

# Cosmic-Neutrino-Boosted Dark Matter

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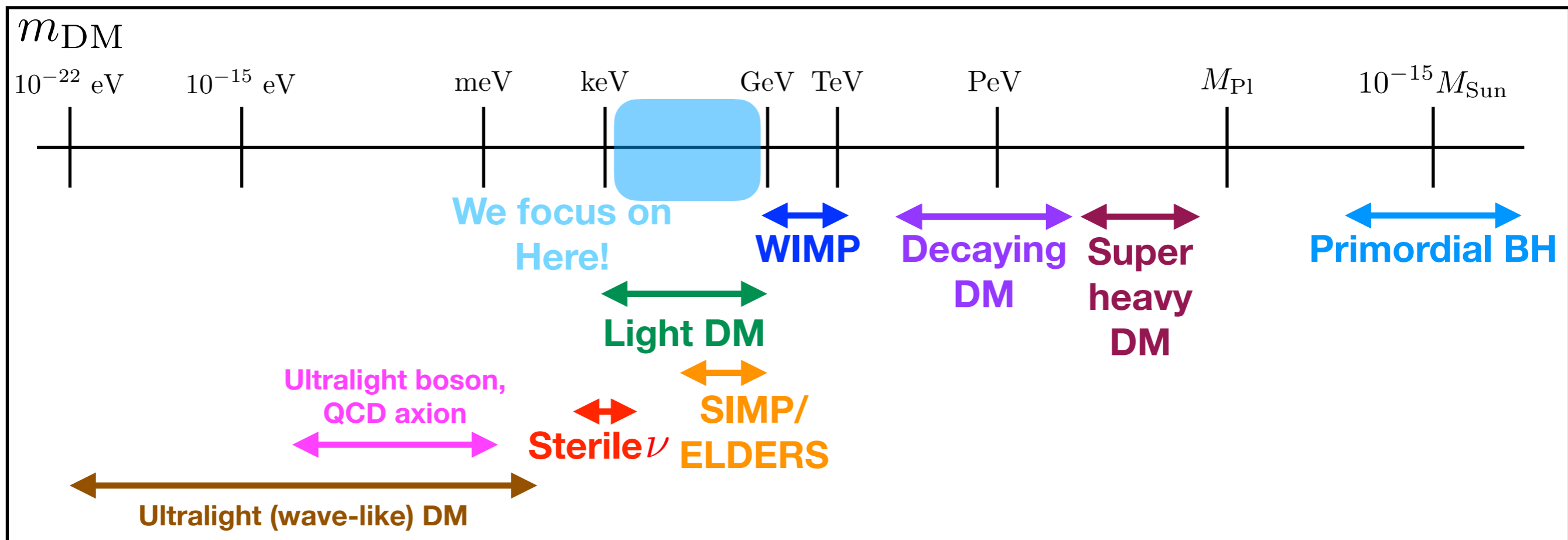
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# DM candidates

in a point of view of particle physics

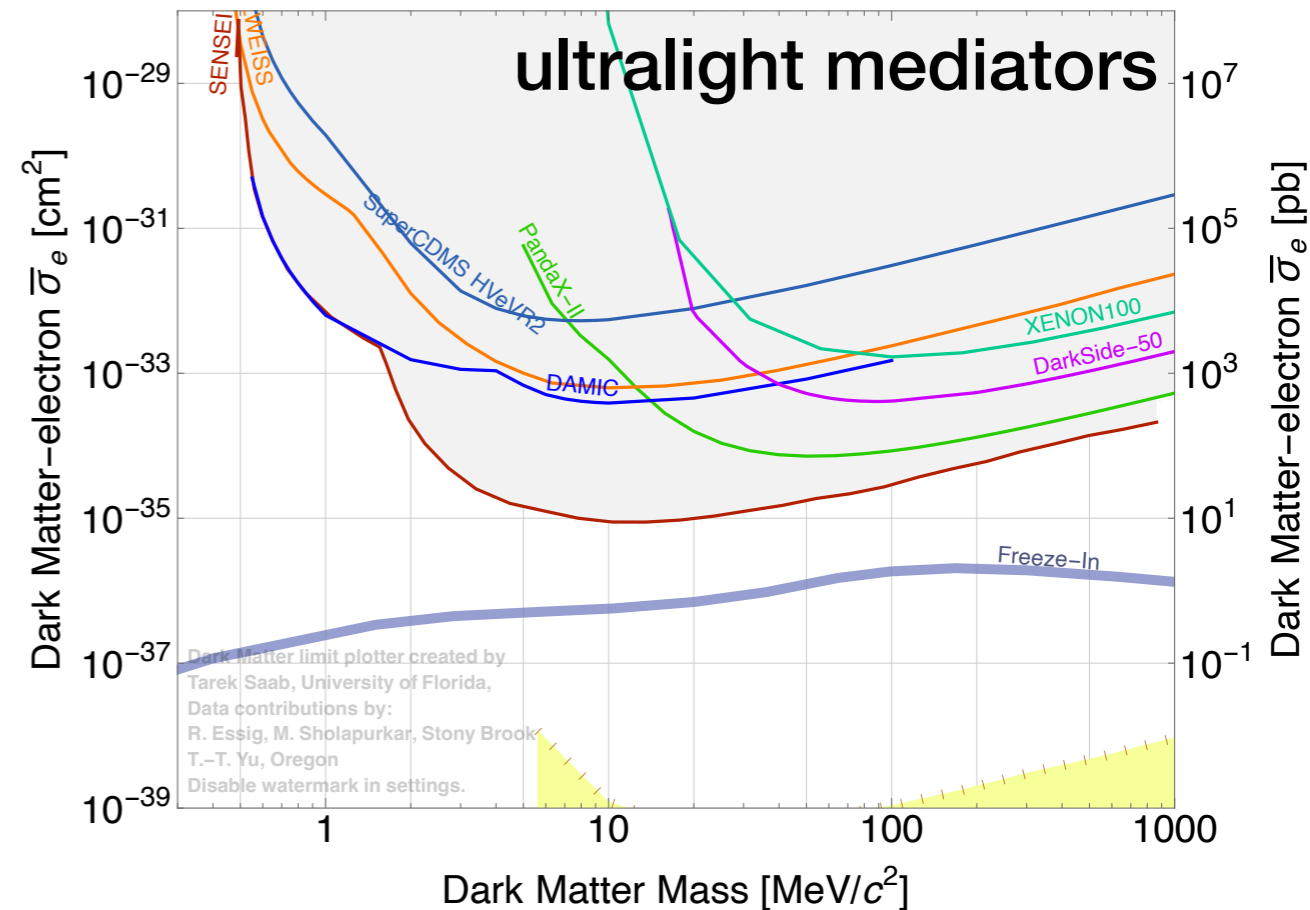
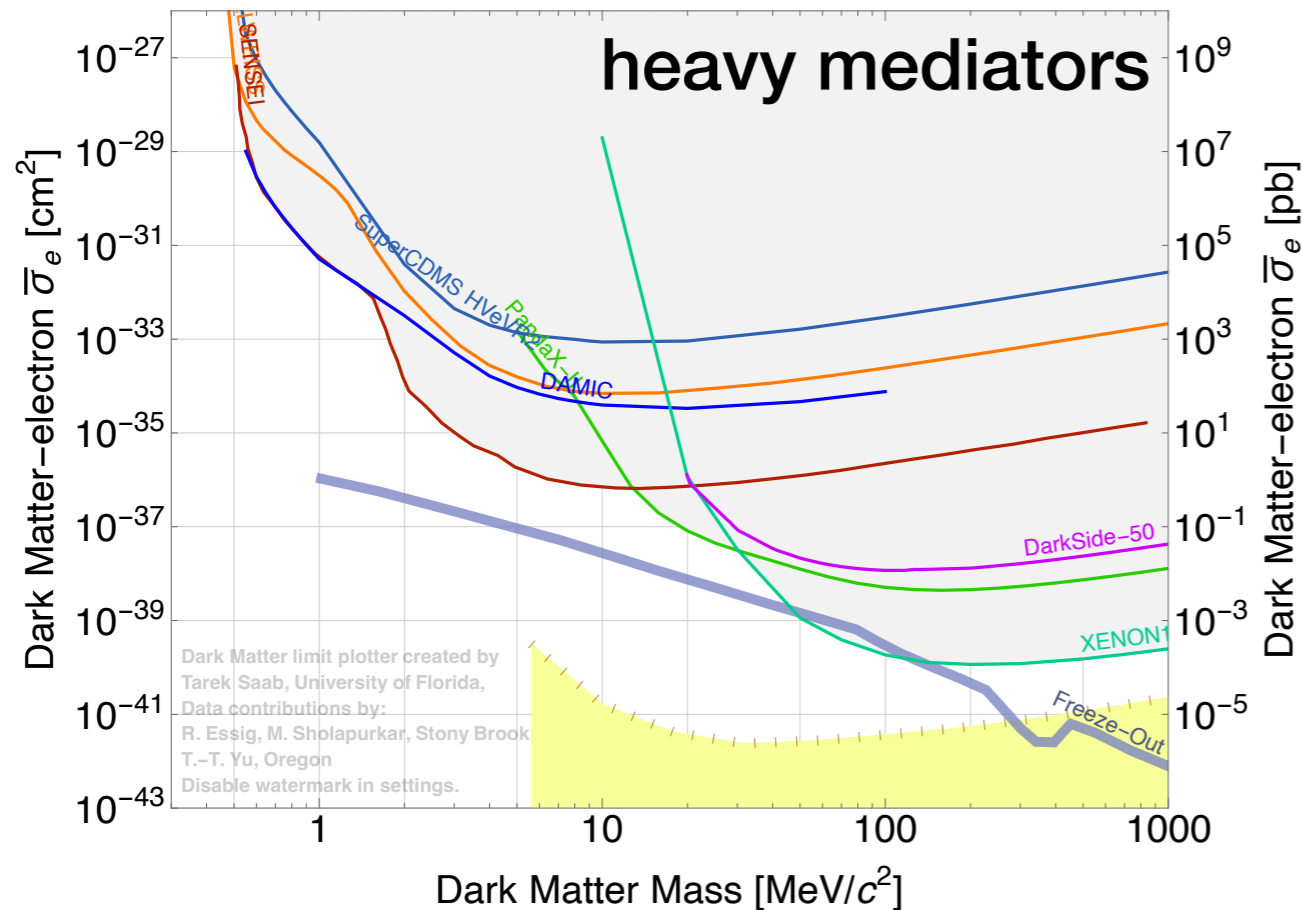


In a wide range of Dark Matter mass  $10^{-22}$  eV –  $10^{-12} M_{\text{Sun}}$ ,  
Various DM candidates has been suggested.

In the ranges of keV-GeV masses, DM can be actively upscattered by energetic **cosmic rays** and **neutrinos** in our universe.

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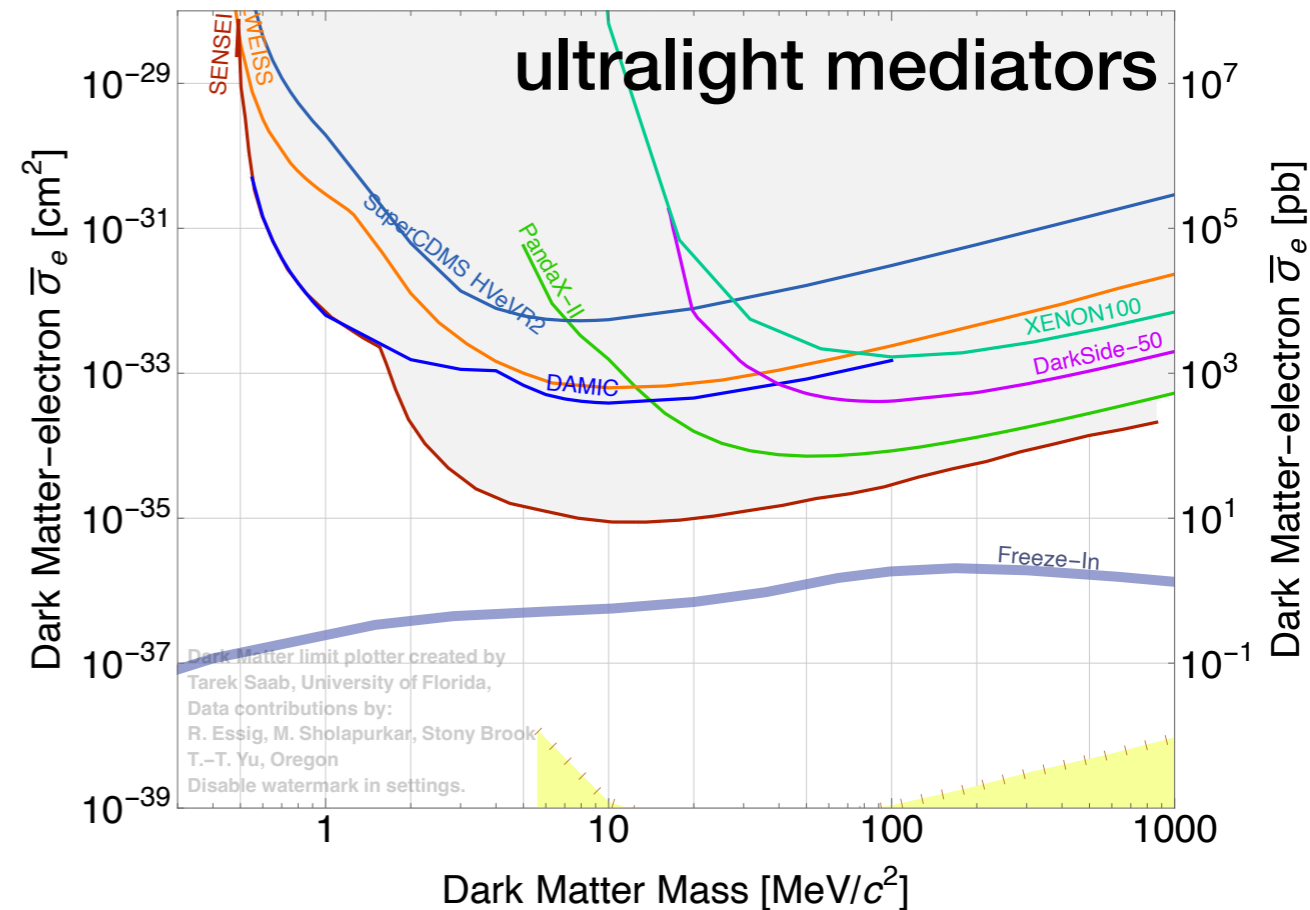
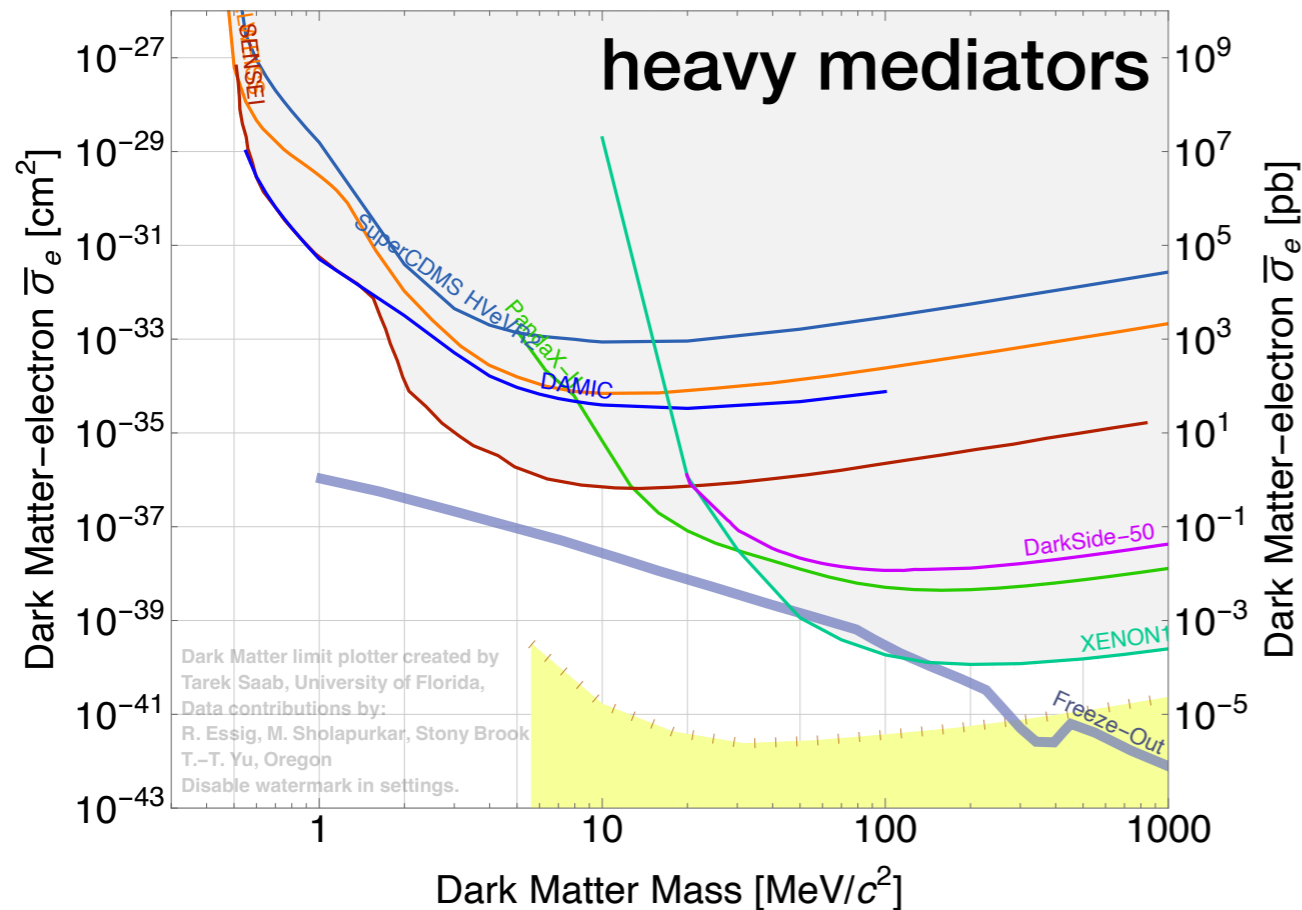
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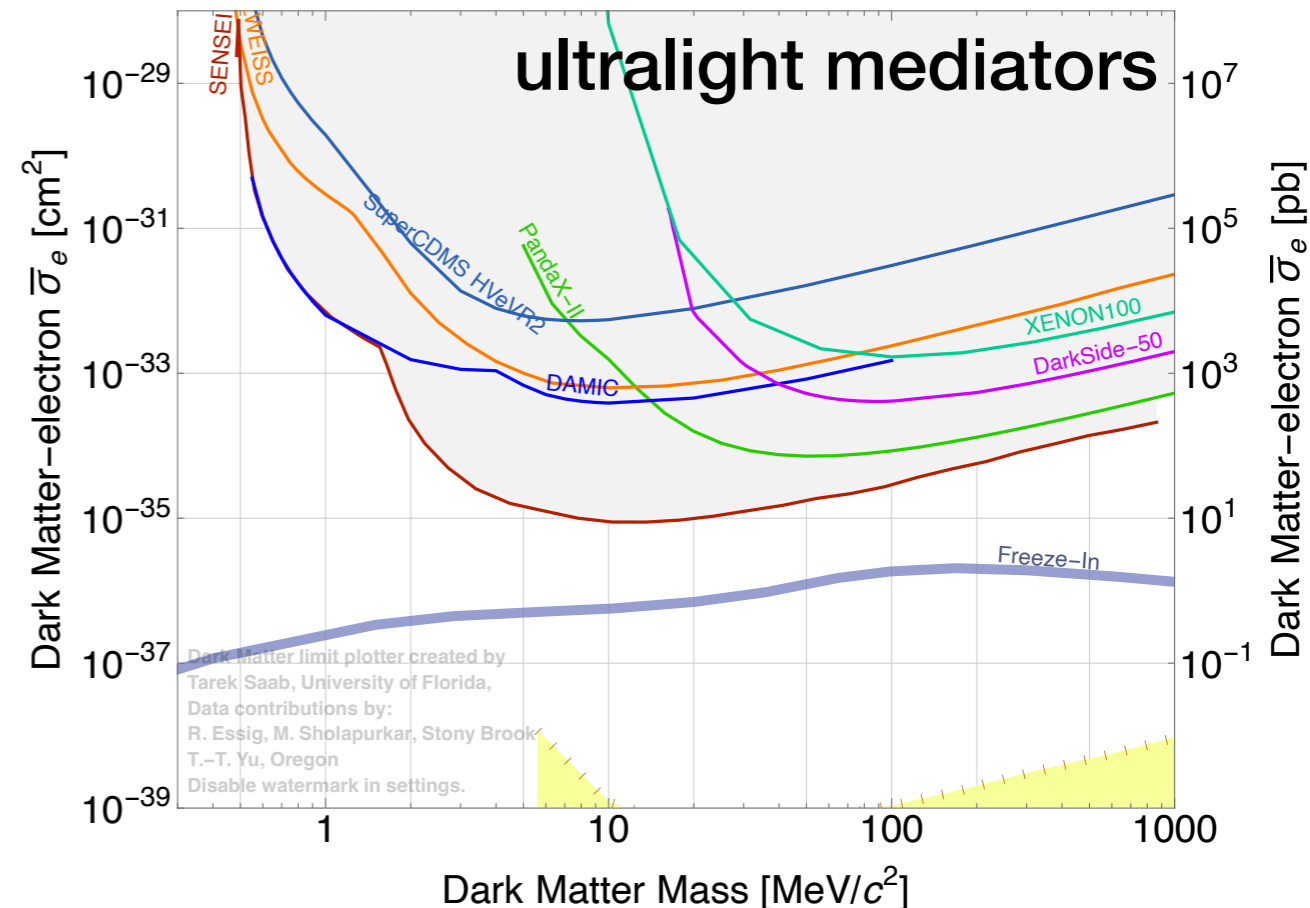
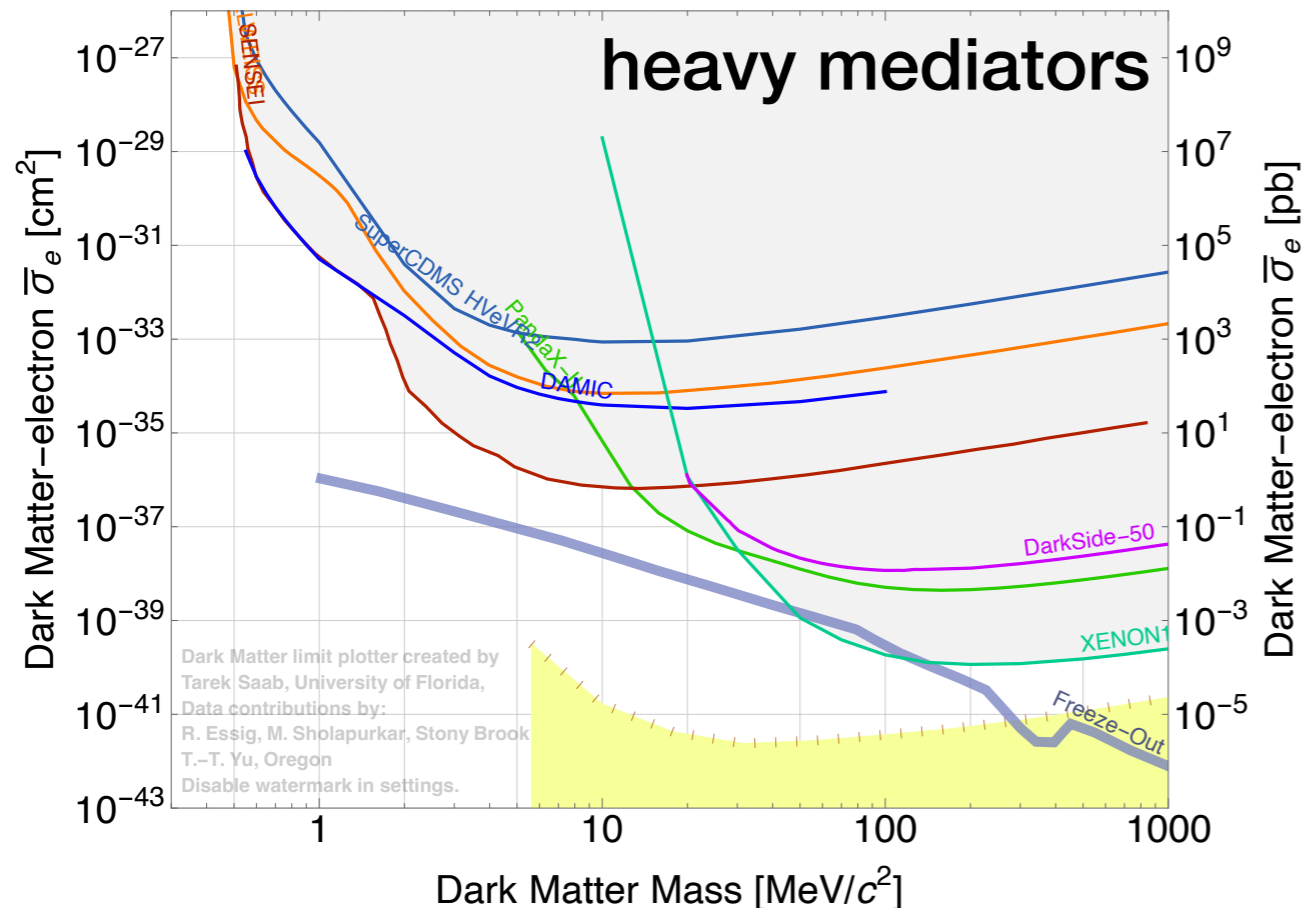


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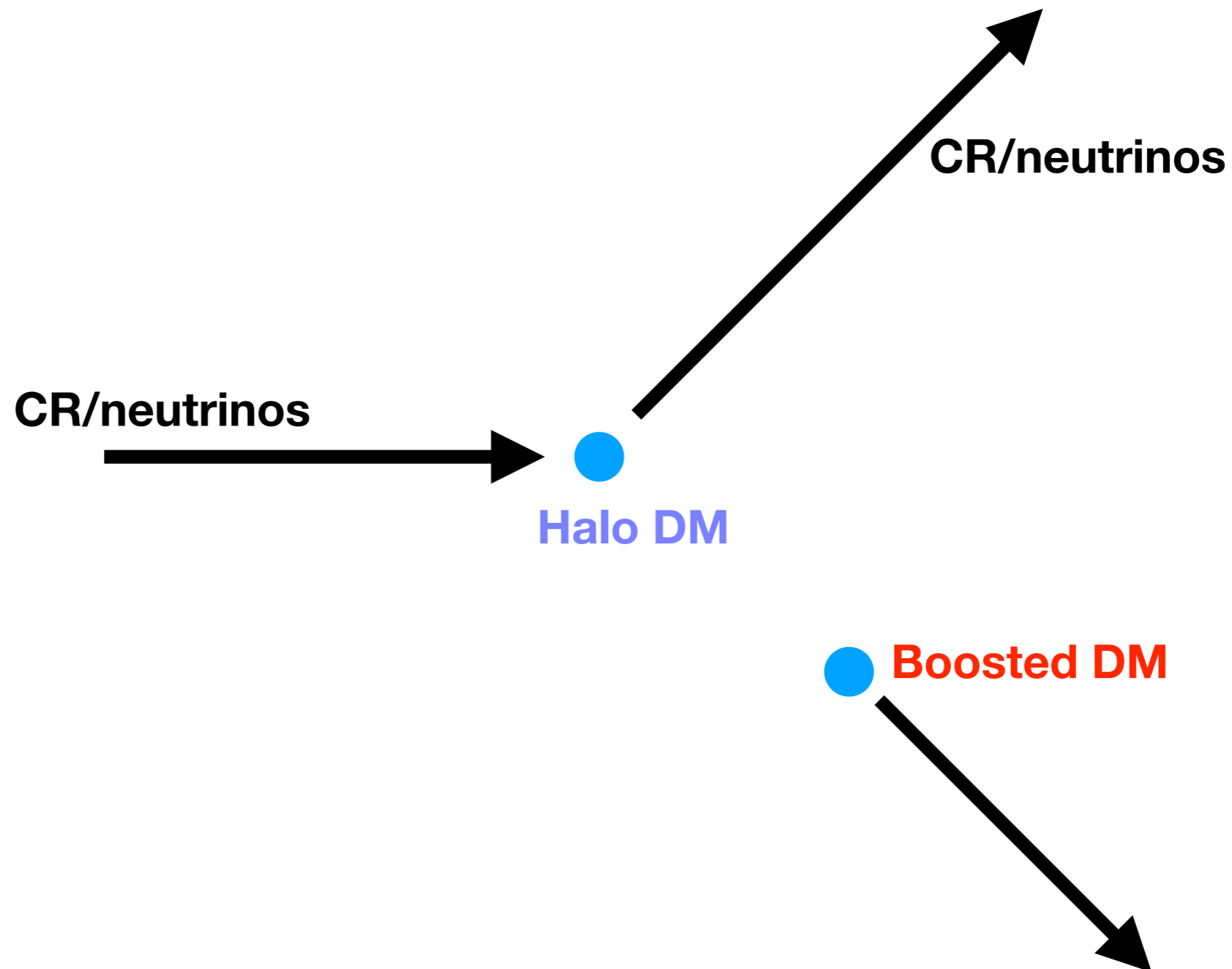
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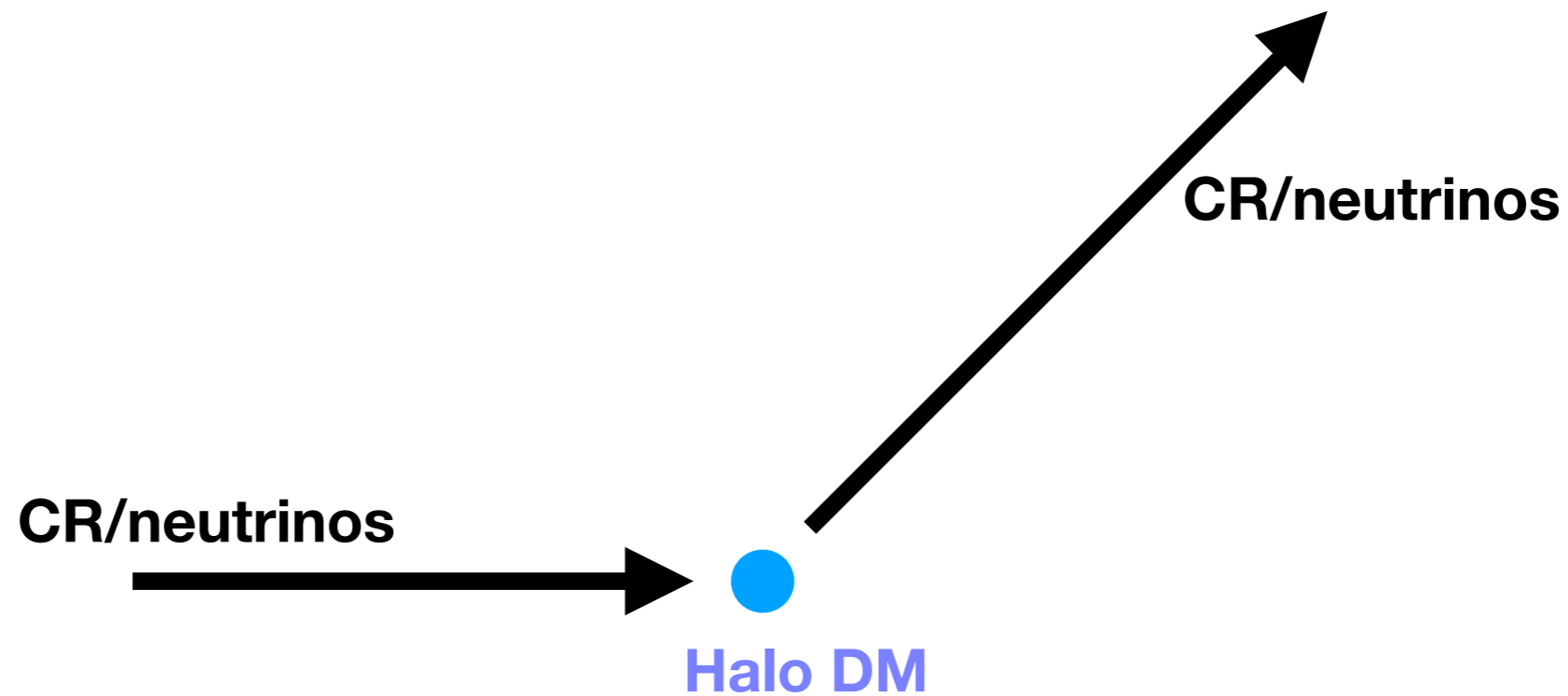


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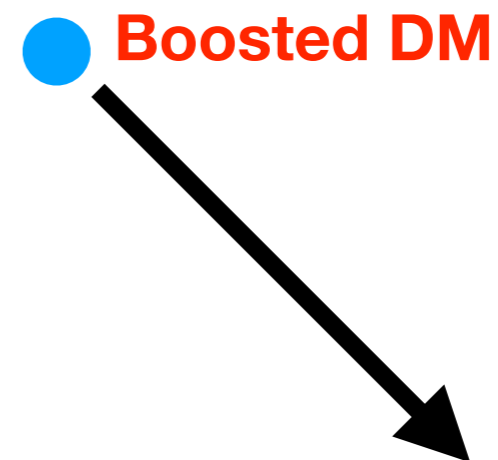




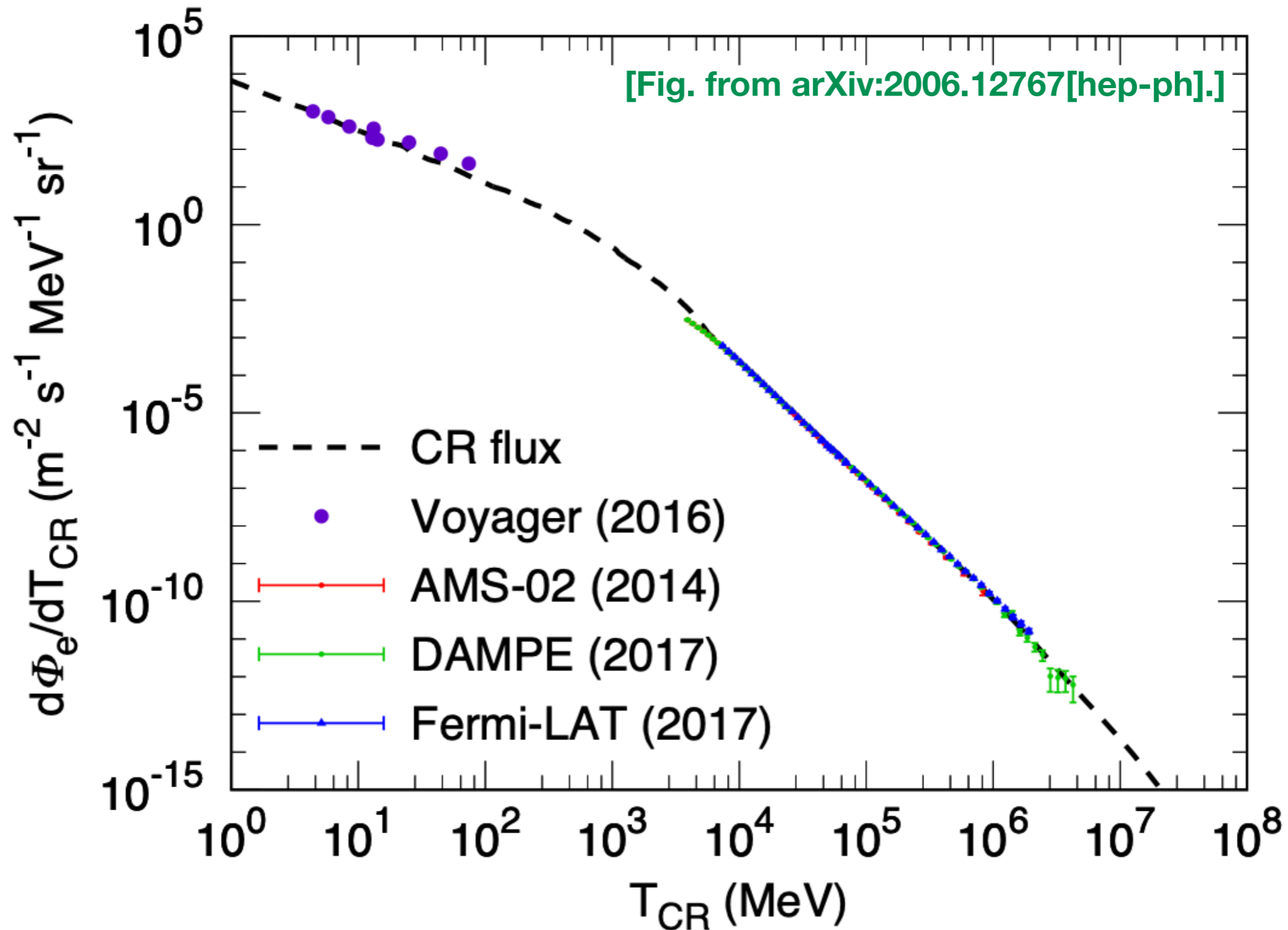
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**How many CR/neutrinos  
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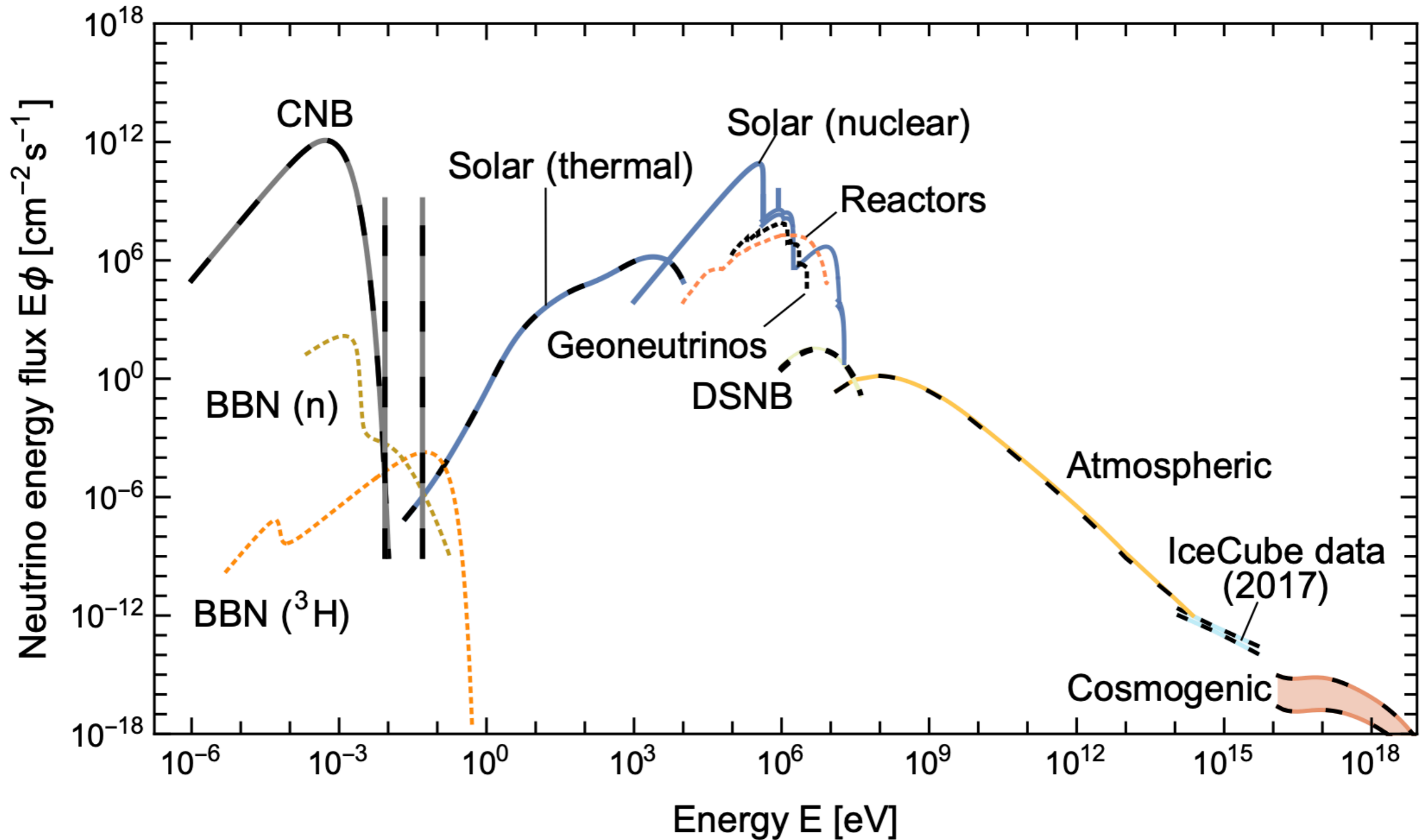


# How many electrons?: Observed spectrum of electron CR



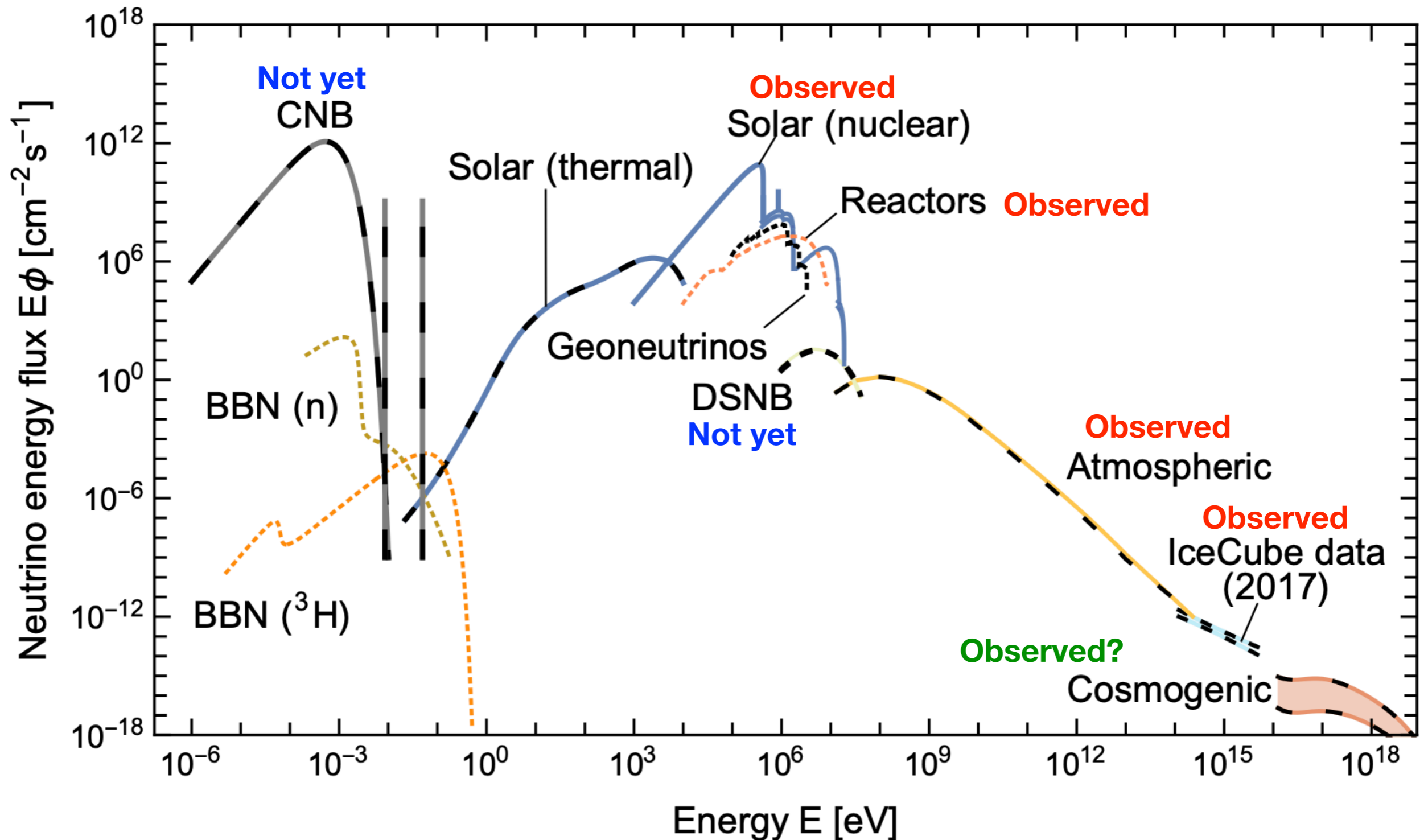
A caveat: All of these observation is in the local region.

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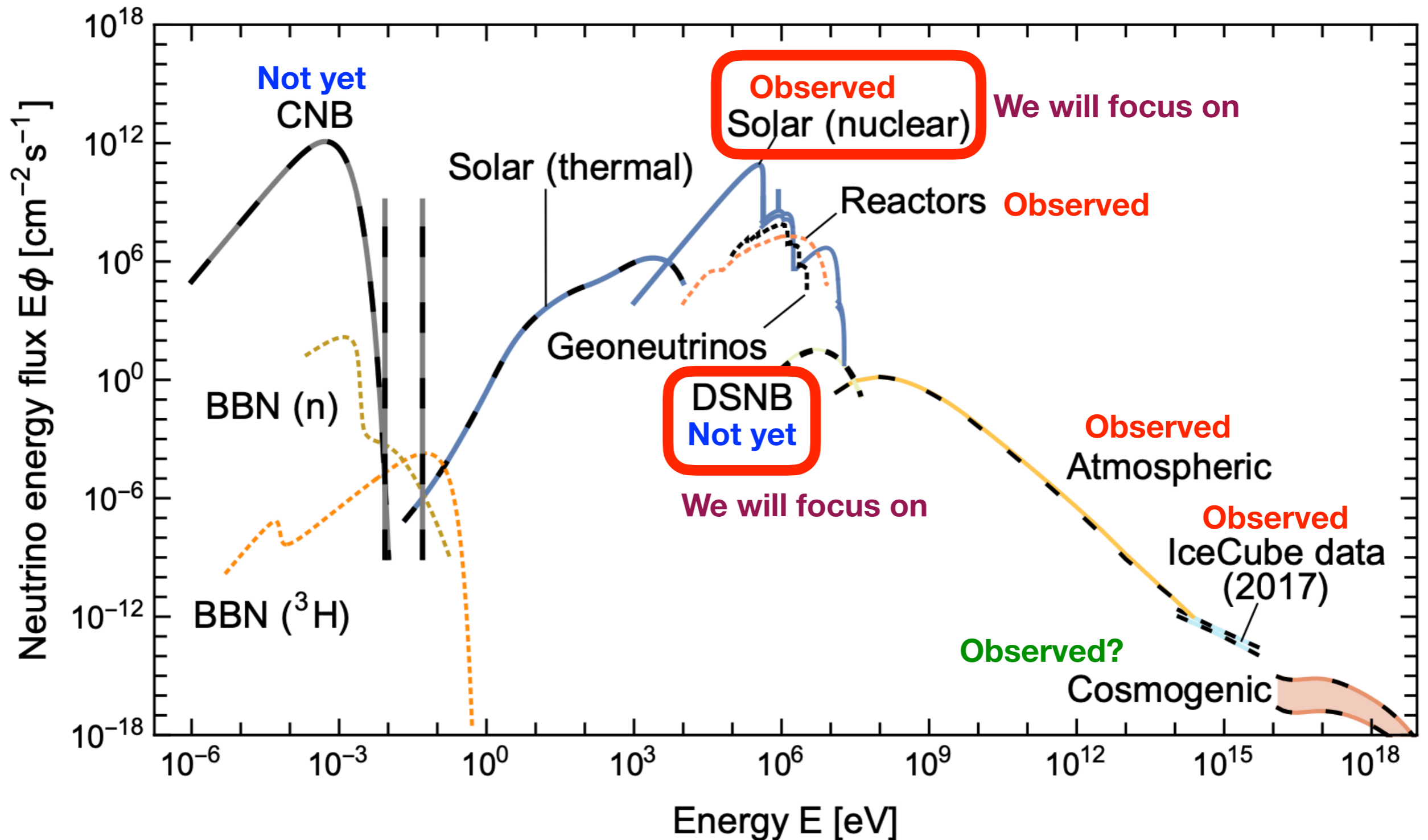
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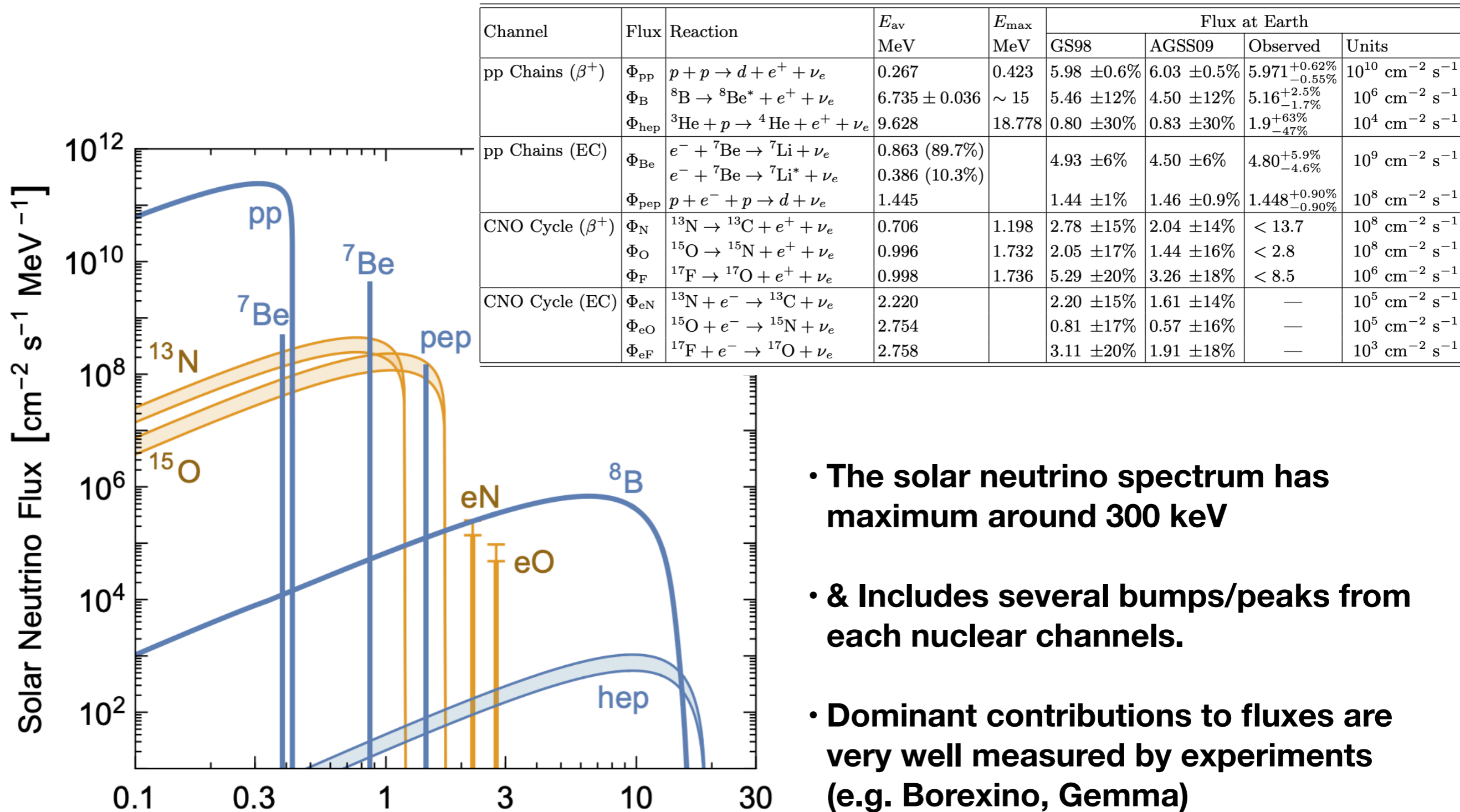
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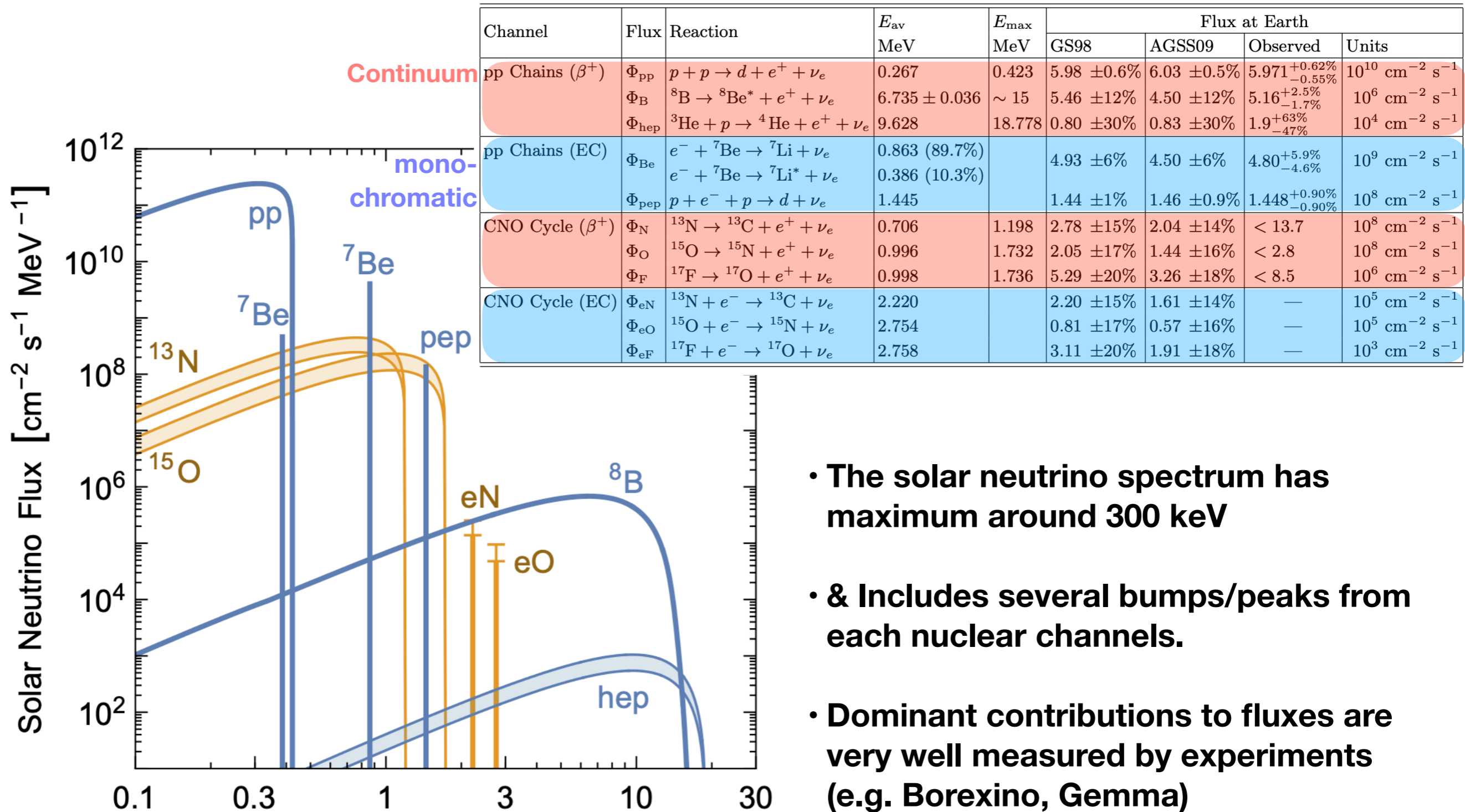
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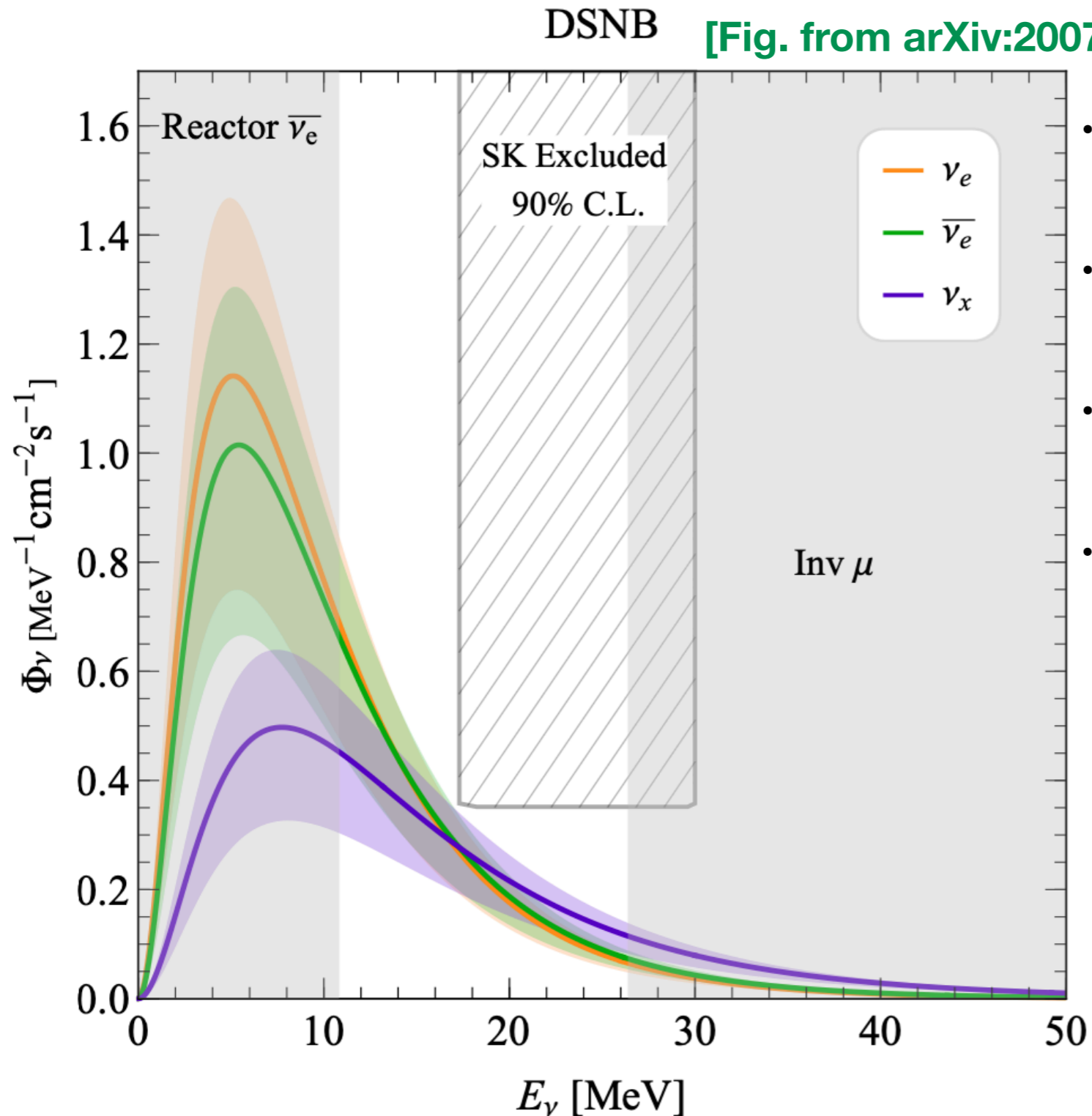
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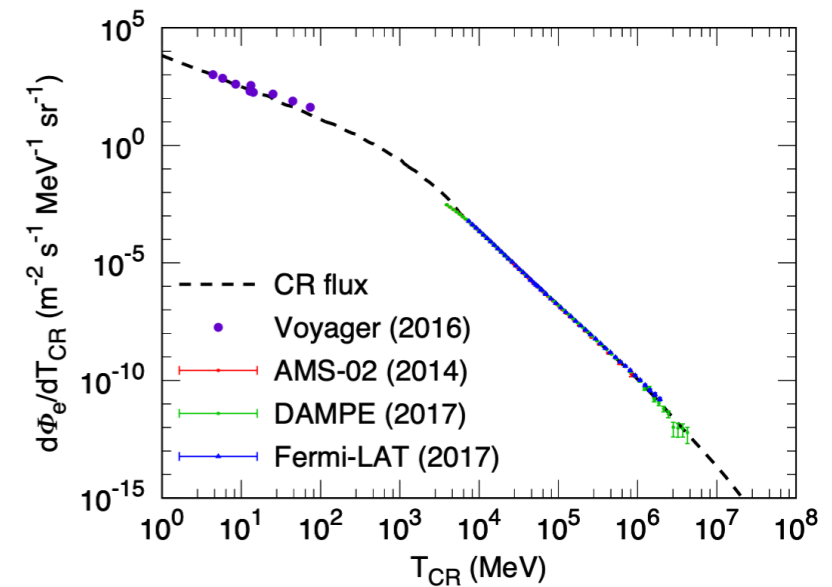
- Thermally produced from neutronization in Proto-Neutron Stars (PNS)
- Usually has Boltzmann peaks around 5-10 MeV (depending on flavor of neutrinos)
- The amount of flux is determined by Star-Formation-Rate (SFR) including high redshift.
- Extragalactic origin & almost isotropic

A direct detection of DSNB suggested by [Beacom. 10']



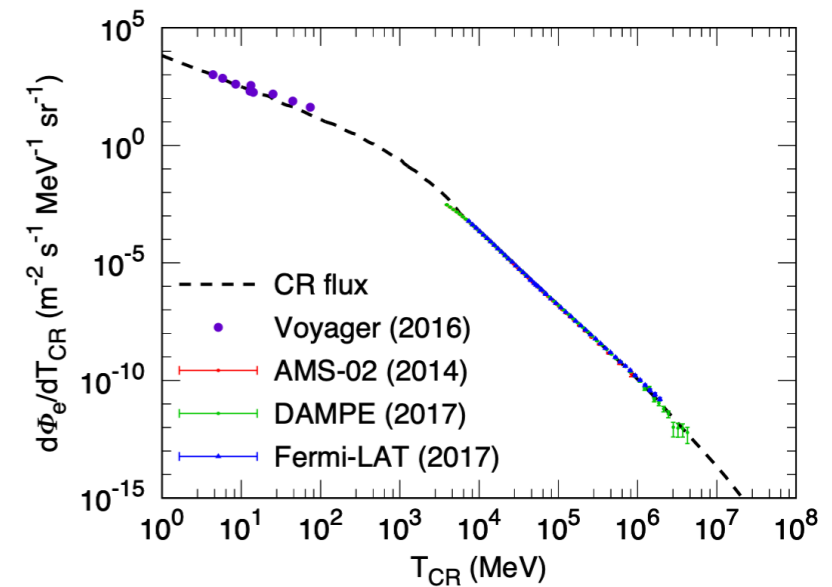
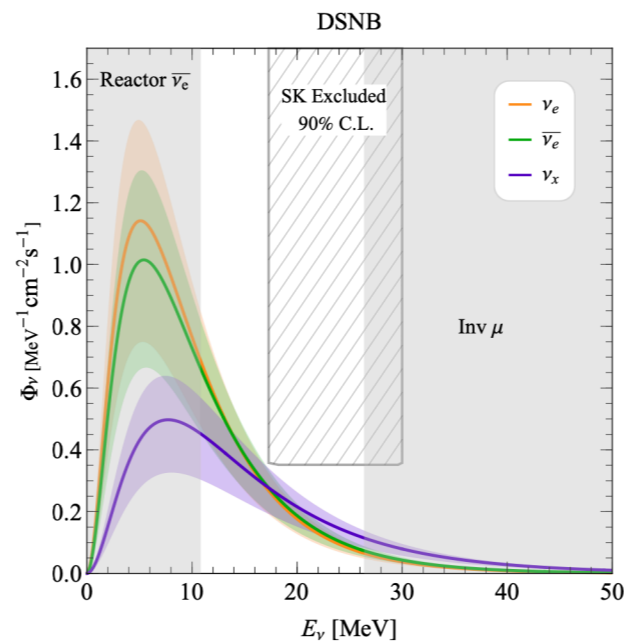
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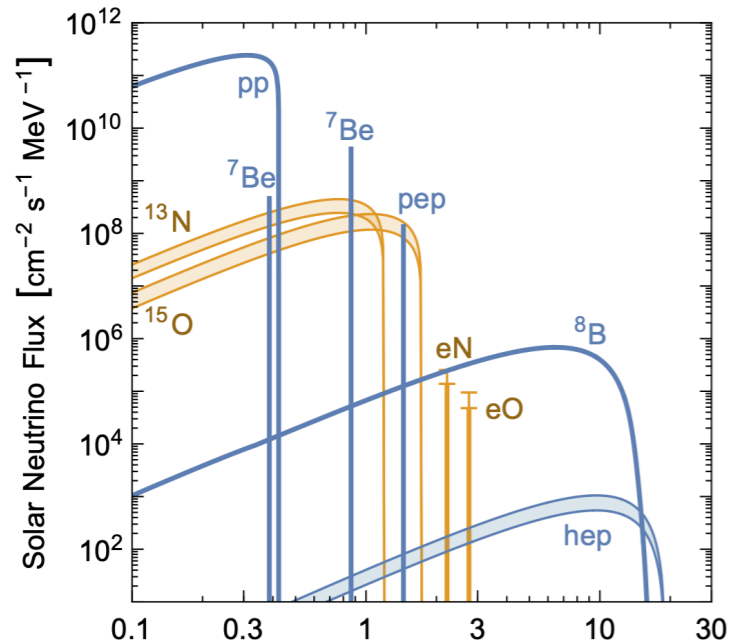
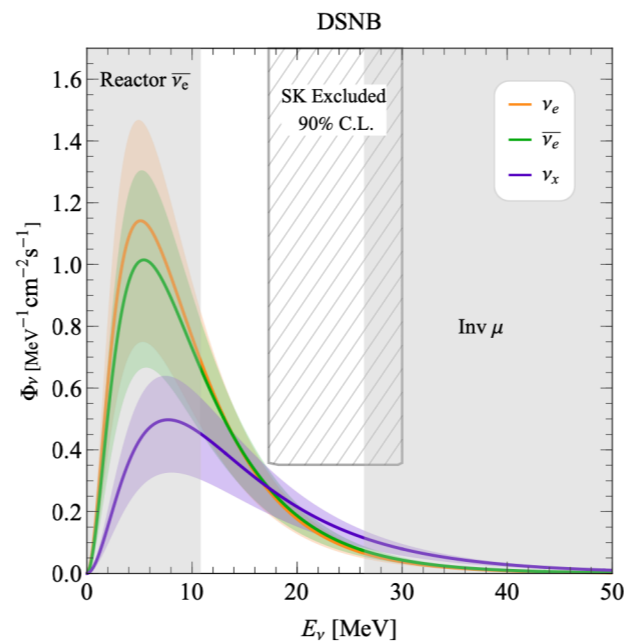
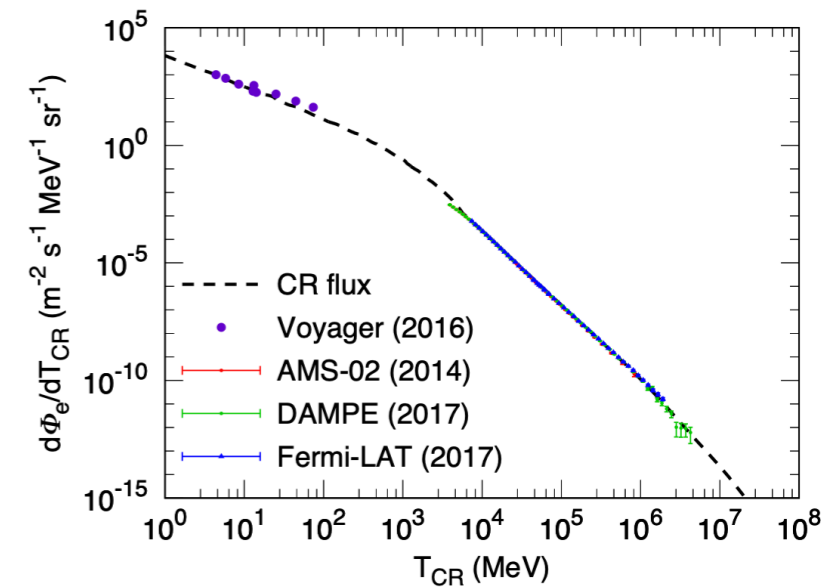
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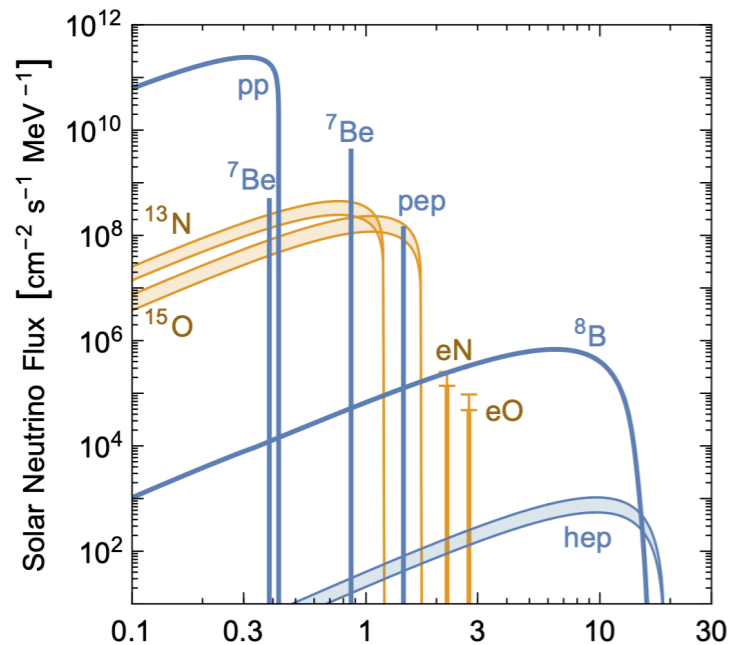
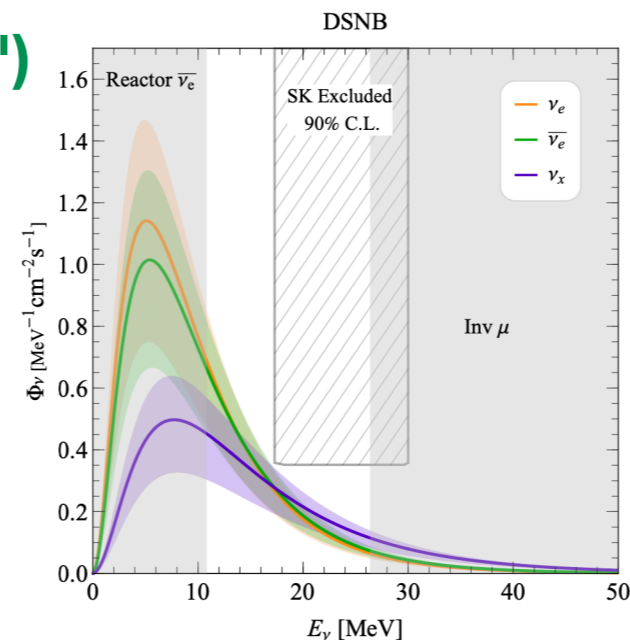
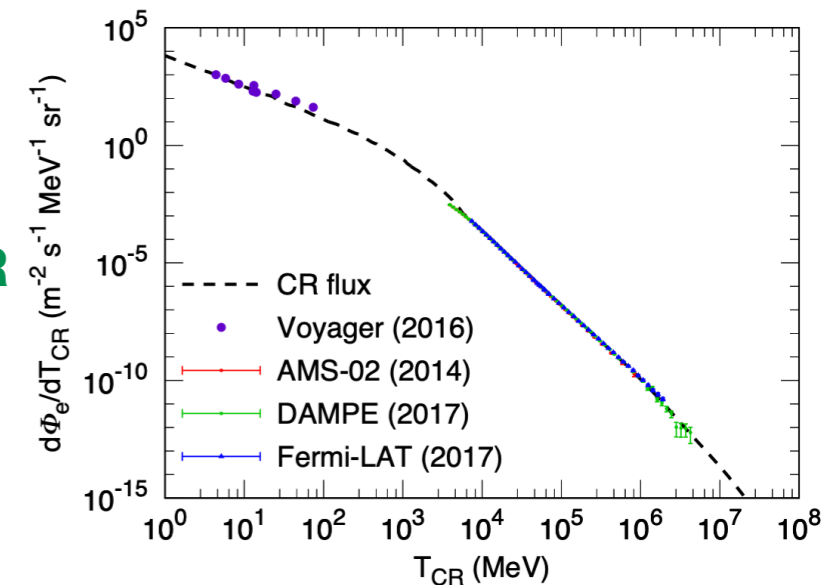
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Electron CR (2 MeV - 90 GeV for the observed data)

- DSNB (extragalactic origin)  
Neutrino (O(1)-O(100) MeV) & normalization predicted by SFR

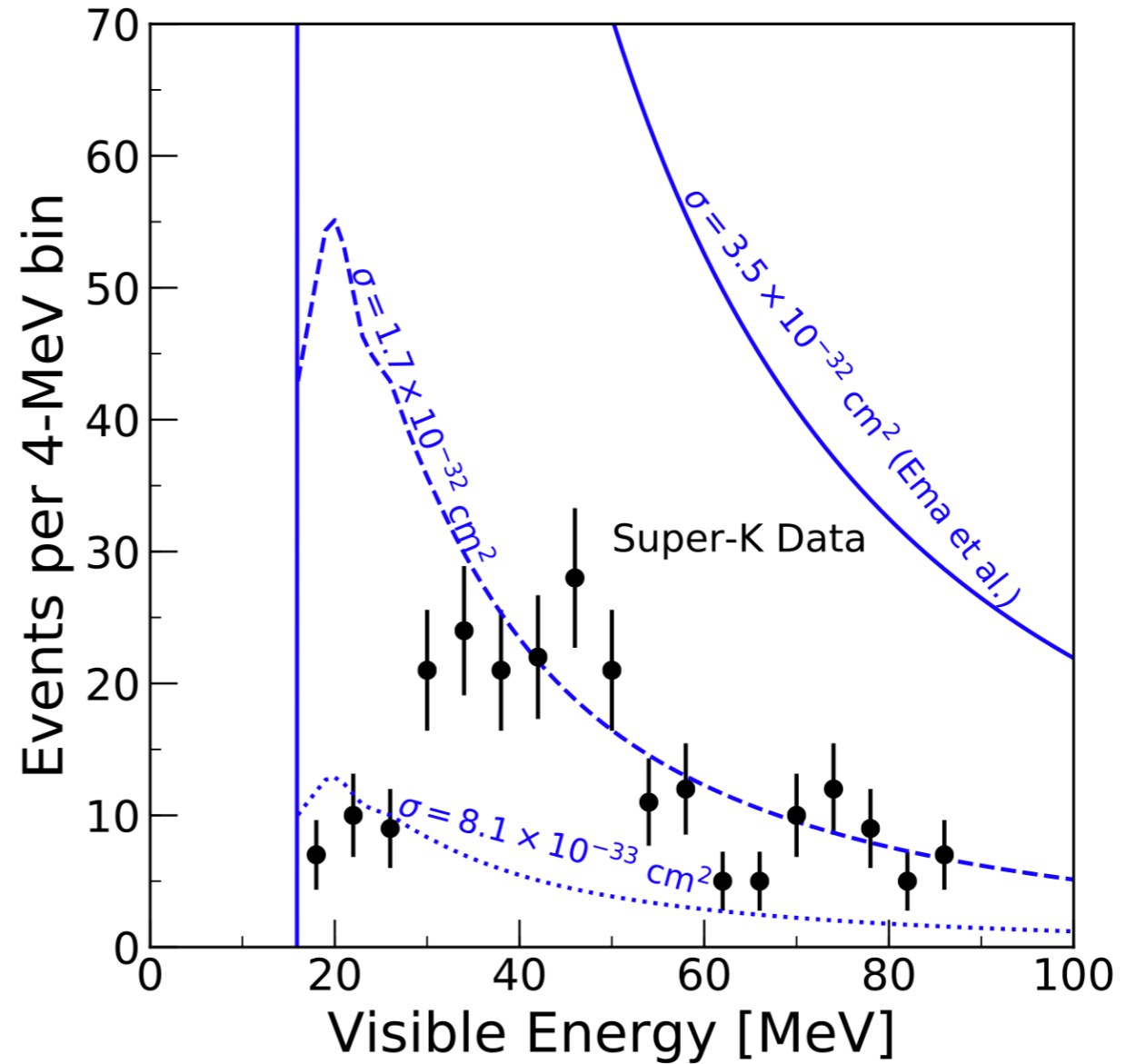
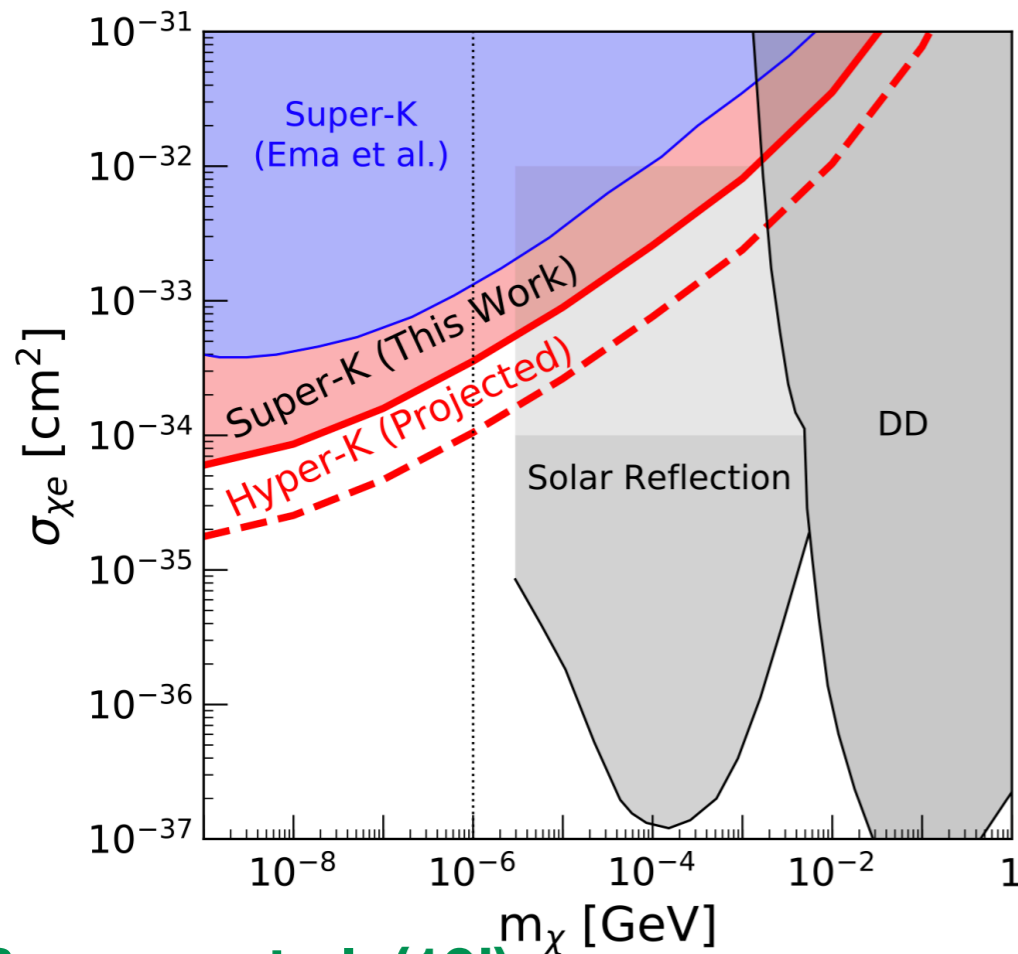
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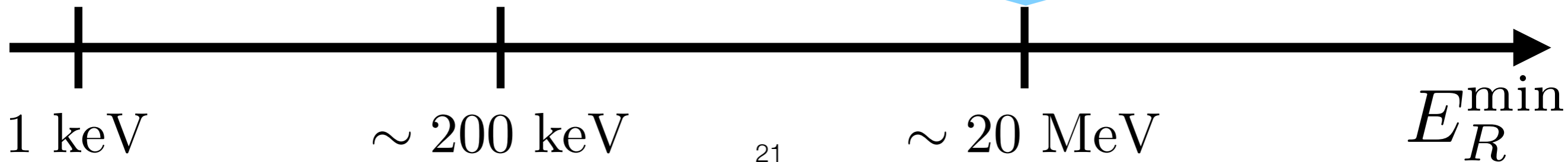
- Stellar neutrinos (Galactic/Extragalactic origin, Our work)  
Neutrino (~100 keV - 20 MeV) & precisely measured by solar neutrino detection exp.

# How to detect them?: The low threshold frontier of electron recoils in DM/neutrino exp.

SN neutrino searches (SK- I/II/III/IV)  
 - E threshold  $\sim 10\text{-}20$  MeV (Super-K)  
 - Typical Exposure  $\sim O(200)$  kton-yr

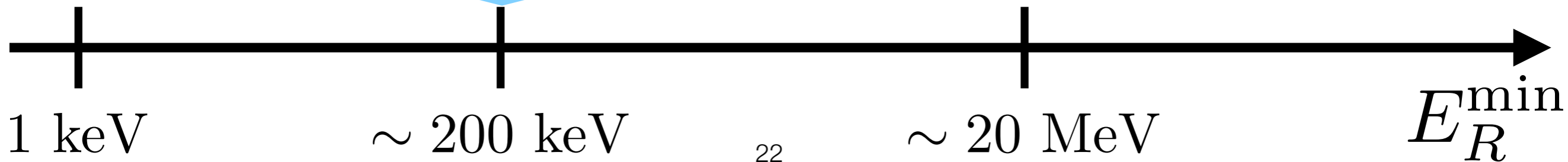
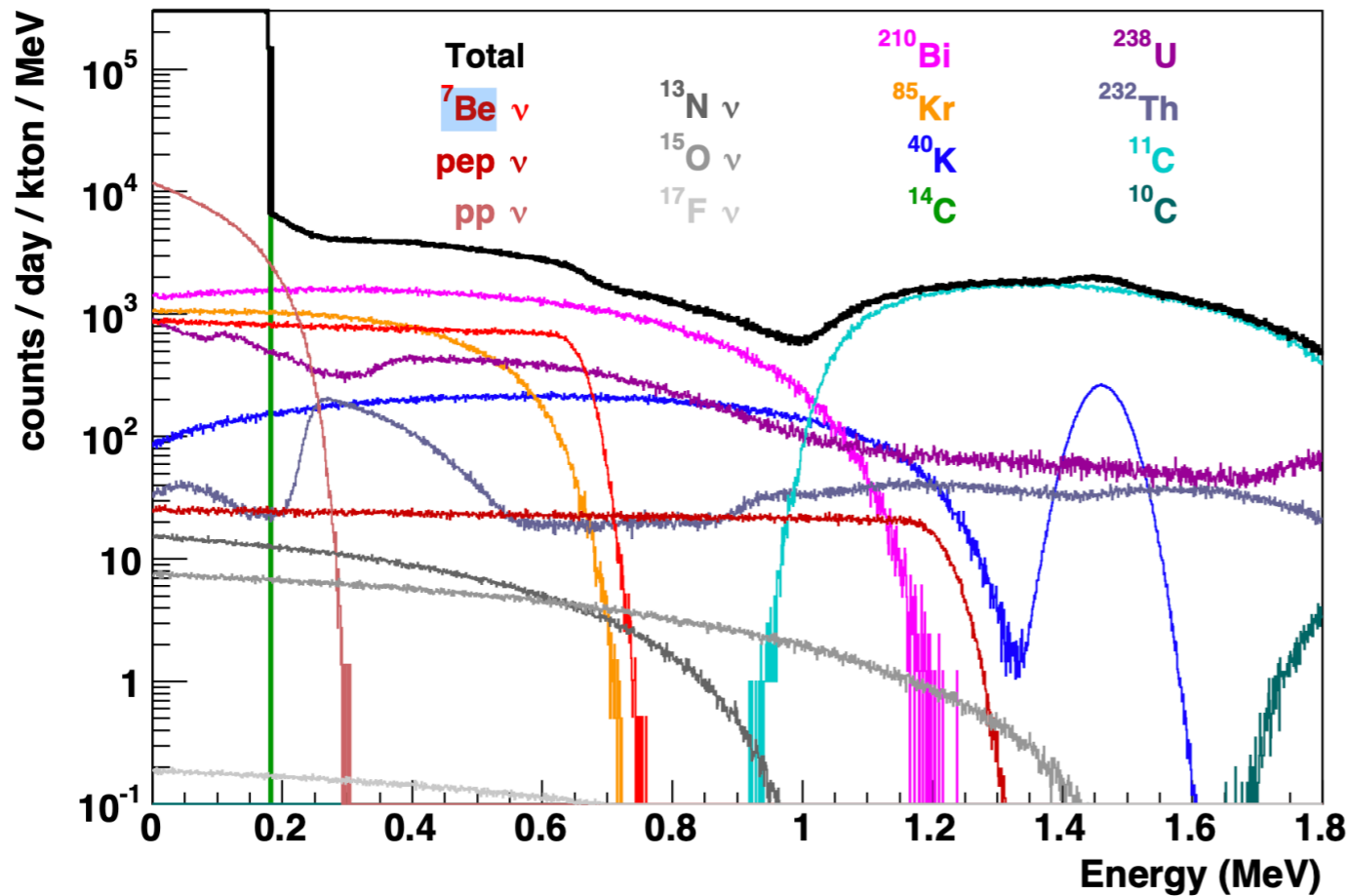


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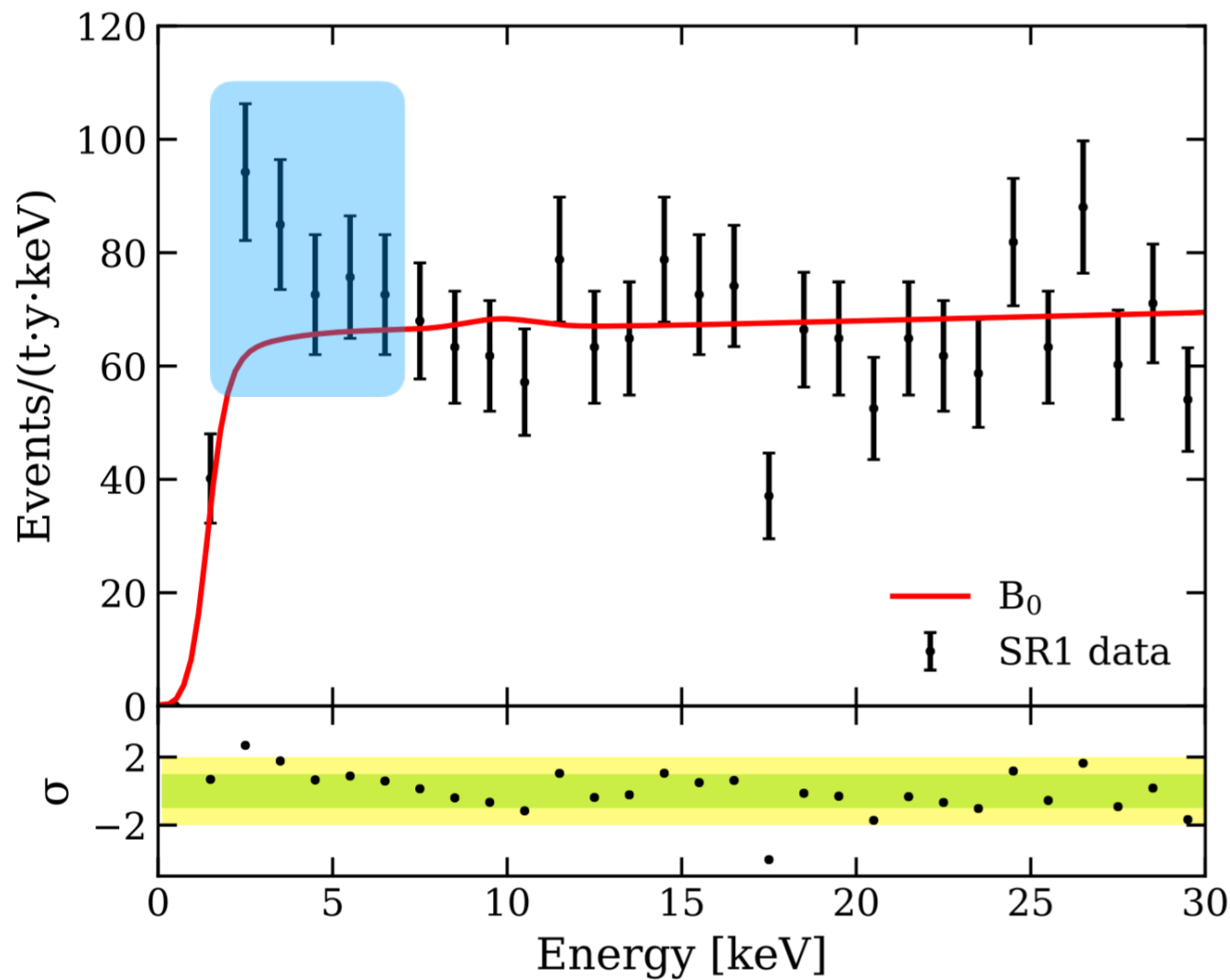


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Low-E solar neutrinos (e.g.  $^7\text{Be}$  neutrino)  
 - E threshold  $\sim 200\text{-}300$  keV (JUNO/Borexino)  
 - Typical Exposure  $\sim \mathcal{O}(10)$  kton-yr

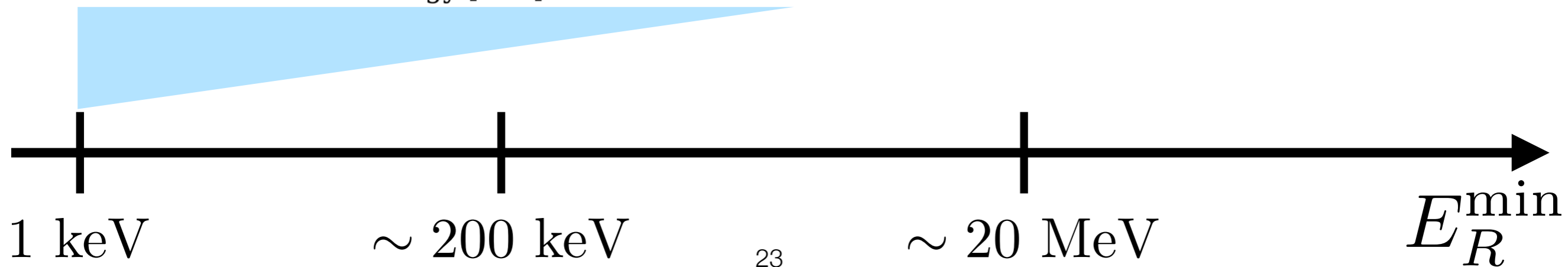
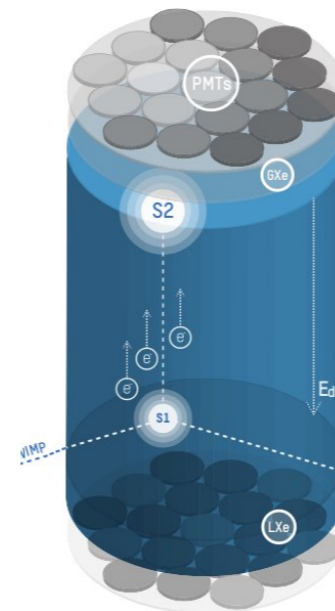


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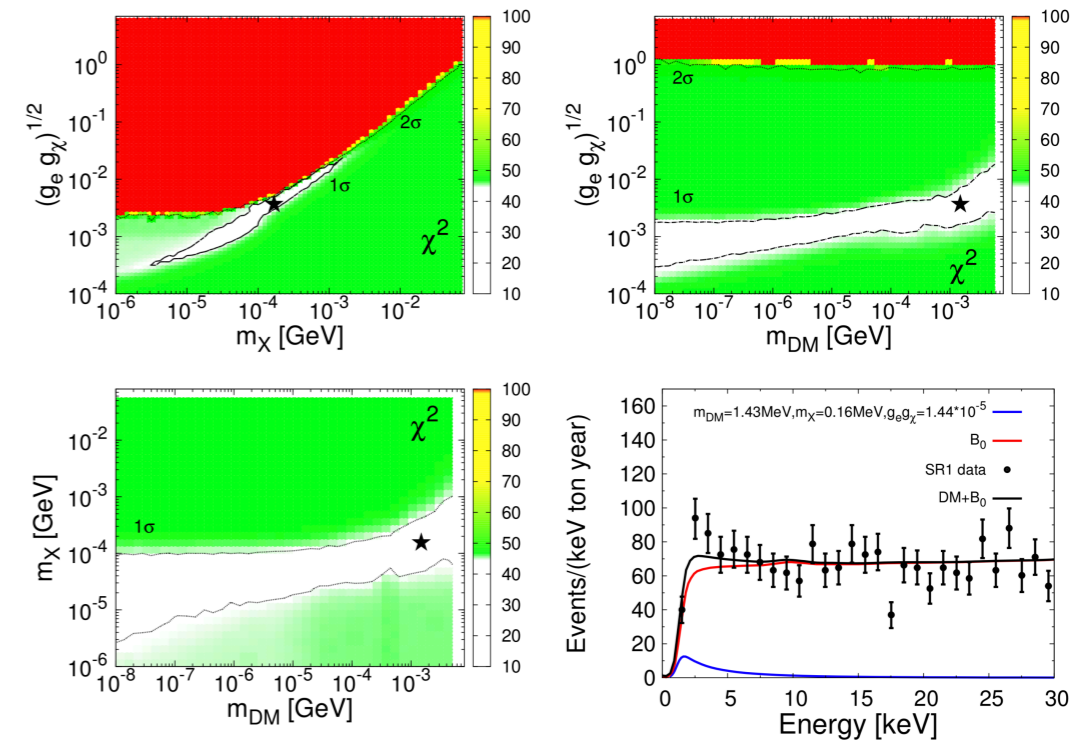
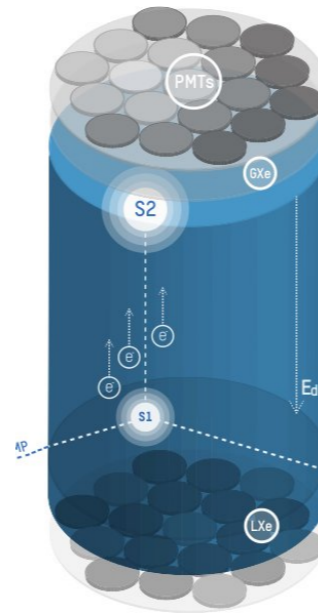
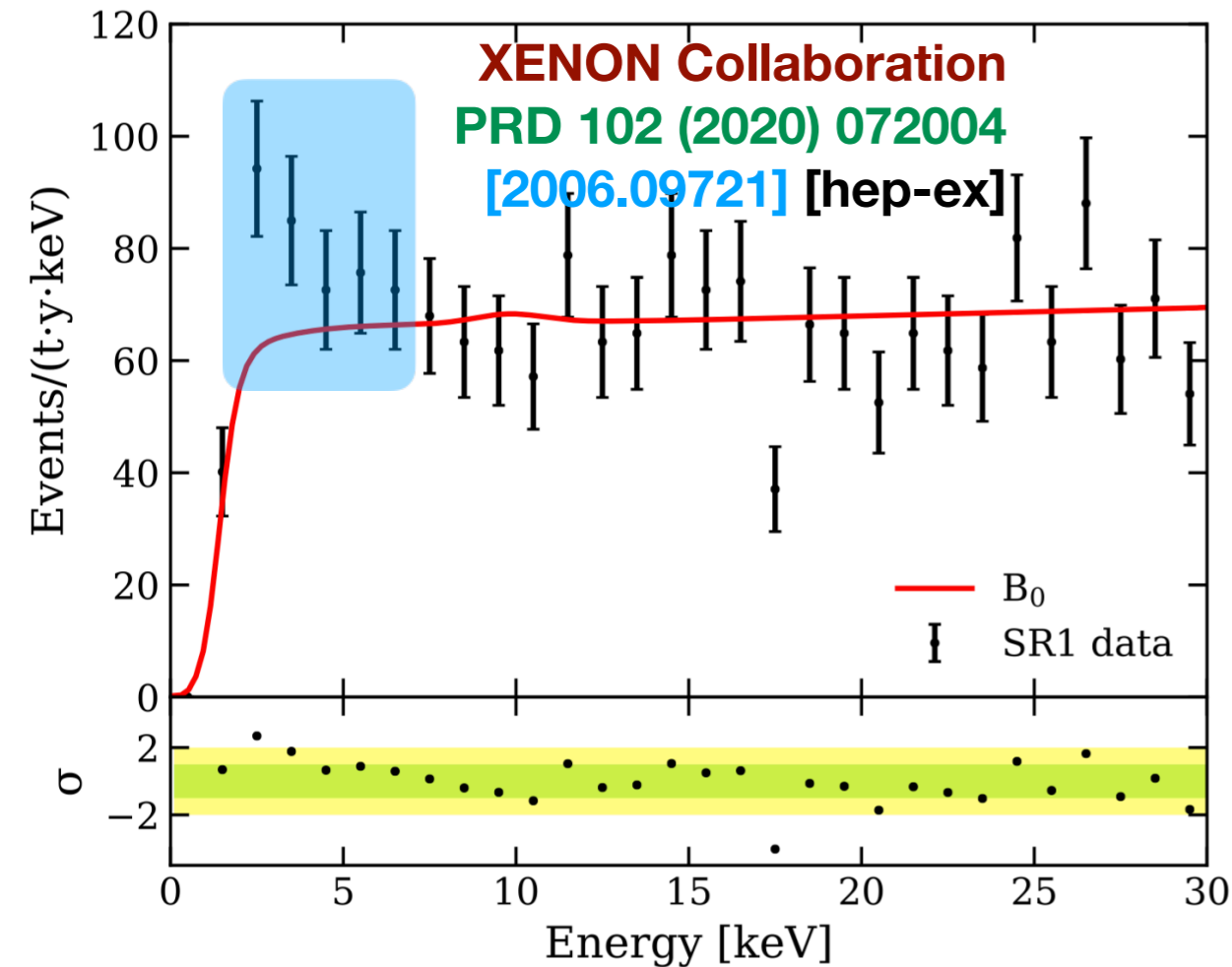


## DM direct detections

- E threshold  $\sim 1$  keV (XENON, LZ, PandaX)
- Typical Exposure  $\sim O(1-10)$  ton-yr



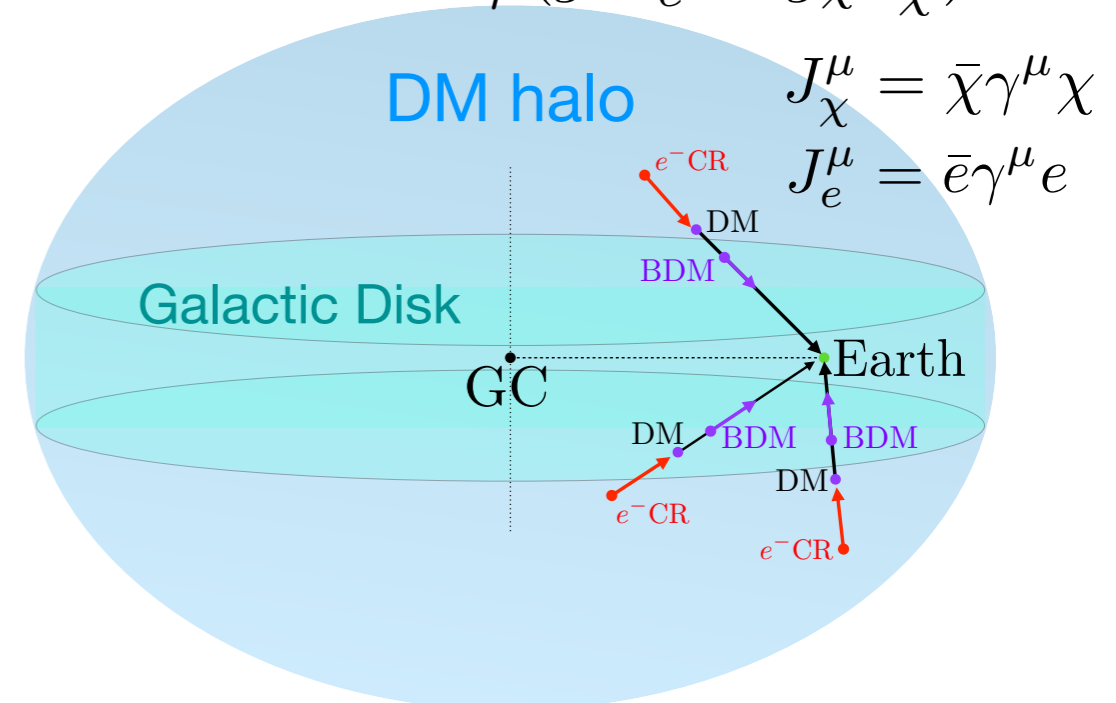
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Charged Cosmic ray (electron) BDM provides an interesting possibility in DM direct detection/neutrino observatories.

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -X_\mu (g_e J_e^\mu + g_\chi J_\chi^\mu) + \dots$$



Caveat) Large e-DM interaction can be suffered from the constraints by cosmology and SN.



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- The flux of DM, boosted by CR electron

$$\frac{d\Phi_{\text{DM}}}{d\Omega}(K_{\text{DM}}, b, l) = \frac{J(b, l)}{m_{\text{DM}}} \int dK_e \frac{d\Phi_e}{d\Omega} \frac{d\sigma_{\text{DM}e \rightarrow \text{DM}e}}{dK_{\text{DM}}}$$

electron CR flux
 $e_{\text{CR}}^- + \chi_{\text{halo}} \rightarrow e^- + \chi_{\text{Boosted}}$

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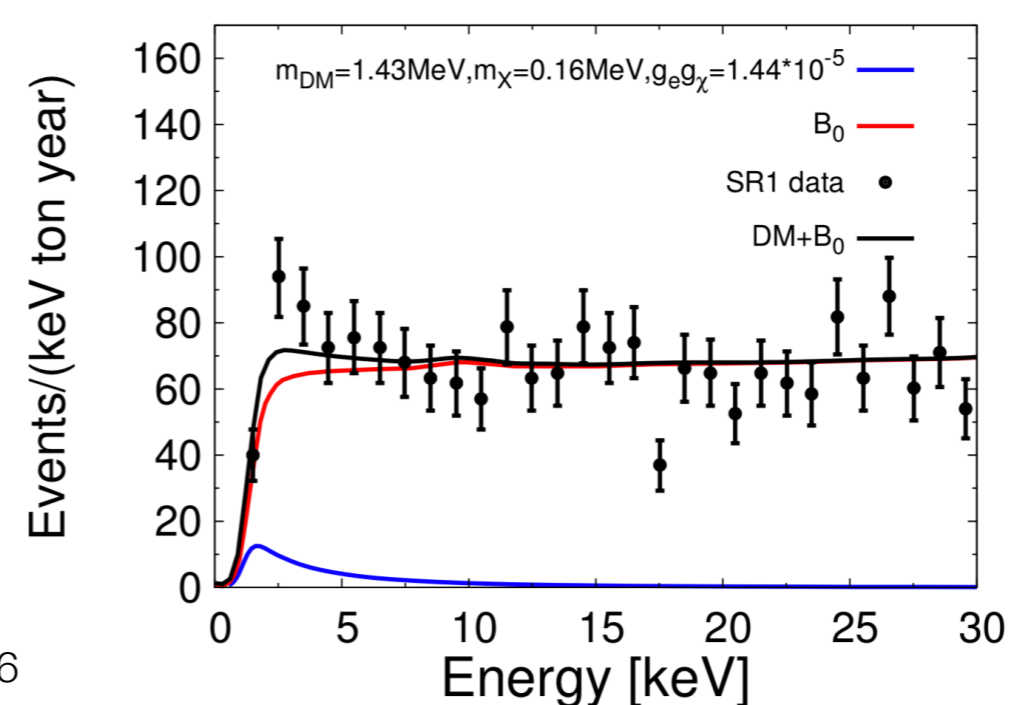
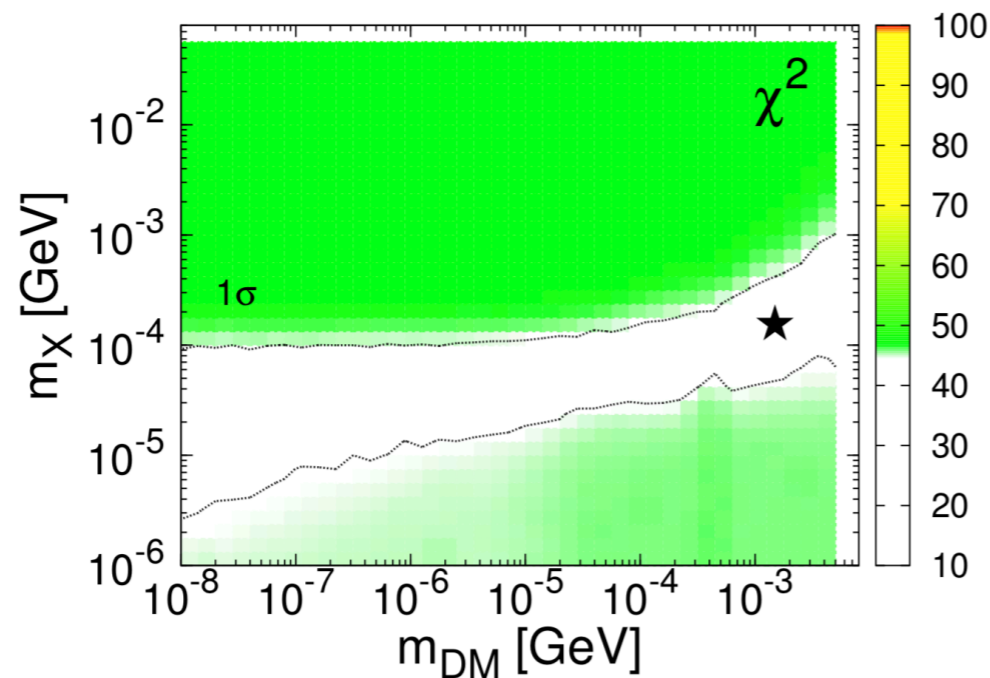
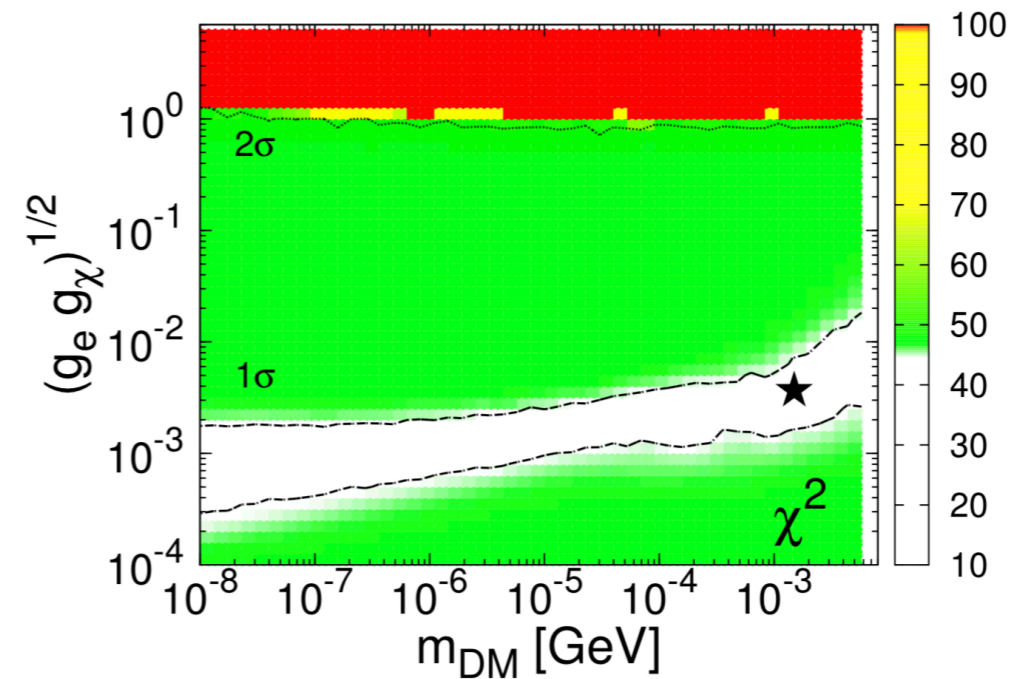
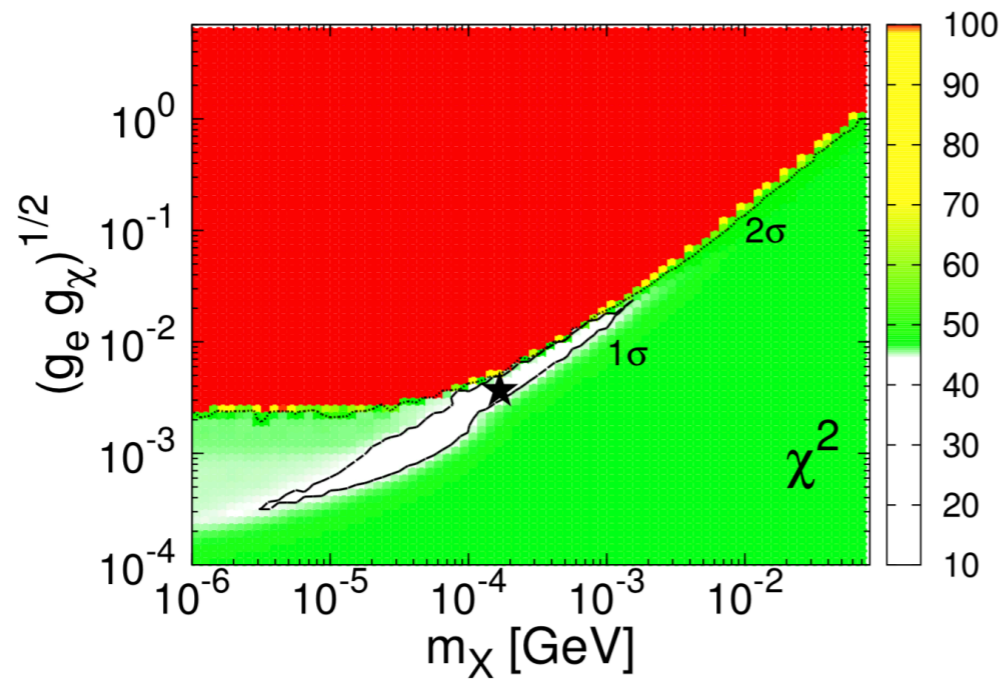
- Boosted DM-target electron (in the detector) cross section with light mediator X

$$\frac{d\sigma_X(\text{DM}e \rightarrow \text{DM}e)}{dK_e} = \frac{(g_e g_X)^2}{4\pi} \frac{2m_e(m_{\text{DM}} + K_{\text{DM}})^2 - K_e((m_e + m_{\text{DM}})^2 + 2m_e K_{\text{DM}}) + m_e K_e^2}{(2m_{\text{DM}} K_{\text{DM}} + K_{\text{DM}}^2)(2m_e K_e + m_X^2)^2}$$

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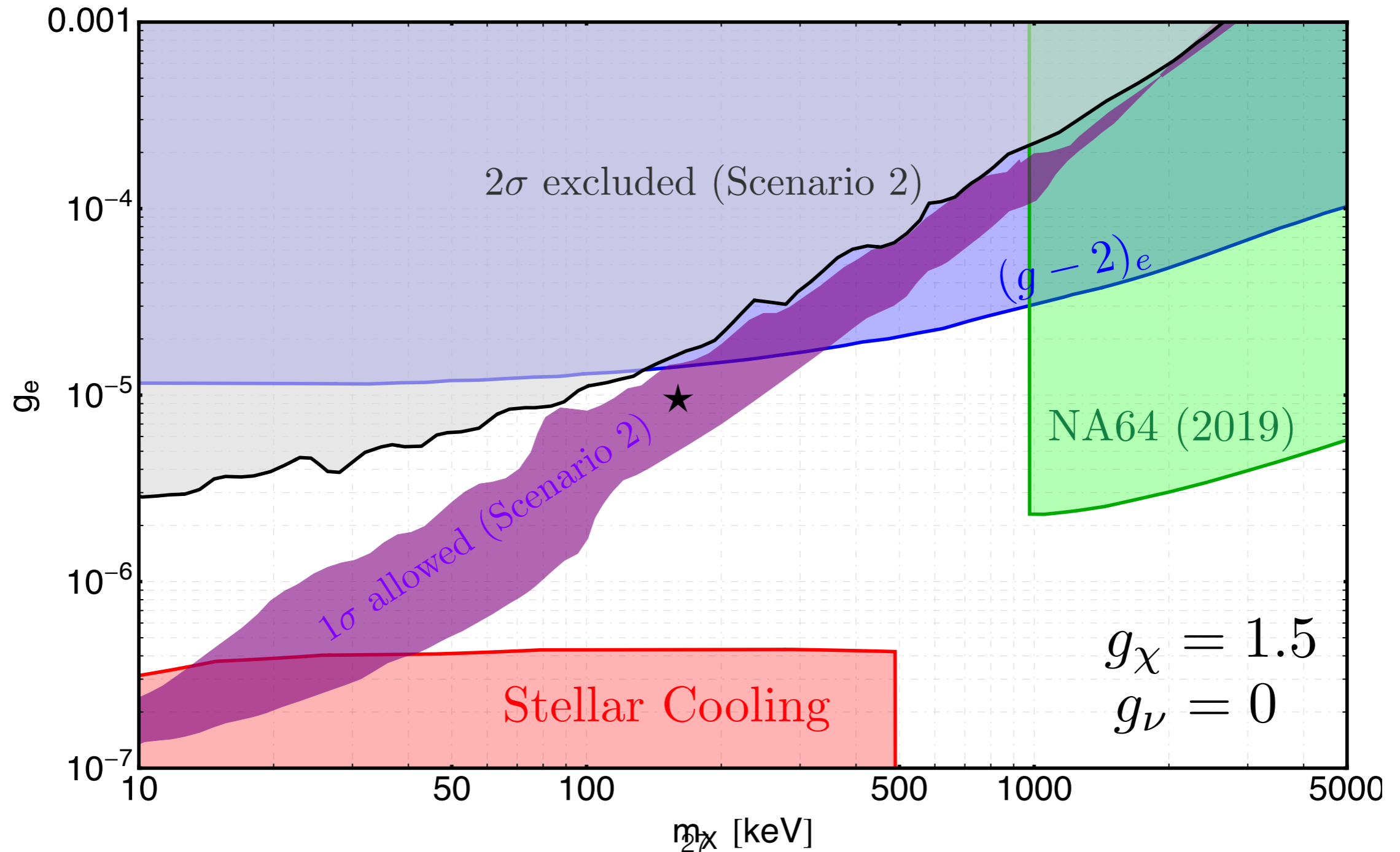
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- Constraints (mediator mass/coupling)

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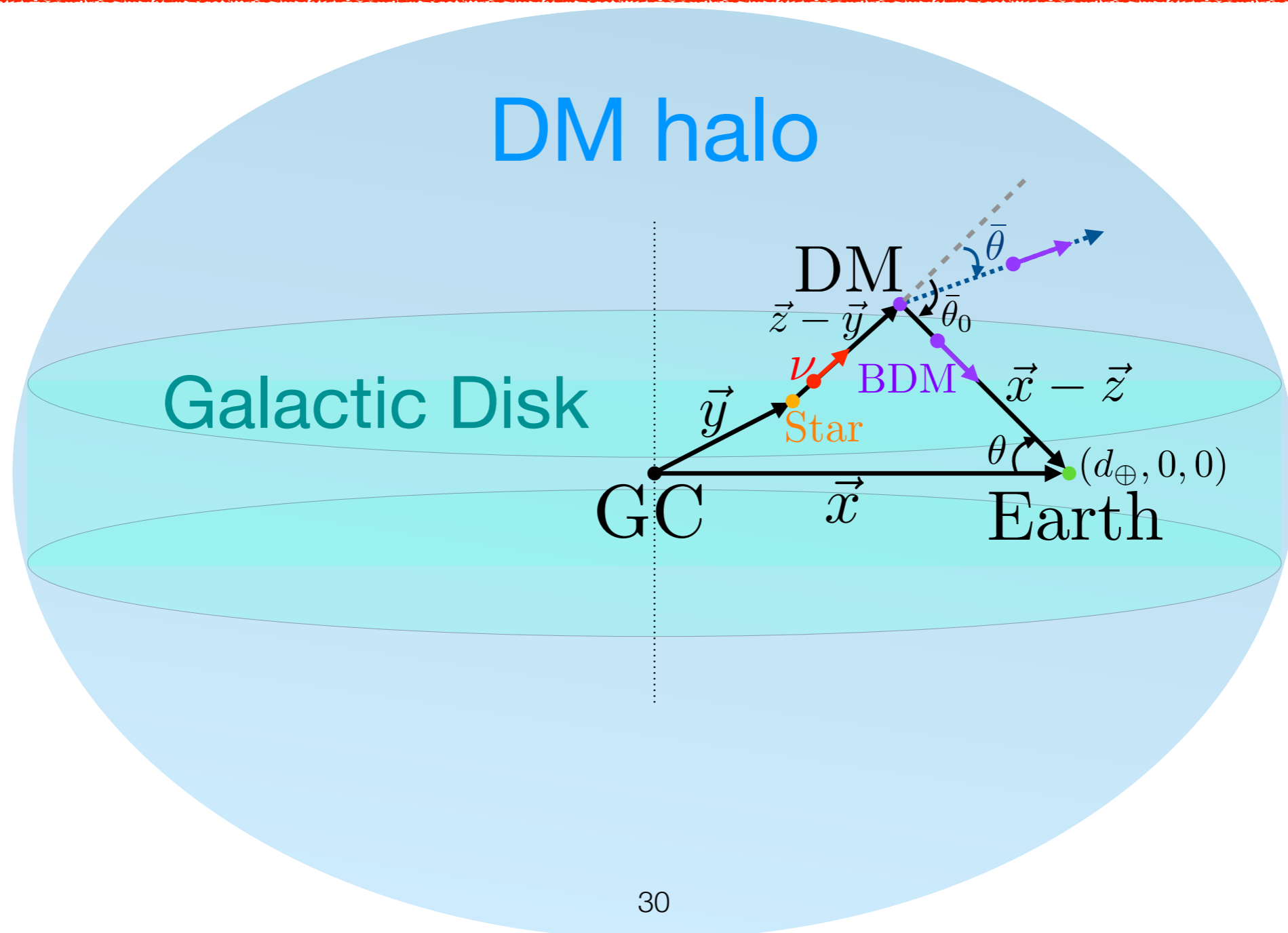
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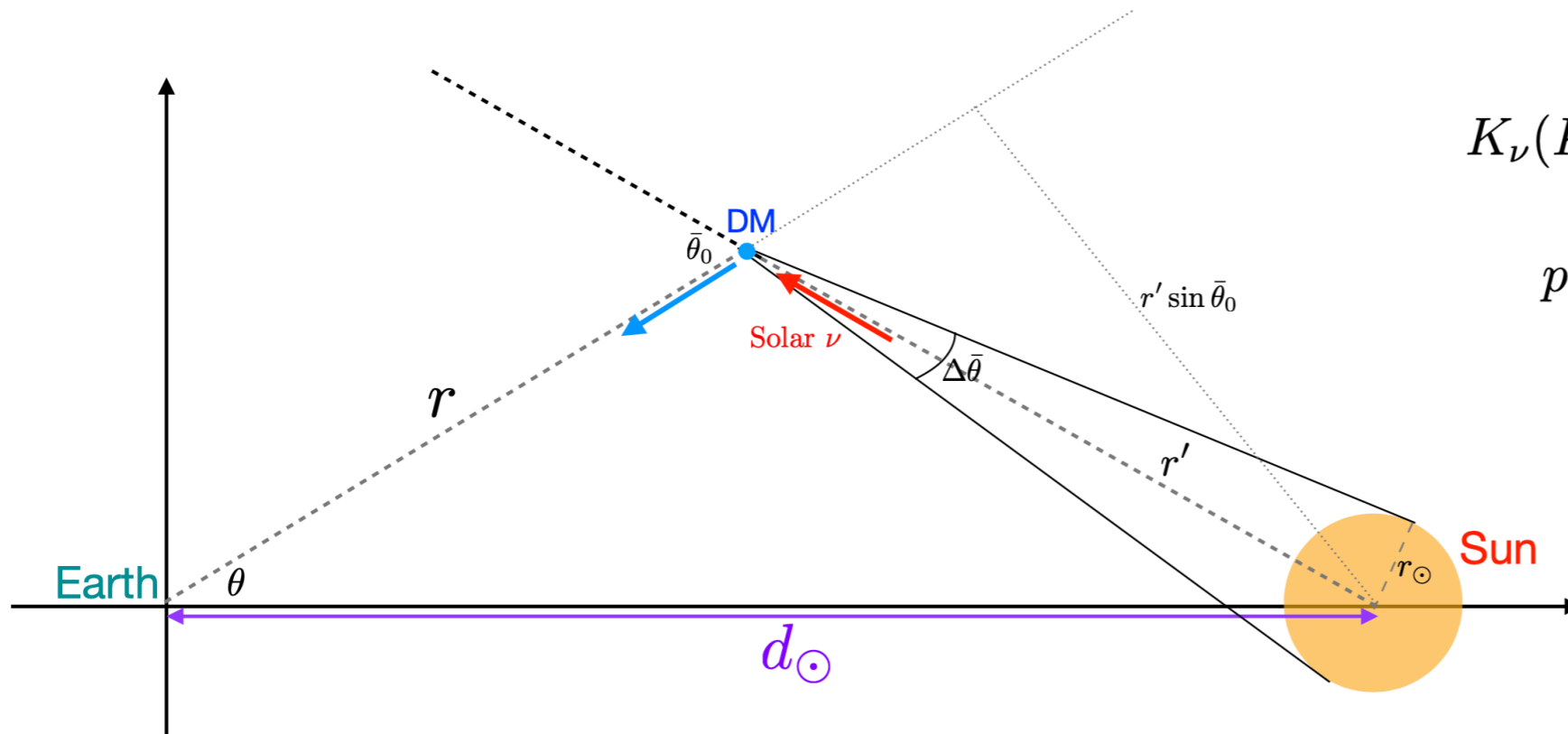
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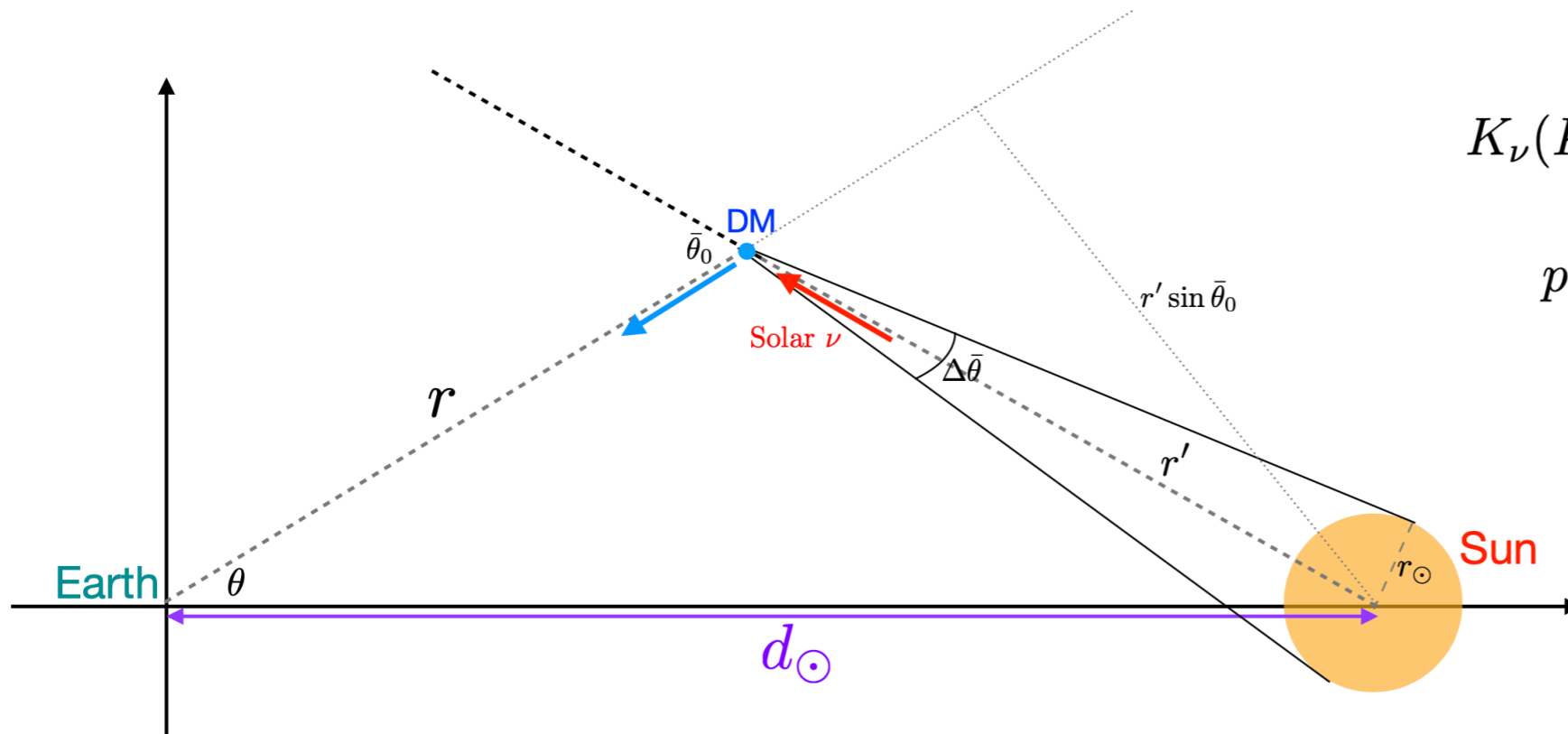
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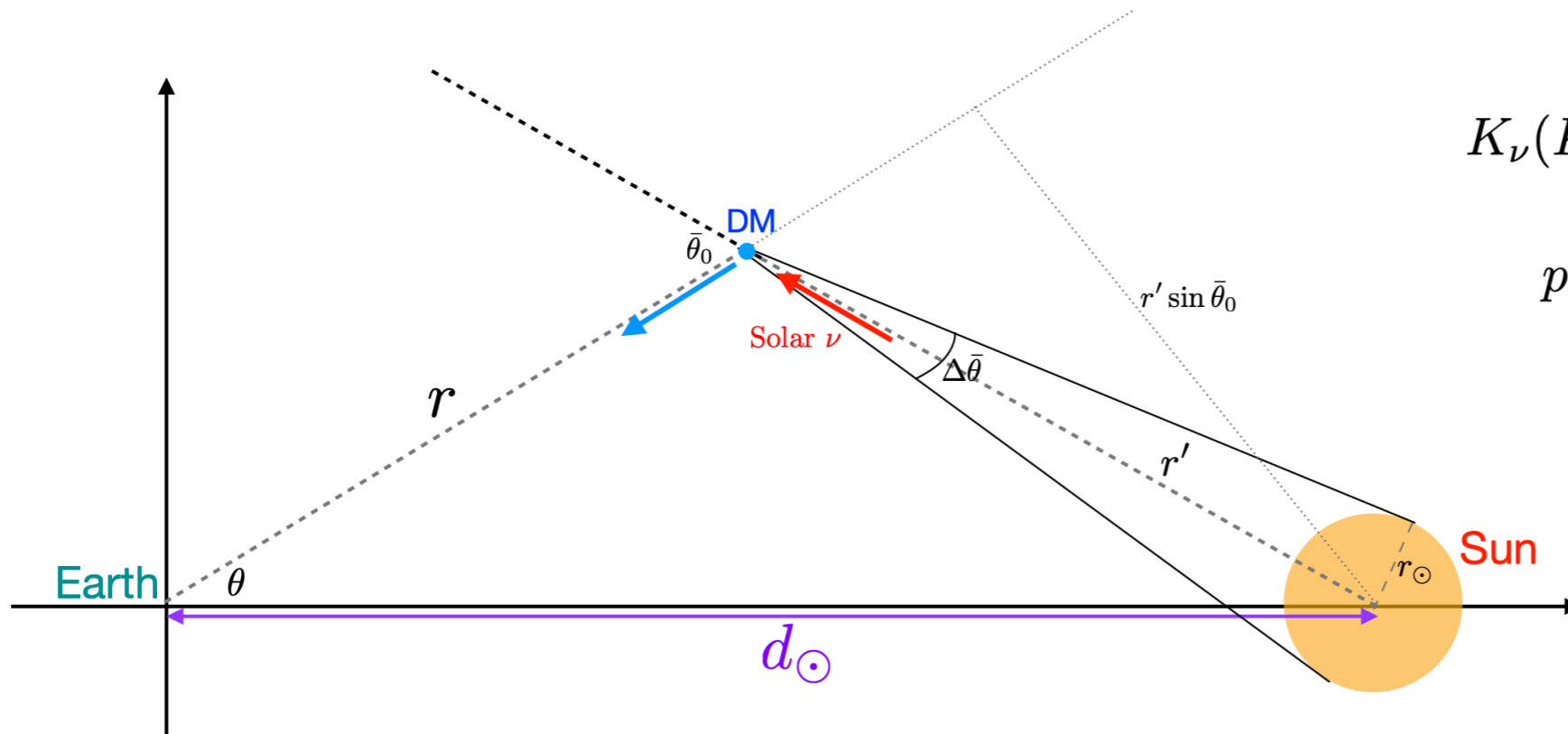
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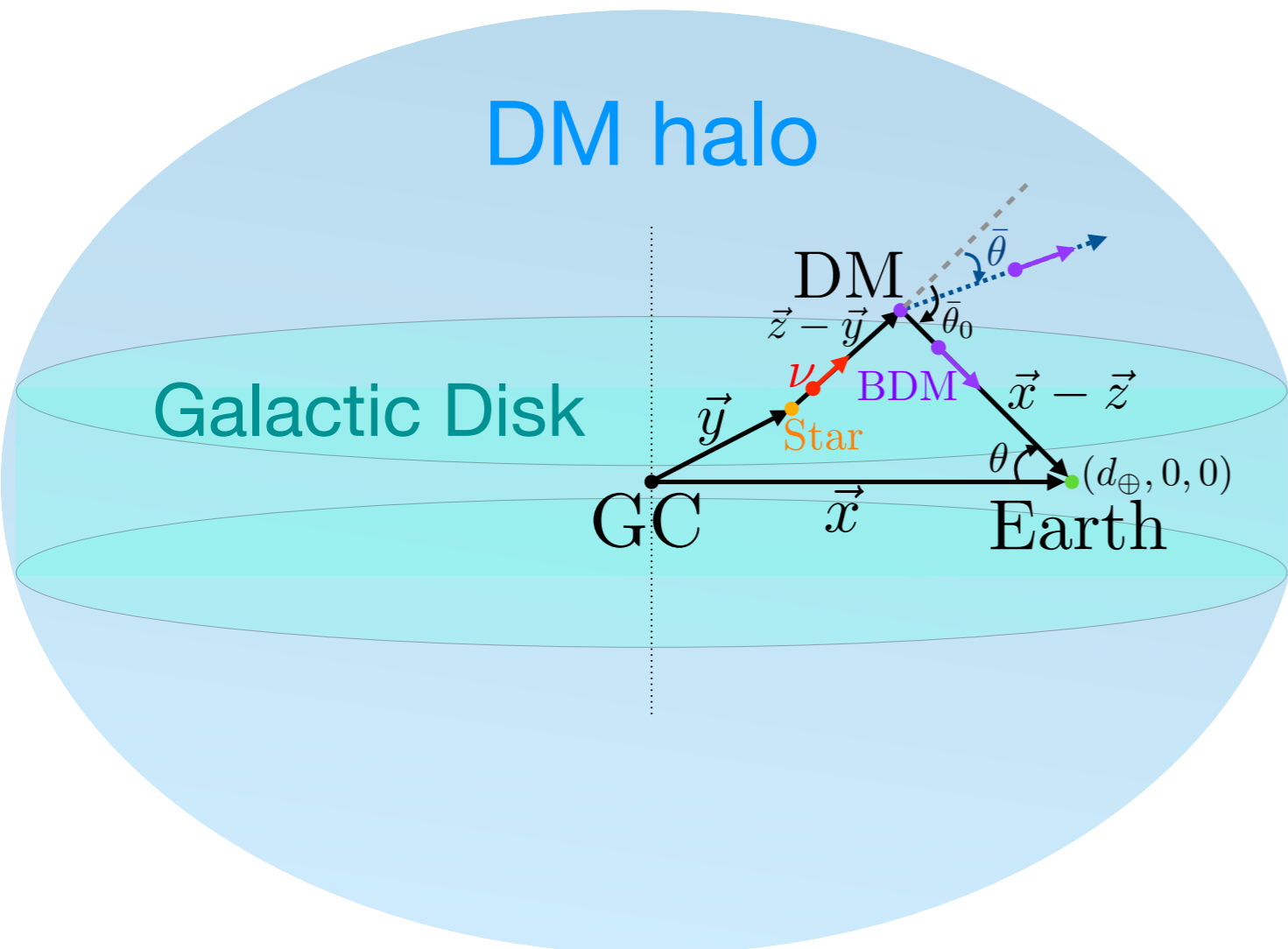
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**For a single neutrino source (here, our Sun) contribution!**  
**(The volume integration for DM coordinates)**

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The expectation of **total** Galactic Star neutrino BDM



**Individual star contribution**

$$\frac{d\Phi_{\text{DM}}^{(1)}(\vec{y})}{dK_{\text{DM}}} \simeq \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \left( \tilde{f}_1 \frac{d\dot{N}_{\nu}^{\text{Sun}}}{dK_{\nu}} \right) \int d^3\vec{z} \frac{\rho_{\text{DM}}(|\vec{z}|)}{m_{\text{DM}}} \frac{1}{|\vec{x} - \vec{z}|^2} \times \left( \frac{dK_{\nu}}{d\bar{\theta}} \Big|_{\bar{\theta}=\bar{\theta}_0} \right) \left( \frac{d\sigma_{\nu\text{DM}}}{dK_{\text{DM}}} \Big|_{\bar{\theta}=\bar{\theta}_0} \right) \times \frac{1}{\sin \bar{\theta}_0} \frac{1}{|\vec{z} - \vec{y}|^2} \times \exp\left(-\frac{|\vec{z} - \vec{y}|}{d_{\nu}}\right),$$

**Total Galaxy contribution**

$$\frac{d\Phi_{\text{DM}}}{dK_{\text{DM}}} = \int d^3\vec{y} n_{\text{star}}(\vec{y}) \frac{d\Phi_{\text{DM}}^{(1)}(\vec{y})}{dK_{\text{DM}}}$$

**In a realistic estimation, Production of BDM is highly anisotropic, and depends on spectrum of injected neutrinos.**

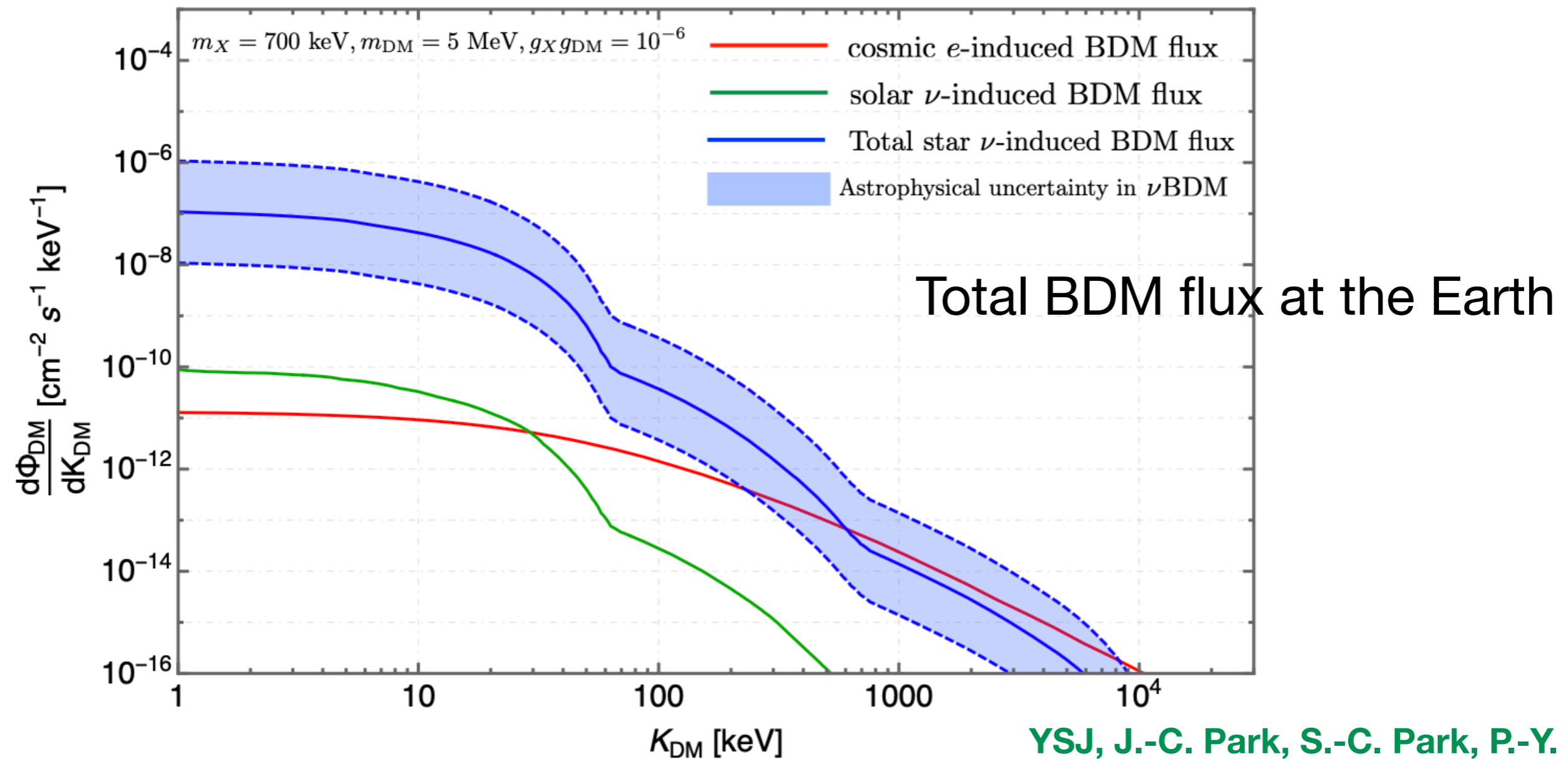
We conservatively assume

1. Symmetric population of Stars
2. All stars have the same luminosity as the Sun

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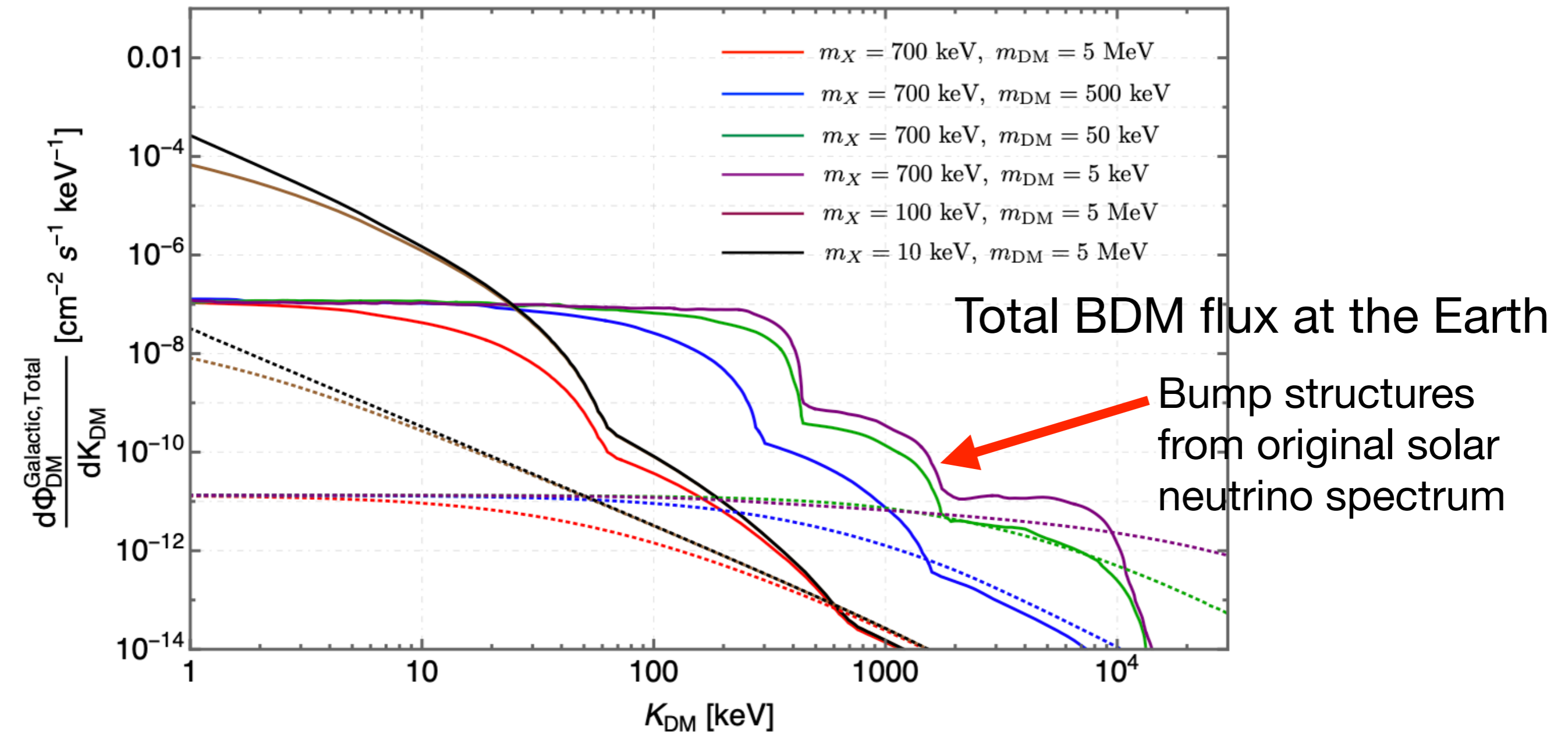
At the Earth, one can expect  $\sim 10^{-15} - 10^{-16} \cdot \frac{d\Phi_{Solar\nu}}{dE_\nu}$



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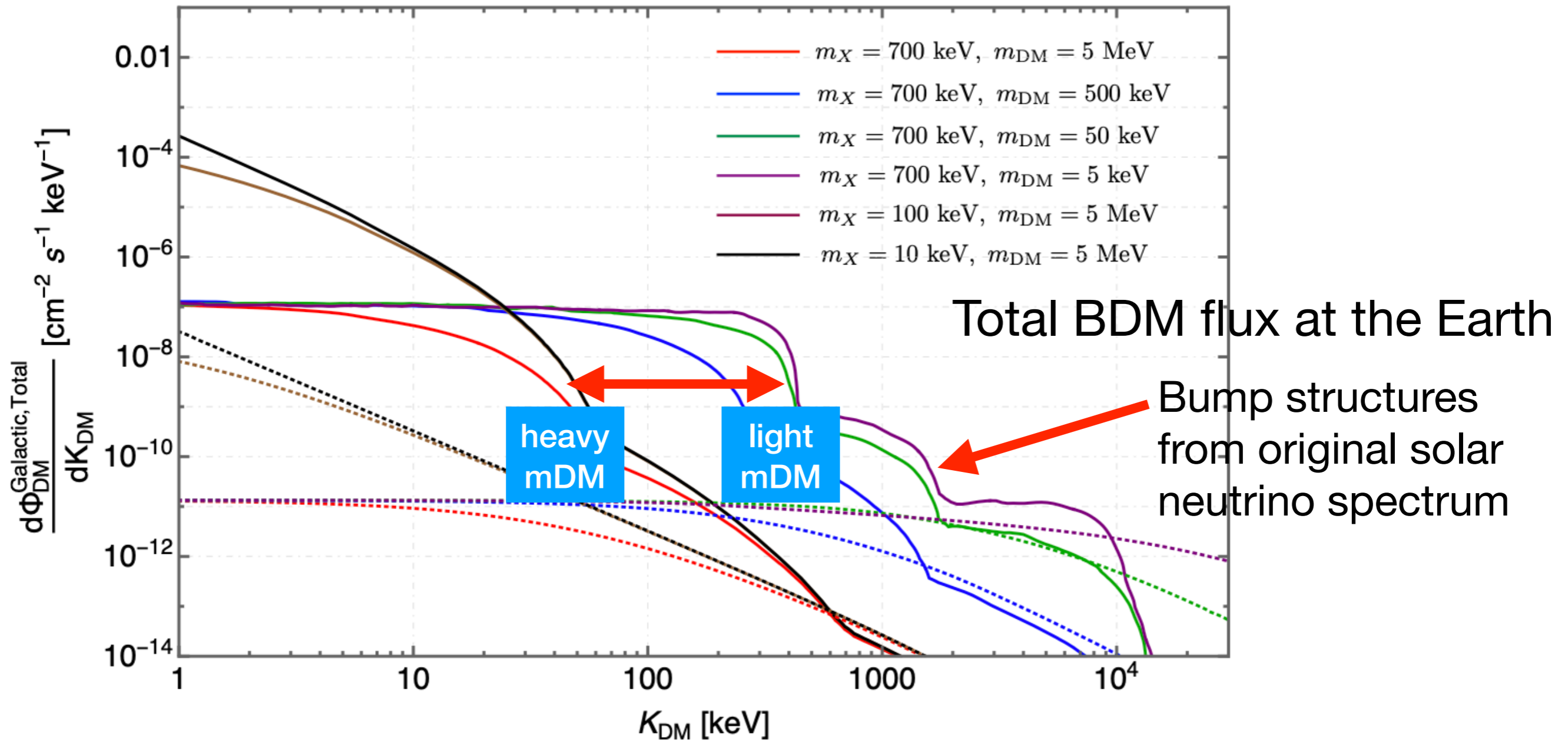
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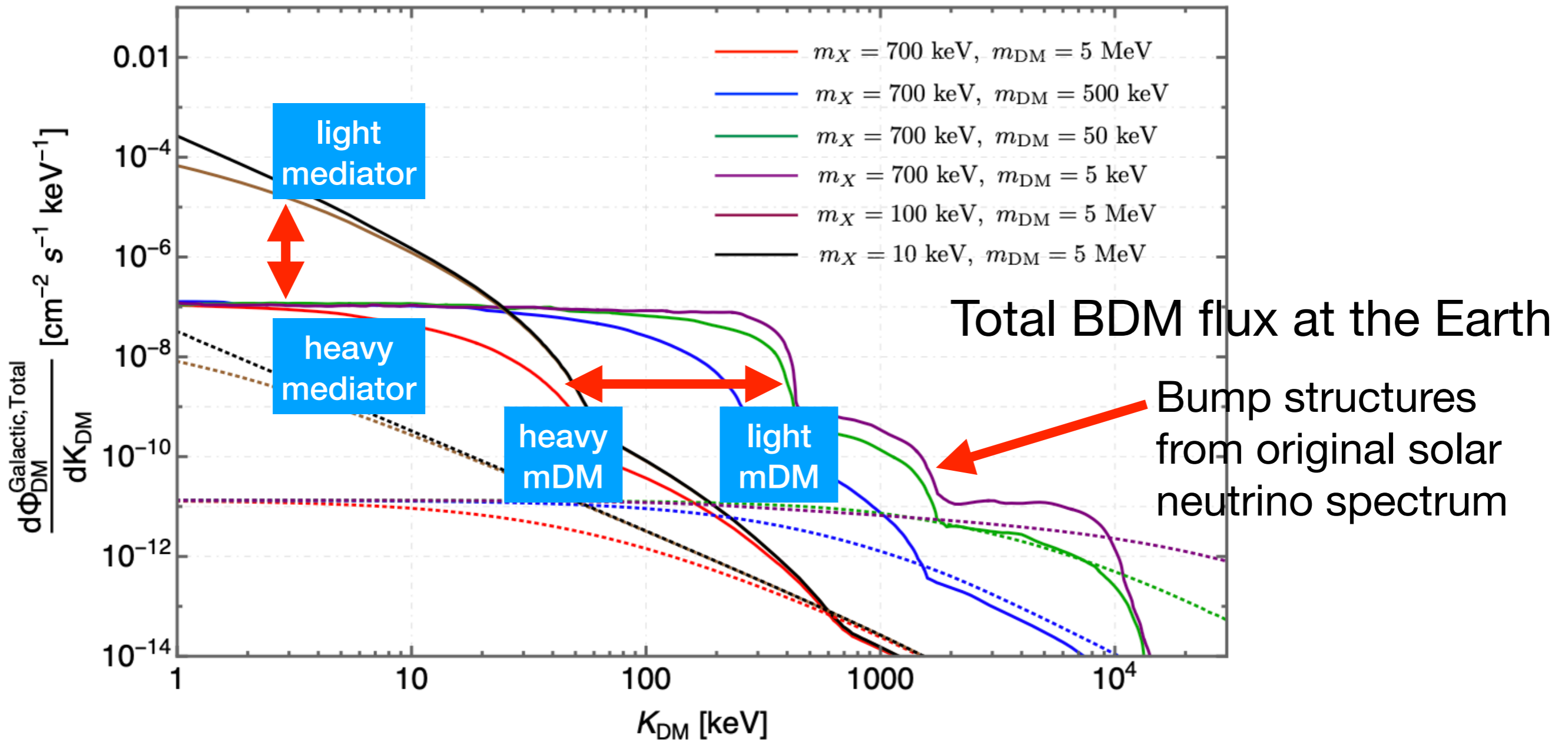
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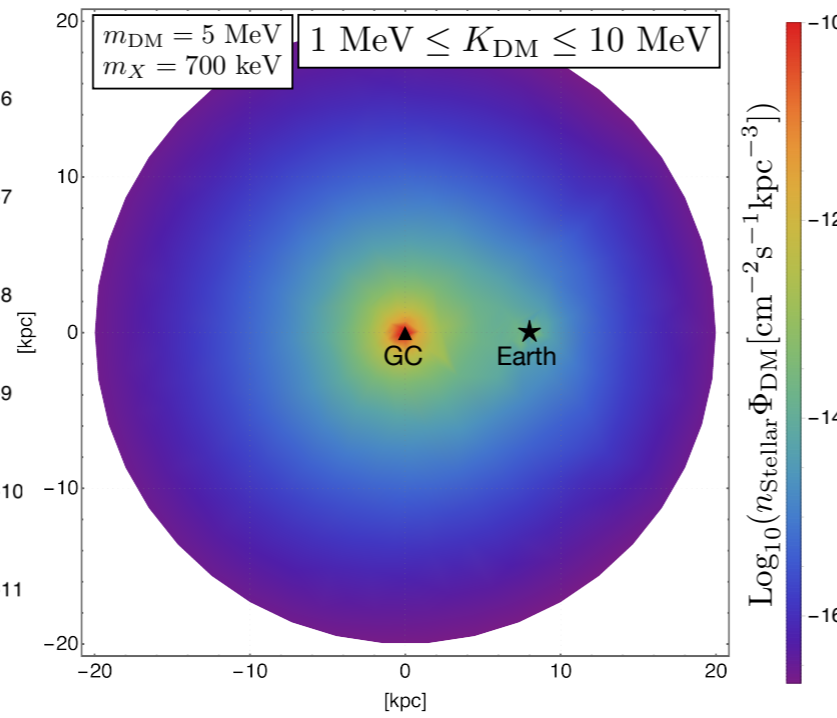
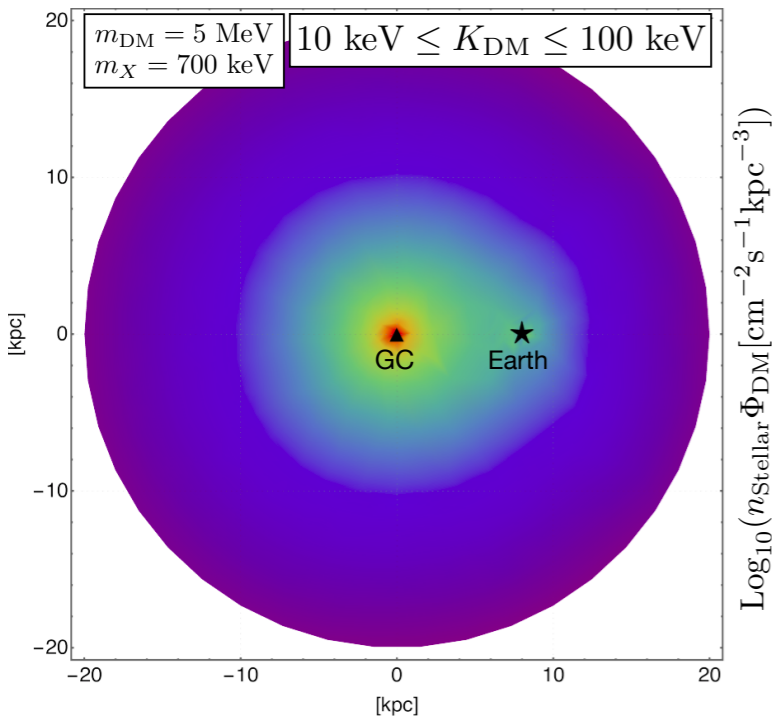
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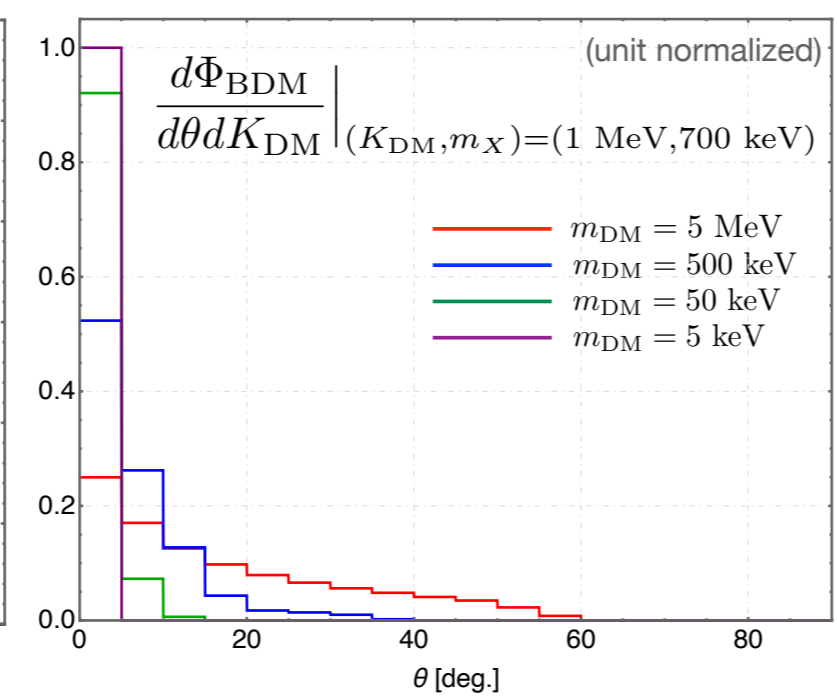
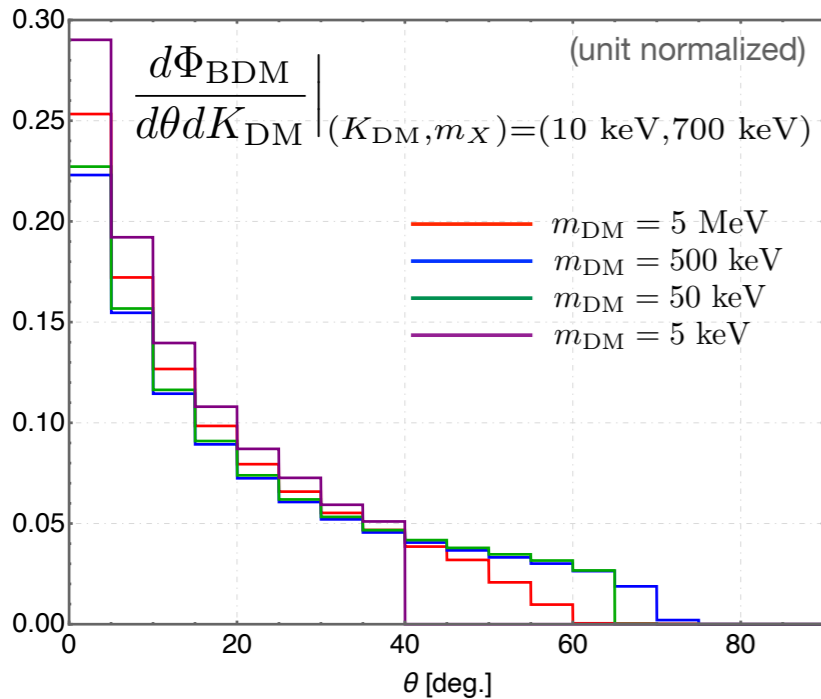


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# Expectation of Galactic neutrino BDM distribution



Galactic Disk distribution



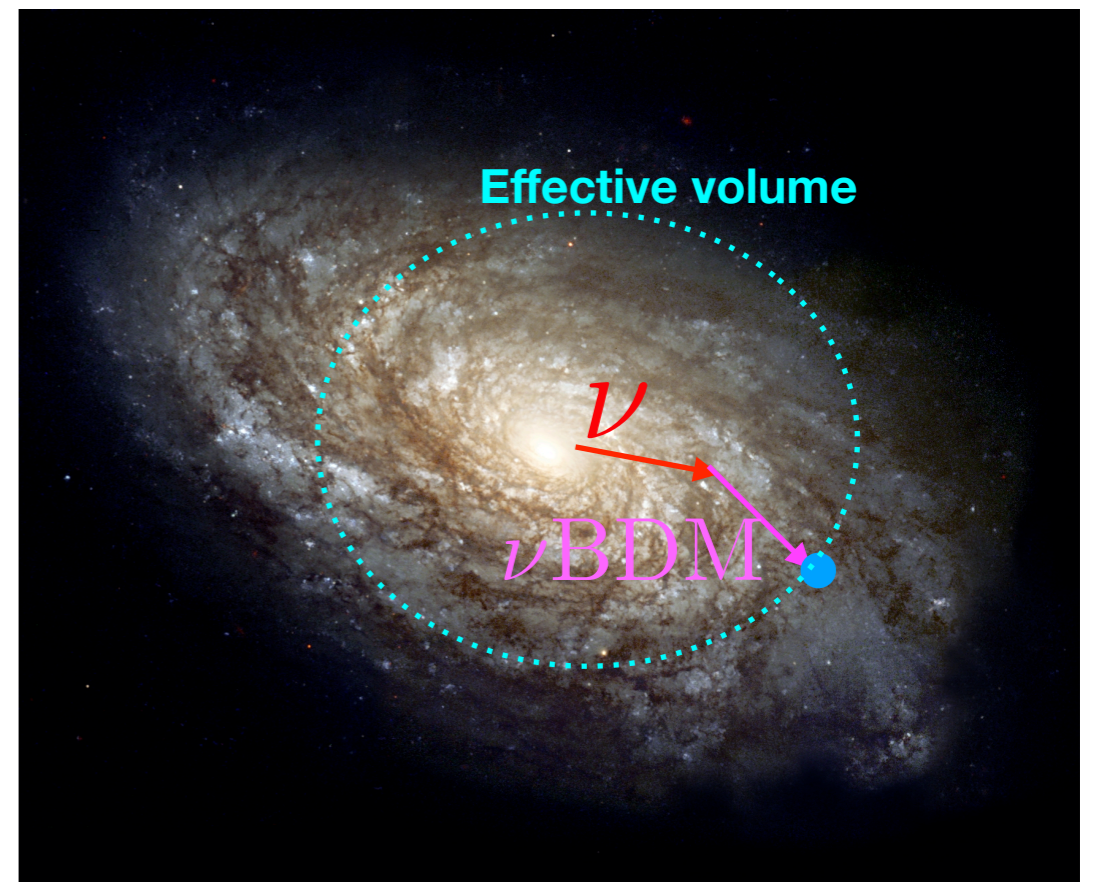
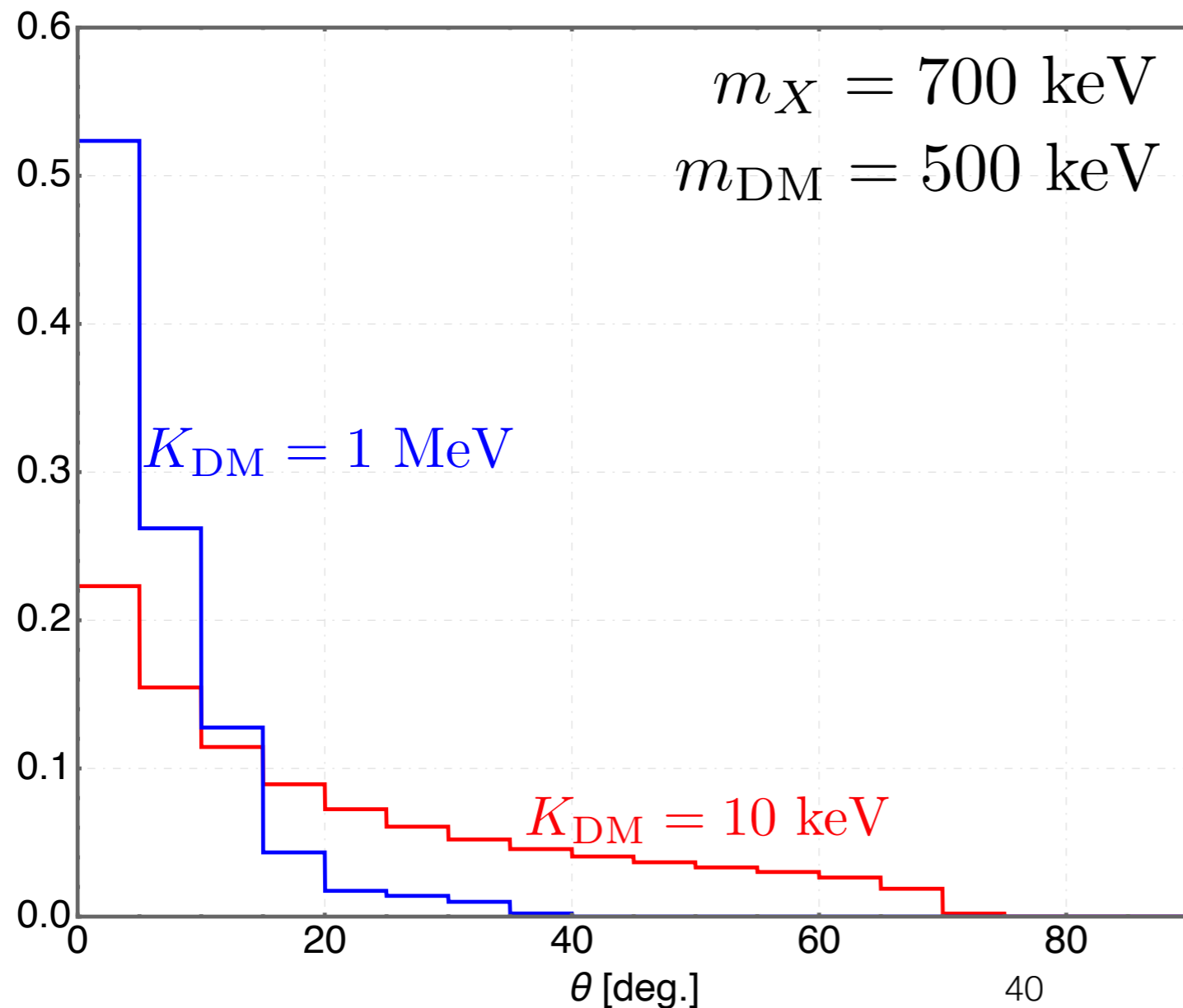
Arrival direction distribution of BDM

Non-trivial distribution of BDM arrival direction could help to probe nuBDM scenario.

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# Arrival direction distribution of Galactic Neutrino-BDM

- $K_{\text{DM}} \gg m_{\text{DM}}$  : **Forward** scattering is dominant (small effective volume)
- $K_{\text{DM}} \ll m_{\text{DM}}$  : **Large-angle** scatterings are allowed (large effective volume)





# Extragalactic contribution to Neutrino-BDM

- Main contribution to EG-nuBDM

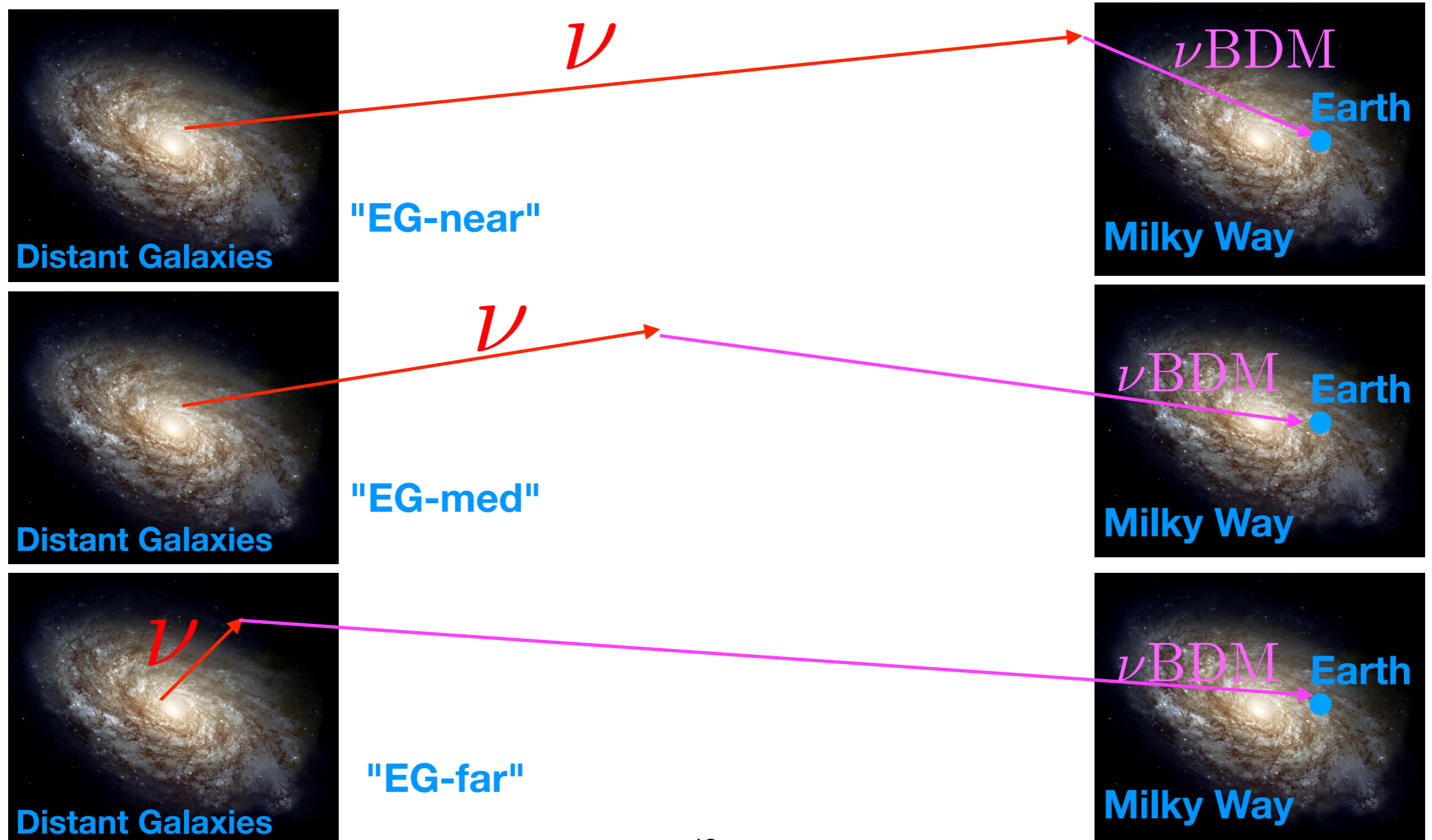
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Dominant contributions coming from the regions  
in which both **neutrino** and **DM** are populated.

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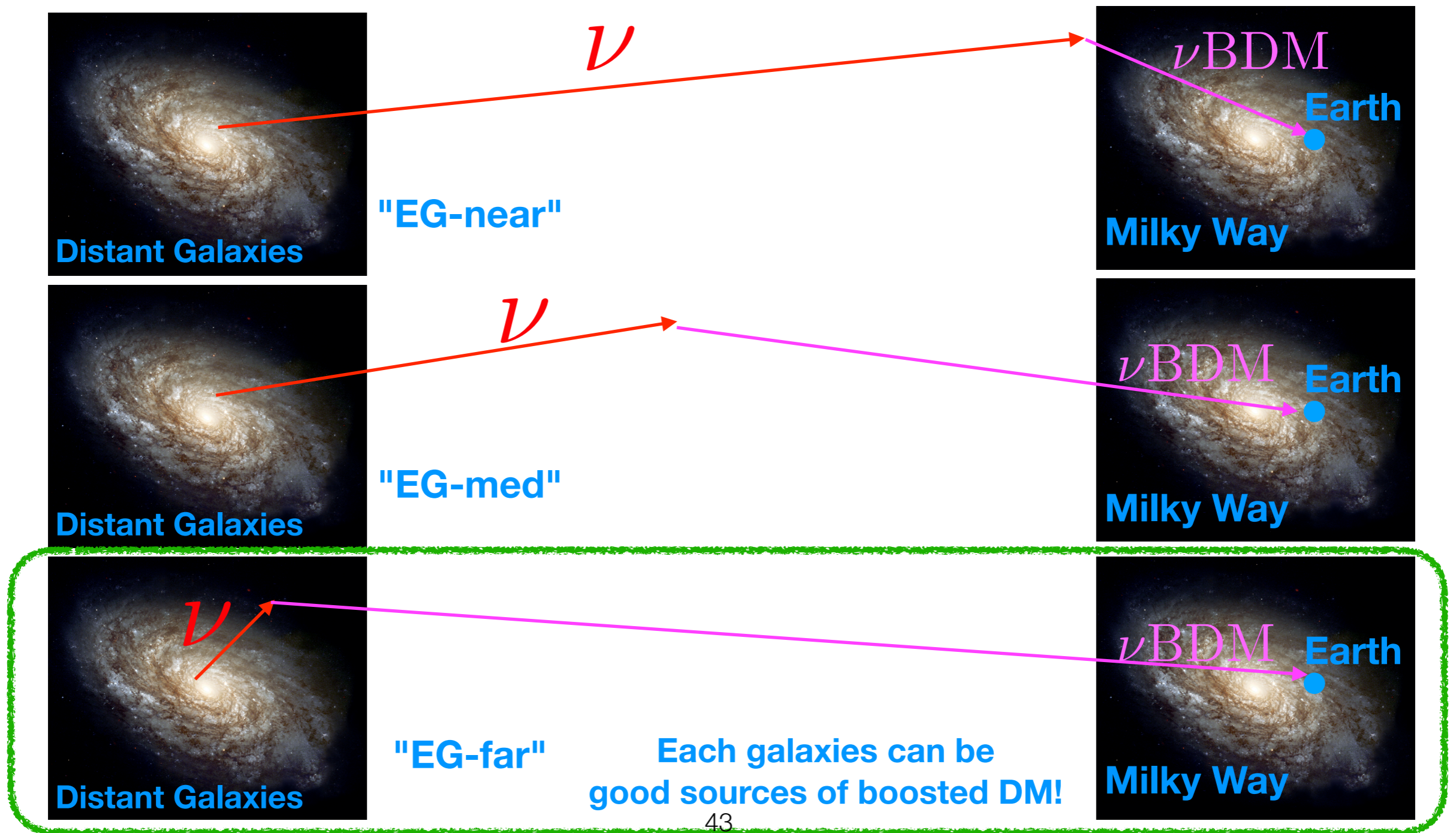
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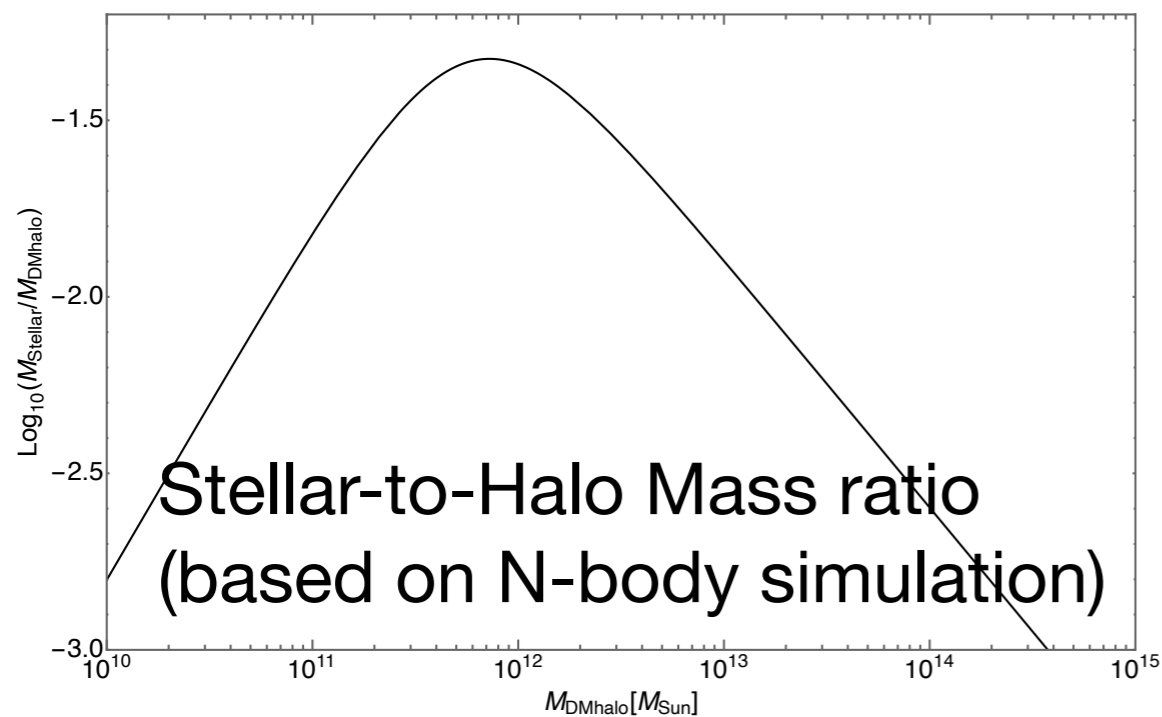
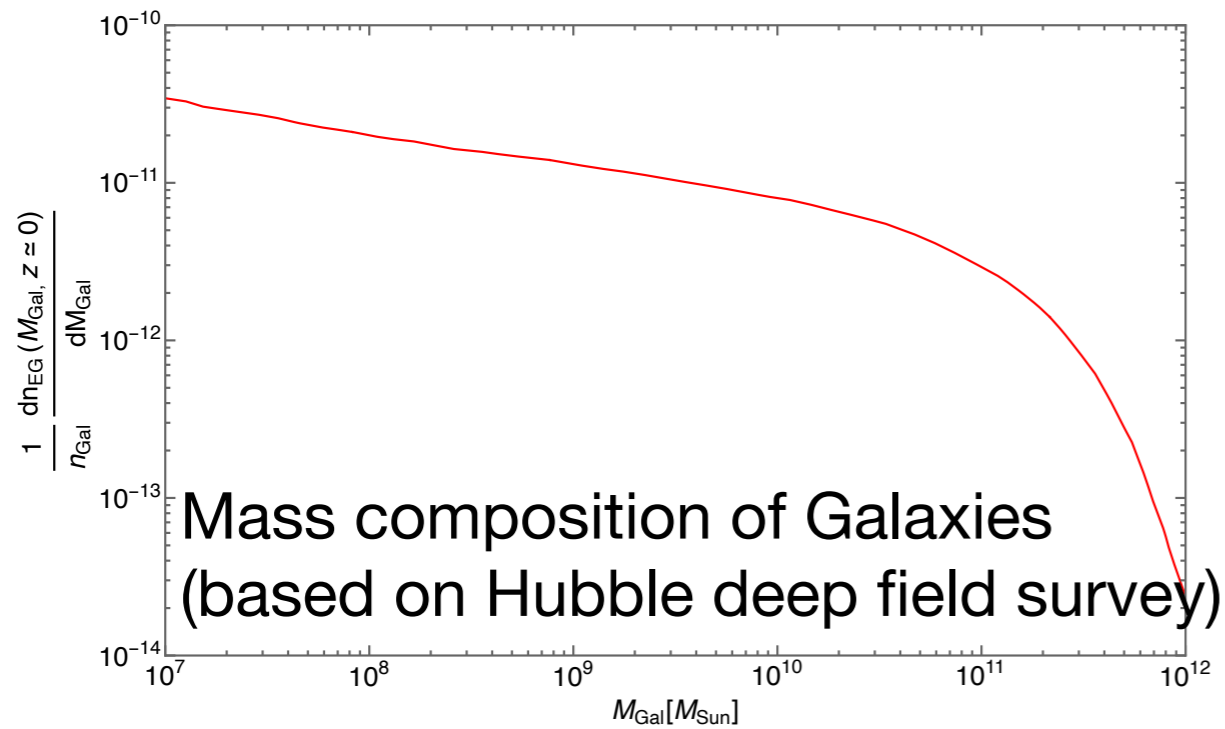
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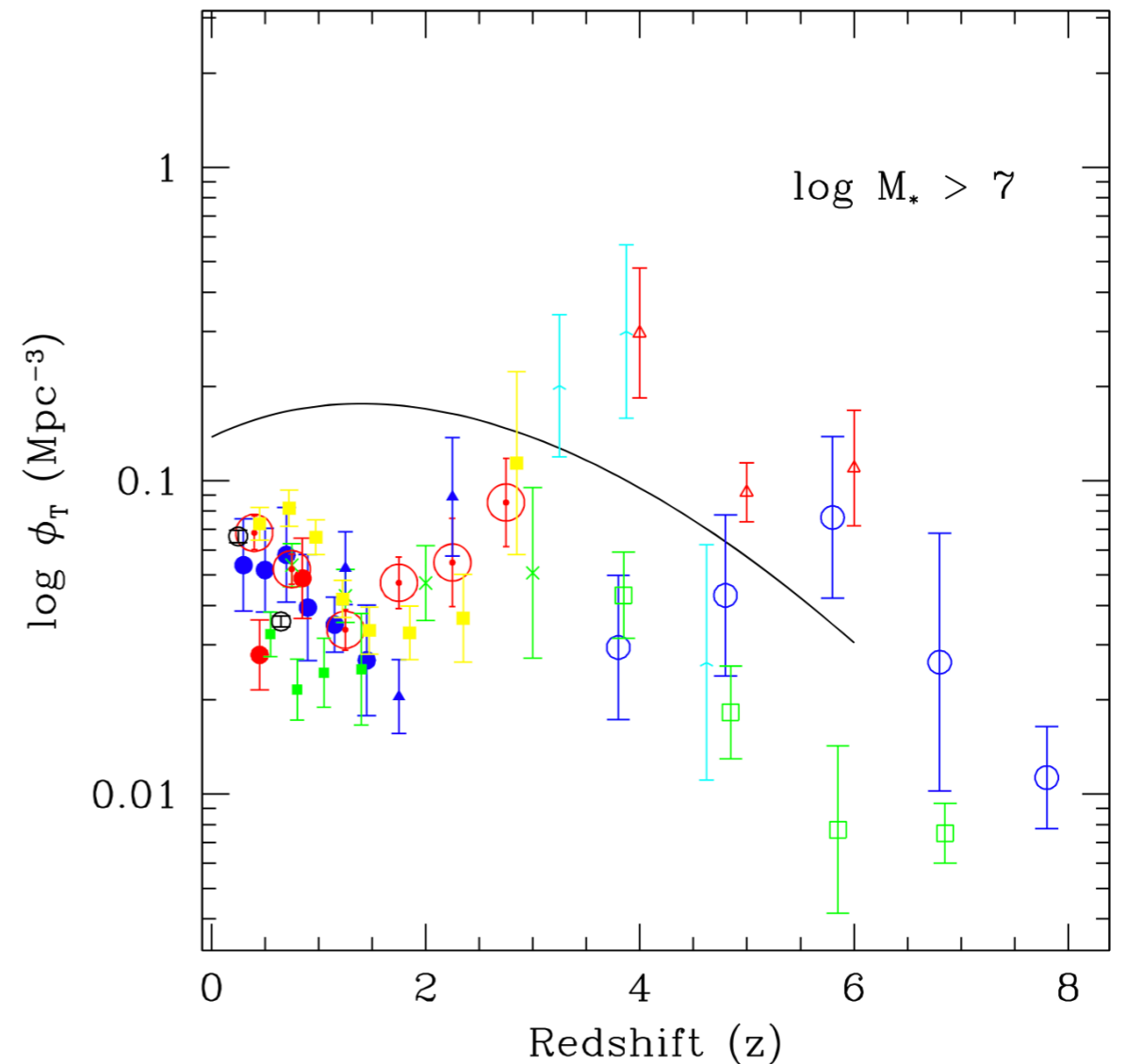


# How to estimate Massive galaxy contributions?

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The estimation of Halo/Stellar Mass ratio, Size of Halo/Disk are mostly based on observation data.



Mass composition of Galaxies  
(based on Hubble deep field survey)

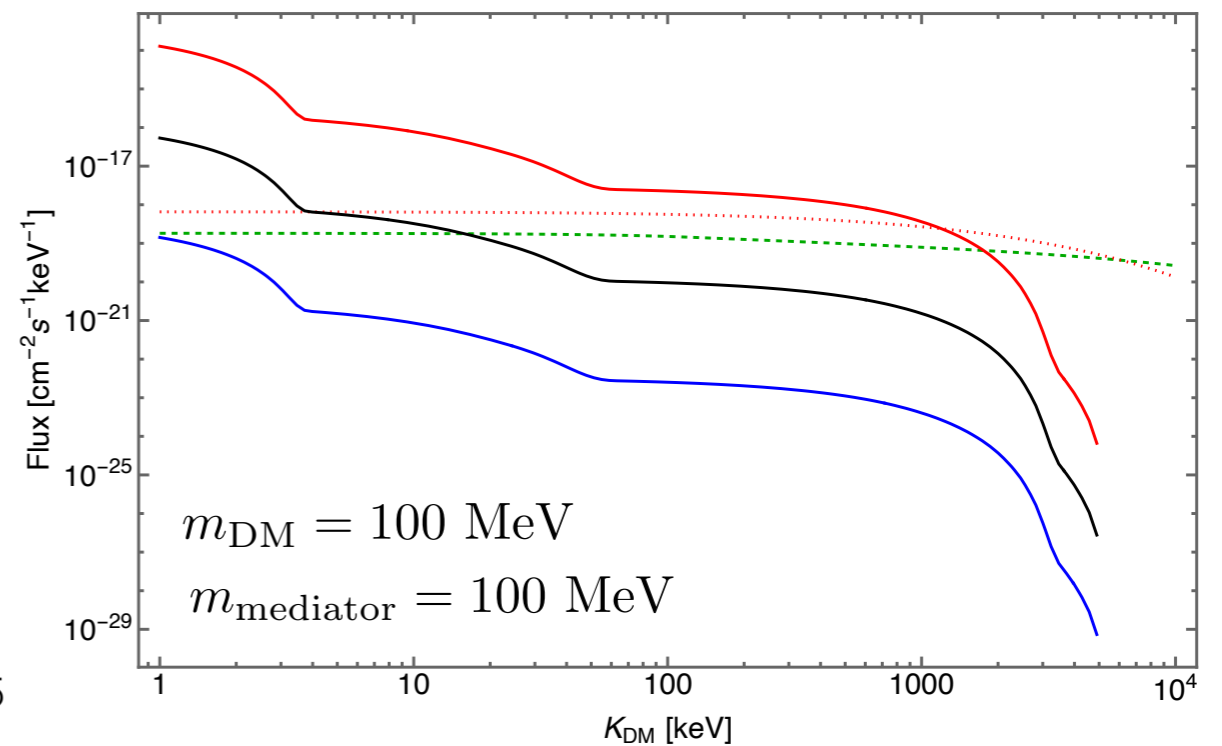
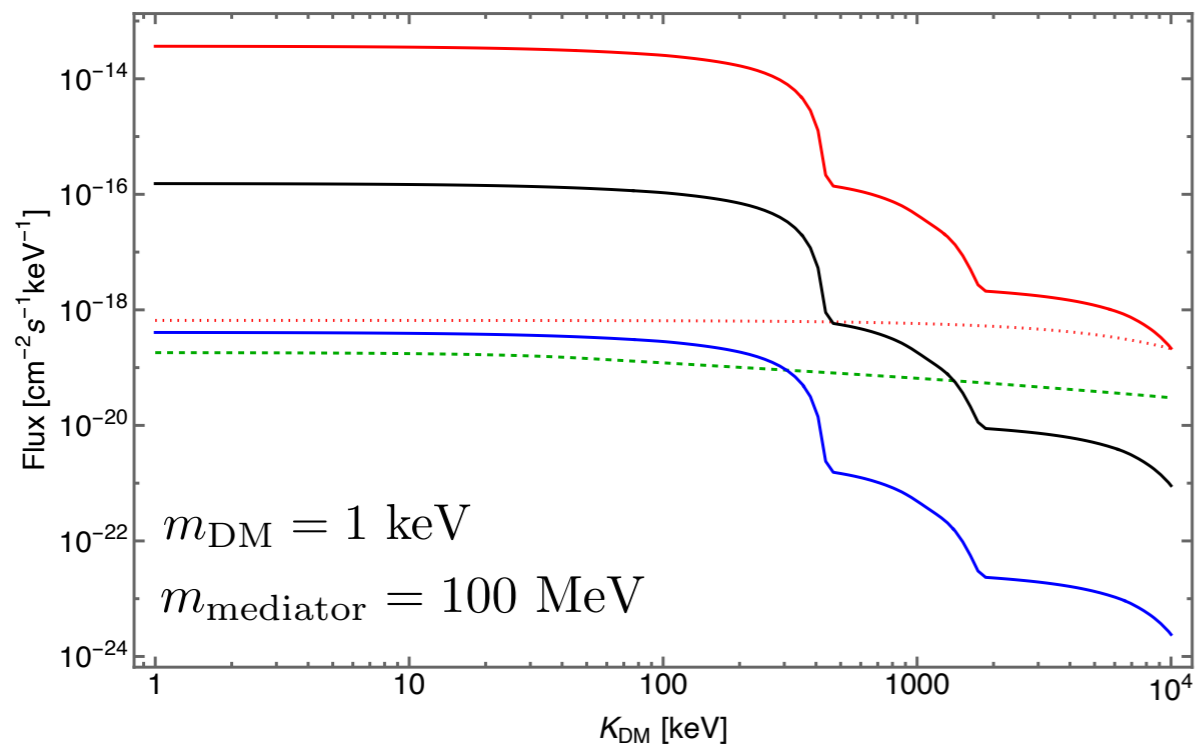
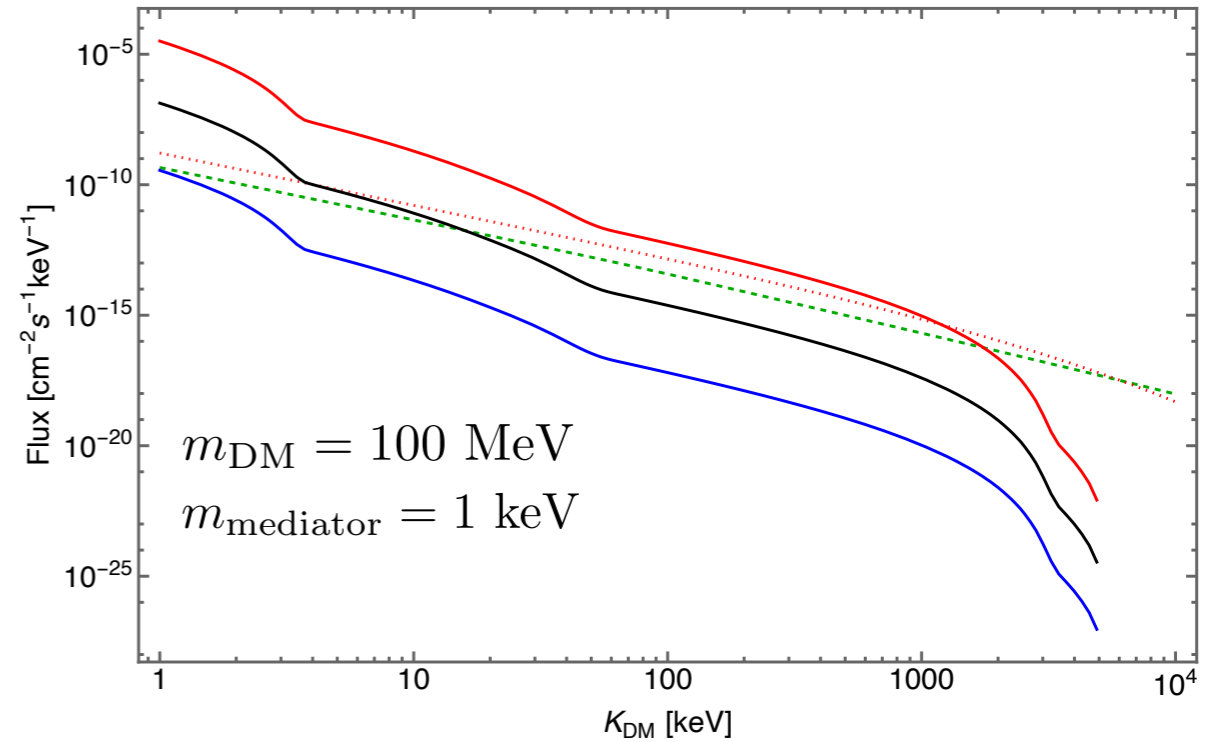
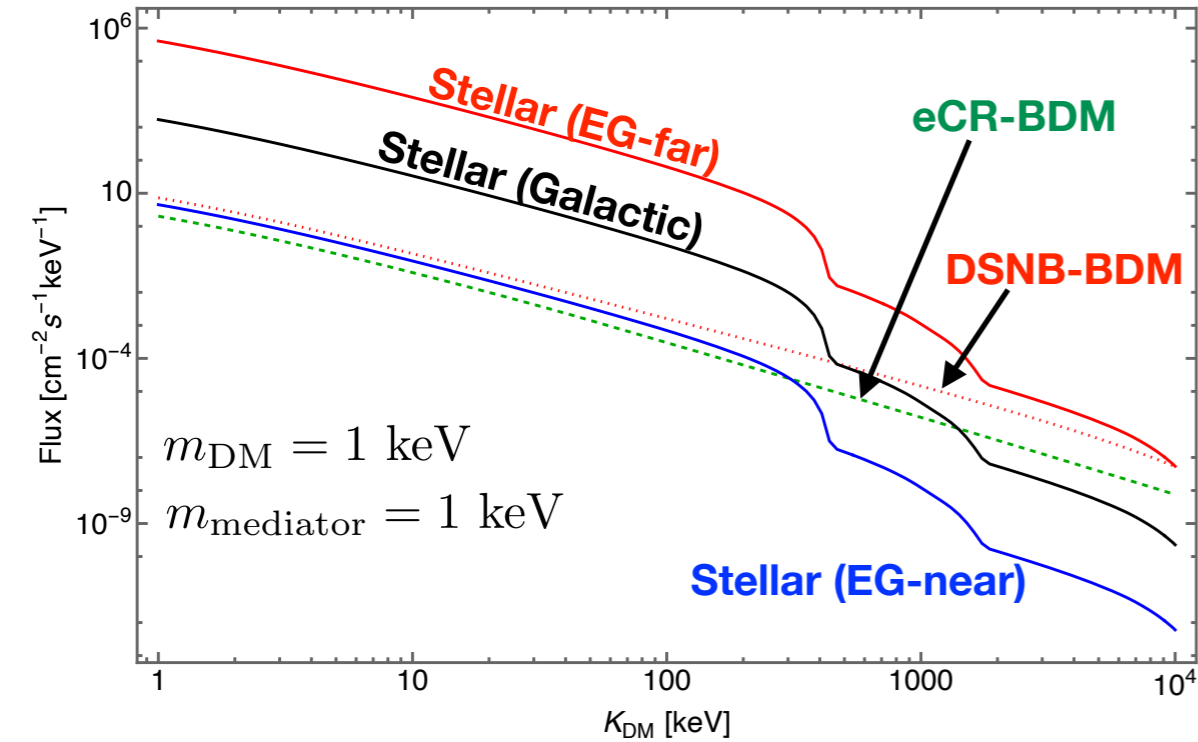
# Extragalactic contribution of neutrino-BDM flux

$$0 \leq z \leq 1$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff.}} \supset -g_e \bar{e} \gamma^\mu e X_\mu - g_\nu \bar{\nu} \gamma^\mu P_L \nu X_\mu - g_{\text{DM}} \bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \chi X_\mu$$

$$g_e g_{\text{DM}} = g_\nu g_{\text{DM}} = 10^{-6}$$

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# Then, How about neutrinos?

**Q1: Can Cosmic "Neutrinos" boost light Dark Matter in the halo?**

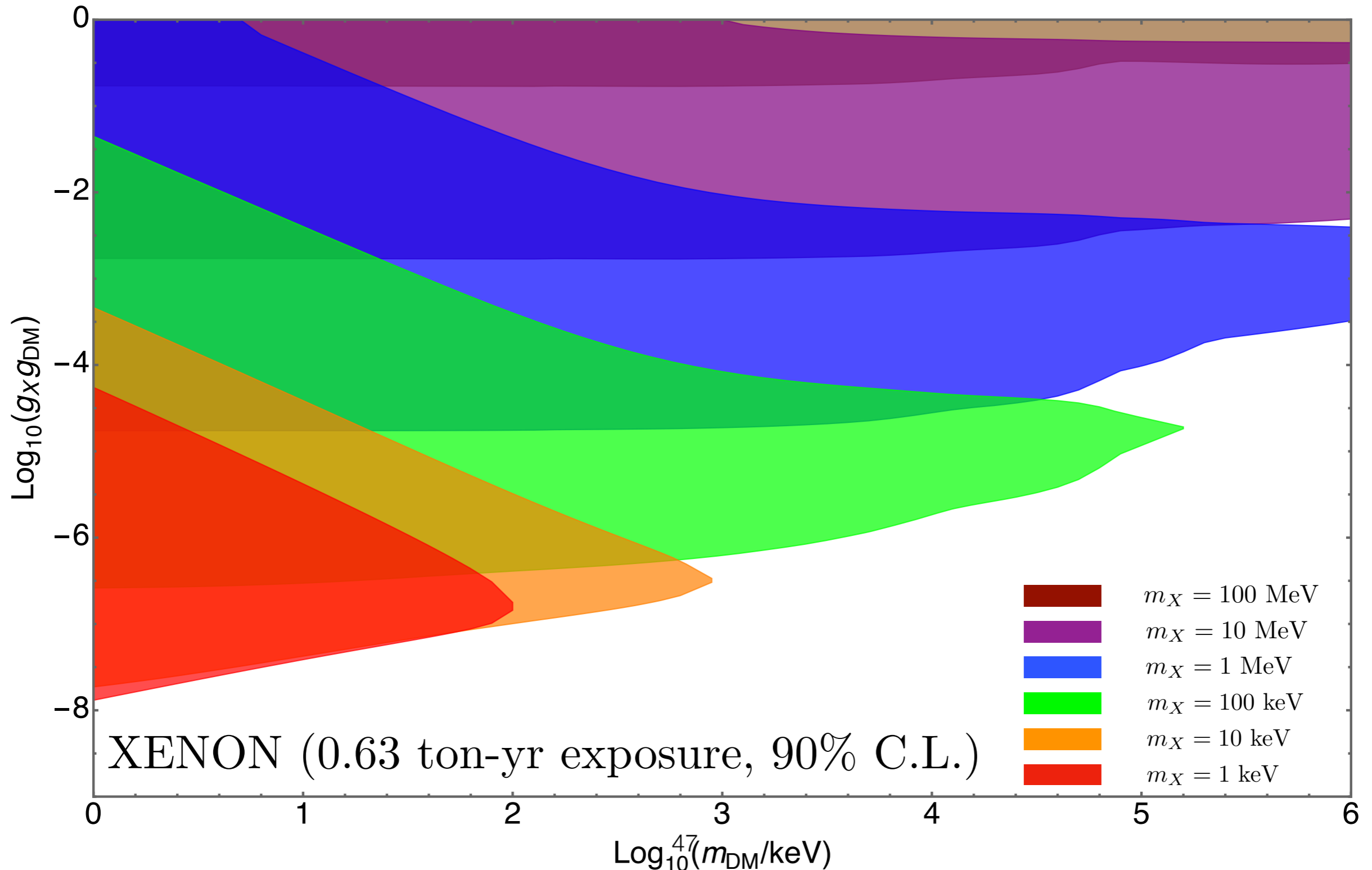
**Q2: Cosmic-Neutrino-Boosted Dark Matter can be probed at various ground experiments/observatories?**

# Constraints from XENON1T

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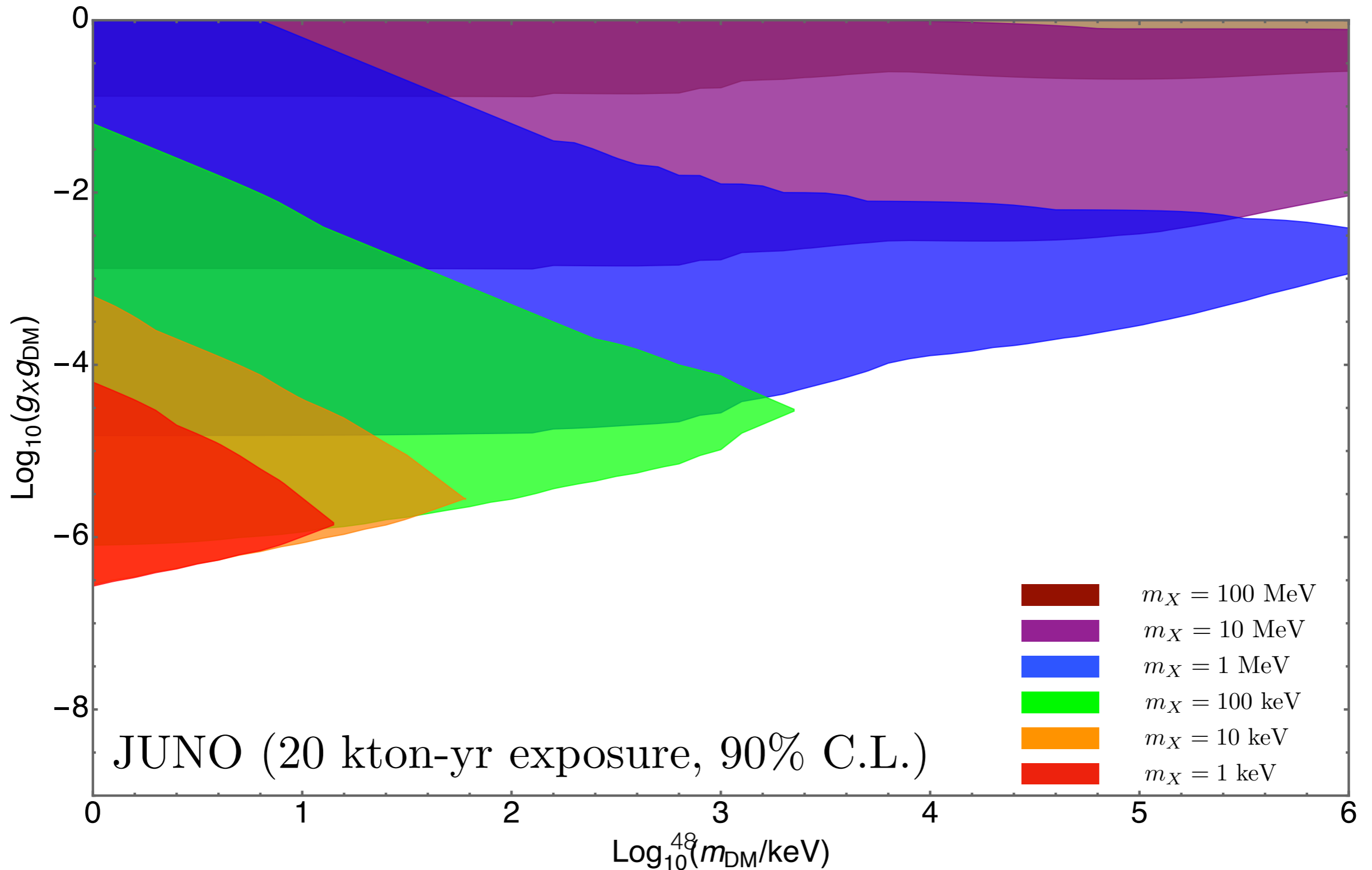


# Expected limit from JUNO

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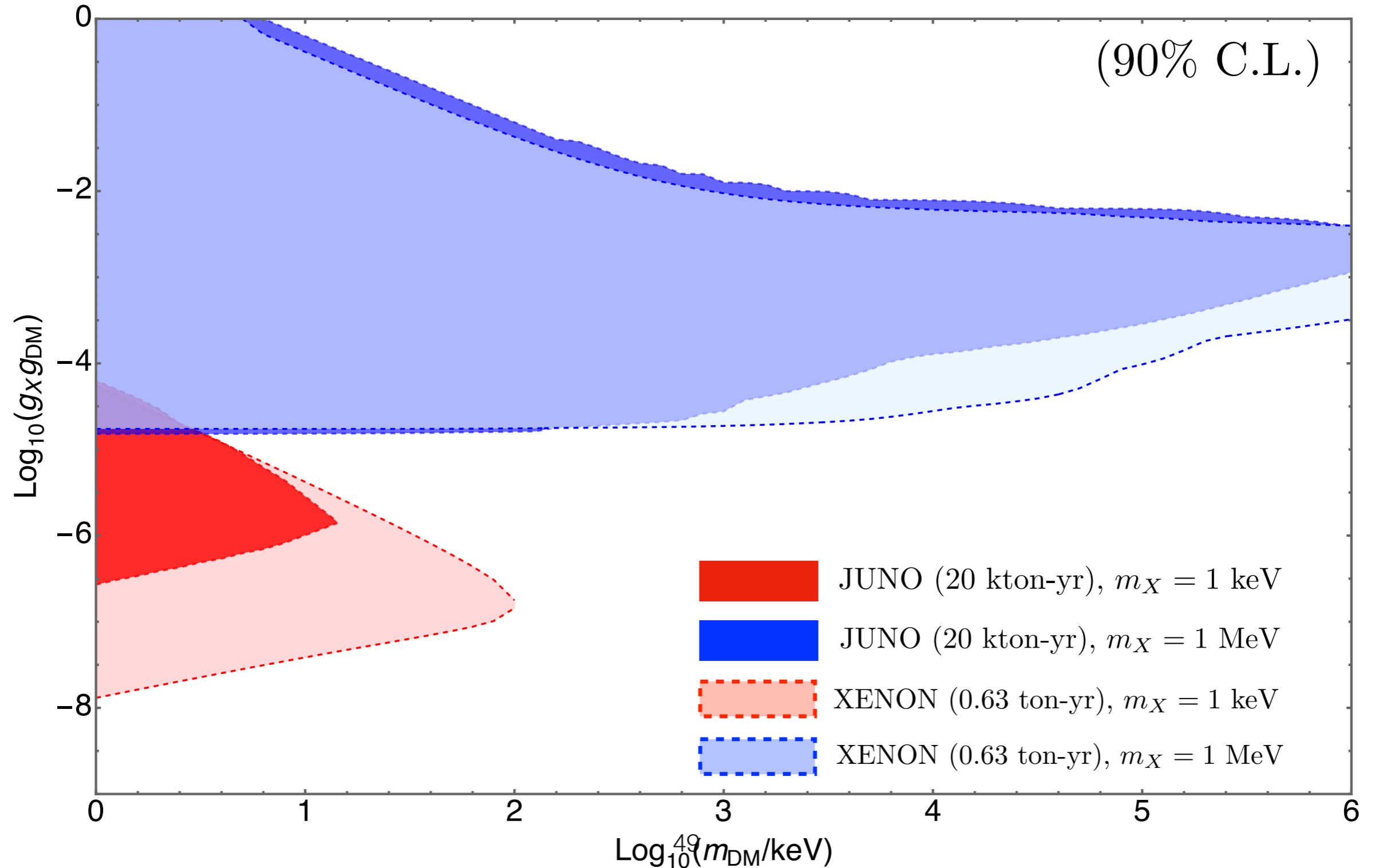


# Direct detection (XENON1T) vs. Neutrino telescope (JUNO)

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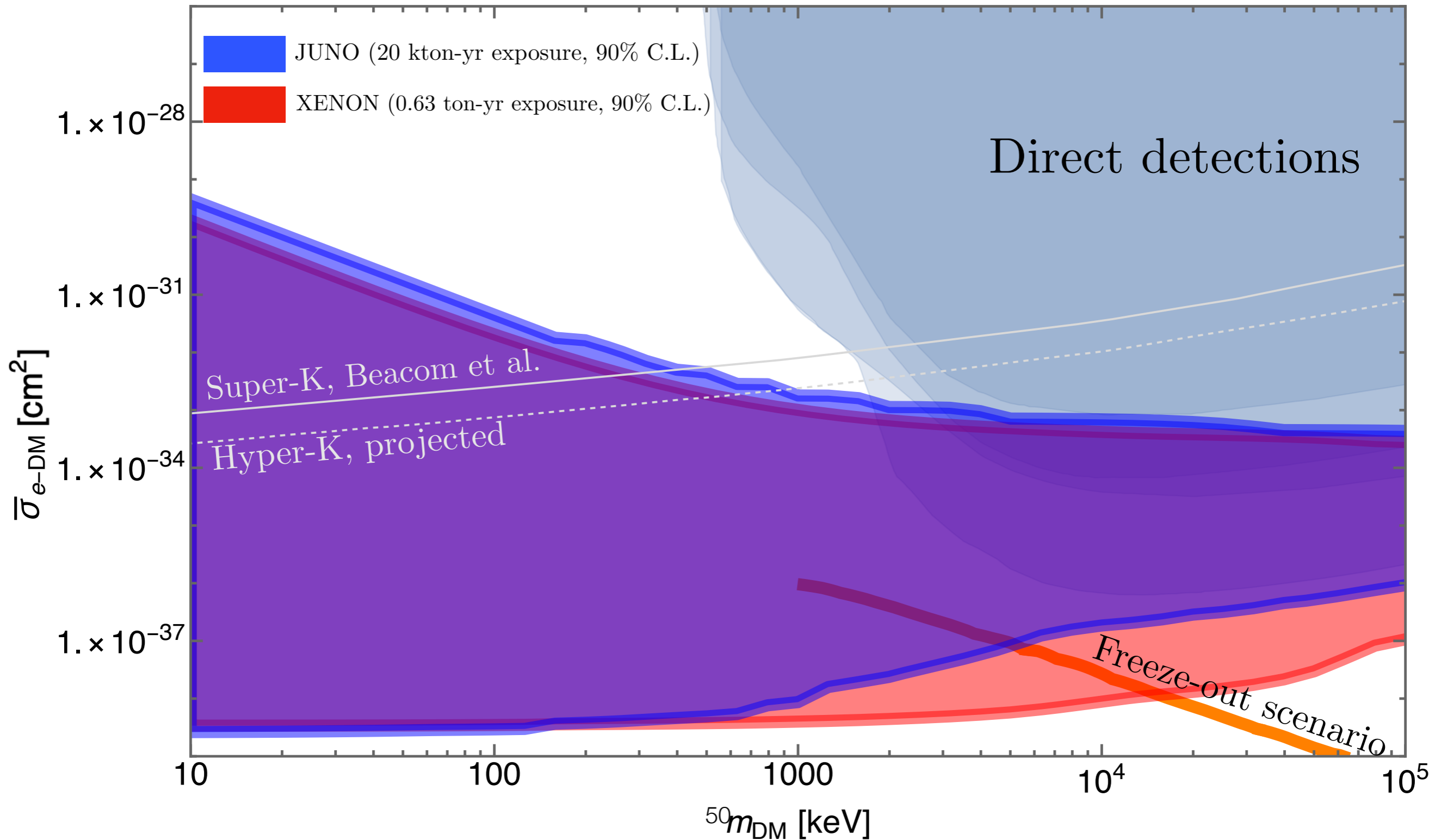


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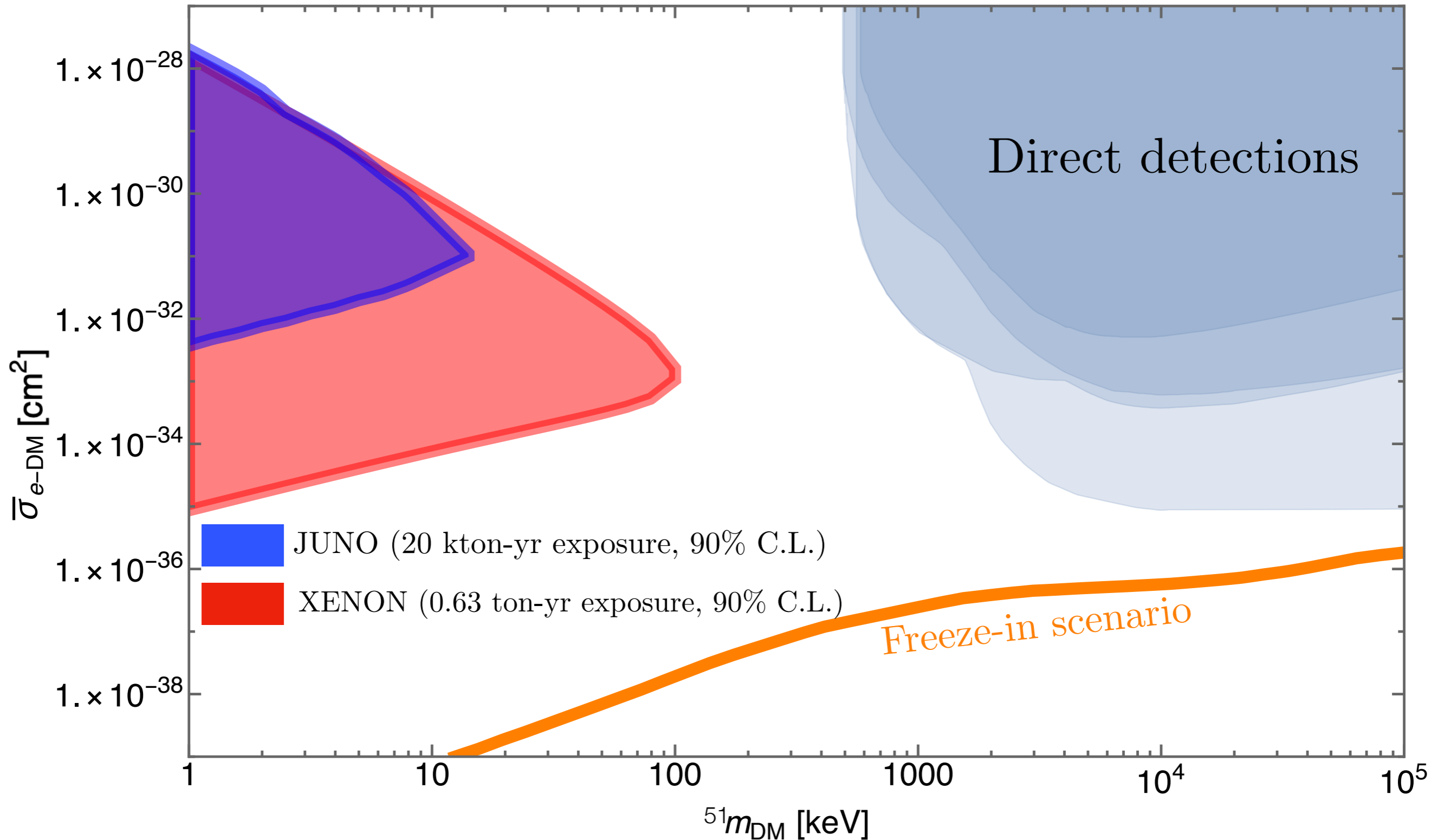


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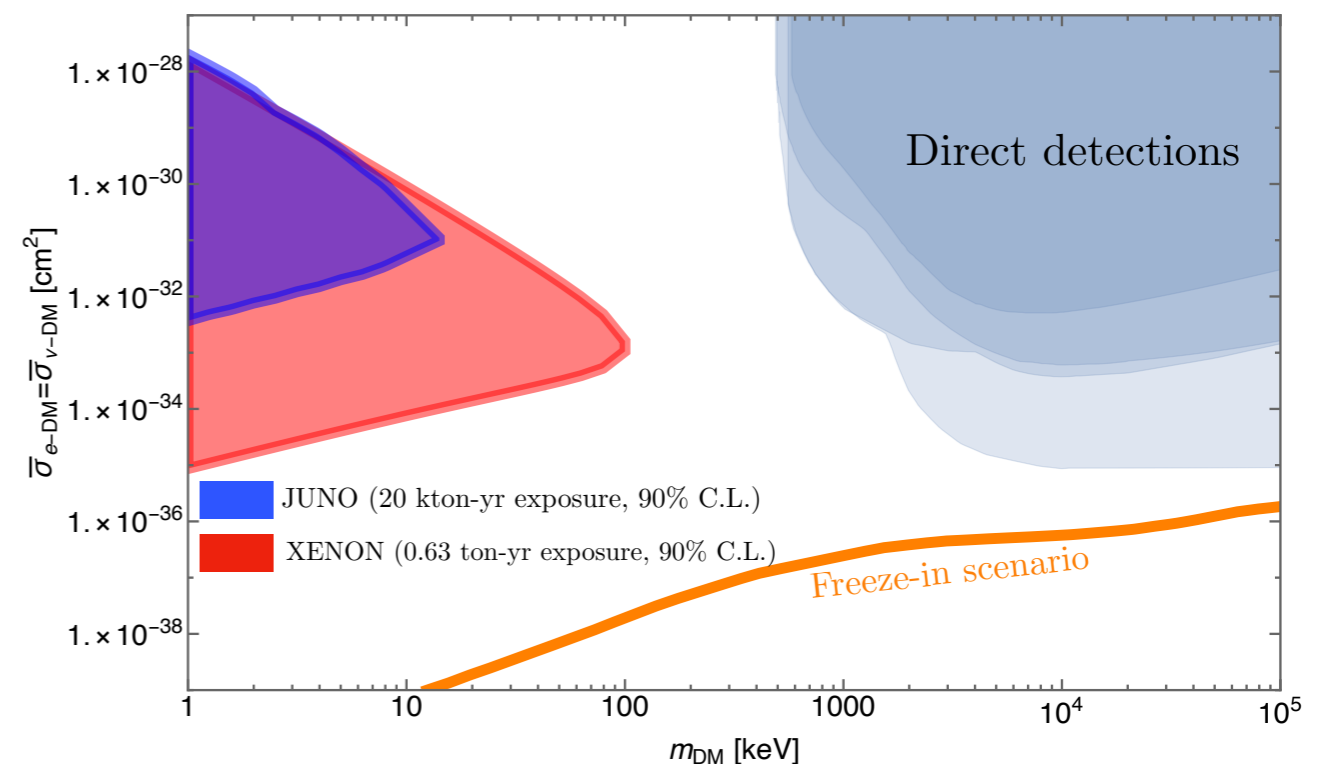
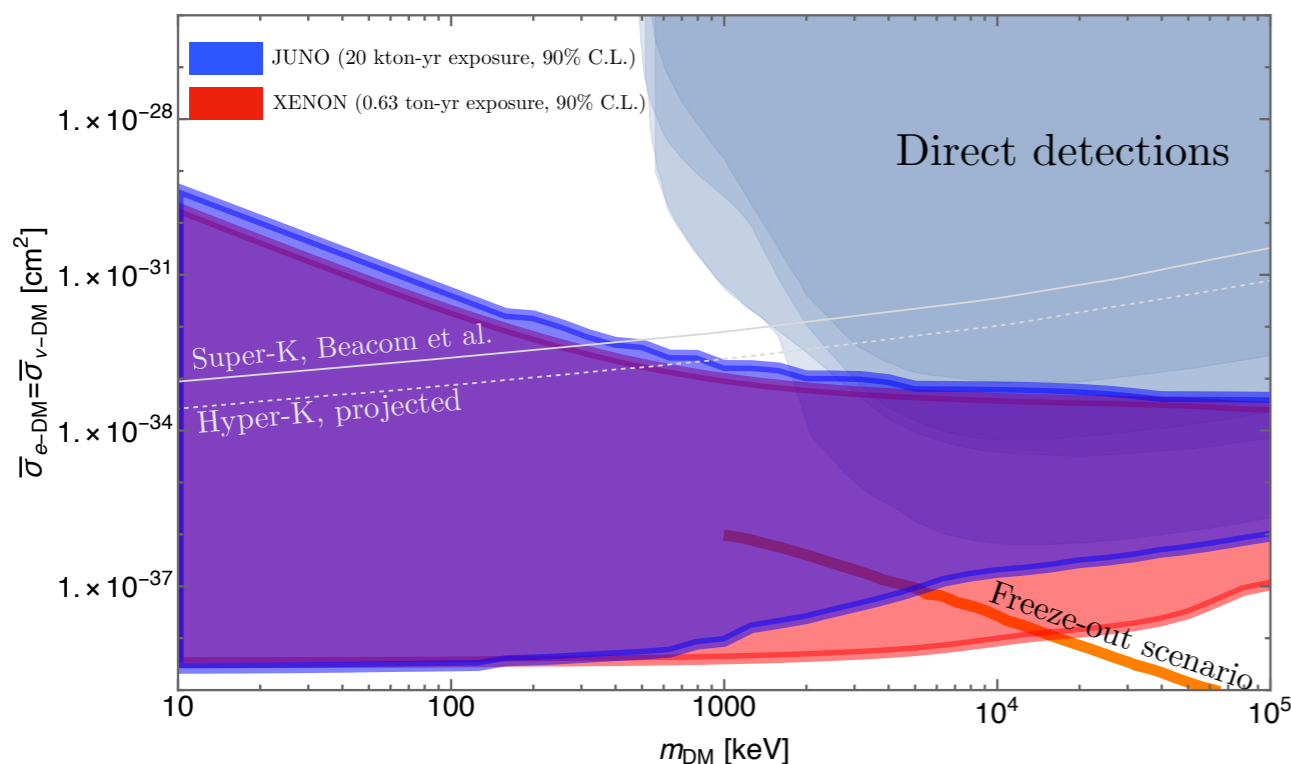
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# Conclusion

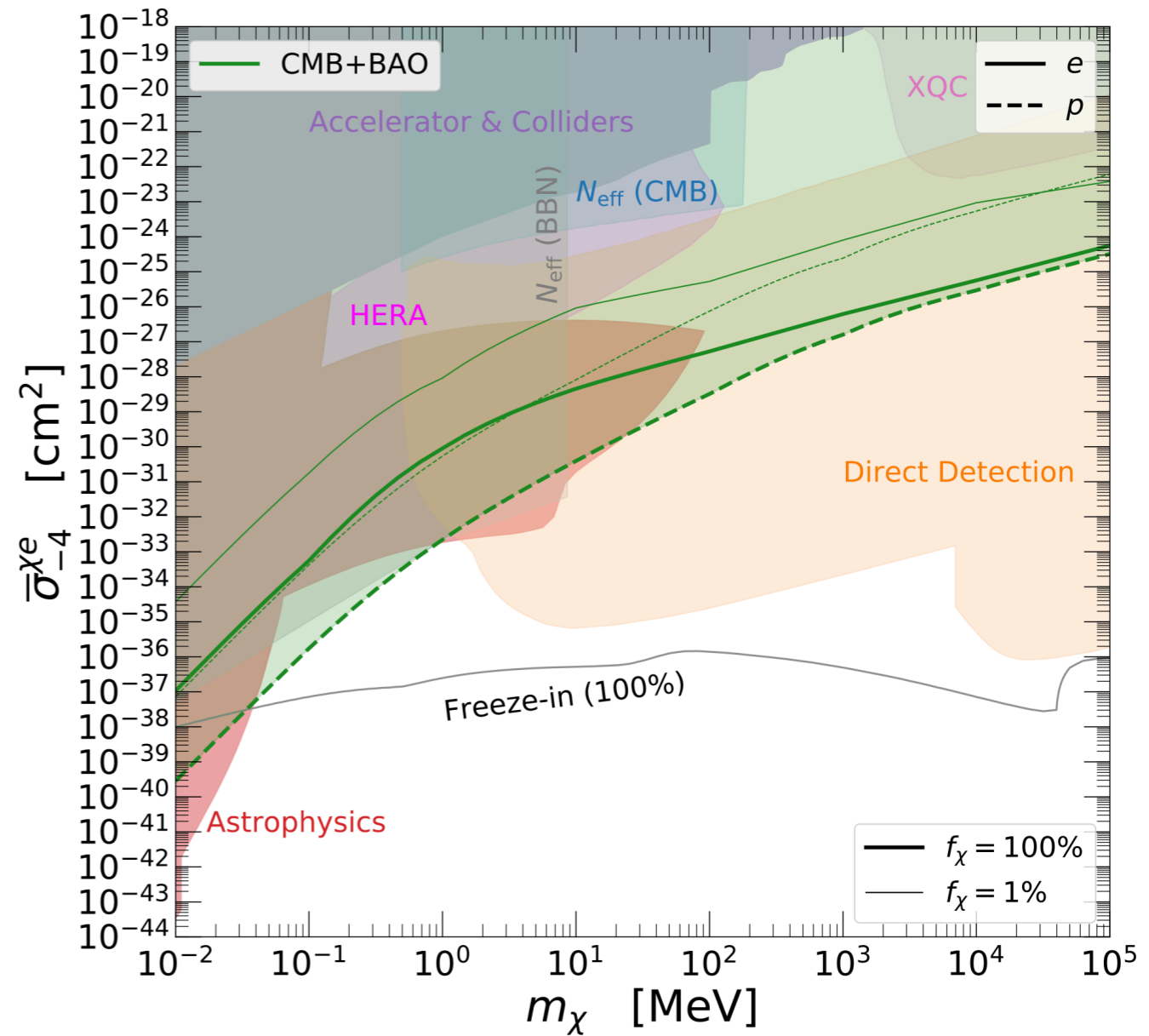
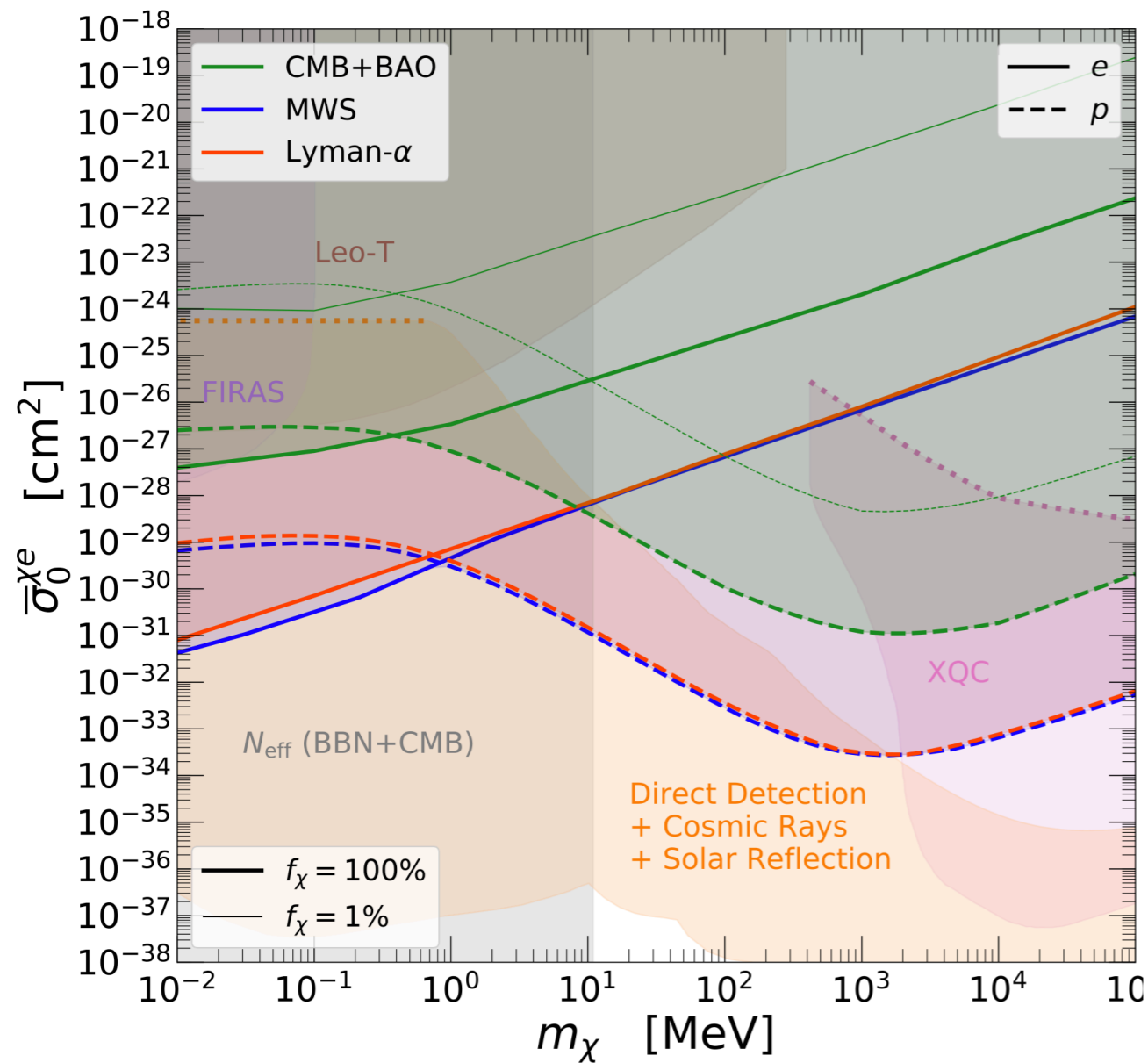
- A noble mechanism to boost light DM by neutrinos emitted from stars in our/distant galaxies is proposed.
- Future neutrino exp (JUNO) and Direct detection (XENON/LUX) & distribution of arrival direction will help to probe neutrino-BDM scenario in near future.
- Extragalactic contribution to neutrino-BDM also has interesting features and depends on DM/mediator masses.



**Thank you for your attention**

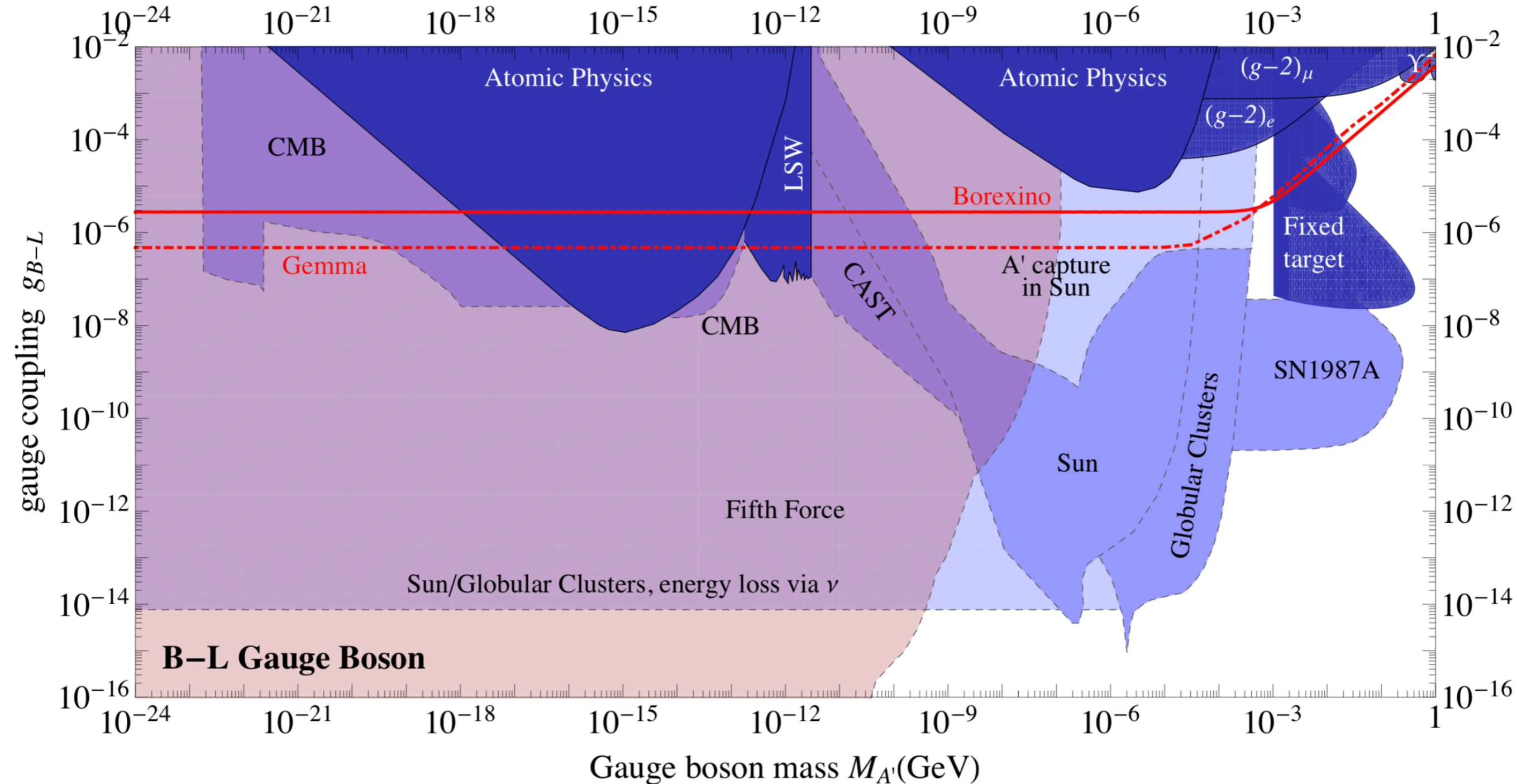
# Other constraints

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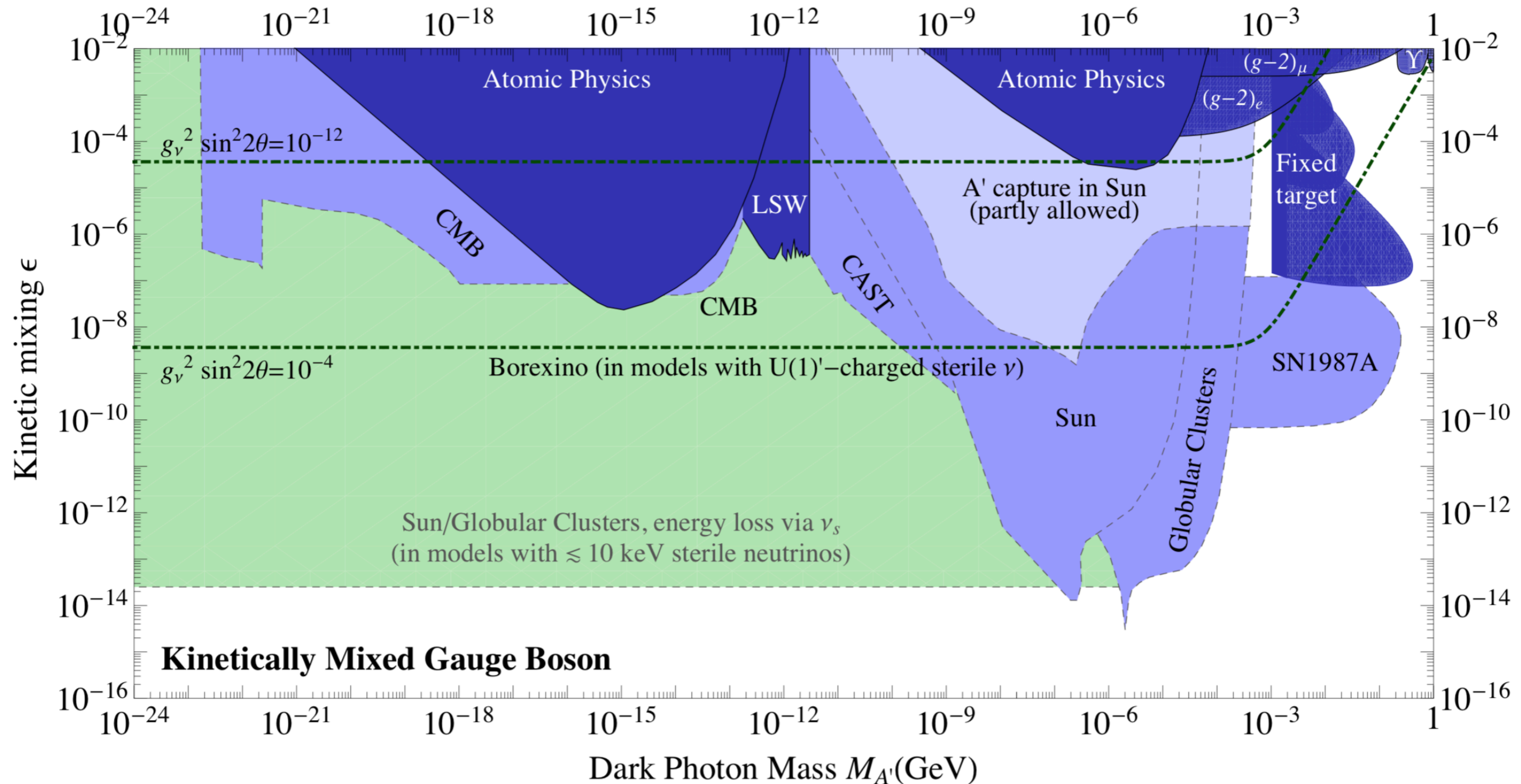
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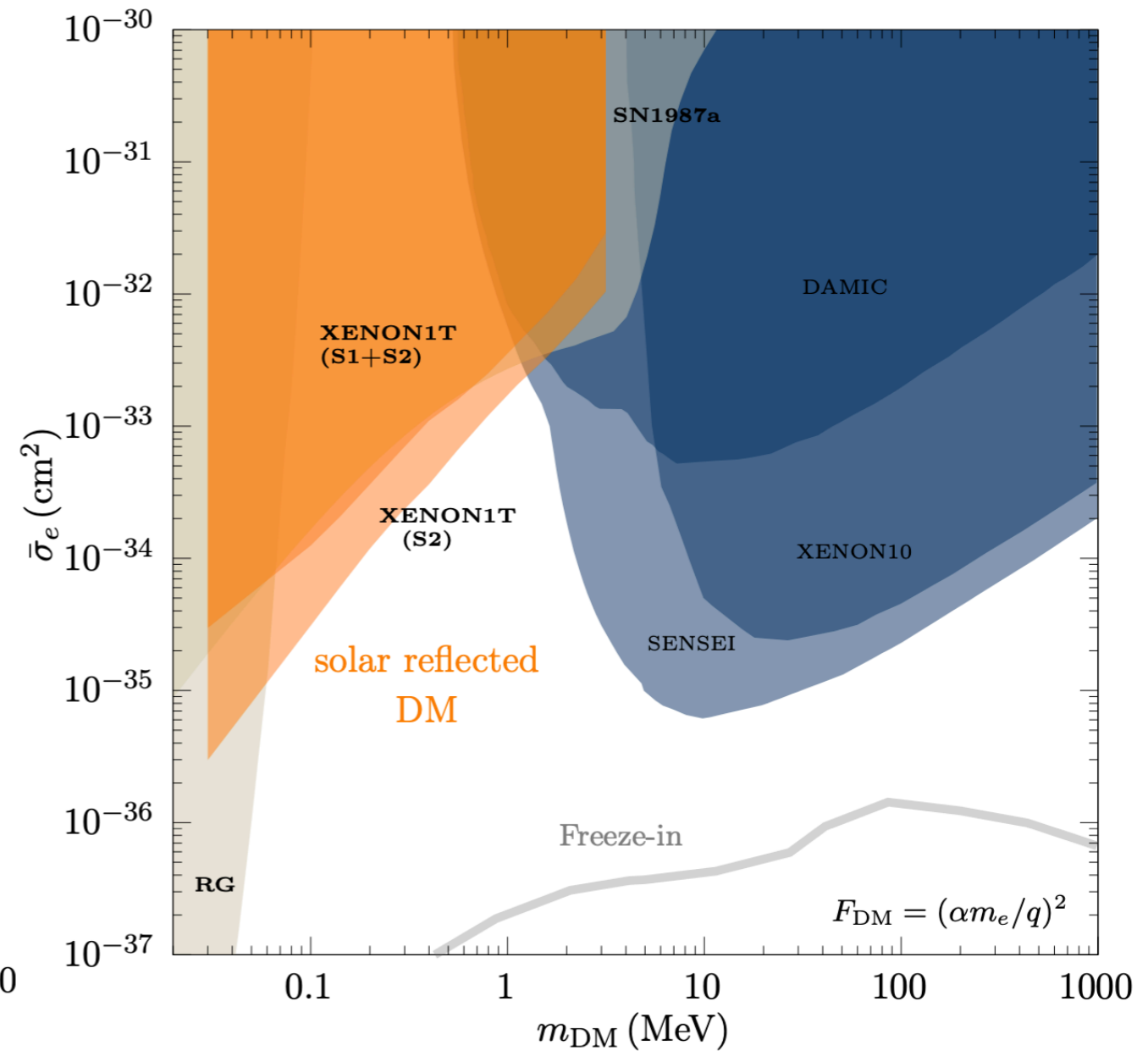
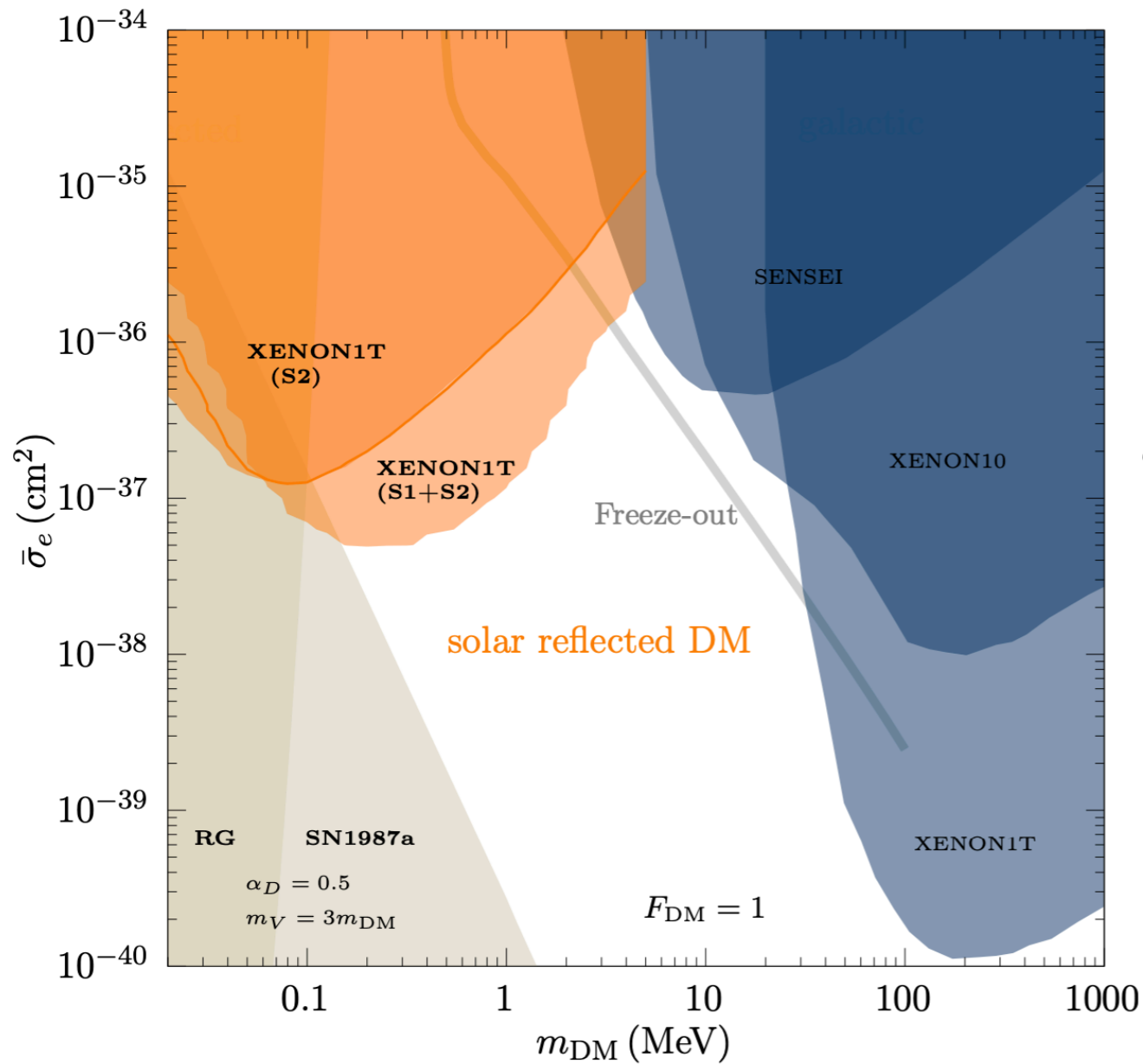
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# Solar Reflection of DM

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# Galaxy number distribution up to $z < 8$

