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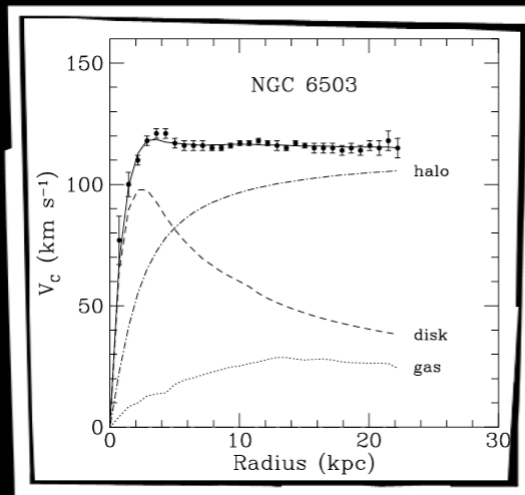
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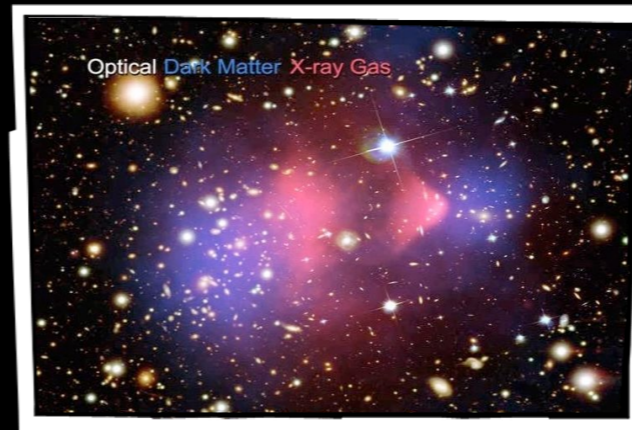
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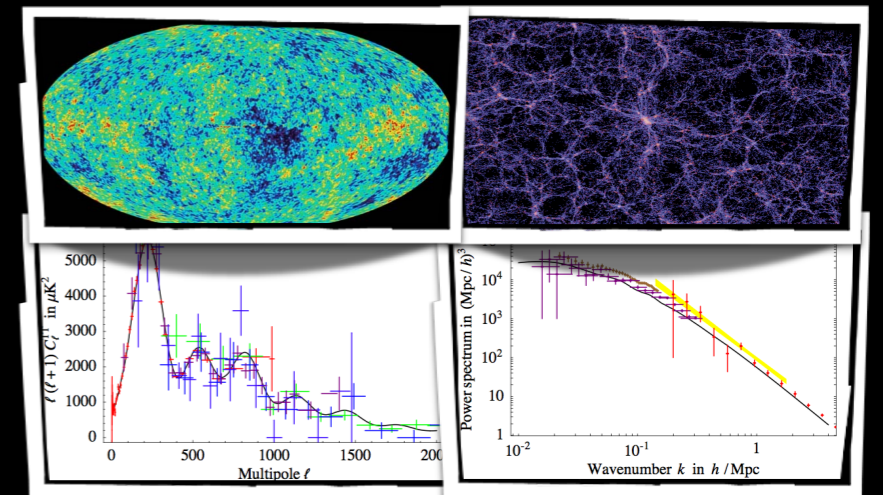
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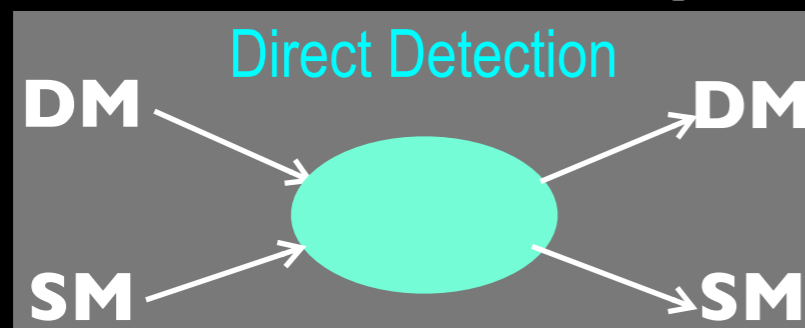
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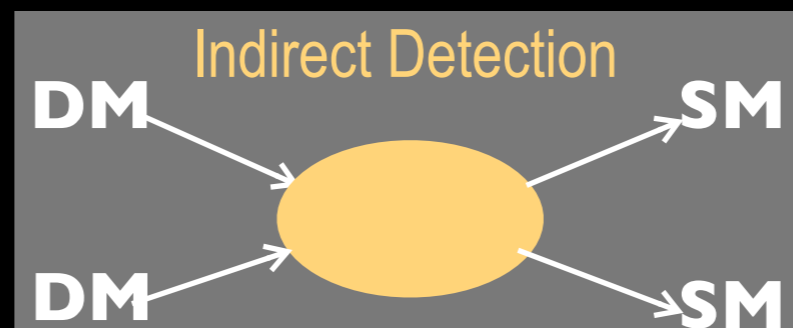
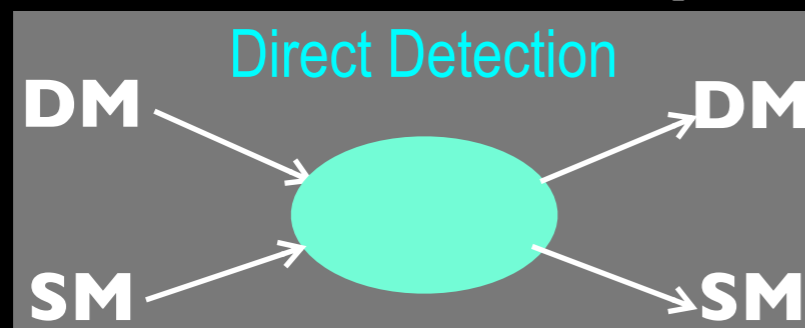
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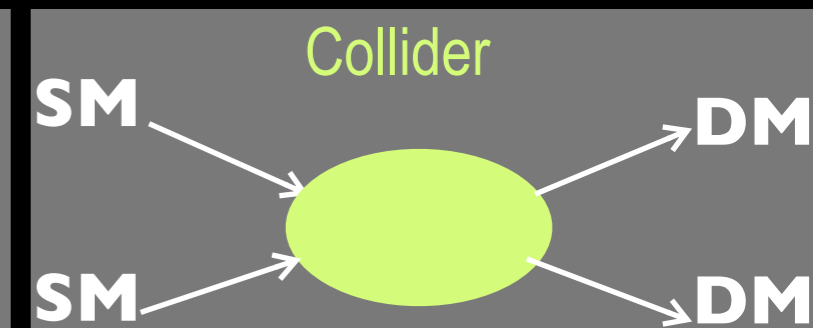
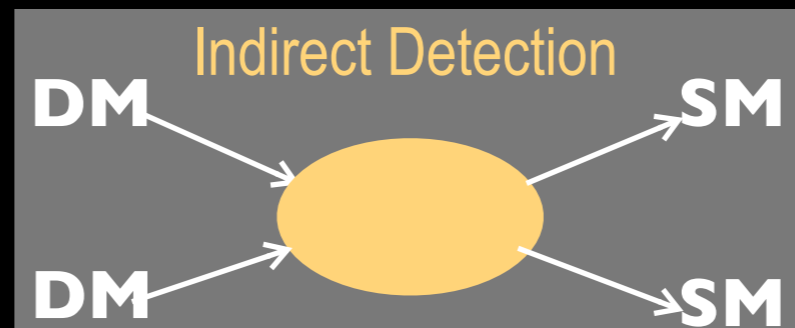
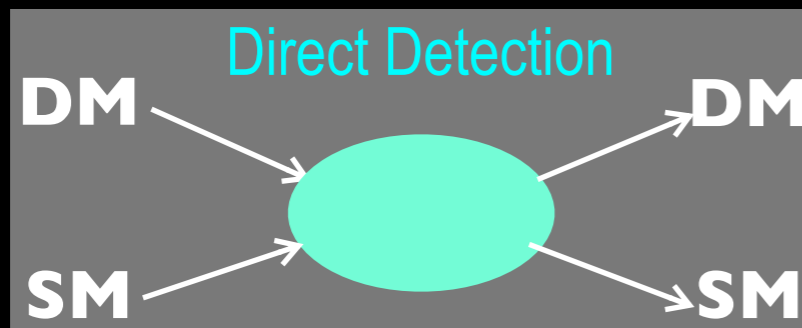
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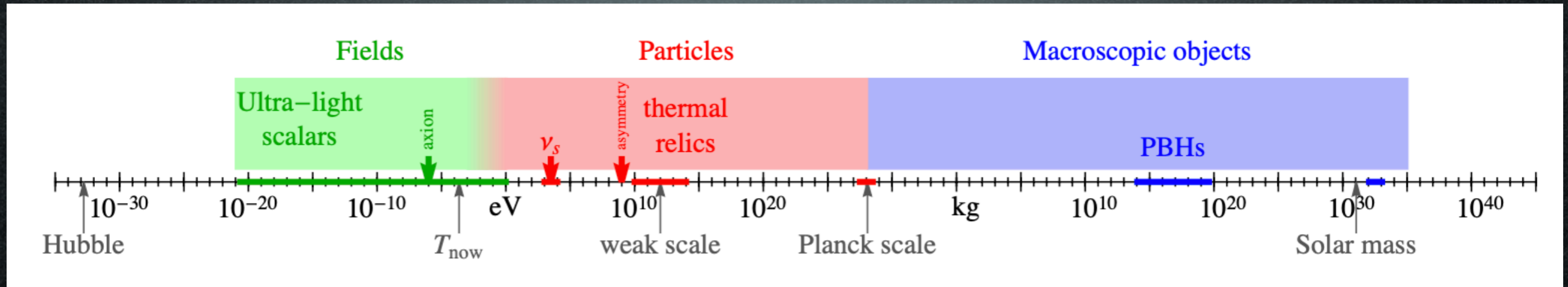
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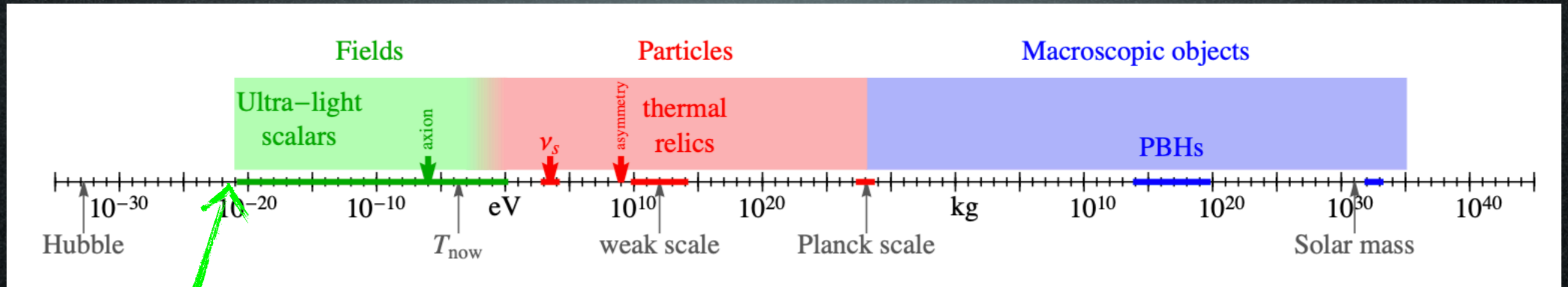
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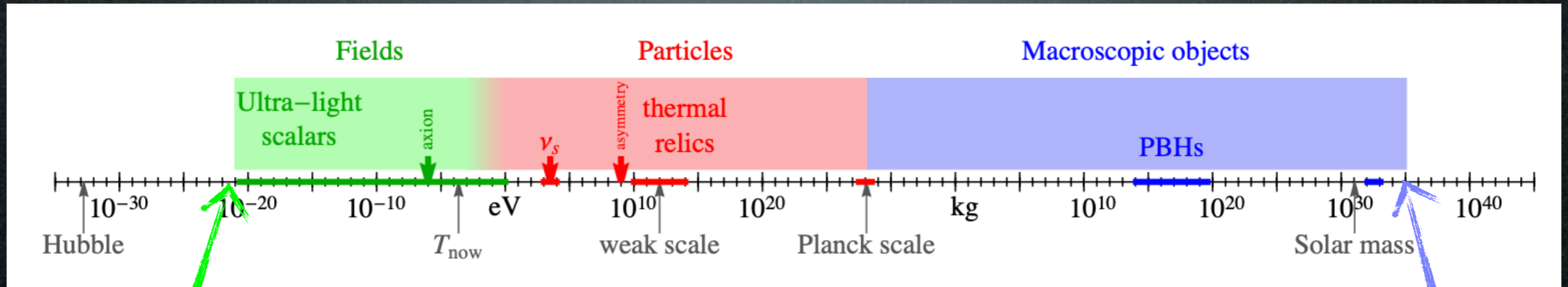
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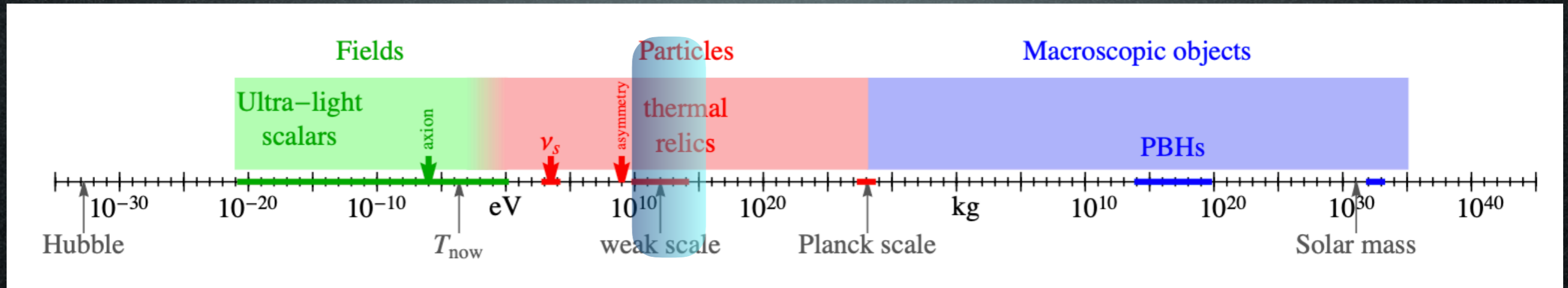
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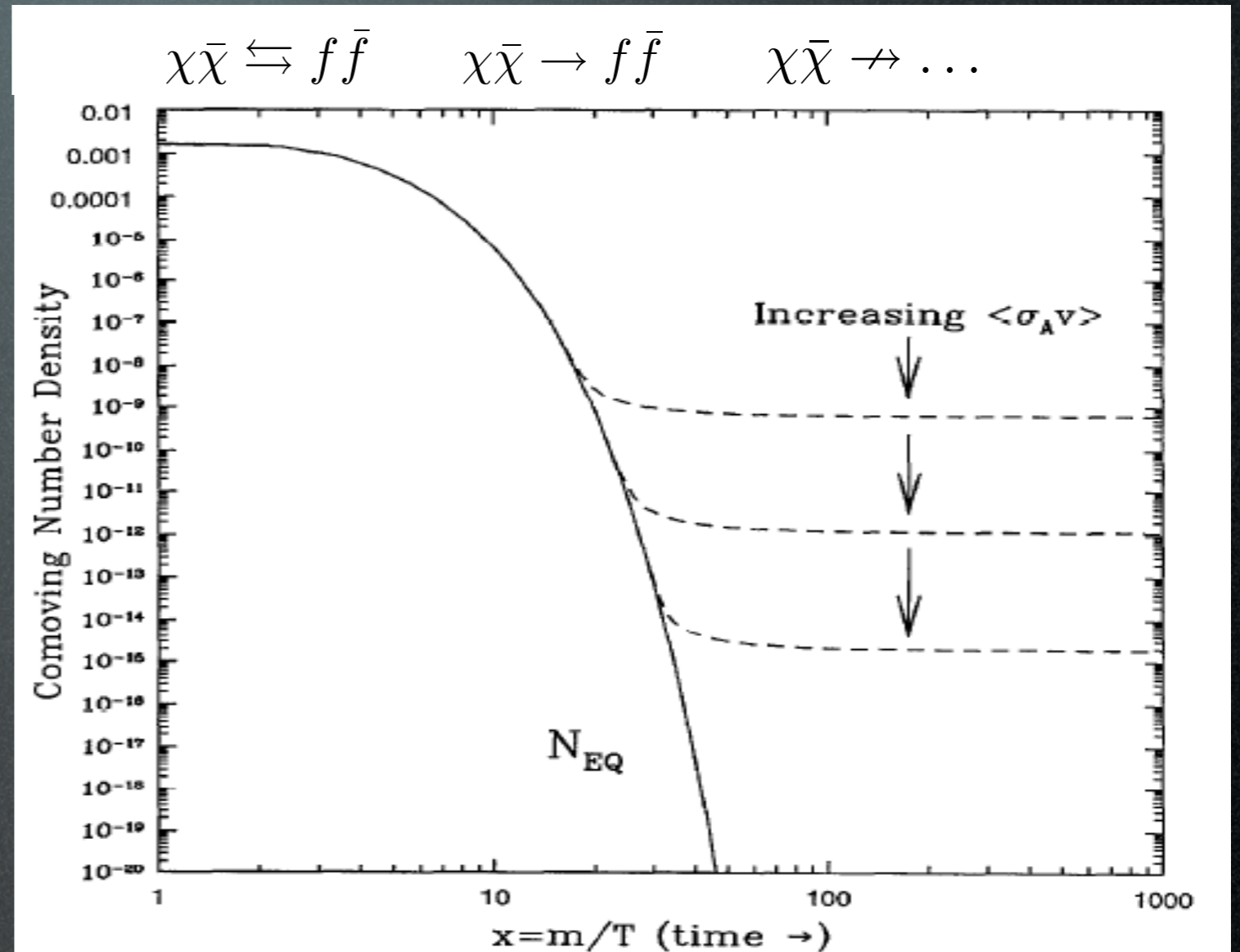
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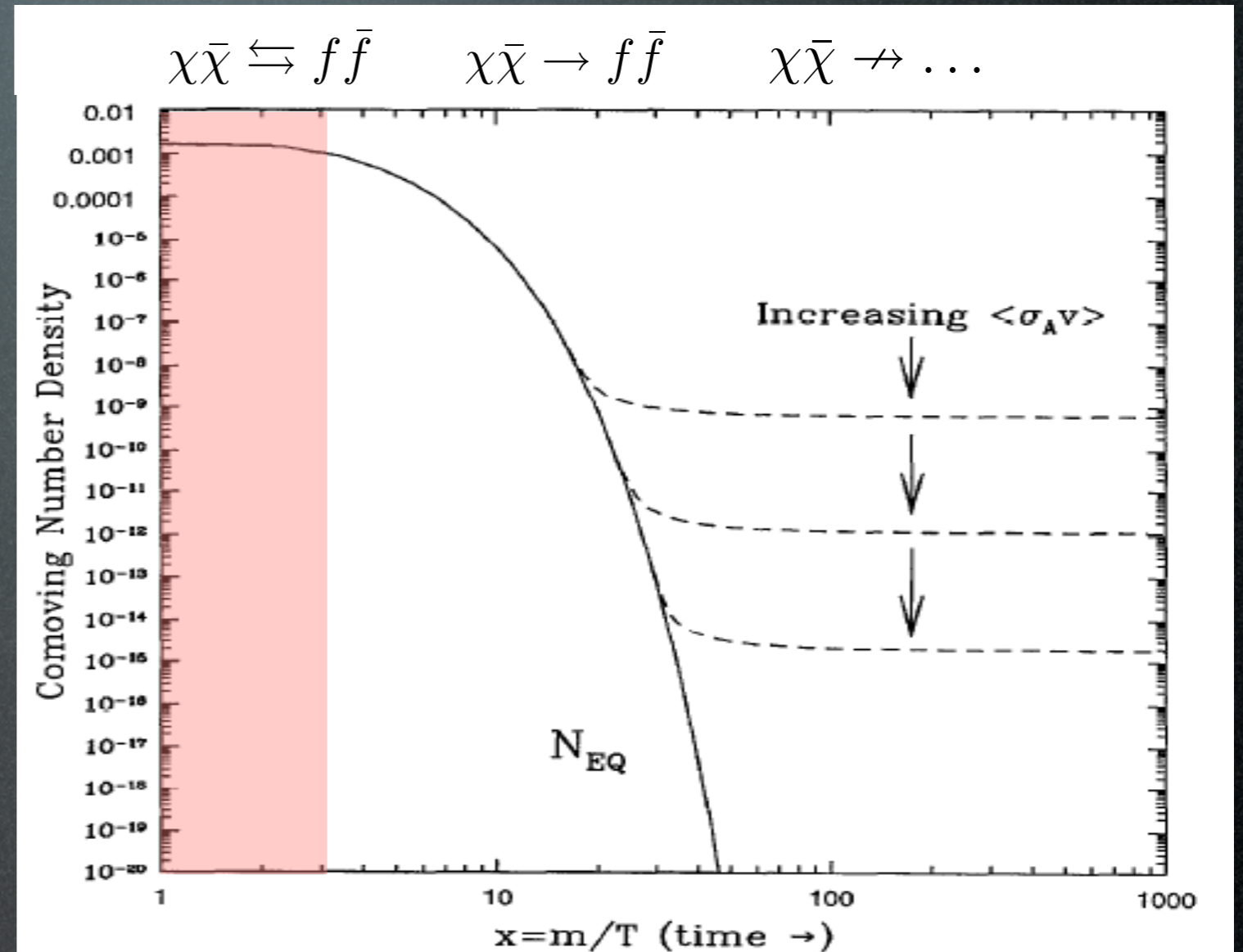
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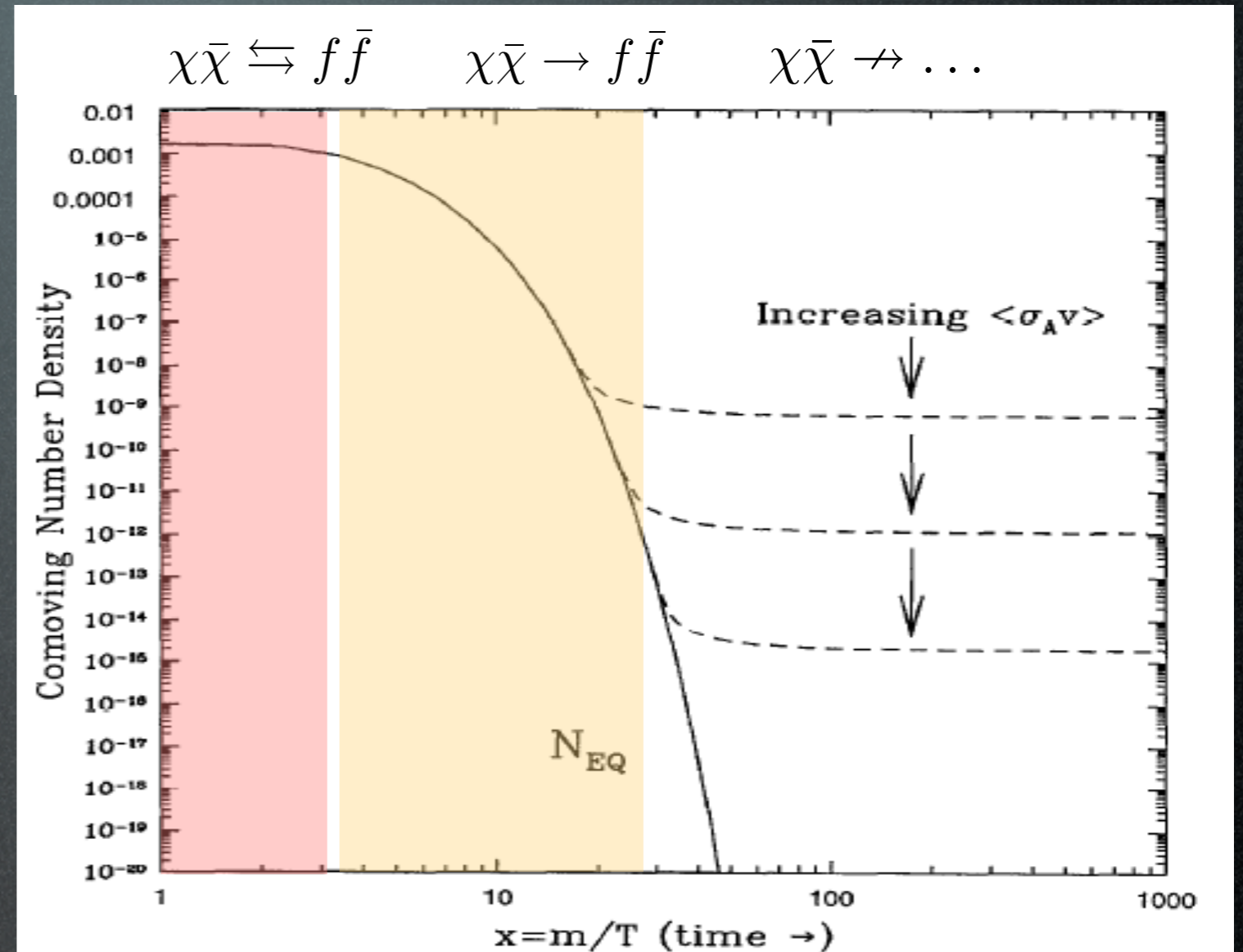
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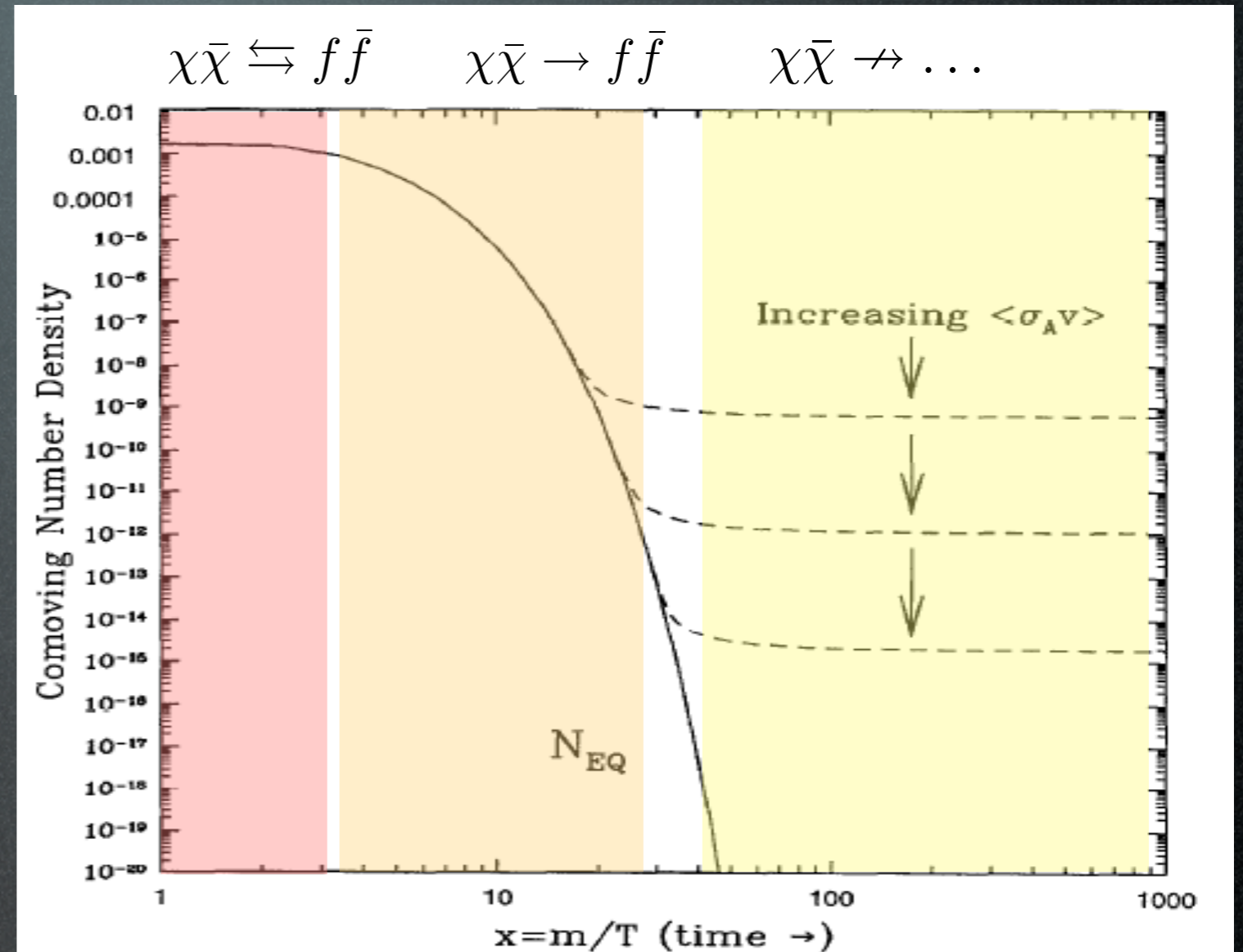
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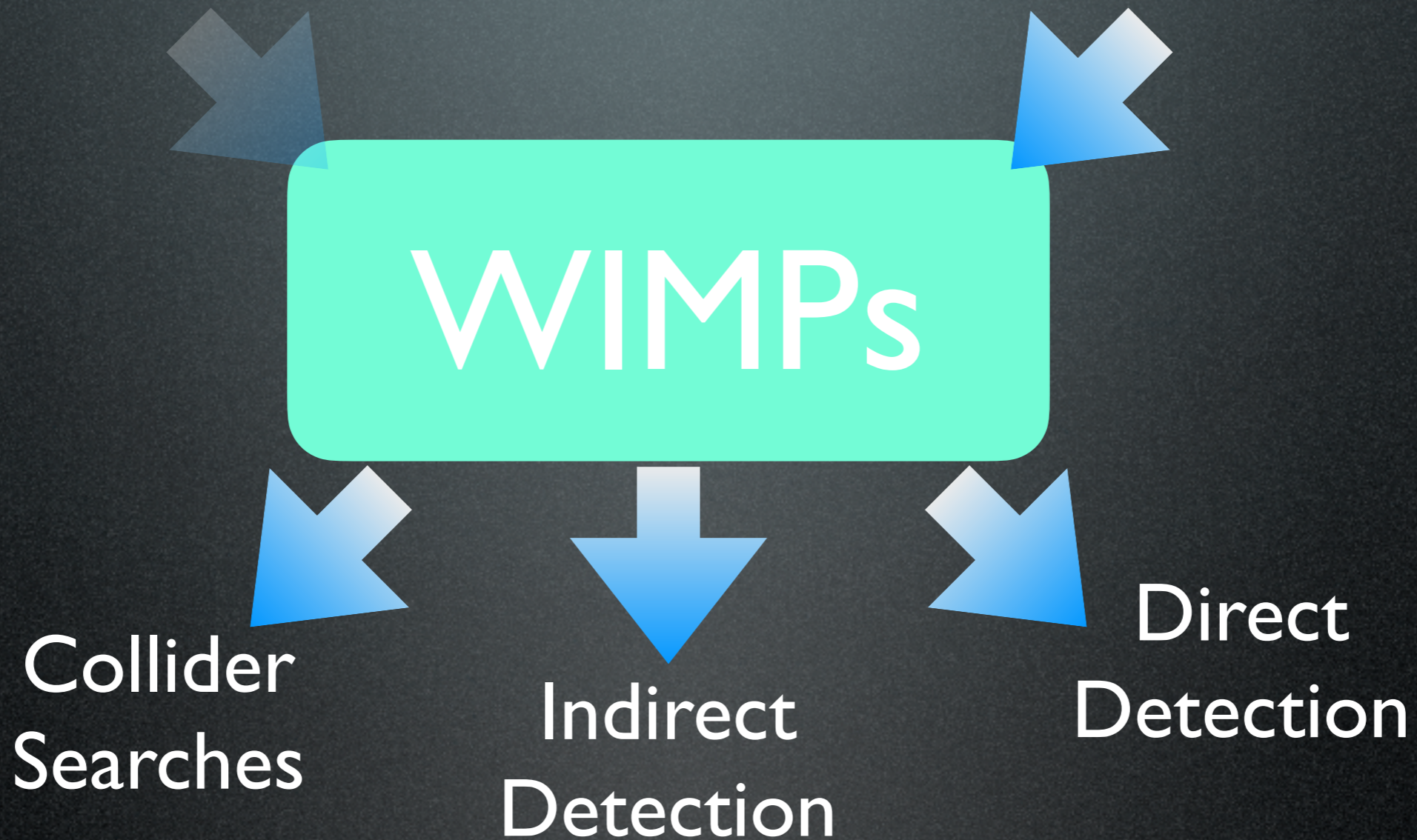
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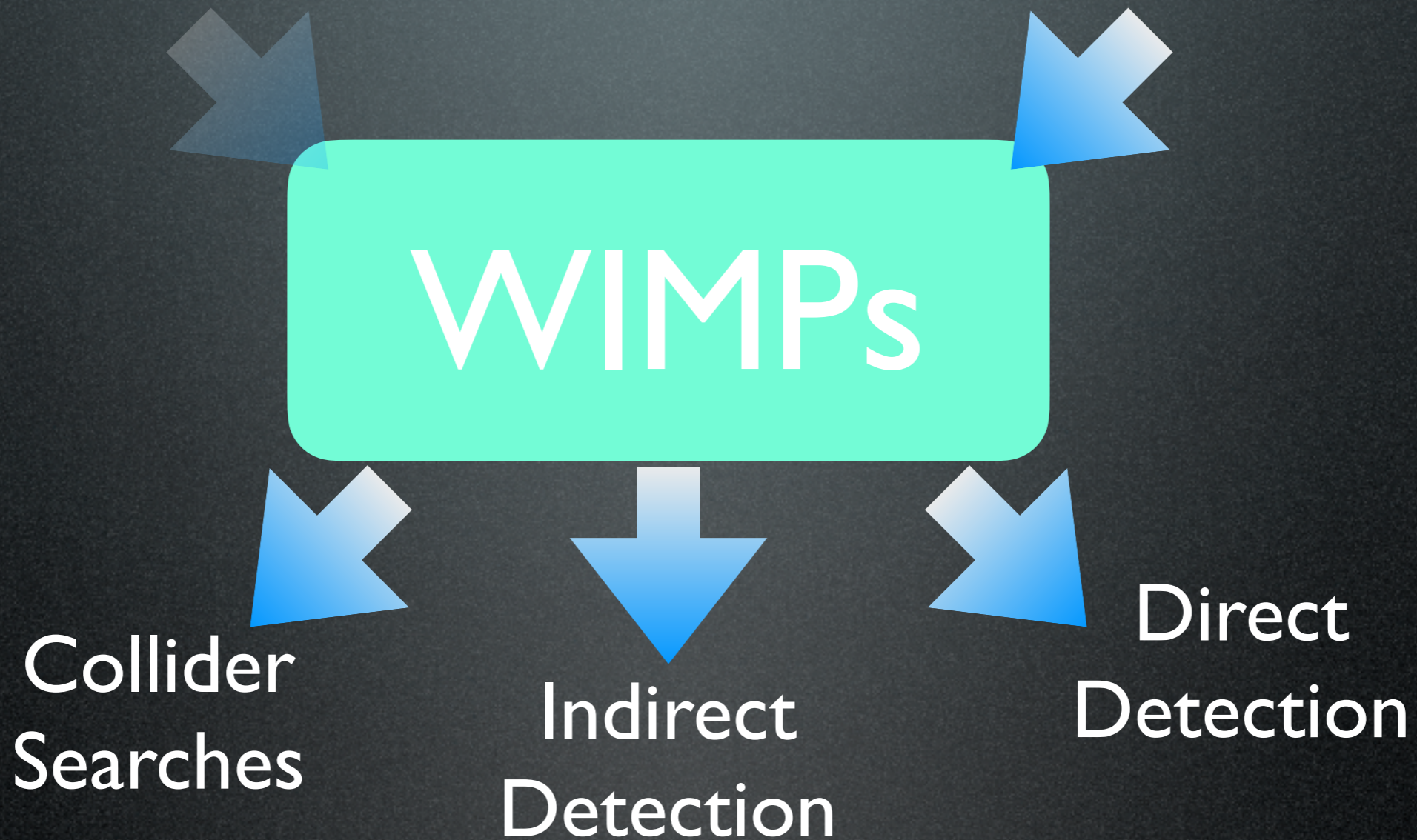


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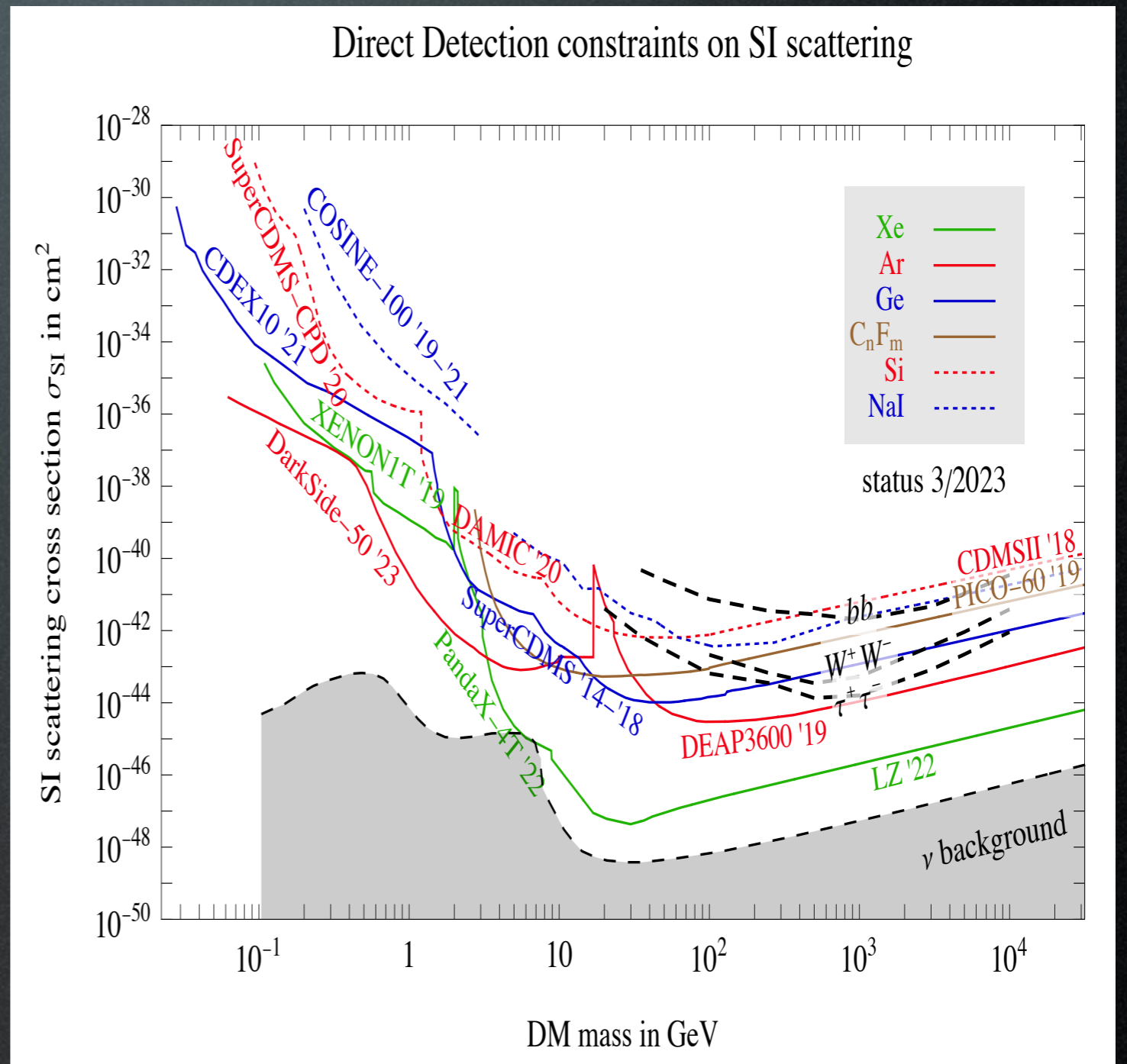
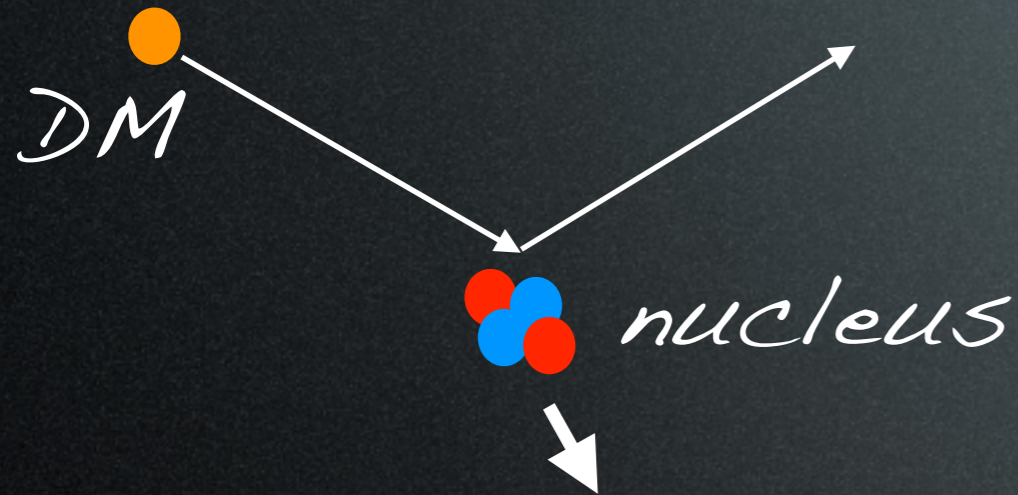
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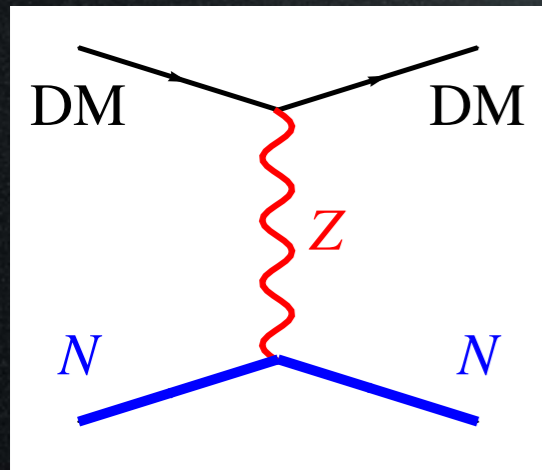
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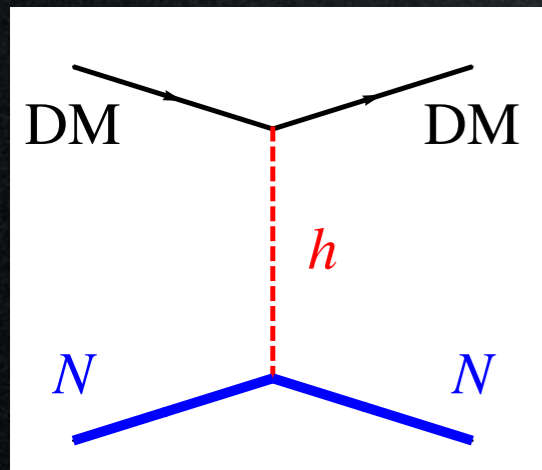
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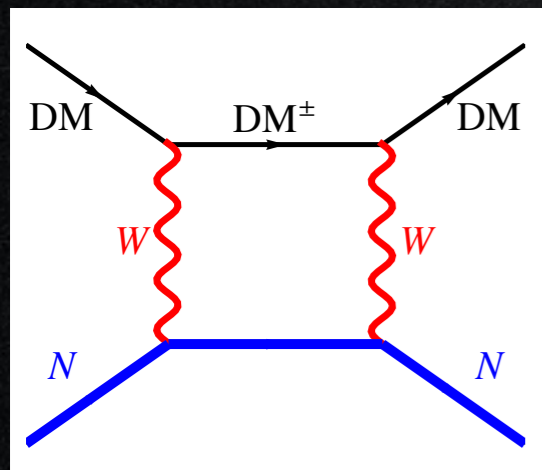
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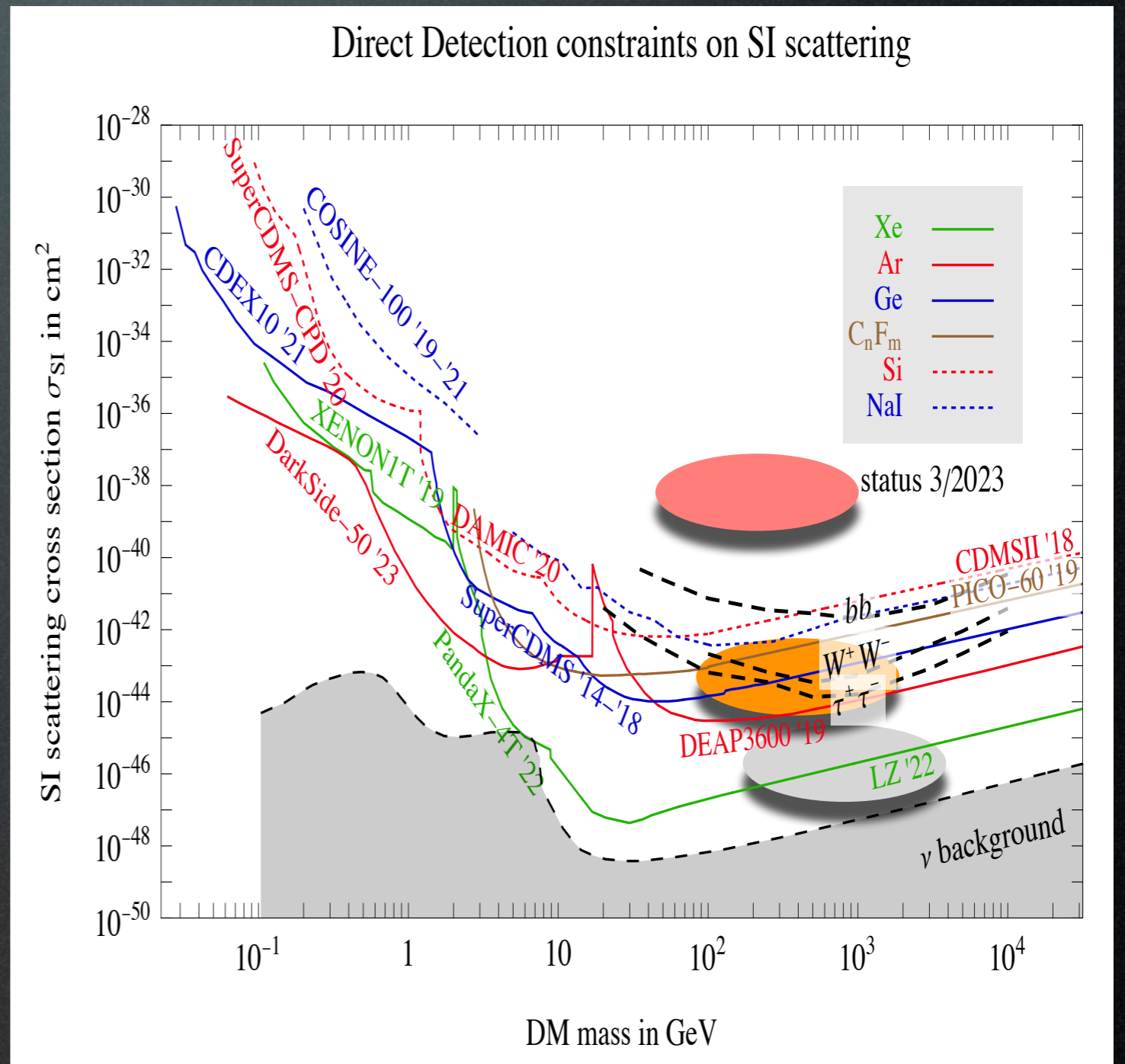
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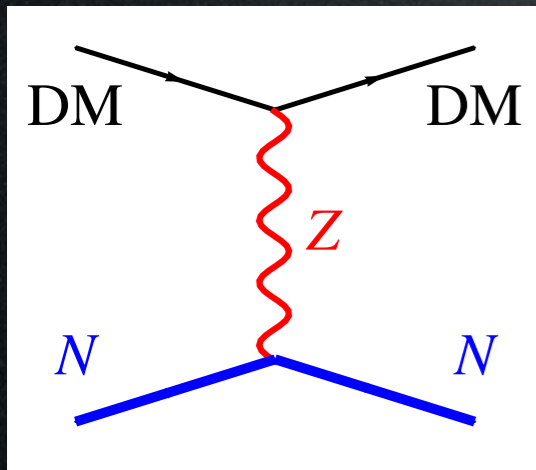
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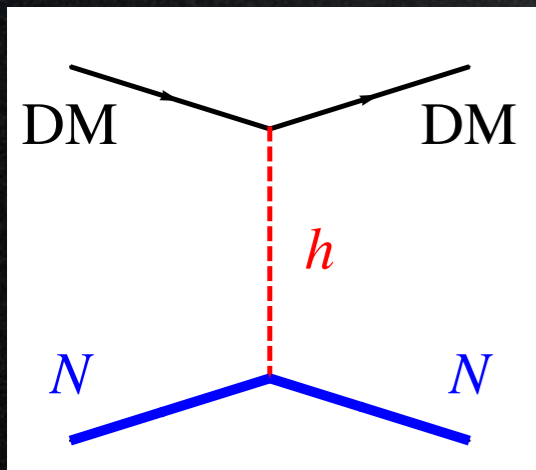
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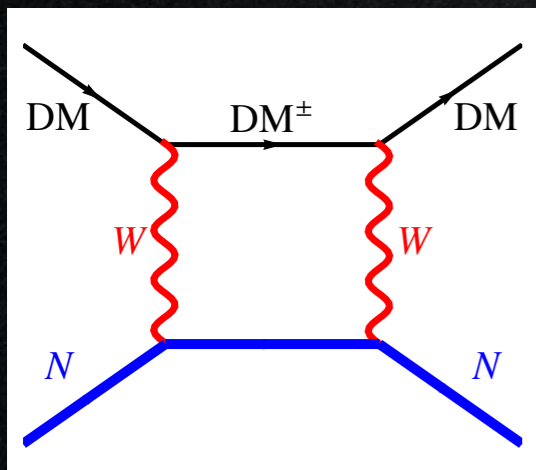
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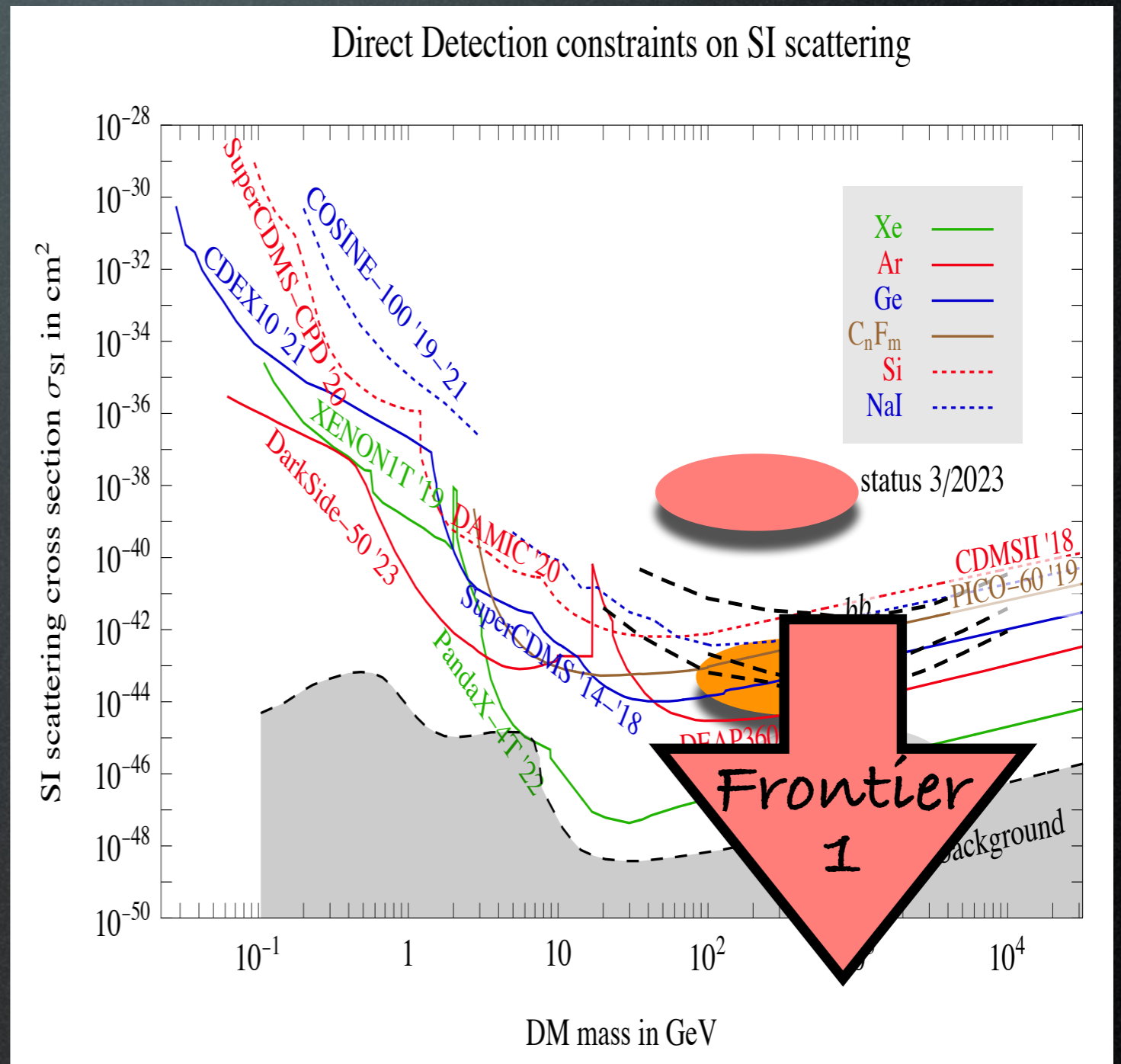
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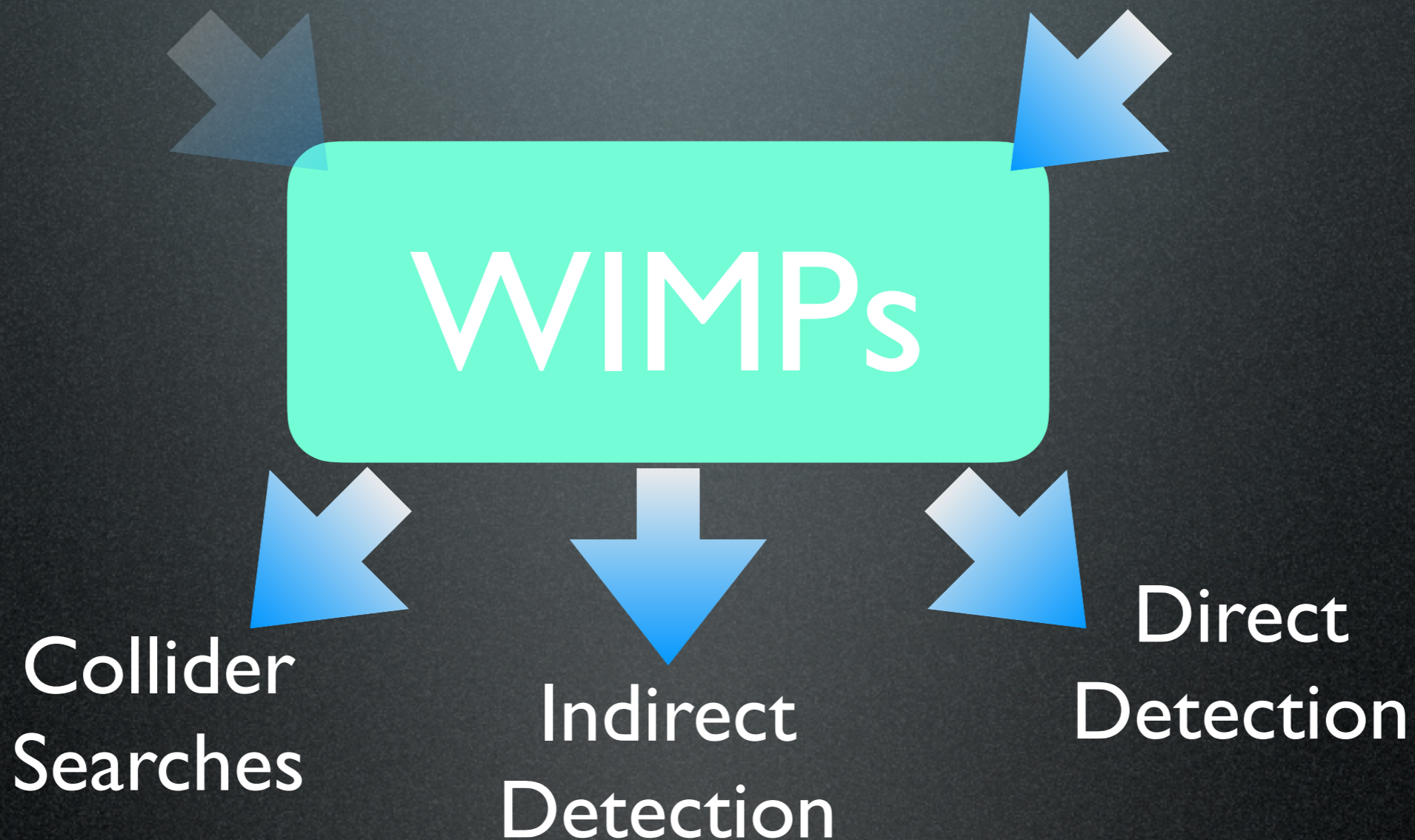


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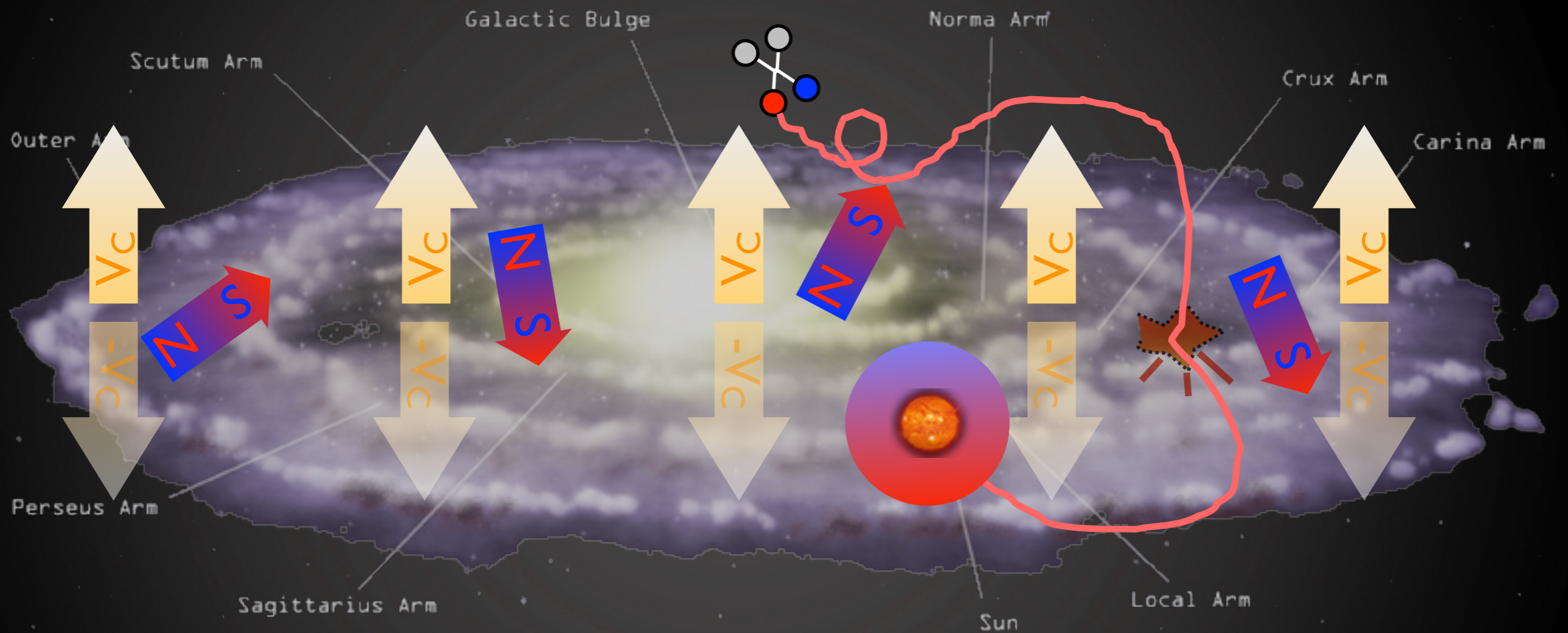
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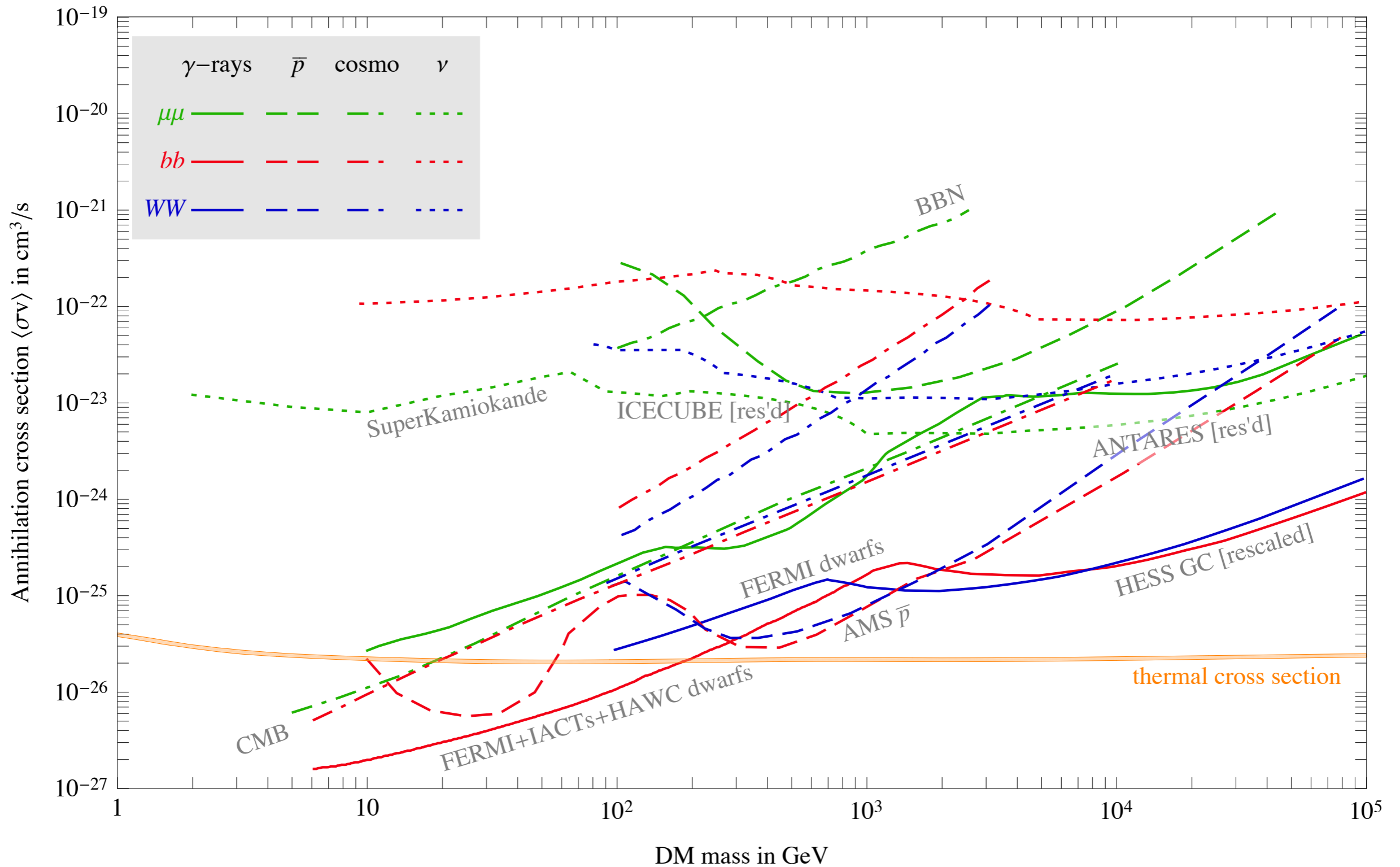
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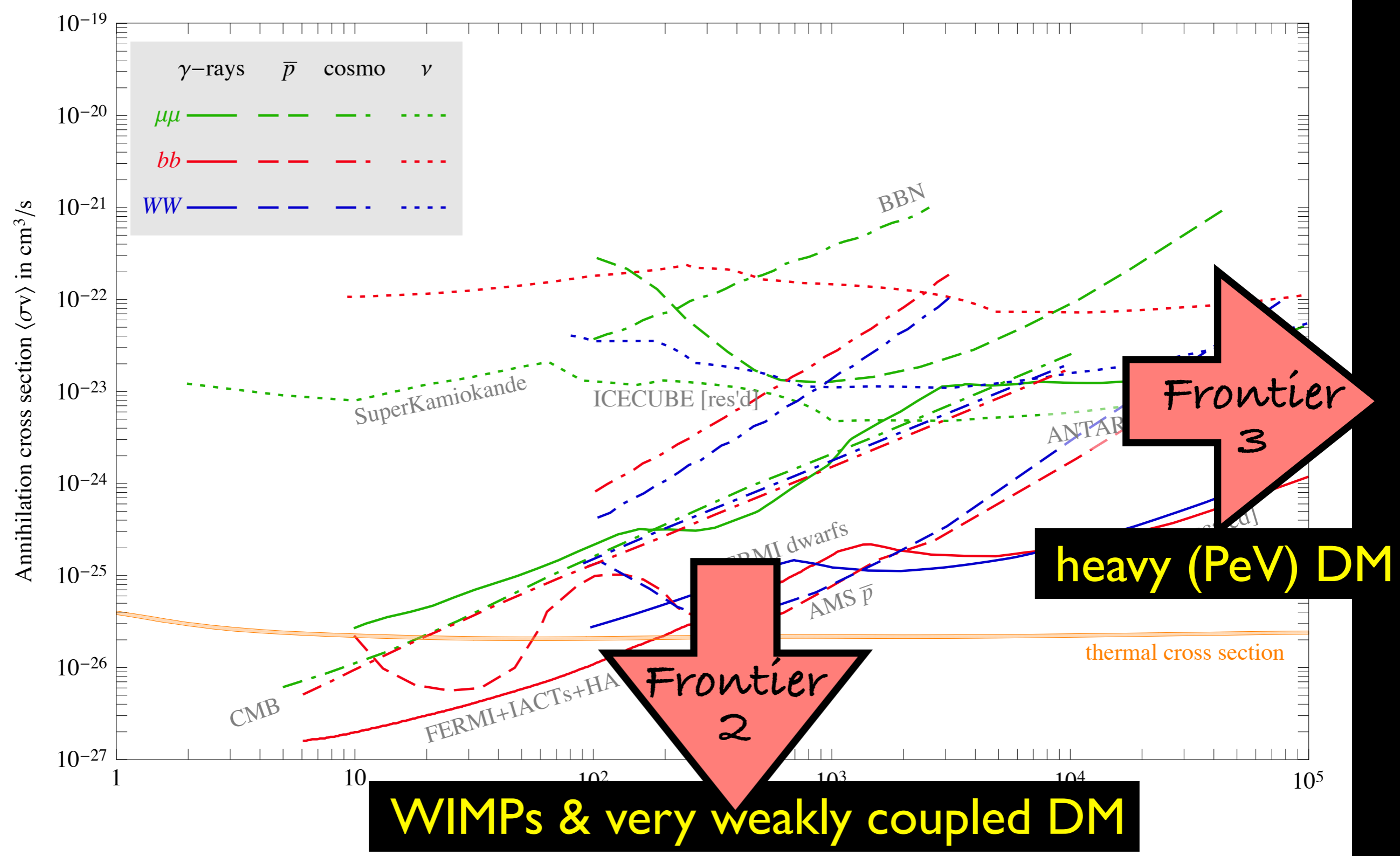
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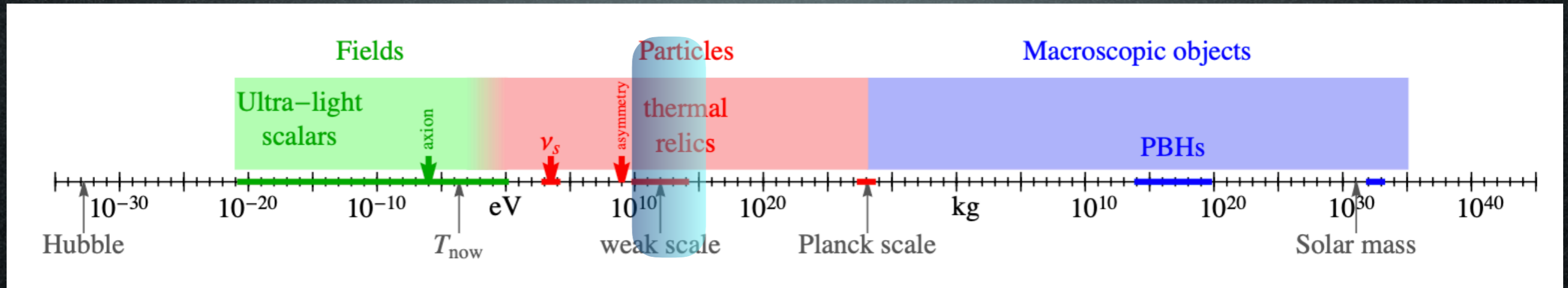
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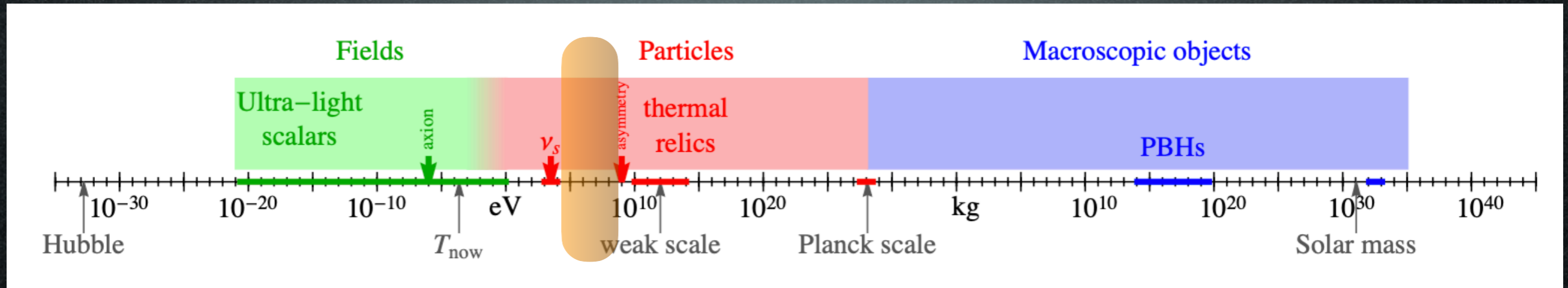
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Boehm & Fayet [hep-ph/0305261](#)

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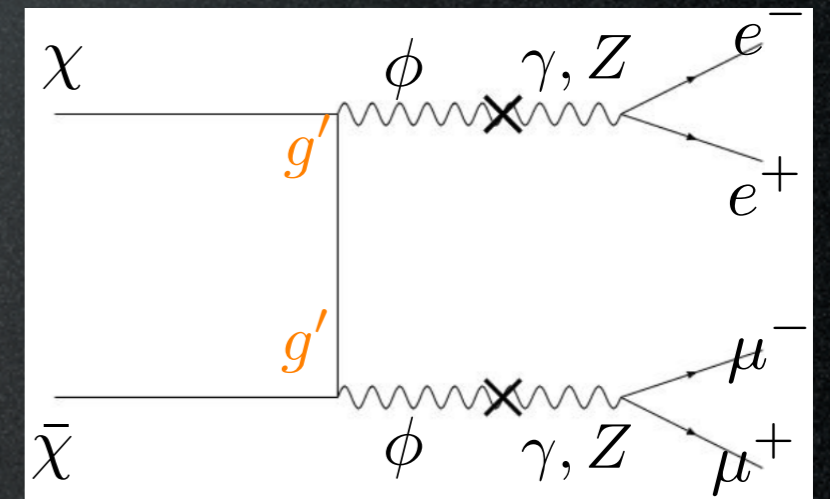
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just **thermal freeze-out**
of these annihilations

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

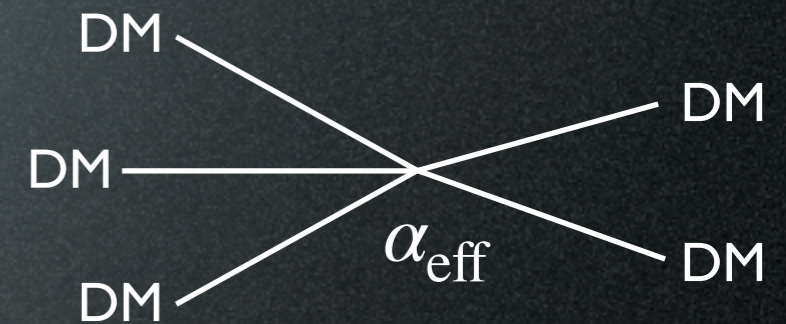
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Hochberg et al 1402.5143

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

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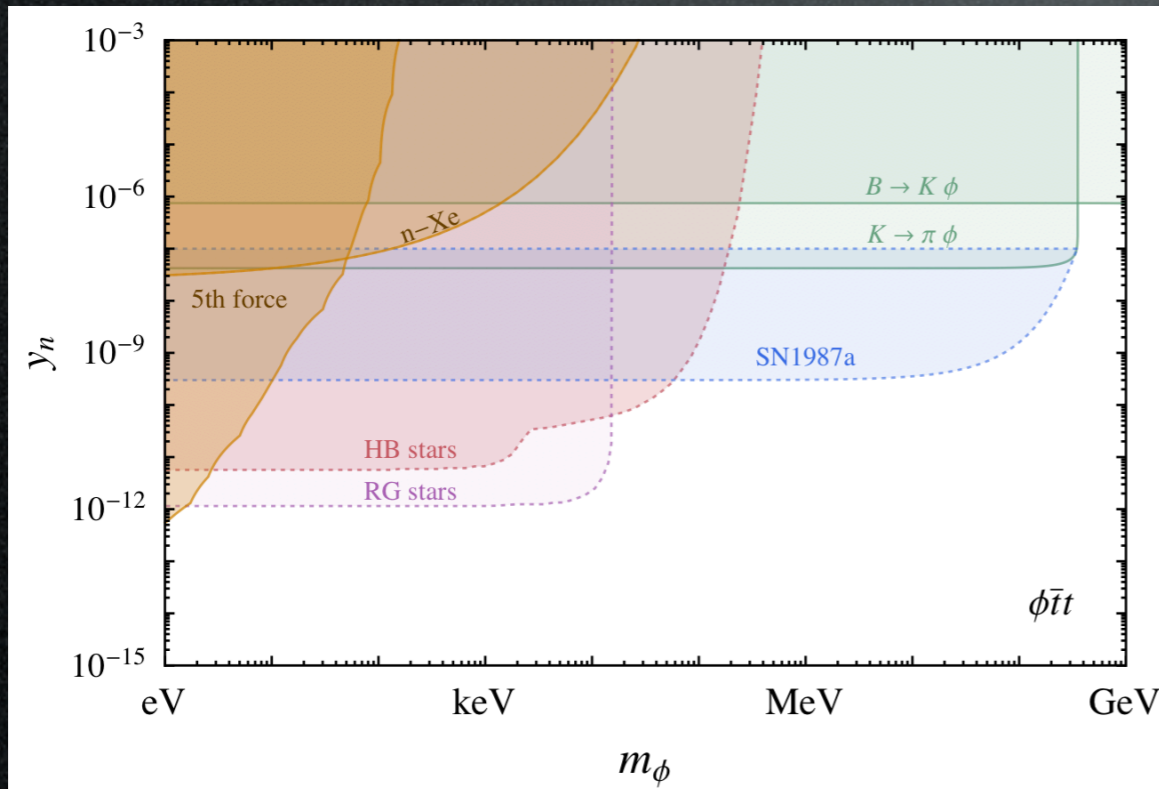
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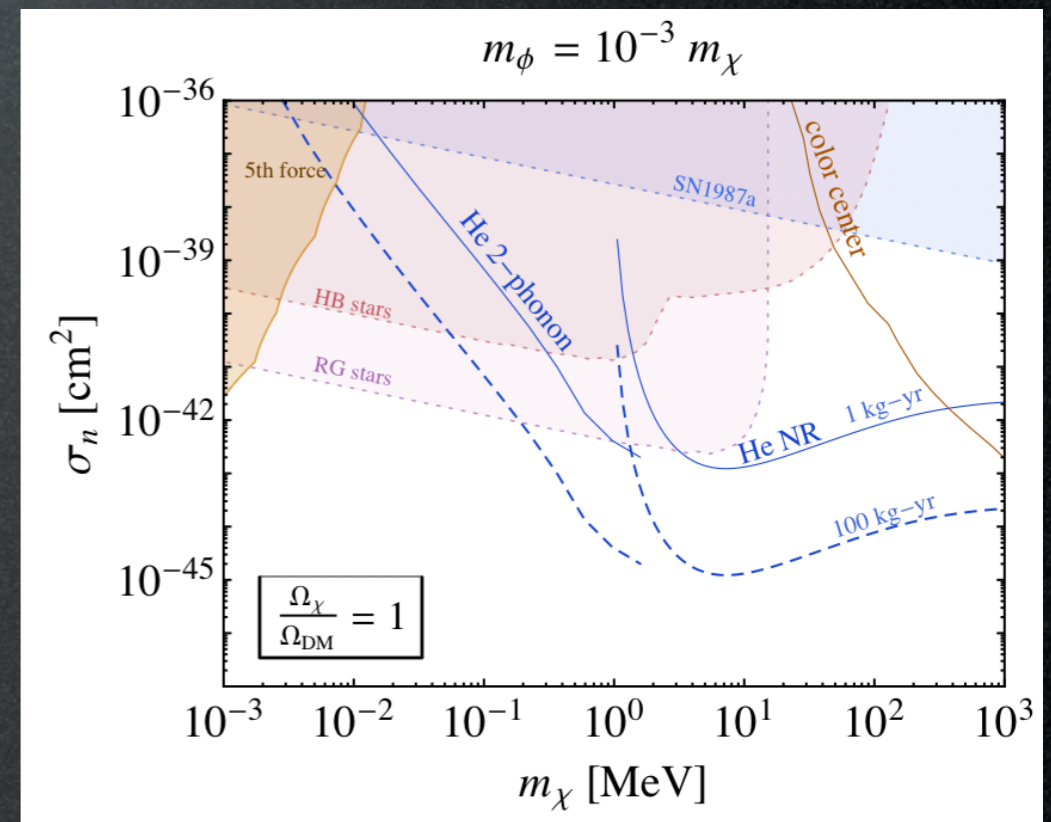
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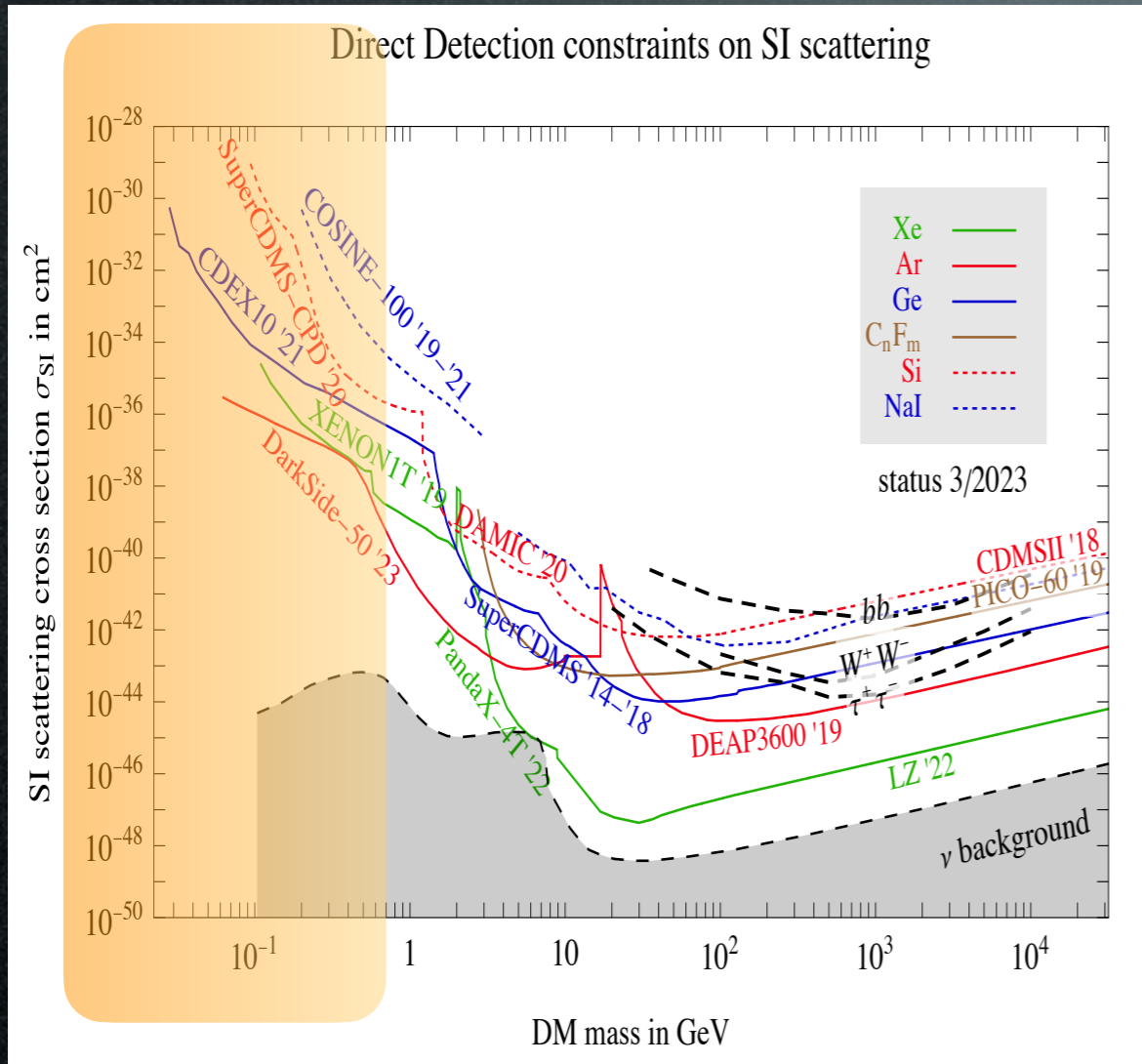
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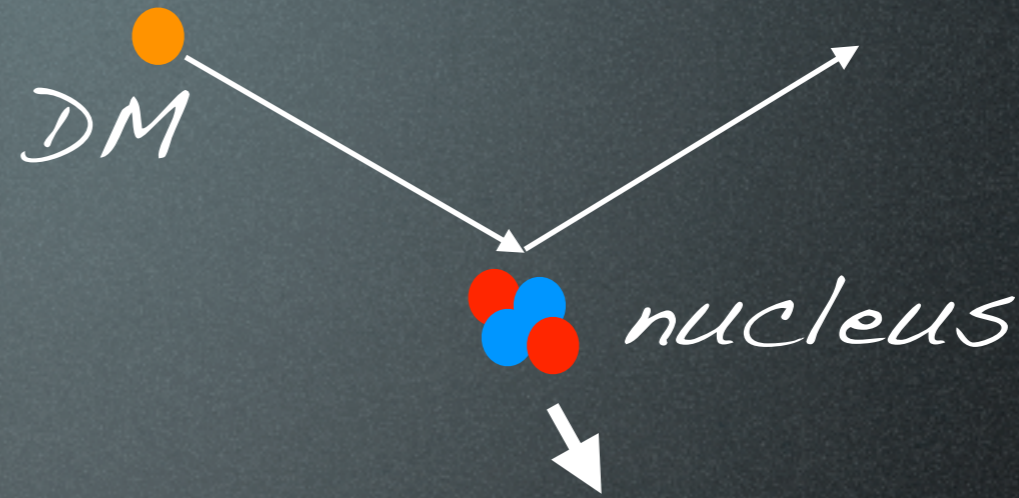
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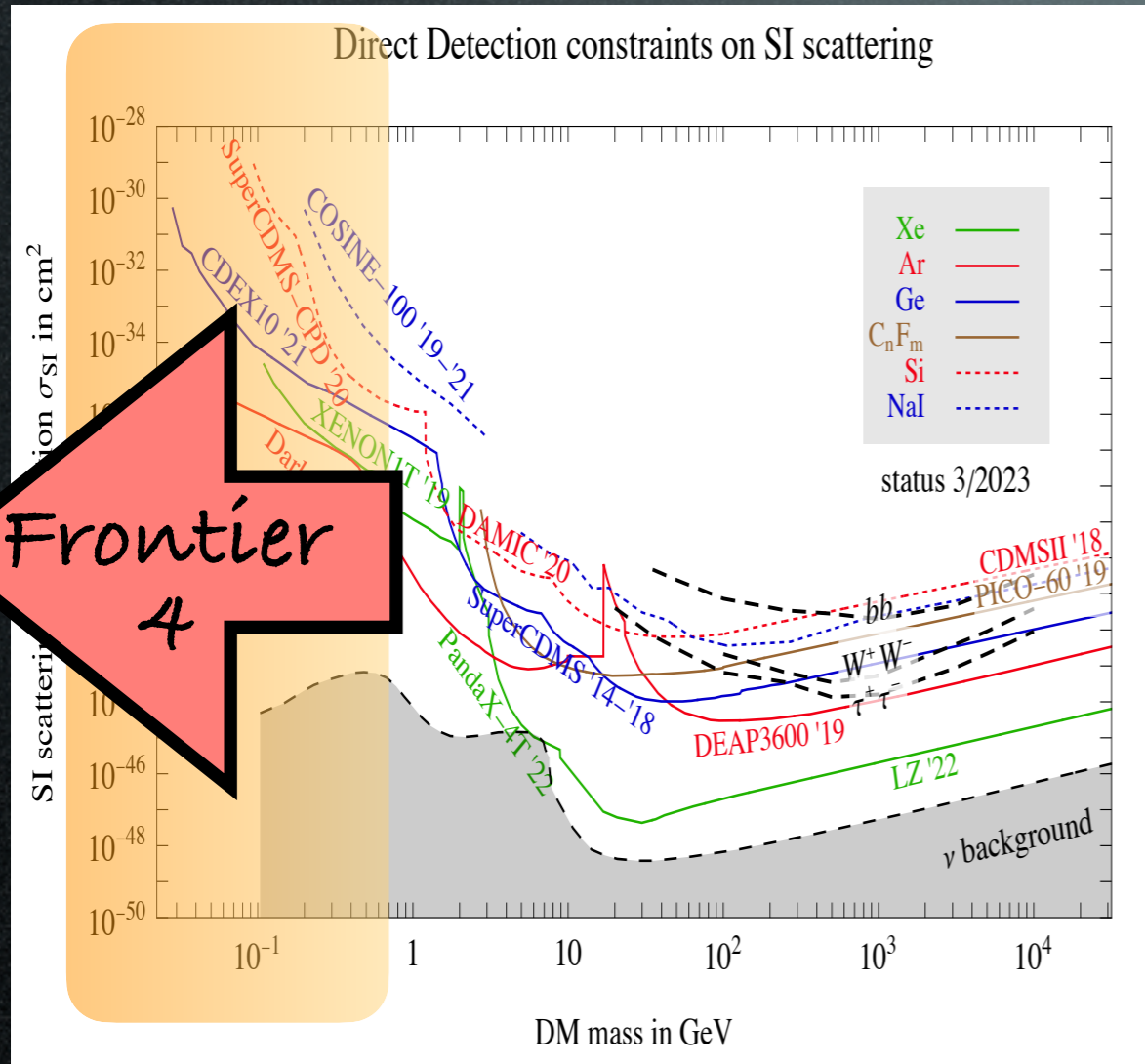
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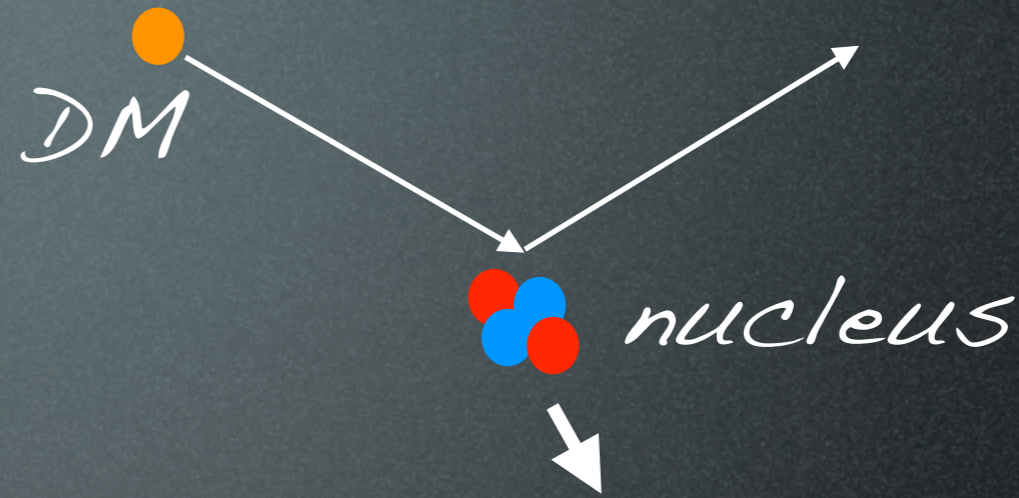
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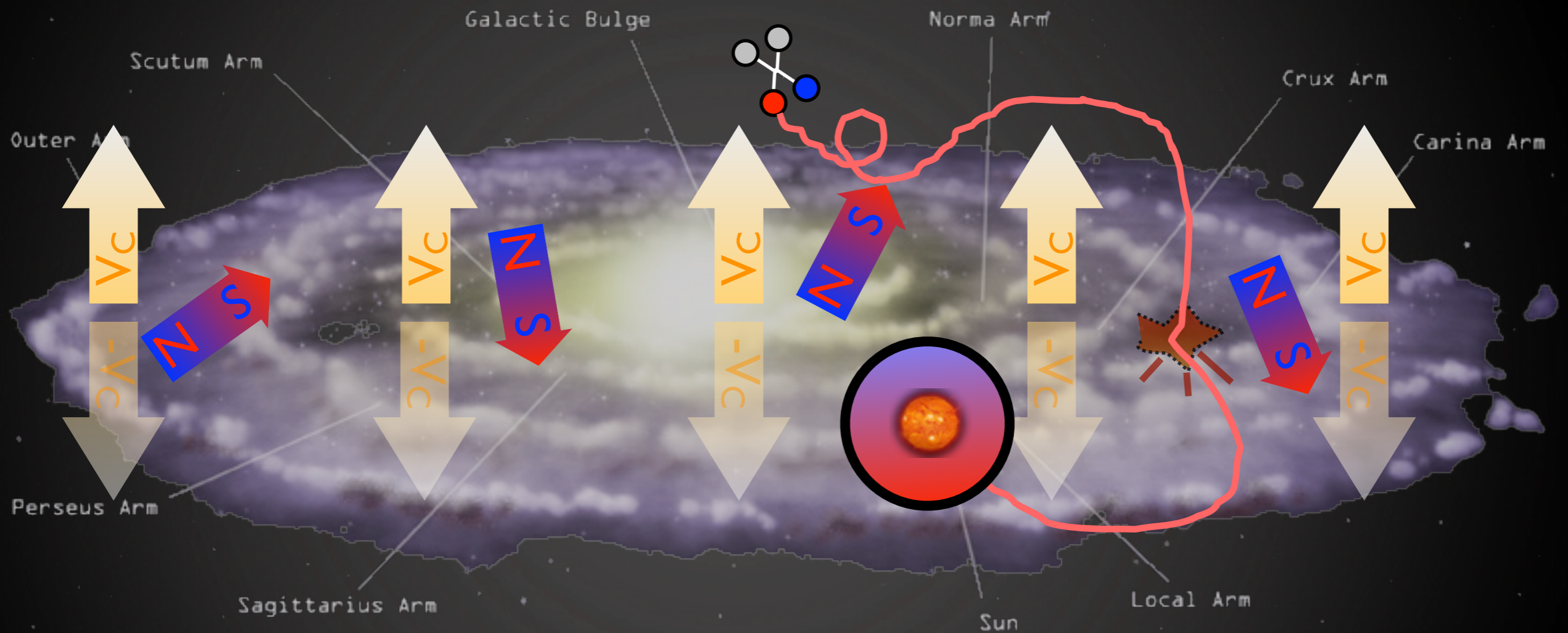
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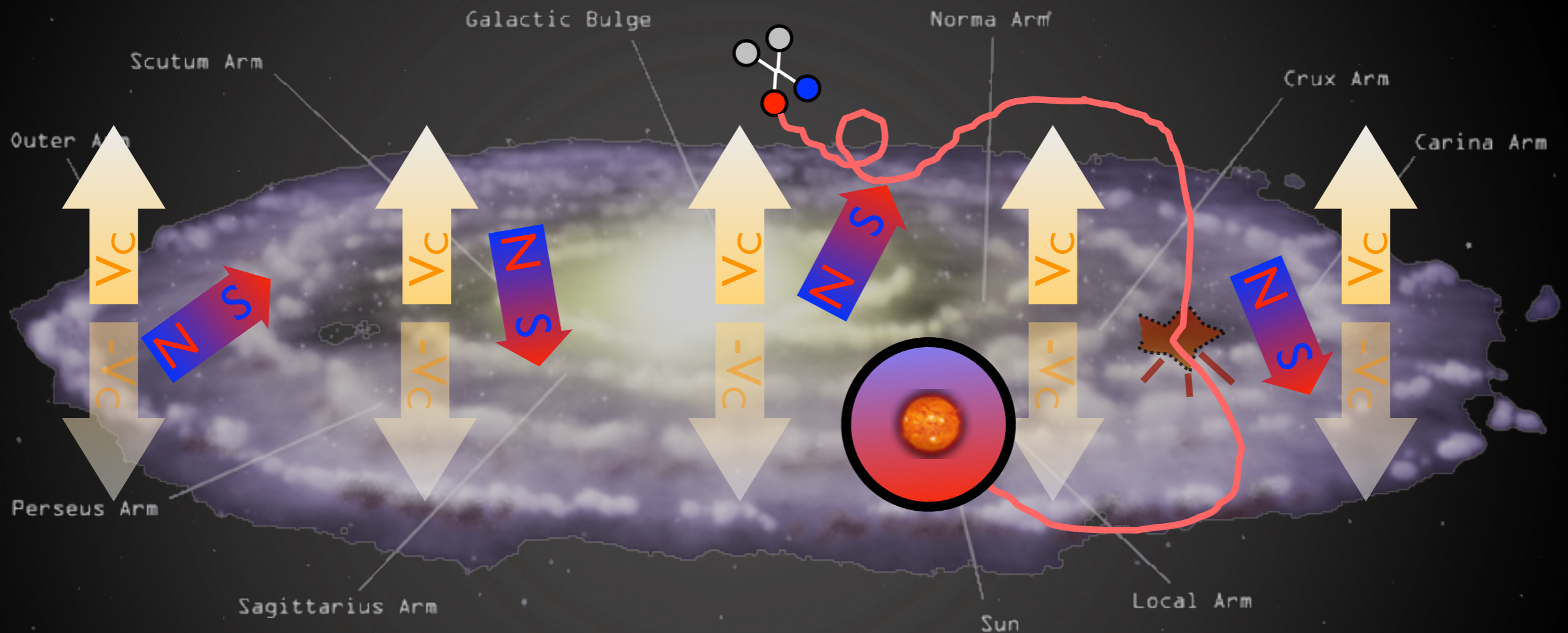
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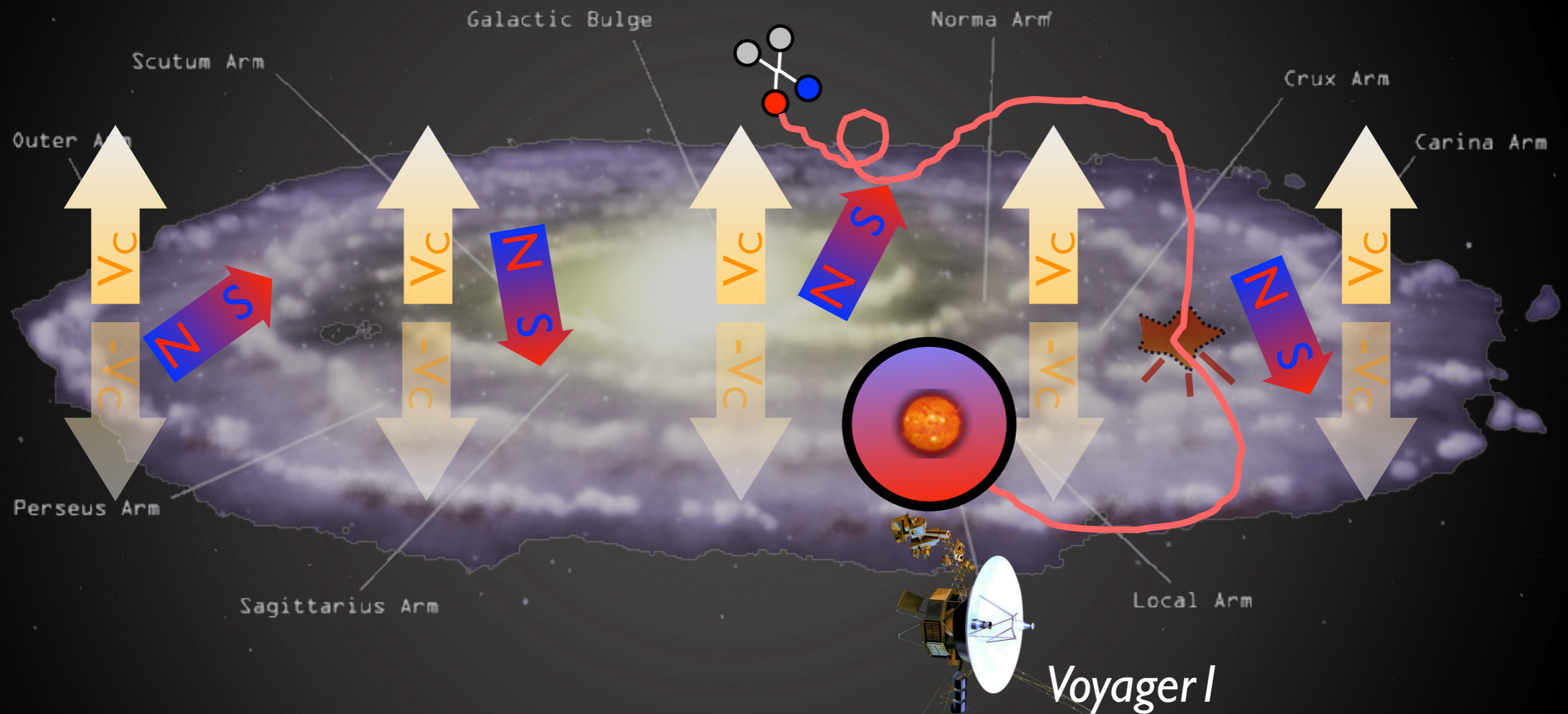


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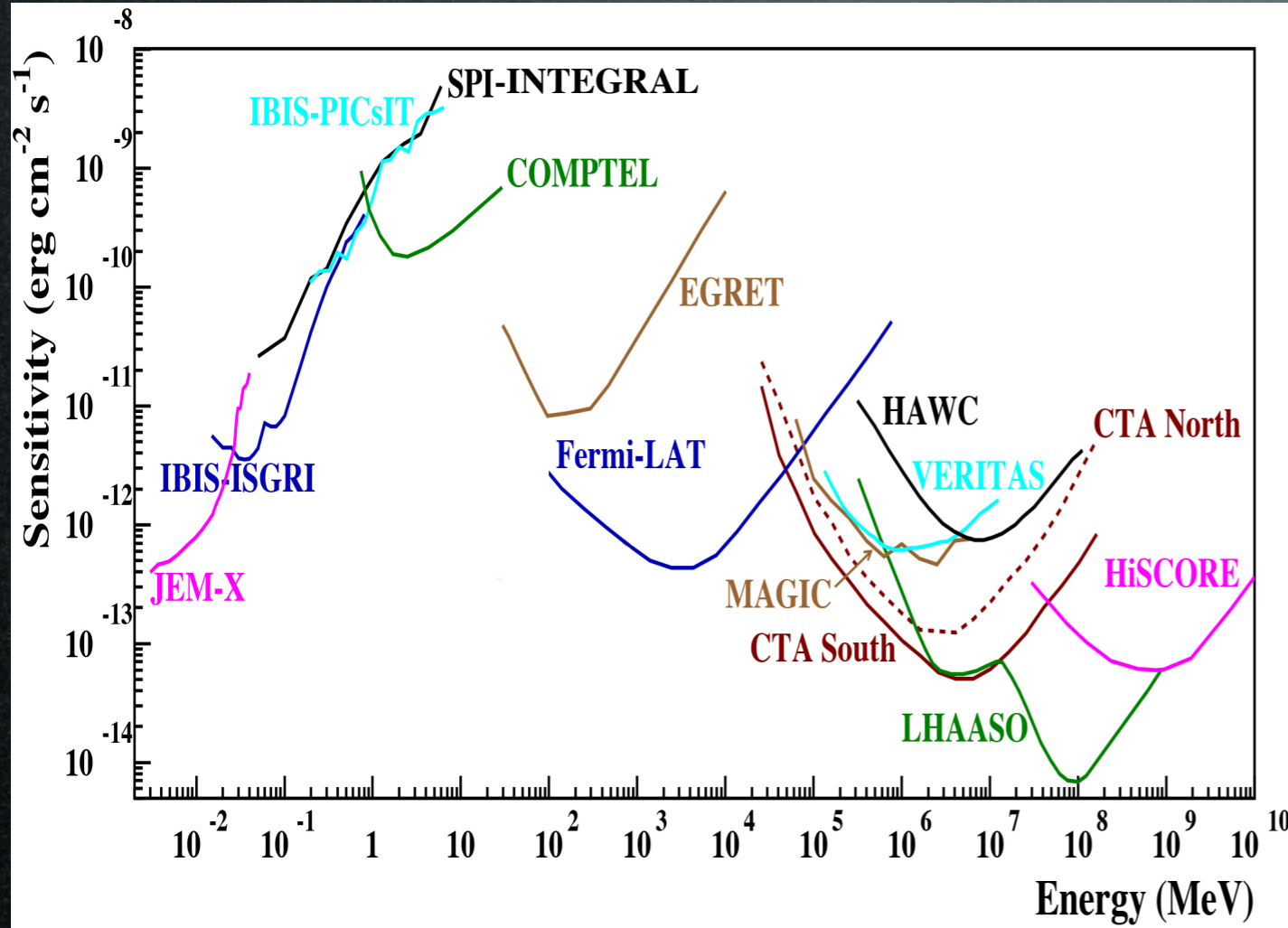


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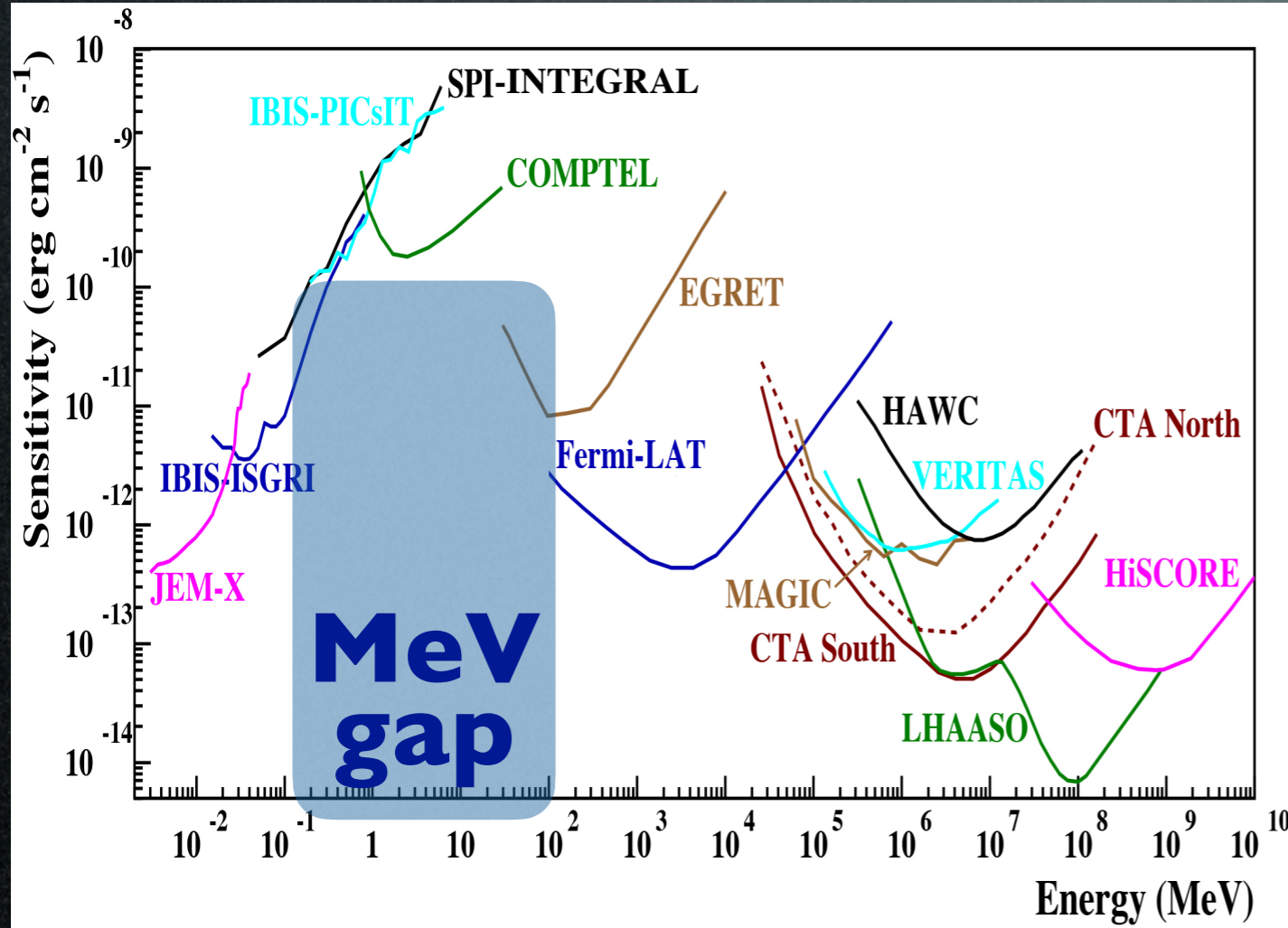
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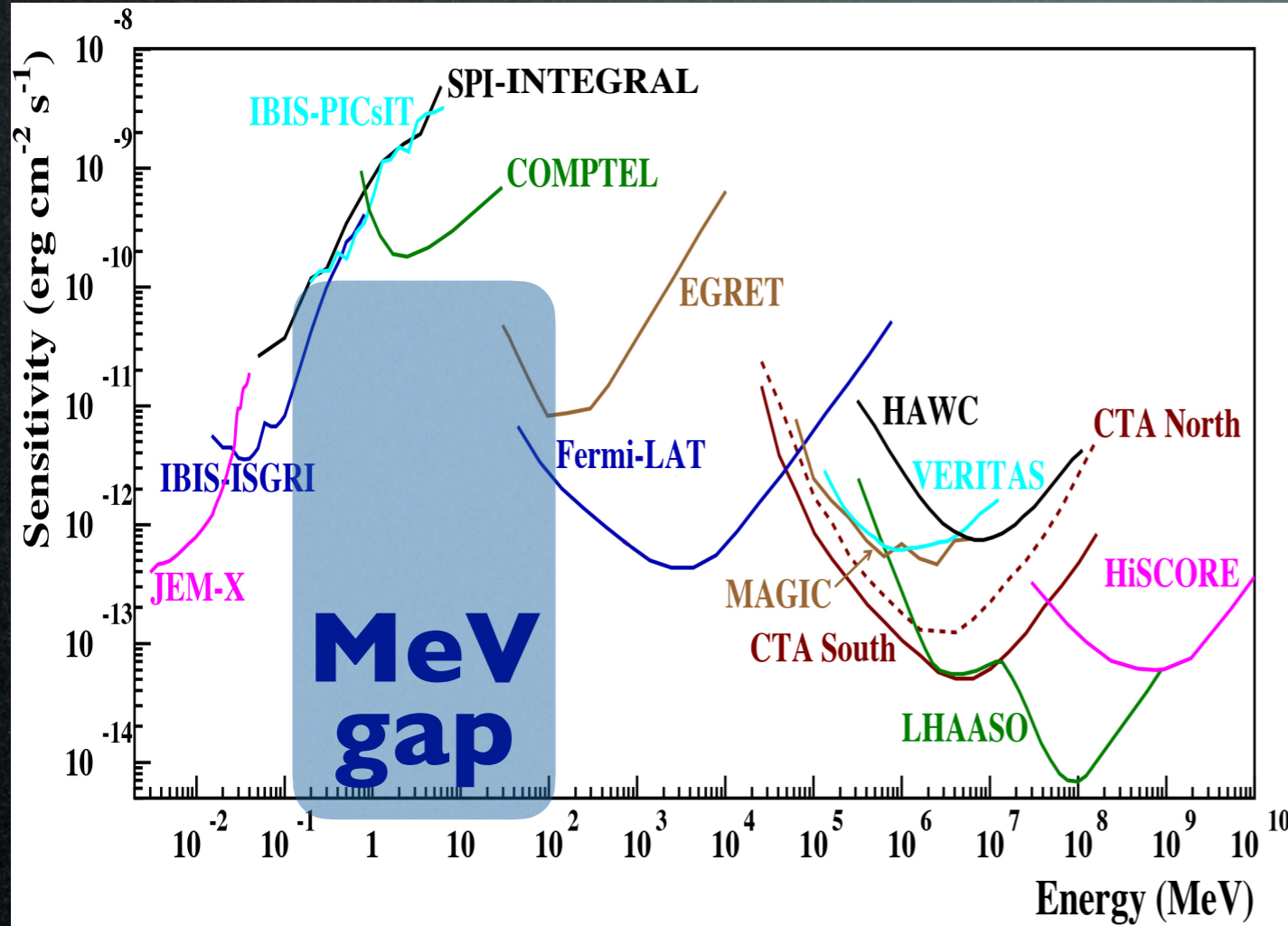
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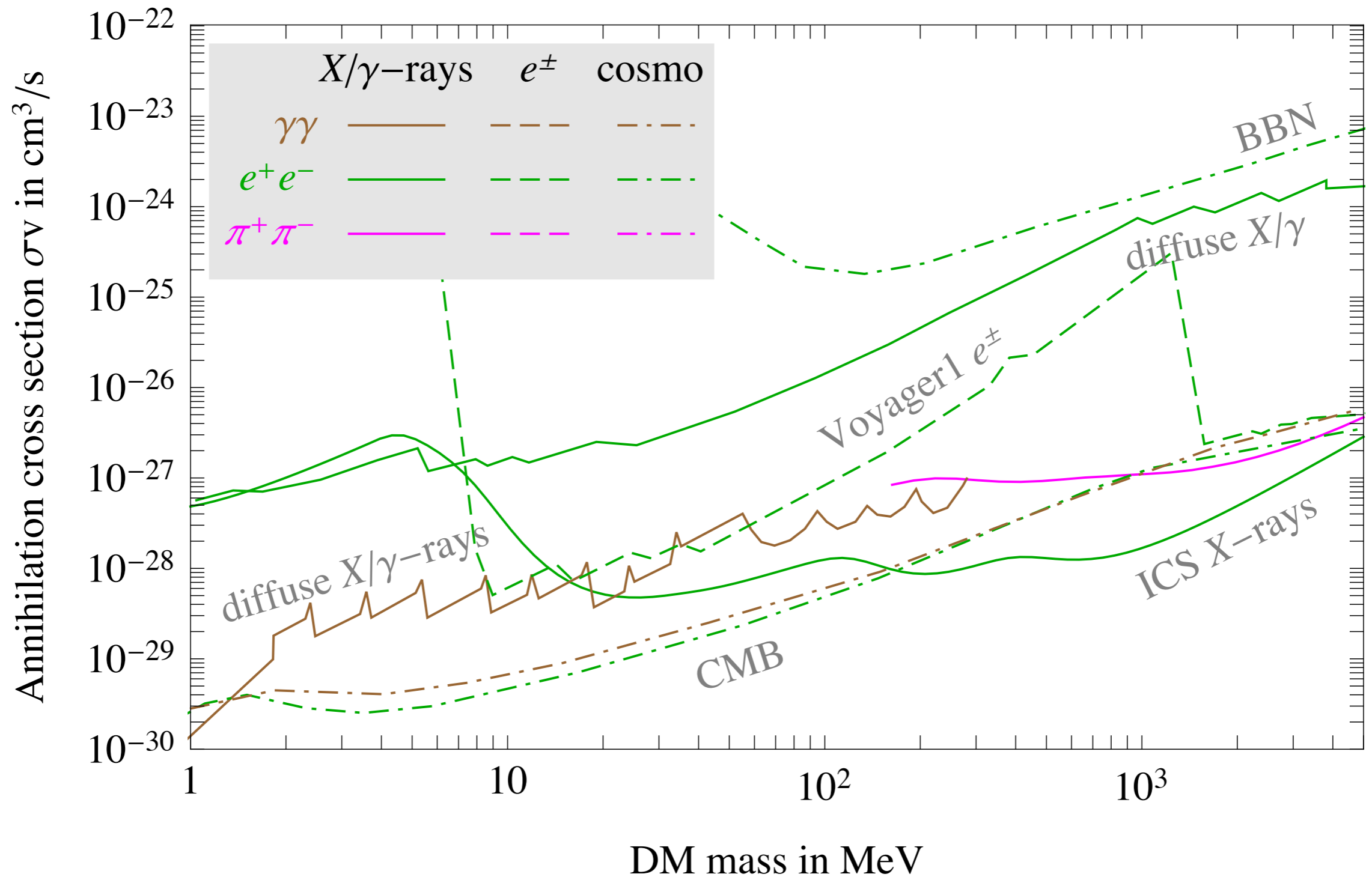
ICS & X-rays!

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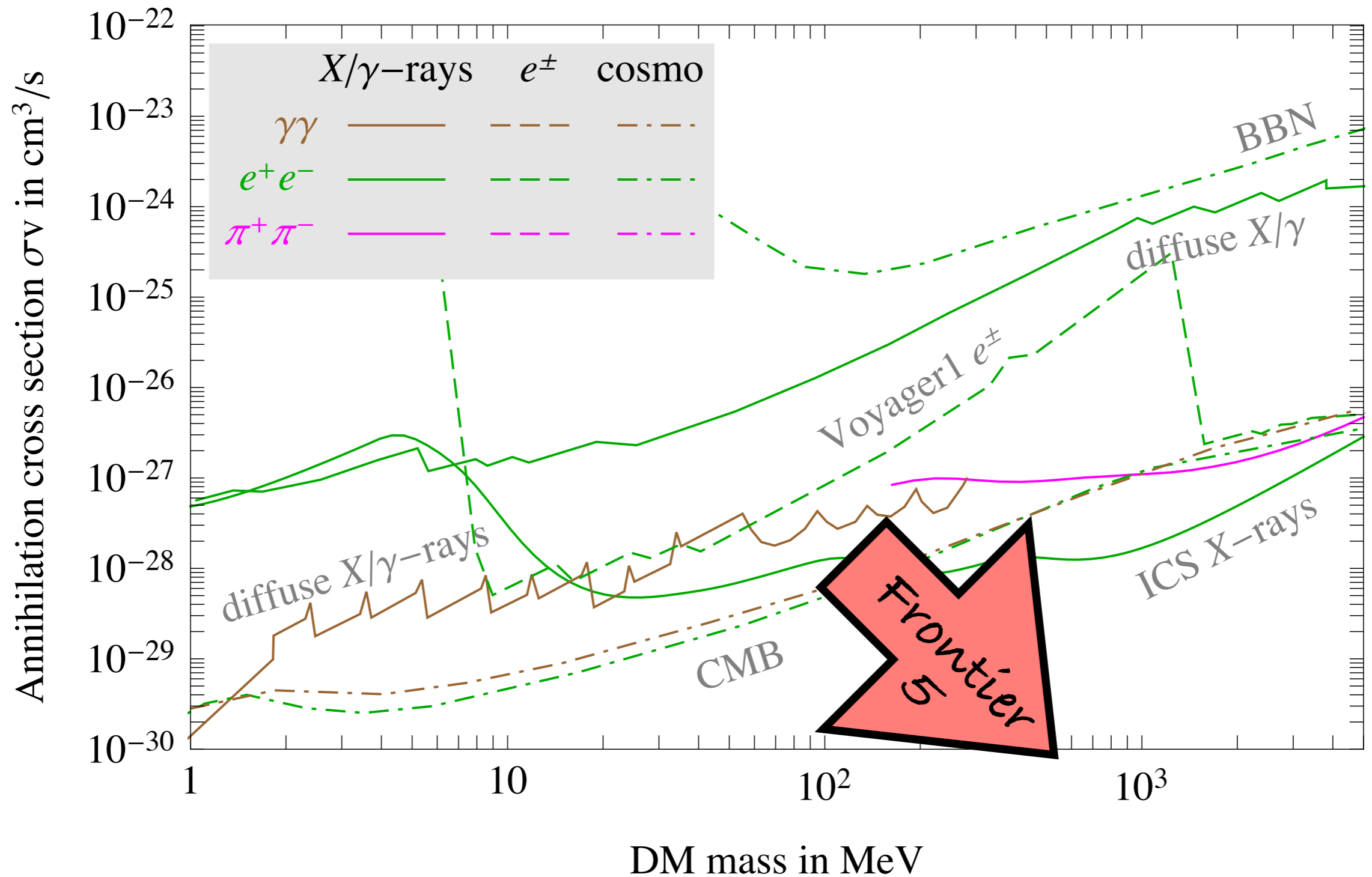
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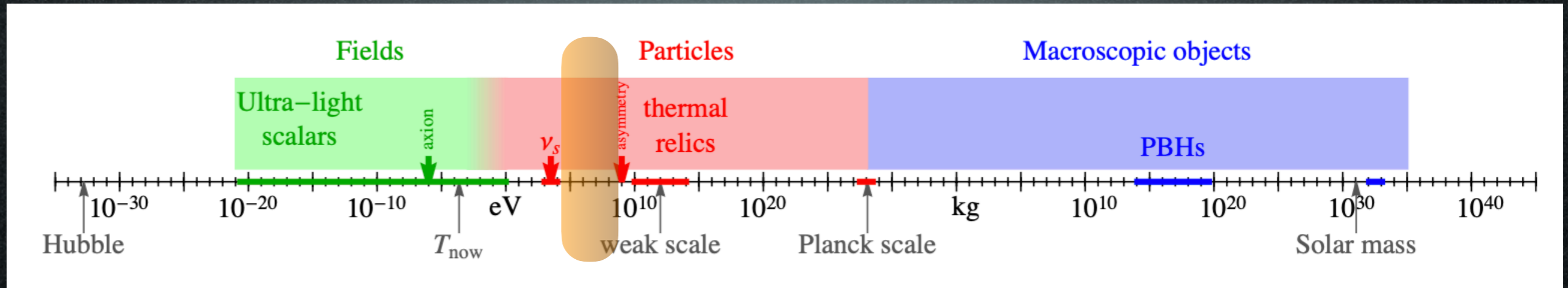
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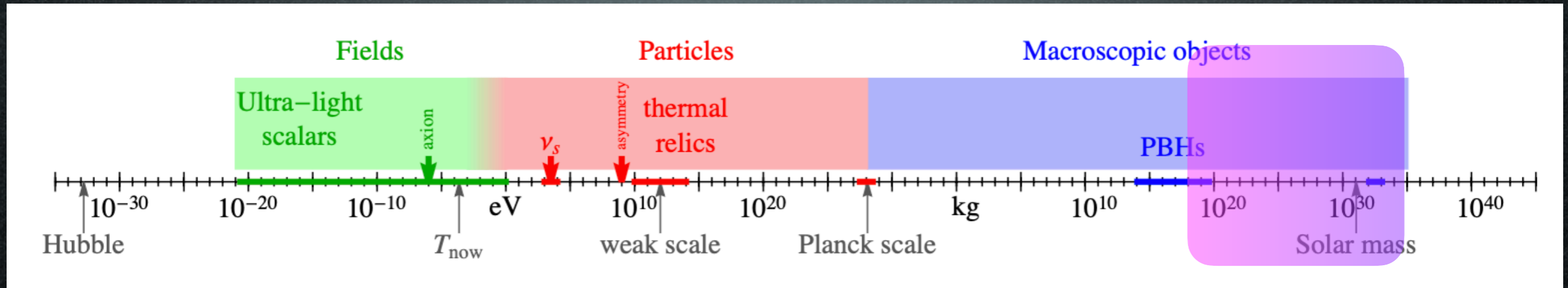
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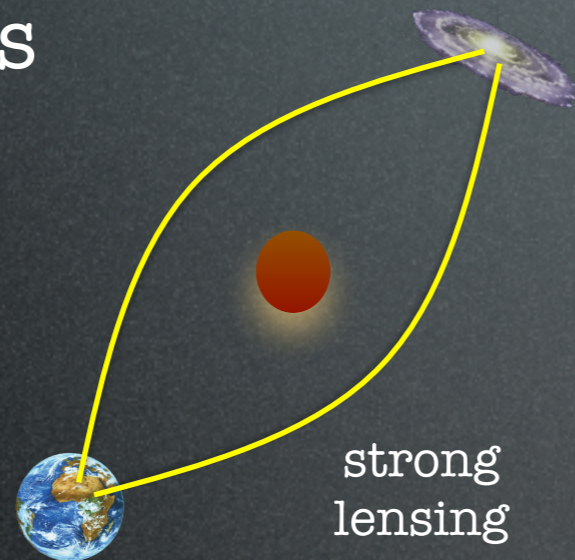
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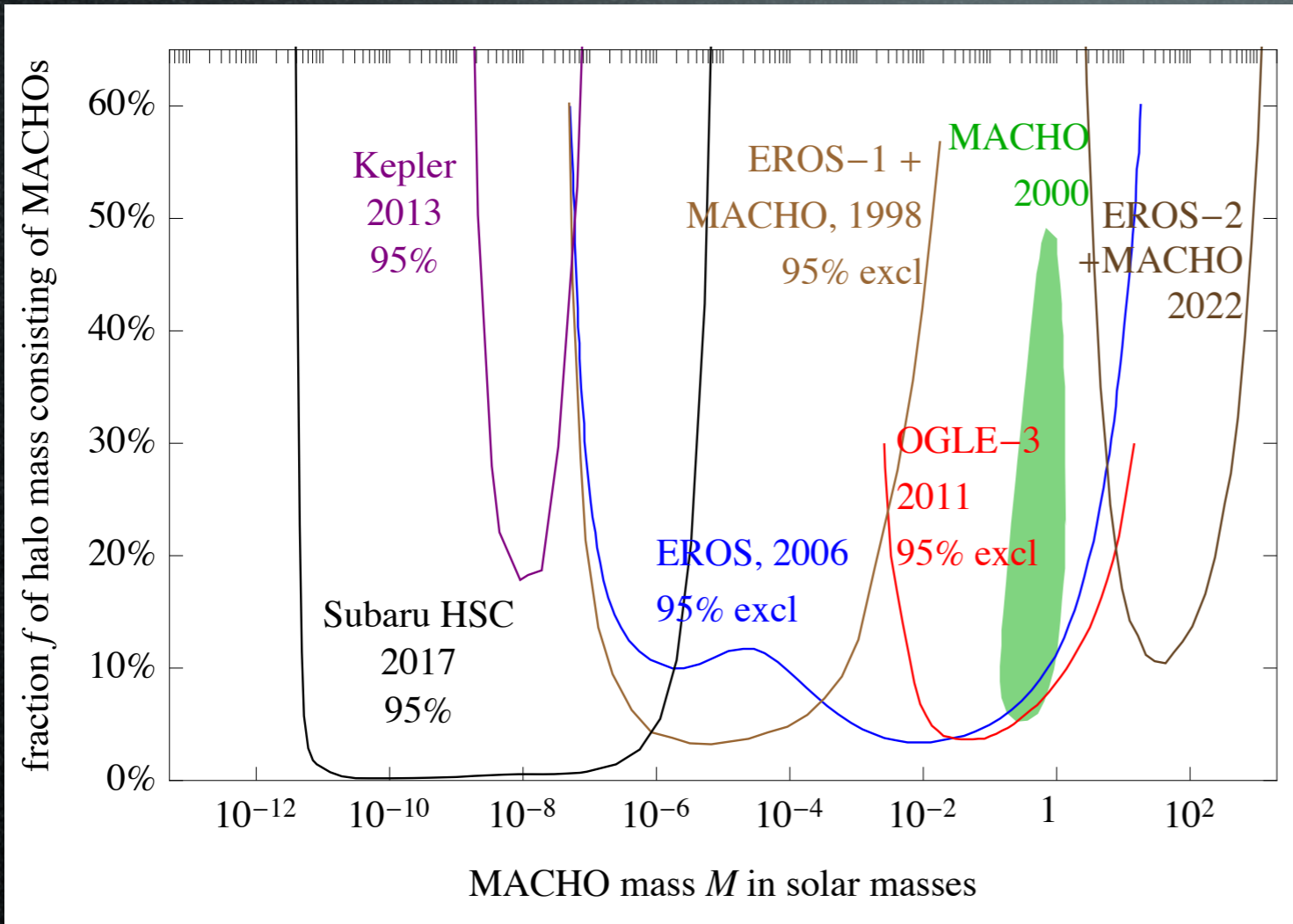
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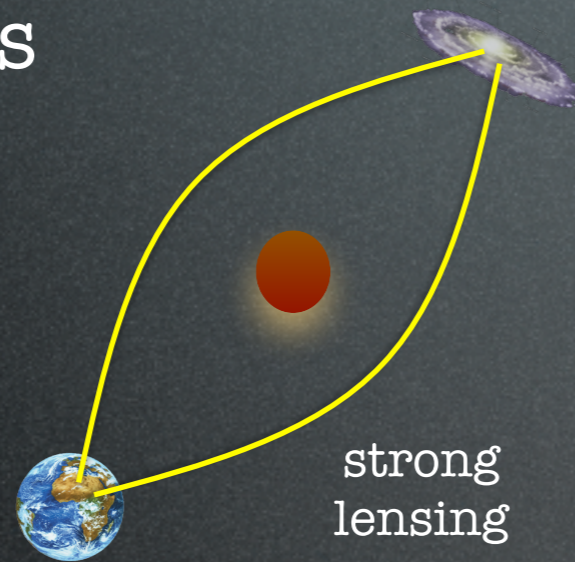
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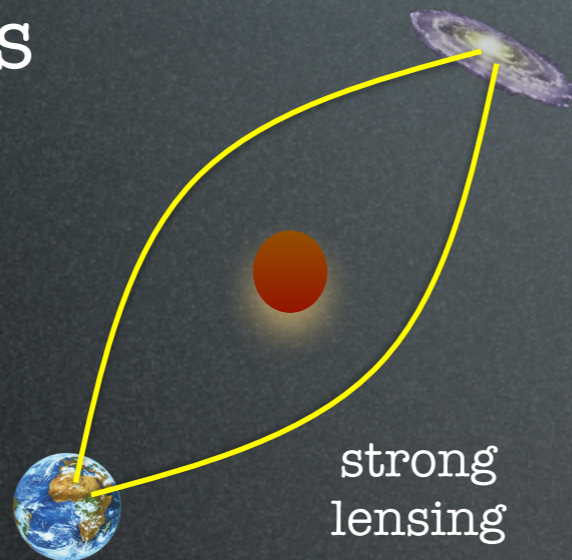
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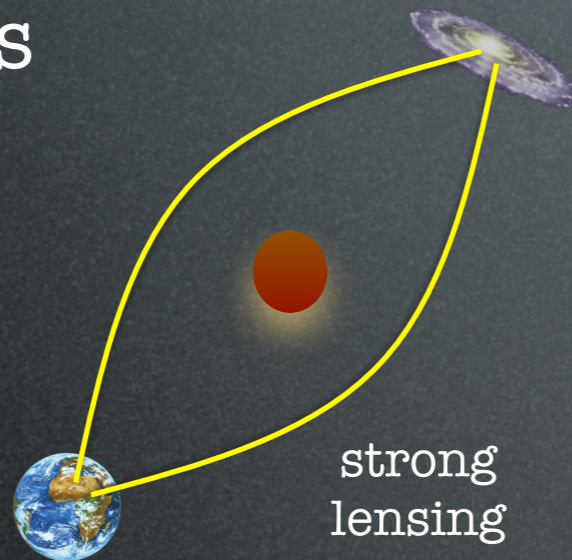
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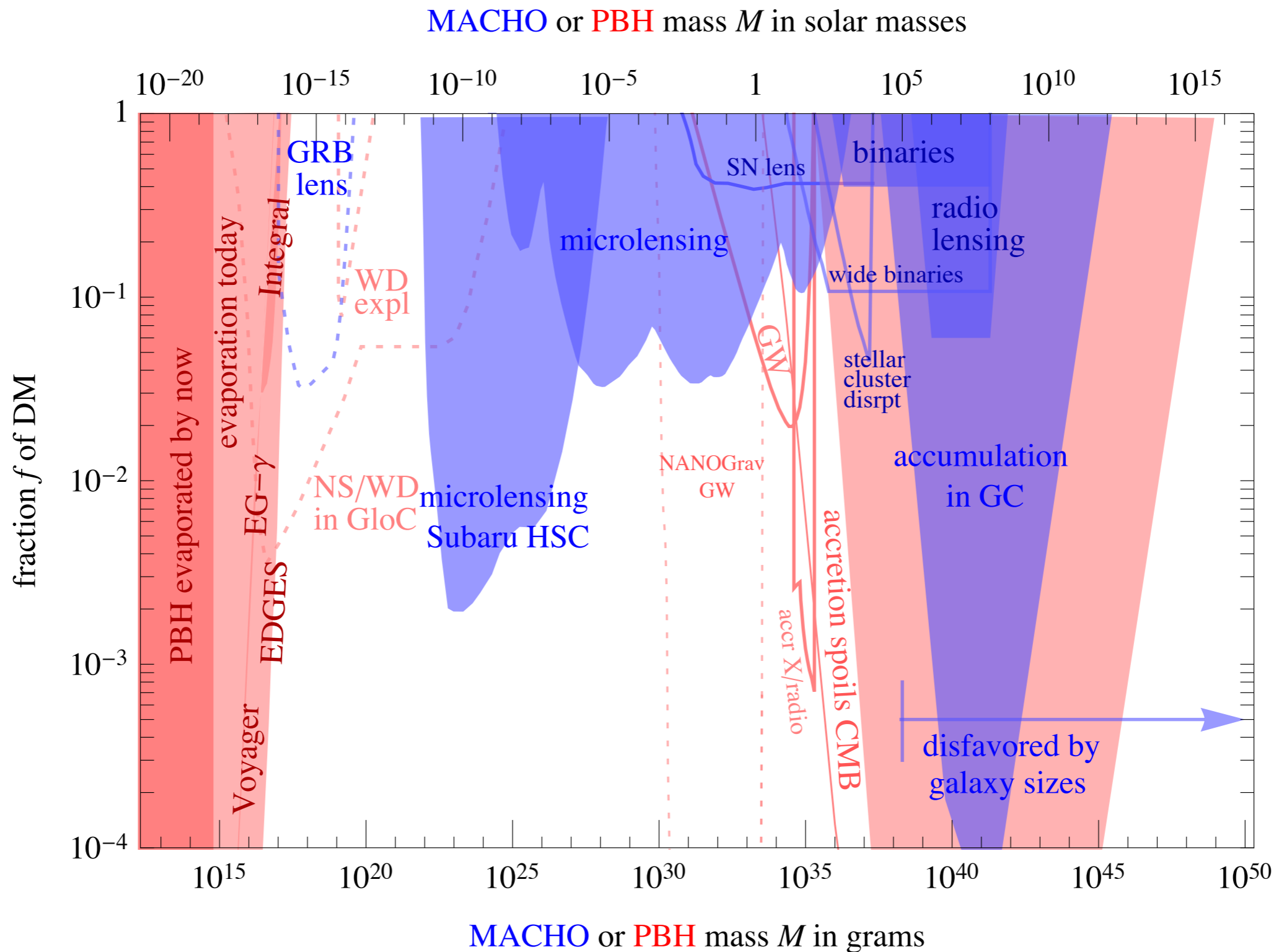
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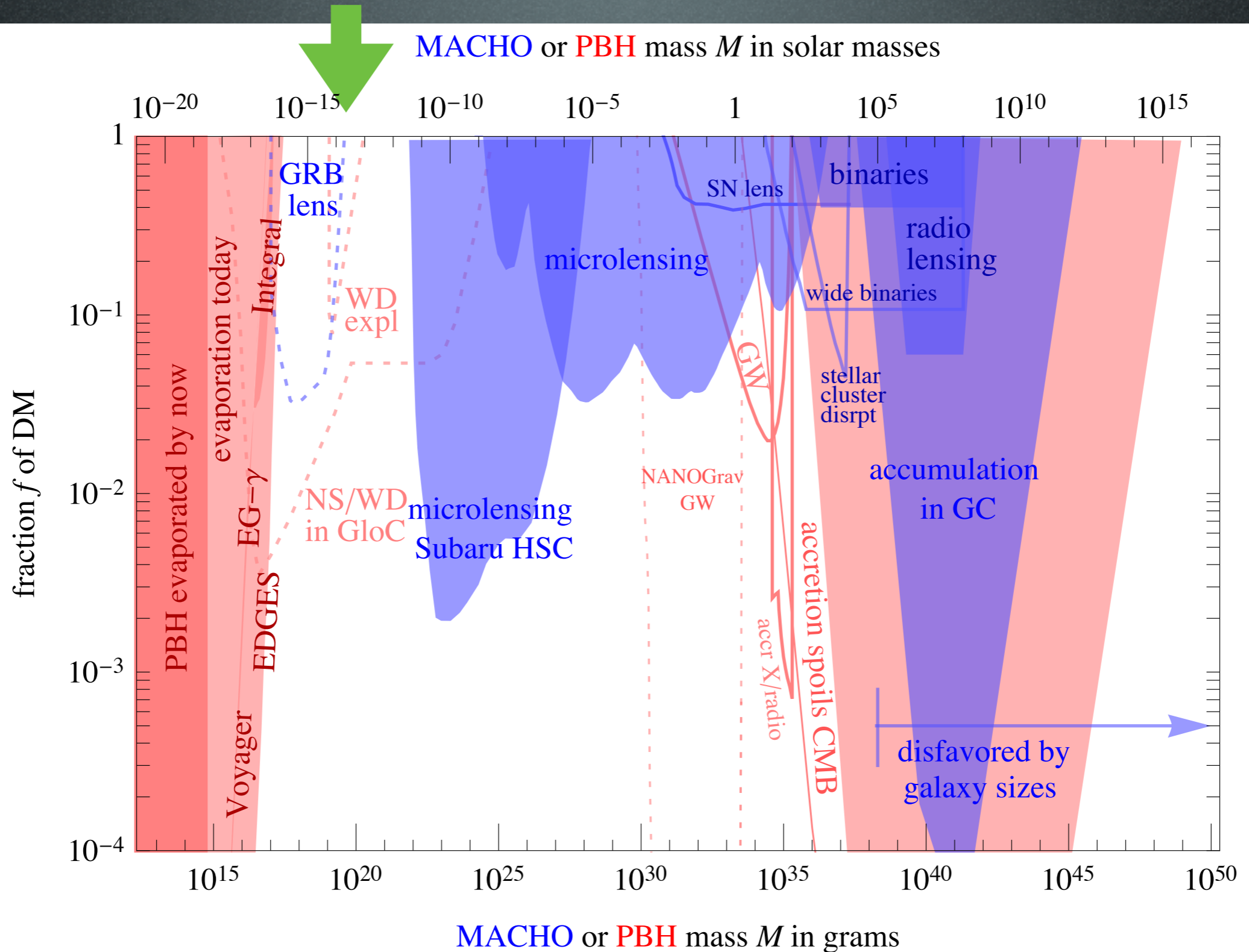
- produced before BBN
- with masses too small/large to lens
- perhaps LIGO-VIRGO have seen them?

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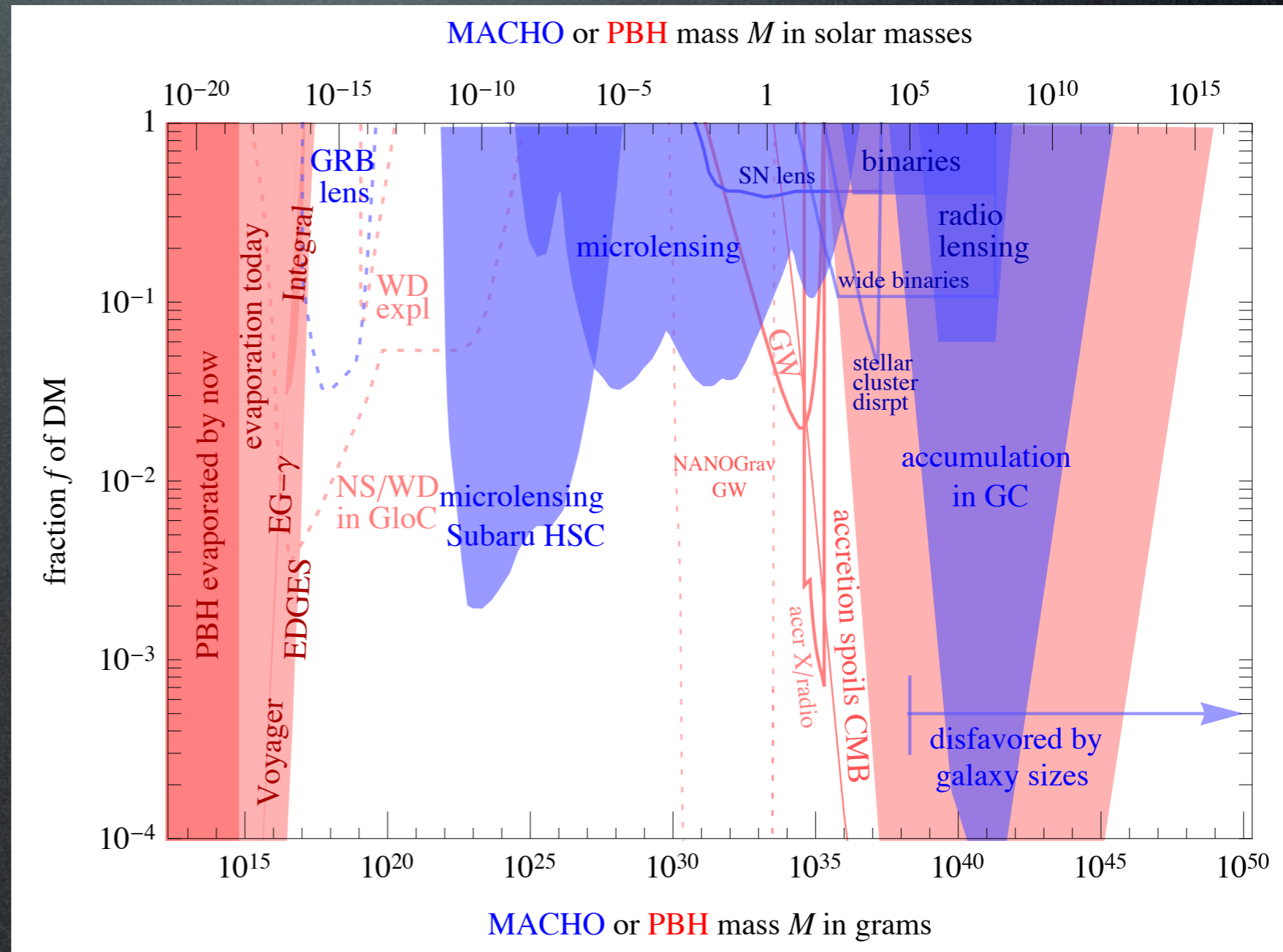
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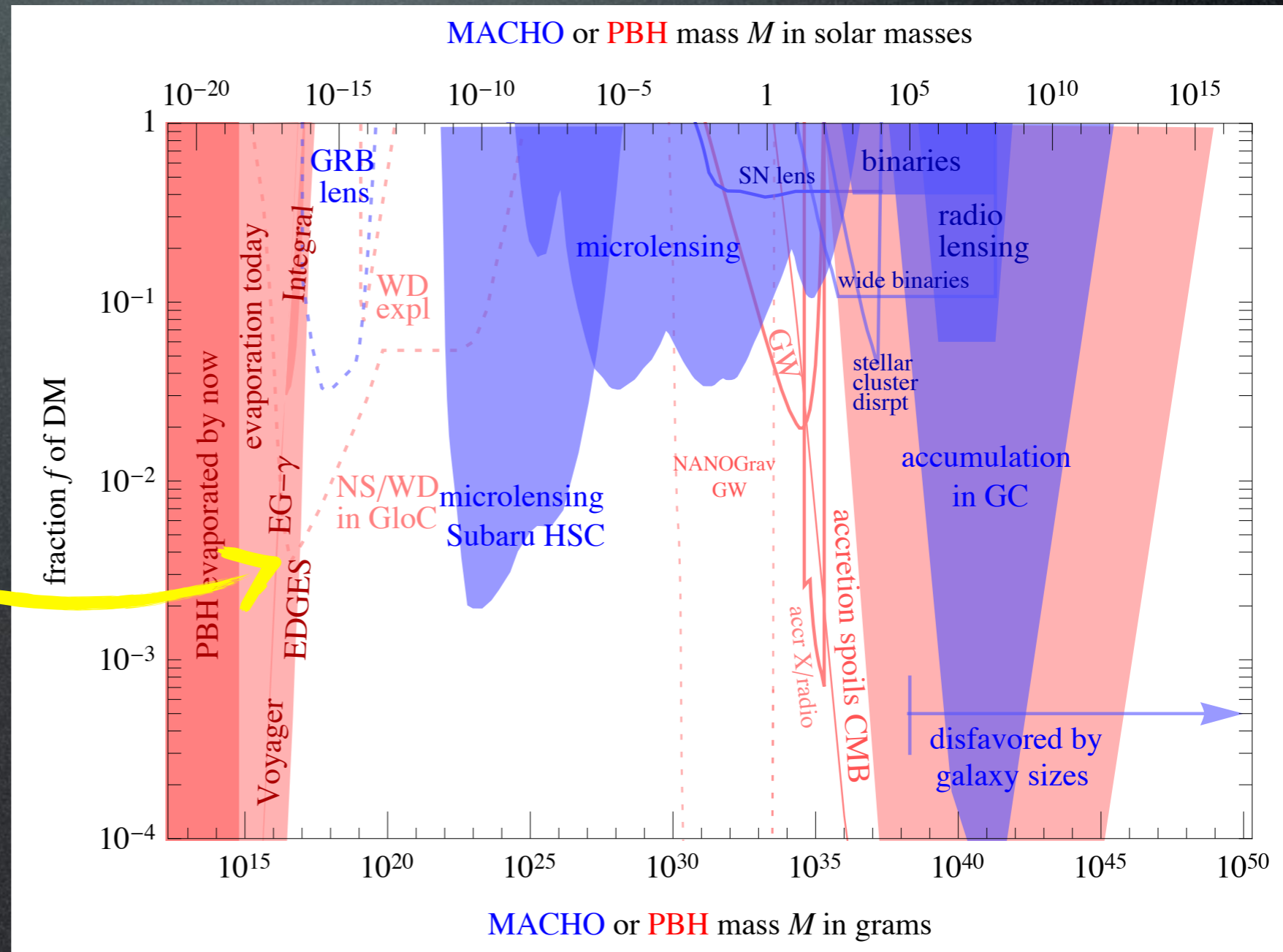
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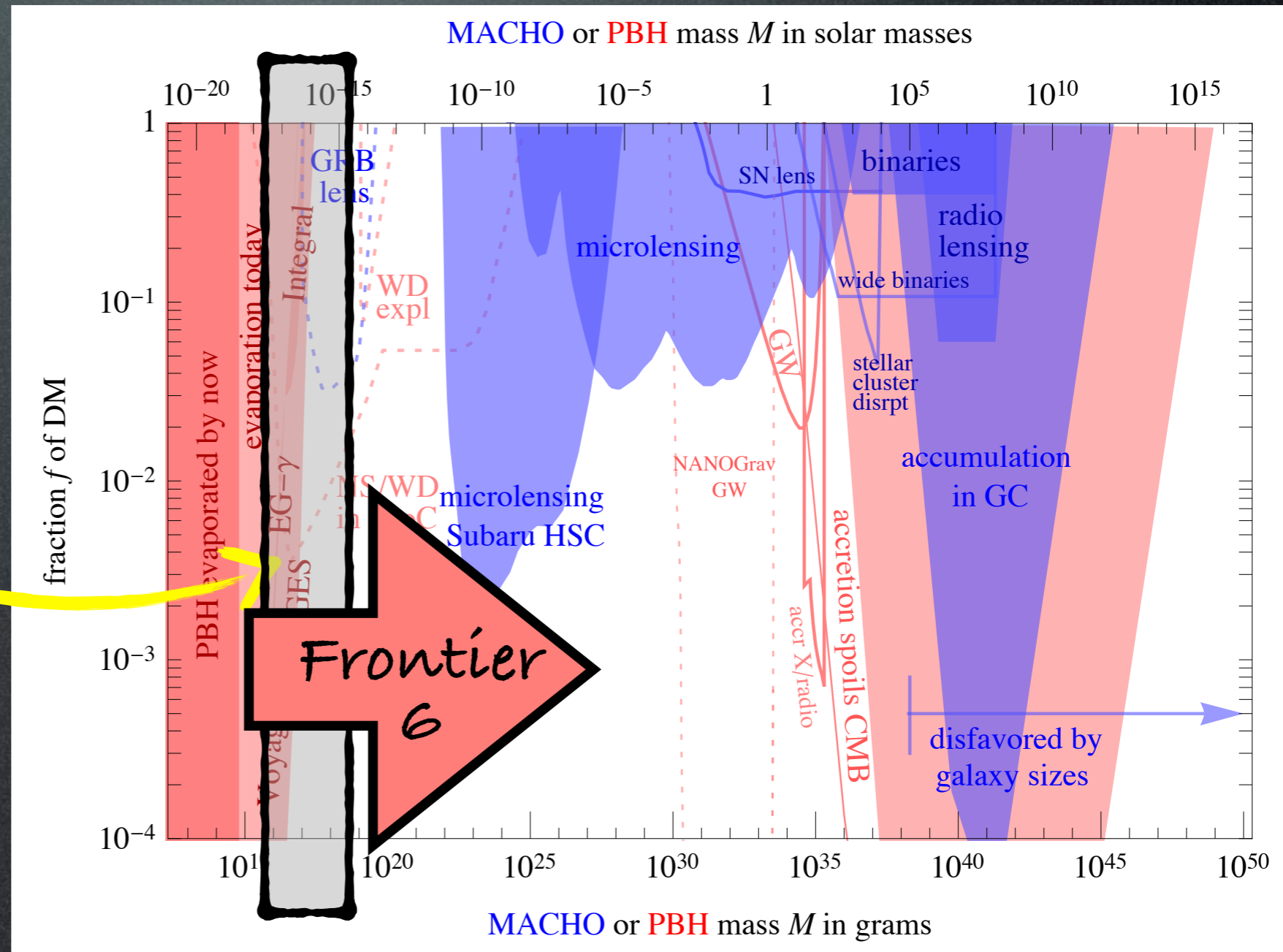
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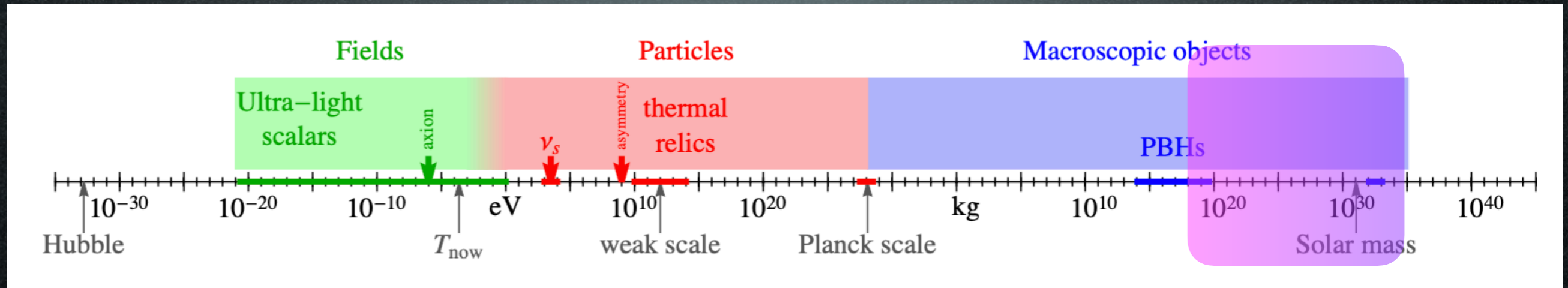
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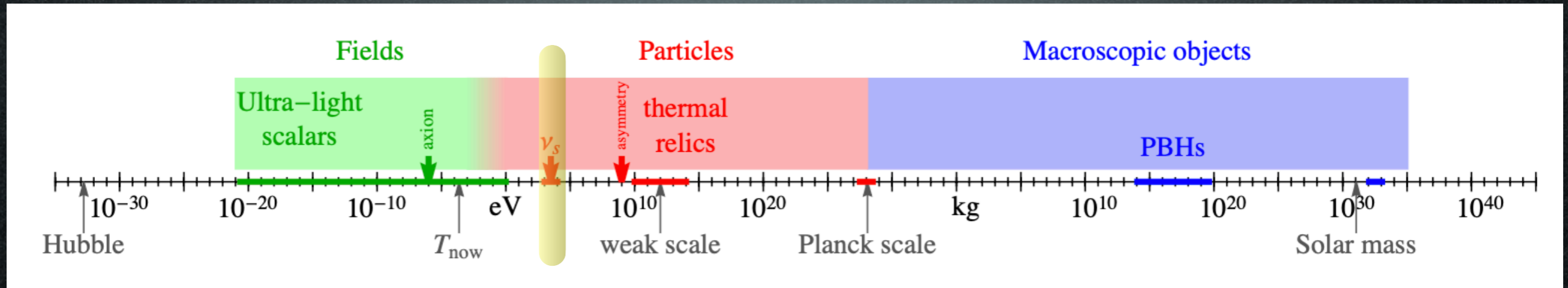
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Bulbul et al., 1402.2301

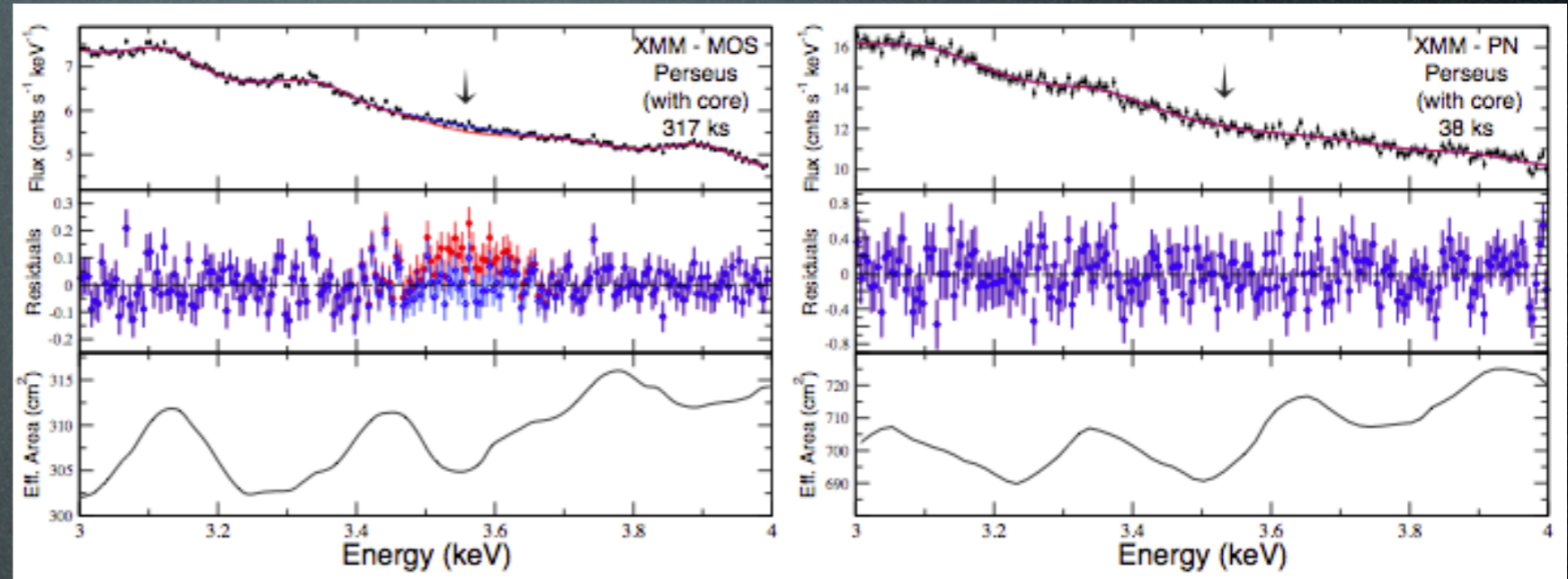
$3.55 - 3.57 \pm 0.03$ KeV

73 clusters

(Chandra & XMM-Newton)

$z = 0.01 - 0.35$

$\gtrsim 4\sigma$



Boyarsky, Ruchayskiy,
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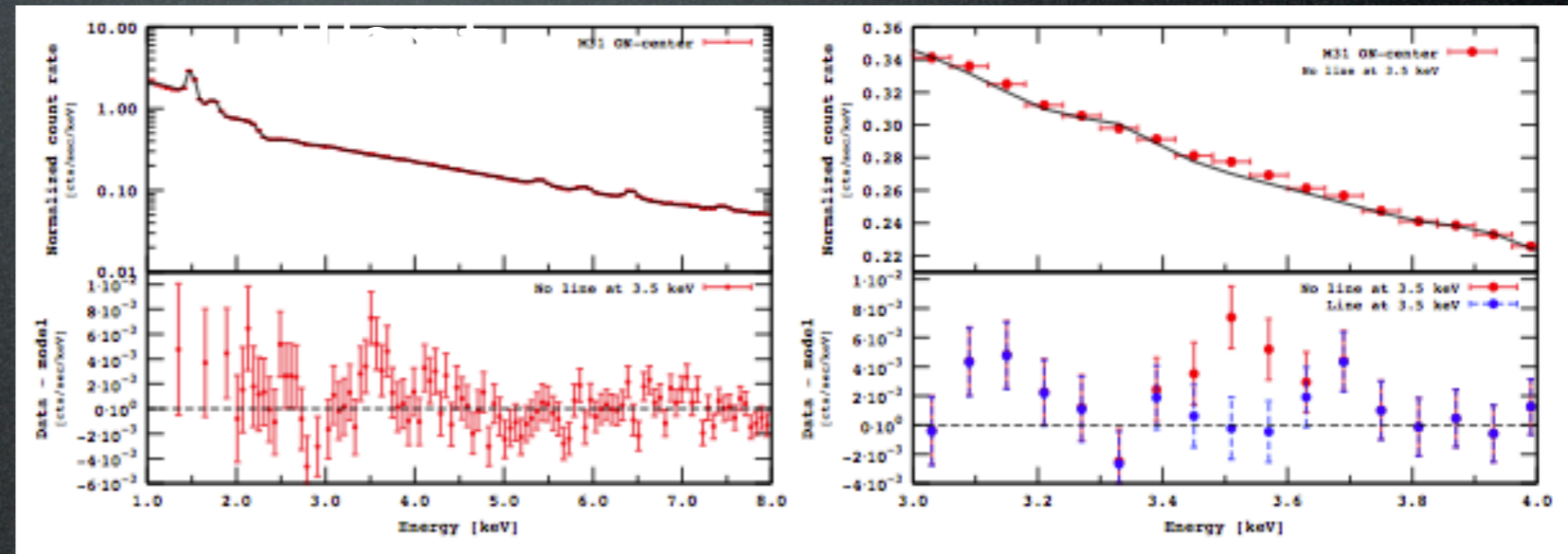
3.5 KeV

Andromeda galaxy
+ Perseus cluster

(XMM-Newton)

$z = 0$ and 0.0179

4.4σ



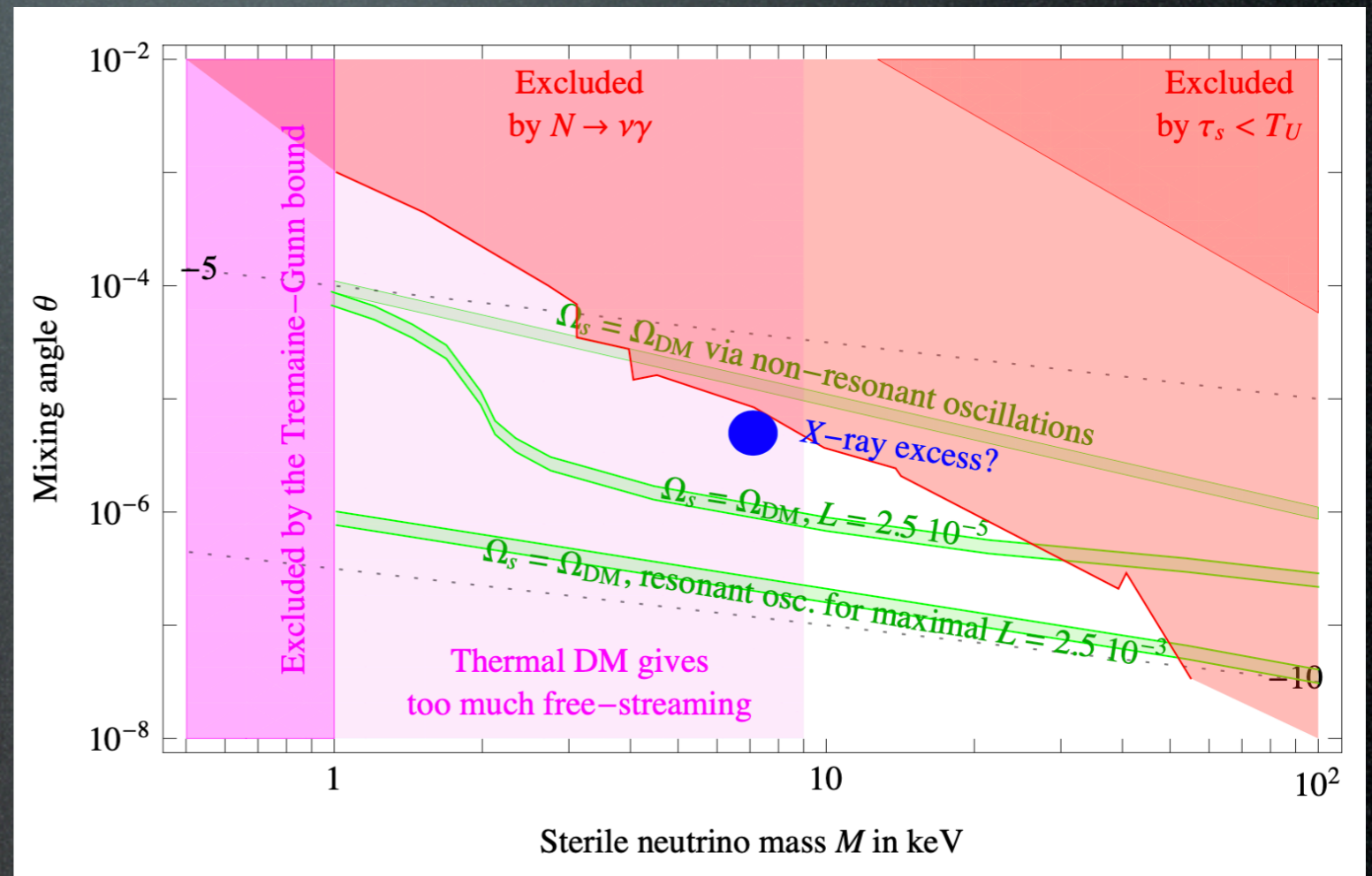
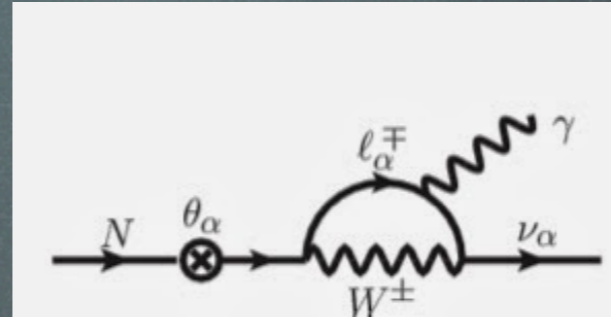
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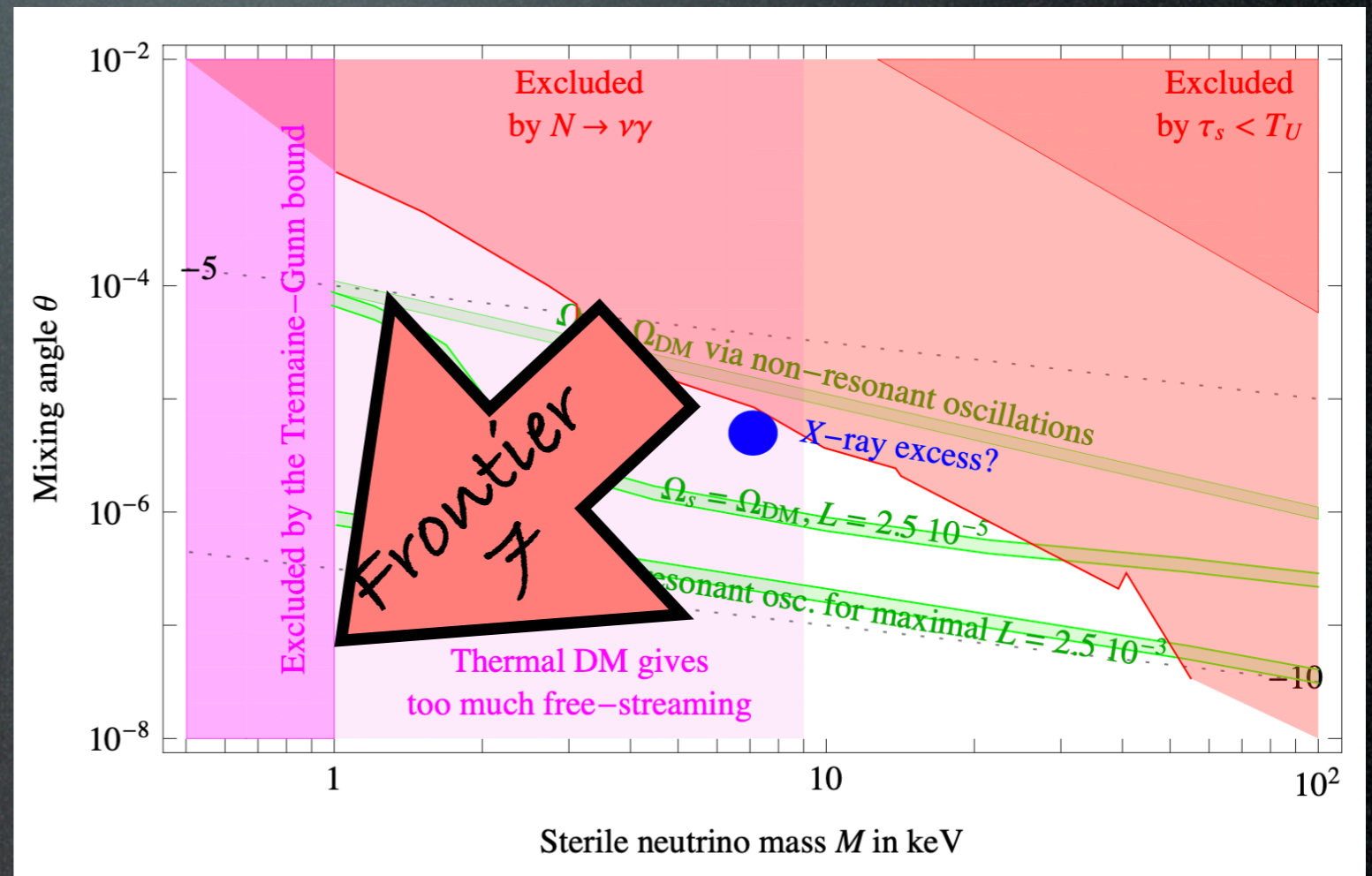
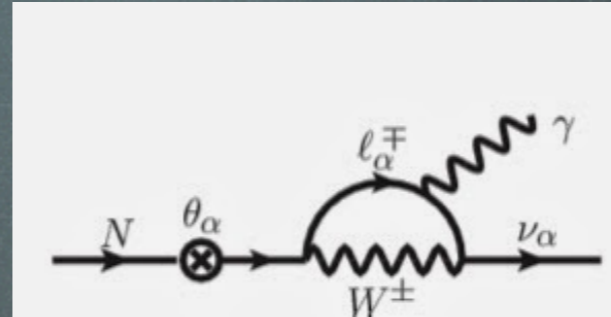
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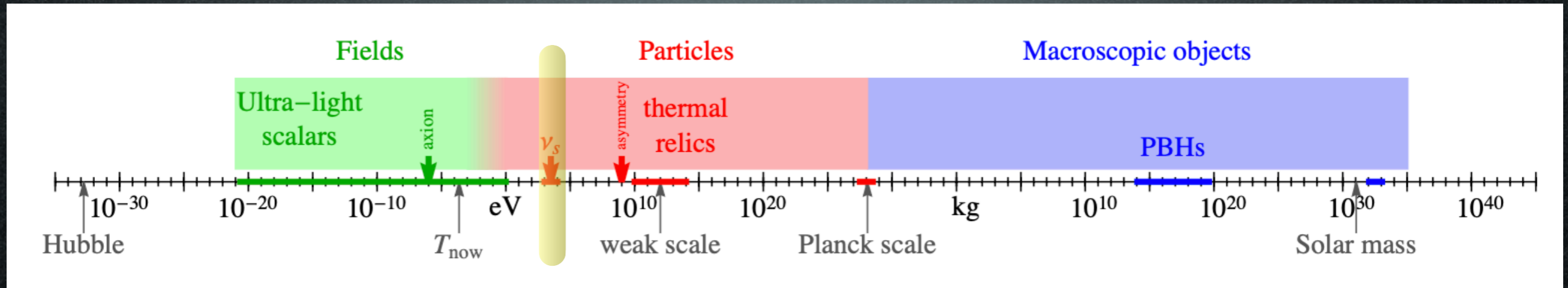
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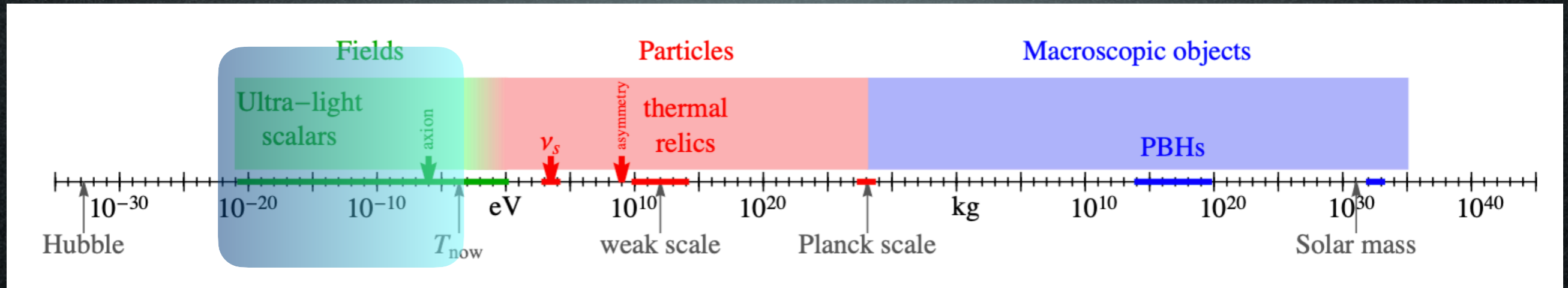
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Theoretically **motivated**:

one can add to the SM $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} - \theta \frac{g_3^2}{64\pi^2} G_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^a$

which induces $d_n \approx \theta e m_\pi^2 / m_N^2 \approx 10^{-16} \theta e \text{ cm}$

$$\left(\tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}^a \equiv \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} G_{\alpha\beta}^a \right)$$

but experimentally $|d_n| \lesssim 3 \cdot 10^{-26} e \text{ cm}$

so why is $|\theta| \lesssim 10^{-11}$?

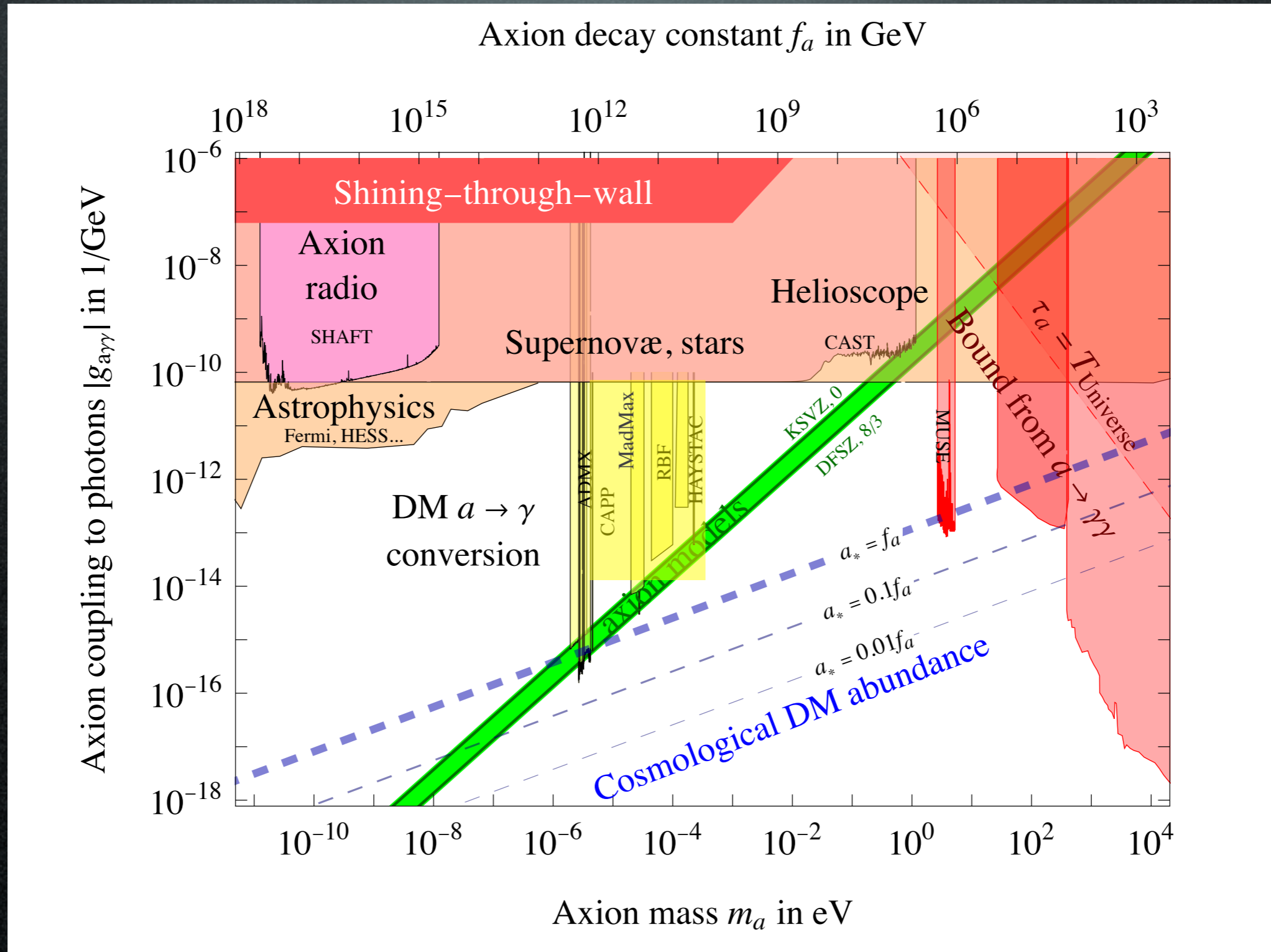
Perhaps because θ is dynamical (a field)

and driven to (almost) zero by its potential
(symmetrical under $U(1)_{\text{PQ}}$).

In this case $m_a \approx 0.6 \text{ meV} \frac{10^{10} \text{ GeV}}{f_a}$

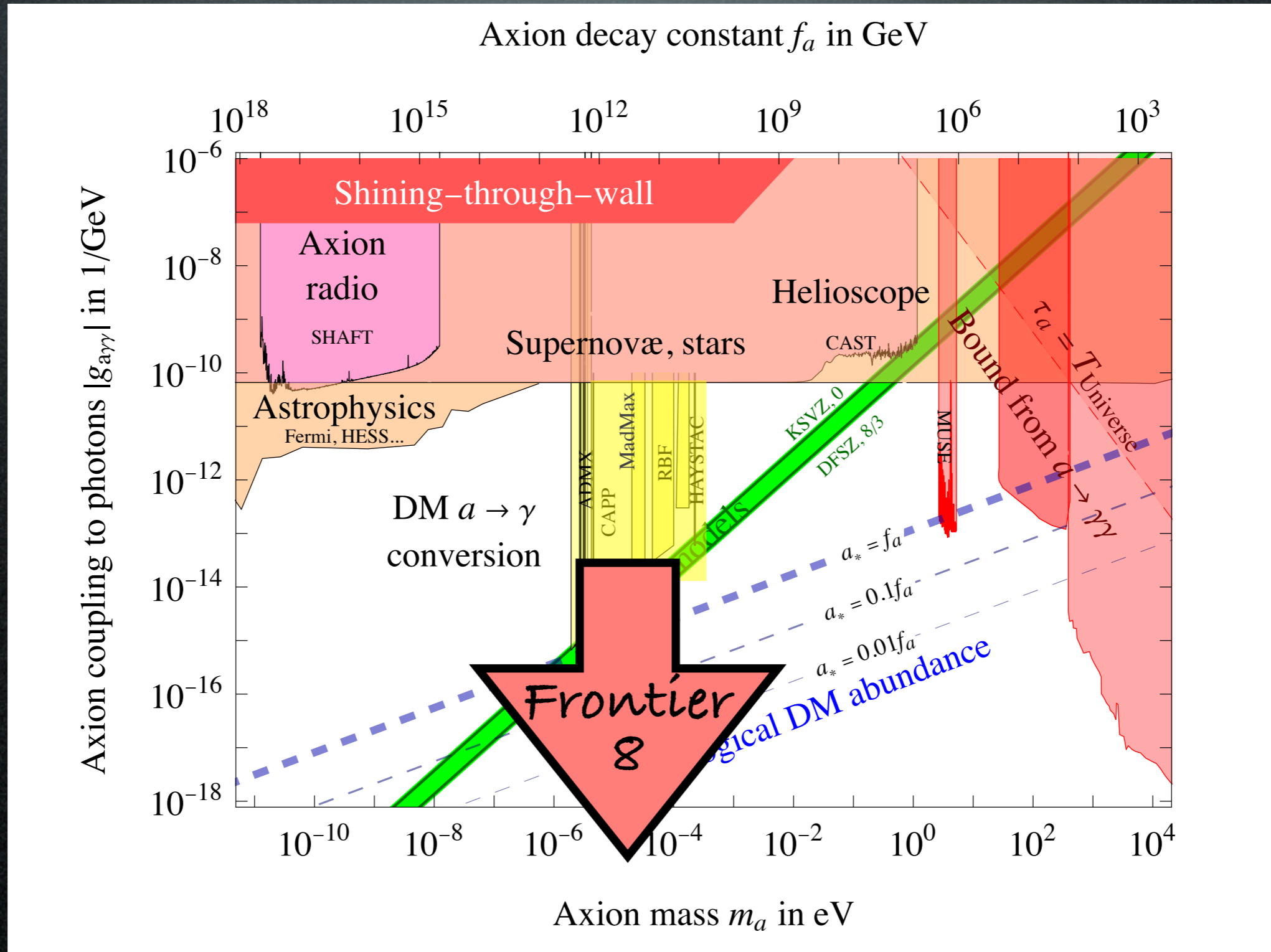
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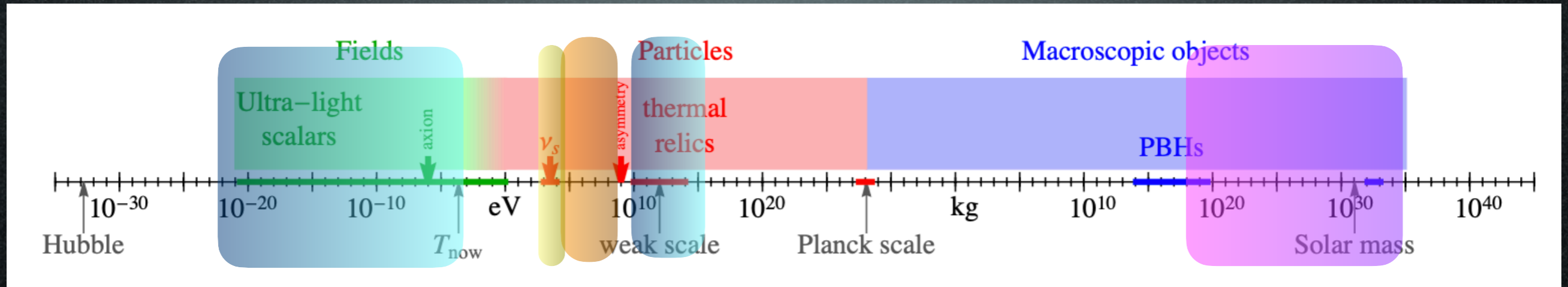
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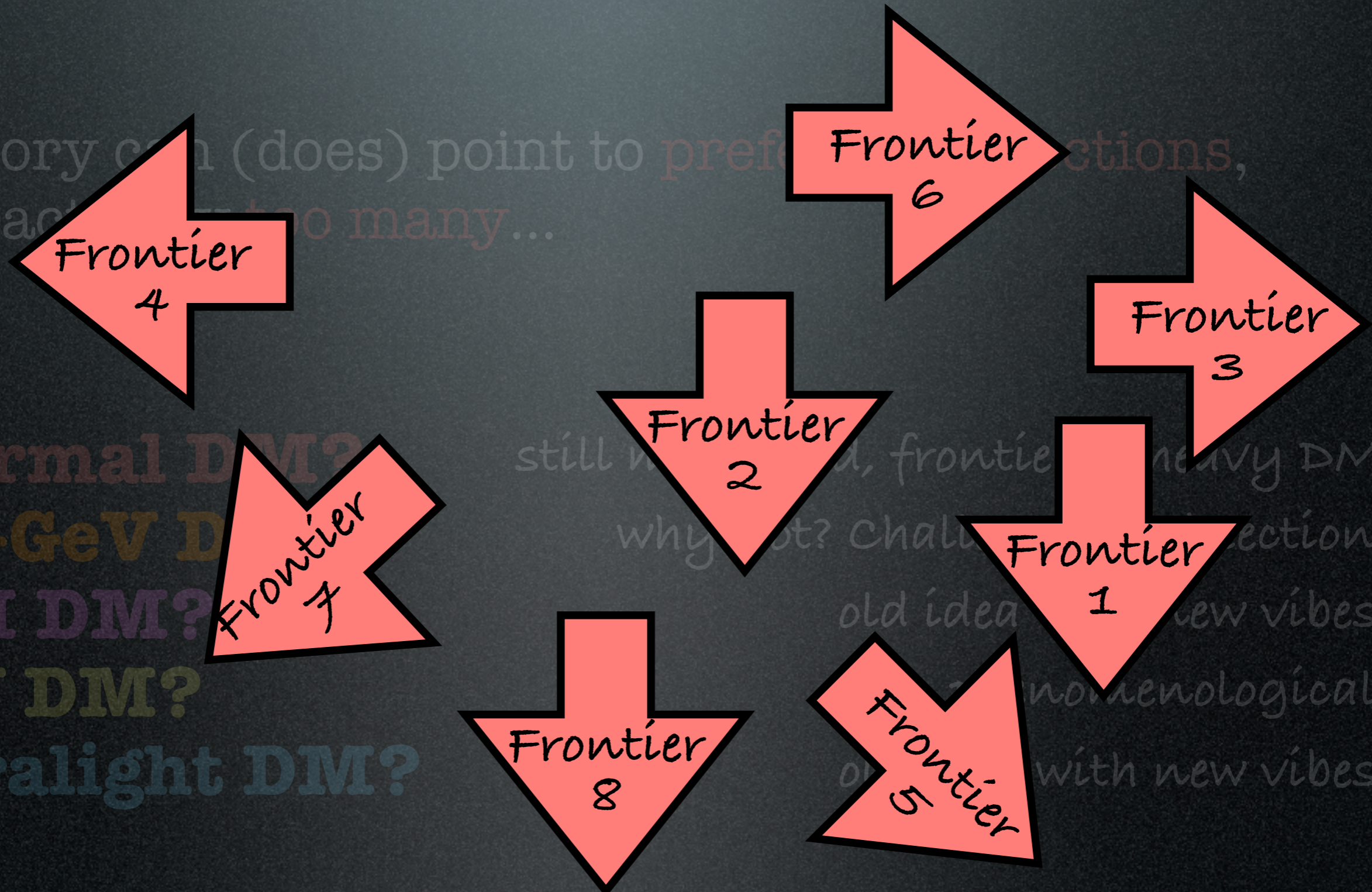
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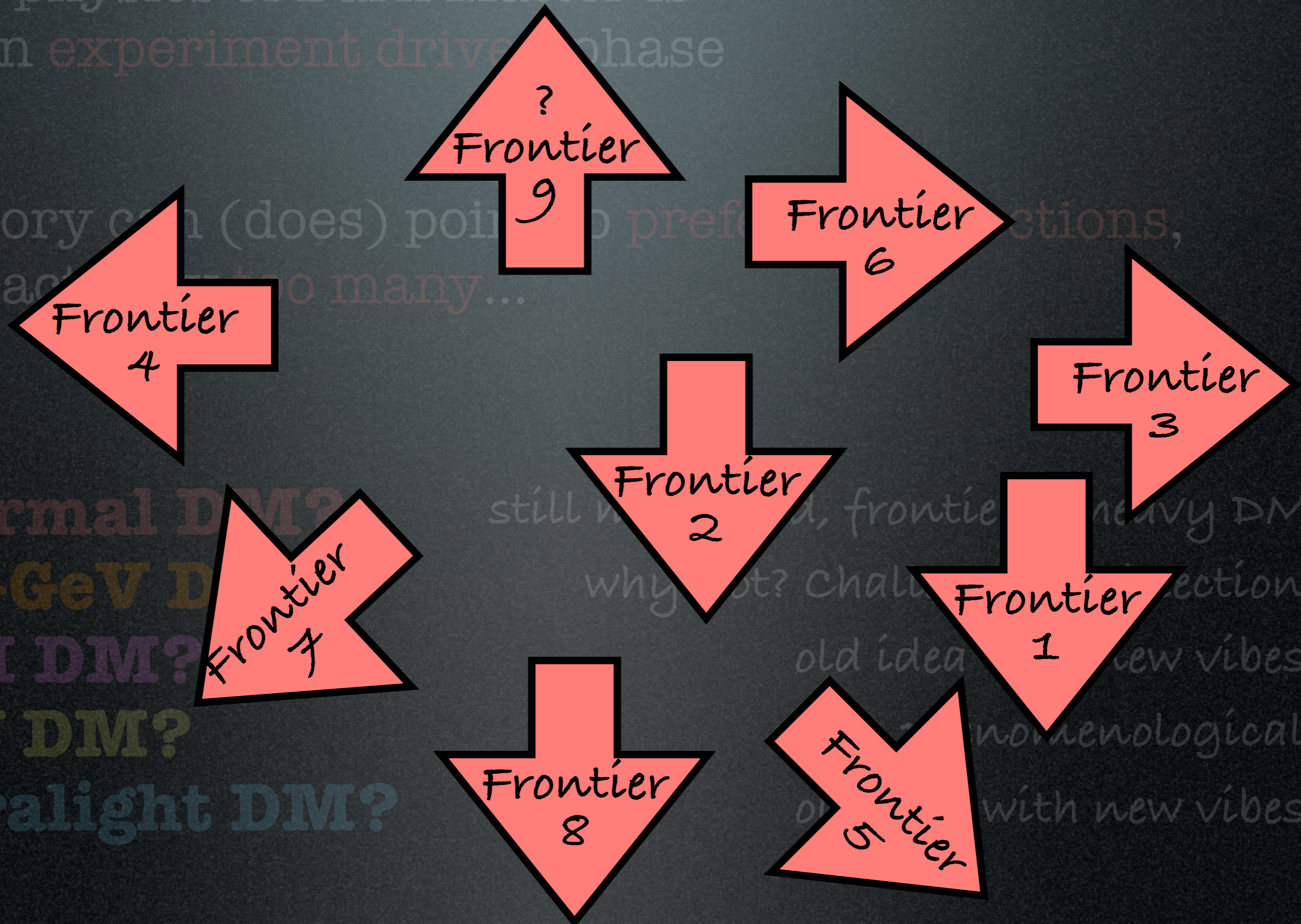
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