



Dark matter: Status and prospects

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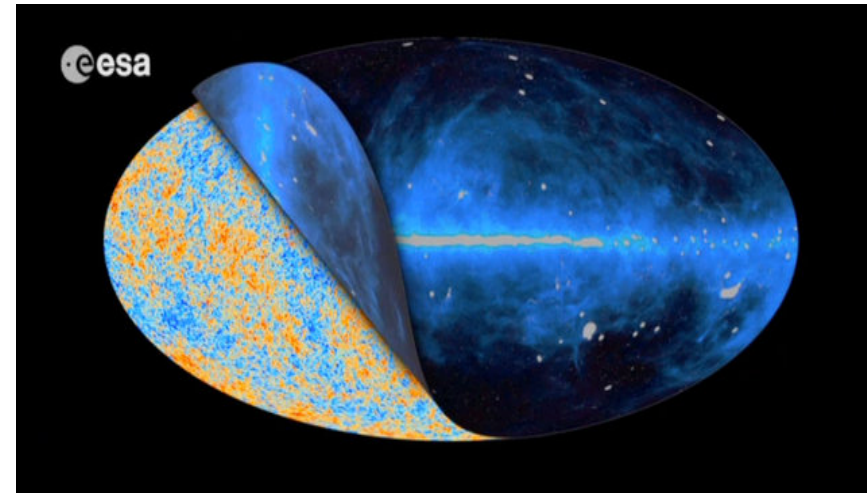
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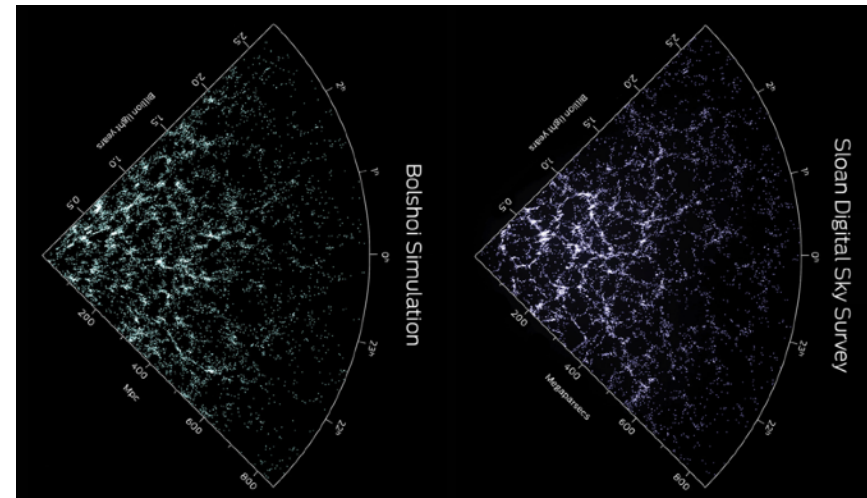
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Dark matter gravitational evidence

Cosmic microwave background



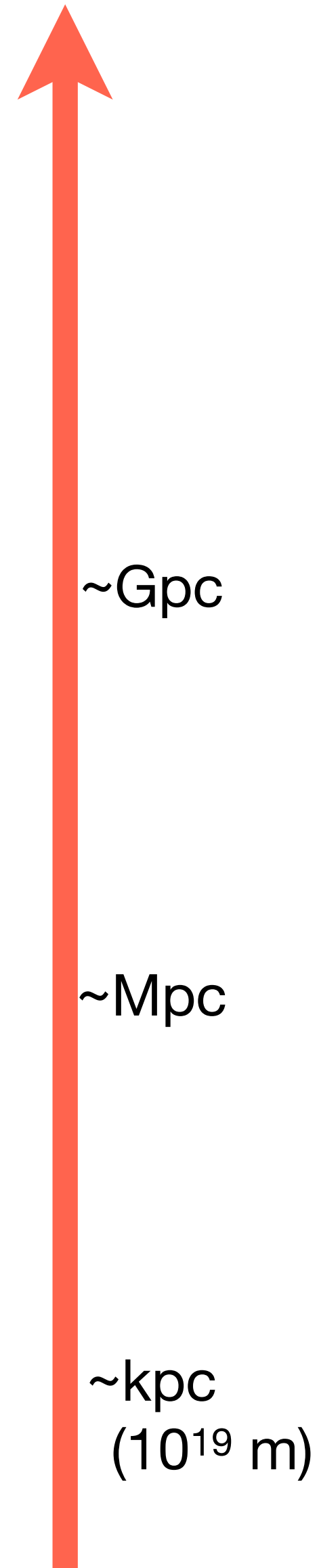
Large Scale Structures



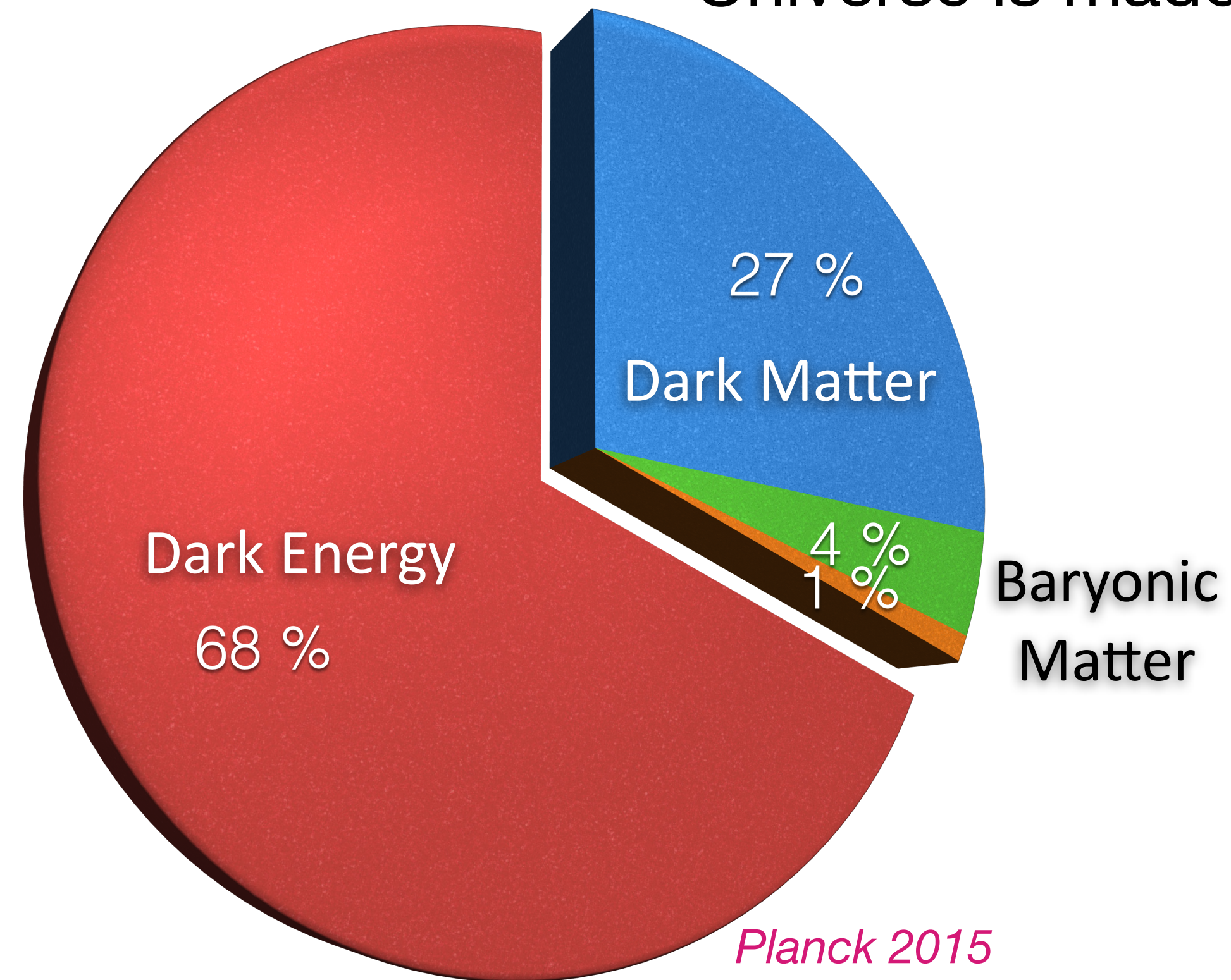
Galaxy clusters



Galaxies



We do not know what most of the Universe is made of!



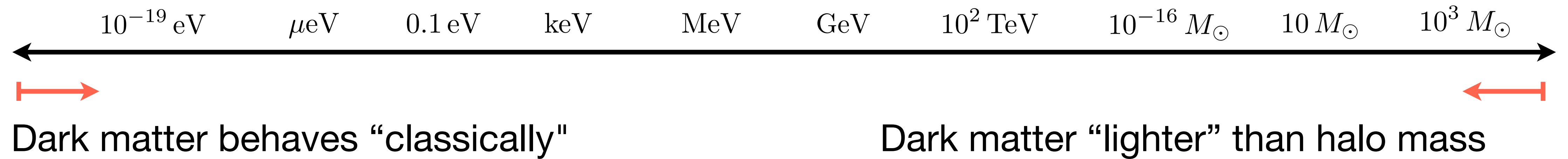
We add one (or more?) extra-ingredient, which interacts only gravitationally

The dark matter landscape



Vast parameter space in mass and interaction strength

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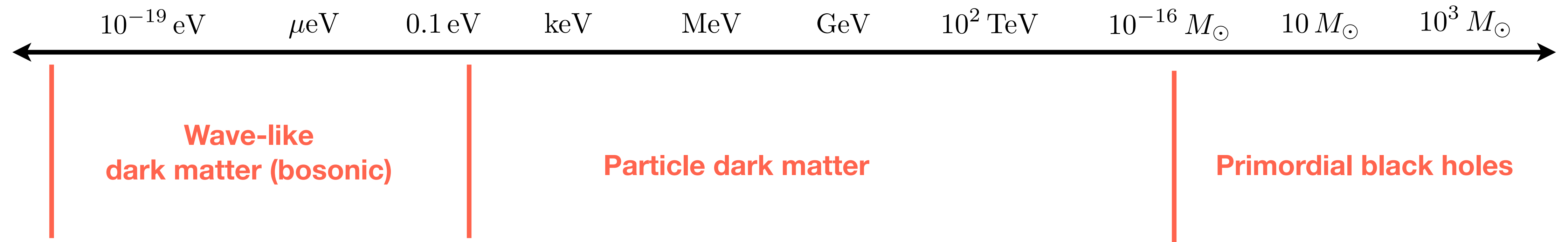


$$m \gtrsim 10^{-22} \text{ eV}$$

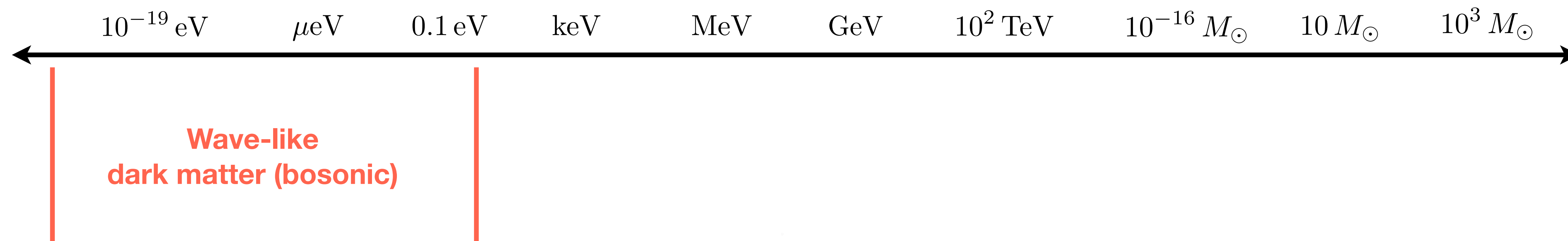
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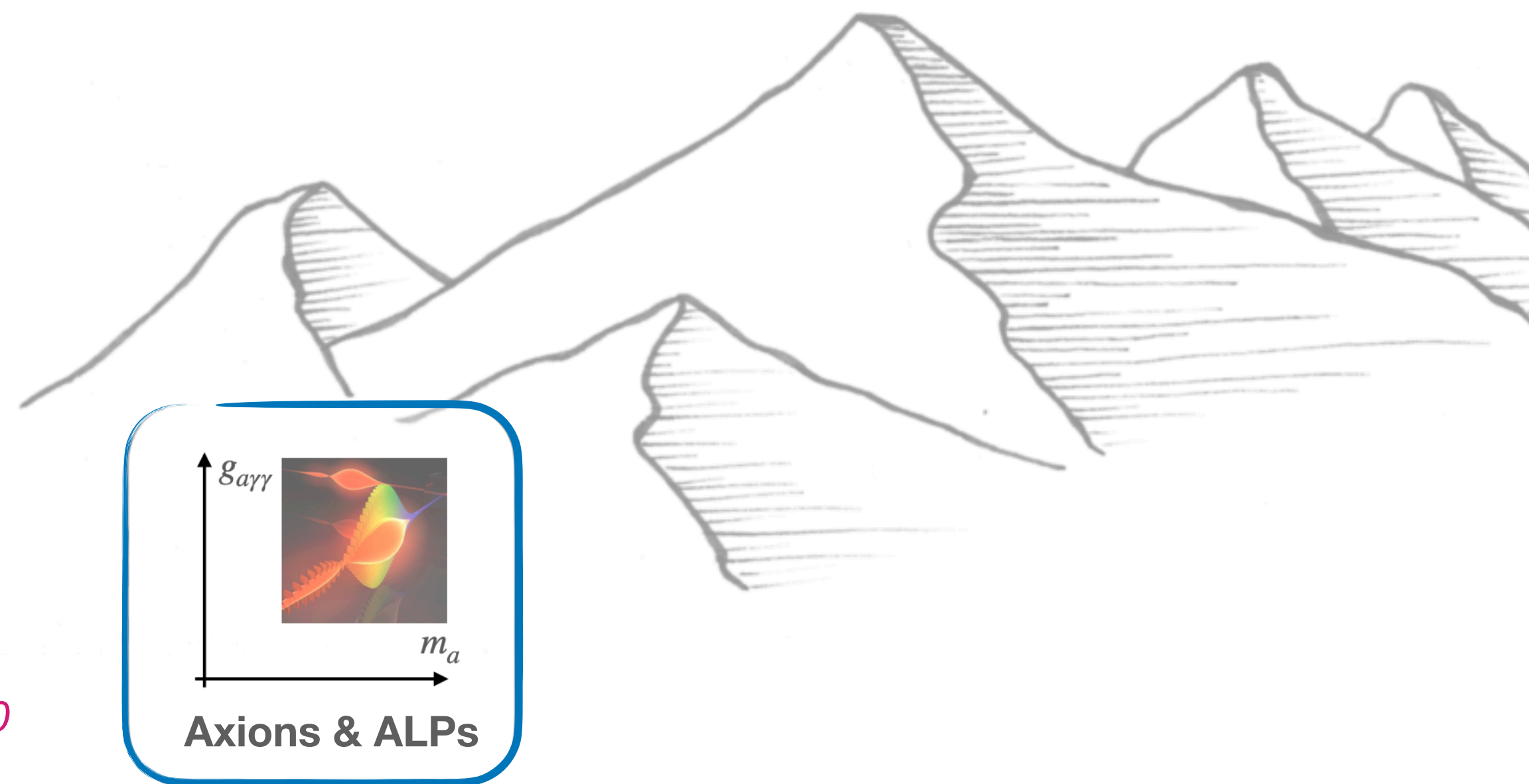


Axion-like particles

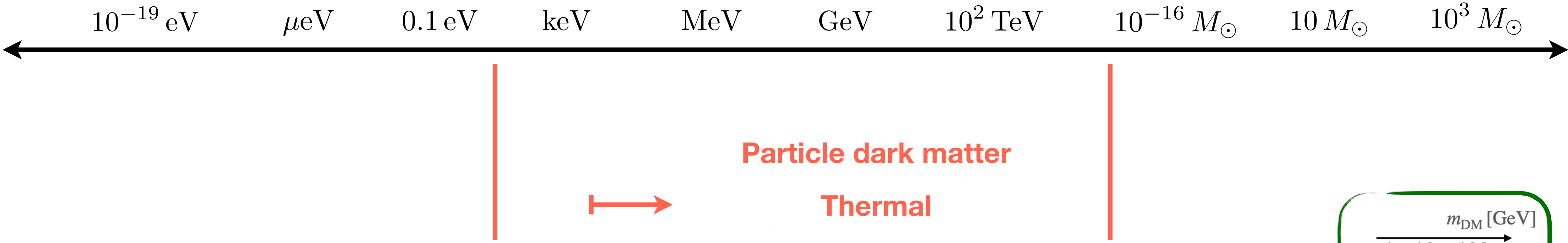
- Very light pseudo-scalar bosons predicted by multiple extensions of the Standard Model
- They represent weakly interacting slim (ultralight) particles (**WISPs**)
- They can be cold dark matter candidates for certain values of mass and coupling

Chang+ PRD 2000; Turok PRL 1996; Arvanitaki+ PRD'10

Preskill+ PLB 1983; Sikivie International Journal of Modern Physics '10

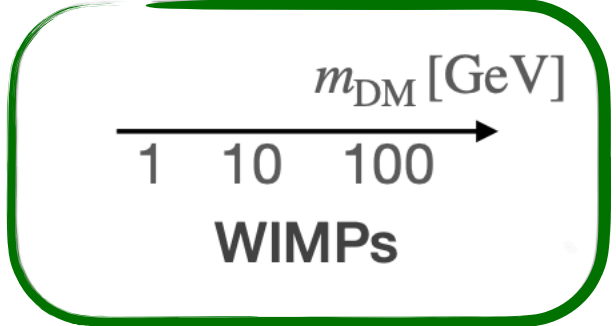
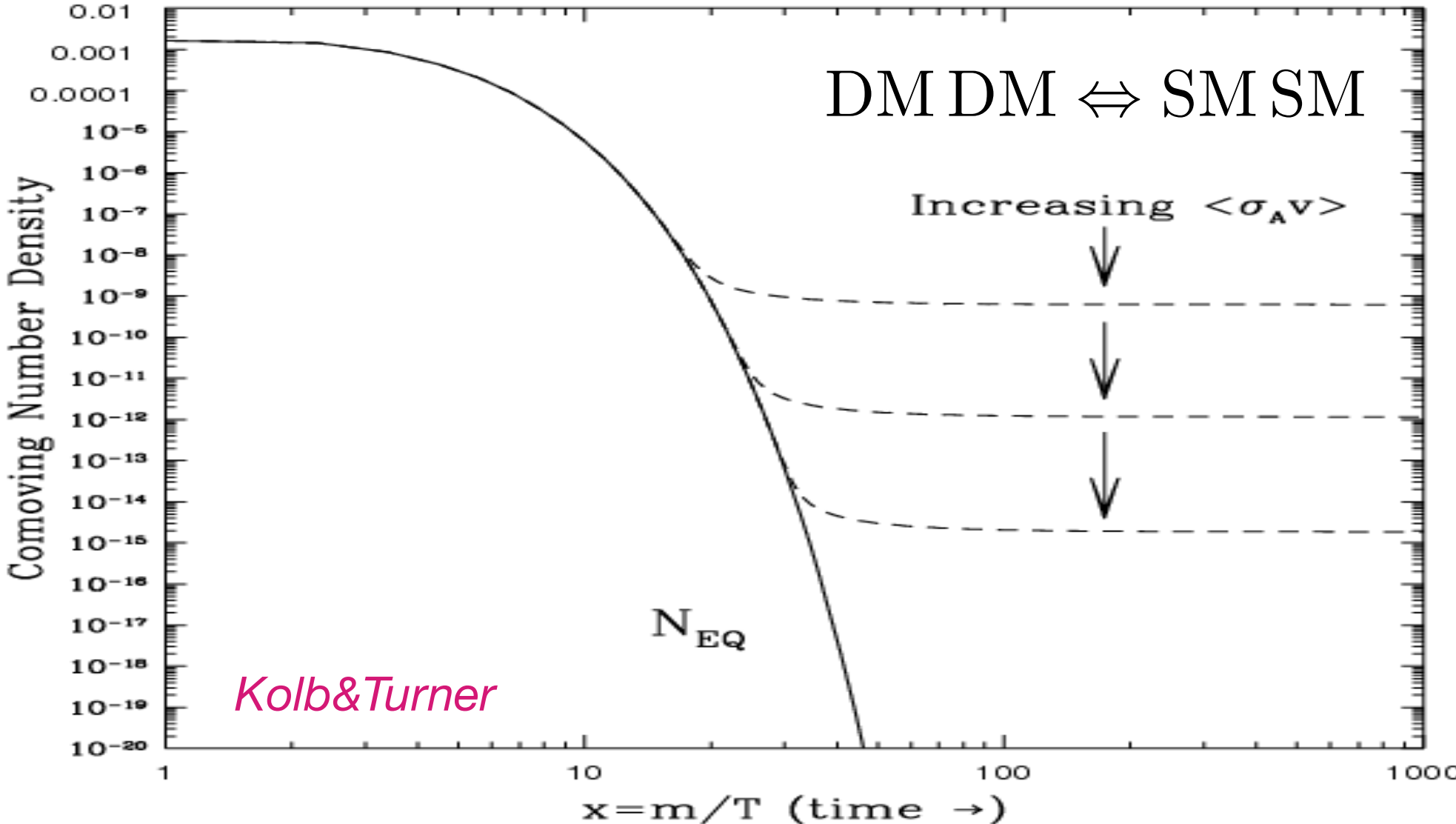


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Weakly interacting massive particles (WIMPs)

- Freeze-out production mechanism



$$\Omega_{\text{DM}} h^2 \sim \frac{10^{-27} \text{ cm}^3 / \text{s}}{\langle \sigma(\text{DM DM} \rightarrow \text{SM SM}) v \rangle}$$

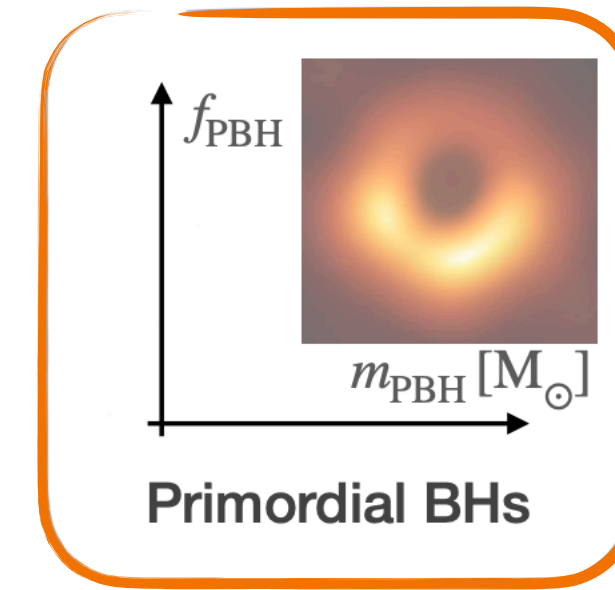
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Primordial black holes (PBH)

- Different possible production mechanism, e.g. primordial fluctuations
- Allowed fraction of PBH dark matter strongly constrained by CMB, dynamics of stellar clusters, X-ray and radio observations



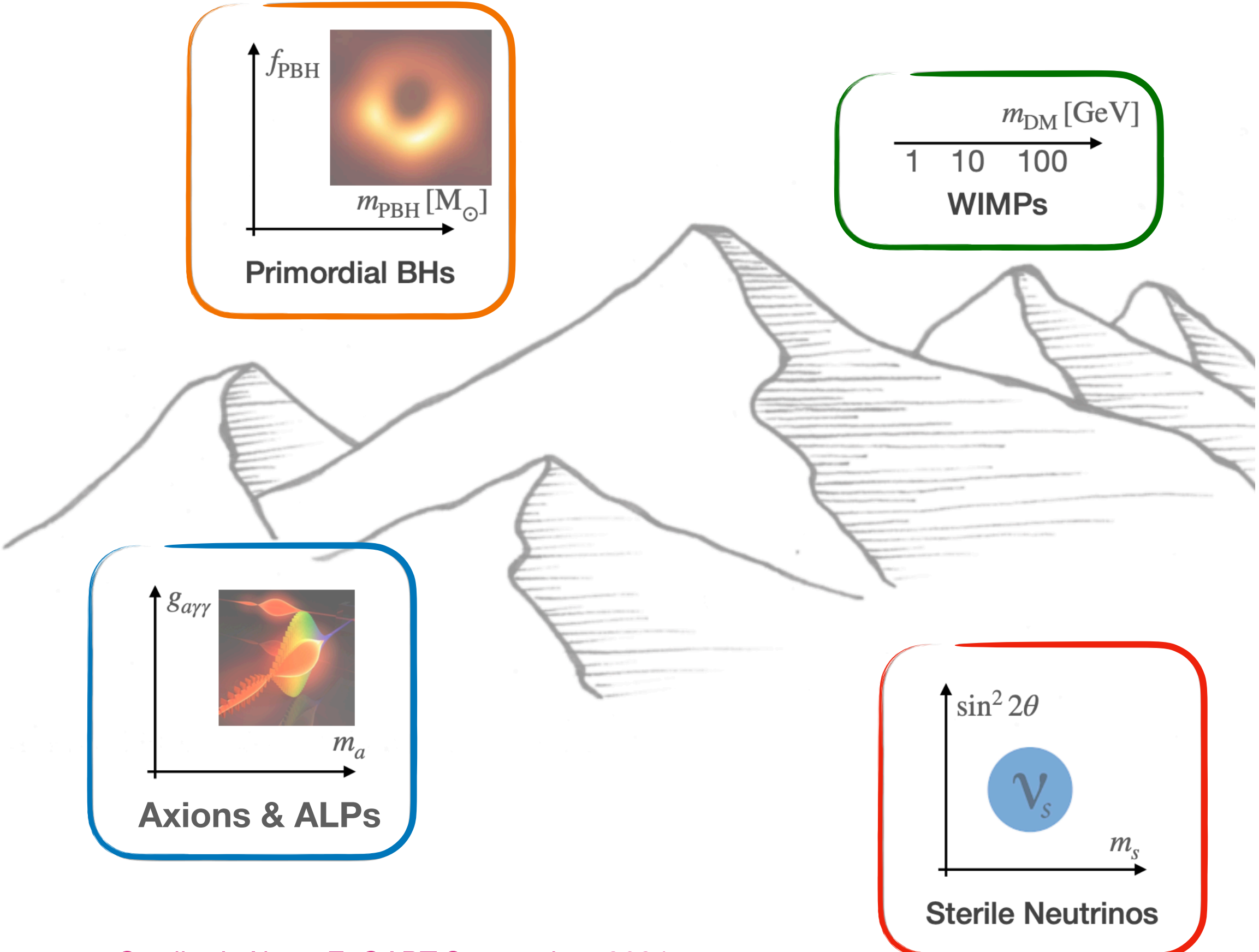
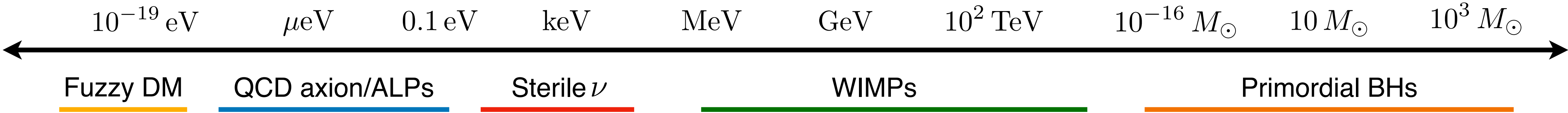
Primordial black holes

Review & Refs in Carr+PRD'16, Green & Kavanagh J. Phys. G'21

Garcia-Bellido's talk

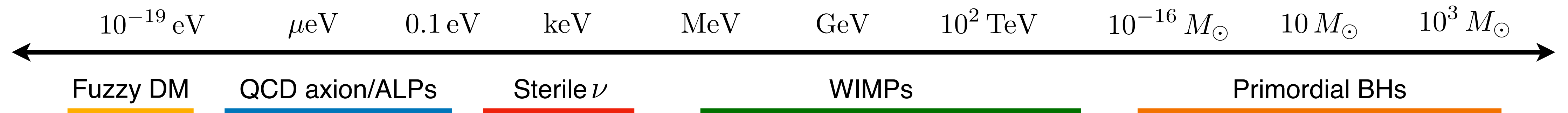
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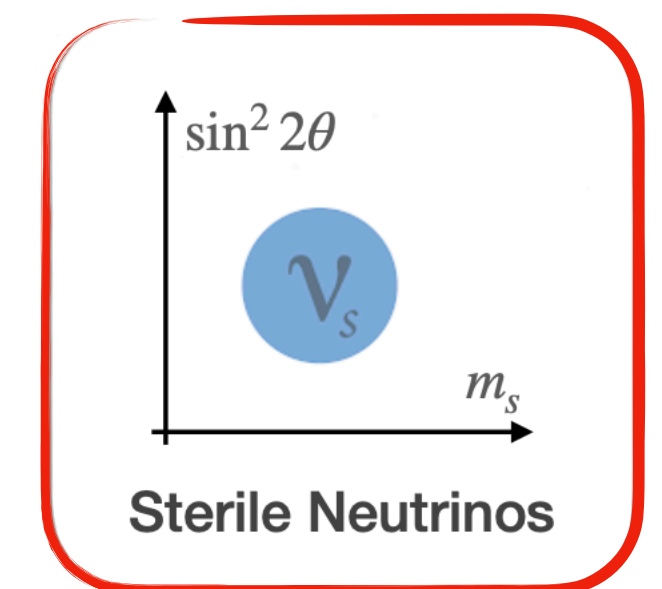
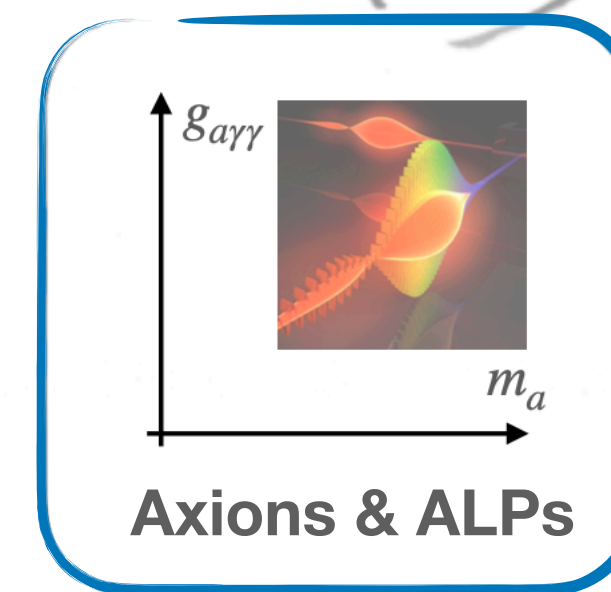
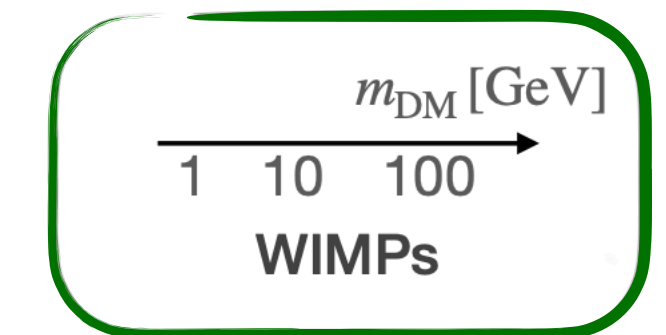
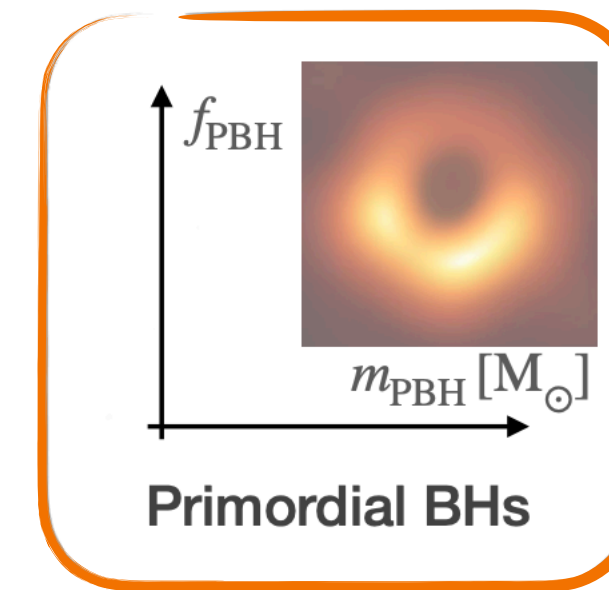


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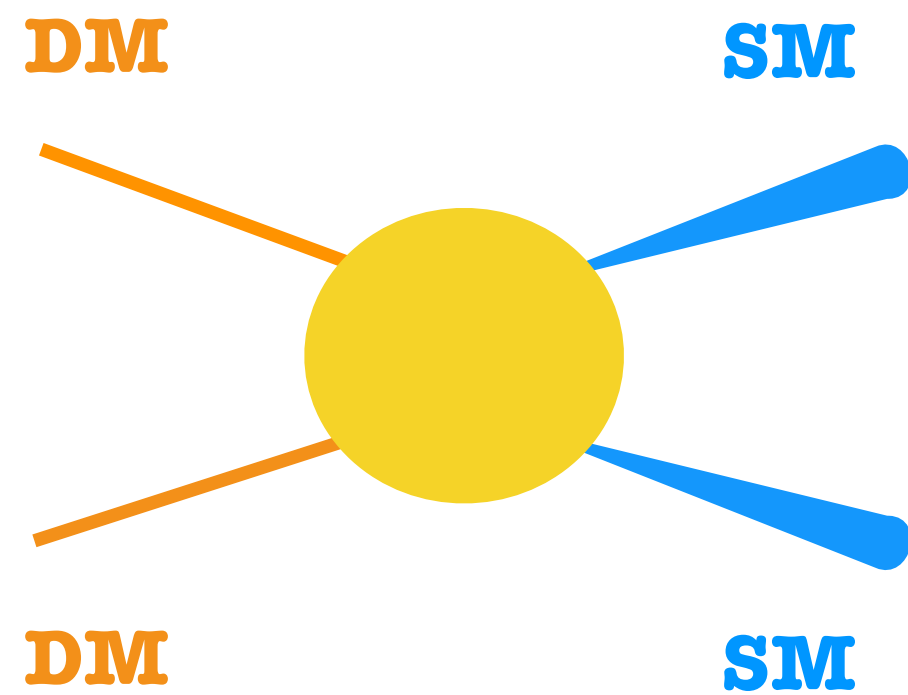
- Identification strategies are necessarily (more or less) **model dependent**
- The **theoretical prejudice** in dark matter searches is also set by what we can probe with available data
- You always need some sort of signature of your model!



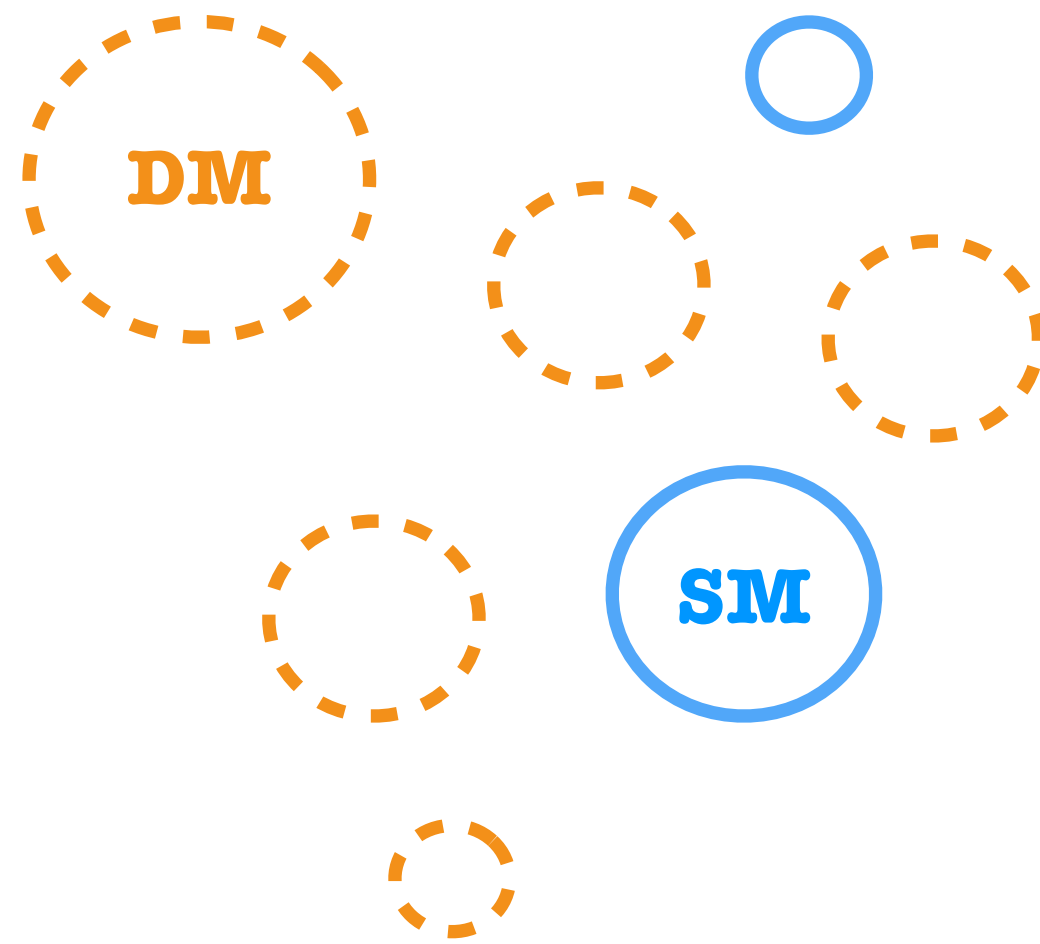
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Dark matter indirect detection

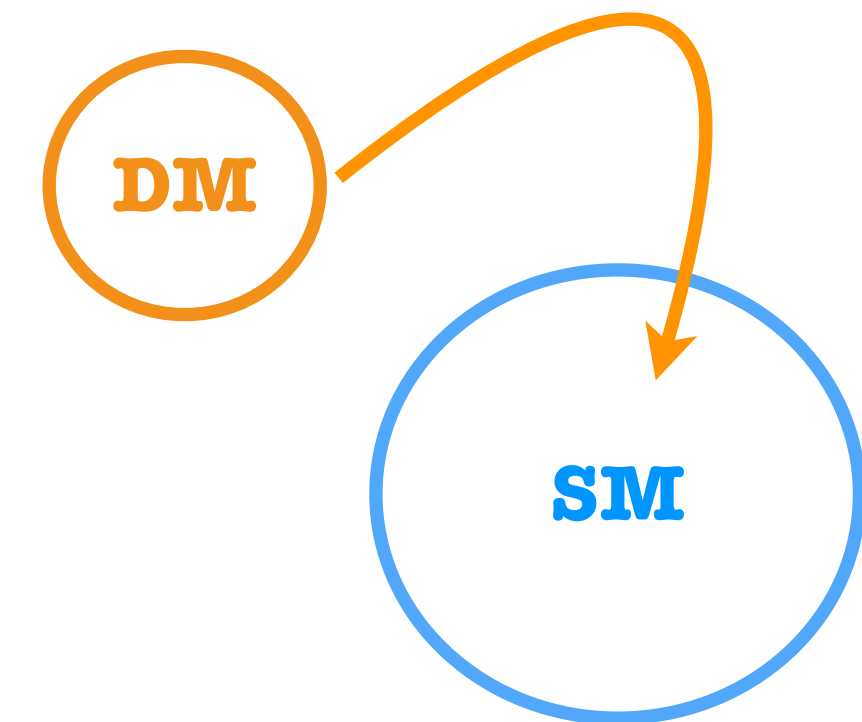
What dark matter does



Energy/particle injection



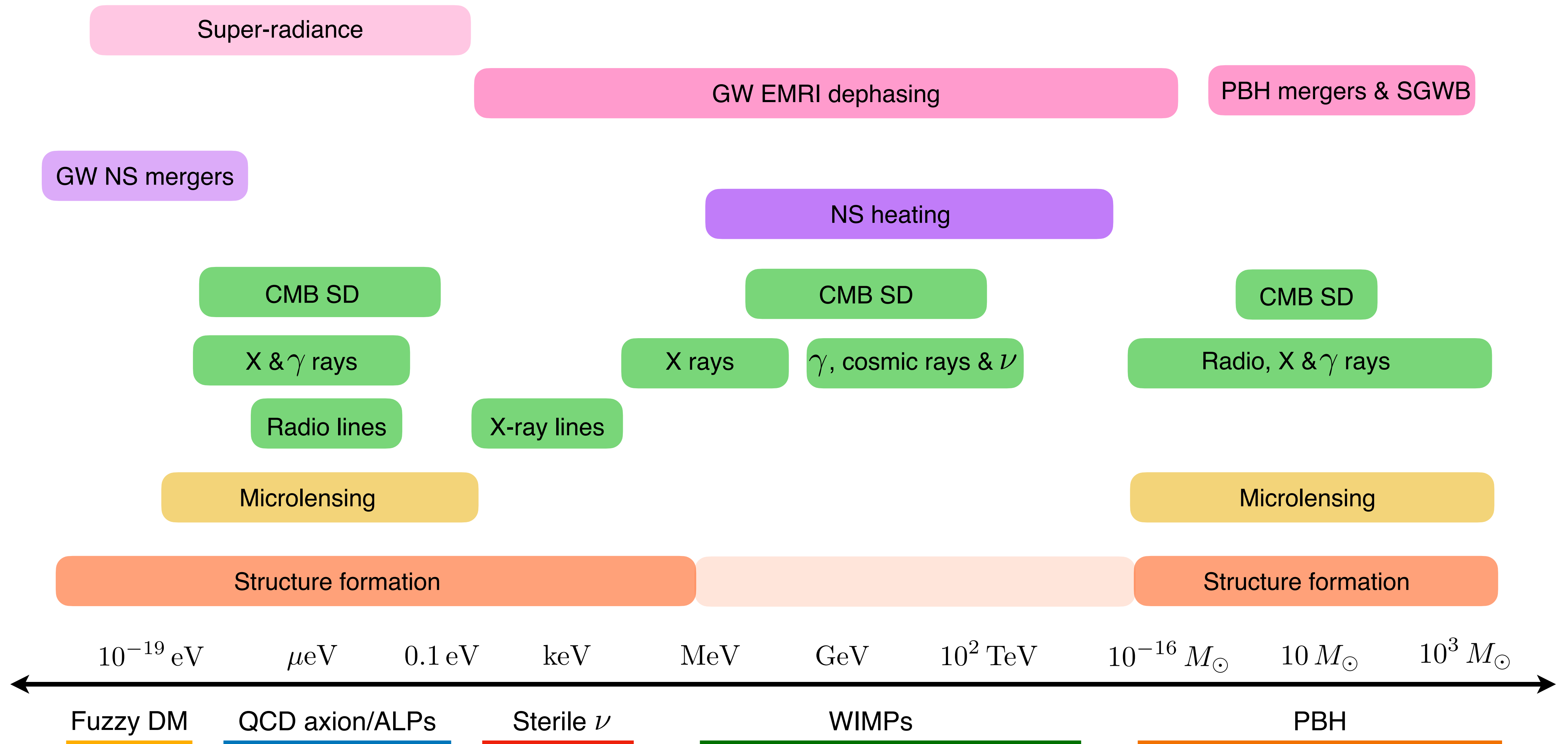
Gravitational interaction



*Capture/scattering/accretion
in/onto astrophysical objects*

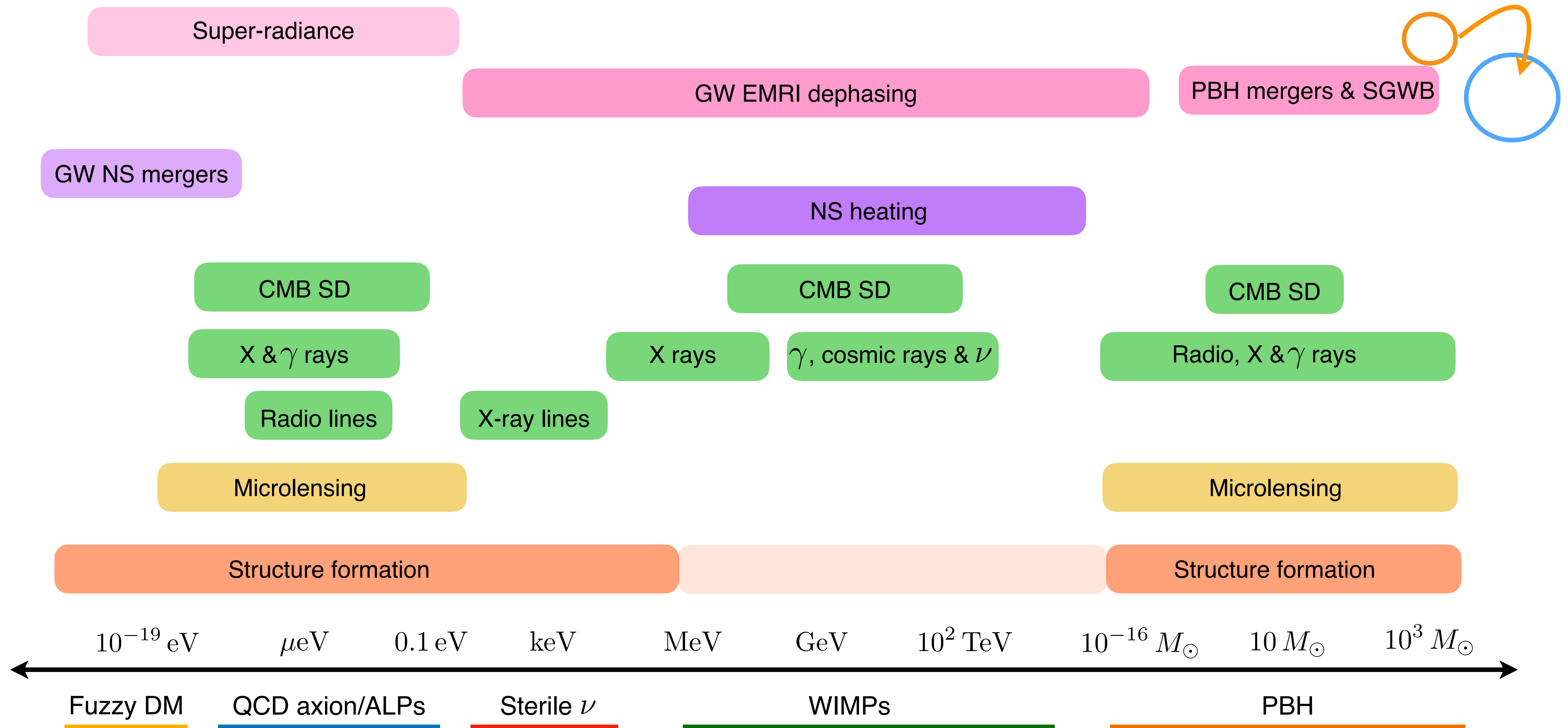
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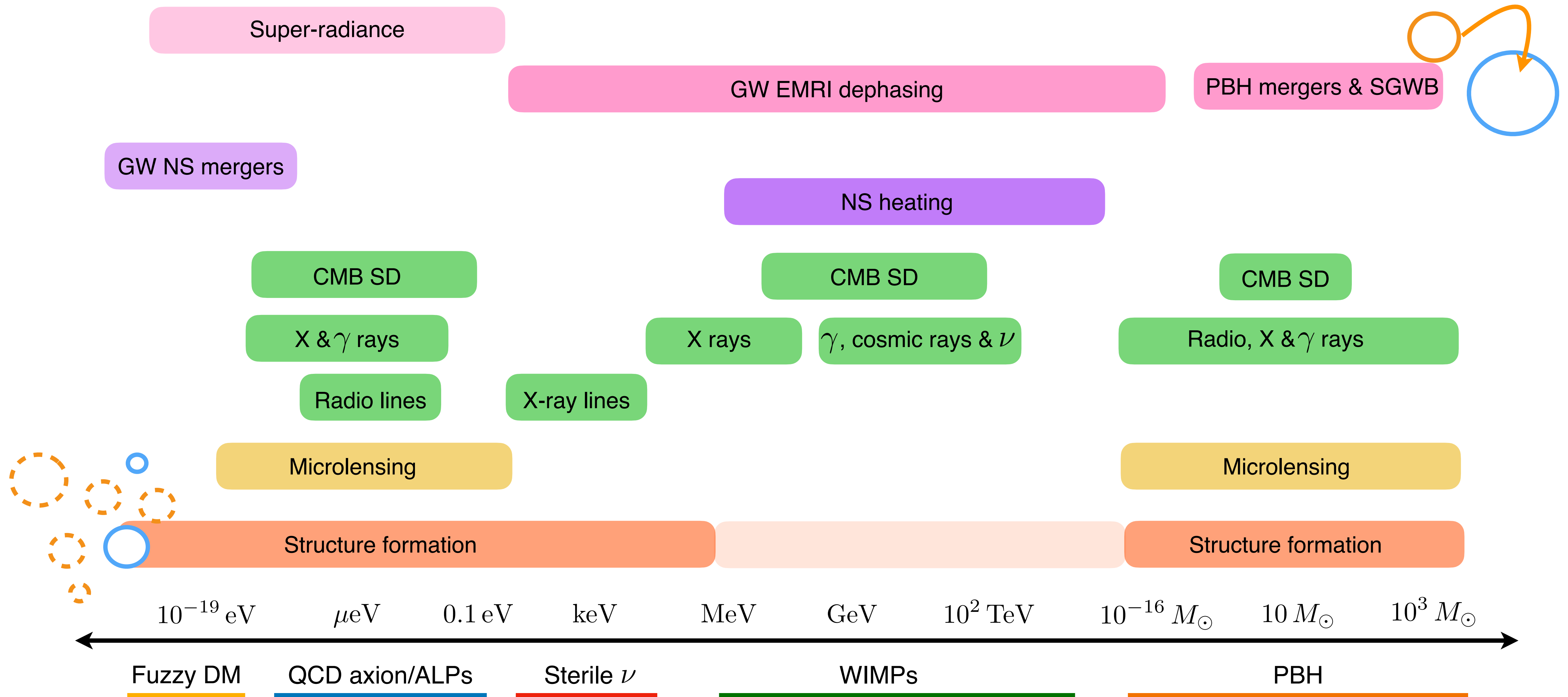
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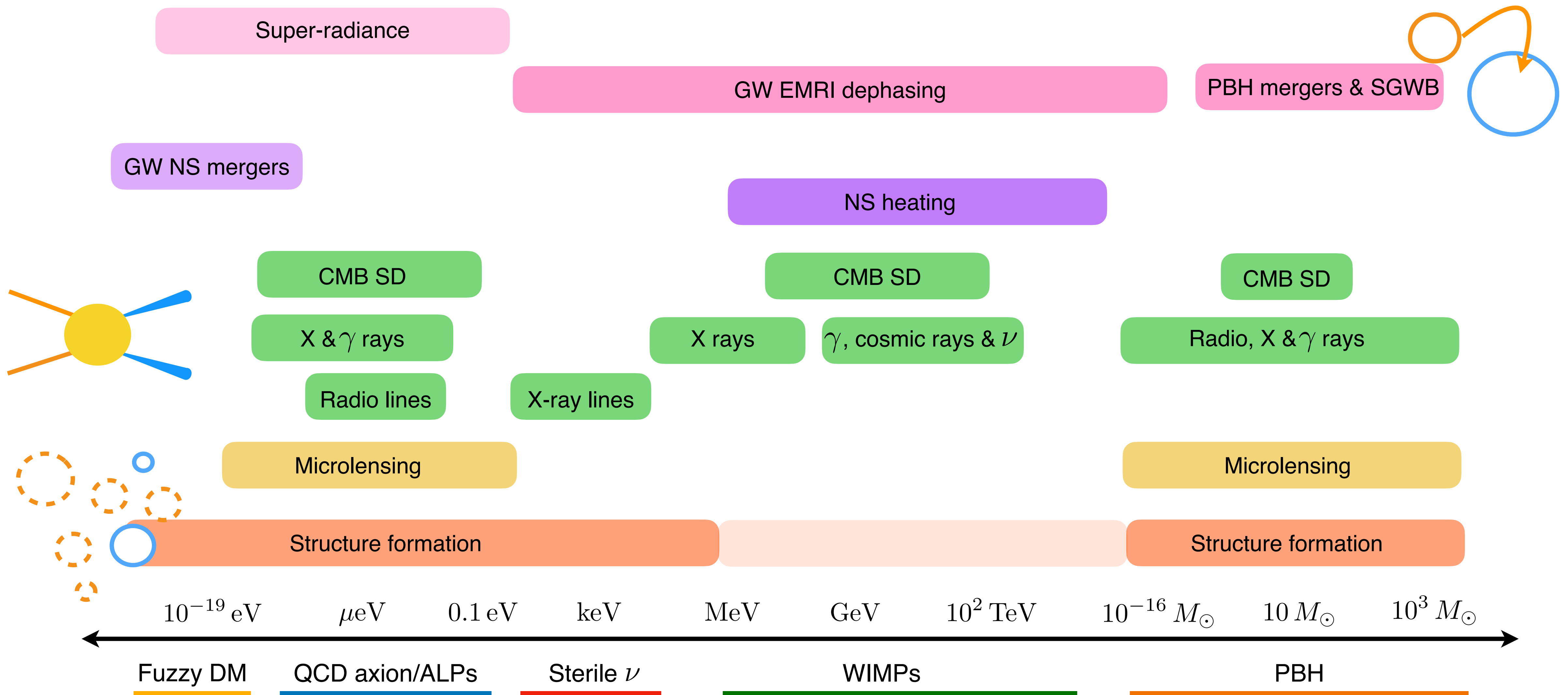
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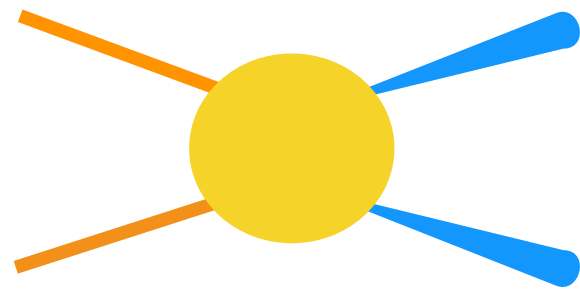
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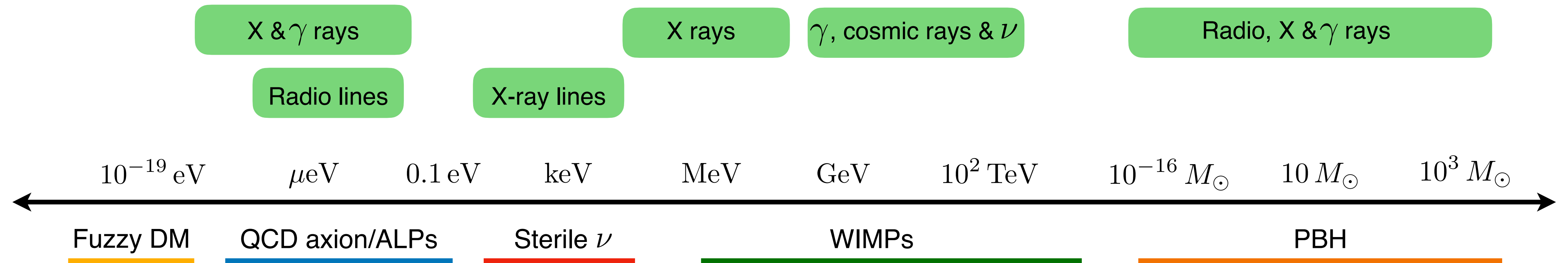
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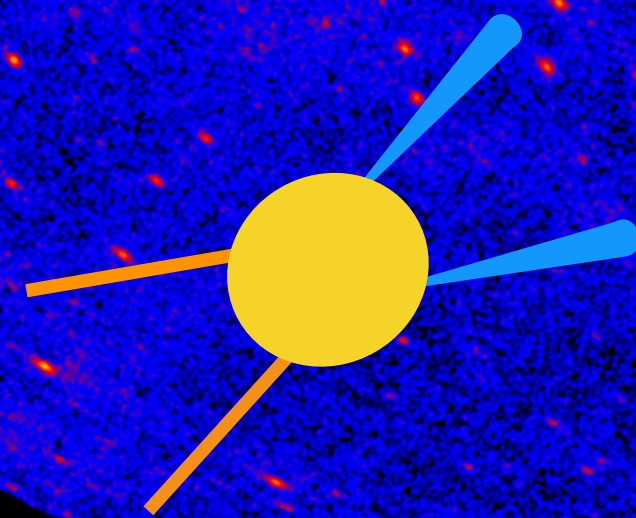




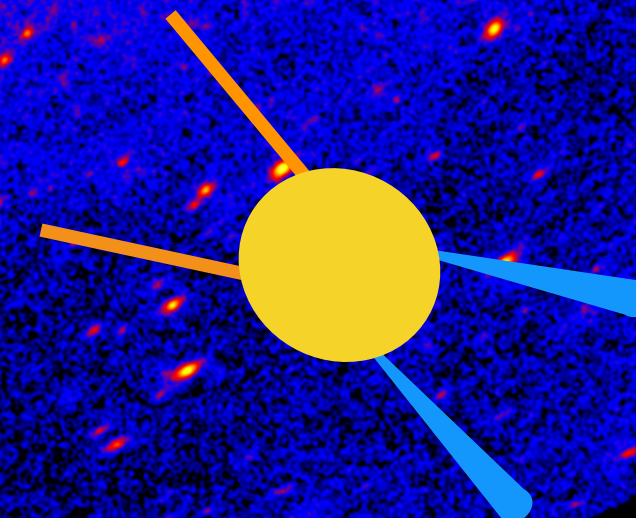
Travelling messengers



Cosmic backgrounds and diffuse emissions



Particle and non-particle
dark matter

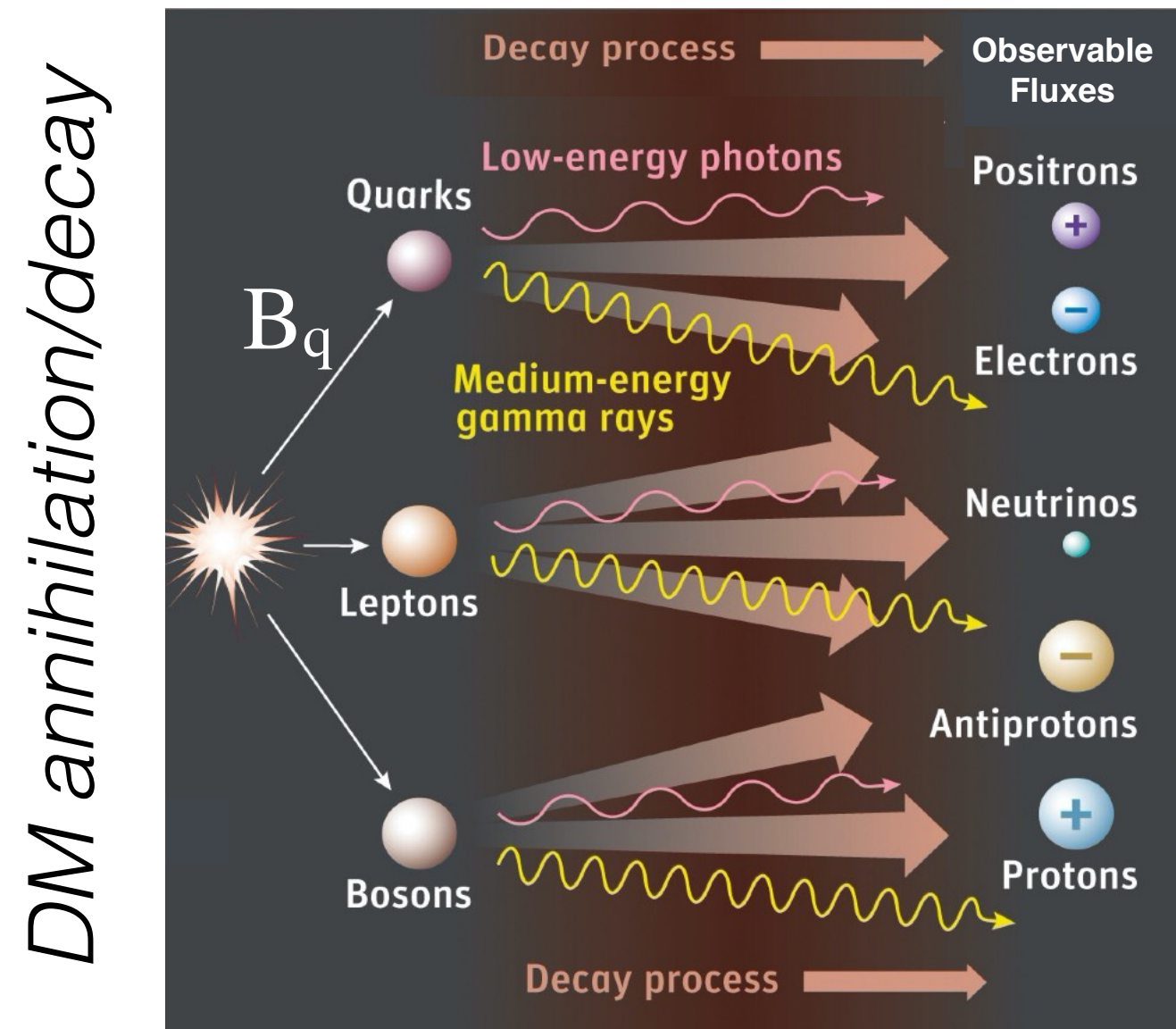


Particle dark matter emission*

From radio to TeV gamma rays

$$E_{\text{CM}} = N m_{\text{DM}}, \quad N = 1 \text{ (decay)}, 2 \text{ (annih)} \quad \text{Centre of mass energy} \simeq \text{Signal energy}$$

$$m_{\text{DM}} \gtrsim \text{MeV}$$



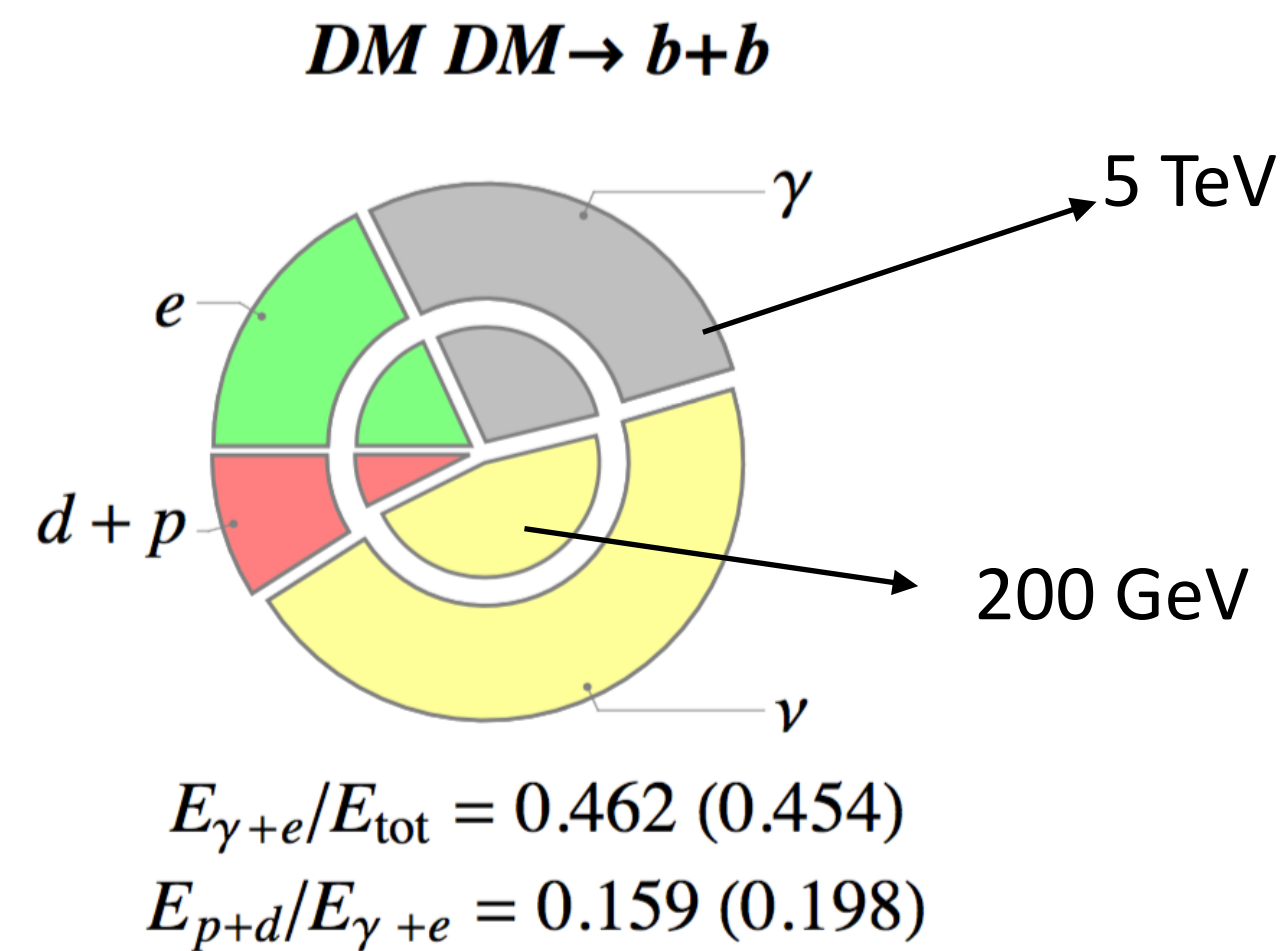
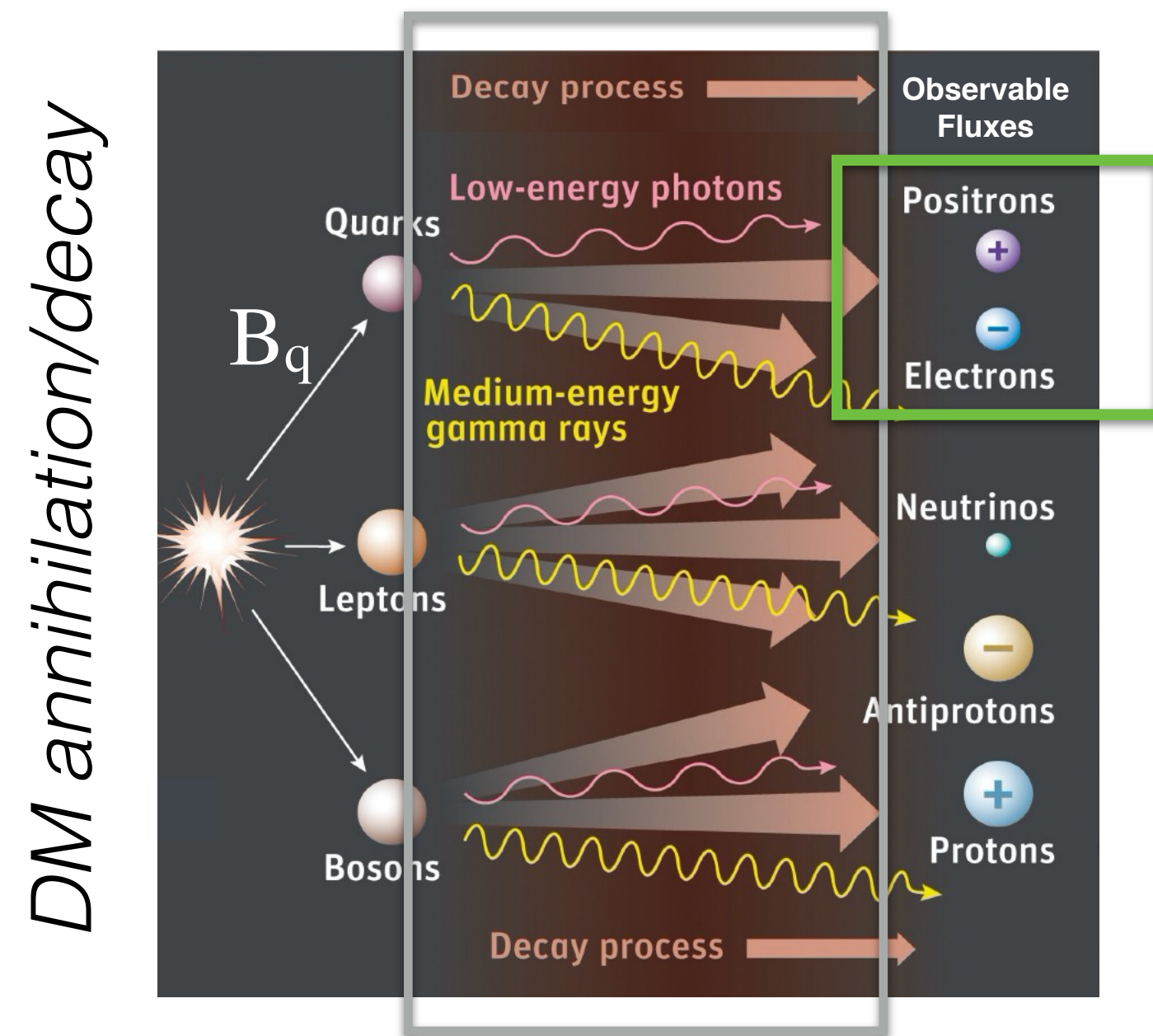
[*Dark matter = Weakly interacting massive particles, **WIMPs**]

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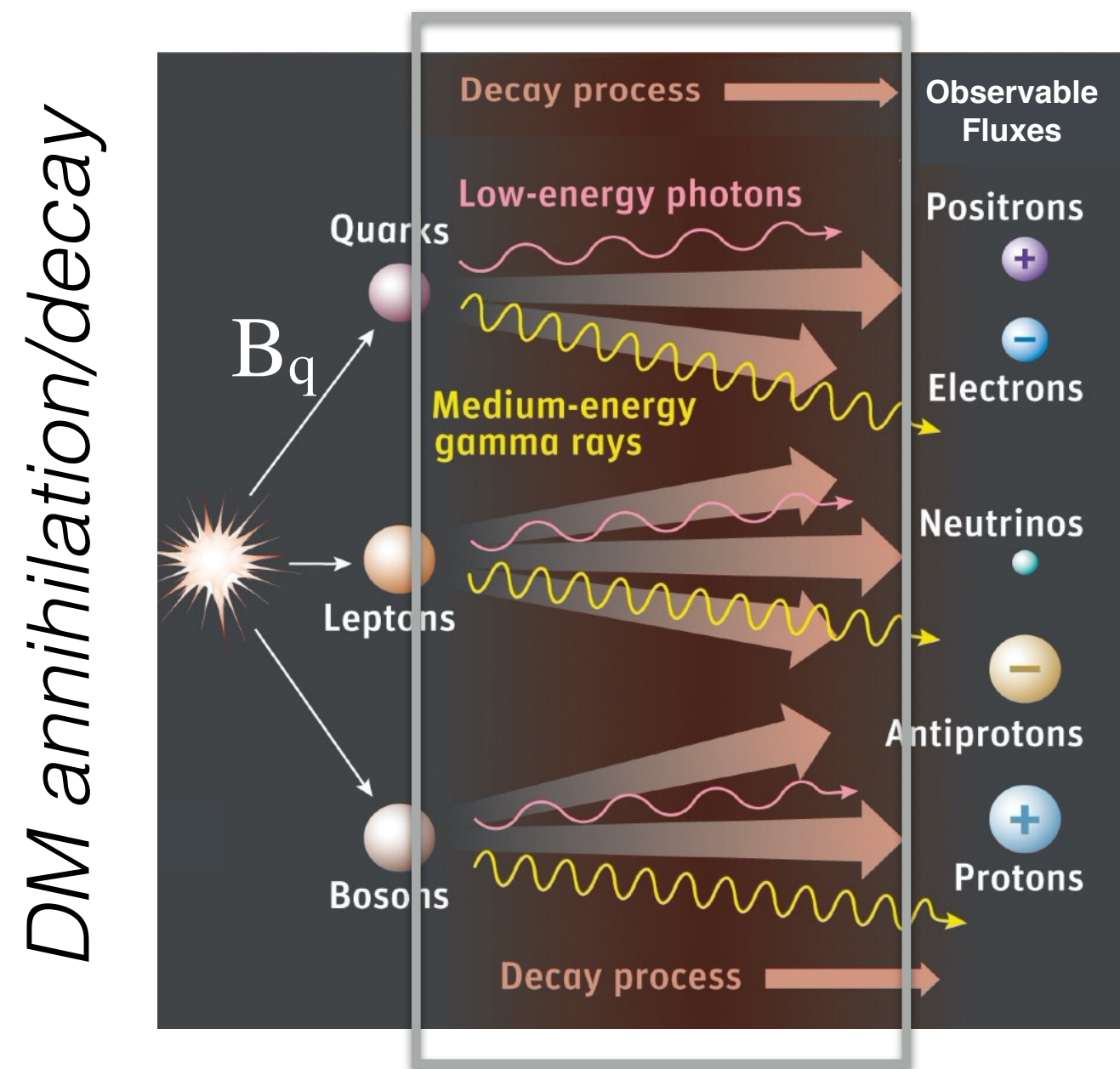
Prompt emission of observable particles i

$$\sum_f B_f \frac{dN_i^f}{dE}(E)$$

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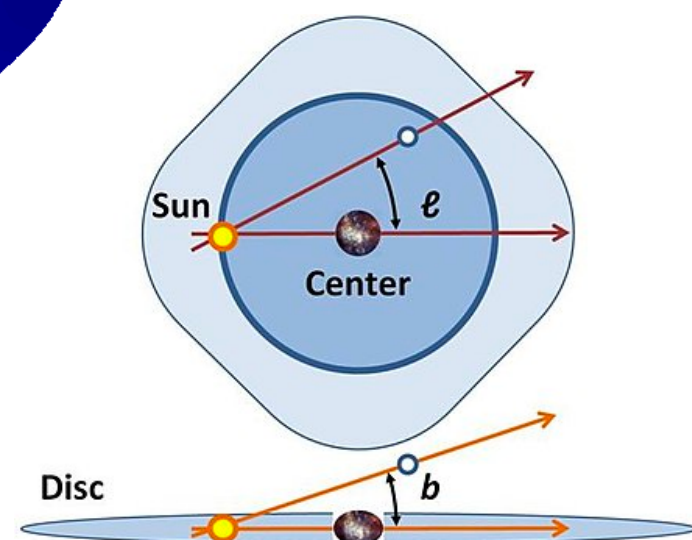
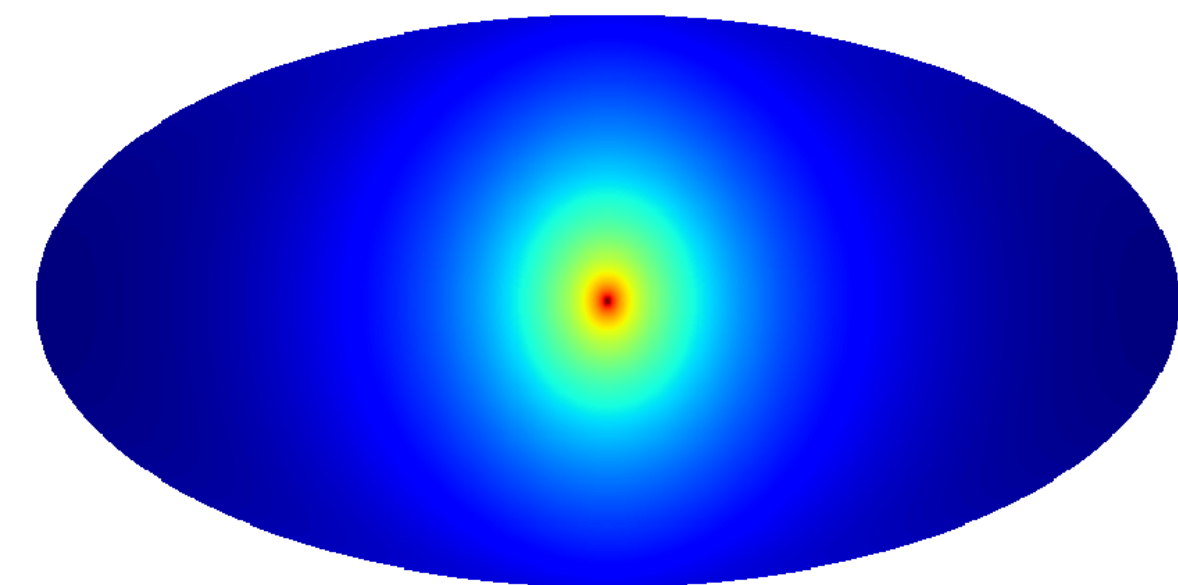
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Example: Self-conjugated dark matter annihilation

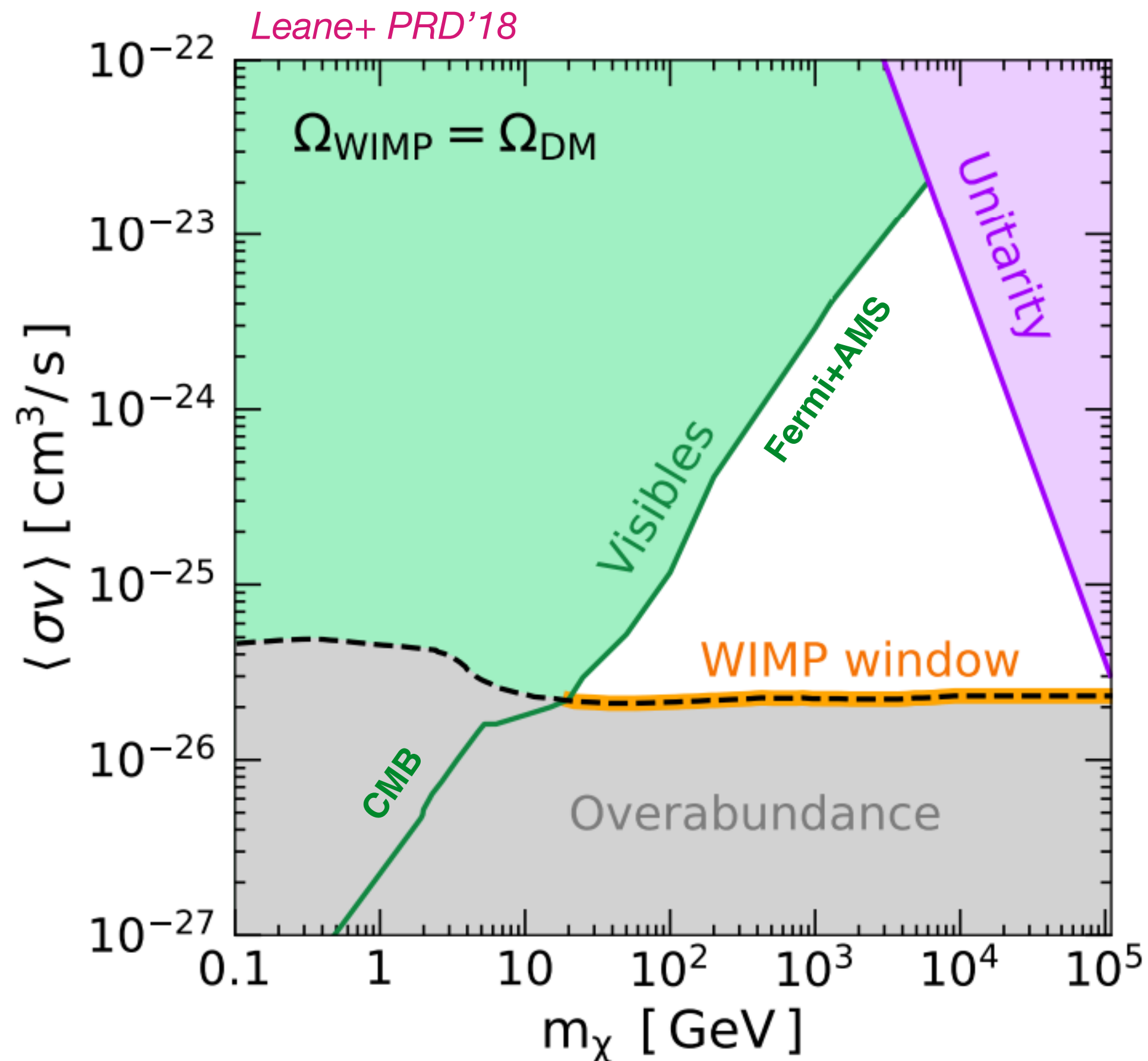
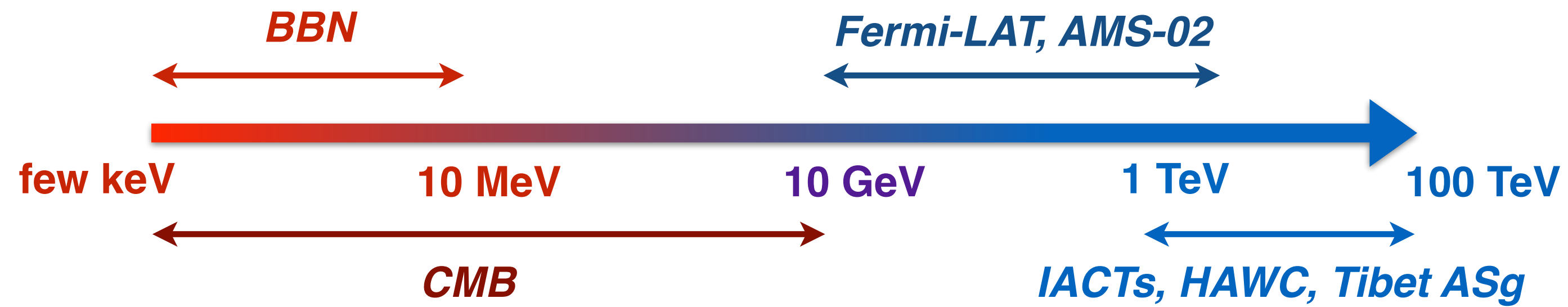
$$\frac{d\Phi_\gamma}{dE_\gamma}(E_\gamma, s, \Delta\Omega) = \frac{\langle\sigma v\rangle}{2m_{\text{DM}}^2} \sum_i B_i \frac{dN_\gamma^i}{dE_\gamma} \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_0^{\Delta\Omega} d\Omega \int_{\text{l.o.s}} \rho_{\text{DM}}^2(s) ds$$

Differential gamma-ray flux



[Gamma-ray lines typically suppressed at loop level for generic WIMP models]

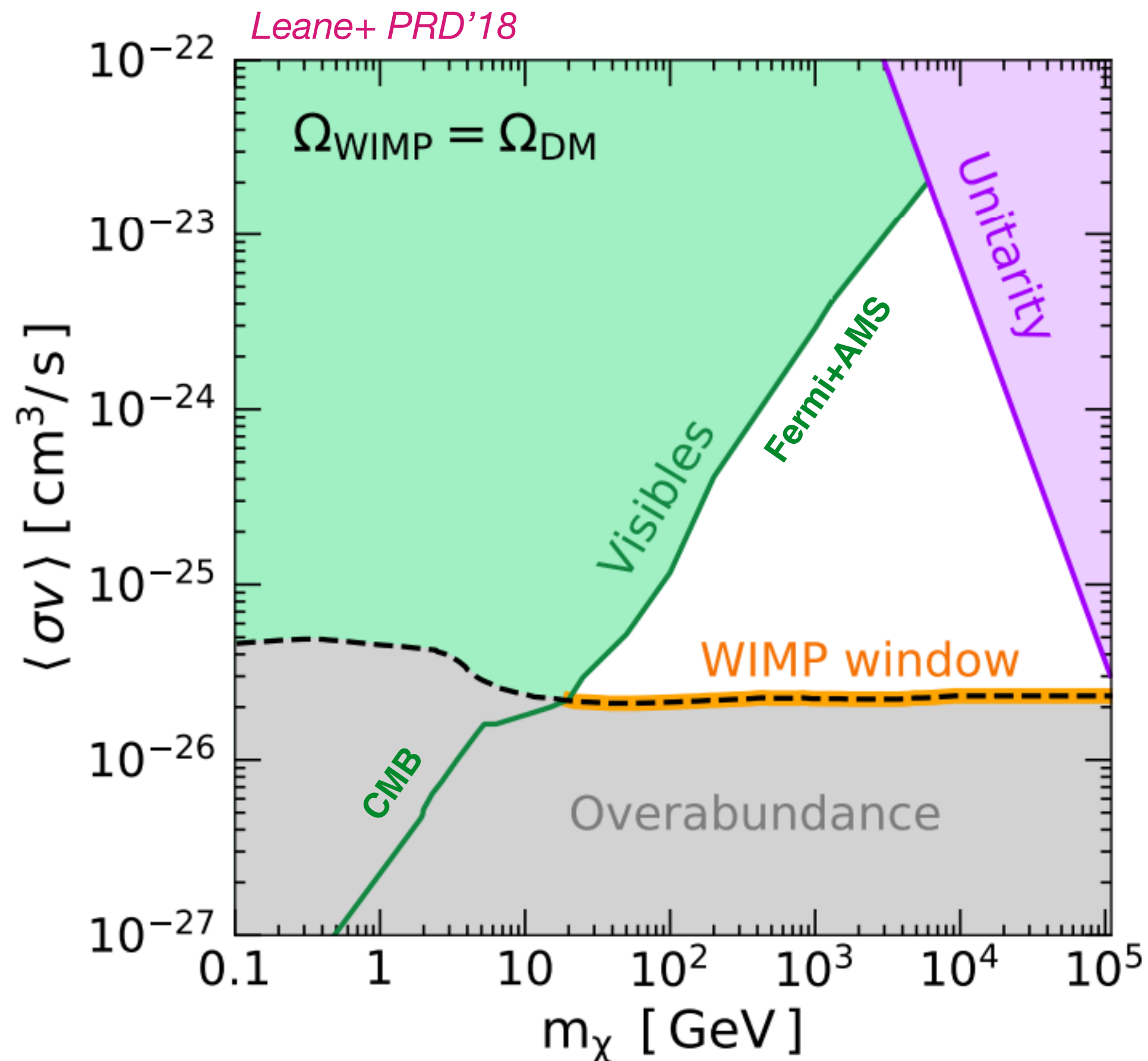
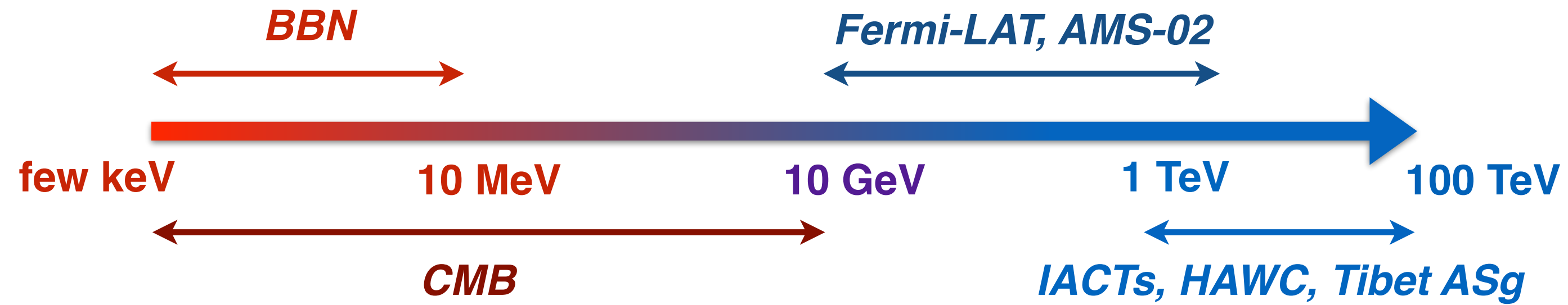
WIMP annihilation window



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[Low DM masses constrained by energy injection at early times and CMB observations *Slatyer & Wu, PRD'17*]

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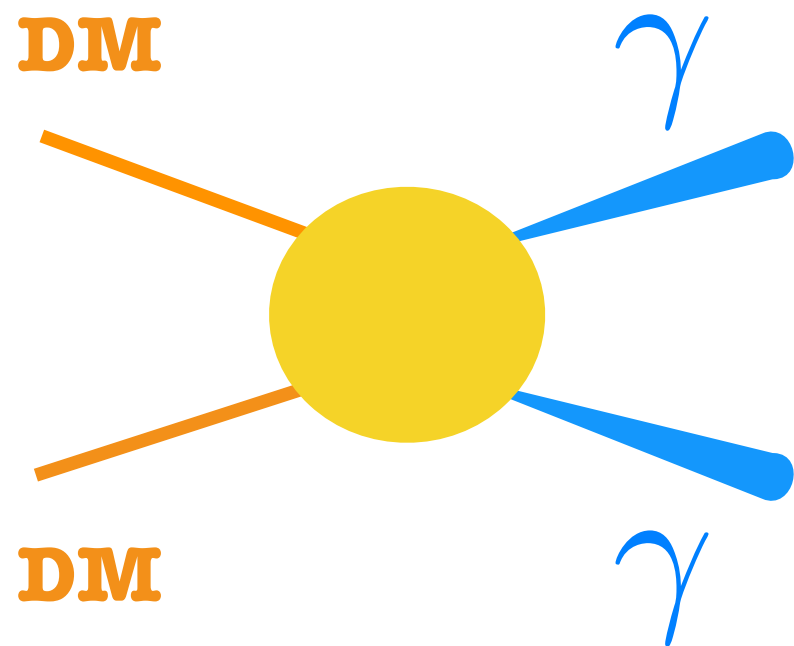


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TAKE AWAY: Window of opportunity still open for thermal WIMP DM

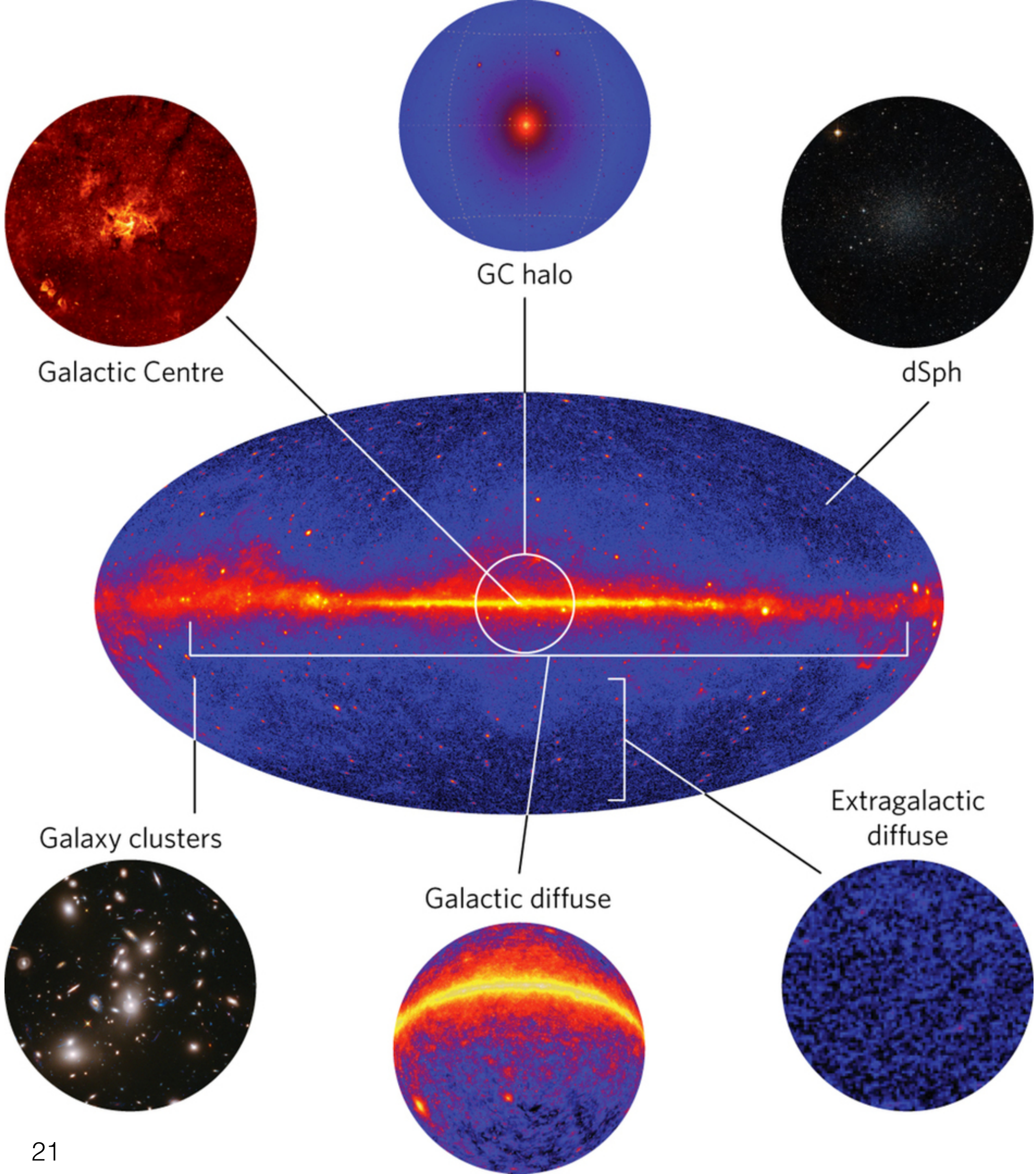
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Targets for WIMP gamma-ray searches



$$J \propto \int dl \rho [r(l, \psi)]^2$$

- + dedicated searches for gamma-ray lines
- + similar targets for radio searches (synchrotron)



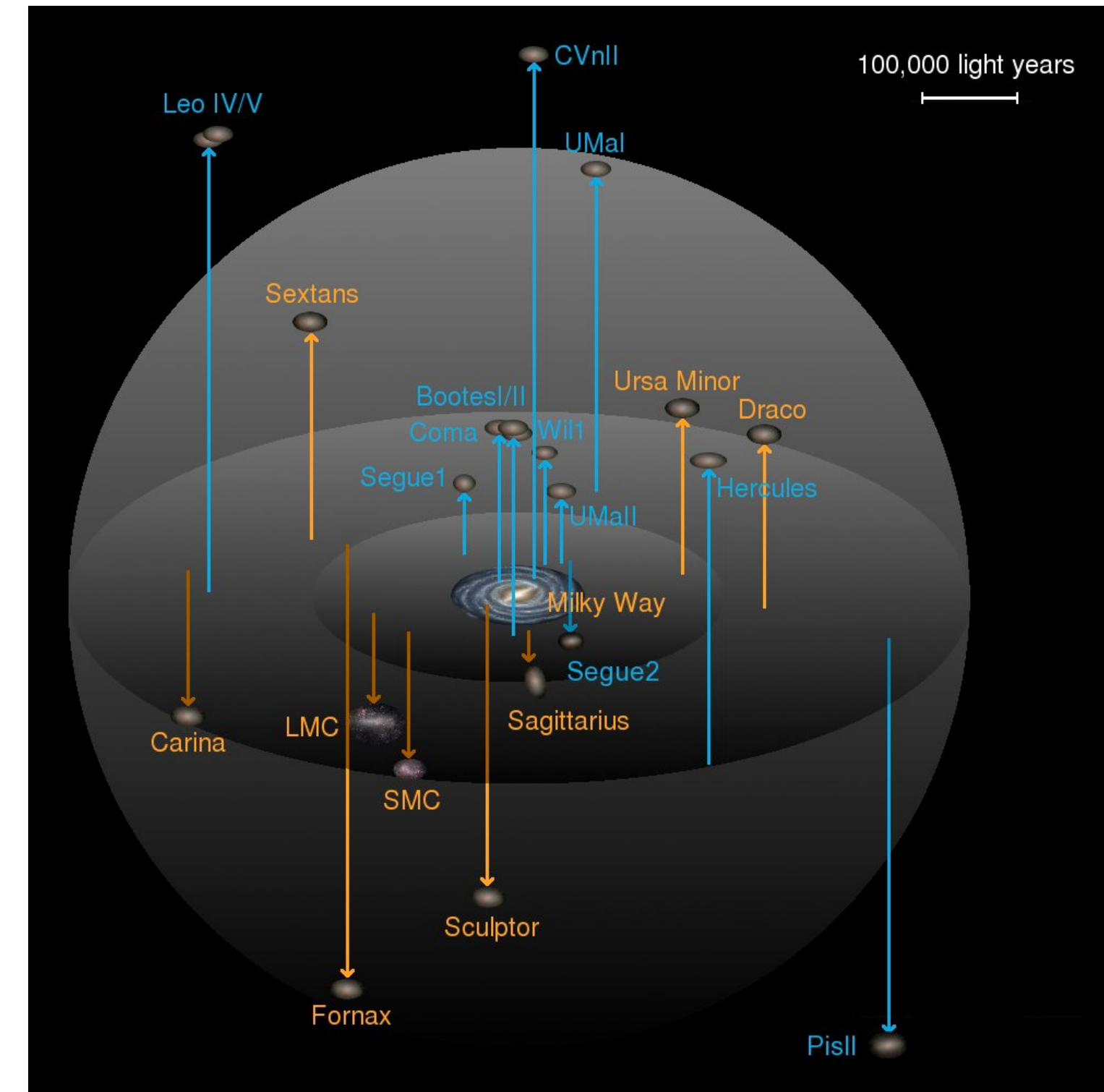
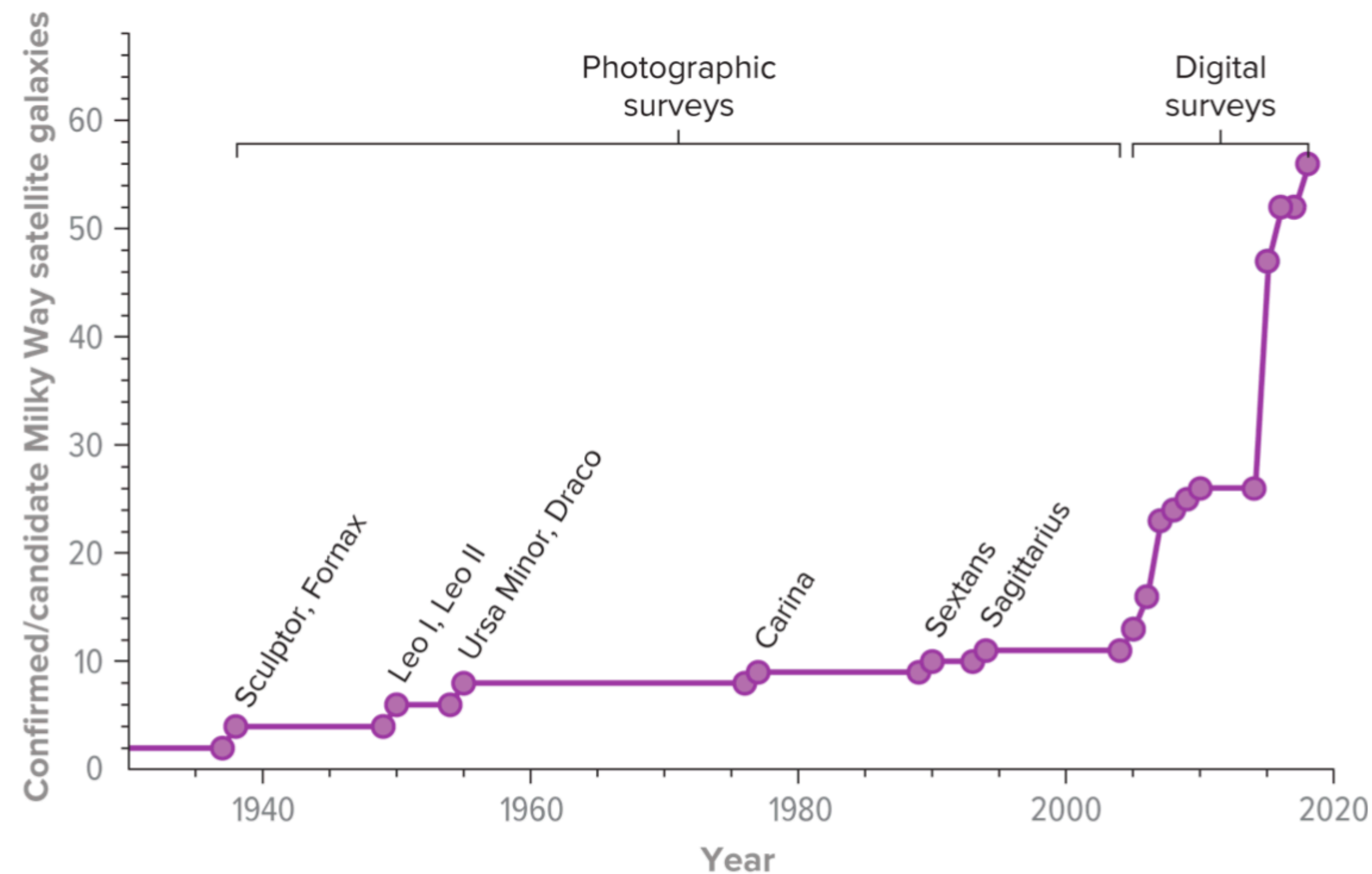
Conrad & Reimer Nature Phys. 13 (2017)

Dwarf spheroidal galaxies

Known satellites of the Milky Way at ~100 kpc from Earth

“Clean” target for DM searches, high mass-to-light ratio and little astrophysical emission

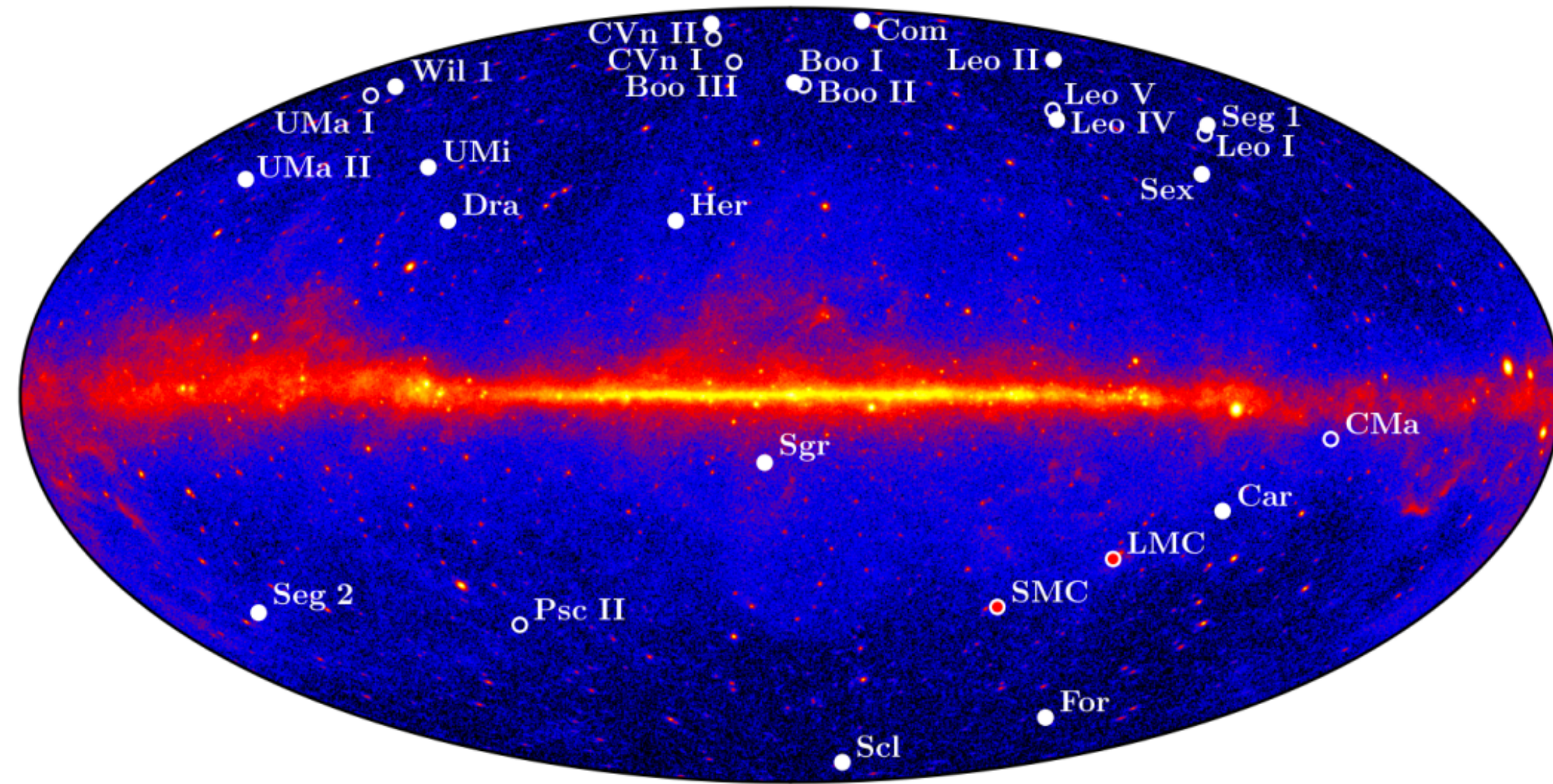
Winter+ ApJ'16



A growing Galactic crowd
> 50 satellites
(SDSS, PanSTARRS, DES)

Credit: J.D. Simon / AR Astronomy and Astrophysics

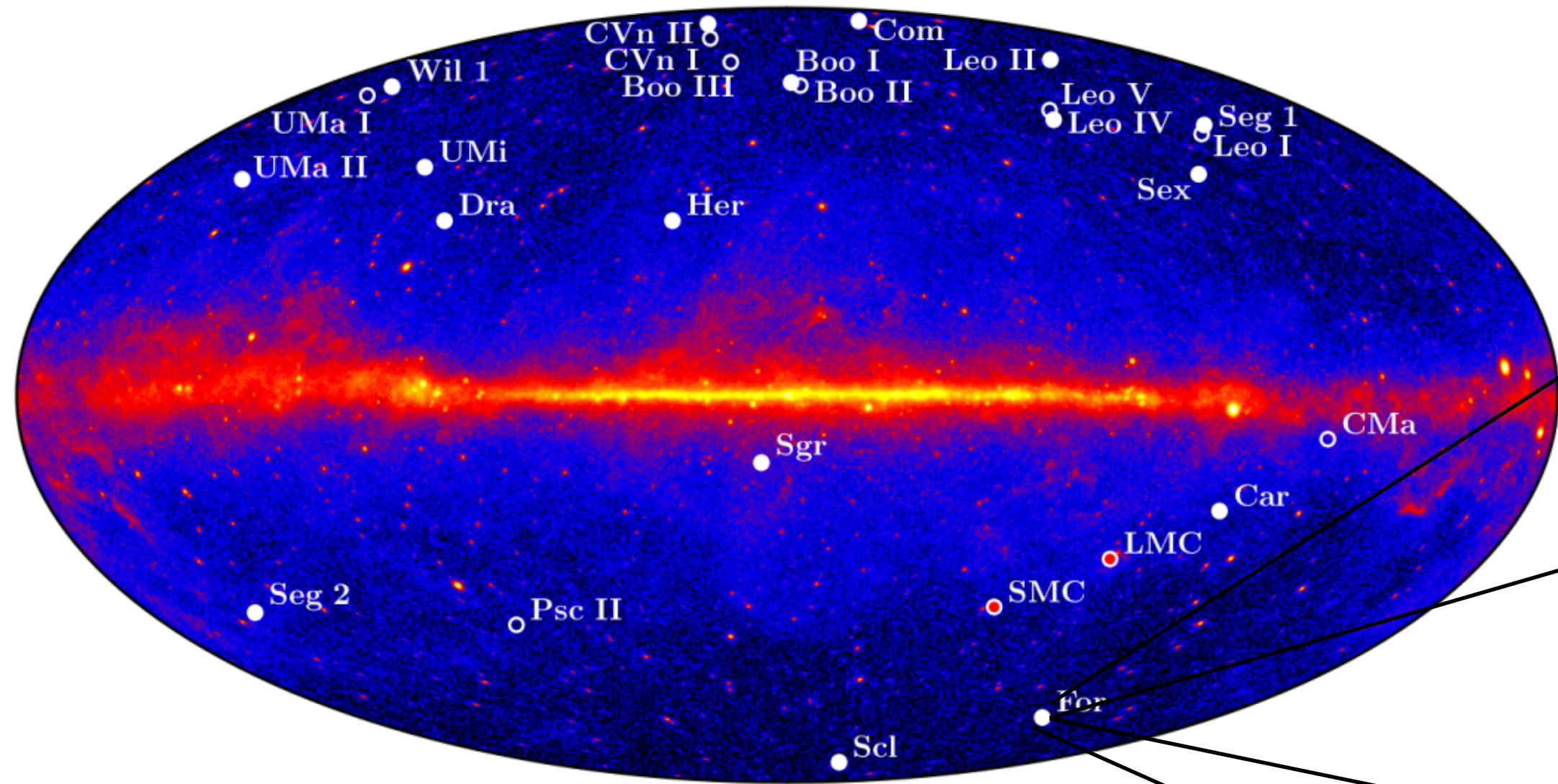
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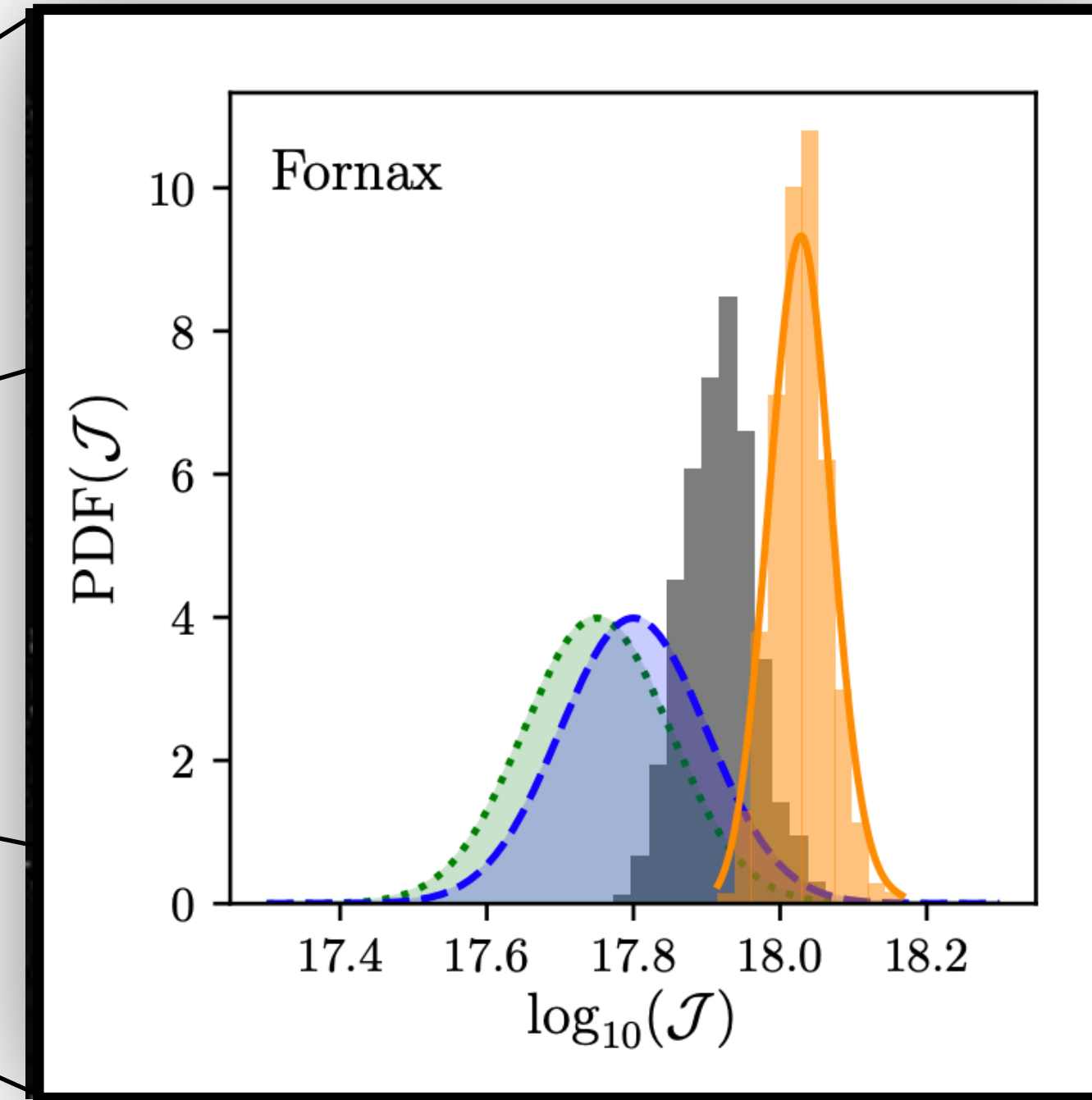
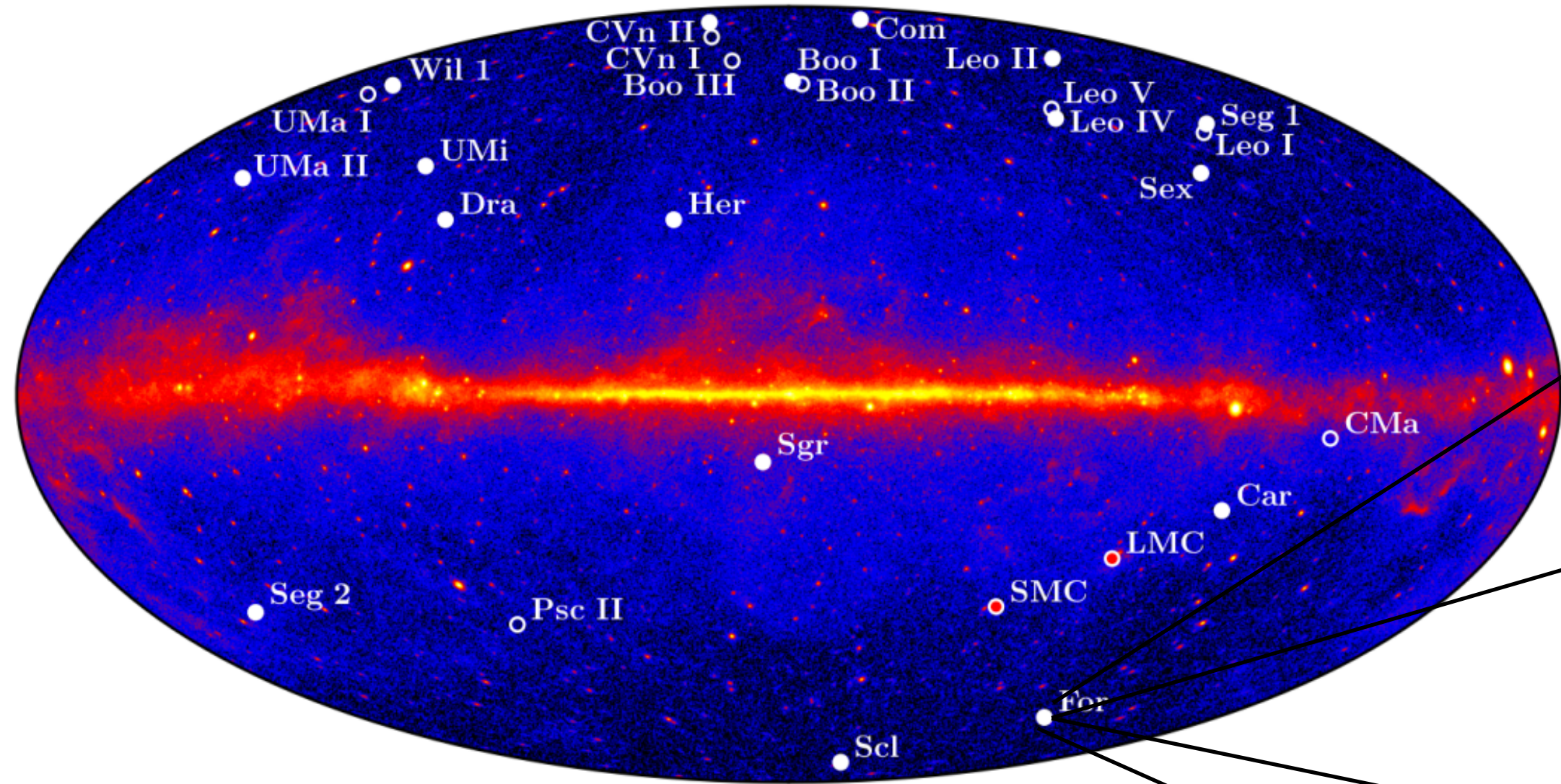


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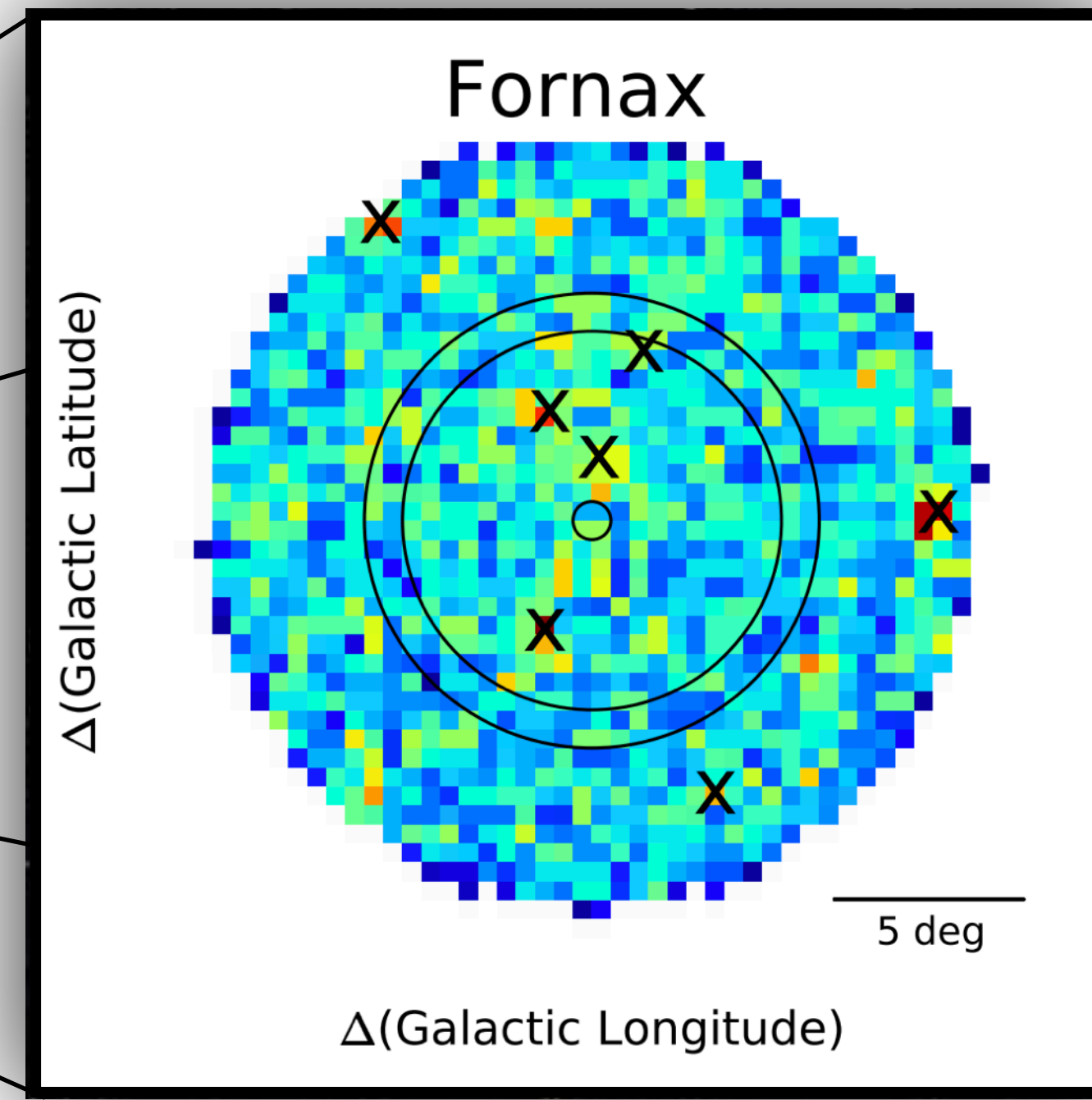
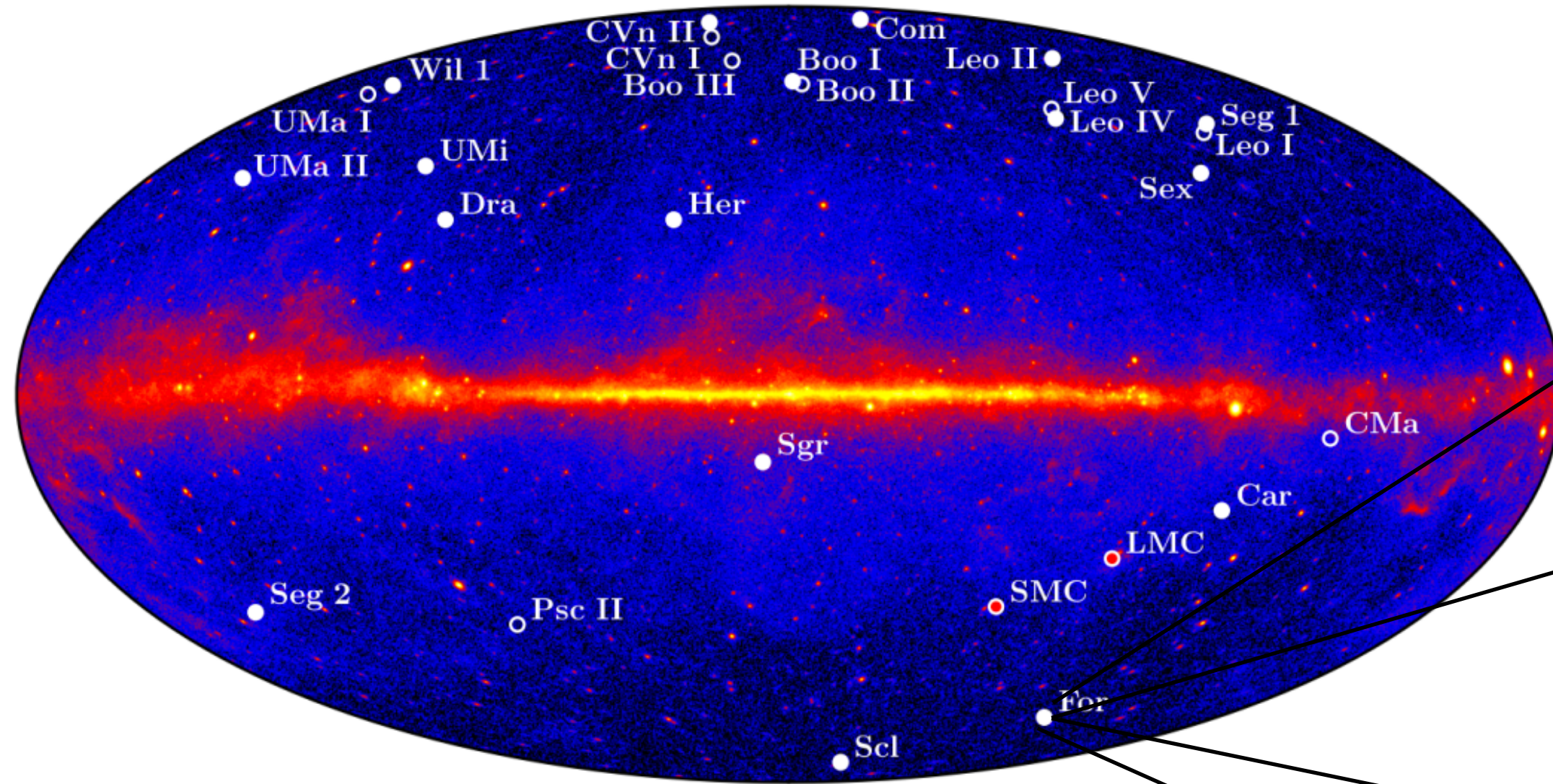


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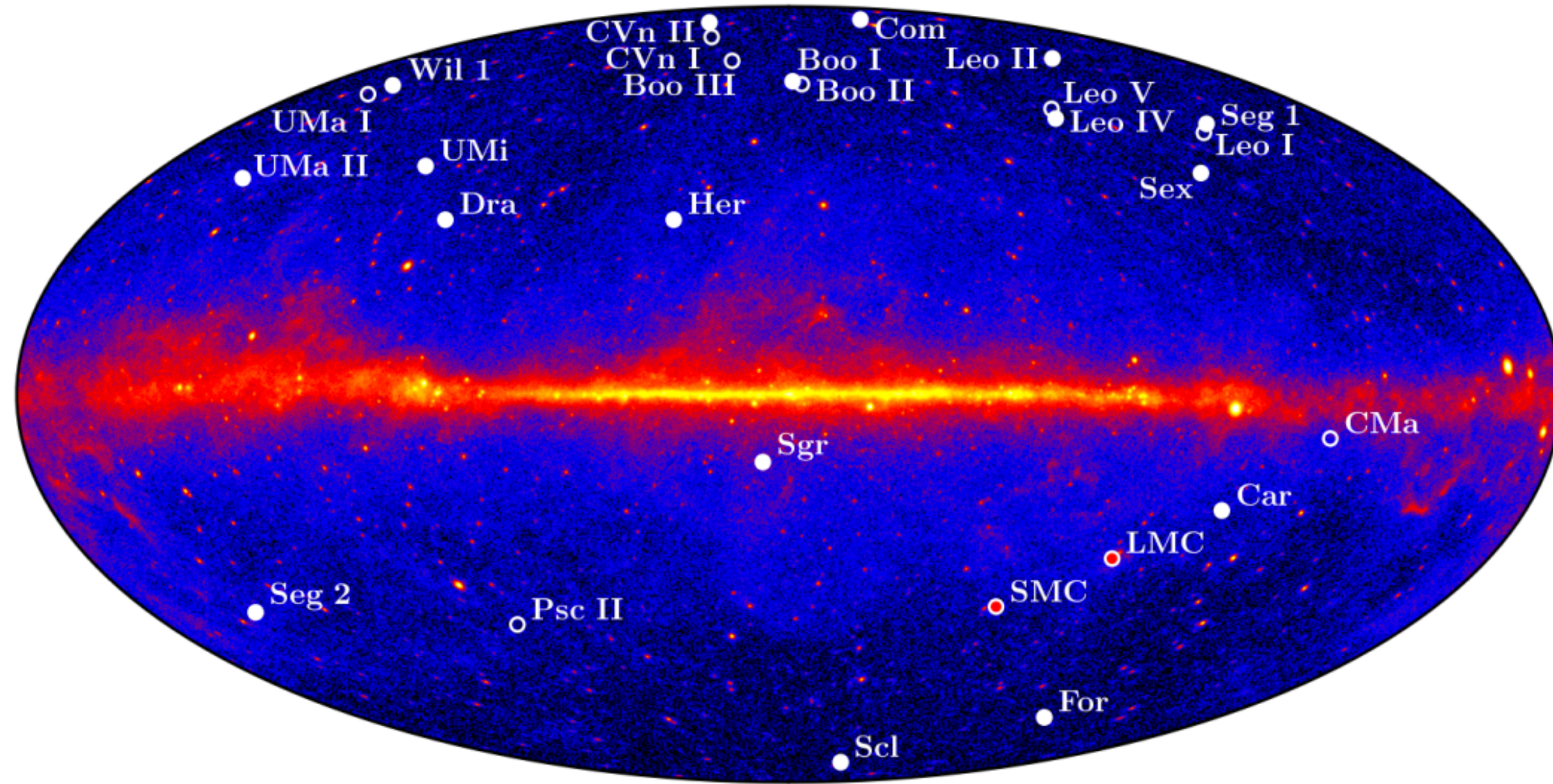


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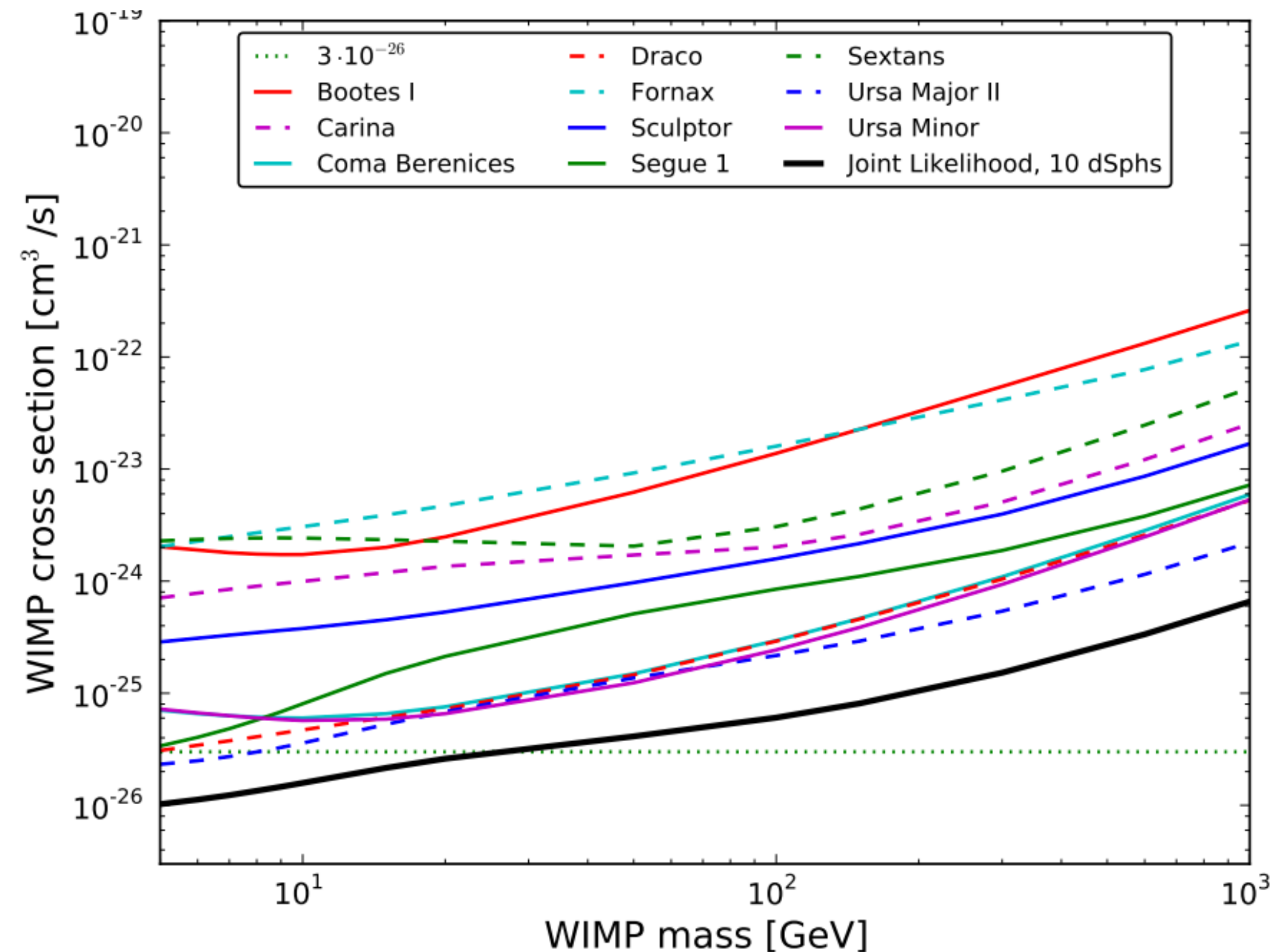


$$L(D|\mathbf{p}_W, \{\mathbf{p}\}_i) = \prod_i L_i^{\text{LAT}}(D|\mathbf{p}_W, \mathbf{p}_i) \times \frac{1}{\ln(10) J_i \sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_i} e^{-[\log_{10}(J_i) - \overline{\log_{10}(J_i)}]^2 / 2\sigma_i^2}$$

Analysing dSphs as a group results in sensitivity competitive with other targets => **Stacking technique**

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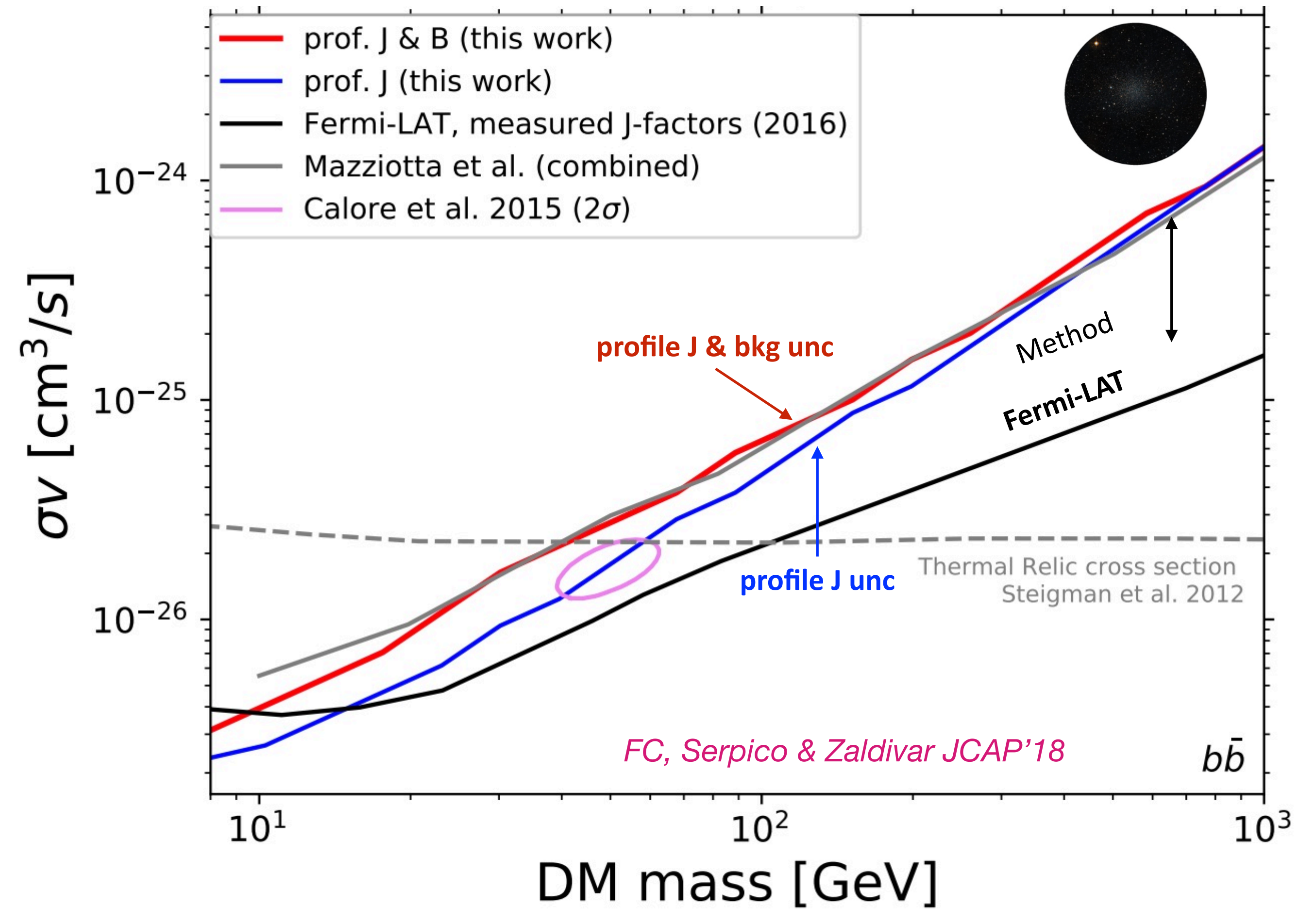
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Current status

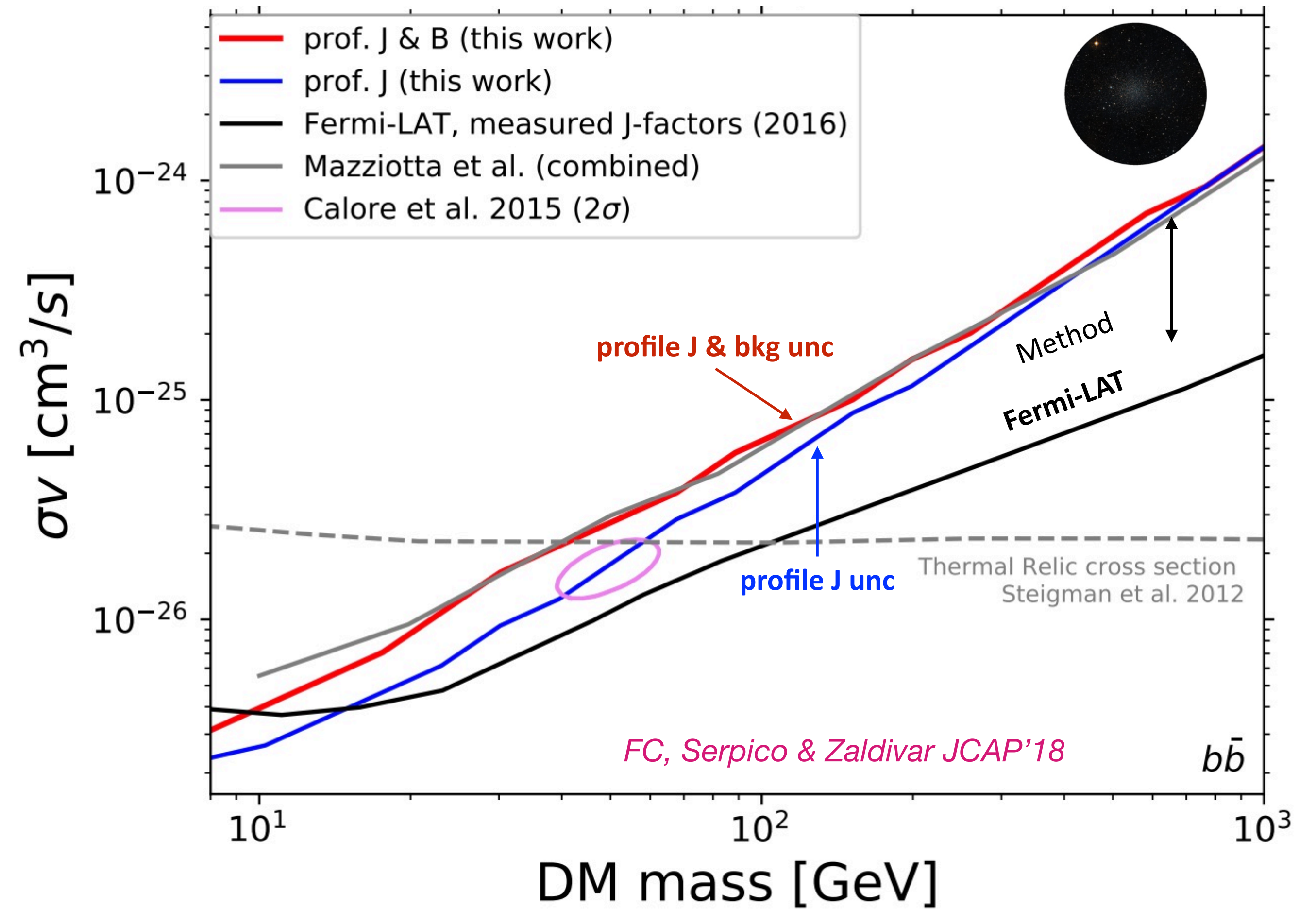
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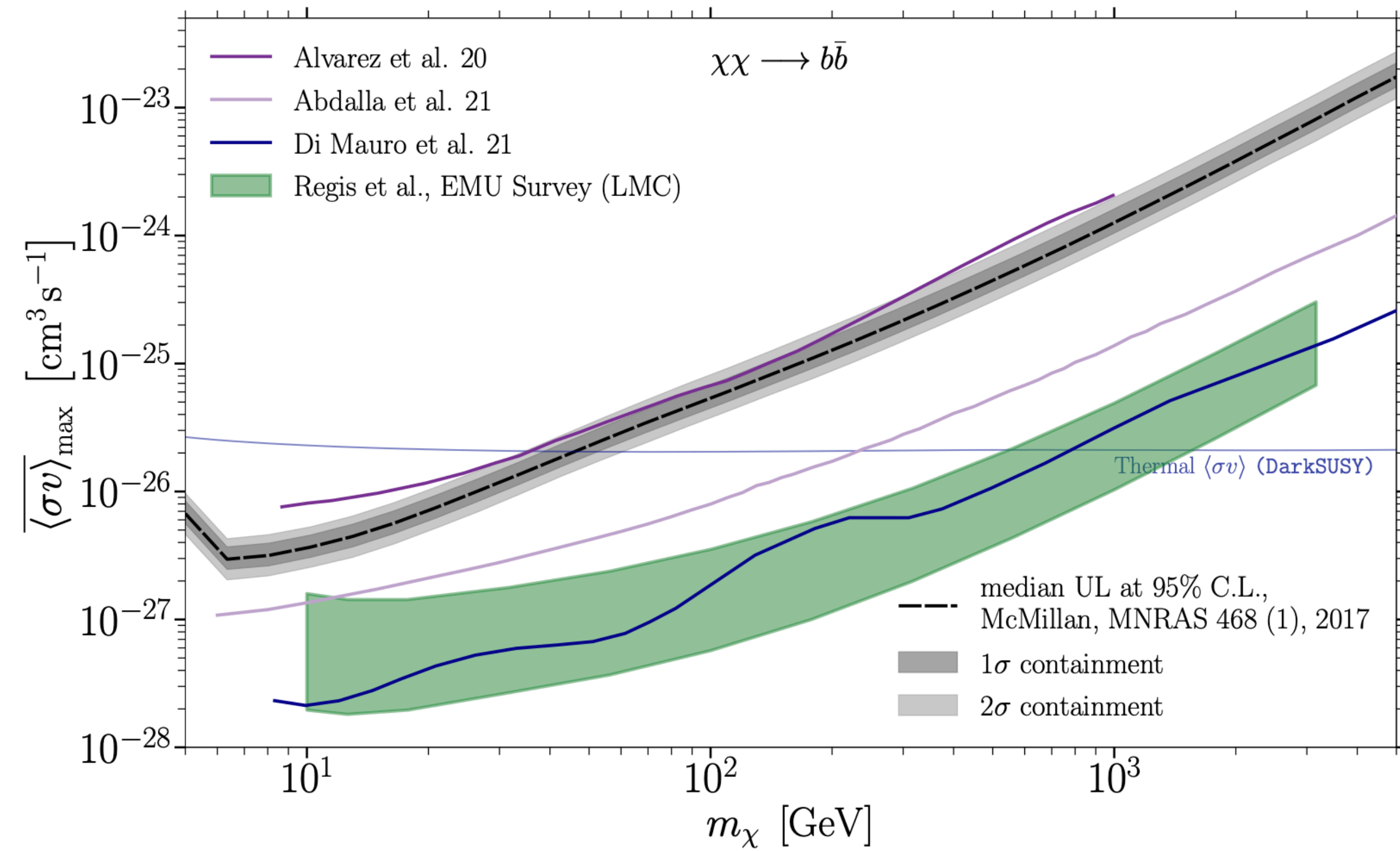
TAKE AWAY: Typically strong probes but keep in mind systematics

Limits on annihilating WIMPs

Summary of multi-targets and MW constraints

~ a few GeV — few TeV

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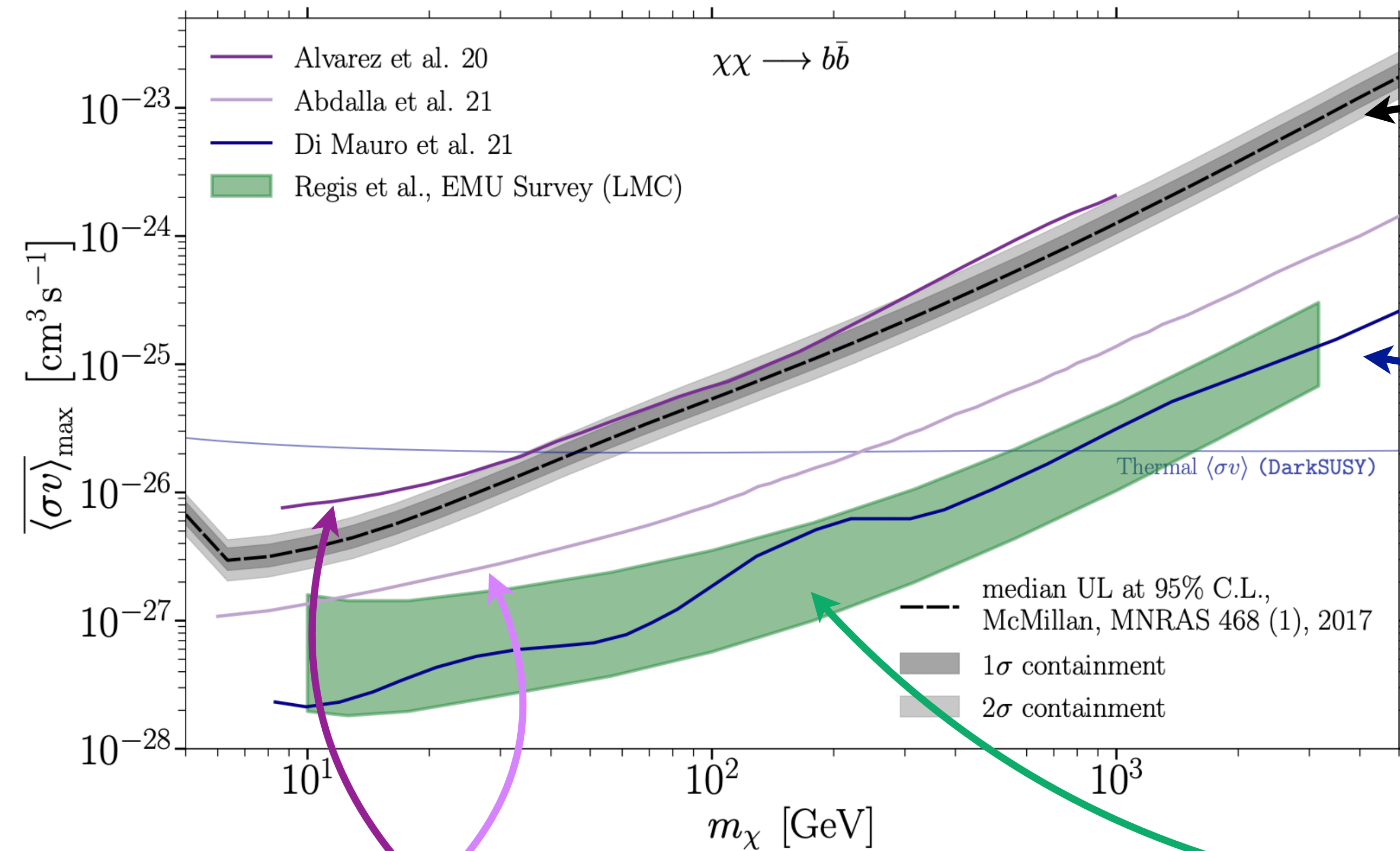


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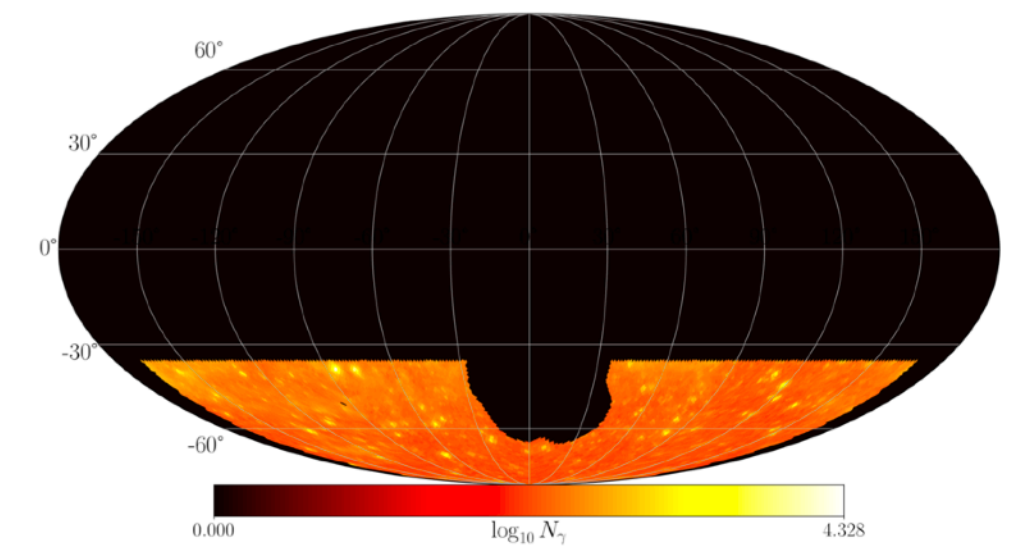


High-latitude Fermi-LAT sky

Eckner, FC+ In preparation

Anti-protons

Di Mauro+ PRD'21, Calore+ SciPost'22



Fermi-LAT dwarf galaxies

Alvarez, FC+ JCAP'20; Abdalla+ PoS'21

Radio LMC

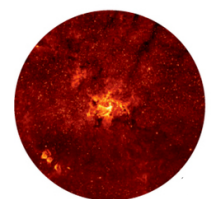
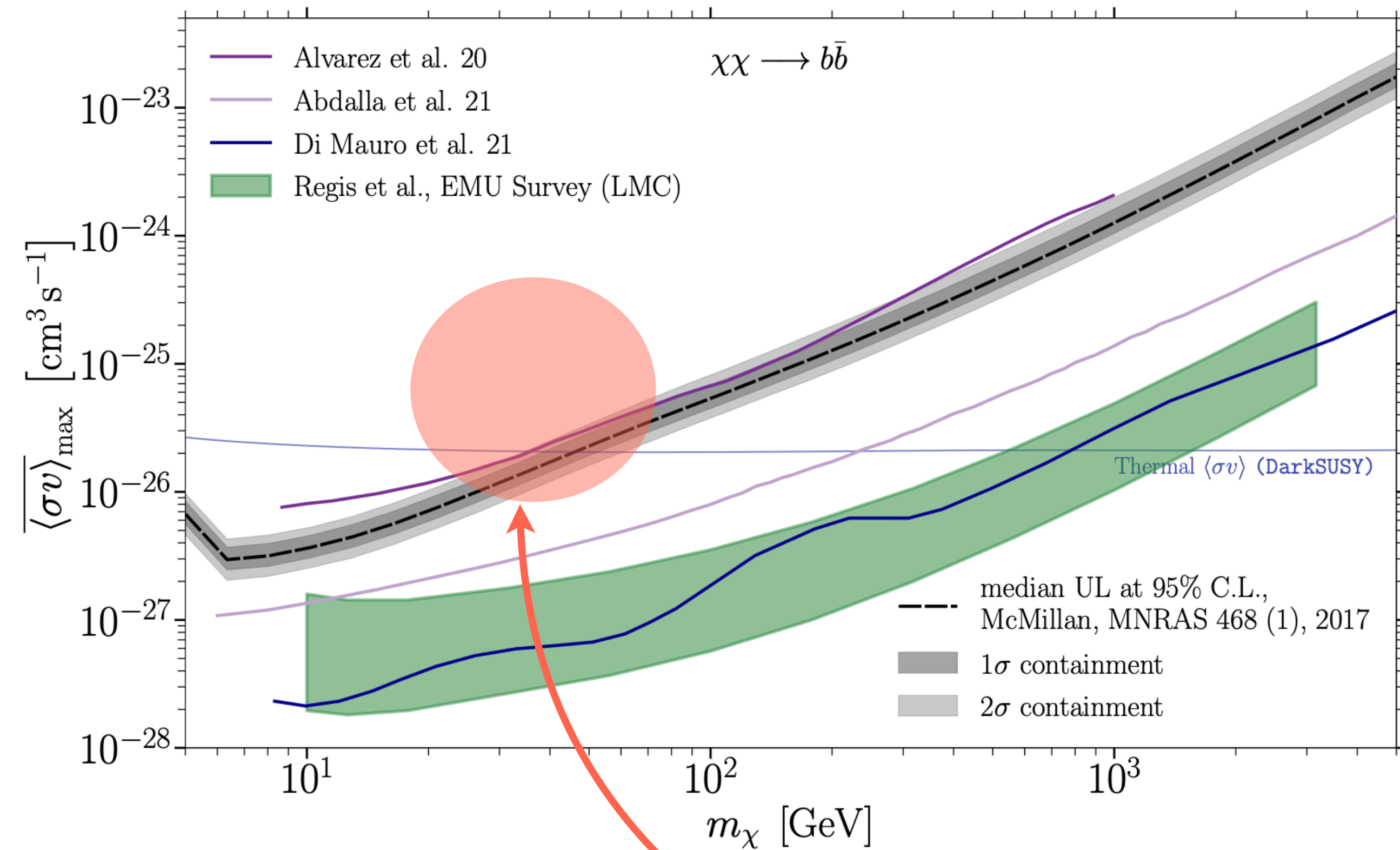
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Fermi GeV excess

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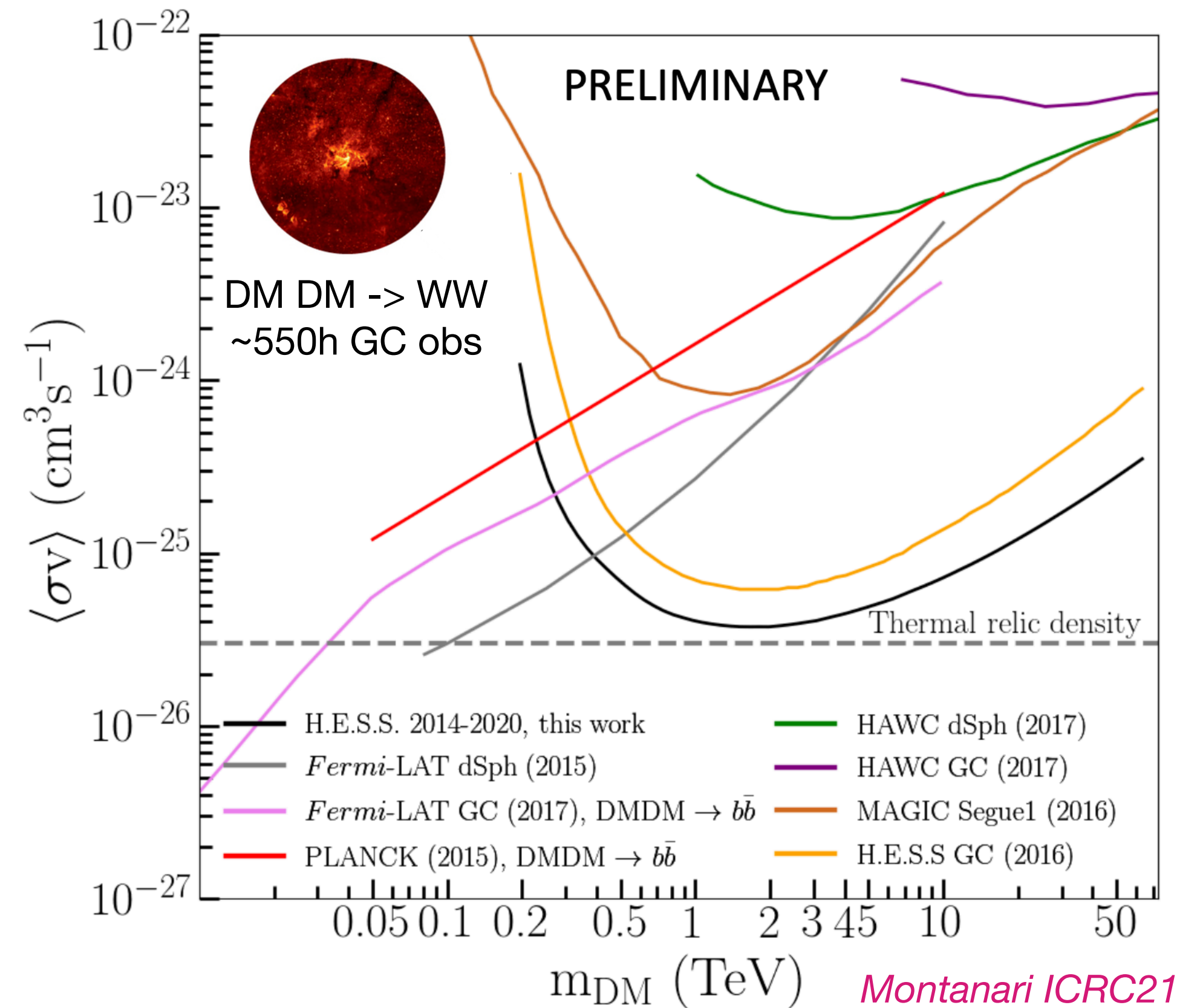
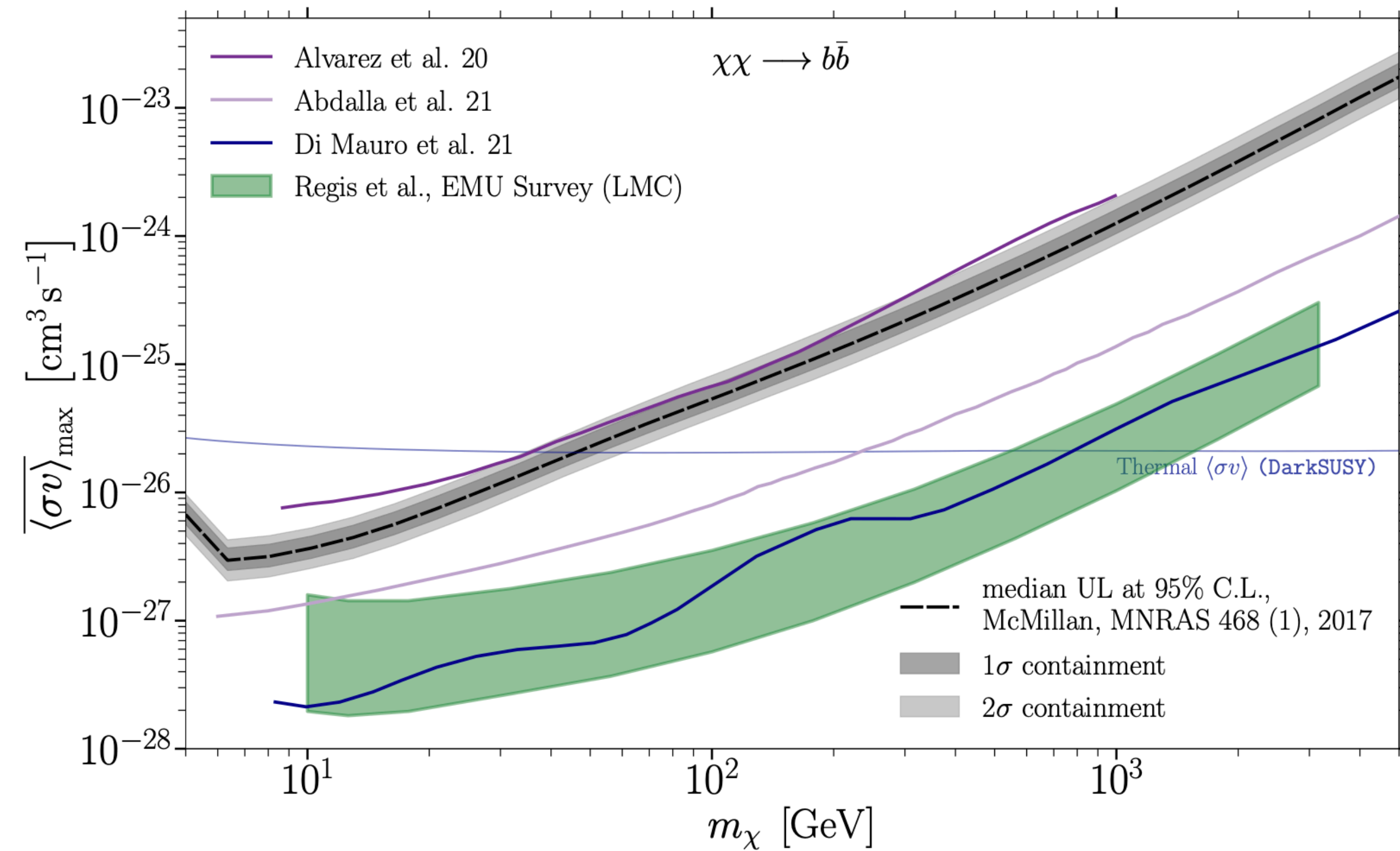
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0.2 TeV — 50 TeV

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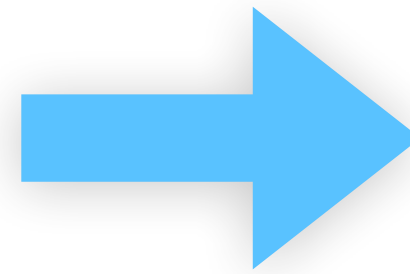
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Prospects and opportunities

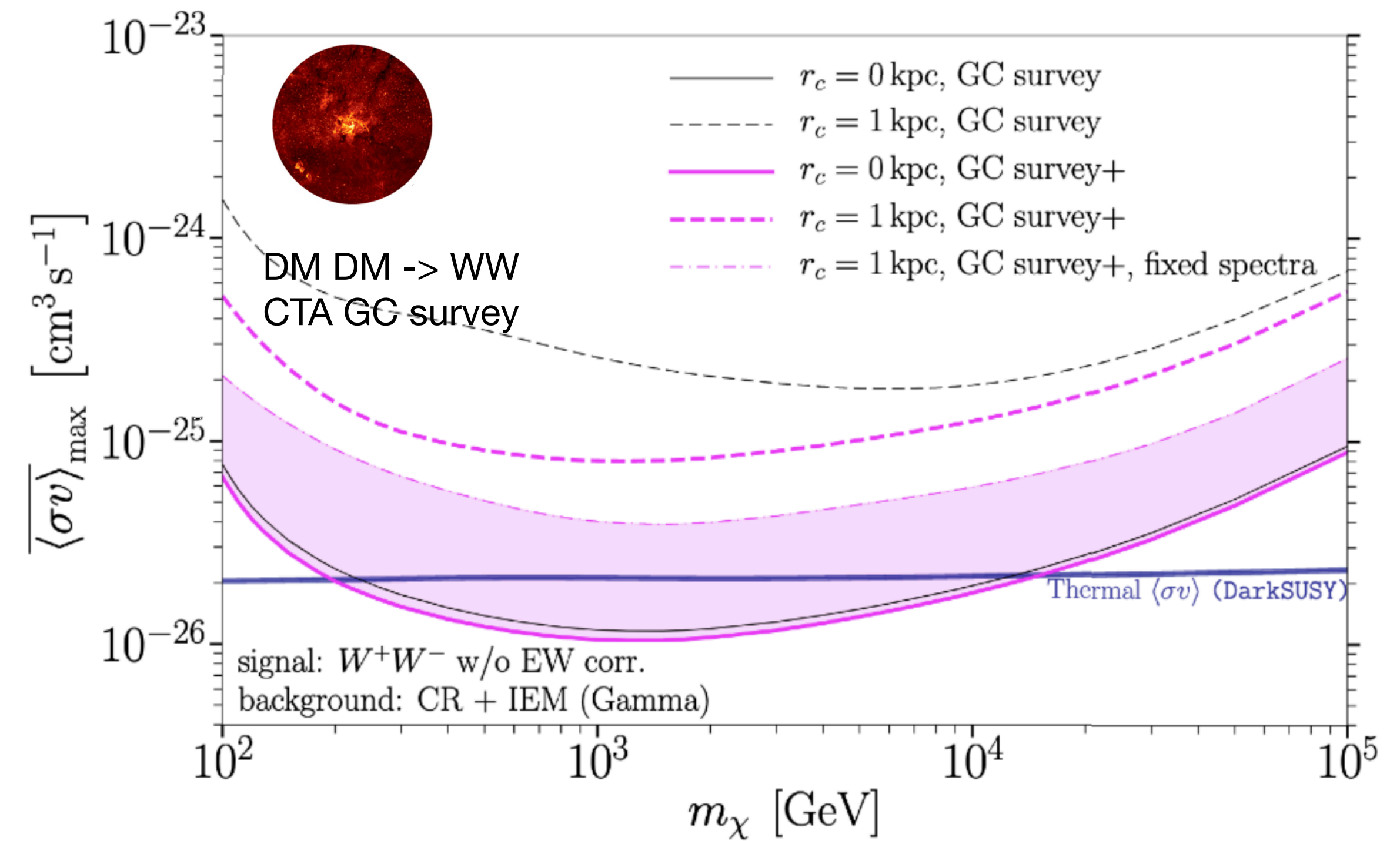
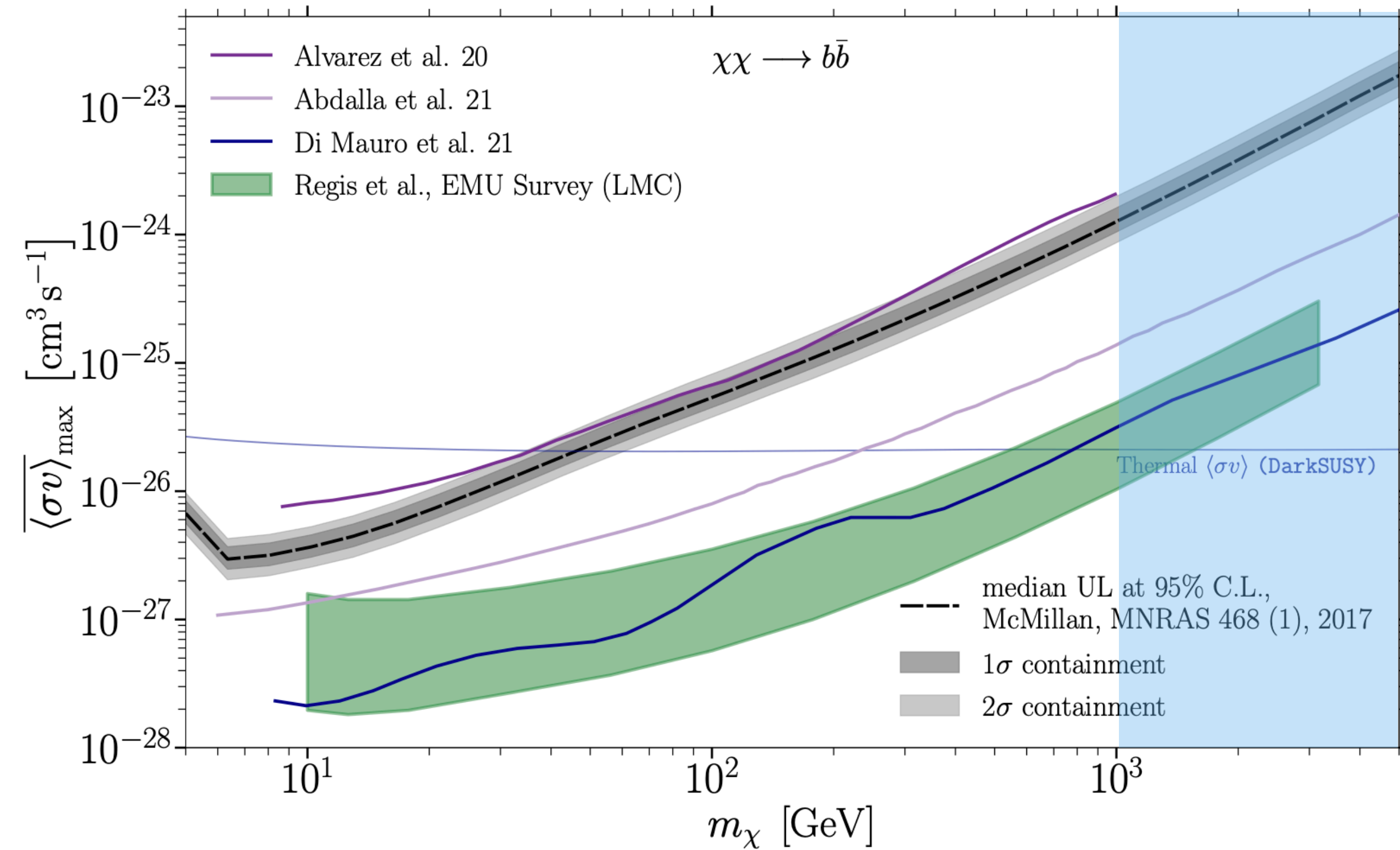
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TeV frontier
HAWC, CTA, SWGO

Eckner, FC+ 2208.03312

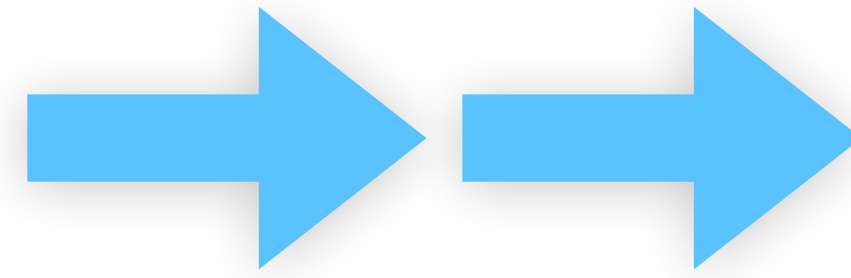


[Good prospects for decaying dark matter, together with HE neutrinos, e.g. *Esmaili & Serpico, PRD'21*; *Chianese+ arXiv:2108.01678*]

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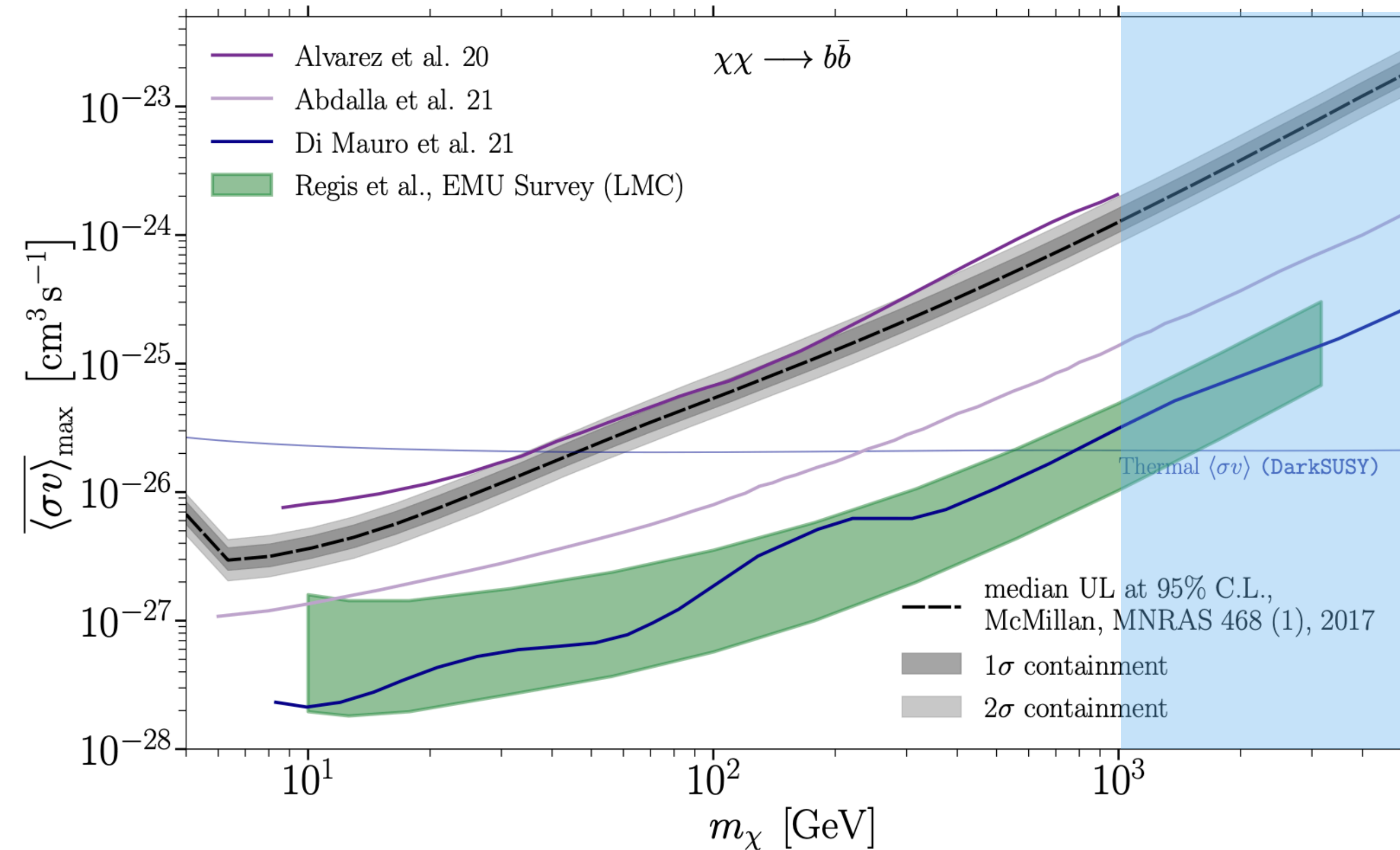
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Sub-PeV frontier
LHAASO, Tibet ASg

Eckner, FC+ 2208.03312



- Cannot be thermally produced (WIMpy) DM, since you hit the unitarity bound
Griest & Kamionkowski, PRD' 90
- Viable production mechanisms for PeV DM exist, e.g. inflation decay in low-scale reheating scenarios
Harigaya+ 1402.2846
- The signal should come through decay and should appear in neutrino fluxes even before gamma rays
Feldstein+ PRD'13; Esmaili & Serpico, JCAP'13; Chianese+ arXiv:2108.01678

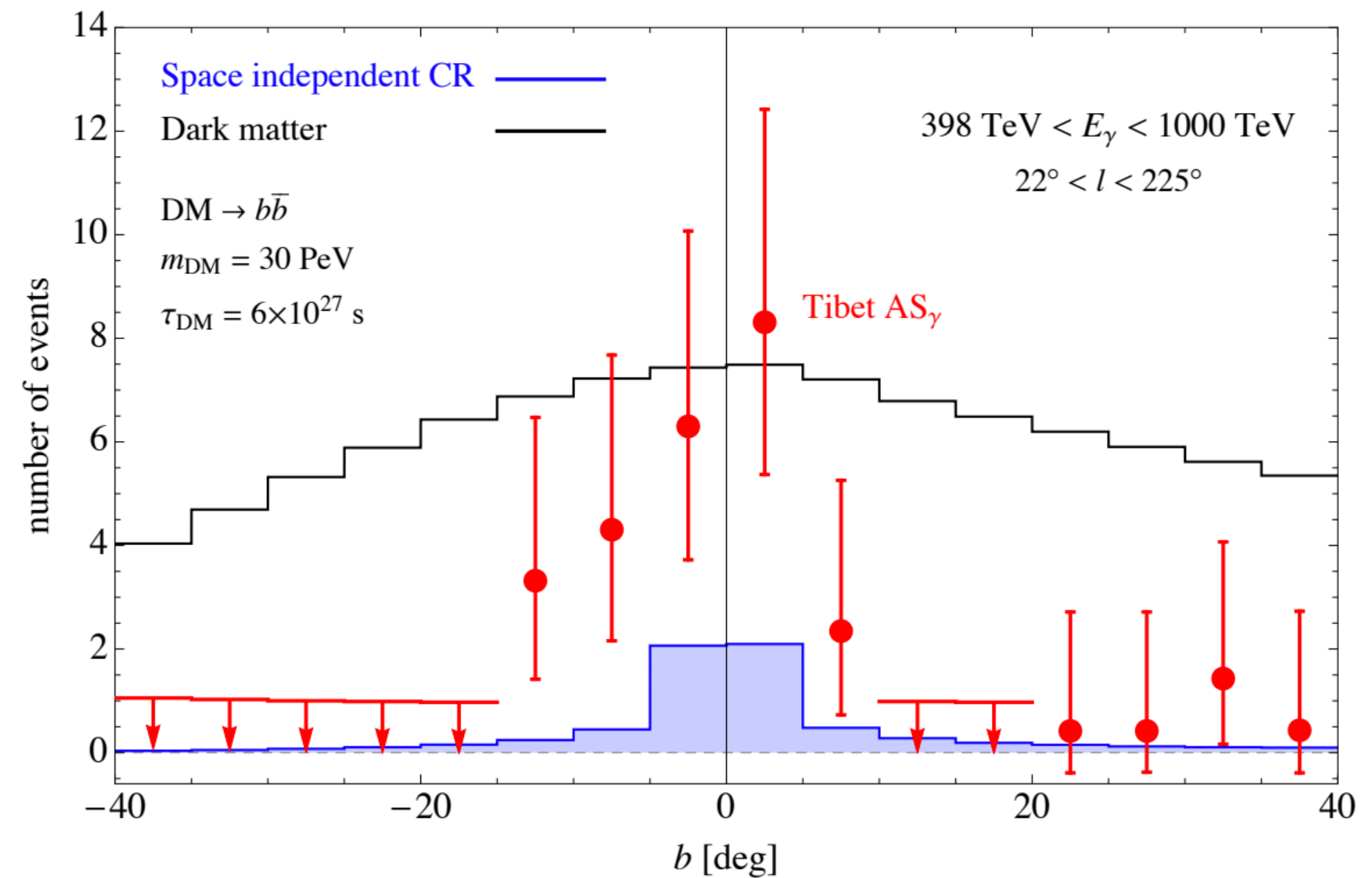
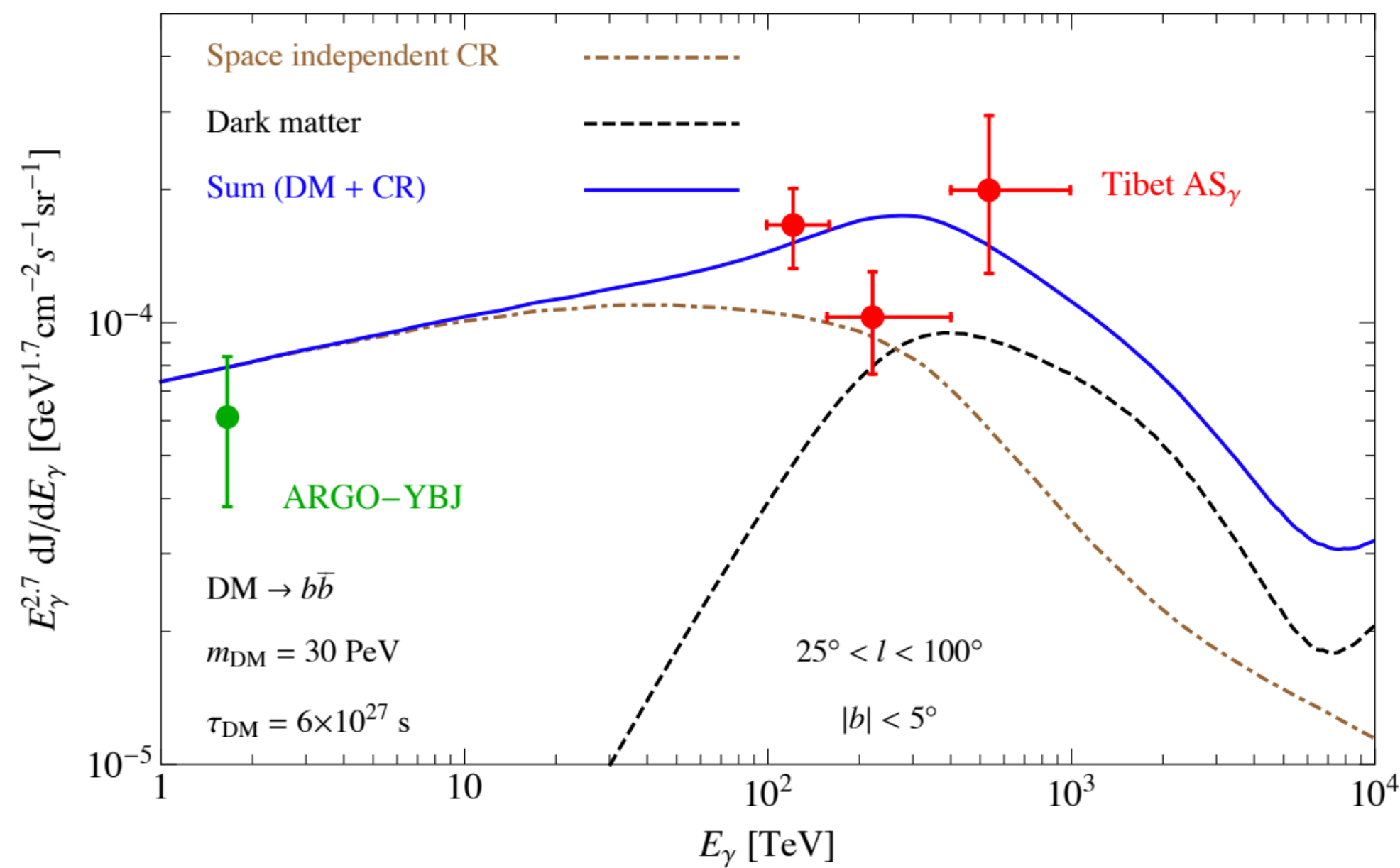
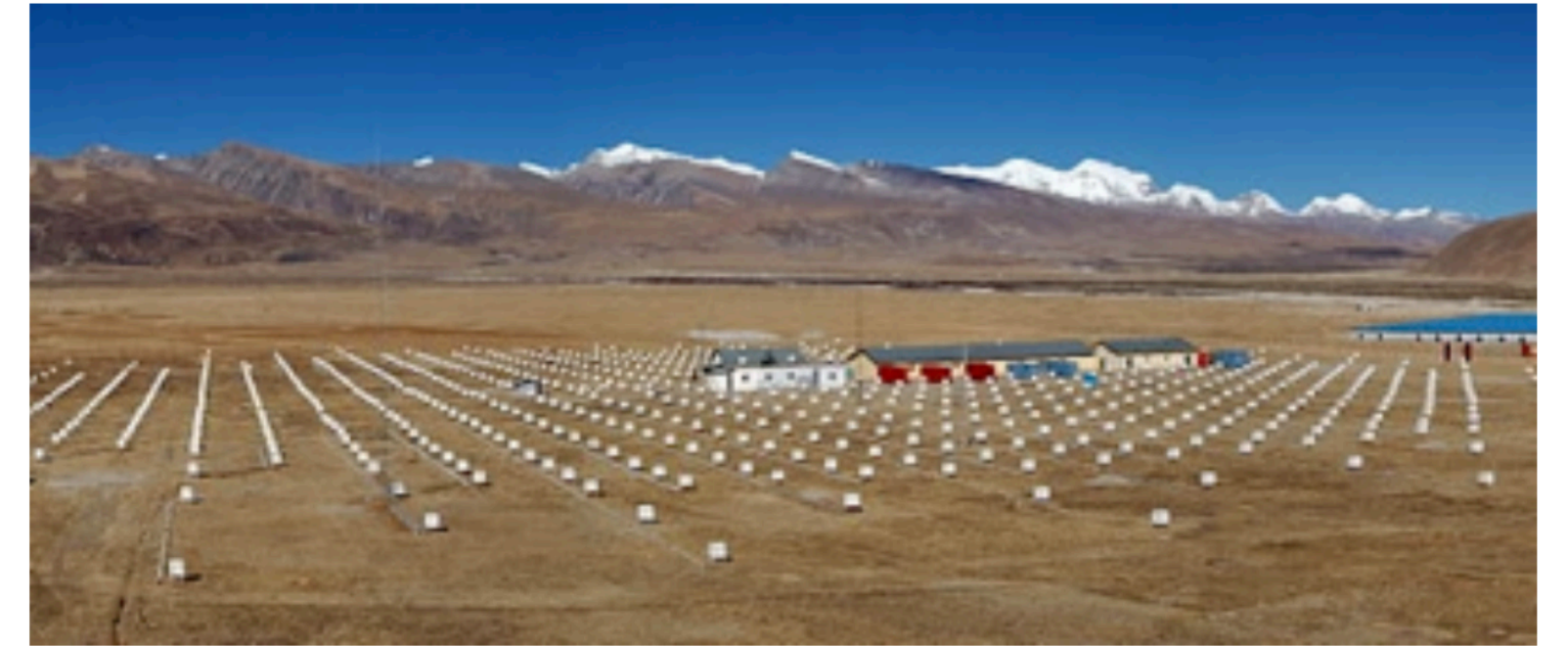
→ These data often provide *best bounds* to heavy DM lifetime

VHE gamma rays: sub-PeV dark matter

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M. Amenomori *et al.* (Tibet AS_γ Collaboration)

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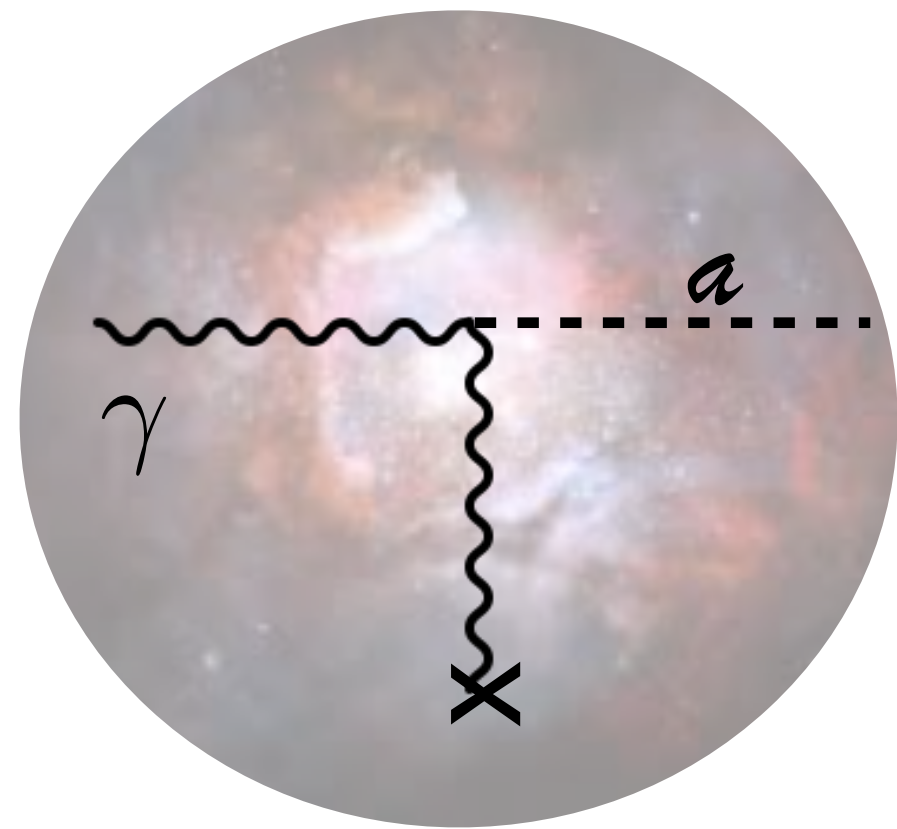


DM spectrum ok, but unacceptable angular distribution of photons

Esmaili & Serpico, PRD Letters'21

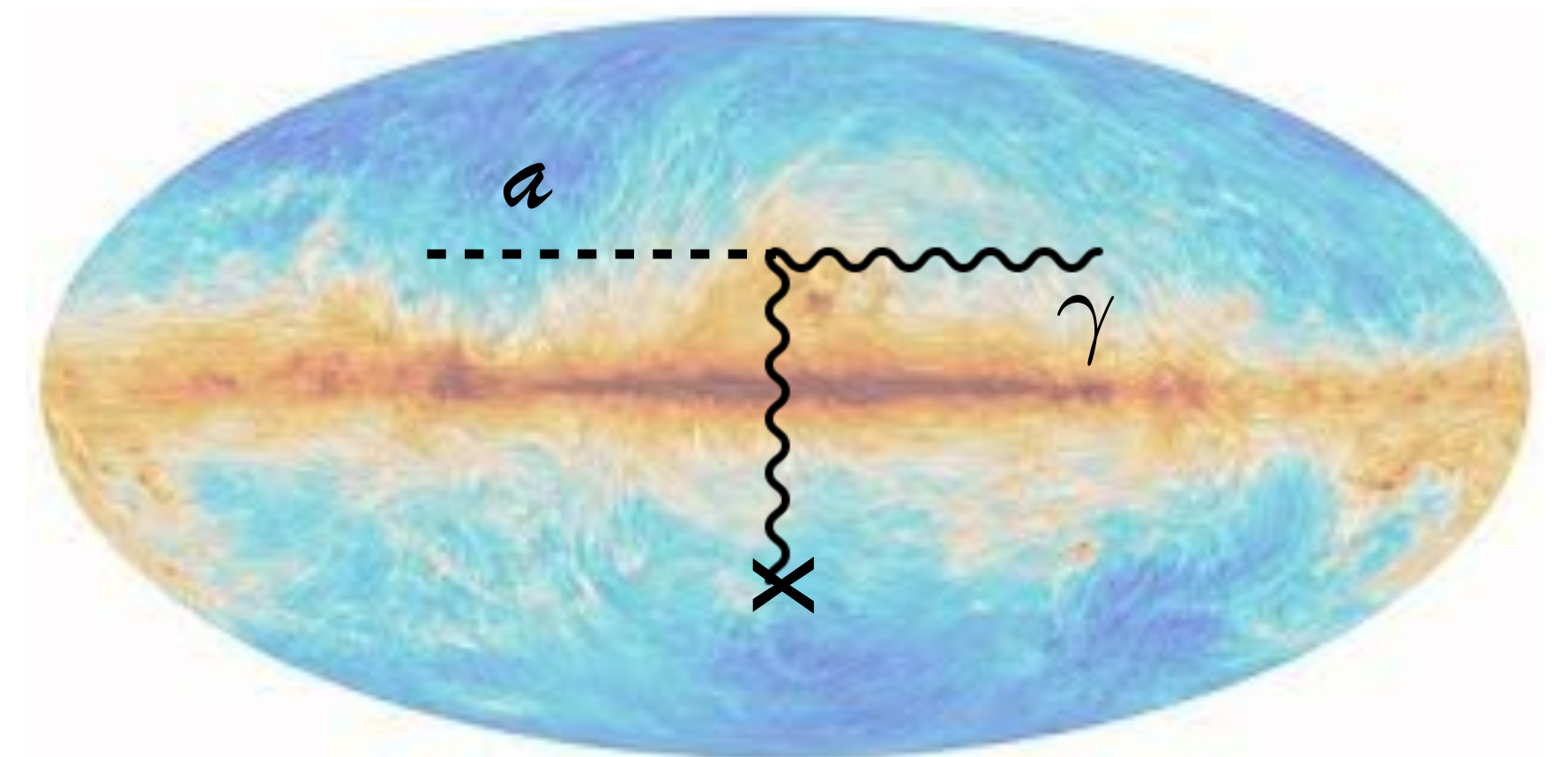
VHE gamma rays: ALPs

$$\mathcal{L}_{a\gamma} = -\frac{1}{4}g_{a\gamma}F_{\mu\nu}\tilde{F}^{\mu\nu}a = g_{a\gamma}\mathbf{E}\cdot\mathbf{B}a$$

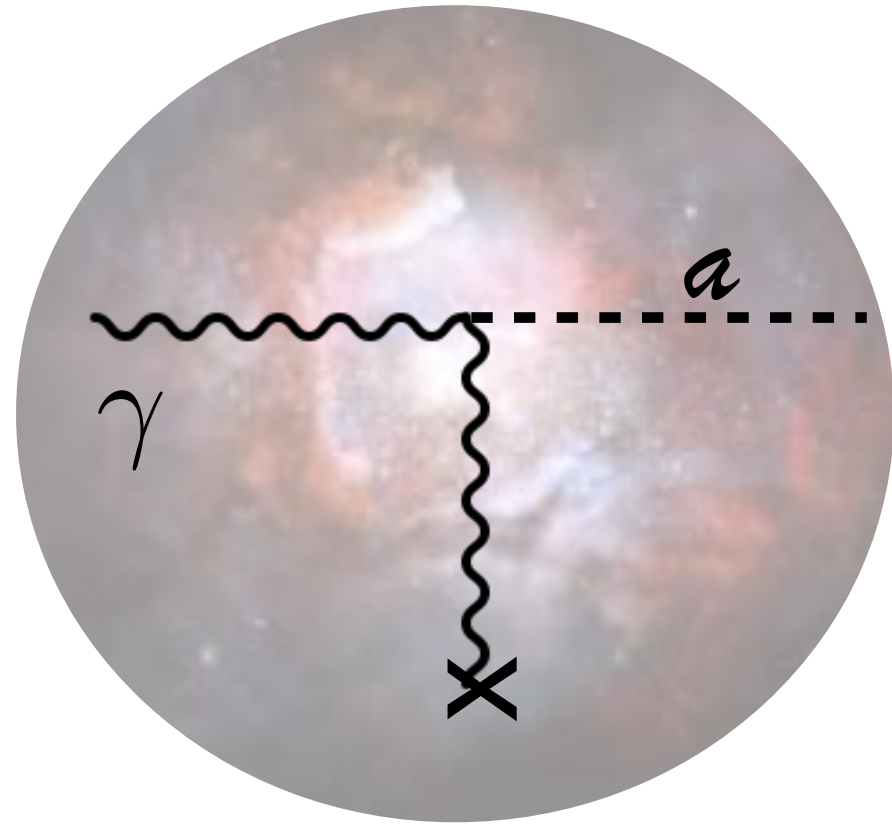


Photons produced by some sources convert into ALPs in the presence of external B-field

ALPs travel unimpeded through IGM and reach the Galaxy, where they reconvert back to photons



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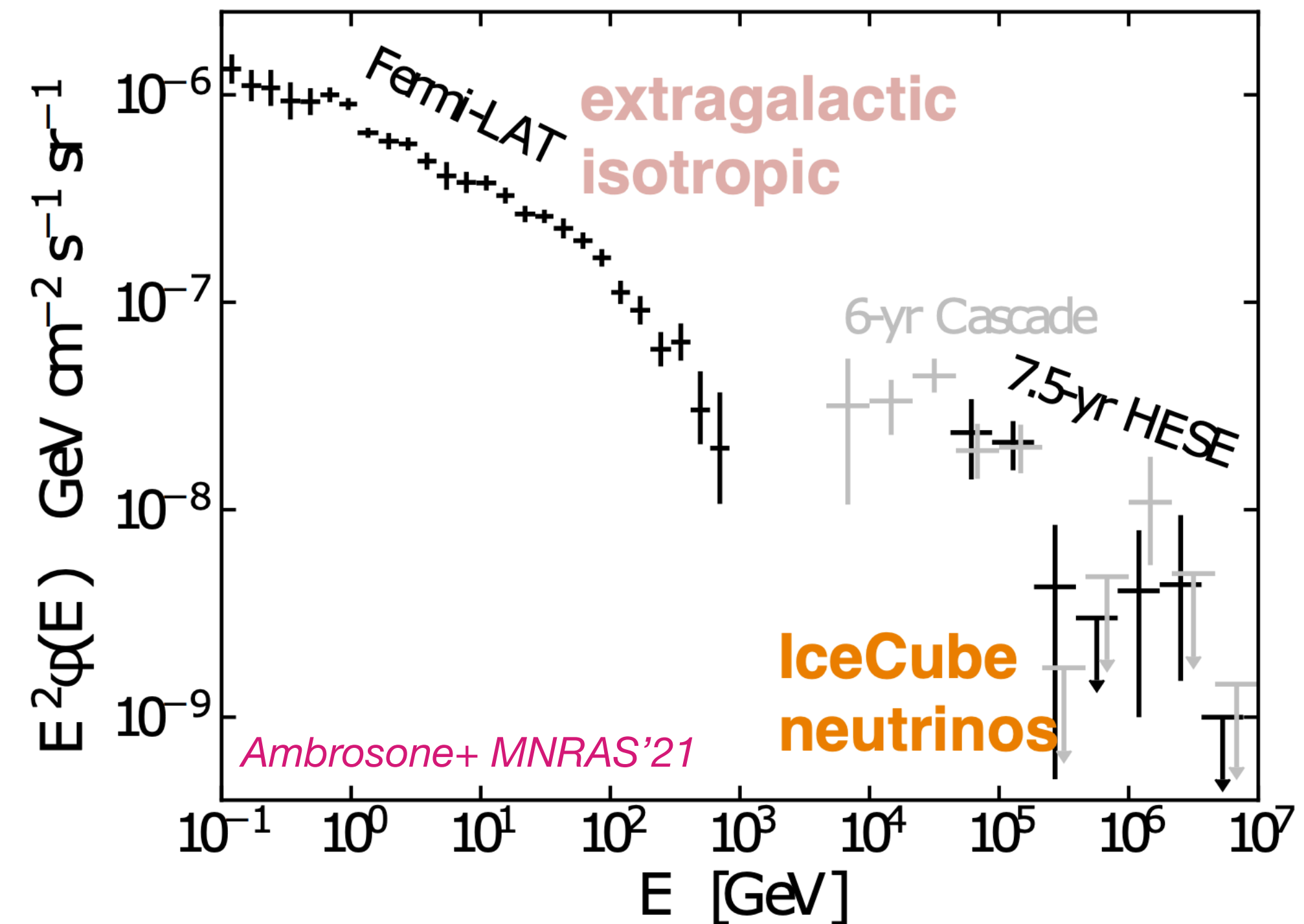
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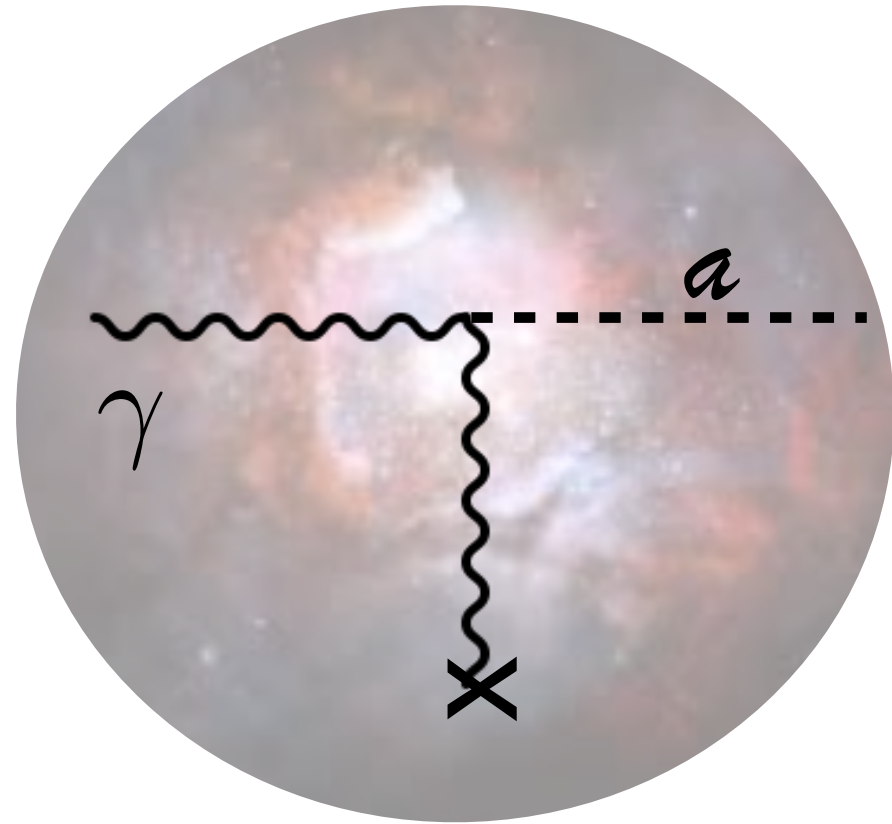
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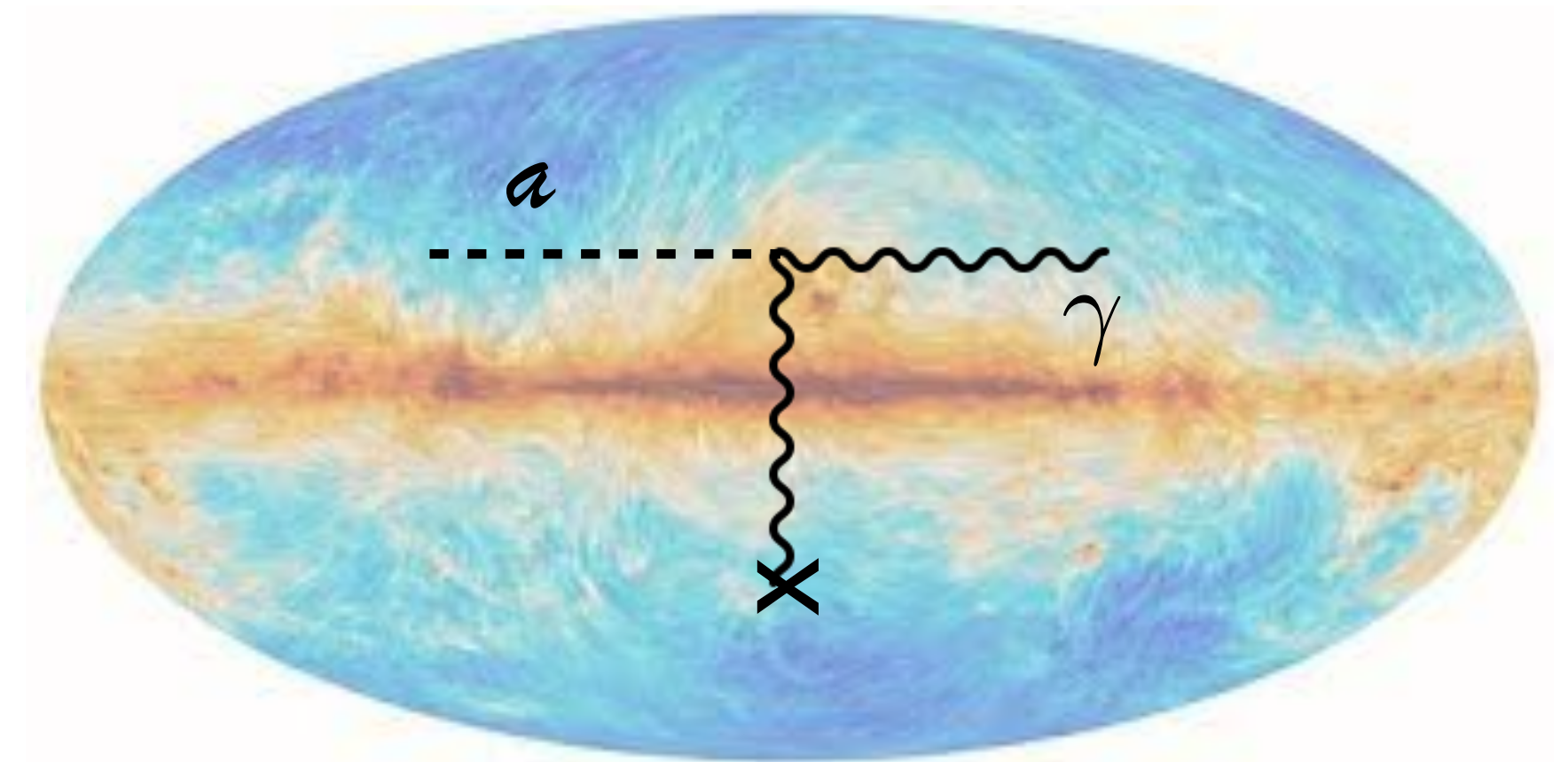
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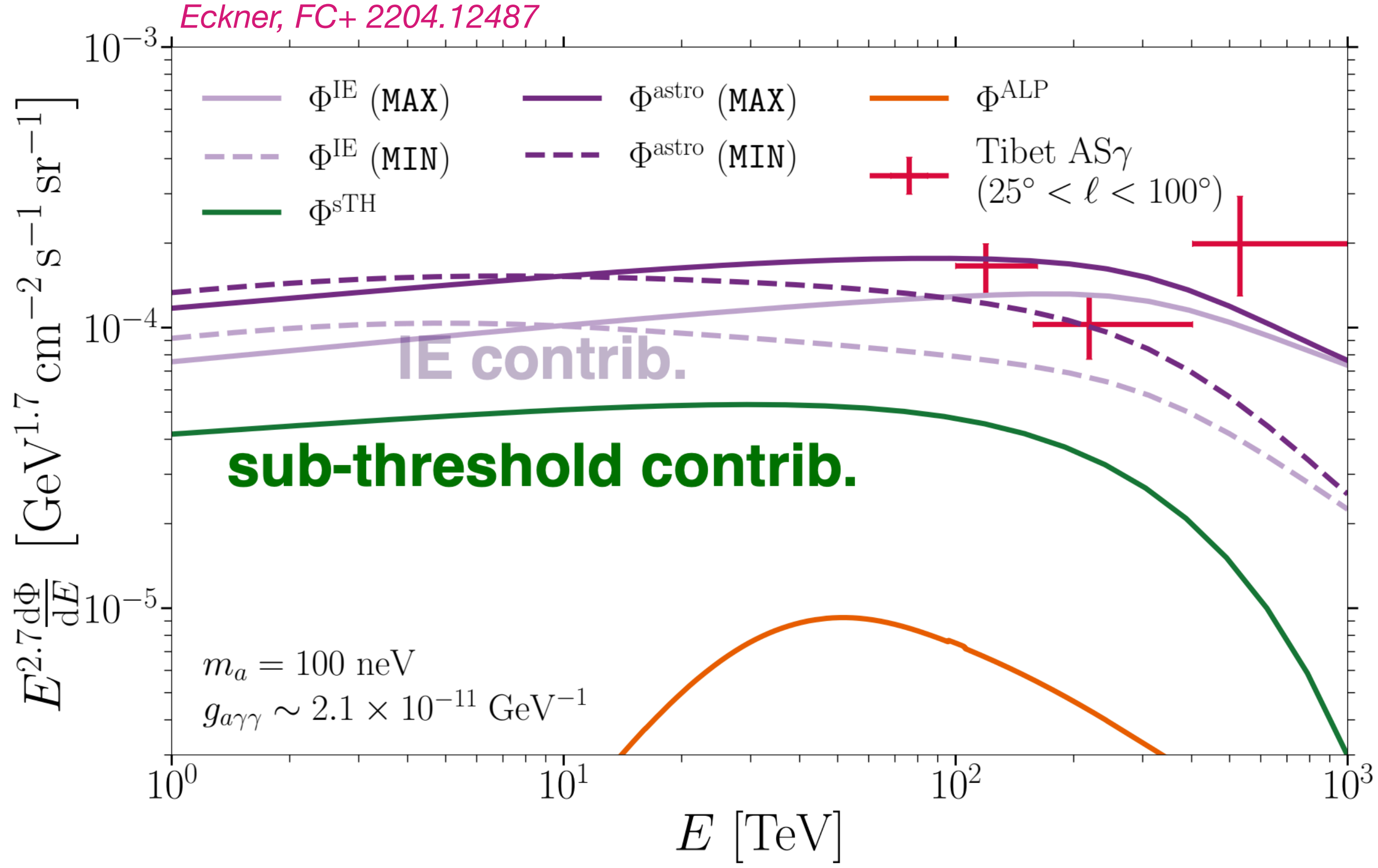
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Photons from ALPs produced in sources of astro neutrinos reach Earth with **sub-PeV energies!**

VHE gamma rays: ALPs



IE contrib: diffuse emission from CR interactions with gas and ambient fields

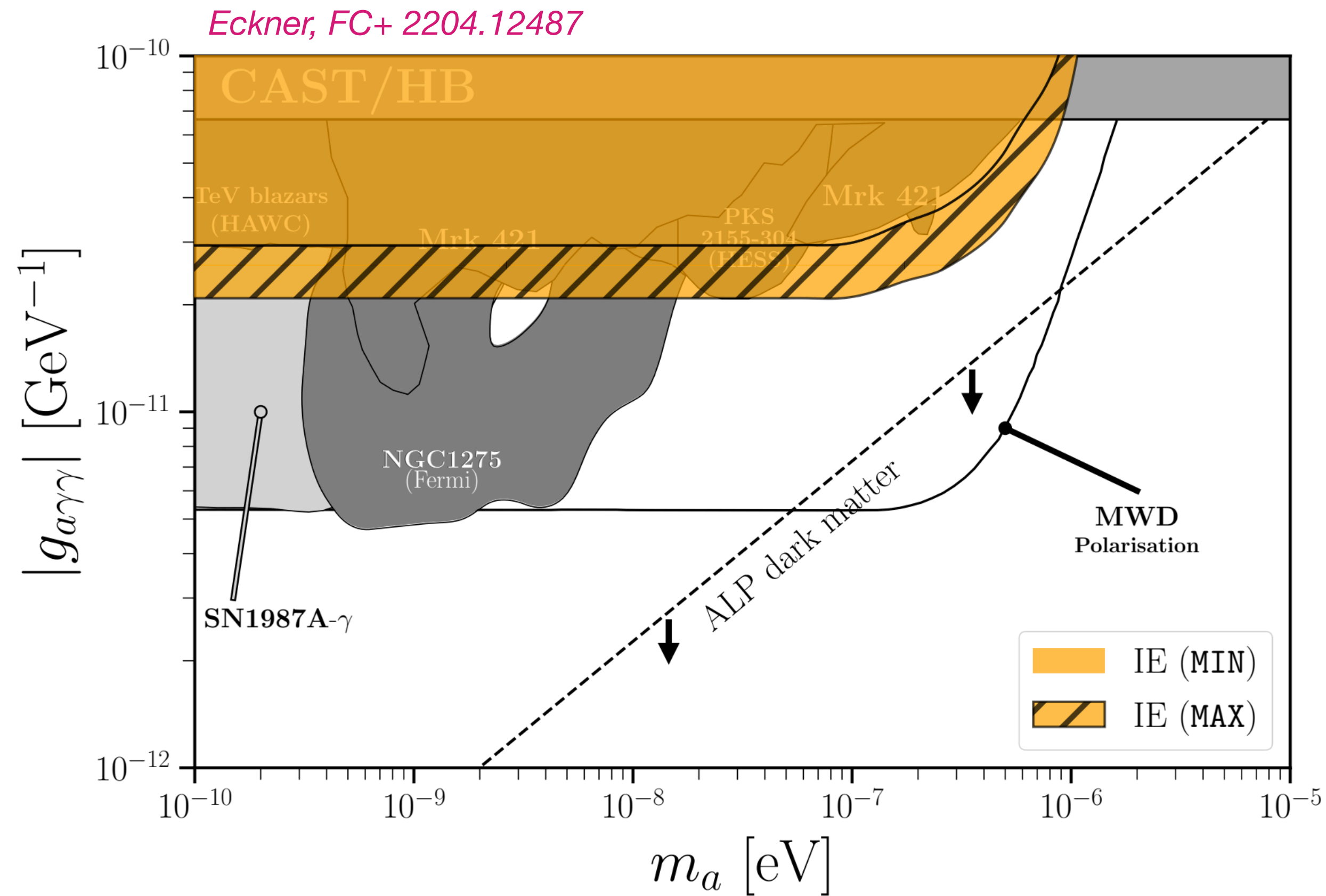
De la Torre Luque+ 203.15759

Sub-threshold contrib: sources emitting below instrument detection threshold

Vecchiotti+ 2107.14584

ALPs signal: from star-forming galaxies associated to astro neutrinos

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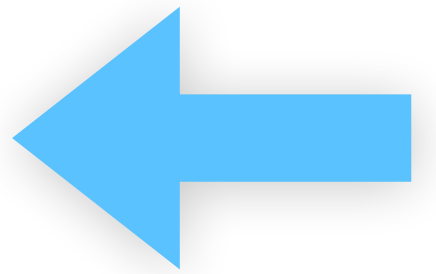


- Uncertainty between minimal and maximal IE around a factor of 1.5
- Even in minimal scenario, competitive constraints
- ALPs-only constraints worse by a factor of 3
- Factor of 1.5 deterioration if B-field does not evolve with redshift

TAKE AWAY: Strong potential of VHE gamma rays (LHAASO, TibetAS-g, HAWC)

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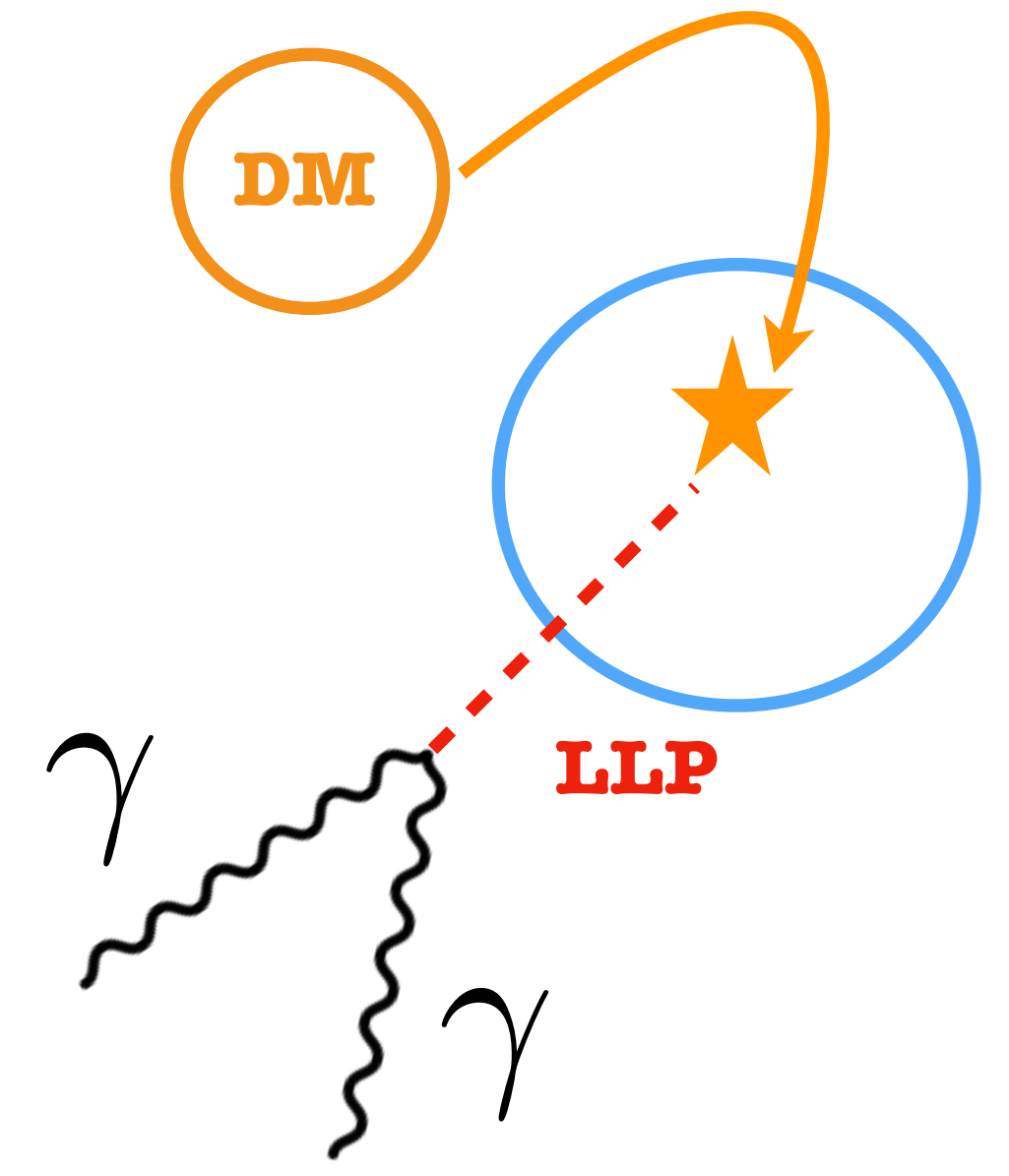
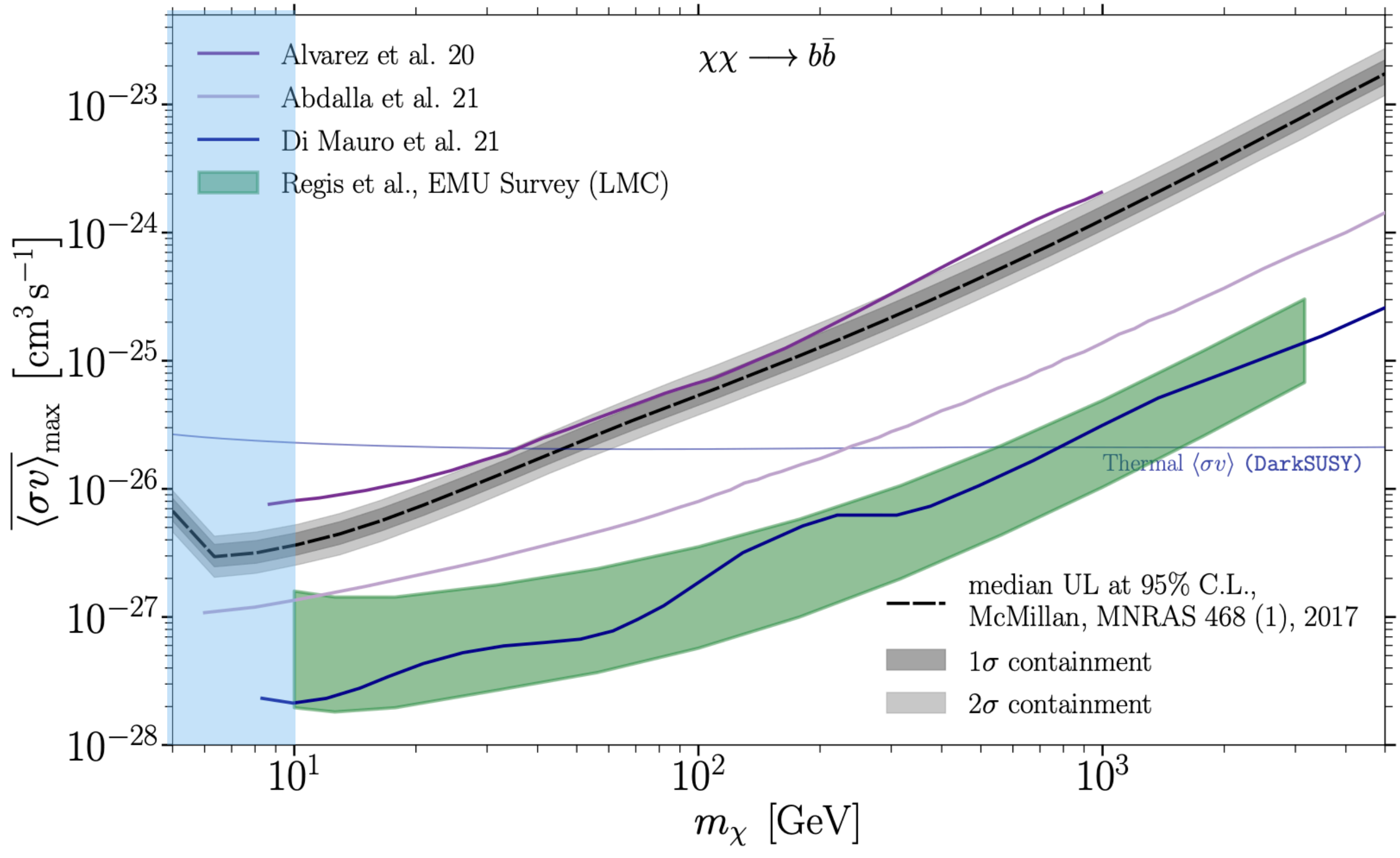
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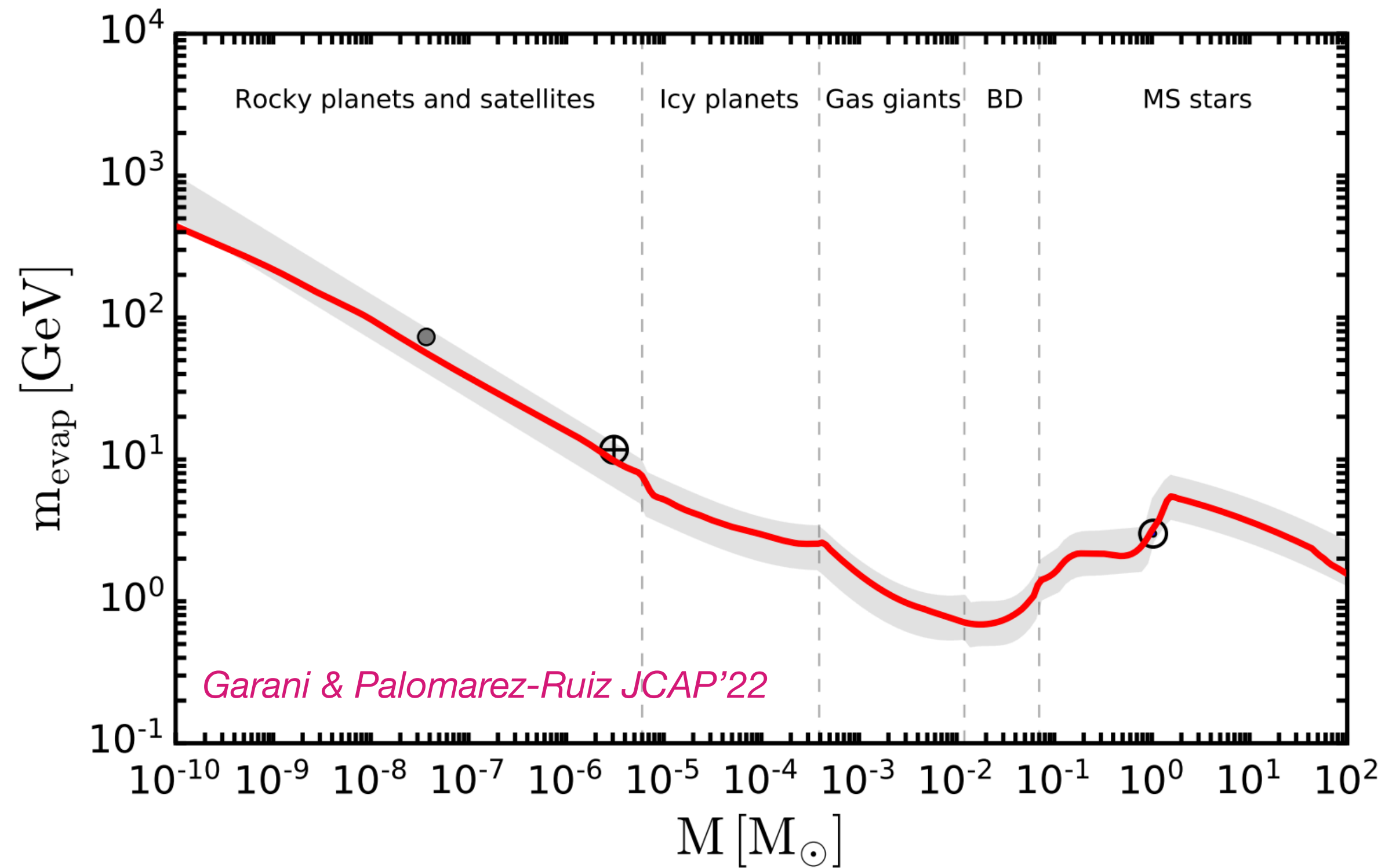
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Change the model and targets
Long-lived mediators trapped in stars or celestial bodies

Eckner, FC+ 2208.03312



DM capture in celestial bodies



$$\frac{dN_{\chi}(t)}{dt} = \mathcal{C} - \mathcal{A} N_{\chi}^2(t) - \mathcal{E} N_{\chi}(t)$$

If evaporation not efficient and object old enough

$$N_{\chi} \simeq \mathcal{C} \tau_{\text{eq}} = \sqrt{\mathcal{C}/\mathcal{A}}$$

Optimal targets?

- * Large radius => More DM captured
- * High density => Easier to trap DM
- * Cold temperature => Low kinetic energy to DM particles

Brown dwarfs (BDs):

Big, Cold, Dense!

- + Large statistics (> 800 objects within 100 pc)
- + Very nearby (closest at 2 pc)
- + Up to 10^9 objects expected in the GC



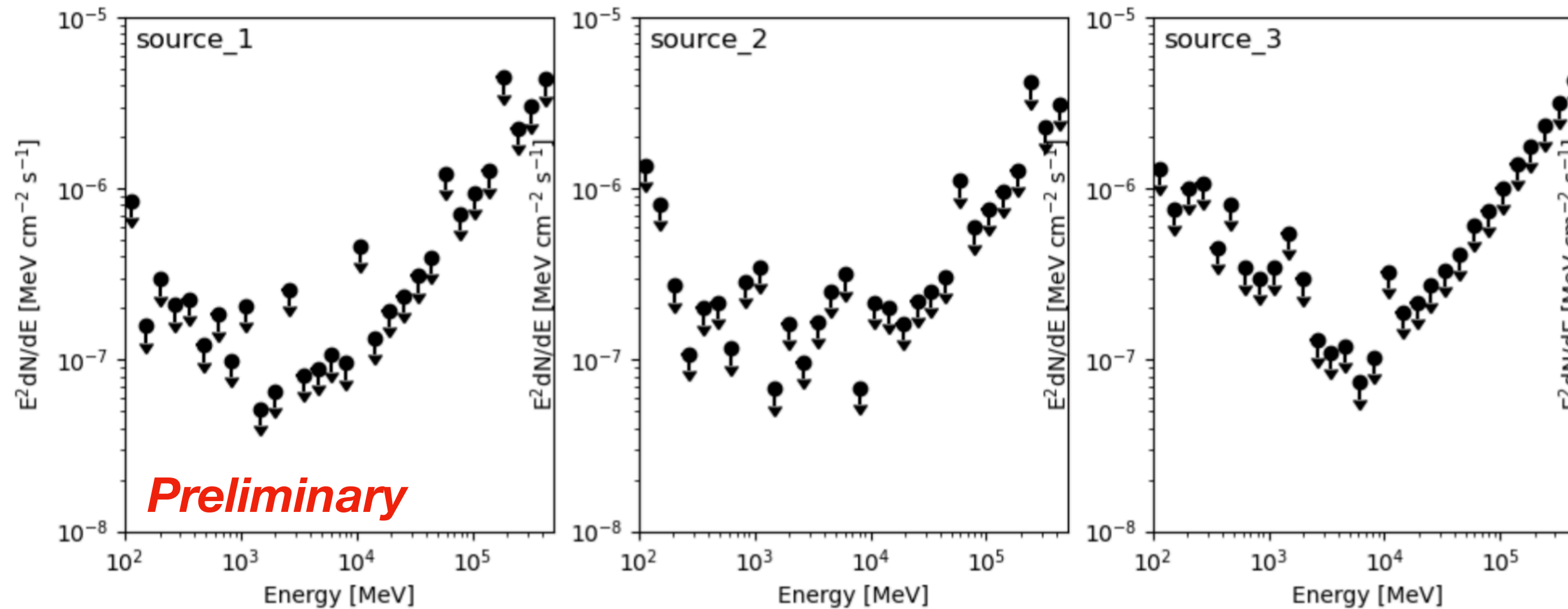
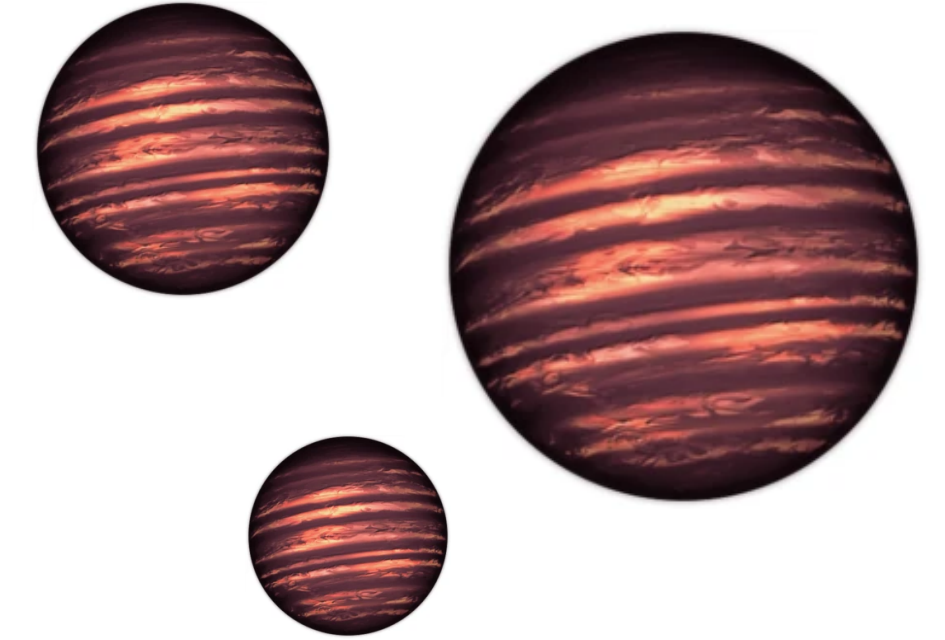
Leane+ PRD'21

Sun (*Leane+ PRD'17, 18*) and Jupiter (*Leane & Linden PRD'21*)

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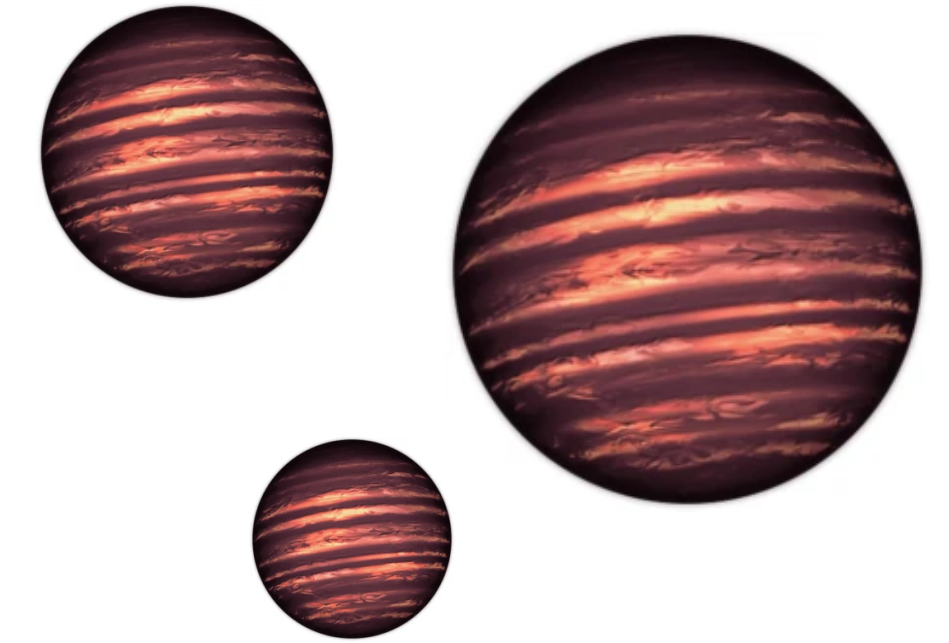
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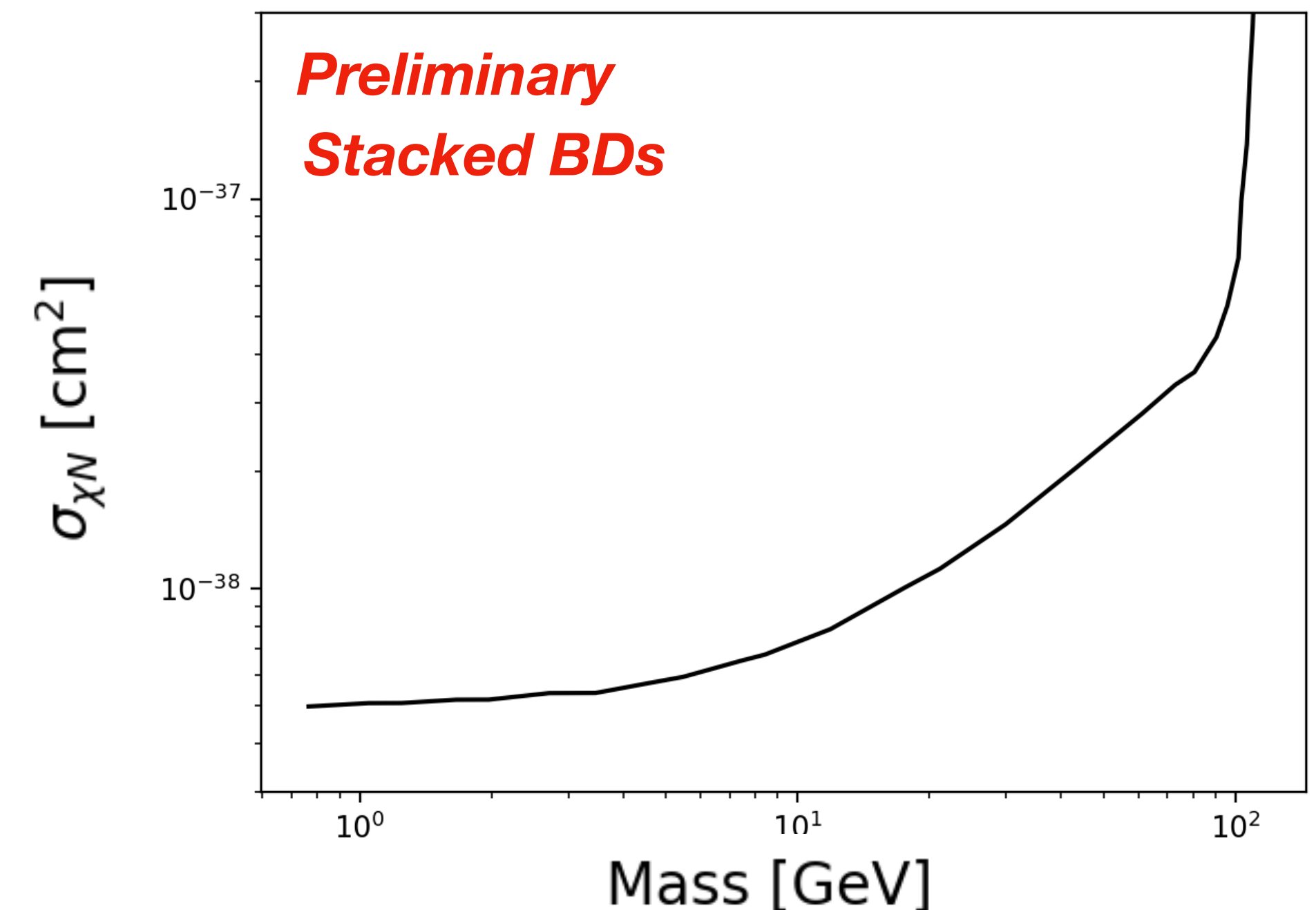
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Lower evaporation mass for *neutron stars* and *white dwarfs* but larger uncertainties on system T and density



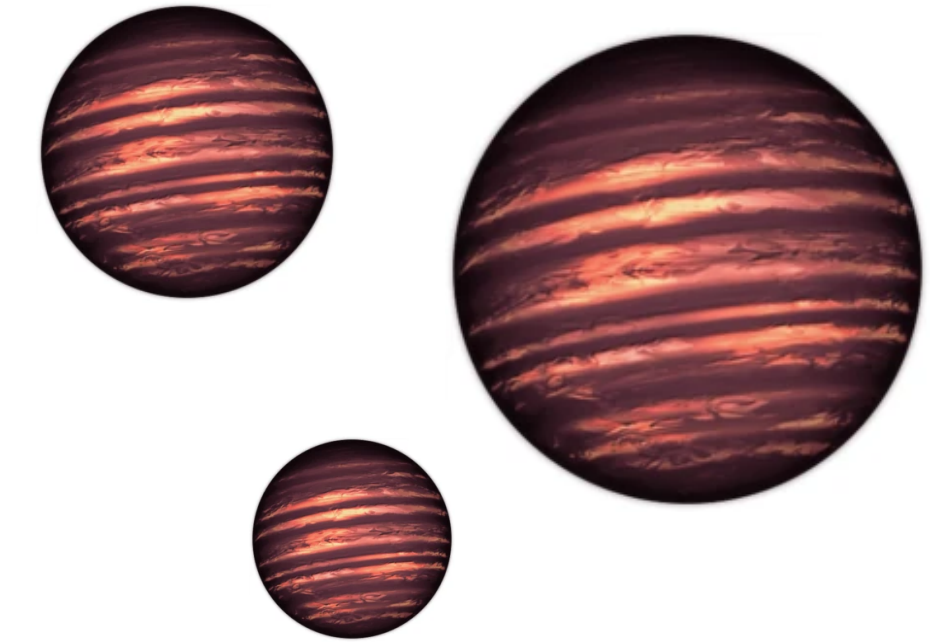
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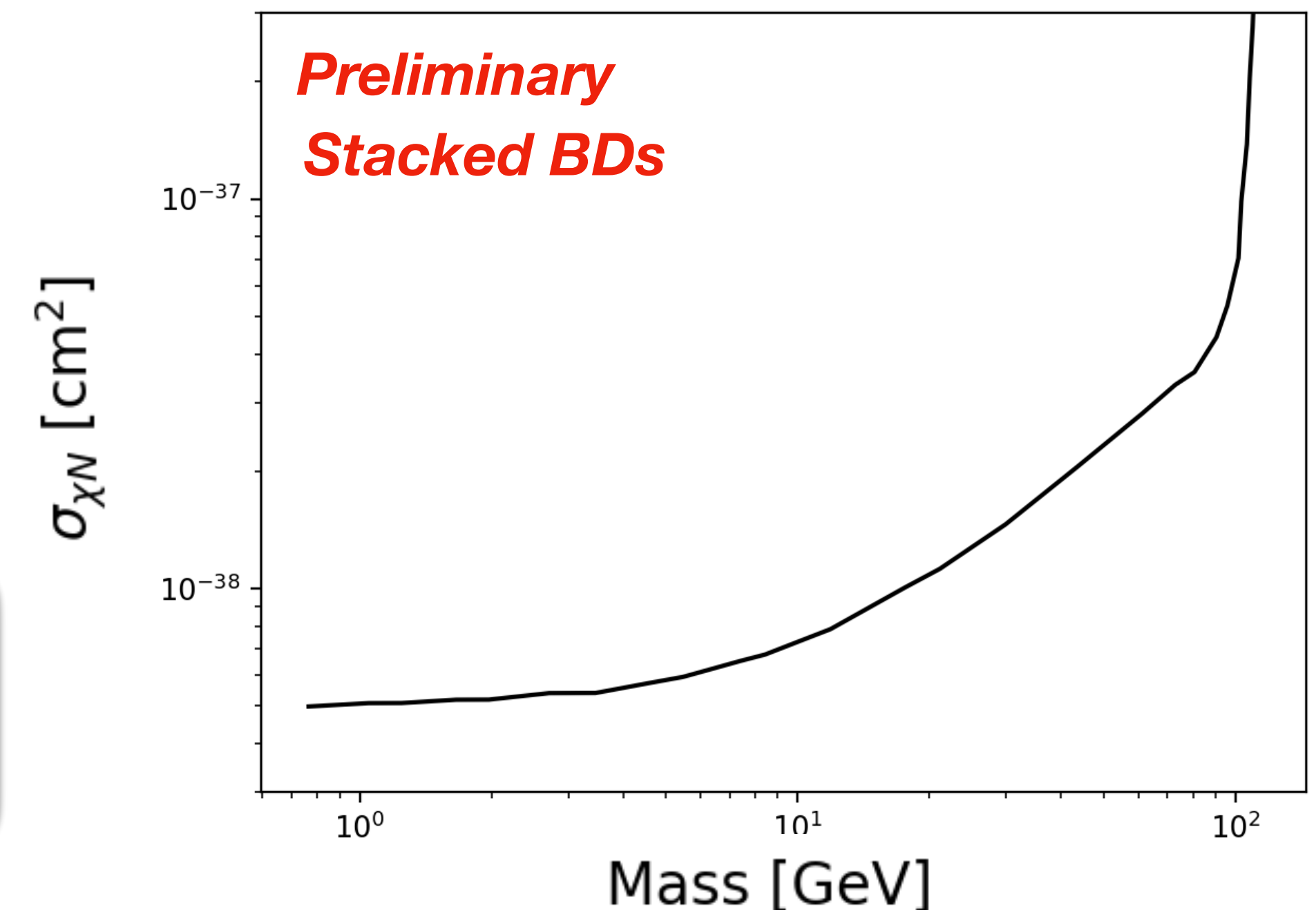
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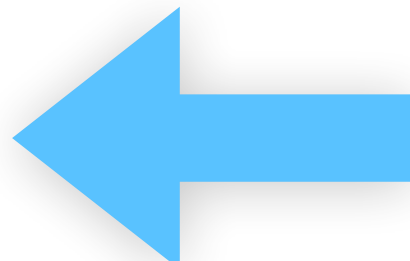
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TAKE AWAY: Celestial body capture provides comparable bounds to DM direct detection in ~GeV mass range. Many more systems to be discovered with JWST!



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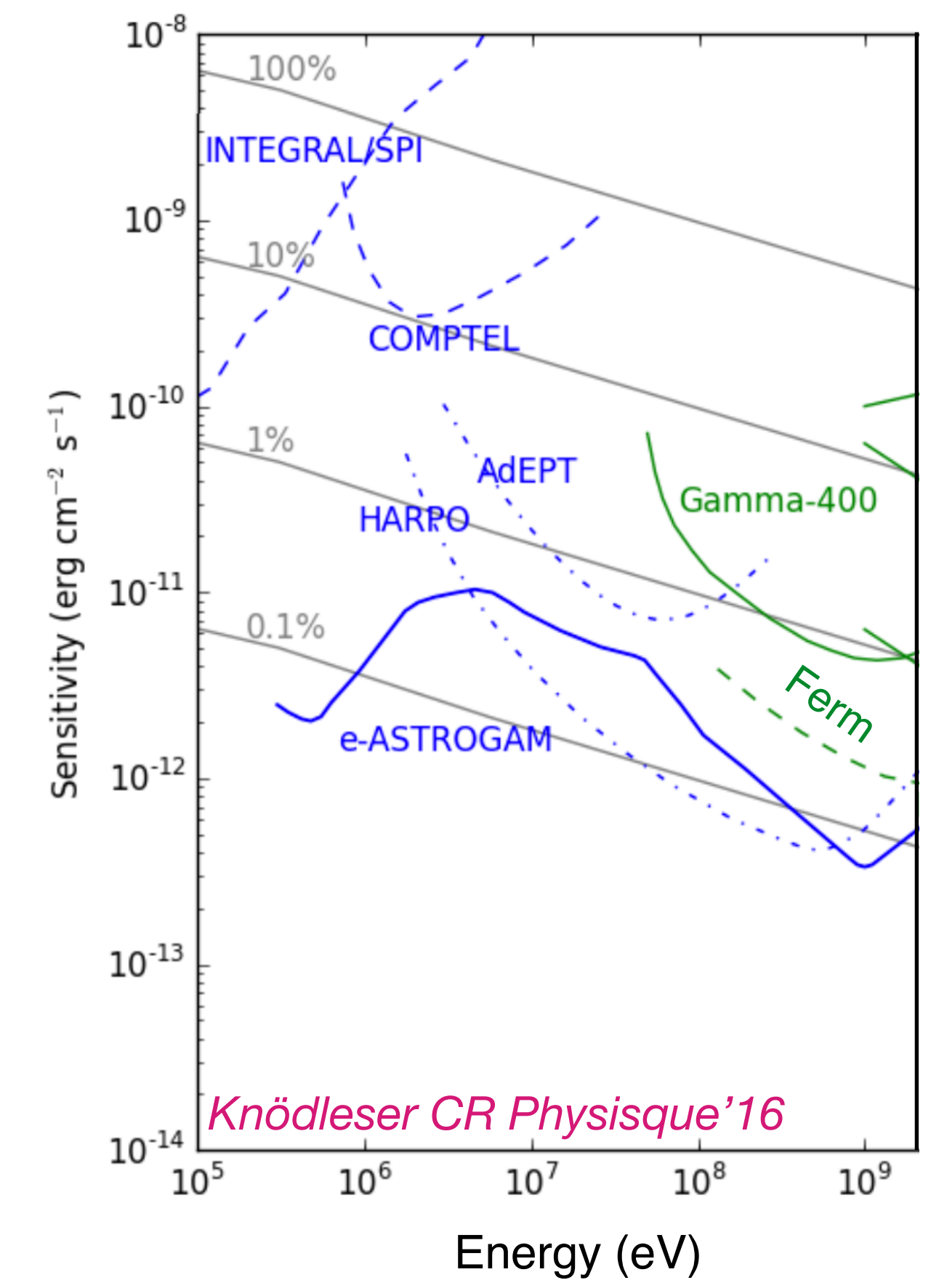
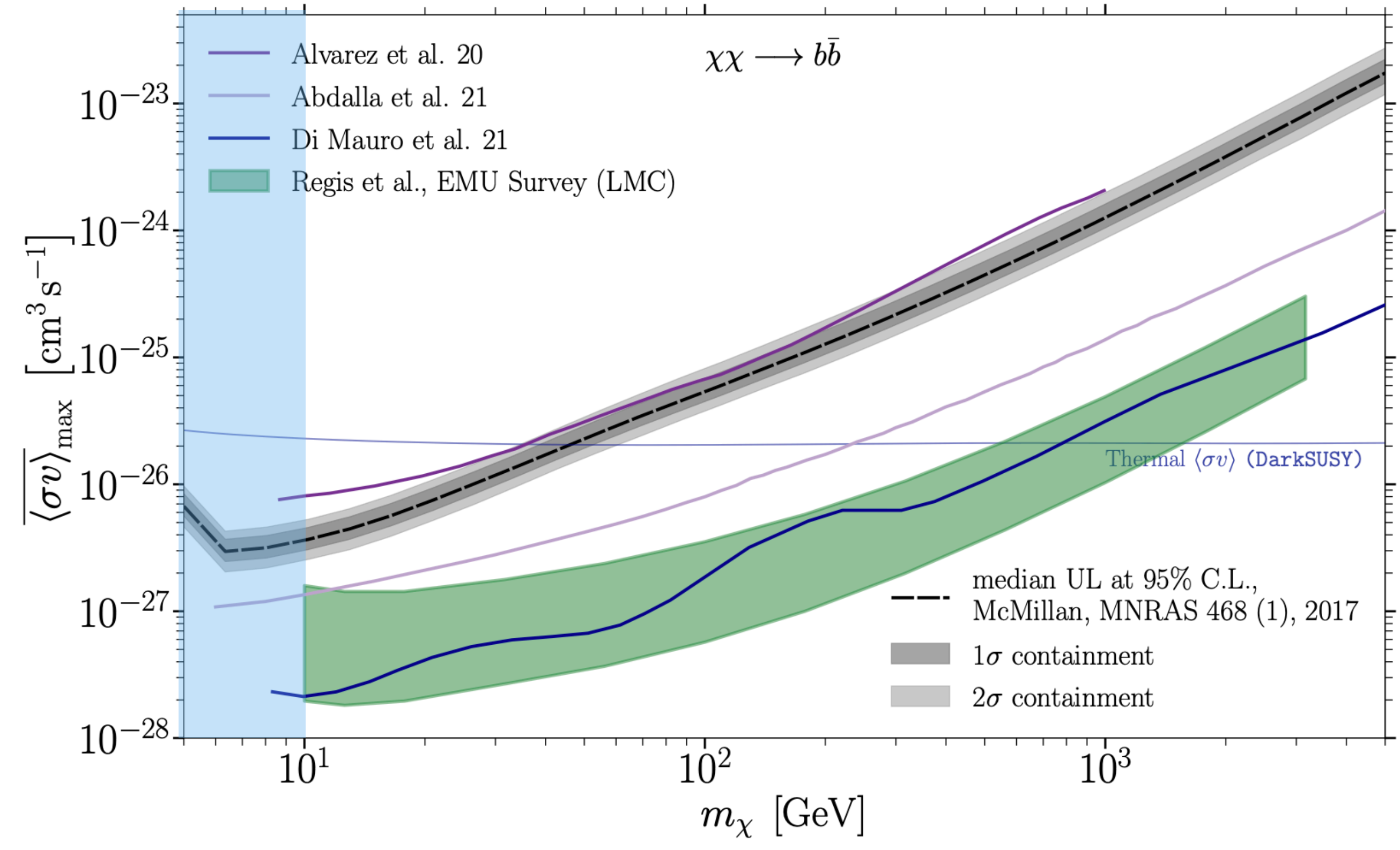


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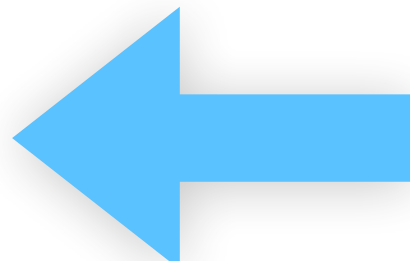
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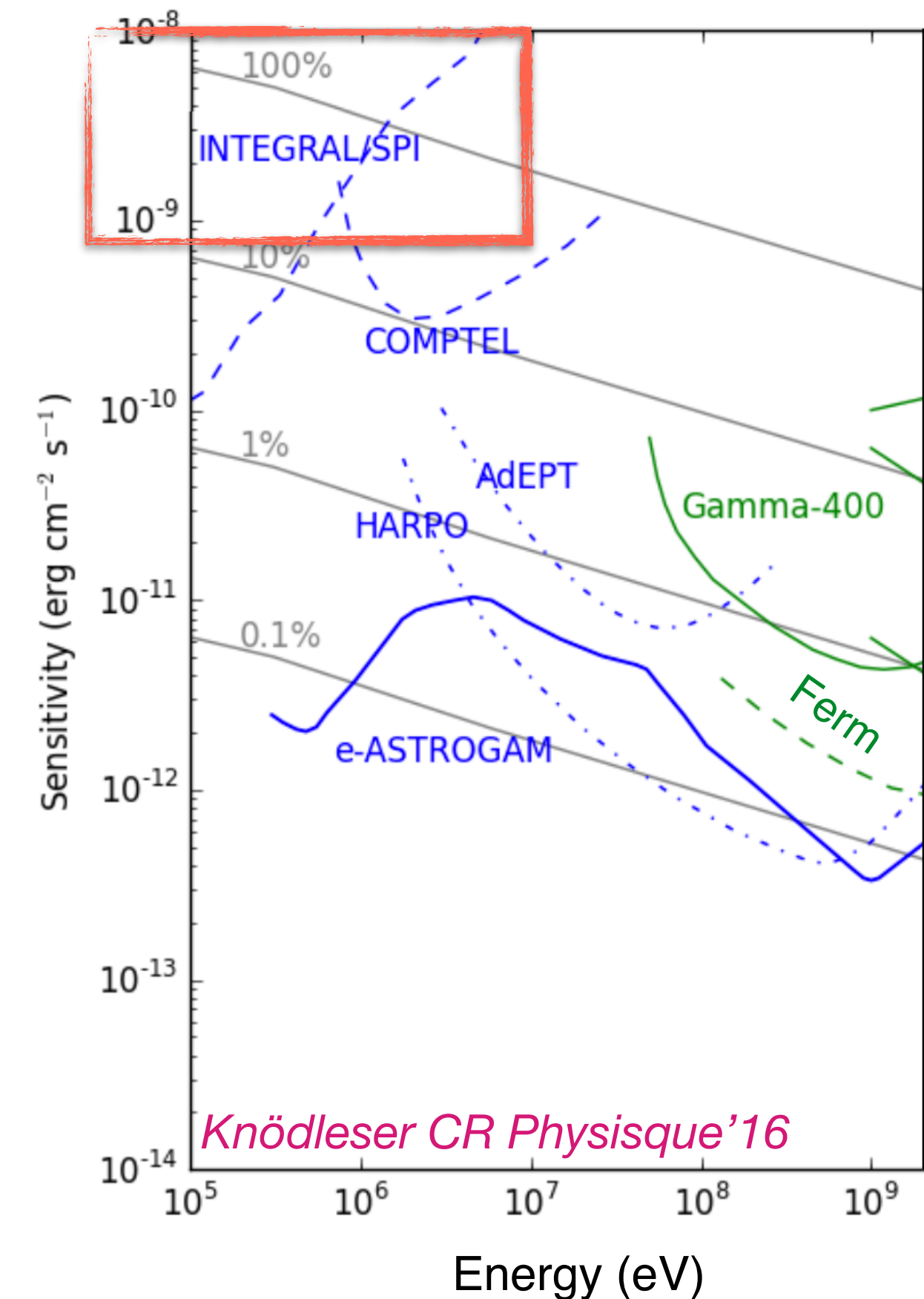
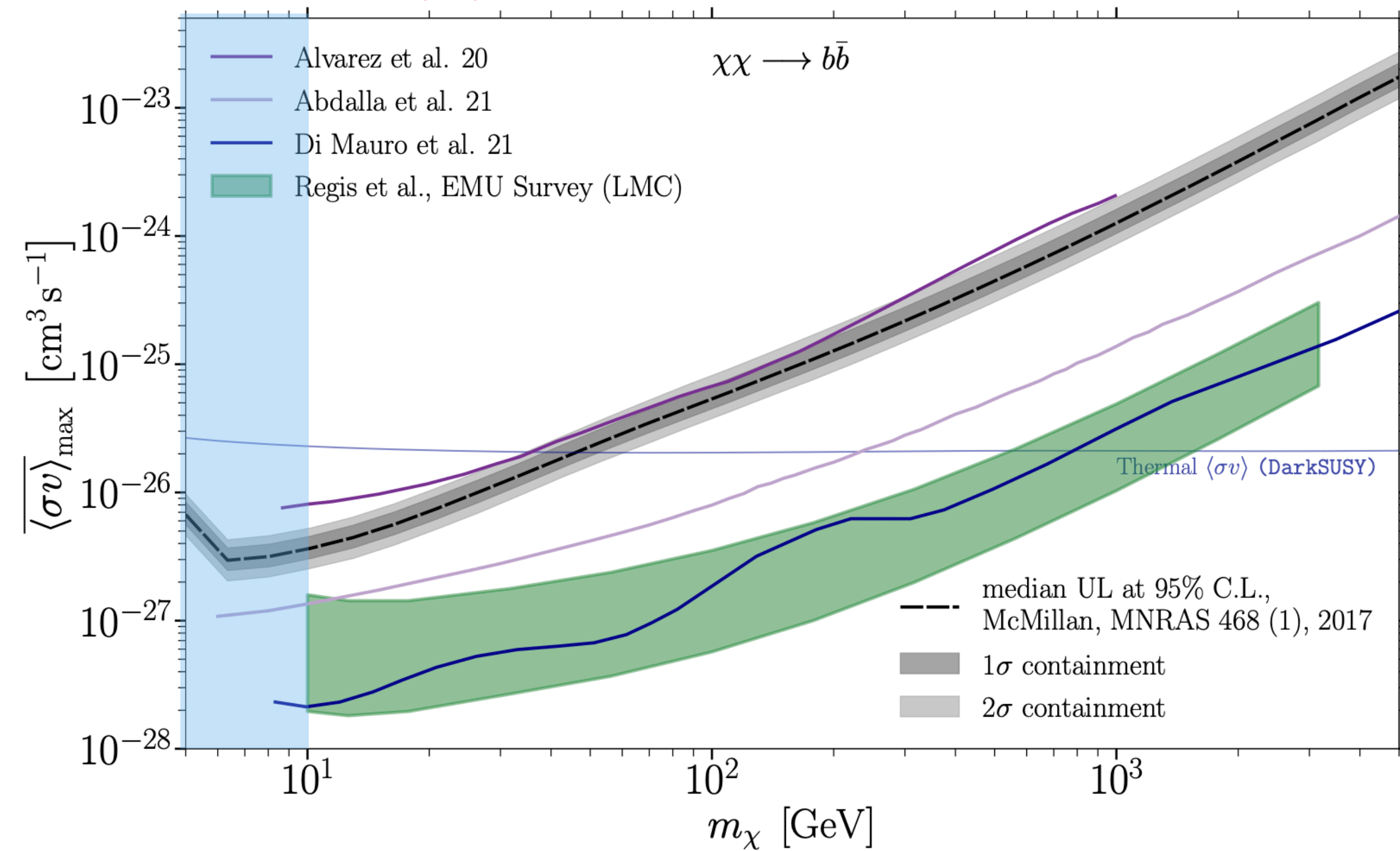


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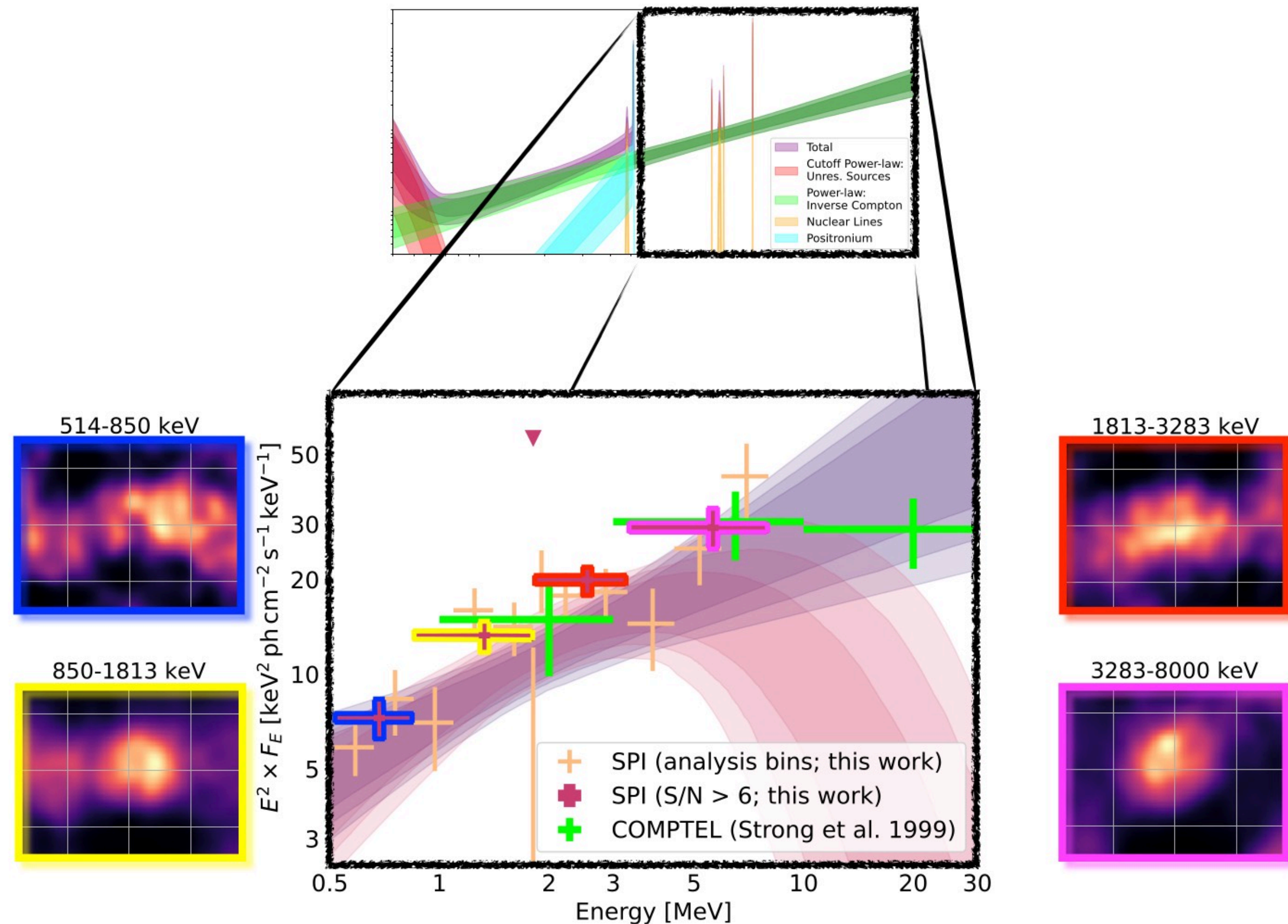
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An old instrument, a new analysis

Diffuse Galactic emission spectrum between 0.5 and 8.0 MeV



- INTEGRAL SPI supersedes 20yr-old COMPTEL data in the measurement of the **Galactic diffuse MeV emission**
- Emission dominated by **Inverse Compton scattering** of electrons off the interstellar radiation field, producing a smooth power-law spectrum
- Constraints on cosmic-ray transport at MeV energy but also on exotic emission mechanisms: particle and non-particle dark matter

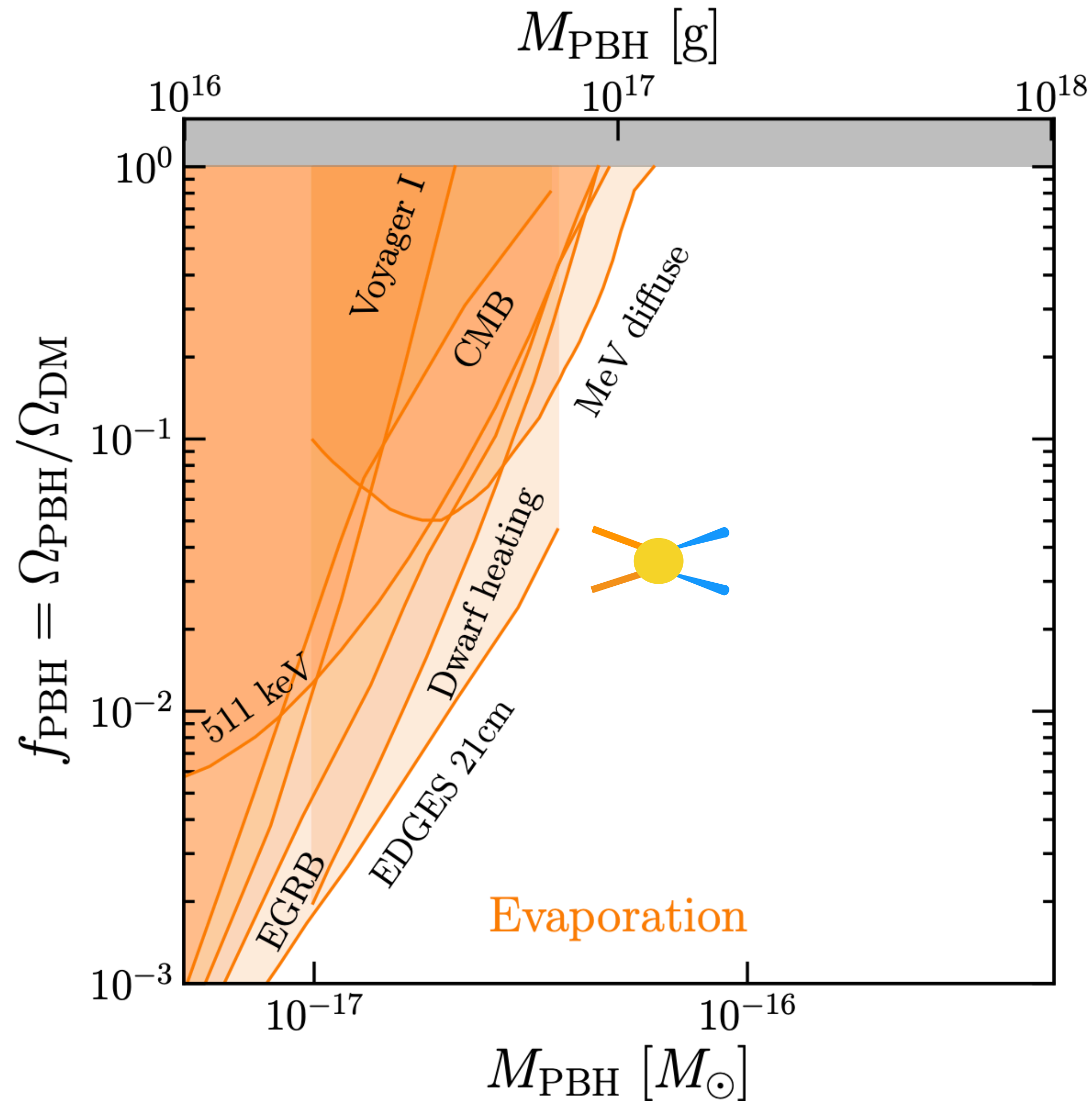
*Berteaud, FC+ PRD'22
Dekker, FC+'22 In preparation*

Integral picture of the month, March 2022

Siegert, FC+ A&A'22

Limits on primordial black holes

Evaporation of PBH and cosmic backgrounds



Green & Kavanagh J. Phys. G'19

- PBH can emit **charged cosmic rays** and **photons** via Hawking radiation => Almost-black (grey) body emission

$$T_{\text{PBH}} \simeq \frac{10^{13} \text{g}}{M_{\text{PBH}}} \text{GeV}$$

Page & Hawking ApJ'76; Carr & MacGibbon Phys. Rep.'98

- Sufficient emission from $M_{\text{PBH}} > 10^{14} \text{g}$ to set limits on their evaporation products today
- Photon contribution to the extragalactic gamma-ray and X-ray backgrounds

Carr+ PRD'10; Ballesteros+ PLB'20; Iguaz+ PRD'21

- Unconstrained mass range $\sim 10^{17} - 10^{22} \text{g}$, the so-called *asteroid mass gap* where f_{PBH} can be 1

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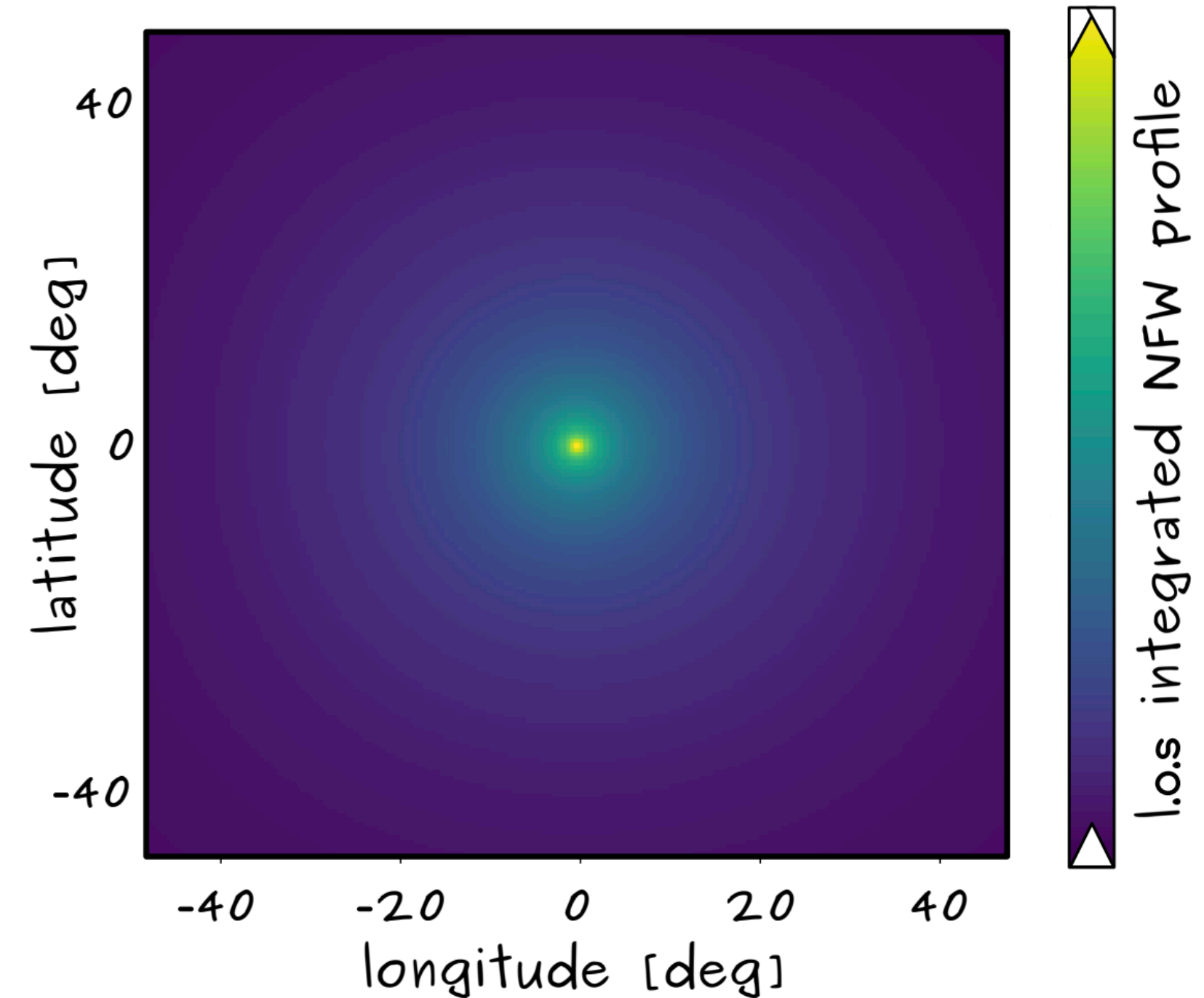
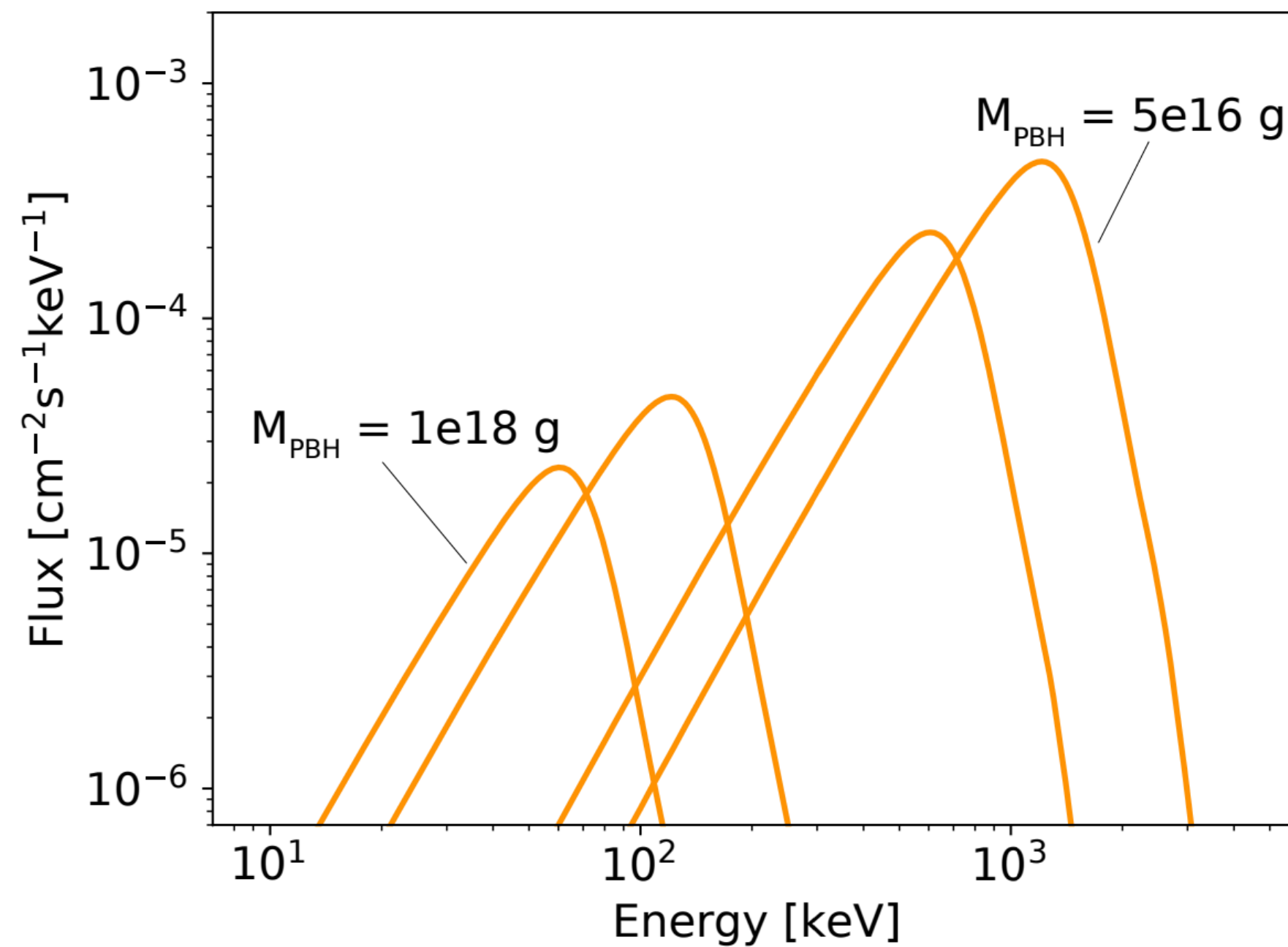
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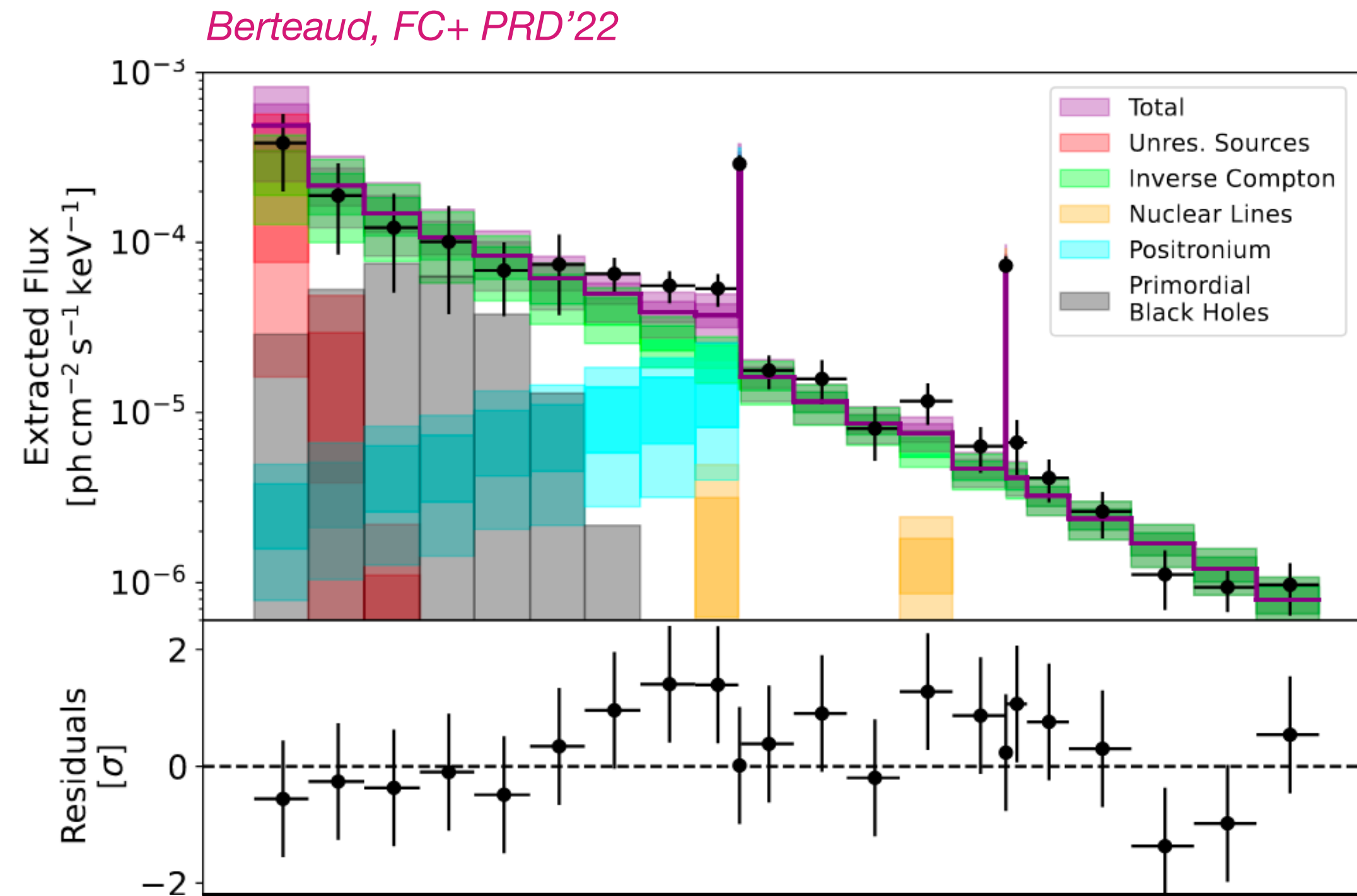
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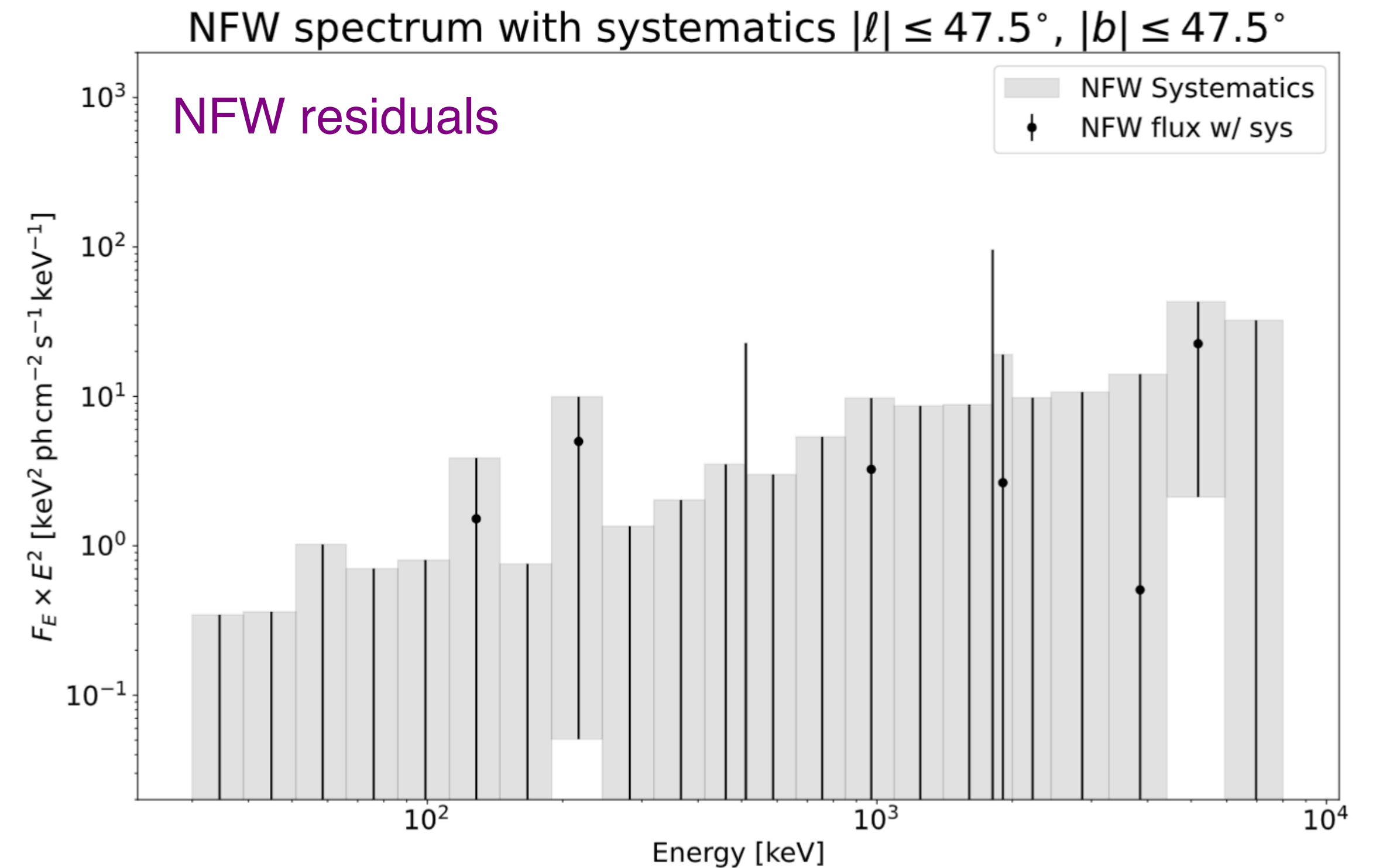
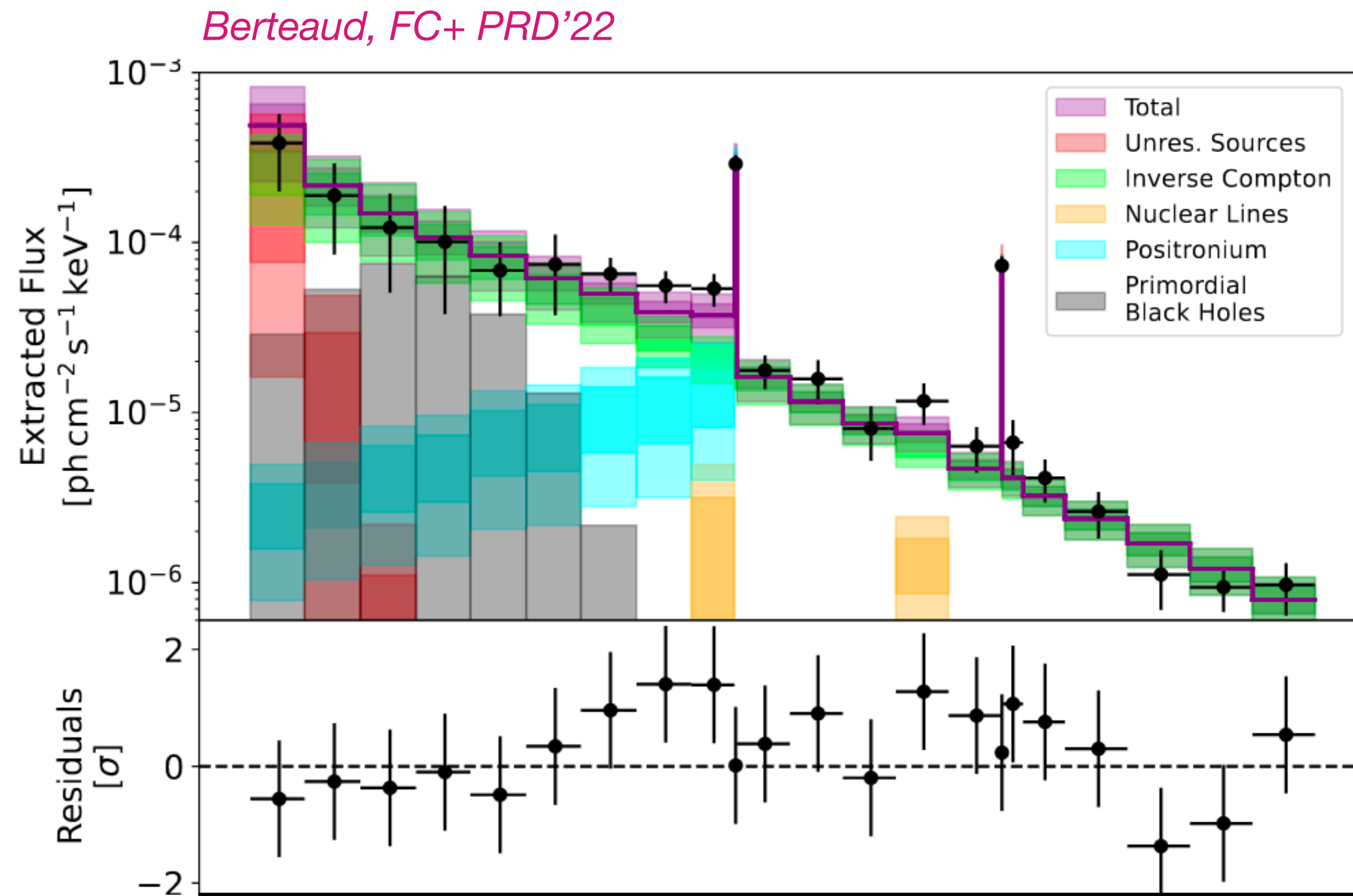
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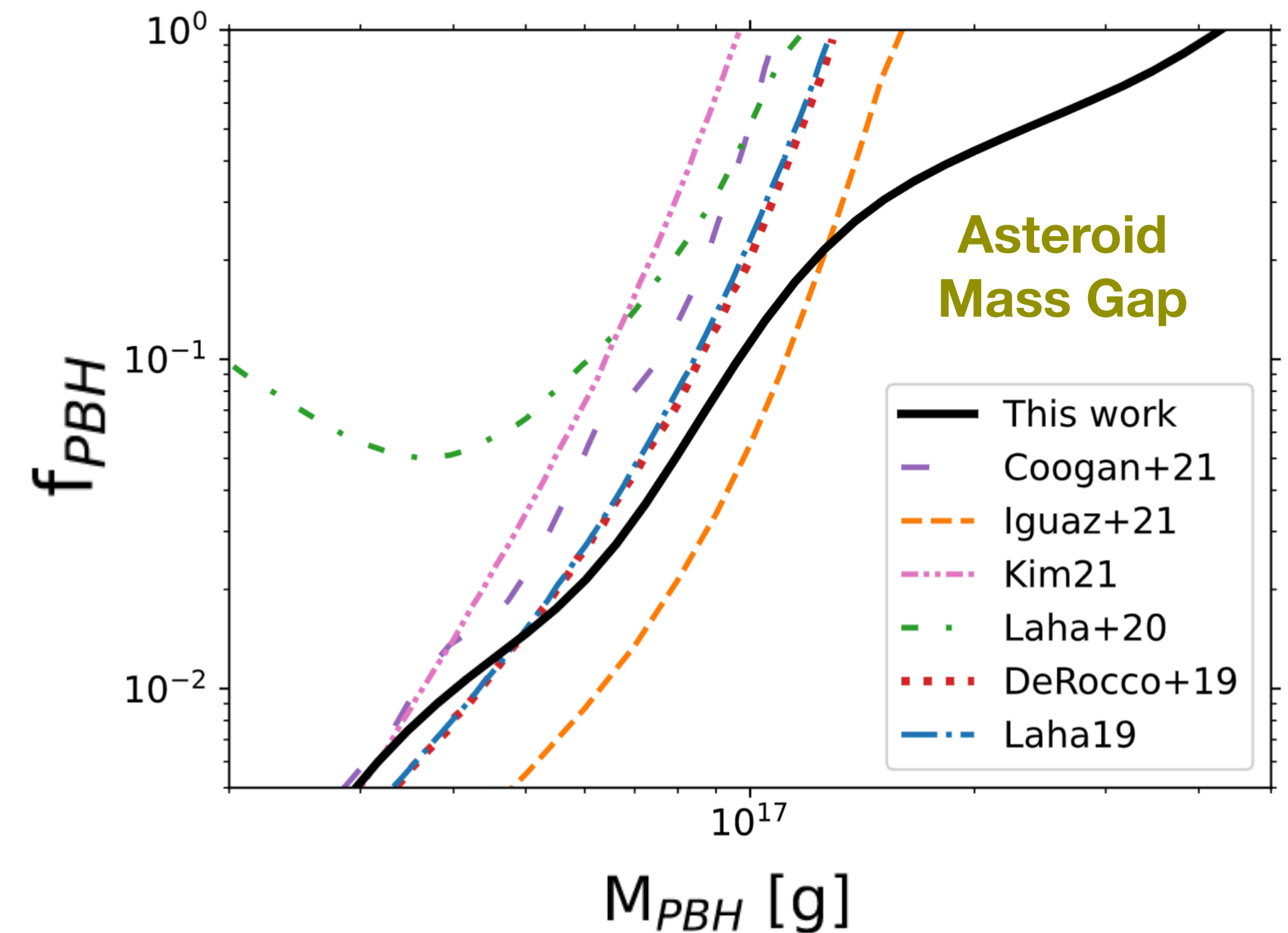
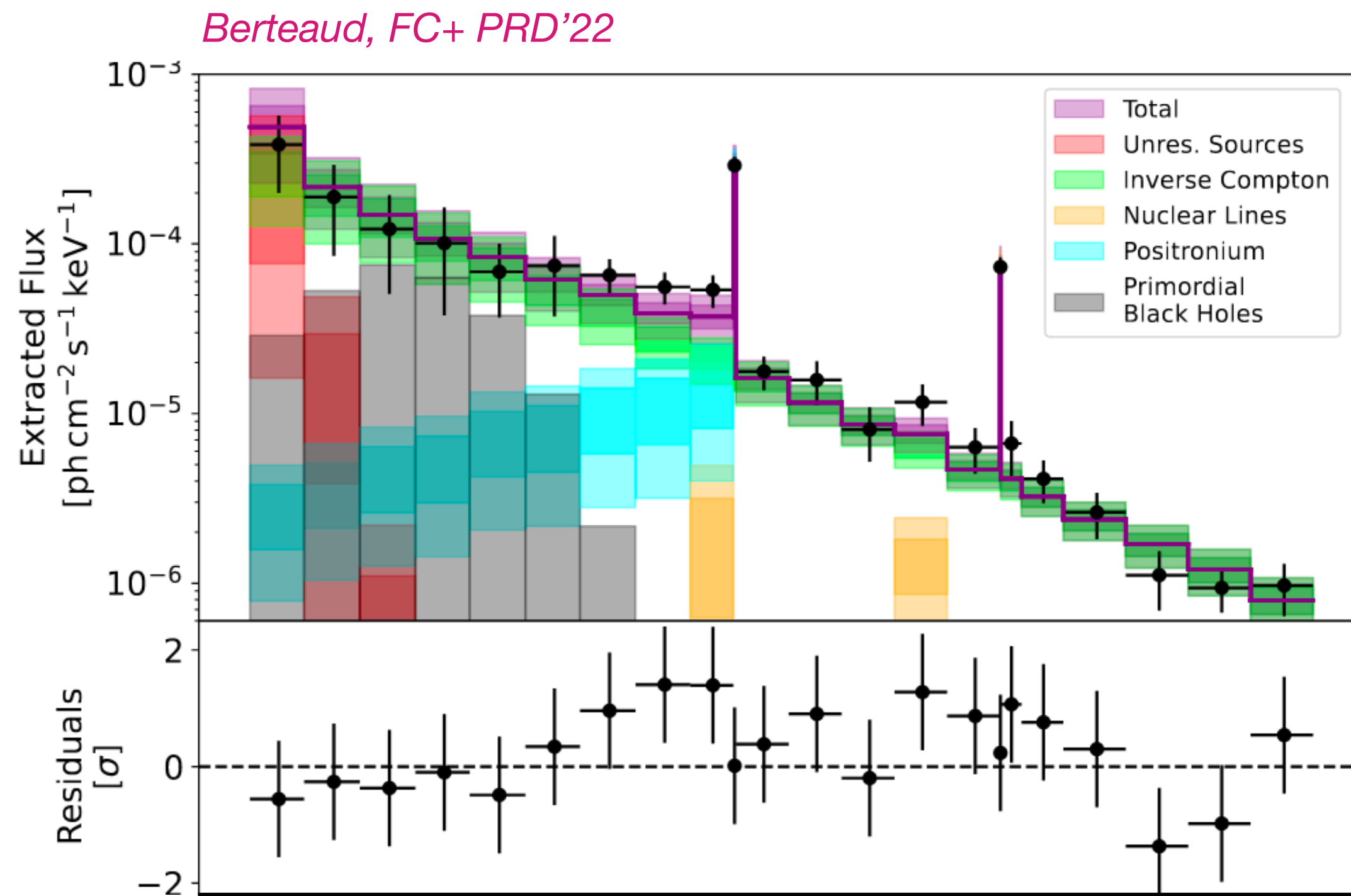


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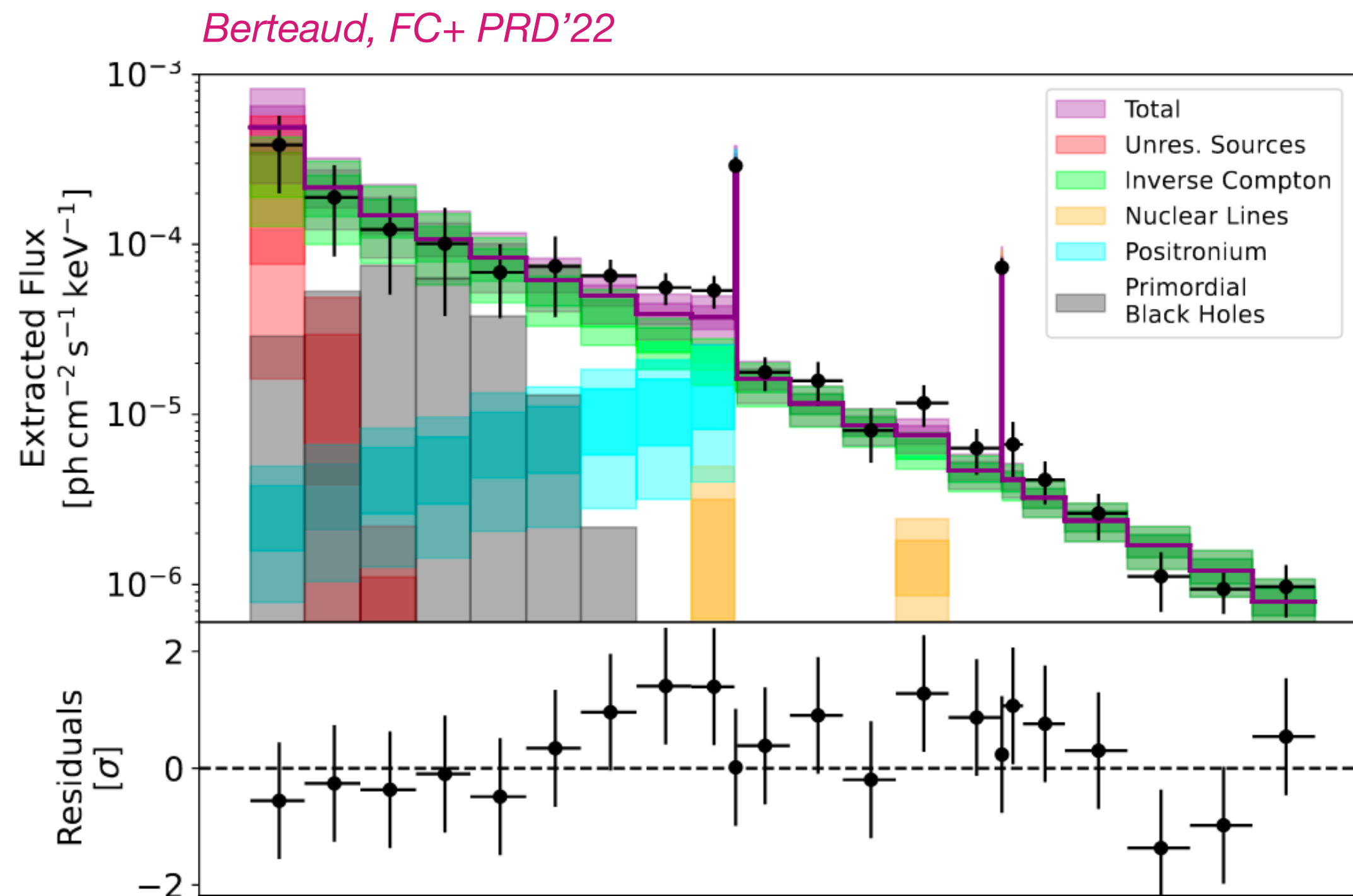


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➔ **Future e-ASTROGAM and ASTRO-H** will allow a more precise measurement of the isotropic gamma-ray and X-ray backgrounds => Improved constraints in the **10¹⁶–10¹⁸ g mass window**

AMEGO: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2102.06714>

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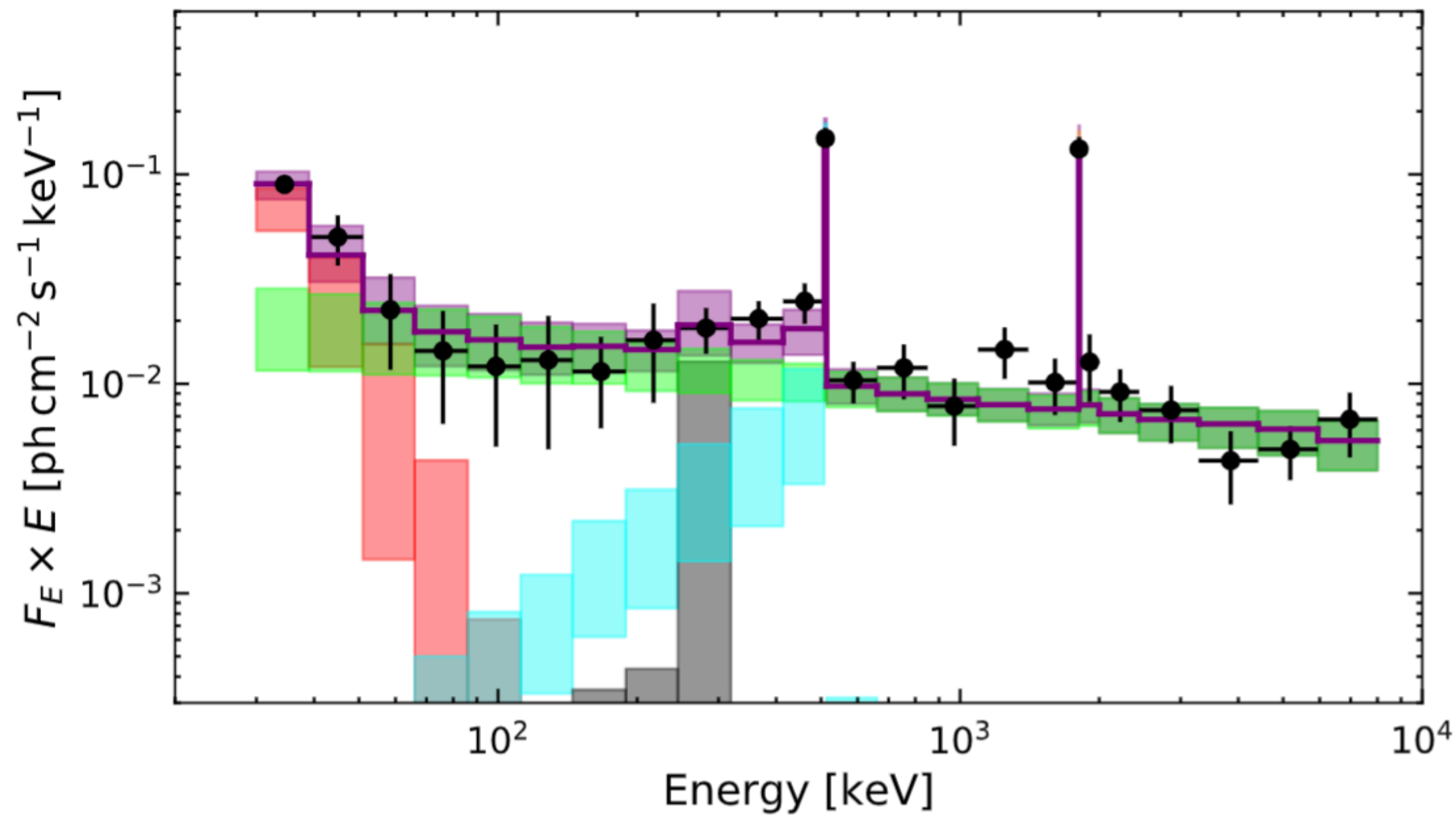
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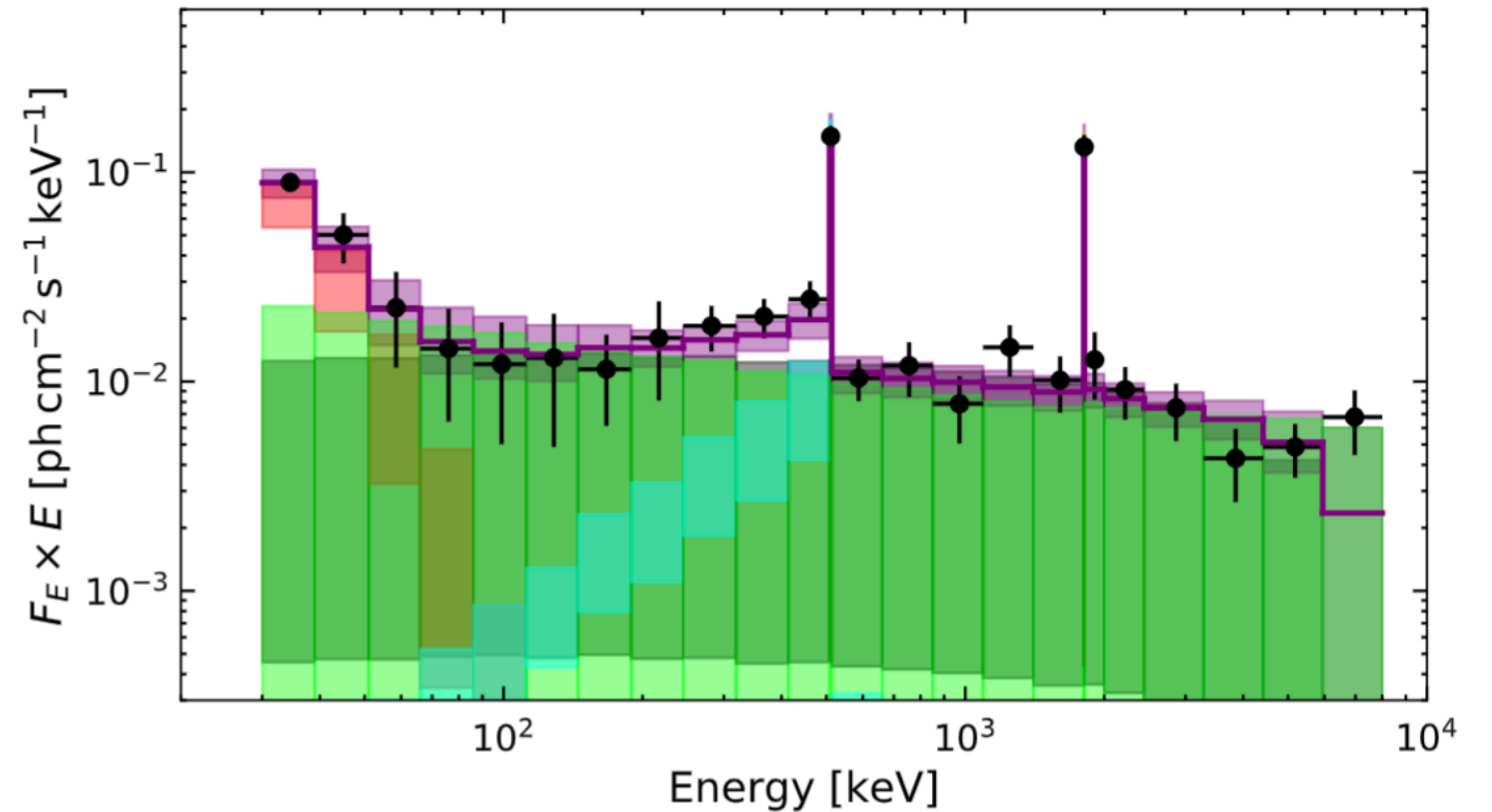
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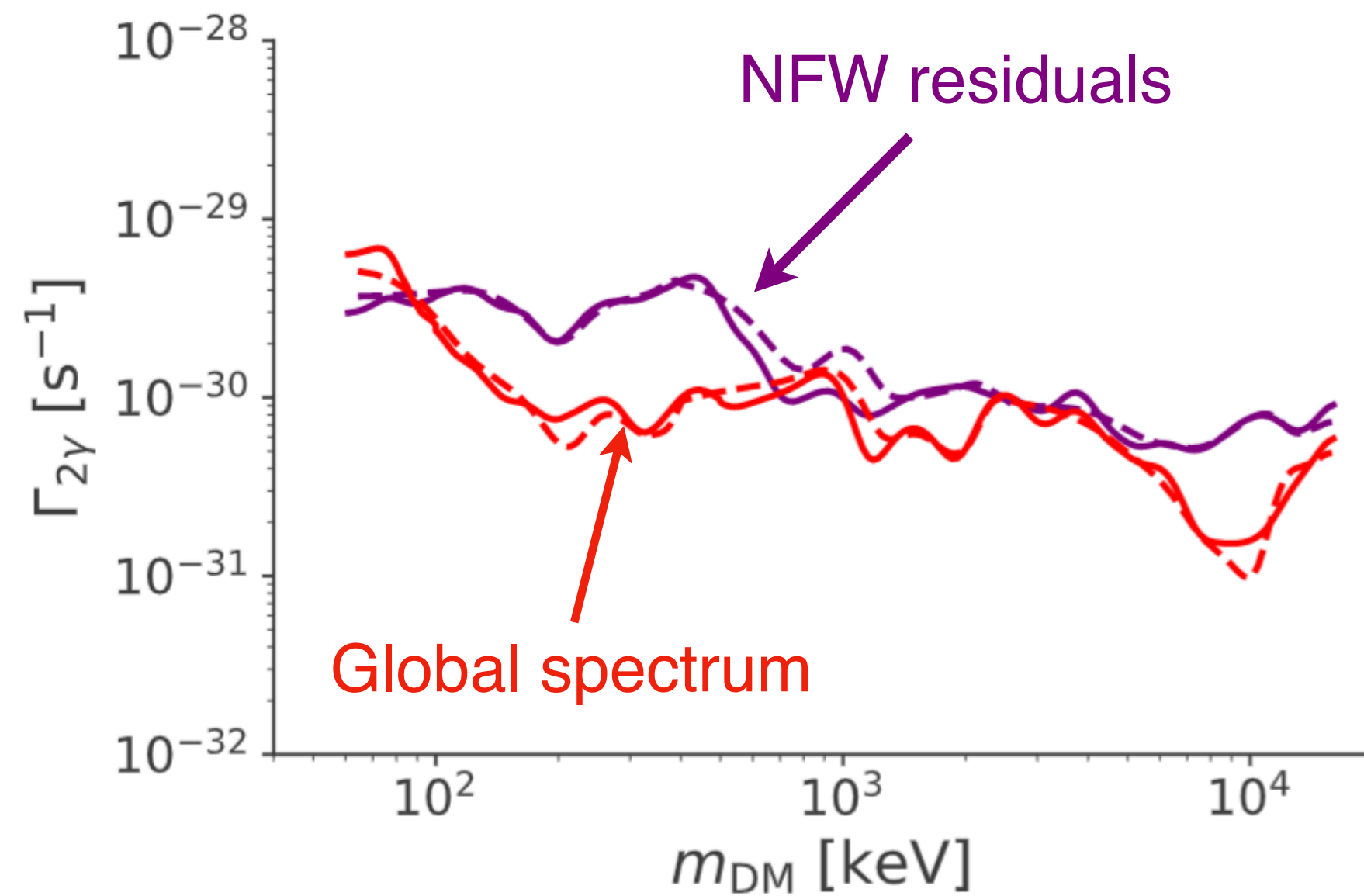


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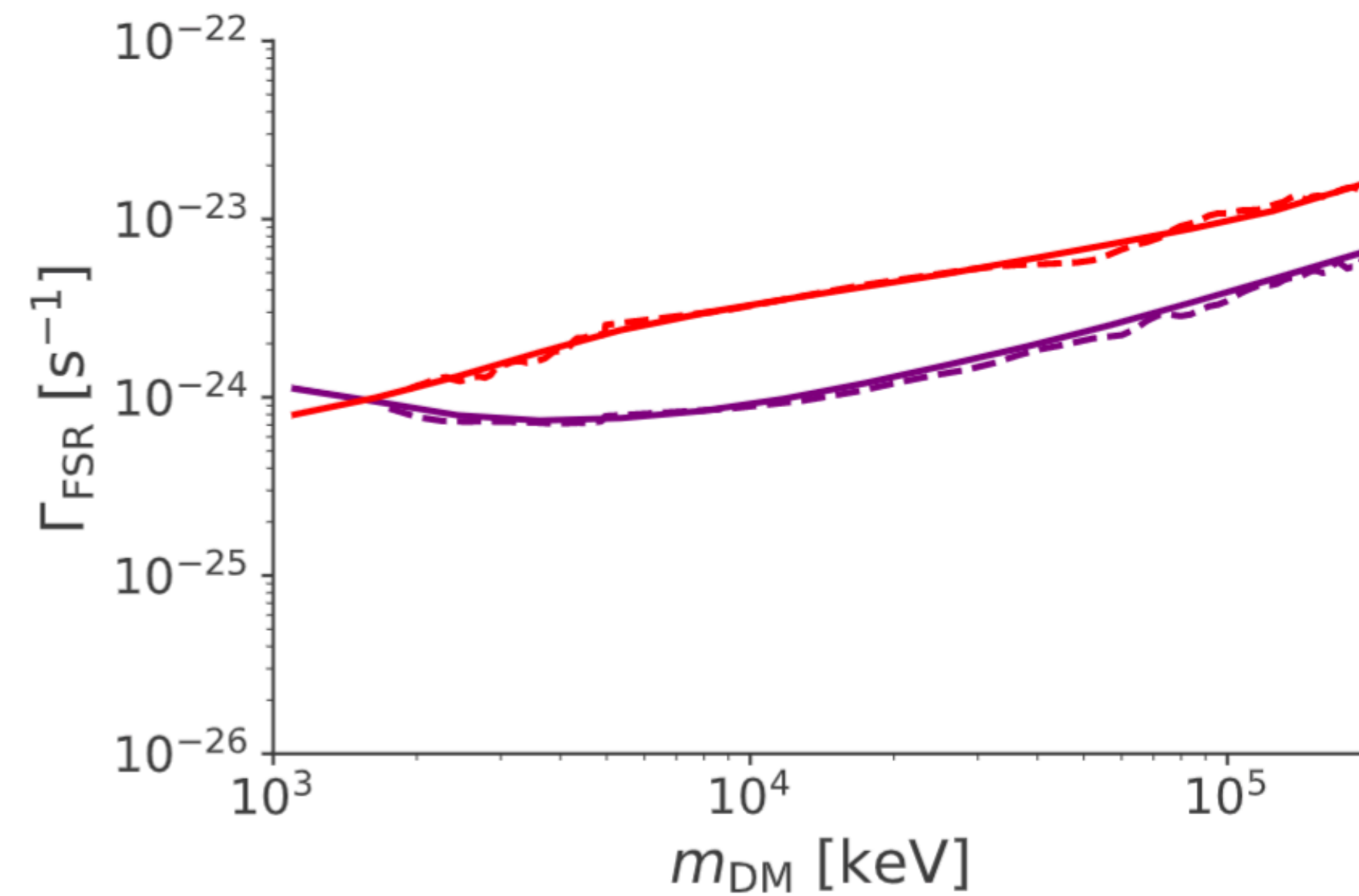
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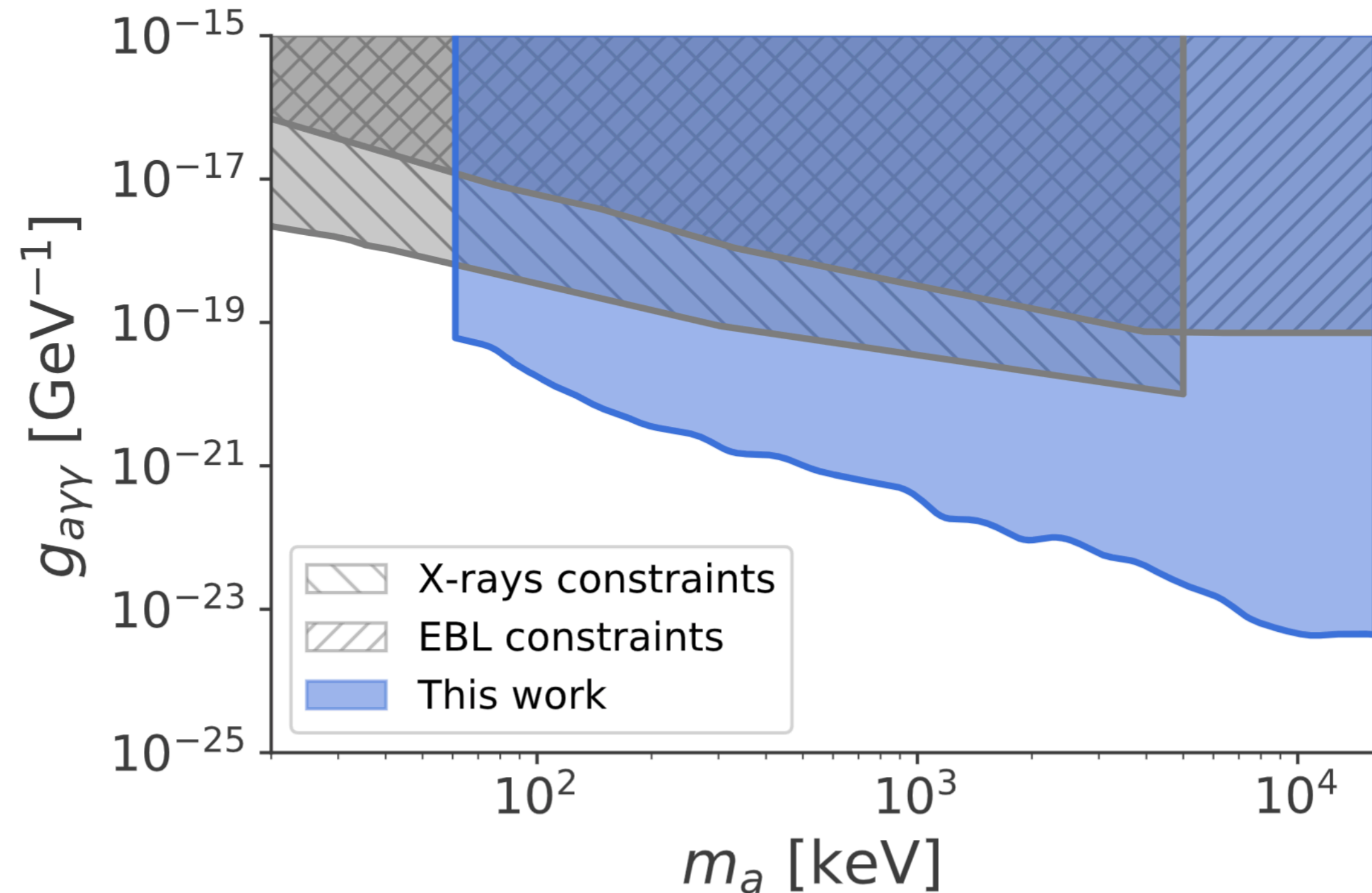


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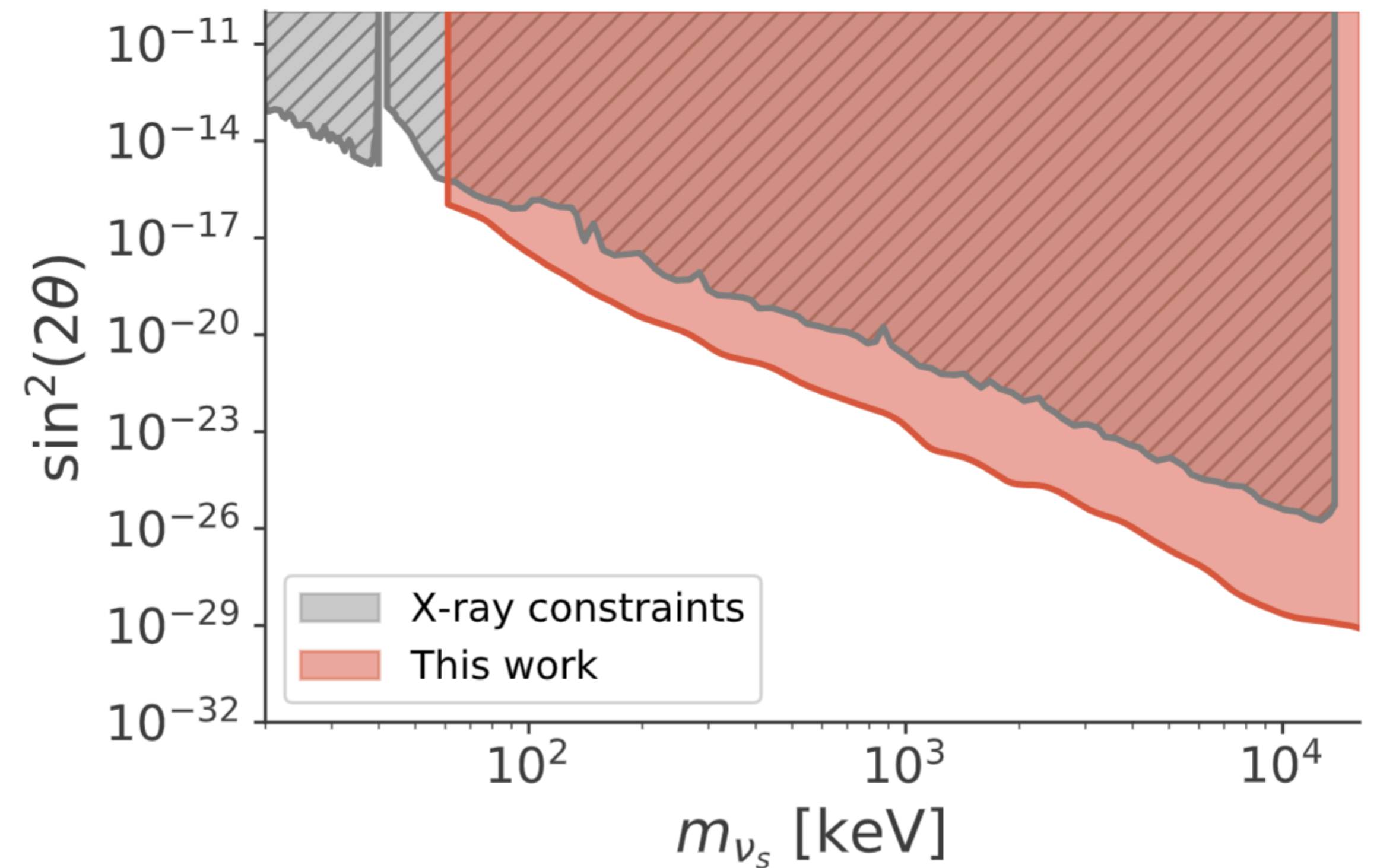
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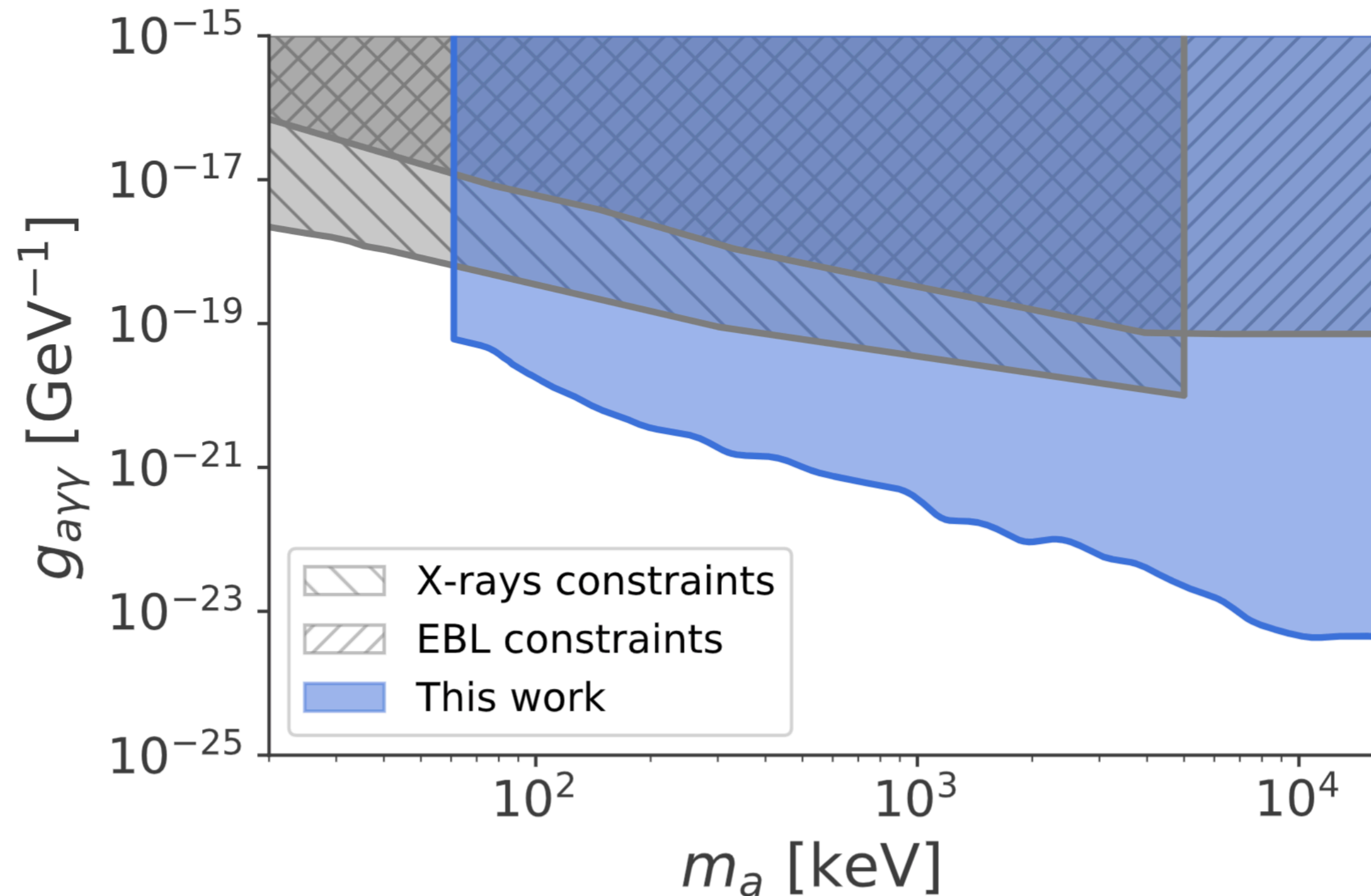
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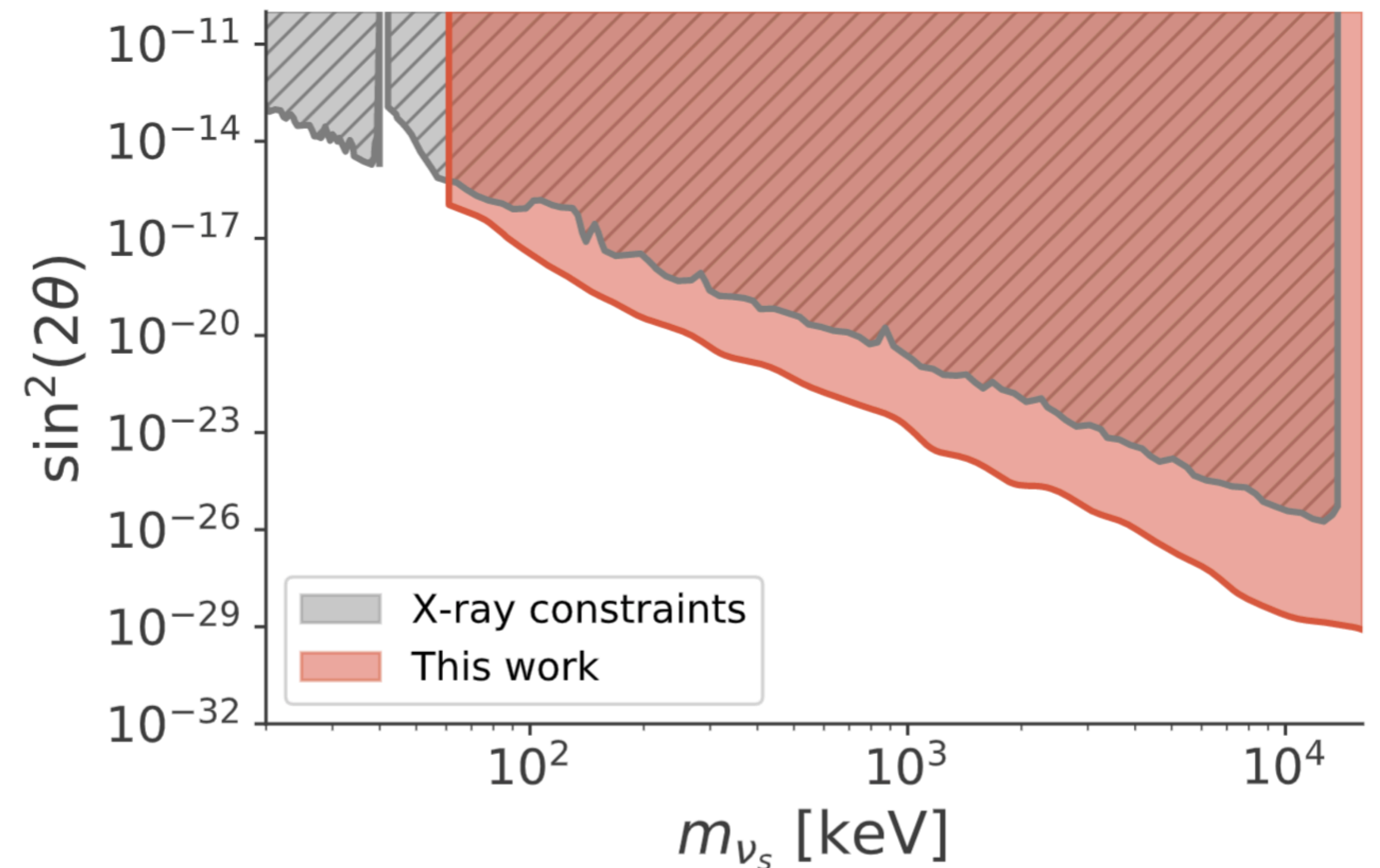
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