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Light new physics at muon factories

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Talk based on

2006.04795 [hep-ph] with *L. Calibbi, R. Ziegler, J. Zupan*

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Rare decays of SM particles as a probe of New Physics

Accidental symmetries play a crucial role in the Standard Model and testing their breaking with increasing precision is one of standard ways we expect New Physics to manifest itself at experiments

Rare decays of SM particles are standard candles to probe NP

muon rare decays are a great example

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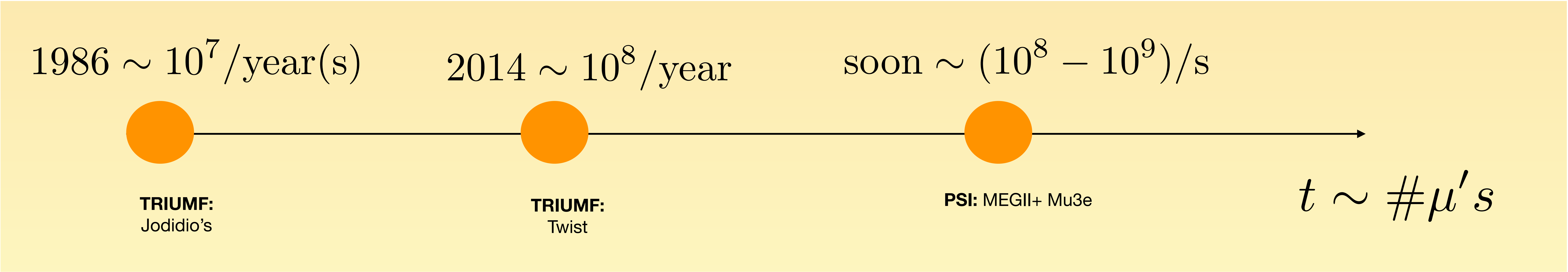

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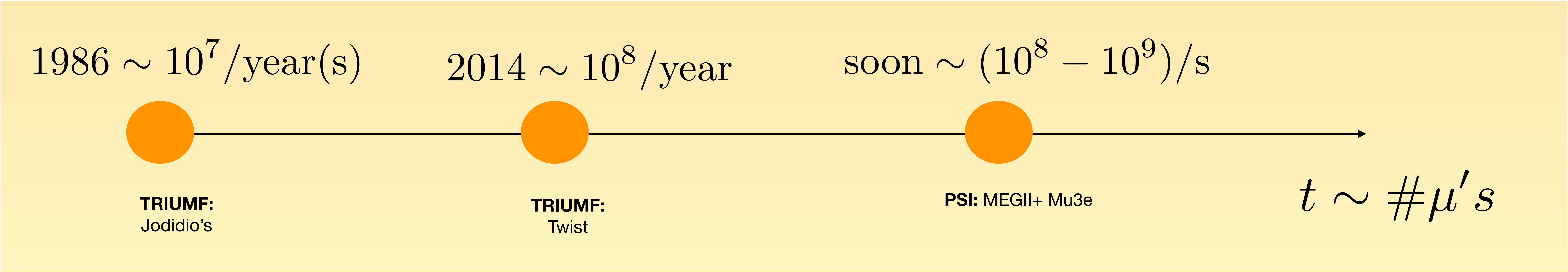

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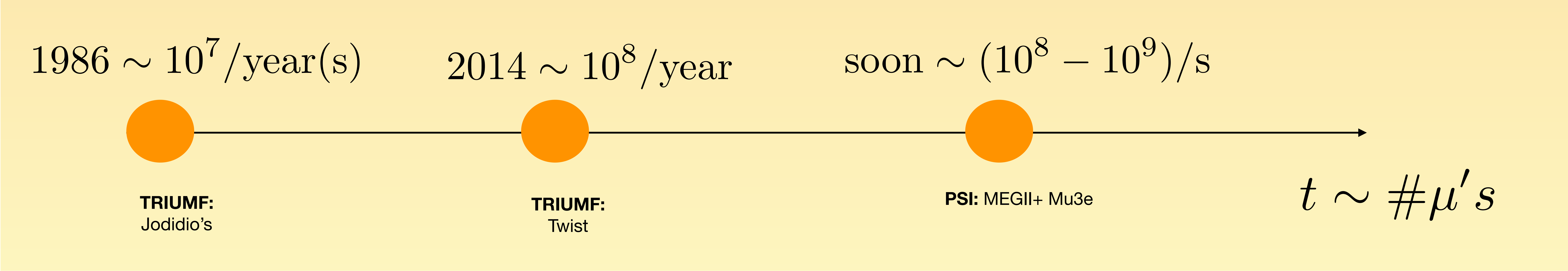

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L. Calibbi's talk this morning

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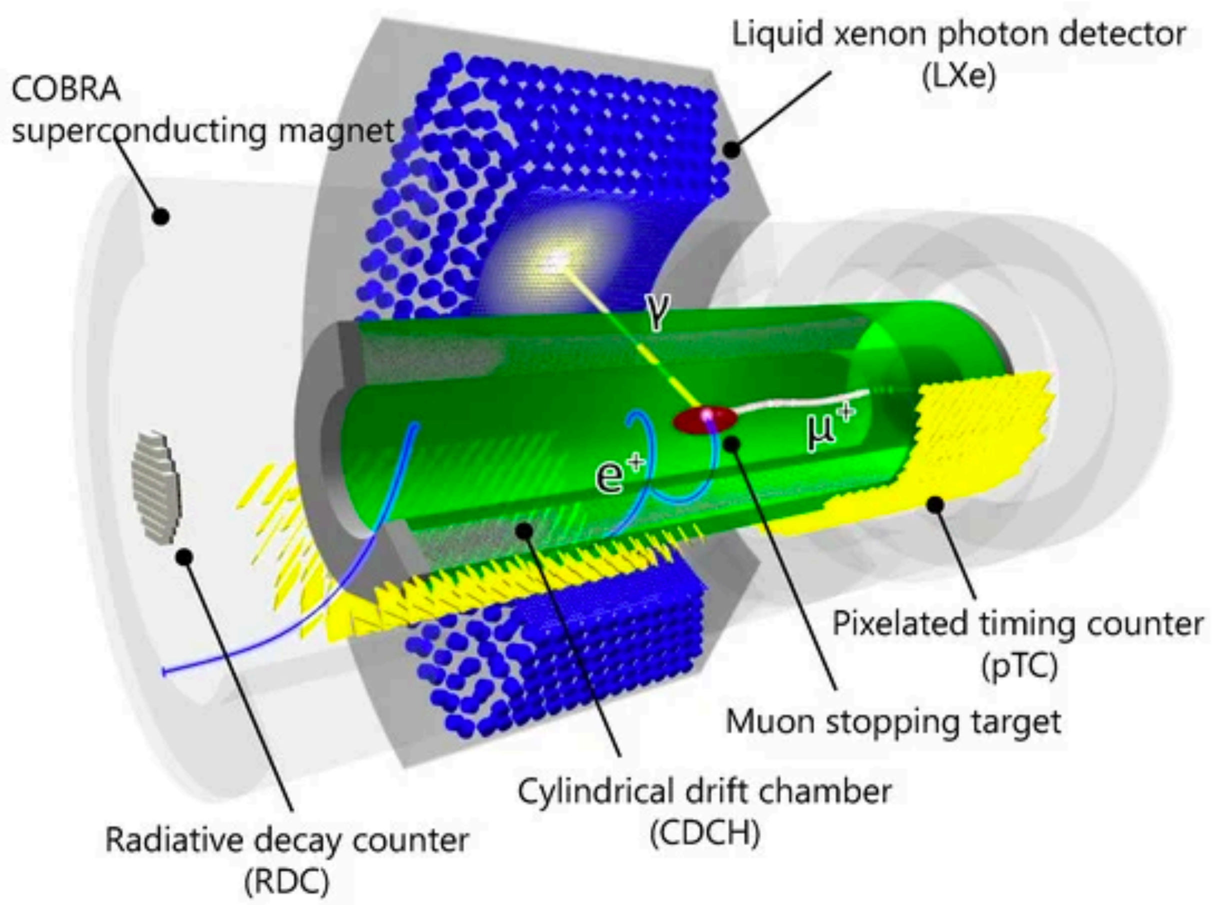

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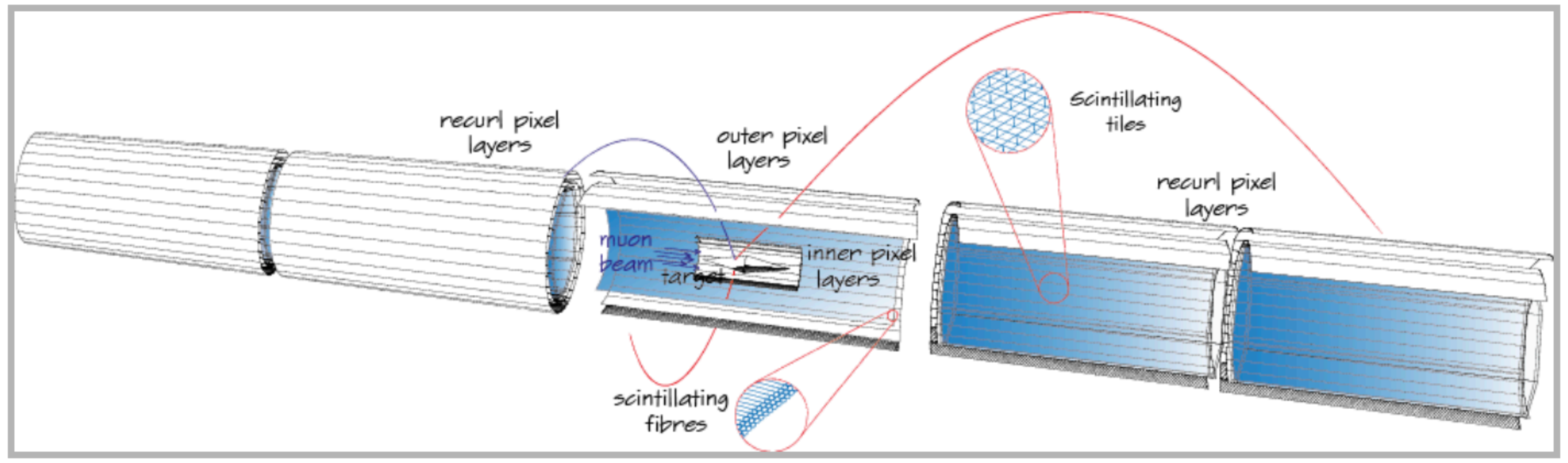

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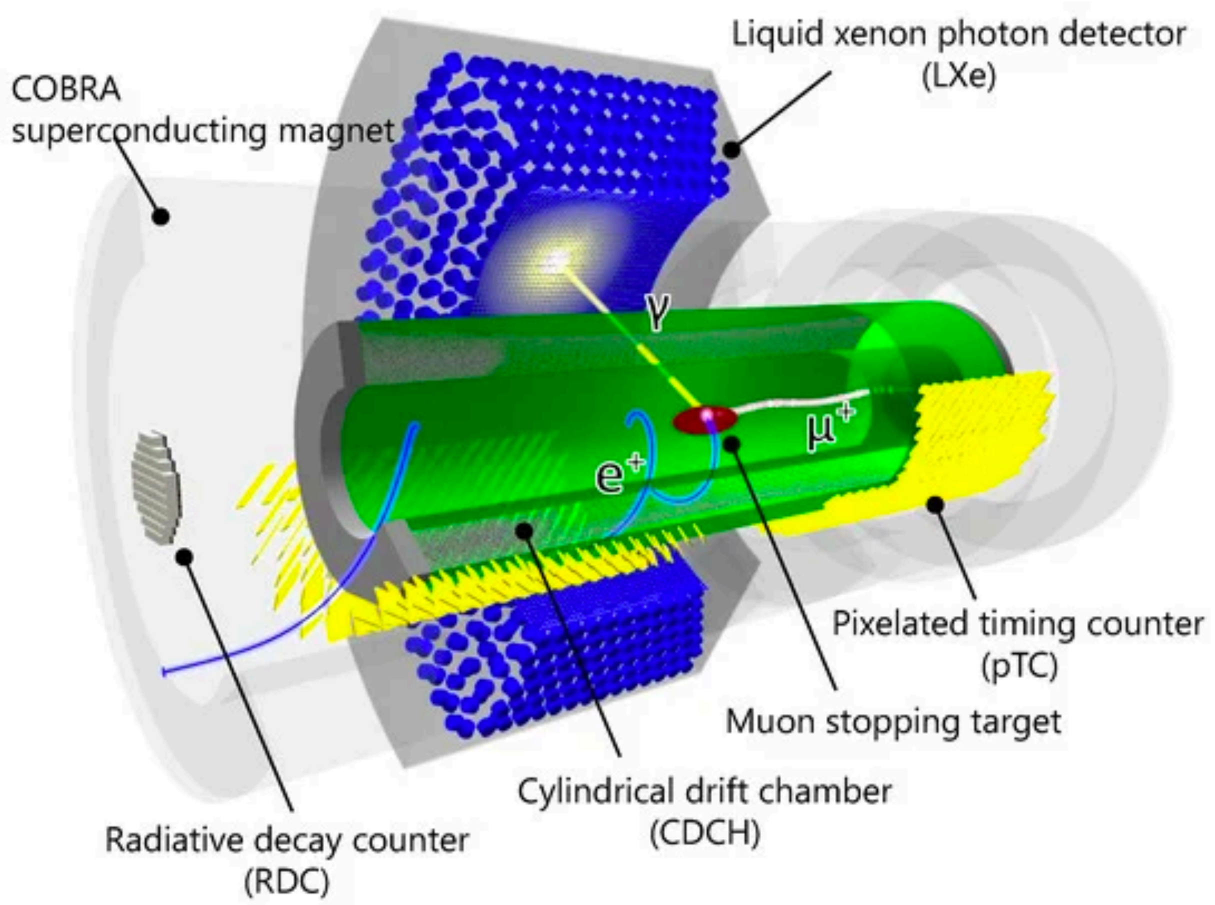

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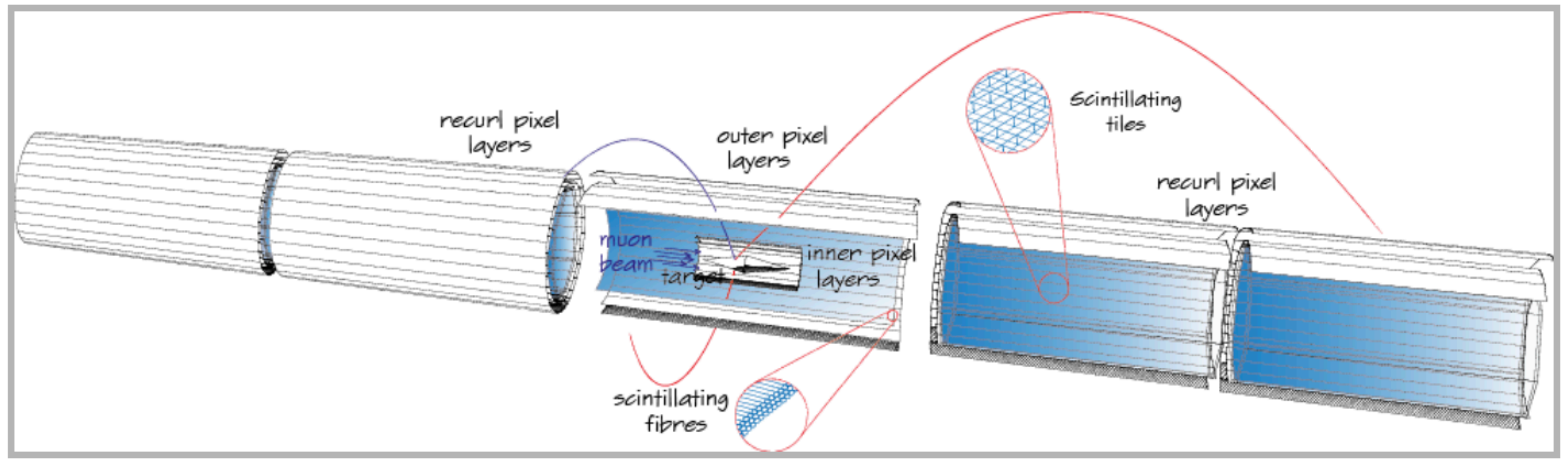

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Example: trigger selection at MEG

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The trigger maximize the efficiency to back to back positron-photon of $E = m_\mu/2$

See Galli et al. *JINST 9 (2014)*

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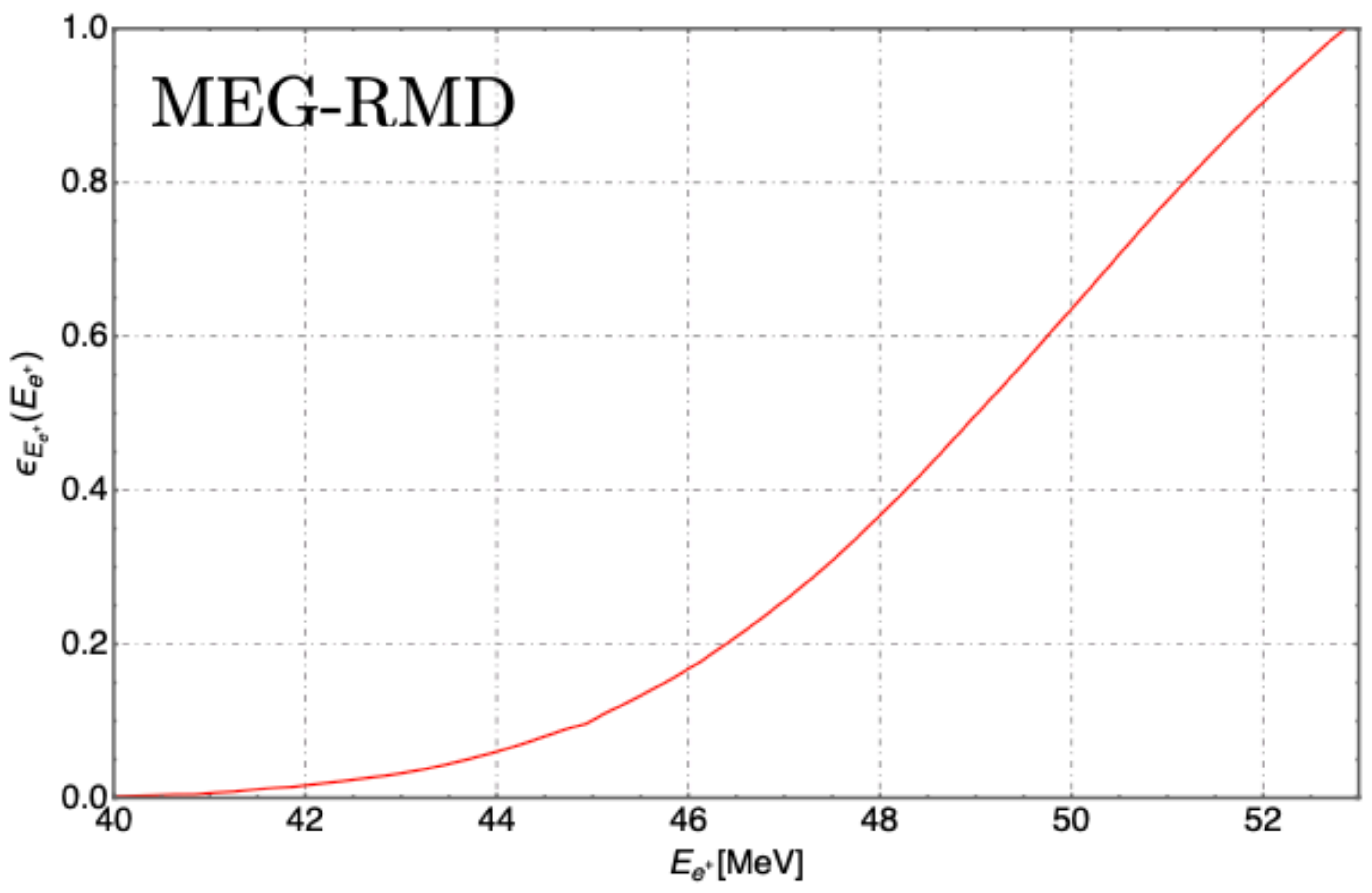

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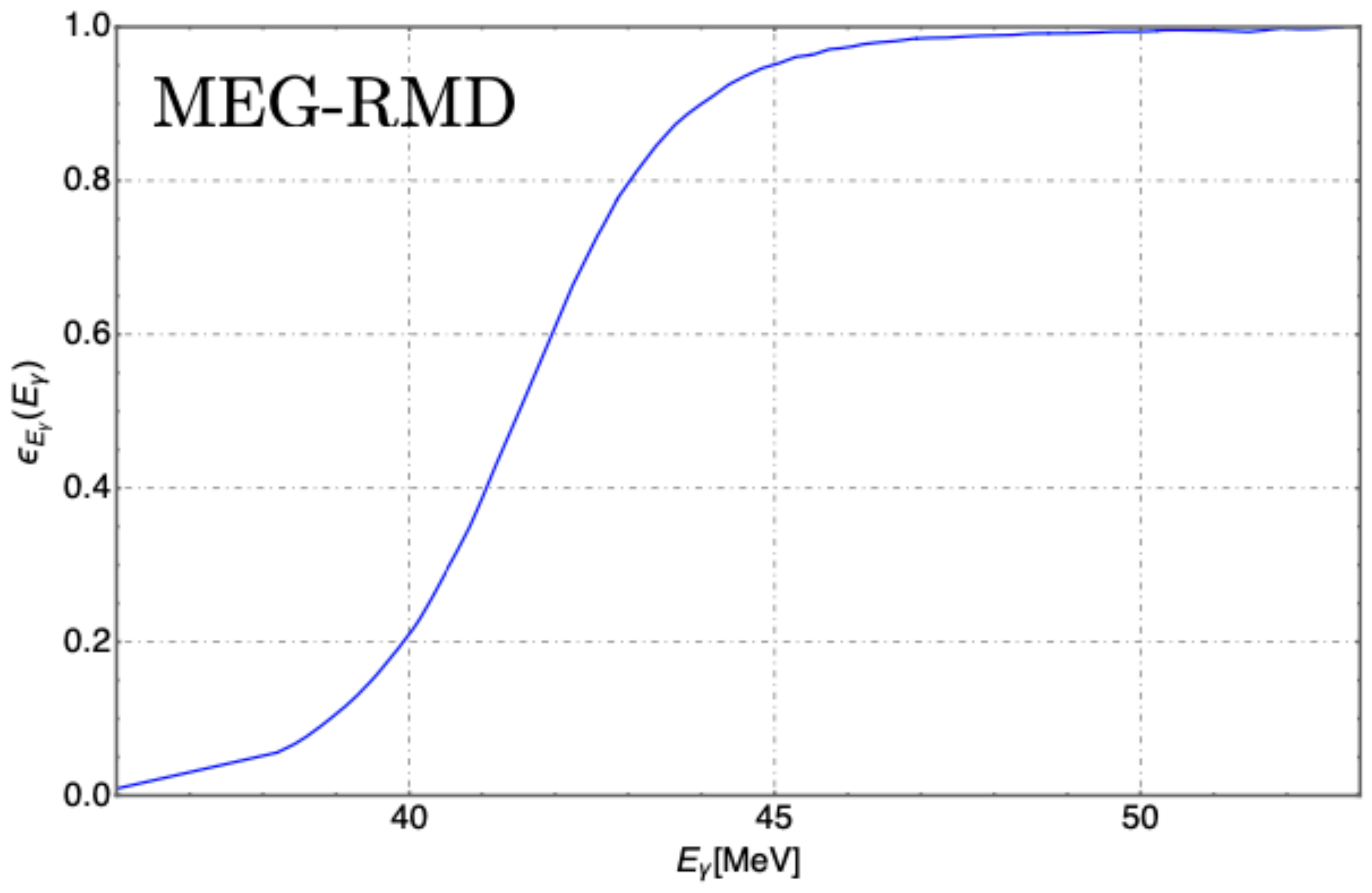

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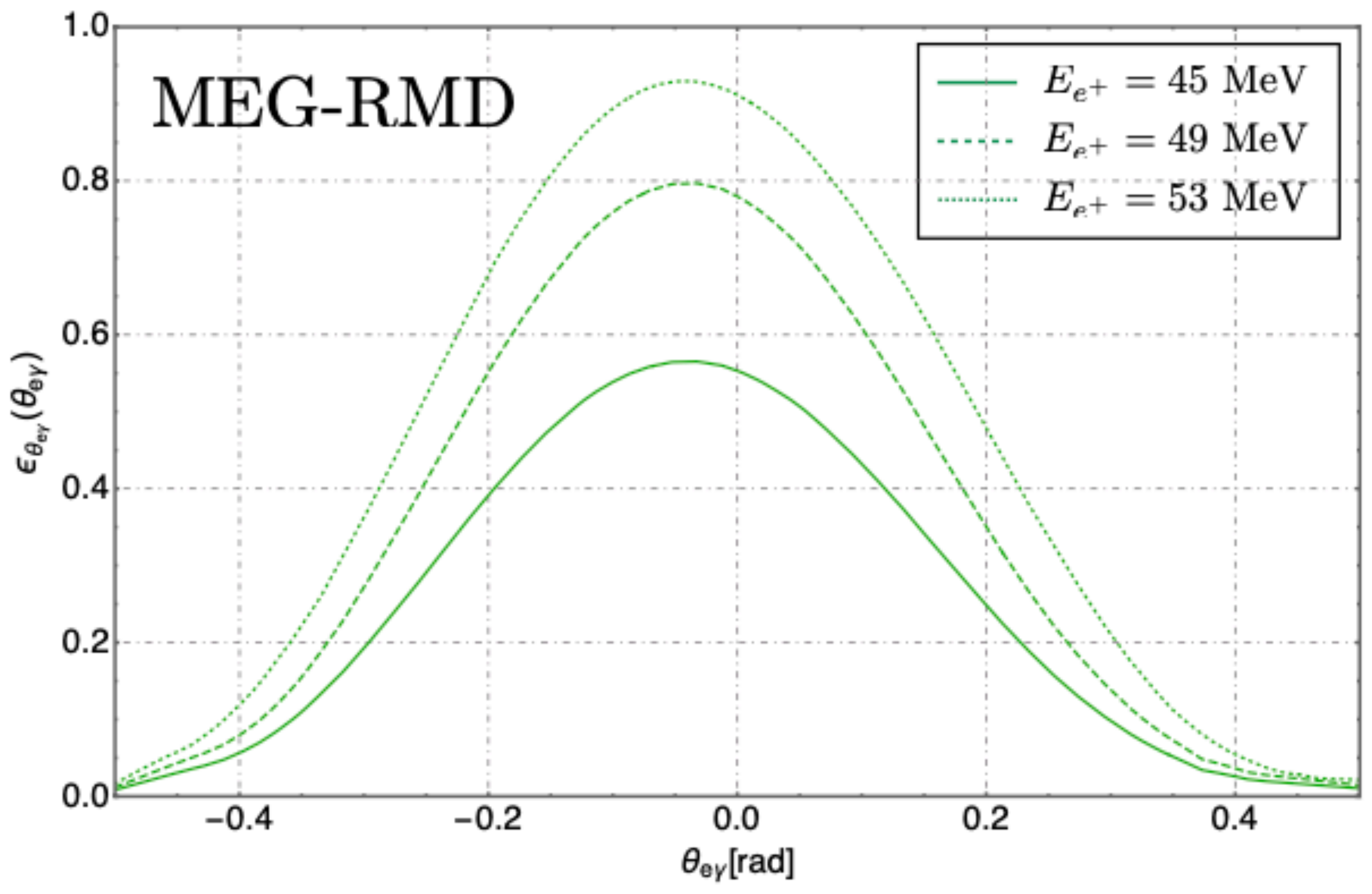

Taken from *MEG-RMD measurement 1312.3217*

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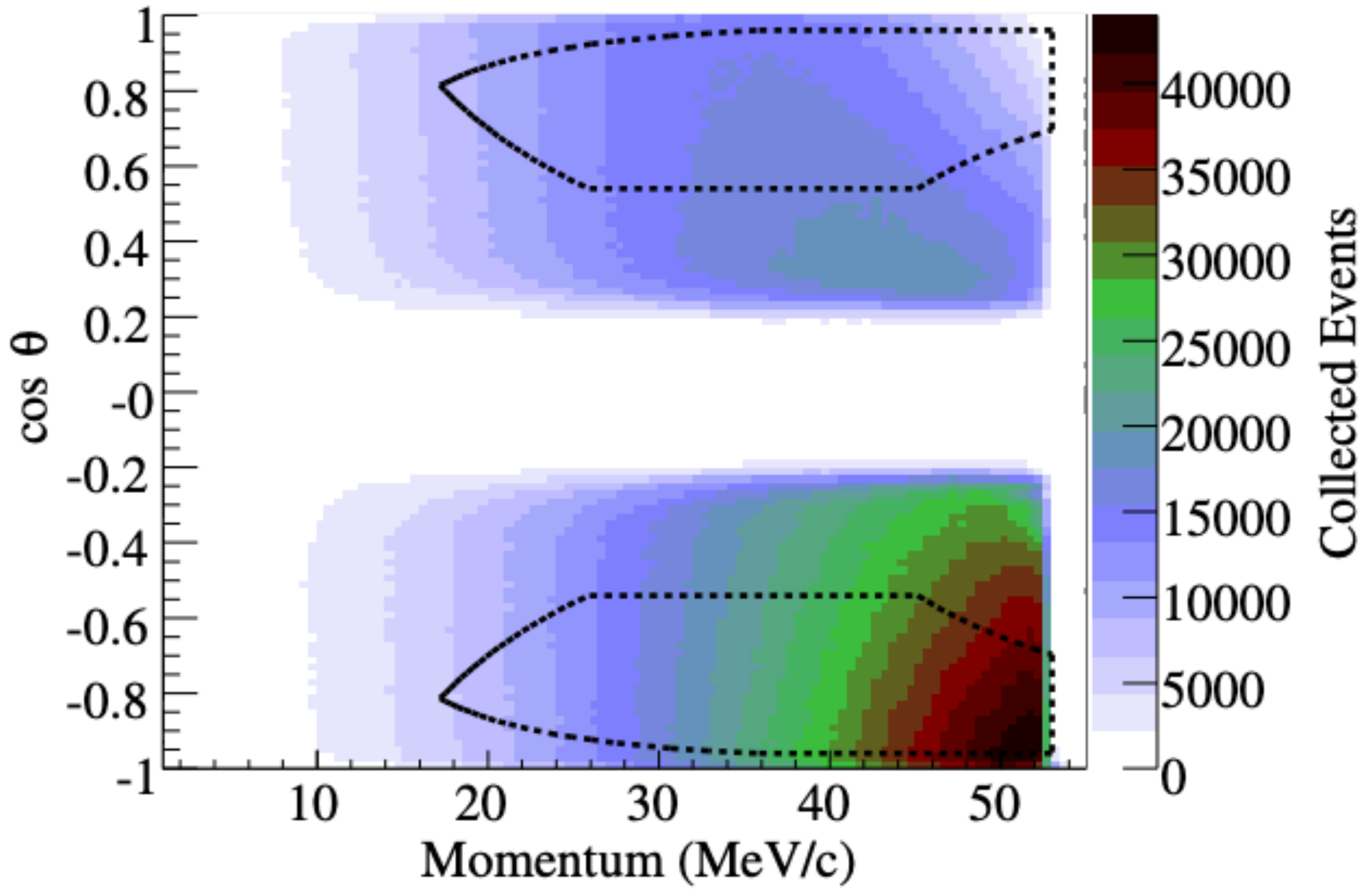

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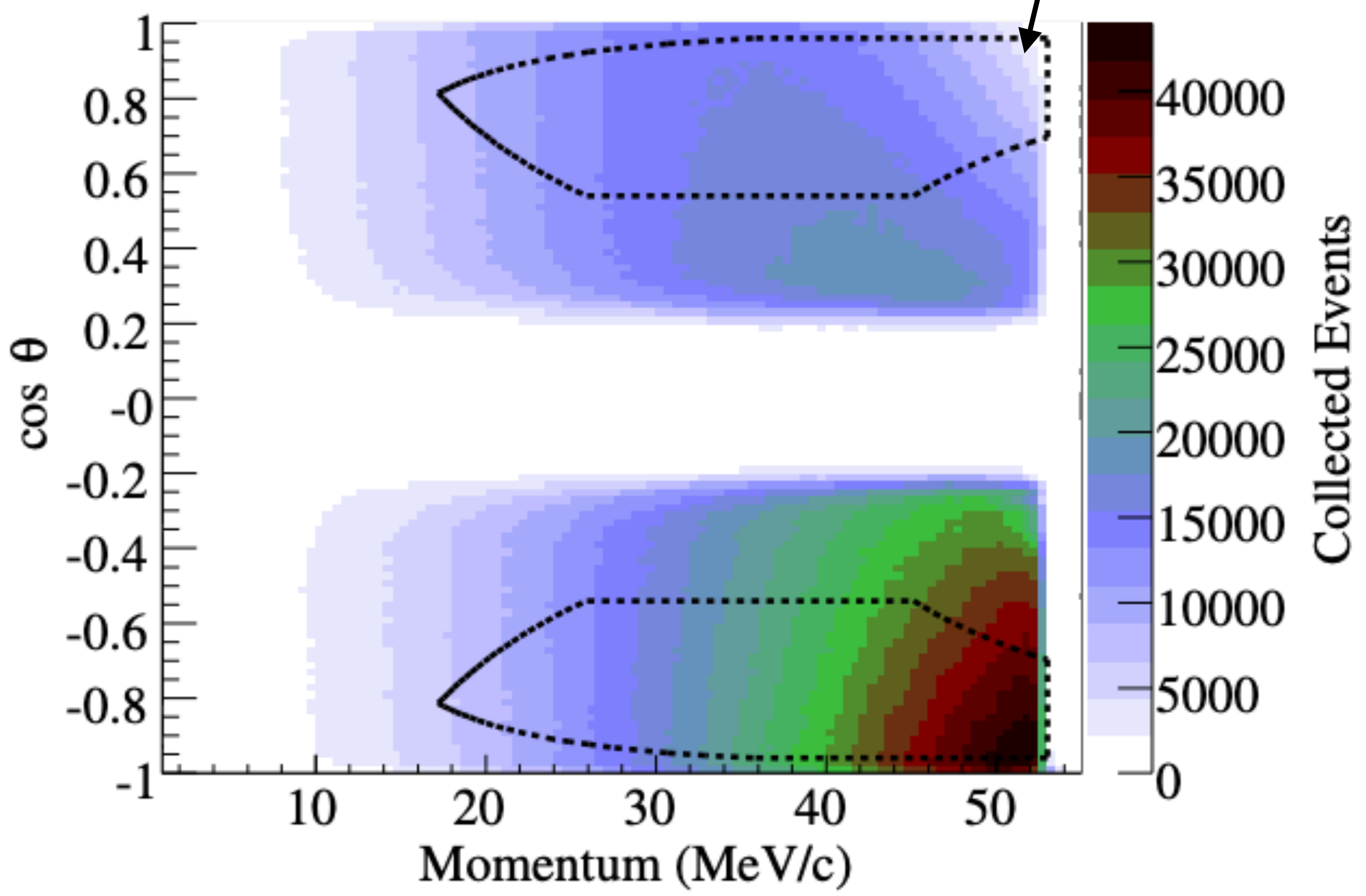

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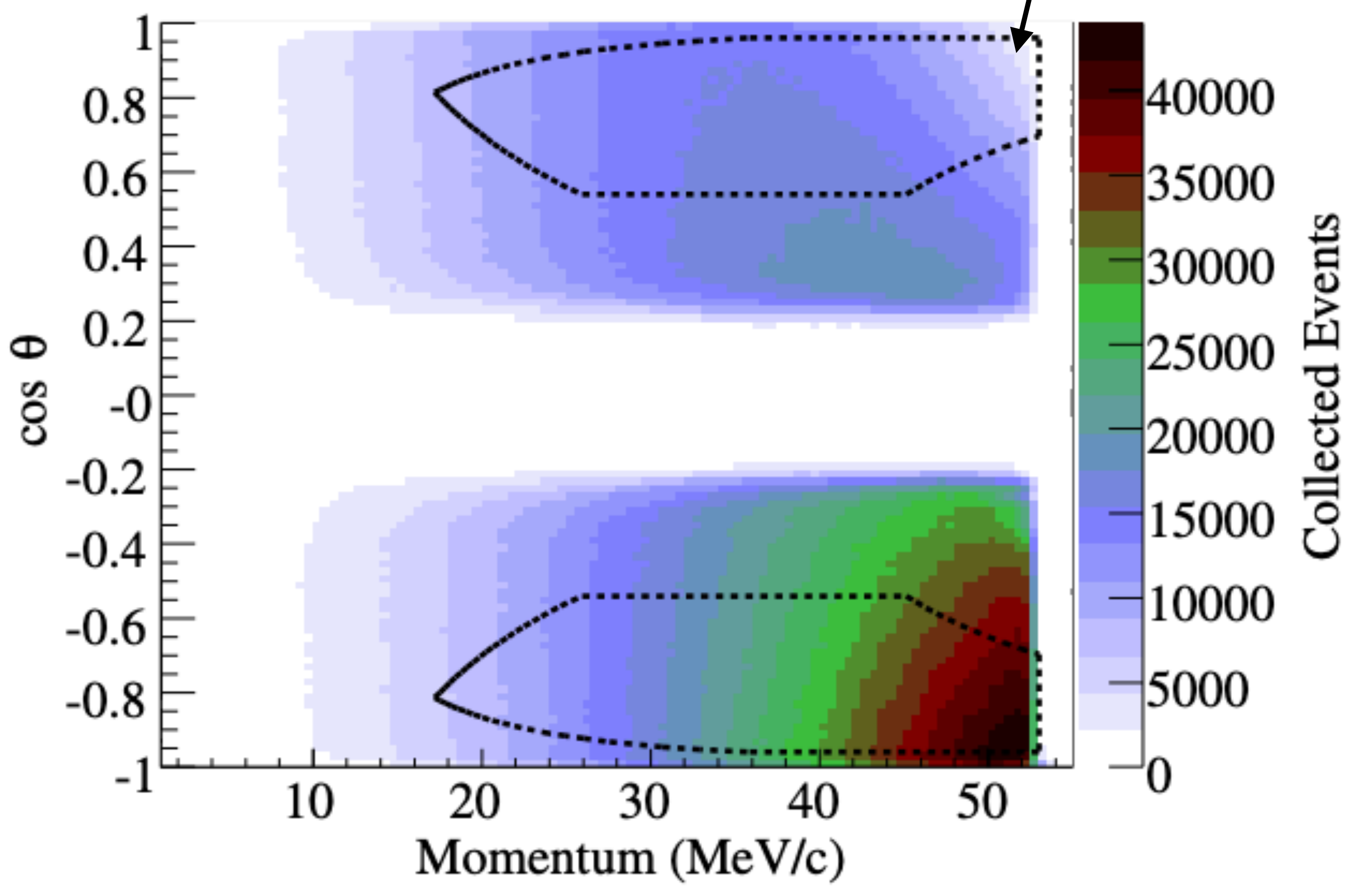

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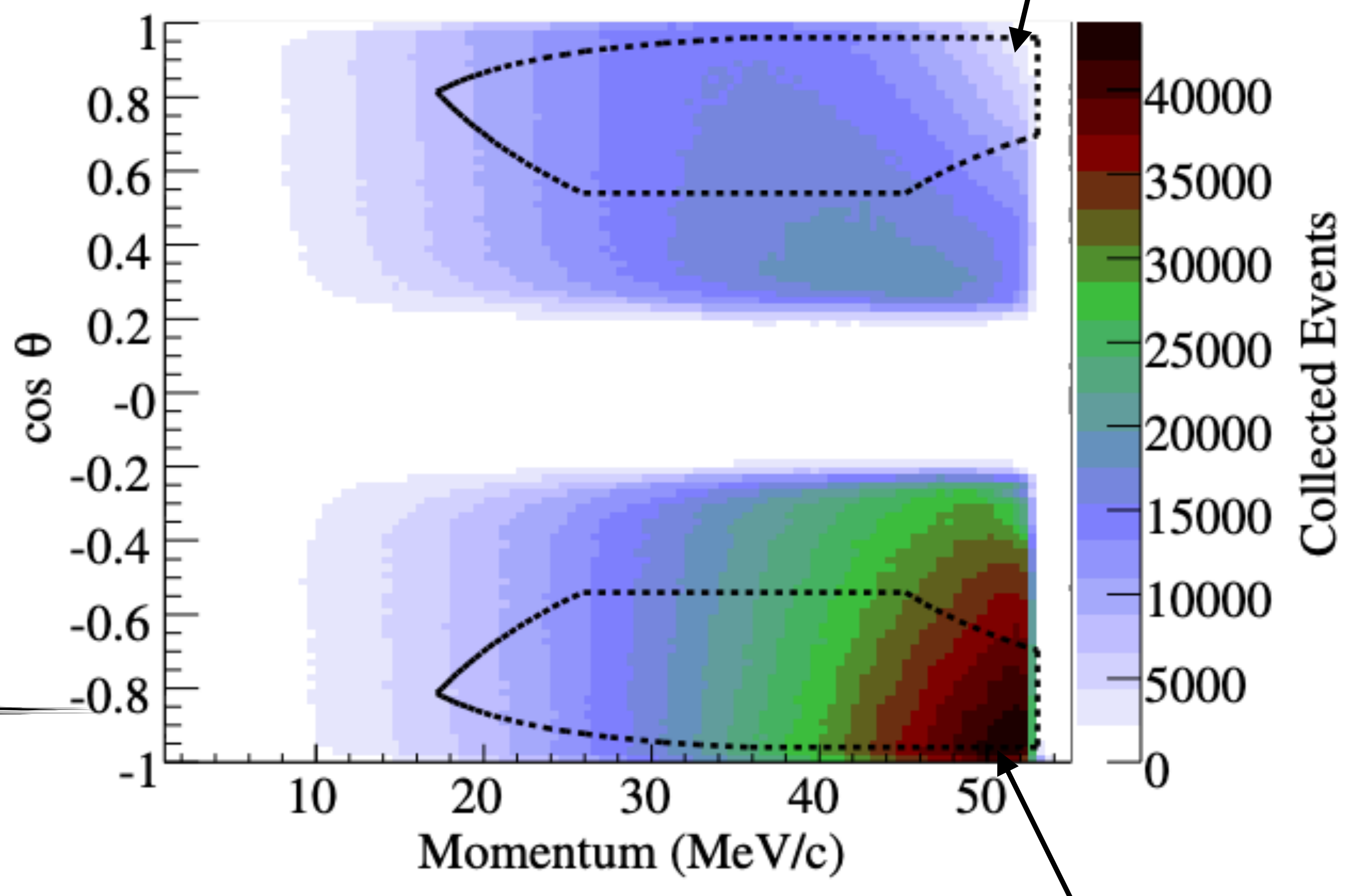

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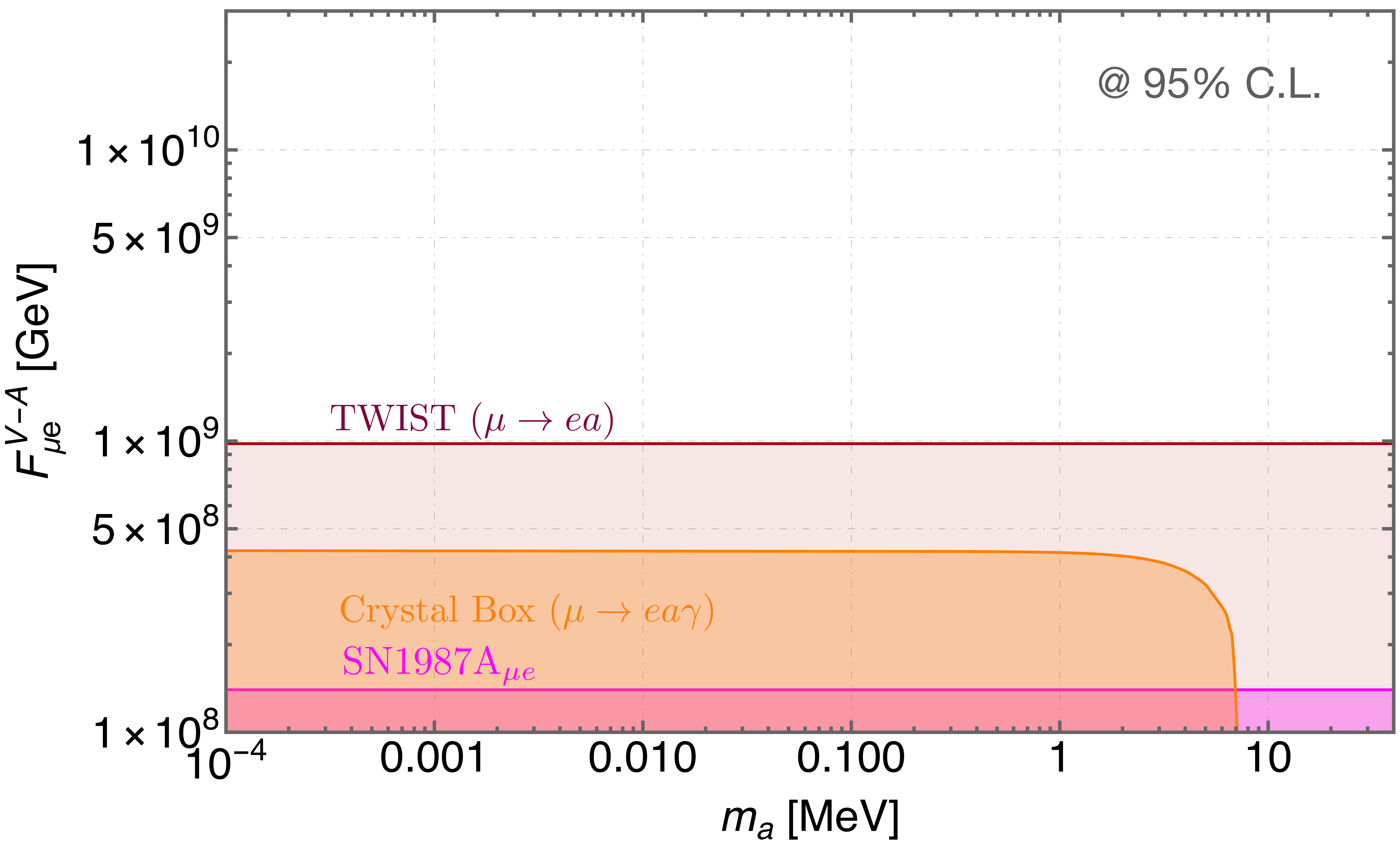

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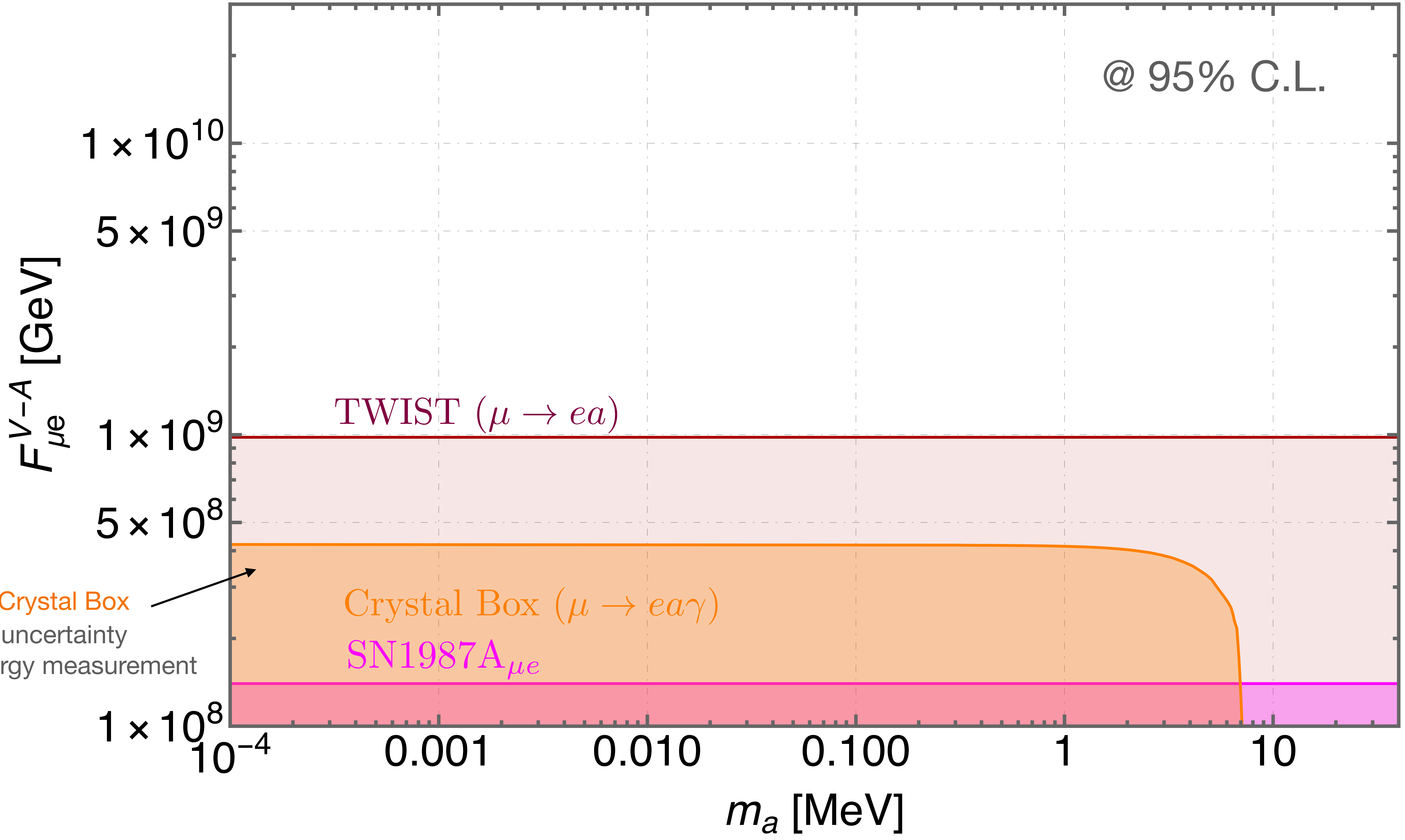

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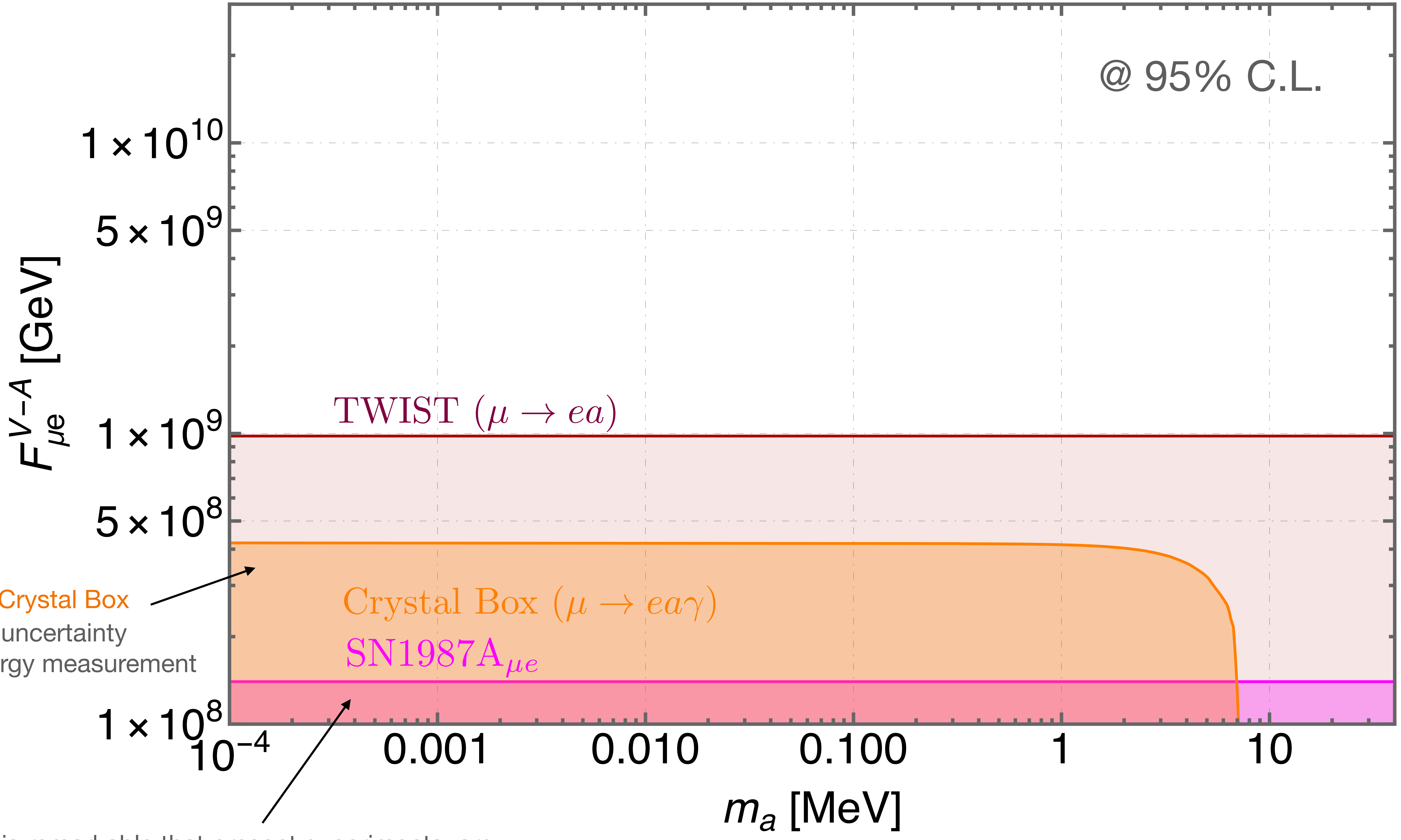

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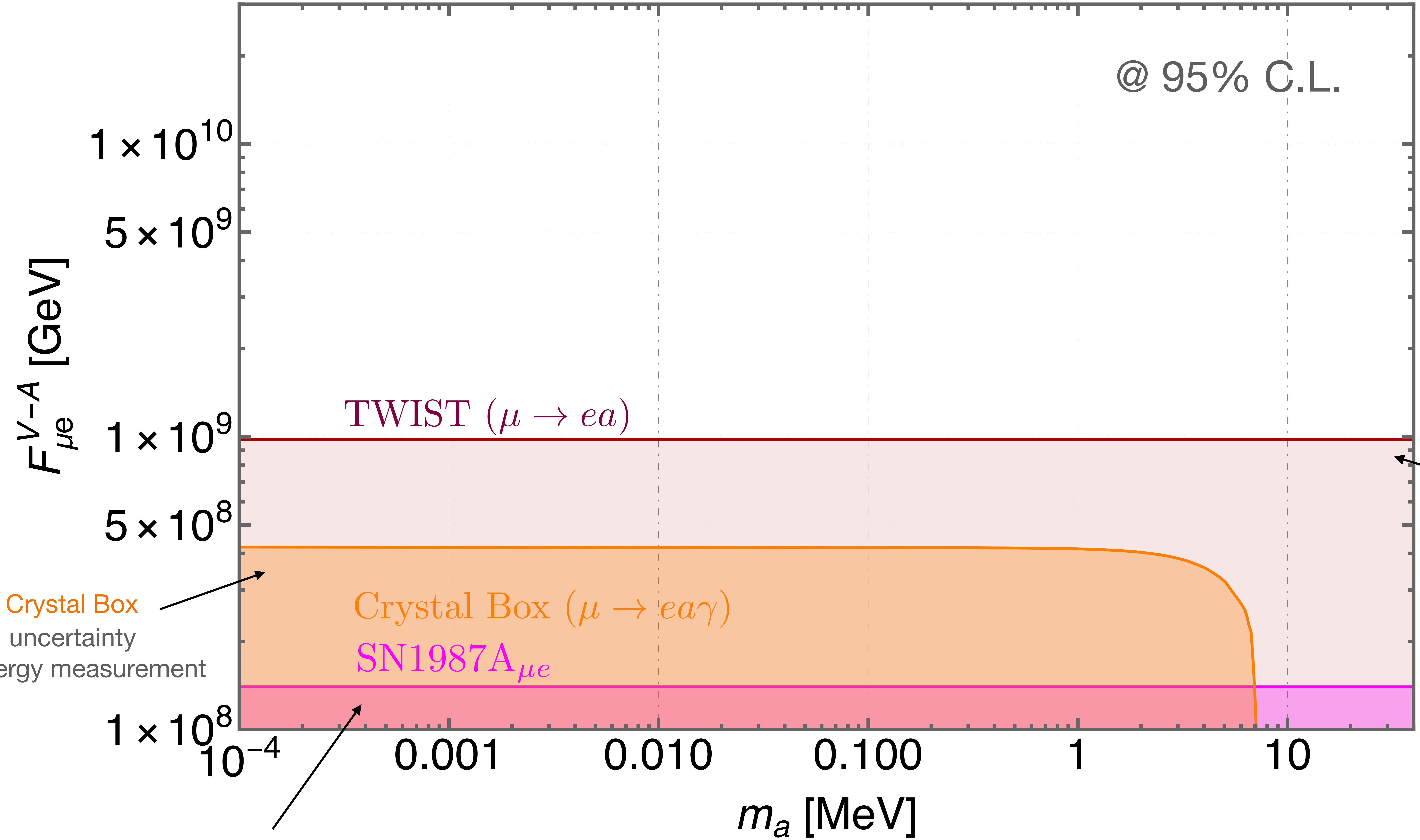

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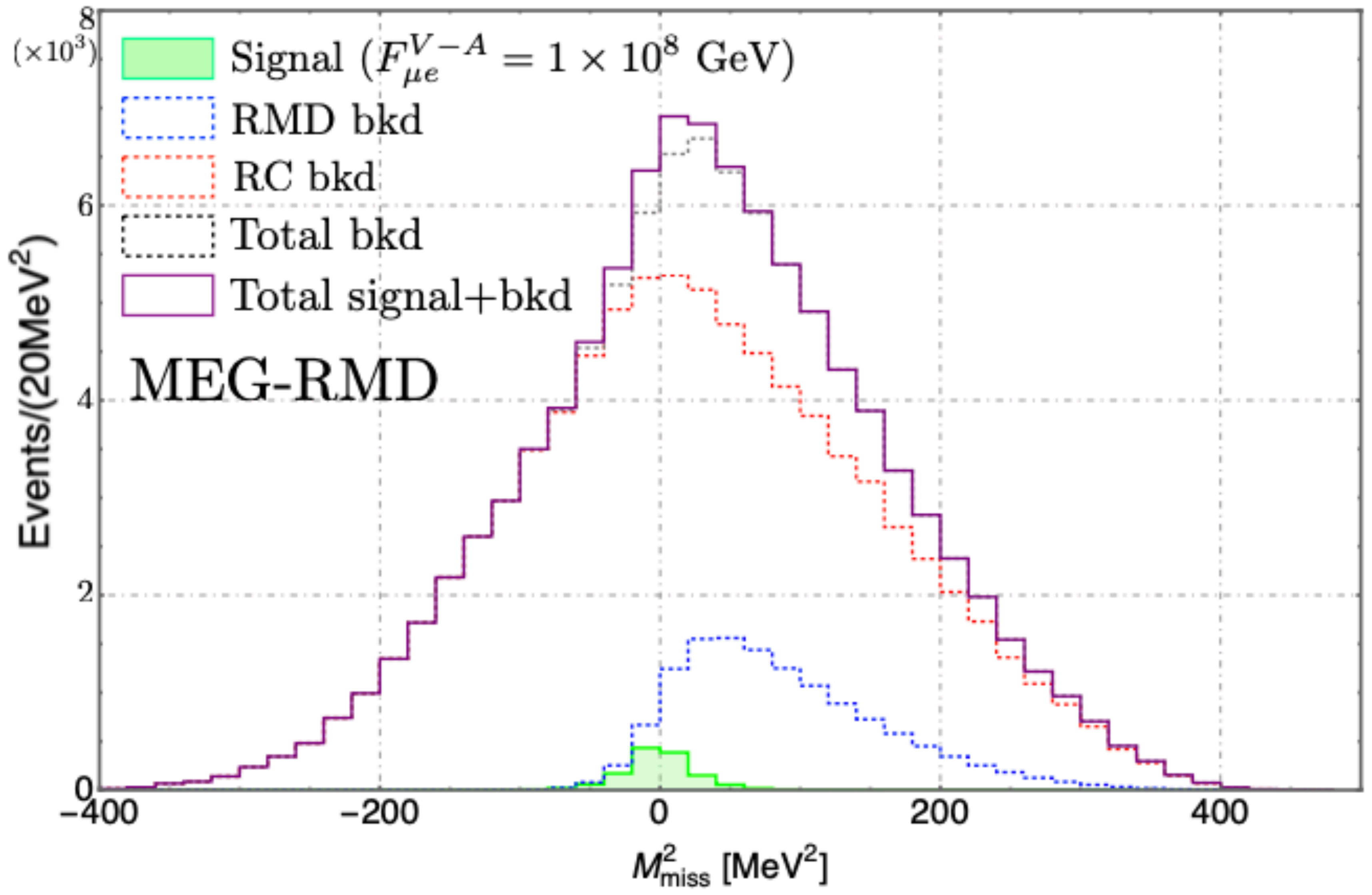

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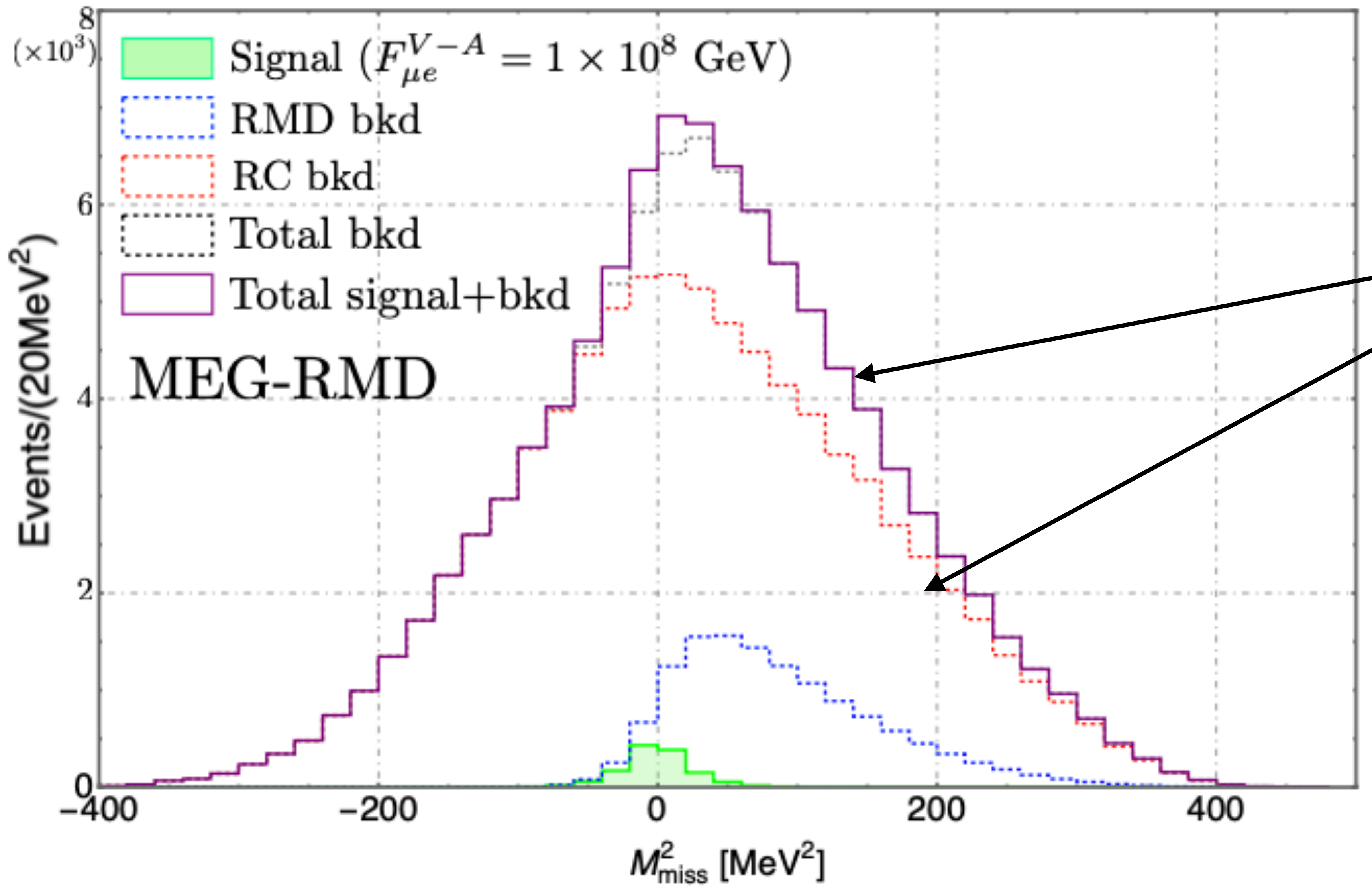

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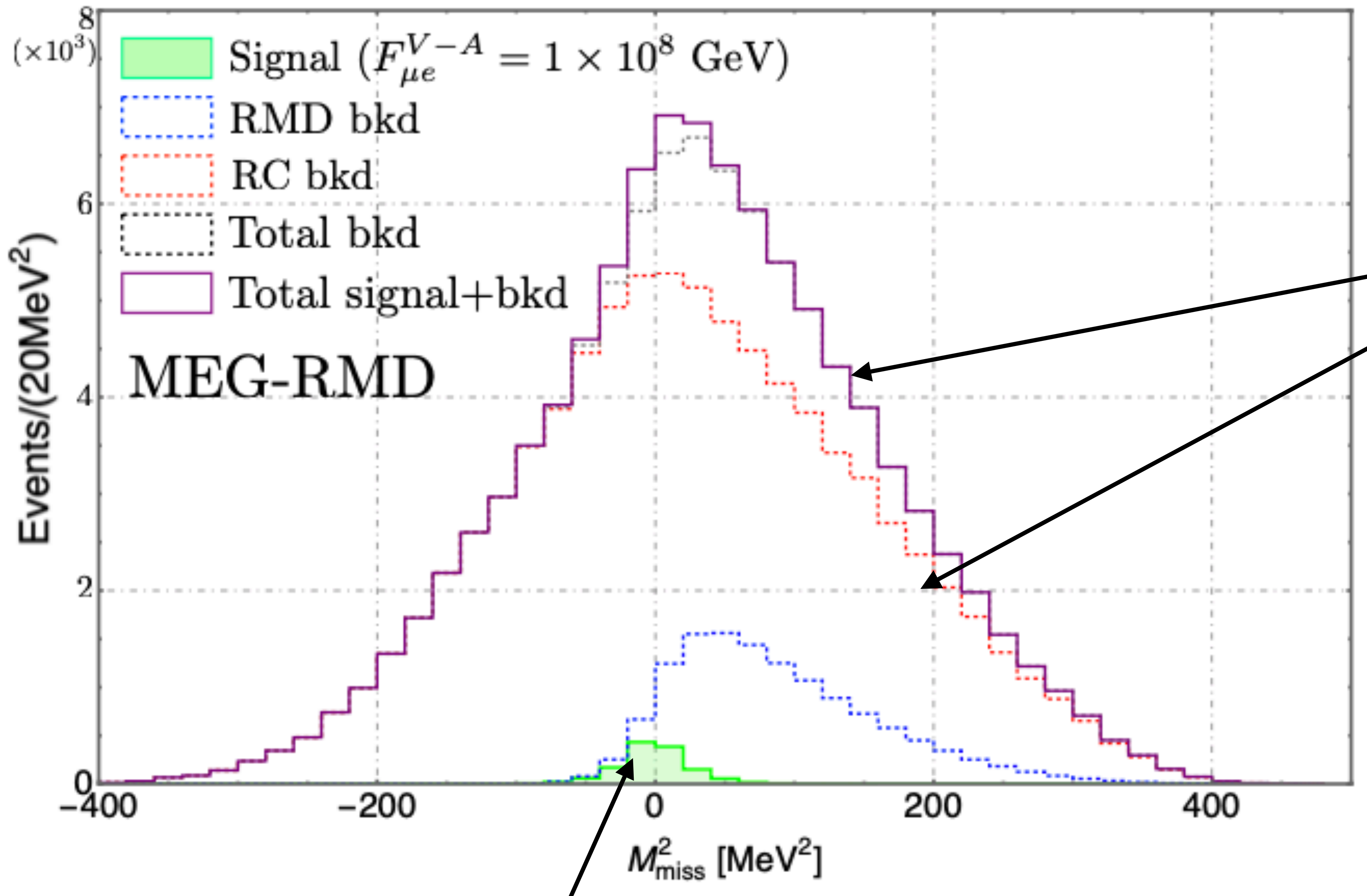

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See. *MEG 1510.04743* with mu polarisation

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See. *MEG 2005.00339*

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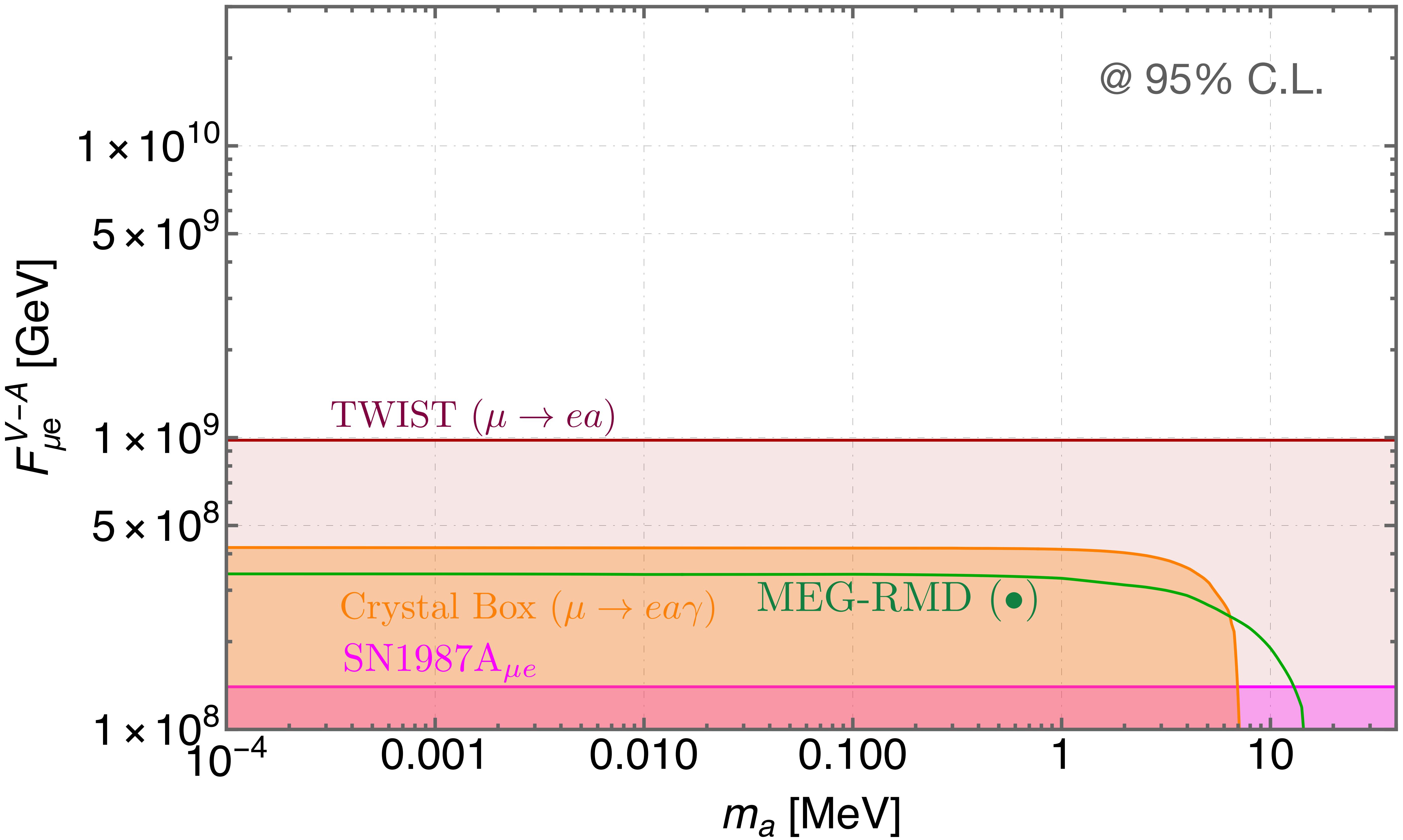

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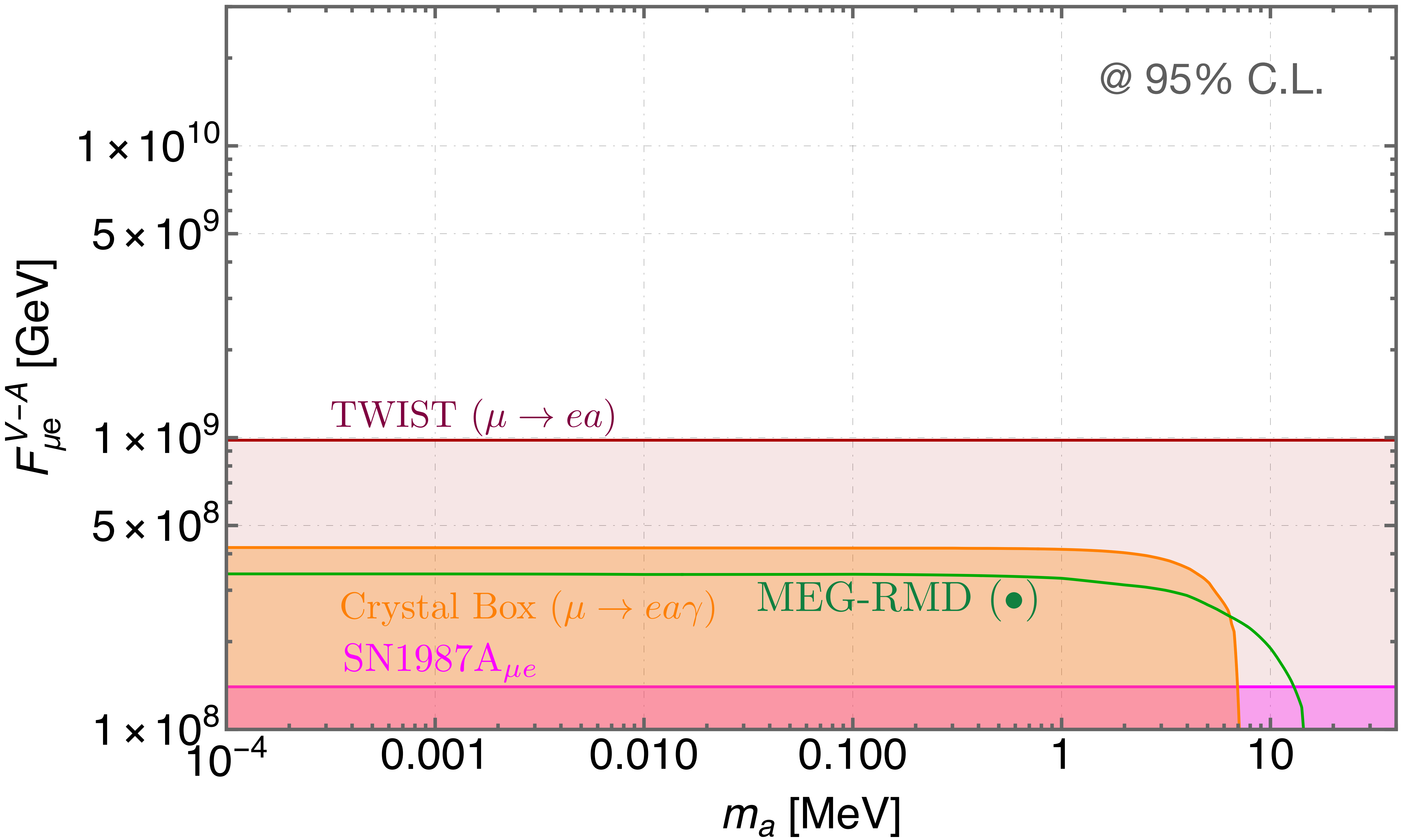

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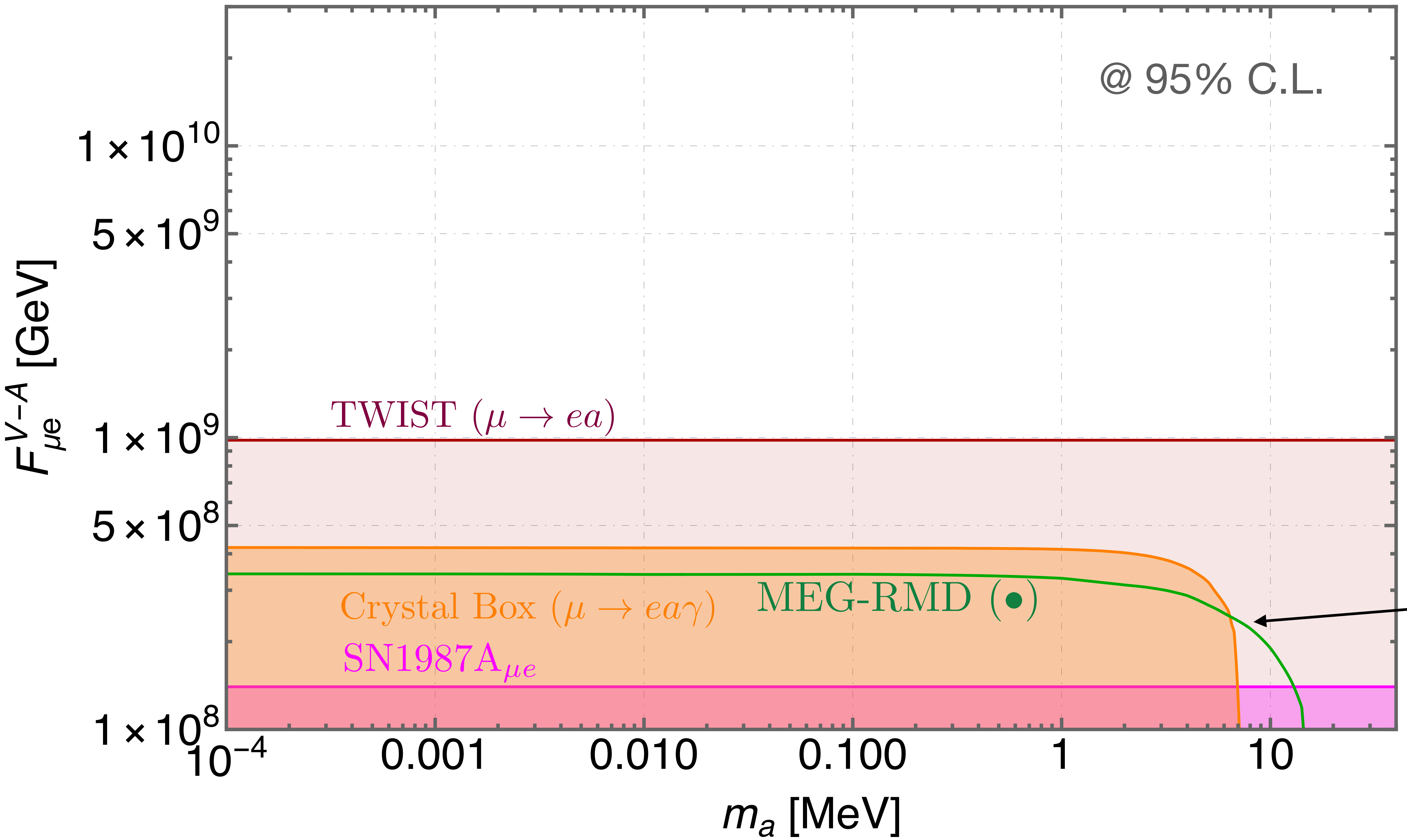

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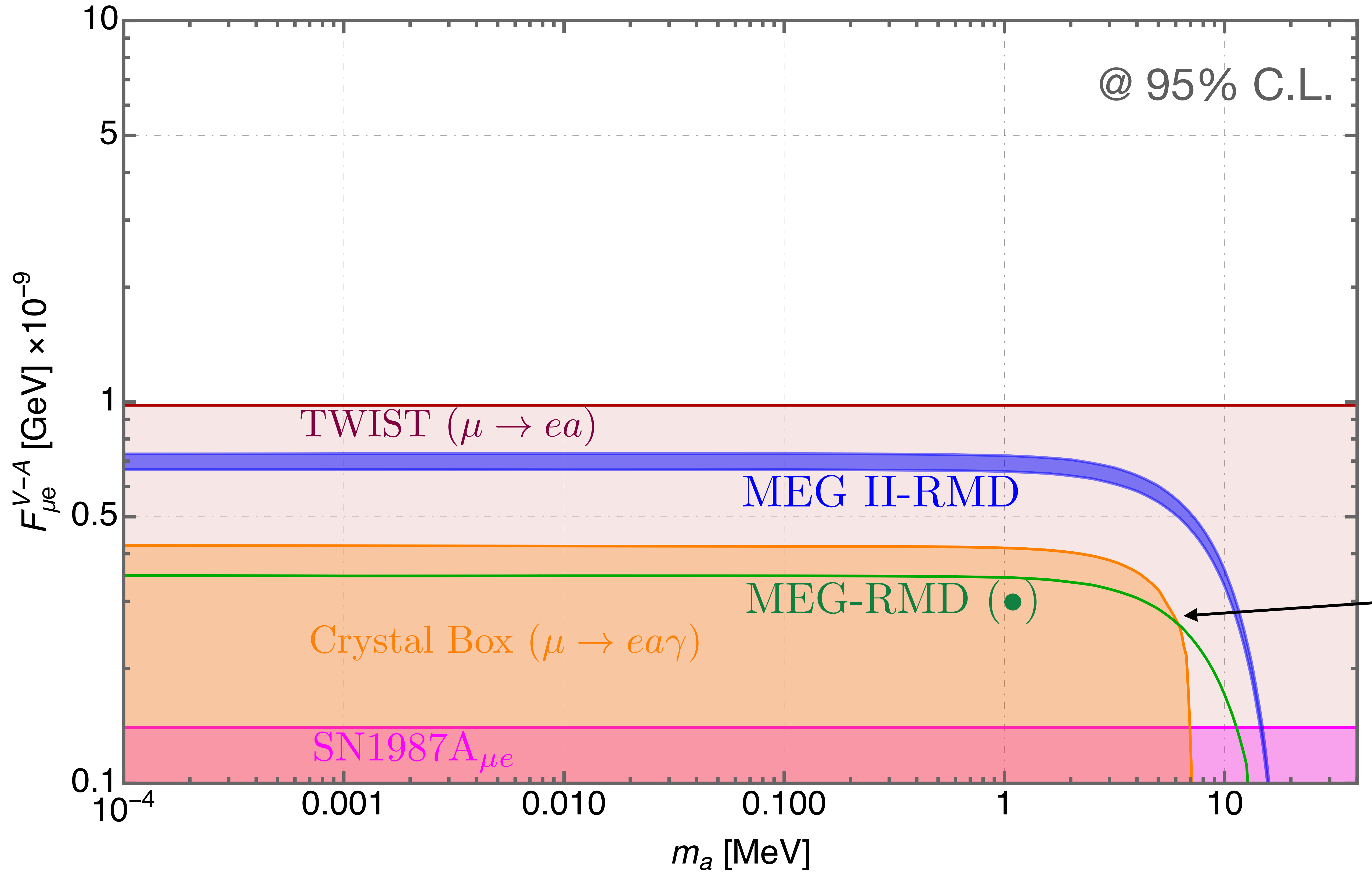

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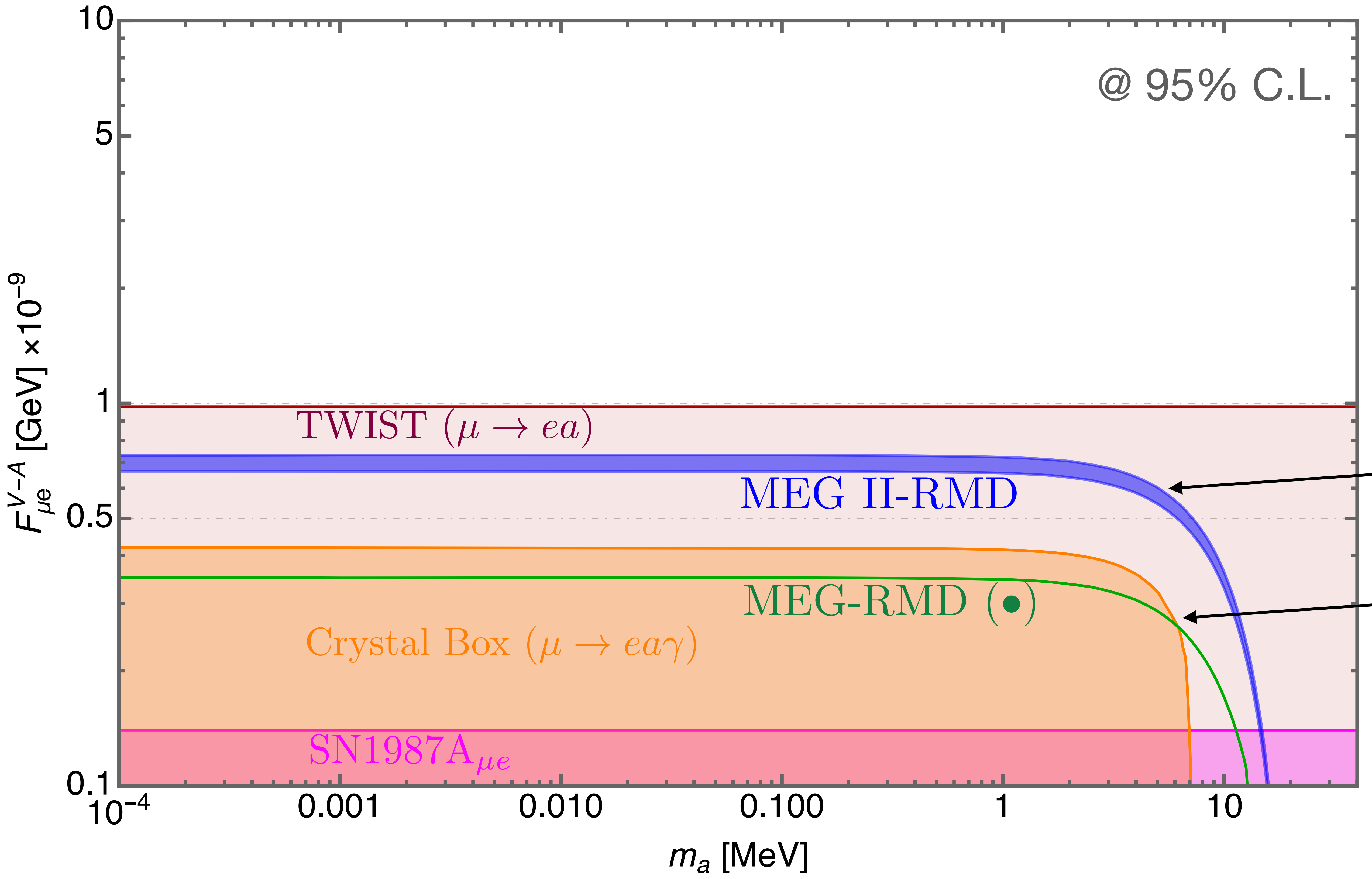

MEG II projection of the same analysis is still weaker than TWIST

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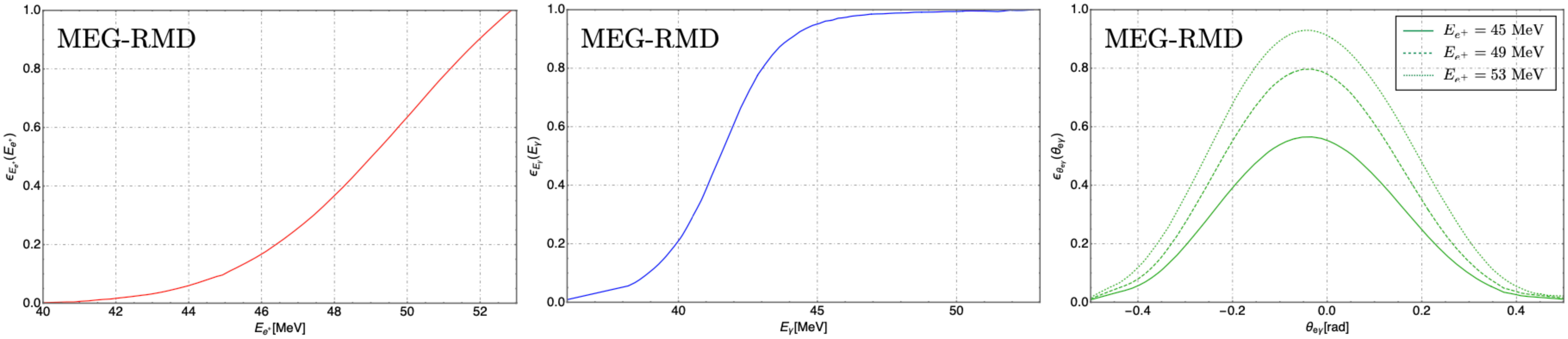

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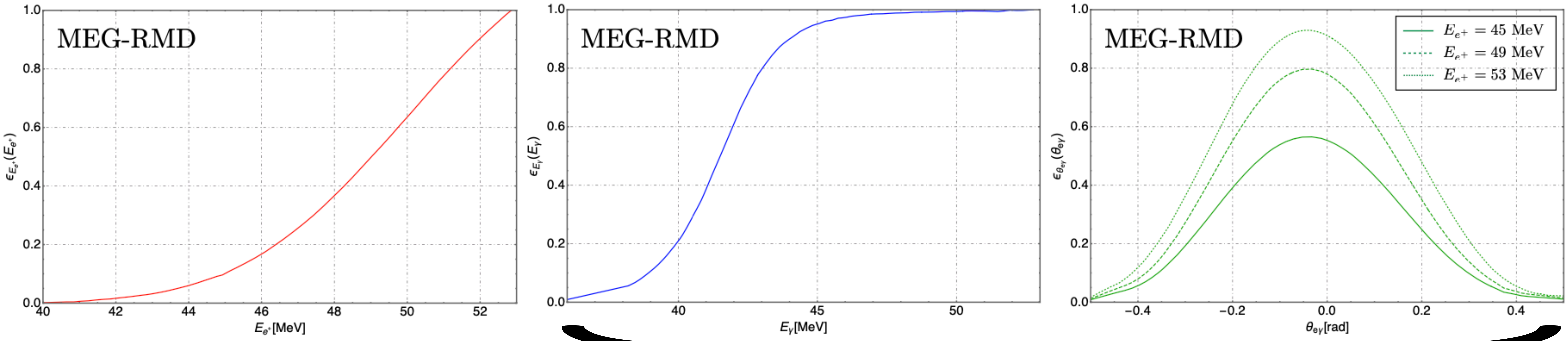

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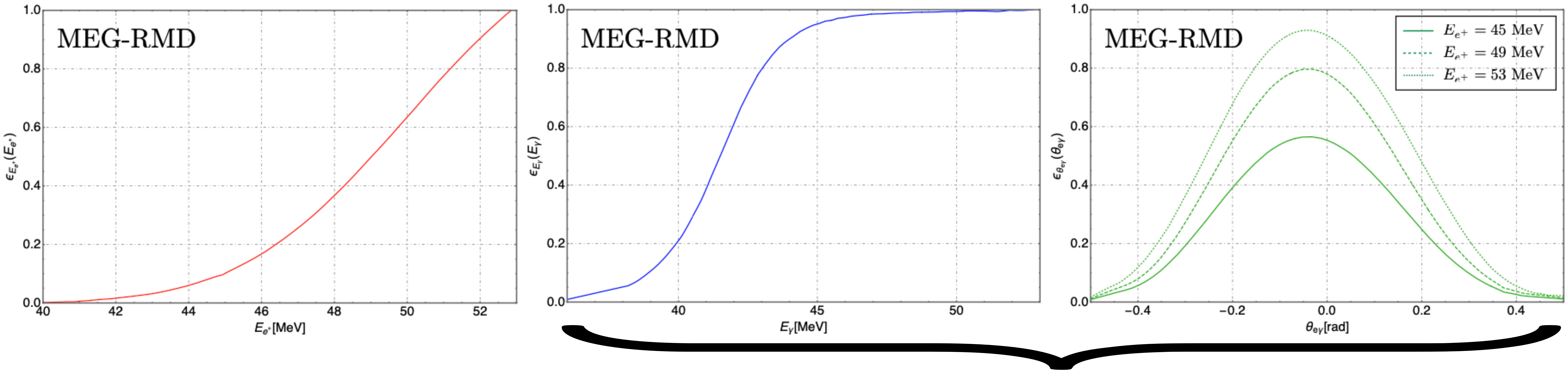

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The RC dominates the trigger rate but it can be suppressed by reducing the intensity R_μ*

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*many thanks to Luca for teaching us all this!

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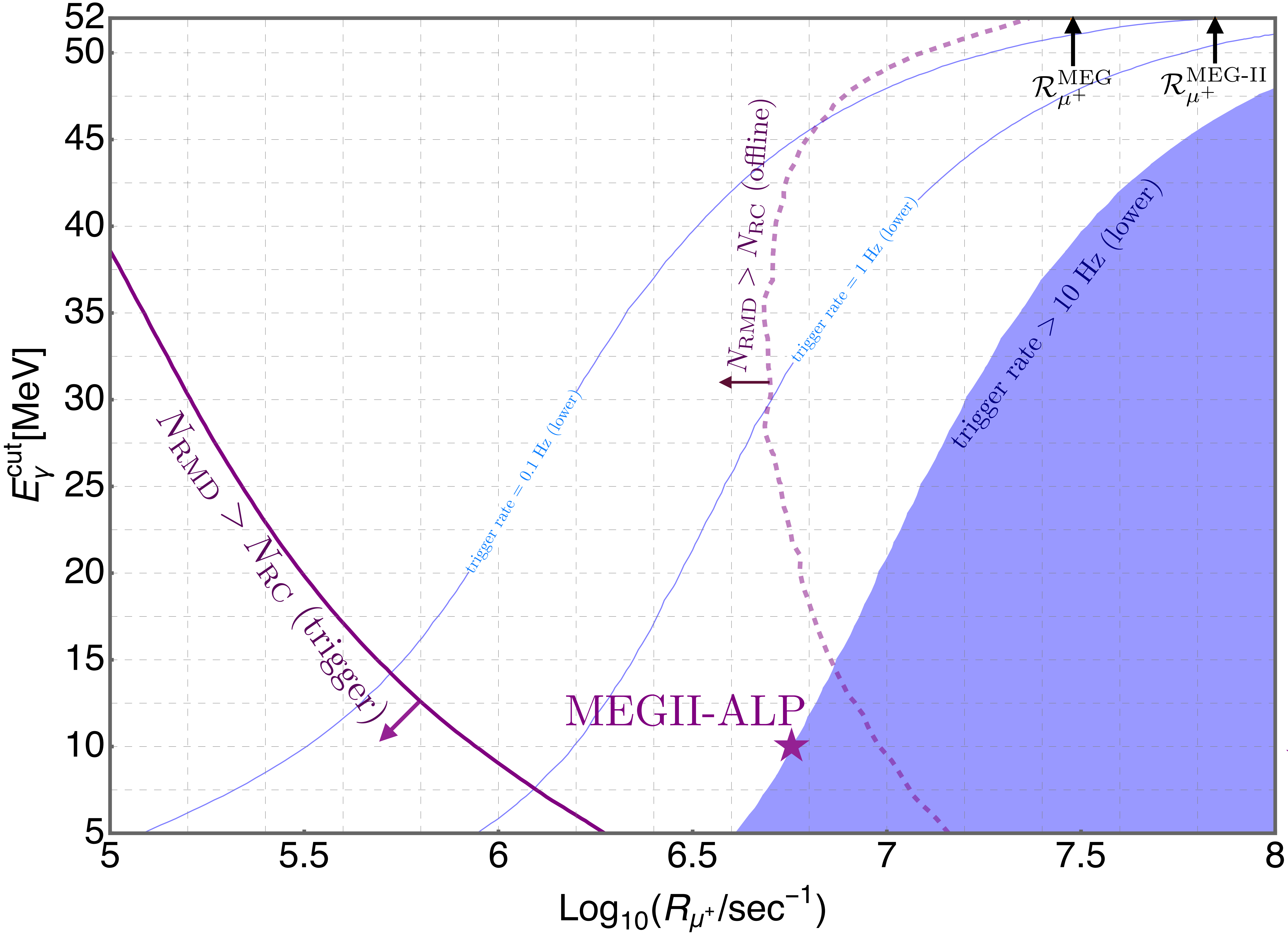

Max trigger rate 10 Hz

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★ Benchmark fixed to the highest intensity for photon energy of 10 MeV given our estimate of the trigger rate

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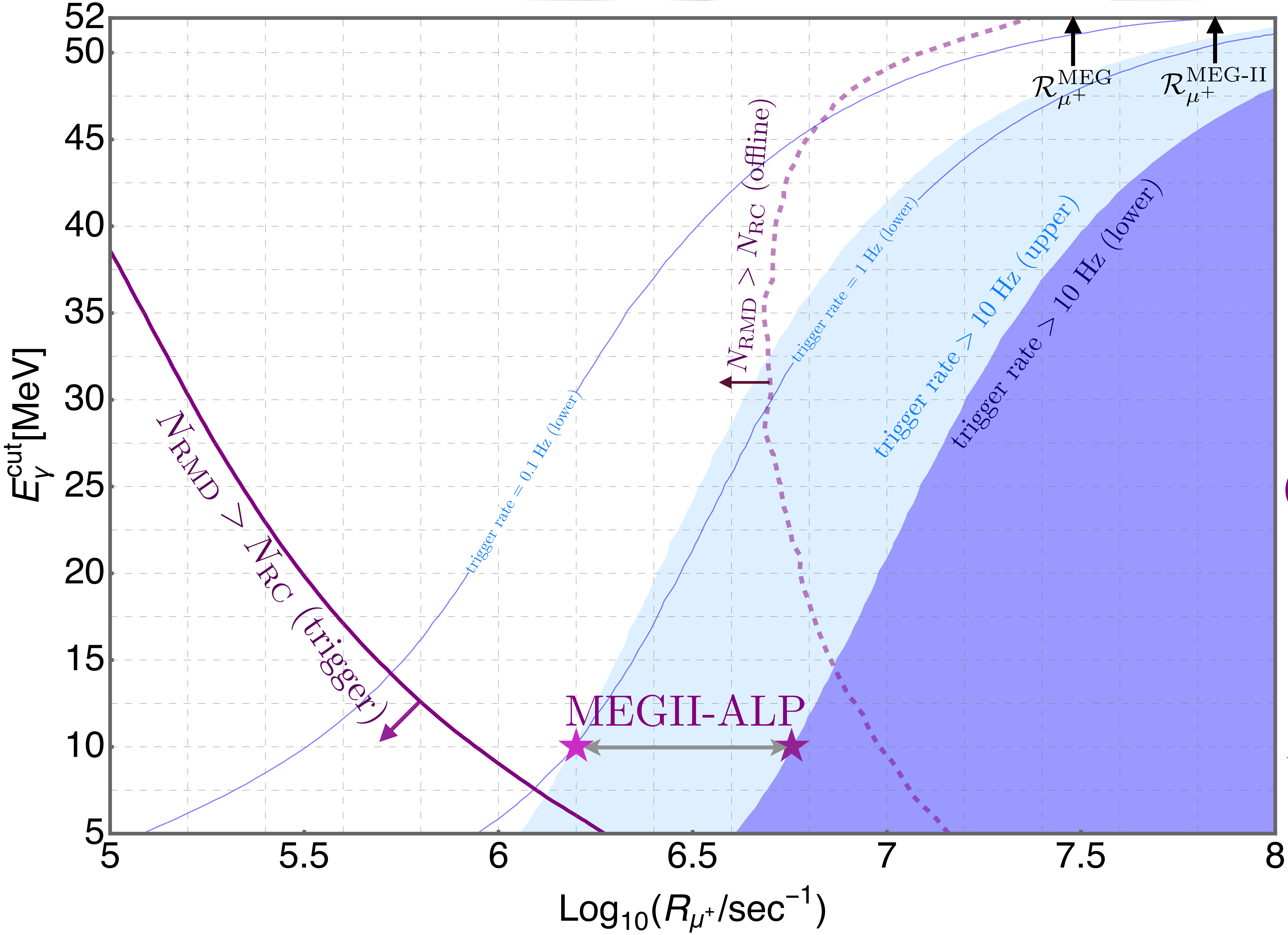

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★Uncertainty in trigger rate results in two different benchmark for the same photon energy

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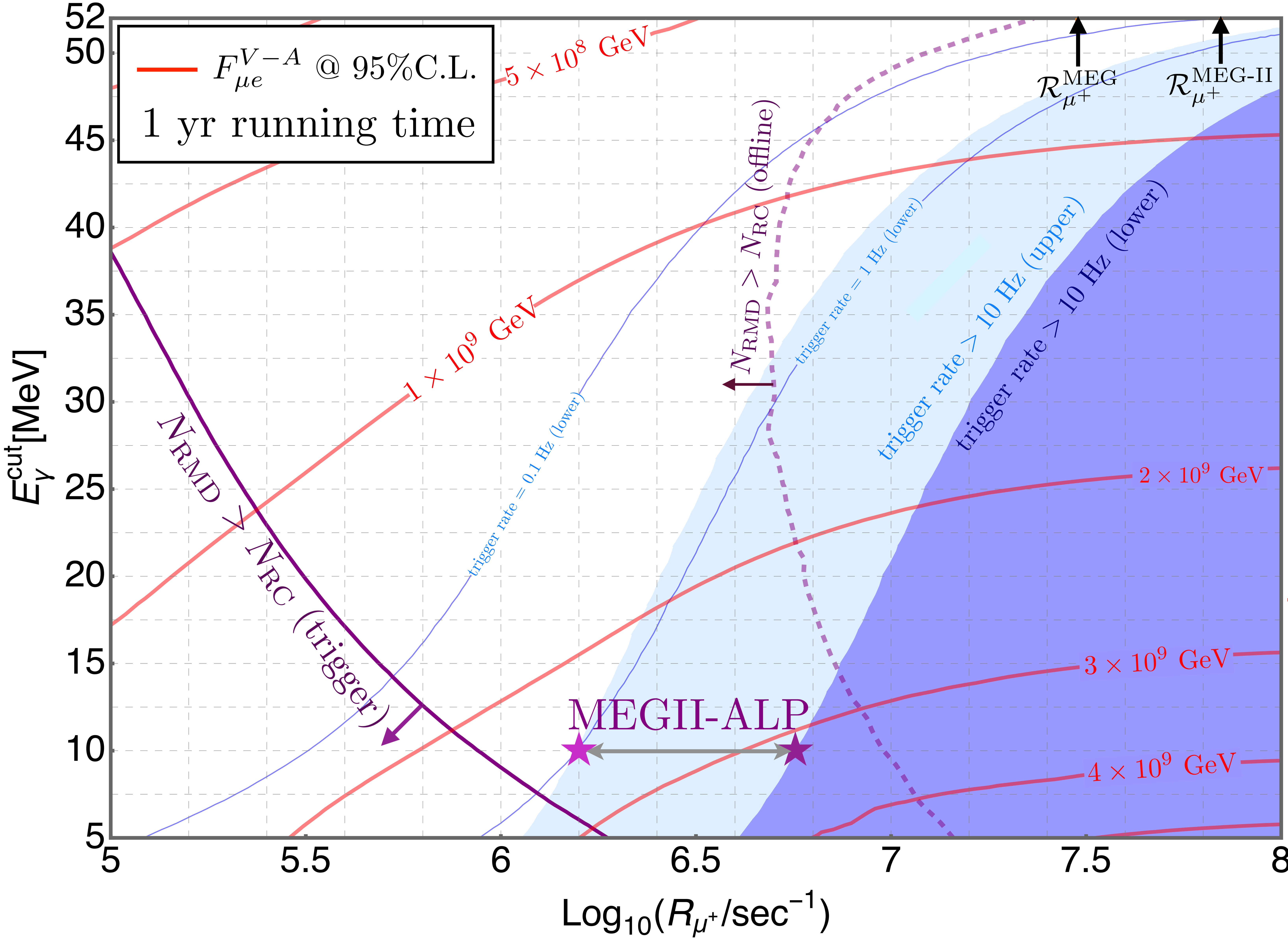

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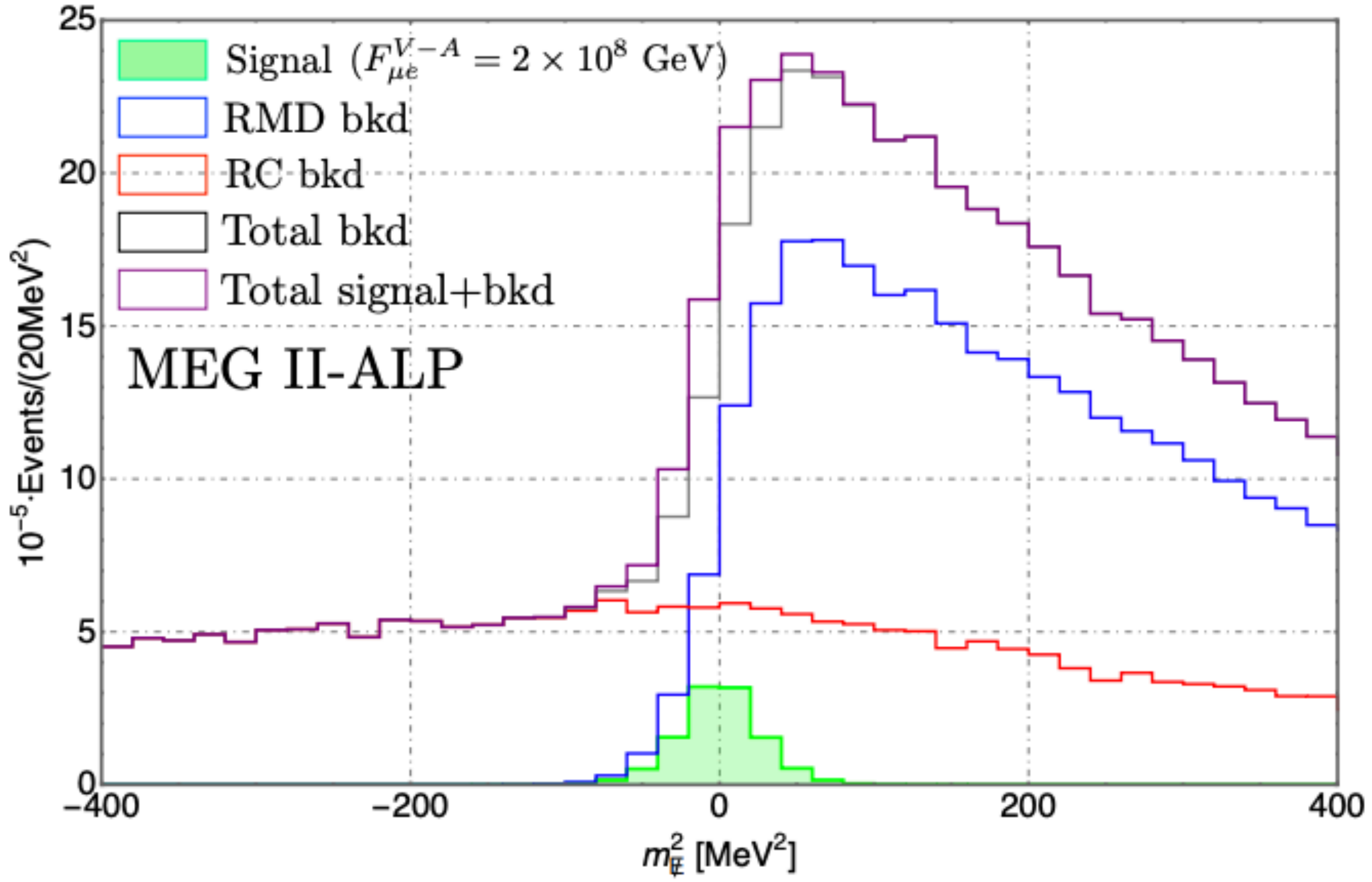
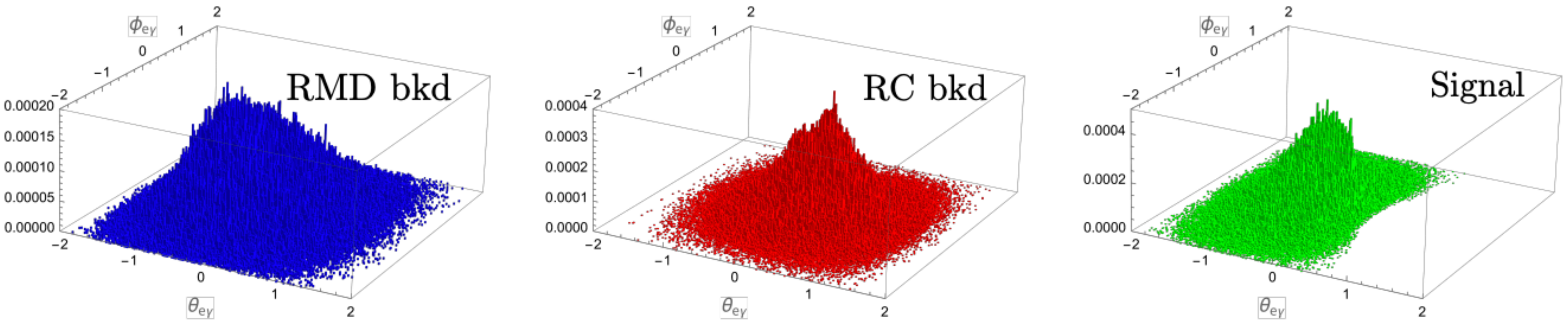


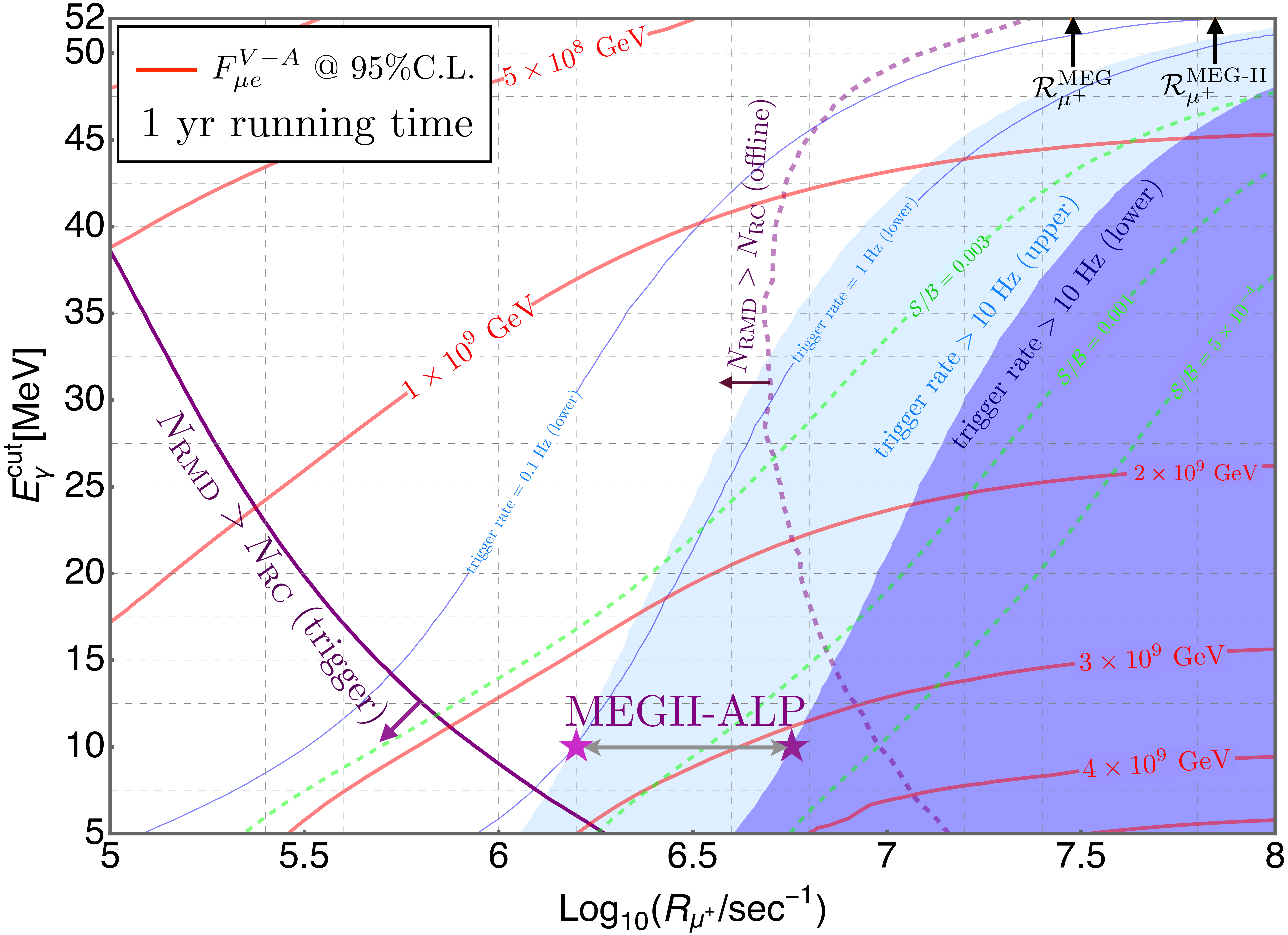
Bump hunt in missing mass*

*for a massless object we are close to a cliff of the bkd (systematics has to be taken into account)



Log-likelihood on angular variables

Final reach II



Systematics have to be controlled at per mill level (S/B is a good proxy)

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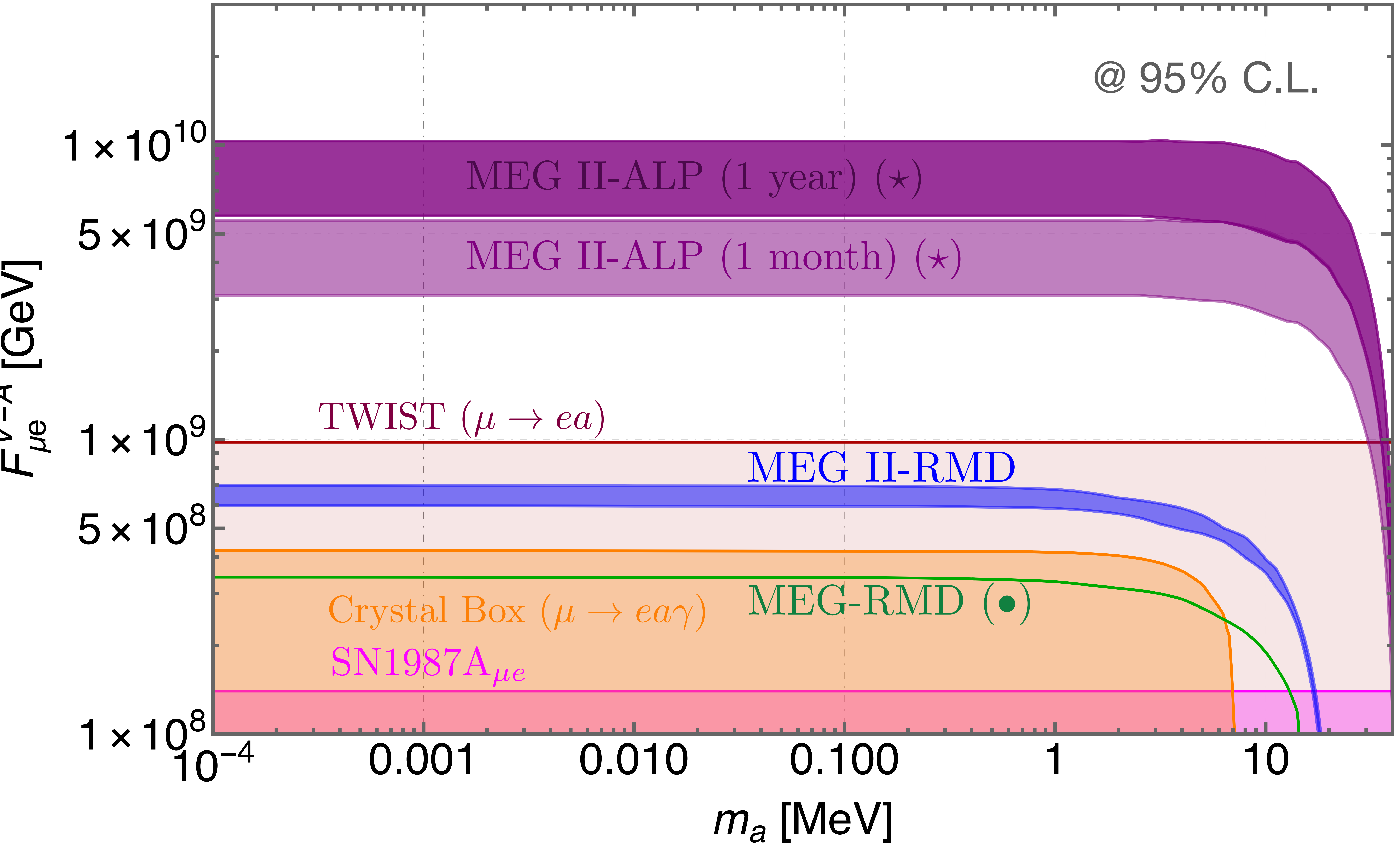

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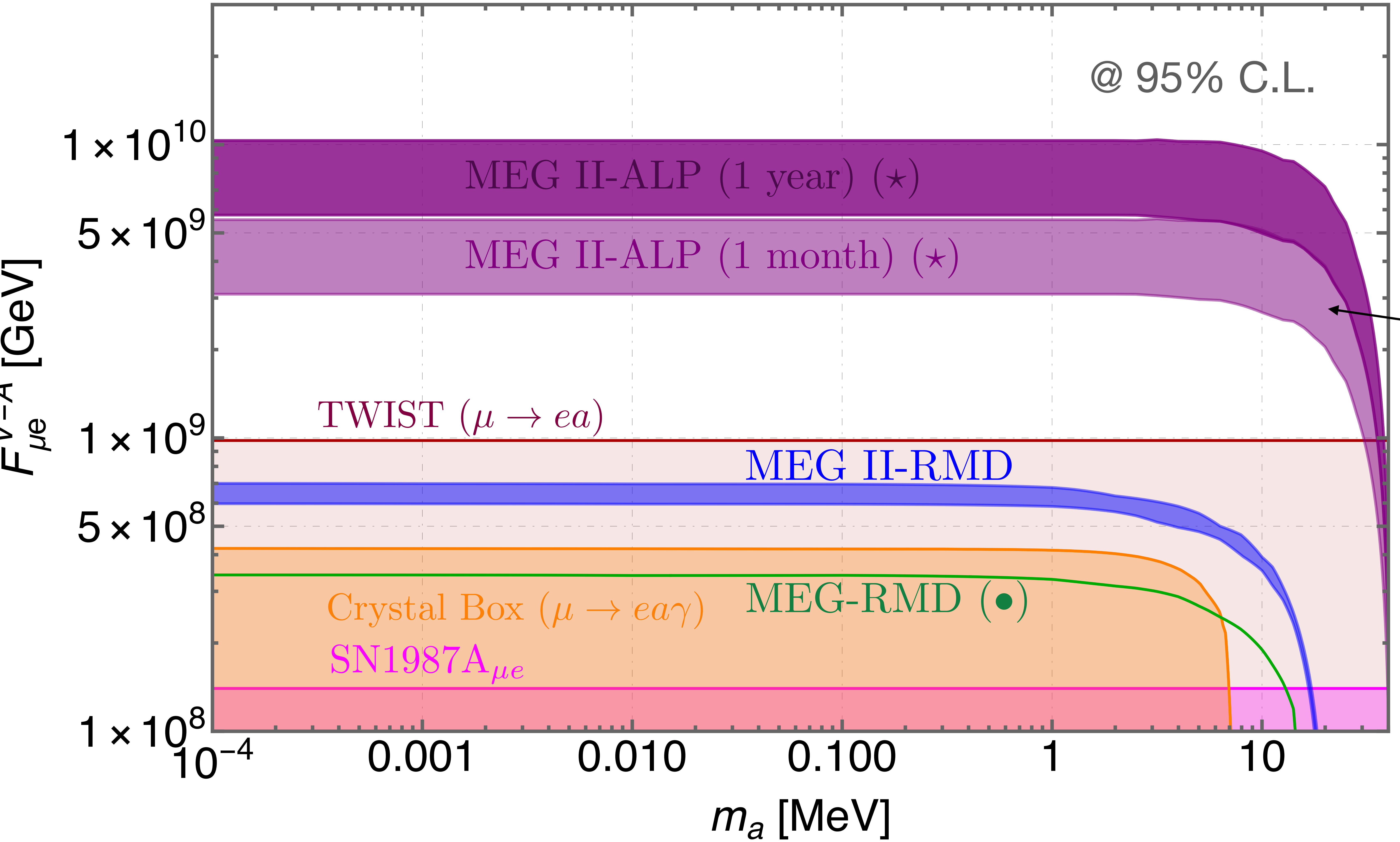

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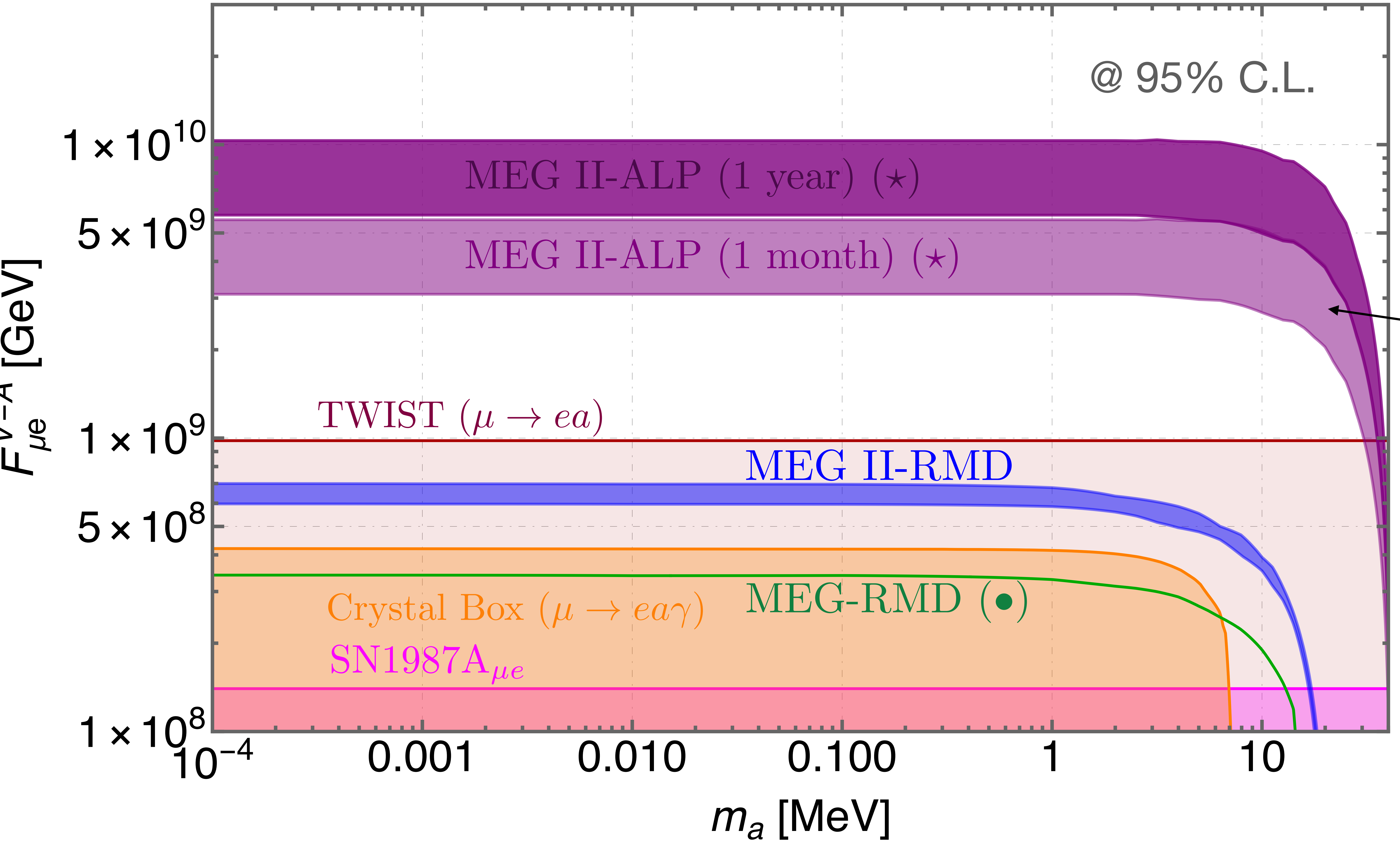

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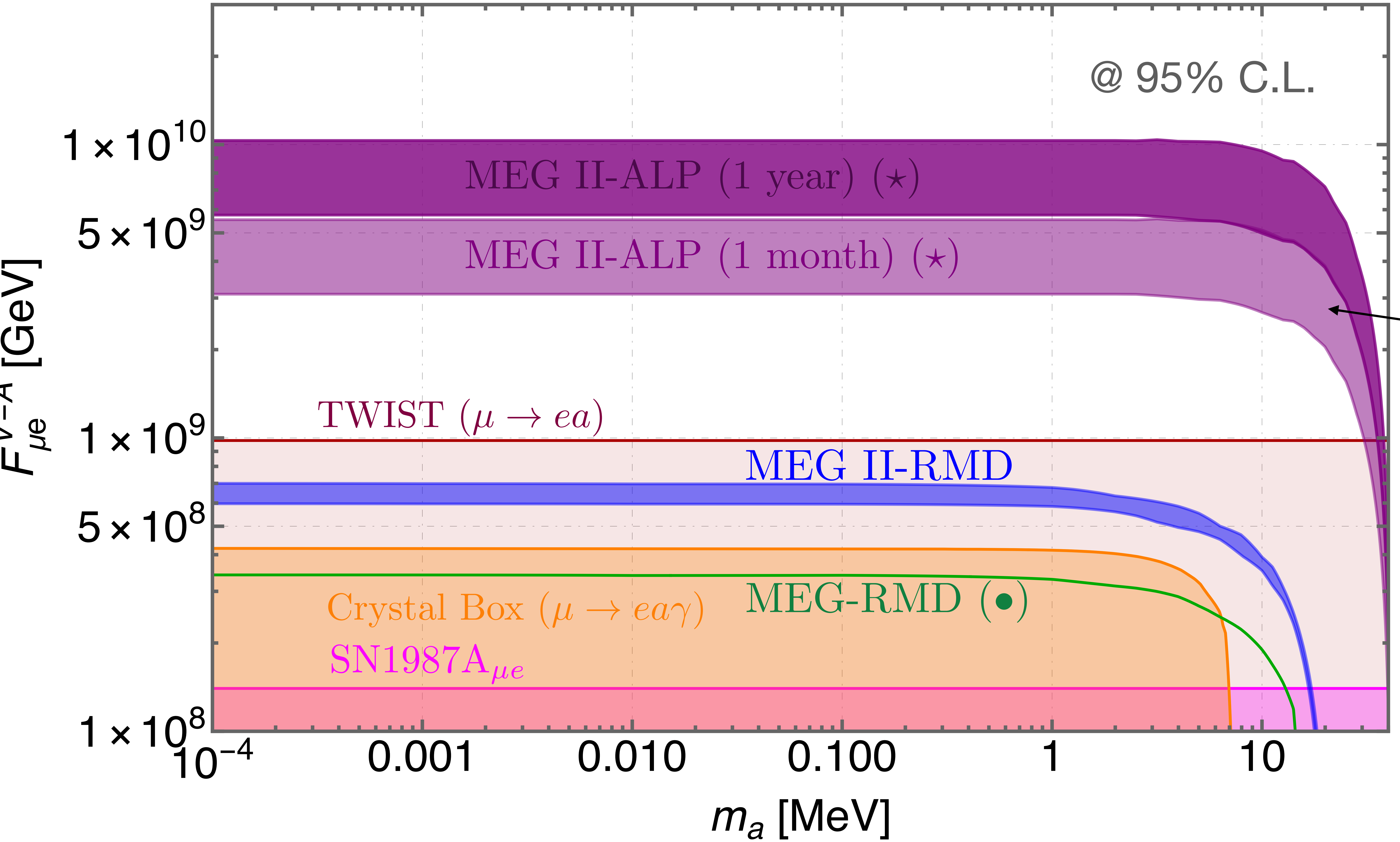

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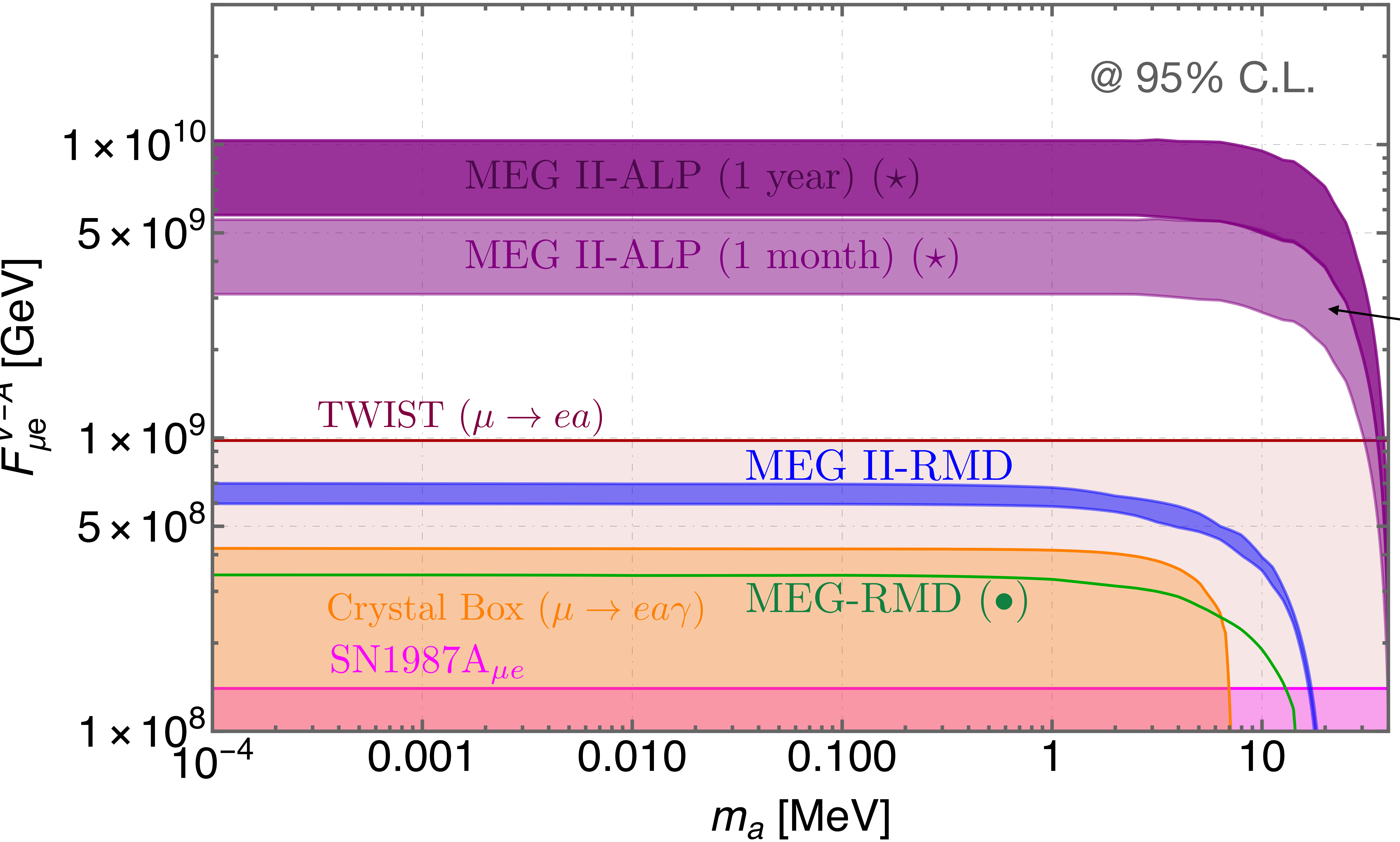

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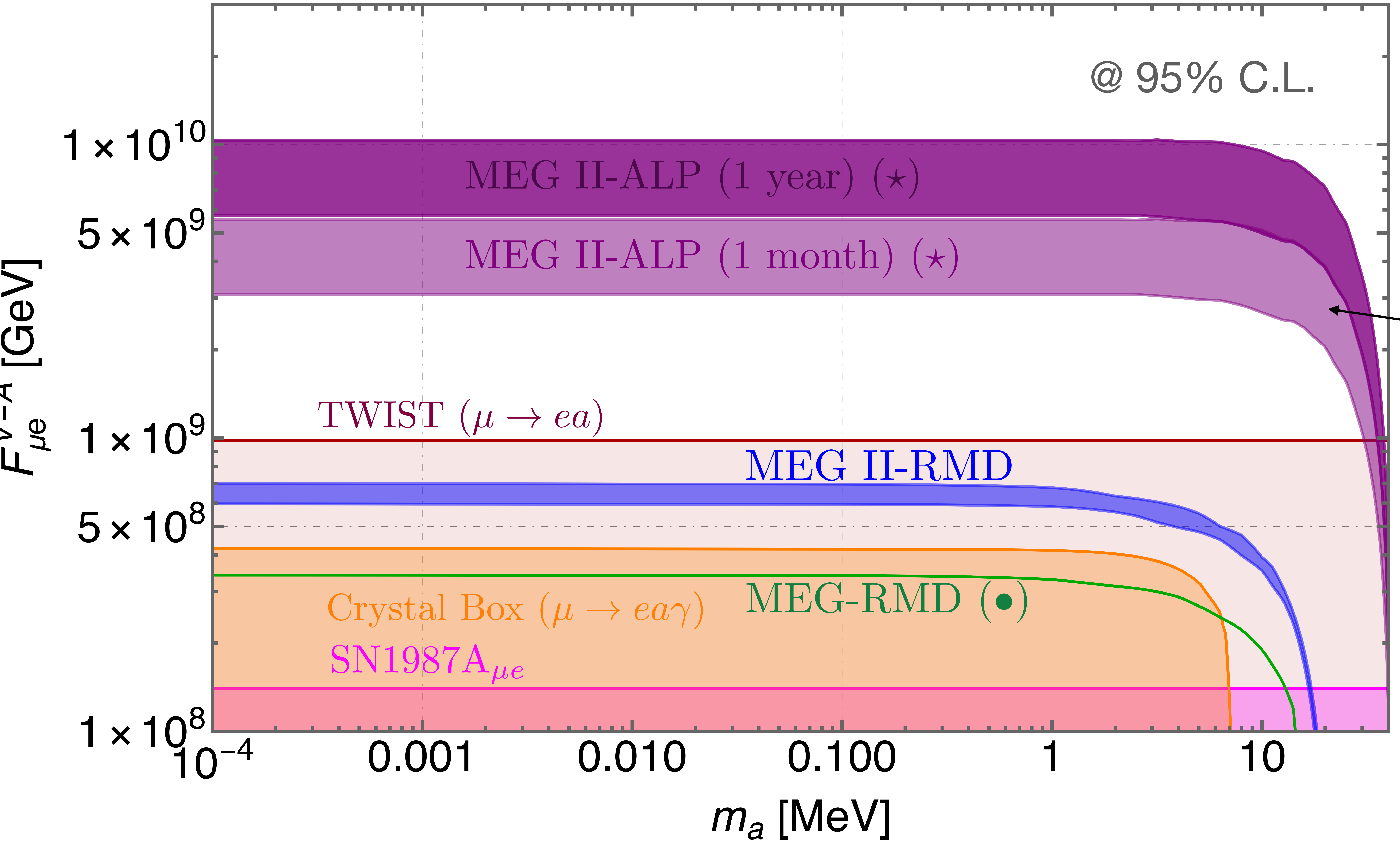

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(Luca Galli for more infos)

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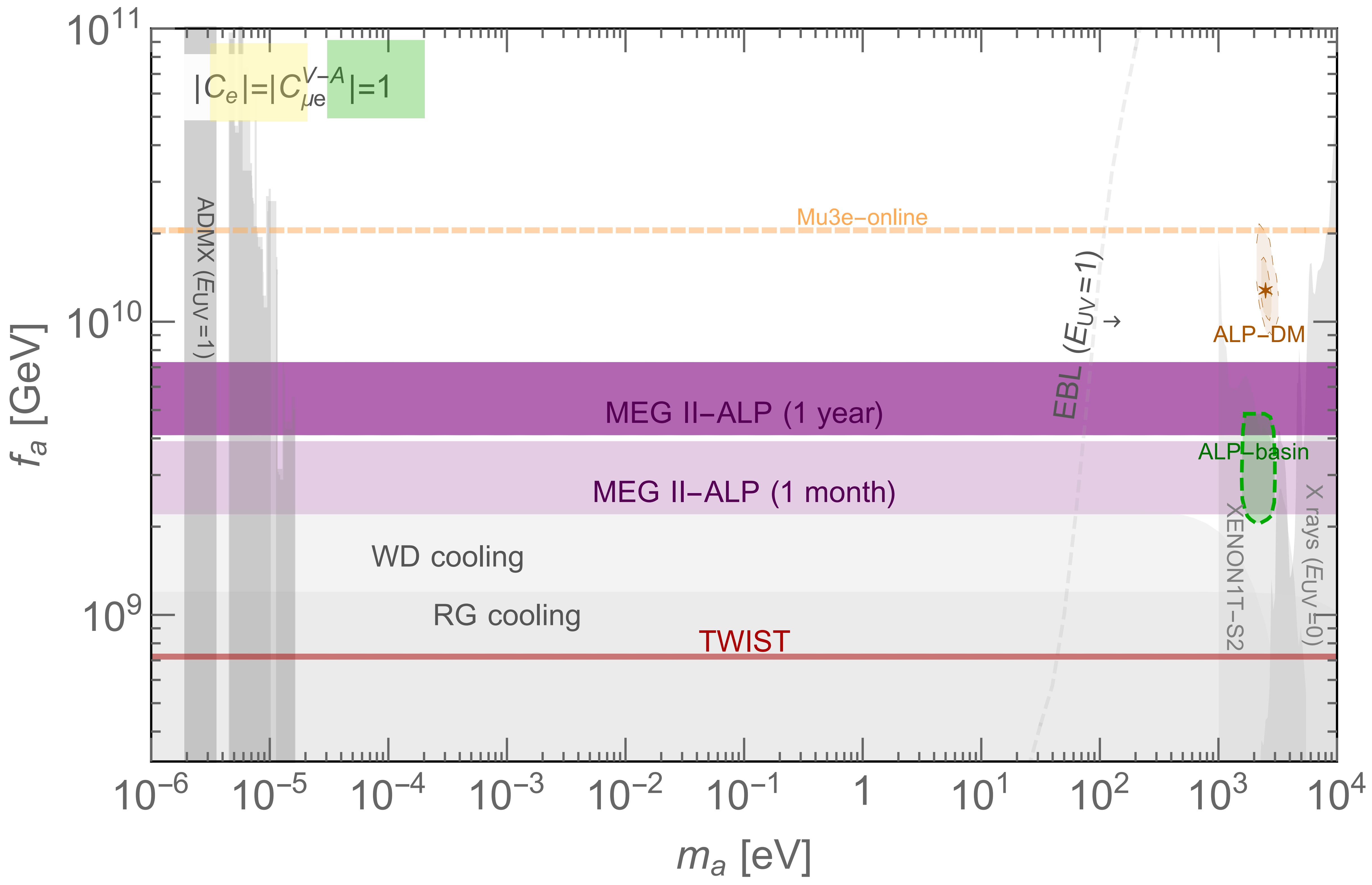

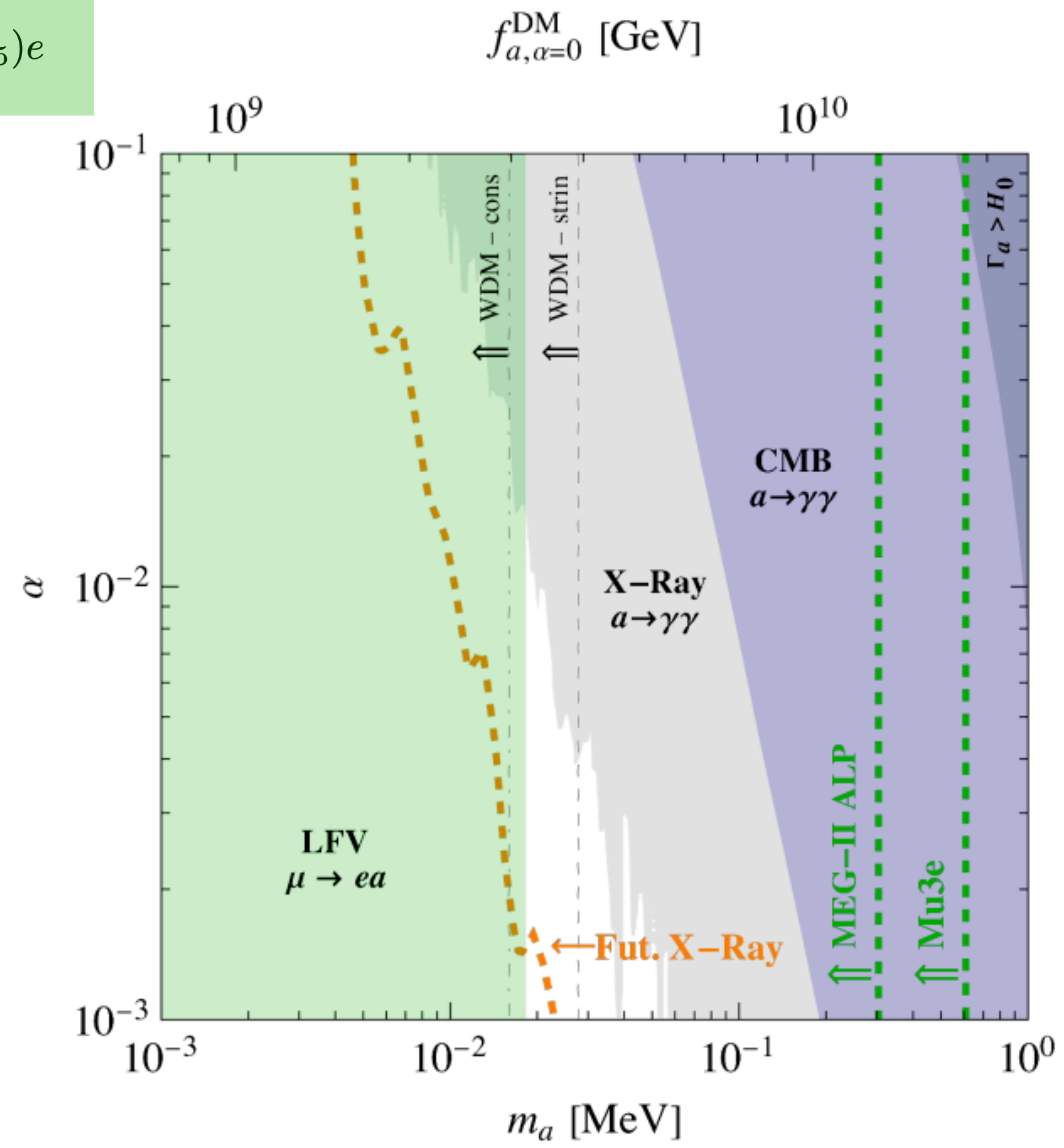

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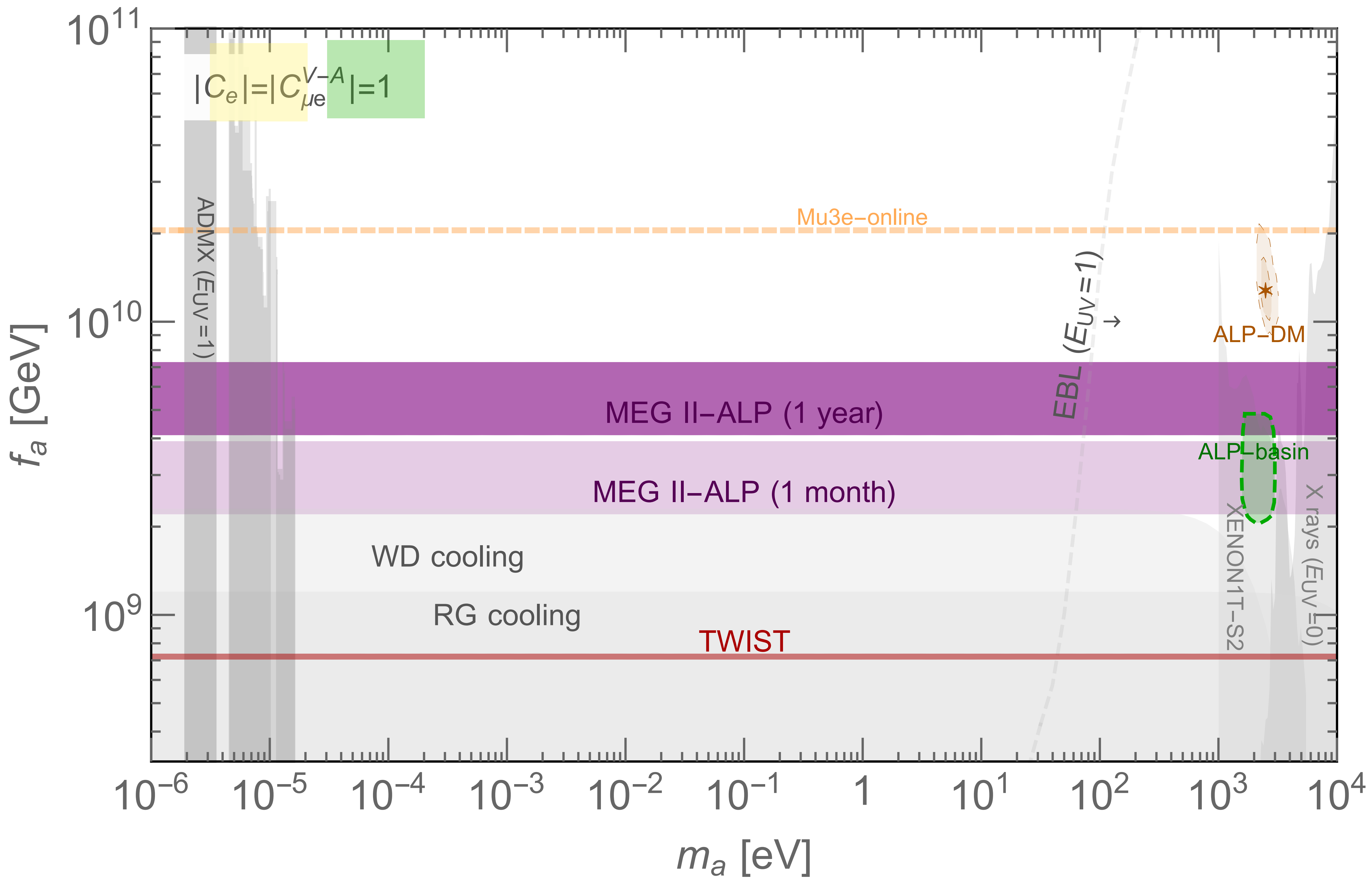

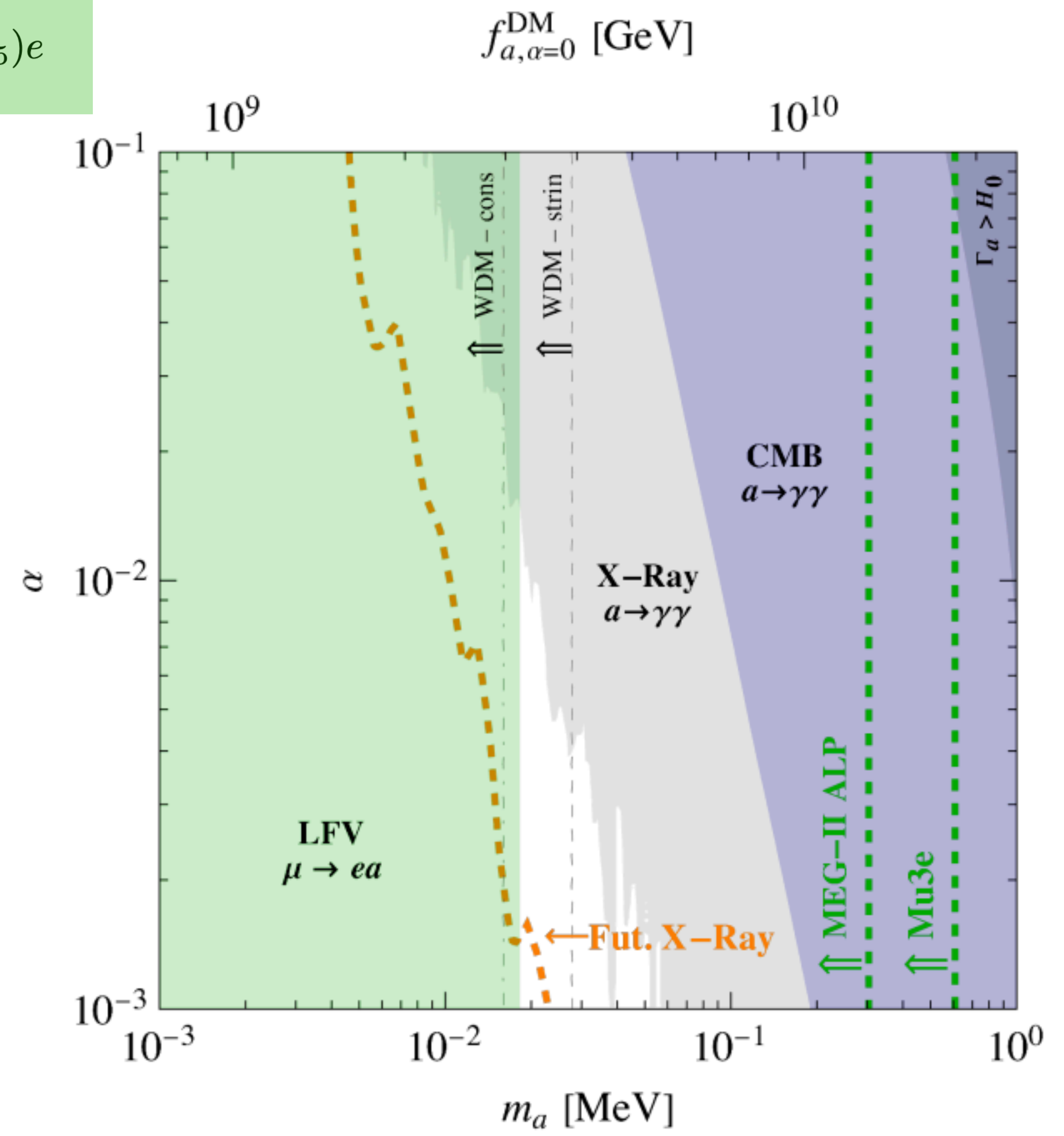

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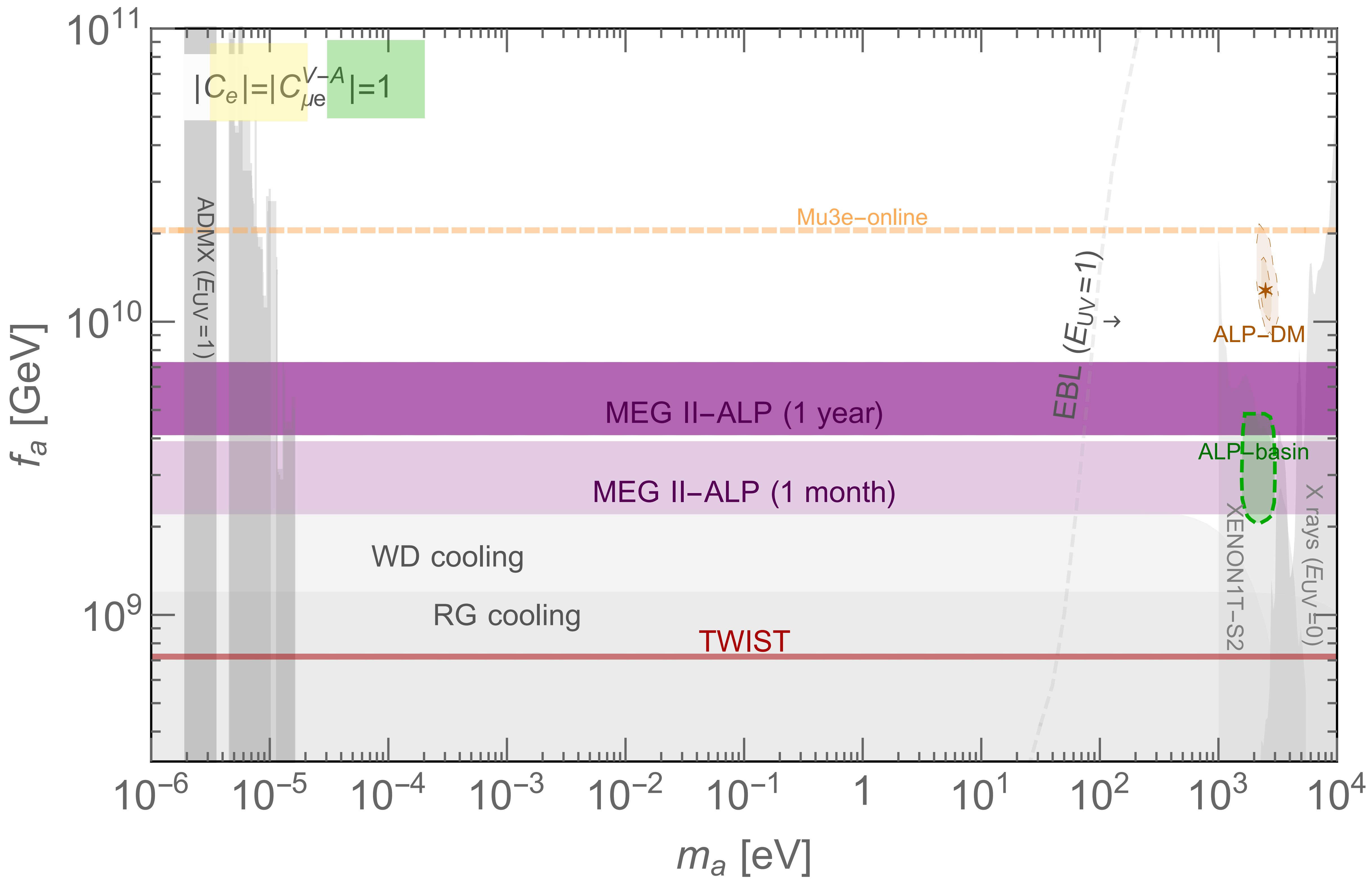

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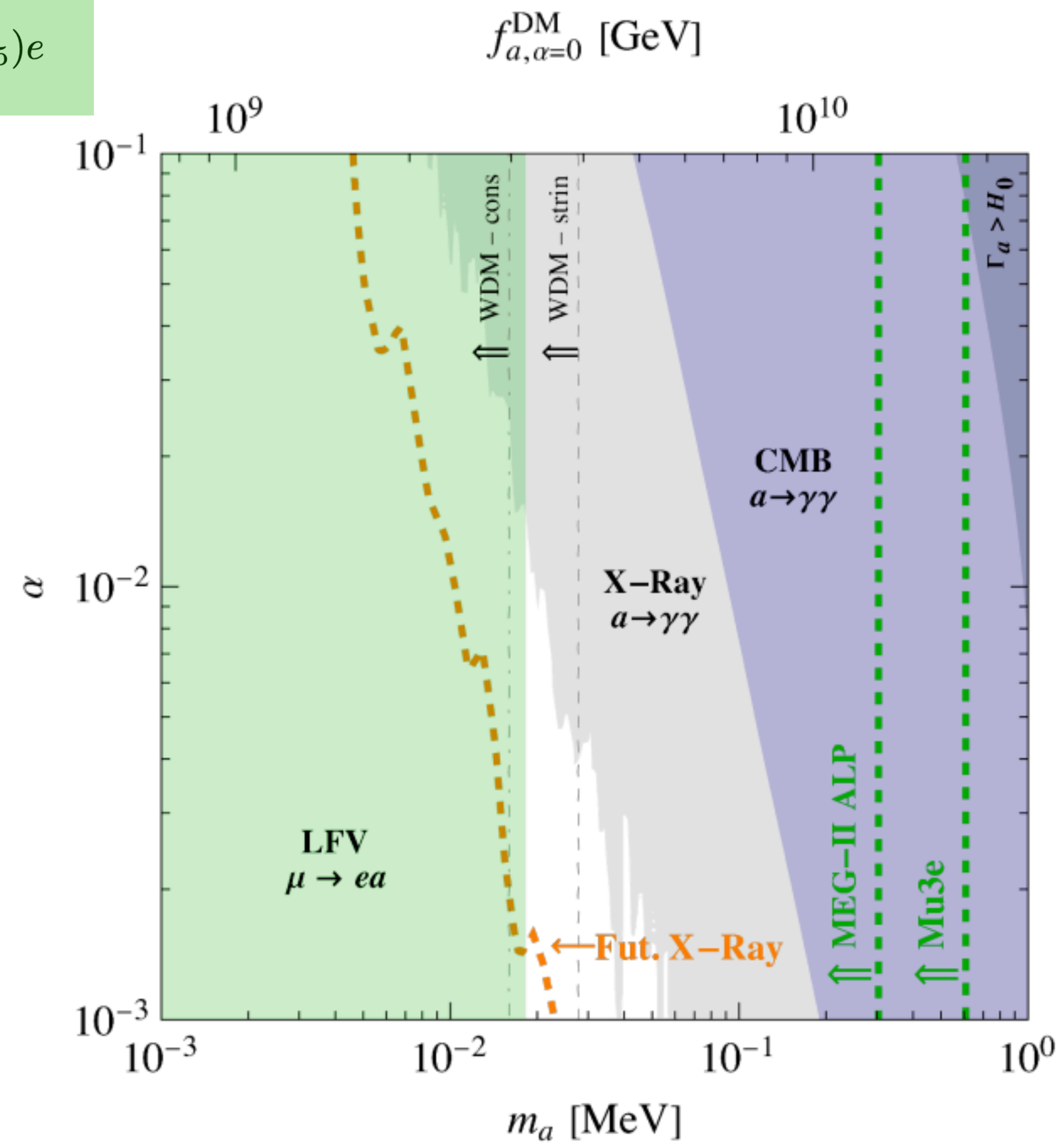


MEG-II can completely test Freeze-in model based on LFV decays

Flavor preserving light new physics

The presence of light states can give final states close enough to FV muon decays without breaking any SM accidental symmetry!

Example: $\mathcal{L}_{\gamma'} \supset F'^{\mu\nu} F'_{\mu\nu} + m_A A'^{\mu} A'_{\mu} + \epsilon A'^{\mu} J_{\mu}^{\rm SM}$

$$\mu^+ \to e^+ \nu \bar{\nu} \gamma' \to e^+ \nu \bar{\nu} (e^+ e^-)_{\rm res.}$$

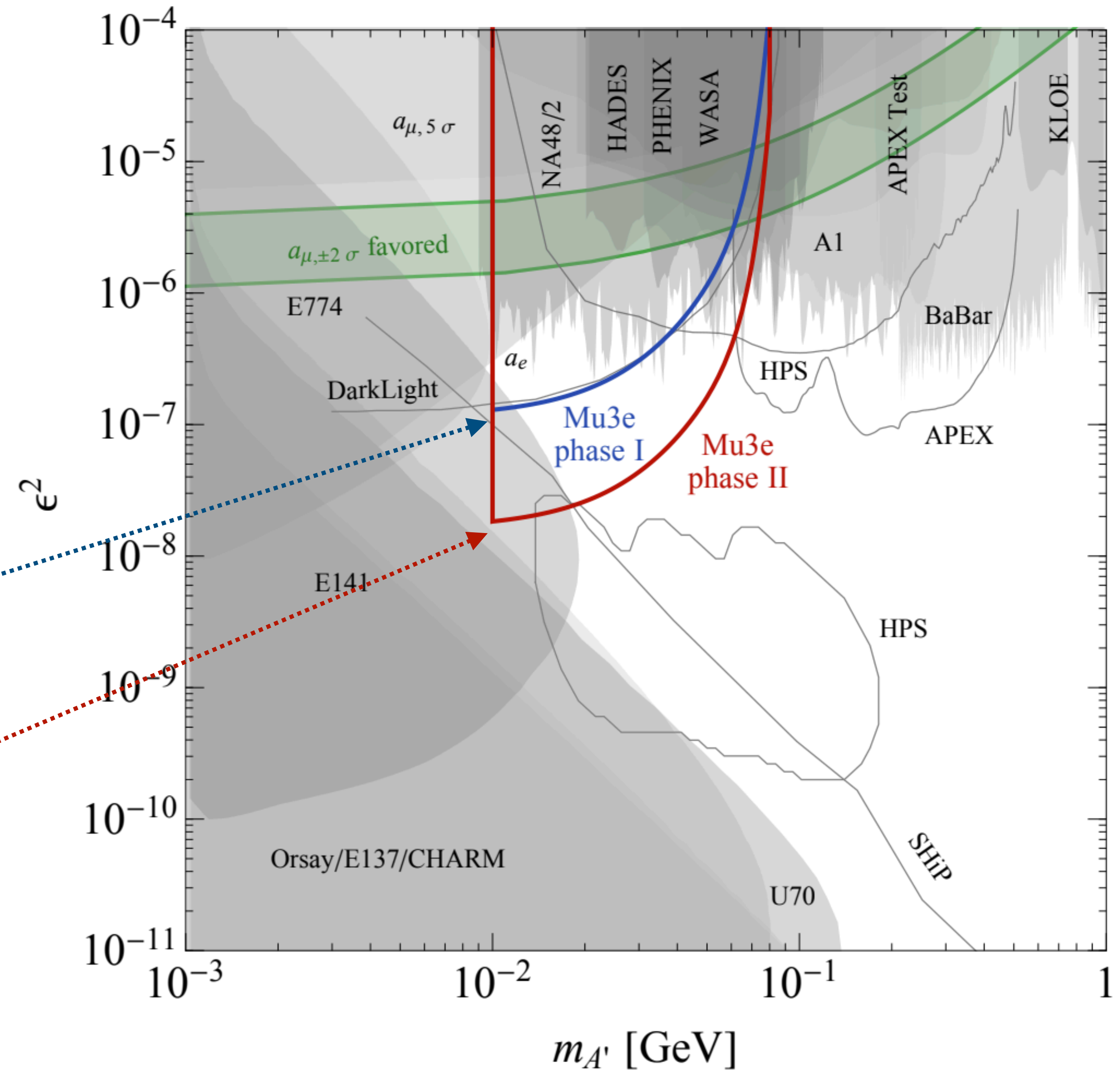
Bkd: $\mu \to e^+ \nu \bar{\nu} e^+ e^-$

bump-hunt in invariant mass

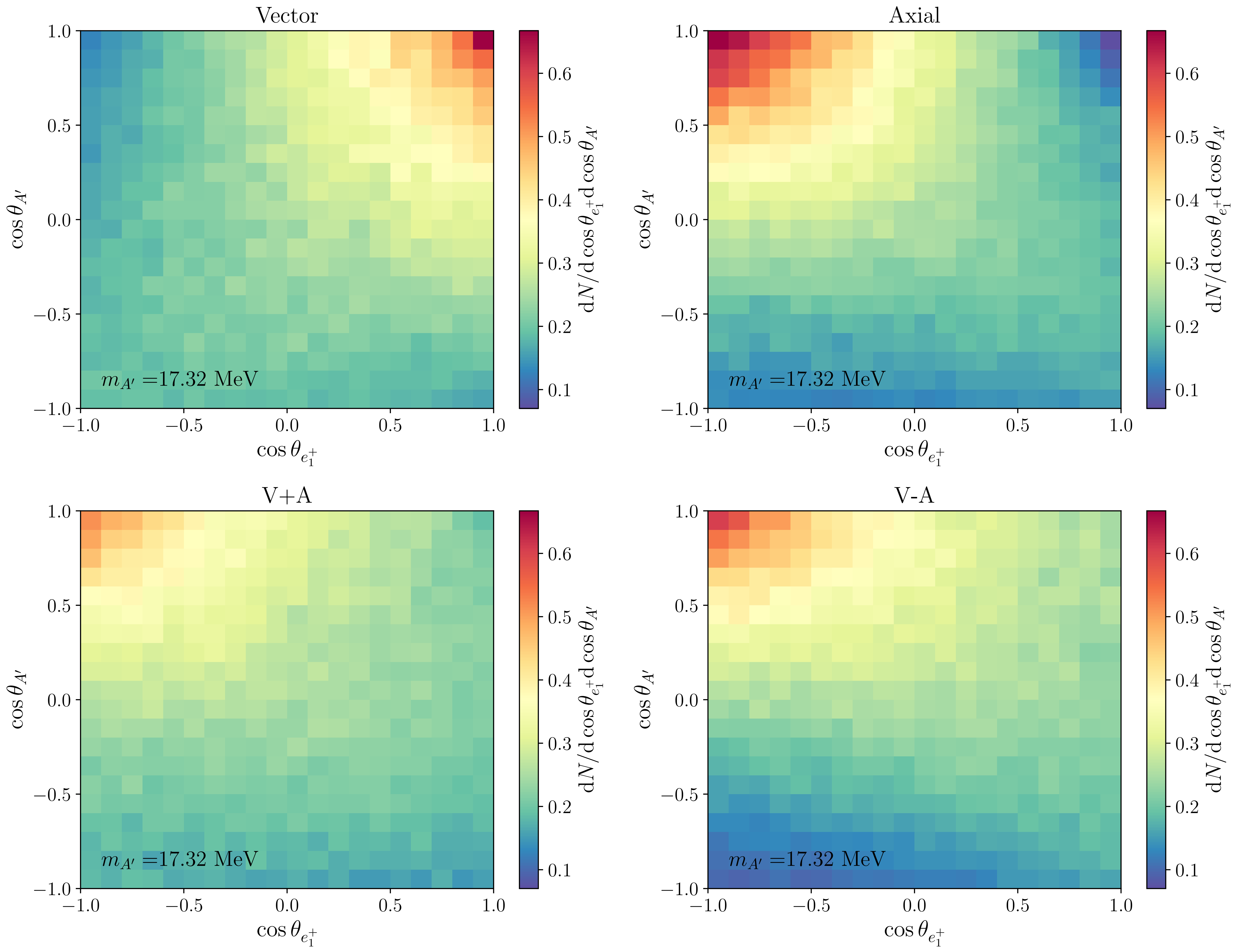
See. *Echenard, Essig and Zhong 1409.0638*

$10^{15} \mu^+$

$5.5 \times 10^{16} \mu^+$



Distinguish vector chirality through angular distributions



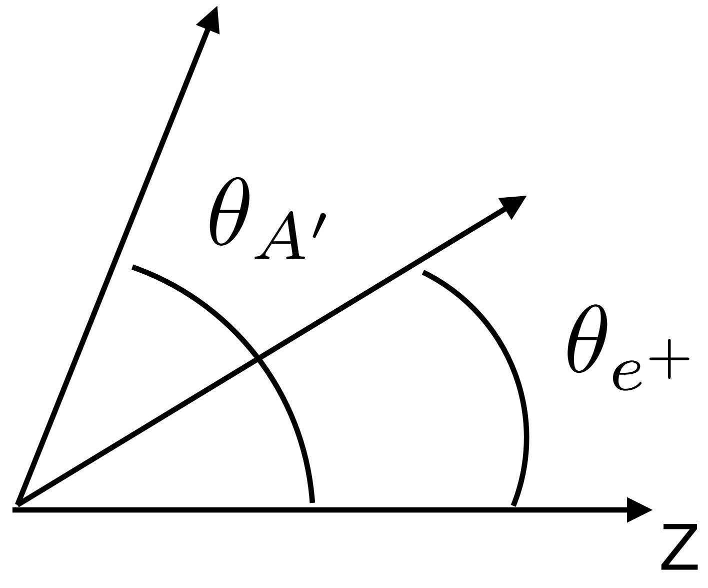
$$m_A A'^{\mu} A'_{\mu} + \epsilon A'^{\mu} J^{\rm SM}_{\mu}$$

Vector: $J^{\rm SM}_{\mu} = \bar{f}\gamma_{\mu} f$

Axial: $J^{\rm SM}_{\mu} = \bar{f}\gamma_{\mu}\gamma_5 f$

Right: $J^{\rm SM}_{\mu} = \bar{f}\gamma_{\mu}(1+\gamma_5) f$

Left: $J^{\rm SM}_{\mu} = \bar{f}\gamma_{\mu}(1-\gamma_5) f$

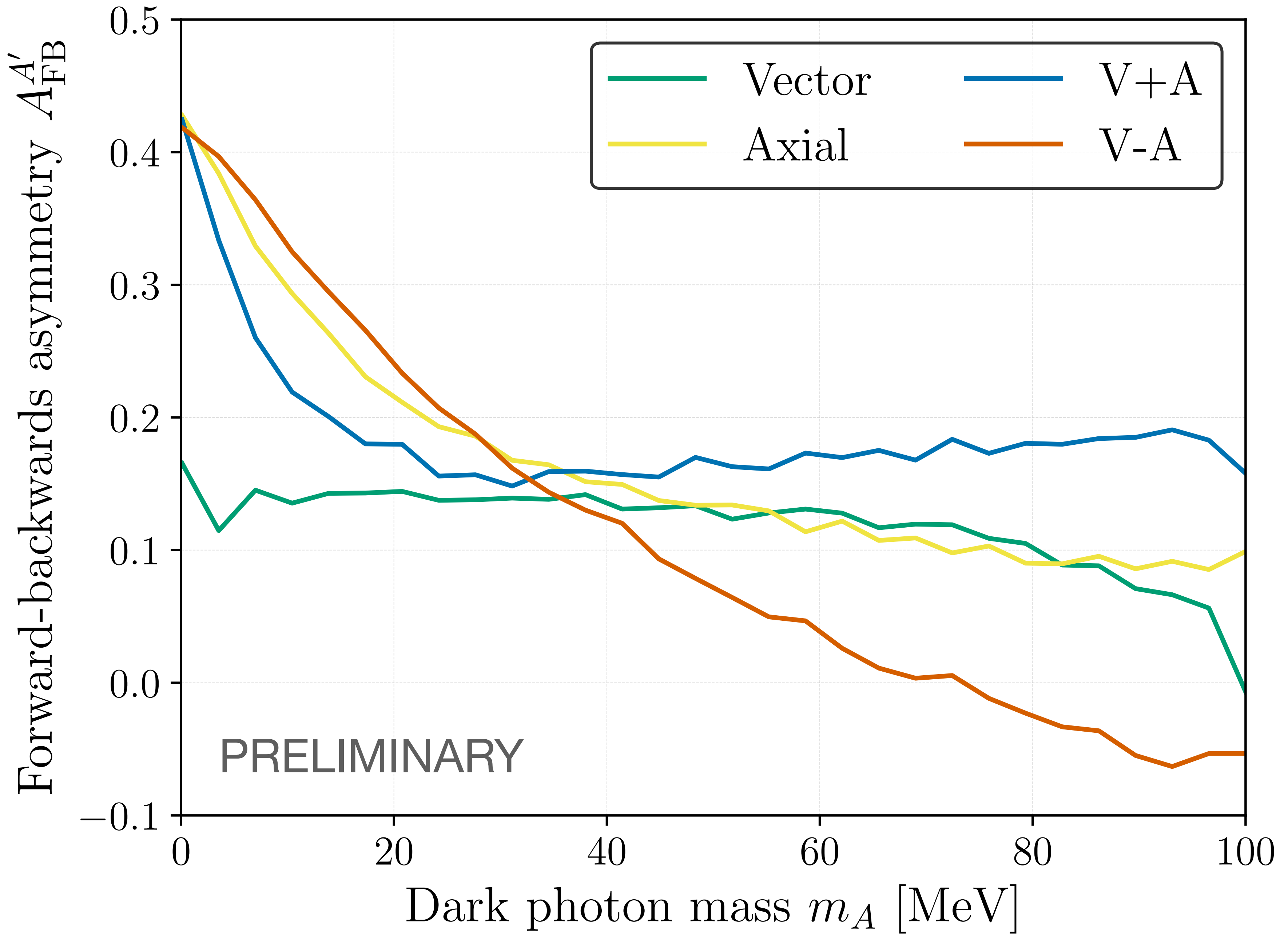


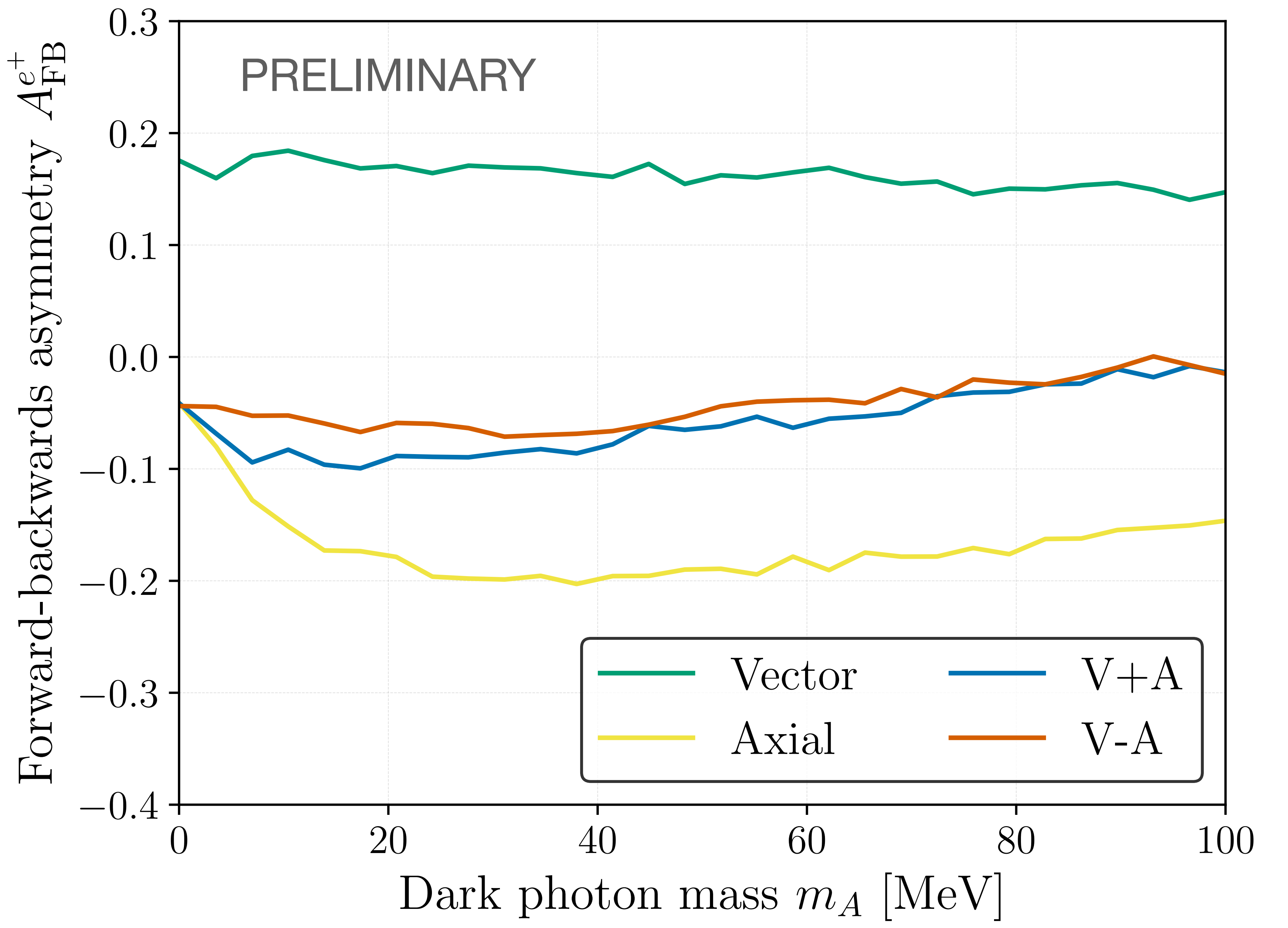
PRELIMINARY

Angular cuts

to suppress background and to distinguish signals

$$A \equiv \frac{F - B}{F + B} \qquad F = \int d\cos\theta \frac{d\Gamma}{d\cos\theta} \qquad B = \int_{-1}^{0} d\cos\theta \frac{d\Gamma}{d\cos\theta}$$

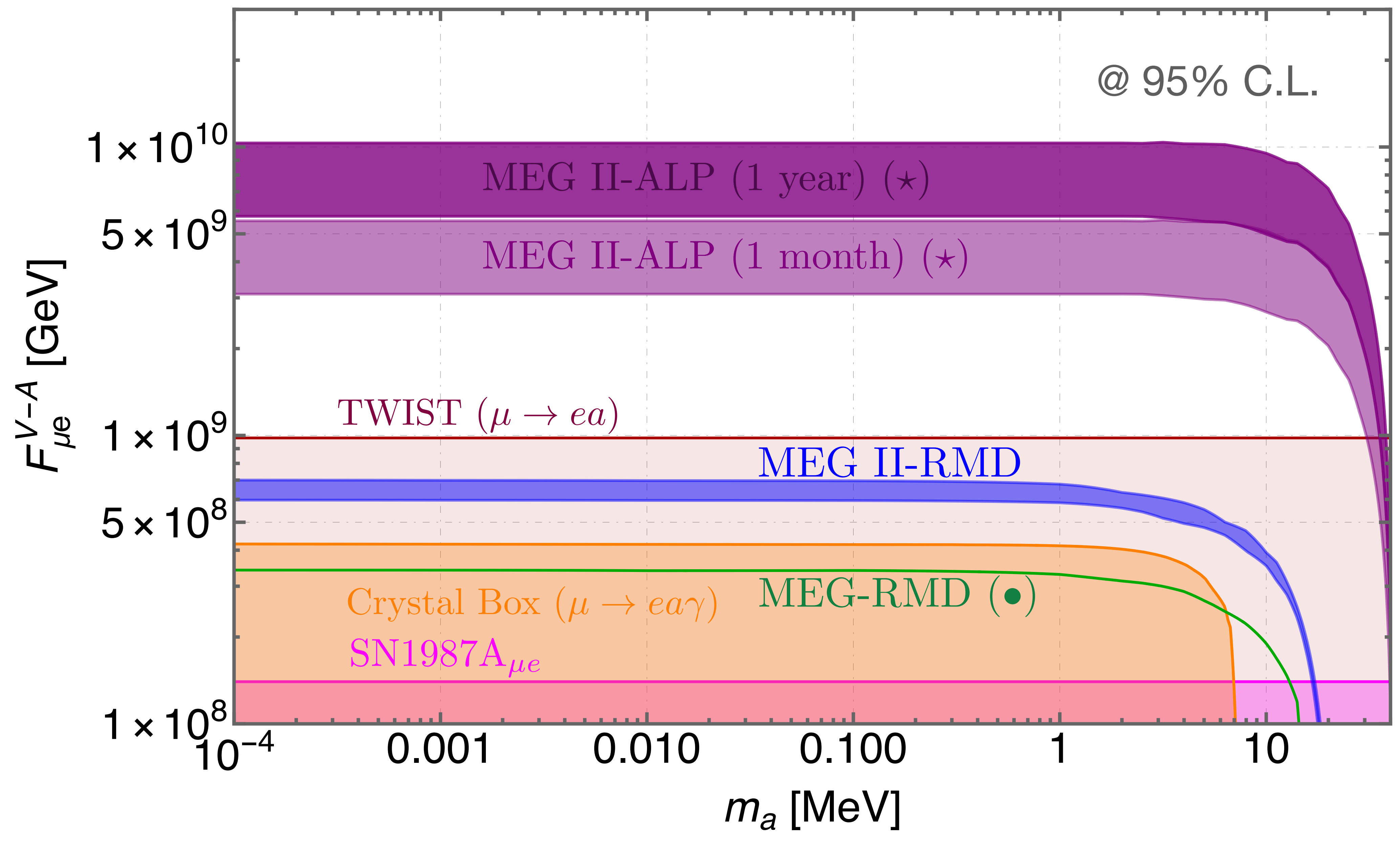




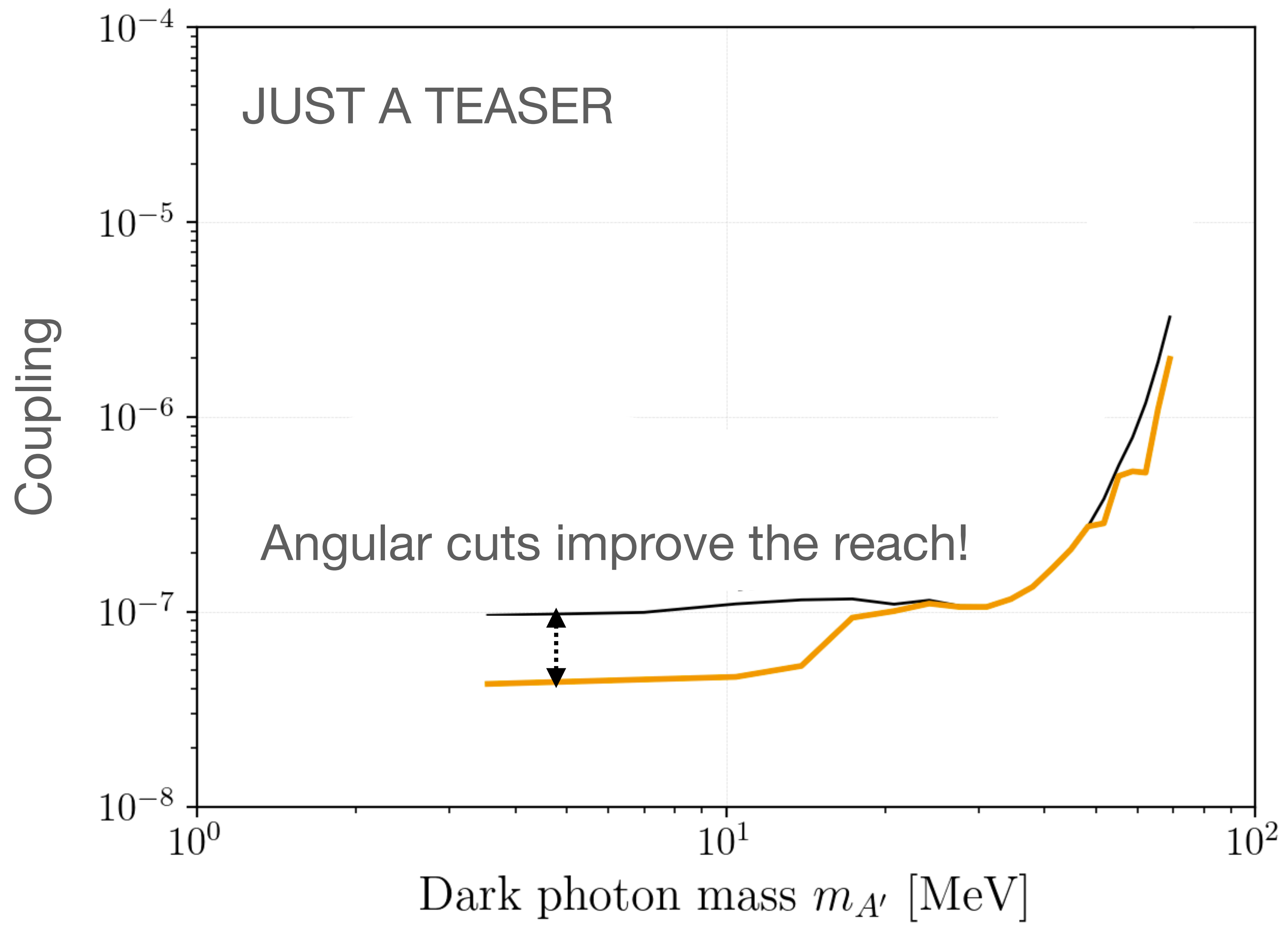
Conclusions

Light new physics opens new experimental opportunities for LFV experiments!

Testing the flavor properties of the axion at MEG II



Testing the chirality of the dark photon at Mu3e



To be continued…


BACKUP

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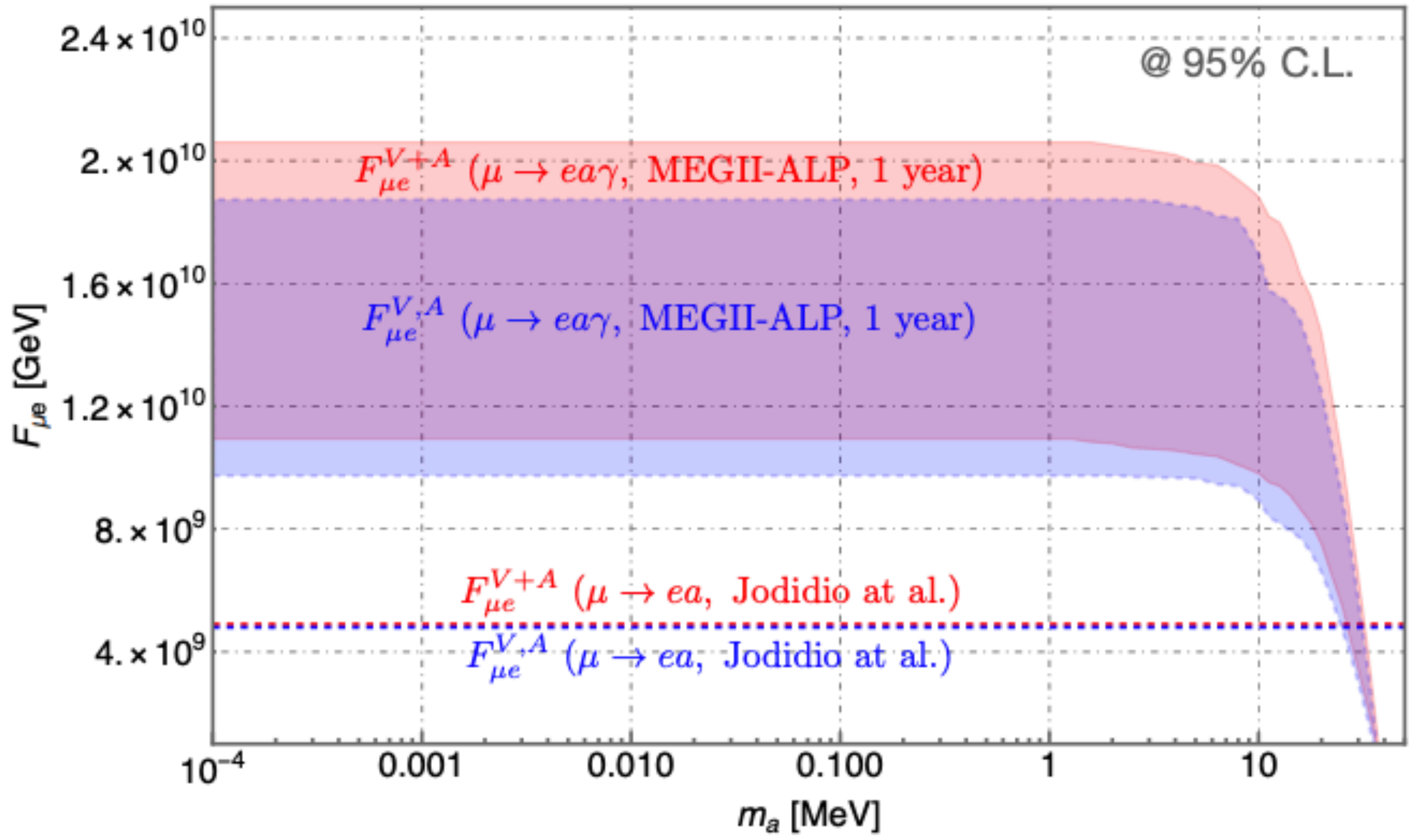

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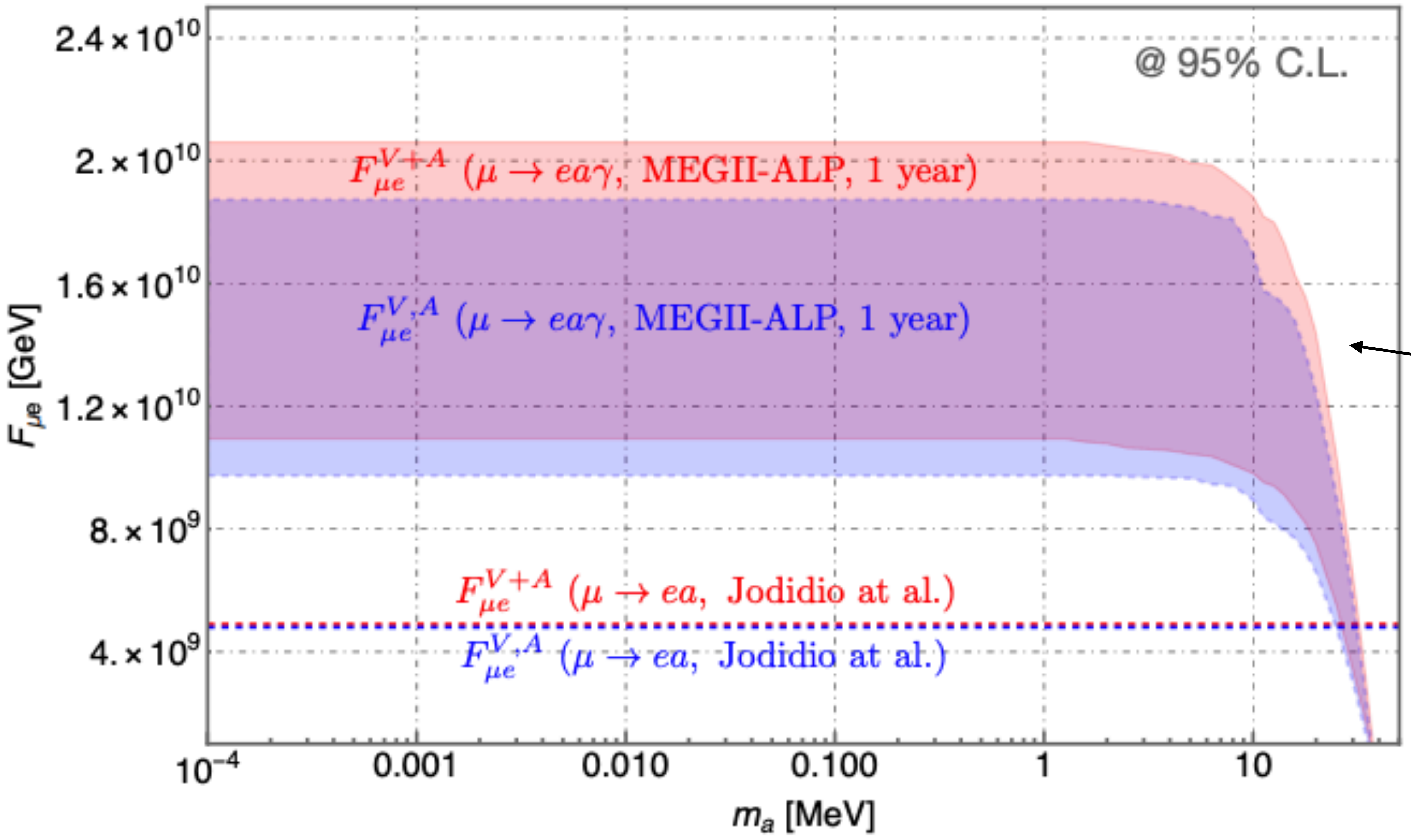

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Known from MEG RMD paper

Known from MEG F

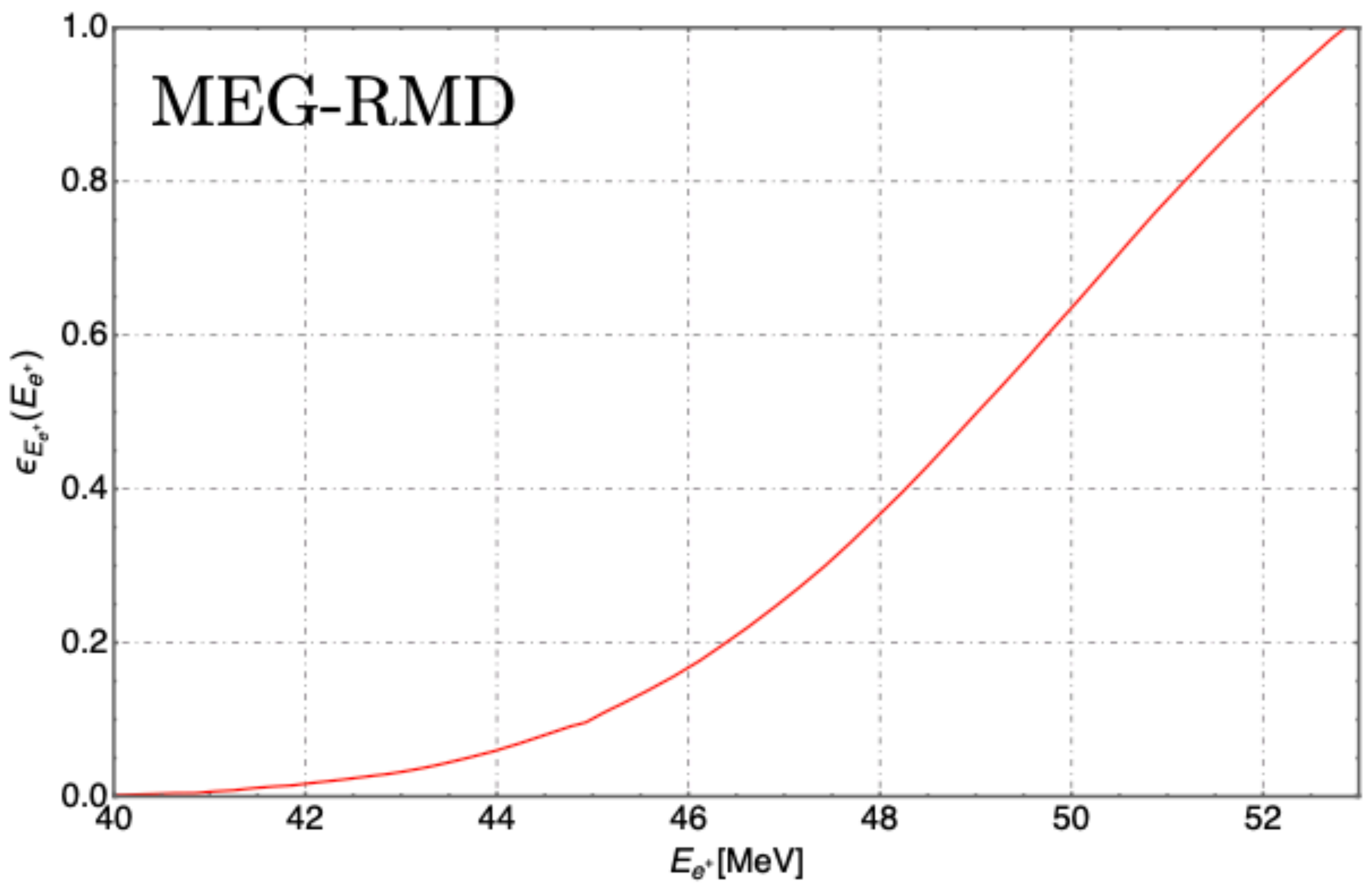
$E_e > 40$ MeV, $E_\gamma > 5$ MeV.

trigger efficiencies

trigger efficiencies+offline selection

$$c_{\rm RMD} \simeq 0.35$$

Positron energy >45 MeV @ hardware level



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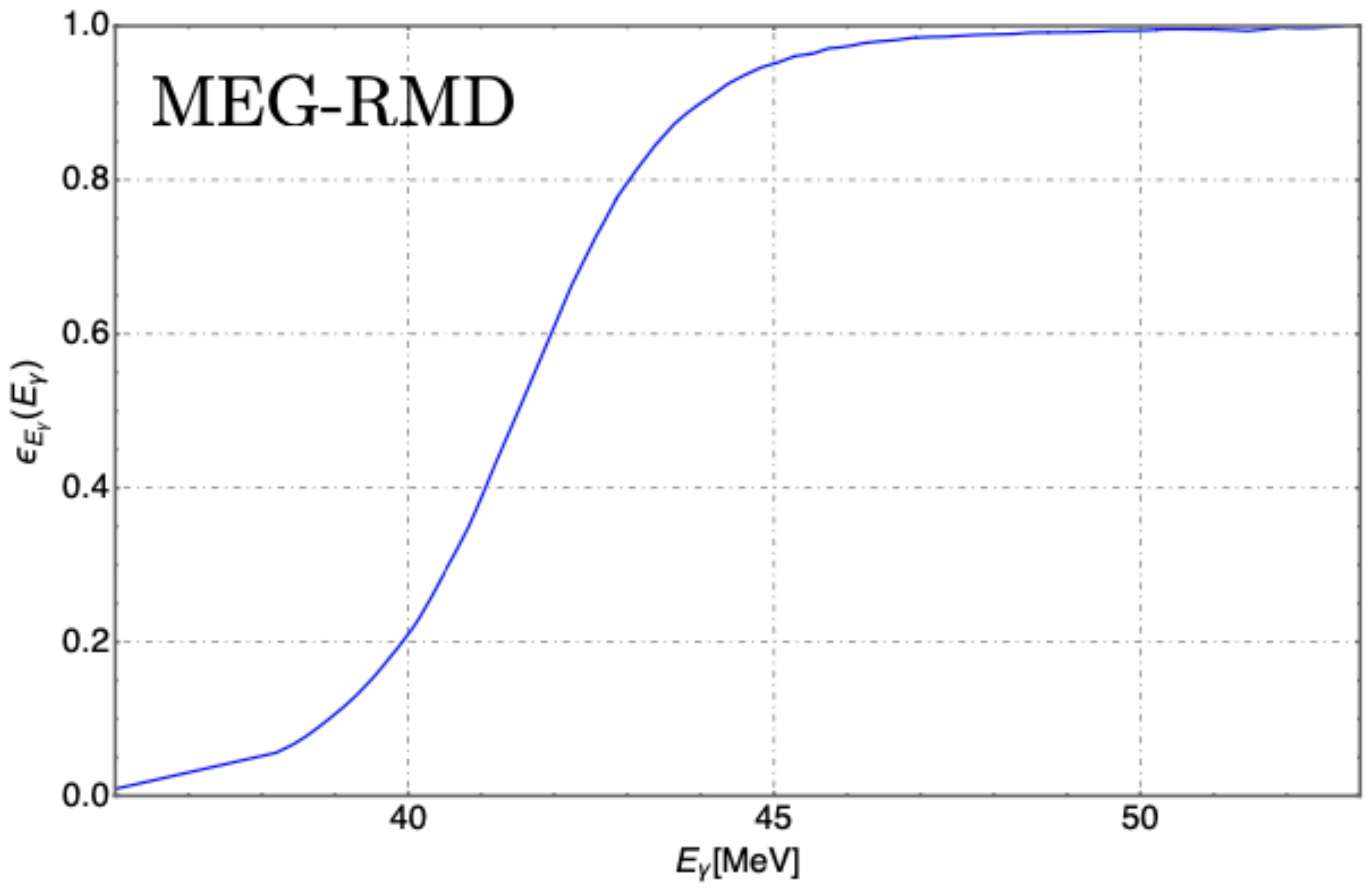
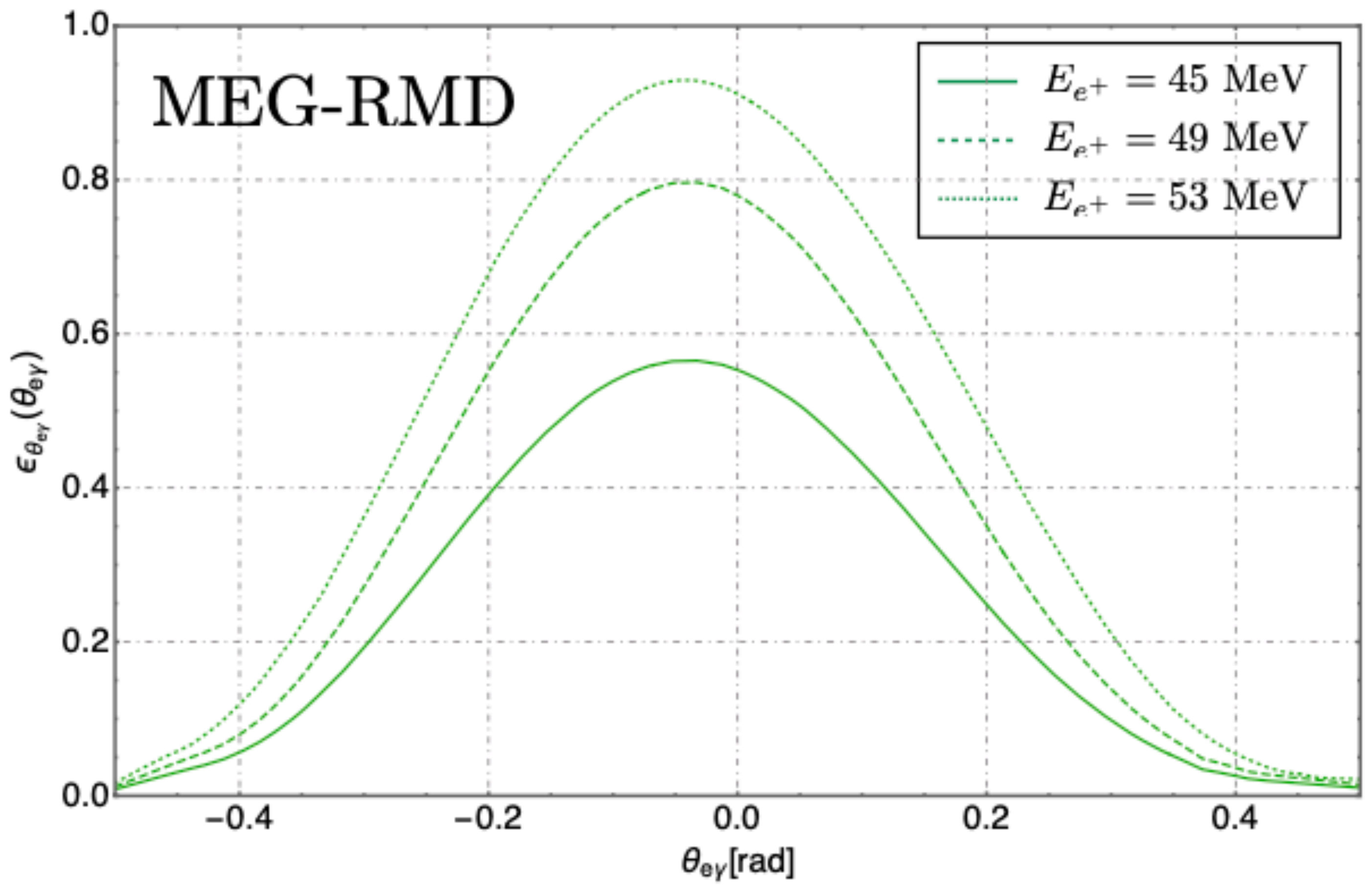


back to back topology @ trigger level



$$\epsilon^{\rm MEG}_{\rm trigger} \equiv \epsilon_{E_e}(E_e) \times \epsilon_{E_\gamma}(E_\gamma) \times \epsilon_{\theta_{e\gamma}}(E_e, \theta_{e\gamma})$$

How the trigger rate was estimated II

$$N^{\text{MEG}}_{\mu^+,\text{tot}} \cdot \text{BR}^{\text{base}}_{\text{RC}} \cdot \epsilon^{\text{trig.}}_{\text{RC}} \cdot \epsilon^{\text{off.}}_{\text{RC}}/\epsilon^{\text{trig.}}_{\text{RC}} = N_{\text{RC}}|_{\text{obs.}}$$

$$\text{BR}^{\text{base}}_{\text{RC}} = c_{\text{RC}} \cdot \text{BR}^{\text{base}'}_{\text{RMD}} \cdot \text{BR}^{\text{base}}_{\text{Mich.}} \cdot R_{\mu^+} \cdot \Delta t^{\text{trig.}}_{e\gamma}$$

ALL IN ALL

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