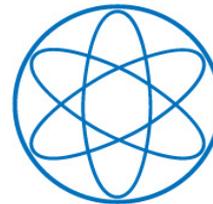


# Connecting the baryons to the dark matter of the Universe

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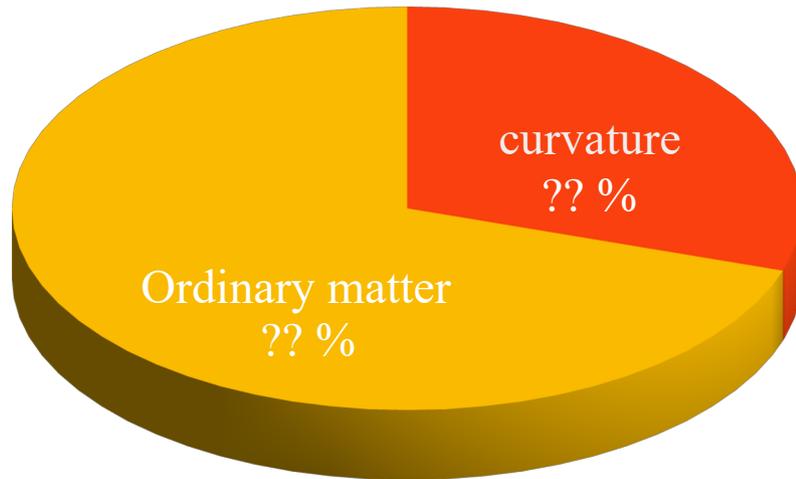
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- A baryon asymmetry could be dynamically generated from a baryon symmetric Universe, if the following conditions are satisfied (Sakharov'67):
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  - 2) C and CP violation.
  - 3) Departure from thermal equilibrium.

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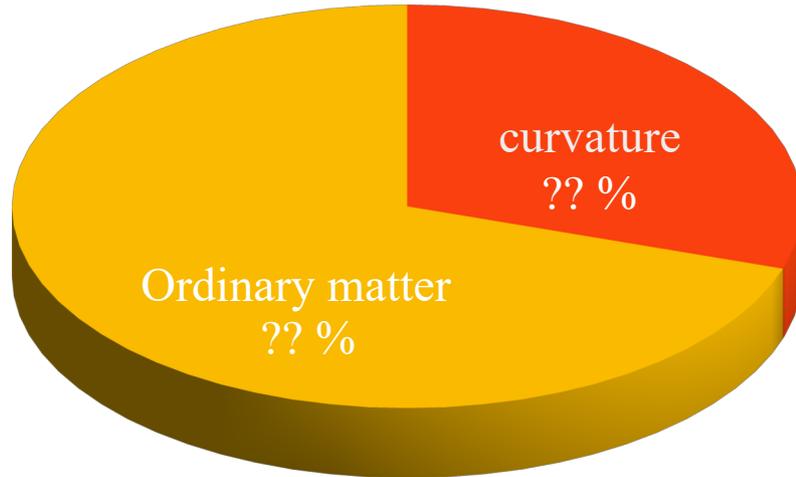
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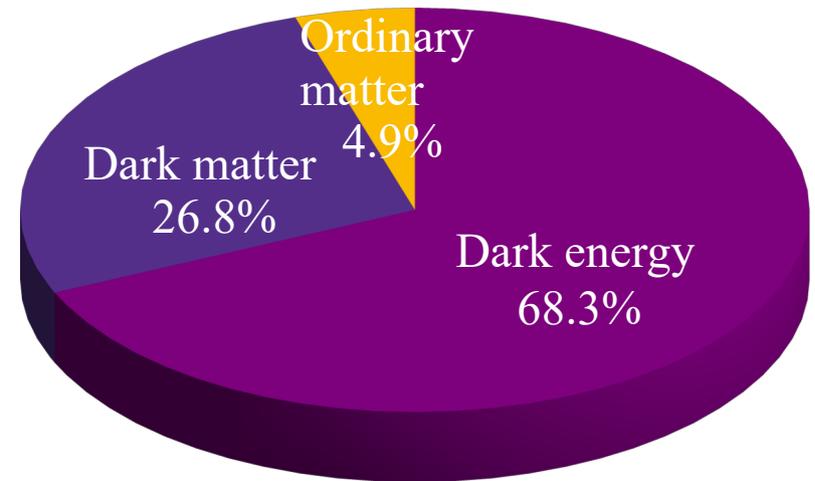


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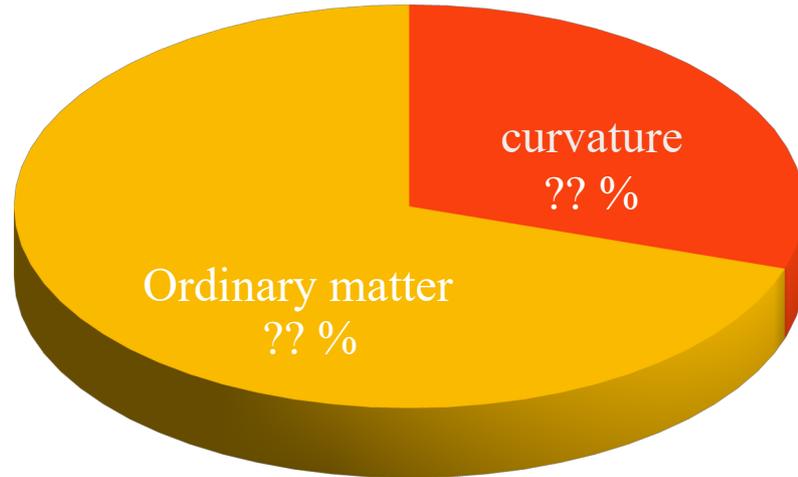


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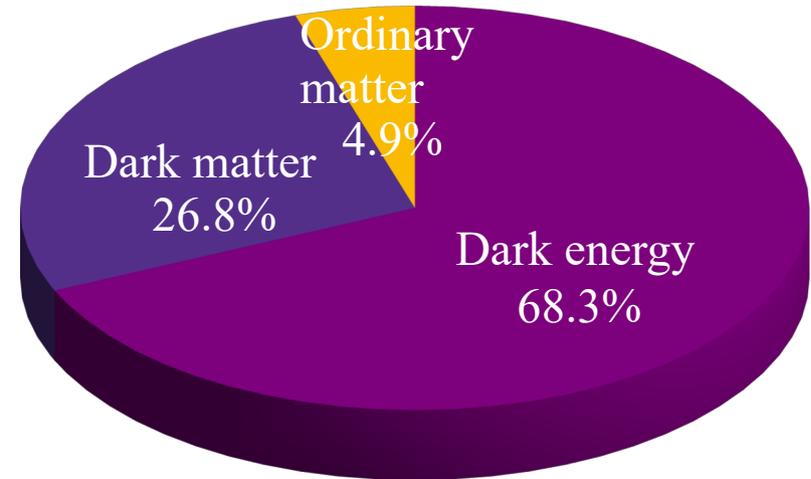


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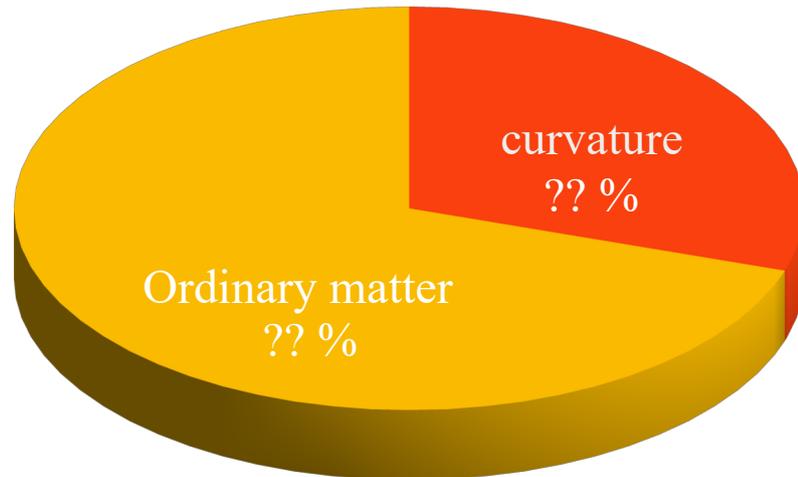
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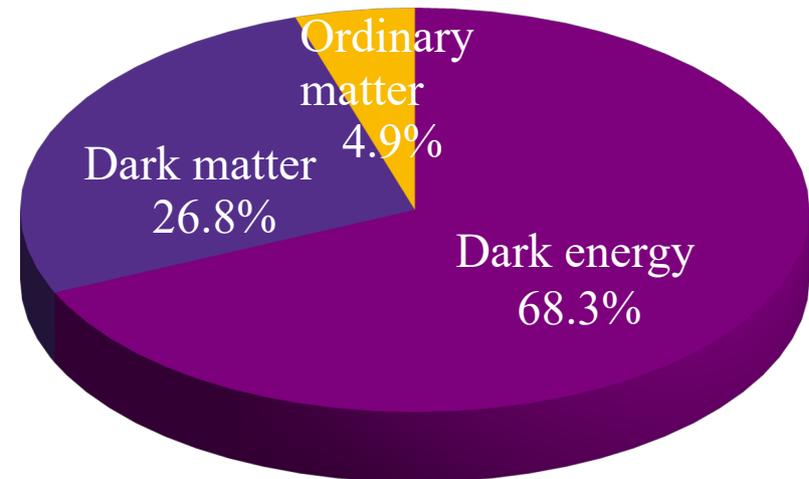
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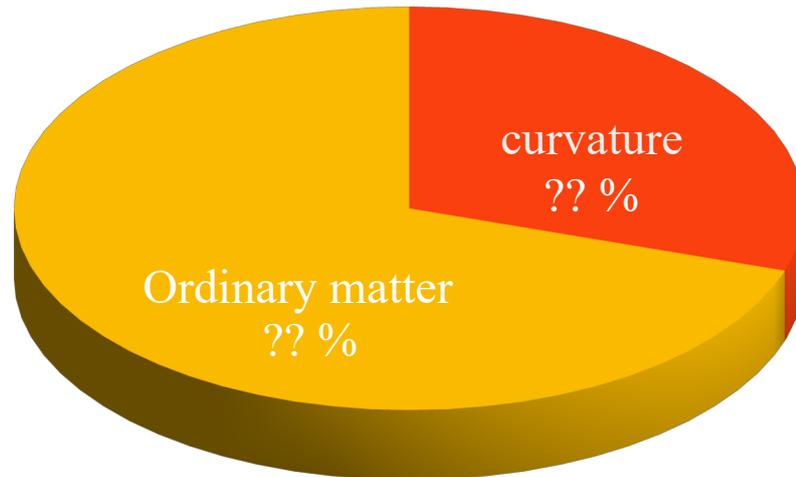
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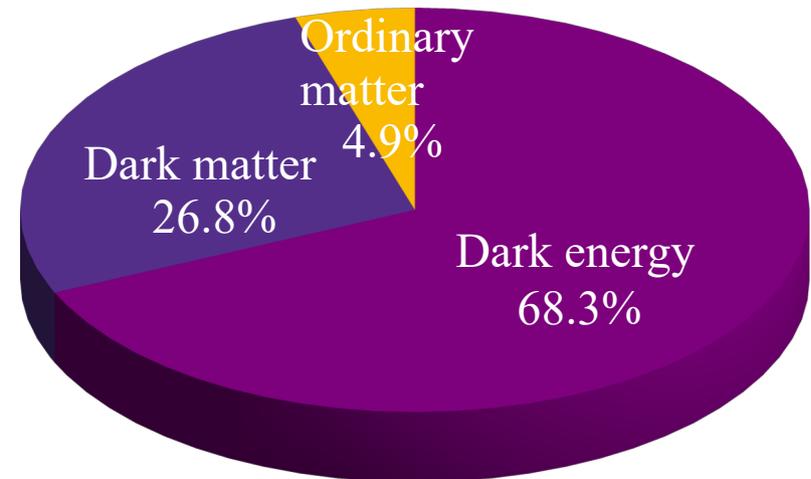
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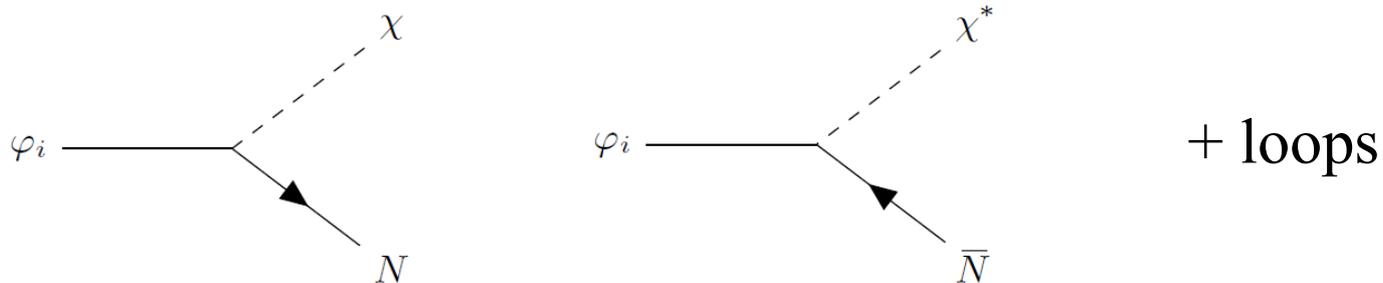
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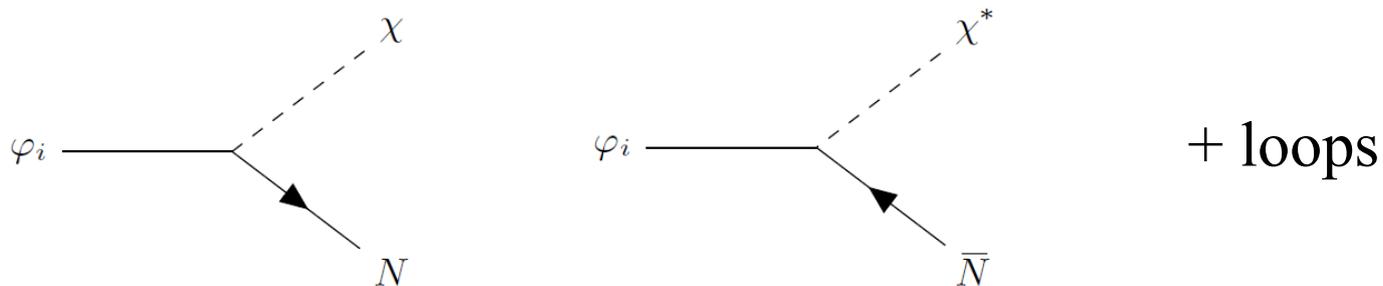


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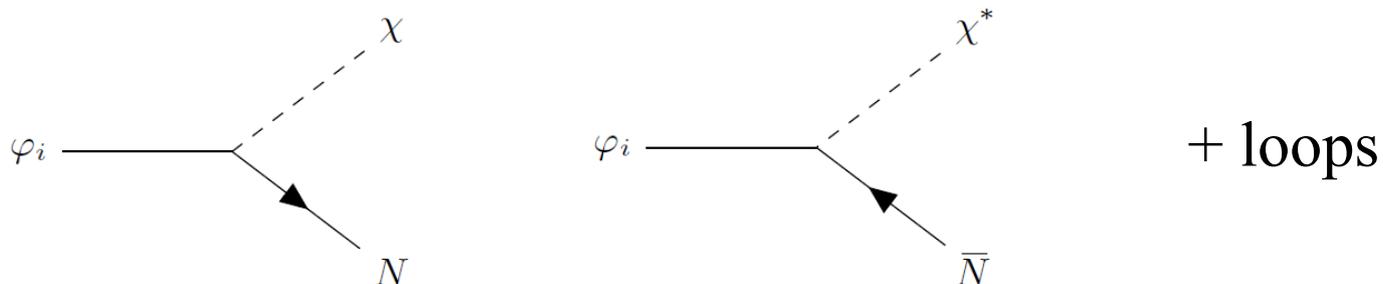
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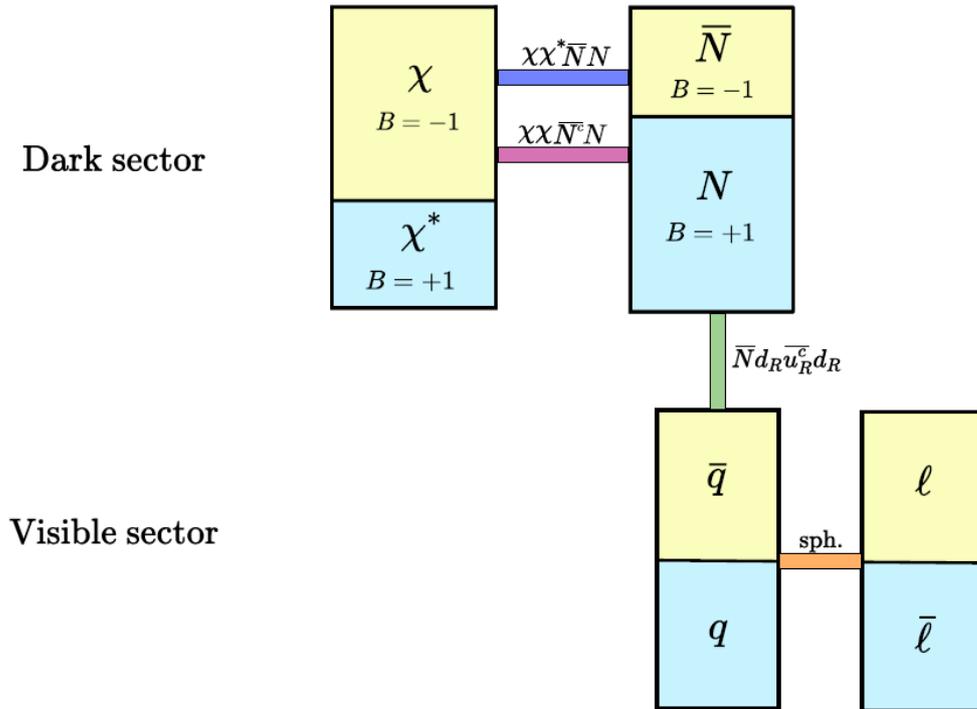
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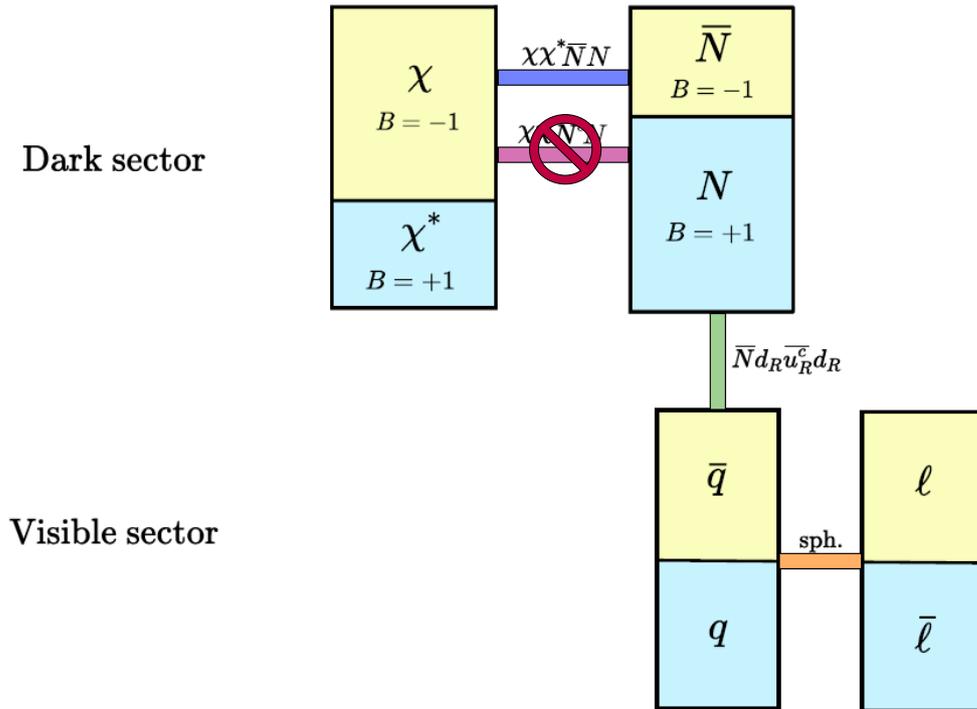
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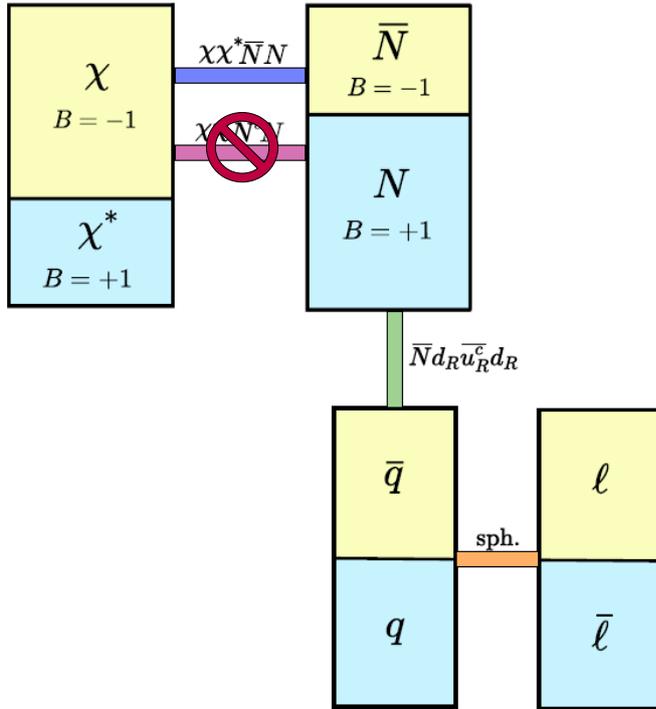
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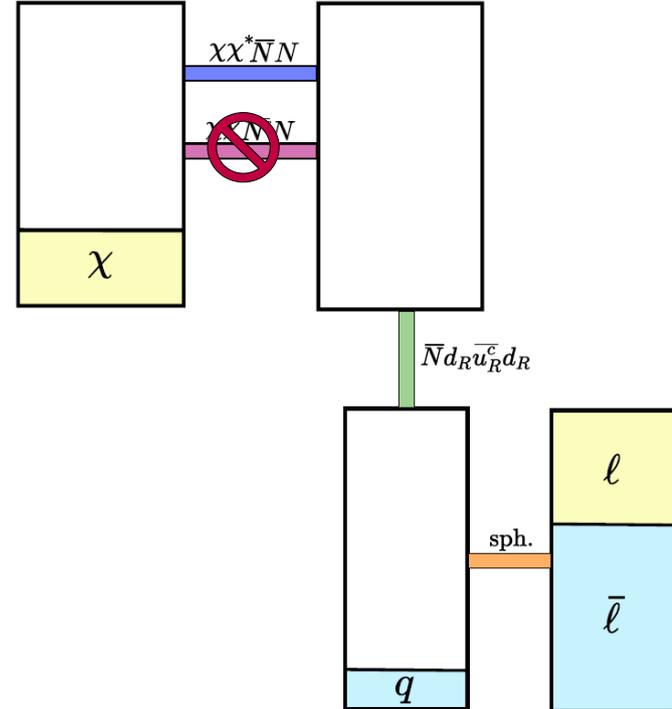
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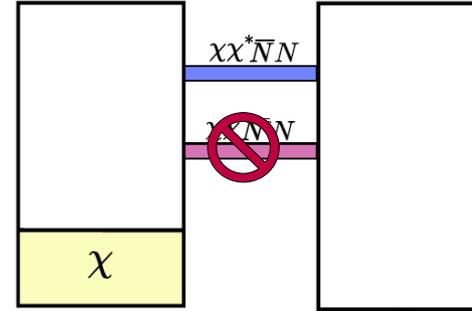
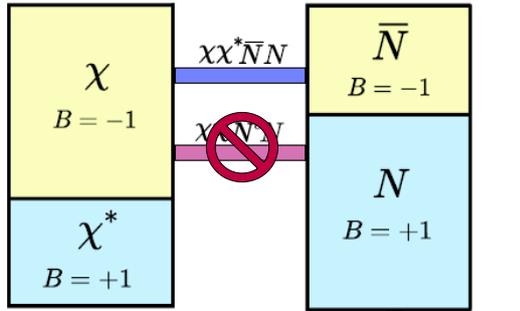


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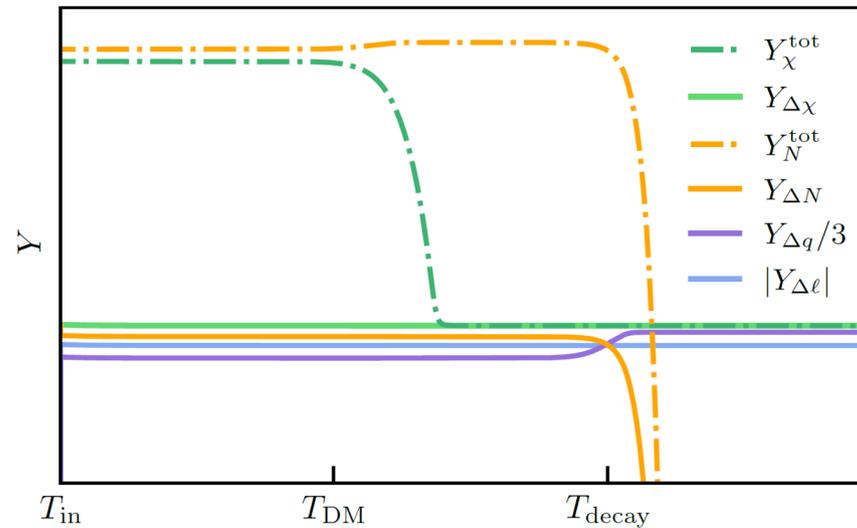
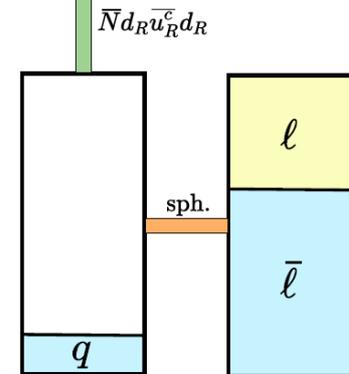
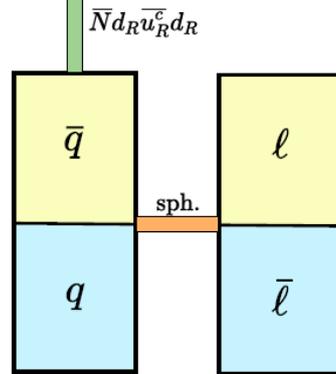
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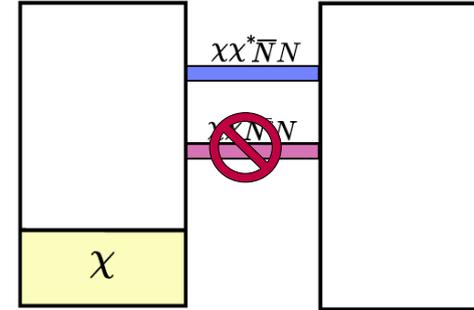
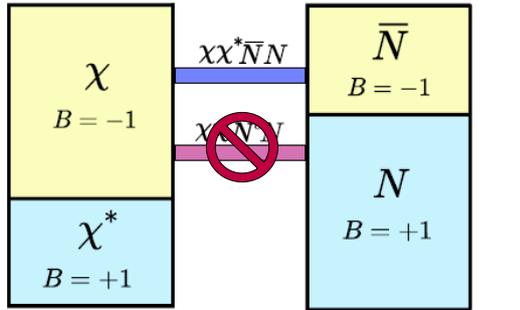


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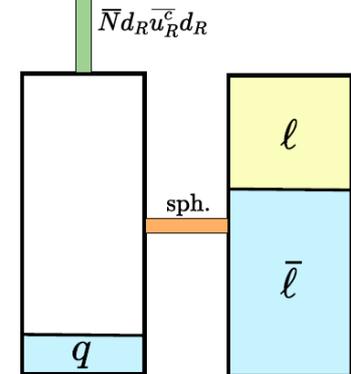
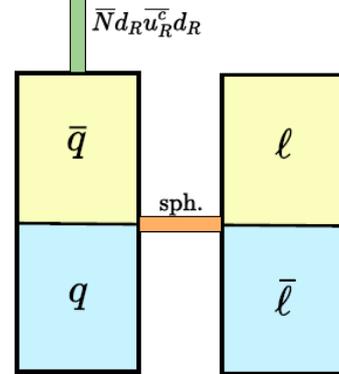
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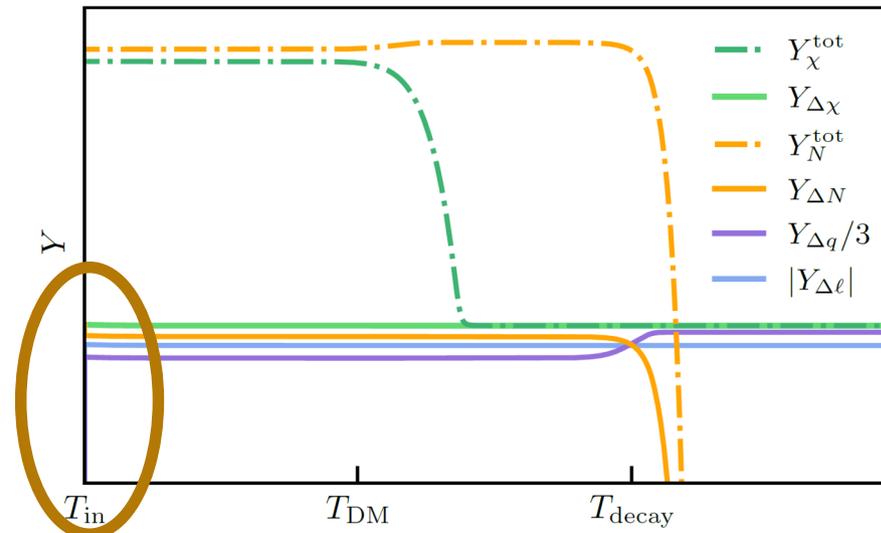
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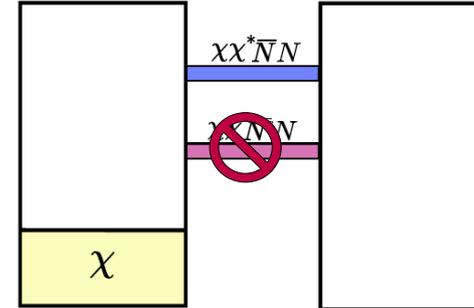
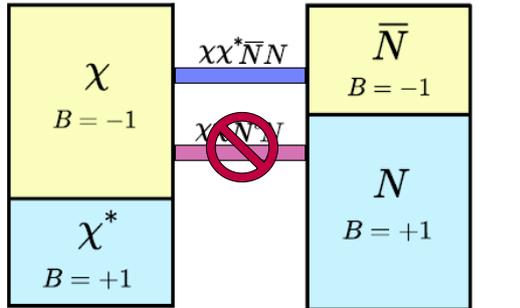


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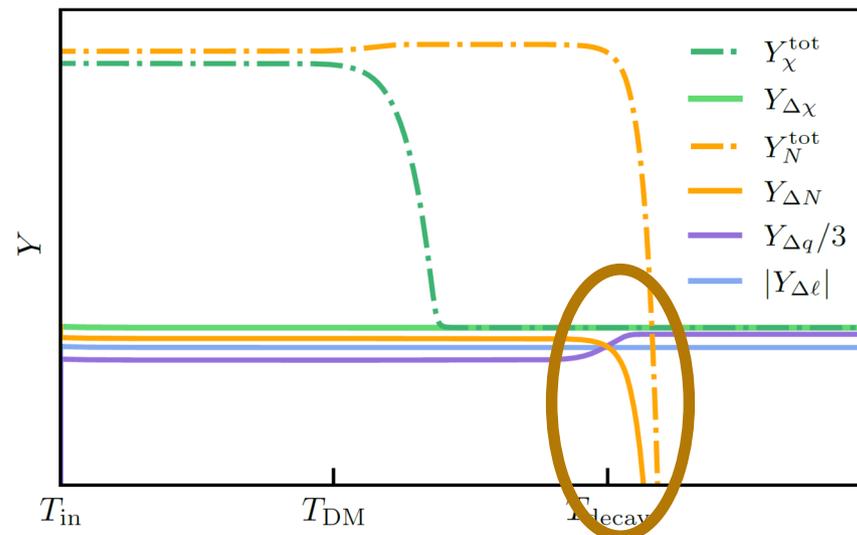
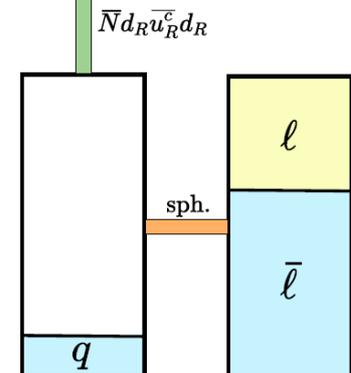
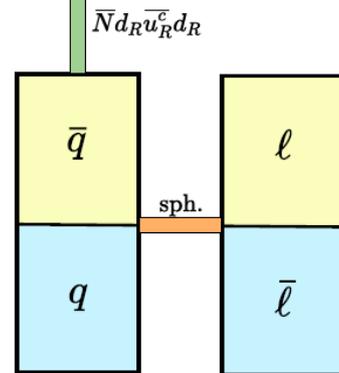
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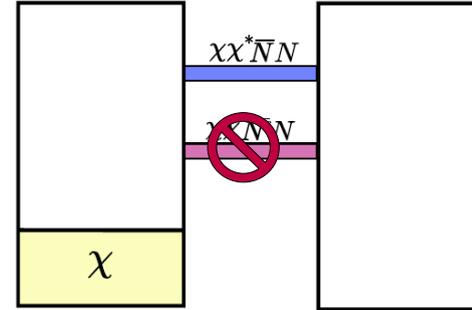
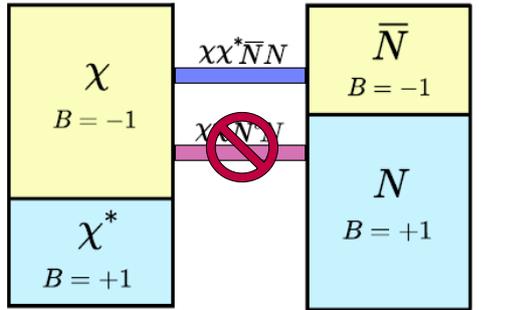
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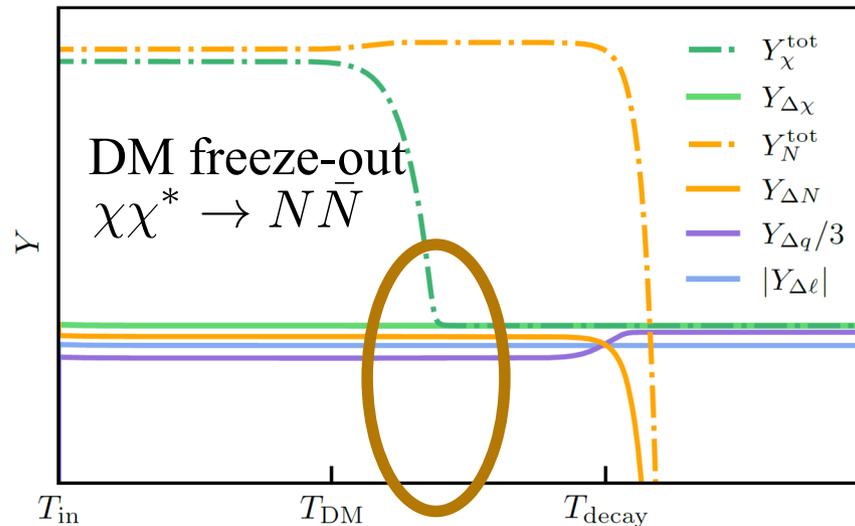
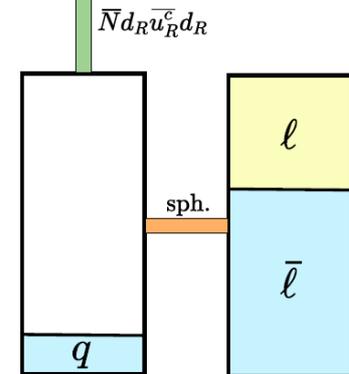
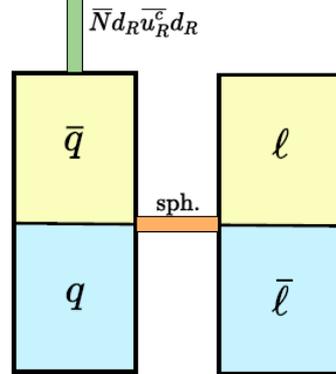
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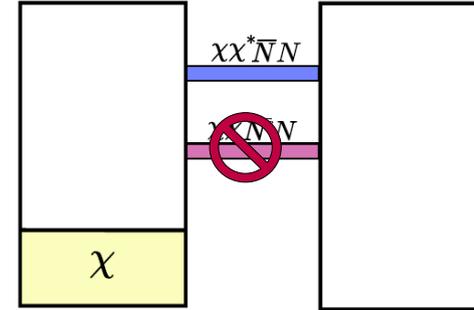
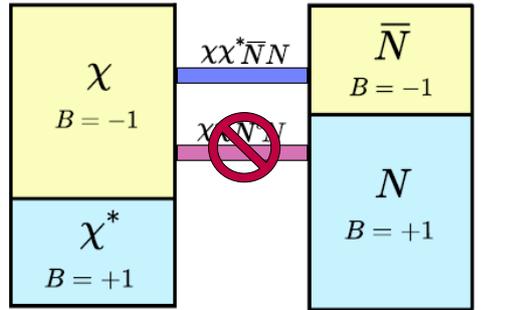


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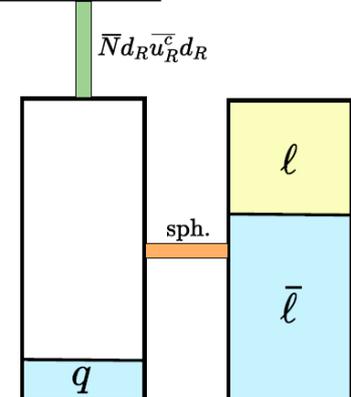
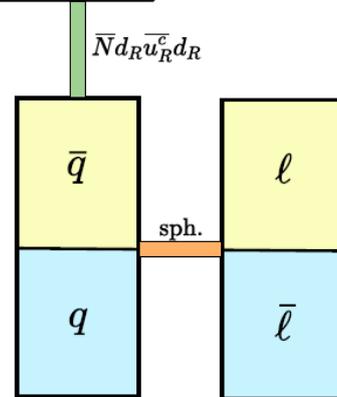
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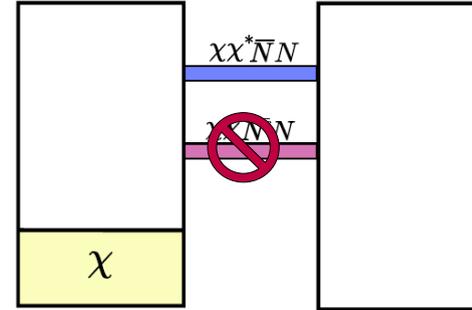
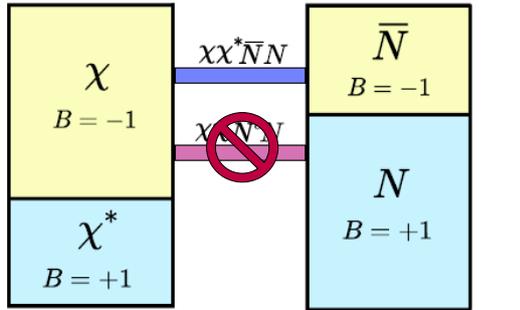
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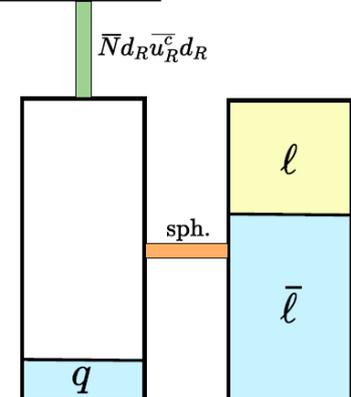
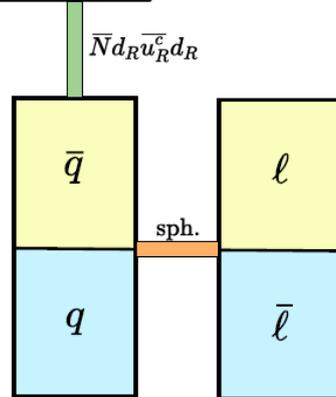
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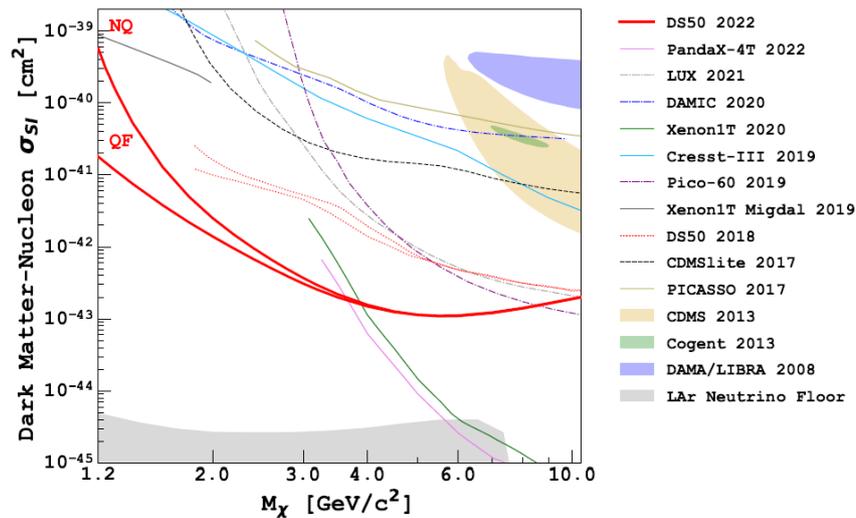
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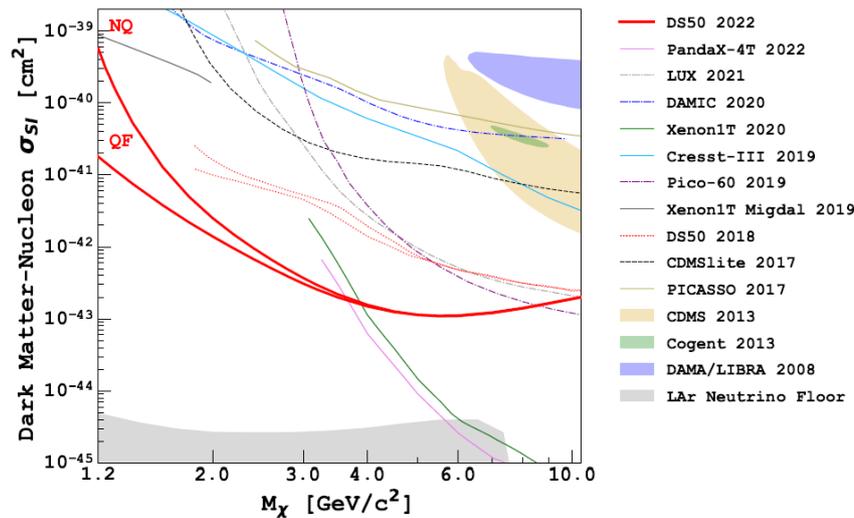


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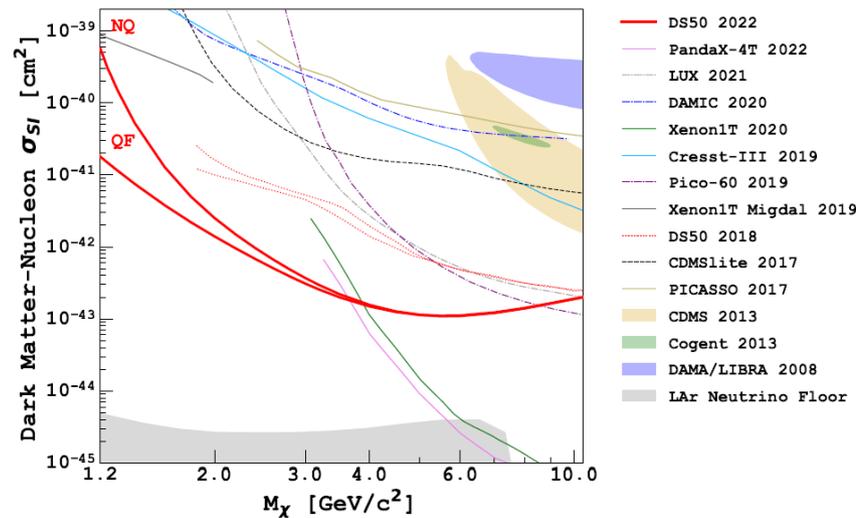
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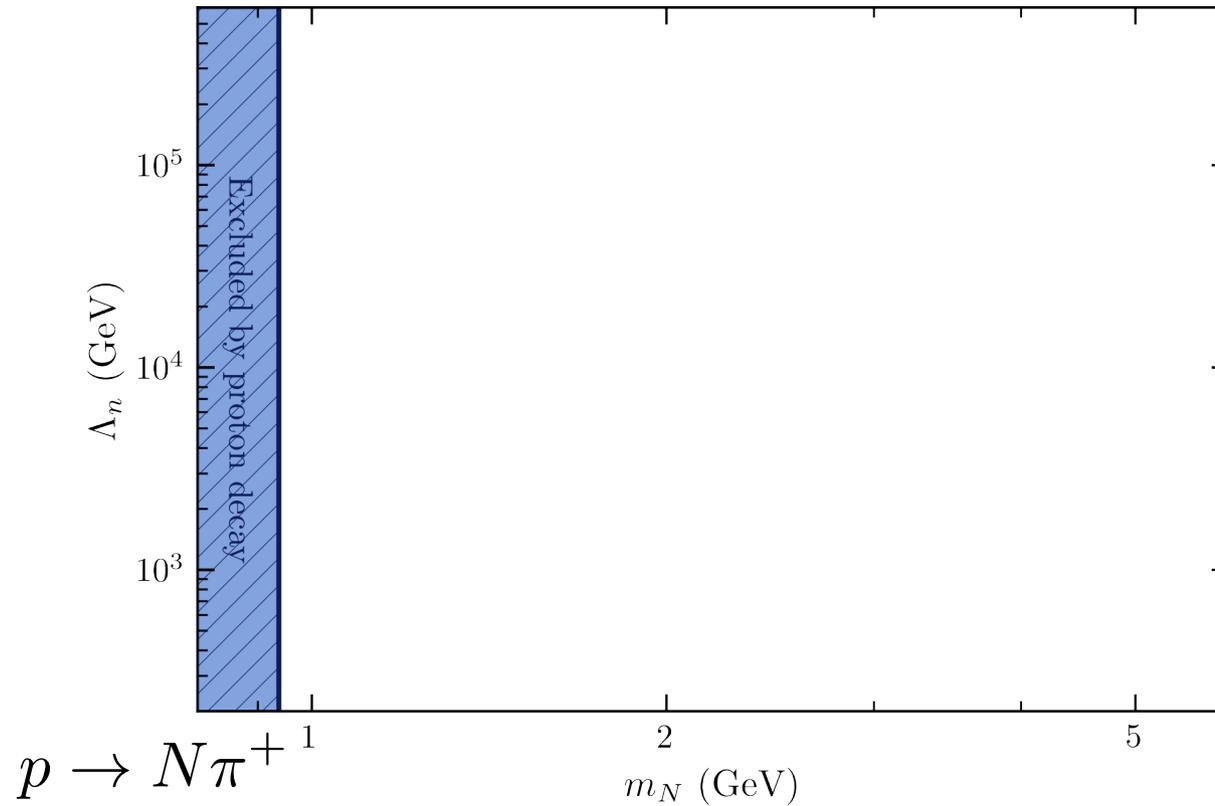
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To keep  $m_\chi \sim$  a few GeV,  $\Rightarrow \lambda_{\chi H} \lesssim 2 \times 10^{-4}$

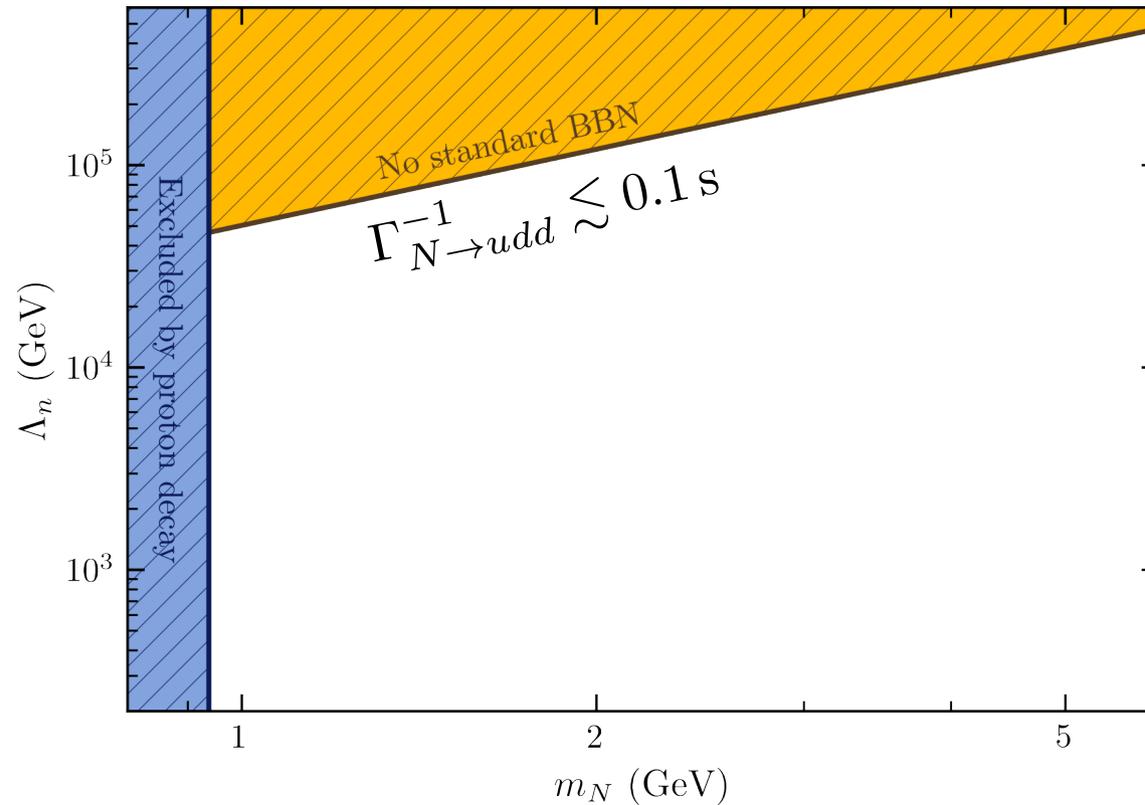
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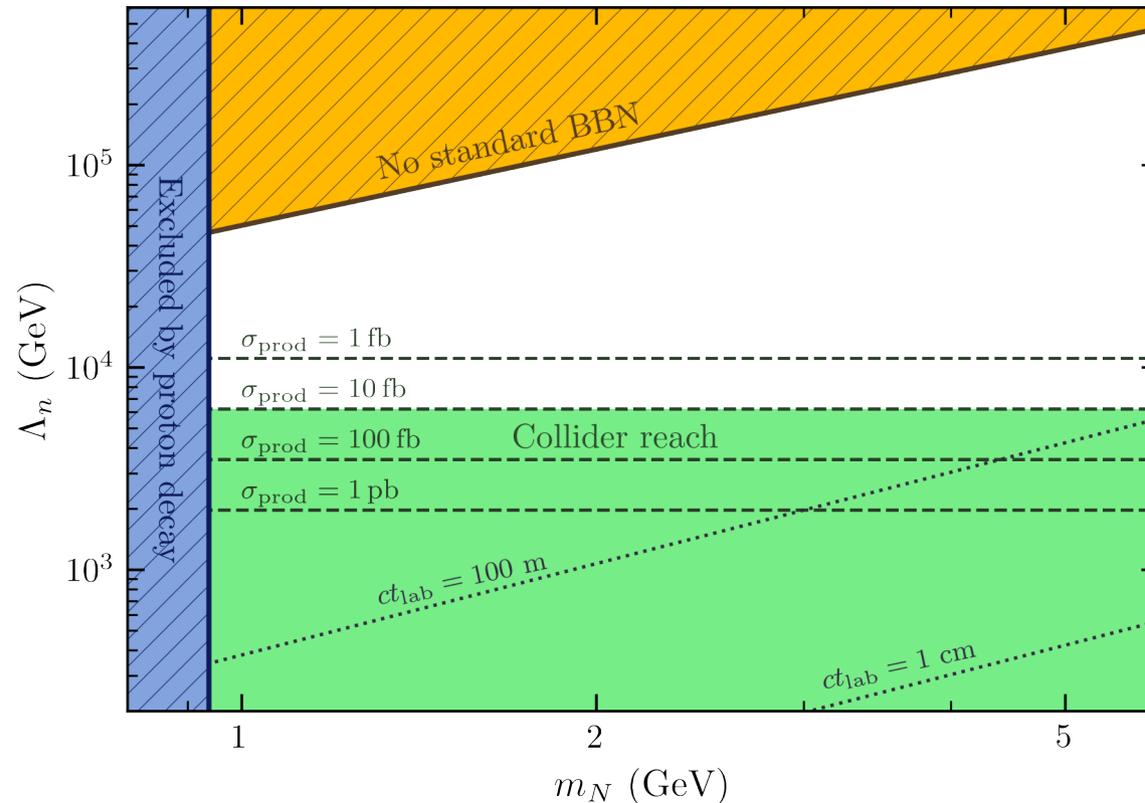
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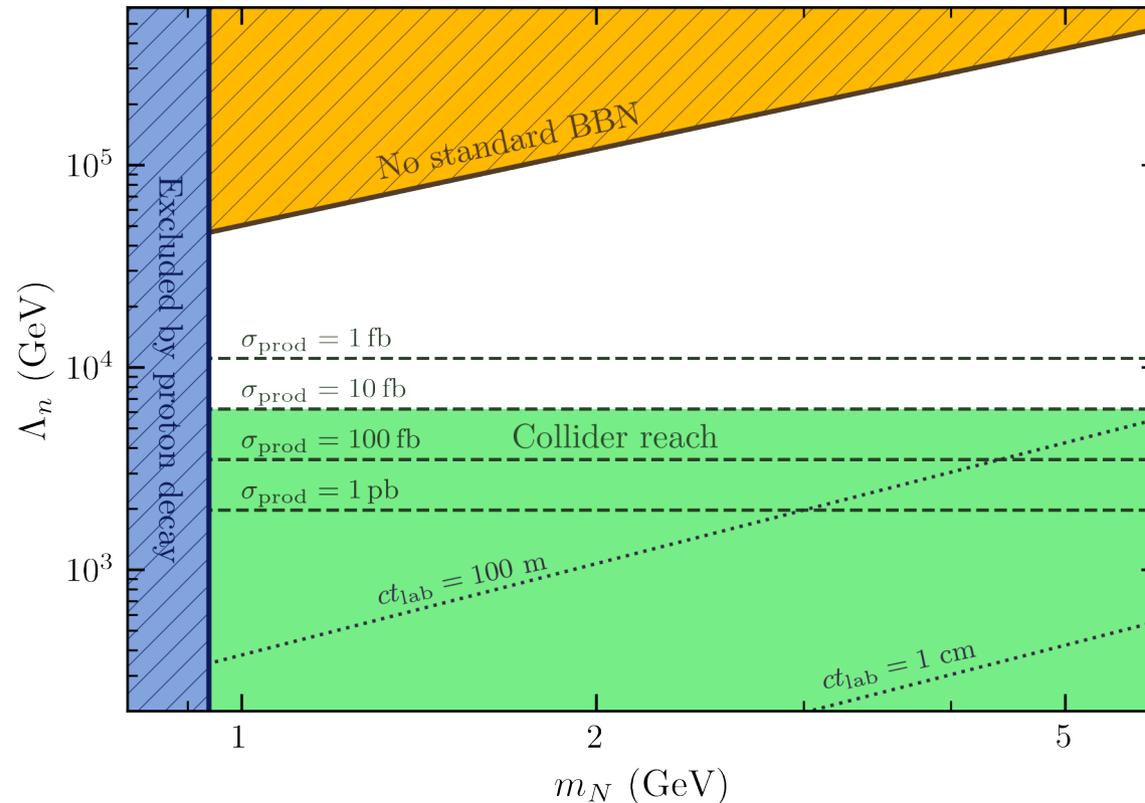


$N$  production in pp collisions through  $ud \rightarrow N\bar{d}, dd \rightarrow N\bar{u}$

$$\sigma_{pp \rightarrow N + \text{jet}} \approx 2 \text{ fb} \left( \frac{f_{\text{PDF}}}{10^{-2}} \right) \left( \frac{10^4 \text{ GeV}}{\Lambda_n} \right)^4$$

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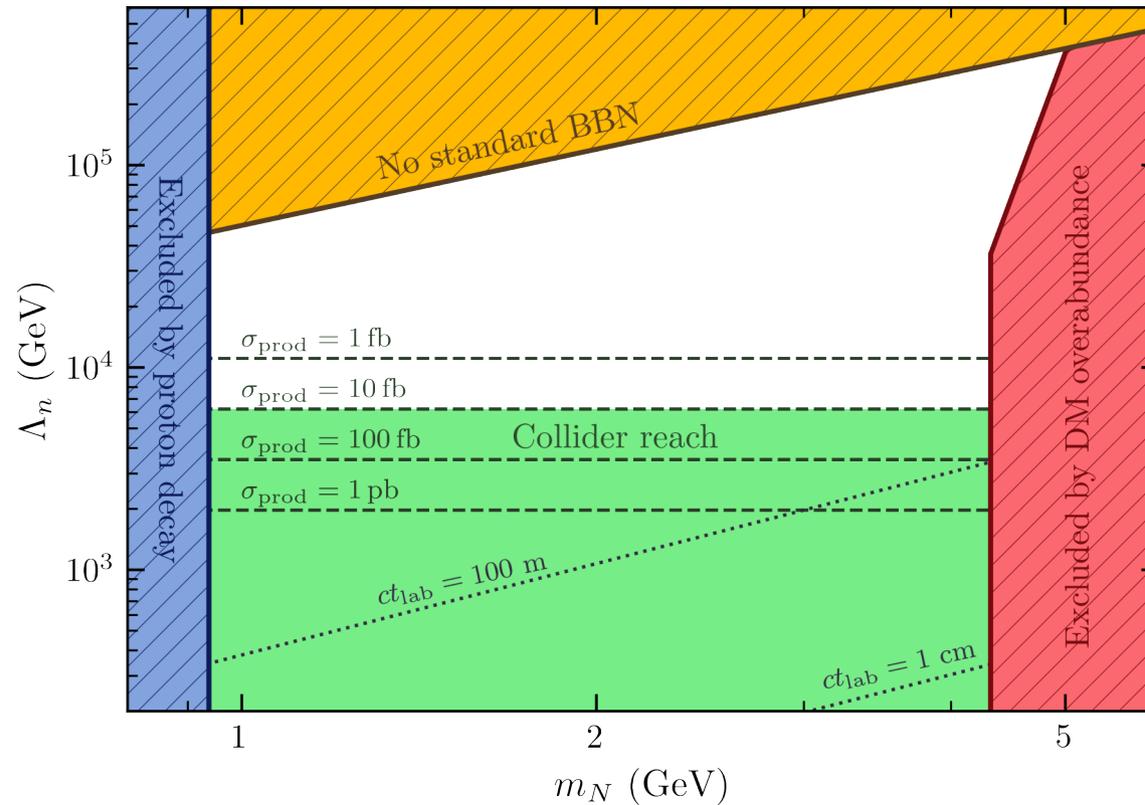
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- The EFT may break down. Additional signatures from the production of the mediator.
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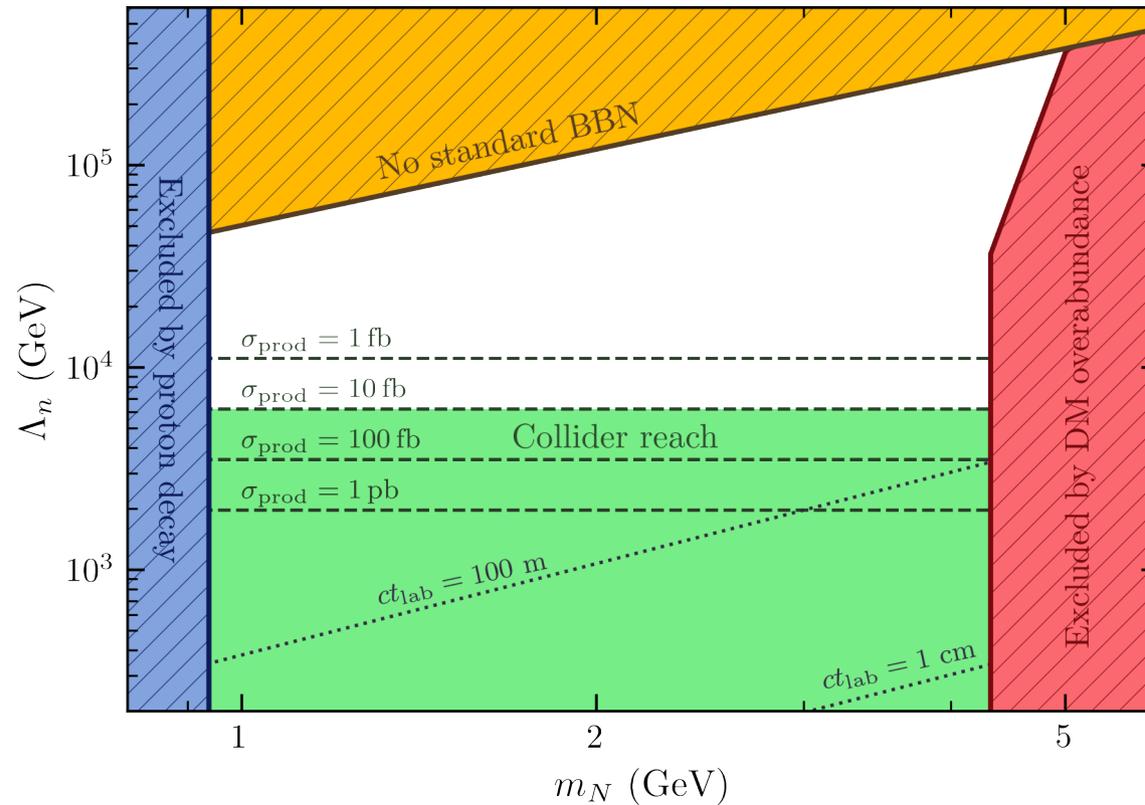
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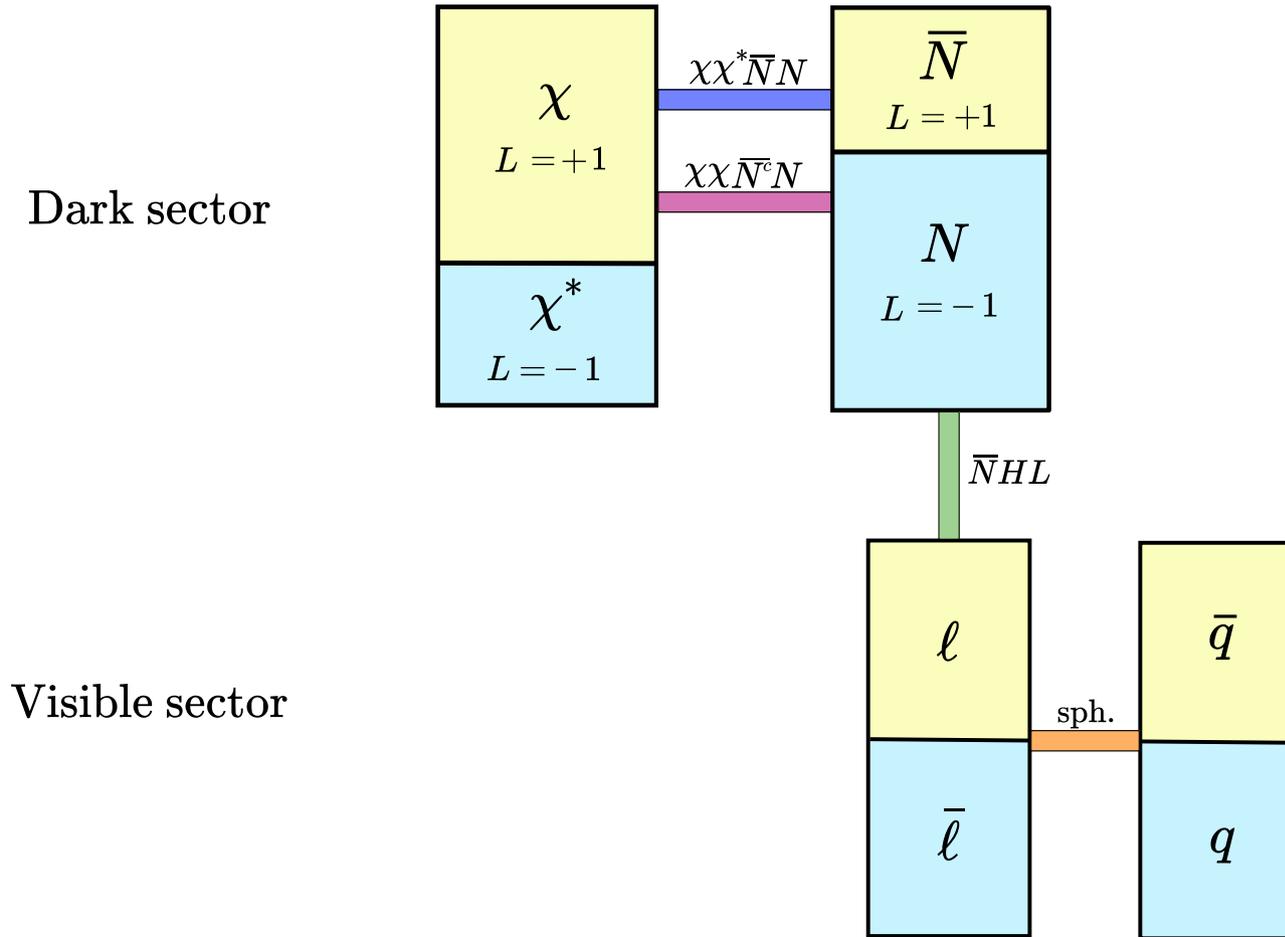
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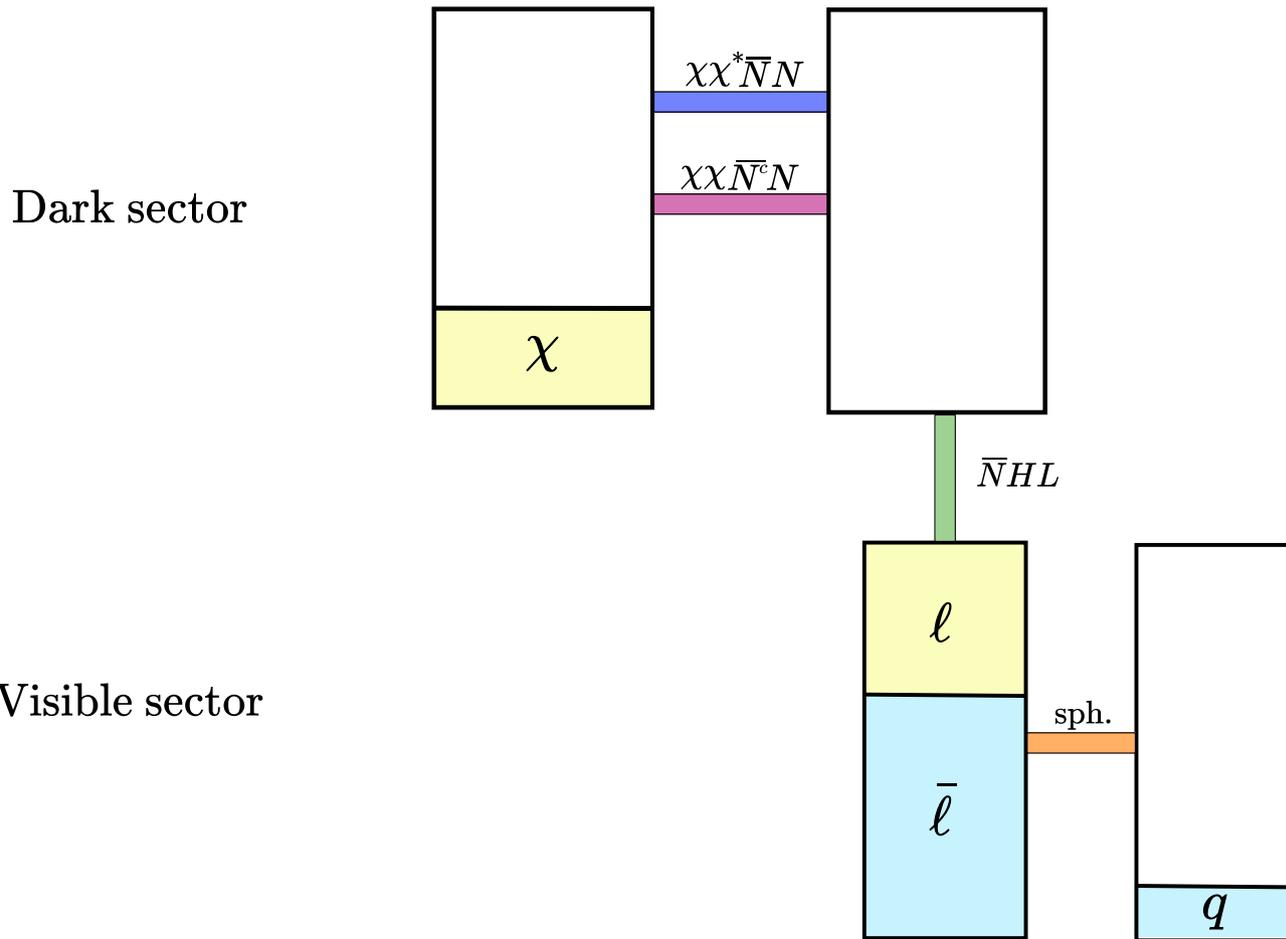
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This limit can be avoided if the DM annihilates into other dark sector particles.

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# Conclusions

- There is no evidence for a baryon asymmetry in our Universe. Observations only show that there are more quarks than antiquarks.
- Dark sector particles could also carry baryon number. If this is the case, a quark-antiquark asymmetry could be generated without fulfilling the Sakharov conditions.
- We have presented a simple scenario where the baryon number is conserved, and that generates a quark-antiquark asymmetry. As a bonus, the dark matter particle is stable due to the baryon number conservation, and is predicted to have a mass of a few GeV. The scenario leads to signals at collider experiments and in flavor physics.