

X-rays constraints on sub-GeV Dark Matter

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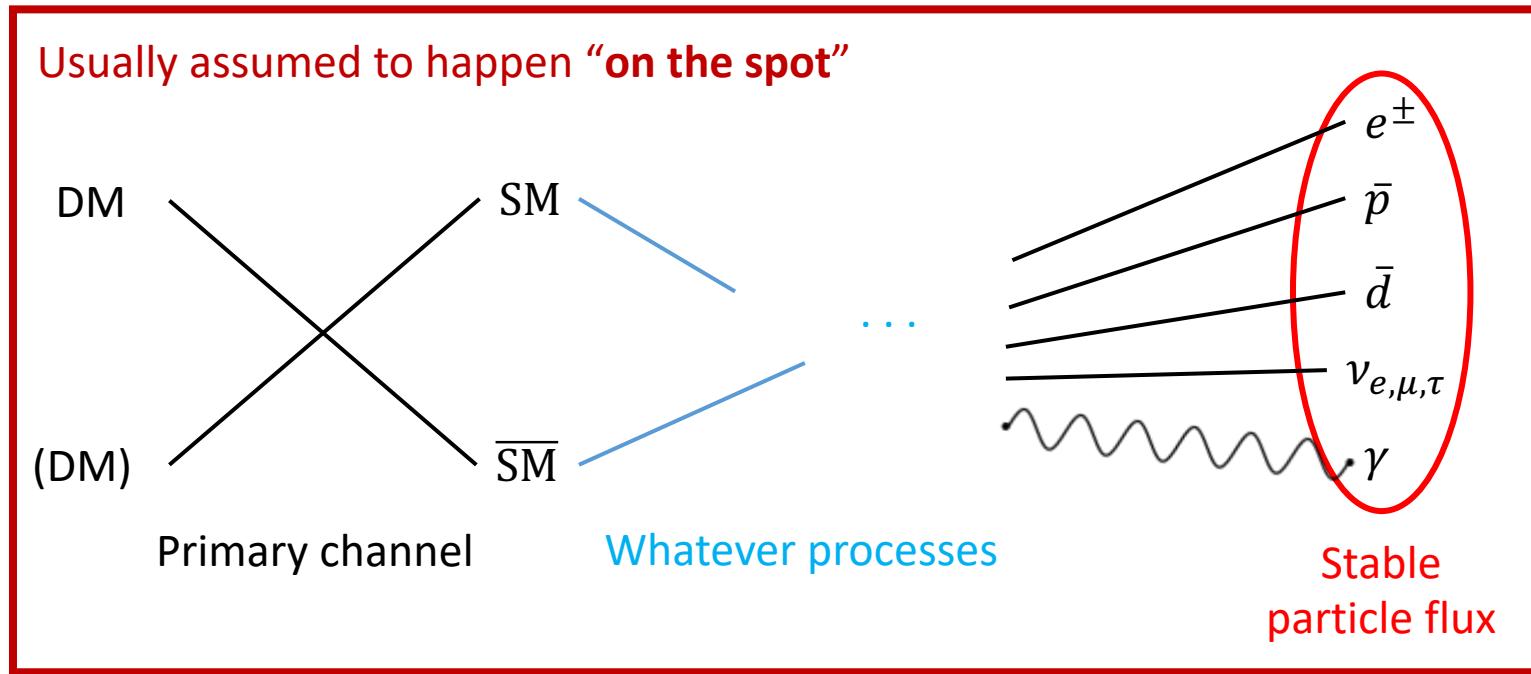
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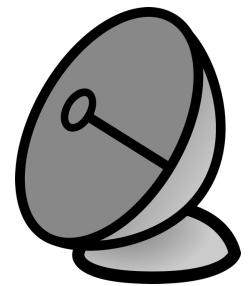
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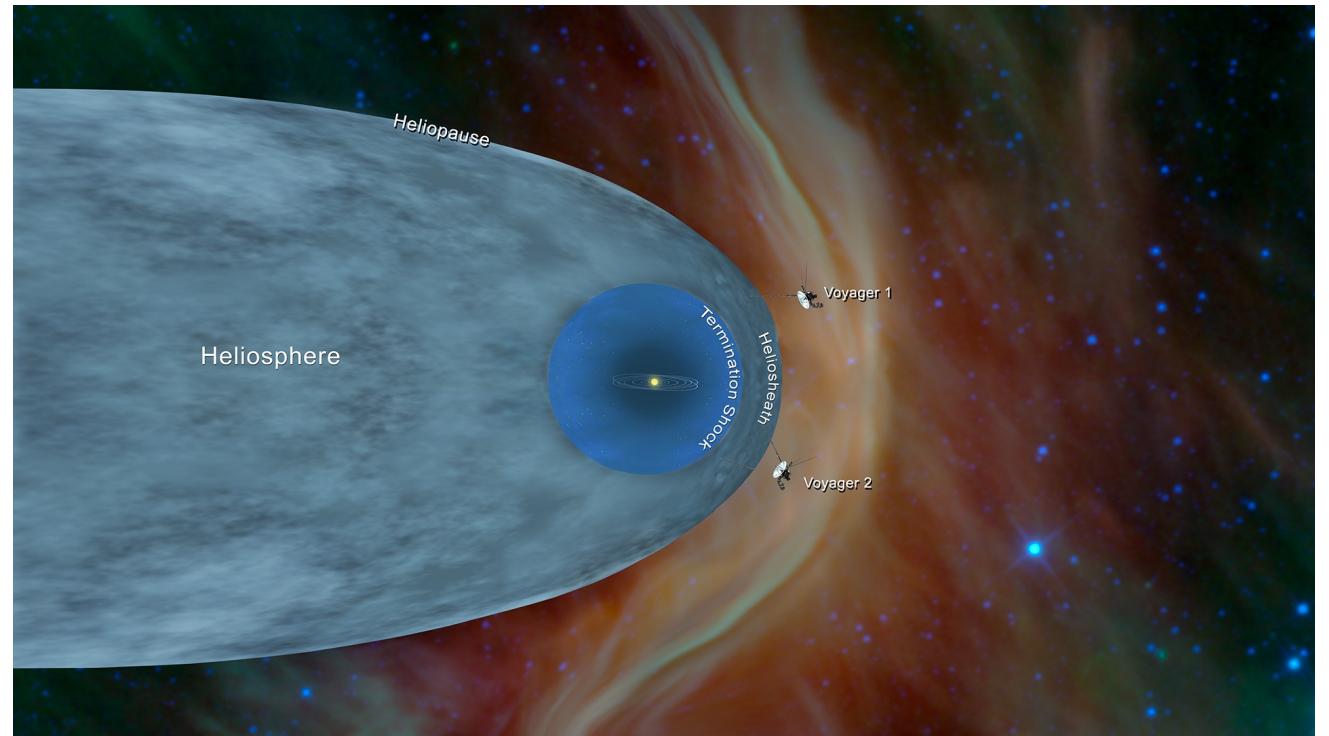


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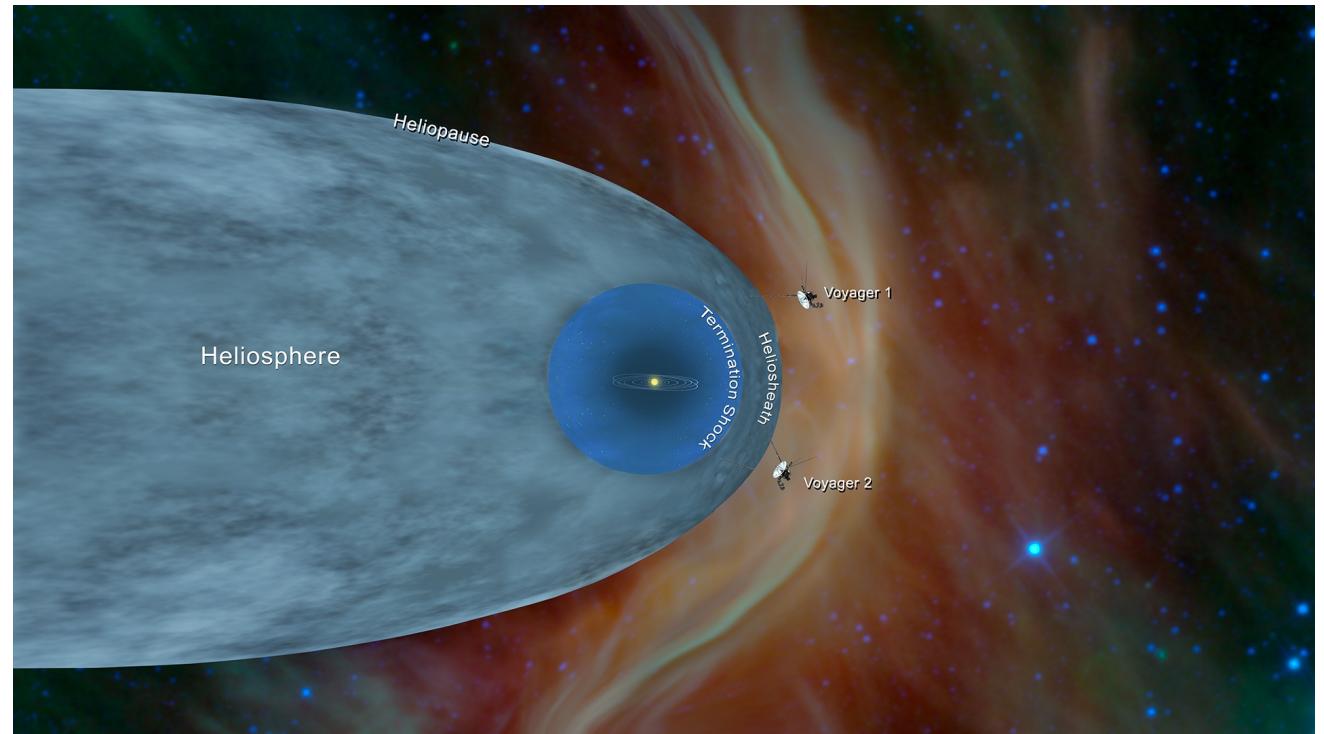
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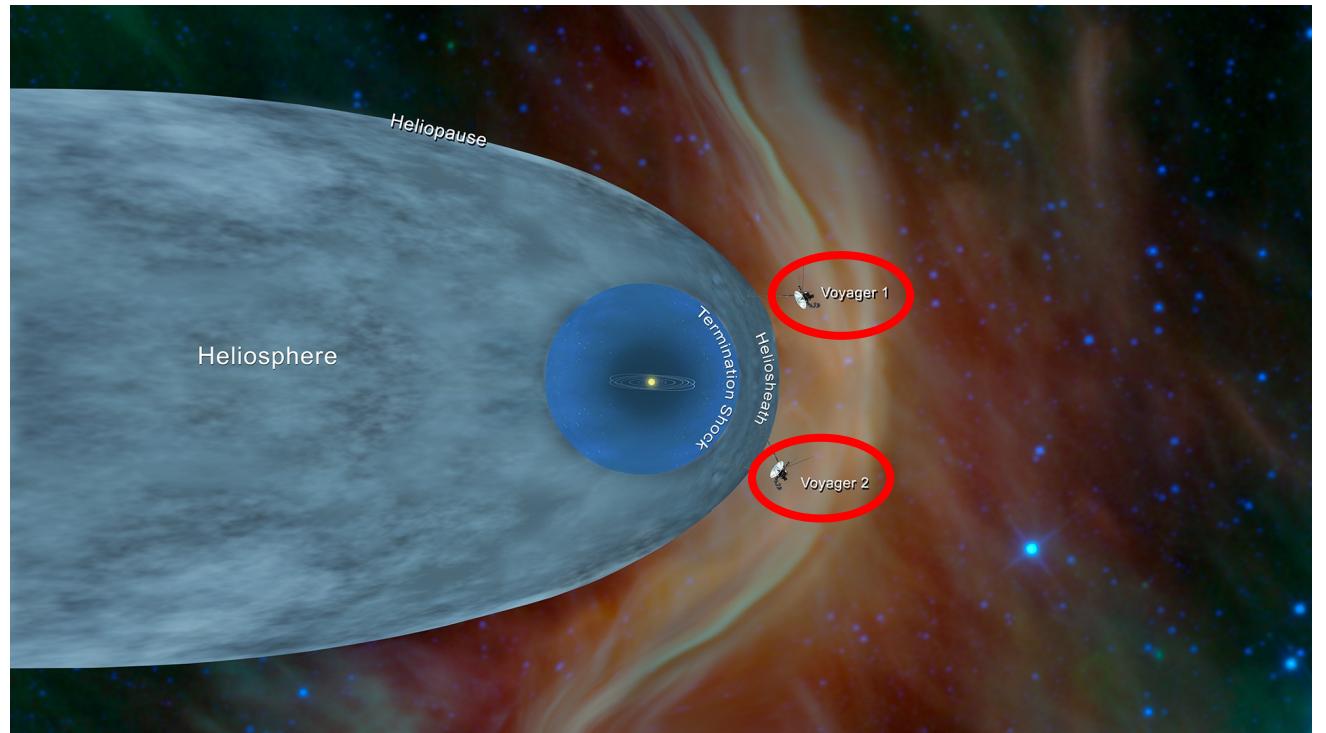
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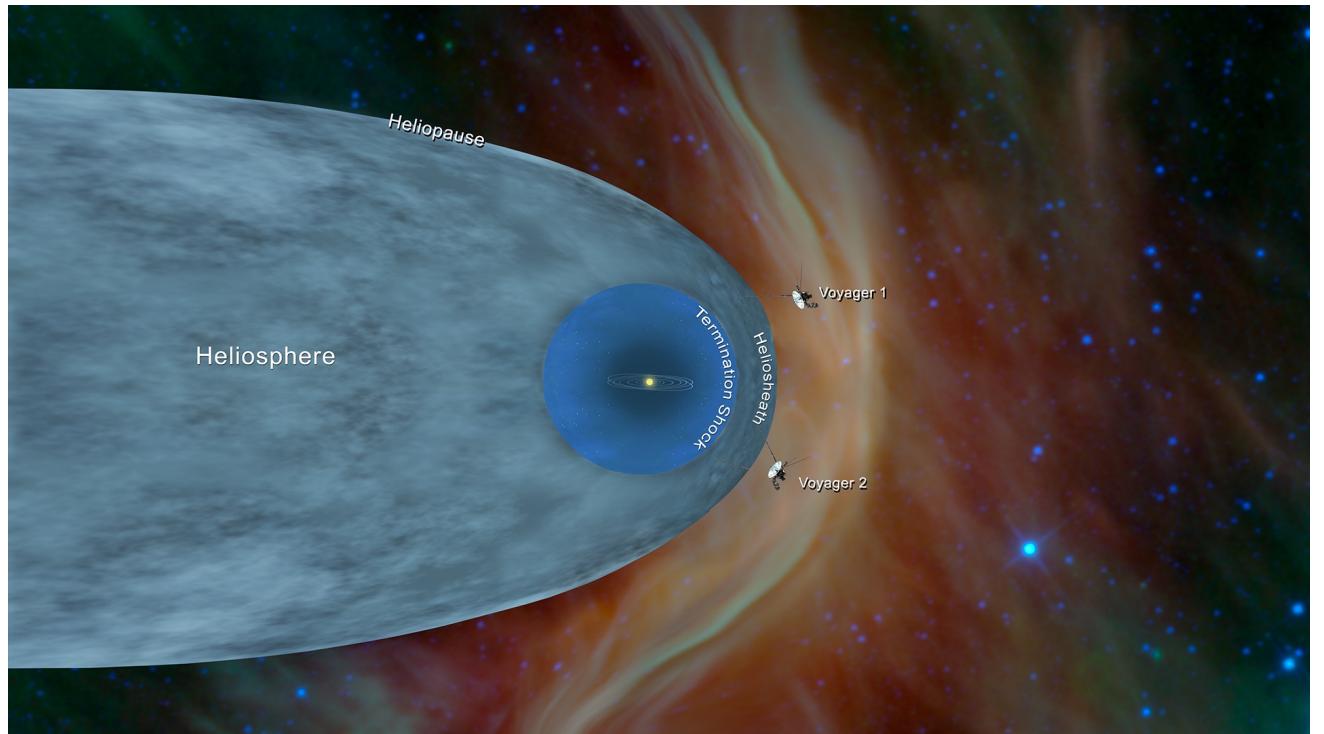
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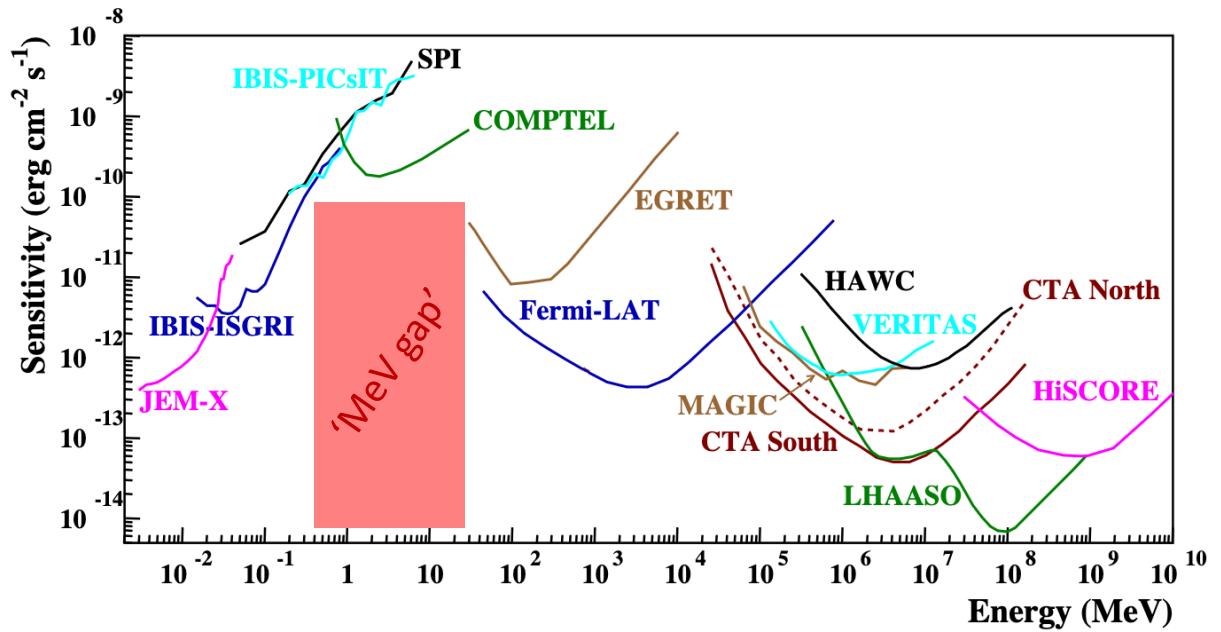
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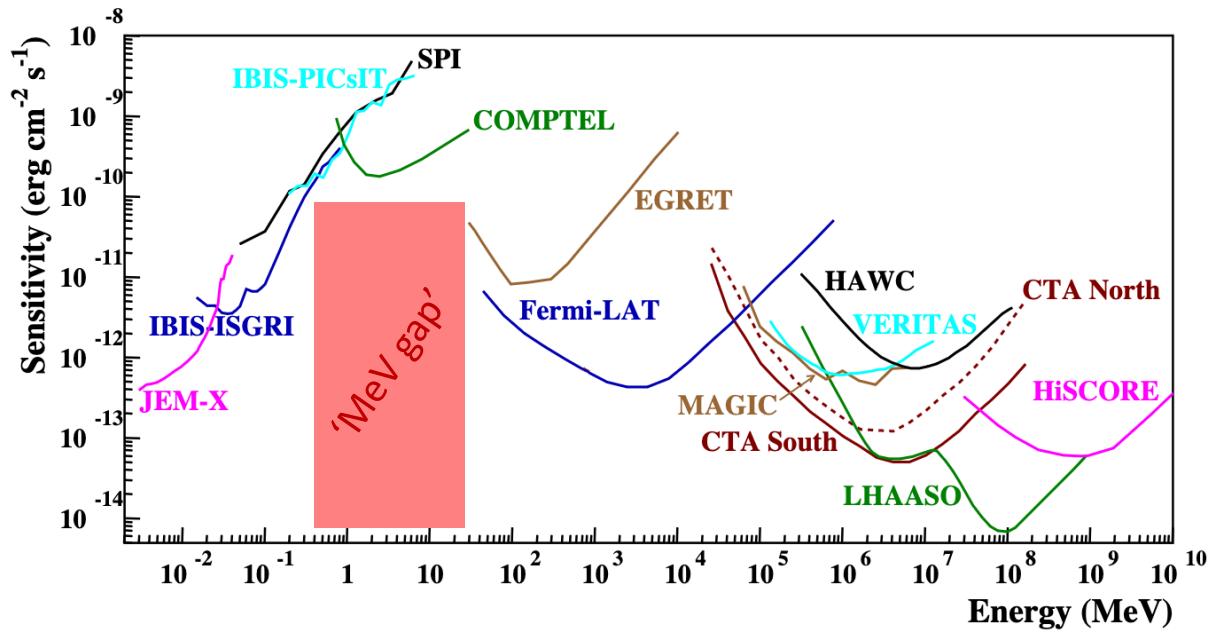
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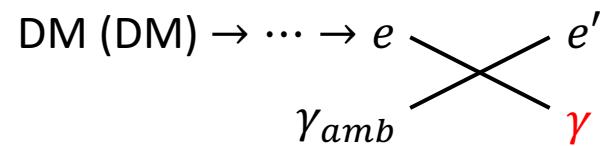
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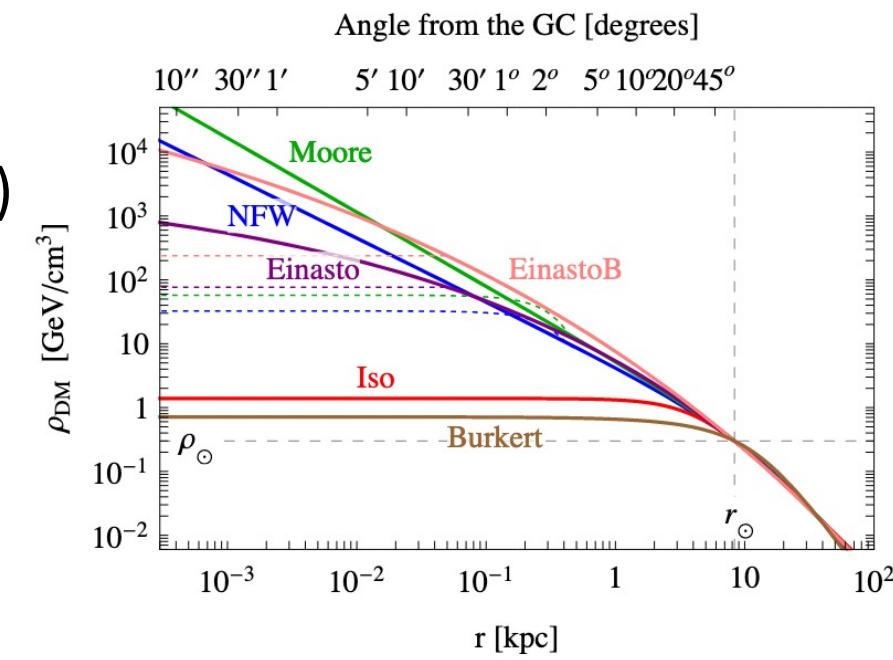
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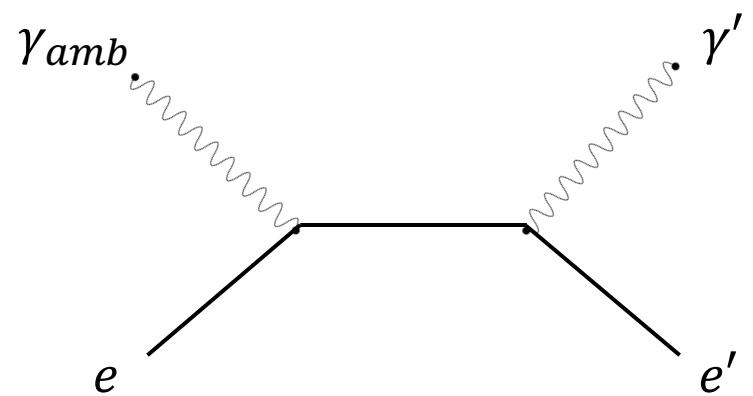
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Cirelli et al., 1012.4515

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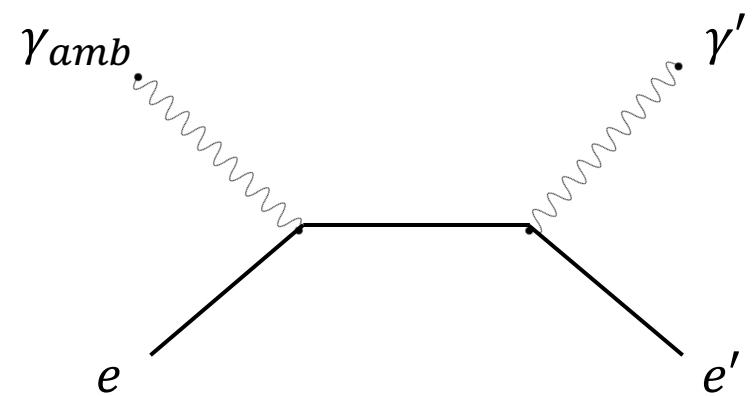
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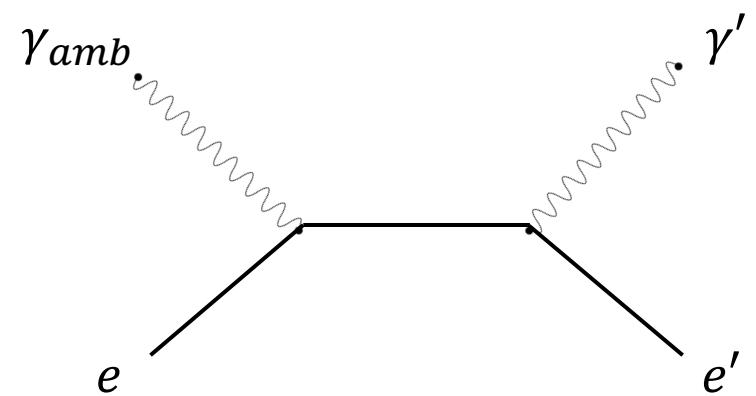


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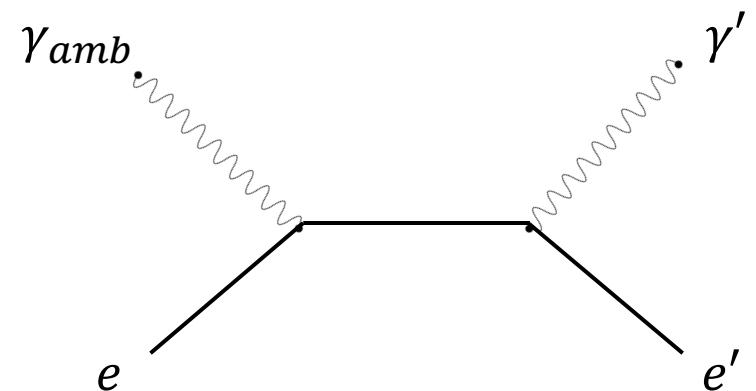
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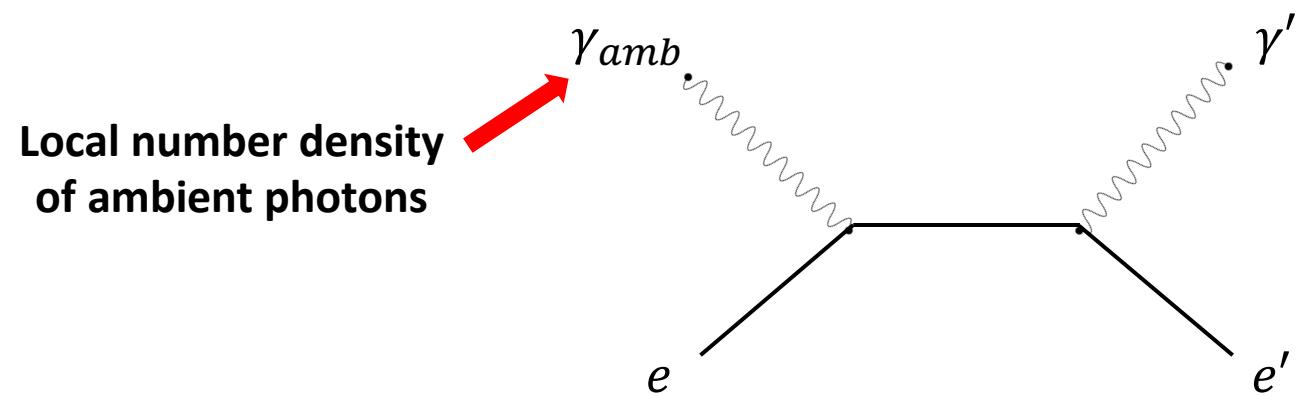
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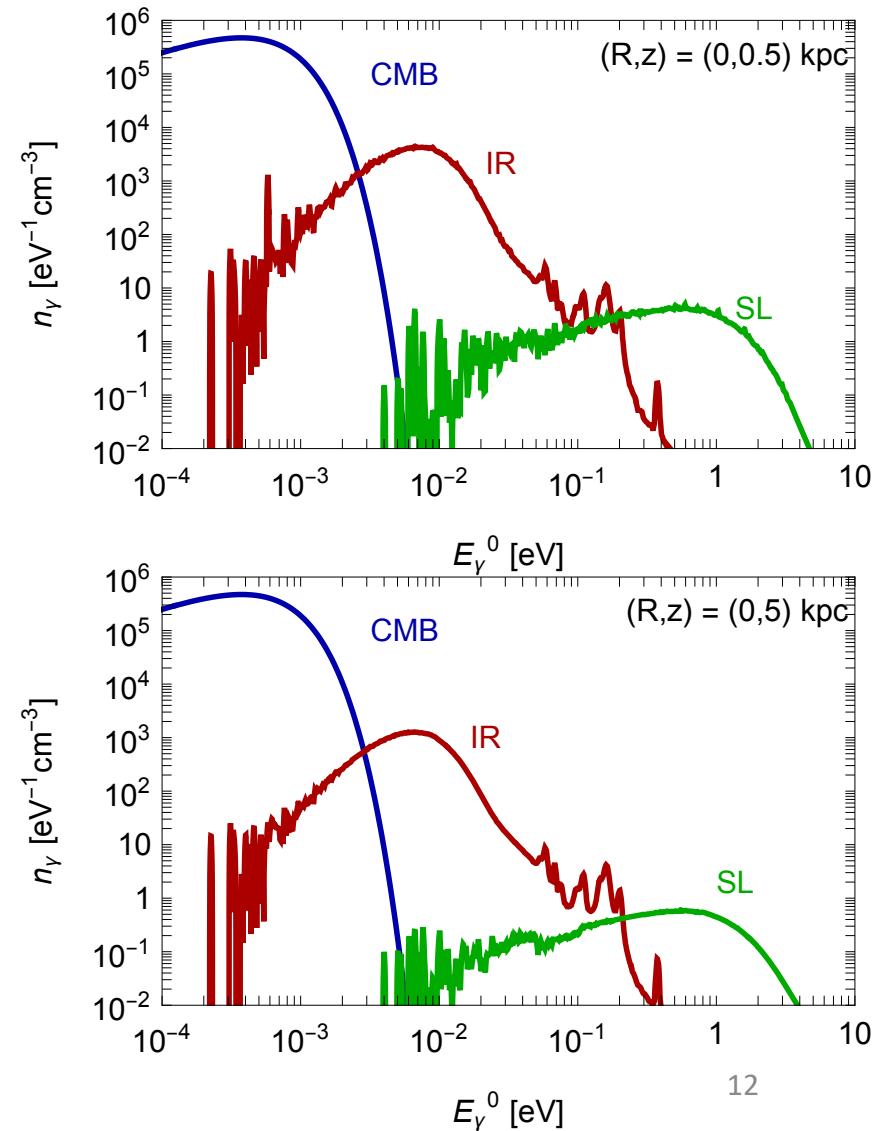
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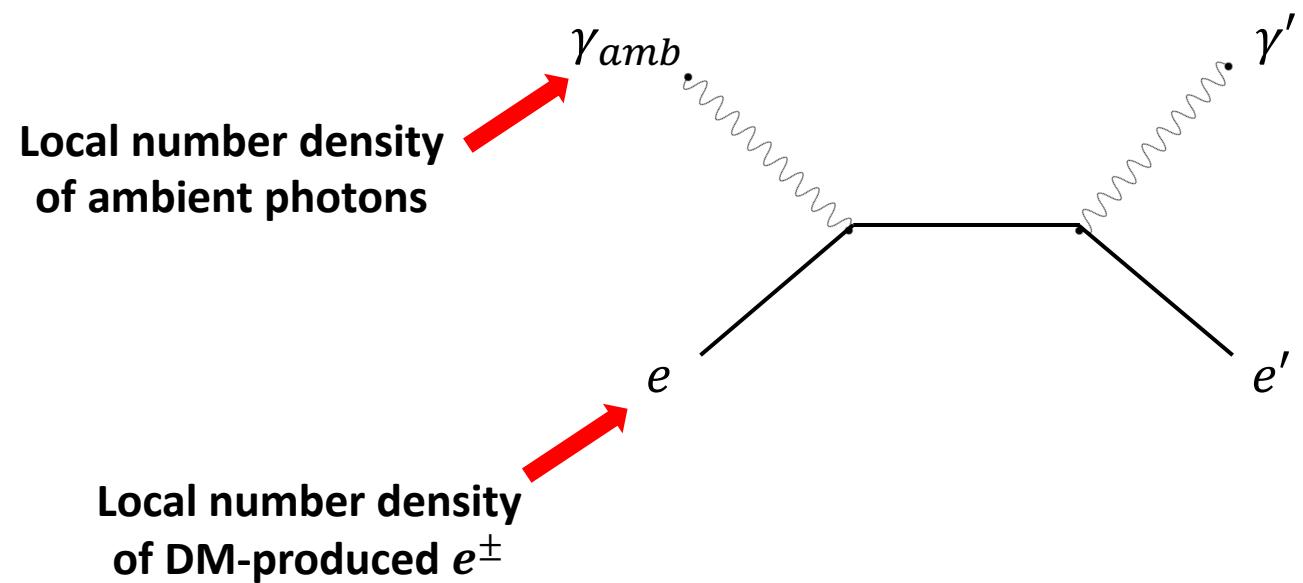
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- For CMB \rightarrow black body spectrum
- For IR and SL \rightarrow GalPROP intensity maps



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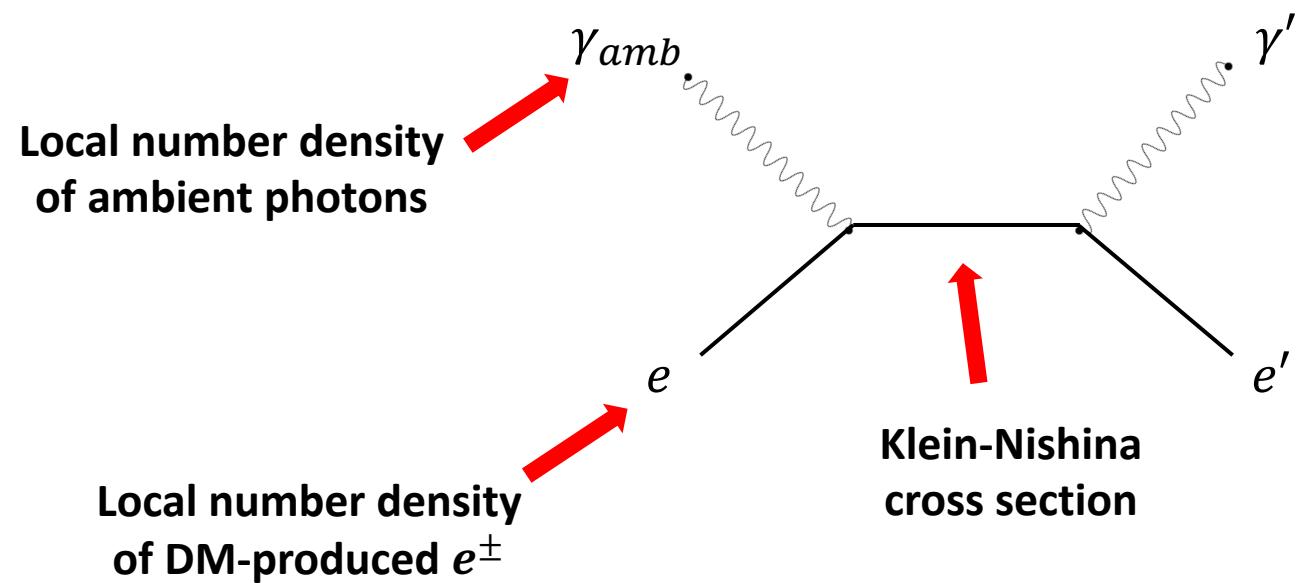
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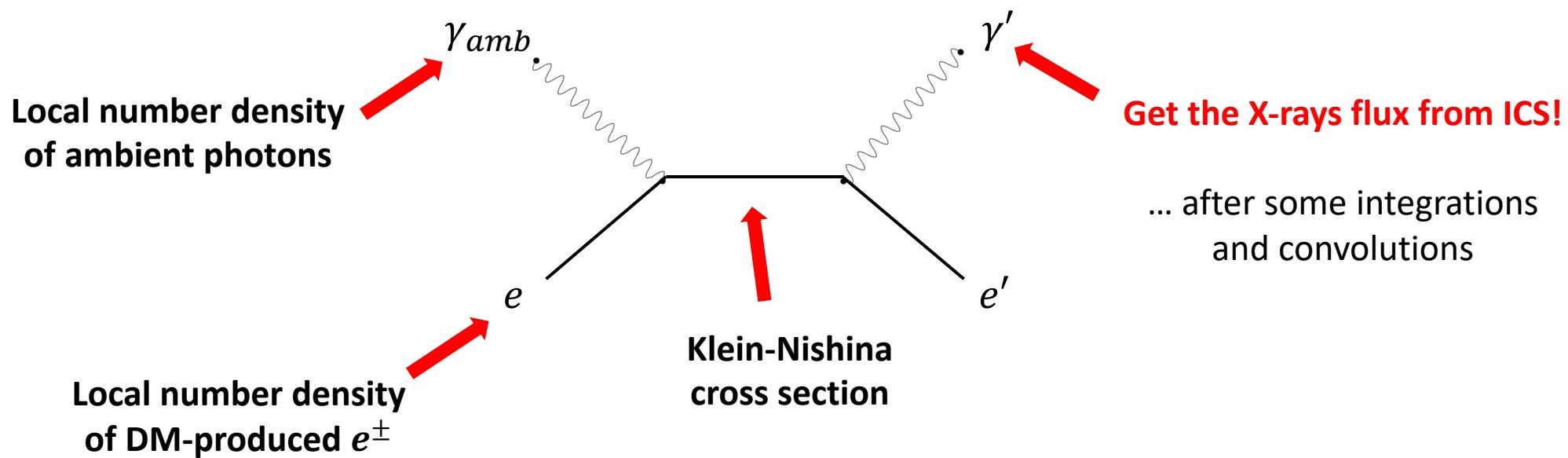
3) Klein-Nishina cross section in the Thomson limit ($E_\gamma \ll E_e$)

$$\sigma_{IC}(y, E_e) = \frac{3\sigma_T}{4\gamma_e^2} \frac{2y \ln y + y + 1 - 2y^2}{y}$$

$$y = \frac{E_\gamma}{4\gamma_e^2 E_\gamma^0}, \quad \gamma_e = \frac{E_e}{m_e}$$

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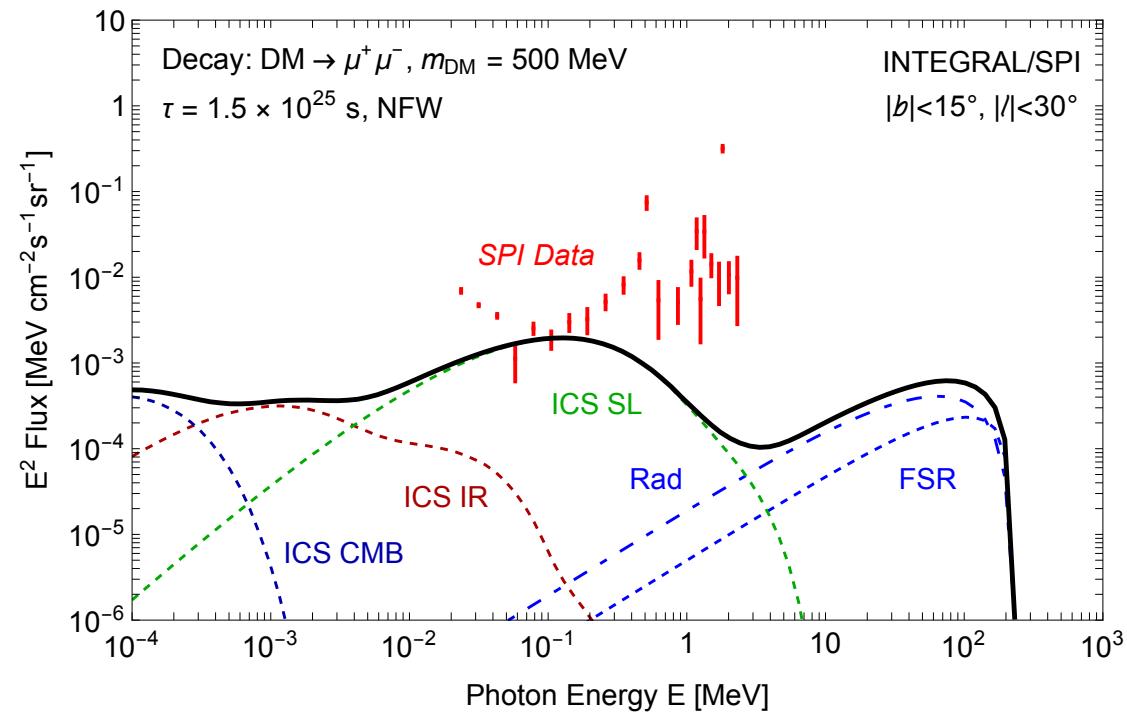
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$$\mathbf{p} = \langle \sigma v \rangle, \Gamma$$

- Impose a (2σ) bound when $\chi^2_{>}(\mathbf{p}, m_{DM}) \geq 4$



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INTEGRAL diffuse emission searches

2003-2009

Bouchet et al., INTEGRAL coll., 1107.0200

NuSTAR
2012-2018

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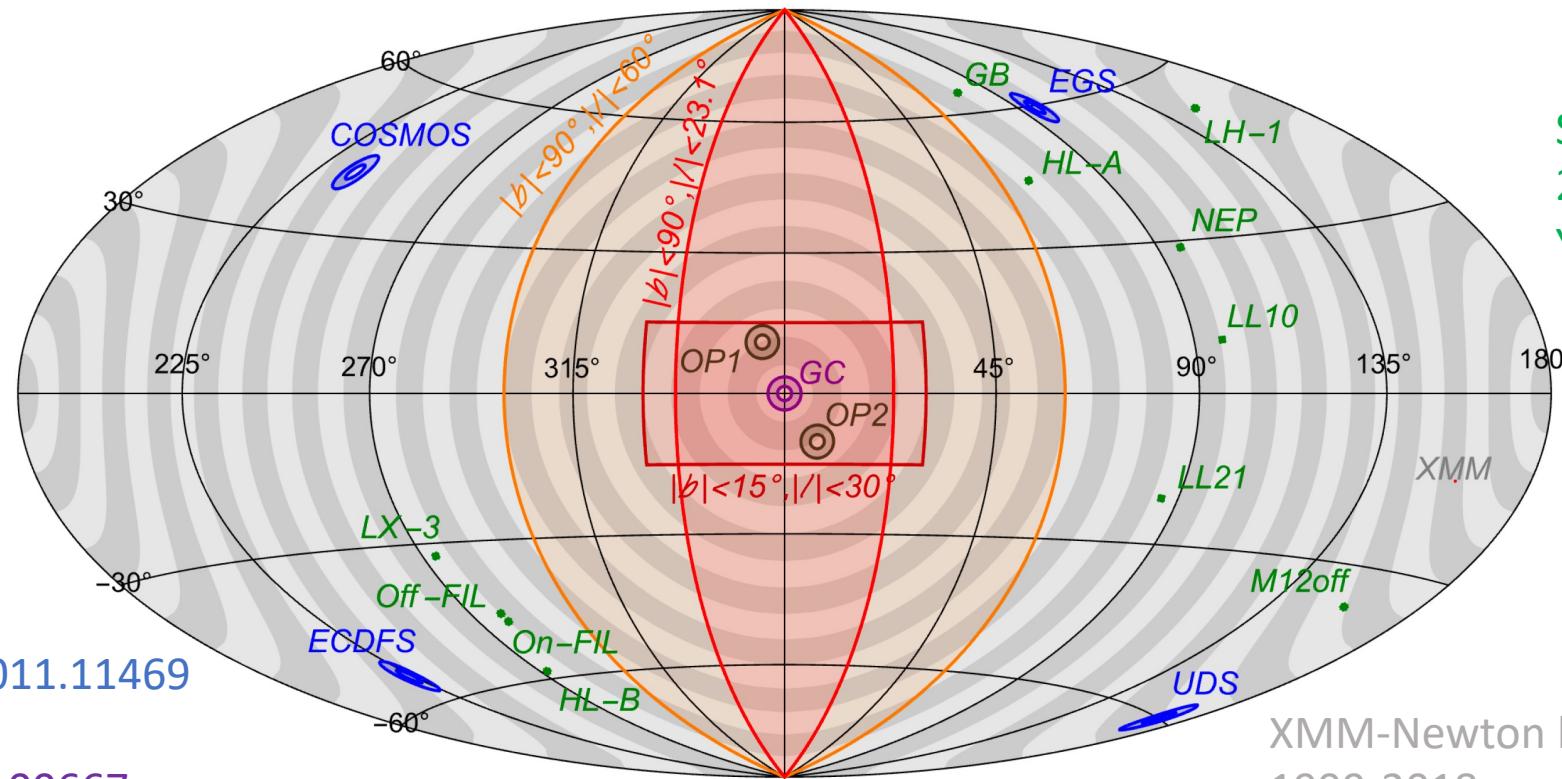
Krionos et al., 2011.11469

GC observations

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Suzaku high-latitude fields
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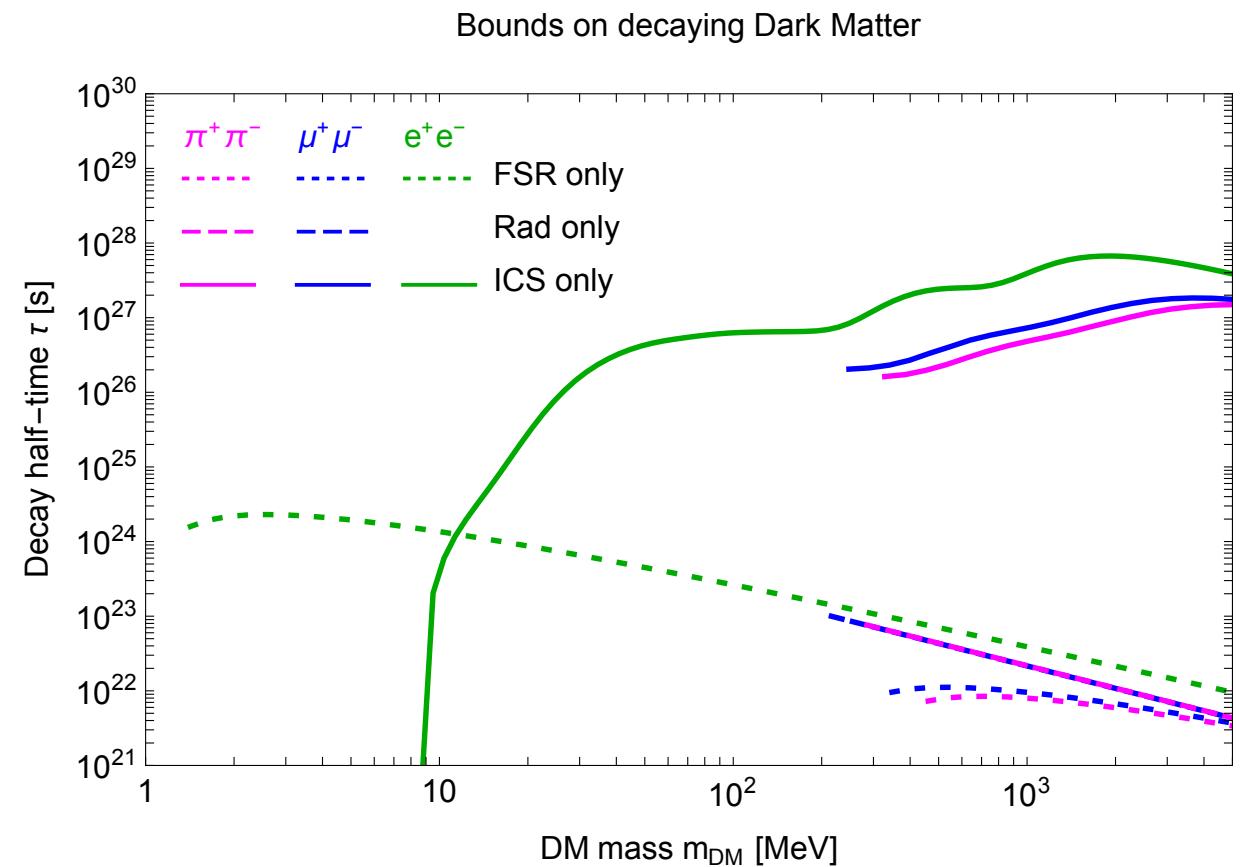
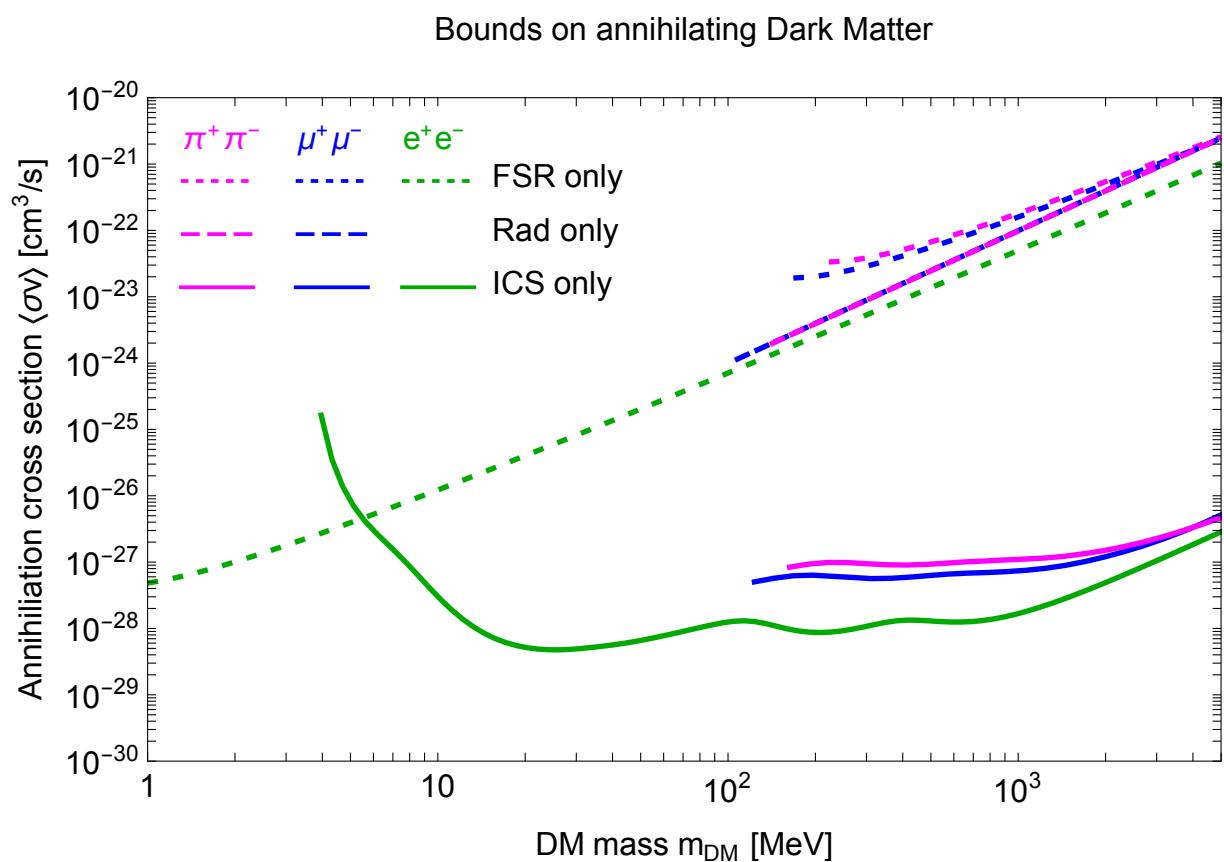
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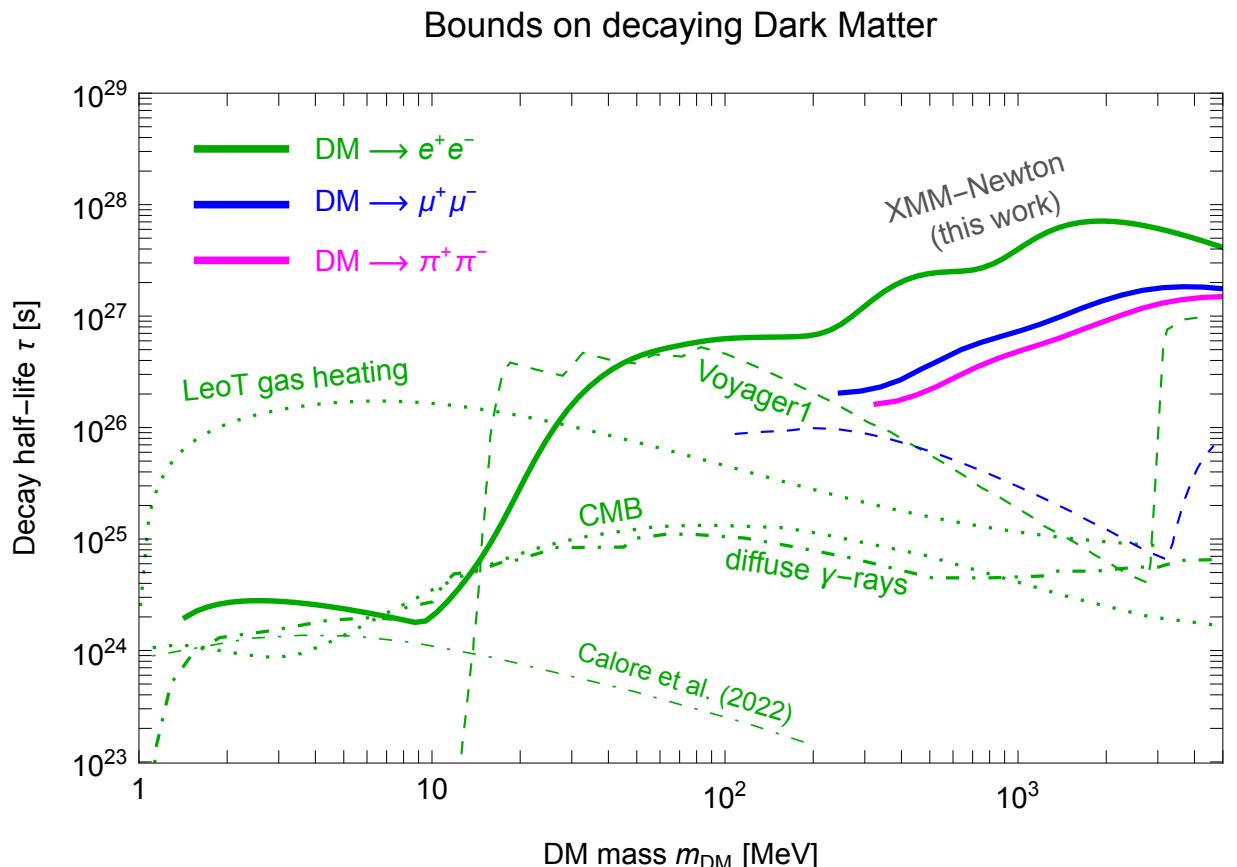
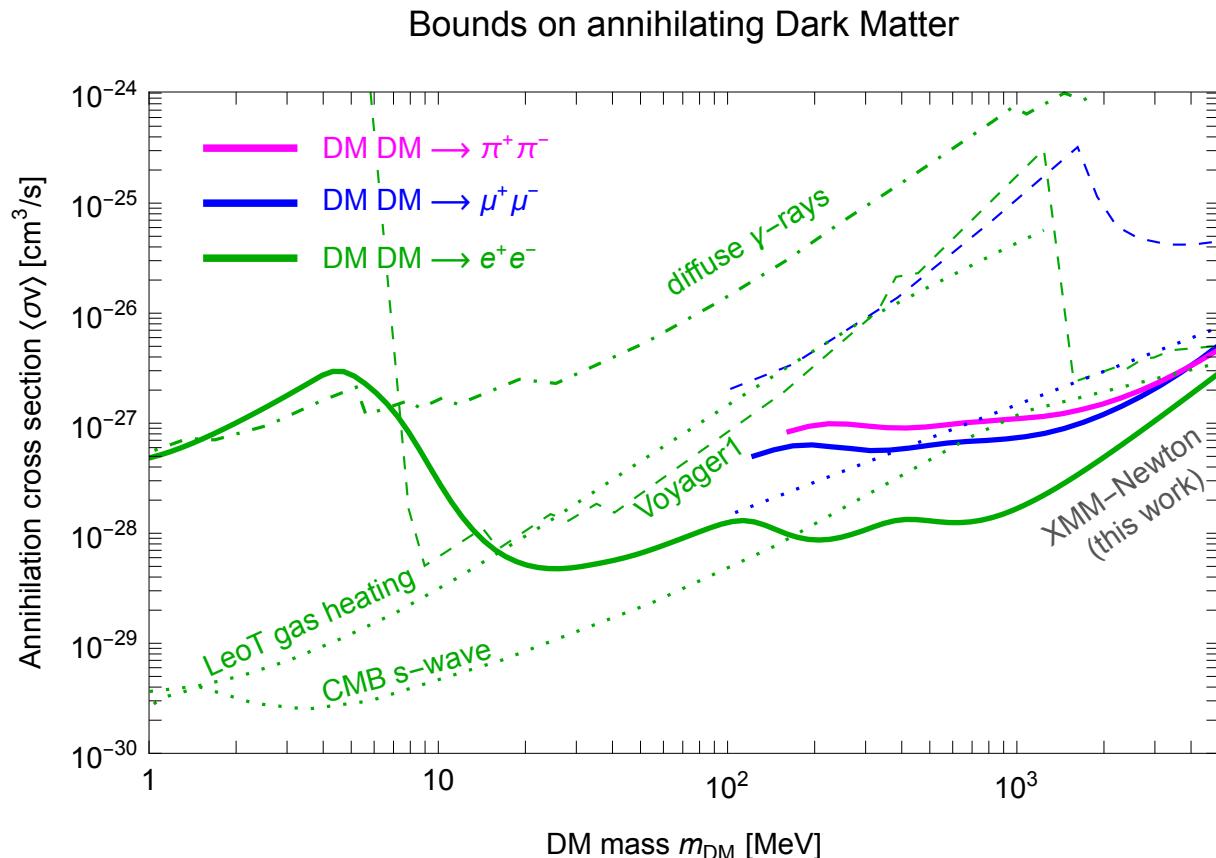
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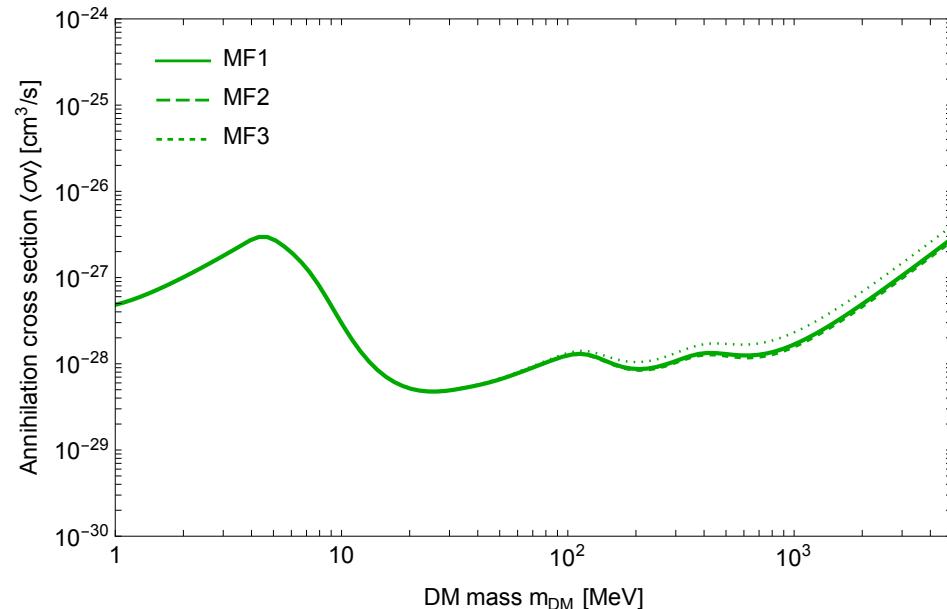
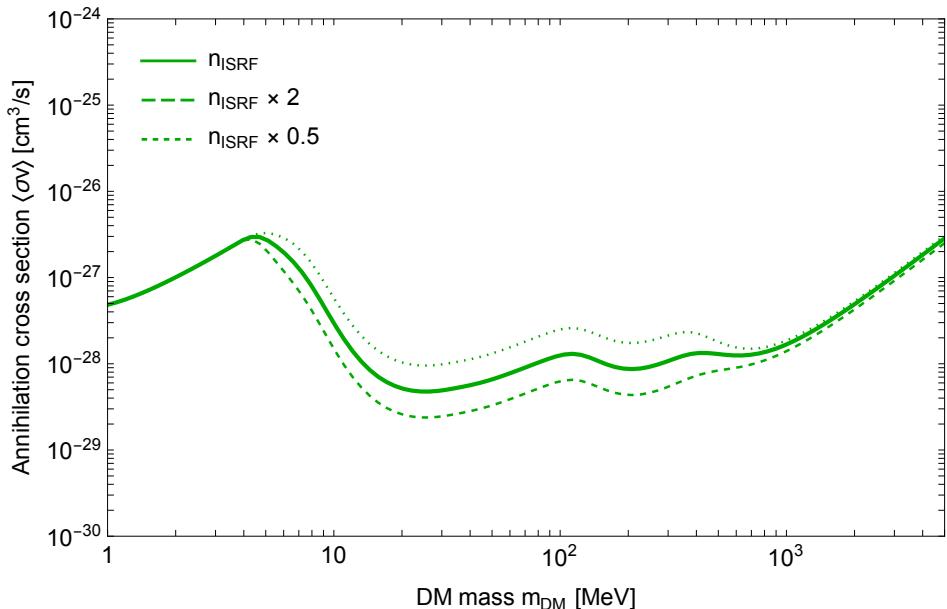
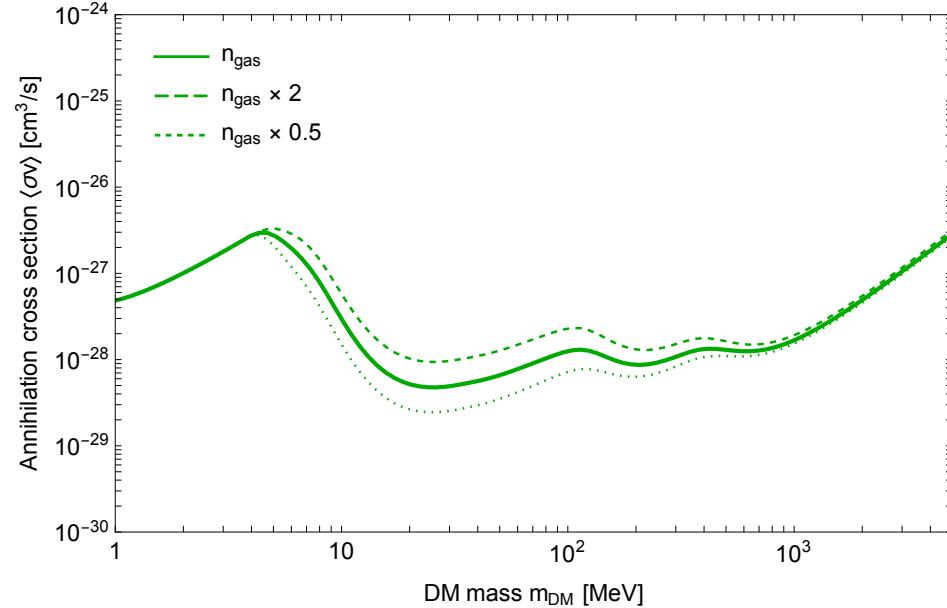
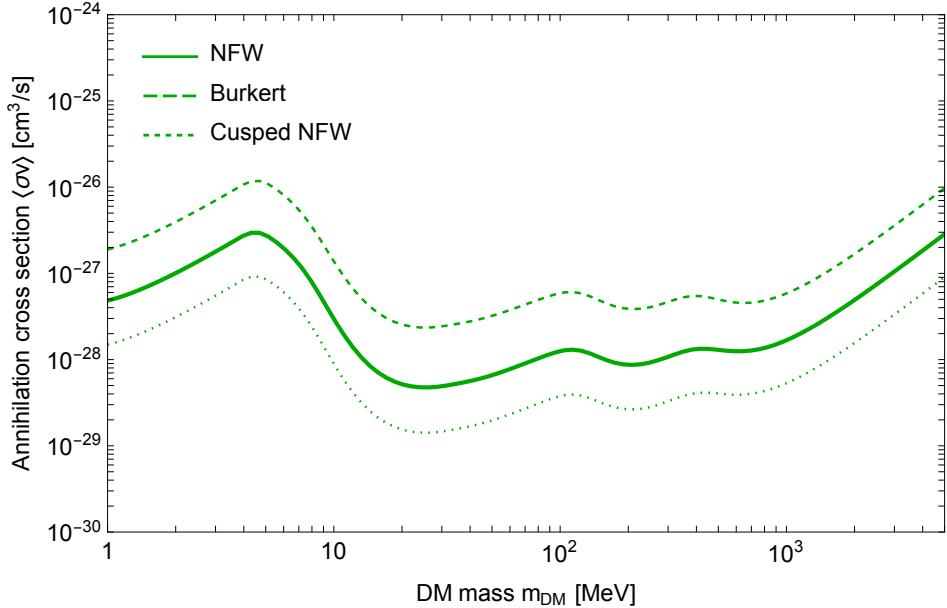


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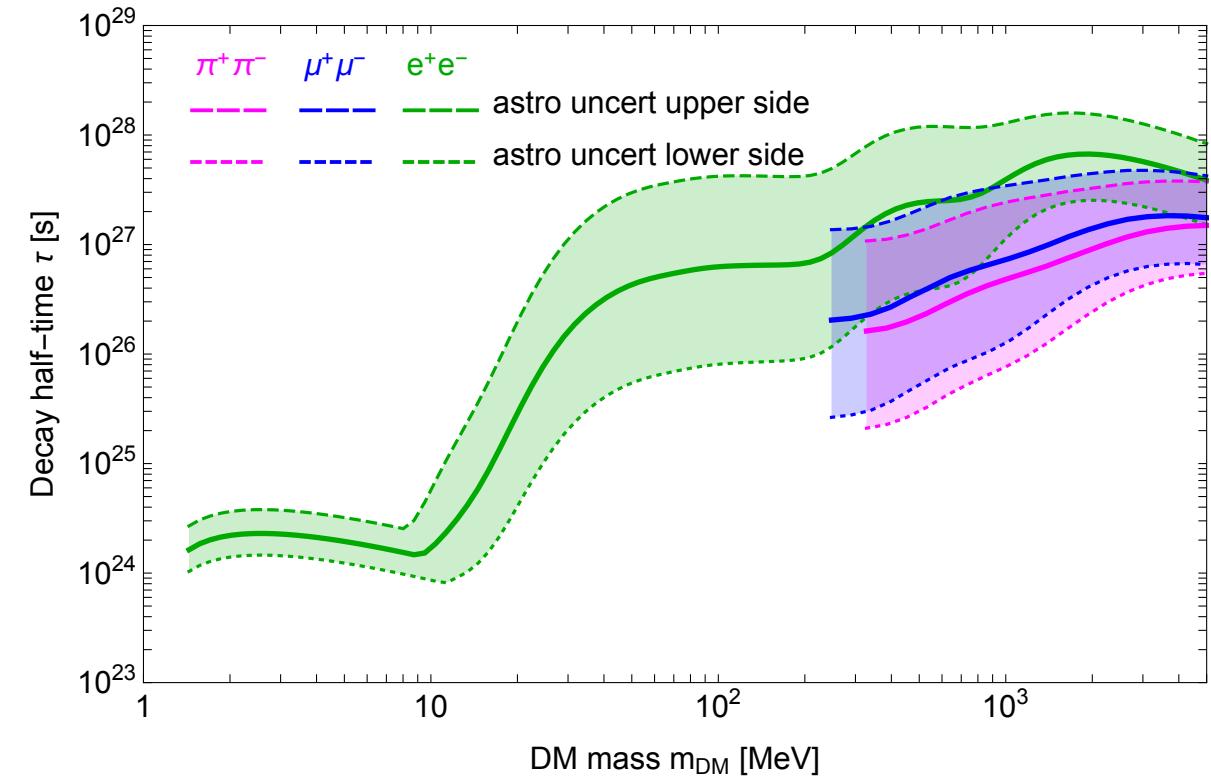
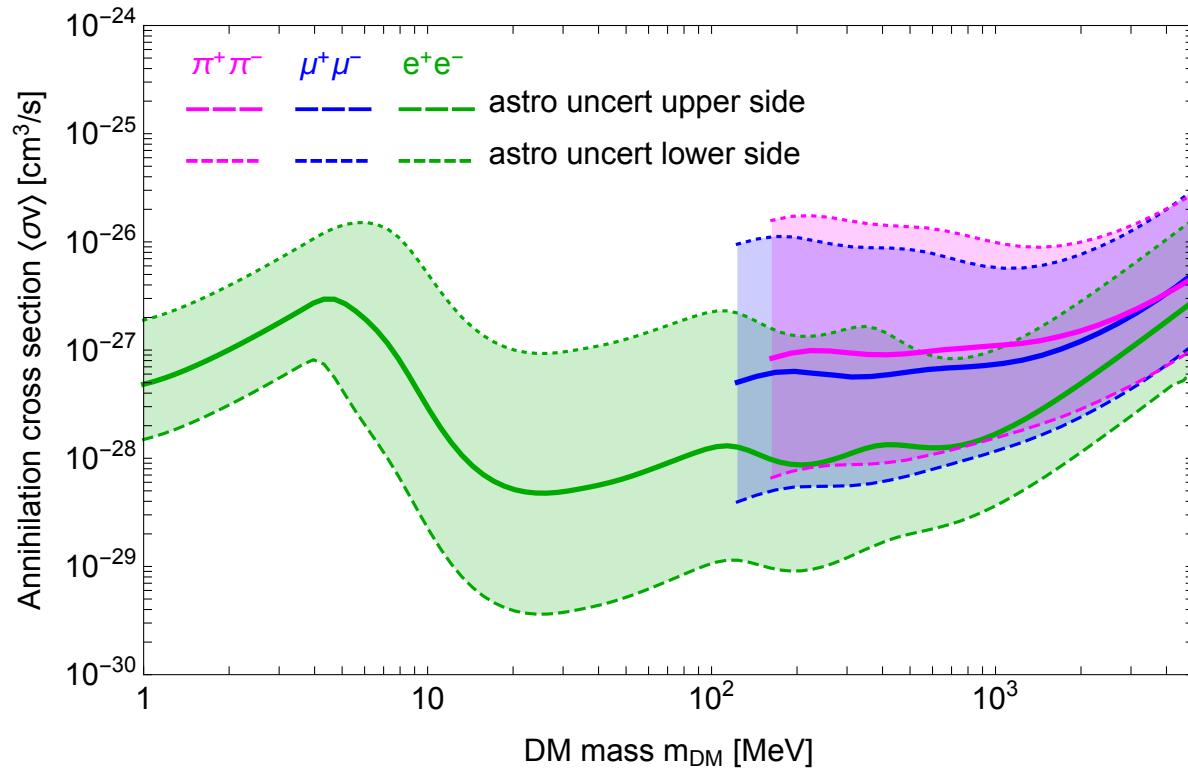
Diffuse γ -rays: Essig et al., 1309.4091
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Balaji, De la Torre Luque, JK, to appear

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 - 1) Injection spectra of e^\pm from DM annihilations/decays channels
 - 2) Branching ratios
 - 3) Expression of $\langle\sigma\nu\rangle$ as a function of the couplings

Thank you for your attention!

Backup

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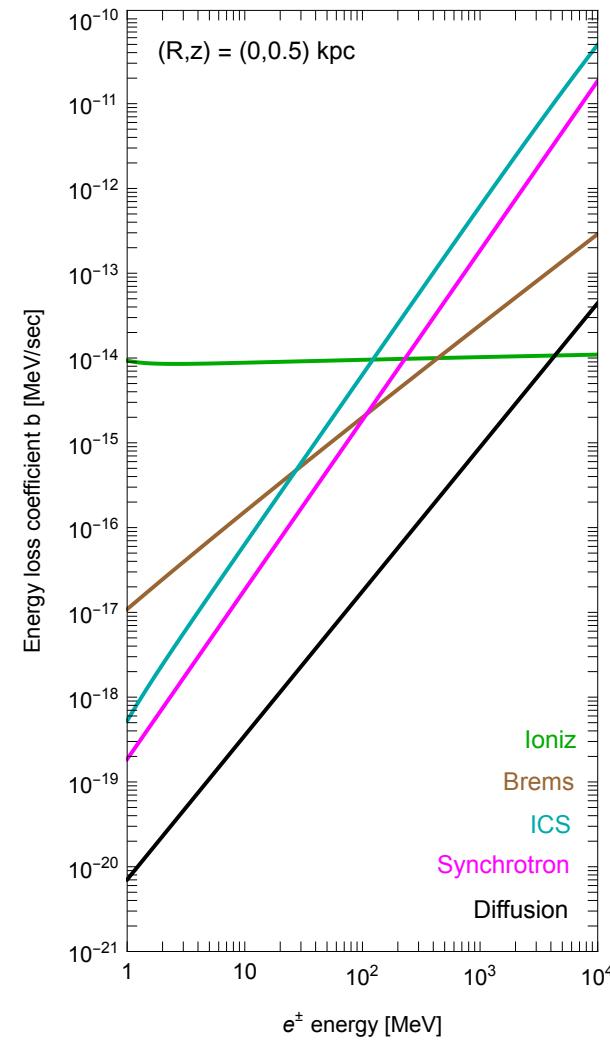
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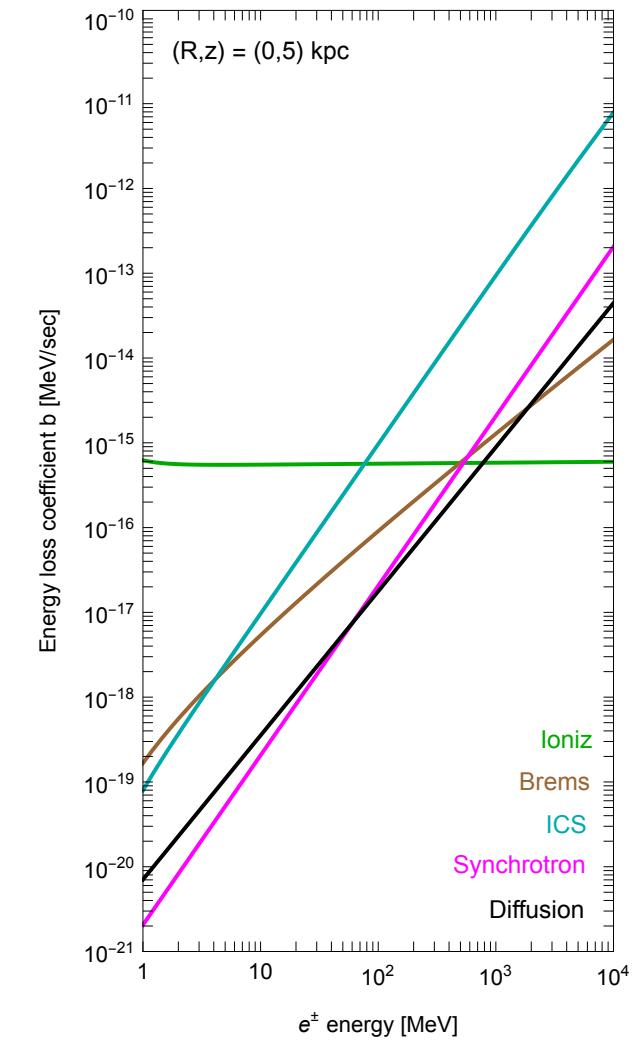
Depend on the local gas density

Depends on the galactic magnetic field configuration

- $b(E_e, \vec{x})$ taken from [PPPC4DMID](#)
- Diffusion curve: $b_{diff}(E_e) \sim E_e / \tau_{diff}(E_e)$



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- Source term:
$$Q(E_e, \vec{x}) = \begin{cases} \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle}{2} \left(\frac{\rho_{DM}(\vec{x})}{m_{DM}} \right)^2 \frac{dN_{e^\pm}}{dE_e} \\ \Gamma \left(\frac{\rho_{DM}(\vec{x})}{m_{DM}} \right) \frac{dN_{e^\pm}}{dE_e} \end{cases}$$
- Where $\frac{dN_{e^\pm}}{dE_e}$ is the e^\pm injection spectrum:
 - For the $e^+ e^-$ channel: monochromatic ($DM \rightarrow e^\pm$)
 - For the $\mu^+ \mu^-$ channel: boosted Michel spectrum ($DM \rightarrow \mu^\pm \rightarrow e^\pm$)
 - For the $\pi^+ \pi^-$ channel: double boosted Michel spectrum ($DM \rightarrow \pi^\pm \rightarrow \mu^\pm \rightarrow e^\pm$)

Michel spectrum and boosts

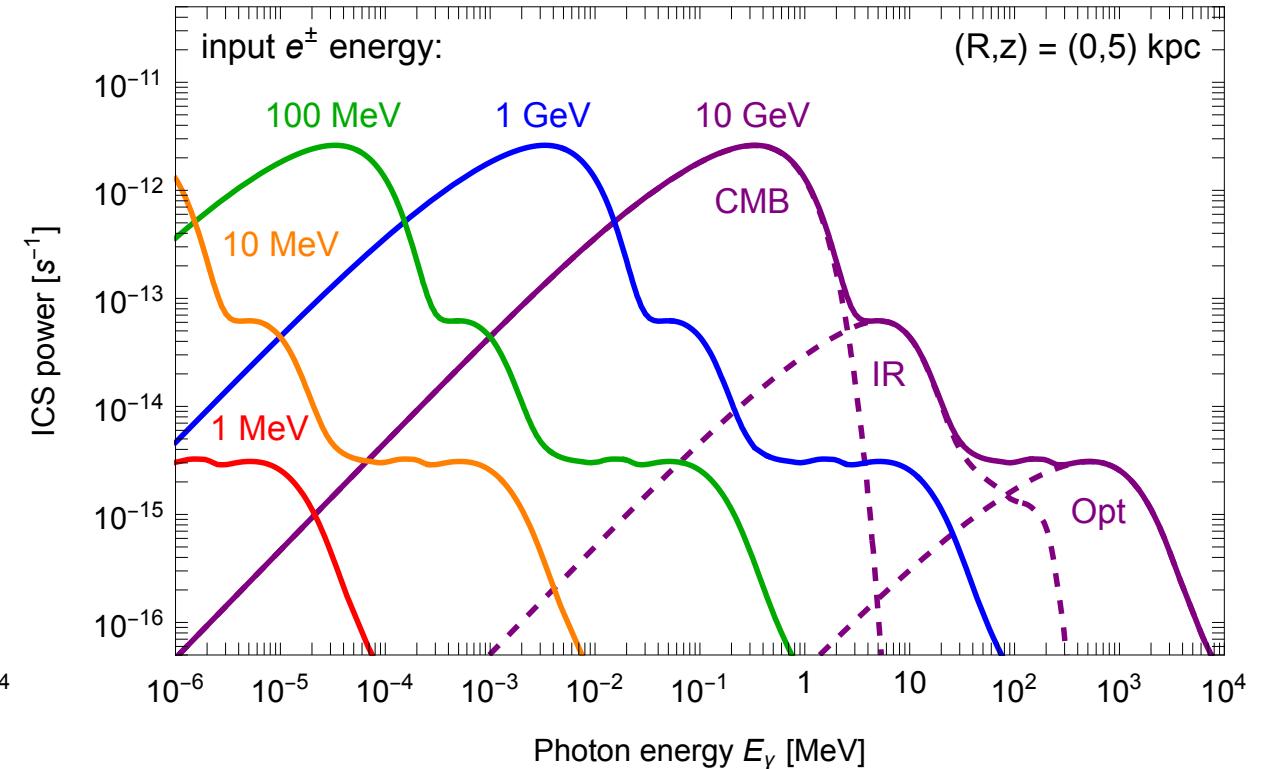
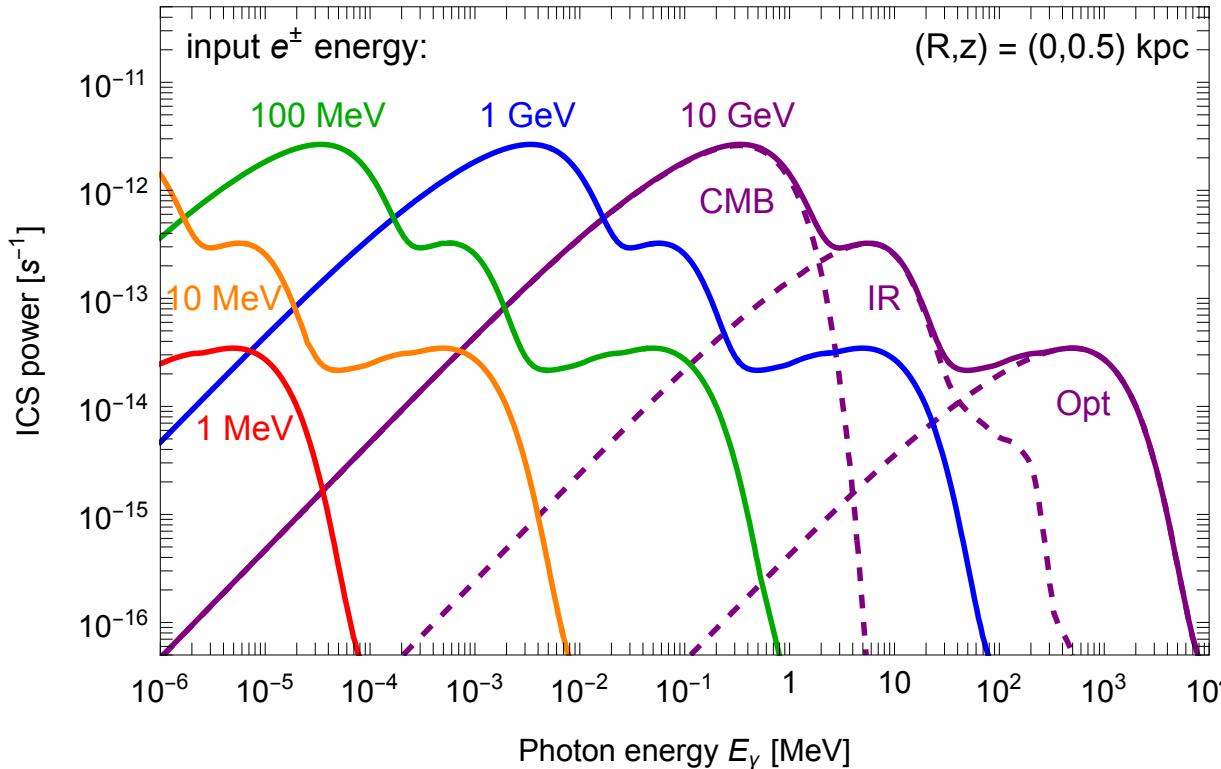
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$$\xi = \frac{2E_e}{m_\mu}, \quad \varrho = \frac{m_e}{m_\mu}$$

- Lorentz boost: $\frac{dN}{dE} = \frac{1}{2\beta\gamma} \int_{E'_{min}}^{E'_{max}} \frac{1}{p'} \frac{dN}{dE'}$ $E'_{\max|min} = \gamma(E \pm \beta p)$

$$\gamma = \frac{E_A}{m_A} \quad (\text{A = parent particle})$$

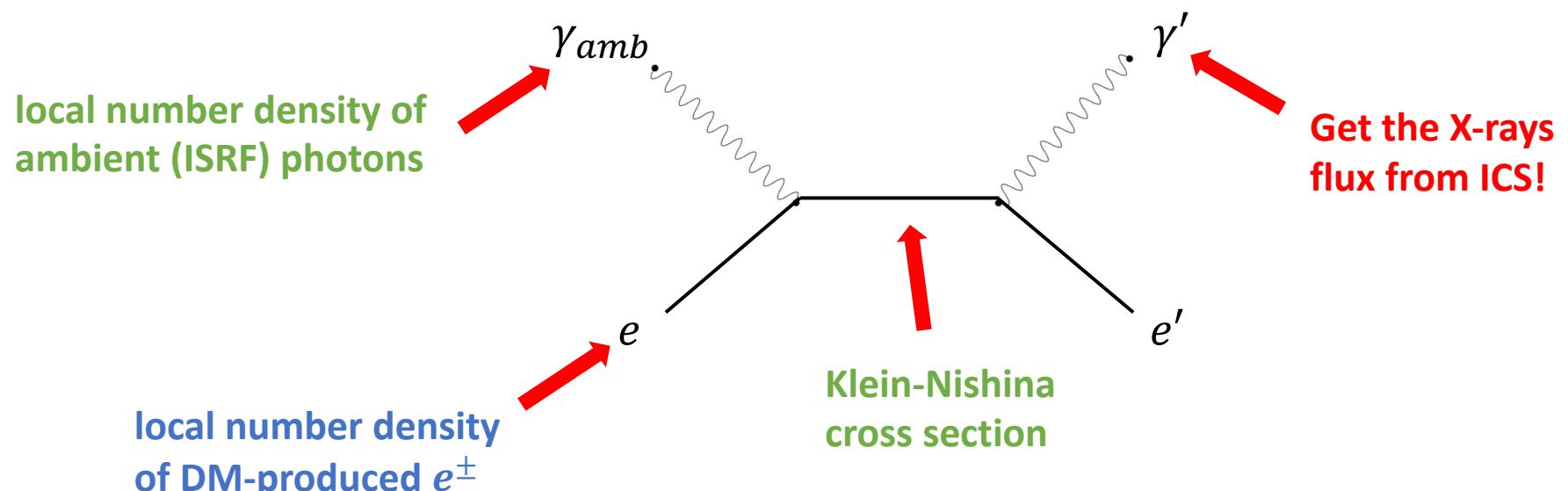
Inverse-Compton scattering power



$$\mathcal{P}_{IC,i}(E_\gamma, E_e, \vec{x}) = E_\gamma \int dy n_i(y, \vec{x}) \sigma_{IC}(E_e, y)$$

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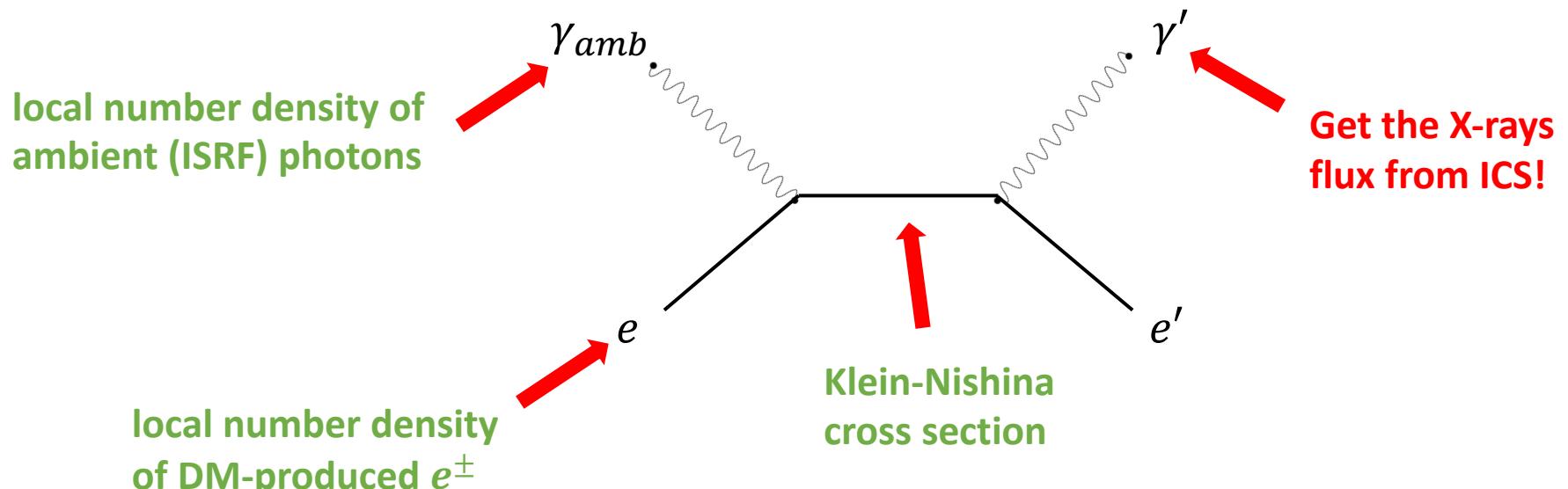
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$$j(E_\gamma, \vec{x}) = 2 \int_{m_e}^{m_{DM}} dE_e \mathcal{P}_{IC,tot}(E_\gamma, E_e, \vec{x}) f(E_e, \vec{x})$$

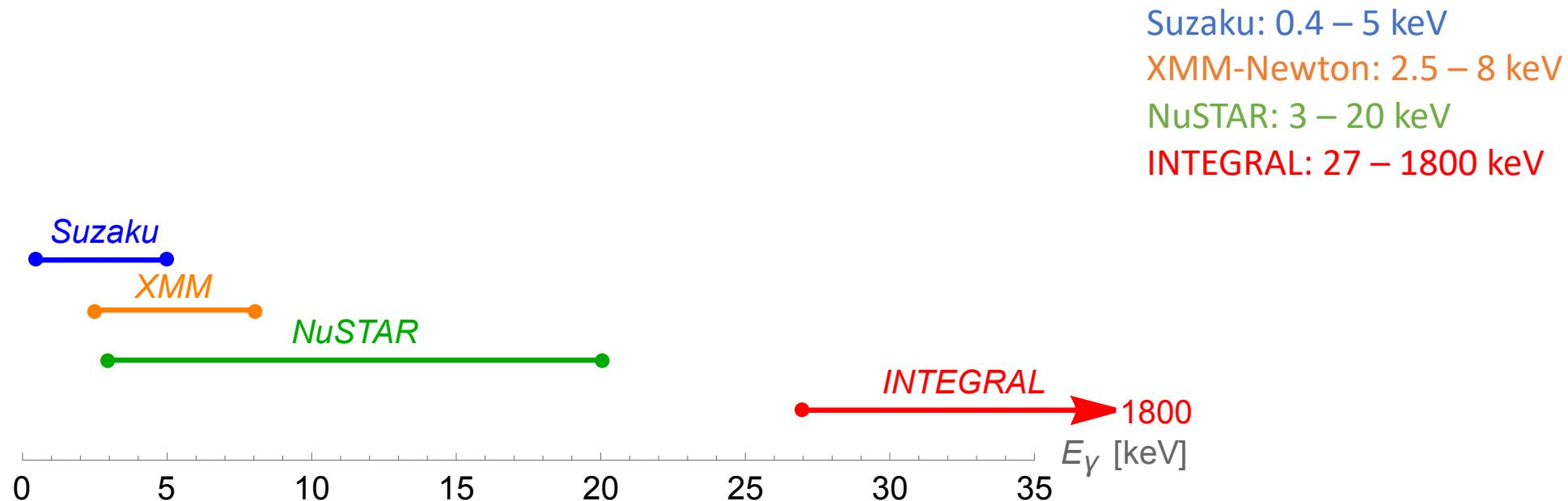
Inverse-Compton scattering

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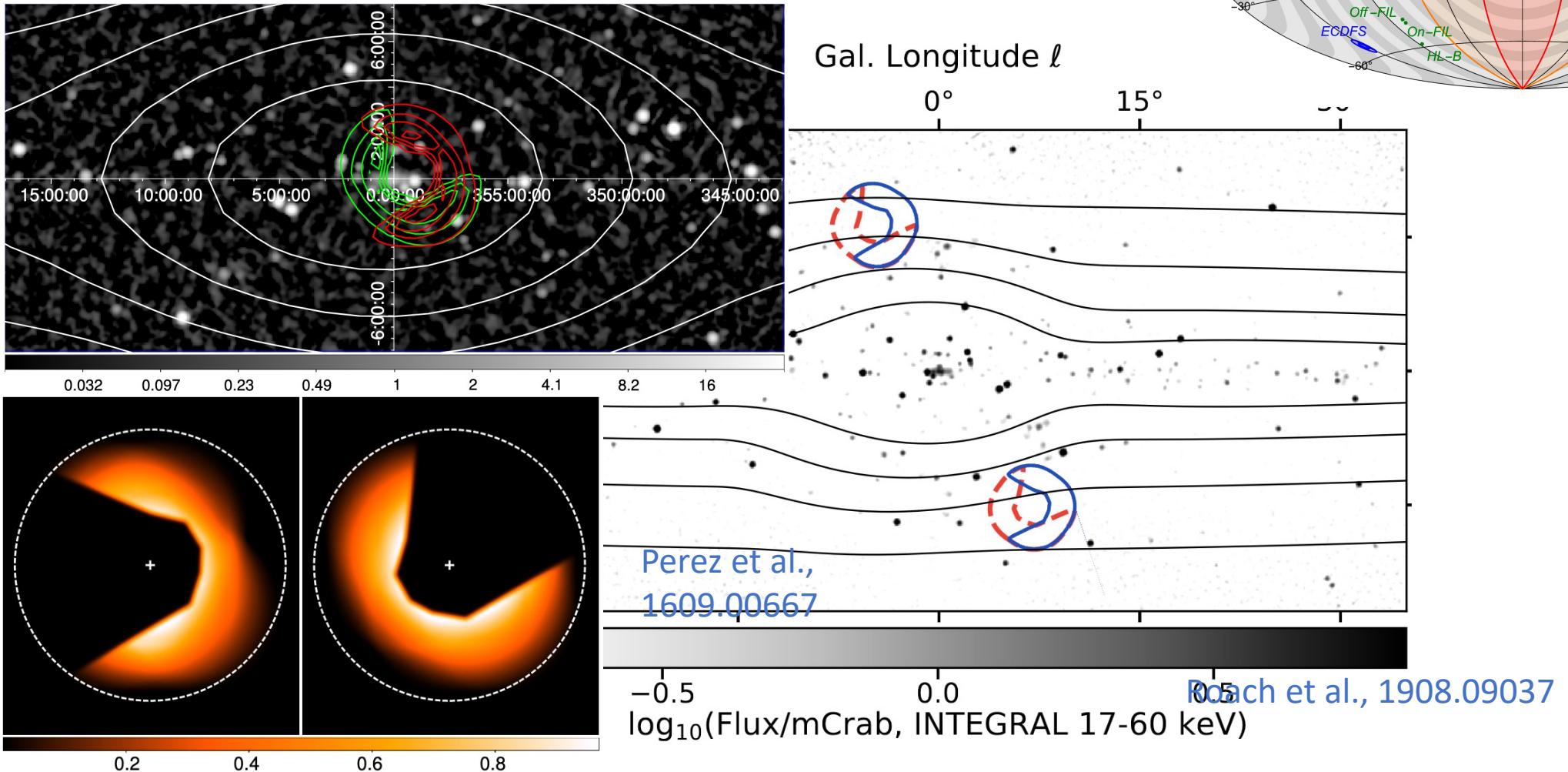


$$\frac{d\Phi_{IC\gamma}}{dE_\gamma d\Omega} = \frac{1}{4\pi E_\gamma} \int_{l.o.s.} ds j(E_\gamma, \vec{x}(s, b, l))$$

Dataset energy ranges



NuSTAR datasets



NuSTAR datasets

Table 2. Data sets used in the analysis.

ID	Field	Begin	End	T_{exp}
1	COSMOS EP1	26-12-2012	20-01-2013	750 ks
2	COSMOS EP2	03-04-2013	21-05-2013	630 ks
3	COSMOS EP3	03-12-2013	25-02-2014	1020 ks
4	EGS	15-11-2013	27-11-2014	1.5 Ms
5	ECDFS	28-09-2012	01-04-2013	1.4 Ms
6	UDS	24-01-2016	18-11-2016	1.7 Ms

Krionos et al., 2011.11469

Data taken between 2012 and 2016

TABLE I. *NuSTAR* observations used for this analysis.

Observation ID	Pointing (J2000) ^a RA (deg)	Pointing (J2000) ^a DEC (deg)	Effective Exposure ^b FPMA / FPMB (ks)	Detector Area ^c FPMA / FPMB (cm ²)	Avg. Solid Angle ^d FPMA / FPMB (deg ²)
40032001002	265.8947	-29.5664	39.7 / 39.6	9.89 / 11.10	3.73 / 4.09
40032002001	265.7969	-29.5139	39.8 / 39.6	7.14 / 8.05	4.06 / 4.12
40032003001	265.6991	-29.4613	39.8 / 39.6	8.18 / 8.92	3.47 / 4.01
40032004002	265.9550	-29.4812	22.6 / 22.7	4.19 / 6.54	2.34 / 3.13
40032005002	265.8572	-29.4288	25.6 / 25.8	9.78 / 7.85	3.80 / 3.85
40032006001	265.7595	-29.3762	28.6 / 28.6	9.98 / 6.18	3.76 / 3.74

^a Roll angle was 332° for all.

^b After all data cleaning.

^c After stray light, ghost ray, and bad pixel removal.

^d Average solid angle of sky from which 0-bounce photons can be detected, after correcting for removal of stray light, ghost rays, and bad pixels, as well as efficiency due to vignetting effects.

Perez et al., 1609.00667
Data taken between 2012 and 2014

TABLE I. NuSTAR Galactic Bulge observations used in this analysis, with 0-bounce effective areas after data cleaning.

NuSTAR obsID	Pointing (J2000) RA, Dec (deg)	Effective Exposure ^a FPMA / B (ks)	Detector Area A_{0b} ^b FPMA / B (cm ²)	Solid Angle $\Delta\Omega_{0b}$ ^c FPMA / B (deg ²)
40410001002	253.2508, -26.6472	50.0 / 49.8	11.97 / 11.88	4.36 / 4.62
40410002002	280.3521, -27.6344	44.7 / 44.6	12.71 / 12.60	4.53 / 4.56

^a After OPTIMIZED SAA filtering and manual data screening.

^b After bad pixel removal (both obsIDs) and point-source masking (40410001002 only).

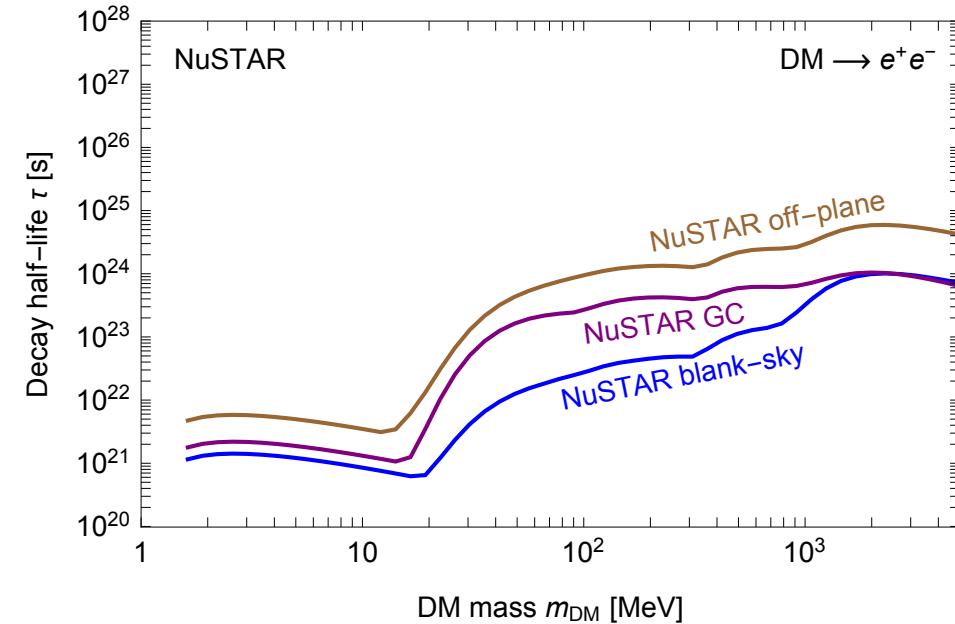
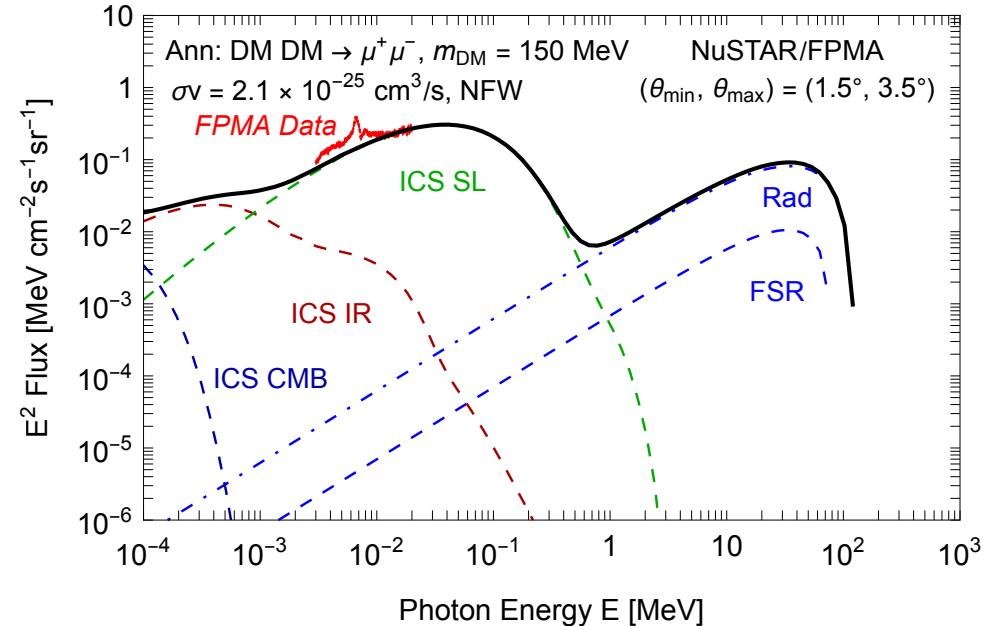
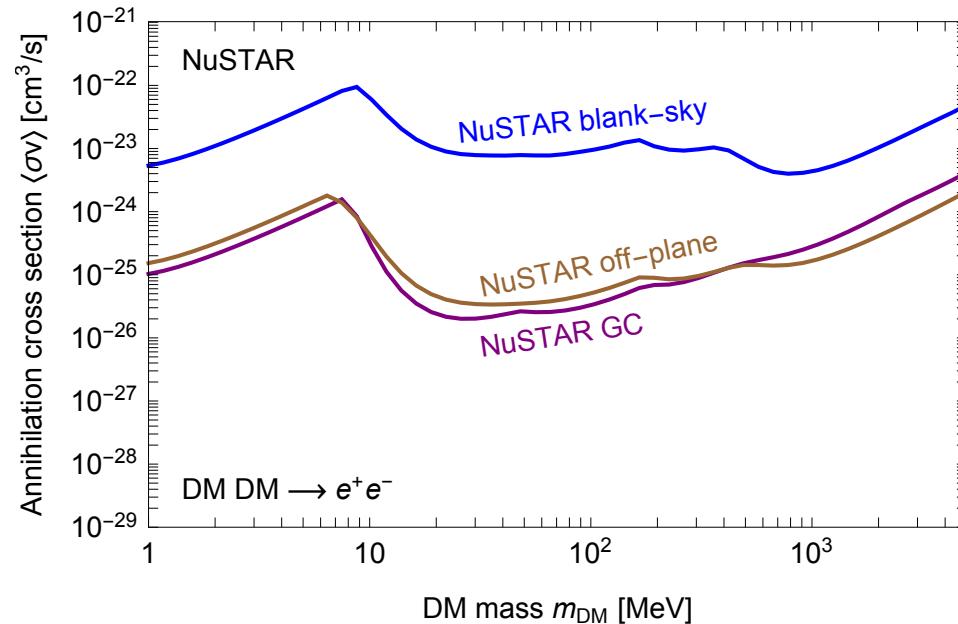
^c Average solid angle of sky for detecting 0-bounce photons, after correcting for bad pixel removal and vignetting efficiency.

Roach et al., 1908.09037
Data taken between in 2018

NuSTAR constraints

NuSTAR (2012-2018 data):

- blank-sky fields [Krivonos et al., 2011.11469](#)
- GC obs. [Perez et al., 1609.00667](#)
- off-plane obs. [Roach et al., 1908.09037](#)



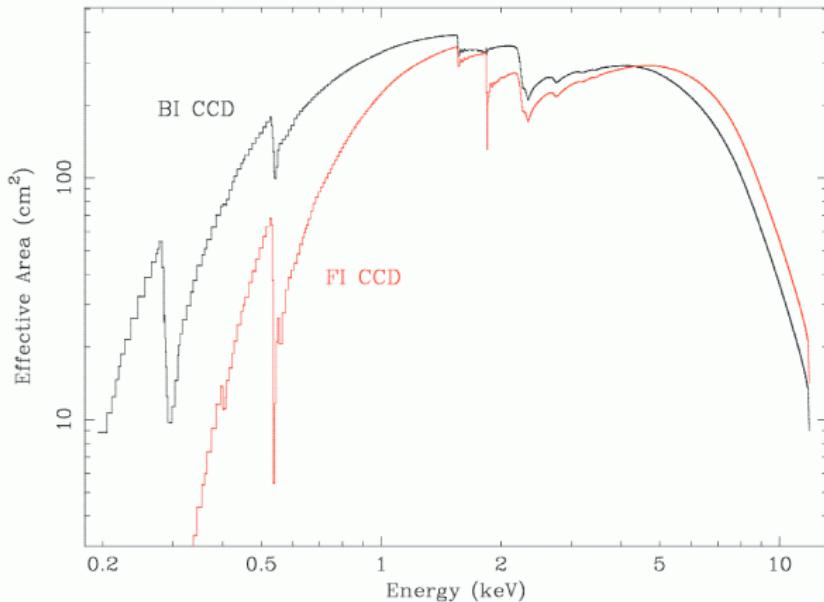
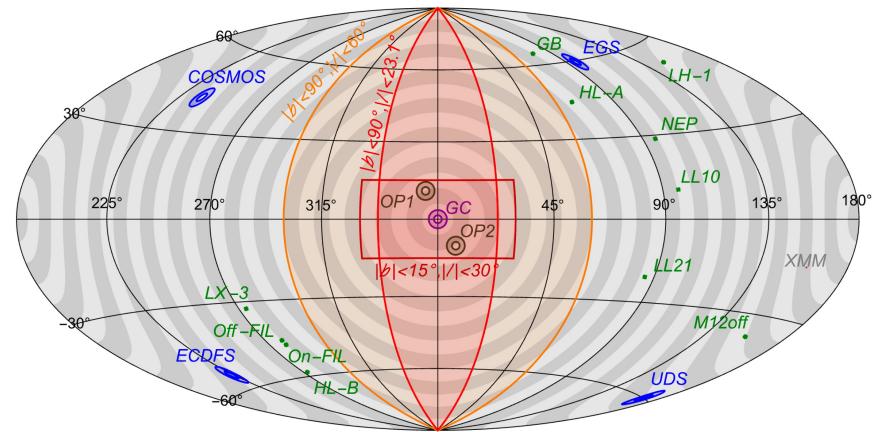
Suzaku datasets

Table 1. Log of observations, ordered by $|b|$

Data set ID	Field Name (Short Name)	Obs ID	Date	Exposure (ks)		Aim point (ℓ, b) ($E_{\text{Lon}}, E_{\text{Lat}}$) [*]
				Total	Cleaned	
1	GB1428+4217 (GB)	701092010	Jun 12-13, 2006	48.7	34.9	(75.9, 64.9) (194.2, 52.7)
2	High latitude B (HL-B)	500027020	Feb 17-20, 2006	103.6	29.7	(272.4, -58.3) (4.4, -61.4)
3	Lockman hole 2 (LH-2)	101002010	May 17-19, 2006	80.4	40.0	(149.7, 53.2) (137.1, 45.1)
4	Lockman hole 1 (LH-1)	100046010	Nov 14-15, 2005	77.0	61.7	(149.0, 53.2) (137.2, 45.5)
5	Off Filament ^a (Off-FIL)	501001010	Mar 1-2, 2006	80.1	59.6	(278.7, -47.1) (354.8, -72.6)
6	On Filament ^a (On-FIL)	501002010	Mar 3-6 , 2006	101.4	59.2	(278.7 , -45.3) (354.1, -74.4)
7	High latitude A (HL-A)	500027010	Feb 14-15, 2006	73.6	53.2	(68.4, 44.4) (228.8, 63.5)
8	MBM12 off cloud ^{b,e} (M12off)	501104010	Feb 6-8, 2006	75.3	51.0	(157.3, -36.8) (44.5, 2.3)
9	LMC X-3 Vicinity ^c (LX-3)	500031010	Mar 17-18, 2006	82.0	56.1	(273.4, -32.6) (41.2, -86.2)
10	North Ecliptic Pole 1 ^d (NEP1)	100018010	Sep 2-4, 2005	106.2	58.7	(95.8, 28.7) (334.8, 88.7)
11	North Ecliptic Pole 2 (NEP2)	500026010	Feb 10-12, 2006	75.6	16.5	(95.8, 28.7) (334.8, 88.7)
12	Low latitude 86-21 (LL21)	502047010	May 9-10, 2007	81.5	57.0	(86.0, -20.8) (347.6, 38.4)
13	Low latitude 97+10 (LL10)	503075010	Apr 15-16, 2008	79.8	40.8	(96.6, 10.4) (0.7, 70.6)
R1	MBM12 on cloud ^{b,e} (M12on)	500015010	Feb 3-6, 2006	102.9	68.0	(159.2, -34.5) (47.2, 2.6)
R2	Midplane 235 ^e (MP235)	502021010	Apr 22-25, 2007	189.5	53.0	(235.0, 0.0) (119.5, -40.6)

Results previously published by ^a Henley et al. (2007), ^b Smith et al. (2007), ^c Yao et al. (2009), ^d Fujimoto et al. (2007), ^e Masui et al. (2009).

* Ecliptic coordinate



Yoshino et al., 0903.2981

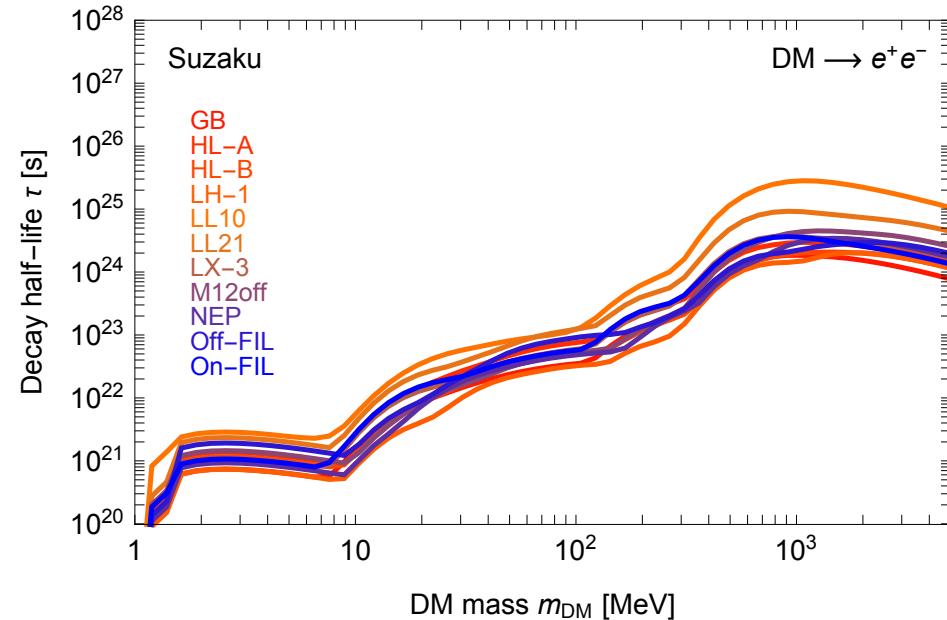
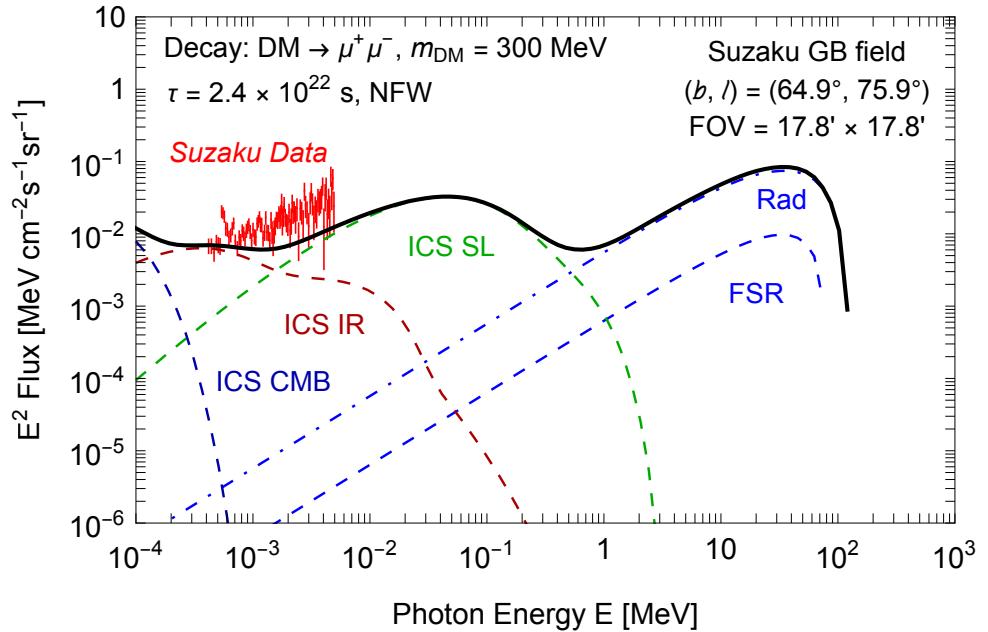
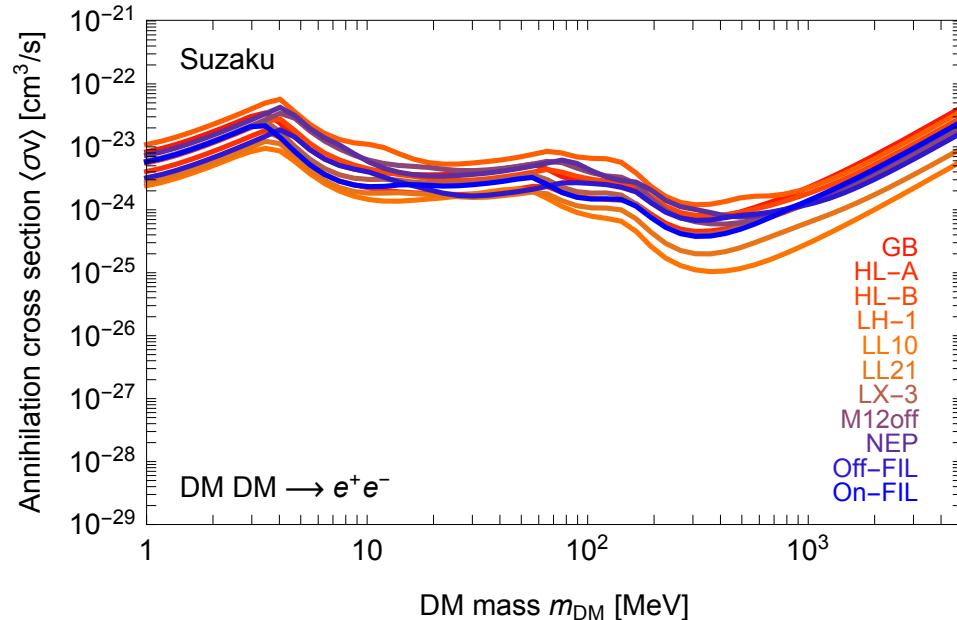
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Suzaku constraints

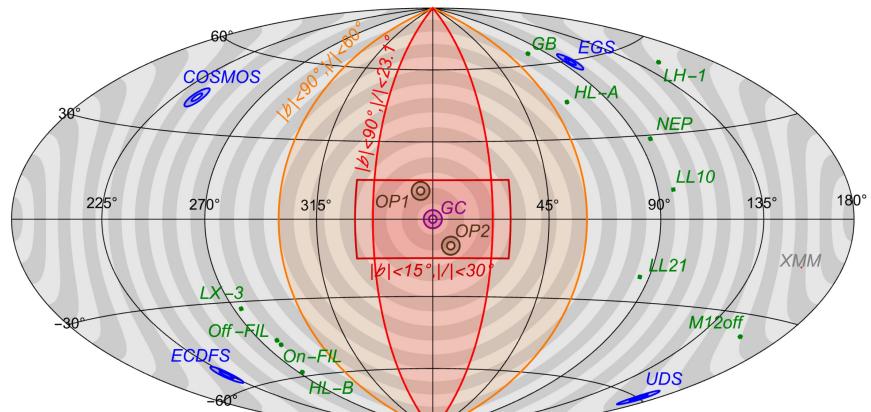
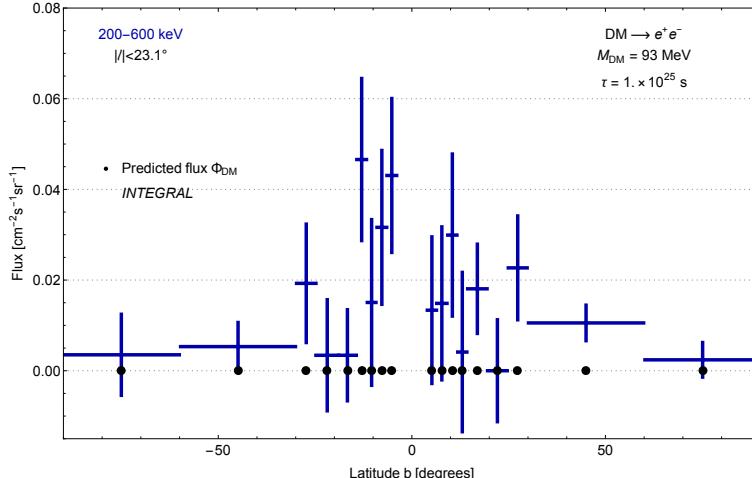
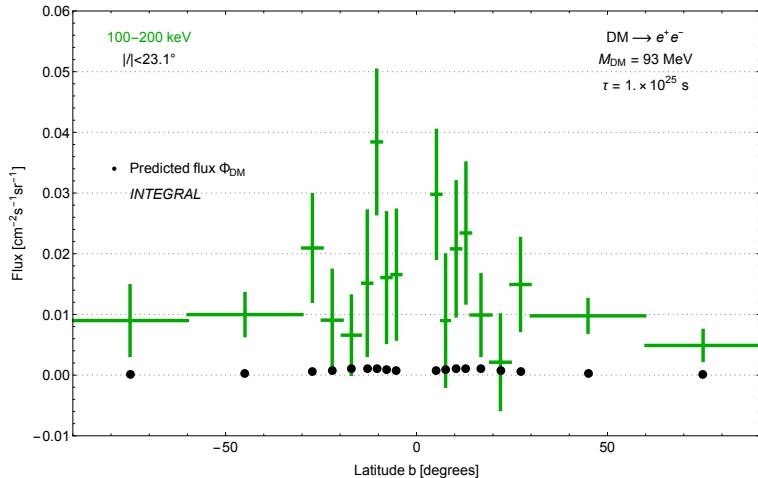
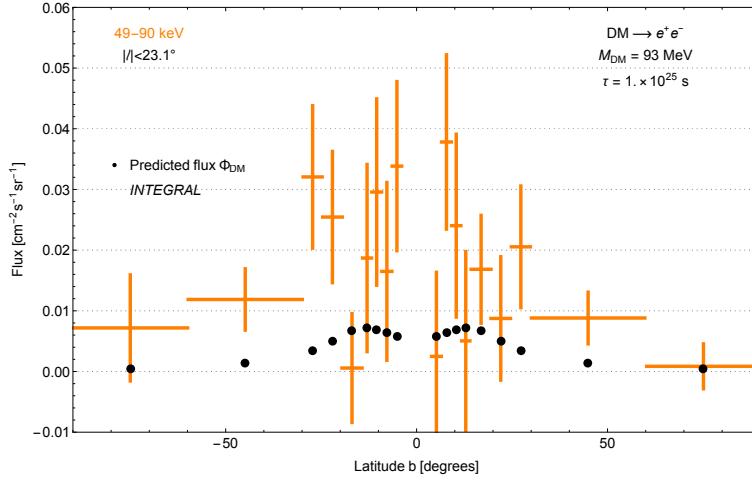
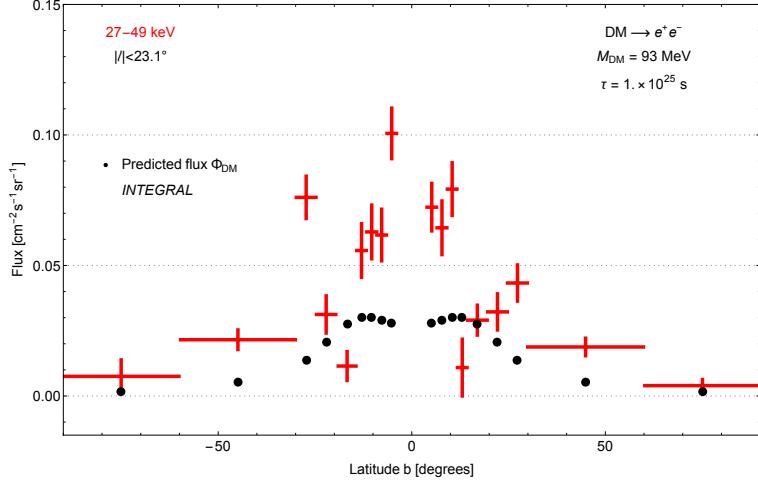
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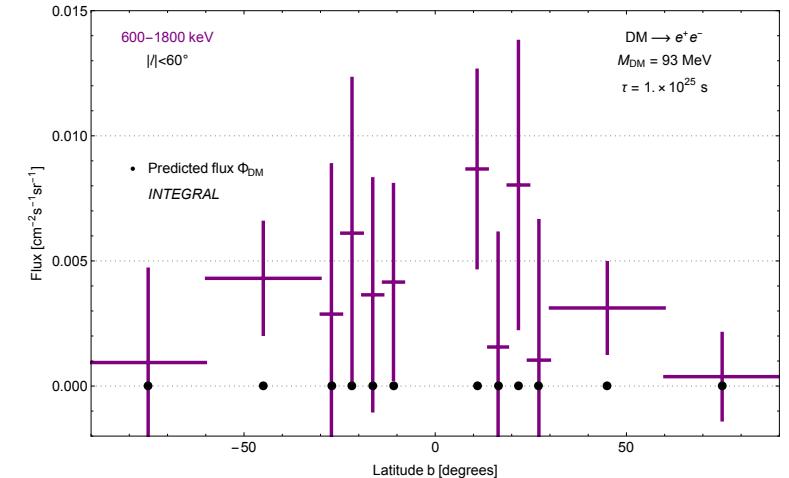
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INTEGRAL datasets



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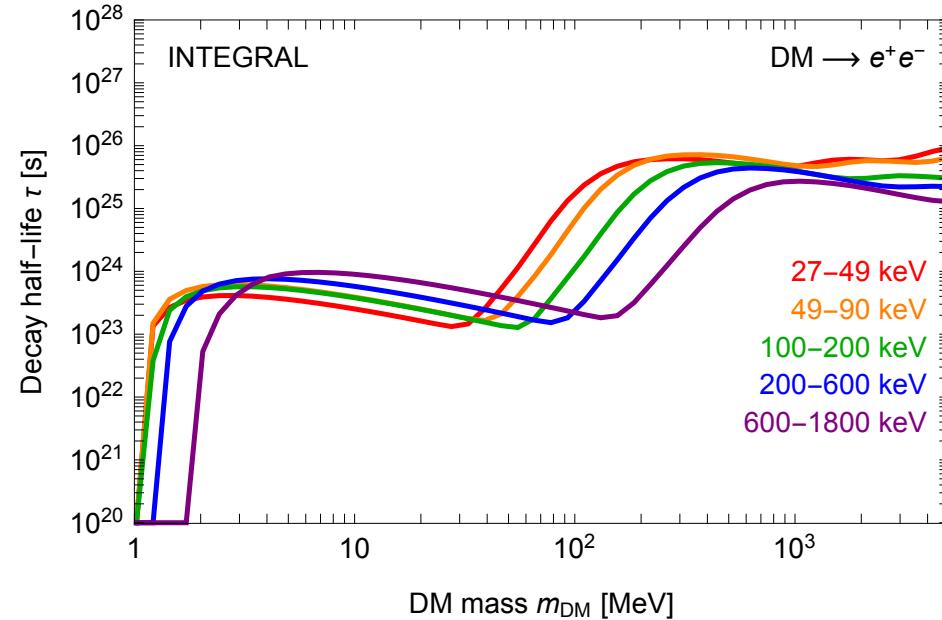
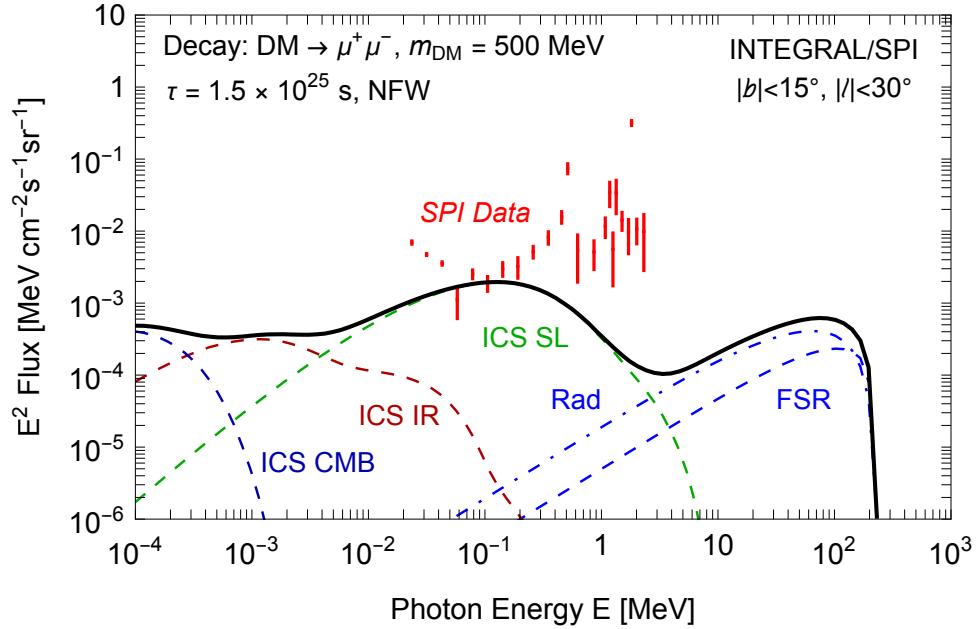
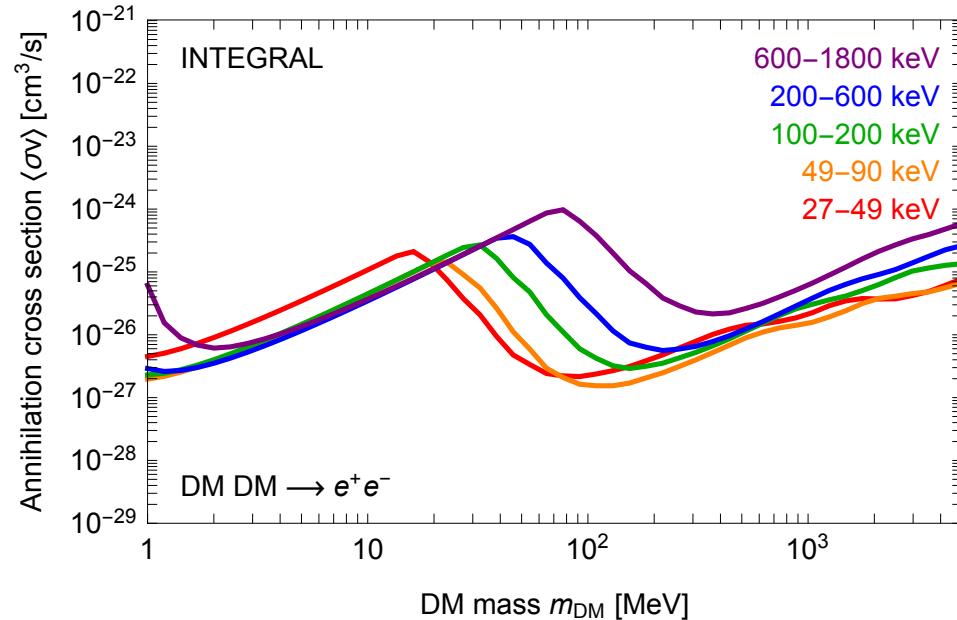


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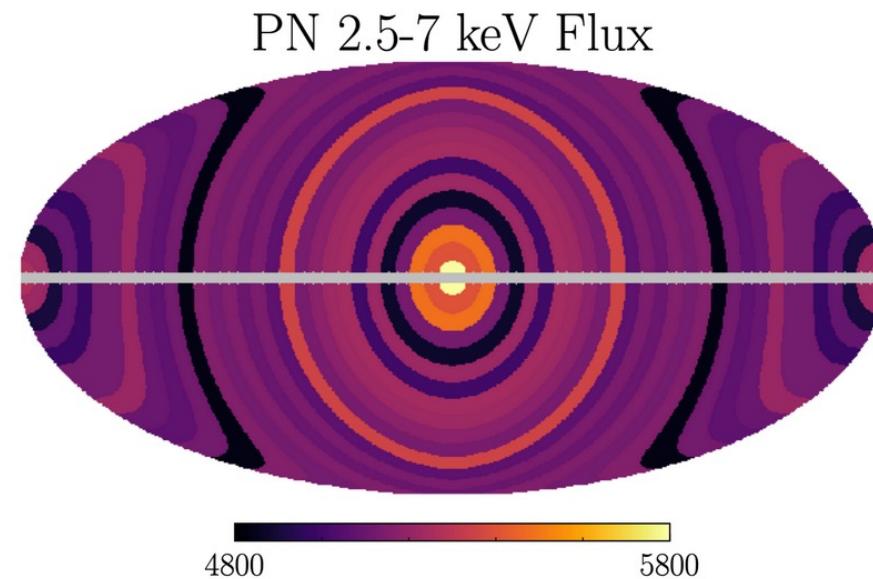
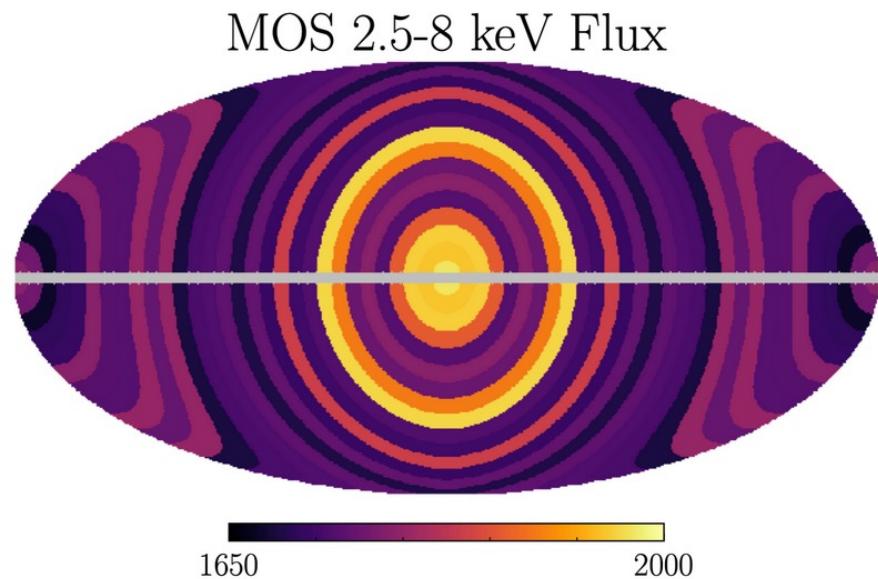
INTEGRAL diffuse emission searches

2003-2009

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XMM-Newton datasets



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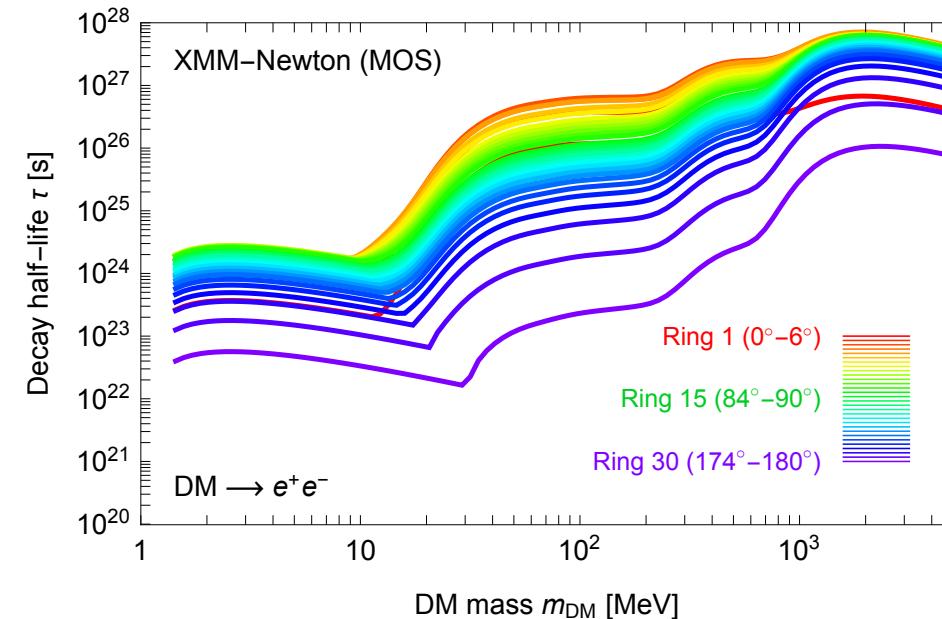
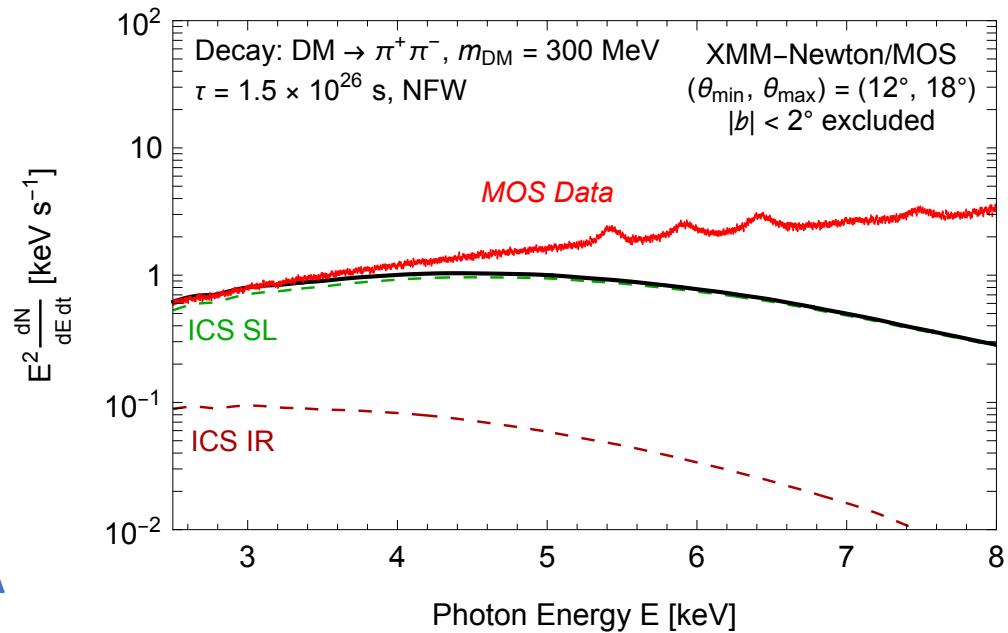
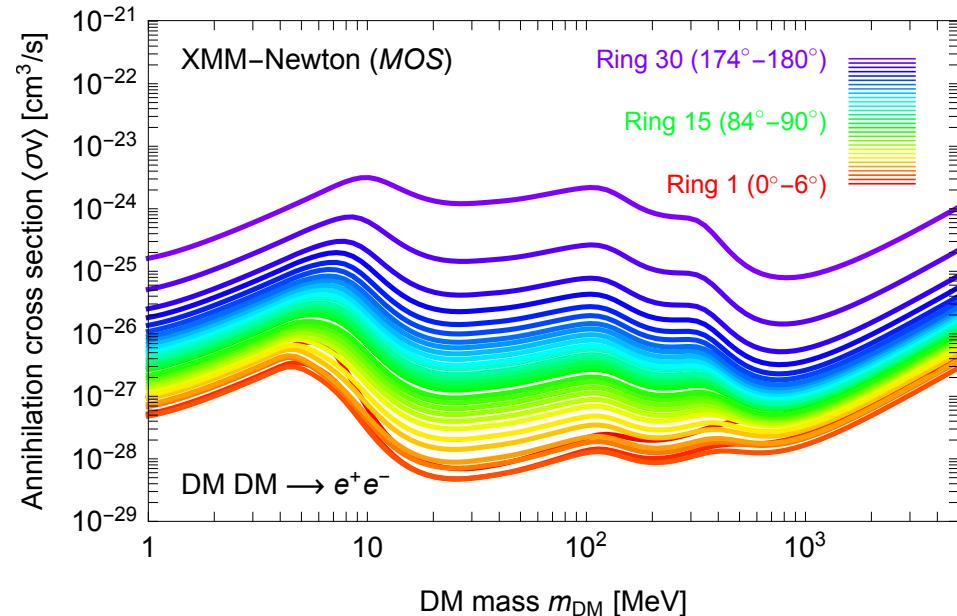
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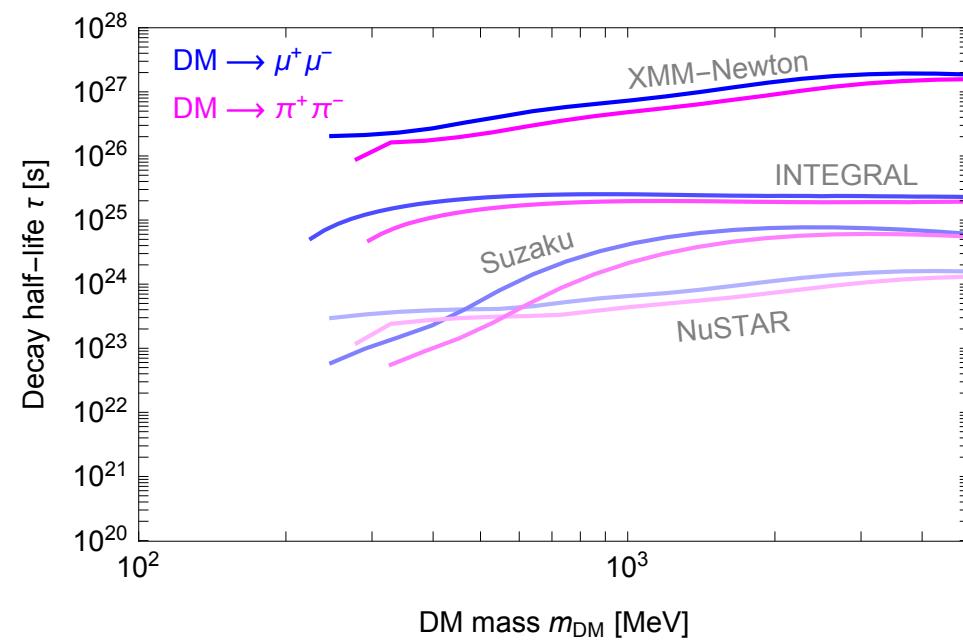
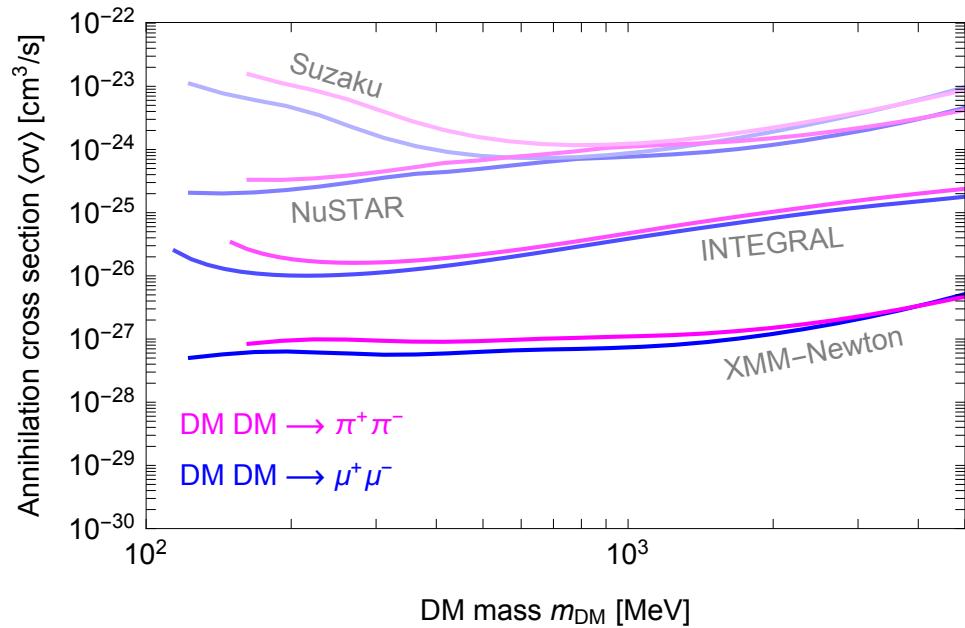
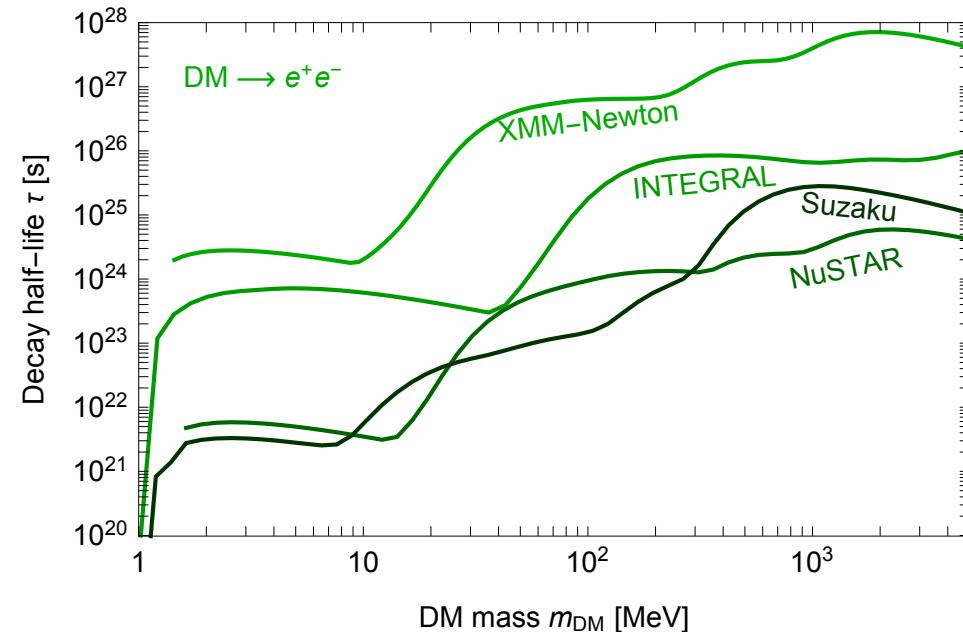
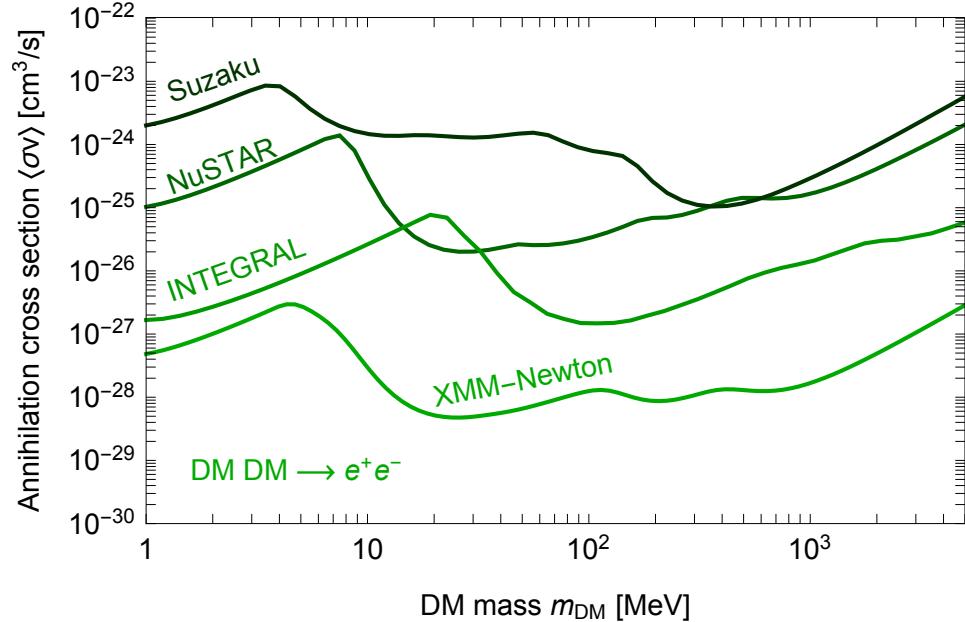
XMM-Newton constraints

XMM-Newton whole-sky observations
1999-2018

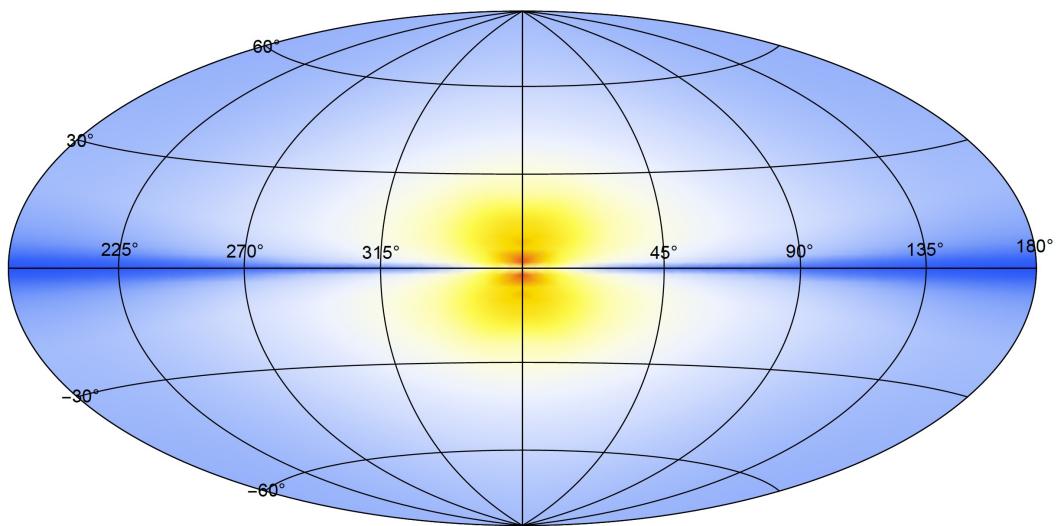
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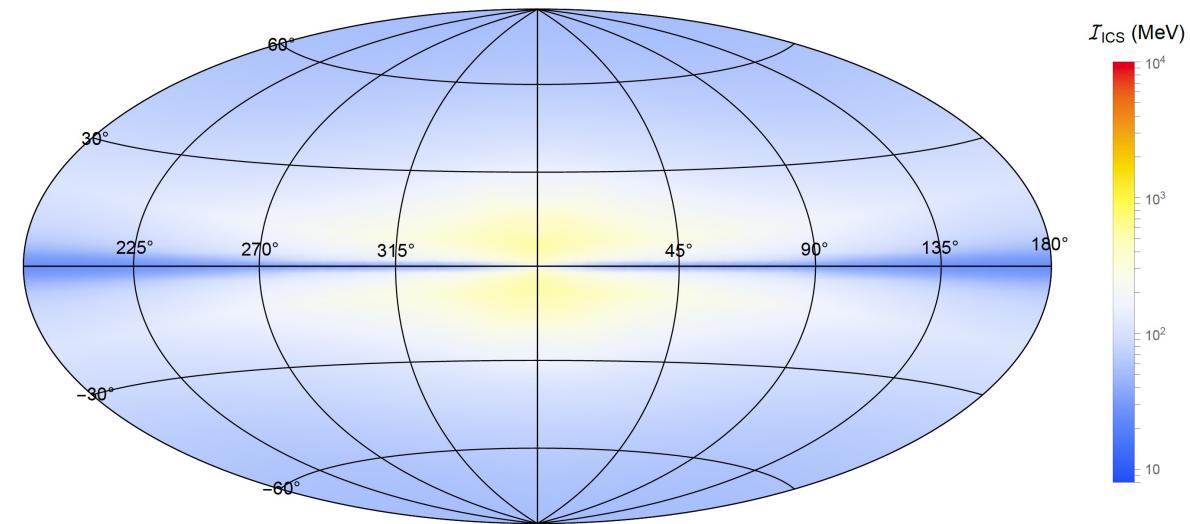
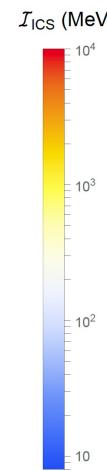




ICS halo function (spatial distribution)



Annihilation ($\eta = 2$)

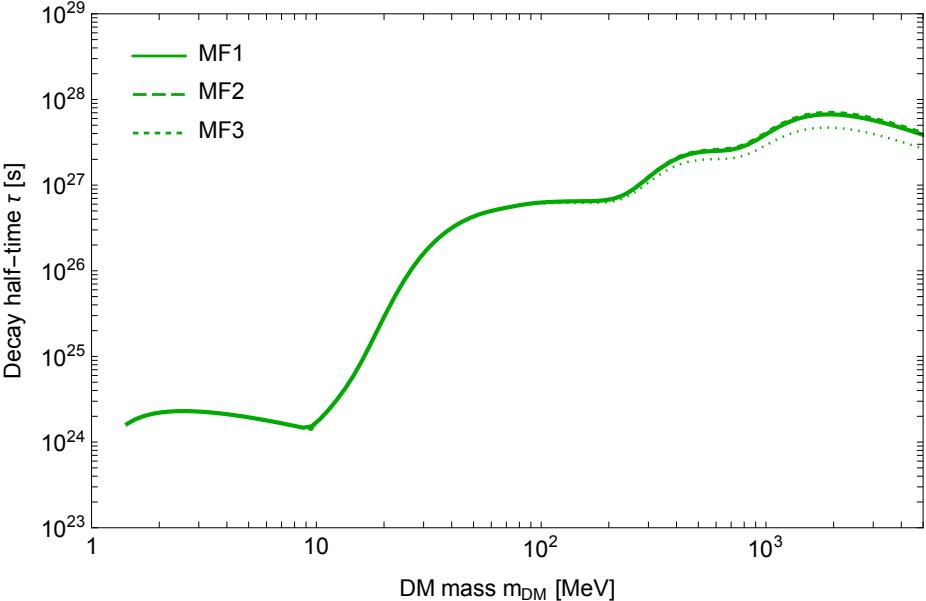
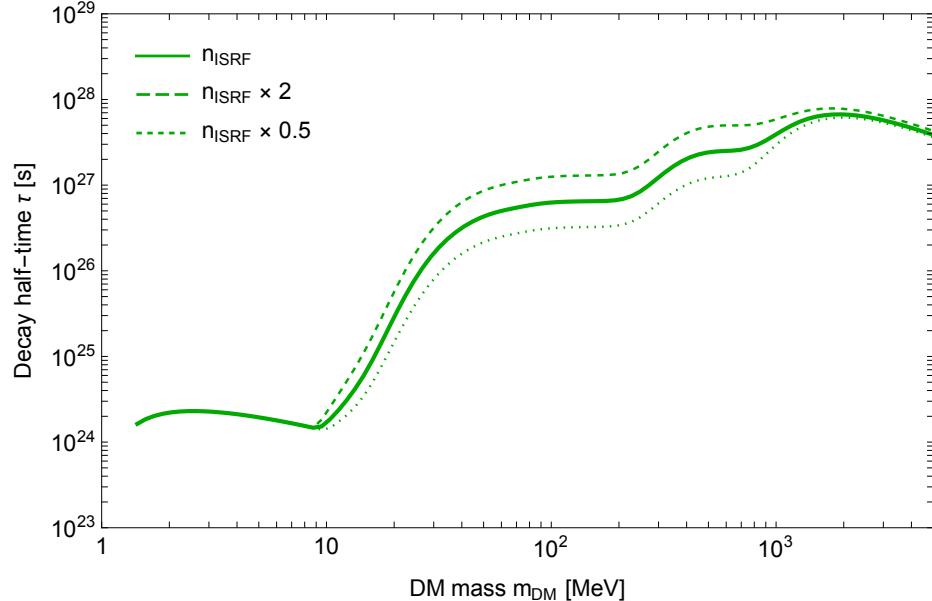
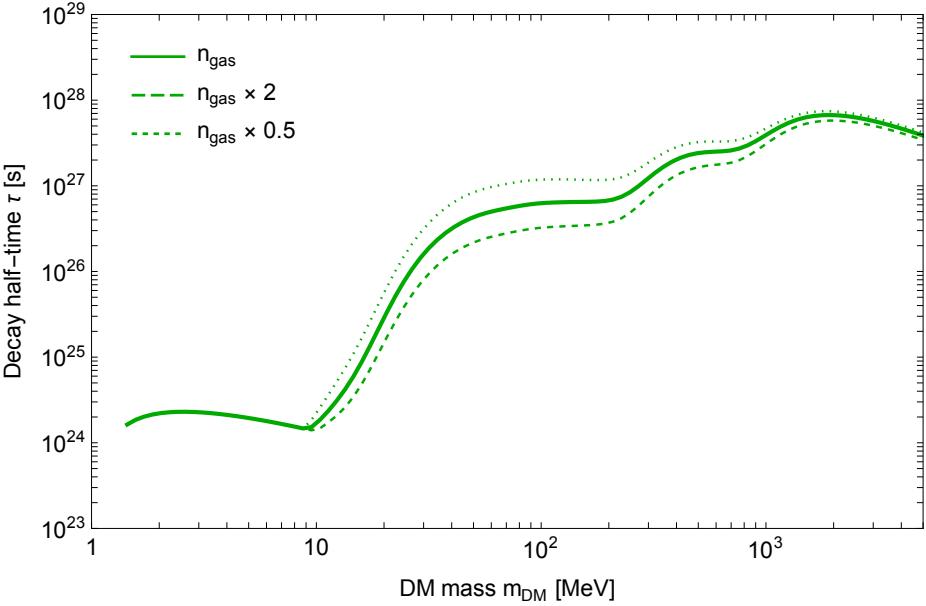
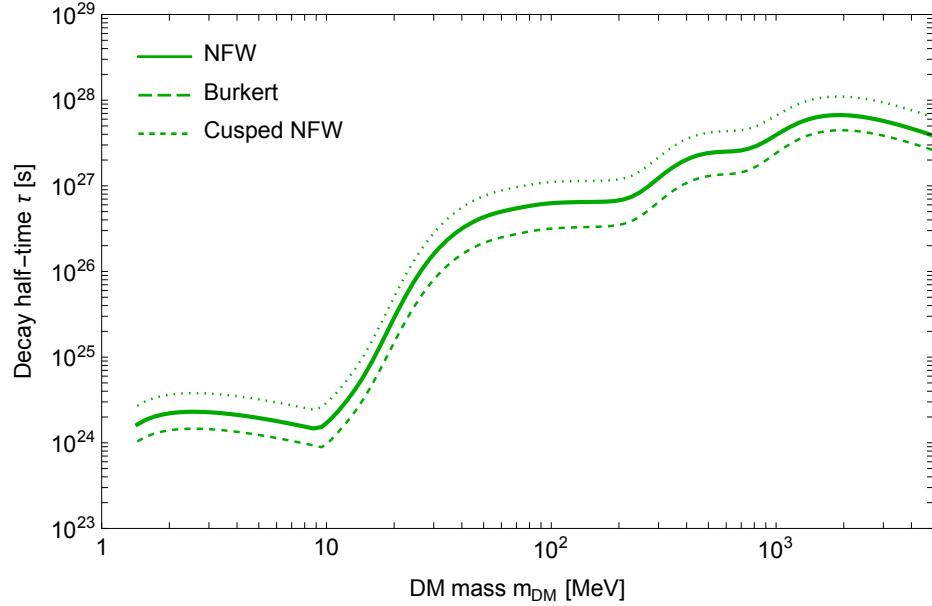


Decay ($\eta = 1$)

$$I_{\text{ICS}}(E_\gamma, E_e, b, l) = 2 E_\gamma \int_{l.o.s.} \frac{ds}{r_\odot} \left(\frac{\rho(s, b, l)}{\rho_\odot} \right)^\eta \int_{m_e}^{E_e} dE \frac{\mathcal{P}_{\text{IC}}(E_\gamma, E, s, b, l)}{b(E, s, b, l)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E_\gamma &= 5 \text{ keV} \\ E_e &= 1 \text{ GeV} \end{aligned}$$

$\text{DM} \rightarrow e^+ e^-$



Galactic magnetic field configurations

$$B(r, z) = B_0 \exp\left(-\frac{r - r_\odot}{R_D} - \frac{|z|}{z_D}\right)$$

Models	B_0 (μG)	r_D (kpc)	z_D (kpc)
MF1	4.78	10	2
MF2	5.1	8.5	1
MF3	9.1	30	4