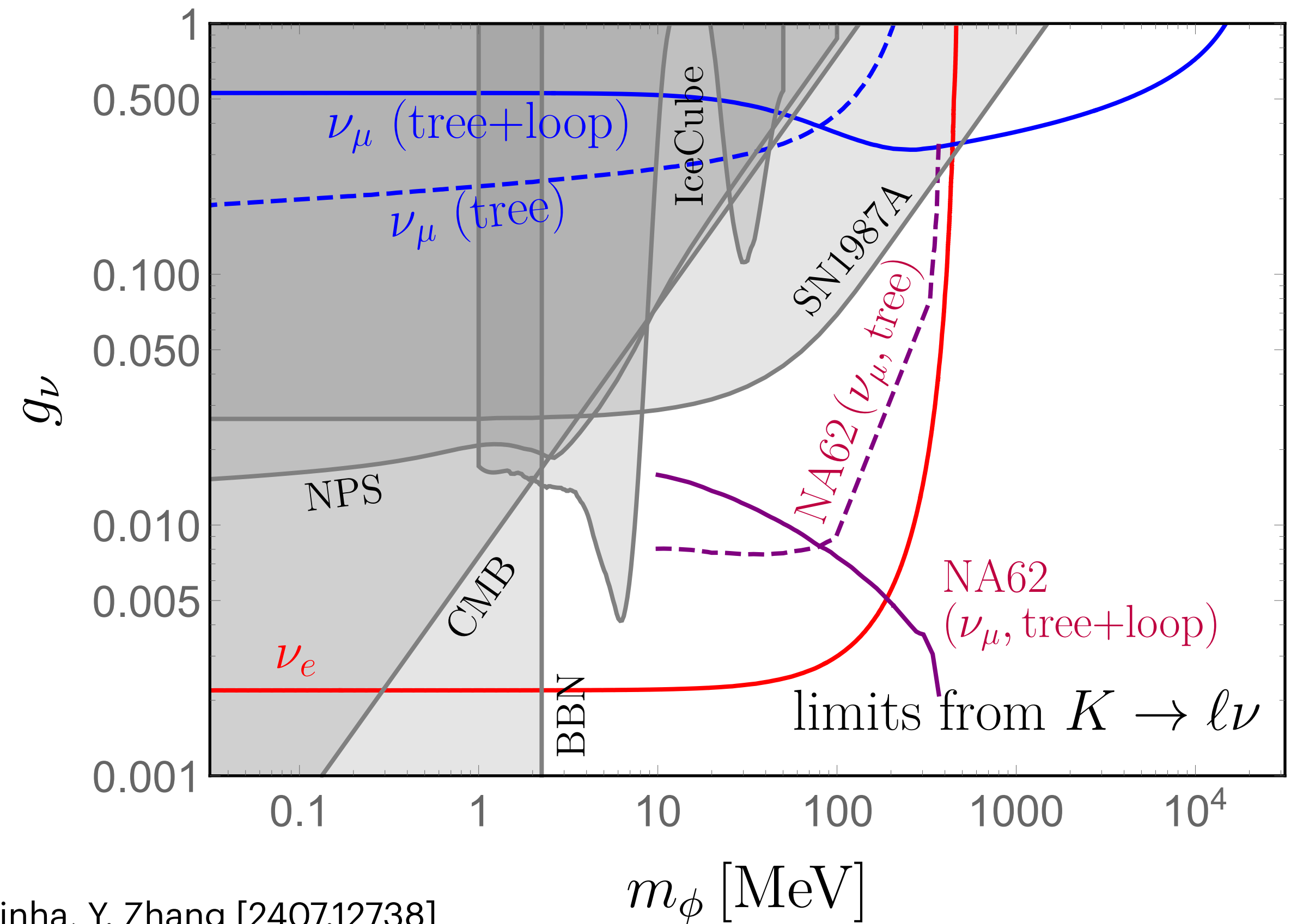
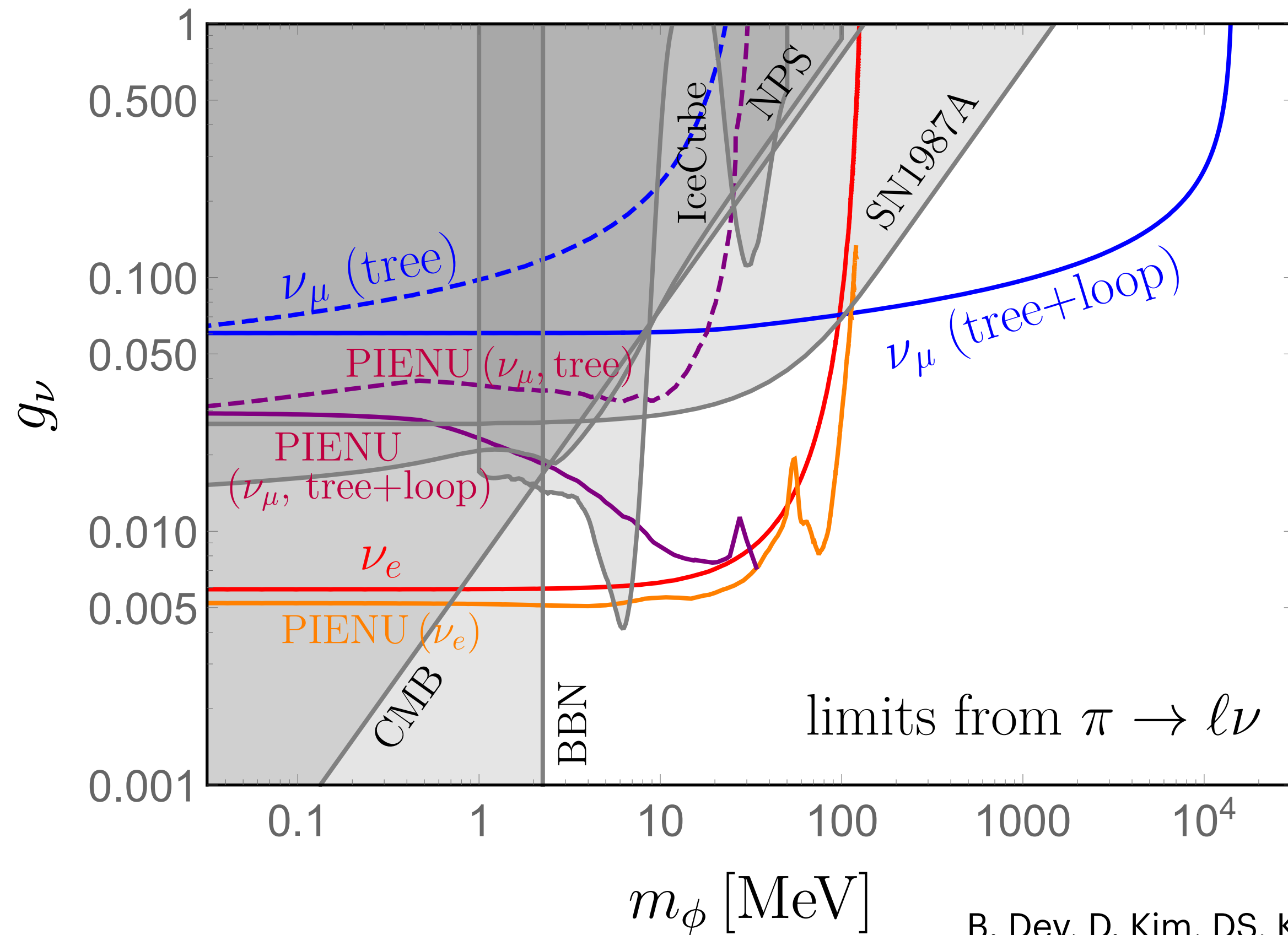


Interference terms and are  $\mathcal{O}(g_\nu^2)$ , like tree level  $Z \rightarrow \nu\nu\phi$

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## Meson decays

- Updated bound for scalar mediators of  $\pi, K$  decays



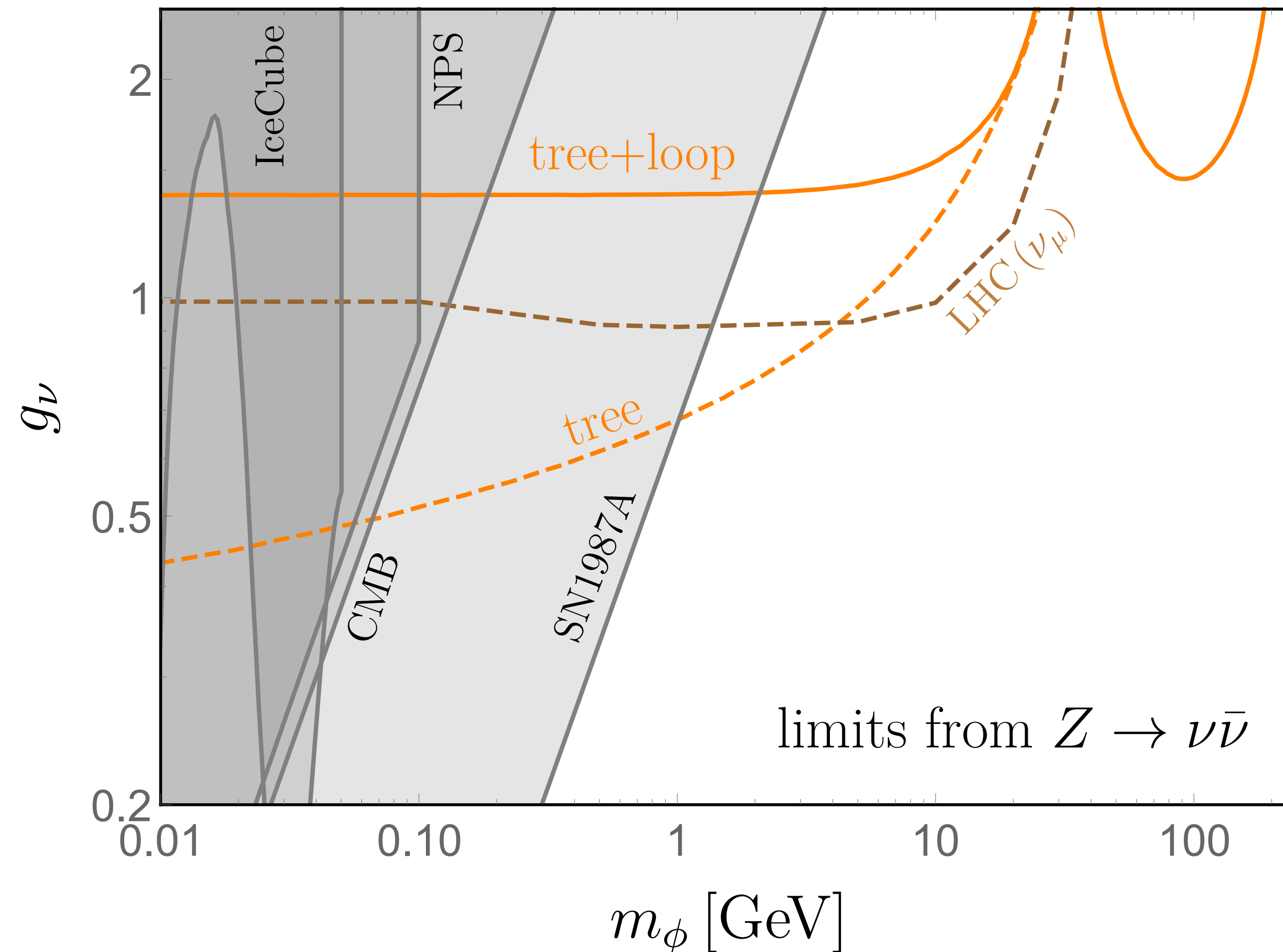
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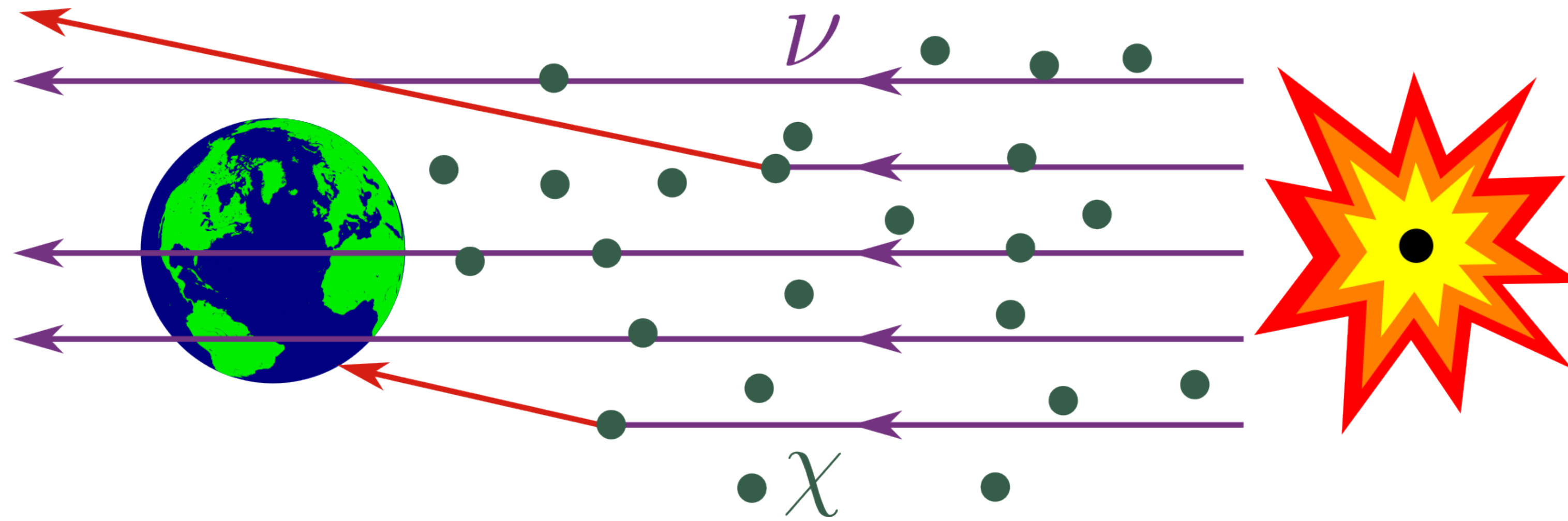
## Z decays

- Updated bound for scalar mediators of Z decays



# Sensitivity from Galactic SN

- Neutrinos move through DM medium, interactions cause change in flux



- Modeled by cascade equation:

$$\frac{d\varphi(E, \eta)}{d\eta} = -\sigma(E)\varphi(E, \eta) + \int_E^\infty d\tilde{E} \frac{d\sigma(\tilde{E}, E)}{dE} \varphi(\tilde{E}, \eta)$$

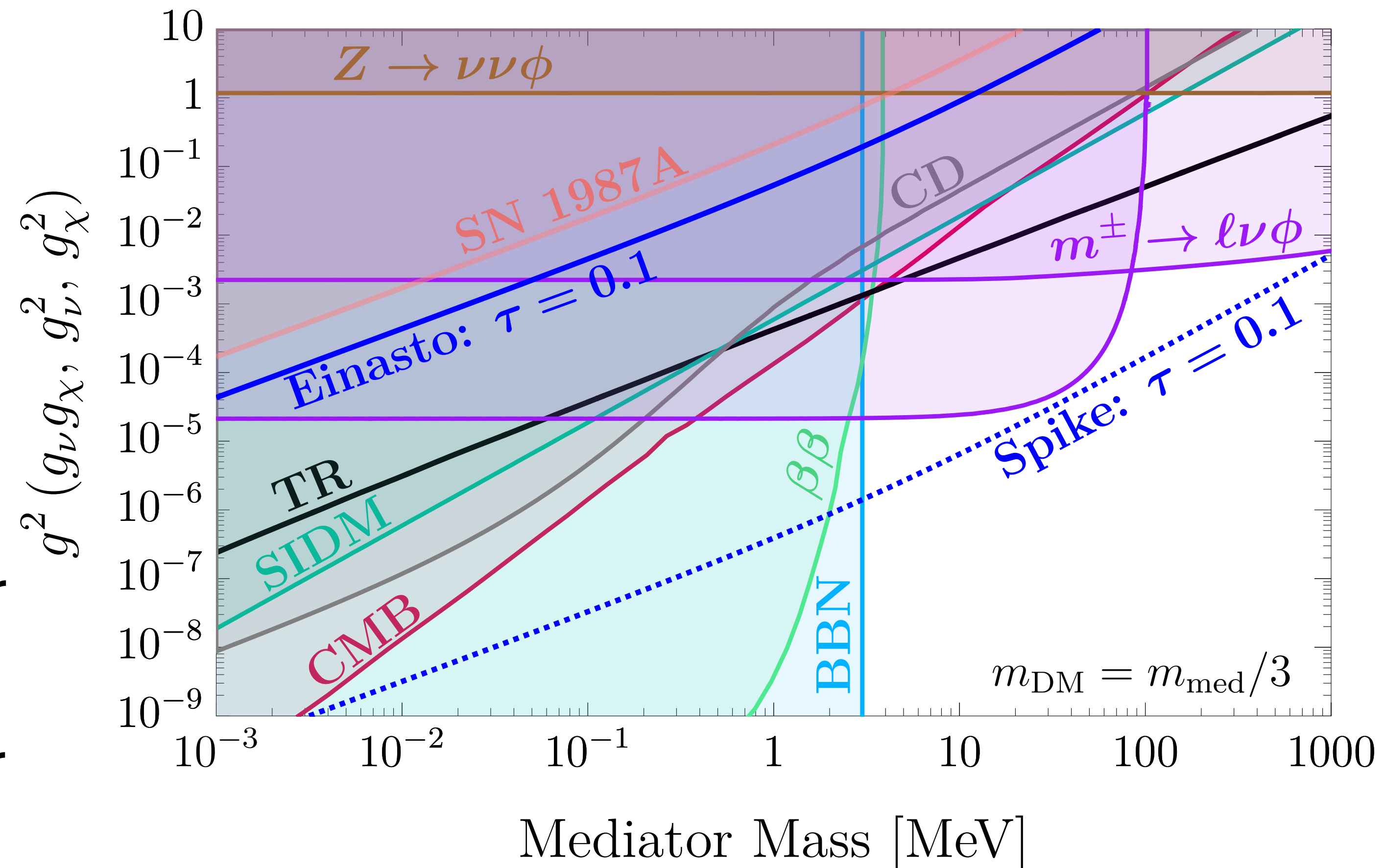
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- Compute survival rate  $\varphi/\varphi_0$  as a function of neutrino energy

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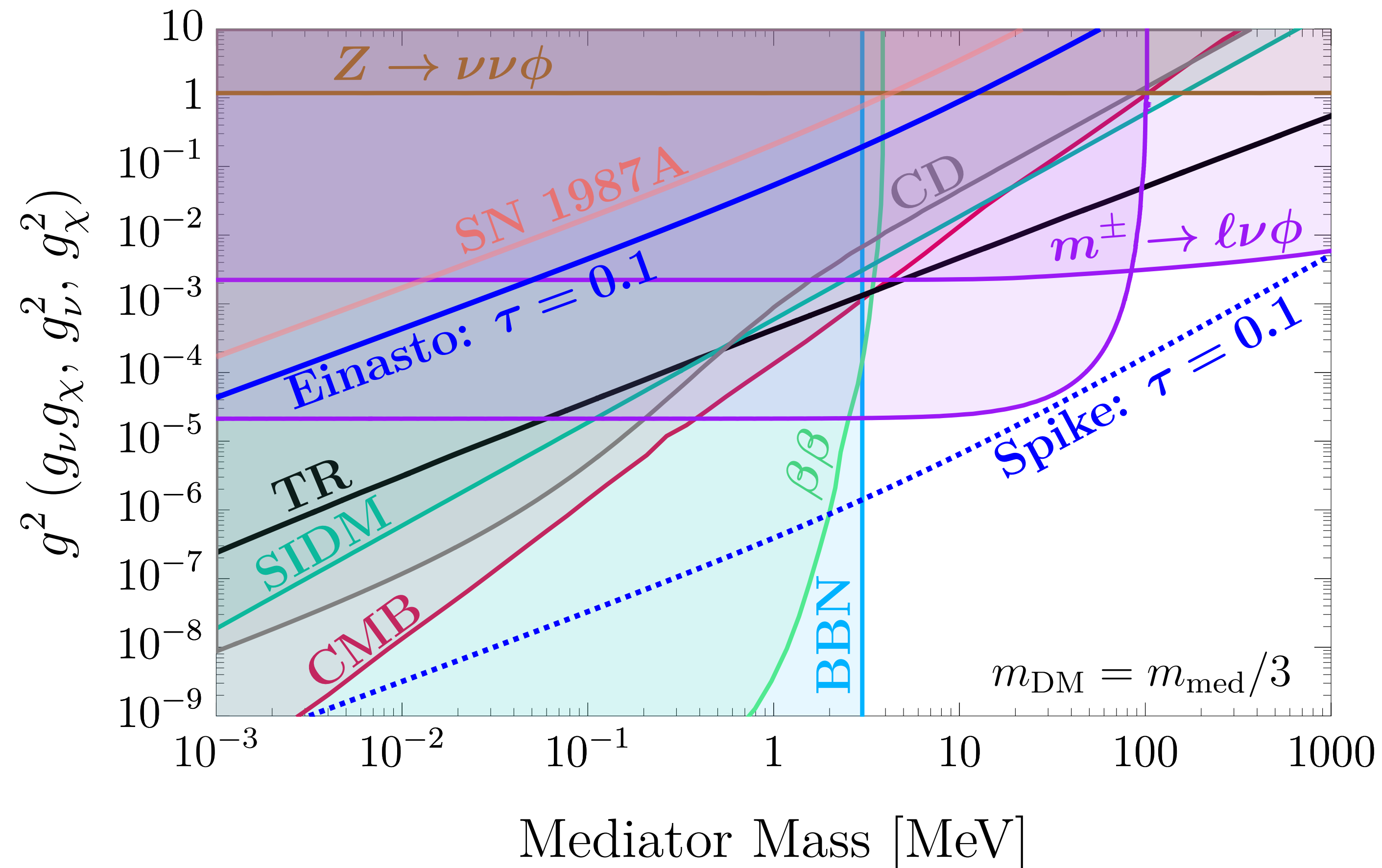
- Compiling all the constraints for this model:
- **Einasto  $\tau = 0.1$** : Opacity of 25 MeV neutrinos for SN in Milky Way galaxy 10 kpc away
  - on other side of galactic center
  - greater potential sensitivity over SN 1987A
- already ruled out by many other constraints for  $m_{\text{DM}} = m_{\text{med}}/3$



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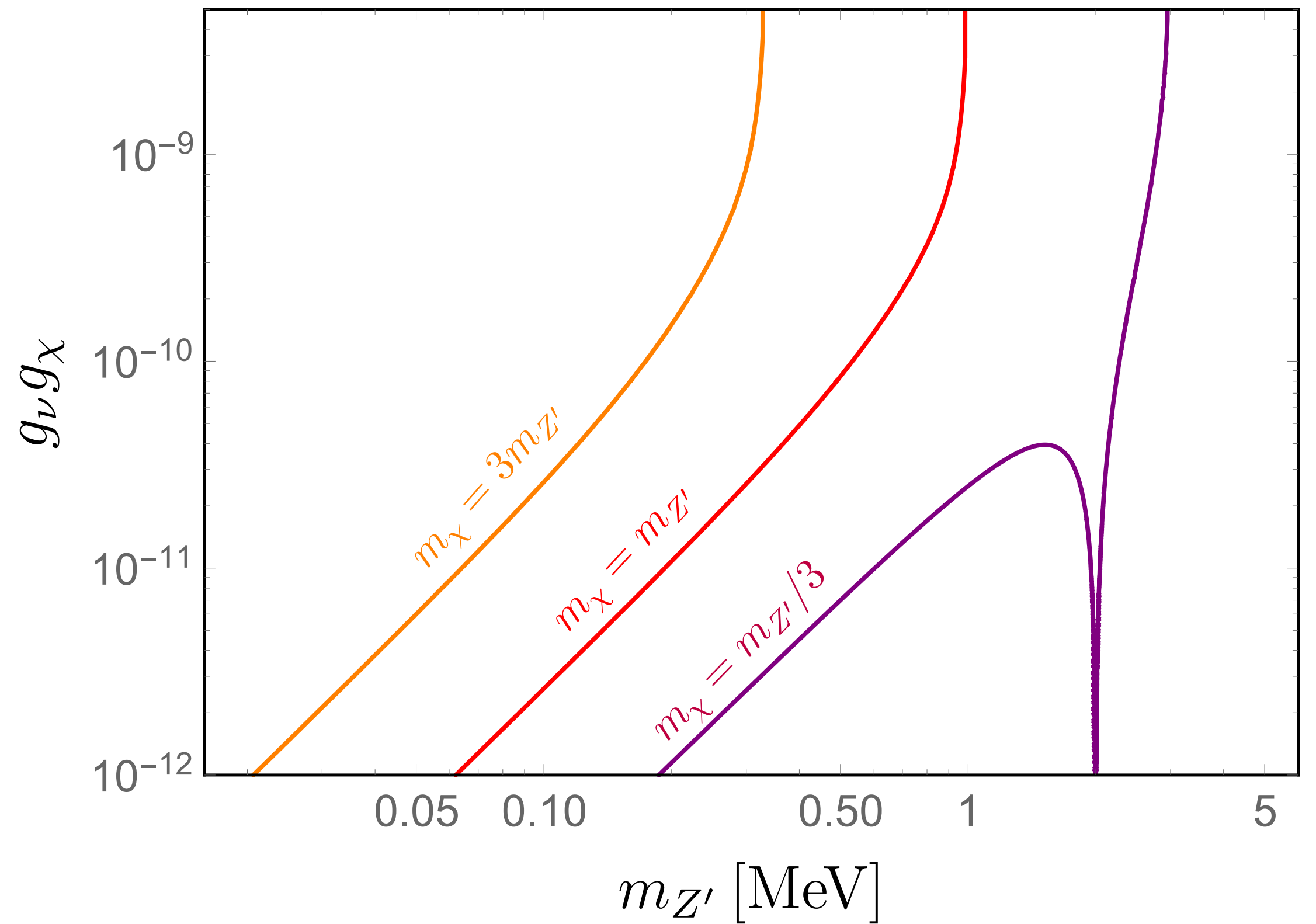
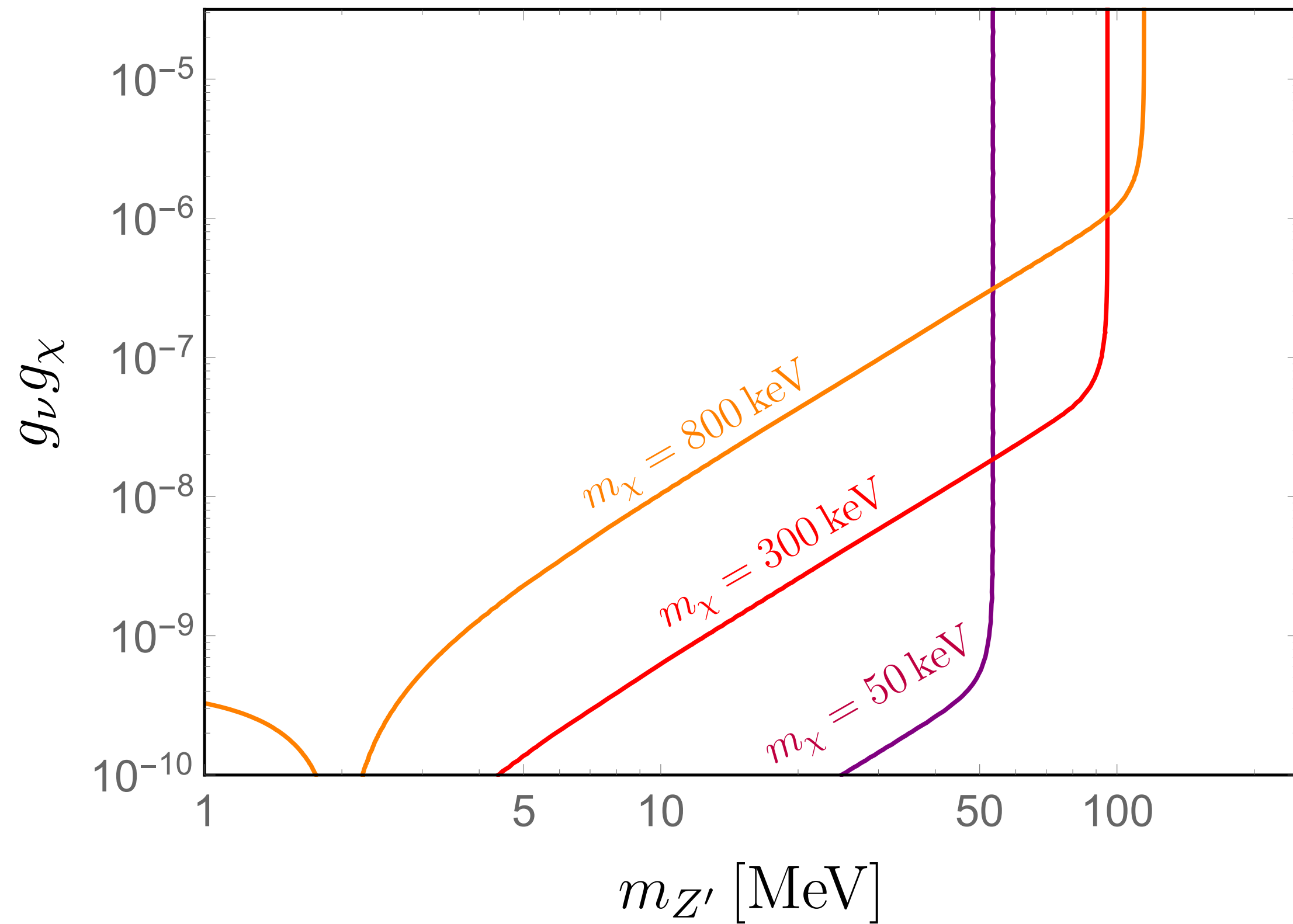
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- Compiling all the constraints for this model:
- **Spike  $\tau = 0.1$** : Opacity of 25 MeV neutrinos for SN in Milky Way galaxy 10 kpc away
- SN on other side of spike radius
- Optimistic best case scenario for this probe



# What about light DM?

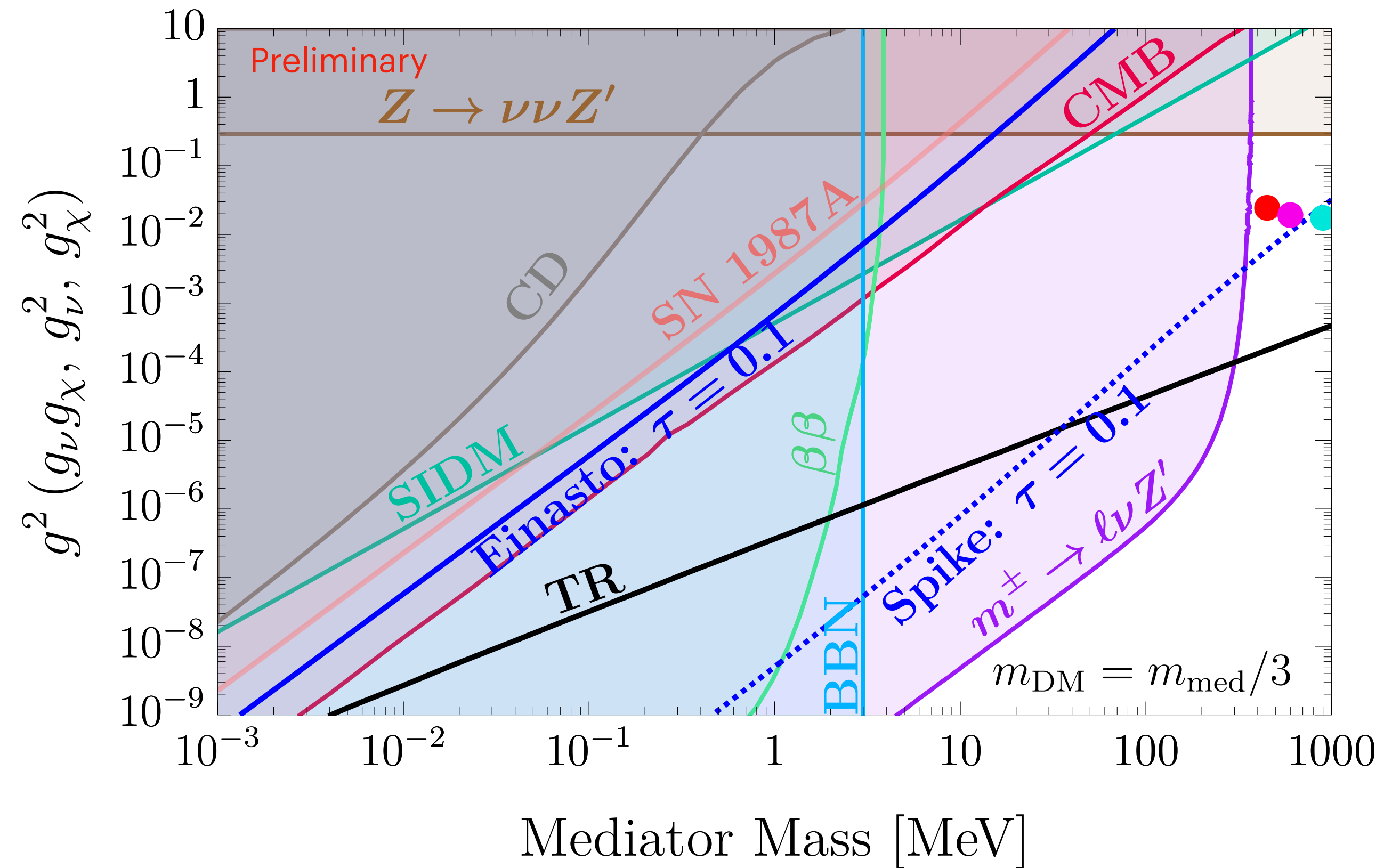
- Sub-MeV mediators are ruled out by BBN constraints, but what about sub-MeV DM with  $>$  MeV mediators?



# Event rate plots for Local SN

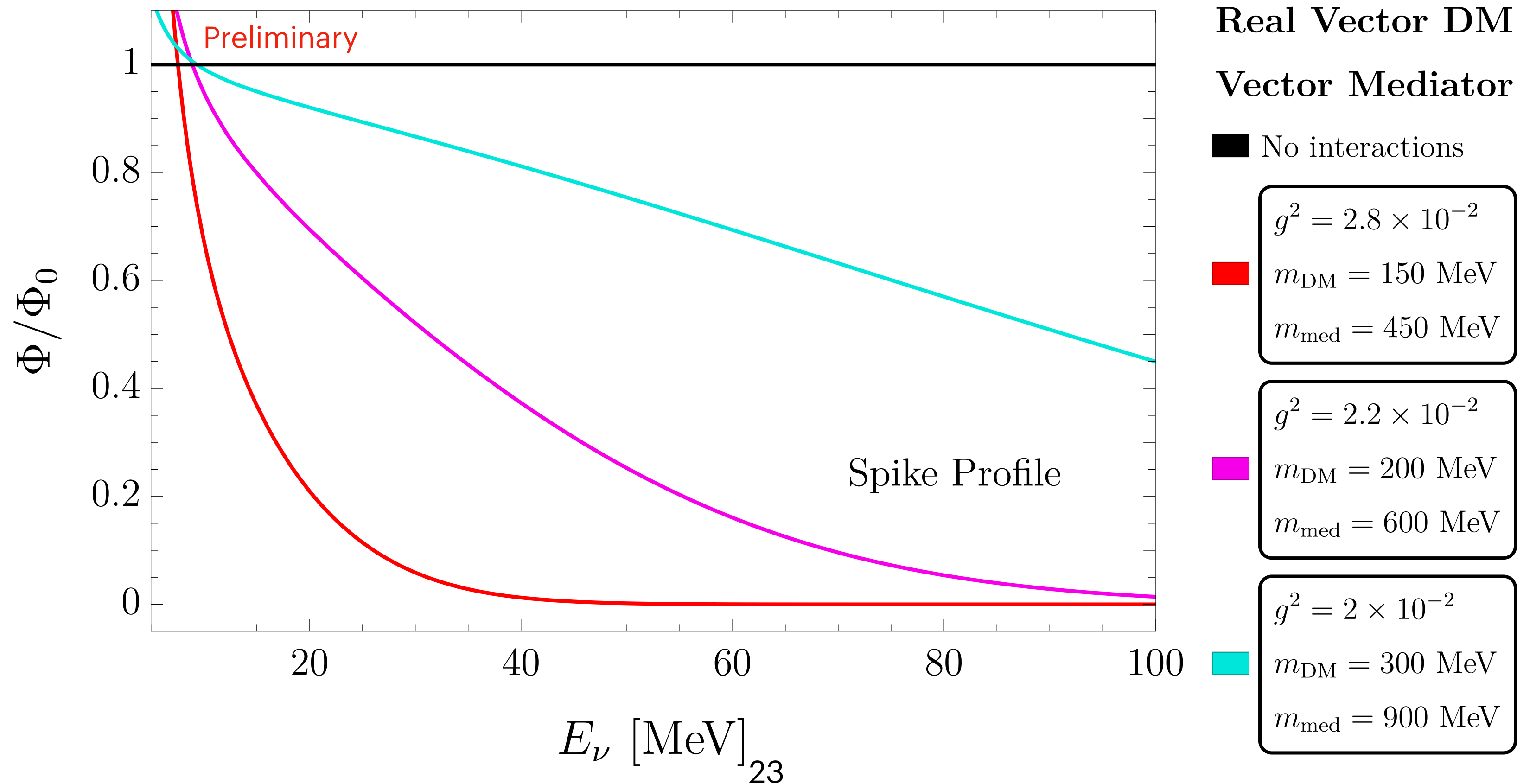
## Vector DM, Vector Mediator

- Vector DM, vector mediator model:
  - Consider these benchmark points in the available parameter space
  - What would Hyper-K, JUNO, and DUNE see?



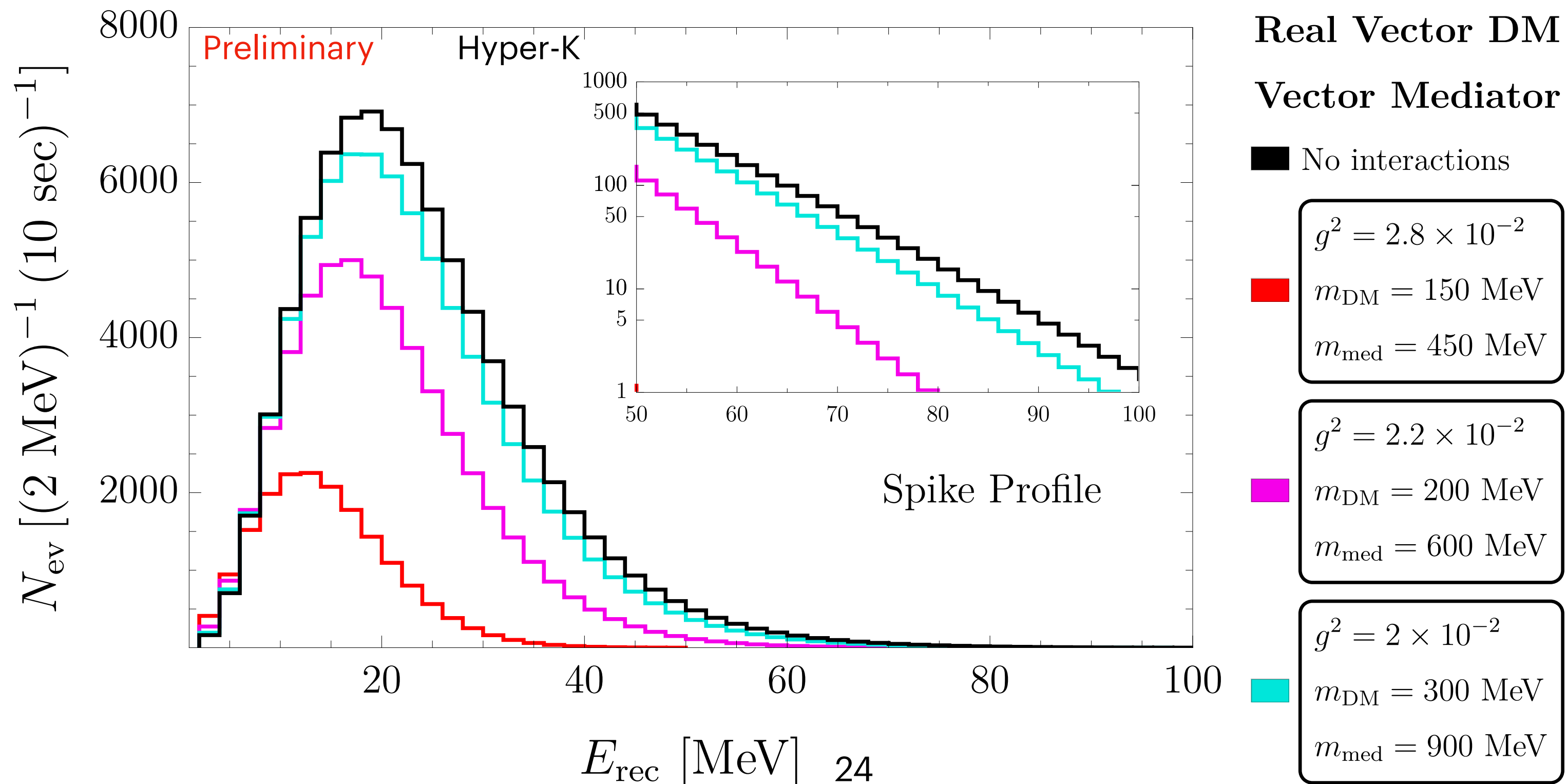
# Light DM Scenario for local SN

- How would the measured neutrino flux at DUNE, Hyper-K, JUNO change?
- Model neutrino flux  $\Phi_0$  as a function of energy
- Use cascade equation to calculate attenuated flux  $\Phi$



# Light DM Scenario for local SN

- How would the measured neutrino flux at DUNE, Hyper-K, JUNO change?
- Apply survival rate to observed neutrino flux
  - Inverse Beta Decay at Hyper-K/JUNO
  - Charged Current interaction with Argon at DUNE





# Summary and Outlook

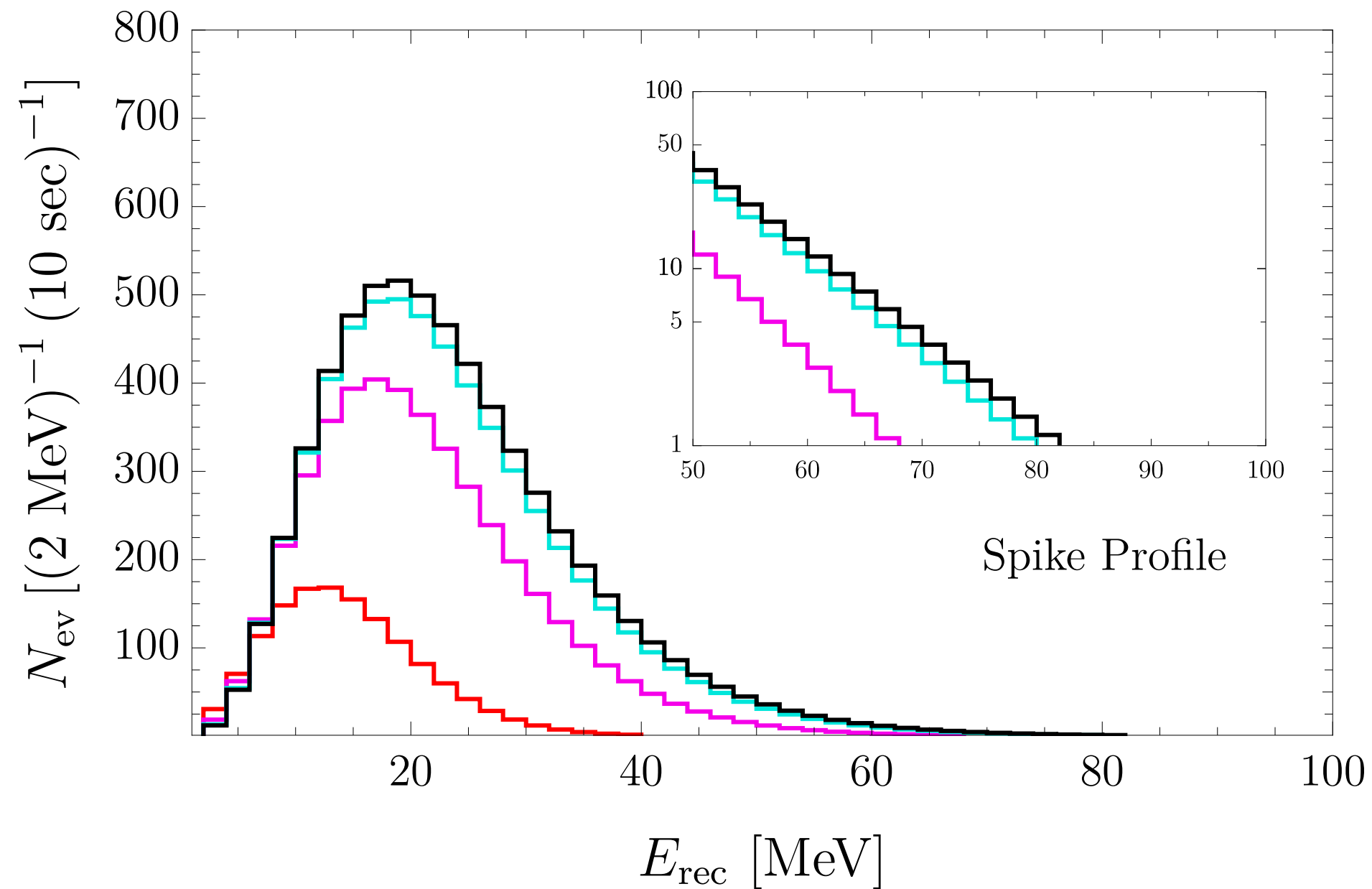
- Carried out a comprehensive analysis of models for general effective  $\nu$ -DM interactions
- Many strong constraints from cosmology, astrophysics, and labs
  - Updated lab bounds, important for  $> 1$  MeV mediators!
- Even so, potential opportunities to probe neutrino interactions
- For each model, show the remaining parameter space, mostly unexplored for  $> 1$  MeV mediator masses
- Other scenarios:
  - axions/ALPs (large number density)
  - HEANs interacting with DM, measured at IceCube

**Thank you!**

# Backup Slides

# Event rate plots at DUNE, JUNO

## JUNO



**Real Vector DM  
Vector Mediator**

■ No interactions

$$g^2 = 2.8 \times 10^{-2}$$

$$m_{\text{DM}} = 150 \text{ MeV}$$

$$m_{\text{med}} = 450 \text{ MeV}$$

$$g^2 = 2.2 \times 10^{-2}$$

$$m_{\text{DM}} = 200 \text{ MeV}$$

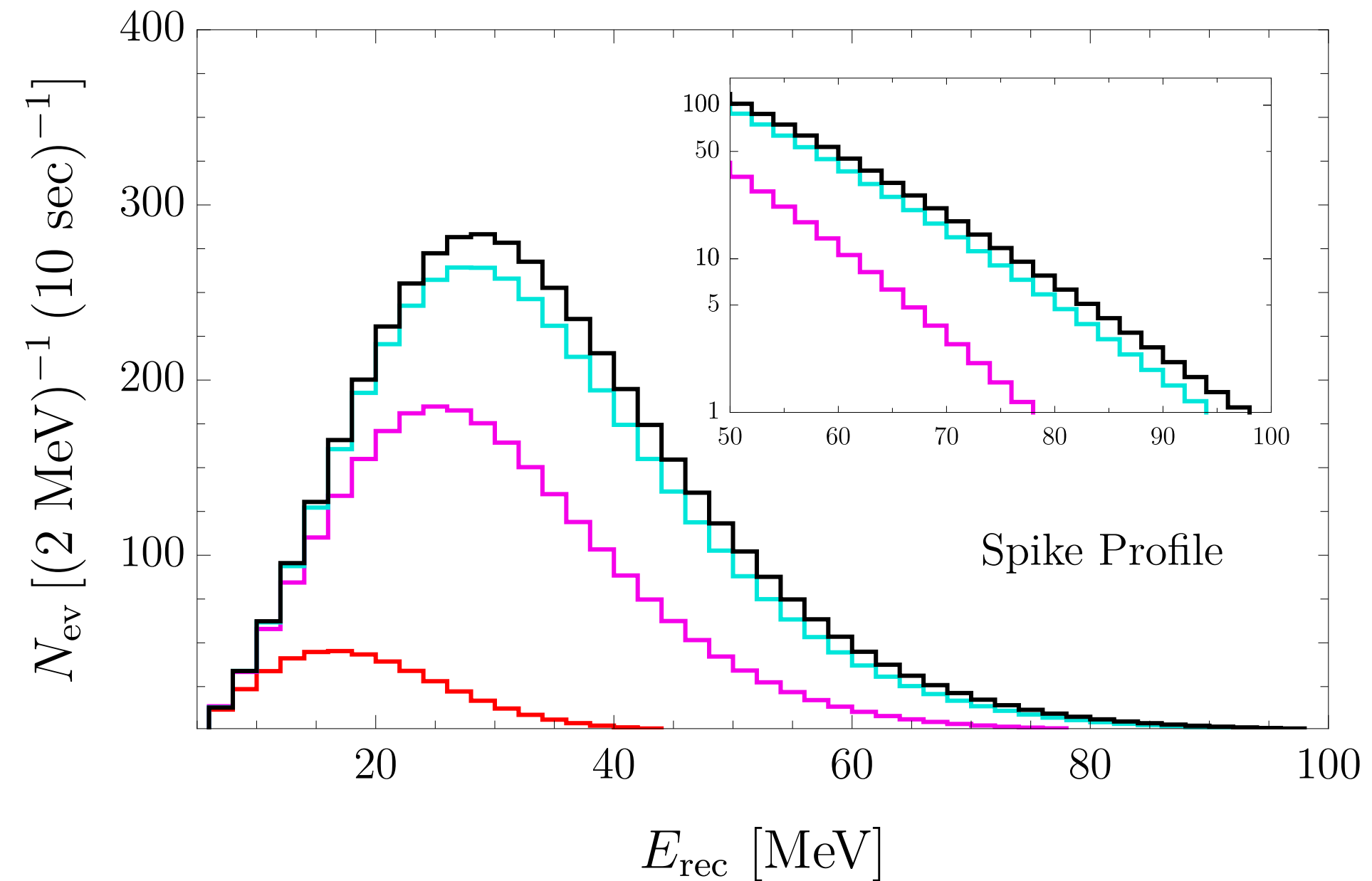
$$m_{\text{med}} = 600 \text{ MeV}$$

$$g^2 = 2 \times 10^{-2}$$

$$m_{\text{DM}} = 300 \text{ MeV}$$

$$m_{\text{med}} = 900 \text{ MeV}$$

## DUNE



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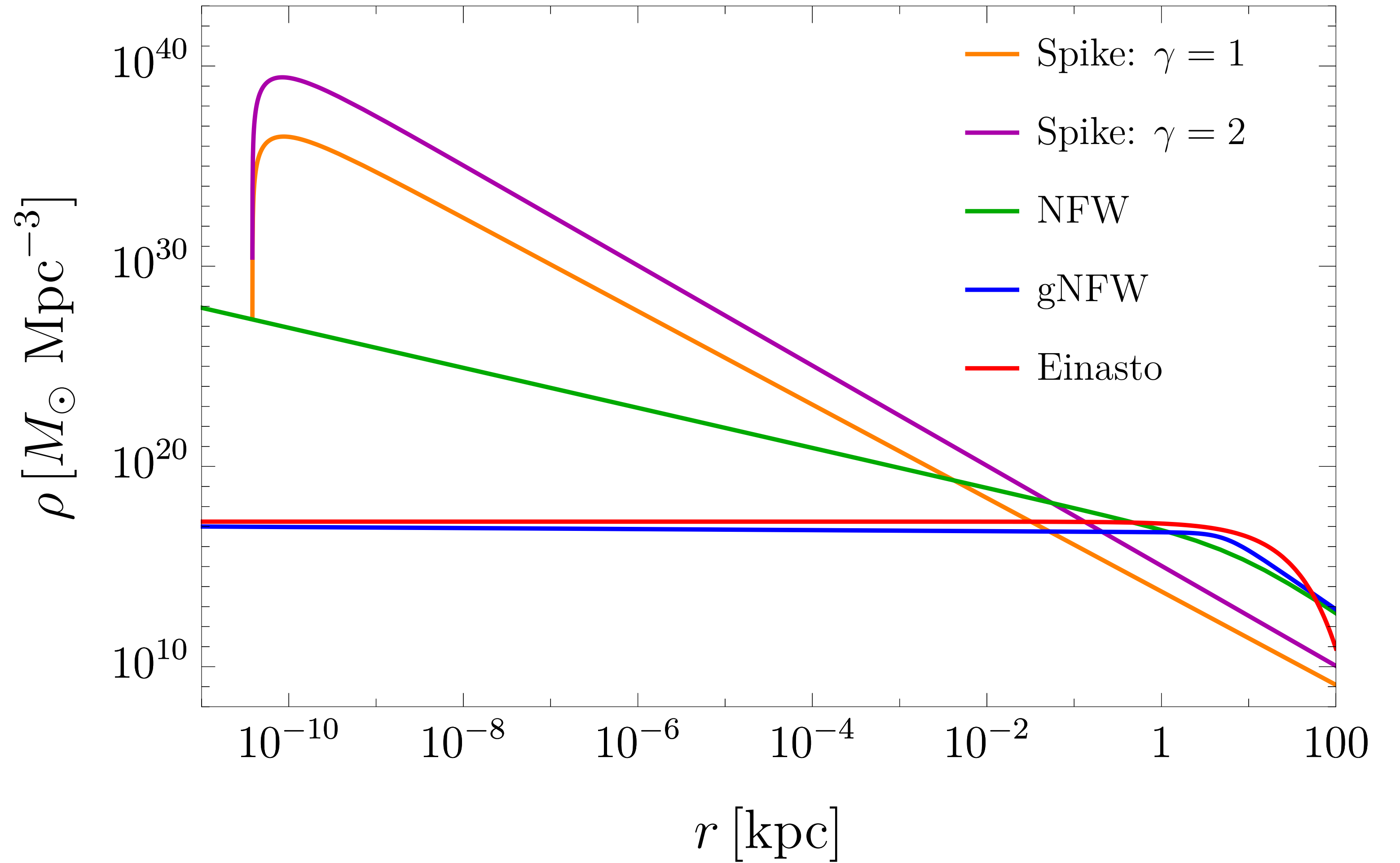
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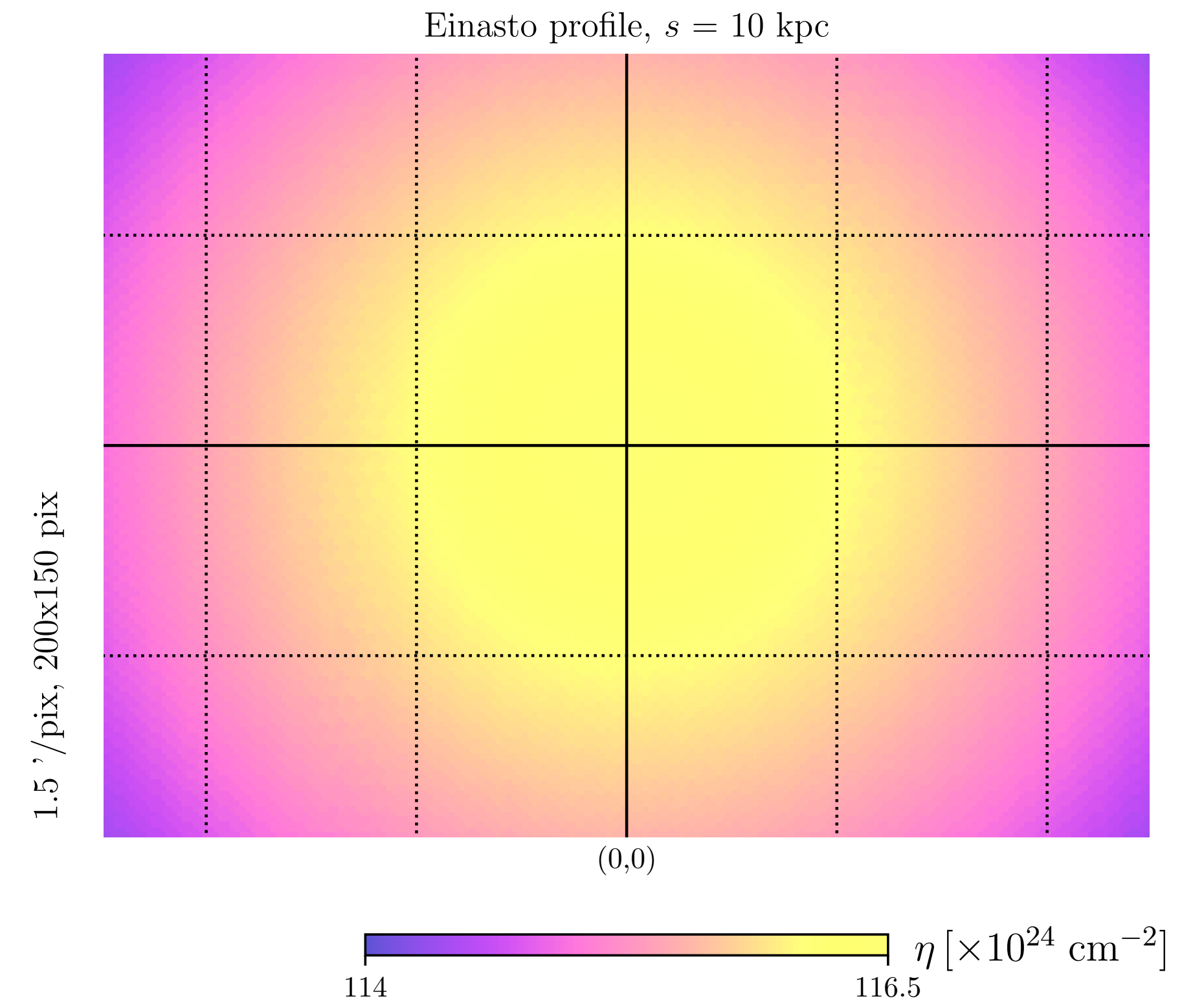
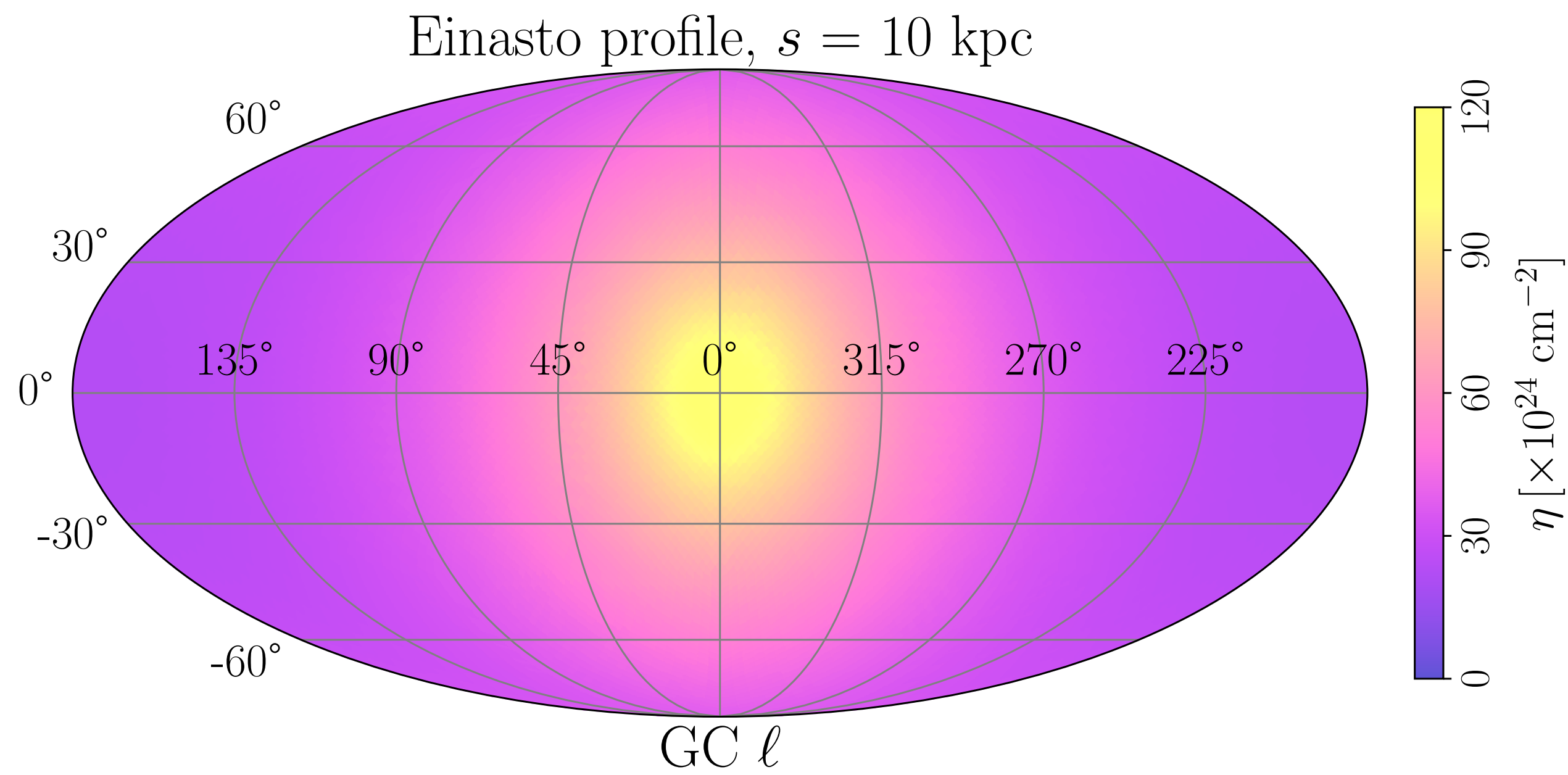
$$m_{\text{med}} = 900 \text{ MeV}$$

# Comparison of DM Profiles

- Einasto, gNFW are cored
- Spike, NFW are cuspy



# Einasto Profile Skymaps



# Spike Profile Skymaps

