

Light Hidden-sector Particle Searches at Dark Matter “Colliders”



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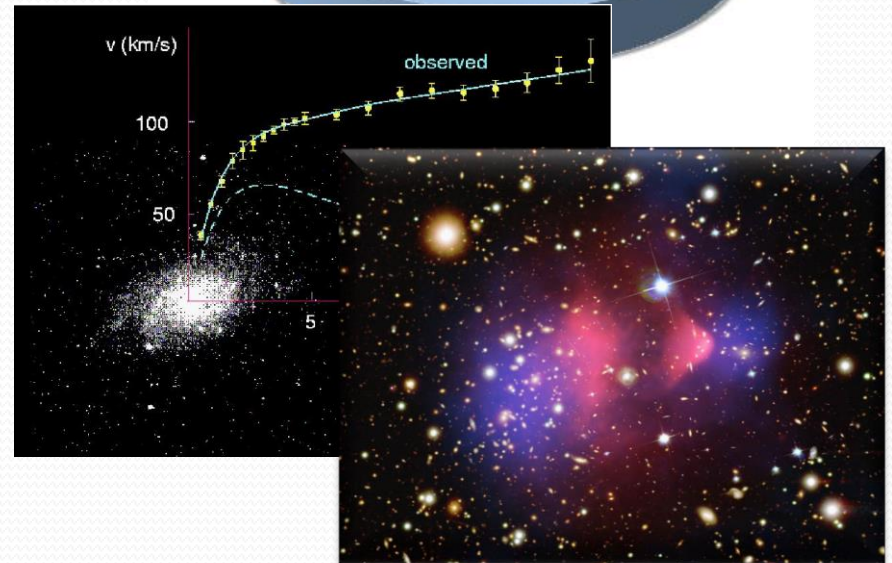
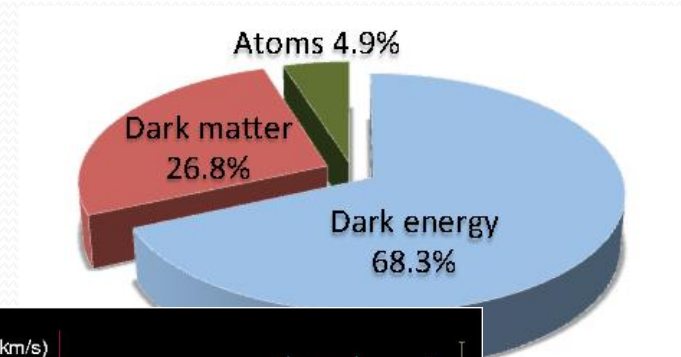
● Existence of dark matter

❑ Dark Matter (DM): ~25% of our universe

❑ Evidence

- ✓ Rotation curve
- ✓ Gravitational lensing
- ✓ CMB
- ✓ Many more ...

❑ **Compelling paradigm**

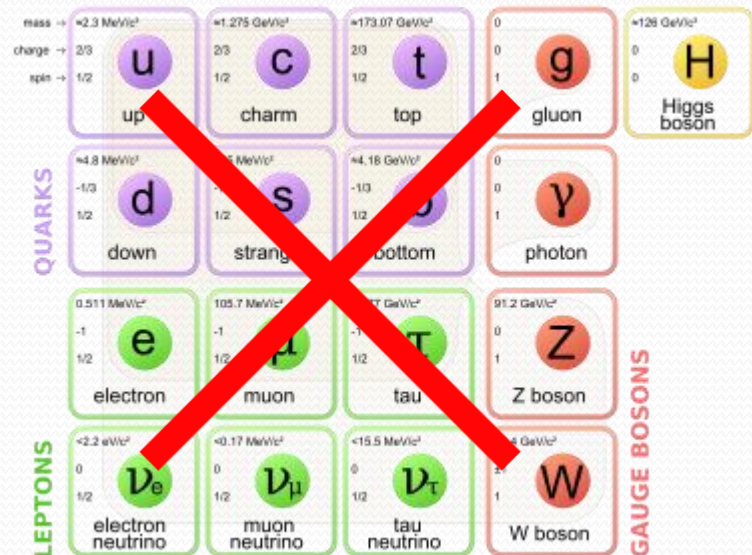


Dark Matter

Known DM properties

- 1) Gravitationally interacting: since having mass, dark matter can couple to gravity... but the strength small..
- 2) Not short-lived: i.e., stable to survive for a long time, otherwise, wouldn't be observed
- 3) Not hot: non-relativistic
- 4) Not baryonic: i.e., not made of ordinary matter, protons, electrons and atoms
- 5) Neutral: otherwise, would be already detected

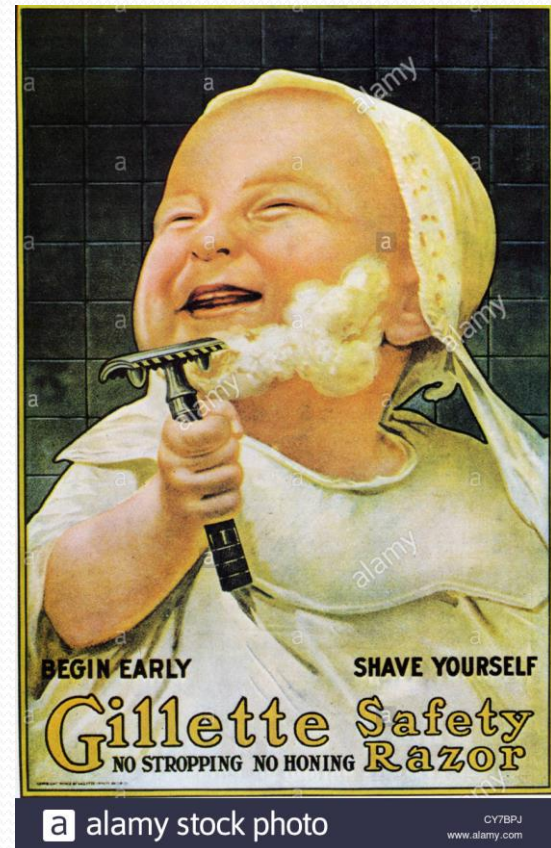
Need for new particles!!



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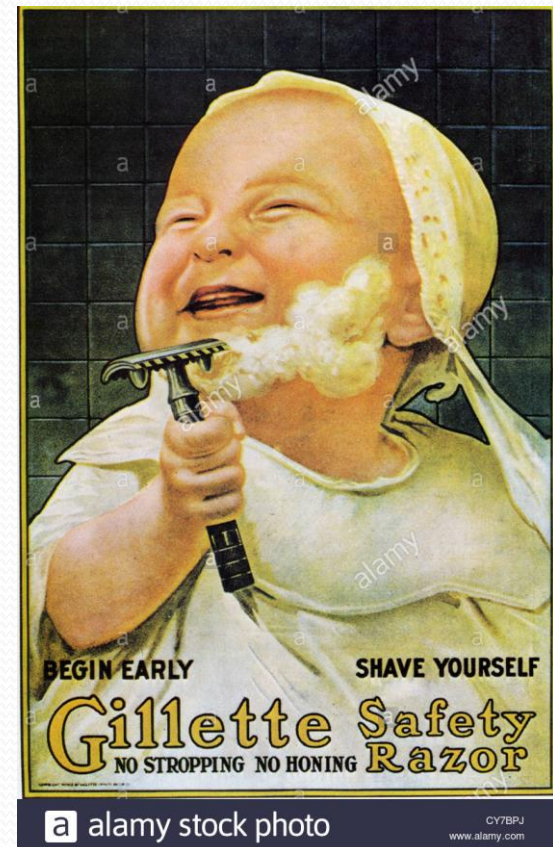
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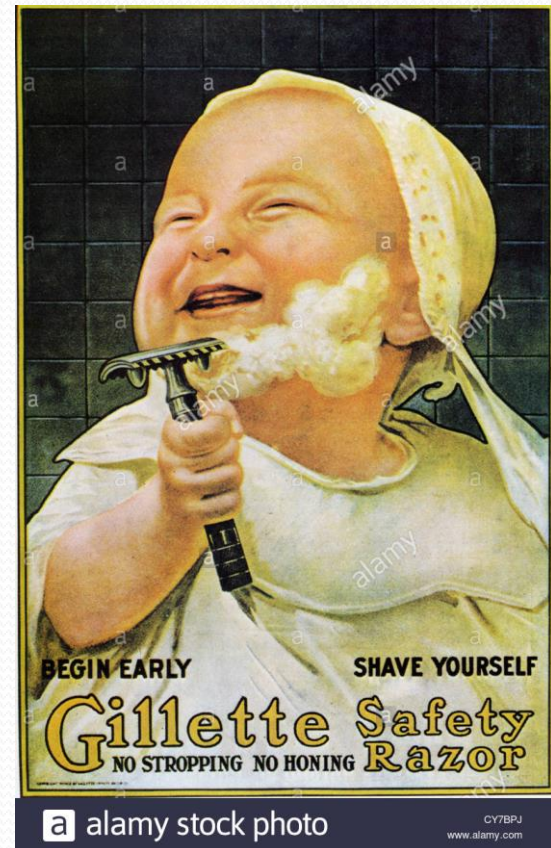
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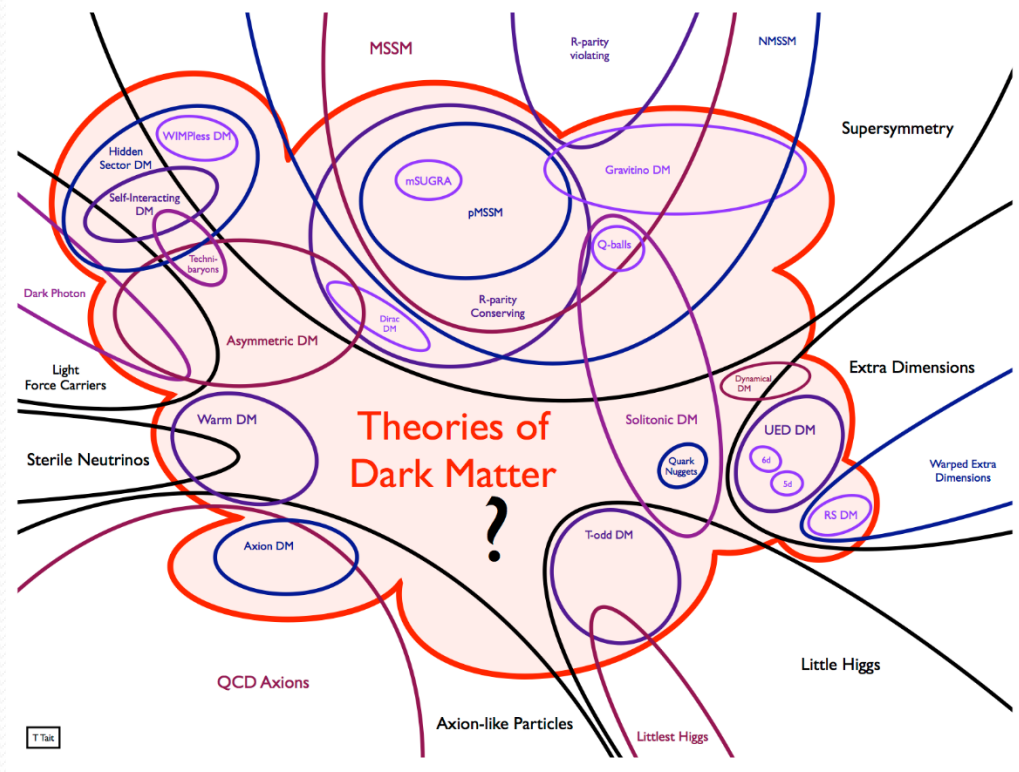
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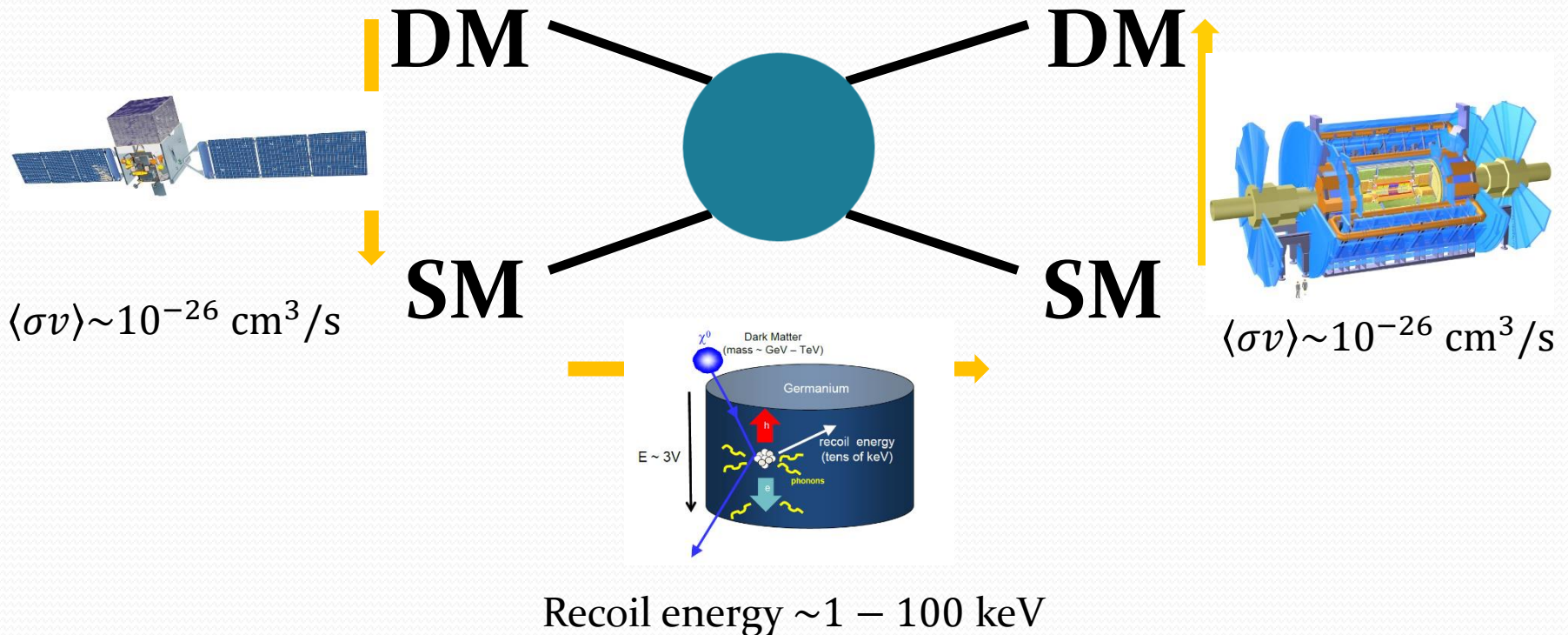
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- ❑ Most of models assume the “minimal” dark sector (single type of dark matter)



from the talk by Tim Tait

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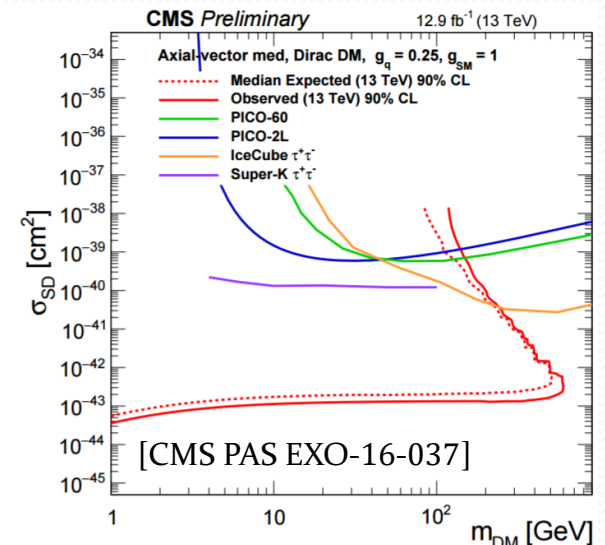
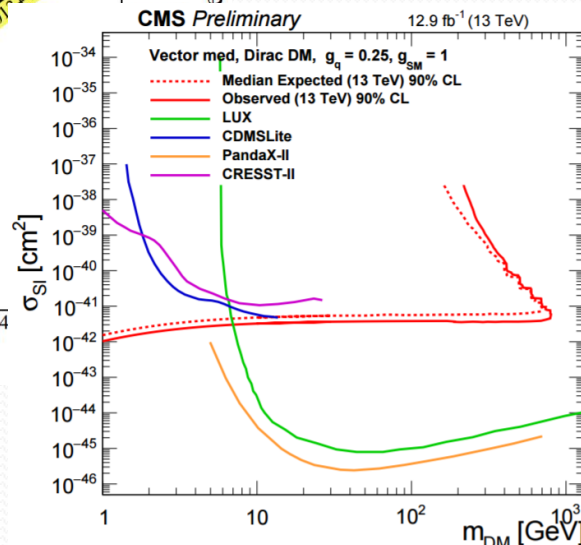
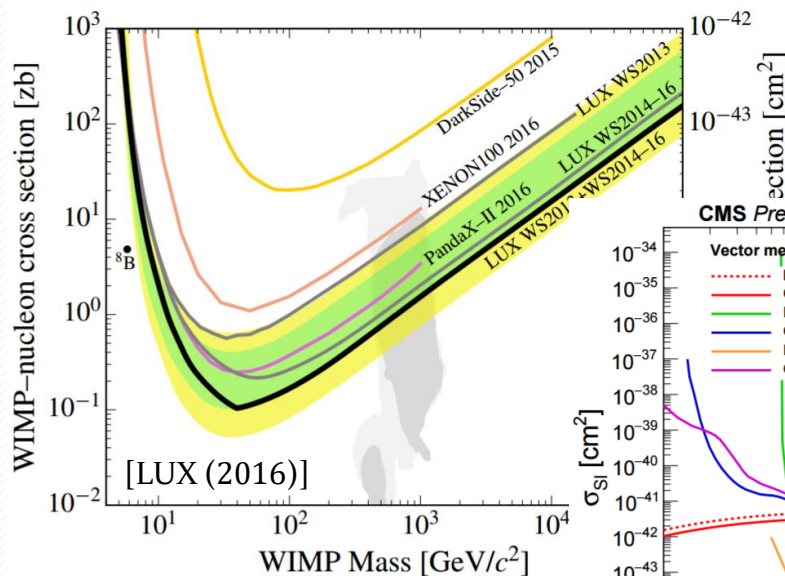
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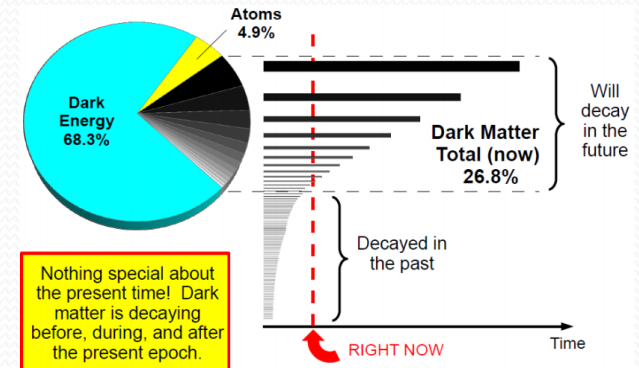
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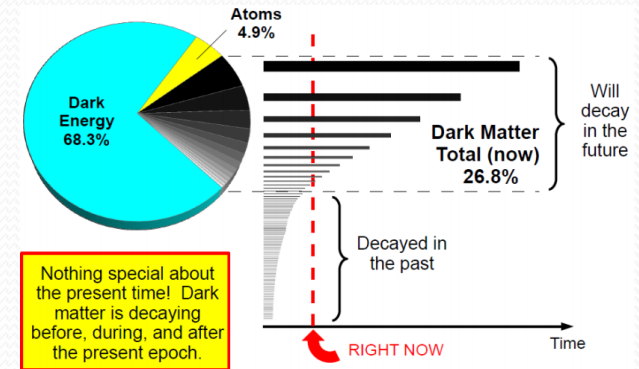


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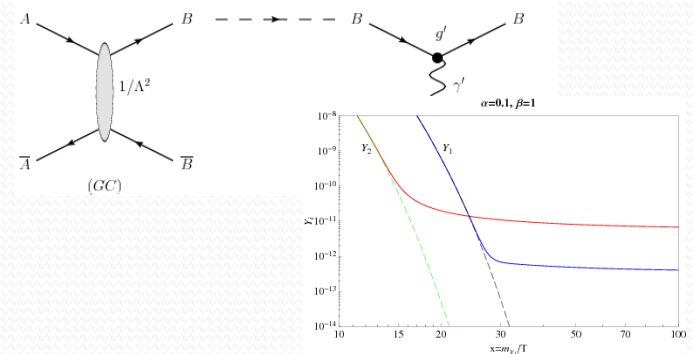
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● Rising interest

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- ❑ Assisted freeze-out mechanism [G. Belanger and J.-C. Park (2011)]



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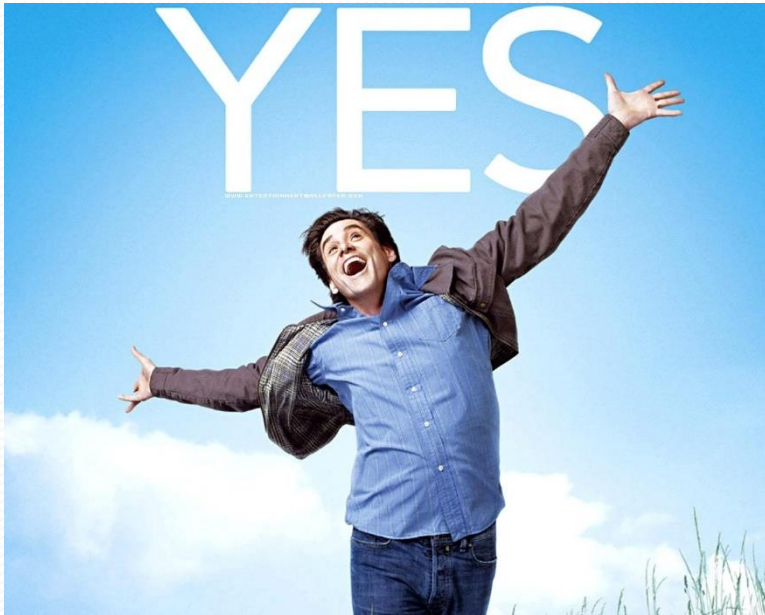
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✓ **New dark matter search strategies: dark matter “colliders” (also at intensity frontiers)**

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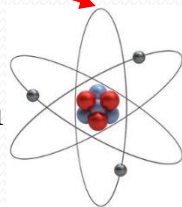
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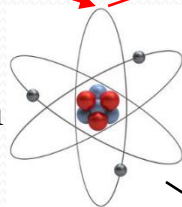
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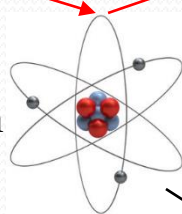
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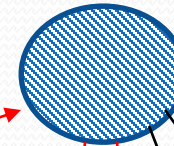
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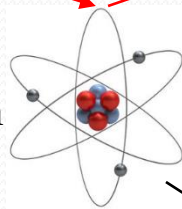
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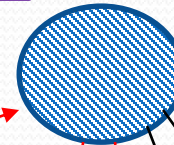
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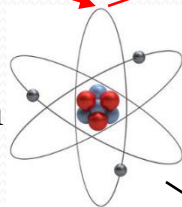
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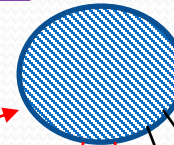
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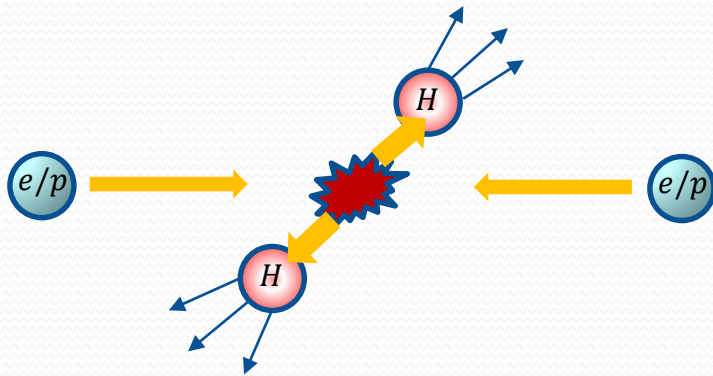
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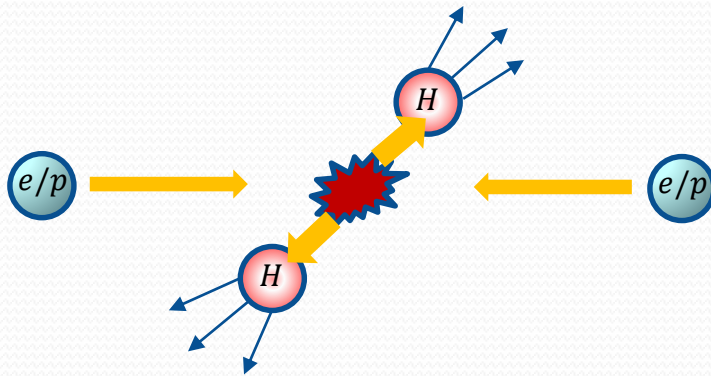


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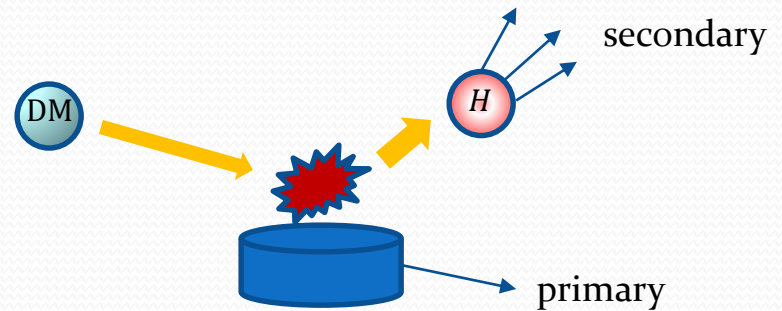
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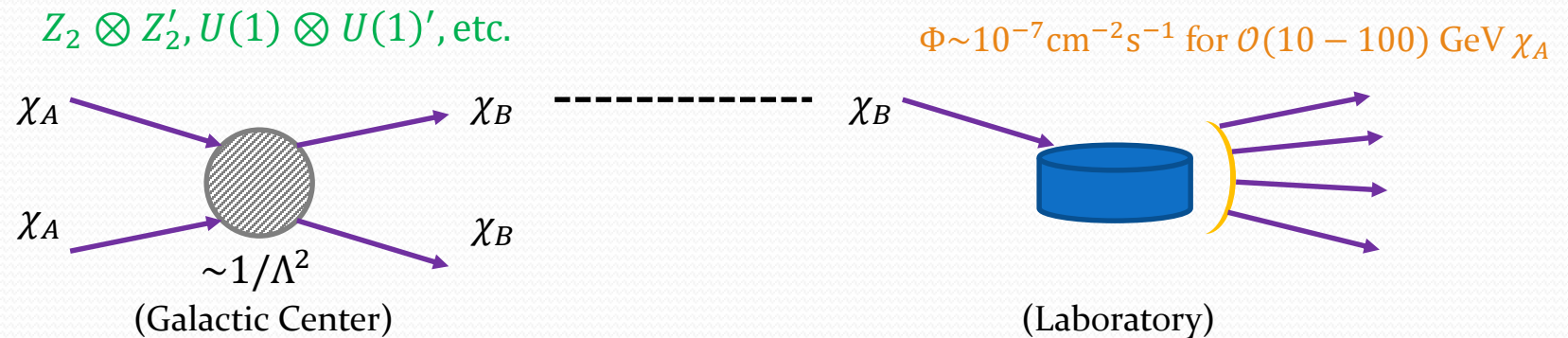
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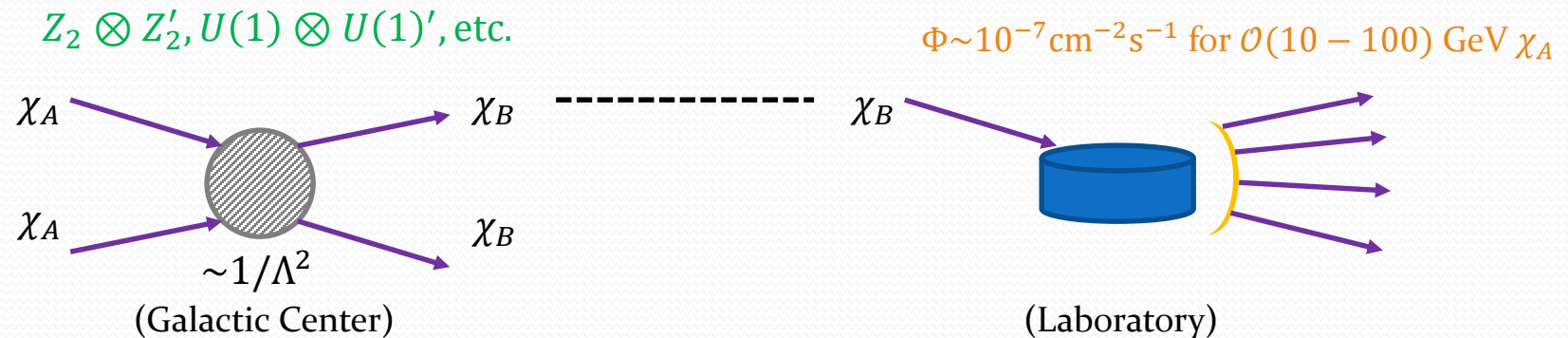
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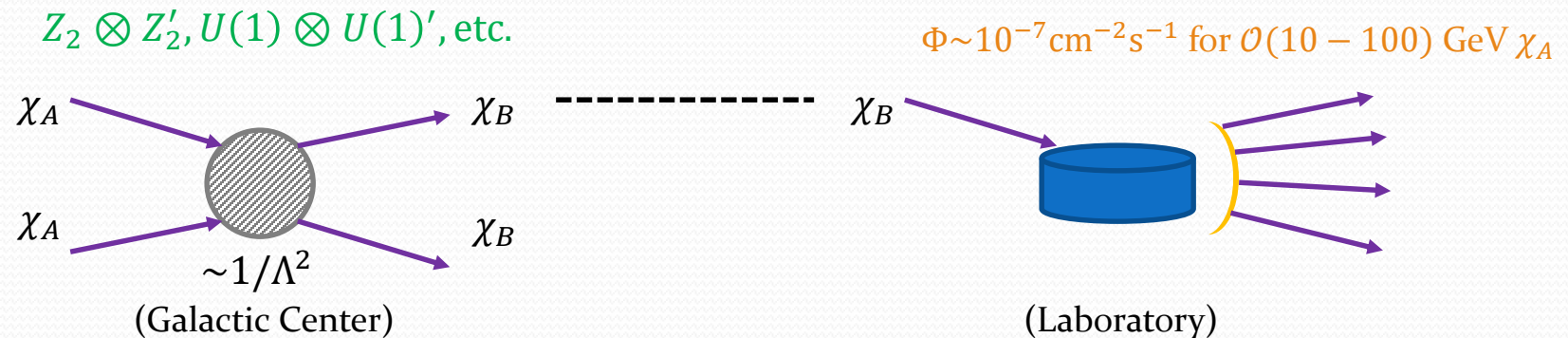


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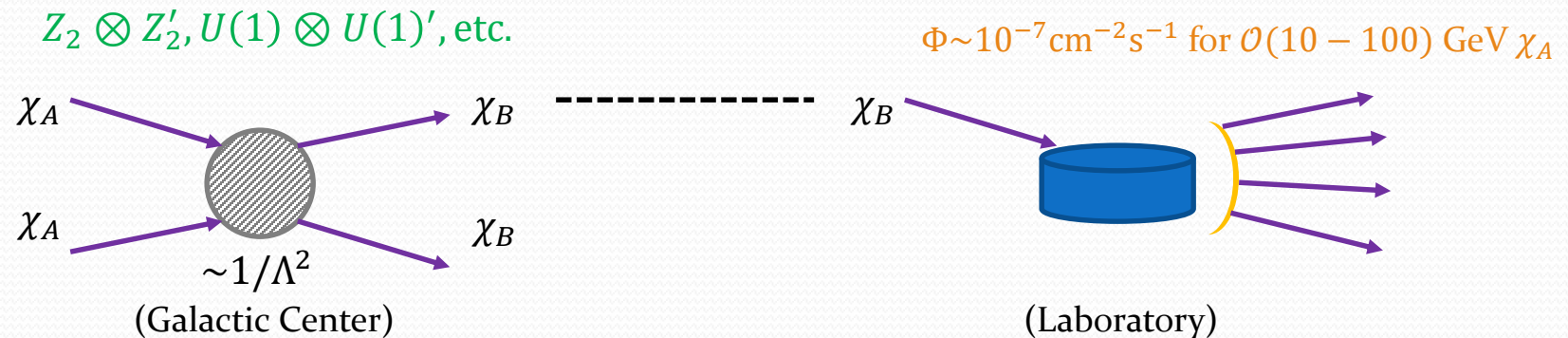


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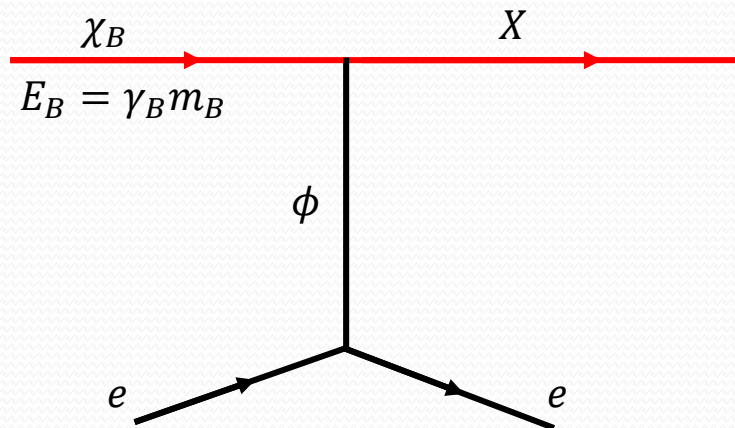
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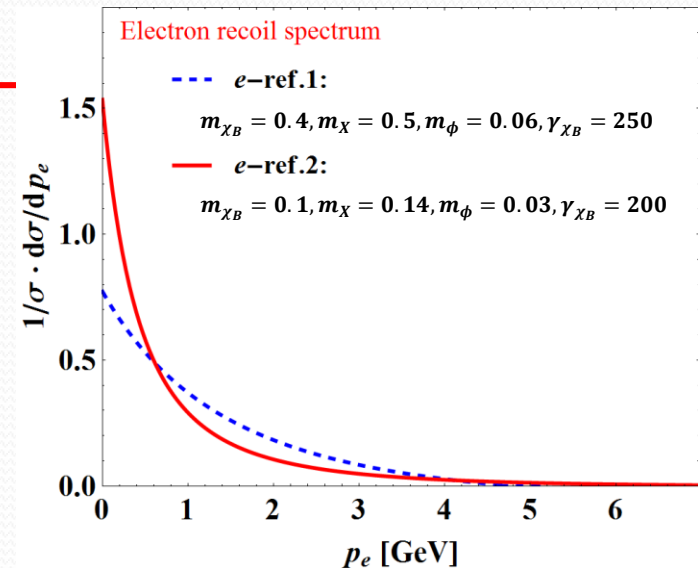
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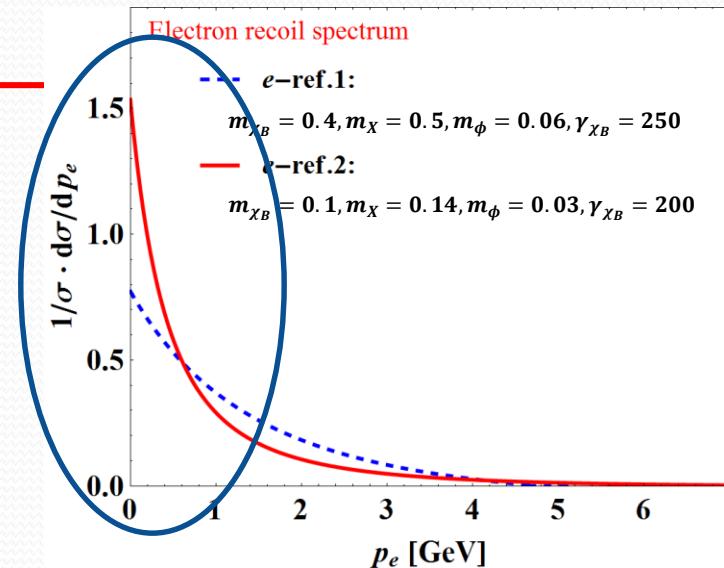
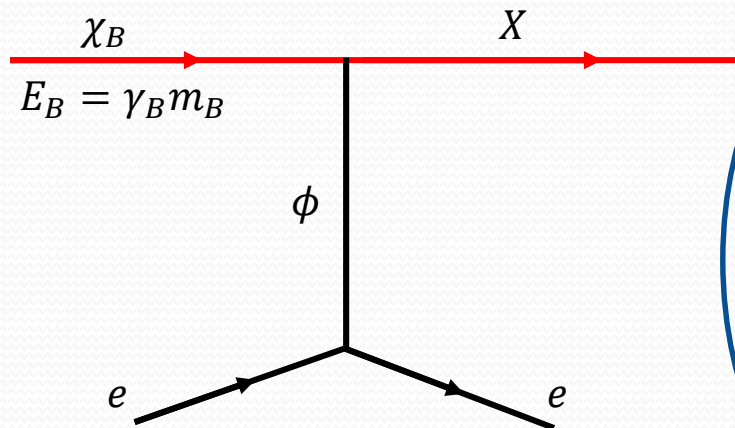
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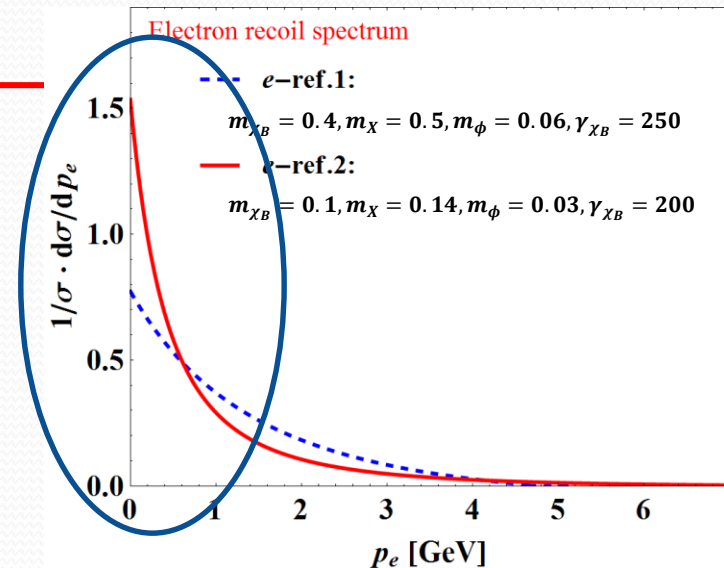
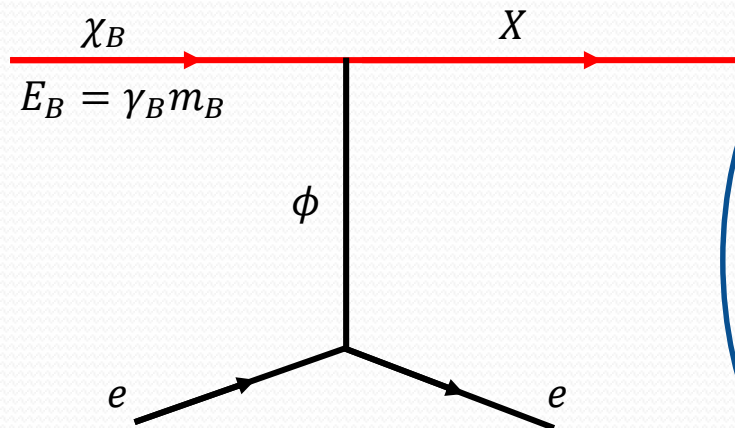
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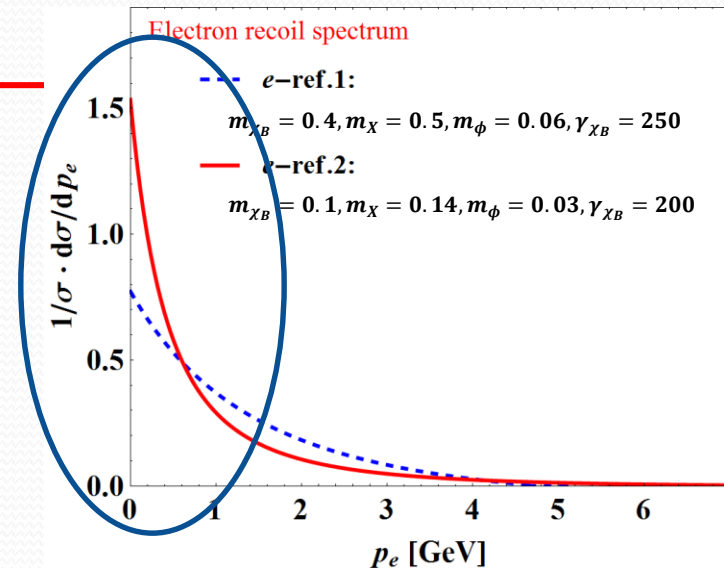
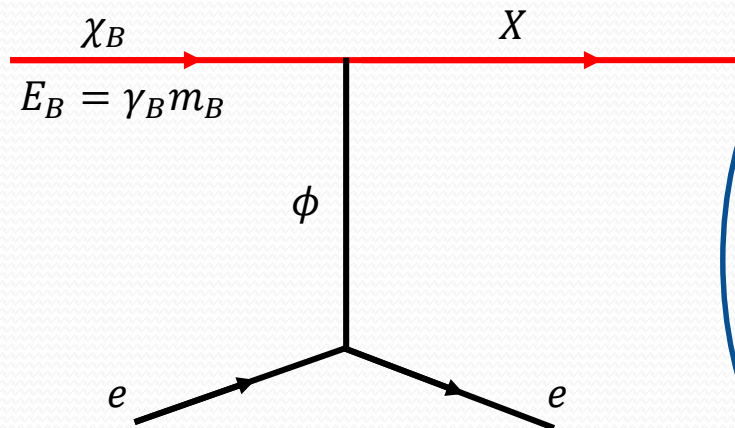
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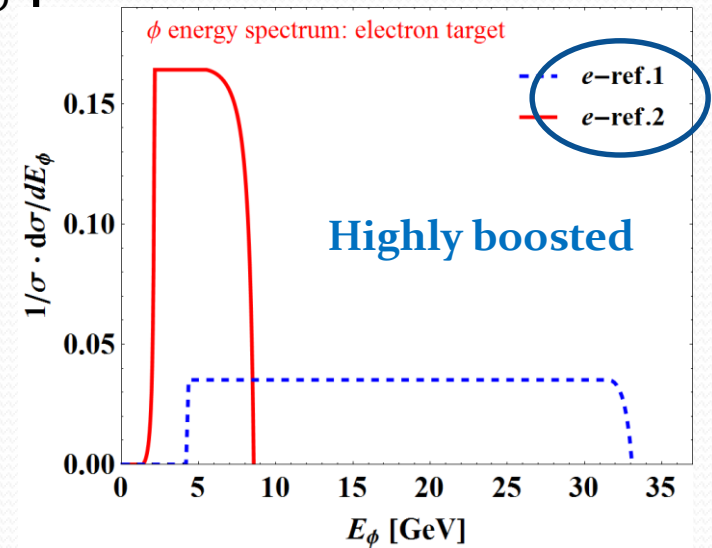
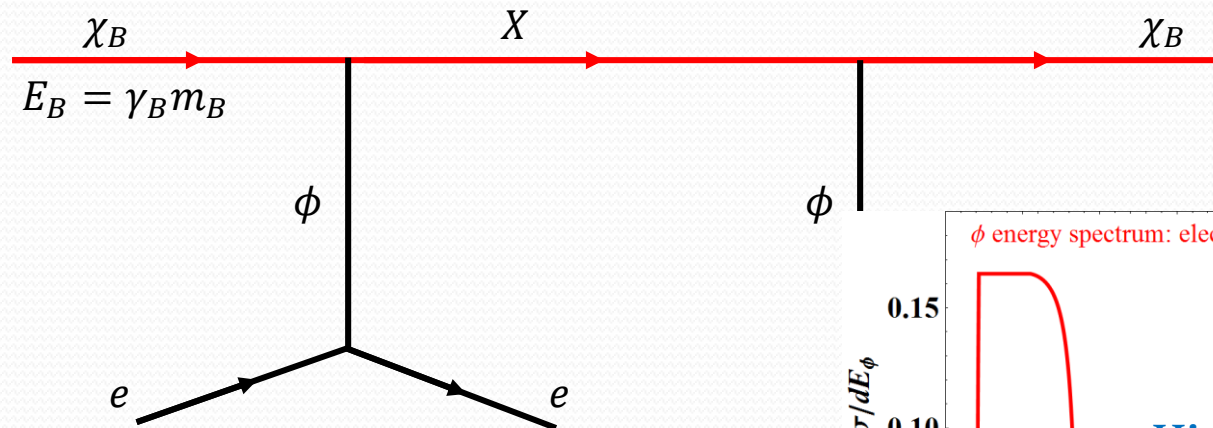
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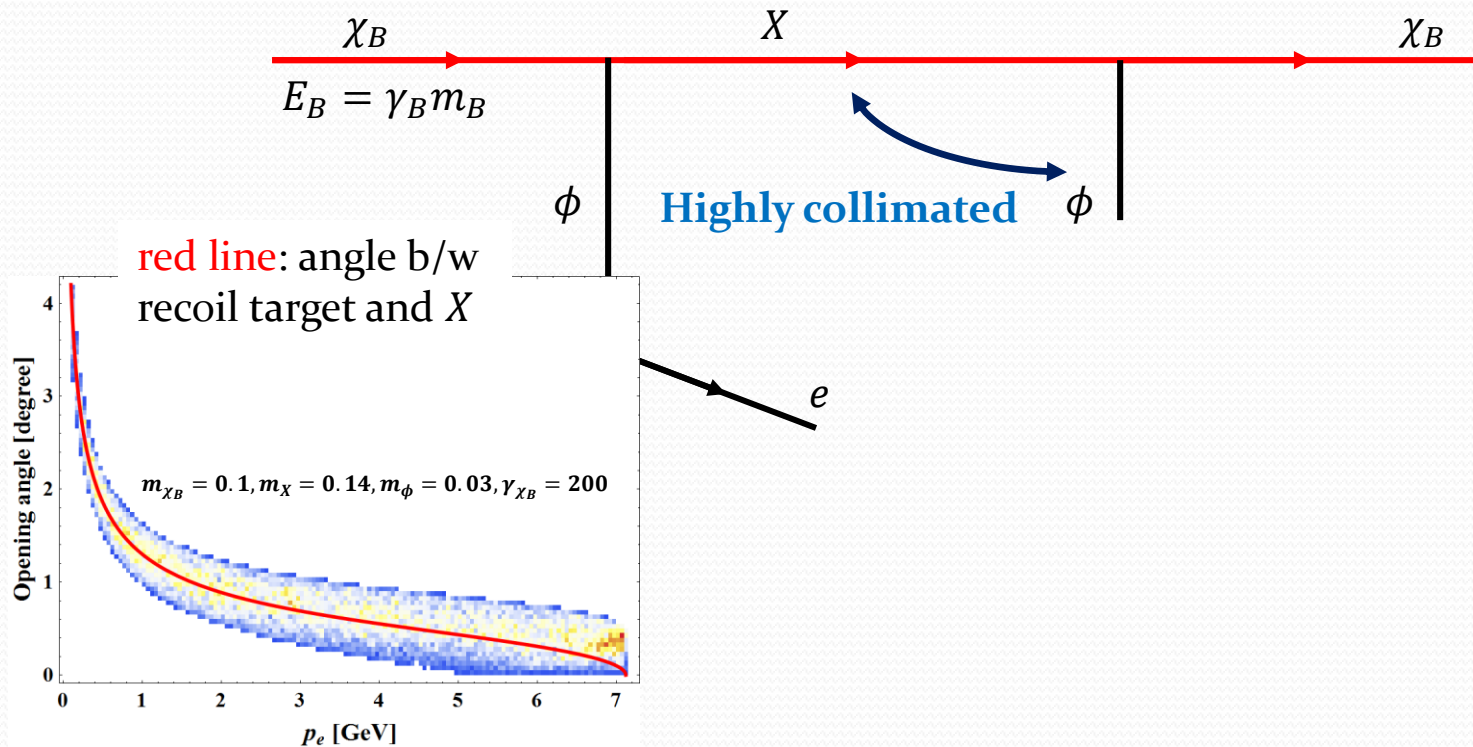
- Simple scenario where X decays back into χ_B and ϕ



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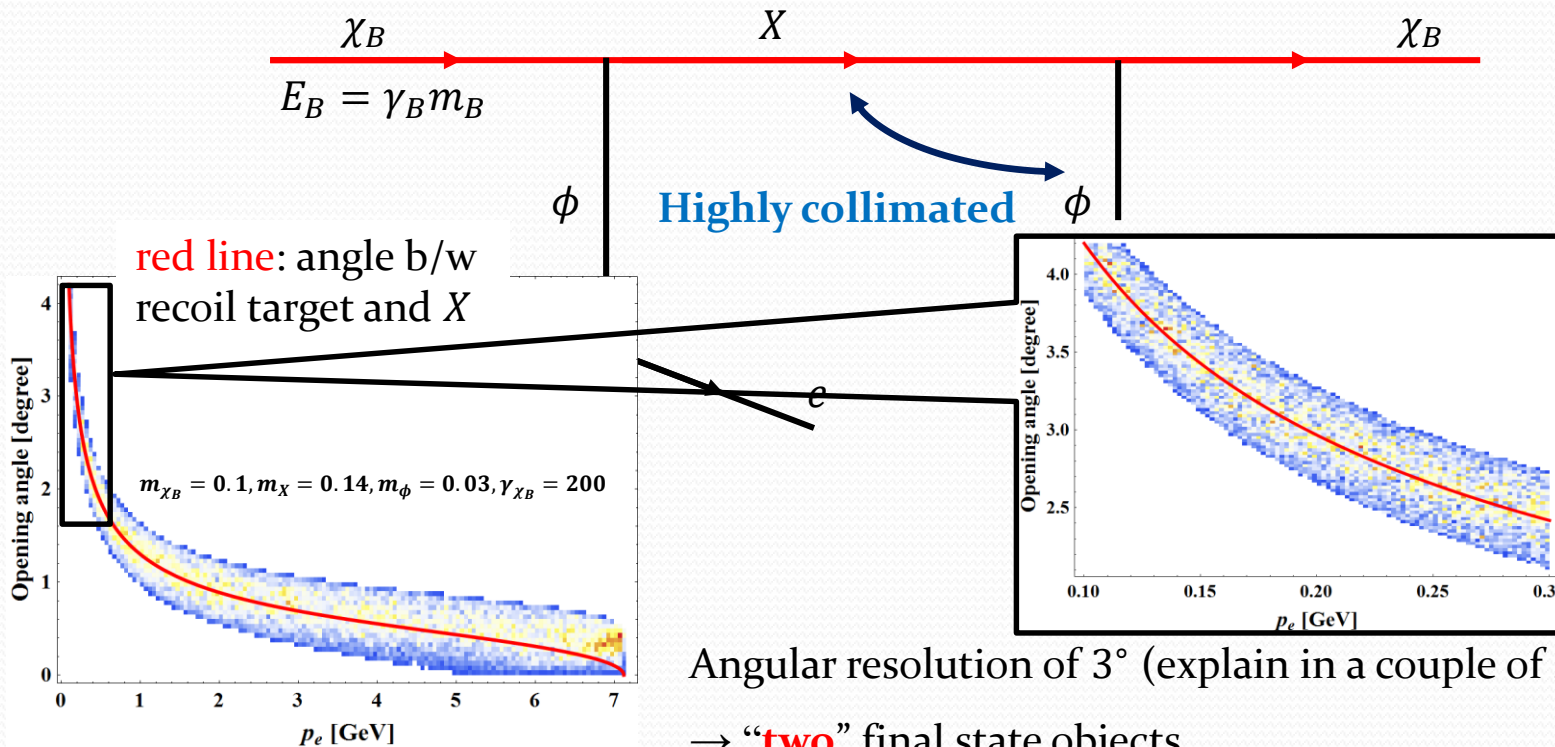
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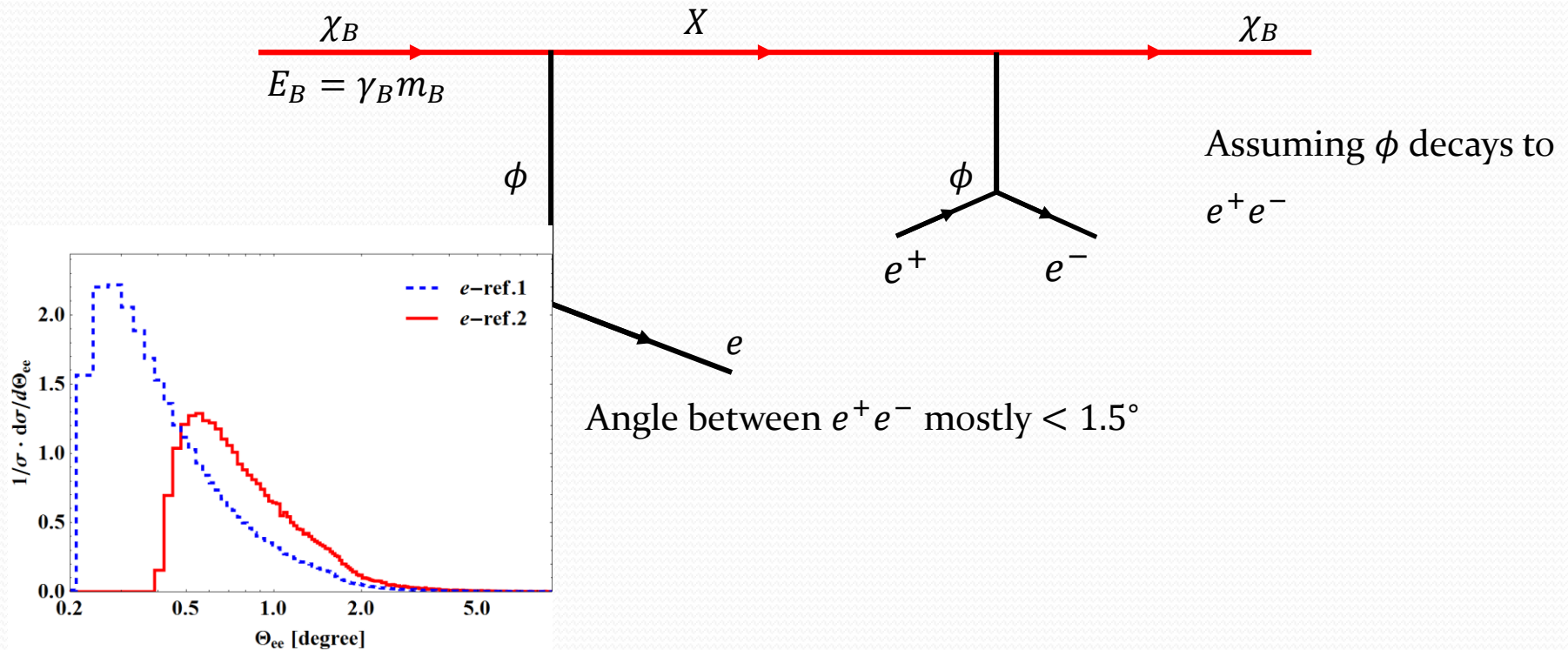
Angular resolution of 3° (explain in a couple of slides)

→ “**two**” final state objects

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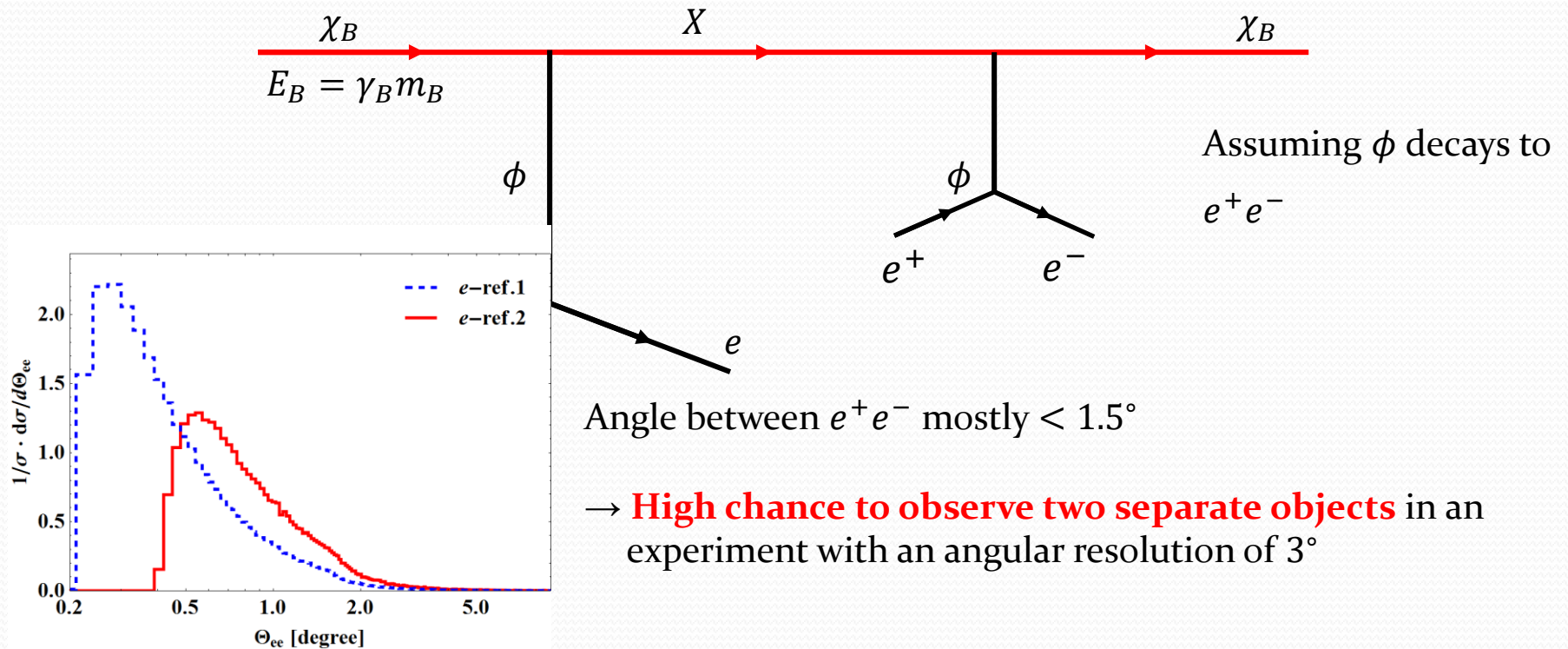
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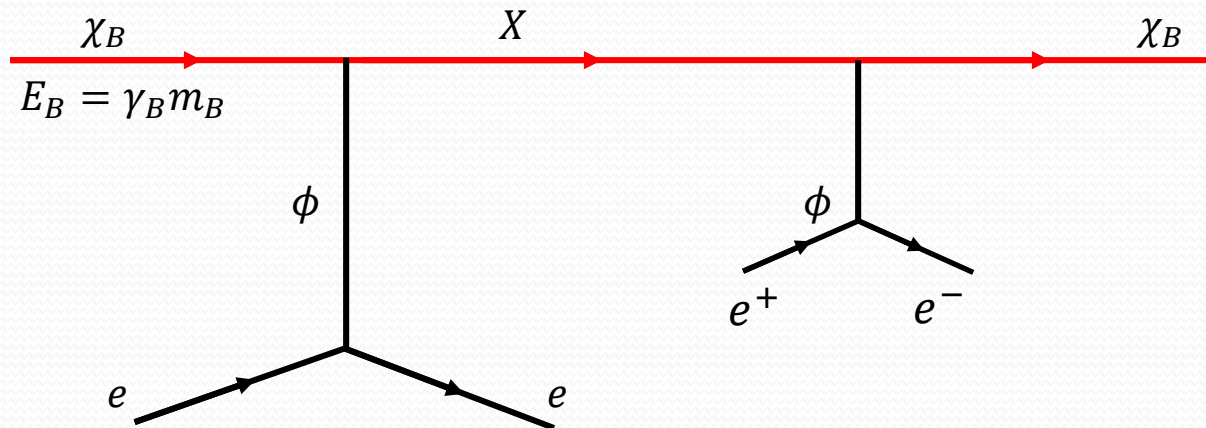
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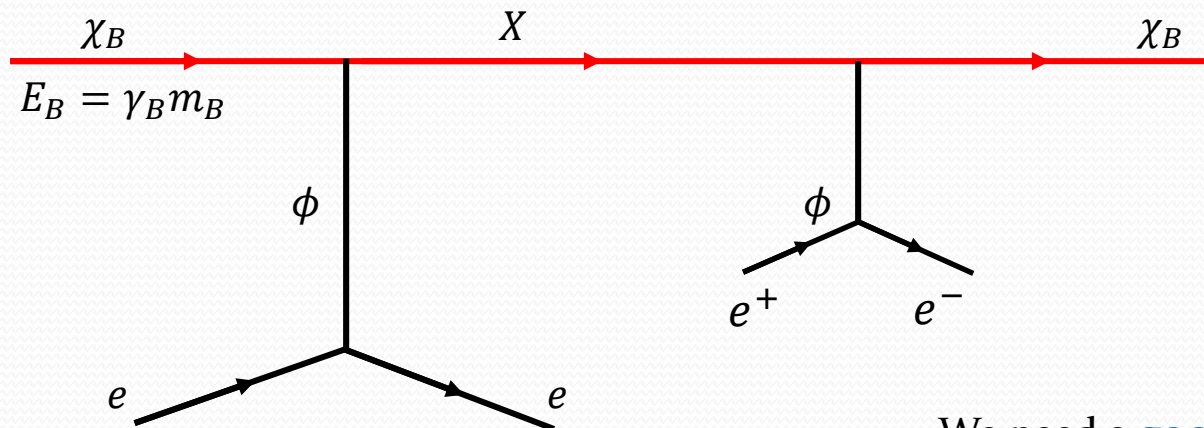


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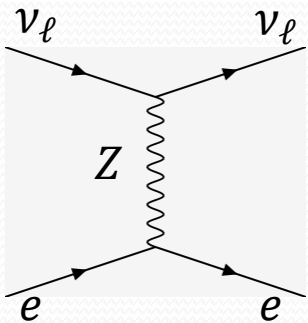
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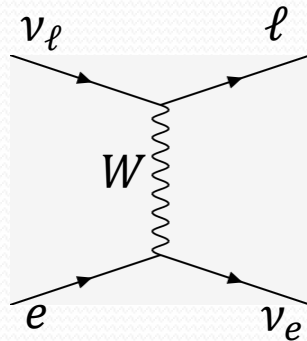
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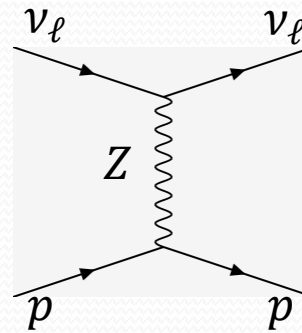
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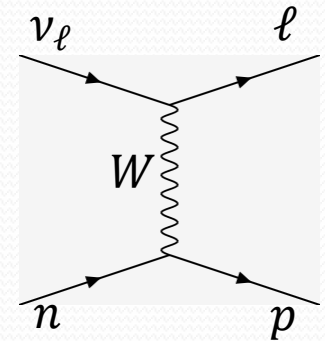
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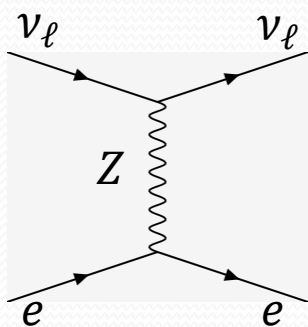


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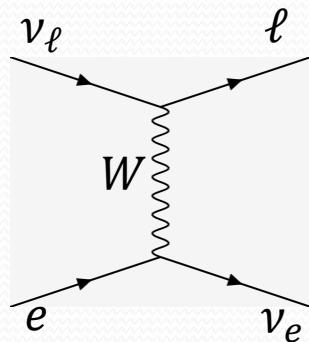
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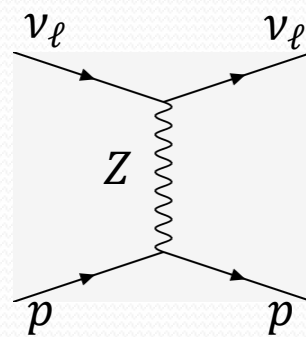
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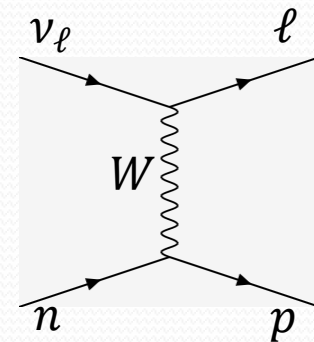
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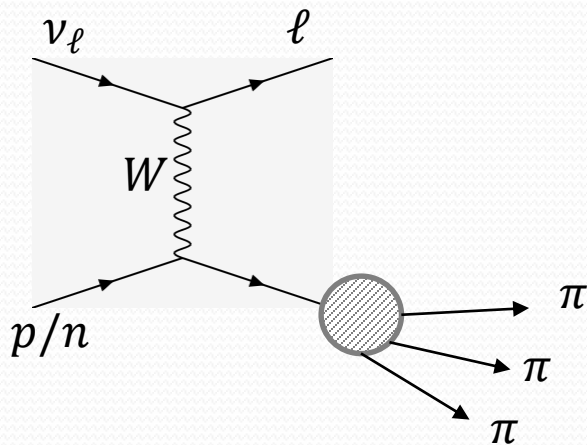


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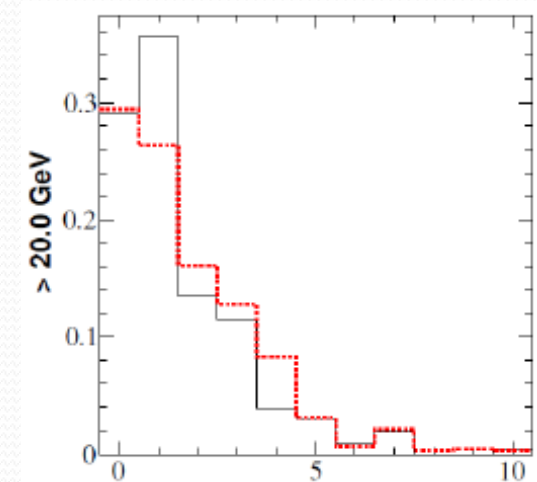
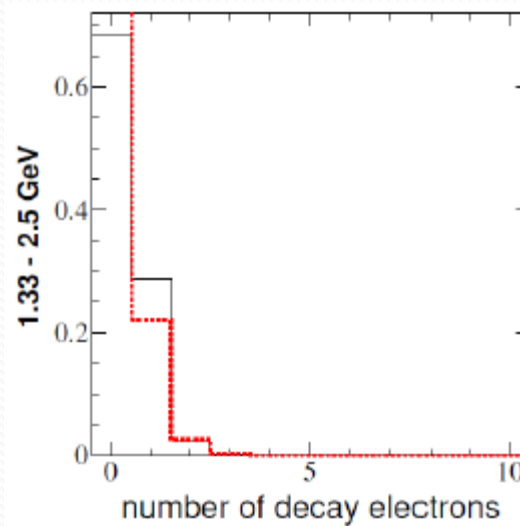
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Background Considerations

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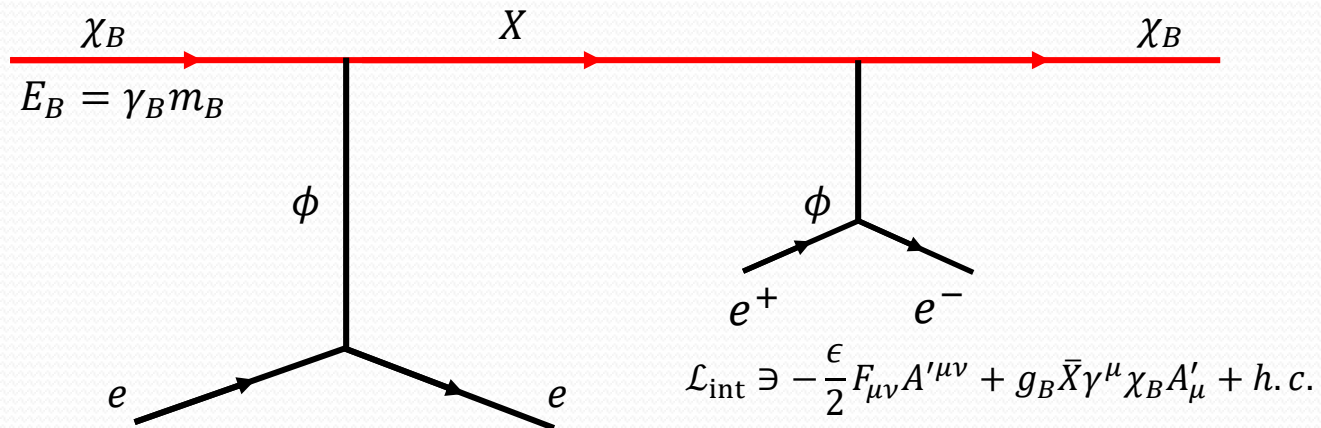
Super-K (2012)

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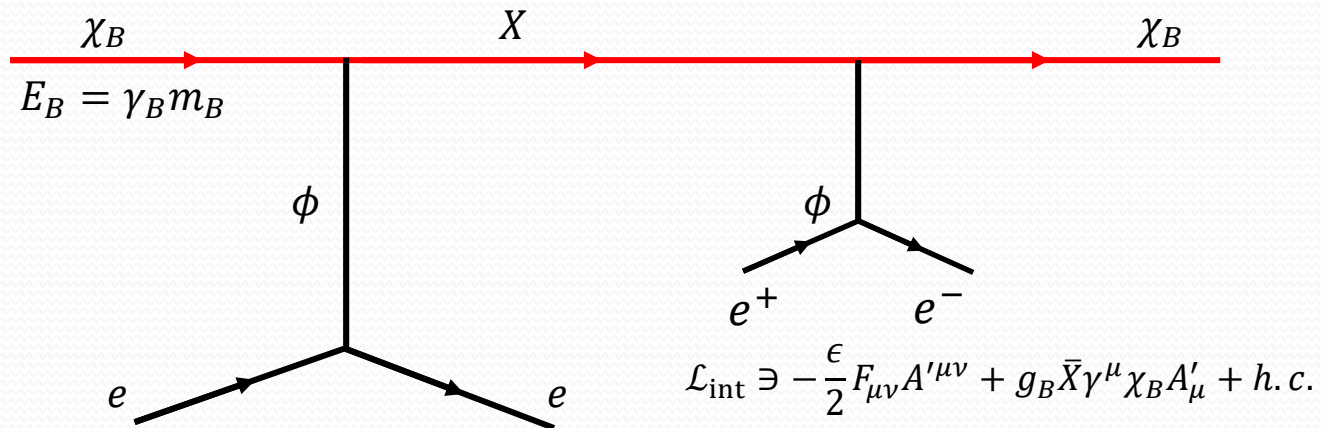


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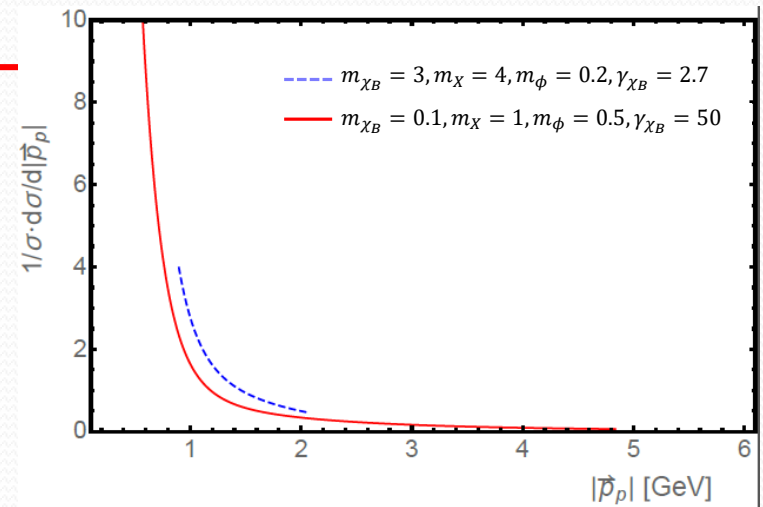
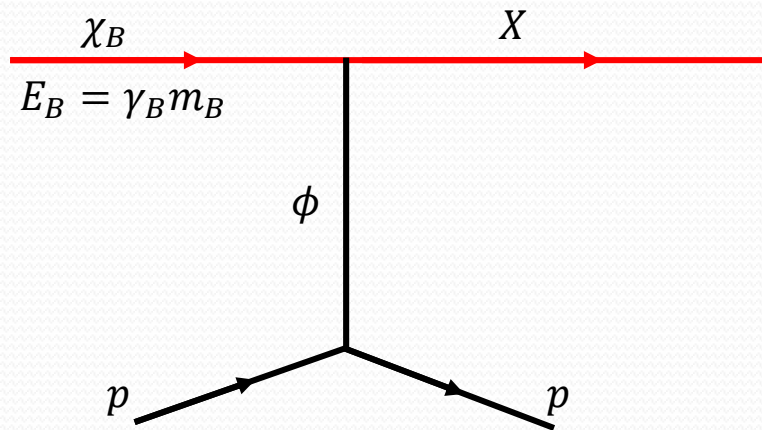
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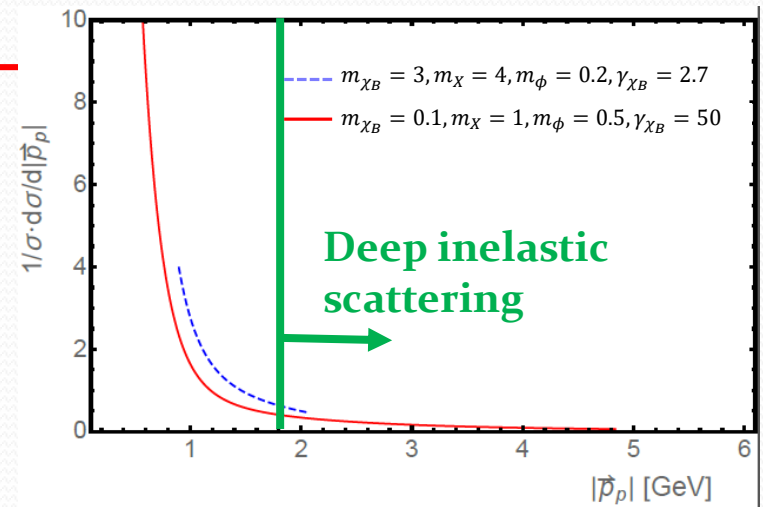
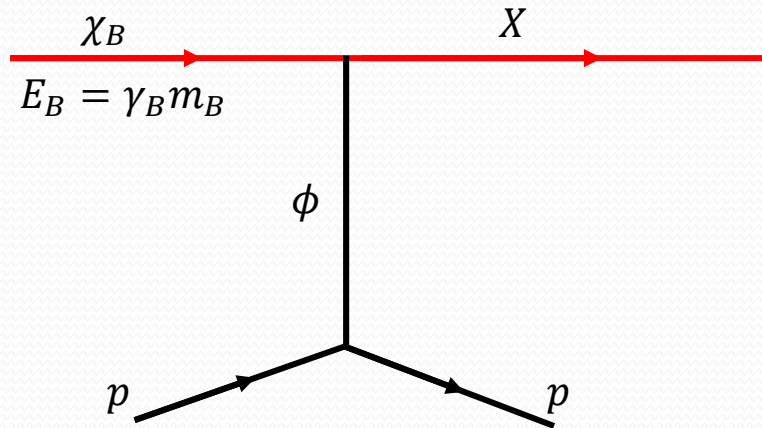
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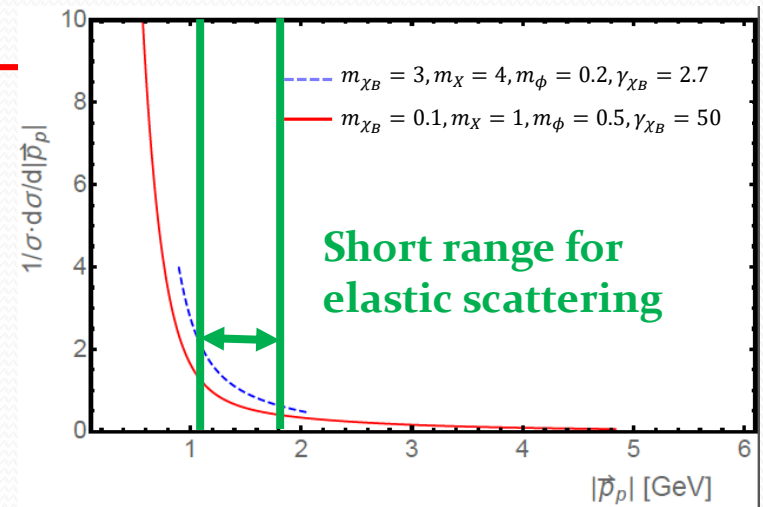
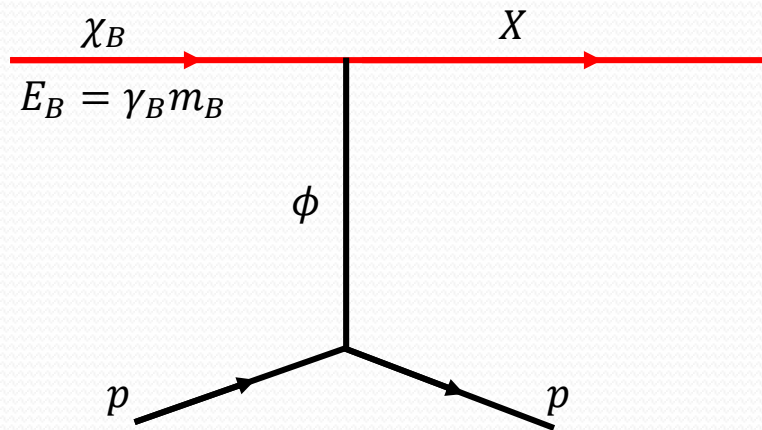
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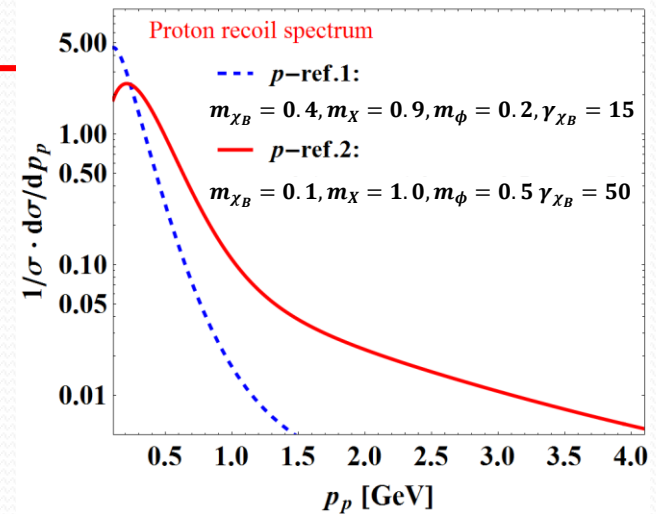
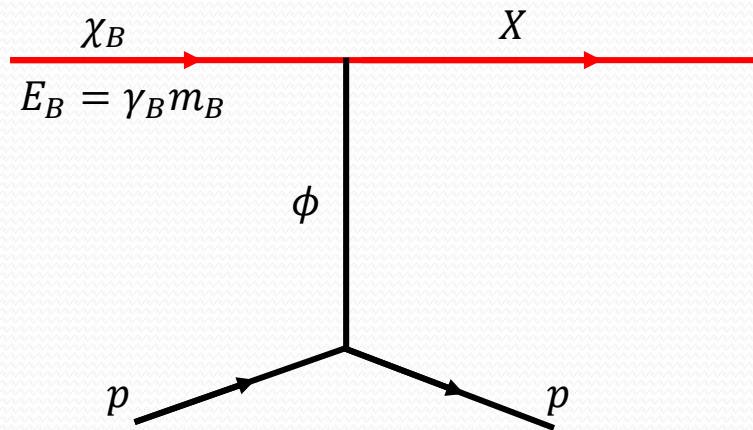
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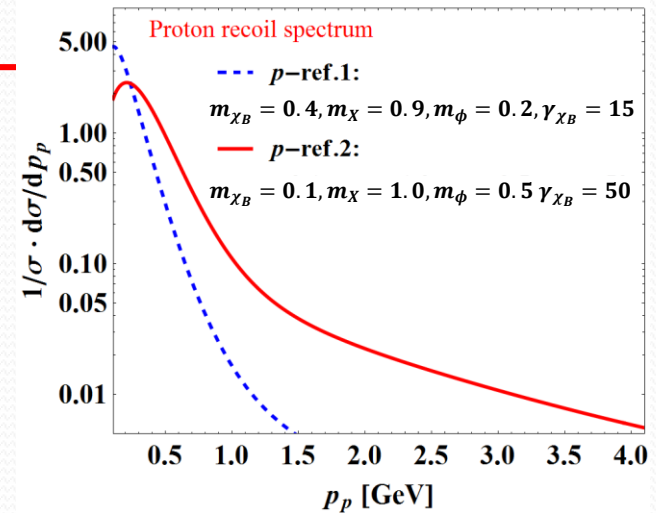
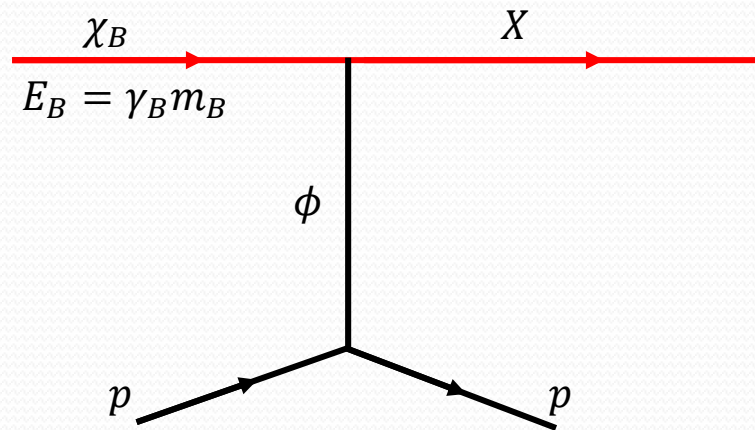


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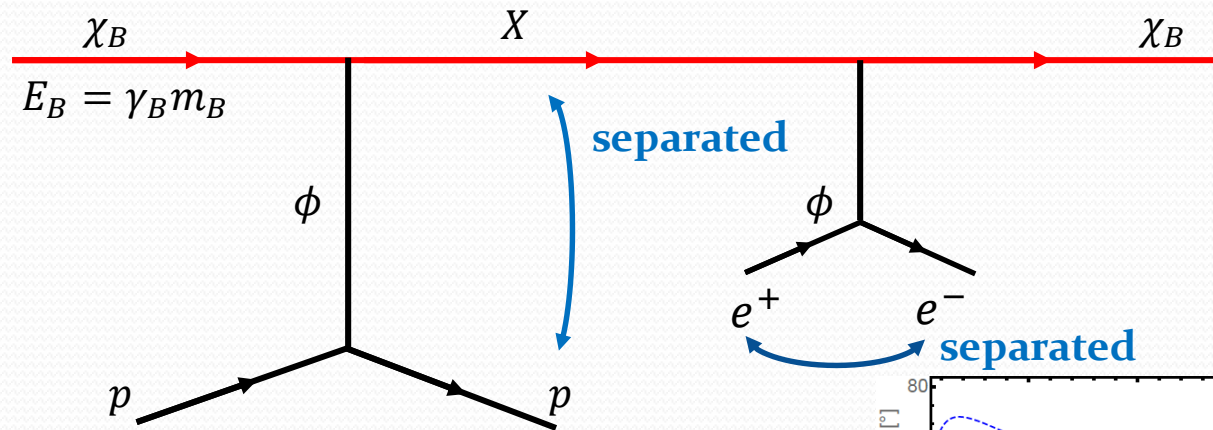


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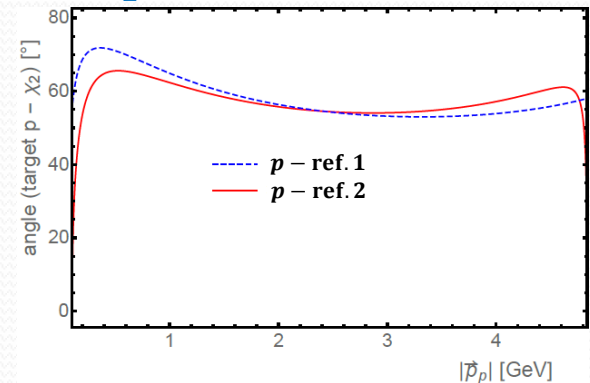
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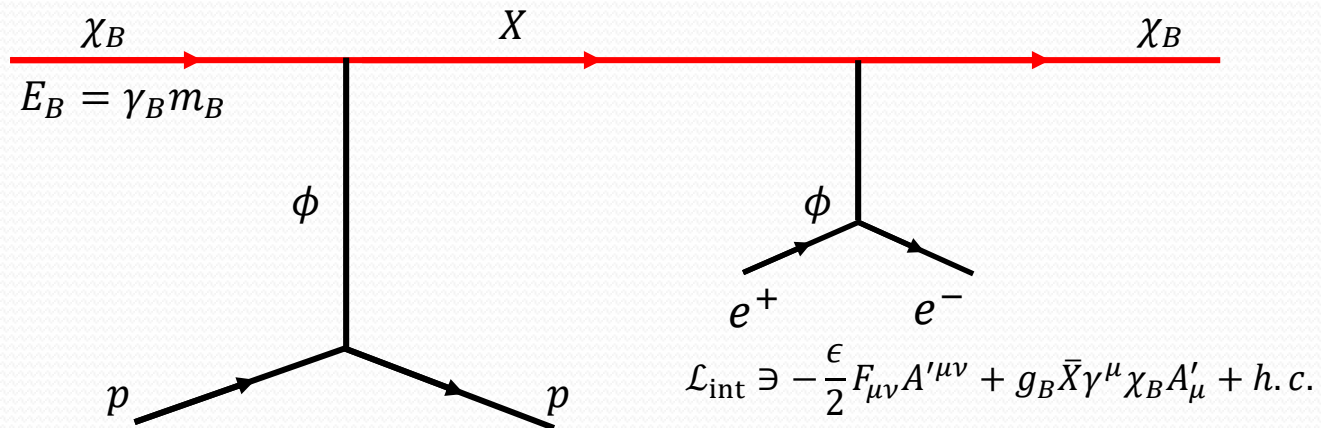
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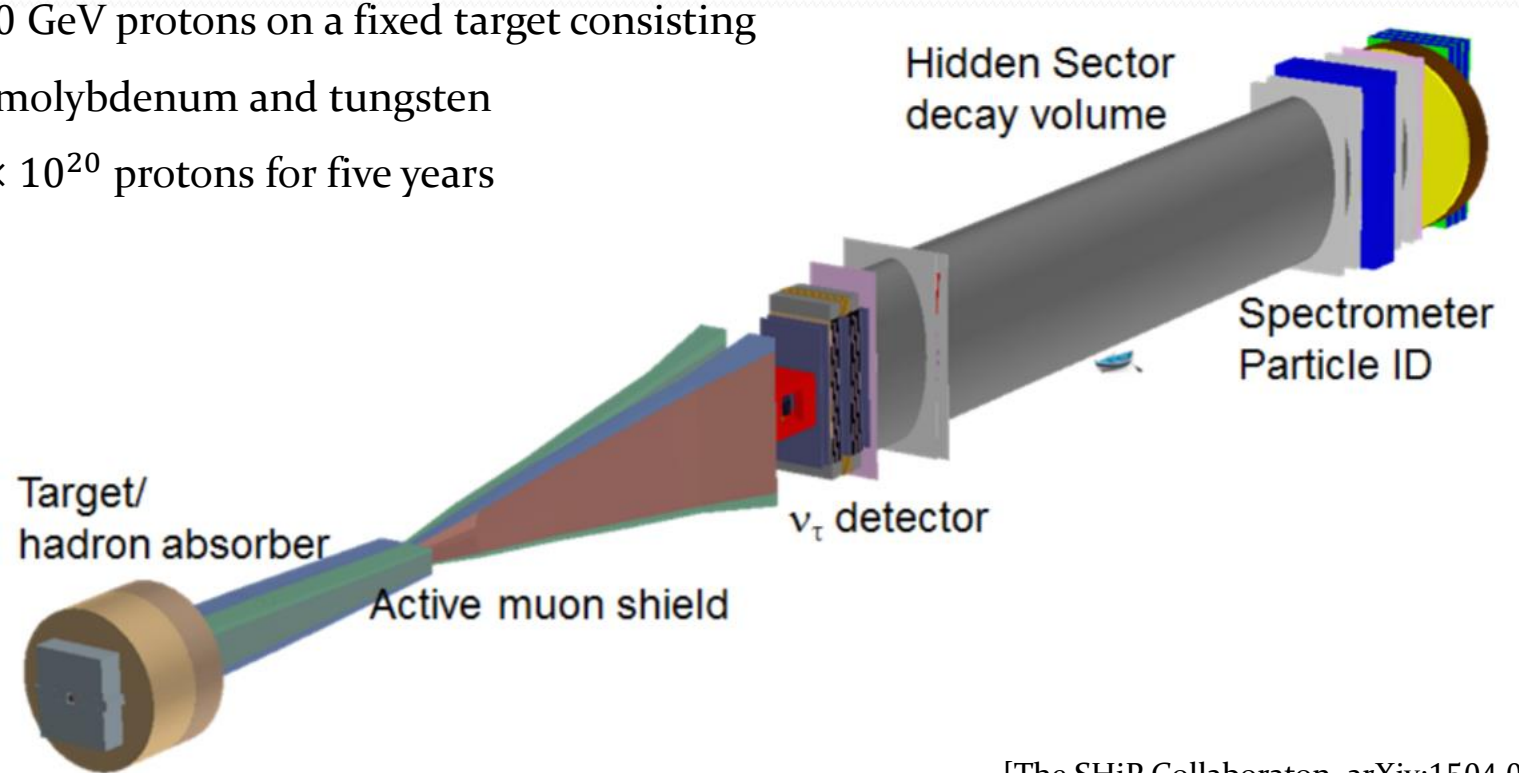
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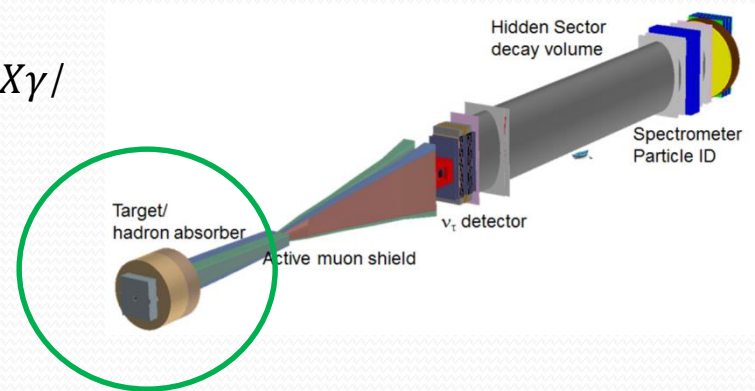


[The SHiP Collaboraton, arXiv:1504.04956]

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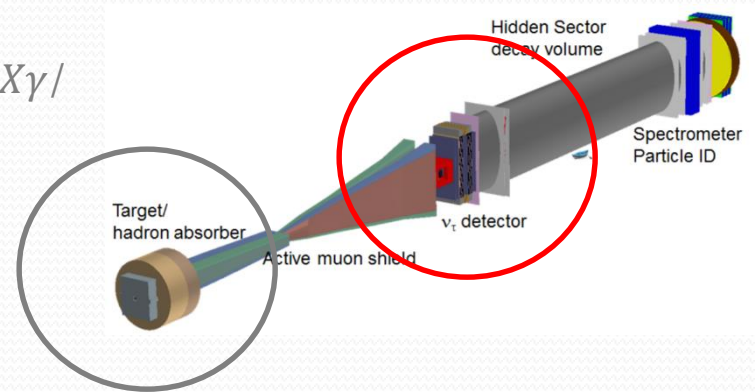


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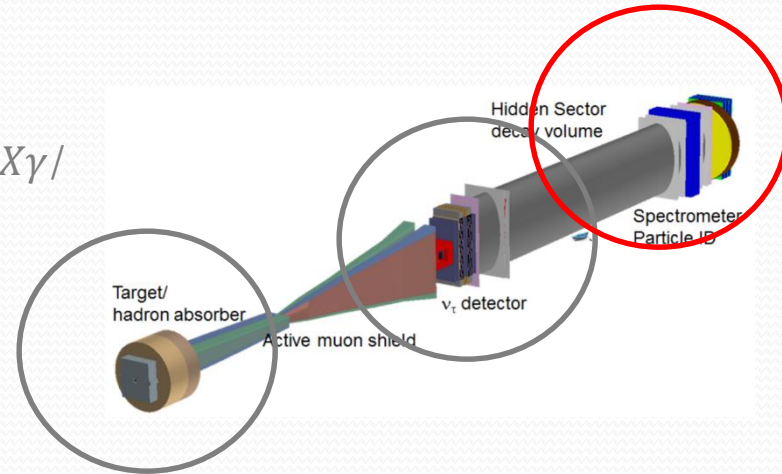


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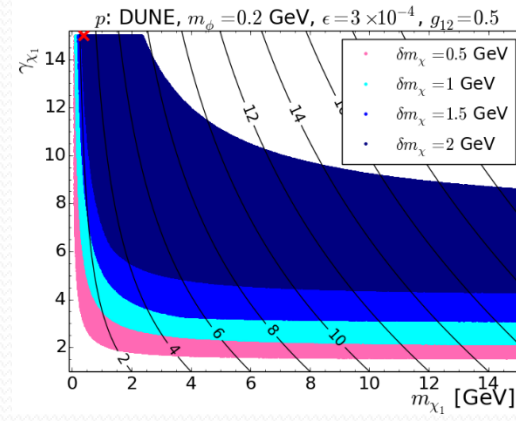
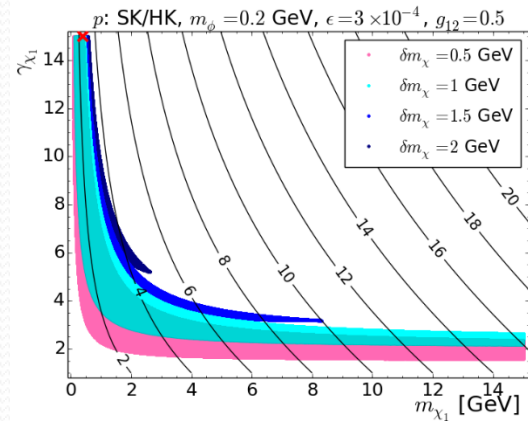
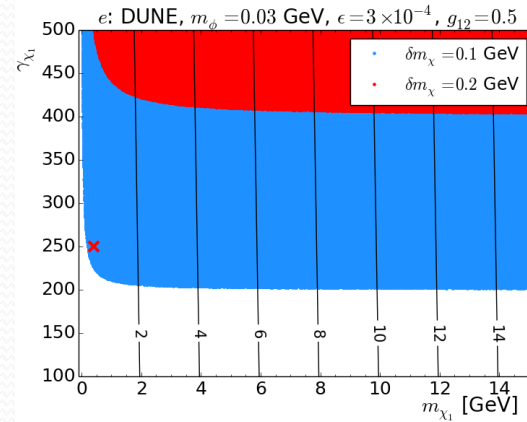
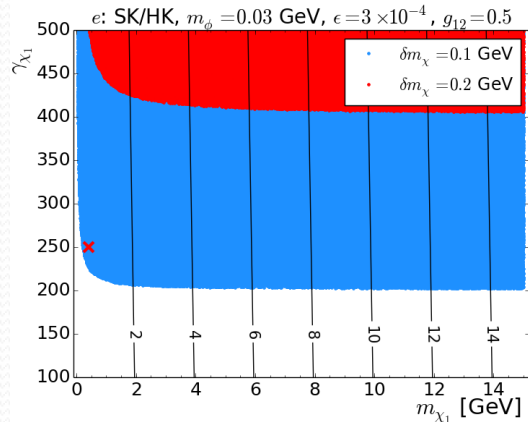
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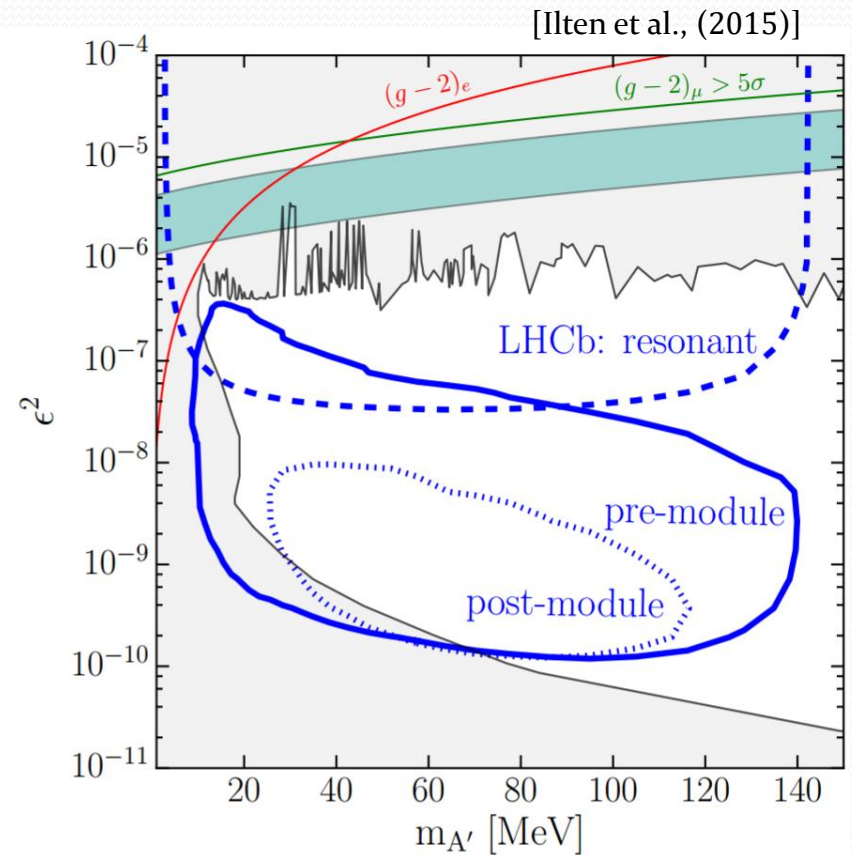
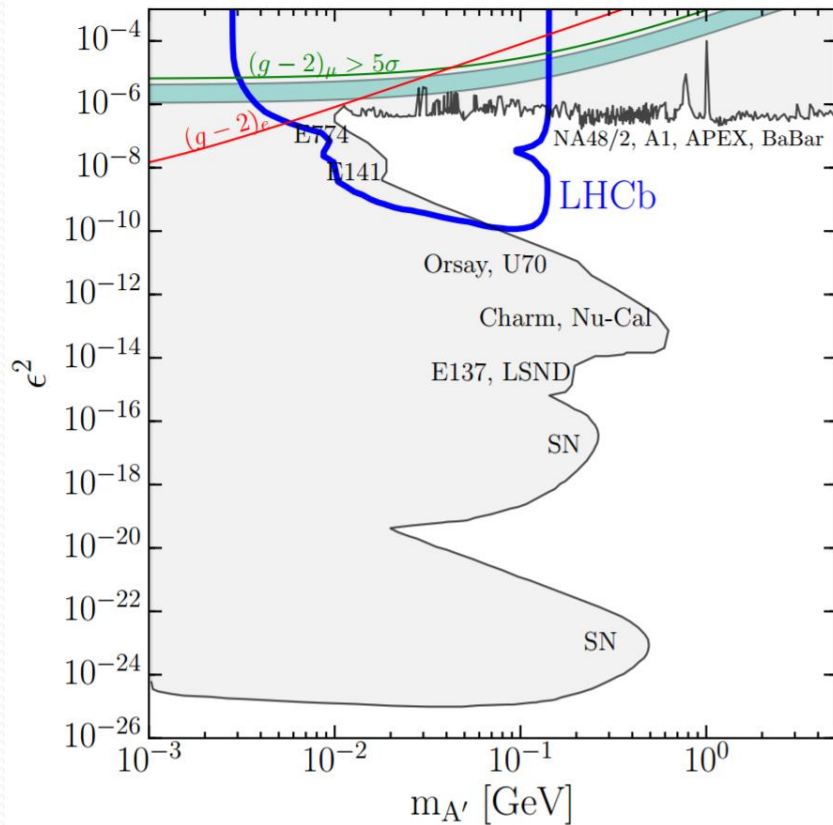
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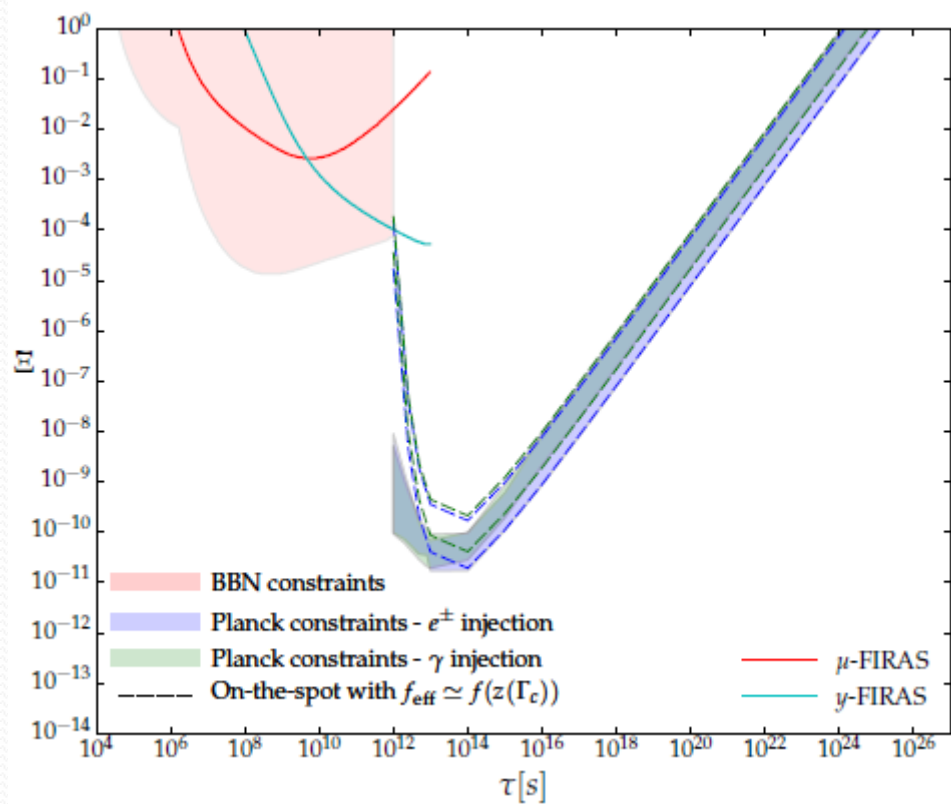
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● BBN/CMB constraints



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