



# **Gamma rays from dark matter spikes in EAGLE simulations**

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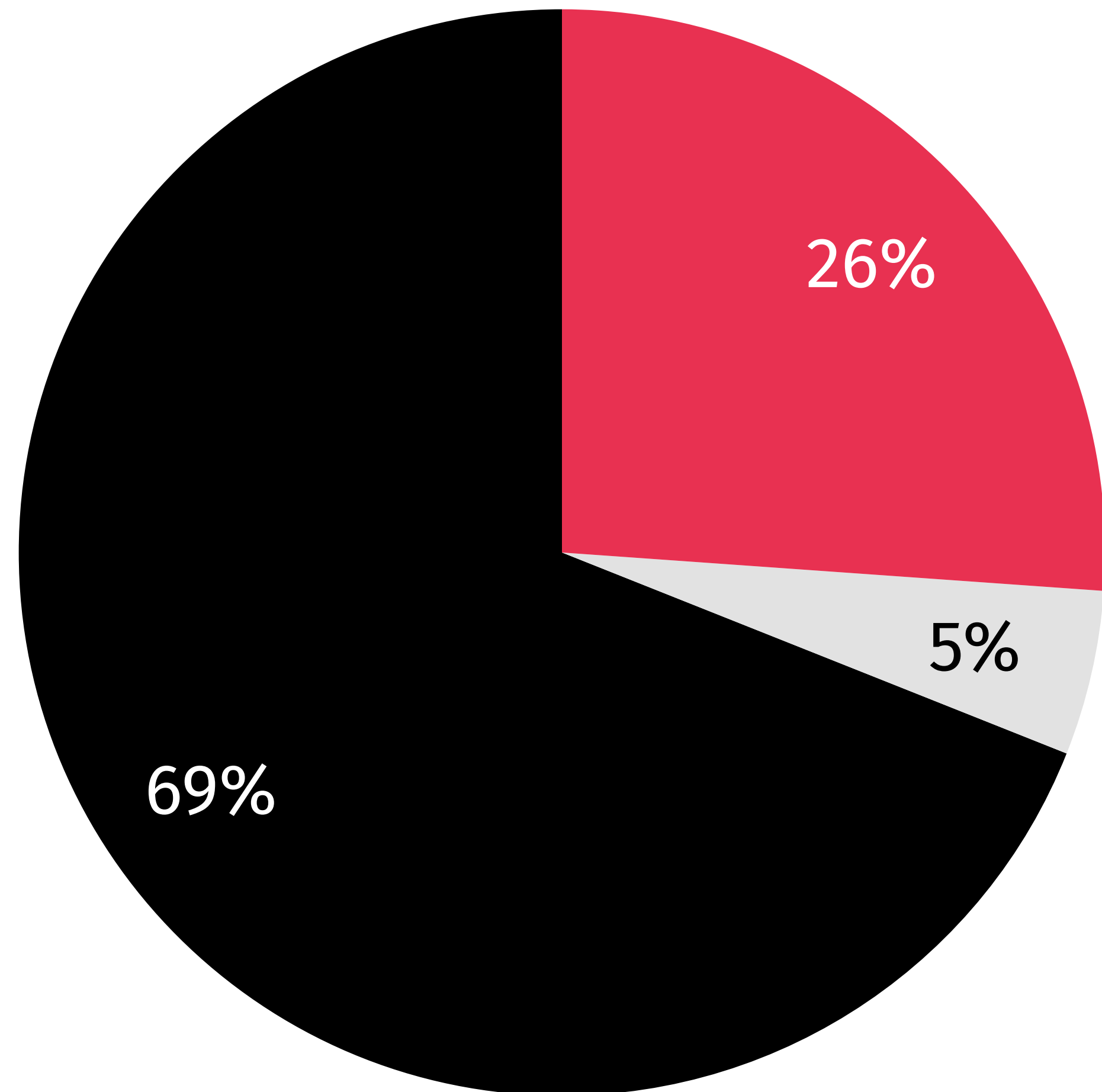
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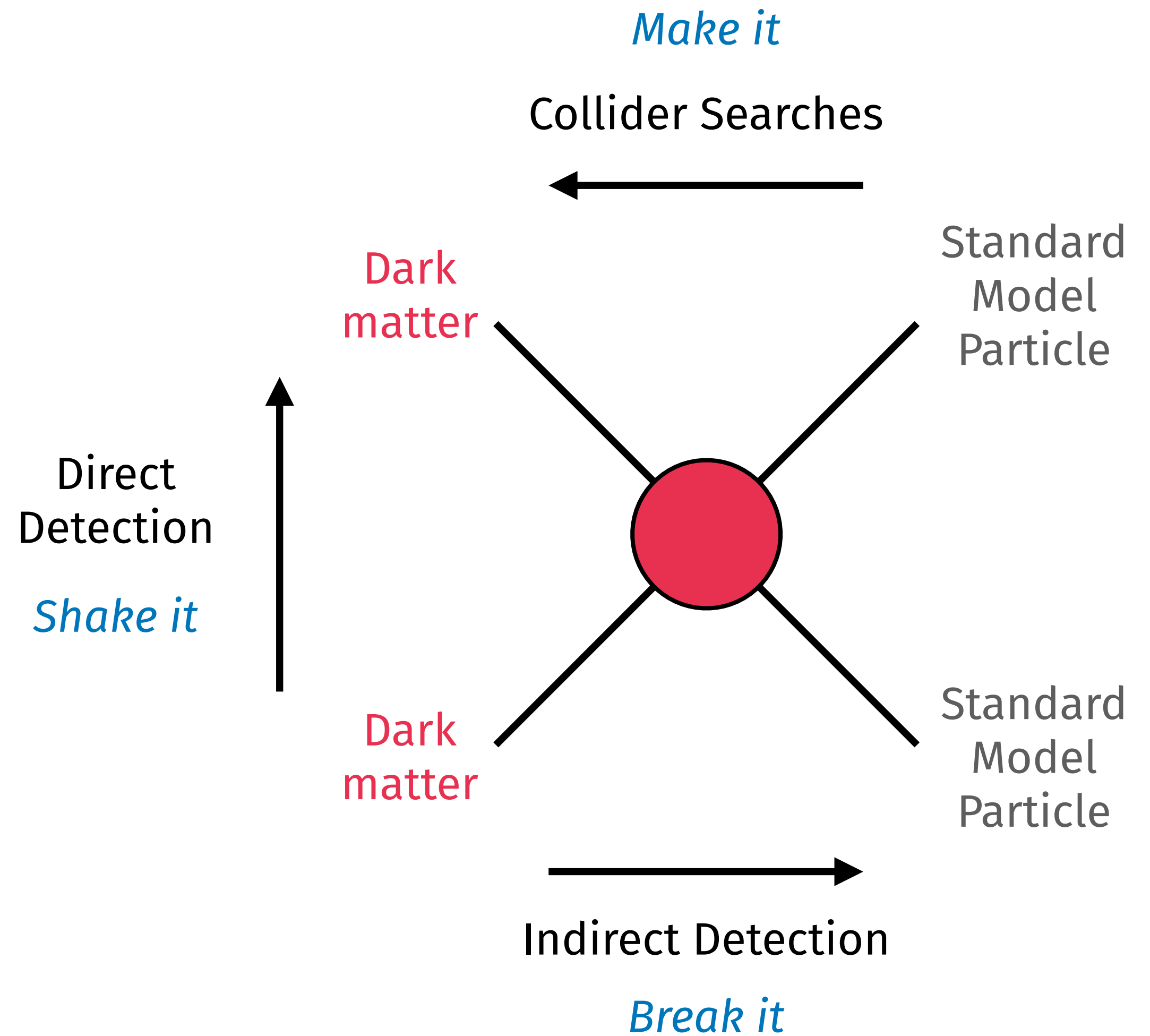
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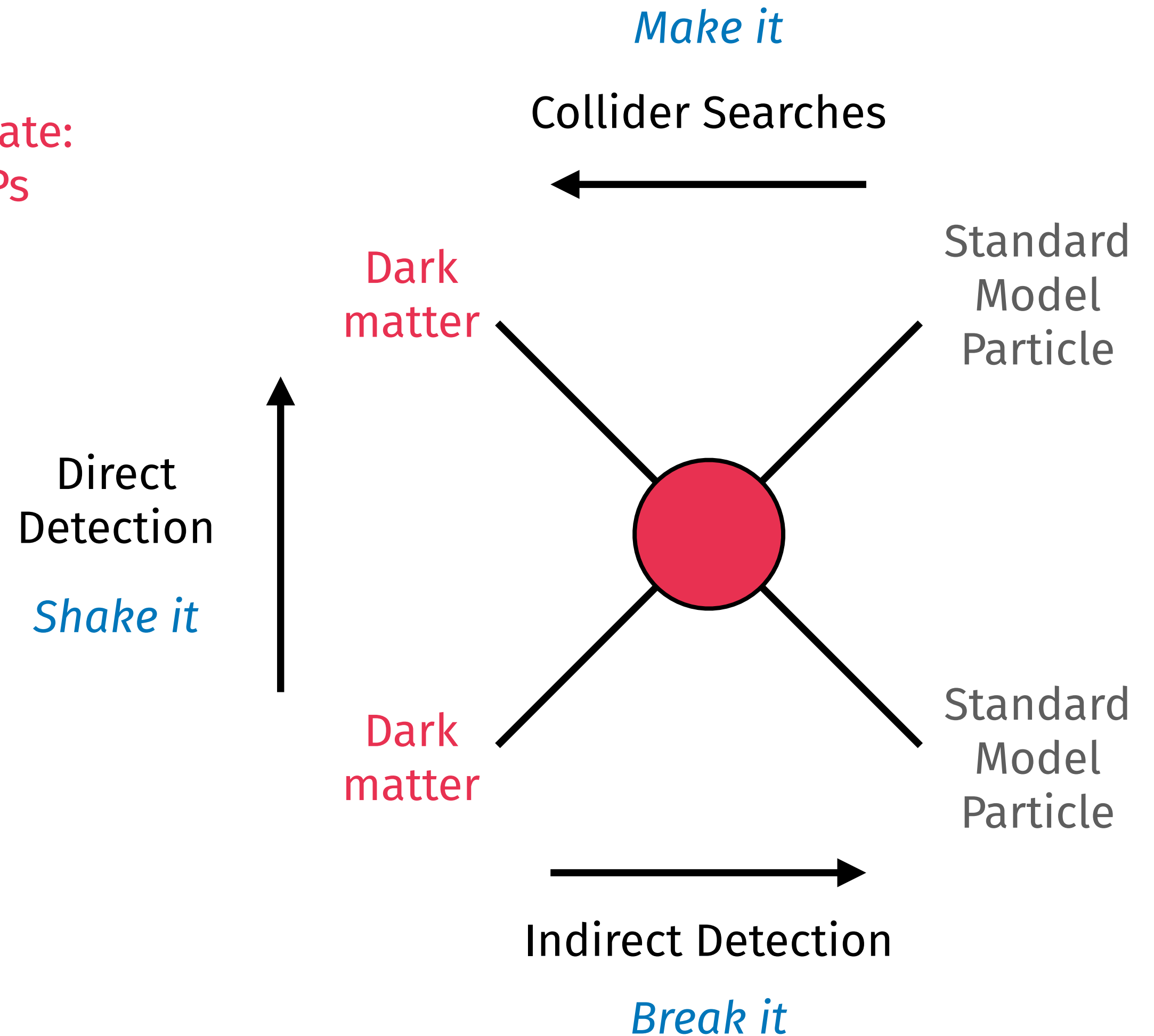
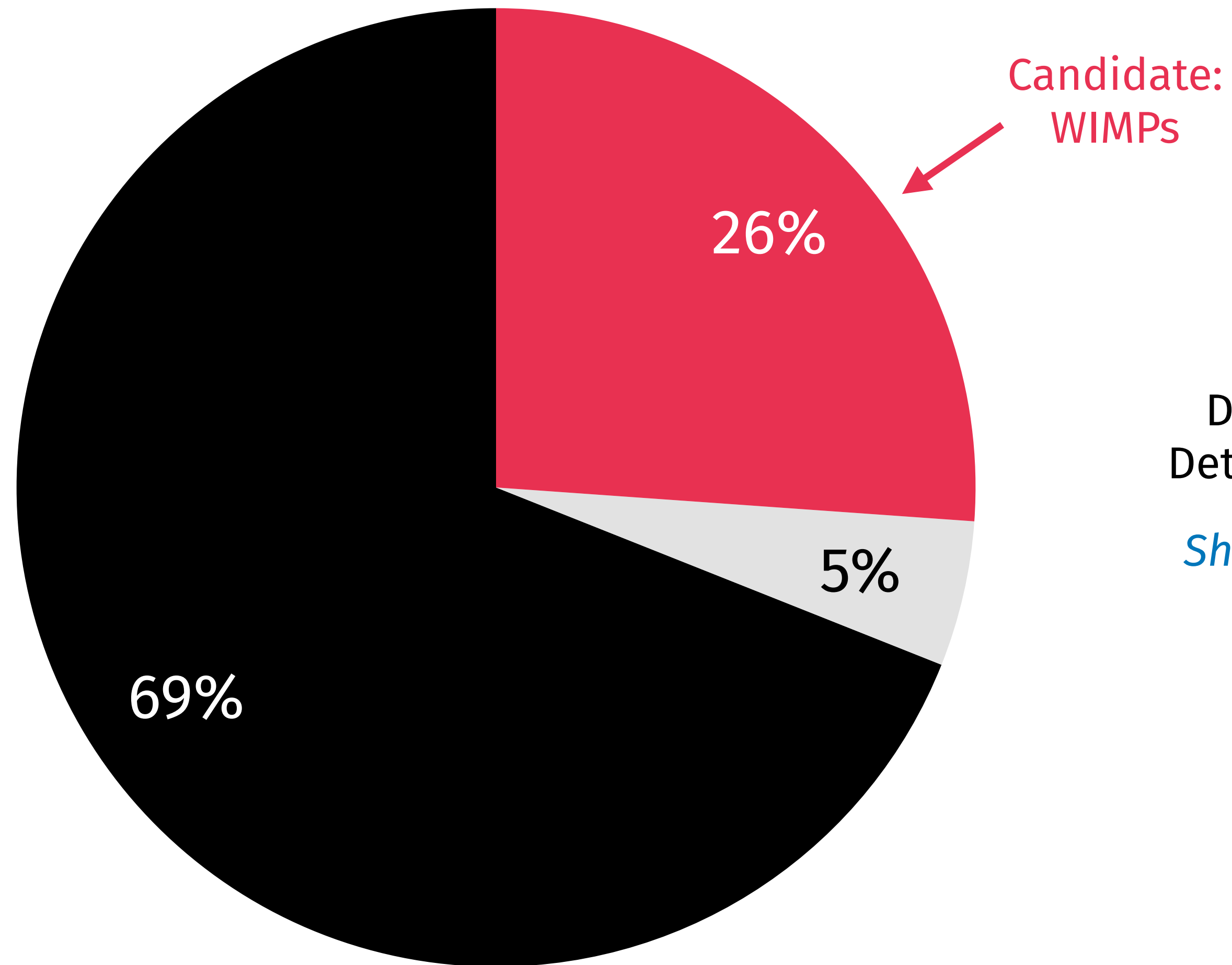


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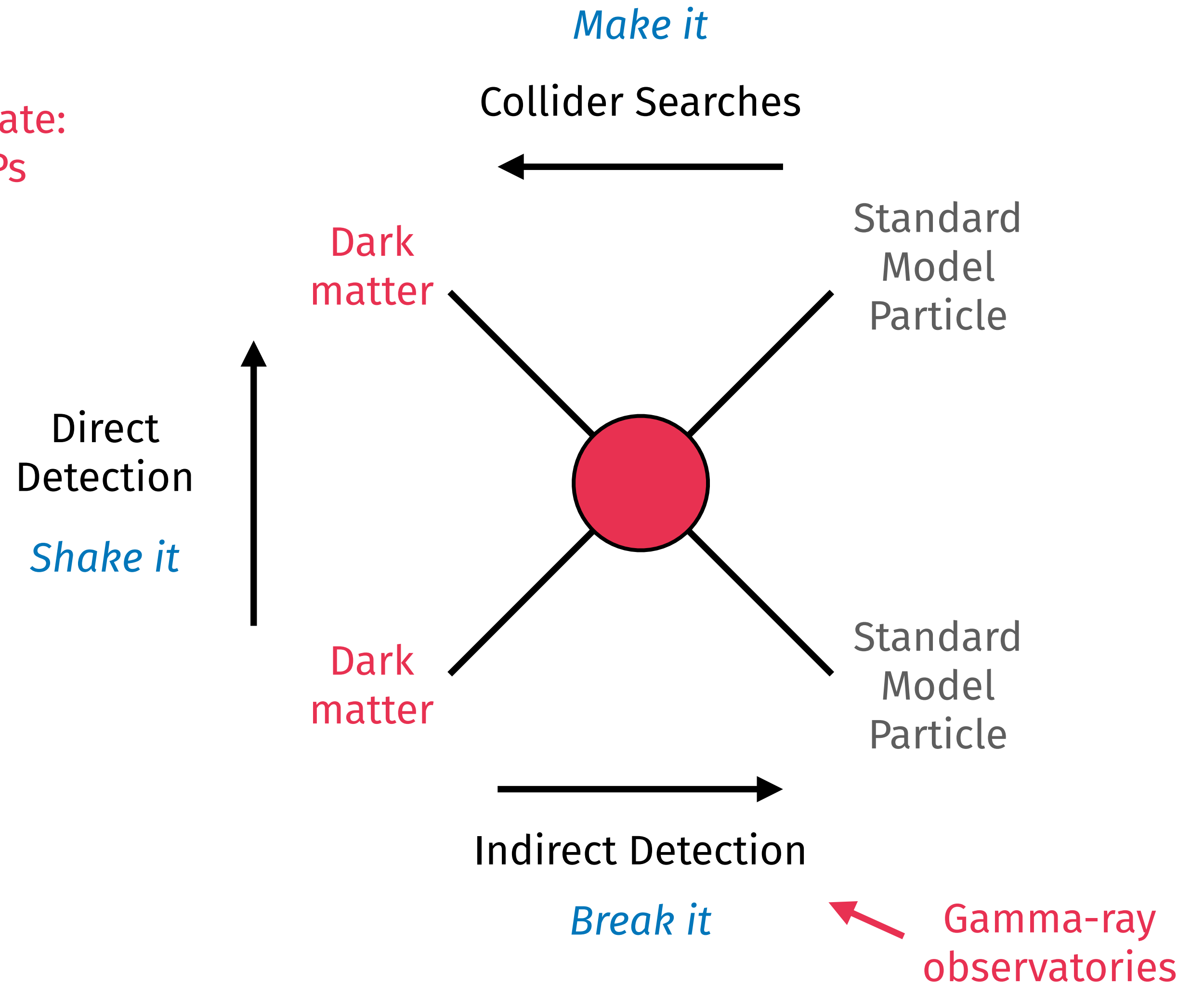
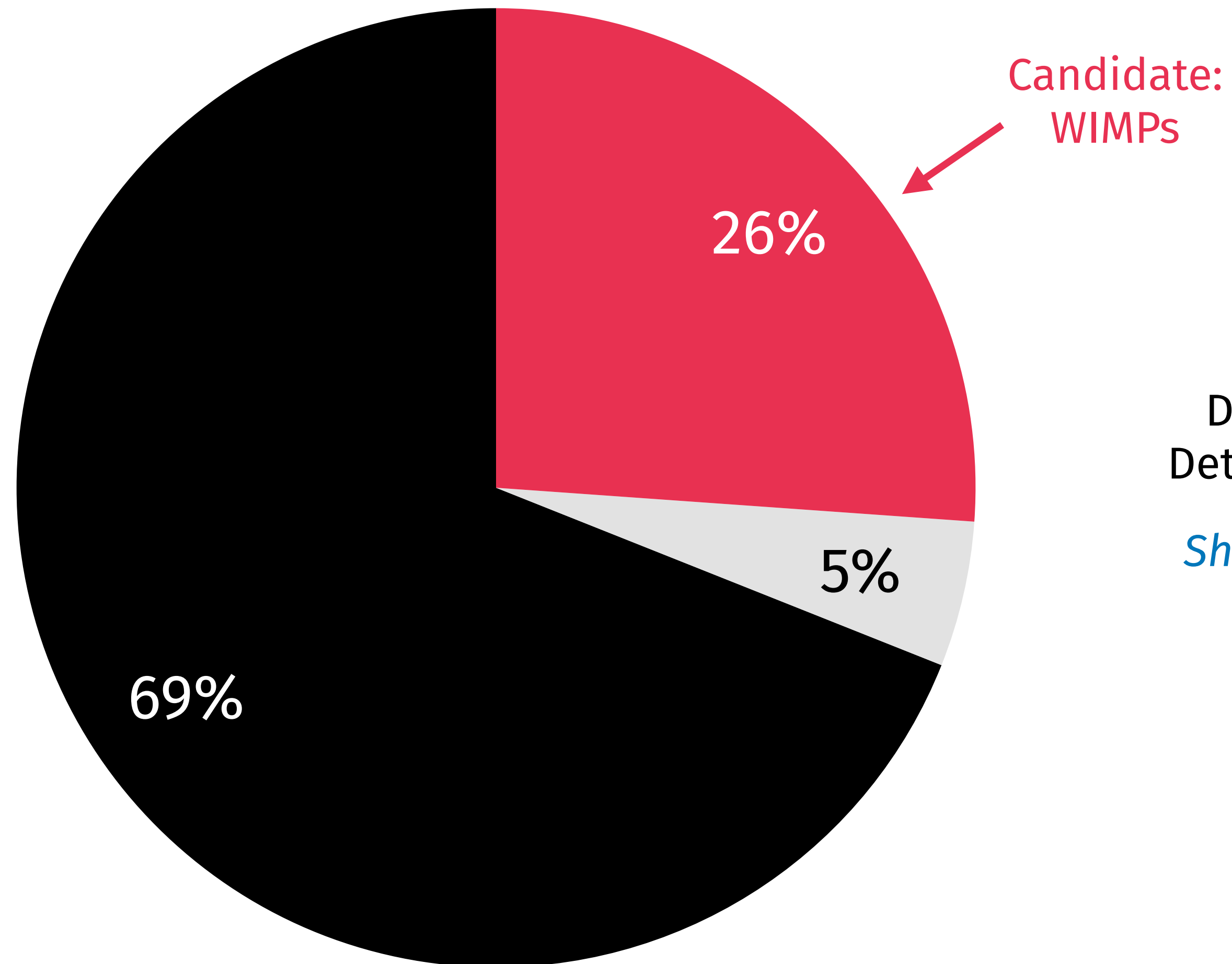


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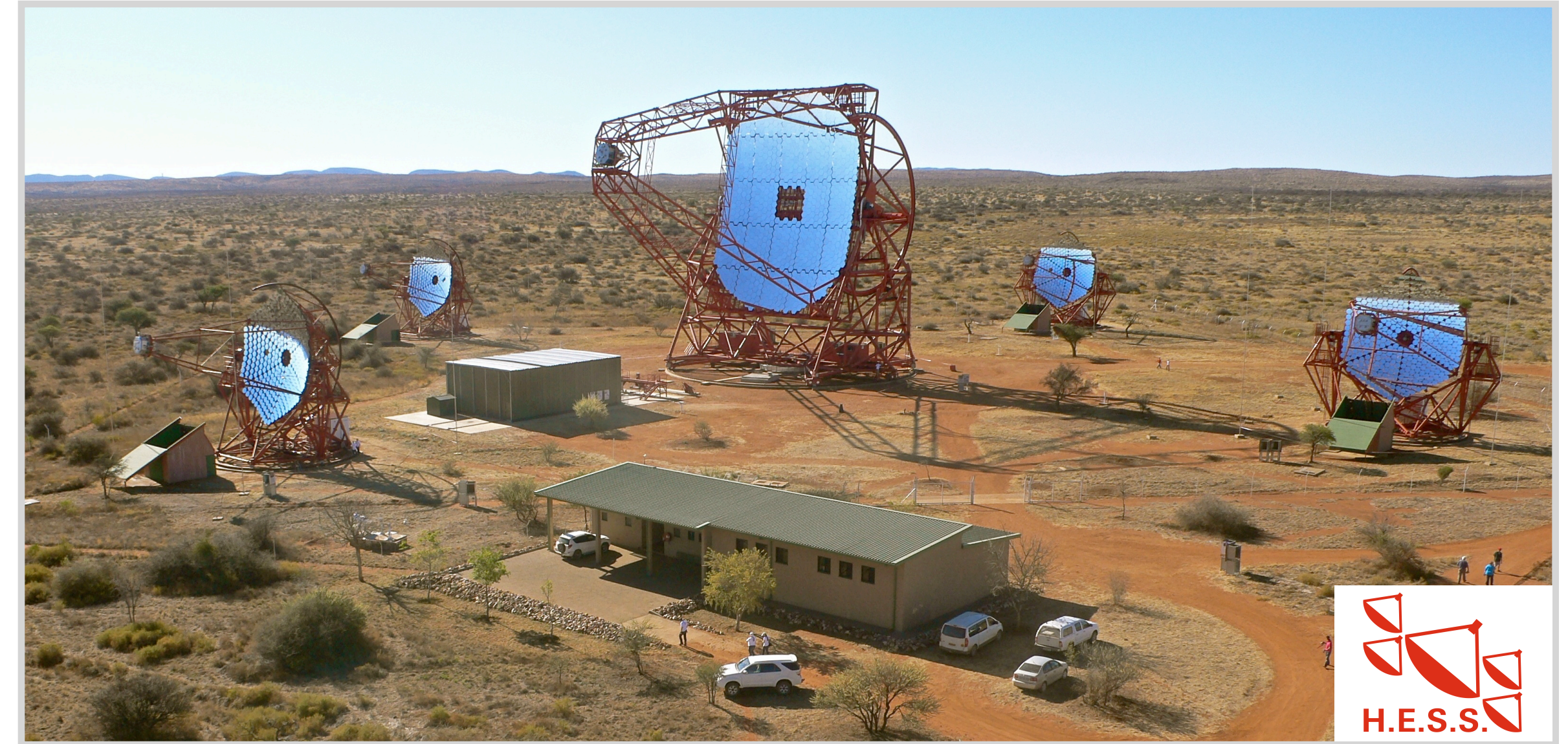
# Gamma-ray instruments

## Space-based



- Direct detection
- Small collection area
- Energy range:  $\sim 10$  MeV - 100 GeV

## Ground-based



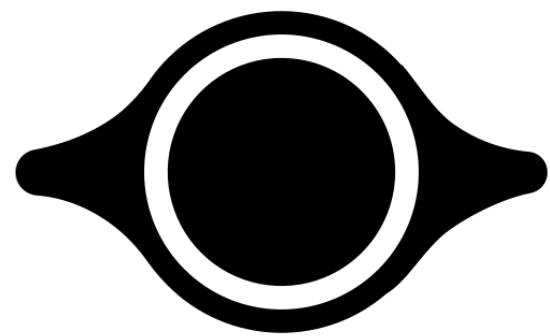
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Credit: NASA/DOE/Fermi LAT Collaboration, HESS Collaboration

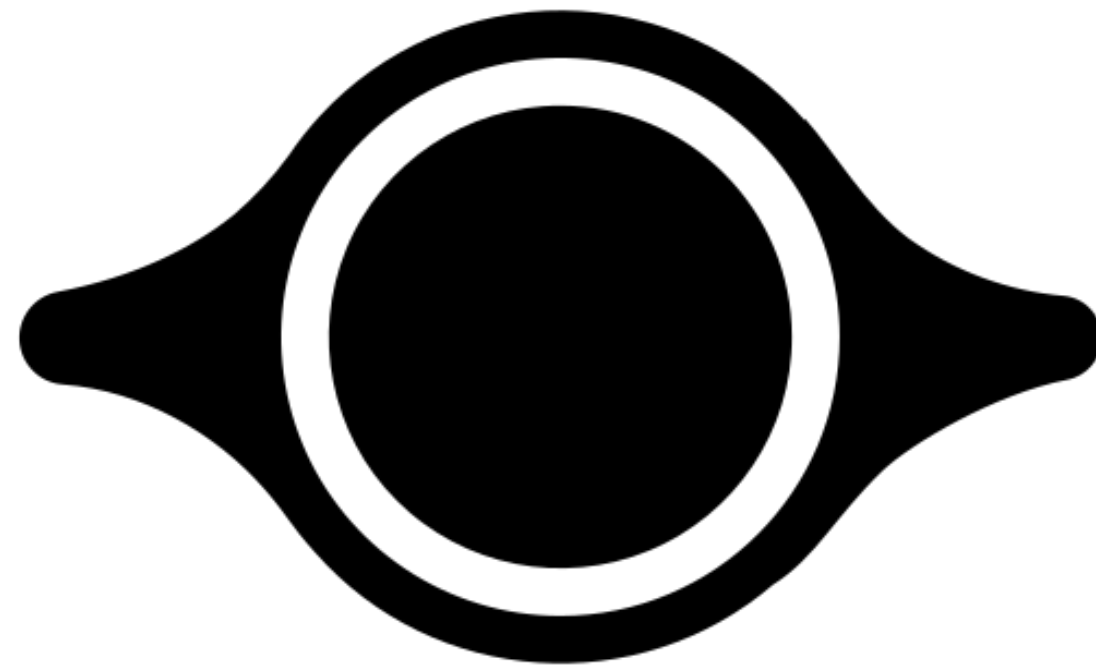
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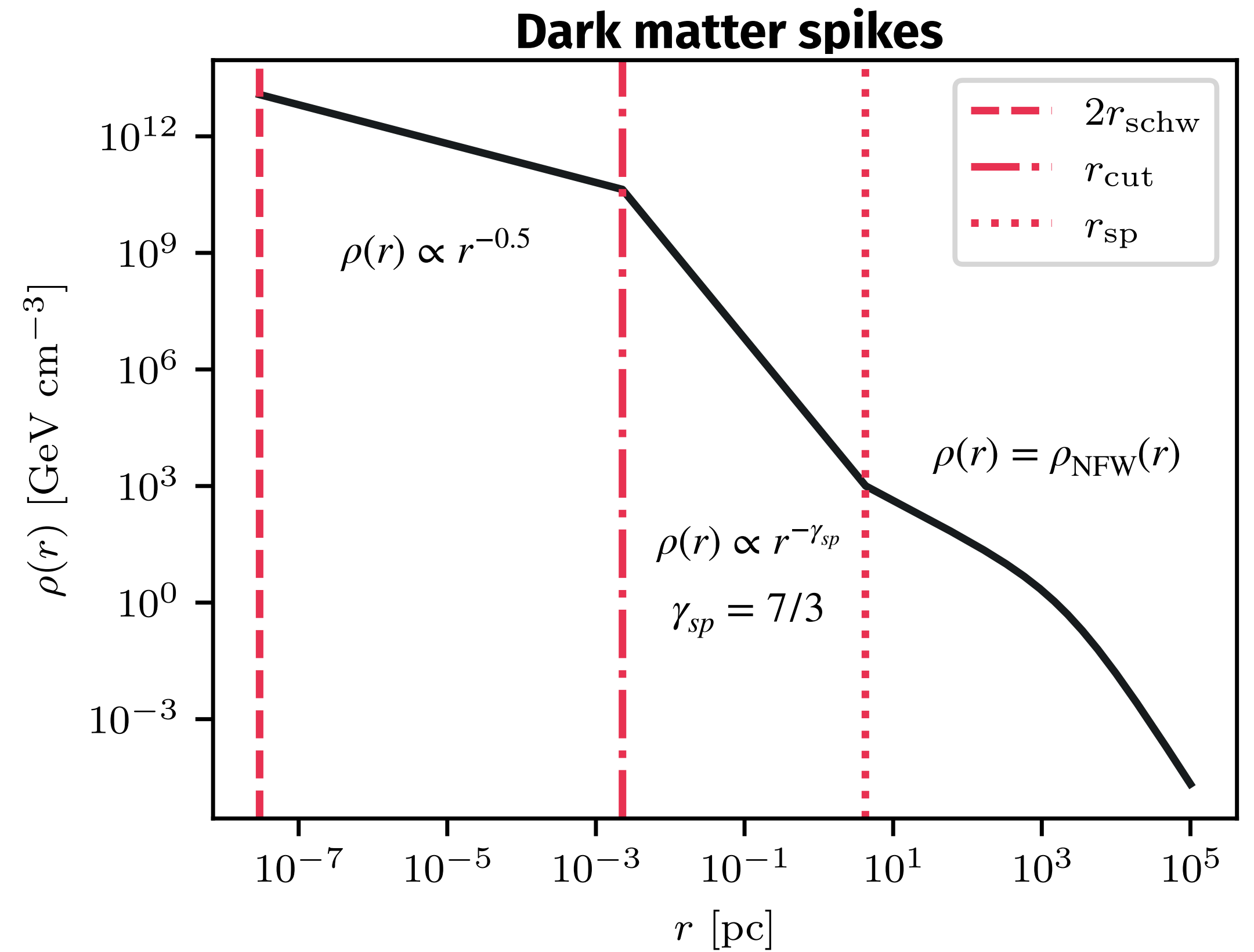


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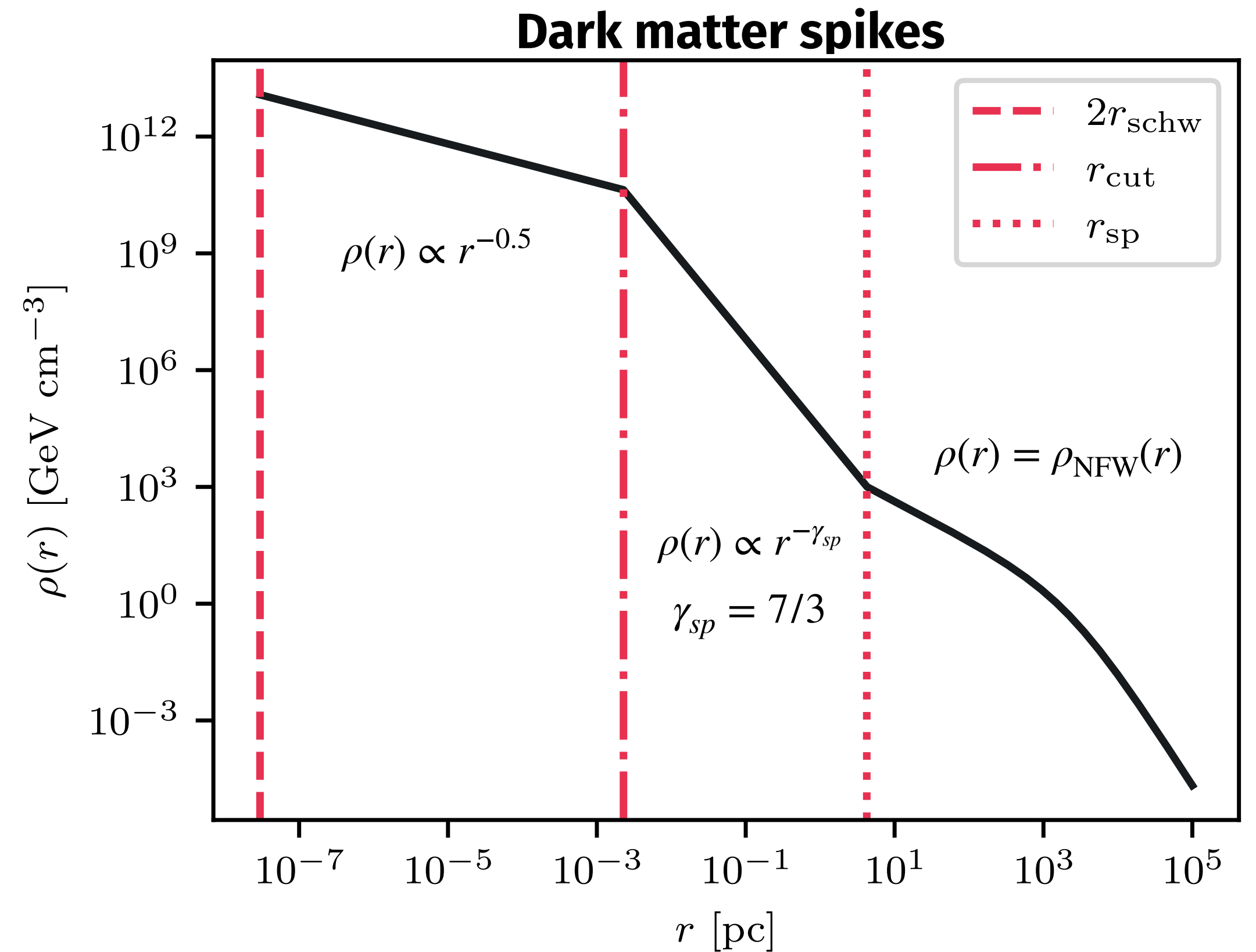


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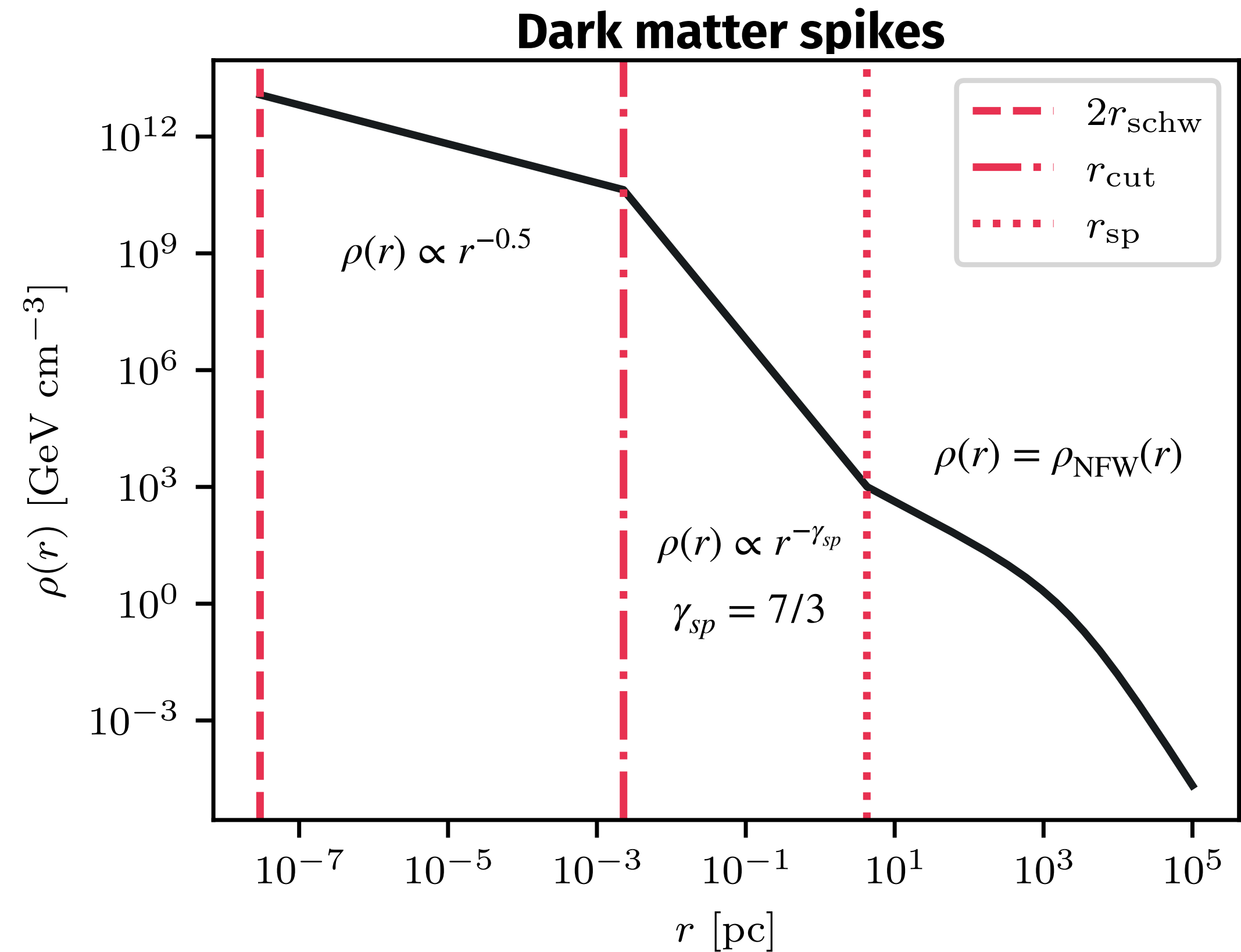




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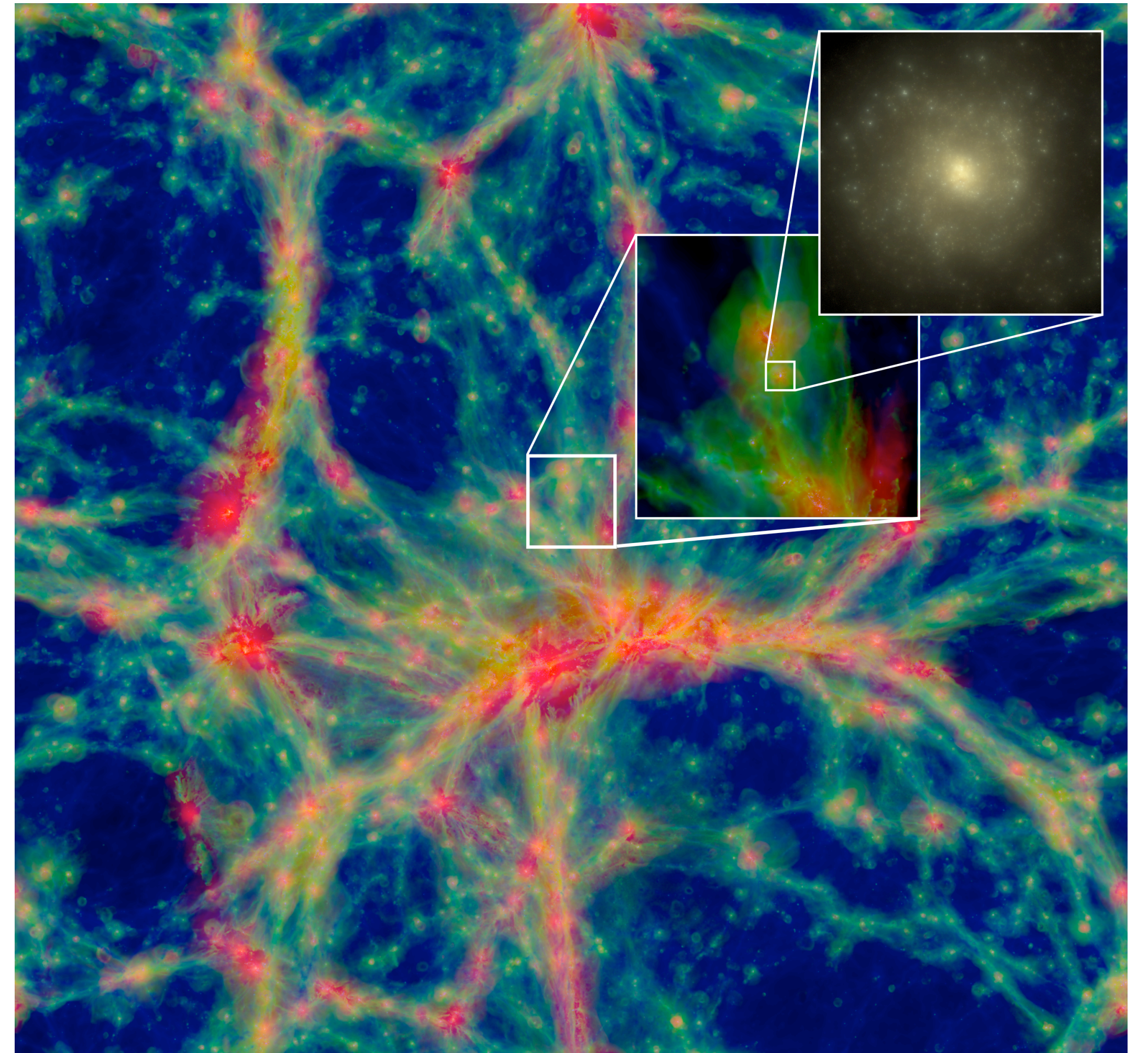
**→ Cosmological simulations**

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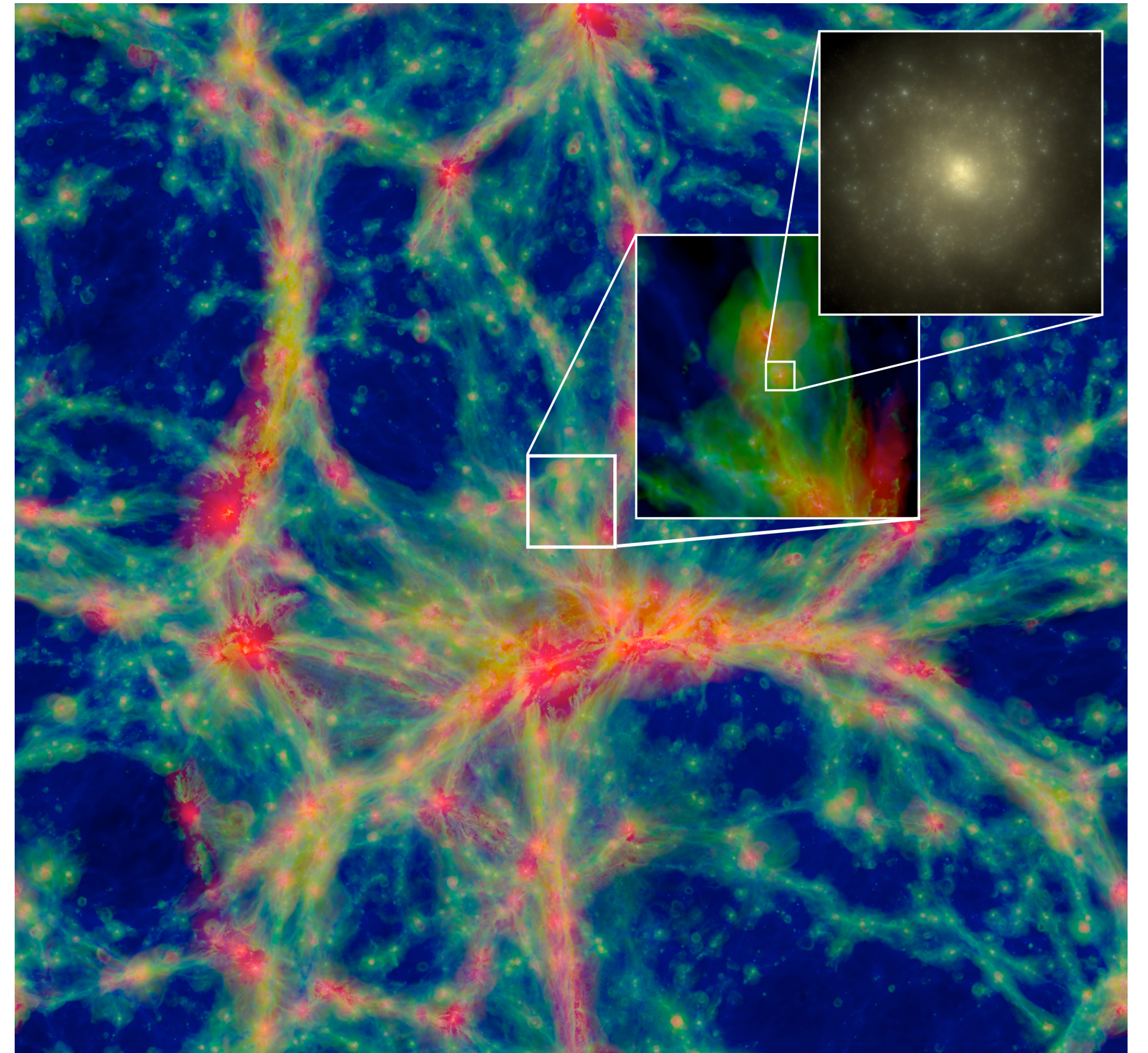
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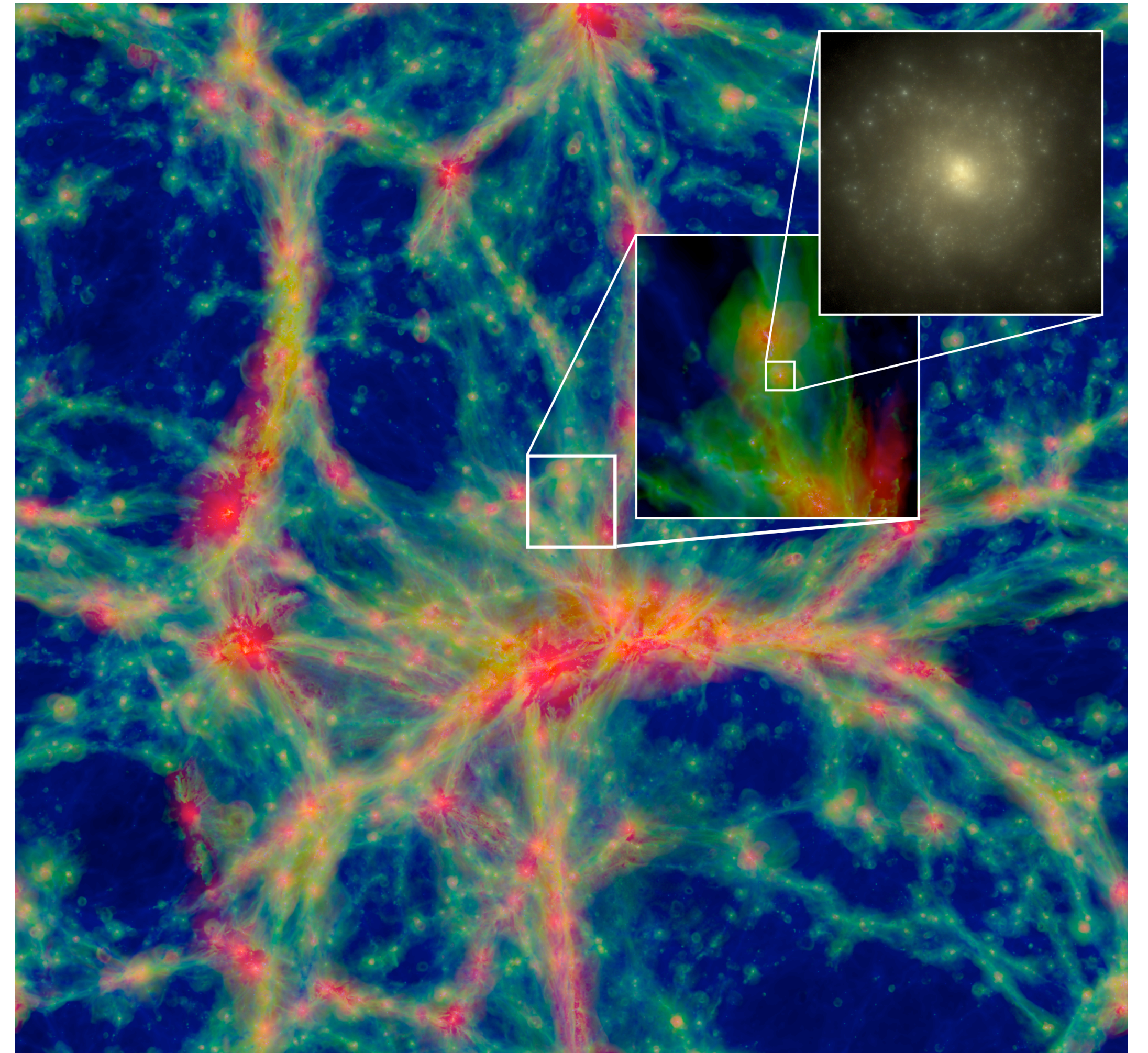
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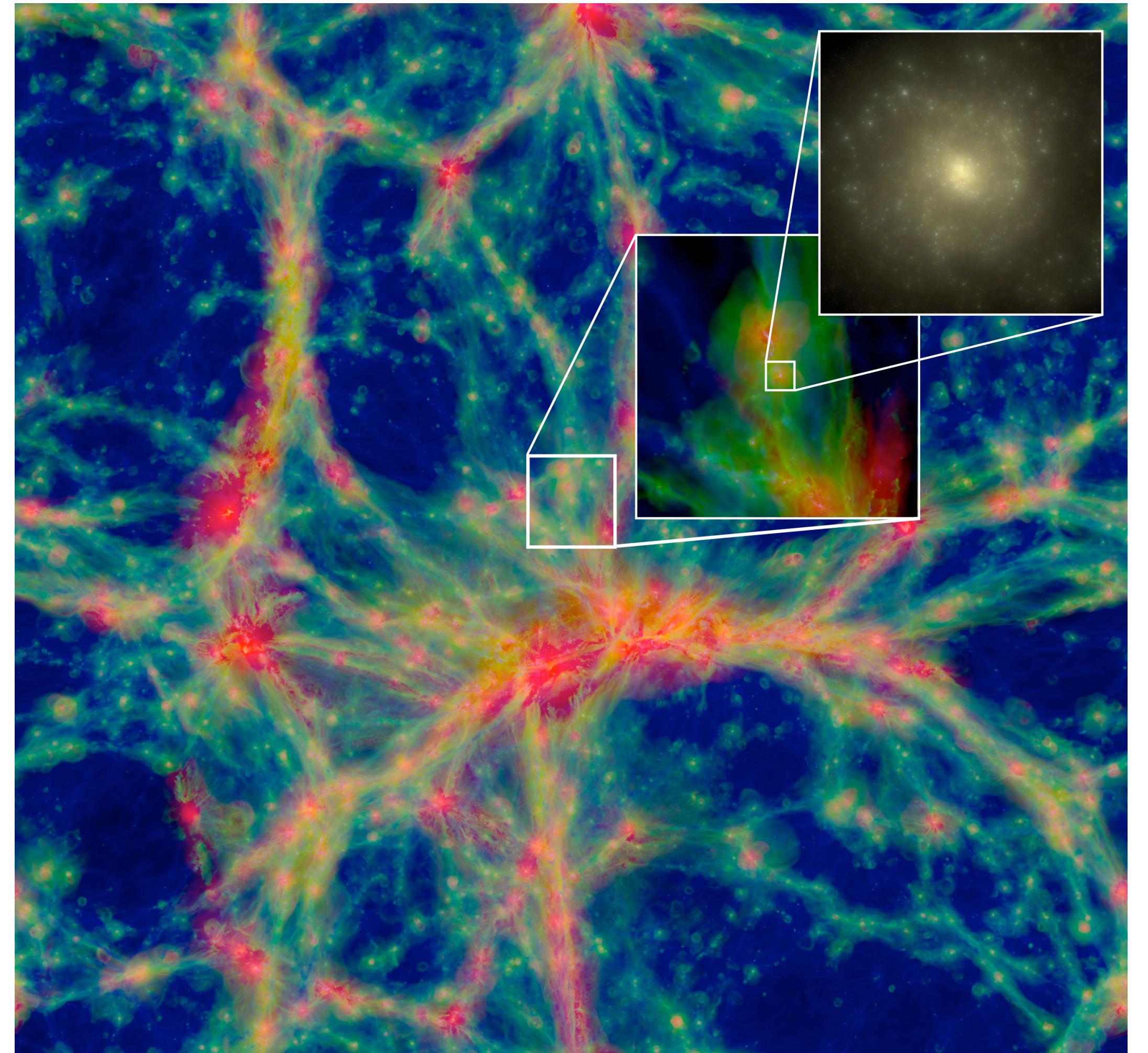
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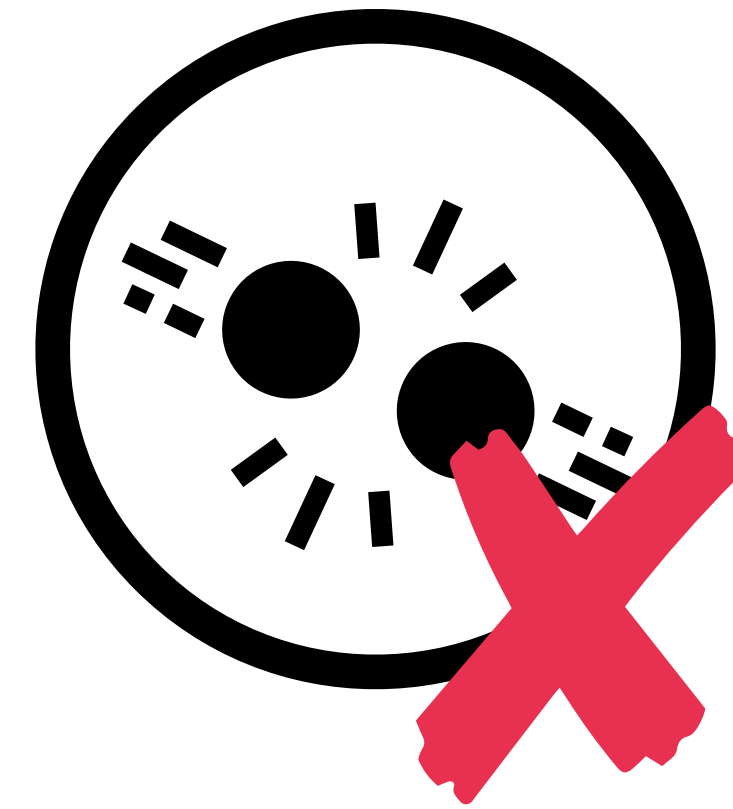


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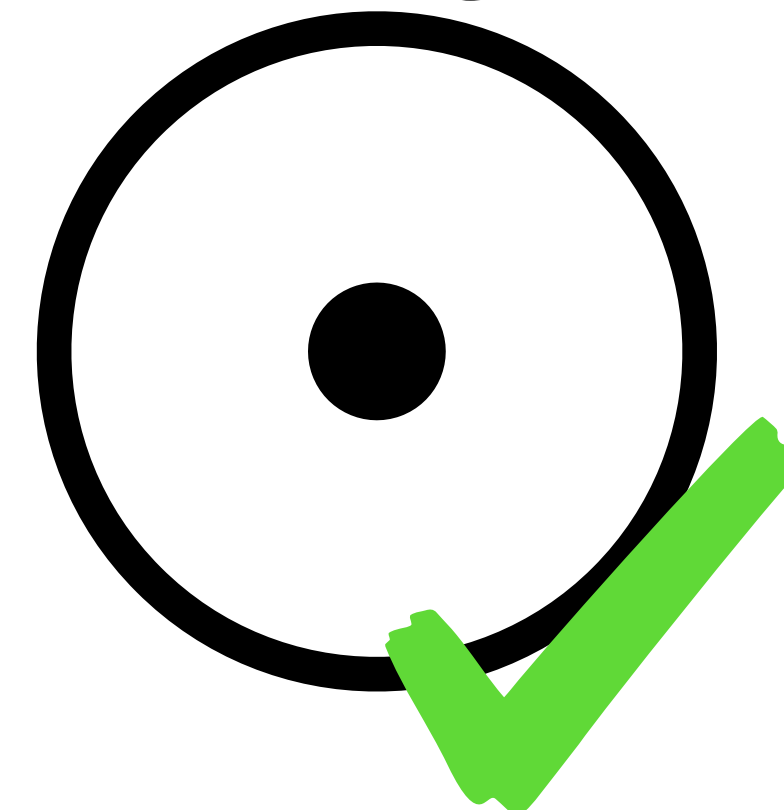
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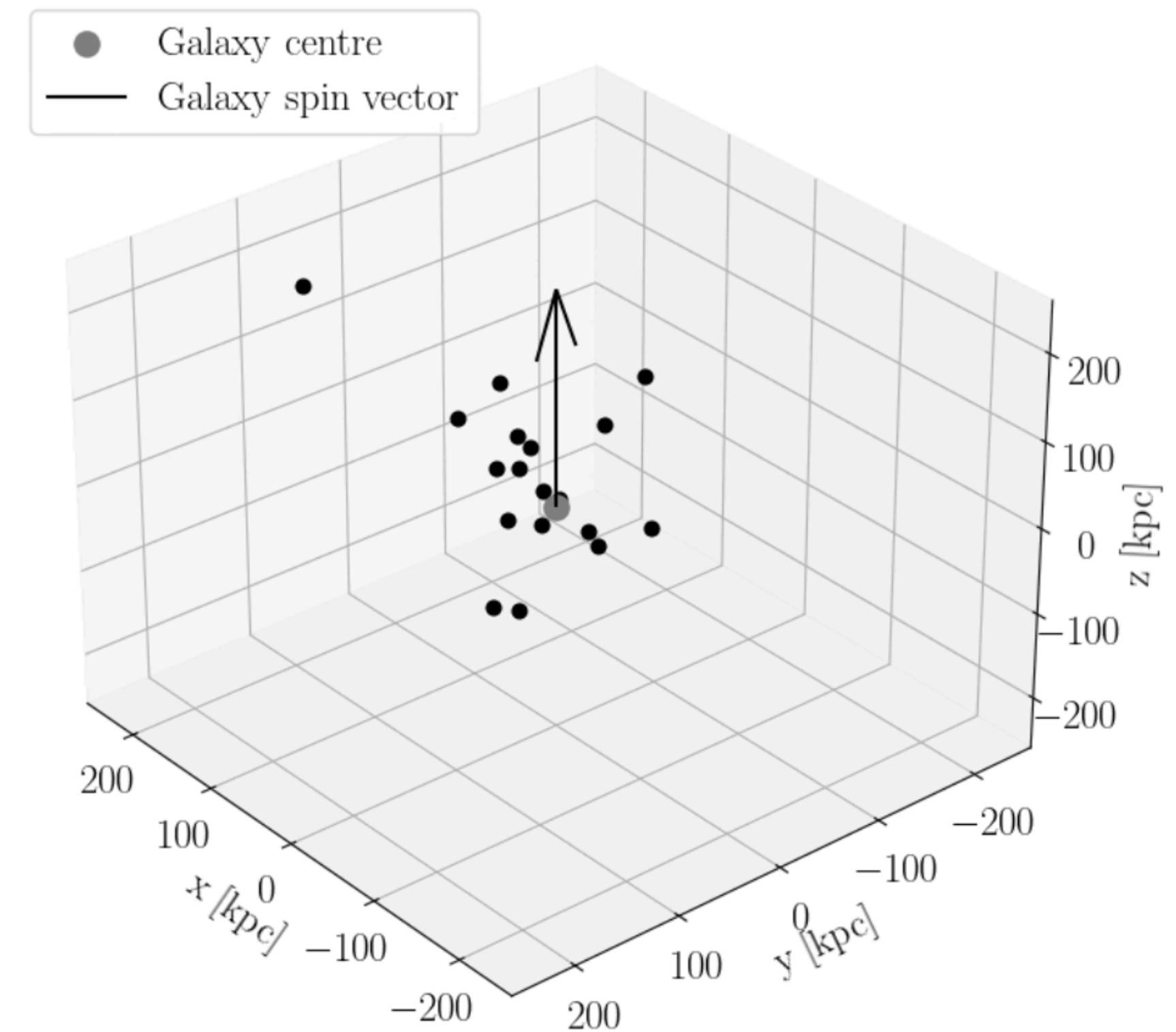


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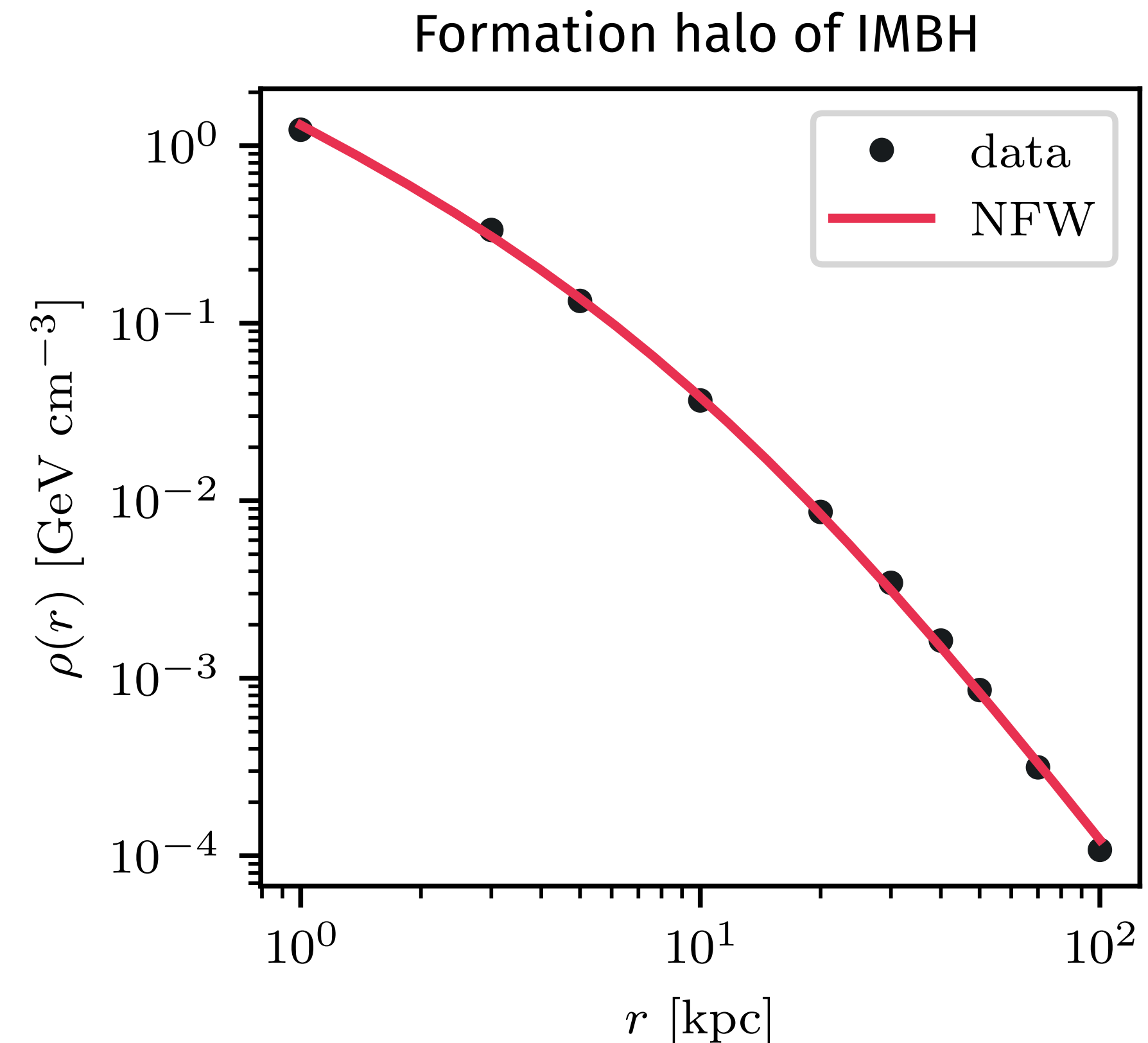
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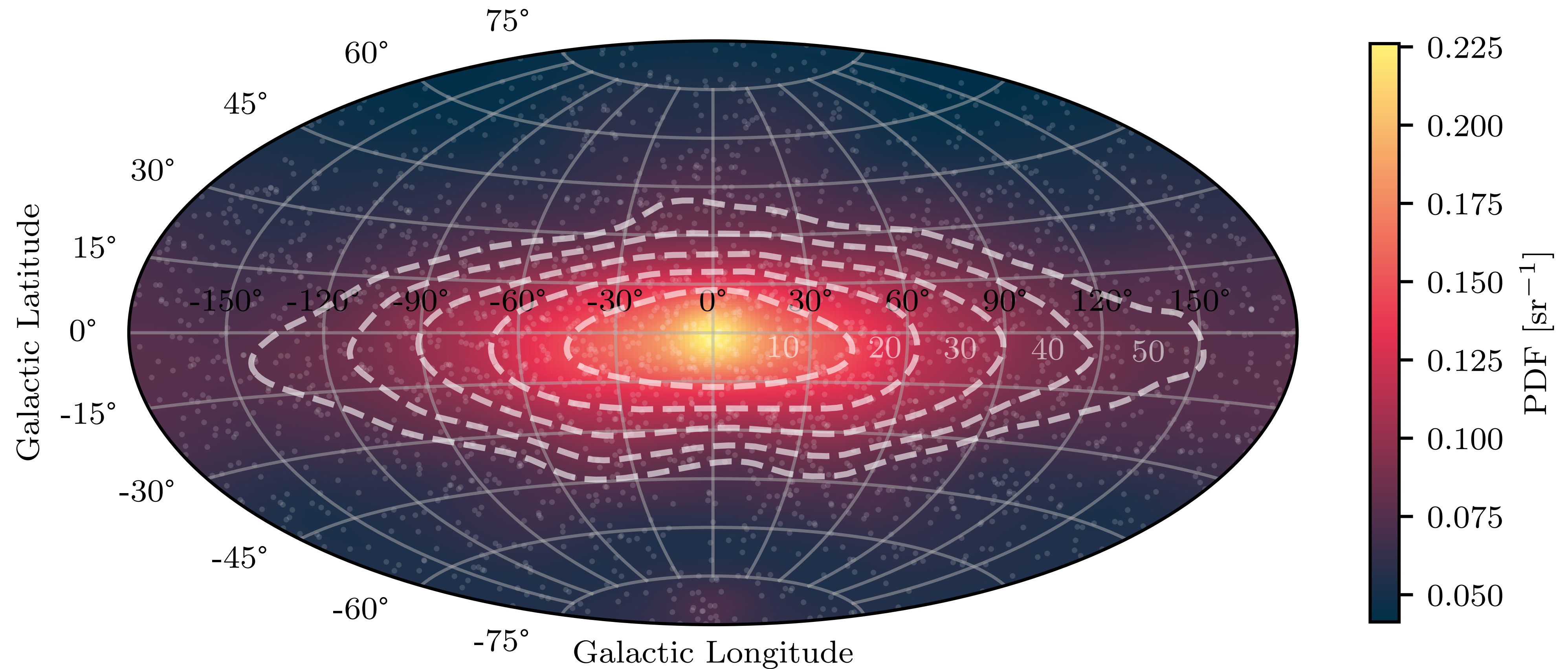
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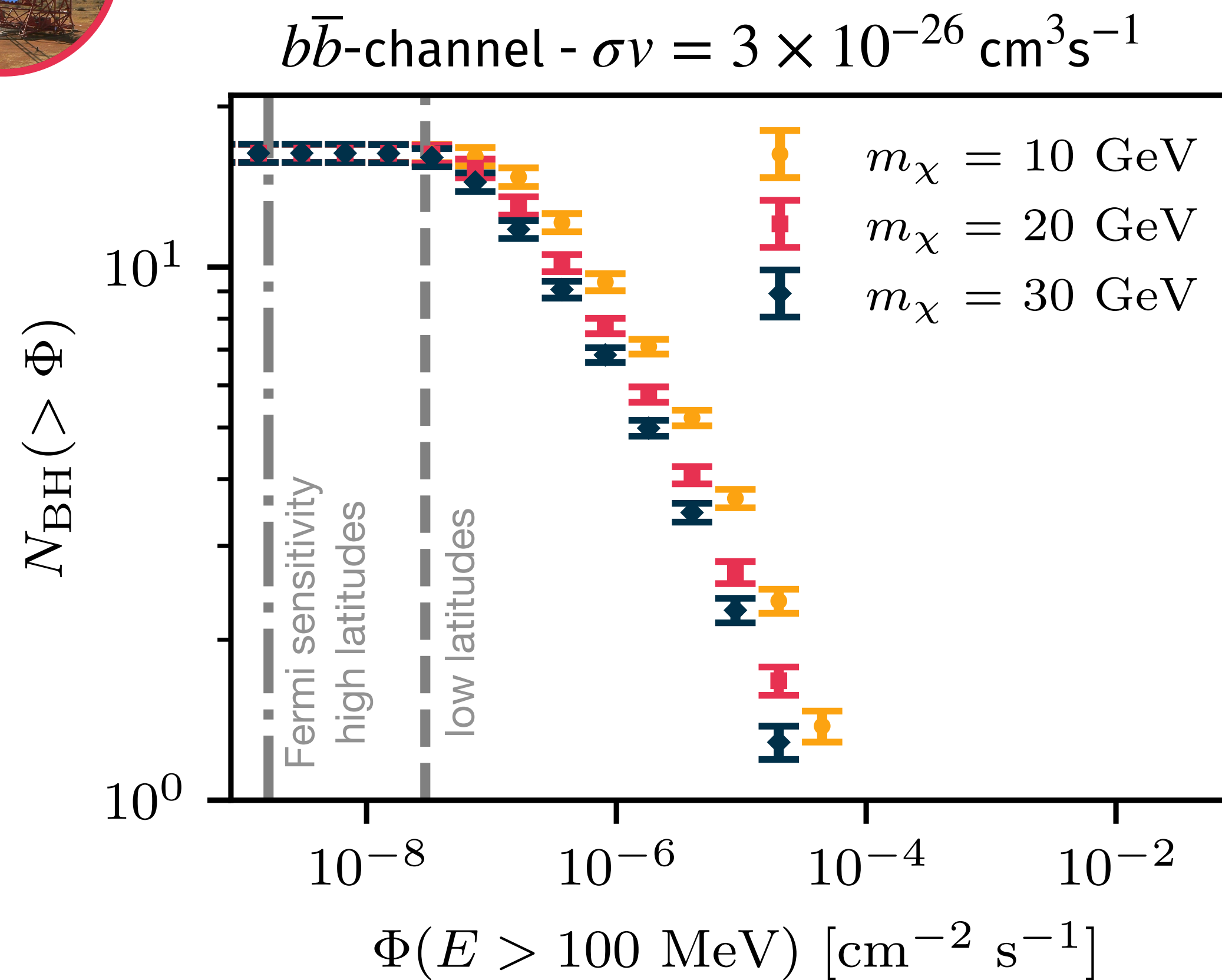
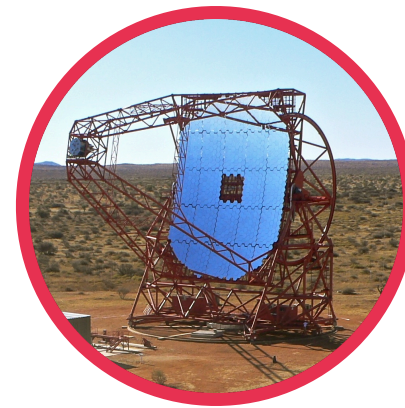
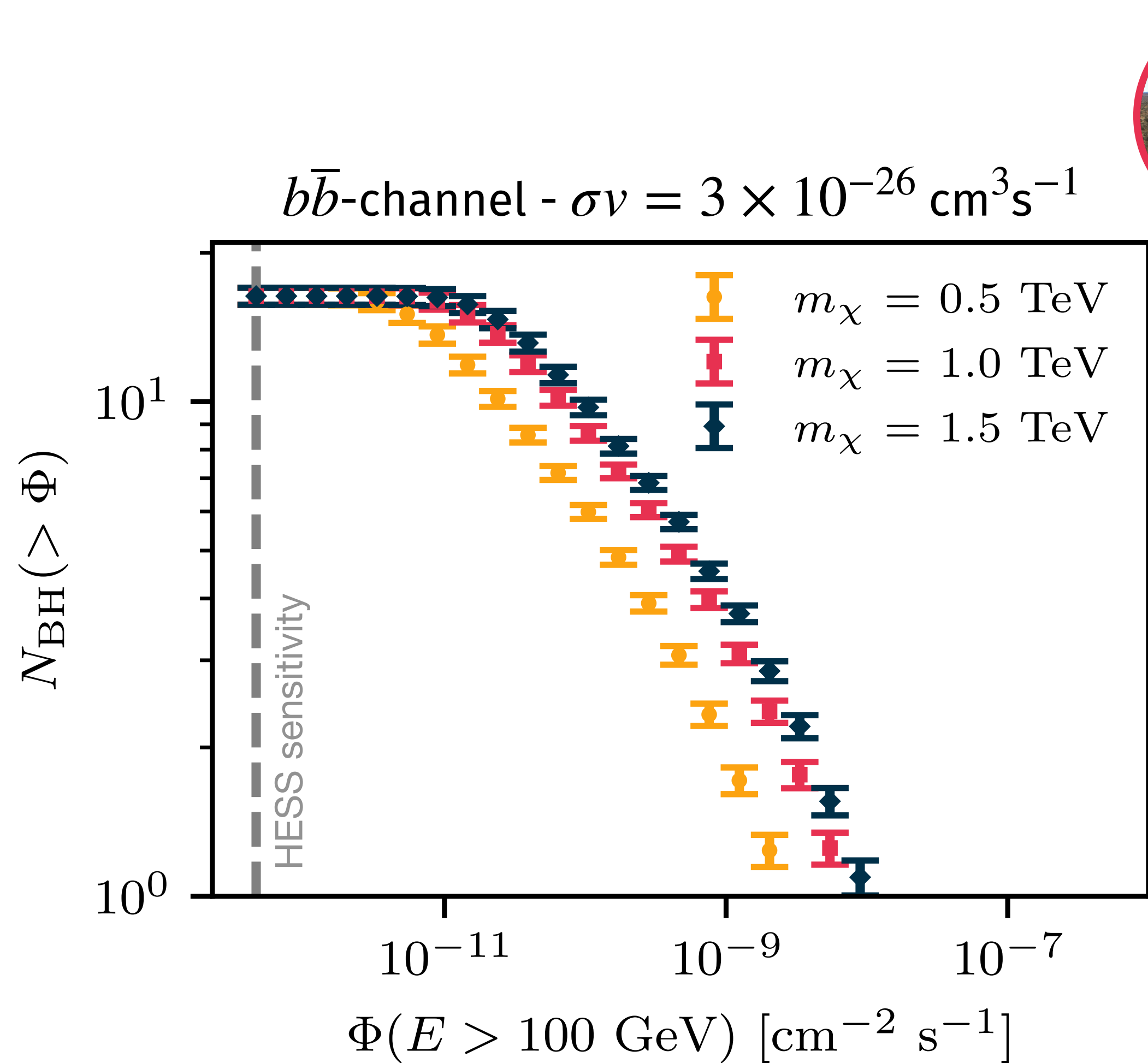


# Results: spatial distribution

On average: ~15 IMBHs within a Milky Way-like galaxy



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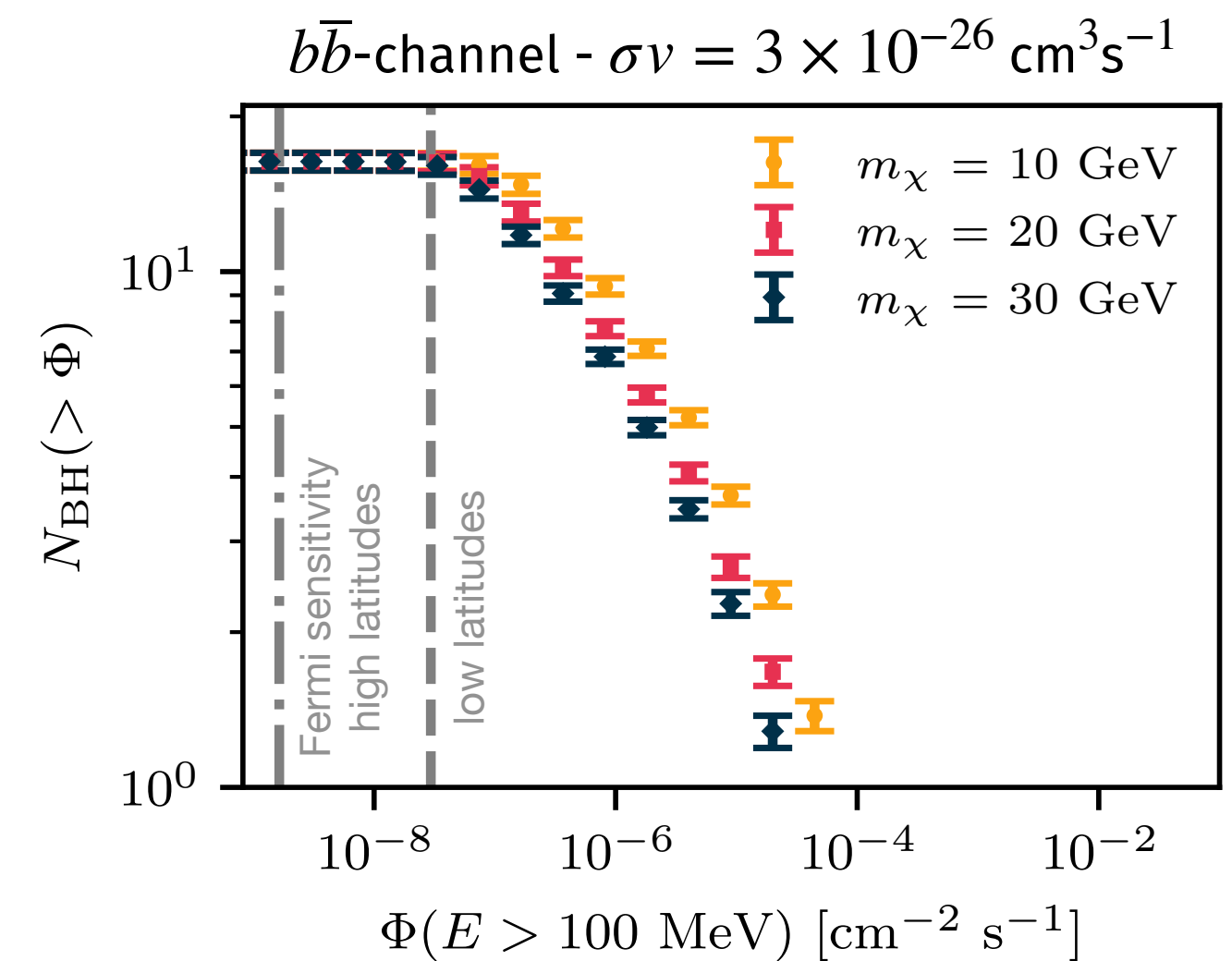
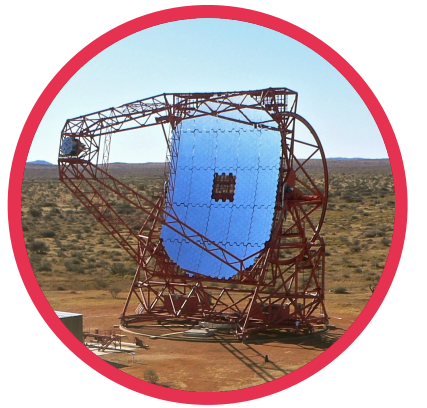
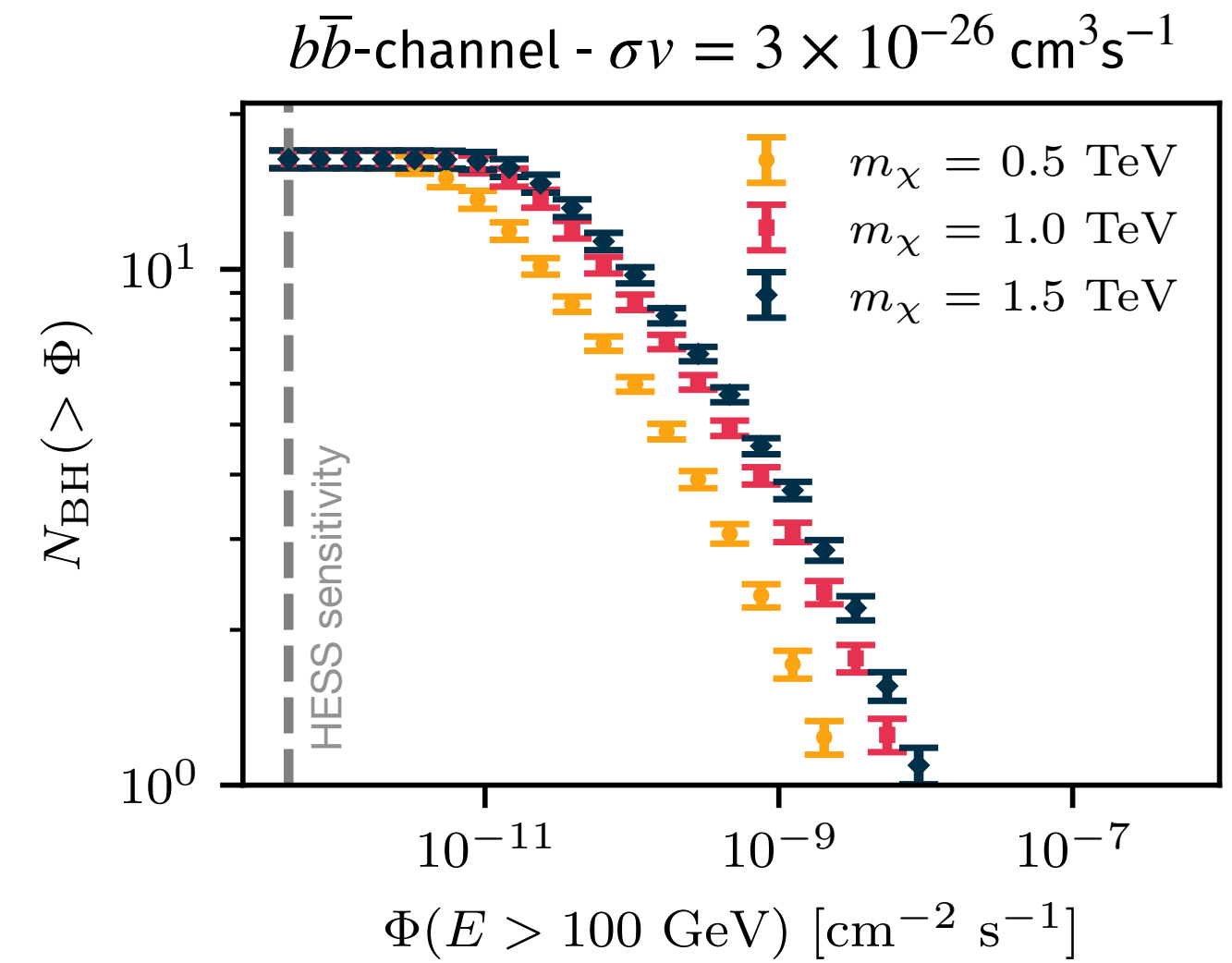


# Conclusions & Outlook

- Smoking gun dark matter signature from IMBHs
- ~15 unmerged IMBHs with  $M_{bh} \gtrsim 10^5 M_{\odot}$  expected within our Milky Way
- Gamma-ray observatories could detect dark matter around IMBHs!
- Future: Search for dark matter signal around IMBHs with H.E.S.S.



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**Thanks for your  
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**Attachment**

# Gamma-ray astronomy

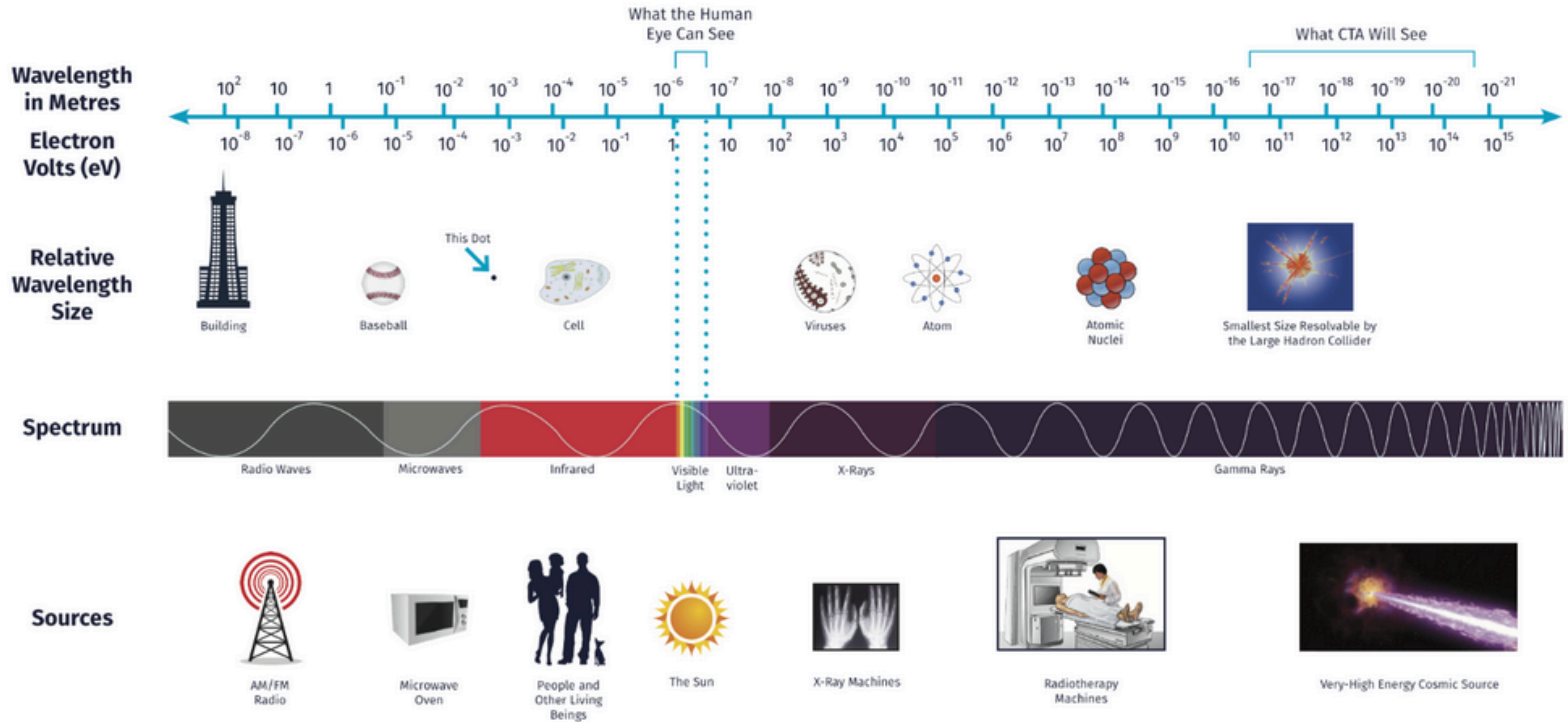


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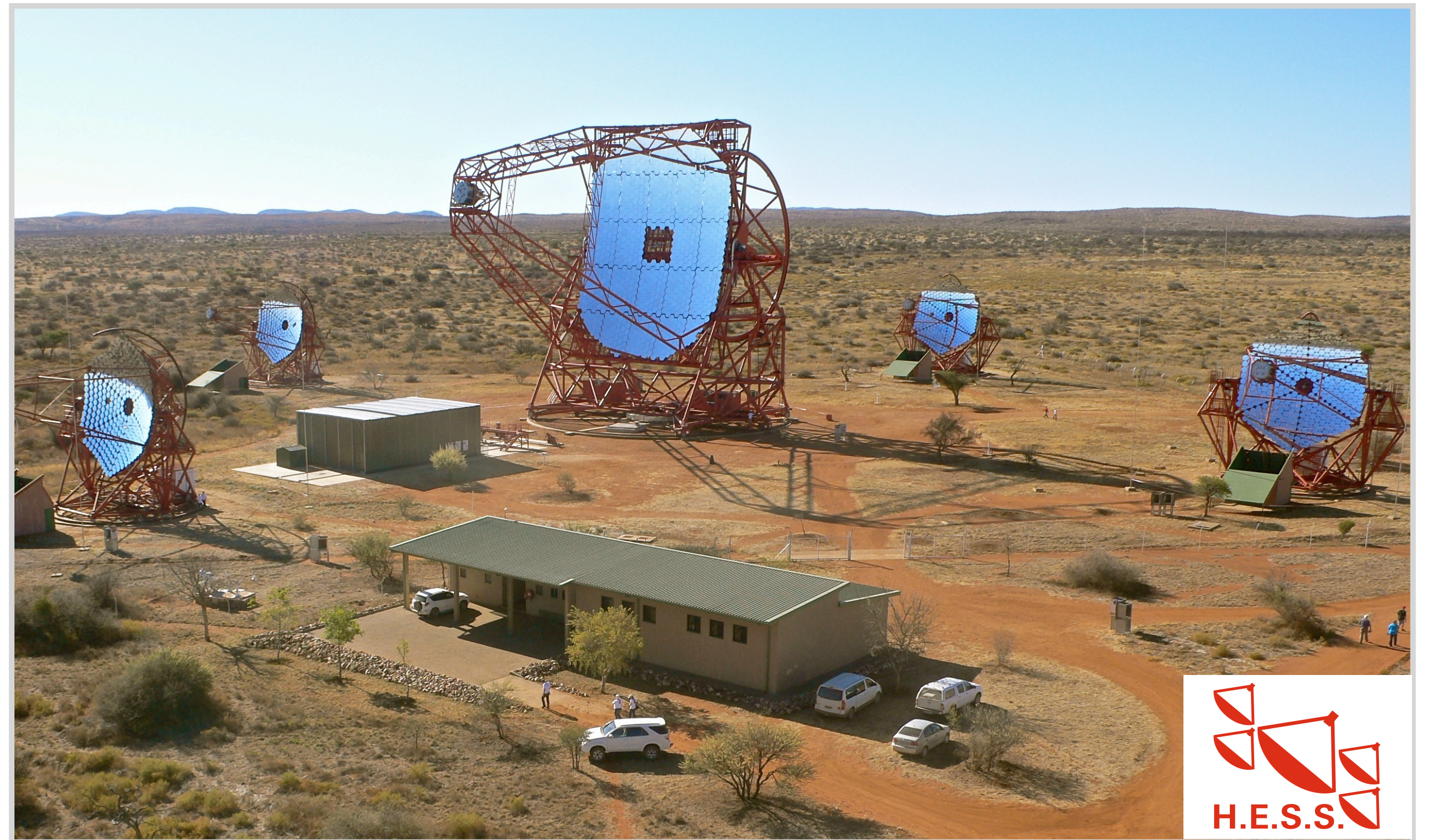
Credit: CTA Collaboration





# HESS

- Gamma-ray observatory
- Located in Namibia
- 30 GeV - 100 TeV energy range
- Consisting of 5 telescopes
  - 4 small telescopes
  - 1 large telescope



# Intermediate mass black holes

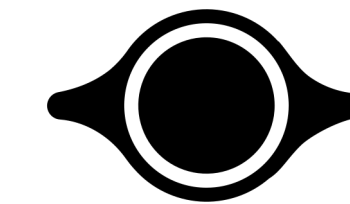
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Formation scenarios:

- A. Collapse of Population III stars
- B. Collapse of primordial gas
- C. Gravitational runaway
- D. Primordial black holes
- E. BH-BH merger

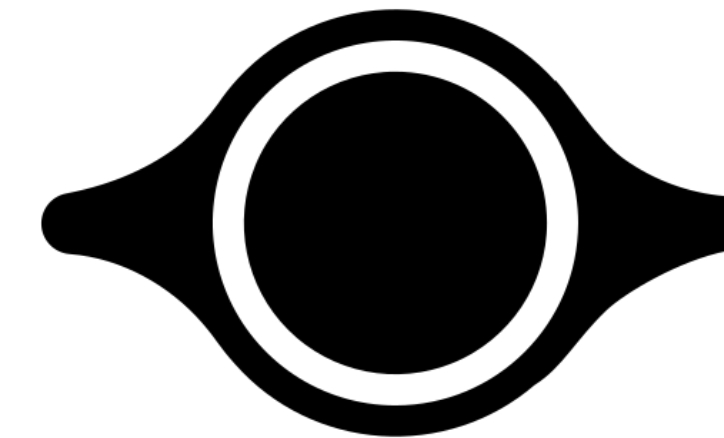
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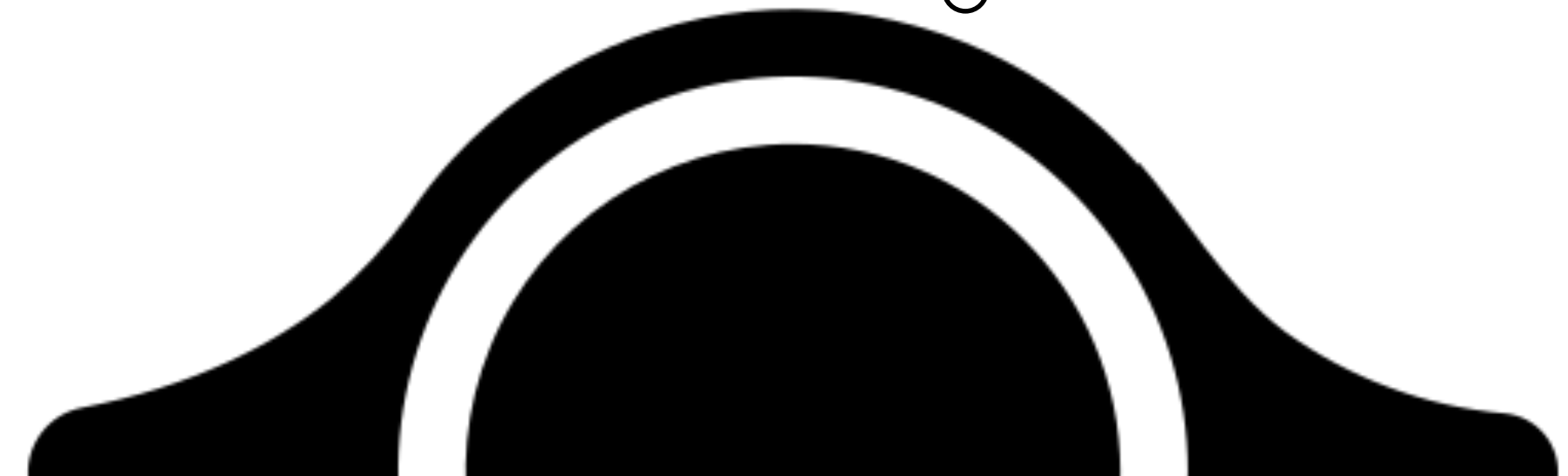
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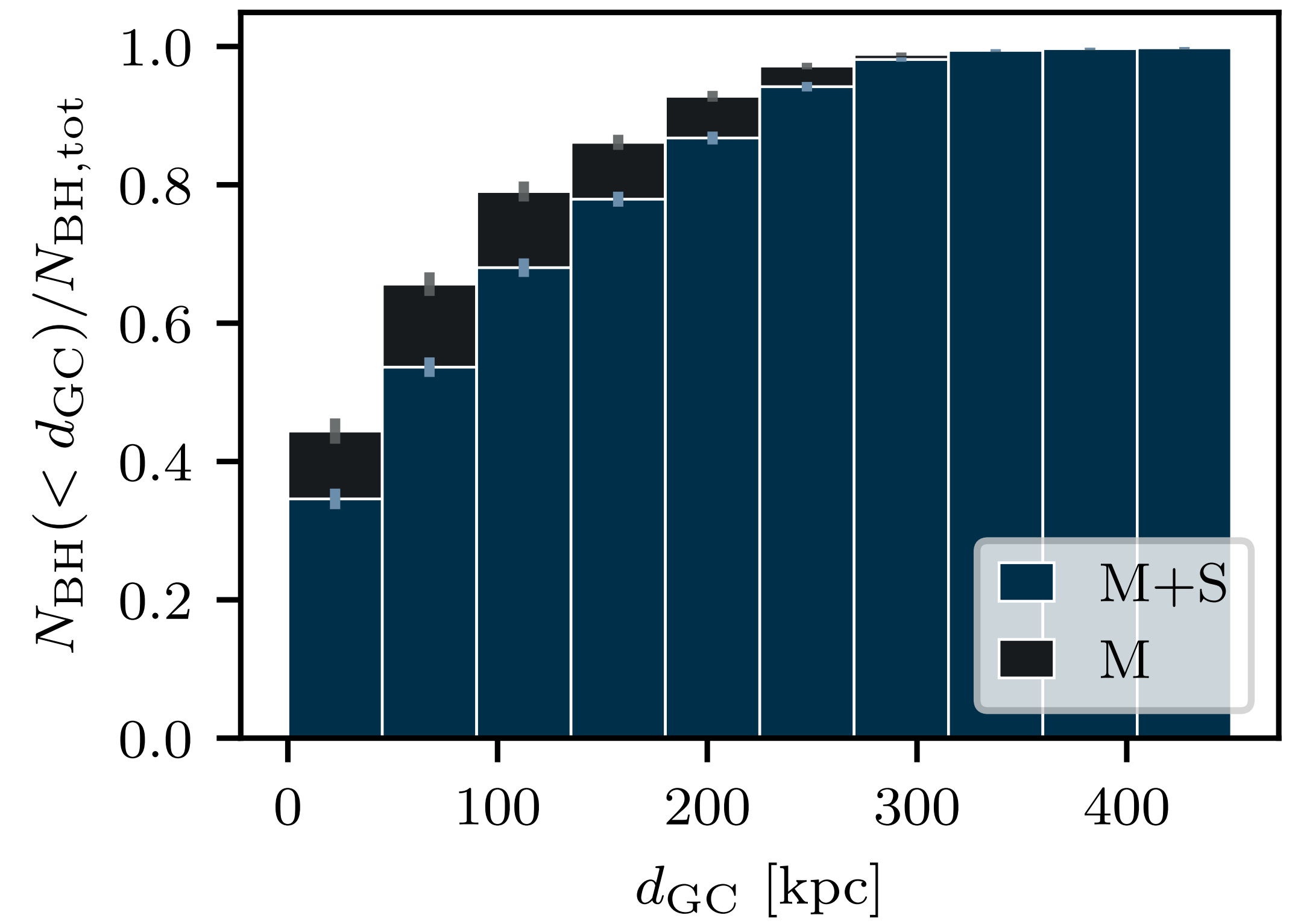
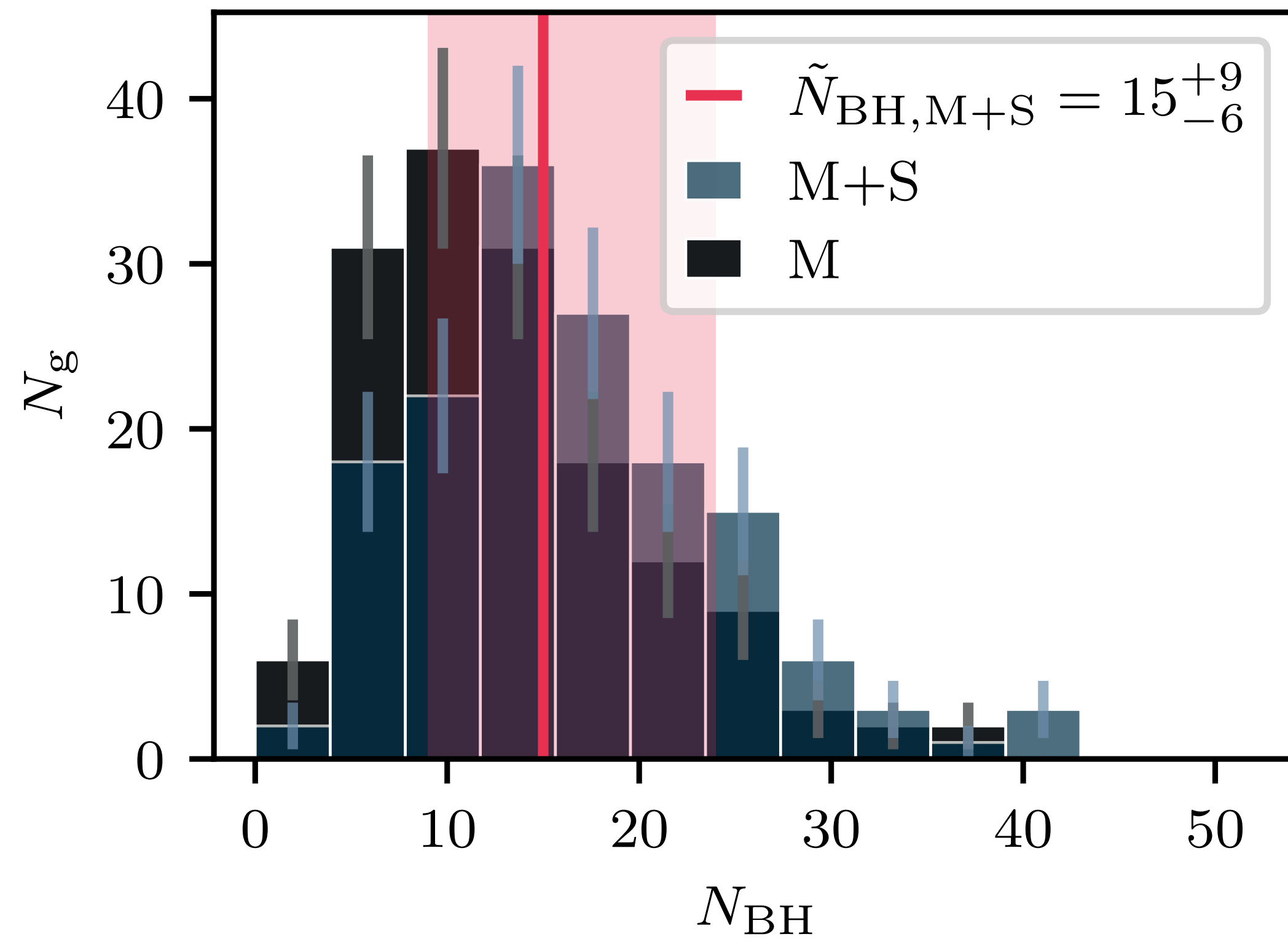
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- Selection criteria for host halo
  - Halo mass  $M_{200}$  range:  $0.5 - 2.0 \times 10^{12} M_{\odot}$
  - Stellar mass  $M_*(r < 30 \text{ kpc})$  range:  $10^{10.4} - 10^{11.2} M_{\odot}$
  - Star formation rate range:  $0.1 - 3.0 M_{\odot}/\text{yr}$
  - Stellar disk-to-total mass ratio  $f_{\text{disk}}$  larger than 0.4
  - Distance between the centre of mass and the centre of potential of the galaxy is less than  $0.07 R_{200}$
  - Total mass in substructures is less than 10 % of the total mass of the galaxy
- Selection criteria for satellite galaxies:
  - Distance from halo centre  $r$  in the range:  $40 \text{ kpc} < r' < 300 \text{ kpc}$  with  $r' = r(10^{12} M / M_{200})^{1/3}$

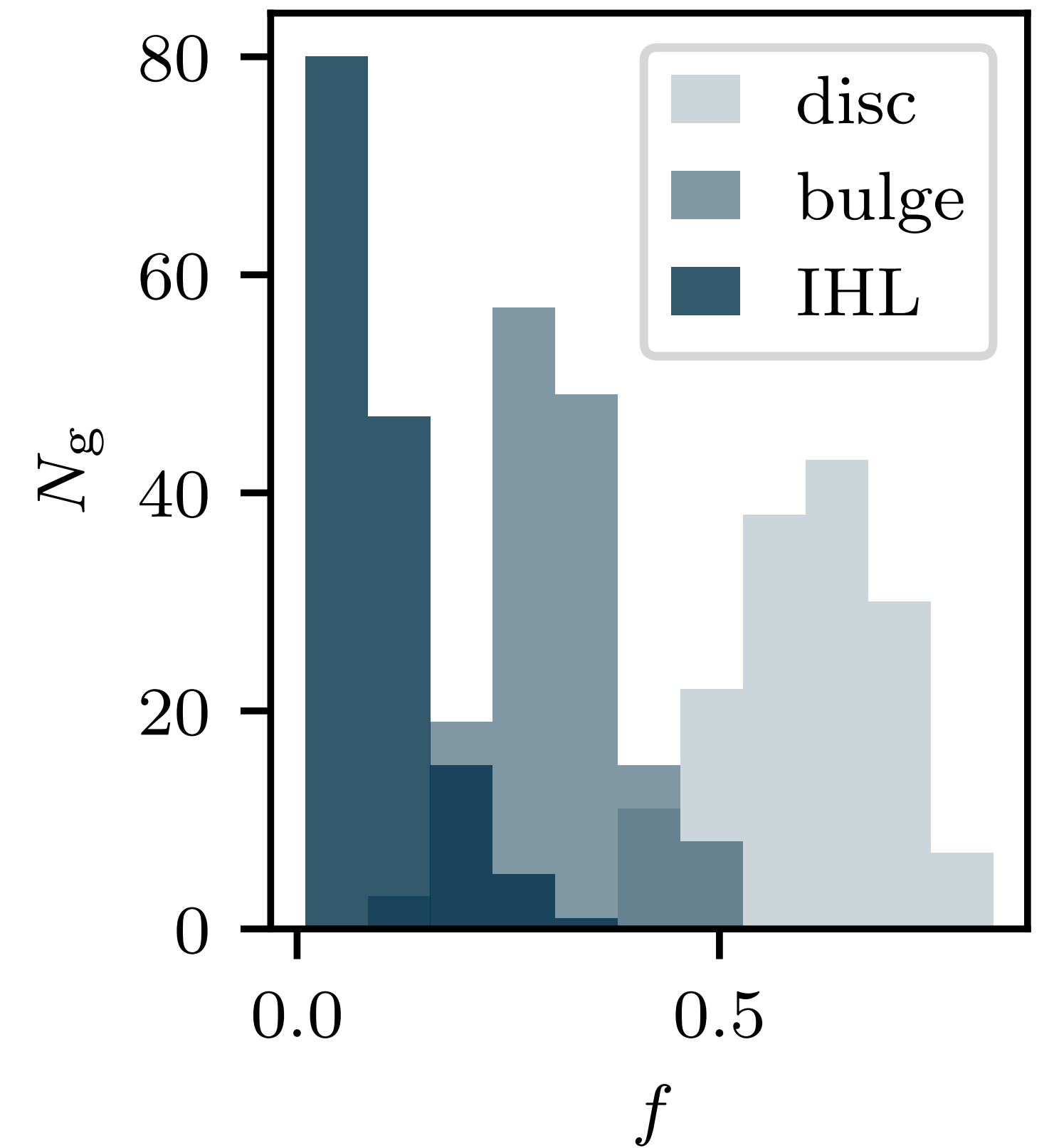
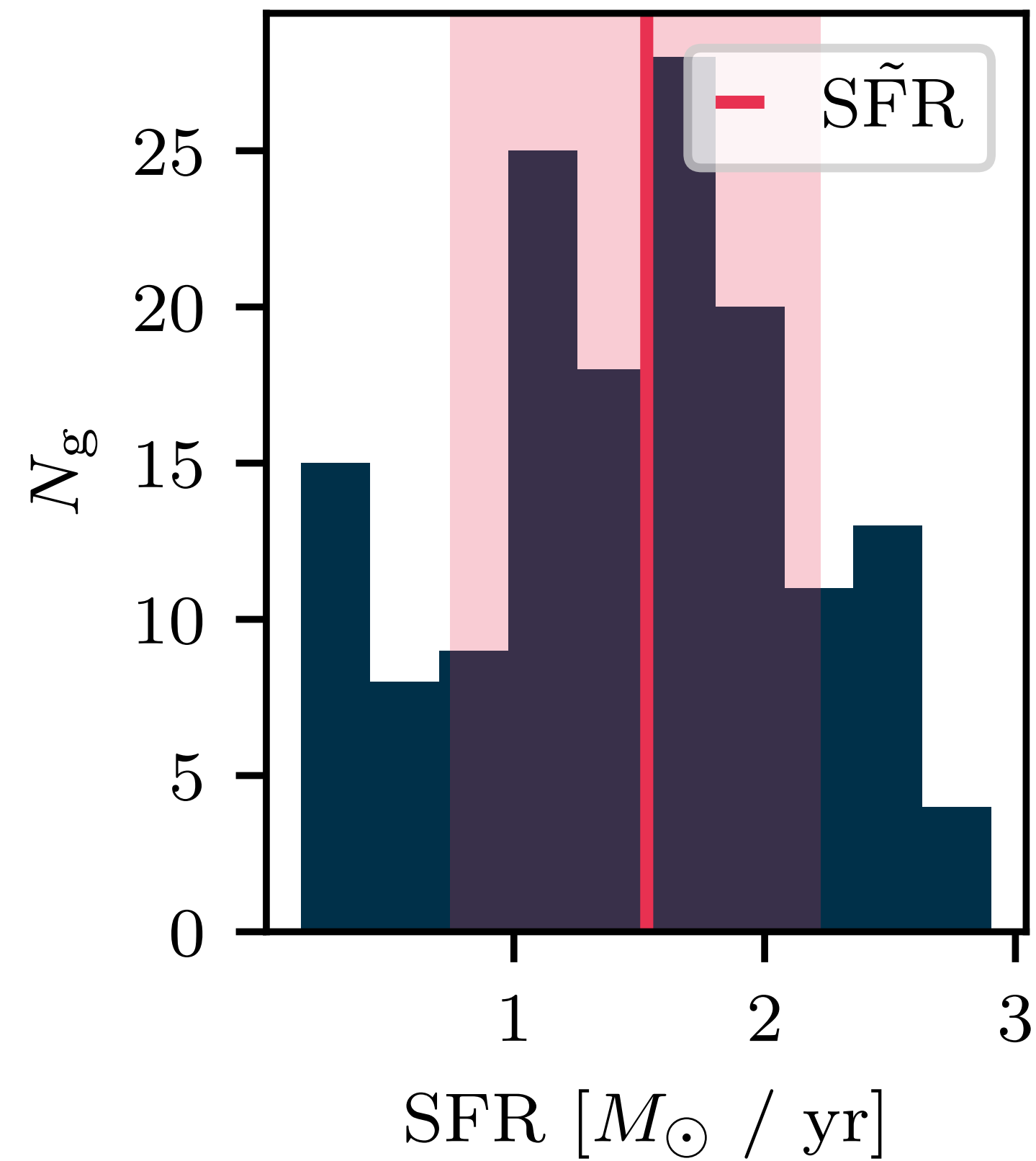
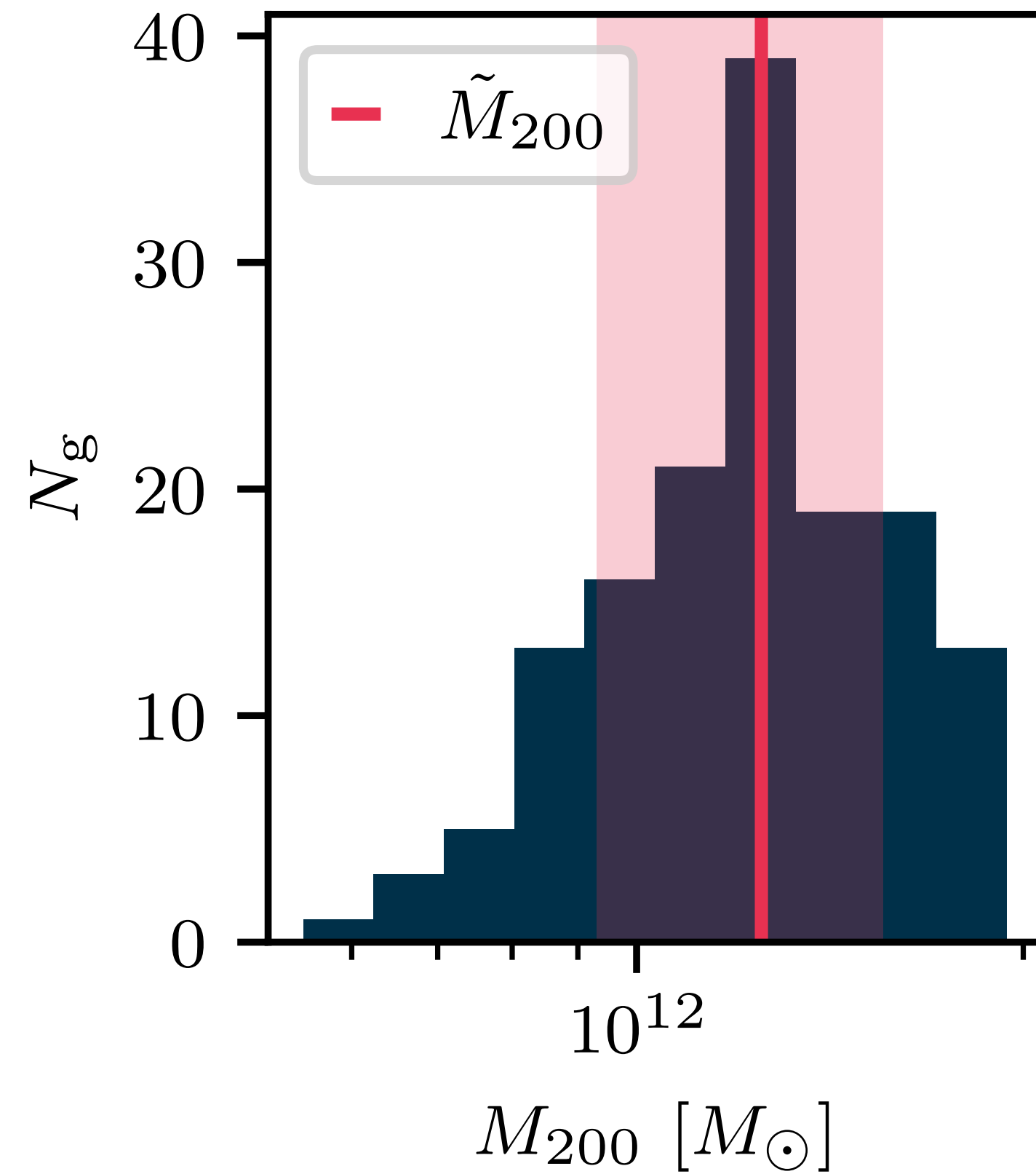


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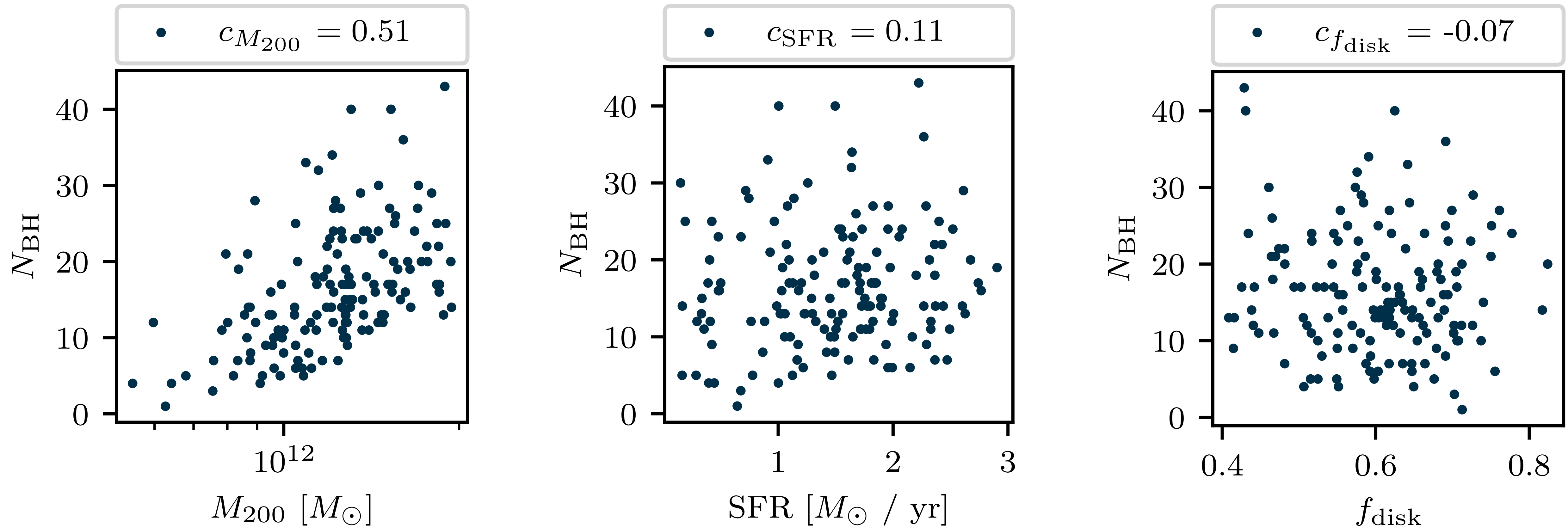
EAGLE: ~150 Milky Way-like galaxies with ~2500 IMBHs



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# Dark matter spike parameters

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$$\rho(r) = \begin{cases} 0 & r \leq 2r_{\text{schw}} \\ \rho_{\text{wcusp}}(r) & 2r_{\text{schw}} < r \leq r_{\text{cut}} \\ \rho_{\text{sp}}(r) & r_{\text{cut}} < r \leq r_{\text{sp}} \\ \rho_{\text{halo}}(r) & r > r_{\text{sp}} \end{cases}$$

$$M(< r_h) = 4\pi \int_0^{r_h} \rho_{\text{NFW}}(r) r^2 dr = 2m_{\text{BH}} \quad r_{\text{sp}} = 0.2r_h$$

$$\rho_{\text{halo}}(r) = \rho_{\text{NFW}}(r) = \rho_0 \left(\frac{r}{r_s}\right)^{-1} \left(1 + \frac{r}{r_s}\right)^{-2}$$

$$\rho_{\text{sp}}(r) = \rho_{\text{NFW}}(r_{\text{sp}}) \left(\frac{r}{r_{\text{sp}}}\right)^{-\gamma_{\text{sp}}} \quad \gamma_{\text{sp}} = \frac{9 - 2\gamma}{4 - \gamma}$$

$$\rho_{\text{wcusp}}(r) = \rho_{\text{sp}}(r_{\text{sat}}) \cdot \left(\frac{r}{r_{\text{sat}}}\right)^{-0.5}$$

$$\rho_{\text{sp}}(r_{\text{sat}}) = \frac{m_\chi}{\langle \sigma v \rangle \cdot (t_0 - t_f)} \quad r_{\text{cut}} = \max[2r_{\text{schw}}, r_{\text{sat}}]$$

# Gamma-ray flux

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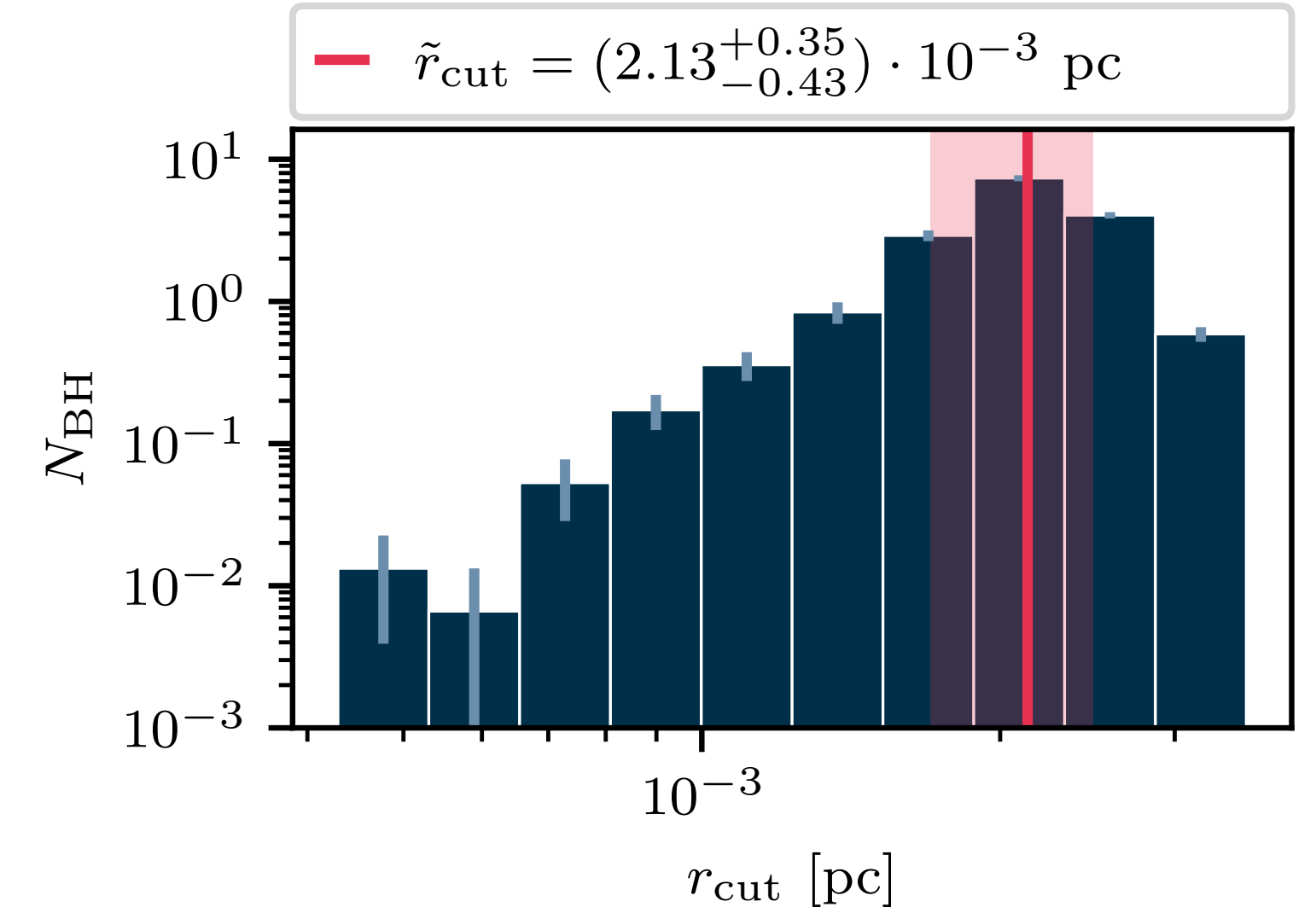
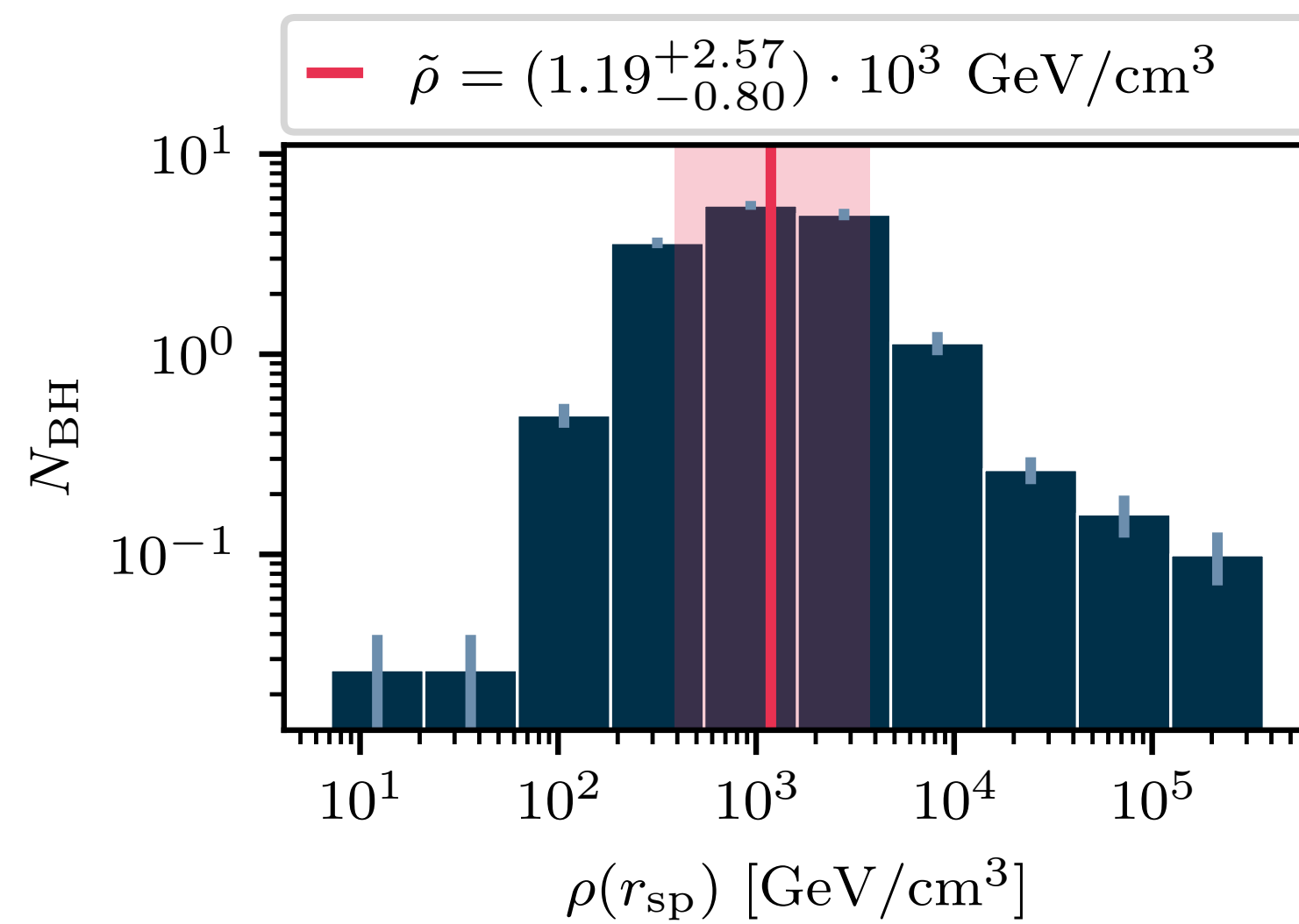
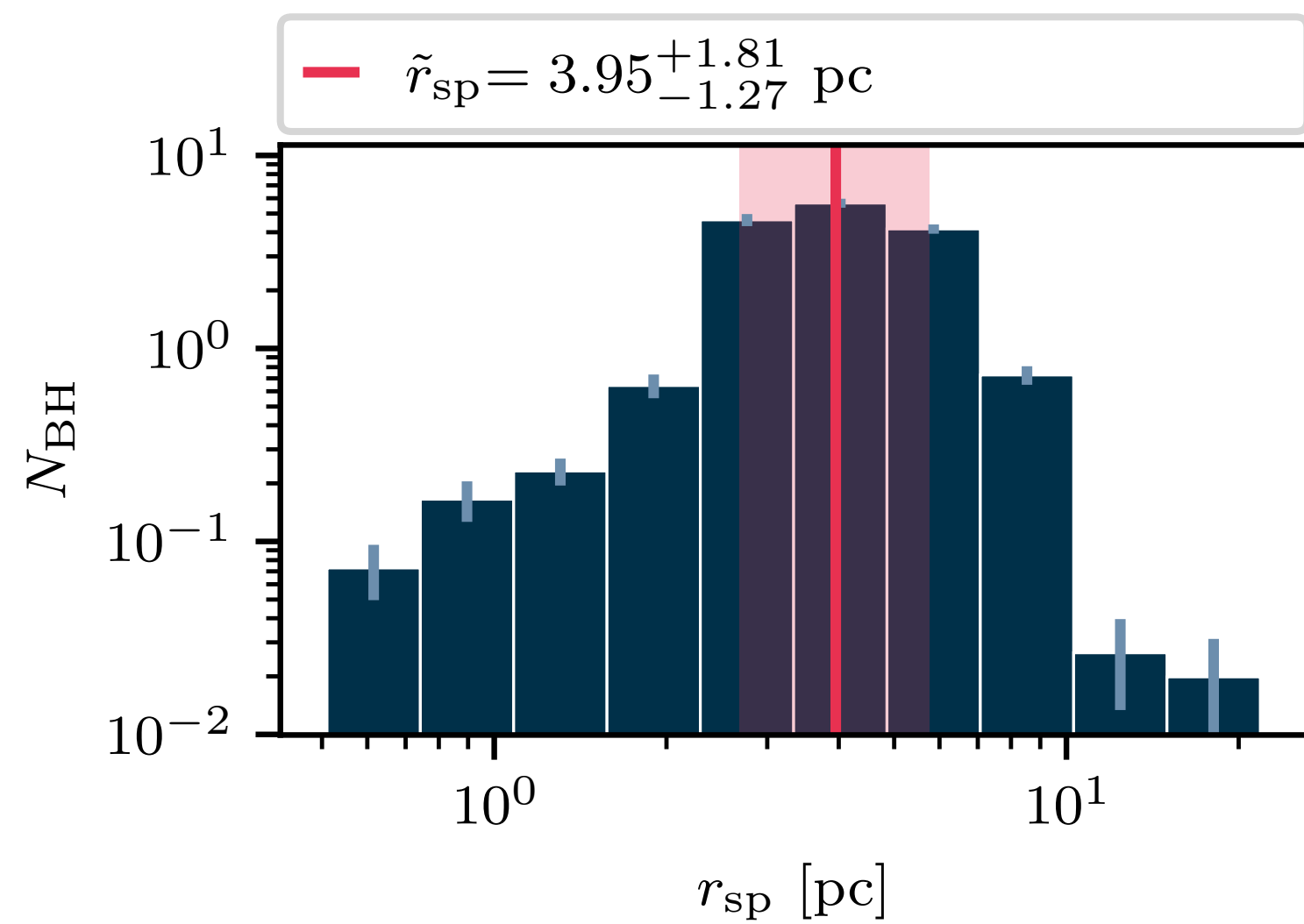
$$\begin{aligned}\Phi(E, D) &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle}{m_\chi^2} \frac{1}{D^2} \frac{dN}{dE} \int_{2r_{\text{schw}}}^{r_{\text{sp}}} \rho^2(r) r^2 dr \\ &\approx \frac{dN}{dE} \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle}{m_\chi^2 D^2} \rho(r_{\text{sp}})^2 r_{\text{sp}}^3 \frac{2\gamma_{\text{sp}} - 1}{8\gamma_{\text{sp}} - 12} \left( \frac{r_{\text{cut}}}{r_{\text{sp}}} \right)^{3-2\gamma_{\text{sp}}}\end{aligned}$$

$$r_{\text{cut}} \propto \langle \sigma v \rangle^{3/7} m_\chi^{-9/7} \quad \rightarrow \quad \phi \propto \langle \sigma v \rangle^{2/7} m_\chi^{-9/7}$$

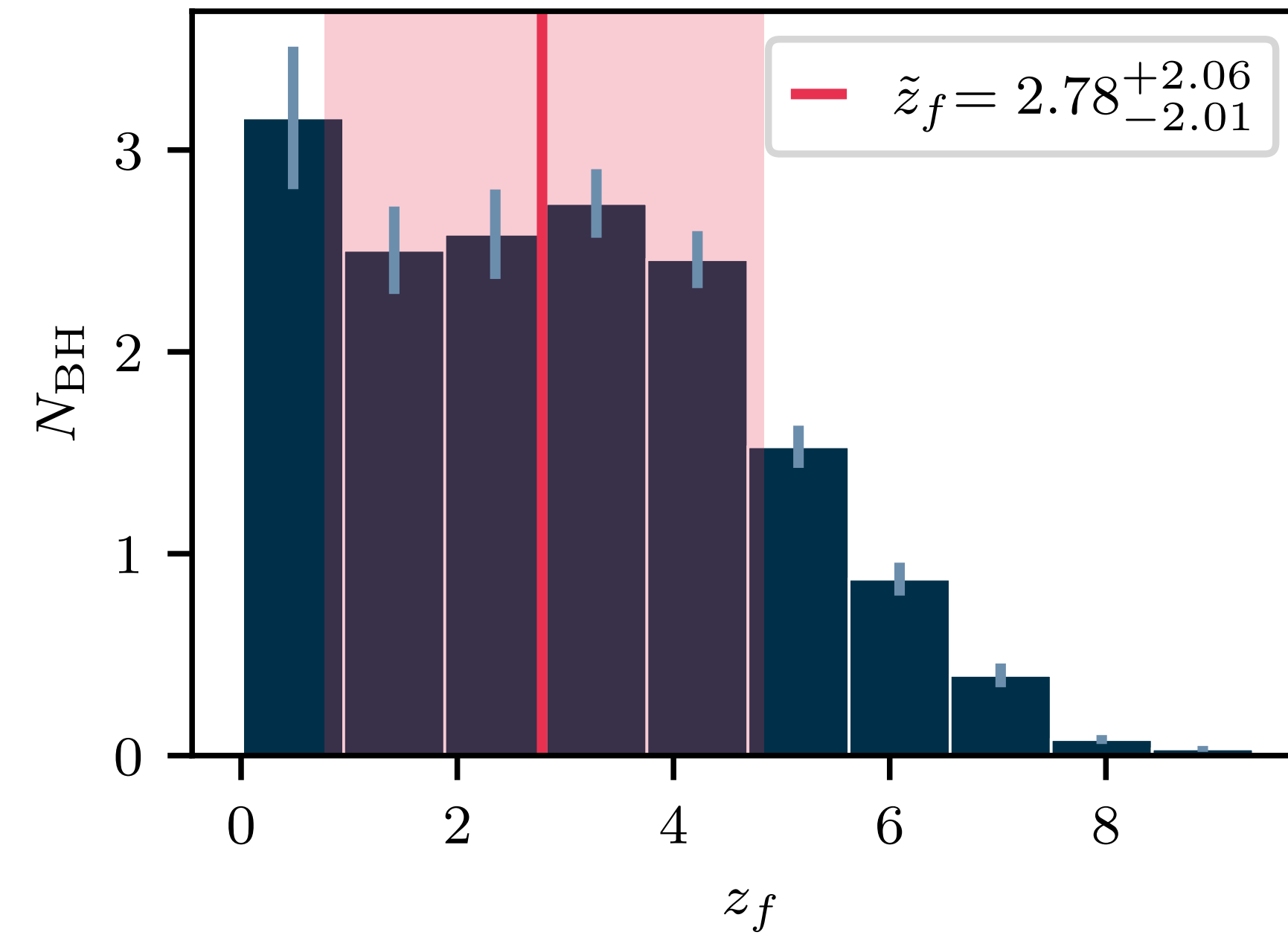
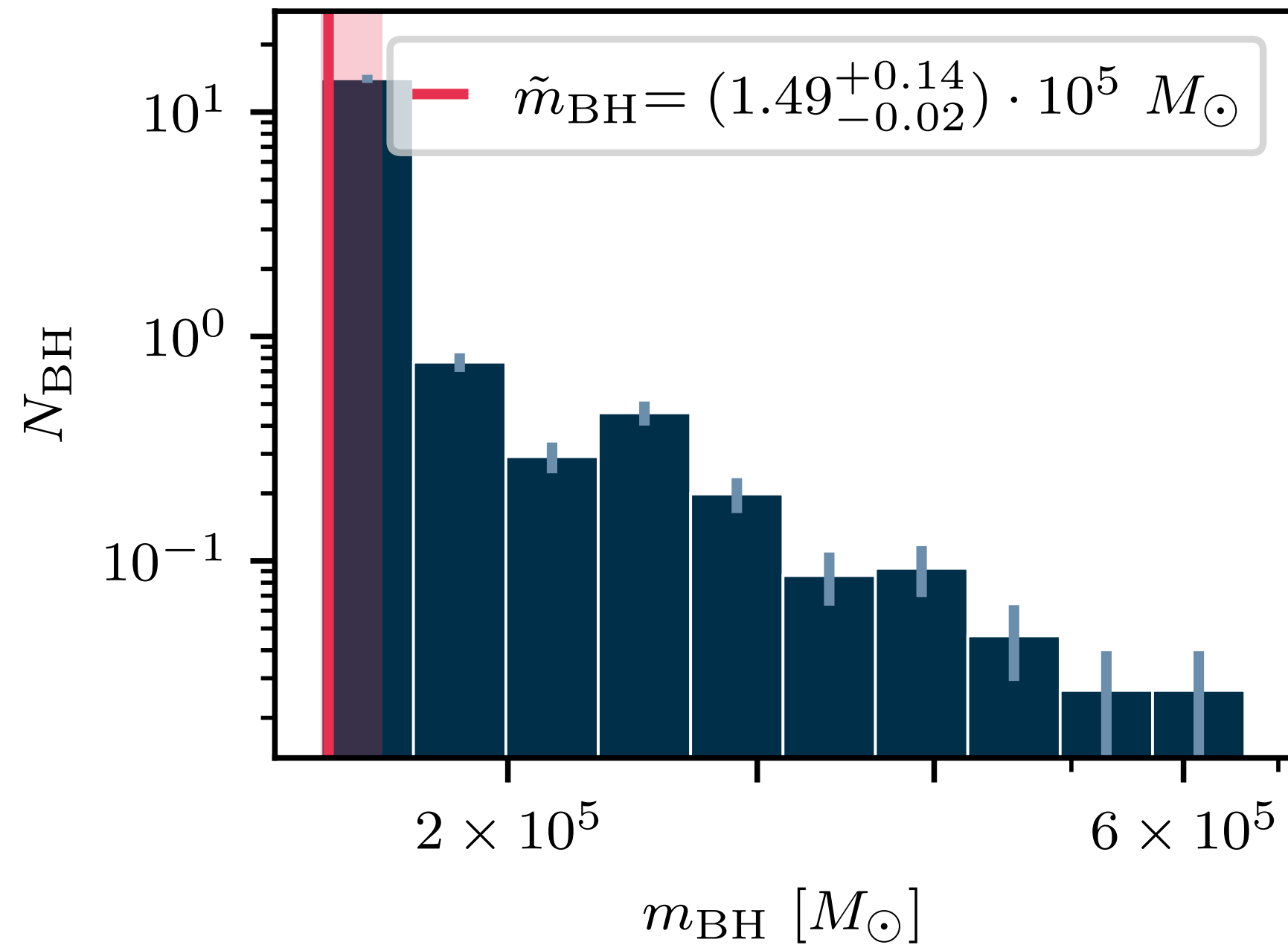




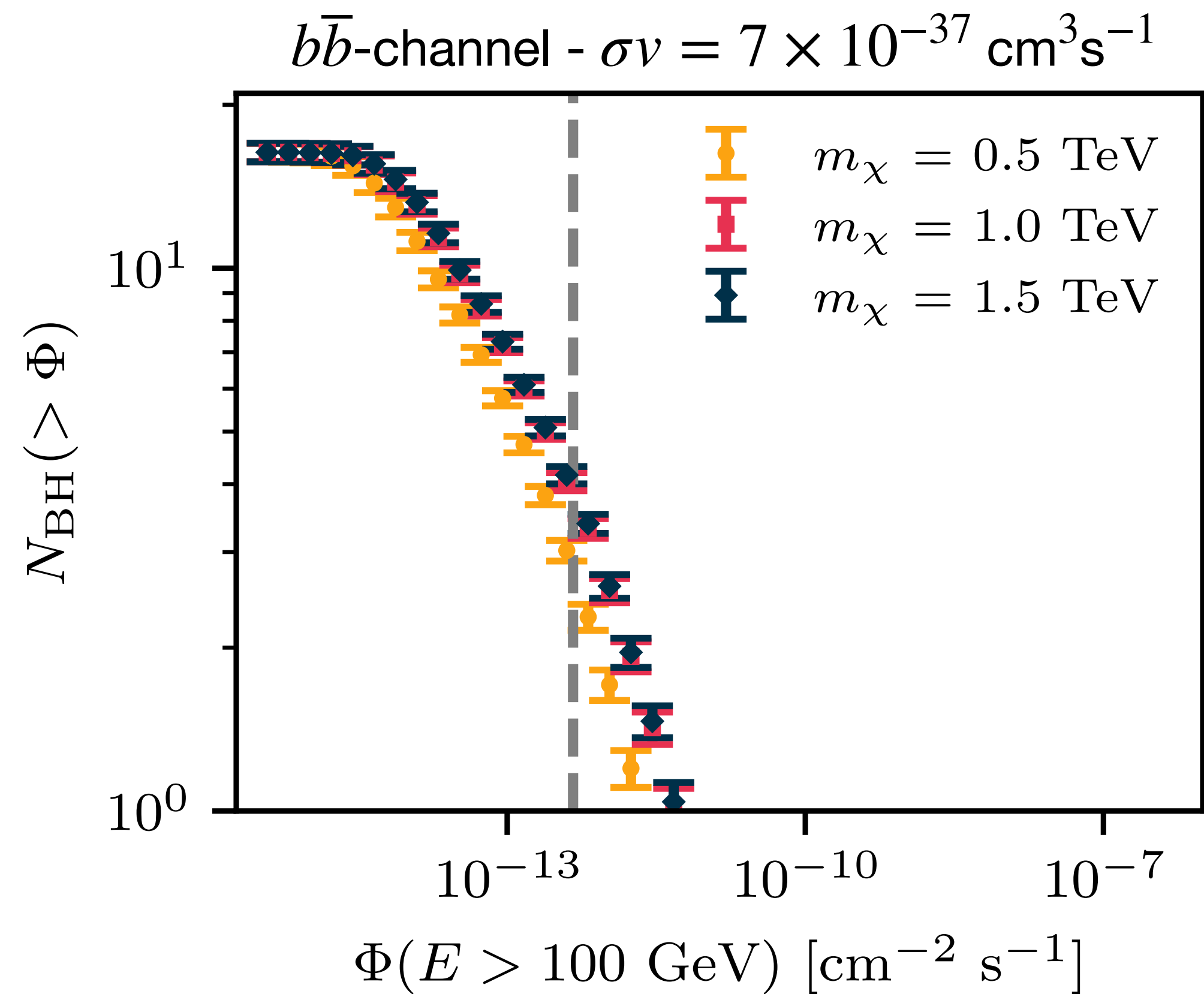
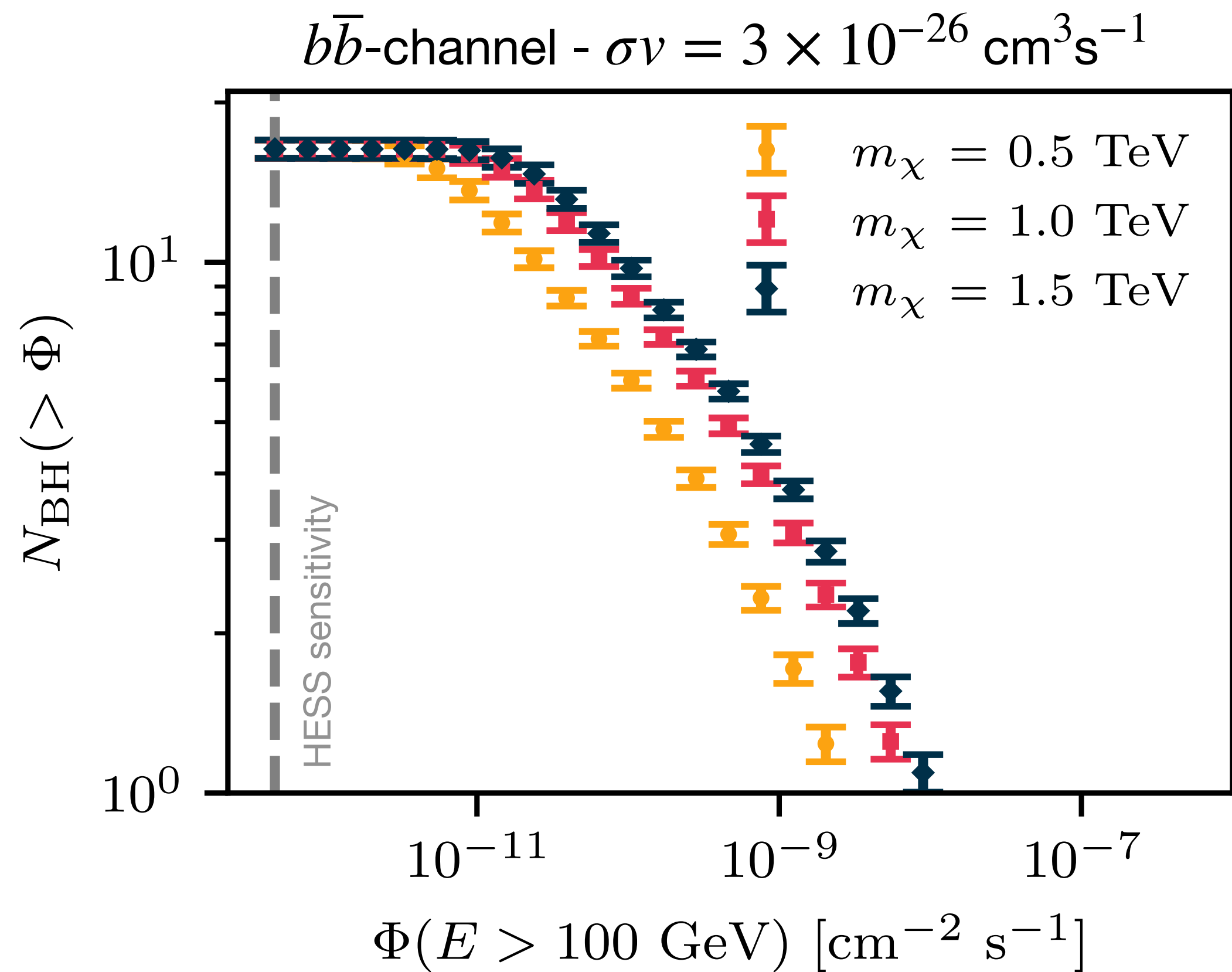
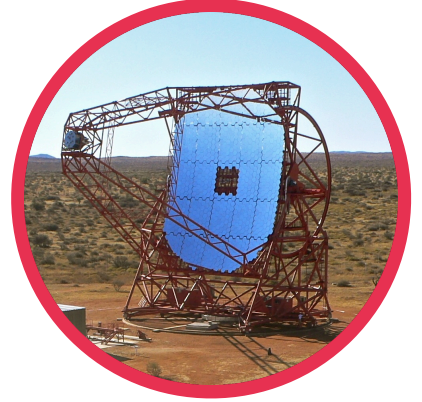
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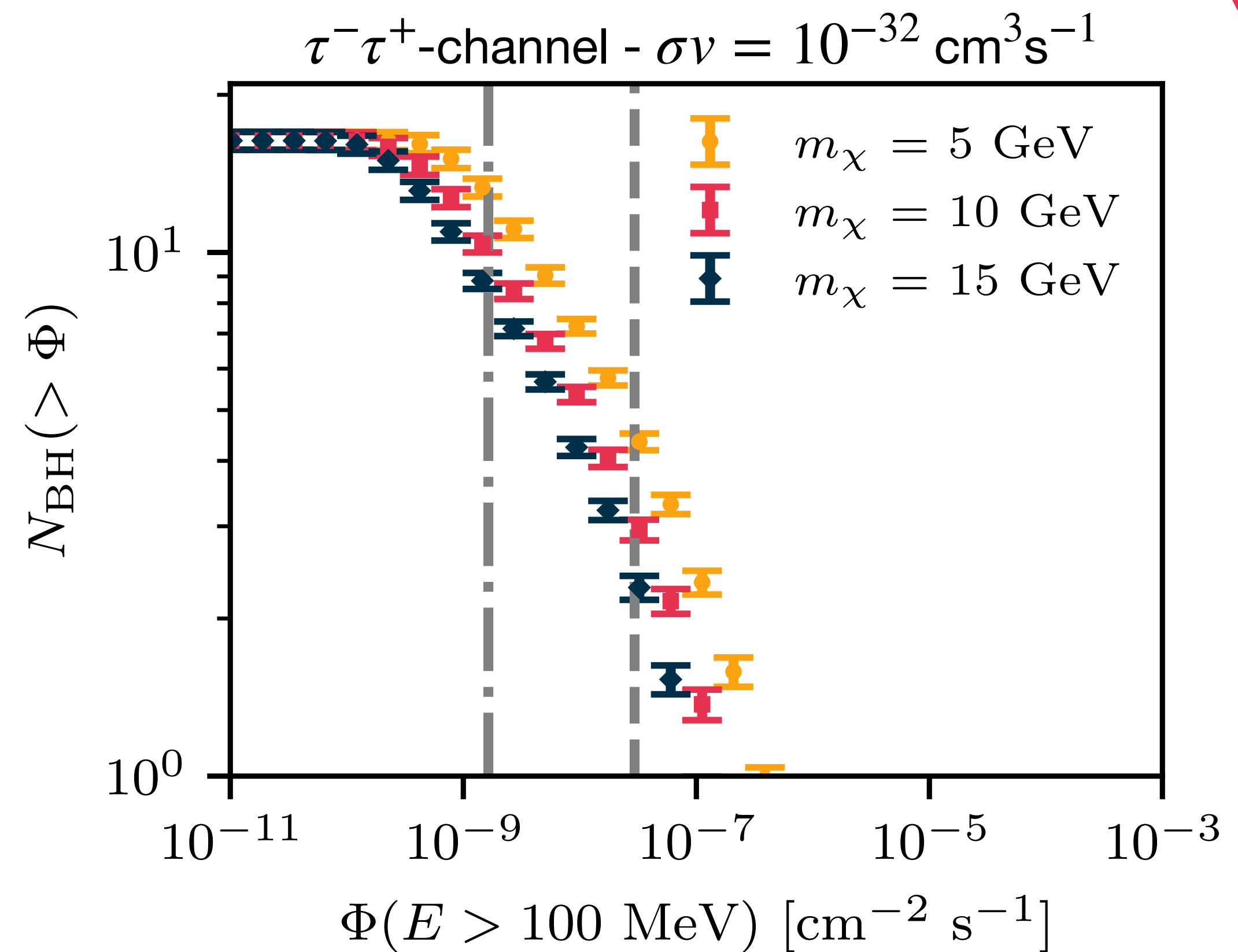
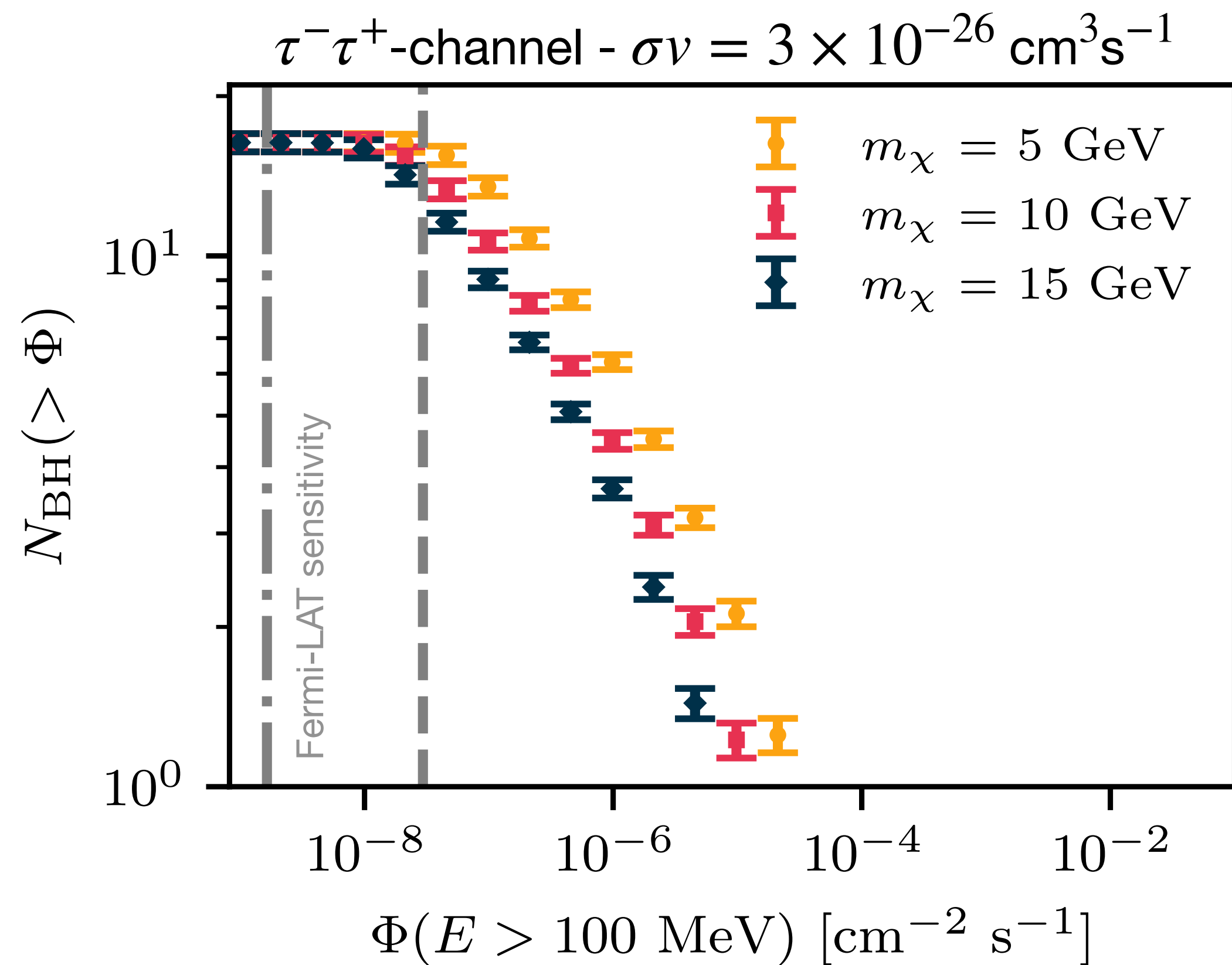
# Mass and formation redshift



# Integrated luminosity

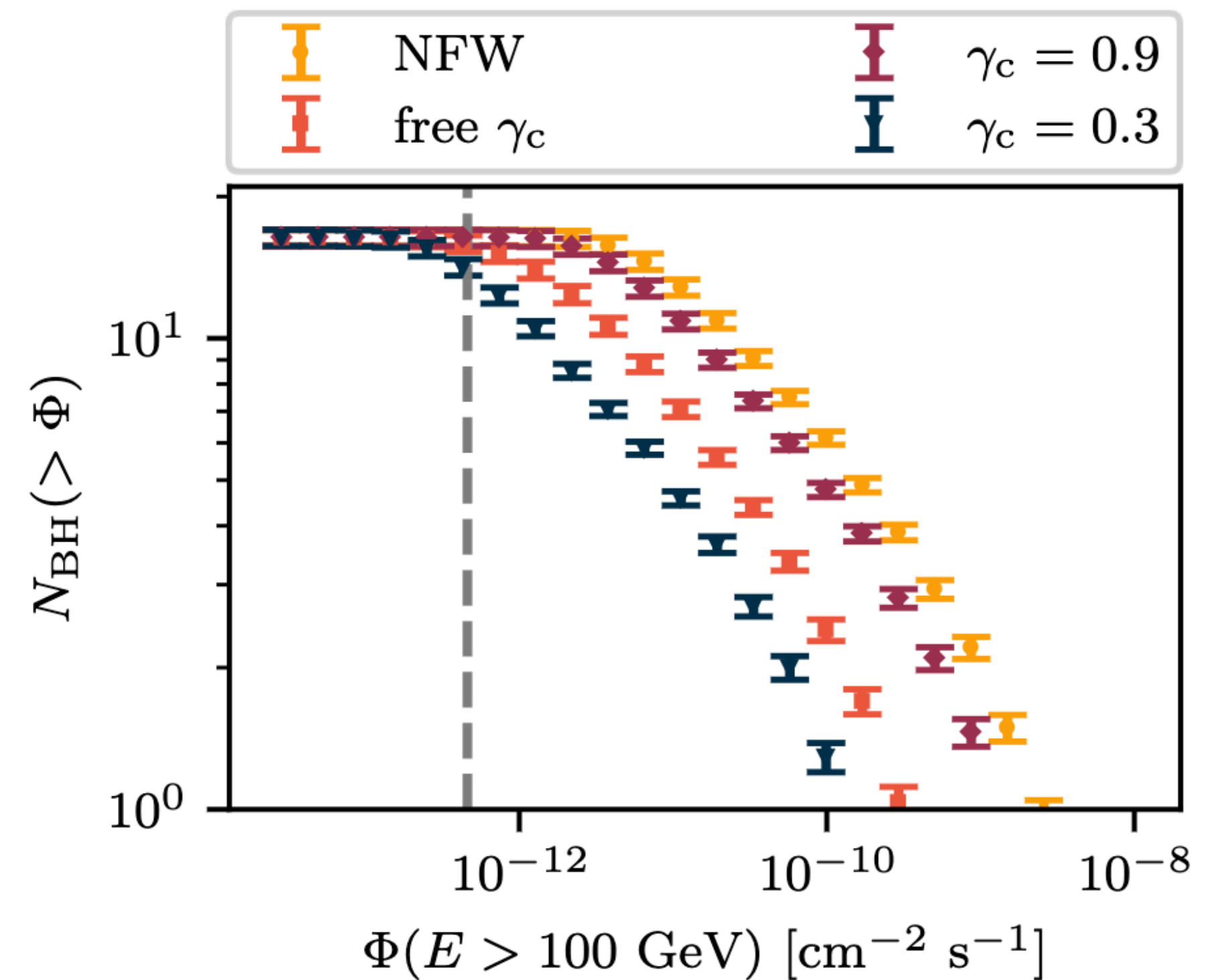
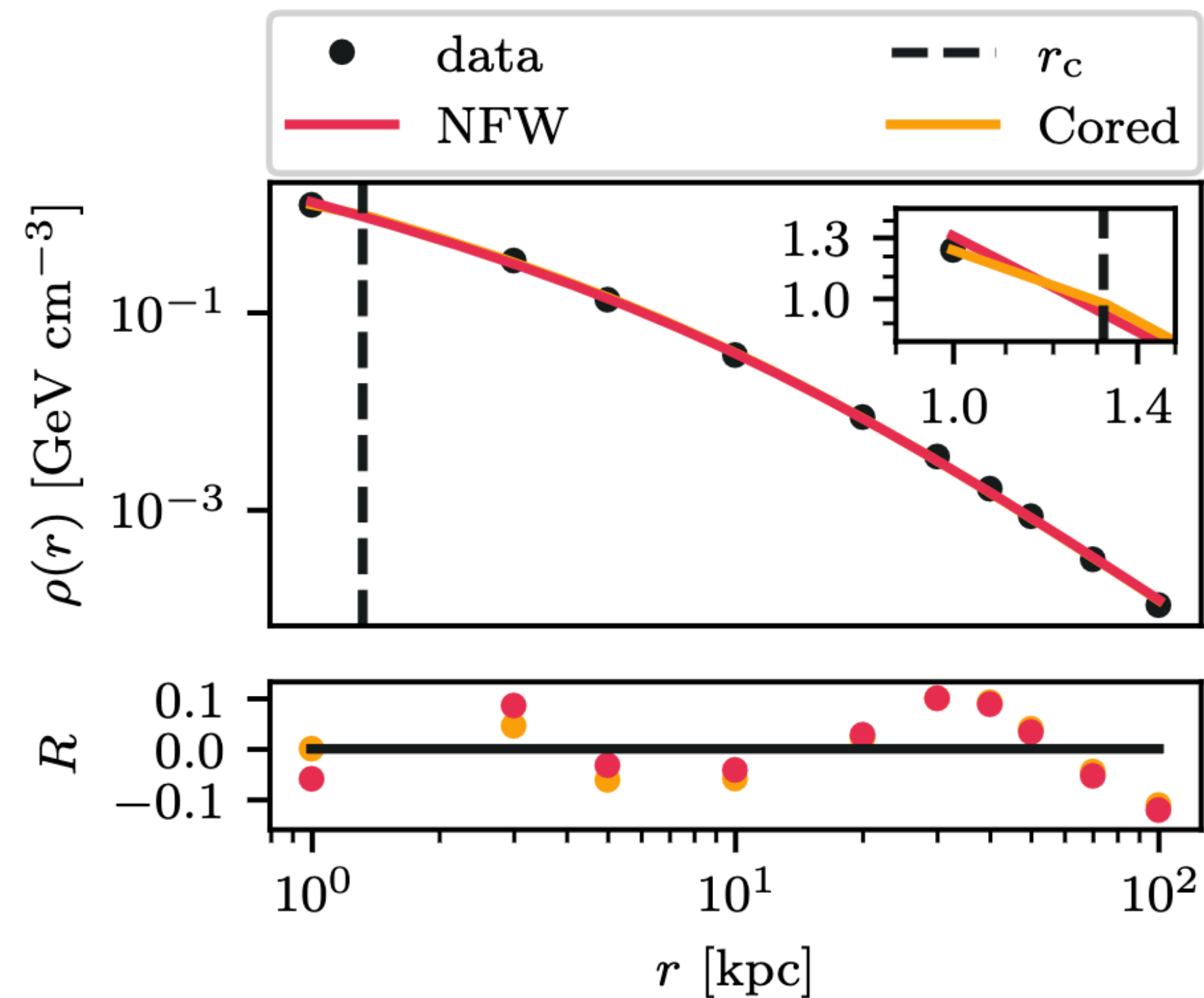


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# Annihilation channels

