

Direct searches for Dark Matter

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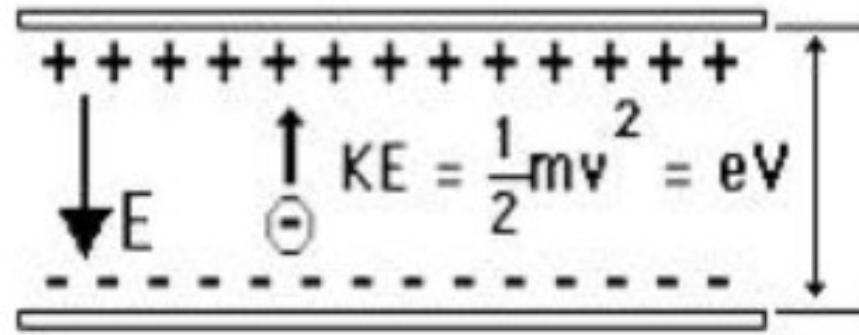
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- 1- Preamble (10')
- 2- What is dark matter and what it is made of ? (20')
- 3- Direct detection of dark matter (40')
- 4- Conclusions

Energy (Mass) Unit: Electron Volt

$$E = qV = (1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C})(1 \frac{\text{J}}{\text{C}})$$

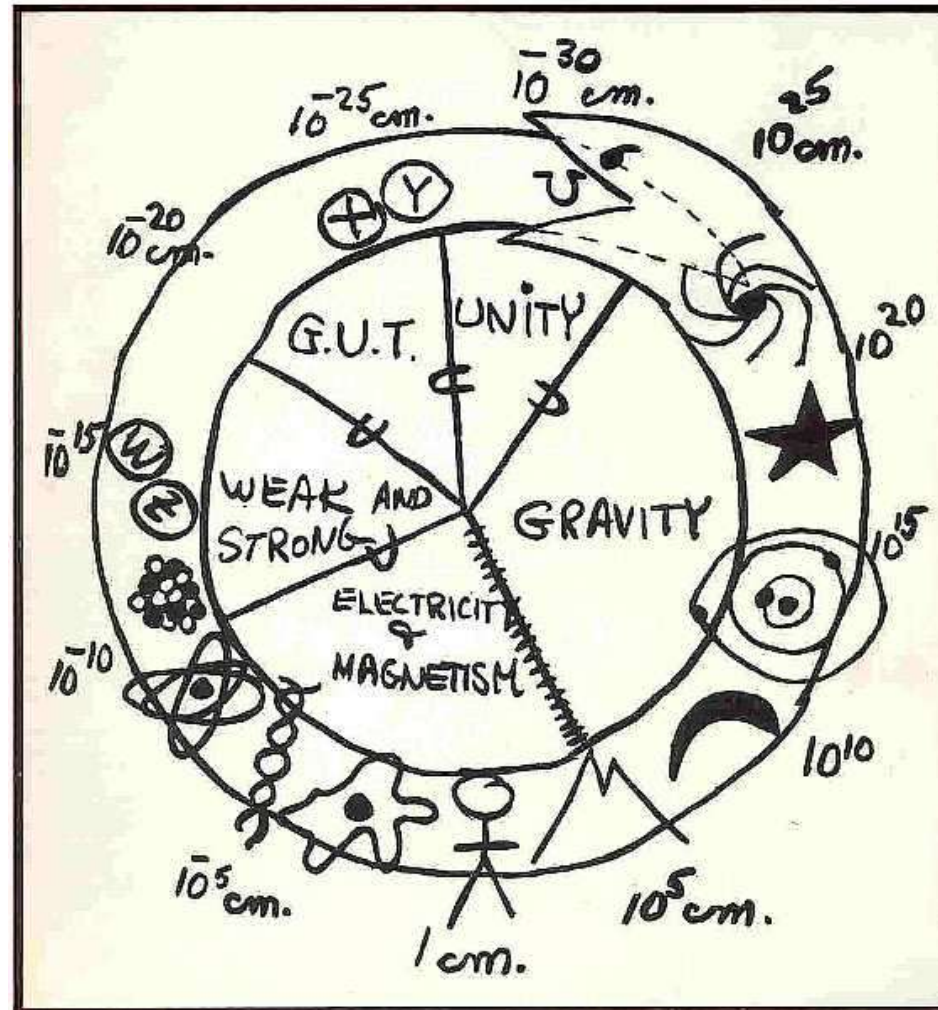
$$1 \text{ electron volt} = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$



$$e = \text{electron charge} = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$$
$$V = \text{voltage}$$

Will talk about μeV , eV , keV , GeV

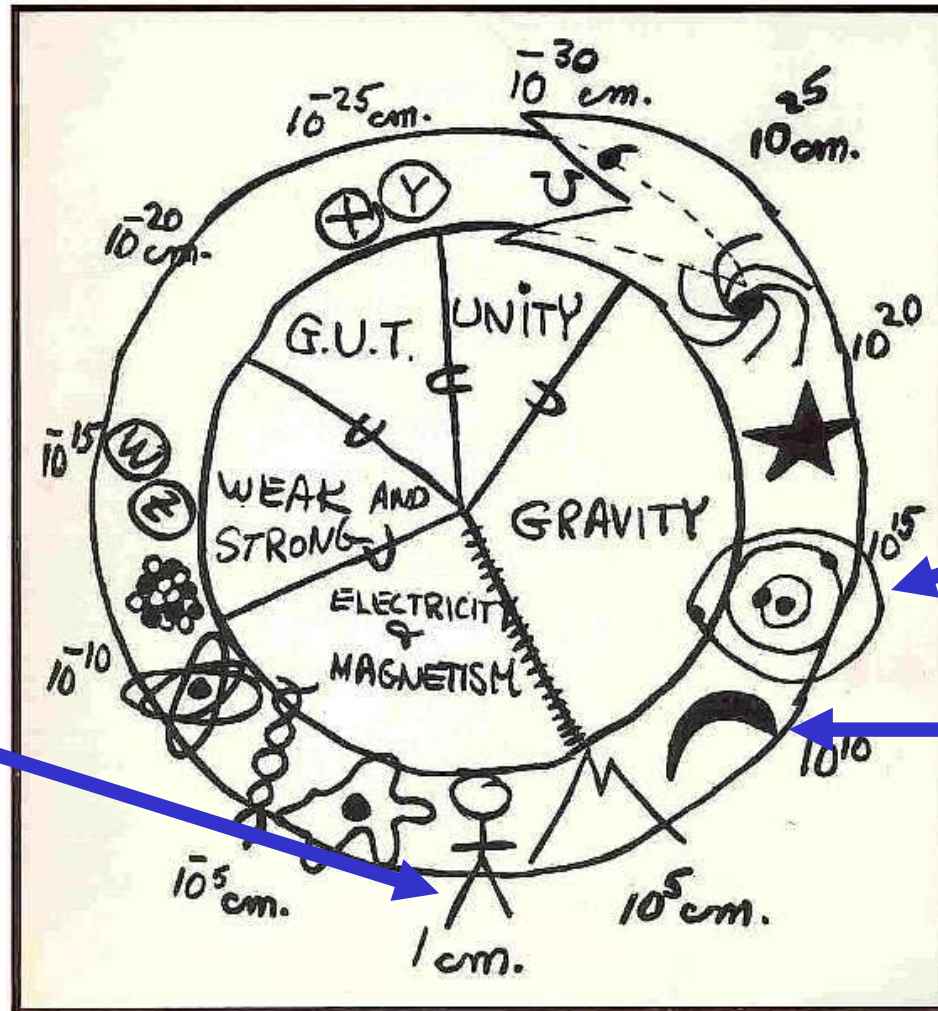
Lesson from XXth century



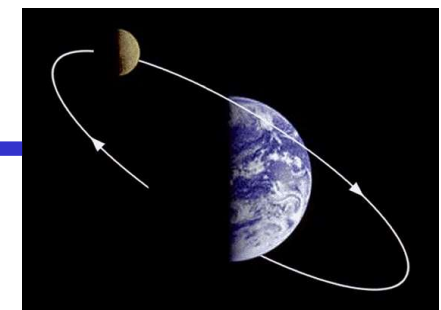
S. Glashow serpent swallowing its tail
New York Times Magazine, Sept. 26, 1982, p. 40

Two infinities (micro and macro) deeply interconnected

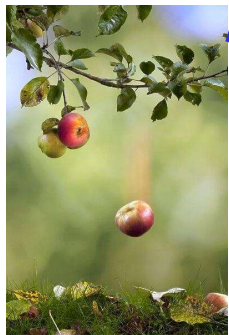
Gravity



Fairly simple detector !



Fairly simple experimental set-up !

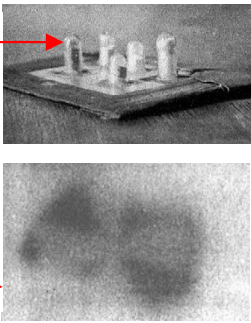


Instantaneous gravity explains all (1688) !

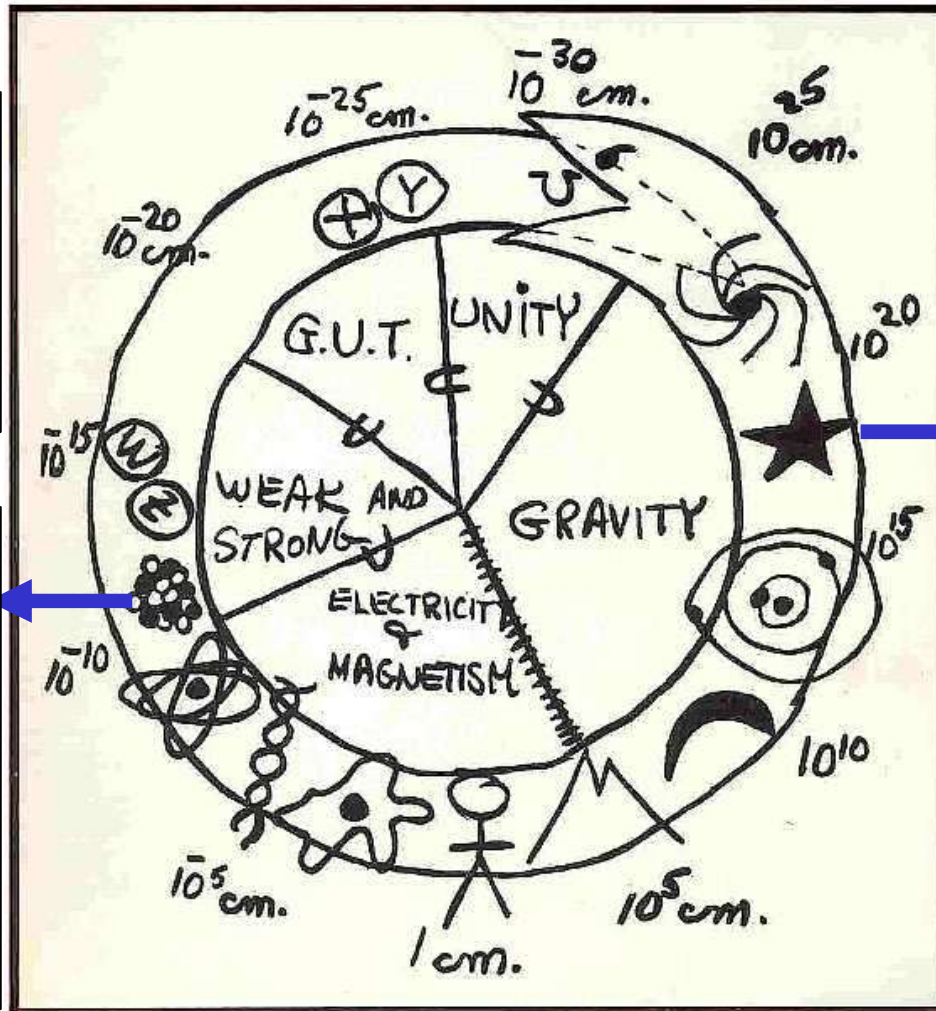
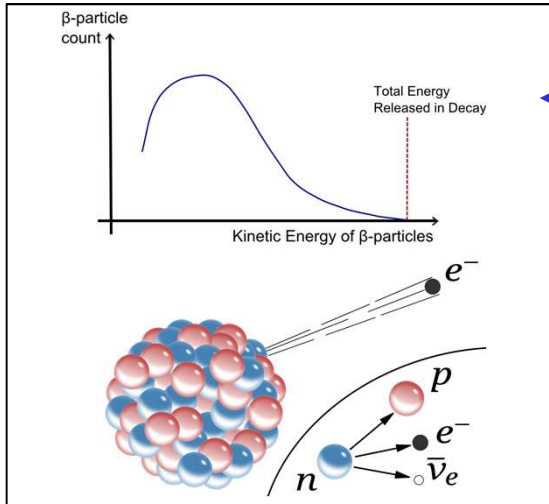
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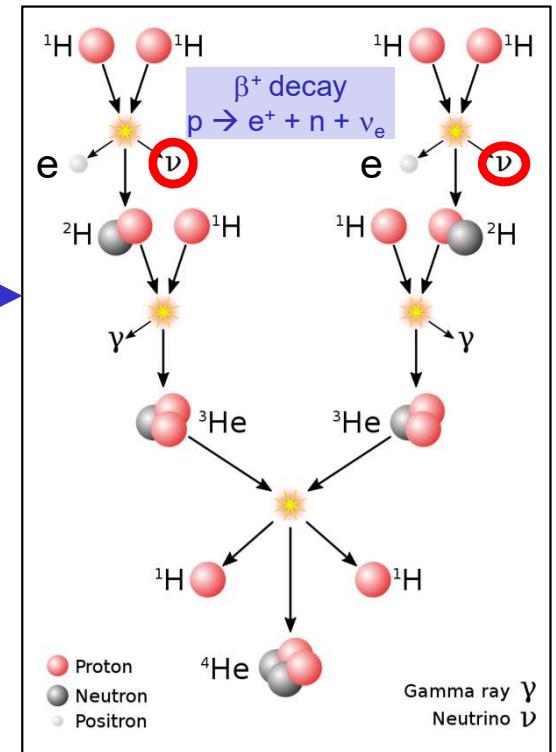
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Hypothetical ν (1930)



Hydrogen fusion in the sun (1939)

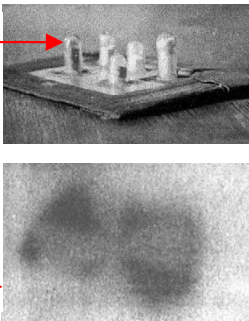


**Sun should emit
neutrinos**

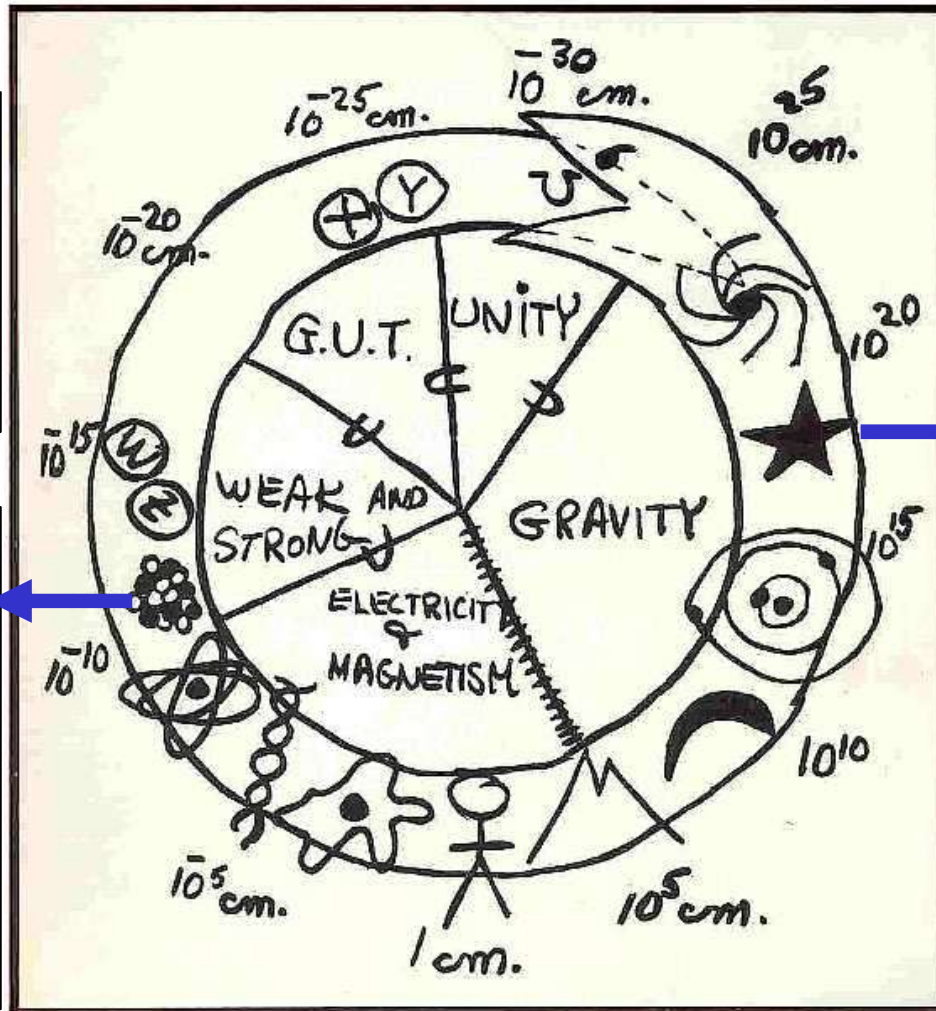
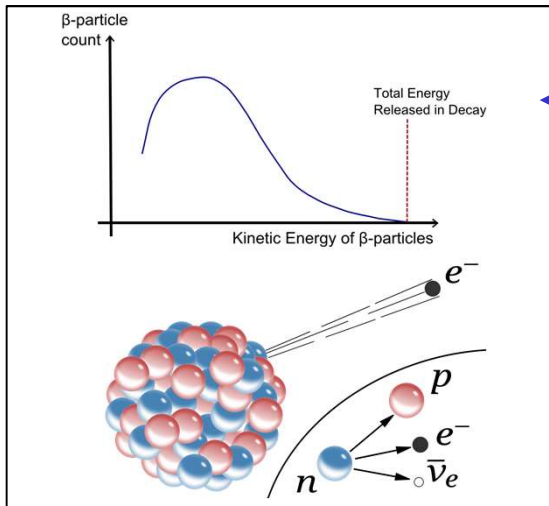
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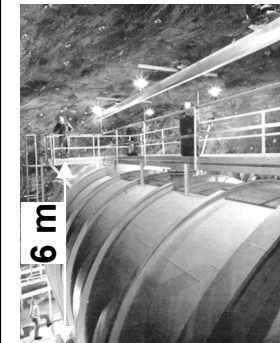
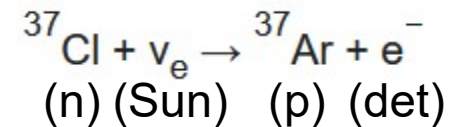


Compute the solar neutrino flux (1964)

70×10^9 neutrino/cm²/s

Build experiment 1.4km underground in USA

Tank containing 1200 tons of Chlorine fluid



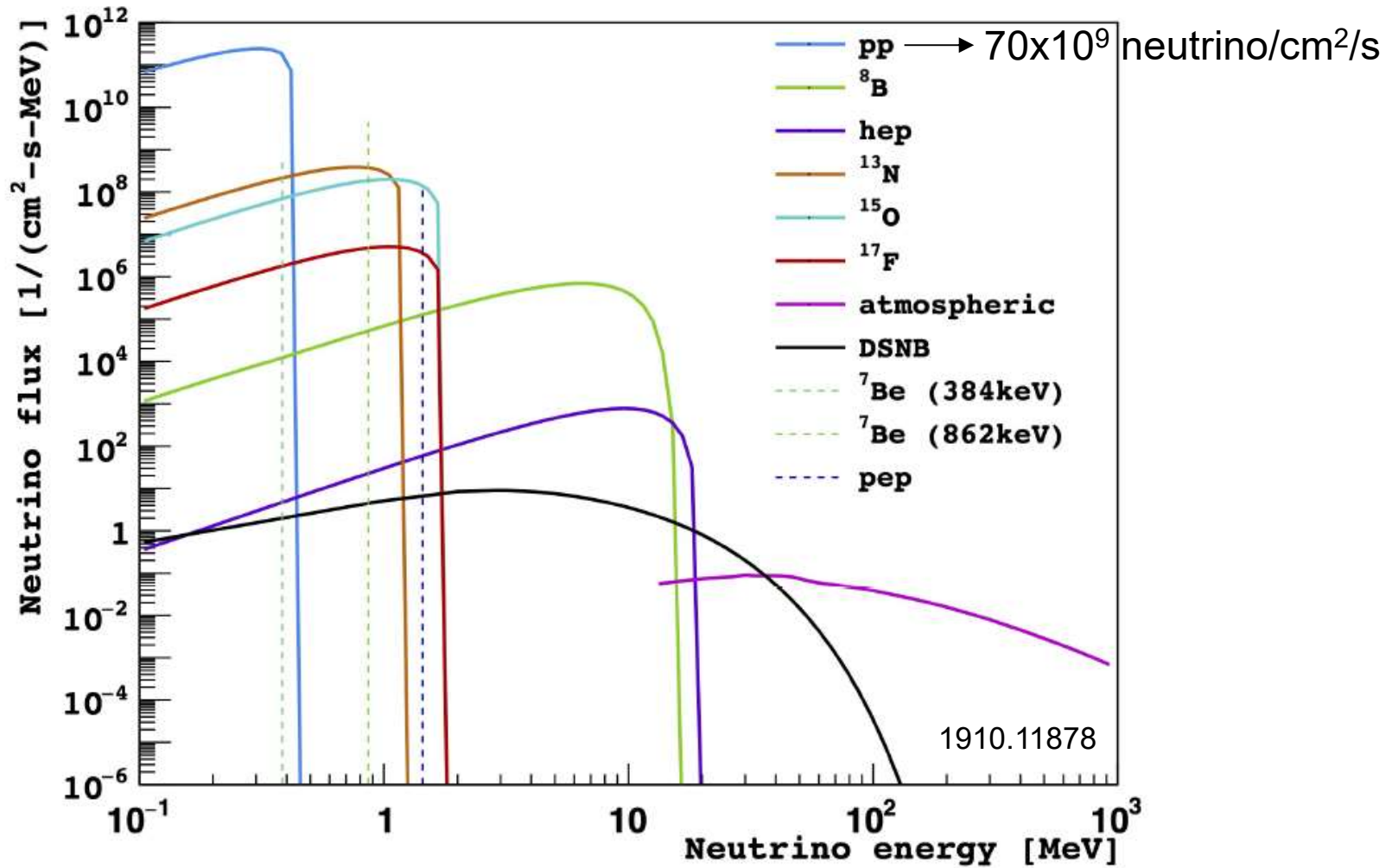
Count ~6 new ${}^{37}\text{Ar}$ per month (1969)

Neutrino could have been discovered by looking at the Sun !

[Discovered in 1956 by looking at a nuclear plant]

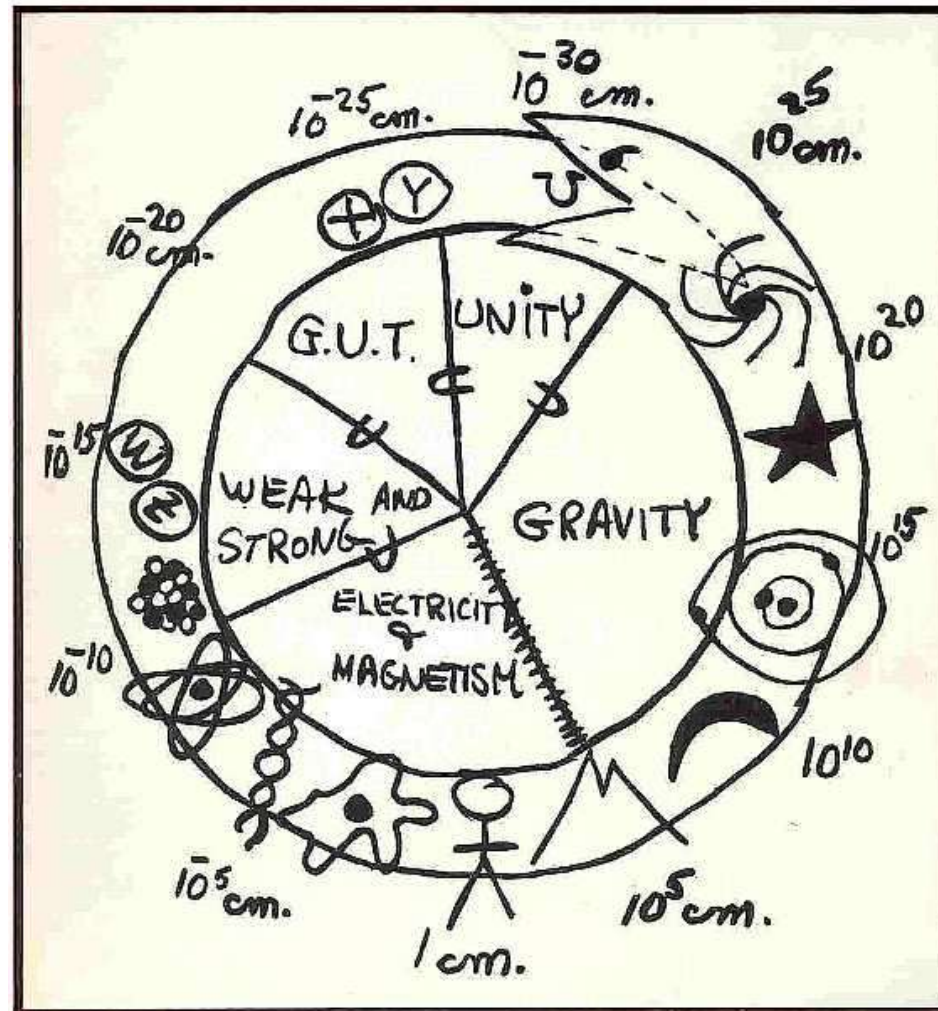
Neutrino flux today

□ One of the main background for dark matter searches !



Dark Matter (Part I)

2- Particle physics:
status and open questions.
New hypothetic particles ?



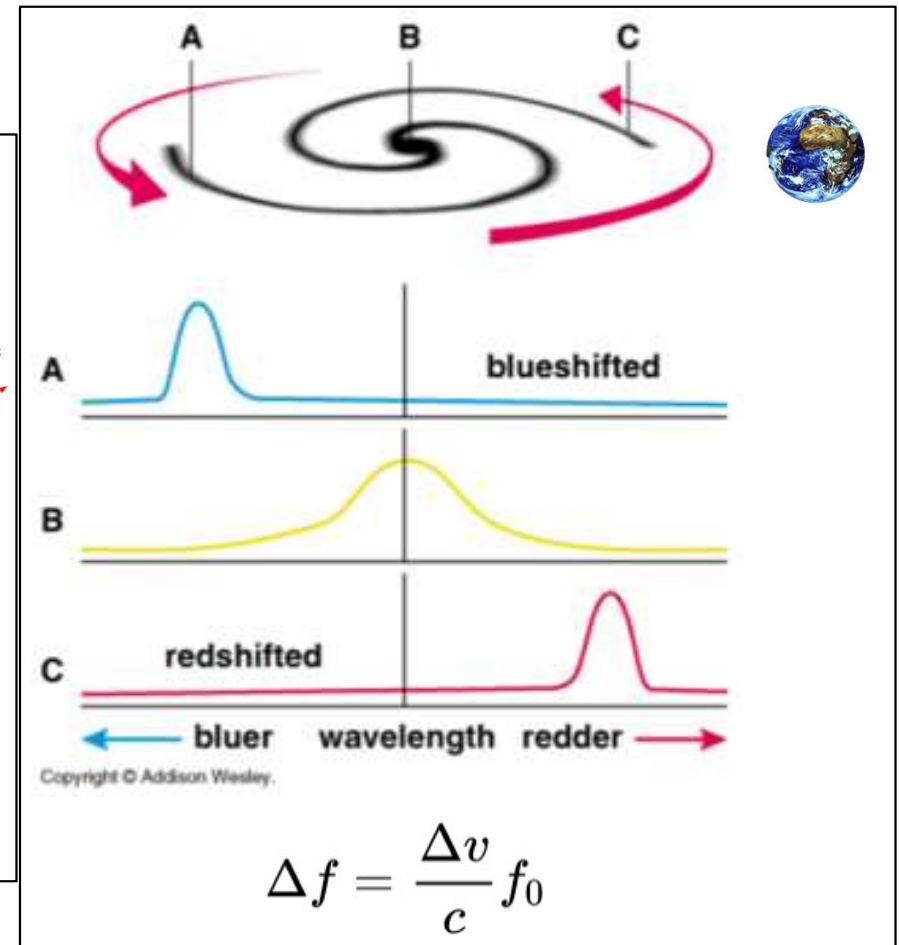
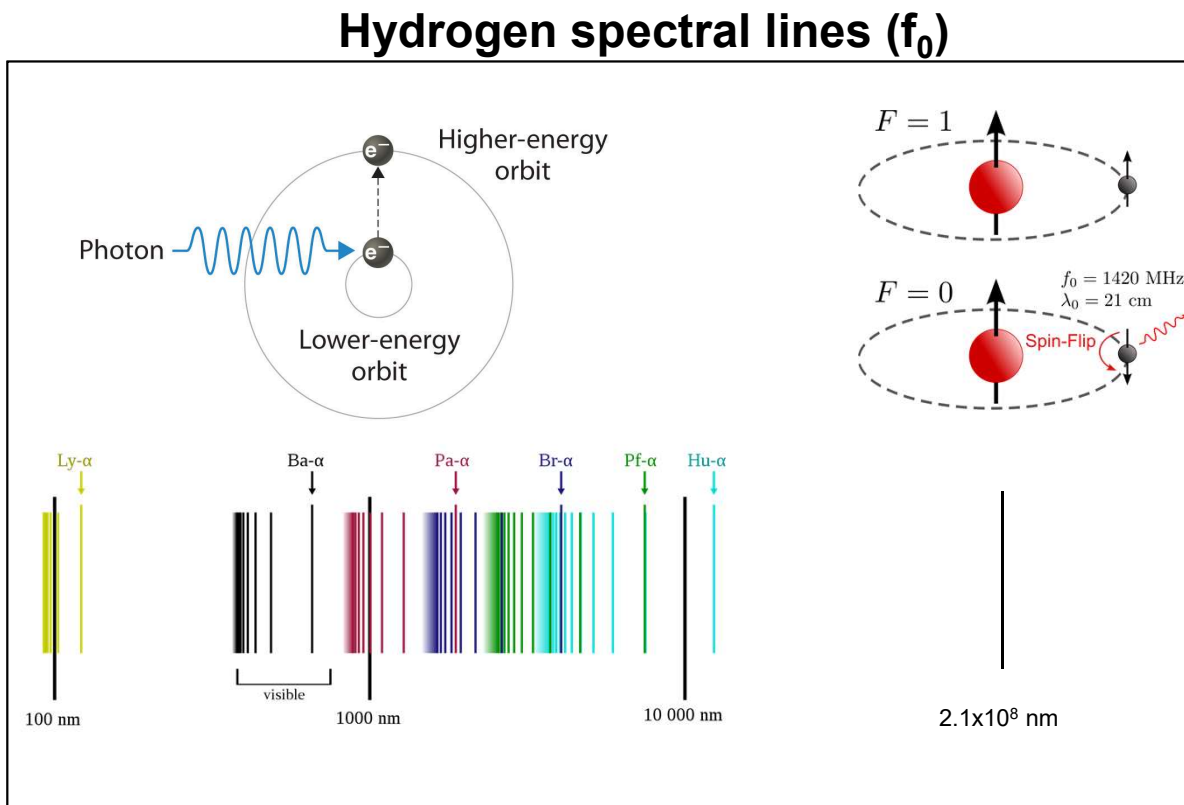
1- Observations of Dark matter in cosmology and astrophysics :
characteristics of Dark matter

3- What is Dark Matter made of ?

Galaxy rotation curve

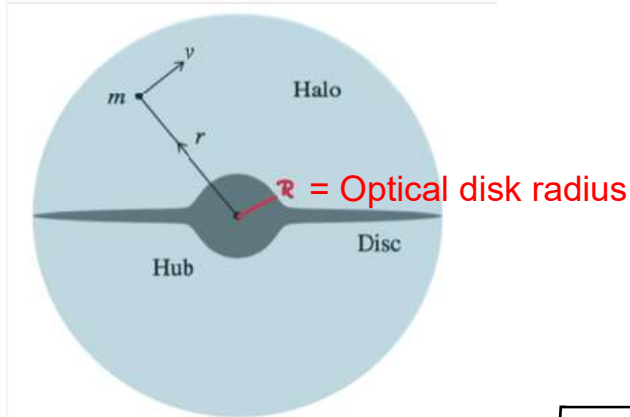
Well-known spectral lines → Doppler shift → velocity curve of stars

Galaxy rich in Hydrogen gas



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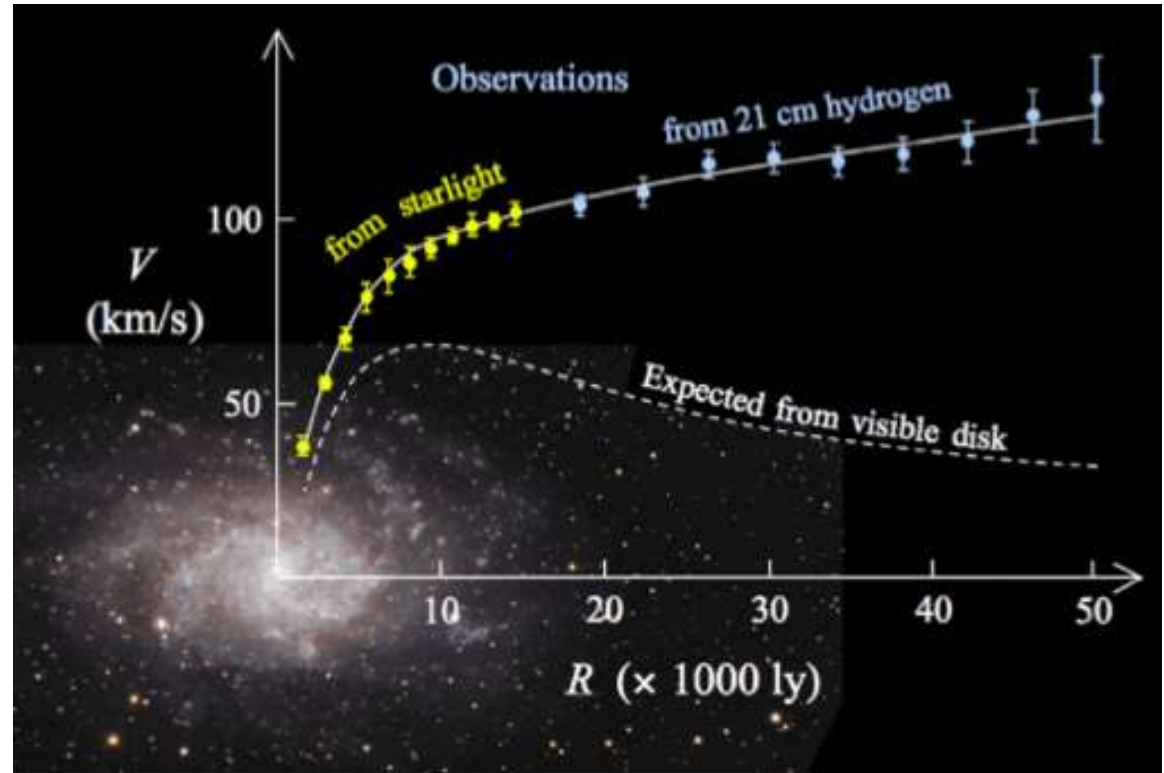


Prediction: $\frac{mv^2}{r} = \frac{mM(r)G}{r^2} \rightarrow v = \sqrt{\frac{GM(r)}{r}}$

Bulk: $r < R: M(r) \propto r^3 \Rightarrow v \propto r$ ✓

Disk: $r > R: M(r) = \text{const} \Rightarrow v \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}}$ ✗

Observed: $r > R: v \sim \text{const} \Rightarrow M(r) \propto r$



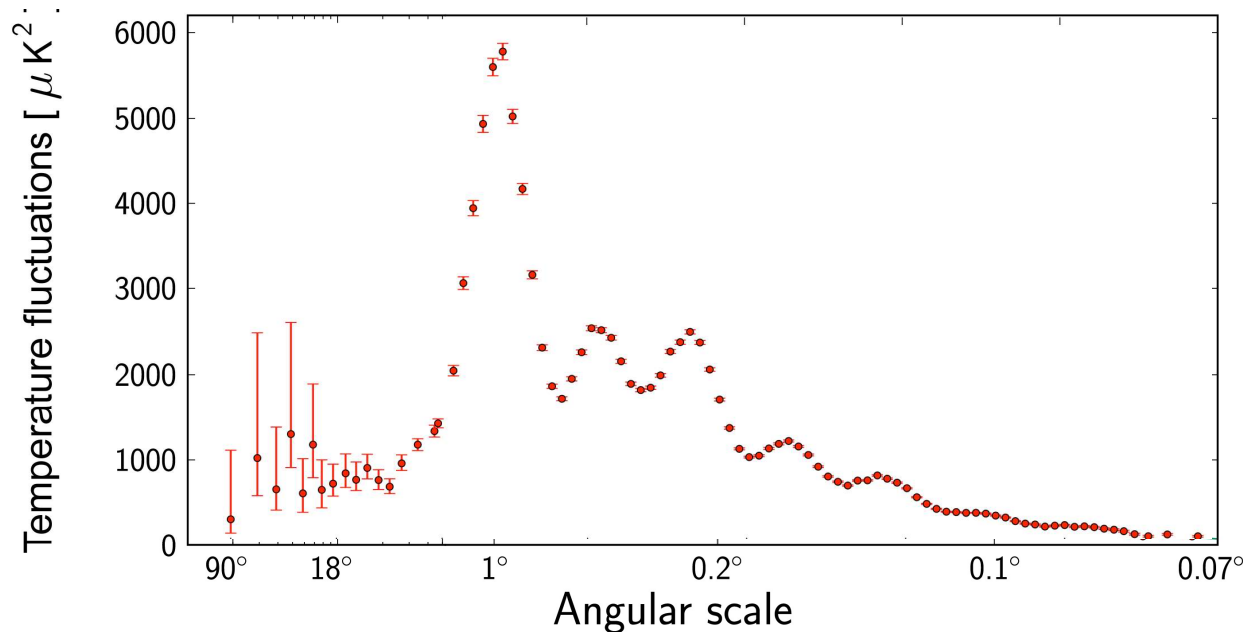
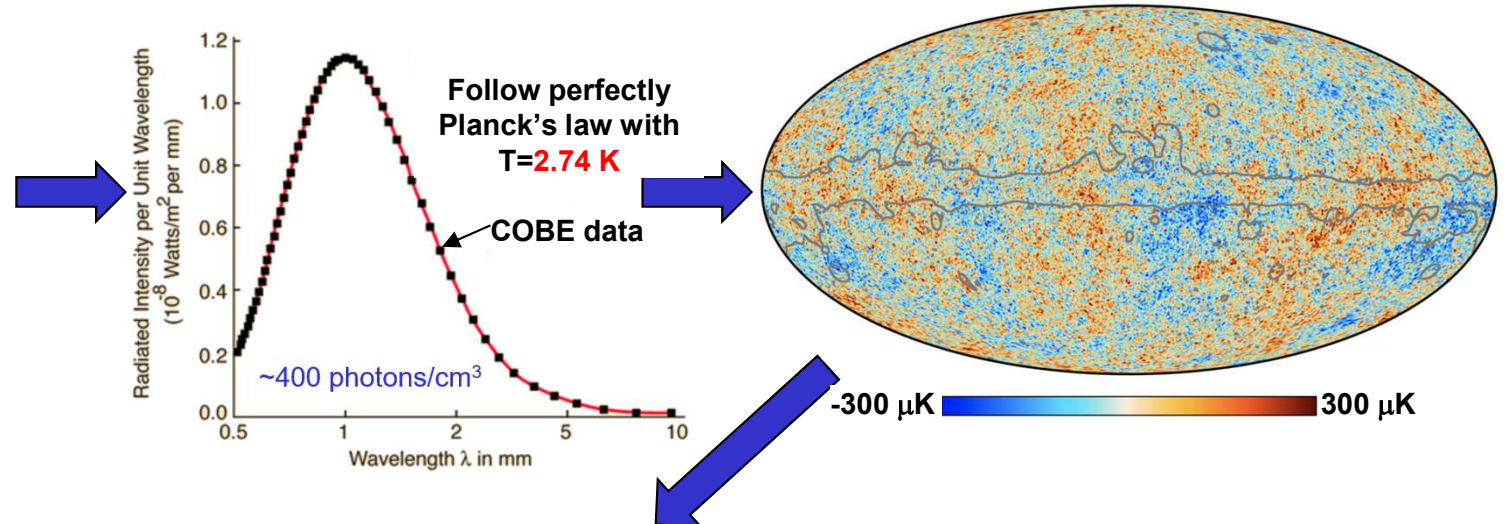
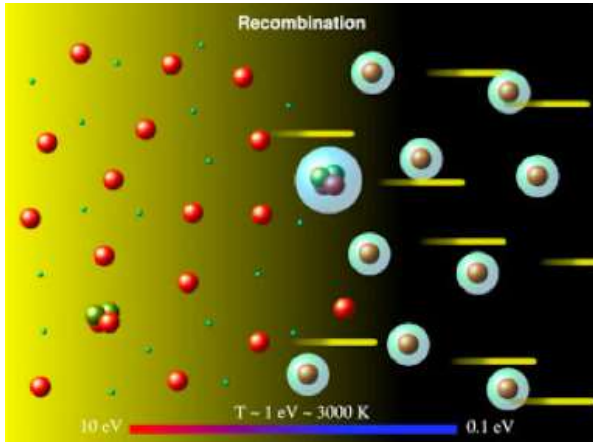
“Mass, unlike luminosity, is not concentrated near the center of spiral galaxies” (Vera Rubin)

Dark matter halo in the galaxy ?

Cosmic microwave background

380 000 years after Big Bang

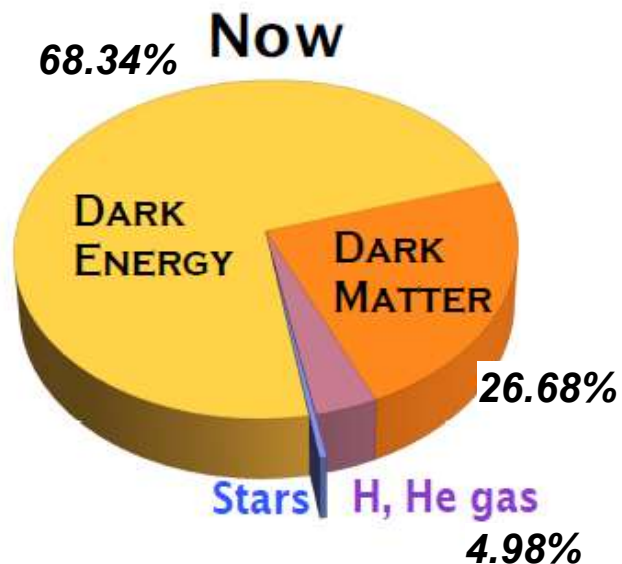
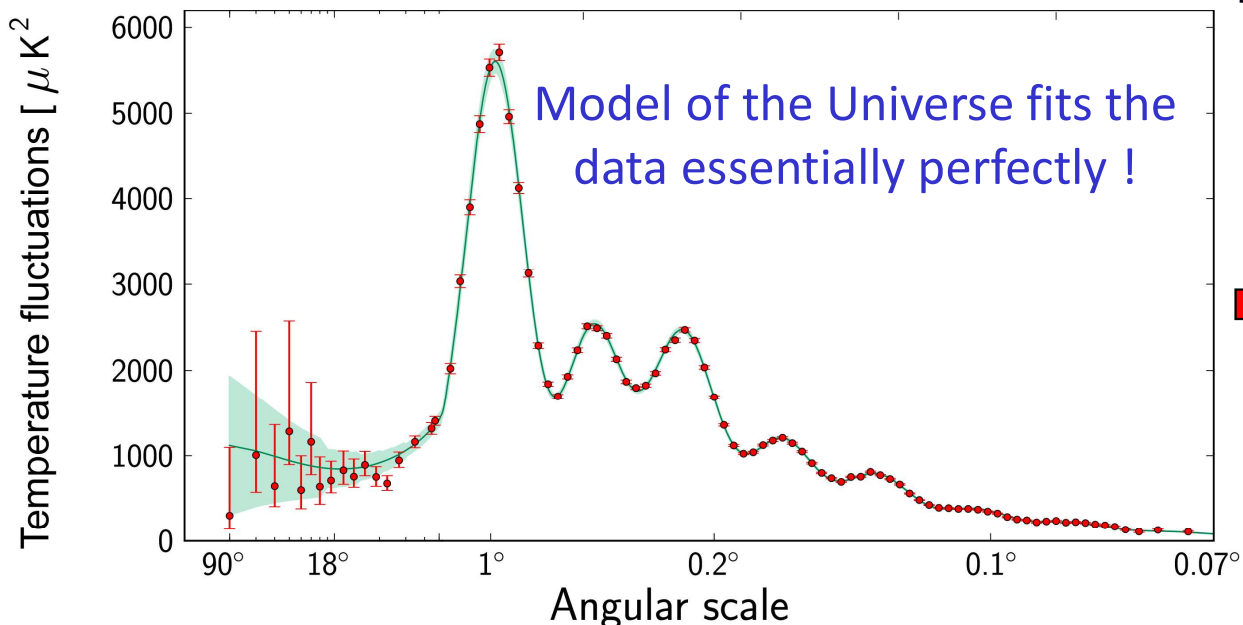
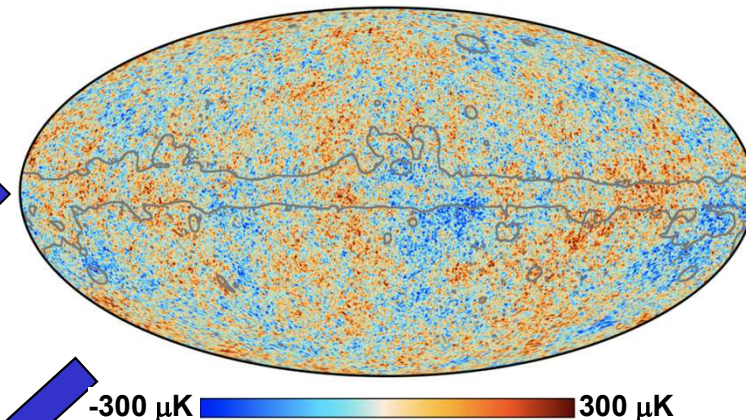
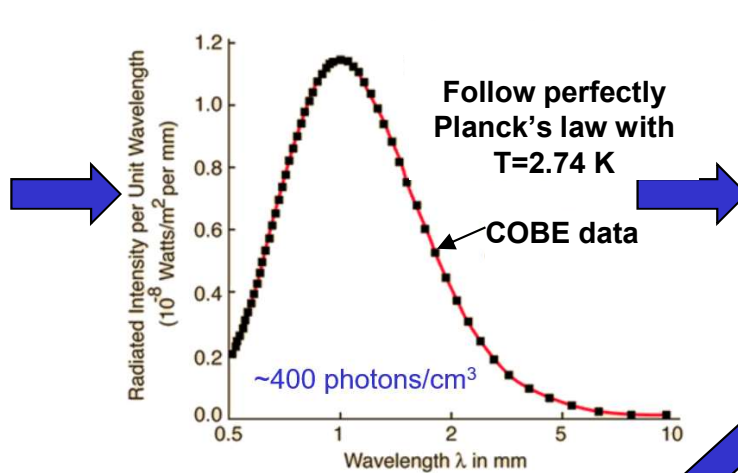
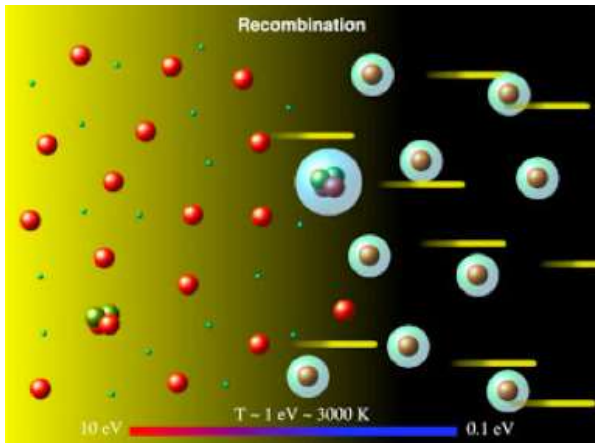
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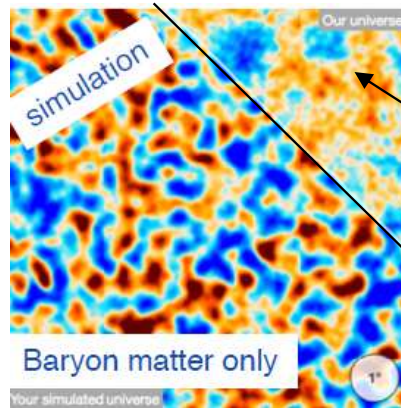
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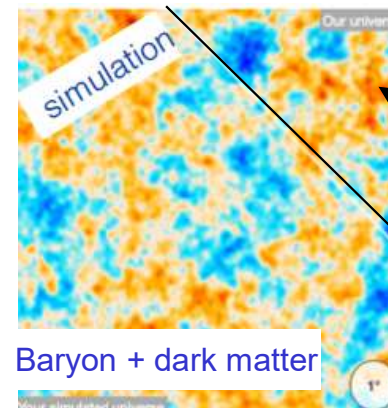


Other proofs

- Galaxy formation, evolution, collision

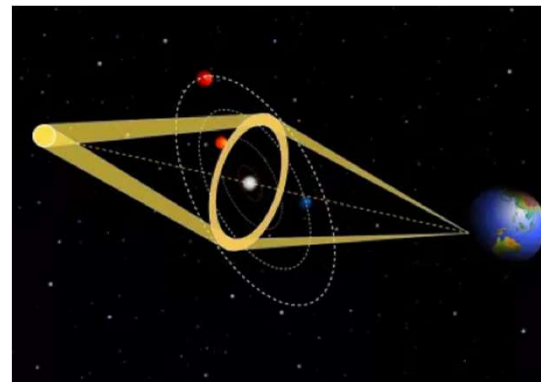


Cosmic Microwave background data



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- Gravitational lensing



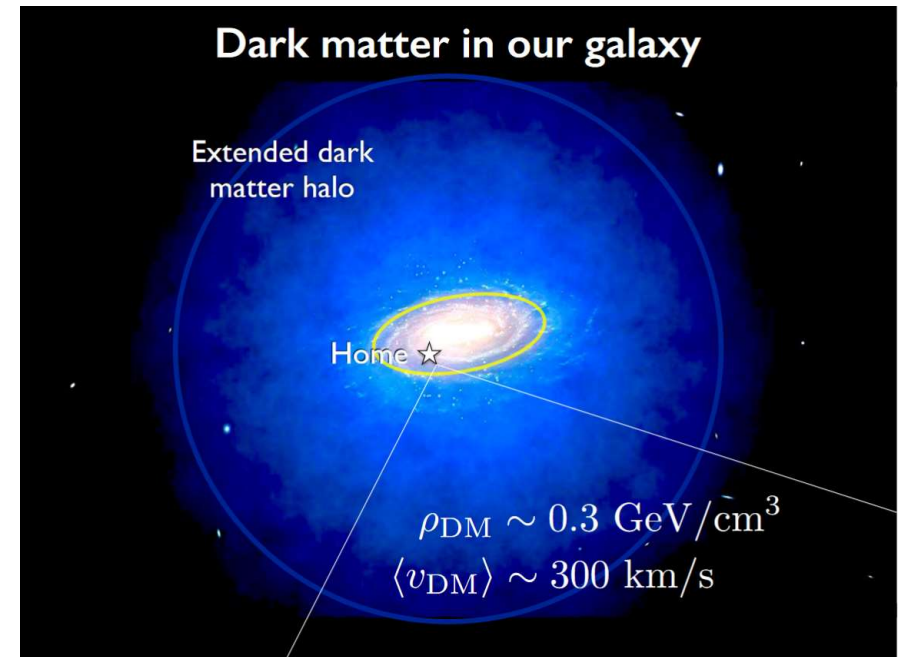
- Absence of massive objects made of baryonic matter

All proofs point towards dark matter

Dark Matter from cosmology

□ Main characteristics

- Dark matter exists (!)
 - ✓ **Massive**: Interact with gravitational forces
 - ✓ **Form a halo** in our galaxy → favorable for direct exploration → **part II**
- If it is a new particle it should be
 - ✓ **Neutral** (dark)
 - ✓ **Stable** or very long-lived (Big Bang)
 - ✓ **Very weakly interacting with known particles**
 - ✓ **Non relativistic** to form galaxies

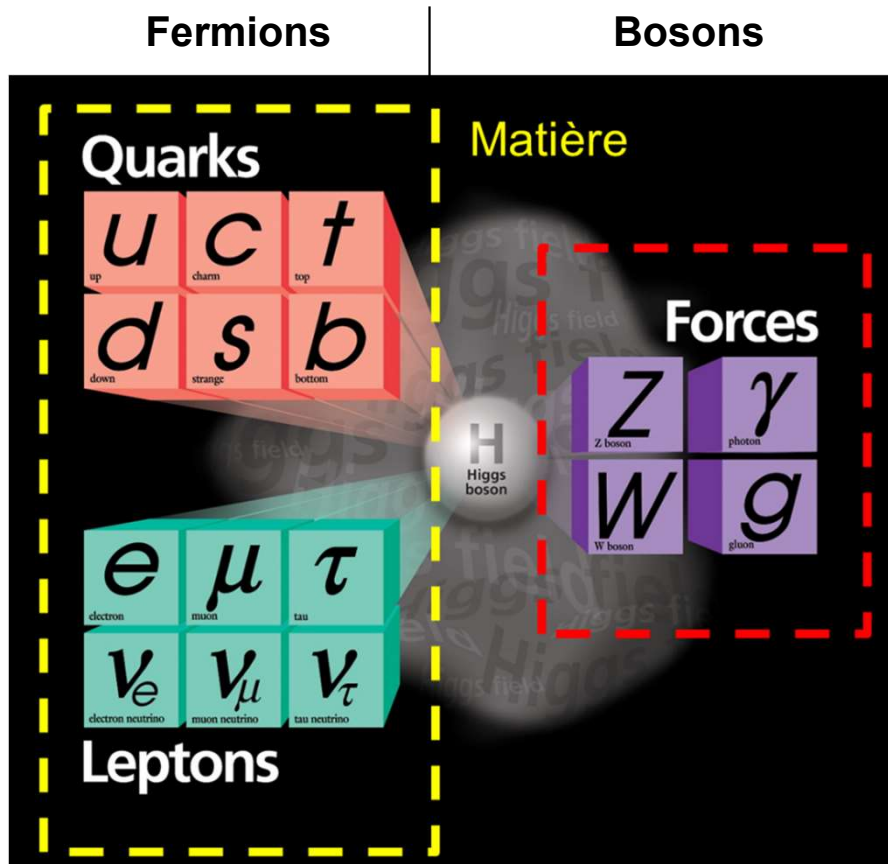


What is the nature of Dark matter ?

Particle physics

- ✓ Massive
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□ Elementary particles in a Standard Model (1970's)



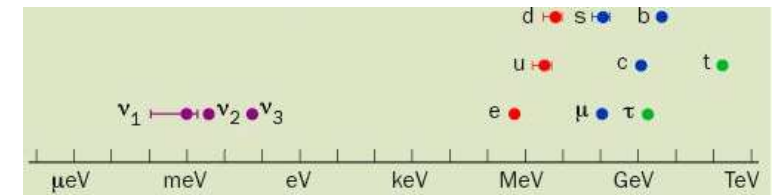
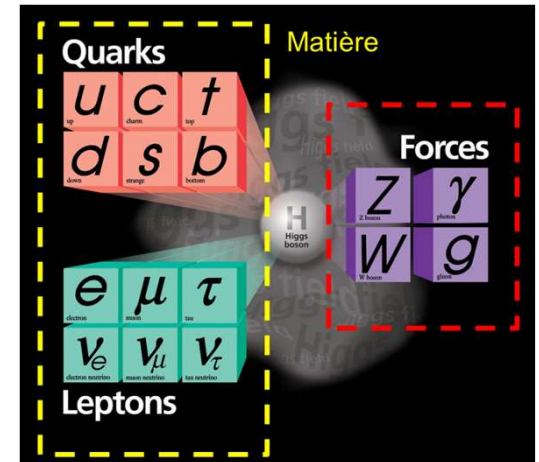
None of them has the required characteristics to be a dark matter particle

→ **Dark Matter calls for New physics**

Particle physics

□ Standard Model status

- 26 free parameters* (21 measured) → 5 not measured
 - ✓ 12 fermion masses (9) → ν masses
 - ✓ 8 weak angles (7): 6 mixing (6), 2 CP phases δ (1) → ν CP phase
 - ✓ 1 strong angle (0): 1 CP phase θ → Θ_{strong}
 - ✓ 3 coupling constants (3): α_{EM} , G_F , α_S
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▪ Some parameters look strange

- ✓ $m_\nu < \text{eV}$ while $m(\text{charged fermion}) > 0.5 \text{ MeV}$: why ? → ν mass origin problem
- ✓ $|\Theta_{strong}| < 10^{-10}$: why ? → strong CP problem
- ✓ Higgs Mass: very high radiative corrections → gauge hierarchy problem

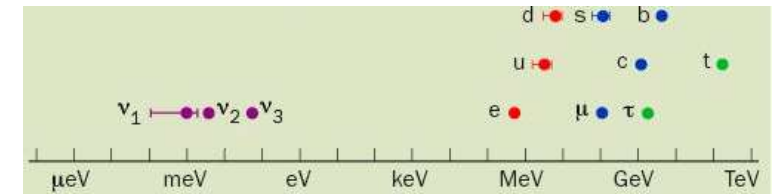
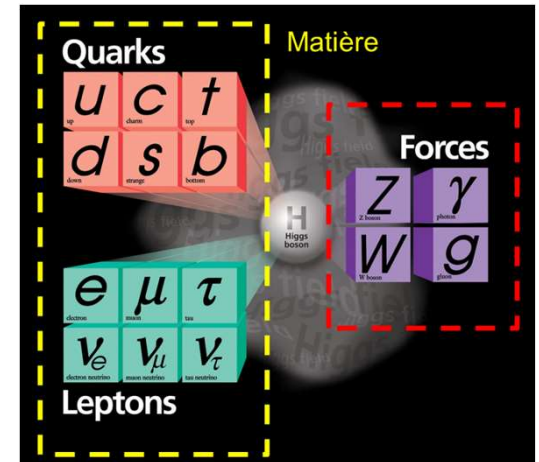
We need new particles to solve these problems

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- ✓ $|\Theta_{strong}| < 10^{-10}$: why ? → **Axion**
- ✓ **Higgs Mass**: very high radiative corrections → **Weakly Interacting Massive Particle (WIMP)**

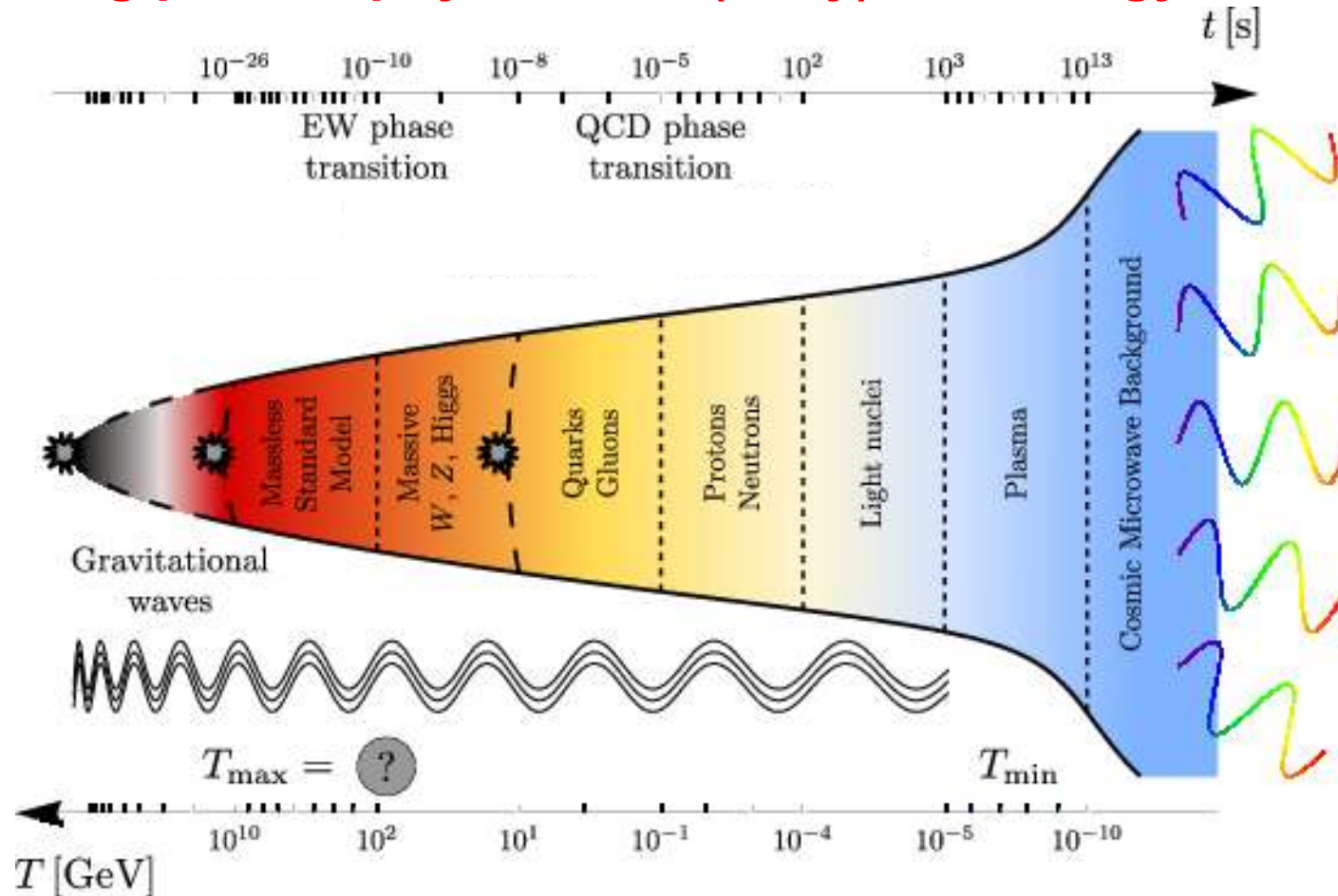
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3 candidates fulfilling the dark matter criteria !

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History of the Universe

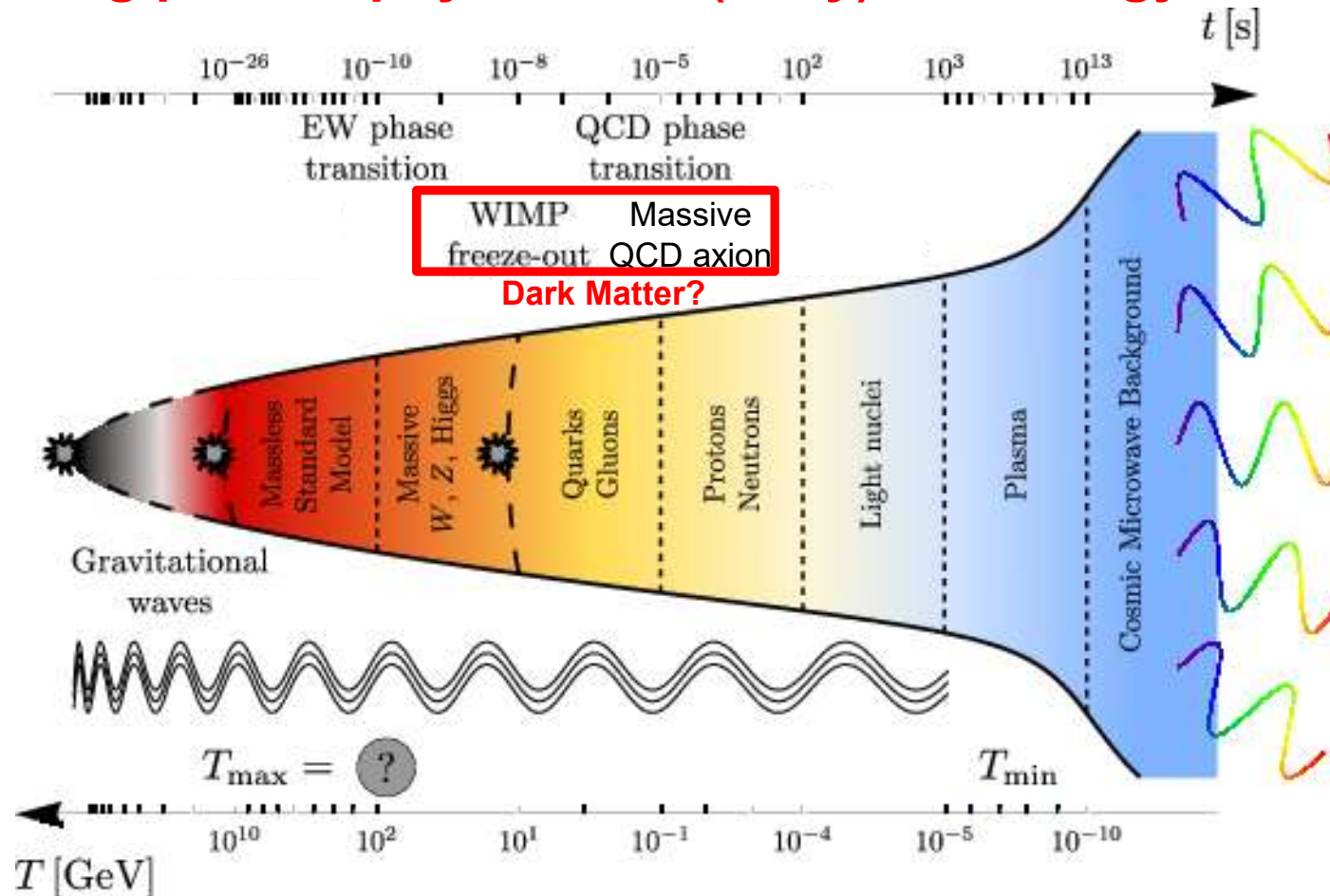
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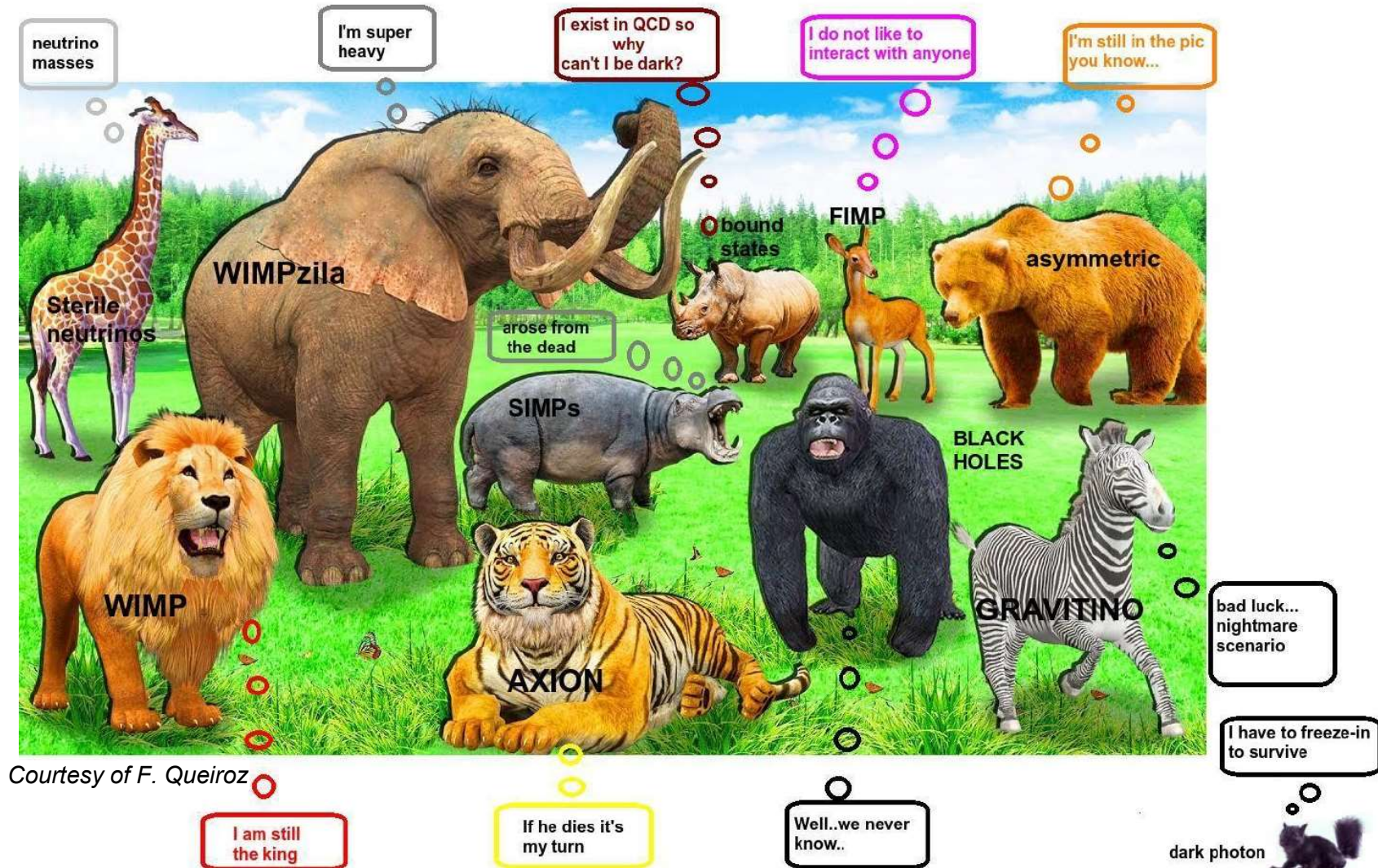


Dark Matter appears at the very early instant of the Universe ?

WIMP or axion

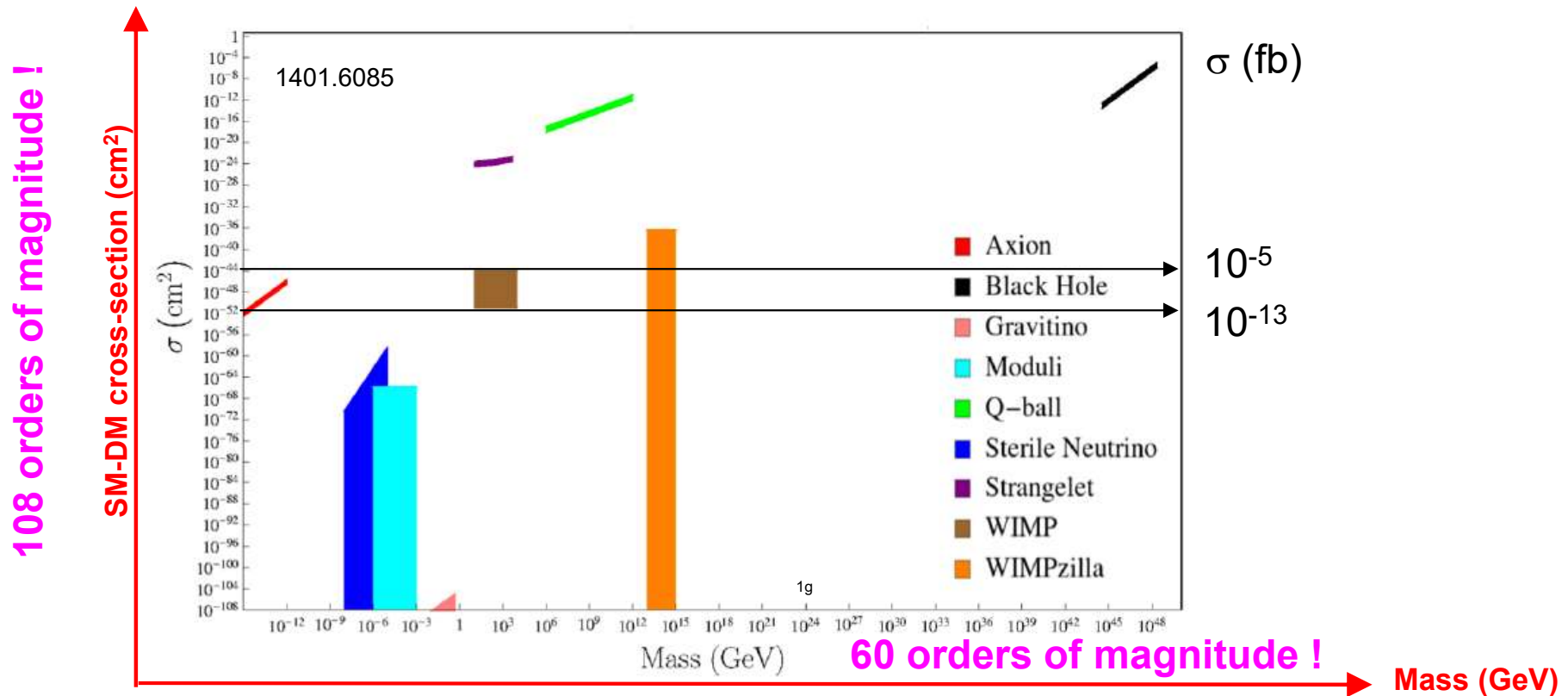
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Dark Matter (Part II)



Nature of Dark Matter

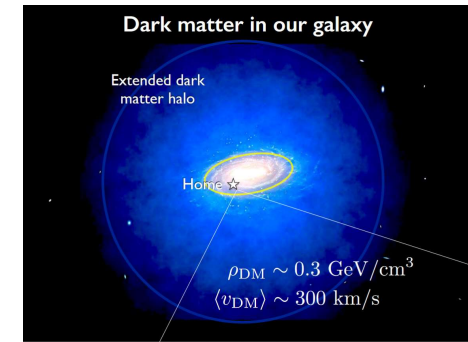
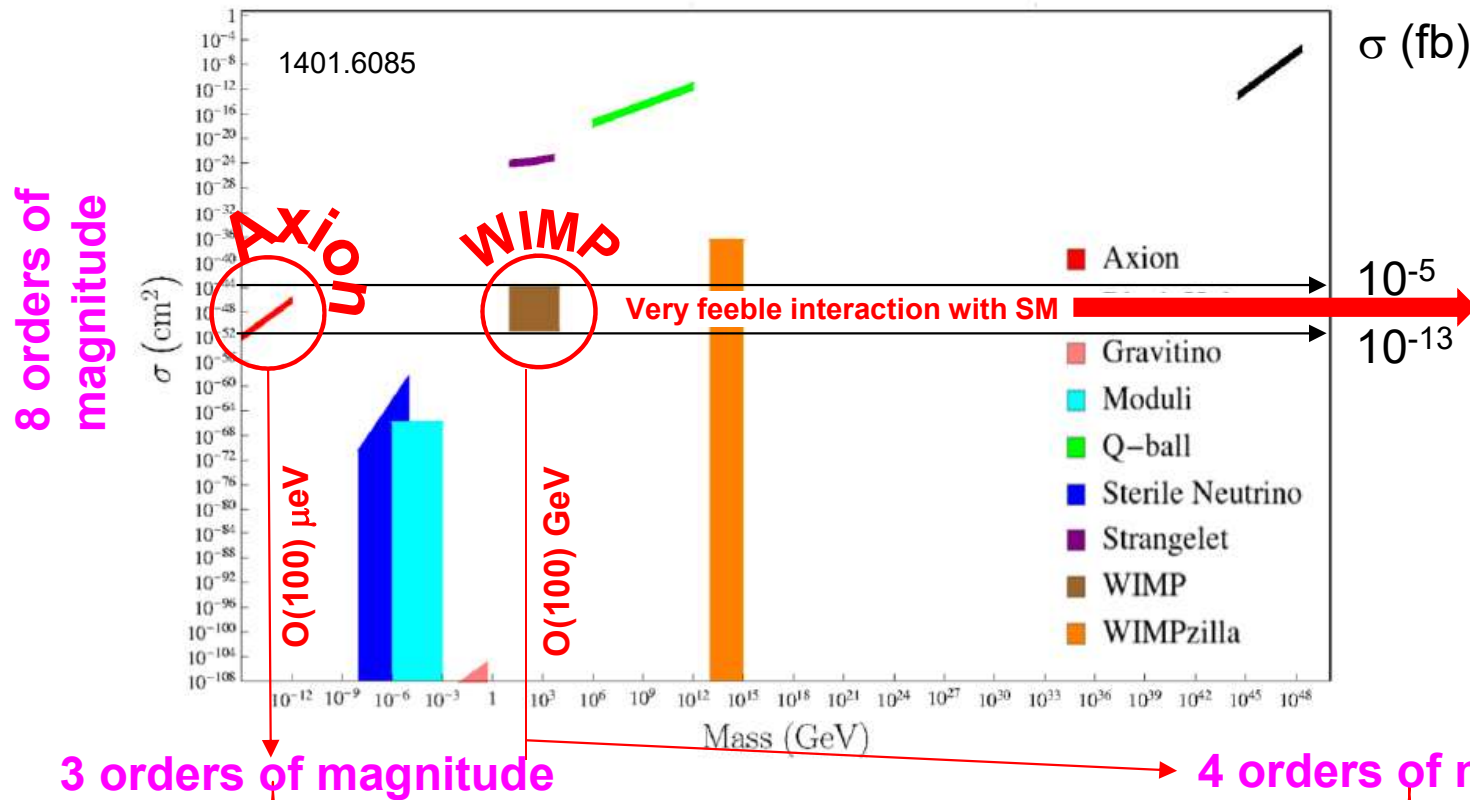
□ Many dark matter candidates in a gigantic phase space



Direct searches are restricted to 2 well-motivated spots: WIMPs, axions

Nature of Dark Matter

Experimental challenges of direct searches



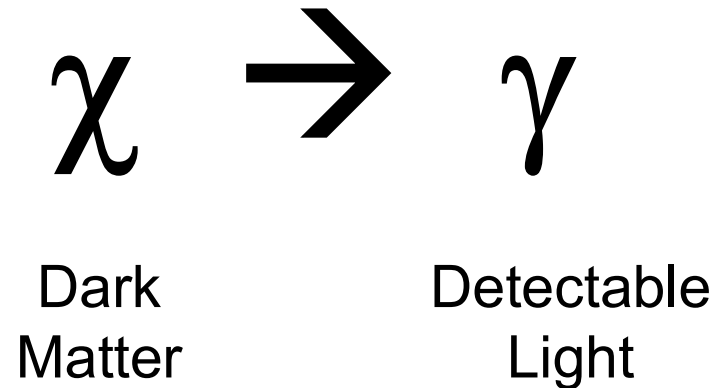
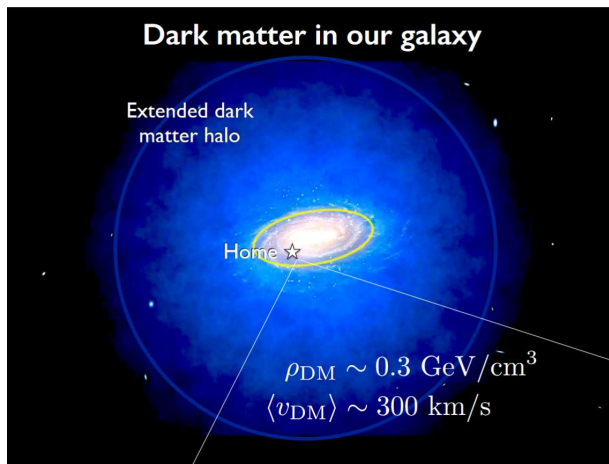
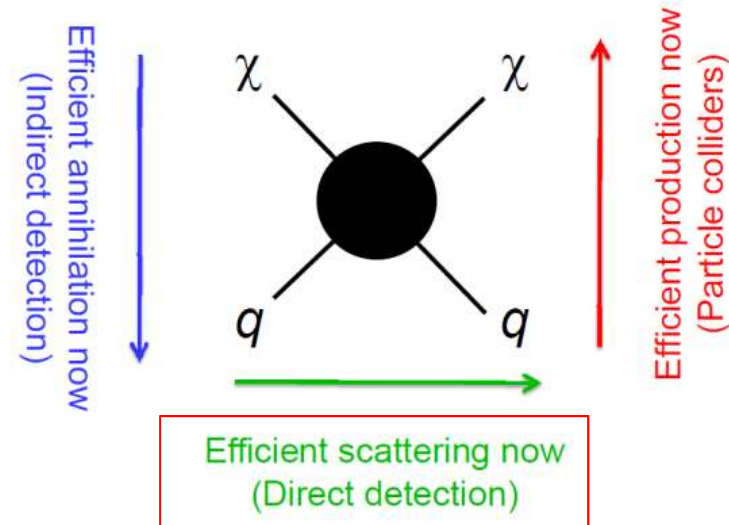
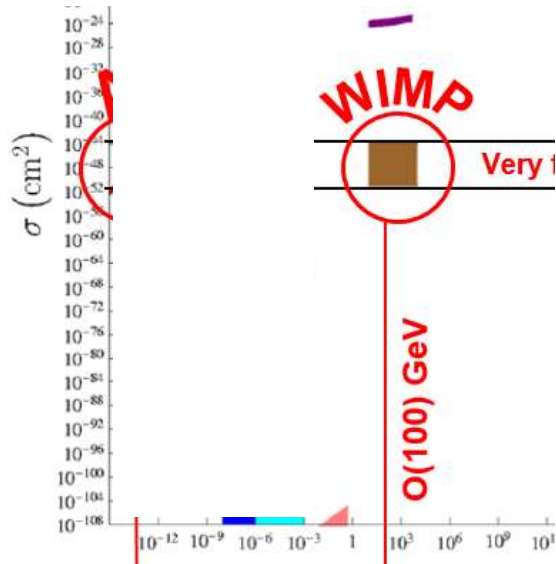
... balanced the abundance of DM particles* in the galaxy halo $\rightarrow 0.3 \text{ GeV}/\text{cm}^3$ moving at $v=10^{-3}c$ wrt earth

*produced in very early Universe

- $O(10^{12})/\text{cm}^3 \sim \text{gaz} \rightarrow \text{high occupancy}$
- Tiny mass & interaction \rightarrow **very feeble signal**
- \rightarrow **Boost the signal, very low background**

- High mass \rightarrow visible signal
- $O(10^{-3})/\text{cm}^3 \rightarrow$ **low occupancy** (1 / coffee mug)
- Large detector \rightarrow **background under control**
- \rightarrow **Large volume, very low background**

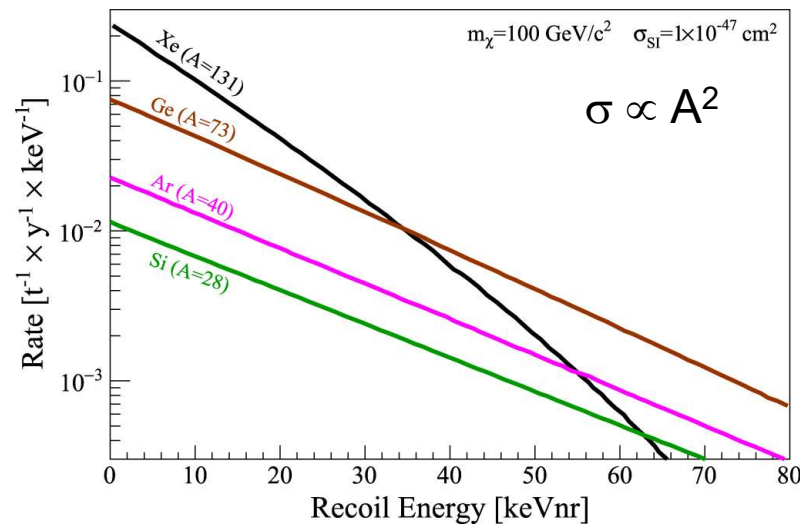
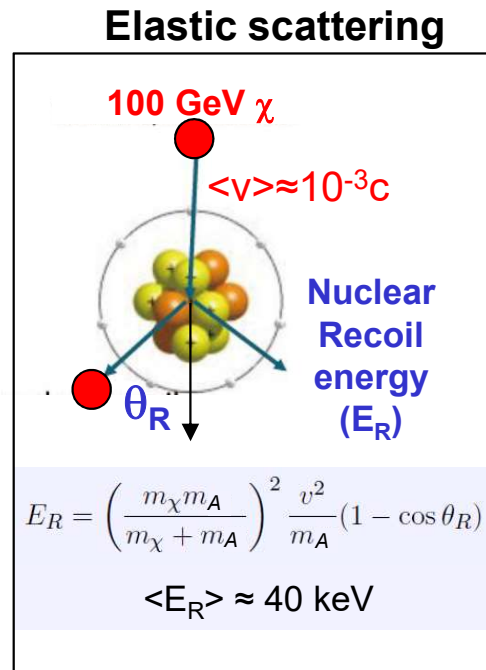
Direct detection of WIMP



WIMP Detection

□ Event rate expected in the detector

- Galactic halo WIMP elastically scatters on a target nucleus (Xe, Ar, Ge, Na)



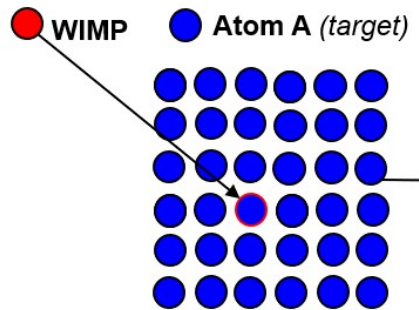
40 keV is very very low : $6.4 \cdot 10^{-15} \text{ J} !$

- For a detector filled with 1 ton of Ar, taking data during one year and $\sigma_{\chi N} = 10^{-47} \text{ cm}^2$, we get $R \approx 1 \text{ evt} / (\text{ton} \cdot \text{year})$

Very low number of event expected per year !

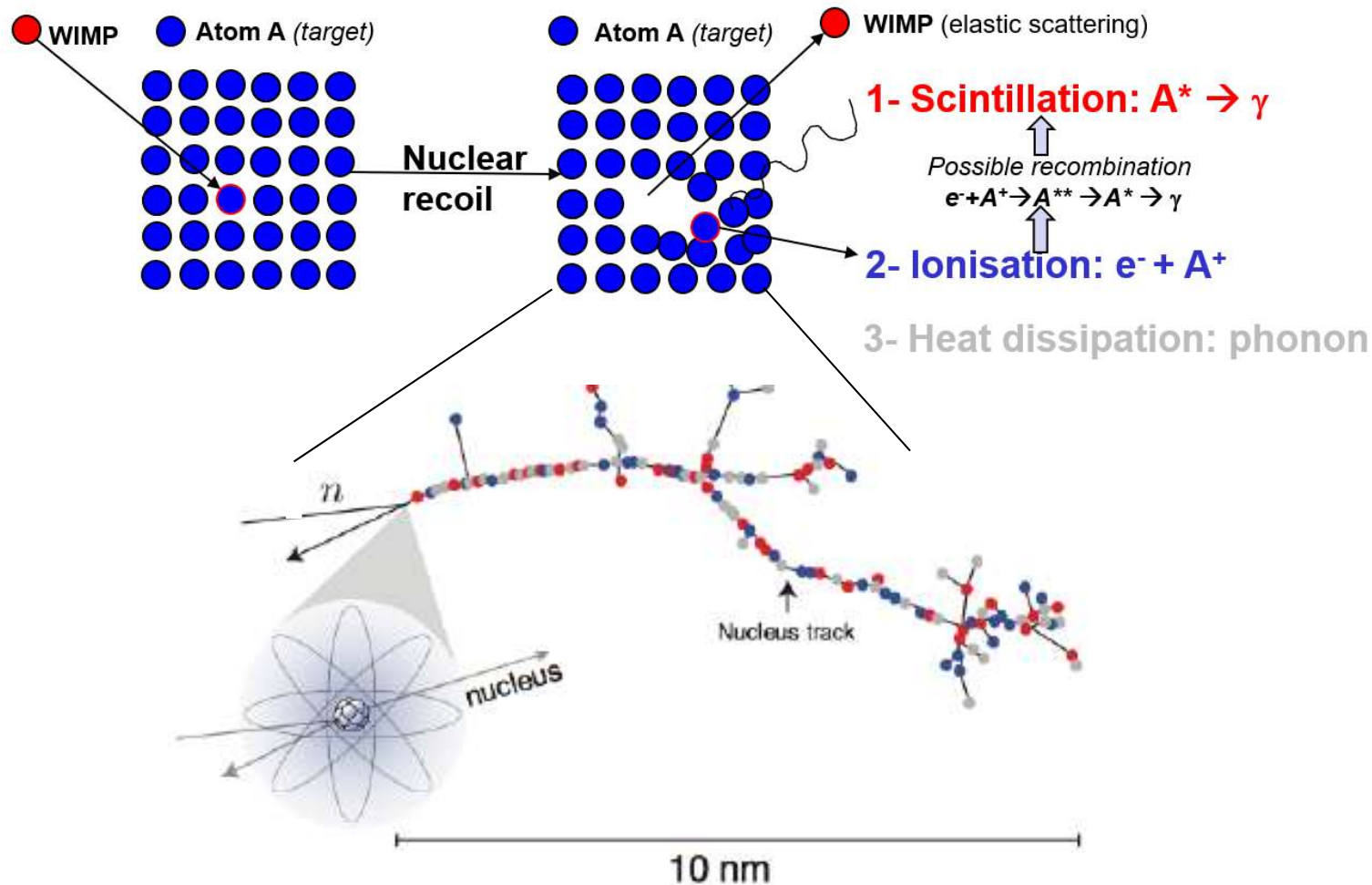
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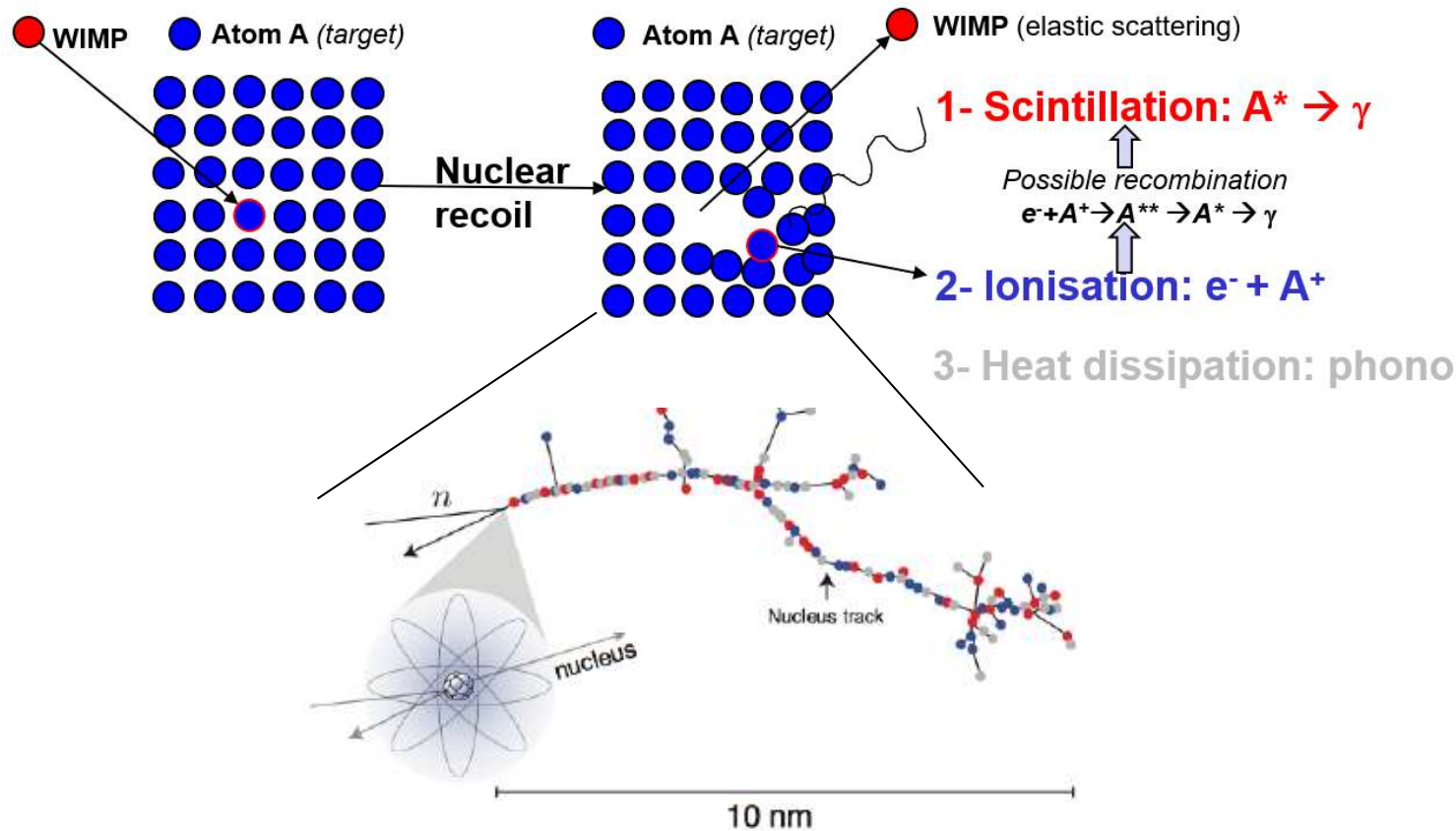
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Exp. constraints



PhotoMultipliers (*single γ*)

High Electric Field (*kV/cm*)

Very low temperature (*mK*)

WIMP search rich in experimental challenges

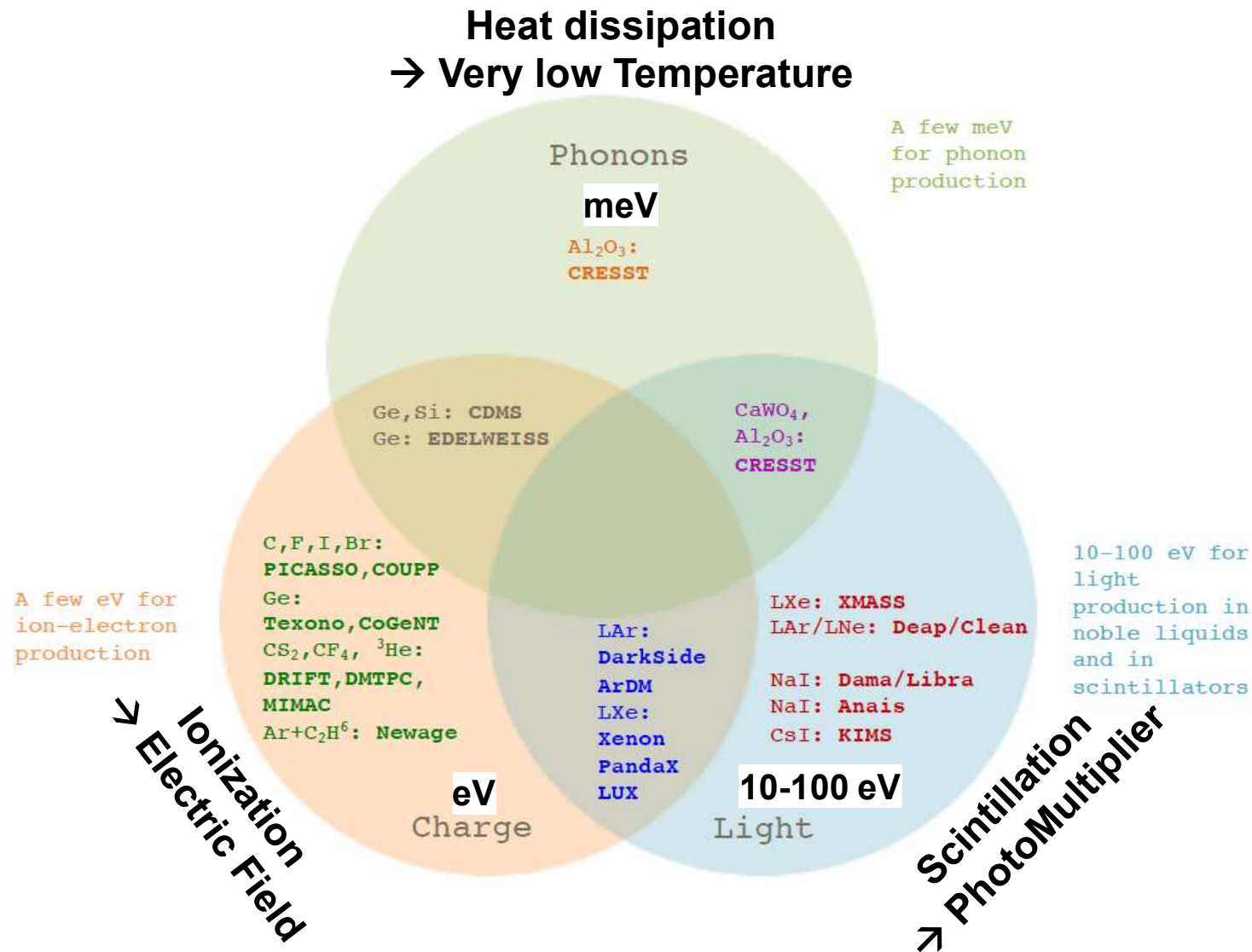
WIMP Detection

□ Background and its mitigation

	GeV WIMP	MeV Neutron	100 keV Gammas / Electrons
Sources	Galactic Halo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Cosmic rays and cosmogenic isotopes ✓ Natural (^{238}U, ^{232}Th, ^{235}U, ^{222}Rn) and anthropogenic (^{85}Kr, ^{137}Cs) radioactivity ✓ Neutrinos (solar, atmospheric, supernovae !) 	
Detector constraints	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Very low background → careful material selection, shielded detector ✓ Low energy detection threshold → low noise electronics ✓ Very large volume → scalable technologies 		

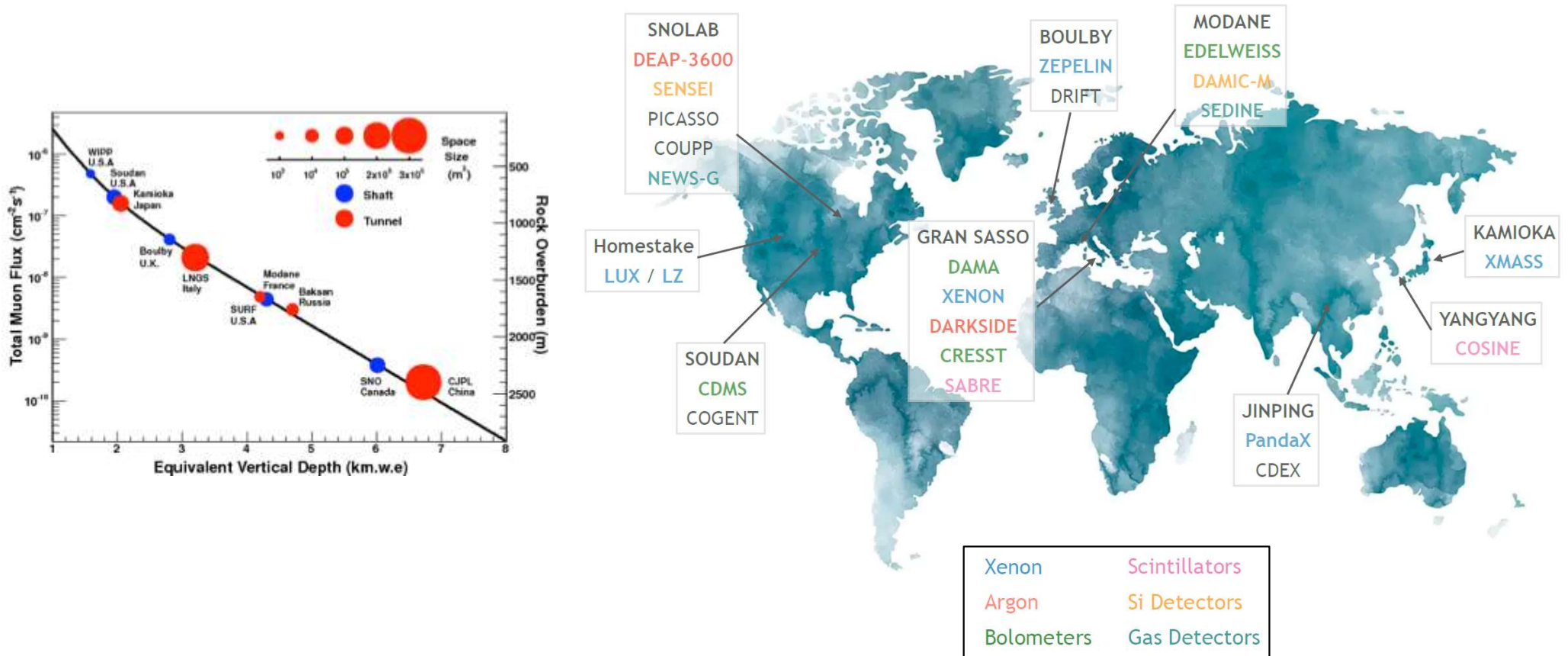
WIMP Detection

❑ **Detector trying to combine two signals** (higher background rejection)



WIMP Detection

❑ All experiments located in deep (>0.5 km) underground laboratories

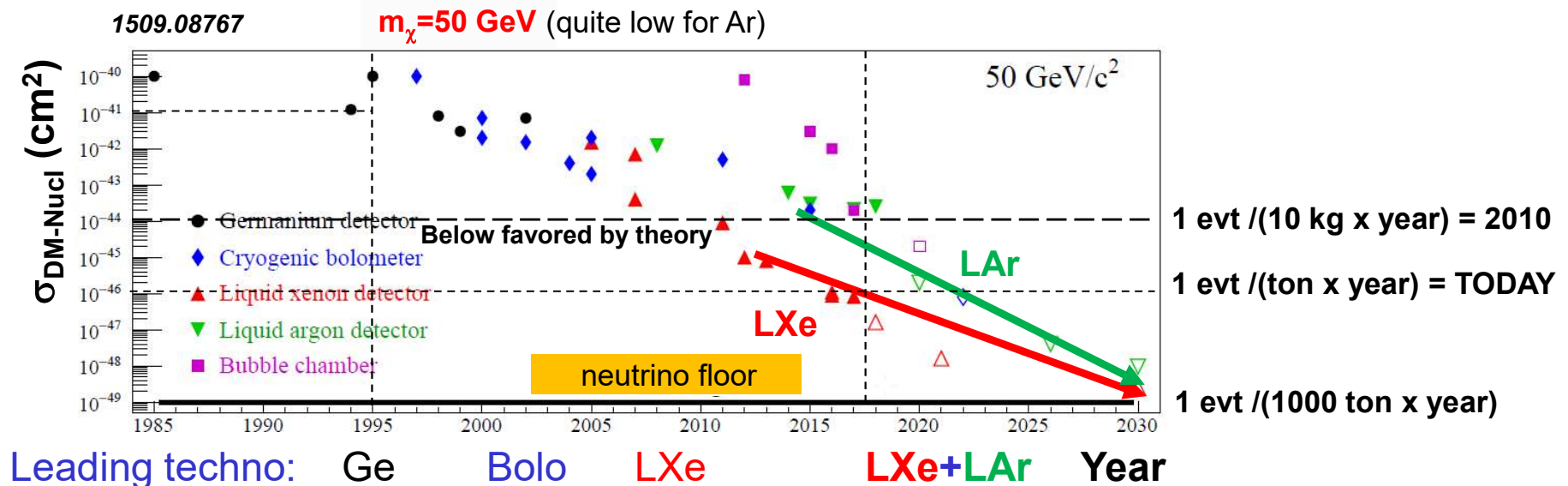


Very high scientific competition !

Status of WIMP search

Direct detection of Dark Matter WIMPs

- Since 30 years, try several technologies :



- Gained 5 orders of magnitude in sensitivity in last 20 years
- Next decade: reach irreducible background (neutrino elastic scattering)

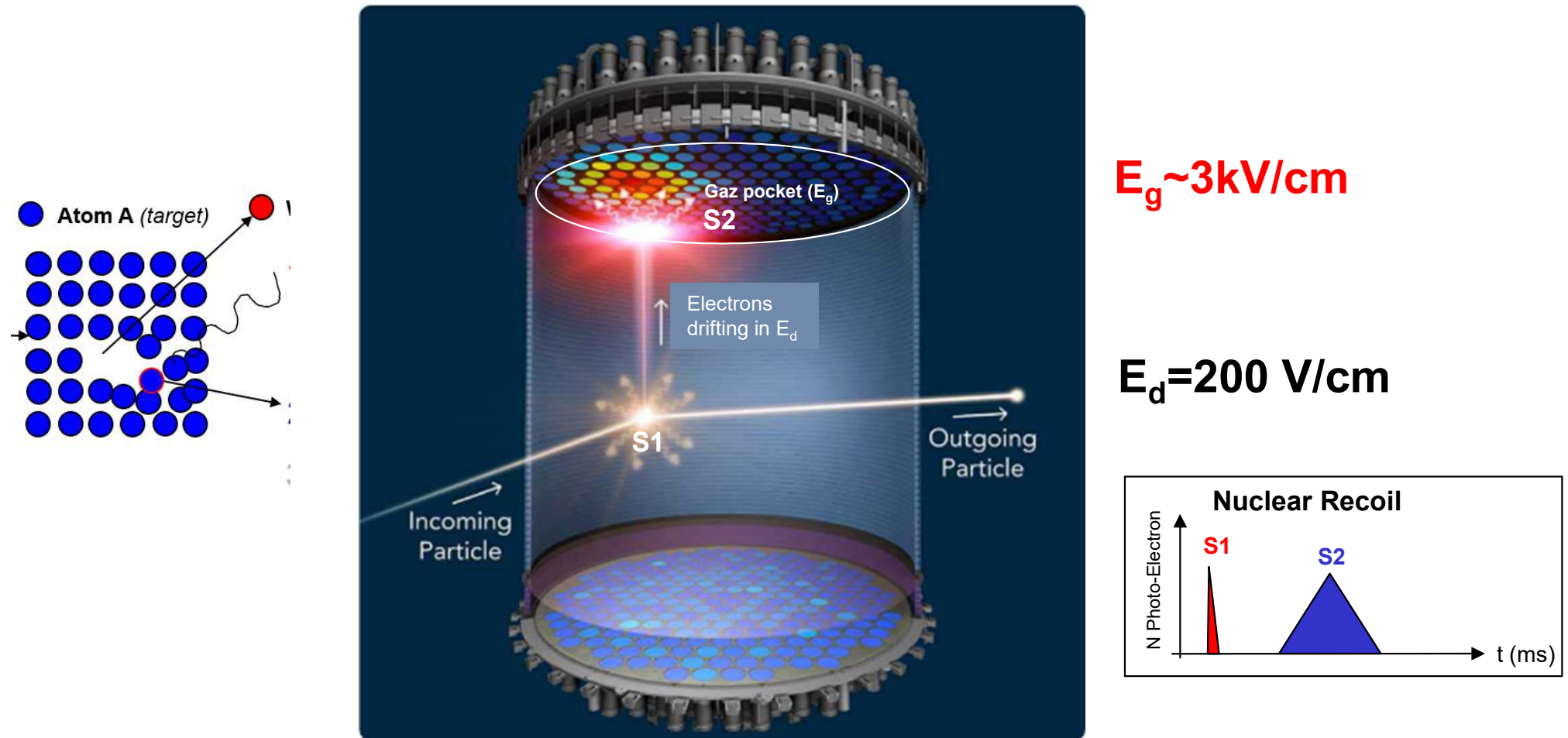
Liquid Xe / Ar dual phase TPC are now leading the race

[Time Projection Chamber]

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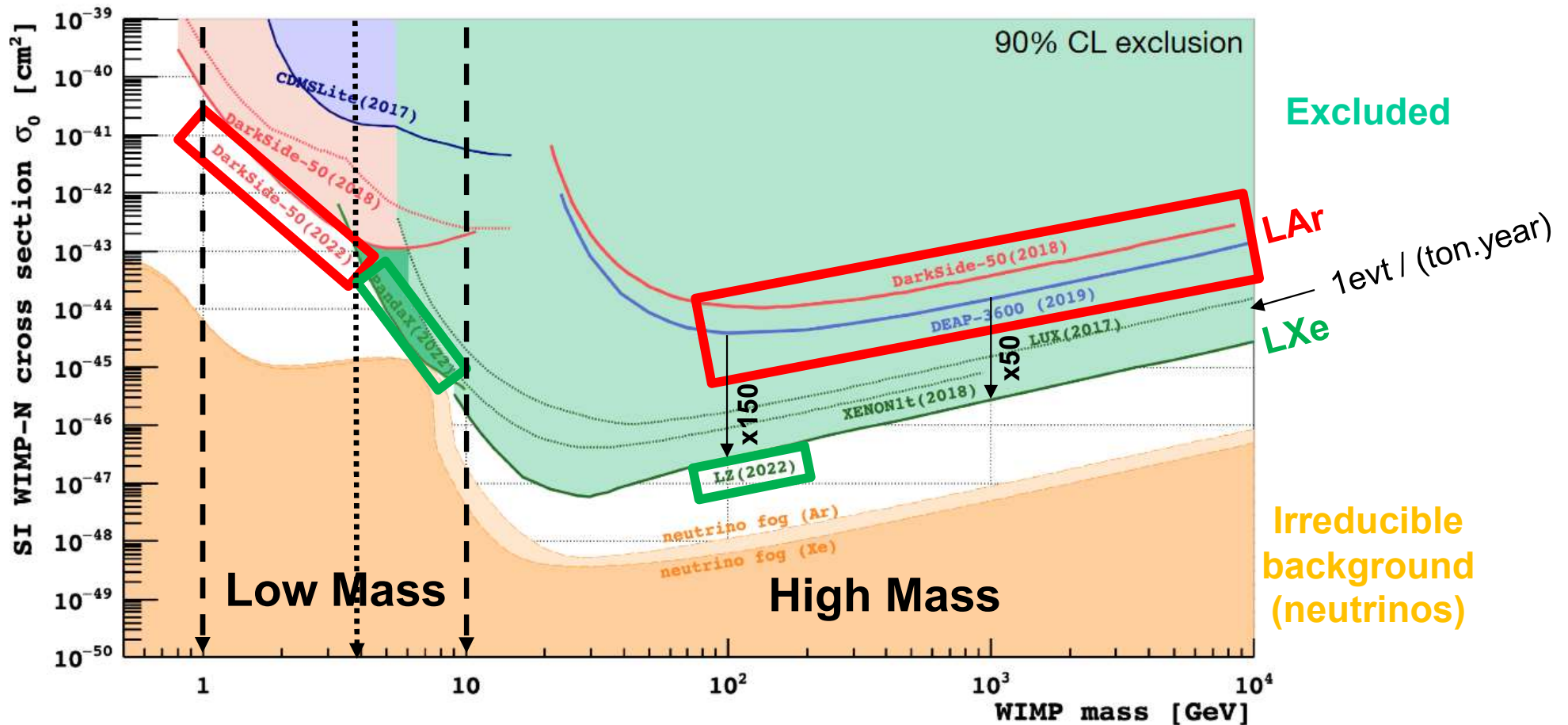
□ How does the “king of the WIMP research” works ?

- Combining two signals: prompt **scintillation** (S1) and delayed **ionization** (S2)



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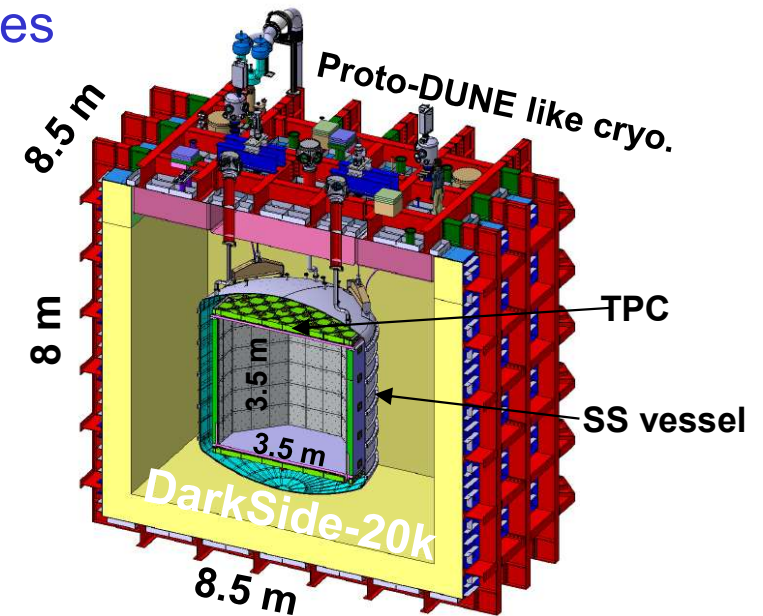
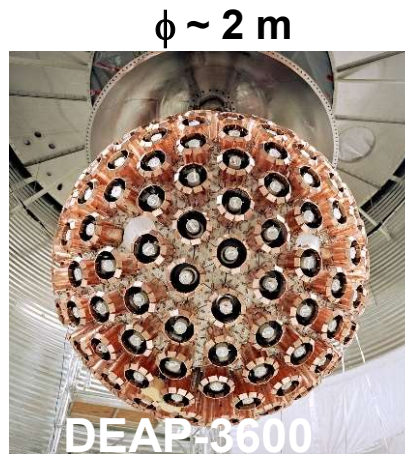


All the white space is well motivated by theory and still to explore !

DarkSide (LAr)

□ LAr Technology is scalable and mature

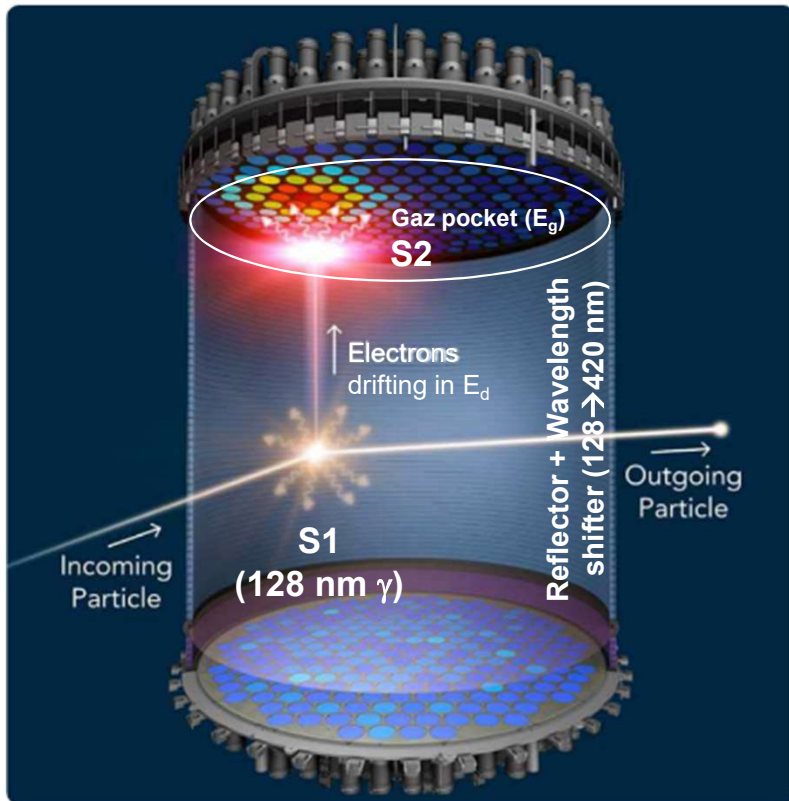
- One world-wide collaboration (GADMC): 300 people
- DarkSide-20k profit from best G1 and G2 technologies



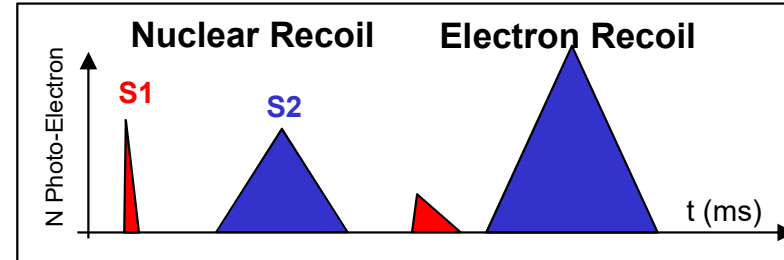
Lab (fid. data)	LNGS (0.05 ton.year)	SNOLab (10 ton.year)	LNGS (200 ton.year)
TPC target	50 kg purified Ar	3.6 t <i>Atmosph. Ar</i>	50 t purified Ar
TPC wall	<i>Stainless Steel</i>	Acrylic	Acrylic
TPC nb ch.	38 PMT	255 PMT	200k SiPM → 2100 channels
TPC techno	Dual Phase	<i>Single Phase</i>	Dual Phase
Veto	<i>Scint (30 t) + Water (1000 t)</i> [inner] [outer]	<i>Water (250 t)</i>	LAr in vessel (50 t) + ProtoDUNE (650 t) [inner] [outer]
	x70	x14	x8

DarkSide (LAr)

❑ DS-20k can be optimized to be background free



$E_d = 200 \text{ V/cm}$ [$E_g \sim 3 \text{ kV/cm}$]



GeV WIMP



$E_{NR} = 1-100 \text{ keV}$

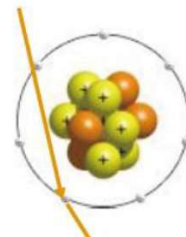
WIMP signal

Nuclear Recoil (NR):

- fast scintillation (6ns)
- few ionization electrons
- large quenching (loss in elastic nuclei collisions)

100 keV

Gammas / Electrons



ER bkg ≠ WIMP Signal

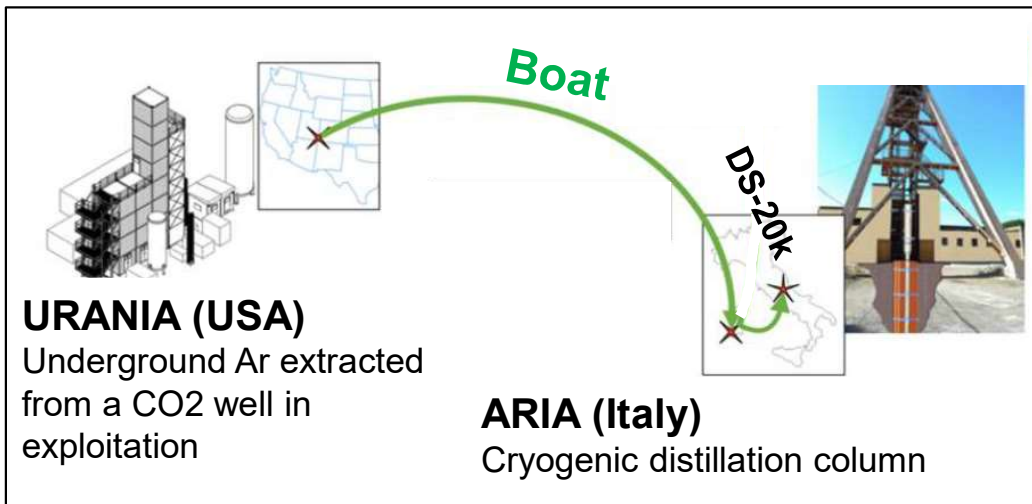
Electron recoil (ER):

- slow scintillation (1600 ns \gg NR)
- many ionization electrons ($>$ NR)
- no quenching ($<$ NR)

DarkSide (LAr)

❑ DS-20k background removal strategy

1- Purified argon (depleted in ^{39}Ar cosmogenic argon)

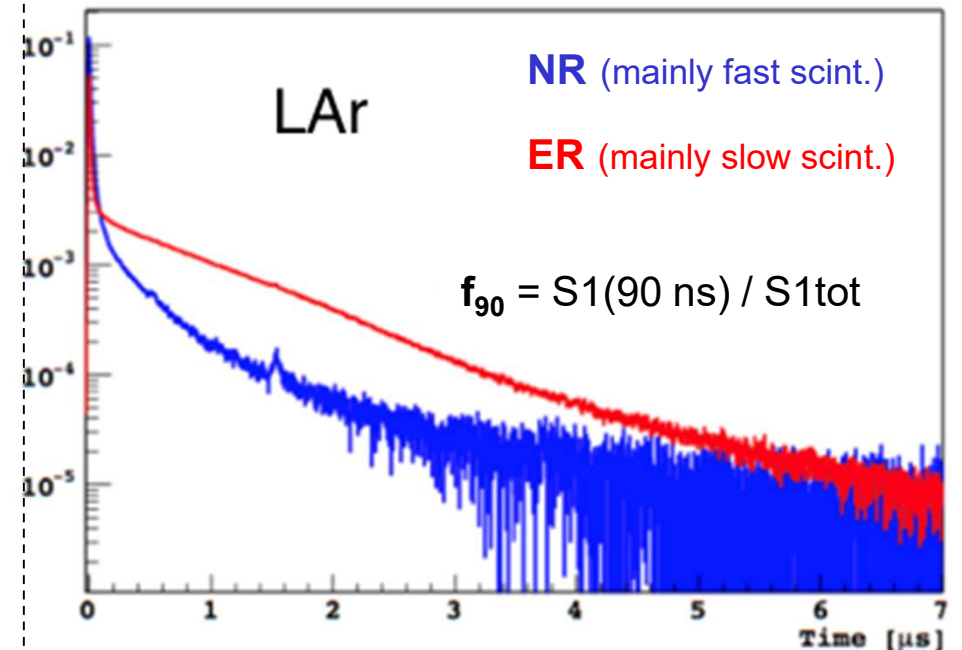


Residual ^{39}Ar activity ~ 30 Hz in DS-20k TPC

$\frac{1}{2}$ of the TPC ER background before PSD

2- S1 pulse shape discrimination

ER rejection measured $R_{\text{ER}} > 10^8$ (90% ϵ_{sig})

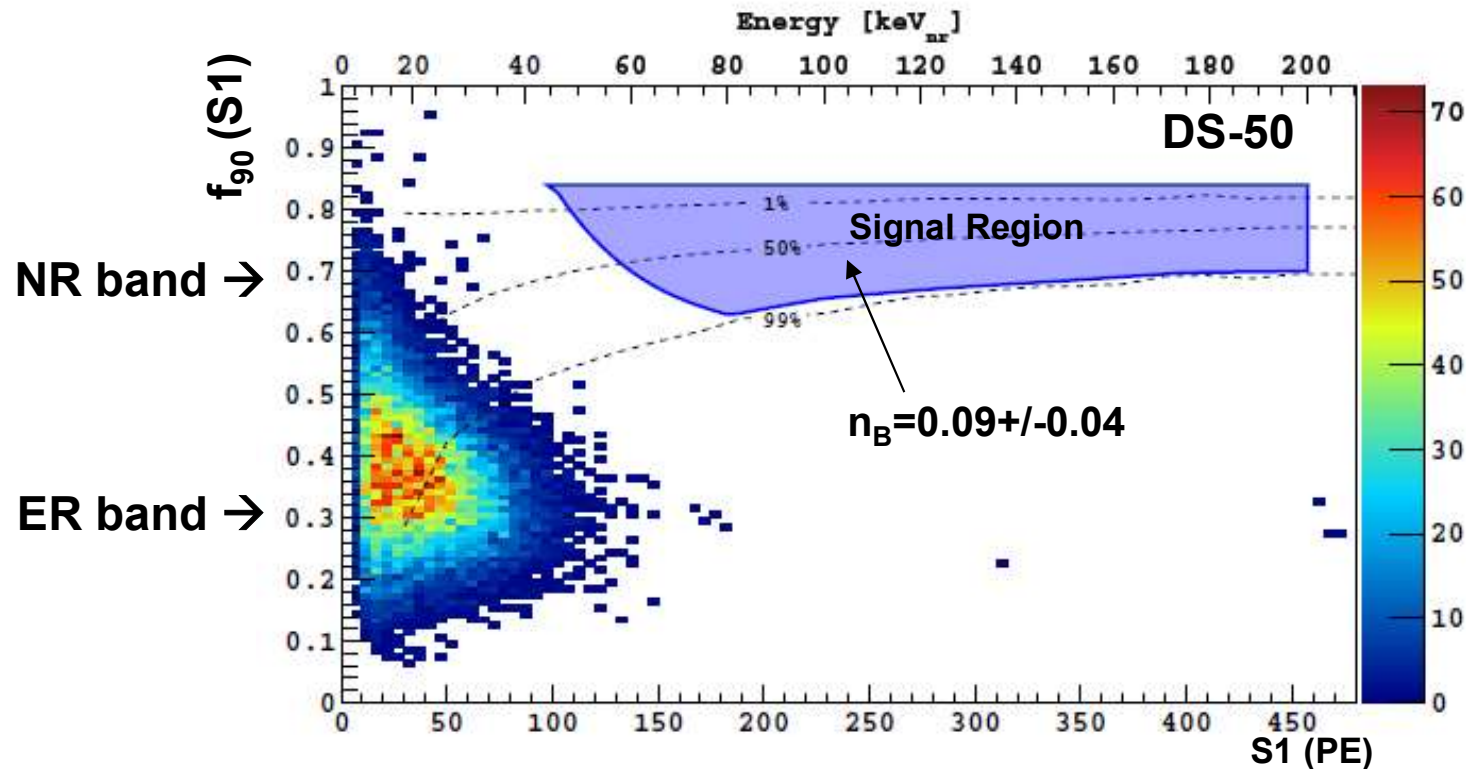


Unique discriminating power
(intrinsic to Ar, not present for Xe)

DarkSide (LAr)

❑ DS-20k overall background

- DS 50 results validates the strategy with **0.05 ton.year**

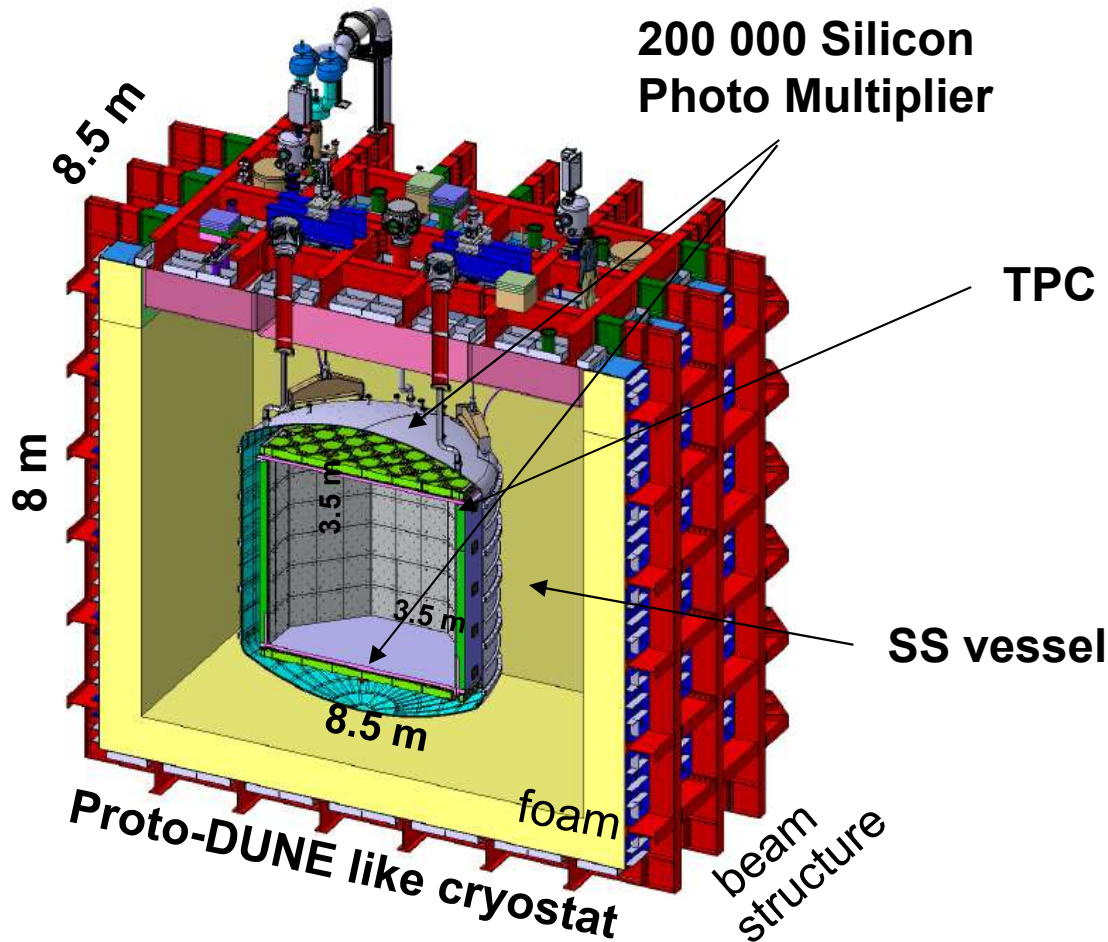


Expect ~0.1 bkg* event in 10 years of running (200 ton.year)

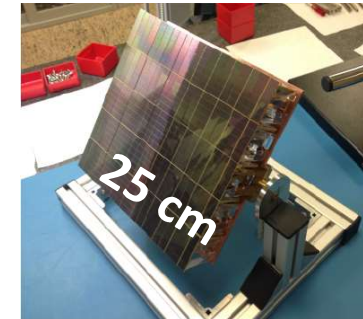
* Note: expect ~3 irreducible evts from ν NR

DarkSide (LAr)

□ Assembly in Gran Sasso laboratory (Italy)



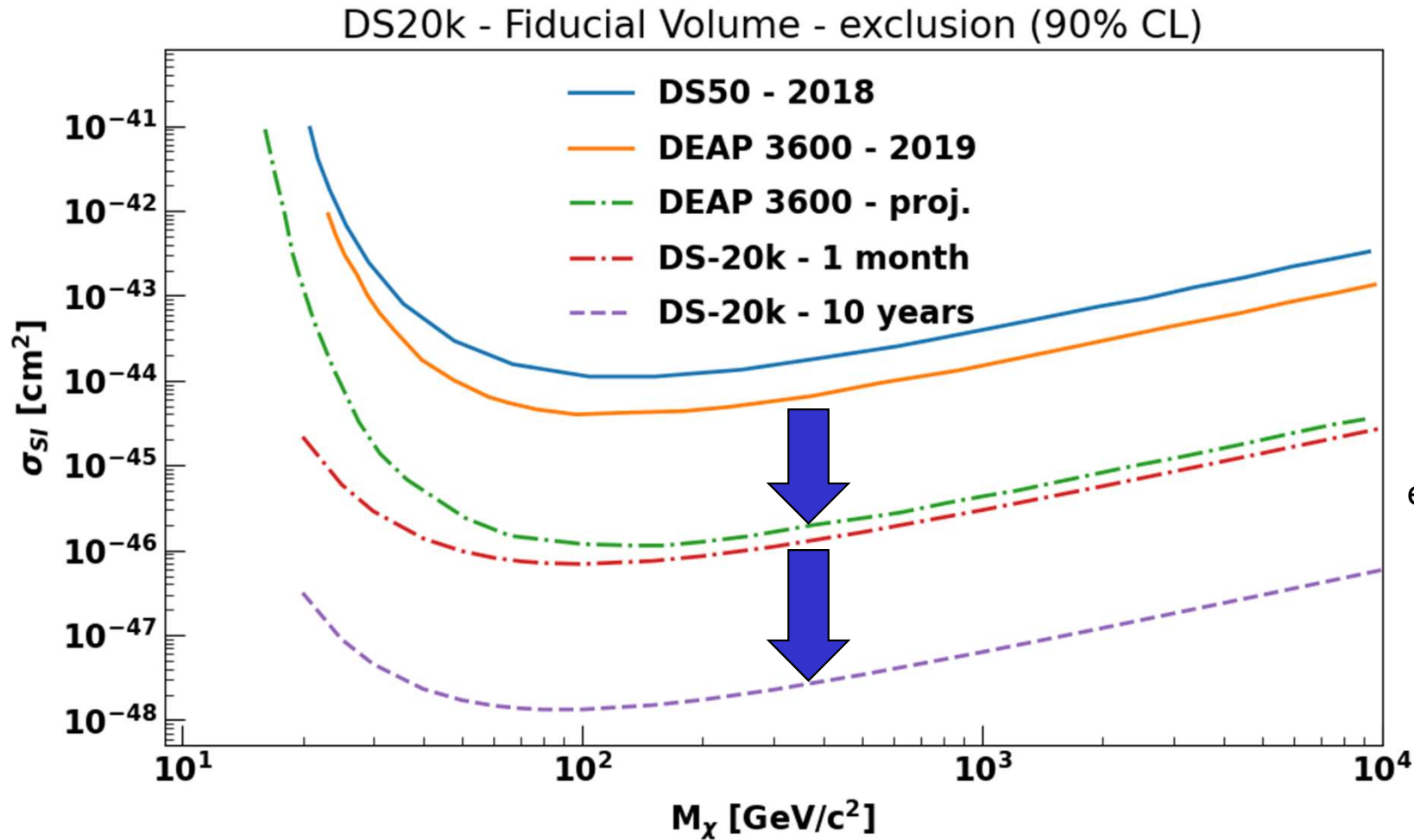
400 SiPM grouped
in one PDU



3 years of construction ahead before data taking (2027)

DarkSide (LAr)

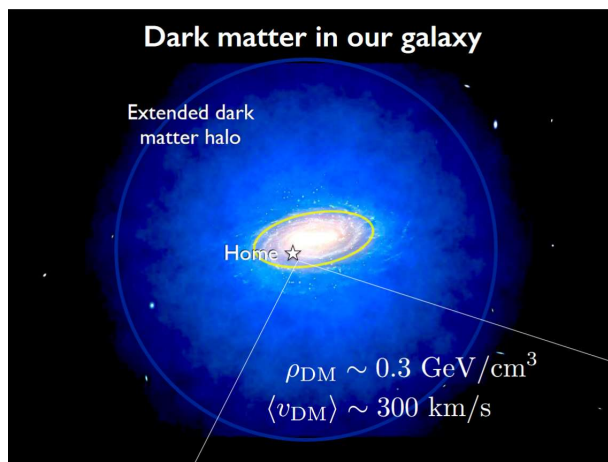
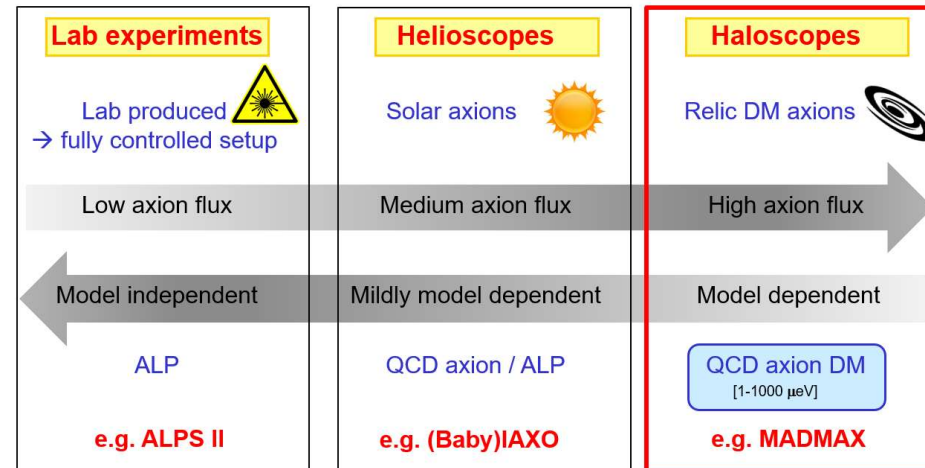
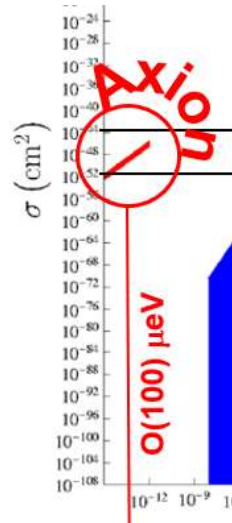
Physics Perspectives



DS-20k needs one day to be the most sensitive LAr TPC

After few years of exploitation it will be most sensitive TPC

Direct detection of axions



$$a \rightarrow \gamma$$

Dark Matter

Detectable Light

Axion Conversion to E-field

$$1 \text{ eV} = 1.6 \cdot 10^{-19} \text{ J}, h = 6.6 \cdot 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$$

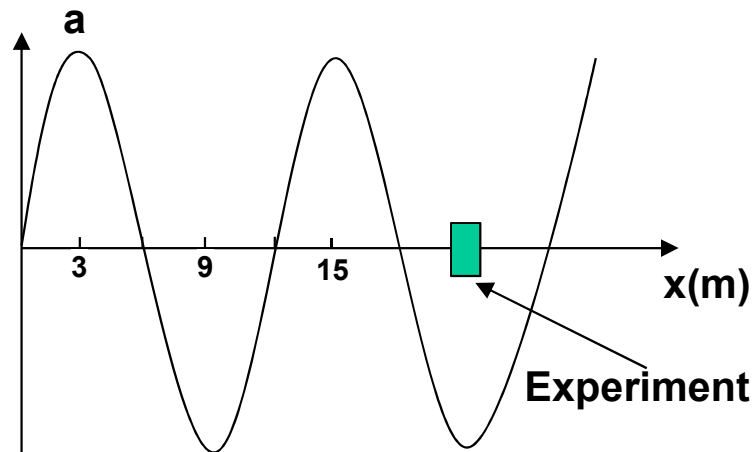
$$\lambda_a^{dB} = h/mv$$

$$m_a = 100 \mu\text{eV}/c^2 \rightarrow \lambda_a = 12 \text{ m}$$

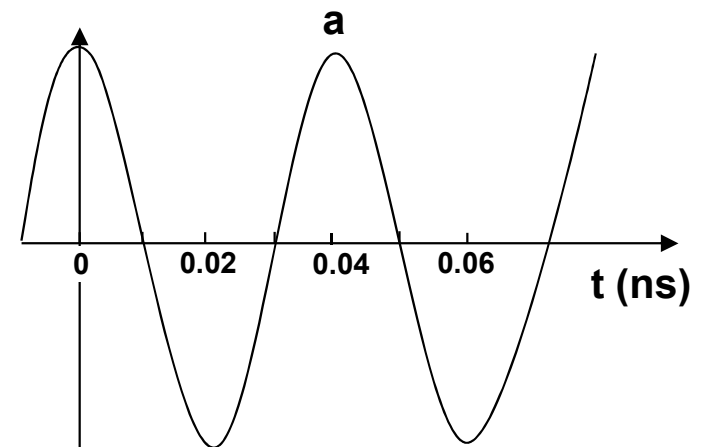
$$m_a c^2 = hf_a, f_a = m_a c^2/h$$

$$\rightarrow f_a = 25 \text{ GHz}$$

“Invisible” axion
(classical field)



The axion field is not propagating in **space** and is spatially constant in the region of the experiment



The axion field is oscillating in **time**

$$a(t) = a_0 \cos(2\pi f_a t)$$

$$|a_0| = \sqrt{(2\rho_{\text{DM}})/m_a}$$

Axion Conversion to E-field

$$\lambda_a^{\text{Compton}} = \lambda_\gamma = c / f_a$$

$$m_a = 100 \mu\text{eV} \rightarrow f_a = 25 \text{ GHz}$$

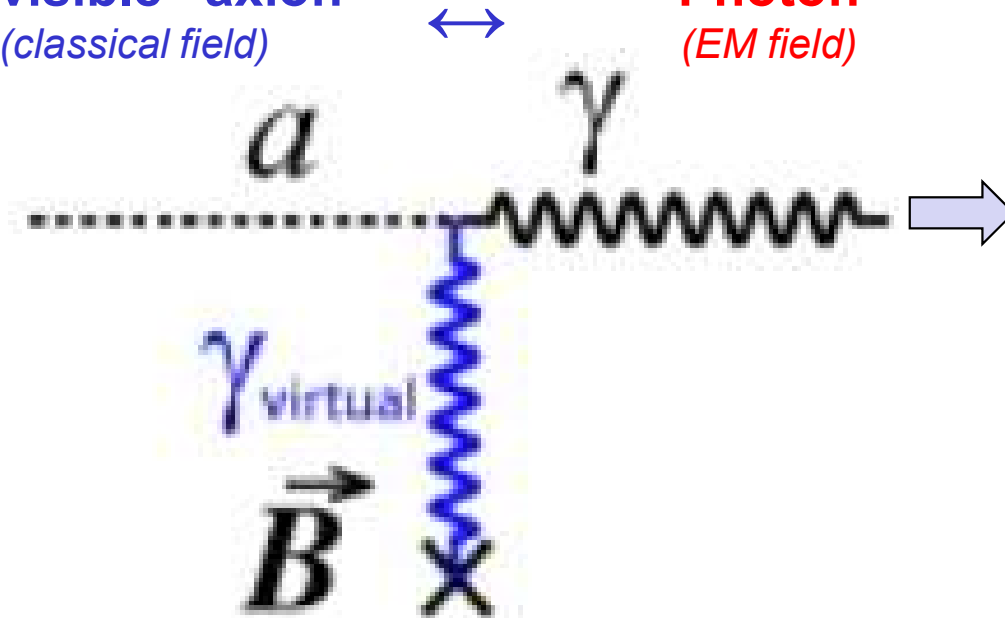
$$\rightarrow f_\gamma = 25 \text{ GHz} \rightarrow \lambda_\gamma = 1.2 \text{ cm}$$

$$E_\gamma(t) = -g_{a\gamma}/\epsilon B a(t) = -E_0/\epsilon \cos(2\pi f_a t)$$

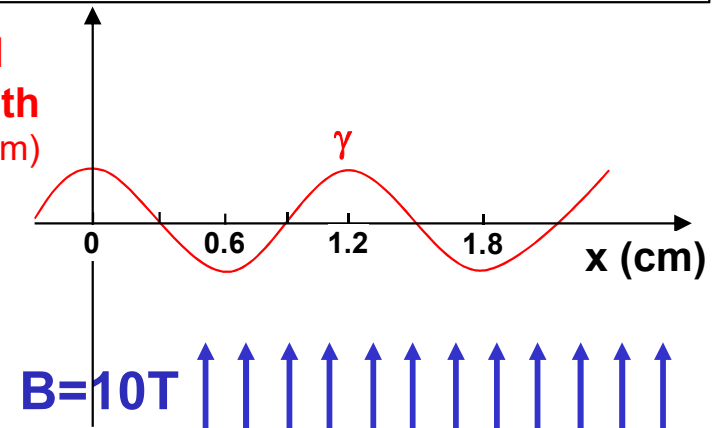
$$E_0 = 1.3 \times 10^{-12} \text{ V/m} \frac{B_e}{10 \text{ T}}$$

“Invisible” axion
(classical field)

Photon
(EM field)



Field
Strength
(10^{-12} V/m)



Energy density $\frac{1}{2} E_0^2 / |\epsilon|^2$

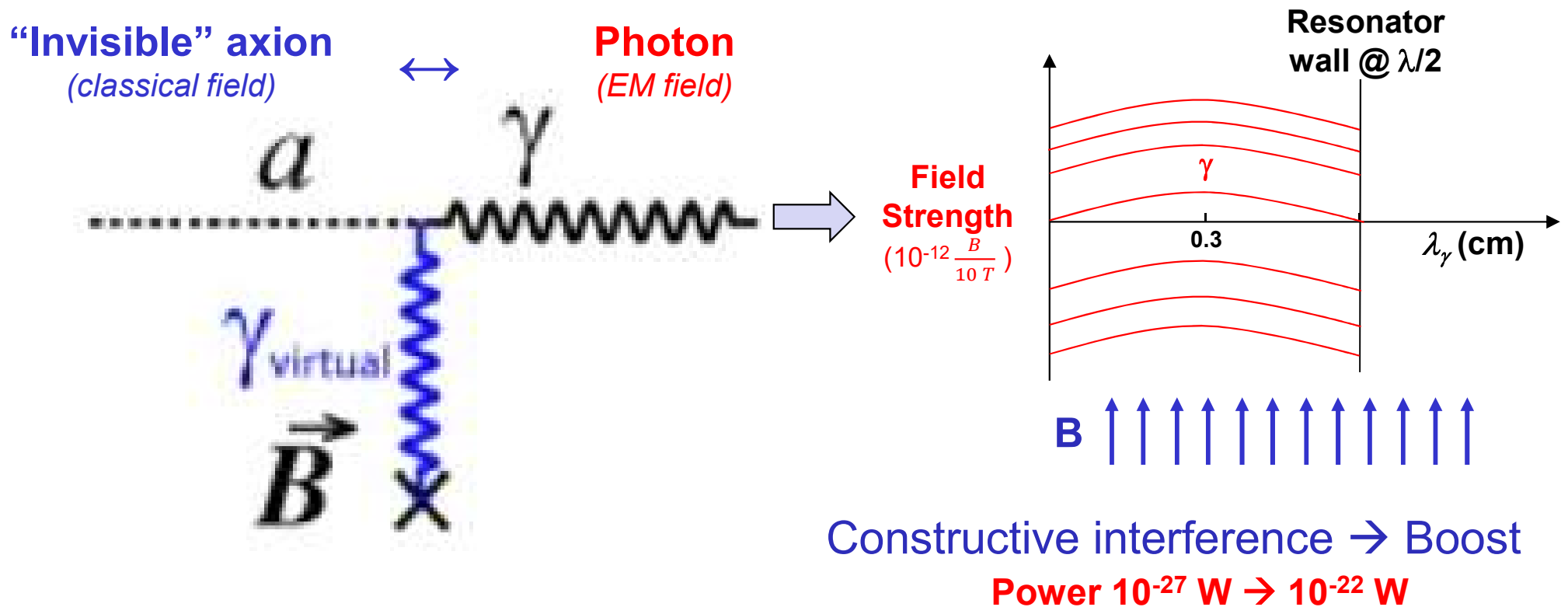
Power $2.2 \times 10^{-27} \frac{\text{W}}{\text{m}^2} \left(\frac{B_e}{10 \text{ T}} \right)^2$

In vacuum ($\epsilon=1$):

A very very faint E_{field} should appear

Boost E-field with resonant cavity

$$m_a = 100 \mu\text{eV} \rightarrow f_a = 25 \text{ GHz} \rightarrow f_\gamma = 25 \text{ GHz} \rightarrow \lambda_\gamma = 1.2 \text{ cm}$$



A resonator will enhance the very very faint signal

Axion Detection

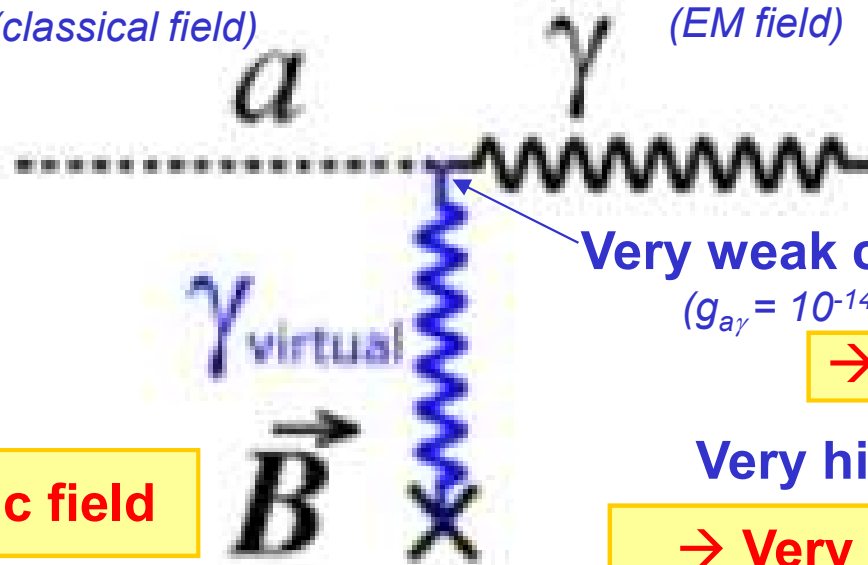
□ Convert it to photon in a magnetic field

Exp. constraints

$\mu\text{eV} \approx 10^{-15} \text{ M}(\text{proton})$
“Invisible” axion
(classical field)

GHz
Photon
(EM field)

\approx RF, micro-wave



Very weak coupling: feeble signal
($g_{a\gamma} = 10^{-14} \text{ GeV}^{-1}$ for $m_a = 100 \mu\text{eV}$)

→ Need boost

High Magnetic field

Very high Background

→ Very low temperature

→ Low Noise Amplifier

Axion search very rich in experimental challenges

Axion Detectors

□ Lots of new axion experiment in the last 10 years ...

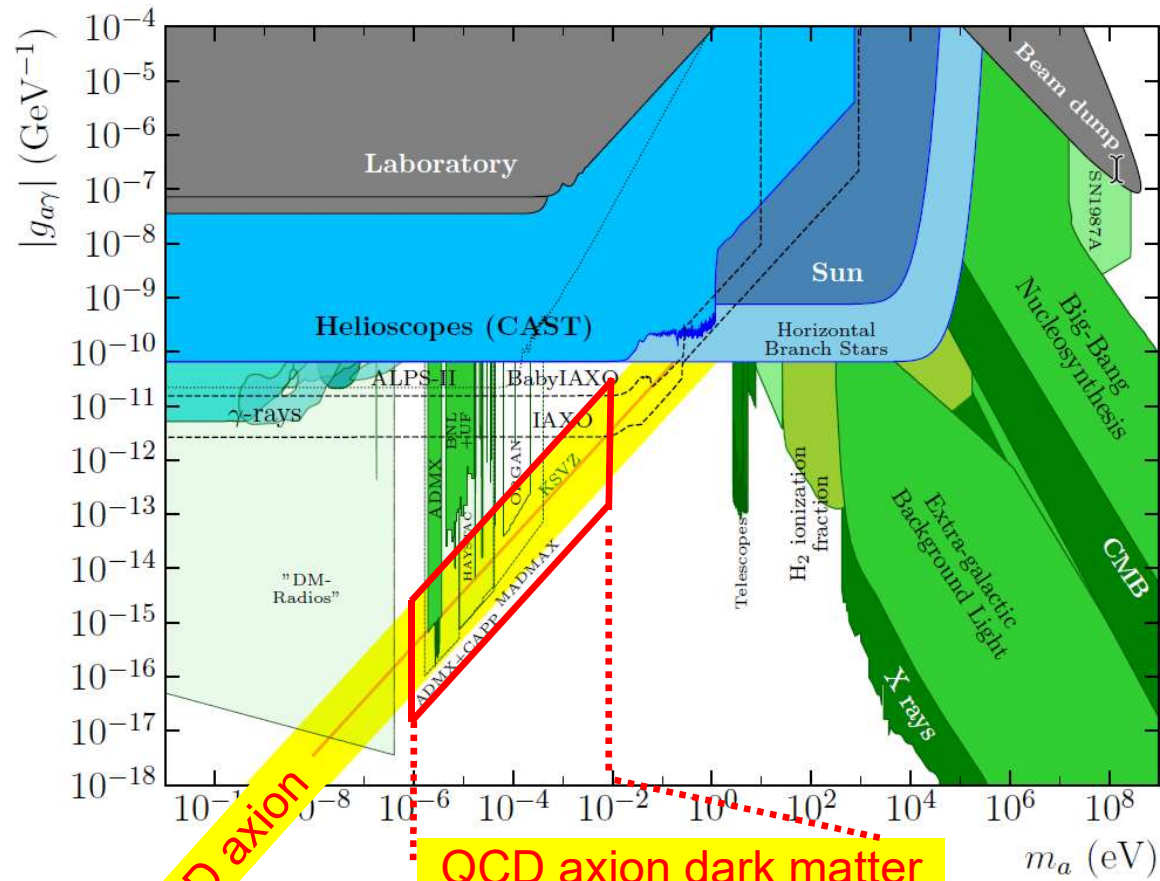


Very high scientific competition !

Axion Detectors

❑ ...but very few can attack the theory favored region !

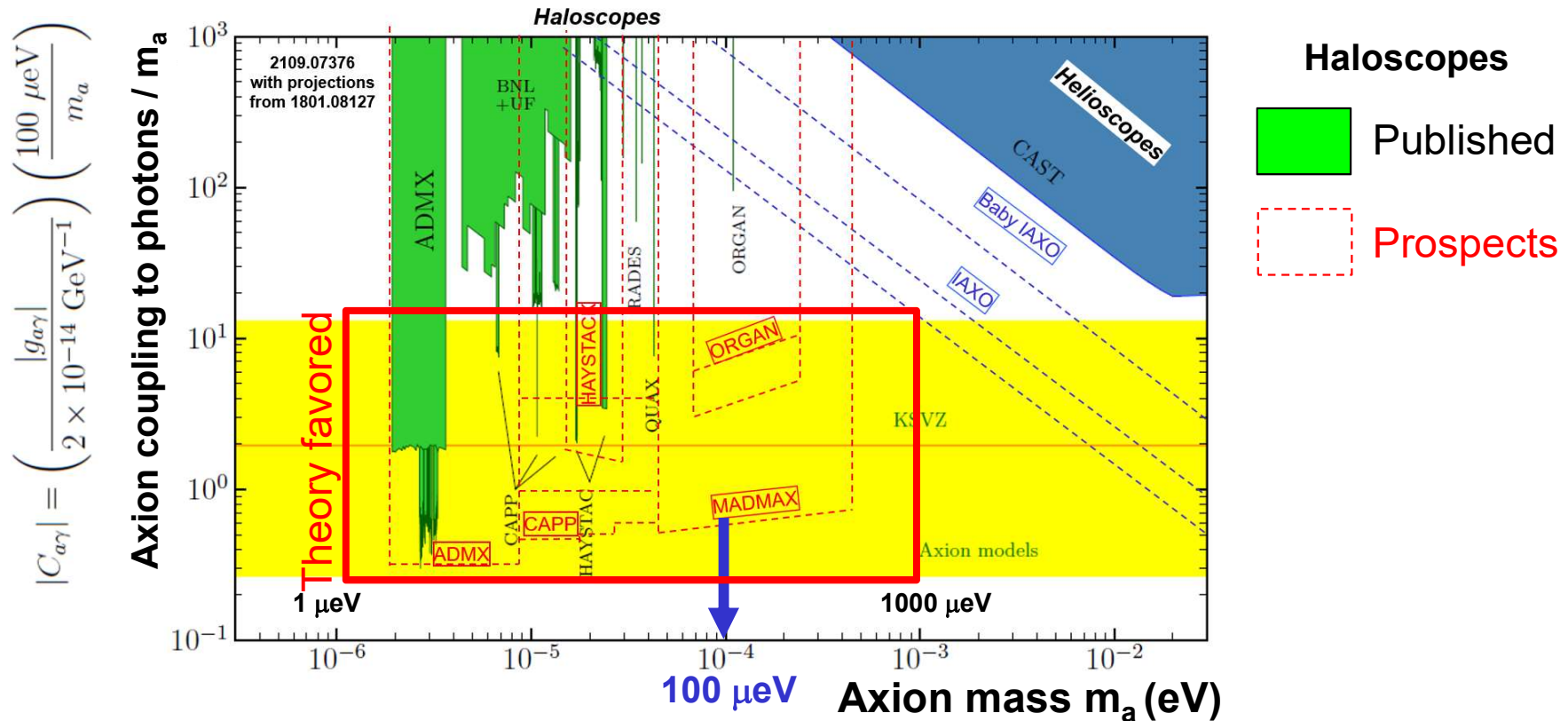
Axion - Photon coupling



Axion mass (eV)

Axion Detectors

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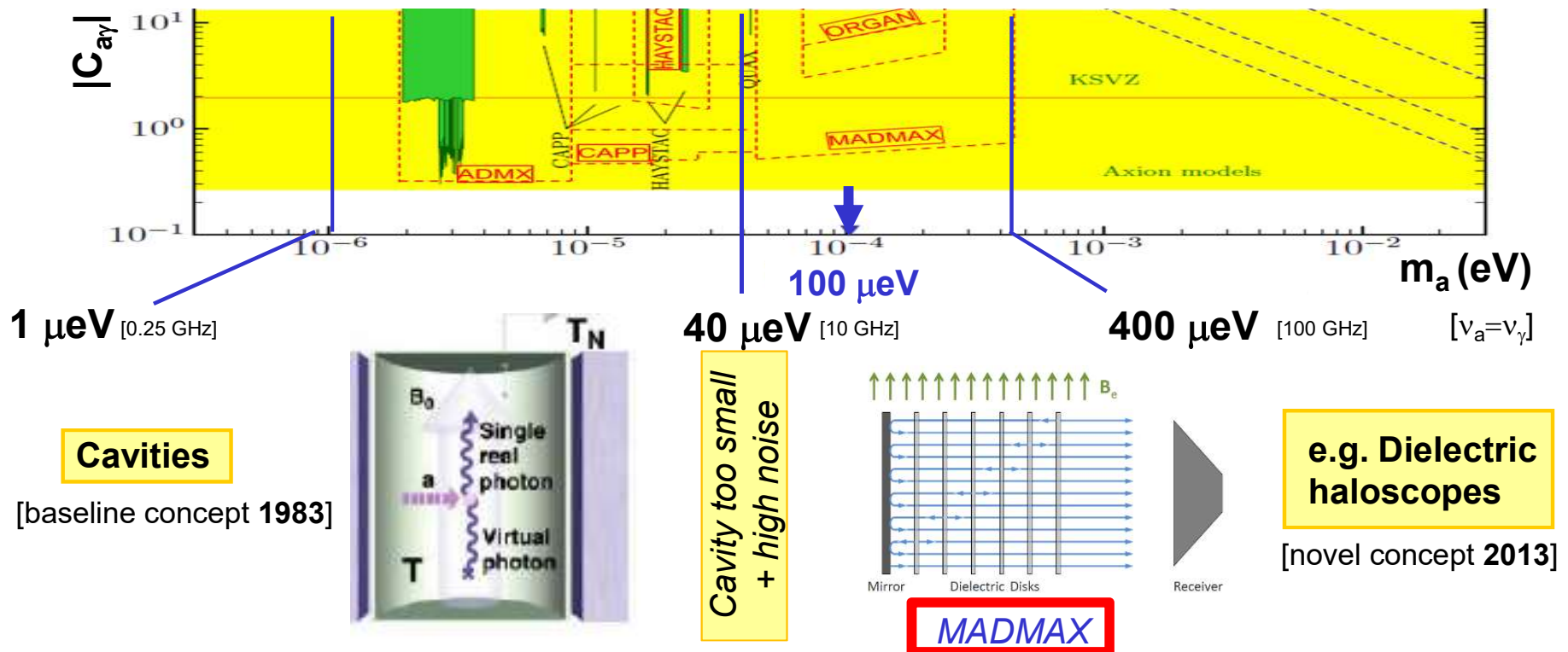


Few experiments can search for QCD axion $\approx 100 \text{ } \mu\text{eV}$ (favored by theory)

Axion Detectors

Challenges for haloscopes

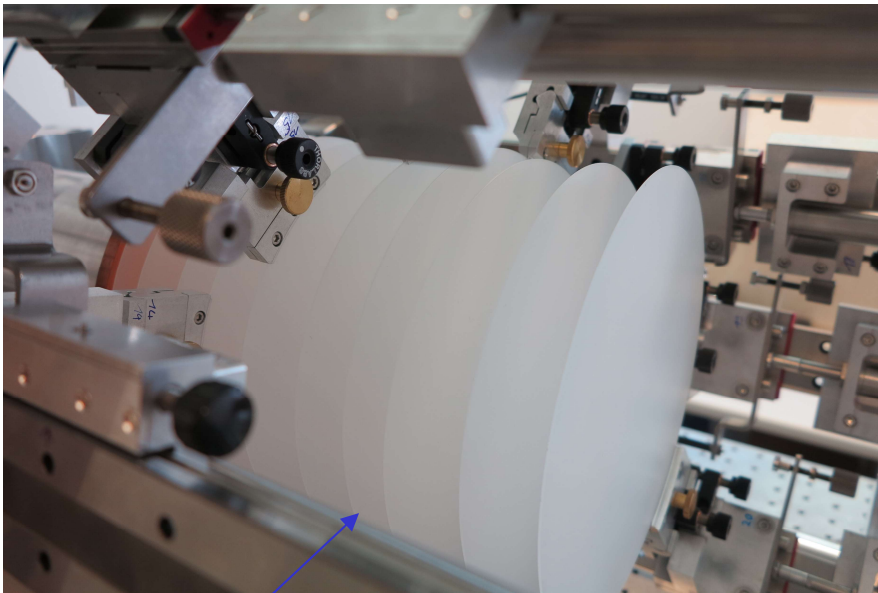
- Convert axions into photons [E field of $O(10^{-12} \cdot \frac{B}{10 T})$ V/m] \rightarrow high B_{field} [$B \gg 1 T$]
- Boost E_{field} [up to detectable $P \sim 10^{-22}$ W] \rightarrow resonant set-up
- Scan over range of axion mass \rightarrow tunable set-up [precision mechanics]



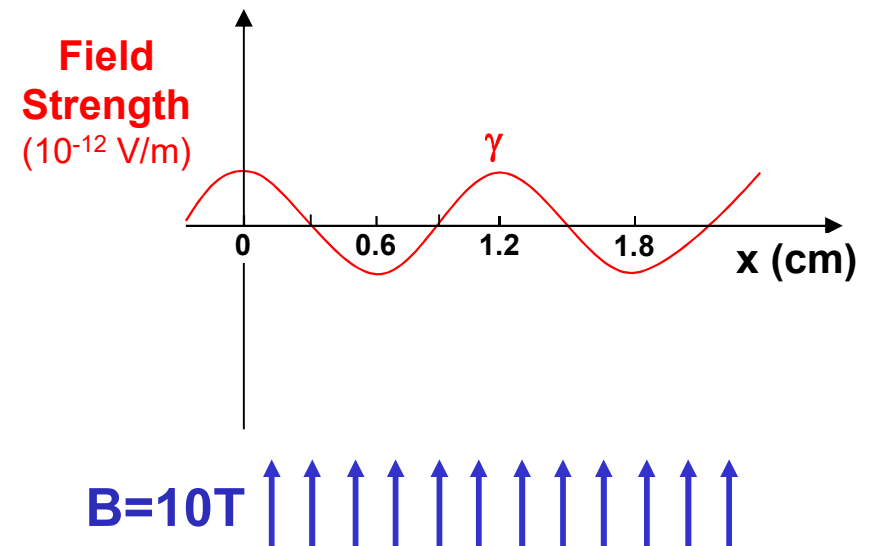
MADMAX

□ A novel experimental concept

- Constructive interference of photon emitted at dielectric surfaces **boost signal (β^2)**



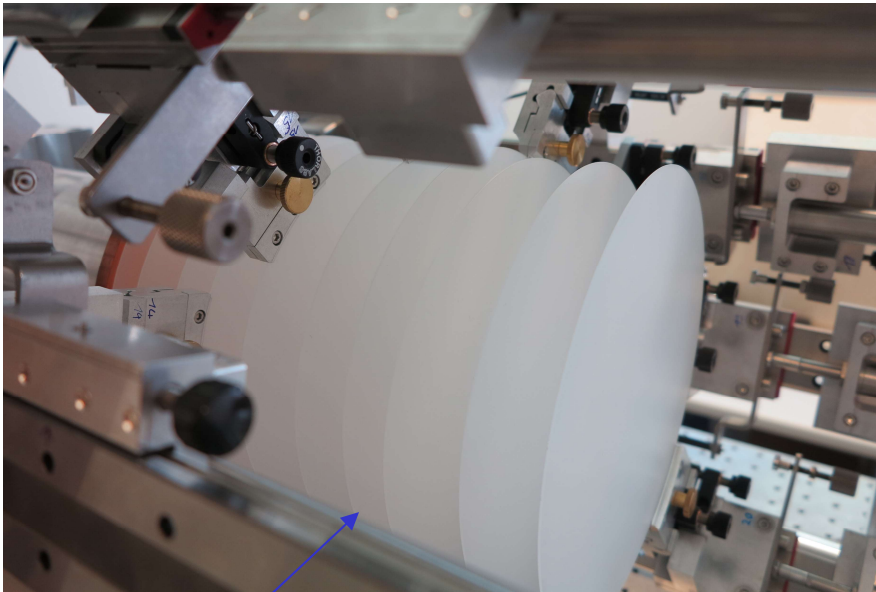
Dielectric disk in sapphire



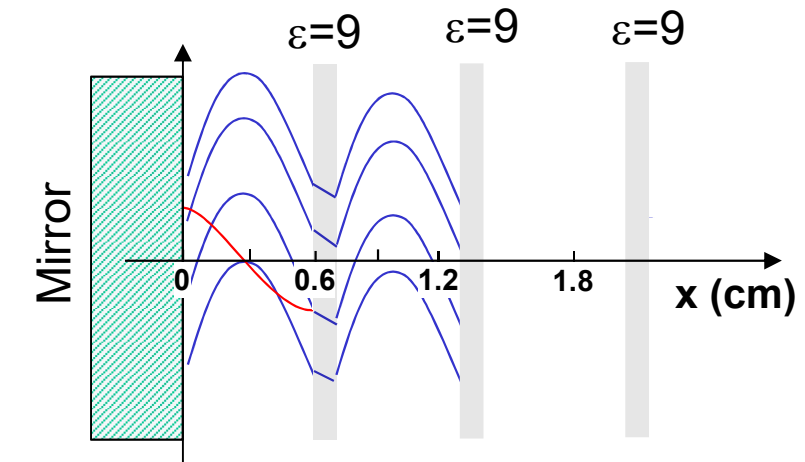
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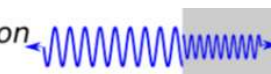


Dielectric disk in sapphire



$B=10T$ ↑↑↑↑↑↑↑↑↑↑

EM waves emission perpendicular to the surface of the disk because of sudden ϵ change

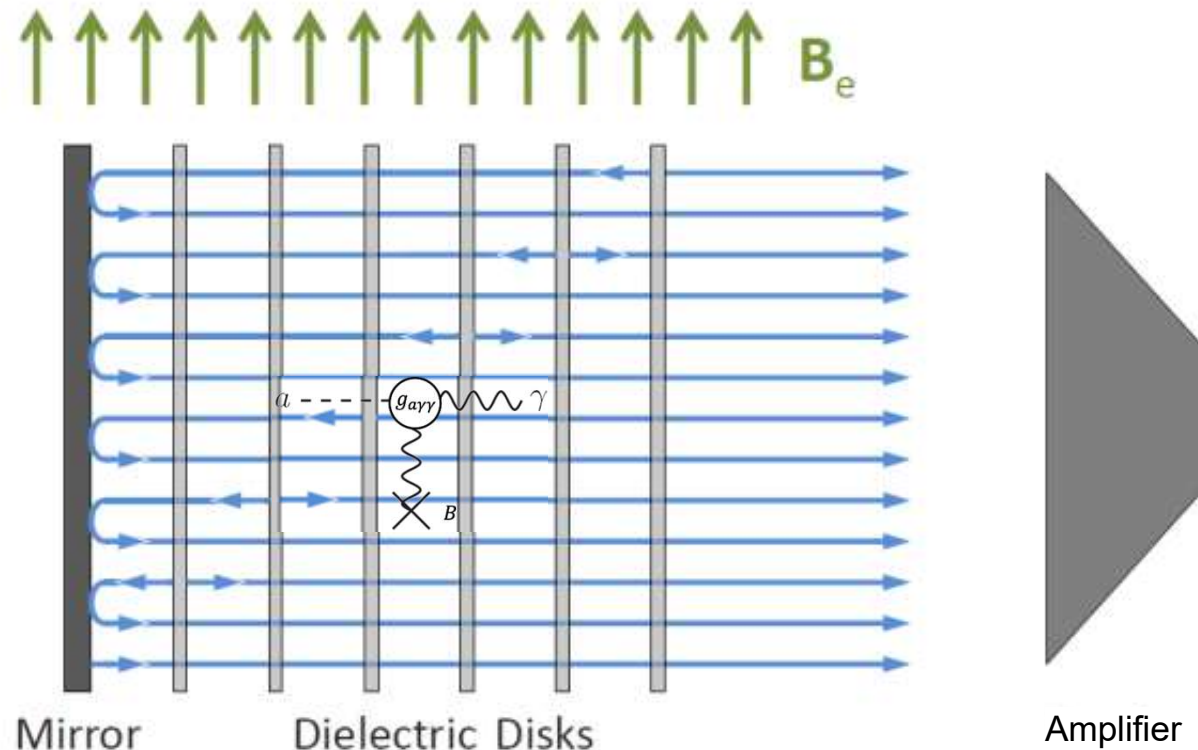
wave emission  **Amplitude / $\sqrt{\epsilon}$**

Multi “leaky” resonator

MADMAX

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$$P_{sig} = 10^{-22} \text{ W} \times \left(\frac{\beta^2}{50000} \right) \times \left(\frac{B_e}{10 \text{ T}} \right)^2 \times \left(\frac{A}{1 \text{ m}^2} \right) \times C_{a\gamma}^2$$

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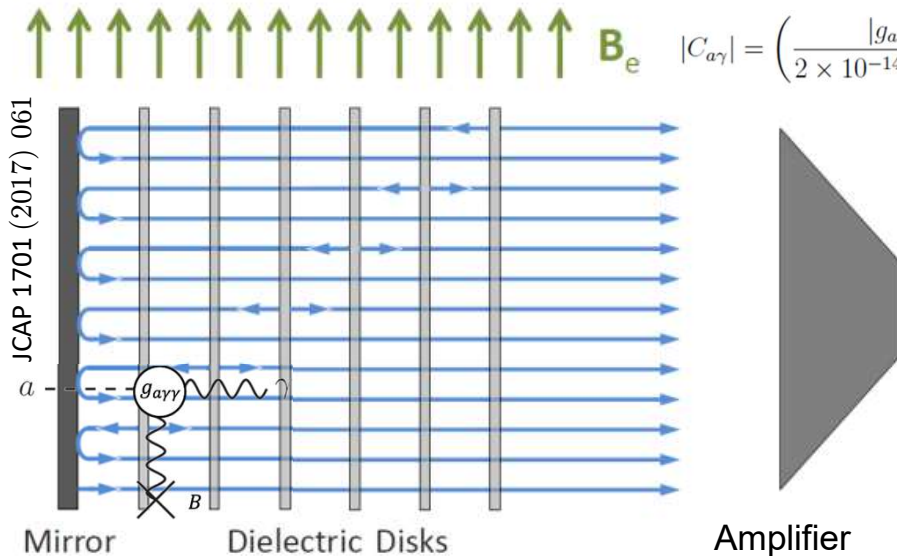
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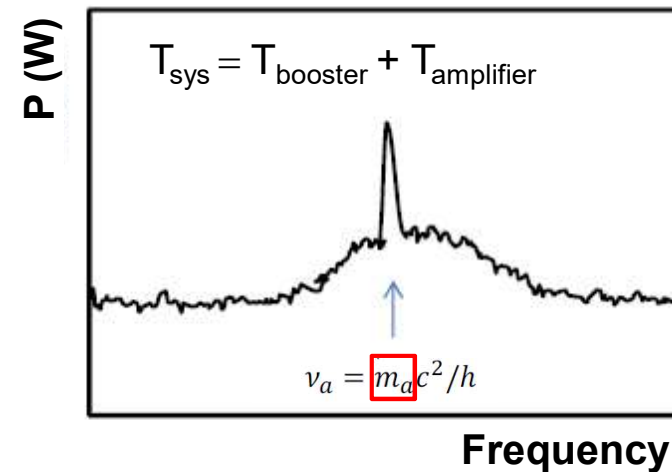
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$$|C_{a\gamma}| = \left(\frac{|g_{a\gamma}|}{2 \times 10^{-14} \text{ GeV}^{-1}}\right) \left(\frac{100 \mu\text{eV}}{m_a}\right)$$



Thermal Noise



MADMAX

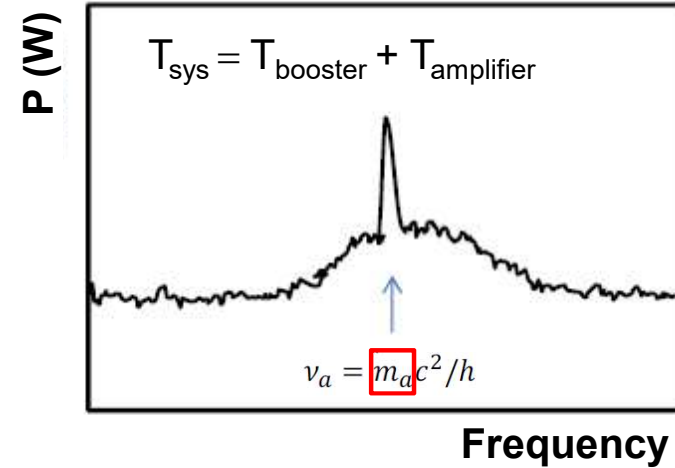
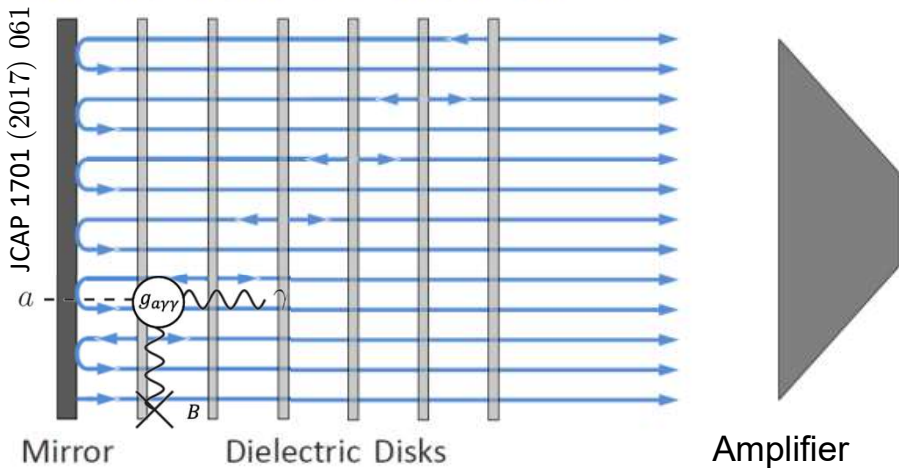
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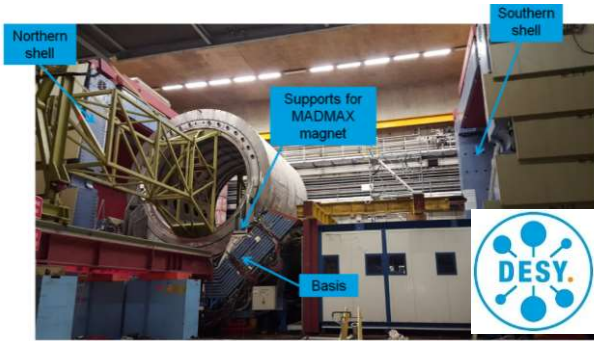
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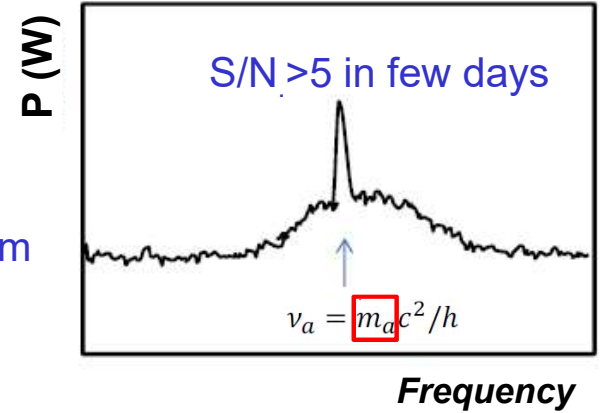
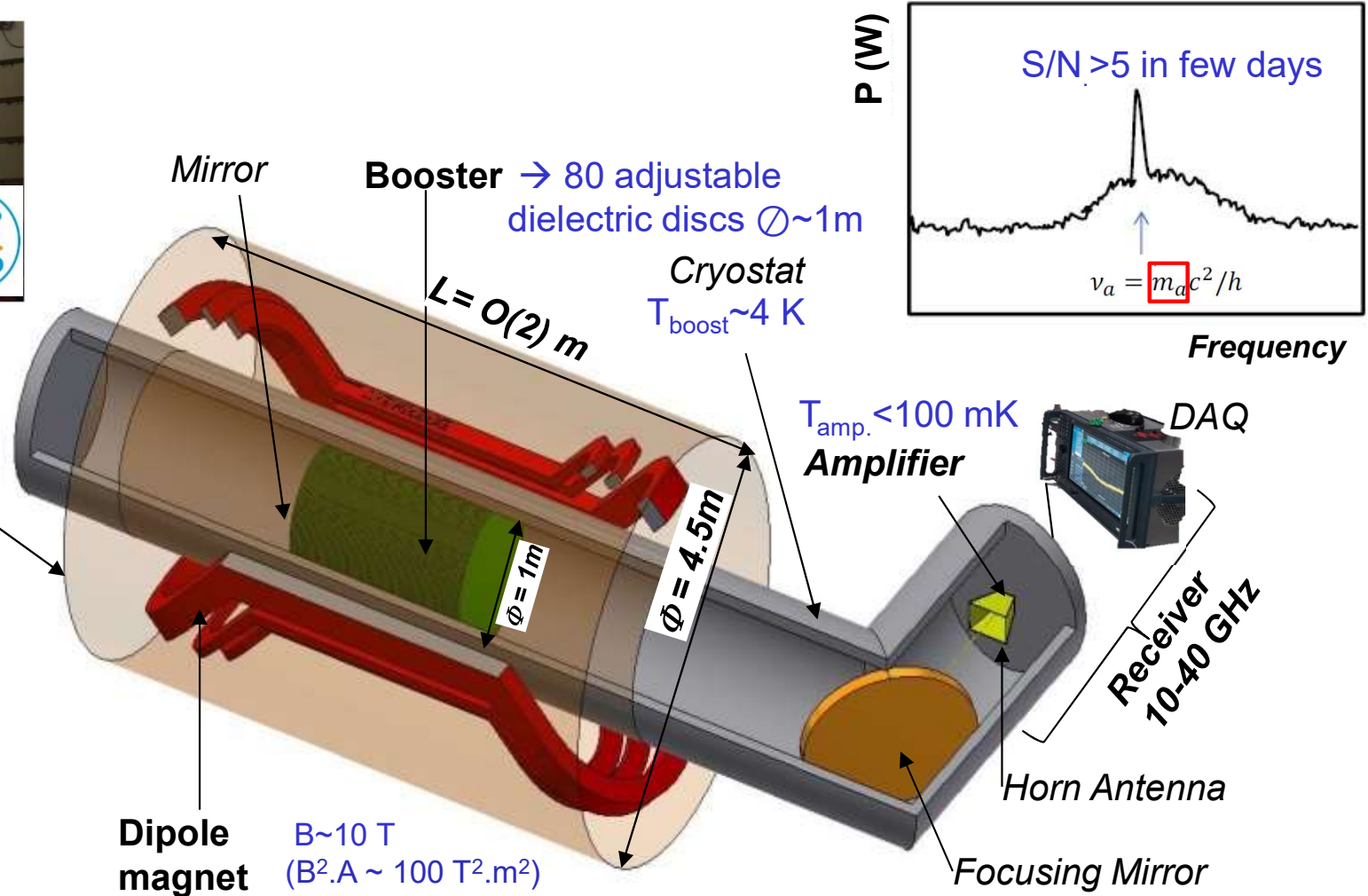
- **Axion mass scan:** **move discs** with piezo motors (μm prec.) at 4K and 10 T (50 MHz step)

Final MADMAX

Formed in 2017. 10 institutes: French (2), German (6), Spanish (1) and US (1) → ~50 people



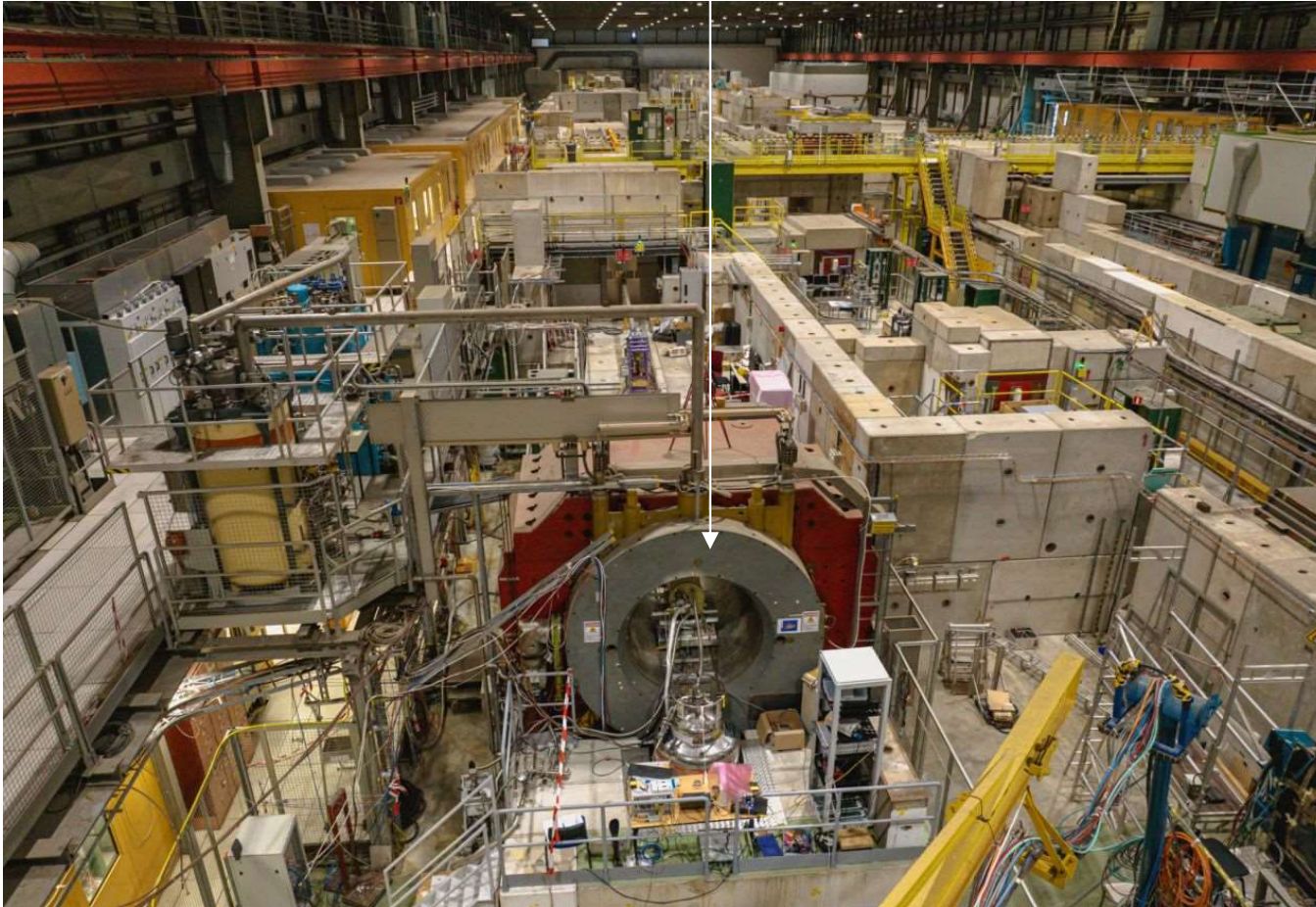
Experiment location: HERA
in former H1 iron yoke



→ Start with prototyping phase to validate concept: cutting-edge R&D

MADMAX recent tests

Morpurgo magnet in the CERN North Area (500 m x 50 m x 8 m)



Article in CERN Bulletin

<https://home.cern/news/news/experiments/madmax-forefront-search-axions>

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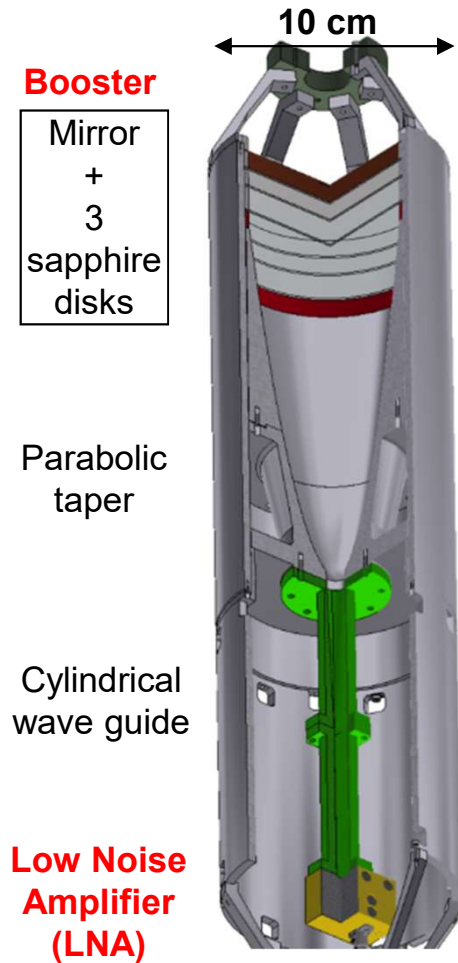
MADMAX Cryostat in the Morpurgo magnet



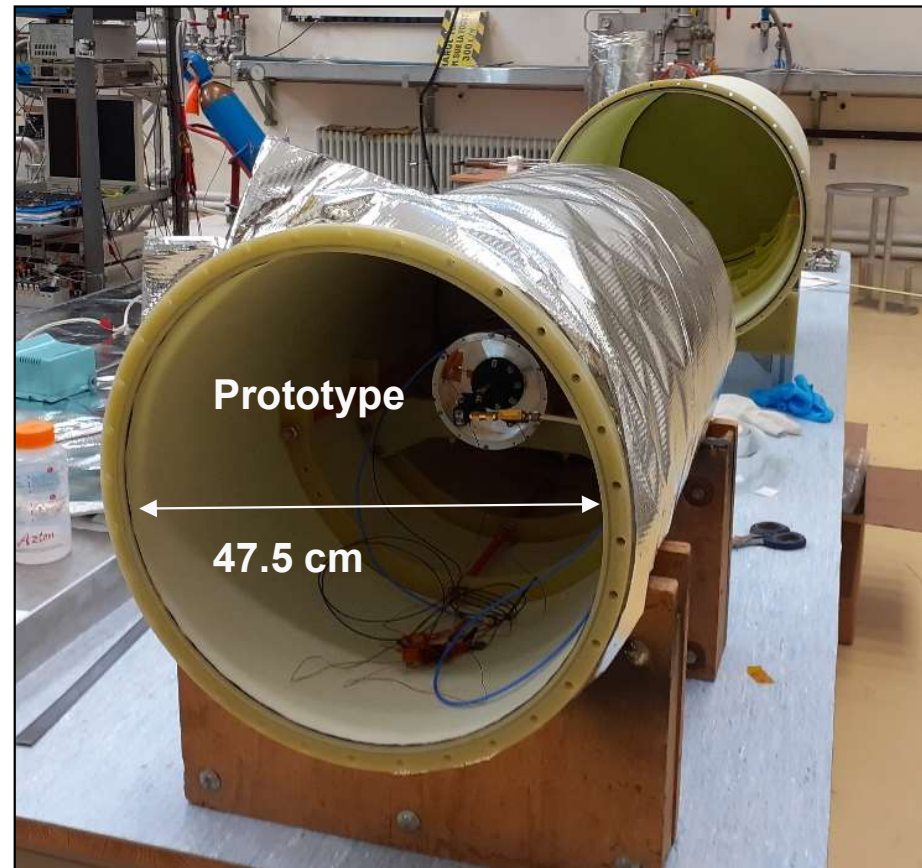
Liquid Helium Bottle

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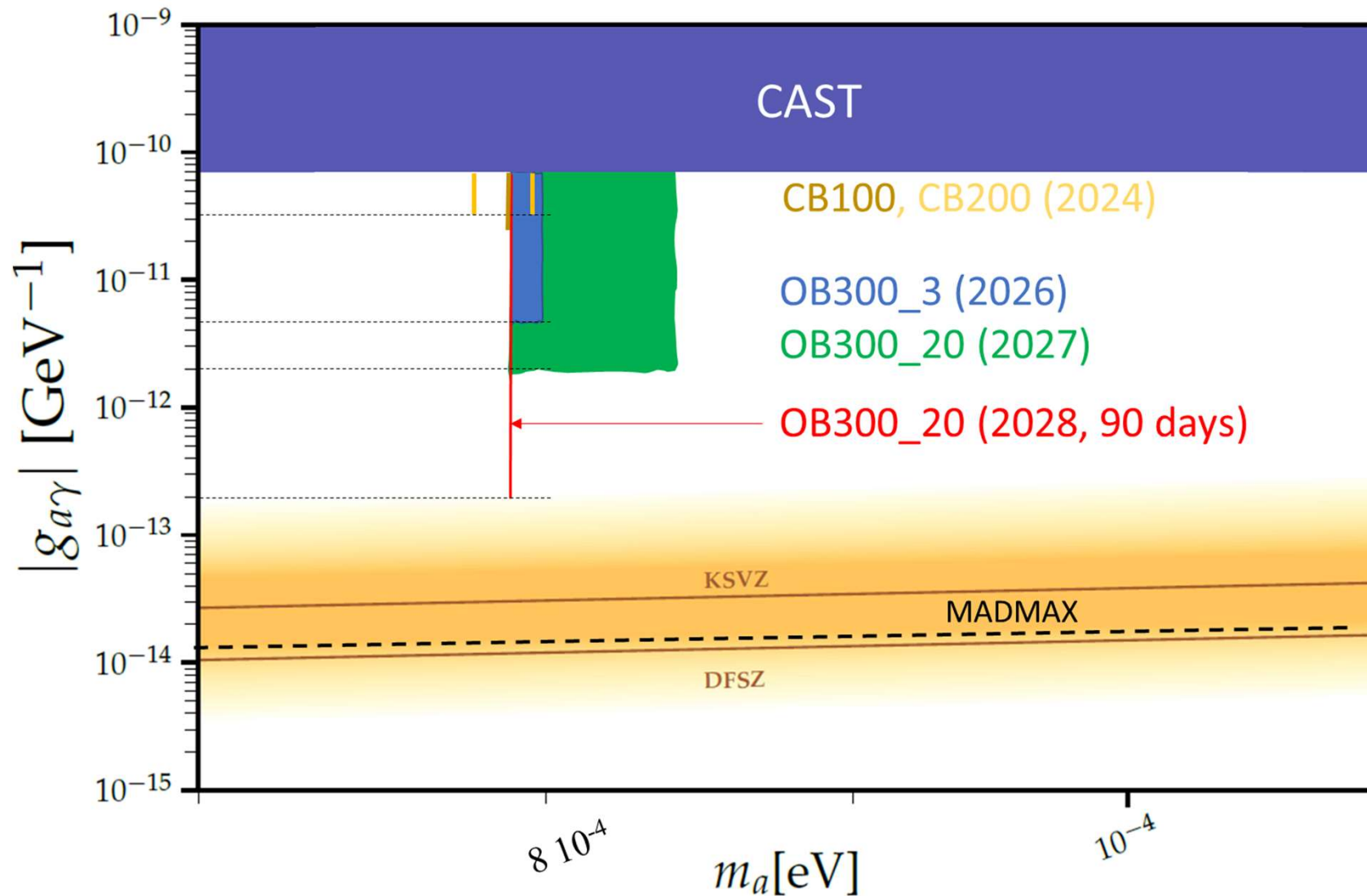
MADMAX Prototype



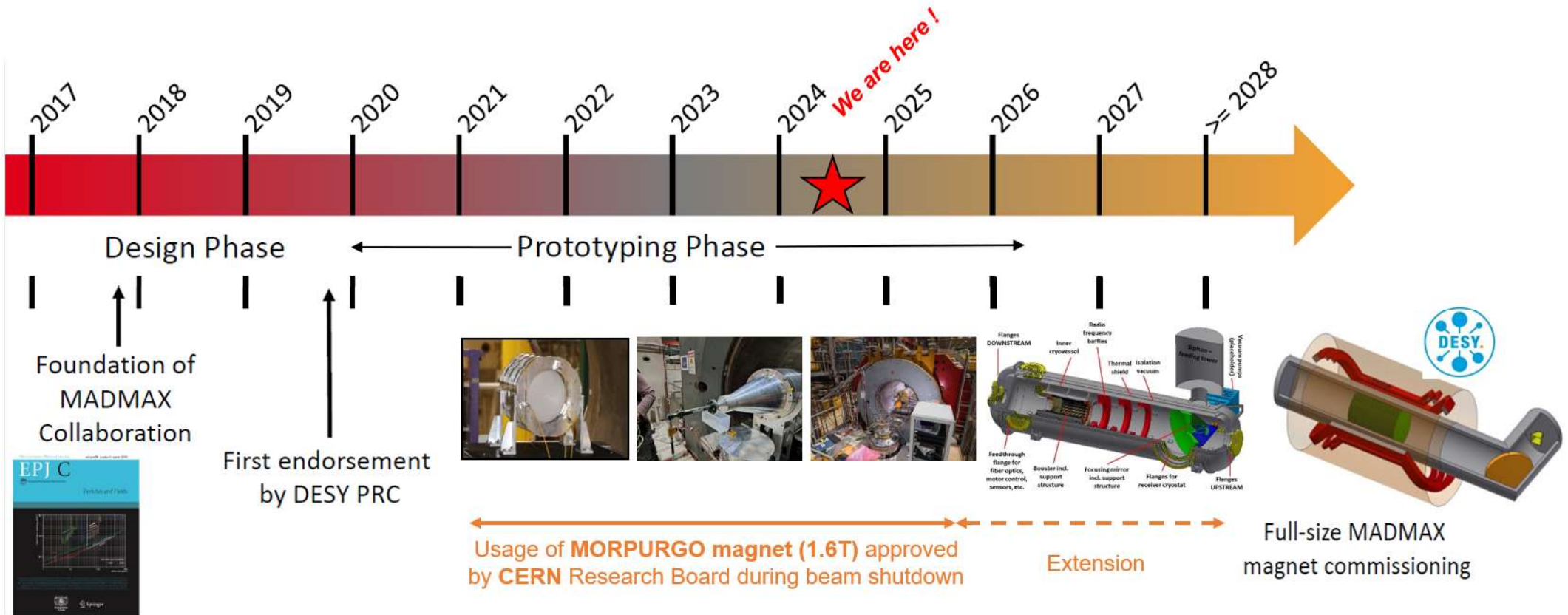
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MADMAX foreseen results



MADMAX Timeline

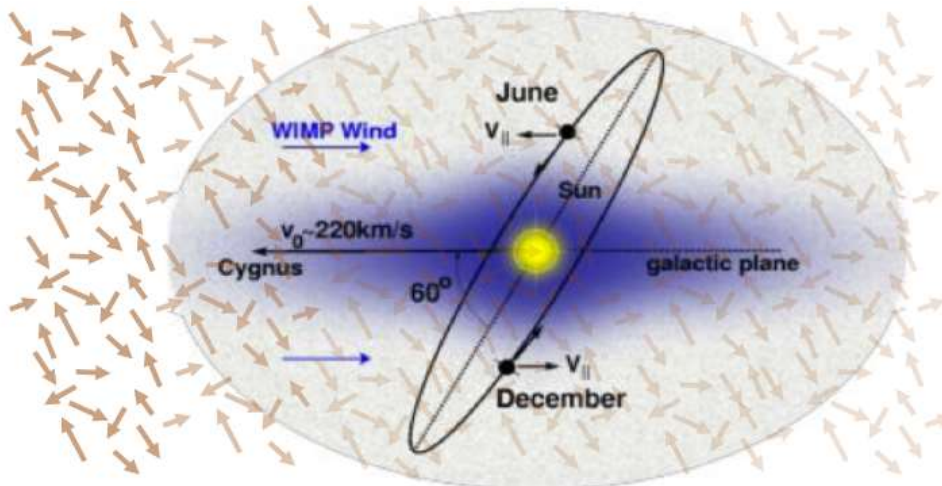


Last Important point

□ How to be sure it is really dark matter ?

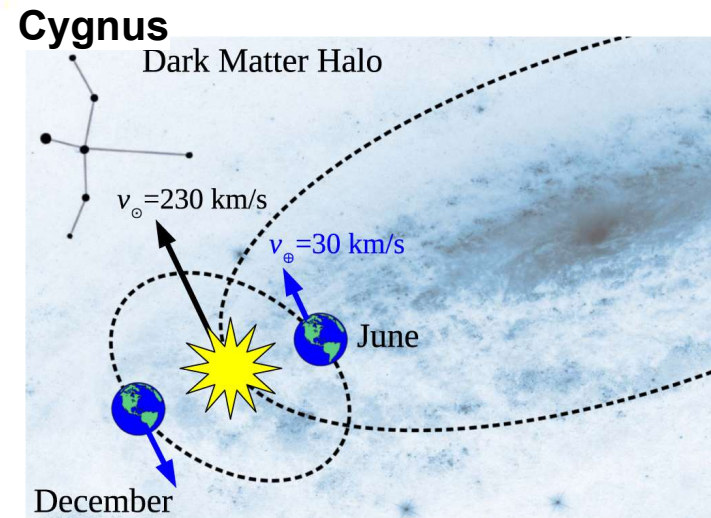
Annual Modulations

Earth rotation around the Sun => **largest speed** of the dark matter particles in the Milky Way halo relative to the Earth around **June 2nd** and **smallest in December**
Expected seasonal variation at **2-10%** level



Directionality

The recoil rate, in the Galactic rest frame, is **highly anisotropic**: the rate in the **forward direction** is roughly an order of magnitude larger than that in the backward direction



For now, none of the detector presented can be sensitive to this

Conclusions

□ **Dark matter is a central question of fundamental physics**

- Evidence of dark matter (gravitational) existence over many different scales
- So dark matter exists but what is it made of ?
- XXth physics suggests it could be a particle(s)

□ **Dark Matter direct searches: very dynamic research field**

- WIMP and axion are two hypothetic particles, very well motivated by particle physics with the required dark matter properties (*massive, neutral, stable, weakly interacting, non relativistic*)
- Searches are entering the phase space favored by theory
 - ✓ Couples with lots of very challenging technological developments
 - ✓ Very high scientific competition with lots of new experiments
- Large discovery potential in the next 10 years !

Short term Opportunities (scientific & technical) on a fundamental question of particle physics with a **strong discovery potential**

Readings

□ General, cosmology and particle physics

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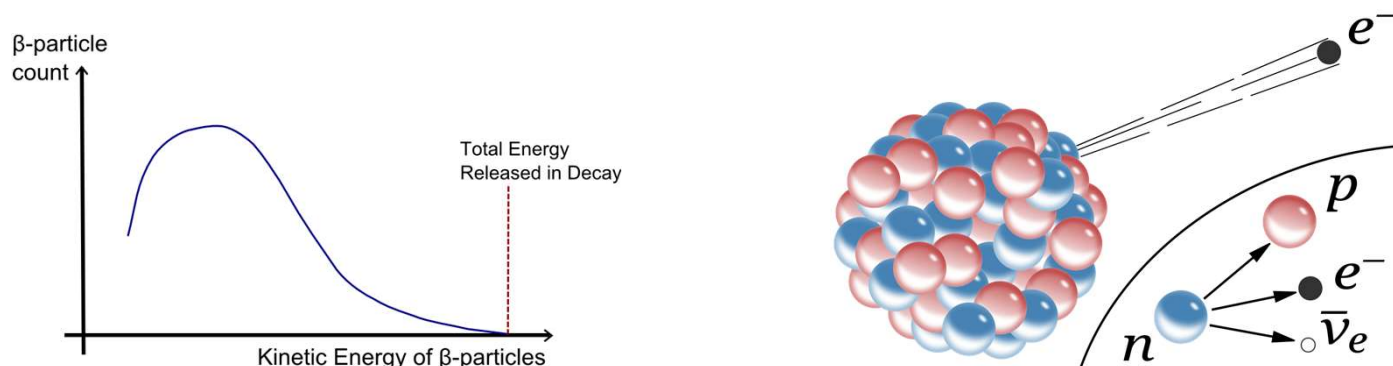
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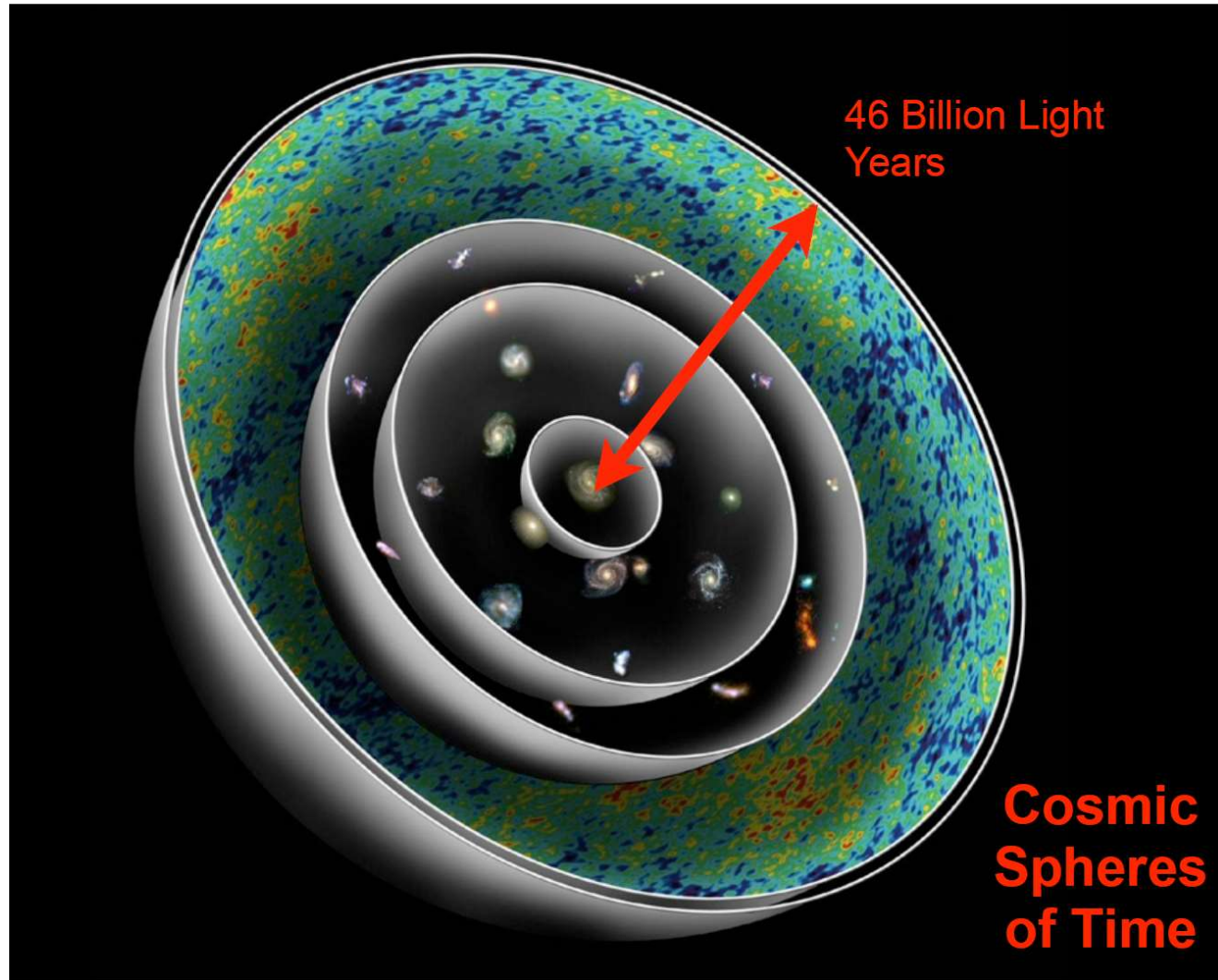
β radioactivity

□ Historical evolution

- <1930, only aware of $\text{Nucleus1} \rightarrow \text{Nucleus2} + e^-$ (*did not know about neutrino and neutron*)
 - ✓ Natural conclusion: e^- is in the nucleus \rightarrow Nucleus = protons + electrons
 - ✓ New particle carrying part of the energy, present in the nucleus (Pauli, 1930) ?
 - ✓ Observe violation of Energy conservation \rightarrow Violation at quantum level (Bohr, 1931-38) ?
- Discover of the neutron, n (Chadwick, 1932)
 - ✓ $n=p-e^-$ bonded states ? Introduce a new symmetry called isospin ($n \approx p$) (Heisenberg)
- Theory of weak interaction (Fermi, 1934): $n \rightarrow p + e^- + \nu_e$
 - ✓ A new particle is created \rightarrow called it neutrino
 - ✓ Coupling constant $G_F \approx 300000 \text{ GeV}^{-2} \rightarrow$ New physics scale: $\Lambda_F = 1/\sqrt{G_F} \approx 500 \text{ GeV}$

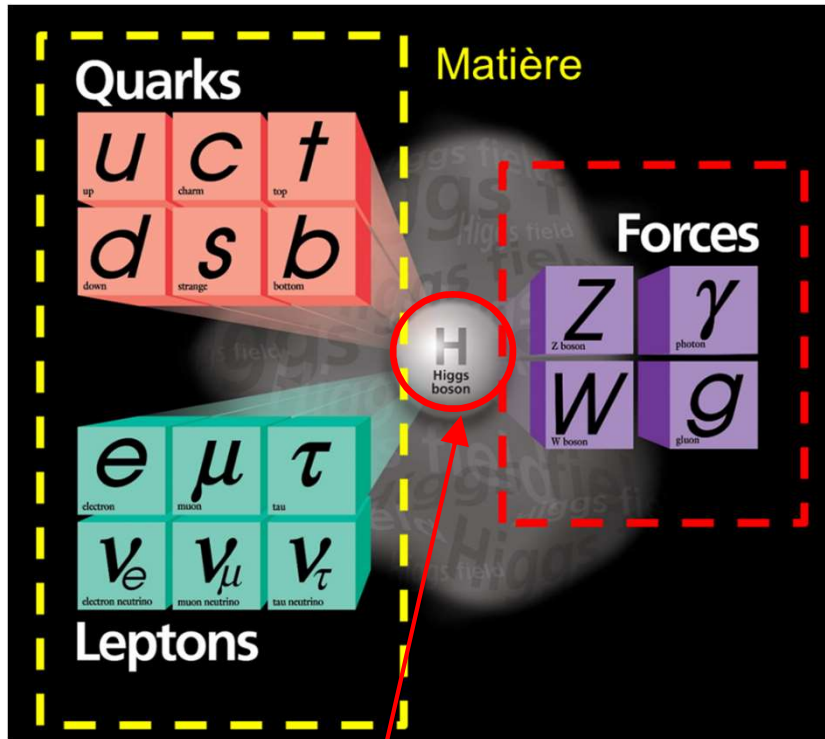


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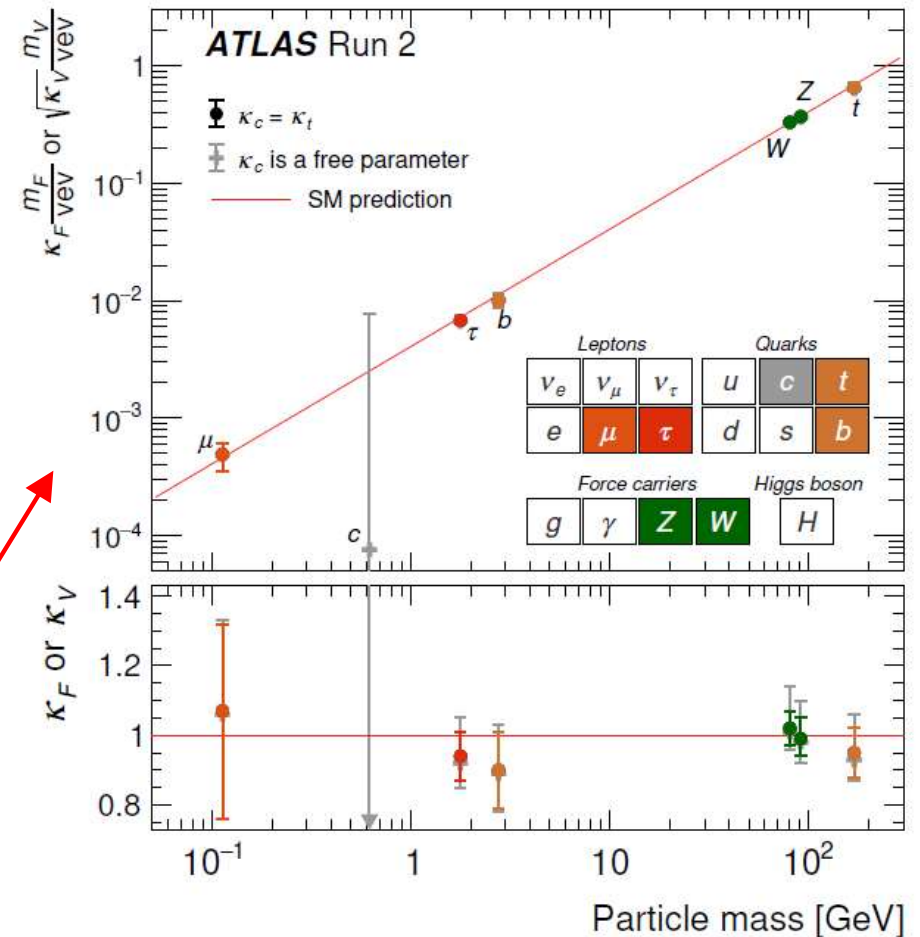


Particle physics: end ?

□ After LHC run II, Standard Model (SM) is stronger than ever !

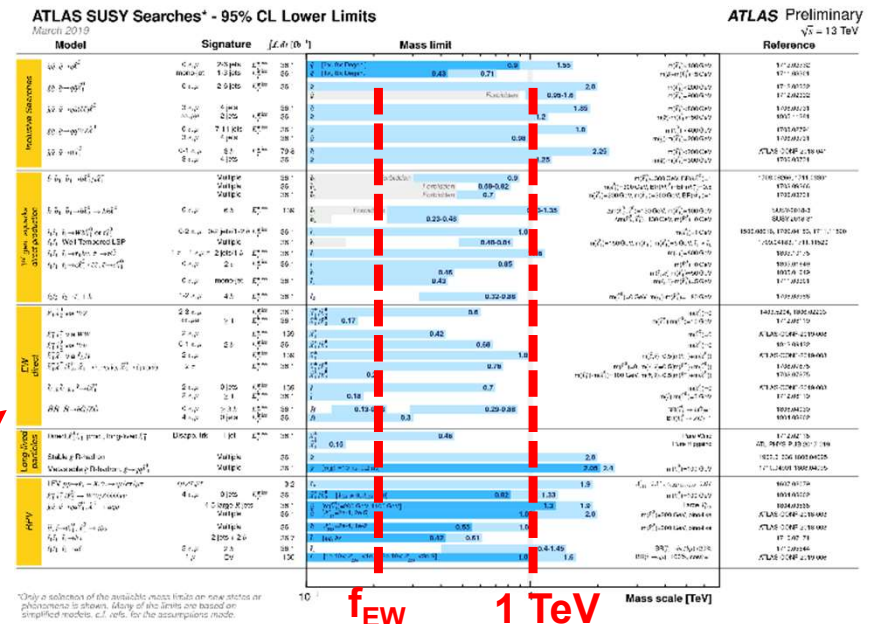
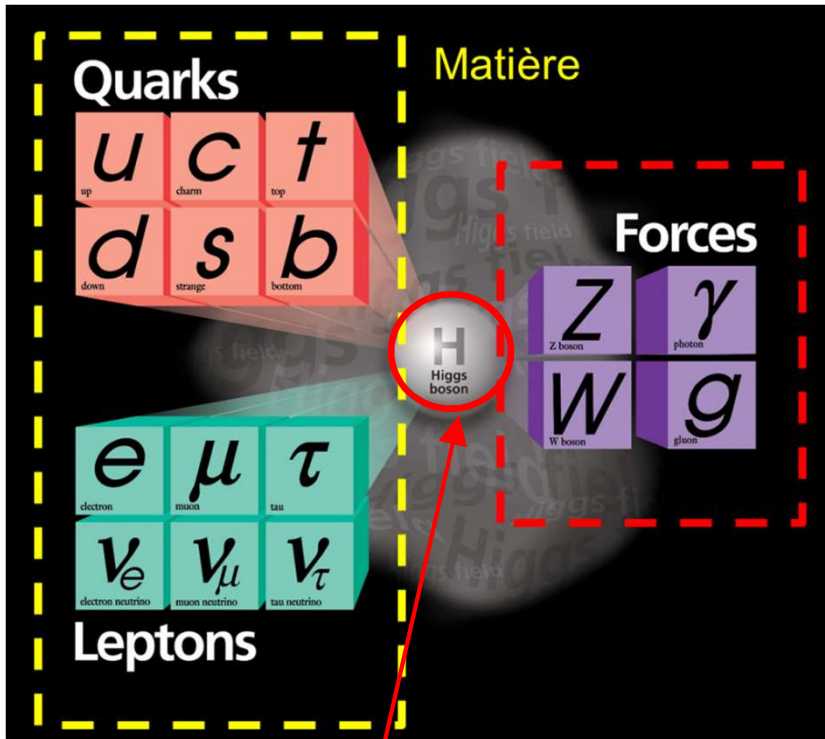


- Higgs discovery in 2012 : SM complete
- Precision measurements of the Higgs couplings agrees with the Standard Model



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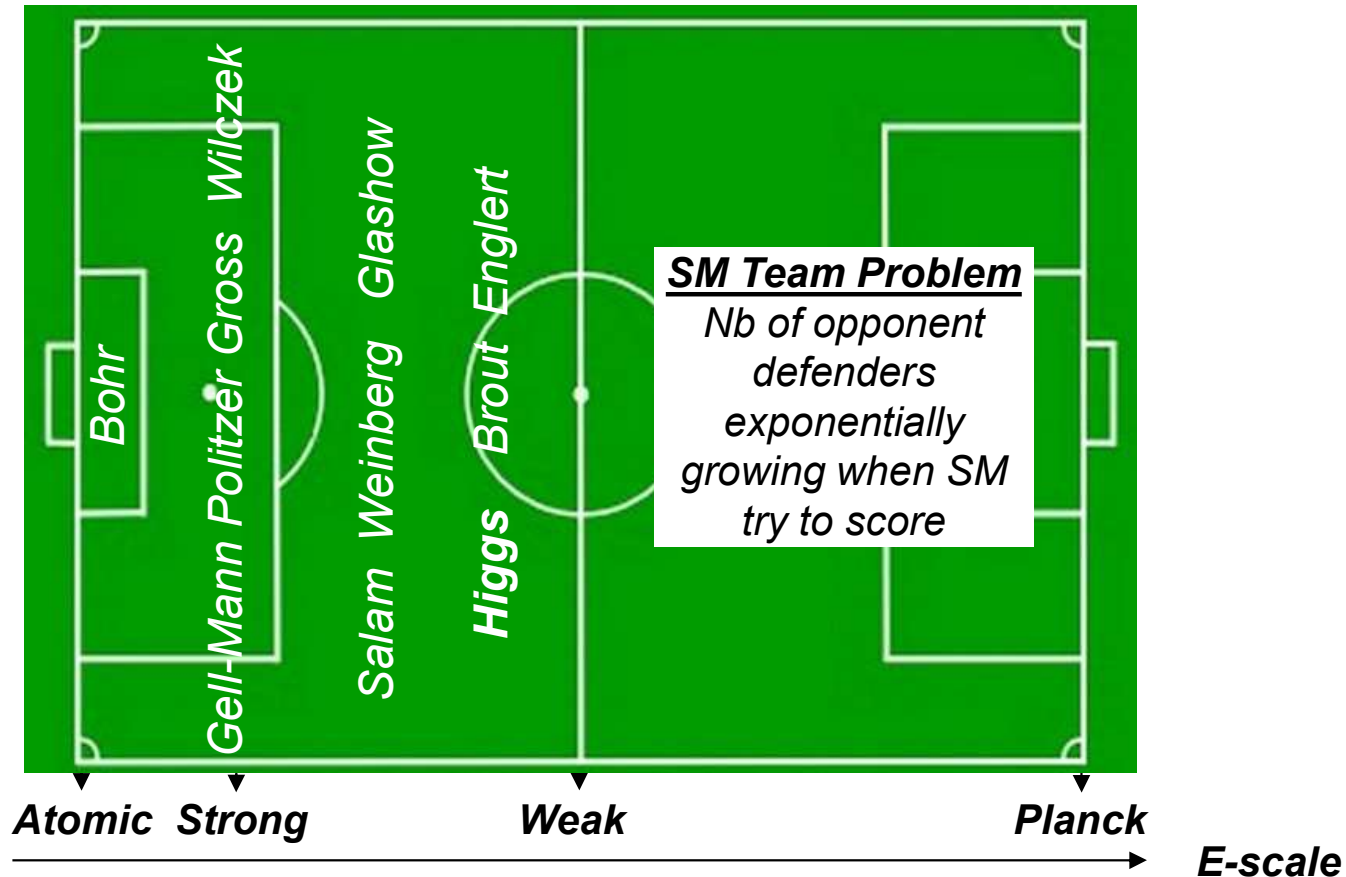
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- Higgs discovery in 2012 : SM complete
- Direct searches → no sign of New Physics so far up to TeV scale

Higgs mass fine tuning

Quantum Field



Can SM Team score at the Planck Scale given this problem ?
SUSY coach (formed in the Poincare training academy) knows how to annihilate the defenders ...

Higgs mass fine tuning

□ Standard Model is a perturbative theory wrt weak interaction

- Standard Model (SM) is an effective field theory valid up to Λ_{NP} *M. Veltman, Acta Phys. Polon. B 12, 437 (1981)*

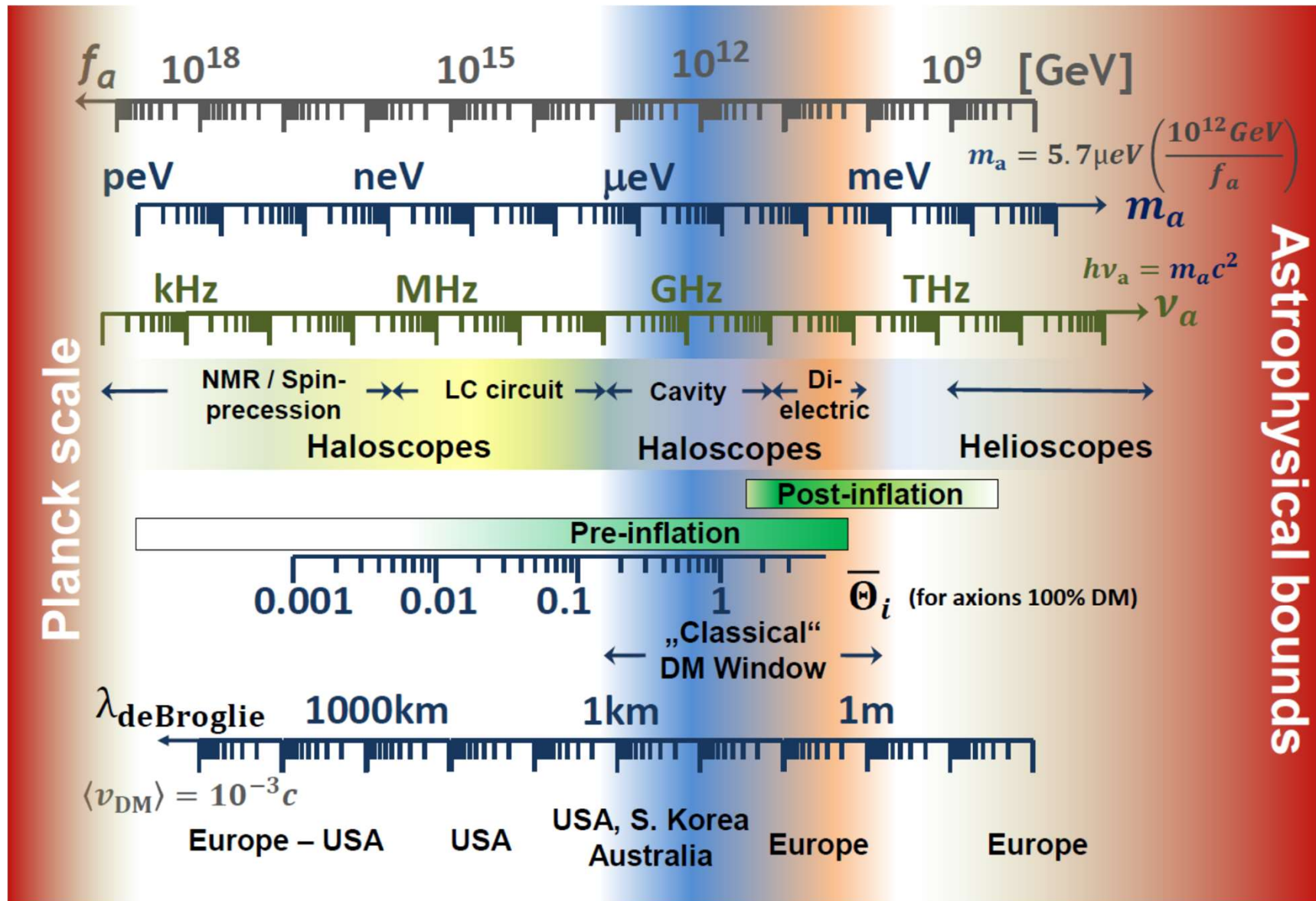
$$(125)^2 = m_H^2 = (m_H^2)_0 - \frac{3G_F}{4\sqrt{2}\pi^2} (4m_t^2) \Lambda_{NP}^2 + \frac{3G_F}{4\sqrt{2}\pi^2} (2m_W^2 + m_Z^2 + m_H^2) \Lambda_{NP}^2 + O(m^2 \ln[\Lambda_{NP}/\mu^*])$$

- Some SUSY realizations are 'natural' candidate for New Physics (NP) (e.g. for the top loop)

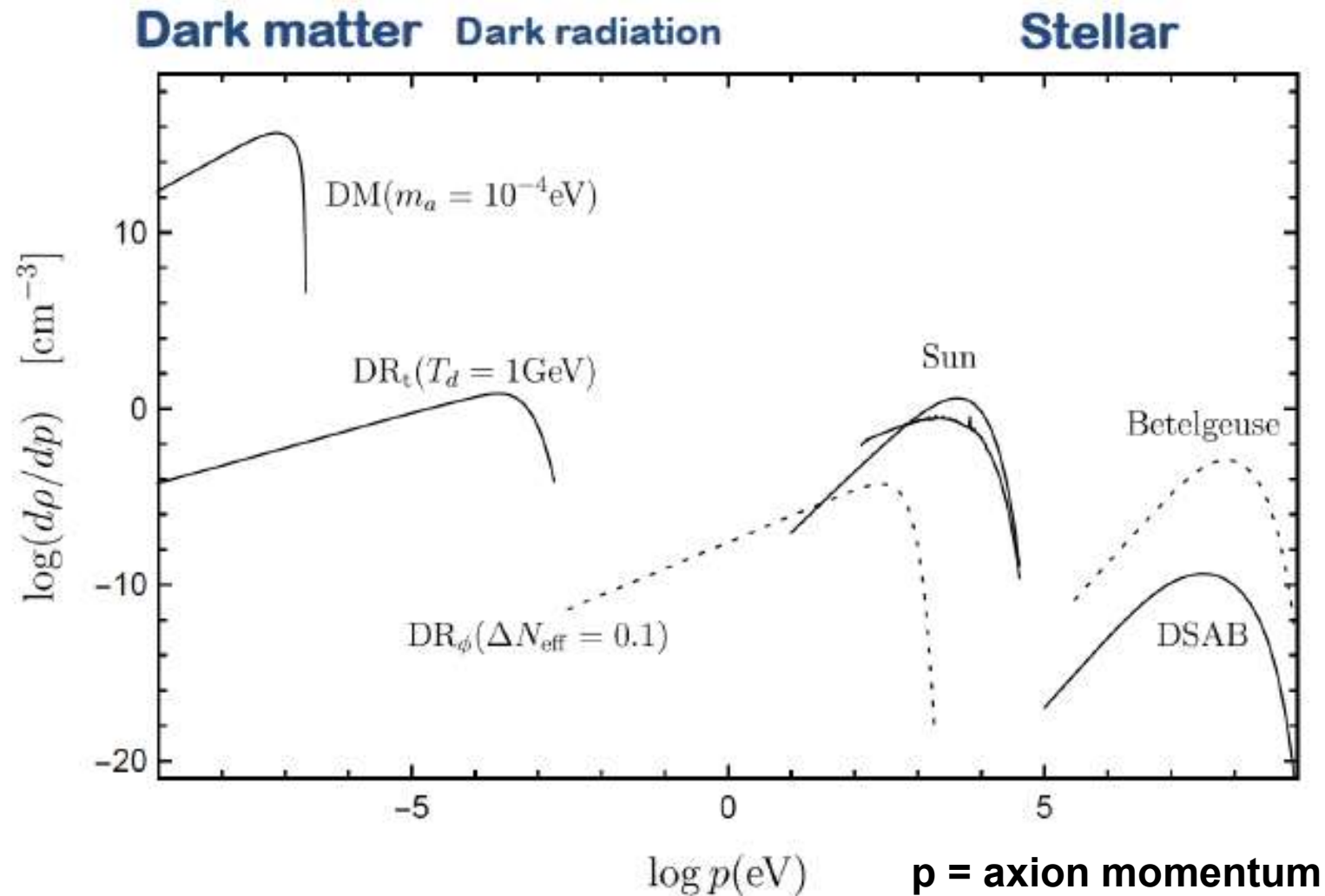
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Note: to have 4, **two** scalars are considered (\tilde{t}_R and \tilde{t}_L)

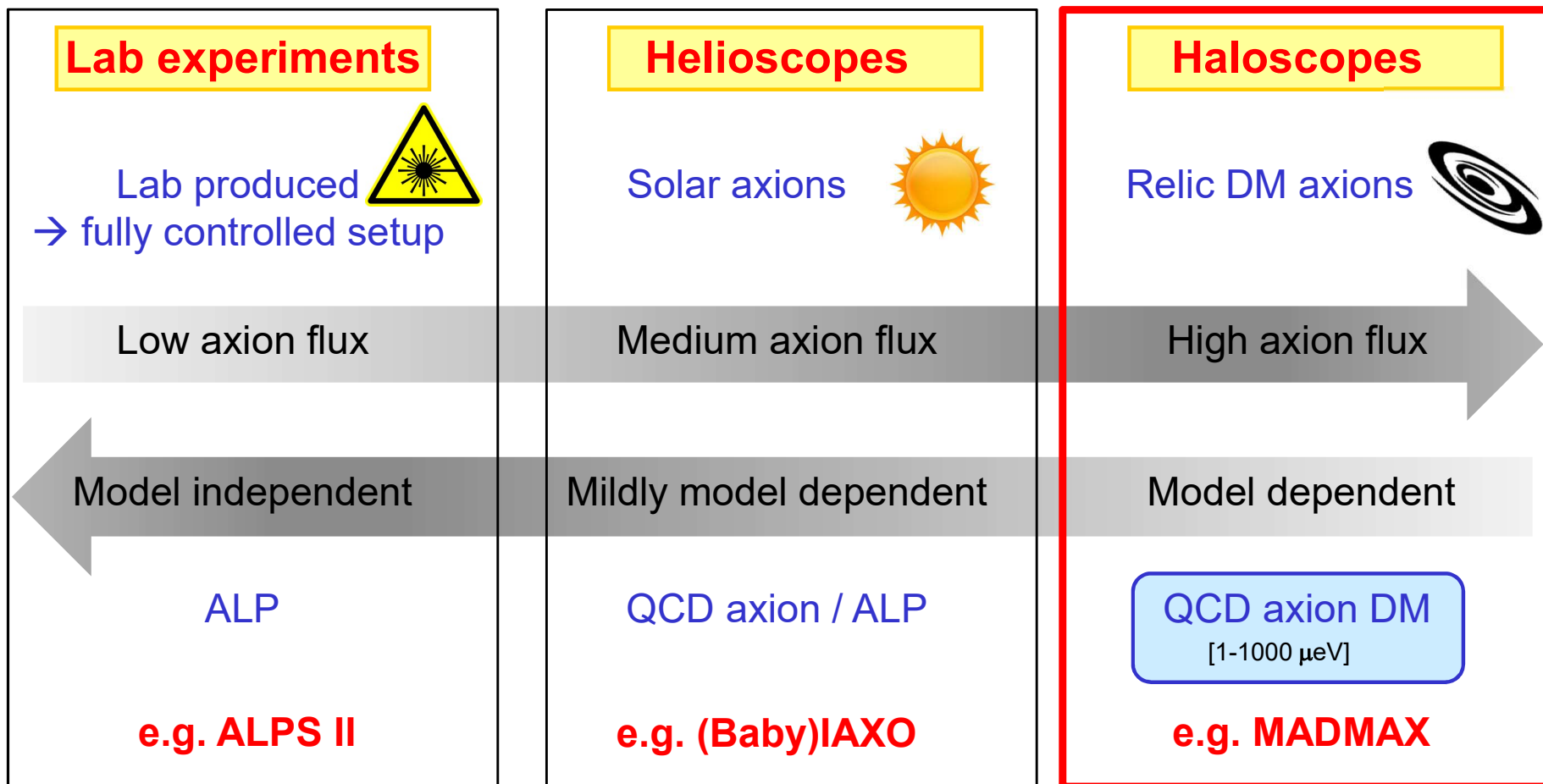
Axion scales



Axion sources



Axion detector types

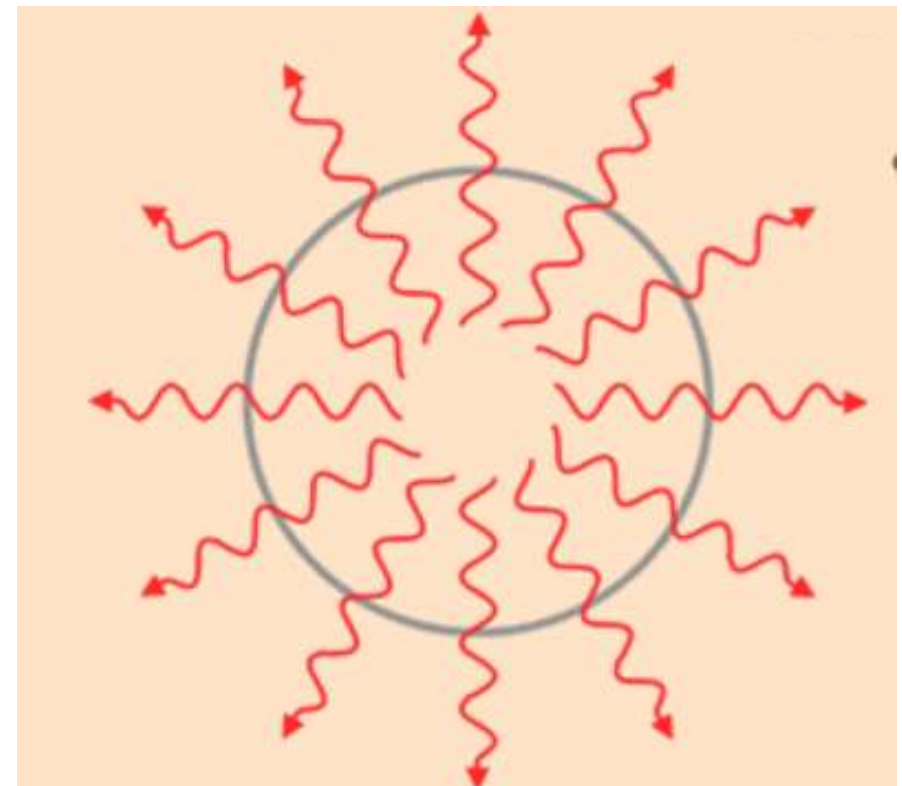
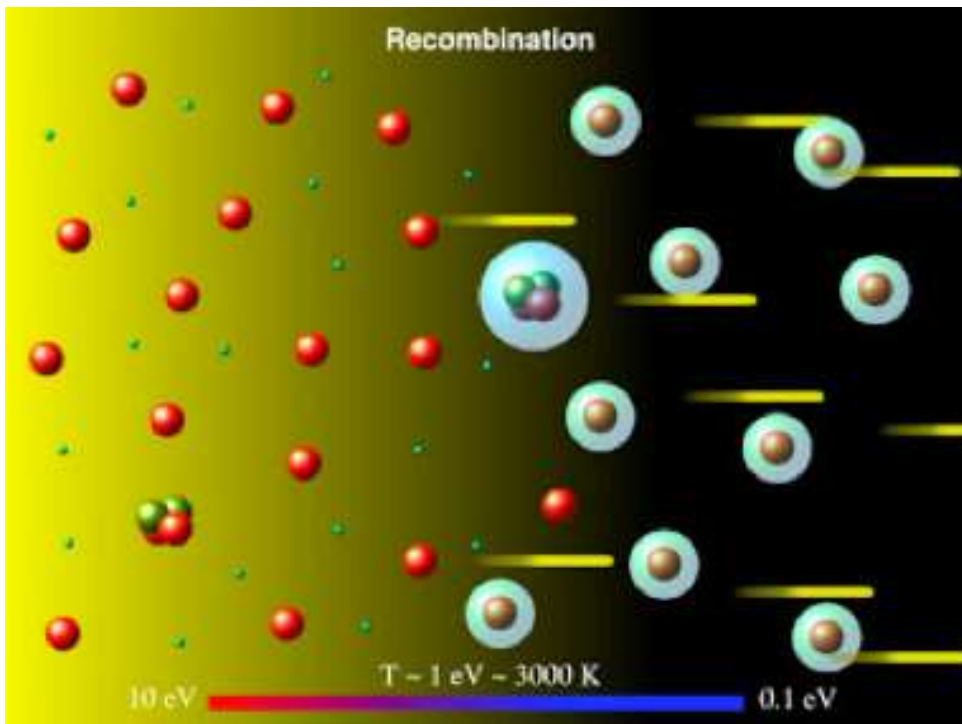


Complementary experimental approaches

Cosmic microwave background

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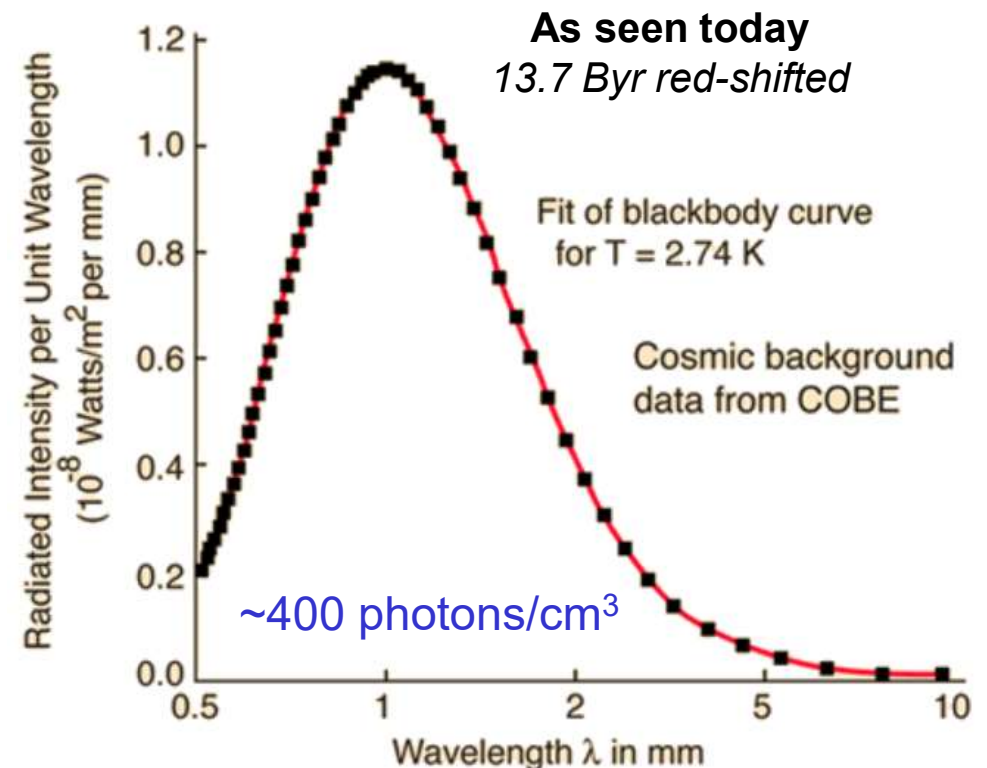
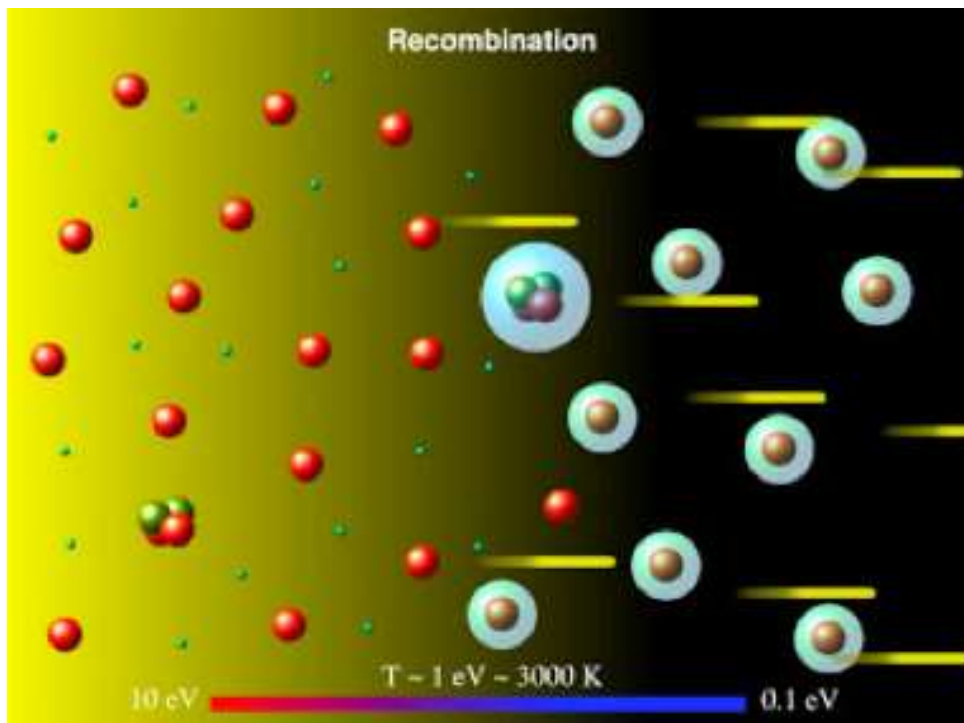
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Intermezzo

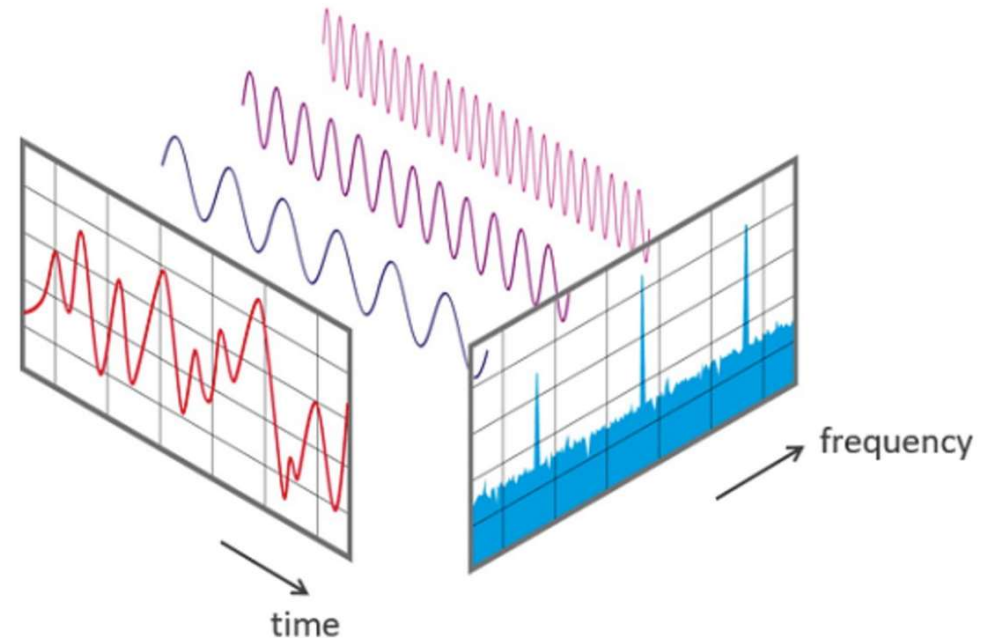
- **When you listen to a note played by a musical instrument ...**
 - ... you can directly infer what is the instrument. How it is possible ?

Uniform blow
in a music instrument



Ear
+ brain

→ **Spectral analysis**
(Fourier transform):
Which material
produce this sound



Cosmic microwave background

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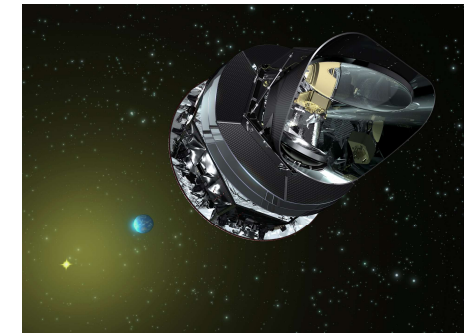
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Uniform light
in the whole Universe

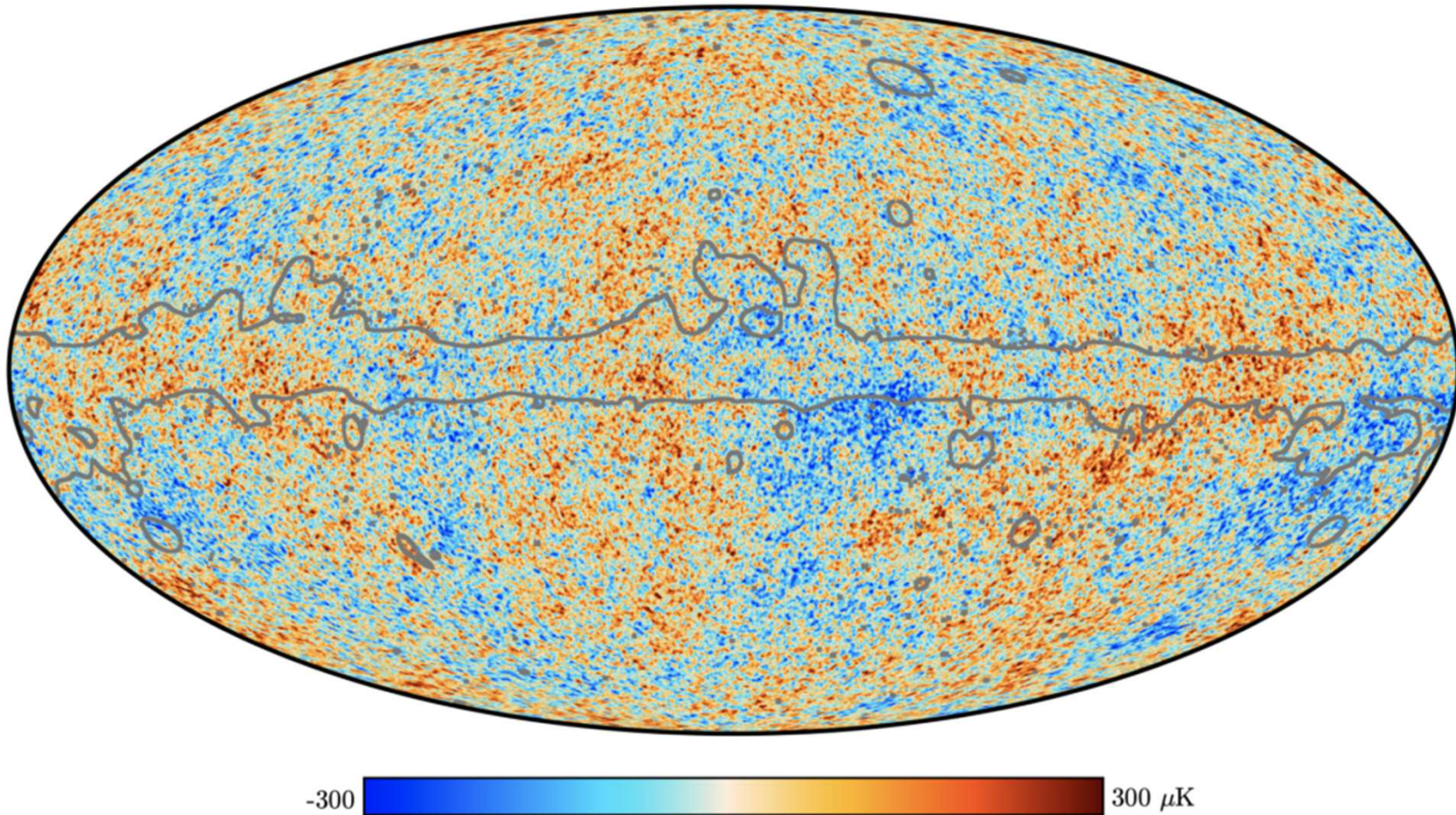


Spatial telescope
+ computer

→ **Angular analysis of thermal**
fluctuation around 2.74 K:
What is the Universe
composition ?

Cosmic microwave background

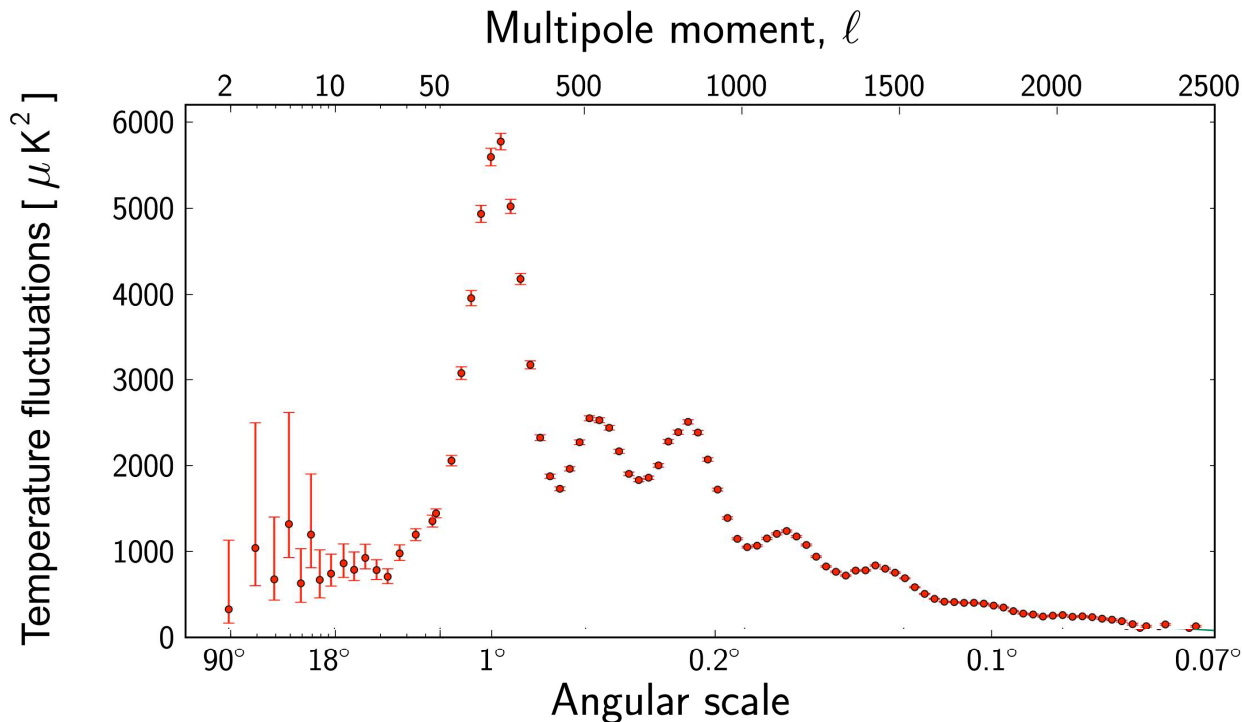
- Use this photon flux to know the composition of the Universe
 - Very small anisotropy (μK) observed – once background subtracted



Cosmic microwave background

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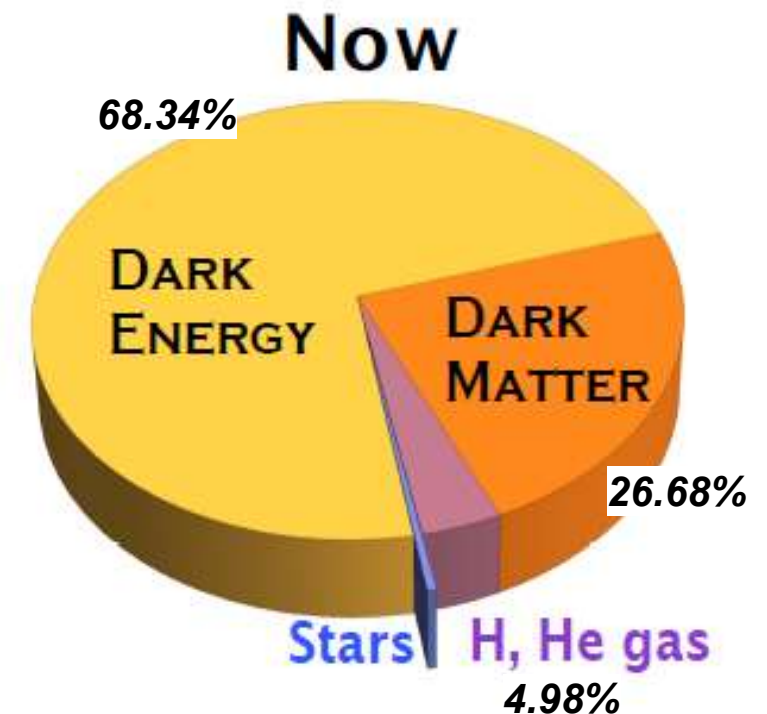
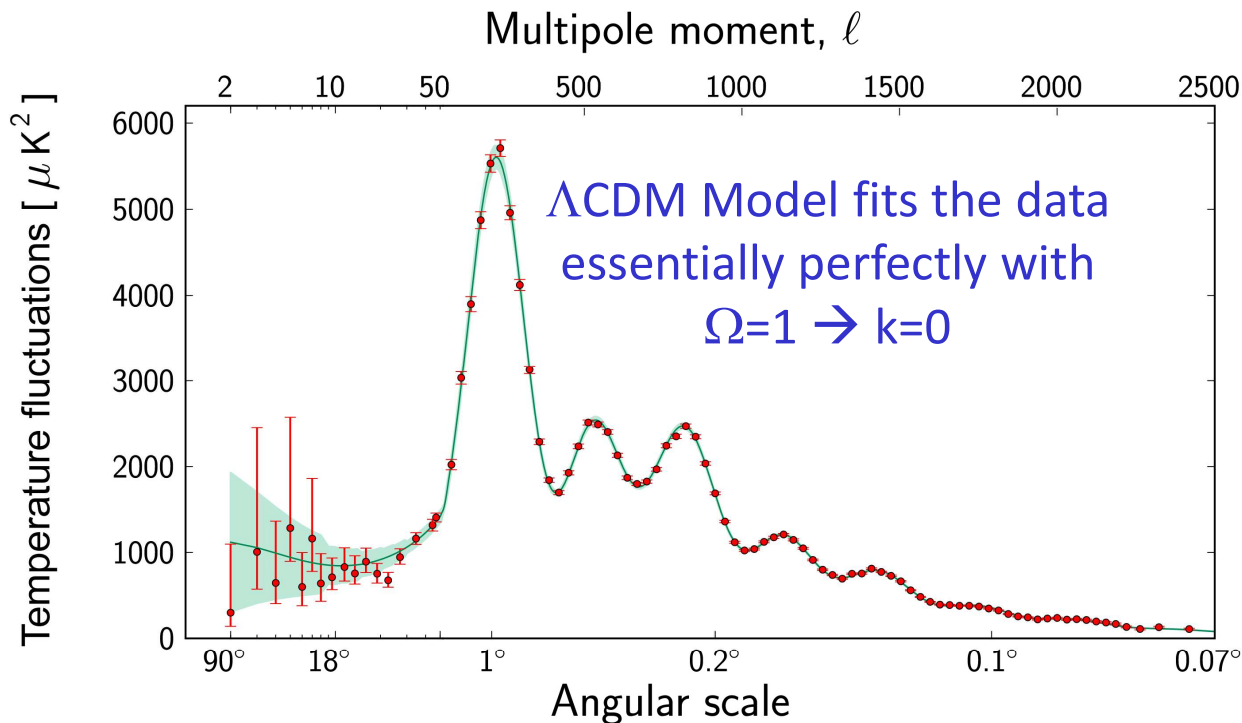
- Λ CDM Model
- ✓ Matter particles (p, n, e-)
 - ✓ Cold Dark Matter (CDM)
 - ✓ Radiation (γ , ν)
 - ✓ Dark Energy (Λ)

Ready to extract the abundances Ω of the Λ CDM Model ?

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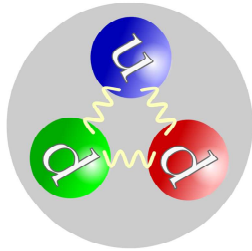


Cosmology is making precision measurements ... and we don't know 95% of the Universe and 85% of the matter !

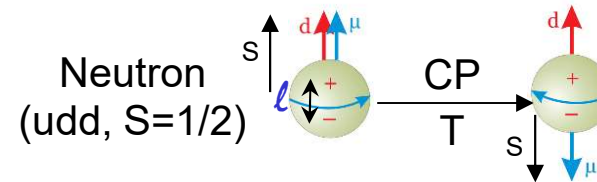
Axion

Strong CP problem

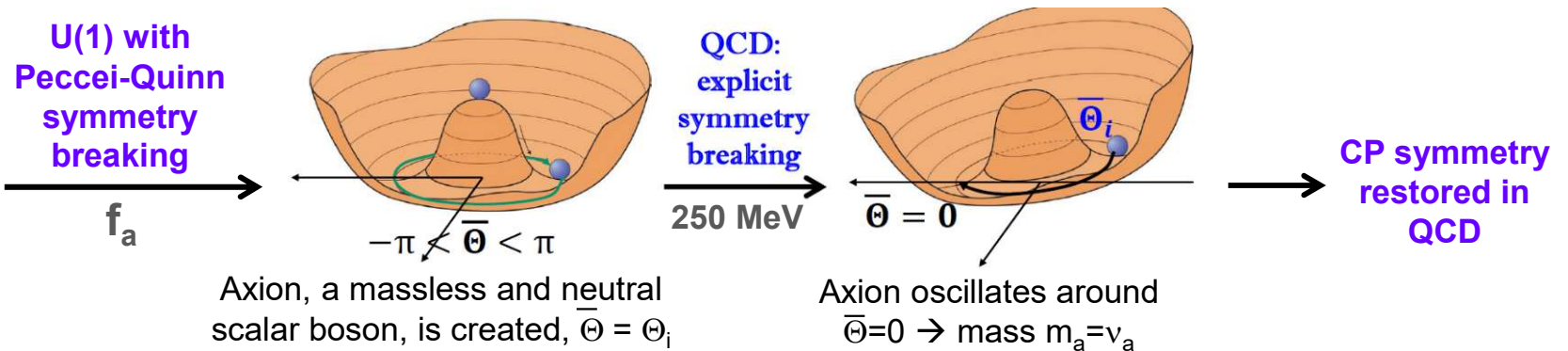
- Neutron electric dipole moment: $d_n \approx q \cdot \ell \cdot \Theta = 10^{-16} \Theta \text{ e.cm}$



$$\begin{aligned} Q_u &= (2/3) e \\ Q_d &= (-1/3) e \end{aligned}$$



- Measure $d_n < 10^{-26} \text{ cm} \rightarrow |\Theta| < 10^{-10}$, why ??
- Global $U(1)_{PQ}$ symmetry (Peccei-Quinn, 1977) spontaneously broken at scale f_a

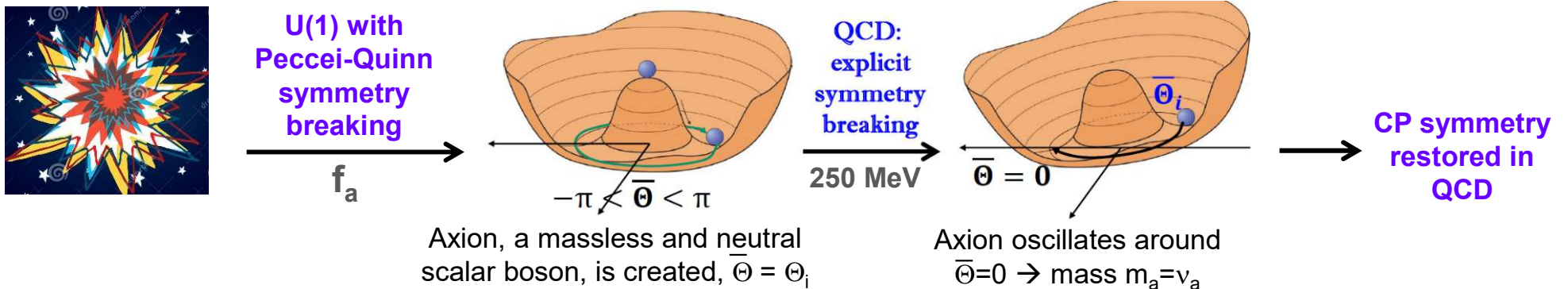


Axion

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- ✓ Weakly interacting
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- Consequence: neutral scalar boson created = **axion** (Weinberg-Wilczek, 1978)
 - ✓ Properties given by the scale of symmetry breaking f_a [$f_a \gg f_{EWSB}$]
 - ✓ Very weakly interacting with SM [f_a suppressed] and stable [f_a enhanced] : $\tau_{axion} > t_{Universe}$
 - ✓ Tiny mass [$m_a \approx m_\pi f_\pi / f_a \ll eV$]
 - ✓ Non-relativistic [$v_a \ll c$]: time scales \gg oscillation period

Axion is a very good dark matter candidate ($10^{-15} < m_a < 10^{-12}$ GeV)

$$1 < m_a < 10^3 \mu eV$$

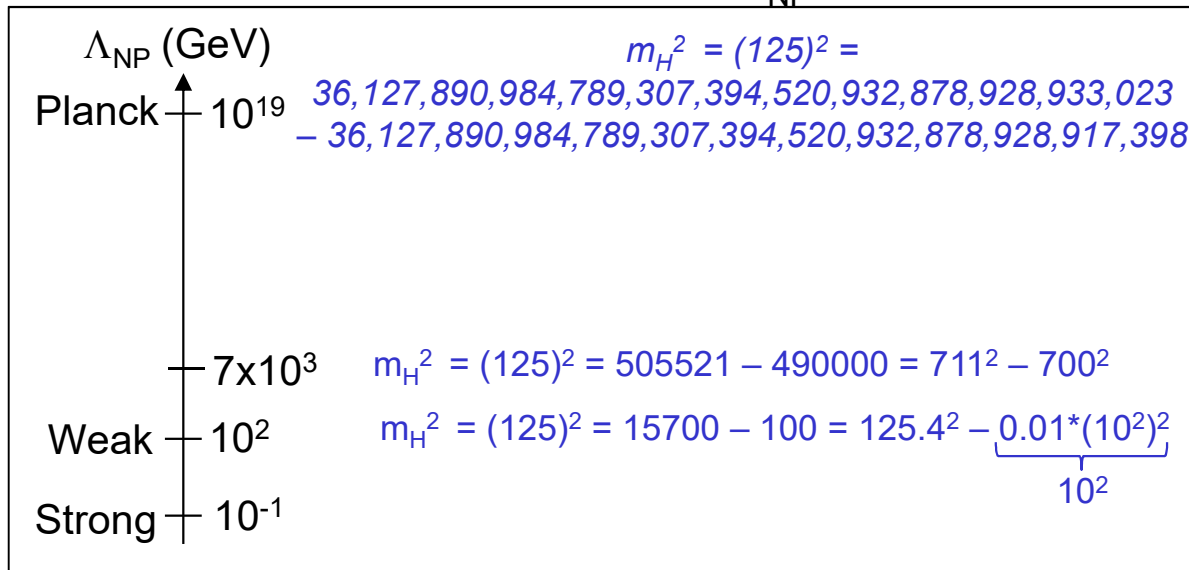
Lightest SUSY Particle

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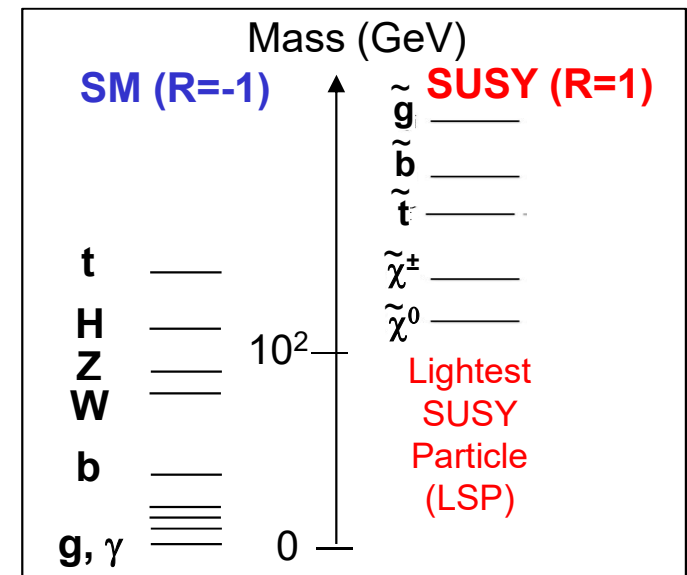
□ Higgs mass fine tuning (a.k.a. gauge hierarchy problem)

- Corrections to the Higgs mass (ΔM) increase with E: $m_H^2 = (m_H^2)_0 - \Delta M^2$
- Add new 'mirror' SUSY particles* to mitigate the problem

$$\Delta M^2 \approx 0.01 \Lambda_{NP}^2$$



$$\Delta M^2 \approx 0.01(m_{SUSY}^2 - m_{SM}^2) \ln(\Lambda_{NP}/m_{SUSY})$$



- LSP χ : stable (protected by a new R symmetry), massive, neutral, weakly interacting

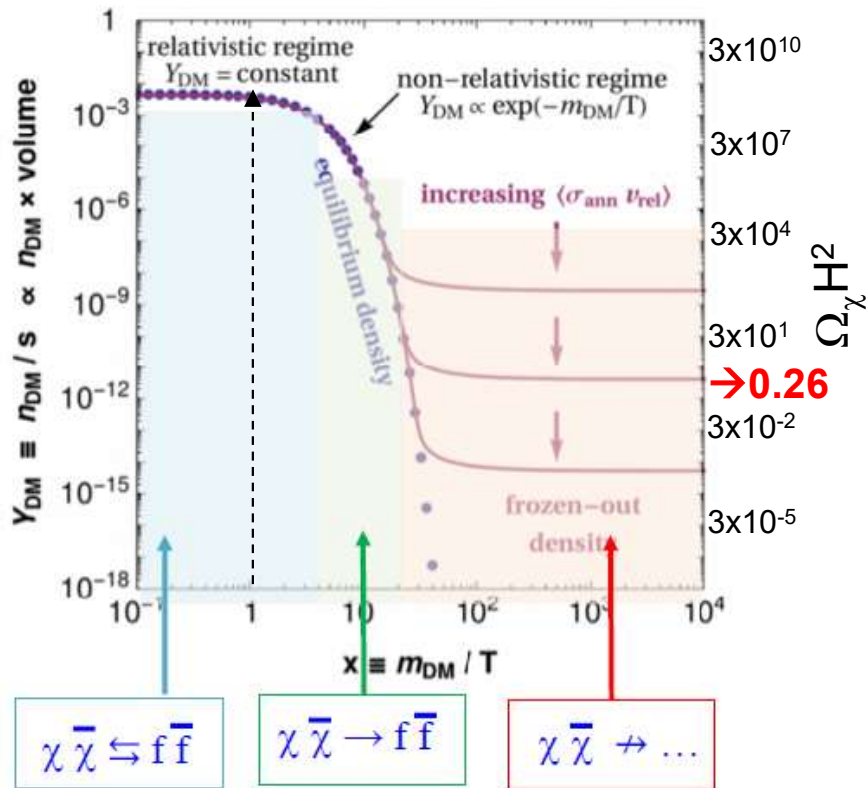
* Same quantum numbers as SM particles but the spin (S-1/2) and the mass (as SUSY is broken).

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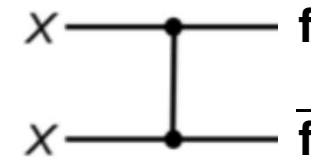
□ Thermal production in the Early Universe

- When $T(K) < m_\chi$, $\chi \chi \rightarrow f \bar{f}$ to maintain thermal equilibrium
- ρ_χ drops so that $\chi \chi \rightarrow f \bar{f}$ stops: freeze-out with χ non-relativistic



WIMP Miracle

$$\Omega_X \propto \frac{1}{\langle \sigma v \rangle} \sim \frac{m_X^2}{g_X^4}$$



Assuming $g_{DM} = \text{weak interaction} = 0.6$
and $\Omega_\chi = \Omega_{DM} = 0.26 \rightarrow m_\chi \sim 200 \text{ GeV}$

Close to the EWSB scale \rightarrow Miracle ?

(Weakly interacting Massive Particle)

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