



# Fundamental physics with LHAASO

...on how to give  
a “nearly impossible”  
as a “urgently necessary”  
talk...

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# “Contemporary Mantra”:

We desperately need to go  
**beyond** the Standard Model or  
particle physics and Cosmology

## **For many reasons!**

Dark side of the Universe, Neutrino mass,  
electroweak stabilization,  
Early and Late Universe acceleration...and  
why we live in a so  
fine-tuned Universe...”Home is burning!”

**HOW (Do we solve it)?**

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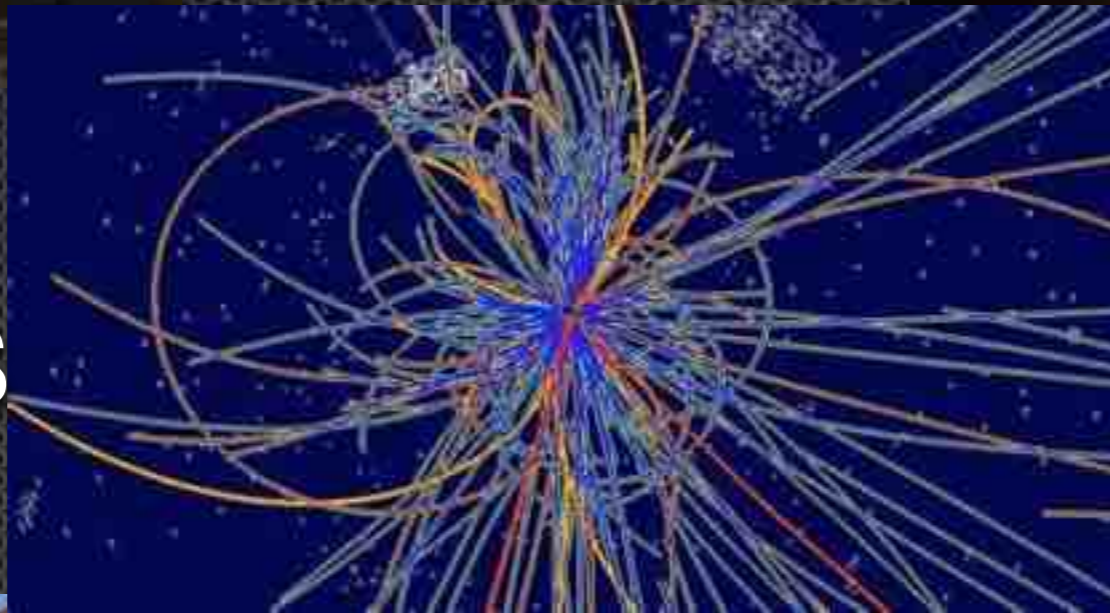
COST Action

An interesting duality

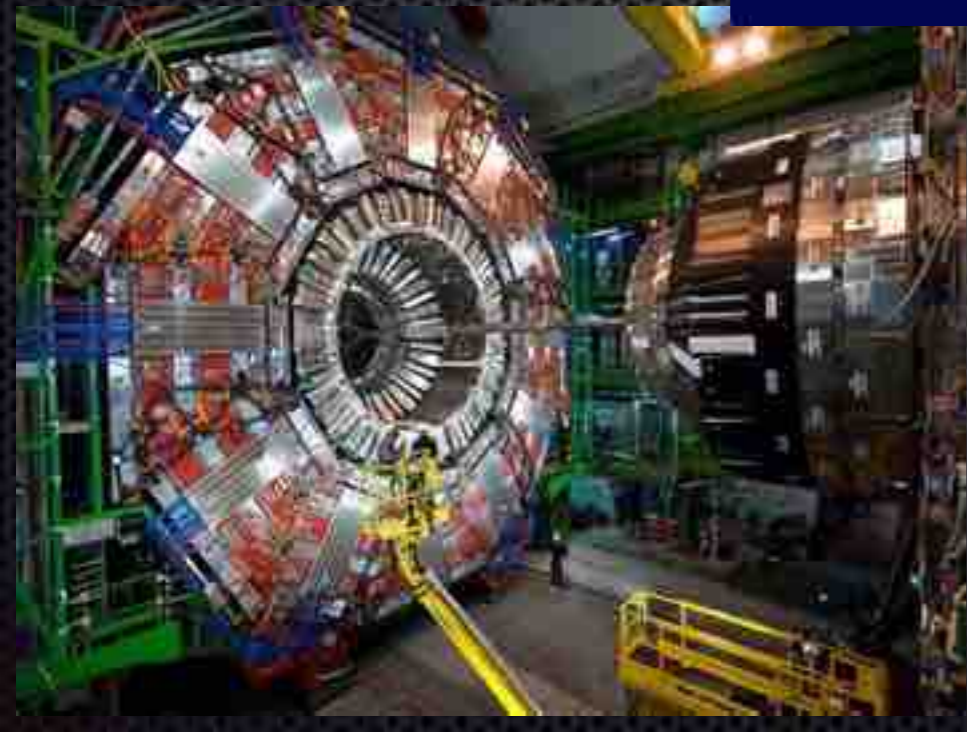
# Extreme High energy Physics



Colliders



CR



Time scales

Next colliders?  
in 40-50 years...

But next lower energy data, eventually, soon

**Astroparticle CR experiments?**

**Next Physics in  
Next 10/20 years**

Gravitational waves?

Powerful in the  
“Multi-messenger arena”

# Opportunities from CR



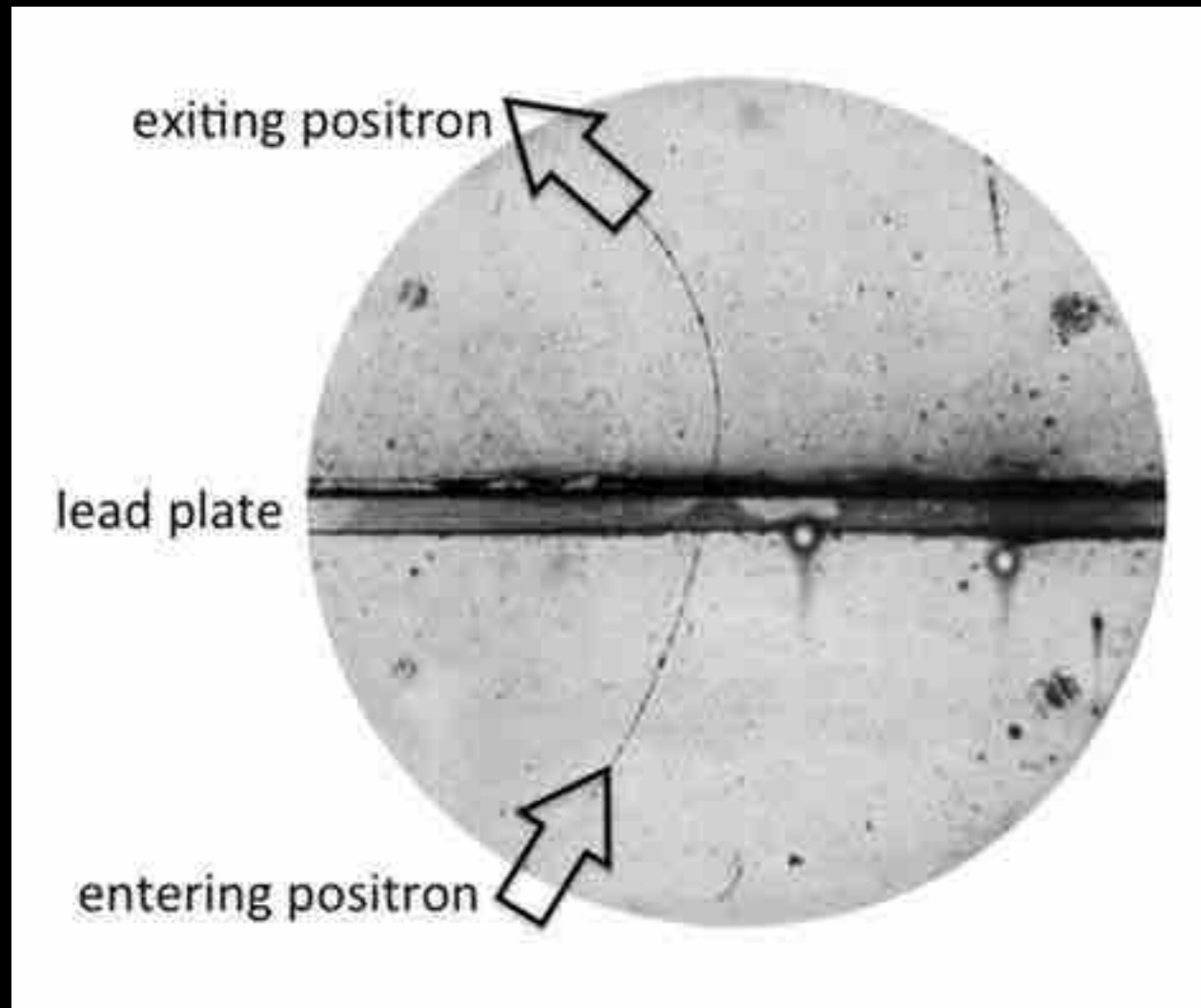


A “plethora” of new  
data is coming

We need to be ready  
*or* we miss potentially  
mastodontic opportunities

# Searching for new physics

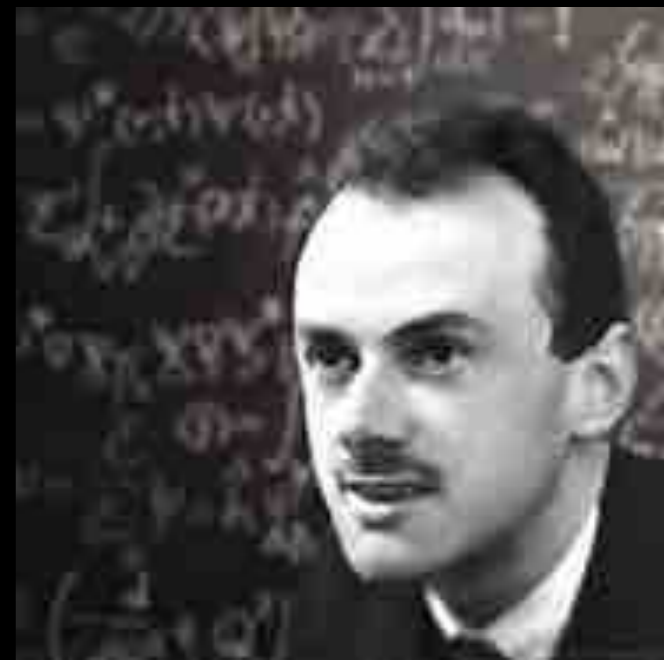
History: antimatter discovery  
in cosmic rays



Cloud Chambers, *Anderson 1932; Blackett & Occhialini*

# The “power” of theoretical predictions

$$(i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m)\psi = 0$$

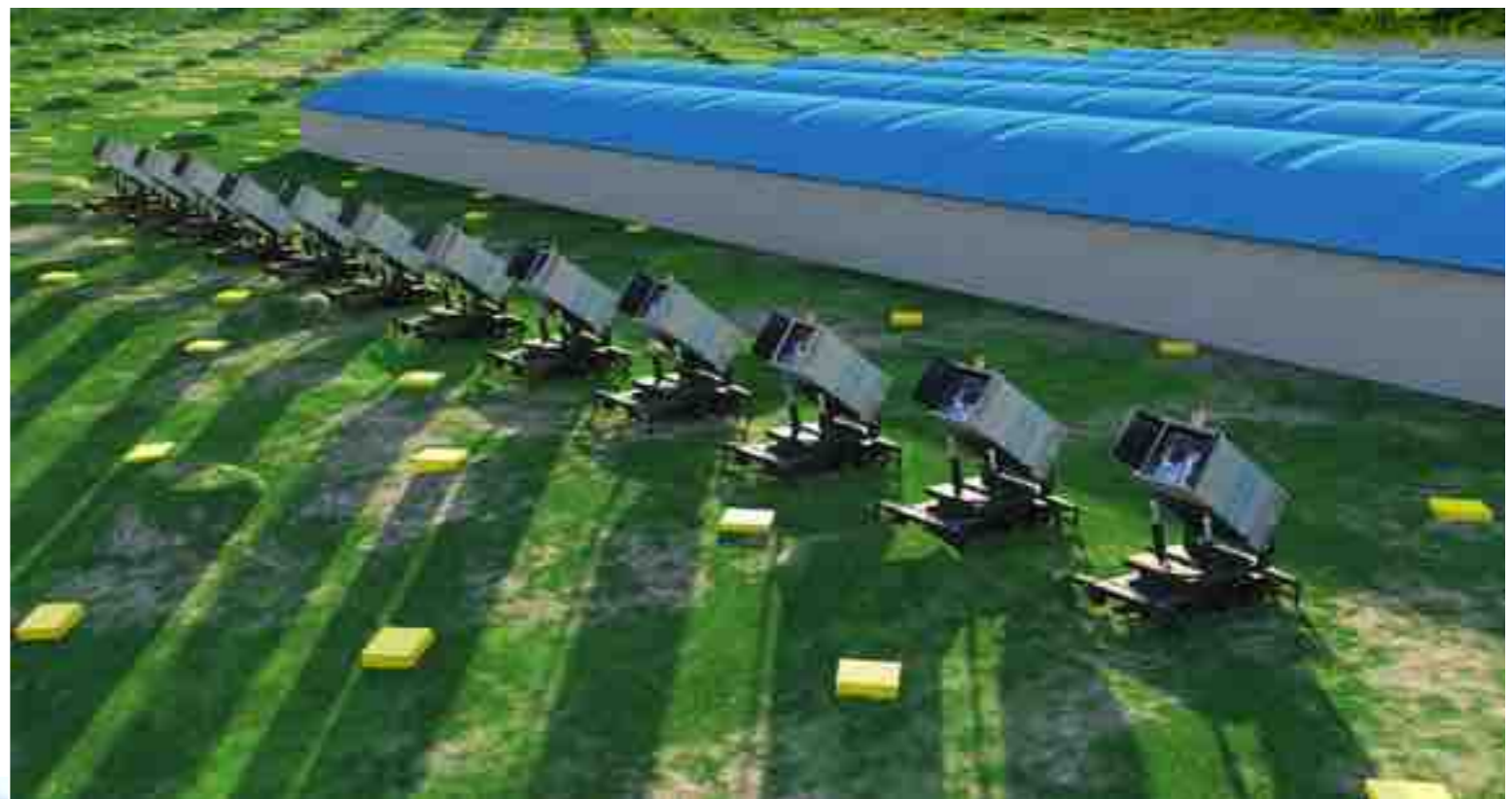


# Very High Energy Gamma rays beyond FERMI/LAT and MAGIC energies

Today: HAWC the High-Altitude  
Water Cherenkov Observatory

Coming: CTA  
Cherenkov Telescope Array

Coming soon: **LHAASO**  
The Large High Altitude Air  
Shower Observatory



### CATCHING RAYS

China's new **SHANSUO** will detect ultra-high energy cosmic particles and neutrinos

25,000 m

12 water-filled tanks in Chuanxinan Mountains

5,176 water-filled detectors

51,000 m<sup>3</sup> surface water Chuanxinan dam

1.172 underground water Chuanxinan tanks

2,500 m

**LHAASO**  
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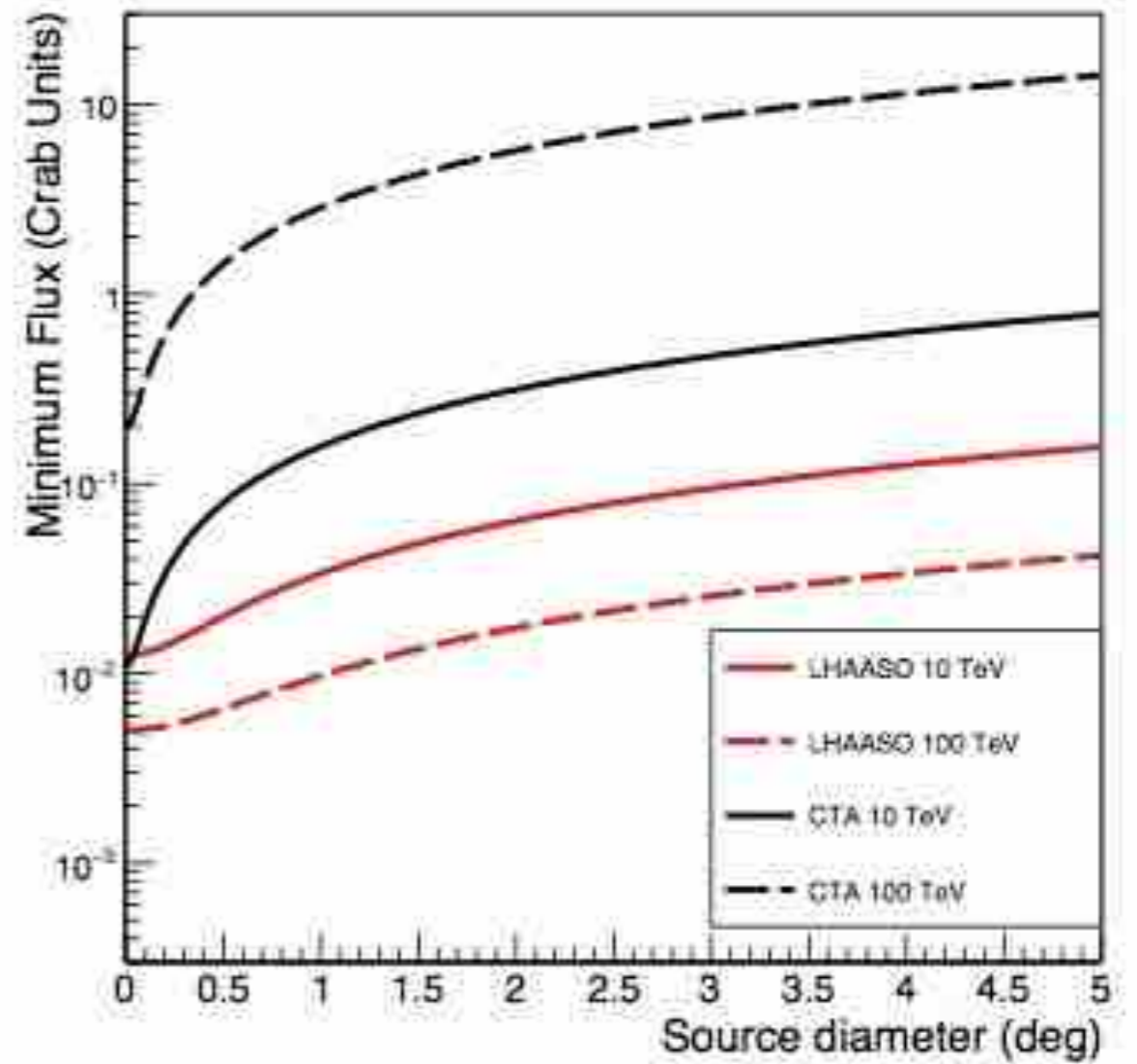
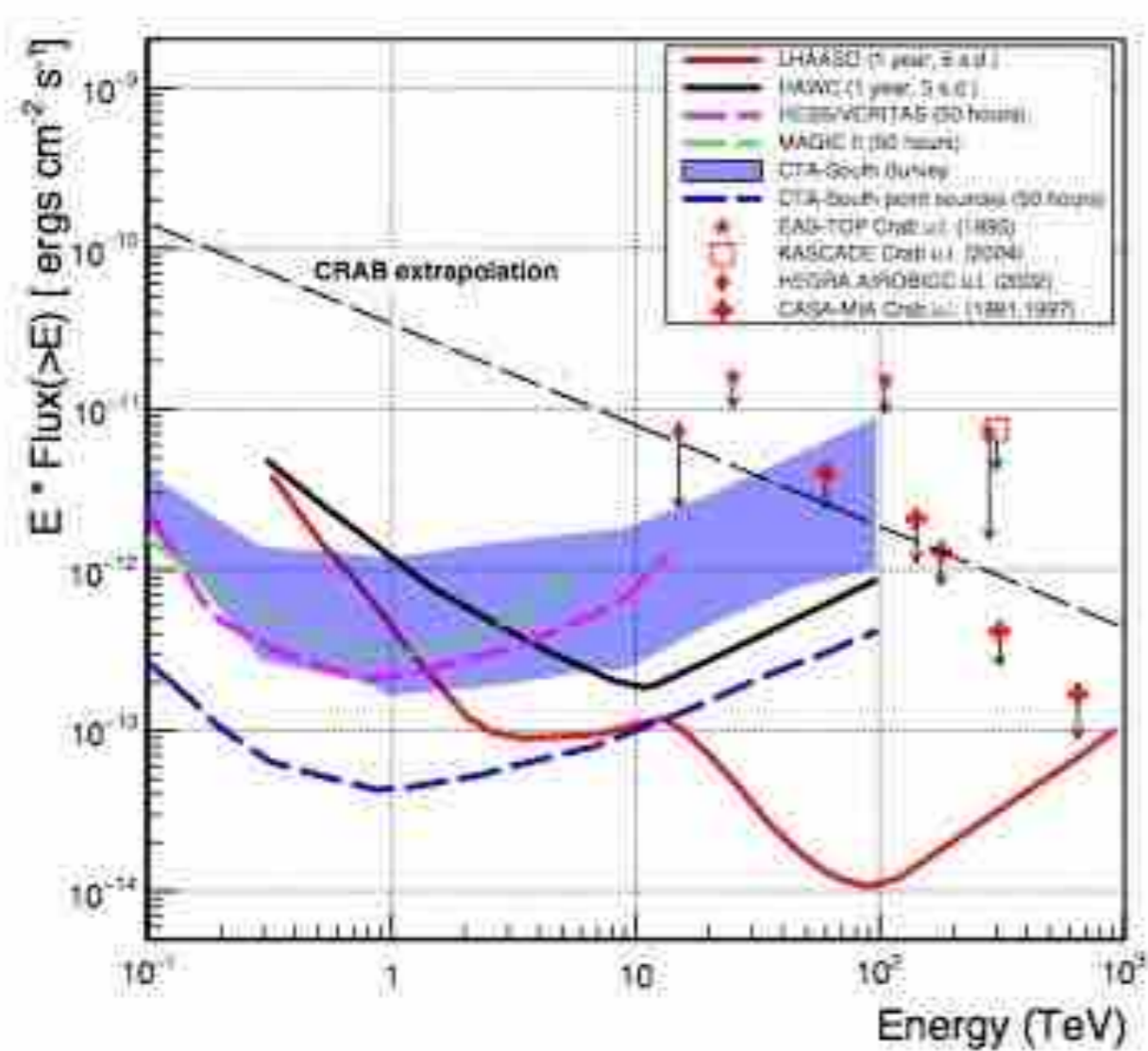
# LHAASO

11-17th digits (eV) of charged  
particle spectrum (mainly hadrons)

50GeV-PeV for gamma rays

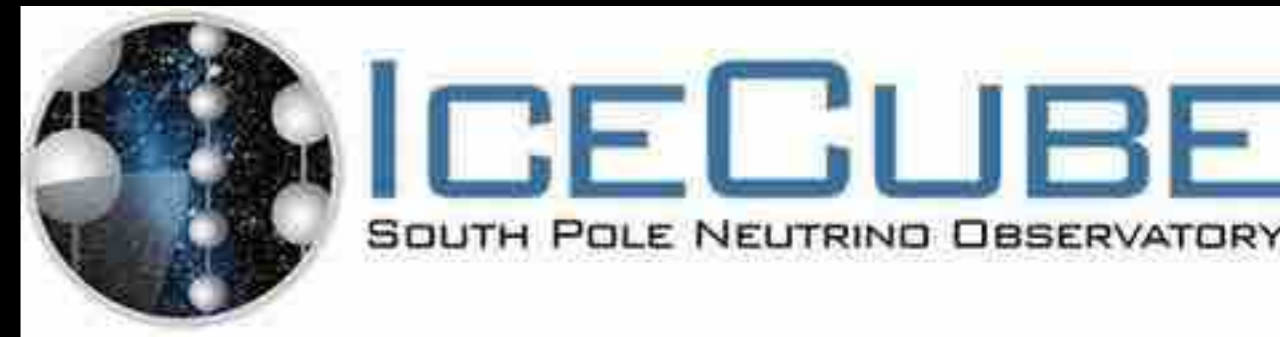
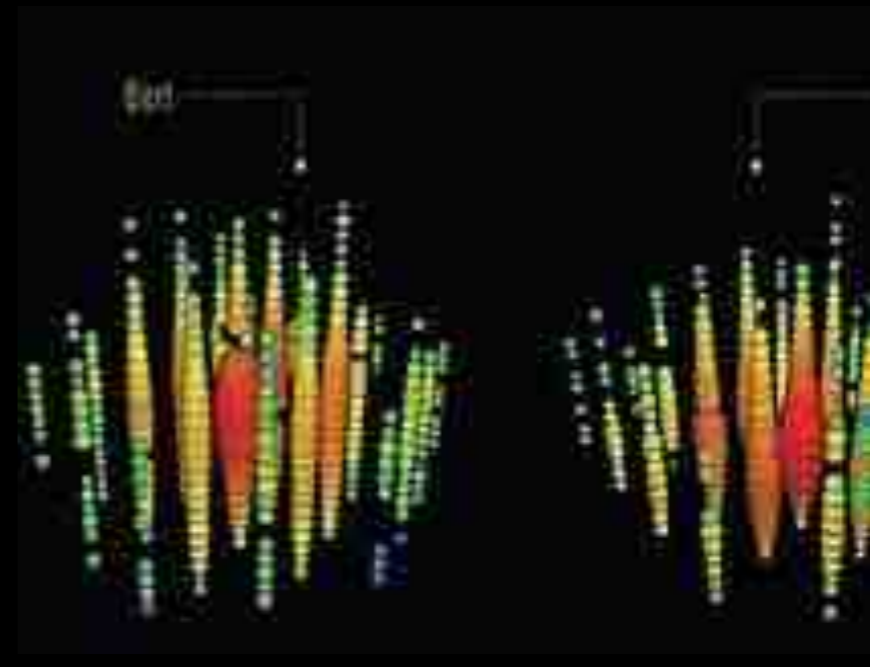
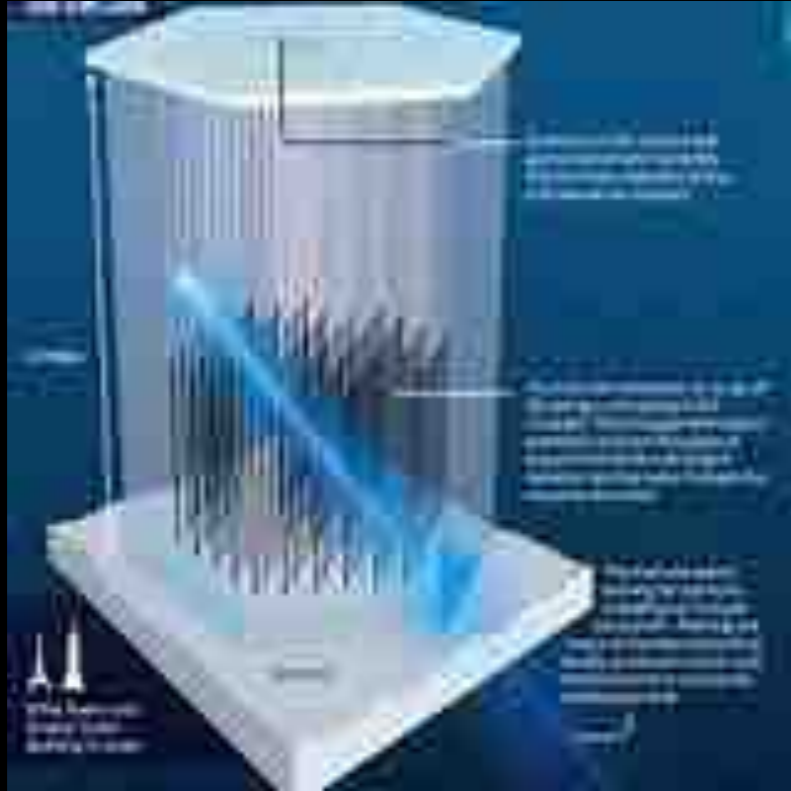
A powerful double channel

# Gamma ray sensitivity



*arXiv.1602.07600*

# An interesting overlap with Very High Energy Neutrinos





Multi-messenger very high  
energy astroparticle physics!

Just in next future!

Very exciting

Where NP in CR?

New Sources?

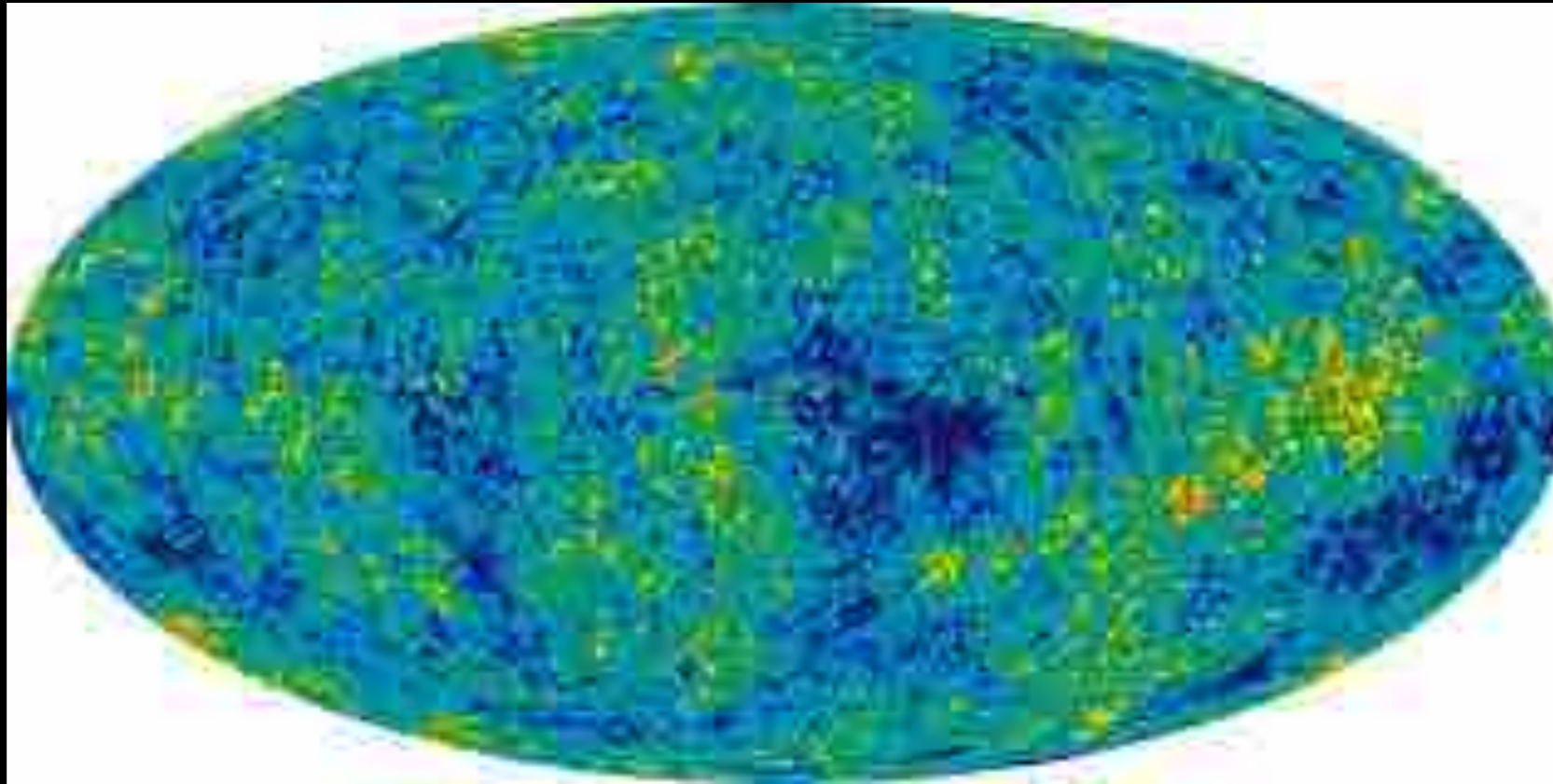
Propagation?

New Particle species?

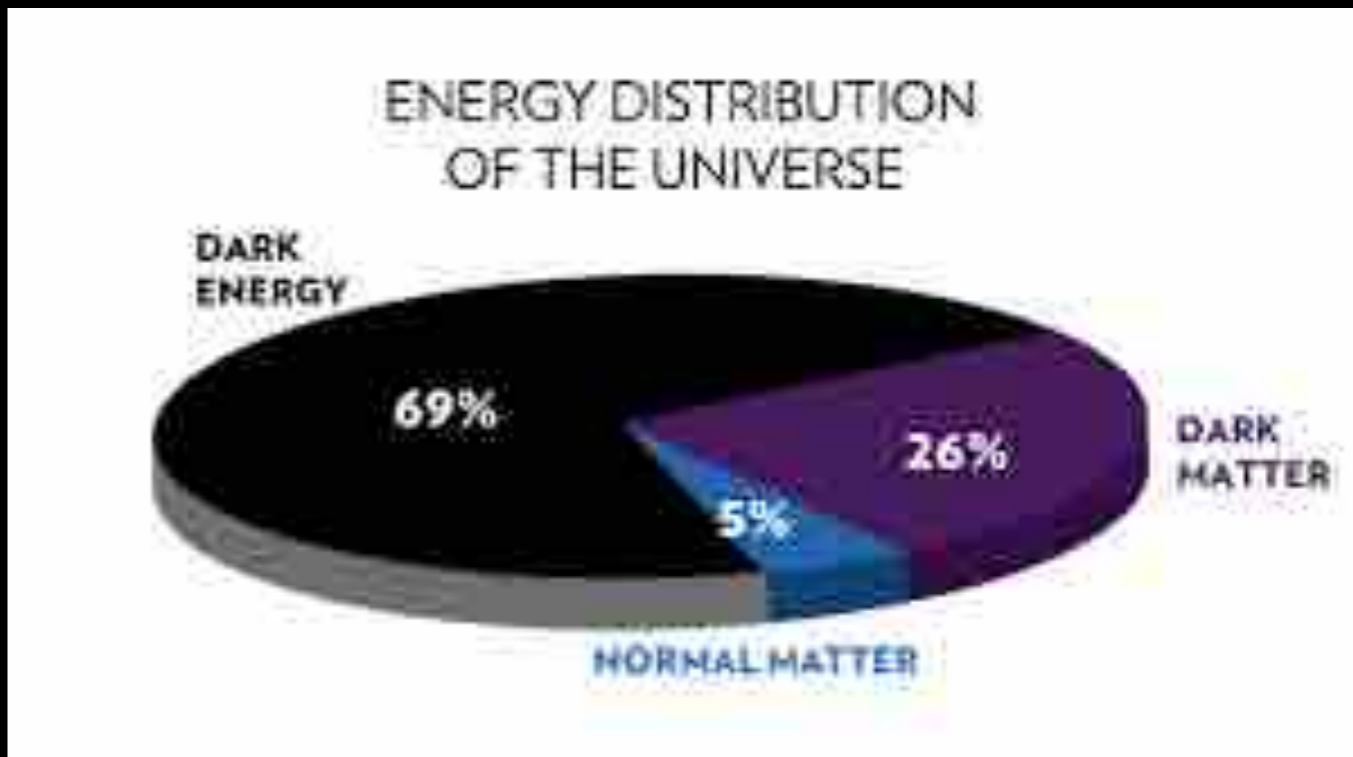
# **Dark Matter candidates beyond traditional WIMPs**

# Evidences of Cold Dark Matter

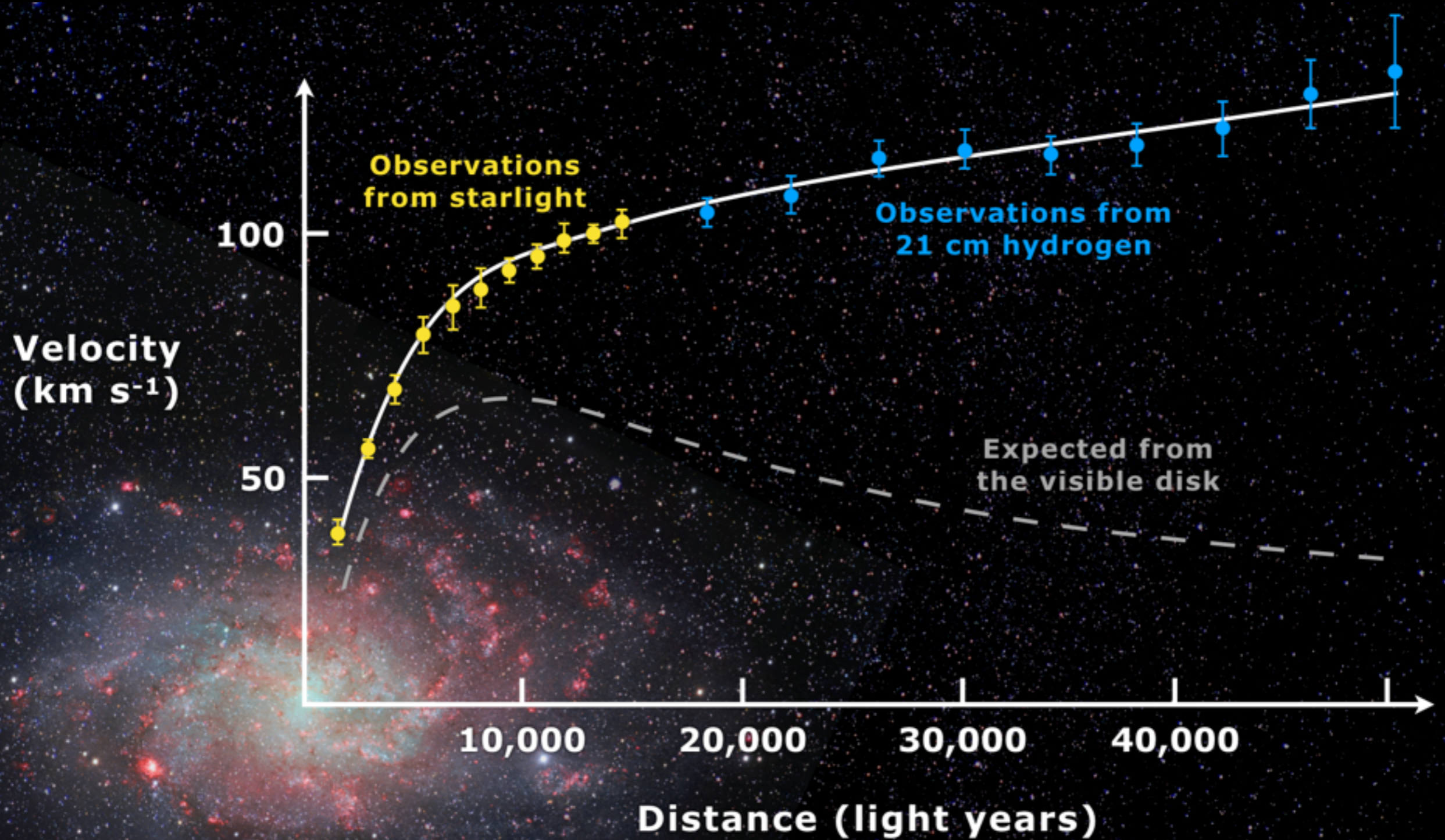
# Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB)



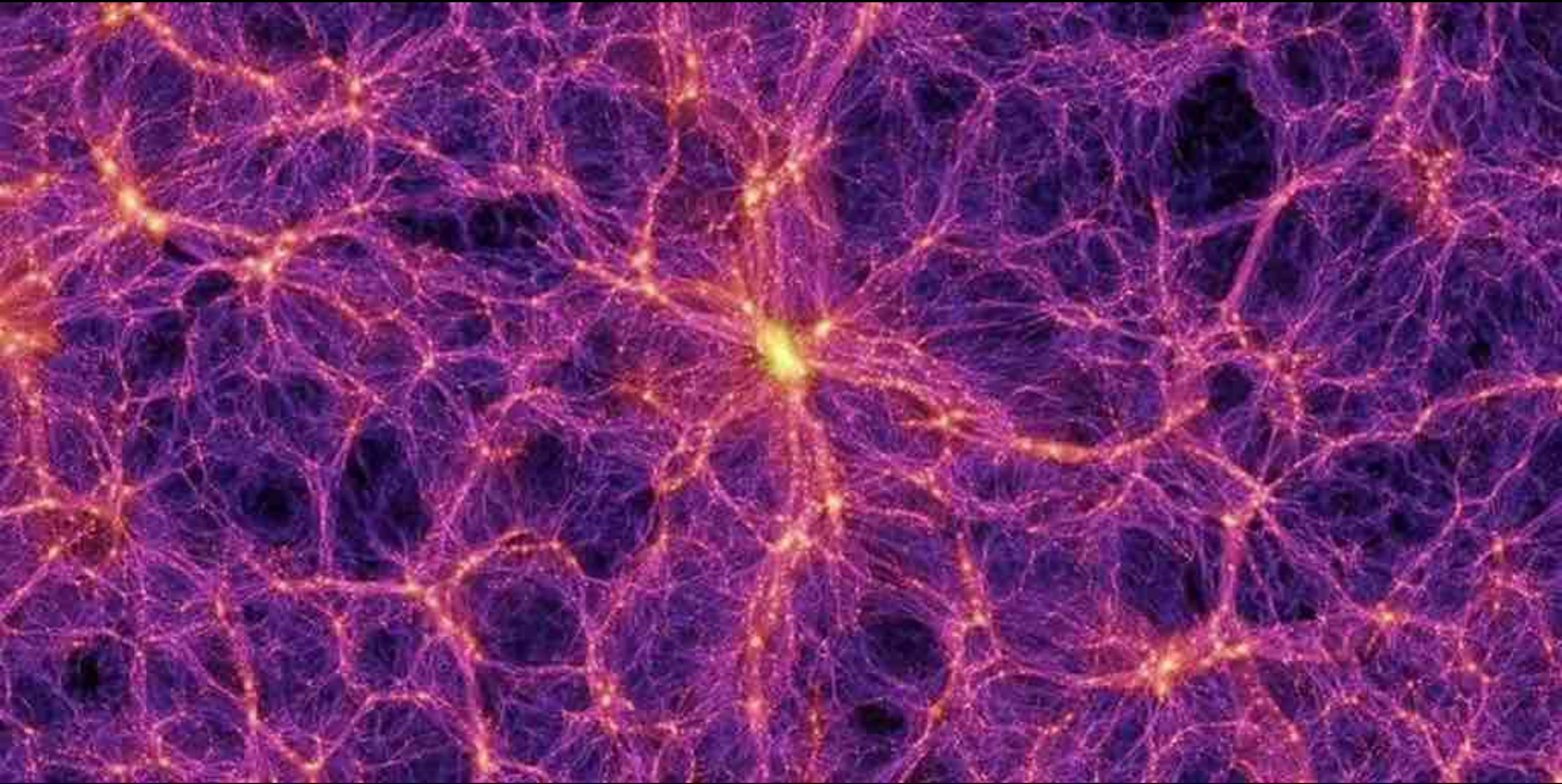
Planck collaboration



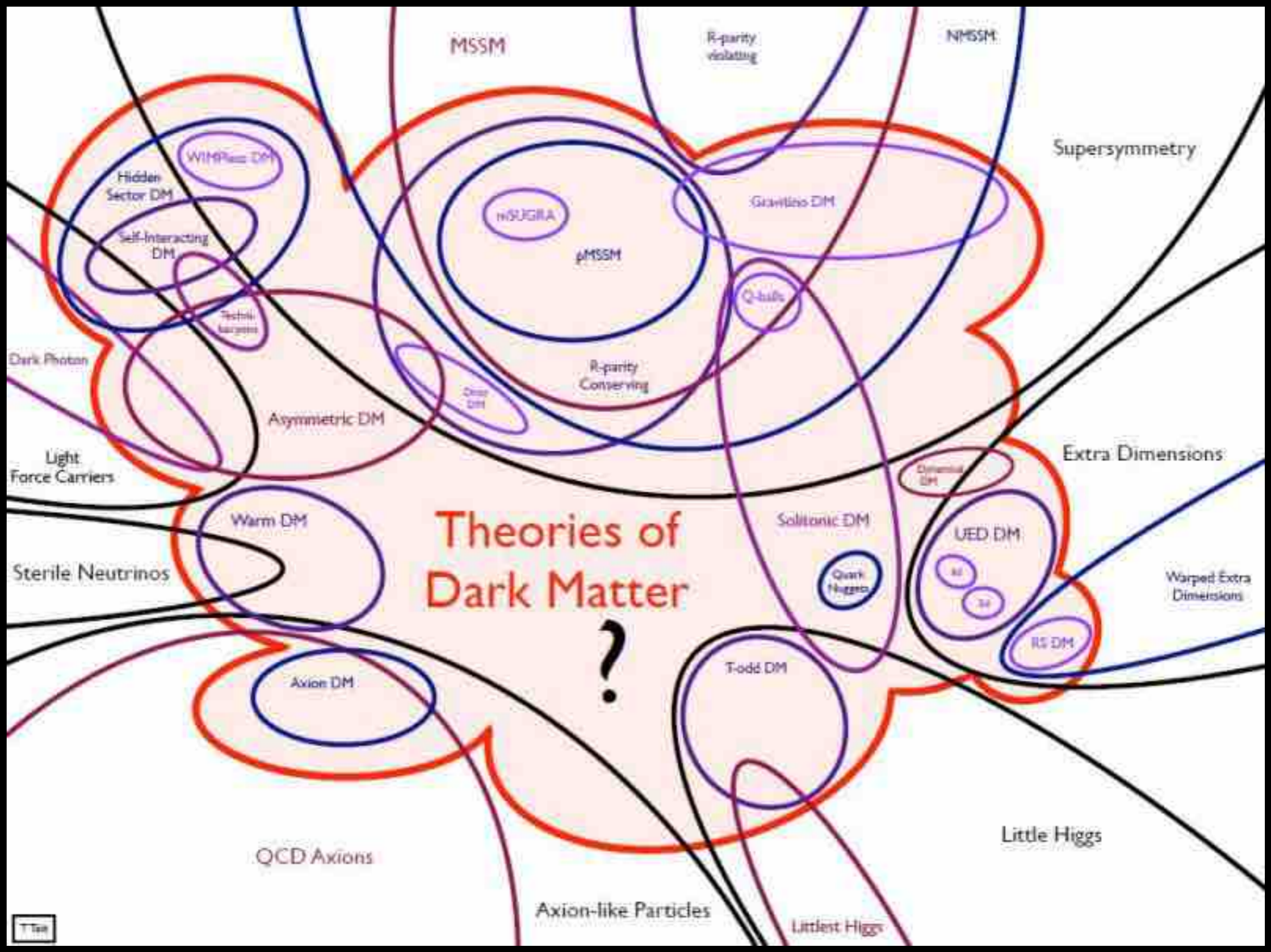
# Galactic rotational curves



# Structure formation and Cosmic Web: Dark Matter cannot be too “hot”



# Theories of Dark Matter



MSSM

R-parity violating

NMSSM

Supersymmetry

WIMPlike DM

Hidden Sector DM

Self-Interacting DM

Dark Photon

Light Force Carriers

Sterile Neutrinos

Warm DM

Axion DM

QCD Axions

Axion-like Particles

mSUGRA

pMSSM

R-parity Conserving

Asymmetric DM

Dark DM

Gravitino DM

Q-balls

Solitonic DM

Quark Nuggets

Todd DM

Littlest Higgs

Dynamical DM

UED DM

RS

RS

RS DM

Extra Dimensions

Warped Extra Dimensions

Little Higgs



And btw this is a very incomplete list of  
particle DM candidates...

And sorry if I write down all the references

...

no way in a 25 mins talk...

Trying to figure out how, when,  
where “to fish” these DM guys!



*...Btw in Ocean pits, still 90% of species  
may be unknown...  
Interesting analogy with DM/DE*

Indeed any DM candidates have  
different interaction portals with ordinary SM  
particles as well as different mass spectra

If we try to “fish” them with  
“the wrong techniques”  
we will fail.

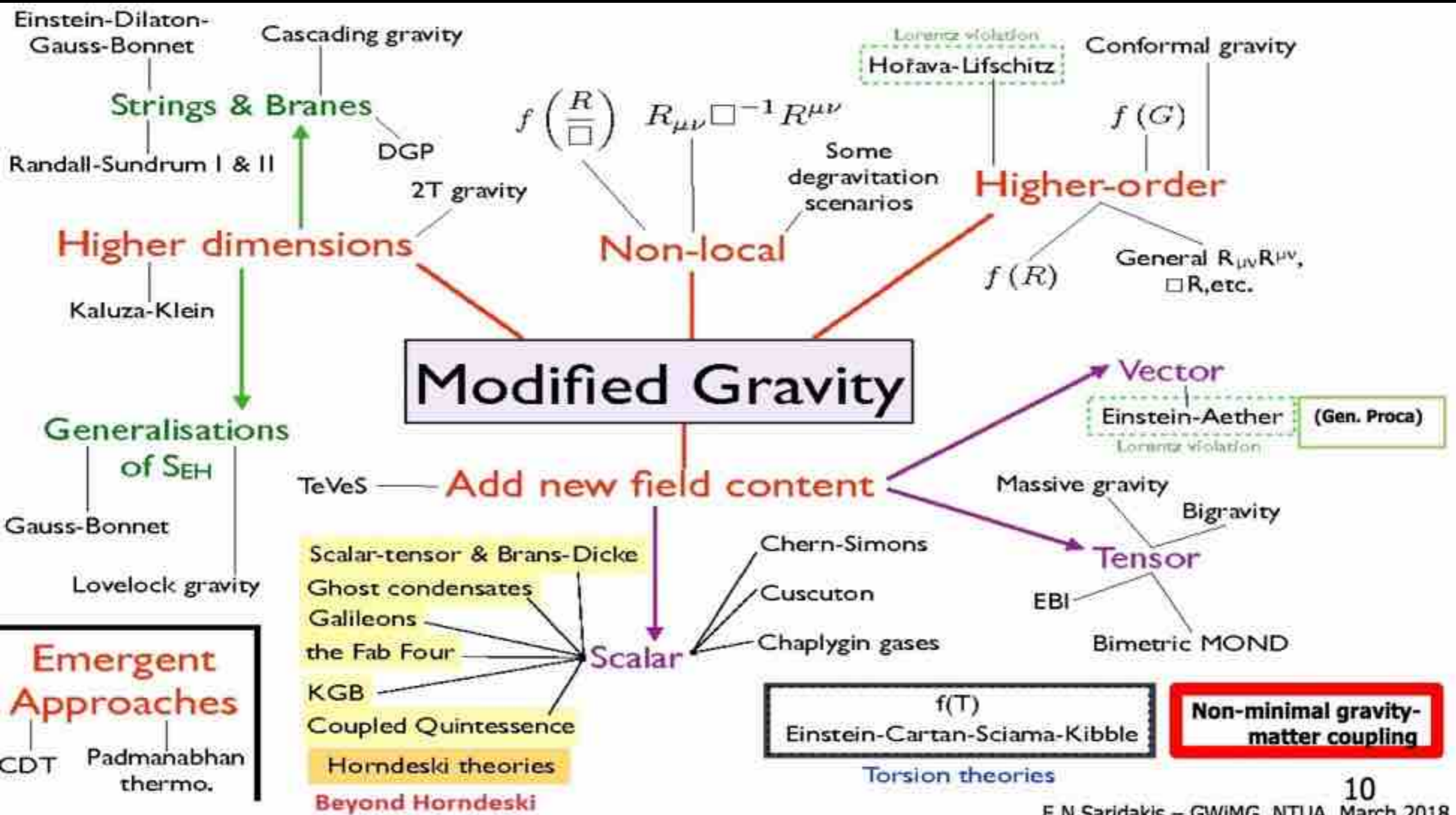
So far, we failed  
(but we don't have time to cry...)



Chinese fisherman fishing with a cormorant

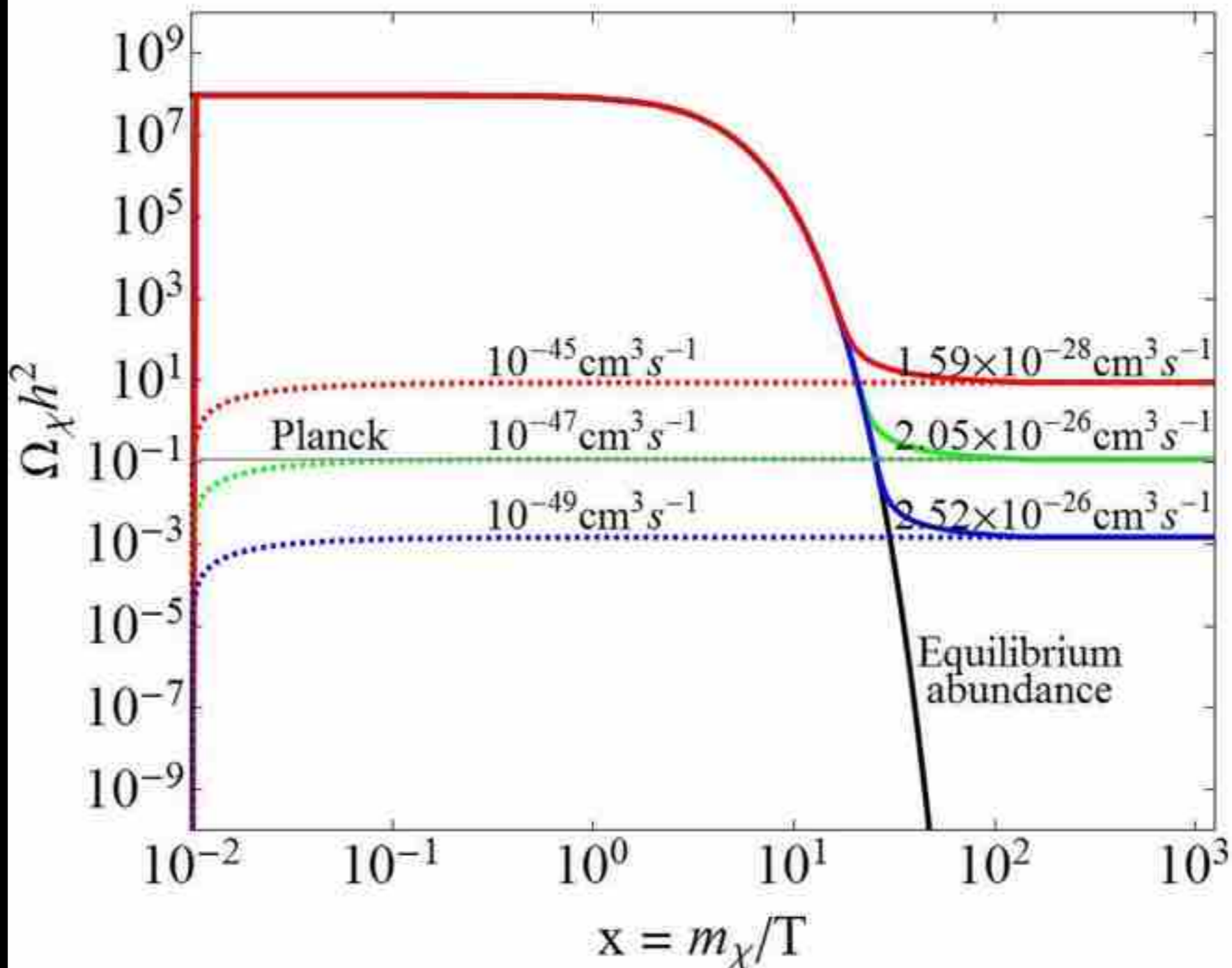
# Modified gravity?

Not excluded yet but less easy...



The “old boy”:  
 Thermally produce WIMPs  
 Freeze out  
 WIMP miracle

$$\Omega h^2 \simeq \frac{0.3 \times 10^{26} \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}}{\langle \sigma_{\text{eff}} v \rangle}.$$



$$\dot{n} + 3Hn = -\langle\sigma_{\text{eff}}v\rangle (n^2 - n_{\text{eq}}^2), \quad \text{where } \langle\sigma_{\text{eff}}v\rangle = \sum_{i\chi\rightarrow\gamma} \langle\sigma_{i\chi}v_{i\chi}\rangle \frac{n_i^{\text{eq}} n_\chi^{\text{eq}}}{n^{\text{eq}} n^{\text{eq}}}.$$

$$x = m/T$$

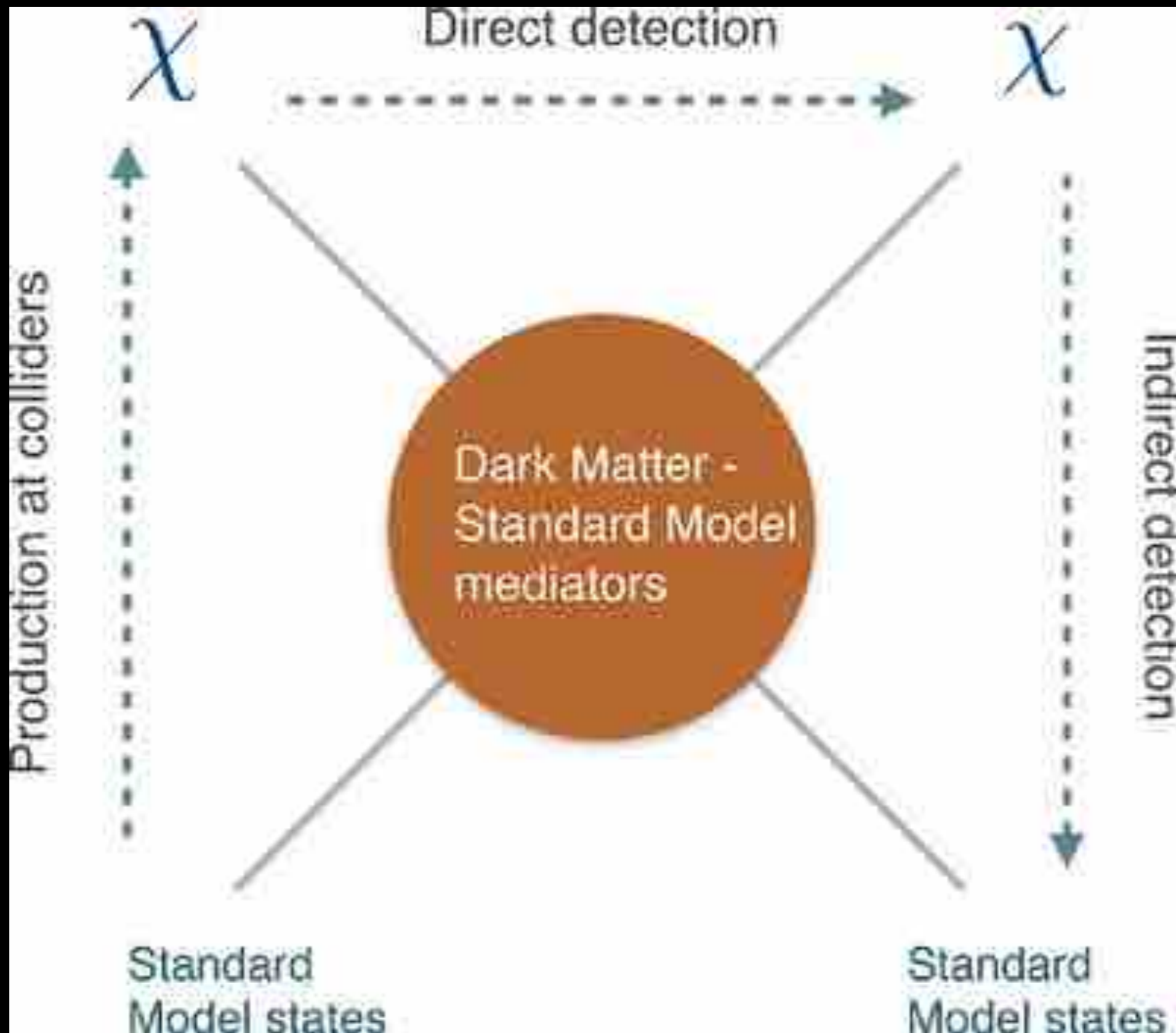
$$Y \equiv n/s$$

$$\frac{dY}{dx} = -\frac{x\langle\sigma_{\text{eff}}v\rangle s}{H(m)} (Y^2 - Y_{\text{eq}}^2), \quad \text{with } H(m) = \sqrt{\frac{4\pi^3 g_*}{45}} \frac{m^2}{m_{\text{pl}}}.$$

$$Y_{\text{eq}}(x) = \frac{45}{2\pi^4} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{8}} \frac{g}{g_{*s}} x^{\frac{3}{2}} e^{-x} \quad \text{for } x \gg 3,$$

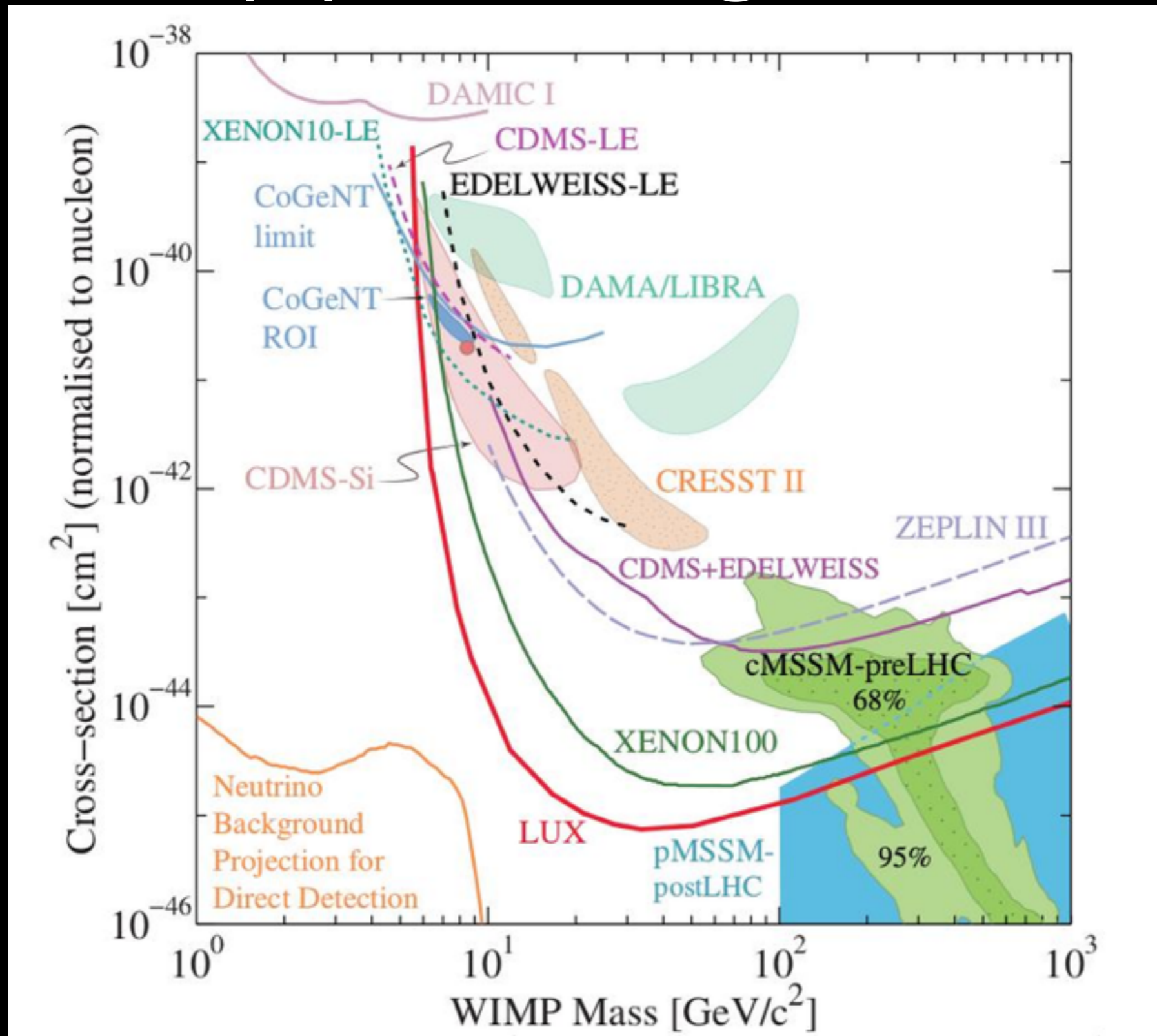
$$Y_{\text{eq}}(x) = \frac{45}{2\pi^4} k_1 \zeta(3) \frac{g}{g_{*s}} \quad \text{for } x \ll 3.$$

# The WIMP Miracle is predictive





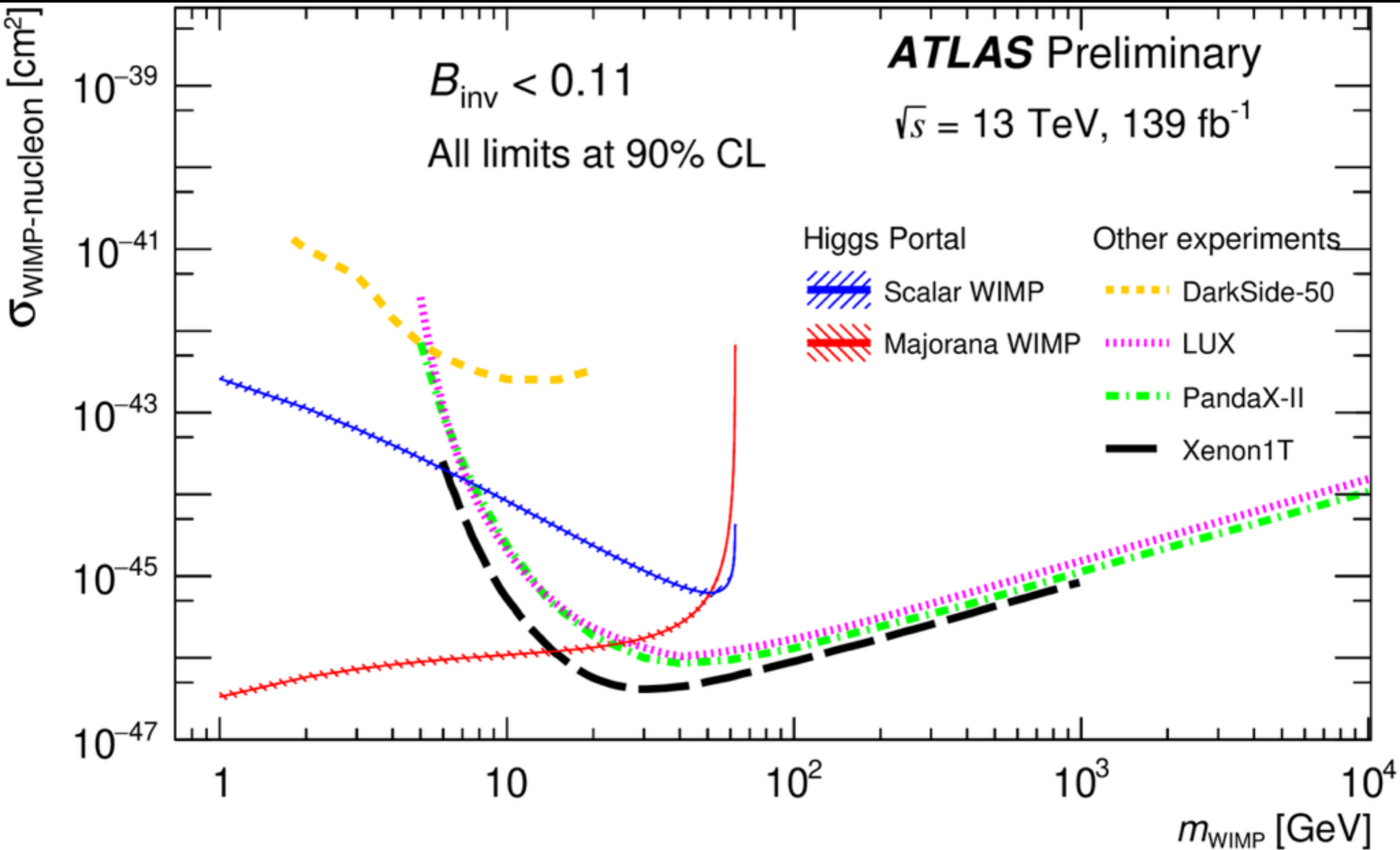
# 10-100 GeV WIMPs: a disappointing situation



With a remark:  
too strong assumptions on the DAMA  
quenching factors!!!  
It can displace the DAMA region with several  
orders!!!

*See R. Bernabei et al,  
DAMA collaboration papers*

# LHC Vs Direct Detection



The electroweak WIMP miracle seems to be ruled out!



Many people was convinced

MSSM (SUSY) there,

The TeV-scale (LHC frontier)!

DM as Neutralinos

Higgs hierarchy problem solved

GUT matching was perfect

**Damn!**

**It wasn't there**

# Next steps

Changing DM candidate

Changing Symmetry  
principles and motivations

Changing DM genesis

Changing DM interactions

# Possible DM genesis mechanisms

**Thermal production:** still allowed for around 100 TeV but it is saturating the perturbative unitarity bound; more sophisticated numerical simulations .

If true we'd see annihilation signals in next experiments

**non-thermal production:** DM is produced after the reheating from processes out of the thermal equilibrium such as inflaton decay, Schwinger effect during inflation, first order phase transitions, topological defect decays...

Both the DM genesis categories allow for heavy DM, beyond the TeV frontier



## **Heavy DM candidates.**

DM may be heavier than thought before, beyond the TeV scale...

No any direct probes from TeV-colliders.

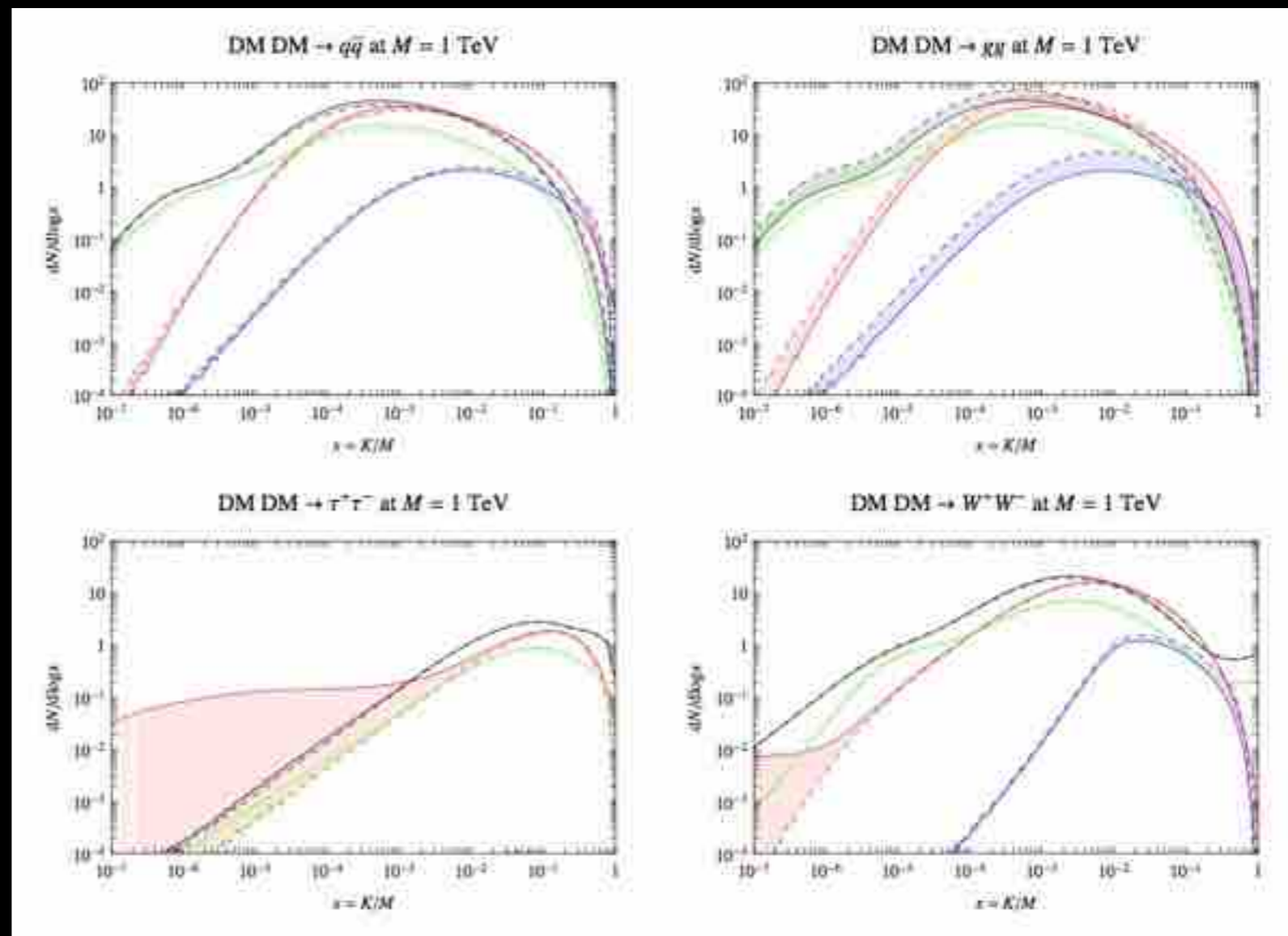
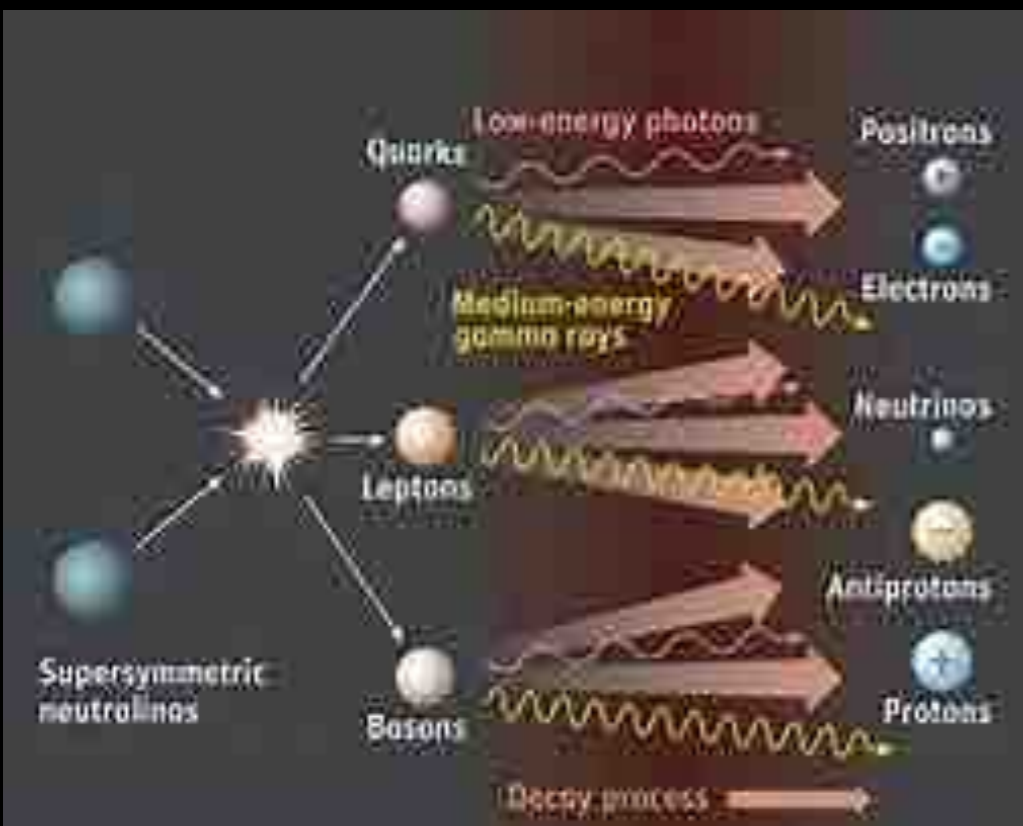
Low hit probability in Direct Detection.  
Annihilation and decays into Very High energy Cosmic Rays

10 TeV - 100 PeV range?

Annihilation  
or  
Decay

# Heavy Dark Matter

## Annihilation and decays



Photons (red),  $e^\pm$  (green),  $\bar{p}$  (blue),  $\nu = \nu_e + \nu_\mu + \nu_\tau$  (black)

**An old standing idea:  
Indirect searches for heavy neutral particle annihilation**

# **Astrophysical bounds on the mass of heavy stable neutral leptons**

Ya. B. Zel'dovich, A. A. Klypin, M. Yu. Khlopov, and V. M. Chechetkin

*Institute of Applied Mathematics, USSR Academy of Sciences*

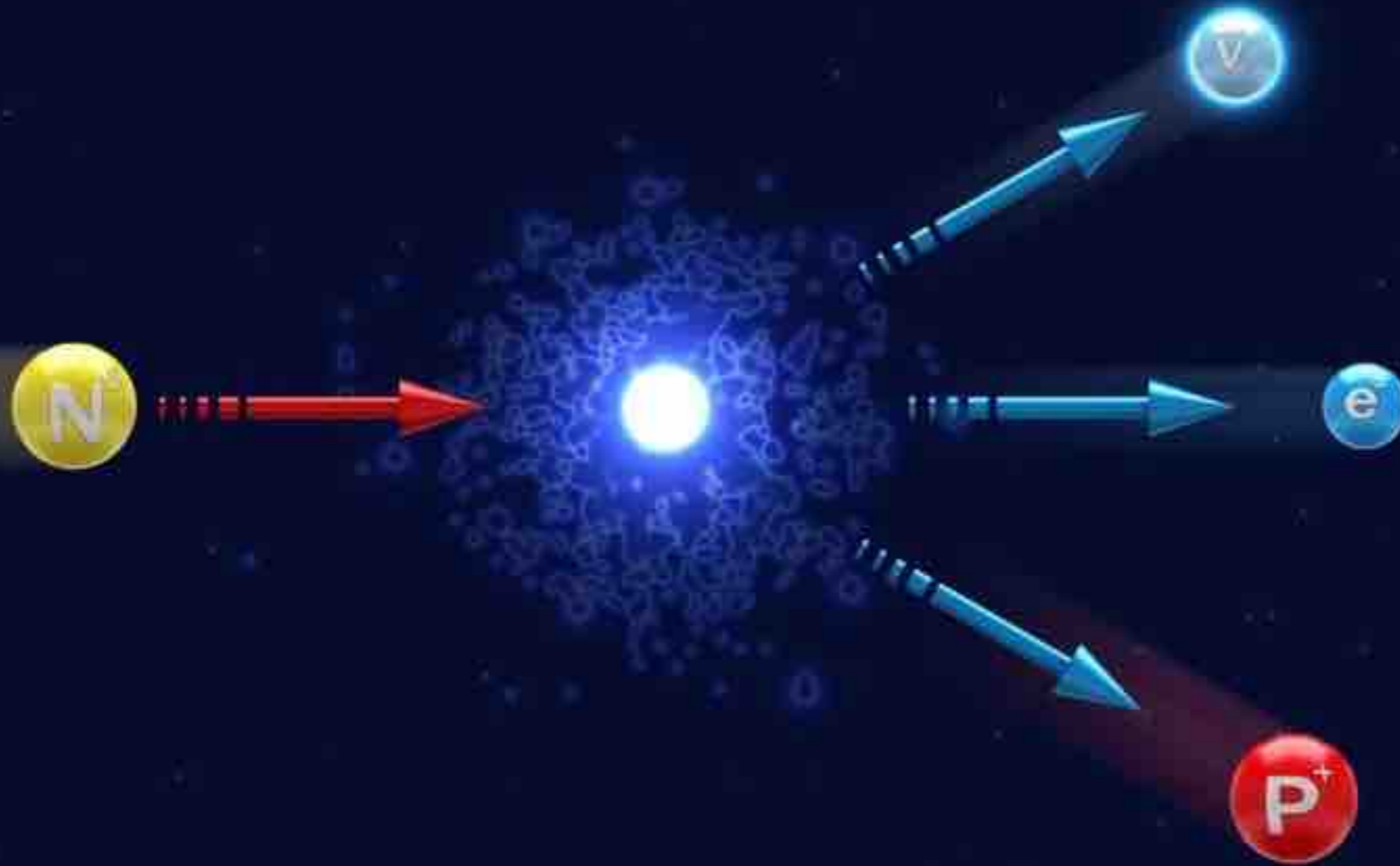
(Submitted 29 November 1979)

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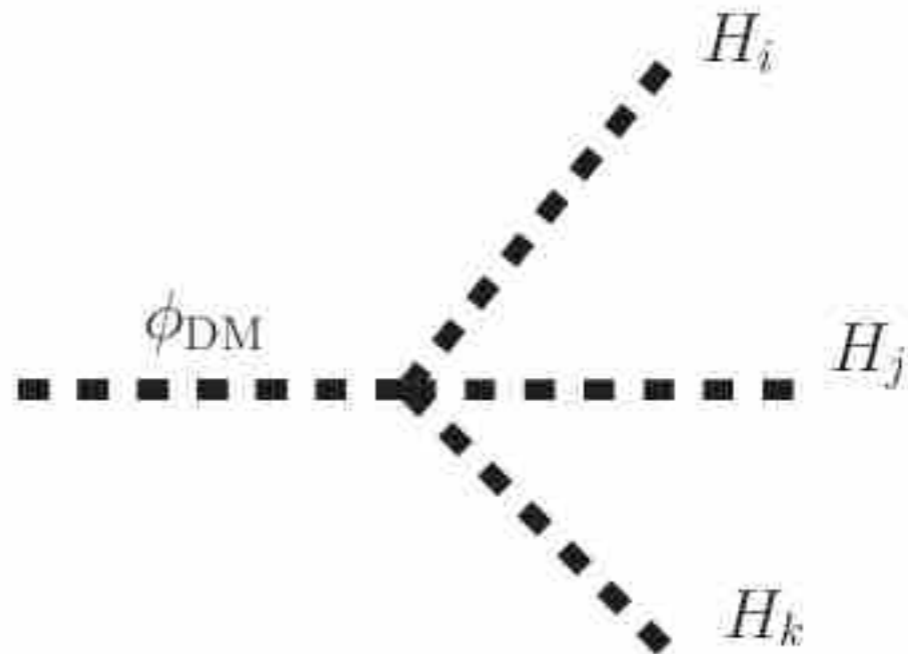
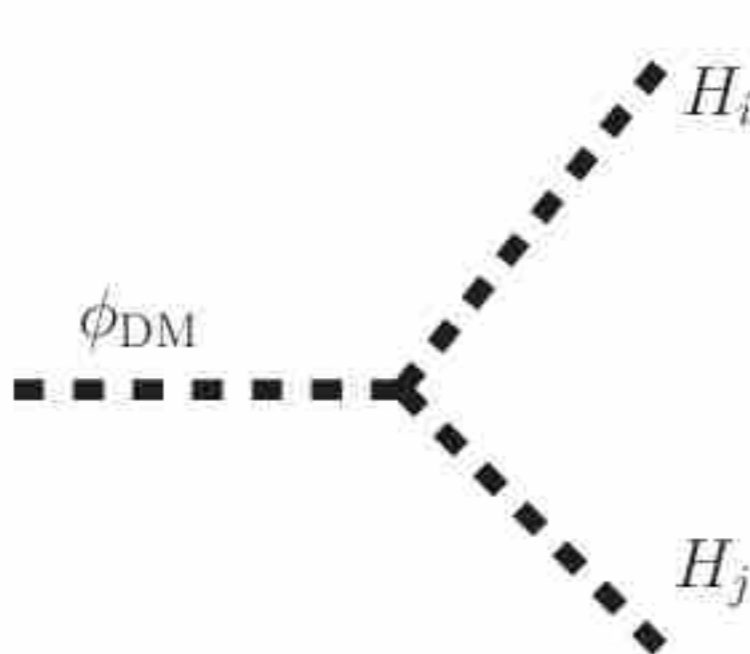
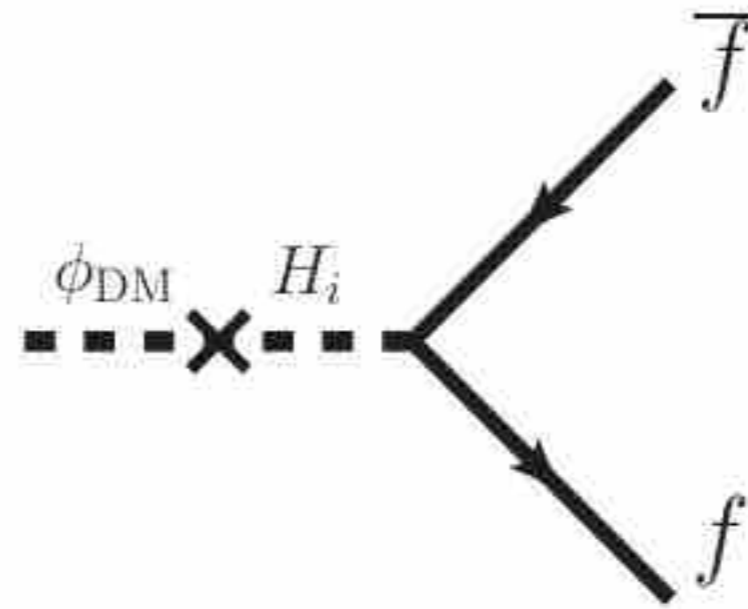
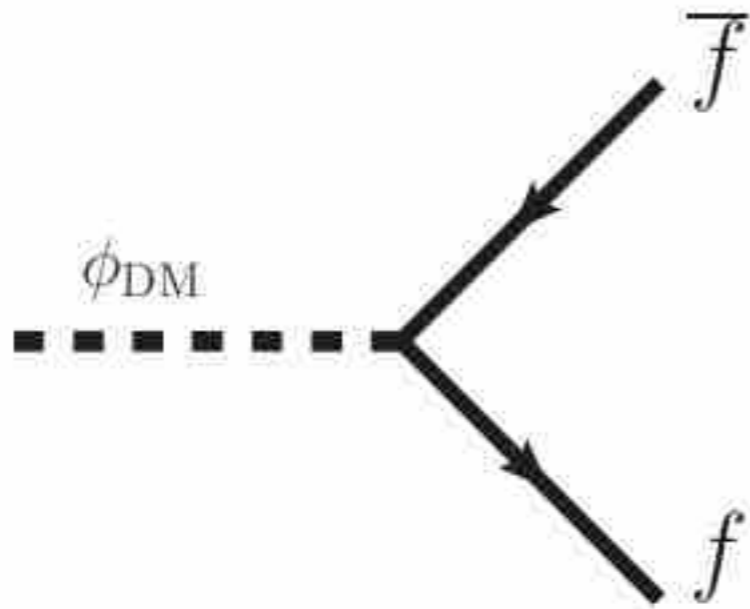
Analytical and numerical calculations show that heavy neutral stable leptons are carried along by the collapsing matter during the formation of galaxies and possibly stars as well. The condensation in galaxies and stars results in appreciable annihilation of leptons and antileptons. Modern observations of cosmic-ray and  $\gamma$ -ray fluxes establish a limit  $m_\nu \gtrsim 100$  GeV for the mass of neutral leptons, since annihilation of neutral leptons produces  $\gamma$  rays and cosmic rays. The obtained bound, in conjunction with ones established earlier, precludes the existence of stable neutral leptons (neutrinos) with  $m_\nu > 30$  eV.

Remark:  
100 TeV is the maximum mass  
value for thermal production  
as a unitarity bound.

# DM decays



# DM decays



For LHAASO, *Very Heavy DM decay*  
is the most exciting frontier of explorations beyond  
the SM physics!

This is my claim here.

1. We do not need for DM over densities in the galactic bulge, tests of diffuse gamma
2. DM decay into pions: VHE neutrinos and photons



# Gamma rays and DM decays

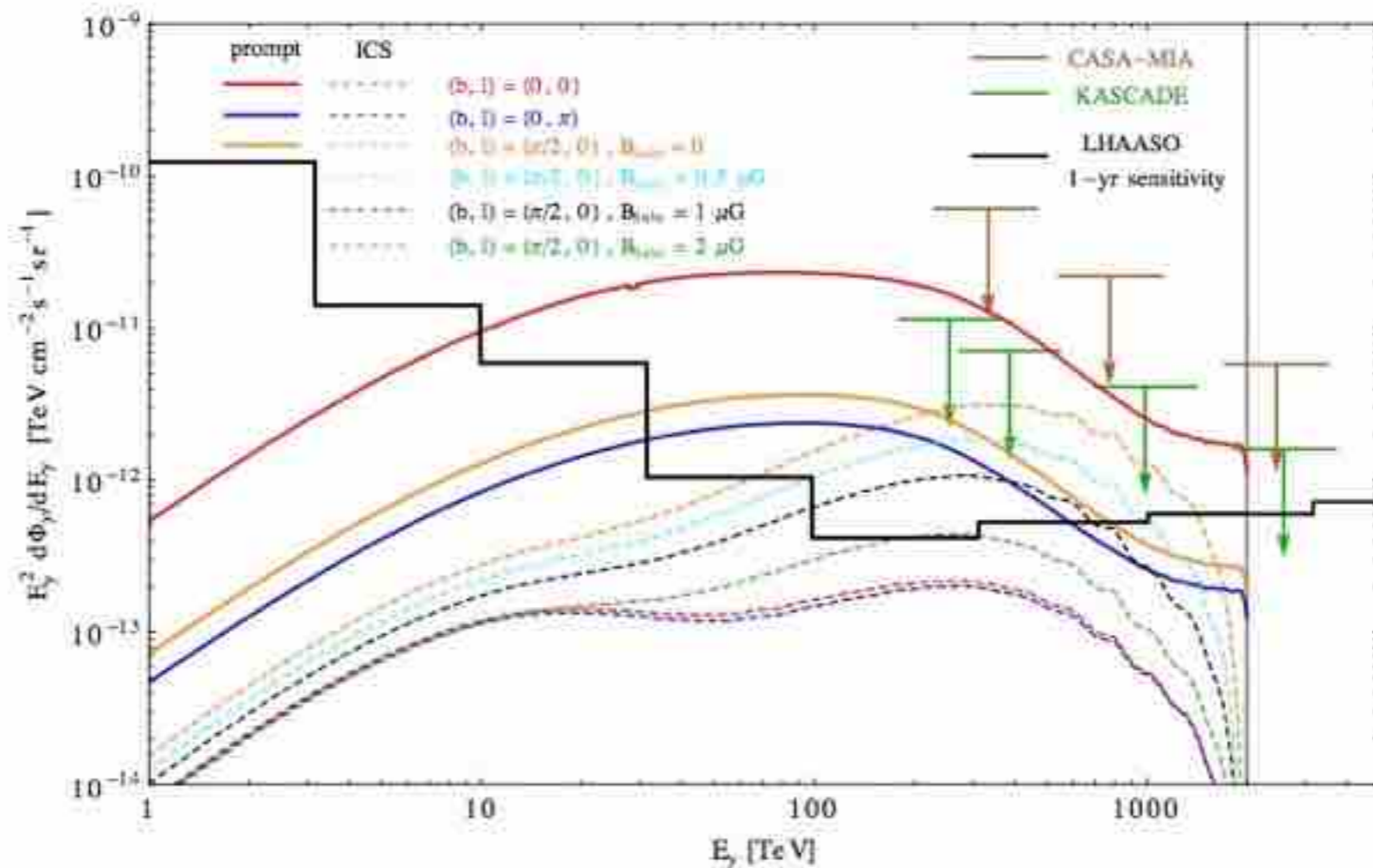
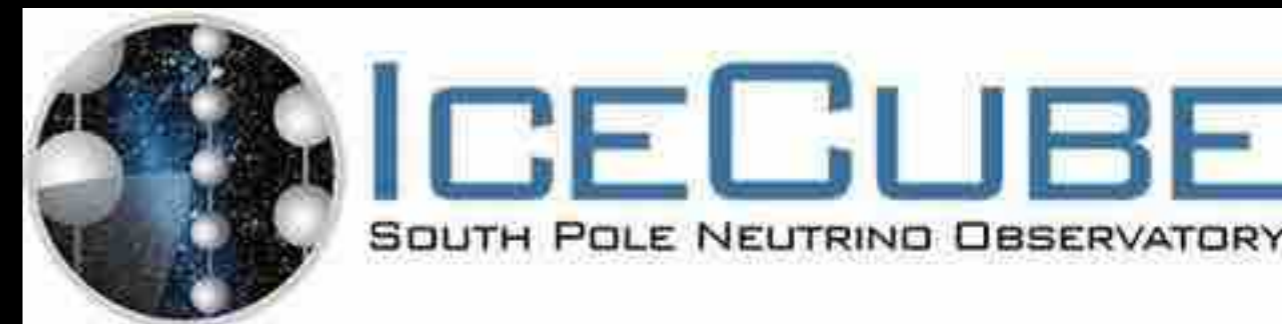
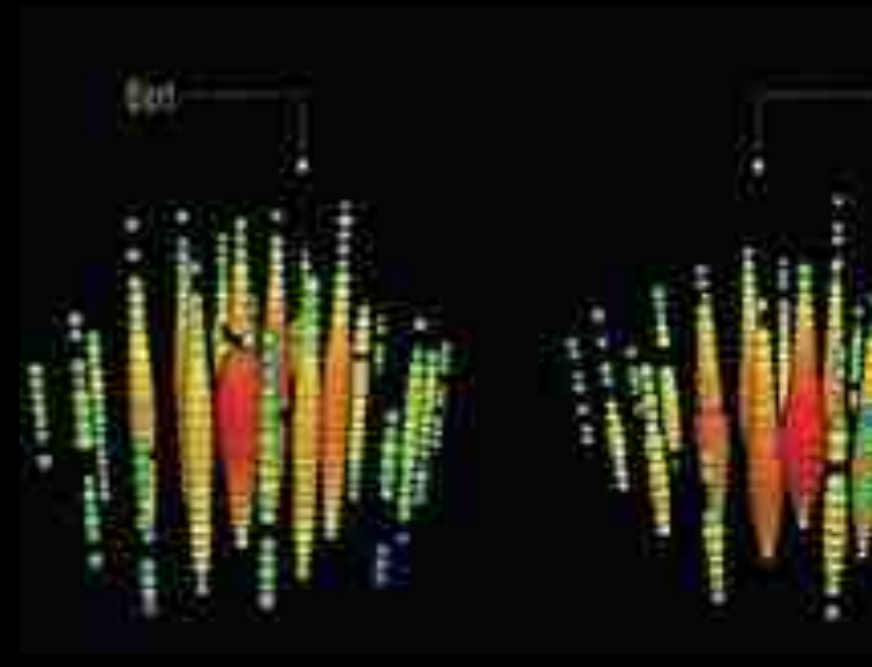
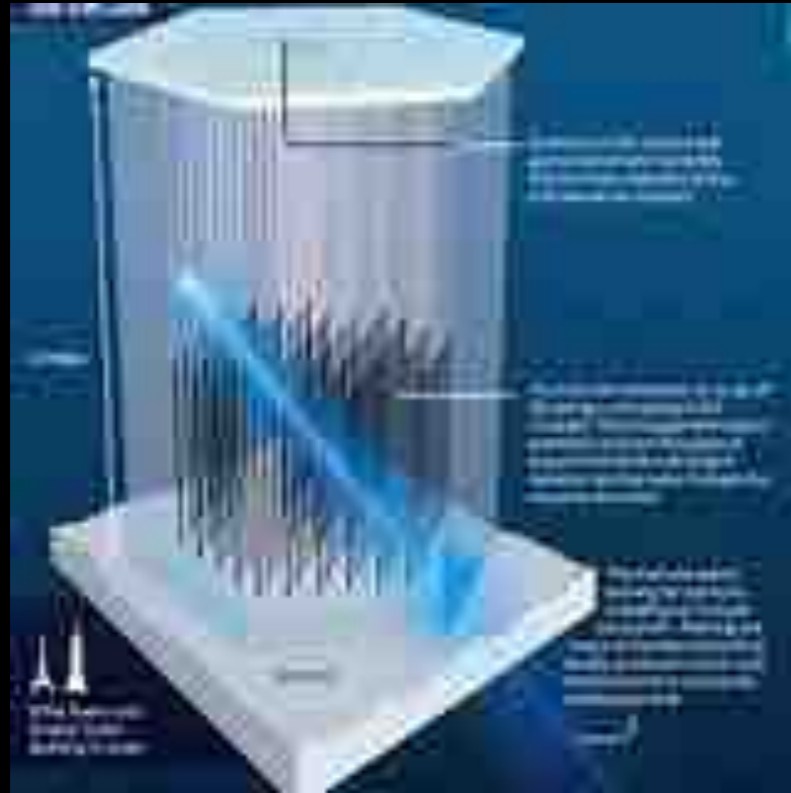


Fig. 1. The  $\gamma$ -ray flux from DM decay from various directions, with  $m_{\text{DM}}=4$  PeV and  $\tau_{\text{DM}}=10^{28}$  s, and branching ratios reported in the text. The solid colored curves show the prompt flux, including the absorption of  $\gamma$ -rays; different colors represent different directions in the sky. The dashed curves show the IC flux, for various assumptions for the constant halo magnetic field,  $B_{\text{halo}}$ , possibly pervading the thick diffusive halo of the Galaxy up to large distances. The green and brown bar lines show the upper bound on  $\gamma$ -ray flux from CASA-MIA [71] and KASCADE [72], respectively. The black line is an indicative 1 yr LHAASO sensitivity.

Addazi, Cirelli, Fornengo, Panci, Sala, Semikoz, Serpico et al  
 For the LHAASO book in preparation

***“Hit when it hurts!”***  
*(Ninjitsu master)*  
Dark Matter decays or  
Violent Astrophysics in IceCube?



# The IceCube puzzle

PeV Dark matter decays or  
astrophysical sources?

Multi-messengers will suggest  
us it in the next years

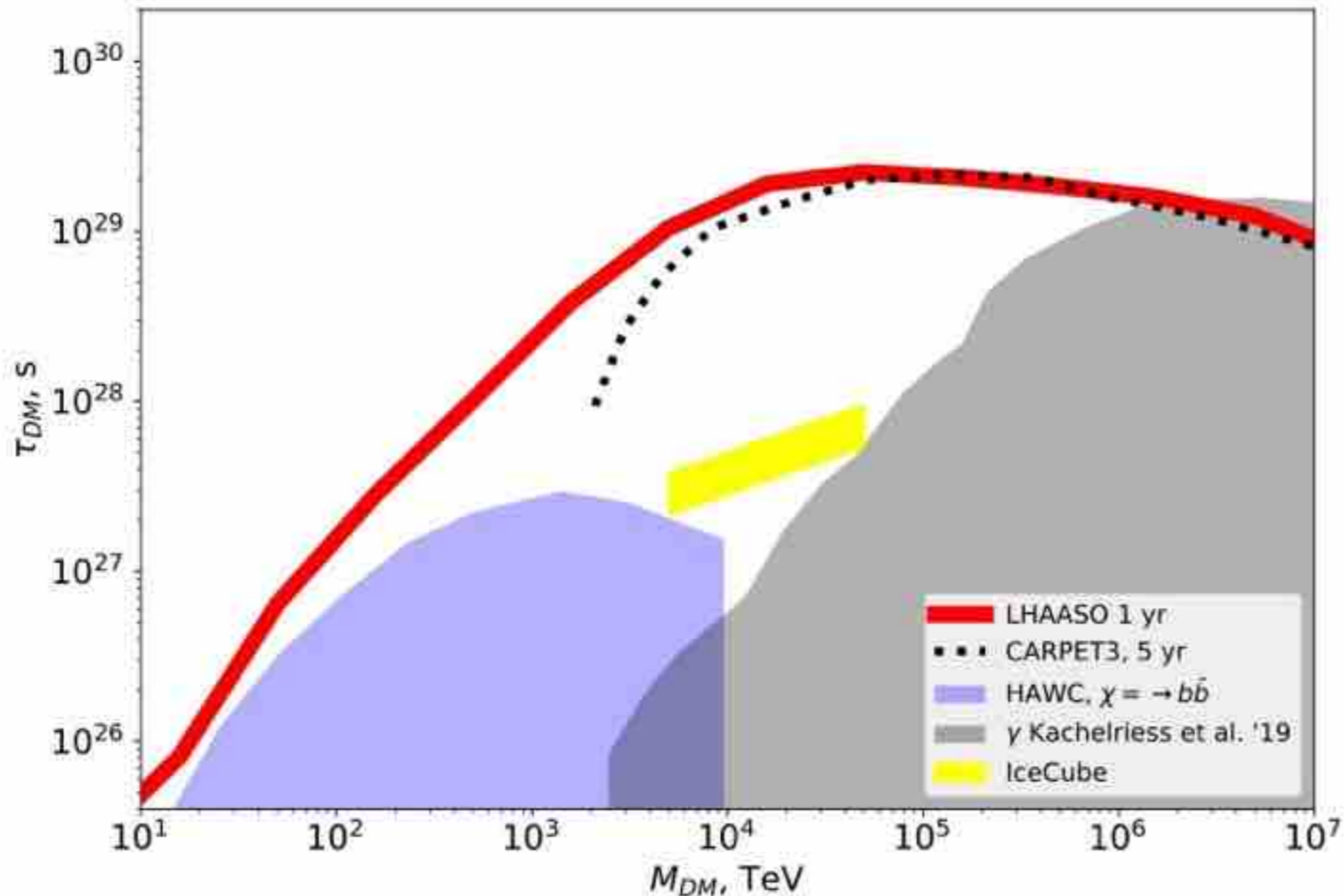


Fig. 2. Sensitivity of LHAASO for the measurement of dark matter decay time (for DM decaying into quarks). Yellow band shows the range of decay times for which DM decays give sizeable contribution to the IceCube neutrino signal [74]. Blue and grey shaded regions show the existing bounds imposed by HAWC [69] and ultra-high-energy cosmic ray experiments [75], and dashed curves are from the HAWC search of the DM decay signal in the Fermi Bubble regions [69]. From [53].

# Theoretical side: motivations and possible candidates for PeV DM

supersymmetry can be broken at higher scales. In this case it has nothing to do with the hierarchy problem of the Higgs mass

If Supersymmetry is broken around the inflation scale, then inflation and DM can be unified in Starobinsky's supergravity

In this case the inflaton behaves as Starobinsky's inflation while DM is provided by gravitons, in turn naturally much heavier than the TeV-scale

# Heavy Gravitino decays

$$\tilde{G} \rightarrow \gamma \nu$$

$$y_{hL} H_\alpha L^\alpha$$



$$\frac{S^n}{\Lambda^n} h_\alpha L^\alpha$$

$$L_{int} = -\frac{i}{8M_{Pl}} \bar{\psi}_\mu [\gamma^\nu, \gamma^\rho] \gamma^\mu \lambda F_{\nu\rho}$$

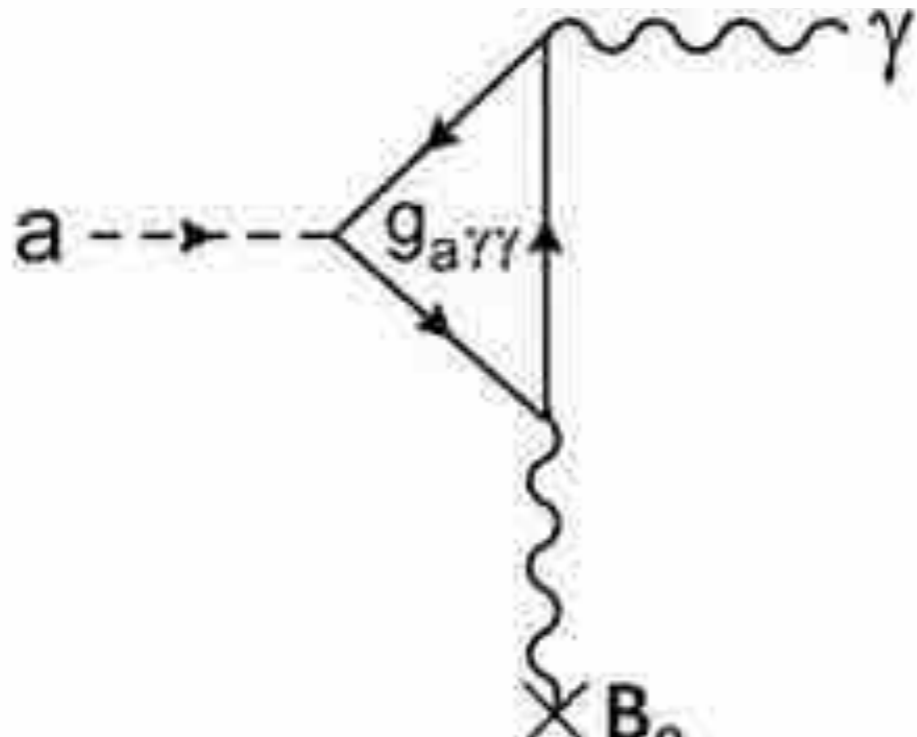
$$\Gamma(\tilde{G} \rightarrow \gamma \nu) = \frac{\cos^2 \theta_W}{32\pi} \frac{m_\nu}{m_\chi} \frac{m_{\tilde{G}}^3}{M_{Pl}^2} \left(1 - \frac{m_\nu^2}{m_{\tilde{G}}^2}\right)^3 \left(1 + \frac{m_\nu^2}{3m_{\tilde{G}}^2}\right)$$

On the other hand

The high energy frontier does not necessarily mean only a test for heavy new states!

Test of ALPs?

# Axion-like-particles in CR propagation

$$\mathcal{L}_{\phi\gamma} = -\frac{1}{4M} F^{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}_{\mu\nu} \phi = \frac{1}{M} \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B} \phi$$


$$(E - i\partial_z - M)\vec{A} = 0$$

$$\vec{A} = \begin{pmatrix} A_x \\ A_y \\ a \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} \Delta_{11} & \Delta_{12} & \Delta_{a\gamma} c_\phi \\ \Delta_{12} & \Delta_{22} & \Delta_{a\gamma} s_\phi \\ \Delta_{a\gamma} c_\phi & \Delta_{a\gamma} s_\phi & \Delta_a \end{bmatrix}$$

$$m \simeq 0.7 \cdot k \left( \frac{10^{10} \text{ GeV}}{M} \right) \text{ eV}$$

**QCD axion: CP problem solved**  
Peccei-Quinn, Wilczek, Weinberg

**no-QCD ALPs from string compactifications?** (Witten et al)



# Gamma rays transparency

$$P_{\gamma \rightarrow \phi}^{(0)}(x) = \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 \left( \frac{\Delta_{\text{osc}} x}{2} \right) \quad \theta = \frac{1}{2} \arcsin \left( \frac{B_T}{M \Delta_{\text{osc}}} \right) \quad \Delta_{\text{osc}} = \left[ \left( \frac{m^2 - \omega_{\text{pl}}^2}{2E} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{B_T}{M} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

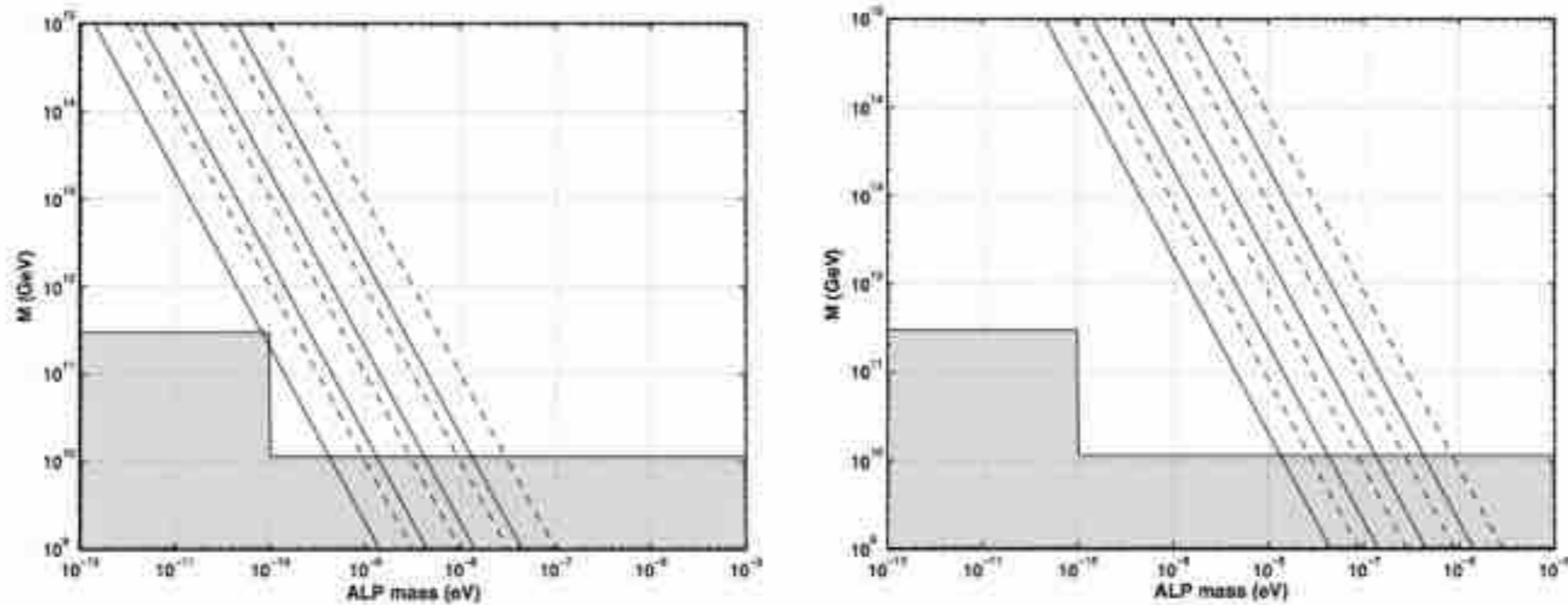


Fig. 2. Left panel: values of the pair  $(m, M)$  which determine the critical energy  $E_* = 1 \text{ GeV}, 10 \text{ GeV}, 100 \text{ GeV}$  and  $1 \text{ TeV}$  (from left to right) for a magnetic field strength of  $B = 1 \cdot 10^{-9} \text{ G}$  (solid line) and  $B = 5 \cdot 10^{-9} \text{ G}$  (dotted line) and a plasma frequency  $\omega_{\text{pl}} \sim 10^{-14} \text{ eV}$ . The gray region represents the values excluded by astrophysical arguments and by the CAST experiment.  
Right panel: same as left panel, but with  $B = 1 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ G}$  (solid line) and  $B = 4 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ G}$  (dotted line) and a plasma frequency  $\omega_{\text{pl}} \sim 10^{-12} \text{ eV}$ .

*Roccardelli, De Angelis et al in many papers for Blazars*

*Pheno in Perseus D. Malyshev, A. Neronov, D. Semikoz,  
A. Santangelo, J. Jochum*

## Conclusions (as a starting point)

To predict **where** New Physics beyond the TeV frontier will appear out is a “nearly impossible mission”;

*However new physics is “urgently necessary”, i.e. it is Not just a “why? why not?” sophism*

Now Multi-messenger astroparticle physics appear pretty urgent: a lot data coming soon

Therefore, **I suggest to try...**

Defeatist attitudes will lose by definition.

A non-zero lottery chance for “Contemporary antimatter” discovery...  
it may be just around the corner...

**LHAASO may write important pages  
in the history of fundamental physics**

# Thank You for the attention

