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A comprehensive analysis of supernova neutrino-dark matter interactions

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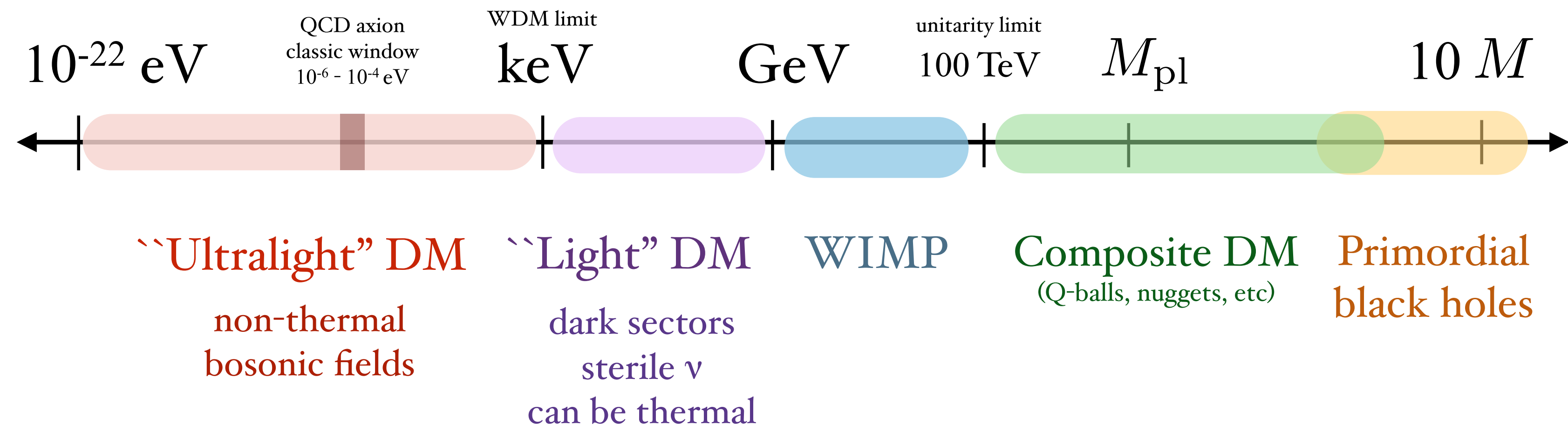
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- What is the nature of dark matter and its interactions?
- What is its mass?
- What is its spin?
- Does it have non-gravitational interactions?

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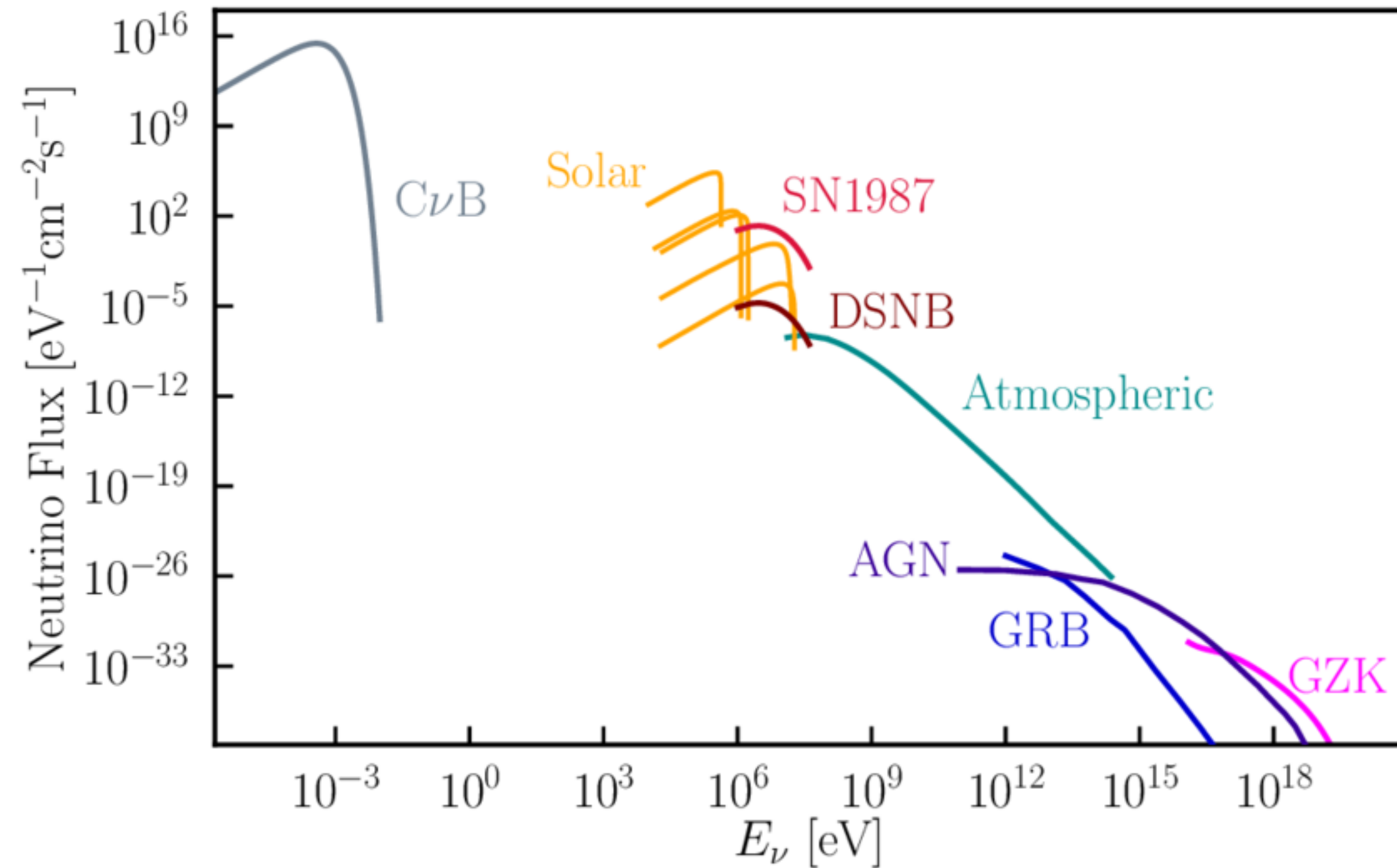


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- Exploring neutrinos
 - Majorana vs Dirac?
 - Normal/Inverted ordering?
 - Any non-standard interactions?
- Observed neutrino energy scale can tell us about different kinds of physics

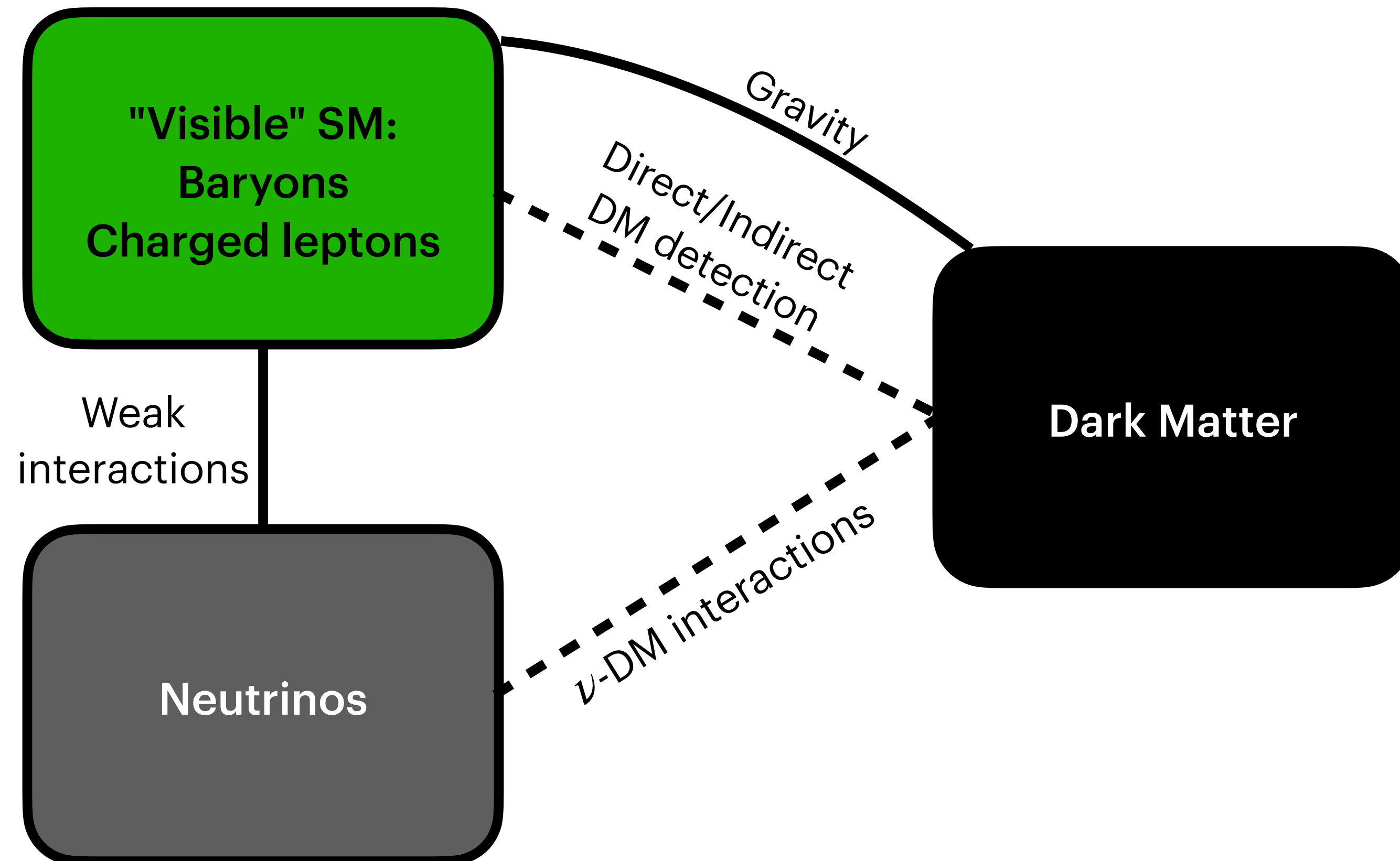


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- Can these two sectors interact, and can we be sensitive to it?



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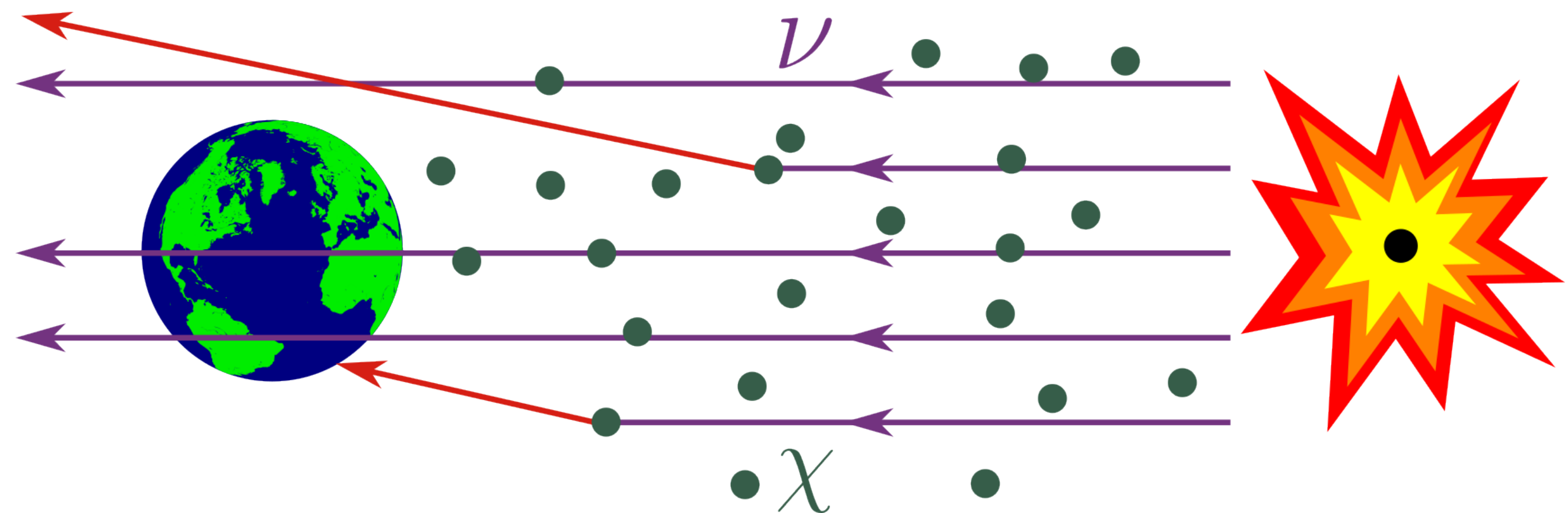
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 - local supernova
 - diffuse supernova neutrino background
 - high energy astrophysical neutrinos



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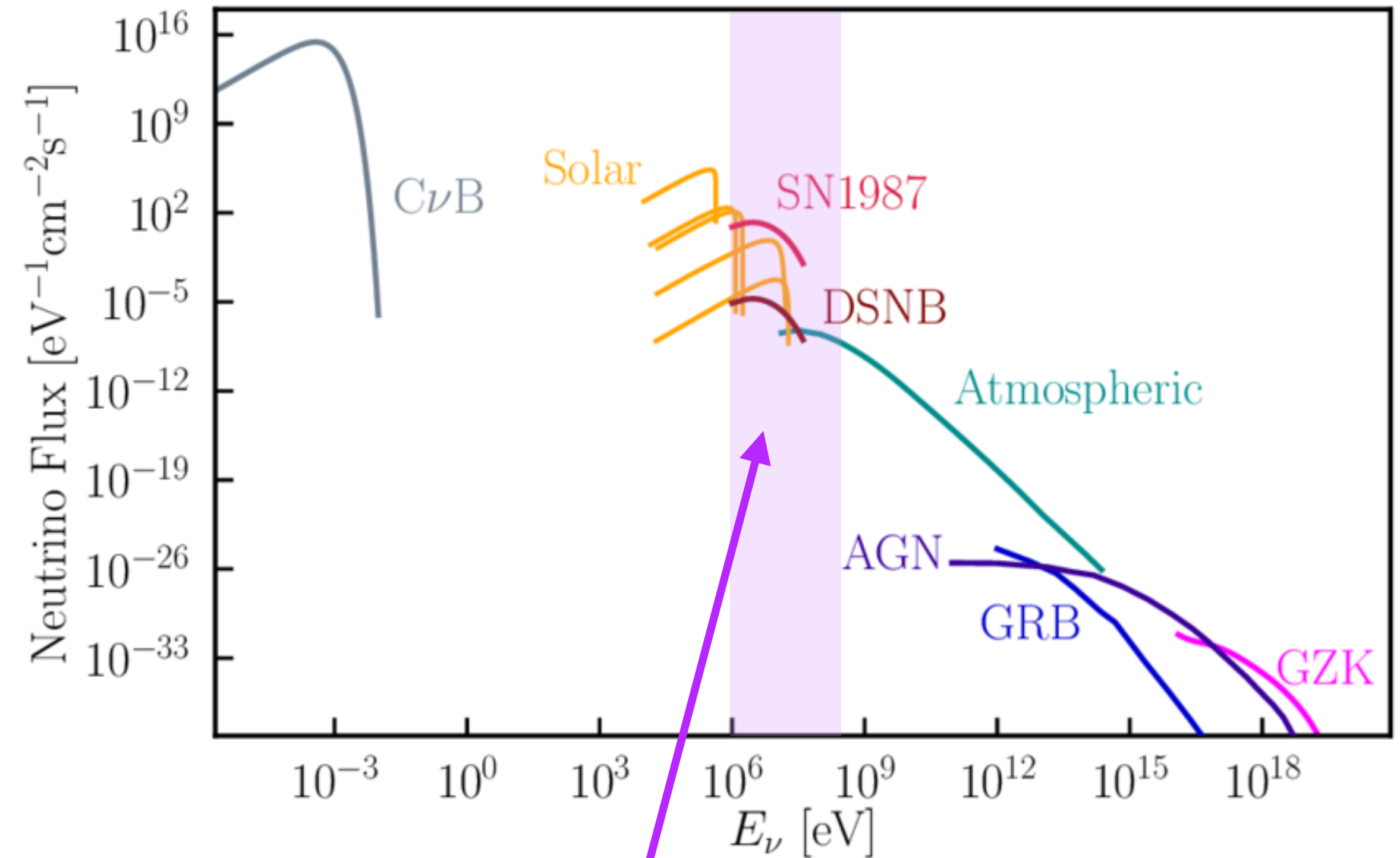
- Upcoming neutrino experiments sensitive to SN neutrino flux, dominantly at MeV range
 - Can they probe effects of SN neutrinos passing through galactic DM halo?
 - Such a signal prefers higher number density of DM:

$$m_\chi < 1 \text{ GeV}$$

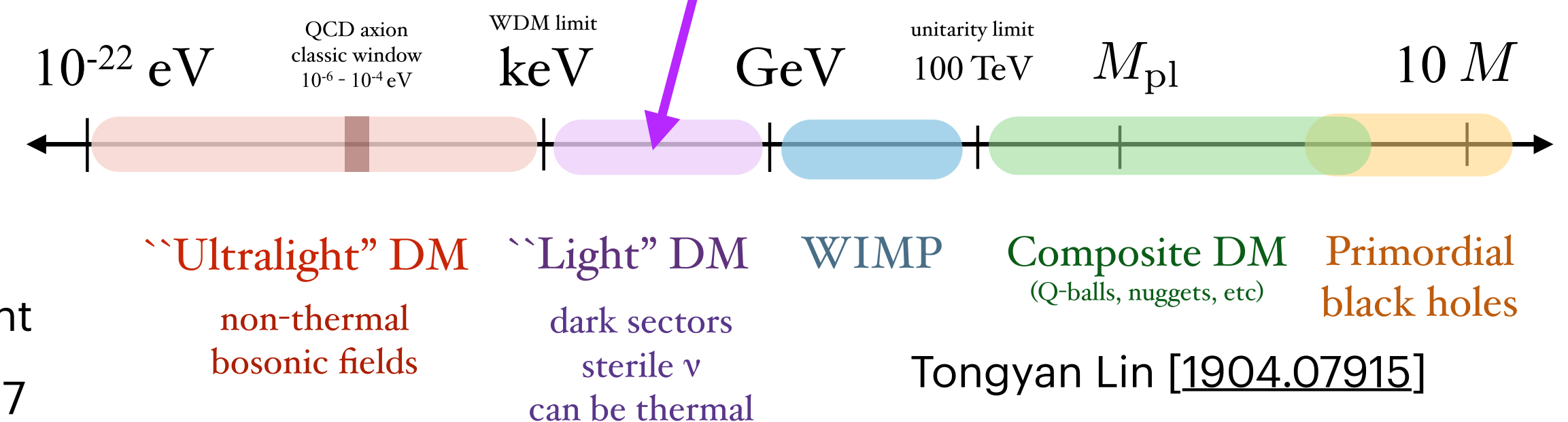


Scales of ν -DM interactions

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

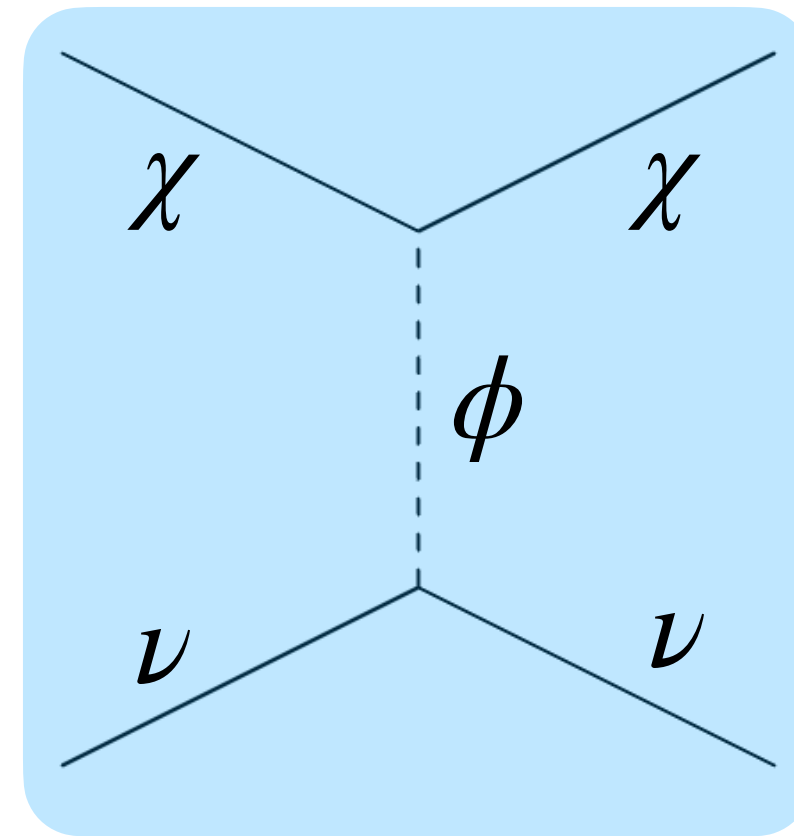


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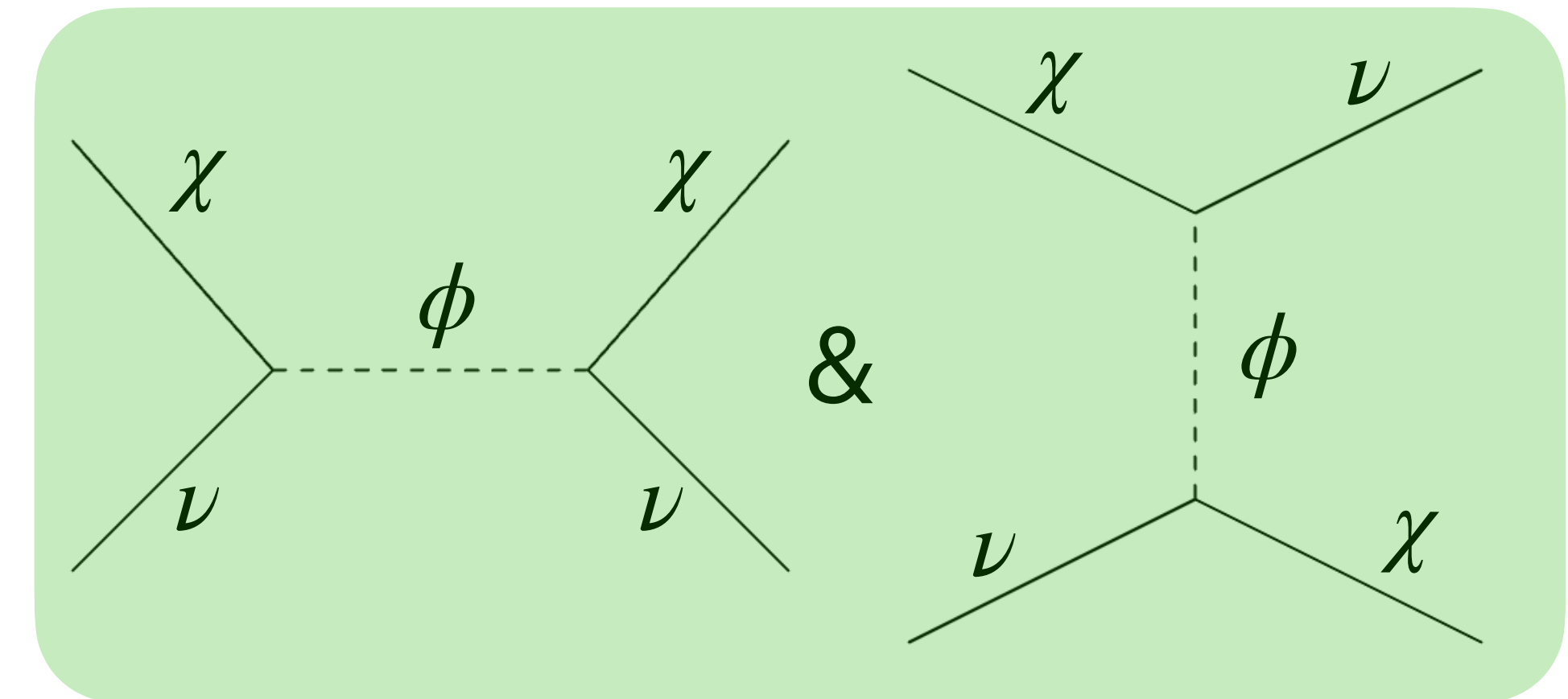


Modeling ν -DM interactions

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



or



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

Modeling ν -DM interactions

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

- **Scalar mediator cases:**

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

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

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Bounds on ν -DM interactions

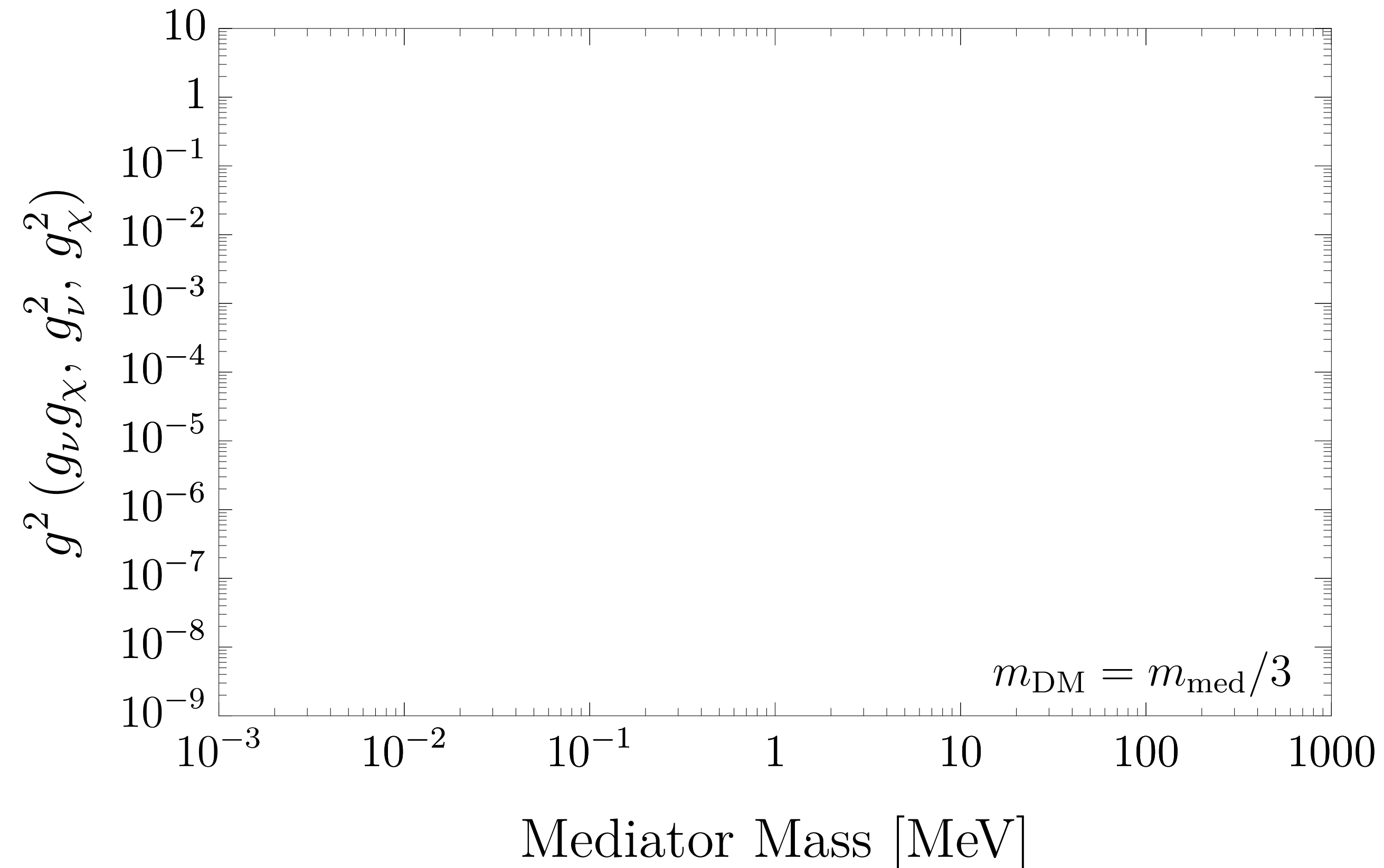
- Three categories for bounds on these interactions:
 - Cosmological
 - Astrophysical
 - Lab
- Will carefully show each bound for one example model: Dirac fermion DM, scalar mediator:

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

Bound Plots for Example Models

Dirac Fermion DM, Scalar mediator

- Cosmological bounds:



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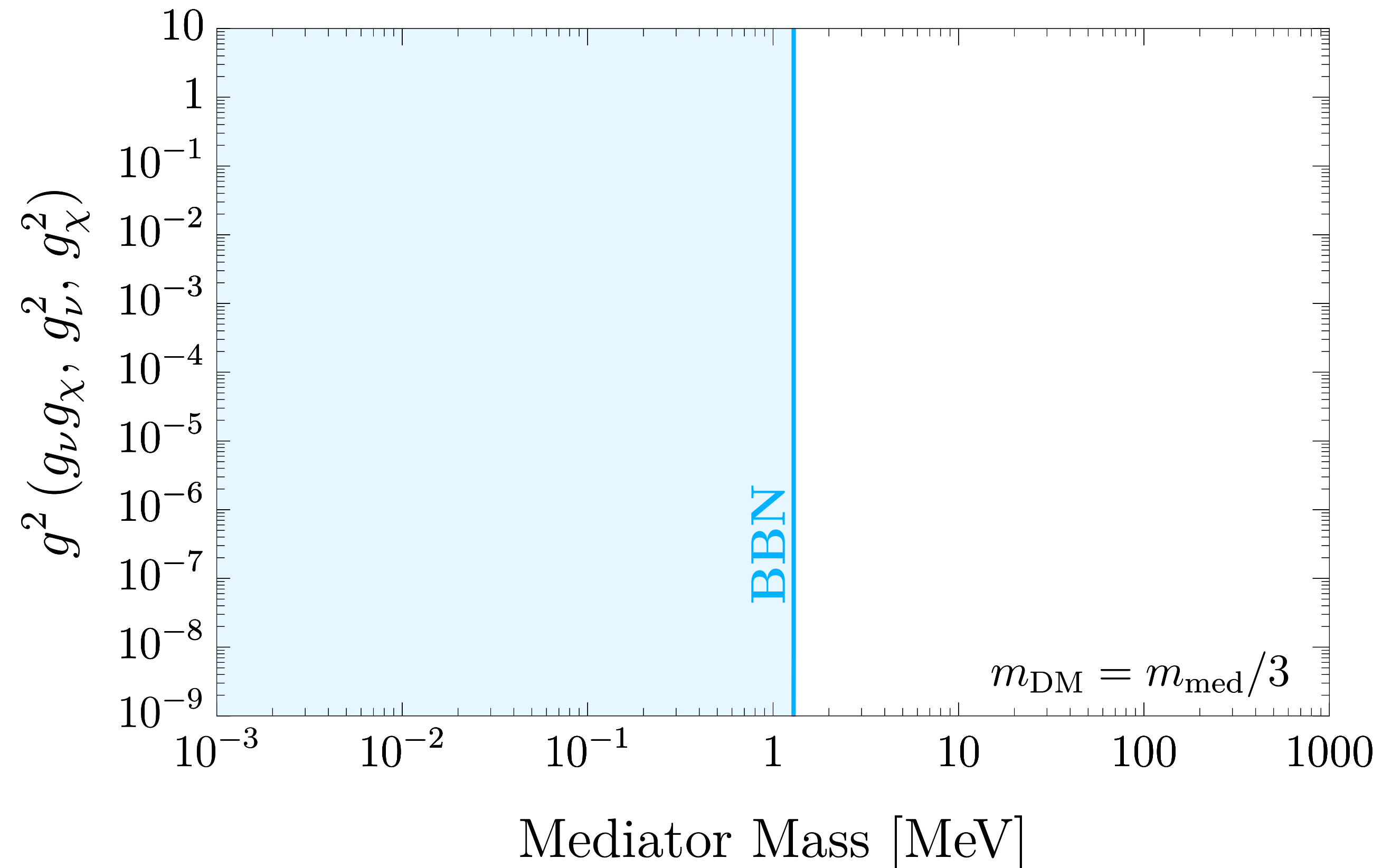
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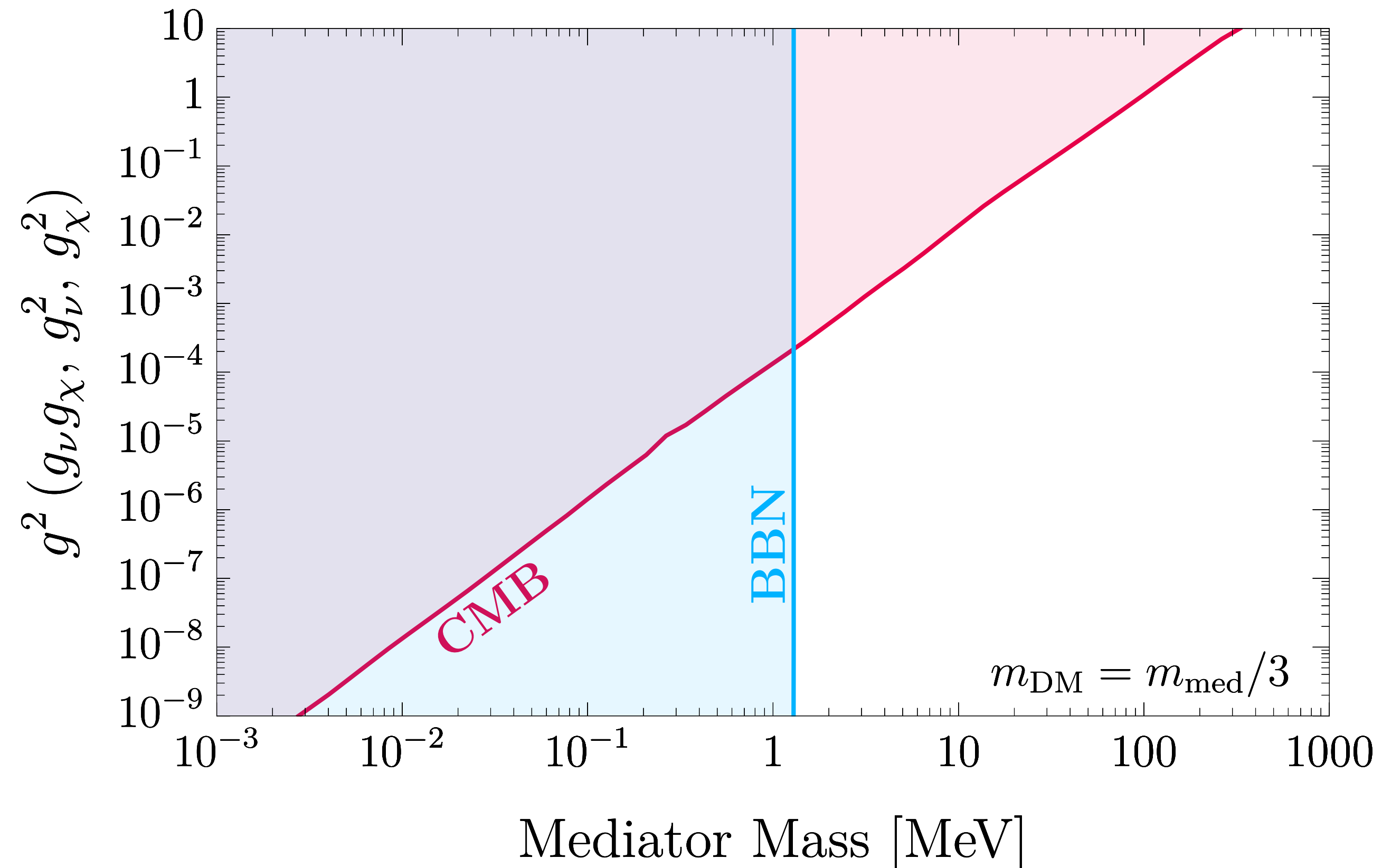


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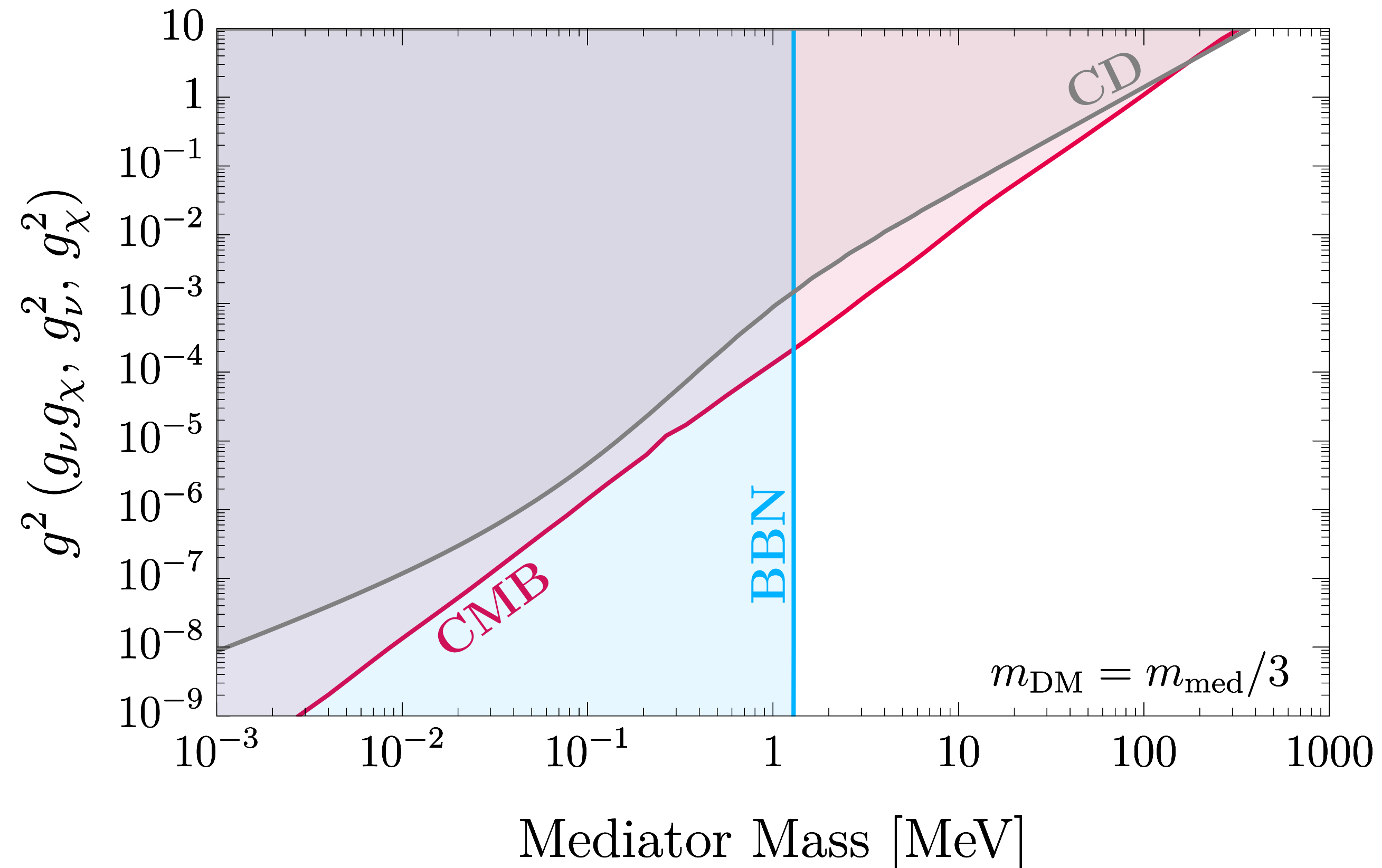


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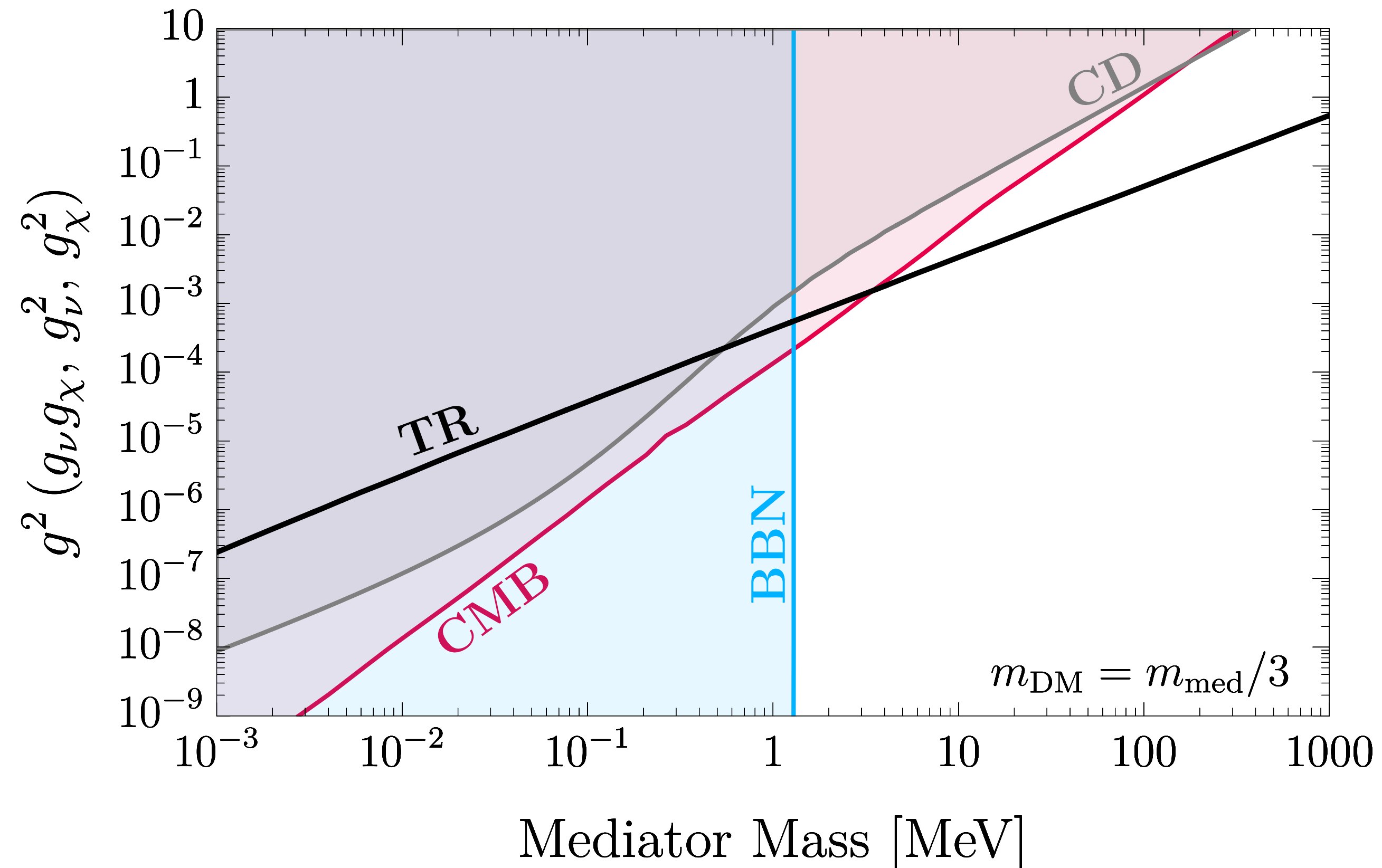


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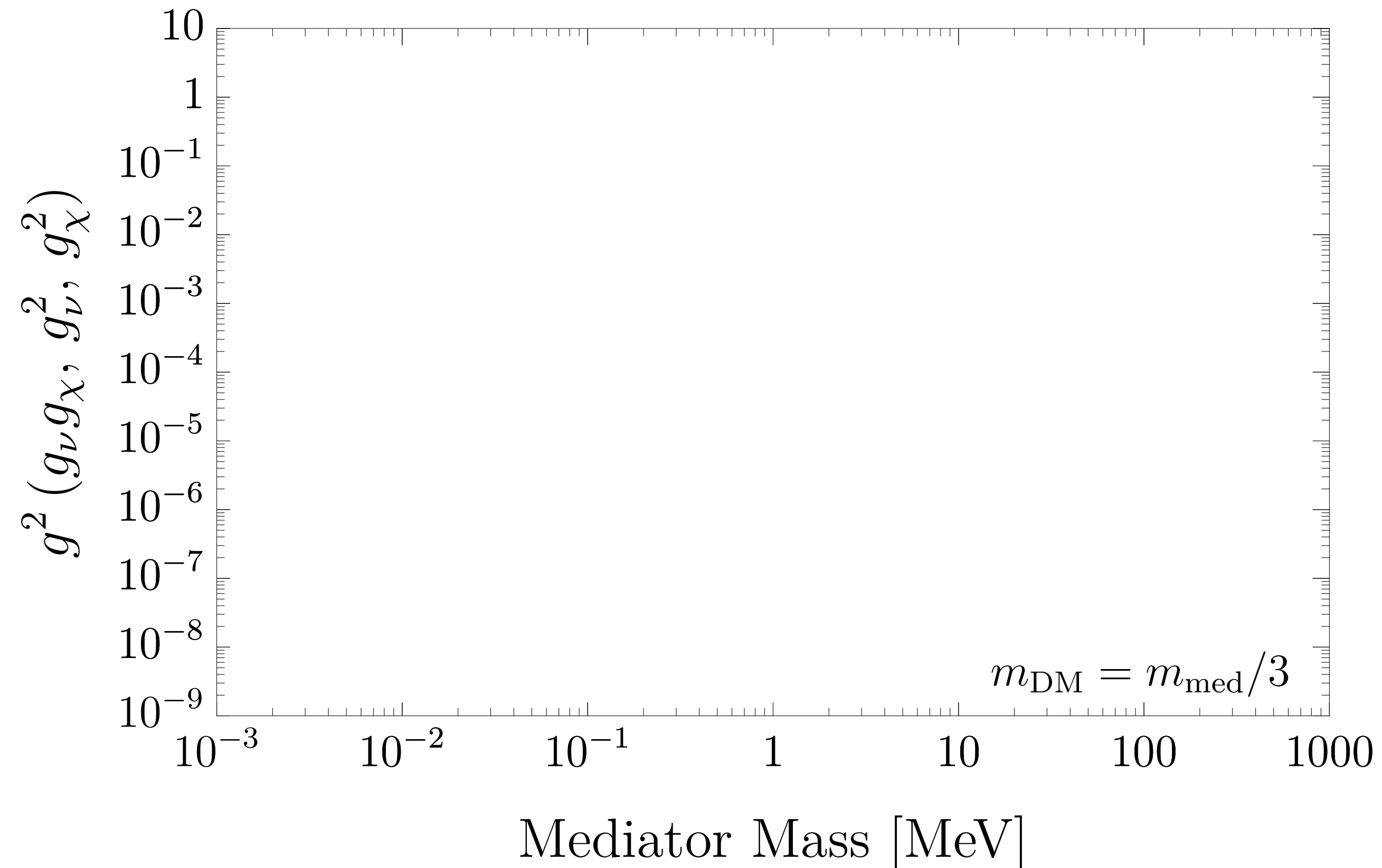


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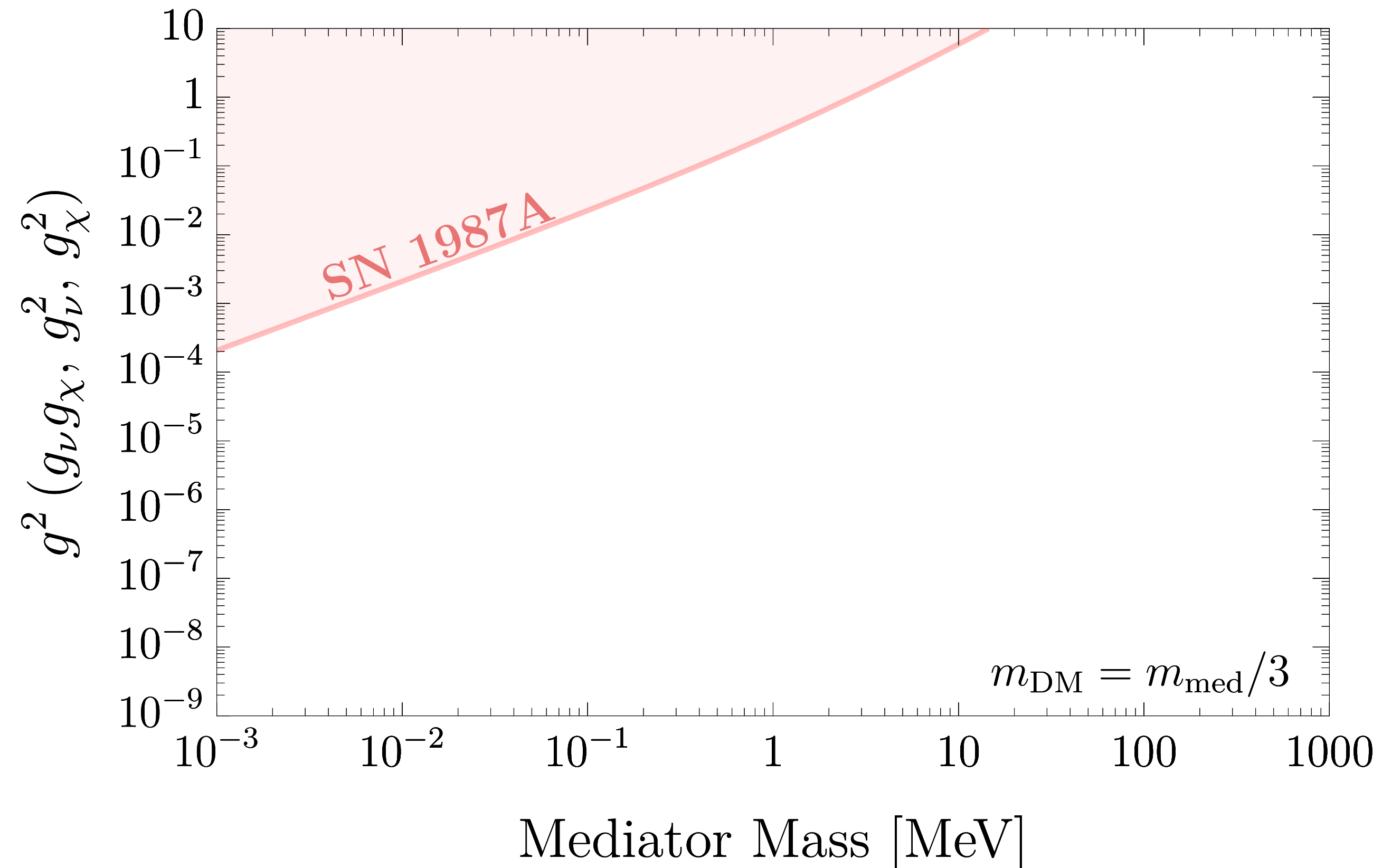
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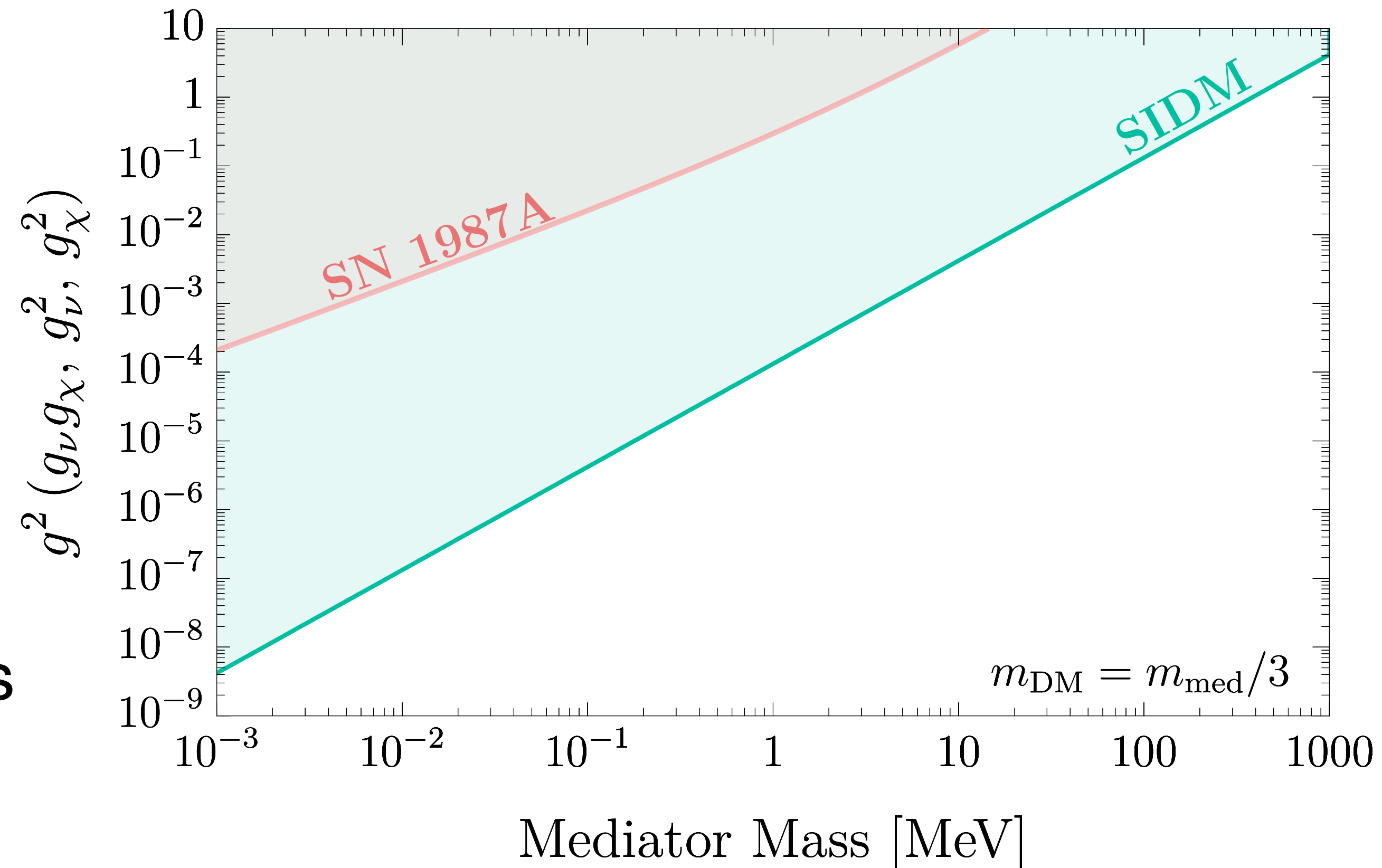
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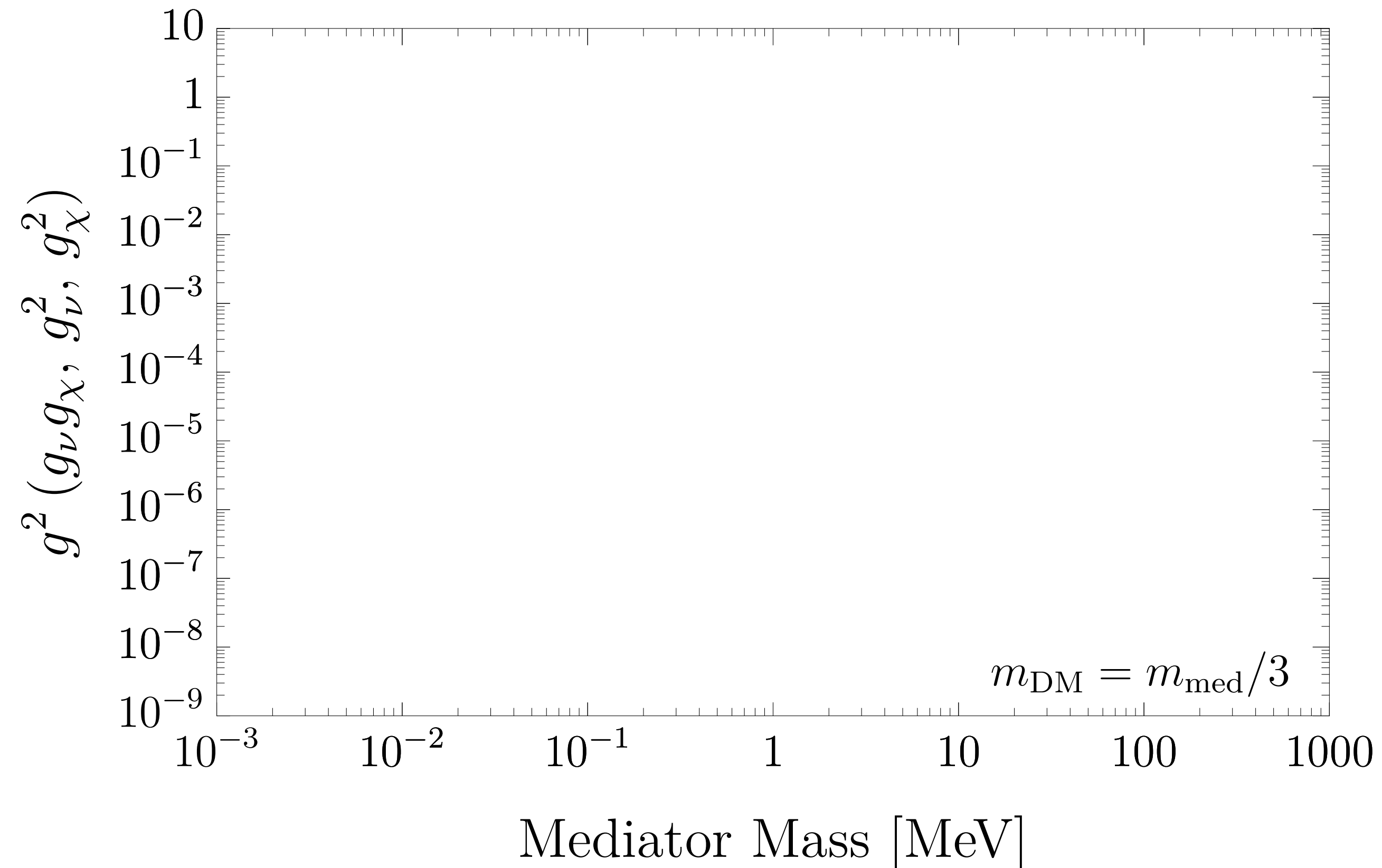
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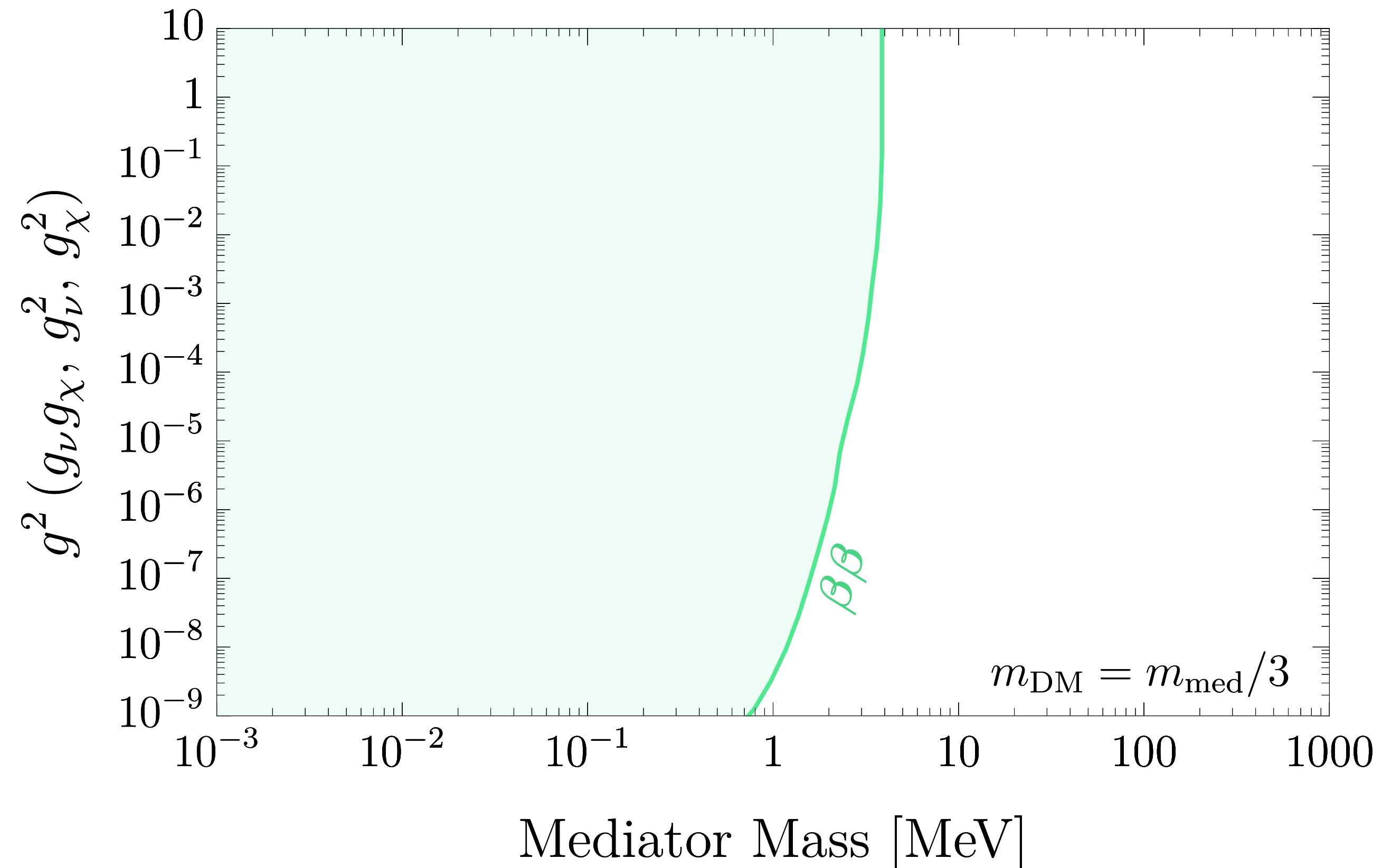
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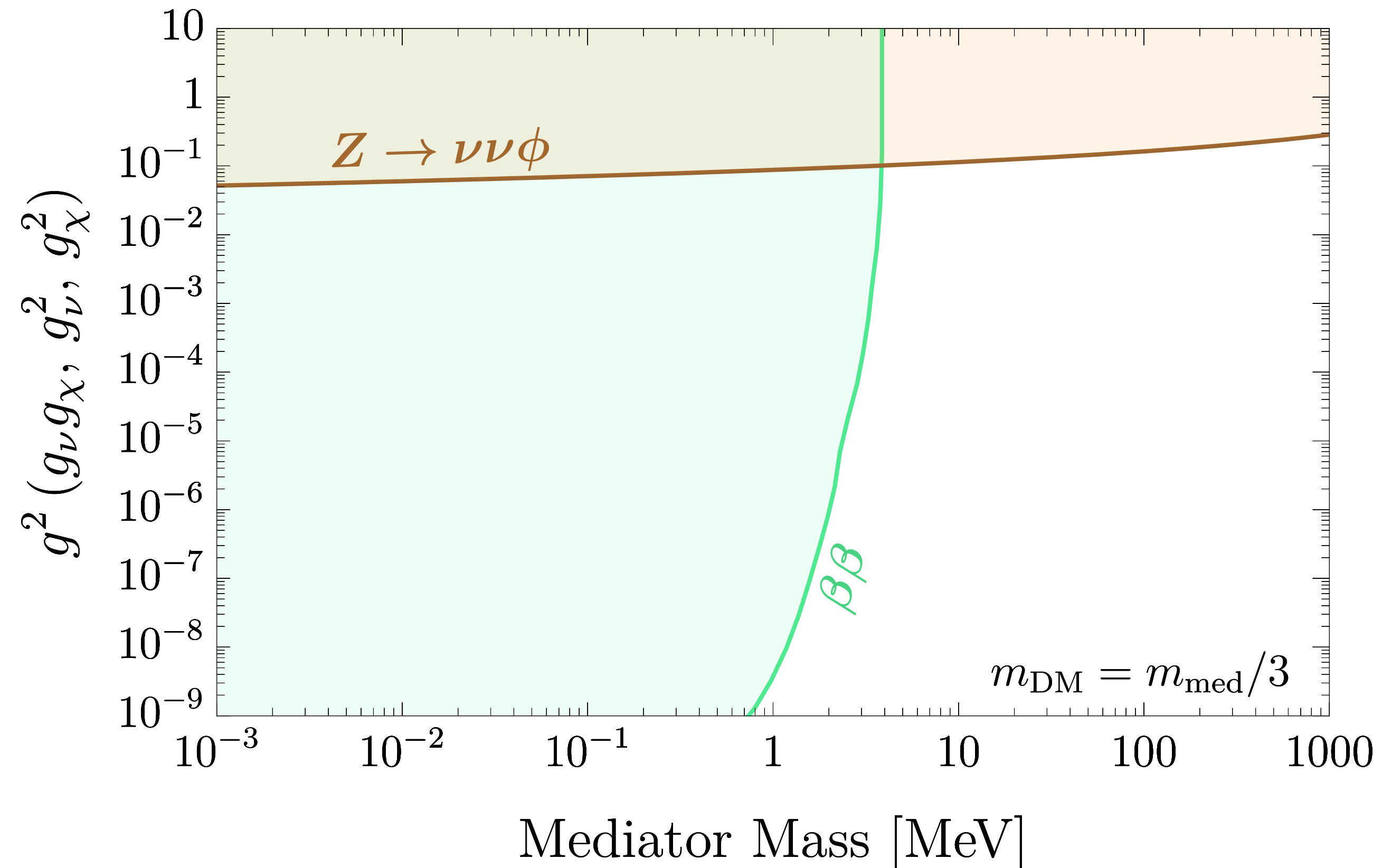
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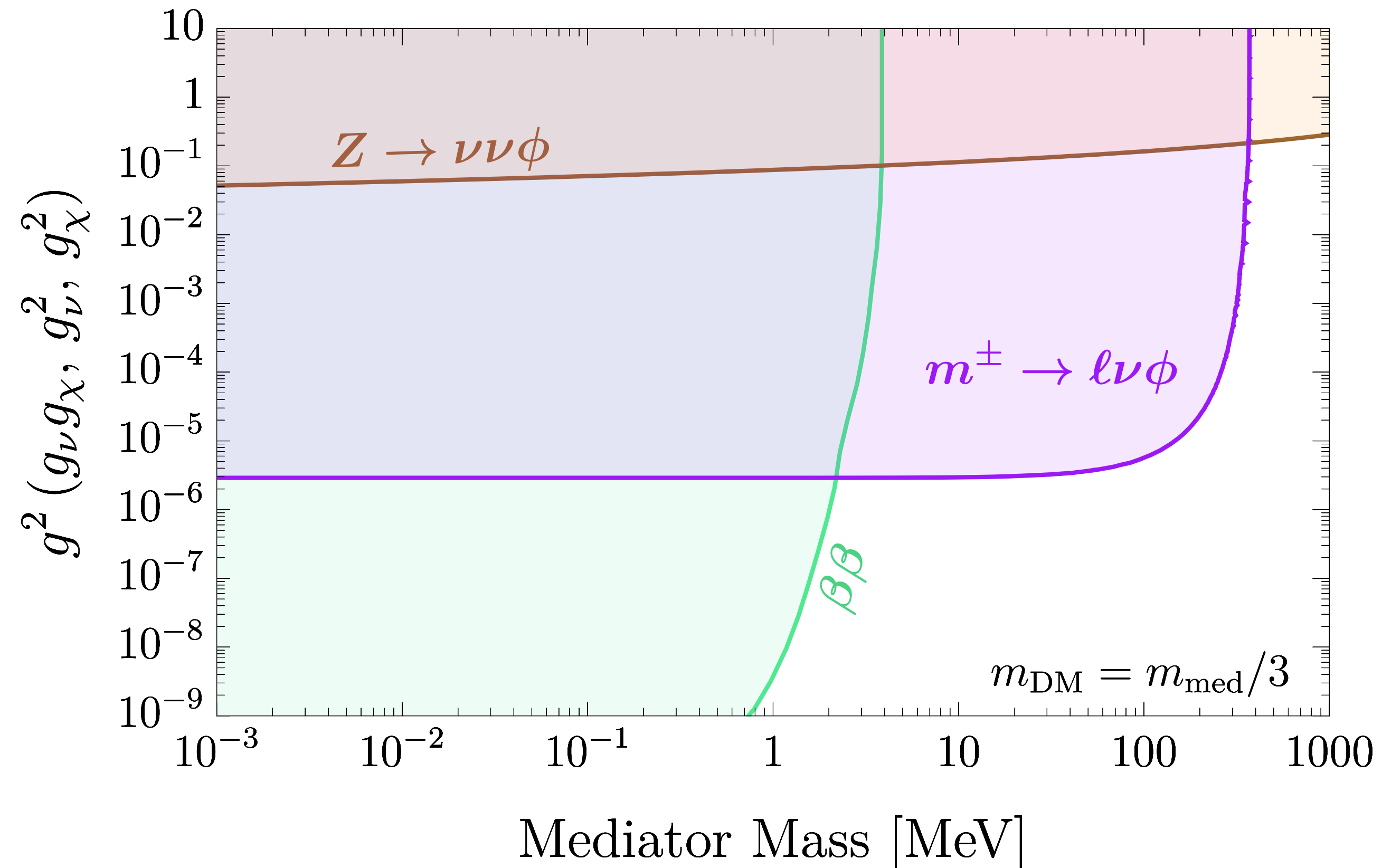
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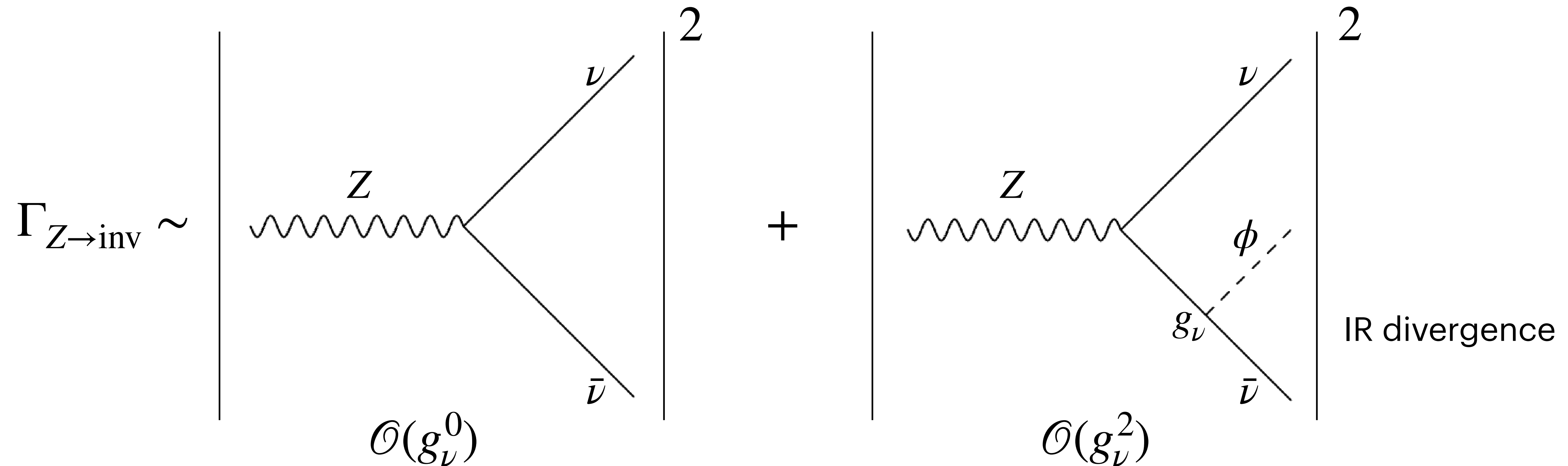
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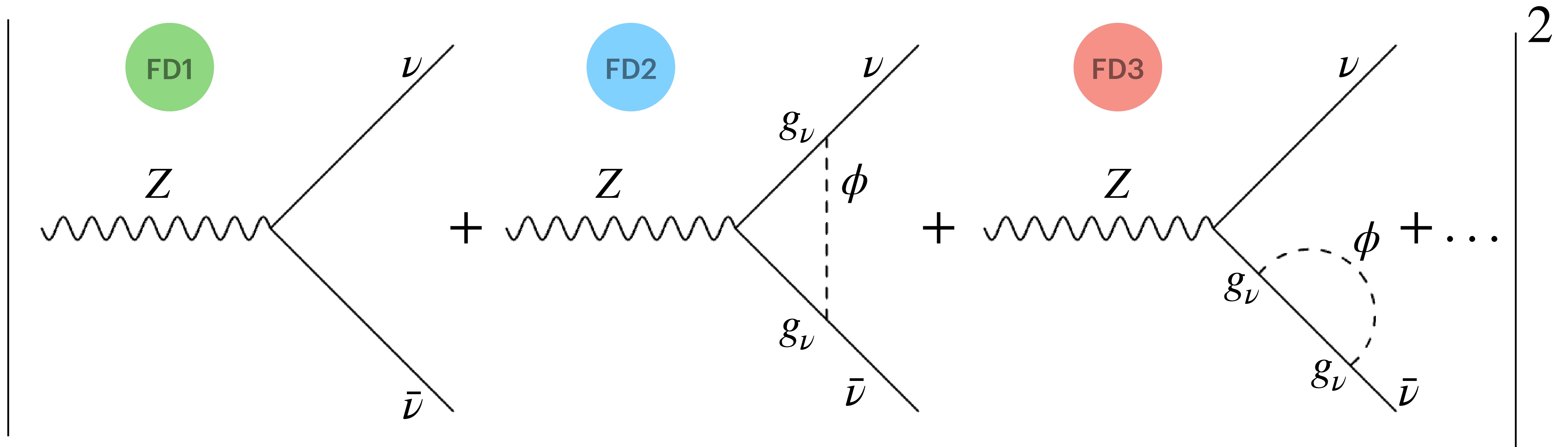
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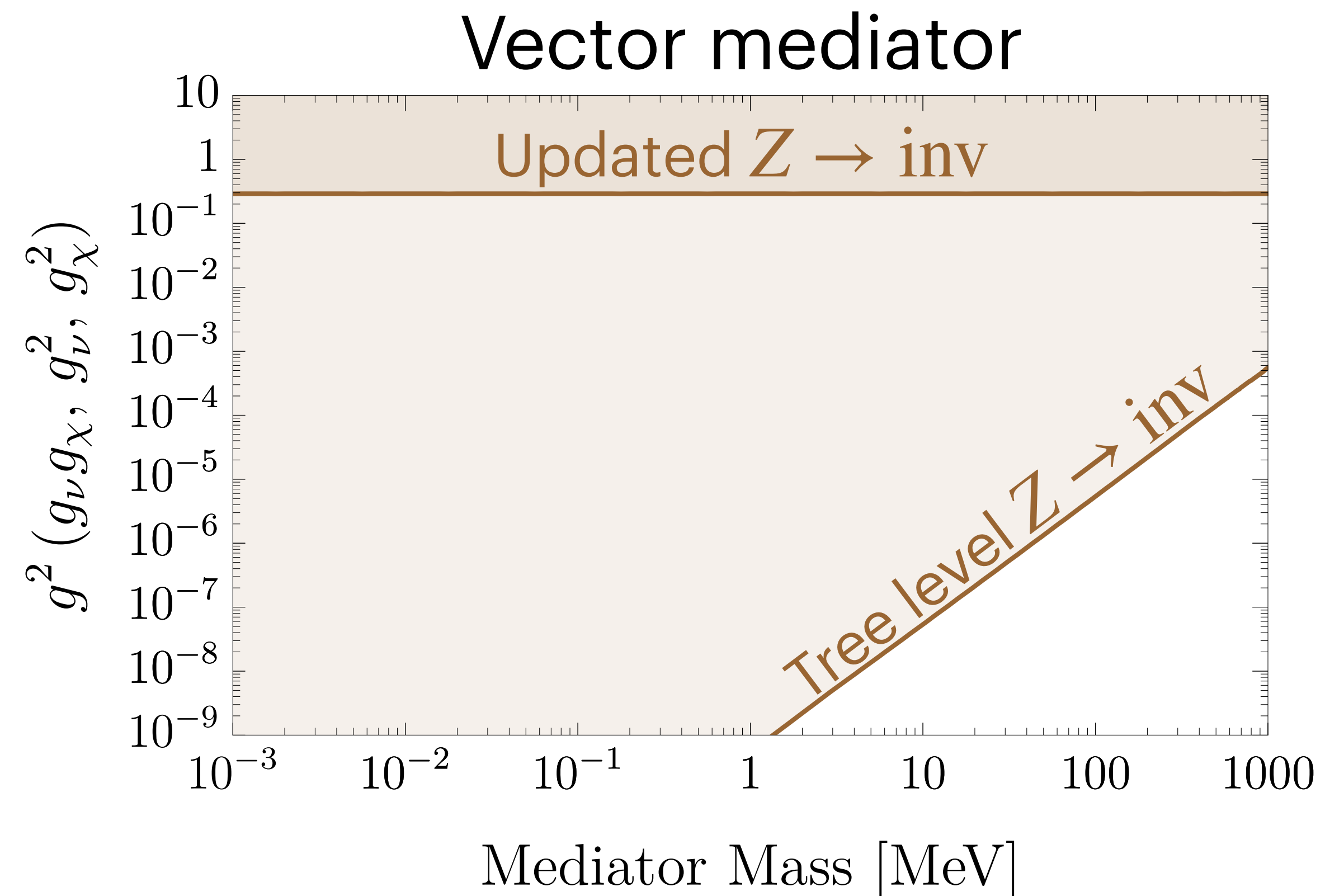
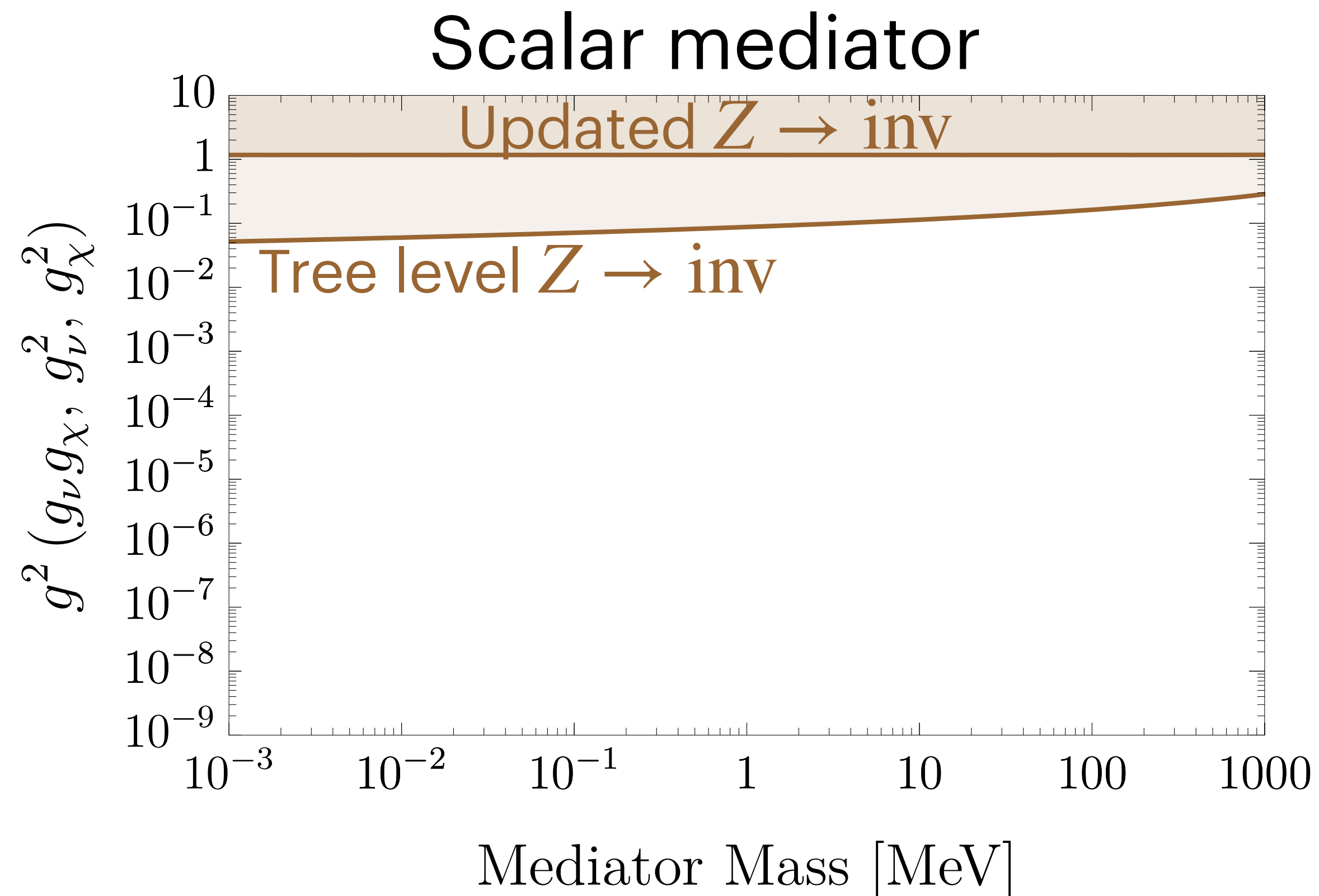


Interference terms and are $\mathcal{O}(g_\nu^2)$, like tree level $Z \rightarrow \nu\nu\phi$

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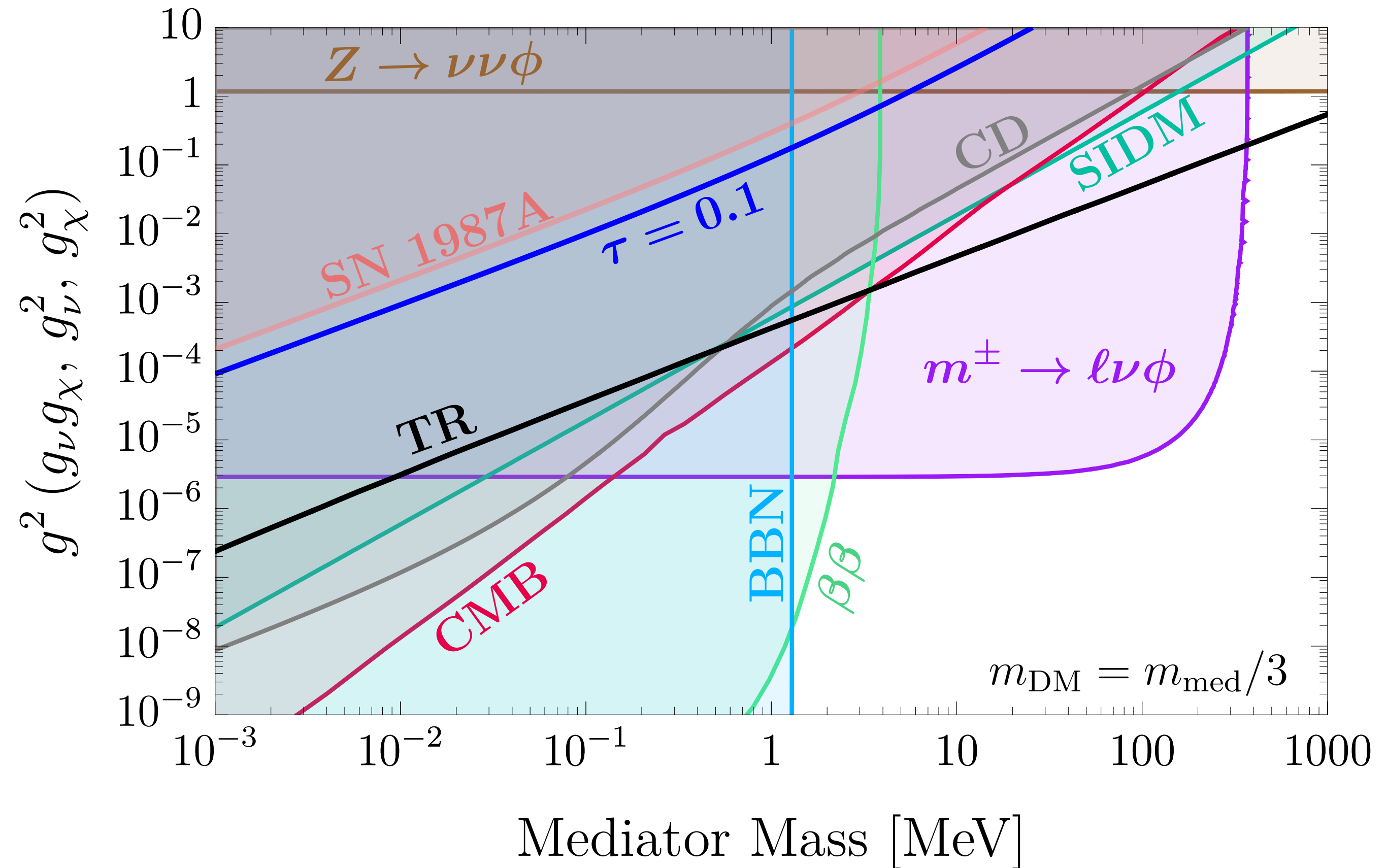
- Updated bound for scalar and vector mediators are relaxed for Z and meson decays



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Dirac Fermion DM, Scalar Mediator

- Compiling all the bounds for this model:
- $\tau = 0.1$: Opacity of 10 MeV neutrinos for SN in Milky Way galaxy 10 kpc away
- improves over 1987A bound
- but already ruled out by many other constraints for $m_{\text{DM}} = m_{\text{med}}/3$



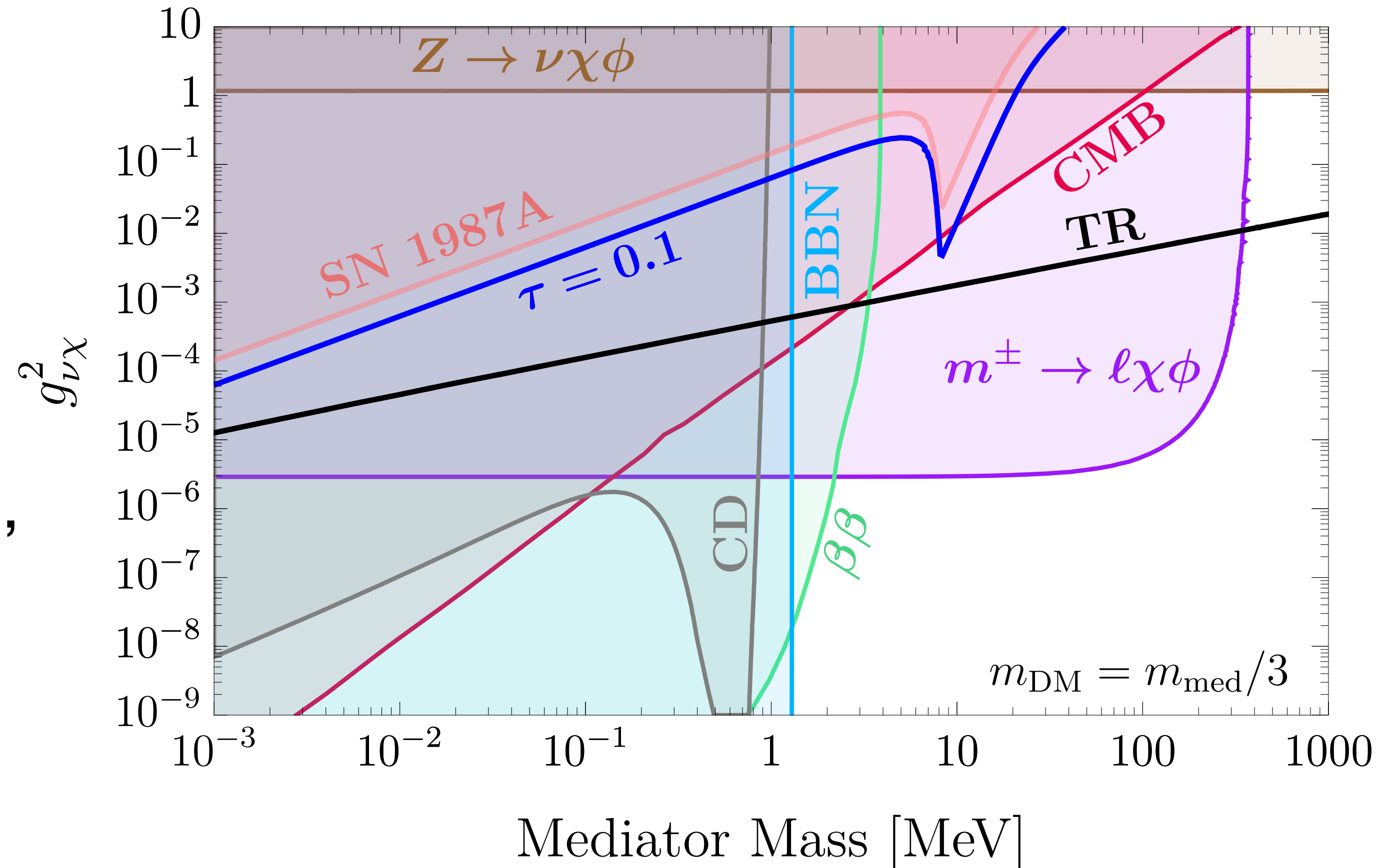
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Scalar DM, Fermion mediator

- Now for a fermion mediator, where the process is s&u-channel:

$$\mathcal{L} = -\phi\bar{N}(g_s + ig_p\gamma_5)P_L\nu_L + \text{H.c.}$$

- No tree level DM-self interactions, removing SIDM bounds
- Collisional damping bound interpolated for each model



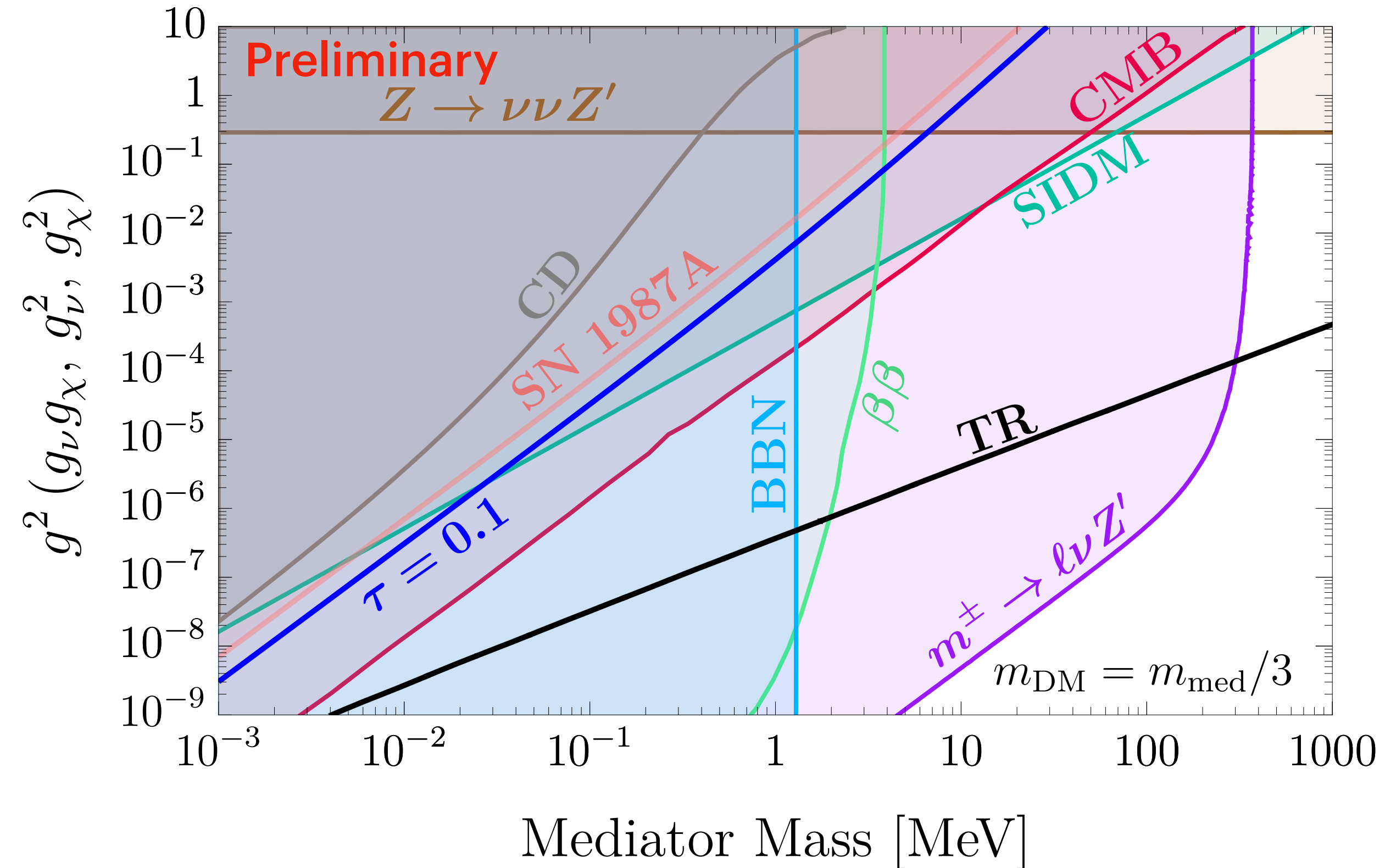
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Vector DM, Vector mediator

- Lastly, a vector mediator scenario, with real vector DM:

$$\mathcal{L} = Z'_\mu \bar{\nu} (g_{\nu L} \gamma^\mu P_L + g_{\nu R} \gamma^\mu P_R) \nu + \left(\frac{1}{2} g_\chi \chi^\mu (\partial_\mu \chi^\nu) Z'_\nu + \text{H.c.} \right)$$

- Parameter space heavily constrained
- Overall, no sensitivity in unexplored regions of parameter space with galactic SN for $m_{\text{DM}} = m_{\text{med}}/3$

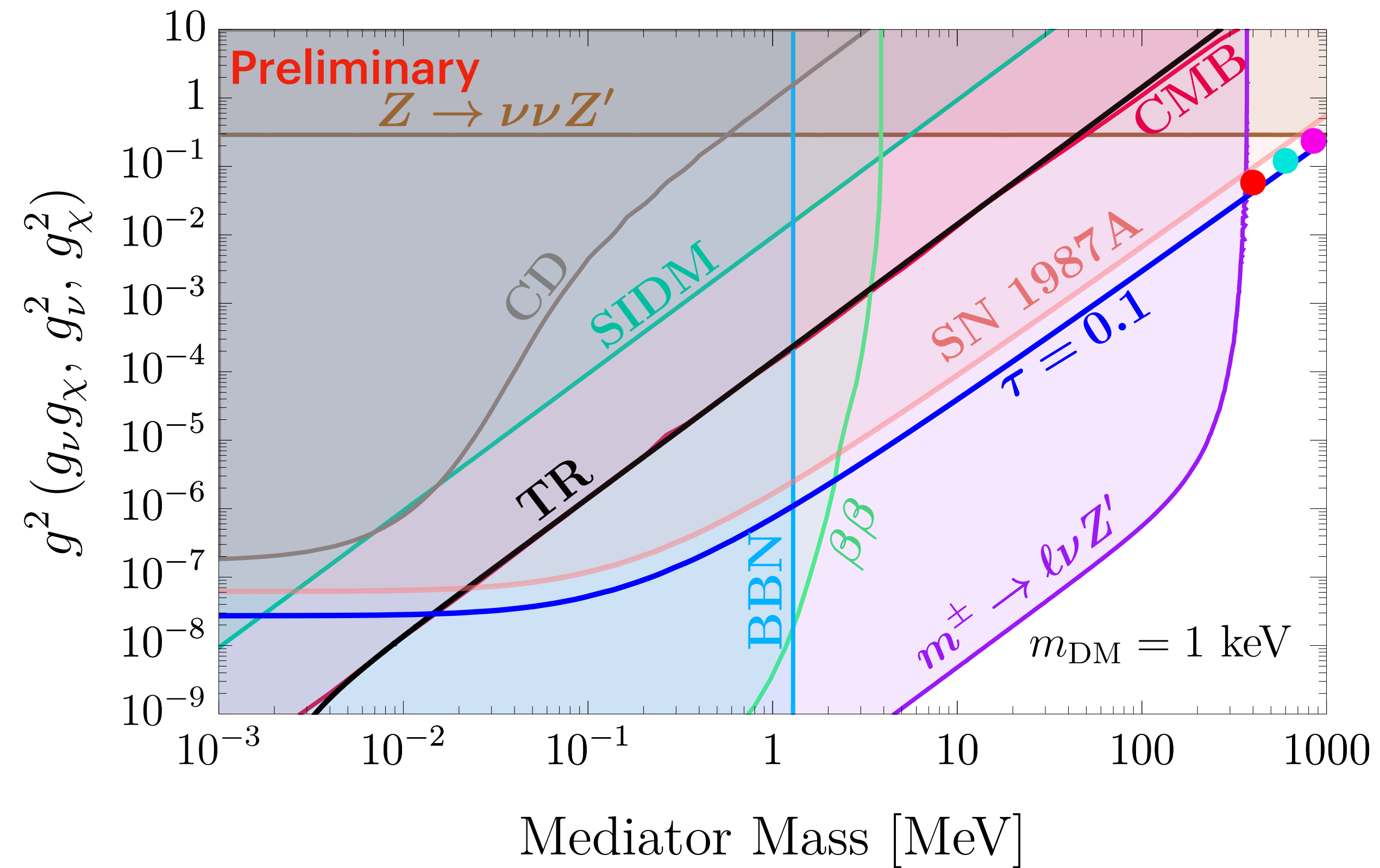


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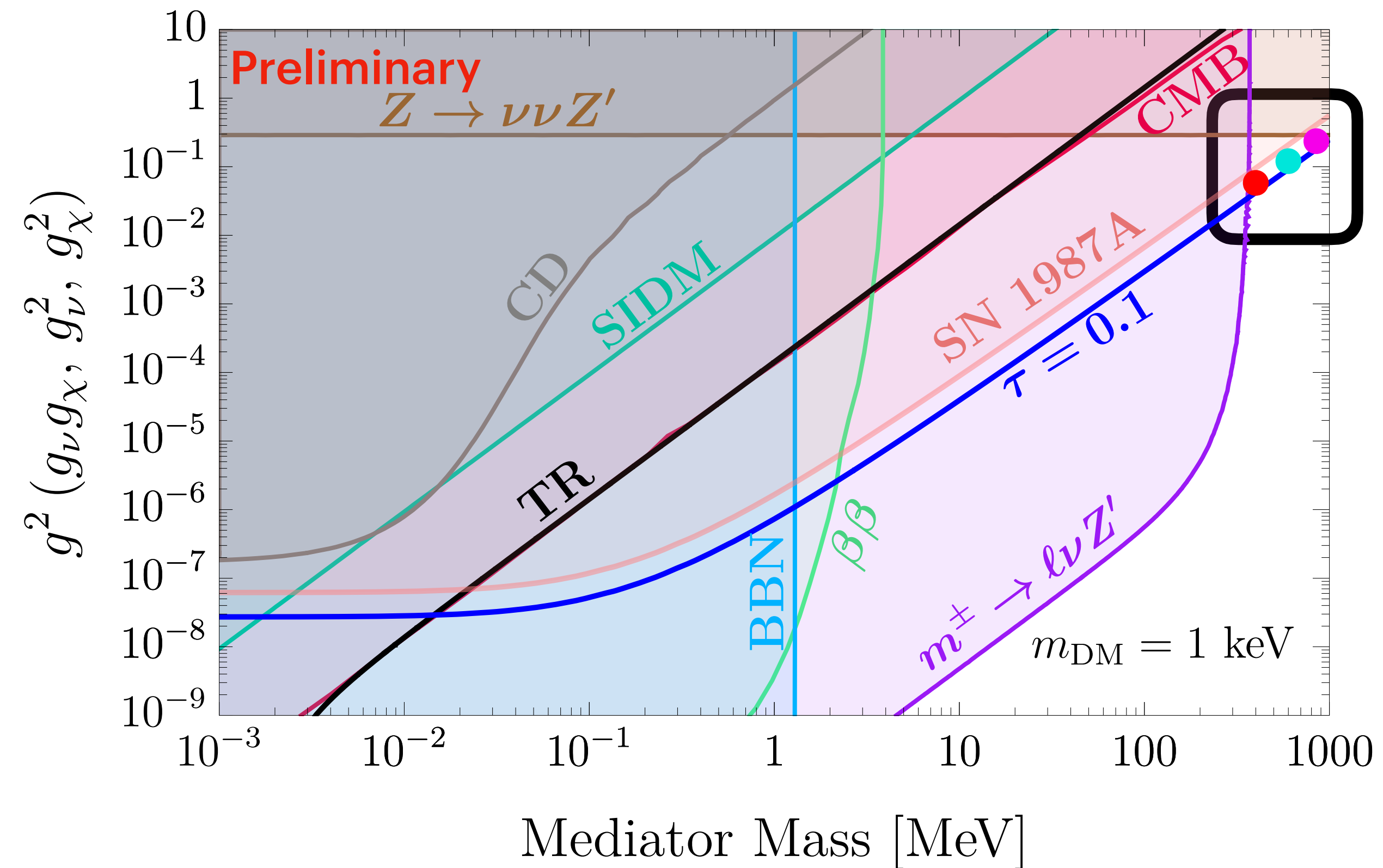
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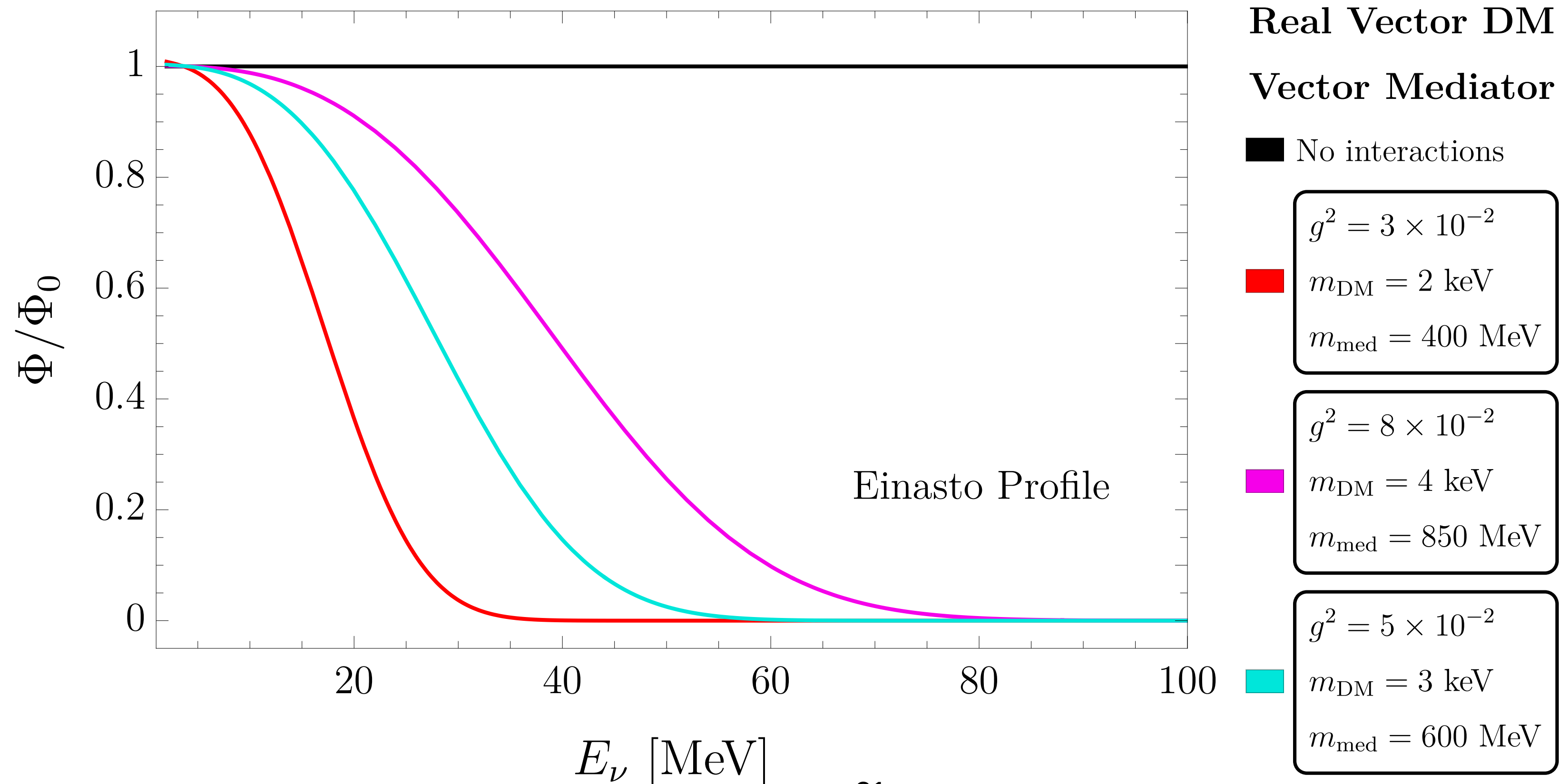


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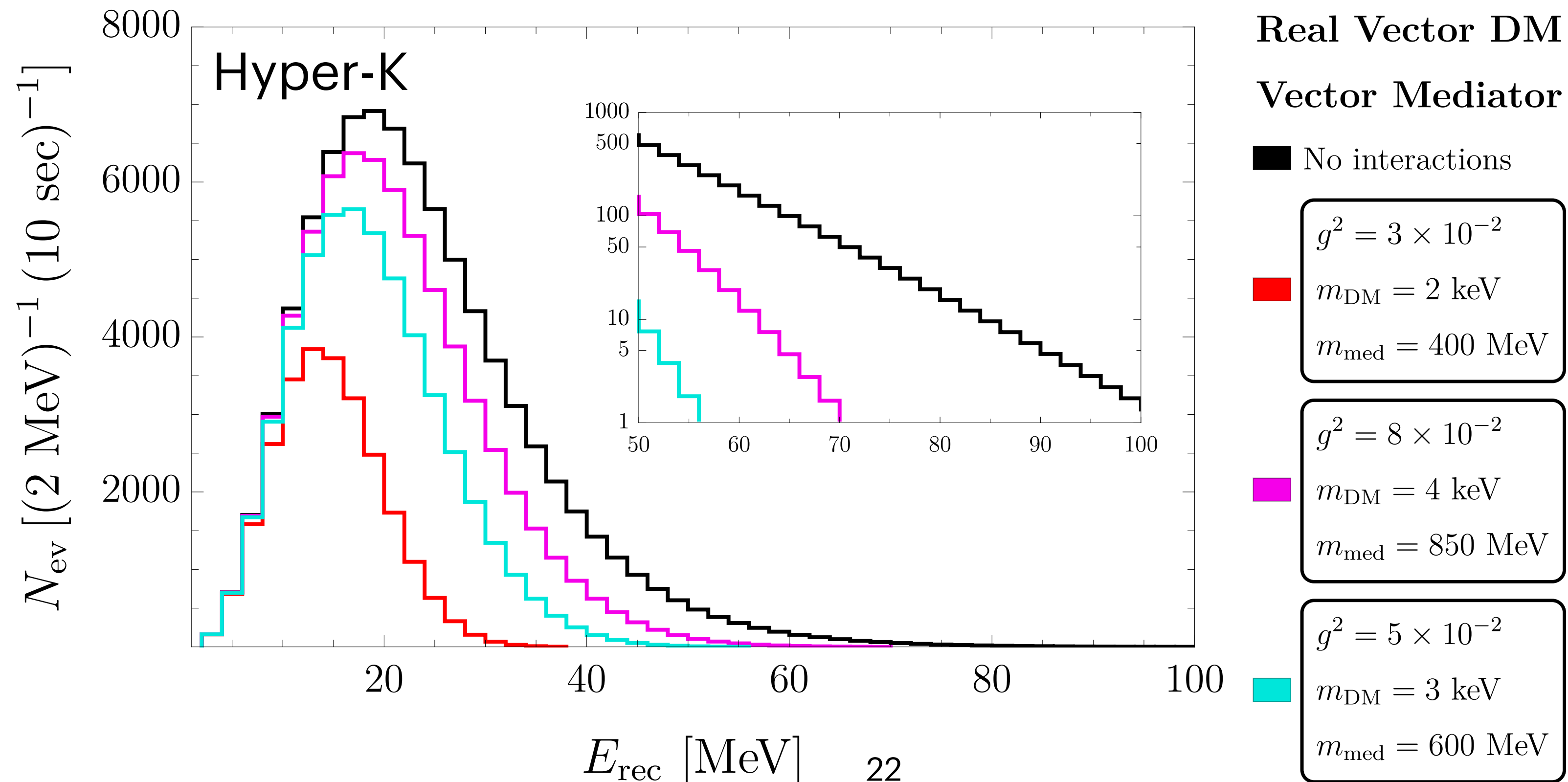


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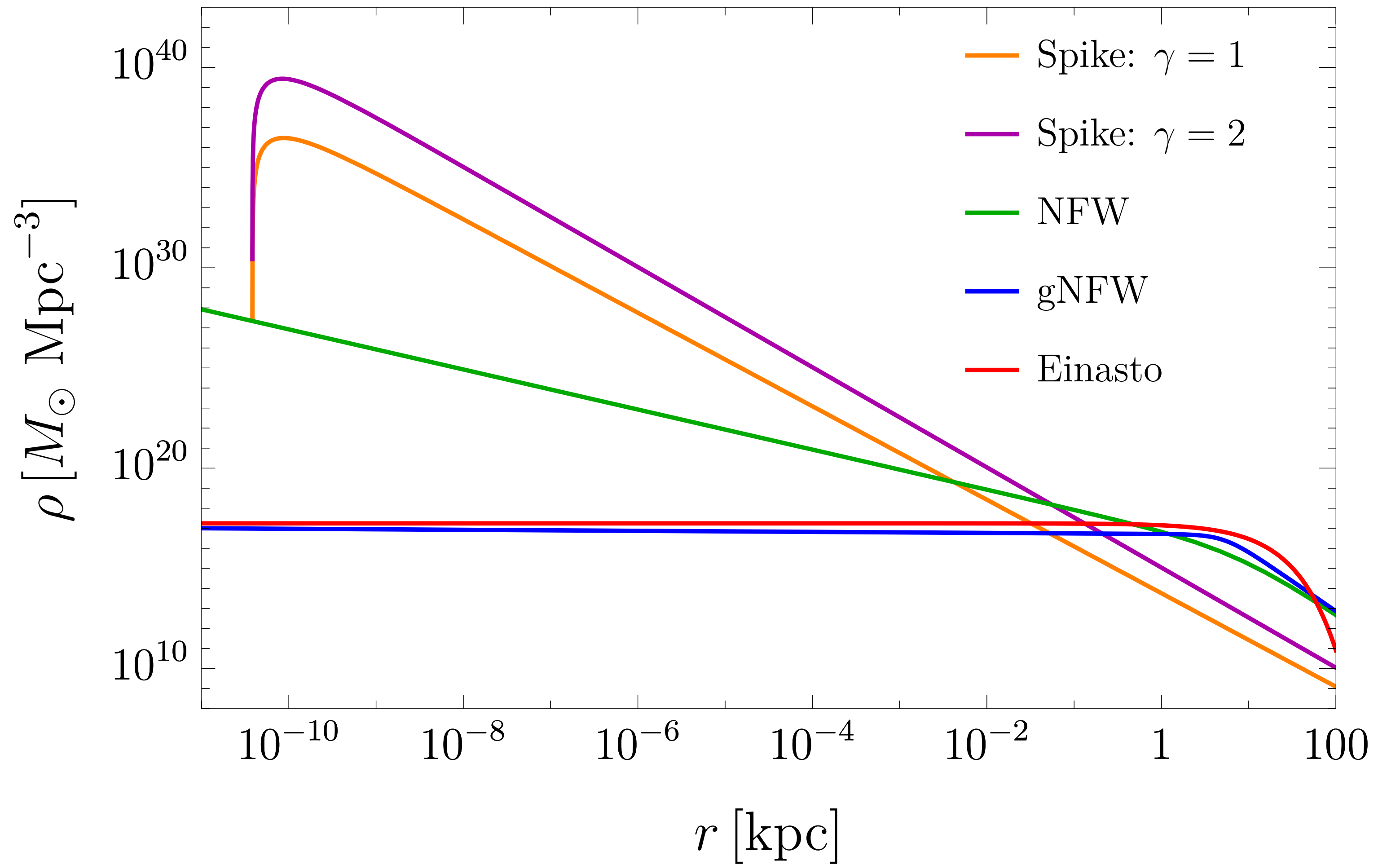
- Carried out a comprehensive analysis of models for general effective ν -DM interactions
 - Inconsistencies in comparisons to results in literature
- Many strong constraints from cosmology, astrophysics, and labs
 - Updated lab bounds, relaxing them for heavier mediators
- Even so, potential opportunities to probe neutrino interactions with light DM
- For each model, show the remaining parameter space, unexplored for $> \text{MeV}$ mediator masses
- Other scenarios:
 - axions/ALPs (large number density)
 - HEANs interacting with DM, measured at IceCube

Thank you!

Backup Slides

Comparison of DM Profiles

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



Event rate plot at DUNE

