

Dark Photon:

# Stellar Constraints and Direct Detection

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# Motivations

- The Standard Model (SM) is very successful.
- However, still something is missing:
  - Baryogenesis
  - Dark matter
  - Neutrino masses
  - ...
- SM must not be the complete theory for particle physics.

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- **We found the literature was incorrect. The stellar constraints and detecting methods are completely changed.**

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# The Lagrangian

The Standard Model

Extra vector field

$$SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \quad U(1)_D$$

$$G^{\alpha\mu\nu} \quad W^{i\mu\nu} \quad B^{\mu\nu} \quad V^{\mu\nu}$$



$$-\frac{1}{2}\kappa' B_{\mu\nu} V^{\mu\nu}$$



$$-\frac{1}{2}\kappa F_{\mu\nu} V^{\mu\nu}$$

Below EW breaking ,

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}^2 - \frac{1}{4}V_{\mu\nu}^2 - \frac{1}{2}\kappa F_{\mu\nu} V^{\mu\nu} + eA_\mu J_{\text{em}}^\mu .$$

# Origins of mass

- Massive  $U(1)$  gauge theory

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} = \frac{1}{2} m_V^2 \left( V_\mu - \frac{\partial_\mu a}{m_V} \right)^2 \rightarrow \text{Would-be Goldstone}$$

- In this talk,  $m_V < 1 \text{ keV}$  .
- Should there be a dark Higgs?

No! (Naturalness)

Yes! A Higgs at weak scale has just been found.

Stueckelberg case

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} = \frac{1}{2} m_V^2 V_\mu^2$$

Higgsed case

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# Stueckelberg case

- Lagrangian

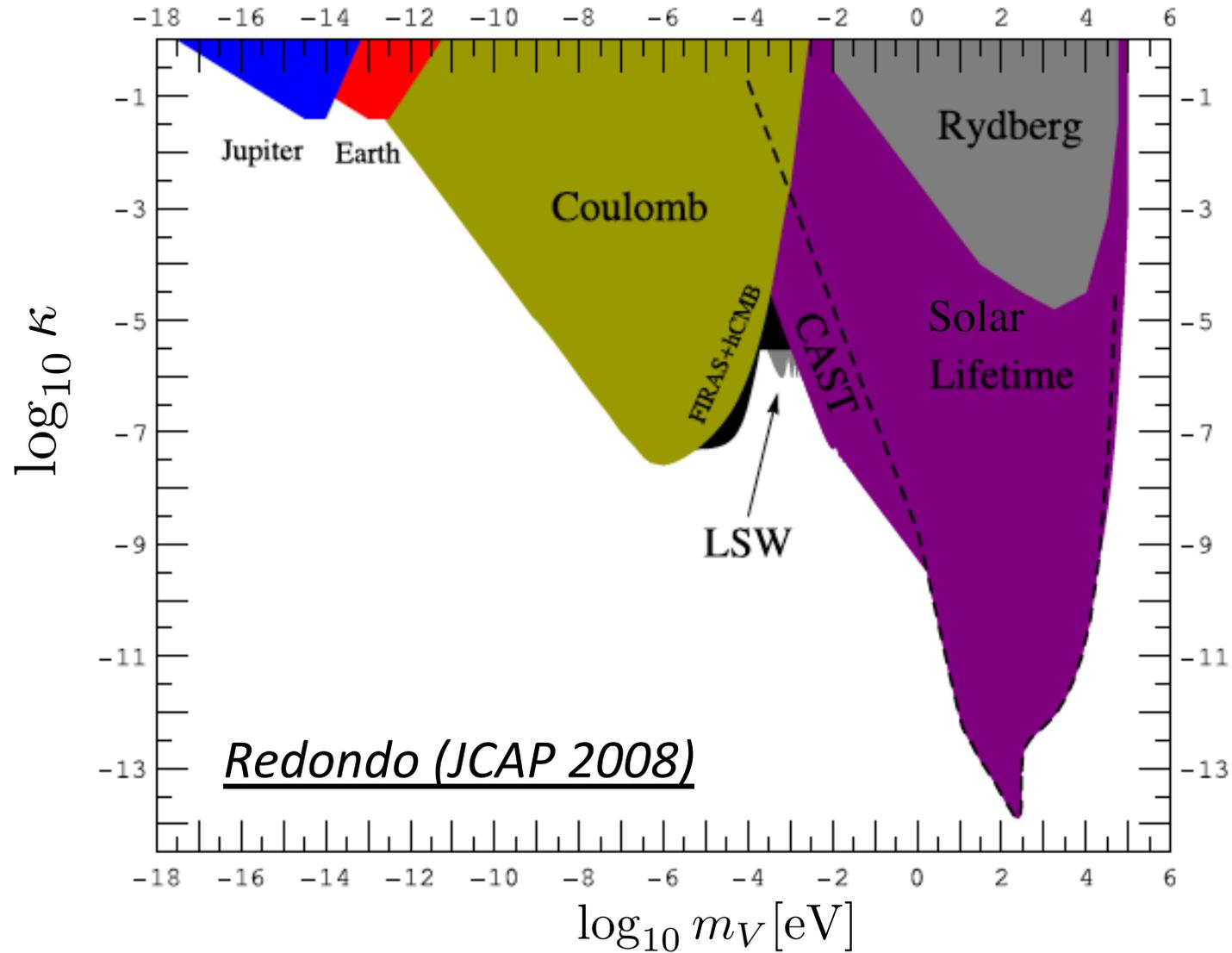
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- Only two unknown parameters

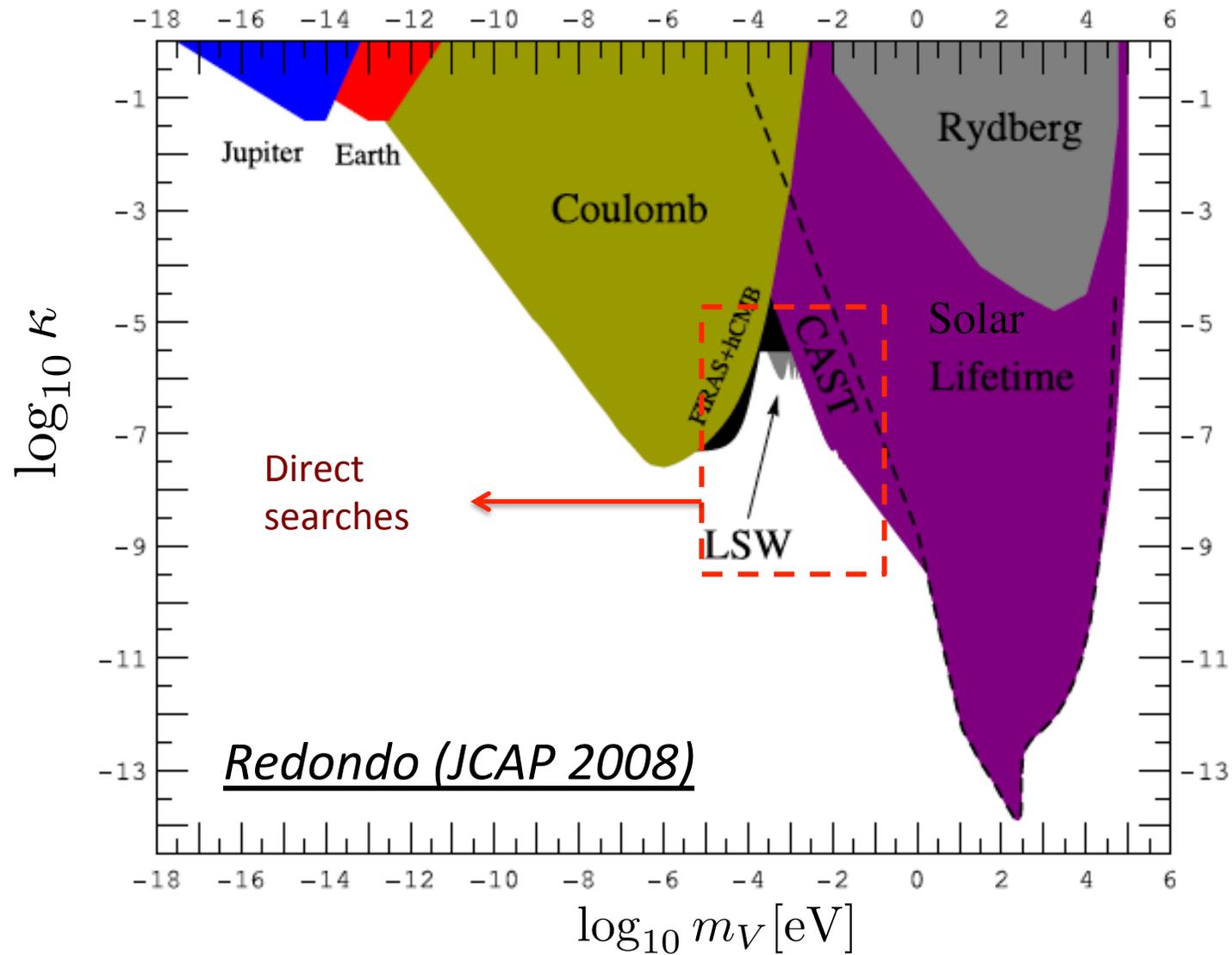
$\kappa$  and  $m_V$

- A lot of studies have already been done.

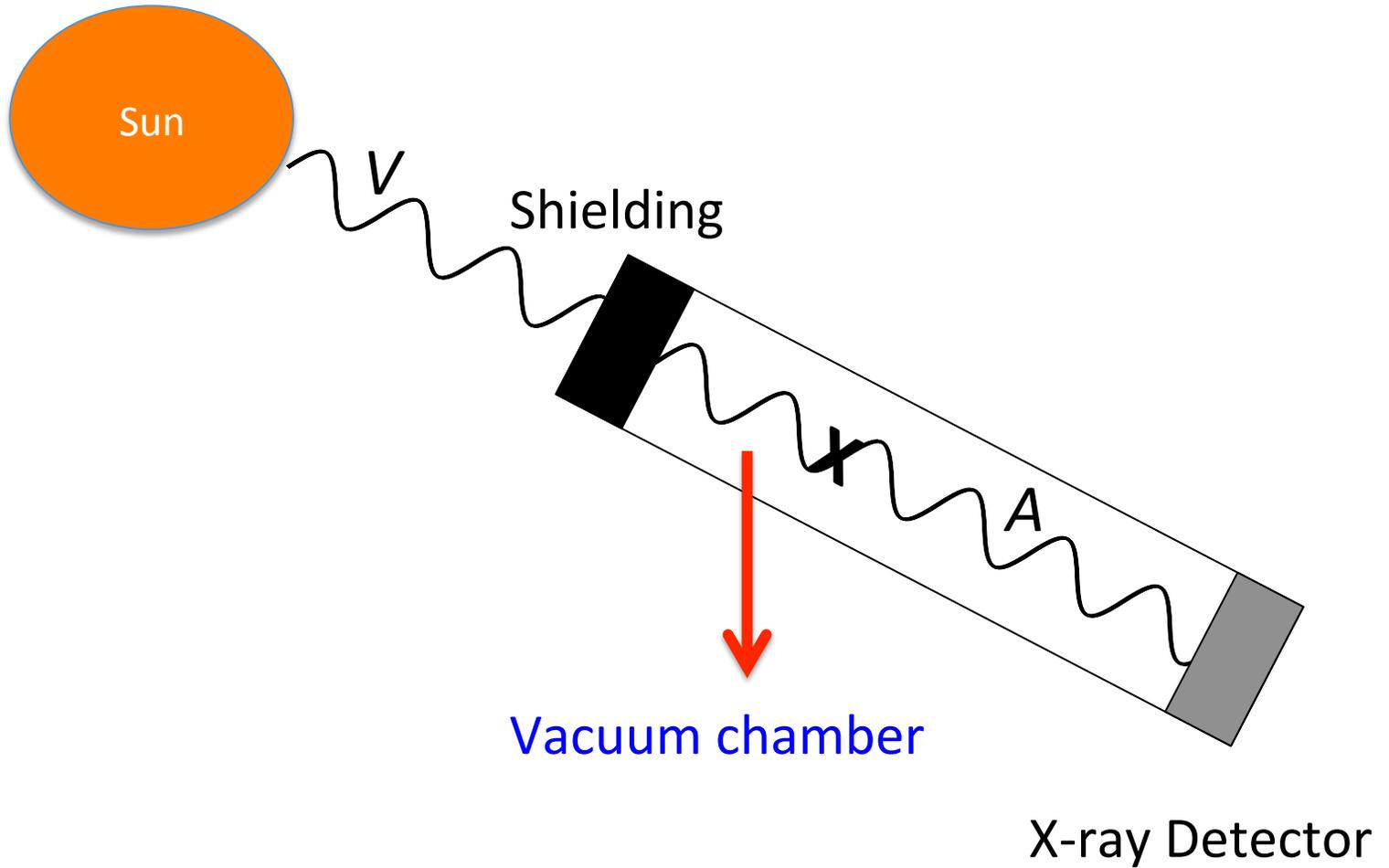
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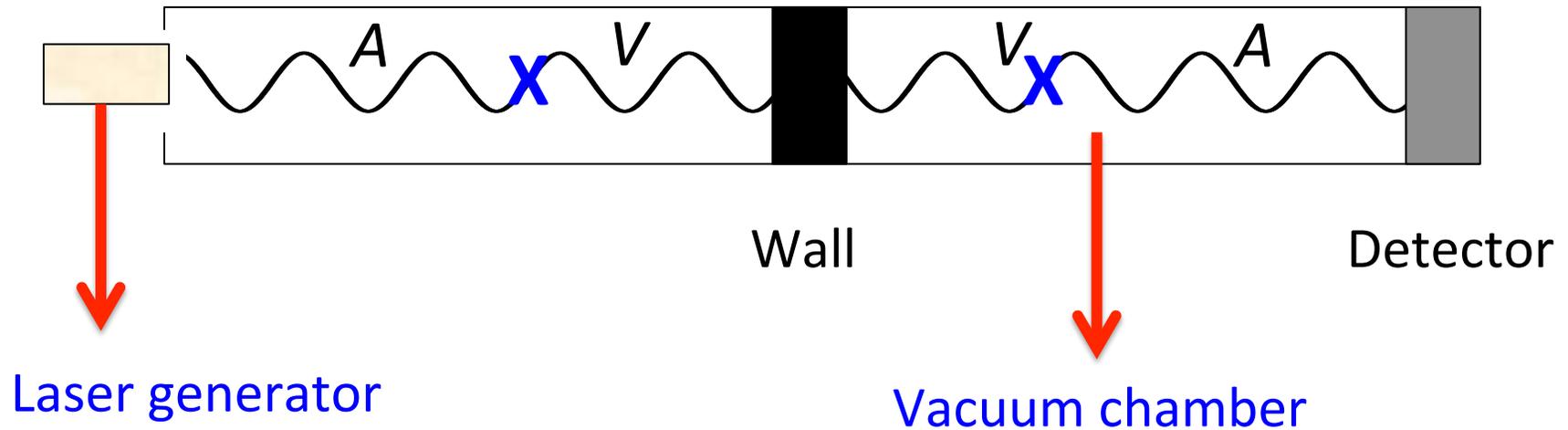
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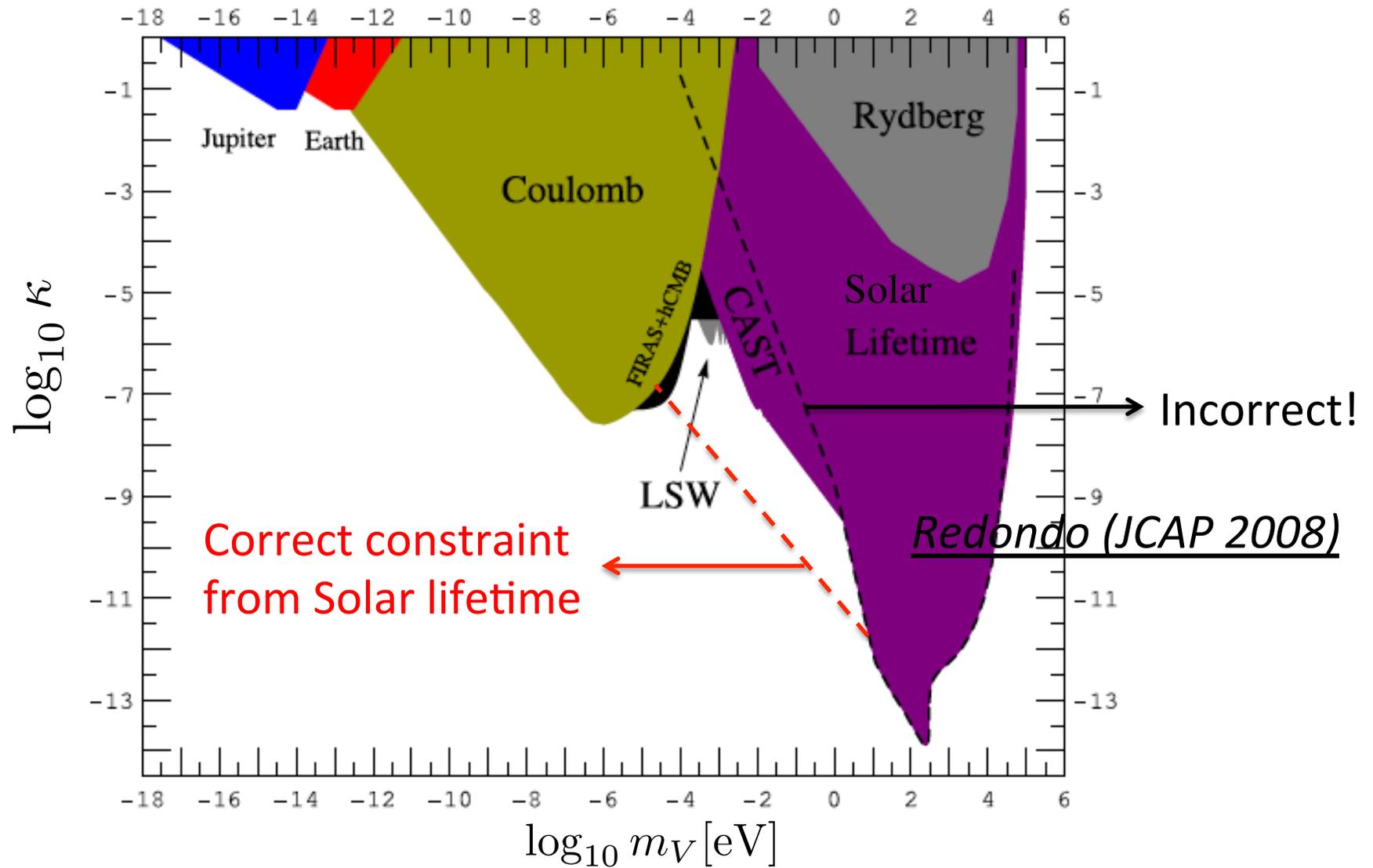
# CAST experiment



# Light shining through the wall (LSW)



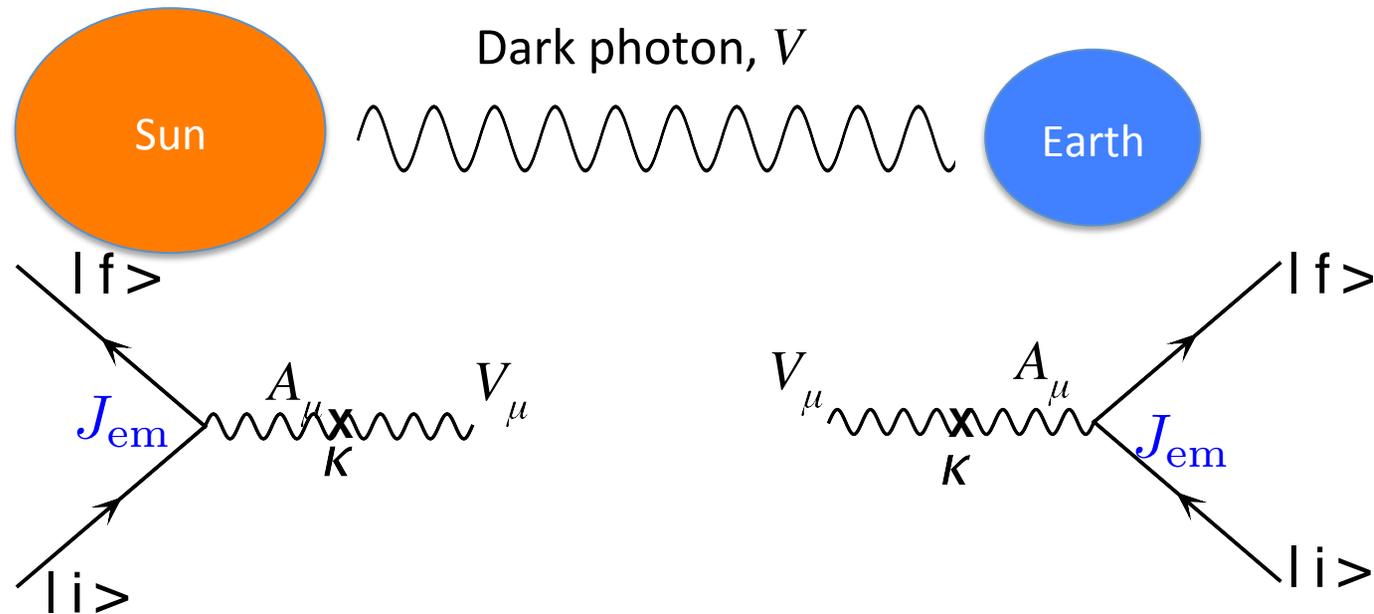
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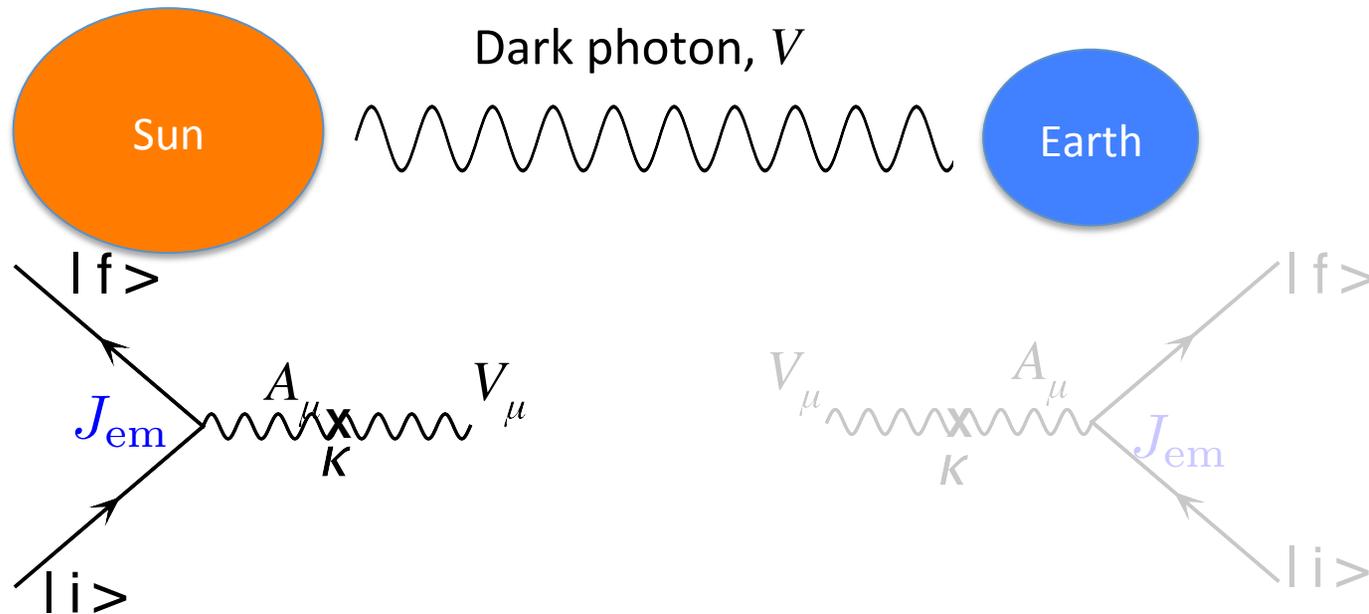
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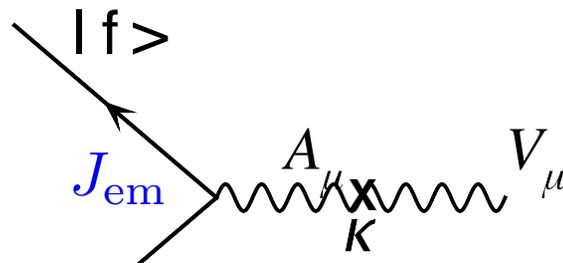
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- Matrix element (homework of QFT101)



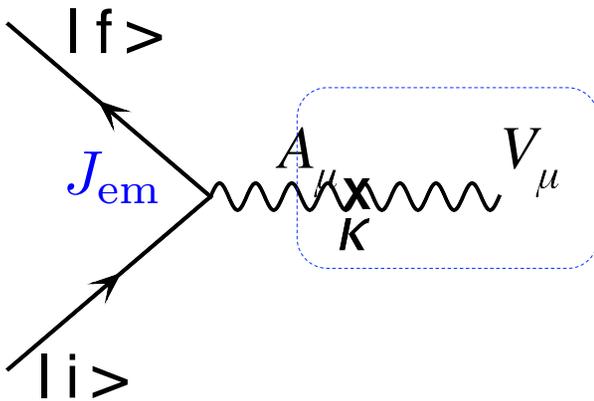
The diagram shows an incoming state  $|i\rangle$  and an outgoing state  $|f\rangle$  meeting at a vertex labeled  $J_{em}$ . A wavy line representing a photon with index  $\mu$  and momentum  $K$  connects this vertex to another vertex where a dark photon  $V_\mu$  is produced.

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- Two free parameters  $m_V$  and  $\kappa$ , technically natural.
- Very simple diagram and Lagrangian.
- Everything is under control.

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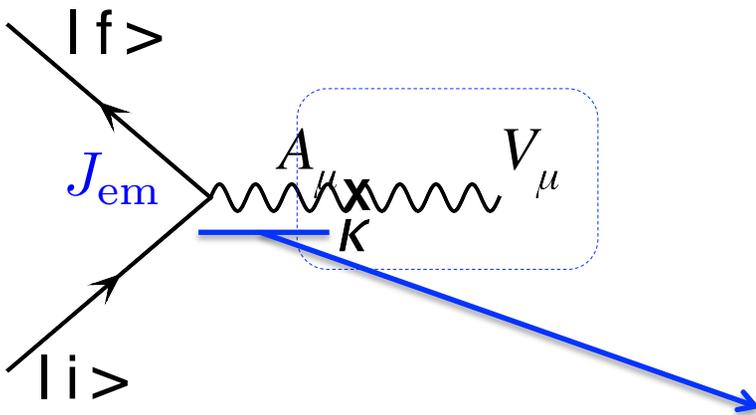
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E.O.M

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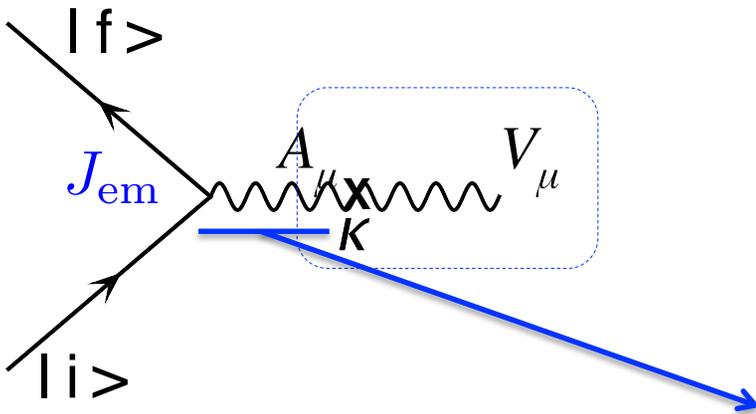


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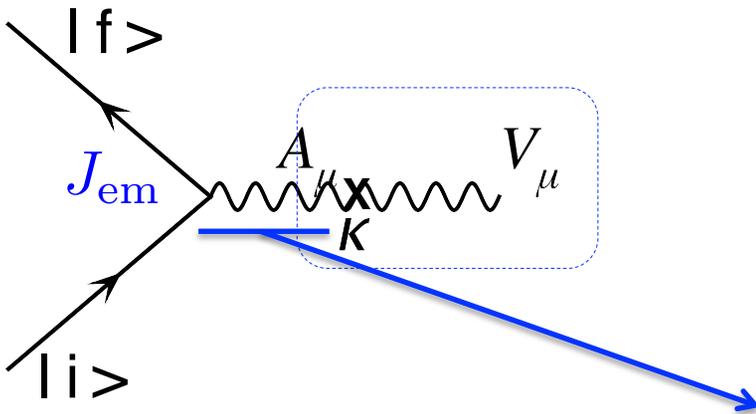
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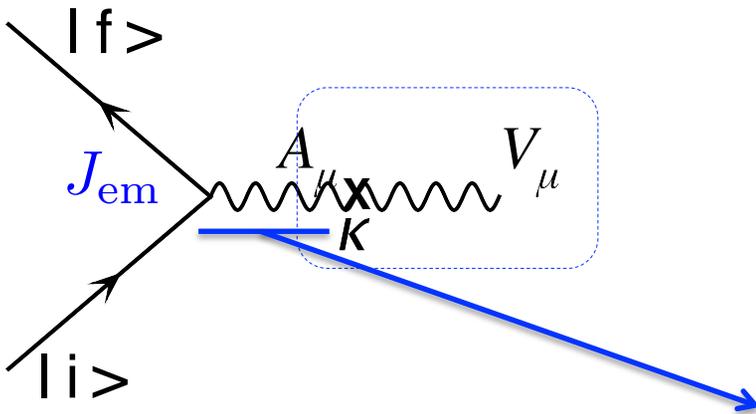
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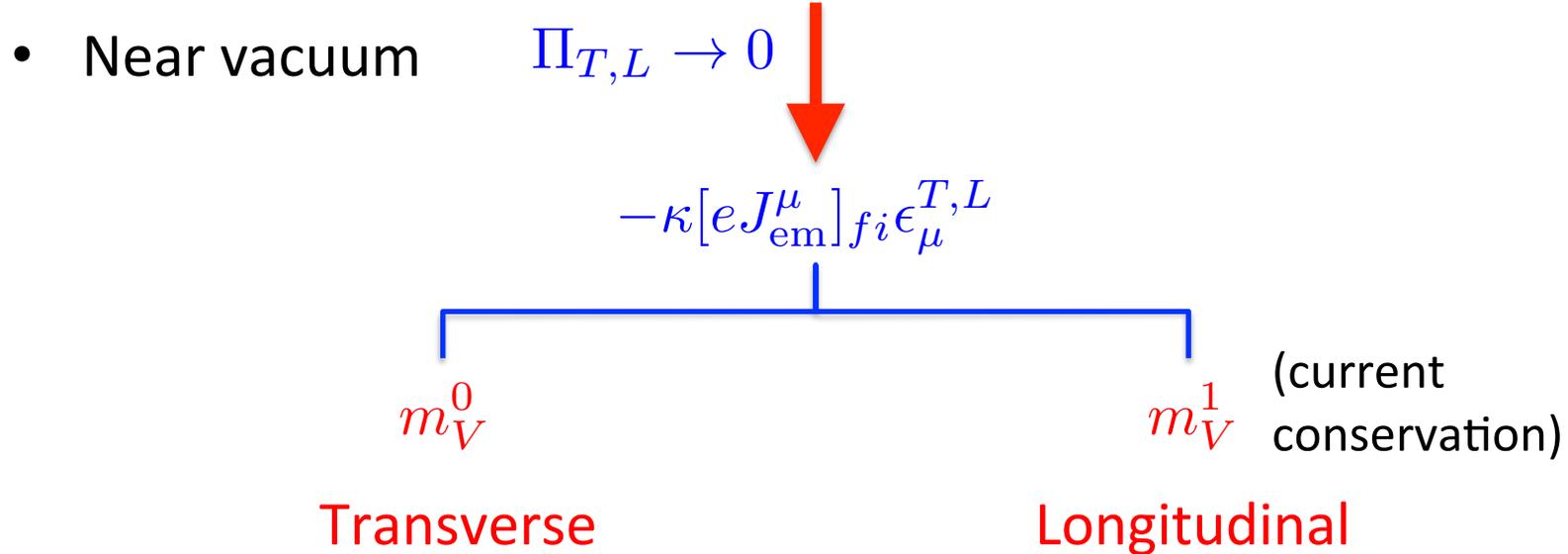
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- Inside a thermal plasma (with NR electrons)
  - For transverse modes

$$\text{Re}\Pi_T = \omega_p^2 = \frac{4\pi\alpha_{\text{em}}n_e}{m_e} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \mathcal{M}_{i \rightarrow f+V_T} \sim \frac{m_V^2}{\omega_p^2}$$

- For longitudinal mode

$$J_{\text{em}}^\mu \epsilon_\mu^L \sim m_V \quad \longrightarrow \quad \Pi_L \sim m_V^2 \quad \text{Re}\Pi_L = \omega_p^2 \left(1 - \frac{|\vec{k}|^2}{\omega^2}\right)$$

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*arXiv:0801.1527 (JCAP 0807,008 (2008))*

$$\Pi_L = \omega_p^2 - |\vec{k}|^2 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \Gamma_L \propto m_V^4$$

Not correct!

# Production of dark photon

- Resonant production

$$\mathcal{M} = -\frac{\kappa m_V^2}{m_V^2 - \Pi_{T,L}} [eJ_{\text{em}}^\mu]_{fi} \epsilon_\mu^{T,L}$$

Transverse resonance

$$m_V^2 = \text{Re}\Pi_T = \omega_p^2$$



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Longitudinal resonance

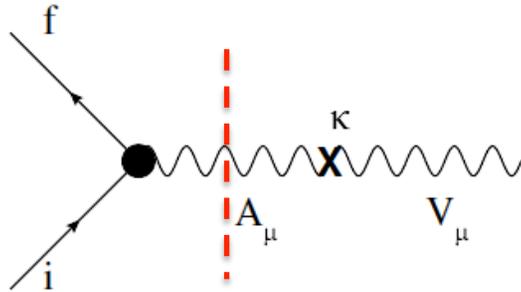
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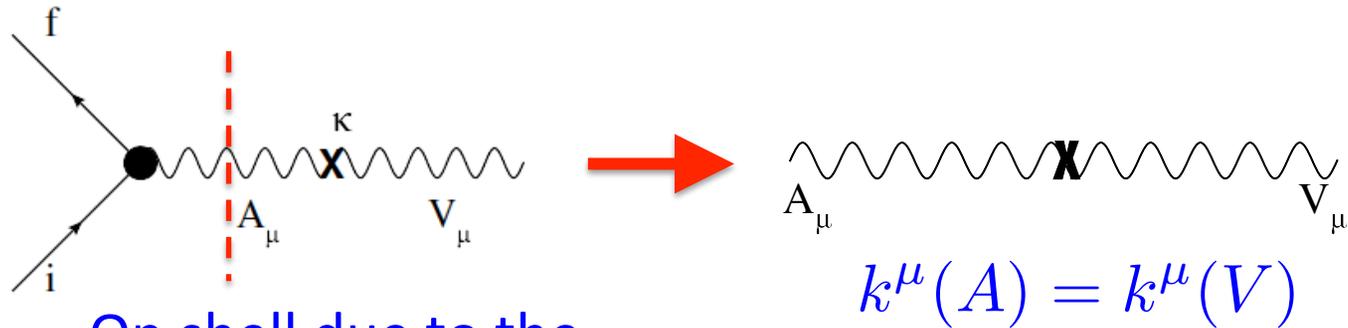
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On shell due to the thermal effect

- In thermal field theory, this is equivalent to that a thermal bath of photon slowly transits into dark photons.

# Production of dark photon

- Matching on shell conditions

– Transverse photon

$$\omega^2 - |\vec{k}|^2 = \omega_p^2$$

Dark photon

$$\omega^2 - |\vec{k}|^2 = m_V^2$$


$$m_V^2 = \omega_p^2$$

– Longitudinal photon (plasmon)

(collective motion of electrons)

$$\omega^2 = \omega_p^2$$

$$\omega^2 - |\vec{k}|^2 = m_V^2$$


$$\omega^2 = \omega_p^2$$

# Production of dark photon

- Bose-Einstein distribution for both T-photon and L-plasmon, the dark radiation powers are

$$\frac{dP_T}{dV d\omega} = \frac{\kappa^2 \omega_p^4 \sqrt{\omega^2 - \omega_p^2}}{2\pi(e^{\omega/T} - 1)} \delta(m_V - \omega_p)$$

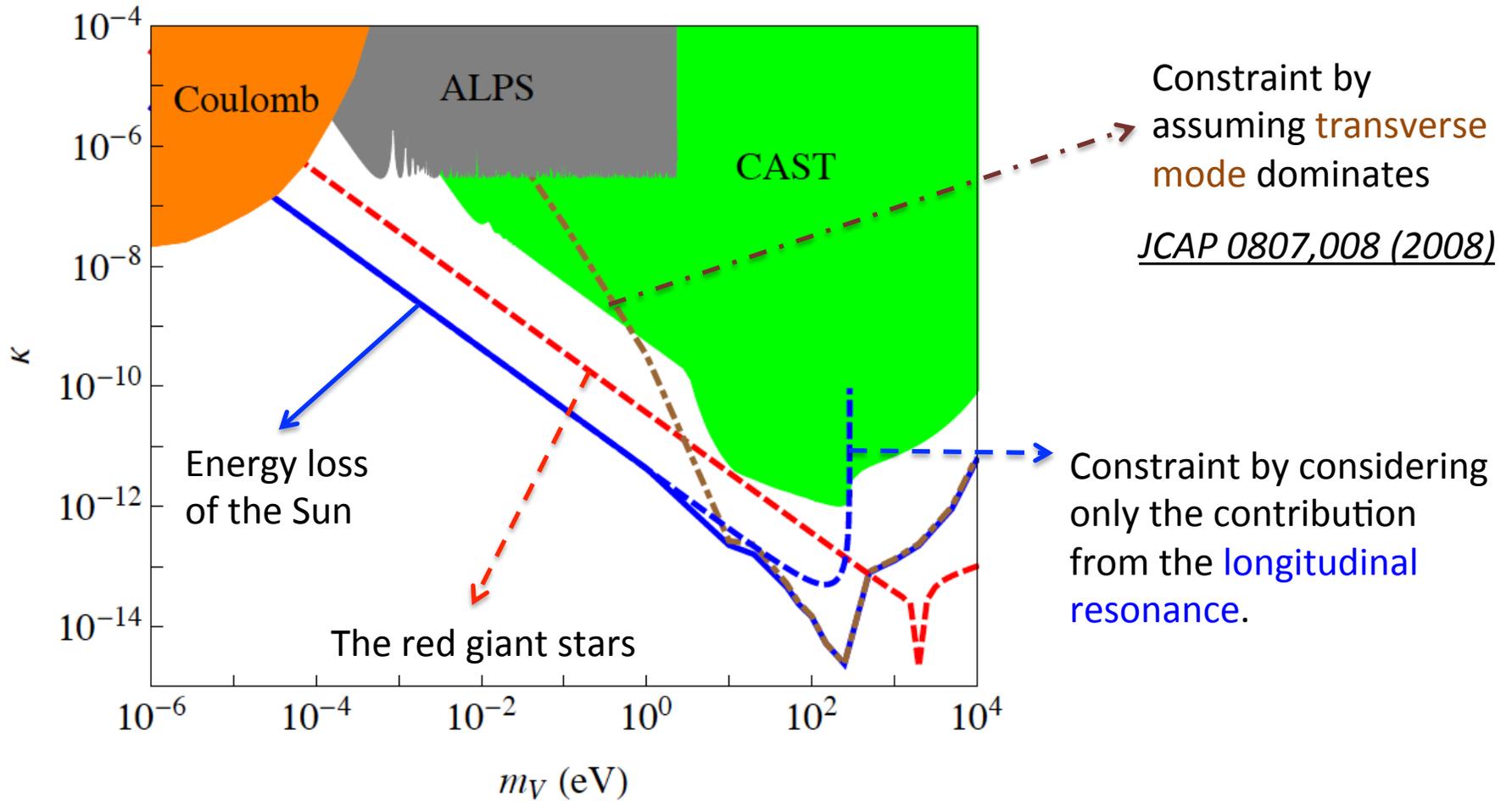
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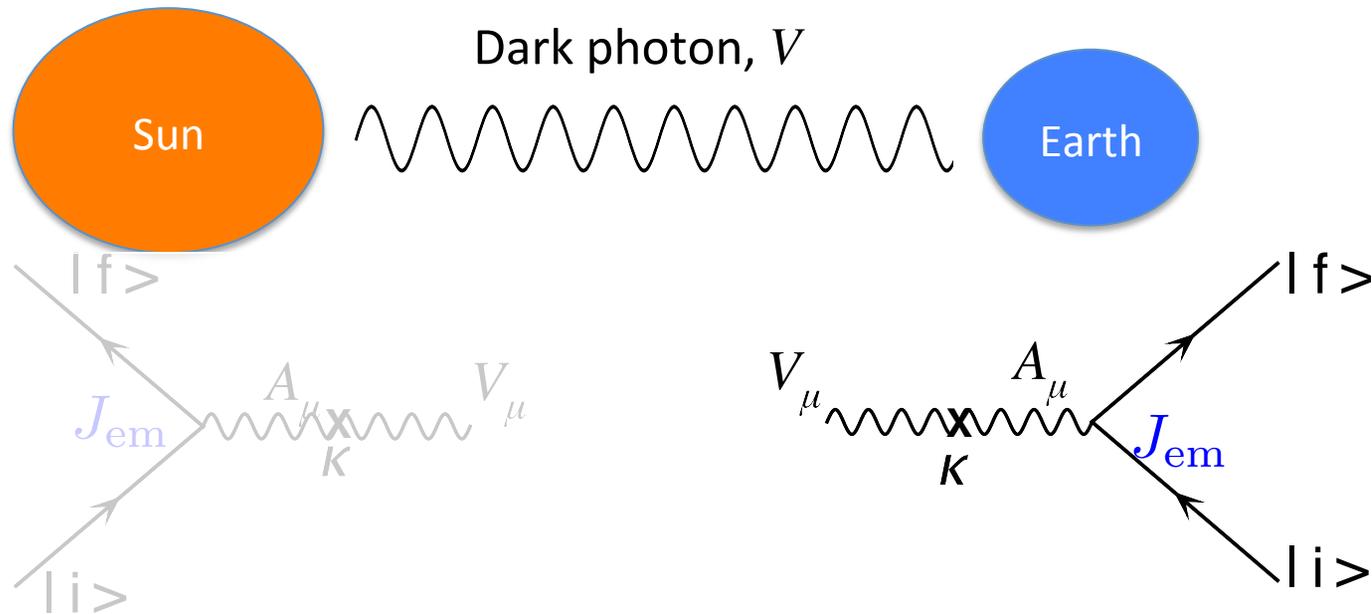
# Production of dark photon

- Non-resonant production
  - Bremsstrahlung
  - Compton scattering
  
- Inside the Sun Bremsstrahlung dominates

# Stellar constraints



# Direct detection



- Dark radiation effects the evolution of the stars.

$$P_{\text{dark}} \leq 0.1 \times P_{\text{luminous}}$$

*Gondolo and Raffelt (PRD 2009)*

- Can be direct detected on the Earth (CAST, XENON, CoGeNT ...)

# Stueckelberg case

- Signal rate

$$N_{\text{exp}} = VT \int_{\omega_{\text{min}}}^{\omega_{\text{max}}} d\omega \left( \frac{d\Phi_T}{d\omega} \frac{\Gamma_T}{v} + \frac{d\Phi_L}{d\omega} \frac{\Gamma_L}{v} \right) \text{Br}$$

Total absorption rate

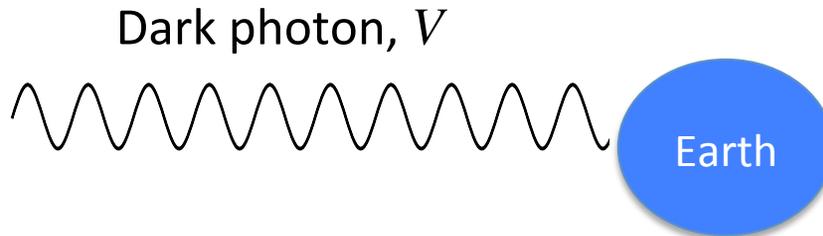
Solar flux

Branching ratio to the desired signal.

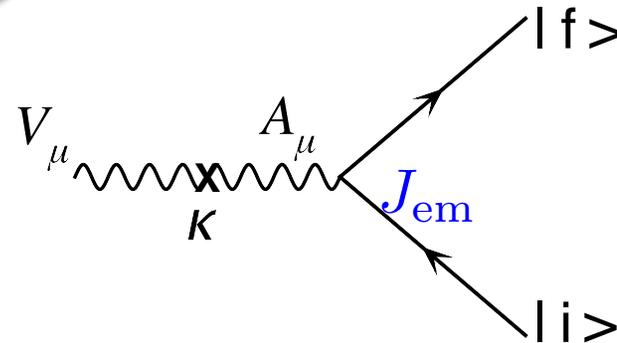
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$$\mathcal{M} = -\frac{\kappa m_V^2}{m_V^2 - \Pi_{T,L}} [e J_{\text{em}}^\mu] f_i \epsilon_\mu^{T,L}$$



$$\omega_p^2 \longrightarrow \omega^2 \Delta \epsilon_r$$

$$\Delta \epsilon_r = \epsilon_r - 1$$



Relative permittivity

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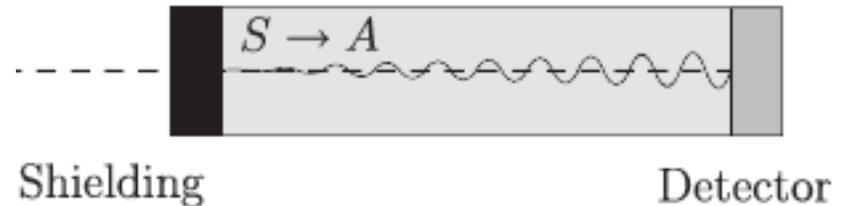
- $\Delta \epsilon_r \propto n_A$ , Atom number density

$$- m_V^2 \ll \omega^2 |\Delta \epsilon_r| \quad \Gamma_T \propto n_A^{-1} \quad \Gamma_L \propto n_A$$

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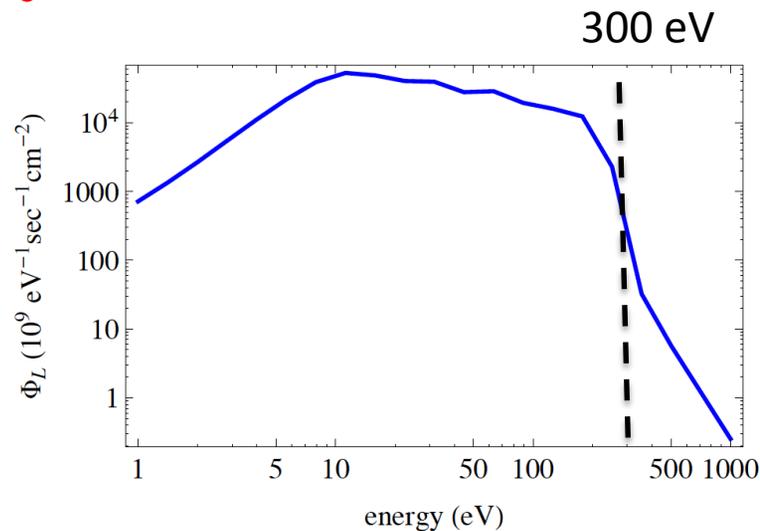
- The old idea based on the **incorrect** result that the **dark flux is dominated by the transverse mode.** *JCAP 0807,008 (2008)*
- $\Gamma_T \propto n_A^{-1}$
- For sub-eV dark photon The effective atom number density should as small as possible.
- CAST experiment
  - Invented to detect axions
  - Shielding + large cavity + Detector
  - **Unevenly distributed low density detector**



# Total absorption rate

- Based on the correct analysis, the dark flux is dominated by the longitudinal mode.
- $\Gamma_L \propto n_A$  (small  $m_V$ )  $\Gamma_T \propto n_A$  (large  $m_V$ )
- High density, large volume → dark matter detectors
- Inside the Sun,  $1 \text{ eV} \lesssim \omega_p \lesssim 300 \text{ eV}$

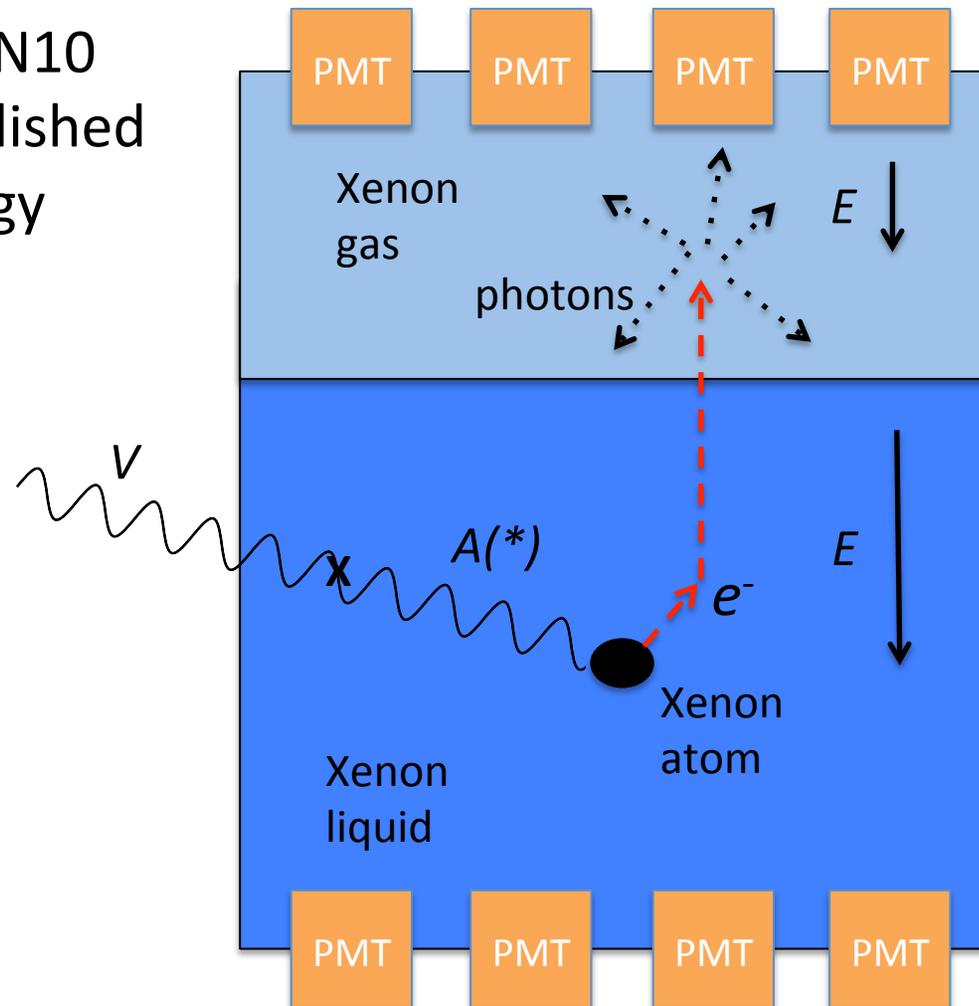
The detector should be able to detect  $\sim 100 \text{ eV}$  energy deposition



# XENON10 constraint

- Up to now only XENON10 collaboration has published the result in this energy region.

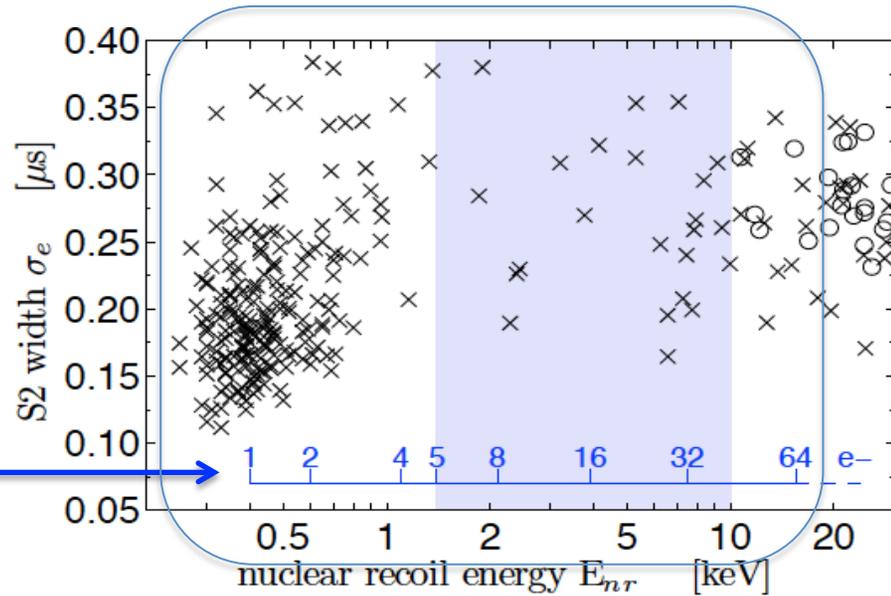
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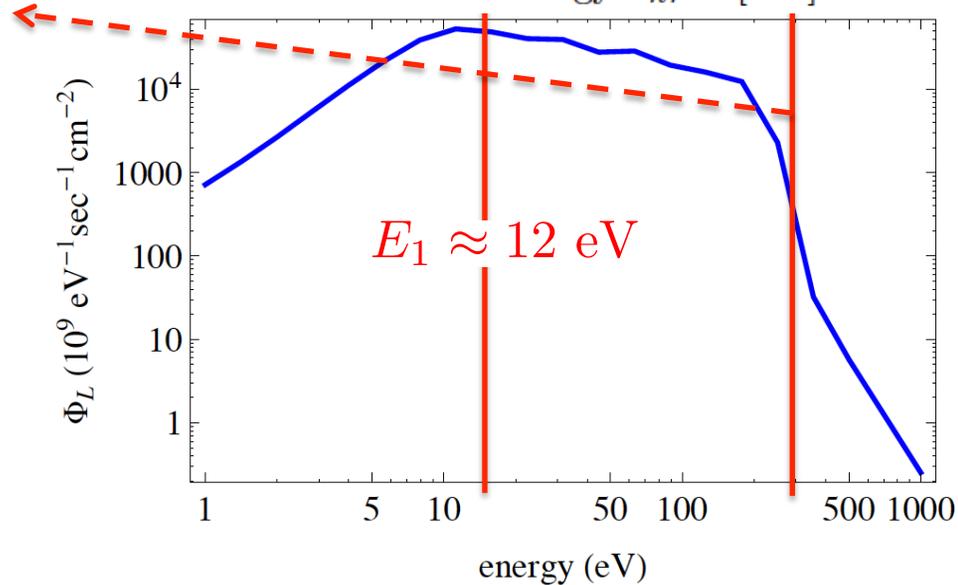
Number of electrons



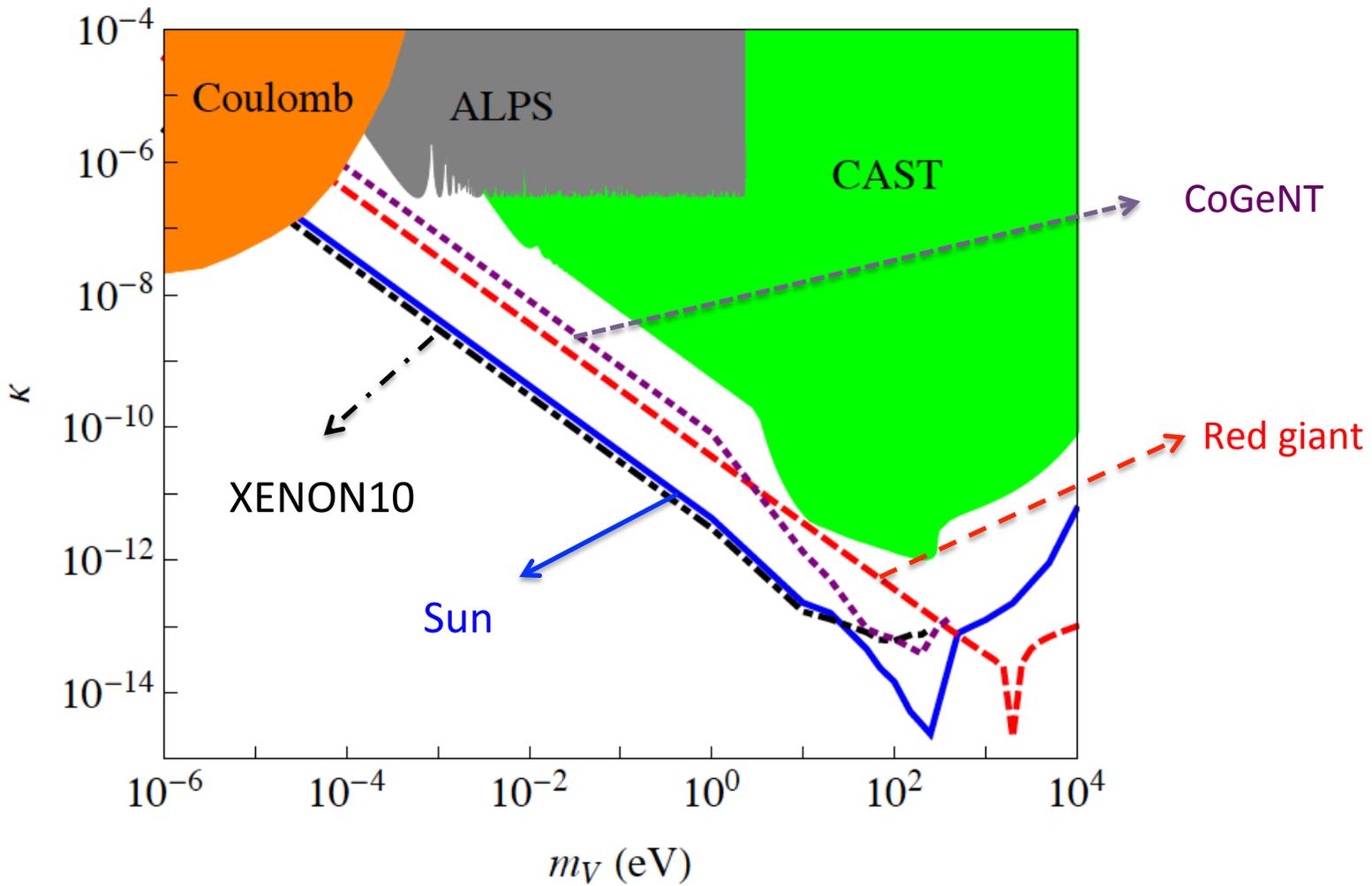
300 eV  $\sim$  25 electrons

- $Br \approx 1$

Photo-ionization dominates.



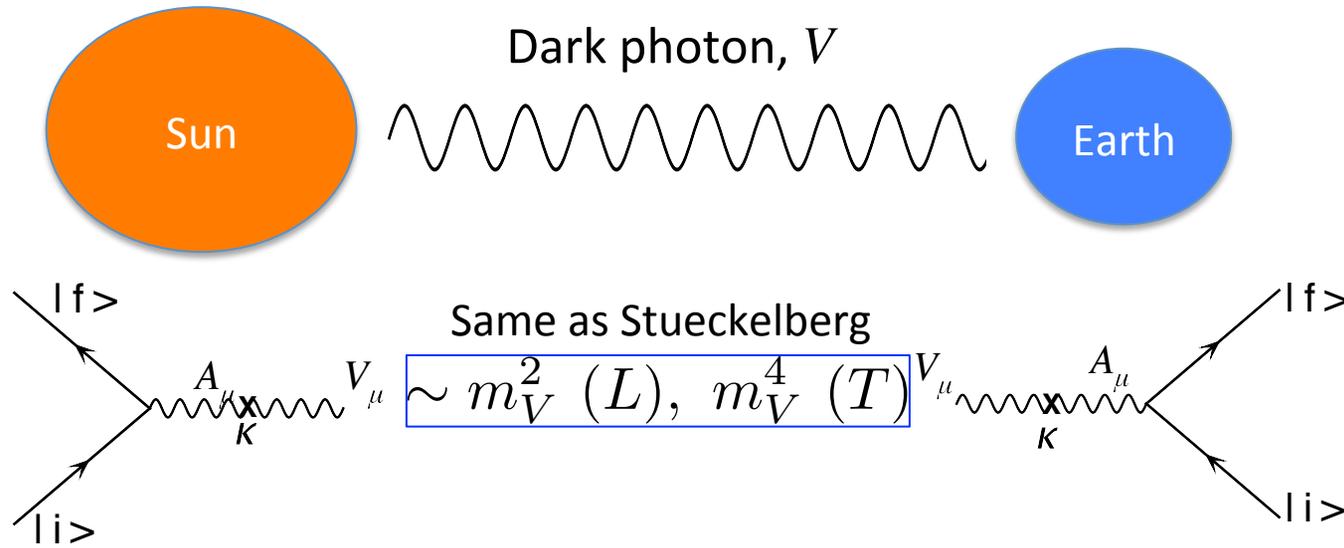
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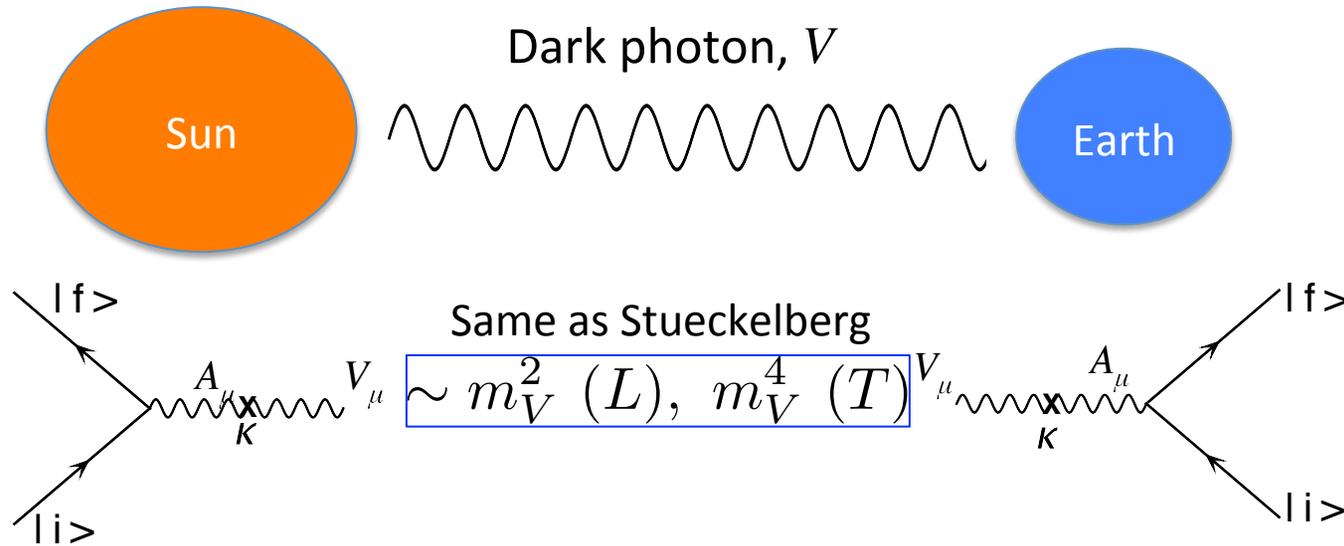
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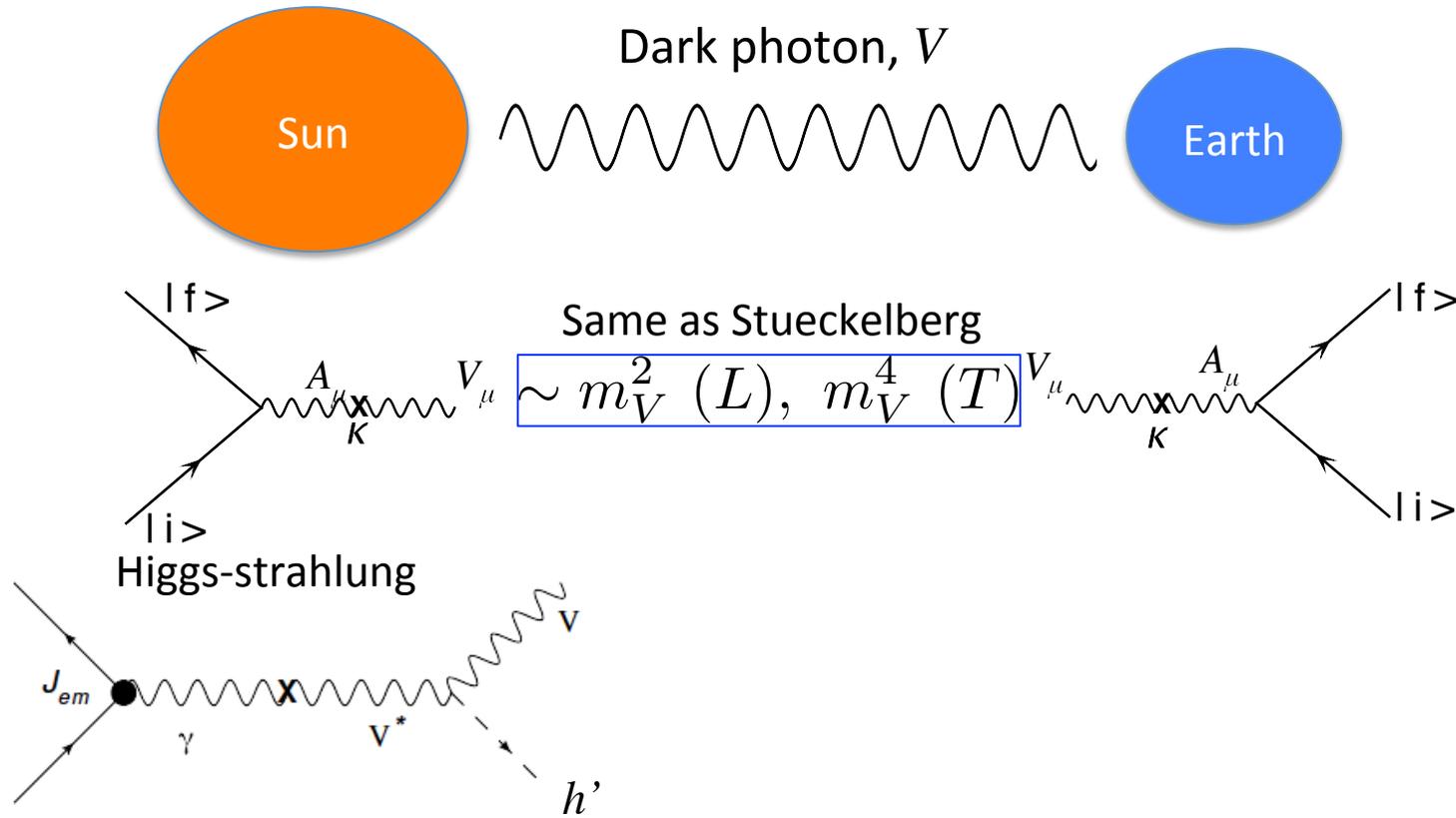


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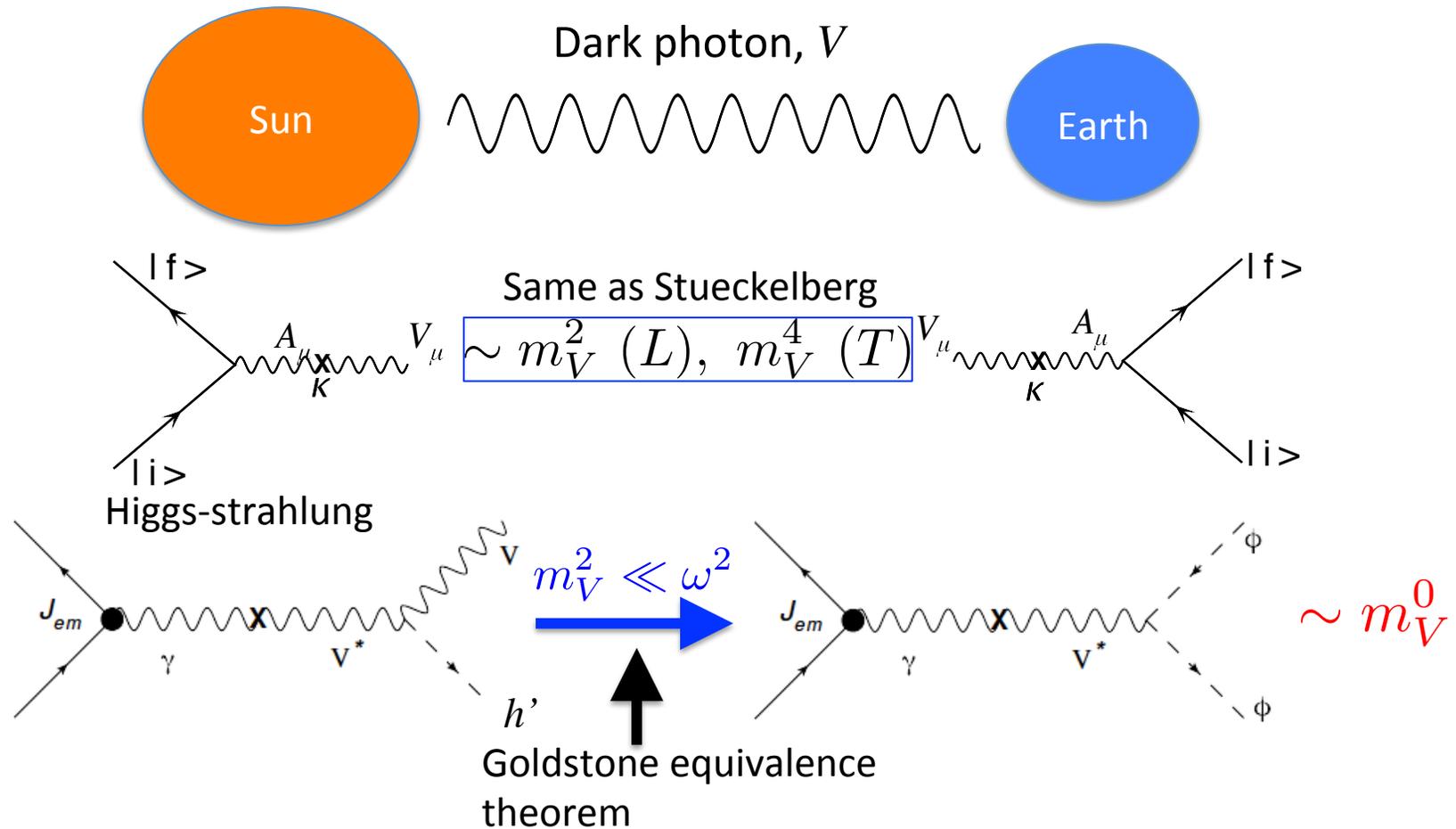


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- Higgs-strahlung

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Phase space suppression

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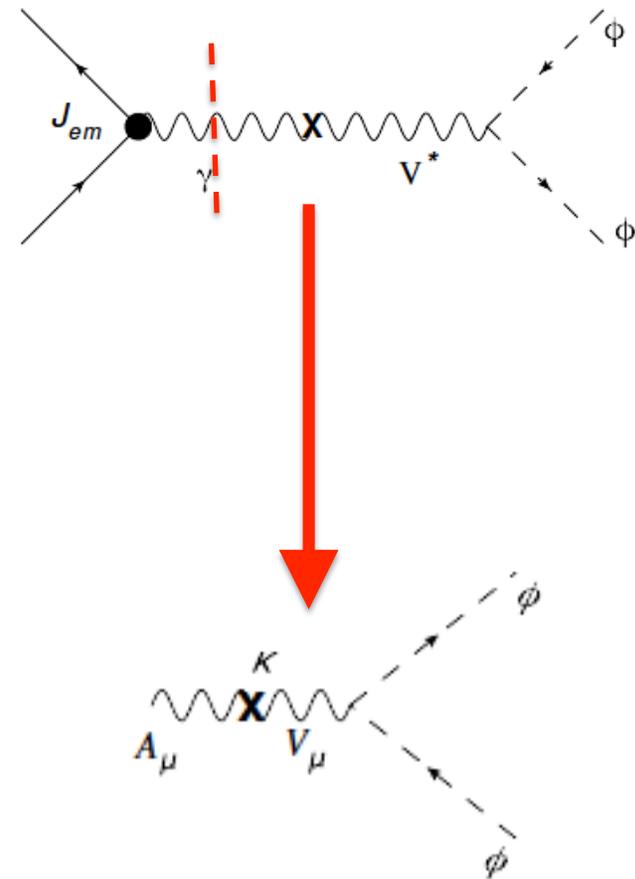
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- Resonance decay

$$N_L \sim \omega_p^3, \quad N_T \sim T^3$$

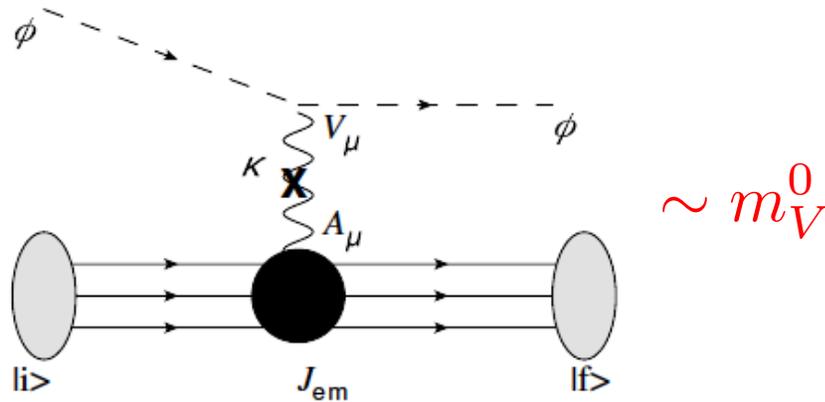
$$T^3 \gg \omega_p^3, \text{ in the Sun}$$

Transverse photon decay dominates.



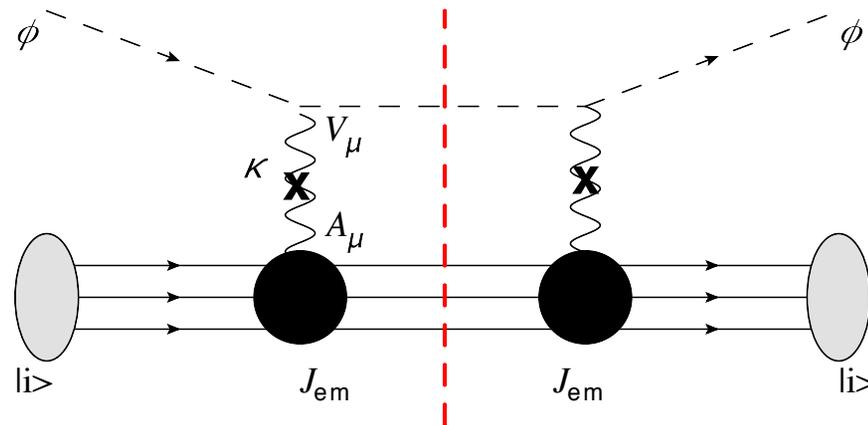
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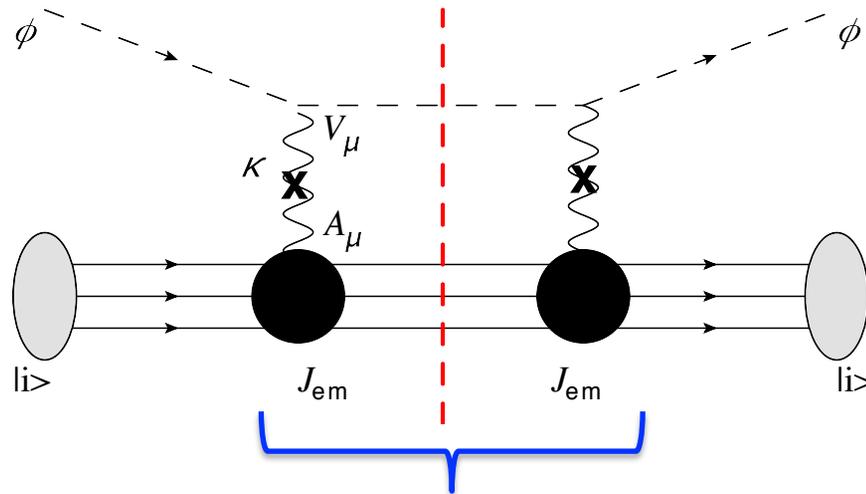
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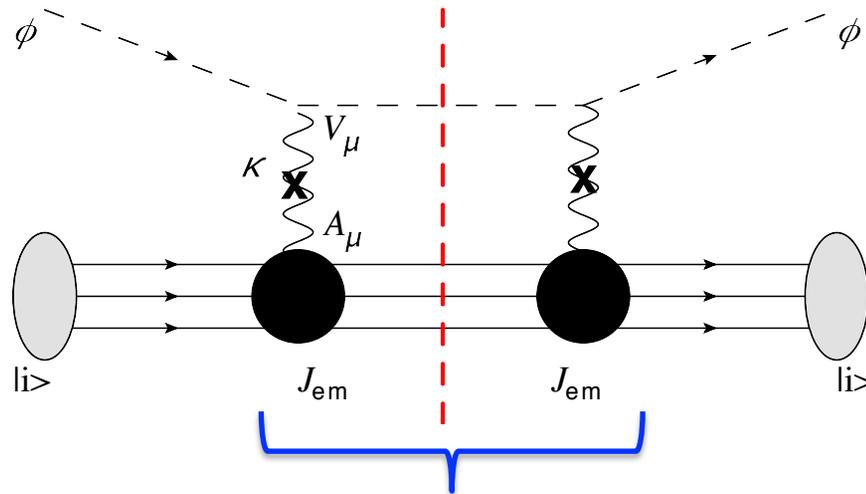
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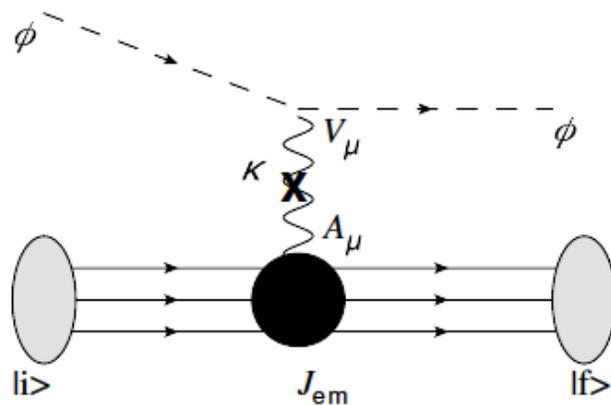


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$\sim m_V^0$  Dominates in the sub-eV region

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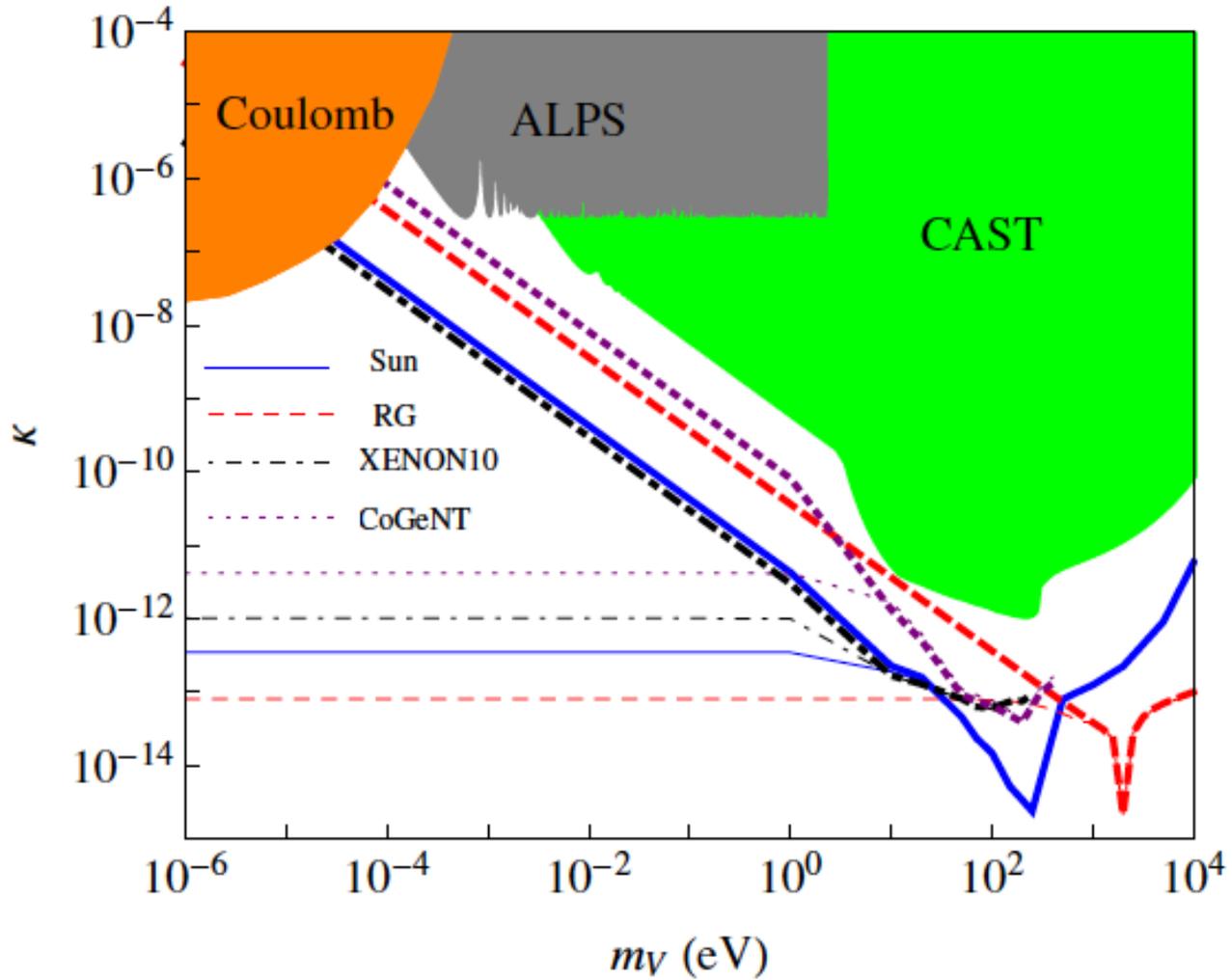
$$\frac{d\Gamma}{d\omega} \approx \frac{\kappa^2 e'^2}{4\pi^2} \frac{E - \omega}{E} \left[ \log \left( \frac{4E(E - \omega)}{\omega^2 |\Delta\epsilon_r|} \right) - 1 \right] \text{Im}\epsilon_r(\omega)$$

Energy injected into the medium

Energy of incoming Higgs

Permittivity

# Higgsed case



# Summary

- The stellar bounds are significantly strengthened in the sub-eV region.
- The apparatus to detect solar dark photon should be changed fundamentally. (dark matter detectors)
- For the Stueckelberg case, the XENON10 result gives the most stringent constraint on the parameter space.
- We hope that XENON collaboration will continue publishing results of  $S_2$  only analysis.
- For the Higgsed case, we expect the next generation of dark matter detector to have more sensitivity.

# Backups

# Stueckelberg case

- Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}^2 - \frac{1}{4}V_{\mu\nu}^2 - \frac{\kappa}{2}F_{\mu\nu}V^{\mu\nu} + \frac{m_V^2}{2}V_\mu^2 + eJ_{\text{em}}^\mu A_\mu$$

Trivial, isn't

it?

- A little bit nontrivial in a thermal bath, the photon propagator is modified. **In the Coulomb gauge:**

$$\langle A^i, A^j \rangle = \frac{1}{\omega^2 - |\vec{k}|^2 - \Pi_T} \left( \delta^{ij} - \frac{k^i k^j}{\vec{k}^2} \right)$$

$$\langle A^0, A^0 \rangle = \frac{1}{|\vec{k}|^2 - \frac{|\vec{k}|^2}{\omega^2 - |\vec{k}|^2} \Pi_L}, \quad \text{4 momentum } q = (\omega, \vec{k})$$

$$\Pi^{\mu\nu} = \Pi_T \sum_{i=1,2} \epsilon_i^{T\mu} \epsilon_i^{T\nu} + \Pi_L \epsilon^{L\mu} \epsilon^{L\nu}$$

# Stueckelberg case

- Total absorption rate

$$\Gamma_{T,L}^{\text{abs}} = \frac{1}{2\omega} \sum_f |\mathcal{M}_{i \rightarrow f+V_{T,L}}|^2$$

$$\sim \sum_f \langle i | J_{\text{em}}^{\mu\dagger} | f \rangle \langle f | J_{\text{em}}^\nu | i \rangle = \langle i | J_{\text{em}}^{\mu\dagger} J_{\text{em}}^\nu | i \rangle$$

Dispersion relation

$$-2\text{Im} \langle J_{\text{em}}^{\mu\dagger}, J_{\text{em}}^\nu \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_T &= -\omega^2 \Delta\varepsilon_r \\ \Pi_L &= -(\omega^2 - |\vec{k}|^2) \Delta\varepsilon_r \end{aligned} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{Im}\Pi_T, \text{Im}\Pi_L$$

$$\Delta\varepsilon_r = \varepsilon_r - 1 \quad \text{Relative permittivity}$$

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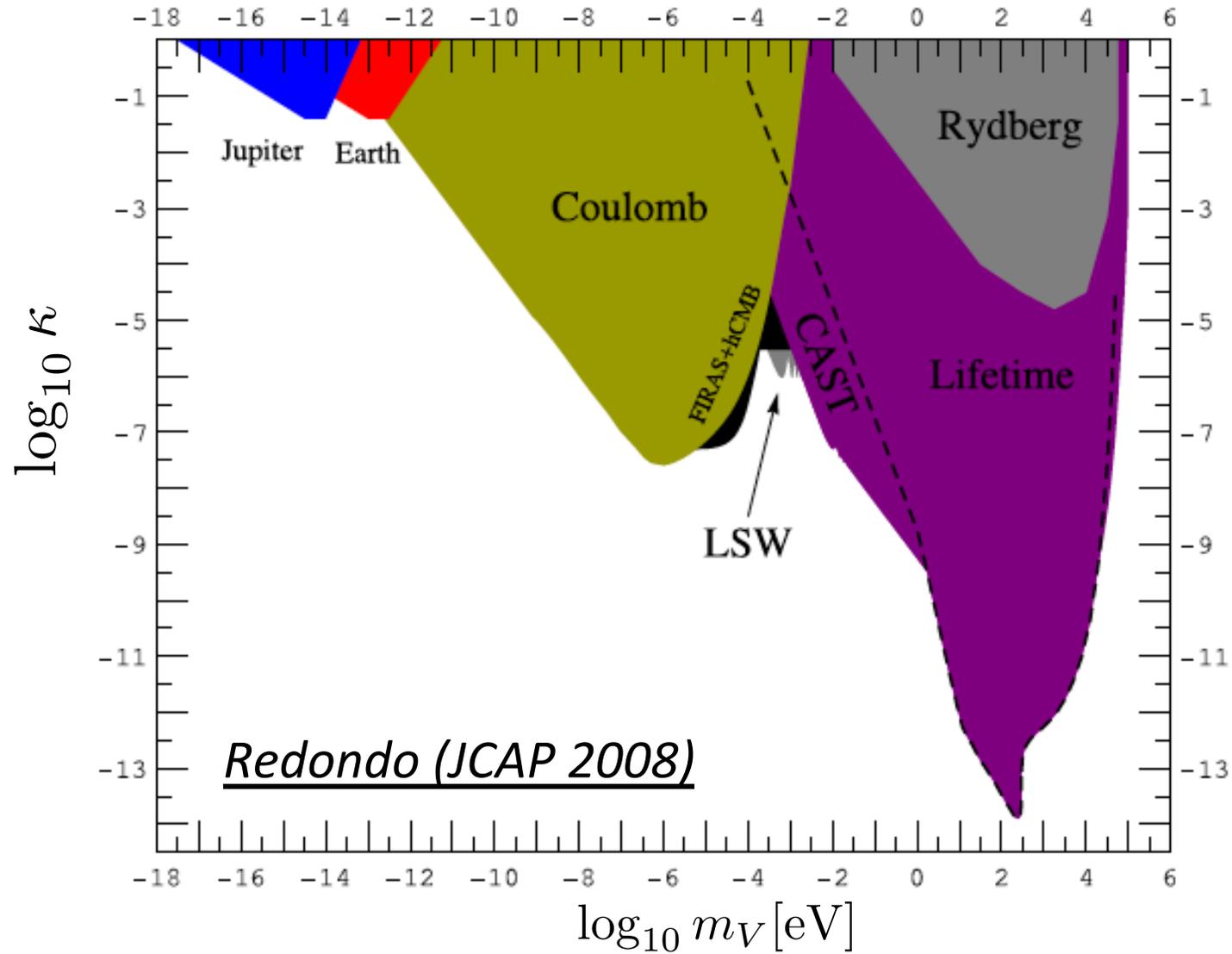
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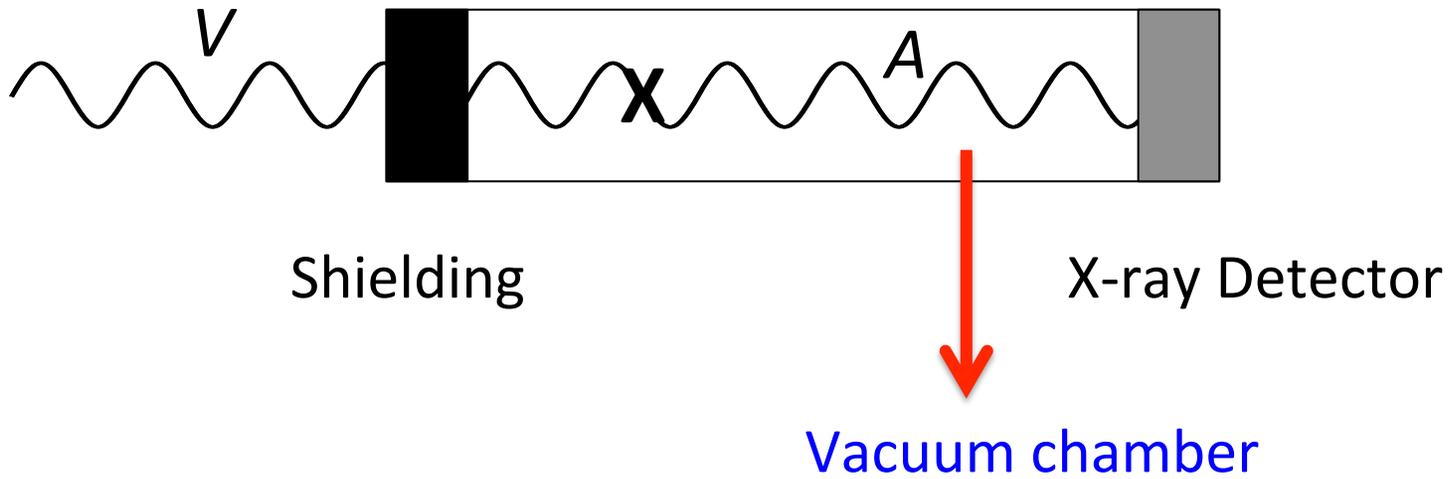
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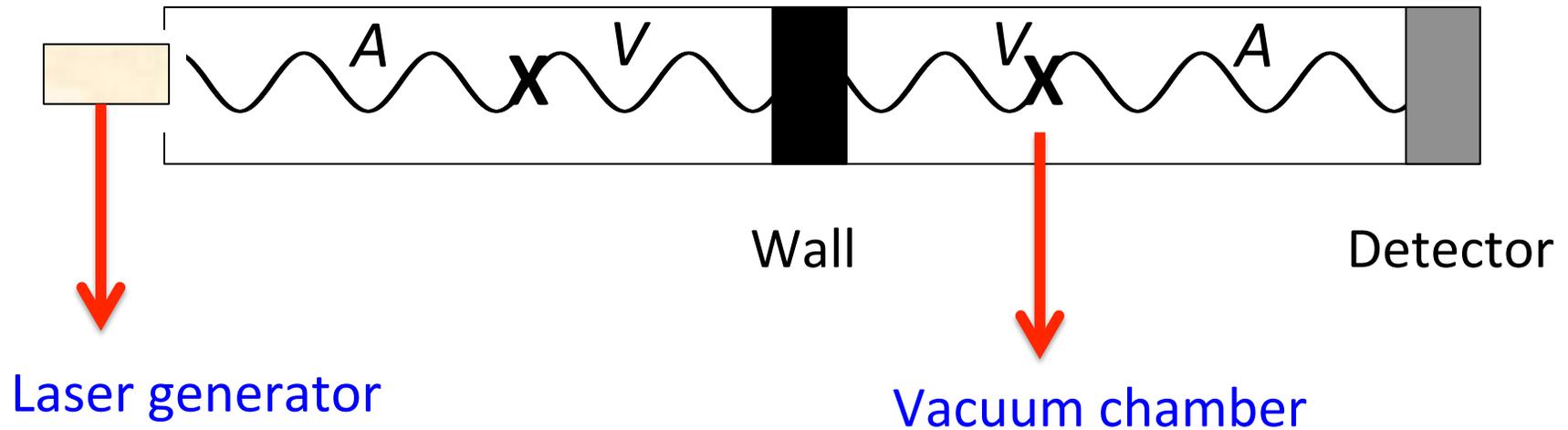
# Previous results



# CAST experiment



# Light shining through the wall (LSW)



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# The Lagrangian

The Standard Model

Extra vector field

$$SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \quad U(1)_D$$

$$G^{\alpha\mu\nu} \quad W^{i\mu\nu} \quad B^{\mu\nu} \quad V^{\mu\nu}$$



$$-\frac{1}{2}\kappa' B_{\mu\nu} V^{\mu\nu}$$



Below the EW breaking ,

$$-\frac{1}{2}\kappa F_{\mu\nu} V^{\mu\nu}$$

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No! (Naturalness)

Yes! A Higgs at weak scale has just been found.

Stueckelberg case

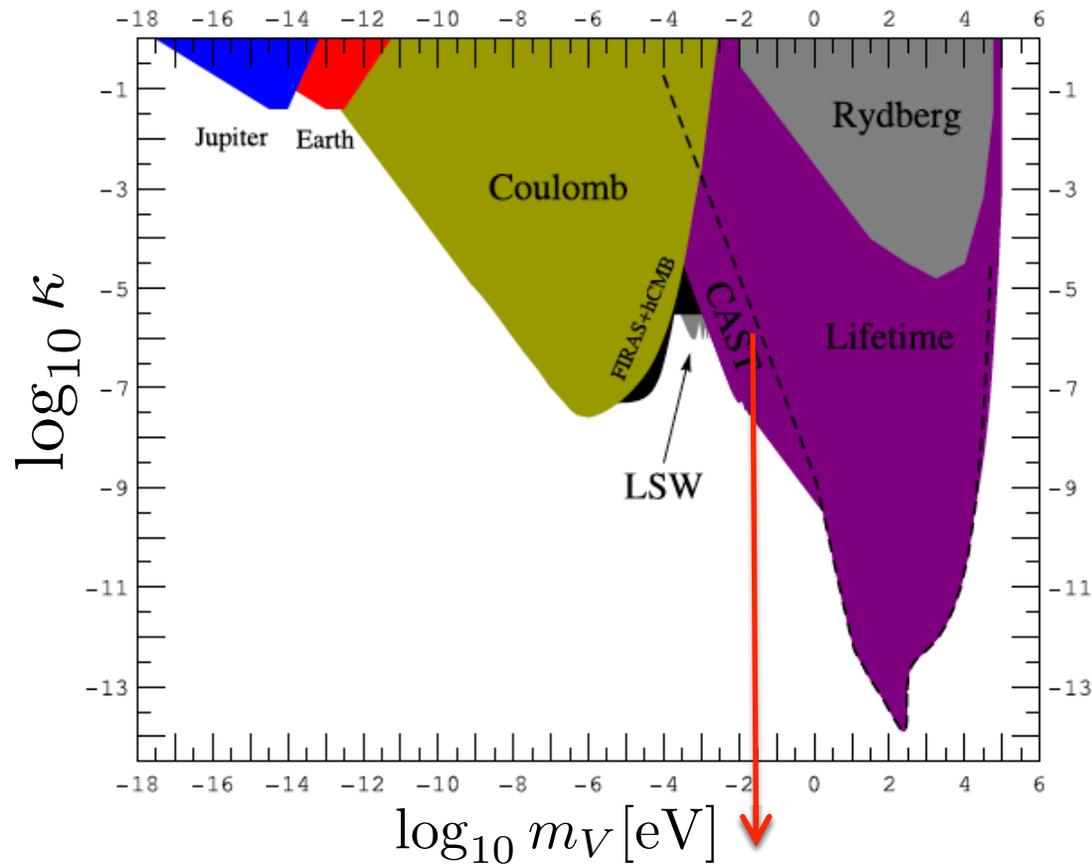
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Higgsed case

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} = \frac{1}{2} m_V^2 V_\mu^2$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = e' m_V h' V_\mu^2 + \frac{1}{2} e'^2 h'^2 V_\mu^2$$

# Previous results



Is this right?

NO!

Redondo (JCAP 2008)

$$\kappa \sim m_V^{-2} \longrightarrow \Gamma \sim m_V^4$$

# Production of dark photon

- Matrix element:

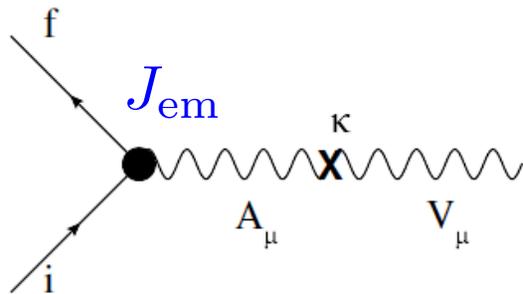
$$-\frac{\kappa}{2} F_{\mu\nu} V^{\mu\nu} \rightarrow \kappa A_\nu \partial_\mu V^{\mu\nu} \xrightarrow{\text{E.O.M.}} \kappa m_V^2 A_\nu V^\nu$$

- Production rate:  $\Gamma \sim \kappa^2 m_V^4$  ?

In the case  $m_V \ll$  the typical energy scale of the process the production rate is suppressed by  $m_V^4$ .

# Production of dark photon

- Matrix element:



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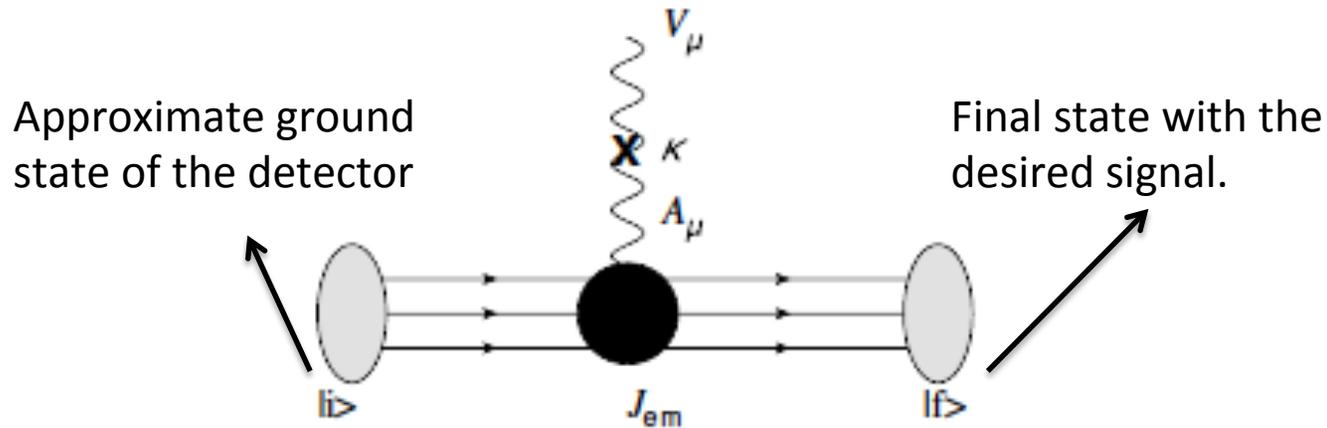
C.C. and E.O.M

$$k_\mu J^\mu = 0, k_\mu \epsilon^\mu = 0$$

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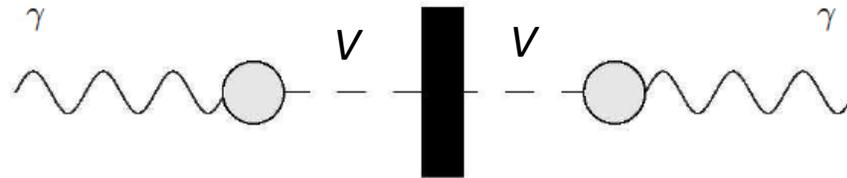
# Total absorption rate

- Dark photon interacts with the material through the mixing with photon

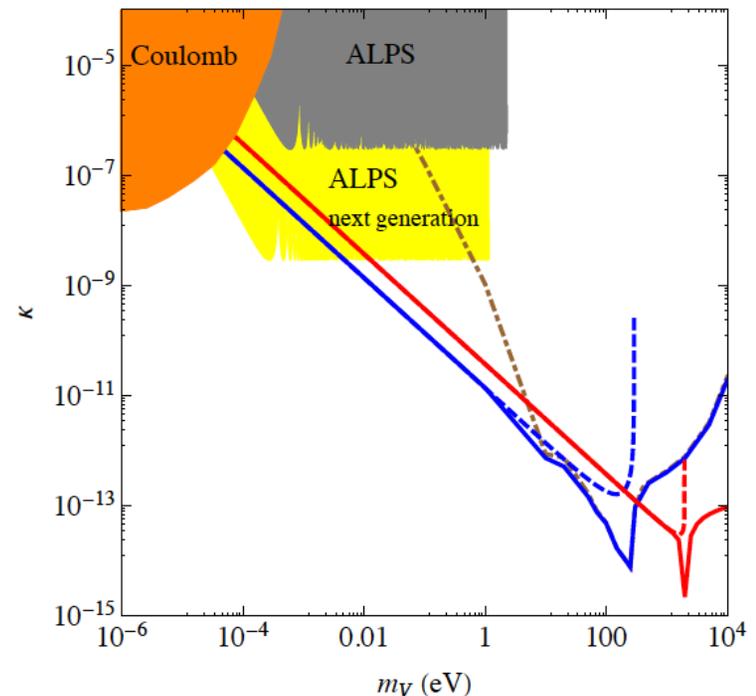


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- LSW experiments (ALPS collaboration)
  - Invented to search both axions and dark photons

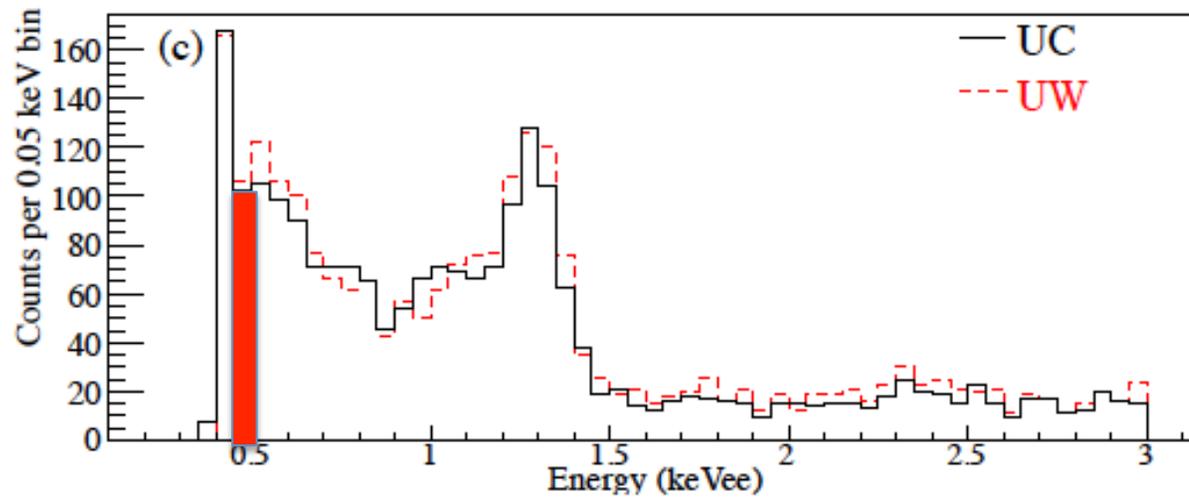


- The current best ALPS constraints deeply inside the exclusion region of new stellar constraints.
- A large part of the sensitivity region of the next generation is also excluded.



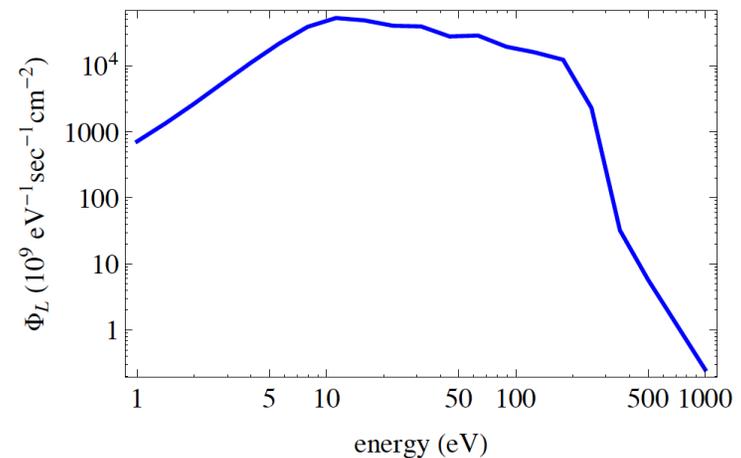
# Stueckelberg case

- CoGeNT data available from 400 eV.



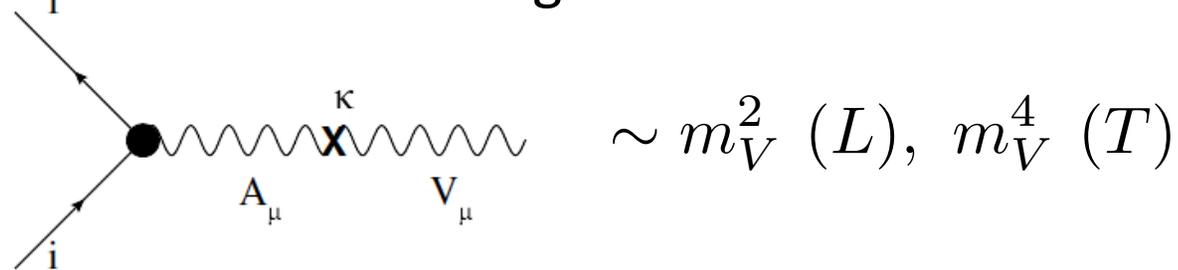
- $Br \approx 1$

Photo-ionization dominates.

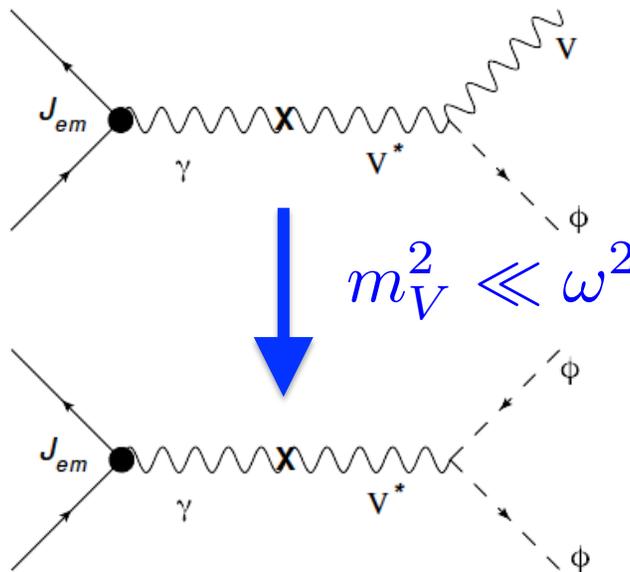


# Higgsed case

- Processes in the Stueckelberg case are still there:



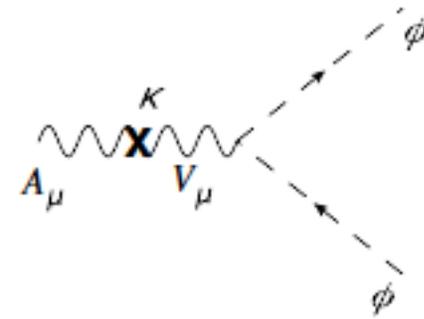
- Higgs-strahlung



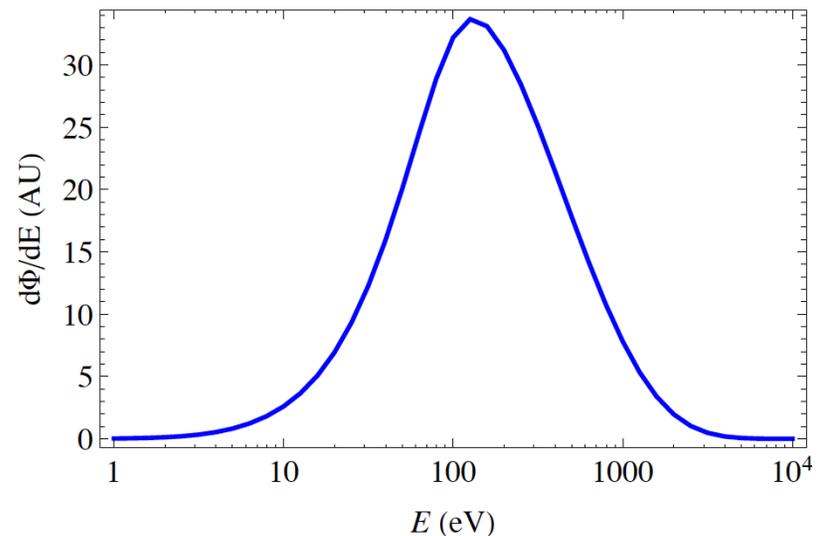
Goldstone equivalence theorem

$$\sim m_V^0$$

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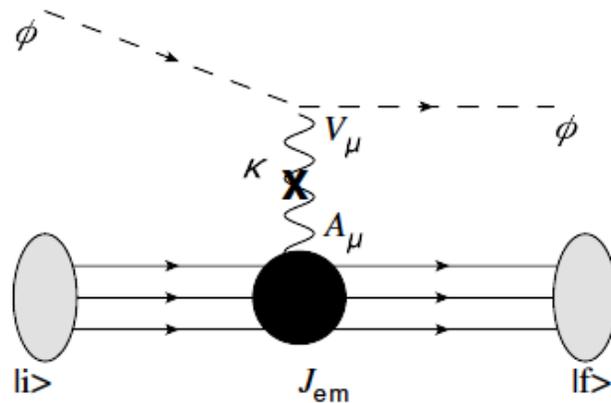


- The solar flux
  - The dominant contribution is from the decay of **transverse photon** into dark Higgs.
  - Temperature of the Sun can be as high as **1 keV**.
  - Include the XENON10 data and CoGeNT data to keV scale.



# Higgsed case

- Dark Higgs-strahlung process dominates in small  $m_V$  region, using Goldstone equivalence theorem:



- Wave functions of different orbits, effective charges ...
- The diagram is exactly the same as in deep inelastic scattering. Why not using the same trick to calculate the total absorption rate first.

# Higgsed case

- Inelastic scattering of dark Higgs

Collinear divergence regularized  
by the medium effect.

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Energy injected  
into the medium

Energy of incoming  
Higgs

# Higgsed case

- Issue with  $\epsilon_r$ 
  - Lorentz symmetry is broken by the medium to the SO(3) rotation symmetry.
  - In general,  $\epsilon_r = \epsilon_r(\omega, |\vec{k}|^2)$ .
  - However, the dependence on  $k^2$  is suppressed if  $\frac{|\vec{k}|^2}{\omega m_e} \ll 1$ .
  - This is always true in our situation.

# Stellar constraints

