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1 MeV \rightarrow 5 GeV

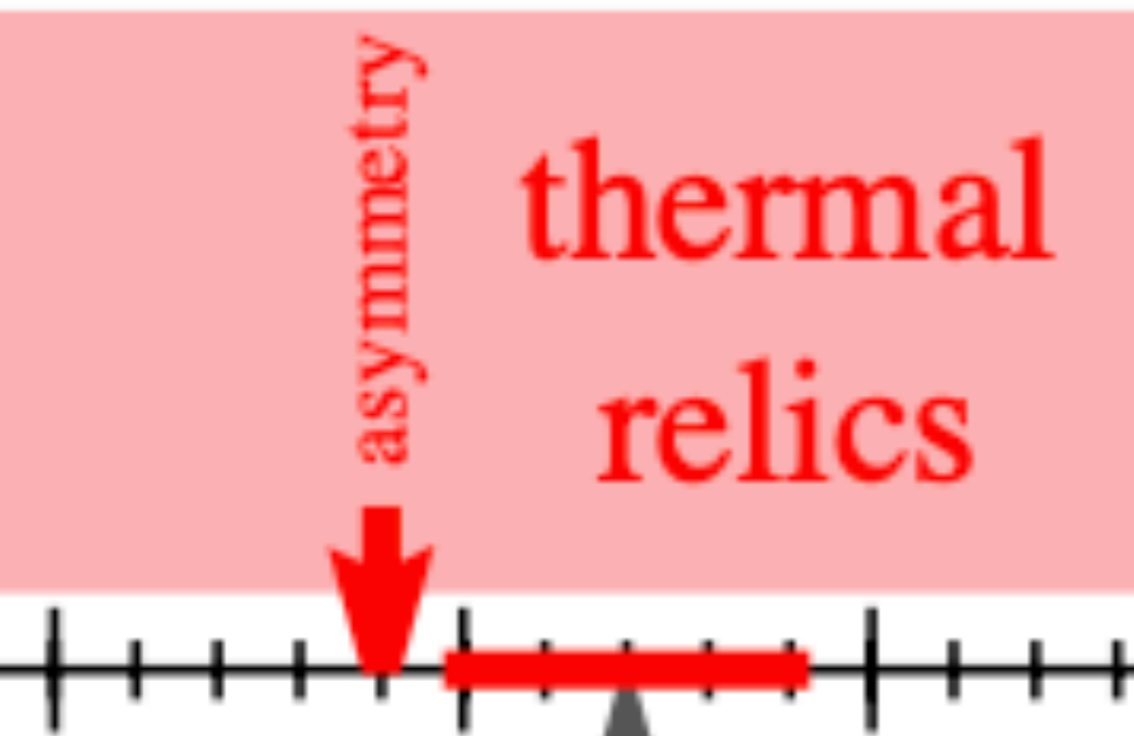
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based on : Cirelli, Fornengo, Kavanagh, Pinetti 2007.11493
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Candidates

Particles

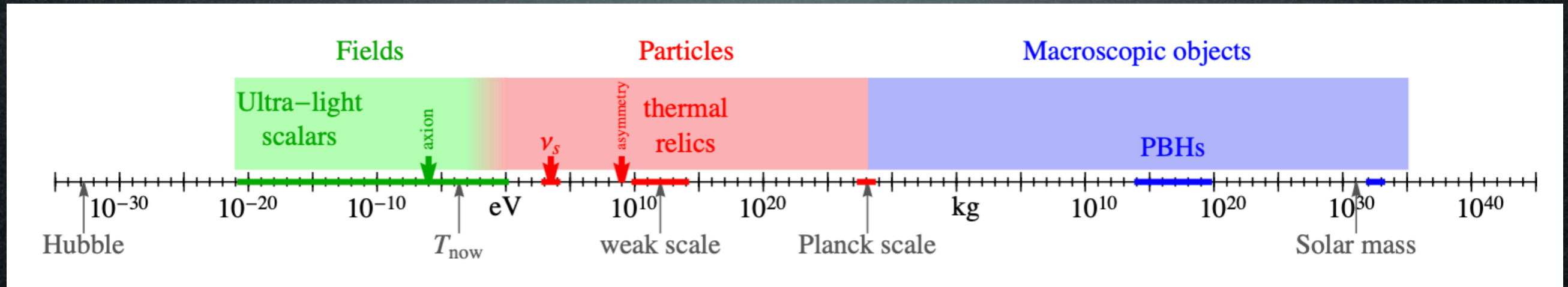


10^{10} eV

weak scale (~ 1 TeV)

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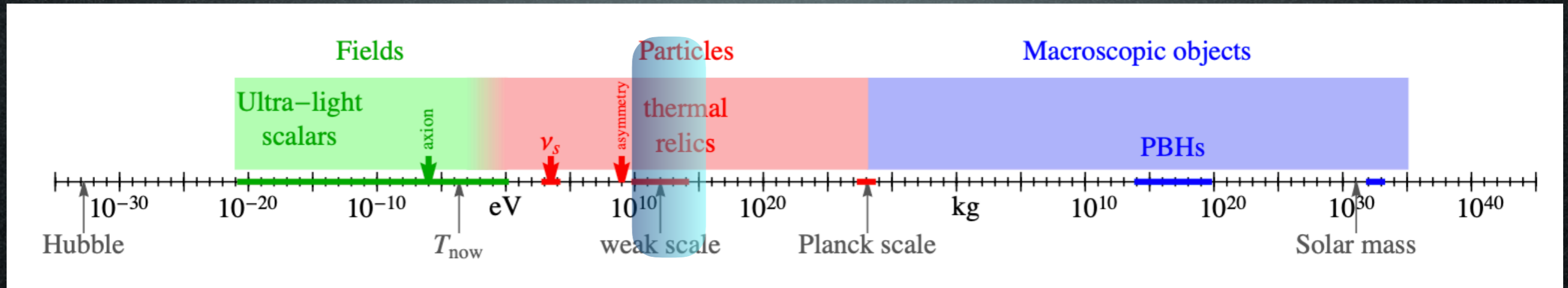
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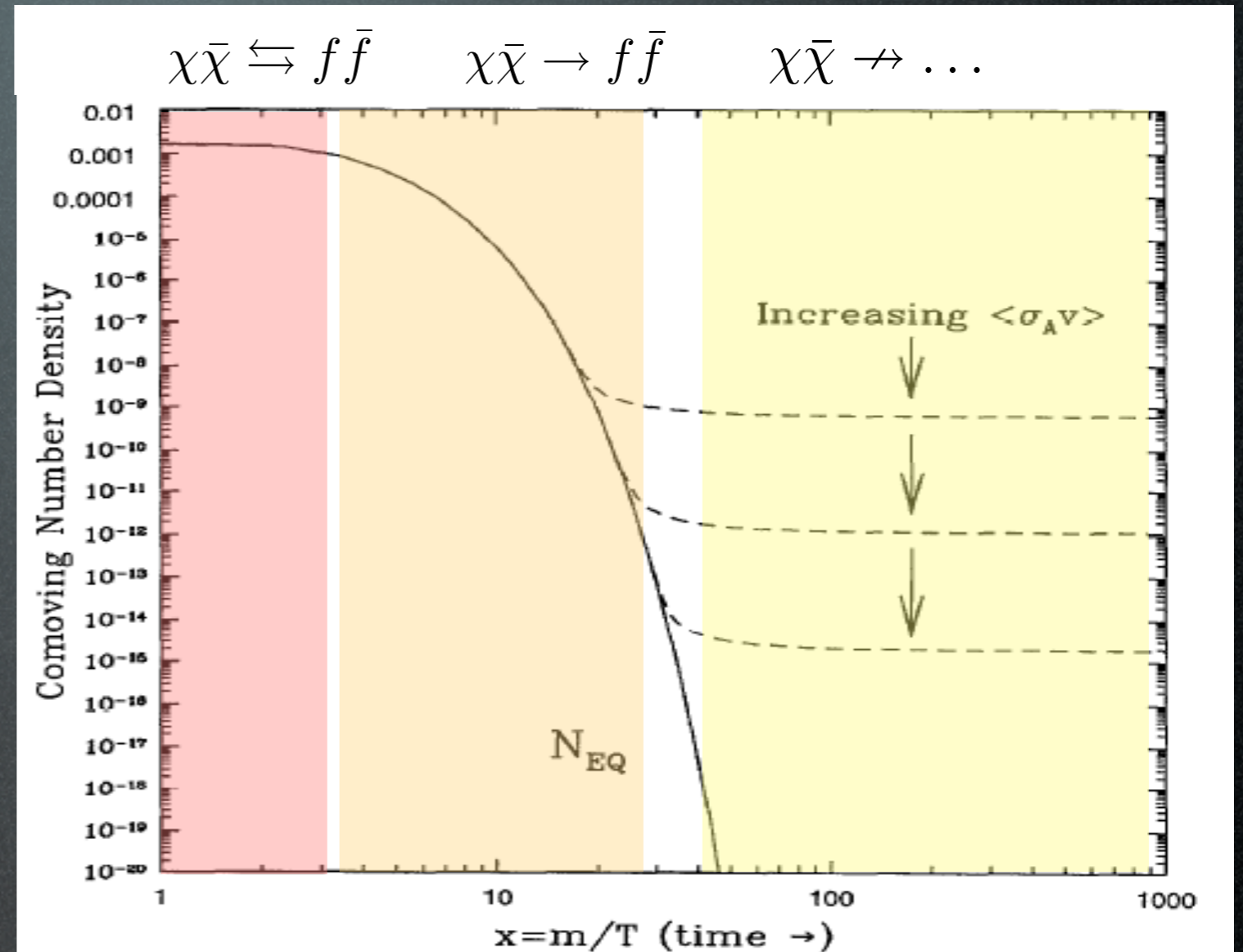
DM as a thermal relic from the Early Universe

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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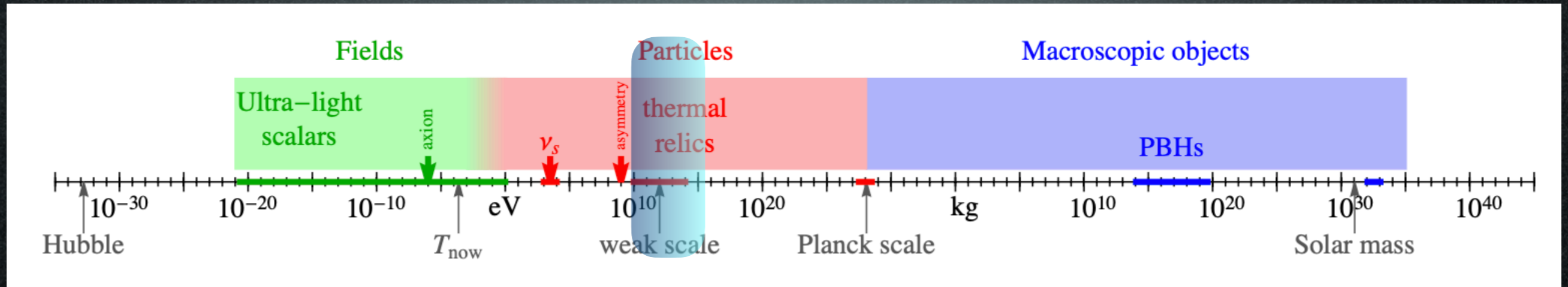
LHC

Fermi, AMS,
IceCube...

Xenon,
PandaX...

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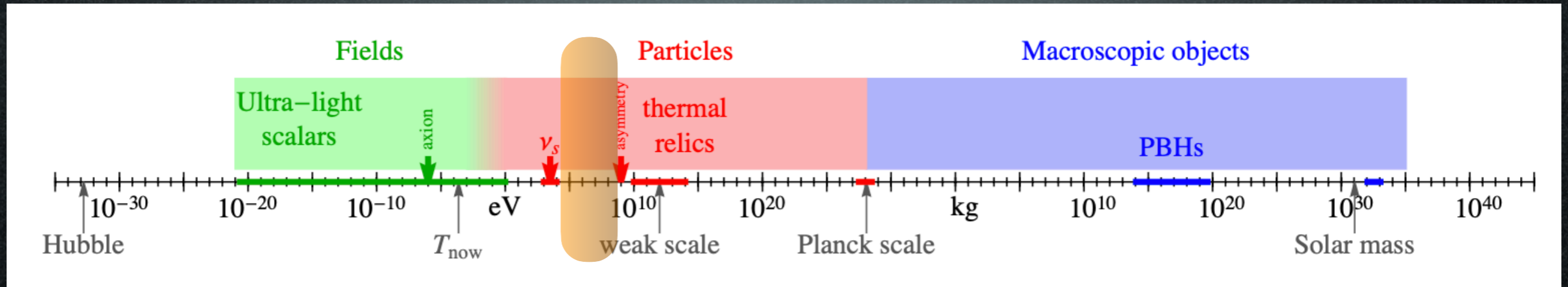
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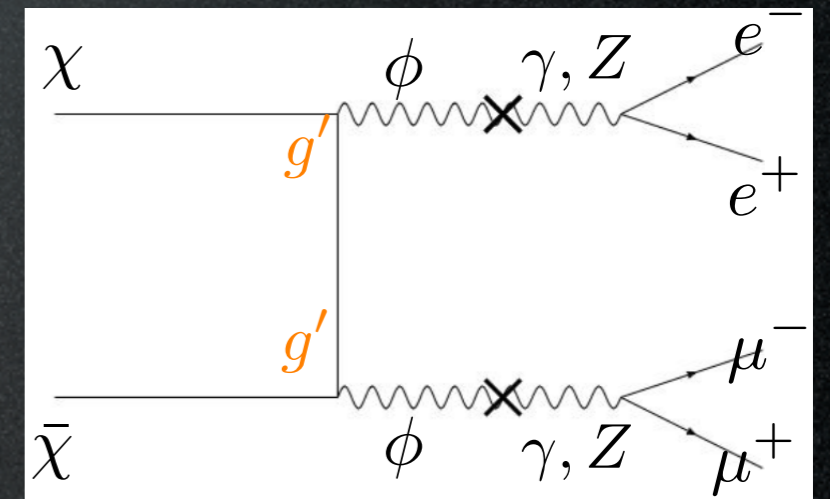
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if g_x is small,
 m 'naturally' small
(but nothing points to a precise value)

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Production mechanism:

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

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Sub-GeV DM

- ‘SIMP miracle’:

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

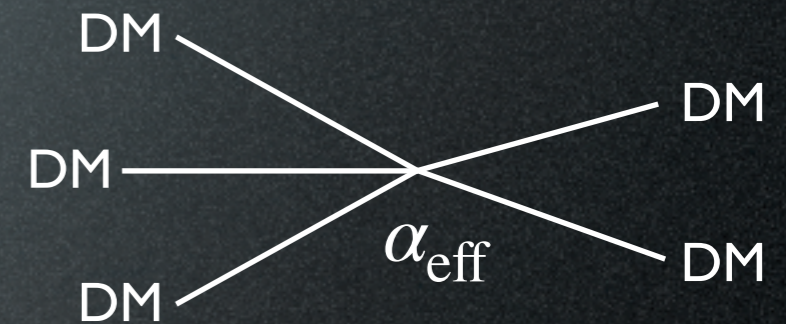
points to

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

Hochberg et al 1402.5143

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

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



Theory

Sub-GeV DM

- ‘MeV (scalar) DM’ (for the Integral 511 KeV excess?)

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

In conclusion, scalar Dark Matter particles can be significantly lighter than a few GeV's (thus evading the generalisation of the Lee-Weinberg limit for weakly-interacting neutral fermions) if they are coupled to a new (light) gauge boson or to new heavy fermions F (through non chiral couplings and poten-

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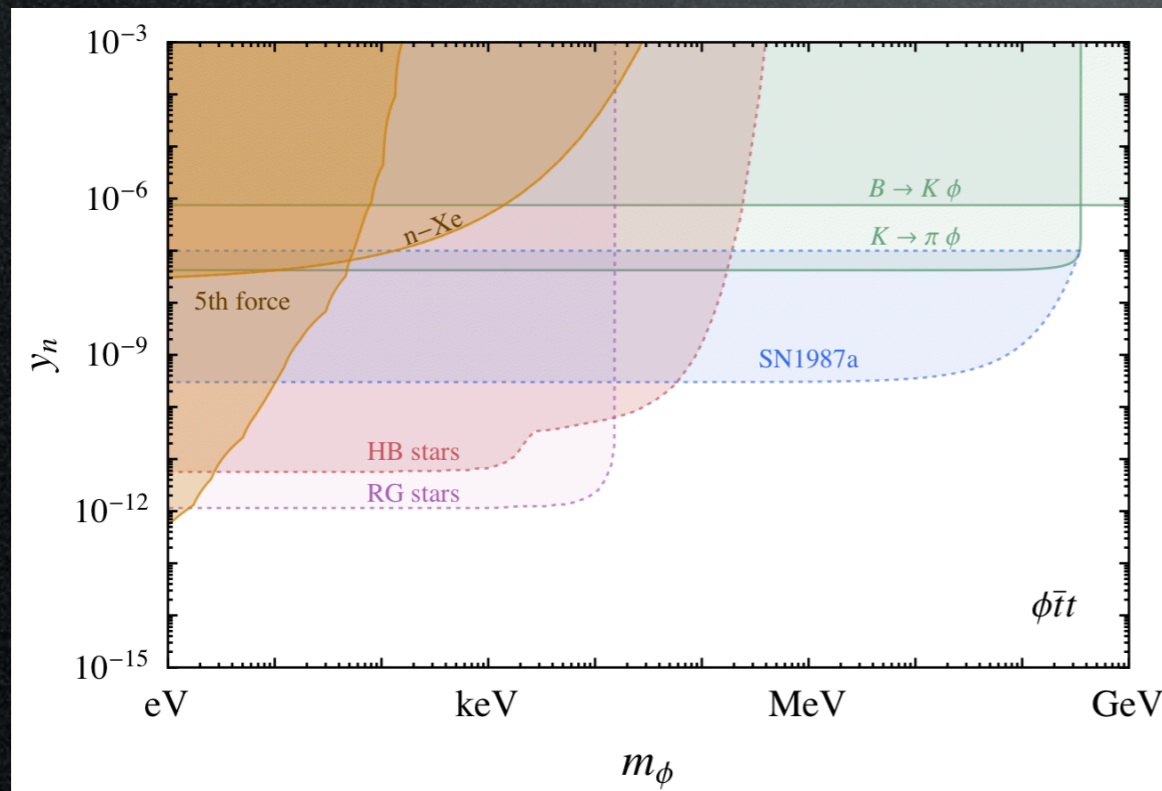
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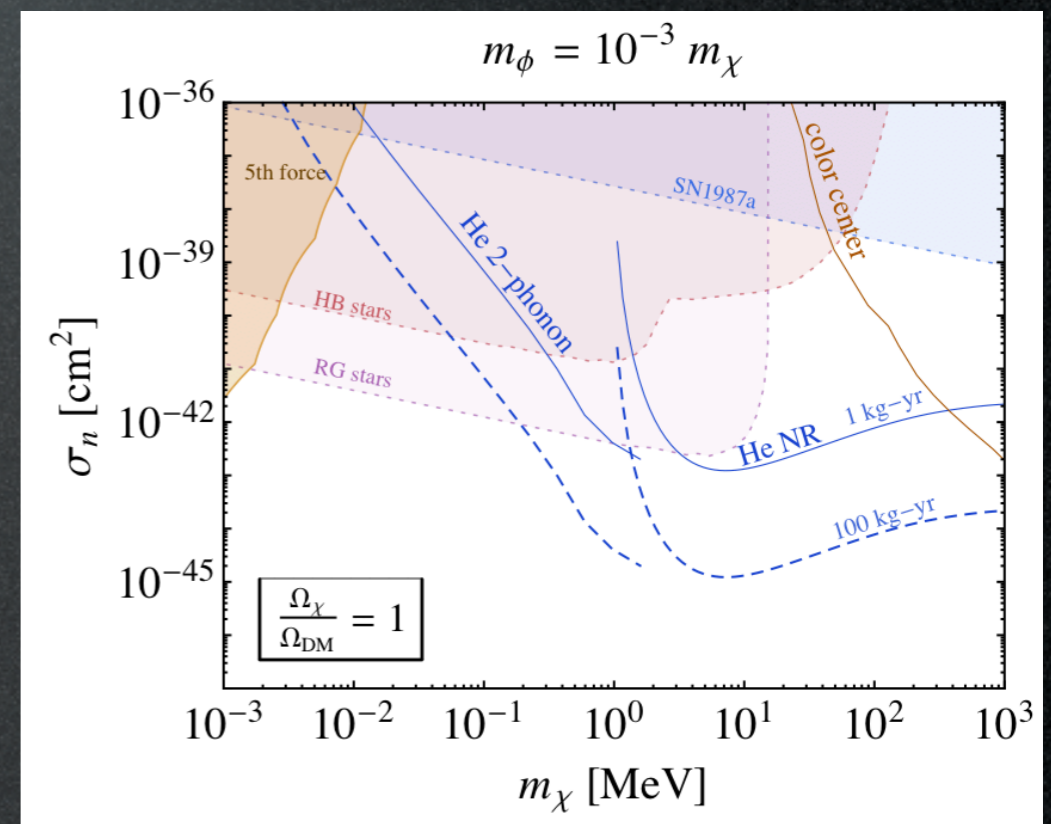
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constraints on the mediator



constraints on the DM



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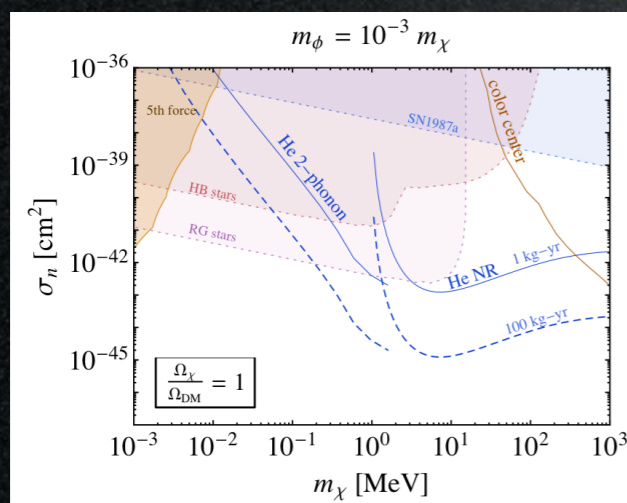
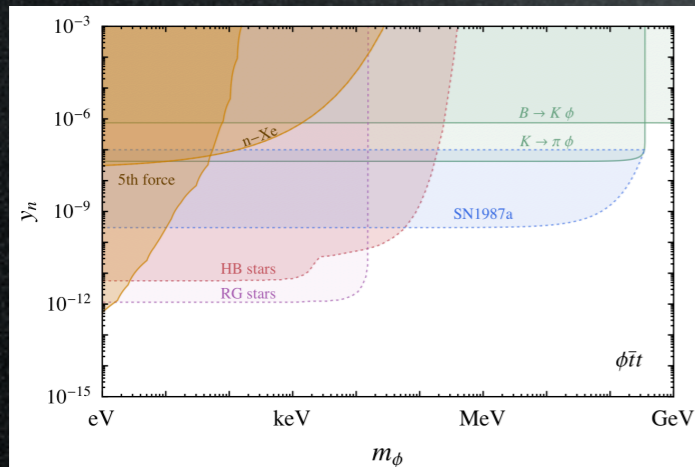
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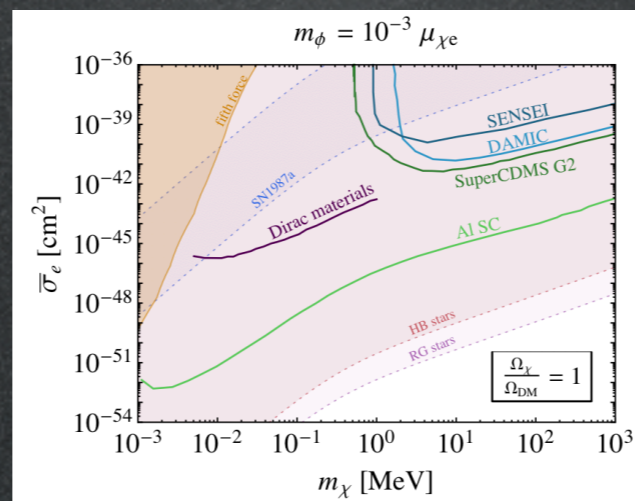
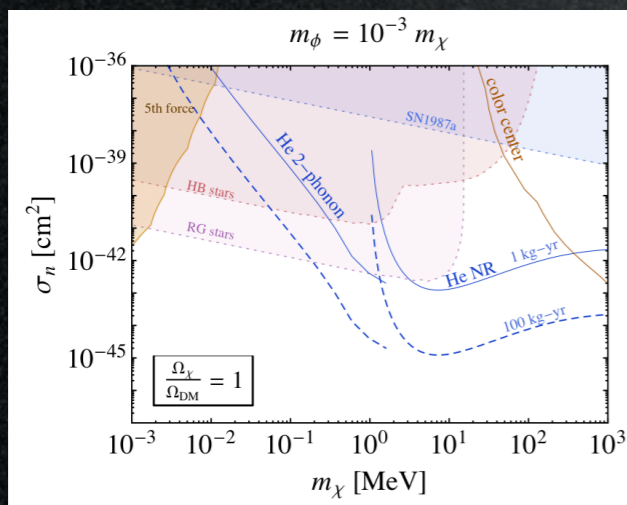
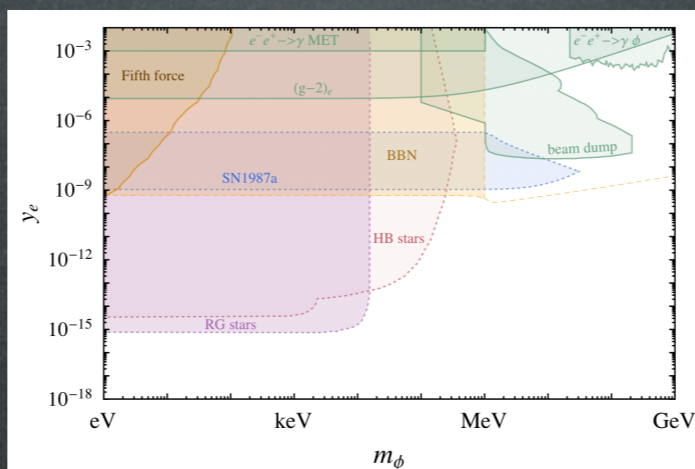
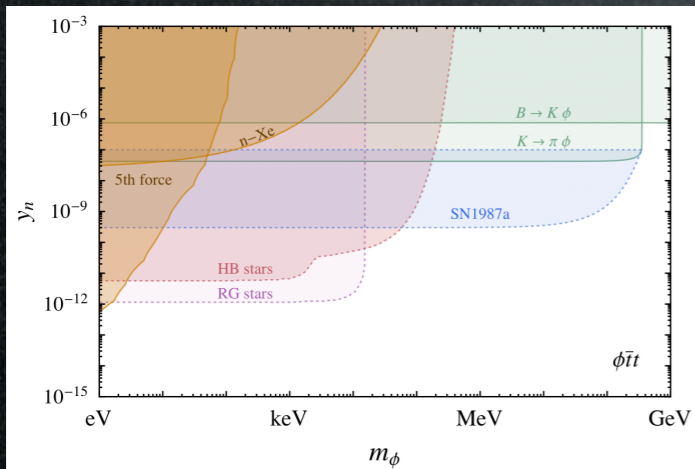
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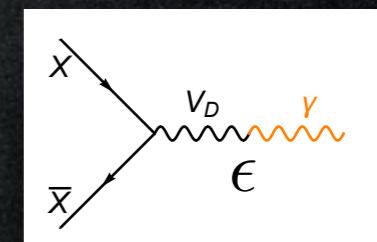
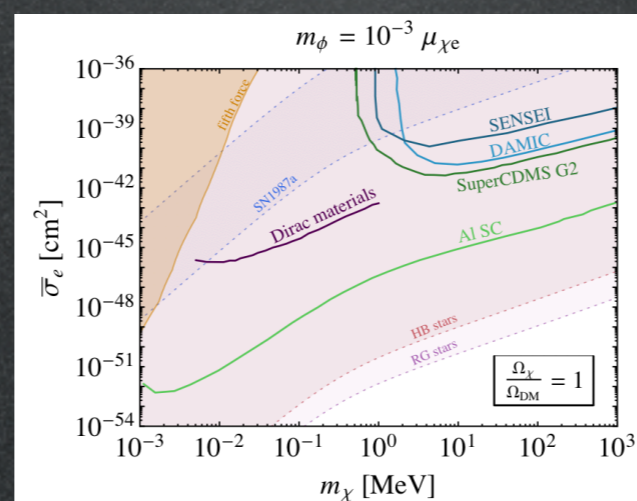
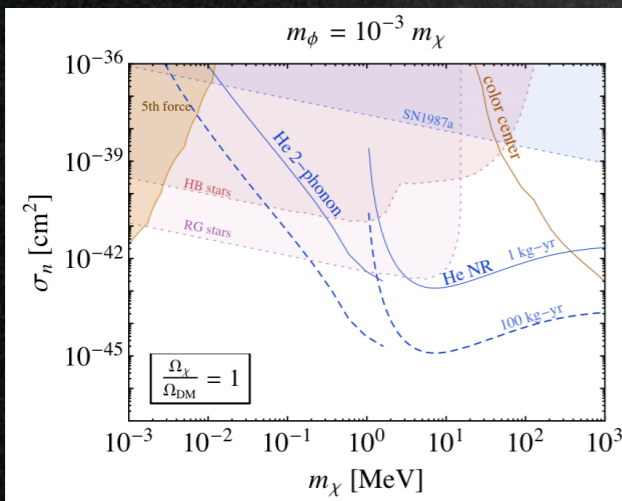
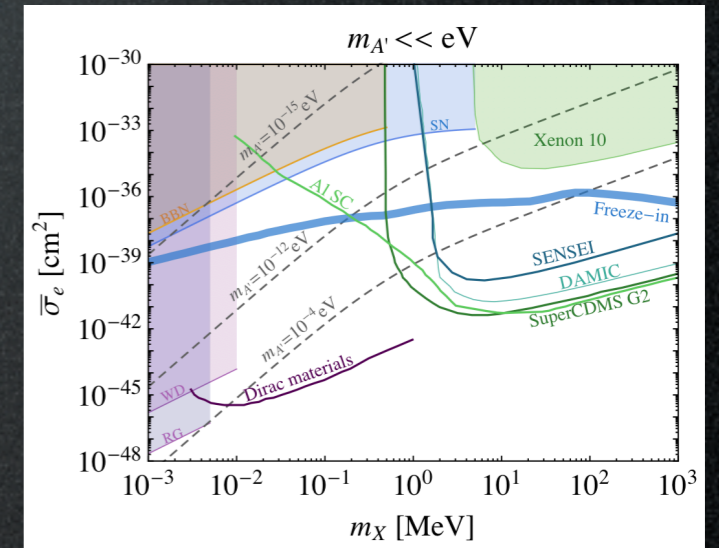
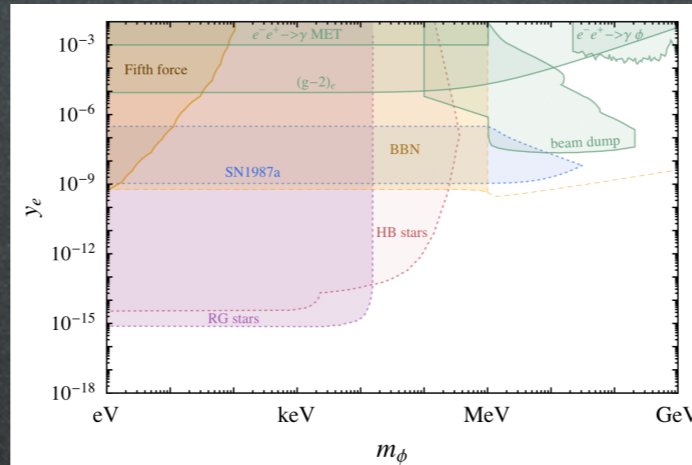
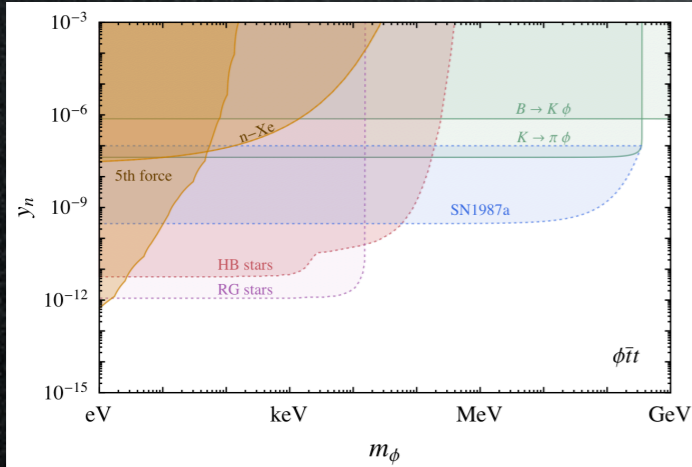
fermionic DM and
vector mediator
(e.g. dark photon)

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$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{1}{2}m_{A'}^2 A'_\mu A'^\mu - \frac{1}{4}F'^{\mu\nu}F'_{\mu\nu} - \frac{\epsilon}{2}F^{\mu\nu}F'_{\mu\nu} - y_\chi A'_\mu\bar{\chi}\gamma^\mu\chi$$



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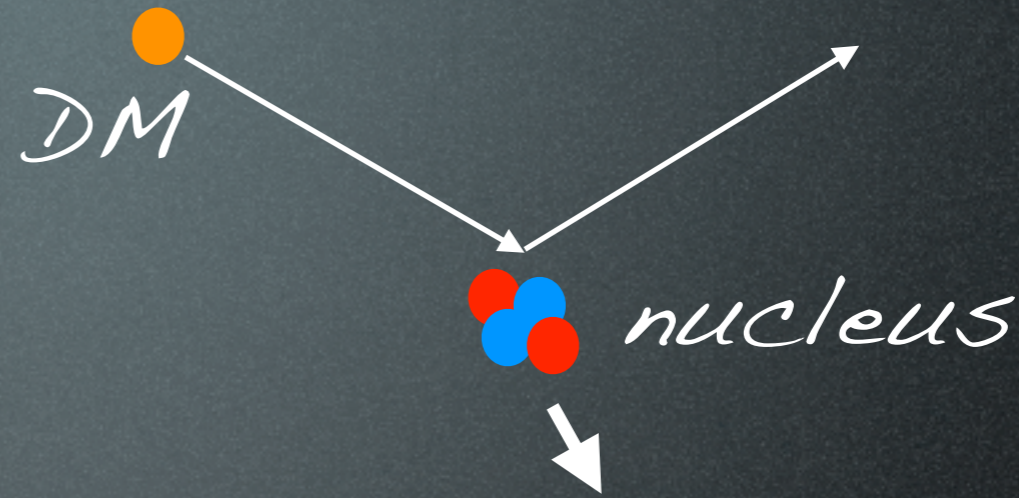
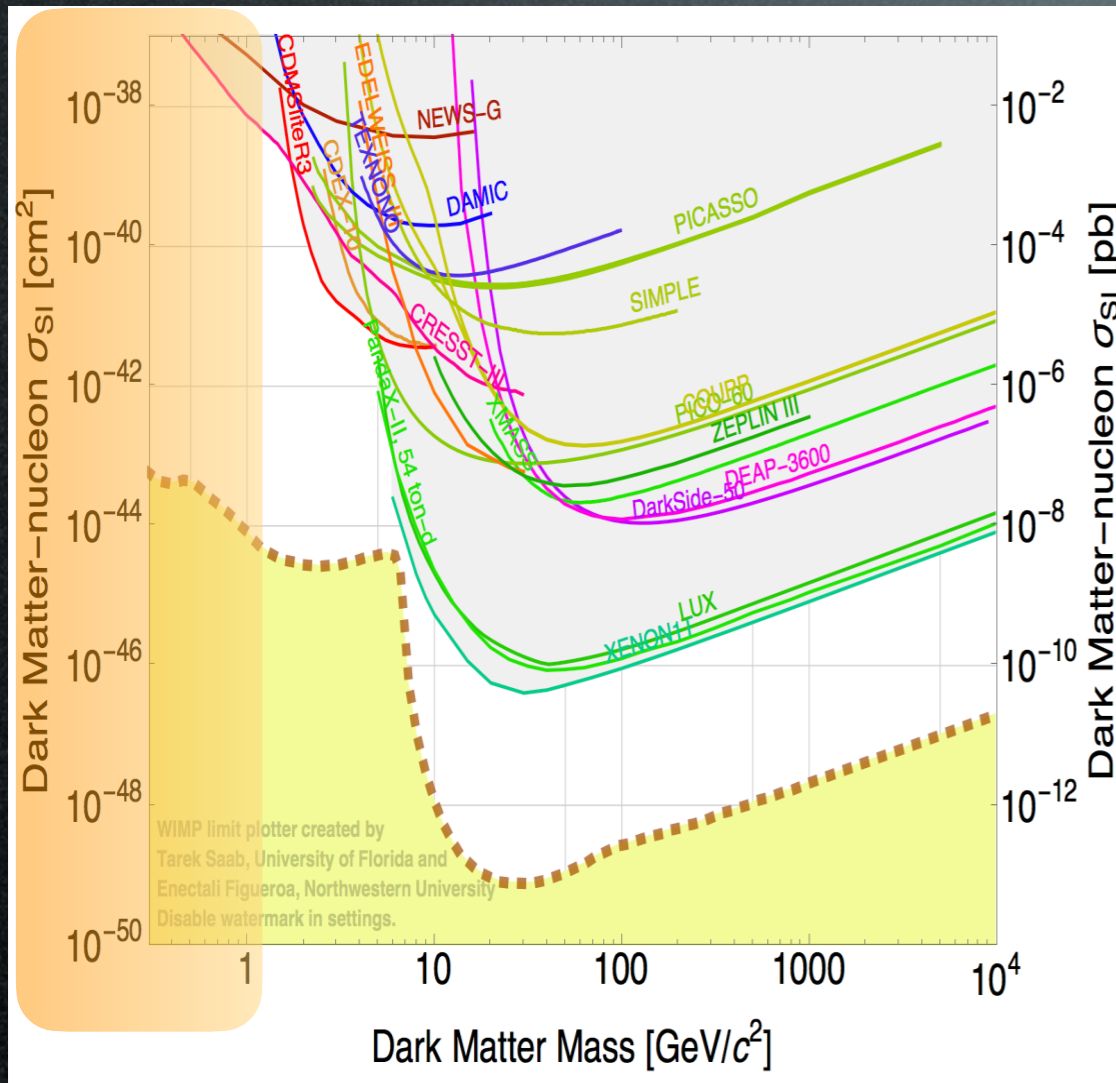
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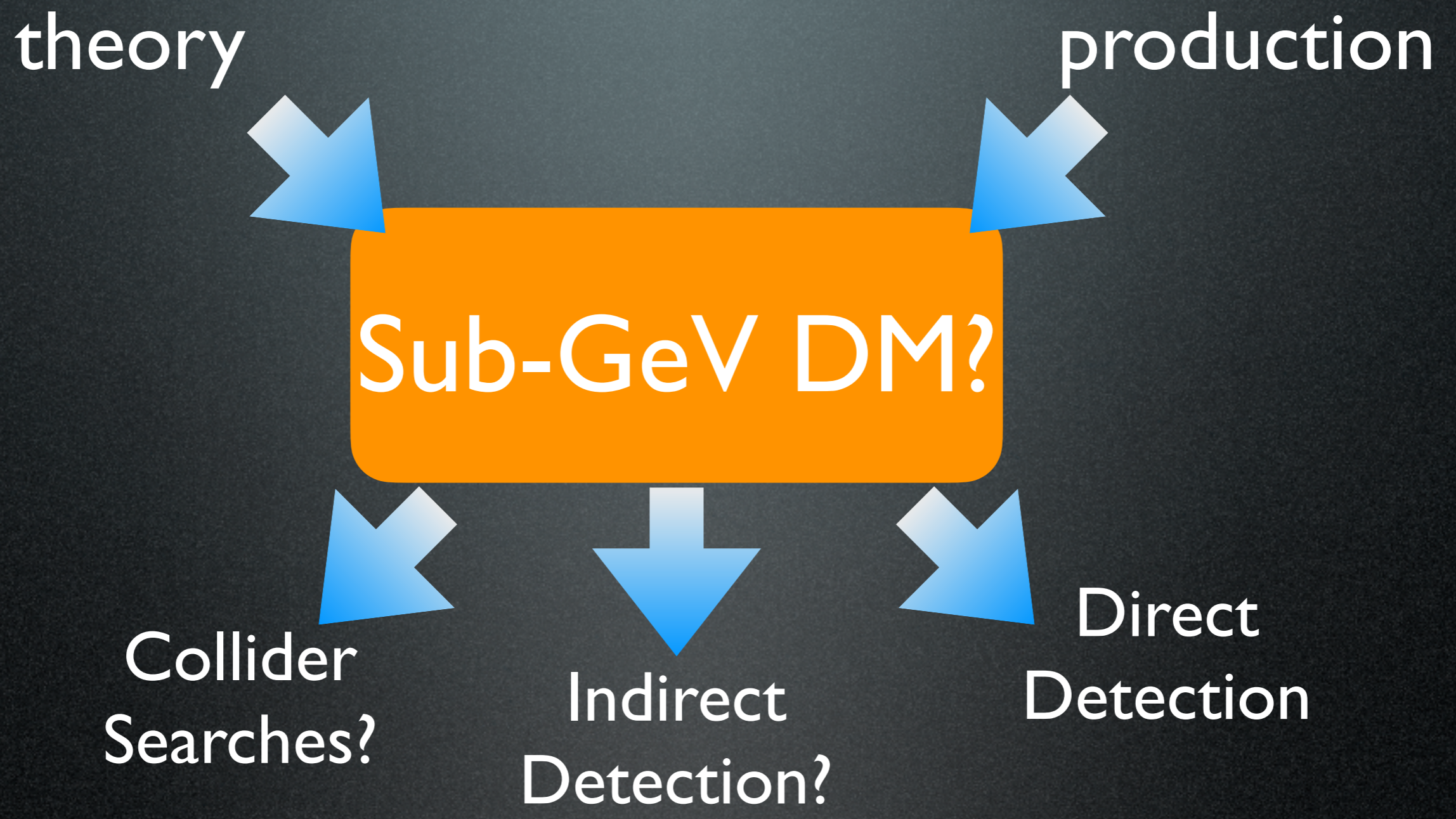
Direct Detection of sub-GeV DM



deposited energy is **below threshold** for typical nuclear recoil experiments

- electron recoil signal
- Migdal effect
- new experimental strategies

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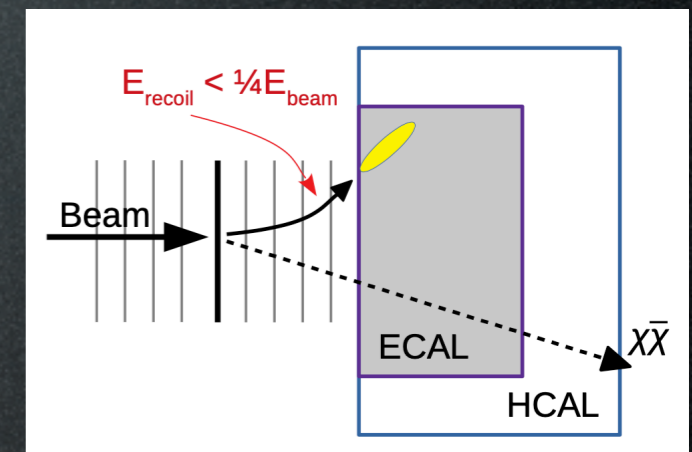
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Collider searches of sub-GeV DM

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

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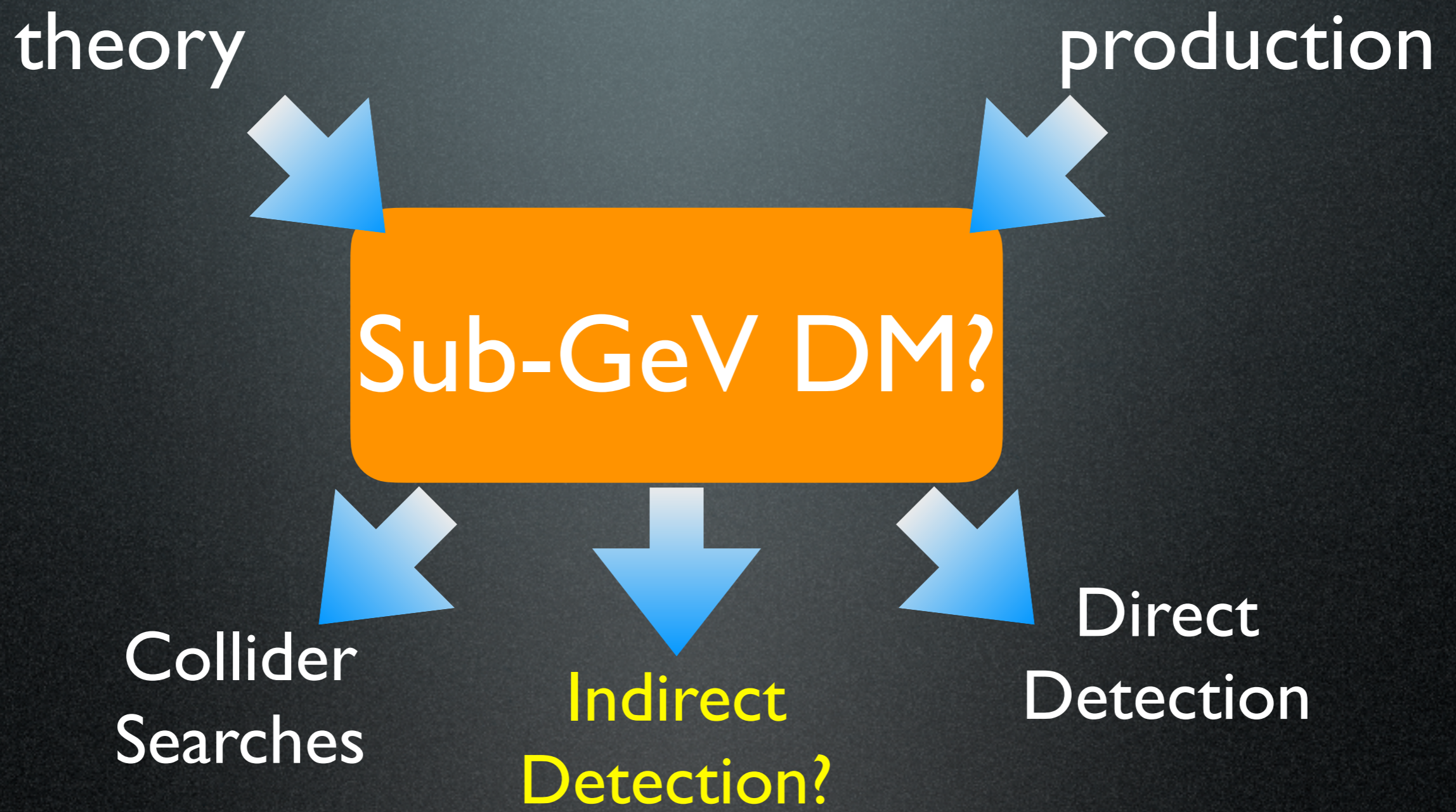
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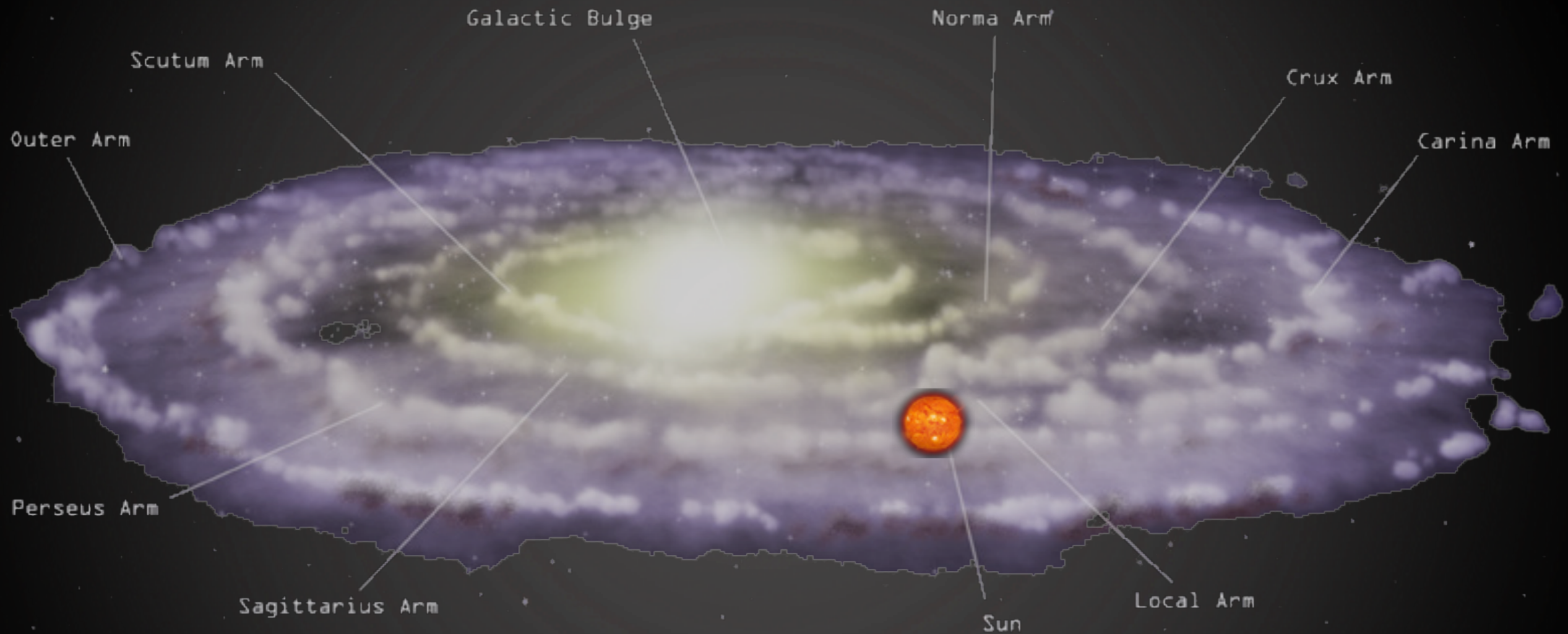


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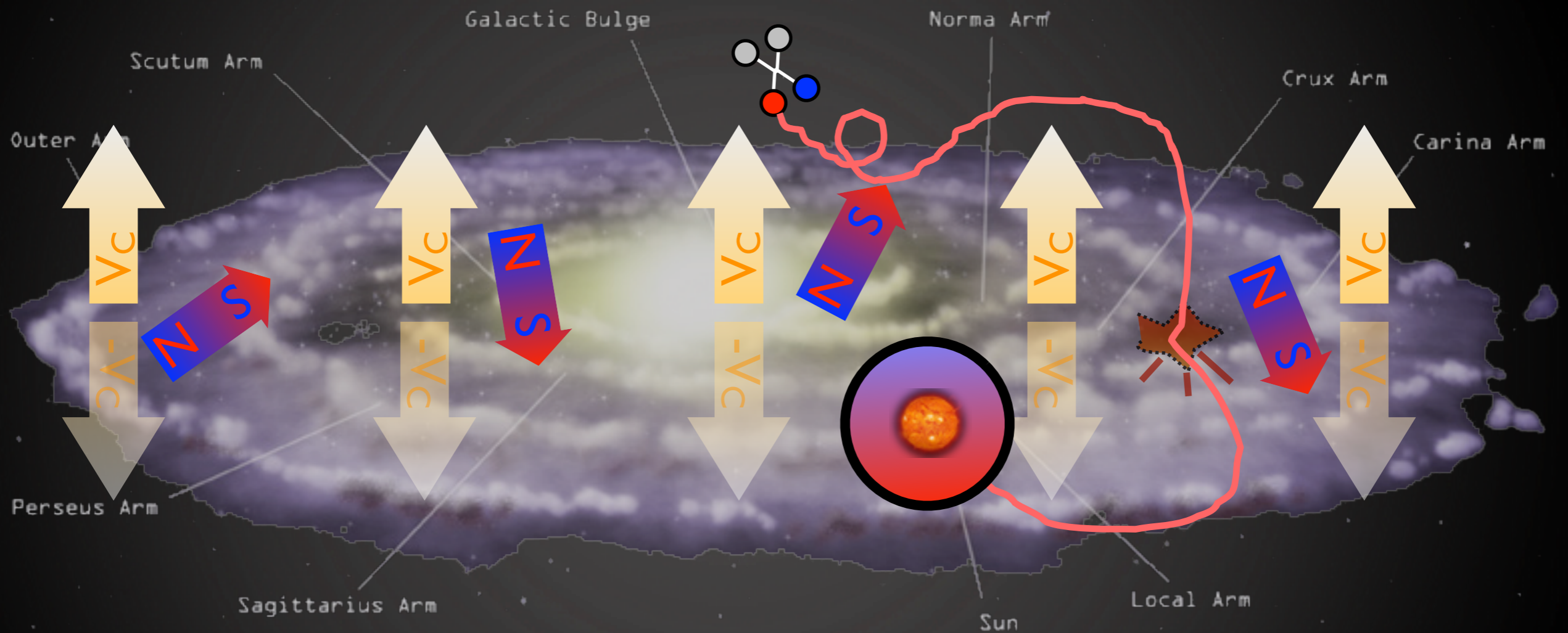
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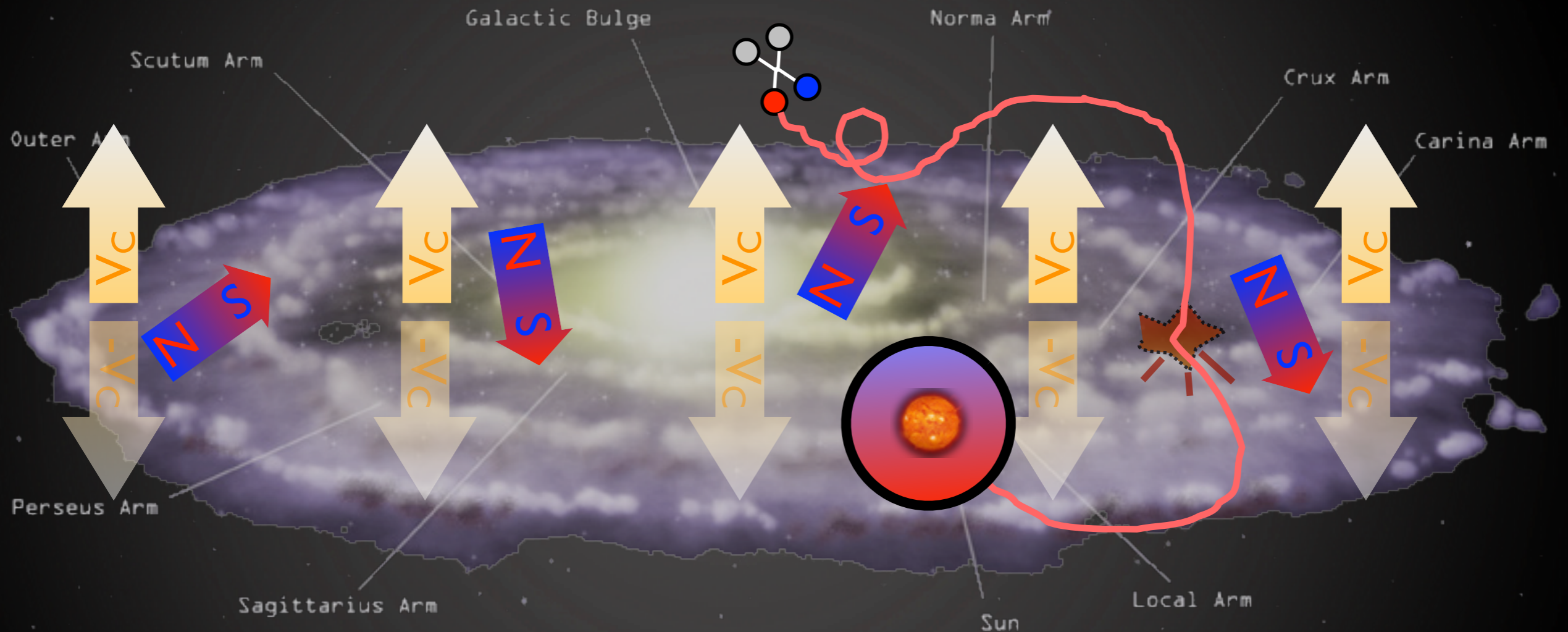
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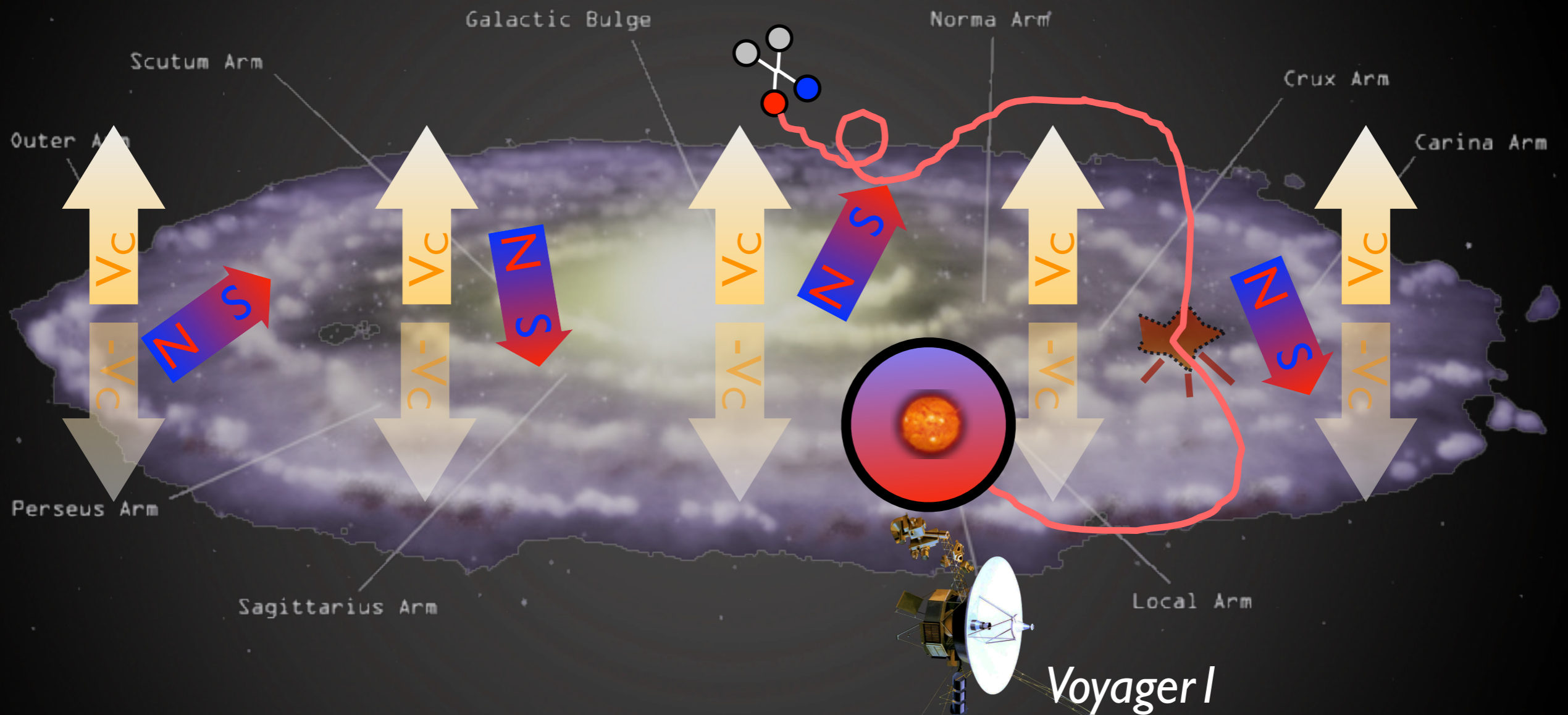


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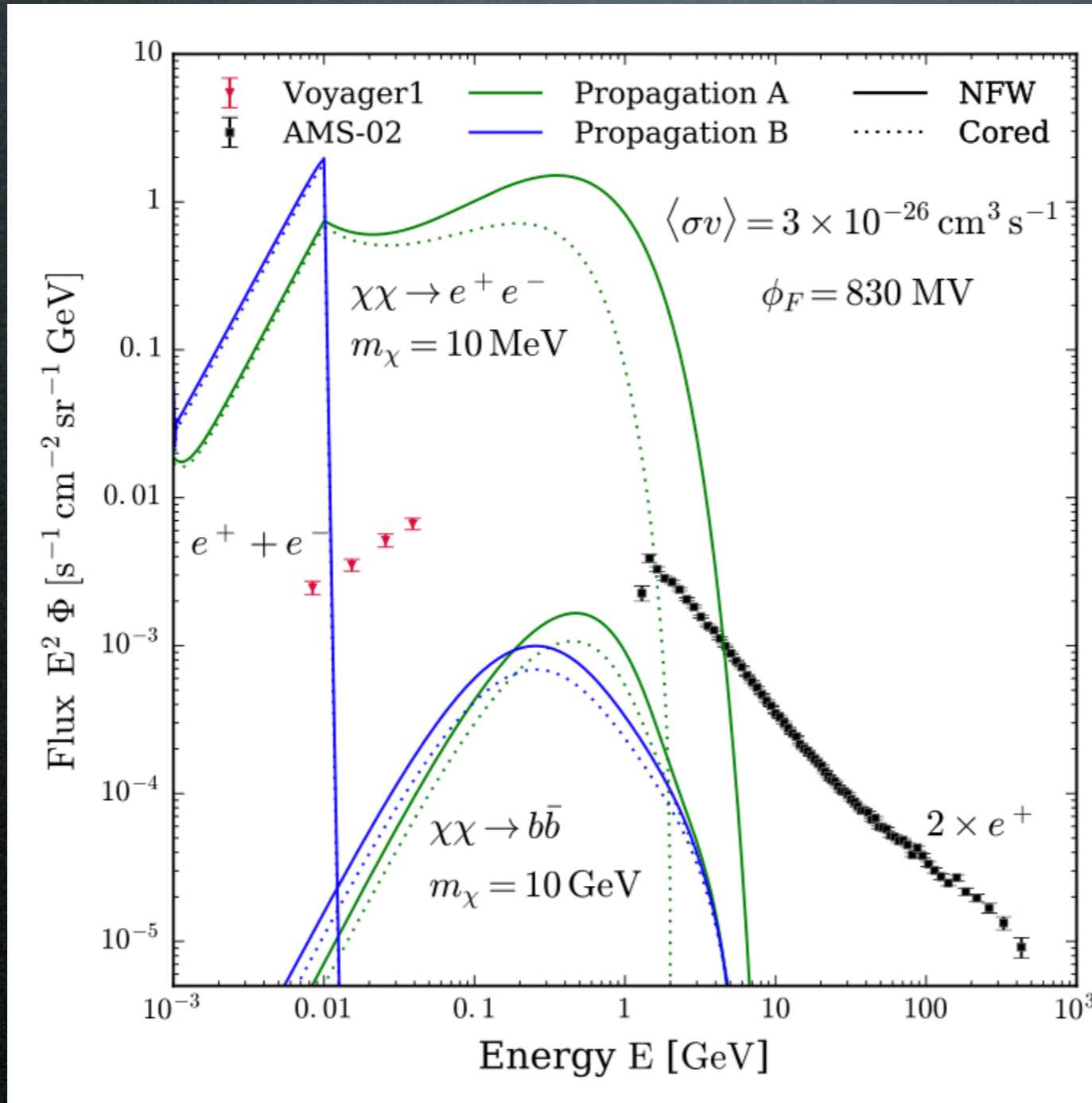
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Boudaud, Lavalle, Salati 1612.07698

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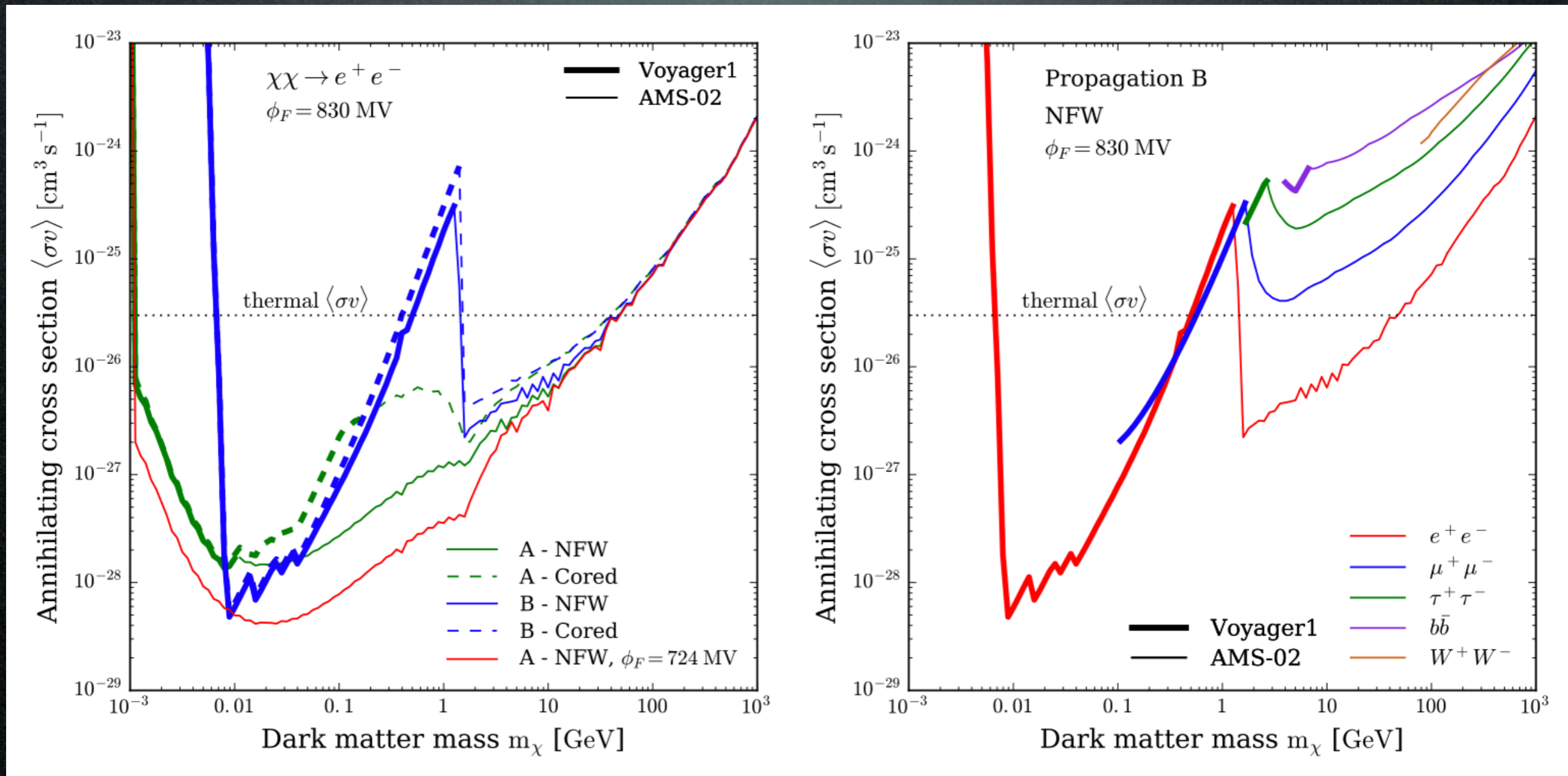


Propagation A = strong reacceleration
Propagation B = weak/no reacceleration

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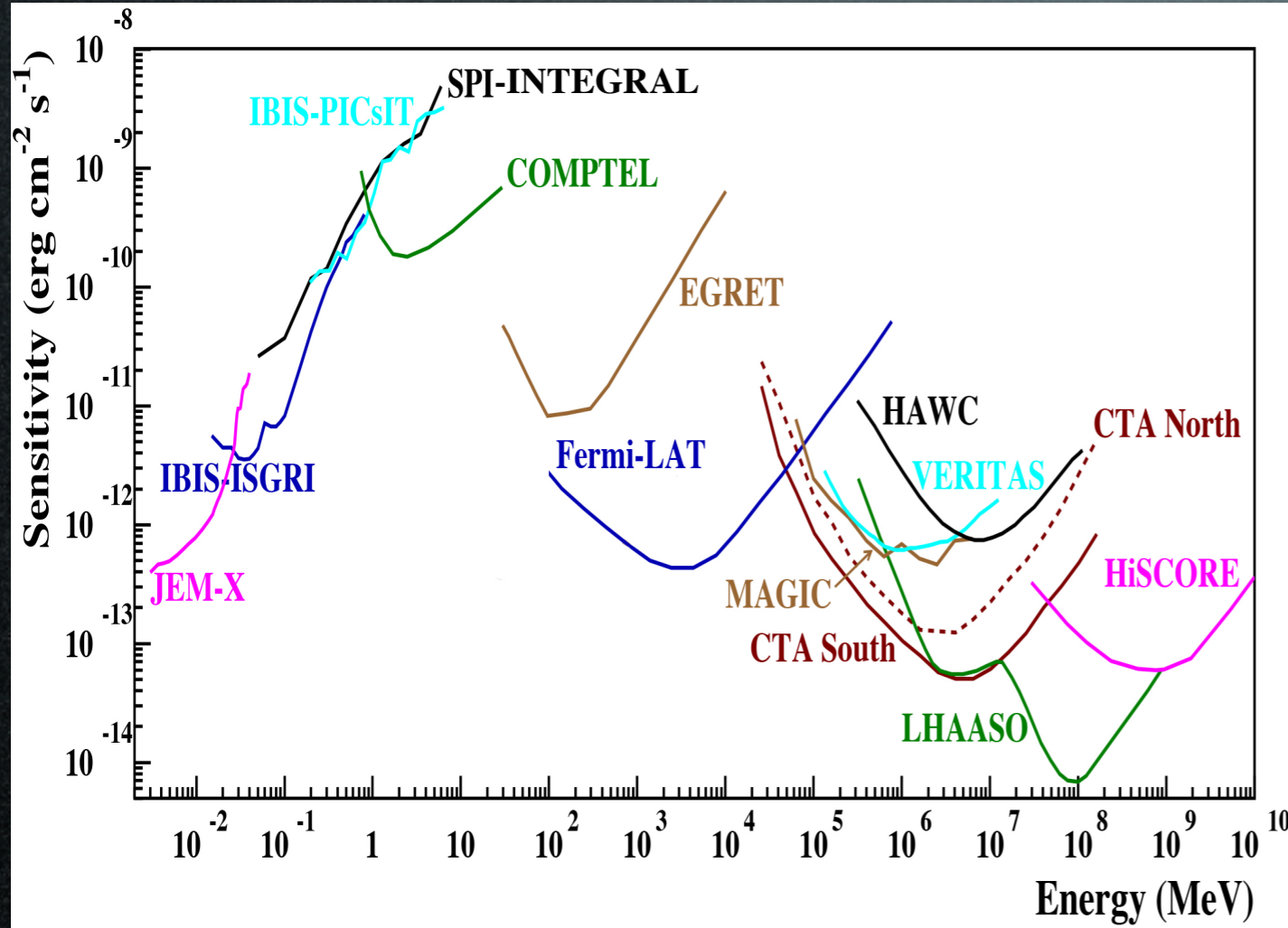
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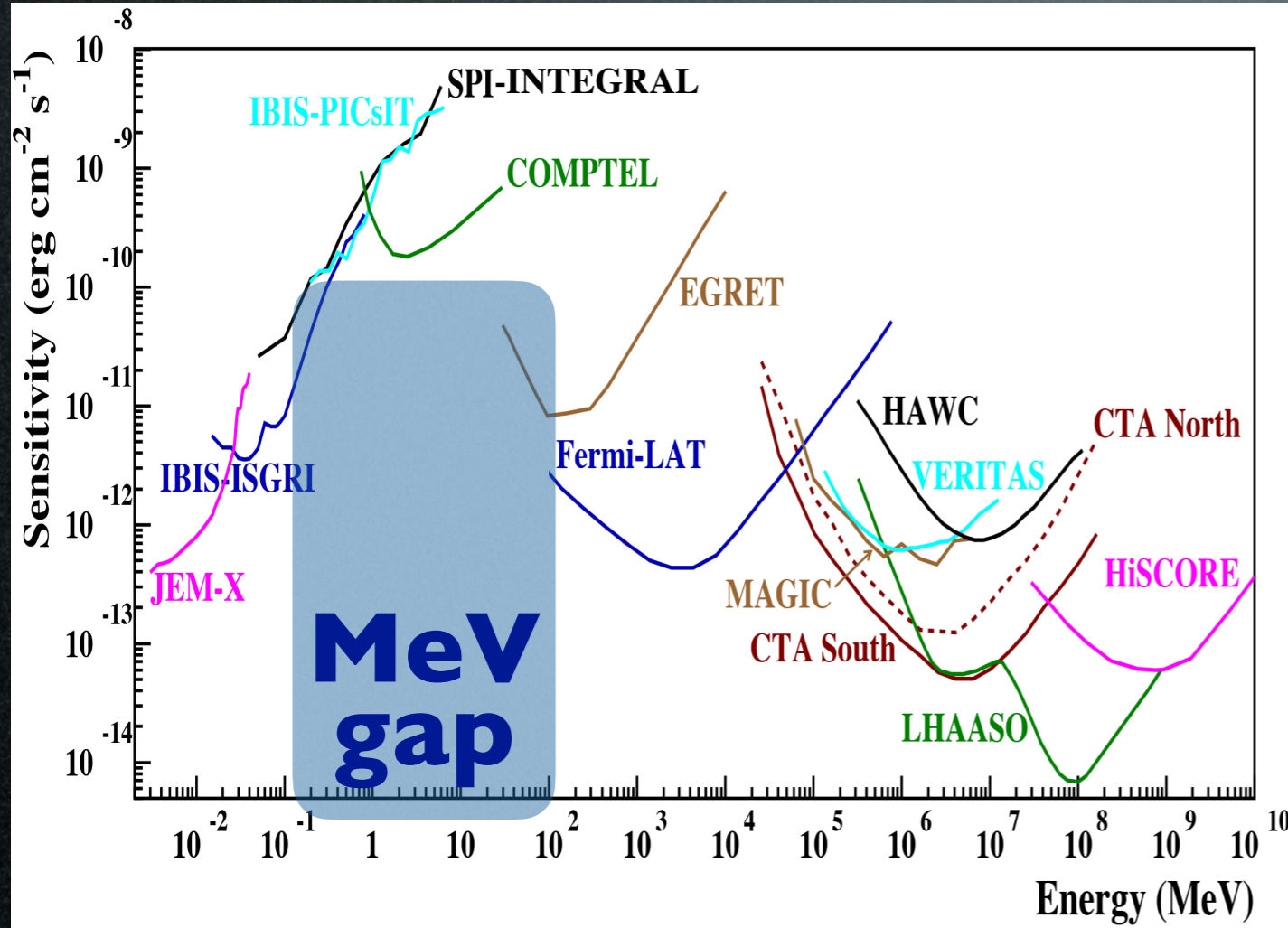
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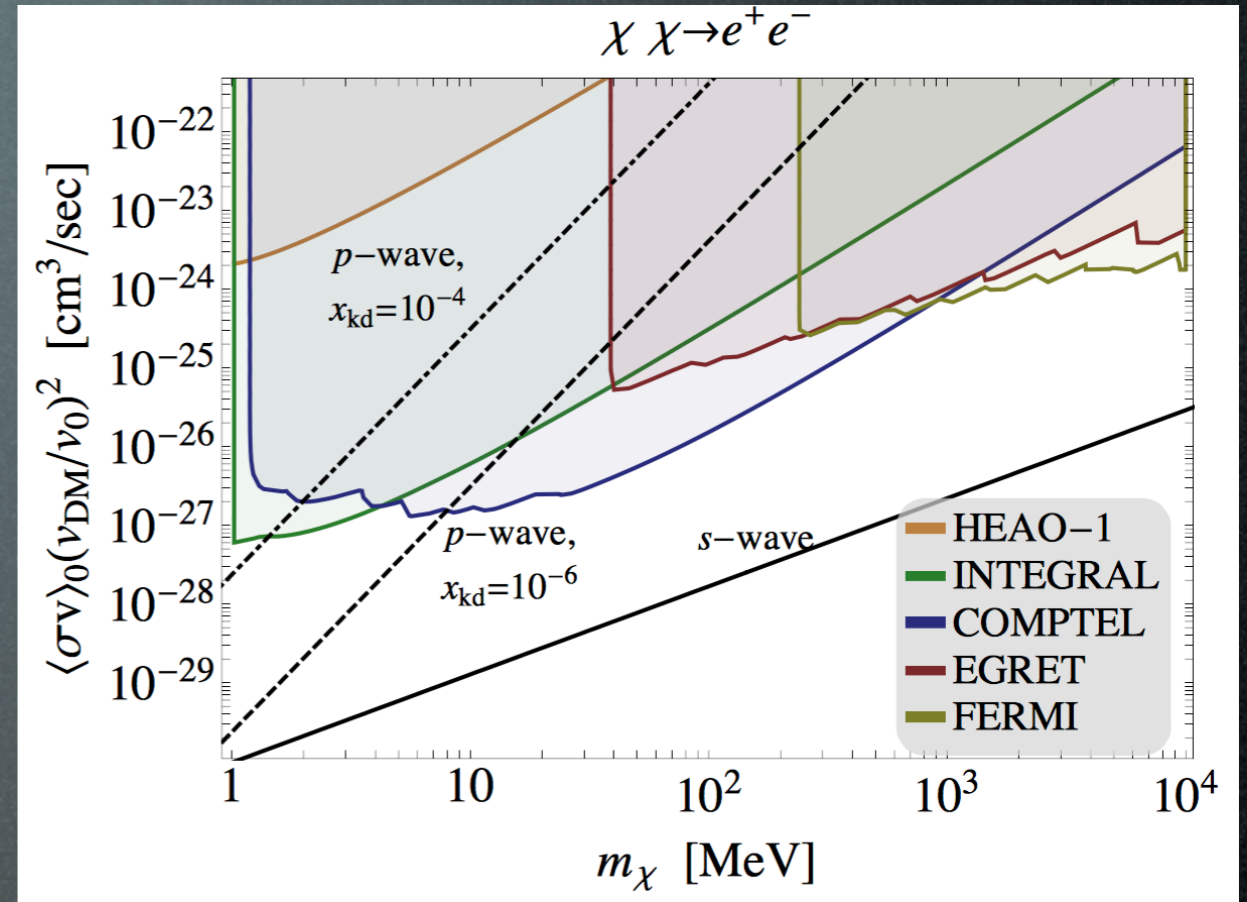
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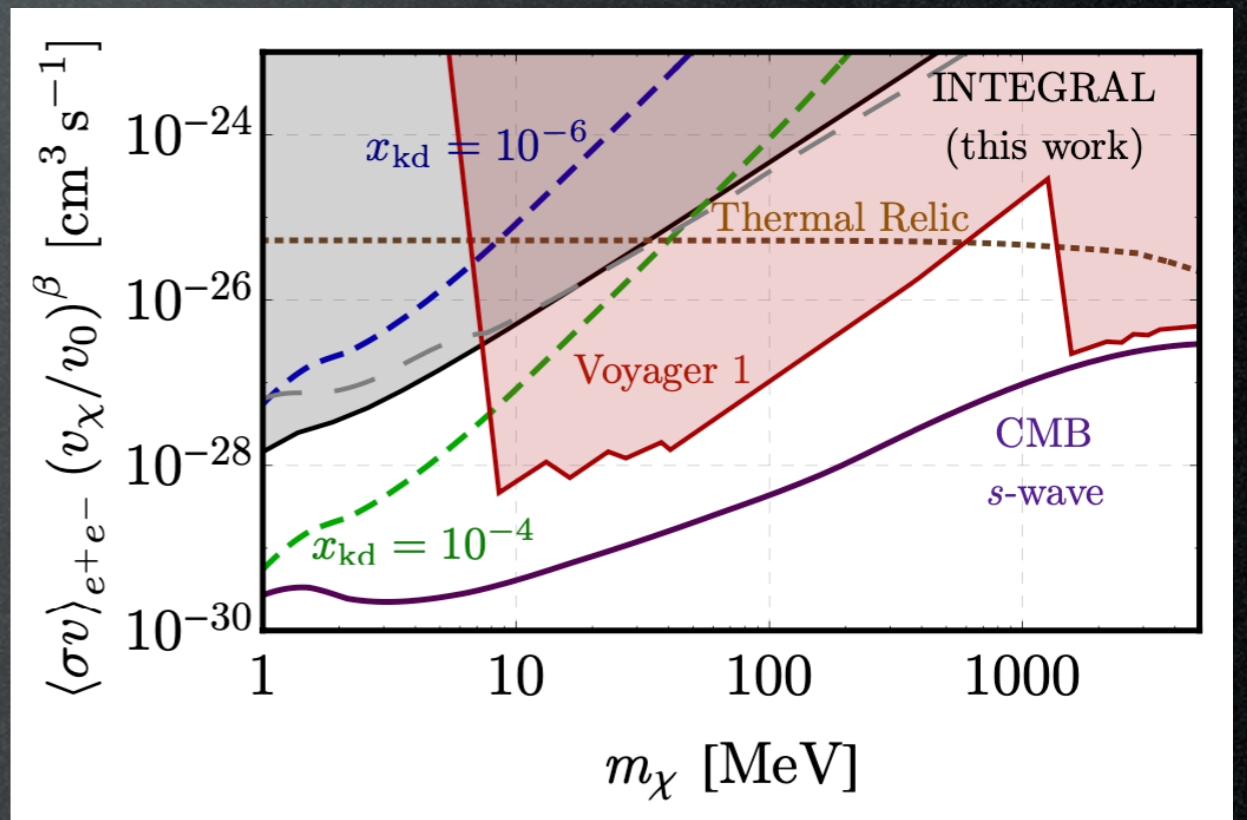
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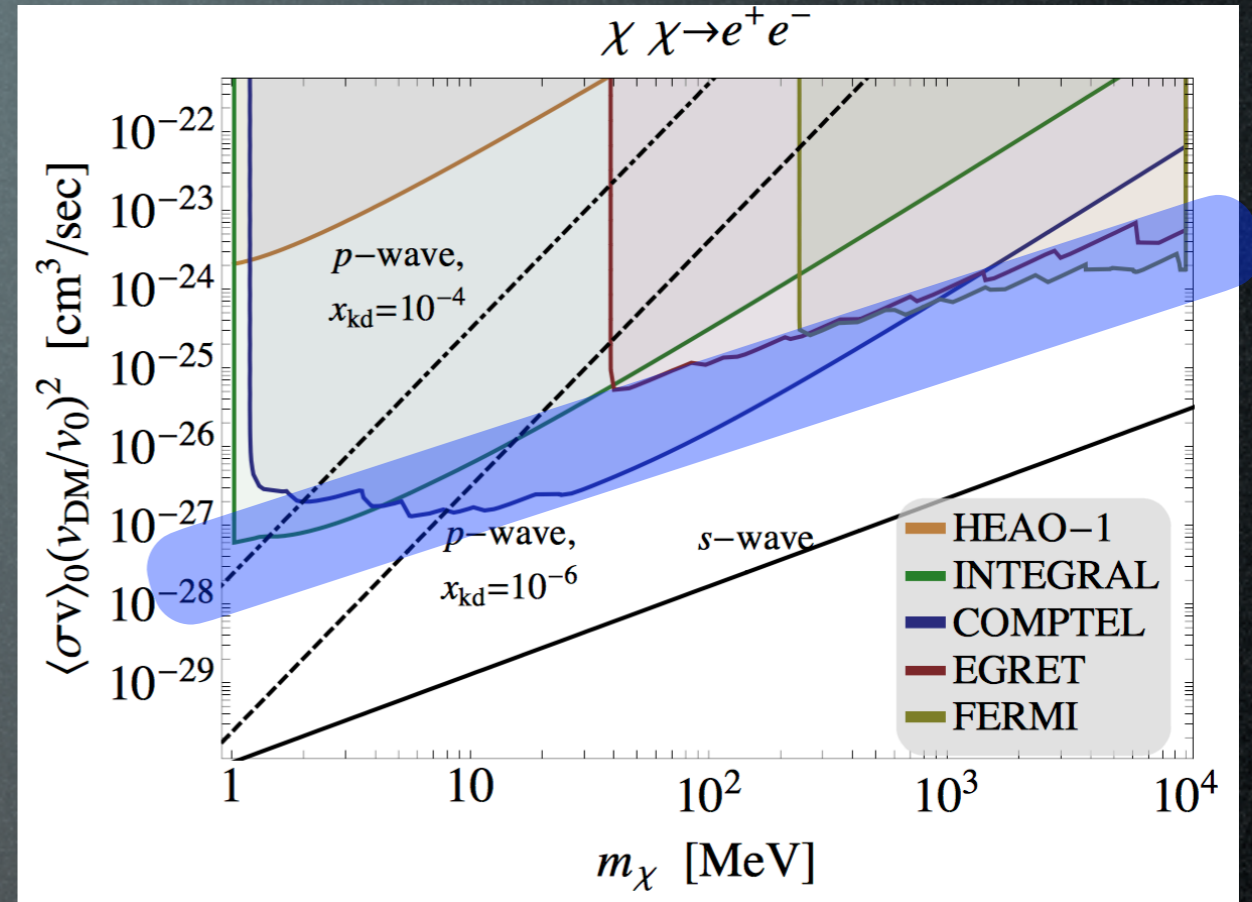
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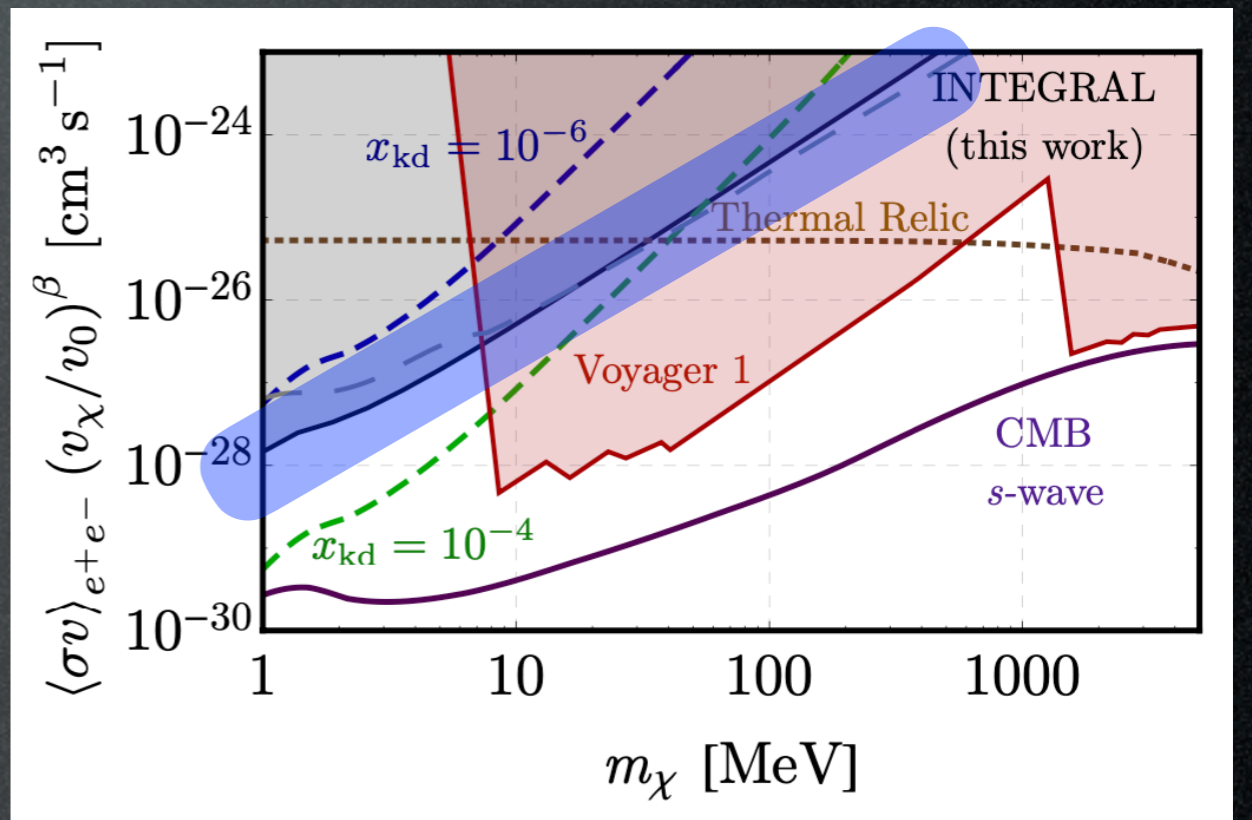
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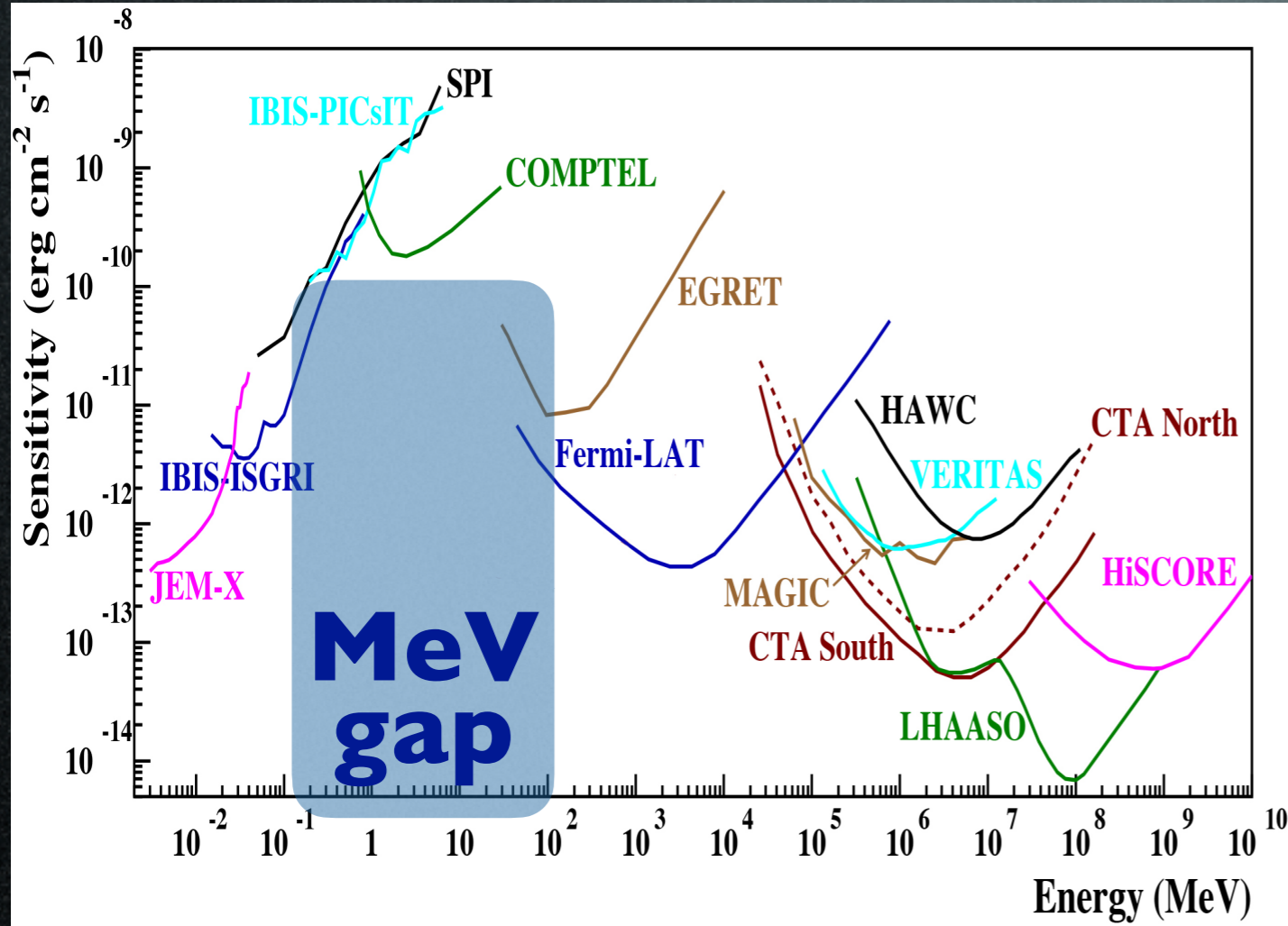
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How to do better?
ICS & X-rays!

Sub-GeV DM & X-rays

Annihilation channels, focus on the MW (assume standard NFW profile)

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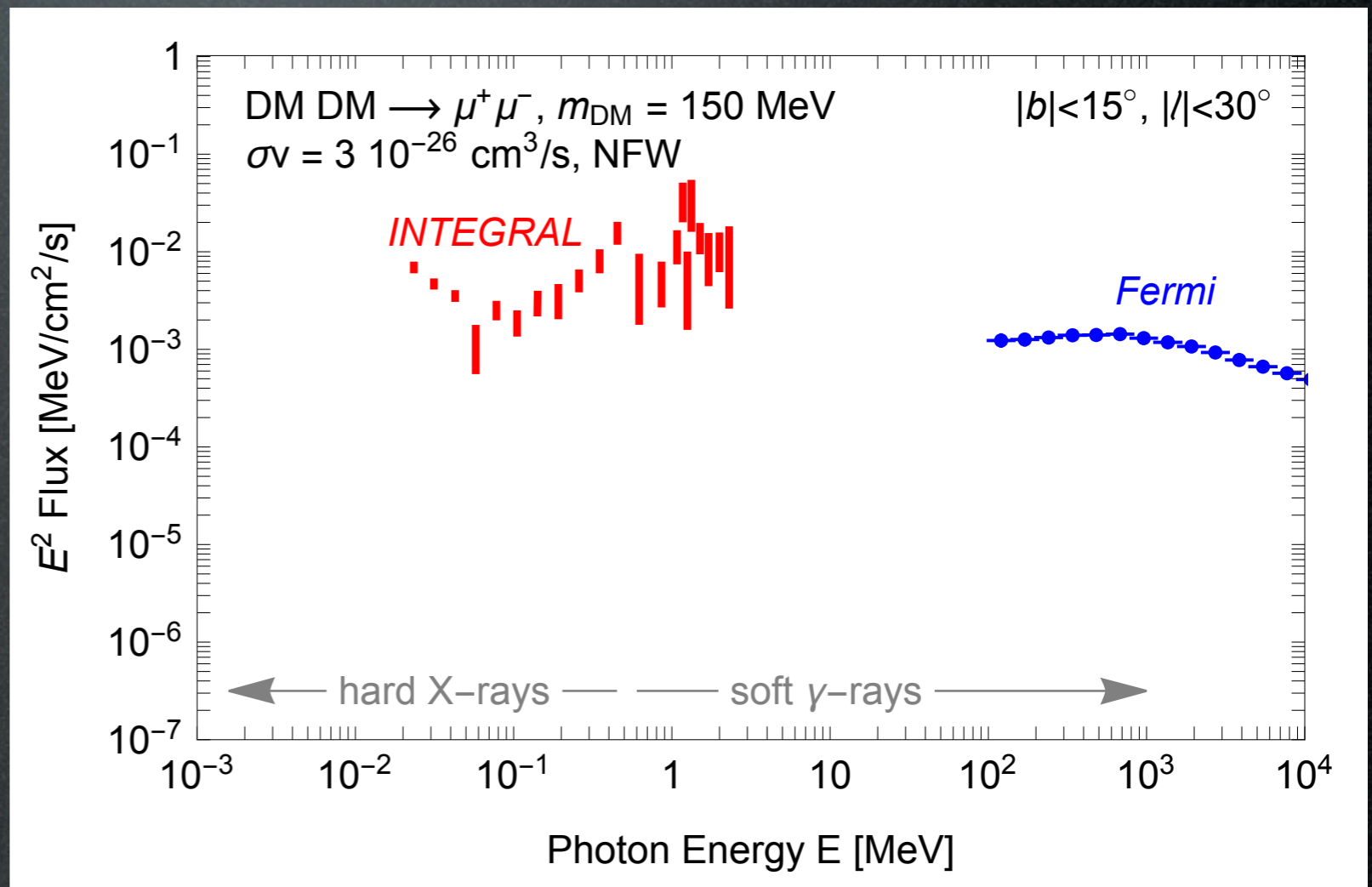
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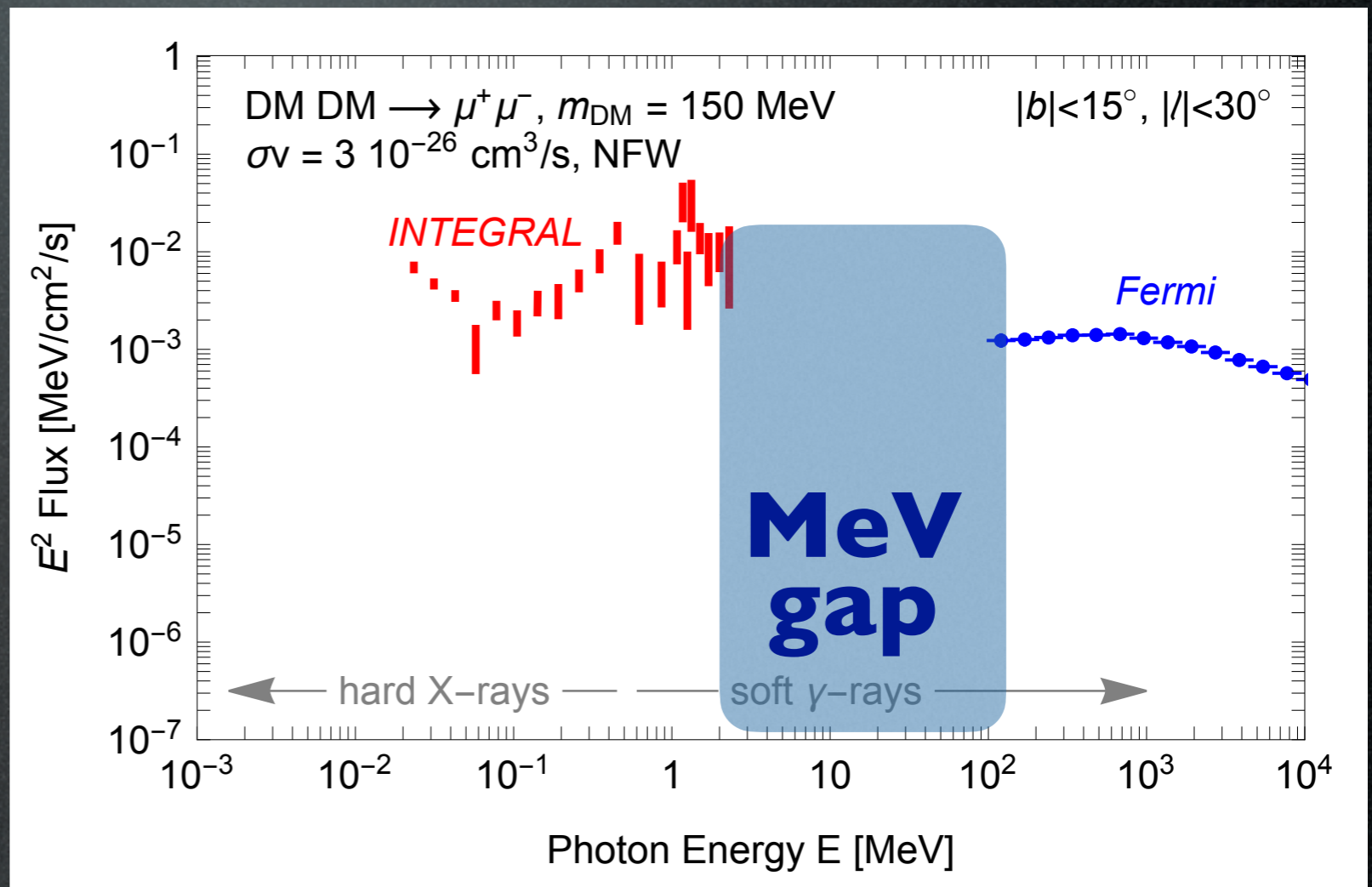
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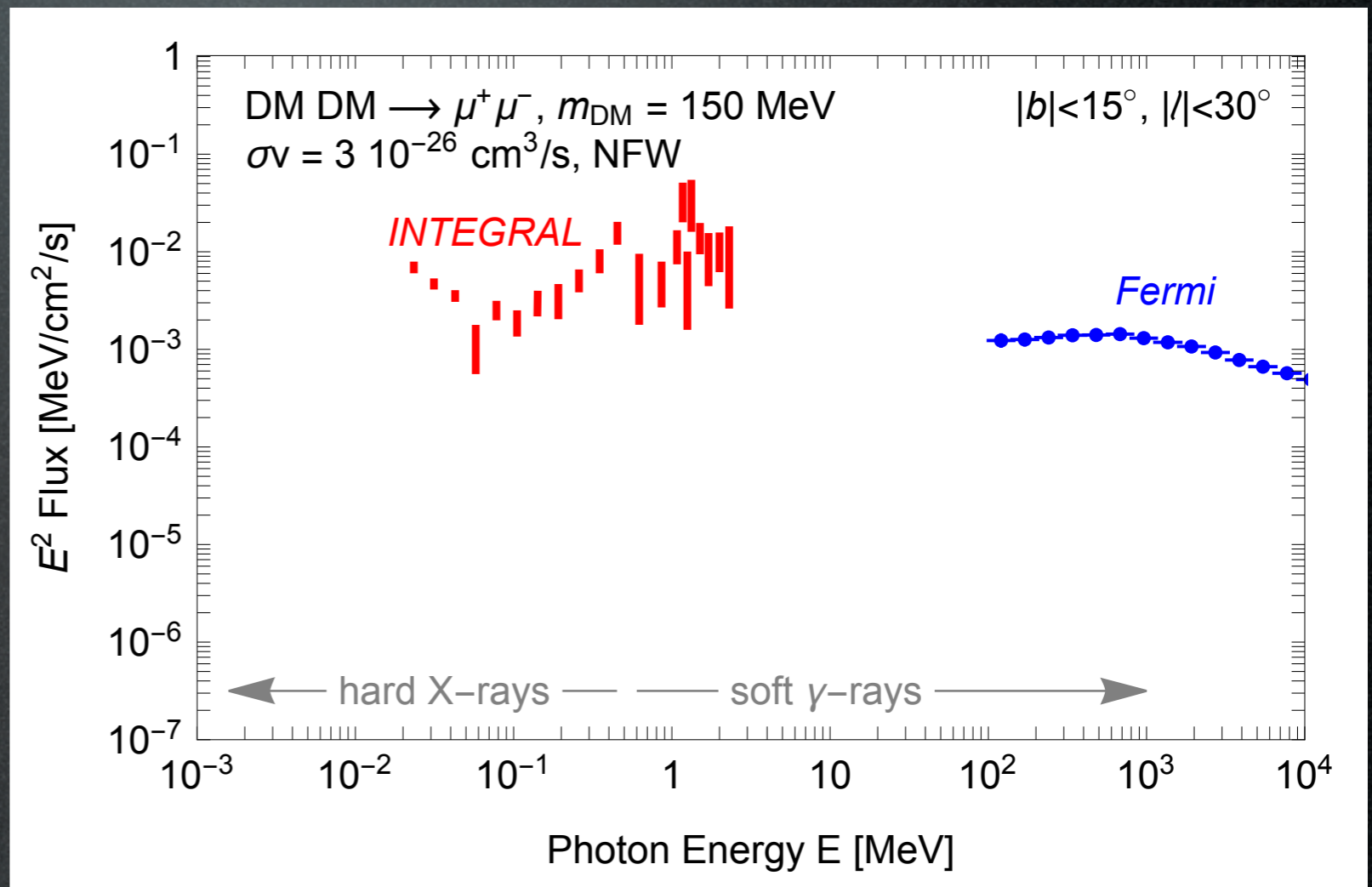
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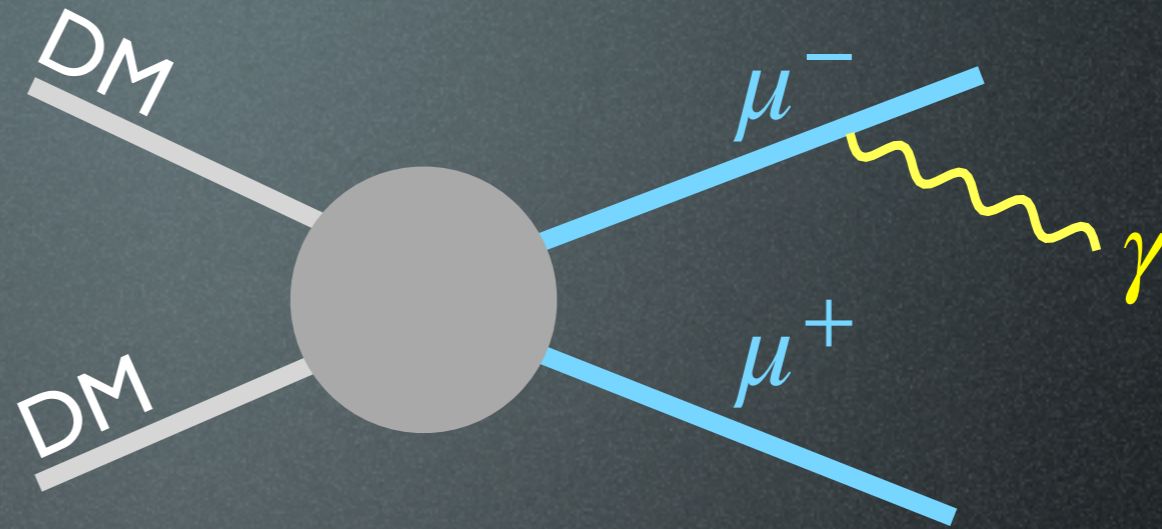
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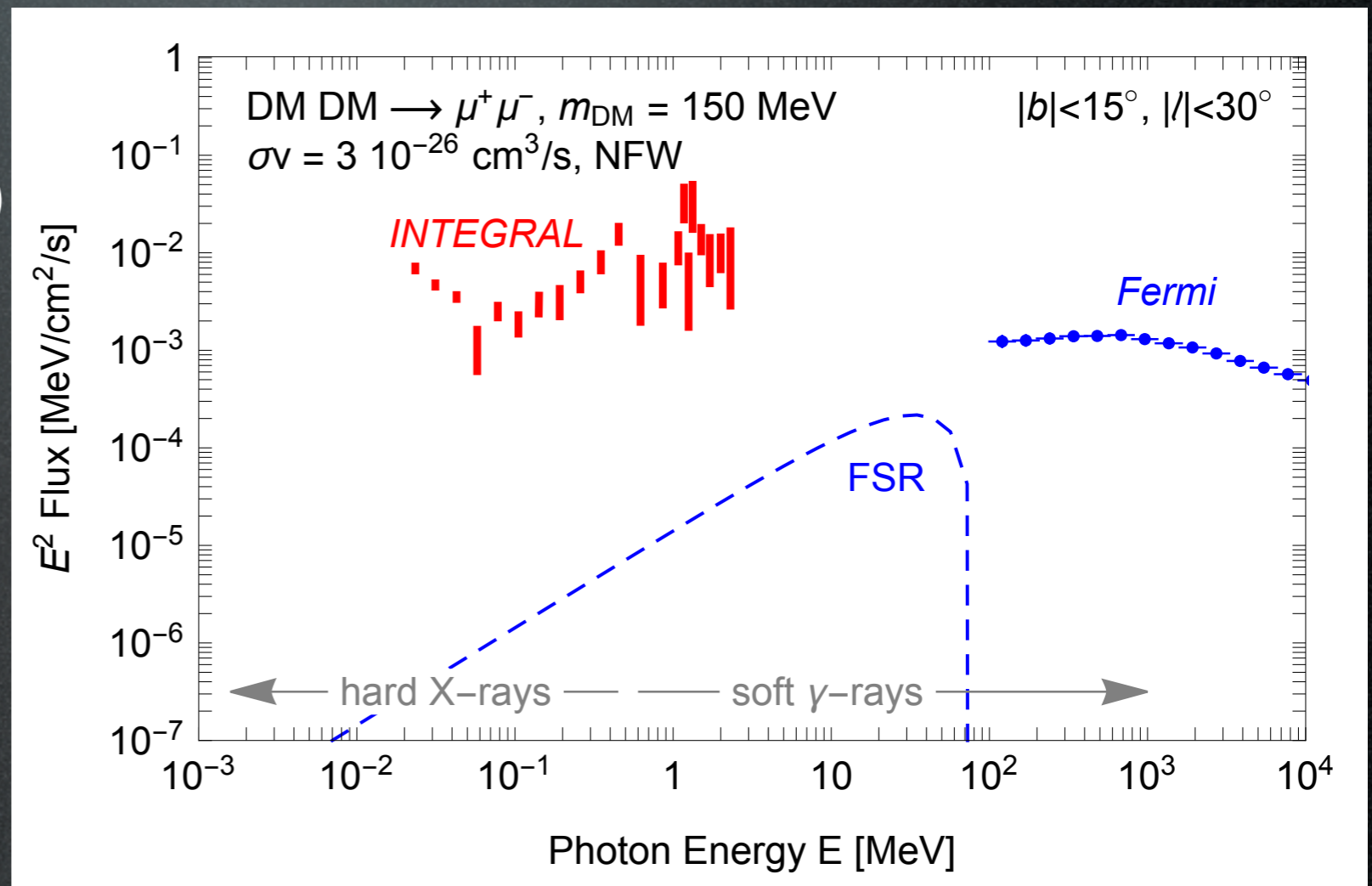
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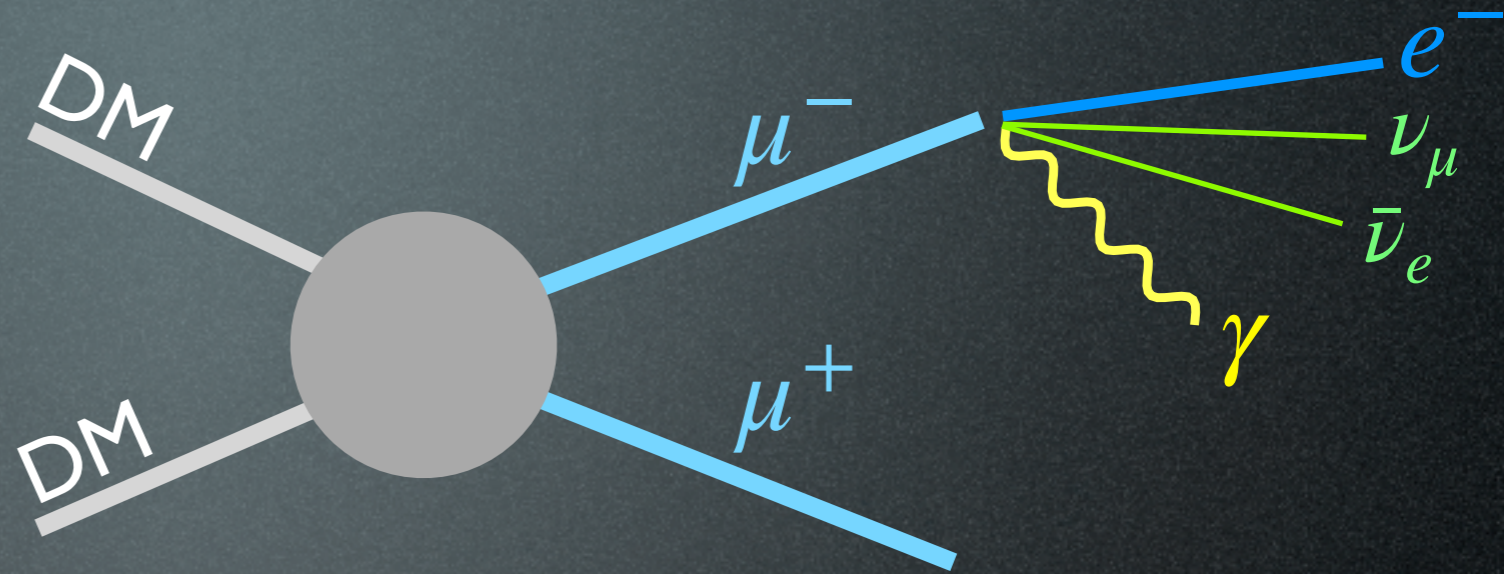
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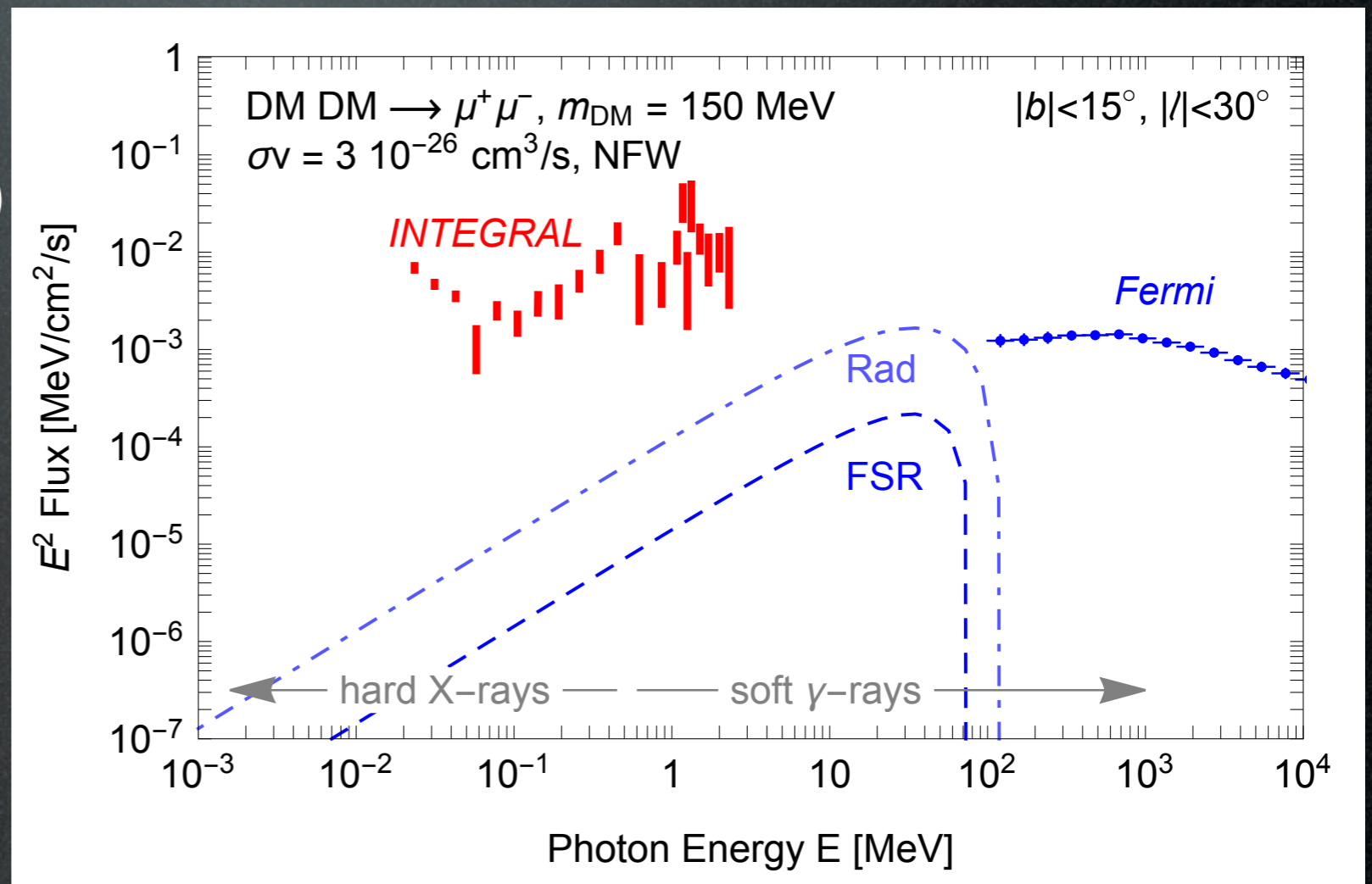


‘Prompt’ emission:

Final State Radiation (FSR)

Radiative μ decay

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



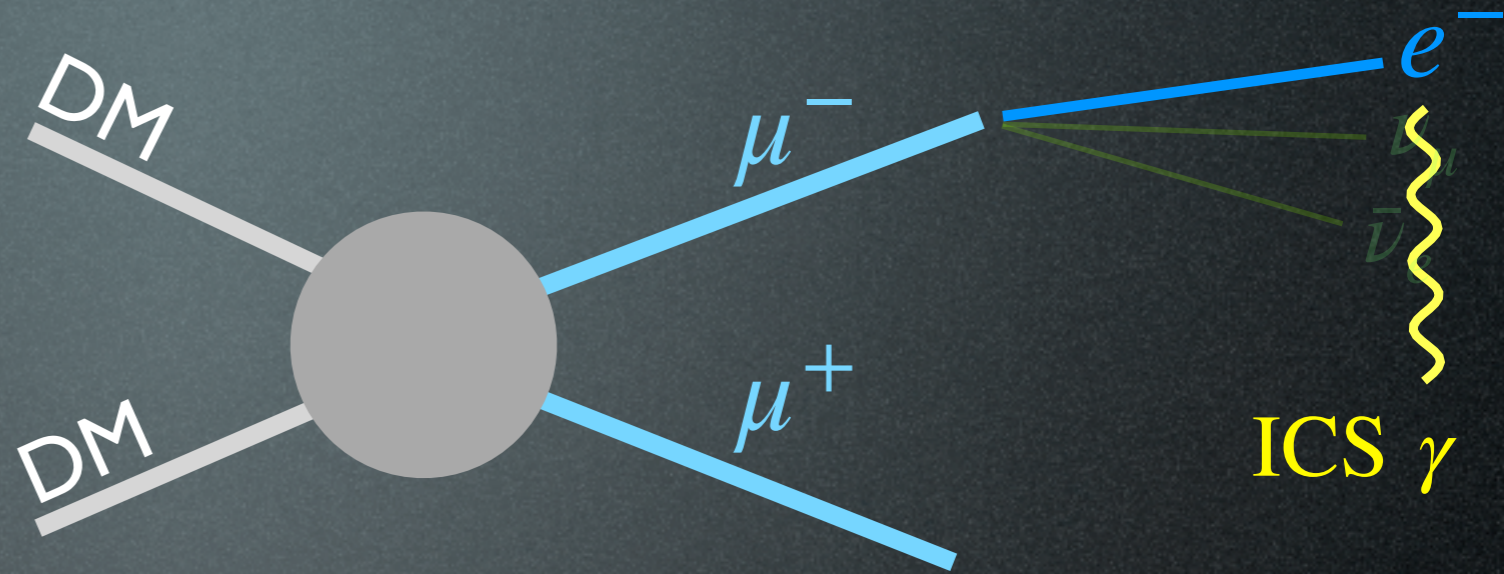
Sub-GeV DM & X-rays

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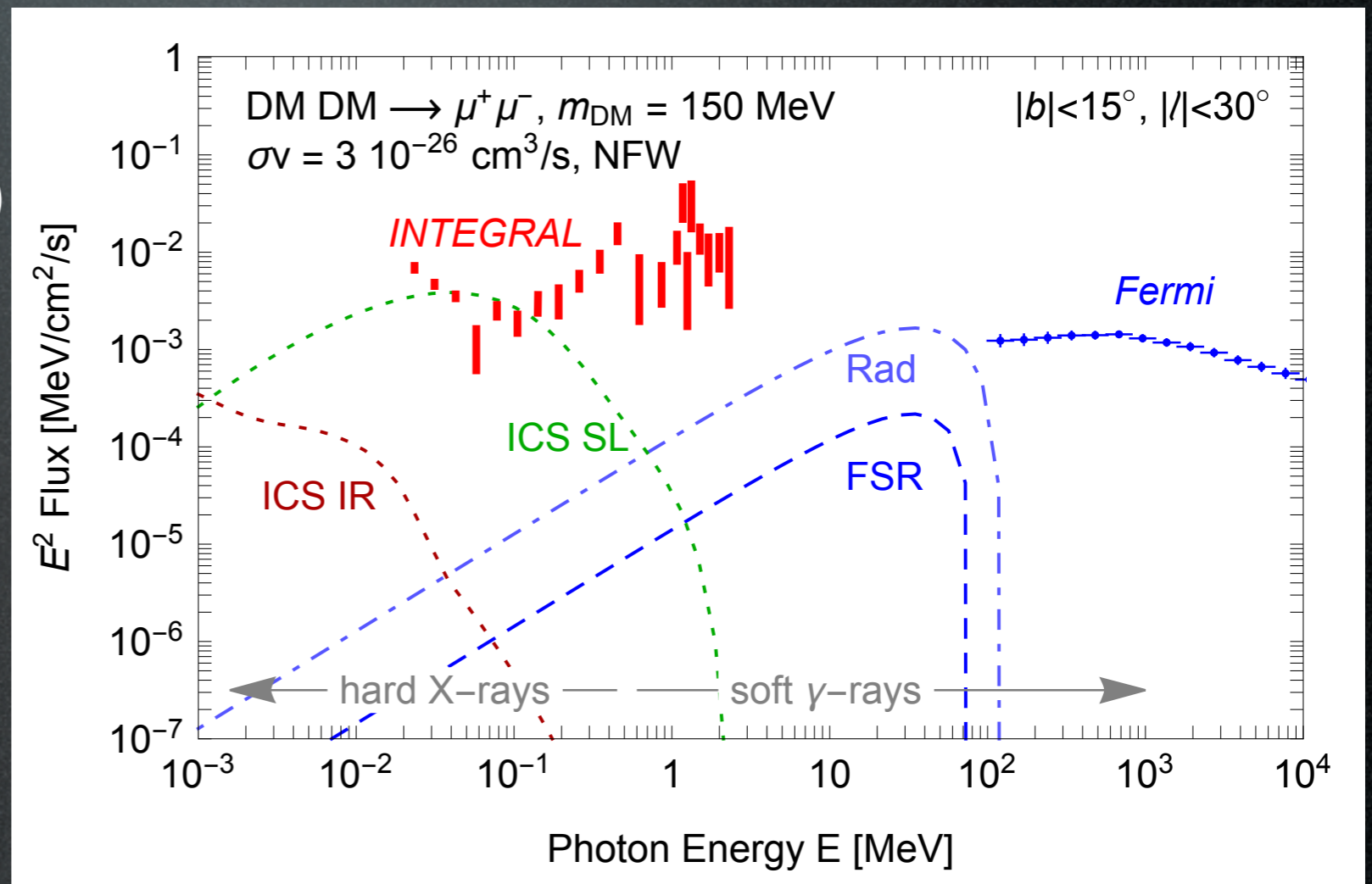
‘Prompt’ emission:

Final State Radiation (FSR)

Radiative μ decay

Secondary emission:

ICS: inevitably associated to annihil to charged states



Sub-GeV DM & X-rays

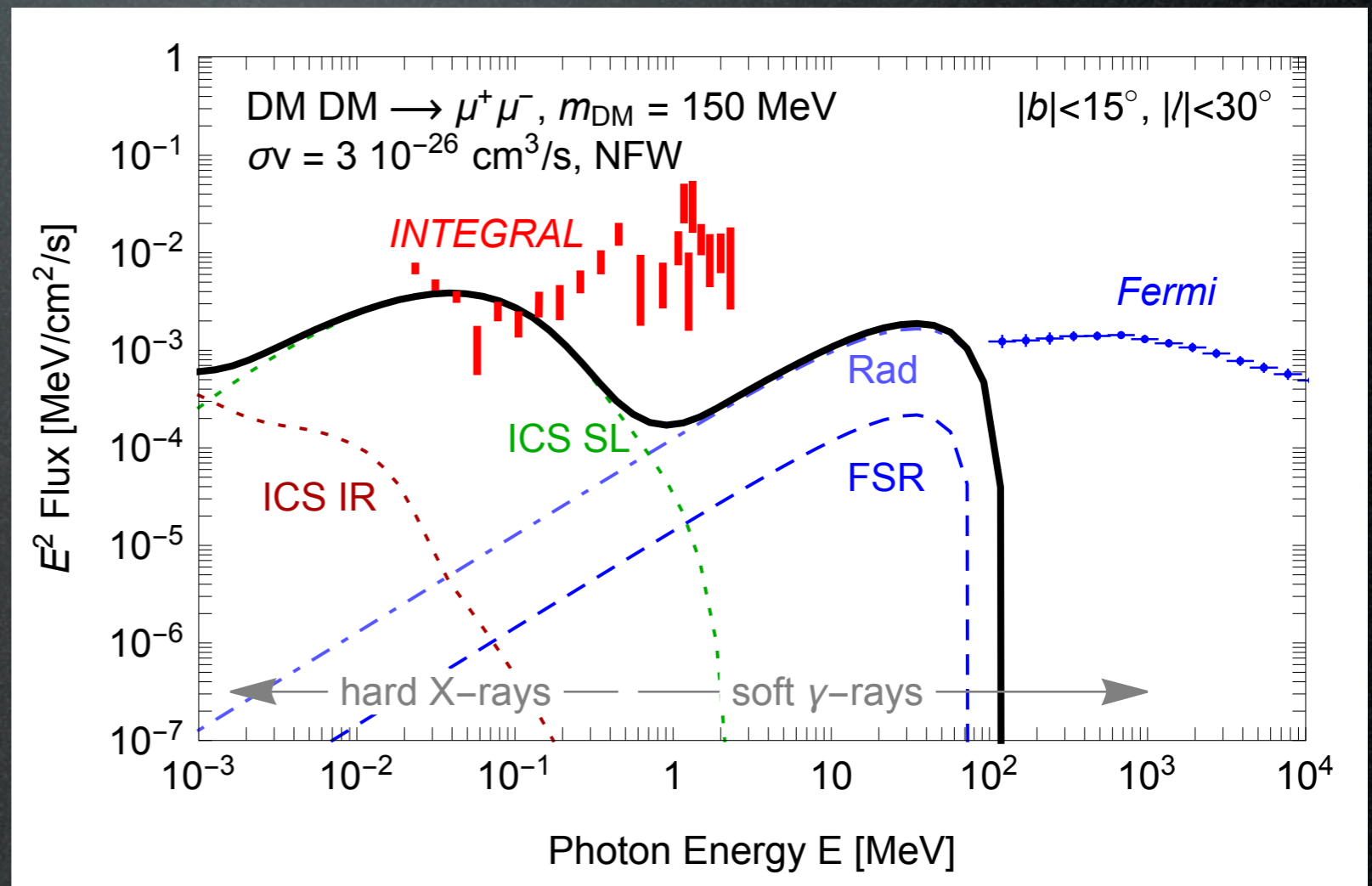
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Key message:
ICS allows to probe
sub-GeV DM with
X-ray data

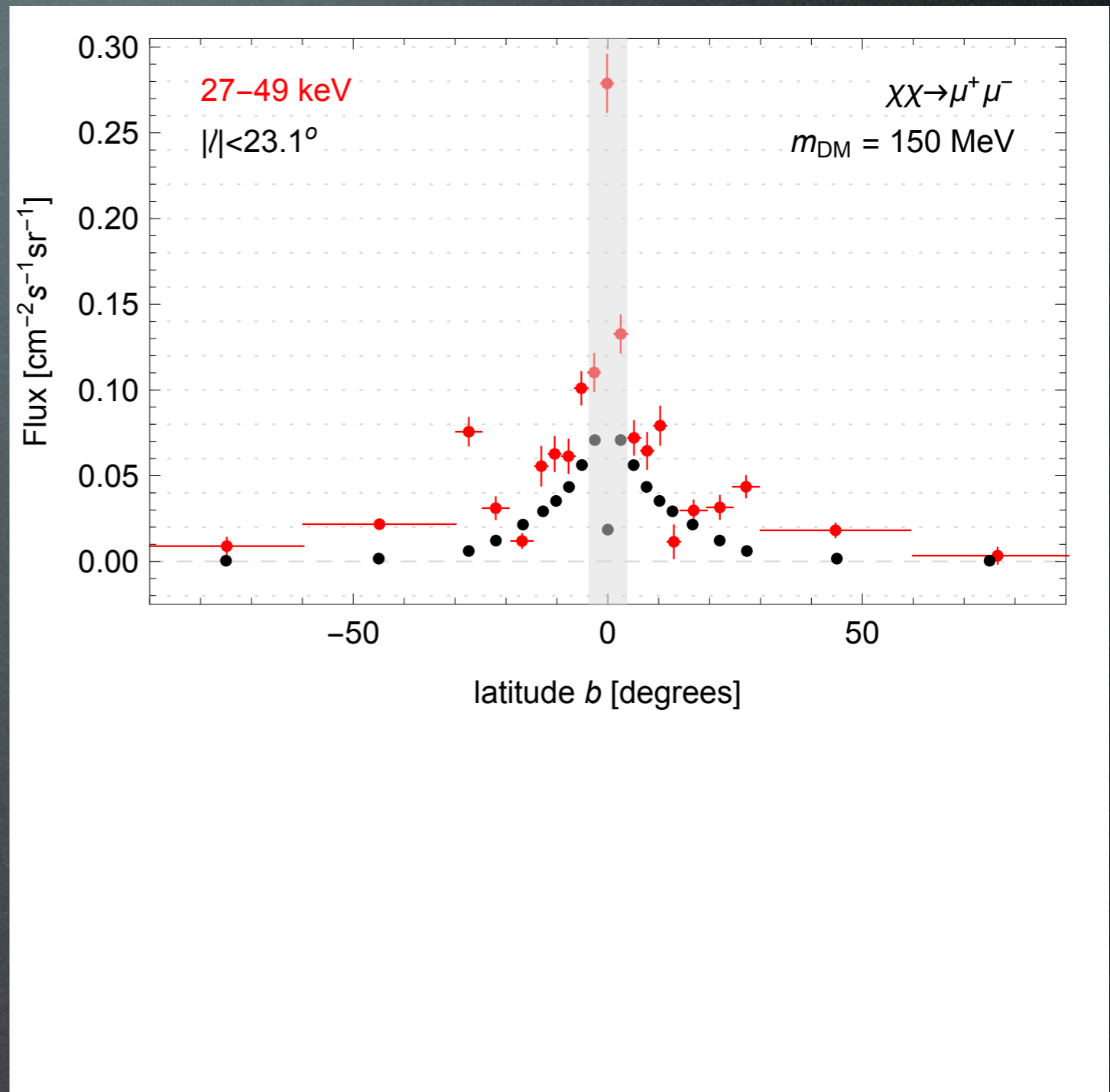
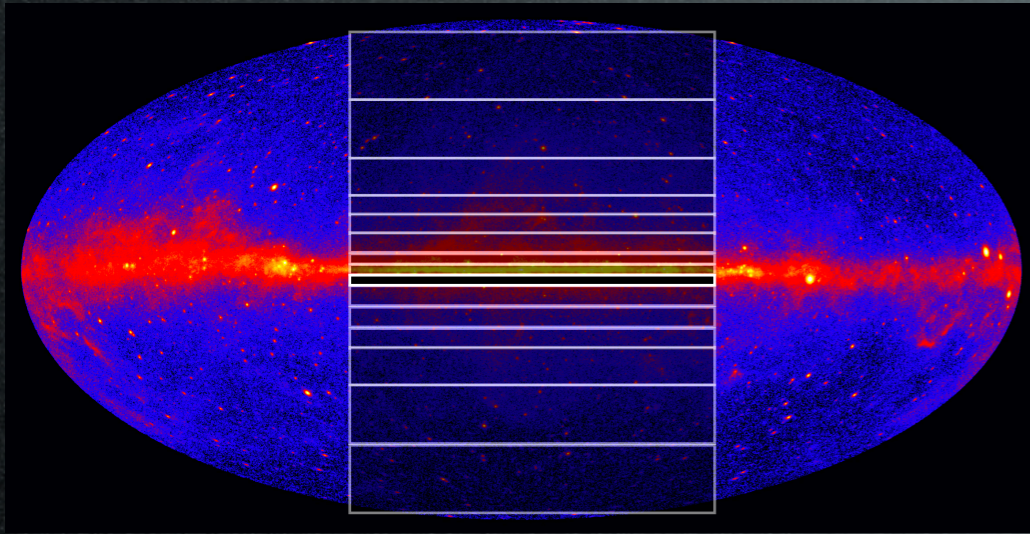


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latitude binned data, central MW

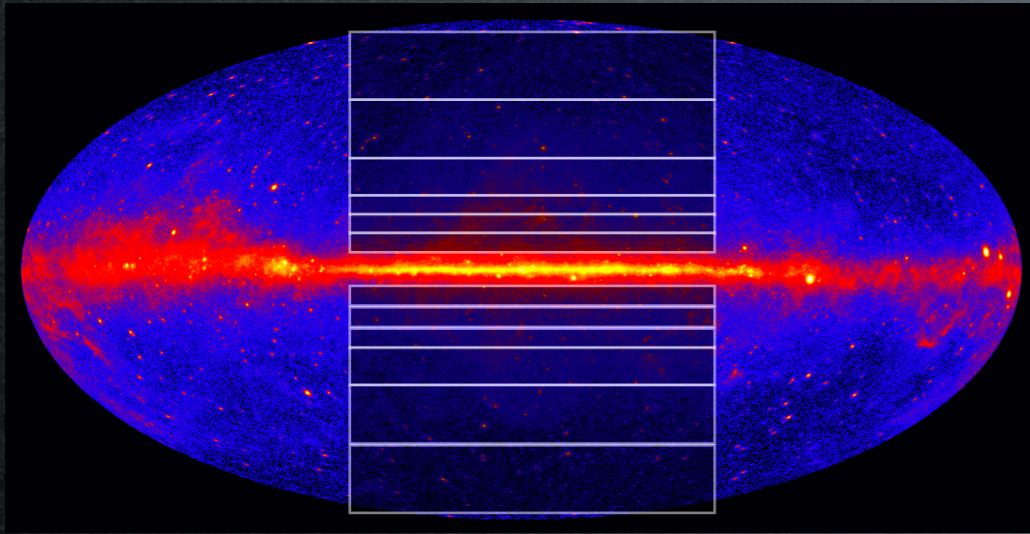


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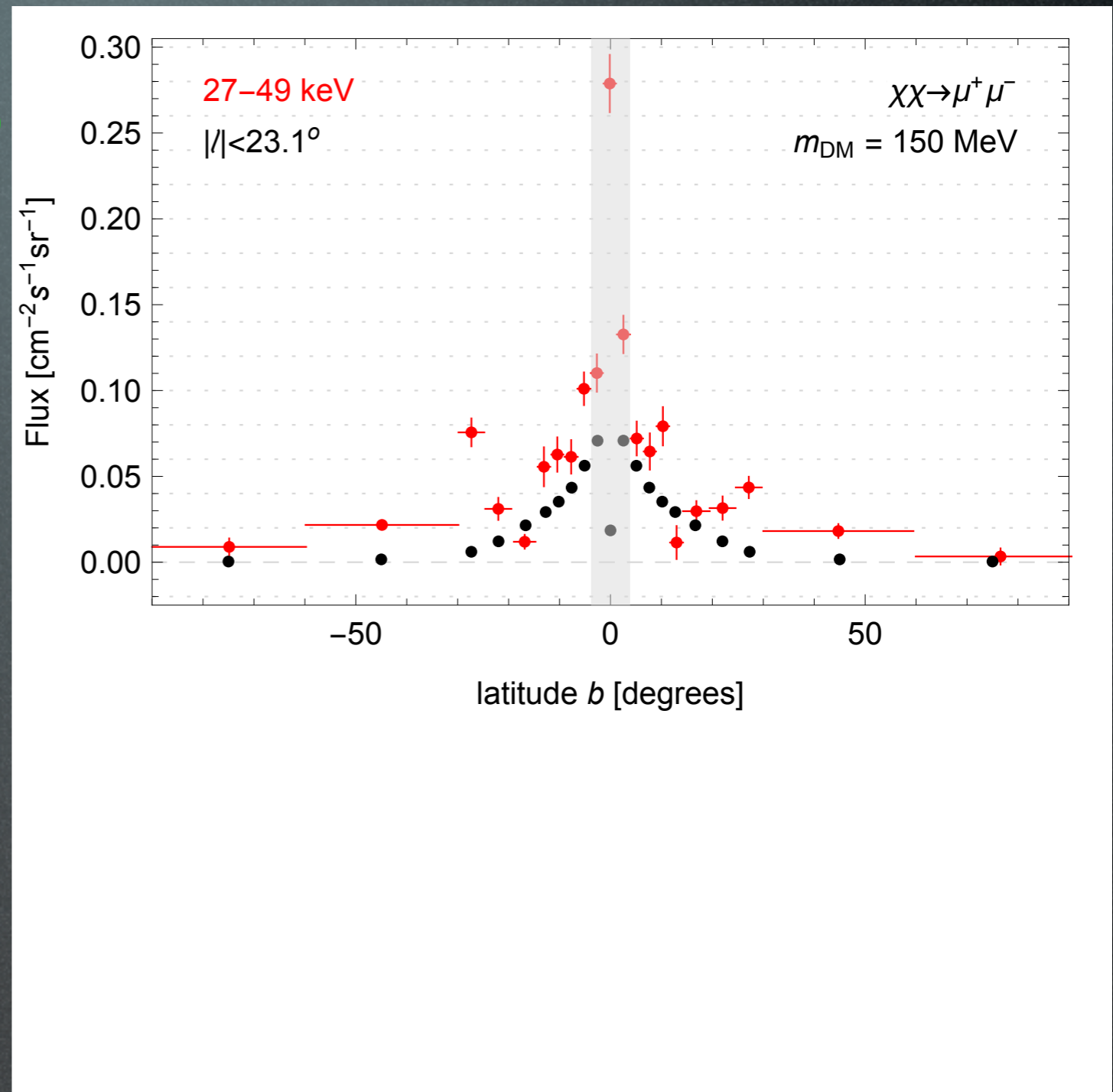
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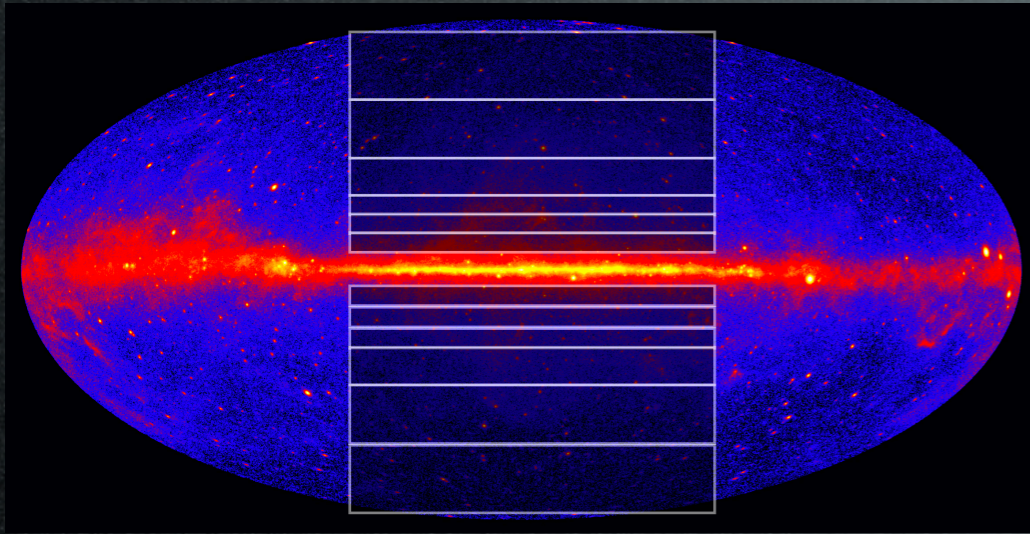


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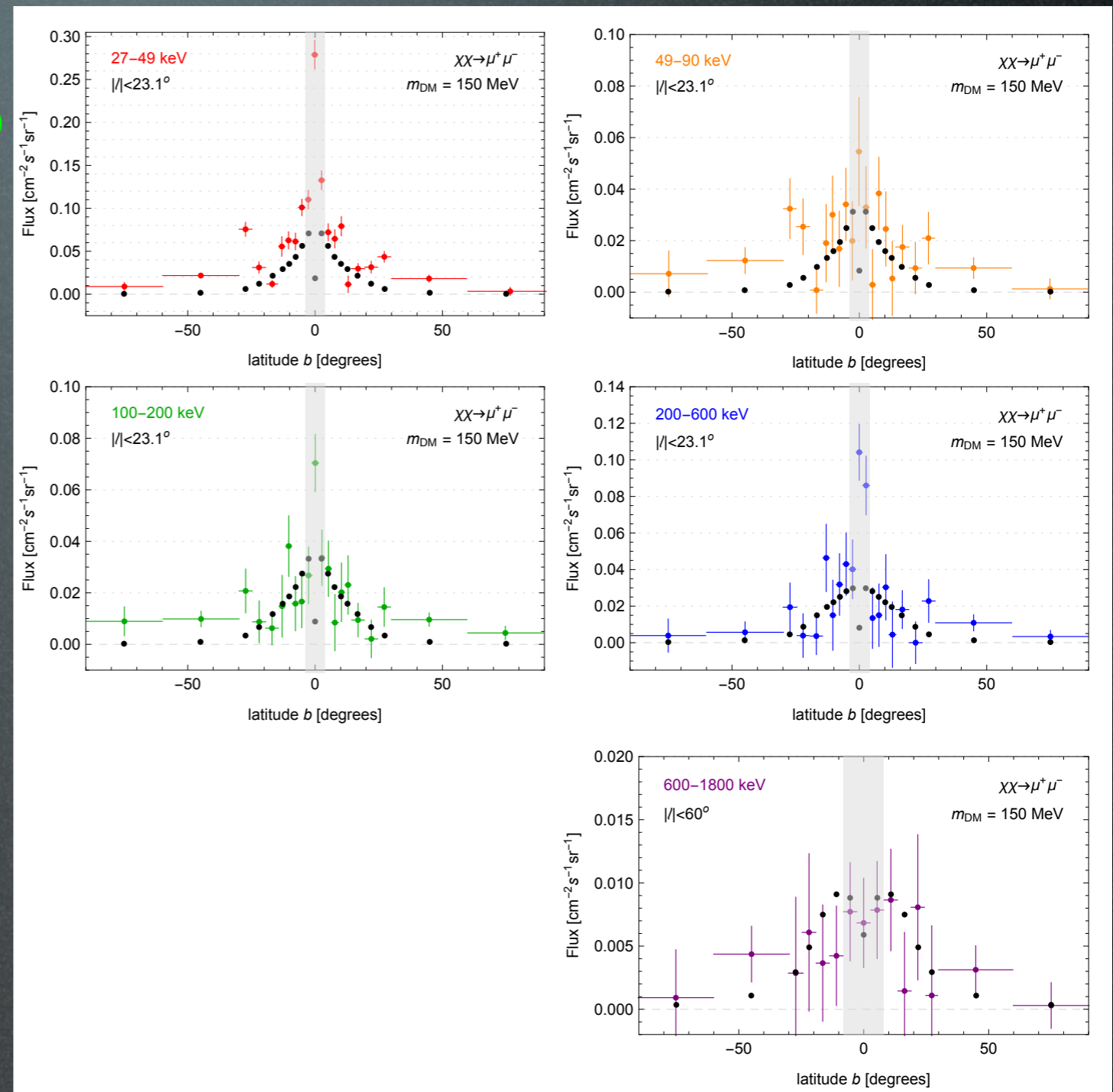
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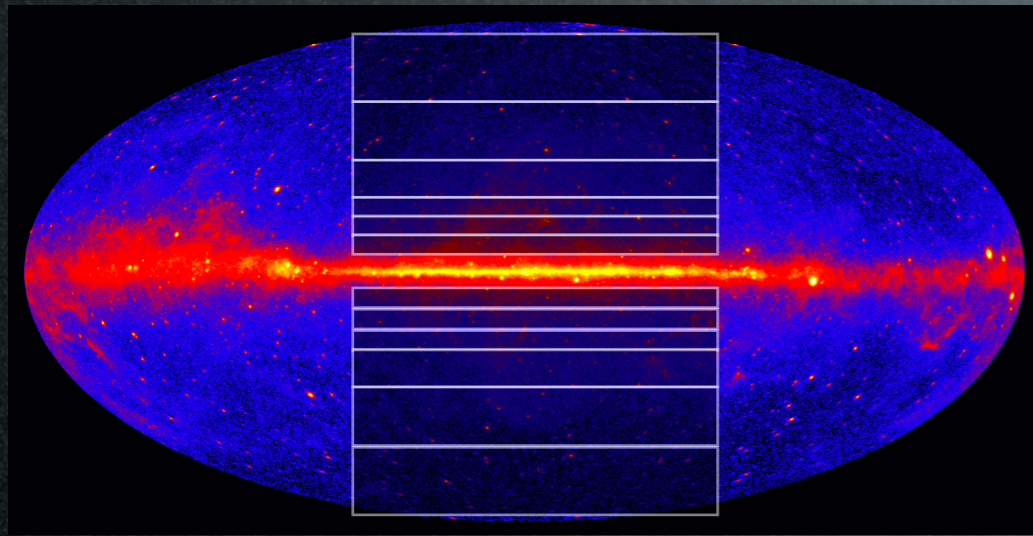


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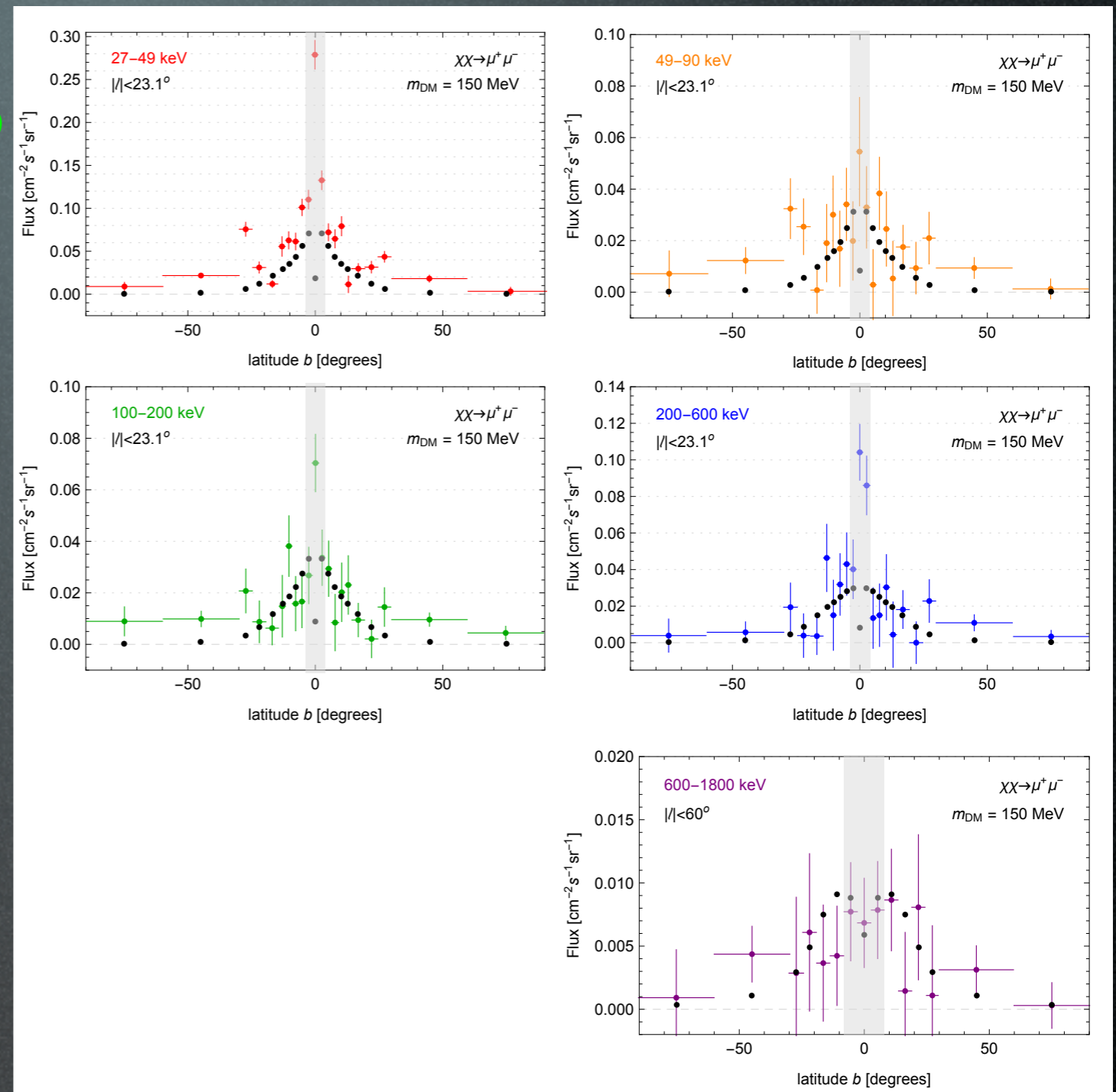
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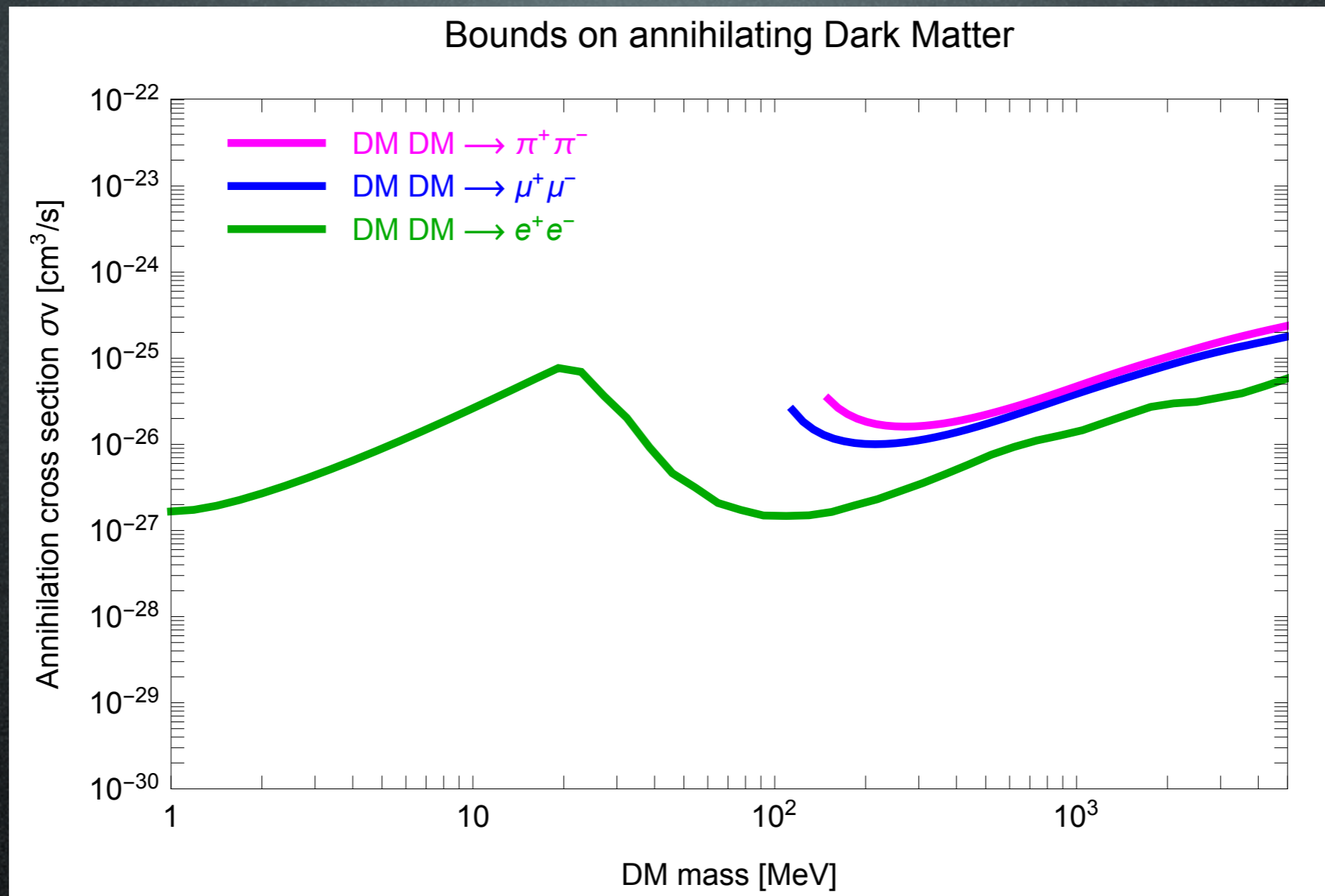
Test Statistics:
exclude if DM exceeds data
by **more than $\sim 2\sigma$** global.

More precisely:

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



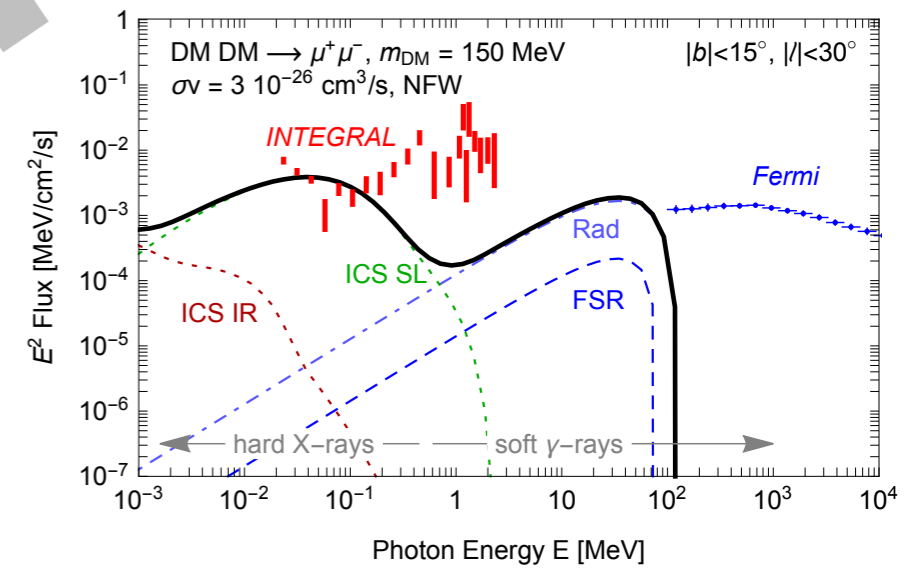
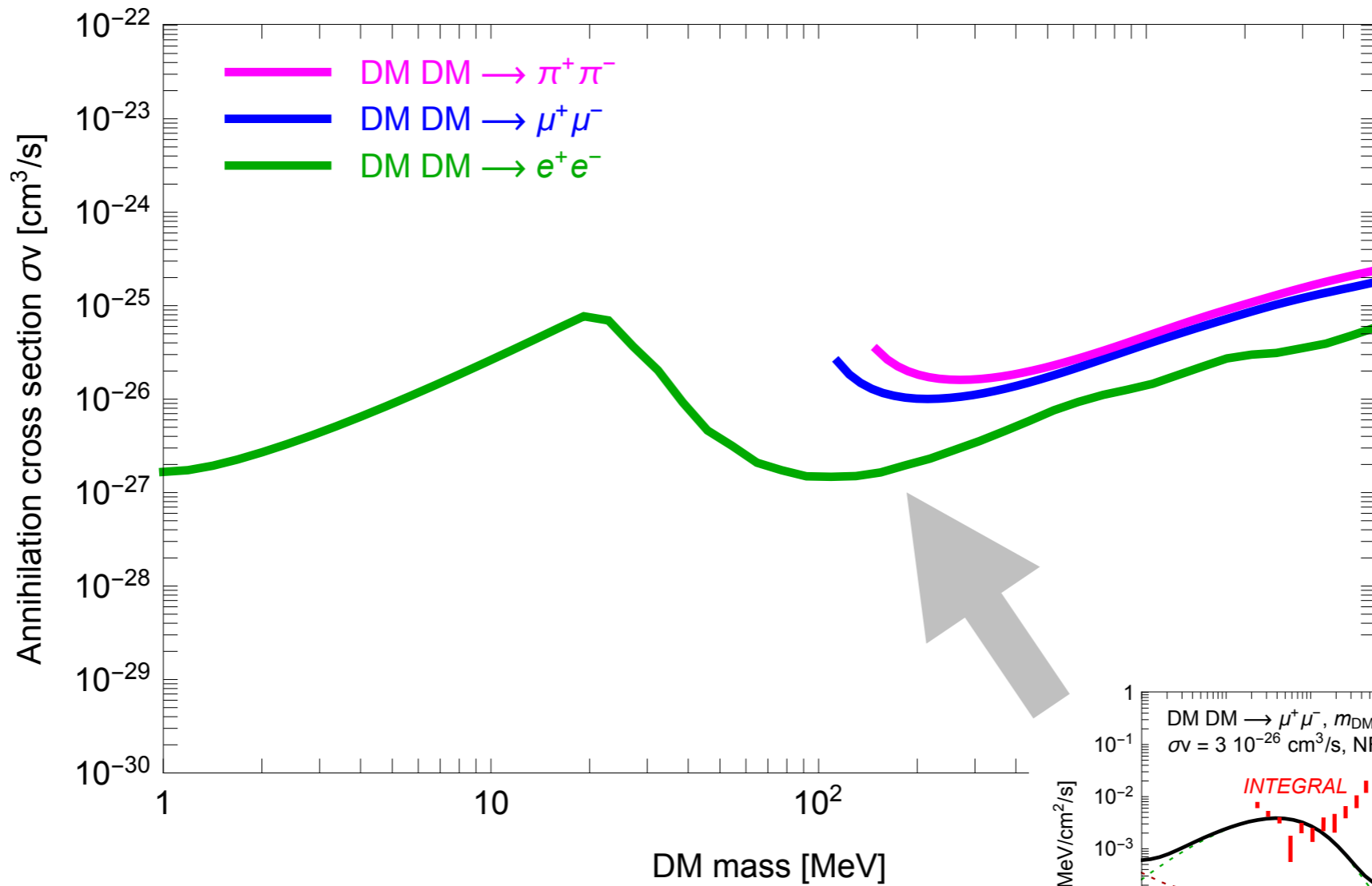
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Bounds on all 3 channels

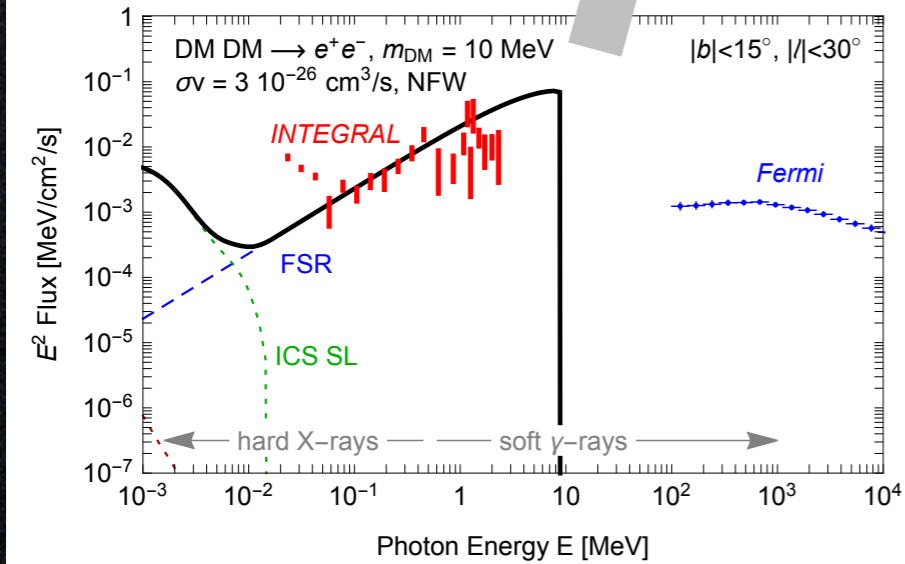
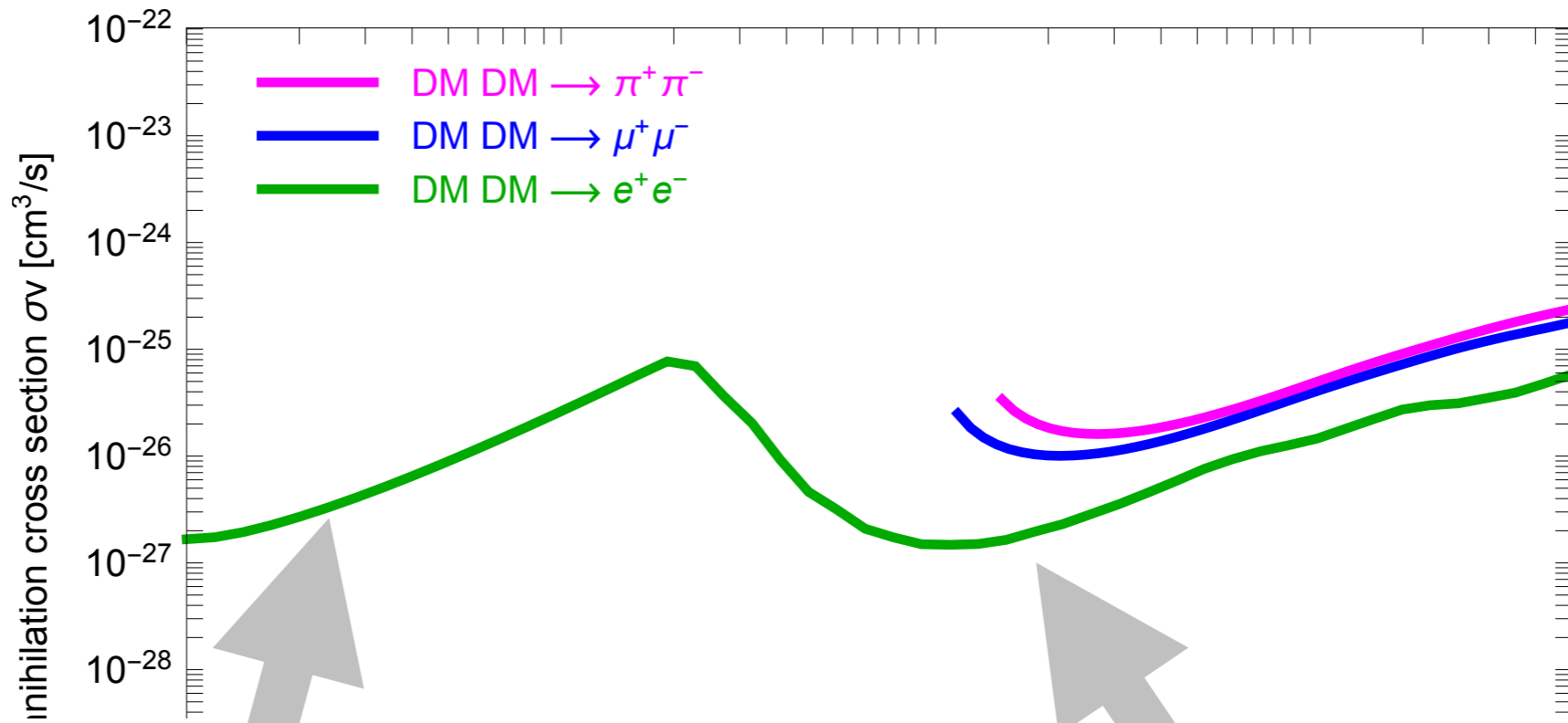
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Bounds on annihilating Dark Matter

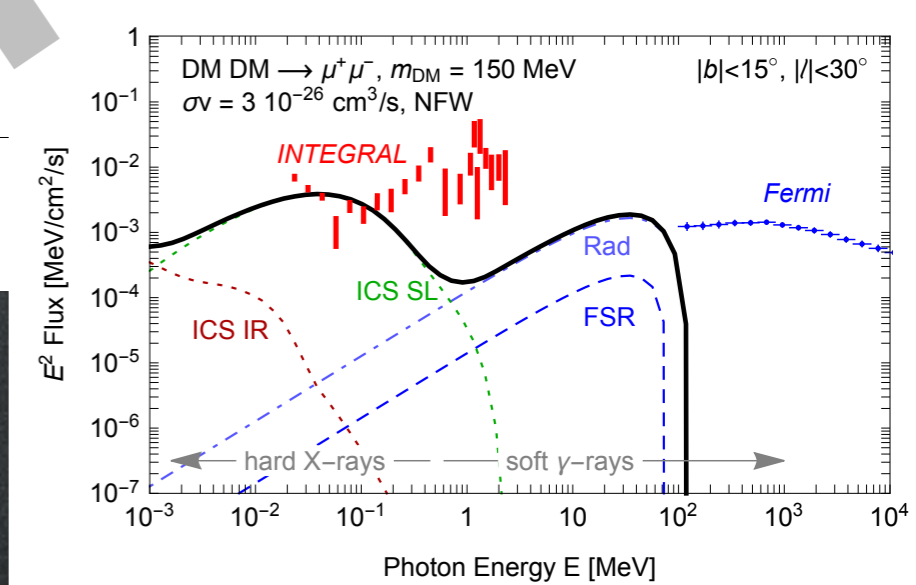


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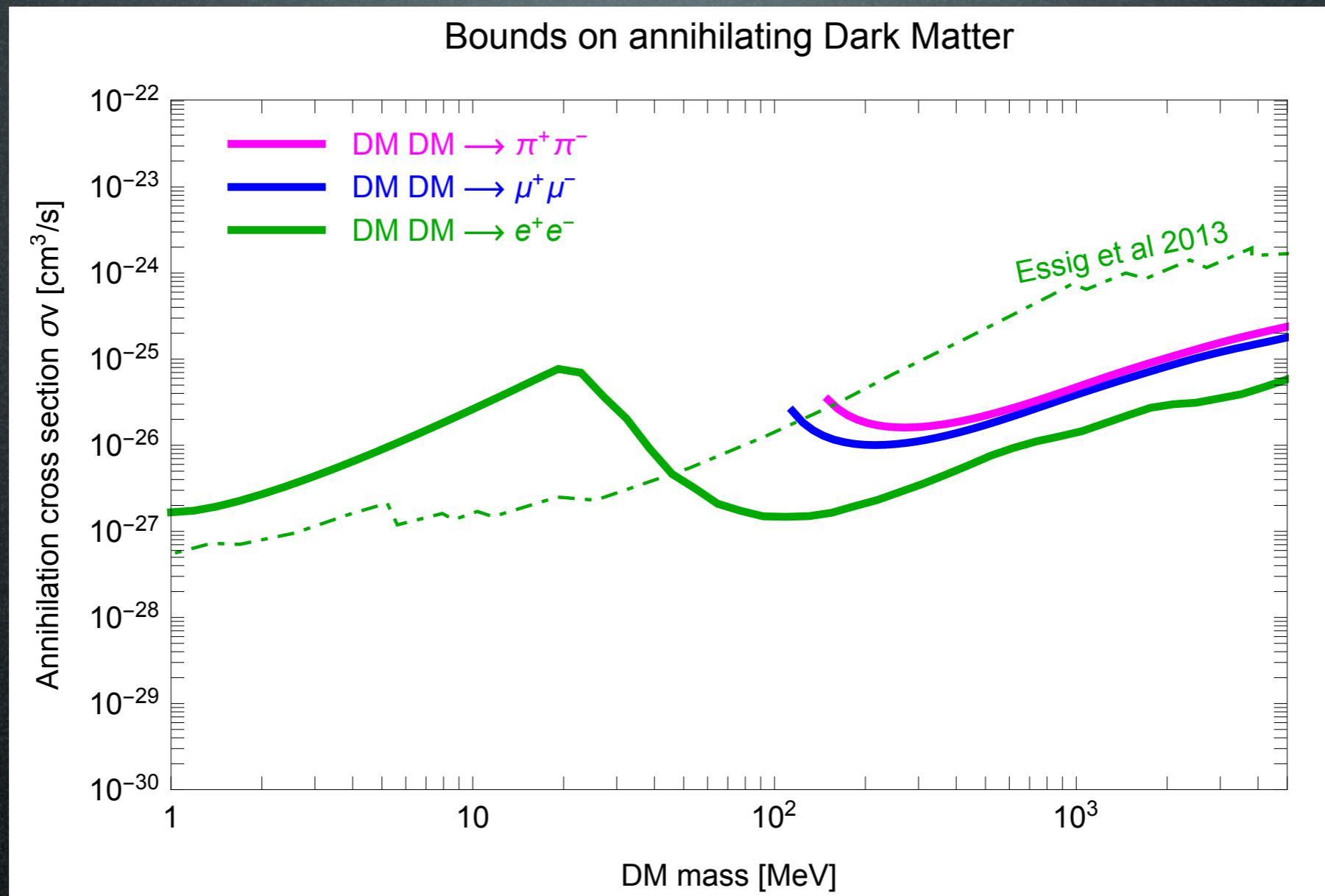
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DM mass [MeV]



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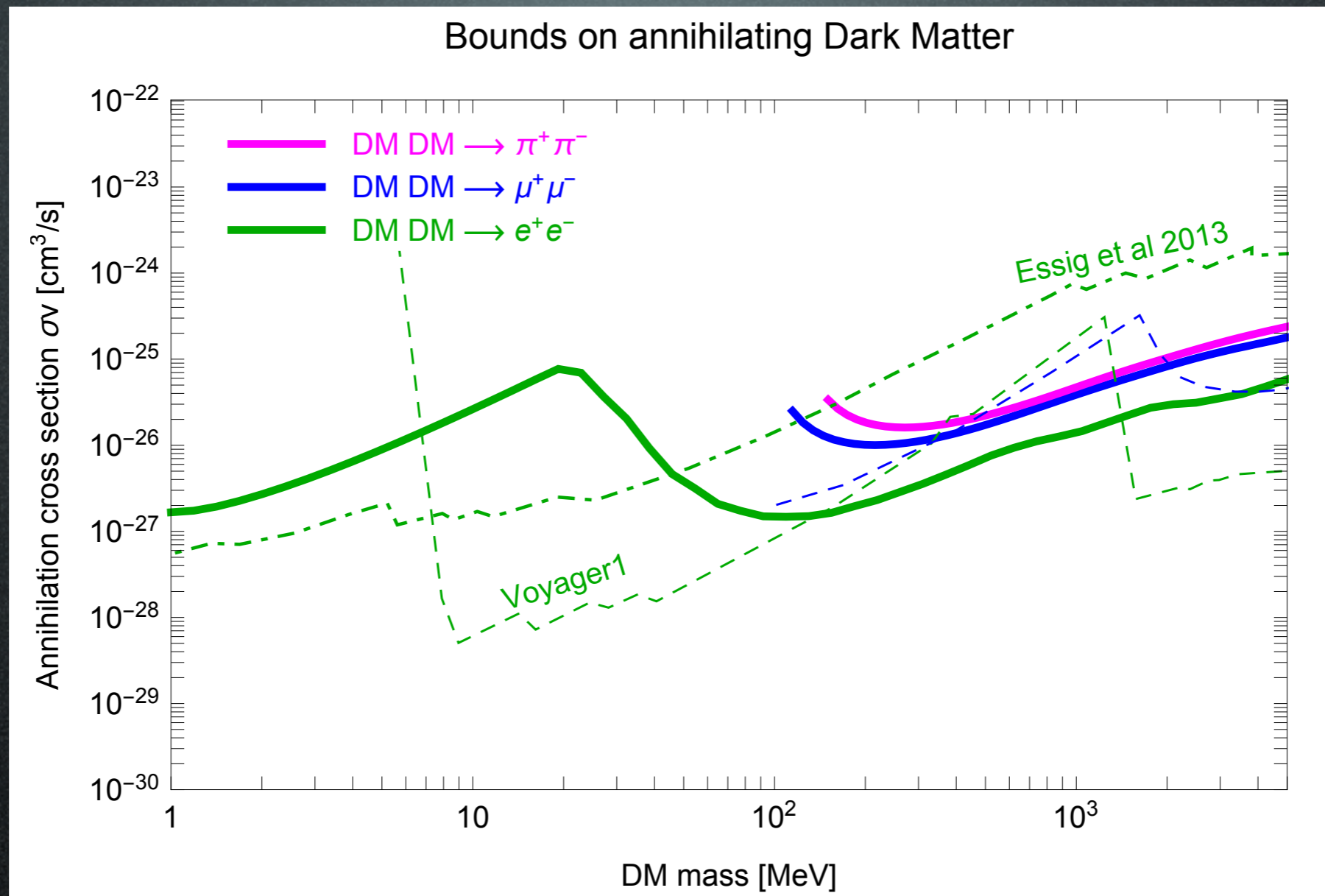


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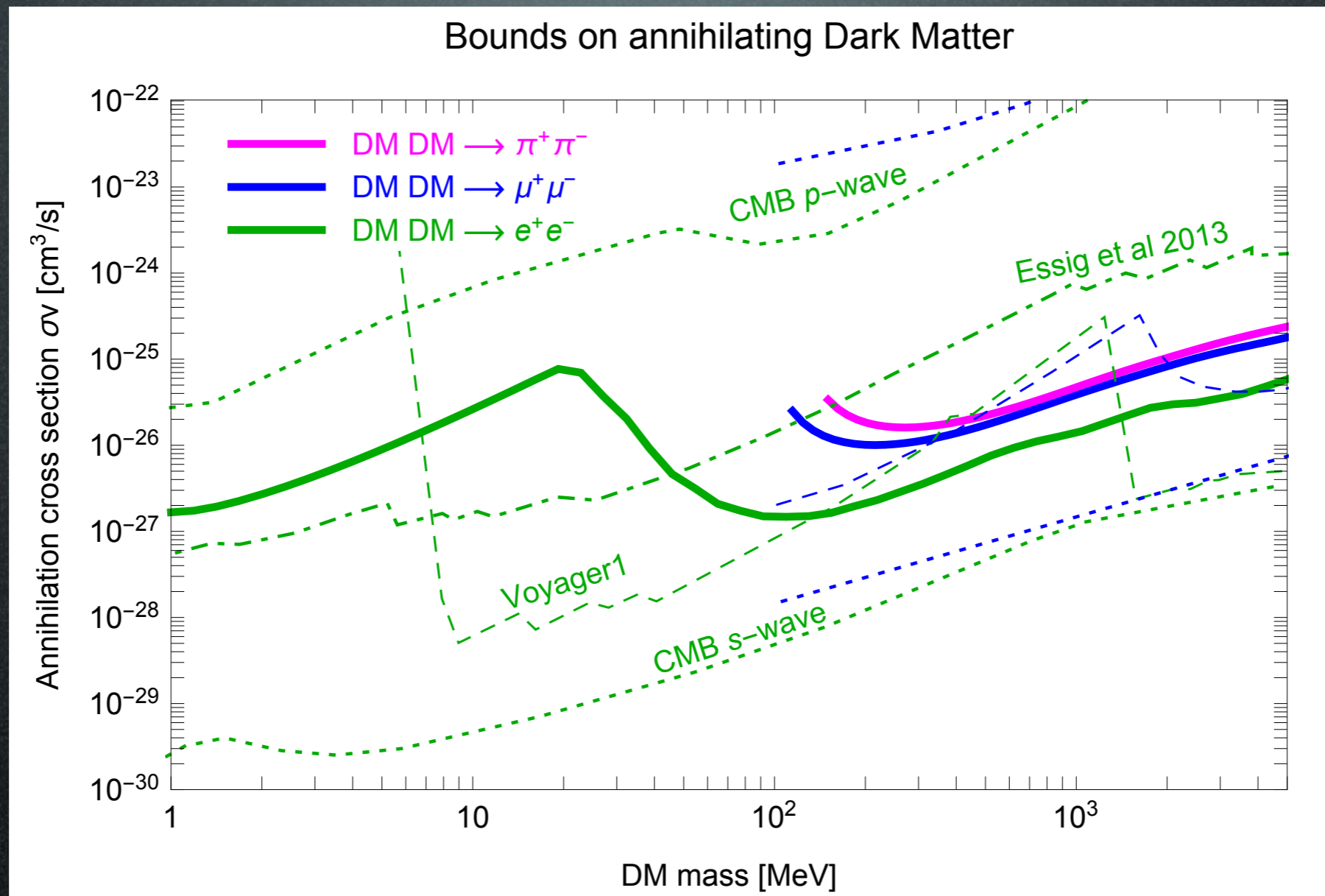
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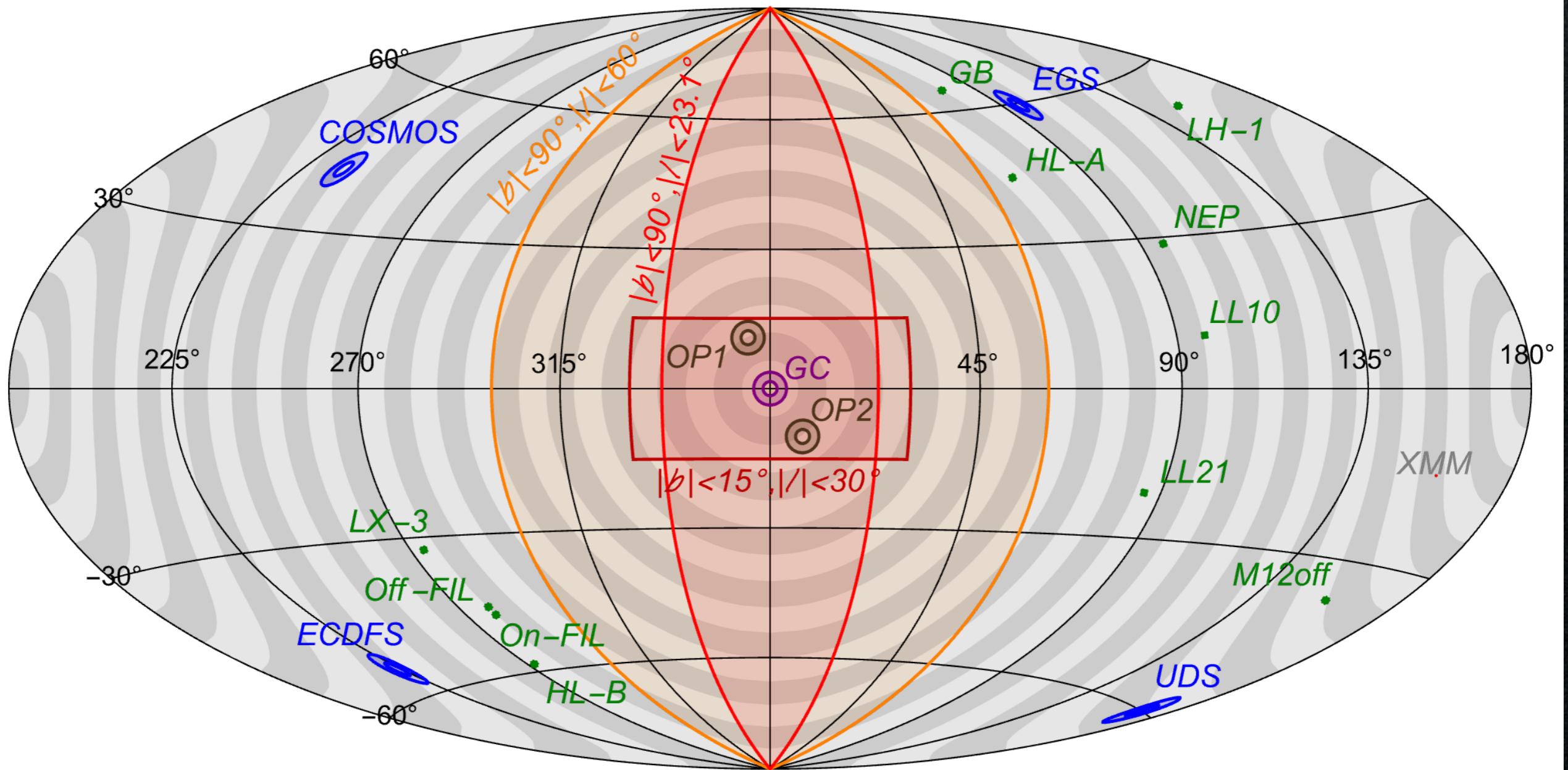
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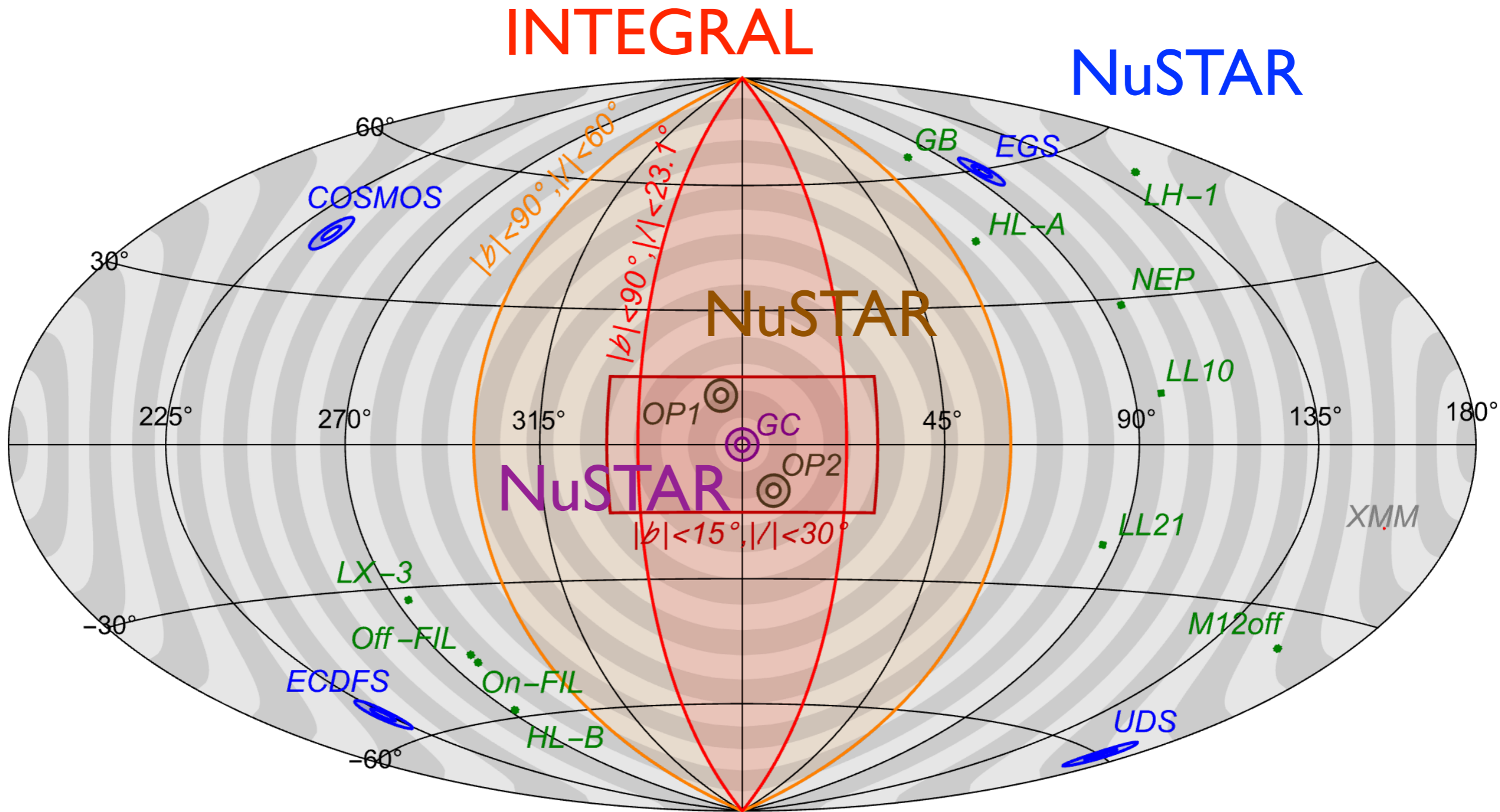
CMB bounds depend on s-/p-wave annihilation

More data!

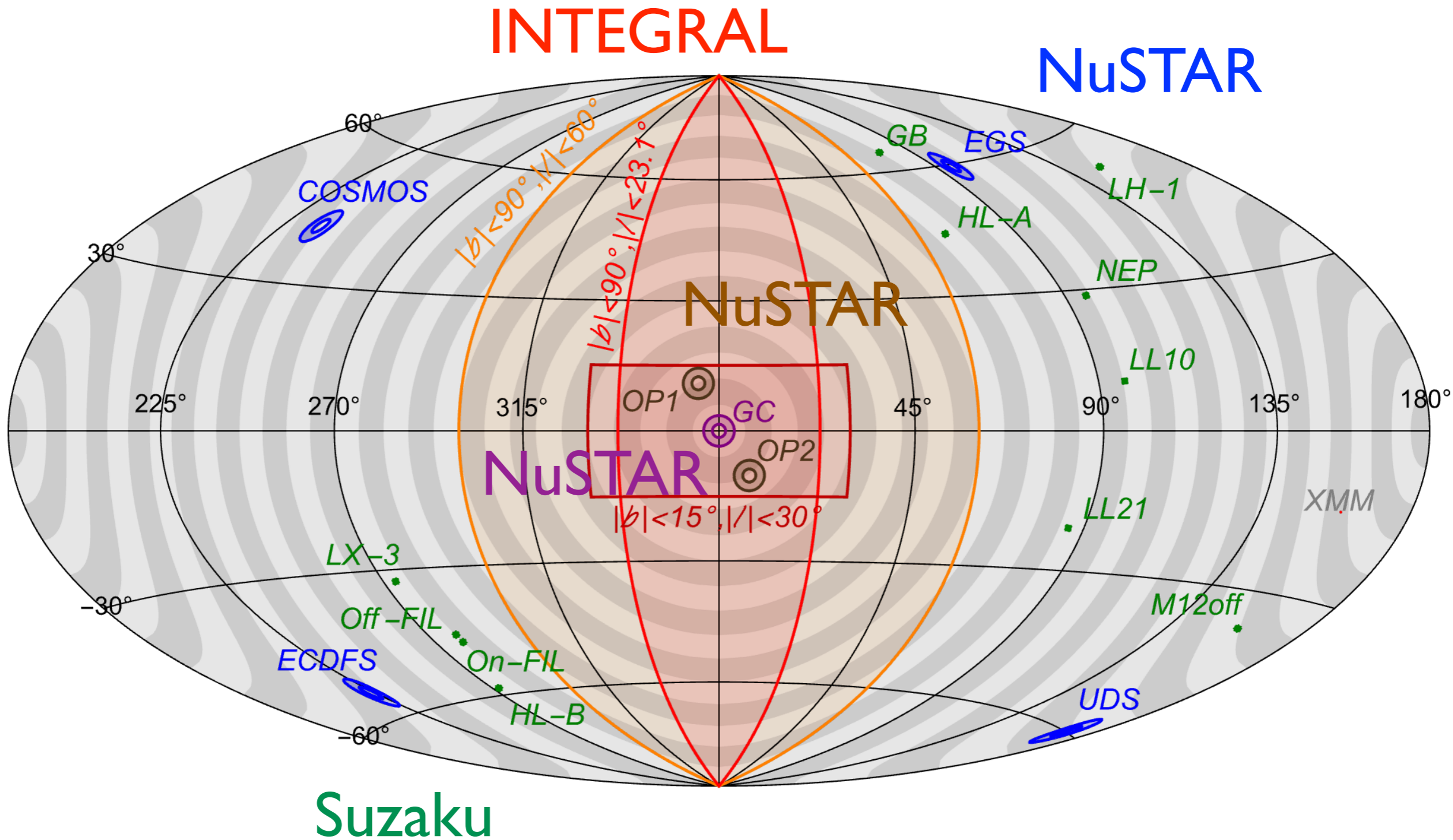
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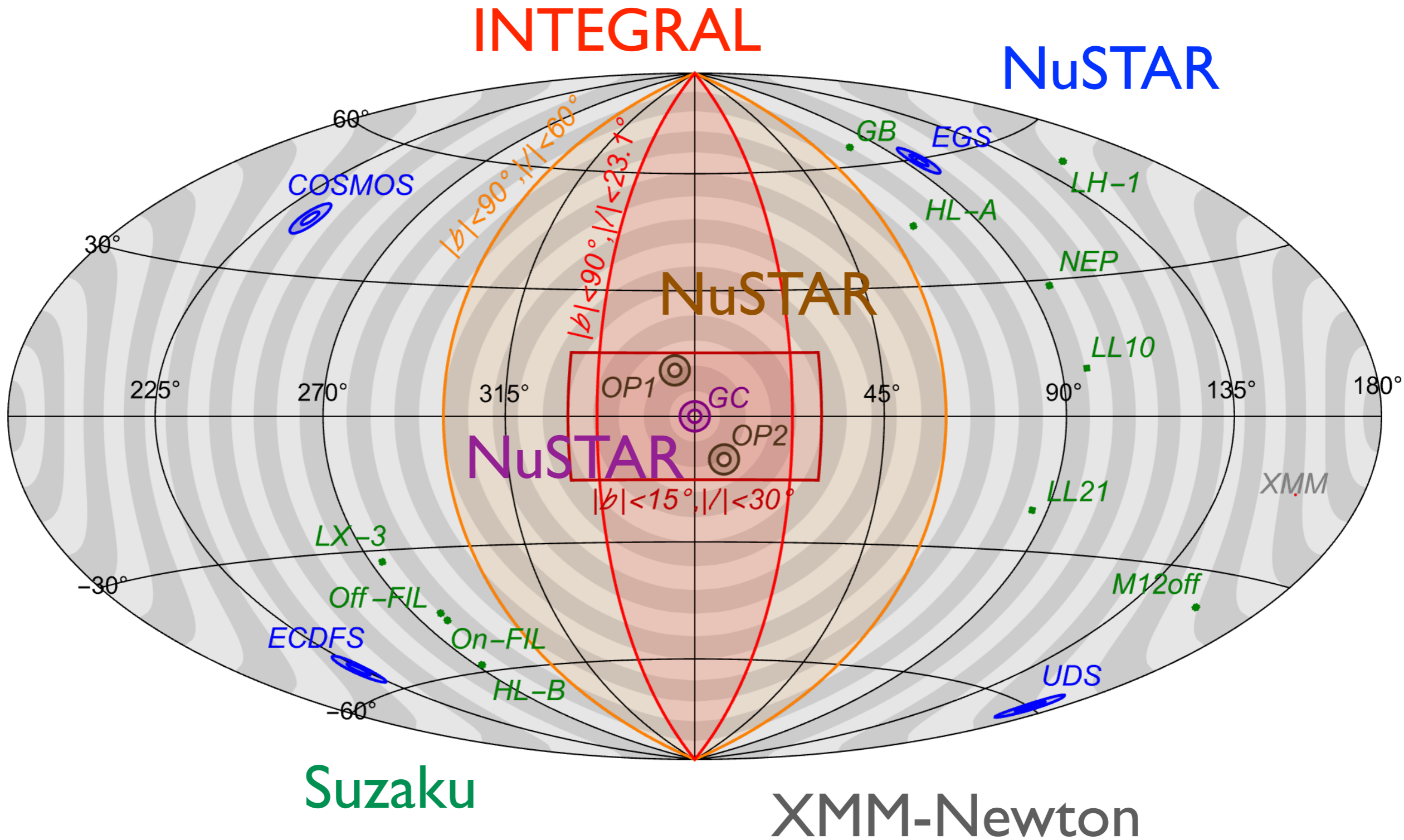
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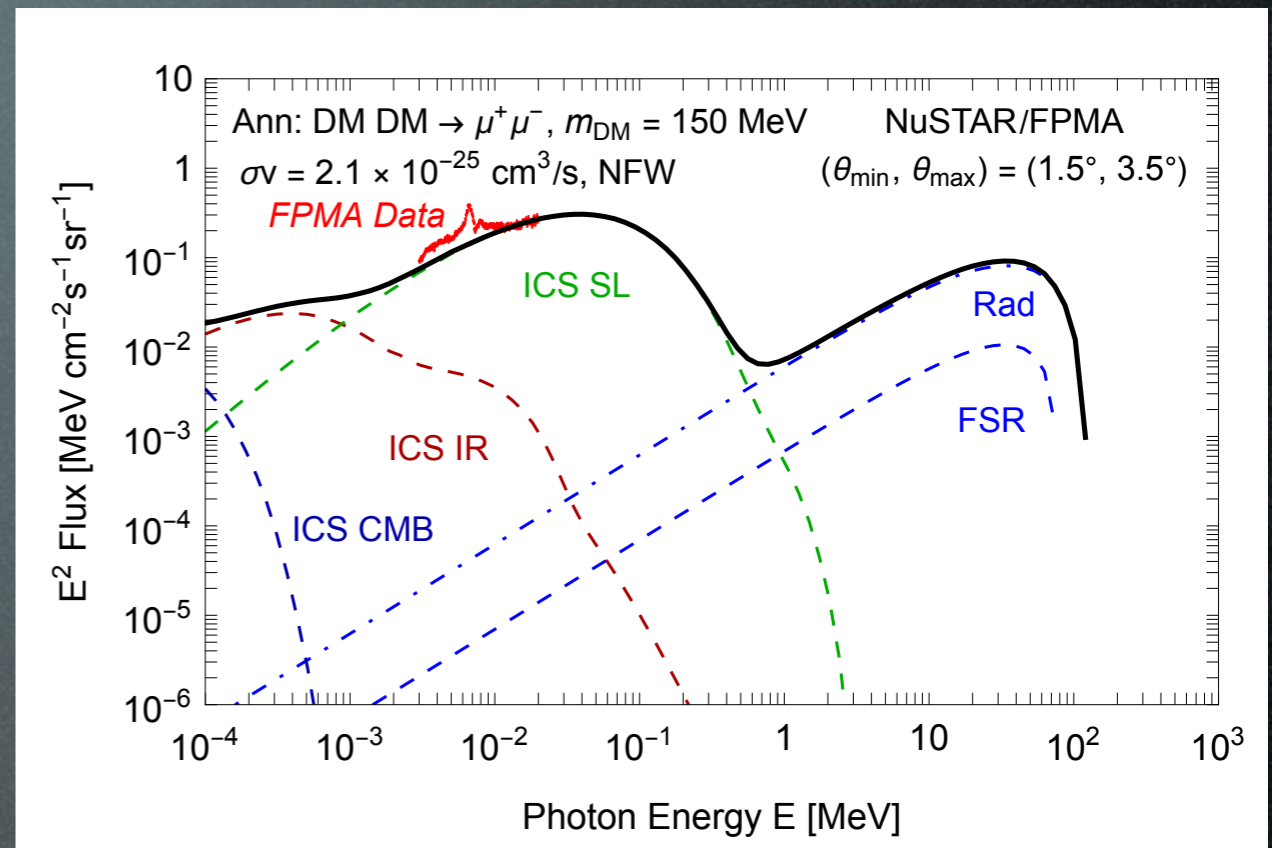
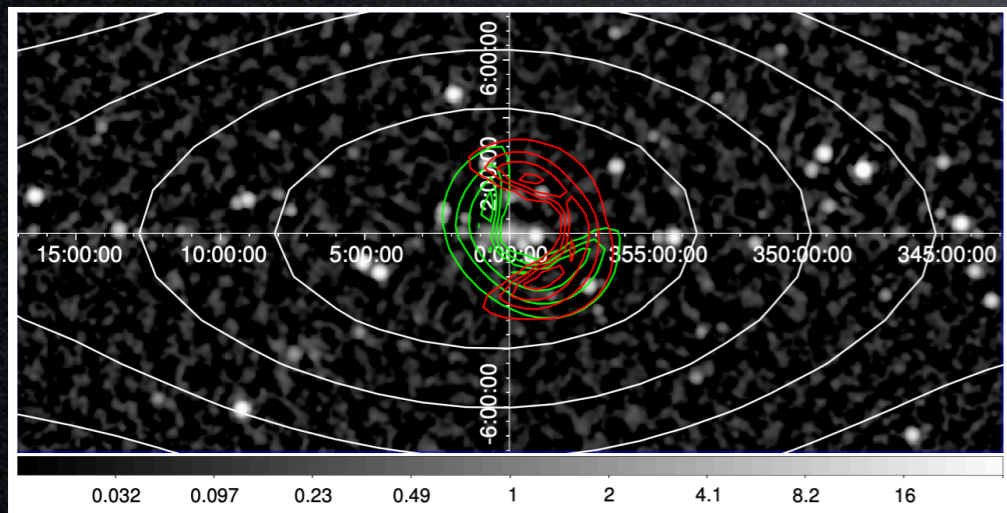
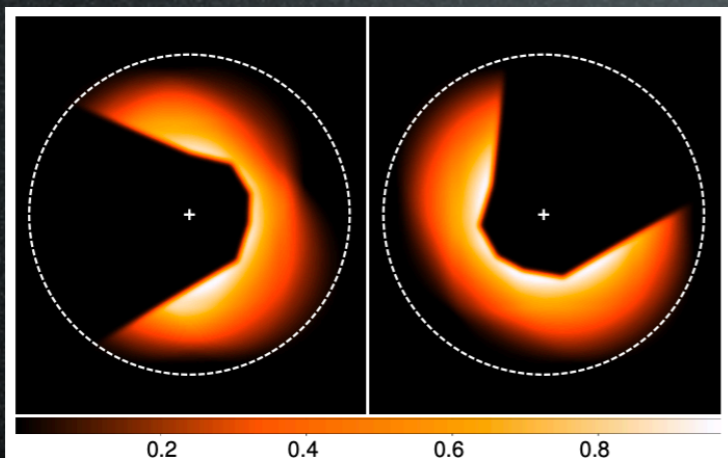


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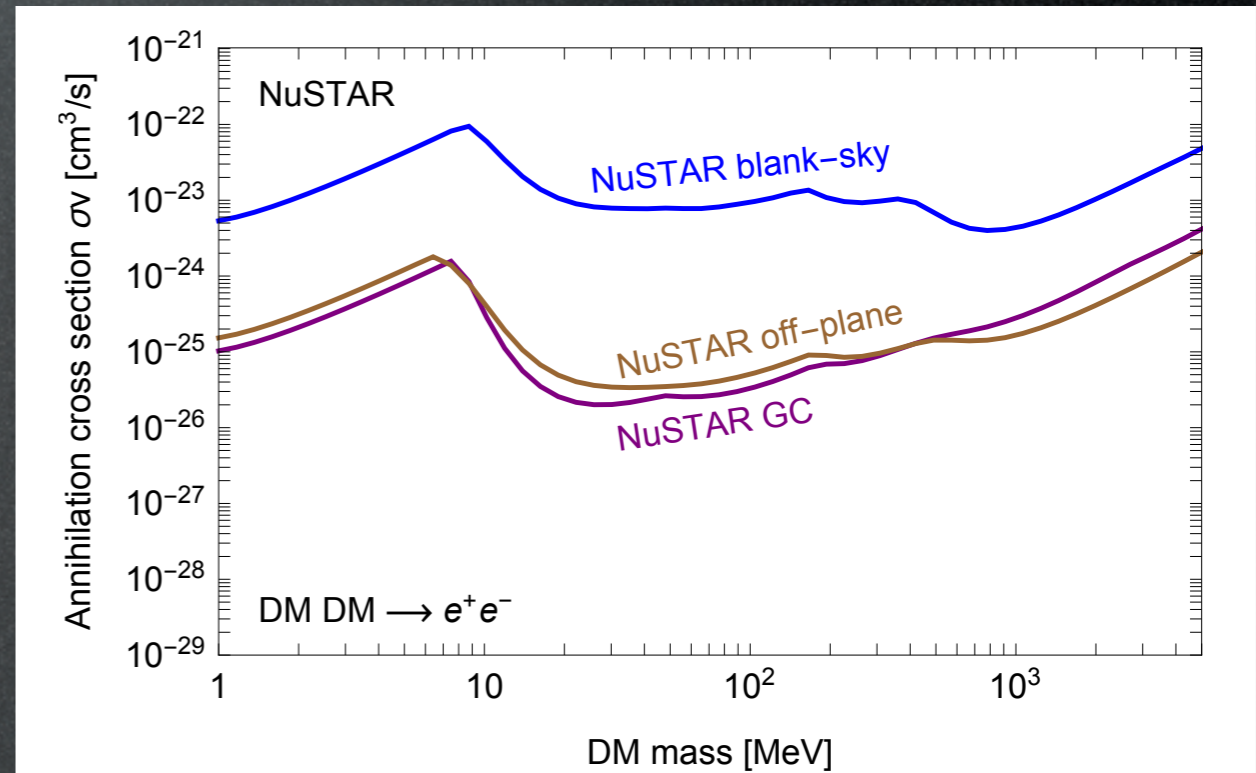
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Rather complex field of view...



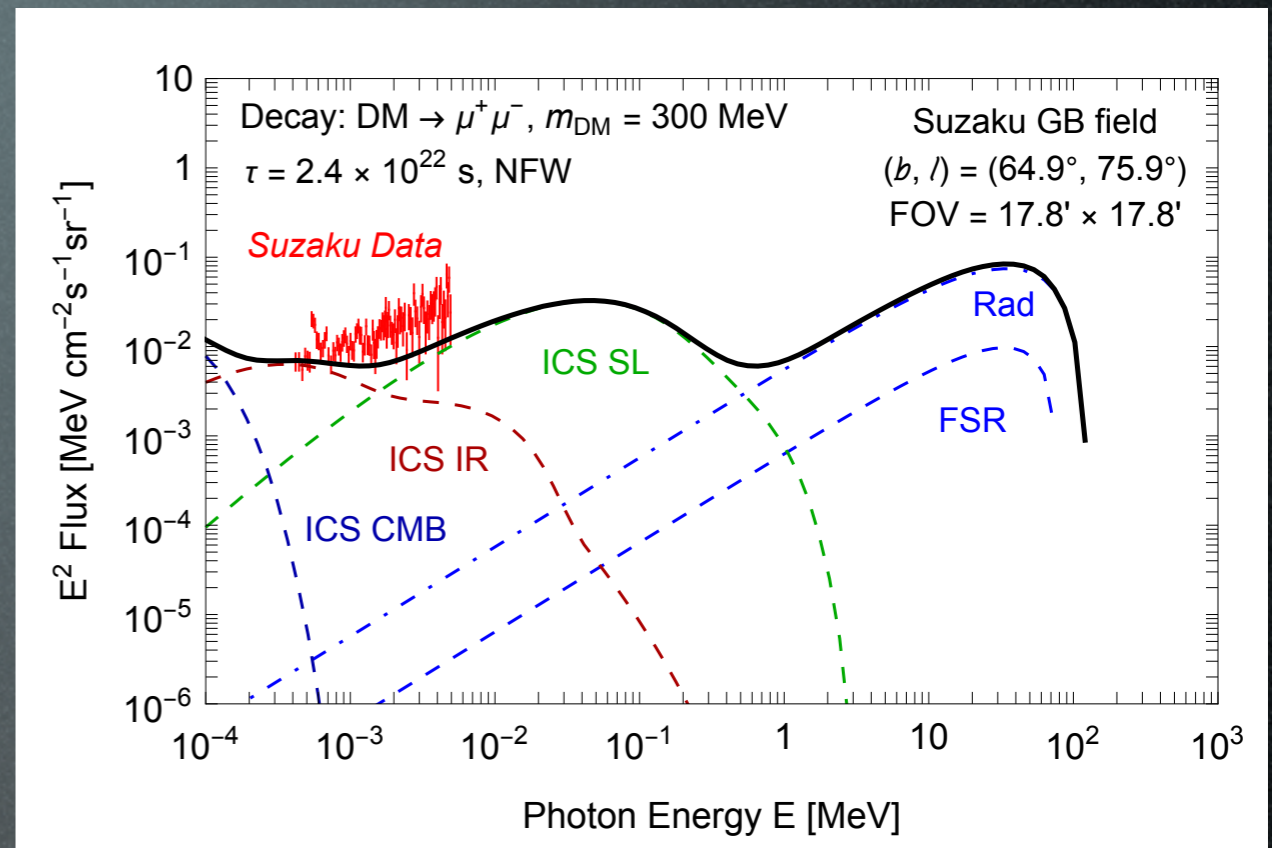
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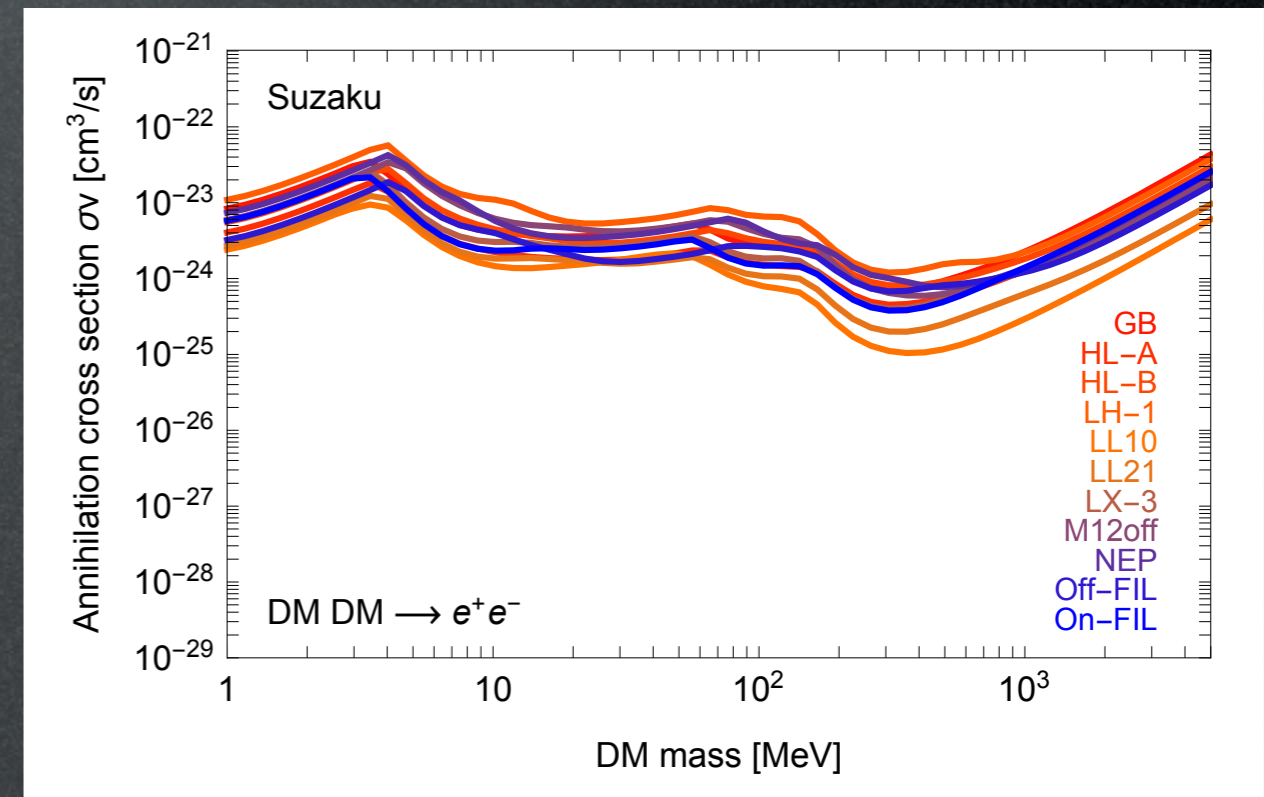
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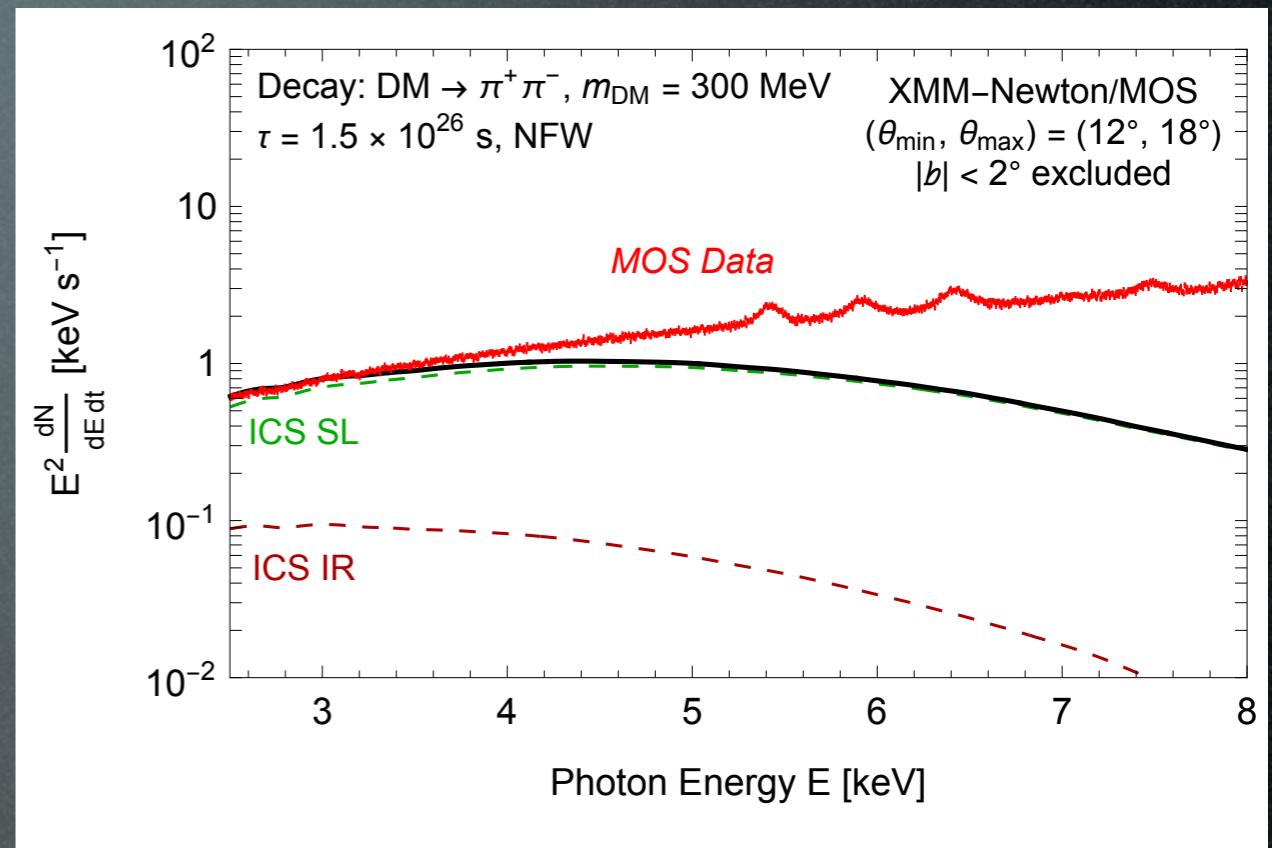


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XMM-Newton | 1999-2018 data

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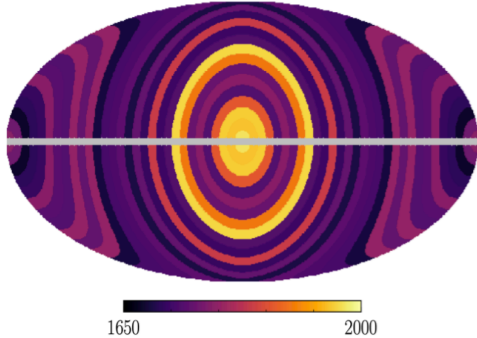


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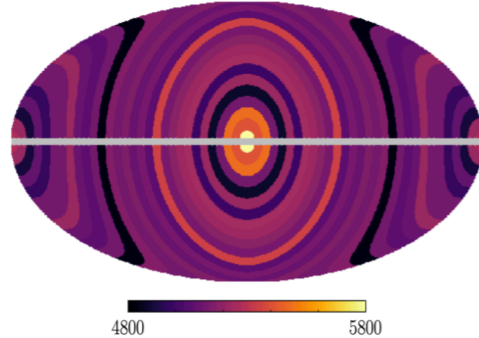
Processed blank-sky data from the XMM-Newton Space Telescope.

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MOS 2.5-8 keV Flux



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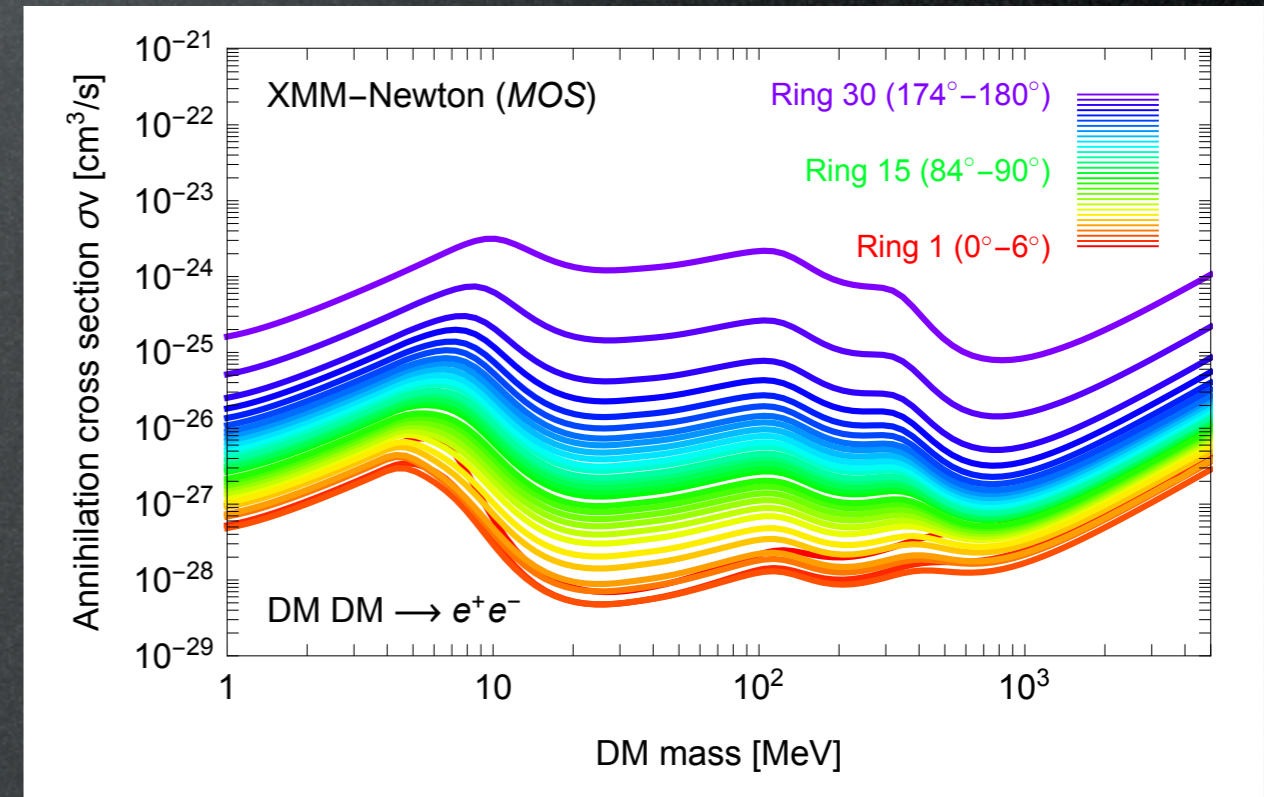
Packages

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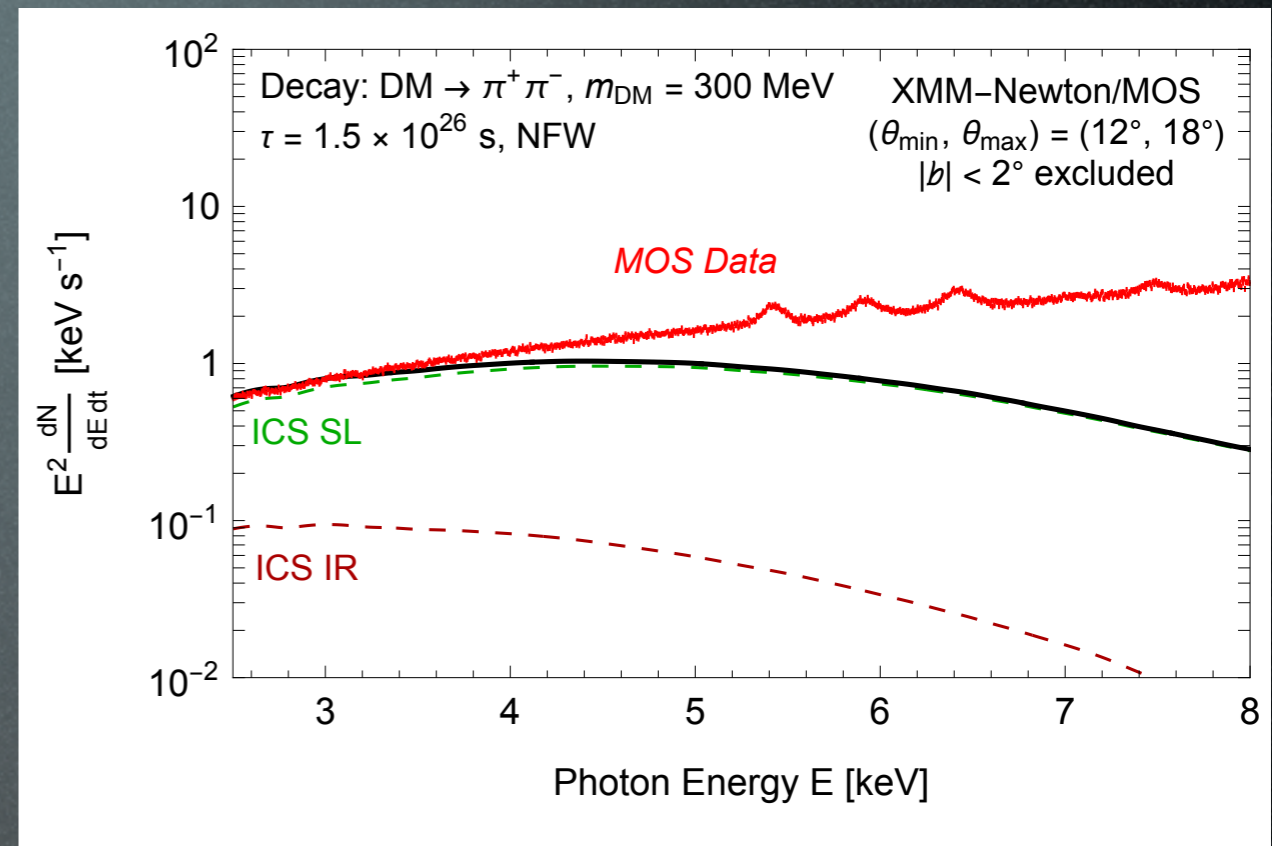


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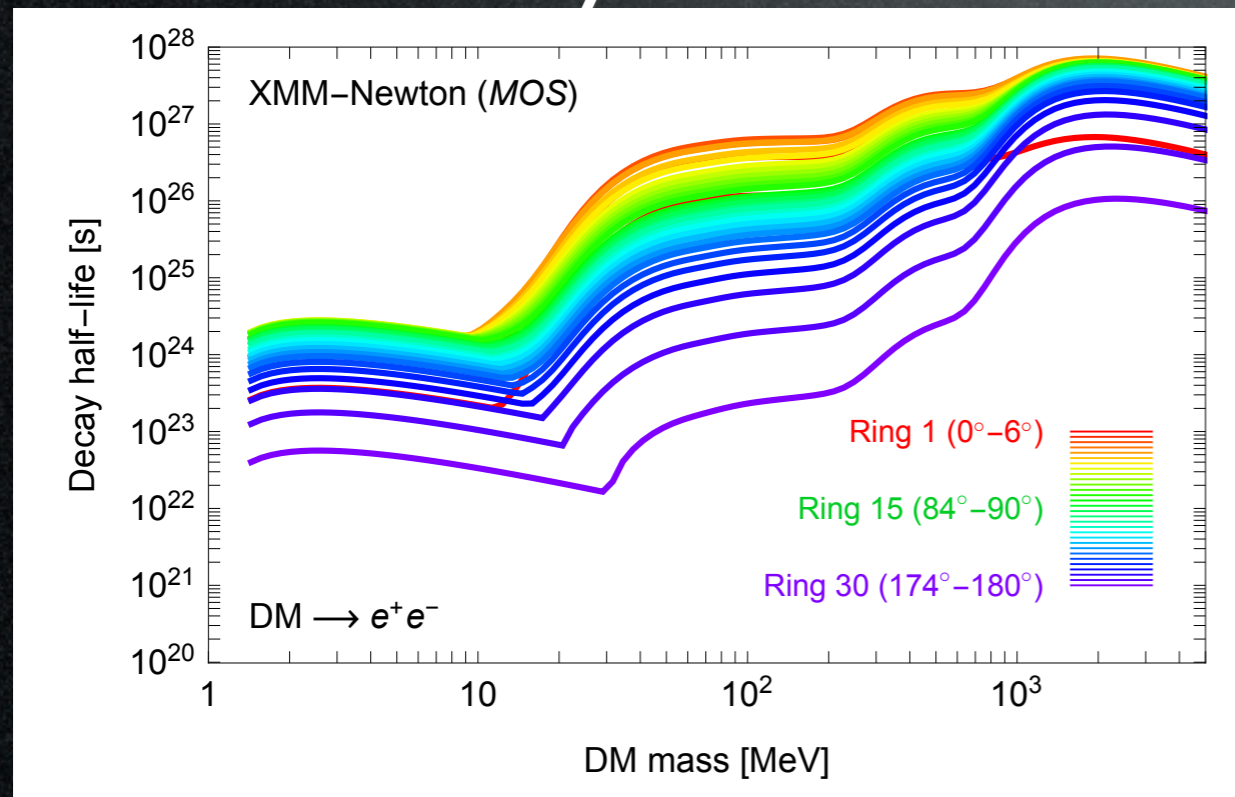
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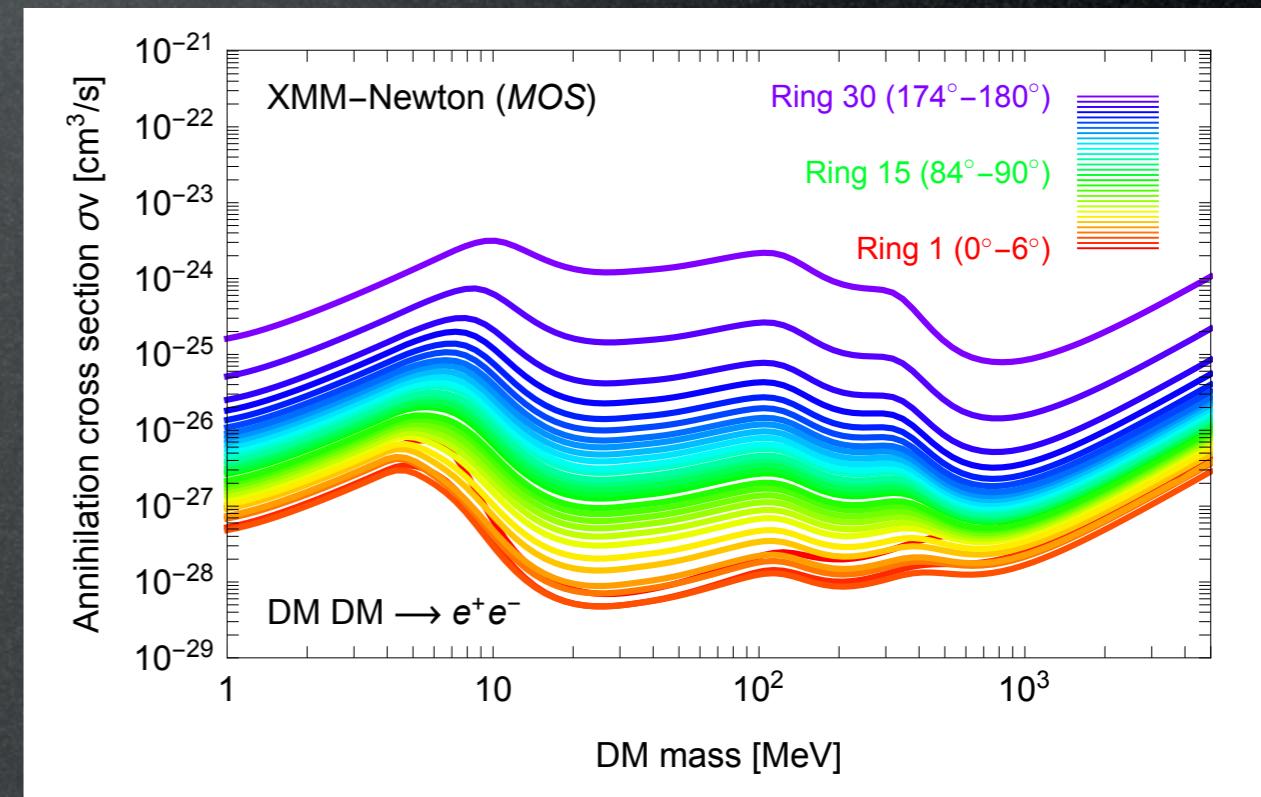
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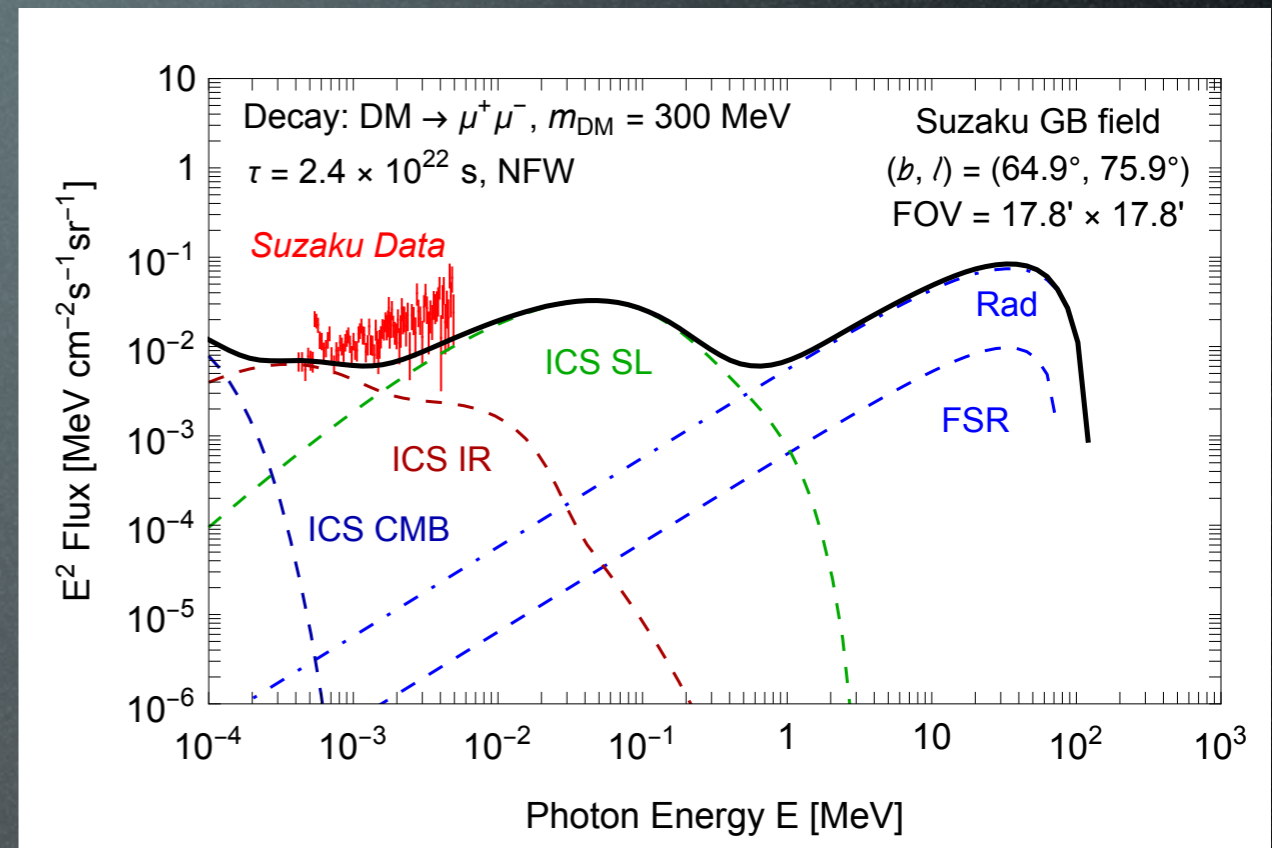
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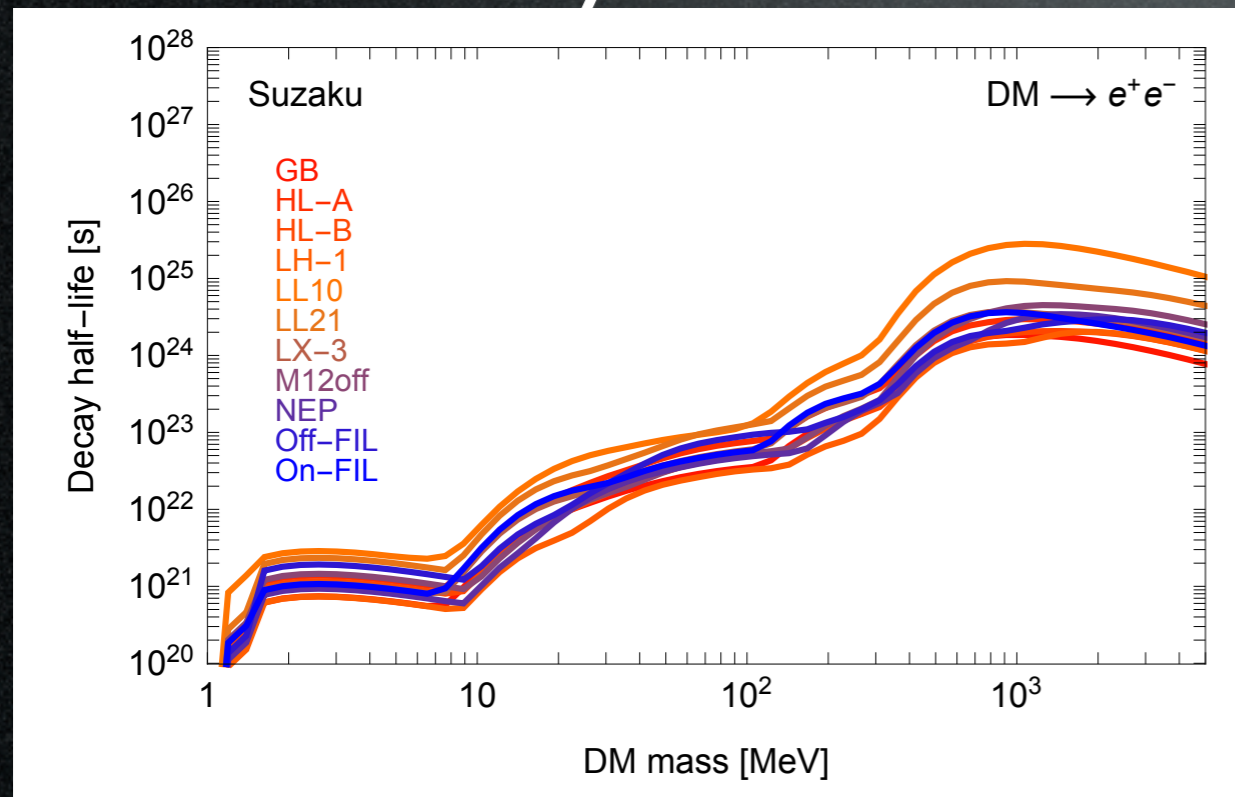
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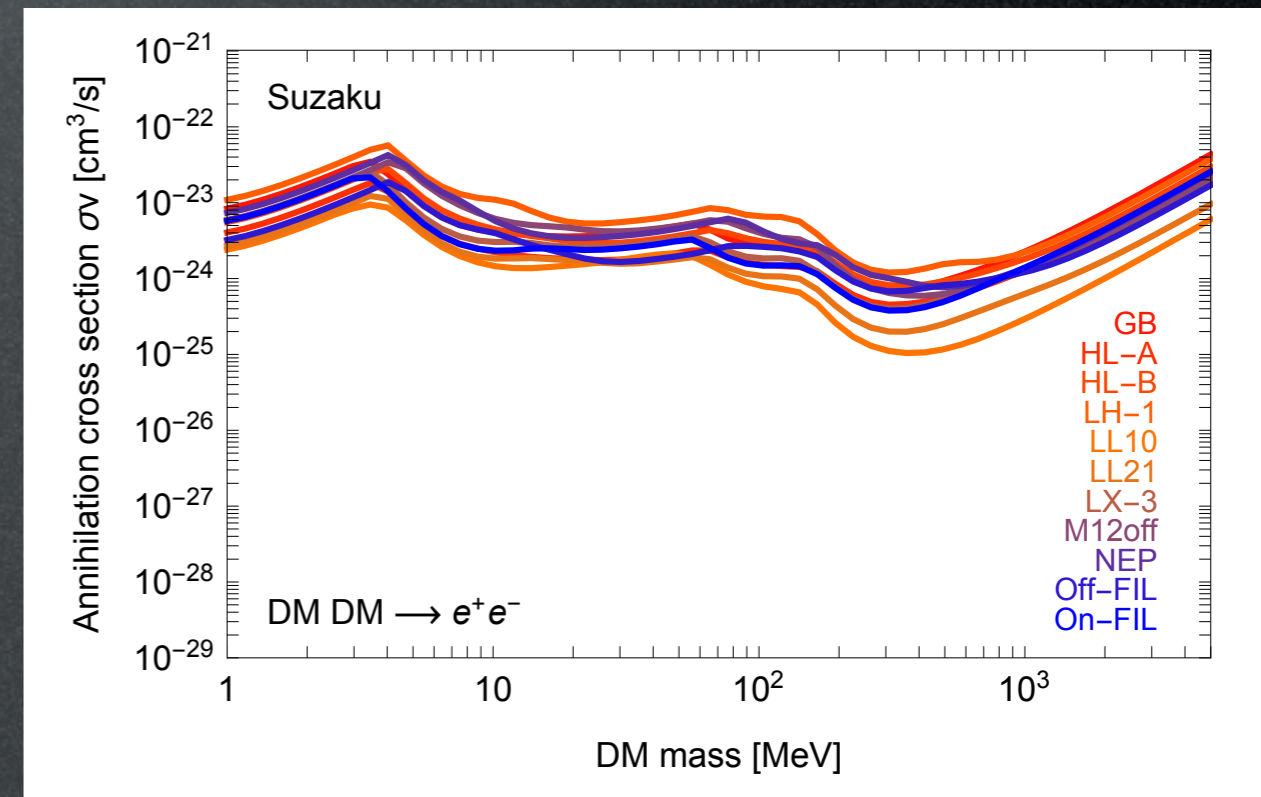
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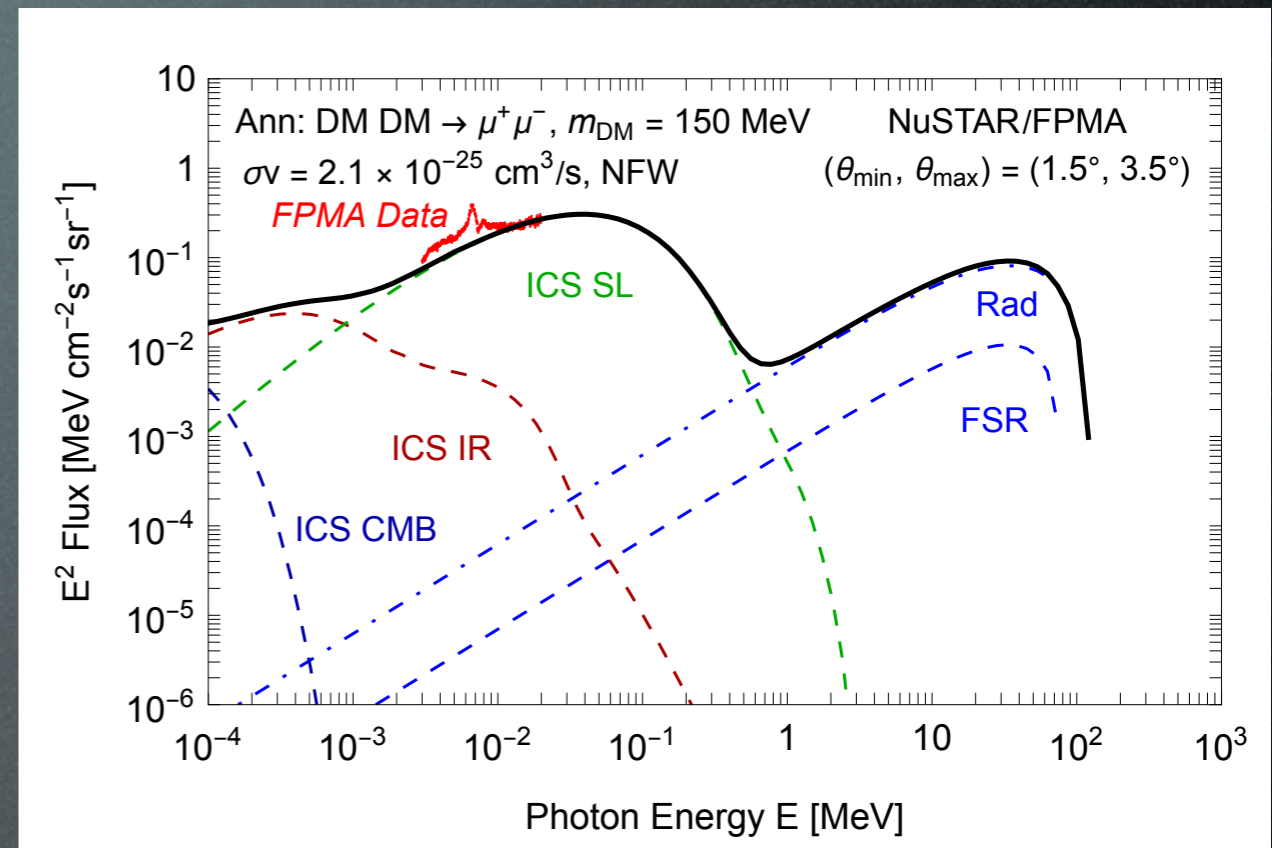
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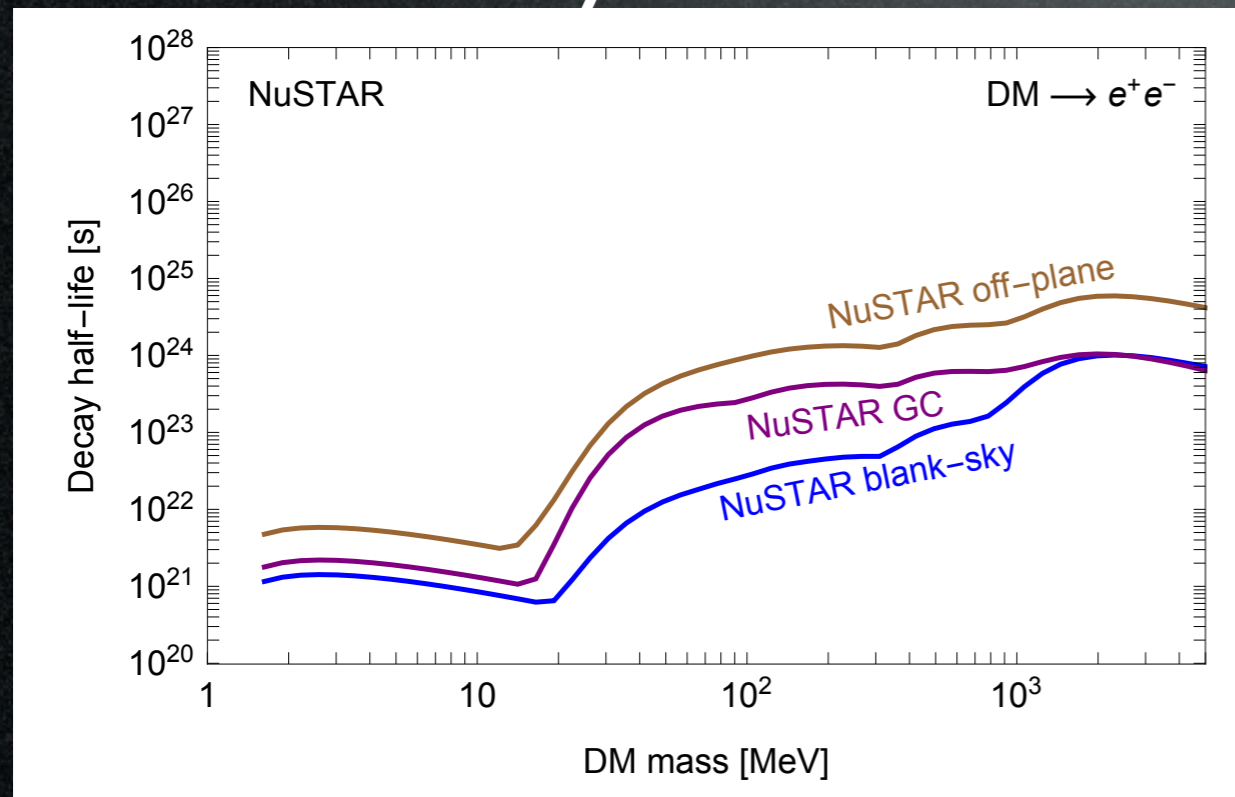
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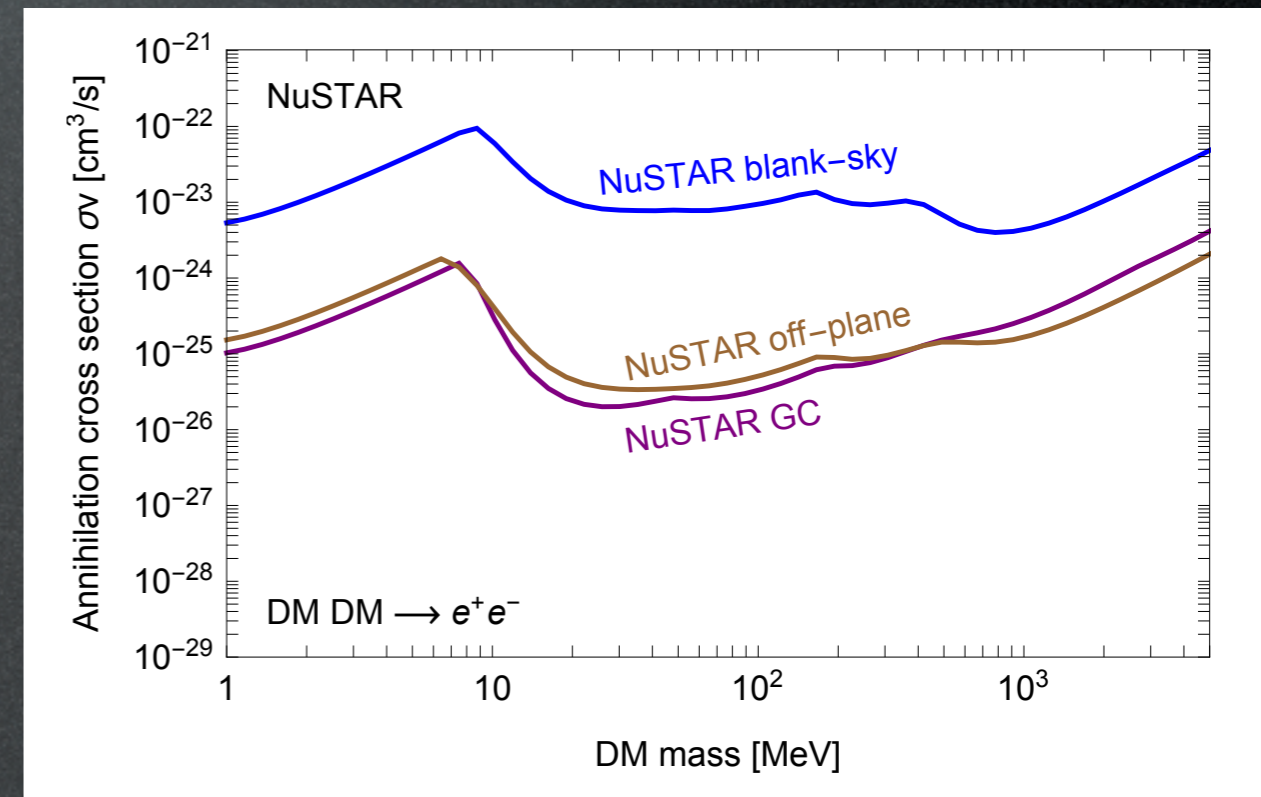
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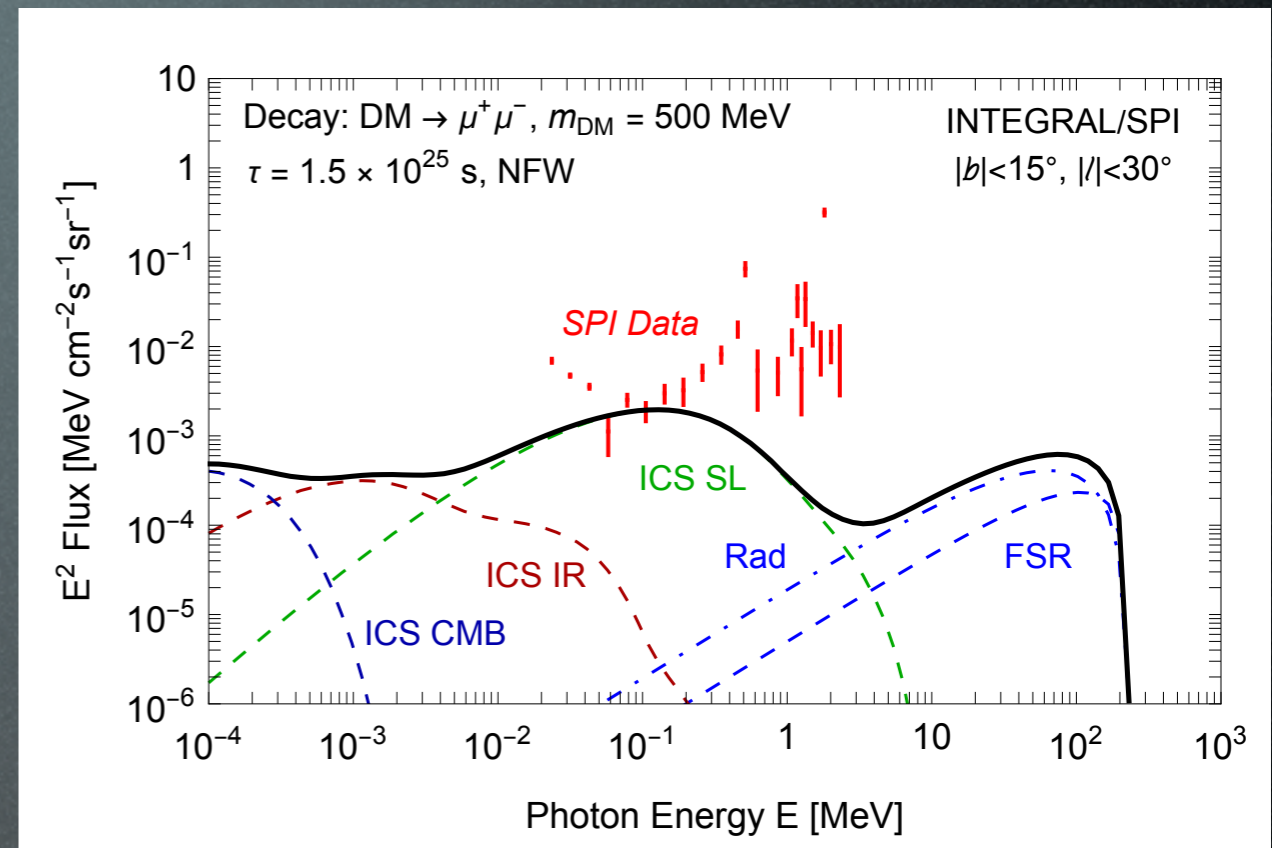
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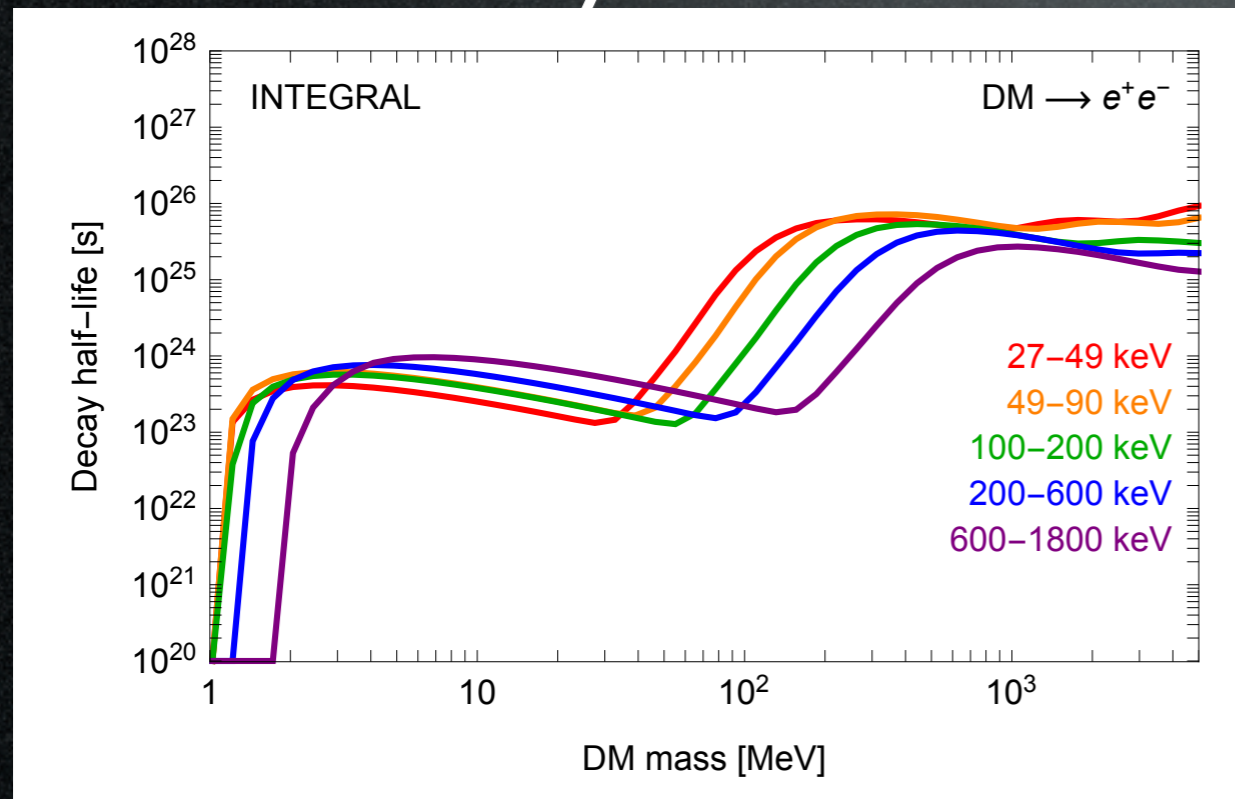
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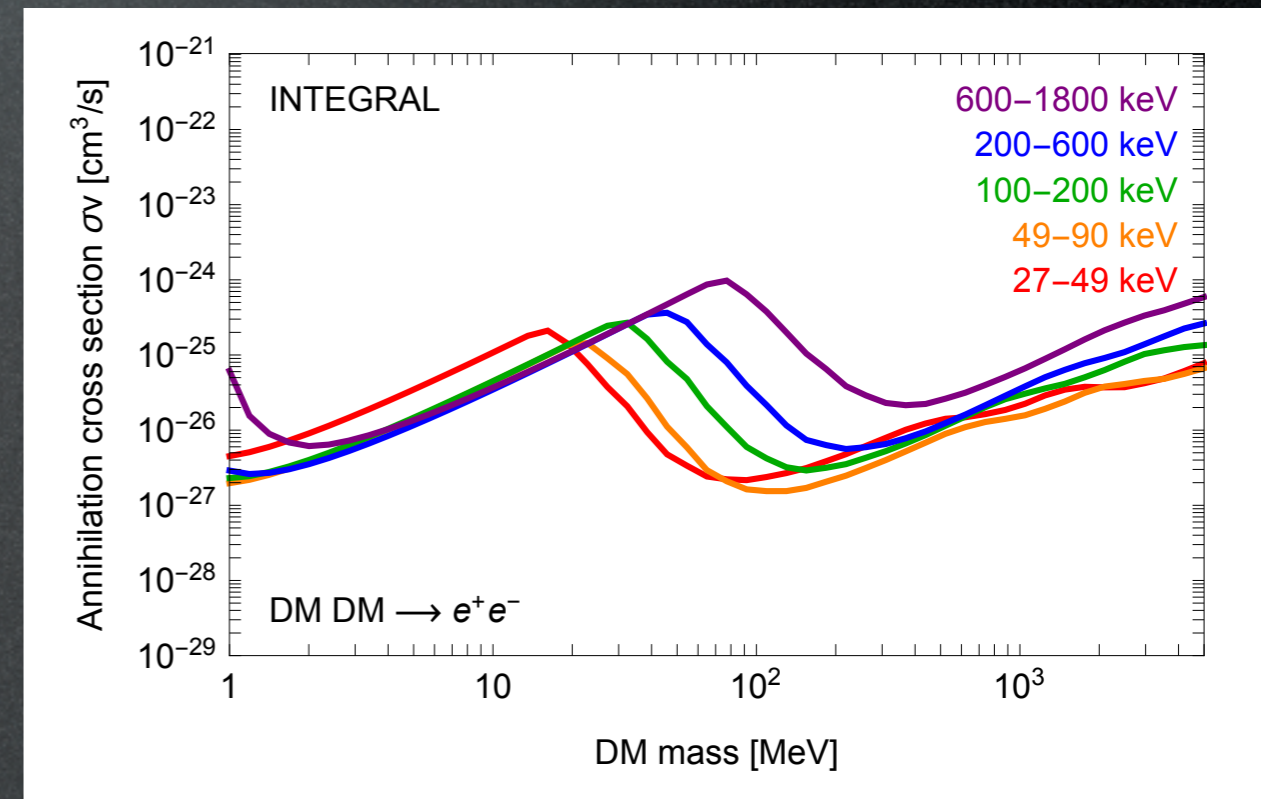
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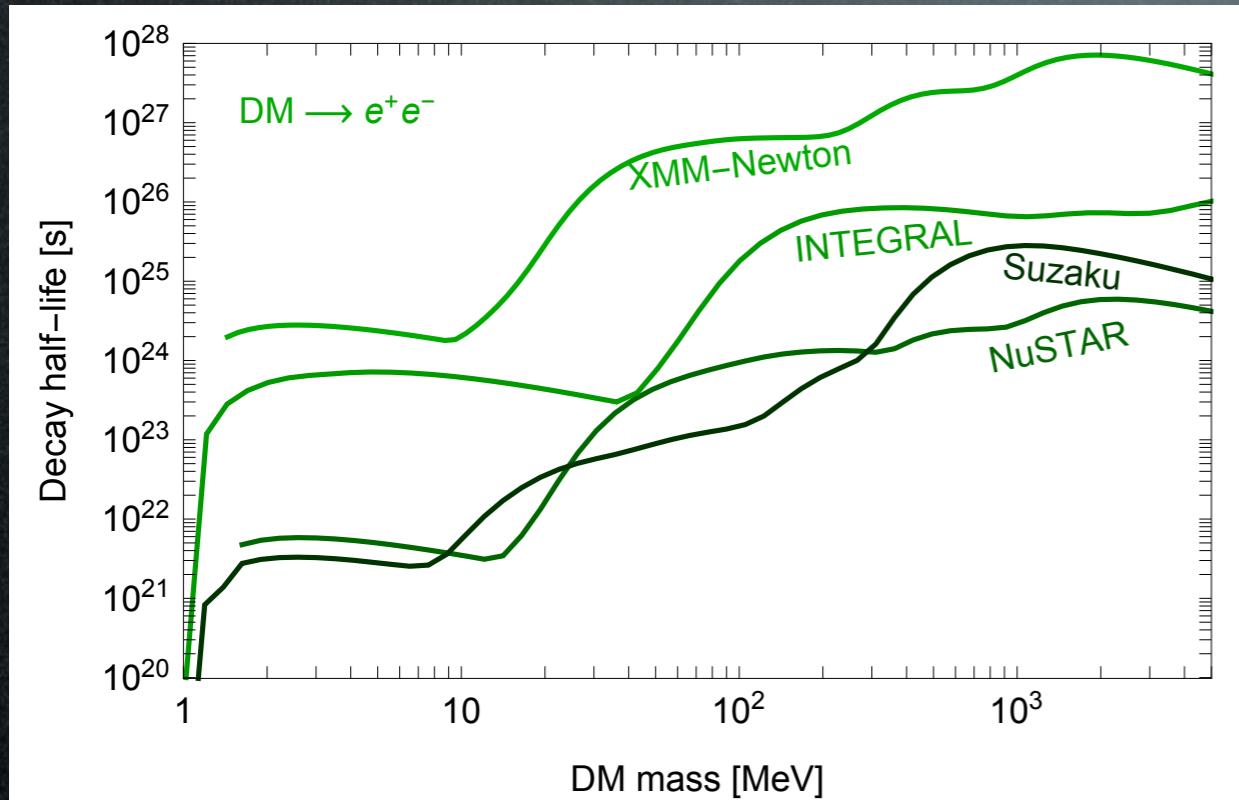


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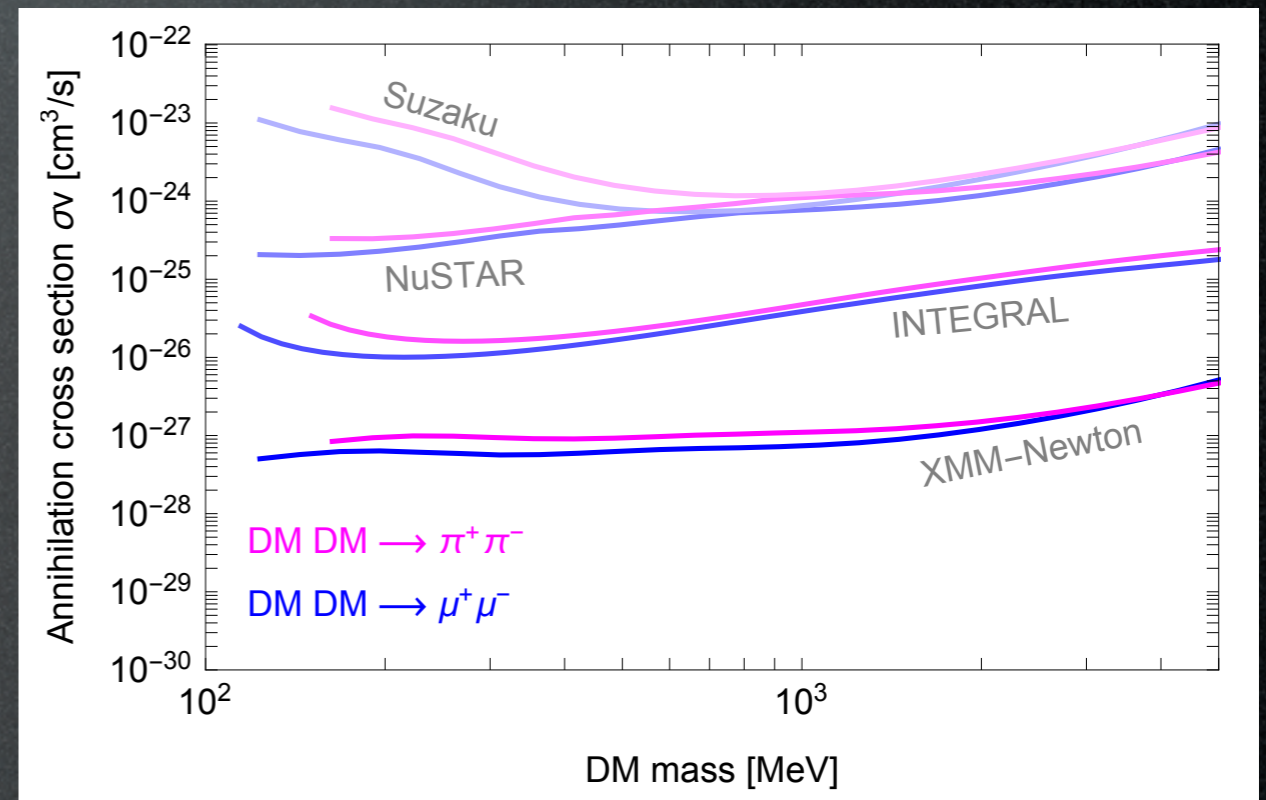
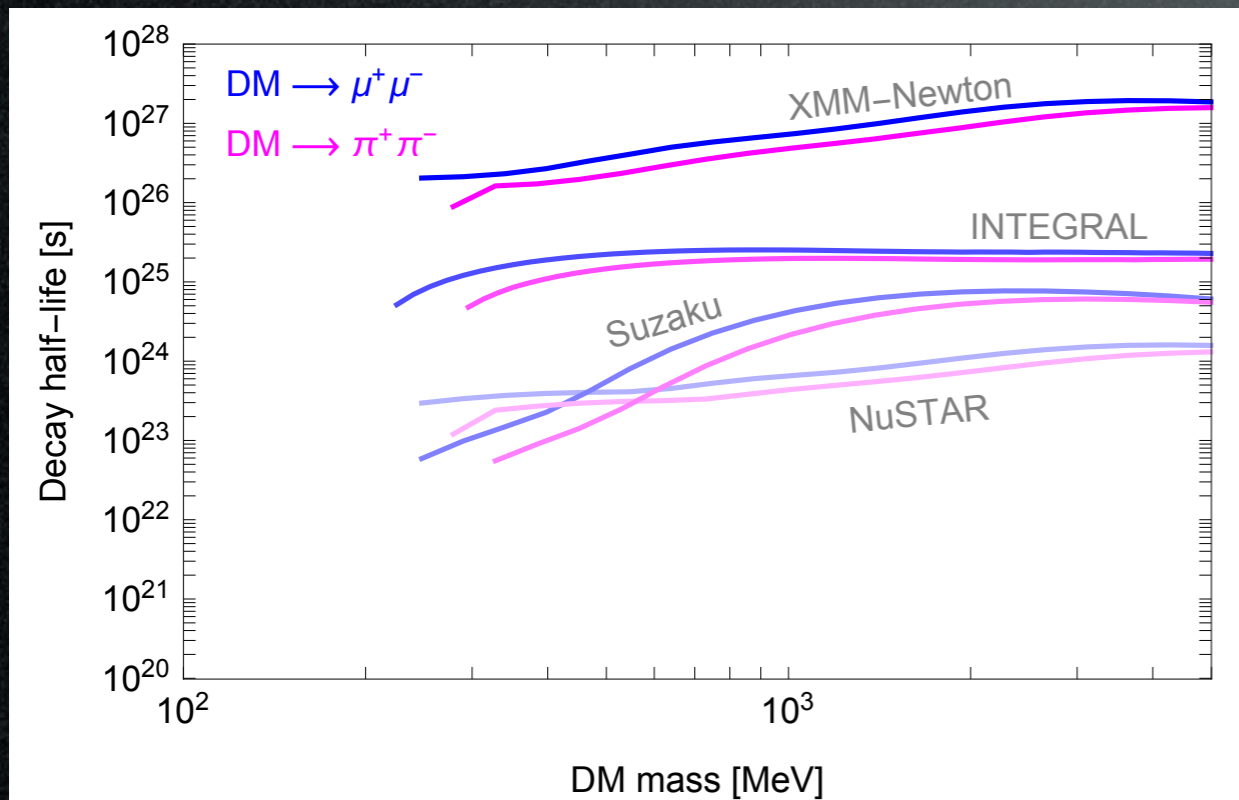
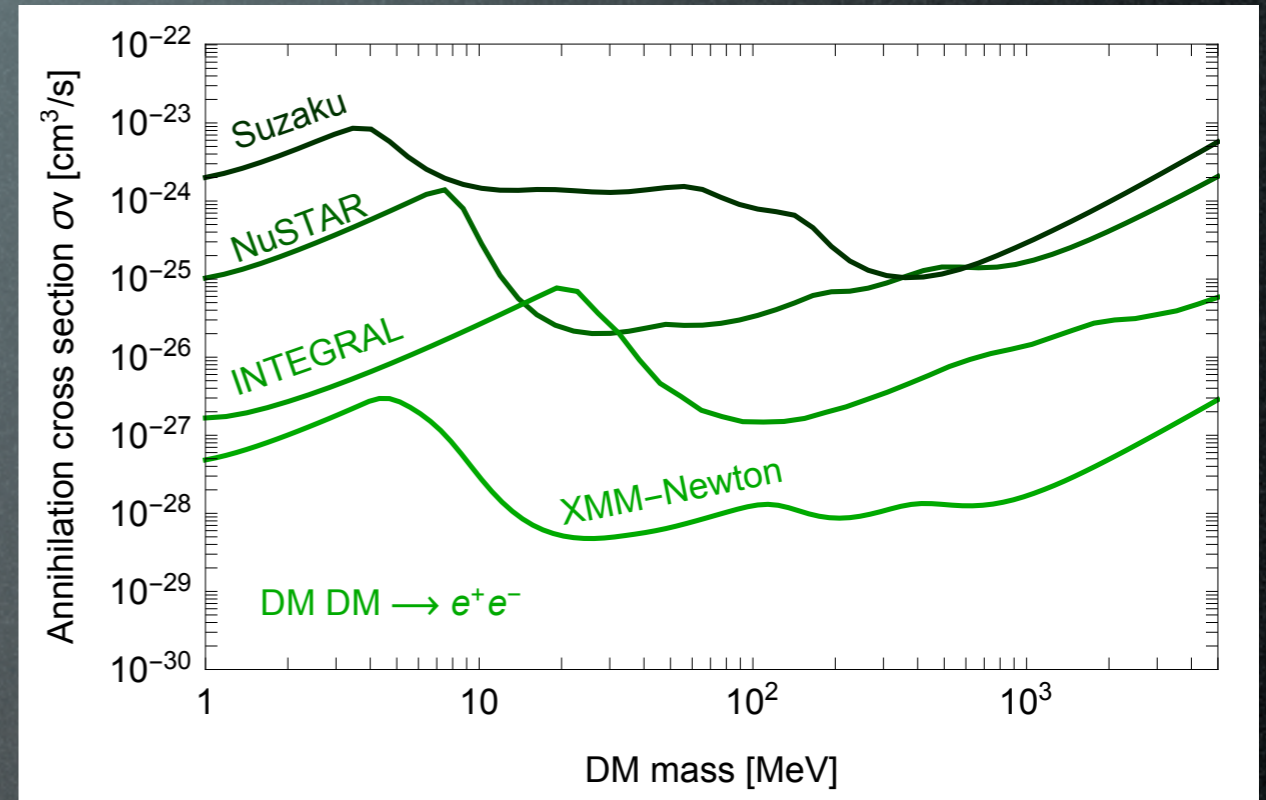


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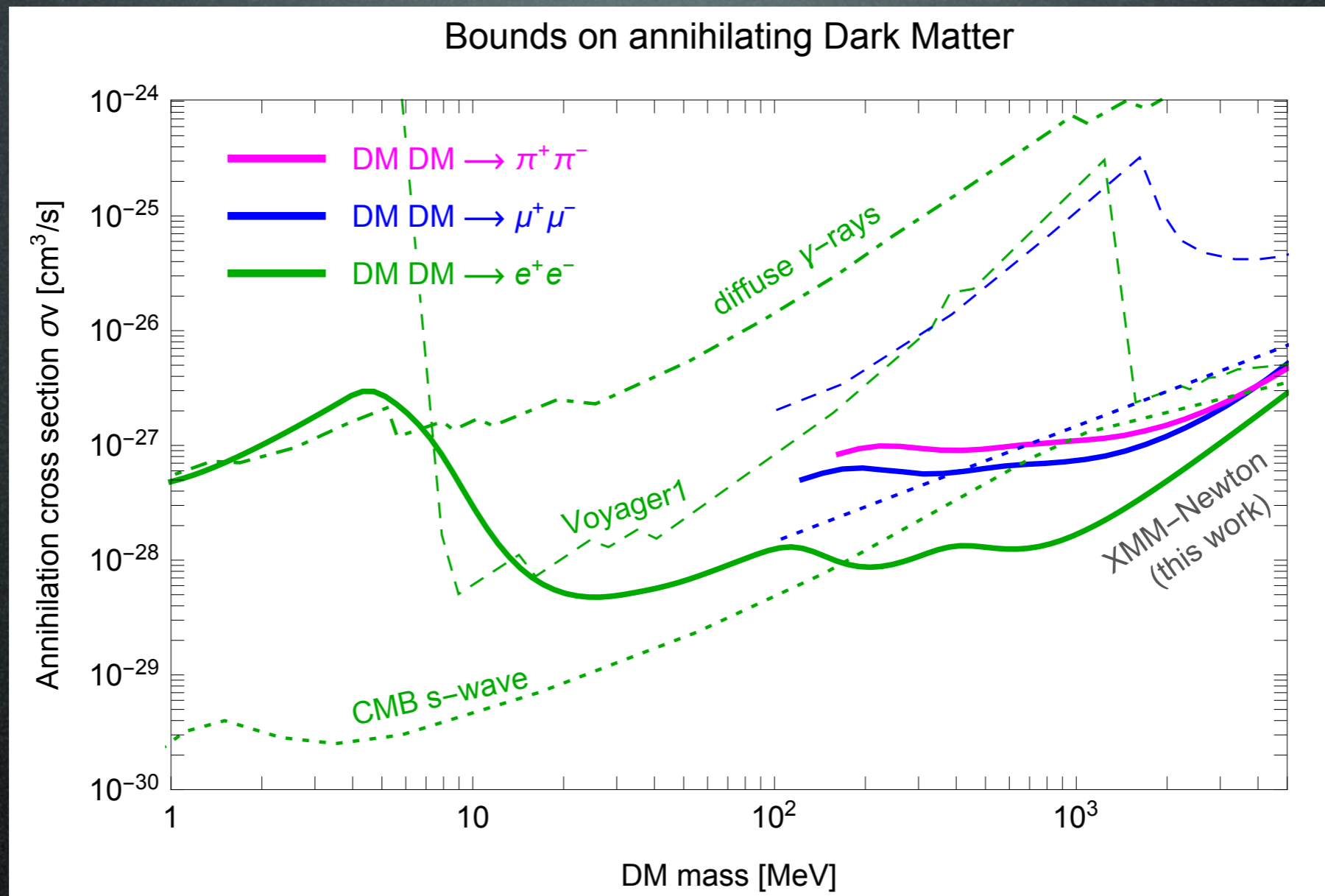
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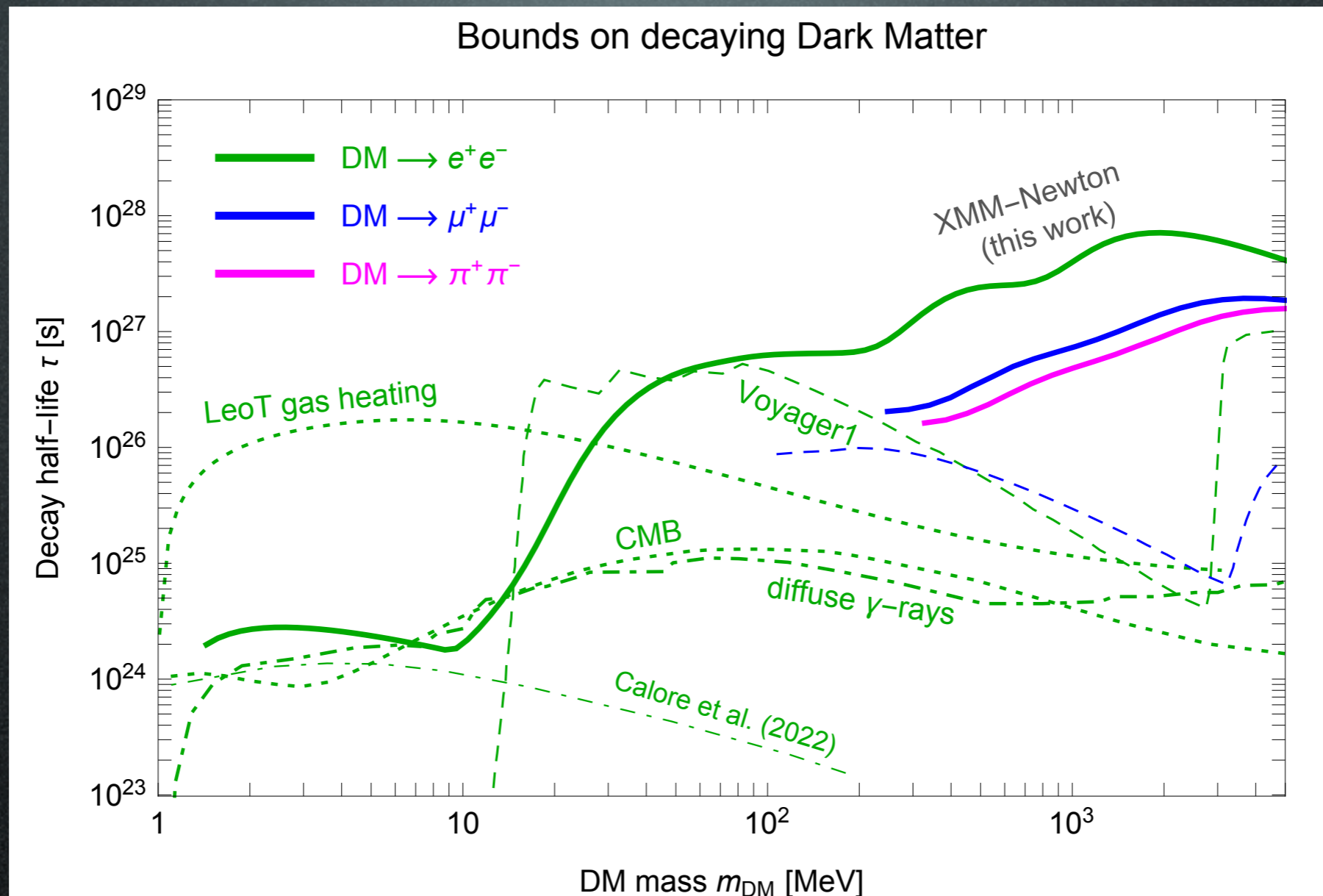
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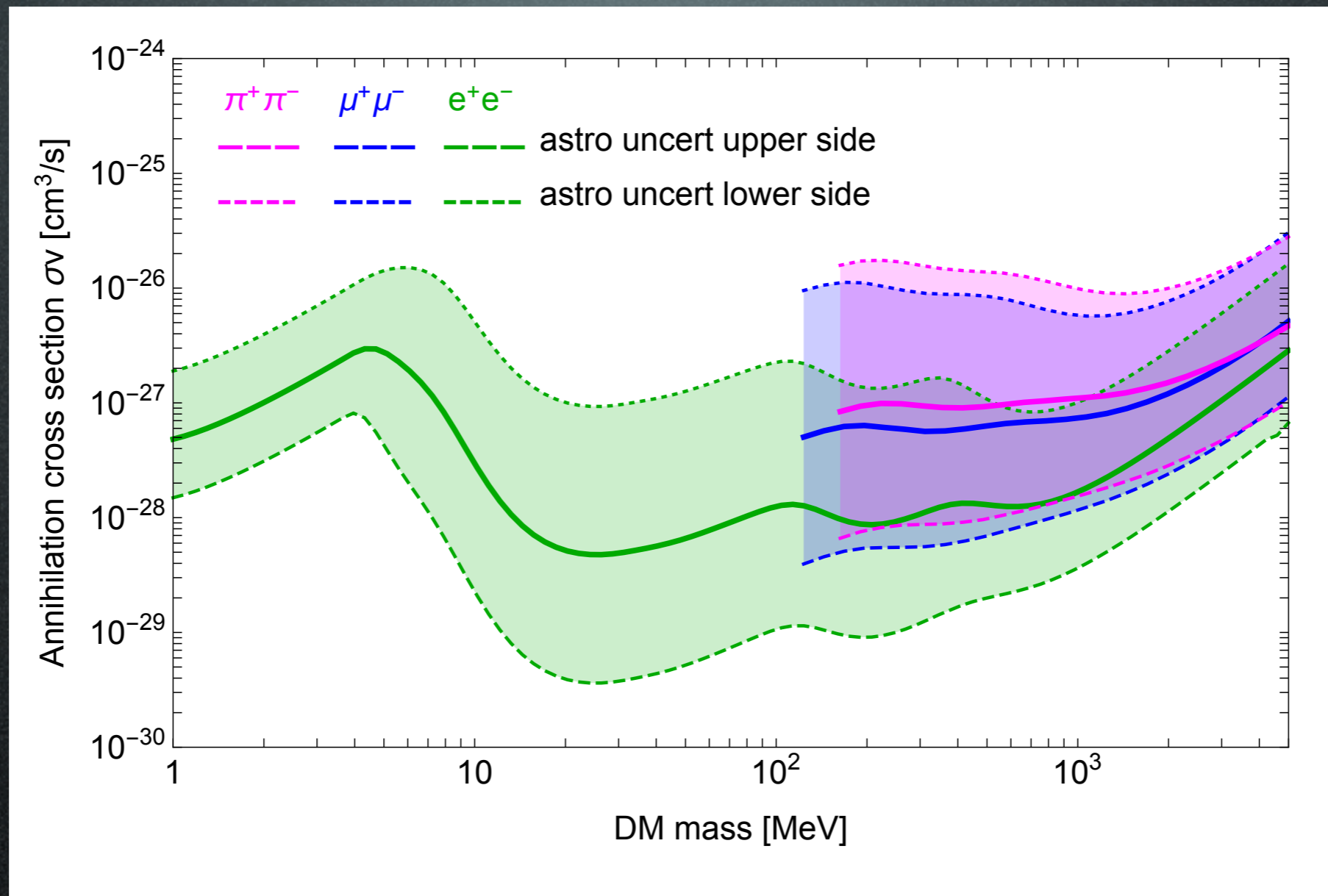
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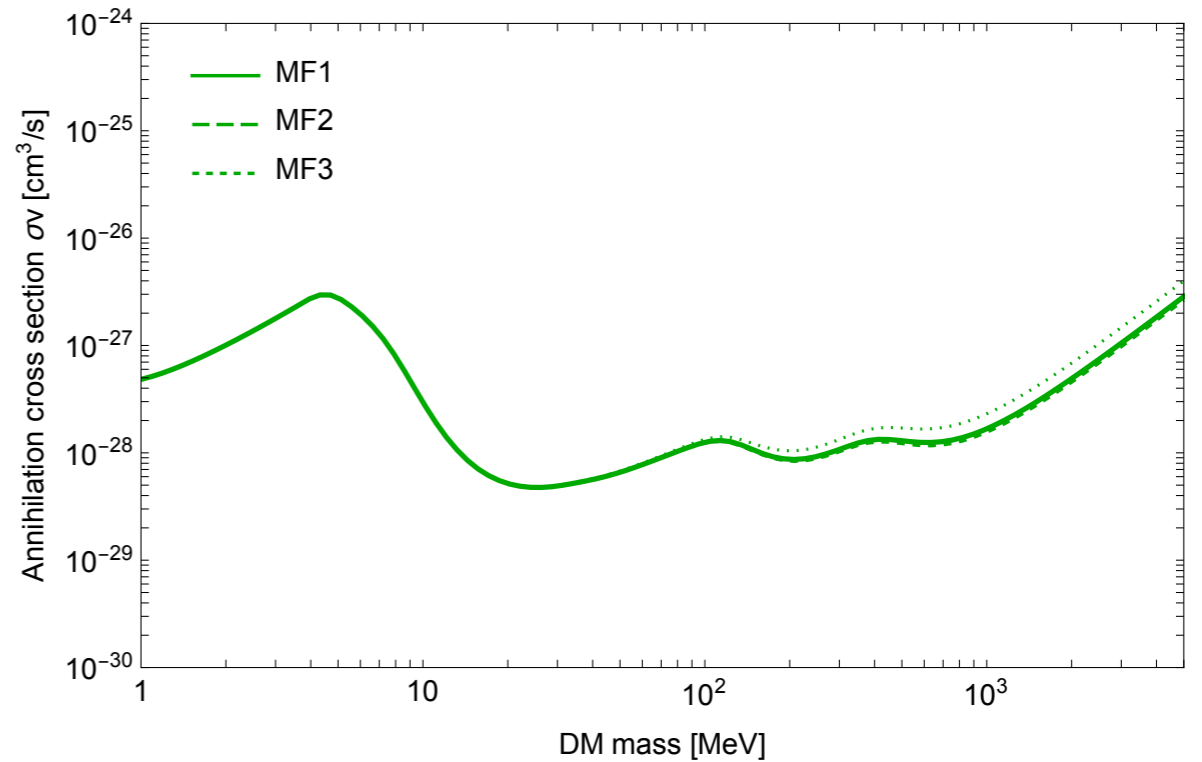
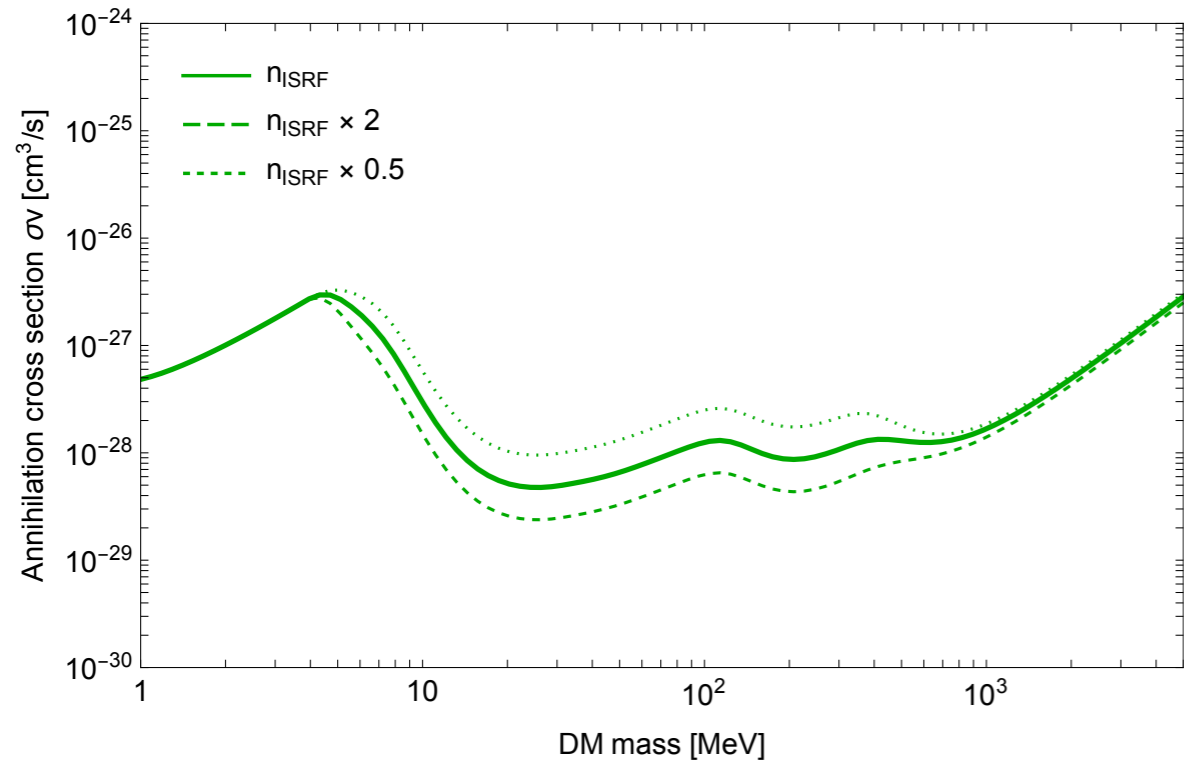
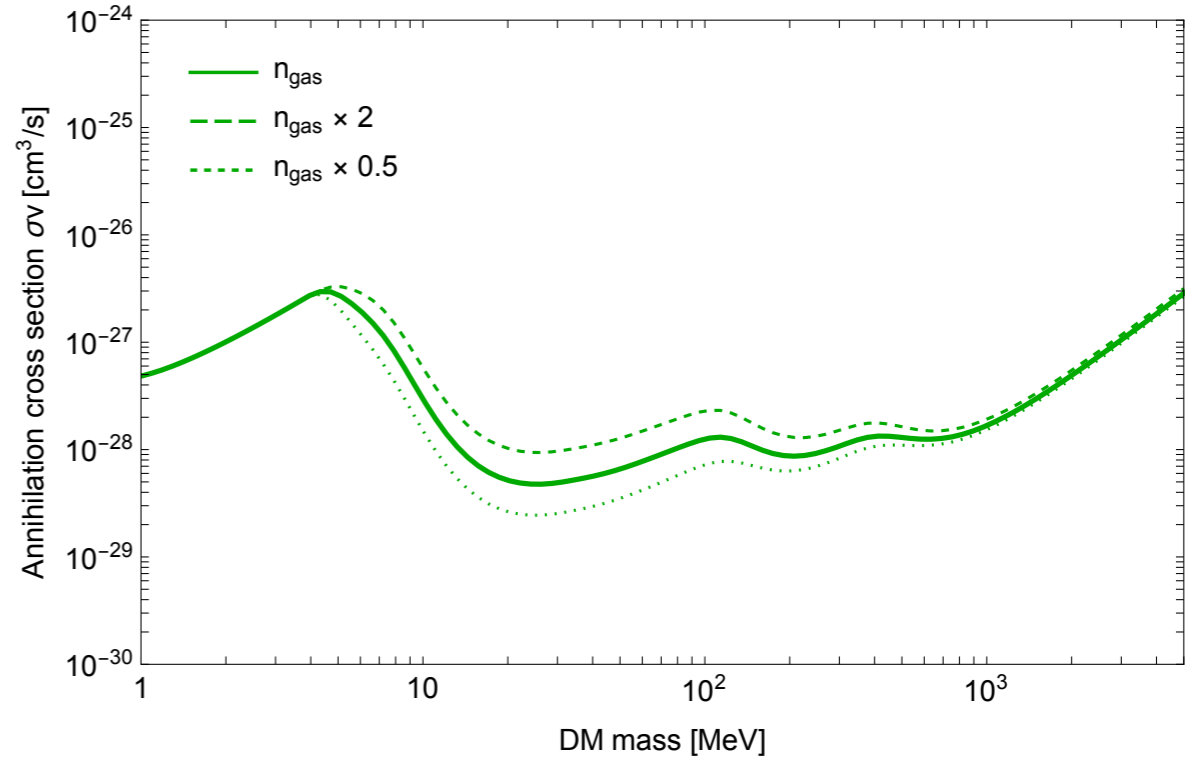
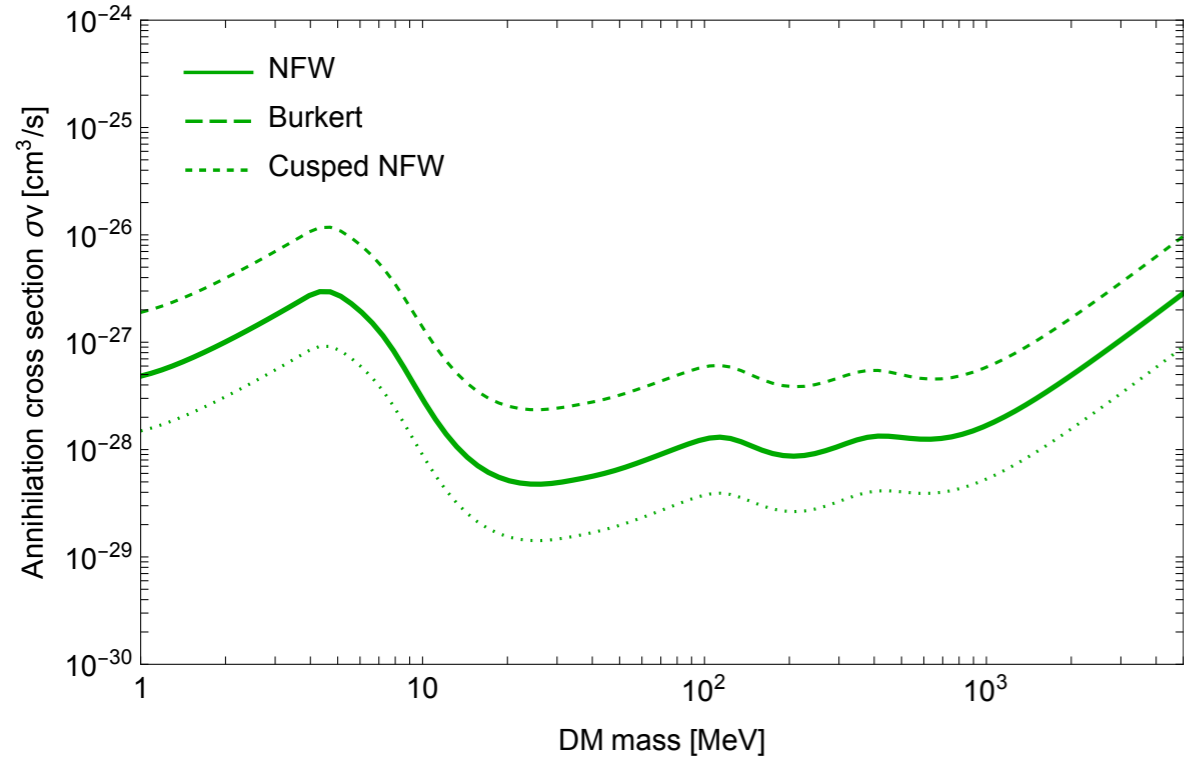
Dominant bounds above 50 MeV

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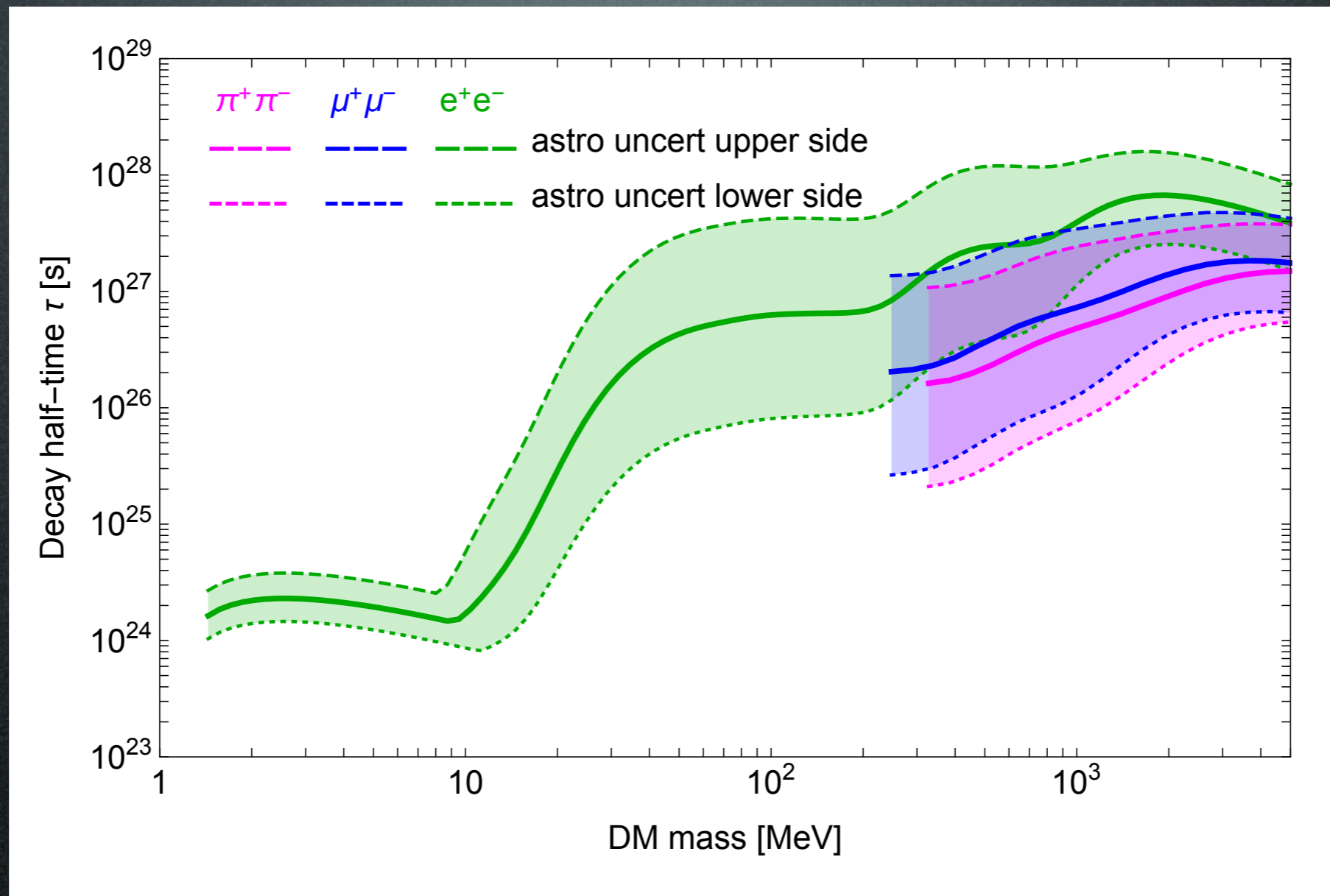


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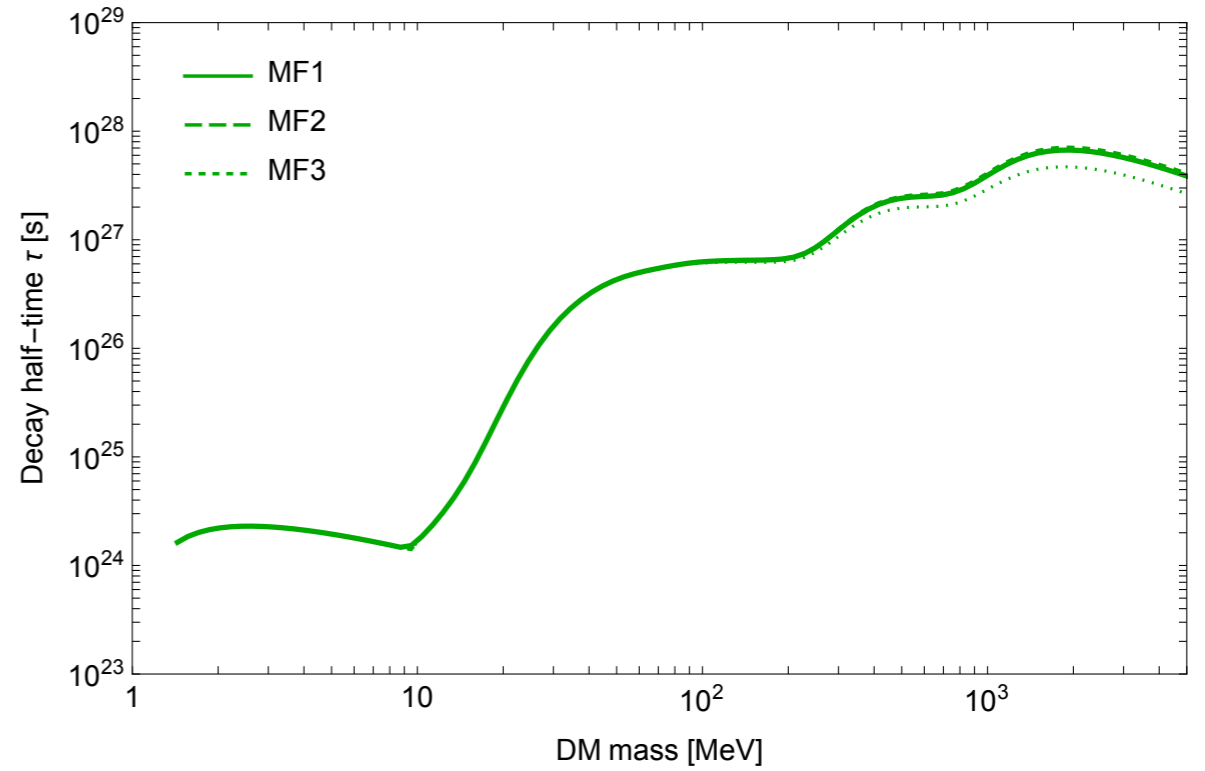
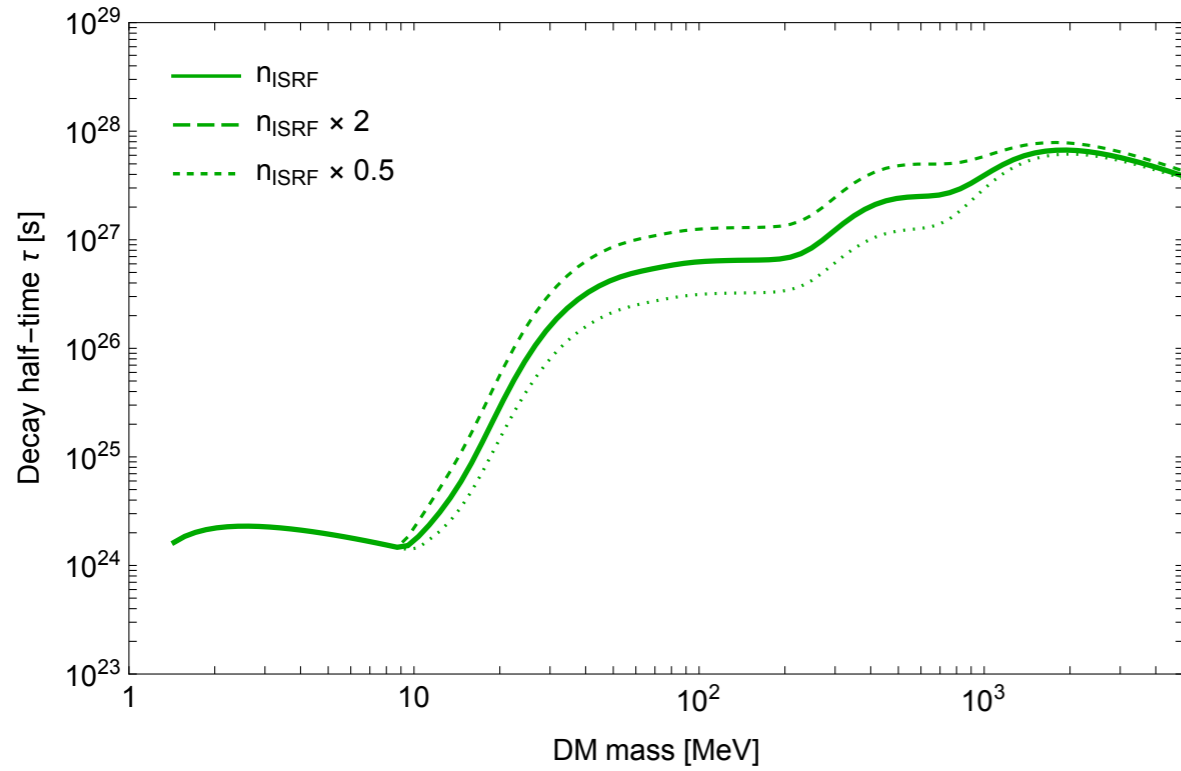
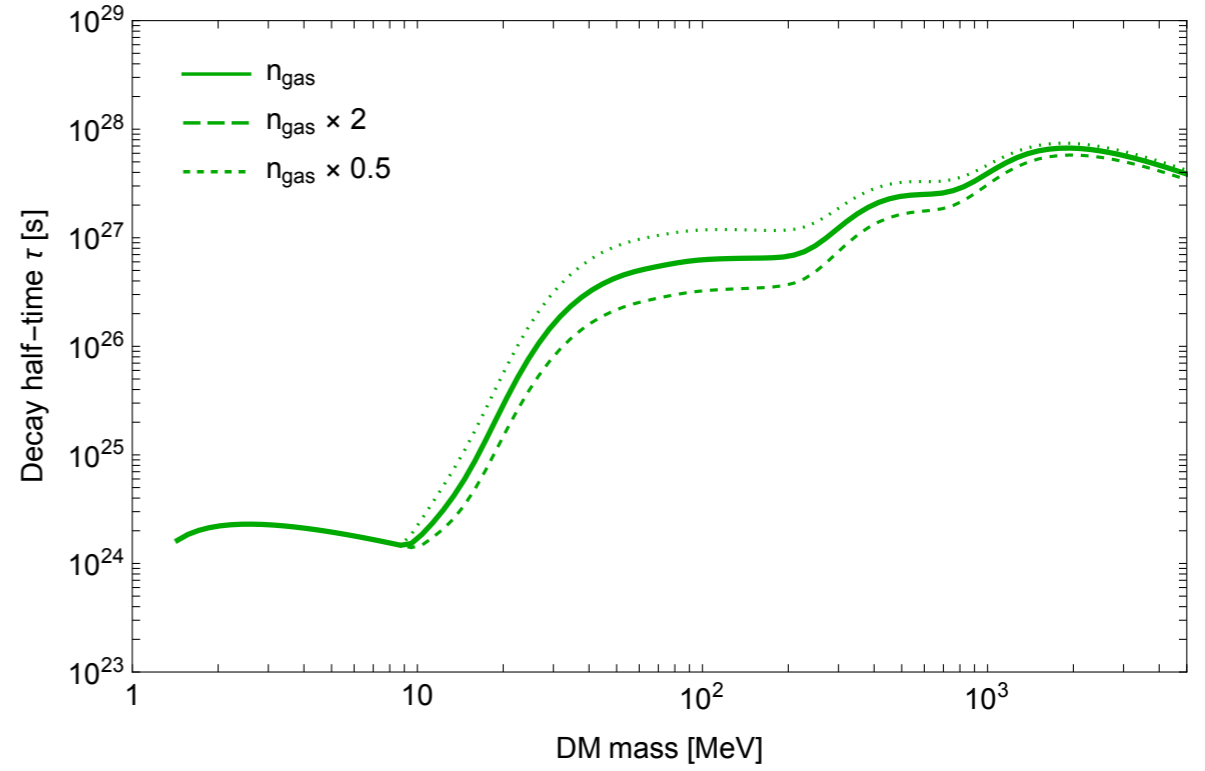
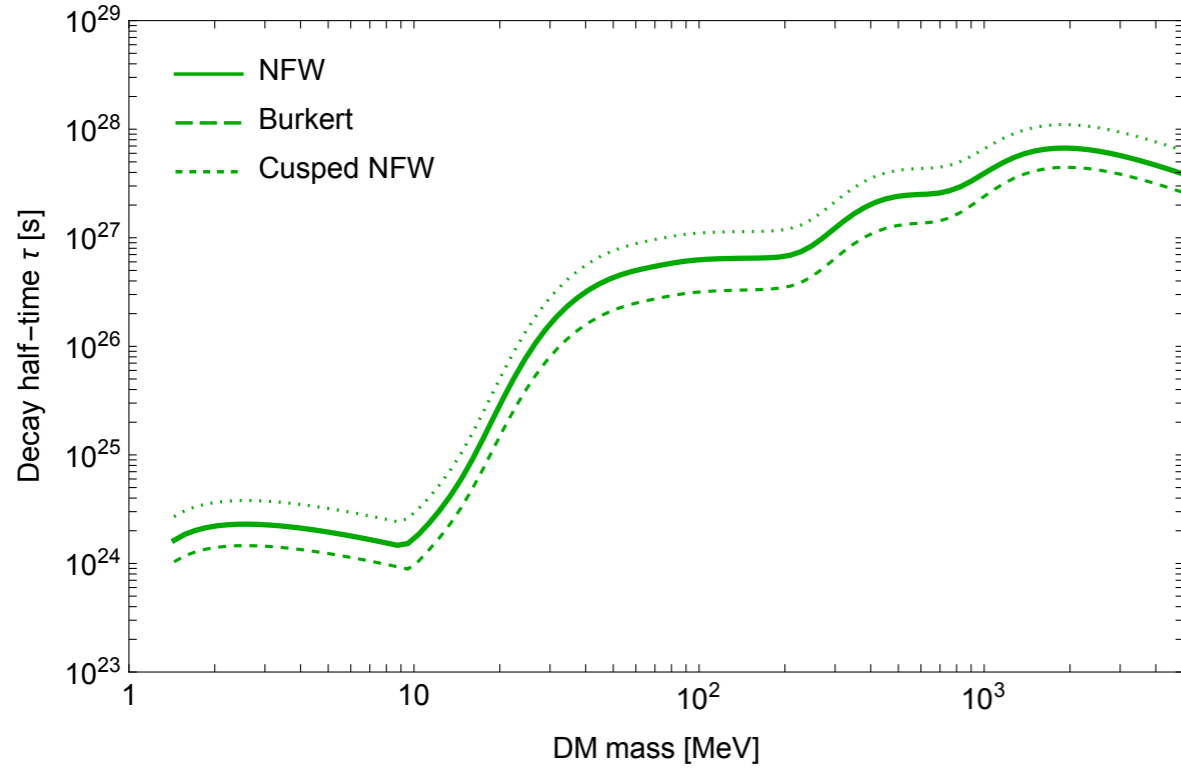


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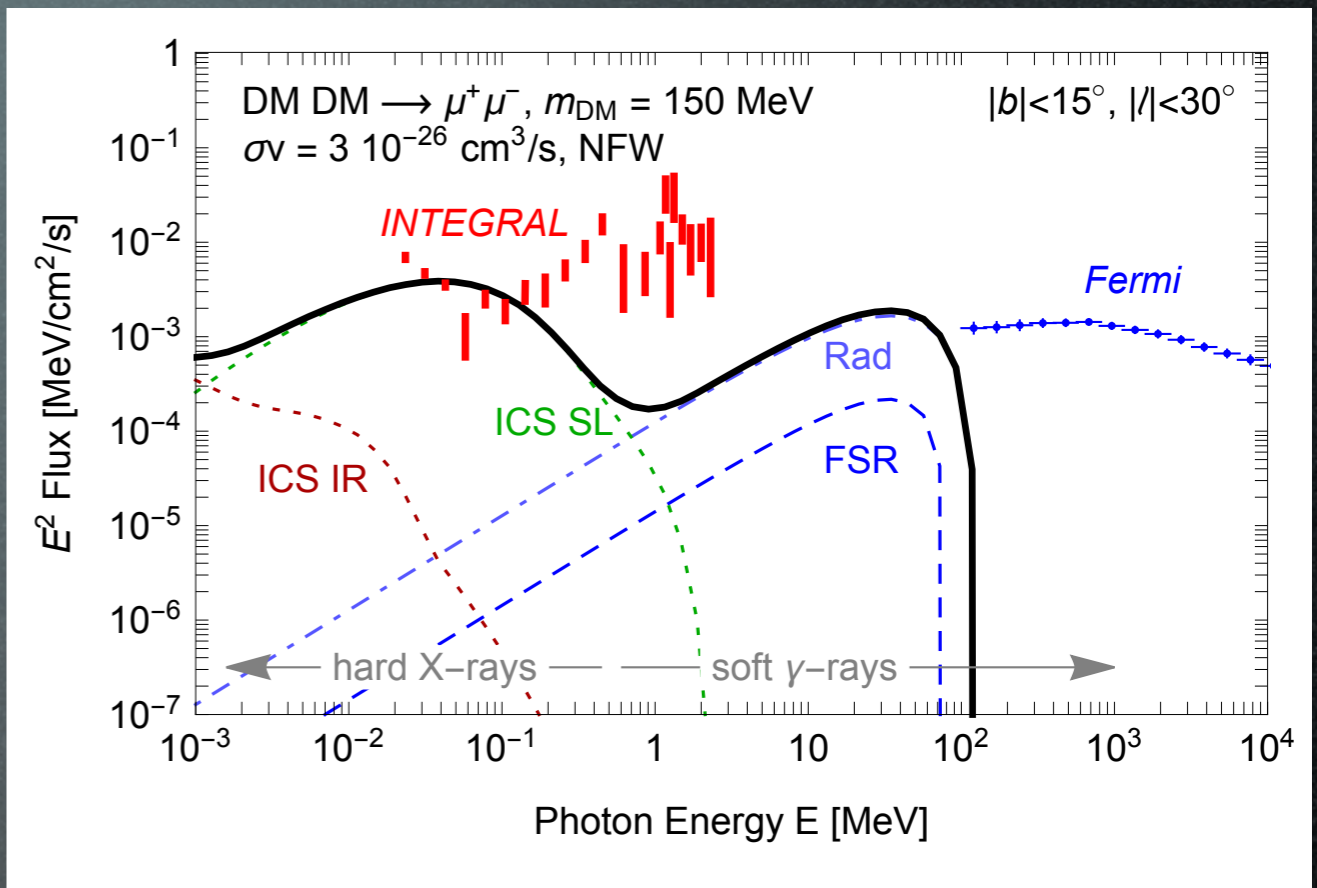
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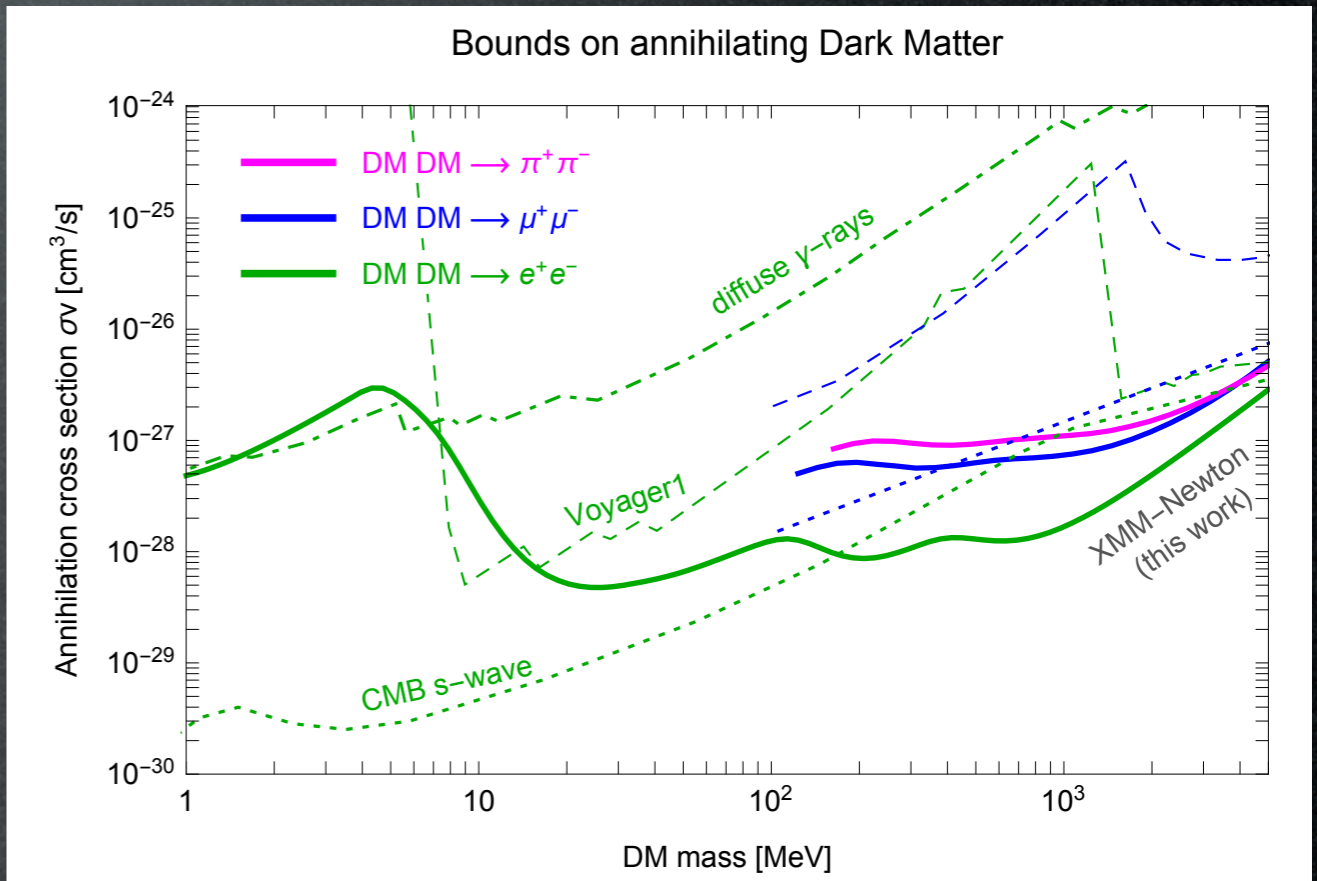
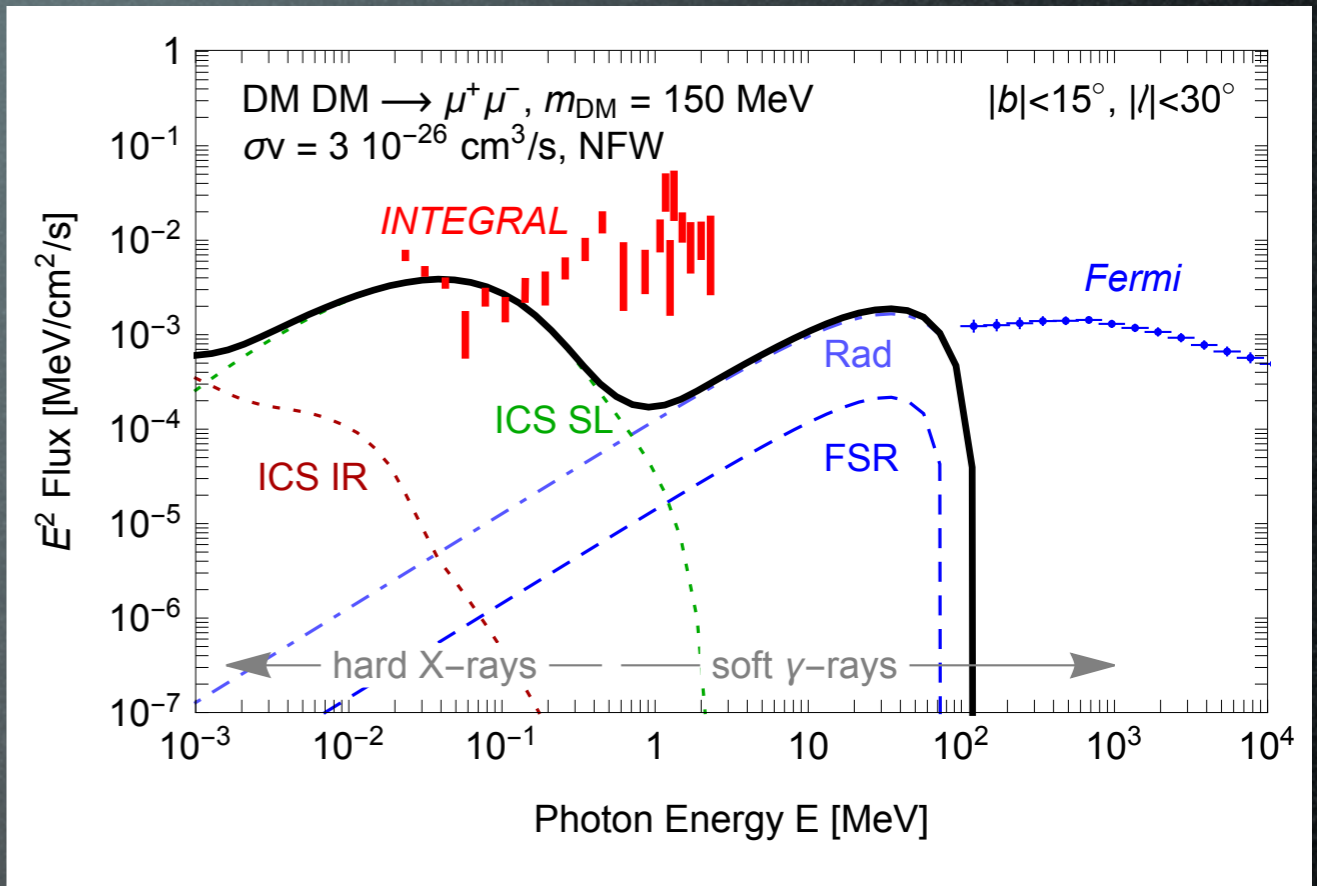
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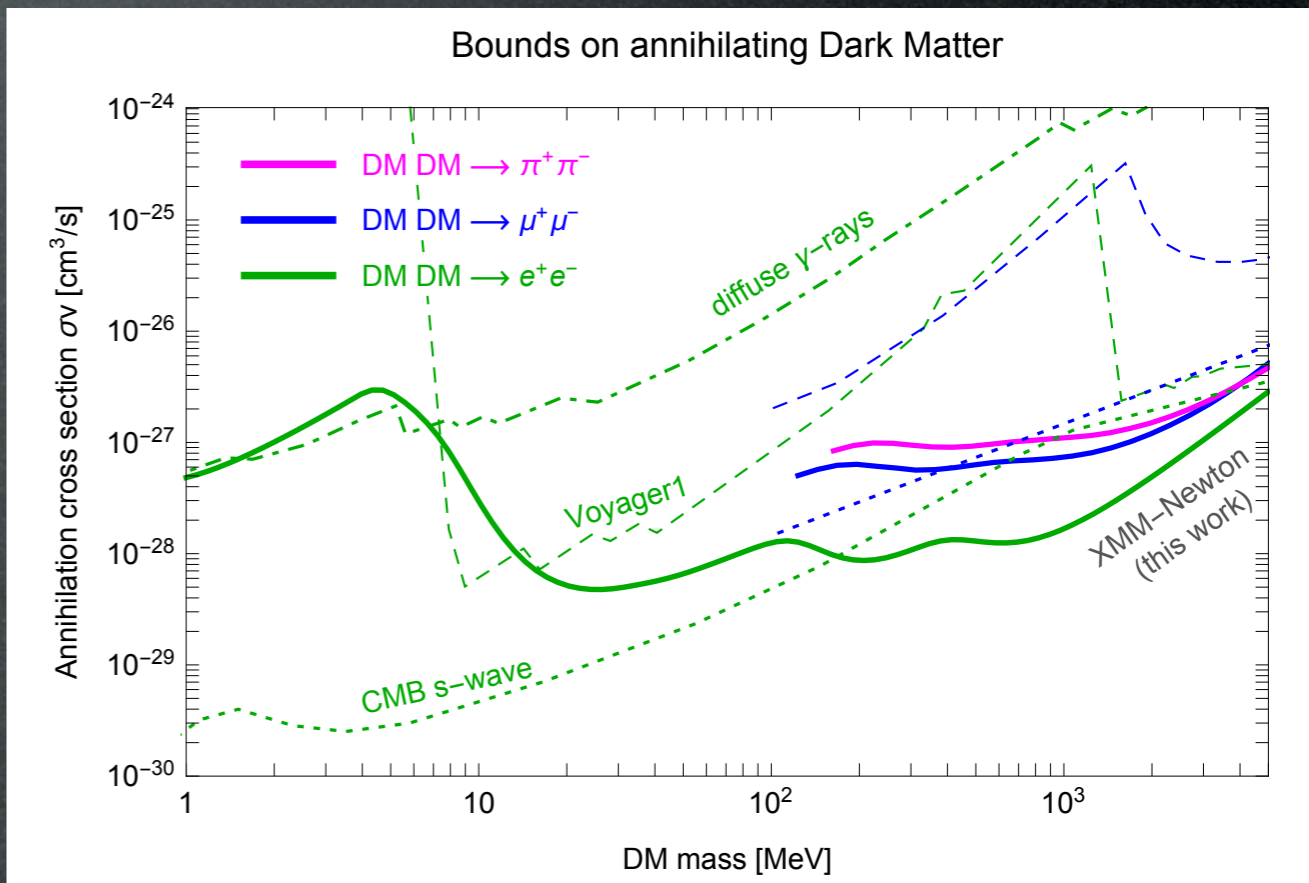
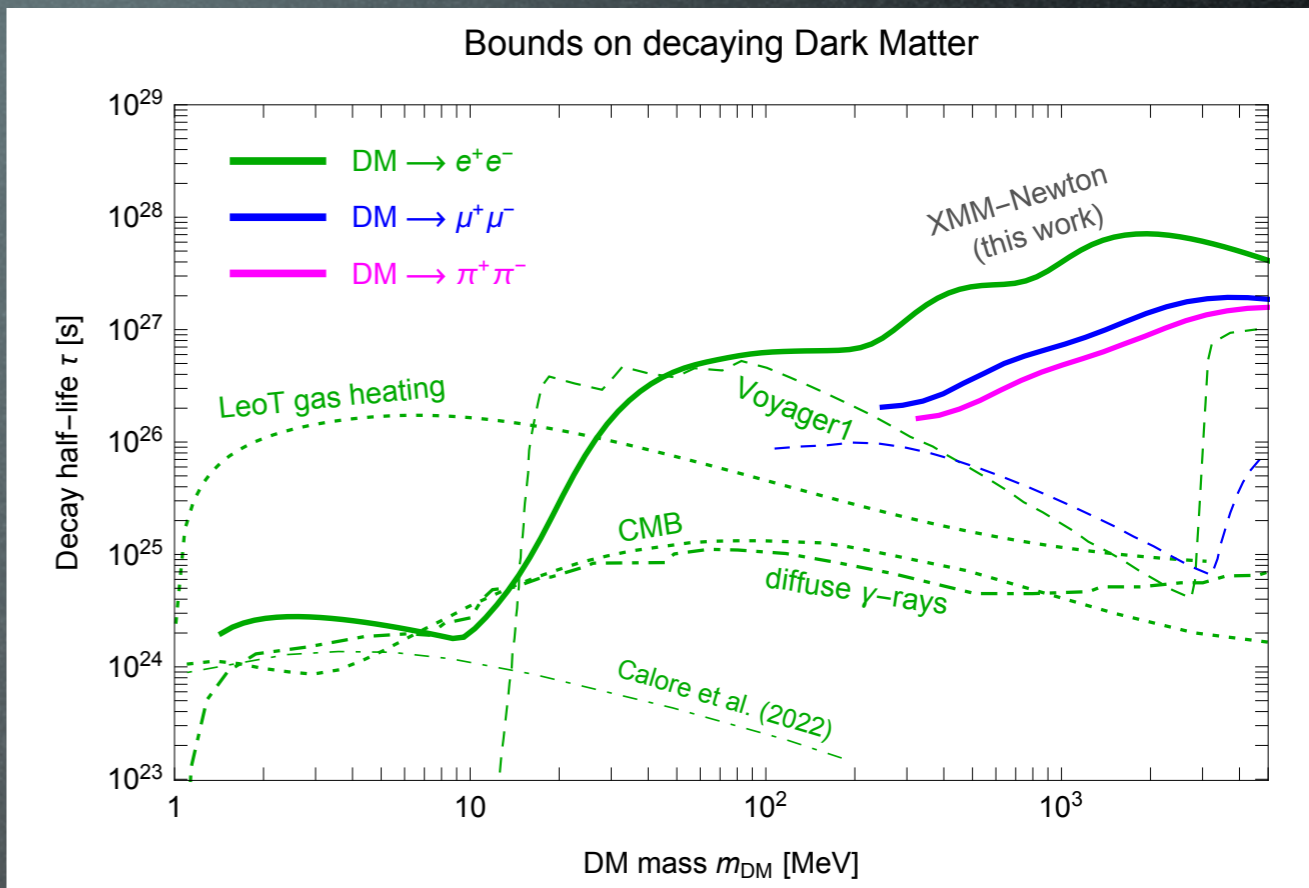
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