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# IDENTIFICATION OF DARK MATTER PANORAMA: CHALLENGES AND PROMISE

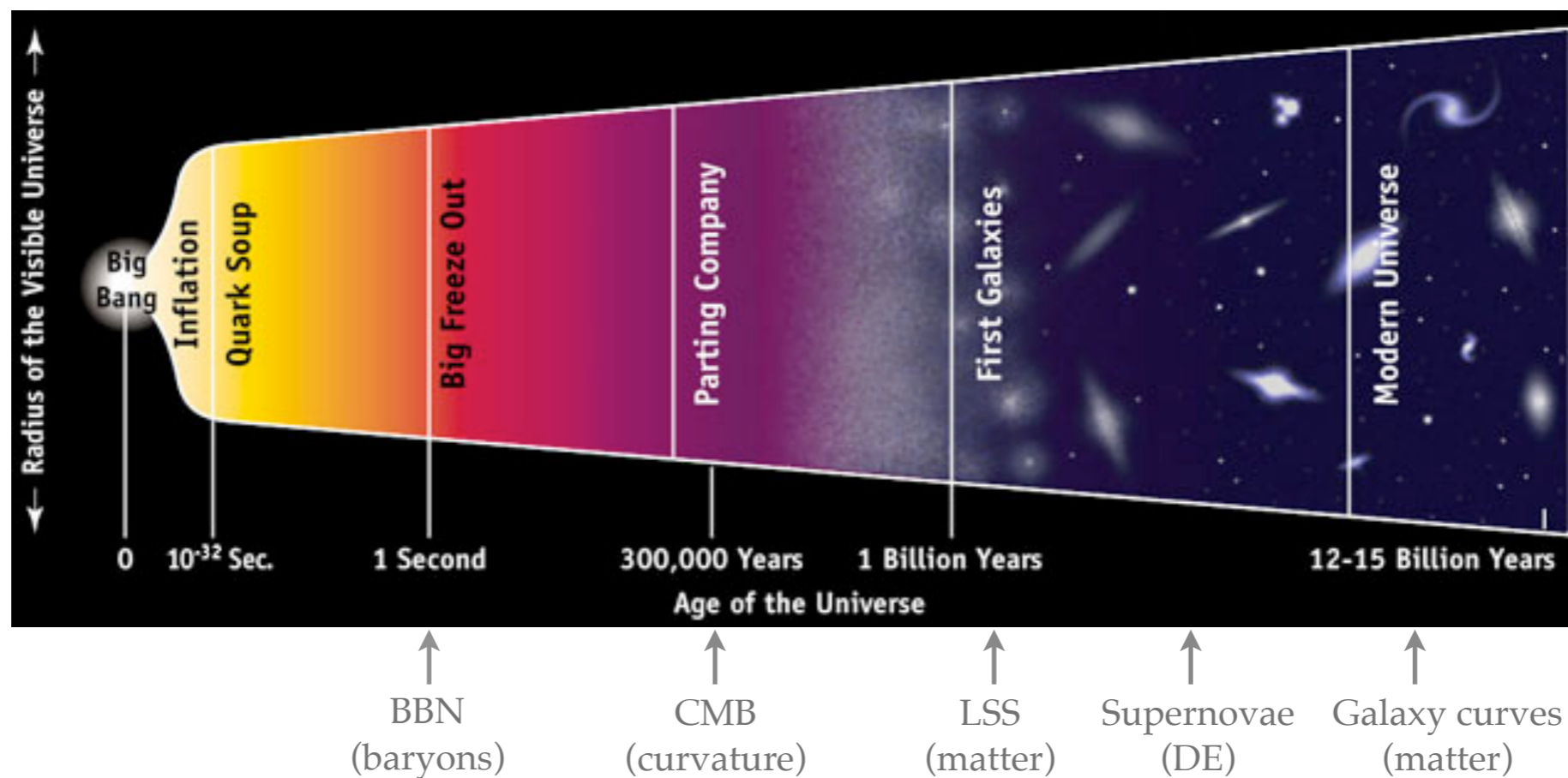
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# WHY DARK MATTER? (WHY NEW PARTICLE PHYSICS?)

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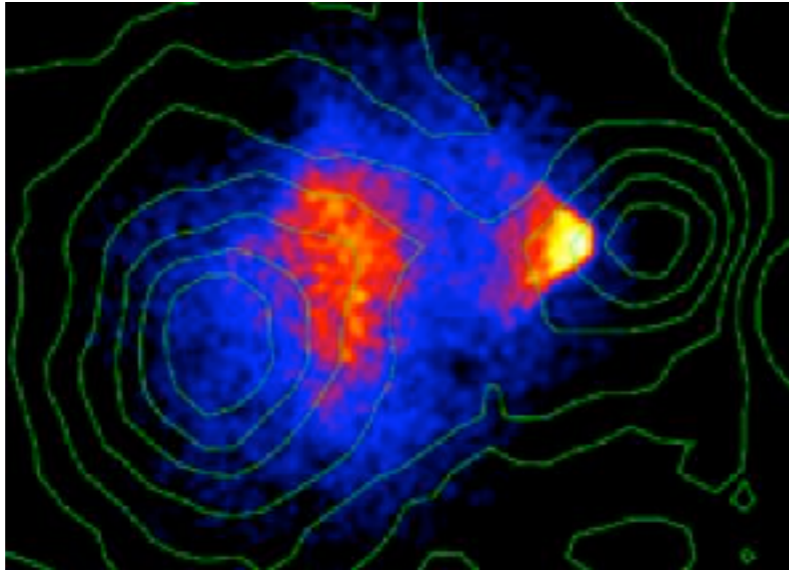
- ▶ The dark matter paradigm is the only successful framework for understanding the entire range of observations from the time the Universe is 1 sec old.



# SUPER-WEAKLY INTERACTING

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- ▶ Gravitational Coherence ....

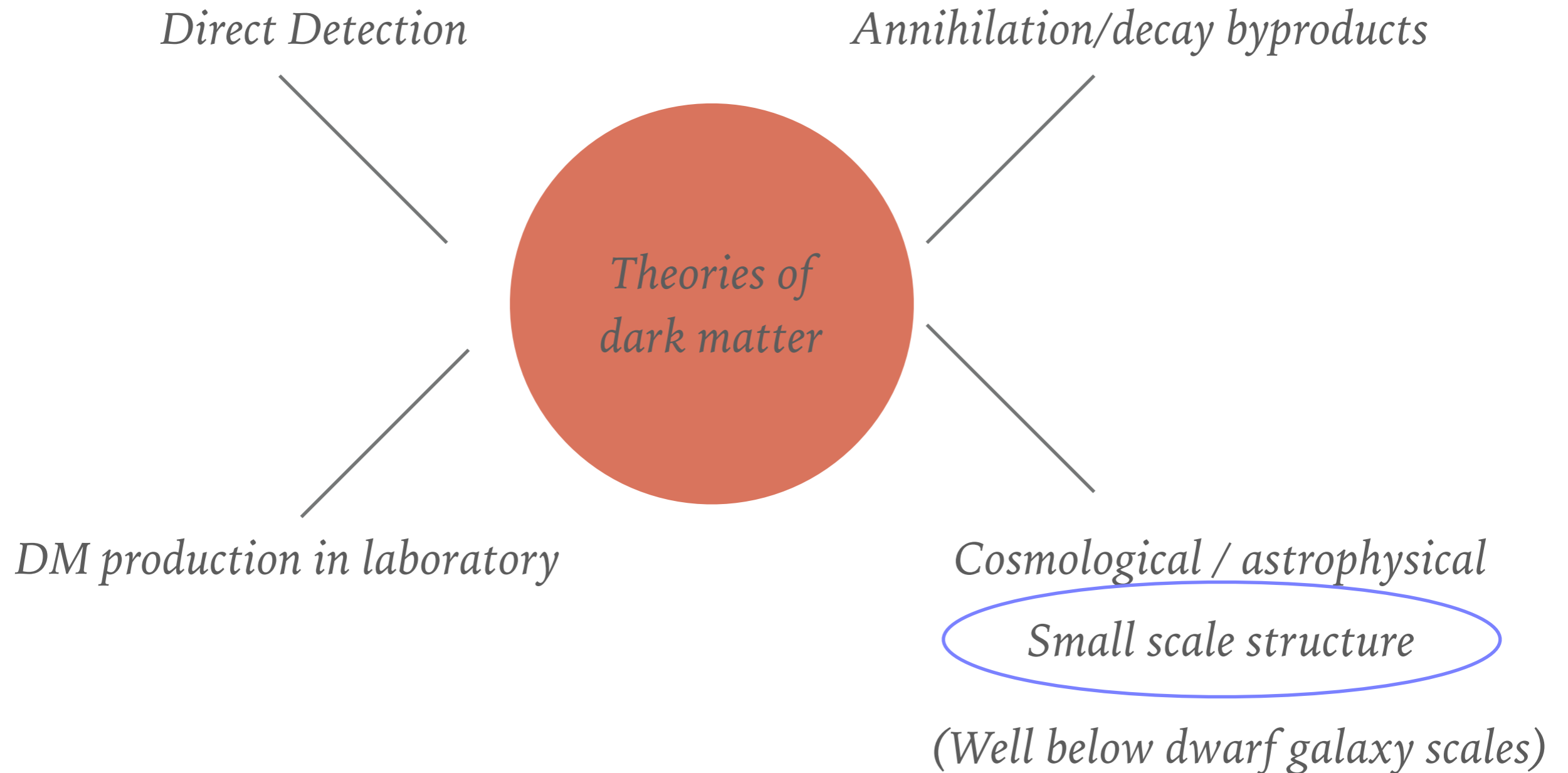


... on cosmological scales!

- ▶ Helps us learn about aggregate properties of dark matter
- ▶ Particle properties much harder
- ▶ Fundamental premise: DM has interactions other than gravitational

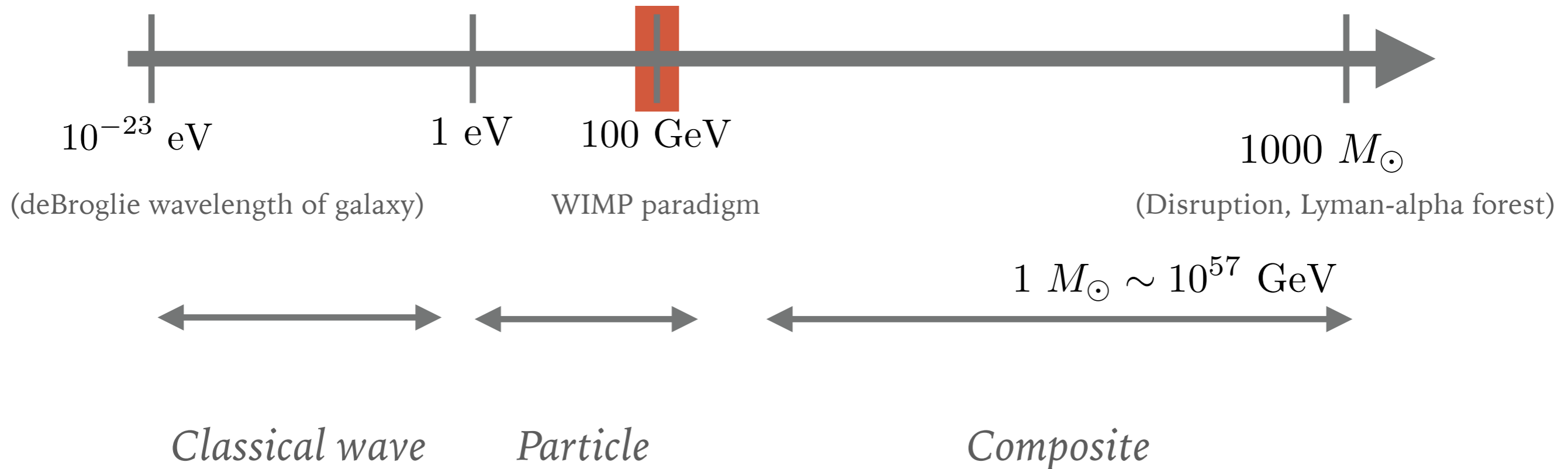
# MANY FACES OF DARK MATTER

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# DARK MATTER DETECTION: A FULL COURT PRESS

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# IDENTIFICATION OF DARK MATTER: CHALLENGES AND PROMISE

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- ▶ Challenge: WIMP paradigm is not dead, but it's under enormous pressure. Promise: Still opportunities for discovery in coming years
- ▶ Challenge: Vast majority of QCD axion parameter space still unprobed. Promise: ADMX has made enormous progress and there are many new ideas being developed
- ▶ Challenge: Hidden sector dark matter represents a vast and mostly unconstrained frontier. Promise: There are a suite of experiments that can probe well-motivated models in the coming 5-10 years
- ▶ Challenge: Dark matter may interact only gravitationally. Promise: Probes of dark matter substructure may still tell us about underlying theory

# CHALLENGES: THE WIMP PARADIGM

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- ▶ Decades of searching for the WIMP, with no evidence of new physics at the weak scale
- ▶ Production at accelerators strongly constrains colored states, not thermal electroweakinos

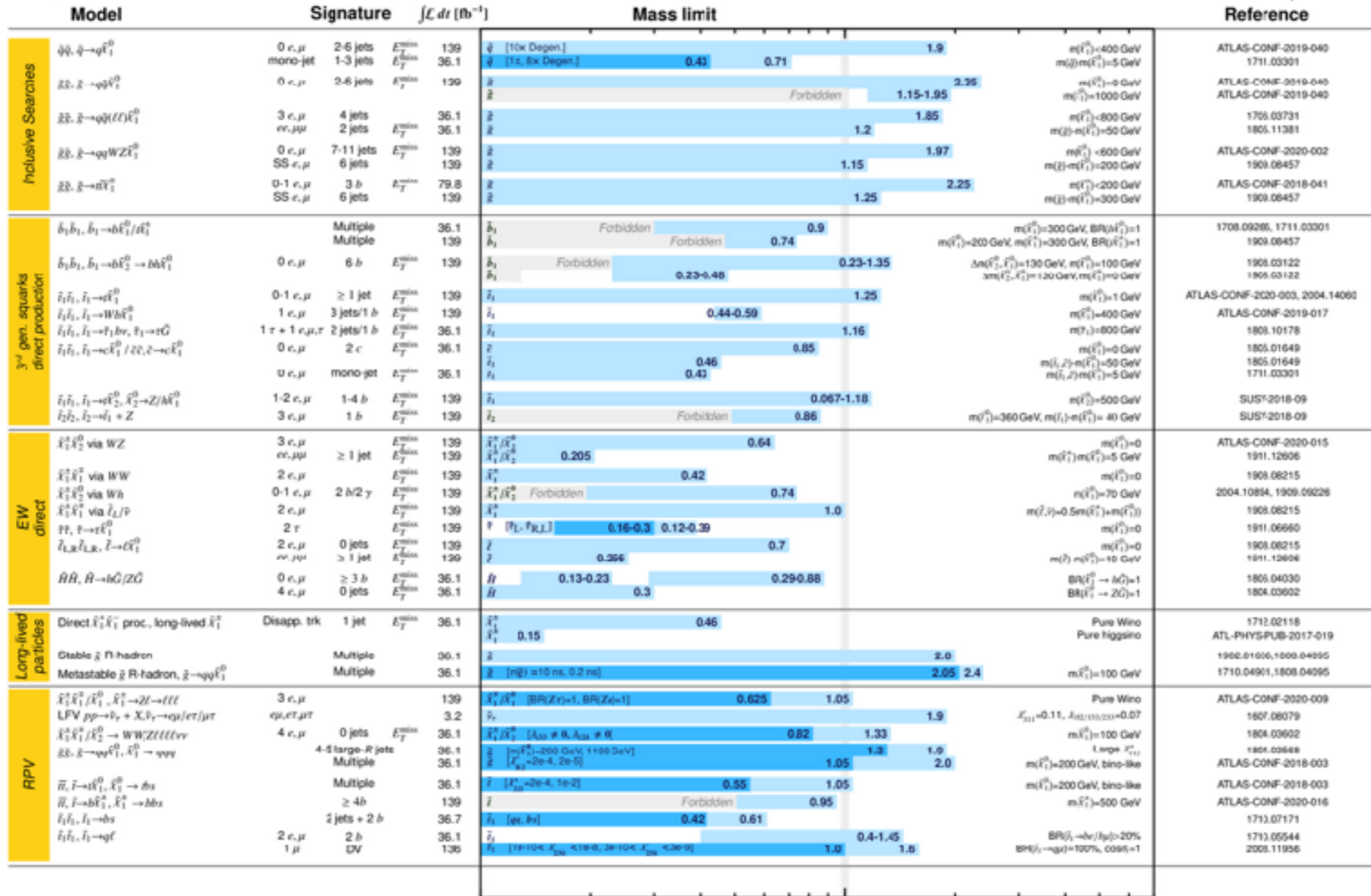
$$3 \times 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3/\text{s} \sim \frac{g_{wk}^4}{4\pi(2 \text{ TeV})^2}$$

- ▶ Most promising avenue currently seems to be “mini-split” scenario, with colored super-partners well above TeV scale

# CHALLENGES: THE WIMP PARADIGM

## ATLAS SUSY Searches\* - 95% CL Lower Limits May 2020

ATLAS Preliminary  
 $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$



\*Only a selection of the available mass limits on new states or phenomena is shown. Many of the limits are based on simplified models, c.f. refs. for the assumptions made.

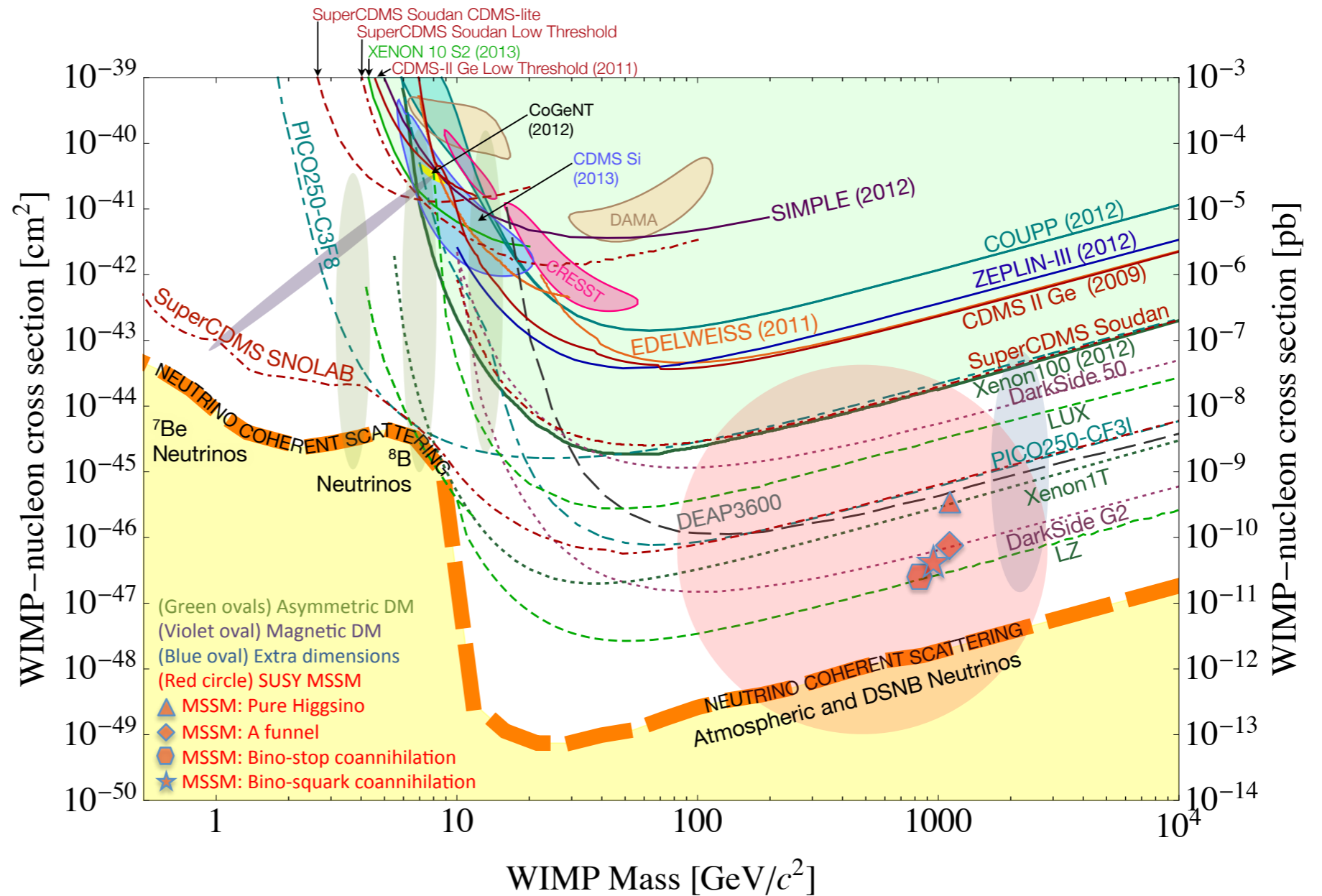
10<sup>-1</sup> 1 Mass scale [TeV]



# PROMISE: DETECTING HIGGS INTERACTING DARK MATTER

Z-boson interacting dark matter: ruled out

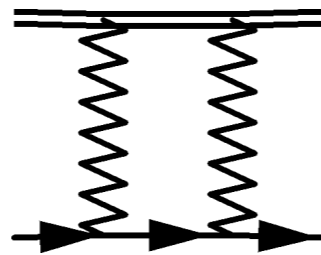
Higgs interacting dark matter: active target



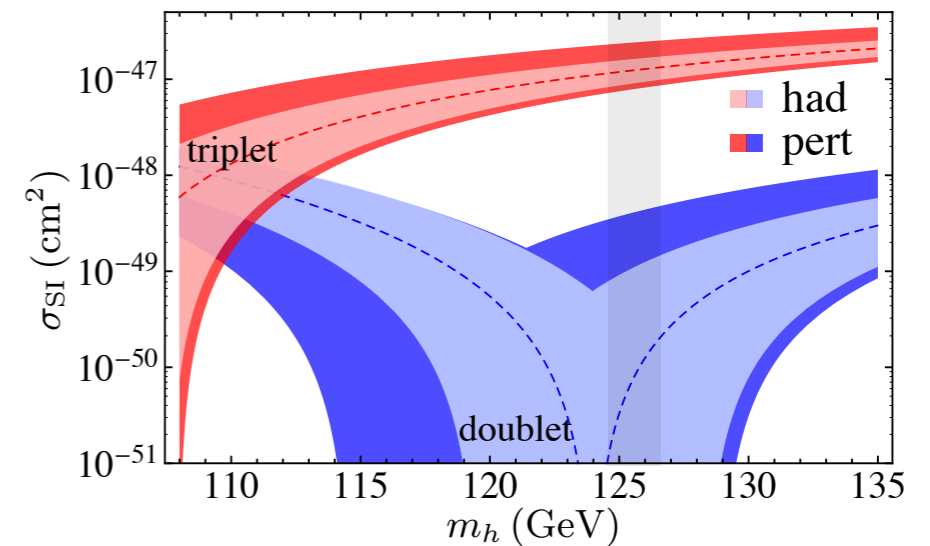
# PROMISE: ELEKTROWEAKINOS VIA 1-LOOP PROCESSES

- ▶ Challenge: even LZ will struggle to reach the wino

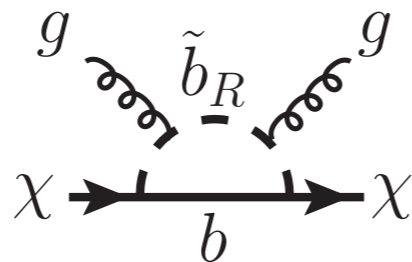
Wino and Higgsino



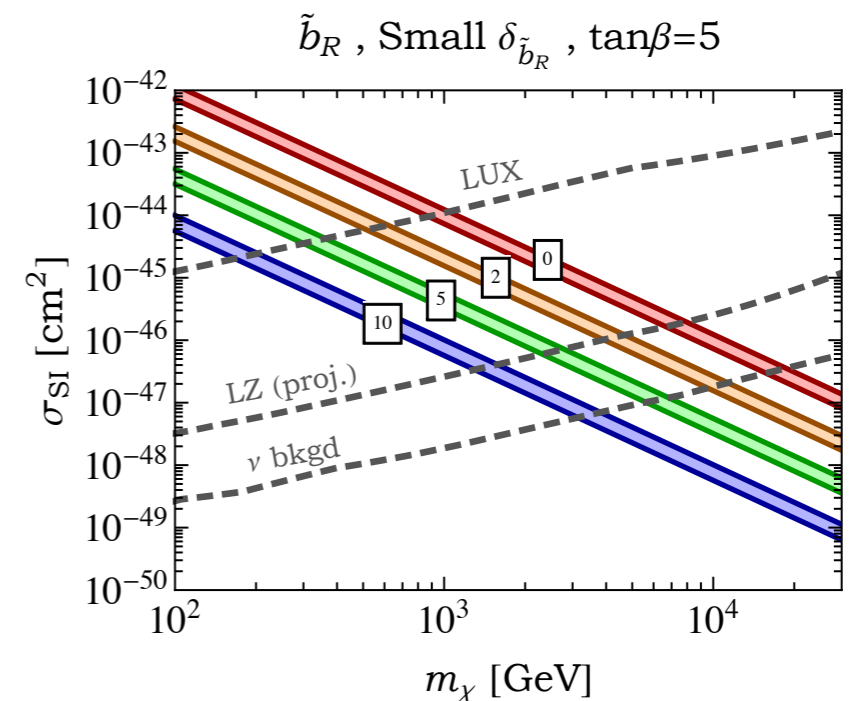
Hill and Solon



Bino

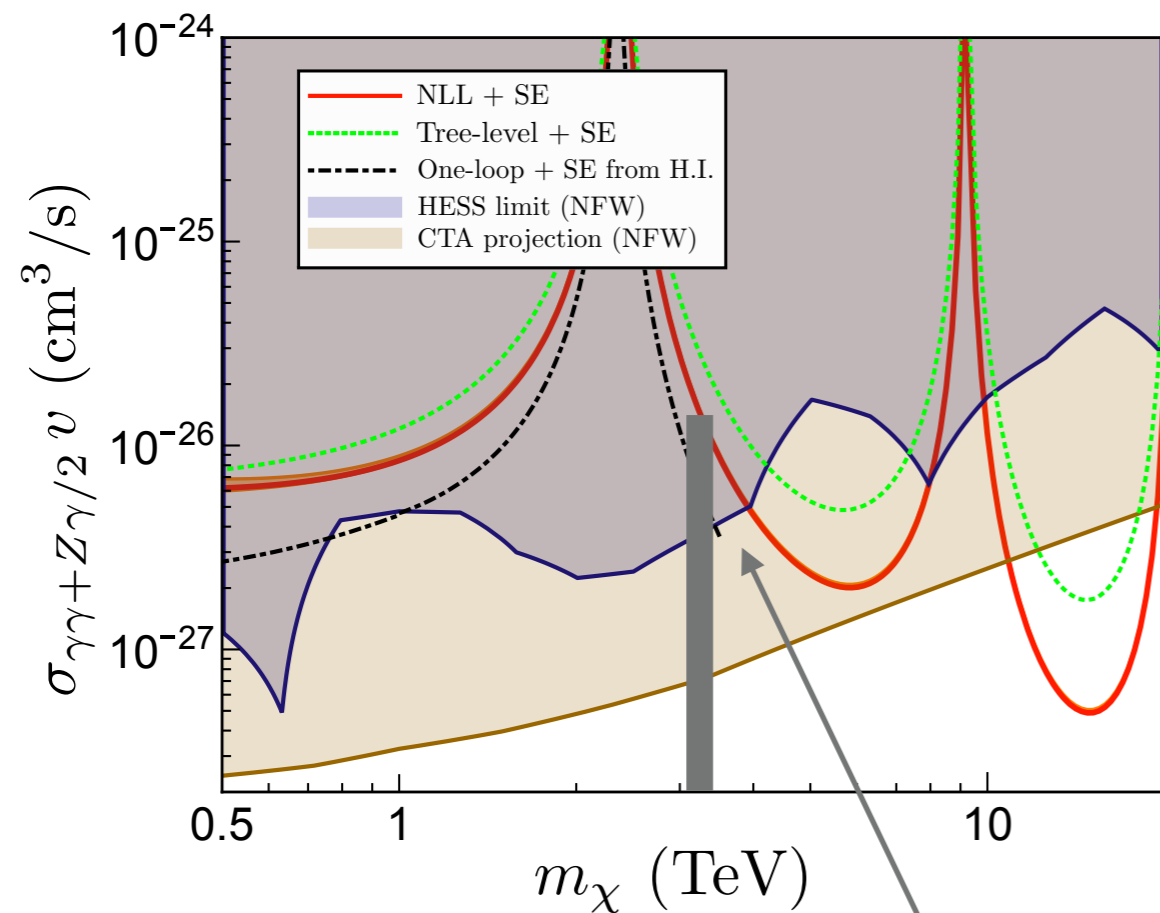


Berlin, Robertson, Solon, KZ

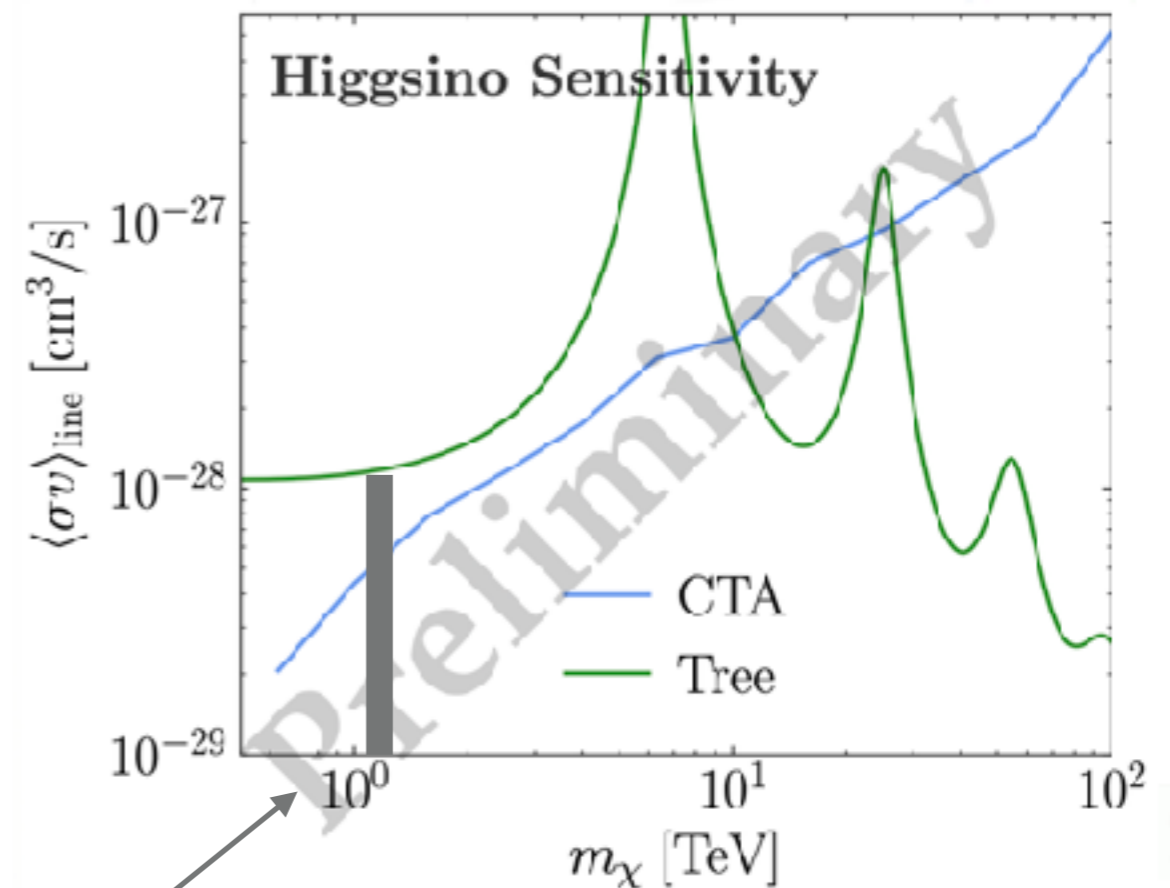


# PROMISE: INDIRECT DETECTION STILL HAS REACH ON THERMAL ELECTROWEAKINOS

- ▶ Currently some sensitivity to winos and possible future sensitivity with CTA to Higgsinos



Thermal wino

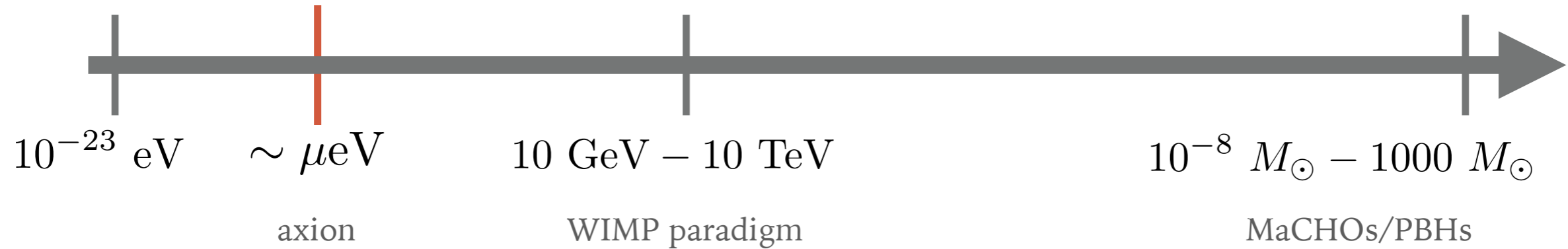


Thermal Higgsino

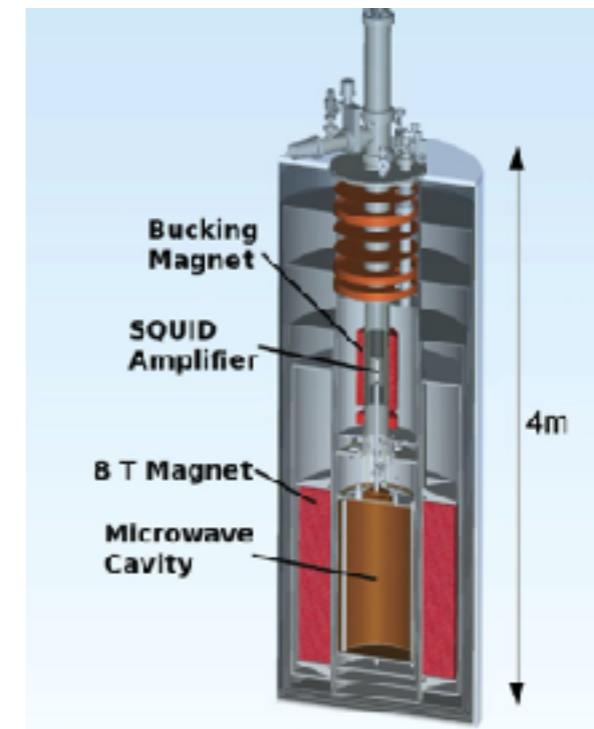
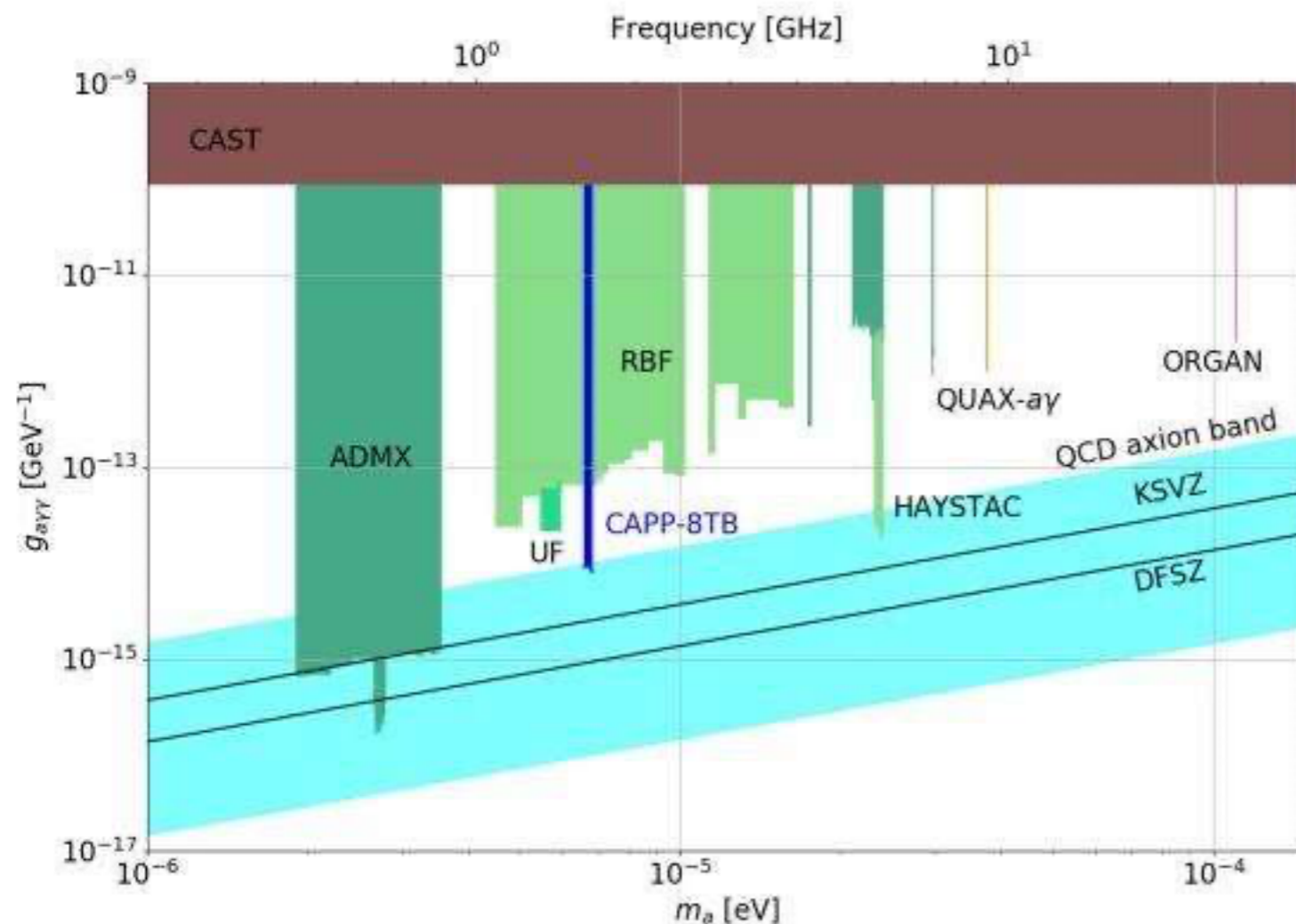
# PROMISE: AXION DETECTION HAS SENSITIVITY TO THE QCD AXION!

(deBroglie wavelength of galaxy)

(Lyman-alpha forest)



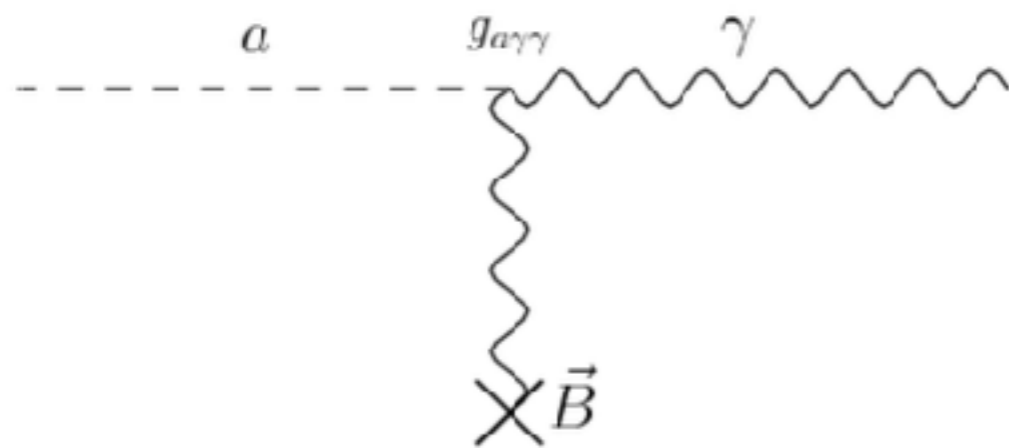
$$1 M_{\odot} \sim 10^{57} \text{ GeV}$$



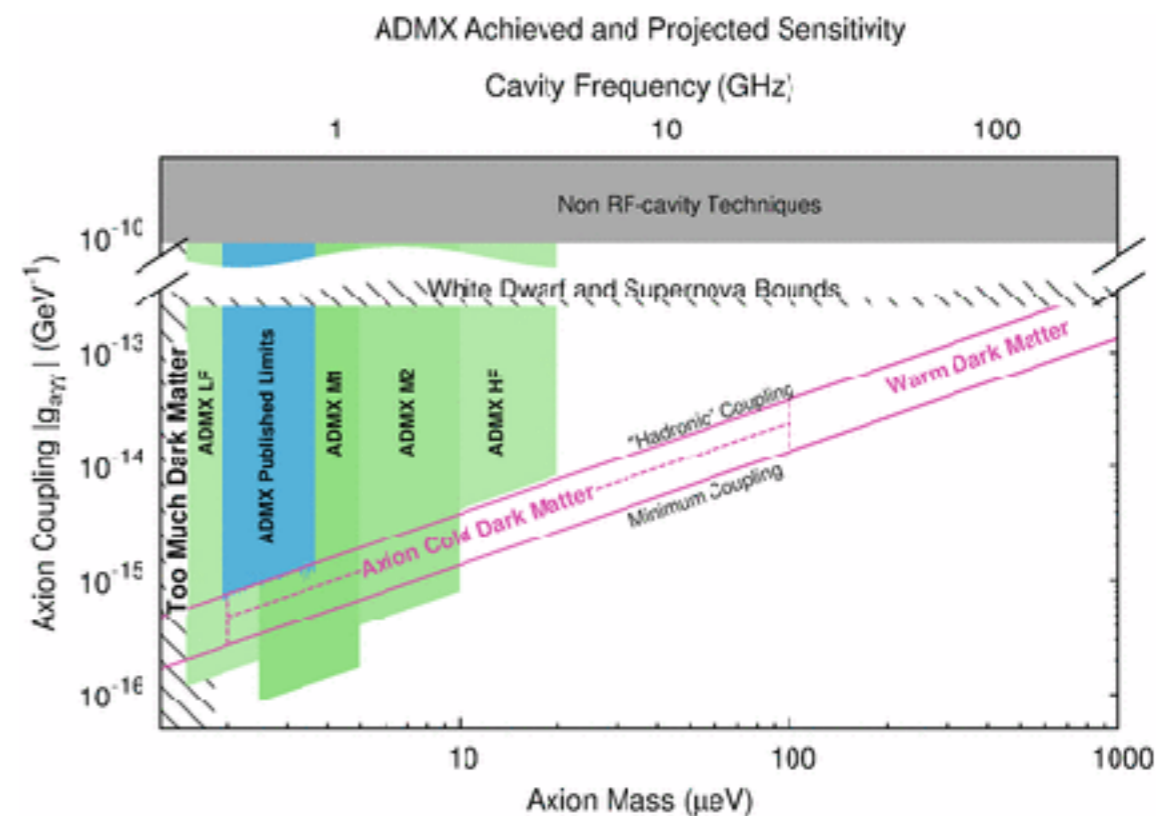
By Institute for Basic Science for [phys.org](http://phys.org)

# CHALLENGE: VERY LIMITED FREQUENCY RANGE IN MASS

- ▶ The classic, decades-old Sikivie proposal is now achieving sensitivity to the QCD axion
- ▶ Challenge: scaling to higher frequency and covering the whole range originally motivated by misalignment will be very challenging because of matching axion mass to cavity size

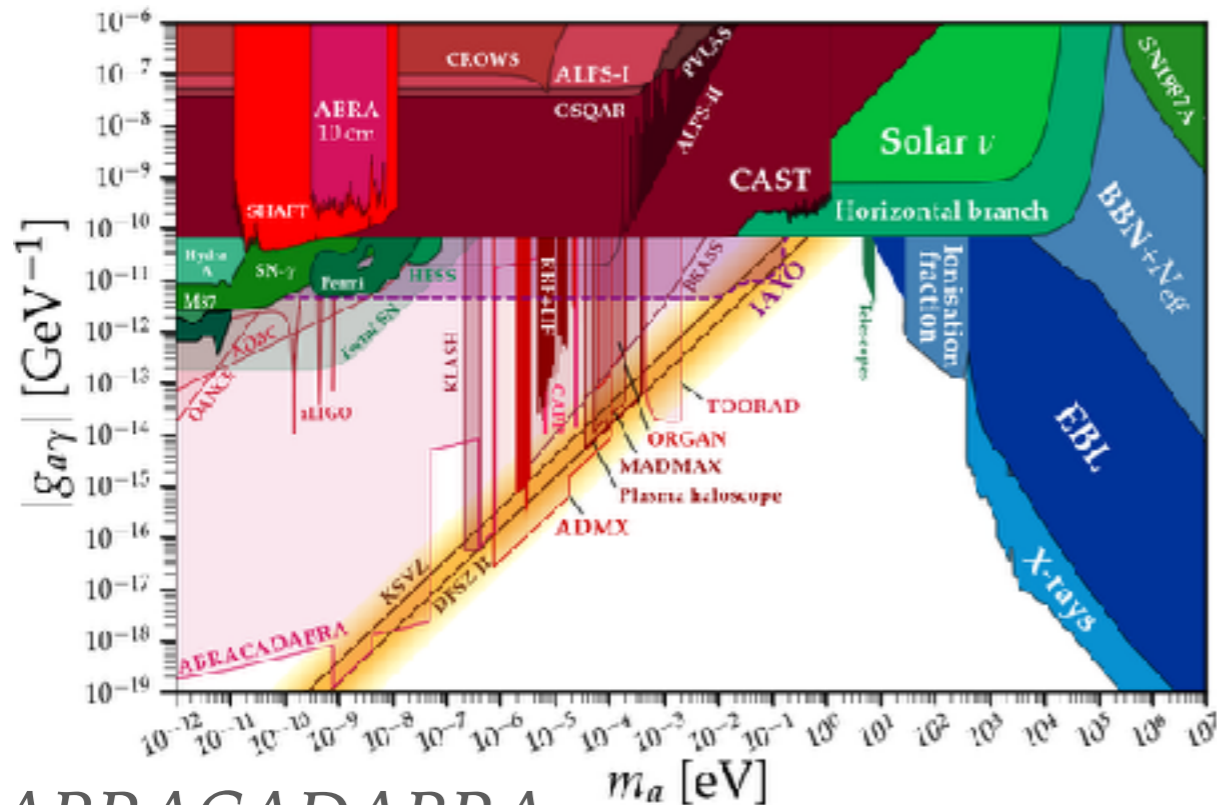


$$V \sim f^{-2} - f^{-3} \quad \frac{d\nu}{dt} \propto B^4 V^2$$

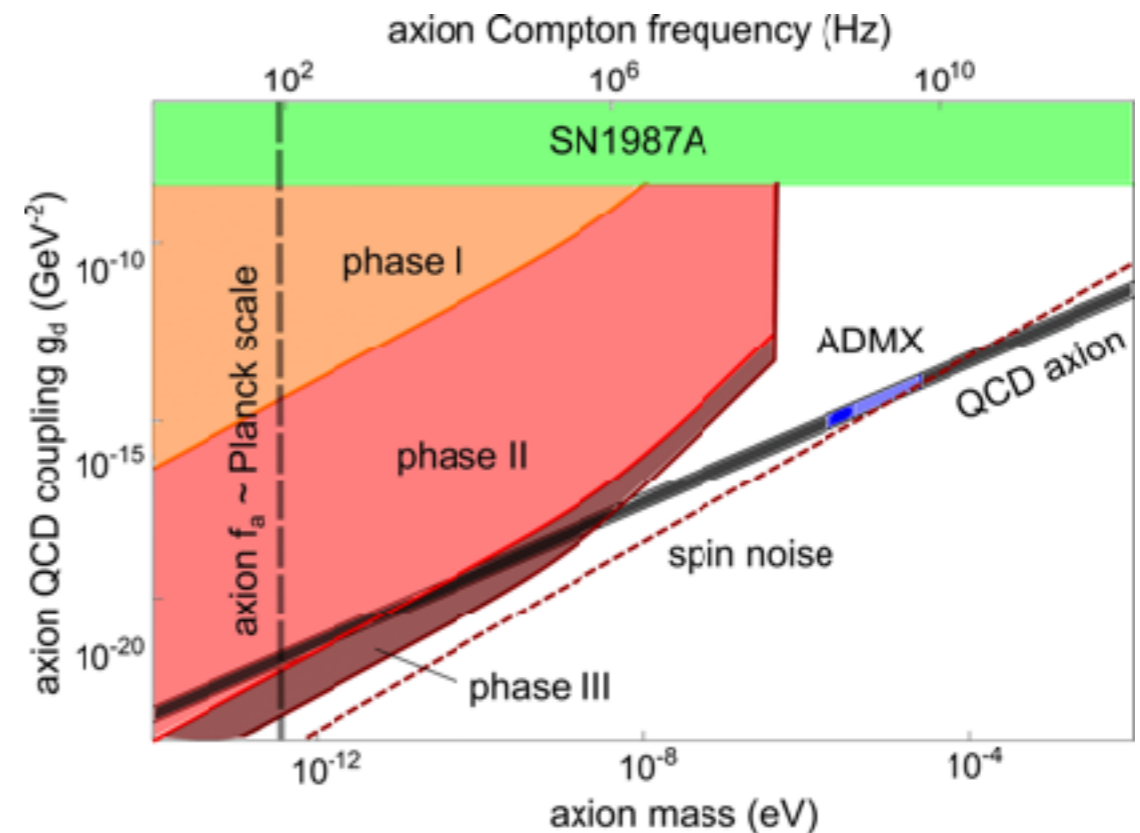


# PROMISE: IDEAS FOR AXION DETECTION HAS UNDERGONE A RENAISSANCE

- ▶ Much broader range of experiments to probe the entire mass range



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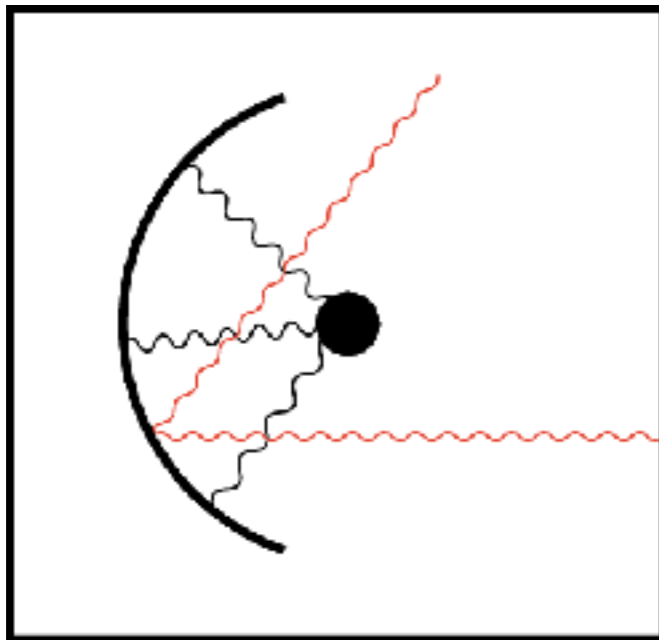
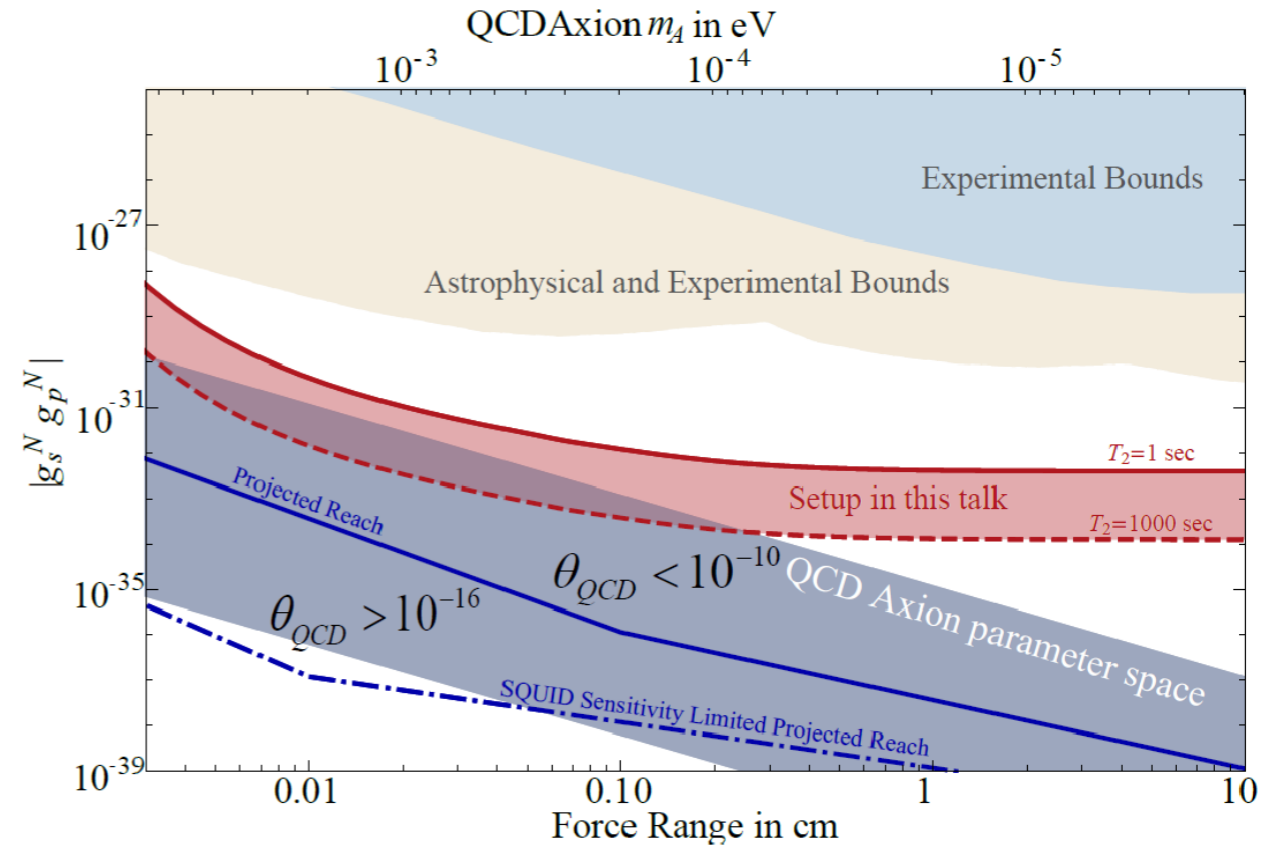
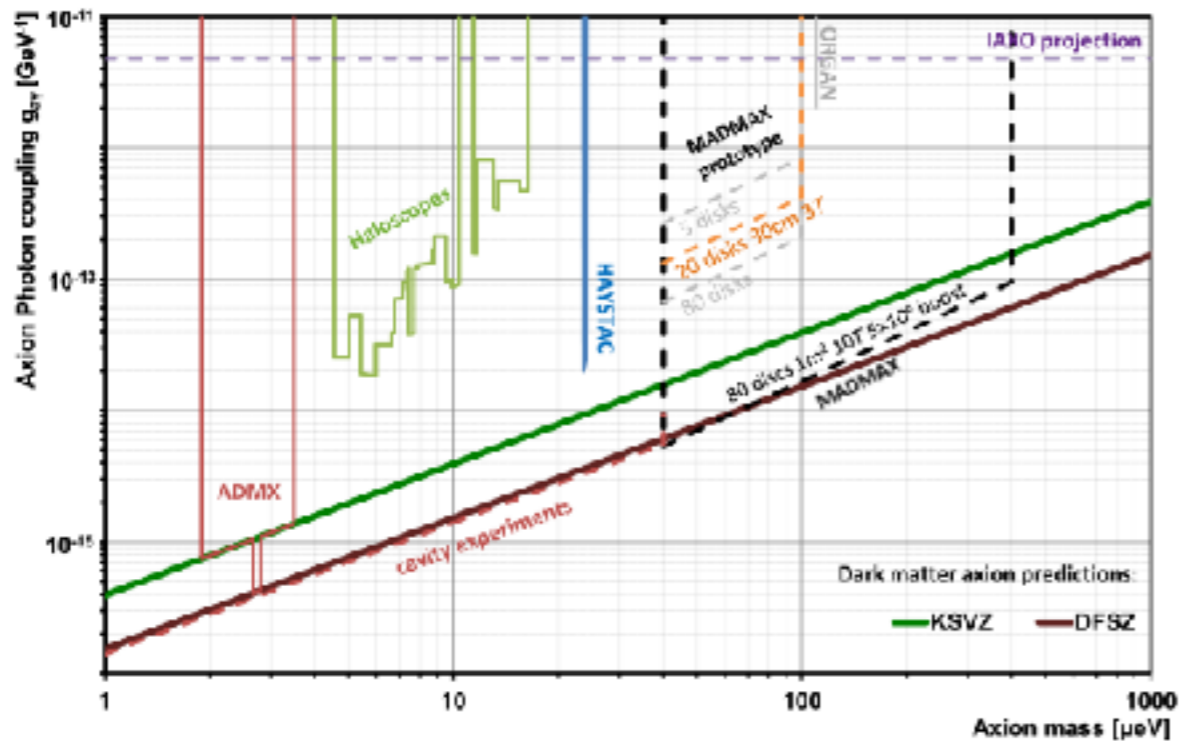


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- ▶ Challenge: remains to be seen how real constraints evolve

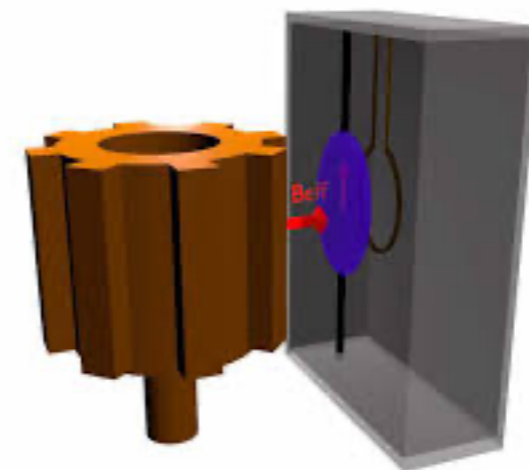
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- ▶ For example, dish antenna or spin-dependent force



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- ▶ Between 1 meV and 1 eV, dark matter behaves like a classical wave, but cavity techniques will be challenging. Detection may be possible via excitation of “collective modes” = phonons
- ▶ Intermediate mass range above an eV where observation via particle interactions with SM is still highly motivated though not detectable with traditional WIMP experiments
- ▶ Arise generically in top-down constructions — hidden sector/valley paradigm



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- ▶ Dark sector dynamics are complex and astrophysically relevant.

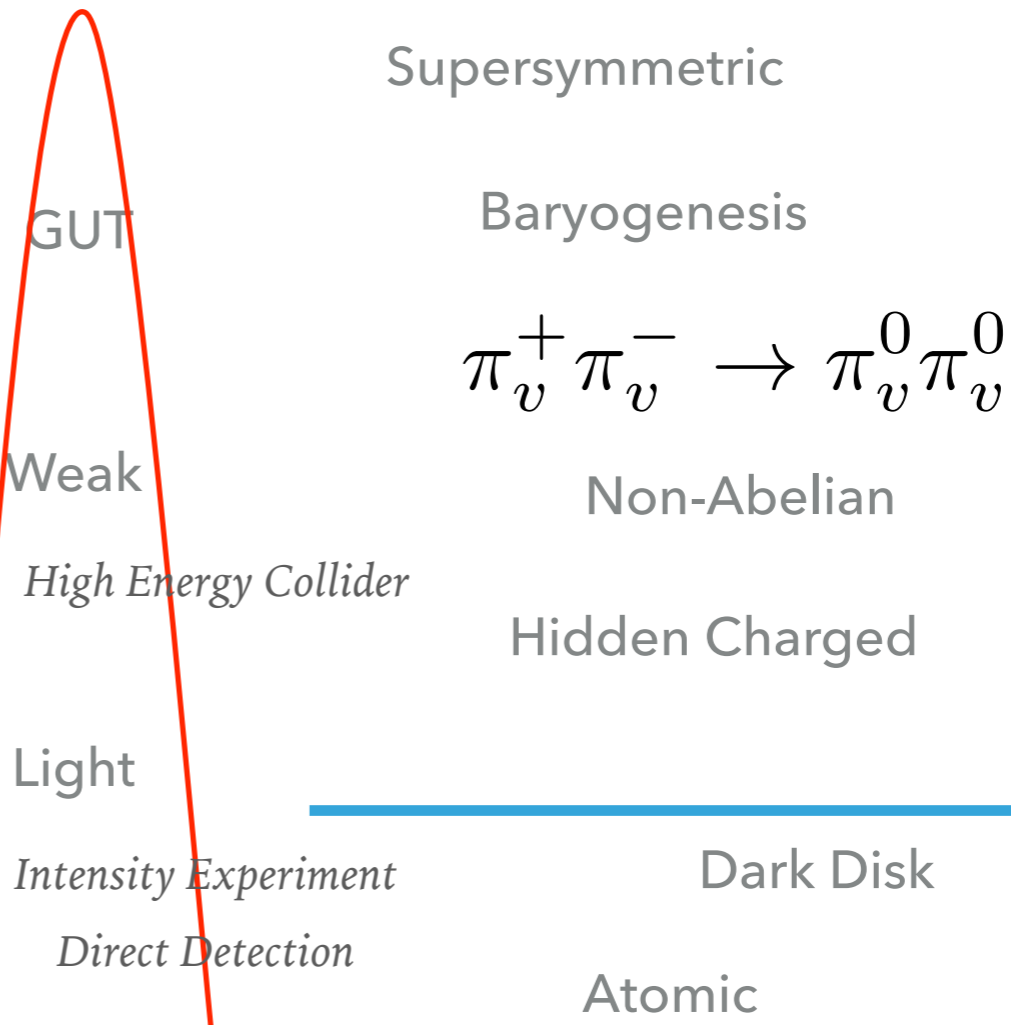
$$\sigma_{str} \simeq \frac{4\pi\alpha_s^2}{M^2} \simeq 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^2 \left( \frac{1 \text{ GeV}}{M} \right)^2$$

- ▶ Abundance may still be set by (thermal) population from SM sector

$$\sigma_{wk} v_{fo} \simeq \frac{g_{wk}^4 \mu_{XT}^2}{4\pi m_Z^4} \frac{c}{3} \simeq 10^{-24} \frac{\text{cm}^3}{\text{s}} \left( \frac{100 \text{ GeV}}{M} \right)^2$$

# HIDDEN SECTOR DARK MATTER

- ▶ Scale of connector sector fixes terrestrial experiment



Inaccessibility

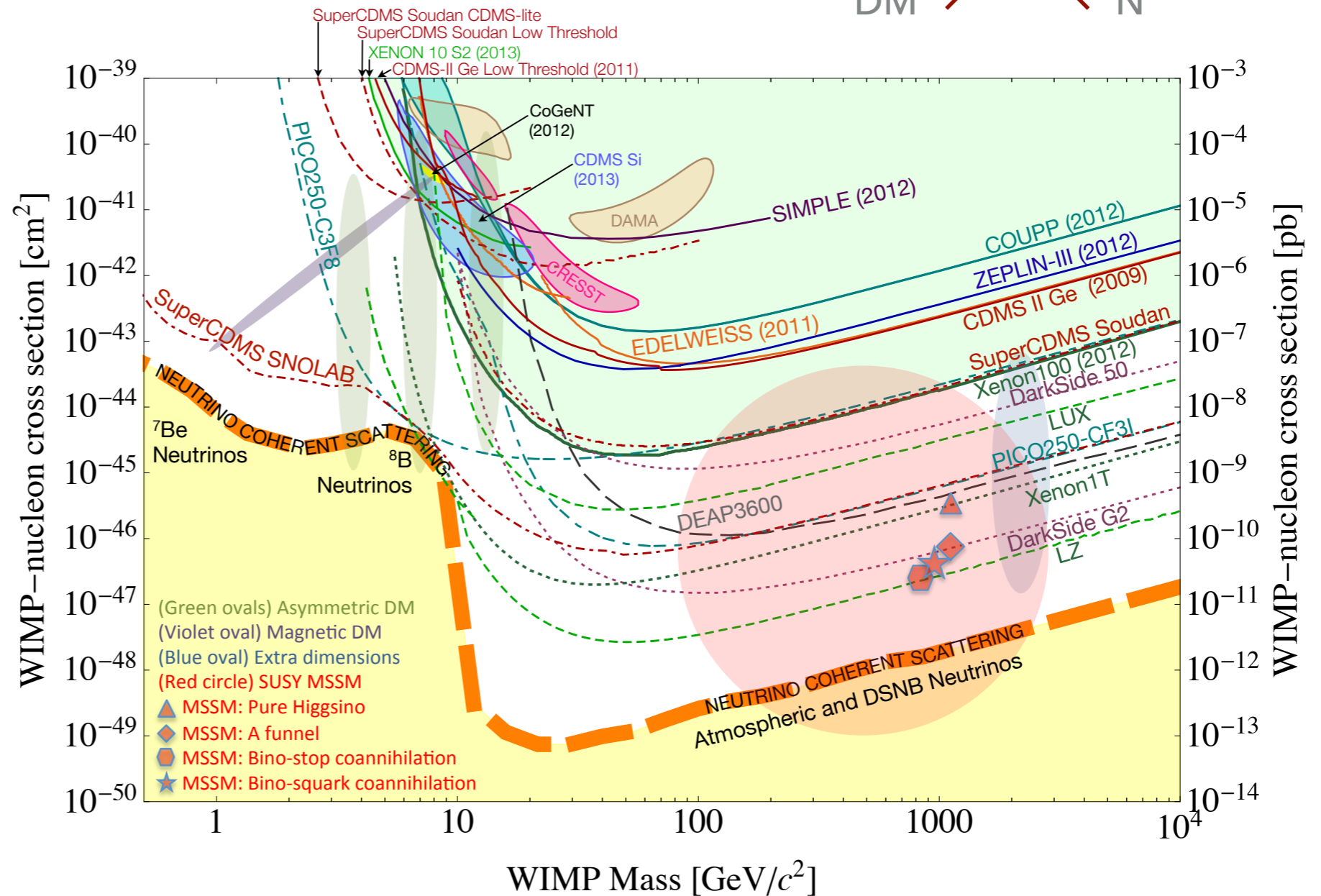
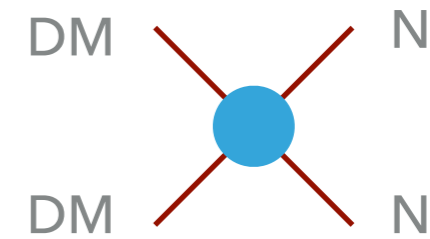


Energy



# TOWARDS HIDDEN SECTOR DARK MATTER

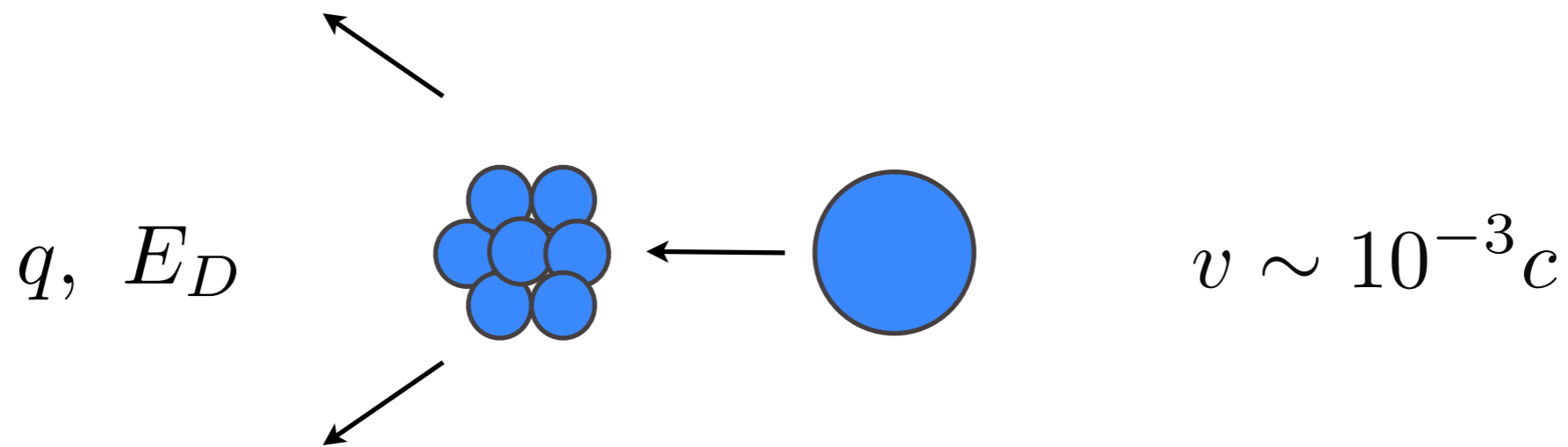
- ▶ Developments in condensed matter make this possible



# LIGHTER TARGETS FOR LIGHTER DARK MATTER

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- ▶ Nuclear recoil experiments; basis of enormous progress in direct detection

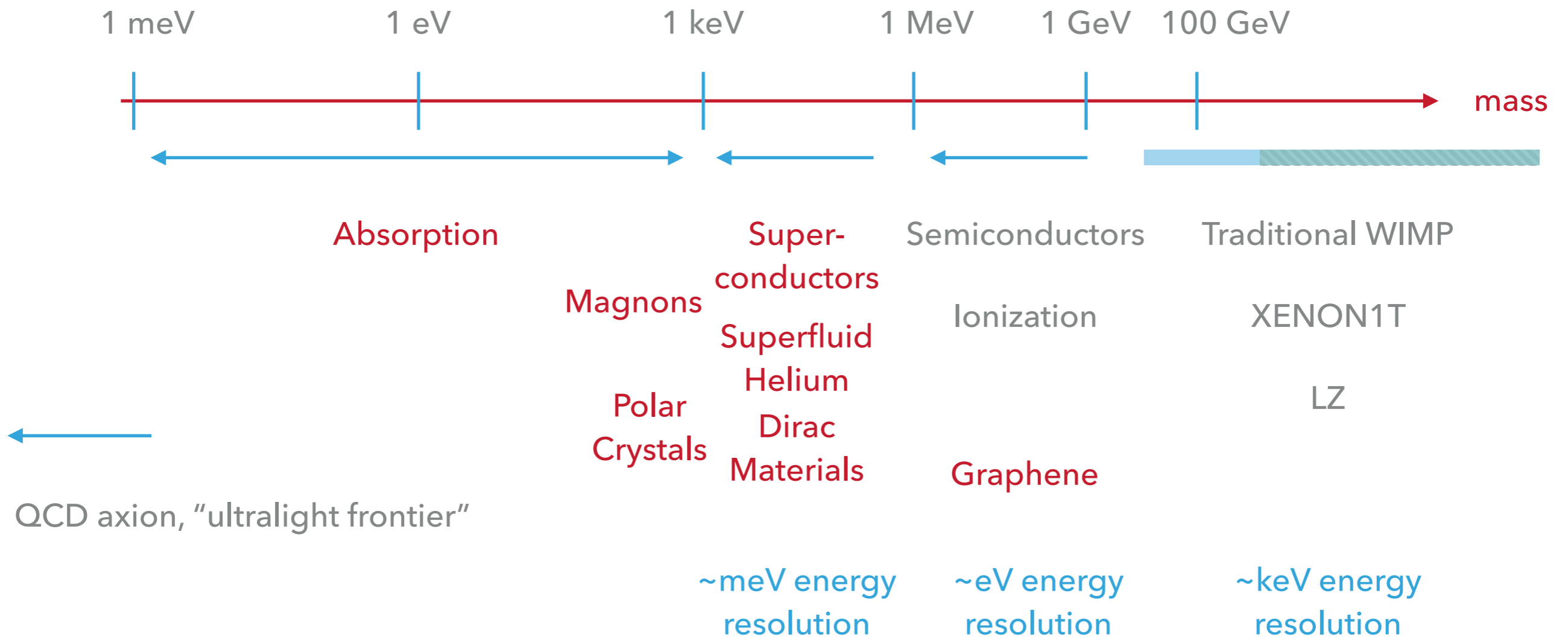


$$v \sim 300 \text{ km/s} \sim 10^{-3}c \implies E_D \sim 100 \text{ keV}$$

$$E_D = \frac{q^2}{2m_N} \qquad q_{\text{max}} = 2m_X v$$

# PROMISE: NEW DETECTION PARADIGMS FOR LIGHT DARK MATTER

## ▶ Experimental Panorama



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$$E_D = \frac{q^2}{2m_e} \quad q_{\max} = 2m_\chi v$$

- ▶ In insulators, like xenon

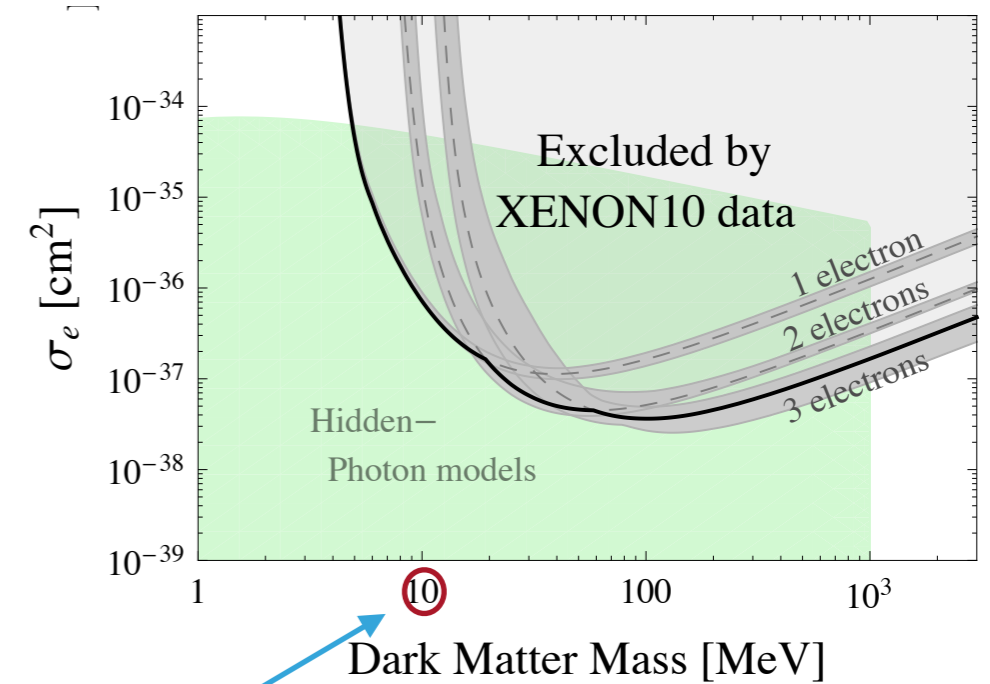
Tightly bound; ionize for signal

Gap = DM Kinetic Energy

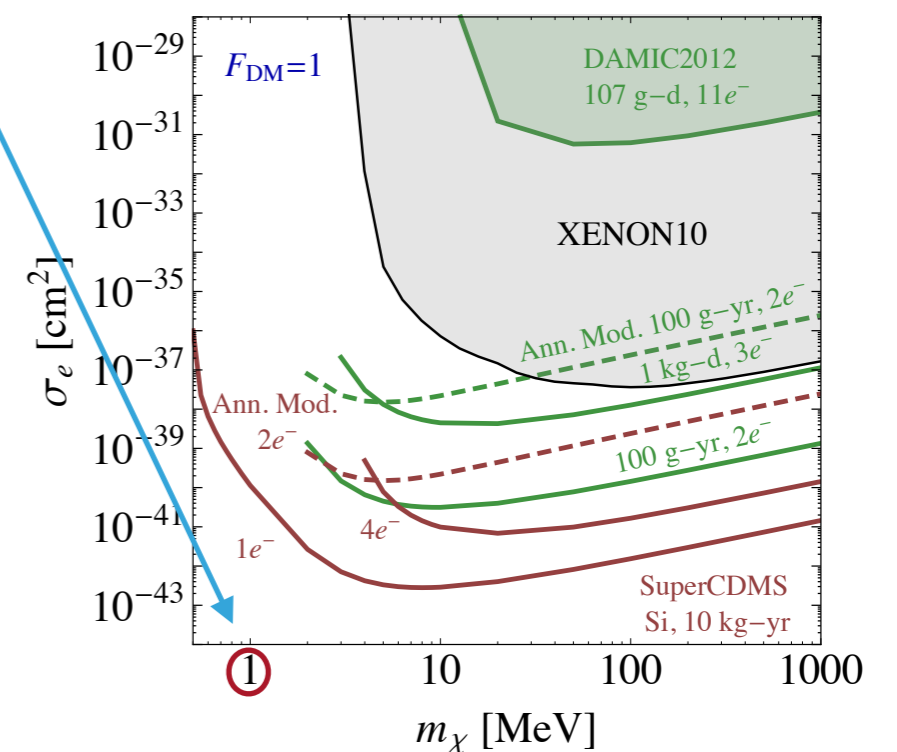
- ▶ In semi-conductors, like Ge, Si

Excite electron to conduction band

P. Sorensen et al 1206.2644



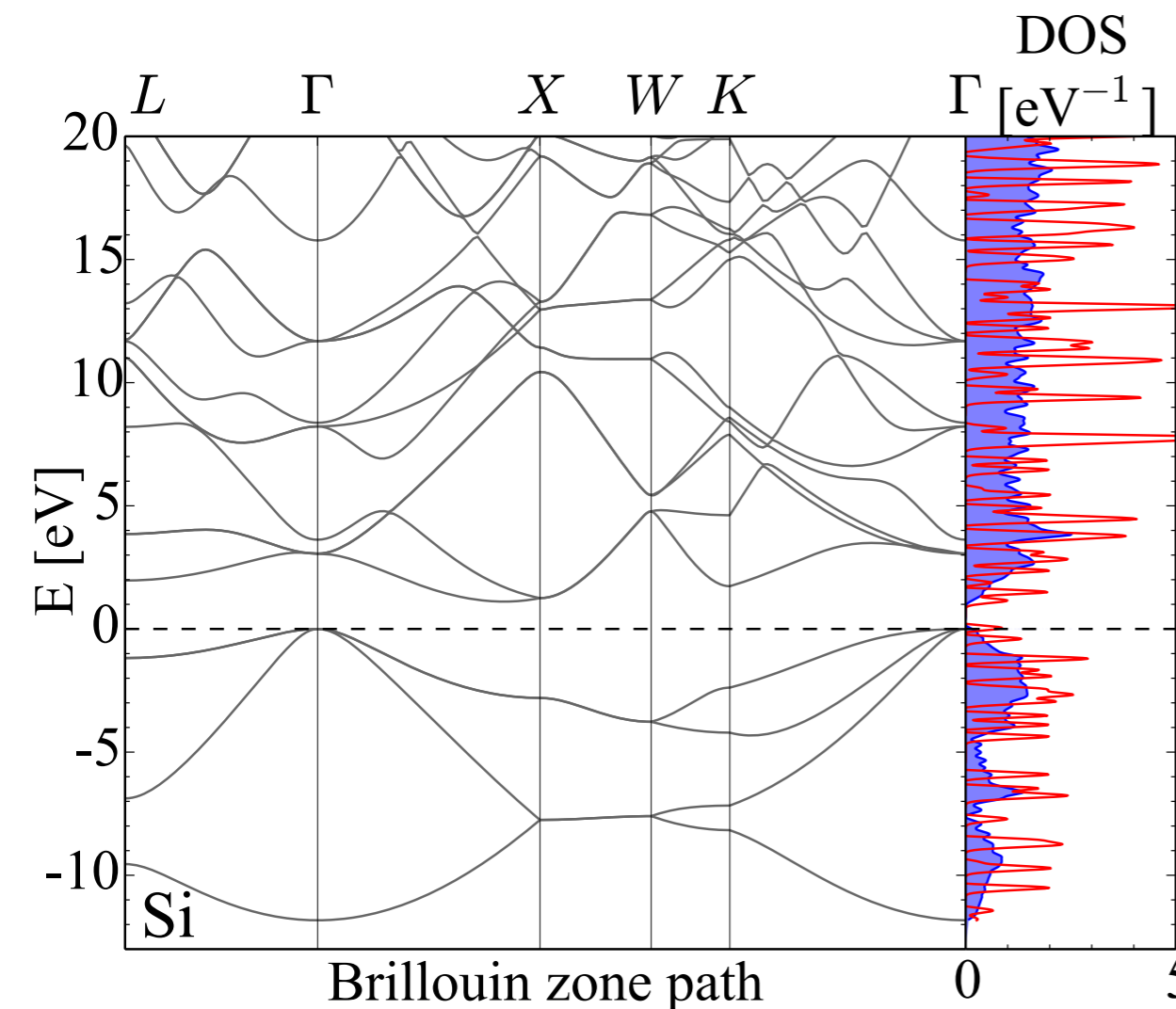
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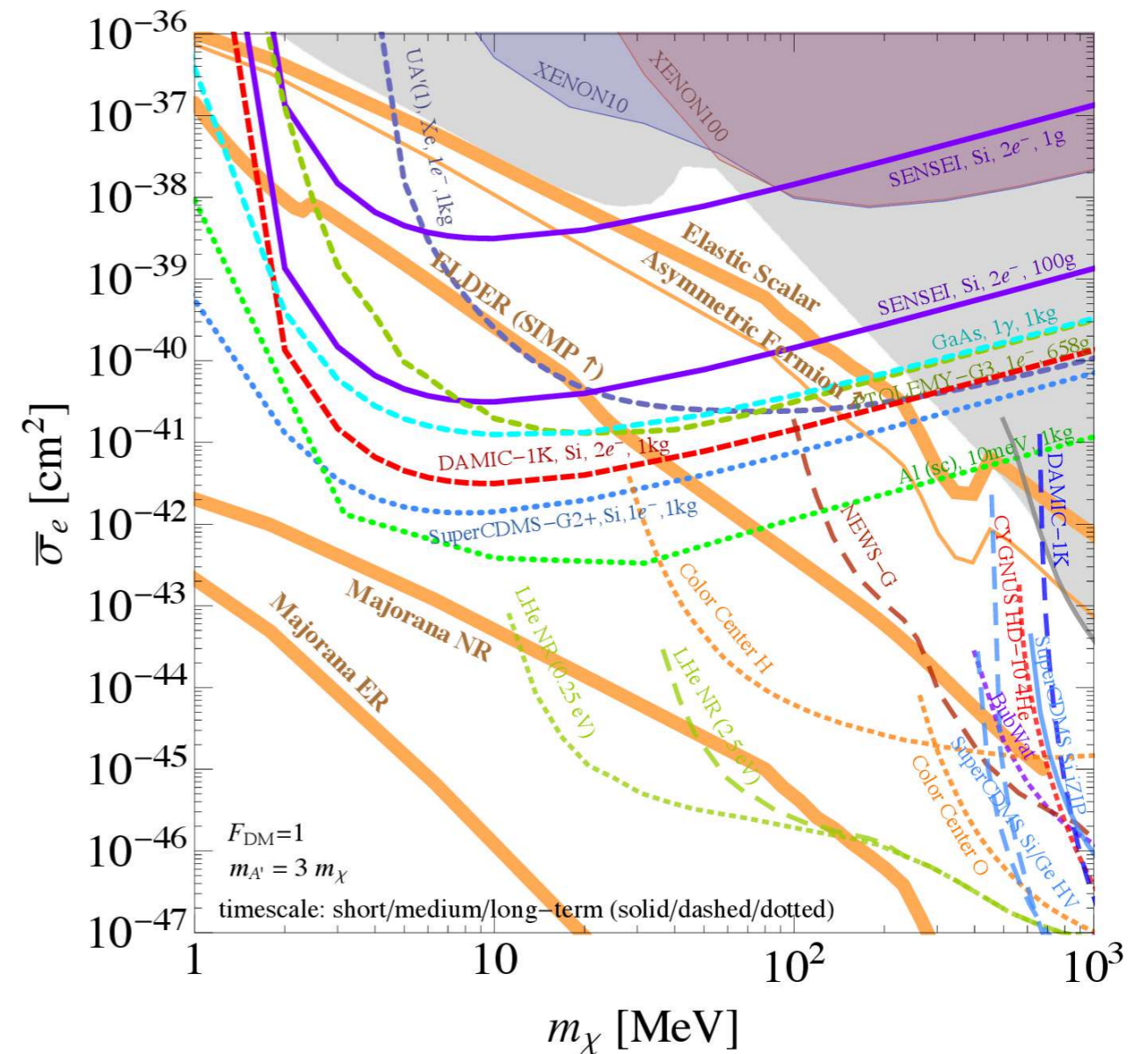
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- ▶ Silicon semiconductors lend themselves well to light dark matter detection above an MeV

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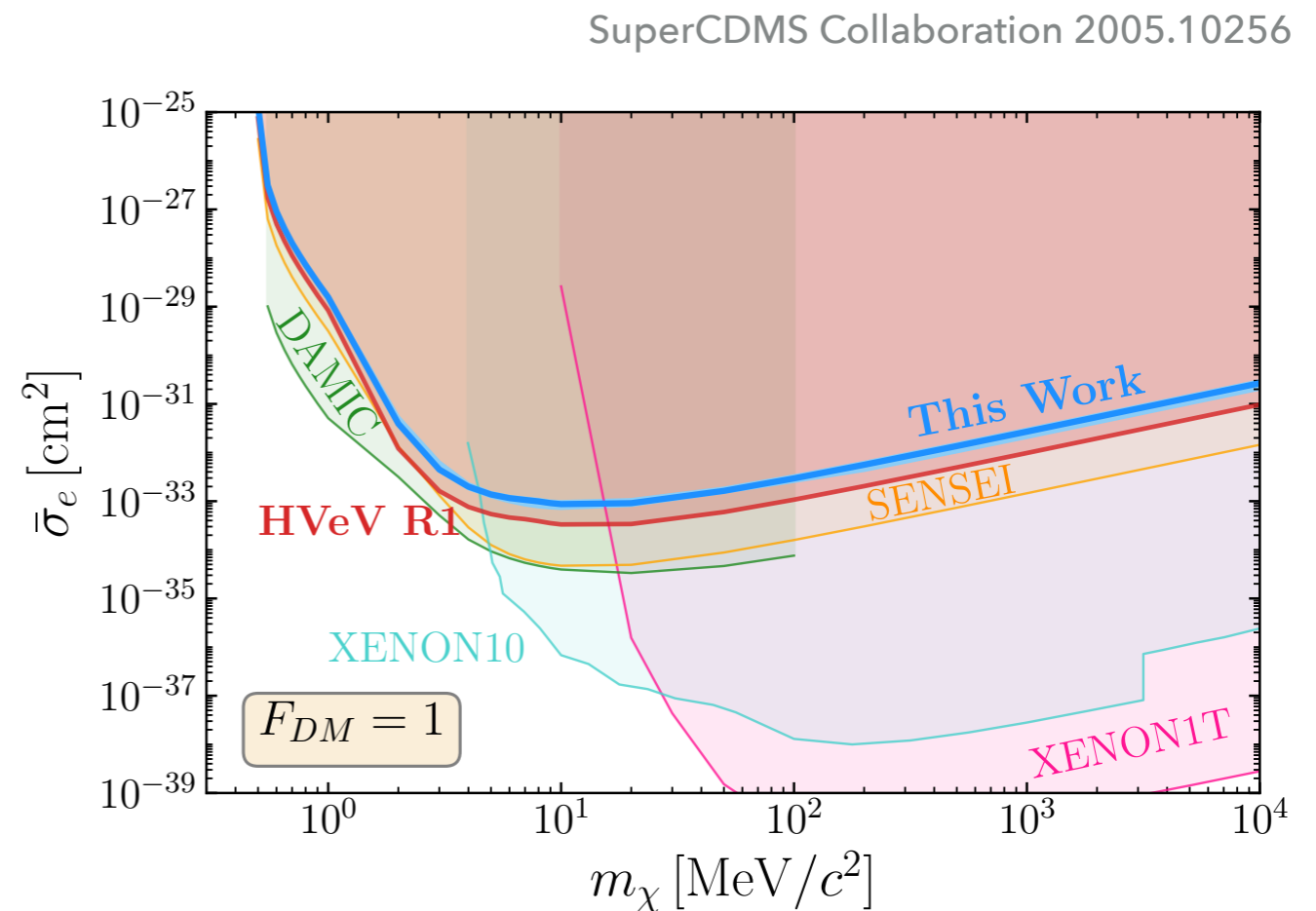
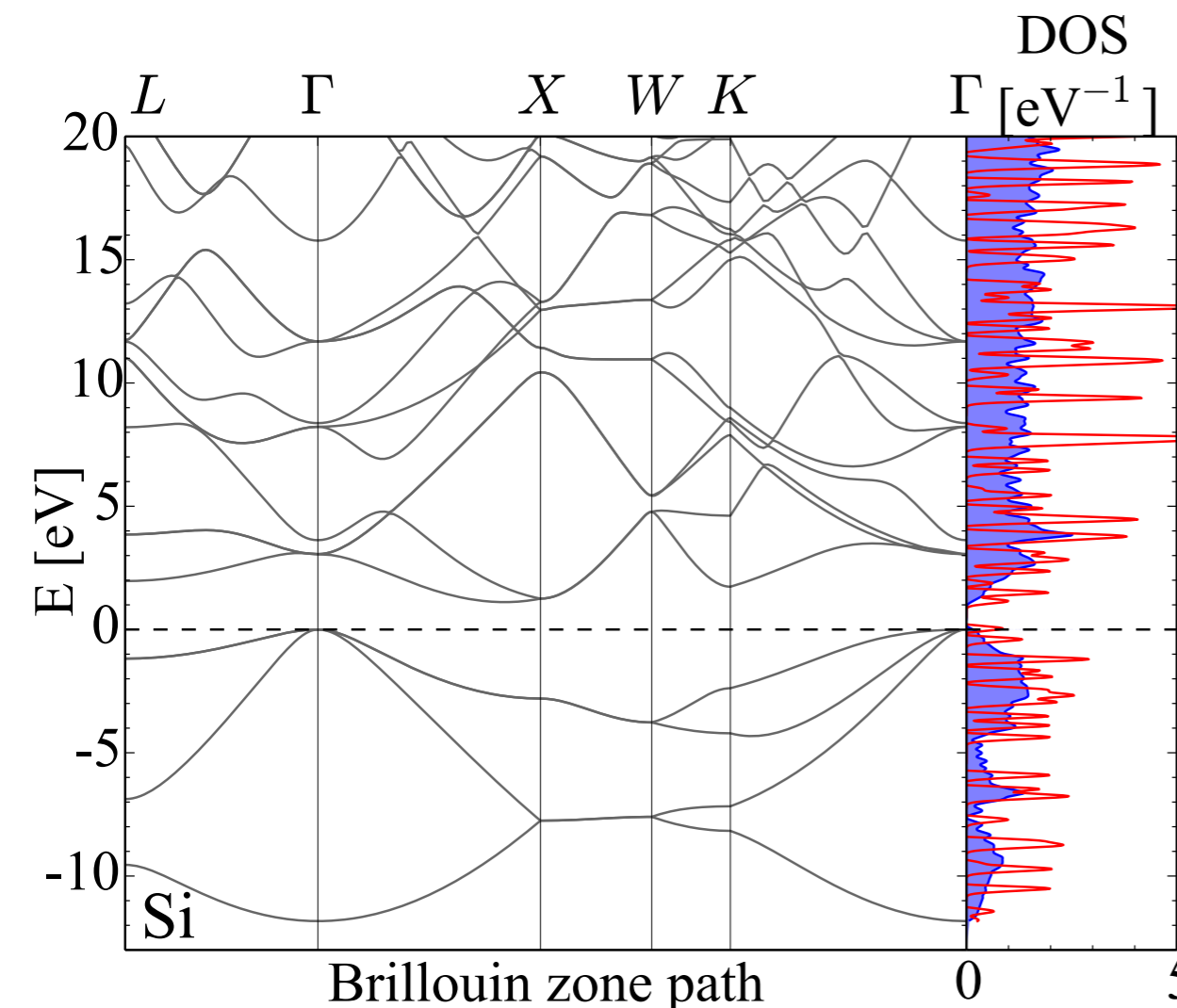
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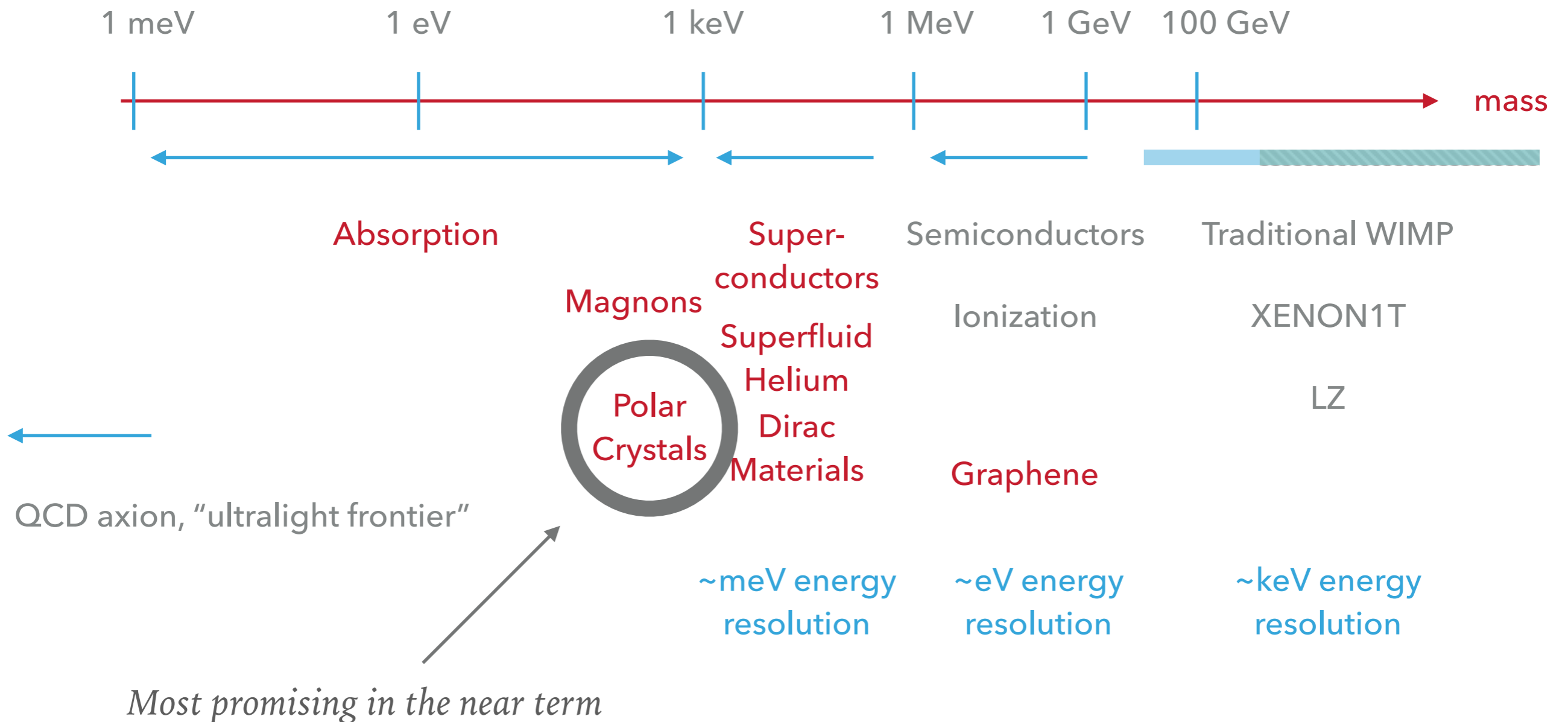
# EXCITING COLLECTIVE MODES

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- ▶ Once DM drops below an MeV, its deBroglie wavelength is longer than the inter particle spacing in typical materials
- ▶ Therefore, coupling to collective excitations in materials makes sense!
- ▶ Collective excitations = phonon modes, spin waves (magnons)
- ▶ Can be applied to just about any material
- ▶ (partial) calculations exist for superfluid helium, semiconductors, superconductors, polar materials
- ▶ Details depend on
  - ▶ 1) *nature of collective modes in target material*
  - ▶ 2) *nature of DM couplings to target*

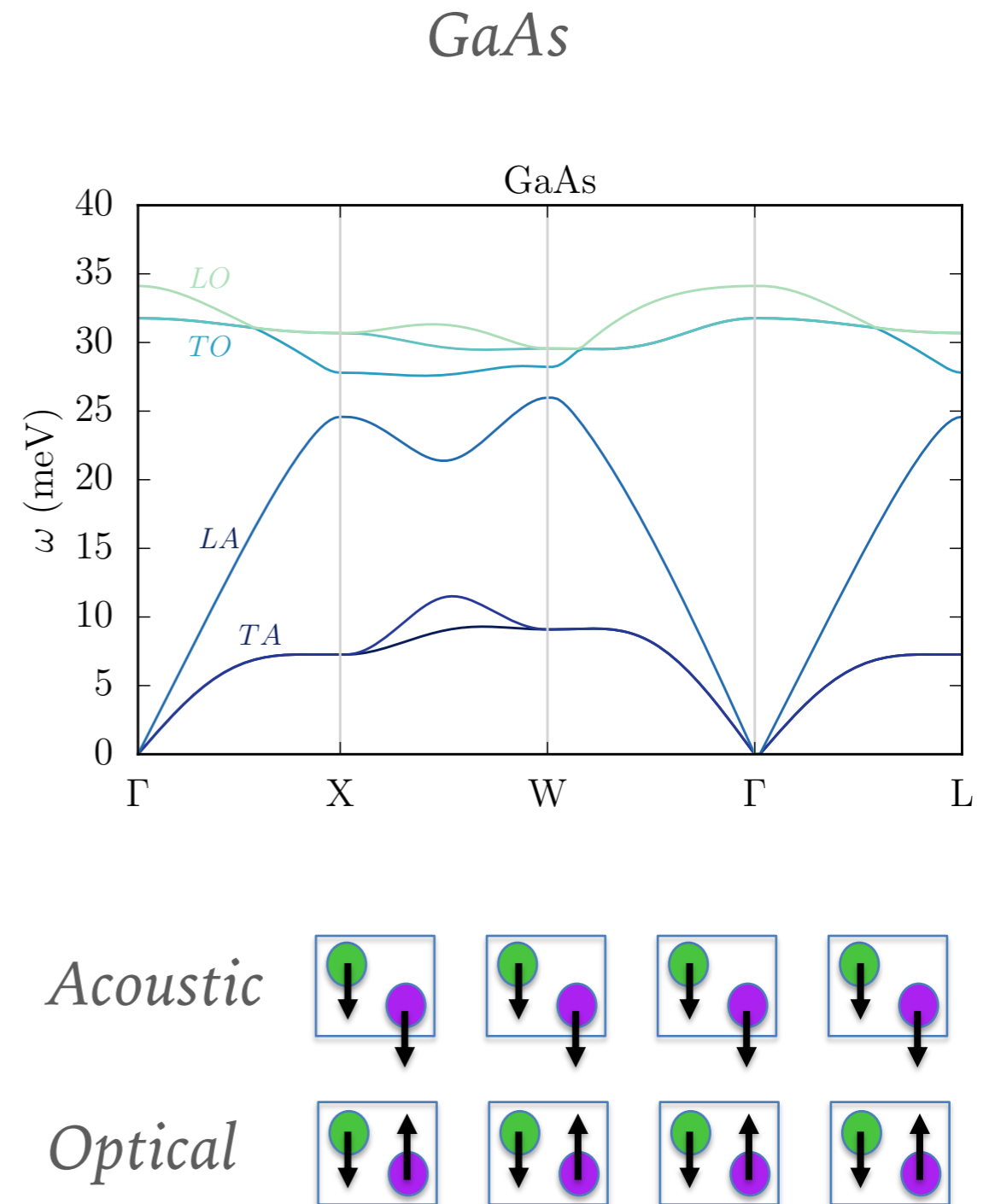
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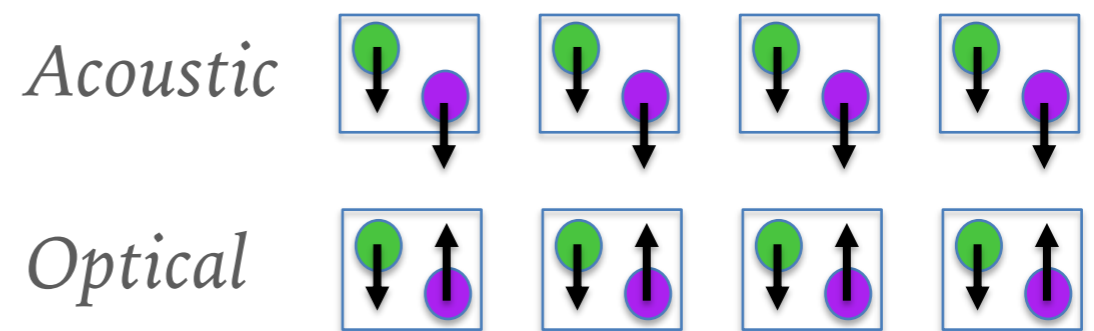
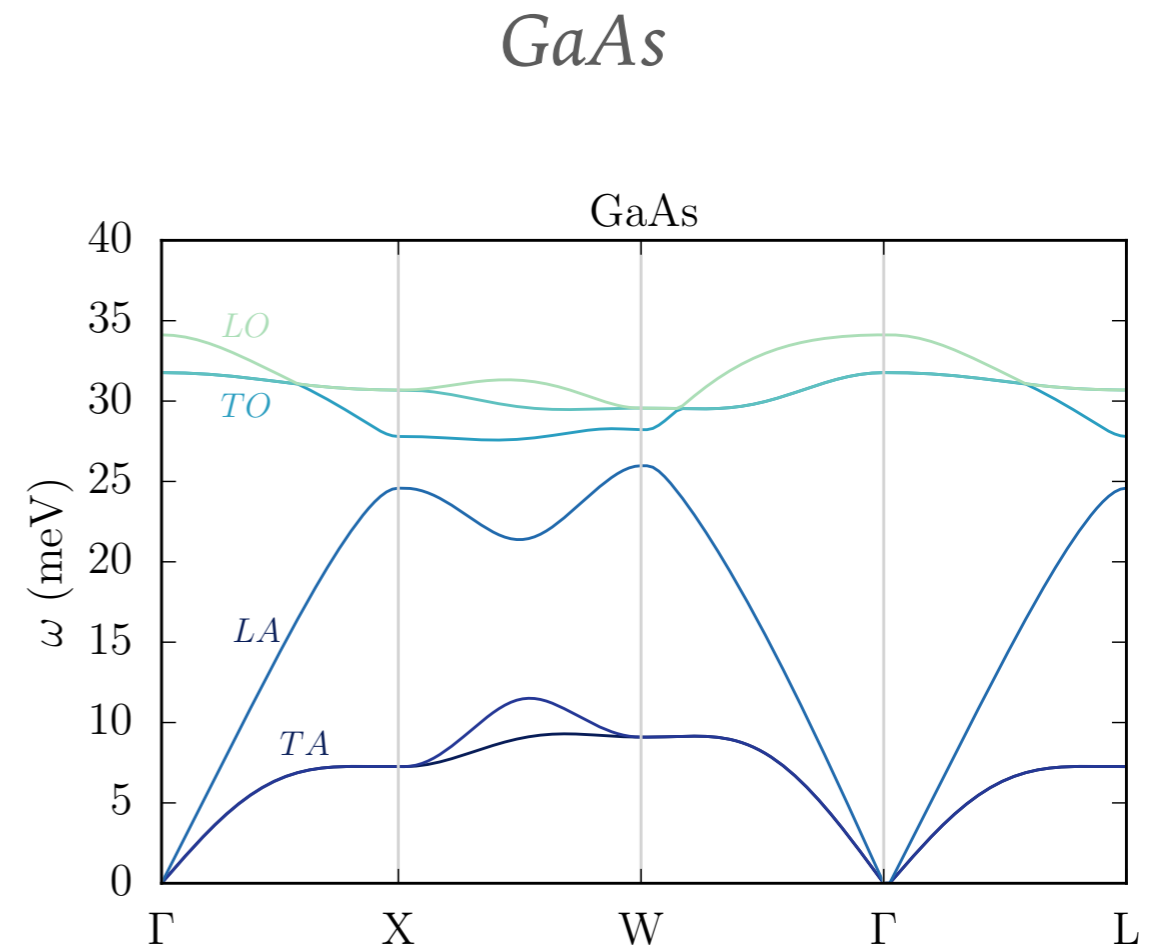
# NATURE OF COLLECTIVE MODES

- ▶ Number of collective modes:  
3 x number of ions in unit cell
- ▶ 3 of those modes describe in phase oscillation — acoustic phonons — and have a translation symmetry implying gapless dispersion
- ▶ When these gapped modes result from oscillations of more than one type of ion, it sets up an oscillating dipole
- ▶ *Polar Materials*



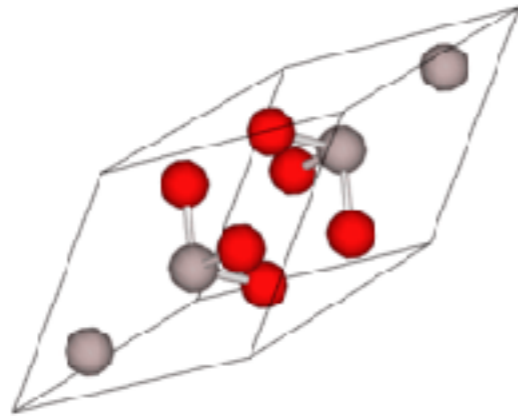
# SCATTERING ON COLLECTIVE MODES IN POLAR MATERIALS

- ▶ Gapped optical modes are also ideal for sub-MeV dark matter scattering
  - ▶ i) energy spectrum of modes matches dark matter kinetic energy
  - ▶ ii) When these gapped modes result from oscillations of more than one type of ion, we have an oscillating dipole



# KINEMATICS OF COLLECTIVE MODES (2)

- ▶ First element to enter is the kinematics

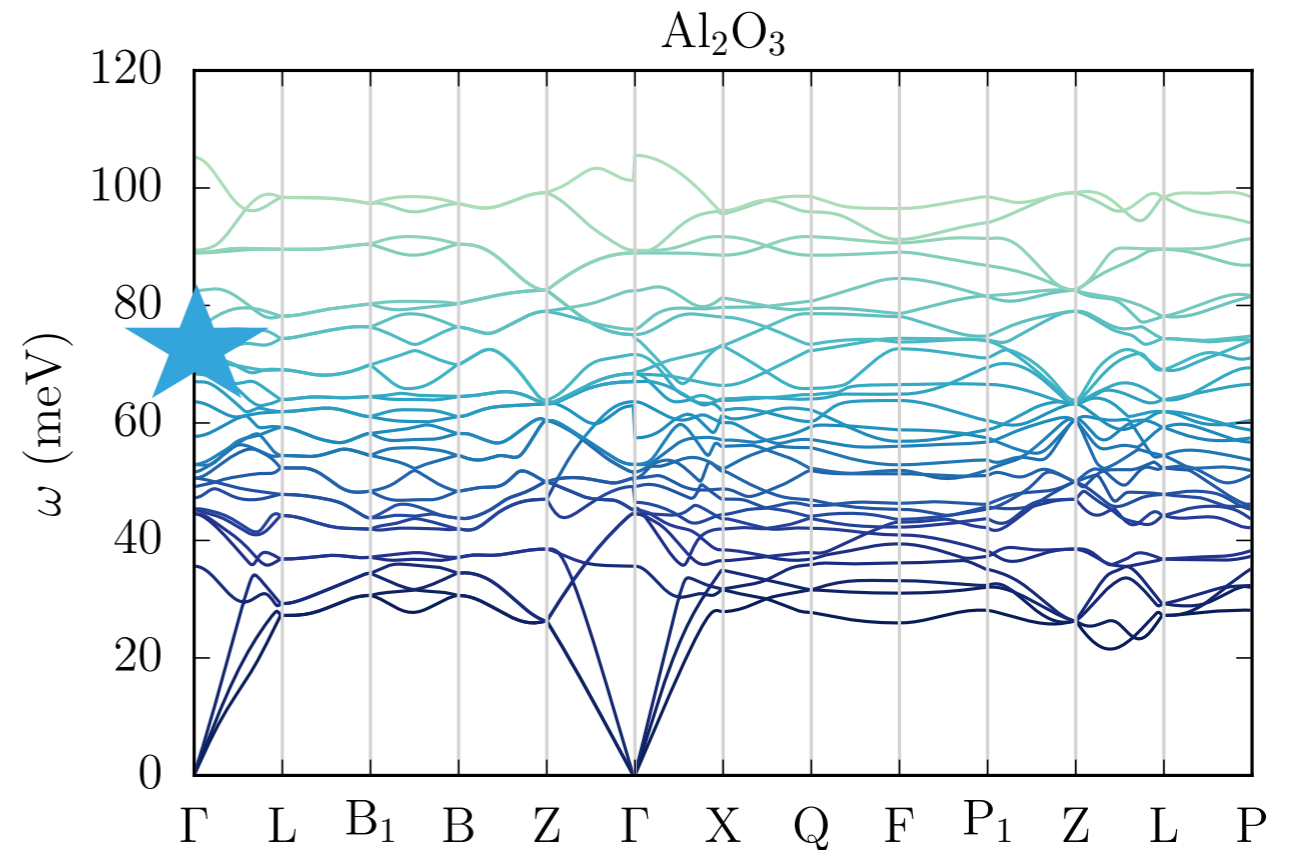


$$E_D \sim v_X q$$

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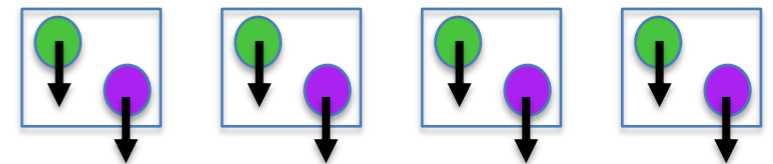
$$c_s \ll v_X$$

$$E_D \sim c_s q$$



- ▶ Coupling to gapped modes

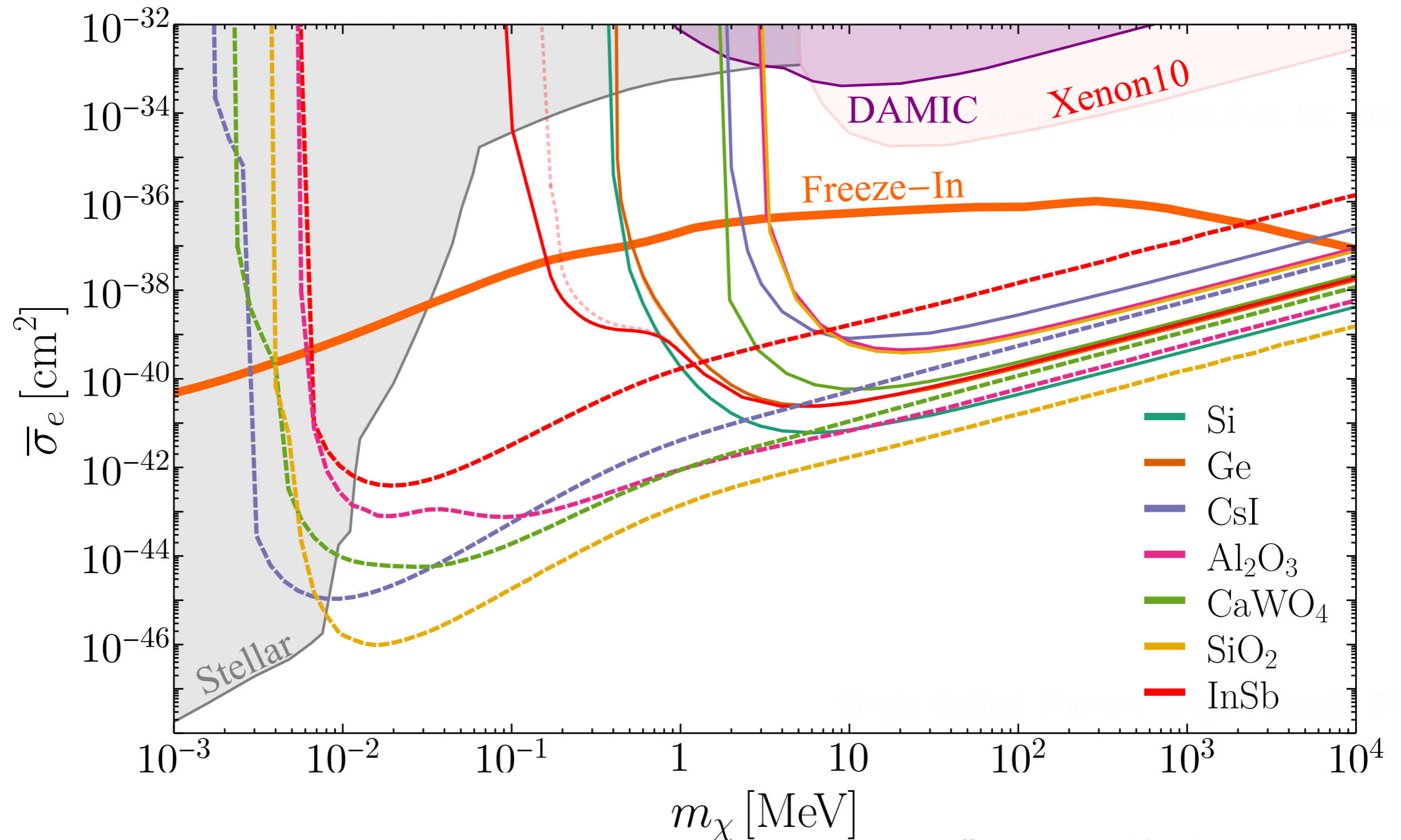
*Acoustic*



*Optical*



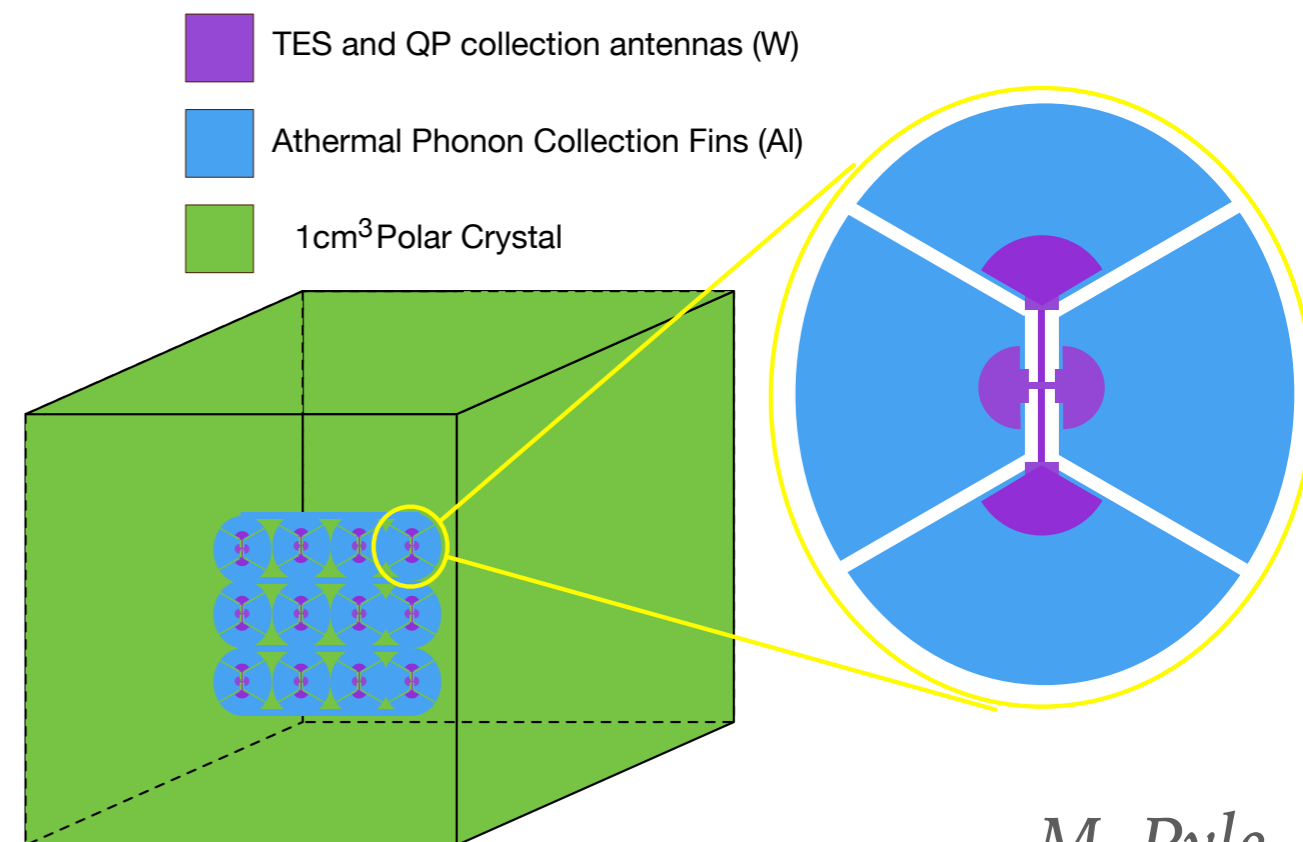
# OPTICAL PHONONS IN POLAR MATERIALS (2)



# COMMON R&D PATH

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- ▶ Sensor can be coupled to multiple targets
- ▶ Zero-field read-out of phonons
- ▶ Funded for R&D by DoE Dark Matter New Initiatives
- ▶ For a polar crystal target — Sub-eV Polar Interactions Cryogenic Experiment (SPICE)

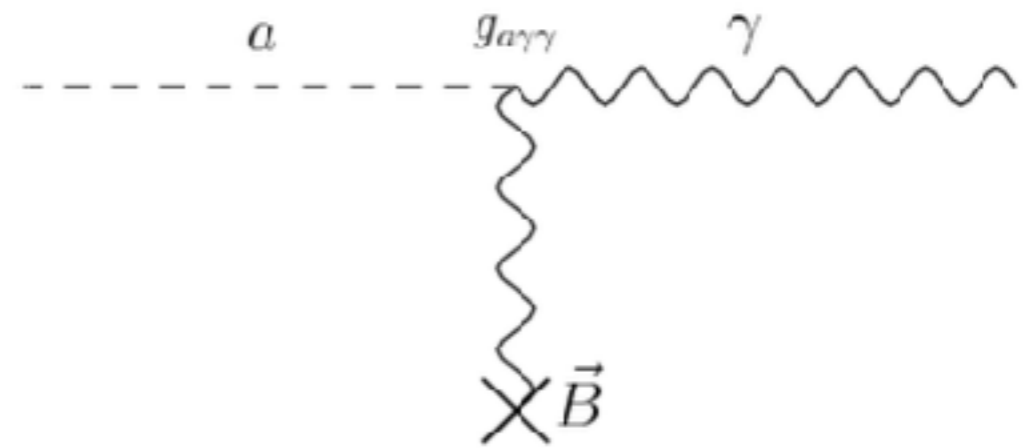
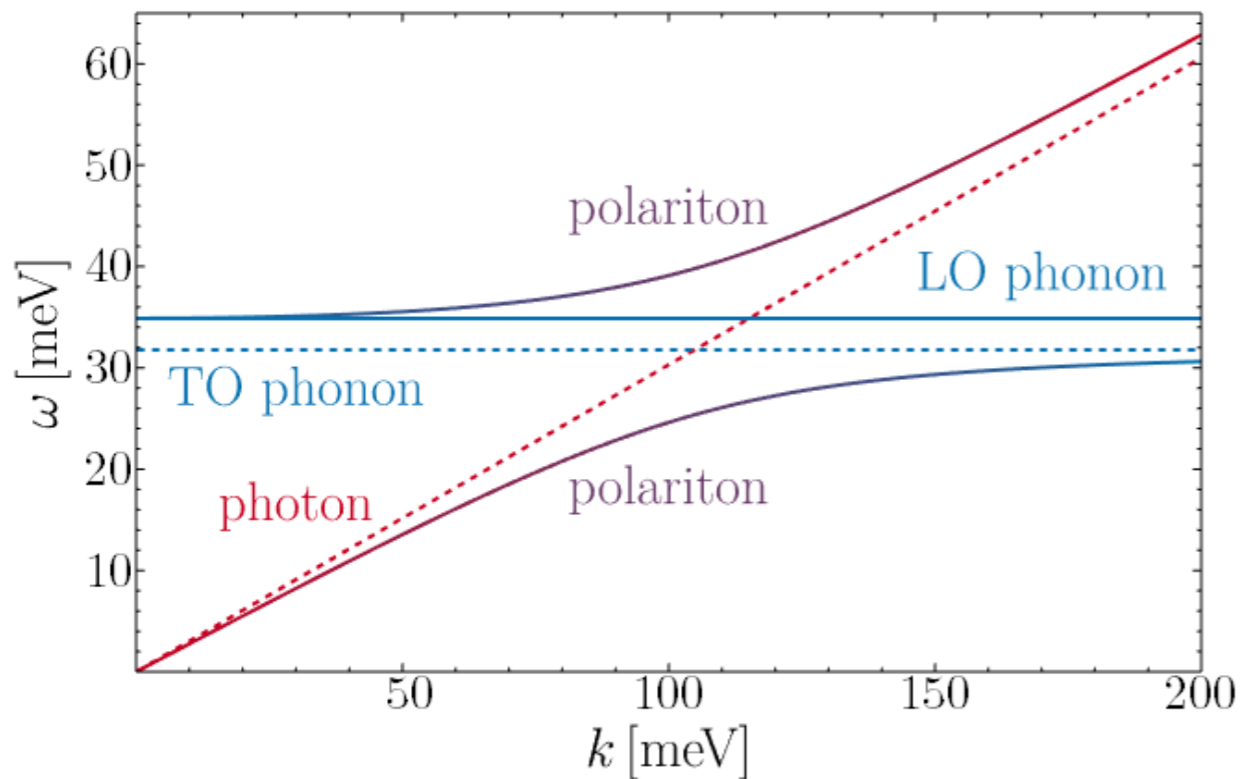


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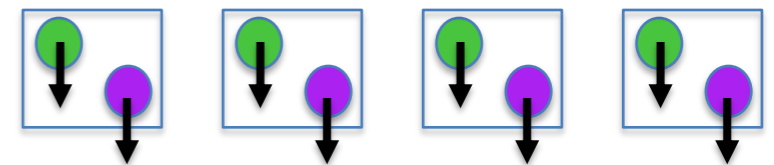


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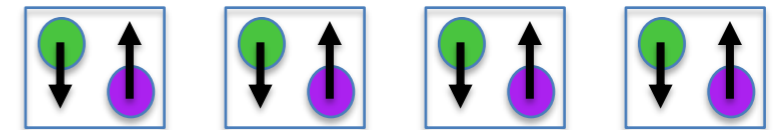
- ▶ The photon mixes with these collective modes at very low momentum transfer



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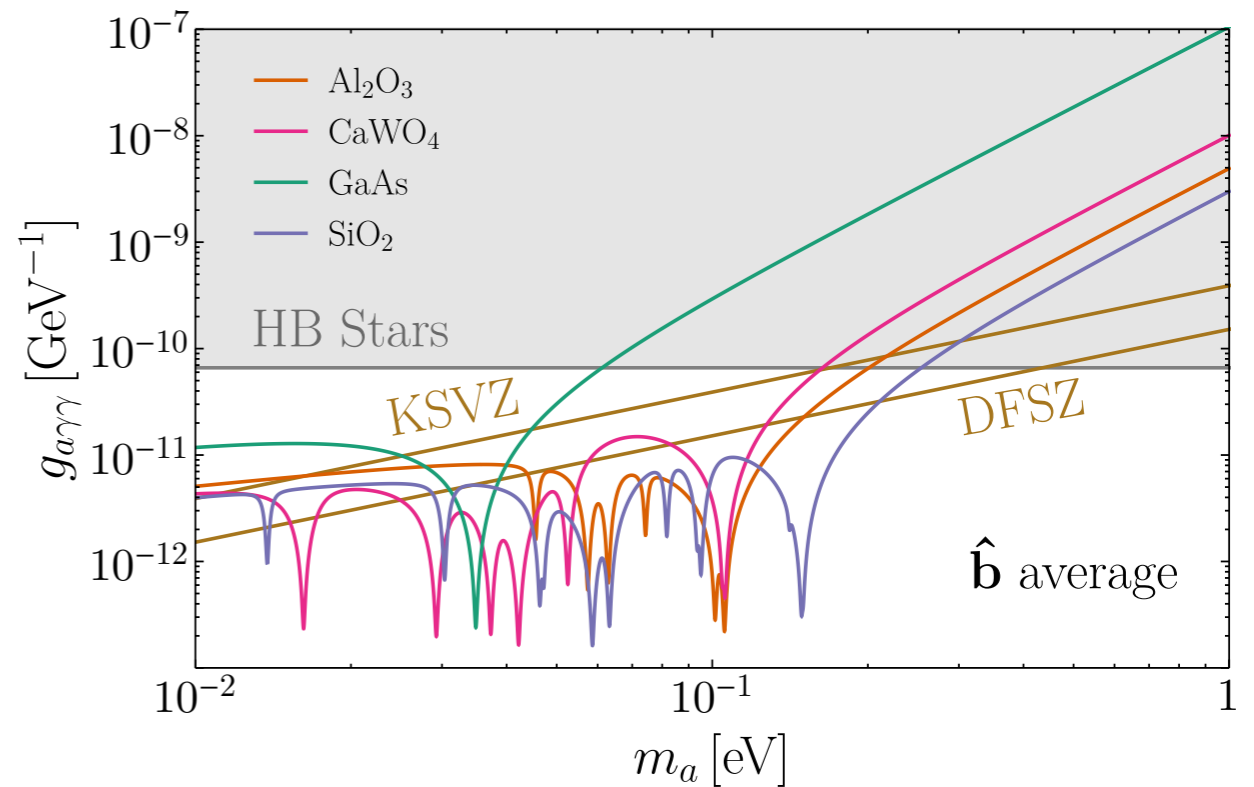
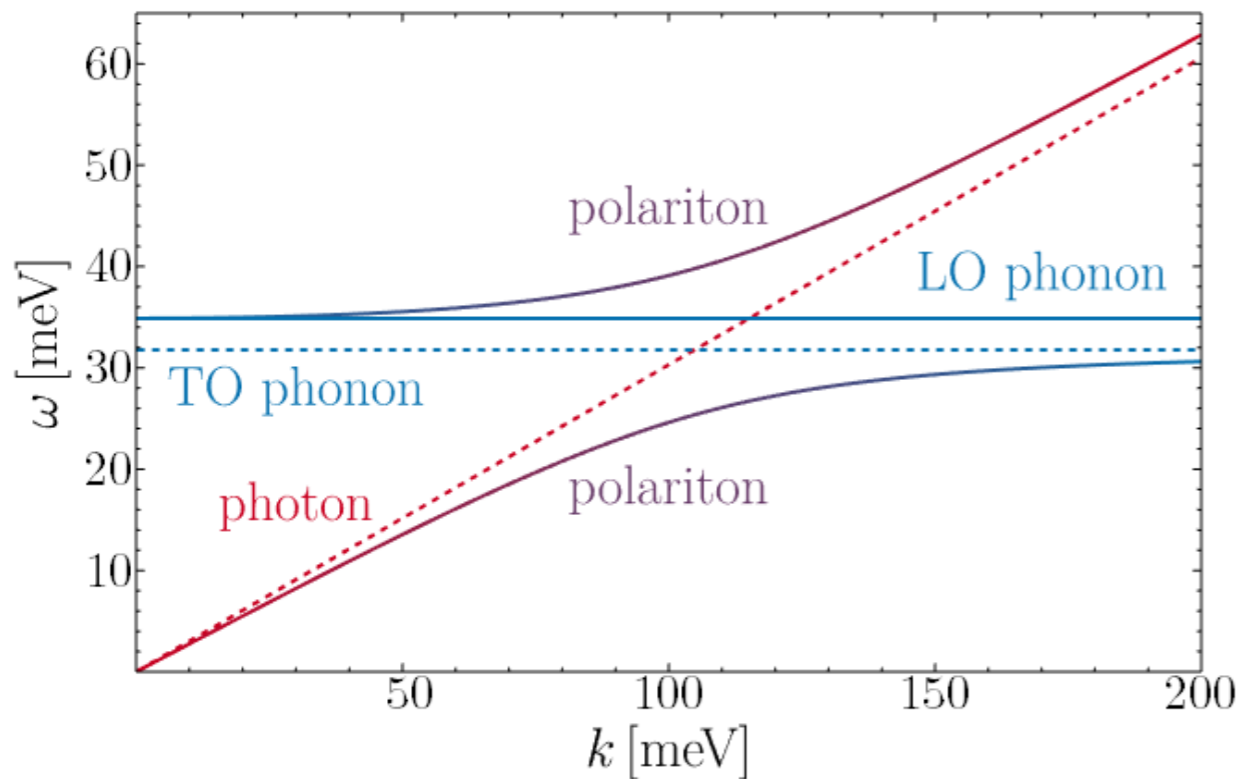


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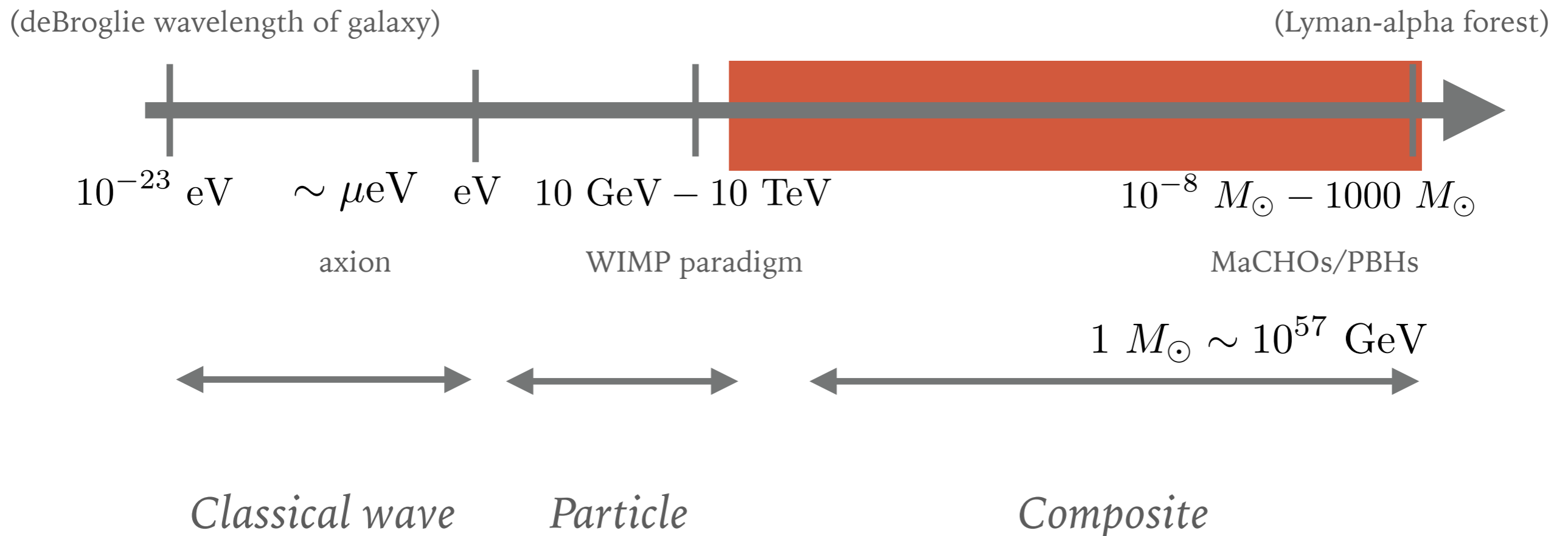


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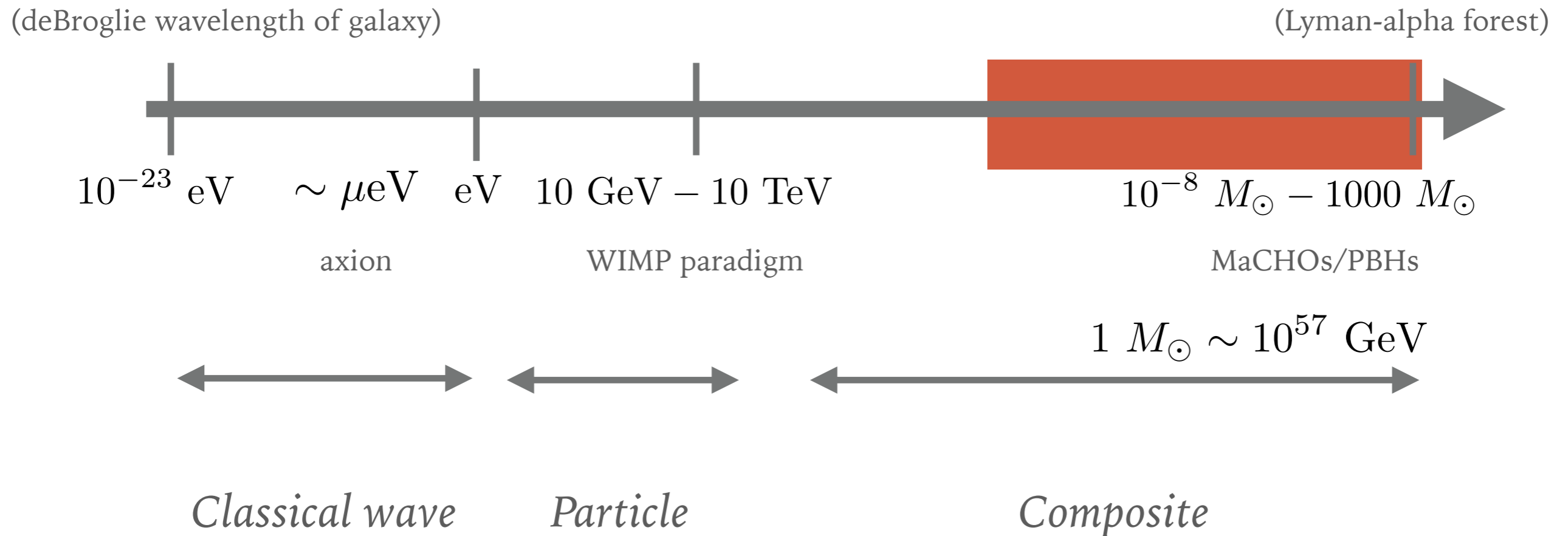
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- ▶ Heavier dark matter: setting relic abundance through interactions with Standard Model is challenging
- ▶ At heavier masses, detection through Standard Model interactions is (generally) not motivated by abundance

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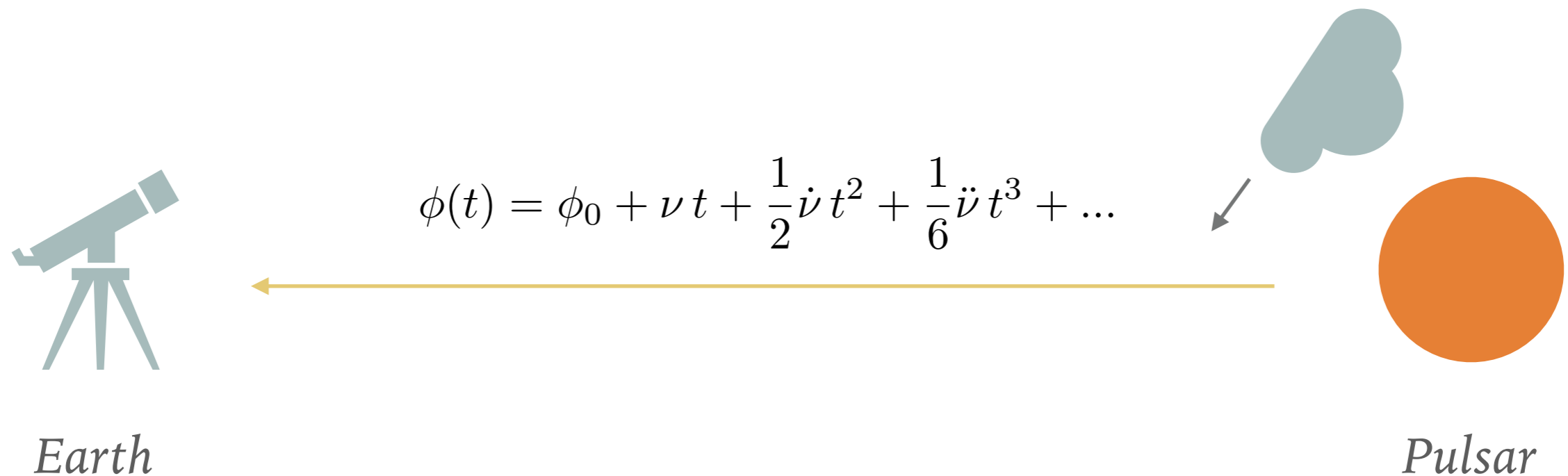


- ▶ Look for gravitational means to detect structure
- ▶ Above  $10^{-13} M_{\odot}$  e.g. pulsar timing may be effective
- ▶ Project of the (far) future to use laboratory clocks to detect small gravitational redshift effects

# GRAVITATIONAL EFFECTS OF DARK MATTER SUBSTRUCTURE

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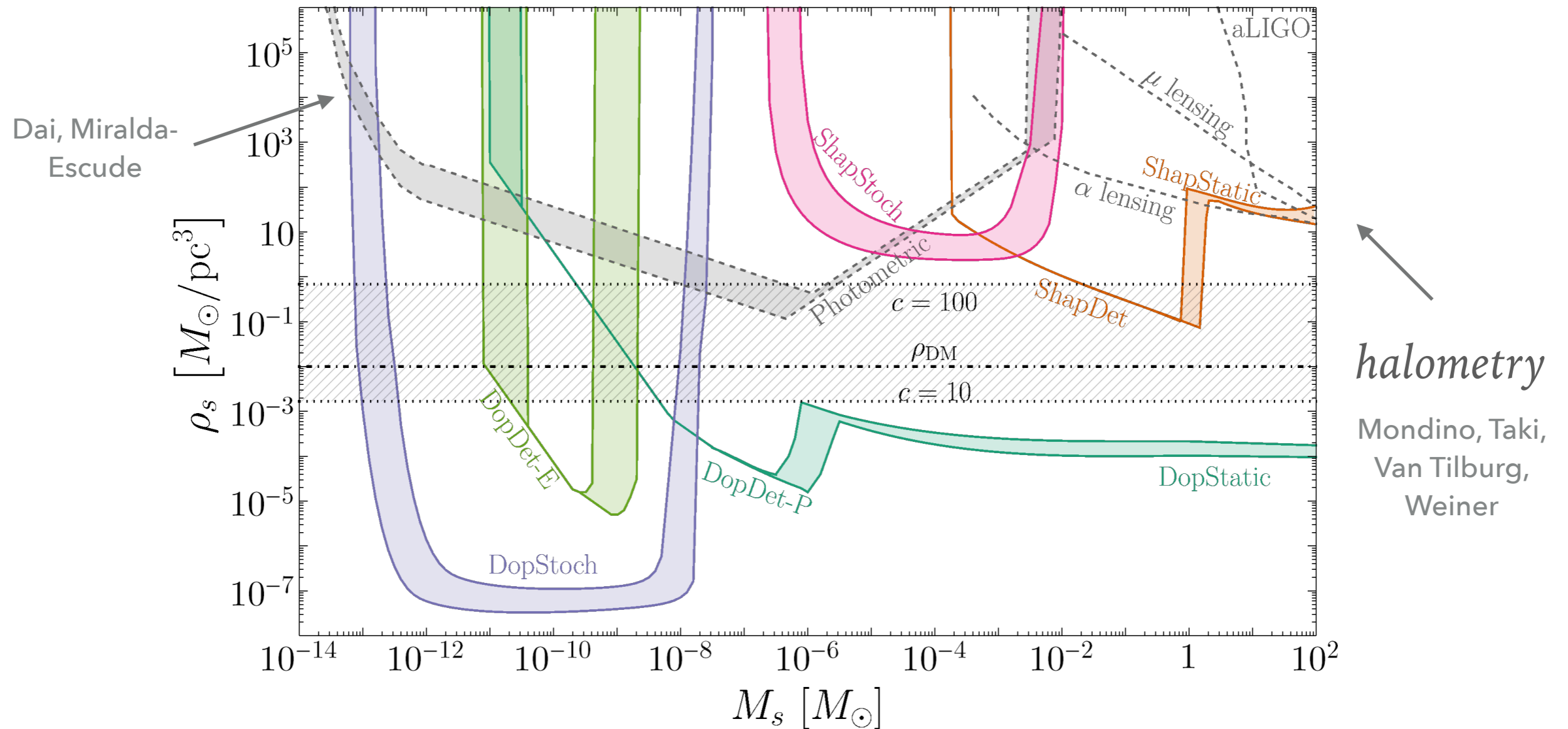
- ▶ Accurate clocks and transiting objects — the time-of-arrival of a pulse is stable. Deviations can signal transiting object.



- ▶ Principle can be applied to many systems with accurate clocks
- ▶ Transiting clump can accelerate earth or pulsar (Doppler) or change the potential along line of sight (Shapiro)

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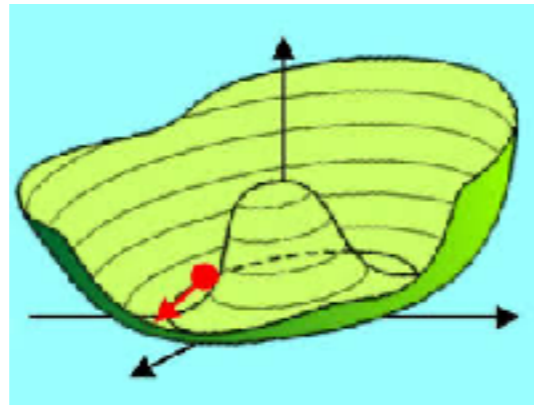
Ramani, Trickle, KZ 2005.03030



- ▶ Working with Nanograv-developed (PTA collaboration) machinery to forecast more realistic prospects for detection

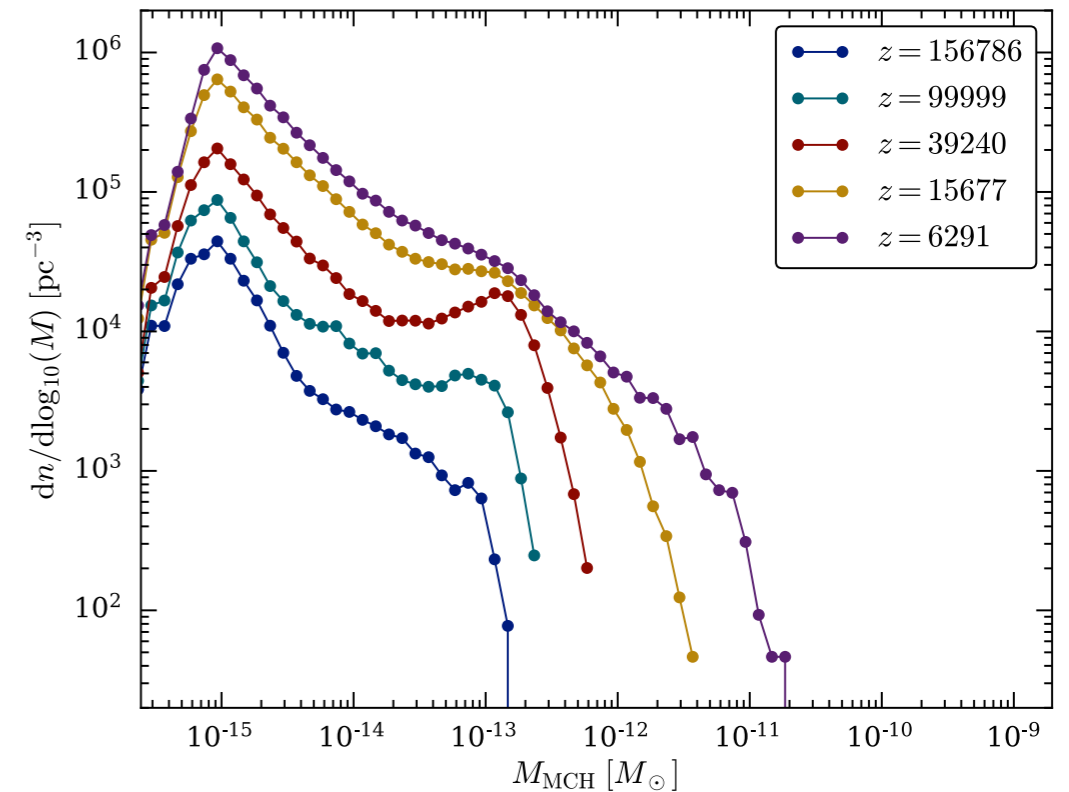
# MODELS WITH ENHANCED SMALL SCALE POWER

- ▶ Axion models, where PQ symmetry breaks after inflation

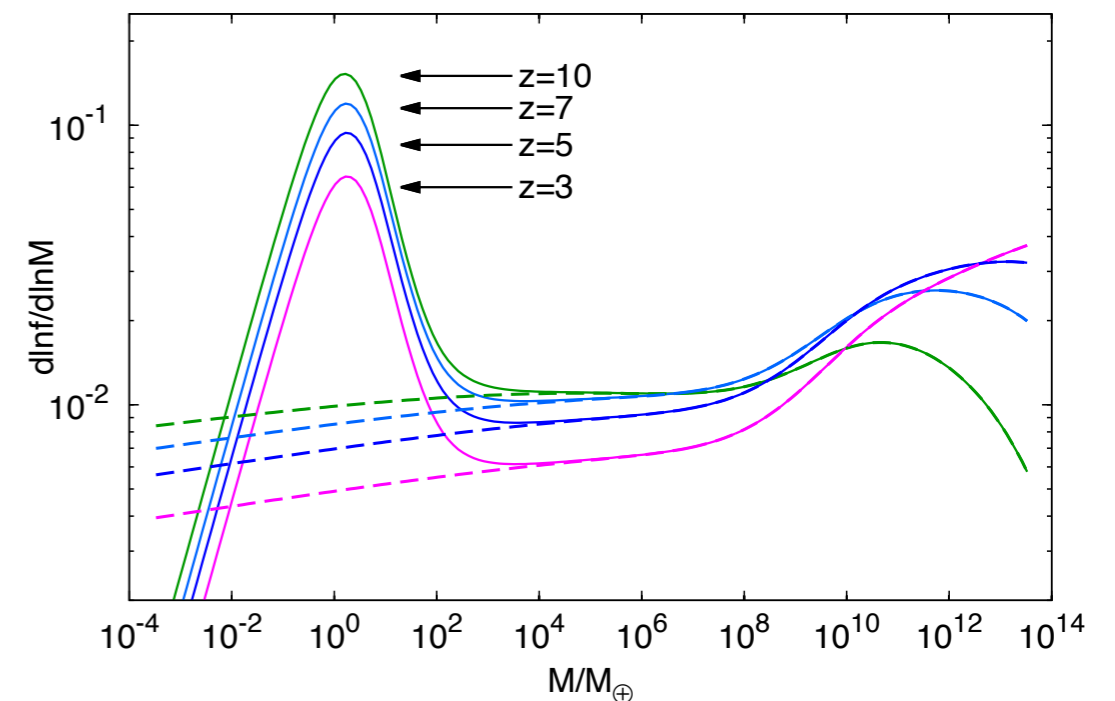


- ▶ Periods of early matter domination can lead to growth of structure on small scales

Eggemeier, Redondo et al 1911.09417



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# THE CHALLENGE

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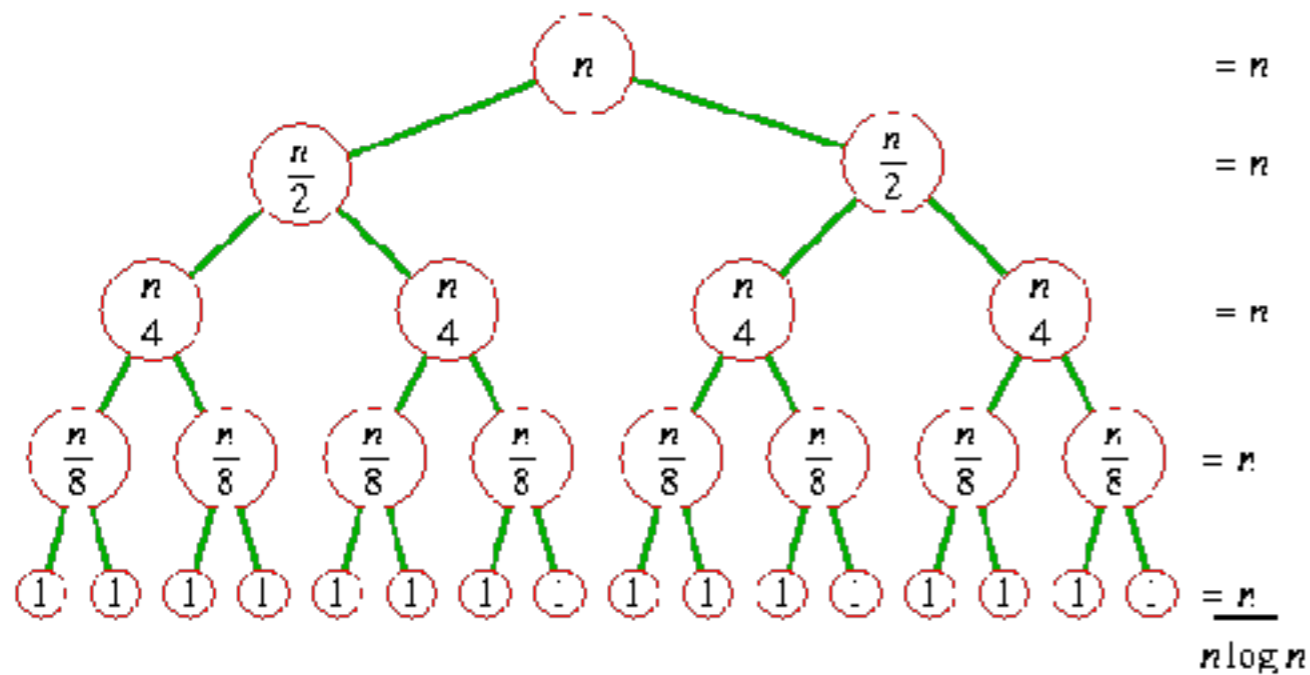
- ▶ Now is not the time for narrowing our search for Invisibles; the playing field is still wide open
- ▶ Fortunately the Identification of Dark Matter has spurred ideas for many new experimental and observational efforts, on all avenues
- ▶ Lack of evidence for WIMP has given rise to renewed interest in axion, including more robust theoretical predictions and new ideas for probes
- ▶ New ideas for hidden sector/valley dark matter and probes for such light dark matter states
- ▶ New opportunities to search for dark matter substructure over the next decade



# THE OUTLOOK

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► We are not without tools!



*The universe is dominated by invisibles!*

*WIMP or (axion)*

*How to be ready for anything? Hidden Sectors*

*How do I search for these new candidates?*

