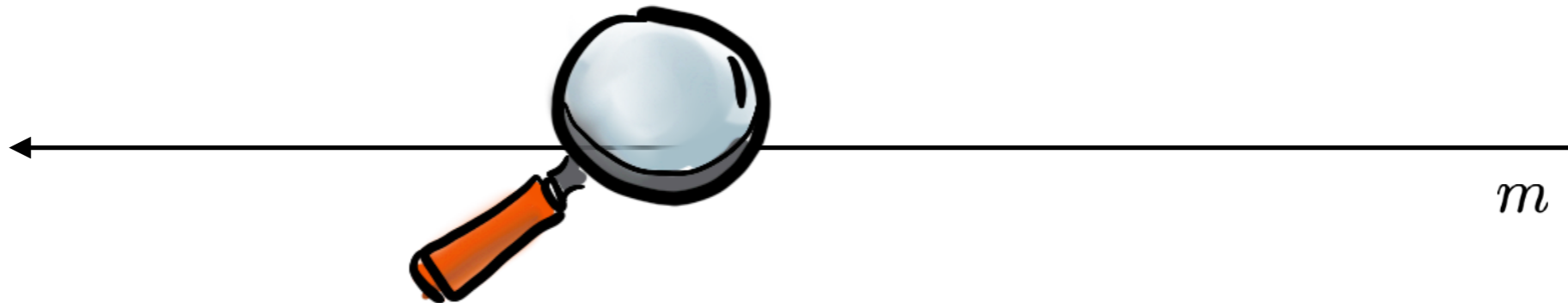


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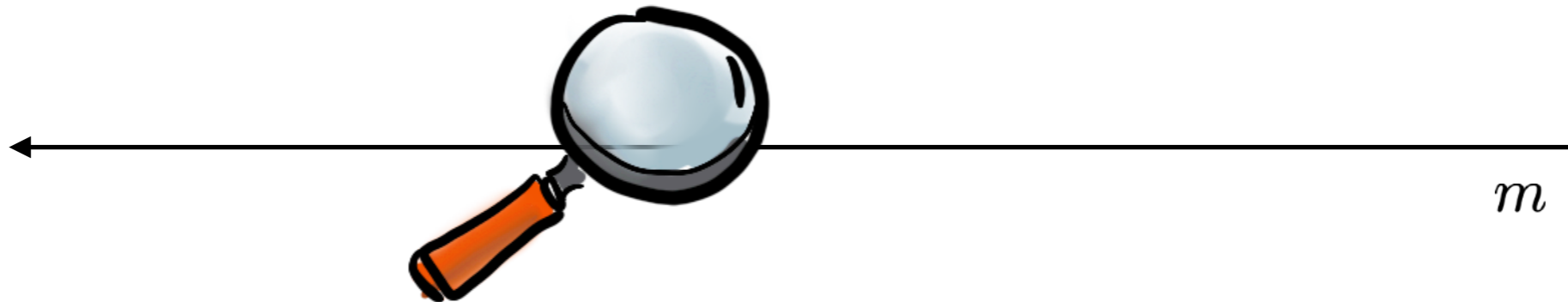


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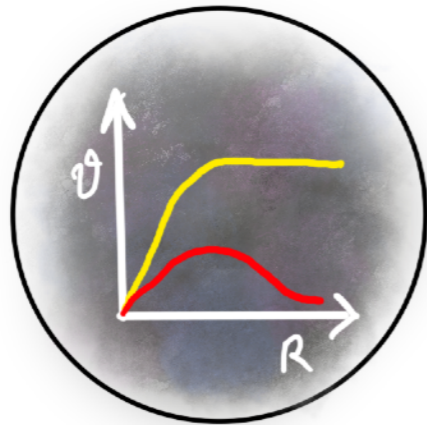
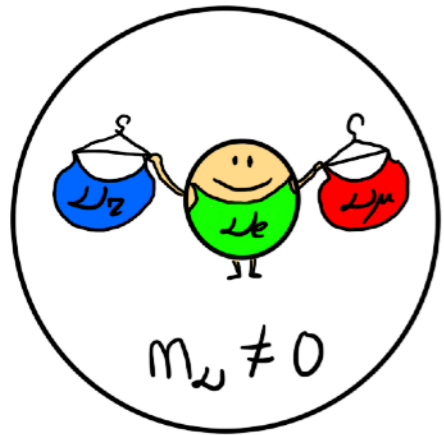
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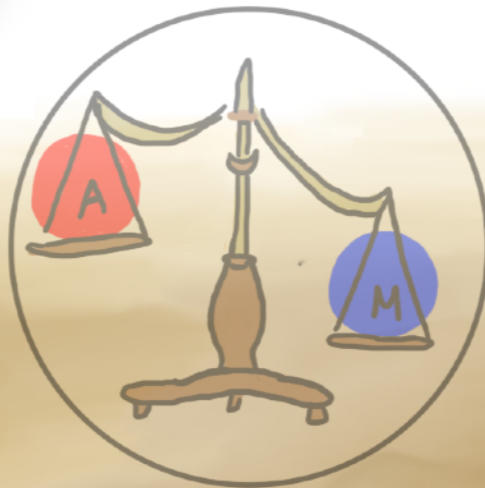
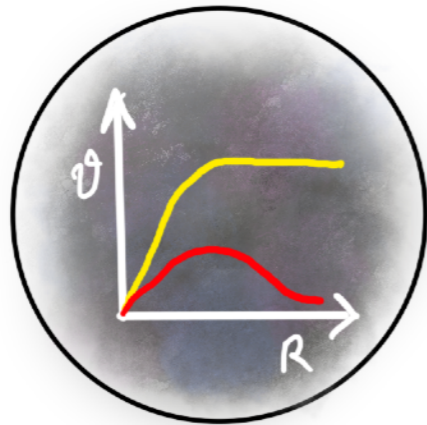


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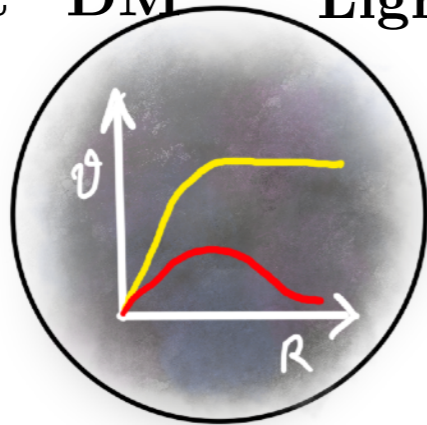
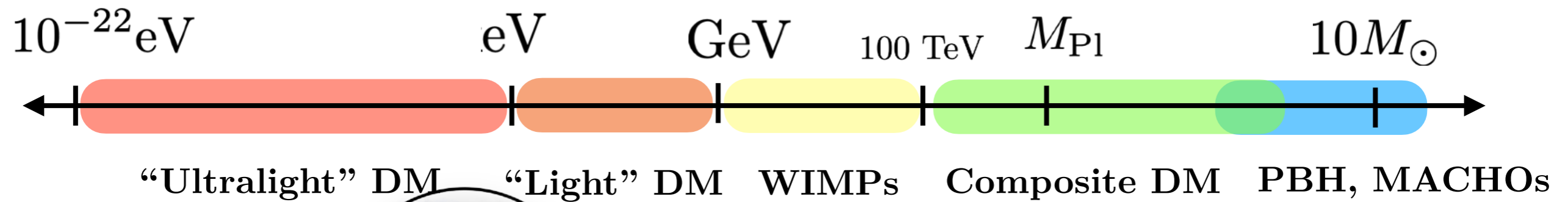
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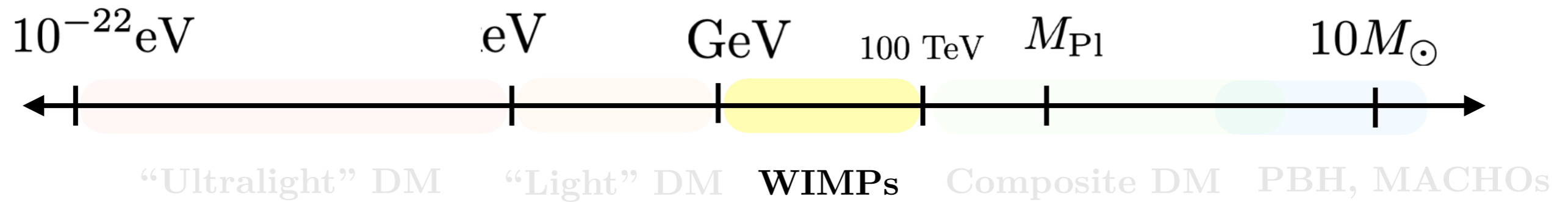
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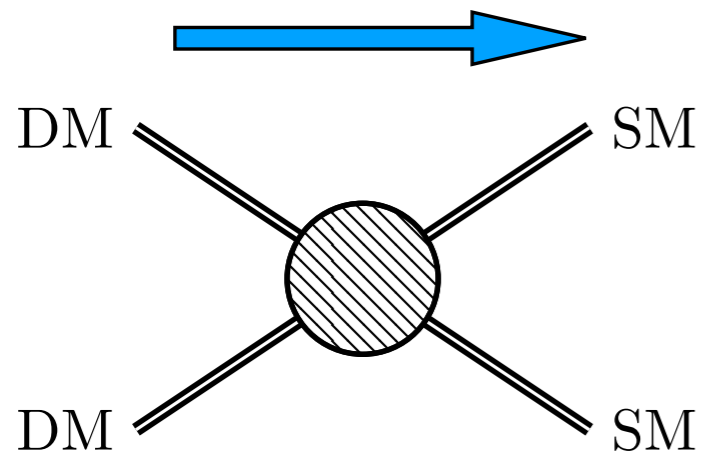
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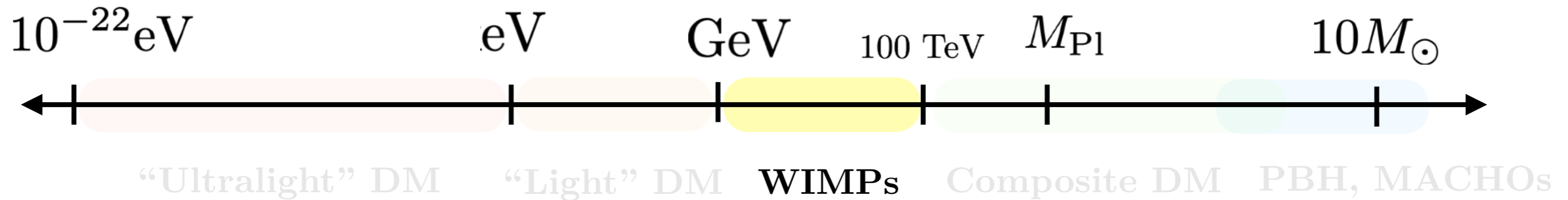
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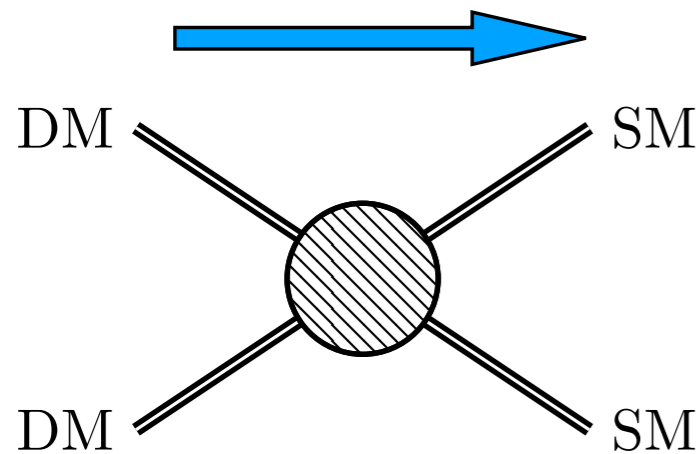
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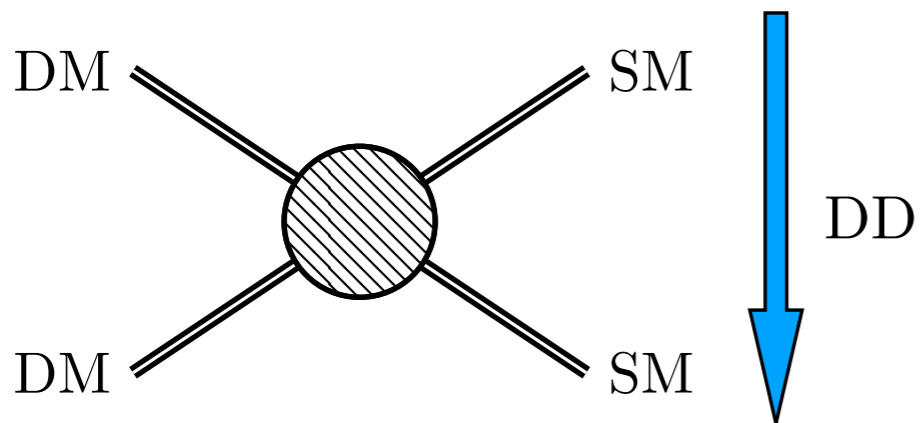
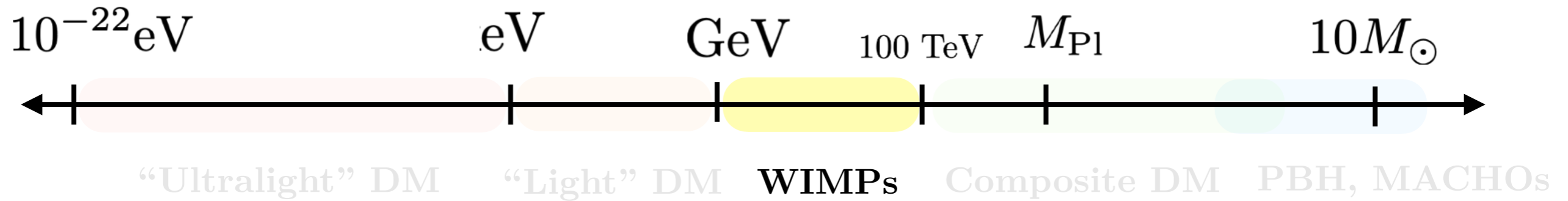


$$\langle \sigma v \rangle \sim \frac{G_F^2}{8\pi} m_\chi^2 \frac{c}{3} \sim 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^3/\text{s} \left( \frac{m_\chi}{100 \text{ GeV}} \right)^2$$

weak coupling

$$\Omega_{\text{DM}} \sim 0.1 \times \left( \frac{3 \times 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}}{\langle \sigma v \rangle} \right)$$


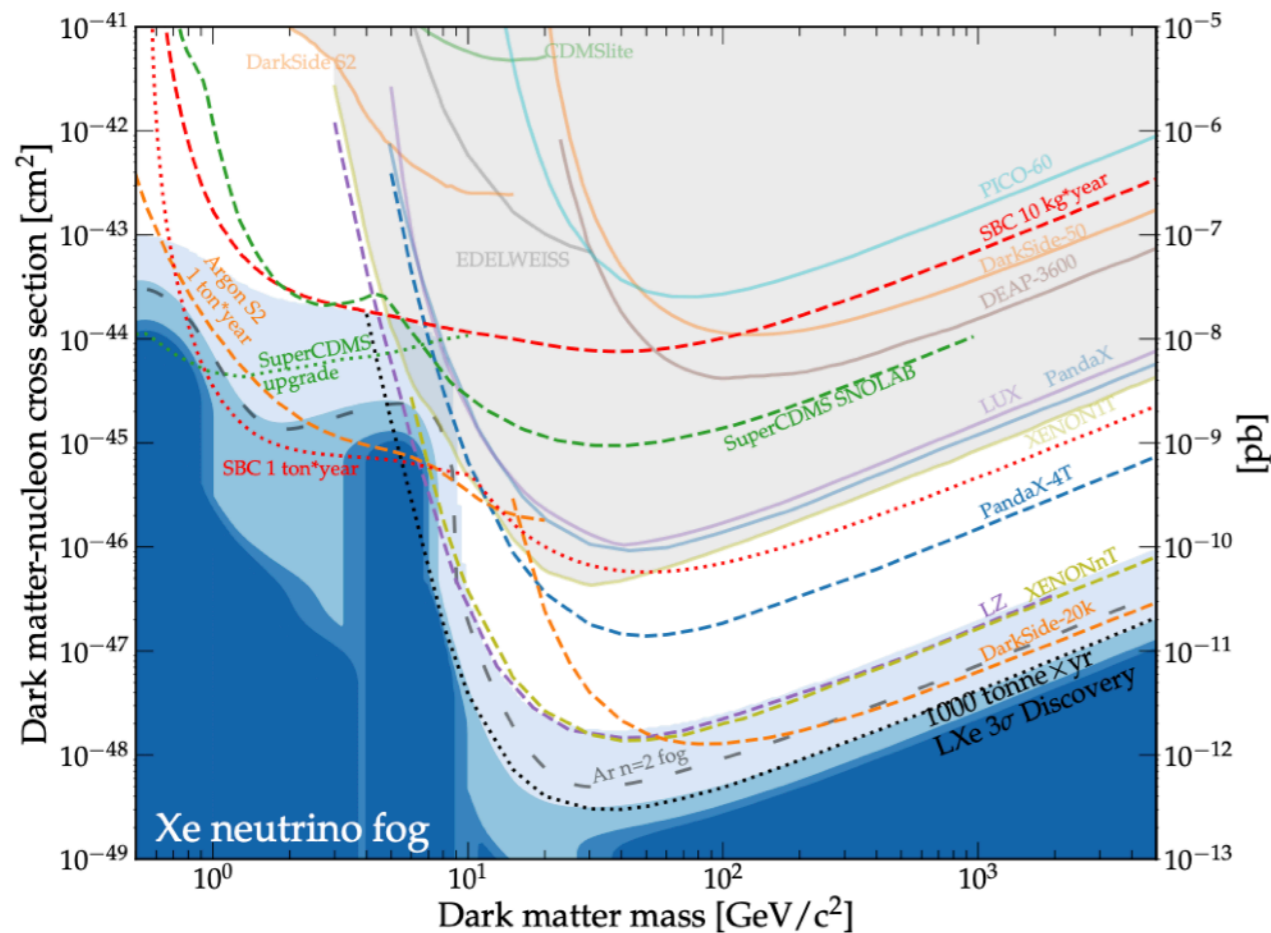
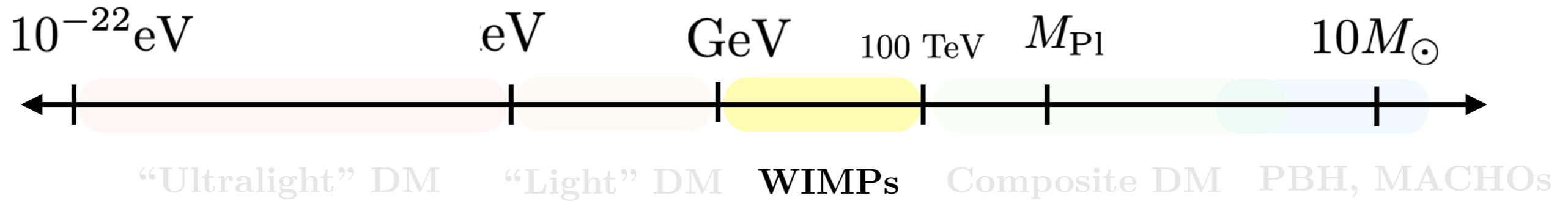
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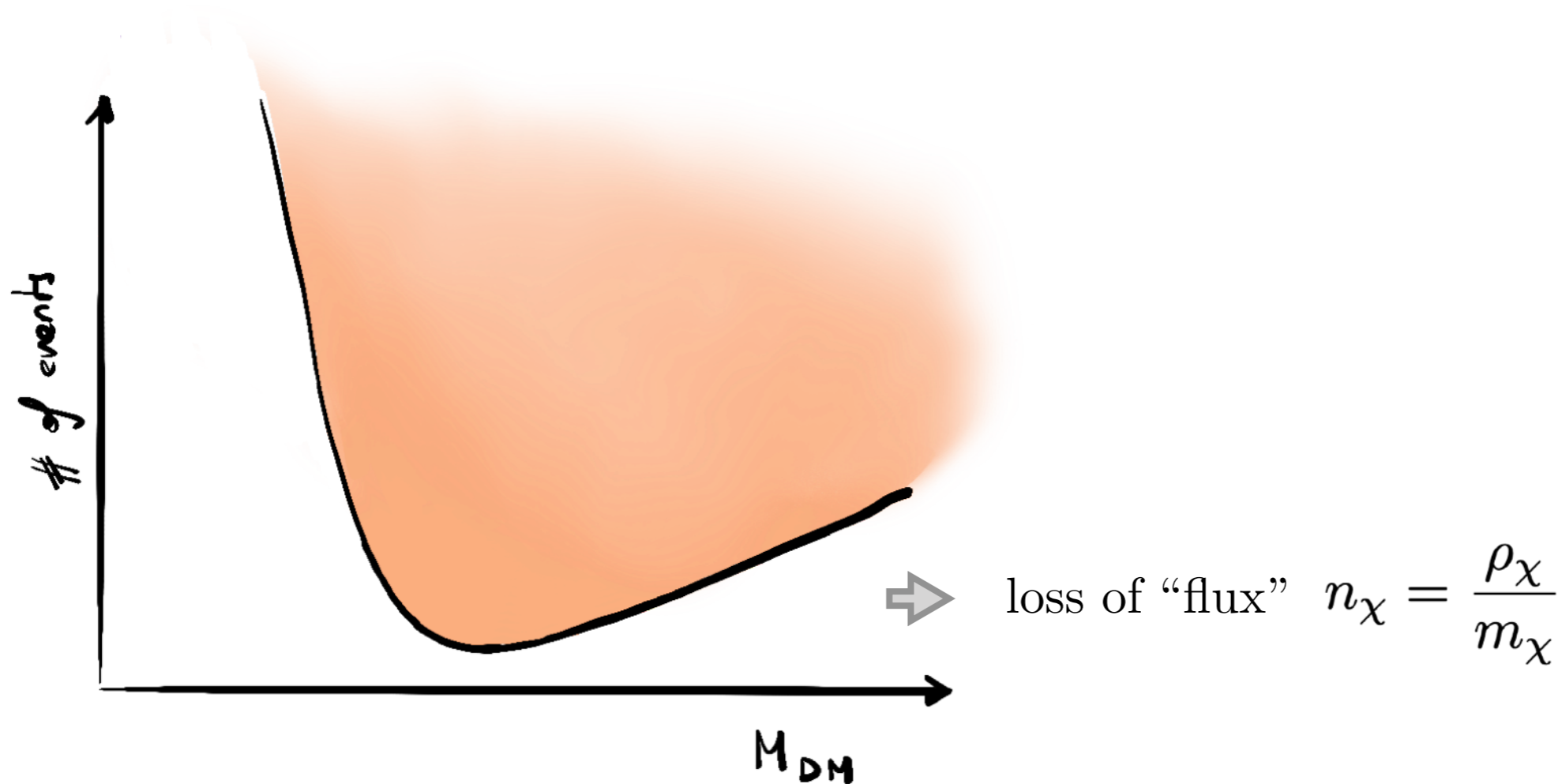
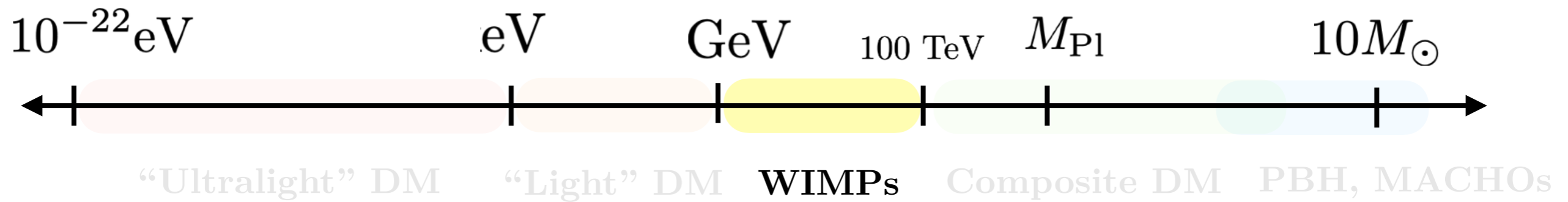


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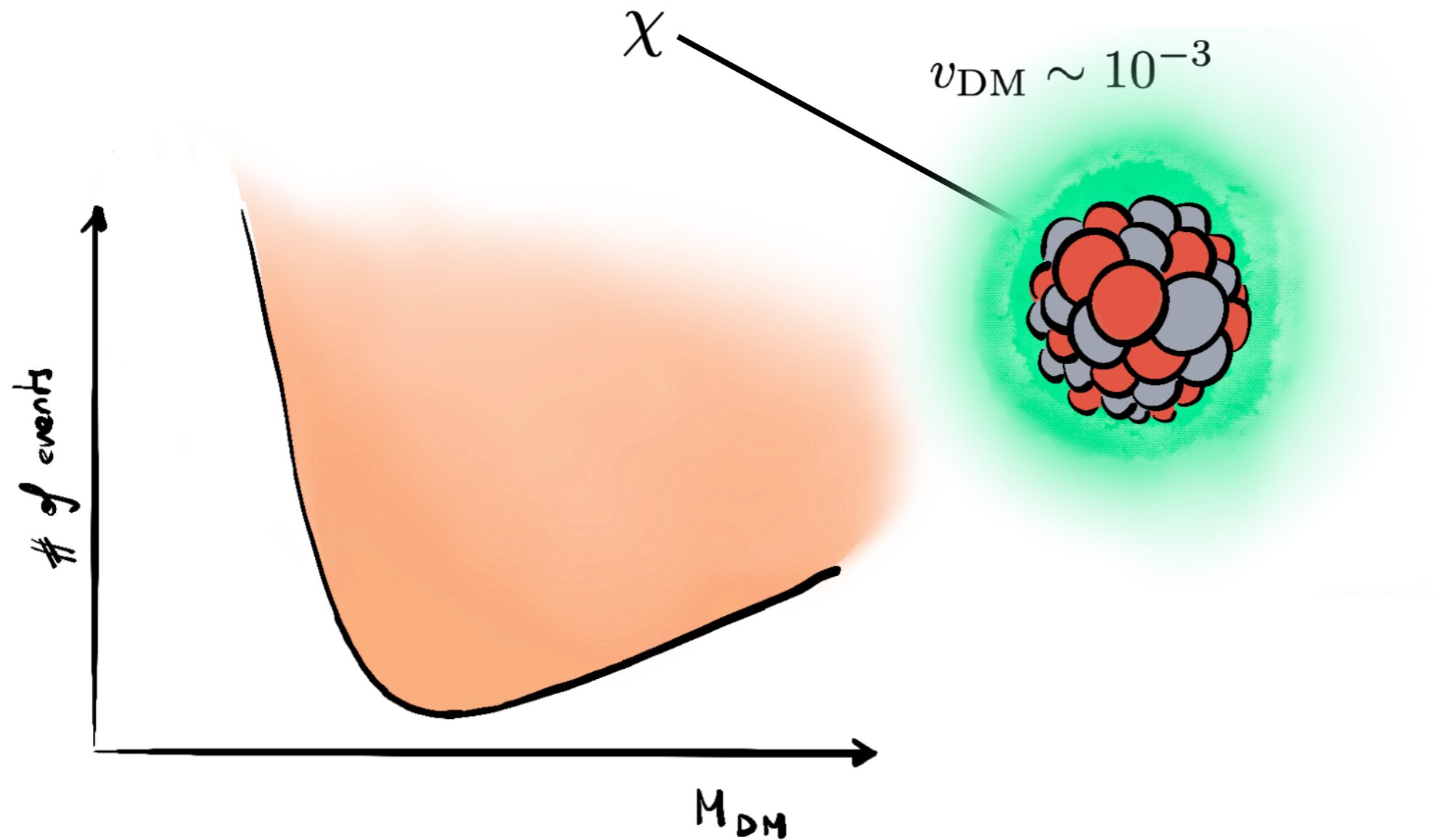
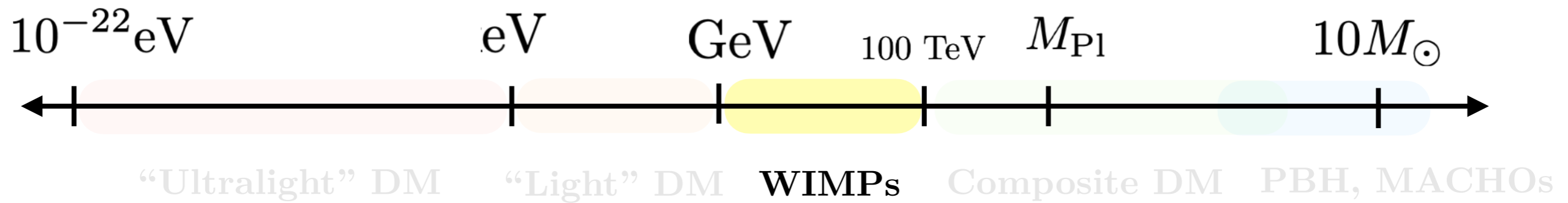


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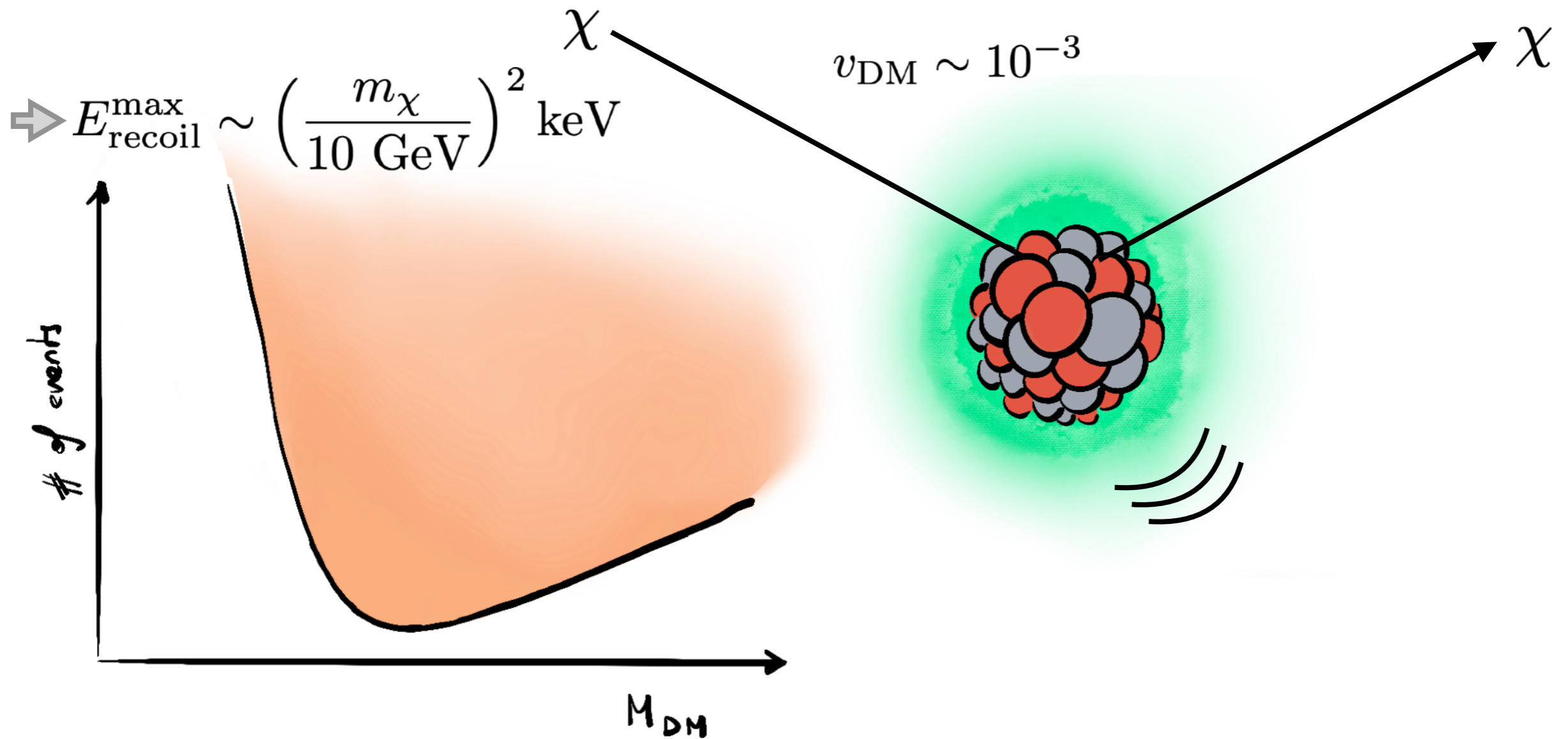
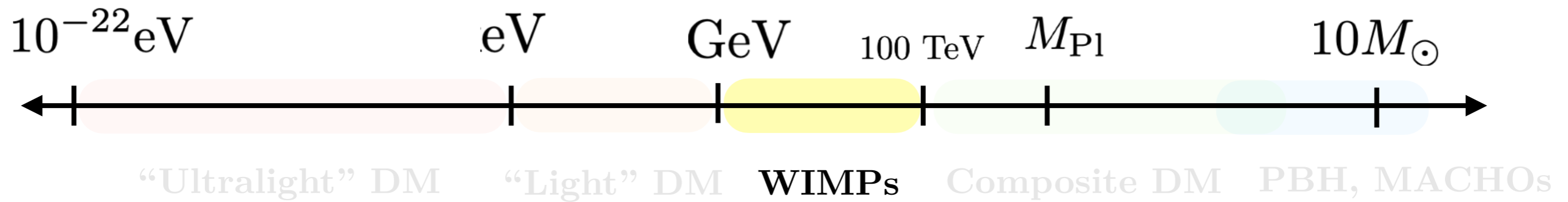
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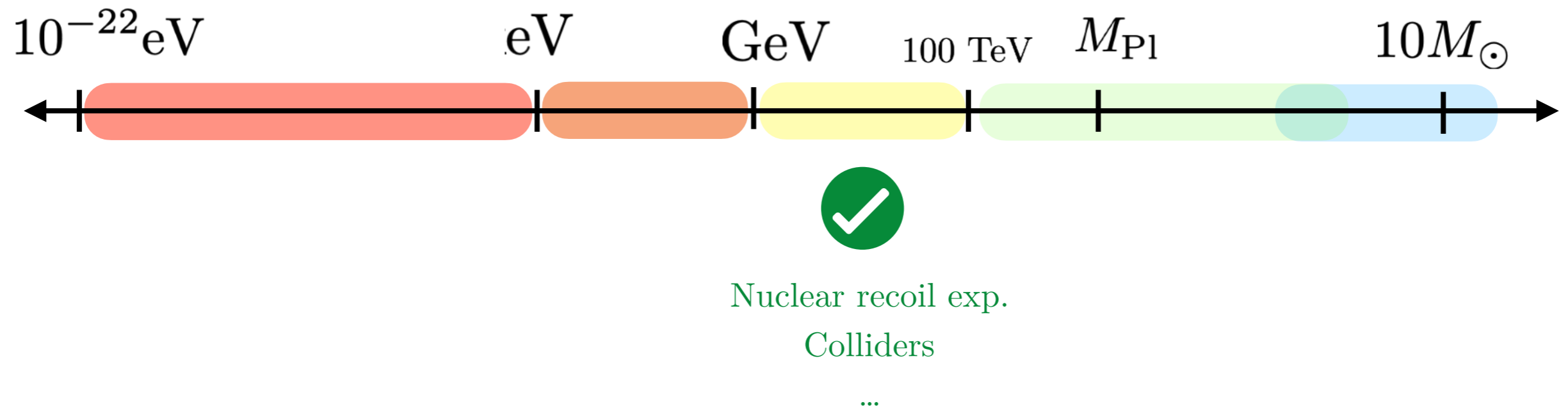
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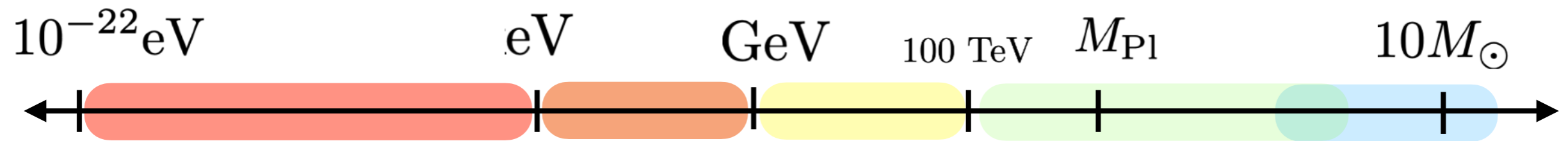
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# Beyond the SM: “how” to look?



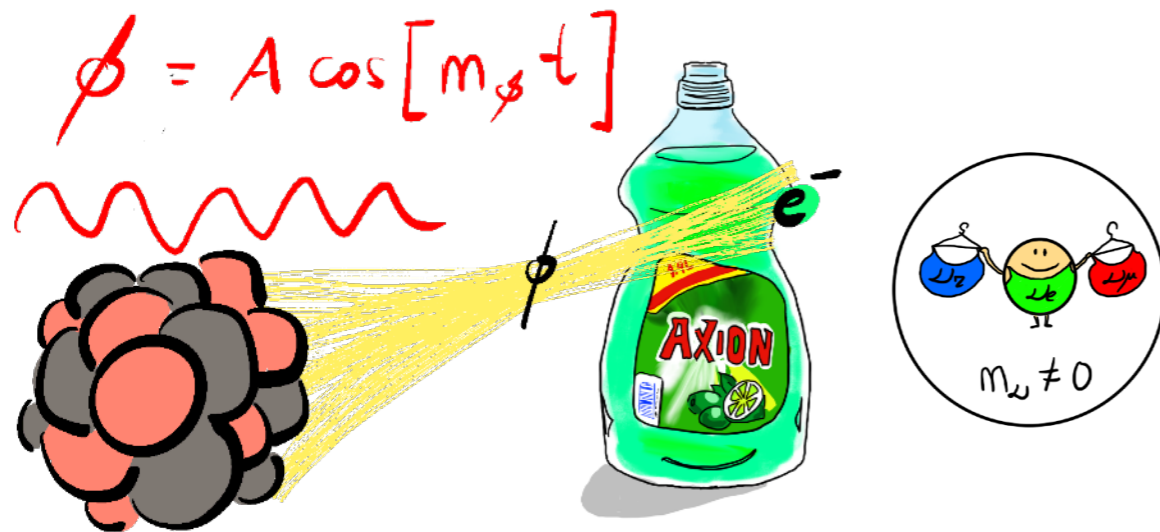
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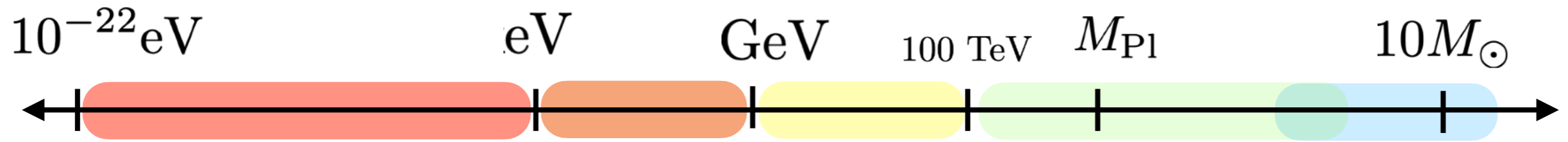
Nuclear recoil exp.

Colliders

...

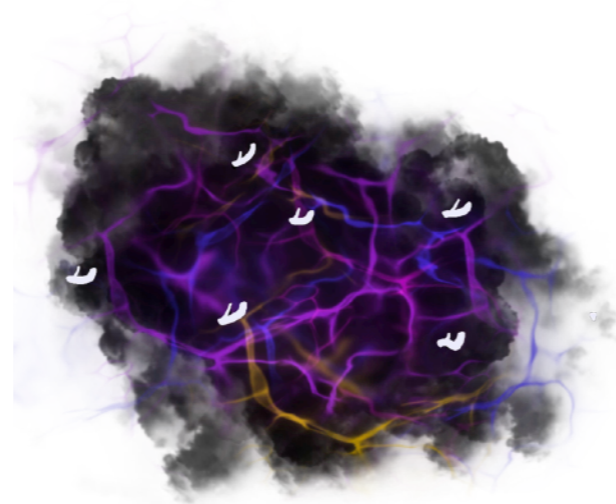
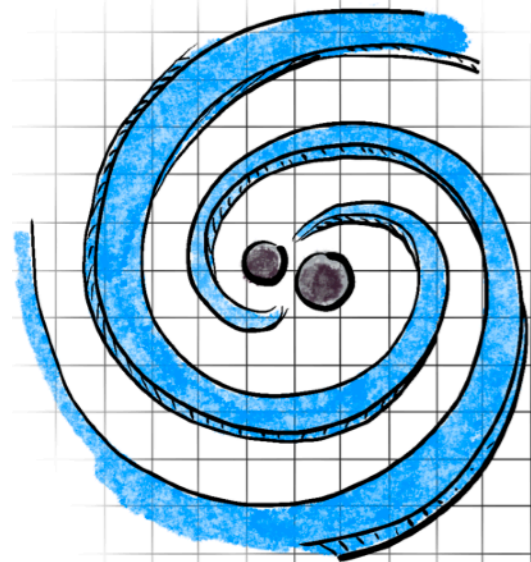
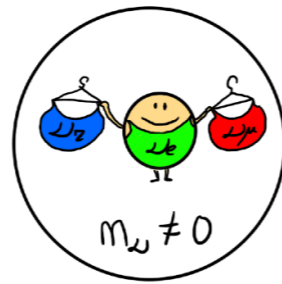
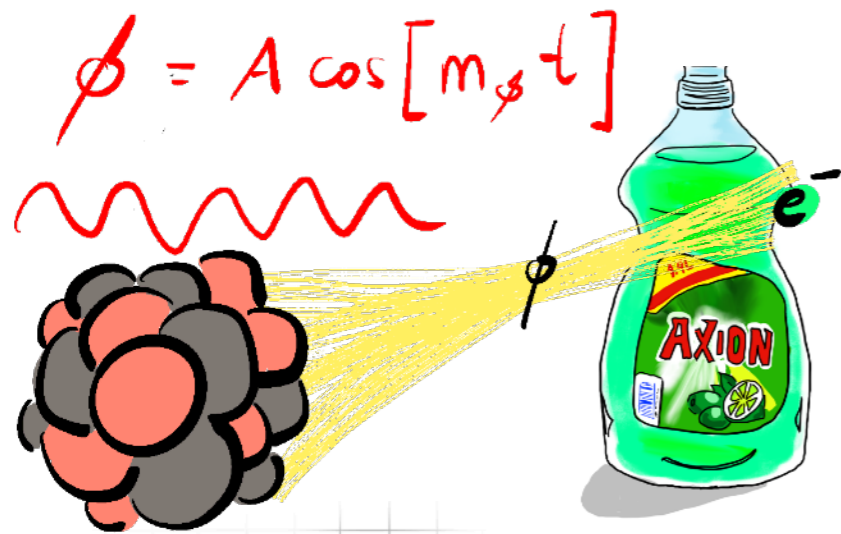


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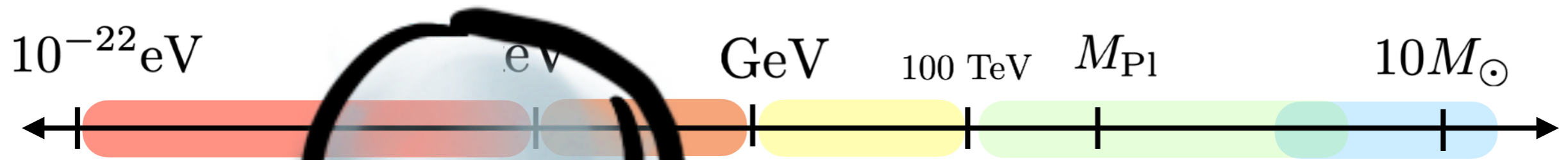


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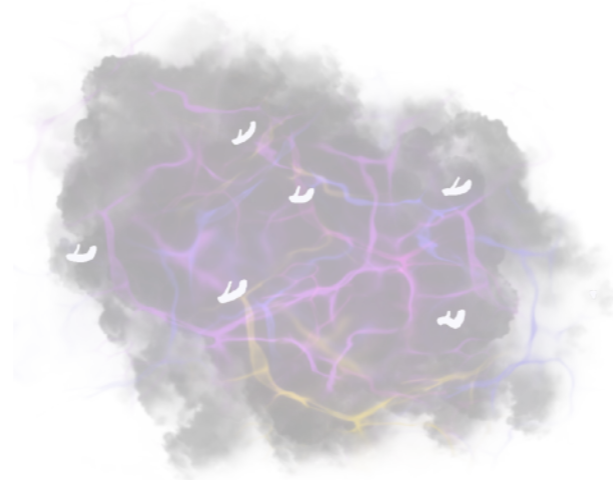
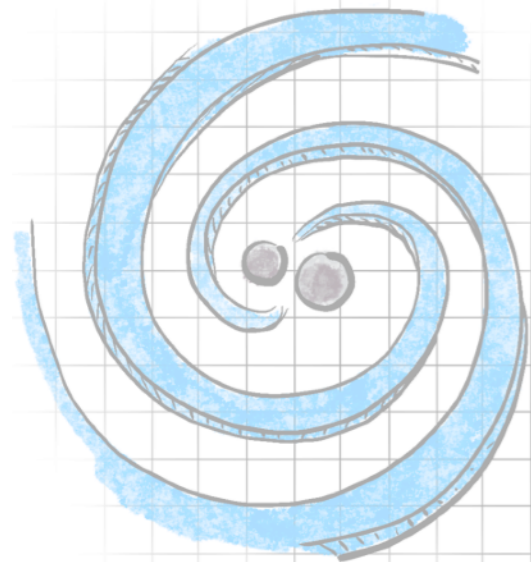


$\phi = A \cos t$

A magnifying glass with a black handle and a large lens is positioned over the energy scale. An orange marker is also visible, pointing towards the  $\text{eV}$  region.



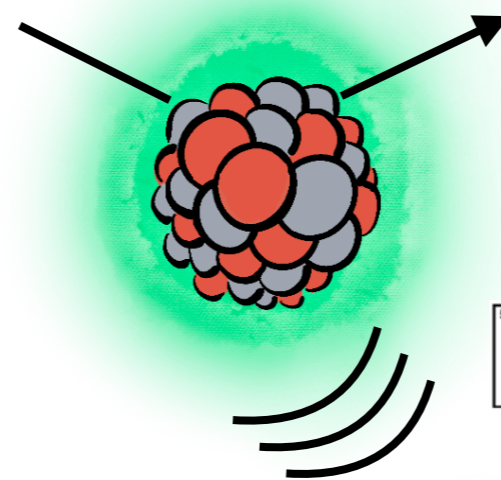
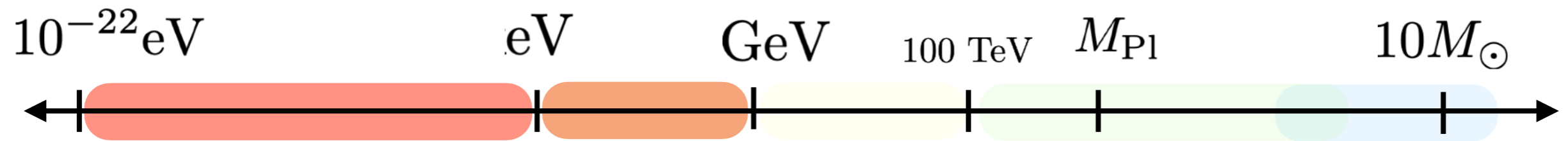
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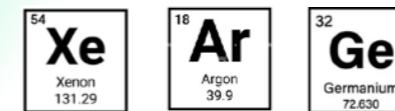
**DEMAND FOR SENSITIVITY  
TO LOW ENERGY DEPOSITIONS**



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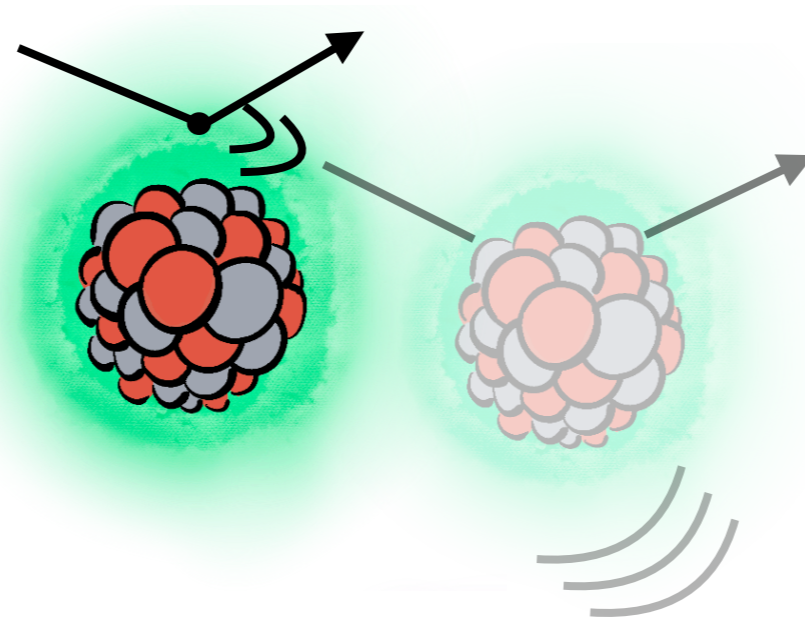
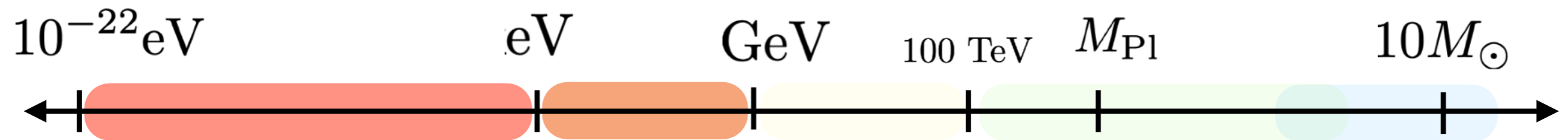
Traditional  
WIMP DD  
(nuclear recoil)



~keV energy  
resolution

LUX, PandaX,  
XENON1T,  
XENONnT,  
DarkSide-20k,  
SuperCDMS...

# (Beyond) the SM: “how” to look?



Semiconductors

Migdal Effects

Fluorescence

Ionization

Graphene

$\sim \text{eV}$  energy  
resolution

[Essig, Mardon, Volansky, 2011]

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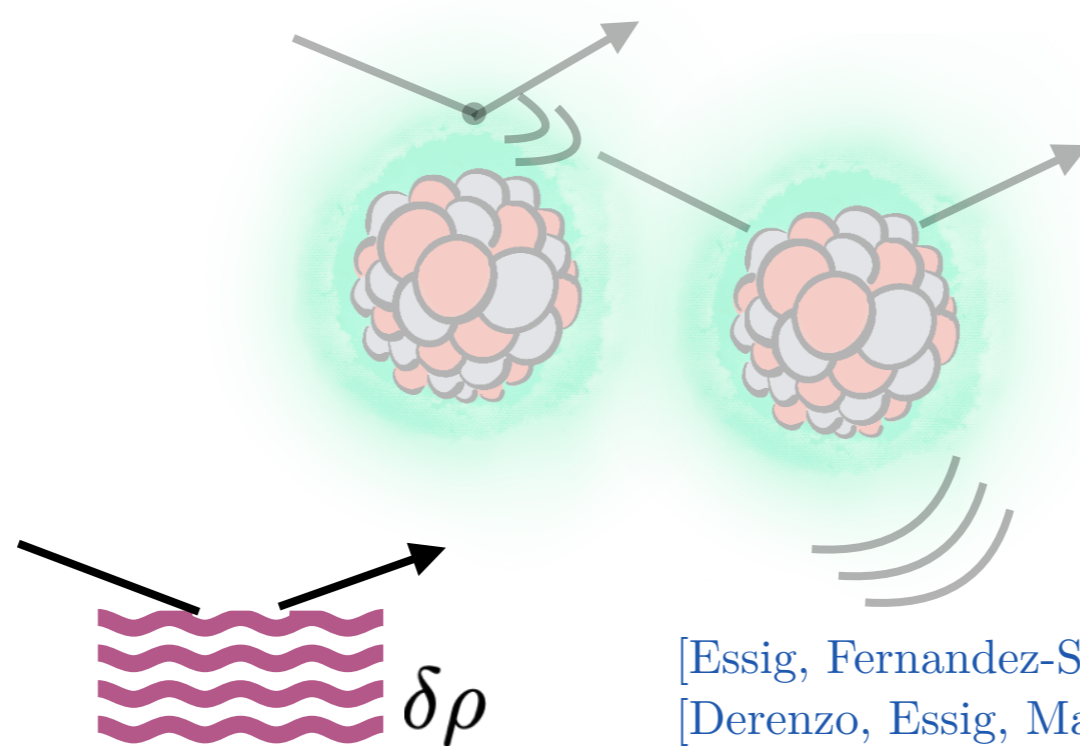
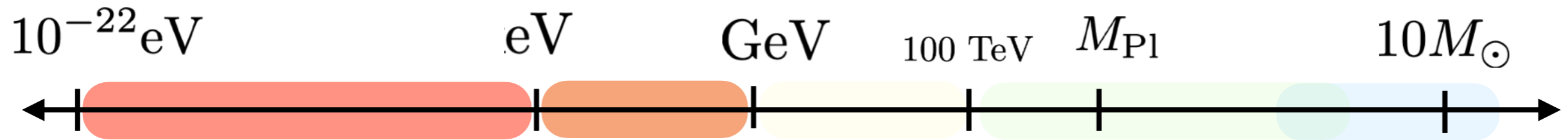
[Emken, Essig, Kouvaris, Sholapurka, 2019]

[Blanco, Collar, Kahn, Lillard, 2019]

[Blanco, Kahn, Lillard, McDermott, 2021]

[Blanco, Essig, Fernandez-Serra, Ramani, Slone, 2022]

# (Beyond) the SM: “how” to look?



**Collective excitations**  
(phonons, magnons, polaritons...)

**~meV energy  
resolution**

[Essig, Fernandez-Serra, Mardon, Soto, Volansky, Yu, 2015]

[Derenzo, Essig, Massari, Soto, Yu, 2016]

[Hochberg, Lin, Zurek, 2016]

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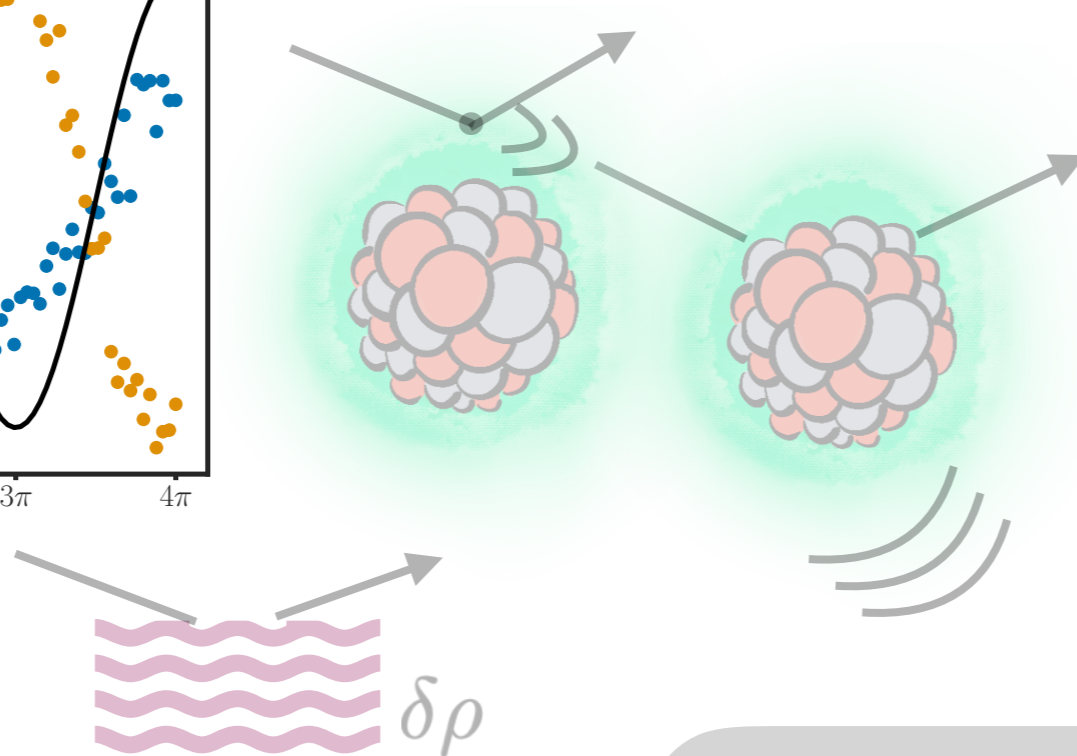
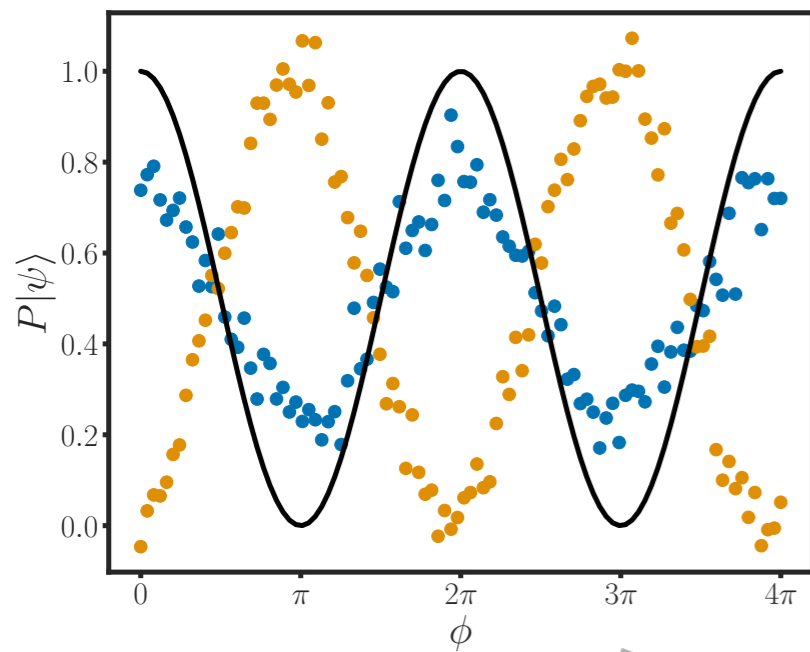
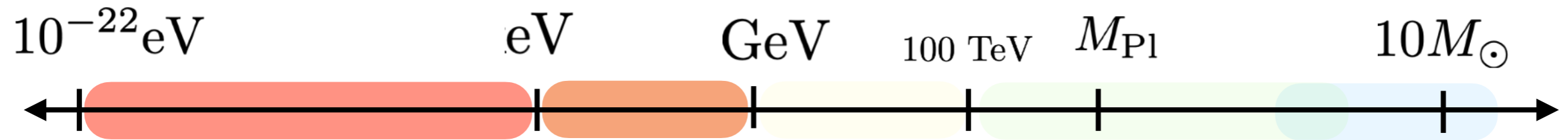
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[Mitridate, Trickle, Zhang, Zurek, 2021]

[Chen, Mitridate, Trickle, et al, 2022]

[Das, Kurinsky, Leane, 2024]

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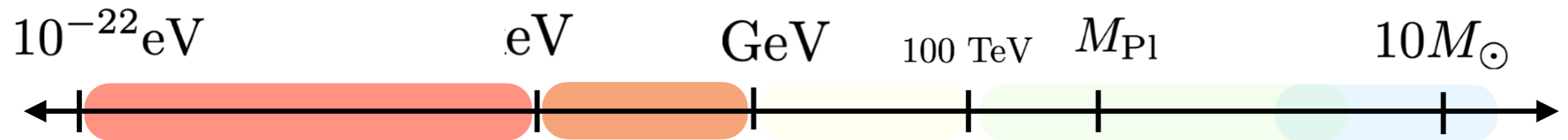


[Riedel, Yavin, 2016]

**ATOM INTERFEROMETERS**

**NO minimum energy deposition!**

# AIs: low momentum transfers



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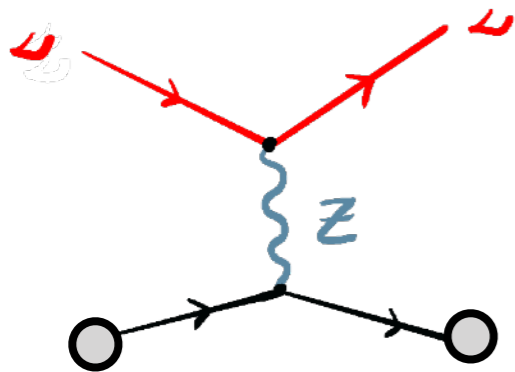
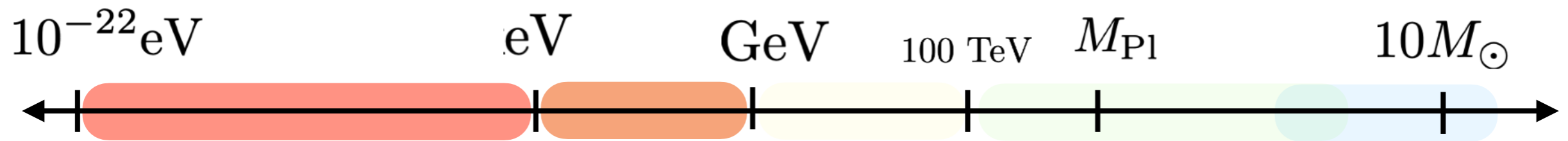


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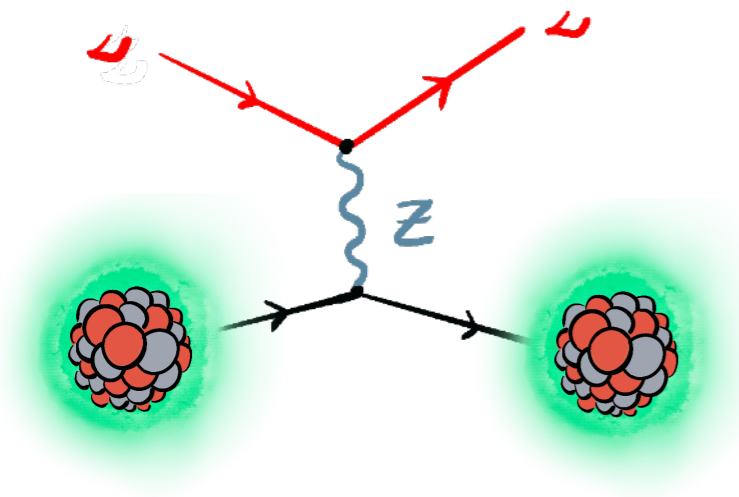
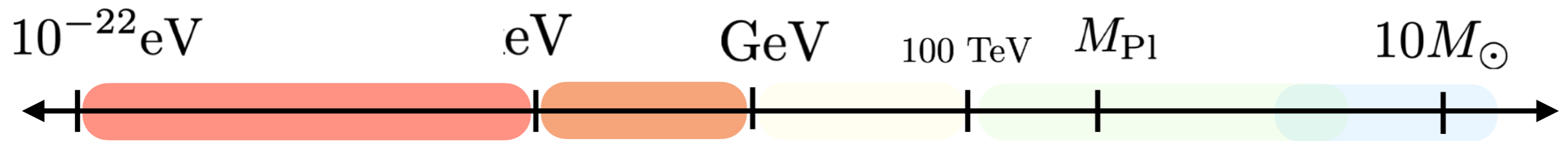


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e.g. coherent neutrino scattering

[Freedman, 1973]

$$\sigma_{NA}^{\text{coh}} \propto (A - Z)^2 |F_N(qr_N)|^2$$

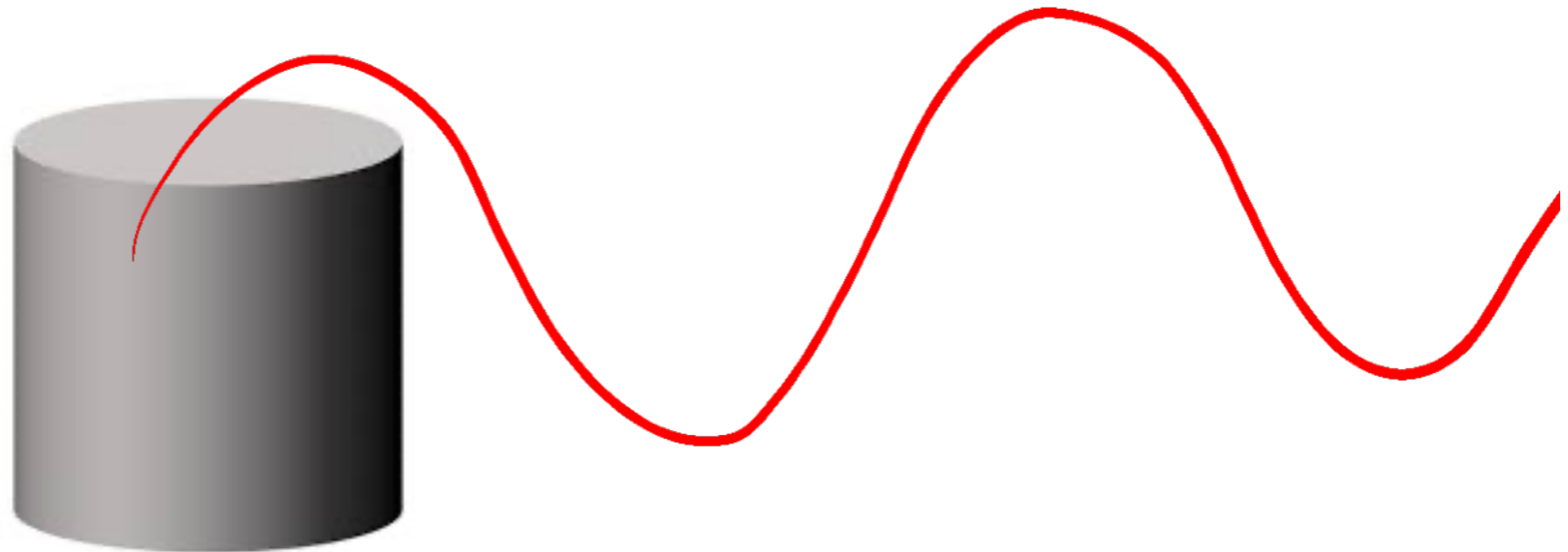
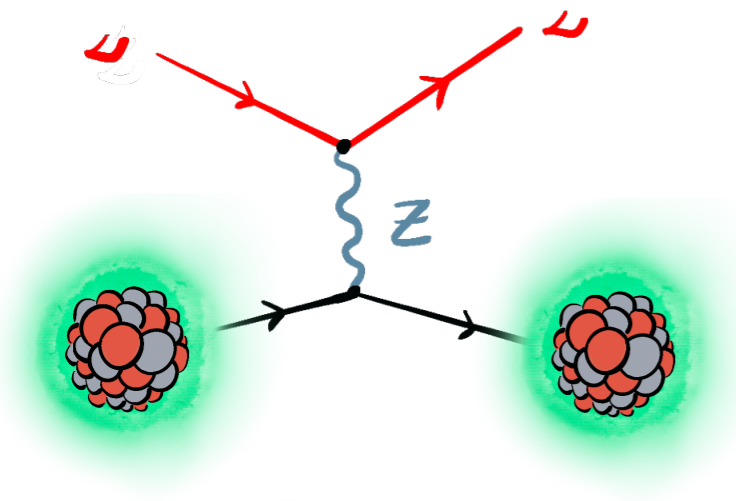
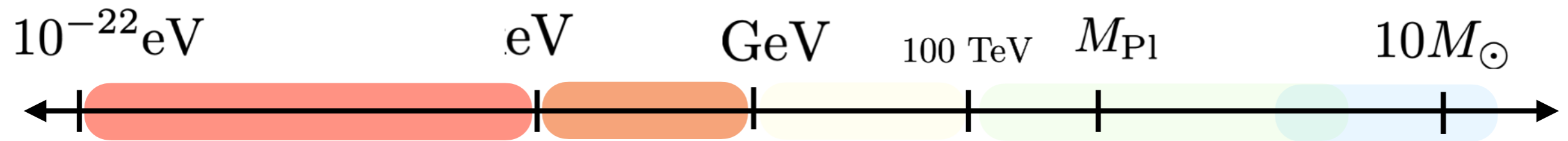


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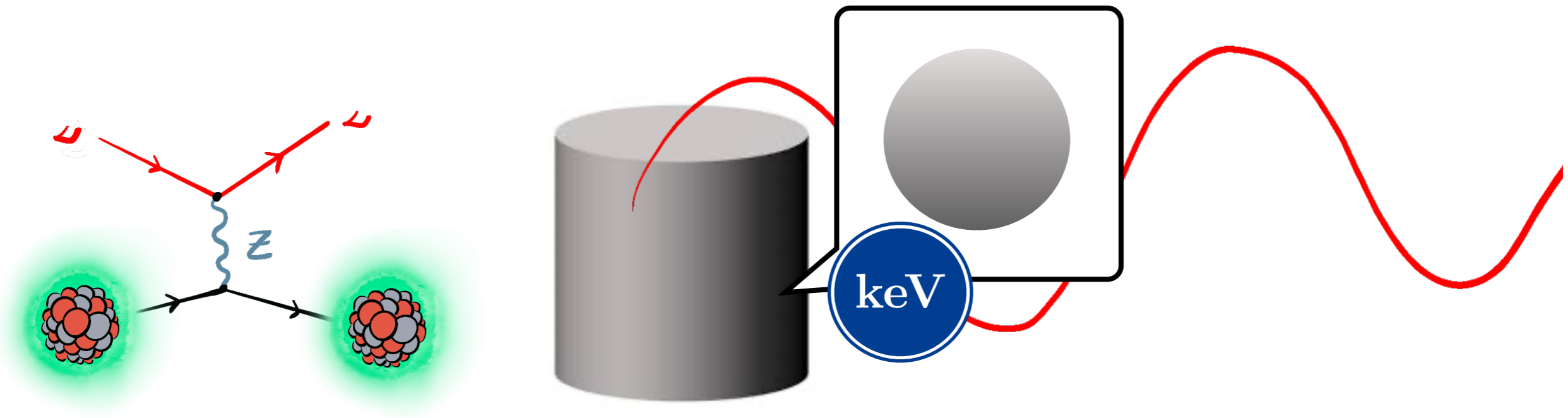
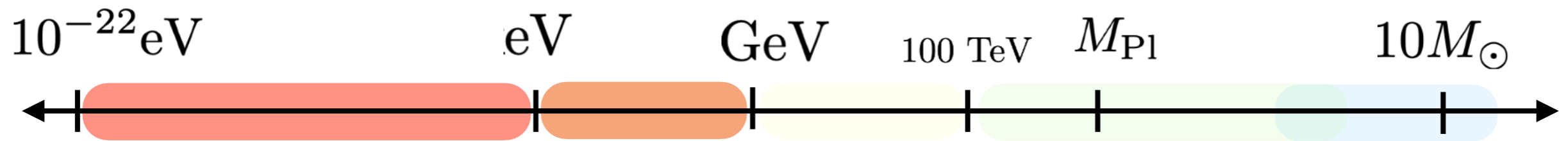


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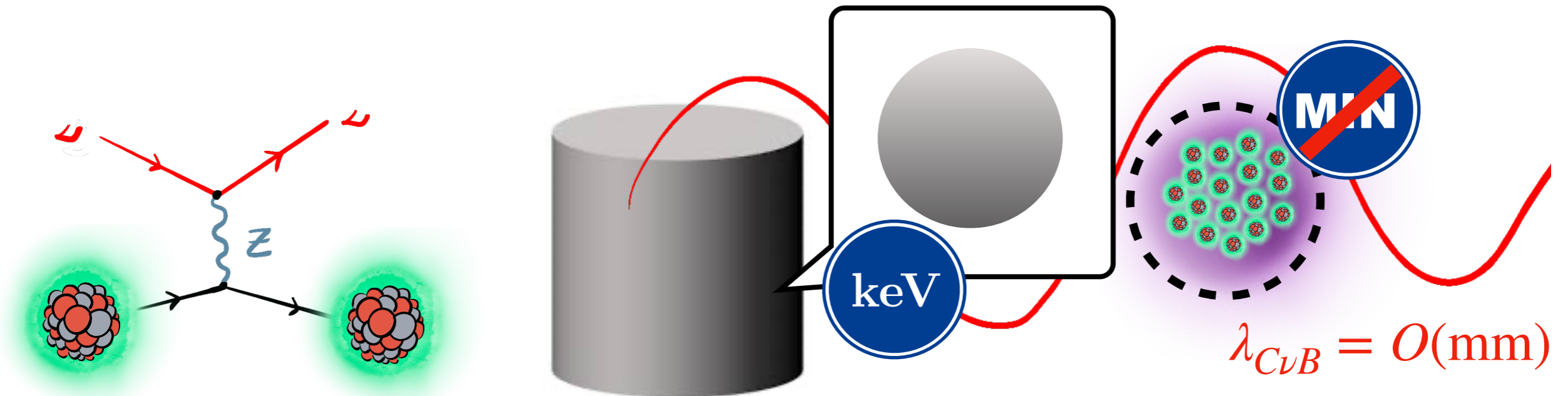
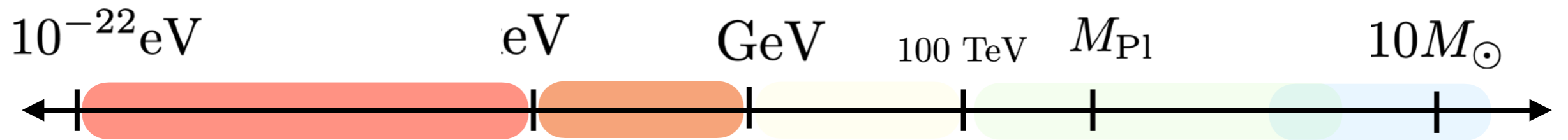


$$\Gamma \propto \int_{\text{keV}}^{q_{\text{max}}} dq (\dots)$$

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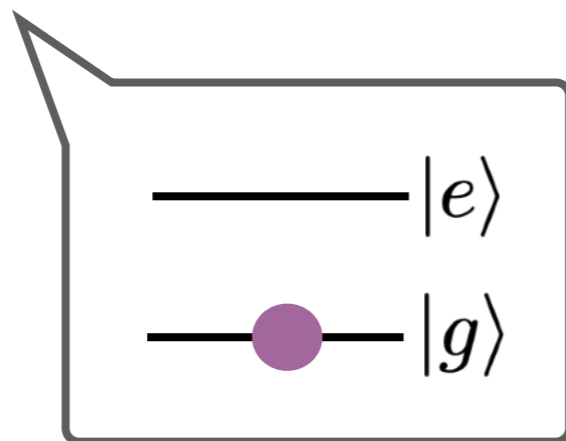
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# AIs: the Principle

Review: arXiv:2003.12516

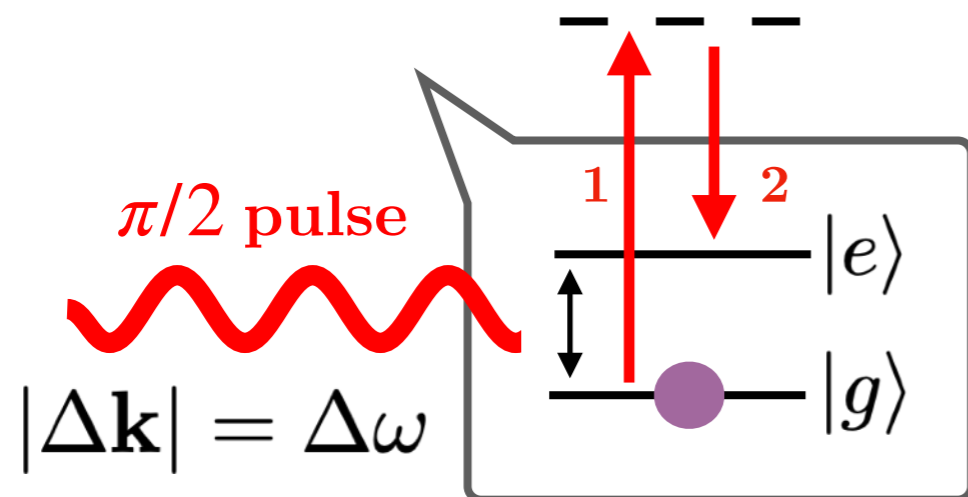
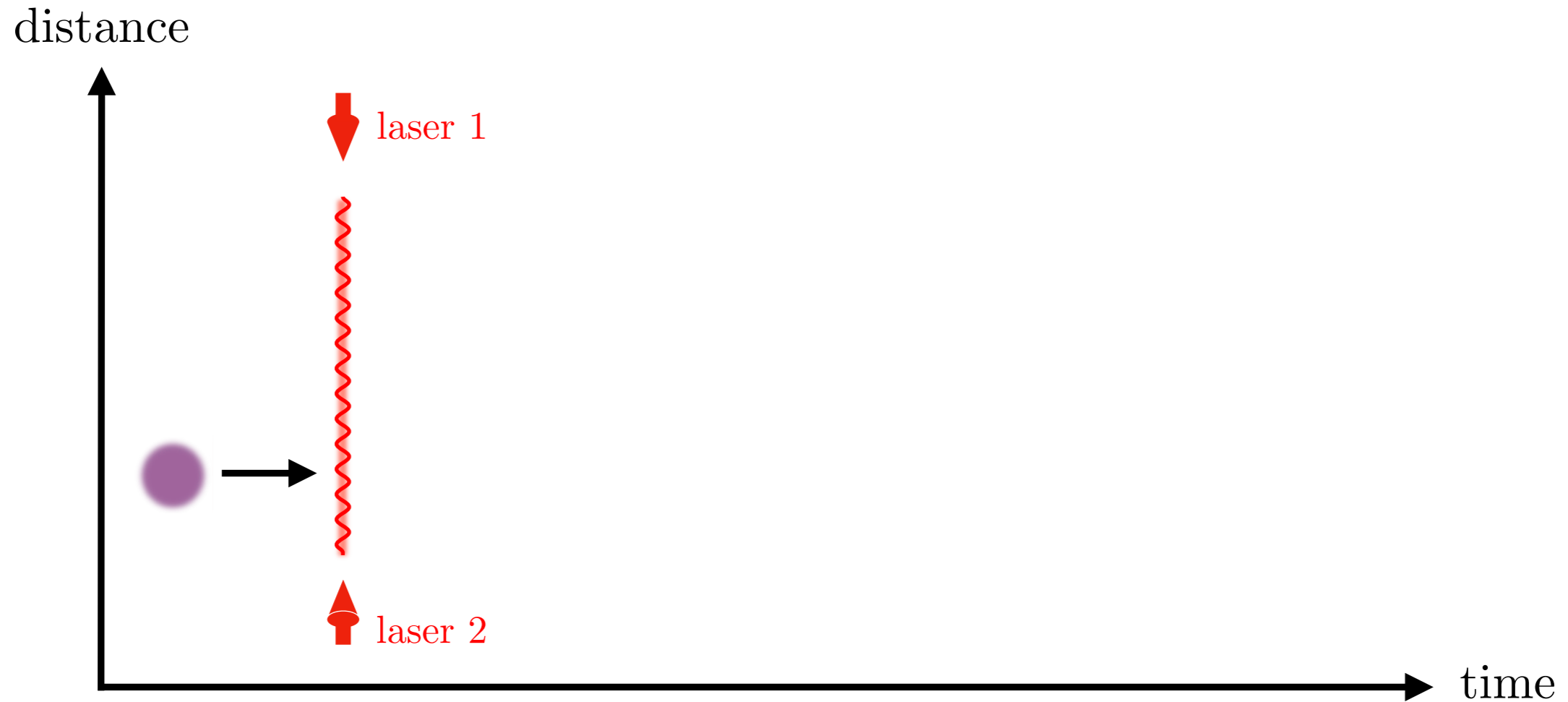


$$\Rightarrow |\Psi\rangle_0 = |g\rangle$$



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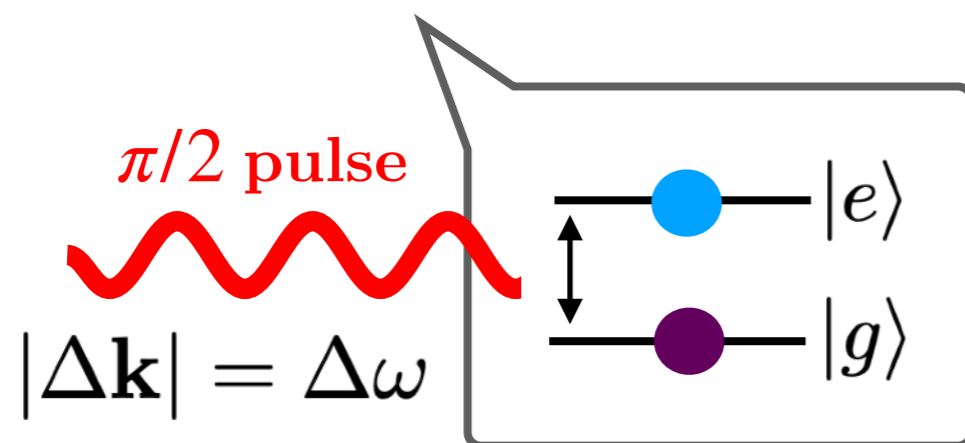
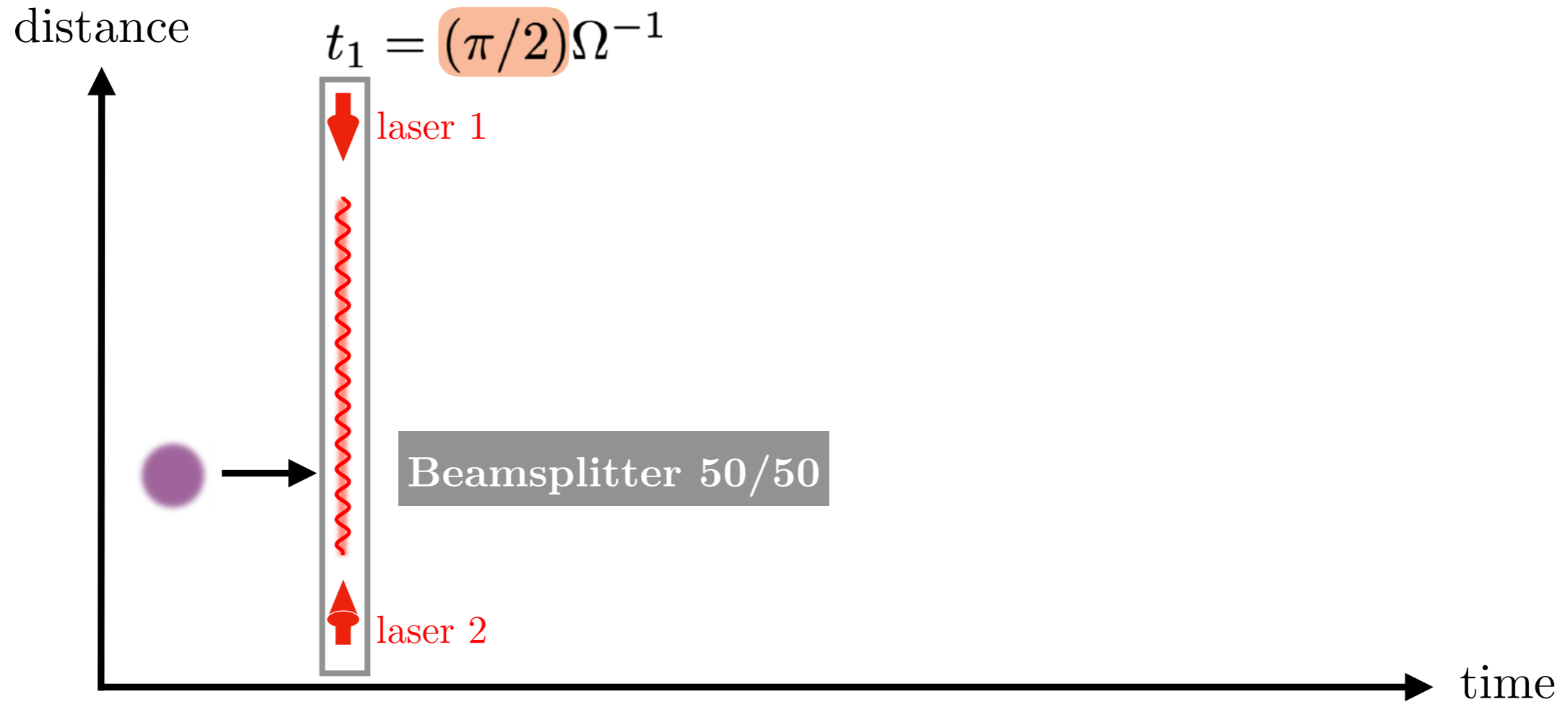


$$\Rightarrow |\Psi\rangle_t = \cos(\Omega t/2)|g\rangle + i \sin(\Omega t/2)|e\rangle$$

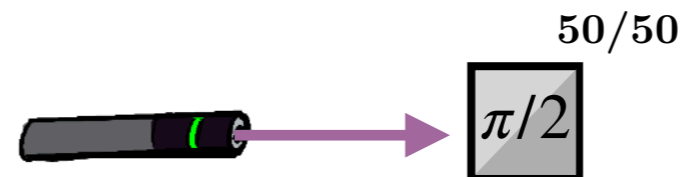


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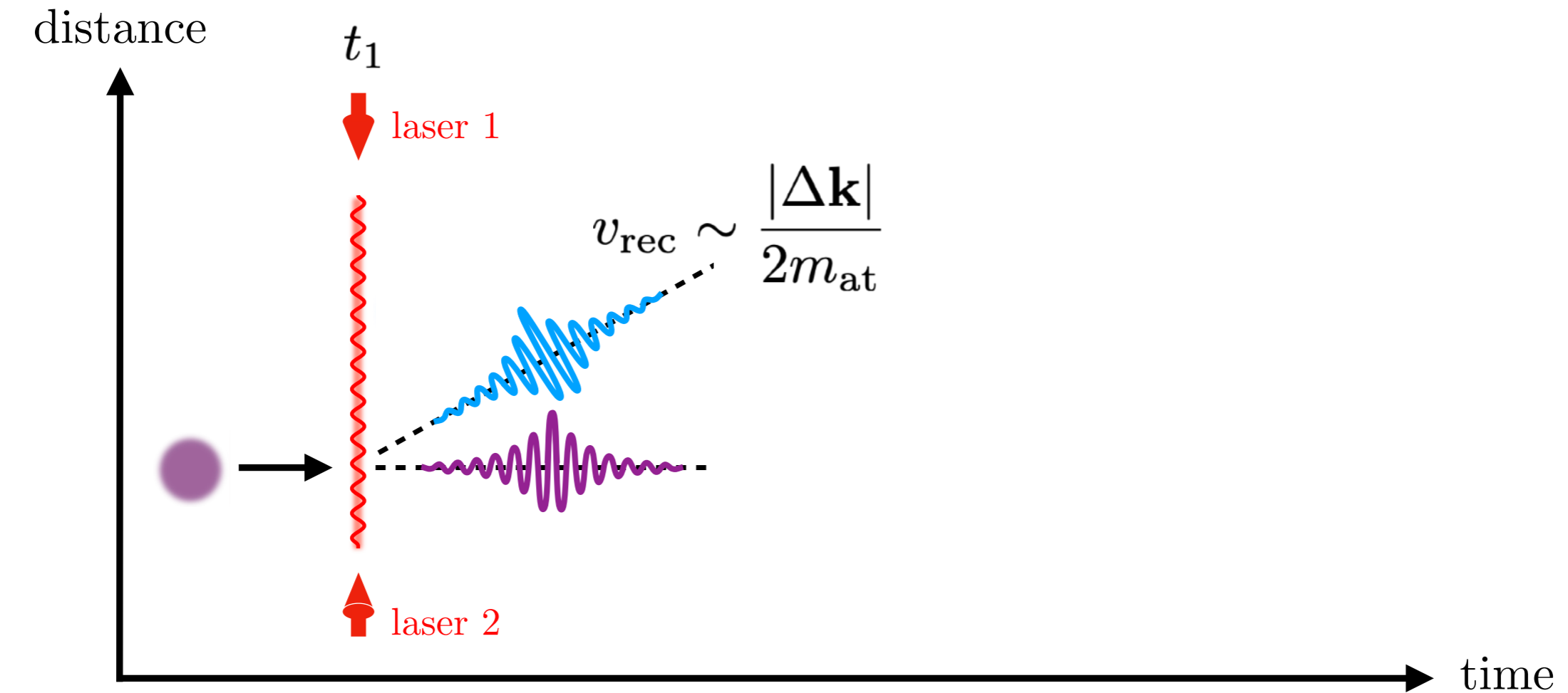


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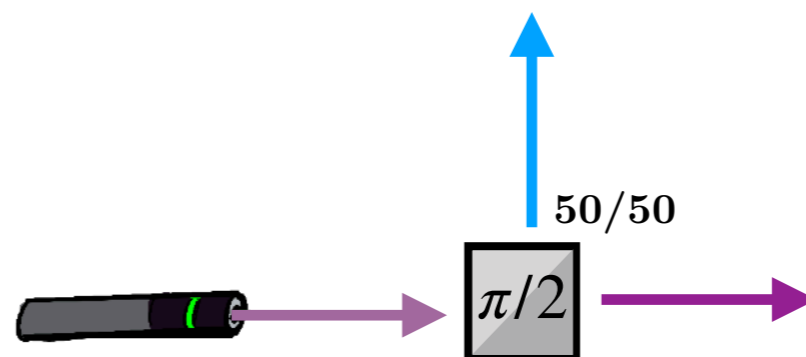
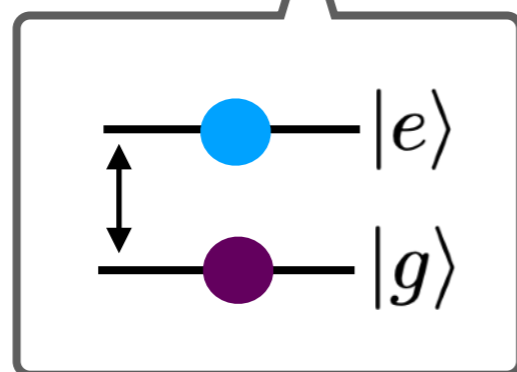
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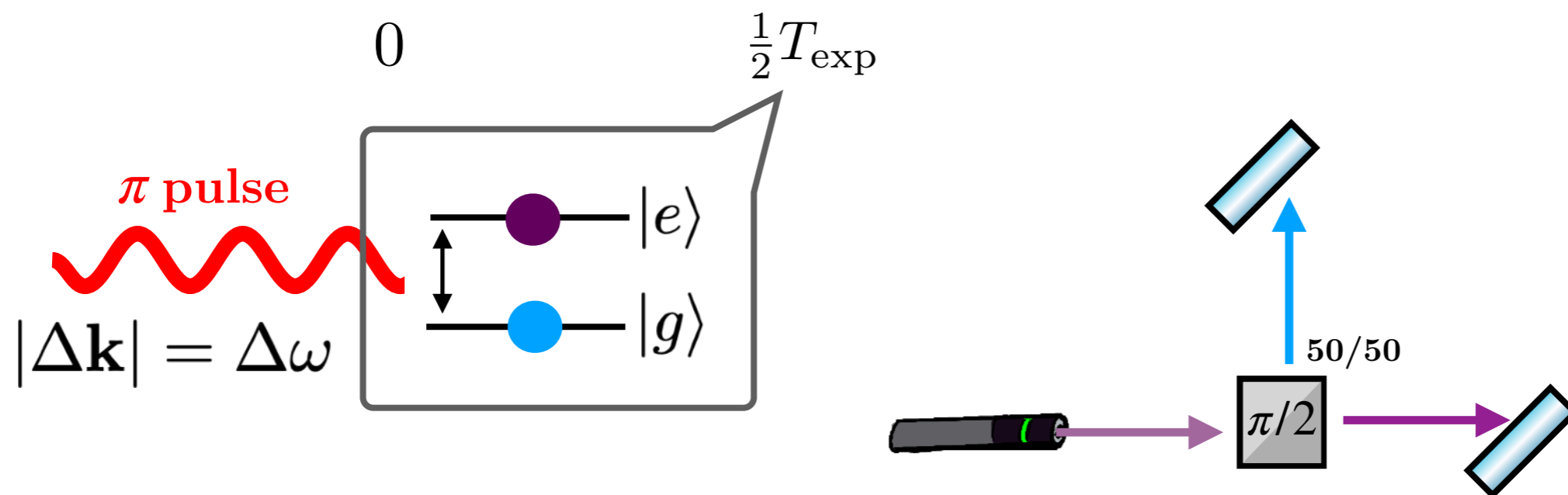
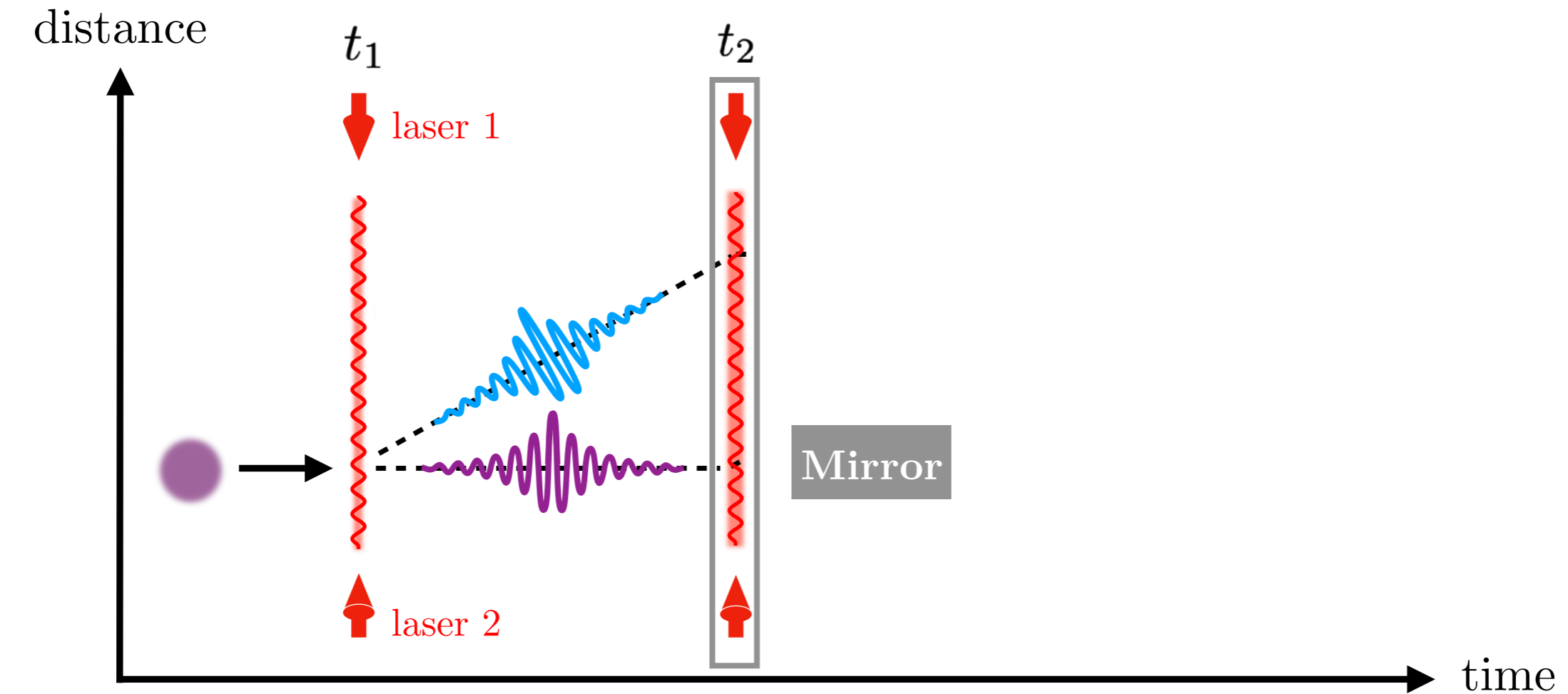
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$$|\Delta \mathbf{k}| = \Delta \omega$$



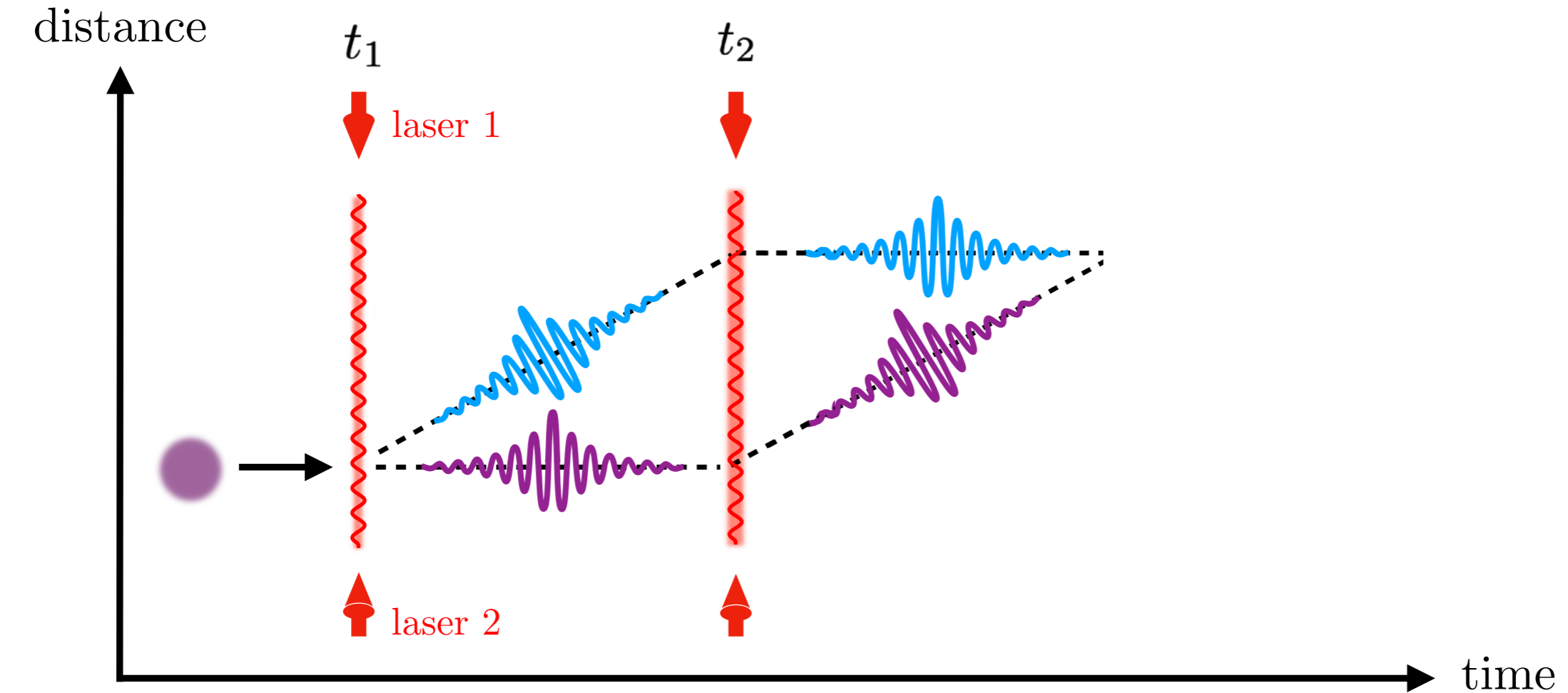
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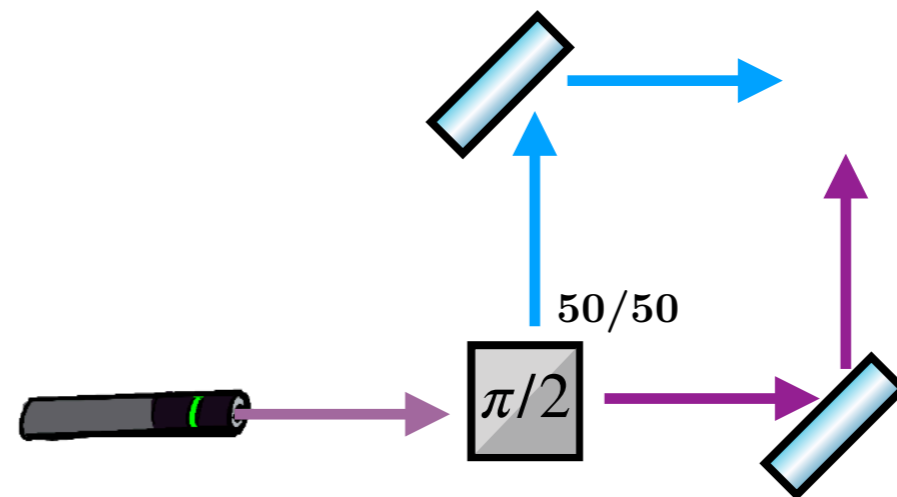
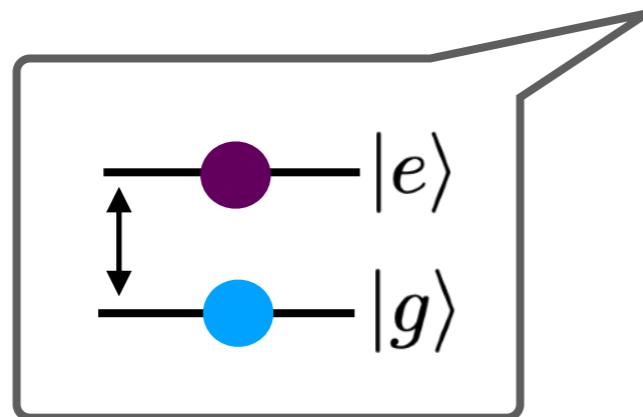


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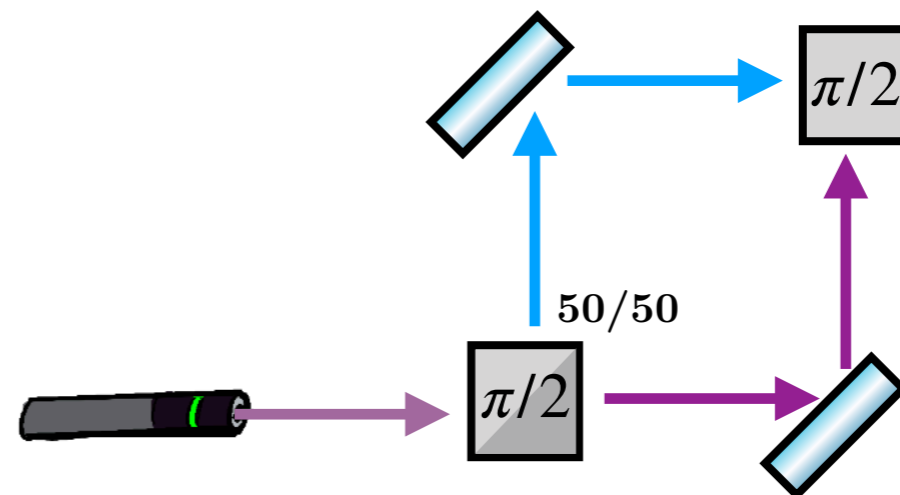
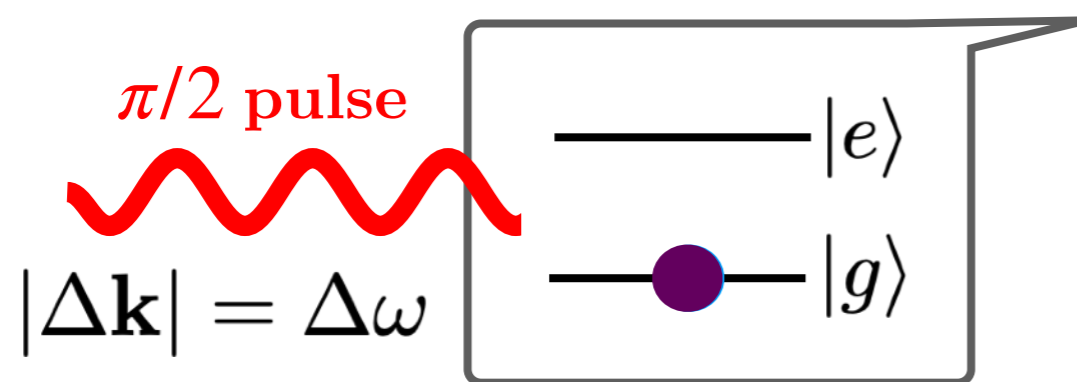
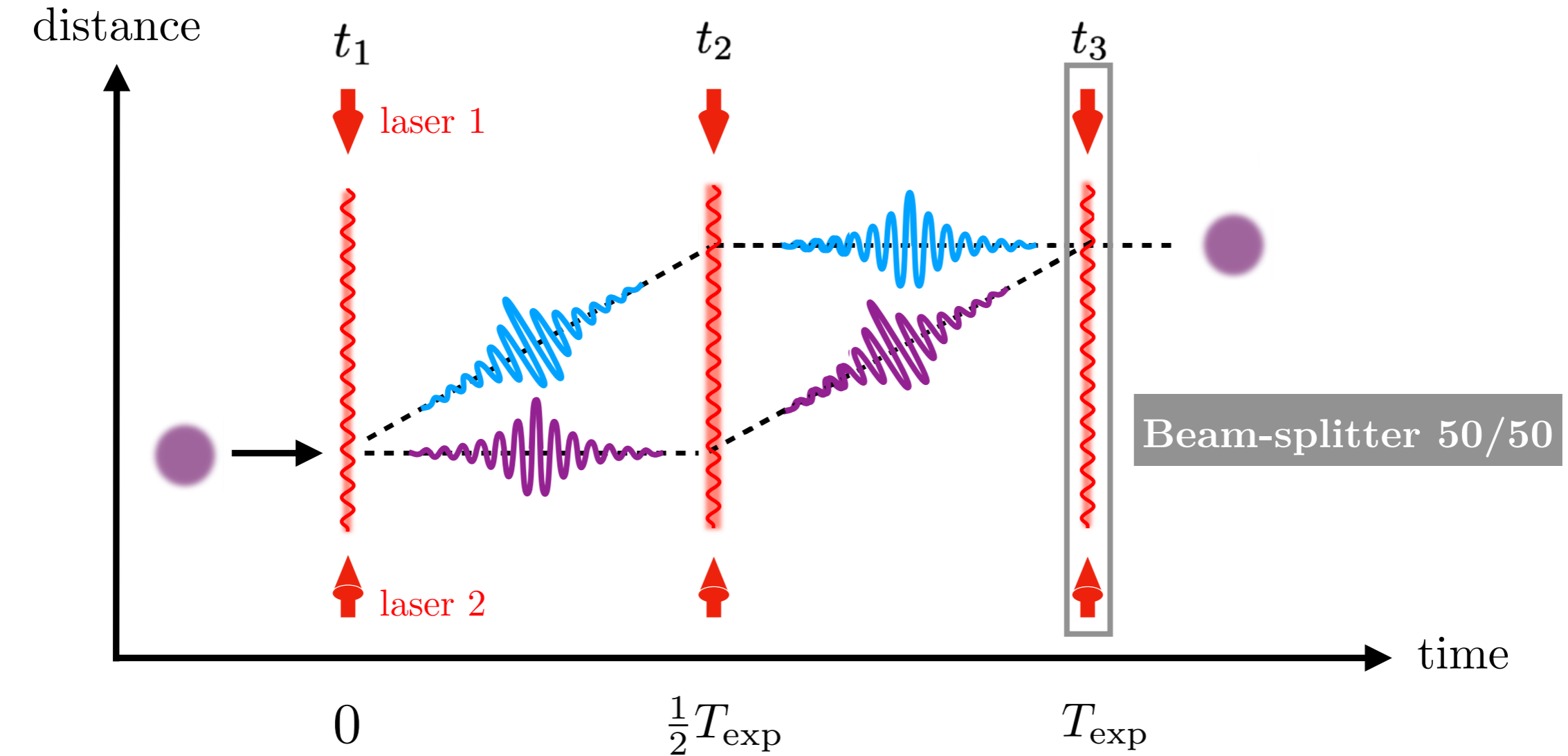
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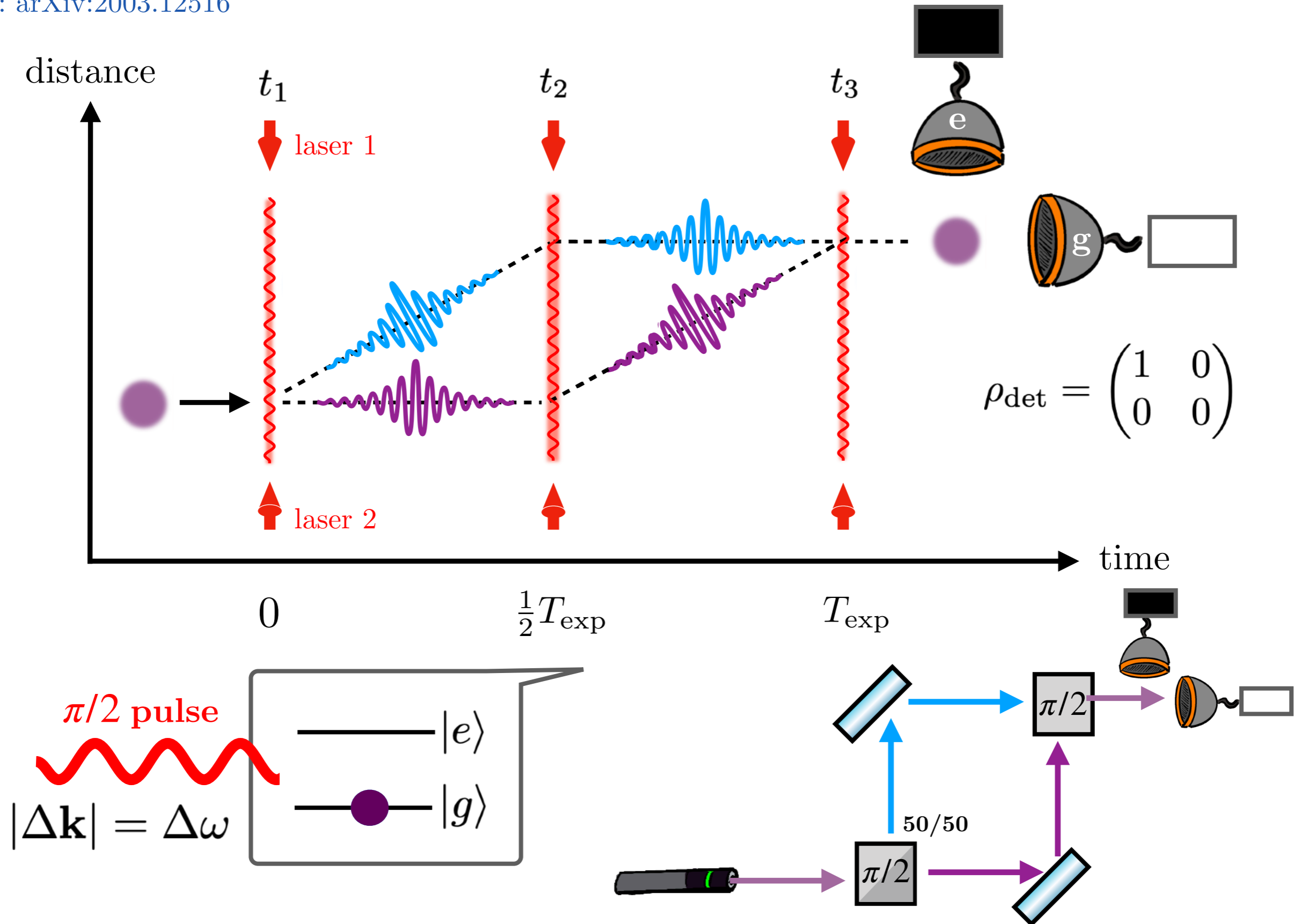
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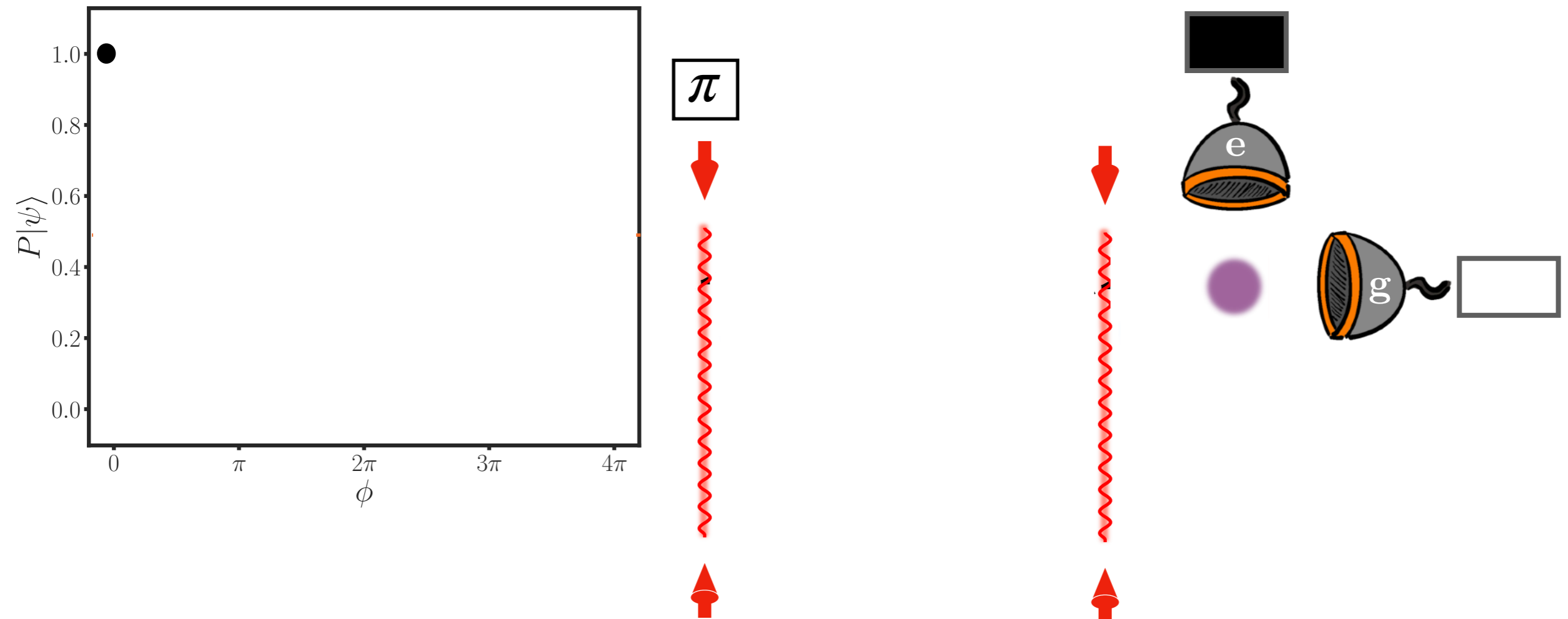


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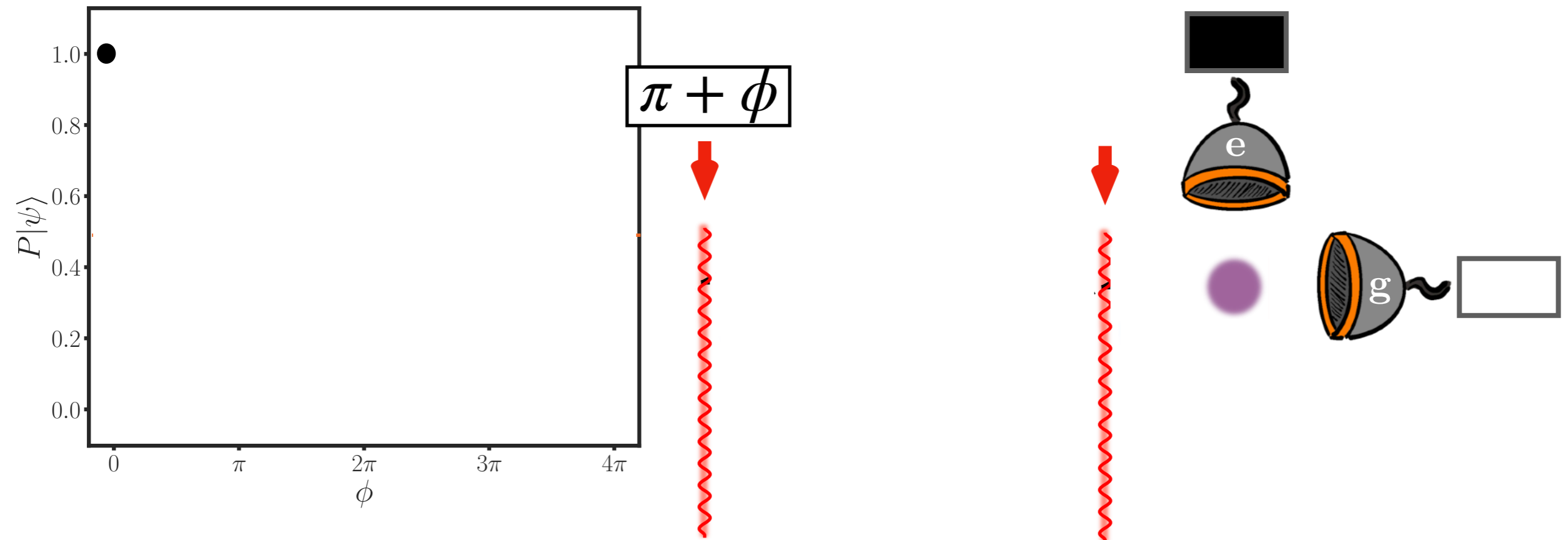


# AIs: Measurement



$$\frac{N_I}{N_I + N_{II}} \Big|_{\text{exp}}$$

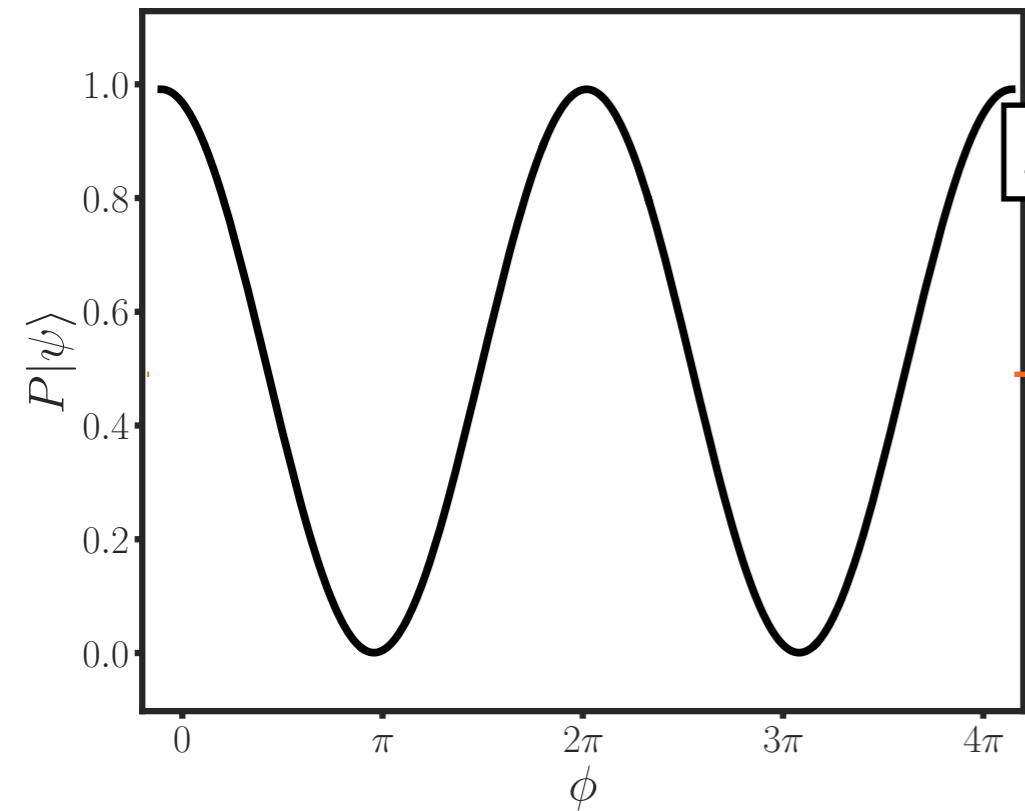
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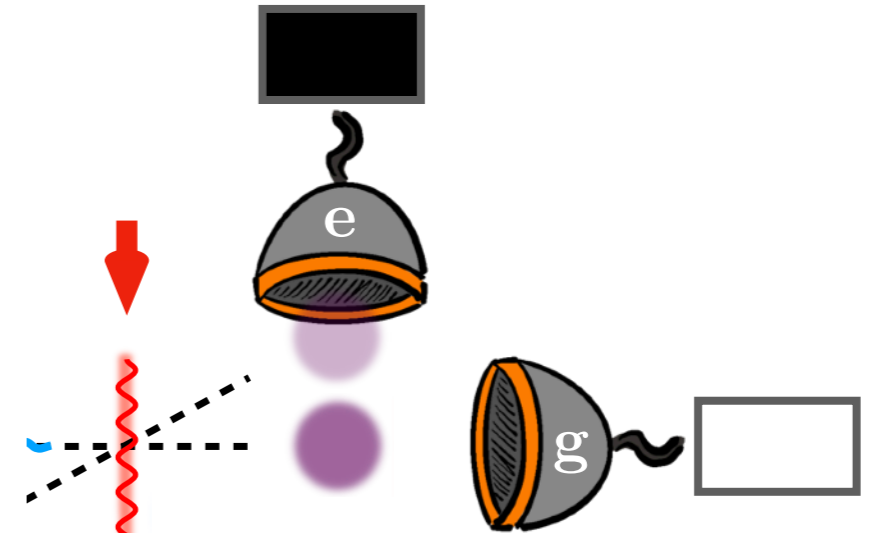
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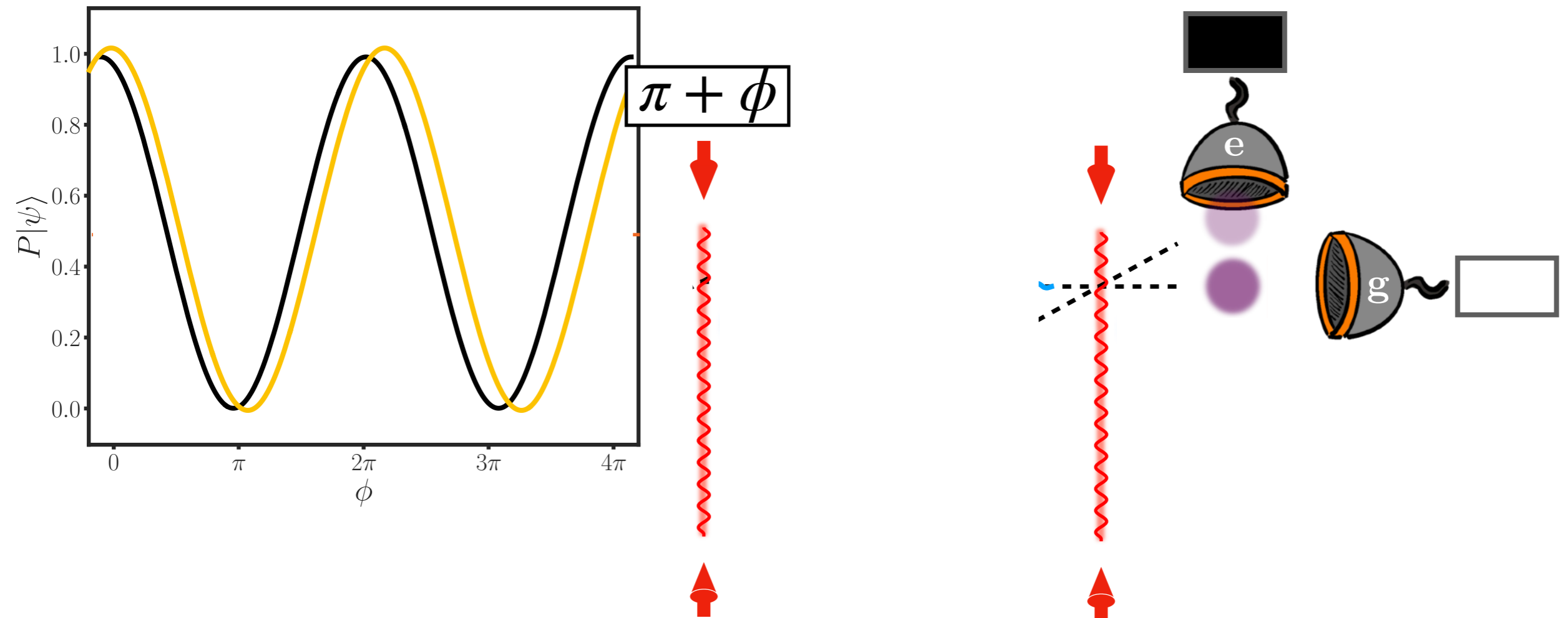
$\pi + \phi$



$$\rho = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & e^{i\phi} \\ e^{-i\phi} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \rho = \begin{pmatrix} \cos^2\left(\frac{\phi}{2}\right) & -\frac{1}{2}i \sin \phi \\ \frac{1}{2}i \sin \phi & \sin^2\left(\frac{\phi}{2}\right) \end{pmatrix}$$

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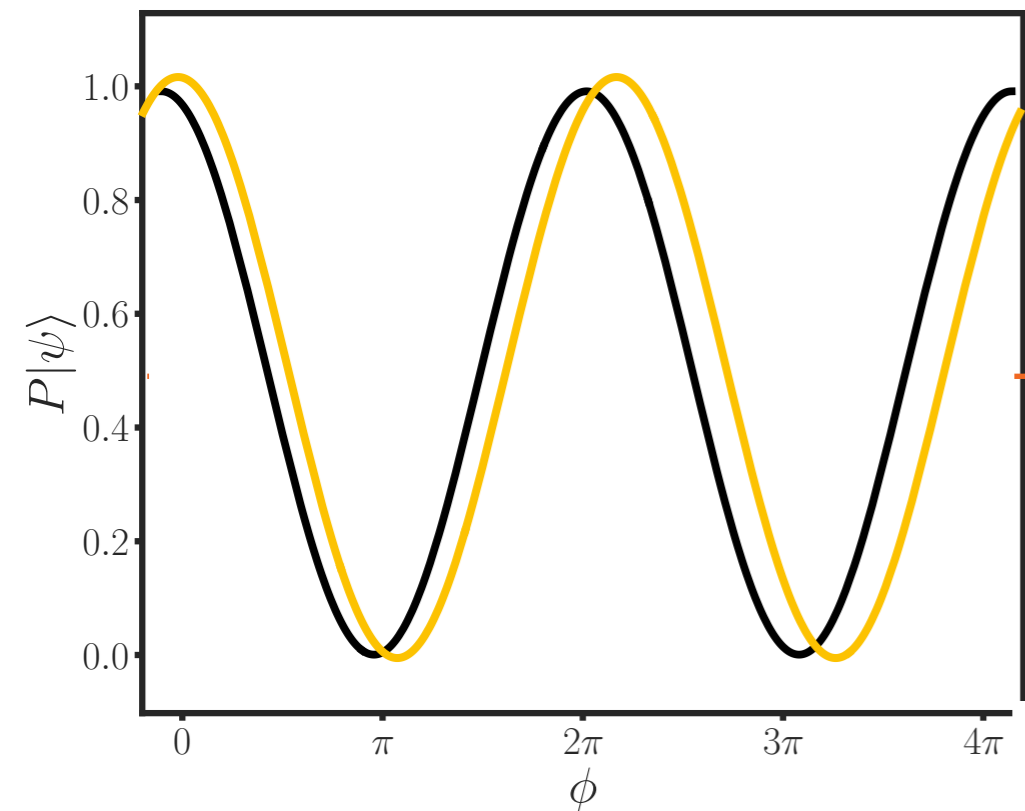
# AIs: Measurement - Phase-shift



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[Graham, Kaplan, et al. 2016]

[Arvanitaki, Graham, et al. 2018]

[Kolb, Weers, et al. 2018]

[Antypas, Banerjee, 2022]

**ULDM**

[Badurnina, Gipson, et al. 2022]

[Badurnina, Beniwal, et al. 2023]

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[Wicht et al, 2002] [Bennet et

al. 2006] [Cadoret et al. 2008]

[Terranova, Tino, 2014]...

**EDMs**

[Dimopoulos, Graham, et al. 2008] [Hogan, Johnson, et al. 2011], [Yu, Tinto, 2011] [Graham, Hogan, 2013], [Canuel, Bertoldi, et al. 2018] [Canuel, Abend, et al. 2020] [Kolkowitz, Pikovski, et al., 2016] [Zhan, Wang, et al. 2020] [El-Neaj, Alpigiani, et al. 2020] [Badurina, Bentine, et al. 2020] [Graham, Hogan, et al. 2016] [Graham, Hogan, et al. 2017], [Ballmer, Adhikari, et al. 2022]

**GWs**

**5th forces**

[Wacker, 2010], [Rosi, Sorrentino, et al. 2014] [Biedermann, Wu, et al. 2015] [Rosi, D'Amico, et al. 2017] [Fray, Diez, et al. 2004]

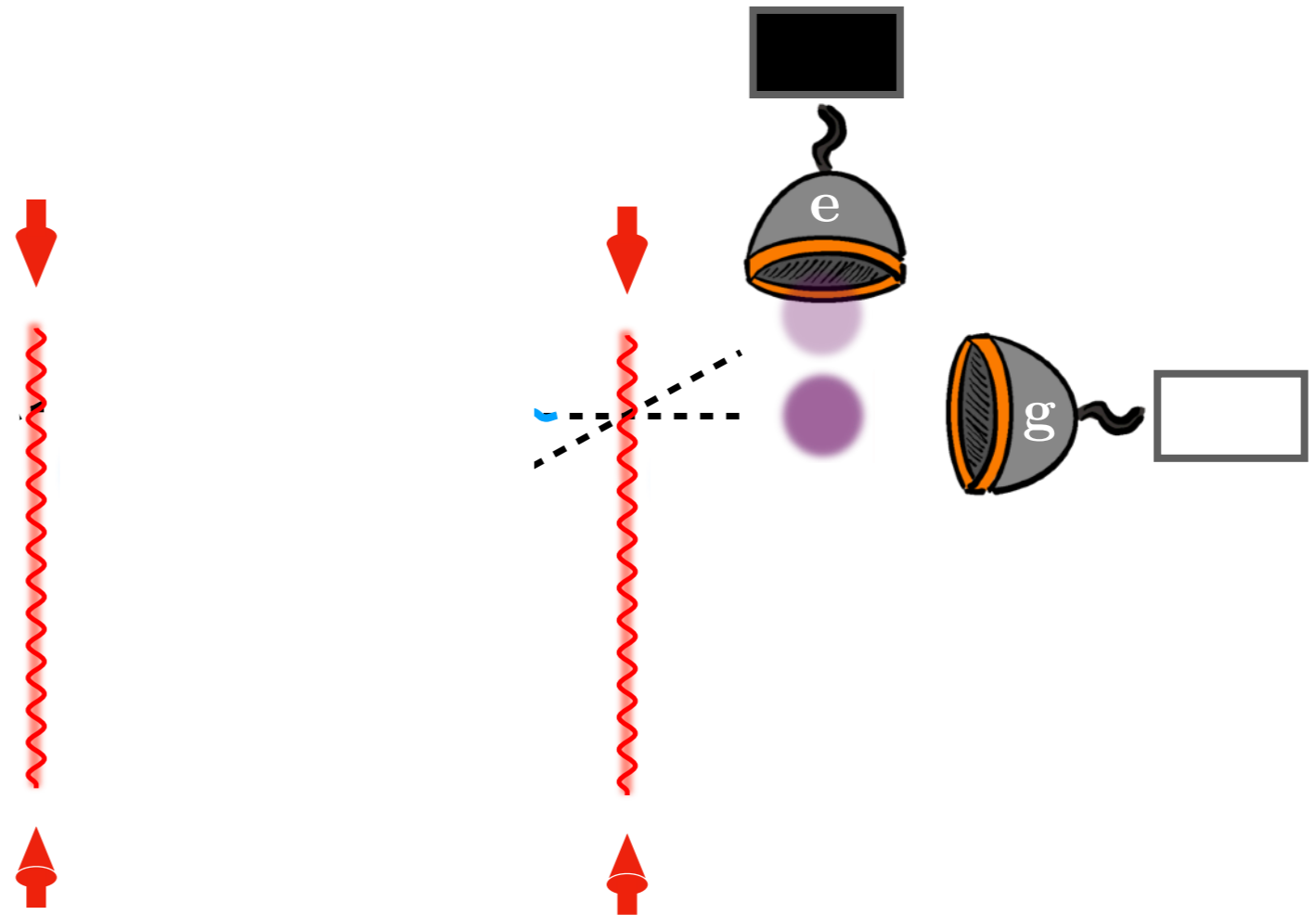
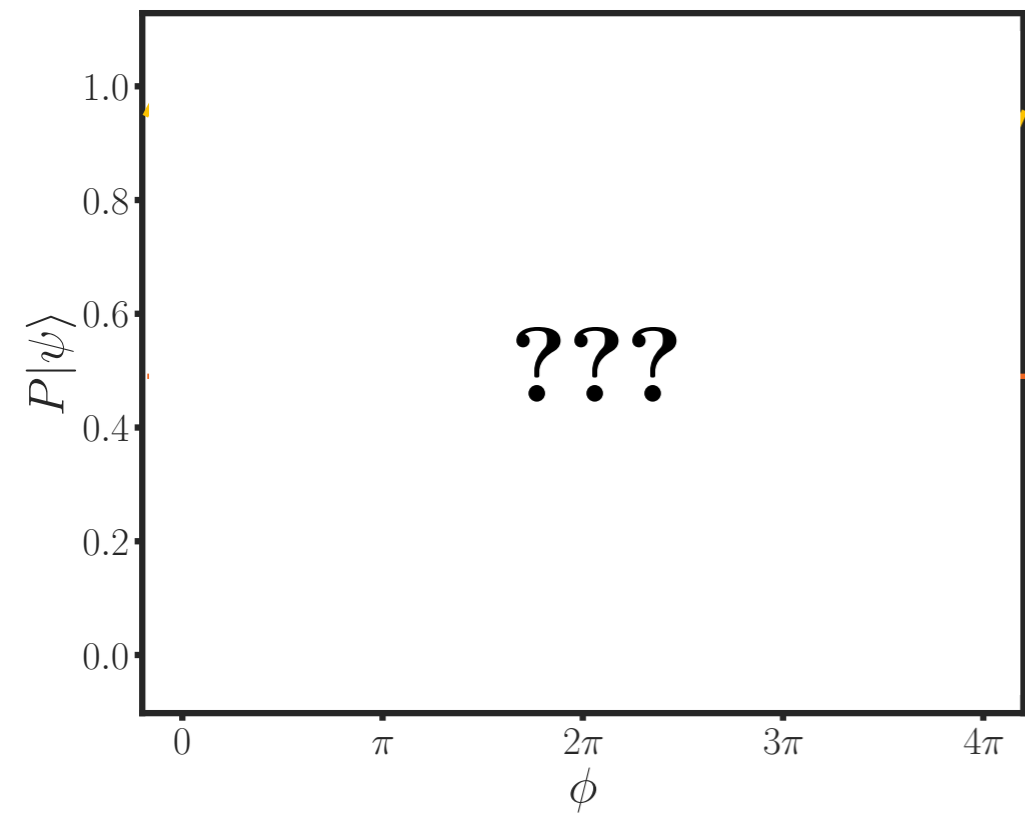
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# AIs: Measurement - Particle scattering?



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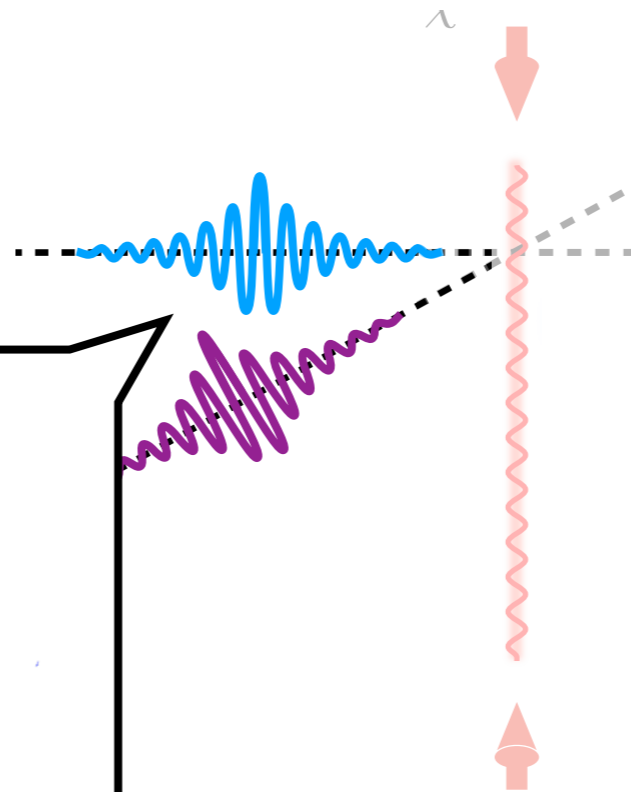
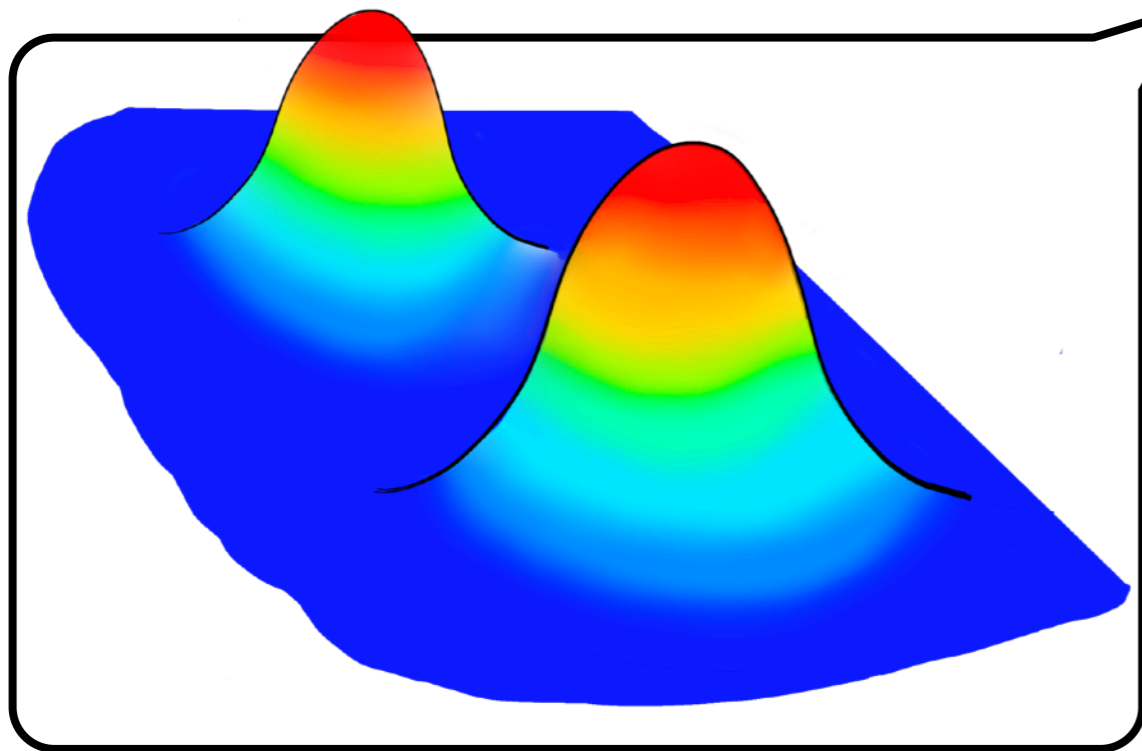


# AIs: Collisional Decoherence

A single atom

[Joss, Zeh, 1985]

[Hornberger, Sipe, 2003]



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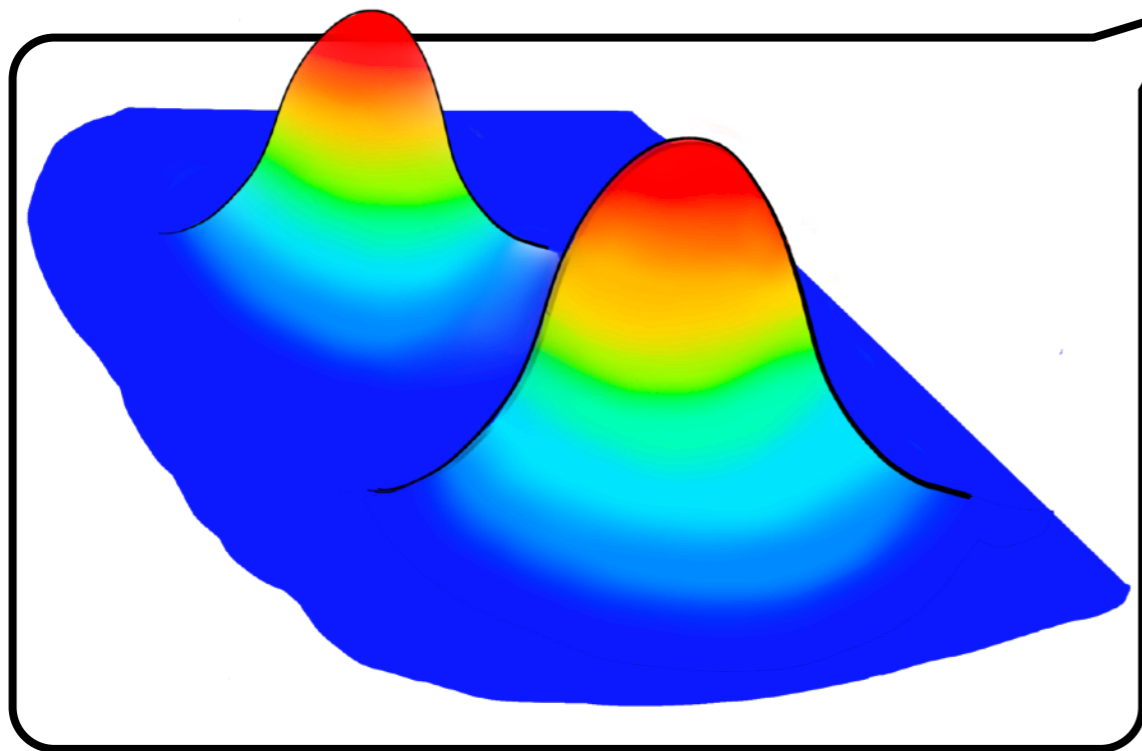
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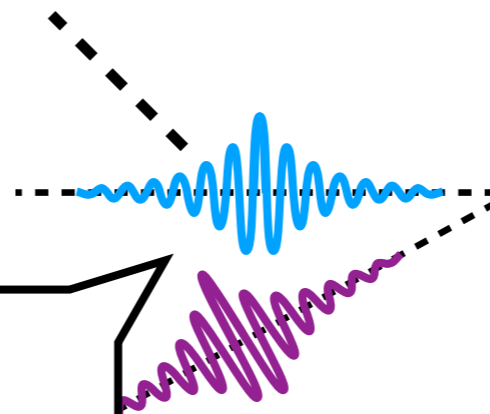
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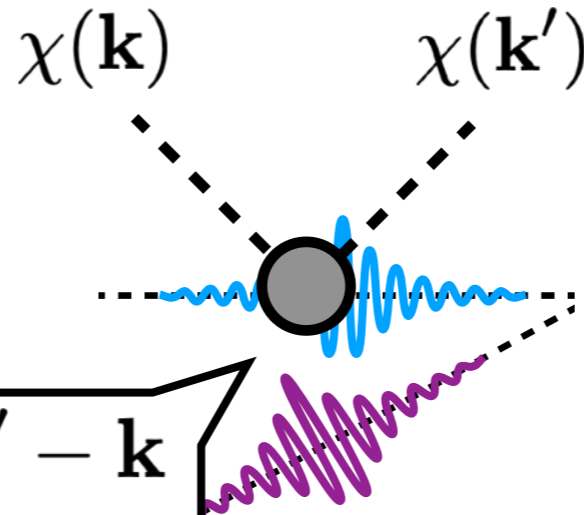
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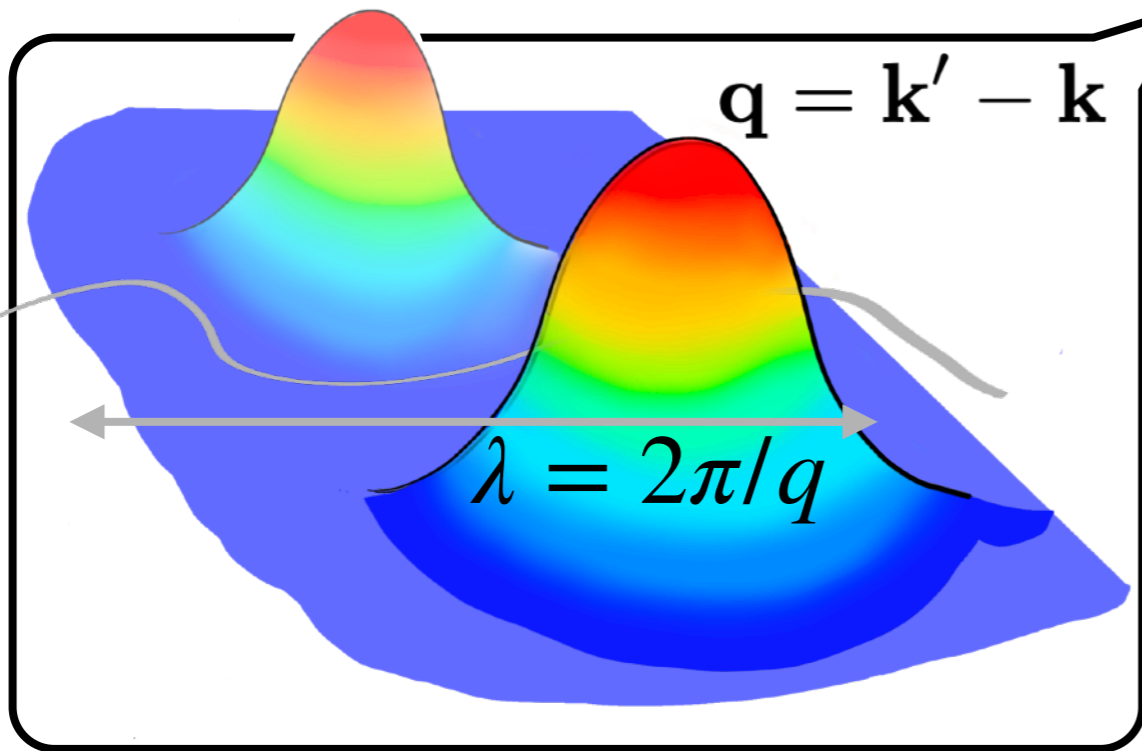
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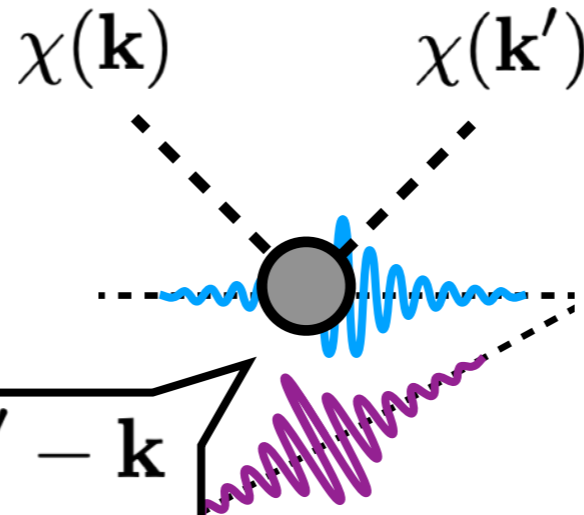


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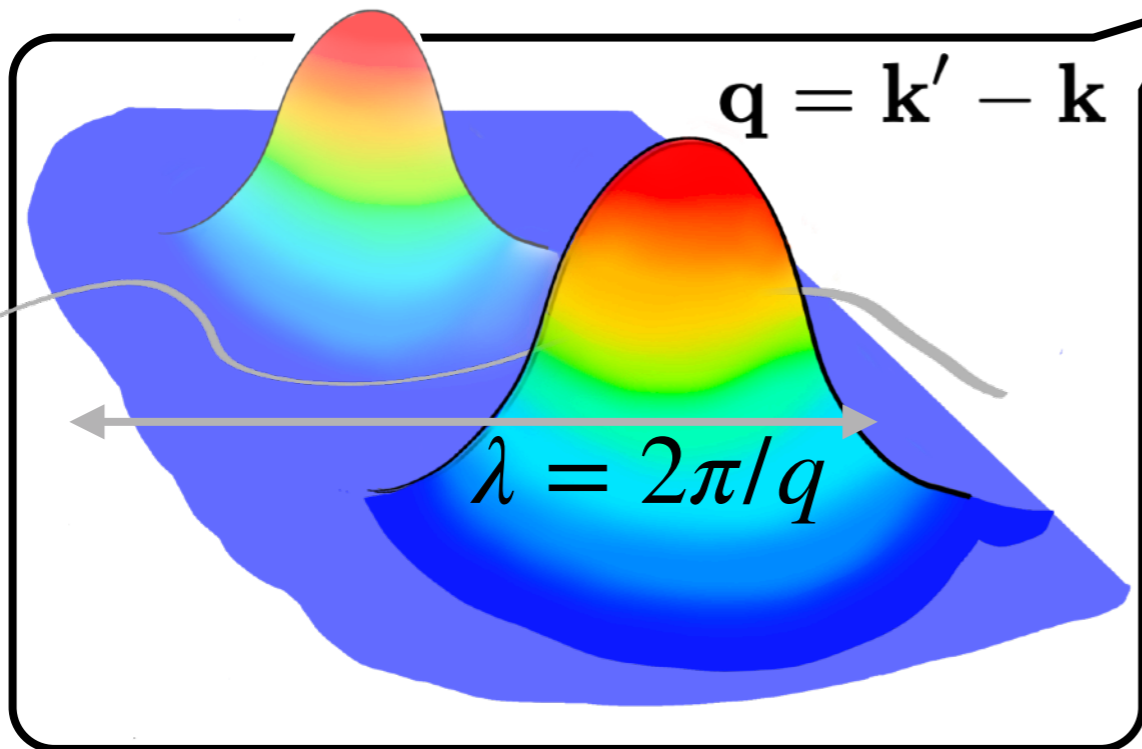
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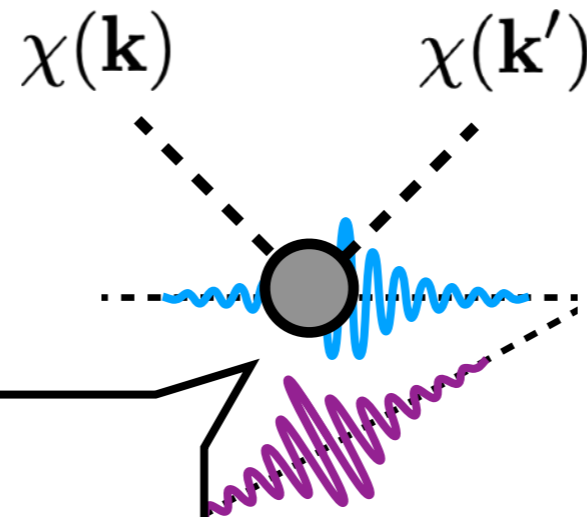
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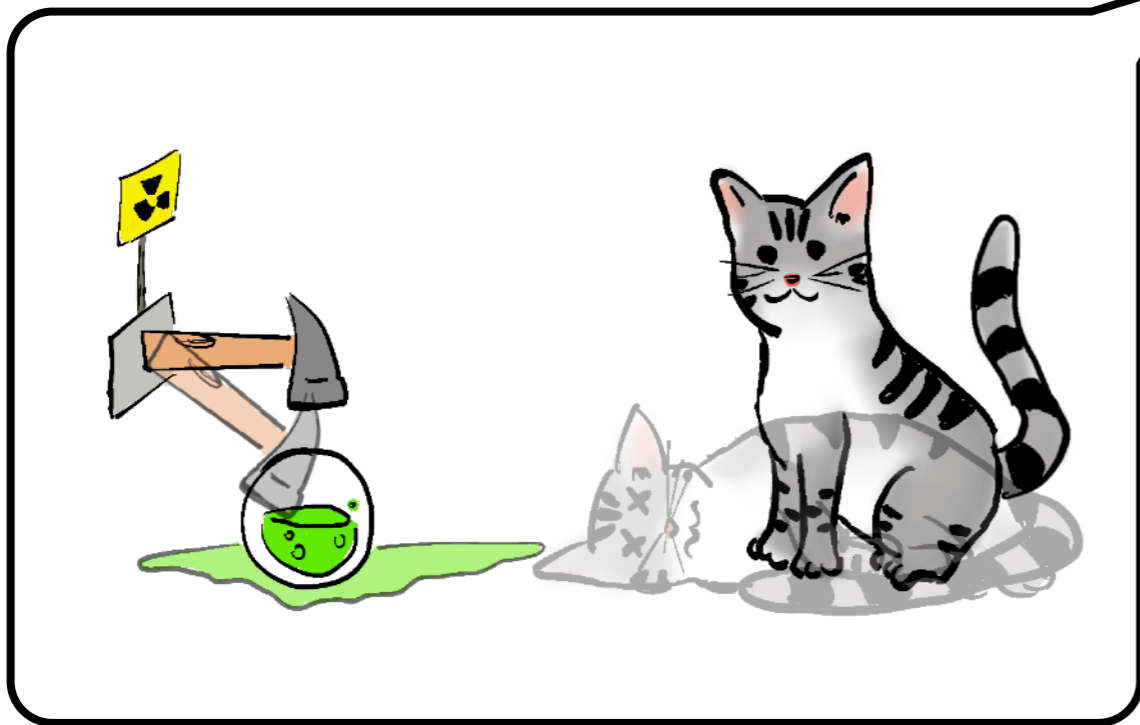
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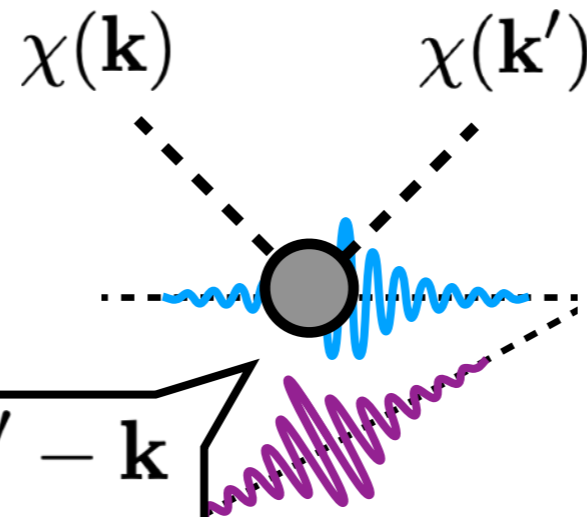
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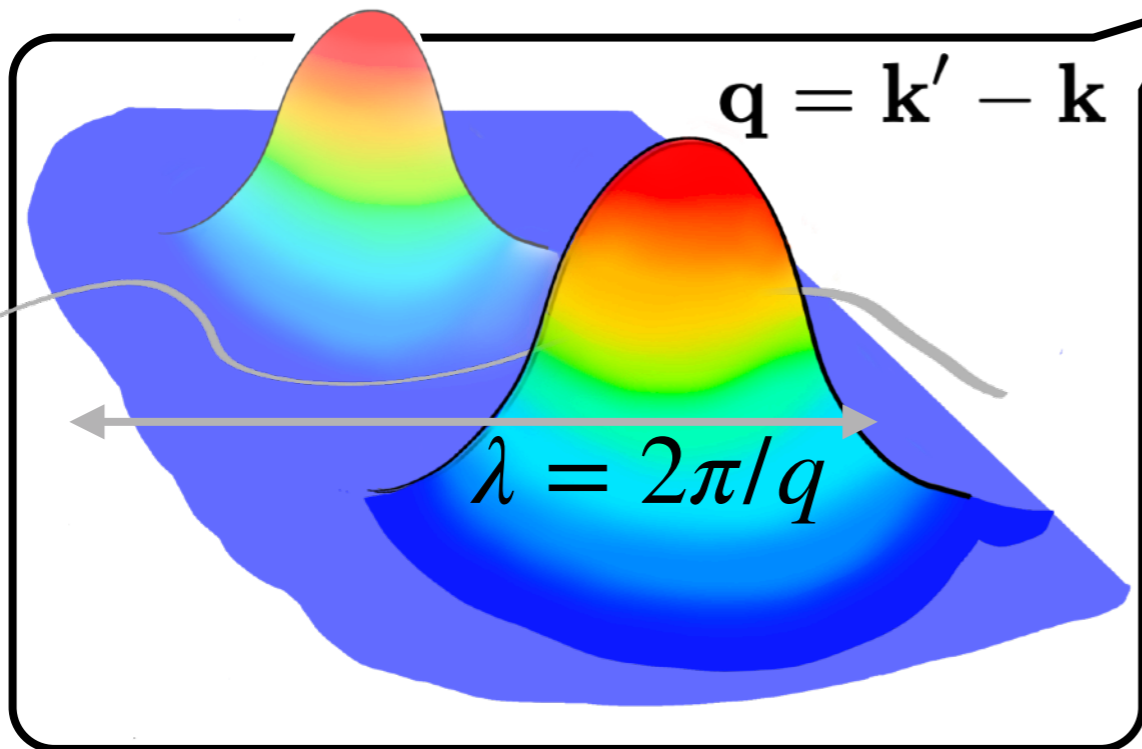
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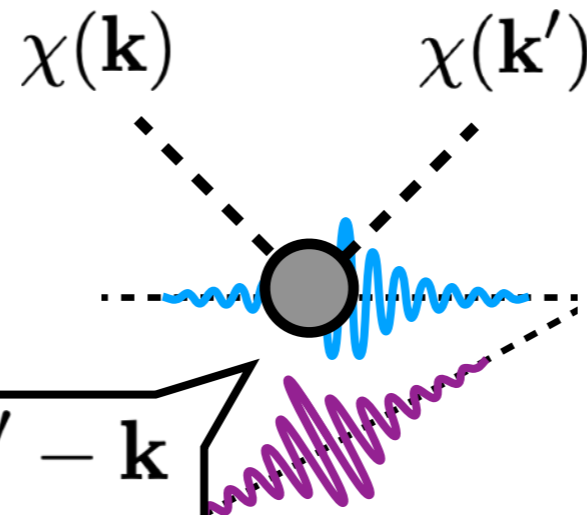
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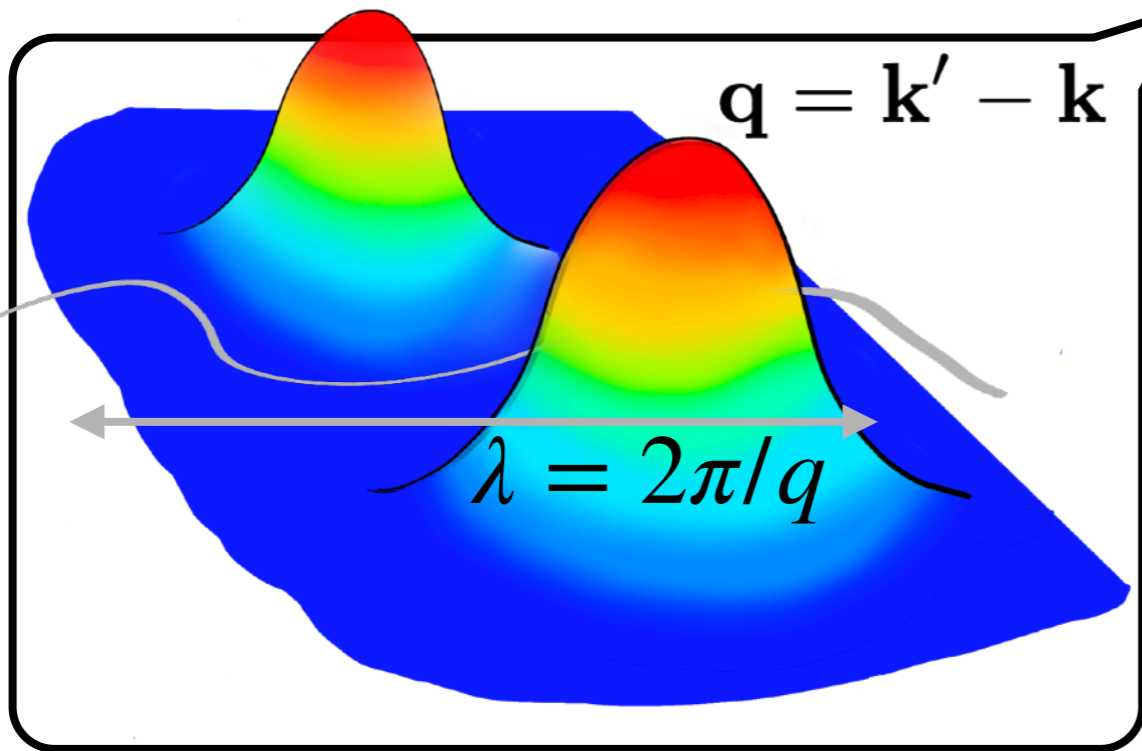
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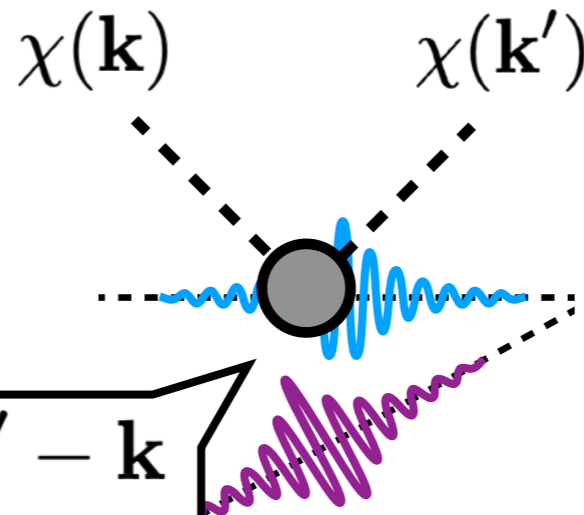
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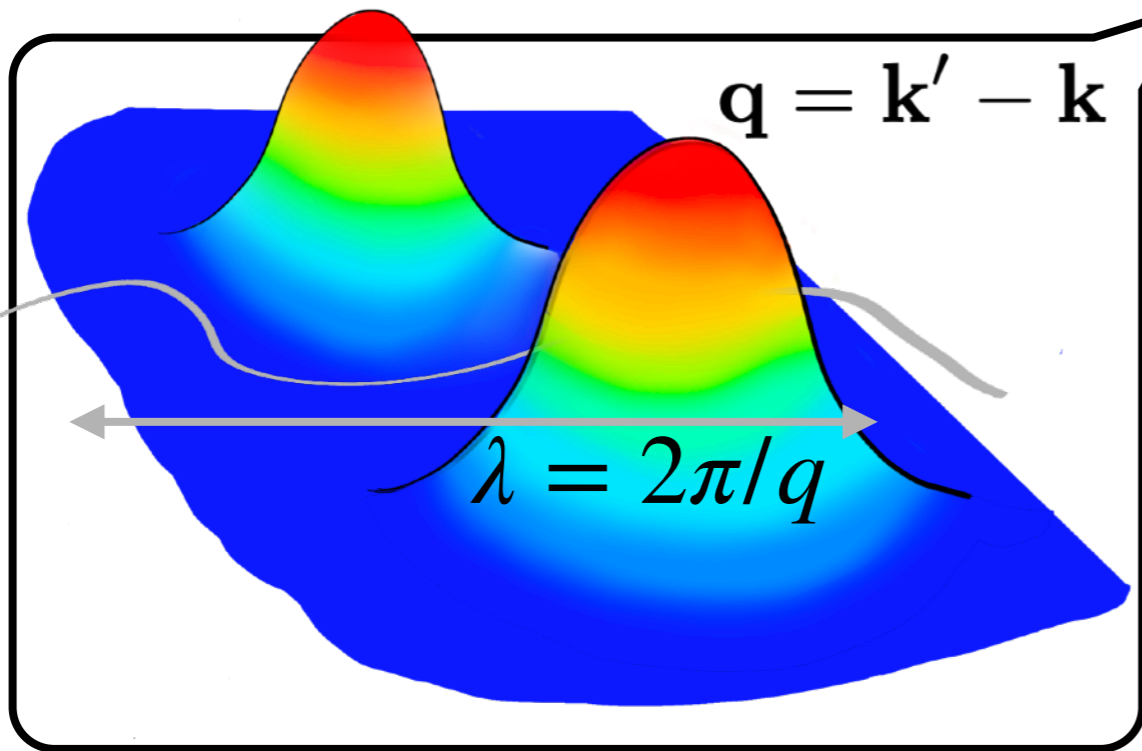
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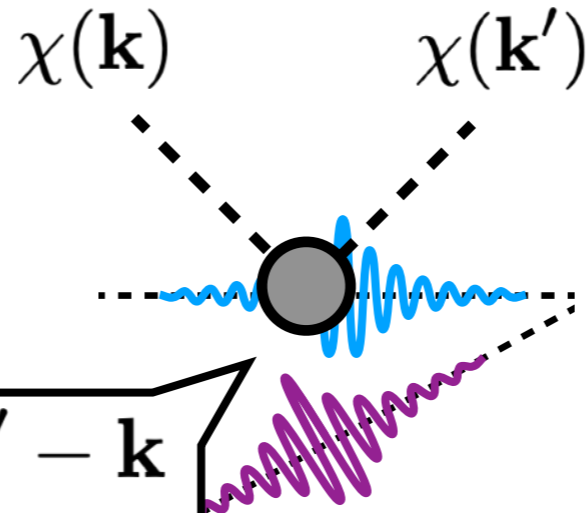


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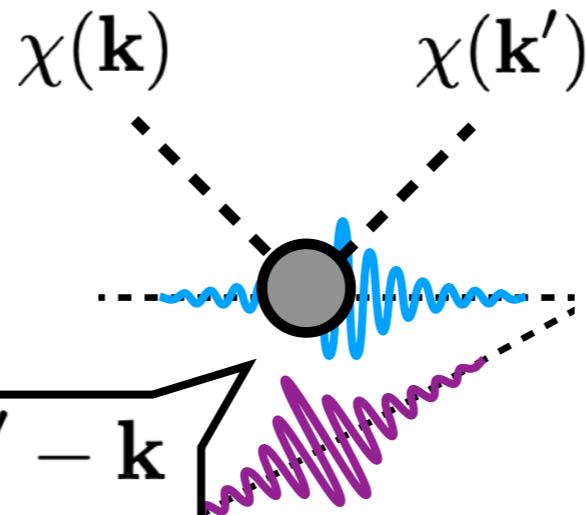
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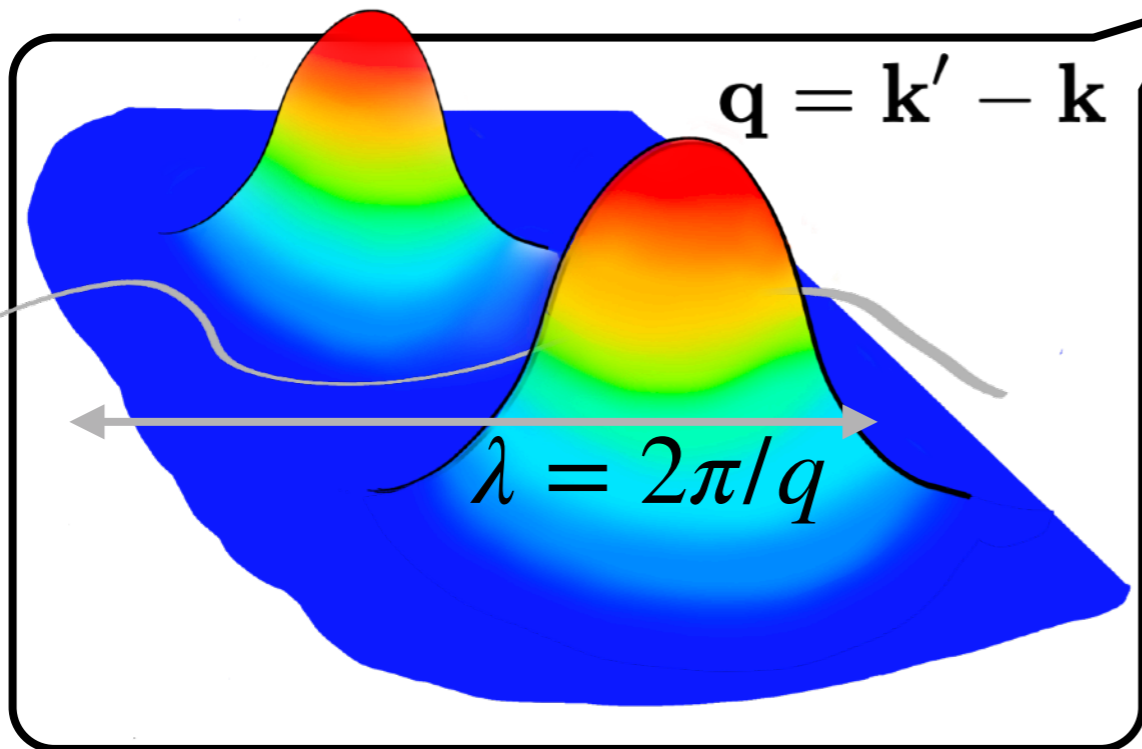
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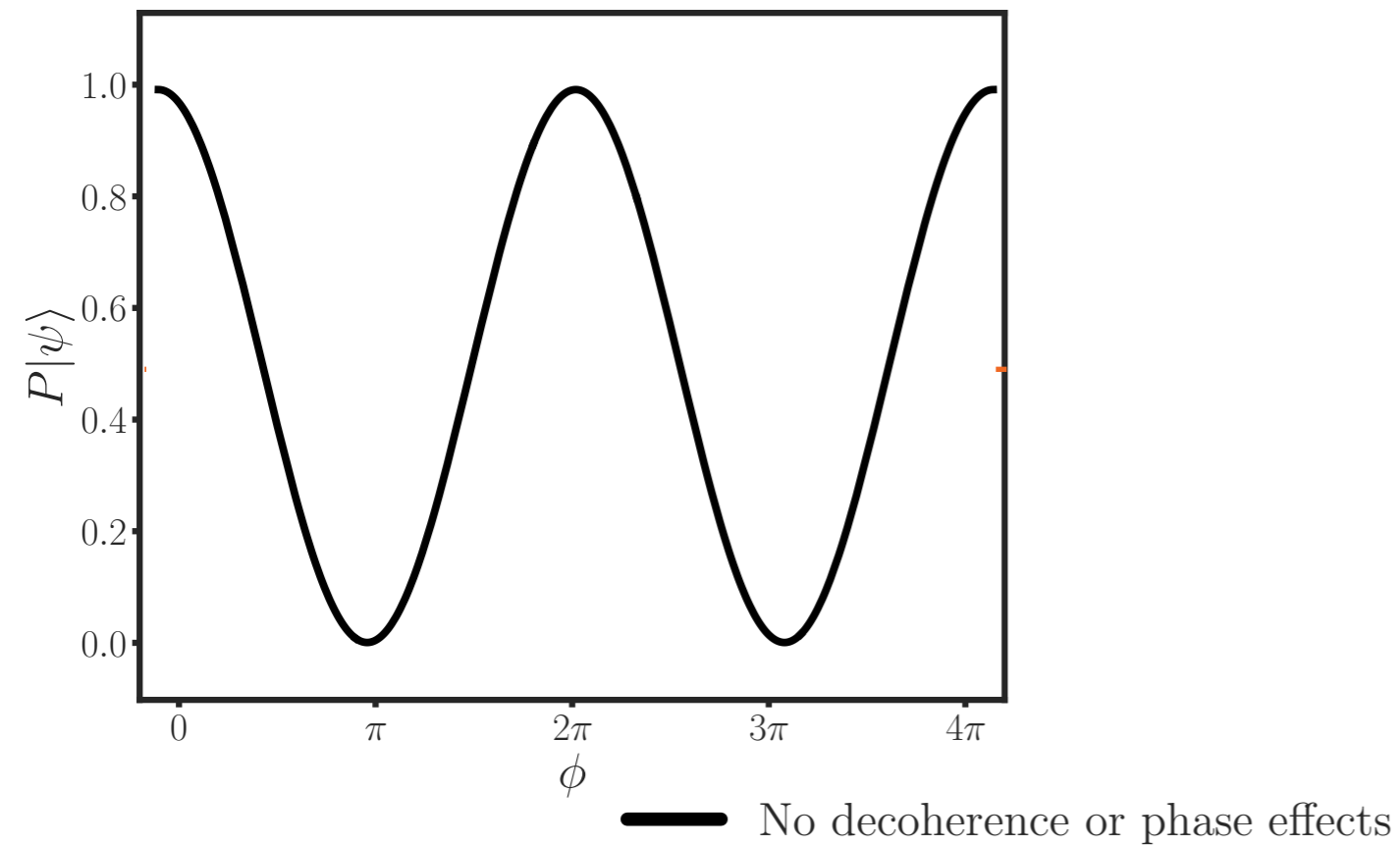
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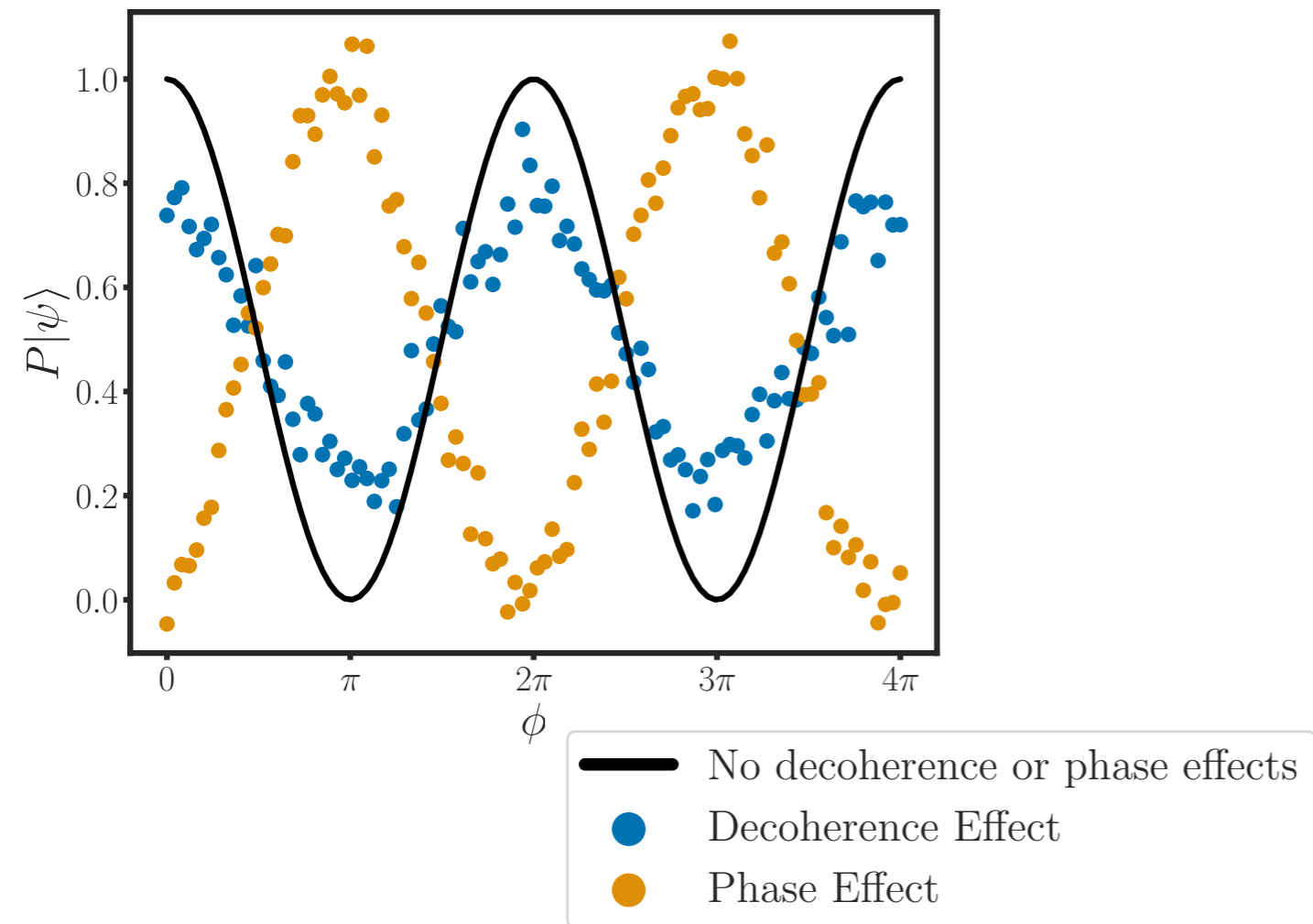
$$\lambda = 1/q \gtrsim \Delta x$$

# AIs: Collisional Decoherence



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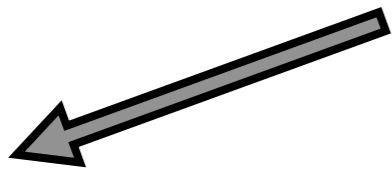
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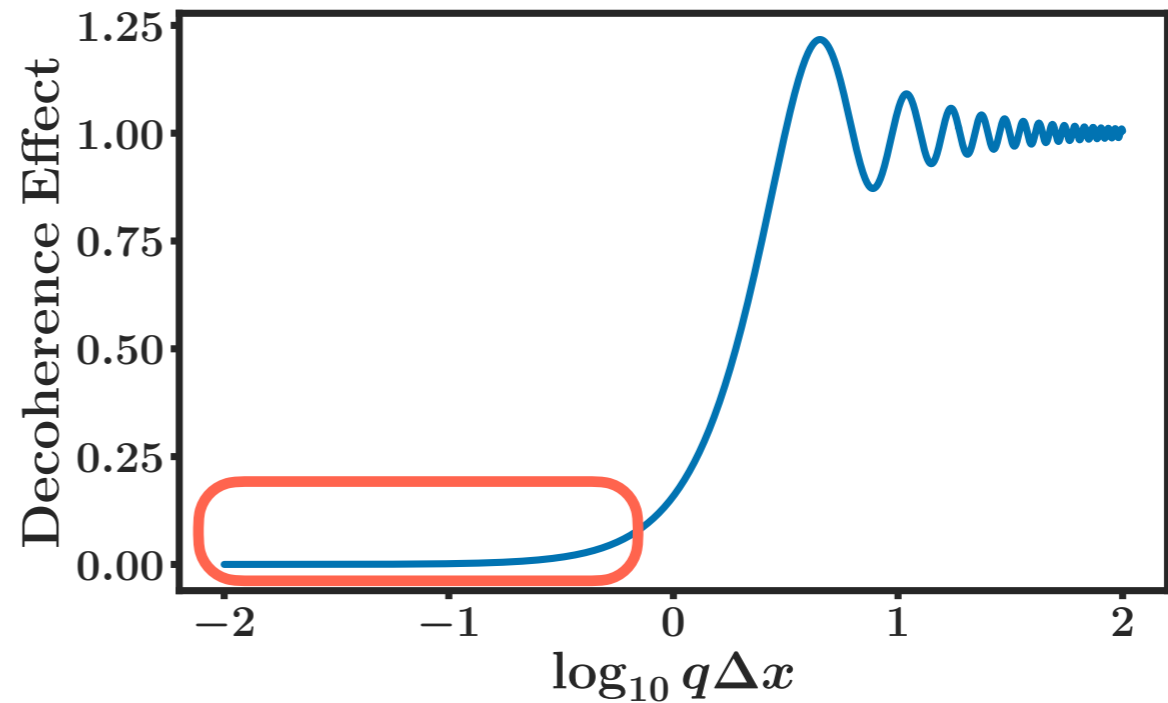
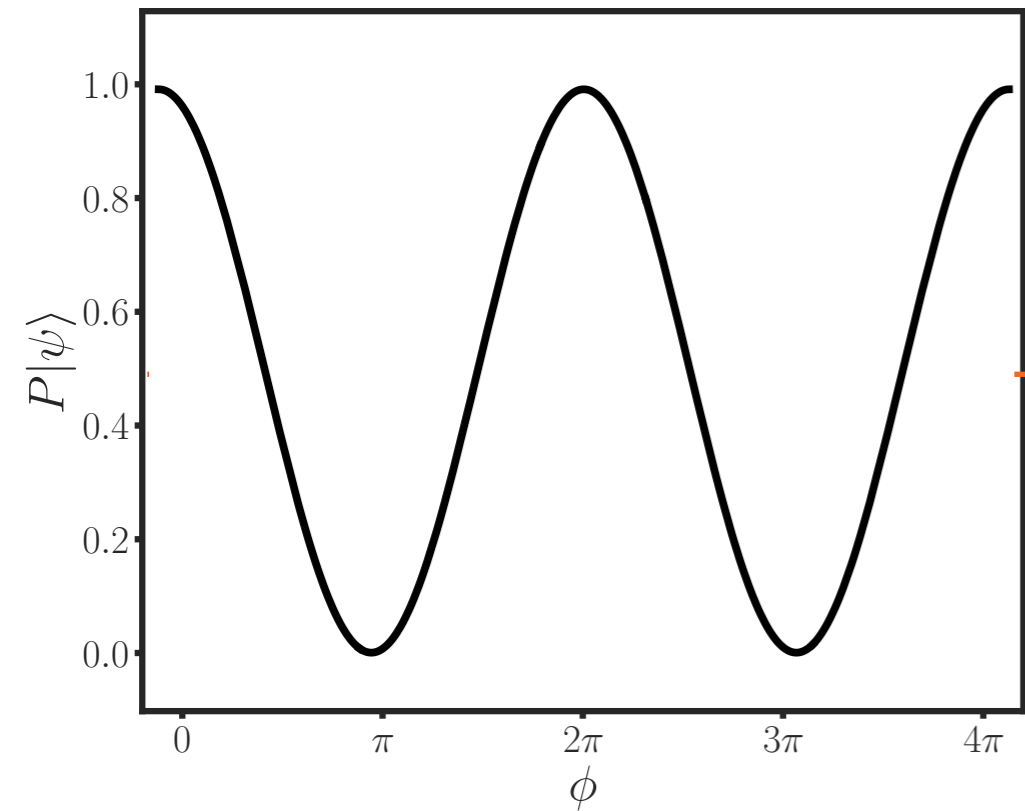
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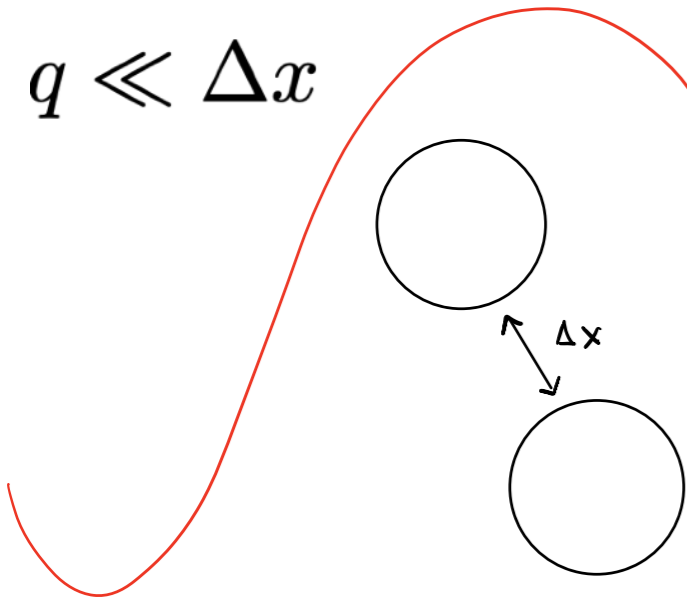
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$$q \ll \Delta x$$



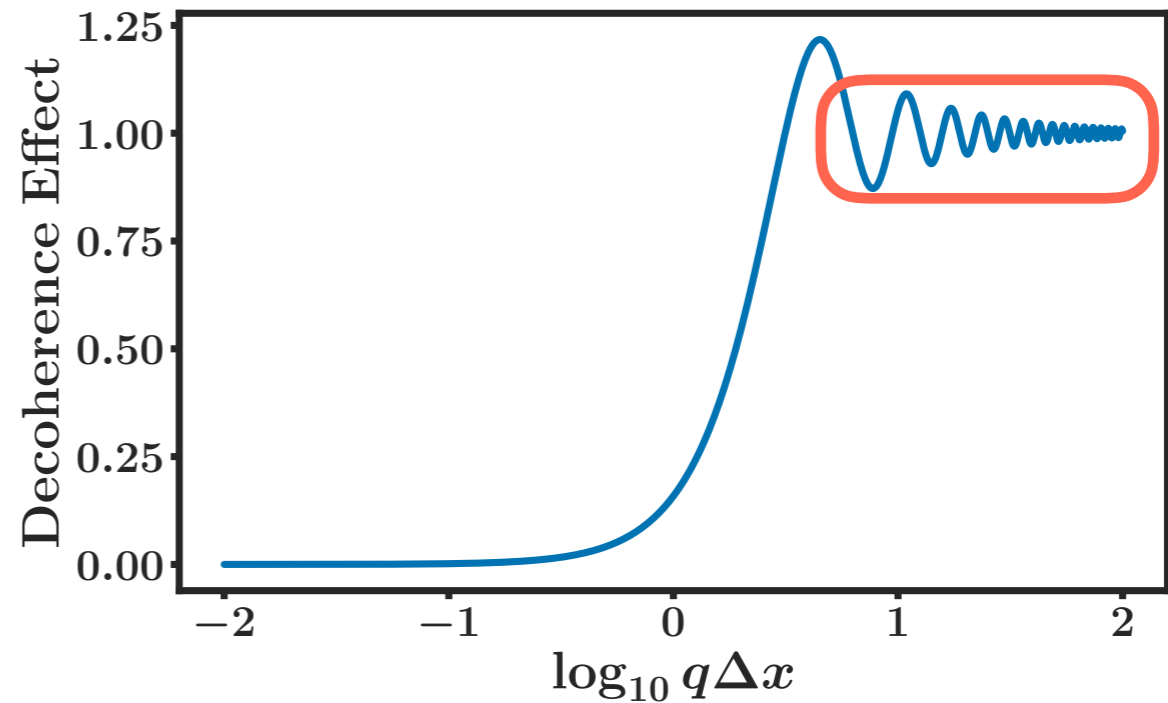
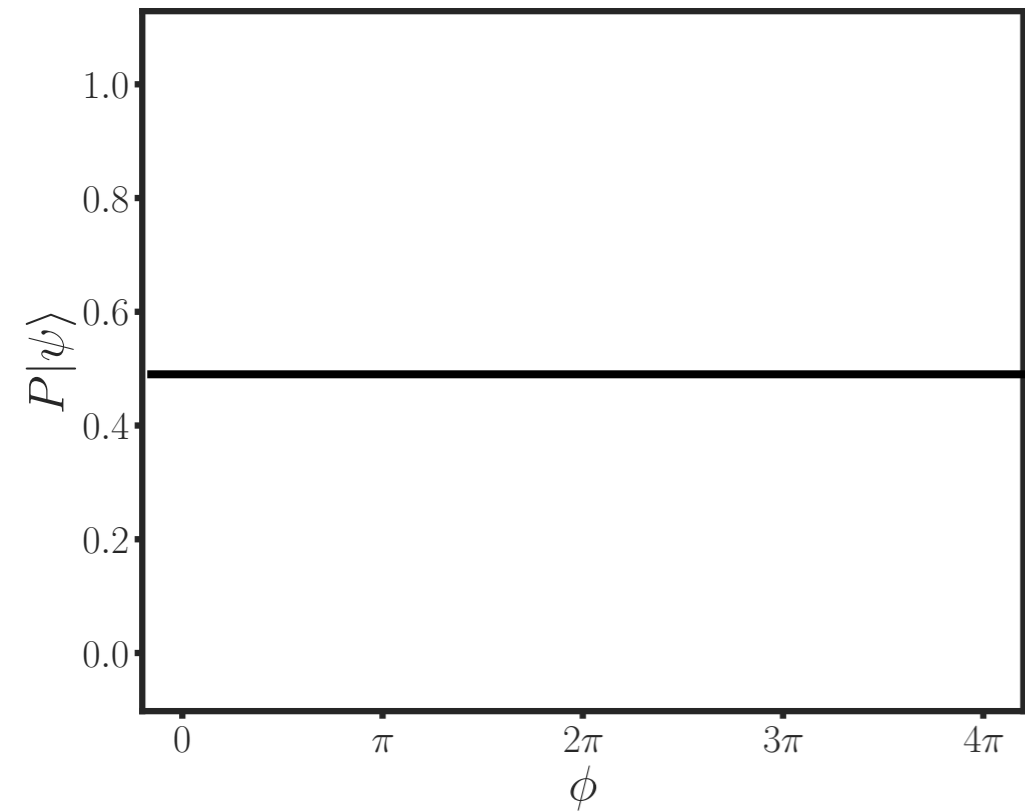
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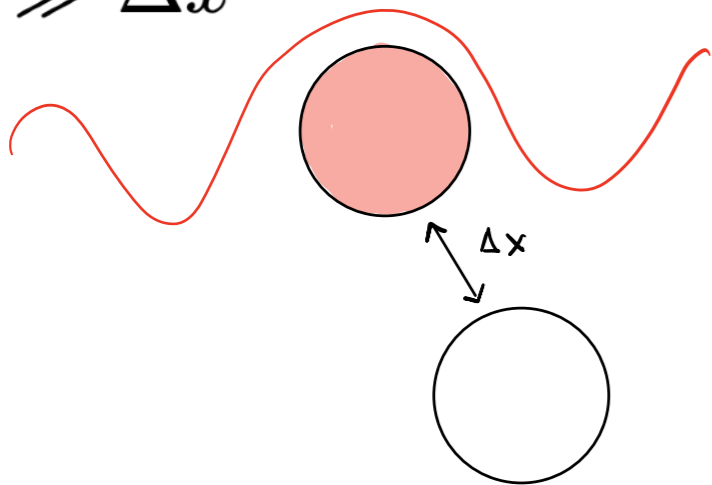
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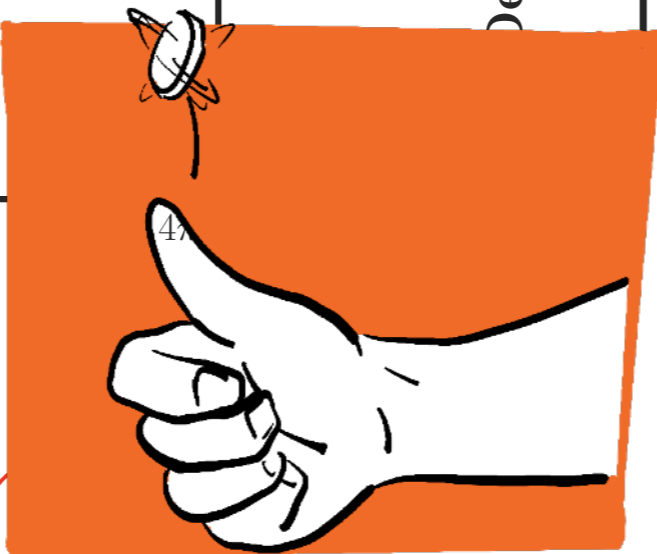
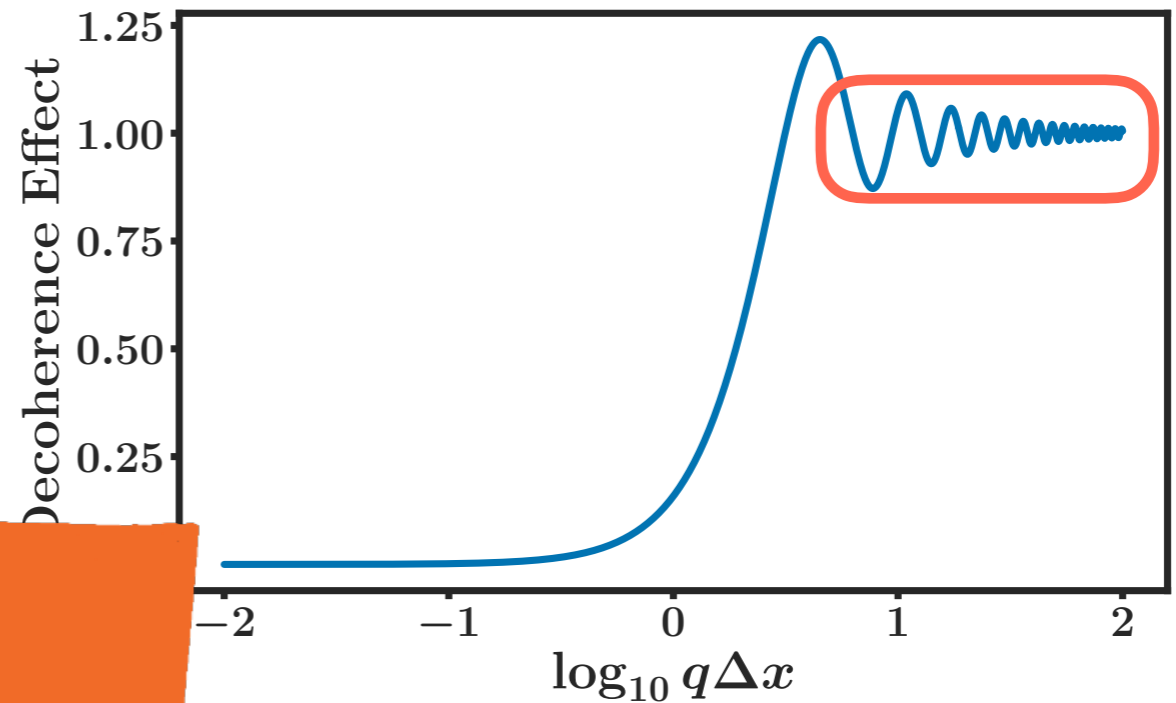
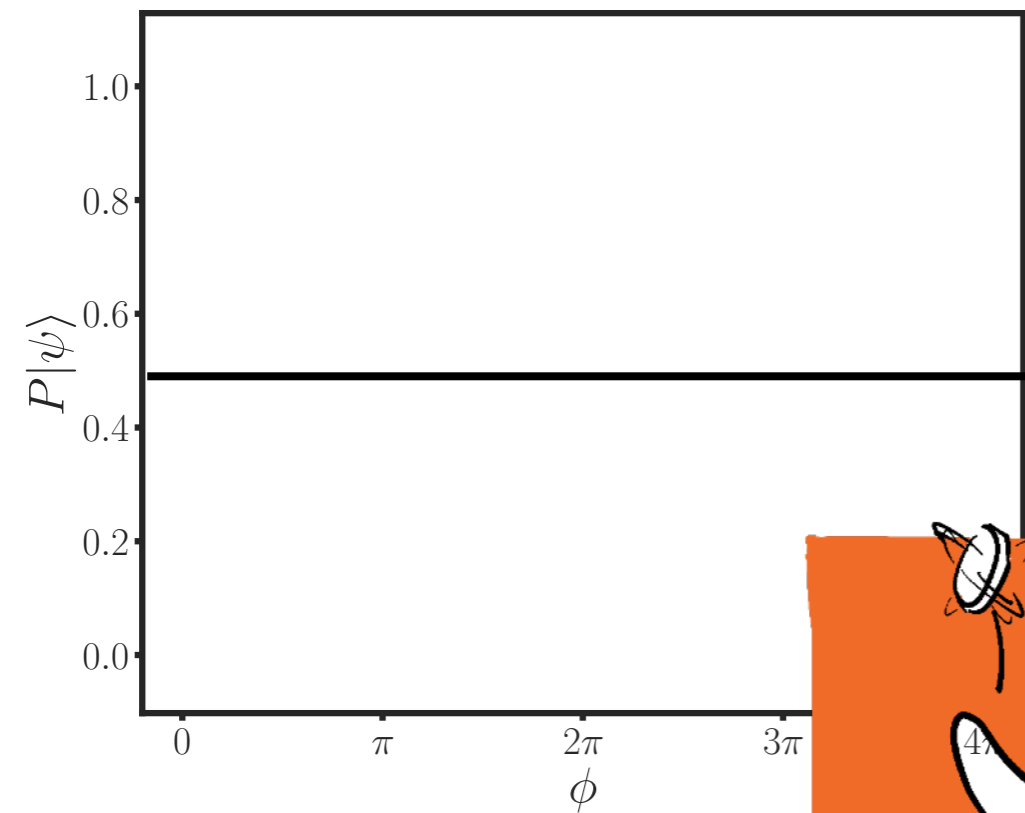
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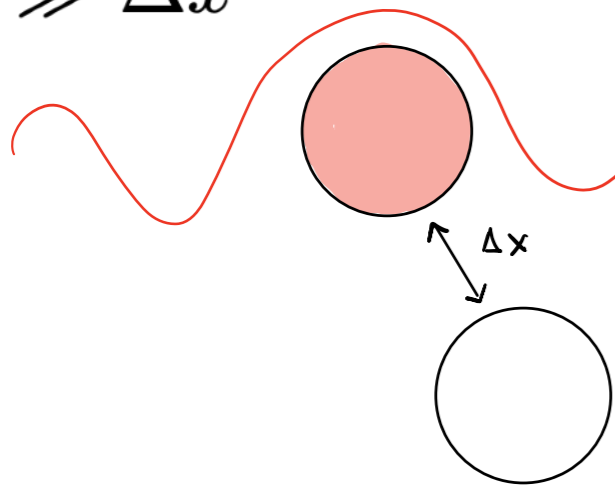
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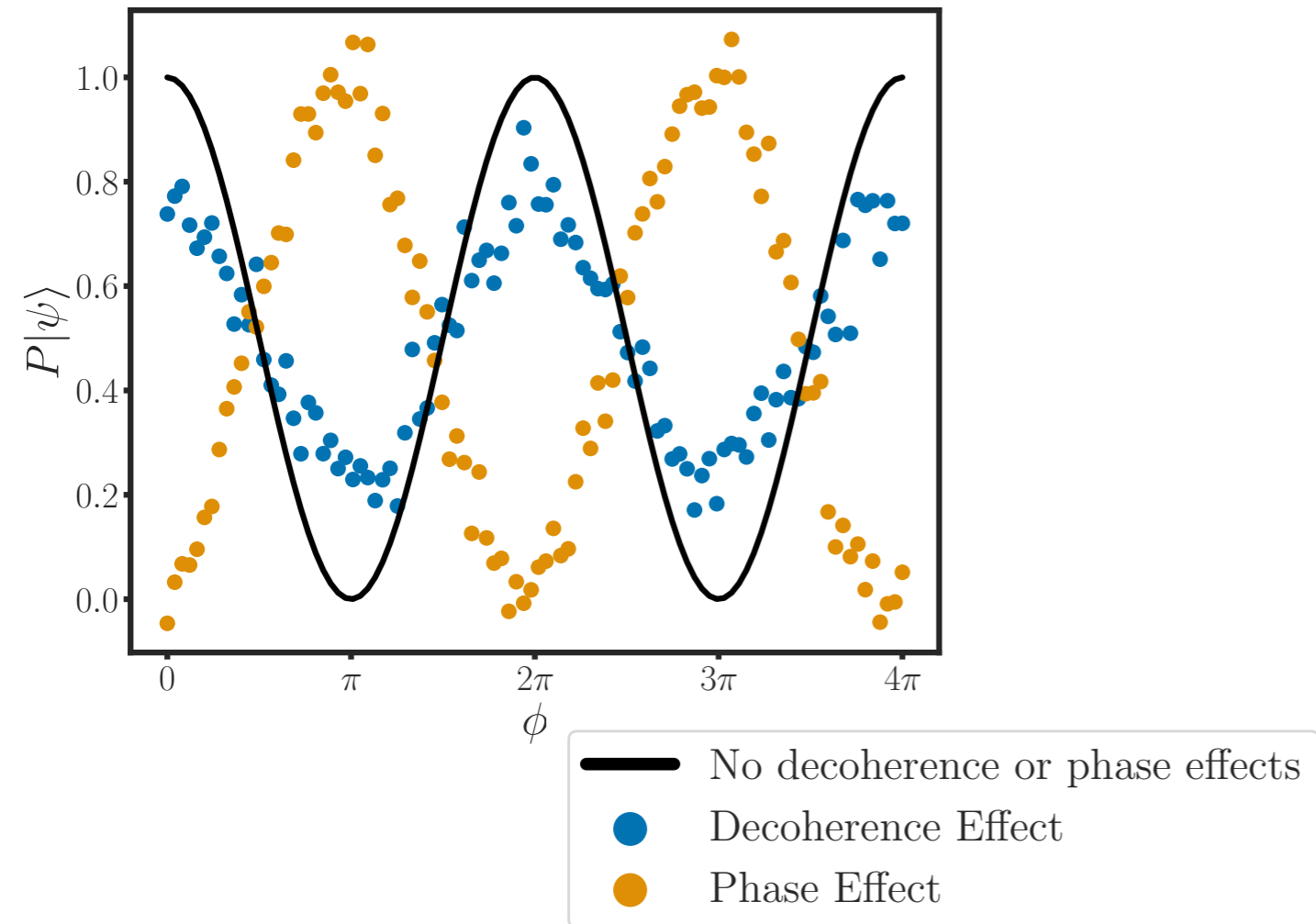
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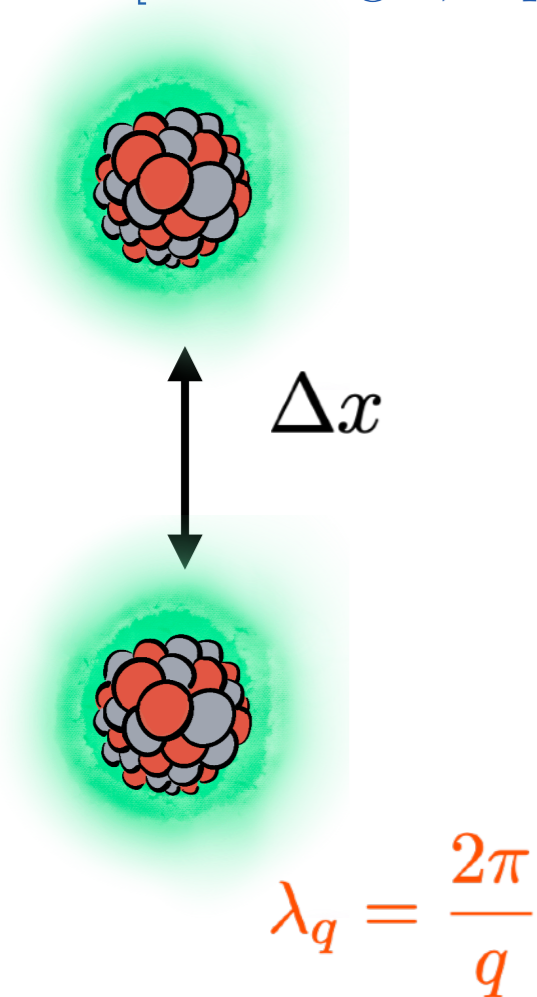


# AIs: Collisional Decoherence

## Single-atom system

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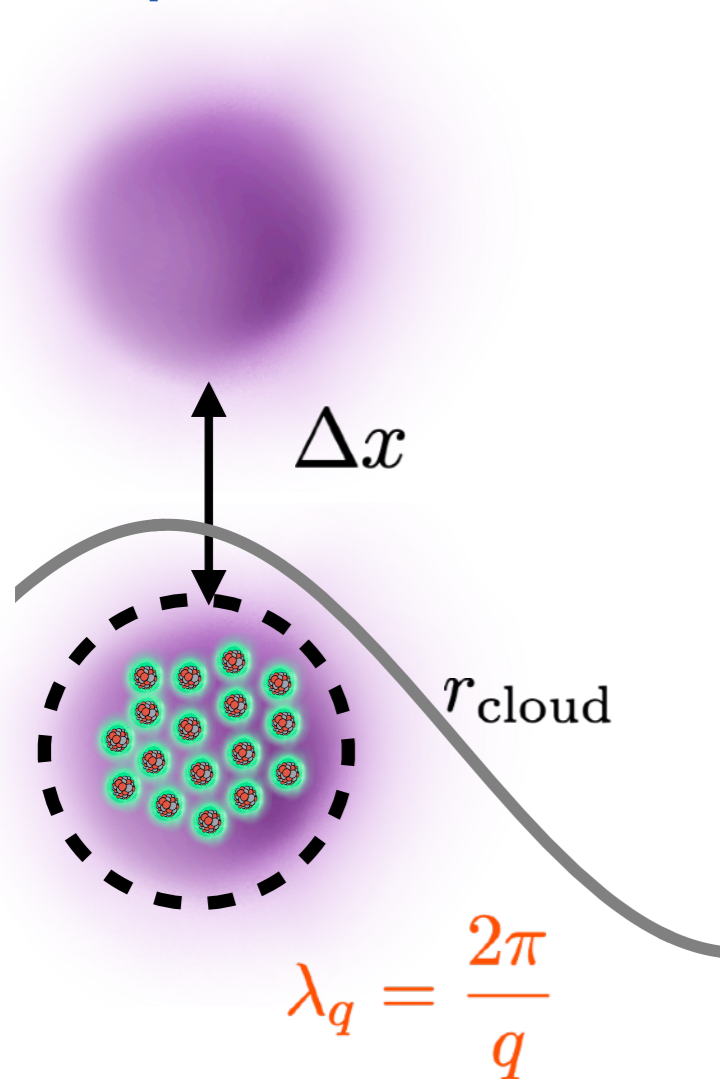
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**Multi-atom system** (distinguishable)

[Badurina, CM, Plestid, 2024]



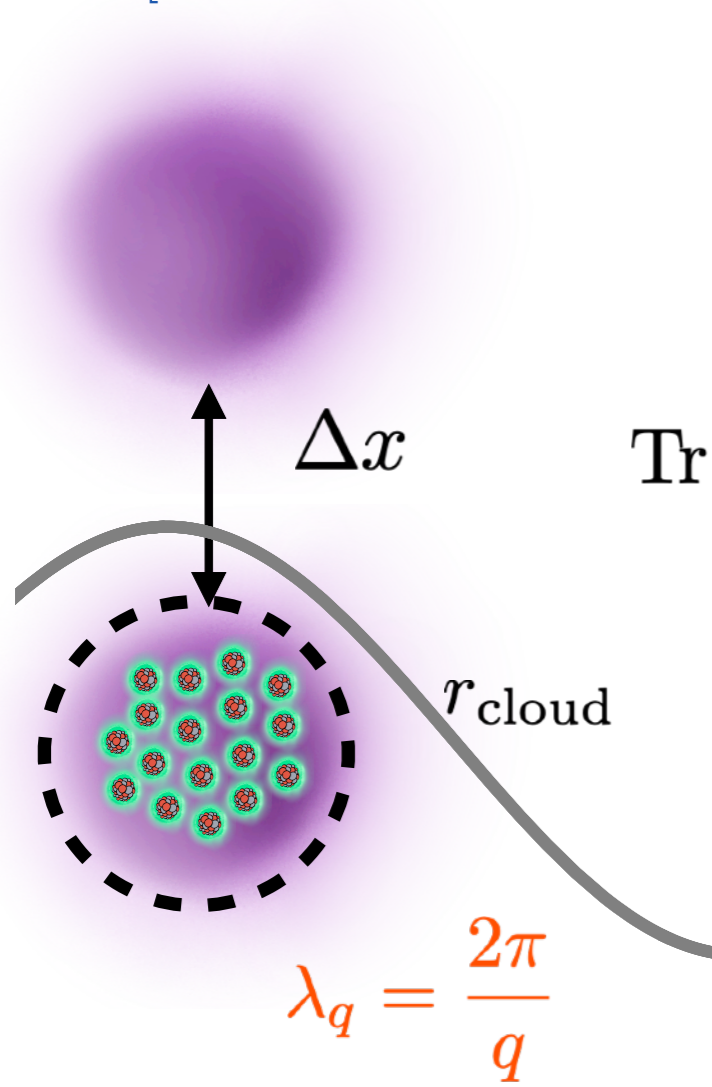
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$$\text{Tr}\{\rho_N \sum_i^N \mathcal{O}_i\}$$



$$\mathcal{O}_i = \mathbb{I} \otimes \cdots \otimes |g_i\rangle\langle g_i| \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathbb{I} \\ * |+_i\rangle\langle+_i|$$

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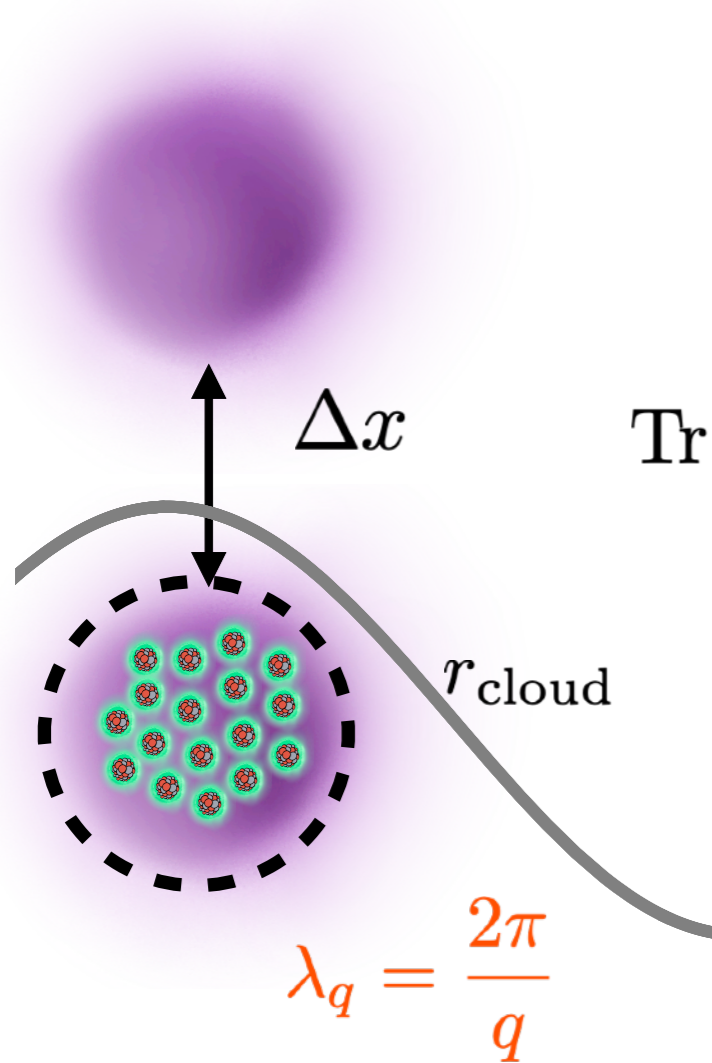
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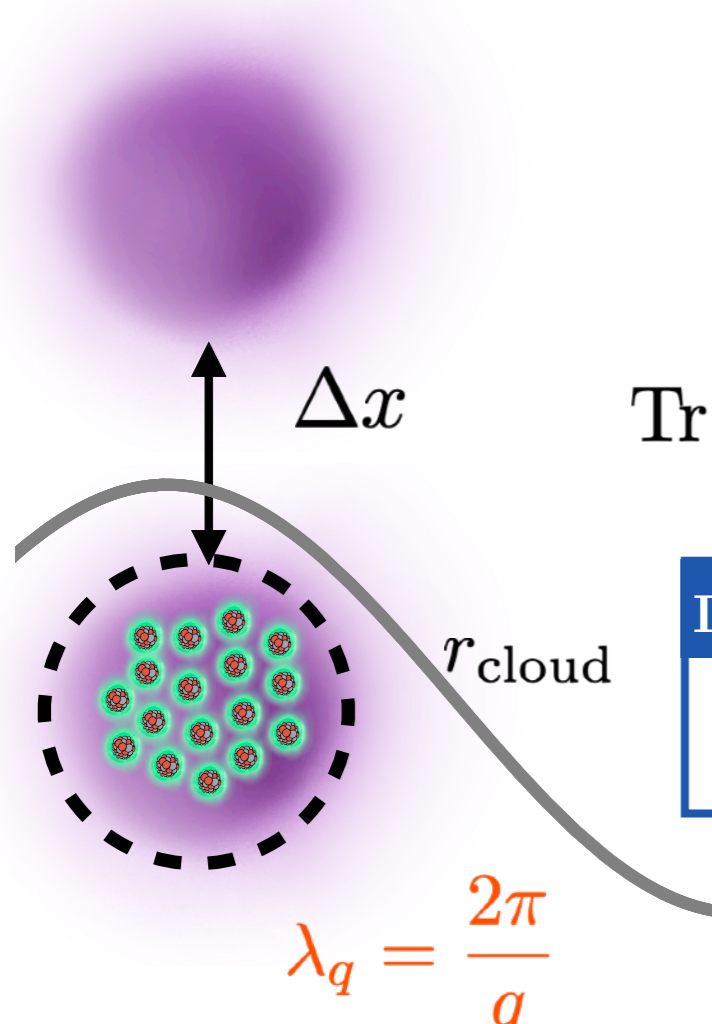
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Decoherence Kernel 1-body measurement

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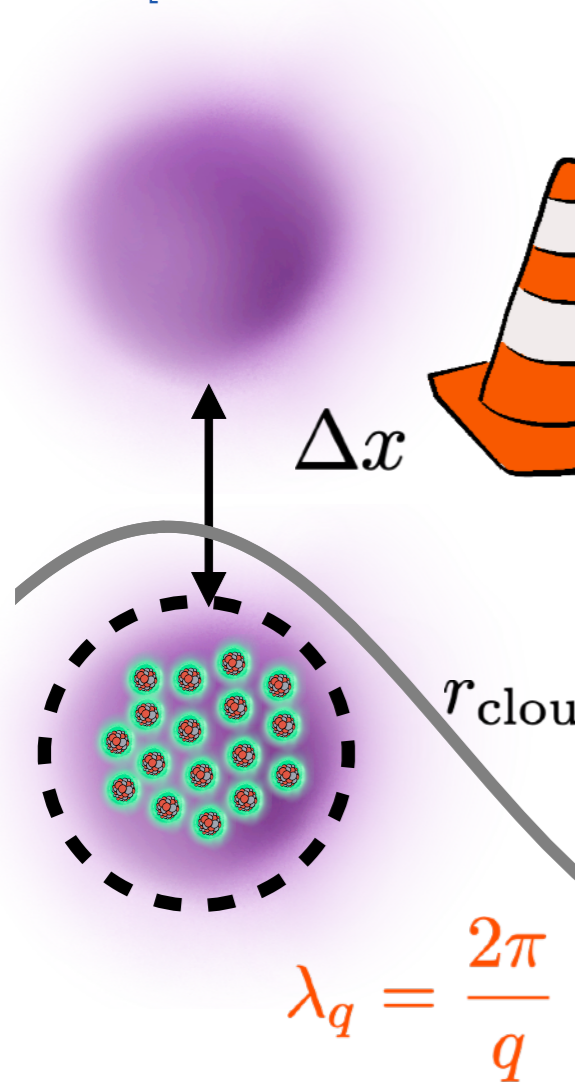
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 w/ L. Badurina, R. Plestid, Y. Wang  
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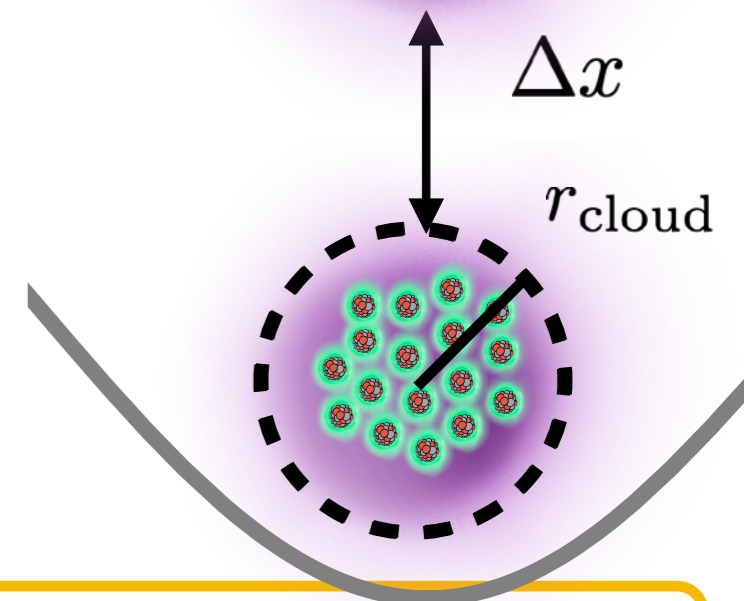
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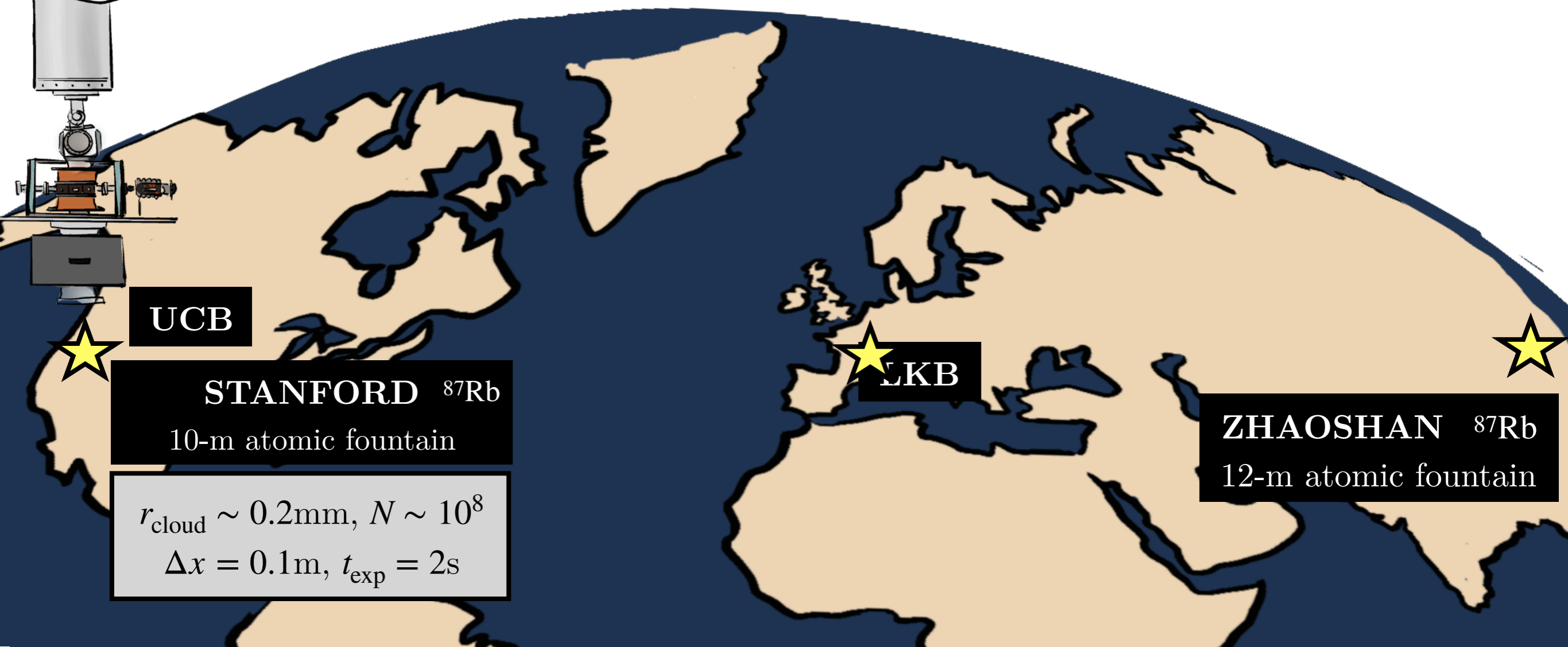
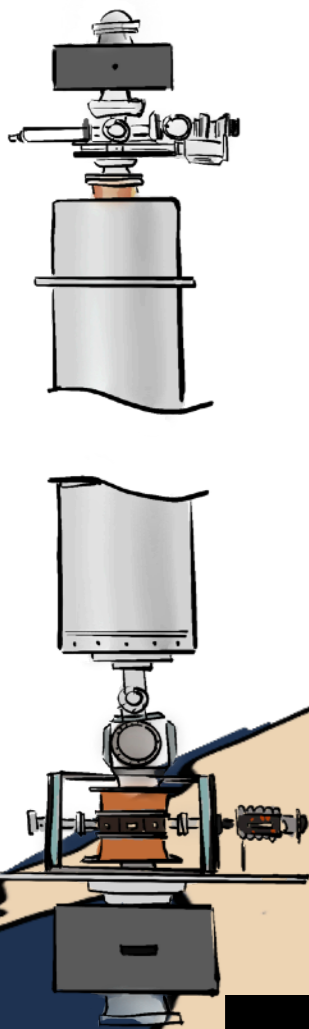
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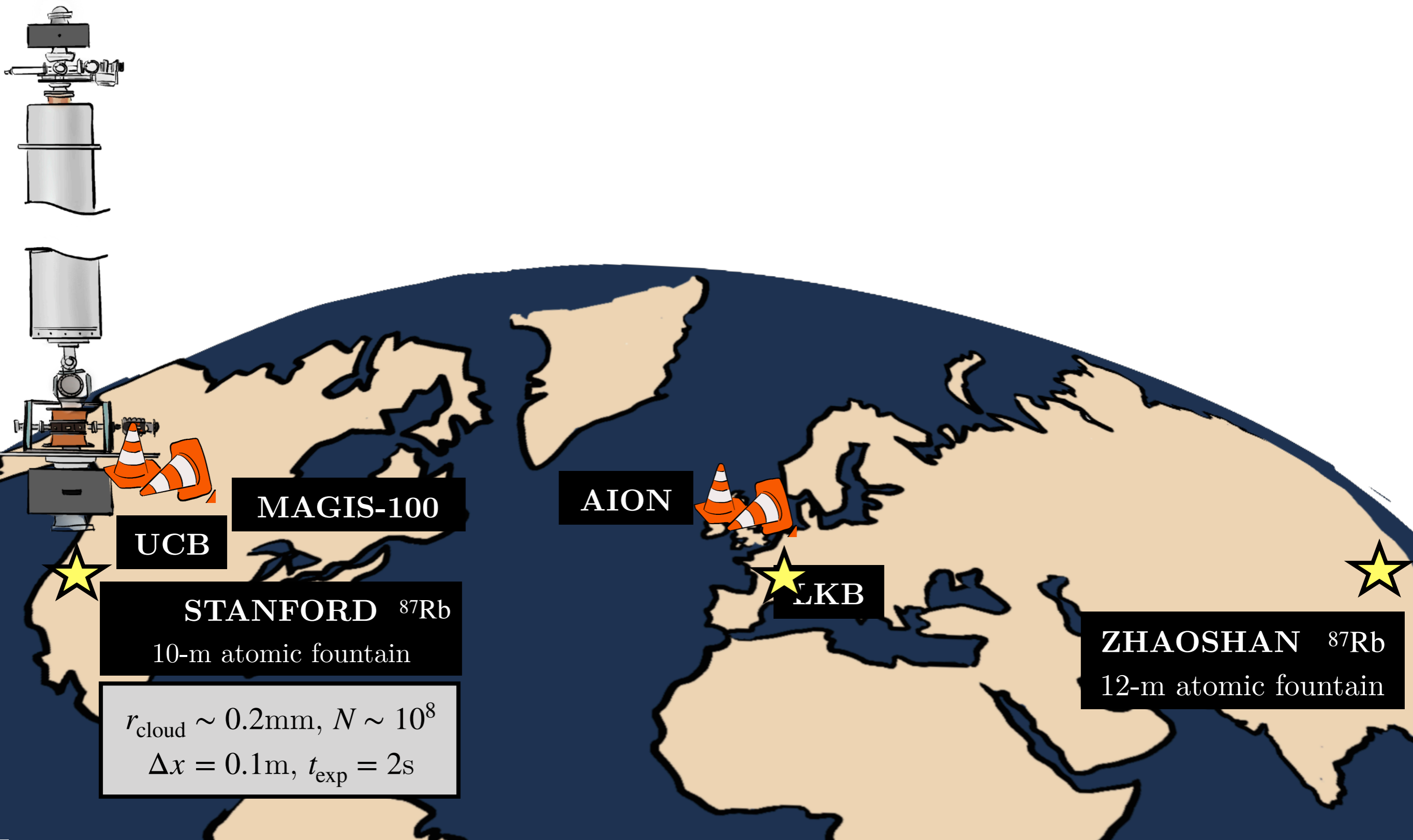
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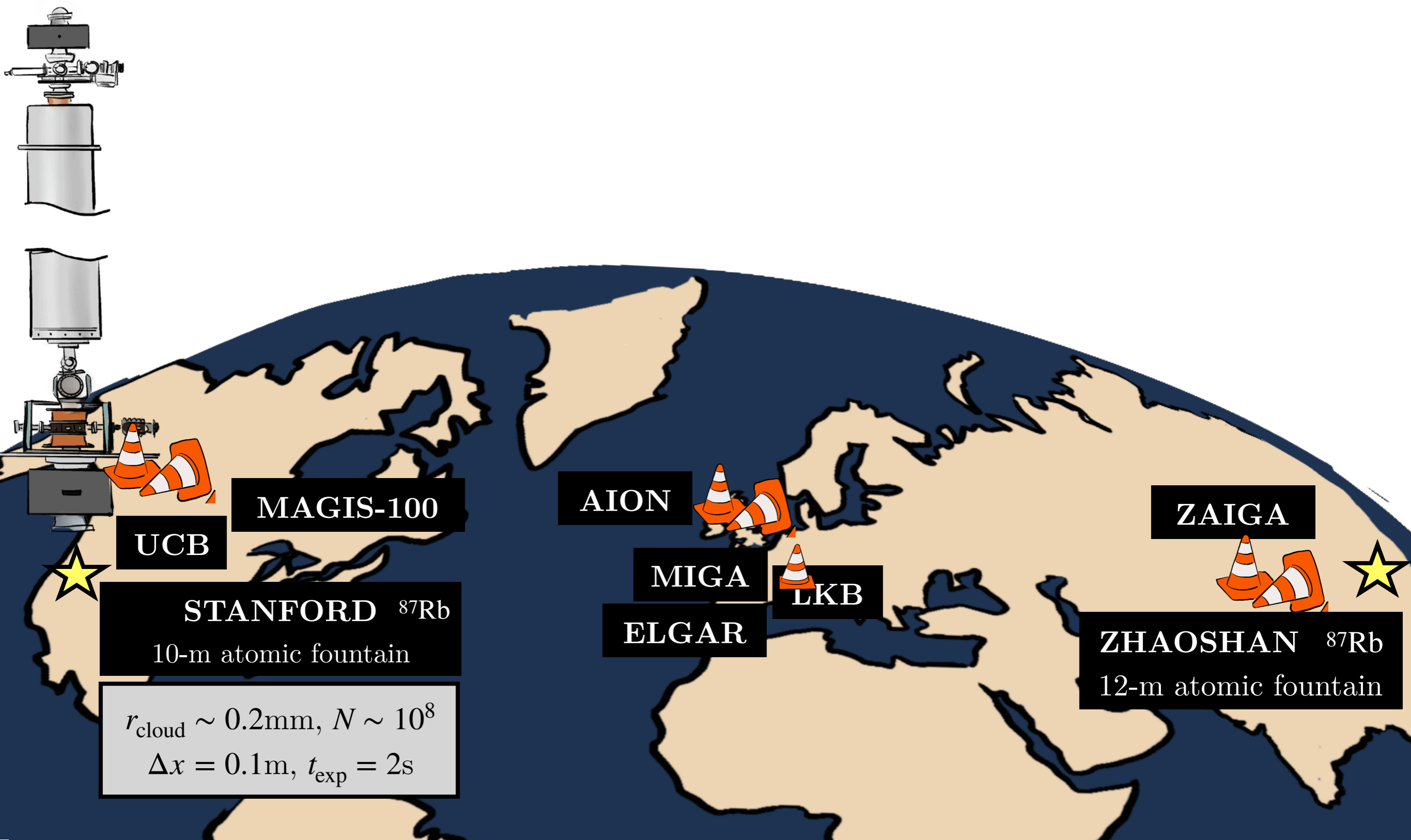
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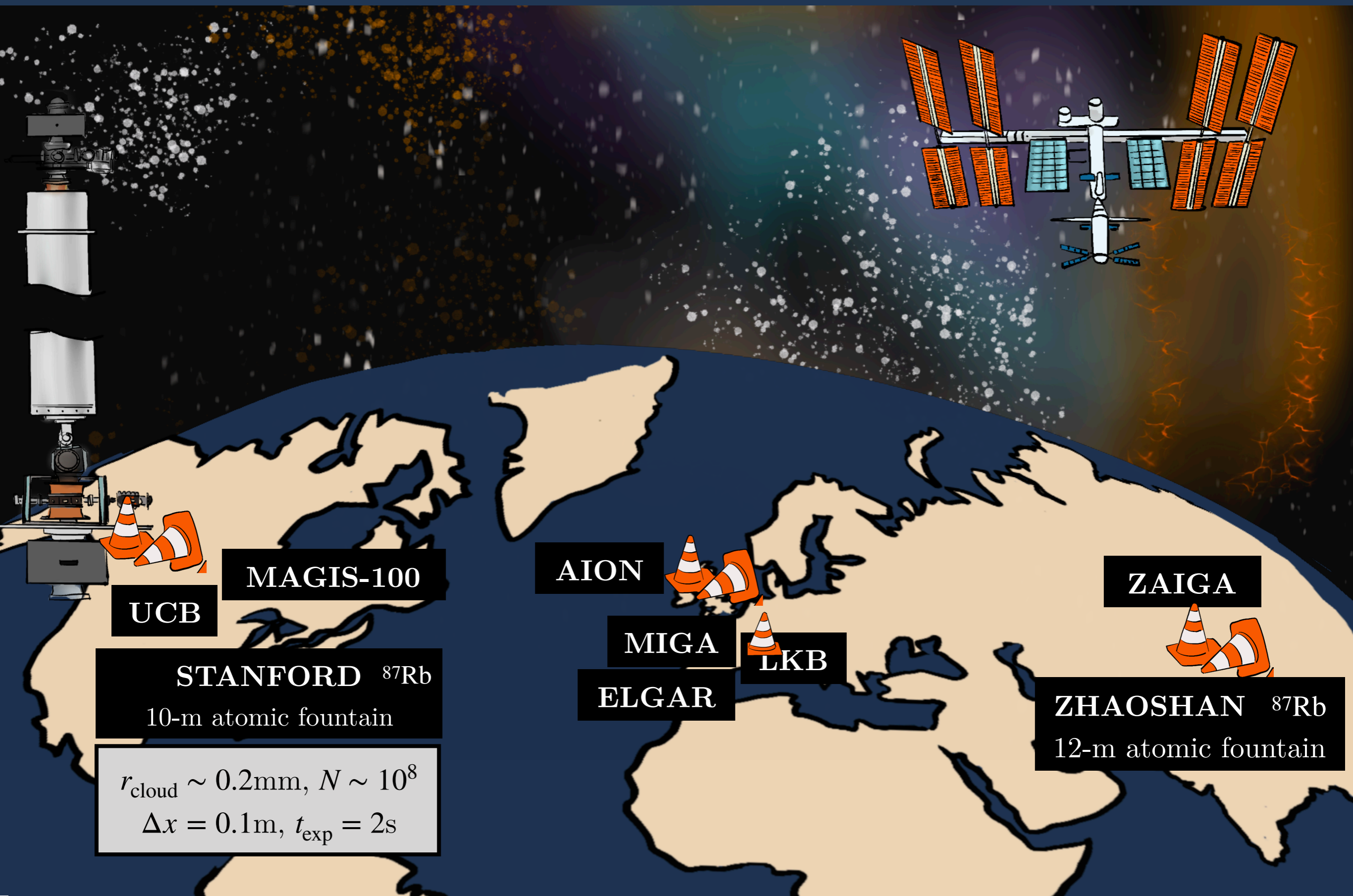
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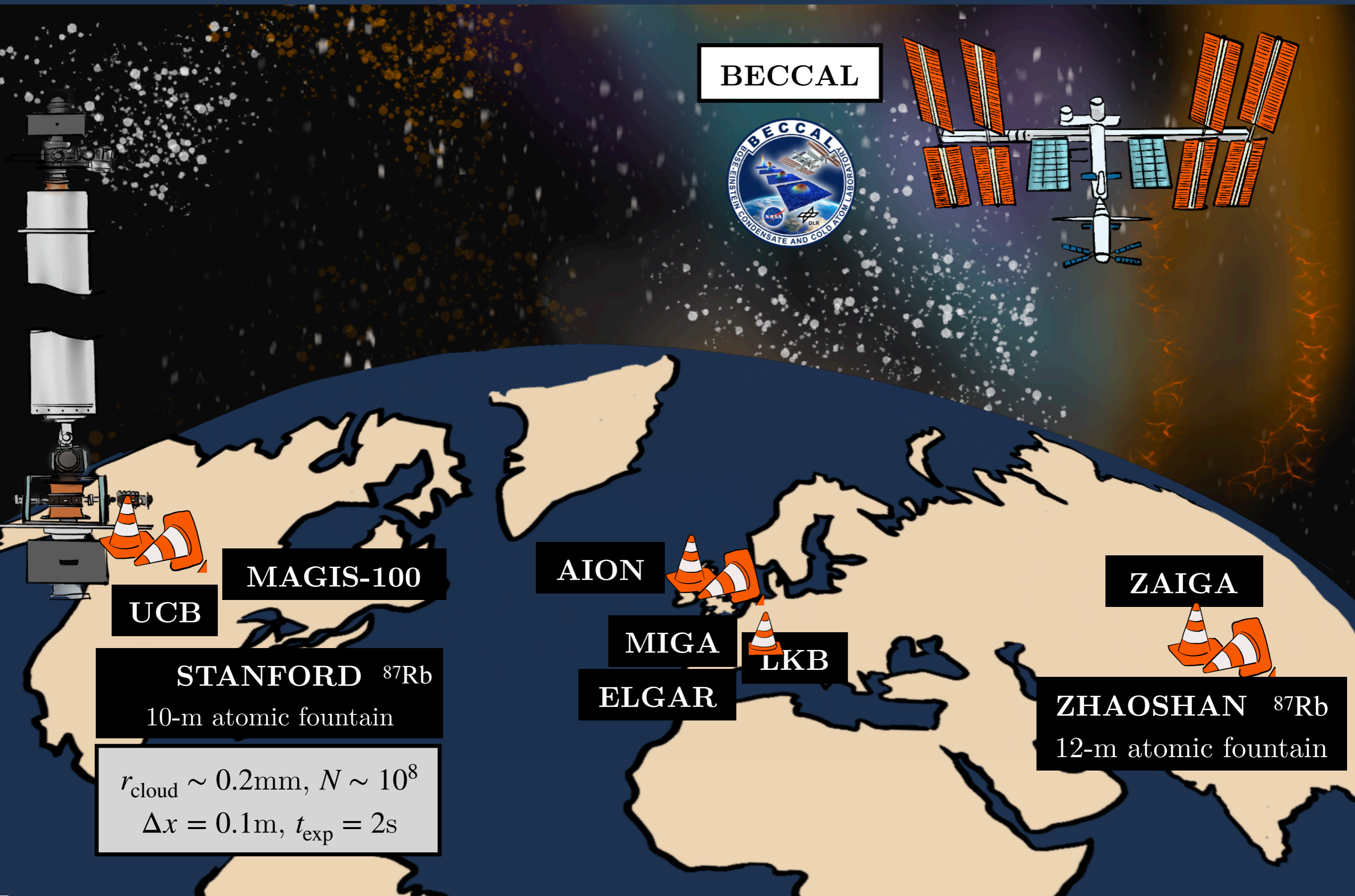
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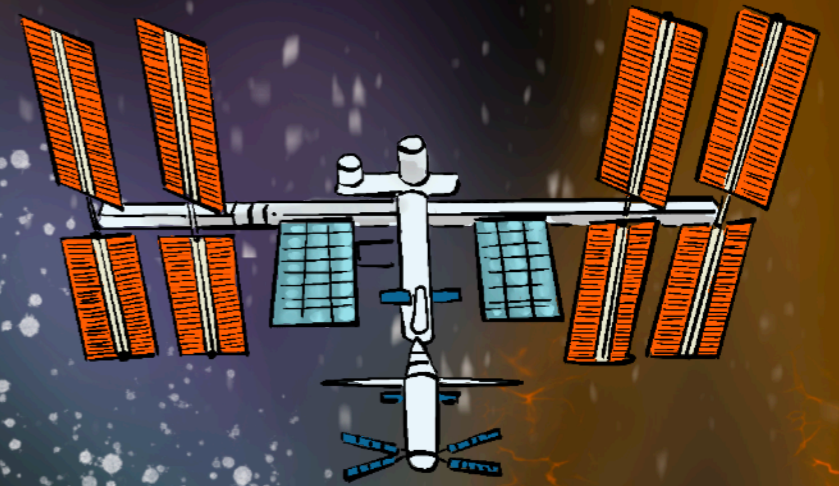
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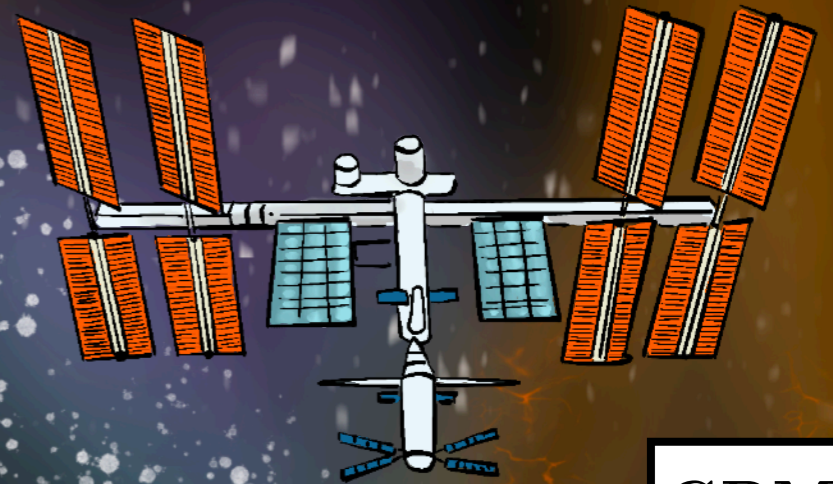
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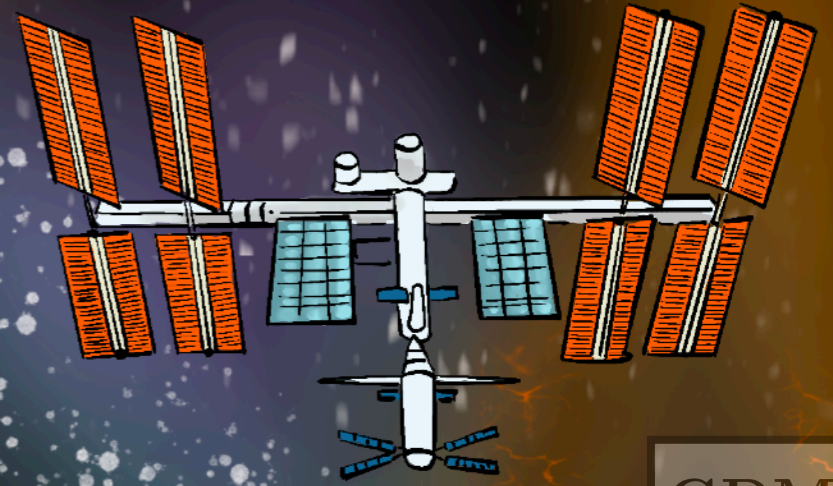
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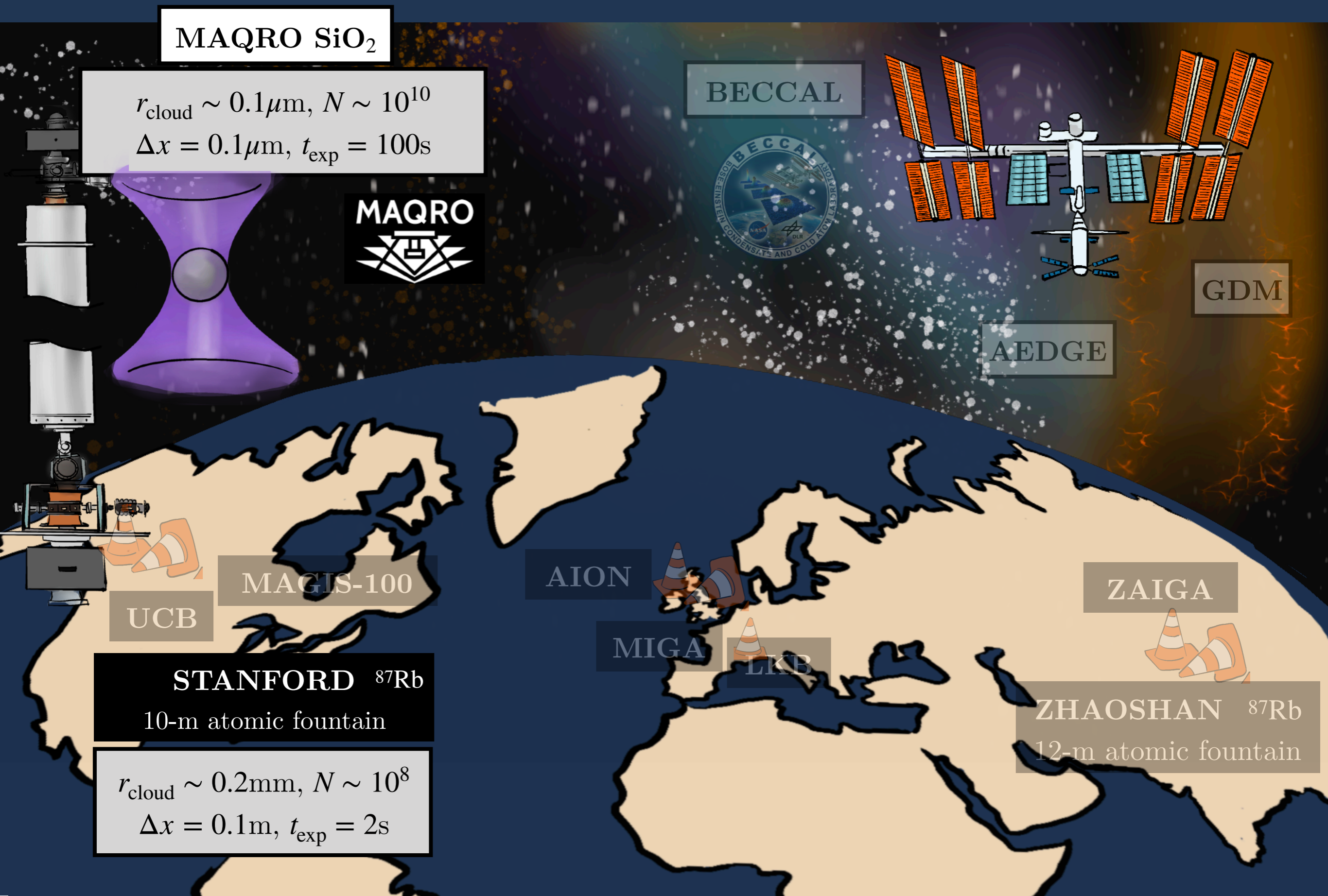
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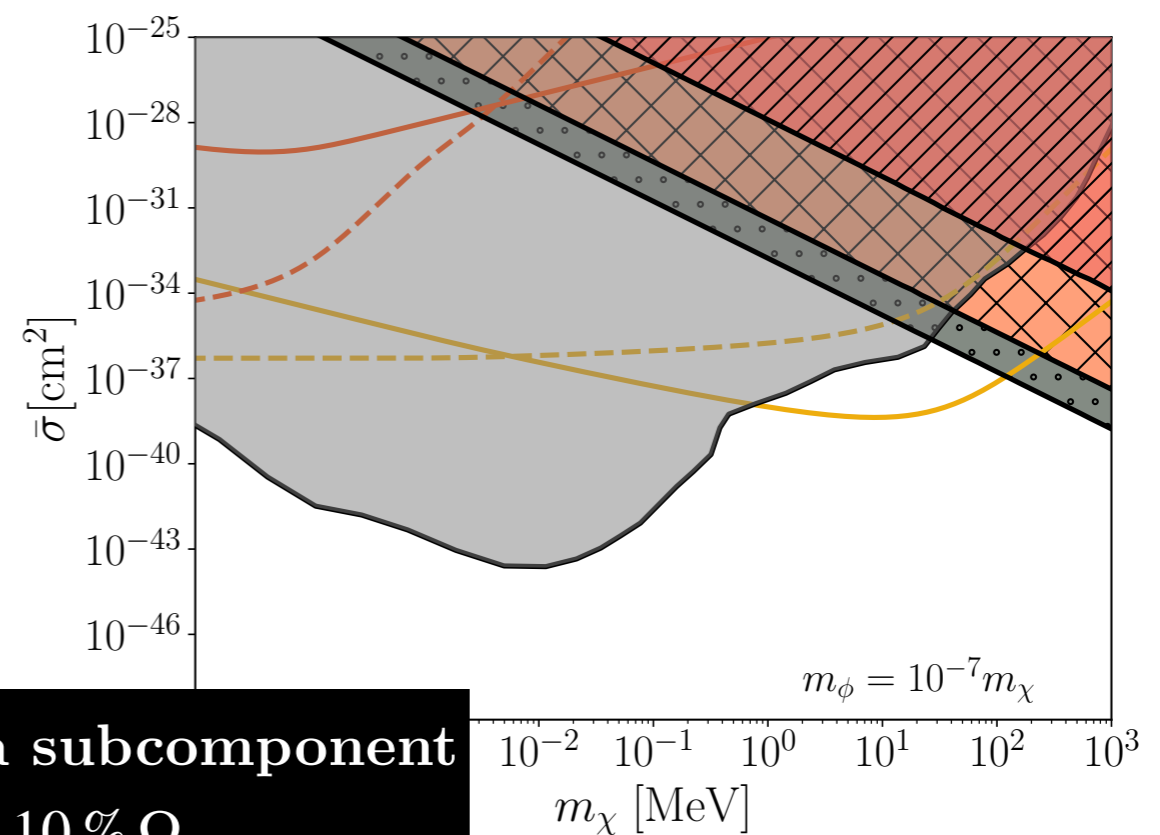
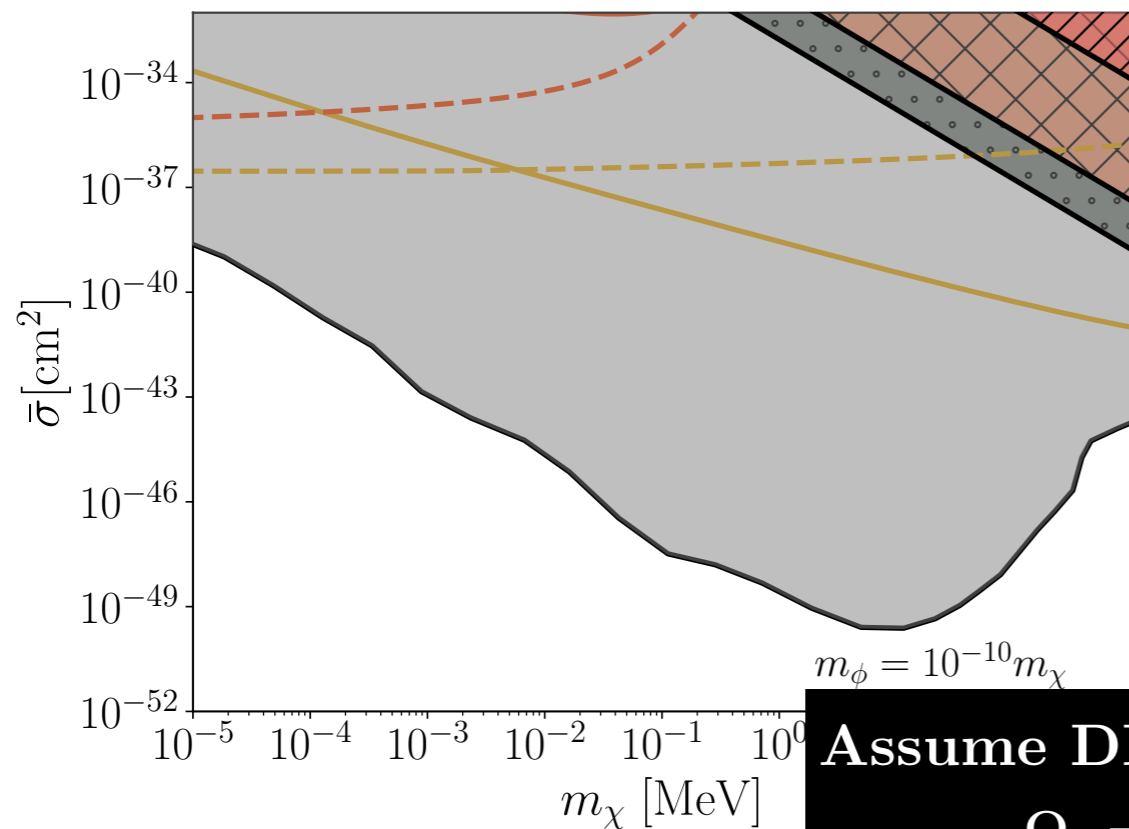
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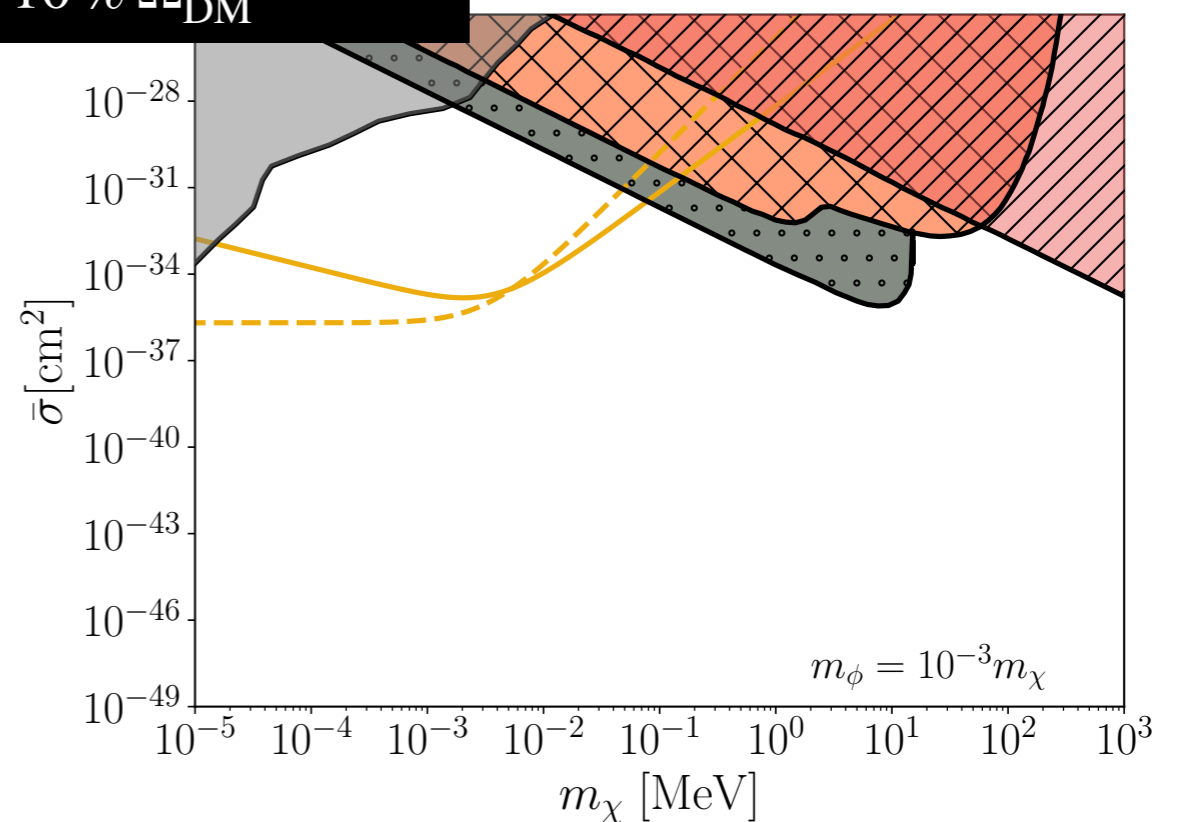
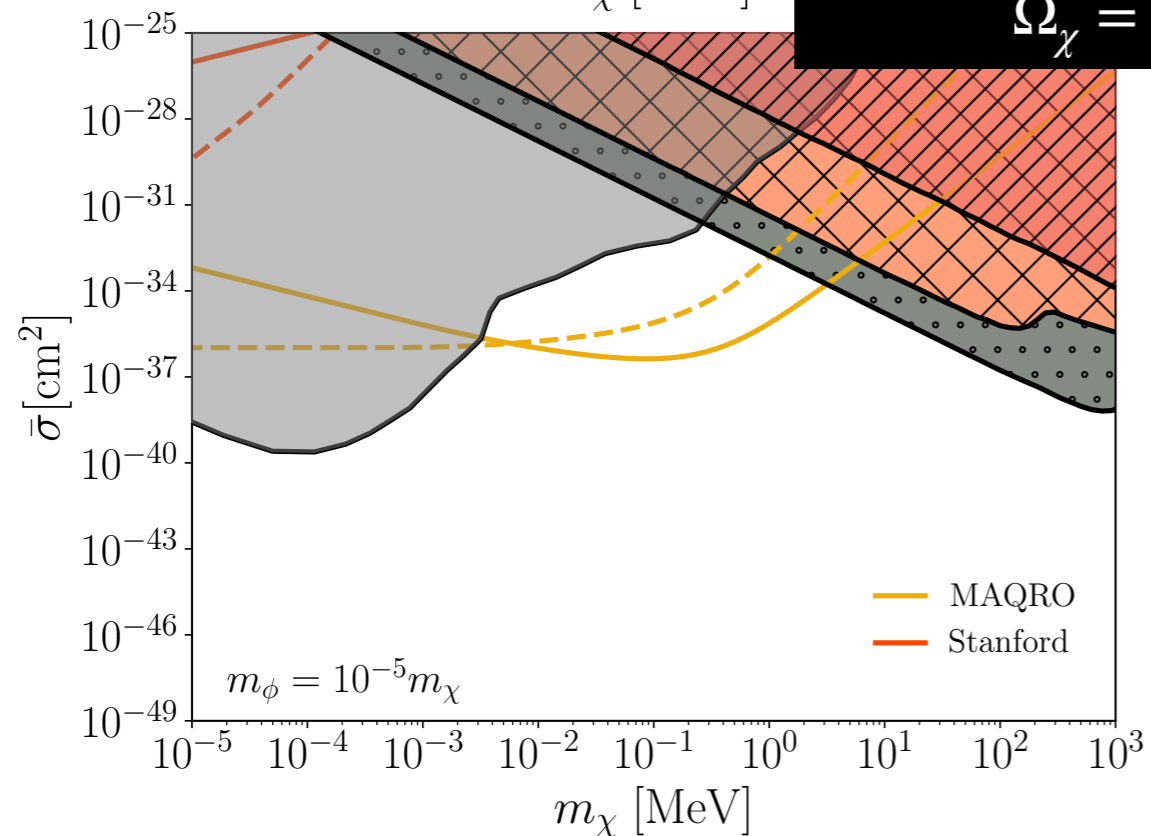


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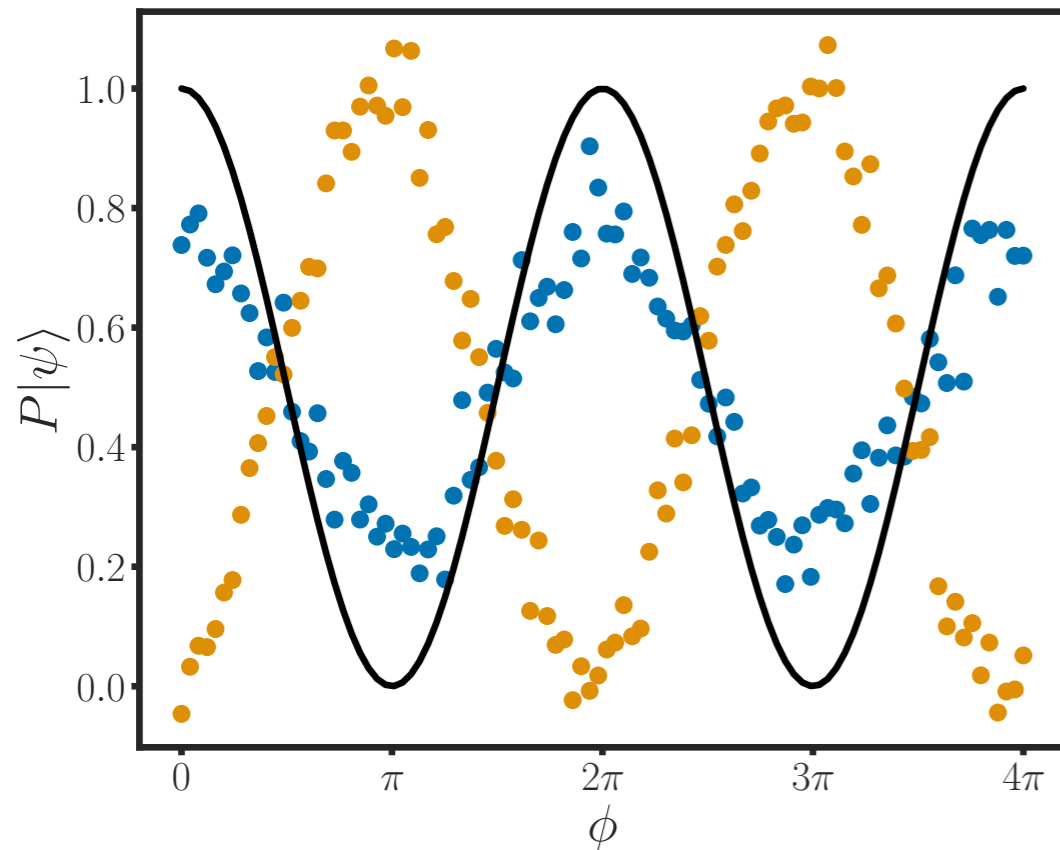
**Assume DM is a subcomponent**

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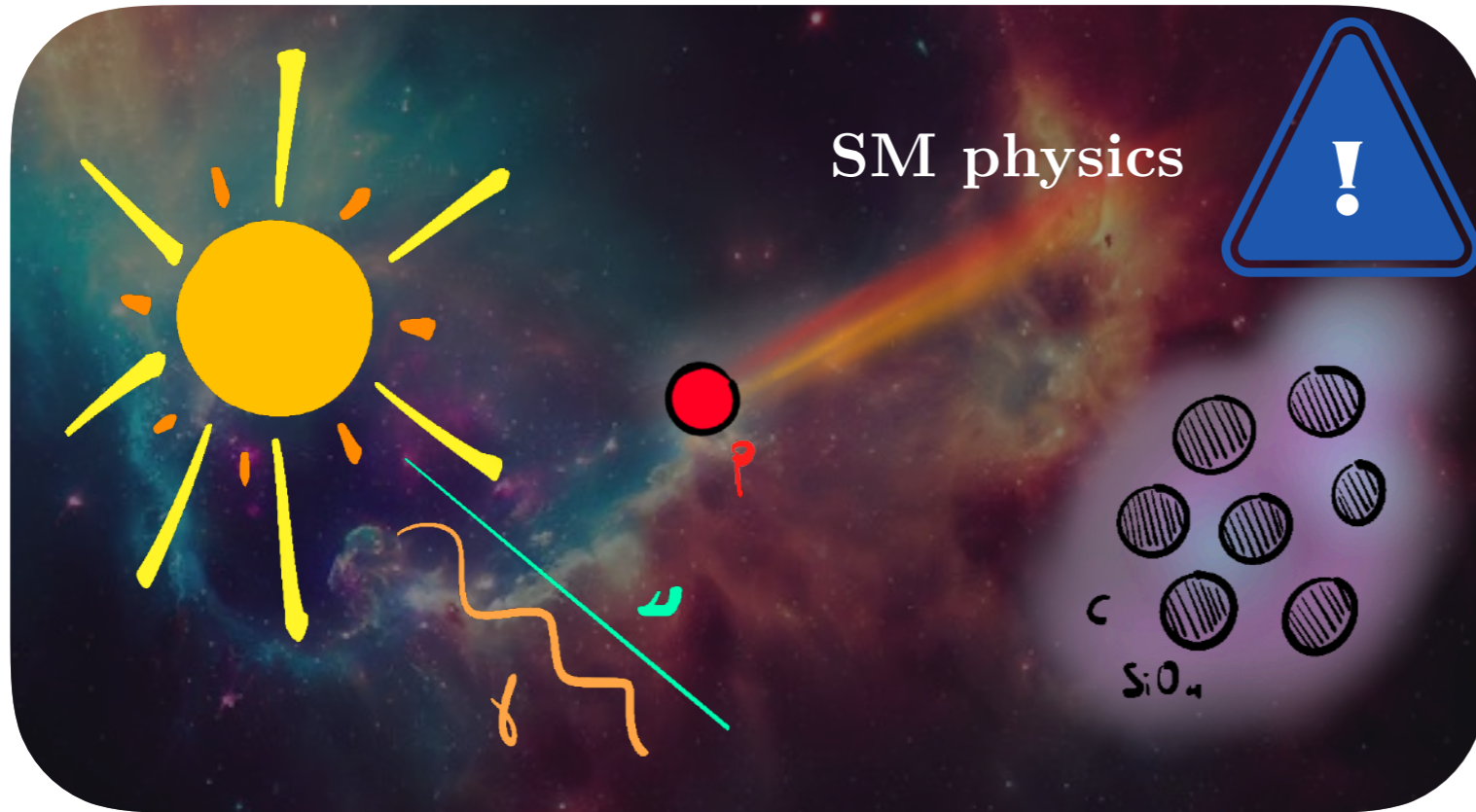


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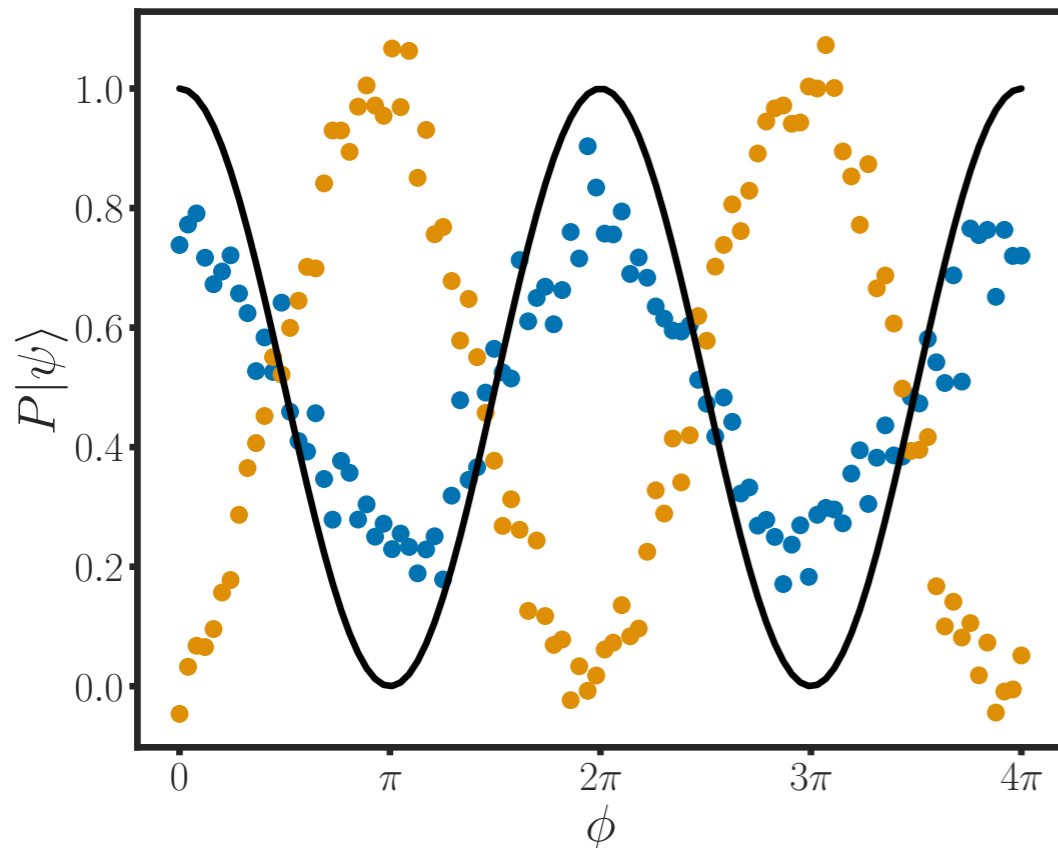
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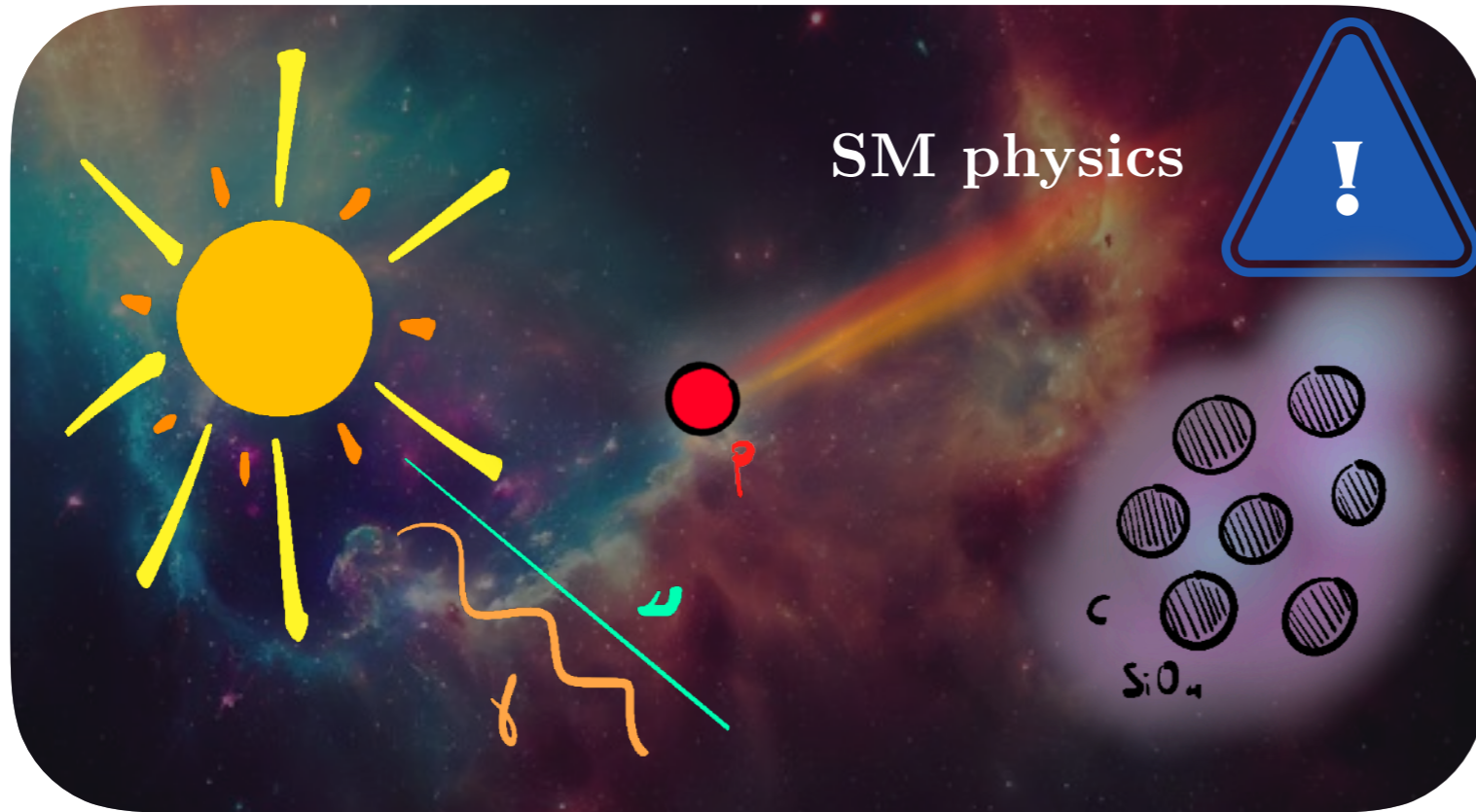


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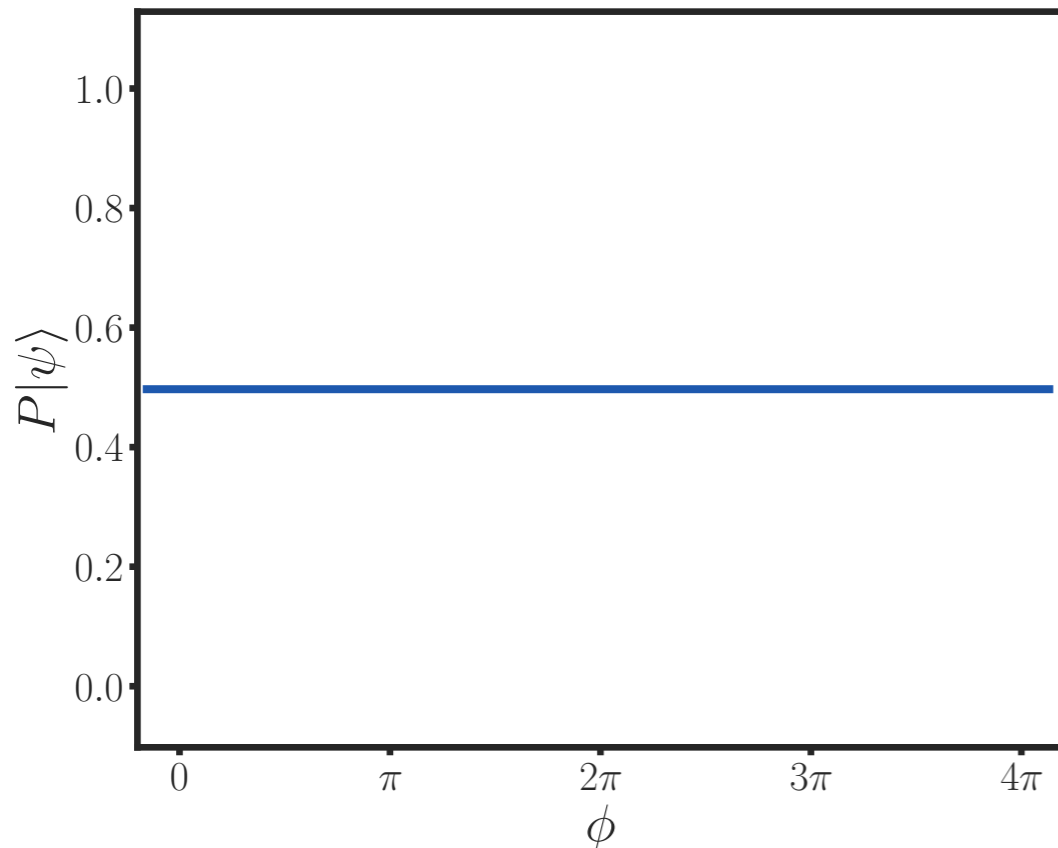
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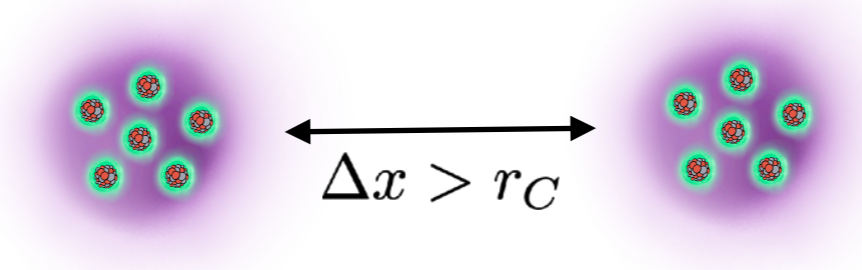
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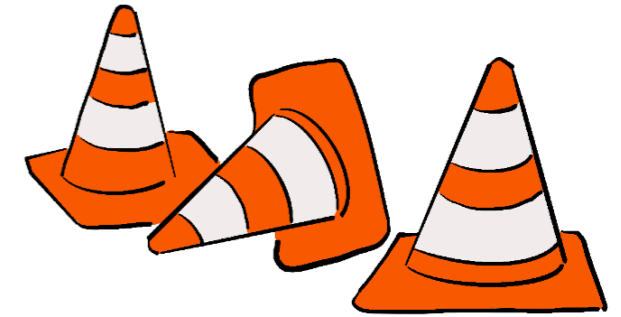
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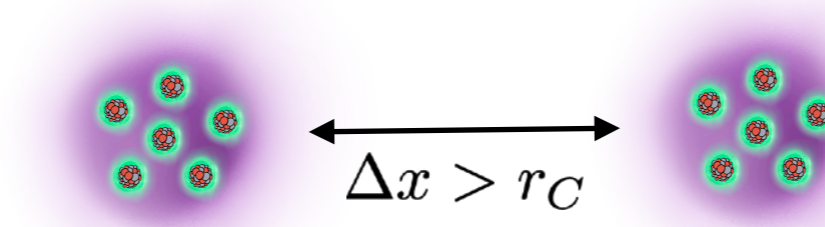
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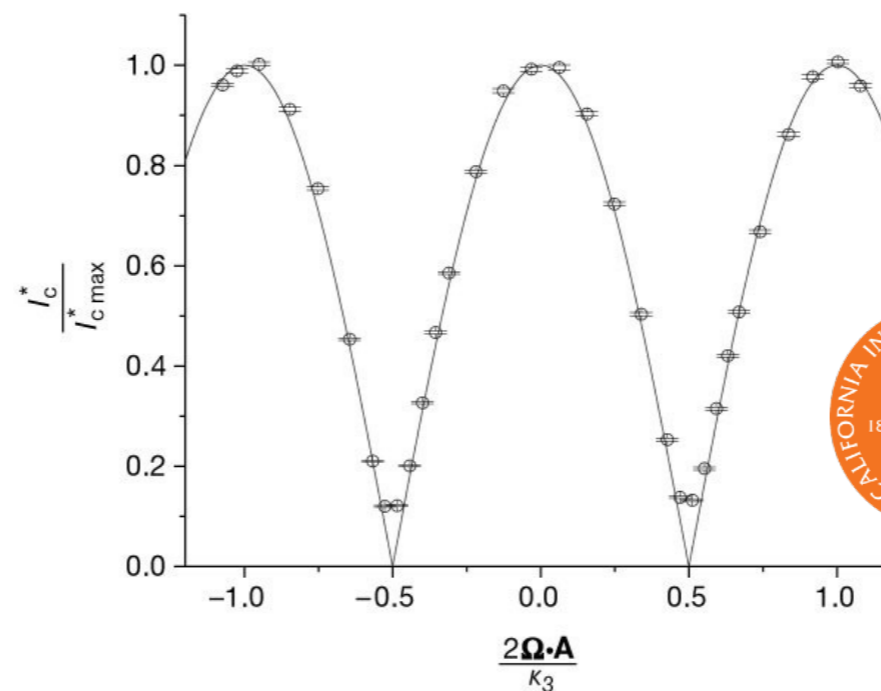
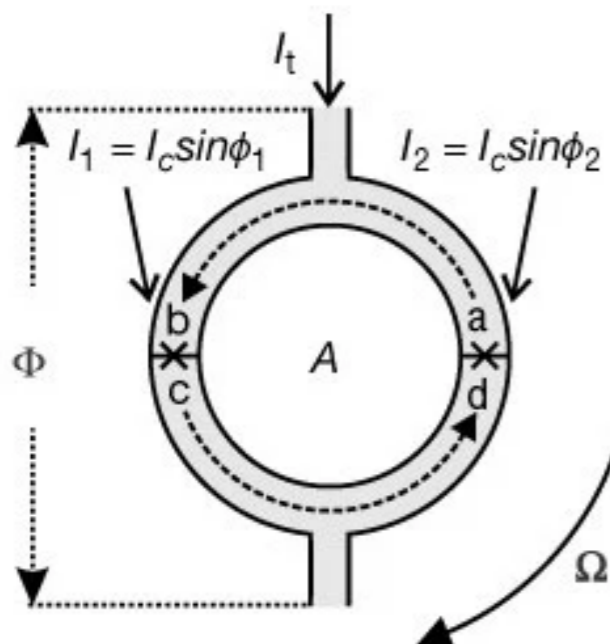
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## Liquids as AIs?

e.g. QUEST-DMC [conversations with Juri Smirnov]

[Simmonds, Marchenkov, et al., 2001]

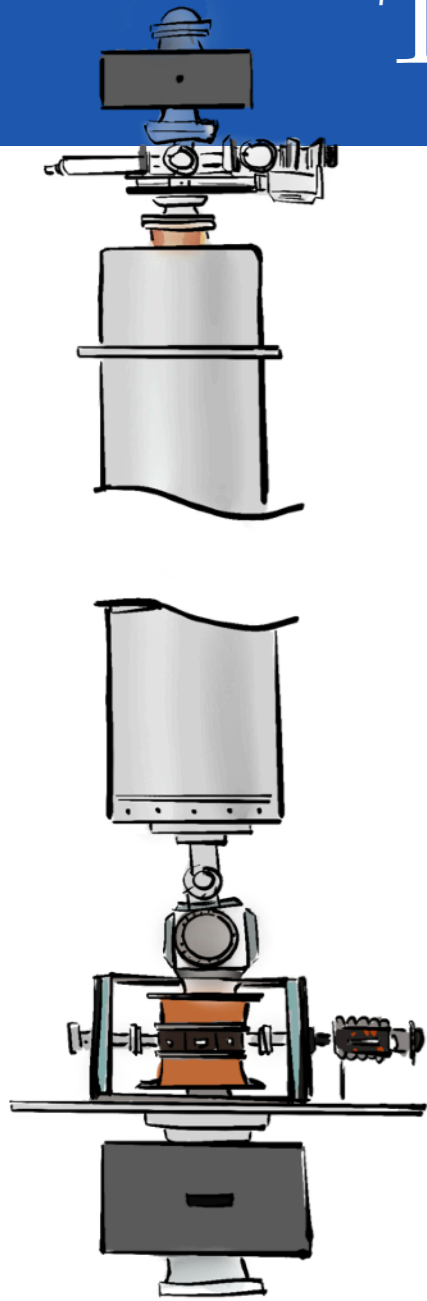


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# Conclusions

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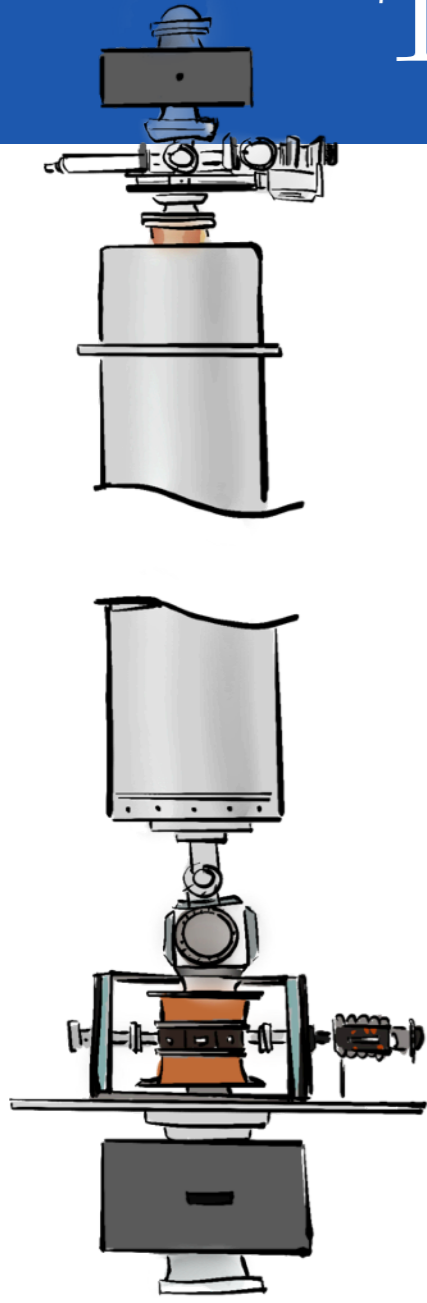
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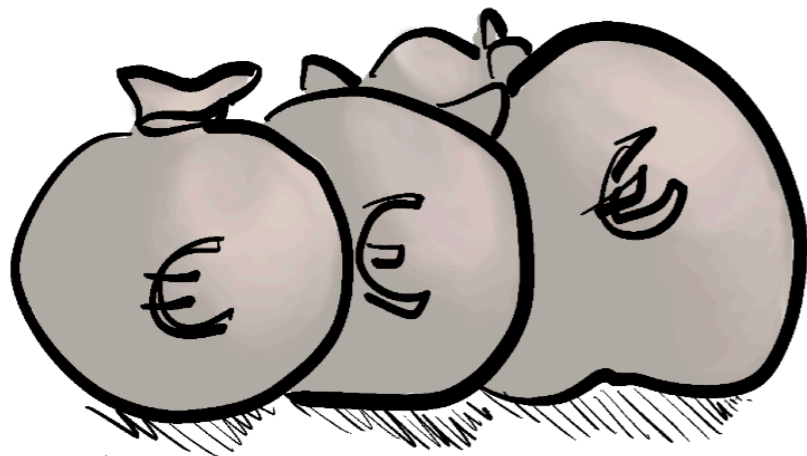
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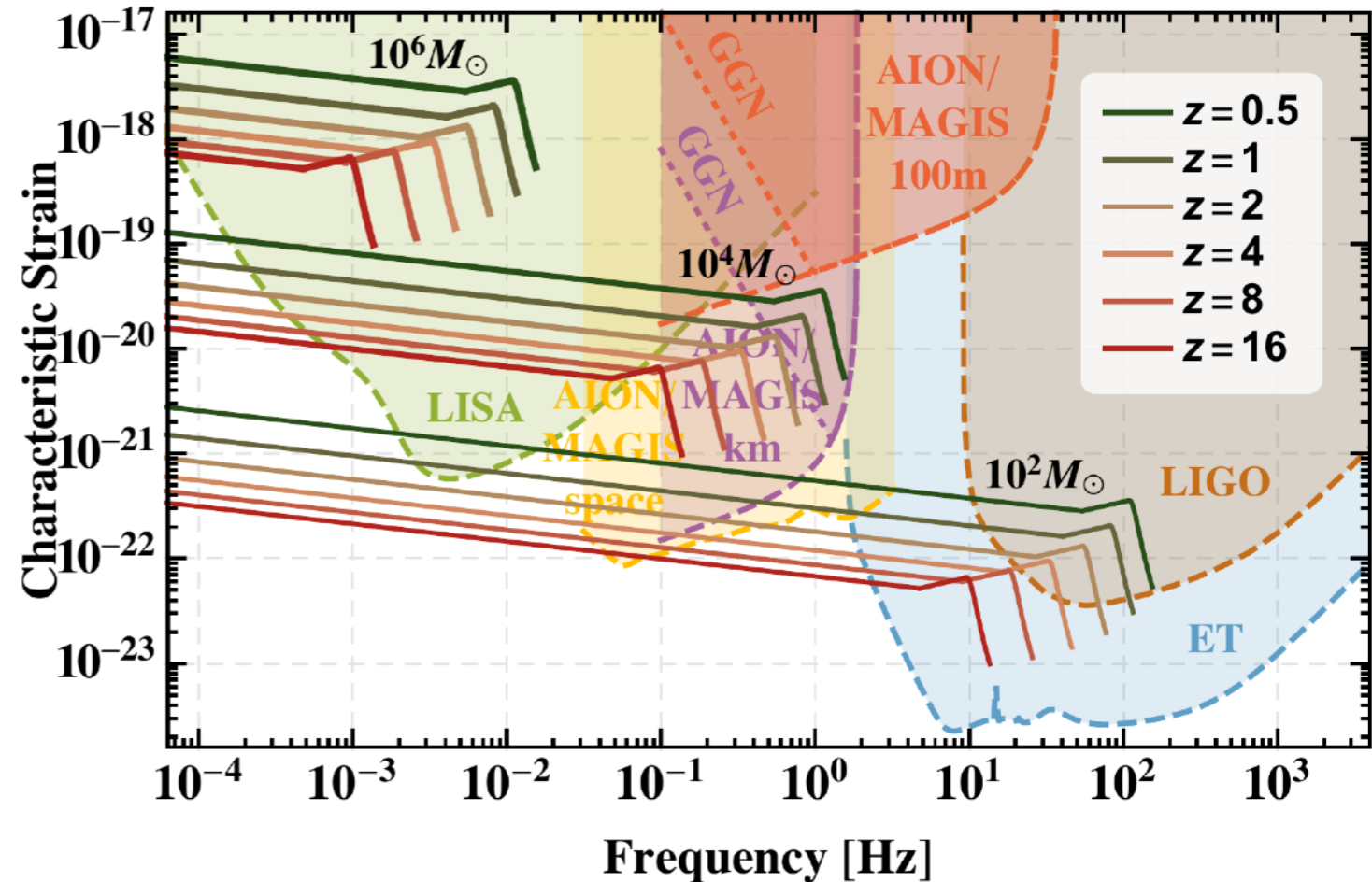
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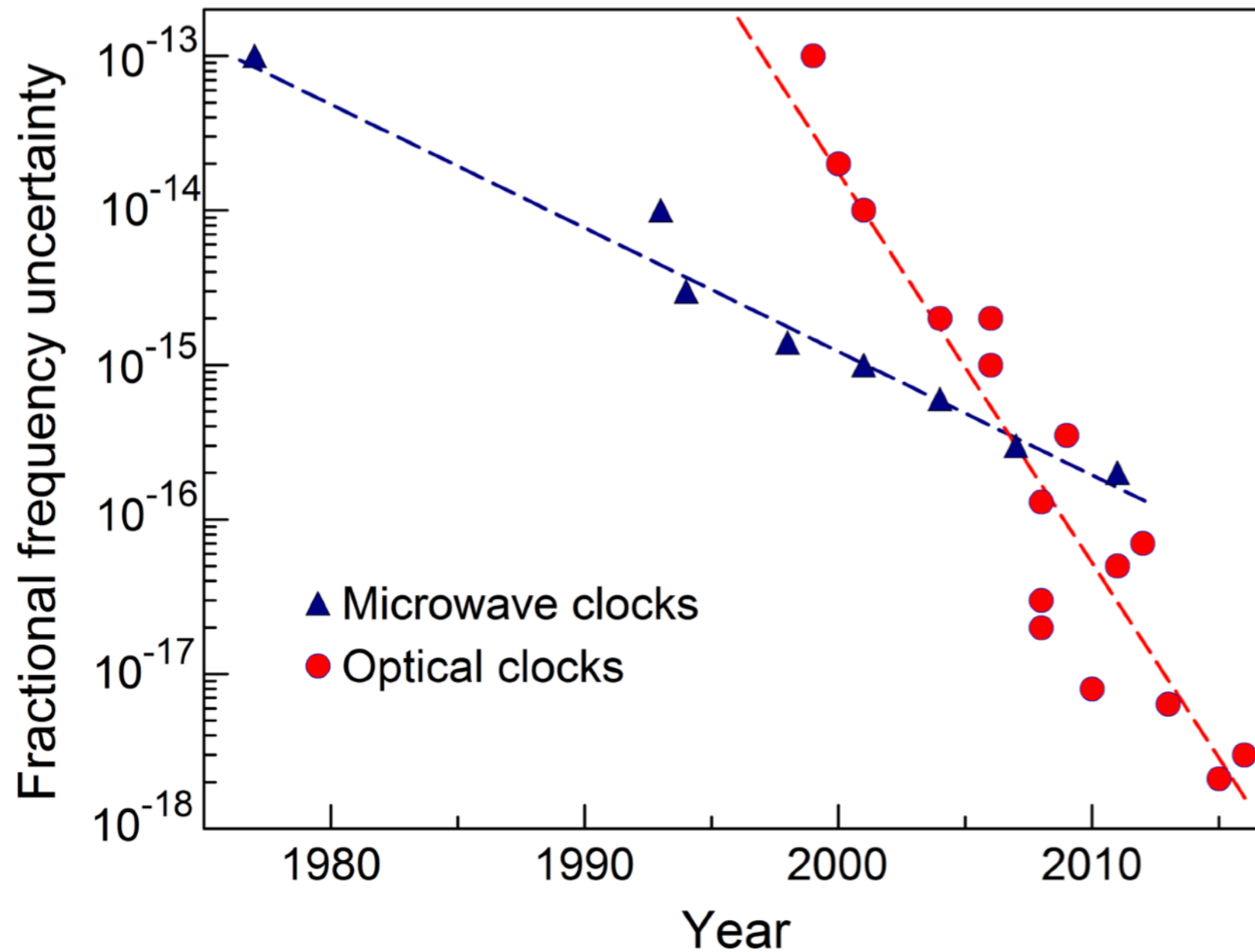
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# Boundaries unreached !!

e.g. Atomic clocks

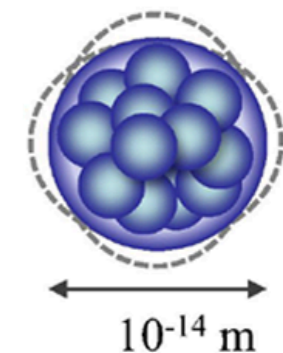
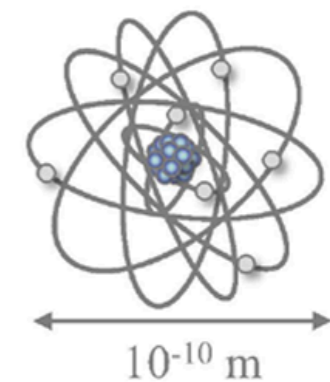


[Huntemann et al., 2016]

[Nicholson et al. 2015]

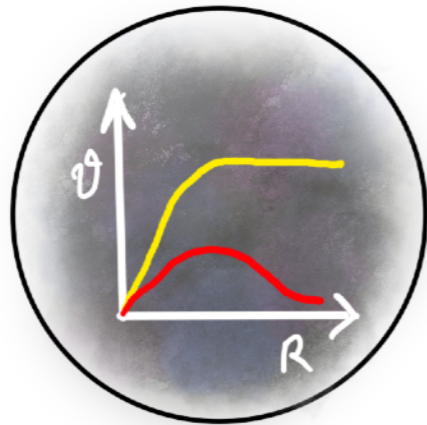
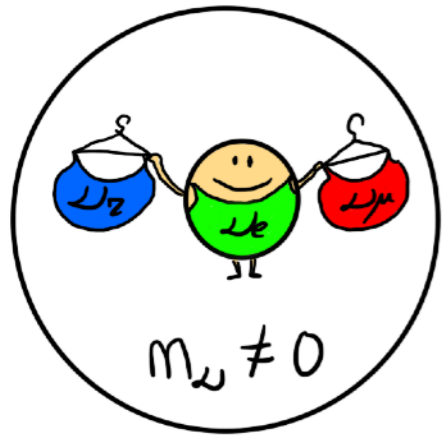
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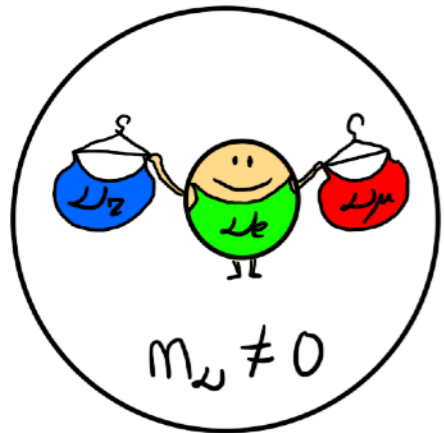


Nuclear clocks [Peik et al. 2021]

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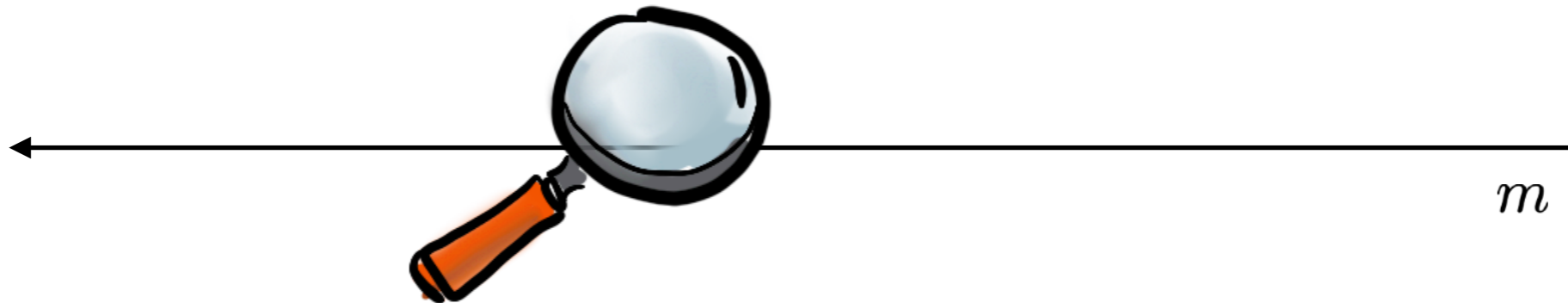
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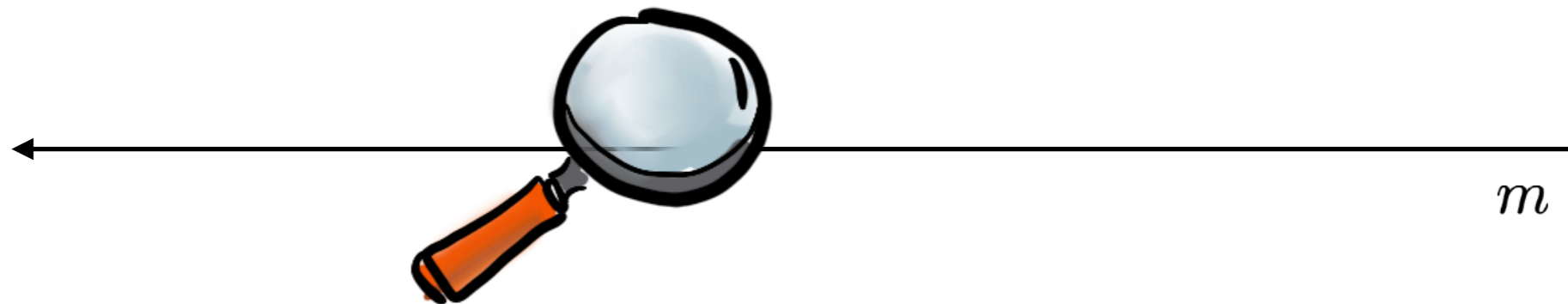
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# Atomic sensors as particle detectors

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