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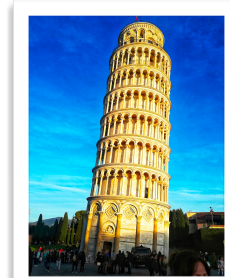
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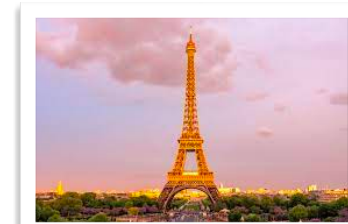
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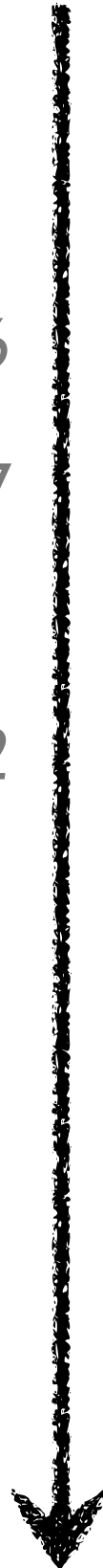
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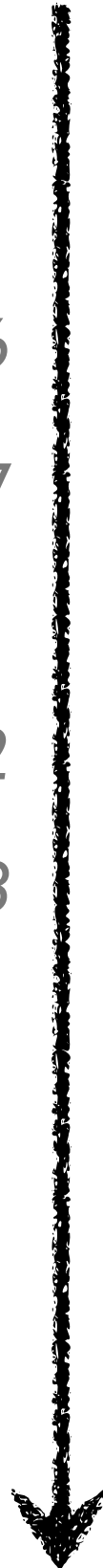
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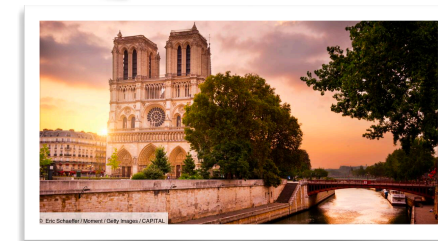


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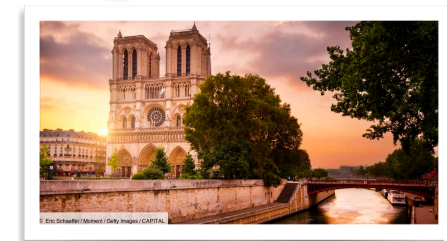


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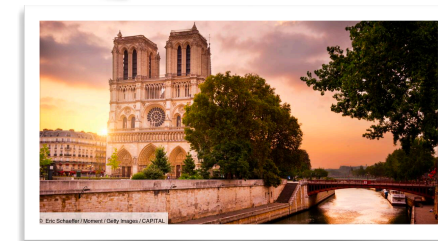


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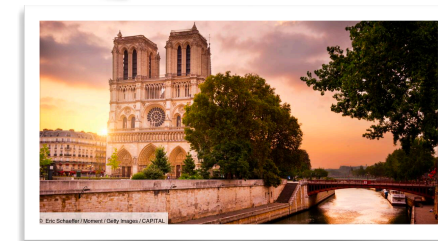


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Sub-GeV \leftarrow Dark Matter and X-rays

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based on : Cirelli, Fornengo, Kavanagh, Pinetti 2007.11493

Cirelli, Fornengo, Koechler, Pinetti, Roach 2303.08854

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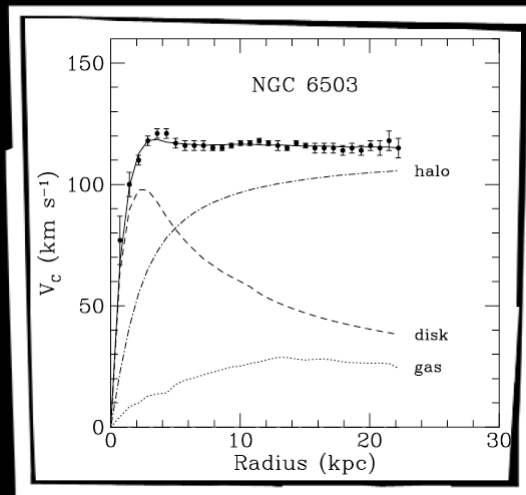
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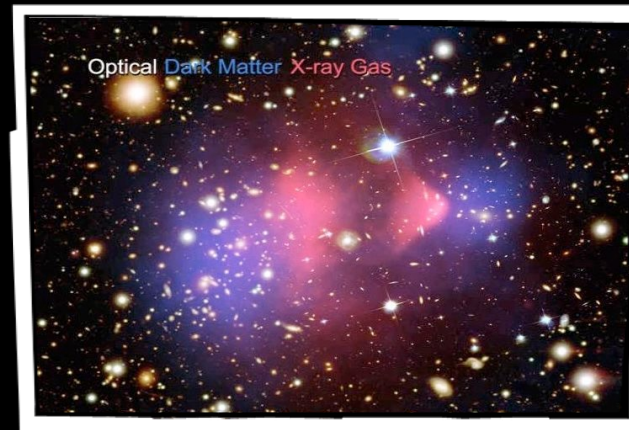
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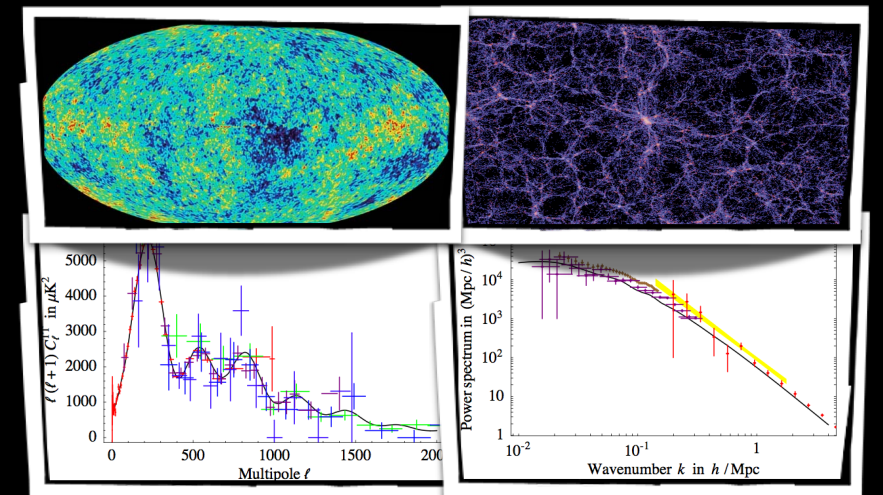
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galactic rotation curves



weak lensing (e.g. in clusters)



'precision cosmology' (CMB, LSS)

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Planck 2015,
1502.01589 (tab.4)

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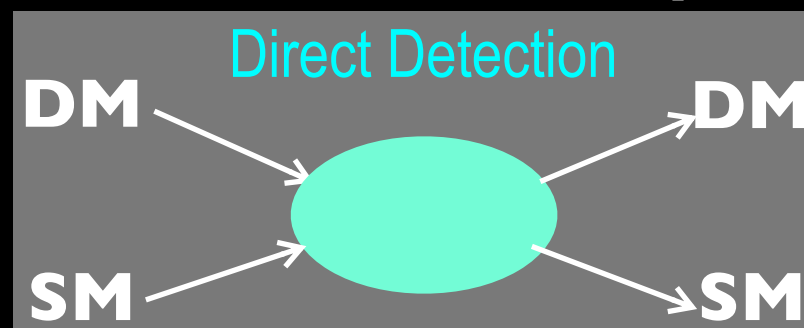
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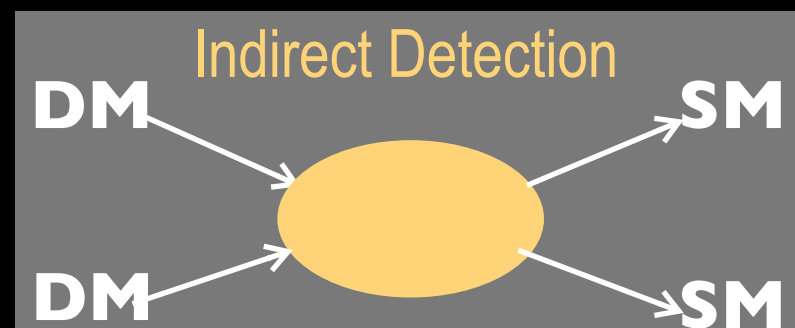
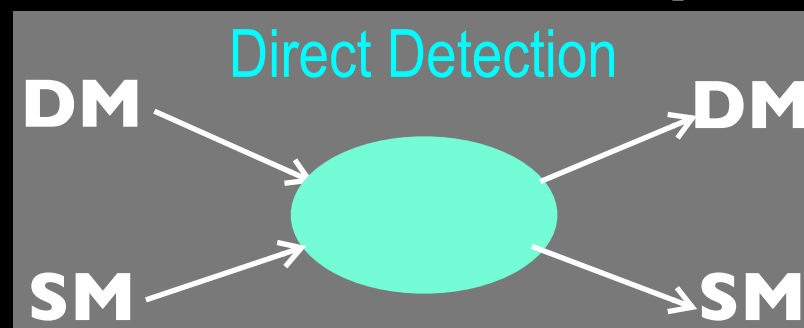
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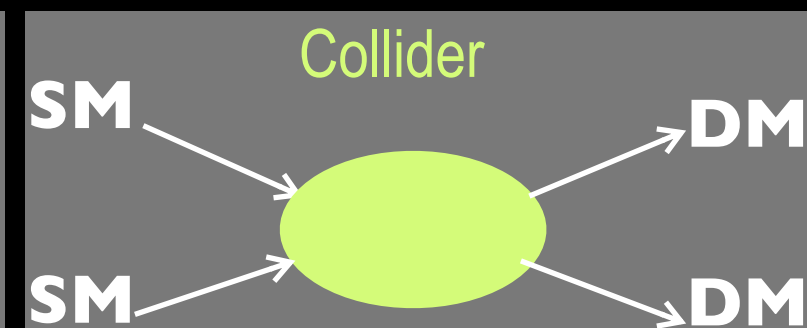
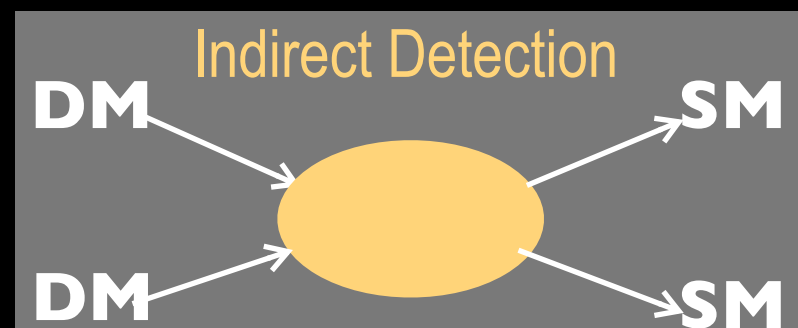
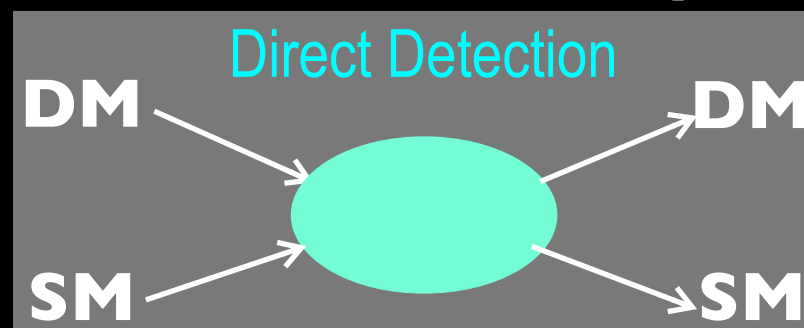
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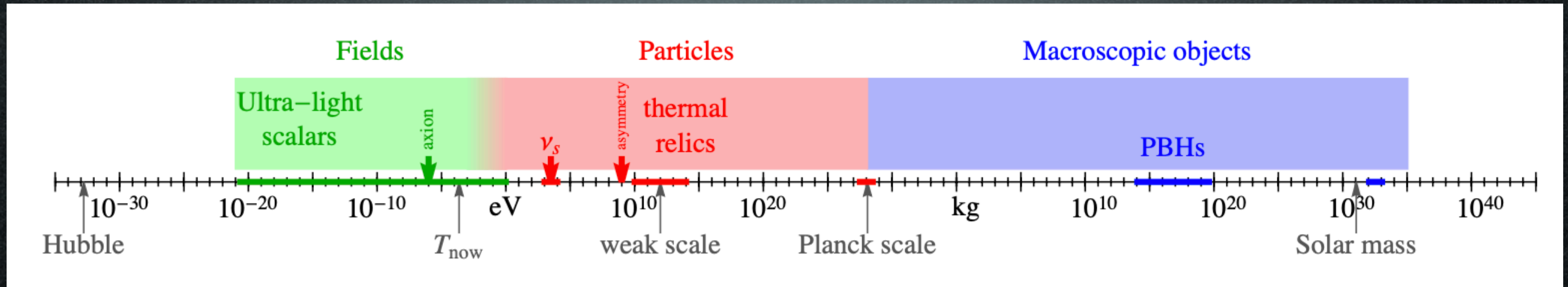
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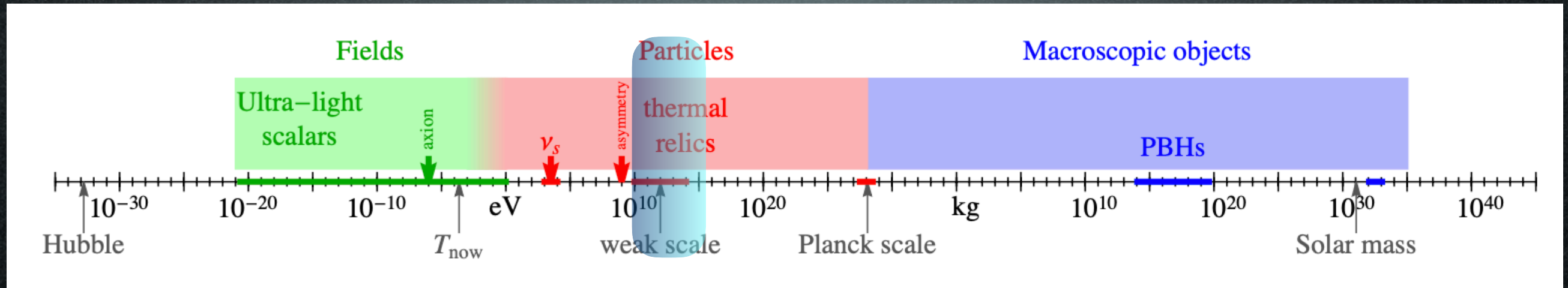
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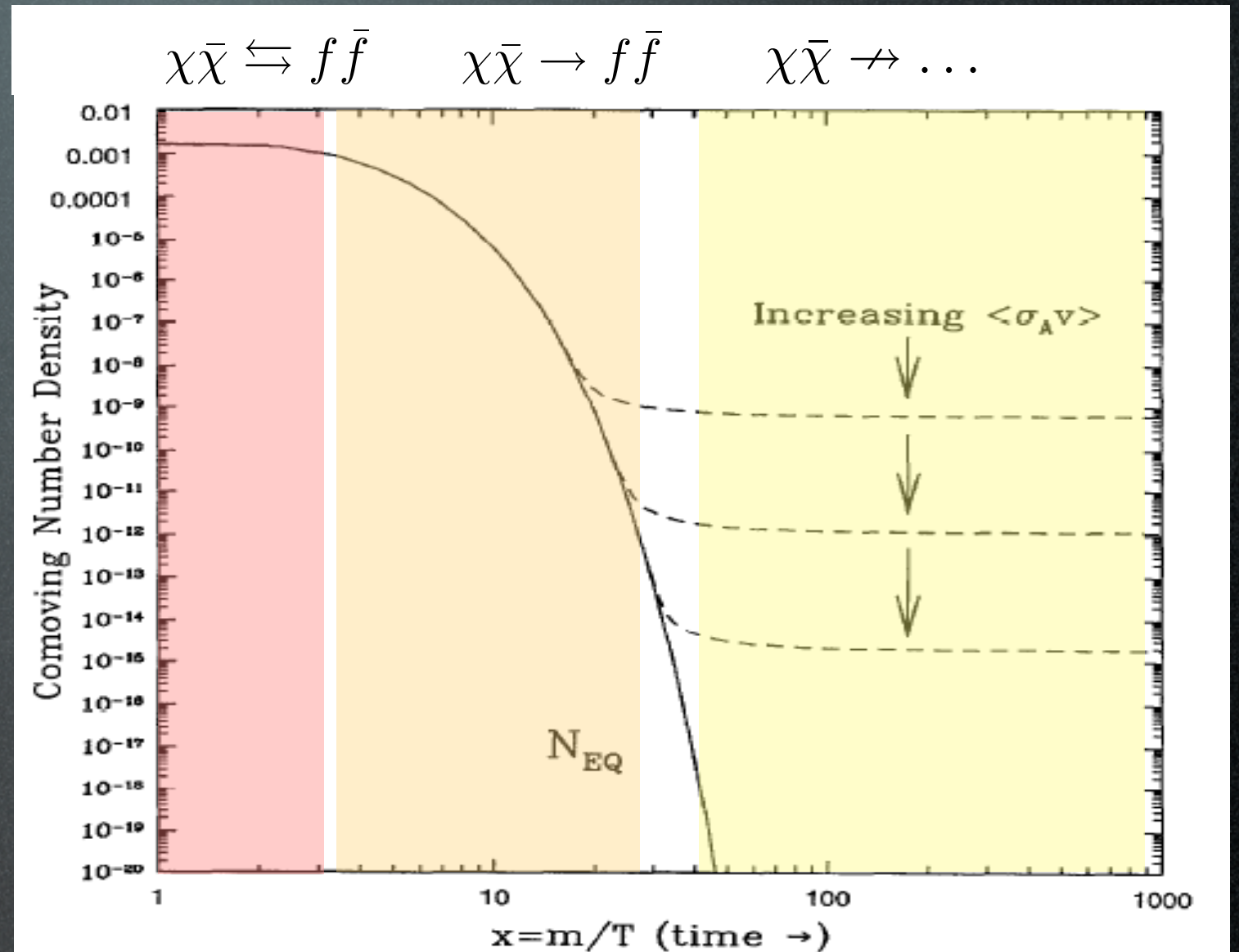
DM as a thermal relic from the Early Universe

Boltzmann equation in the Early Universe:

$$\Omega_X \approx \frac{6 \cdot 10^{-27} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}}{\langle \sigma_{\text{ann}} v \rangle}$$

Relic $\Omega_{\text{DM}} \simeq 0.23$ for

$$\langle \sigma_{\text{ann}} v \rangle = 3 \cdot 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3 / \text{sec}$$



Weak cross section:

$$\langle \sigma_{\text{ann}} v \rangle \approx \frac{\alpha_w^2}{M^2} \approx \frac{\alpha_w^2}{1 \text{ TeV}^2} \Rightarrow \Omega_X \sim \mathcal{O}(\text{few } 0.1) \quad (\text{WIMP})$$

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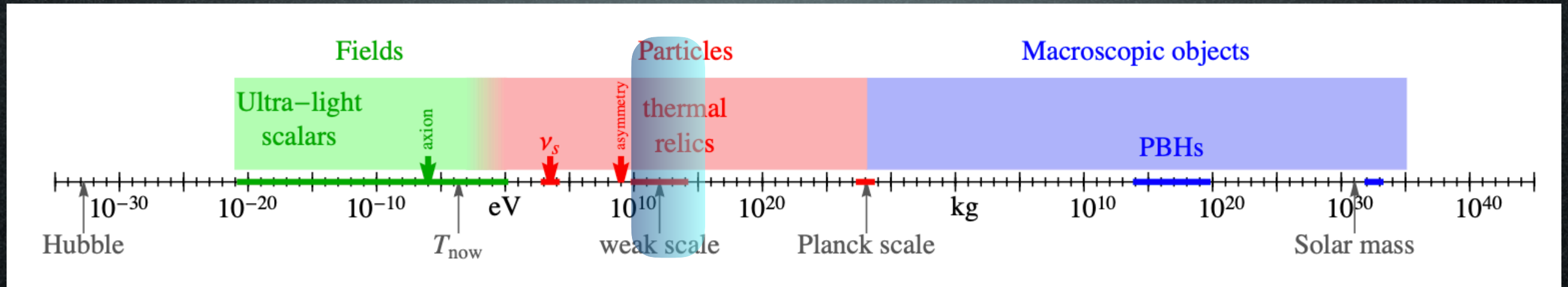
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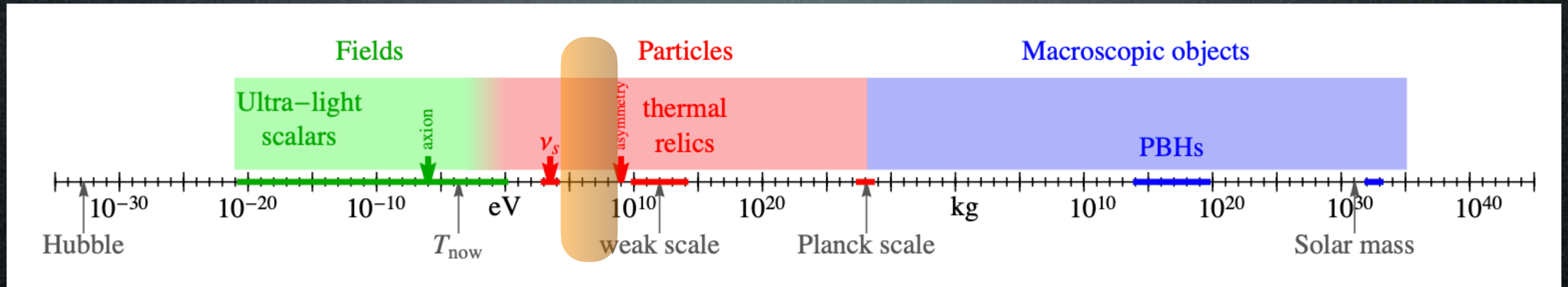
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- ‘MeV (scalar) DM’

Boehm & Fayet [hep-ph/0305261](#)

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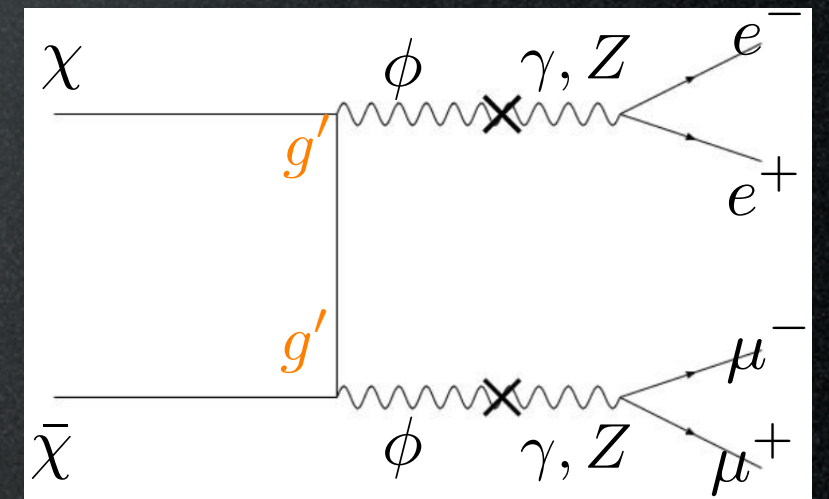
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(but nothing points to a precise value)

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Production mechanism:

just **thermal freeze-out**
of these annihilations

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- ‘SIMP miracle’:

scalar DM with relic abundance set by $3 \rightarrow 2$ processes

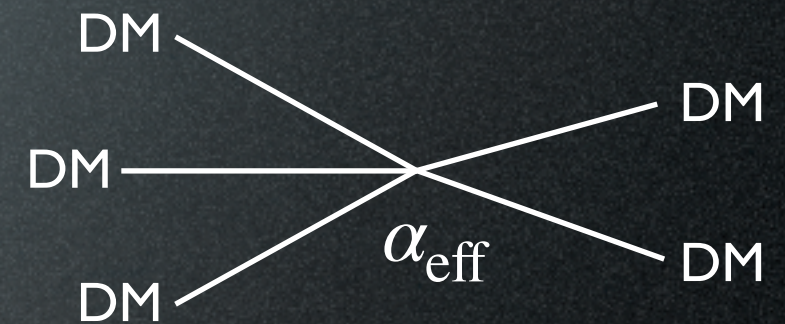
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$$m_{\text{DM}} \sim \alpha_{\text{eff}} (T_{\text{eq}}^2 M_{\text{Pl}})^{1/3} \sim 100 \text{ MeV}$$

Hochberg et al 1402.5143

‘naturally realized’ in a **dark-QCD-like** setup

$$\alpha_{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{O}(1) \quad \text{i.e.} \quad g_x \sim 4\pi$$



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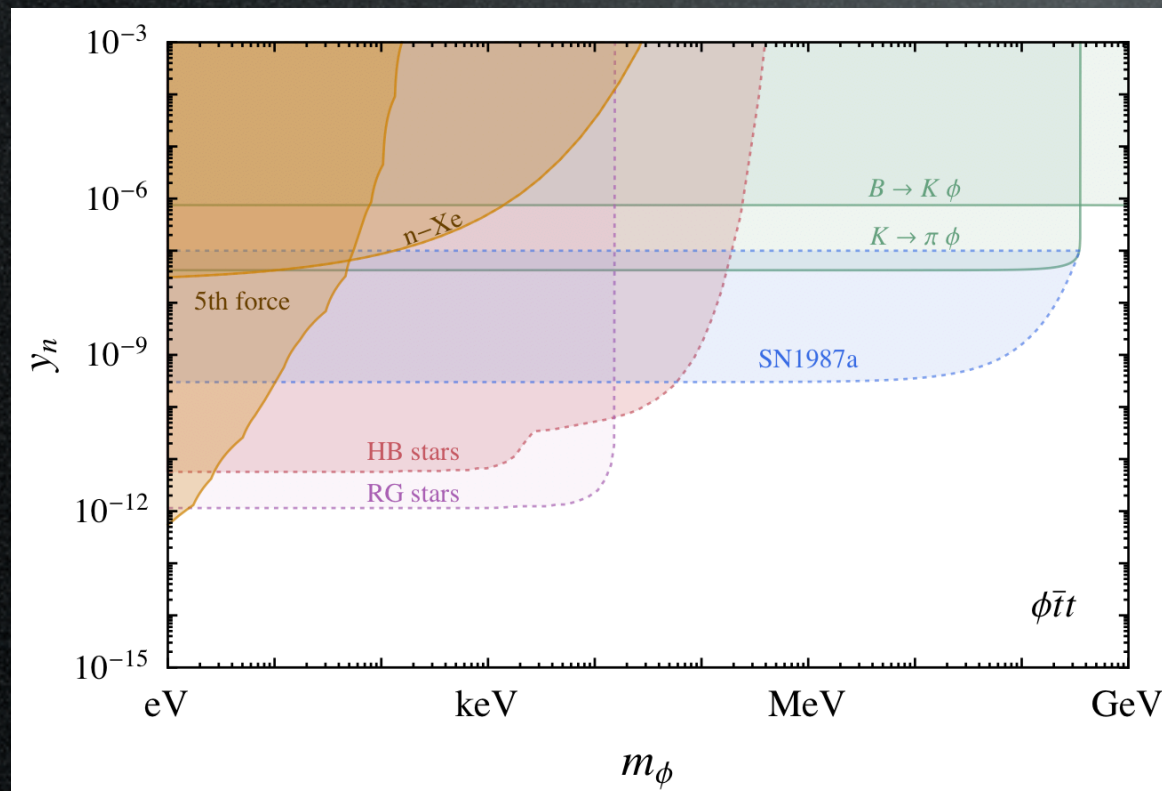
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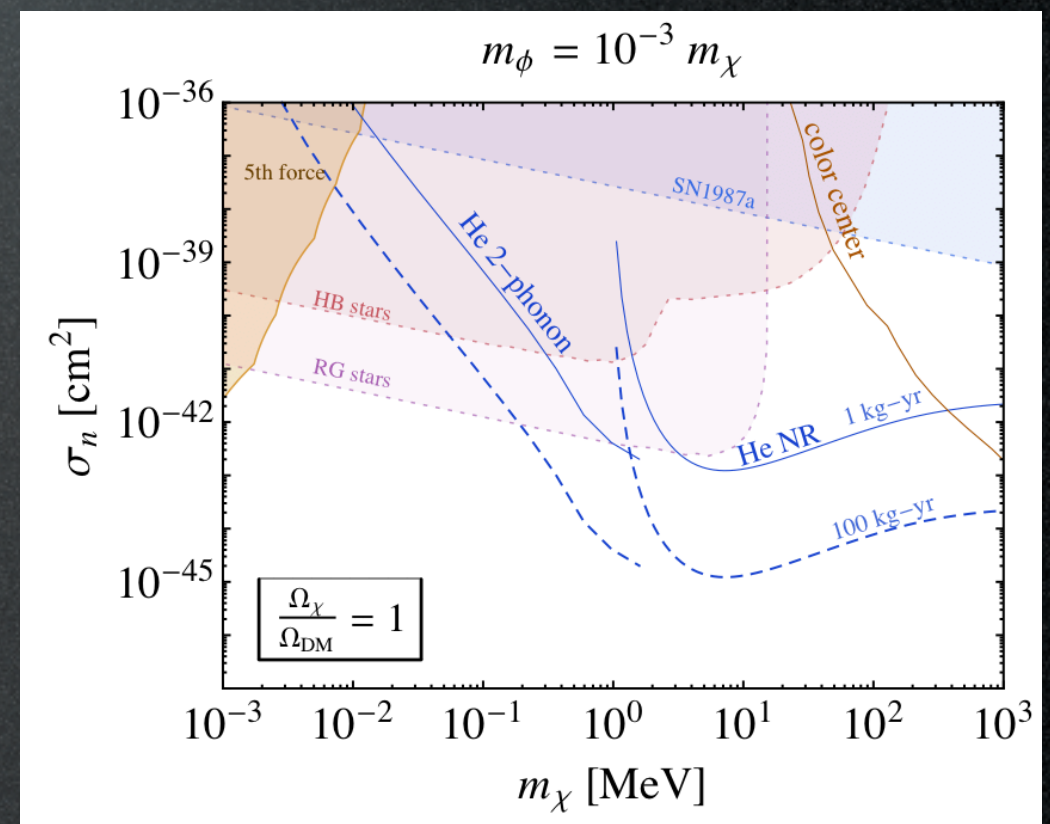
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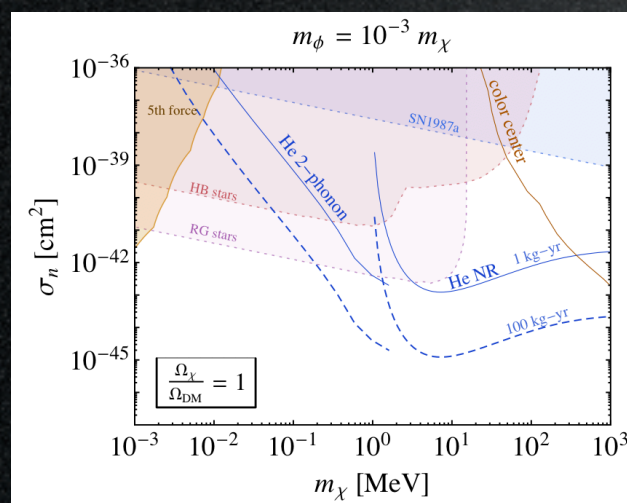
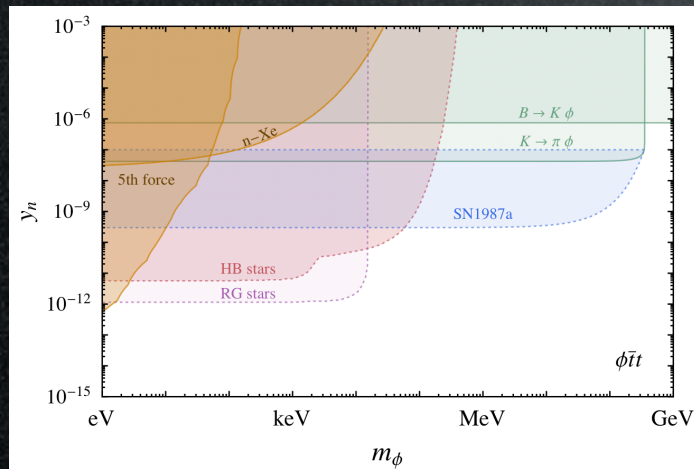
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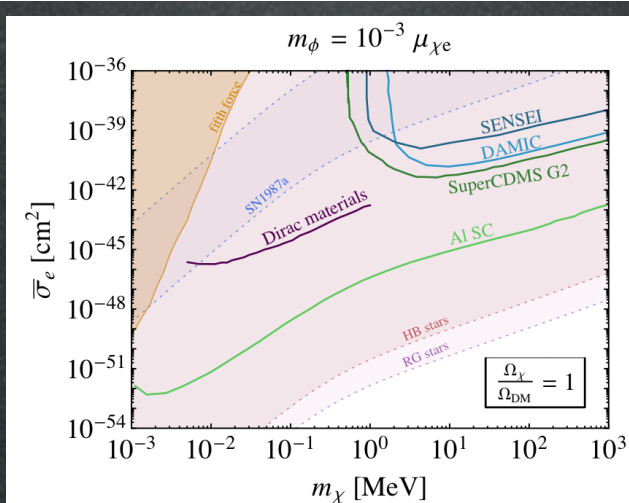
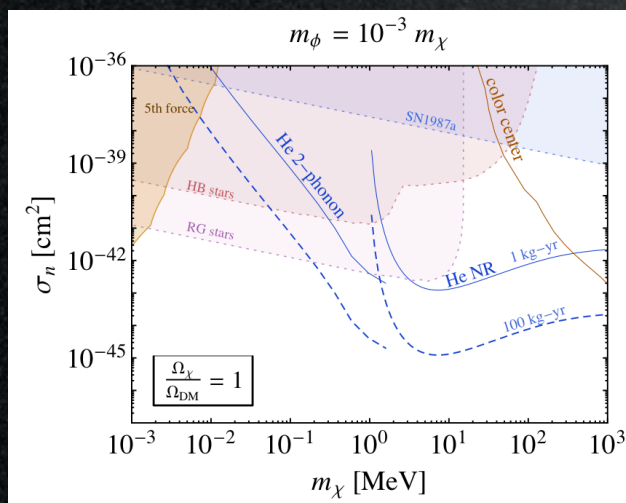
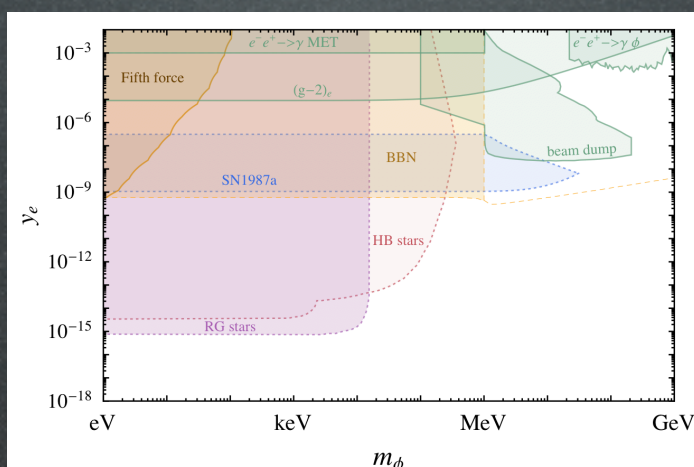
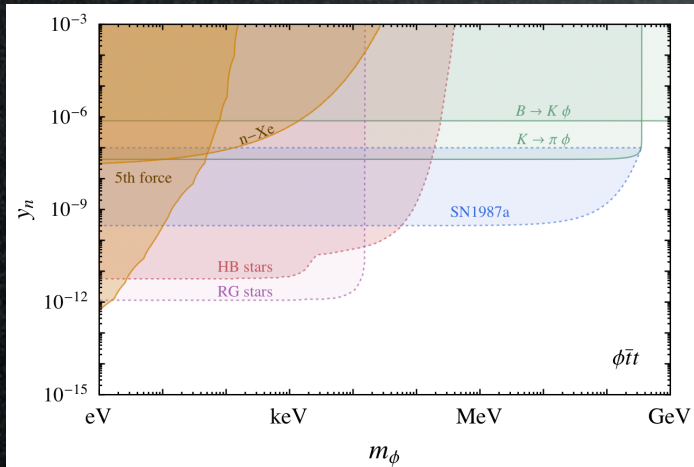
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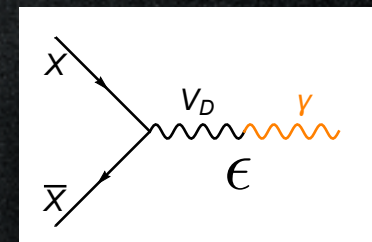
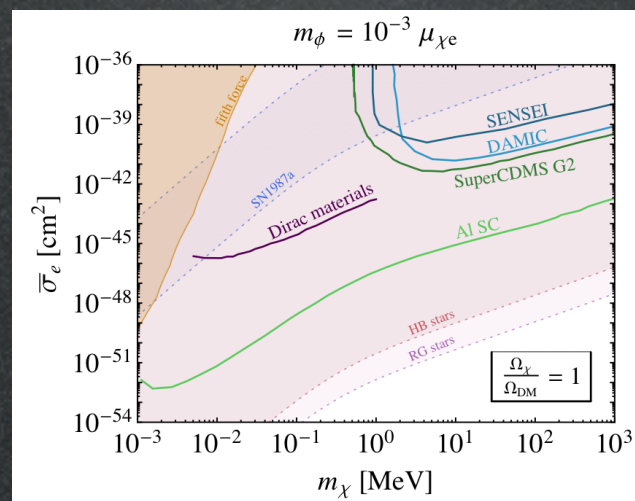
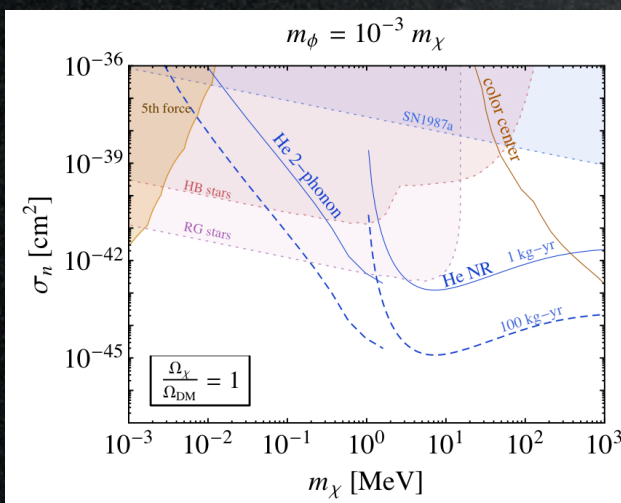
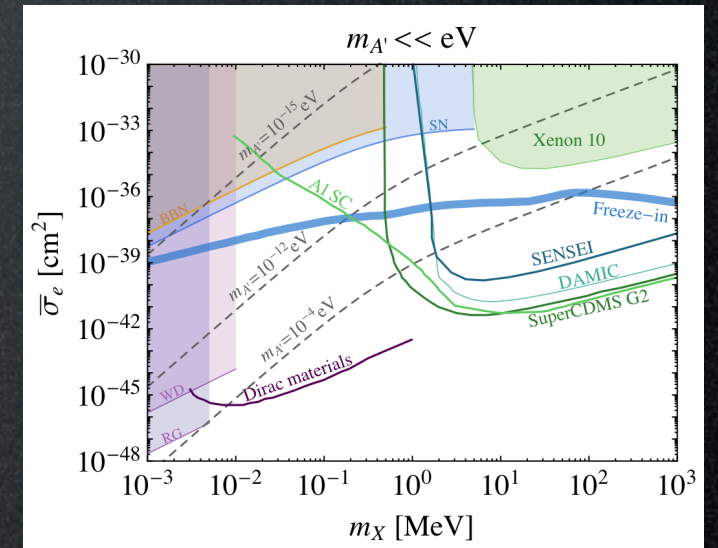
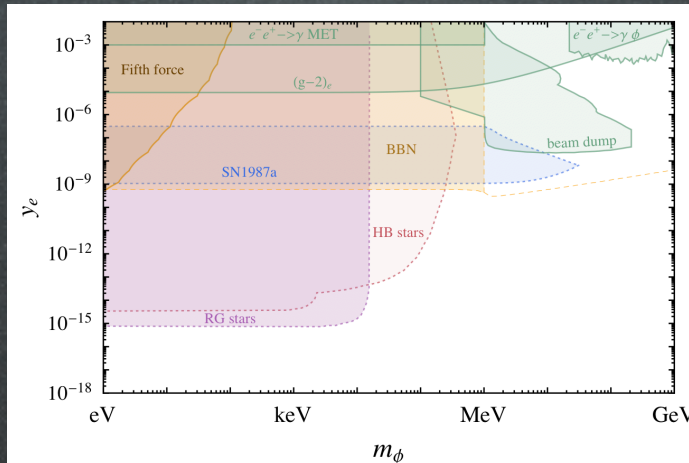
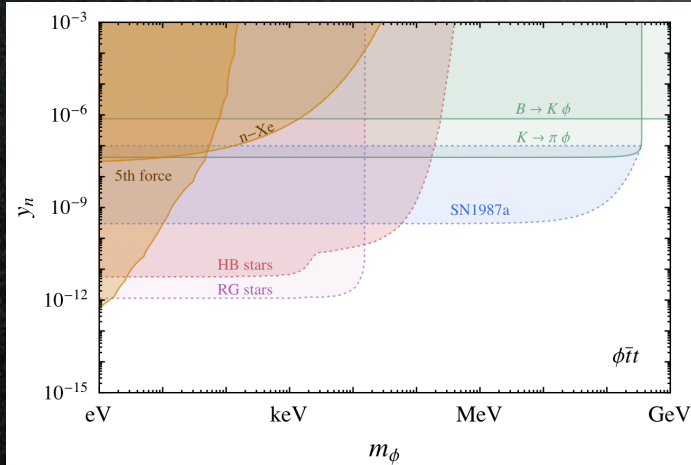
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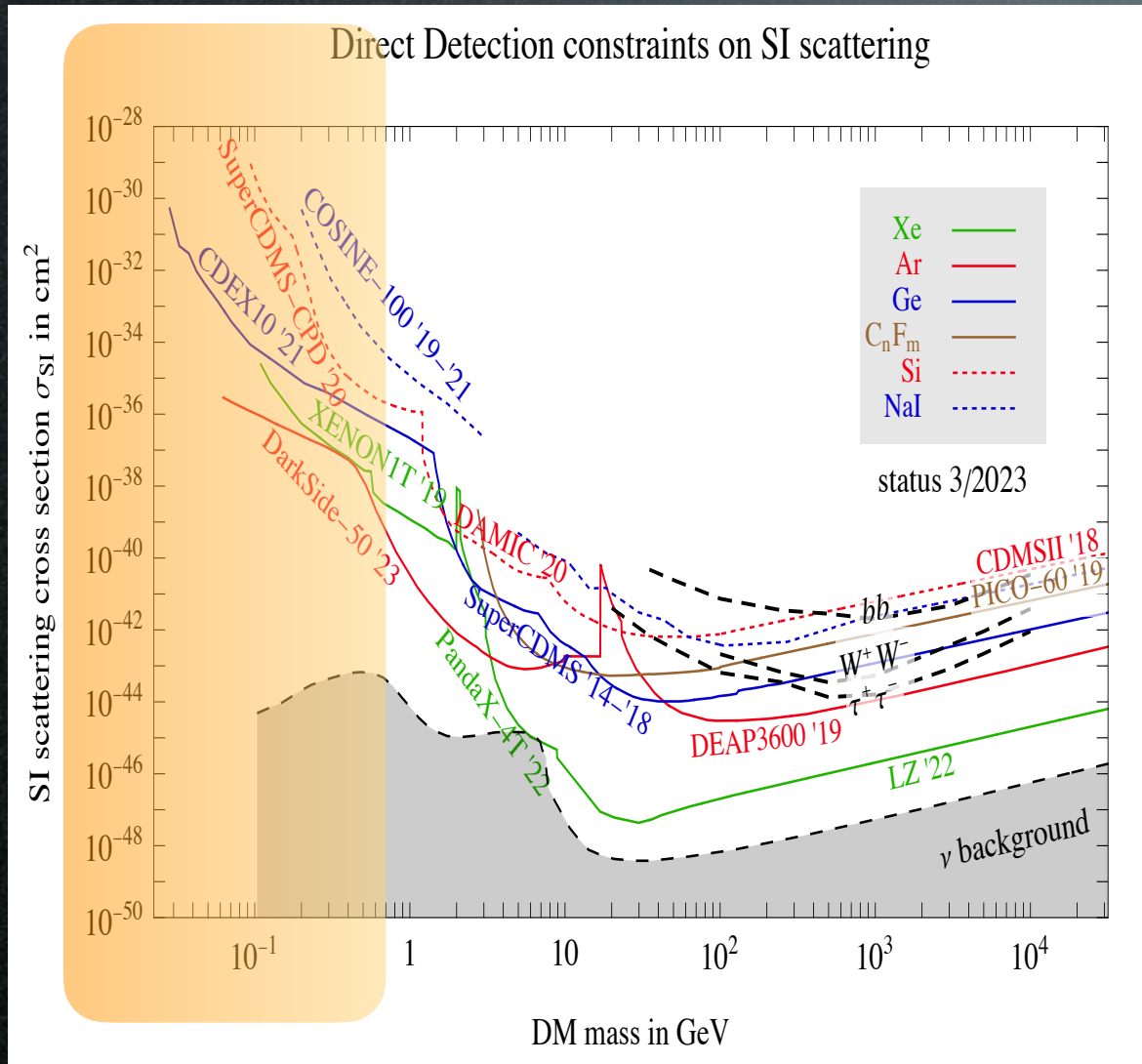
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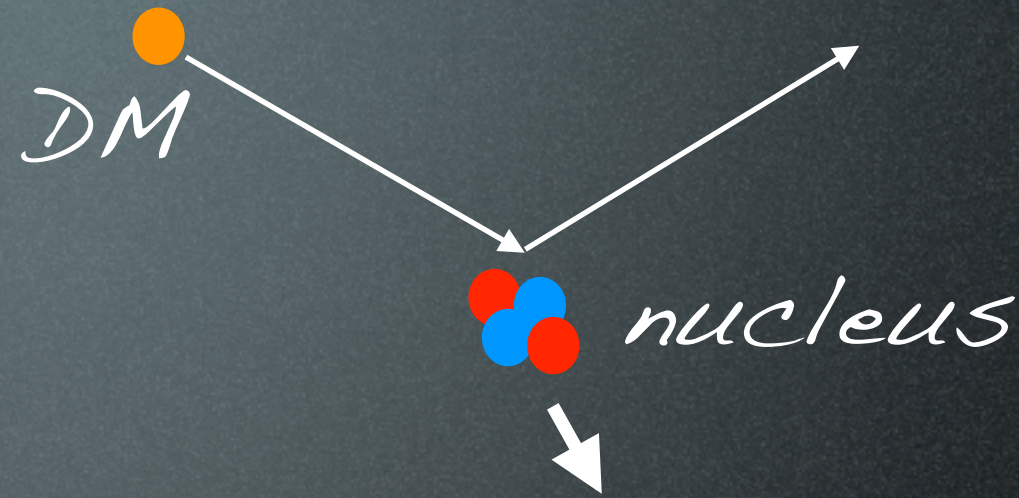
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Direct Detection of sub-GeV DM



M. Cirelli, A. Strumia, J. Zupan 2406.01705



deposited energy is
below threshold for typical
nuclear recoil experiments

- electron recoil signal
- Migdal effect
- new experimental strategies

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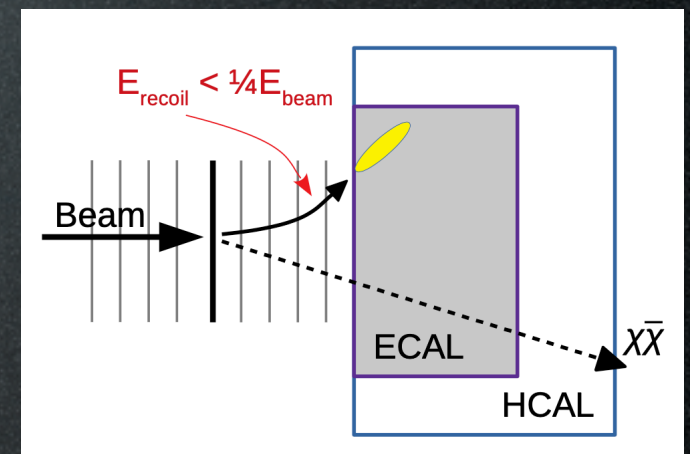
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Collider searches of sub-GeV DM

Missing E_T signature is **challenging** for LHC experiments

- **fixed target** / beam dump experiments
- search for **associated states**,
i.e. particles of a new ‘dark sector’



e.g. LDMX coll. 1808.05219

B. Batell, M. Pospelov and A. Ritz, Exploring Portals to a Hidden Sector Through Fixed Targets, Phys. Rev. D 80 (2009) 095024, [0906.5614].

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L. Doria, P. Achenbach, M. Christmann, A. Denig, P. Glöckler and H. Merkel, Search for light dark matter with the MESA accelerator, in 13th Conference on the Intersections of Particle and Nuclear Physics, 9, 2018. 1809.07168.

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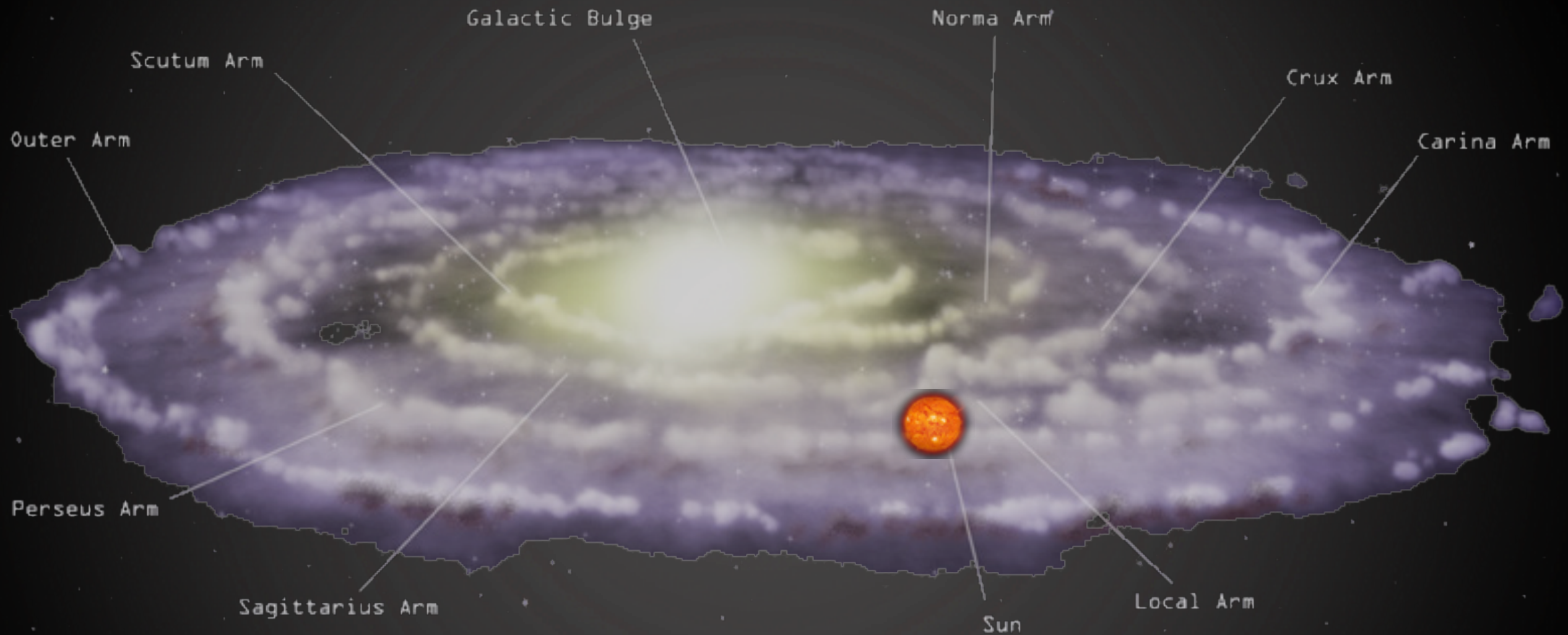
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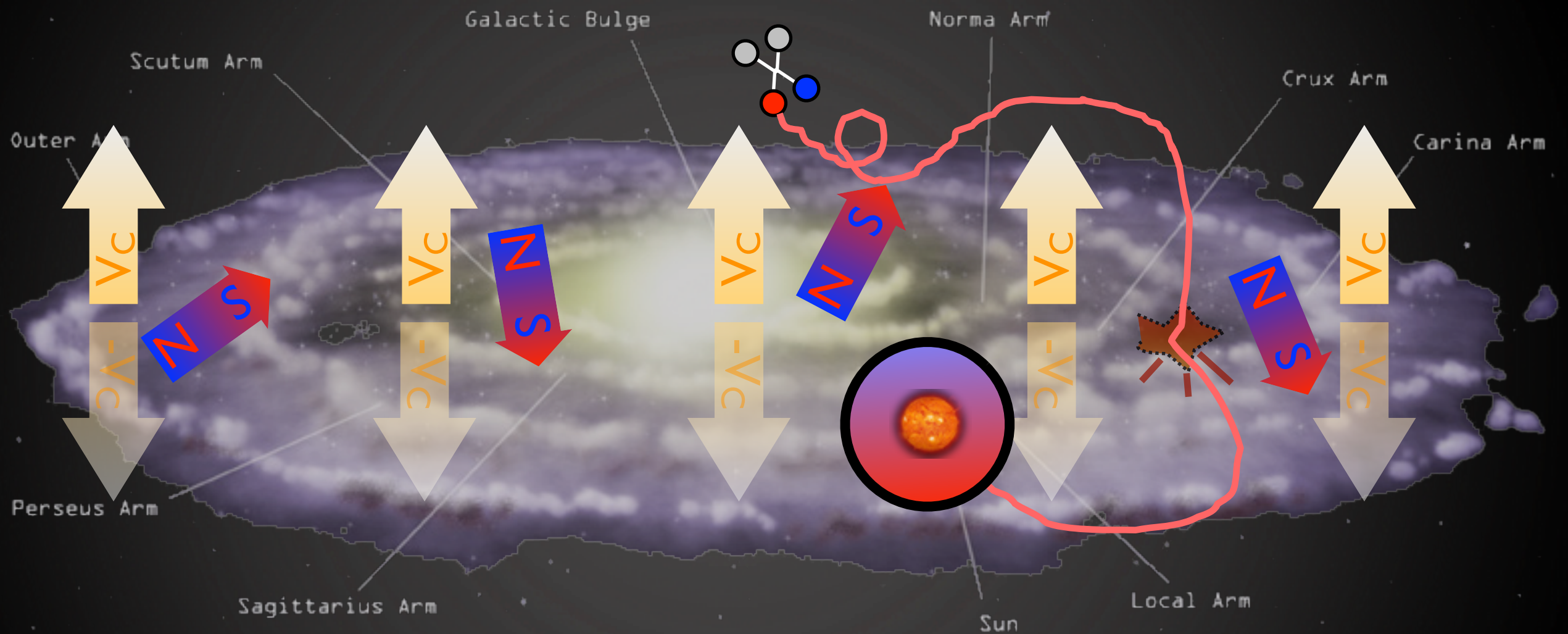
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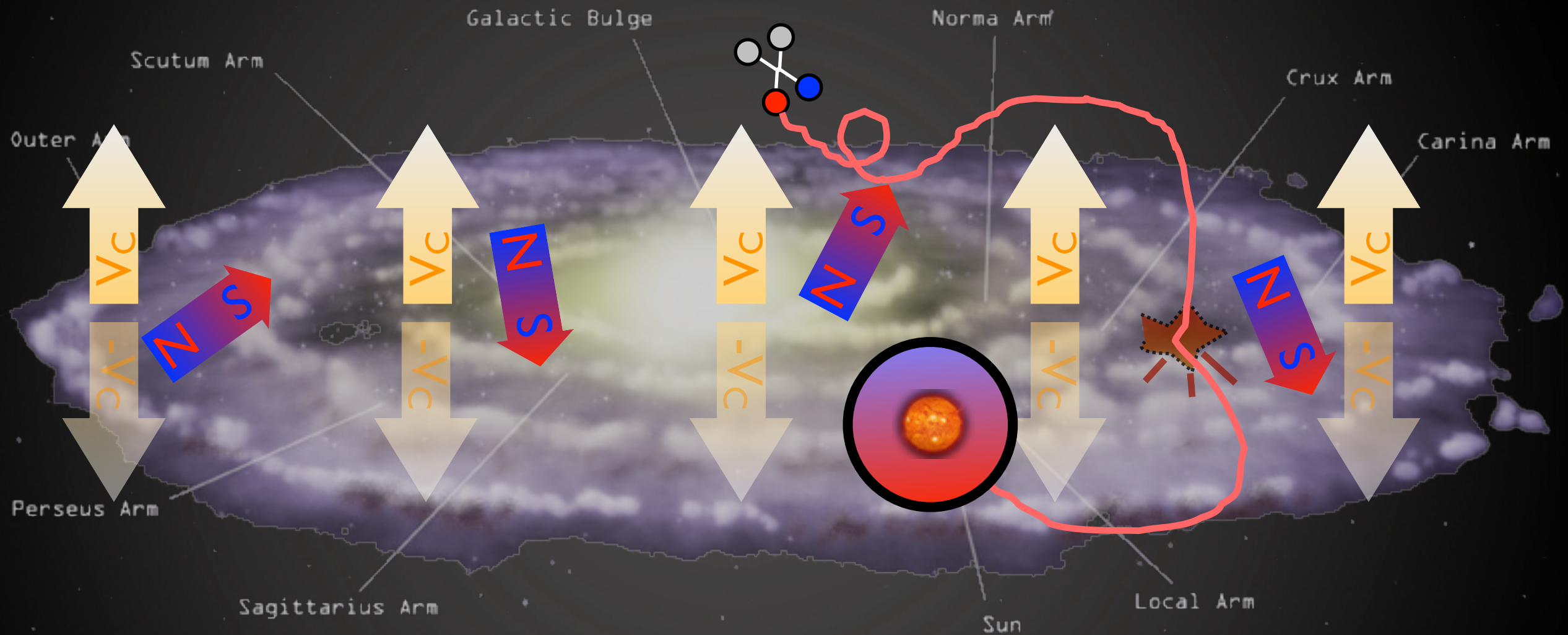
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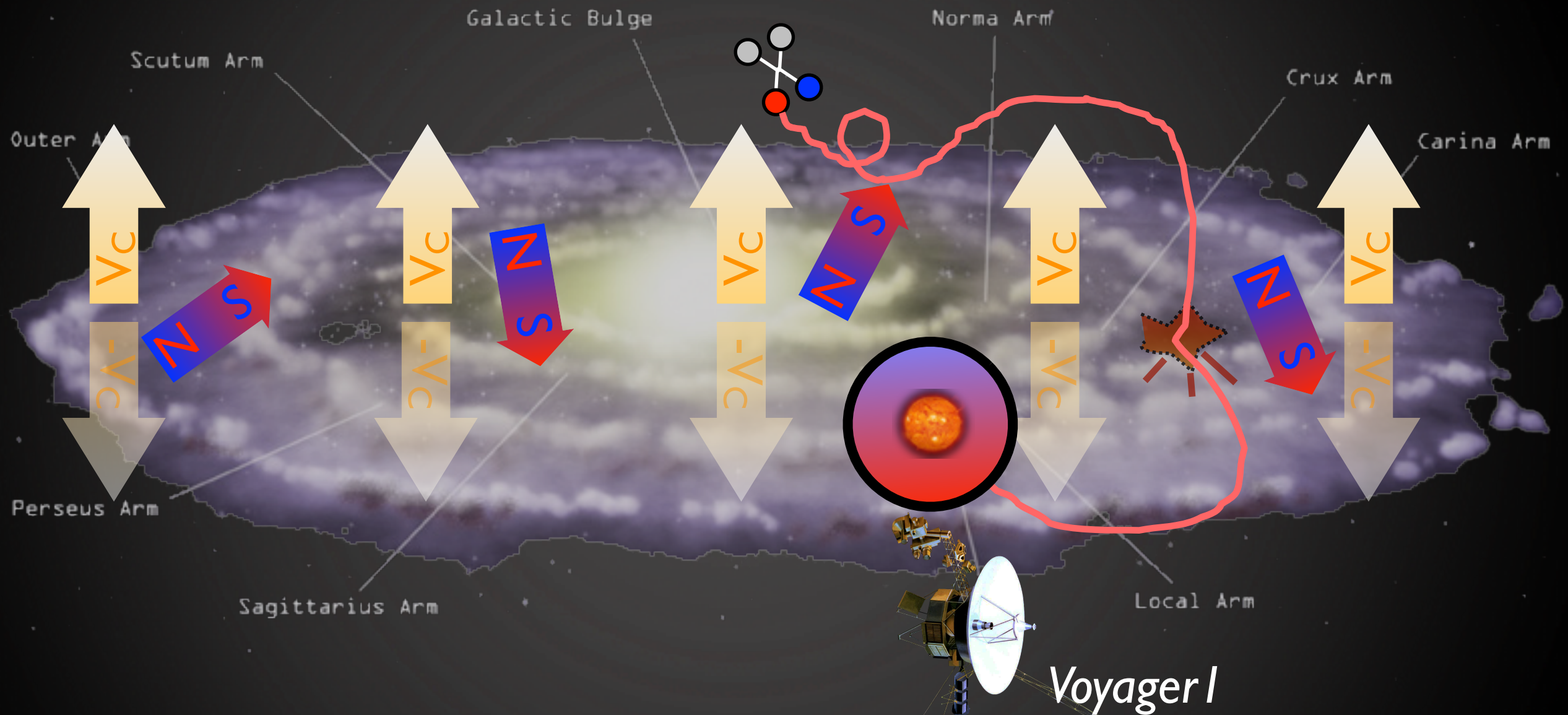


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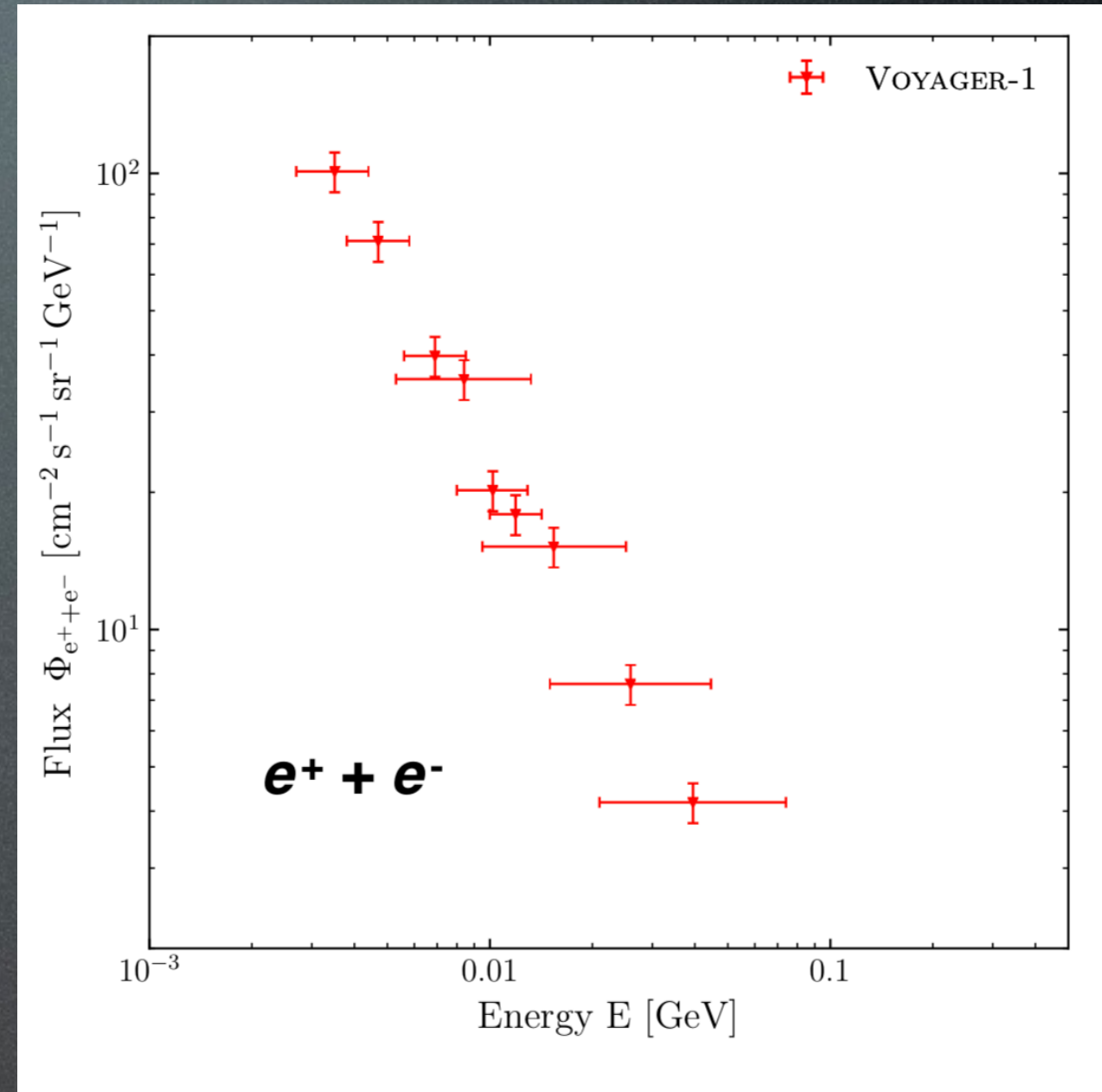
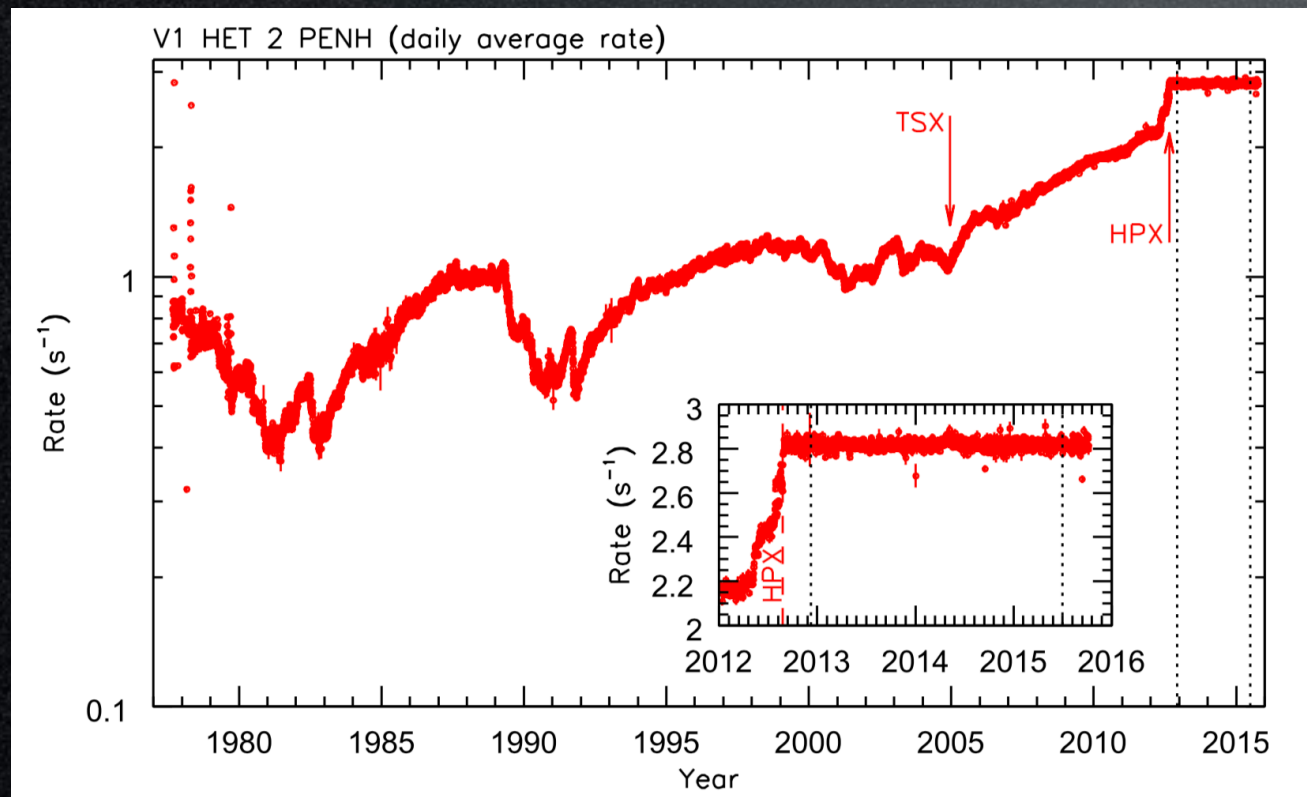
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Data: leptons

low energy

Voyager-1 left the heliosphere in 08.2012

First ever measurement of sub-GeV $e^+ + e^-$

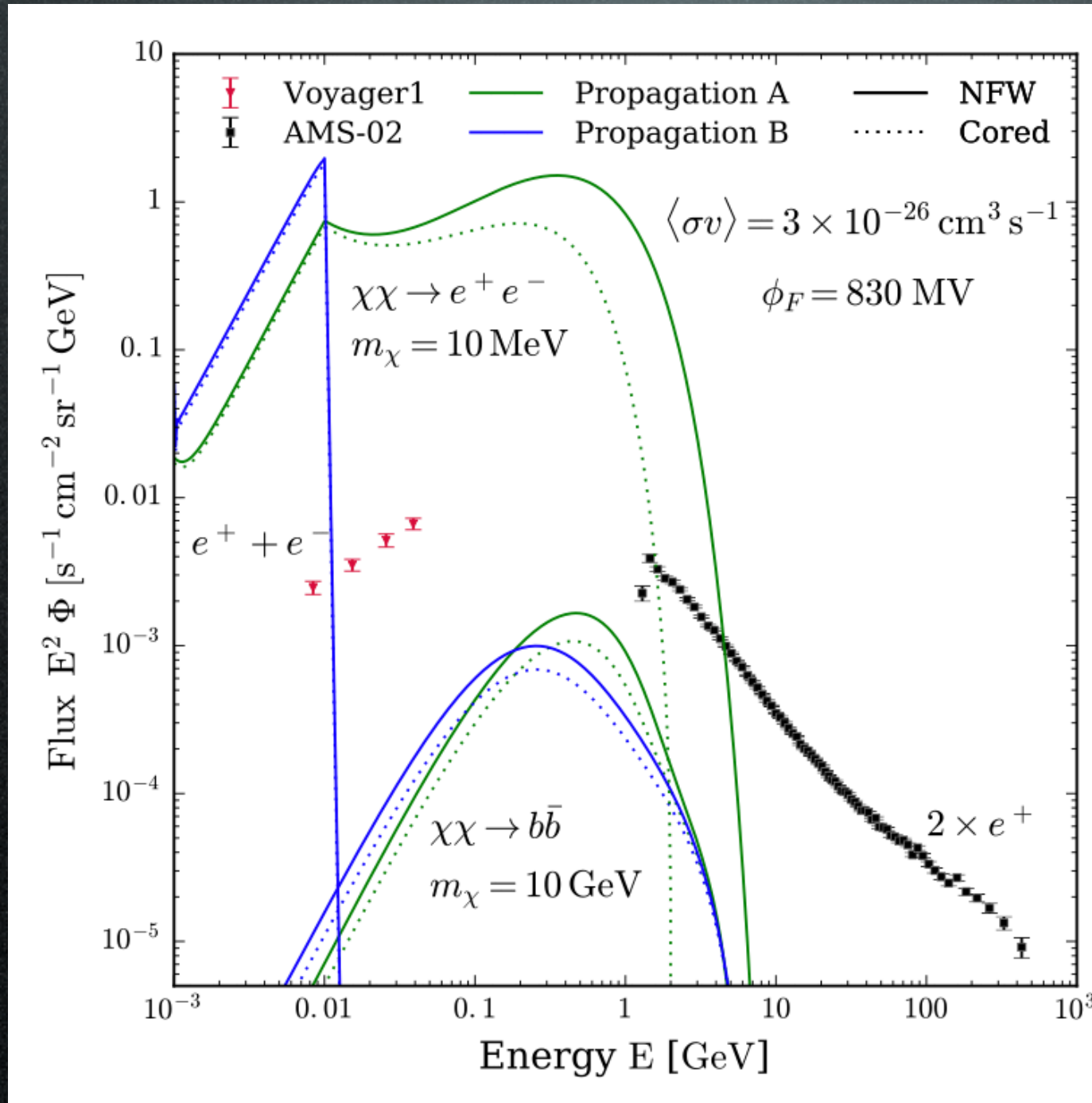


courtesy of M. Boudaud, based on
Cummings+ (Voyager-1 coll.),
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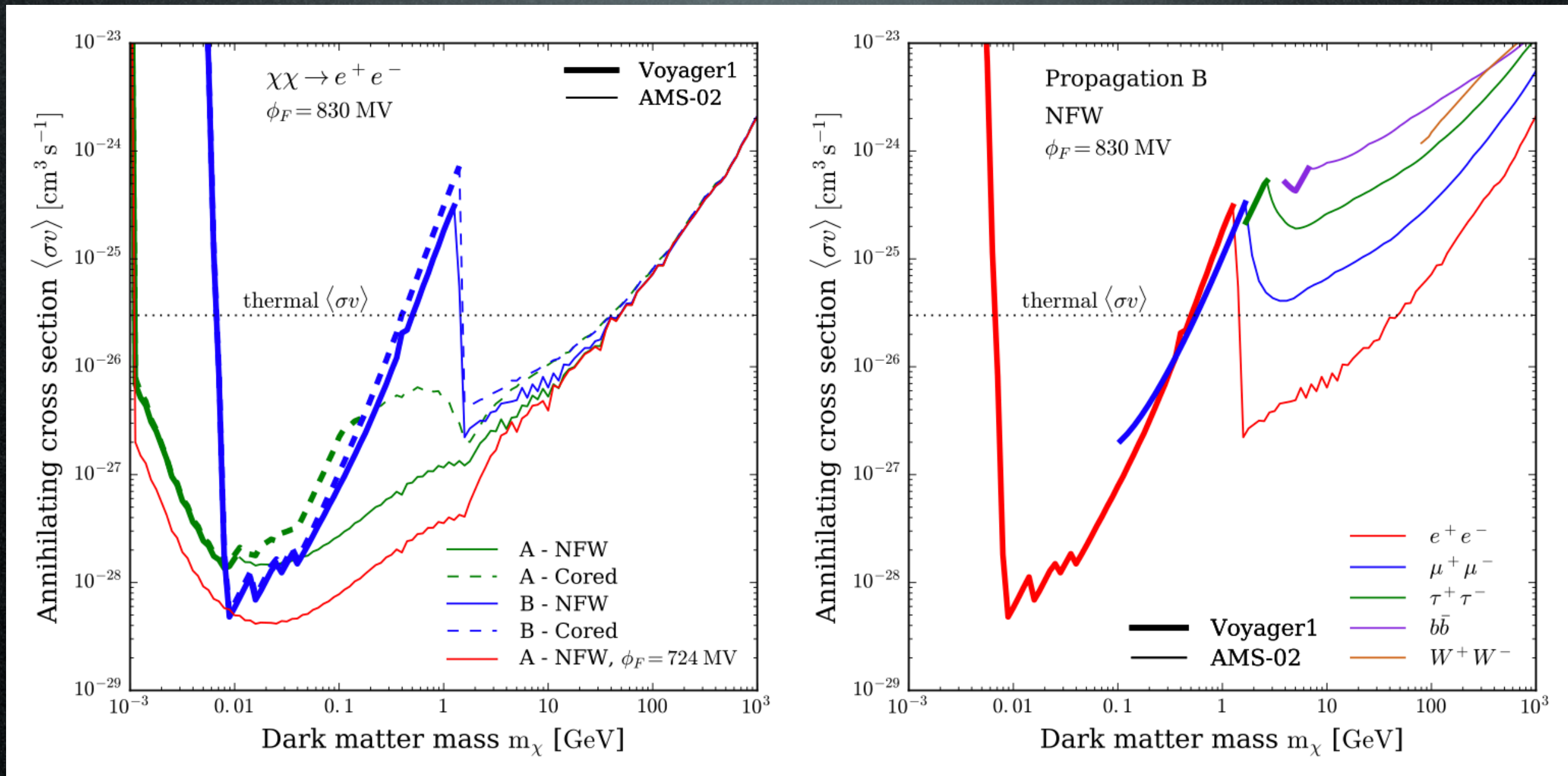


Propagation A = strong reacceleration
Propagation B = weak/no reacceleration

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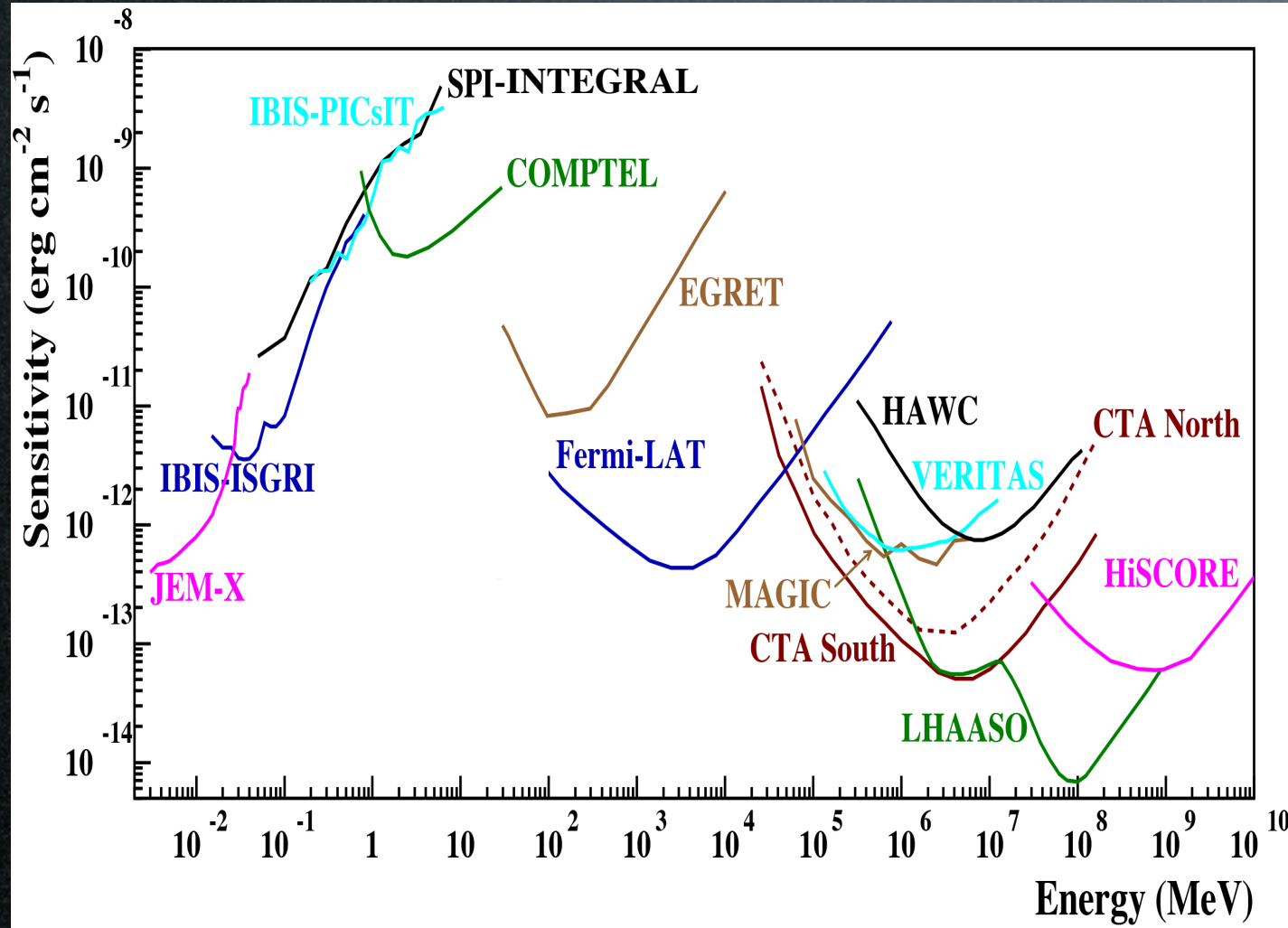
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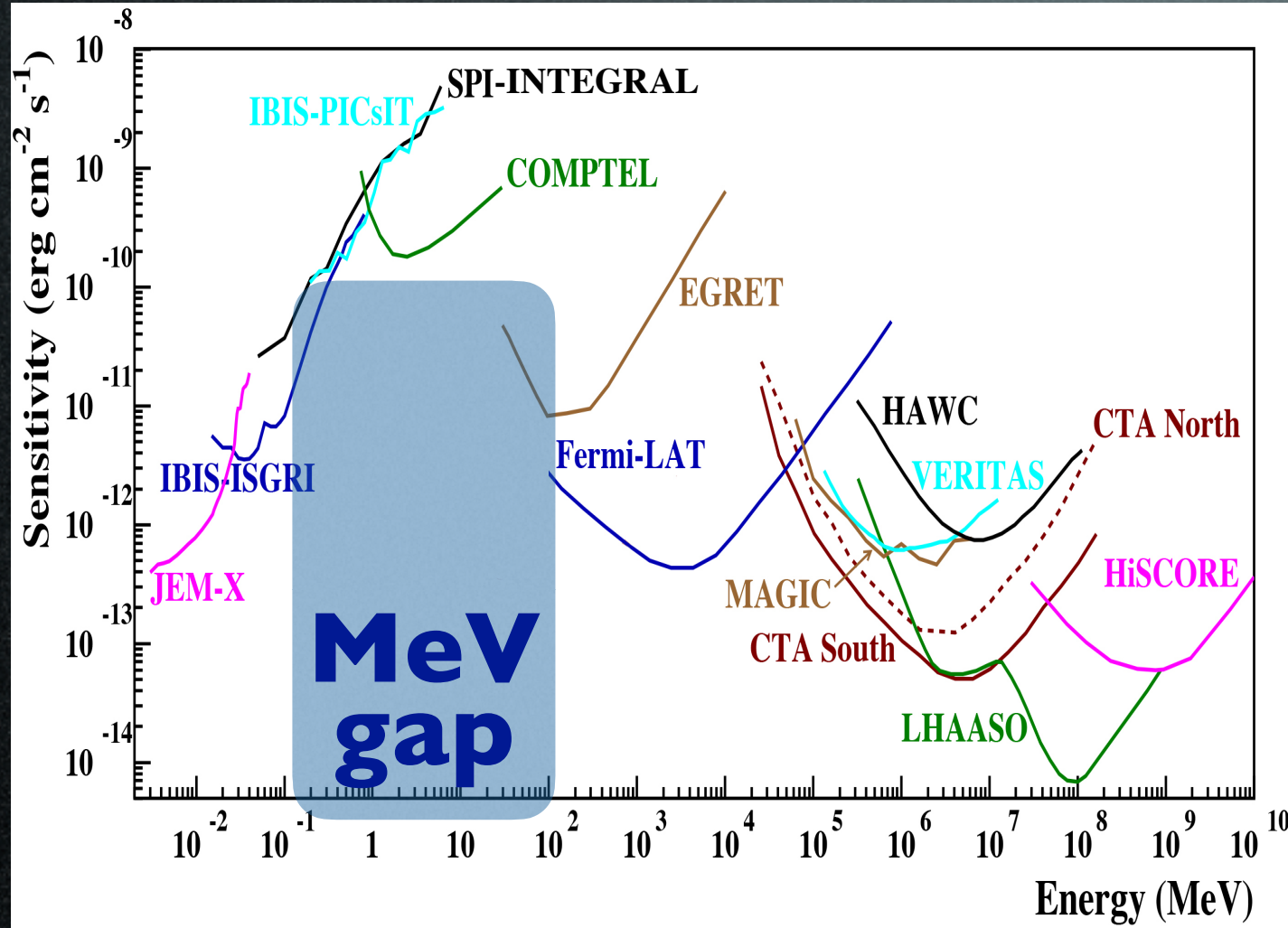
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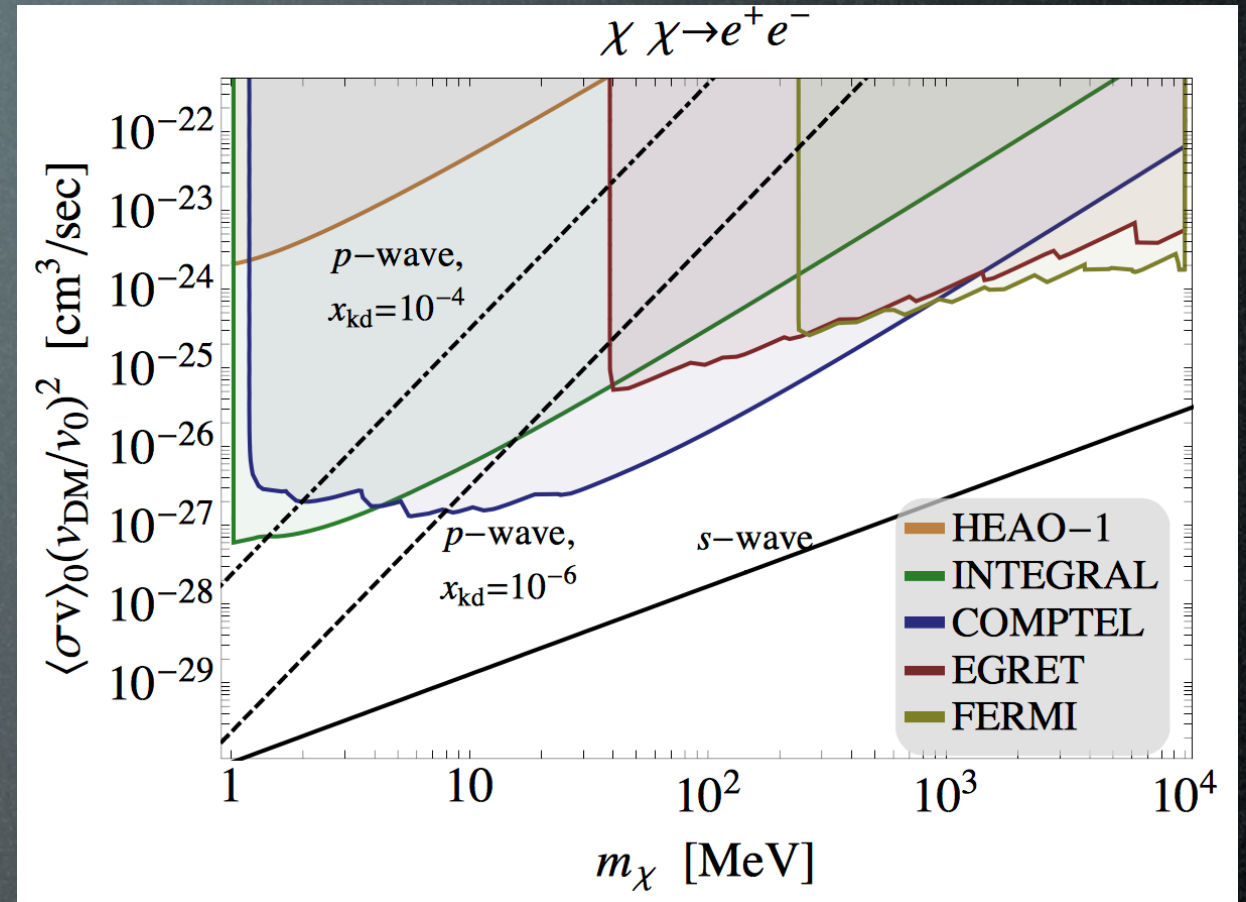
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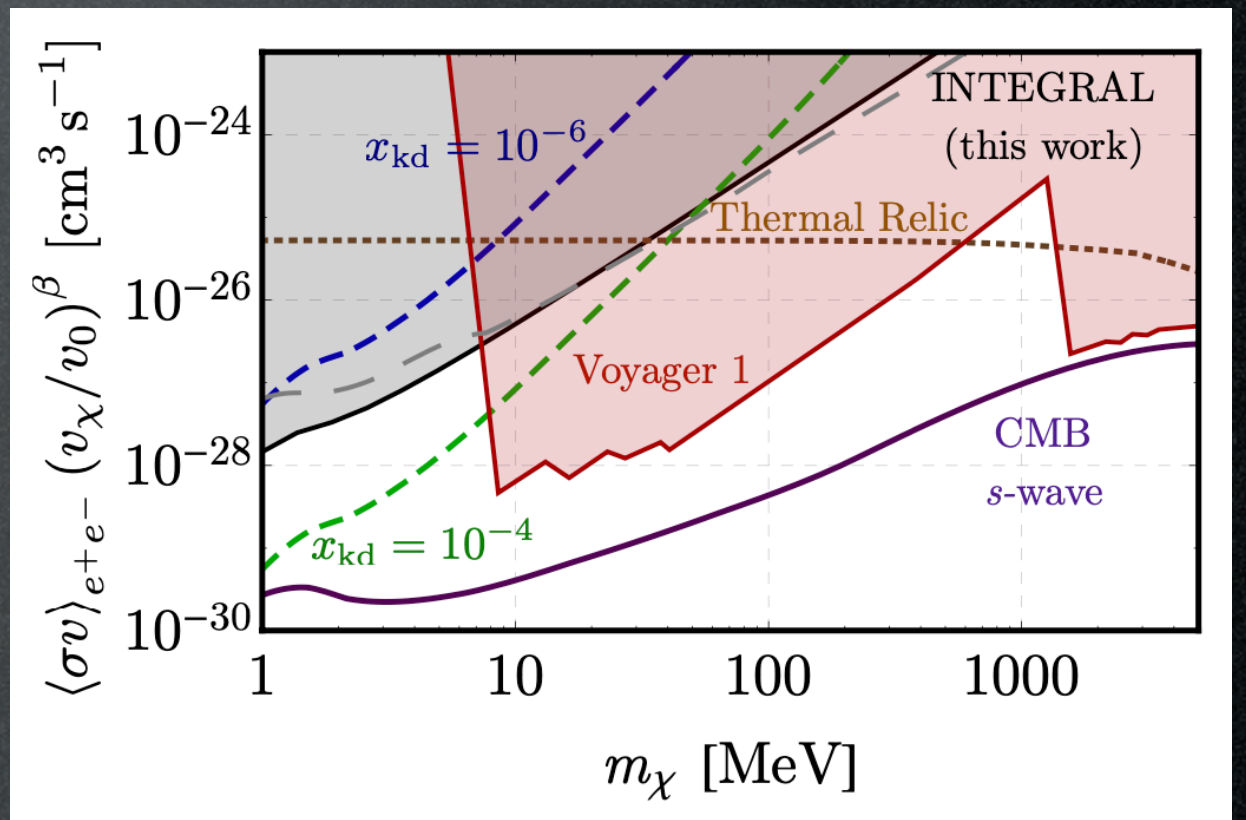
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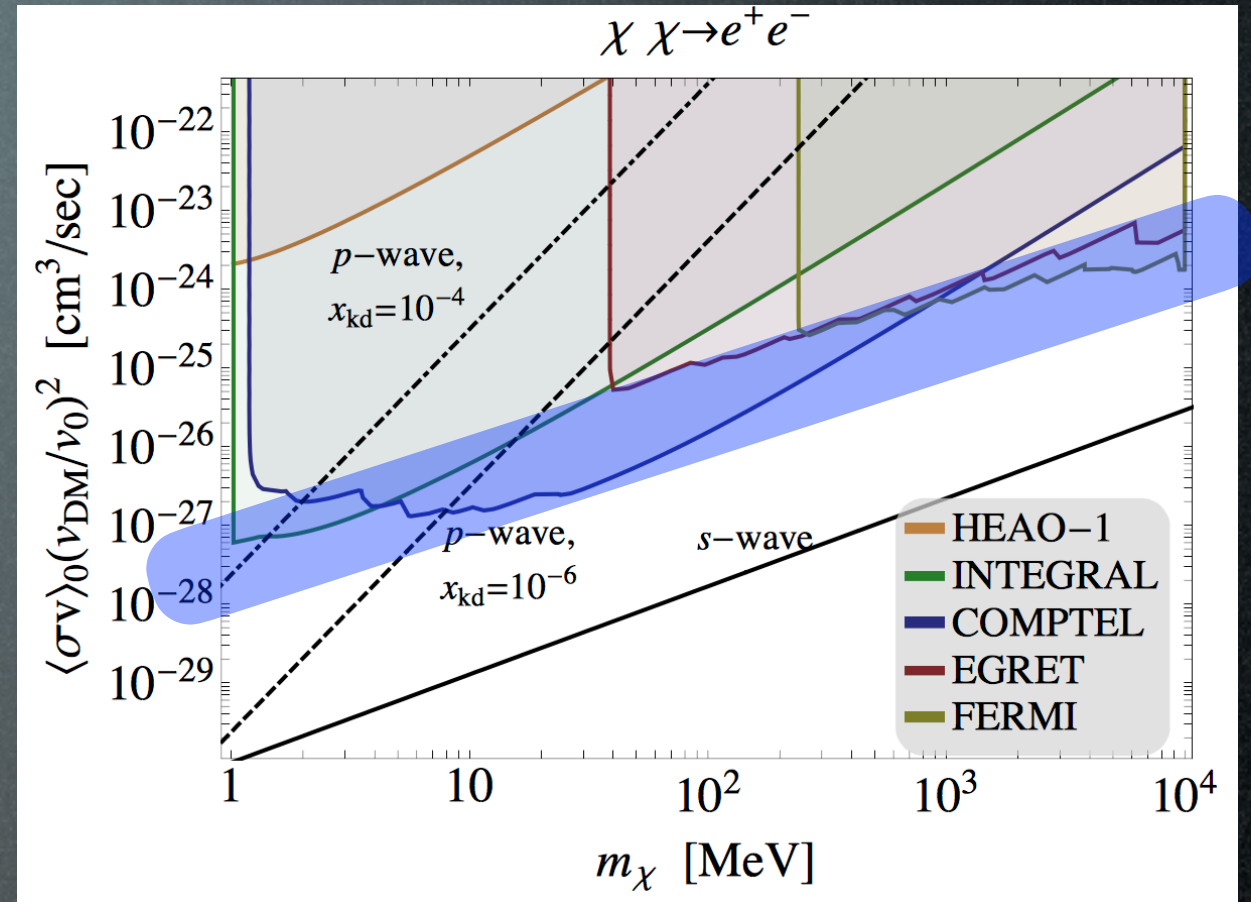
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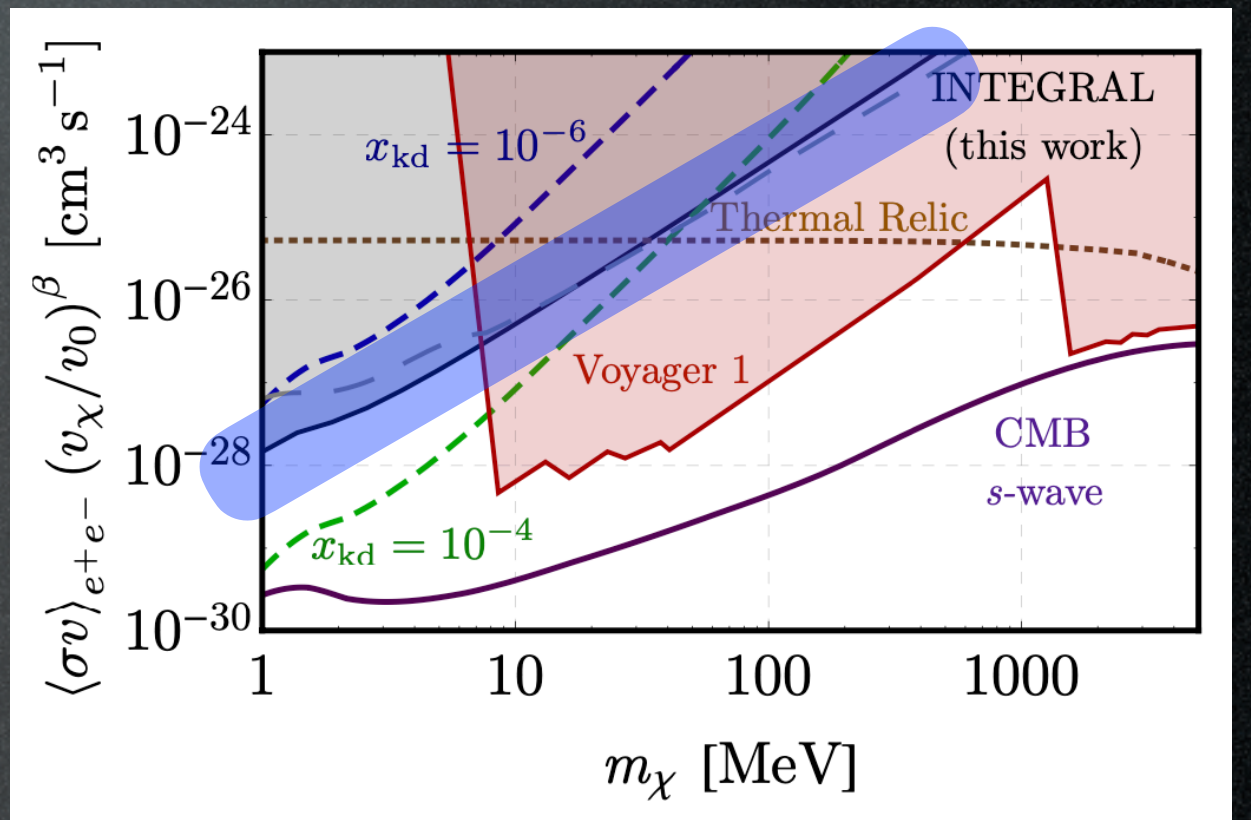
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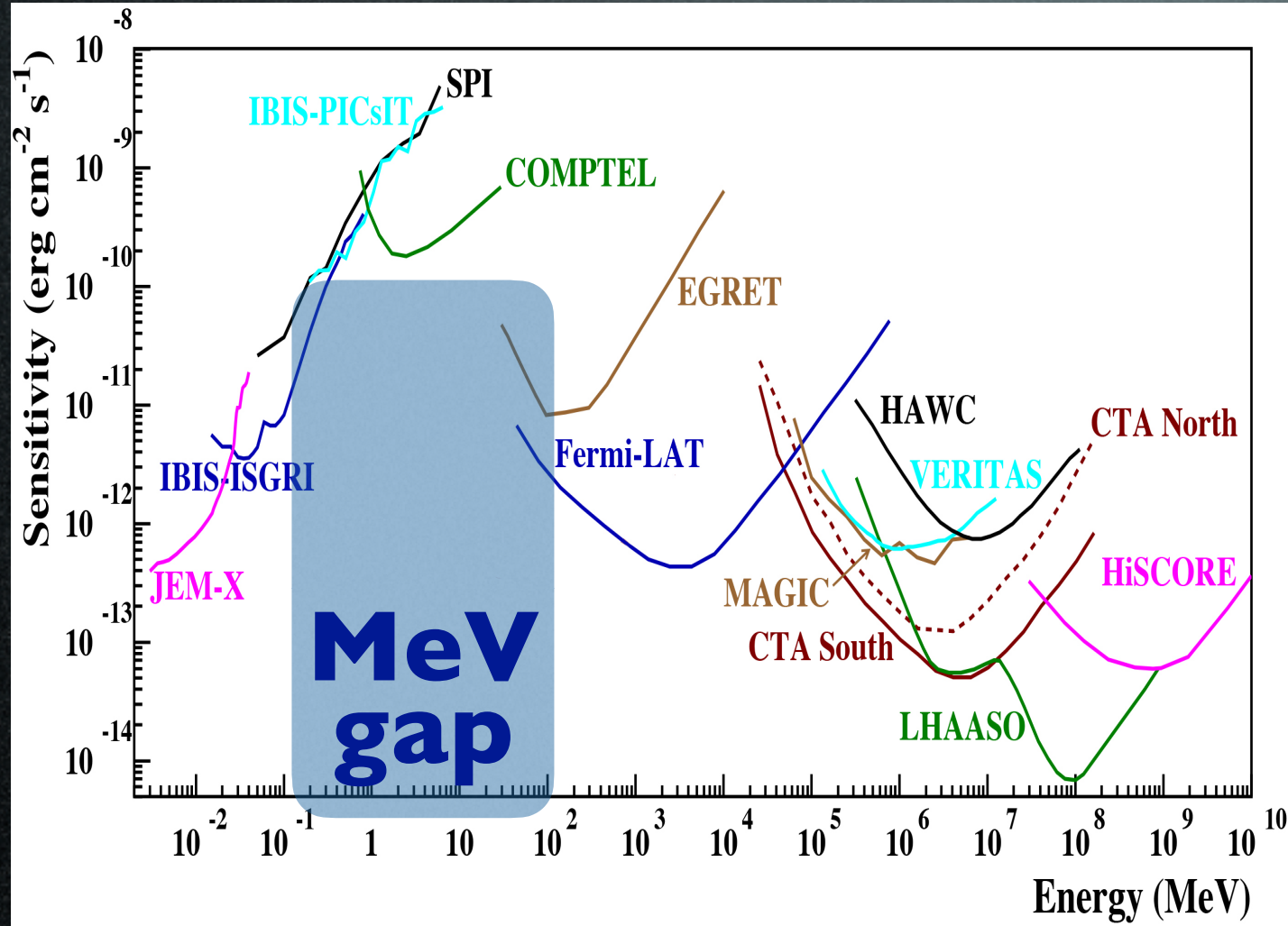
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How to do better?
ICS & X-rays!

Sub-GeV DM & X-rays

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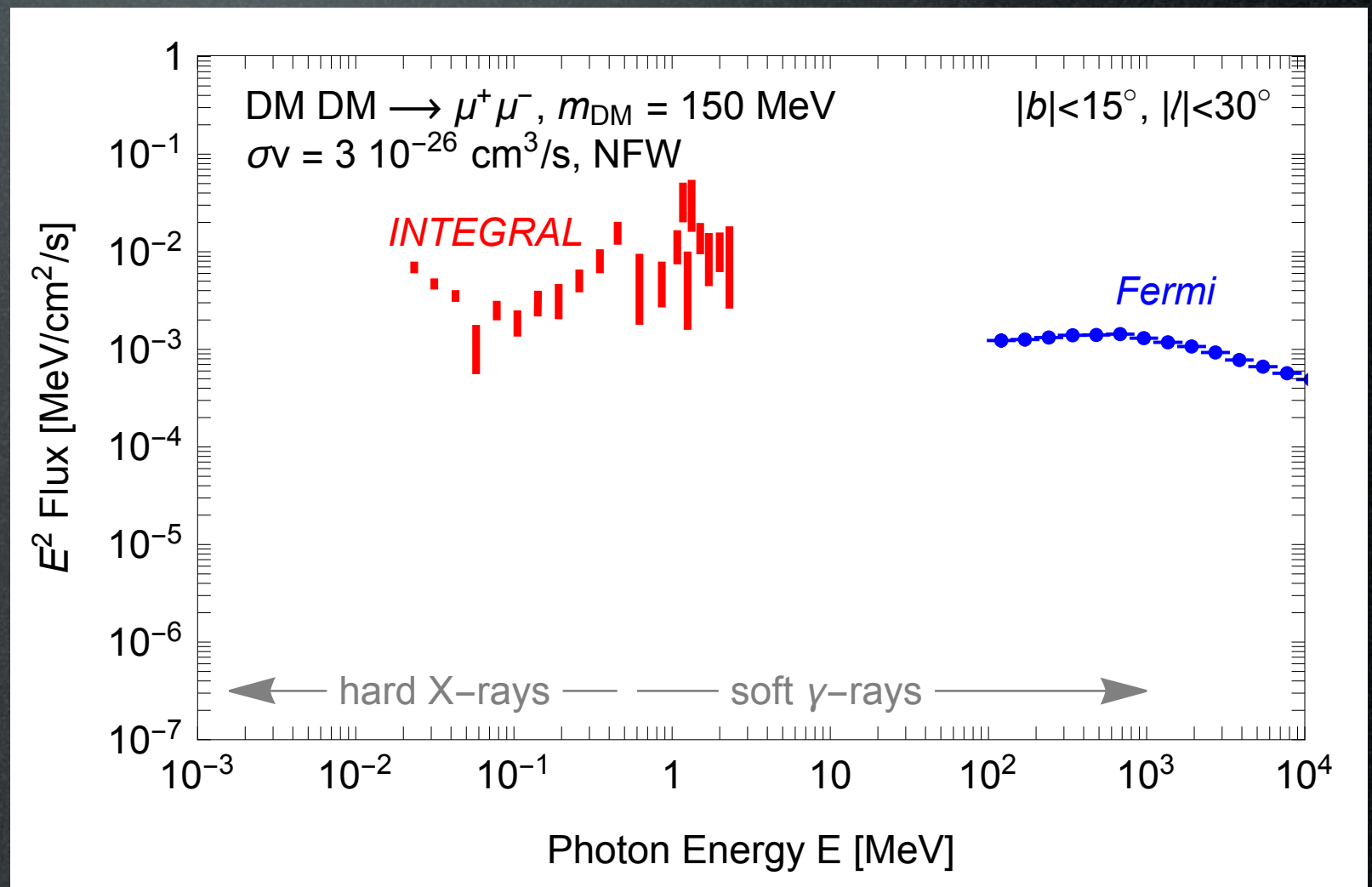
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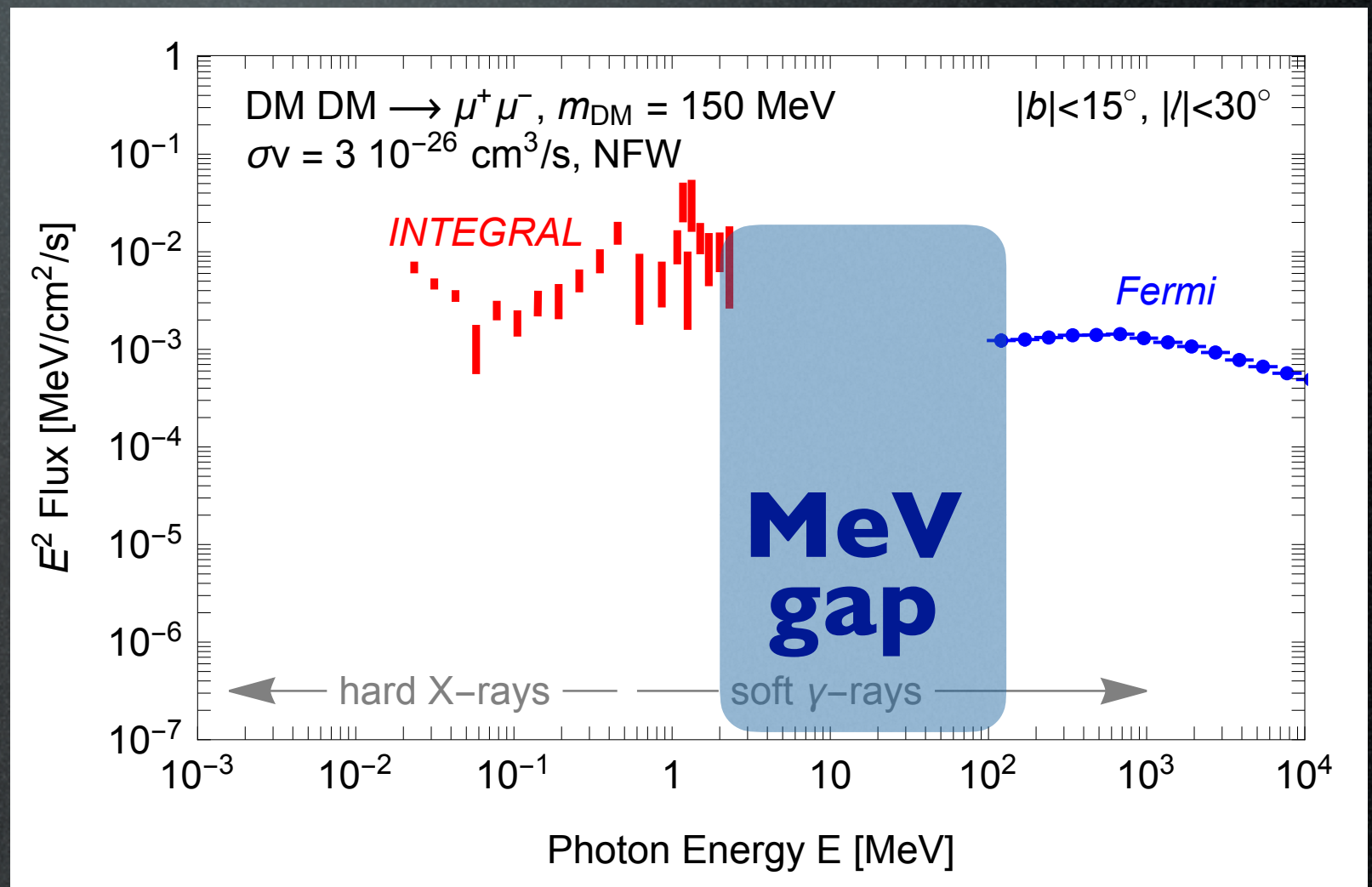
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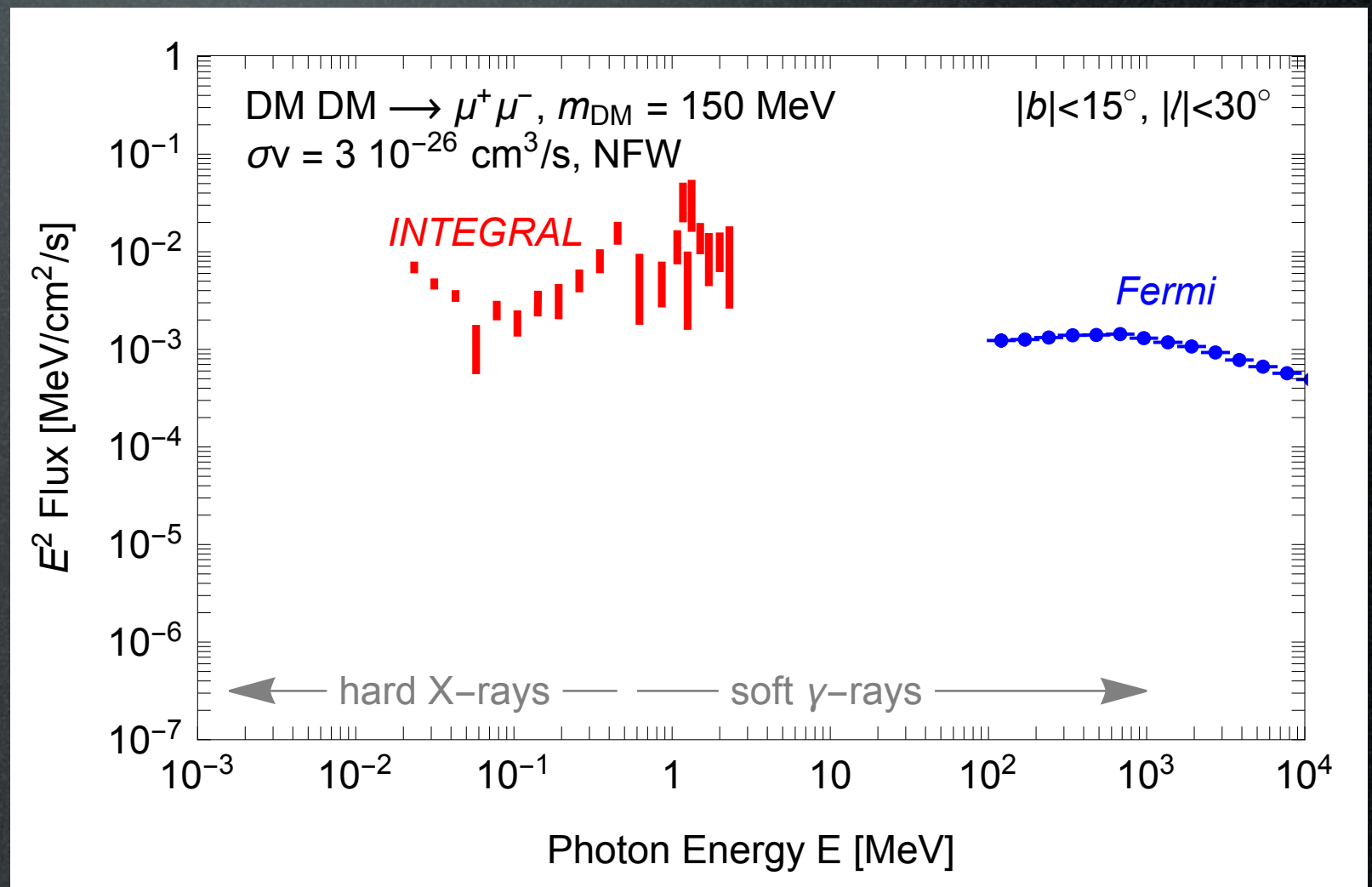
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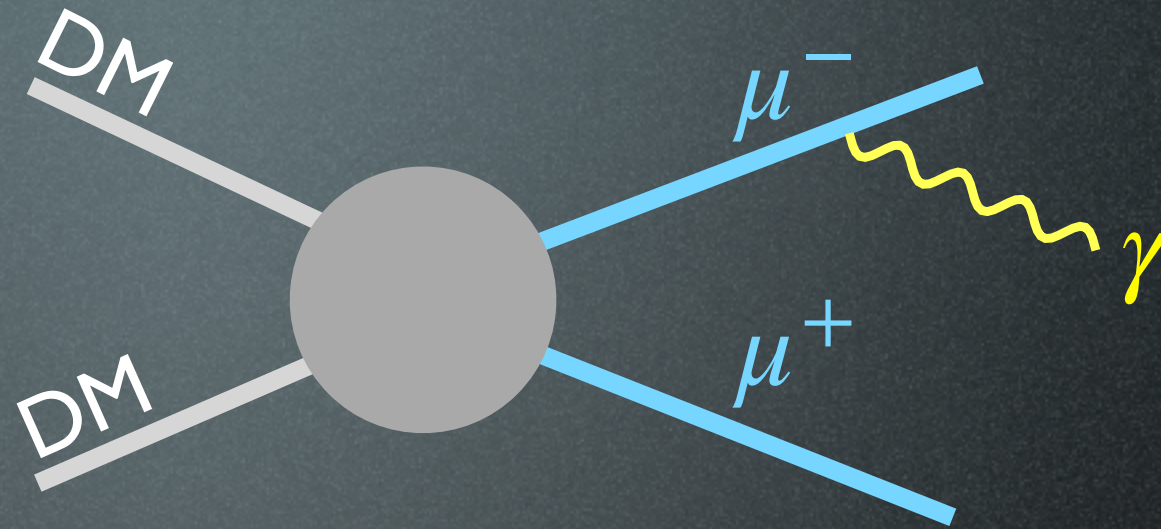
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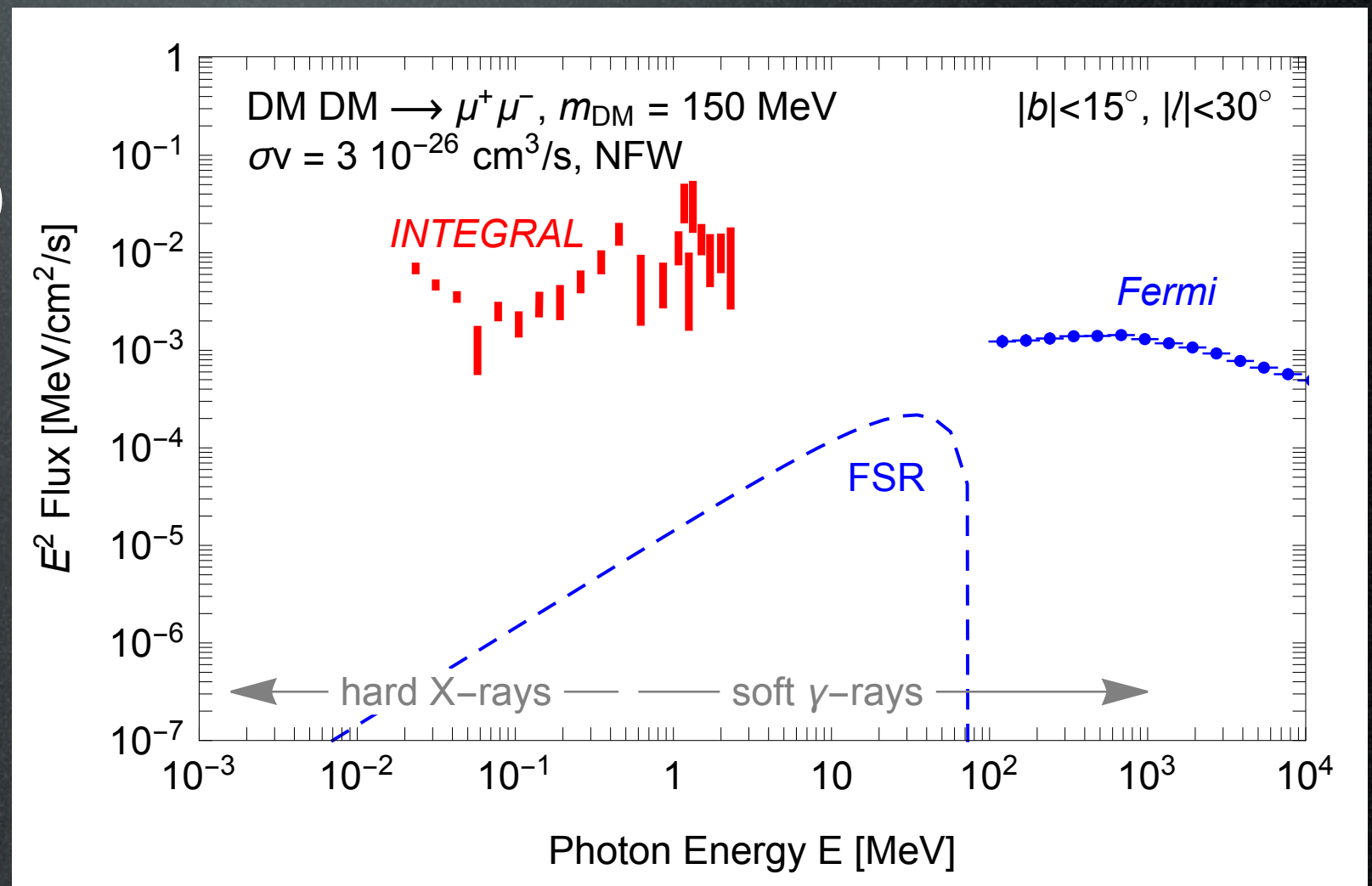
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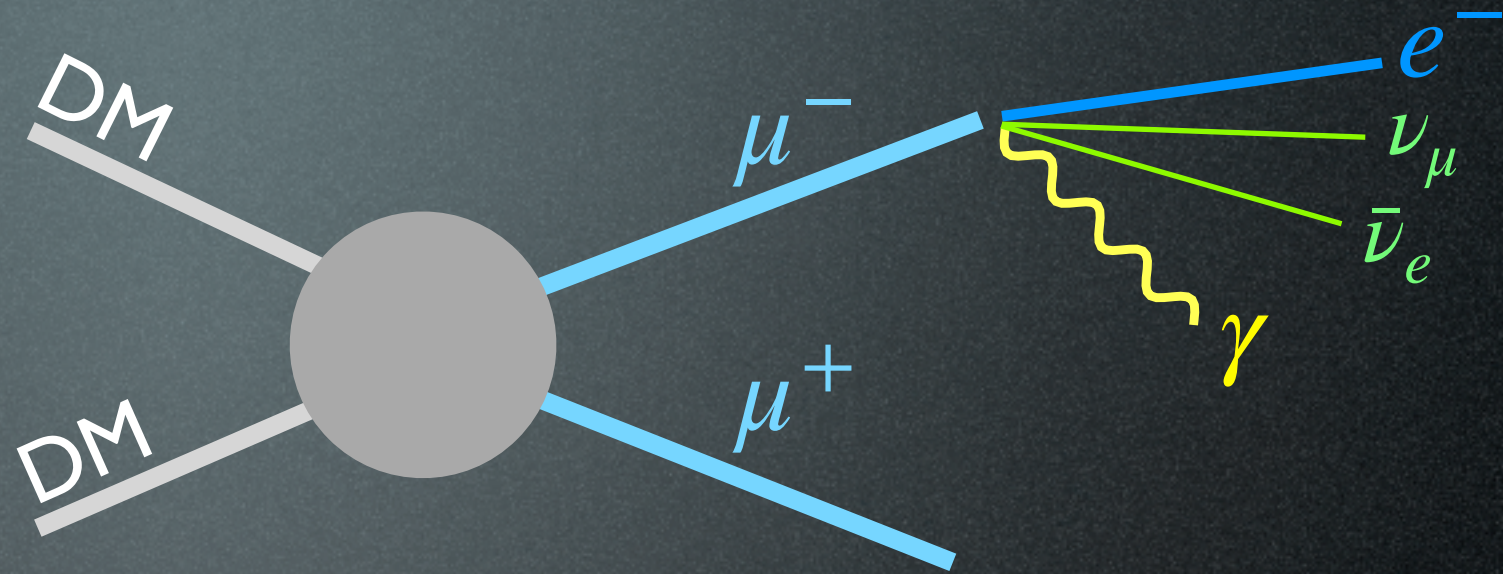
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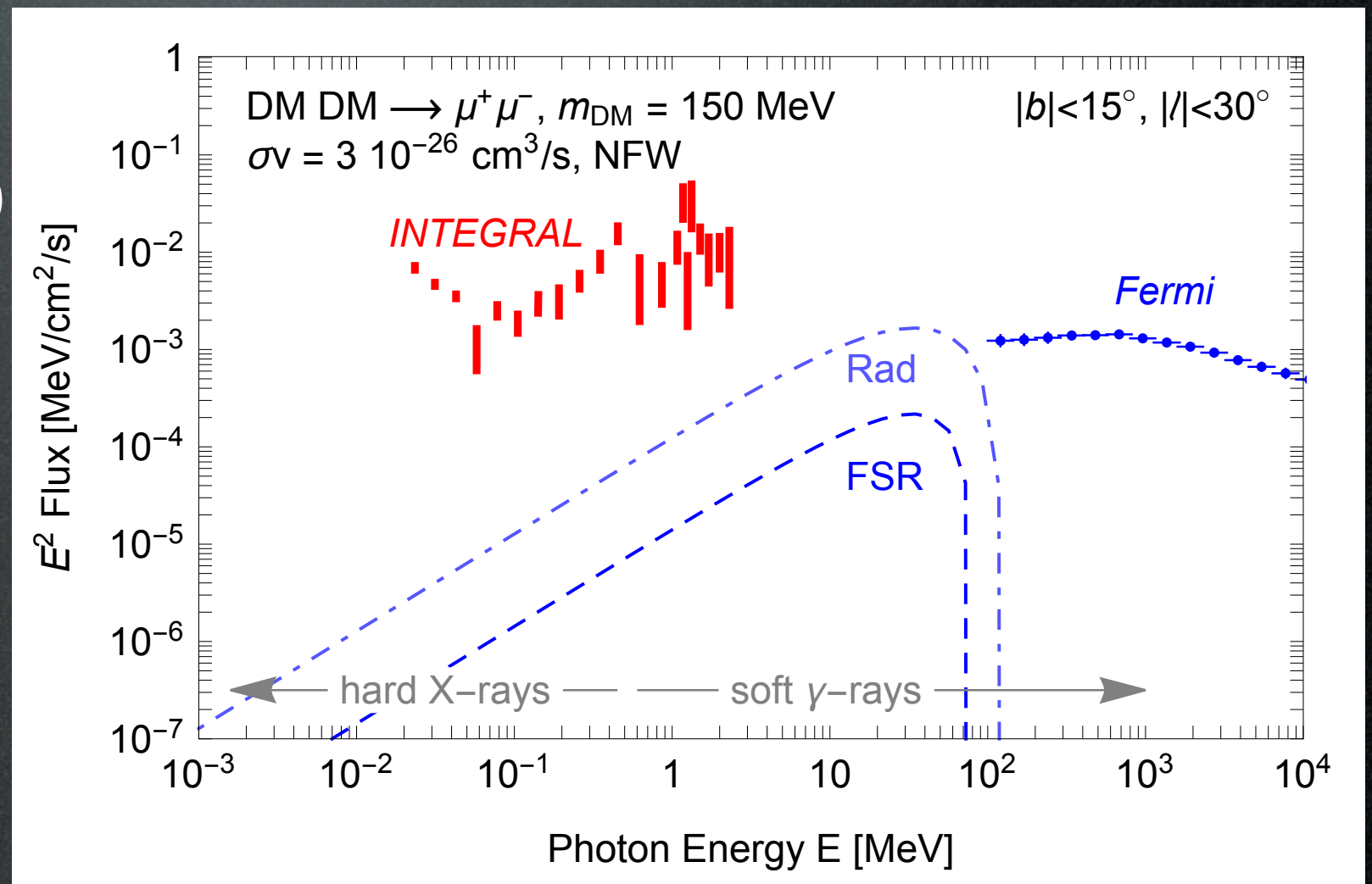


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Radiative μ decay

*Usually irrelevant,
but not for μ
decaying ‘at rest’!*



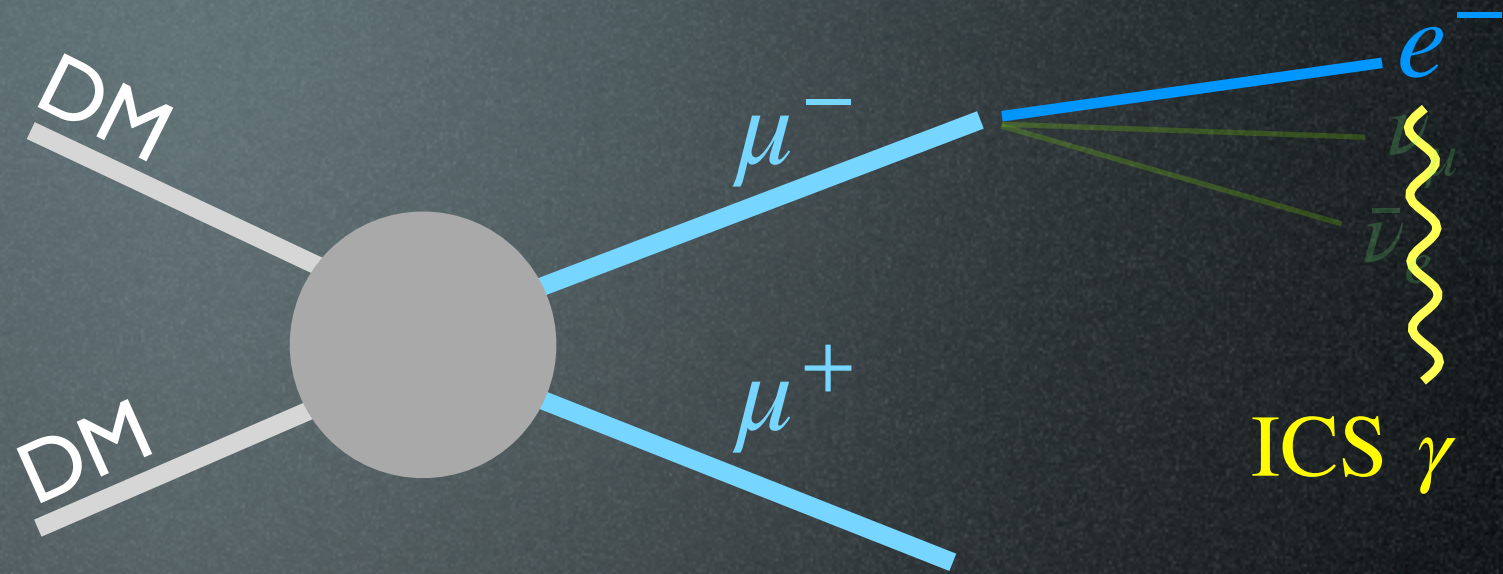
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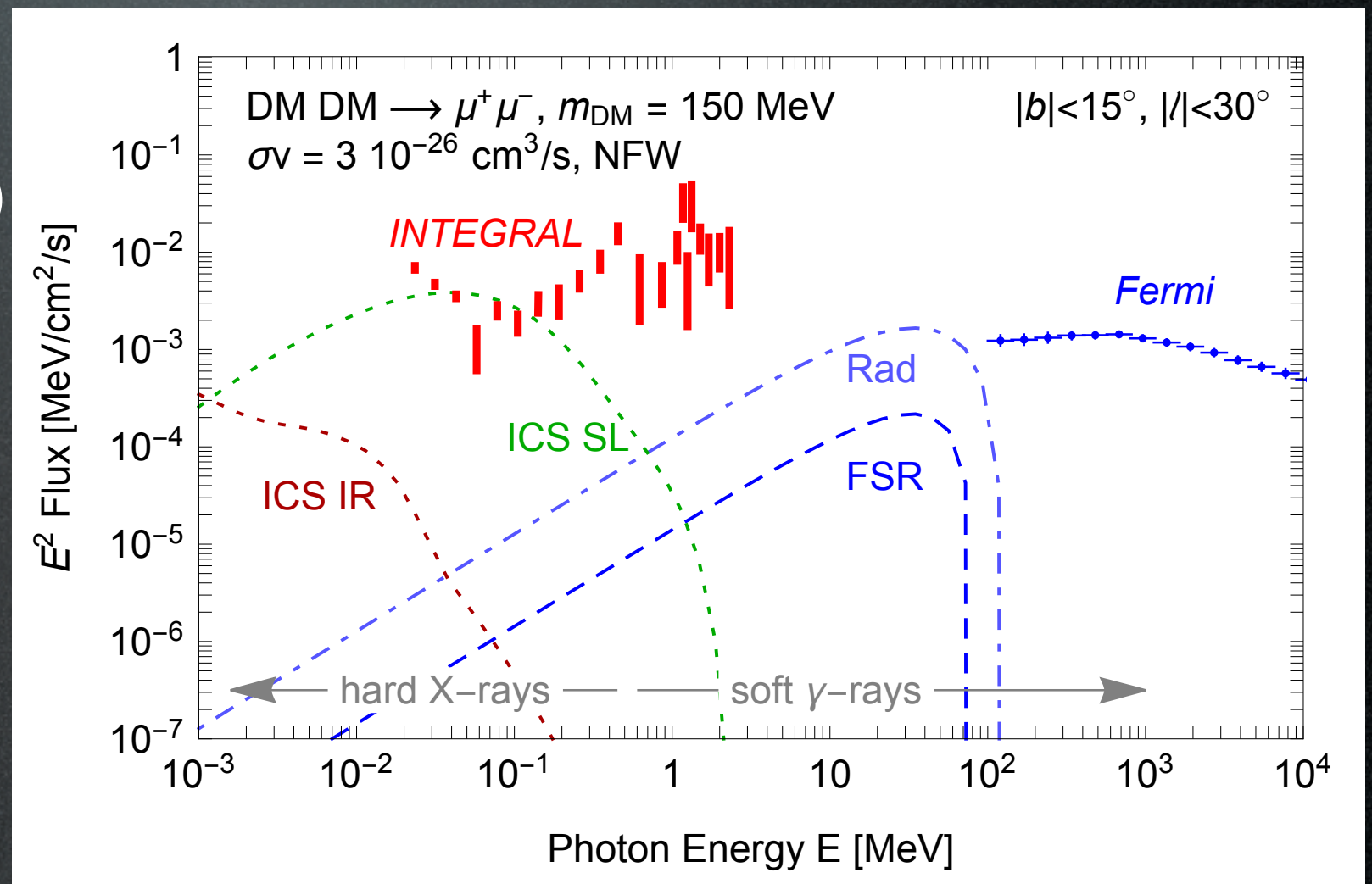
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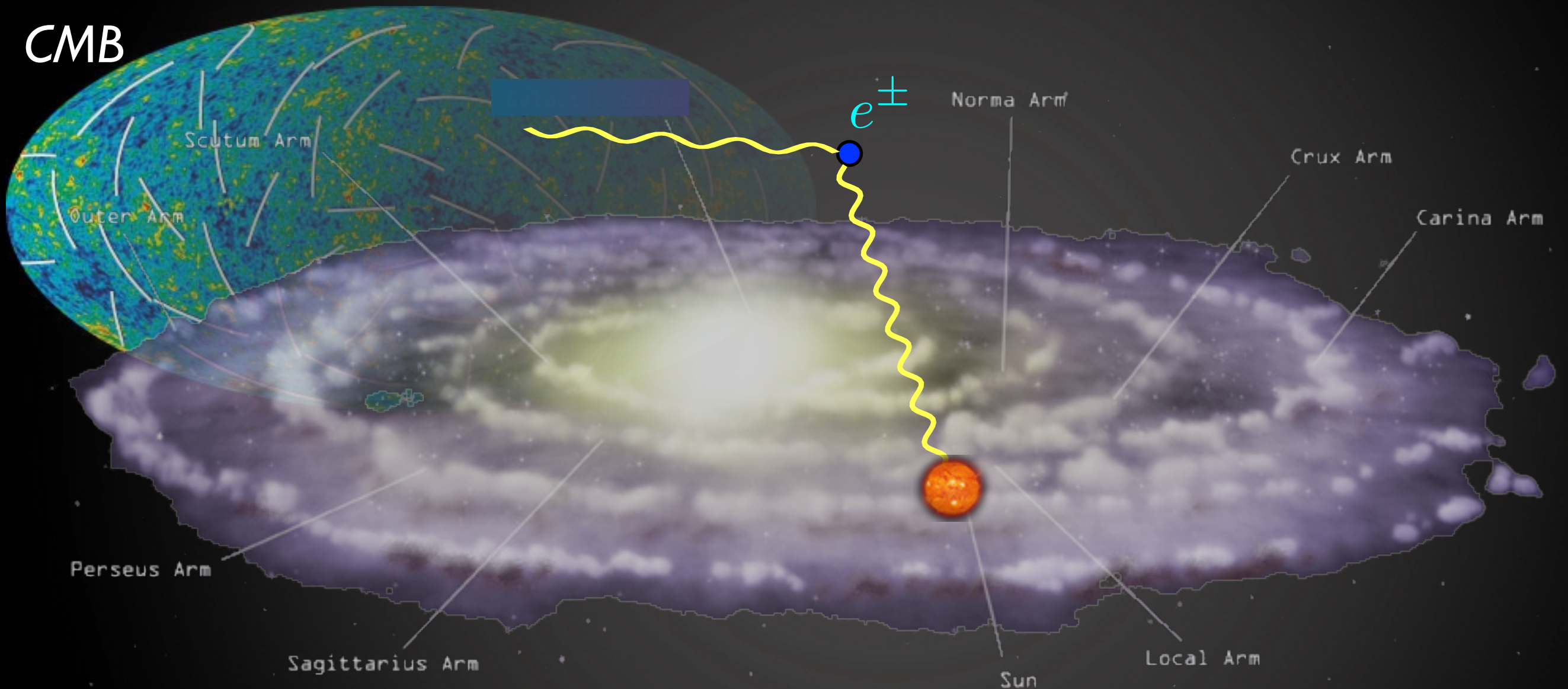
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ICS: inevitably associated to annihil to charged states



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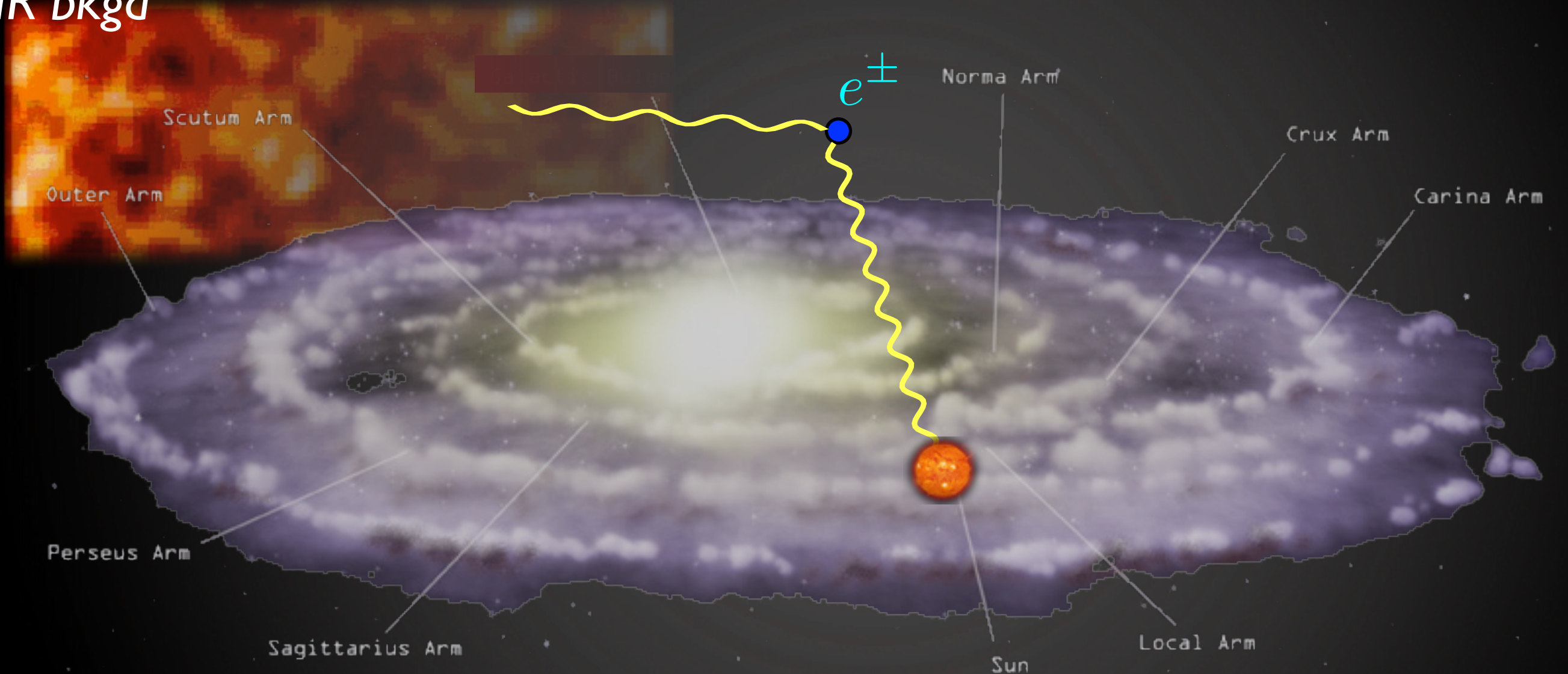


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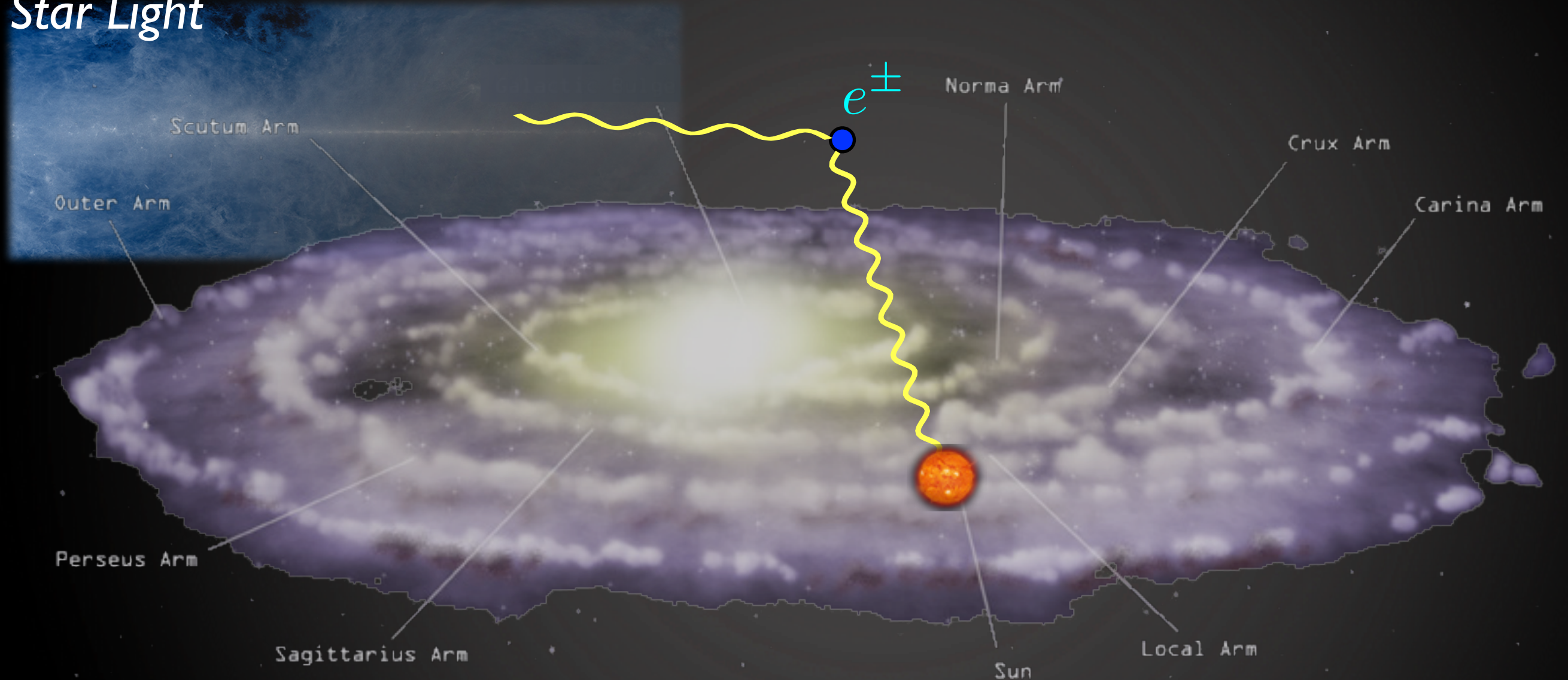


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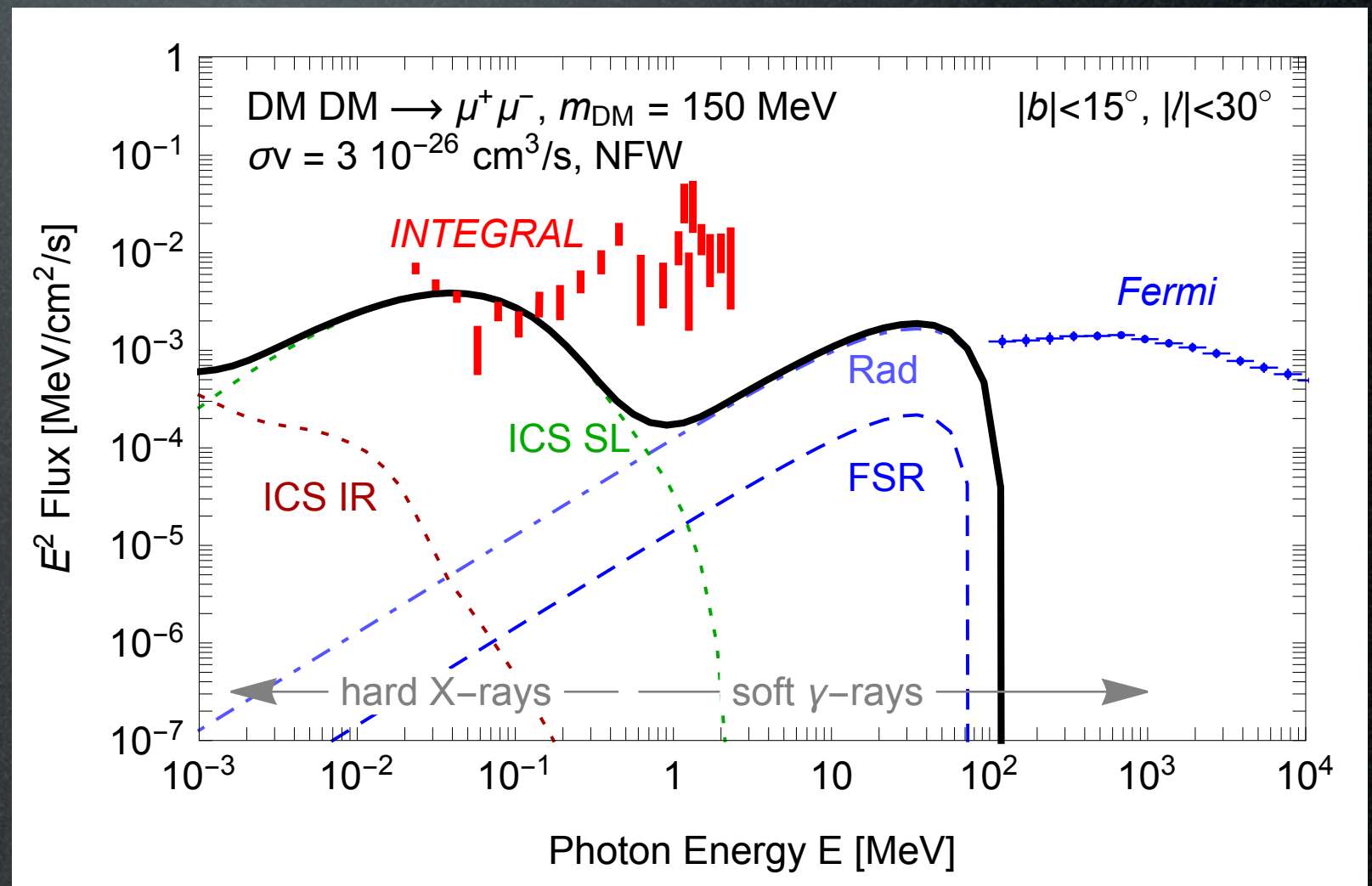
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Key message:
ICS allows to probe
sub-GeV DM with
X-ray data

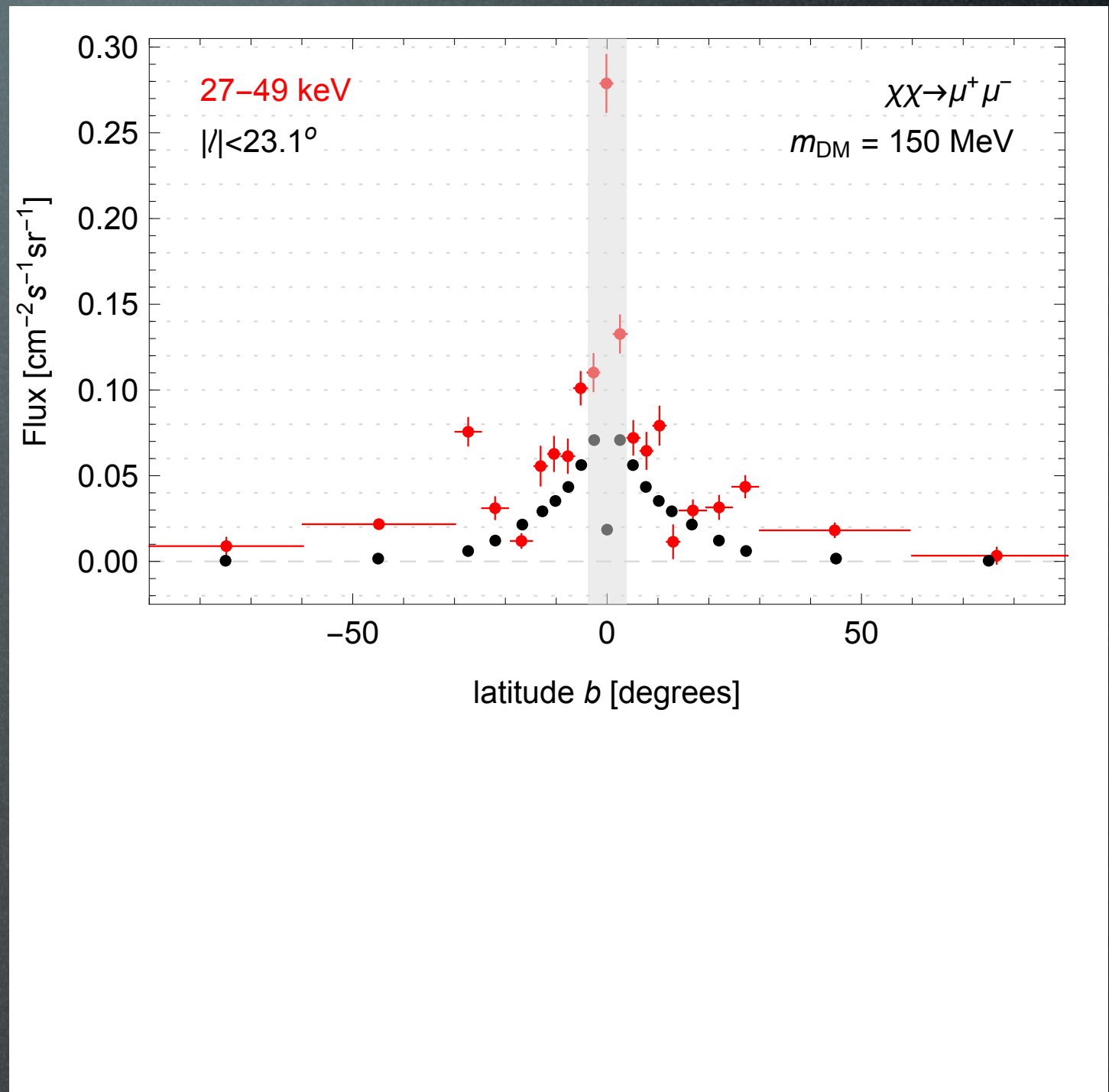
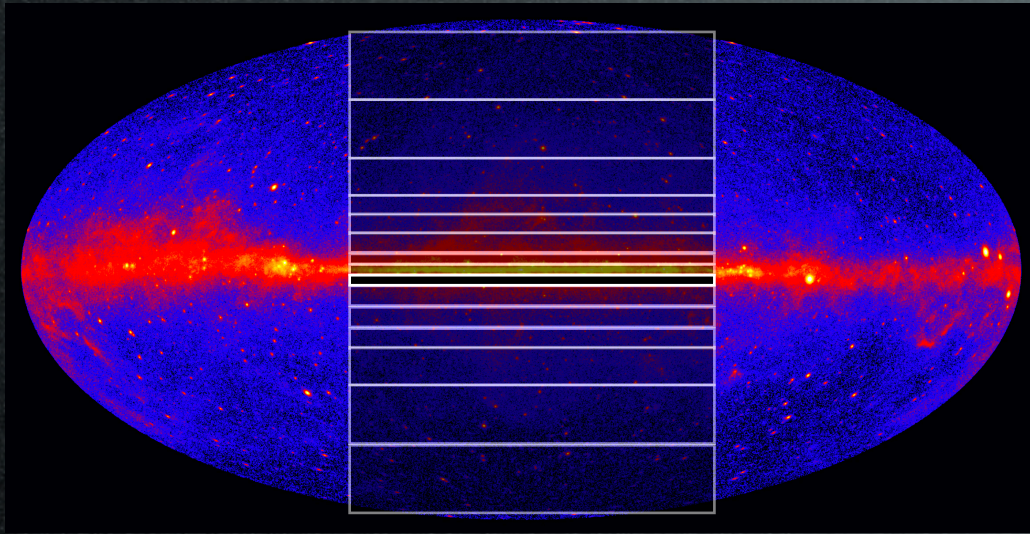


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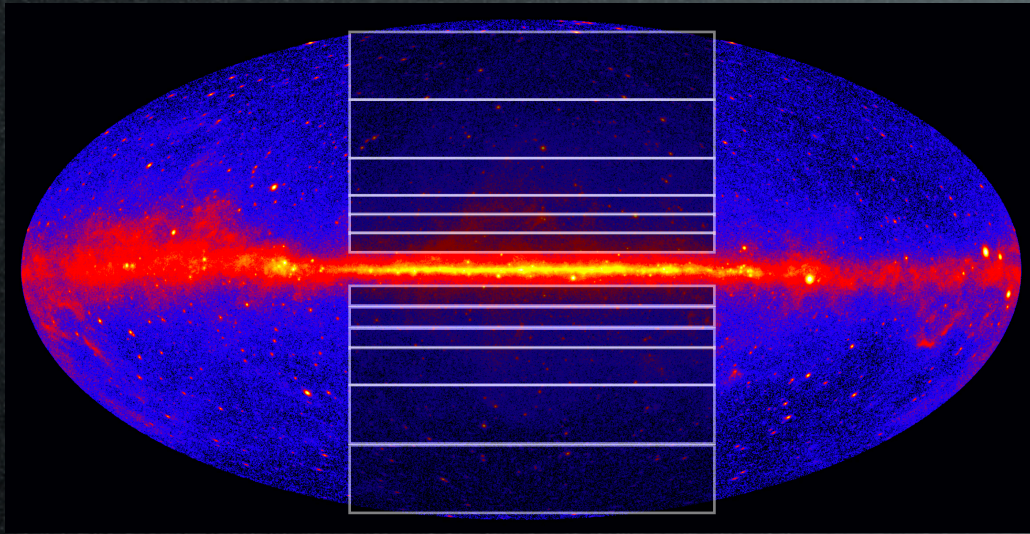


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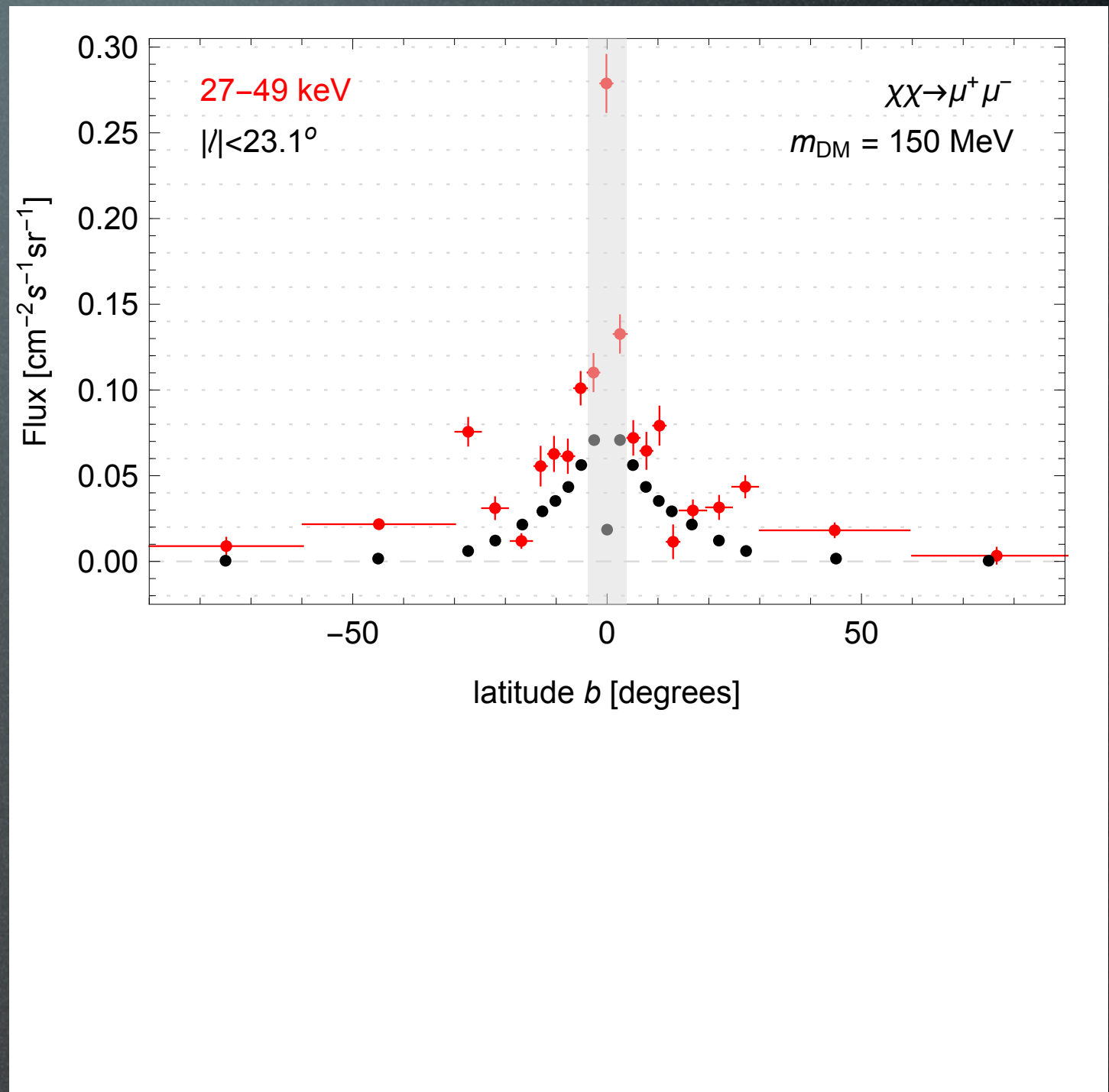
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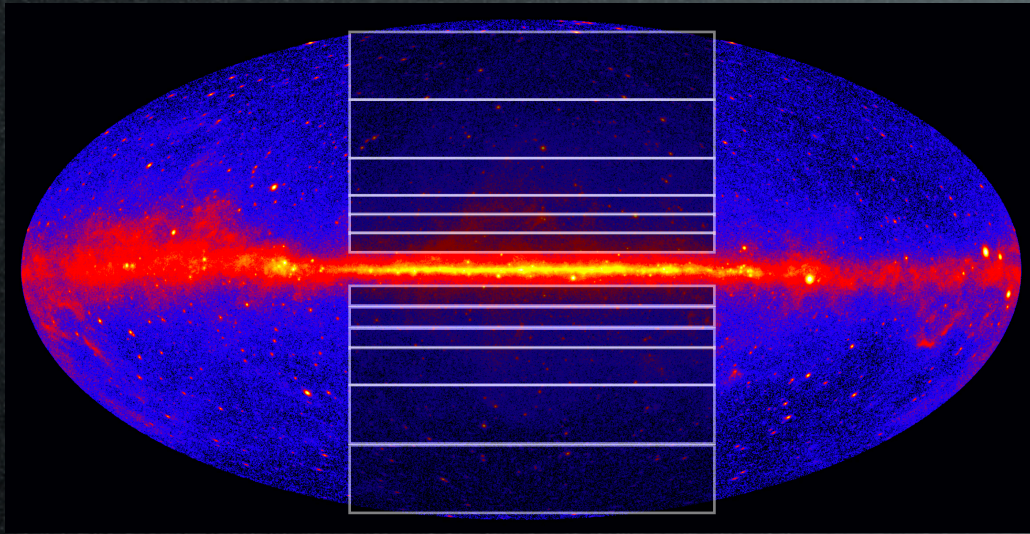


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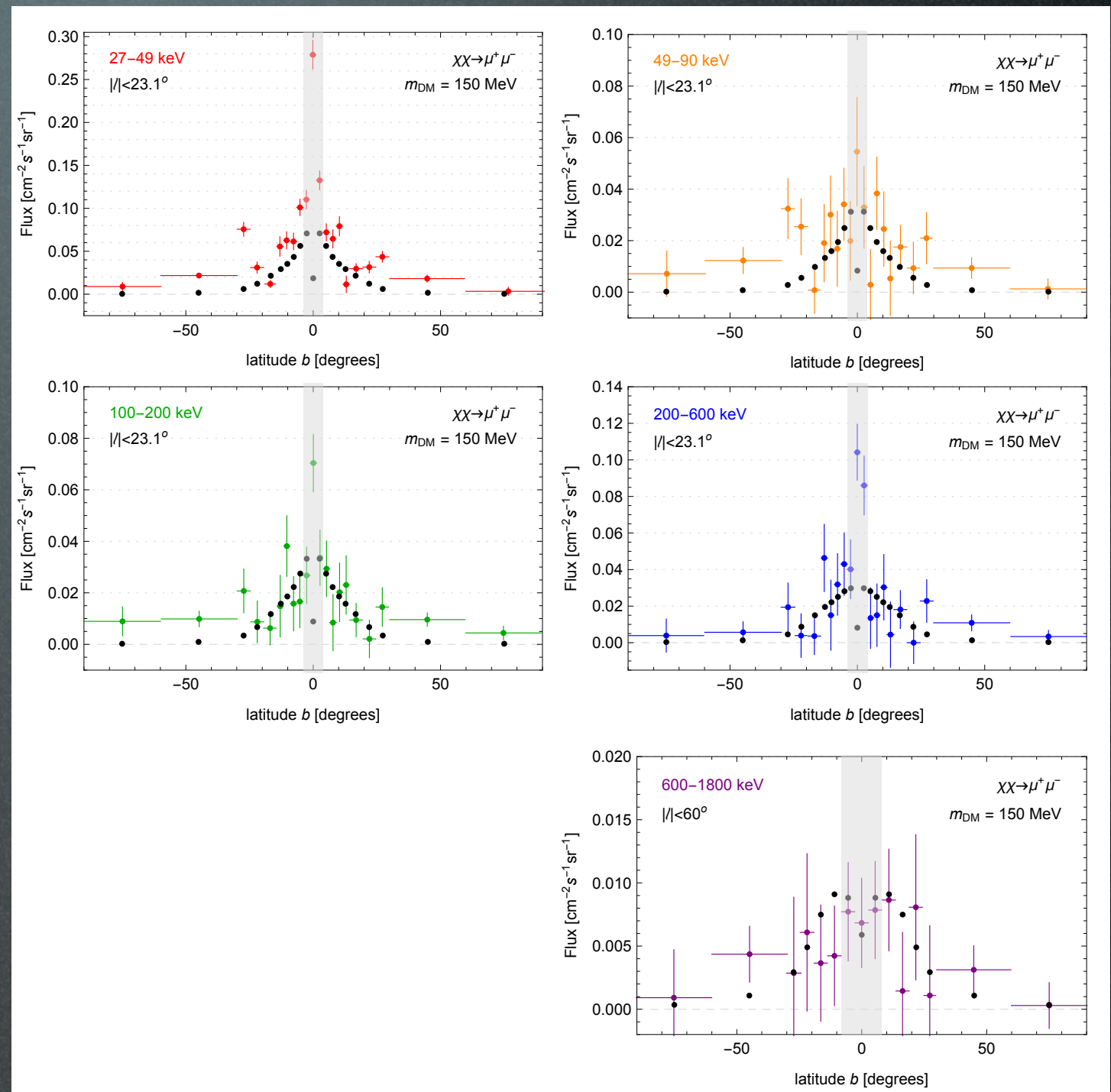
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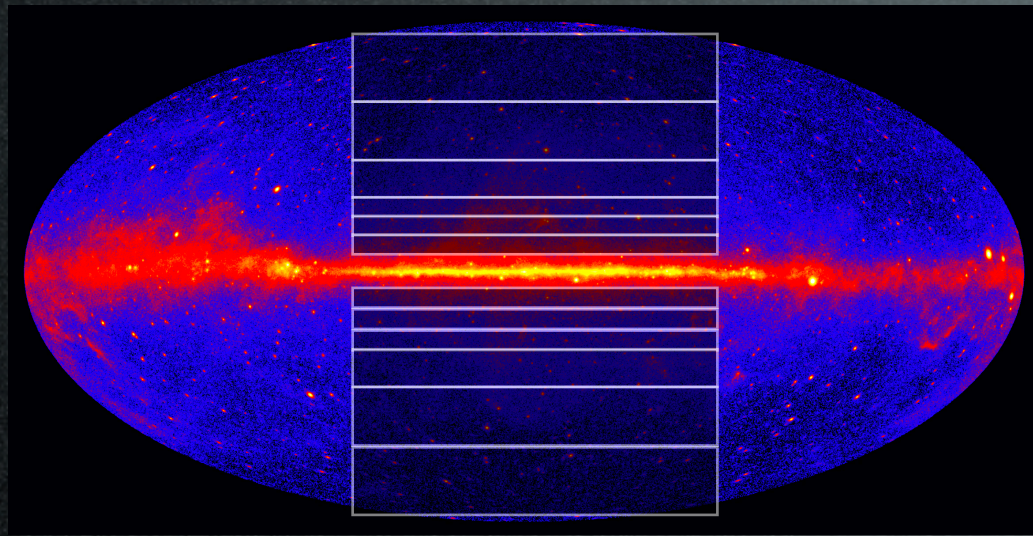


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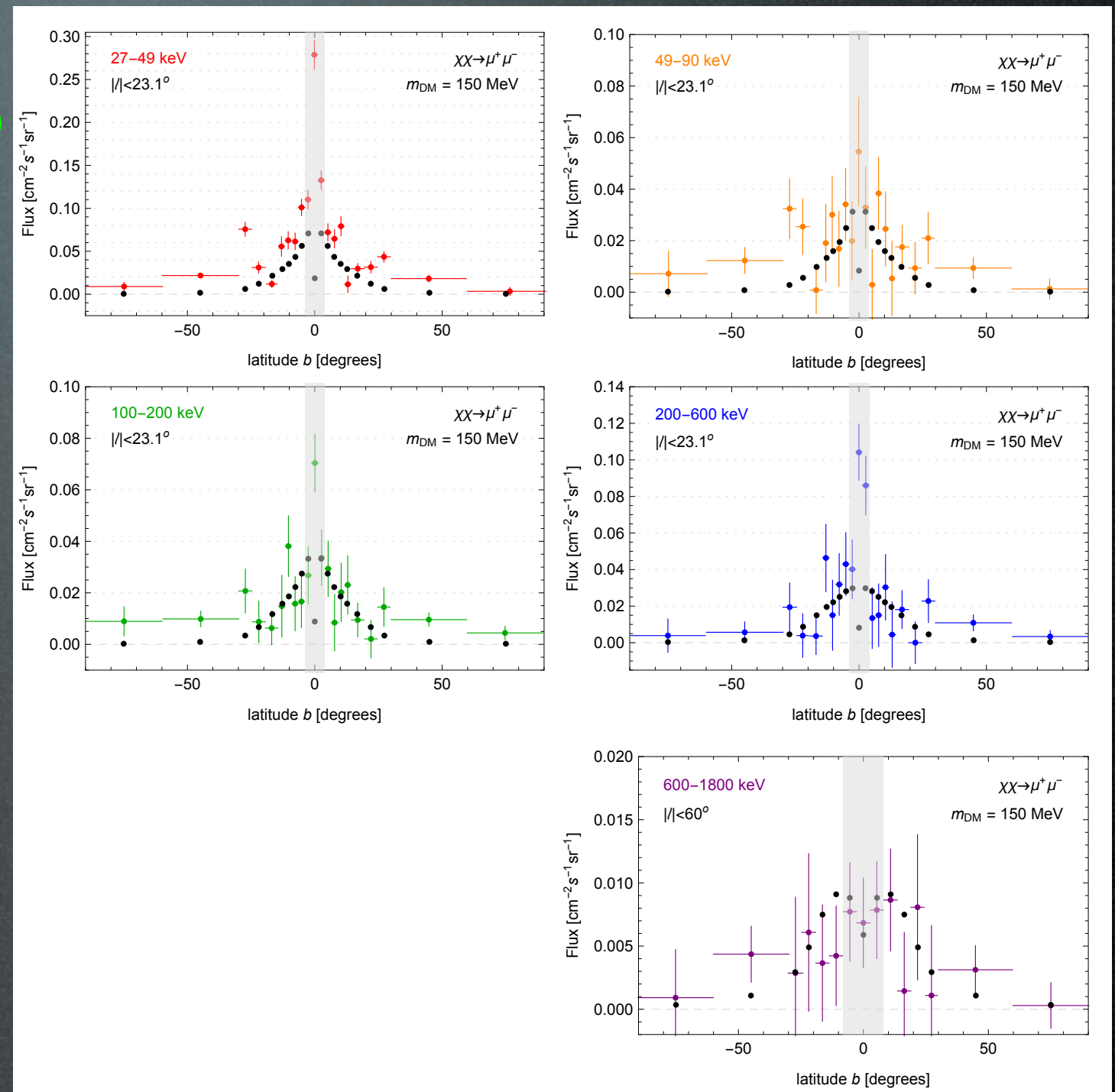
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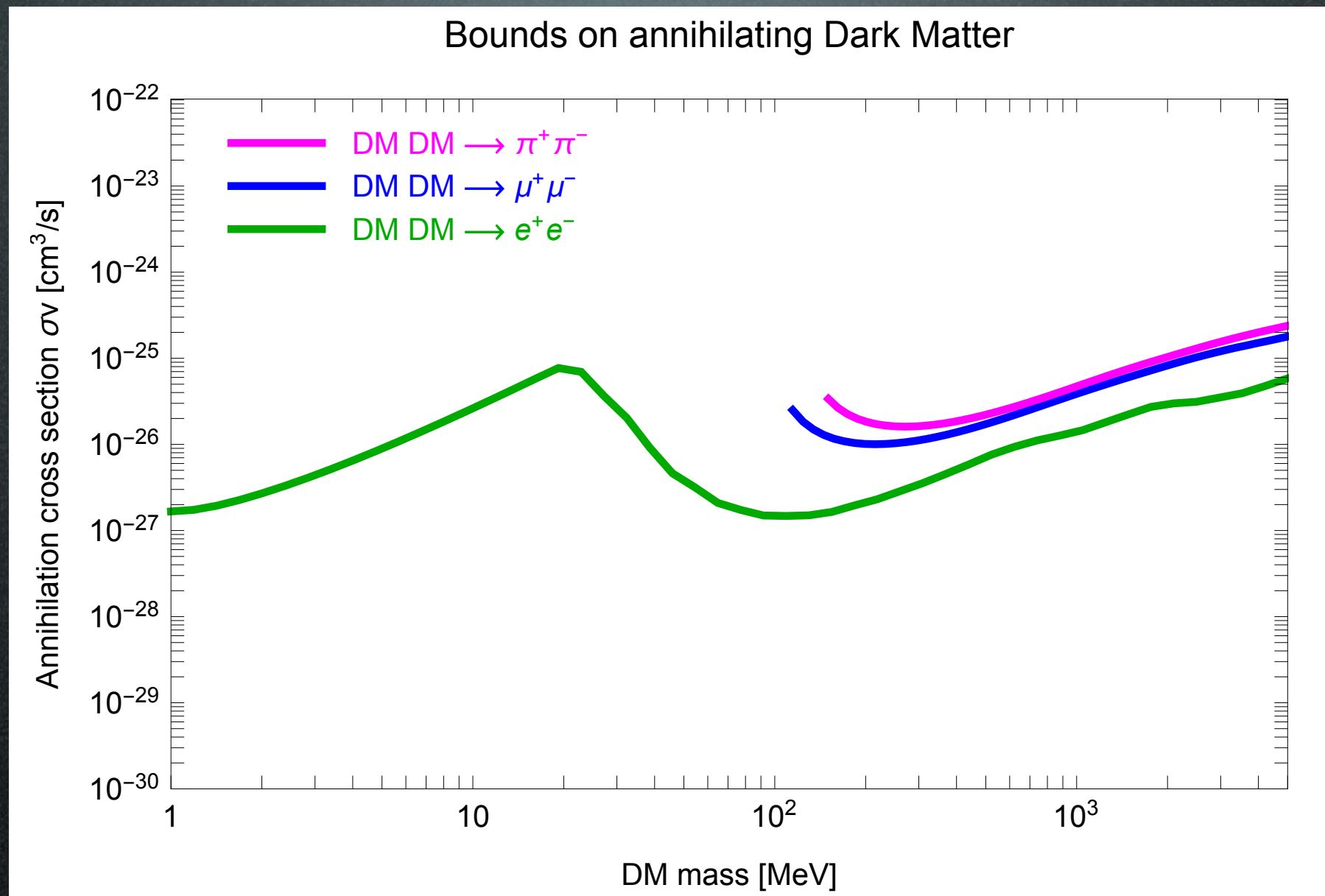
Test Statistics:
exclude if DM exceeds data
by **more than $\sim 2\sigma$** global.

More precisely:

$$\chi_{>}^2 = \sum_{\text{bands}} \sum_{i \in \{\text{b bins}\}} \frac{(\text{Max}[(\Phi_{\text{DM}\gamma,i}(\langle\sigma v\rangle) - \phi_i), 0])^2}{\sigma_i^2} \quad \chi_{>}^2 \geq 4$$



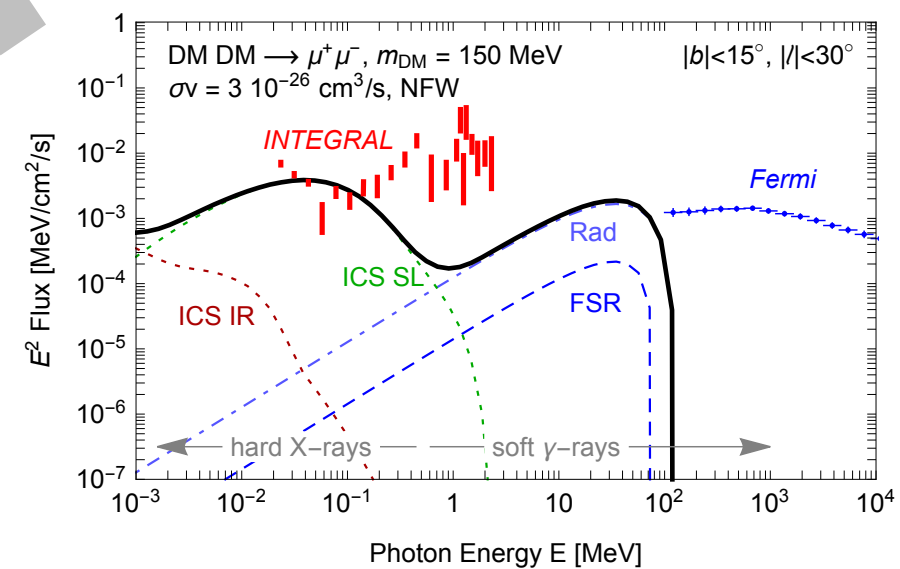
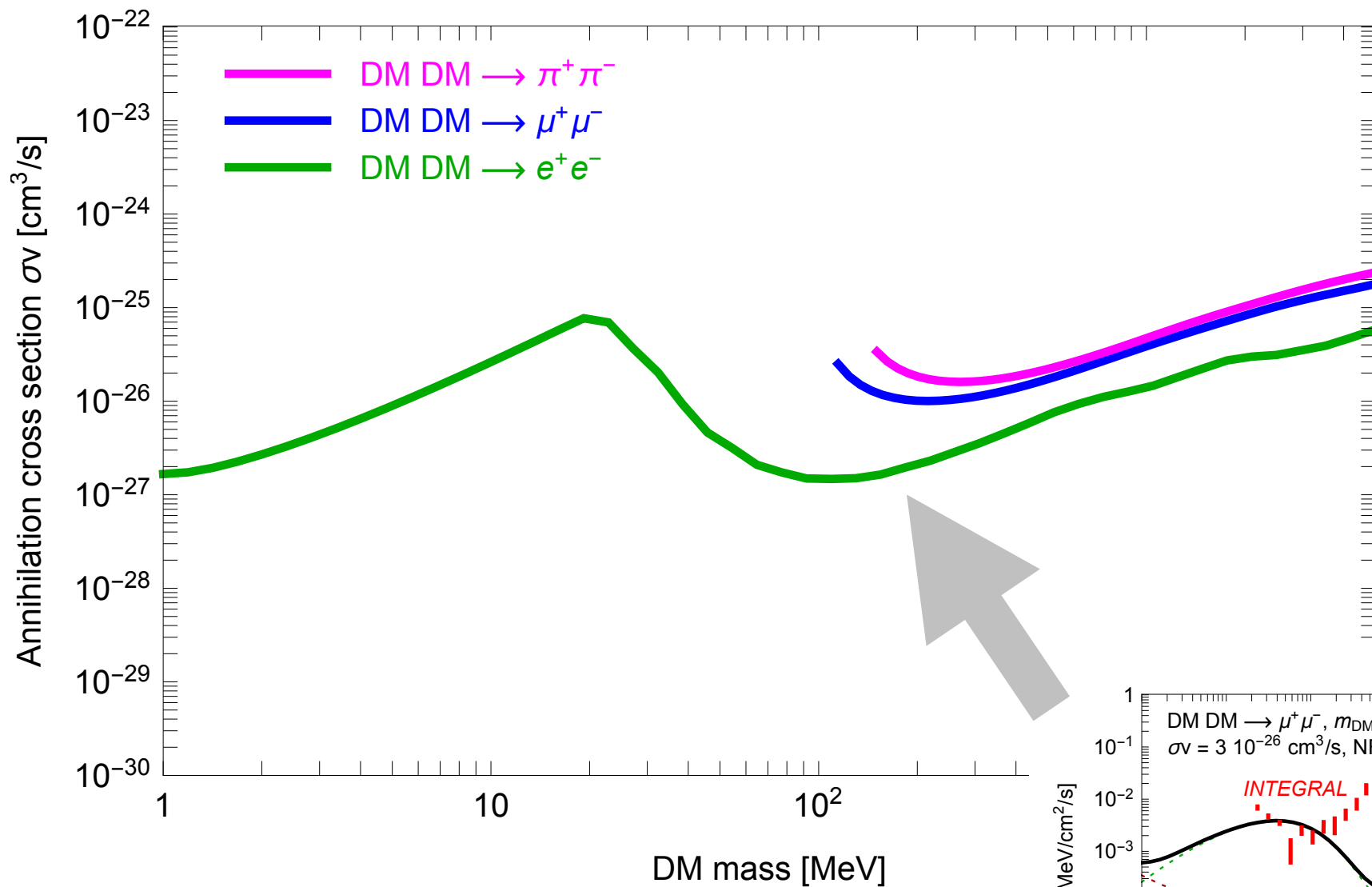
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Bounds on all 3 channels

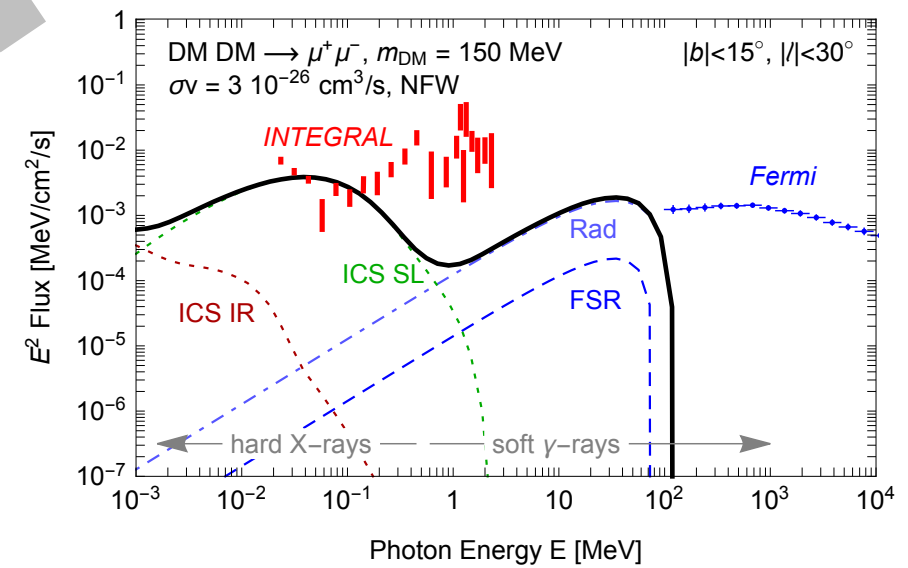
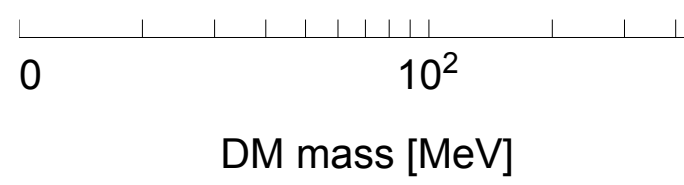
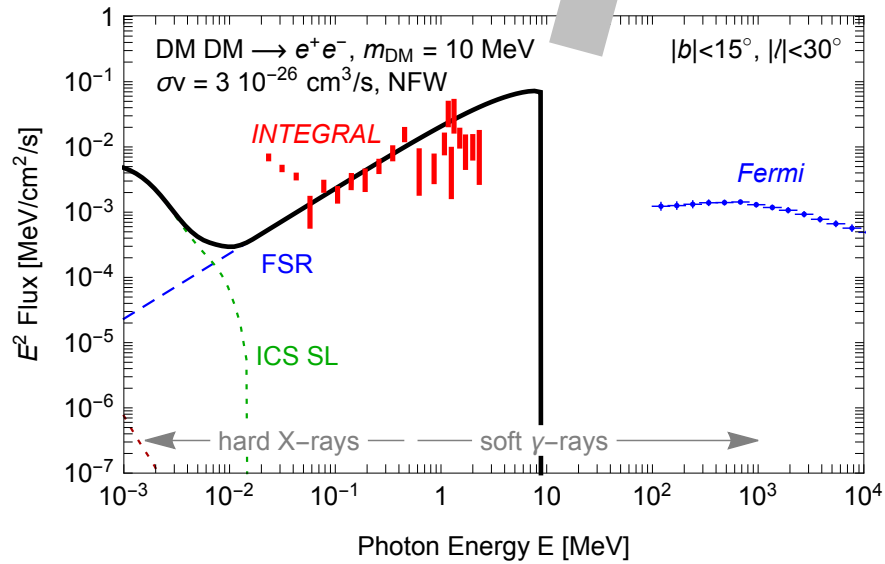
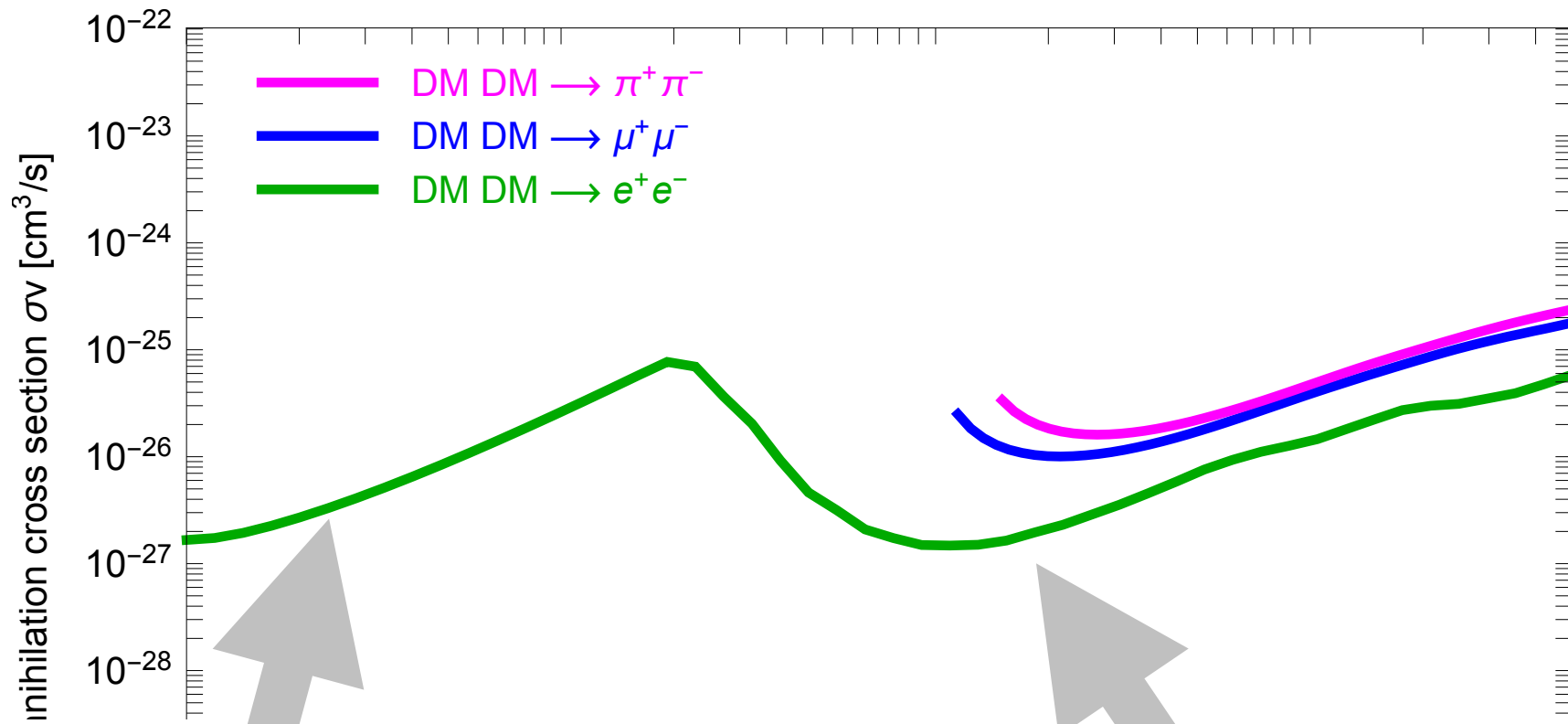
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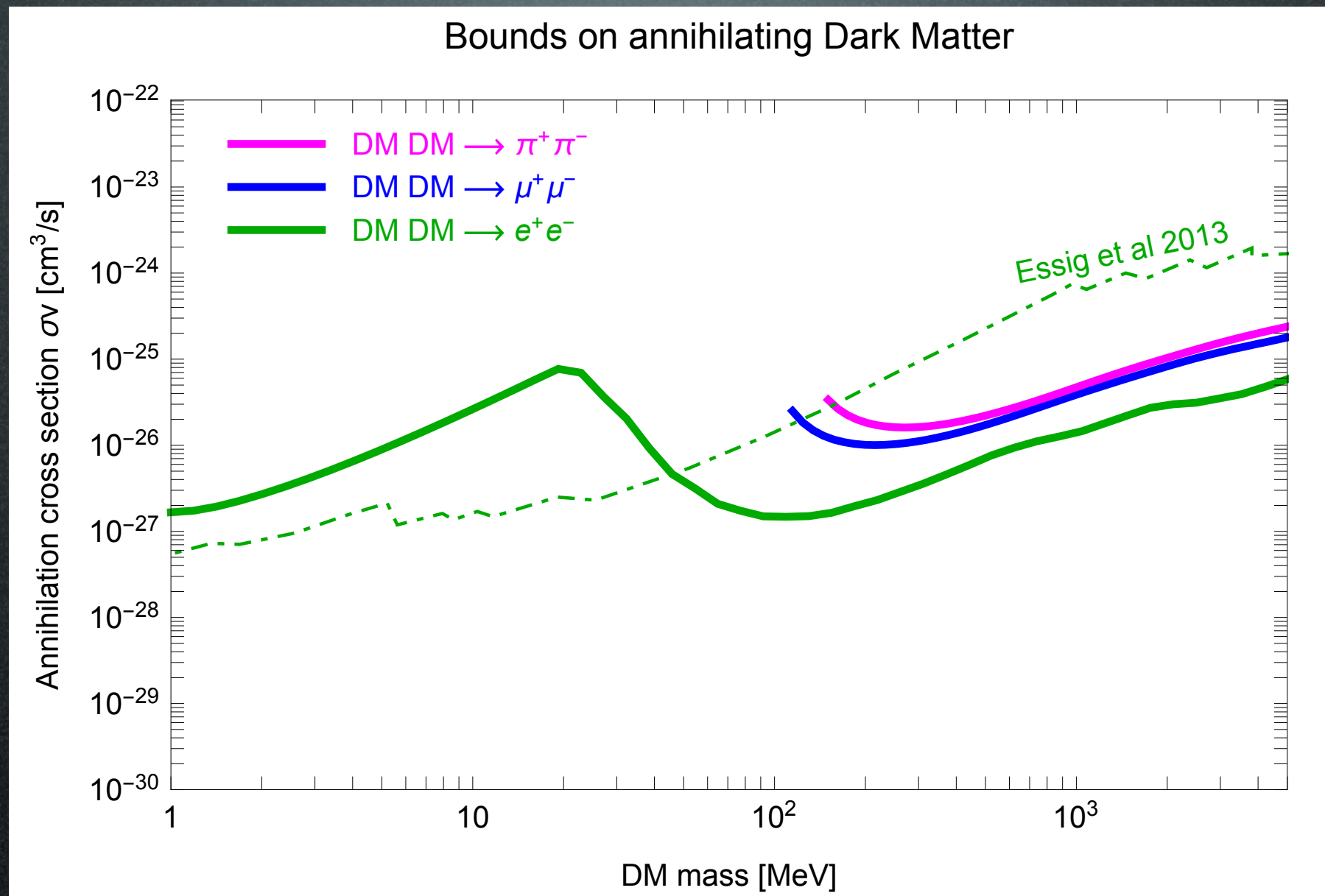


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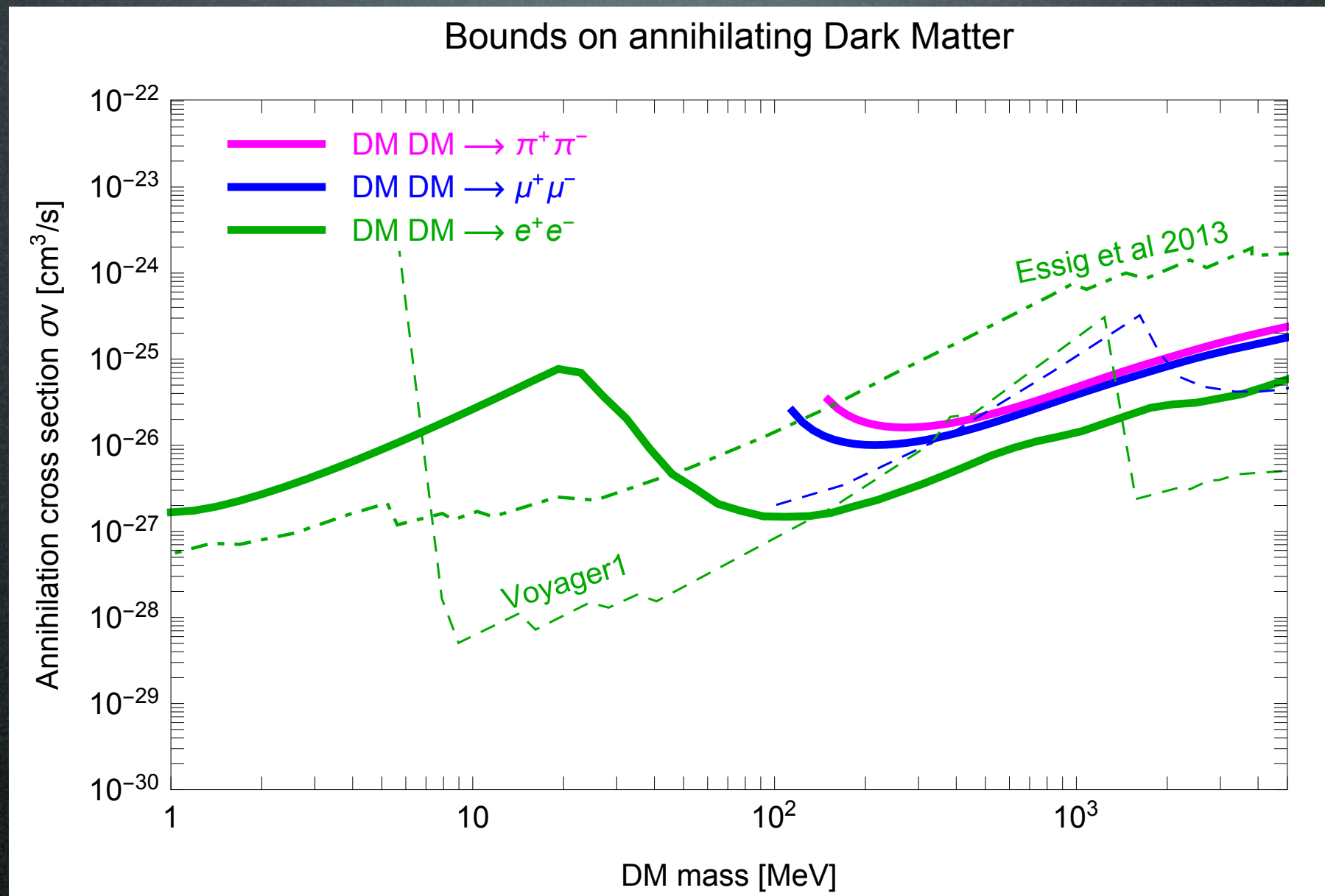


Essig+
1309.4091

Bounds on all 3 channels

ICS allows to improve Essig+ 2013 at large m_{DM}

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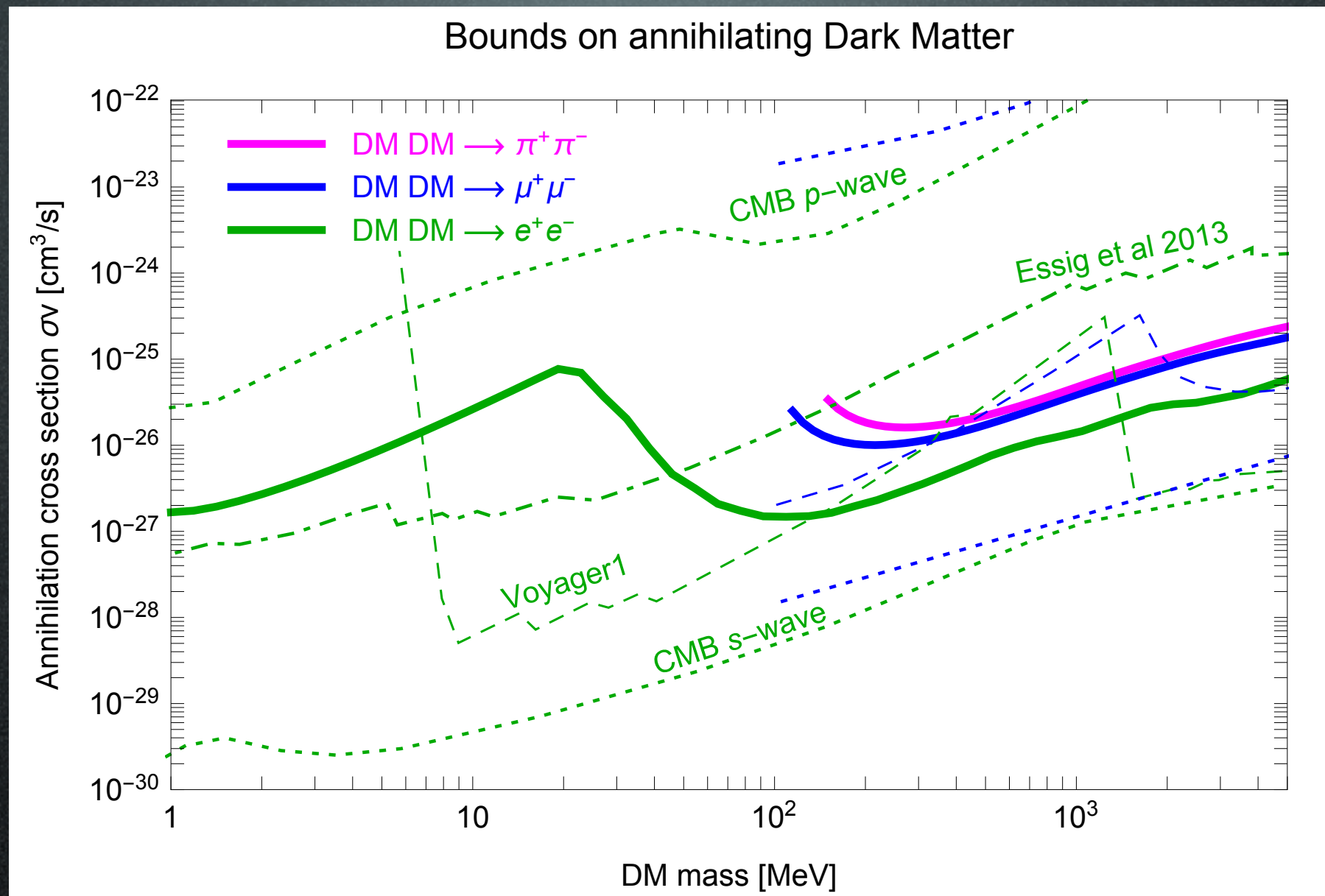
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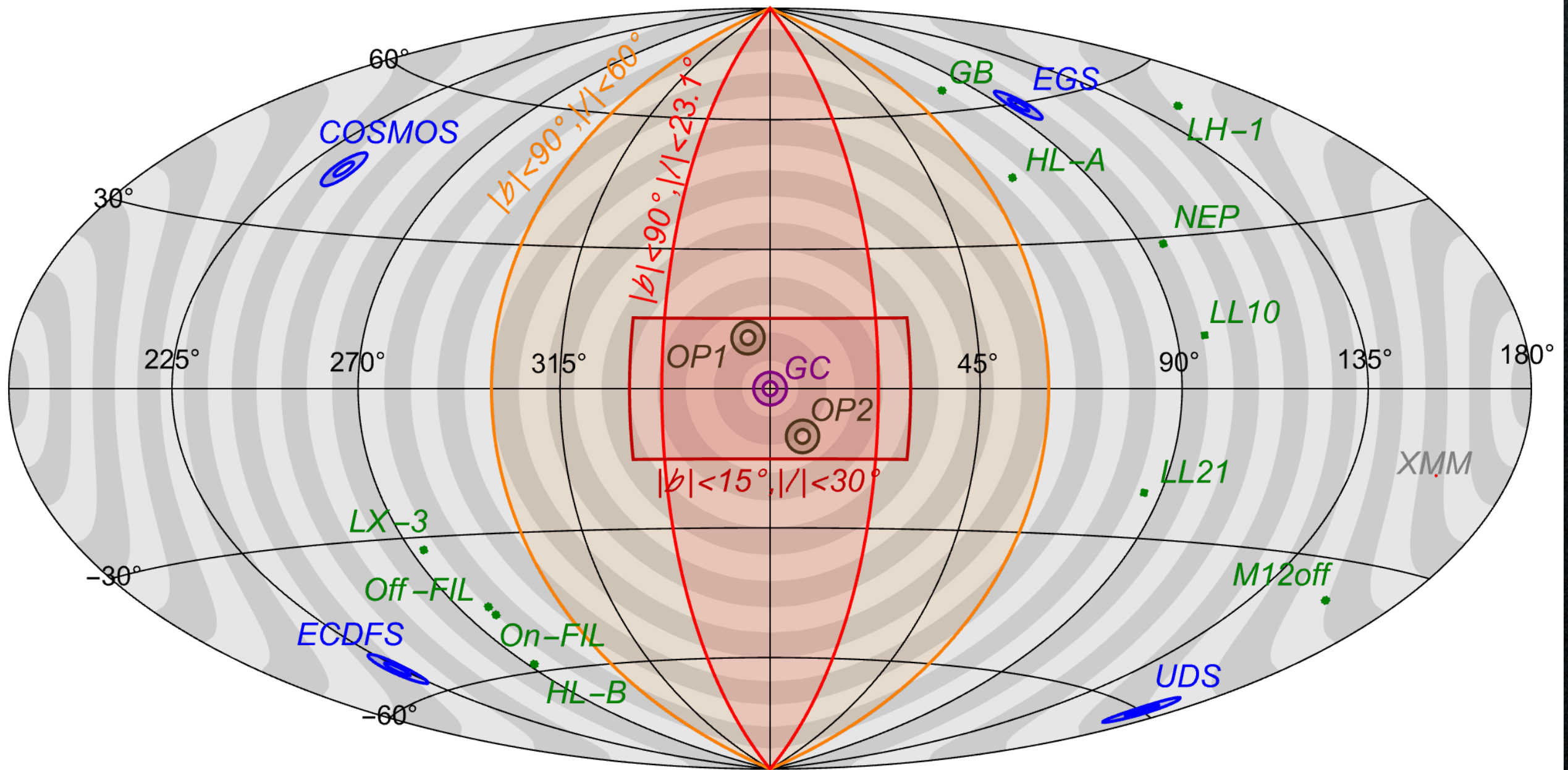
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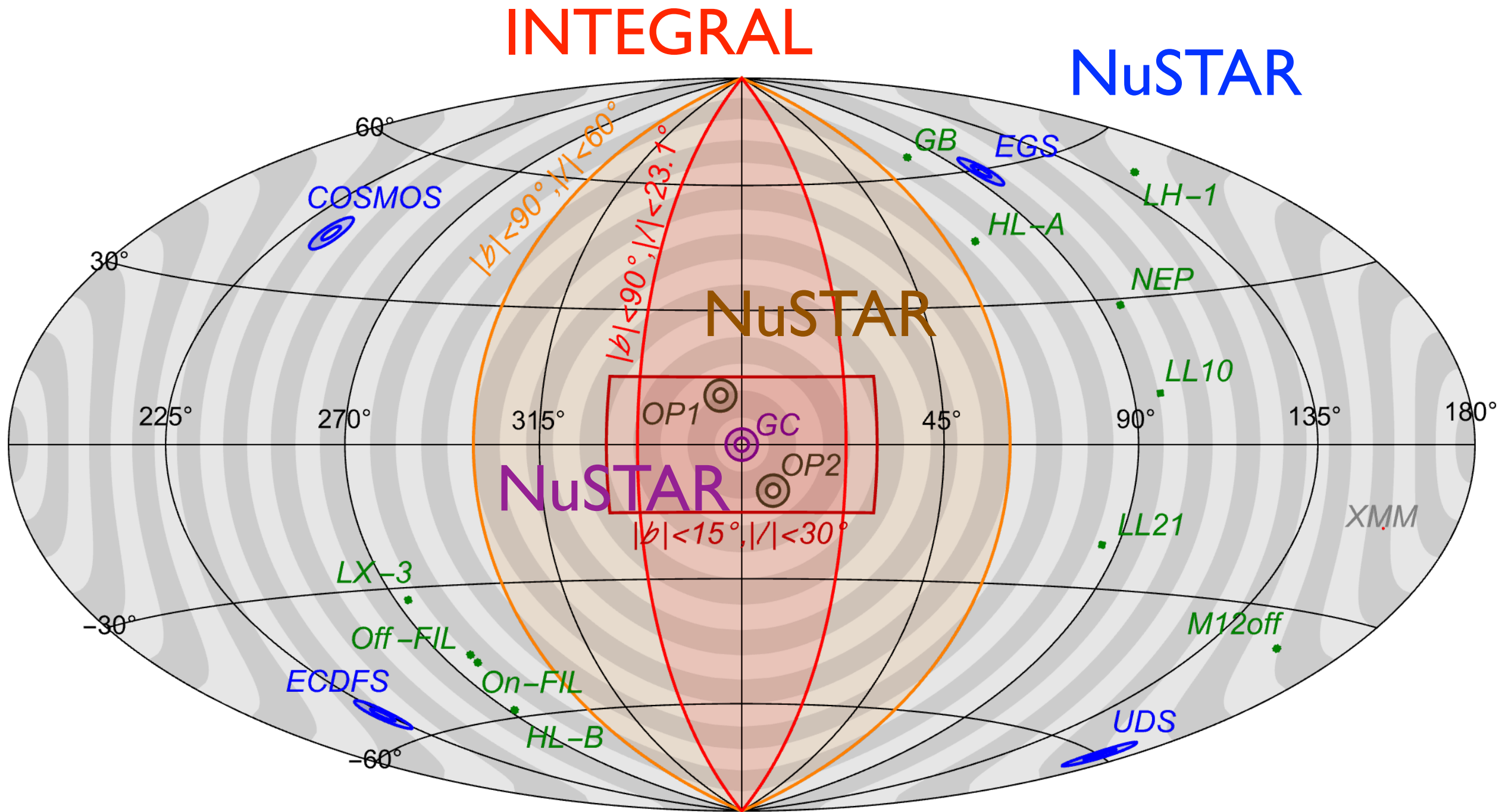
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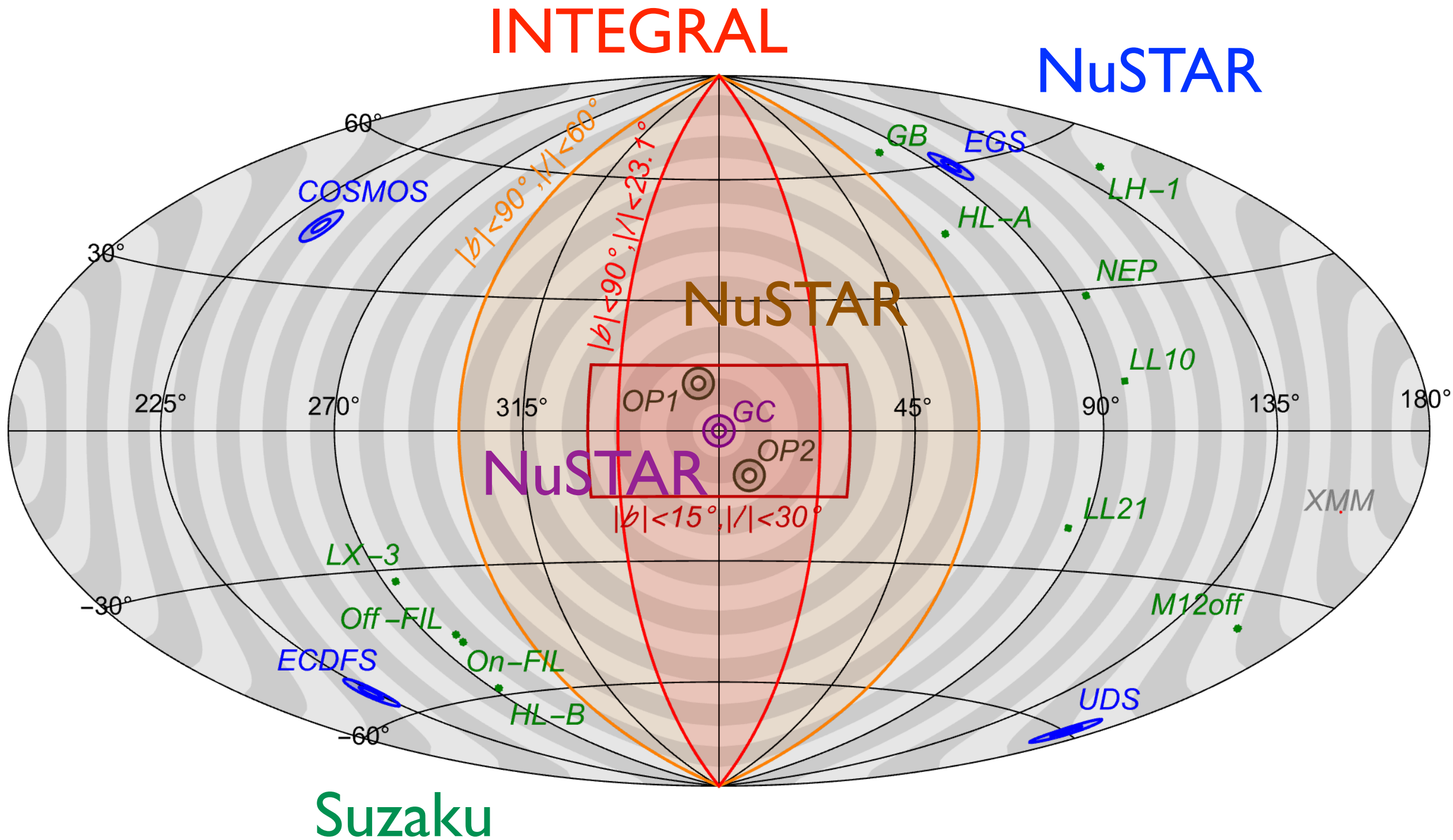
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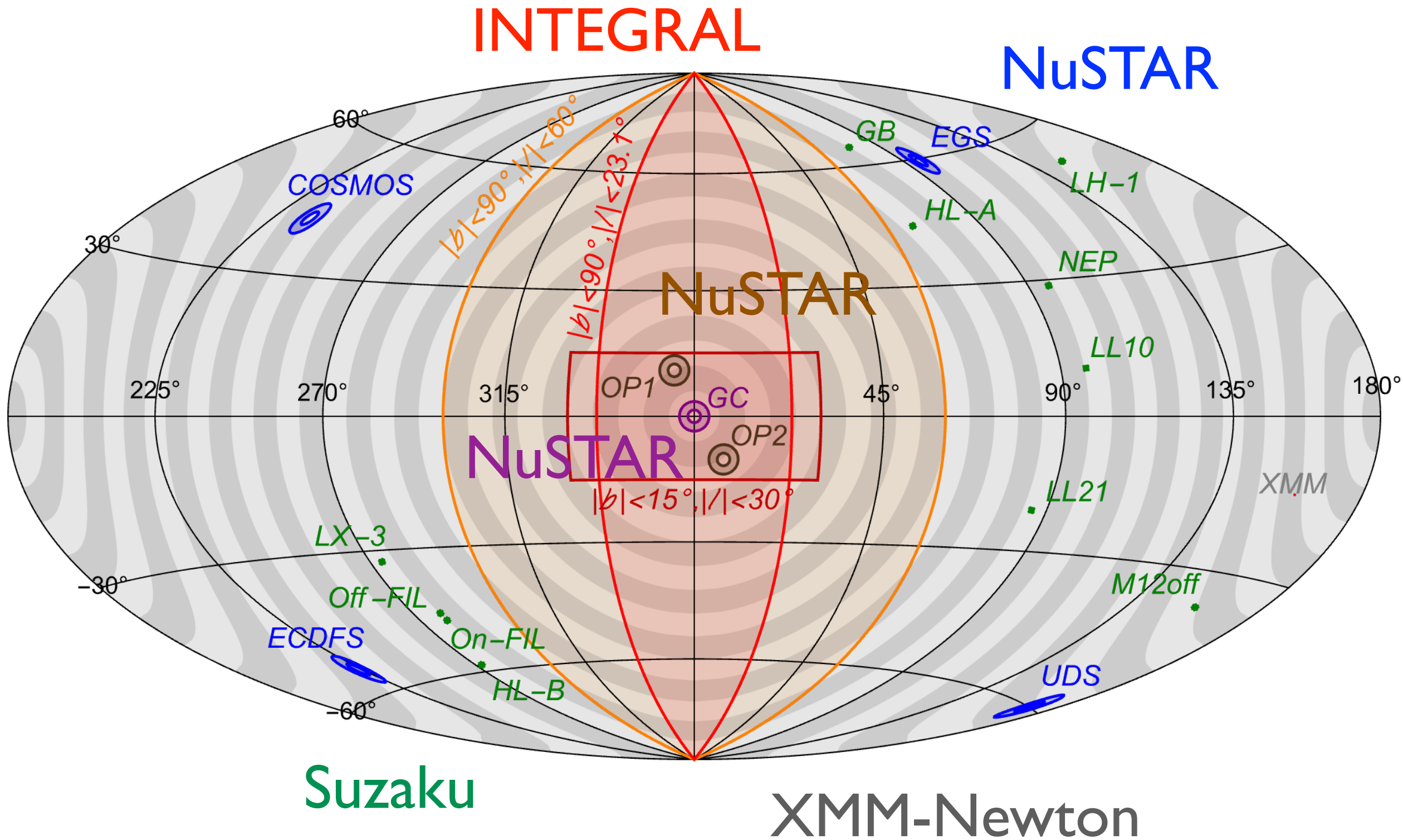
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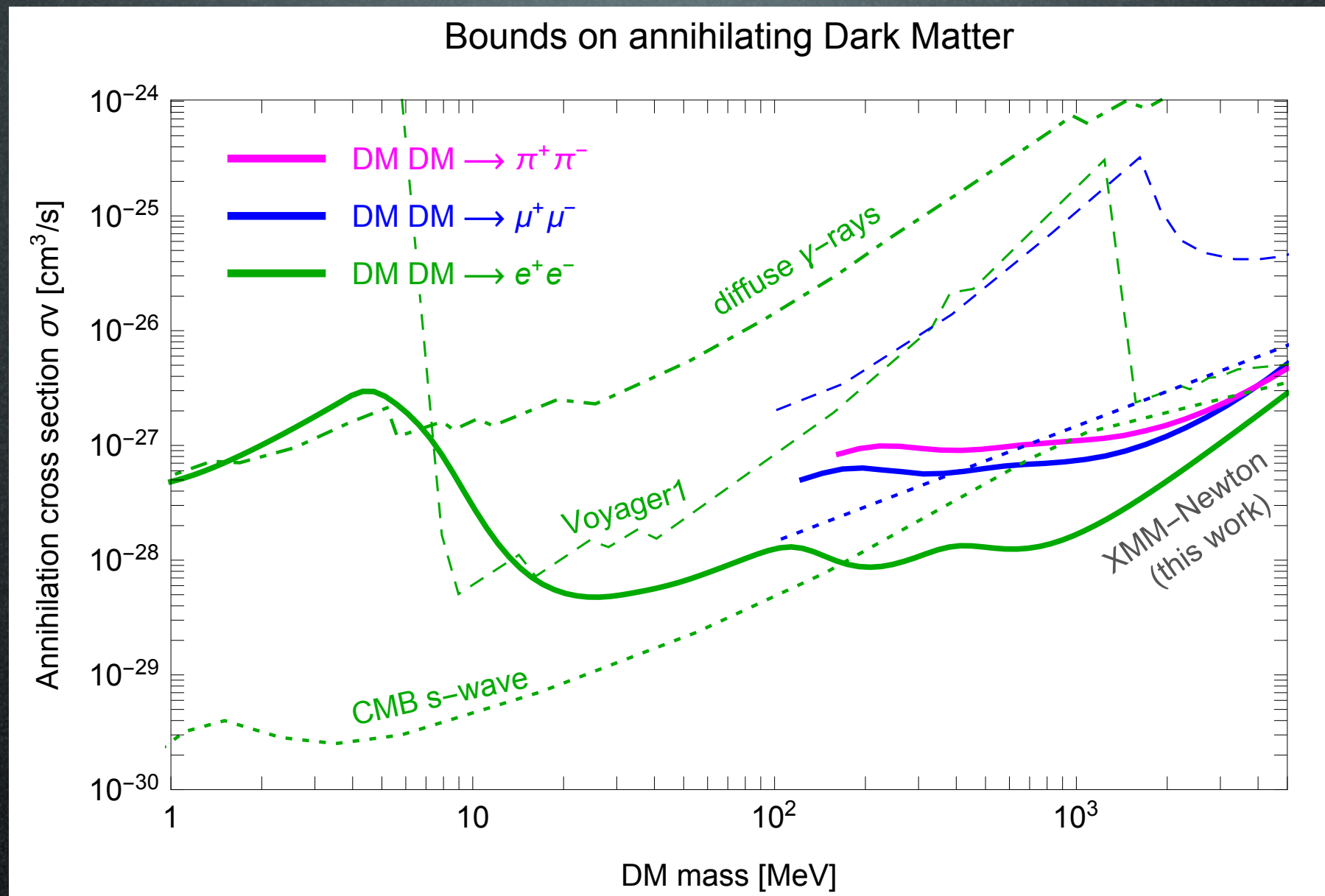
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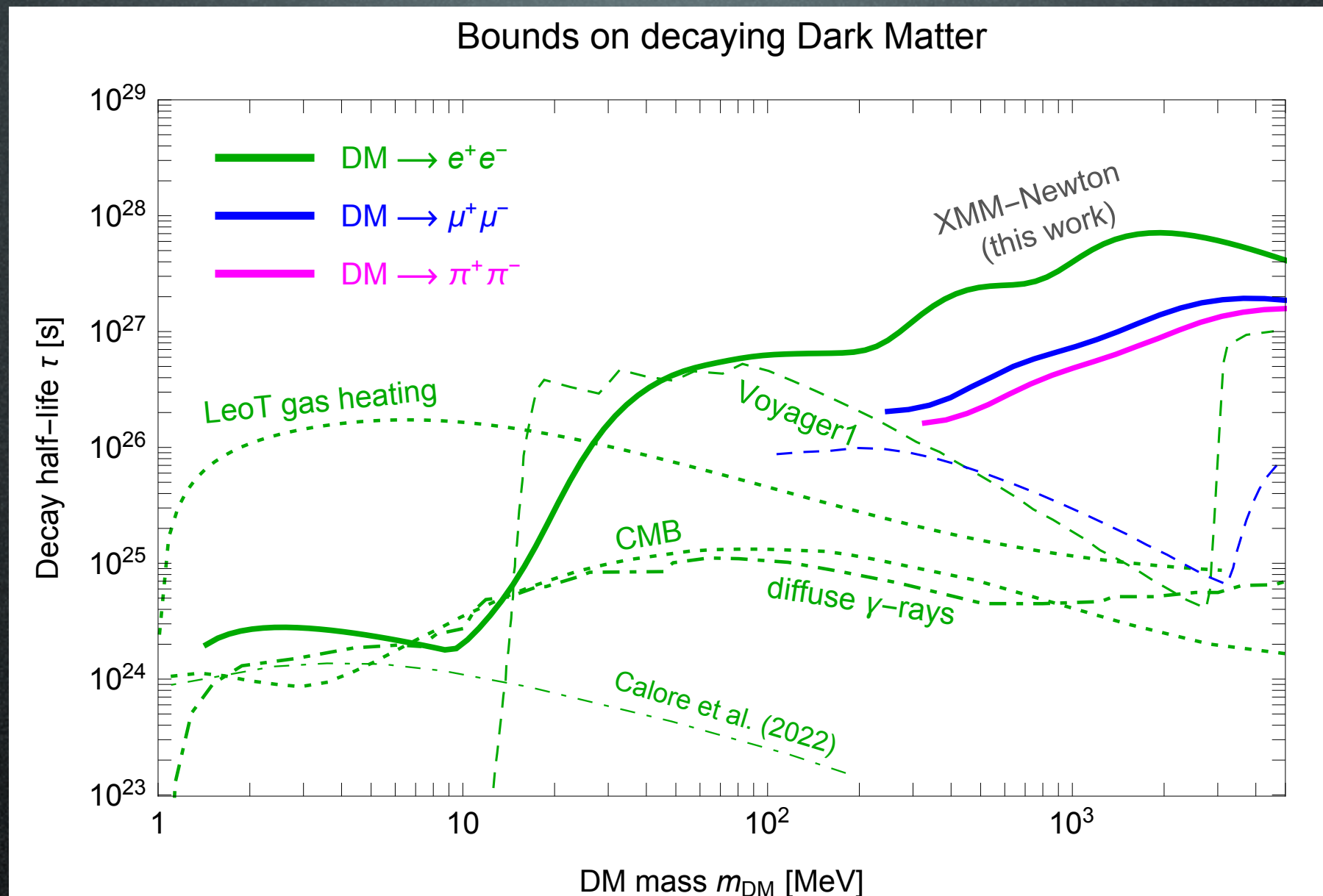
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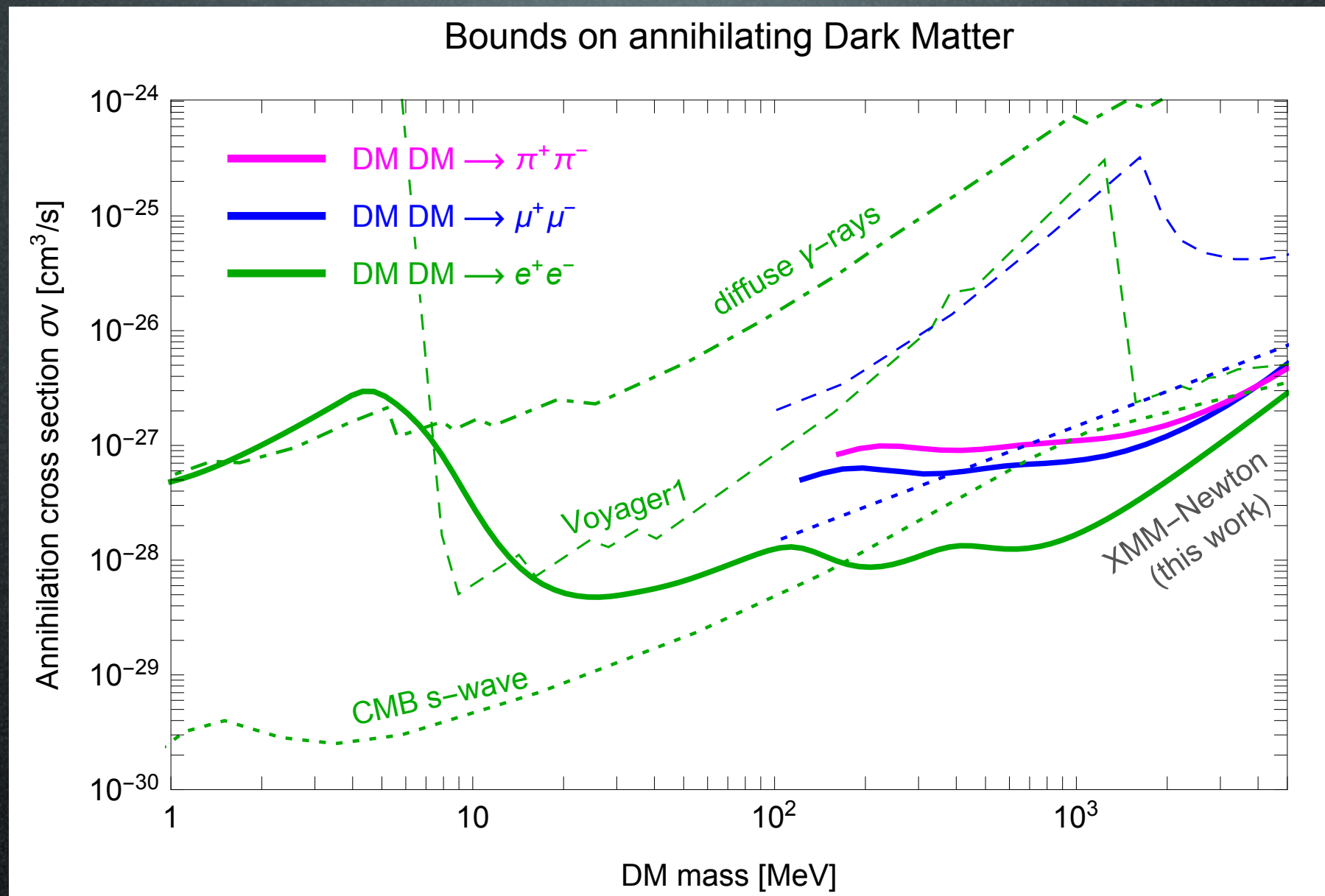
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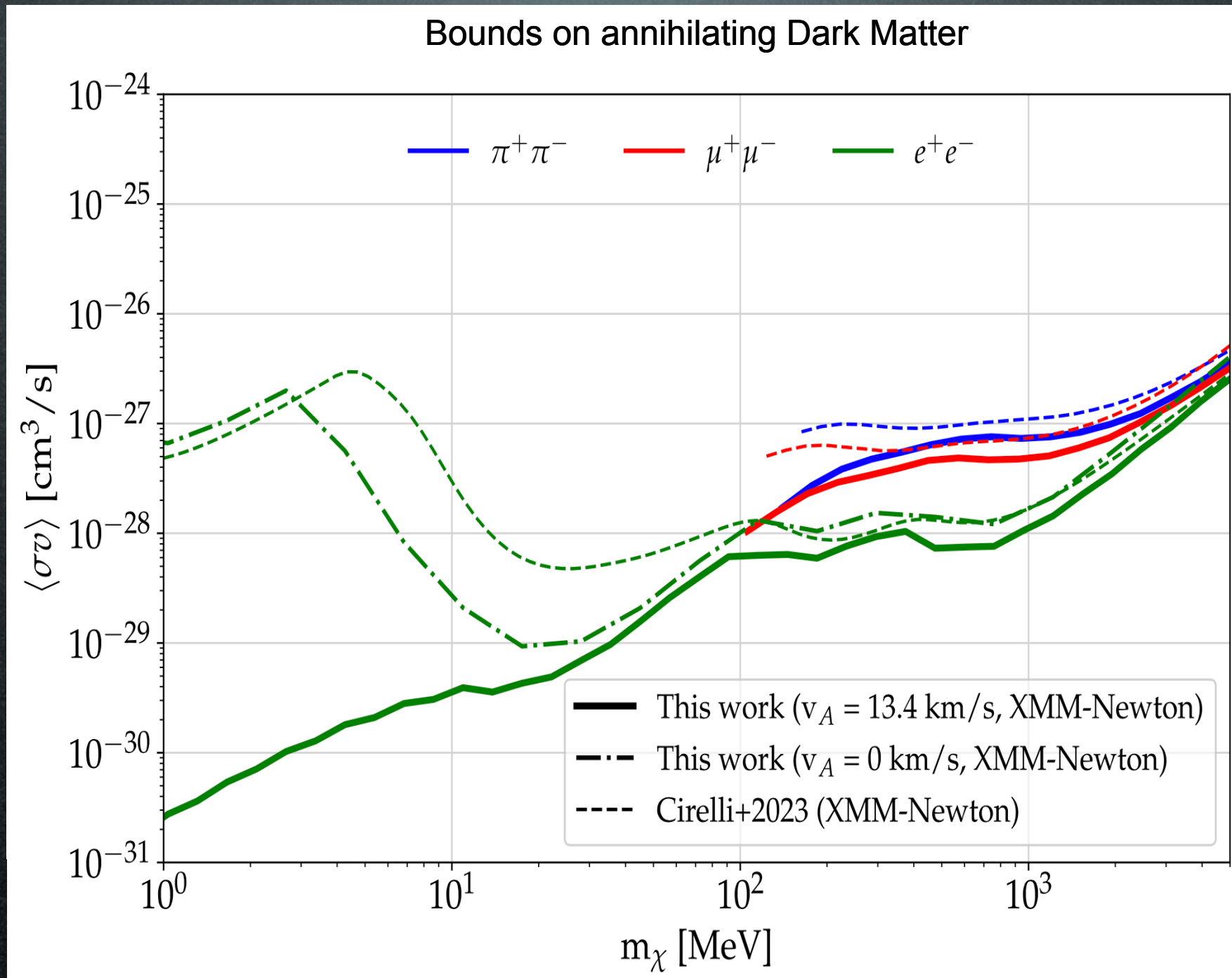
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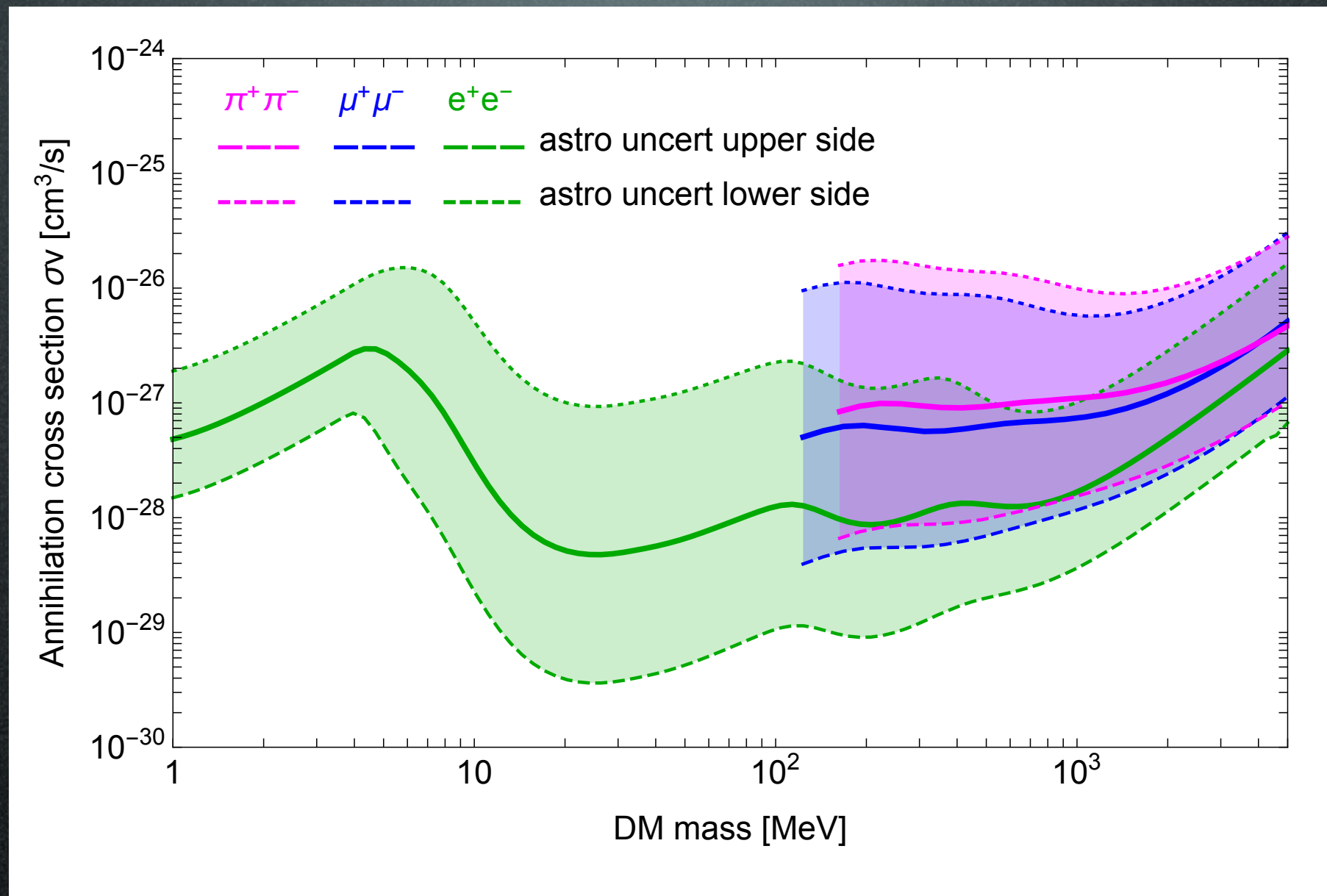
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Updated with a refined propagation (incl reacceleration)

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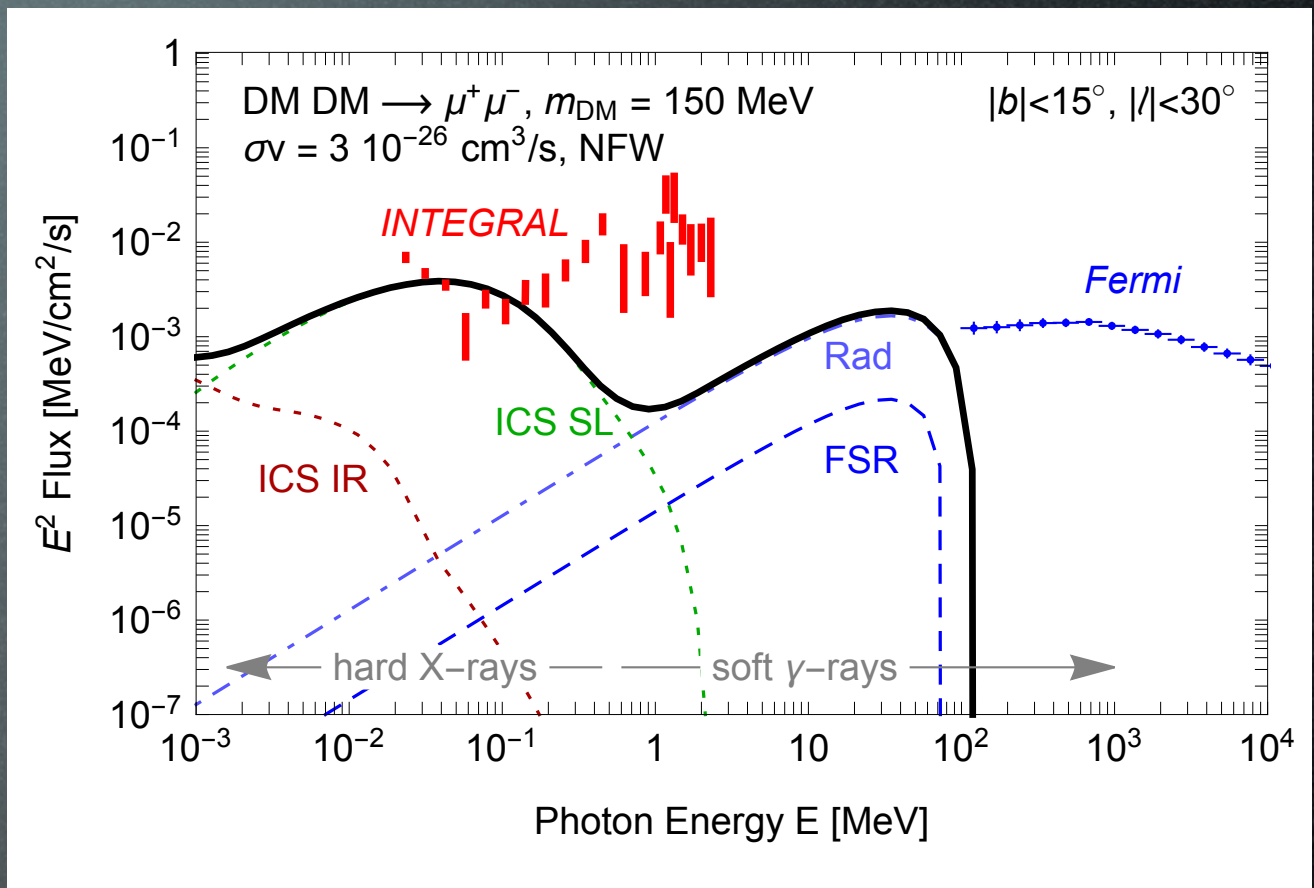
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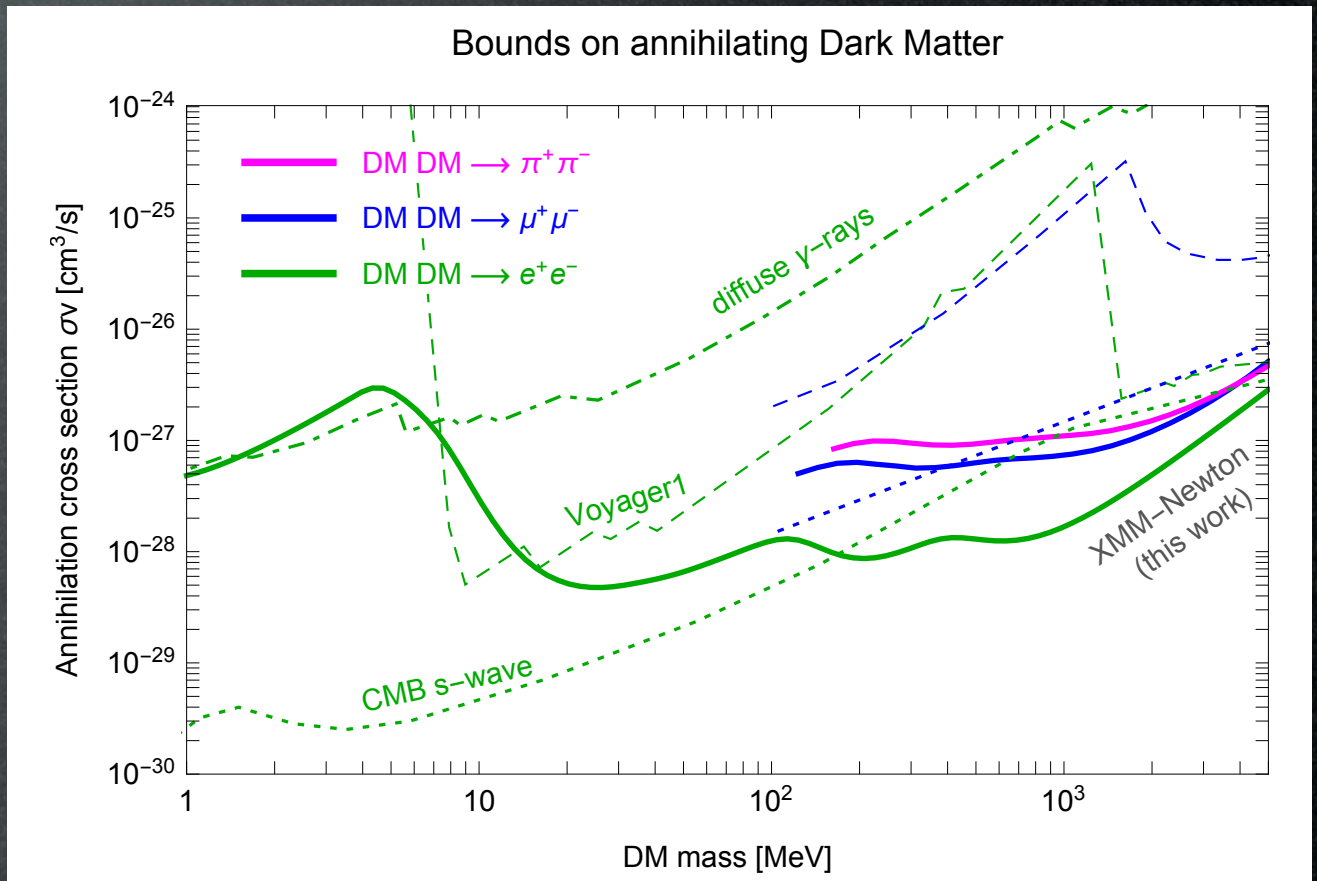
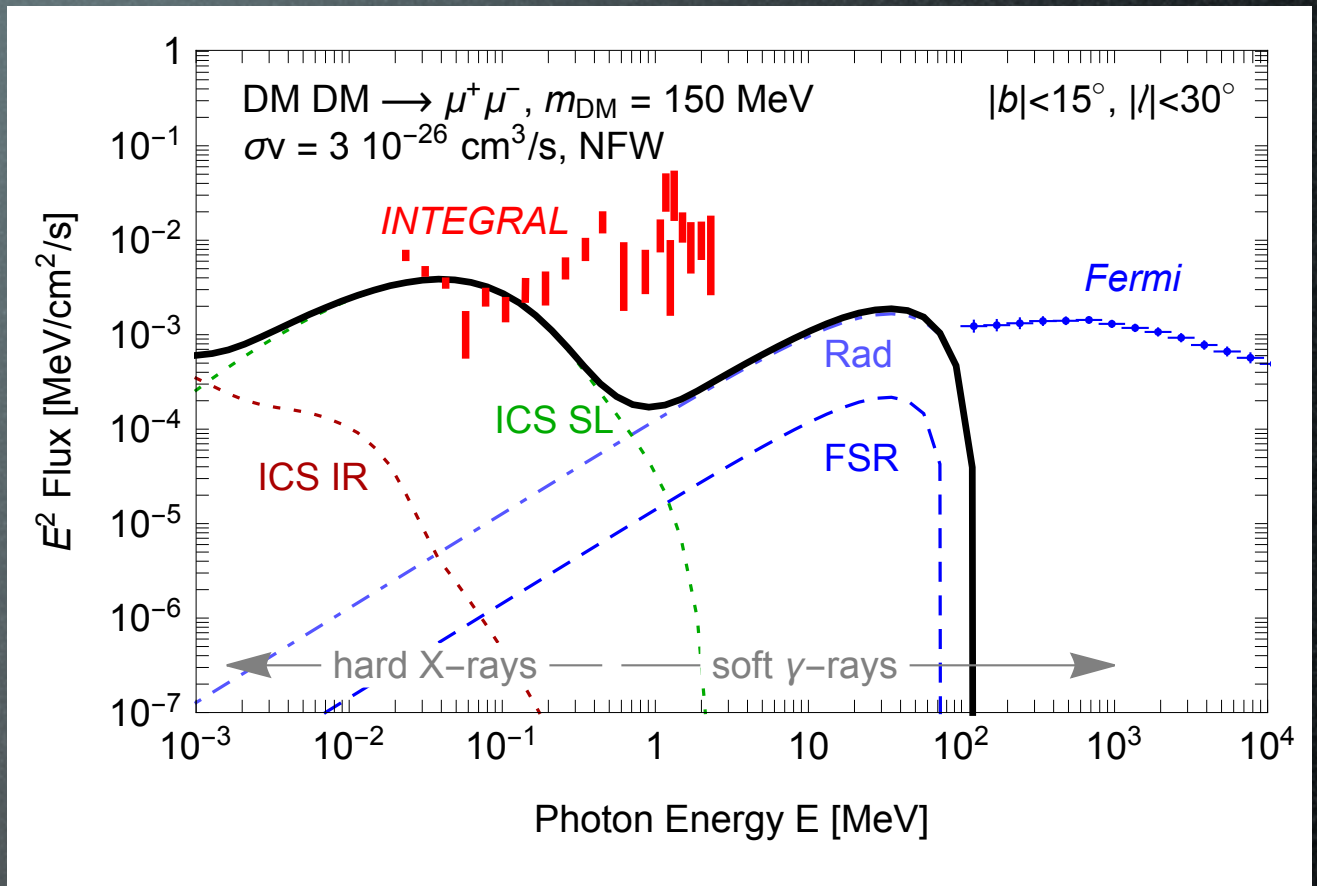
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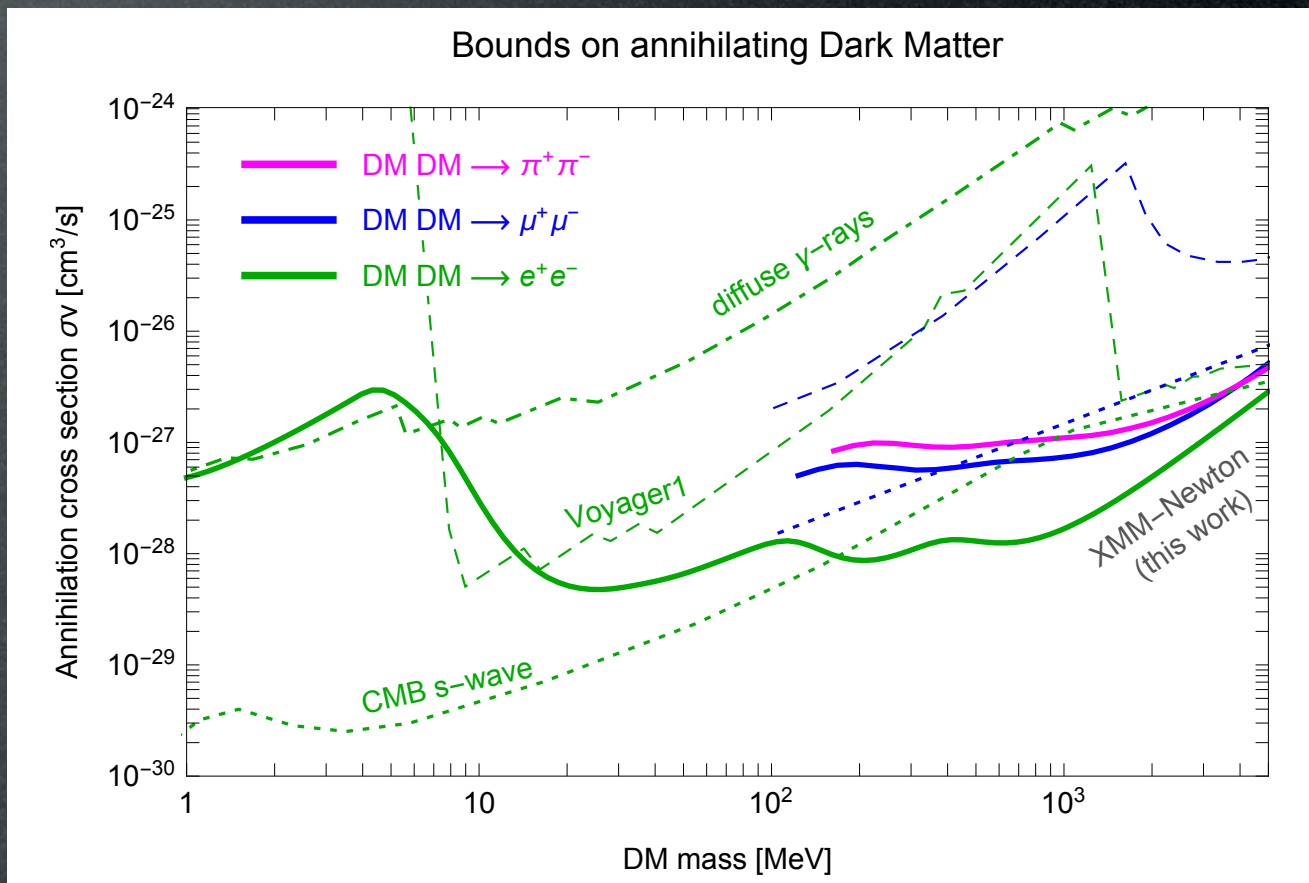
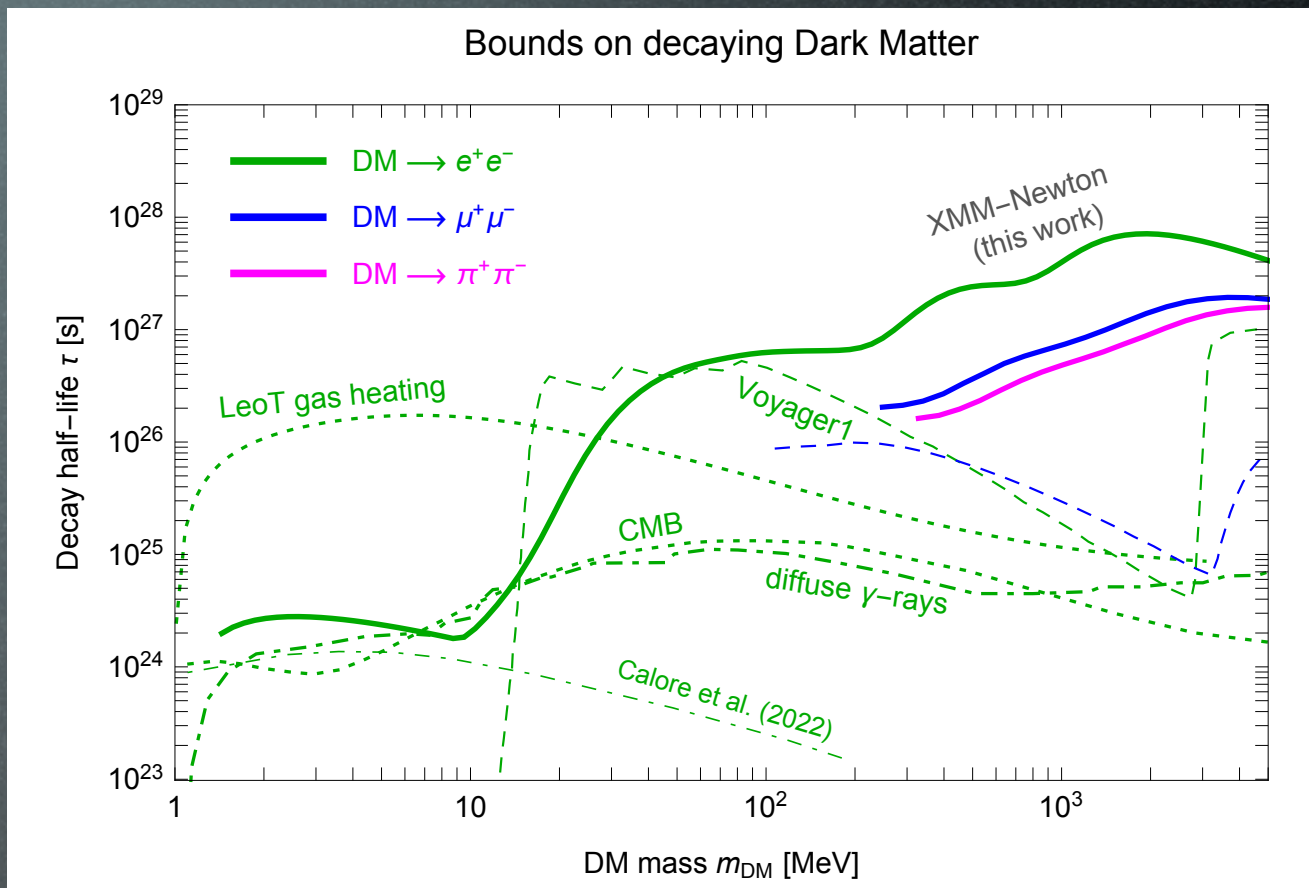
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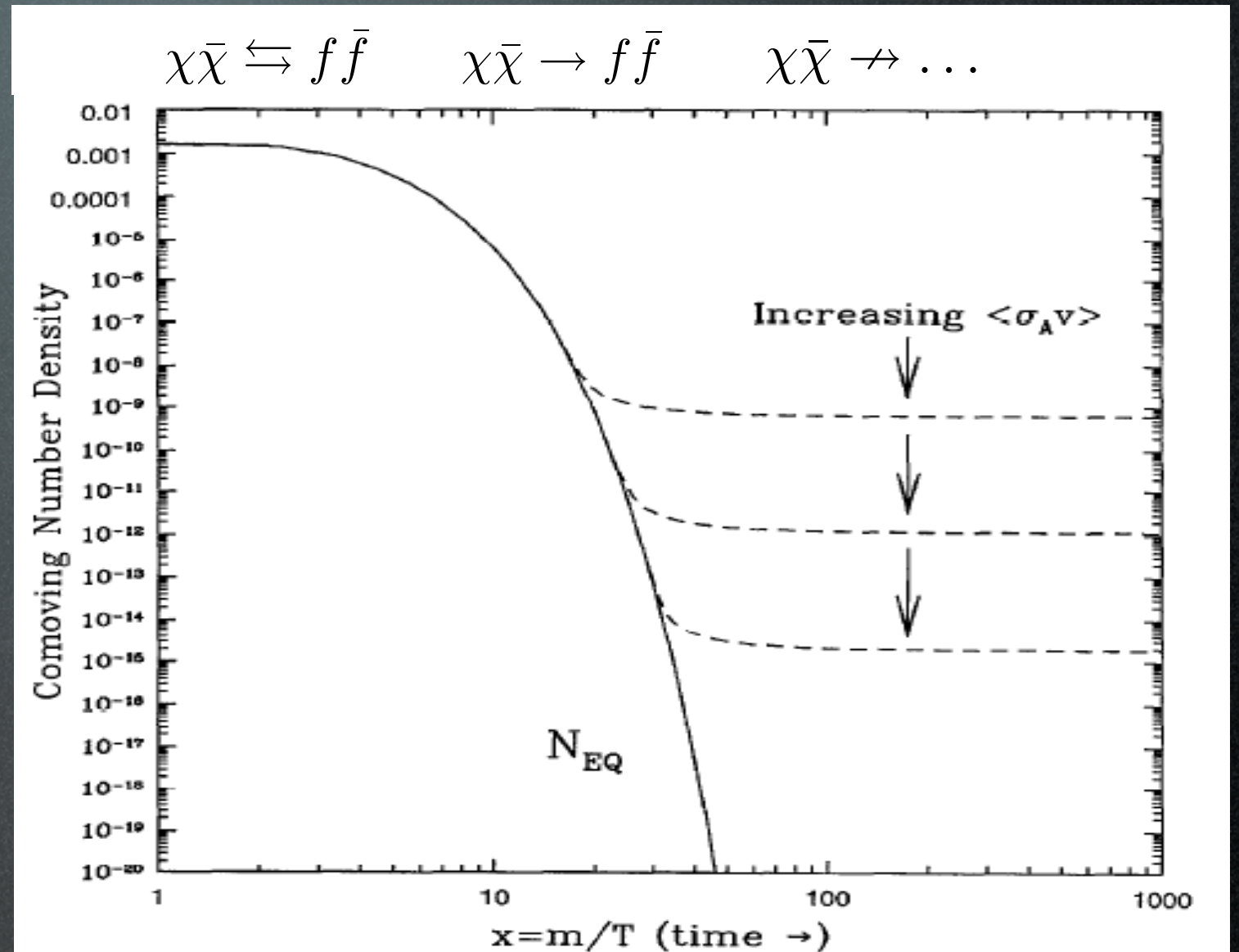
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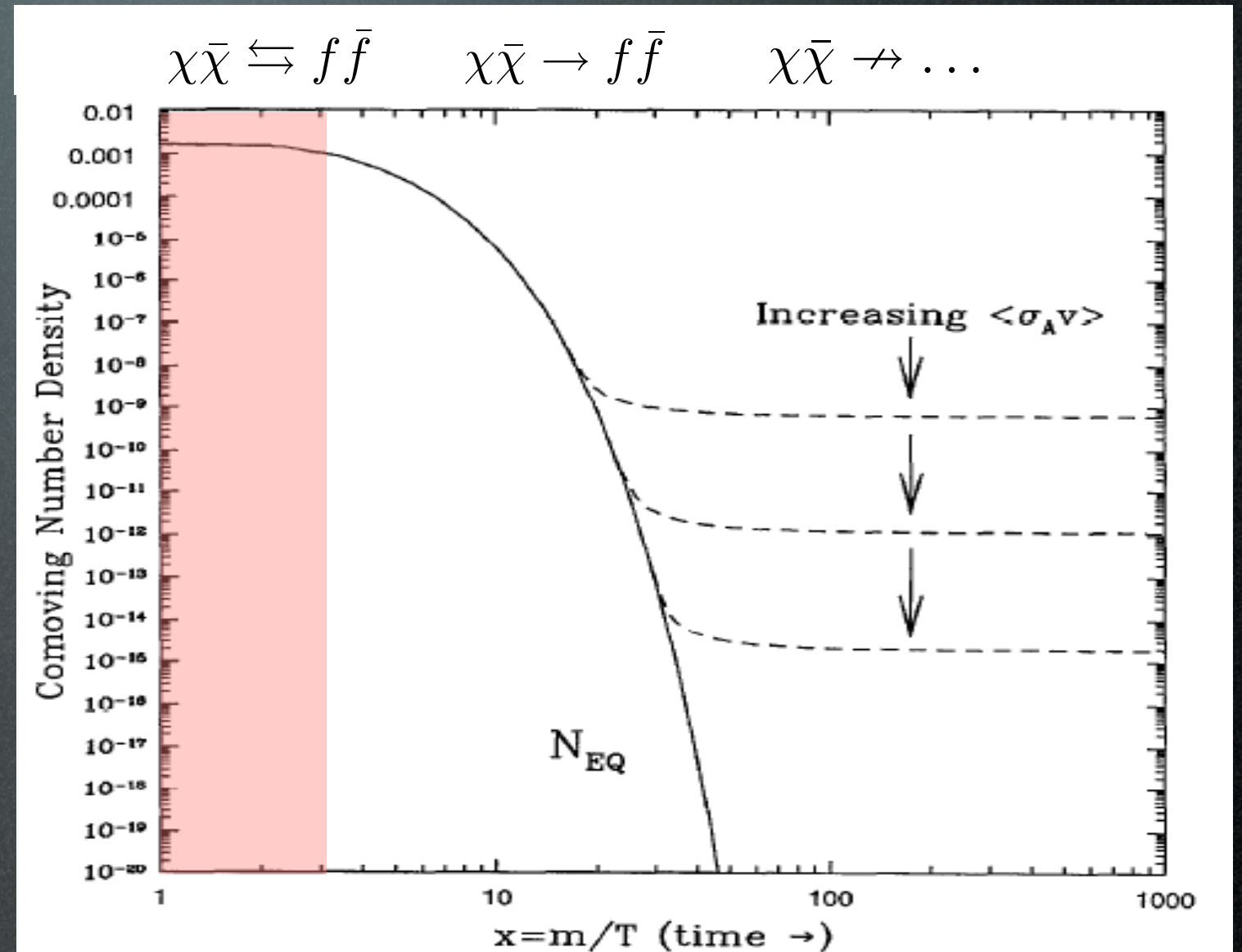
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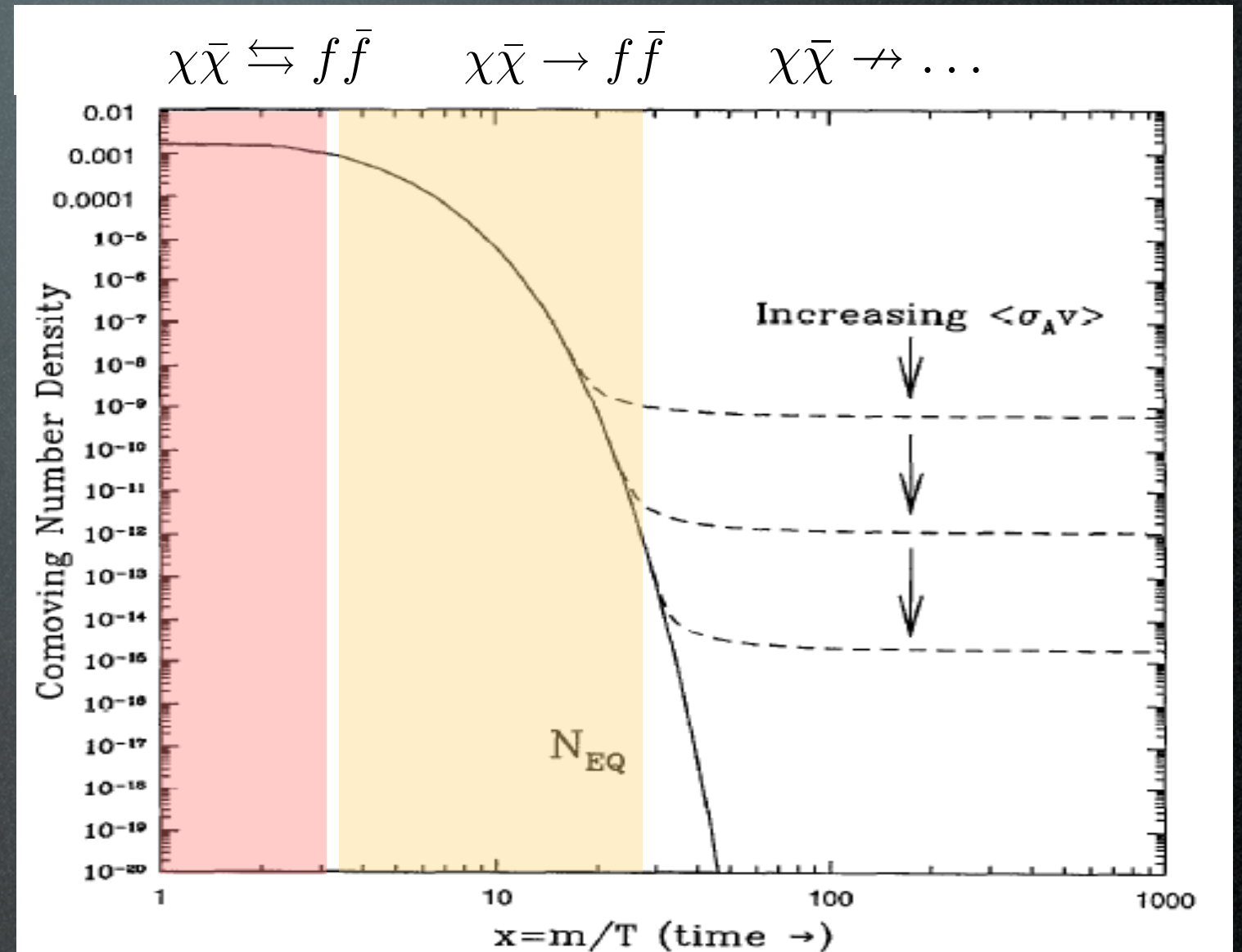
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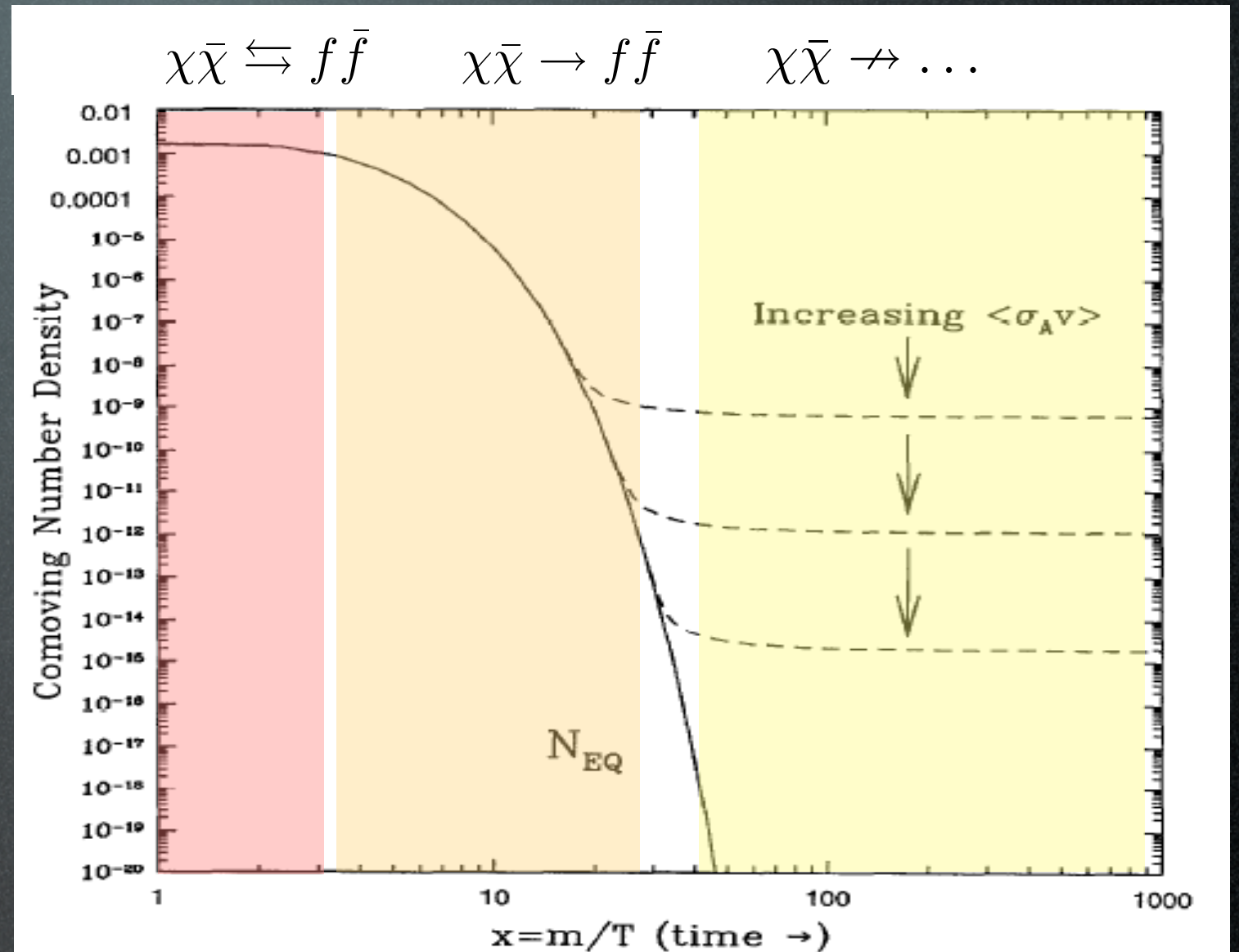
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Candidates

new physics at
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thermal
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WIMPs

LHC

Indirect
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Direct
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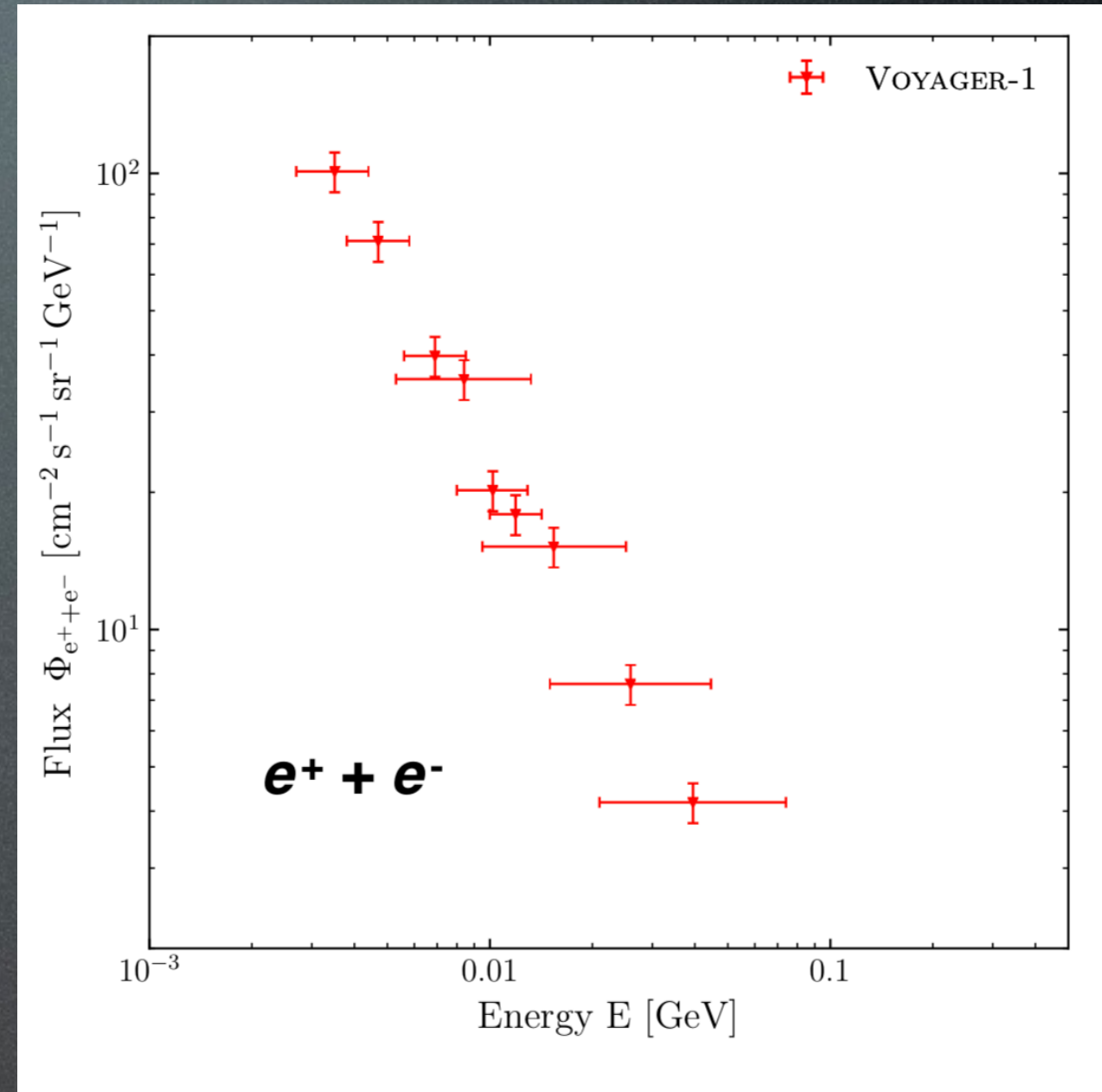
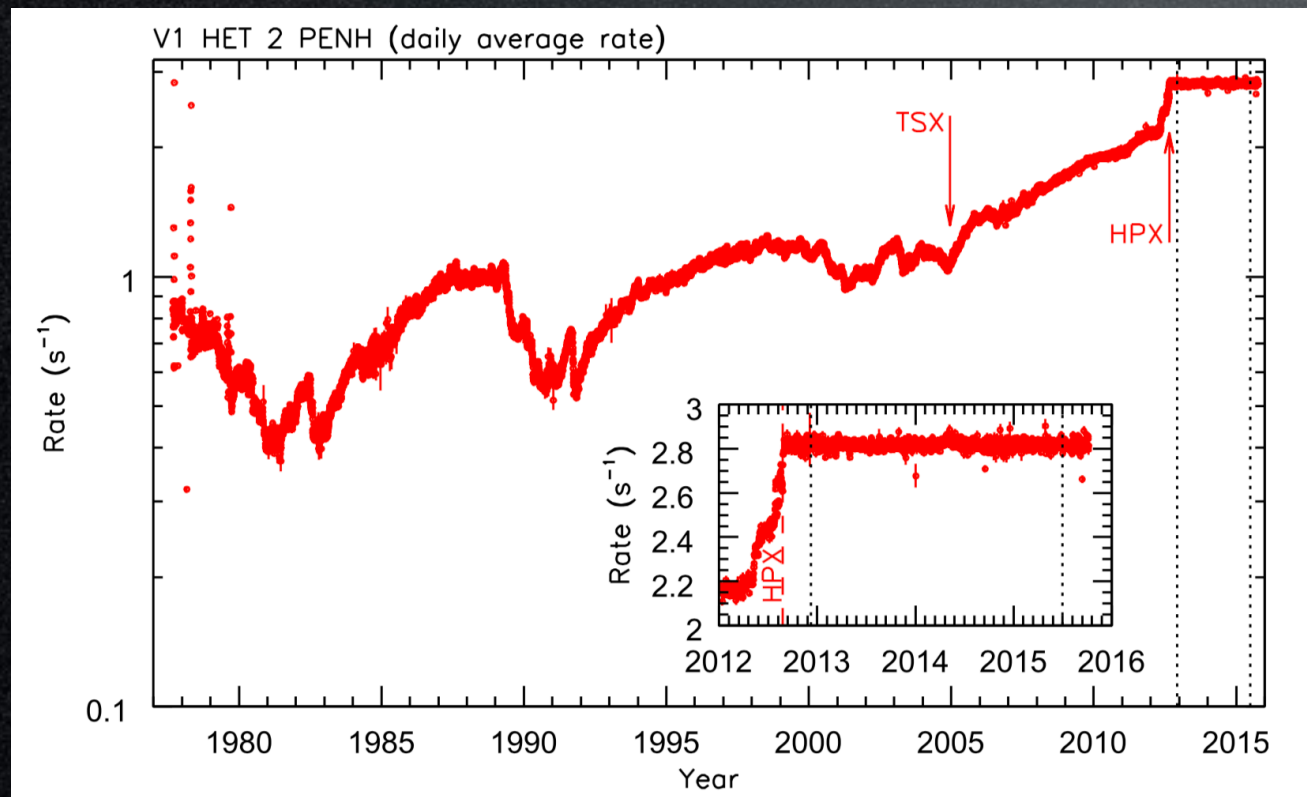
1. even without a larger framework, WIMPs are **still appealing**
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Data: leptons

low energy

Voyager-1 left the heliosphere in 08.2012

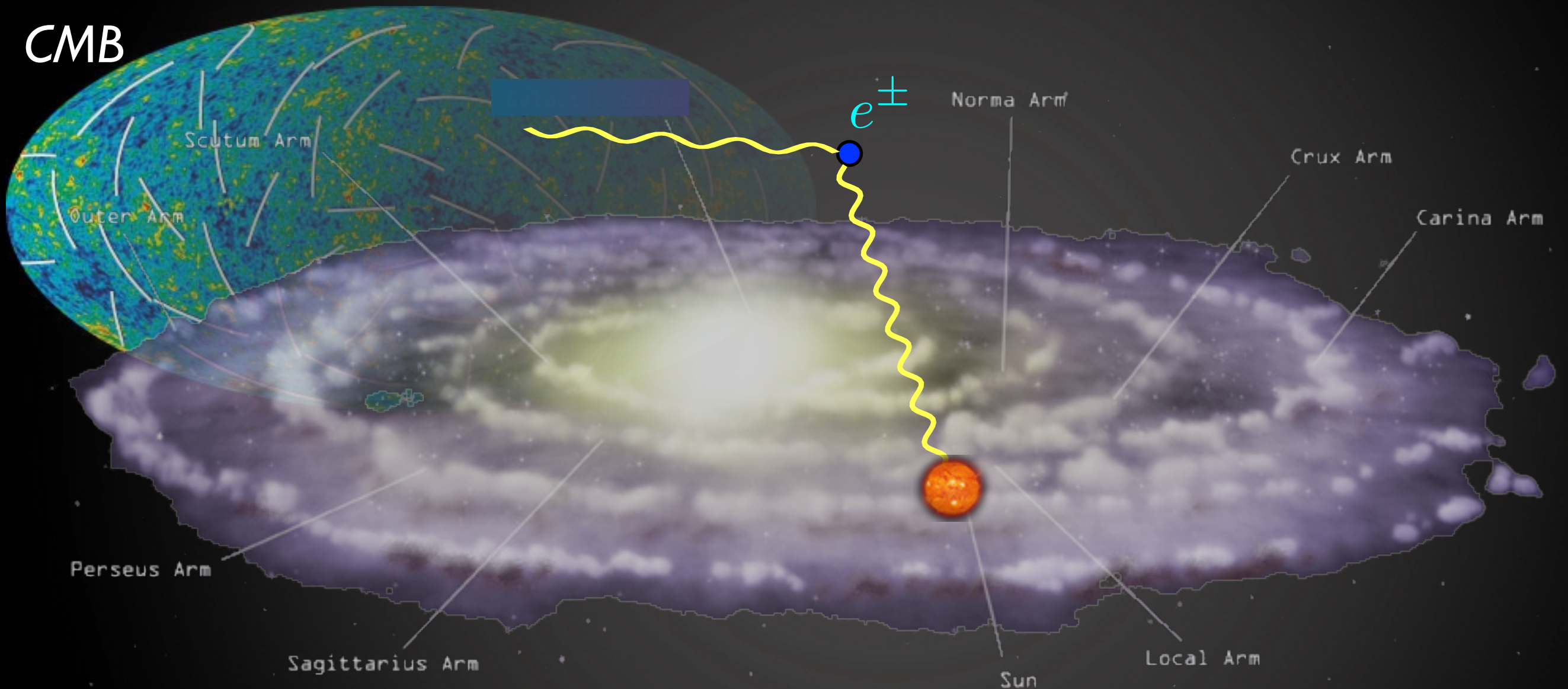
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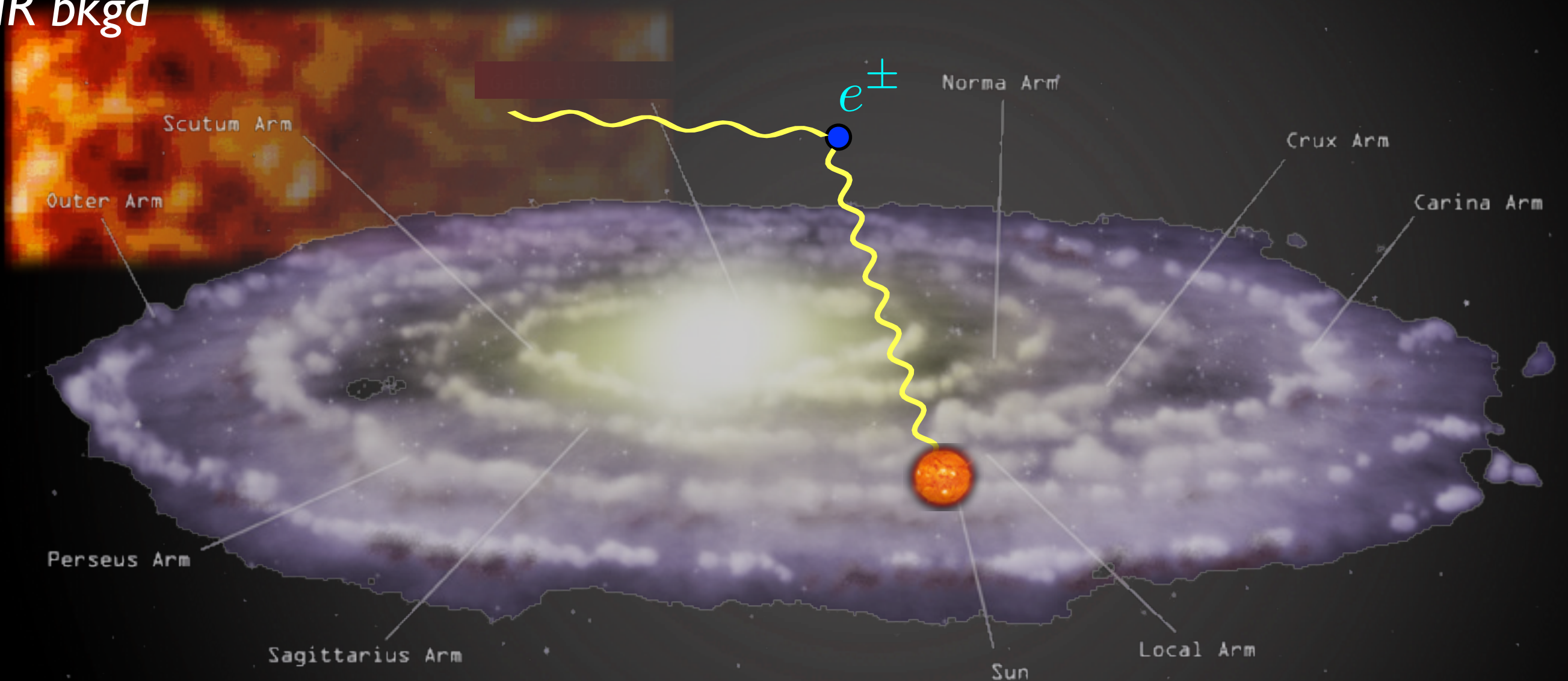


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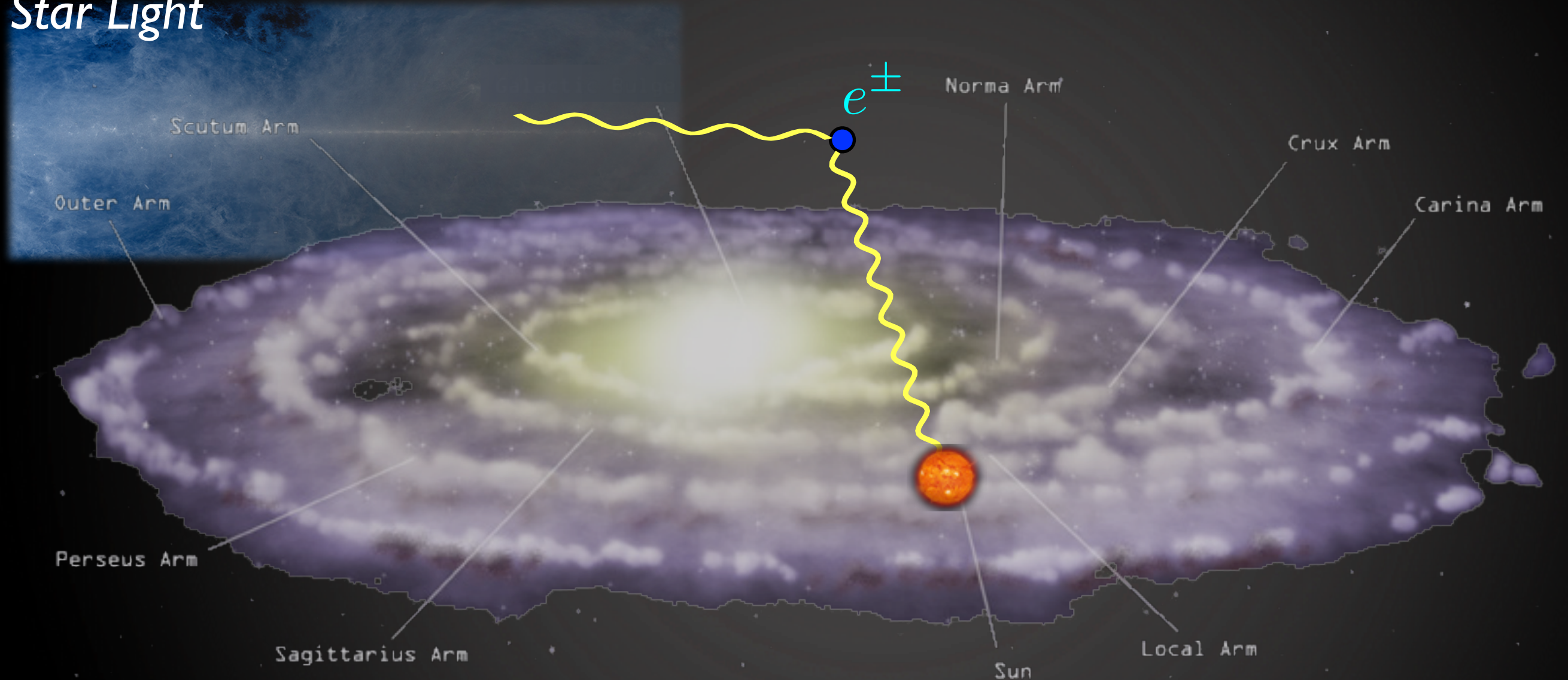


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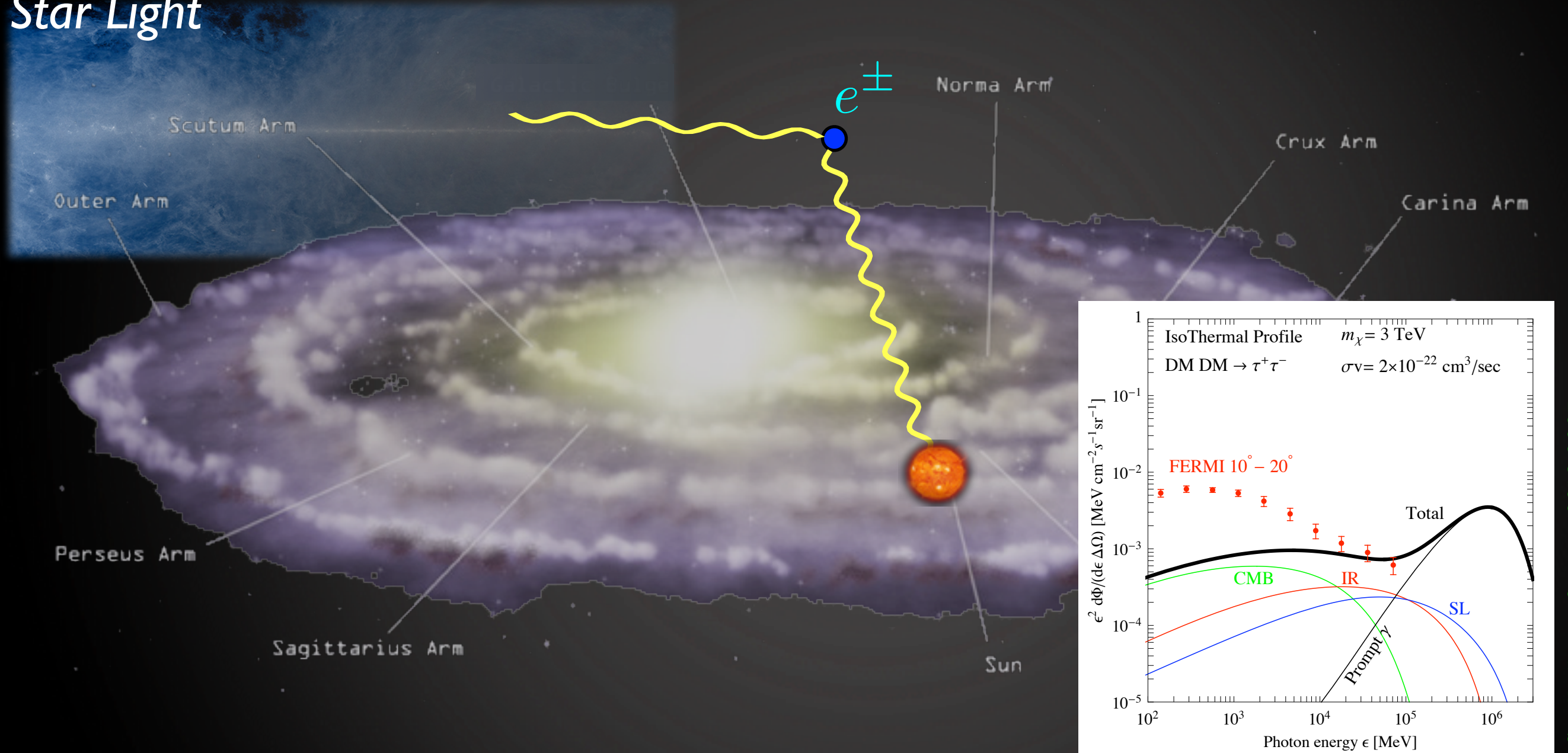


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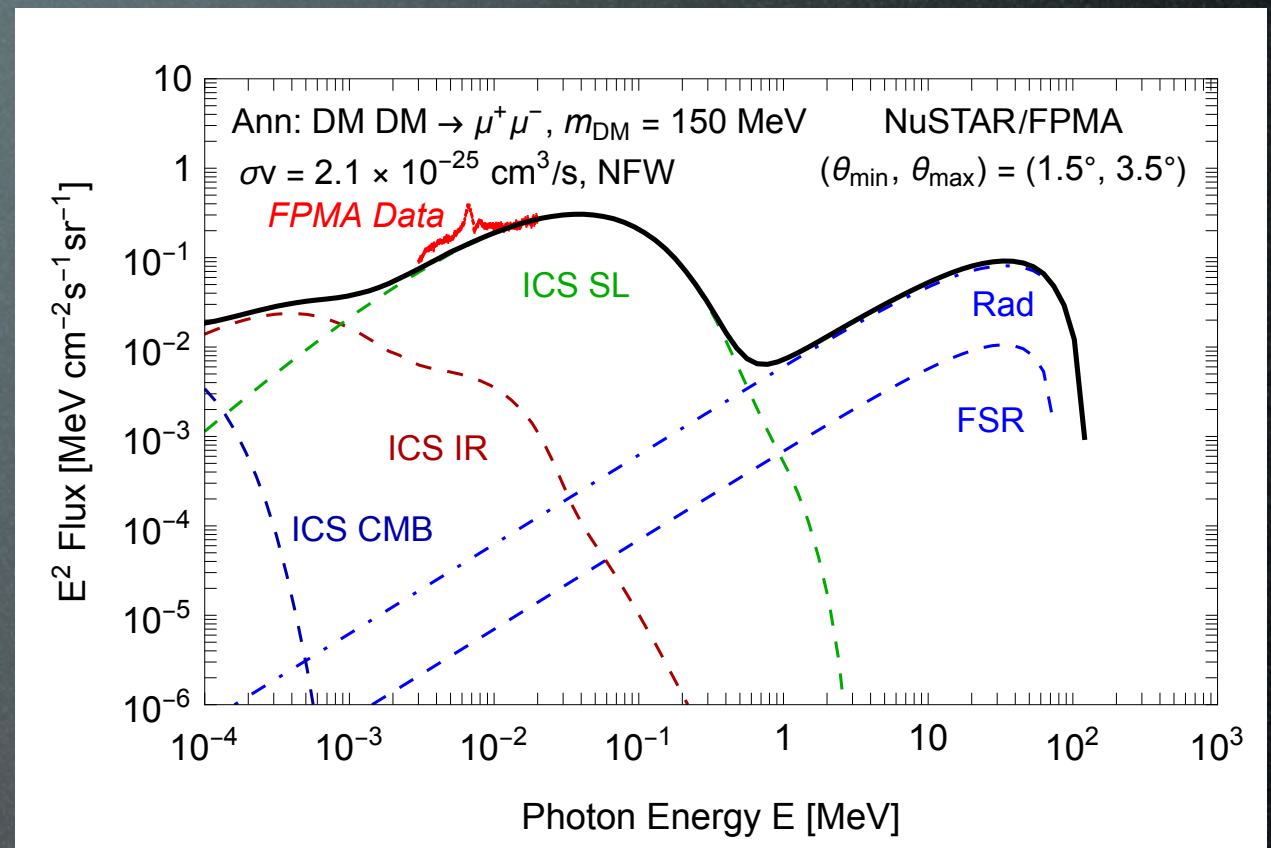
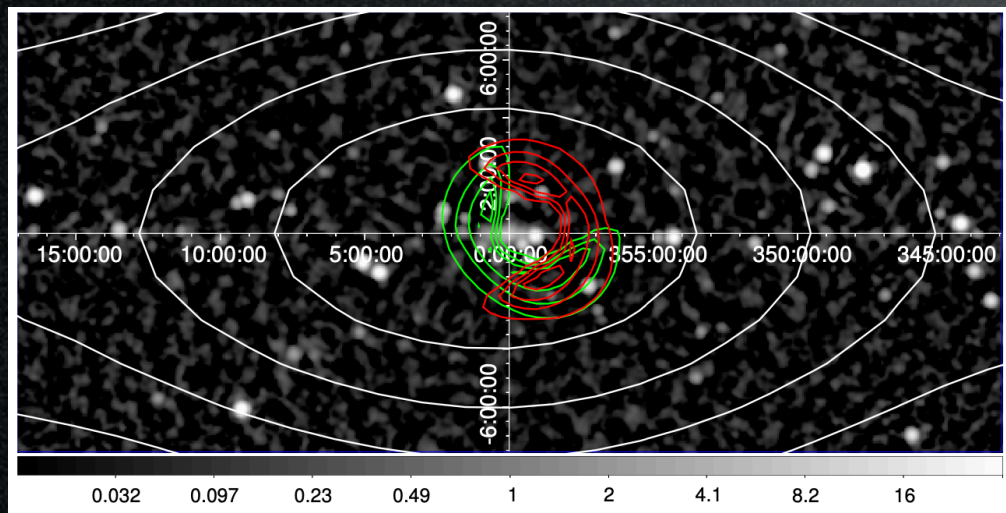
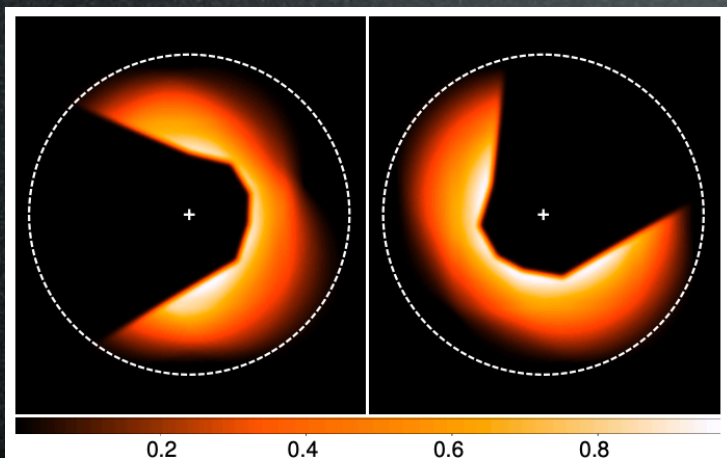
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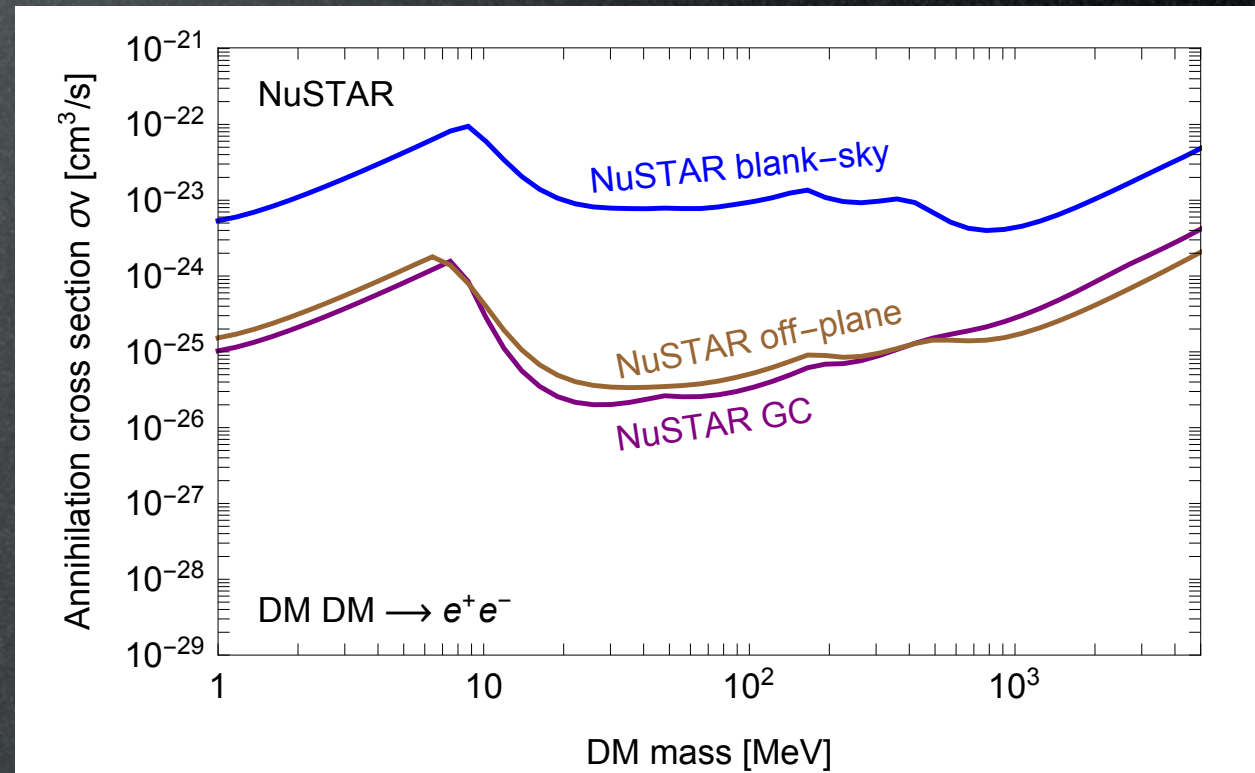
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Rather complex field of view...



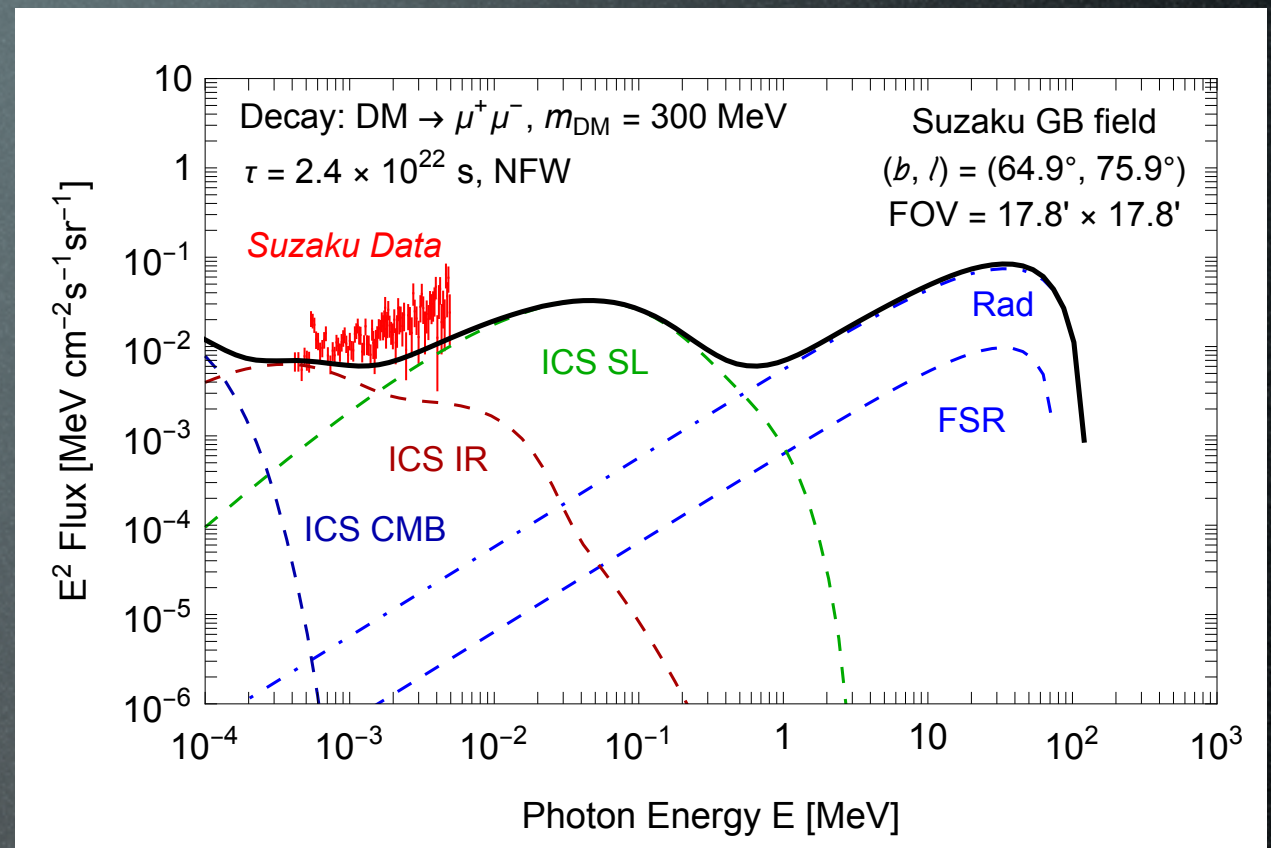
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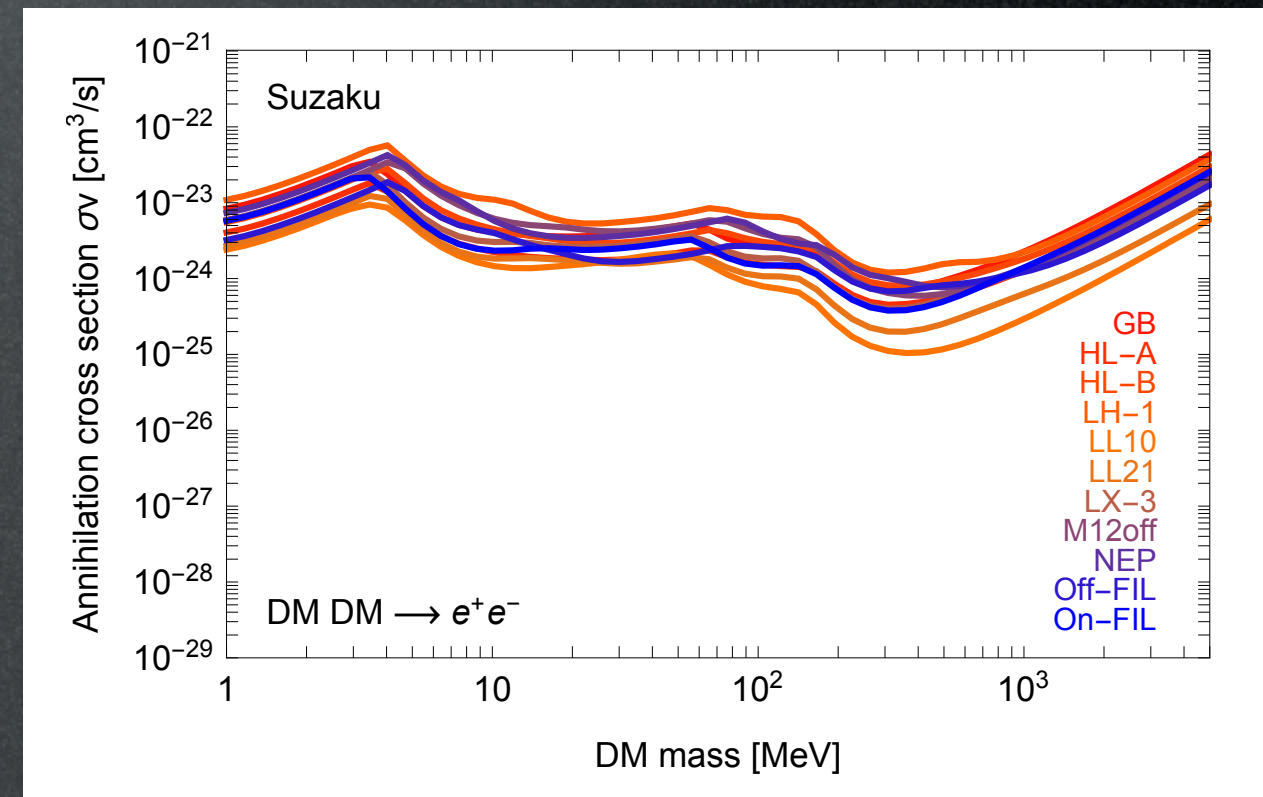
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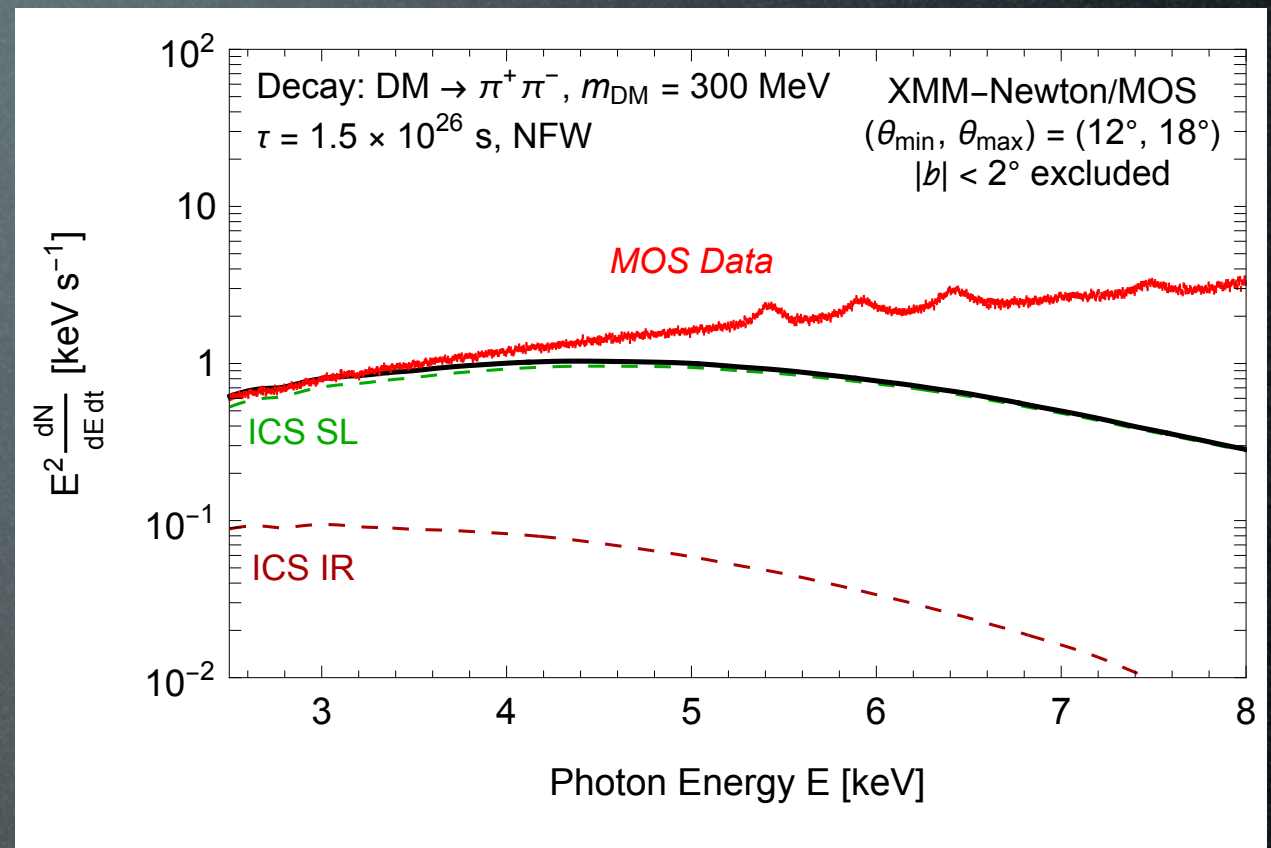


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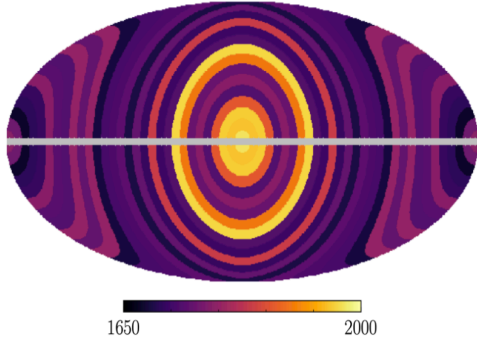


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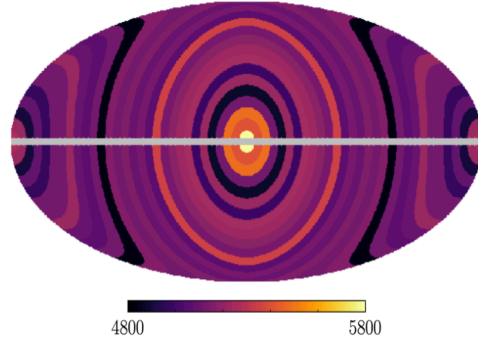
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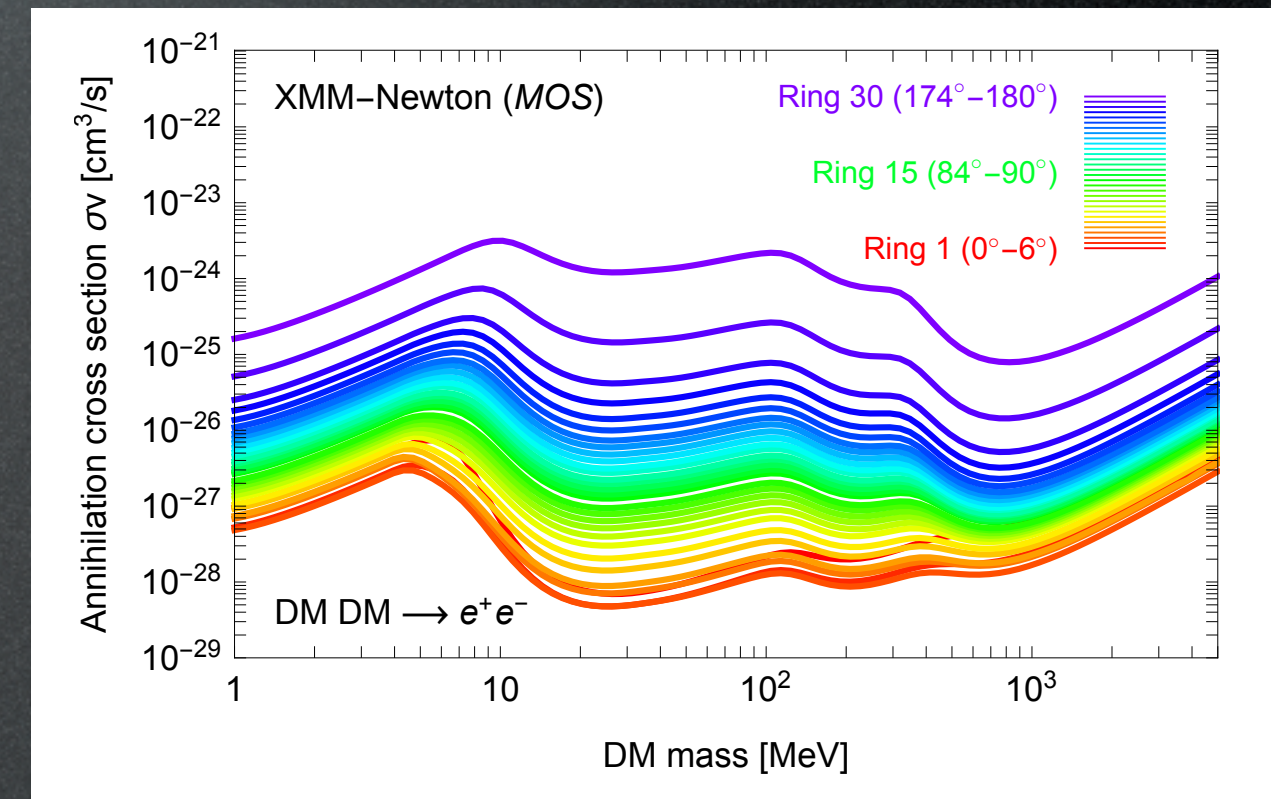
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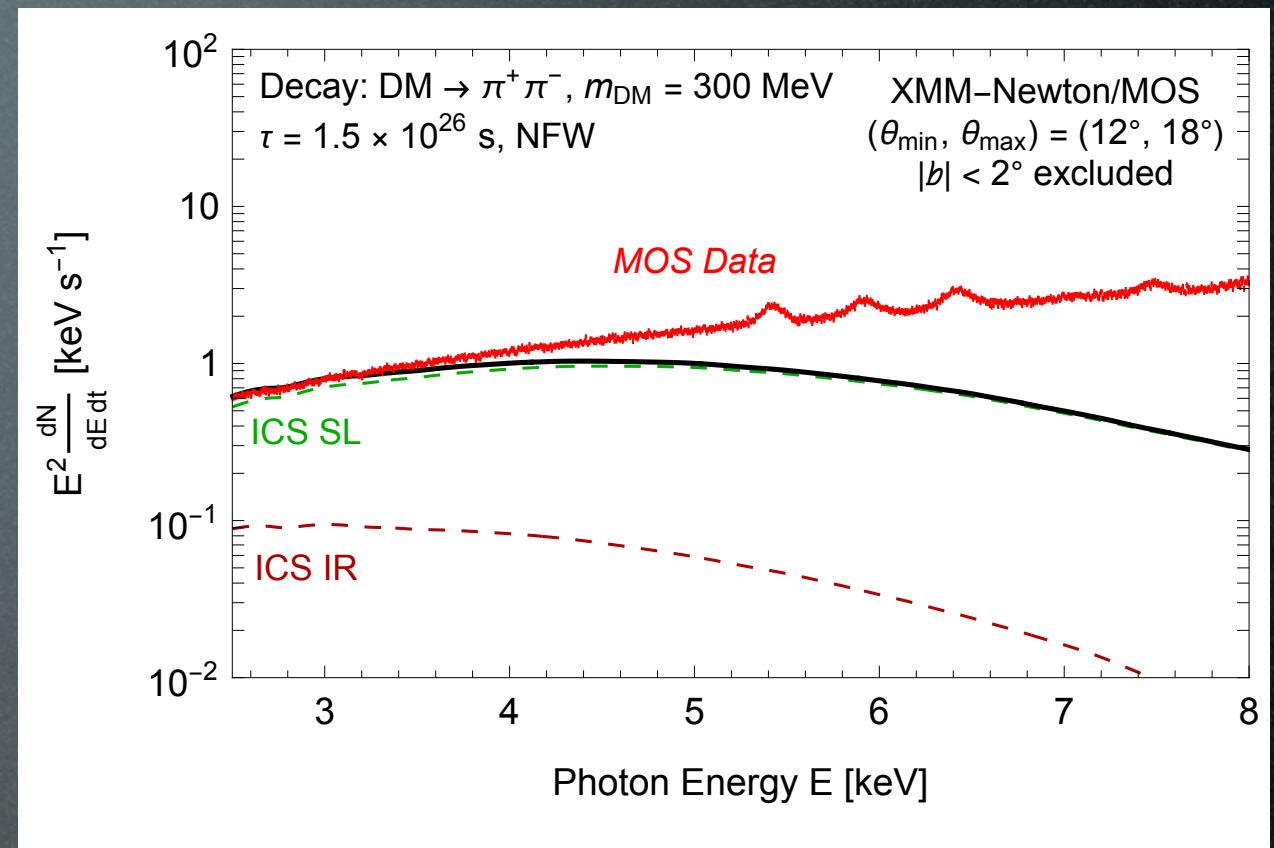


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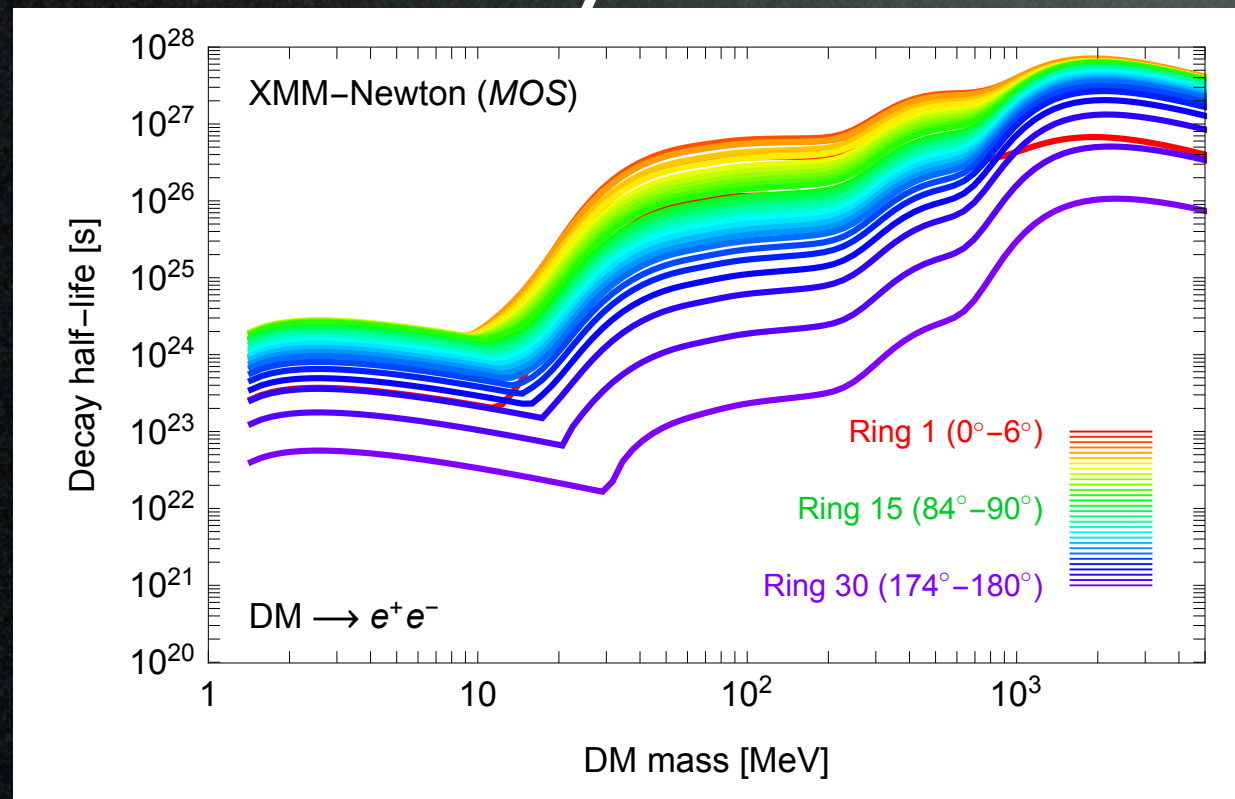
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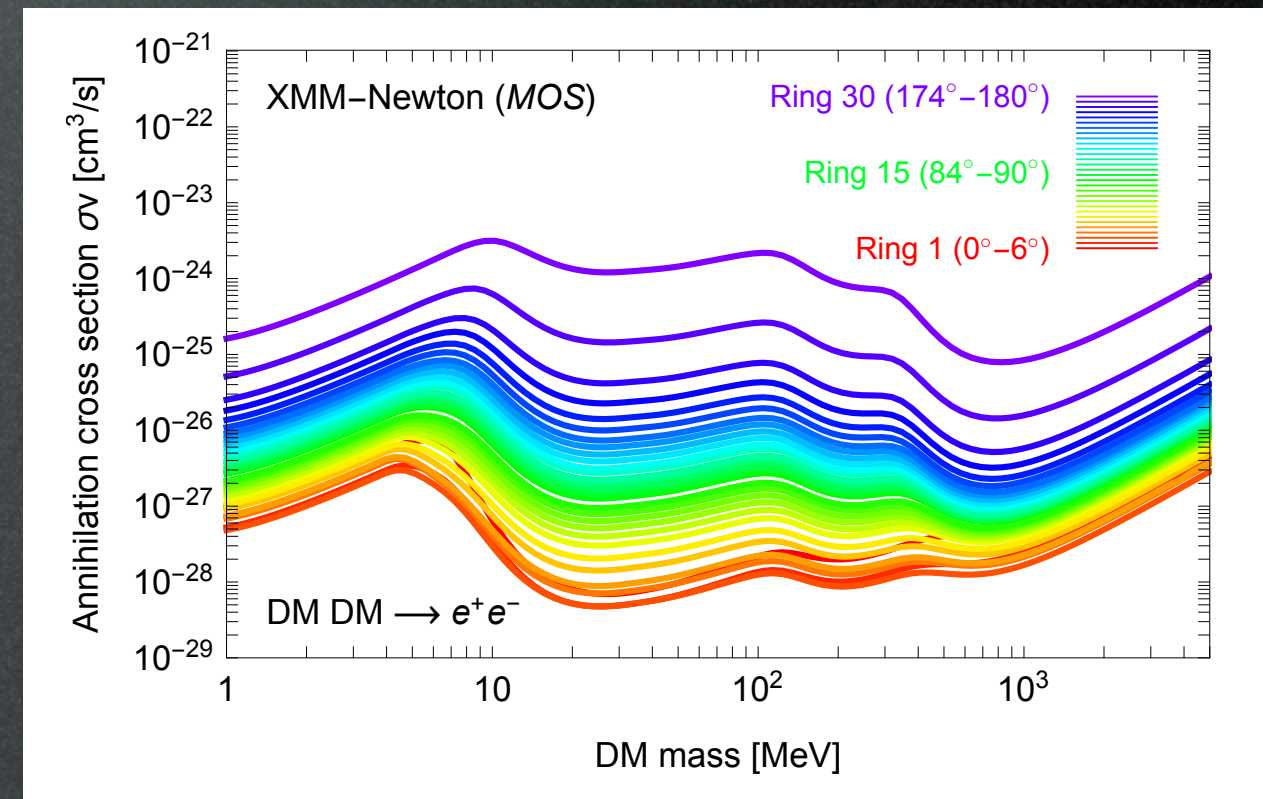
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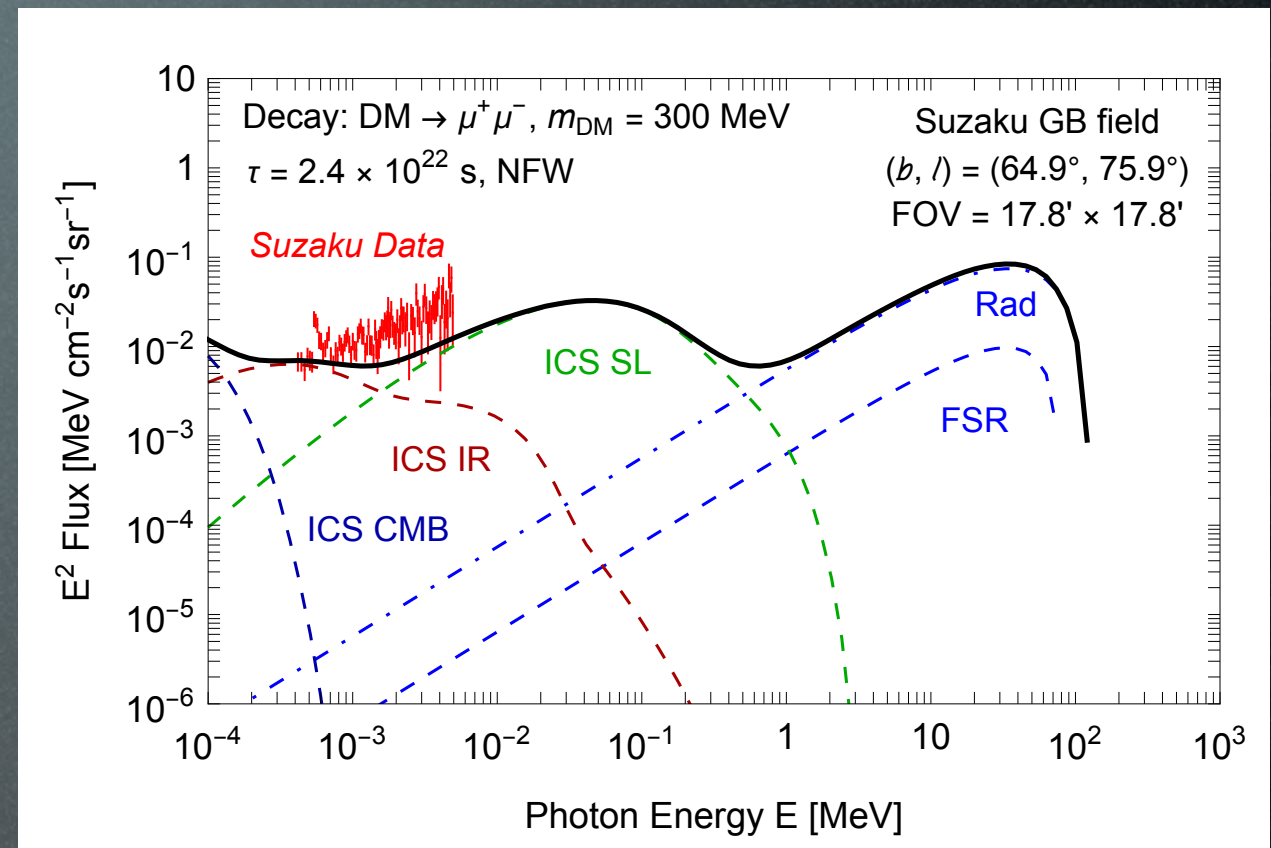
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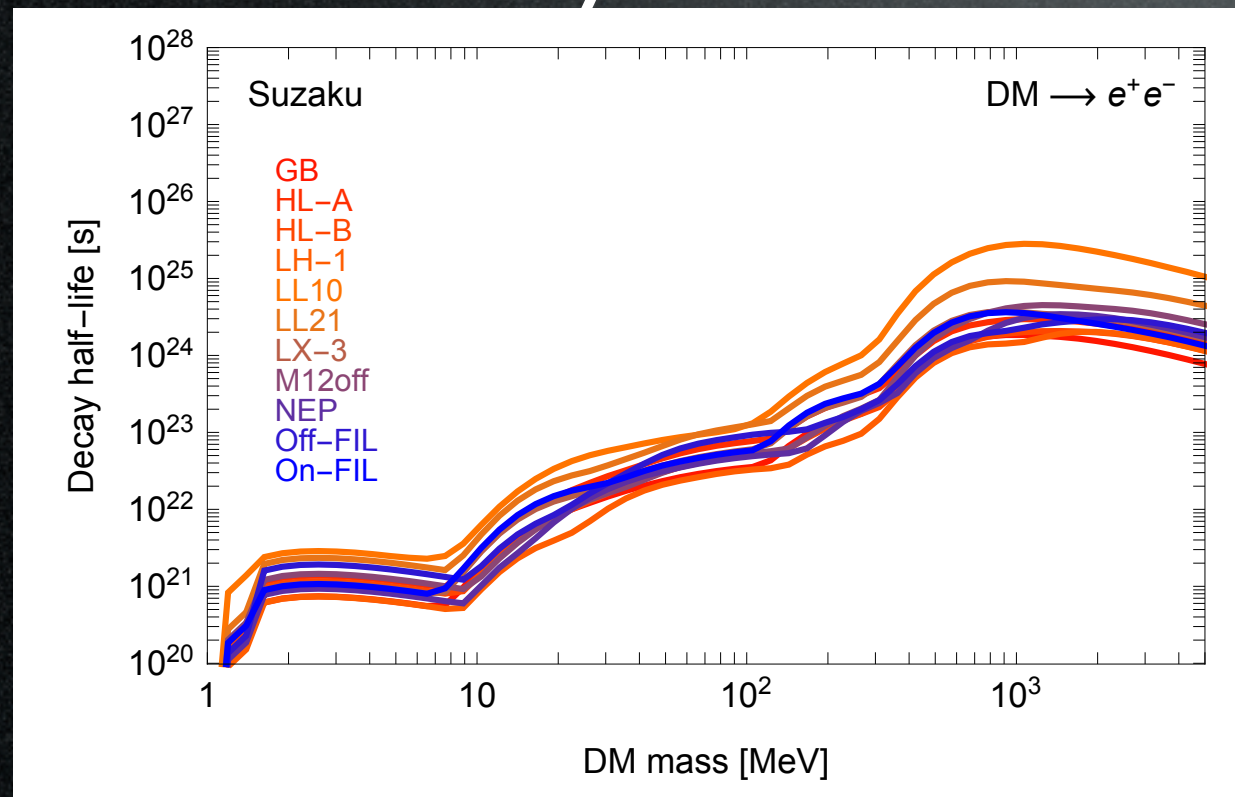
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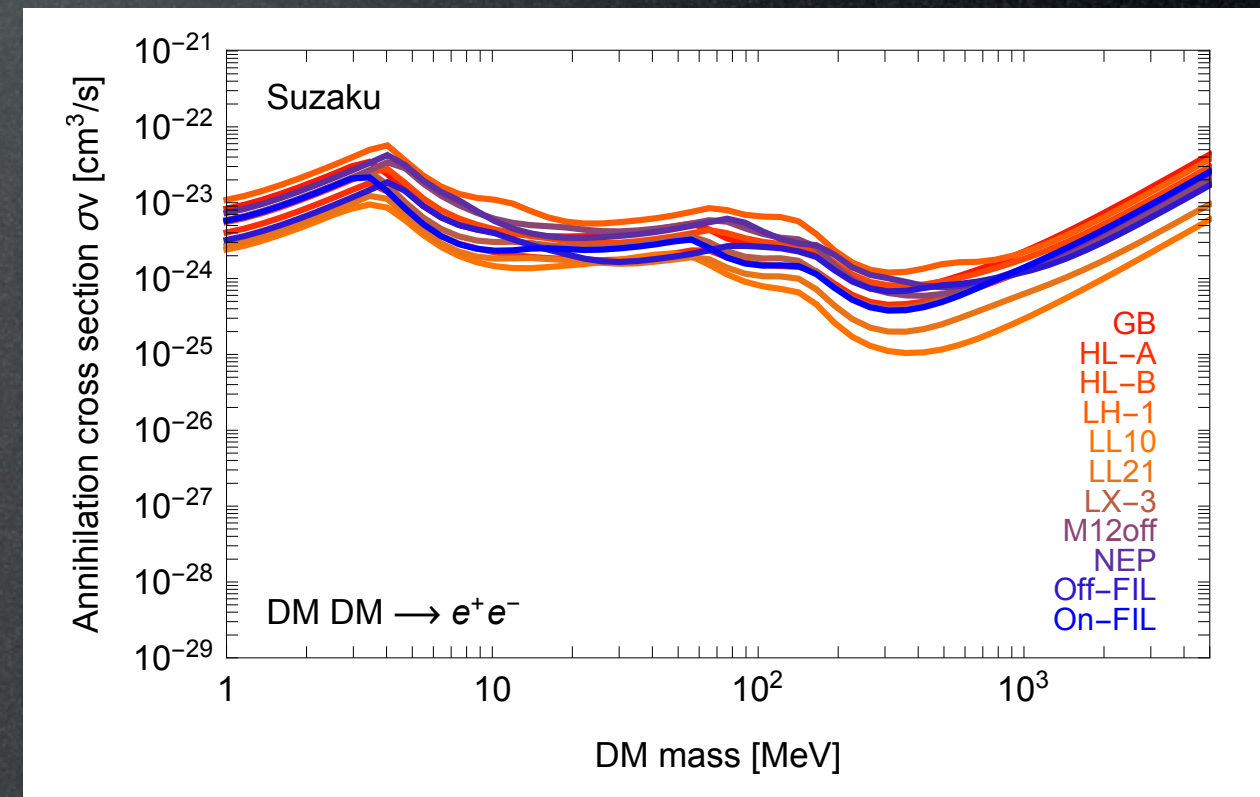
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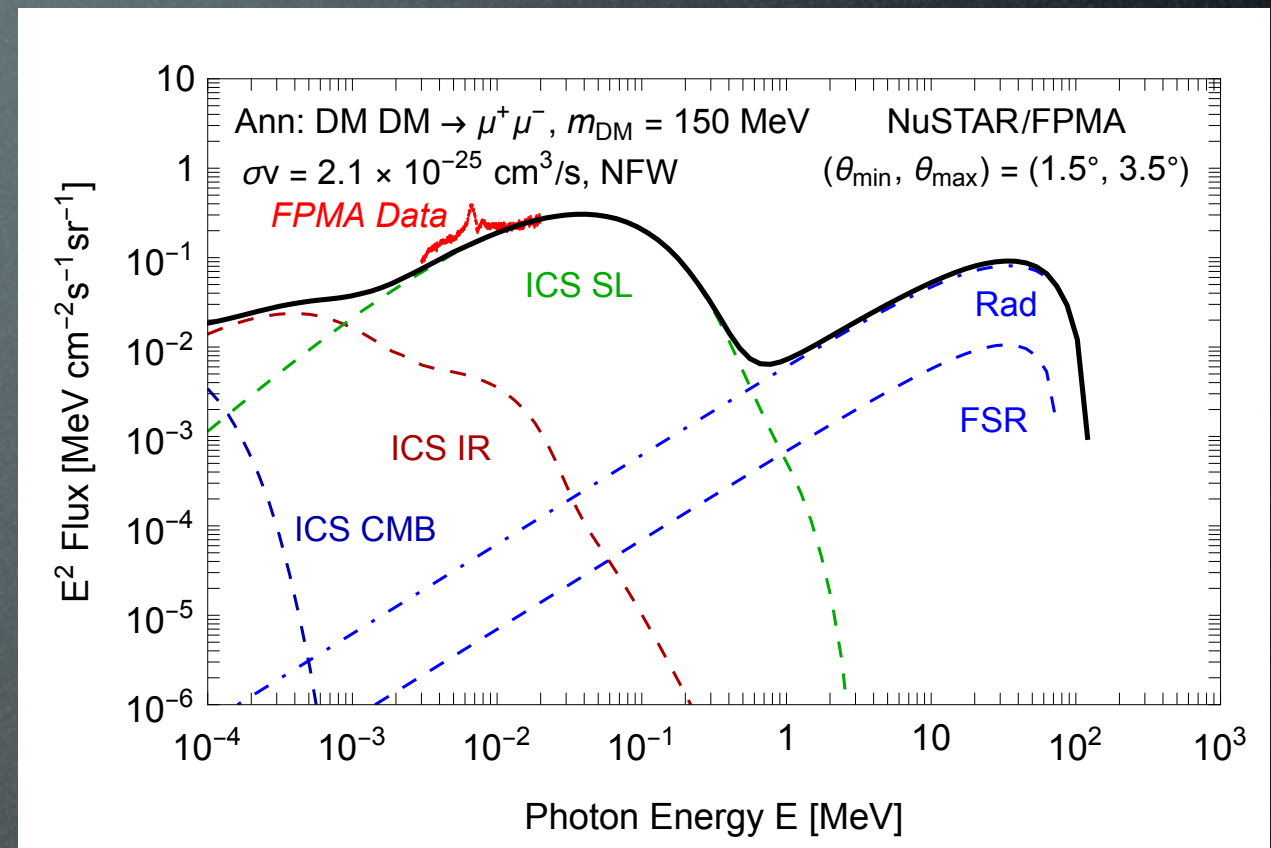
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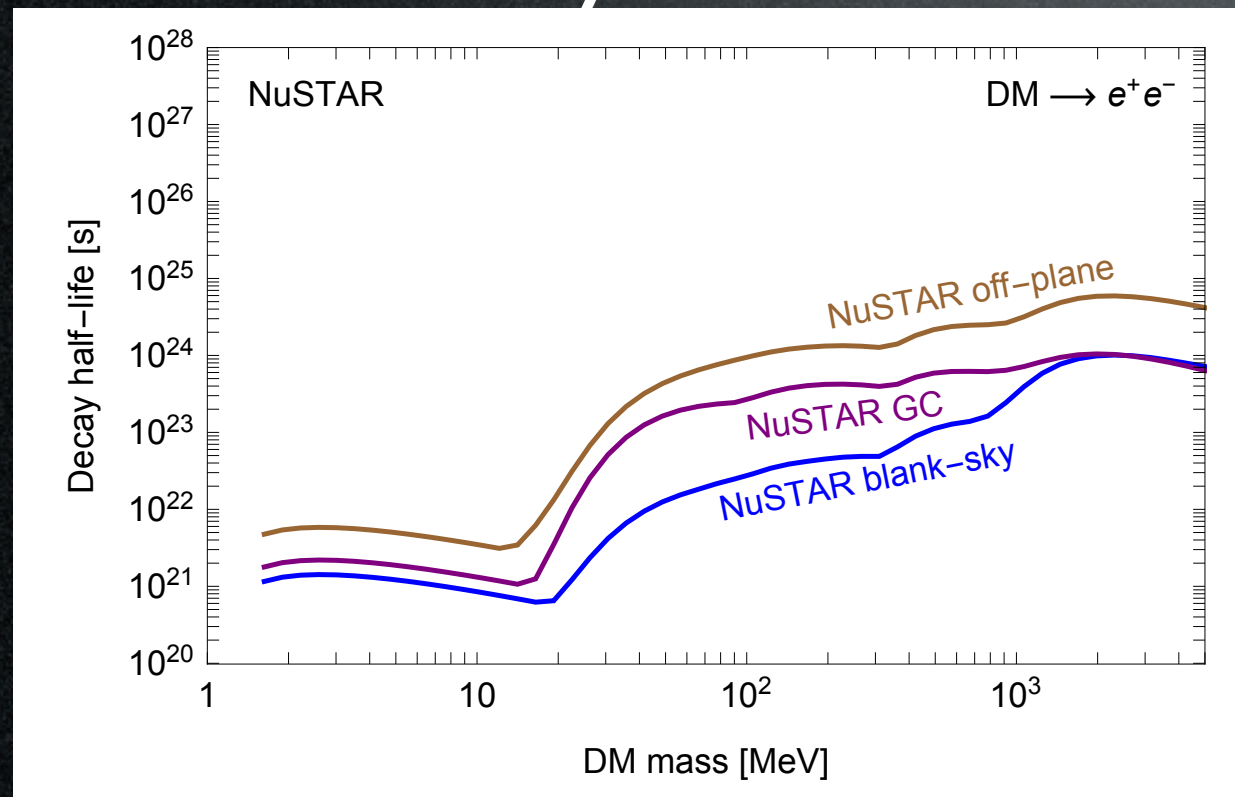
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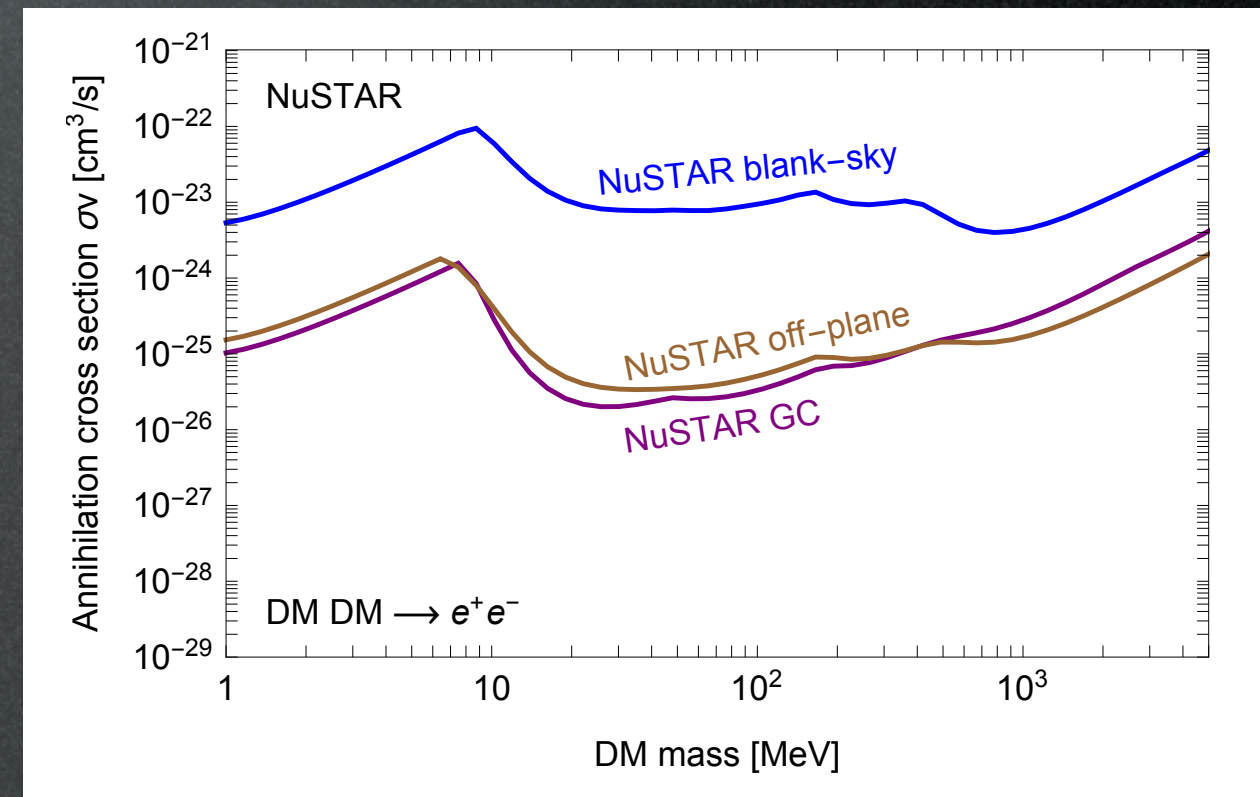
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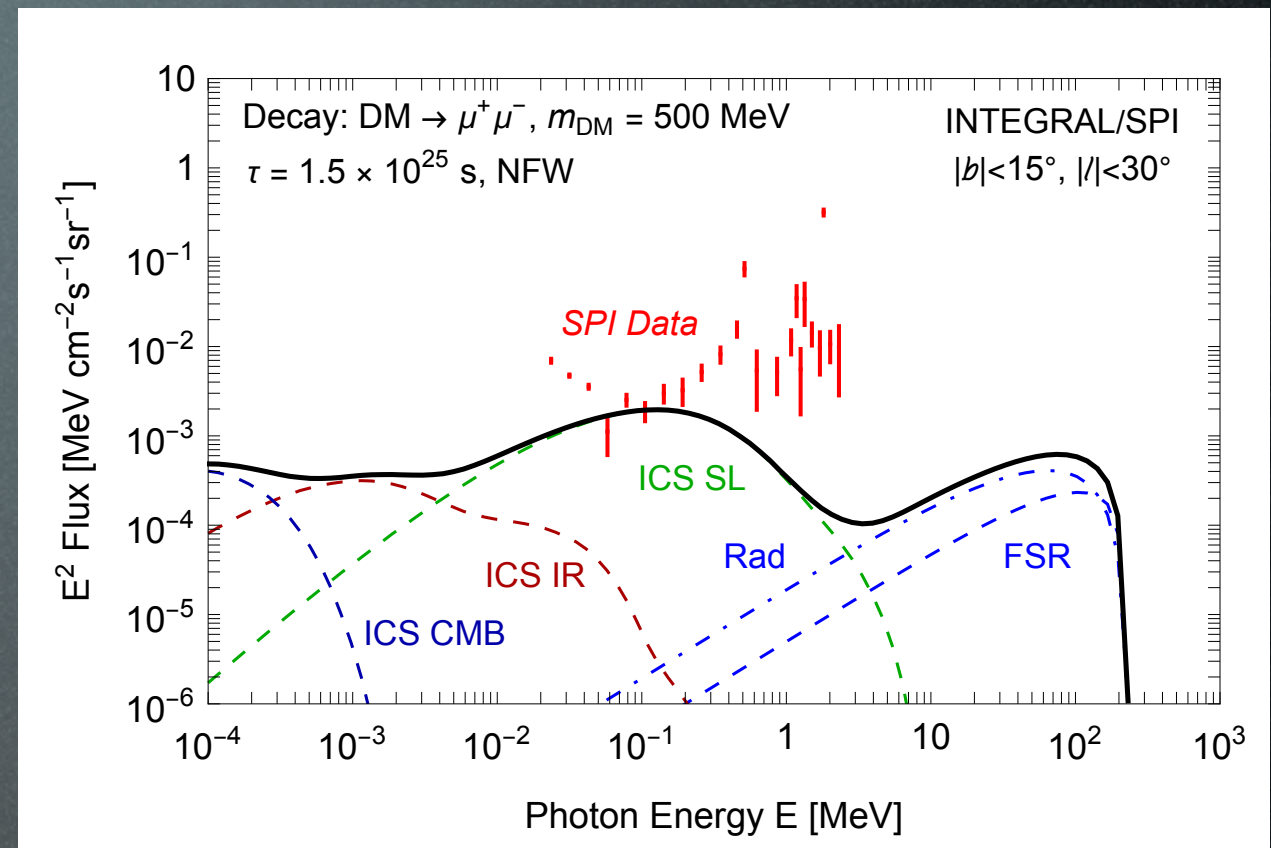
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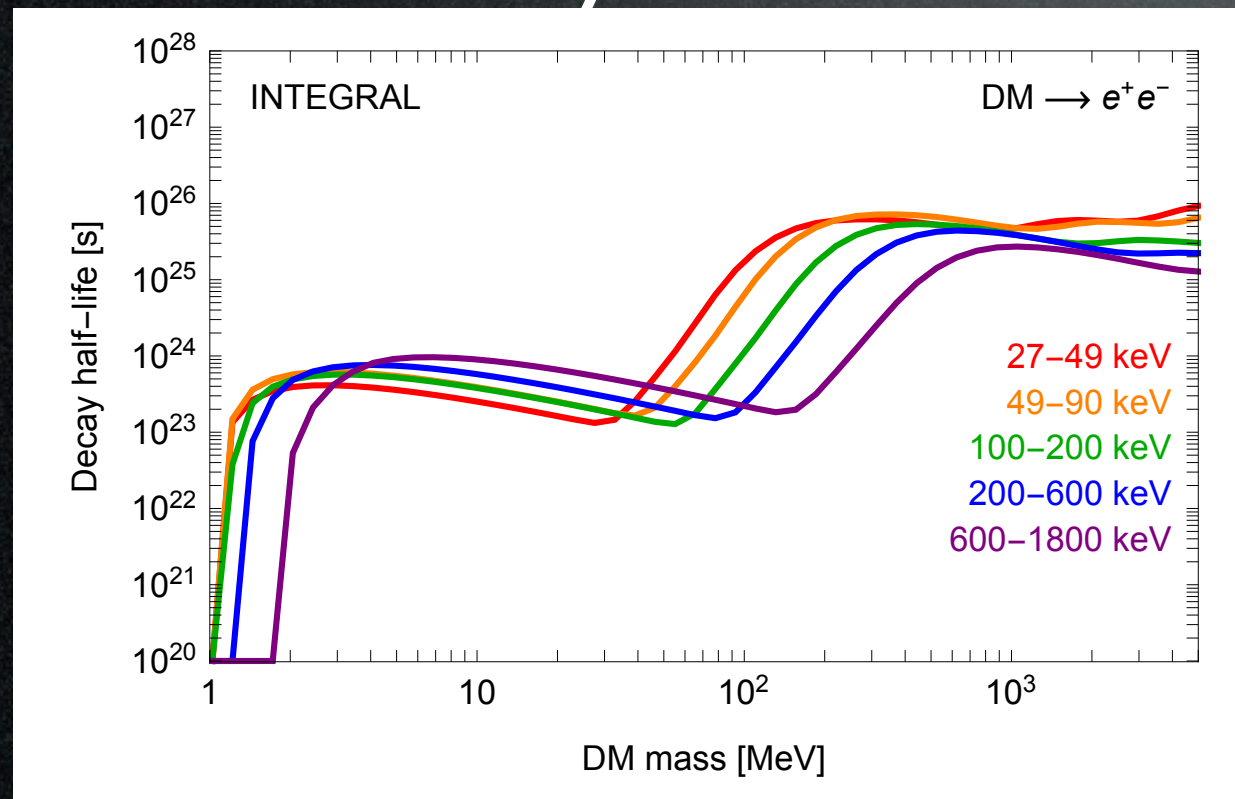
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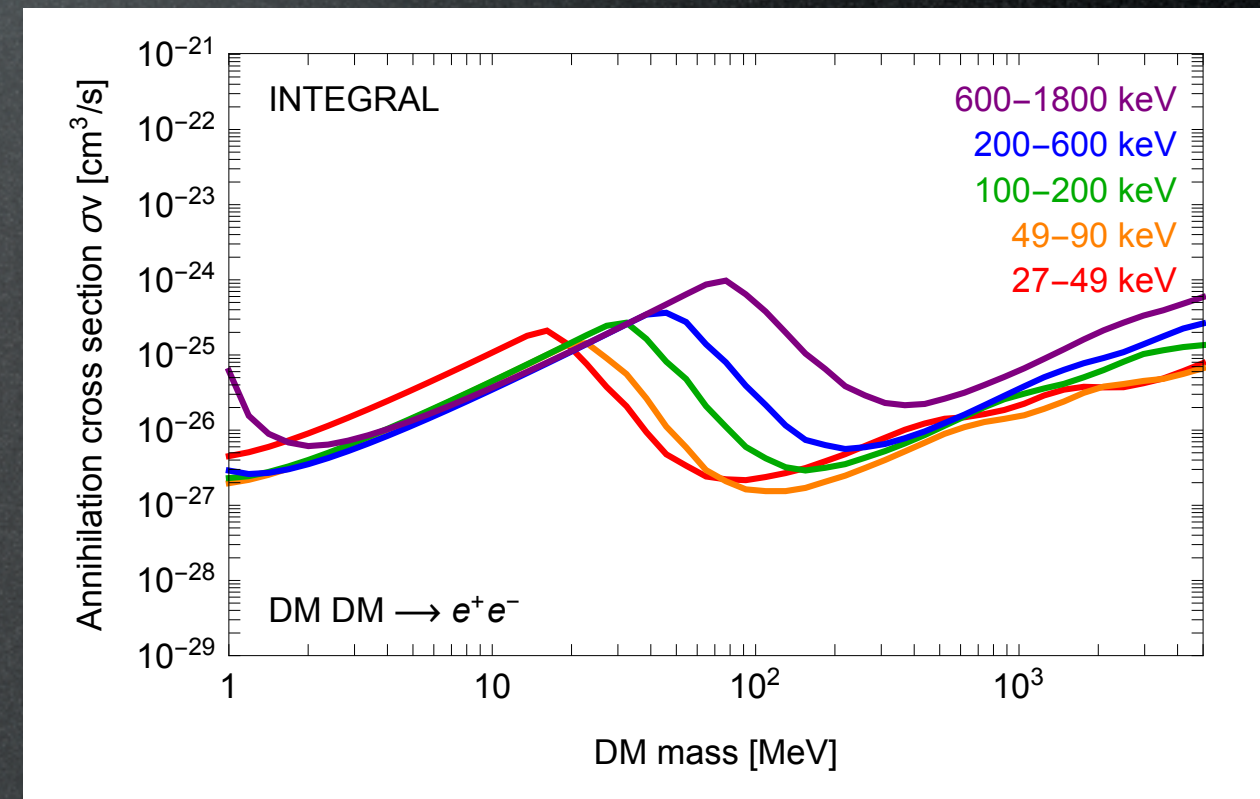
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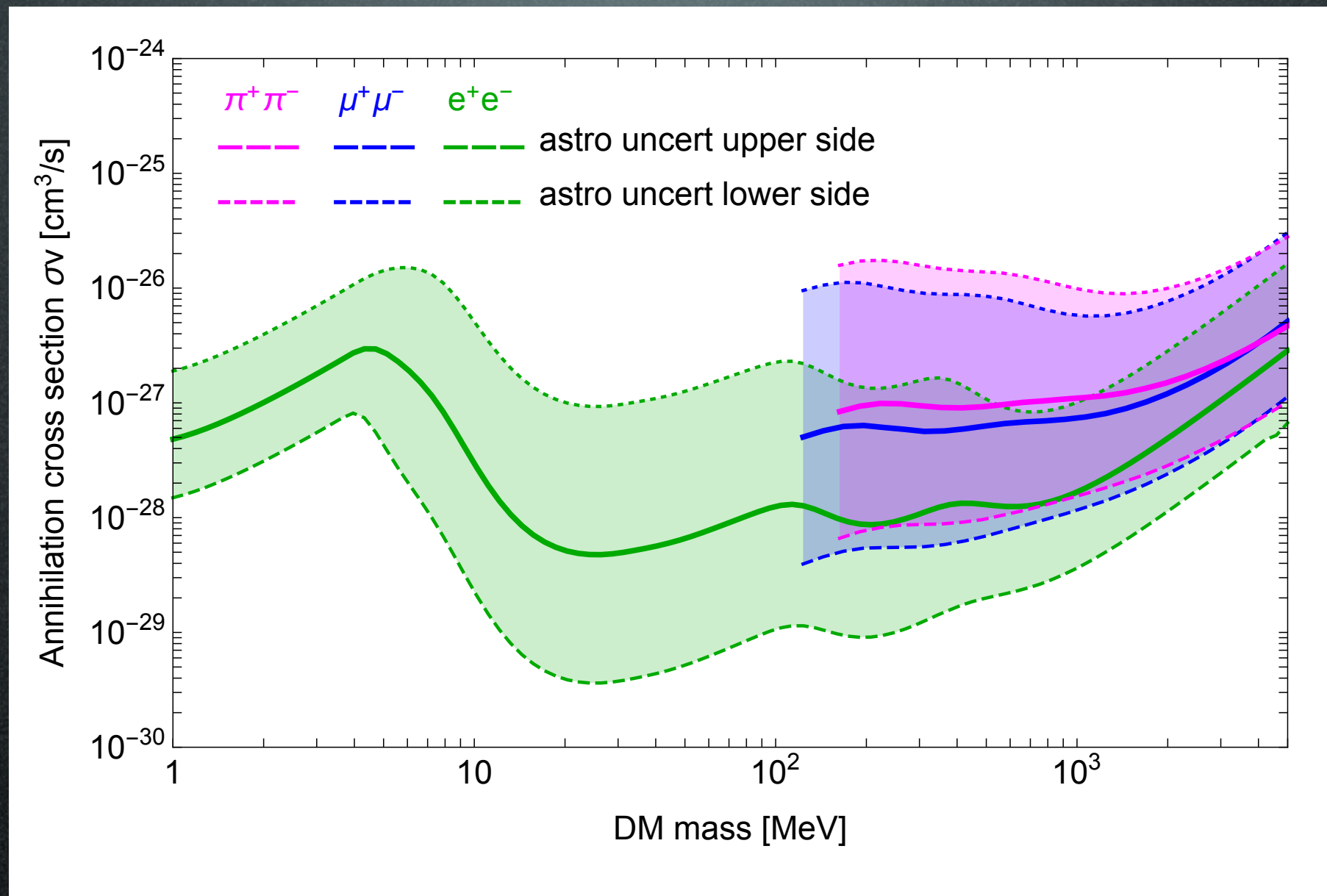
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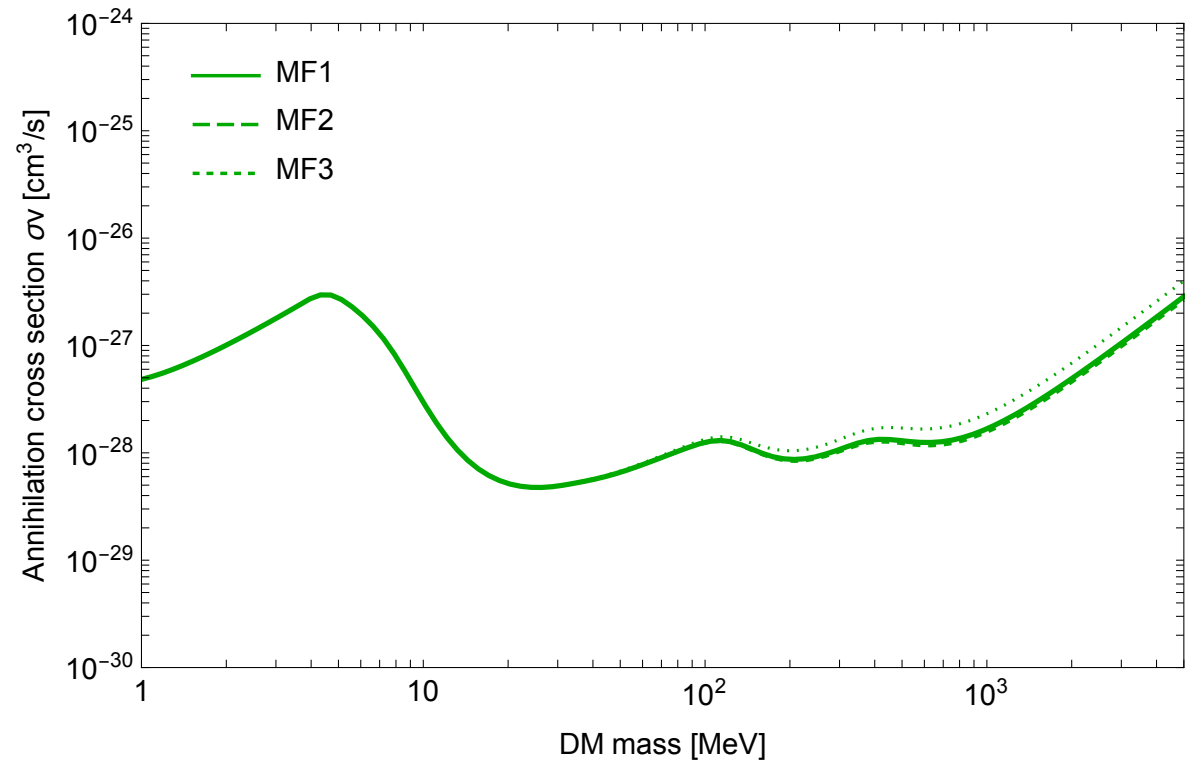
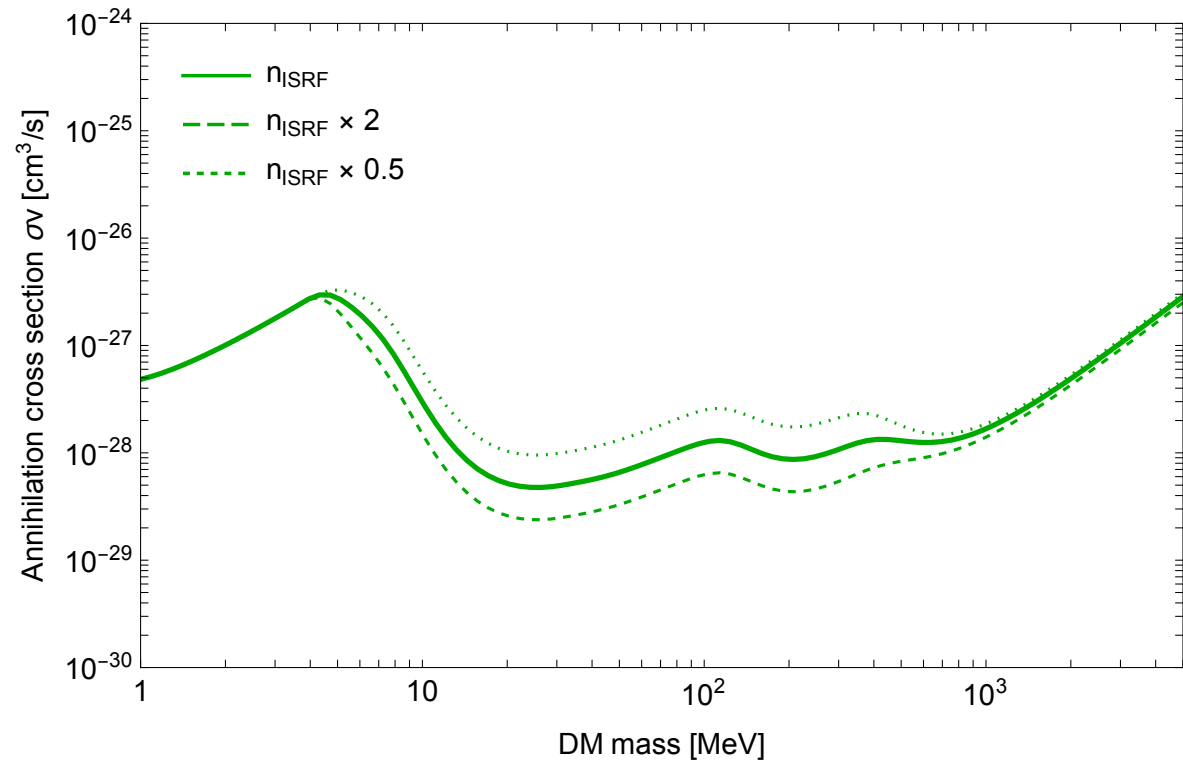
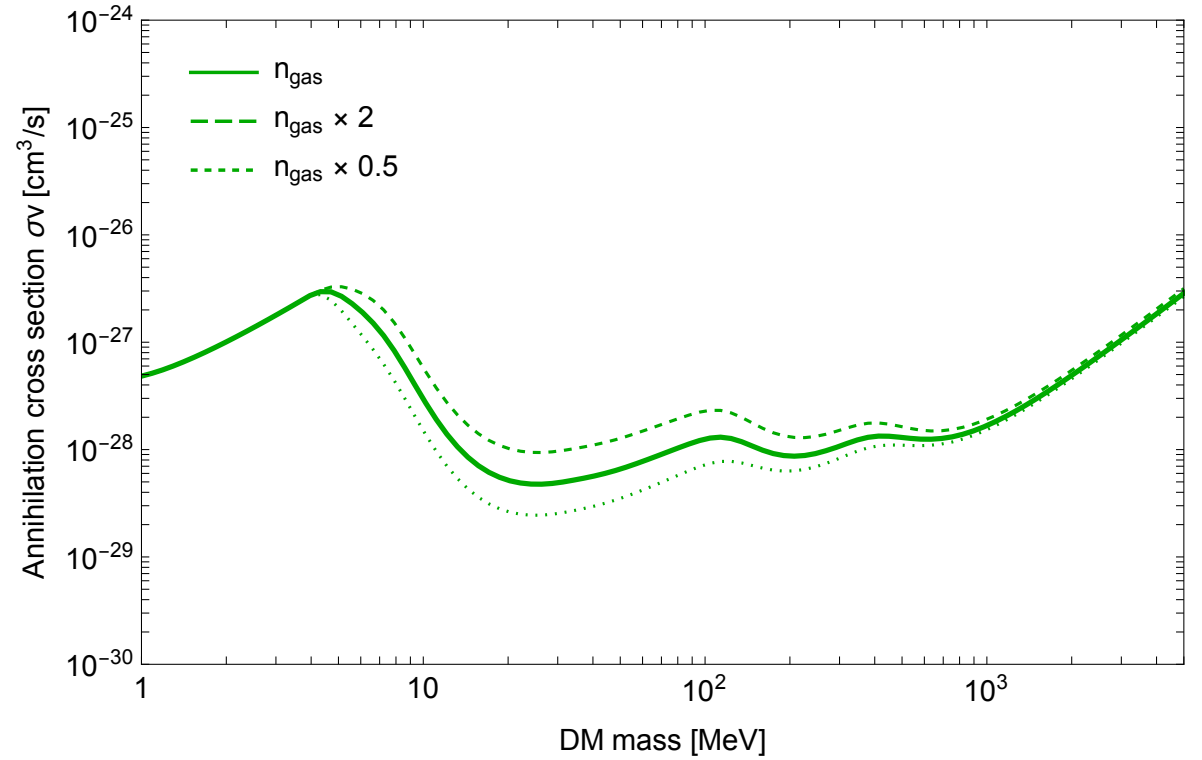
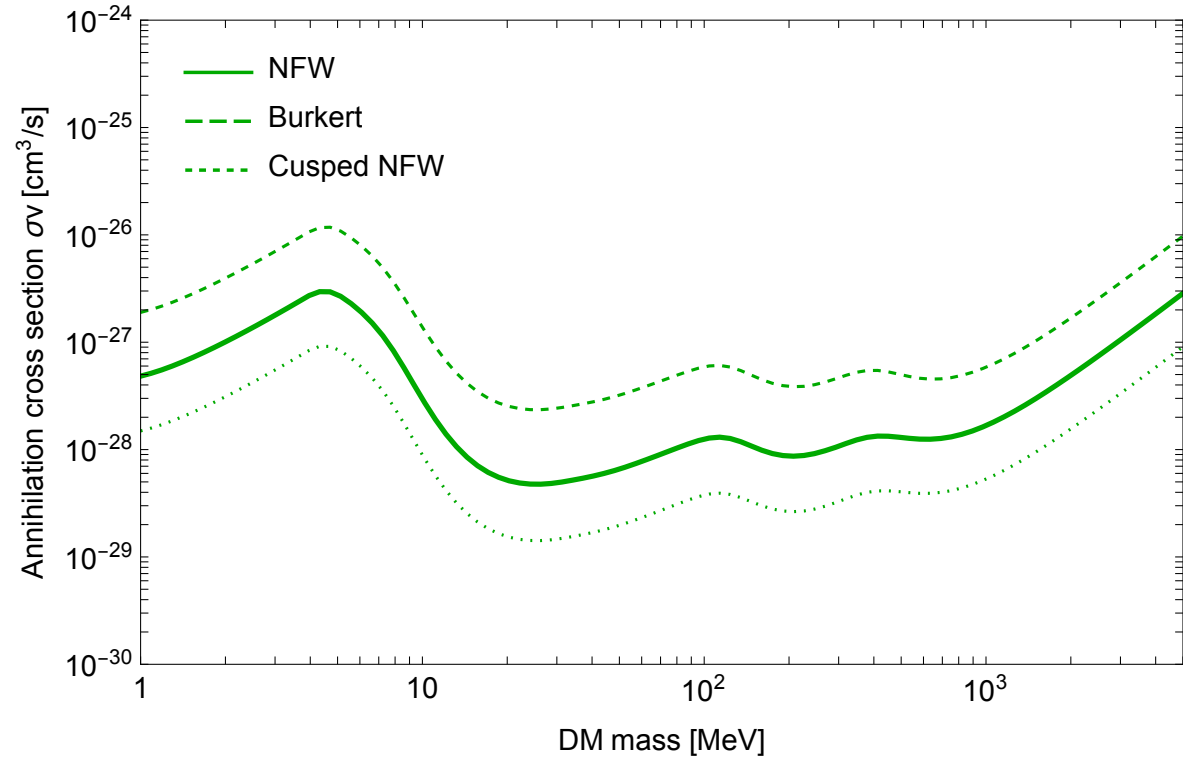


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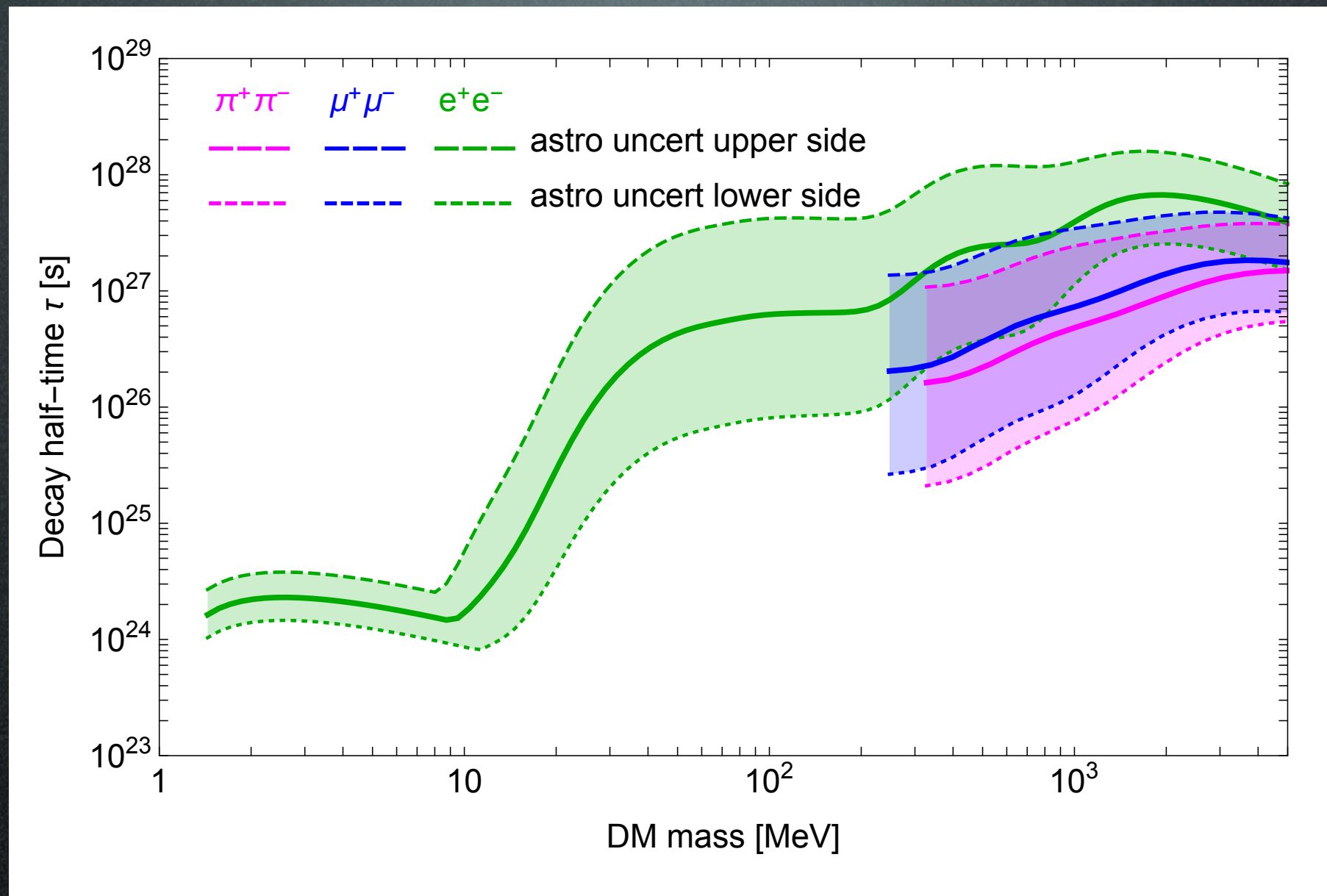


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