



# Fundamental physics with multi-wavelength (and multi-messengers) observations

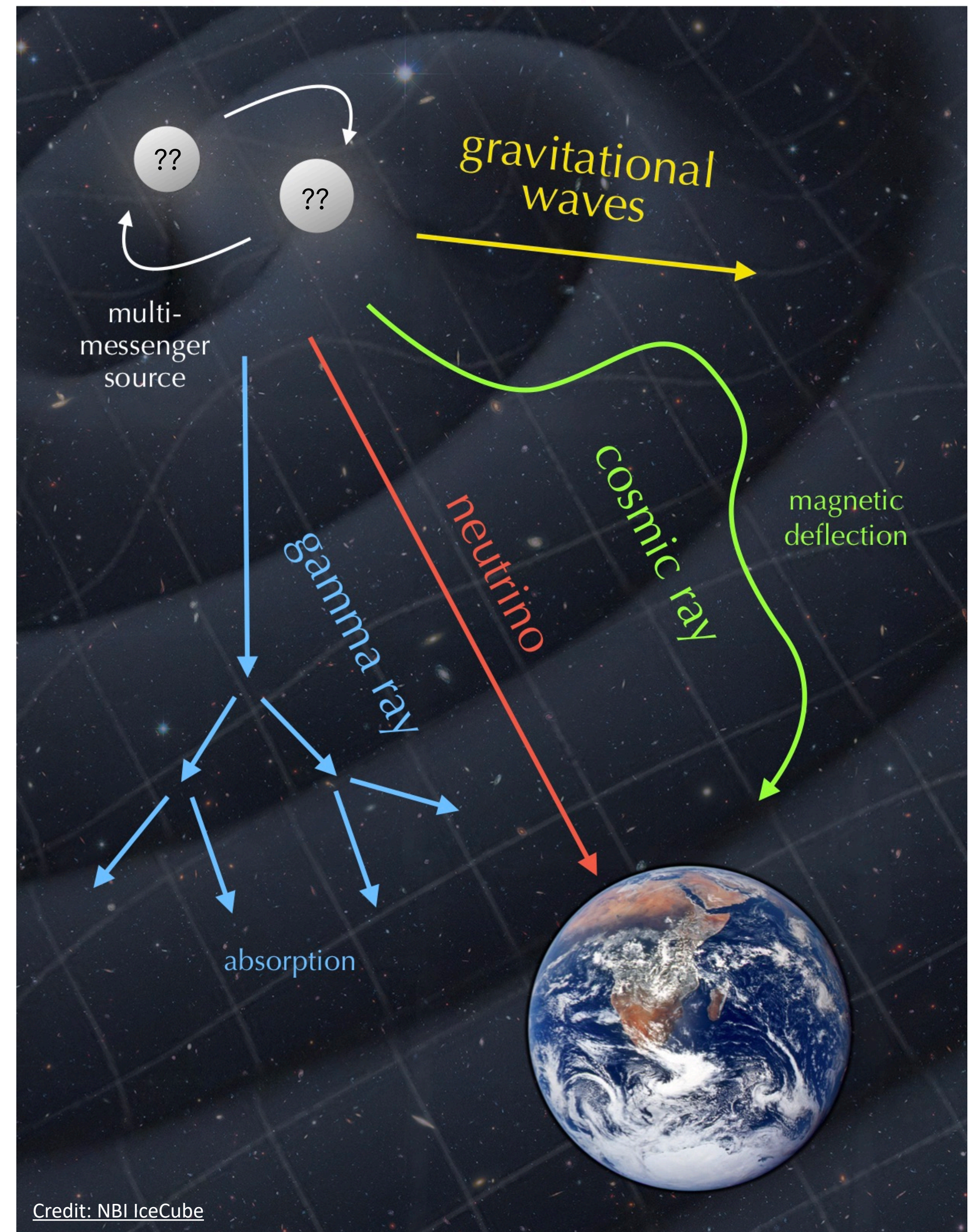
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# Plan of the lectures

- Prolegomena: basic concepts
- Particles interactions w/ matter and radiation
- MW/MM connections: Gamma rays & neutrinos
- Astrophysical sources of CRs and radiation
- Exotic sources of CRs and radiation
- Generalities of dark matter searches
- Anomalous propagation of CRs/radiation





# Prolegomena



# Some reading material

M. Longair, [\*High energy astrophysics\*](#), Cambridge Univ. Press (2012)

V. S. Berezinskii et al., [\*Astrophysics of cosmic rays\*](#), Amsterdam: North-Hollans (1990)

G. Sigl, [\*Astroparticle Physics: Theory and Phenomenology\*](#), Atlantis Press Paris (2017)

G. Ghisellini, [\*Radiative processes in high-energy astrophysics\*](#), Lect. Notes Phys. (2013)

Very good lectures notes: [\*Foundations of cosmic-ray astrophysics\*](#), Varenna (2022)

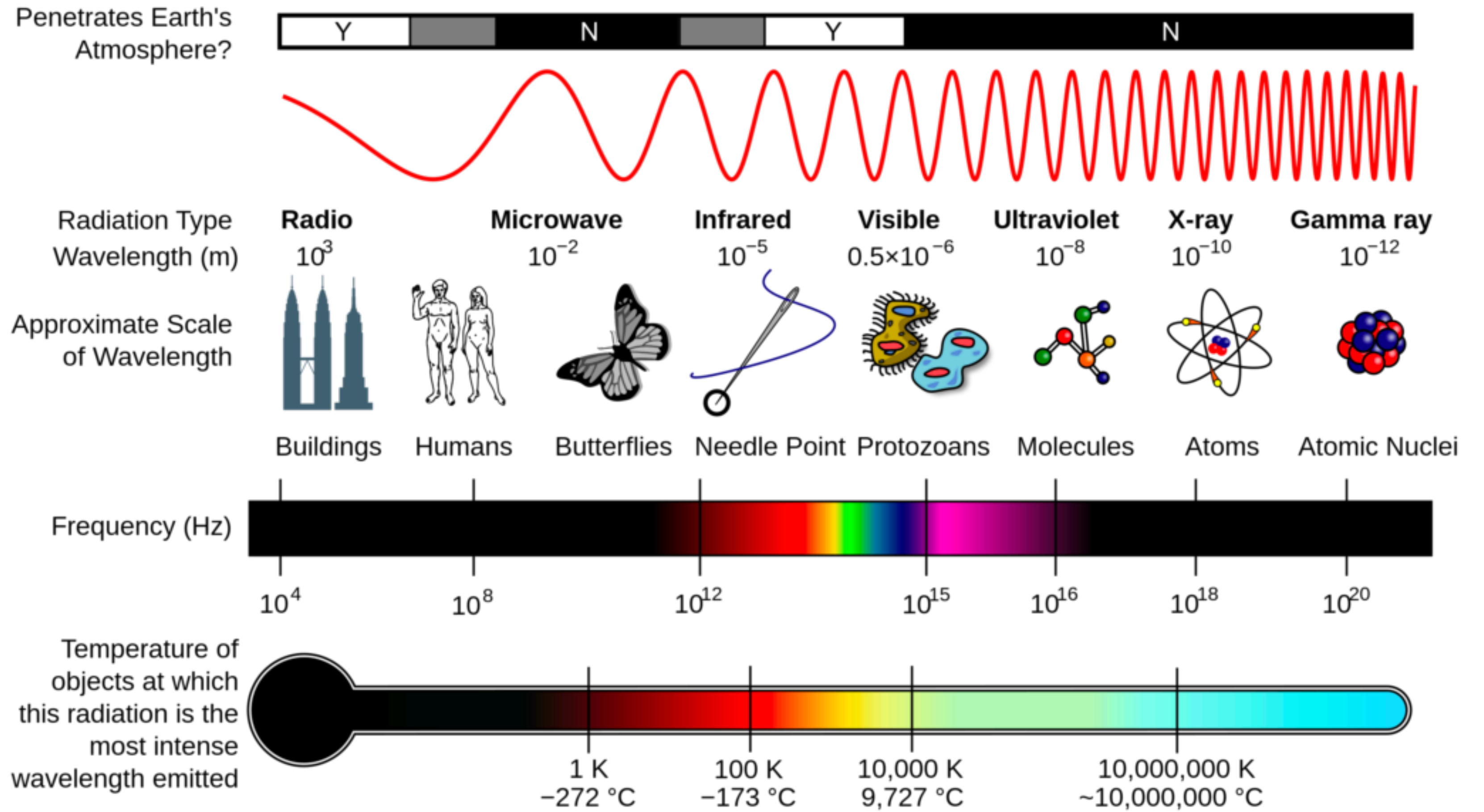
EuCAPT White Paper, [\*Opportunities and Challenges for Theoretical Astroparticle Physics in the Next Decade\*](#), *arXiv:2110.10074*



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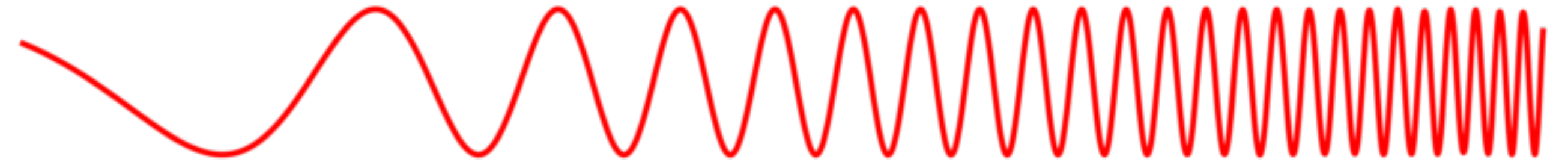
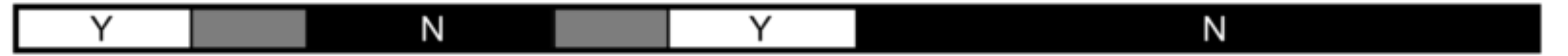
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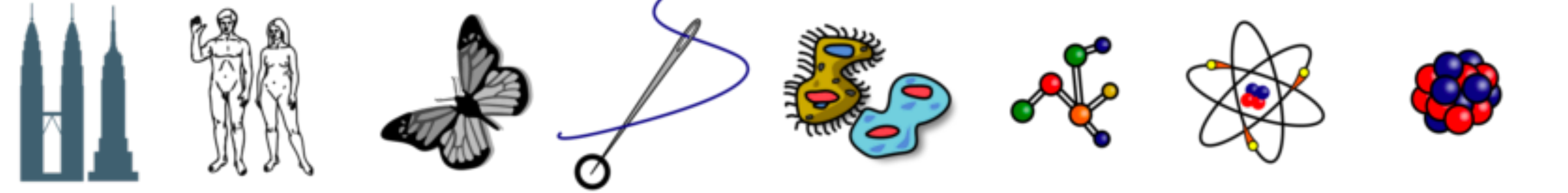
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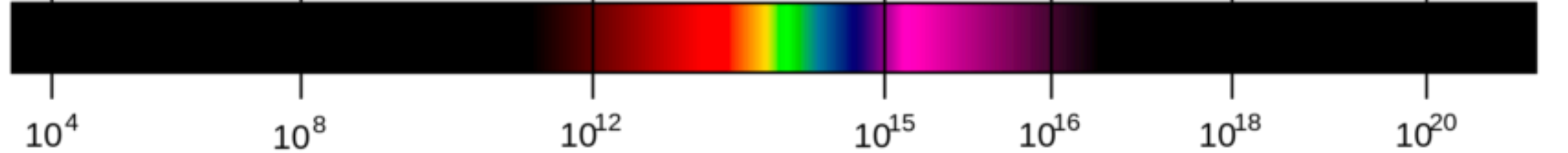
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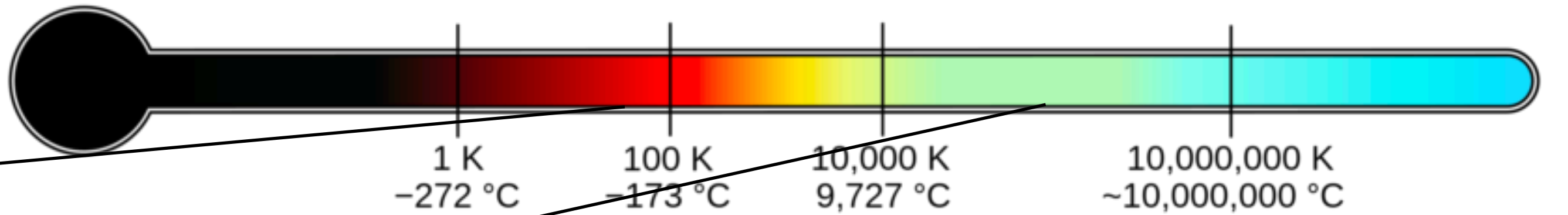


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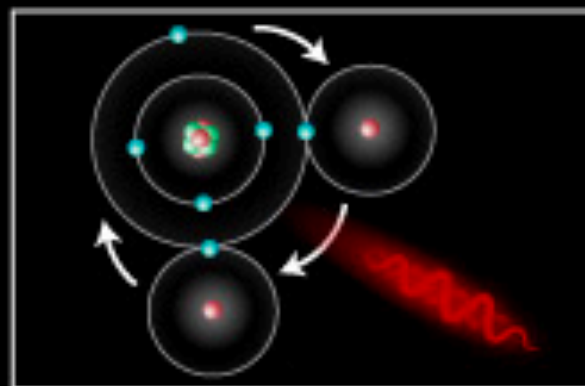
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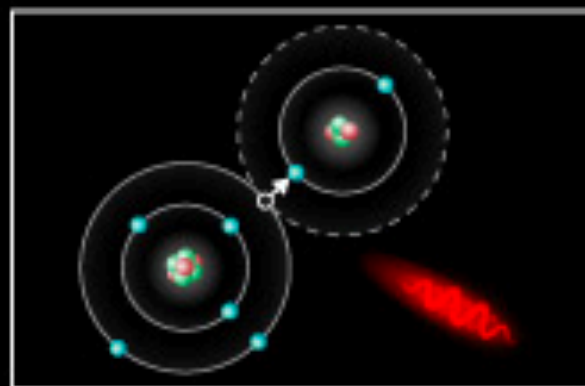
Temperature of objects at which this radiation is the most intense wavelength emitted



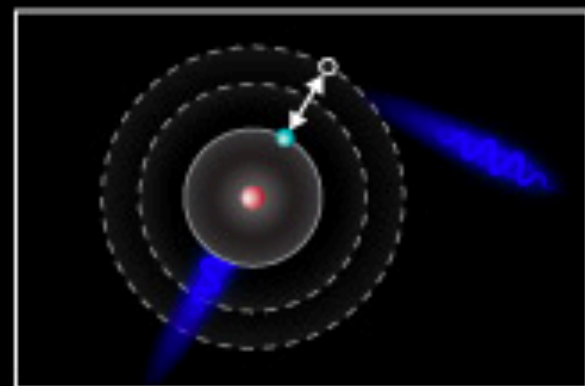
## Thermal radiation



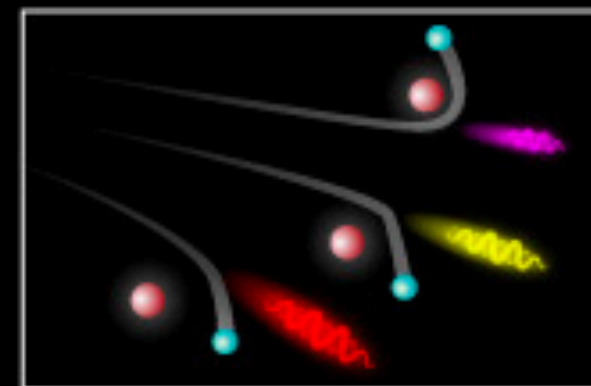
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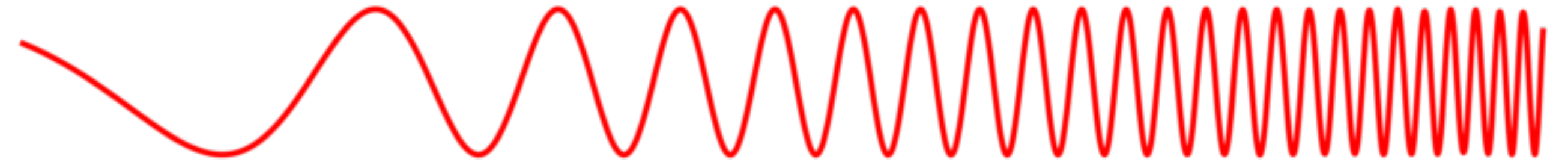
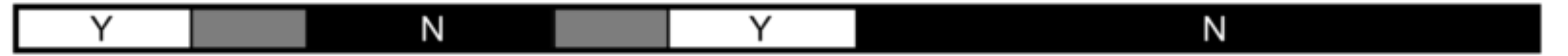


**Free Electrons**  
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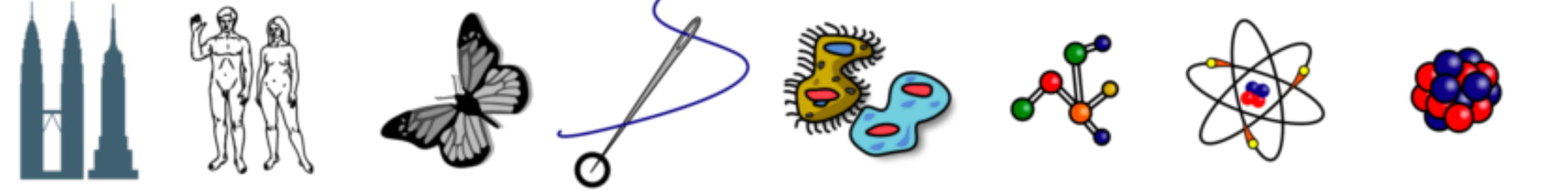
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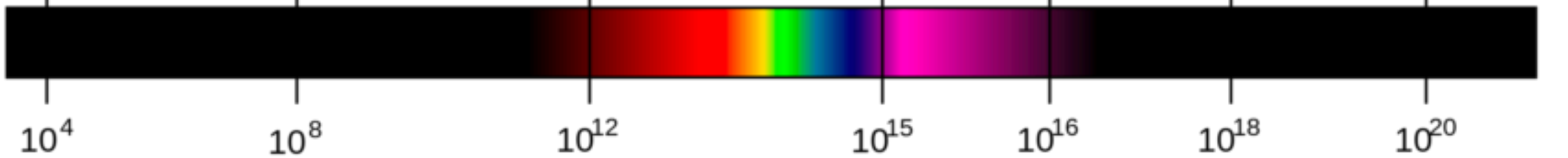
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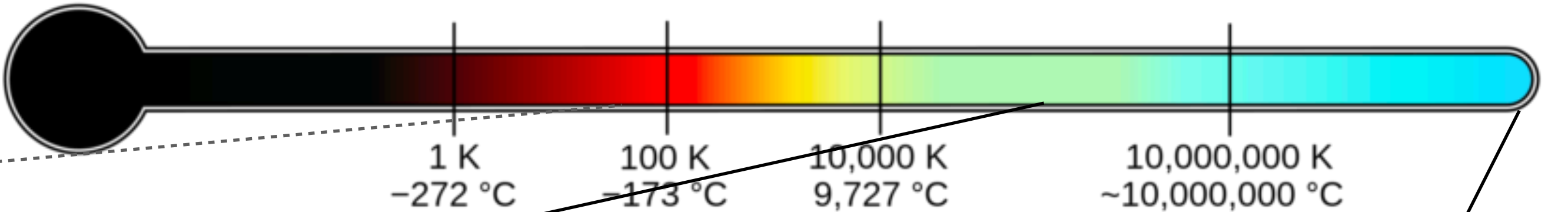


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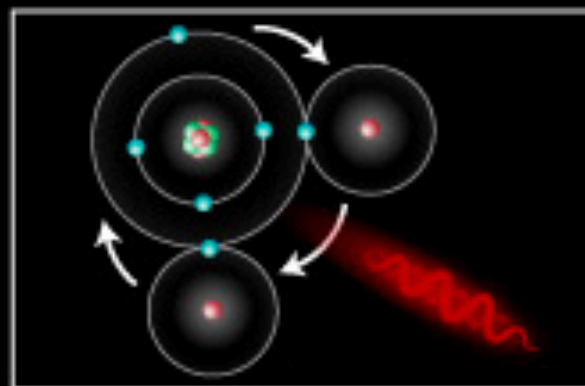


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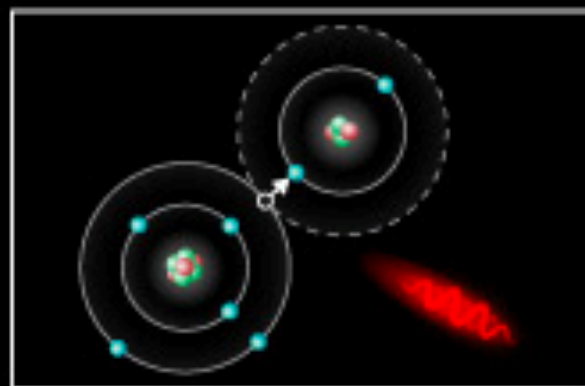


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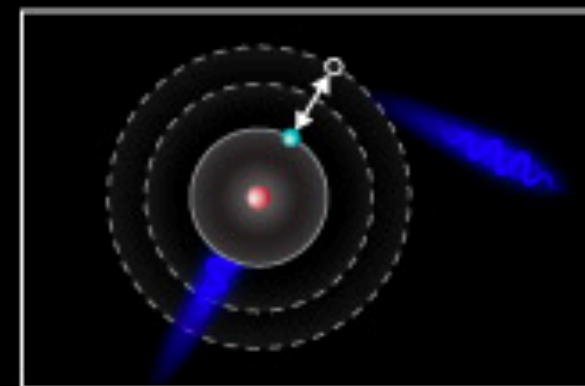
**Non-thermal radiation**



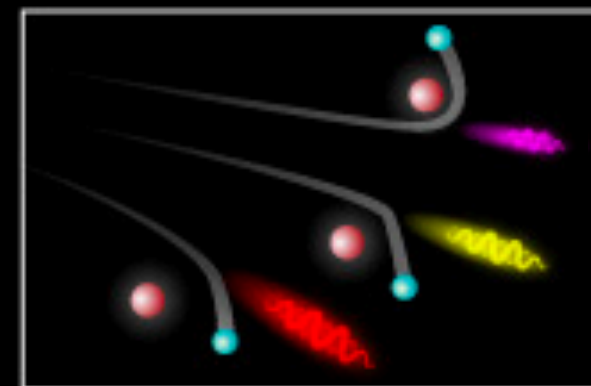
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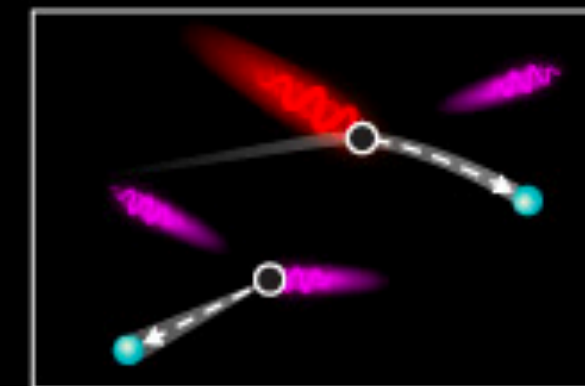
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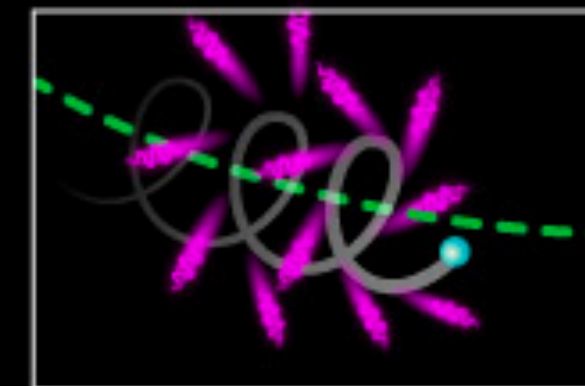
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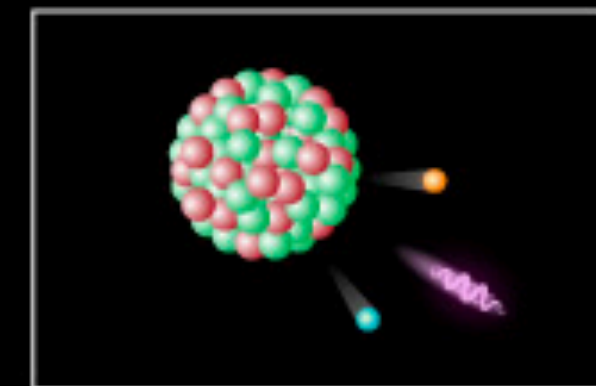
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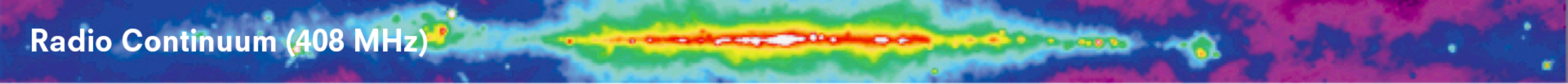
**Synchrotron Radiation**  
Strong magnetic fields can accelerate electrons to release extremely high energy photons.



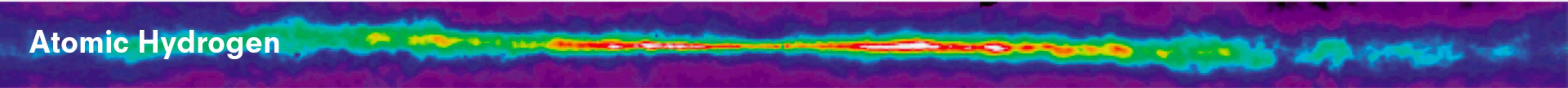
**Nuclear Emission**  
High energy gamma rays and subatomic particles are emitted from the nuclei of radioactive atoms.



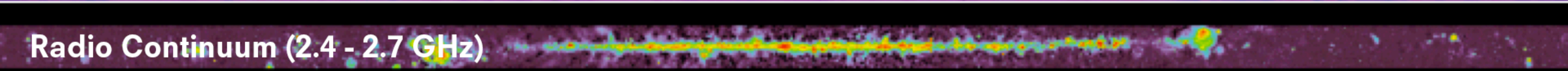
Radio Continuum (408 MHz)



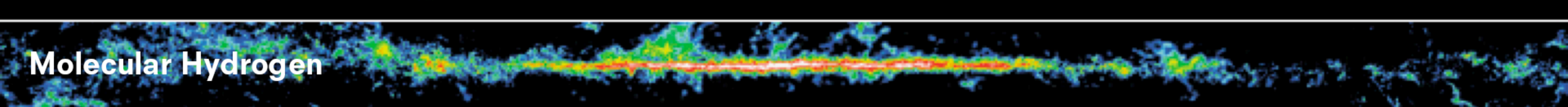
Atomic Hydrogen



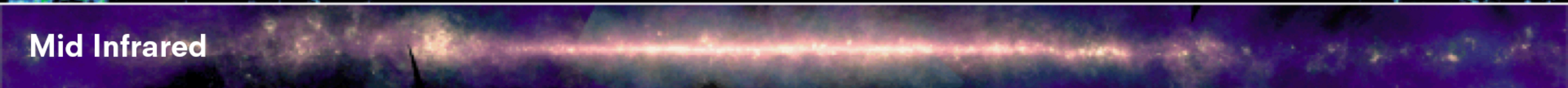
Radio Continuum (2.4 - 2.7 GHz)



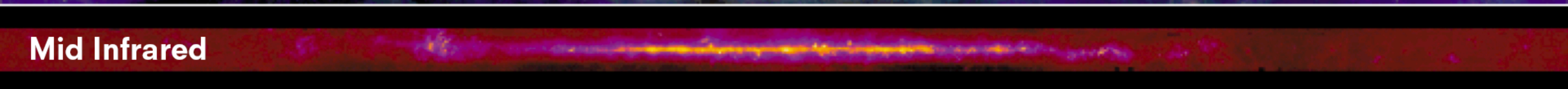
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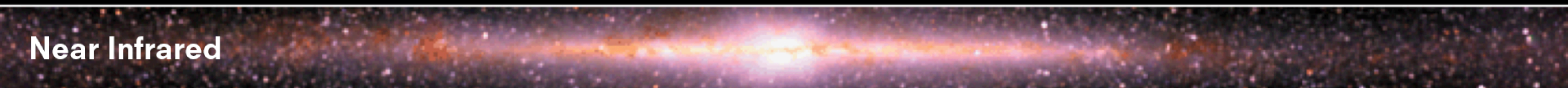
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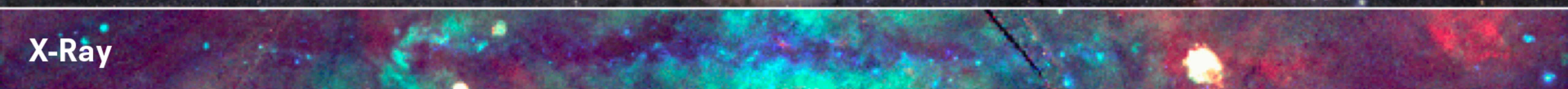
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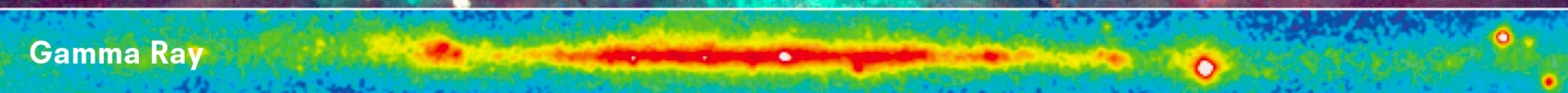
Visible



X-Ray



Gamma Ray

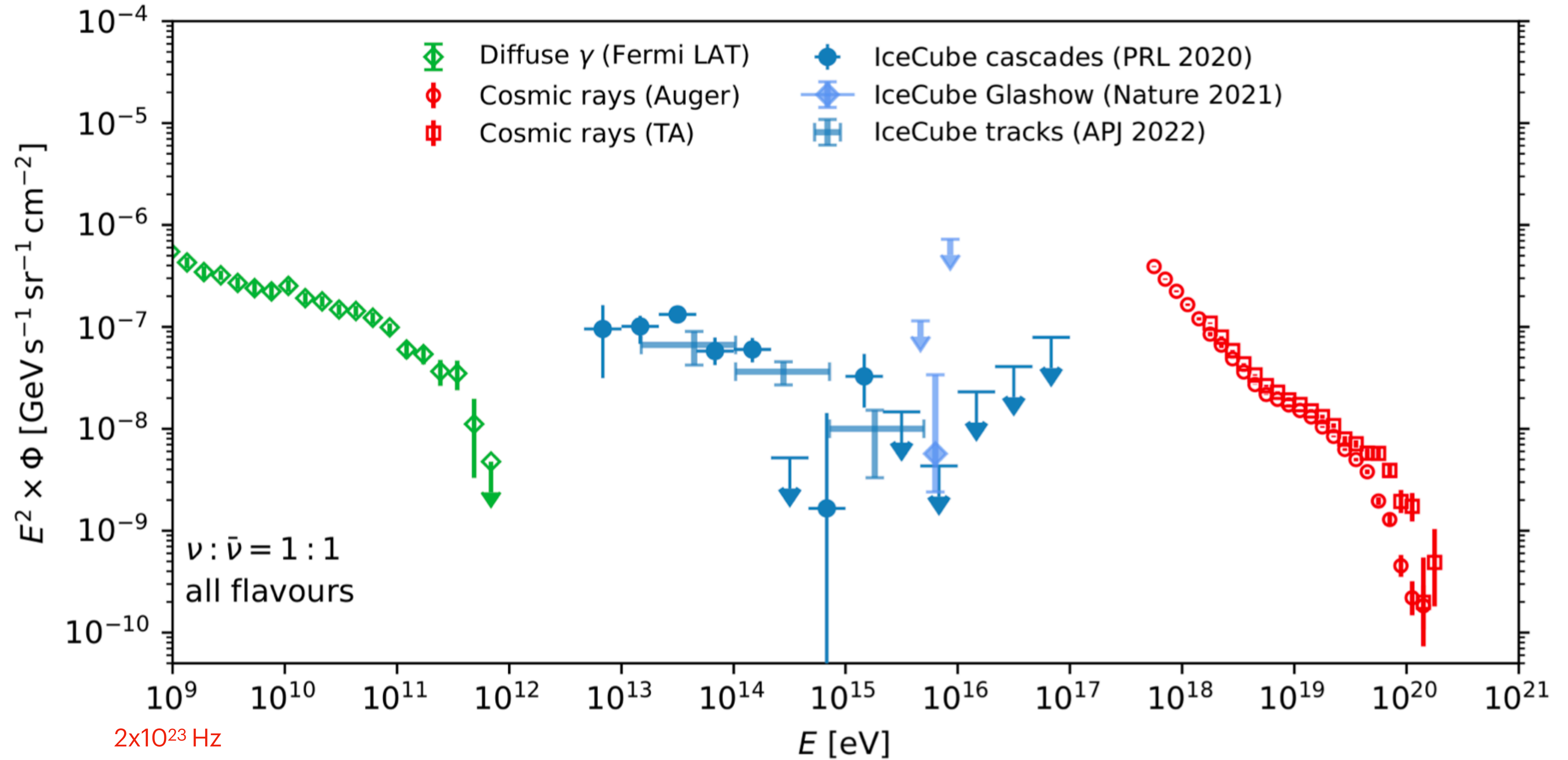


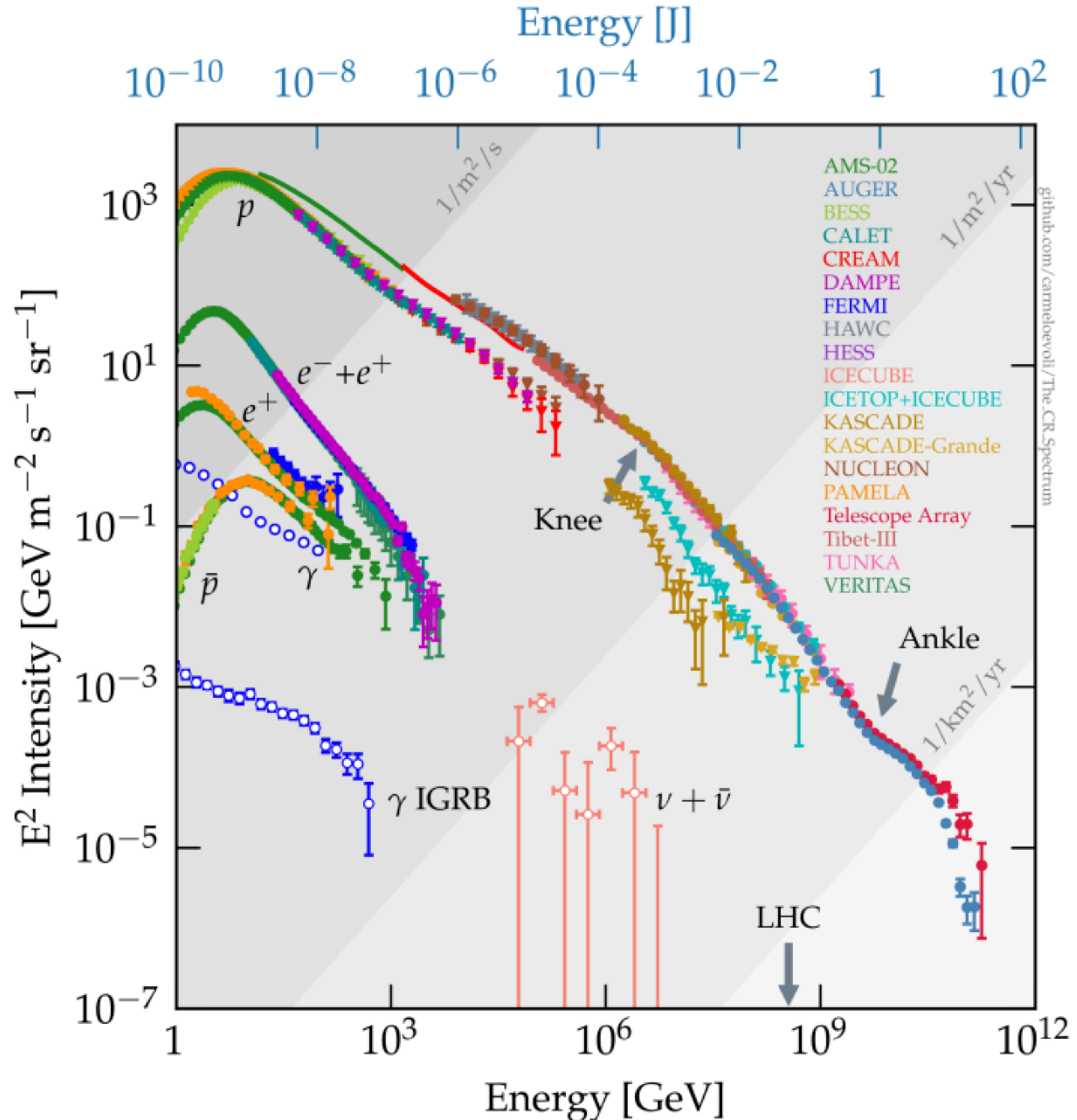


# Gamma rays

# Neutrinos

# Cosmic rays







# Galactic and extragalactic environments



$\lesssim 1 \text{ cm}^{-3}$   
Several kpc  
~230 Myr  
one solar orbit  
 $1 - 10 \mu\text{G}$

Extremely rarefied densities of matter  
Very large distances and spatial scales  
Very long timescales  
Magnetised environments  
Radiation fields

$$1 \text{ pc} \simeq 3.26 \text{ ly} \simeq 3.086 \times 10^{16} \text{ m}$$

$$\lesssim 10^{-6} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

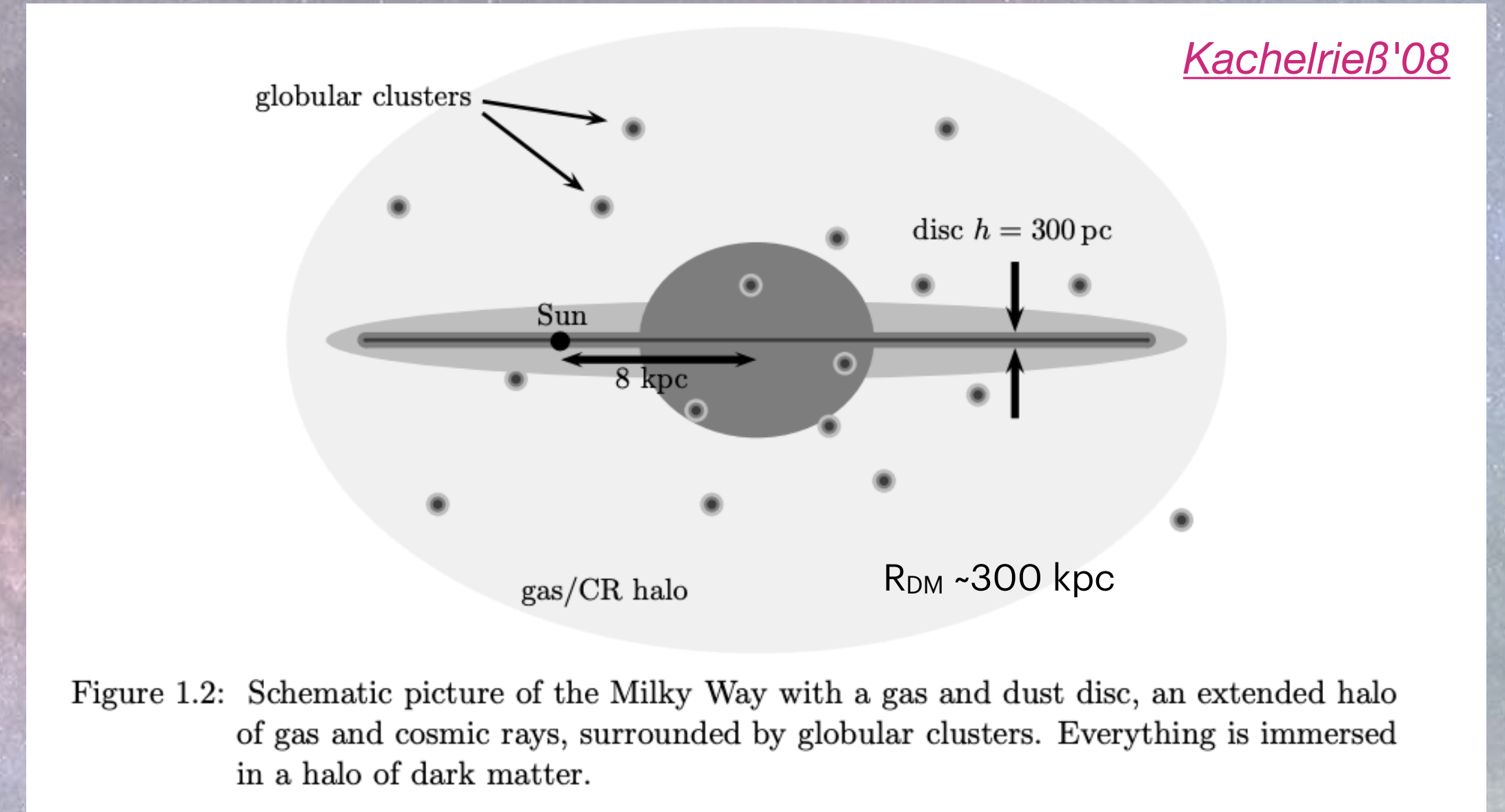
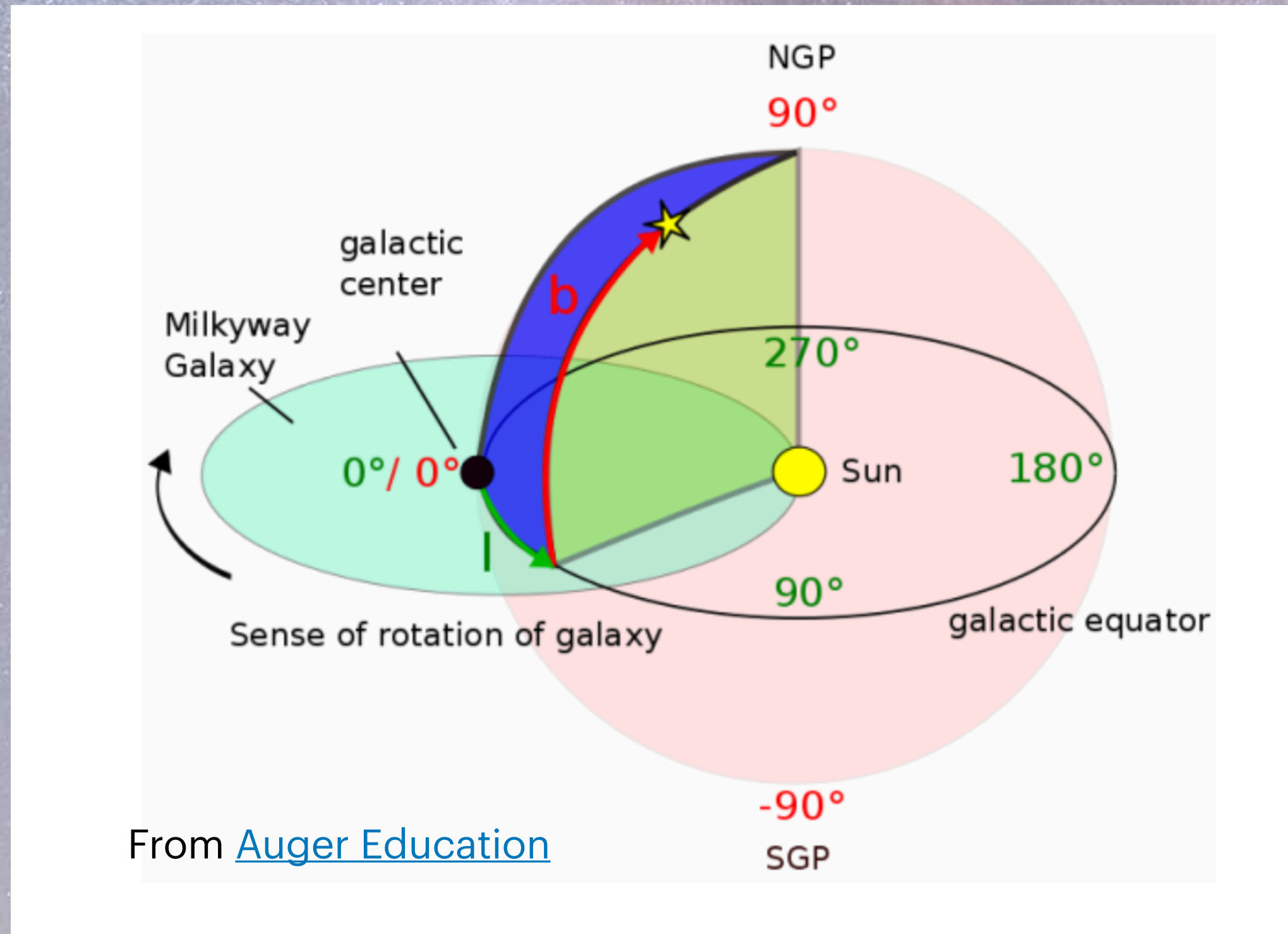
100s Mpc or Gpc

~14 Gyr  
age of the universe  
 $2 - 4 \text{ nG}$





# Galactic coordinate system



## MILKY WAY ID:

Stars  $\sim 10^{11} \Rightarrow \sim 5 \times 10^{10} M_{Sun}$

Gas  $\sim 10\% \Rightarrow \sim 5 \times 10^9 M_{Sun}$

Total Mass  $\Rightarrow \sim 2 \times 10^{12} M_{Sun}$



# Basic concepts/jargon

Natural units

Relativistic kinematics

Useful invariants

Mean free path

Energy losses

Luminosity [erg/s]

Flux [erg/cm<sup>2</sup>/s]

Intensity [erg/cm<sup>2</sup>/s/sr]

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# Charged particle motion in B field => Blackboard

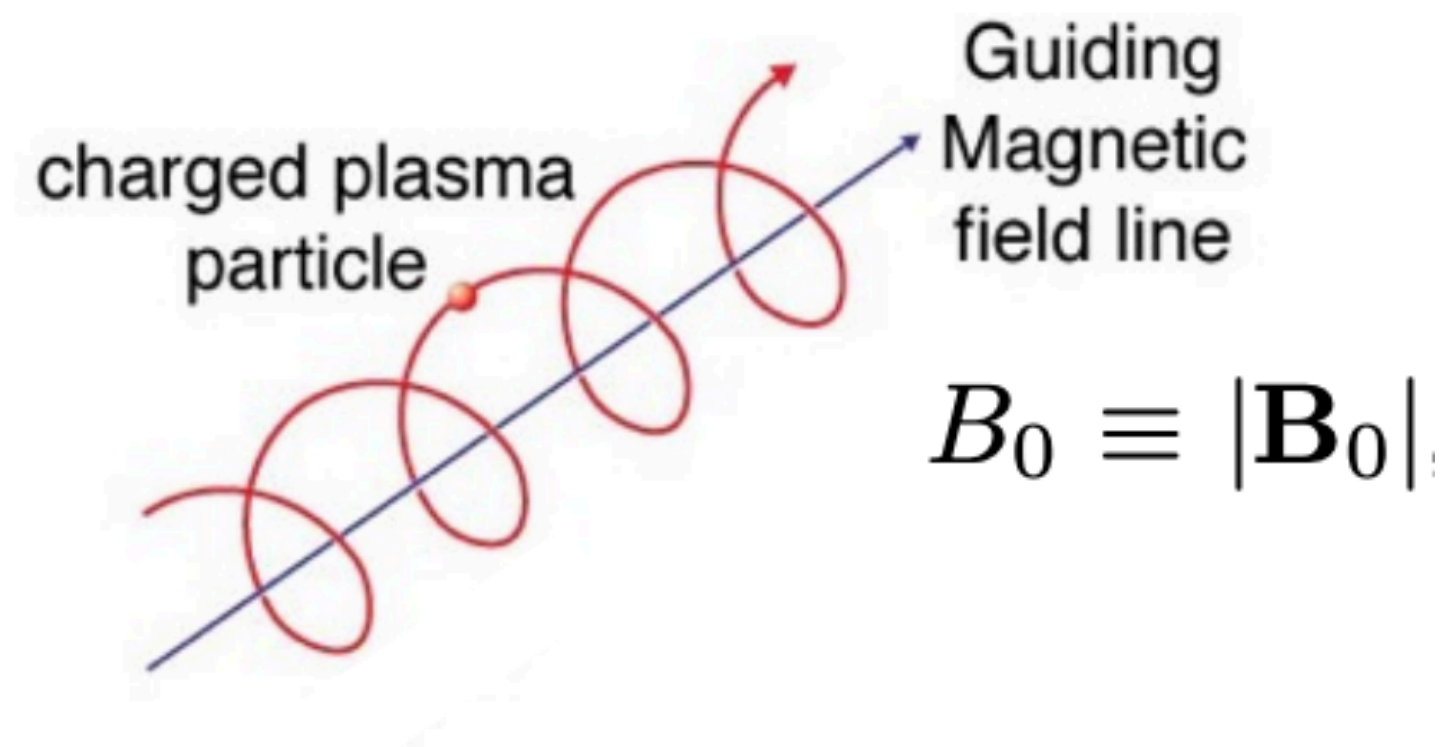
$$\frac{d\mathbf{p}}{dt} = q\mathbf{E} + q\frac{\mathbf{v}}{c} \times \mathbf{B}$$

Solutions (no electric field):

$$p_z = \text{const}$$

$$v_x = v_0 \cos(\Omega t)$$

$$v_y = v_0 \sin(\Omega t)$$



$$r_L = \gamma r_g = \sqrt{1 - \mu^2} \frac{\mathcal{R}}{B_0} \simeq 10^{-6} \sqrt{1 - \mu^2} \frac{\mathcal{R}}{\text{GV}} \frac{\mu\text{G}}{B_0} \text{pc}$$

Larmor radius

$$\Omega = \frac{qB_0}{E} \simeq 10^{-2} \frac{B_0}{\mu\text{G}} \frac{\text{GeV}}{E} \text{rad/s}$$

Larmor frequency

$$\mu = p_z/p$$

$$\mathcal{R} = p/q [\text{GV}]$$

# Radiation field

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$$P = \frac{2}{3} q^2 a^2$$

Larmor equation for a single  
accelerated charge



# Particle interactions w/ matter and radiation

# Collisional effects & radiative processes

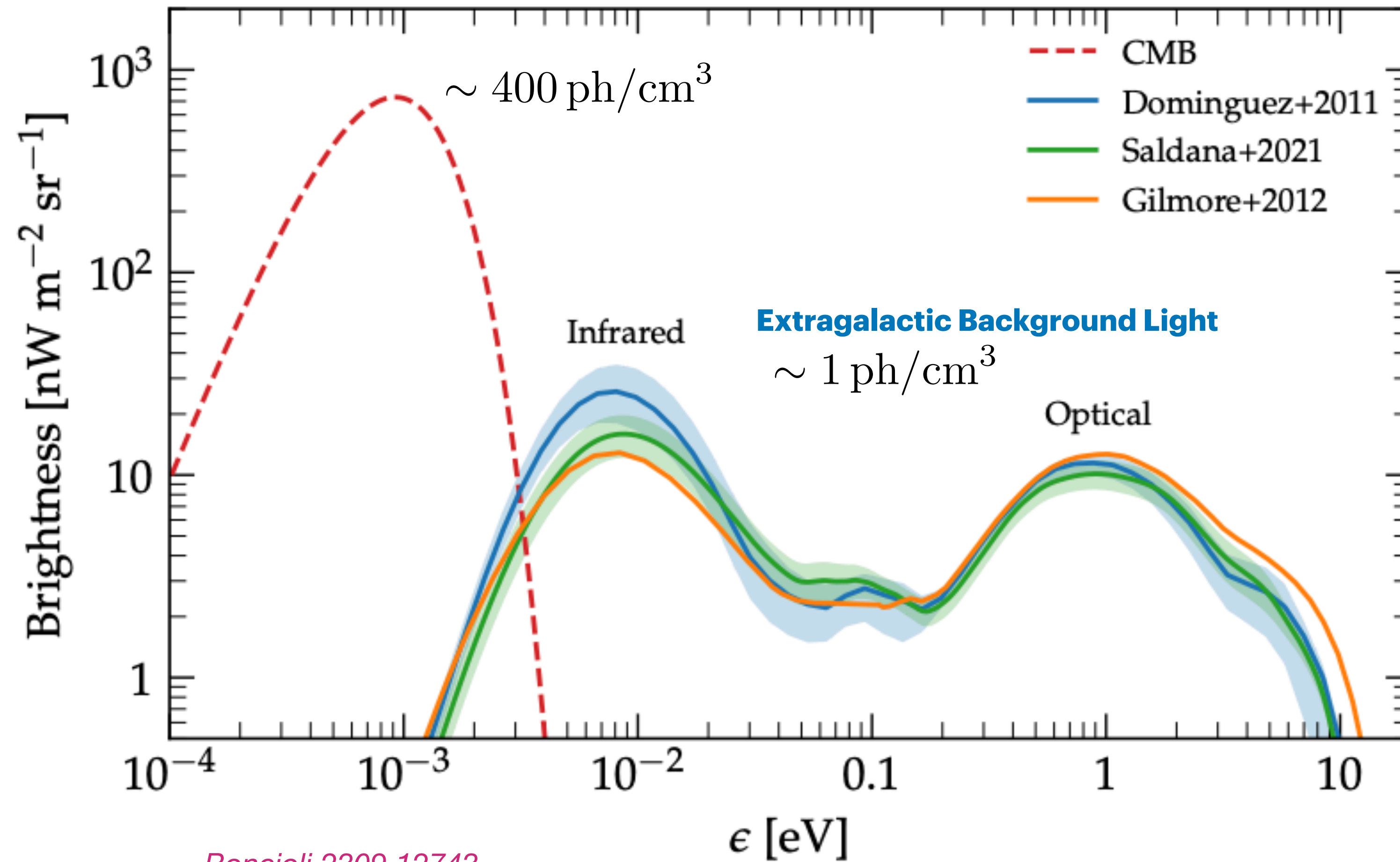
- Photons interactions w/ radiation (**MW connection**) *Photons*
- Leptons interactions w/ radiation (**MW/MM connection**) *Photons*
  - ➔ Inverse Compton scattering
  - ➔ Synchrotron radiation
- Leptons interactions w/ matter (Ionisation/bremsstrahlung)
- Hadrons interactions w/ radiation (**MW/MM connection**, extragalactic) *Photons, neutrinos*
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[Not covered: Lepton interactions w/ matter]



# Extragalactic radiation backgrounds

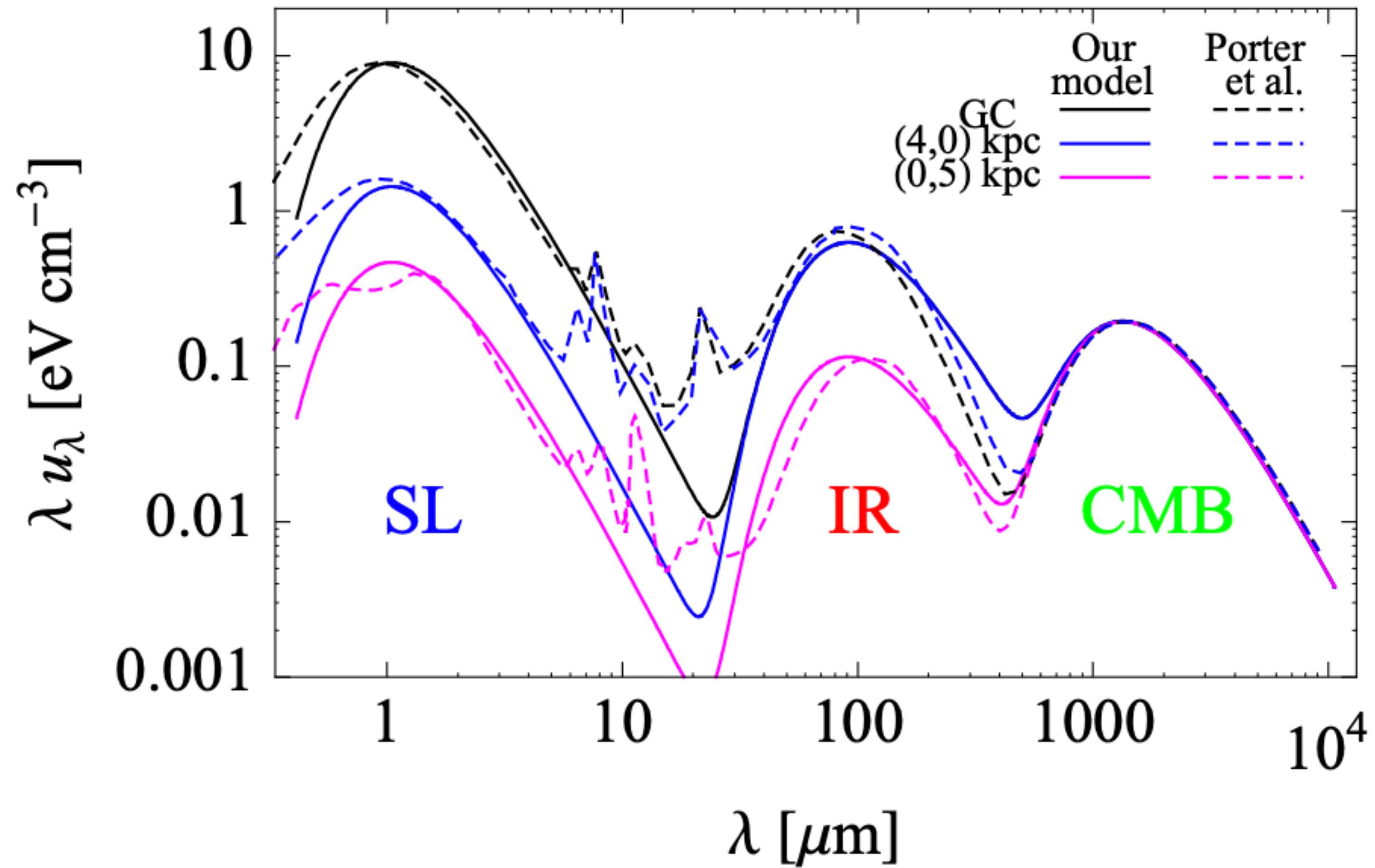
$$\nu I_\nu \equiv \frac{c}{4\pi} \epsilon^2 \frac{dn}{d\epsilon}$$



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# Galactic radiation backgrounds



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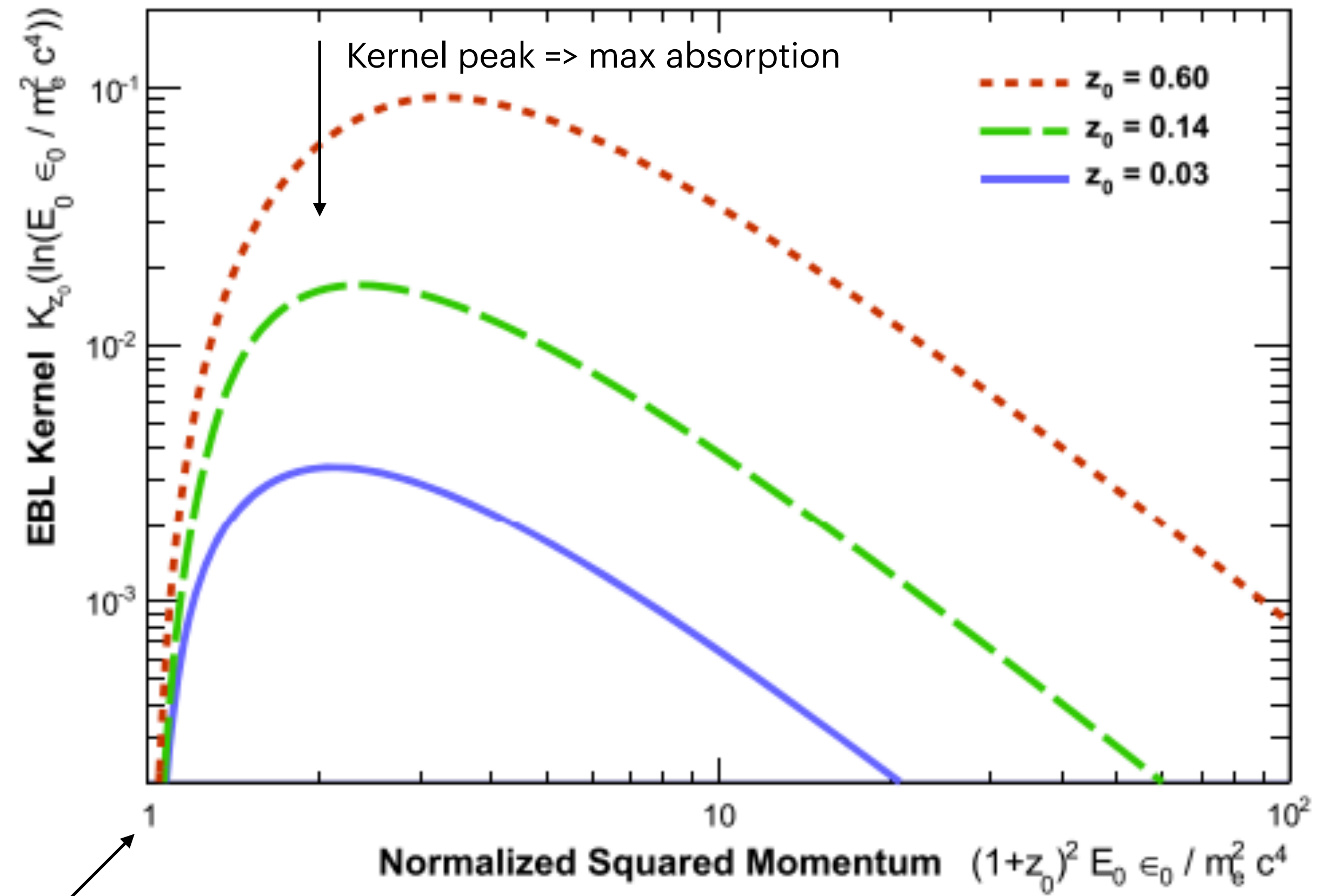
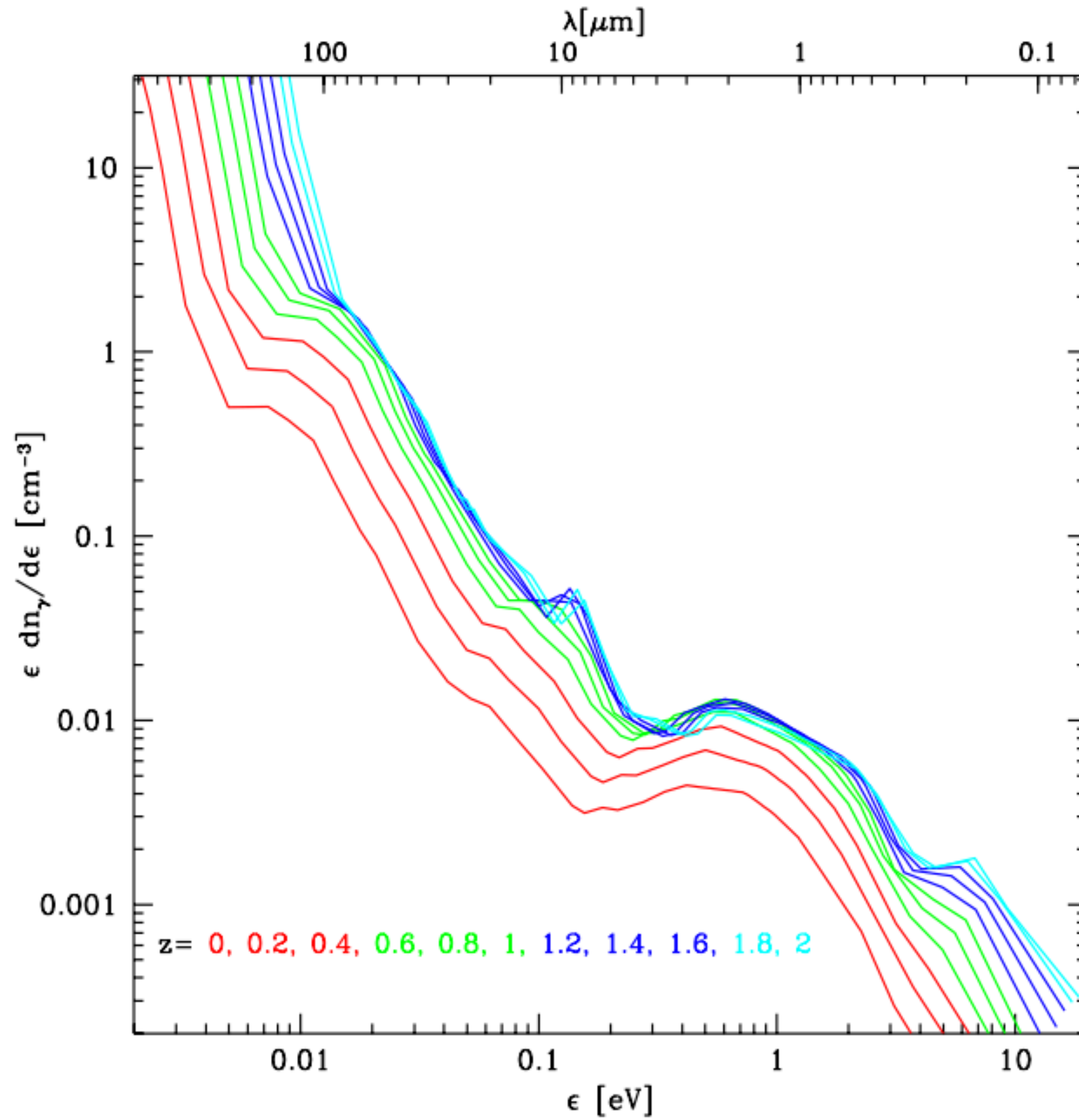
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$$\gamma_{\text{VHE}} + \gamma_{\text{EBL}} \rightarrow e^+ + e^-$$

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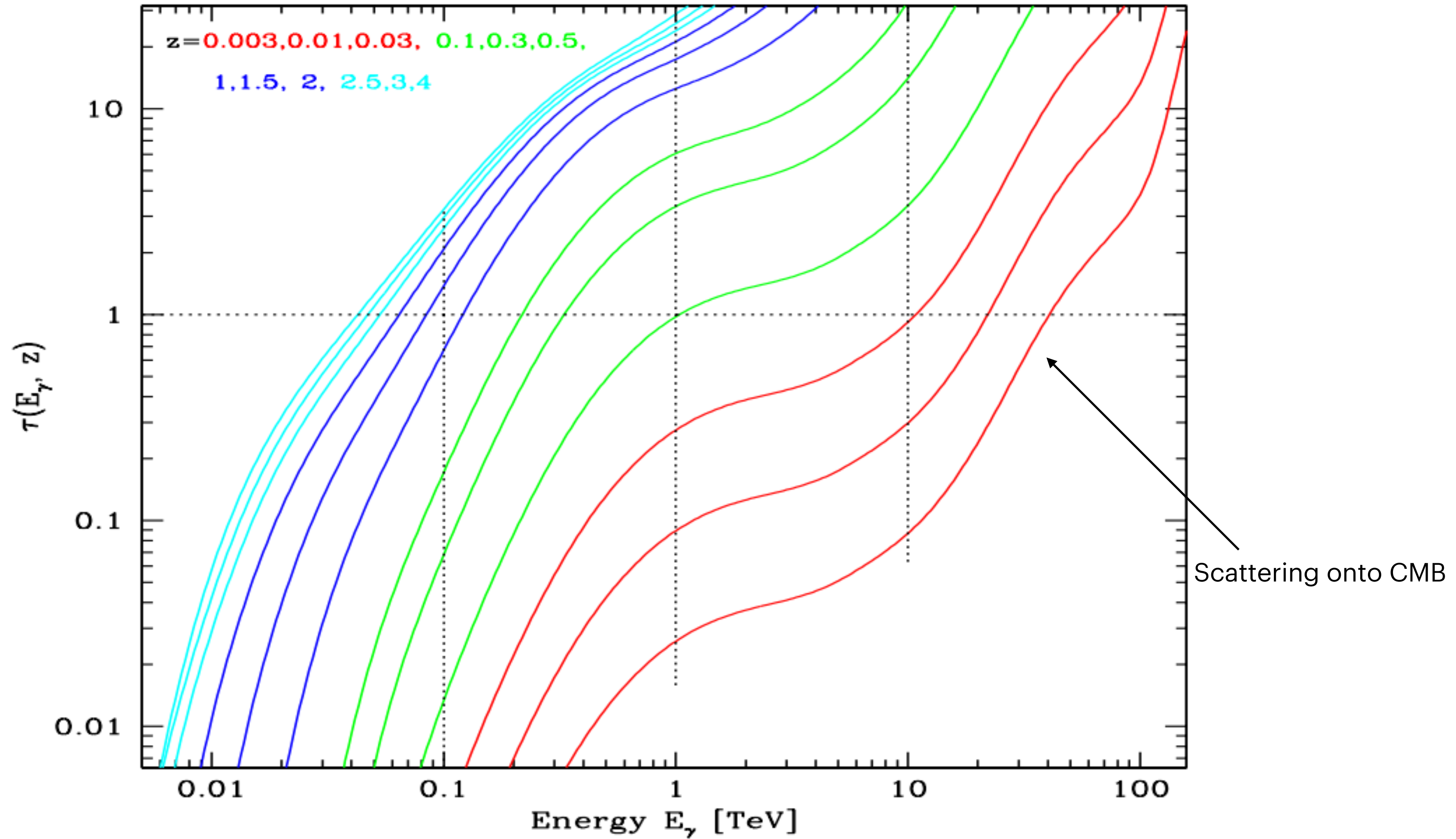


**Figure 1.** EBL kernel, which yields the gamma-ray optical depth after convolution with the EBL intensity, as a function of the product of gamma-ray and EBL-photon energies in electron-mass units, in the lab frame.

Threshold condition

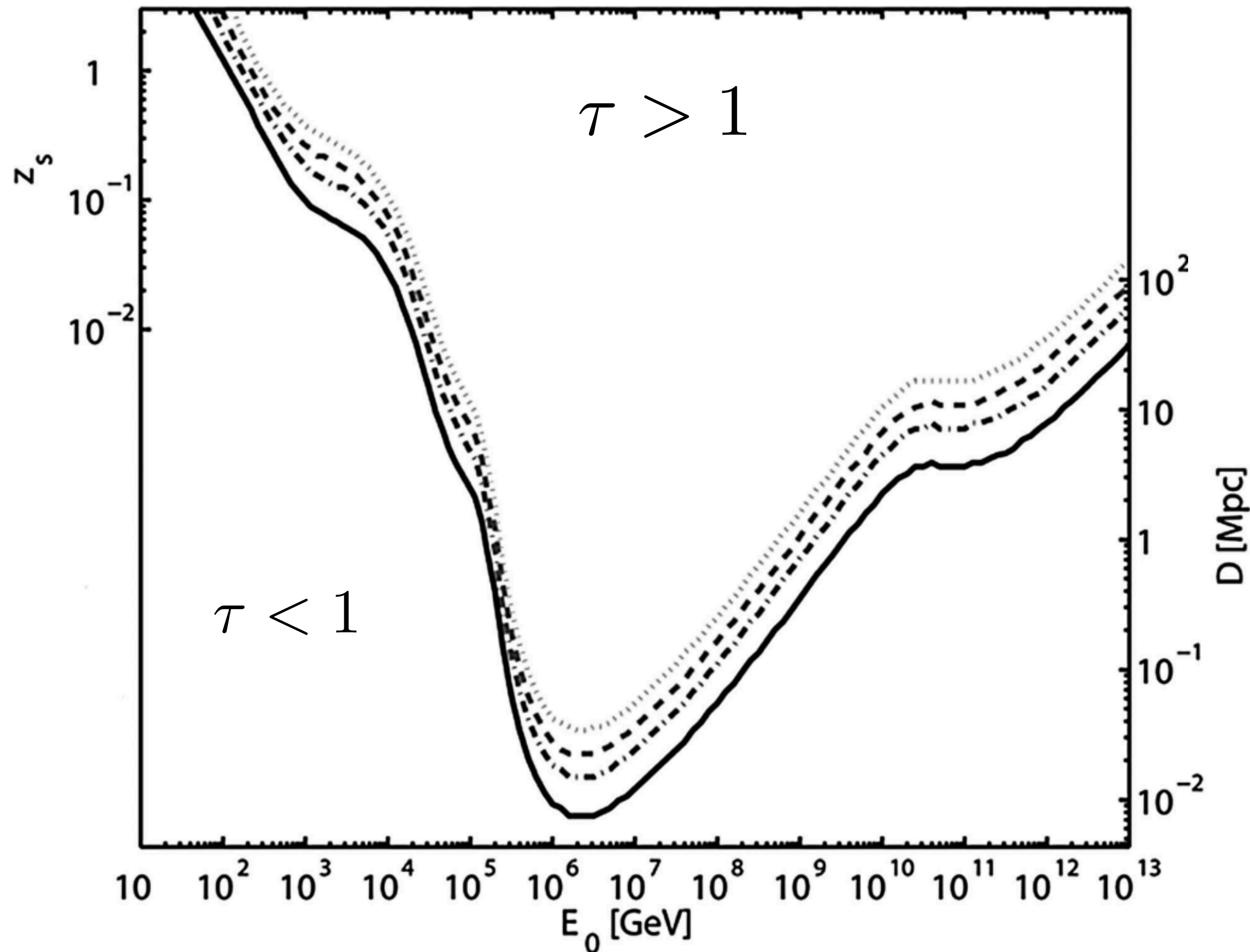


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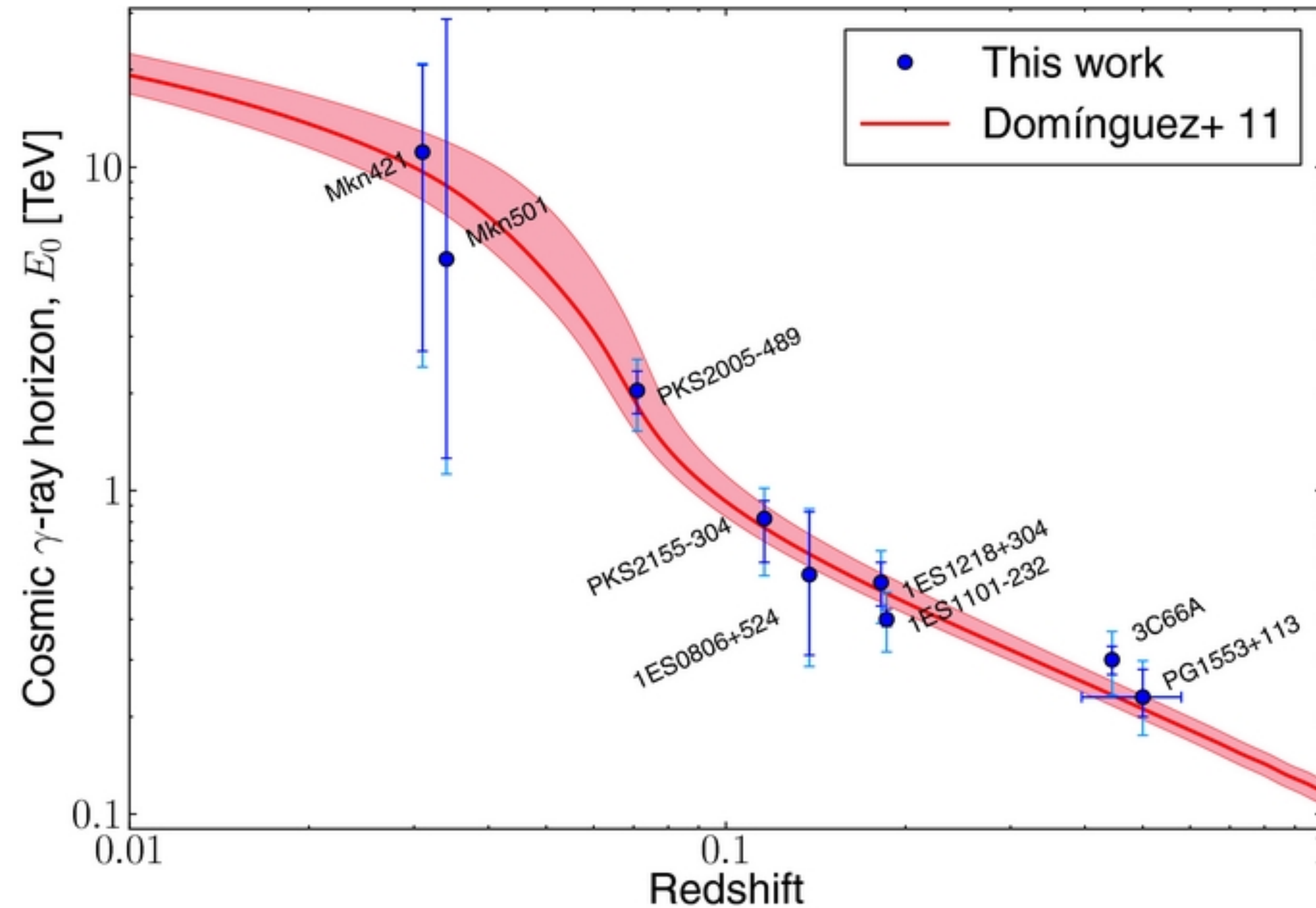


**Figure 1.** Source redshifts  $z_s$  at which the optical depth takes fixed values as a function of the observed hard photon energy  $E_0$ ; the y-scale on the right side shows the distance in Mpc for nearby sources. The curves from bottom to top correspond to a photon survival probability of  $e^{-1} \simeq 0.37$  (the horizon),  $e^{-2} \simeq 0.14$ ,  $e^{-3} \simeq 0.05$  and  $e^{-4.6} \simeq 0.01$ . For  $D < 8$  kpc the photon survival probability is larger than 0.37 for any value of  $E_0$ .

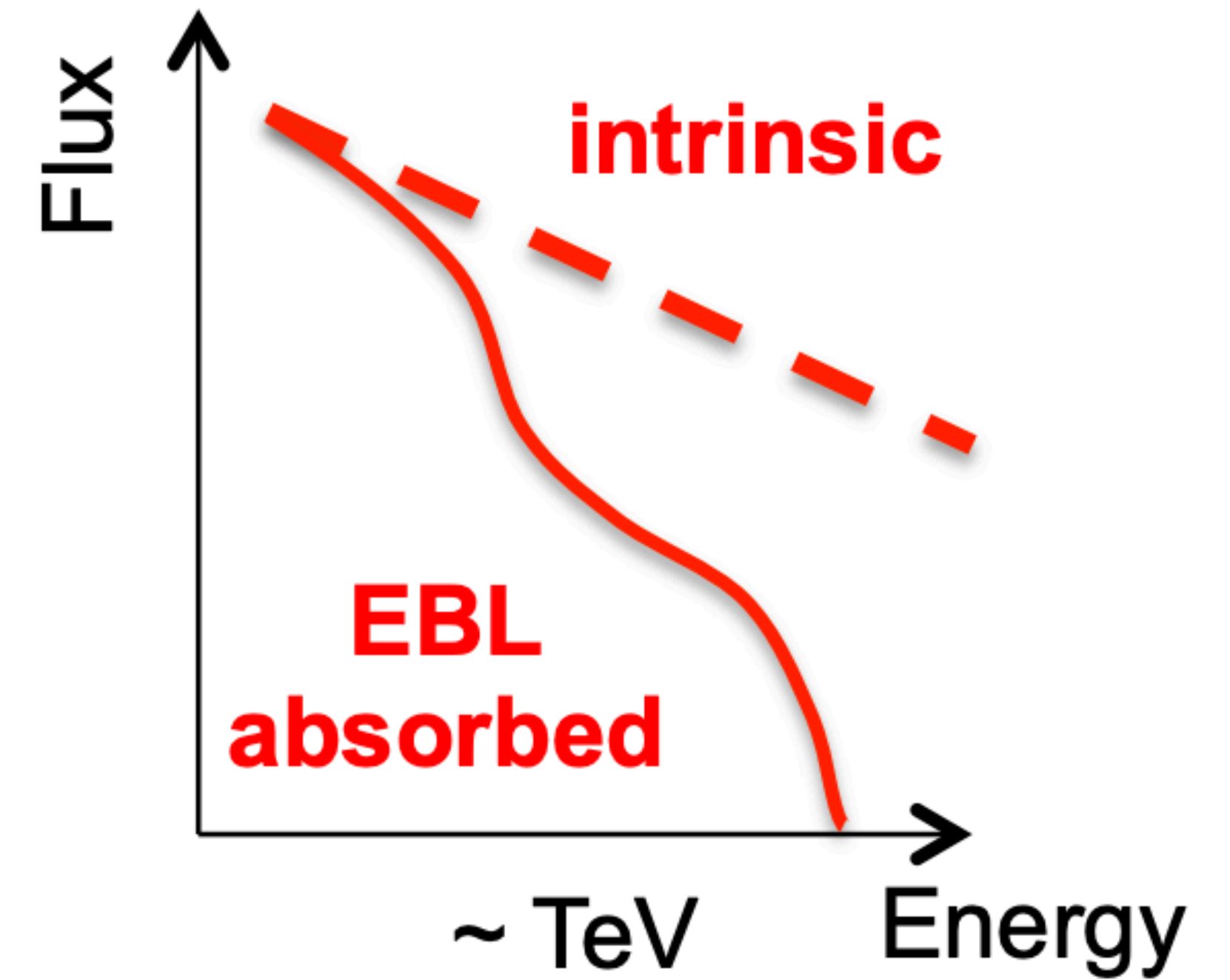
$$z_s \equiv z_0$$

$$D \equiv D_s$$

# Pair production: gamma-ray horizon



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[*MW signature*: E.m. cascades initiated by  $e^+e^-$ ]



# Inverse Compton scattering

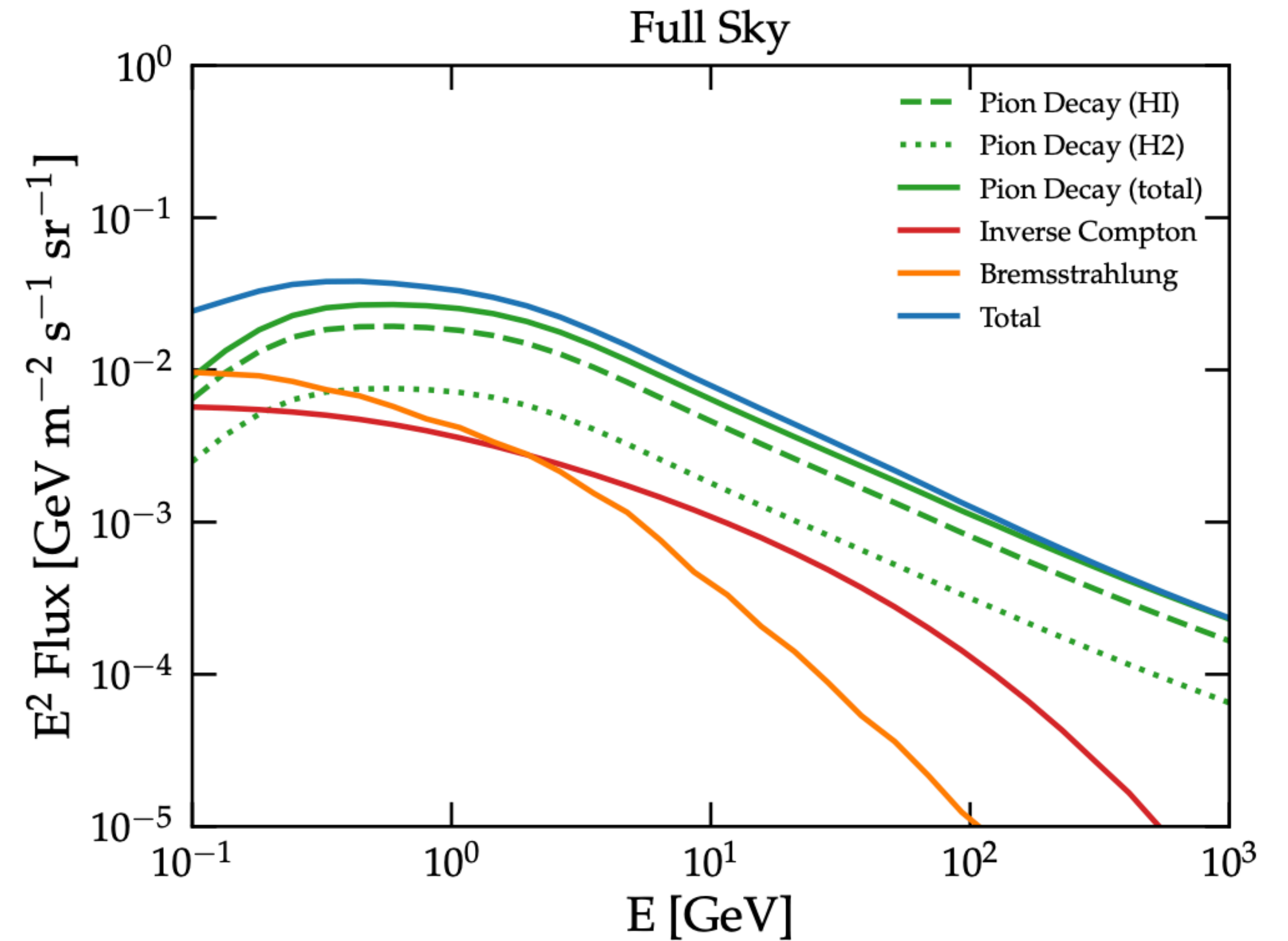
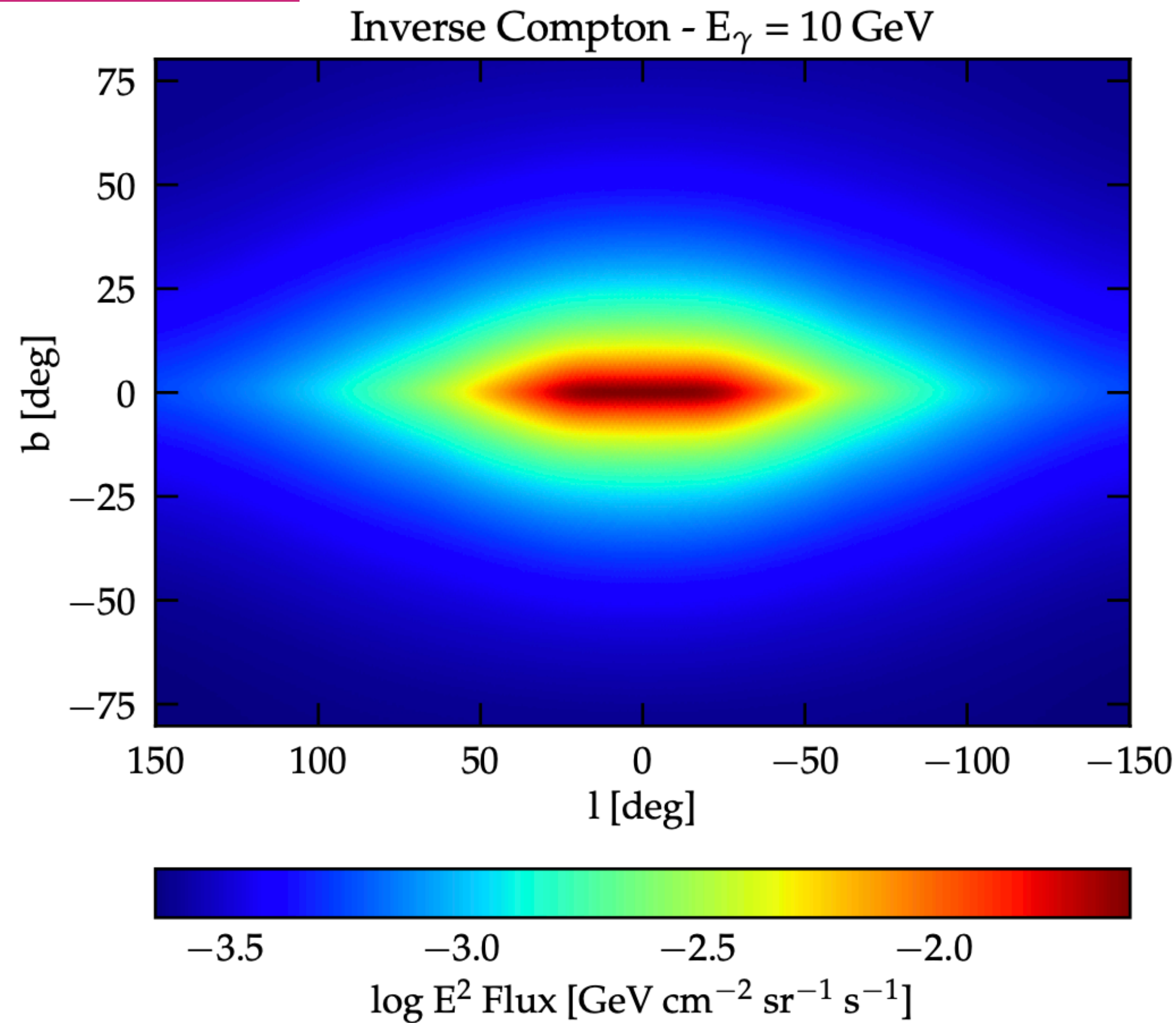
$$\gamma_{\text{LE}} + e \rightarrow \gamma_{\text{HE}} + e$$

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[Collisional effect, continuous E loss mechanism]

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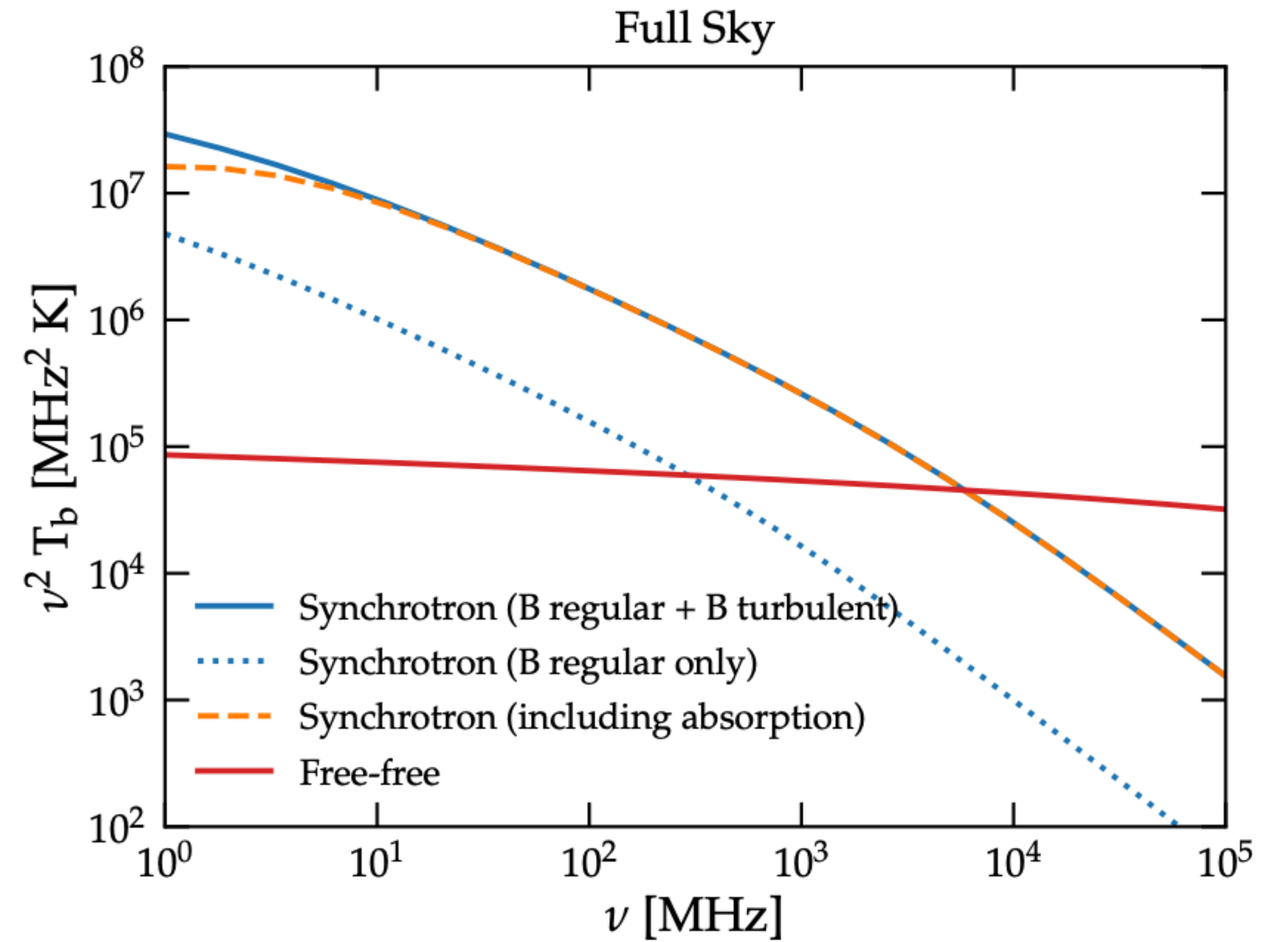
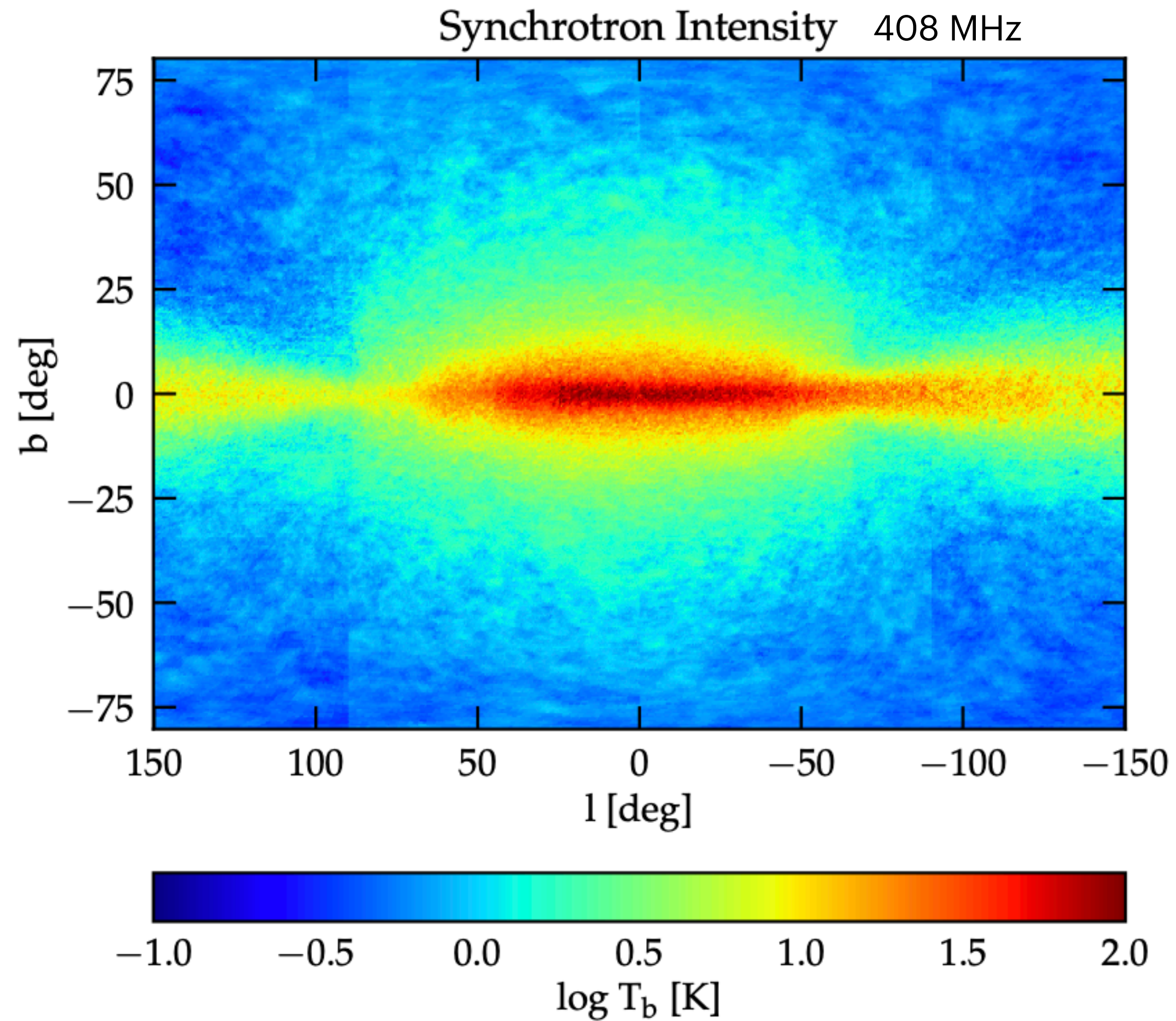


**Fig. 7.** Cartesian projection in Galactic coordinates of the IC gamma-ray flux at  $E_\gamma = 10$  GeV.



# Synchrotron radiation

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*Peculiarity:* The synchrotron radiation of ultra-relativistic electrons in a uniform magnetic field is expected to be **highly polarised**

# Proton-photon interactions

Collisional effect, catastrophic E loss mechanism

$$\text{Inelasticity: } k \sim \left\langle \frac{E_{\text{in}} - E_{\text{out}}}{E_{\text{in}}} \right\rangle$$

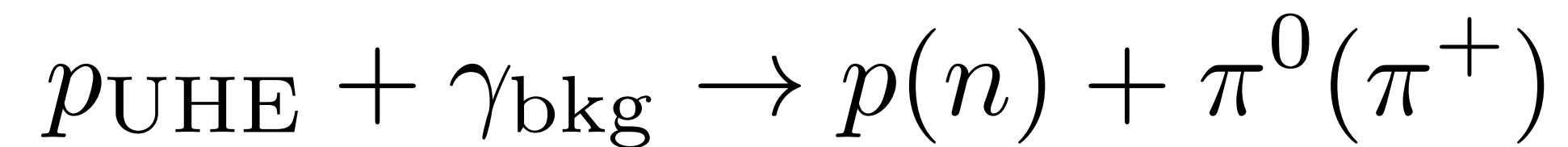
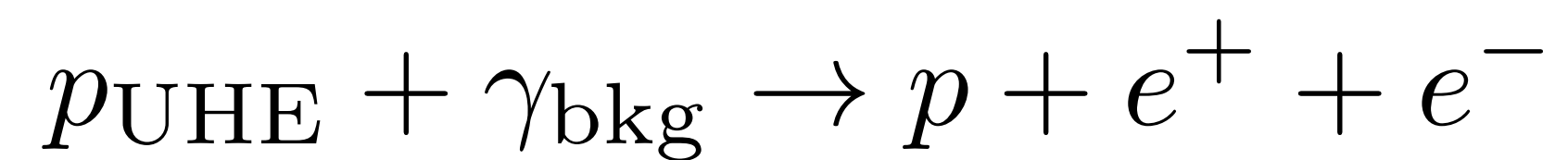


Photo-pion production



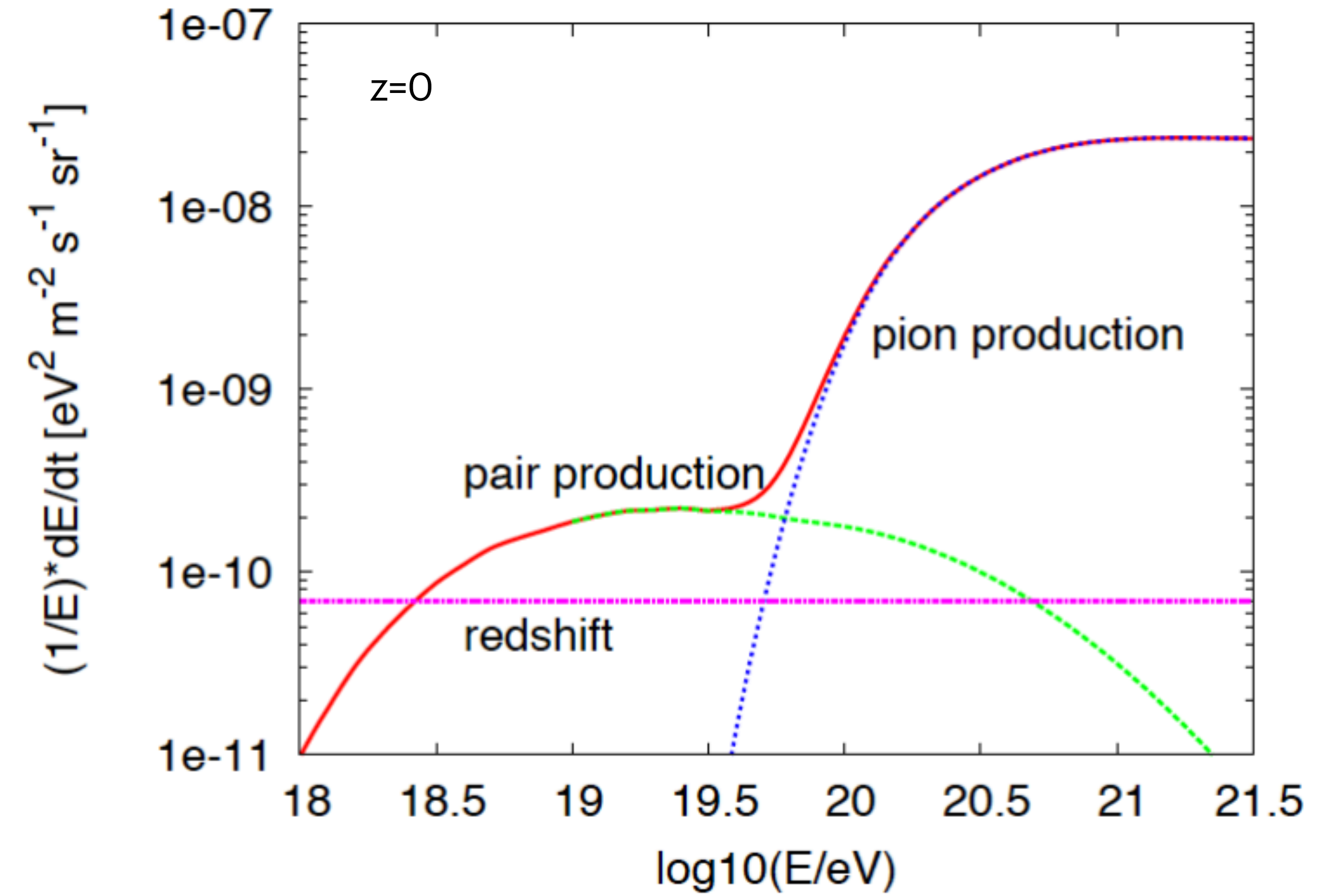
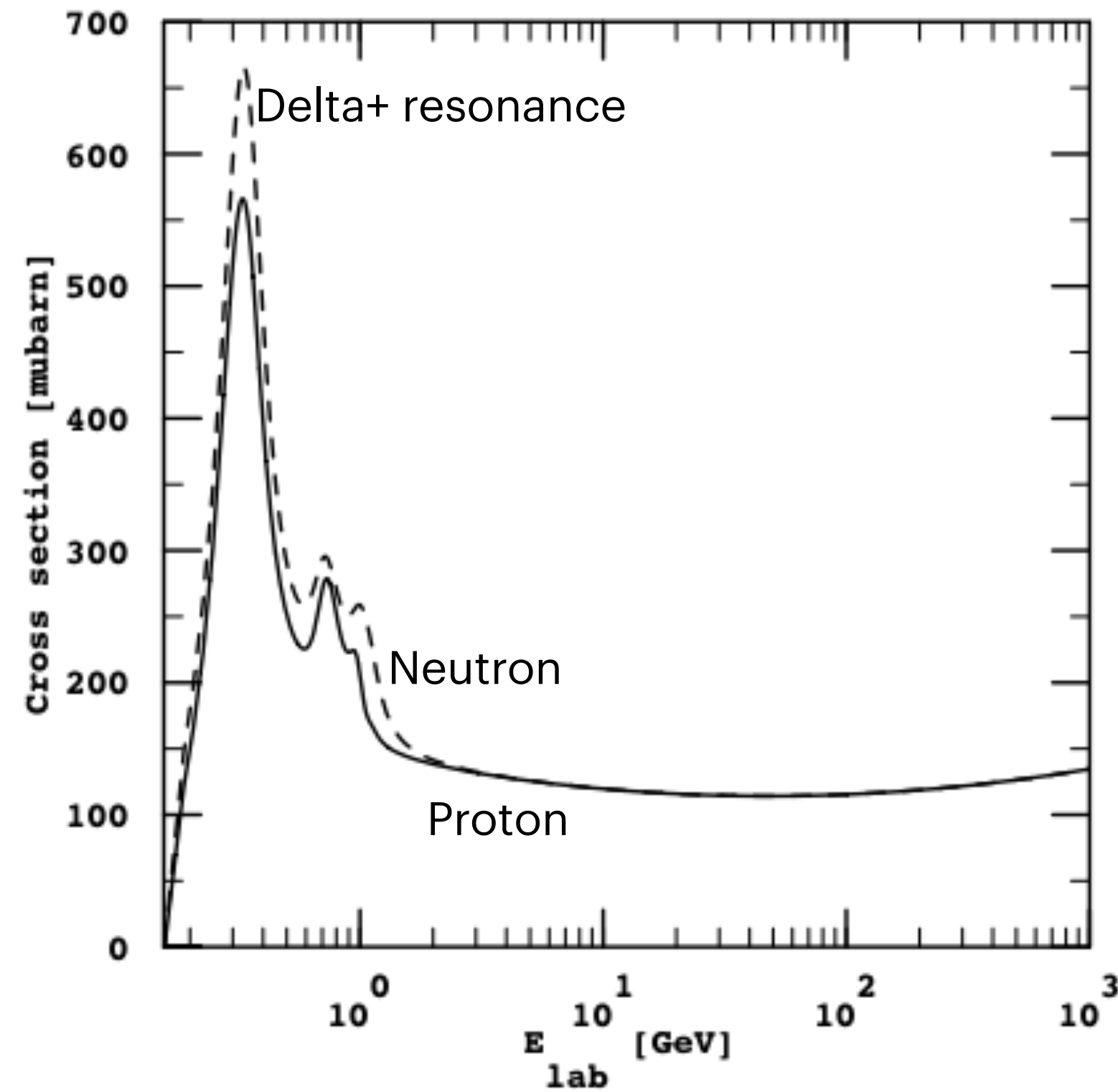
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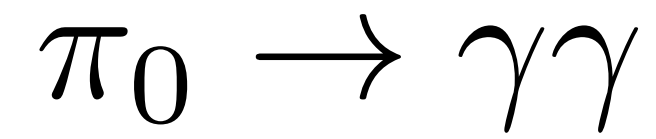
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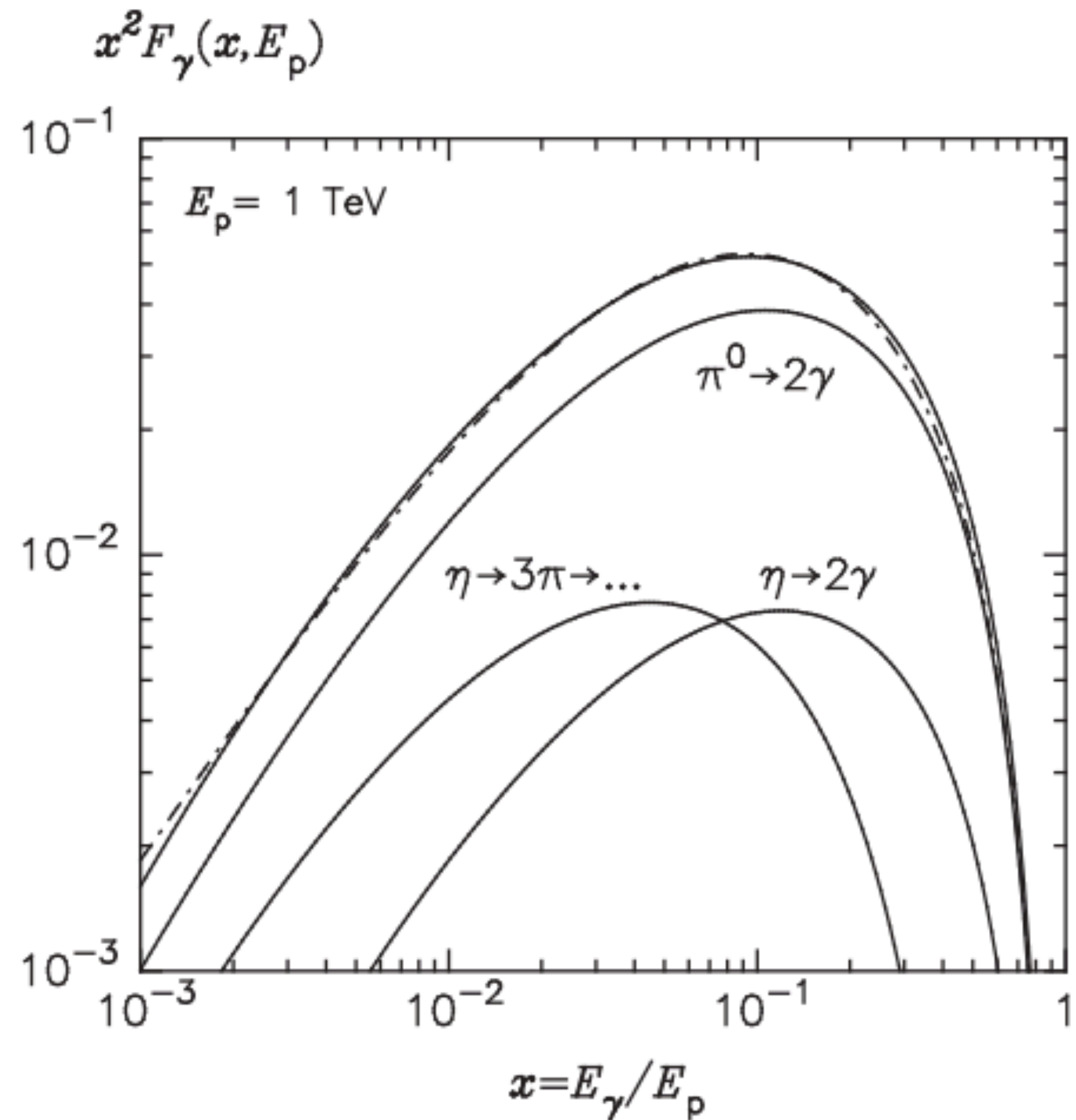
# MW/MM connections



# Photons from neutral pion decay

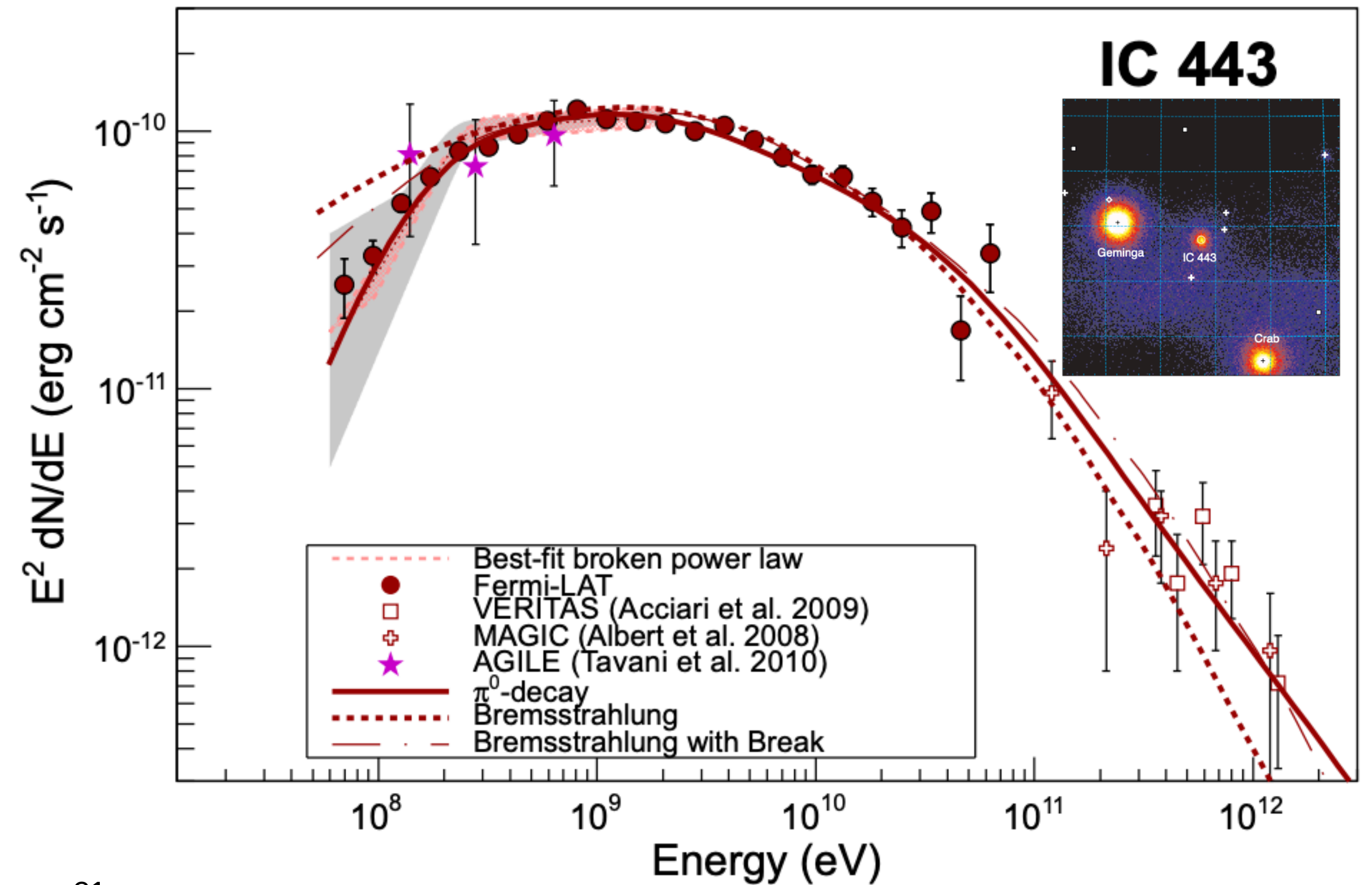


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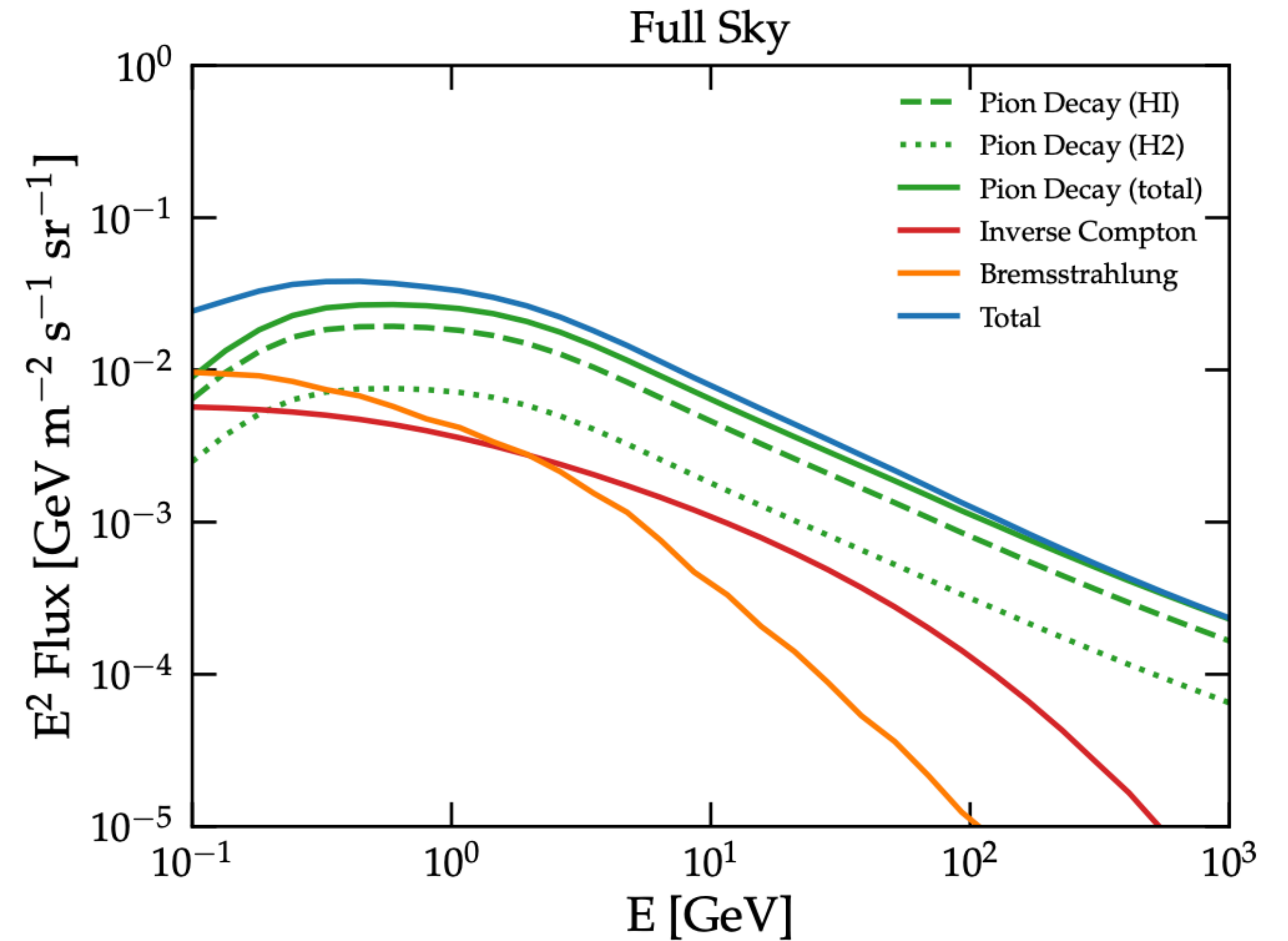
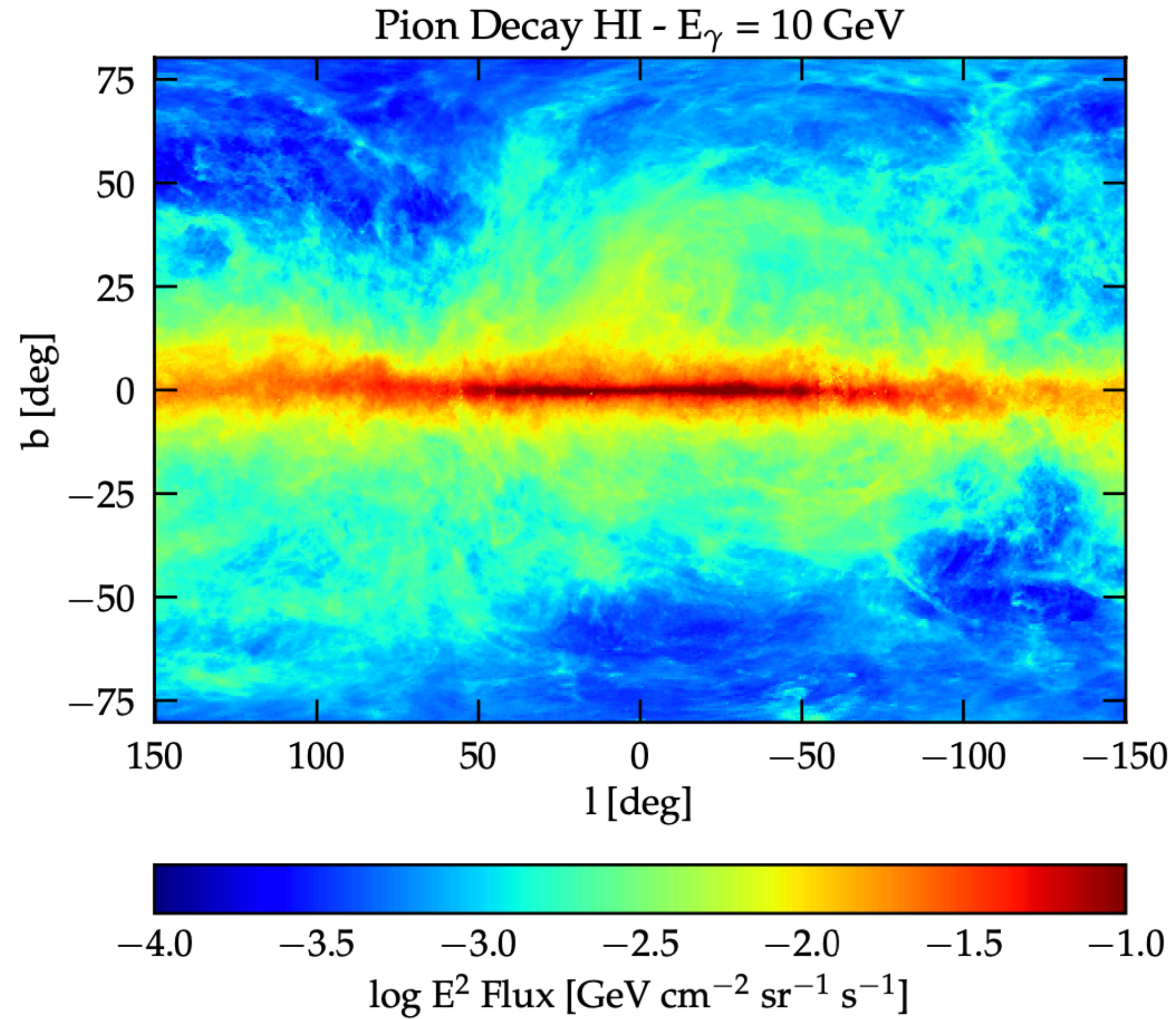
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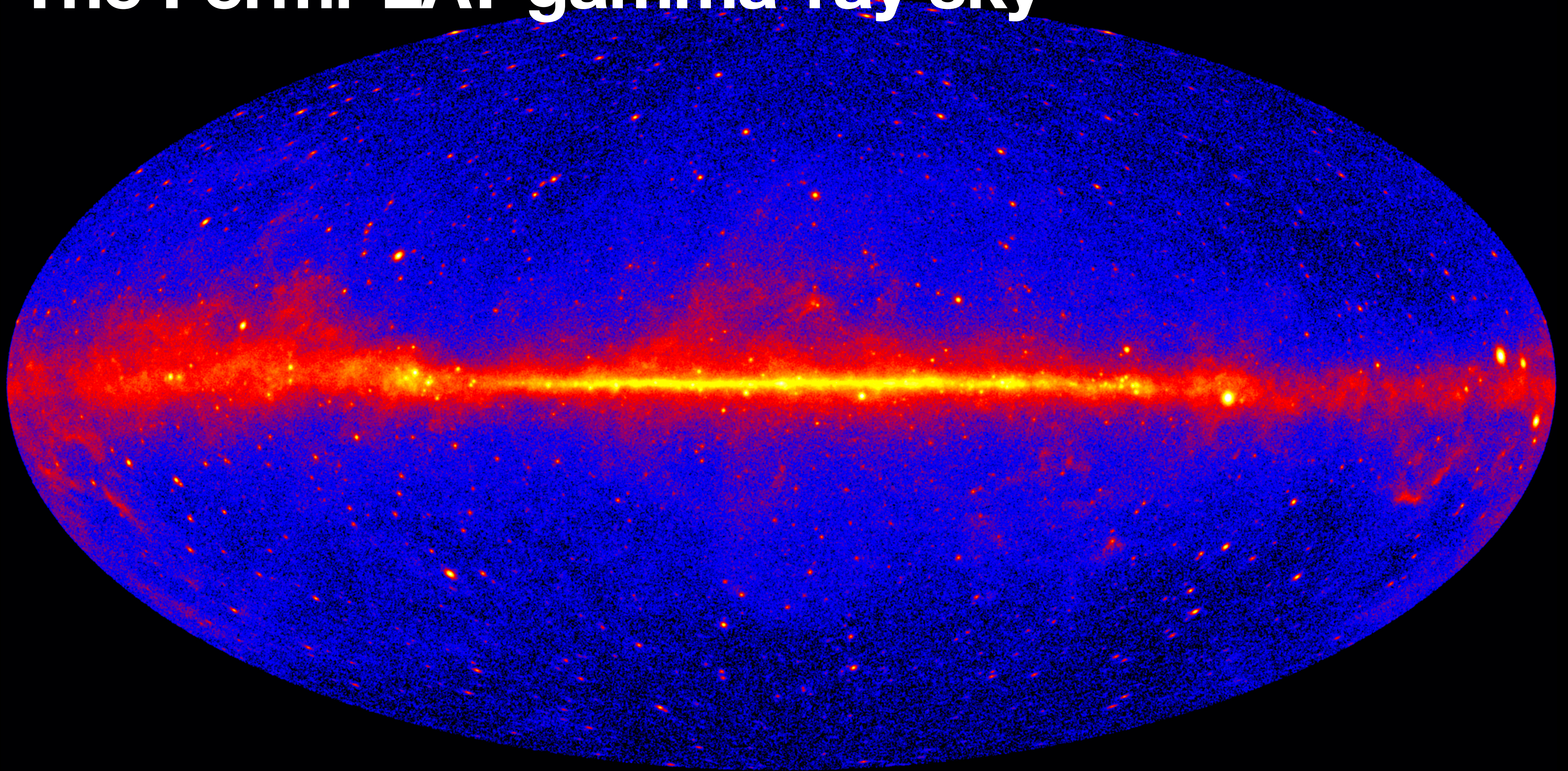
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# The Fermi-LAT gamma-ray sky





# Neutrinos from charged pions

$$\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ + \nu_\mu$$

$$\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ + \nu_e + \bar{\nu}_\mu$$

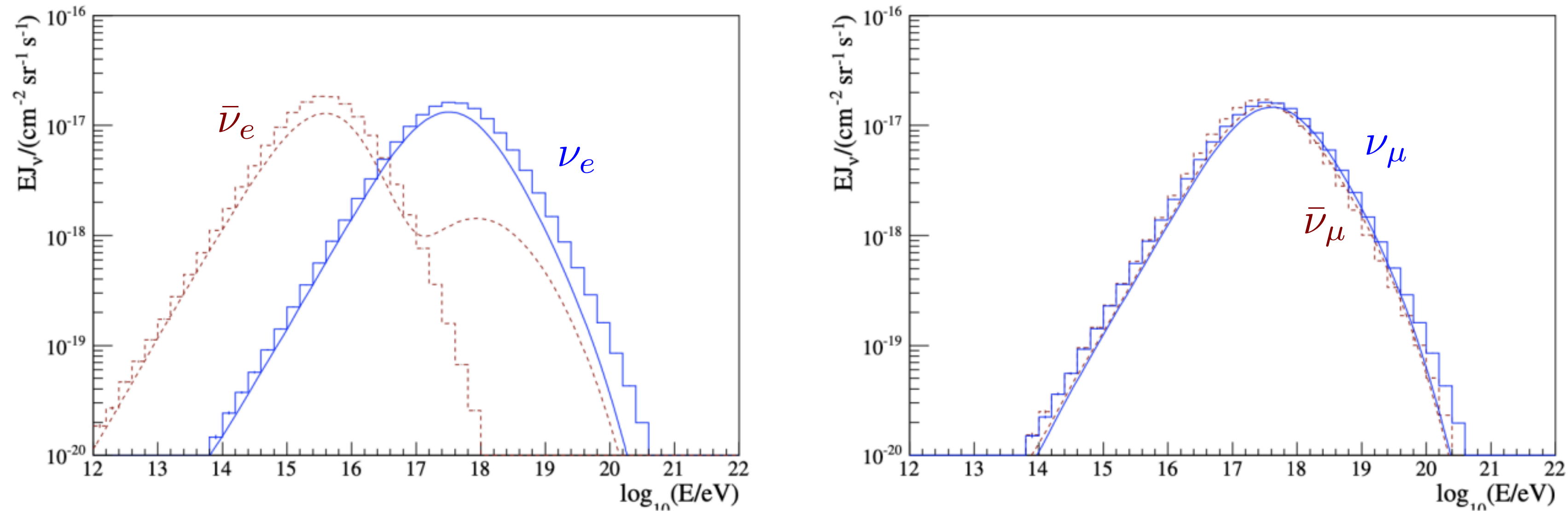


Fig. 14. – Left panel: fluxes of electron (blue solid line) and anti-electron (red dashed line) neutrinos generated in propagation of protons through CMB. Right panel: fluxes of muon (blue solid line) and anti-muon (red dashed line) neutrinos. The histograms are obtained from *SimProp* simulations, while the lines are taken from [48]. Reproduced with permission from [49].

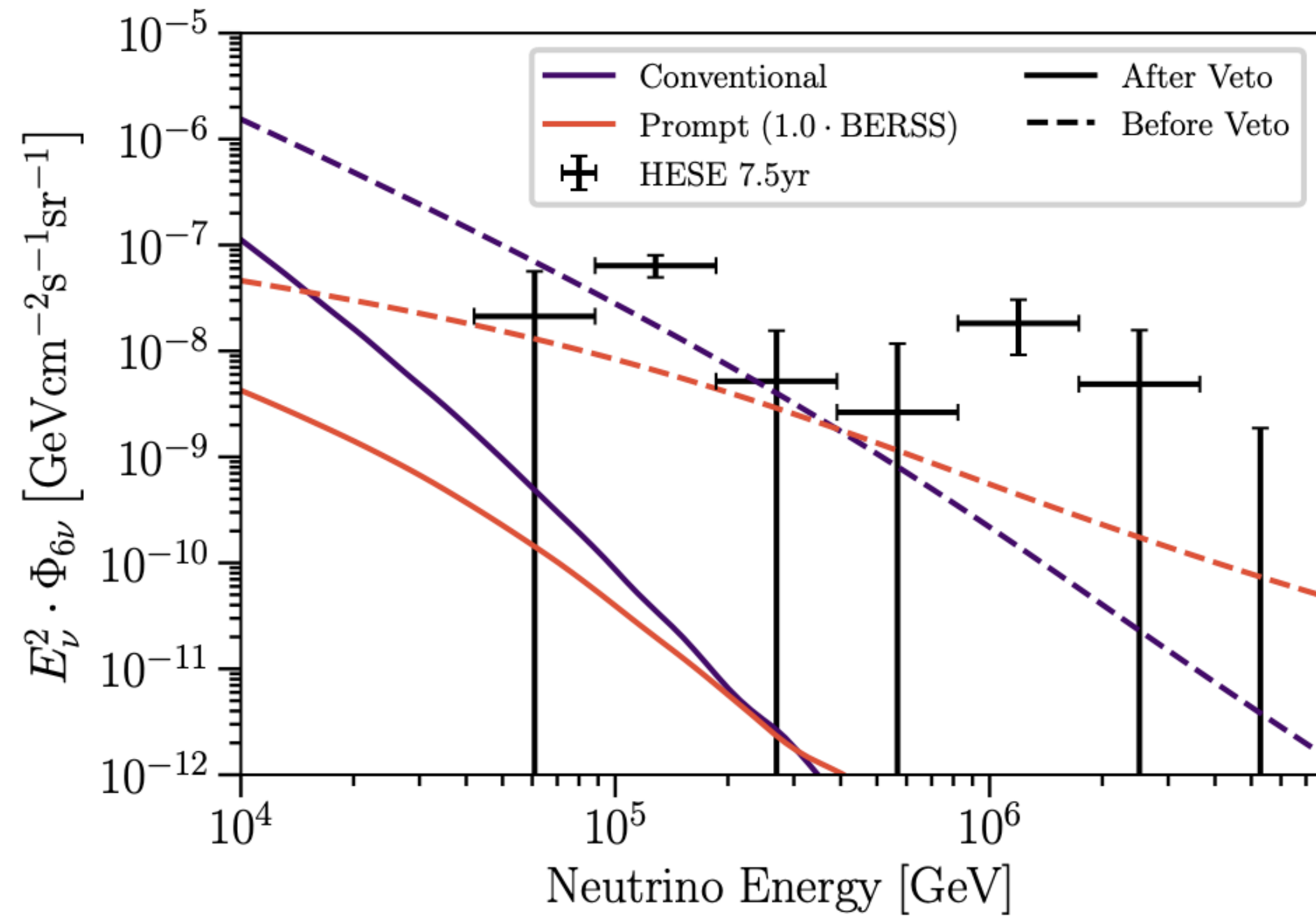
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# High-energy astrophysical neutrinos

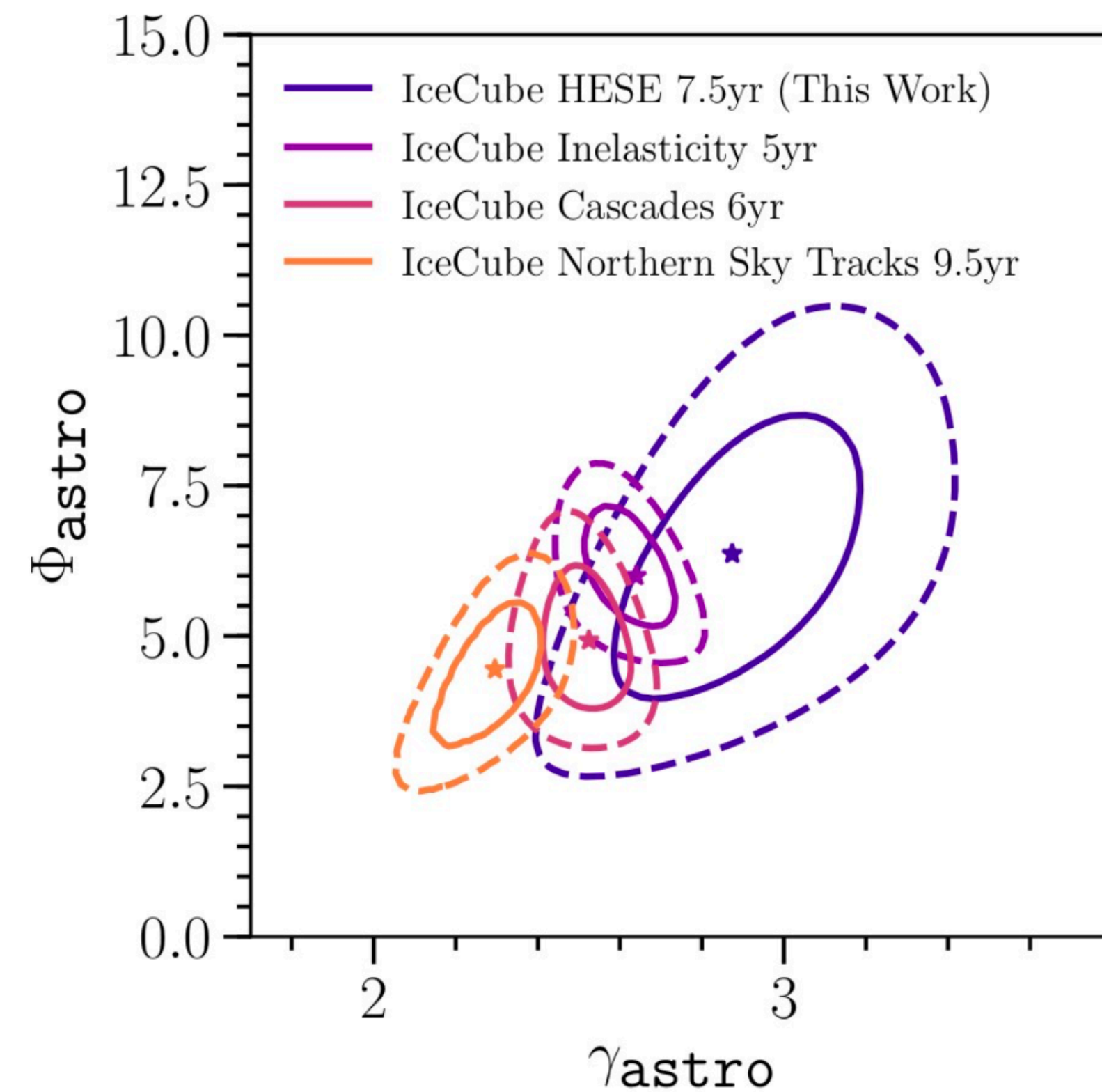
## Energy spectrum

*IceCube Collab. PRD'21*



Data is fit well by a single power law:

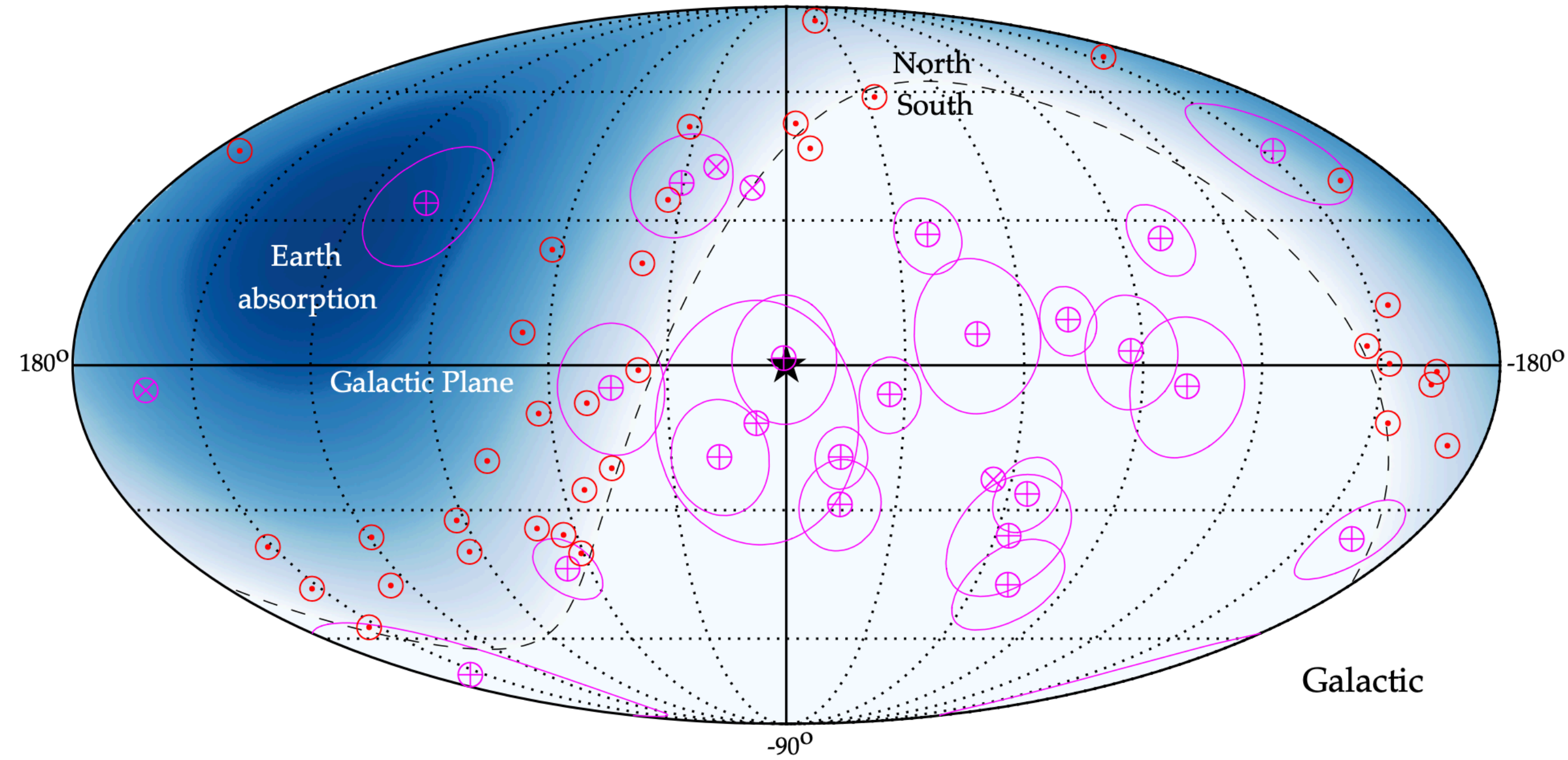
$$\frac{d\Phi_{6\nu}}{dE_\nu} = \Phi_{\text{astro}} \left( \frac{E_\nu}{100 \text{ TeV}} \right)^{-\gamma_{\text{astro}}} \cdot 10^{-18} \text{ GeV}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1}$$



# High-energy astrophysical neutrinos

## Arrival directions

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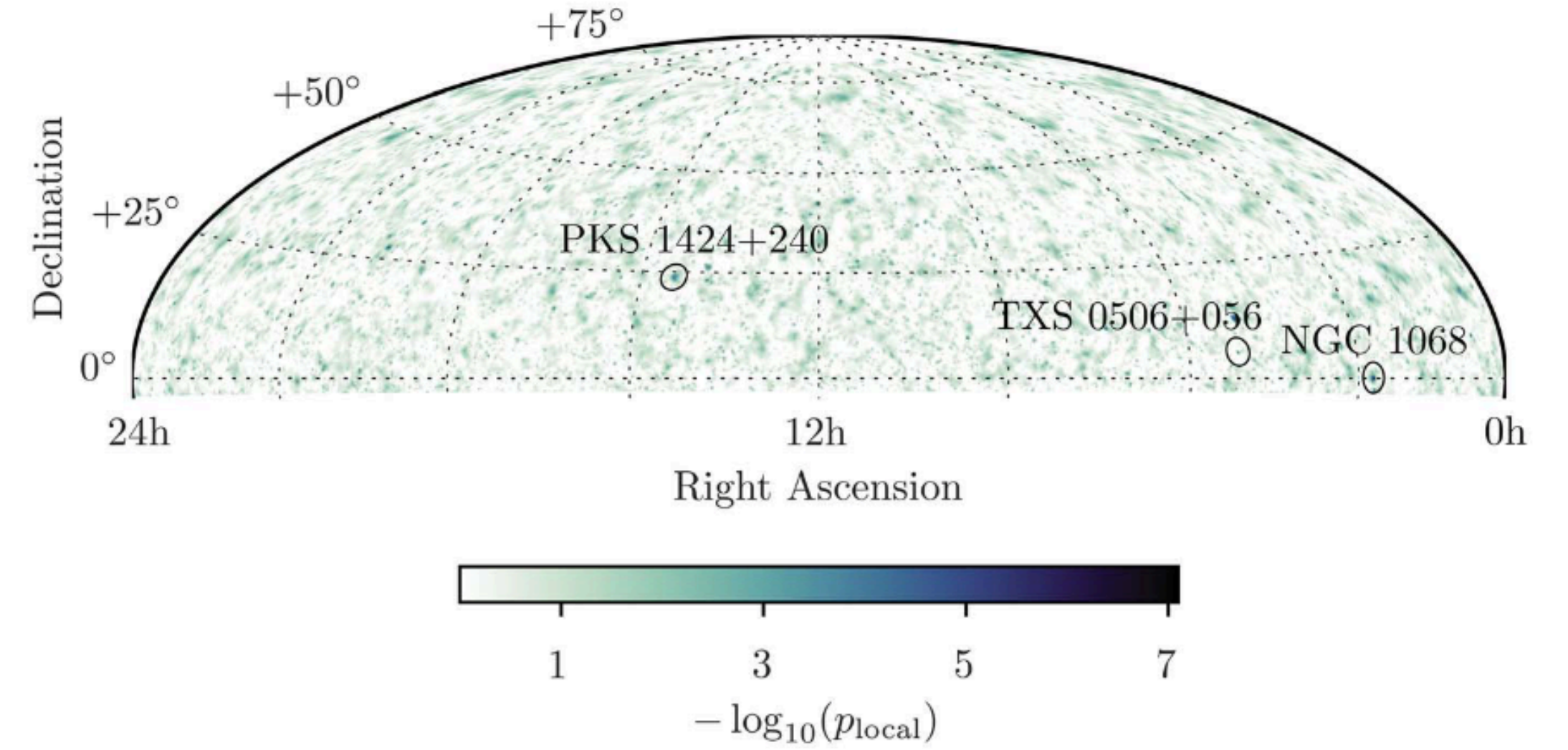




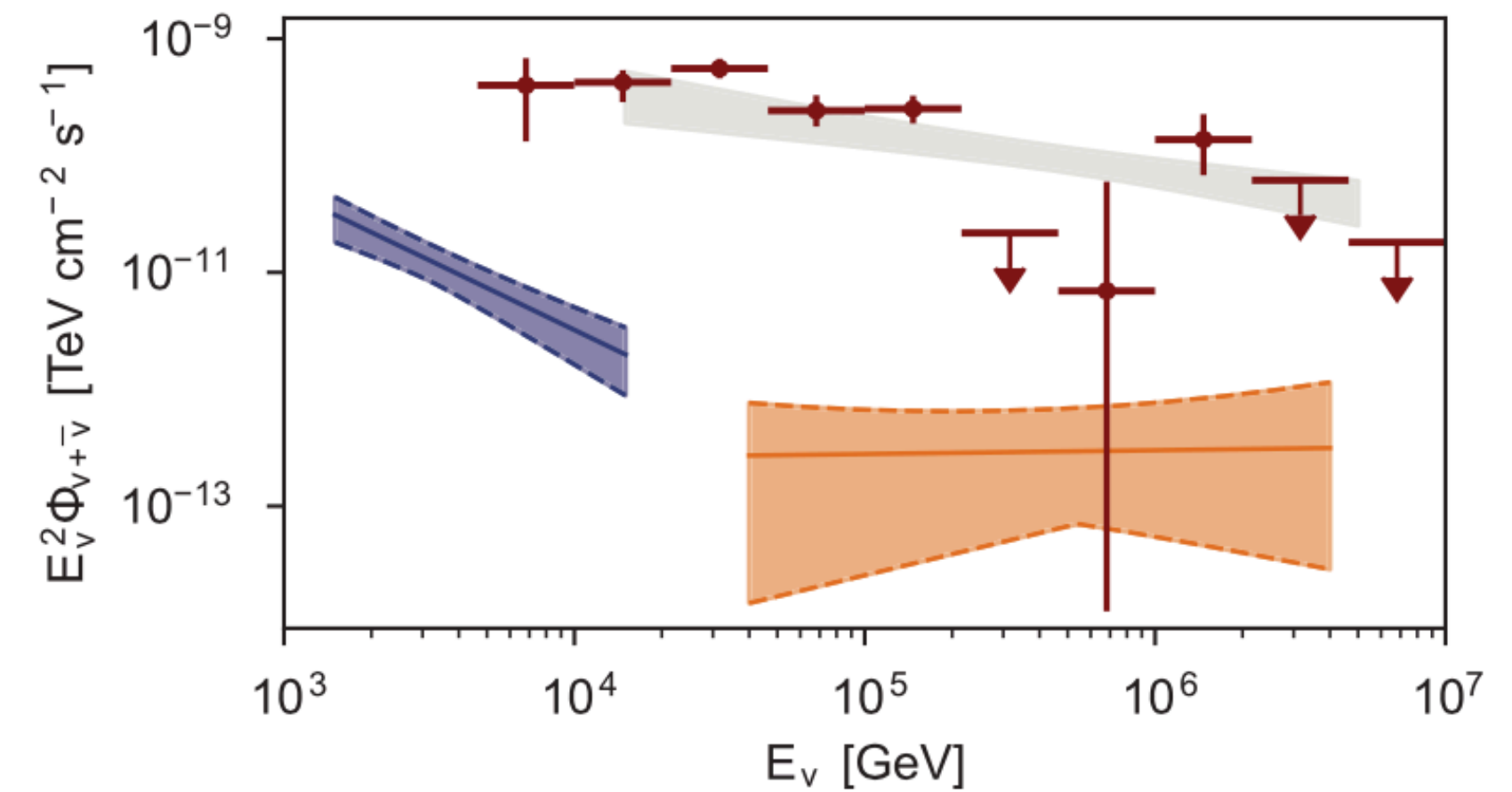
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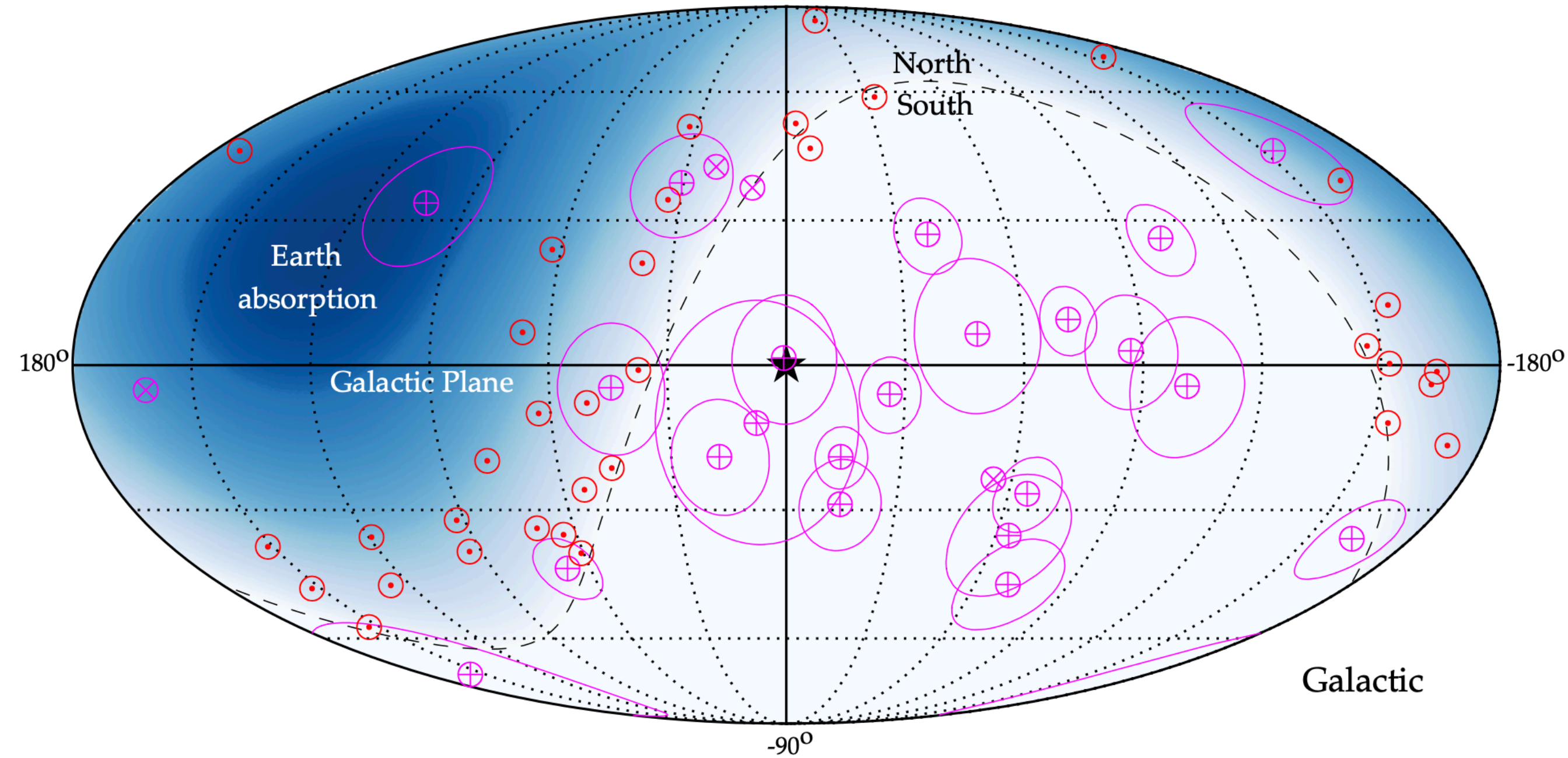
*IceCube Collab., Science 378, 538 (2022)*



- NGC 1068
- Diffuse flux from  $\nu_\mu$  (25)
- TXS 0506+056
- Diffuse flux from  $\nu_e\nu_\tau$  (17)



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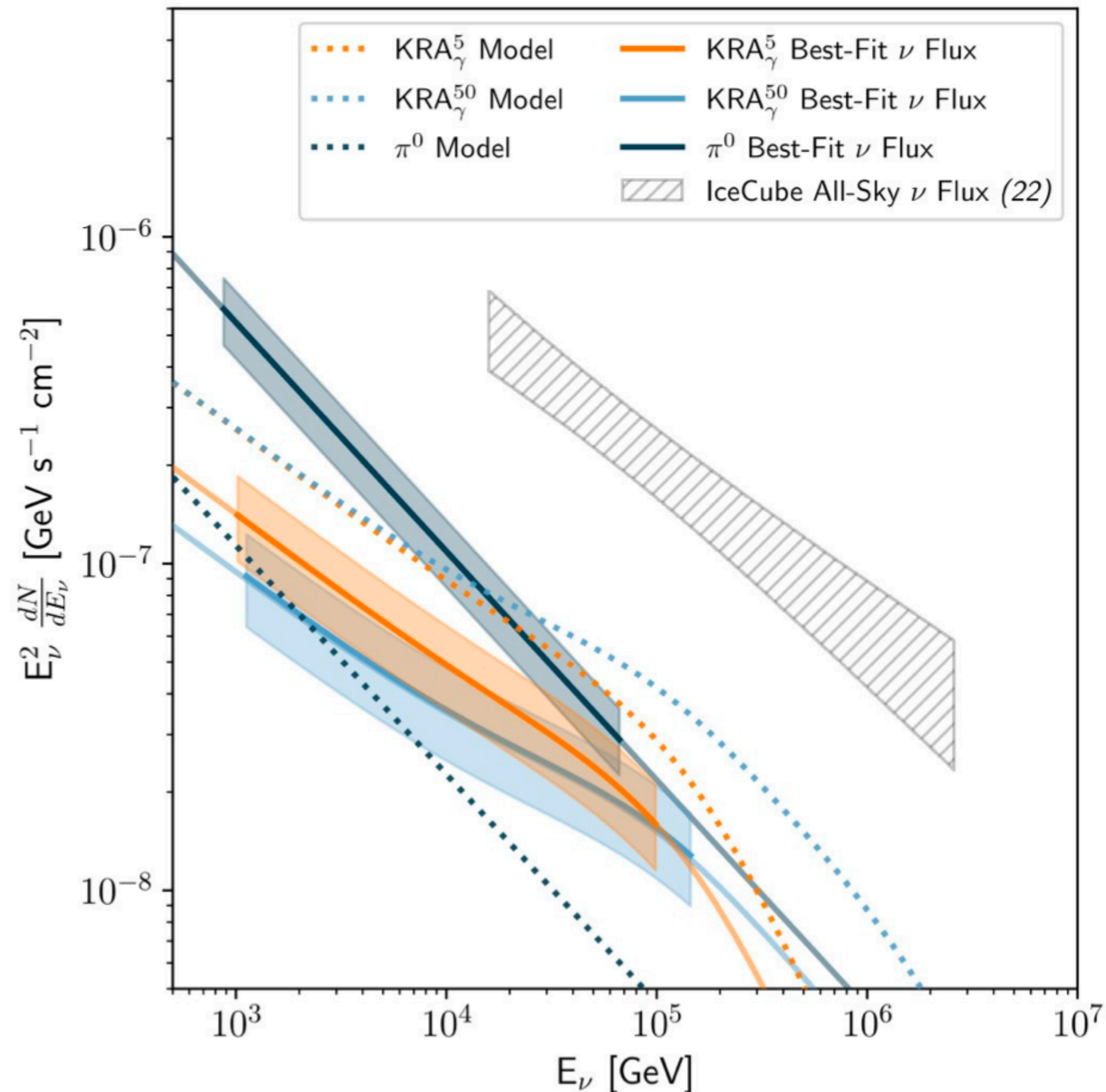




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## Arrival directions: Galactic events

*IceCube Collab., Science 2023*

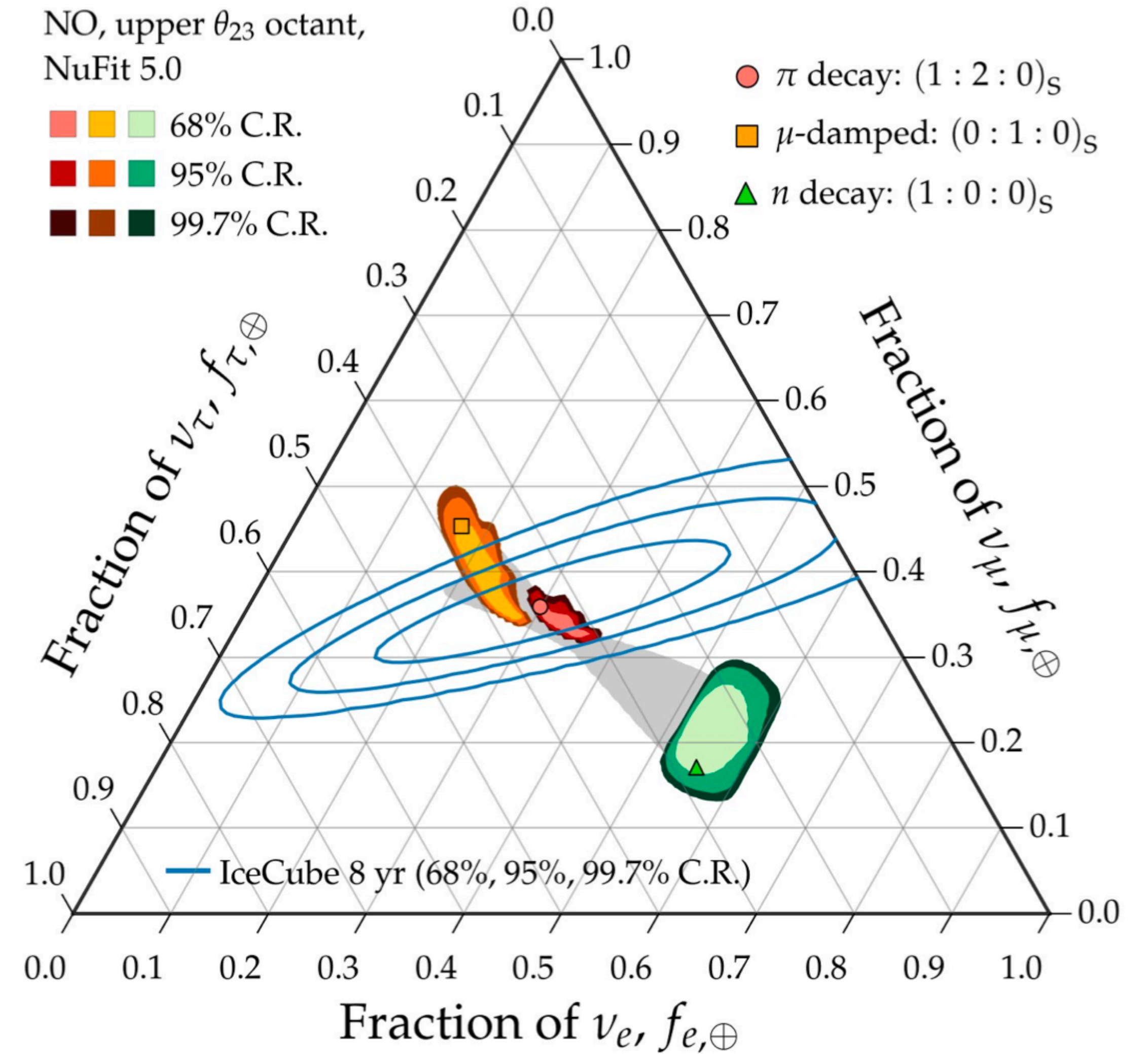
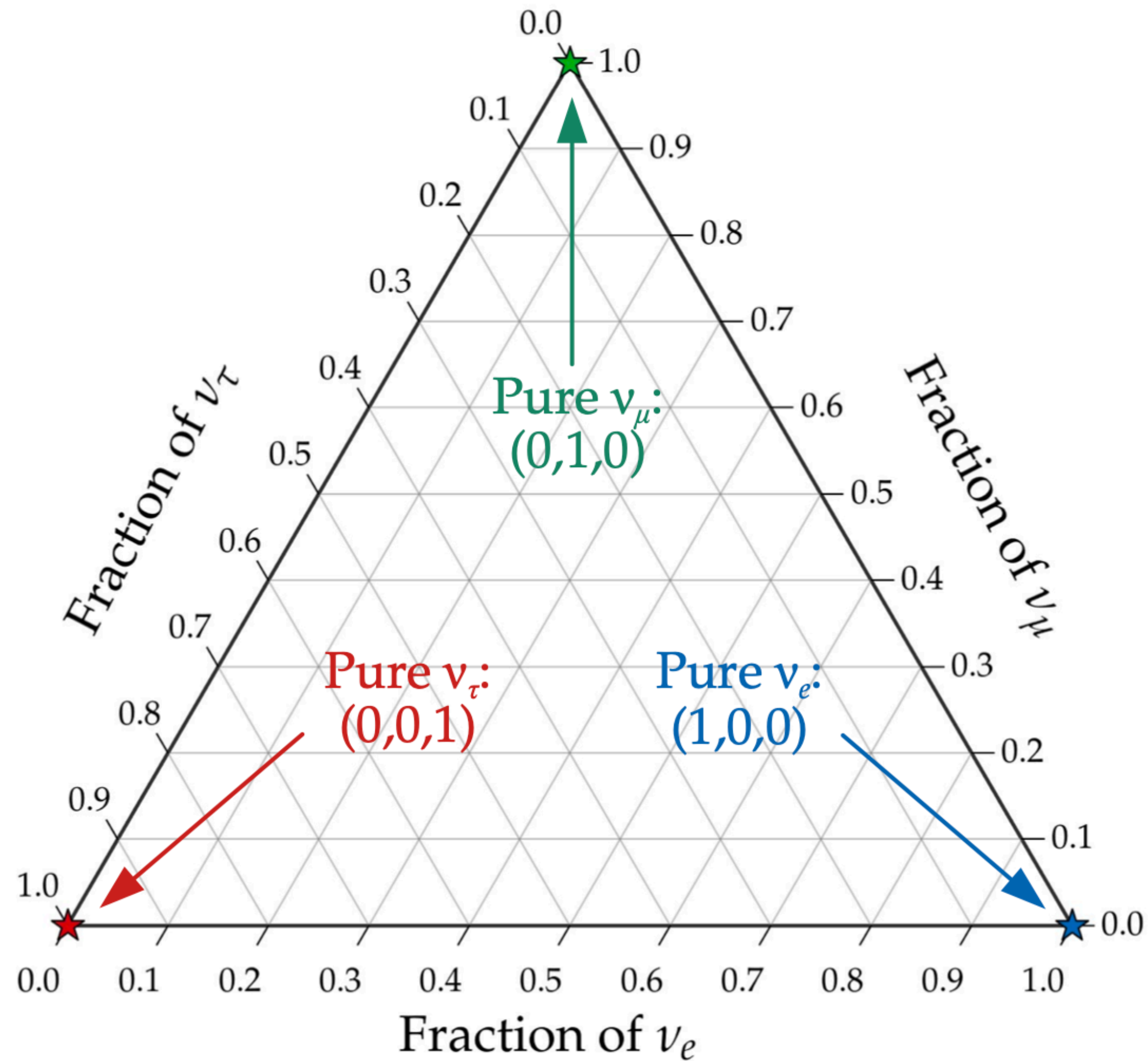


- None of the models matched data — but they are quite simple models
- **No Galactic** neutrino **source** is identified — likely some of diffuse + source [*Fang & Murase, 2307.02905*]
- Galactic plane flux is **6–13% of all-sky** at 30 TeV



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## Flavor composition

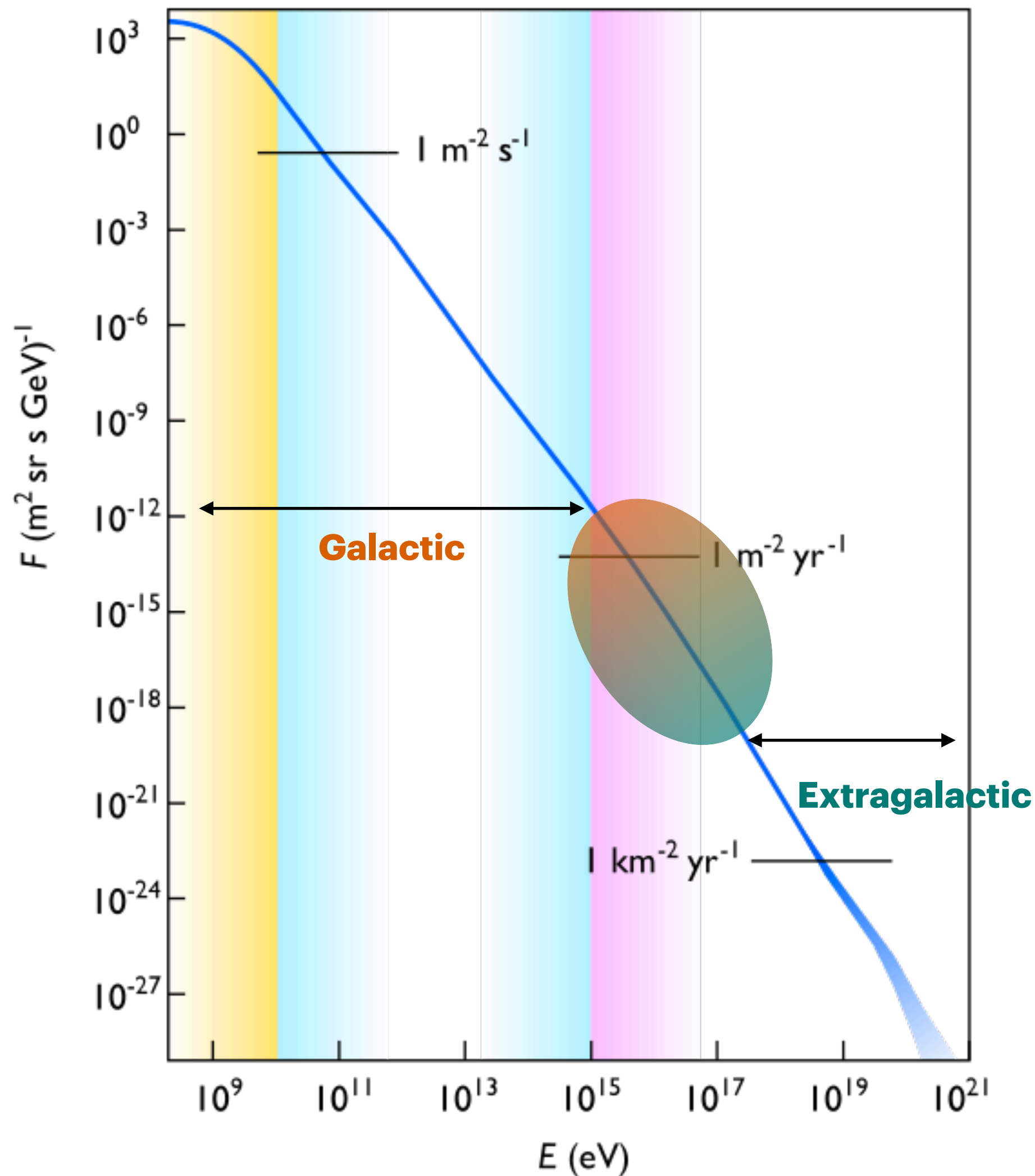


# Sources

## astro & exotic



# Cosmic-ray sources: Galactic or extragalactic?



In the Galaxy we **observe** (in gamma rays)  
CR factories up to  
1 TeV =  $10^{12}$  eV (HESS, VERITAS, MAGIC)  
1 PeV =  $10^{15}$  eV (LHAASO)

SNR, pulsars & neutron stars, binary, stellar clusters, PWN

AGN & jets, galaxy clusters, galaxies

## Open questions:

1. What is the maximal energy CR are accelerated?
2. Where does the Gal-extragal transition occur?

# How to accelerate CRs?

Some **requirements**:

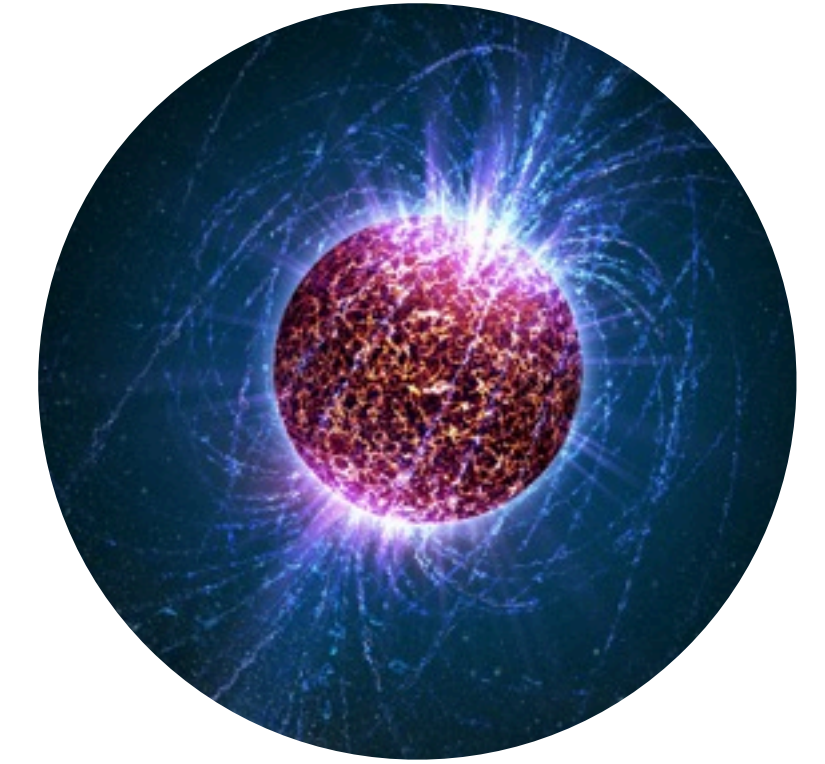
1. Energetics:

- Kinetic Energy (translational in SNRs, rotational in pulsars)
- Gravitational Energy (accretion disks)
- Magnetic (solar flares)

2. Mechanism for Energy Transfer: how to transfer energy from macroscopic objects into the (microscopic) acceleration of particles? (electromagnetic)

3. Confinement: particles must stay in the accelerator for the time needed to accelerate them

4. No significant E-losses



**We need electric fields to accelerate particles!**  
**They are generated by moving magnetic fields in the plasma**  
e.g. fast rotating B-field in pulsars, shock waves



# Particle acceleration

=> **Blackboard**

# Non-thermal emission refers to source injection...

“The word [**non-thermal**] is conventionally taken to mean continuum radiation from particles, the energy spectrum of which is **not Maxwellian**. [...] If it cannot be accounted for by the spectrum of thermal bremsstrahlung or black-body radiation”

*M. Longair*

Queen of the non-thermal particle distribution: Power law

$$N(E) = N_0 E^{-p}$$

$$N(\gamma) = K \gamma^{-p} \quad \gamma = 1/(1 - \beta^2)^{1/2} \quad \text{Relativistic particles}$$

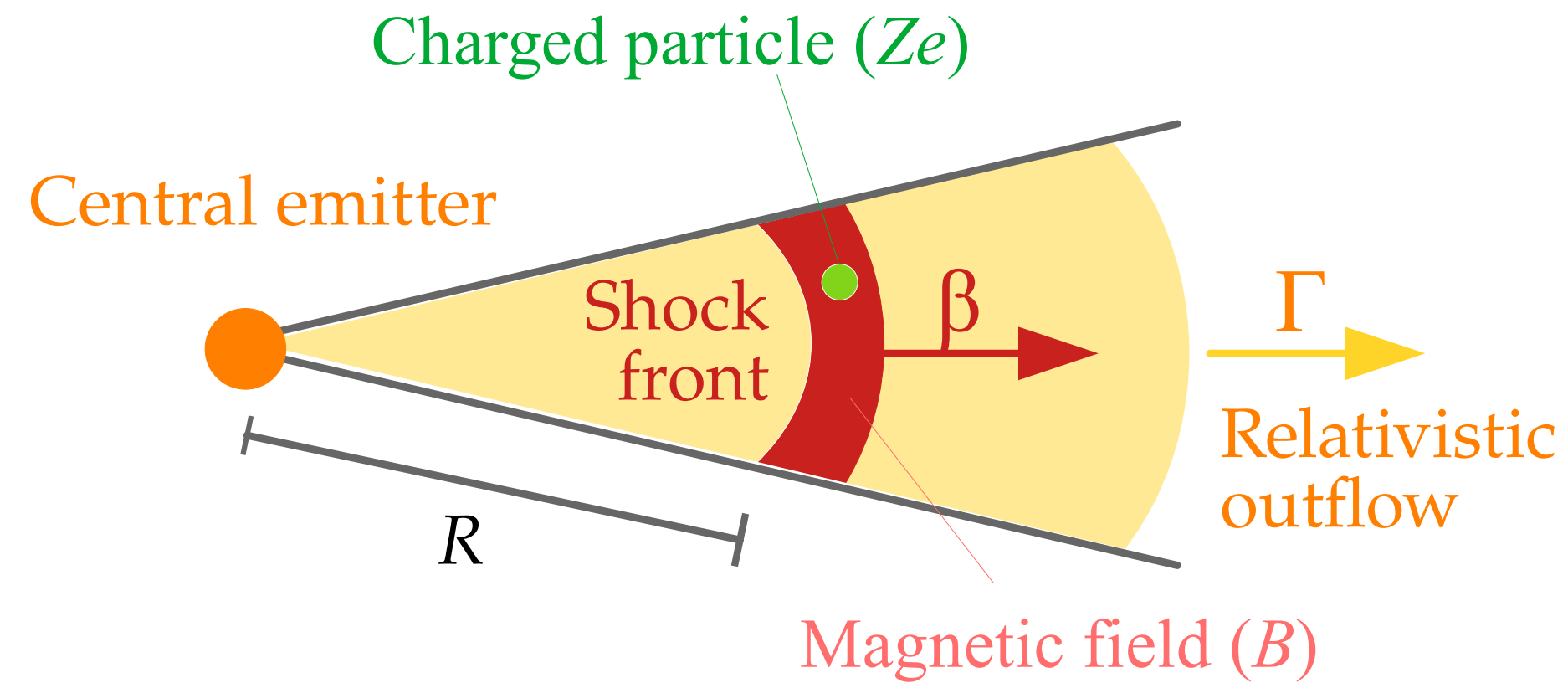
The main acceleration process leading to a power-law distribution (but not the only one)  
is **shock acceleration**  $p \sim 2$



# Confinement condition

**Necessary condition** for acceleration:

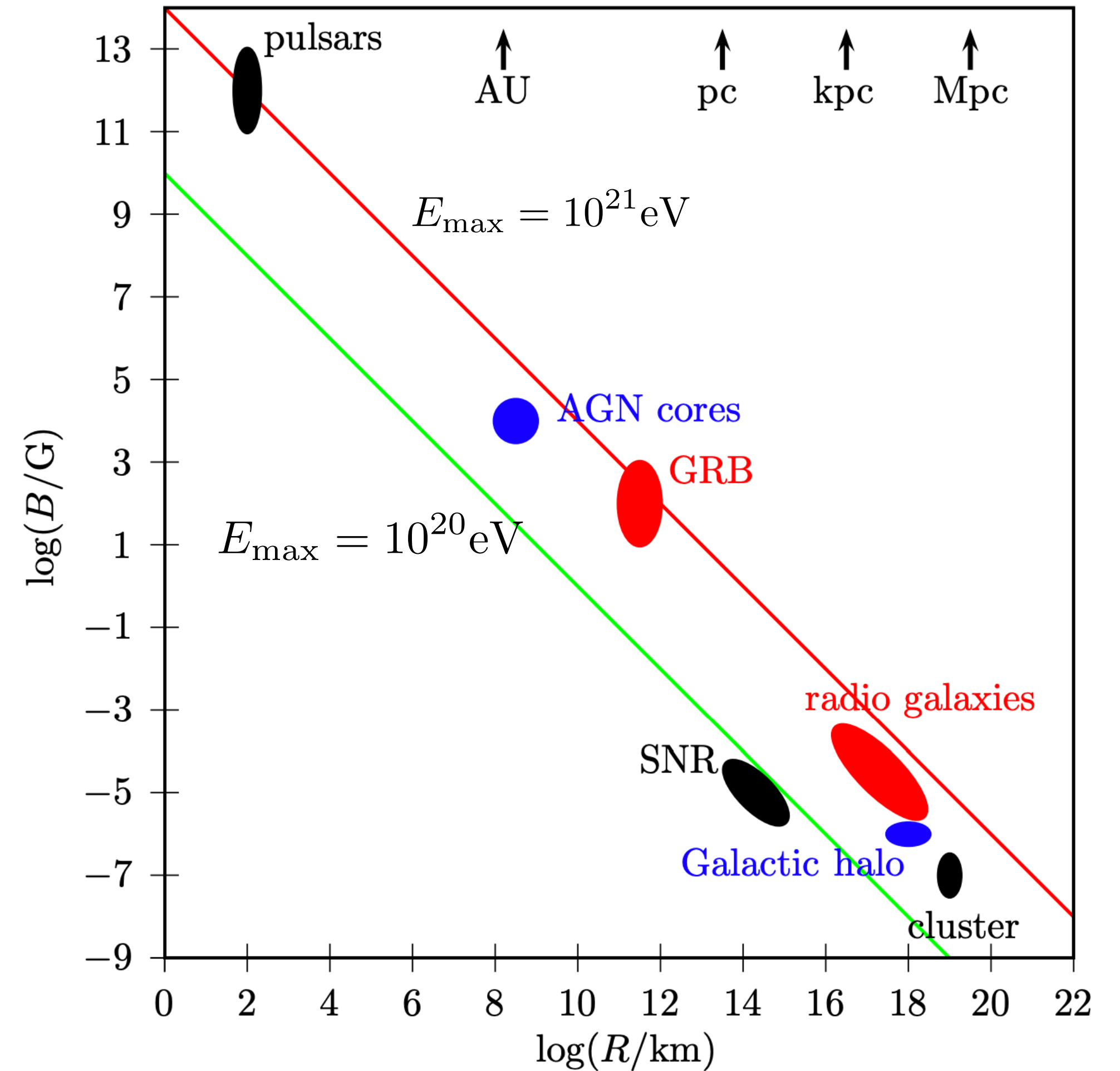
The system must be able to contain the particle



**Hillas Plot**

$$r_L \lesssim R$$

$$\beta = 1$$

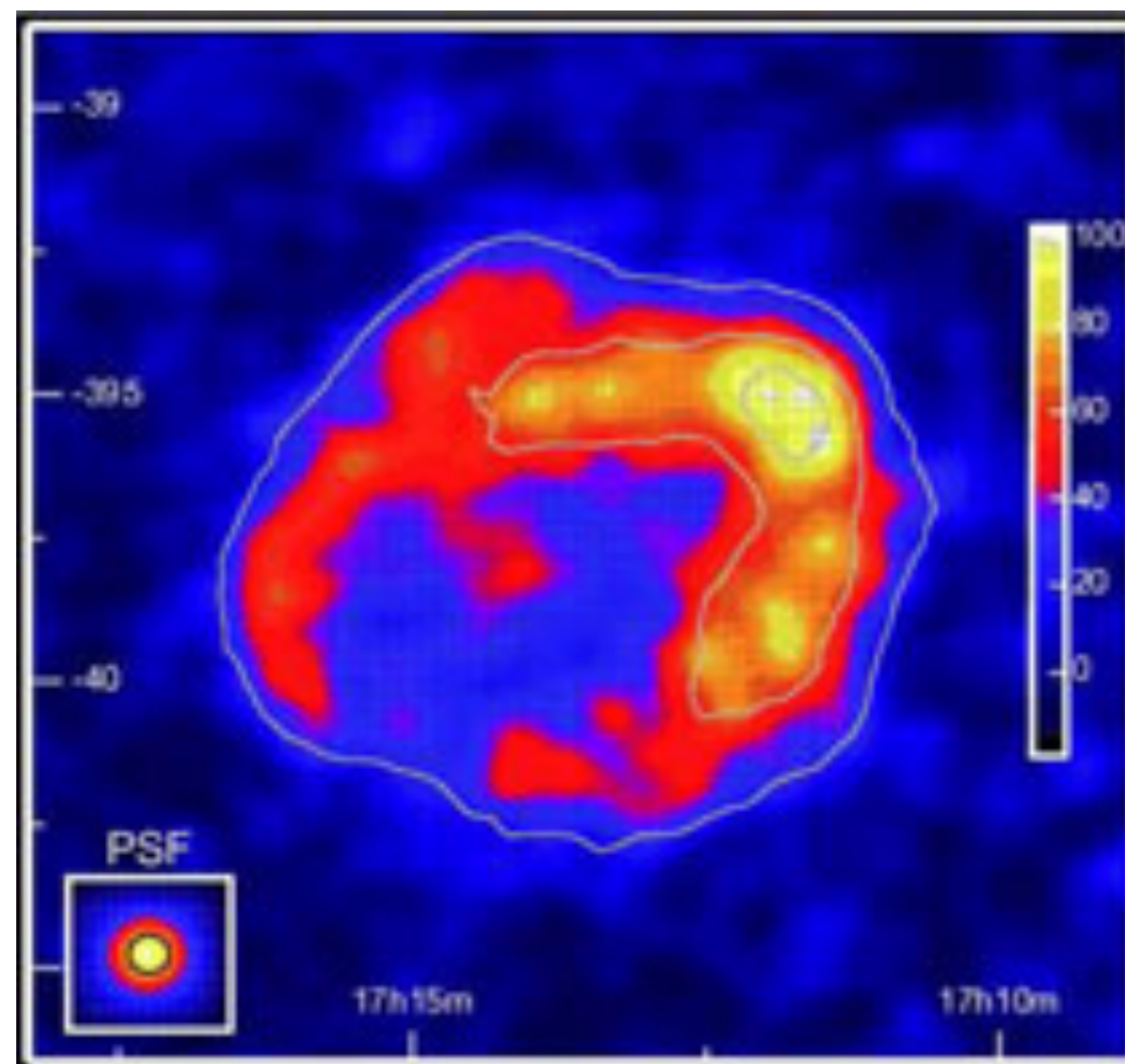


# CR accelerators: Supernova remnants



## Maximum energy

$v_{sh} \sim 10^3$  km/s,  $B \sim \text{few mG} \Rightarrow E_{max} \sim 10^{17}$  eV

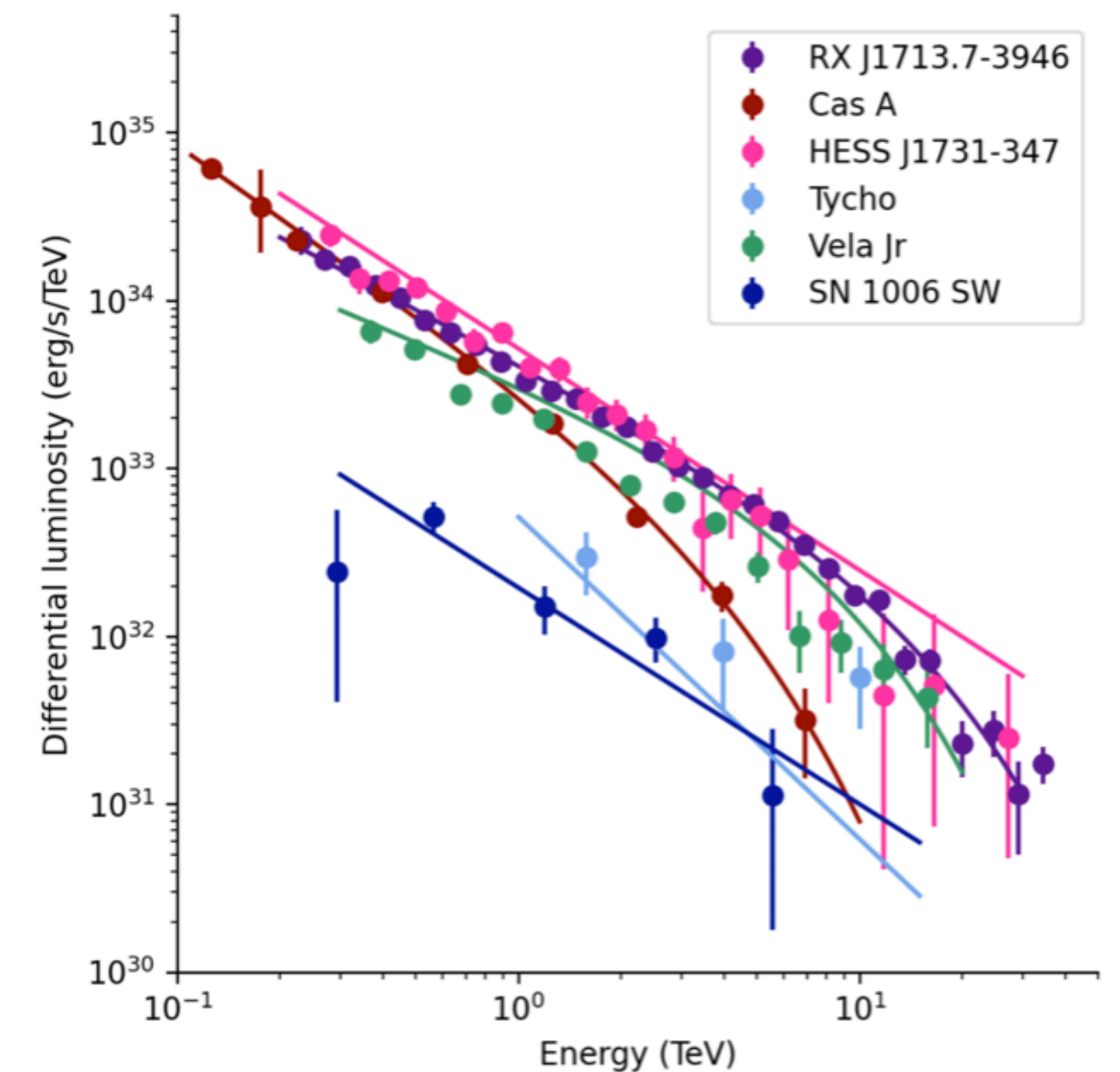


Aharonian+ A&A'07

We see **pion bump** at GeV energies  
(**proton** acceleration)

We see TeV shells (e.g. HESS)

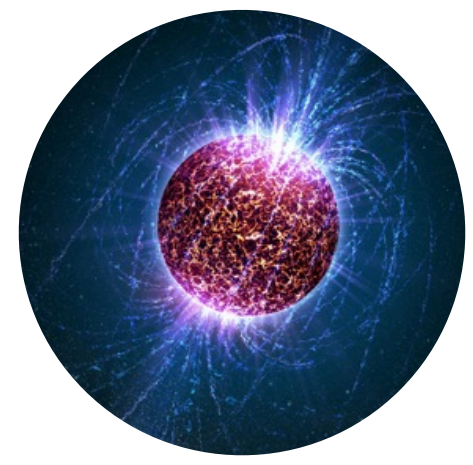
We do not see PeV accelerated  
particles from SNR



[Others: stellar clusters, no indication of a TeV cutoff so far]



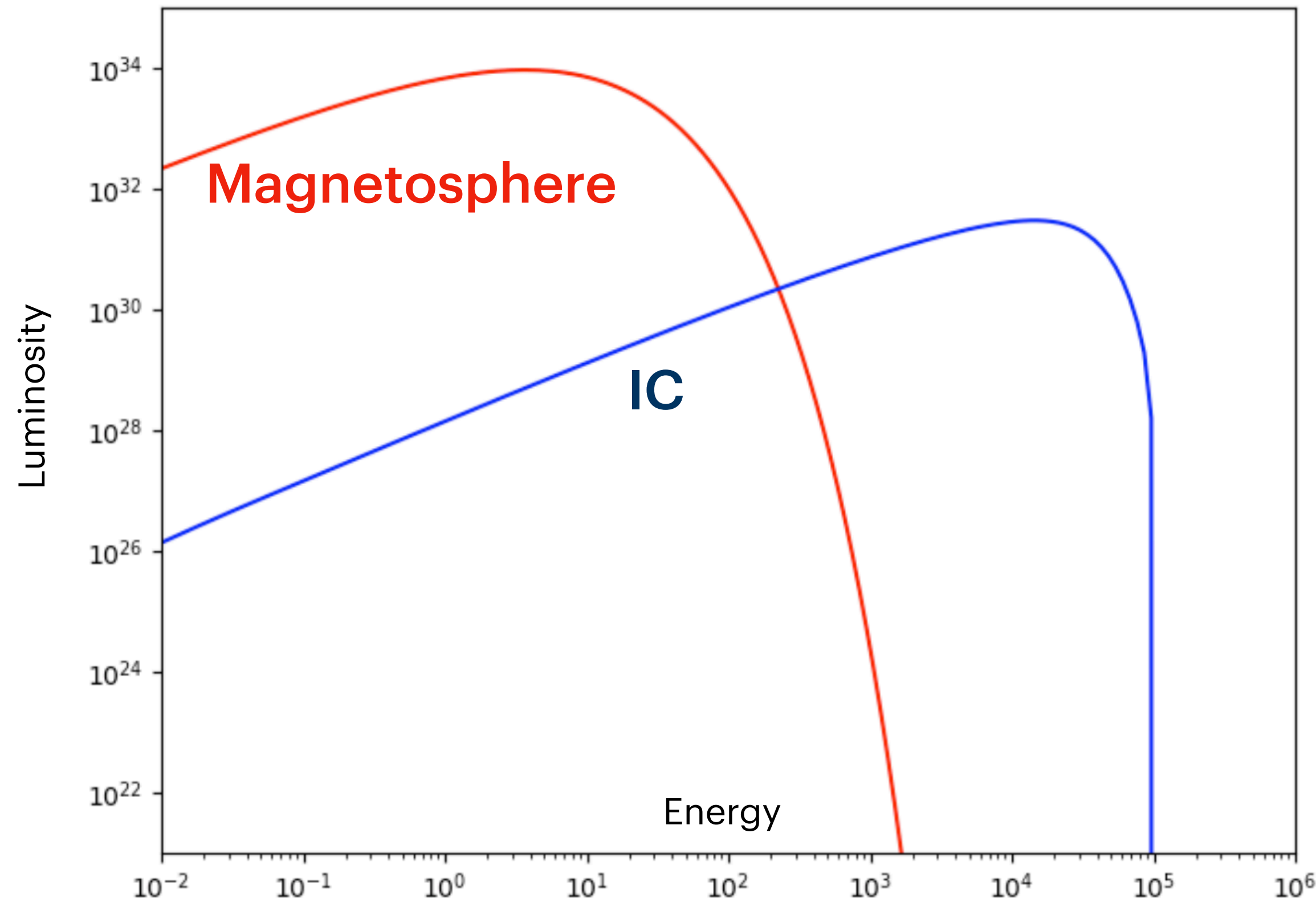
# Pulsars



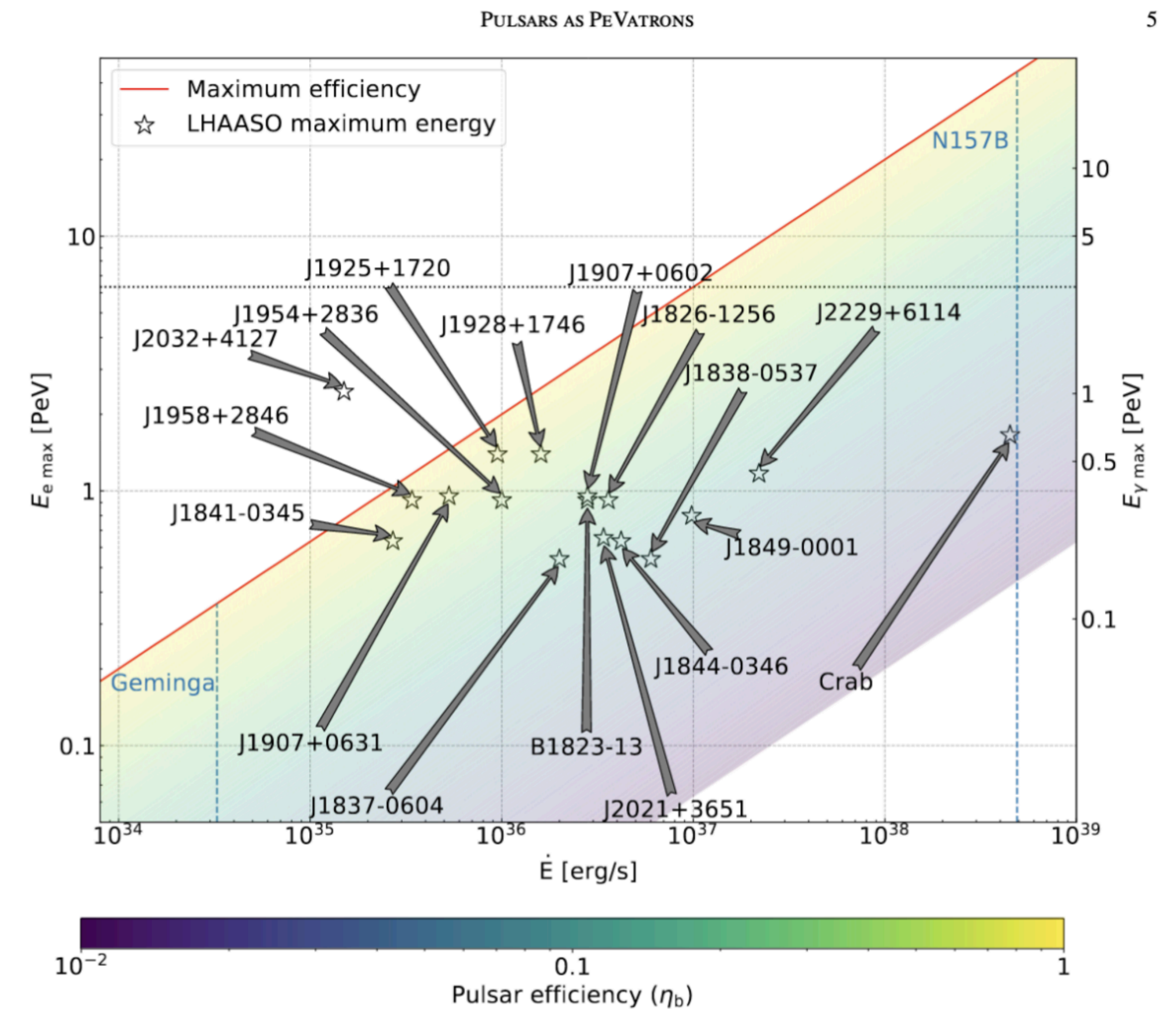
GeV – TeV emitters

**HE:** curvature radiation from acceleration in magnetosphere

**VHE:** IC on low-energy target photons

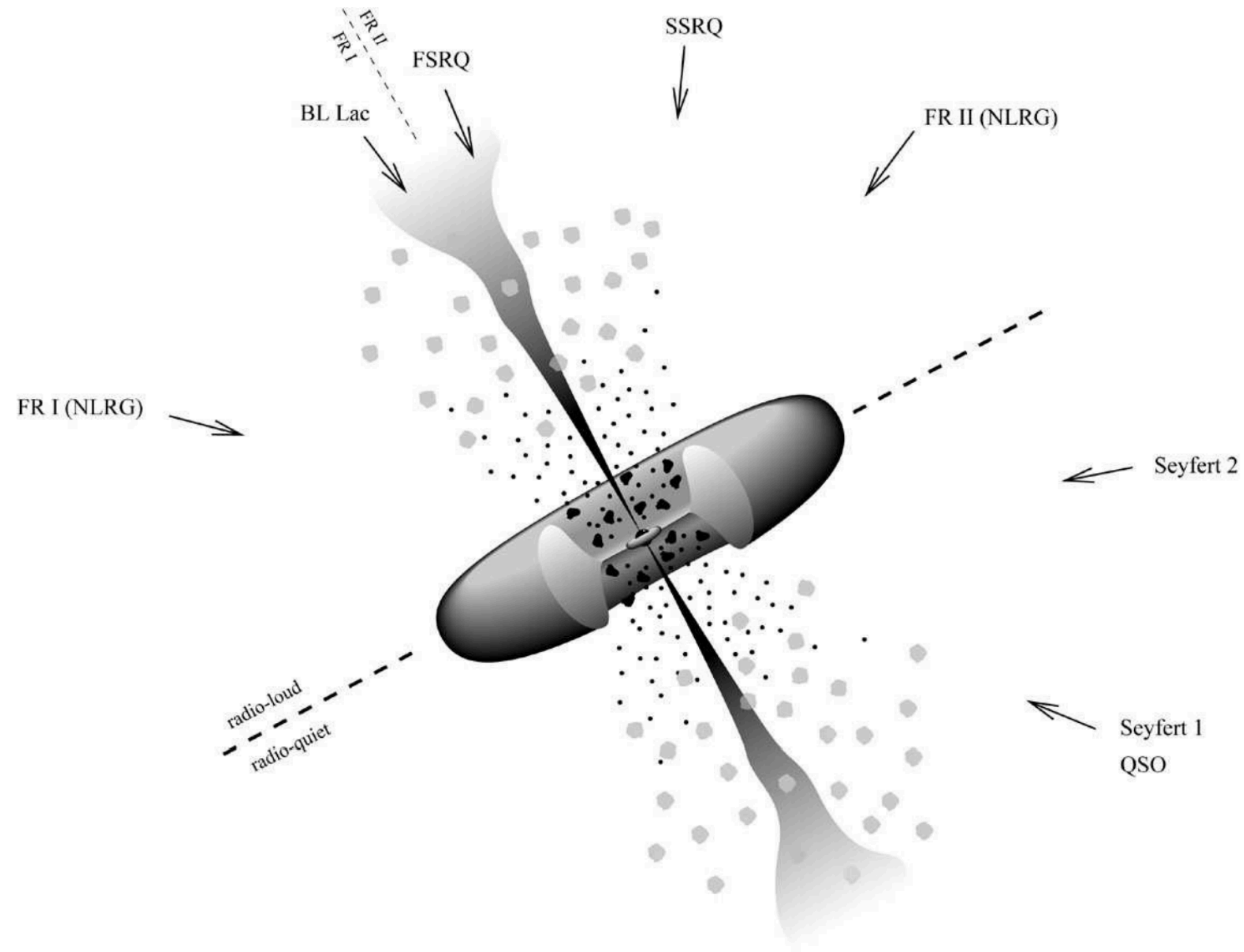


LHAASO observed ~10 PeVatrons  
9 have a bright pulsars associated

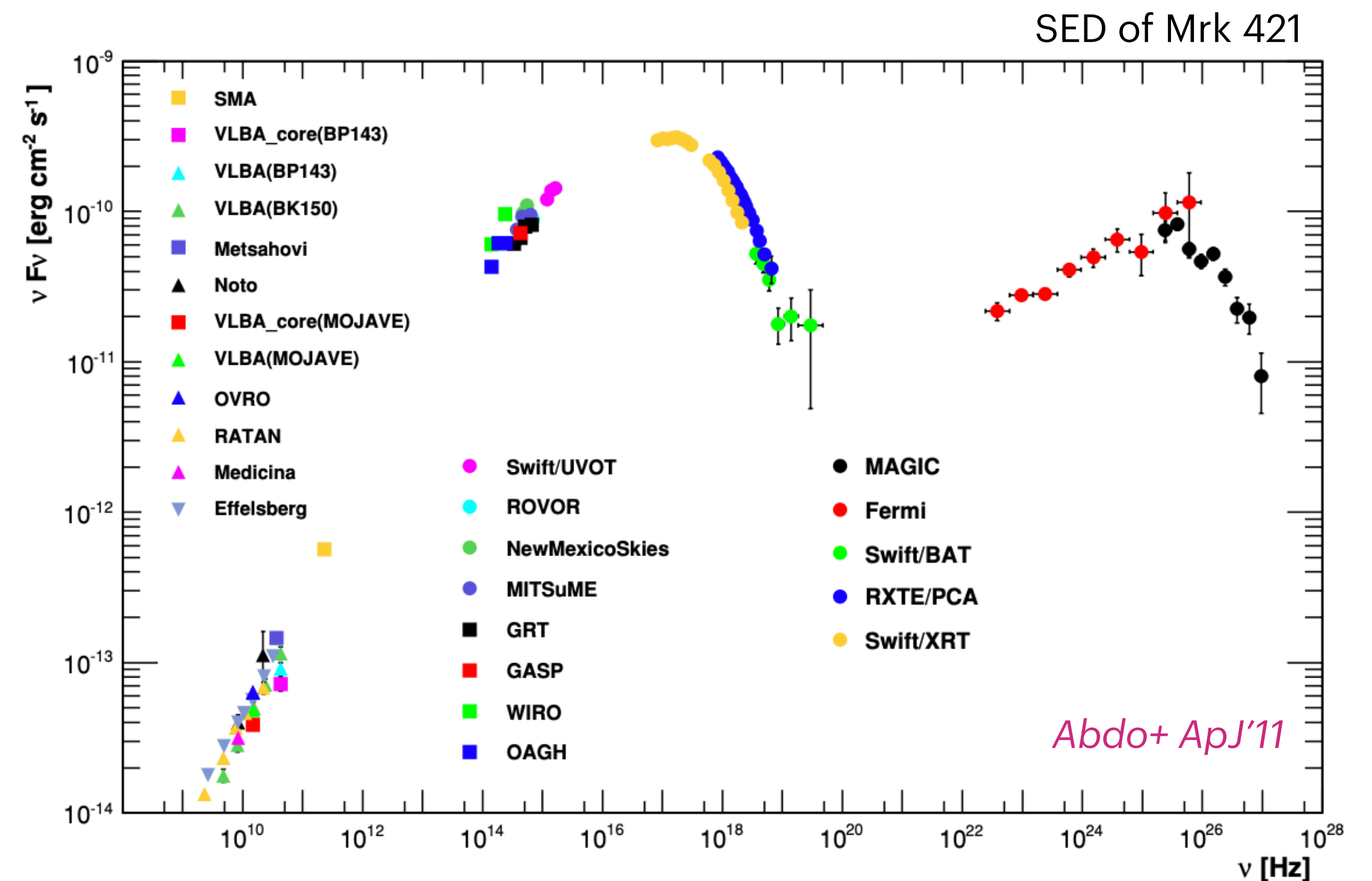


[Others: compact objects in binary systems (high-energy binaries, novae, micro quasars)]

# Active galaxies

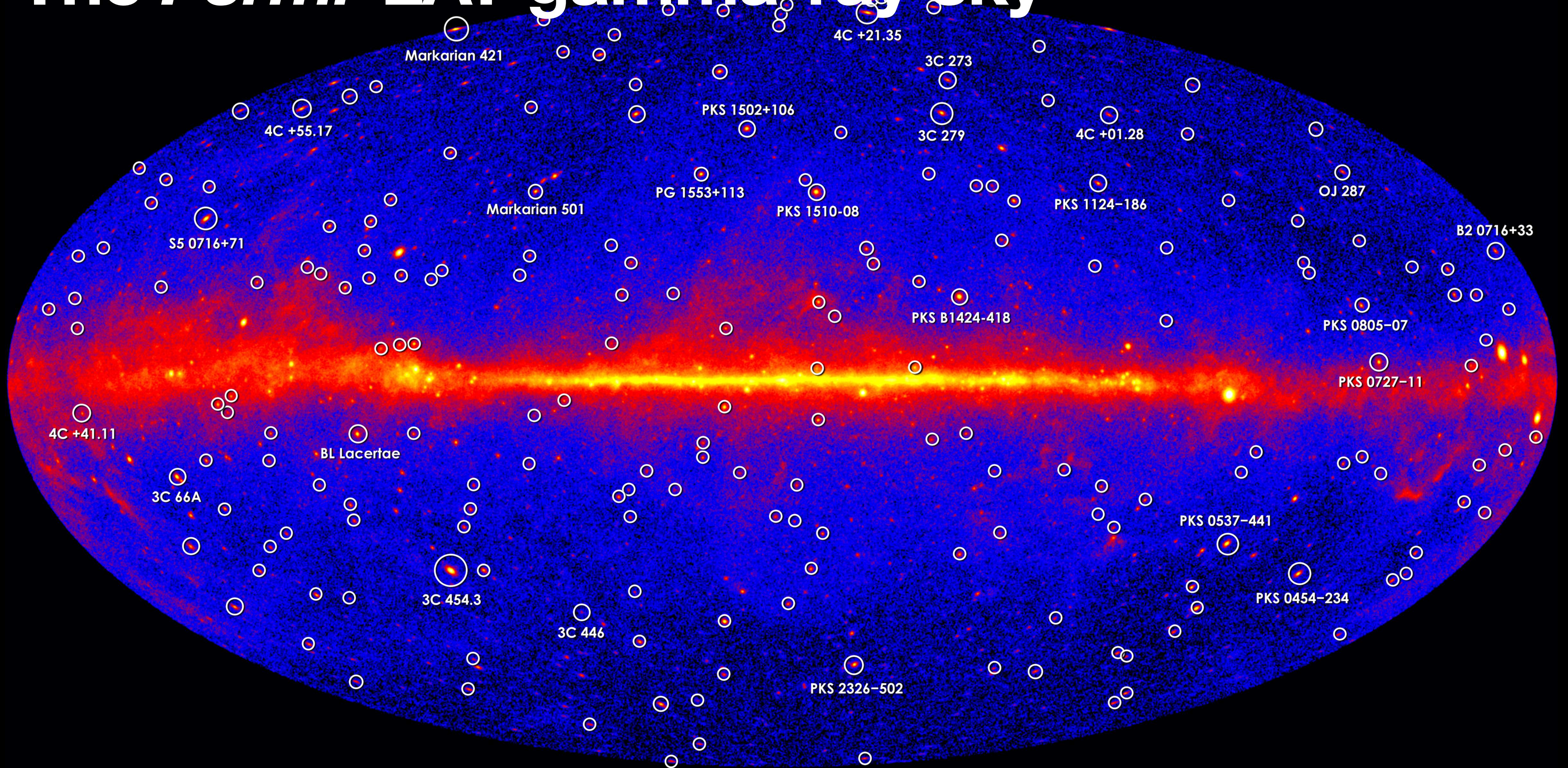


- Large fraction of the total luminosity of an active galaxy is non-thermal
- Emitted by the nuclei of the galaxy
- Energy generating mechanism: accretion on the SMBH in their center



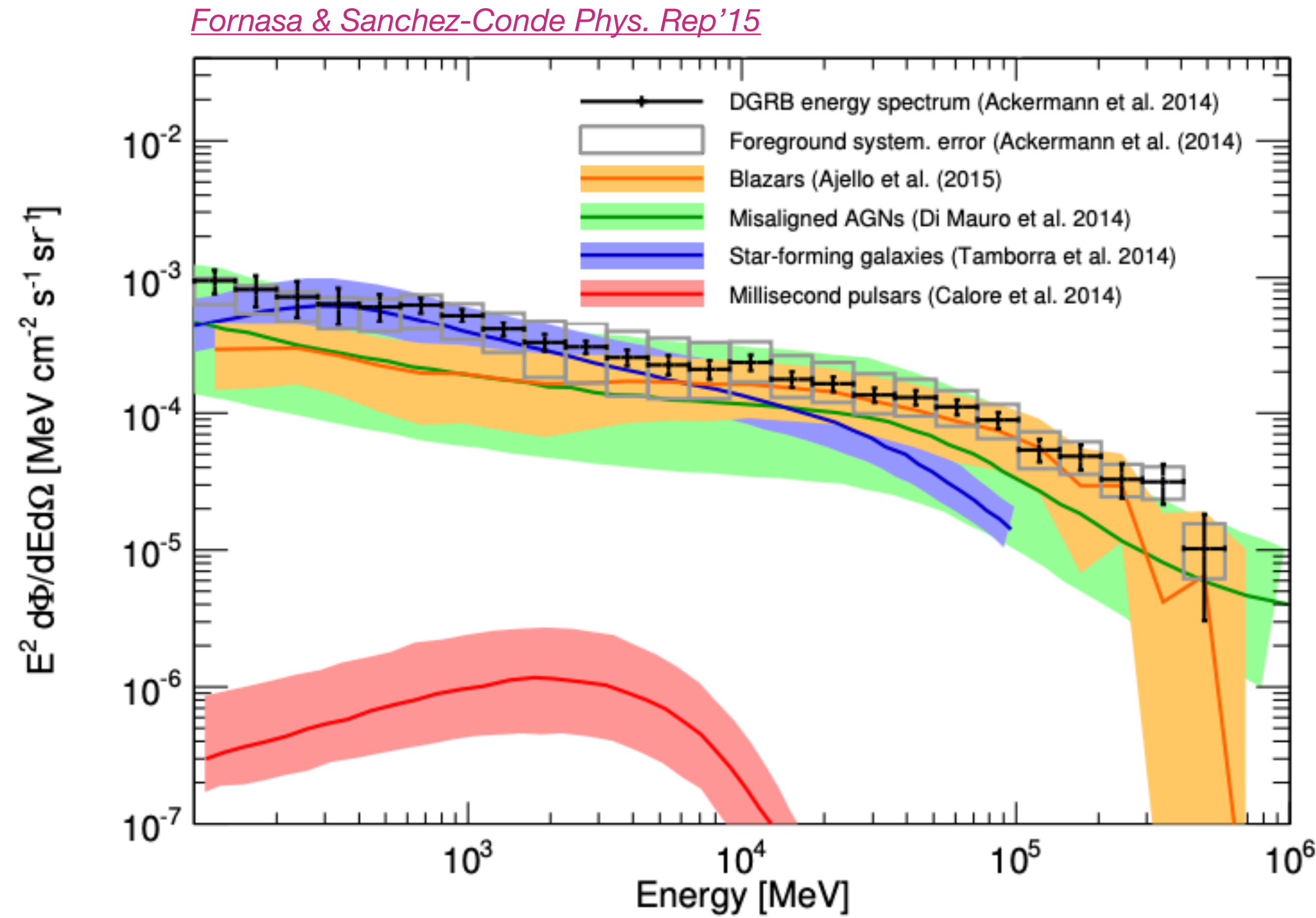
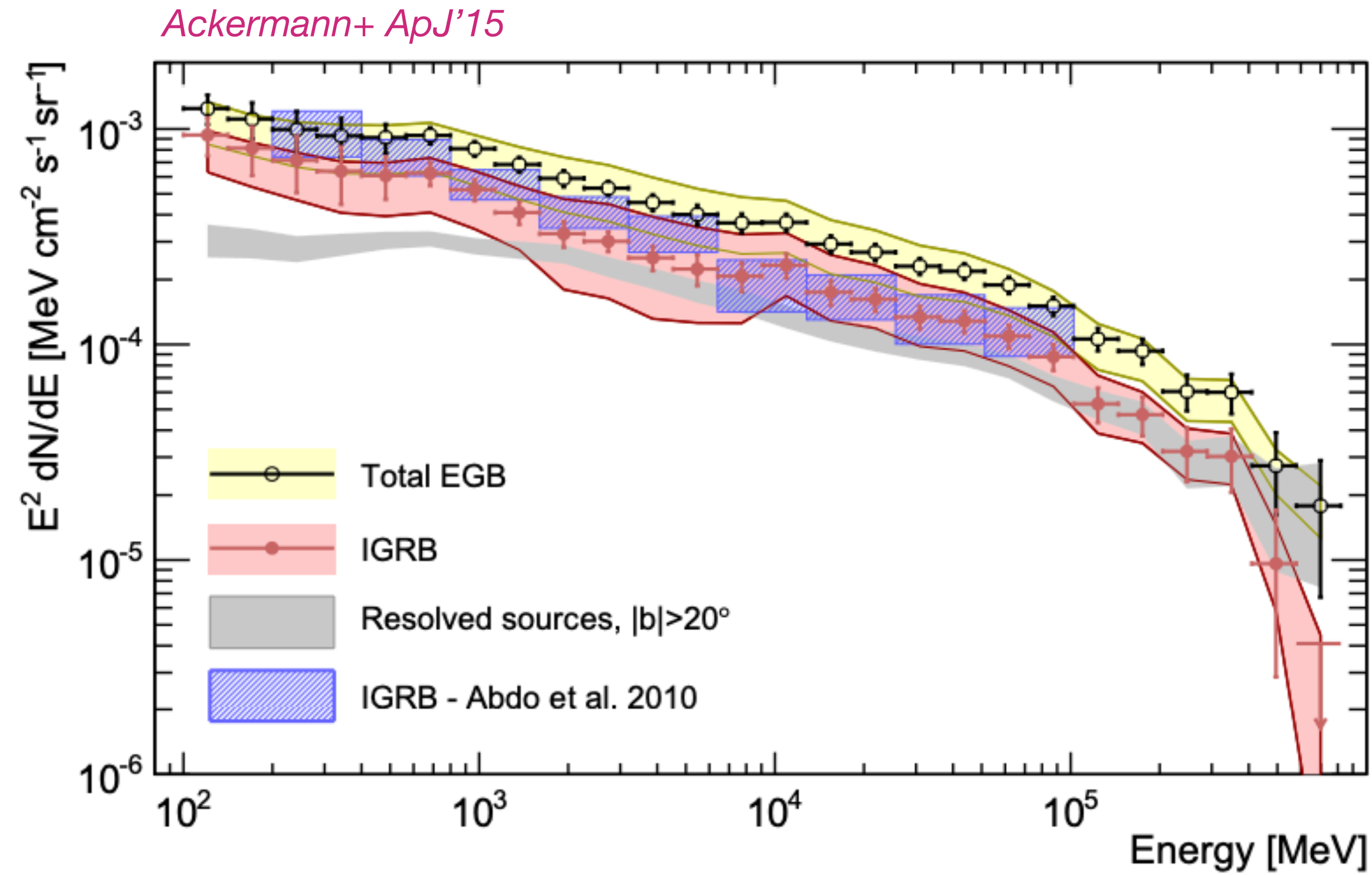


# The *Fermi*-LAT gamma-ray sky



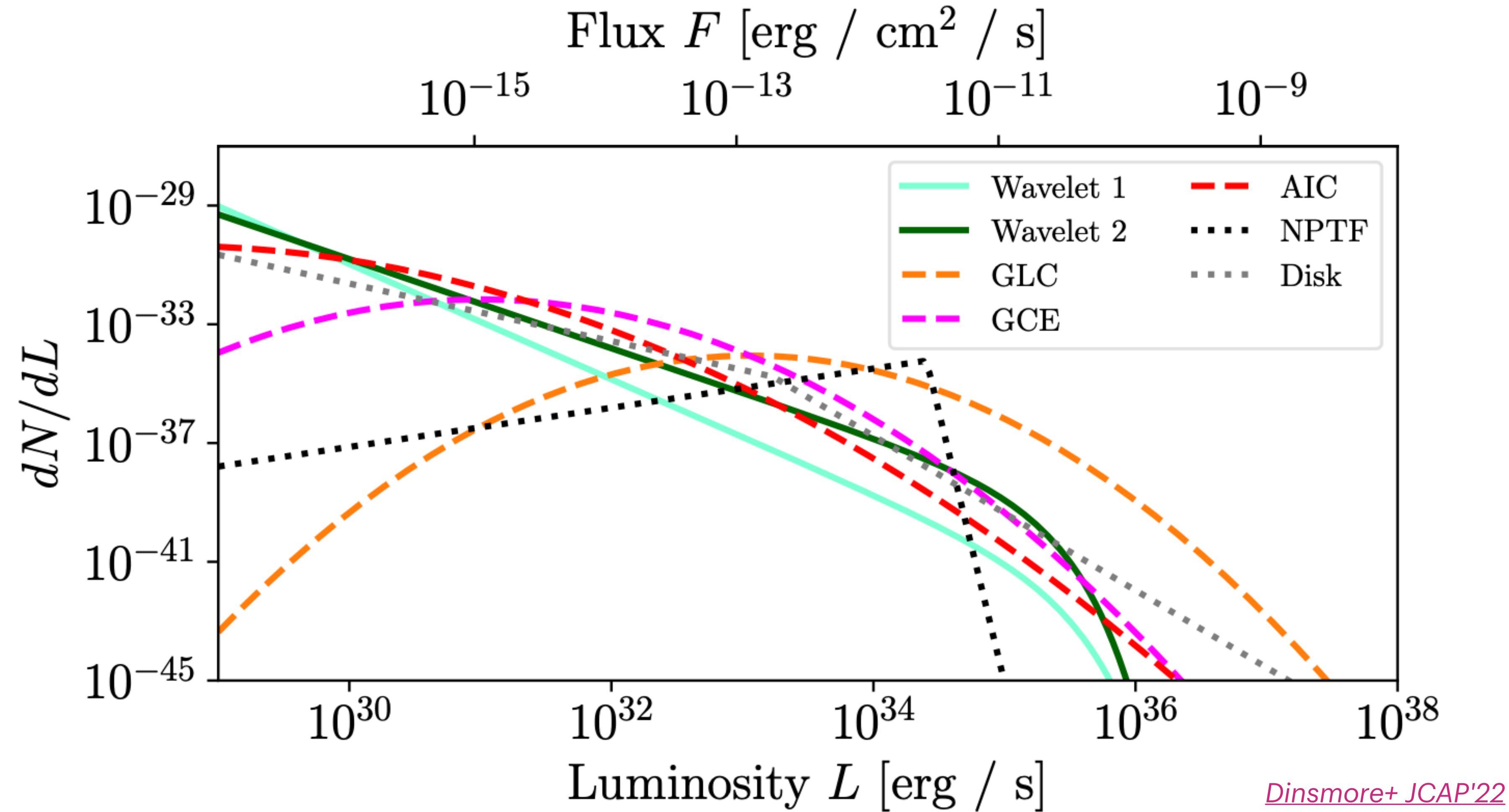


# Unresolved sources and the Fermi IGRB



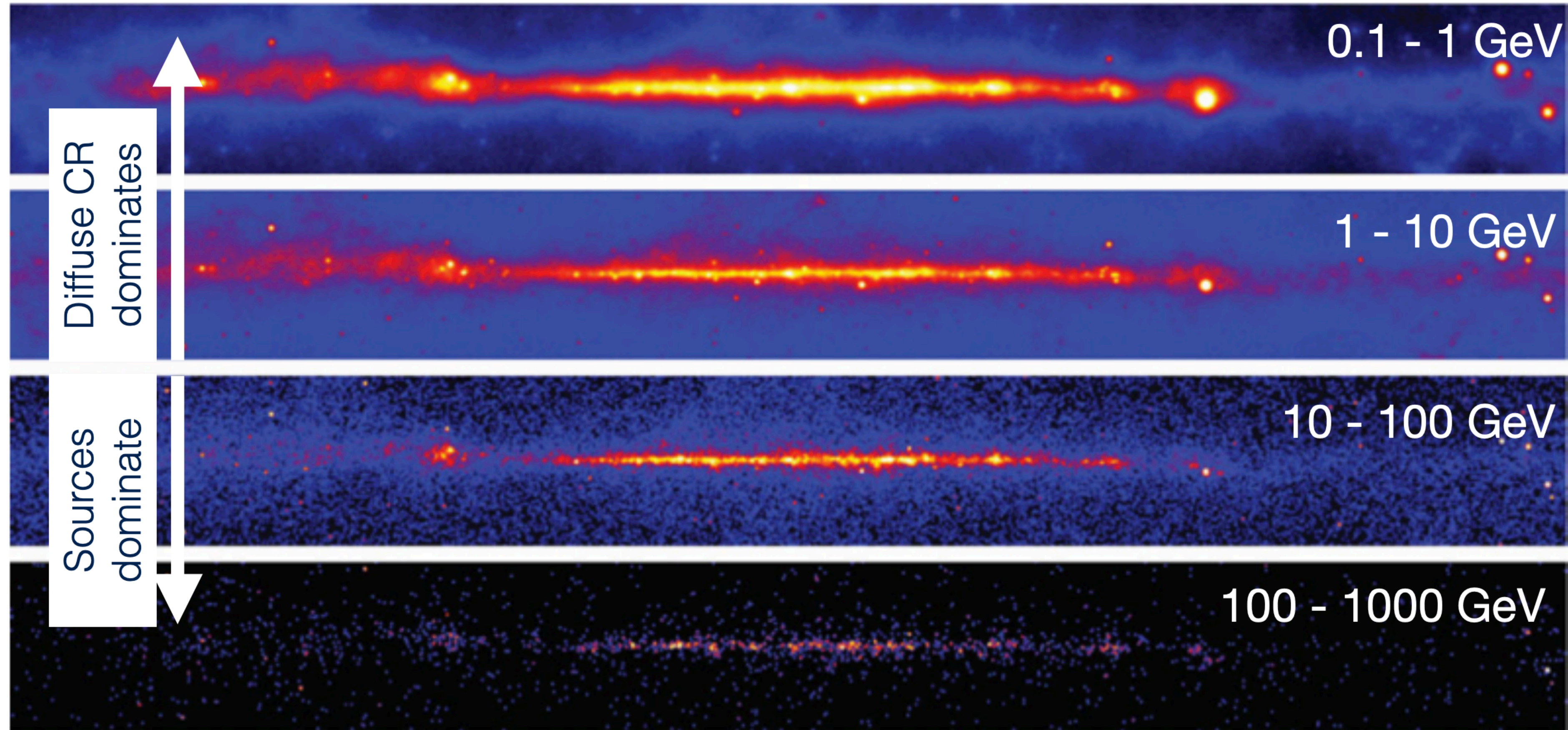


# Galactic unresolved sources





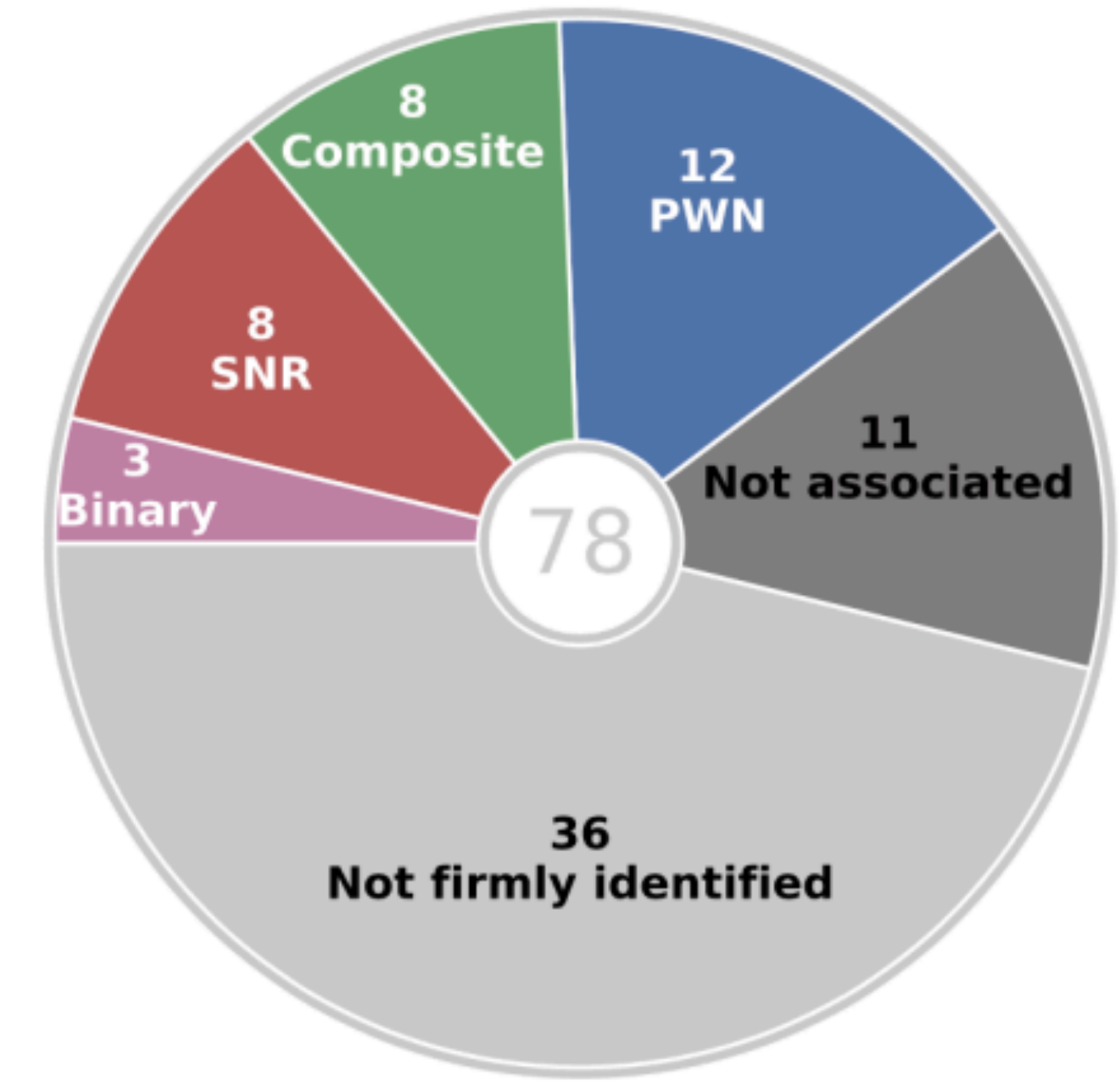
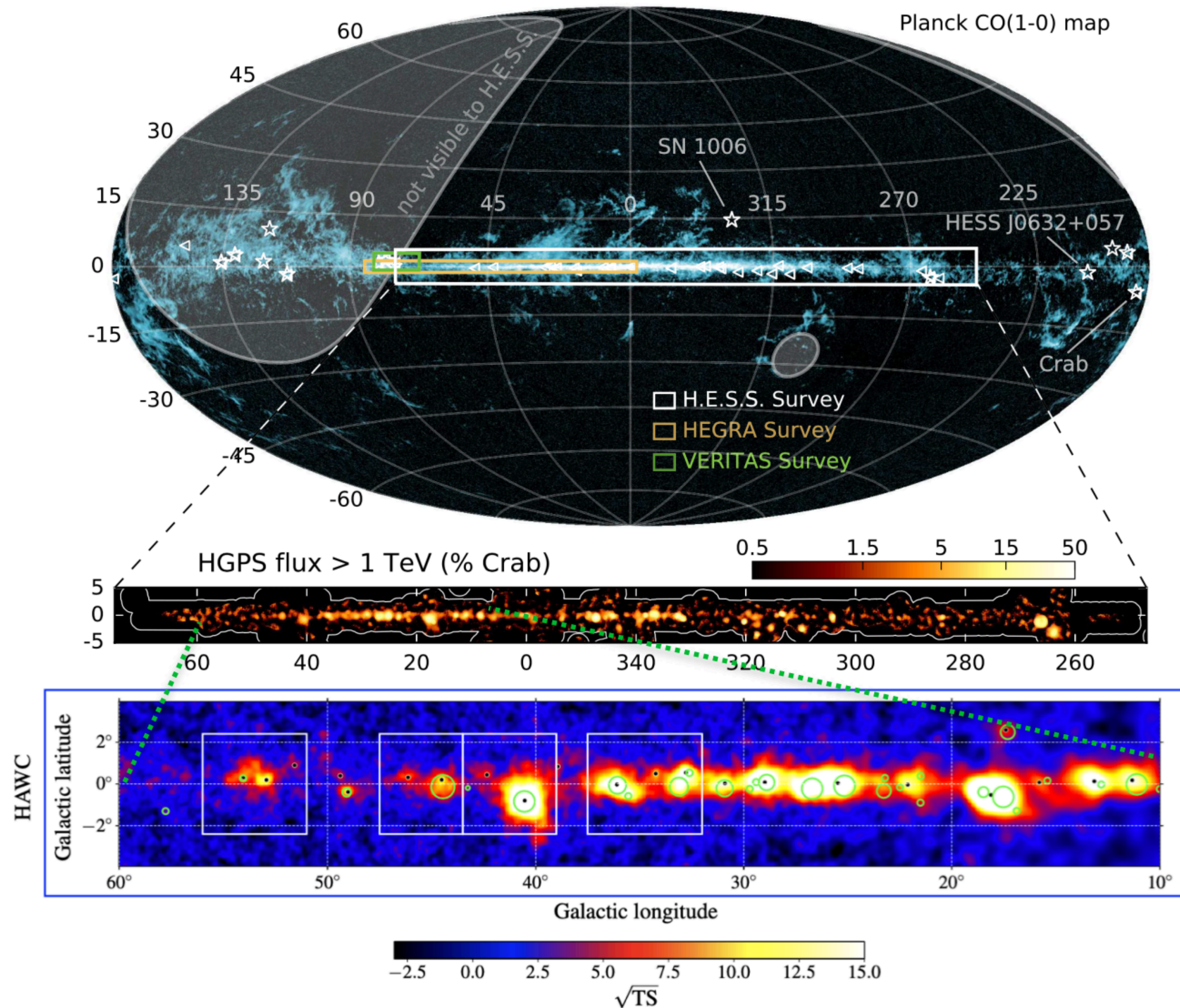
# Diffuse emission from TeV to sub-PeV





# Point sources at TeV energies

Despite small FoV IACTs can perform effective surveys

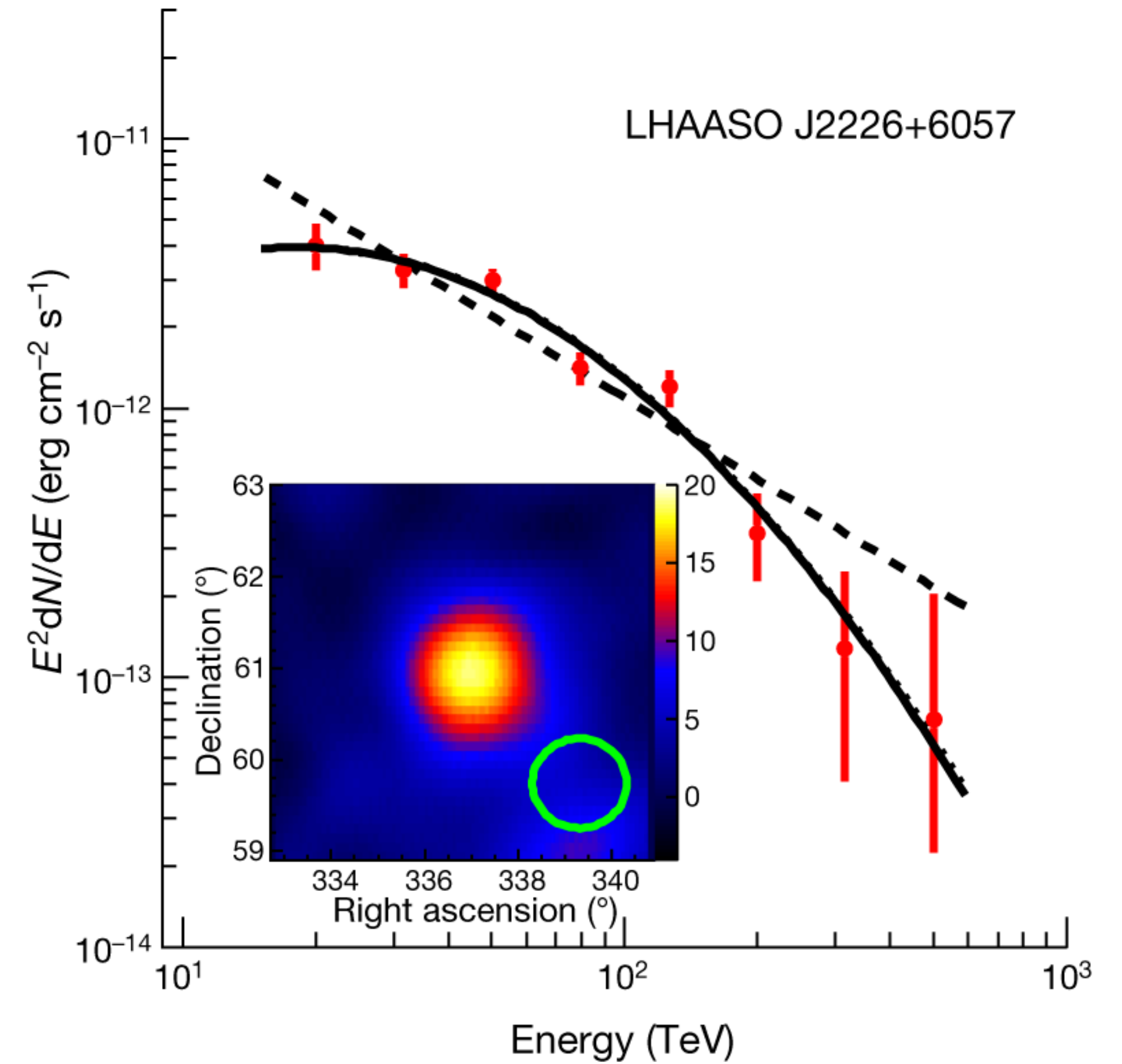
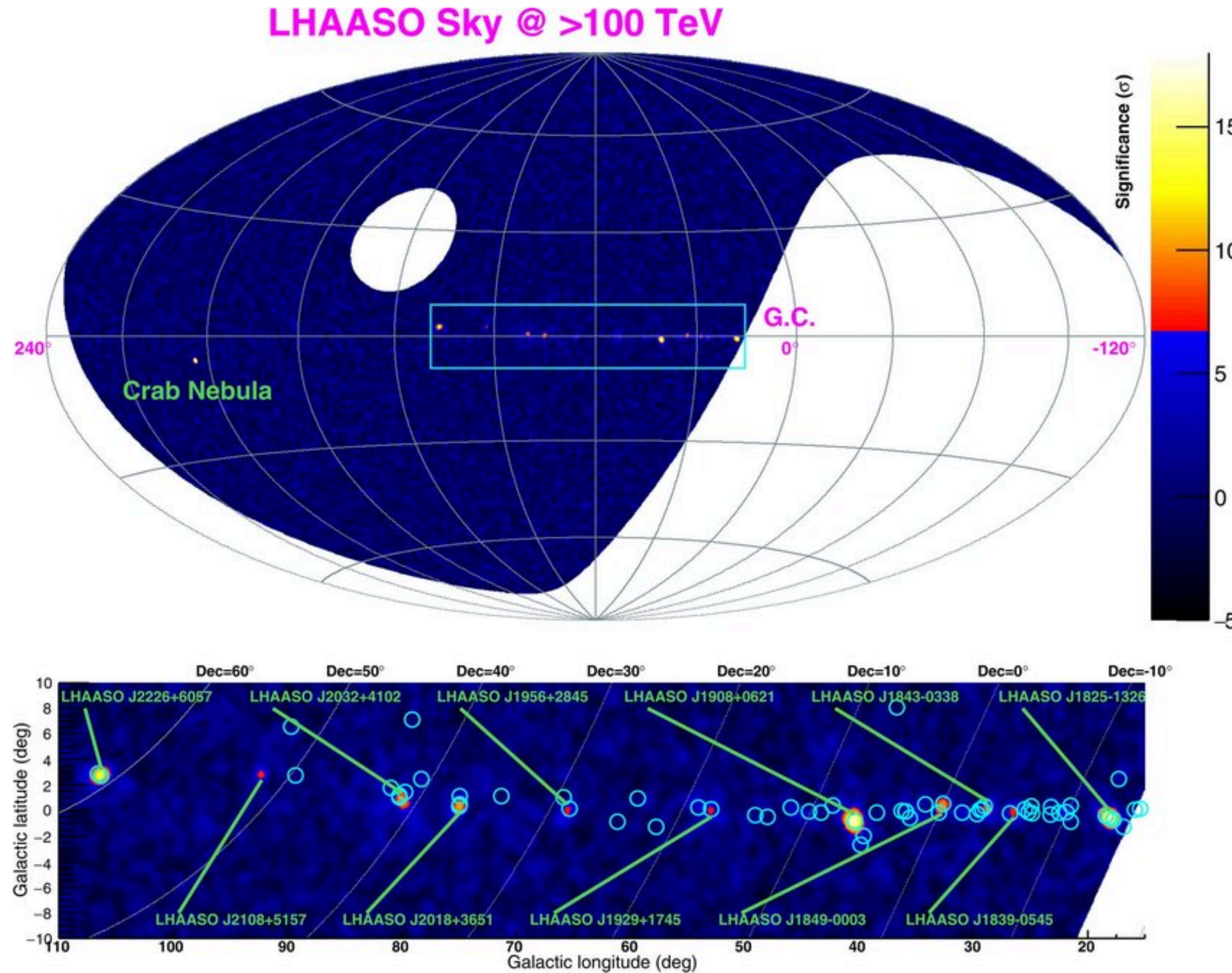


Galactic plane full of TeVatrons!

HAWC: Sources up to 100 TeV!



# Point sources at sub-PeV energies



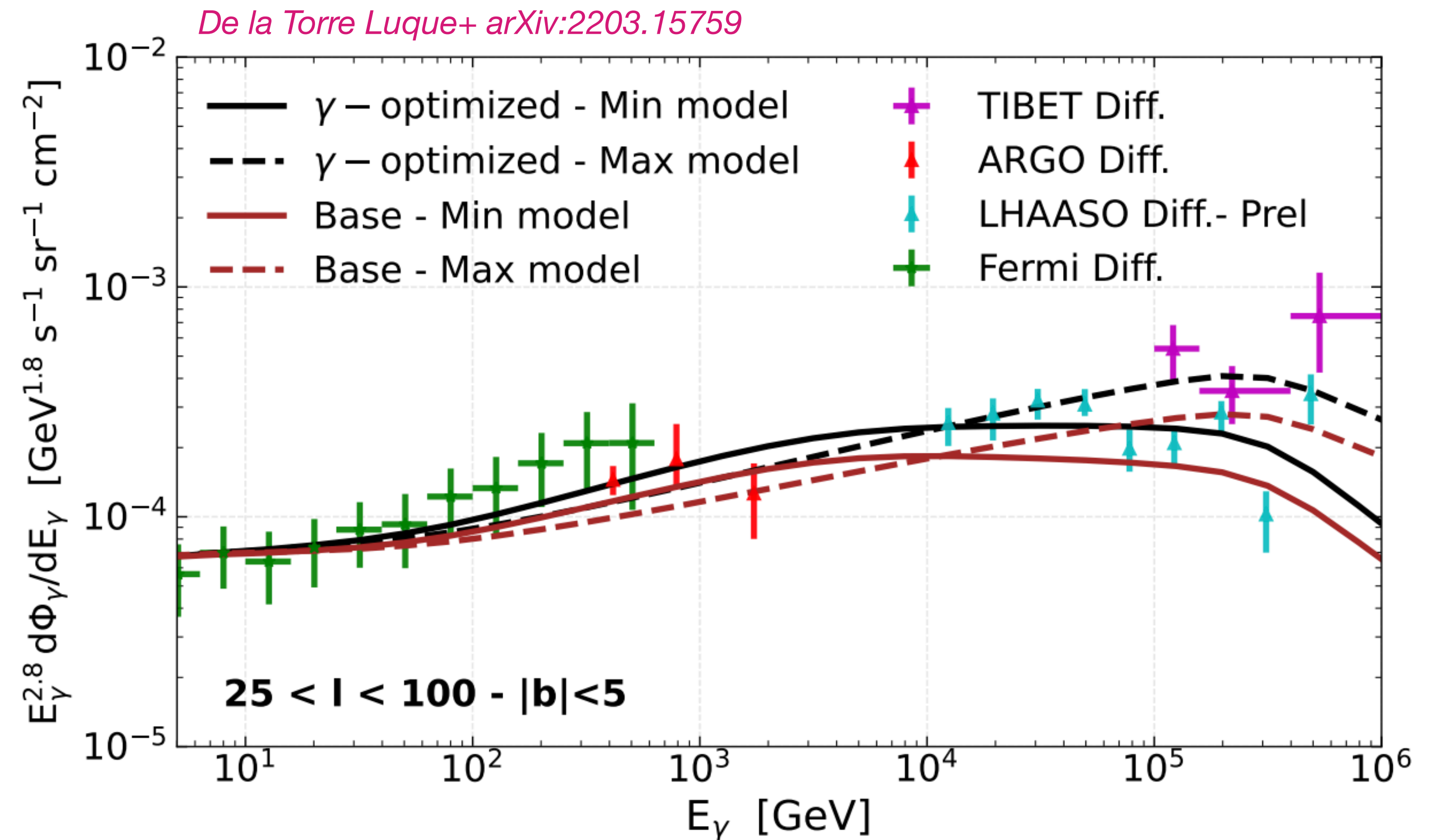
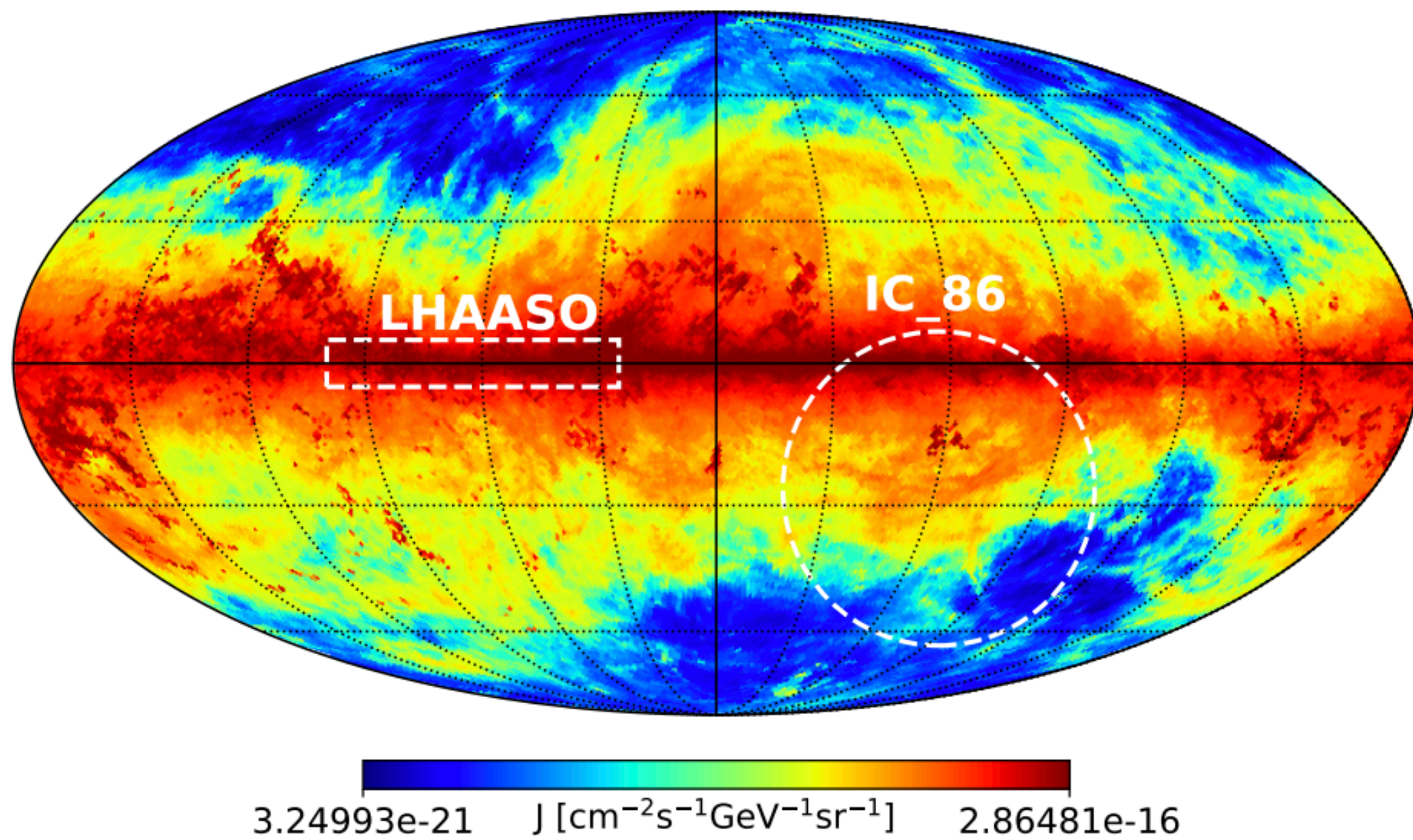
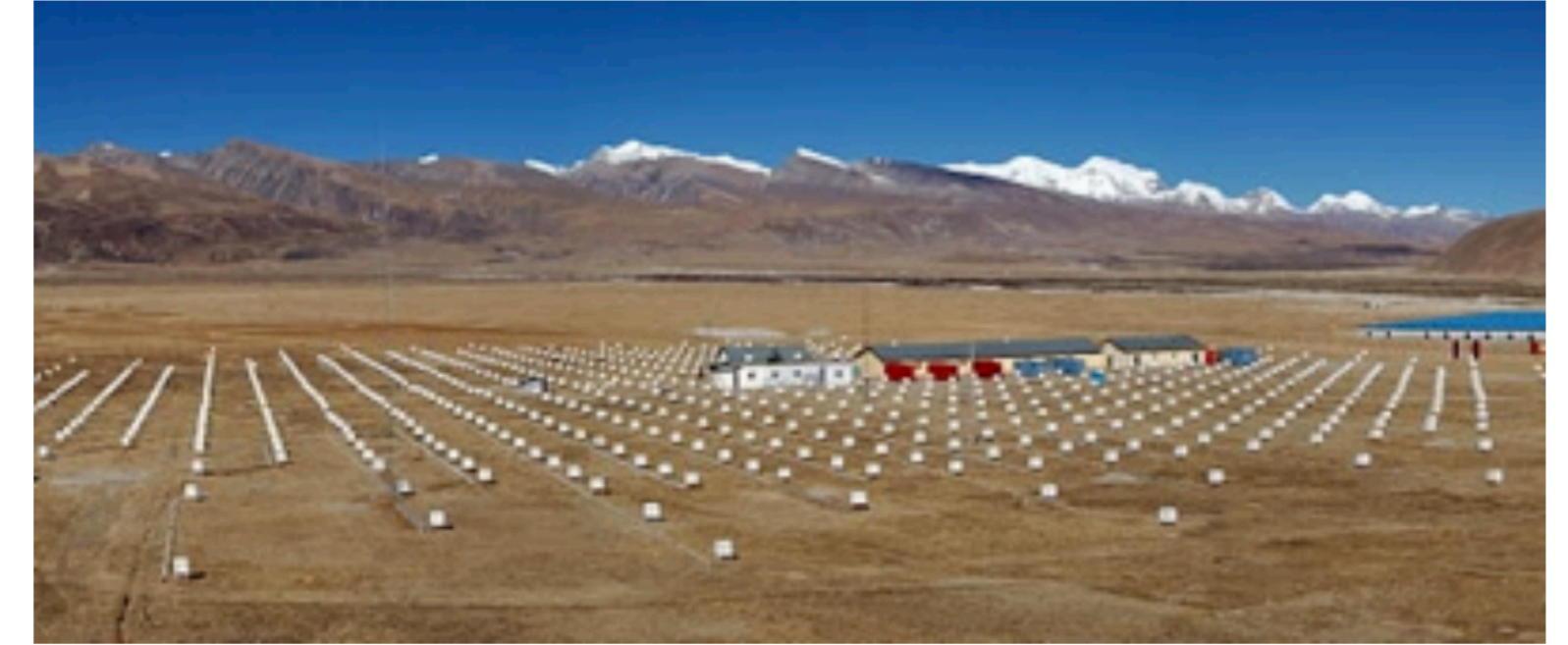
12 PeVatrons



# Diffuse emission: from TeV to sub-PeV

First Detection of sub-PeV Diffuse Gamma Rays from the Galactic Disk: Evidence for Ubiquitous Galactic Cosmic Rays beyond PeV Energies

M. Amenomori *et al.* (Tibet AS $_{\gamma}$  Collaboration)  
Phys. Rev. Lett. **126**, 141101 – Published 5 April 2021





# Why do we want to look for new physics?

1. Physics BSM is strongly motivated
2. It already happened in the past to find some surprise in astro data which led to major discoveries (e.g. neutrino oscillations)
3. Anomalies in astroparticle observables do exist and BSM physics may be the answer
4. If there, you expect astrophysical signatures of BSM physics. If you don't find them you can set constraints onto the relevant parameter space

Astroparticle observables can be either a **discovery** tool or a **constraint-setting** one



# Challenges

Unusual scales of density, temperature, size, time, energy... if compared with what achievable in Earth laboratories!

Conceivable that some physics extrapolations may fail, highlighting new phenomena/regimes

We do not control the **environment**. This requires effort to understand astrophysics to devise 'robust' new physics **signatures** and validation tests

*Main goal:* Help you to schematise some research direction in **dark matter/BSM** searches

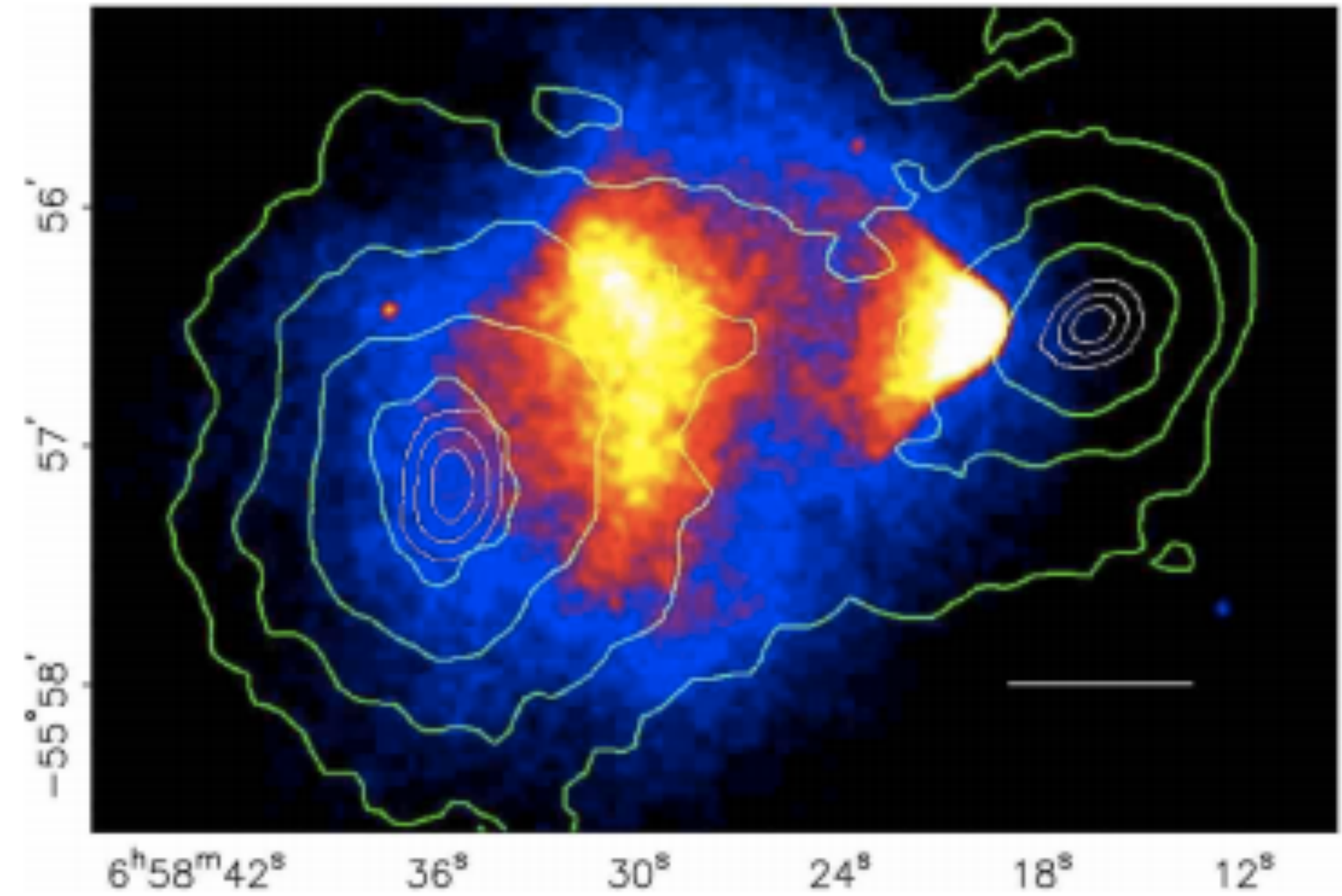
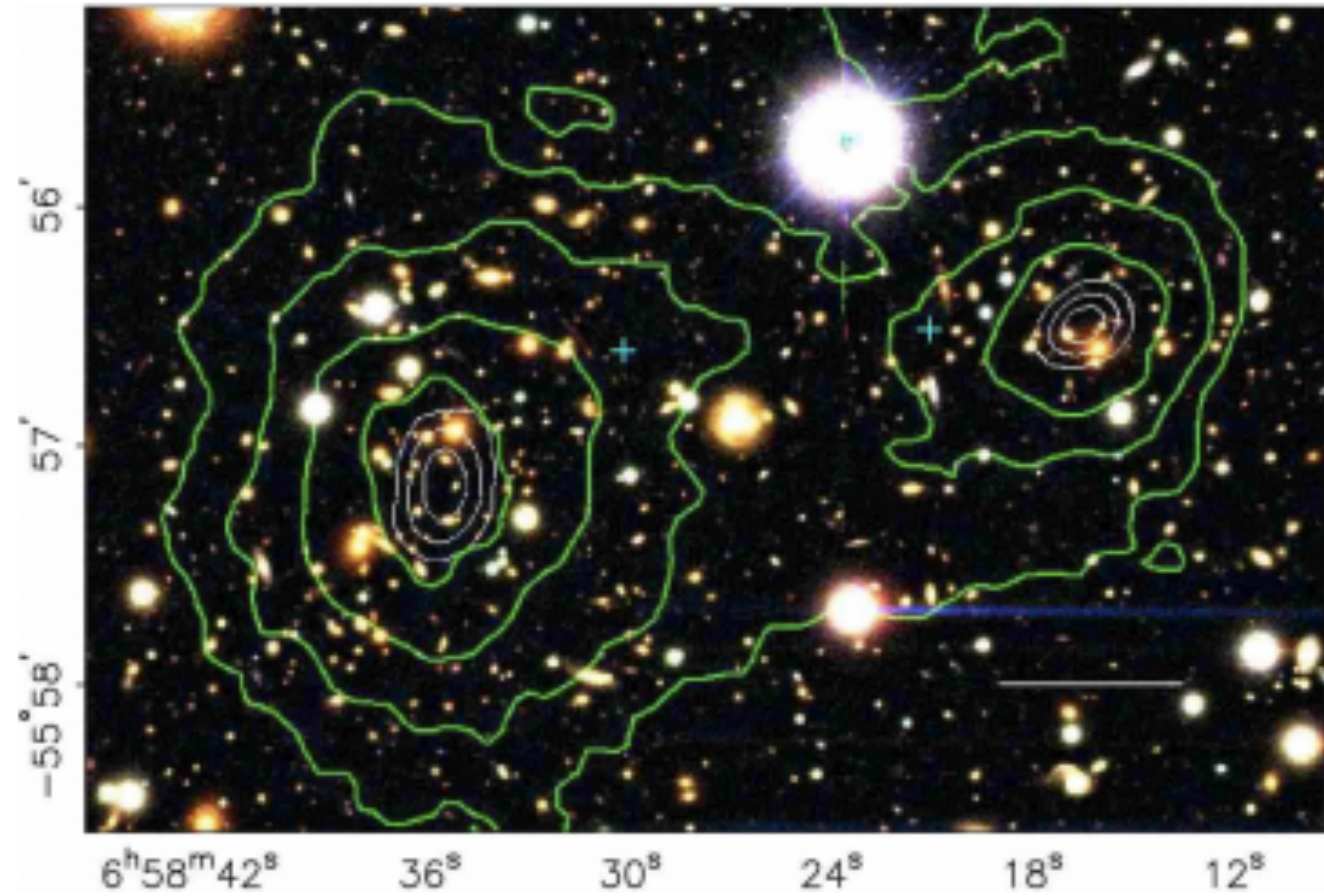


# Dark matter in the sky



# Collisionless matter

Bullet Cluster (1E 0657-56)





# The dark matter landscape



Vast parameter space in mass and interaction strength

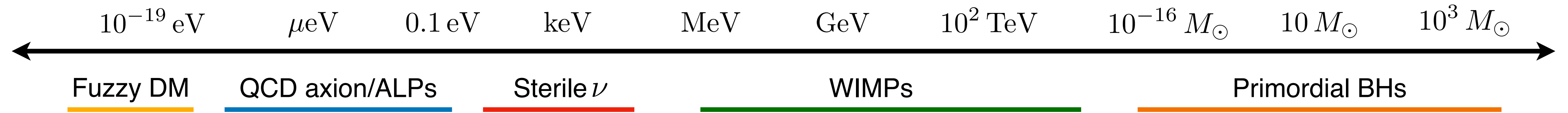


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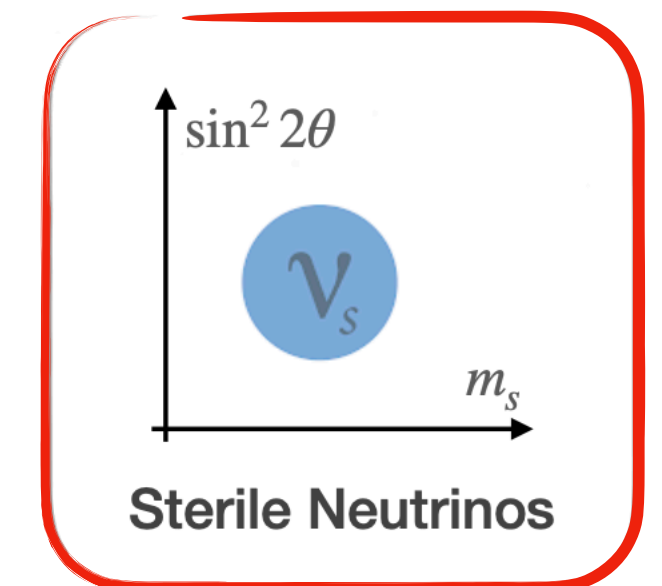
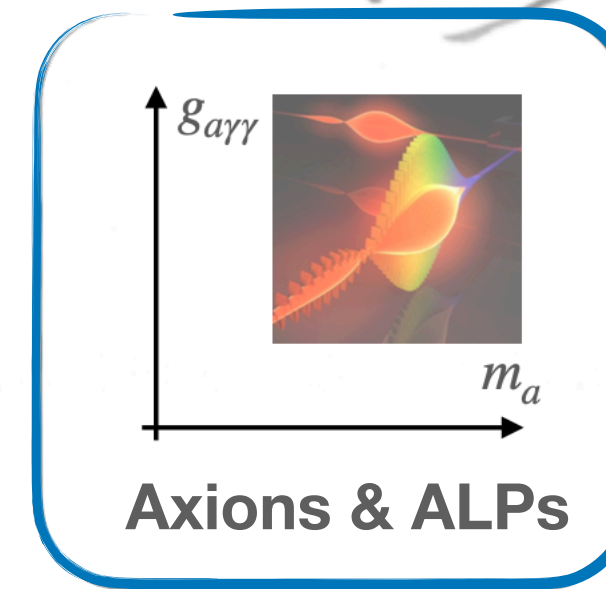
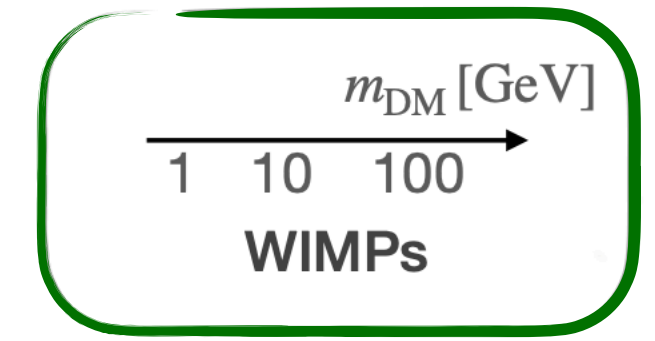
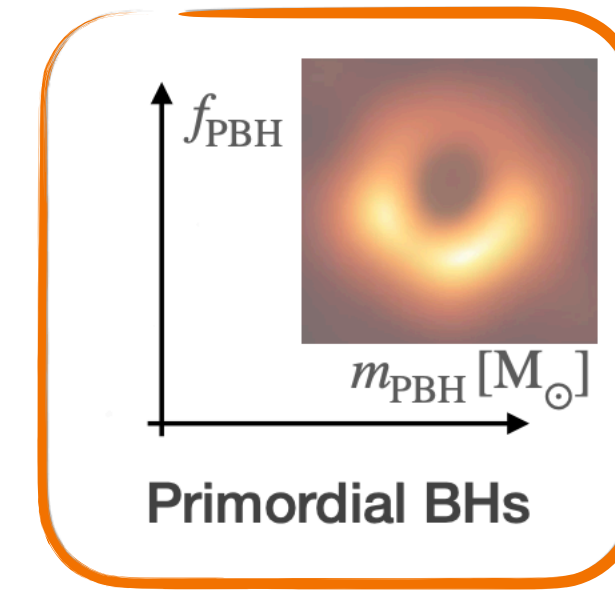




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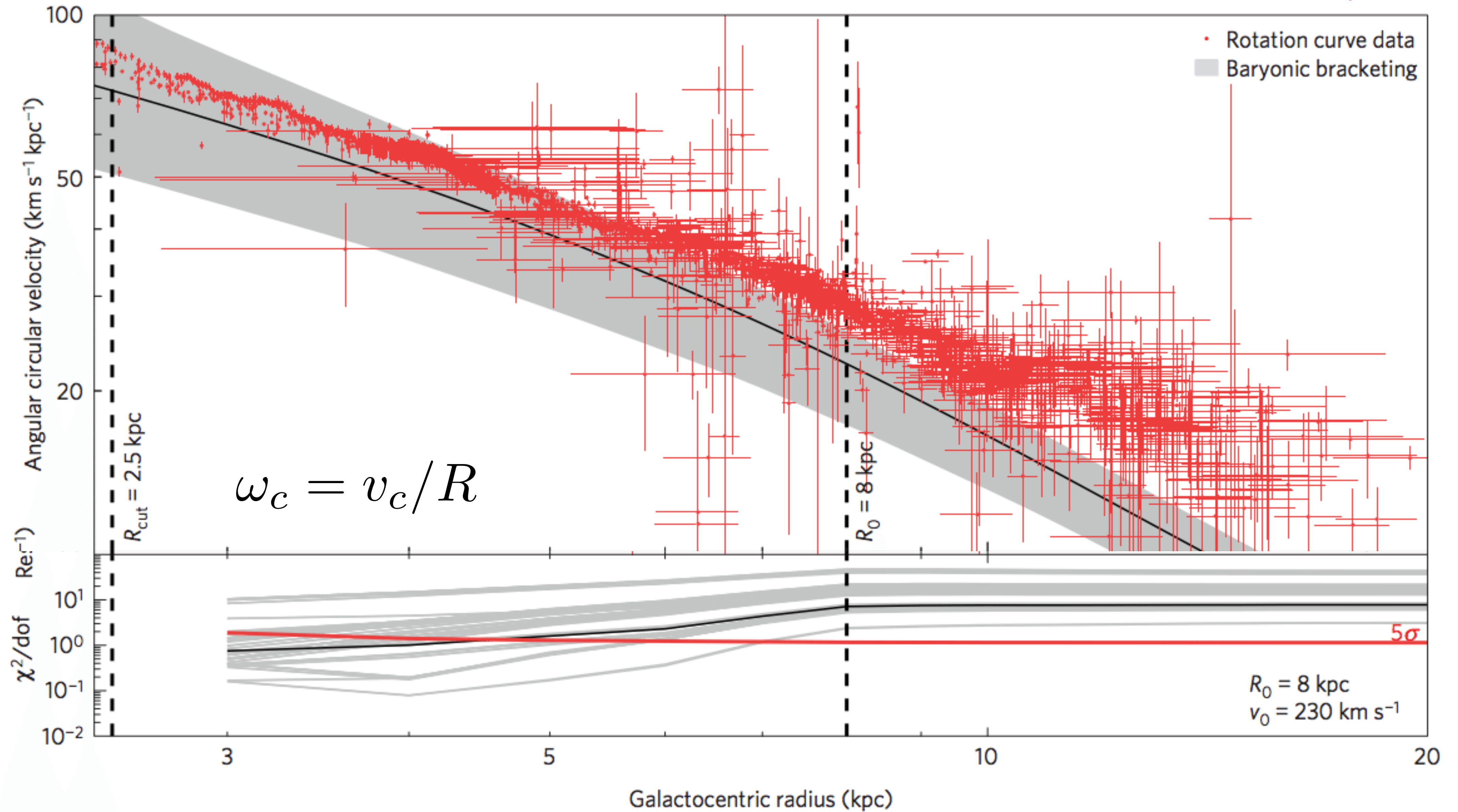
- Identification strategies are necessarily (more or less) **model dependent**
- The **theoretical prejudice** in dark matter searches is also set by what we can probe with available data
- You always need some sort of signature of your model!



Credit: J. Alvey, EuCAPT Symposium 2021

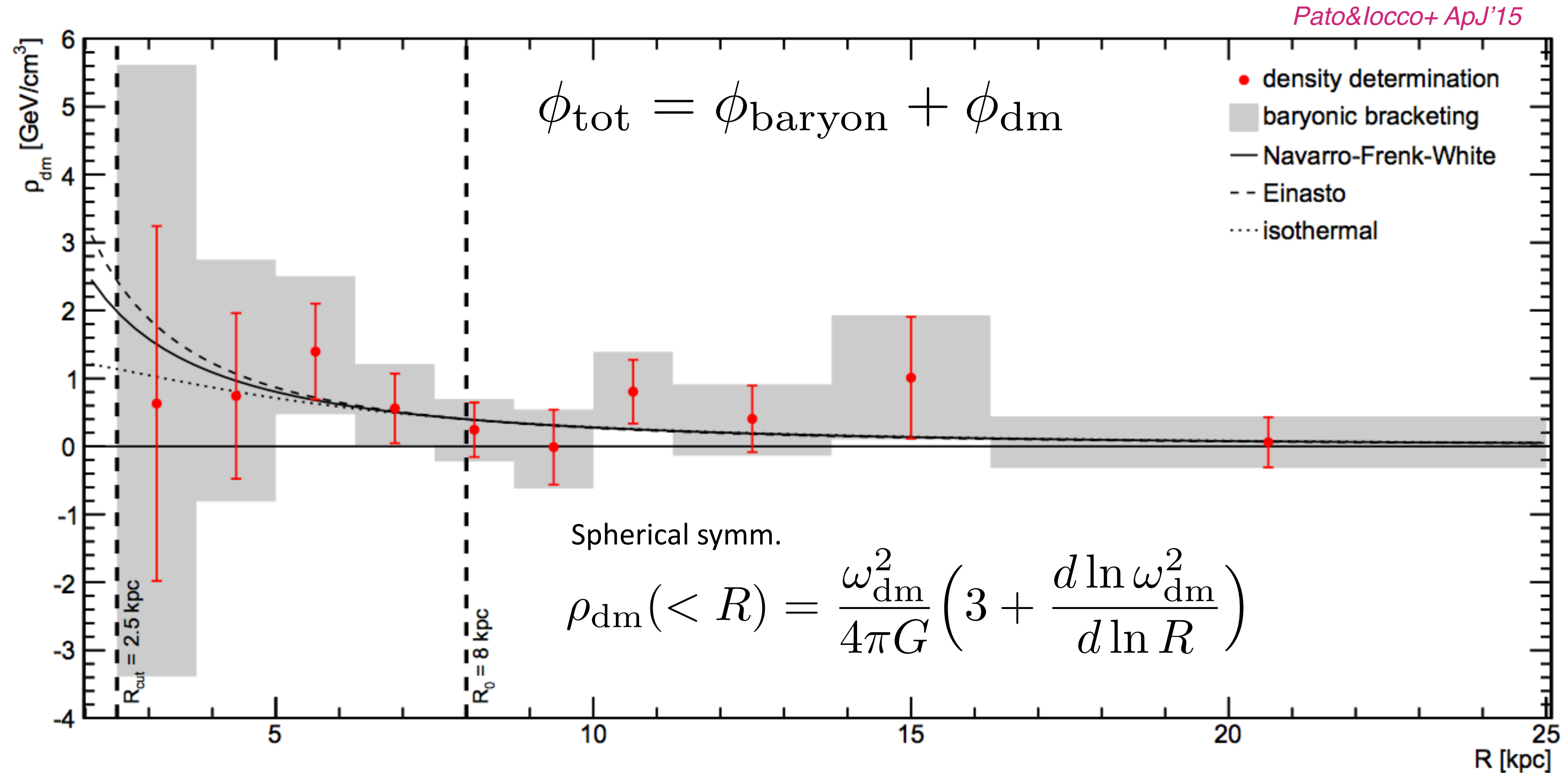
# Milky Way rotation curve

*locco+ Nature Physics'15*



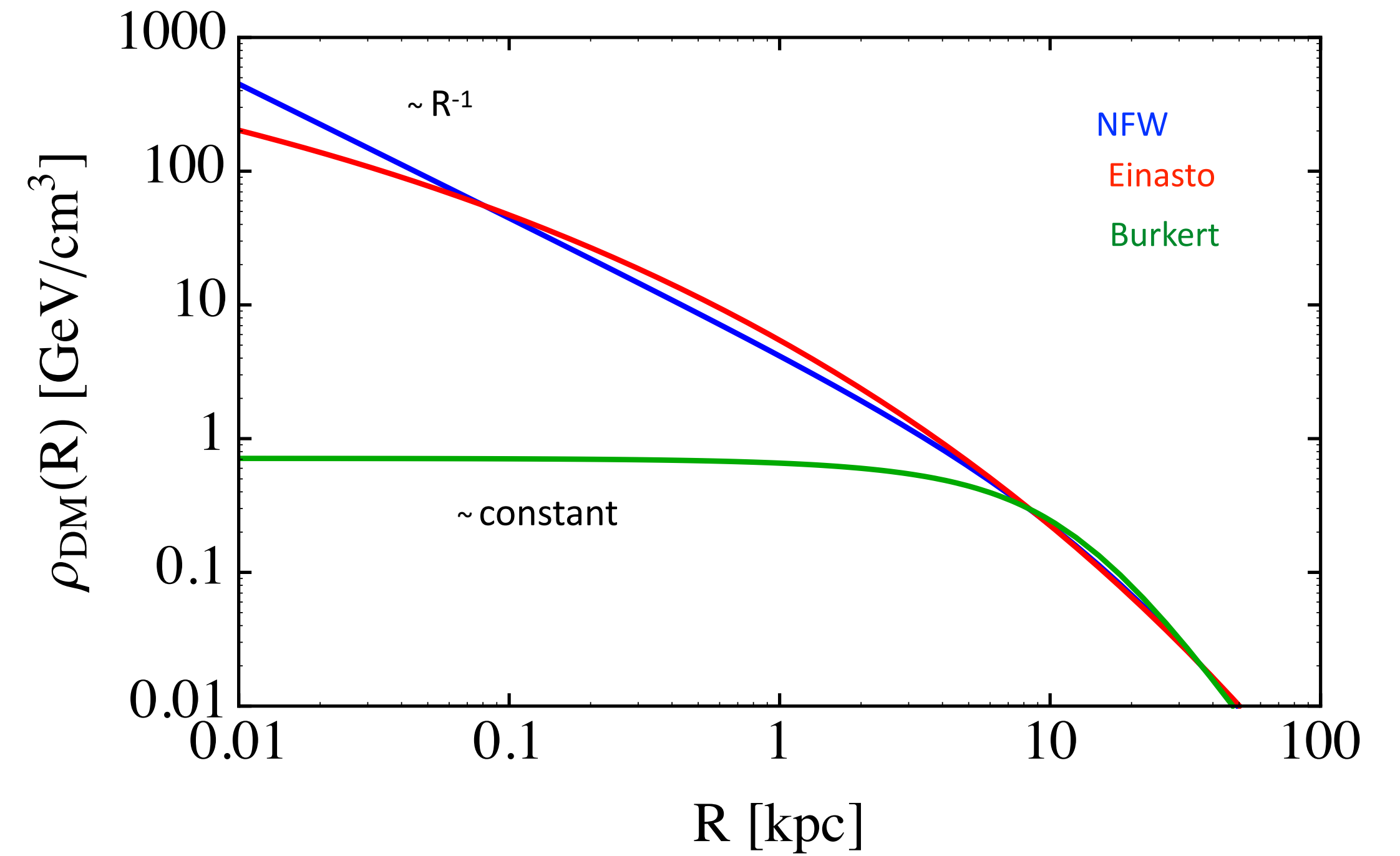
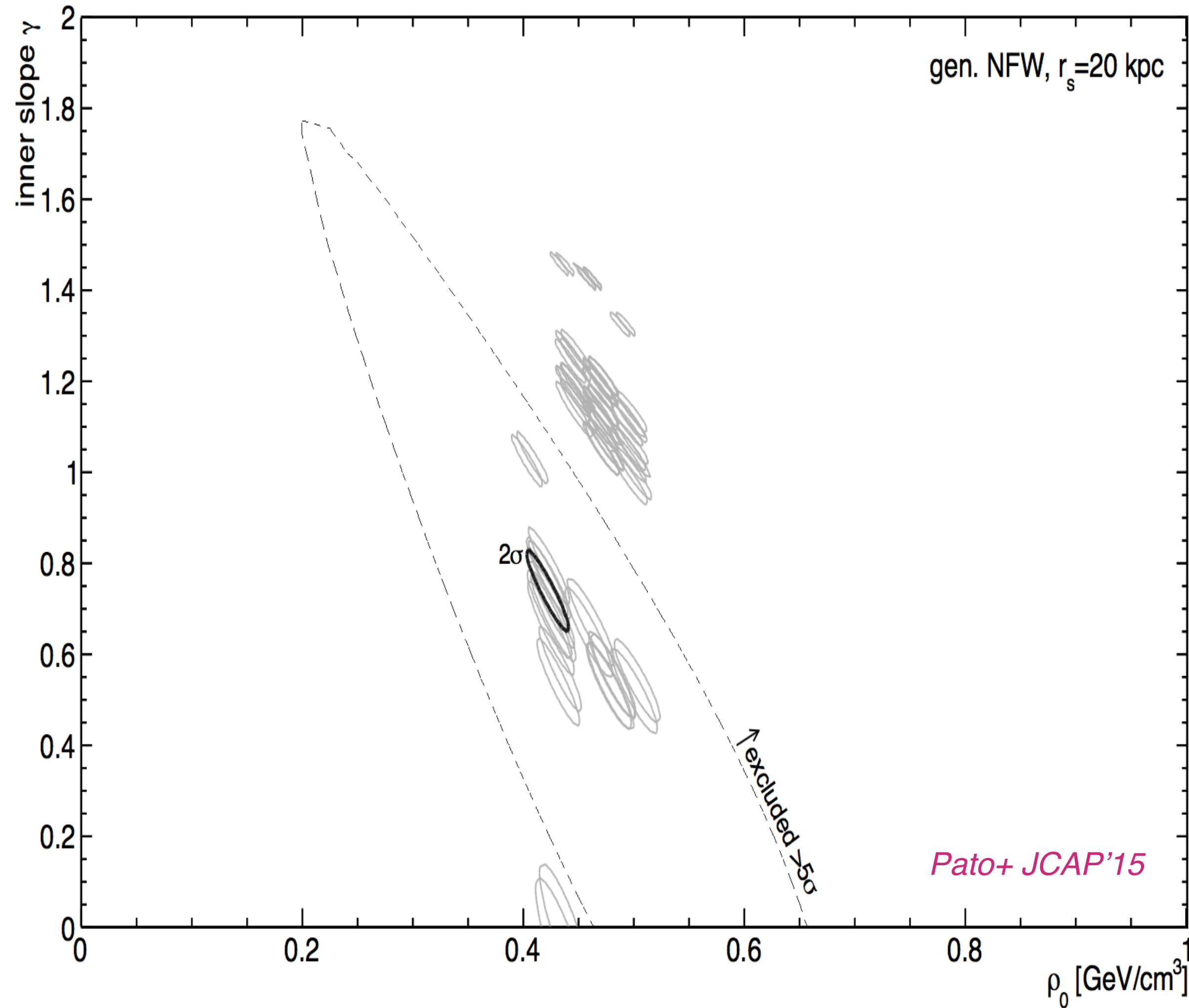


# Milky Way DM density



**Non-parametric reconstruction:** approach free of profile assumptions, but uncertainties are large and hinder discrimination power between different radial behaviours.

# Milky Way DM density

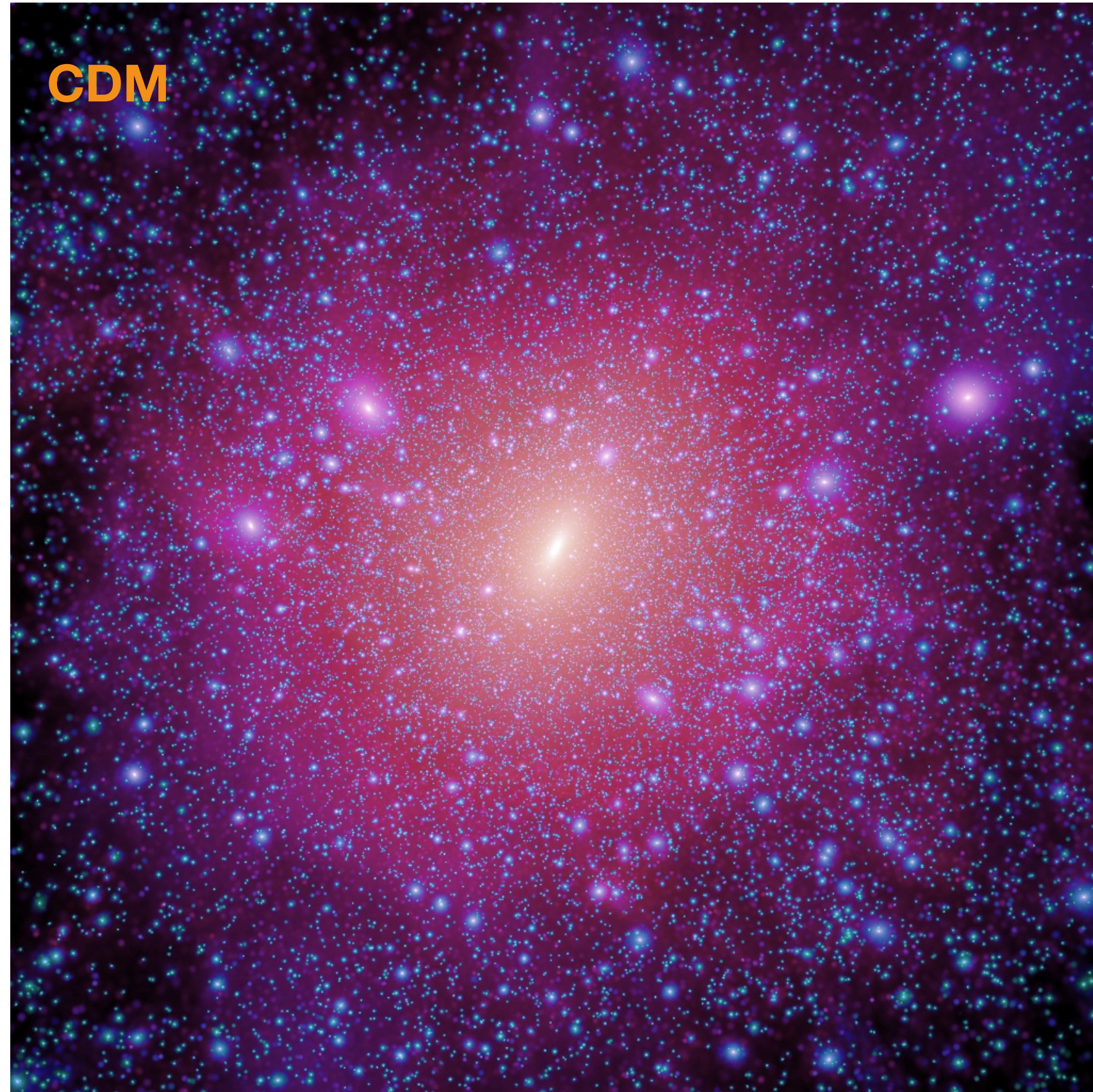


**Parametric reconstruction:** strong profile assumptions, “global” method to derive local DM density.

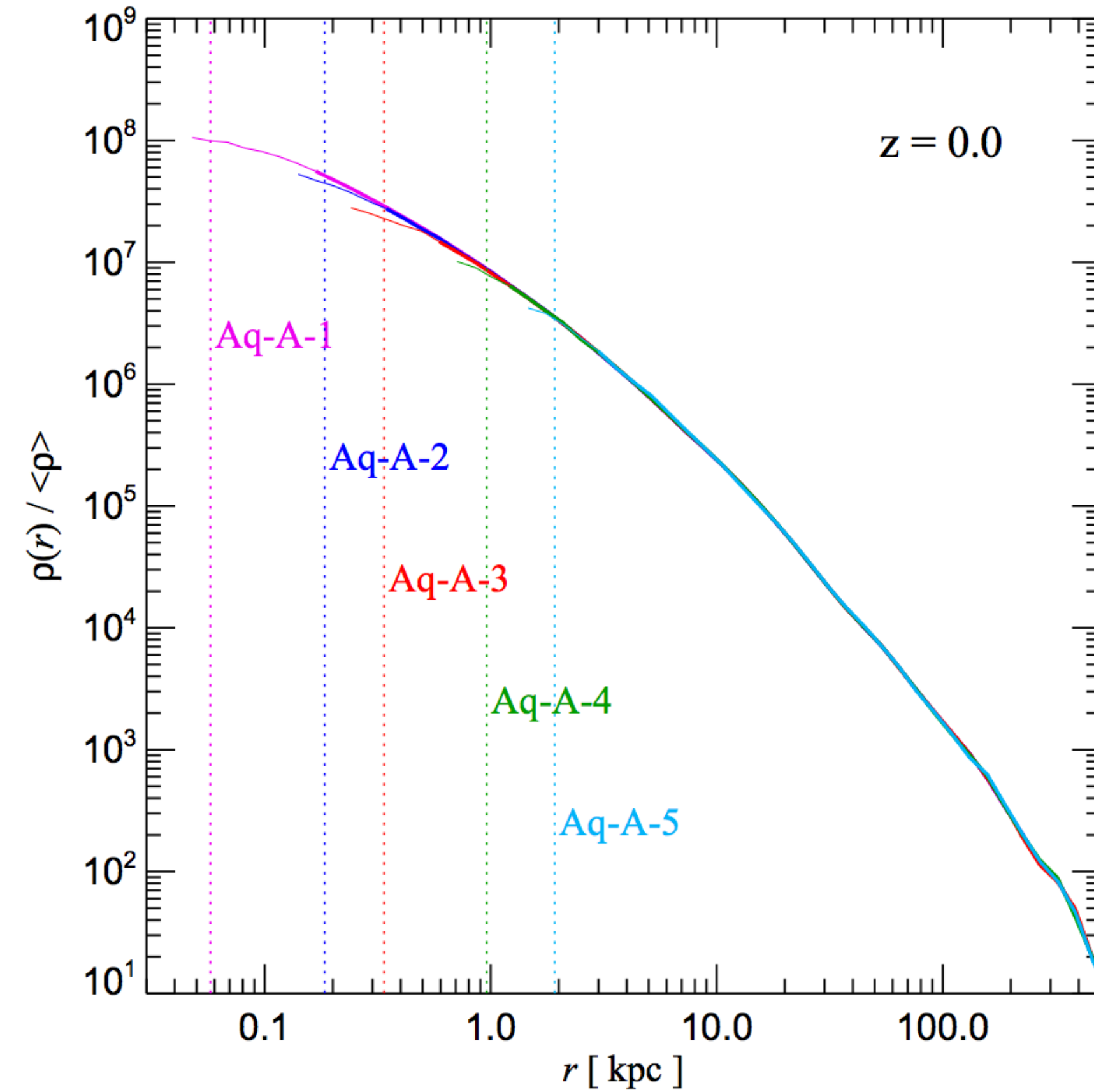
*e.g: Pato+ JCAP'15; McMillan+ MNRAS'16; Iocco&Benito PDU'17*



# DM density in haloes



Springel+ MNRAS'08

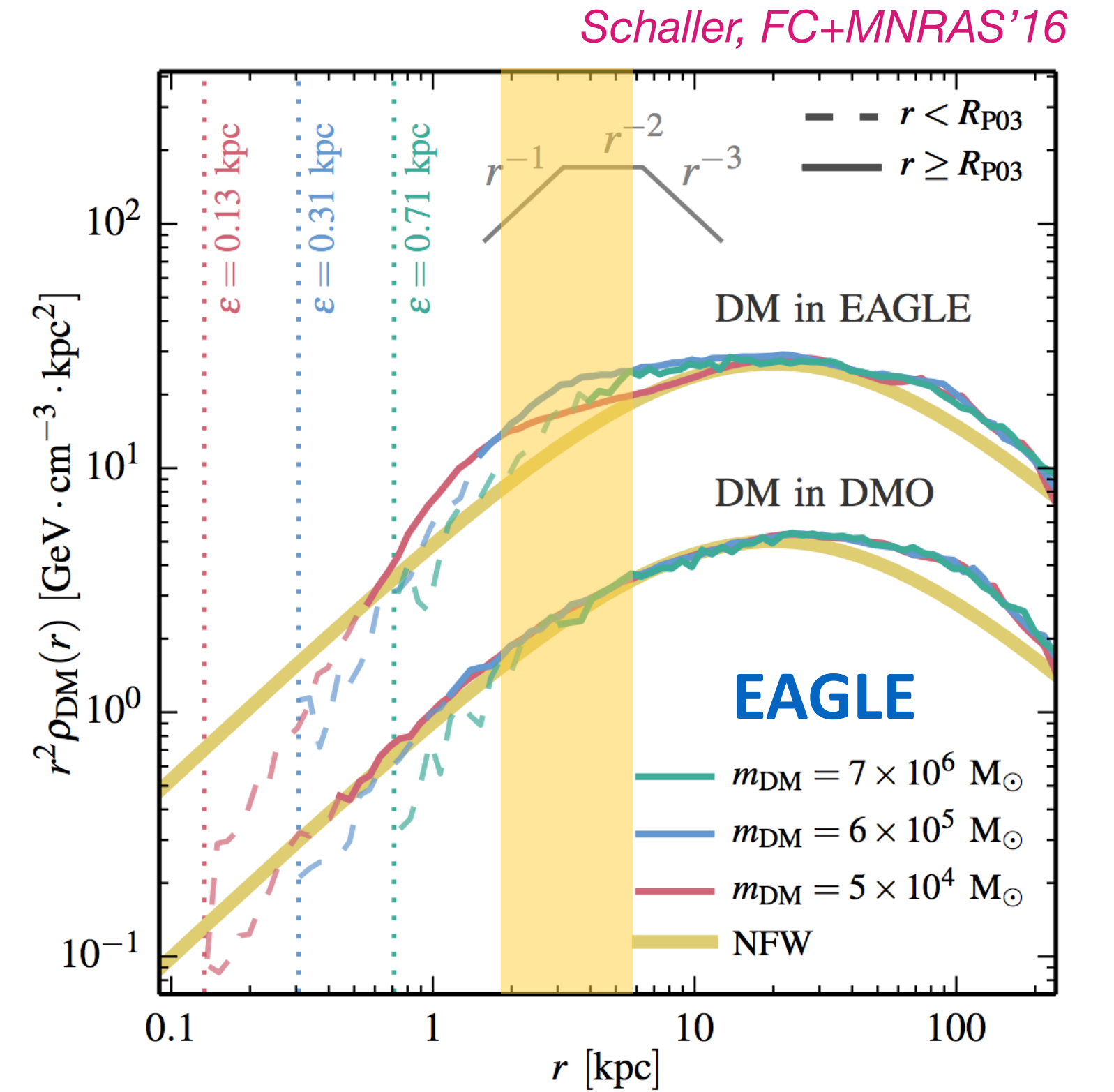
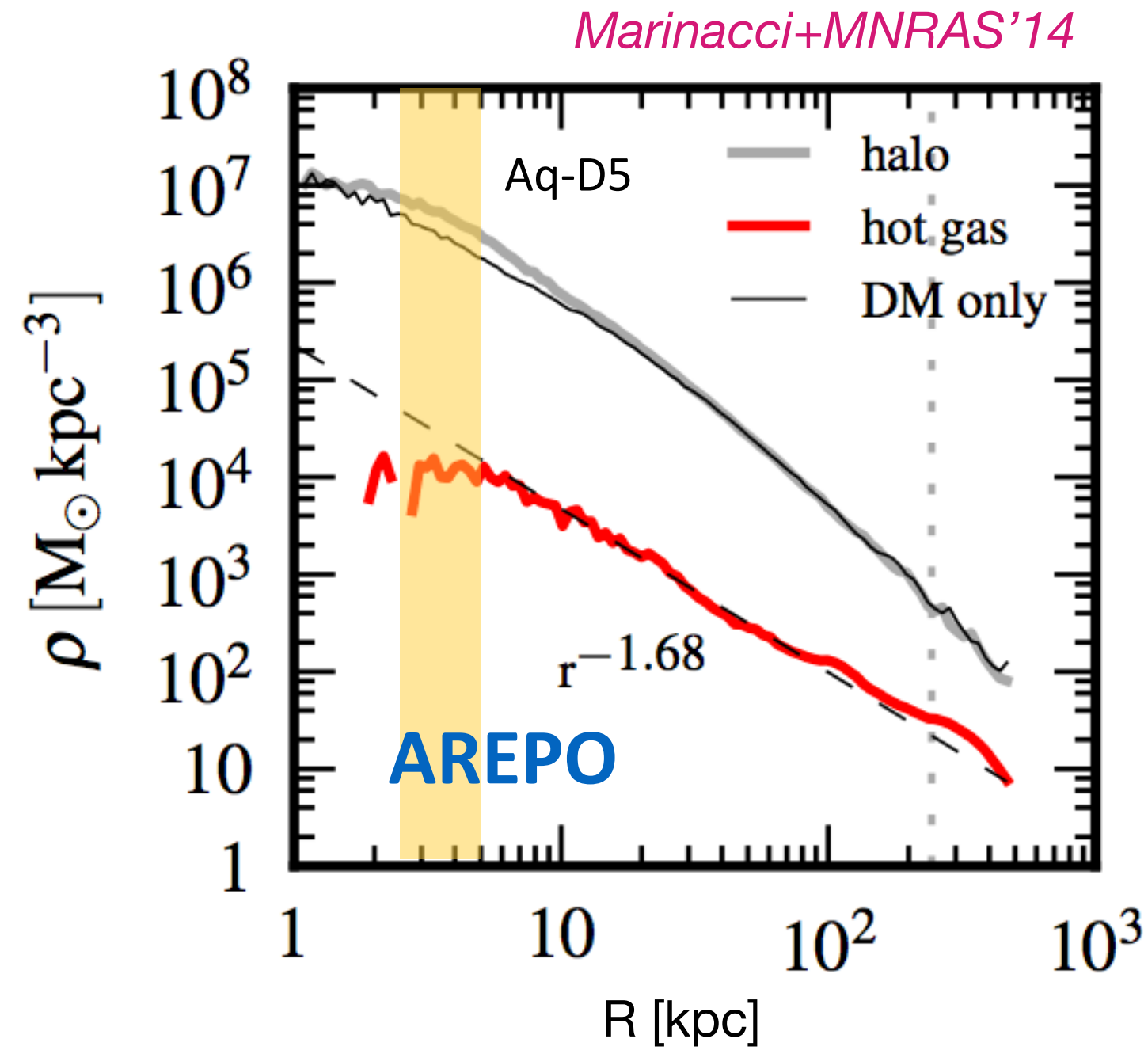
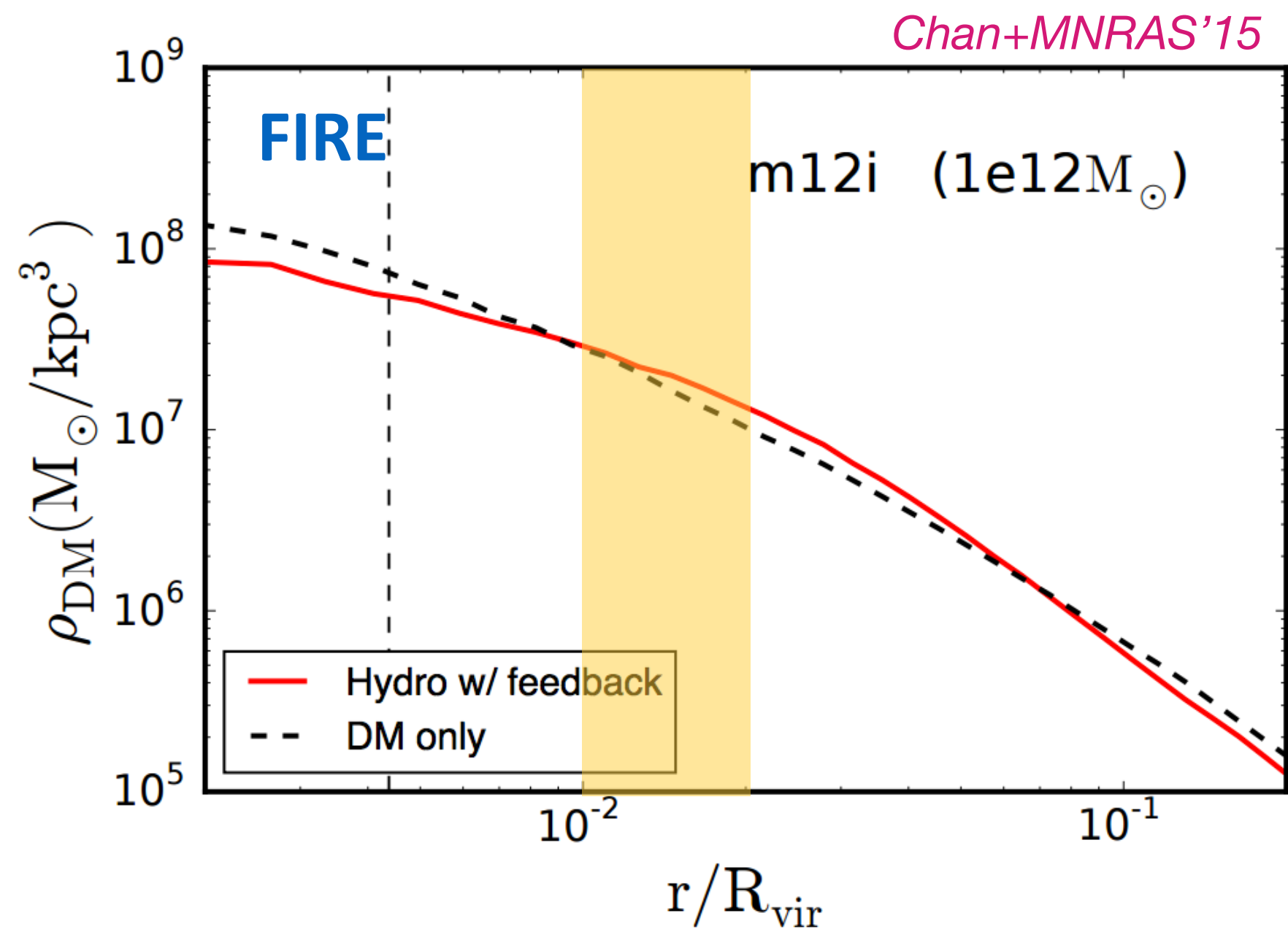


$$\rho_{\text{tot}}(R) = \rho_s \exp \left\{ -\frac{2}{\alpha} \left[ \left( \frac{R}{r_s} \right)^\alpha - 1 \right] \right\}$$



# DM density in haloes

## Inner galaxy



## Challenges

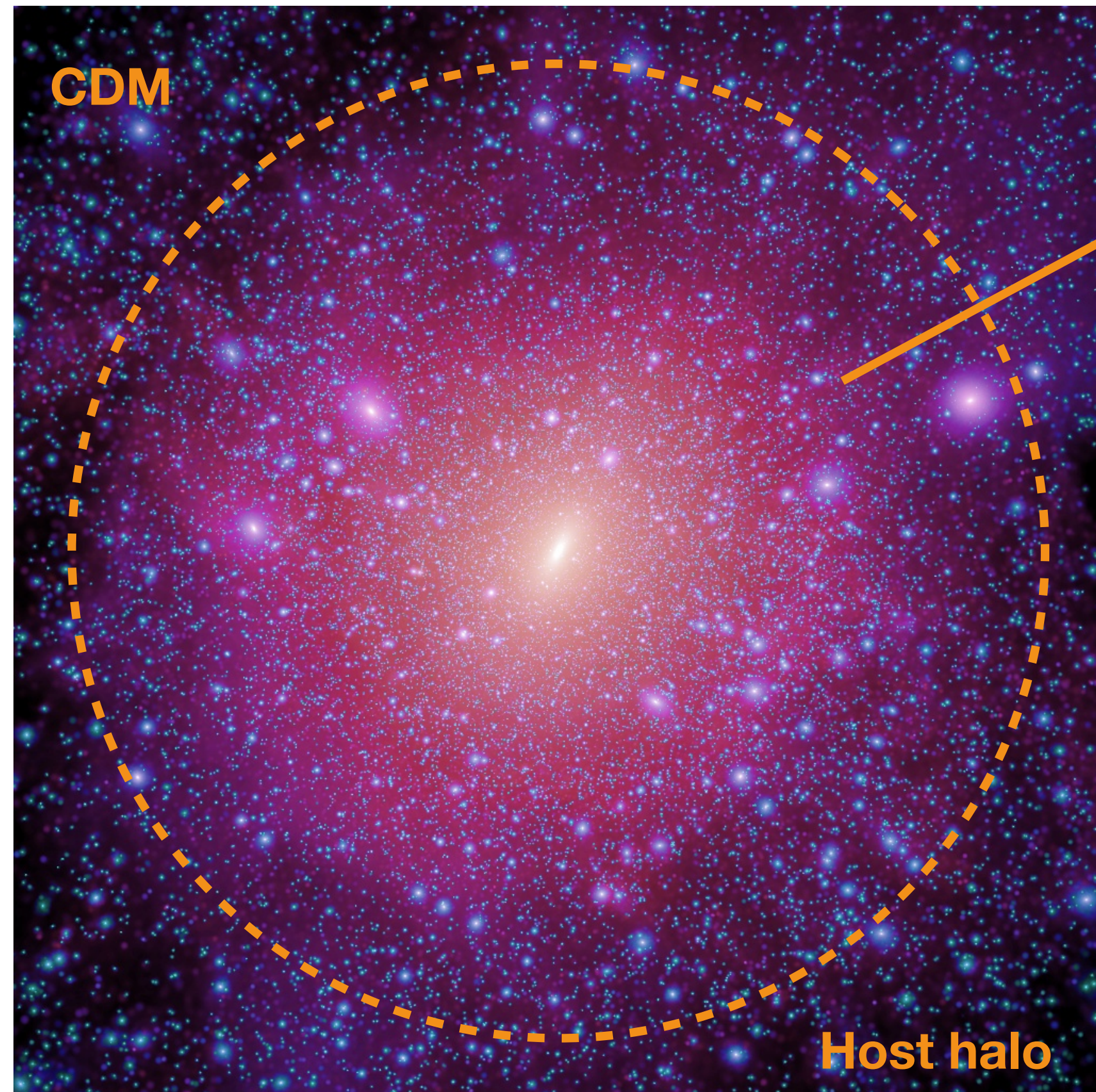
- How to select a good MW halo candidate?
- How to extrapolate the profile down to smaller scales?

*Wang+MNRAS'12; Gottloeber+2010; FC+JCAP'15*



# DM density in haloes

## Substructures and subhaloes



*Springel+ MNRAS'08*

### Dark matter sub-haloes or sub-structures

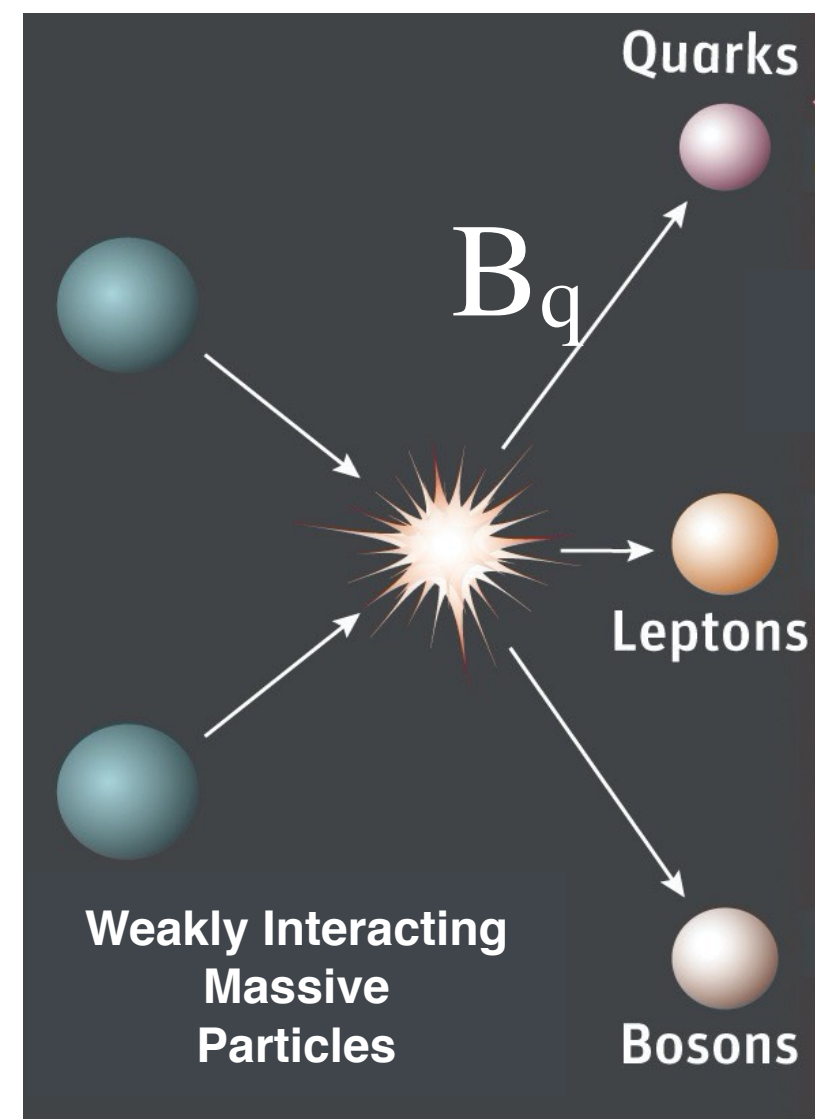
- Low-mass DM haloes, do not trigger star formation => do not contain stars (**dark haloes**)
- Their **mass distribution** depends on fundamental properties of DM (warm vs cold)
- CDM predicts abundance down to Earth-sized objects ( $10^{-6} M_{\text{Sun}}$ )\*
- Their distribution leads to specific **angular signatures** of the DM signal (sub-halo searches, anisotropies, x-correlation)

\* In WIMP and non-thermal axion models

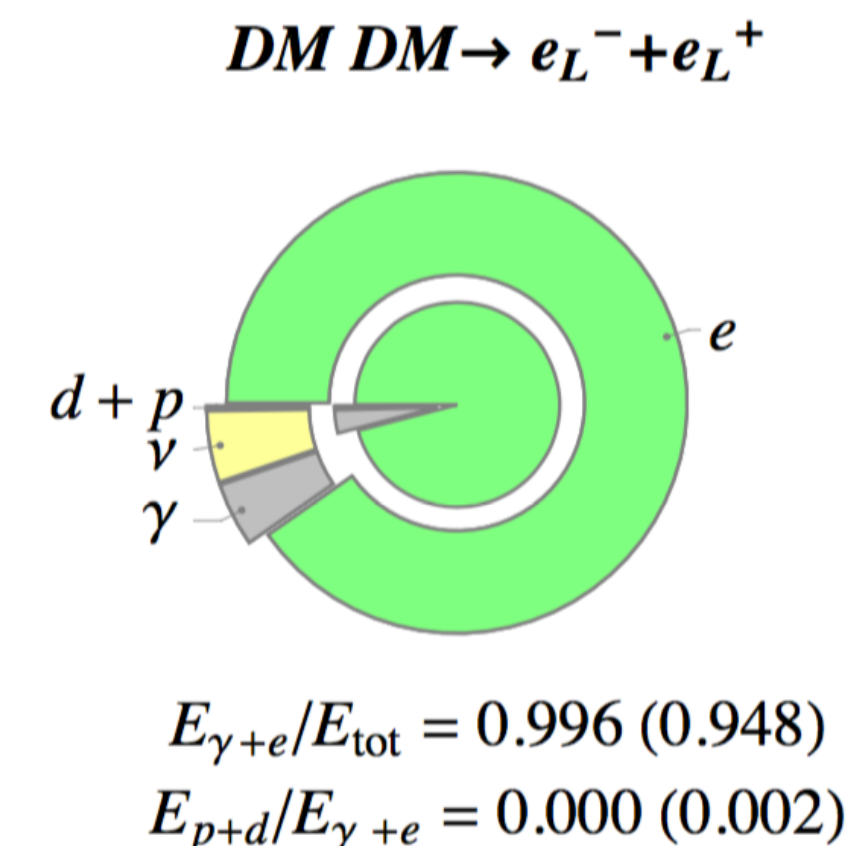
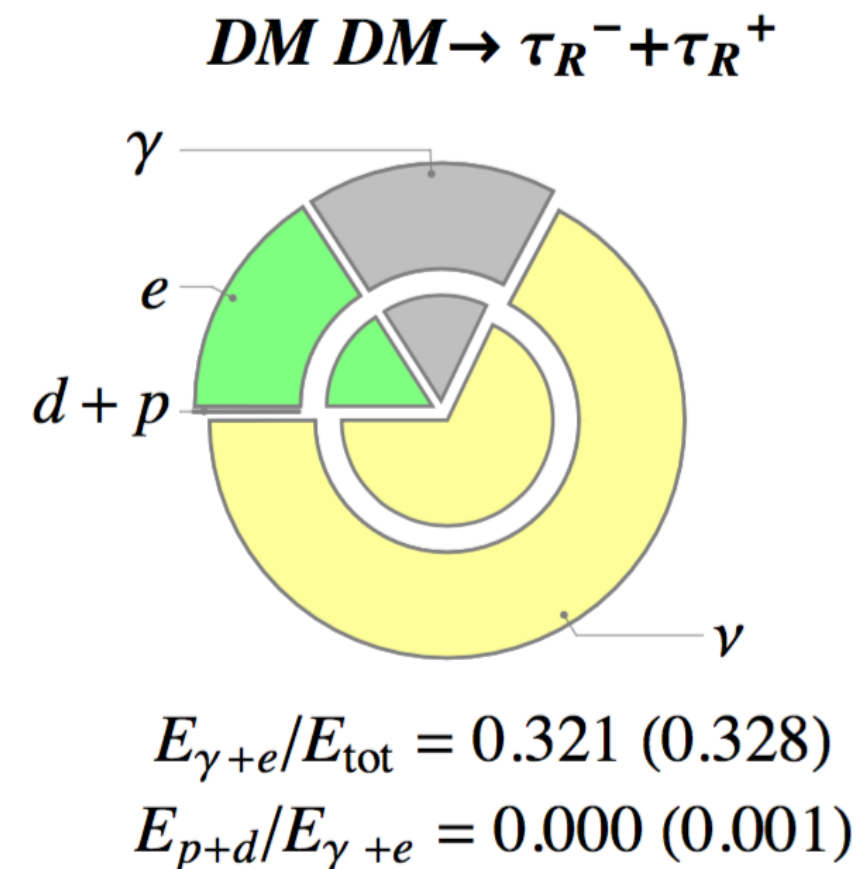
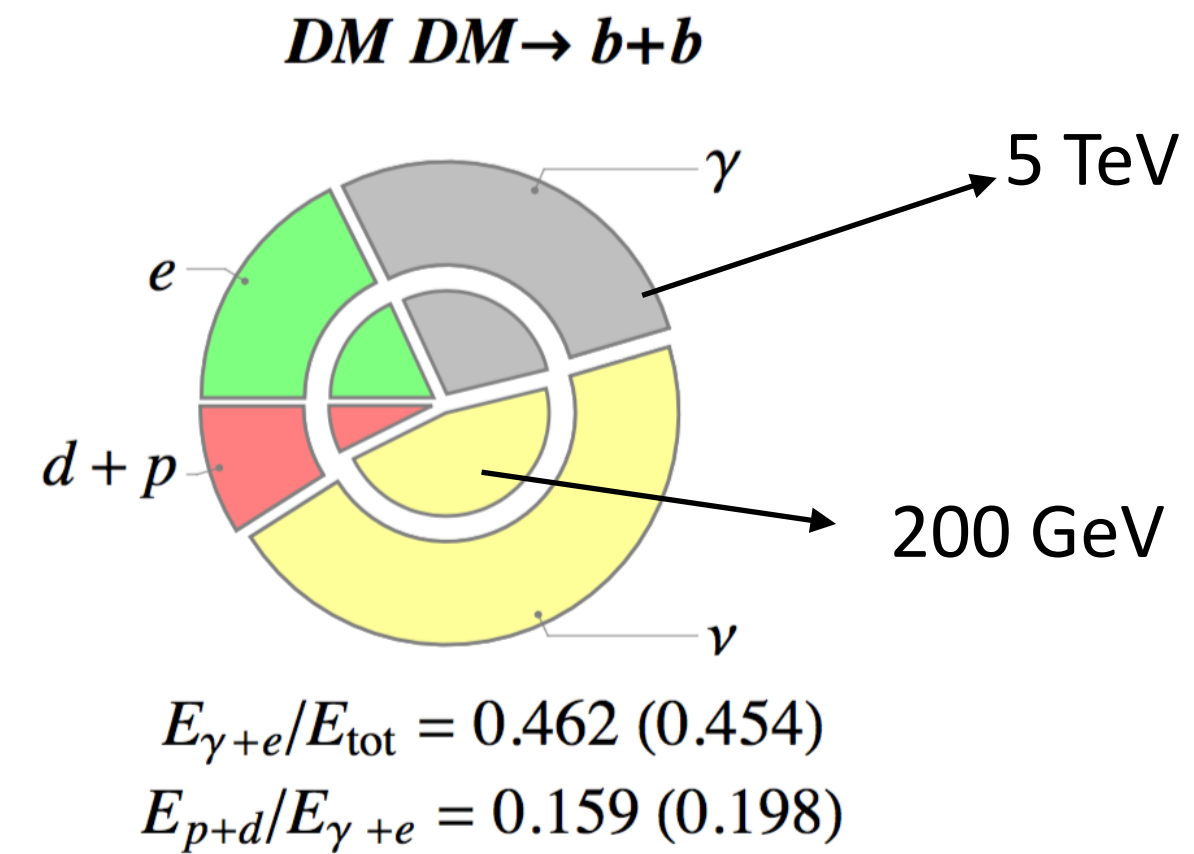
*Grand & White MNRAS'21*



# Final states energy distribution



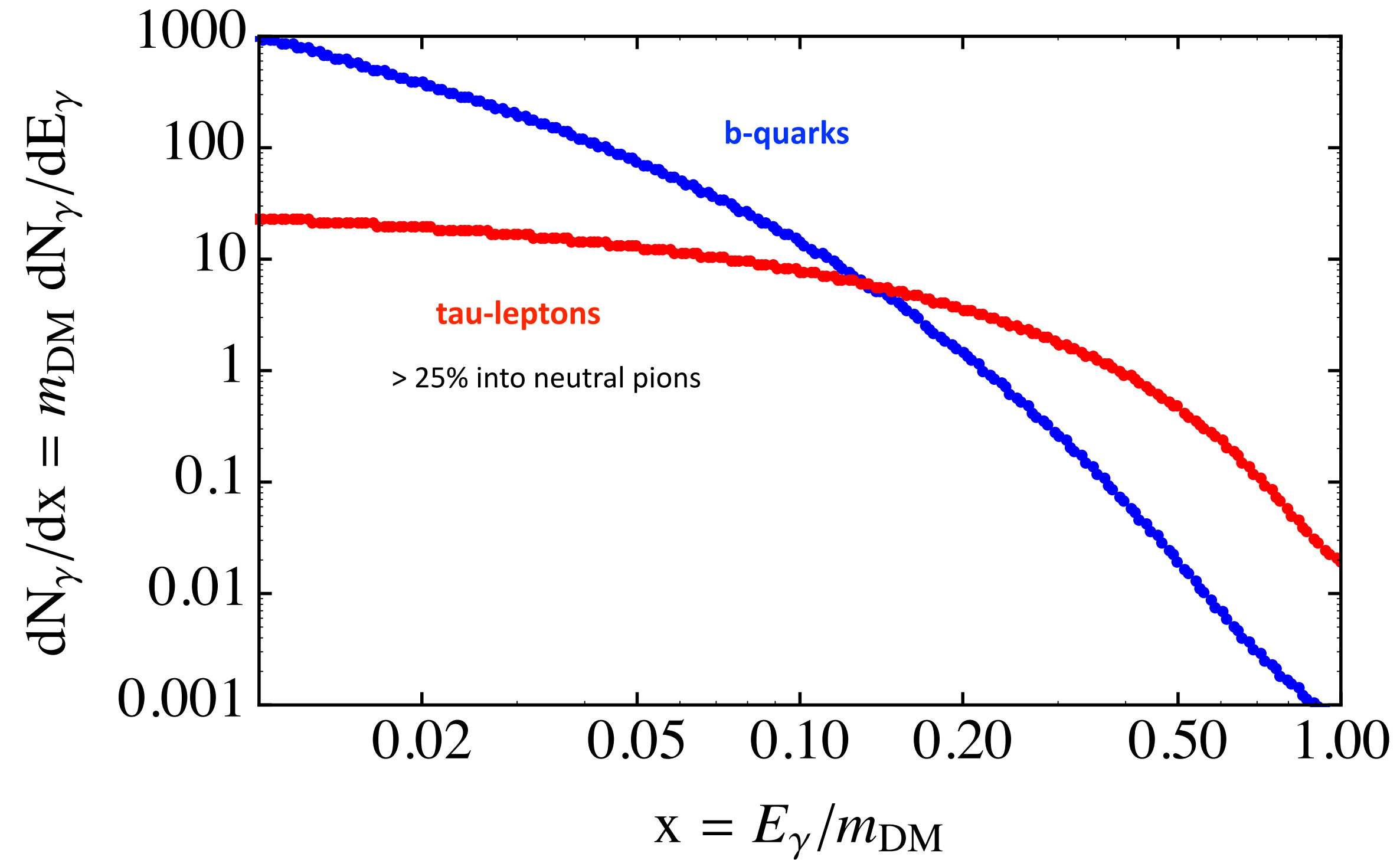
$DM DM \rightarrow SM SM$



- Energy fraction going into photons and electrons ( $\pm$ ) with respect to the total.
- Energy fraction into hadronic final states with respect to photons and electrons.



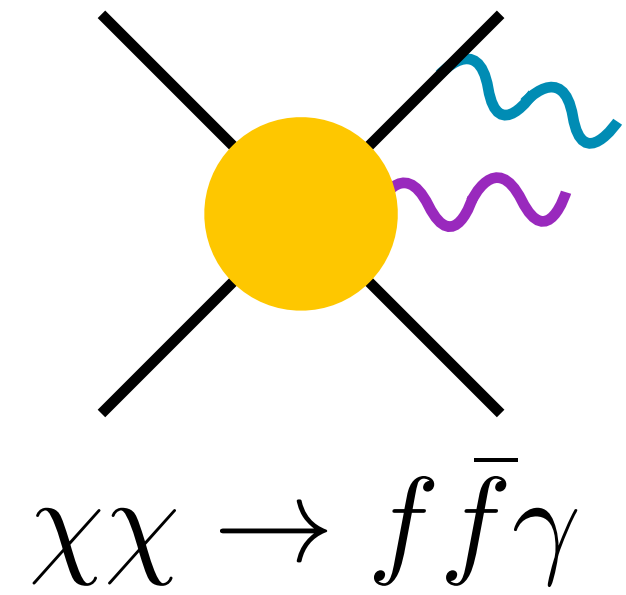
# Prompt photon spectrum



$$x \equiv \frac{E_X}{m_\chi}$$

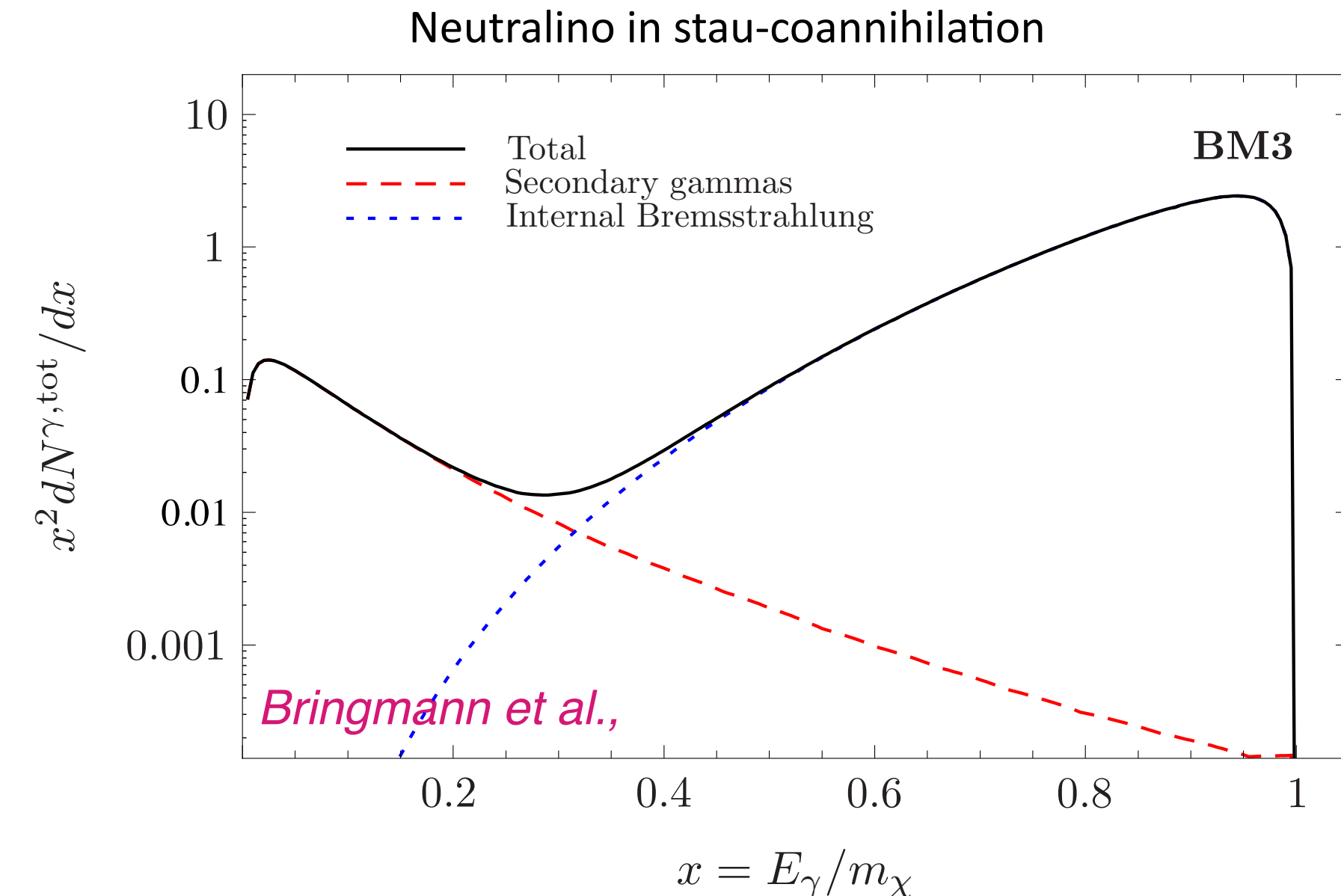
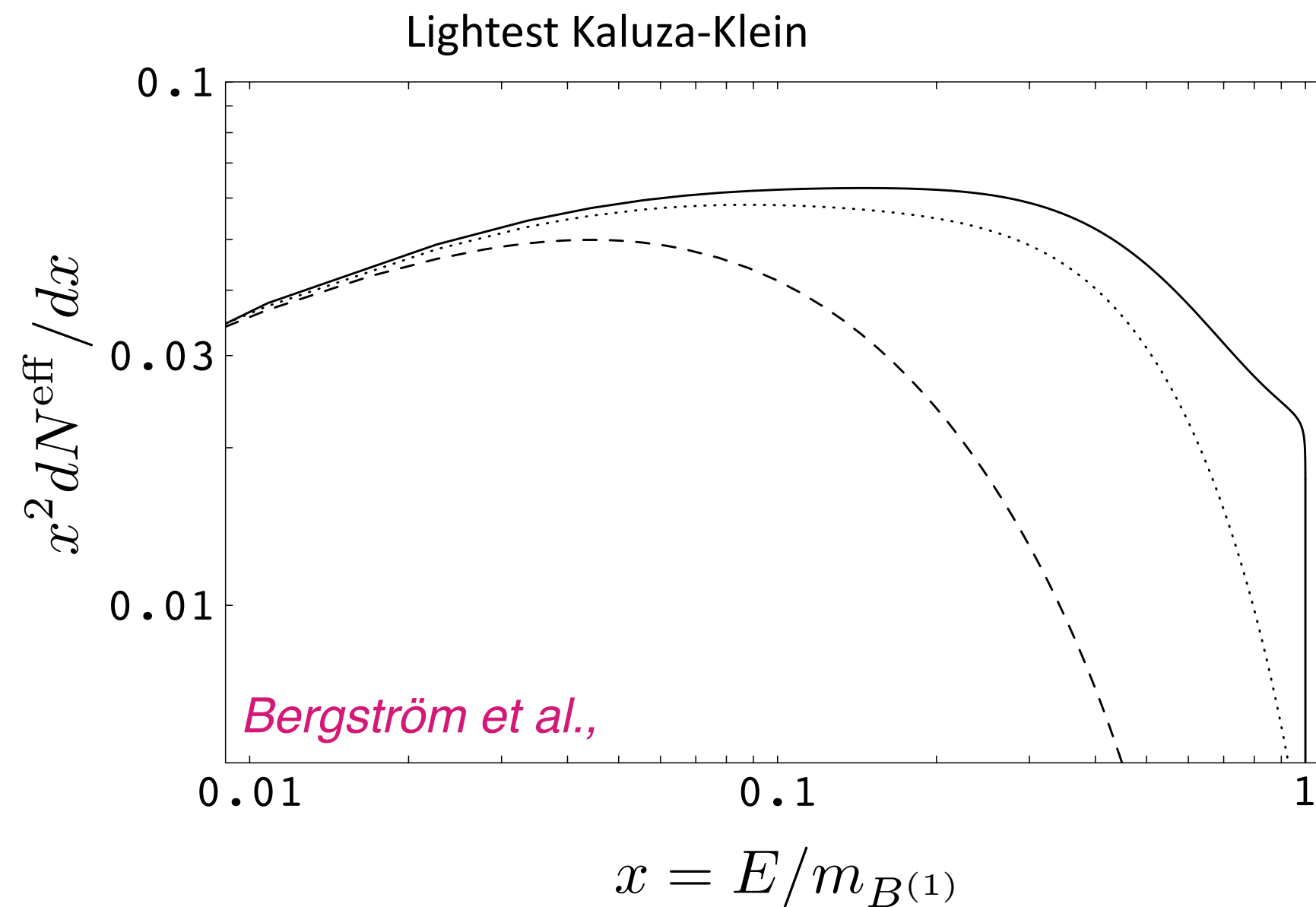
$$\frac{dN_X}{dx} \equiv m_\chi \frac{dN_X}{dE}$$

# Radiative corrections to photon spectrum



- **FSR**: logarithmic enhancement of soft collinear photons (fermion on-shell) => **model-independent** spectrum  
*Birkedal et al., hep-ph/0507194*

- **VIB**: lifting of helicity suppression in t-channel diagrams => **model-dependent** spectrum  
*Bergström et al., PRL'05; Bringmann et al., JHEP'08*

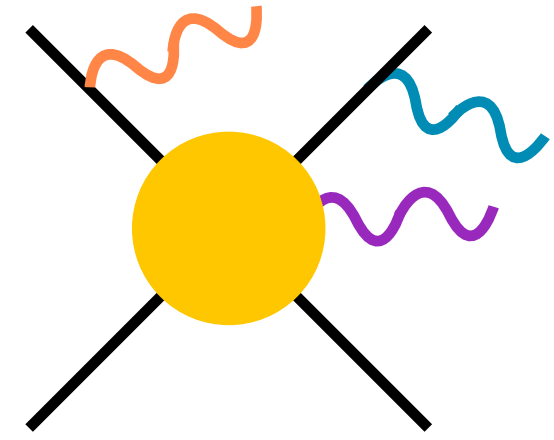


**Sharp spectral features** at the high-end of the photon energy distribution

[Emission of W, Z, higgses => multi-messenger signal, opens up new channels *Ciafaloni et al., JCAP'11; Cirelli et al., JCAP'11; PPC4DMID; Bringmann&Calore PRL'13; Kumar+ PLB'13; Bringmann,FC+ arXiv:1705.03466; etc*]



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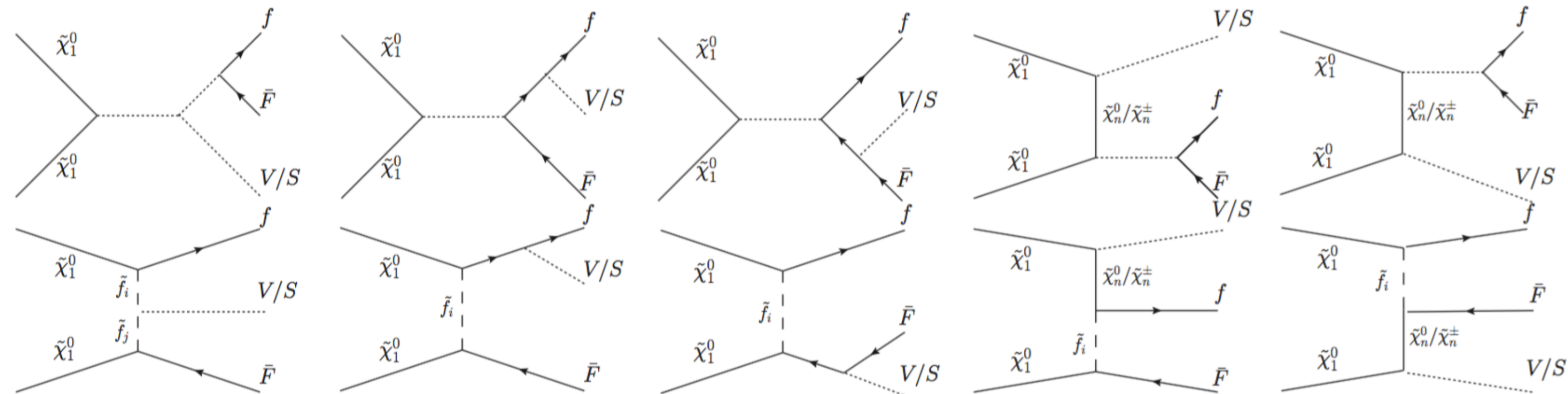
$$\chi\chi \rightarrow f\bar{F}B$$

$$B = Z, W^\pm, h$$

$$[A, H, H^\pm]$$

- Emission of W, Z, higgses => multi-messenger signal, opens up new channels  
*Kalchauer et al., PRD'09*
- FSR**: soft collinear emission modelled by splitting functions => **model-independent** spectrum, sizeable changes at low energies.
- VIB/ISR**: lifting of helicity suppression => **model-dependent** spectrum

*Ciafaloni et al., JCAP'11; Cirelli et al., JCAP'11; PPPC4DMID*  
*Ciafaloni+ JCAP'11/12; Bell+ PLB'11/PRD'11; Garny+ JCAP'11/12;*  
*Shudo&Nikei PRD'13; Bringmann&Calore PRL'13; Kumar+ PLB'13*



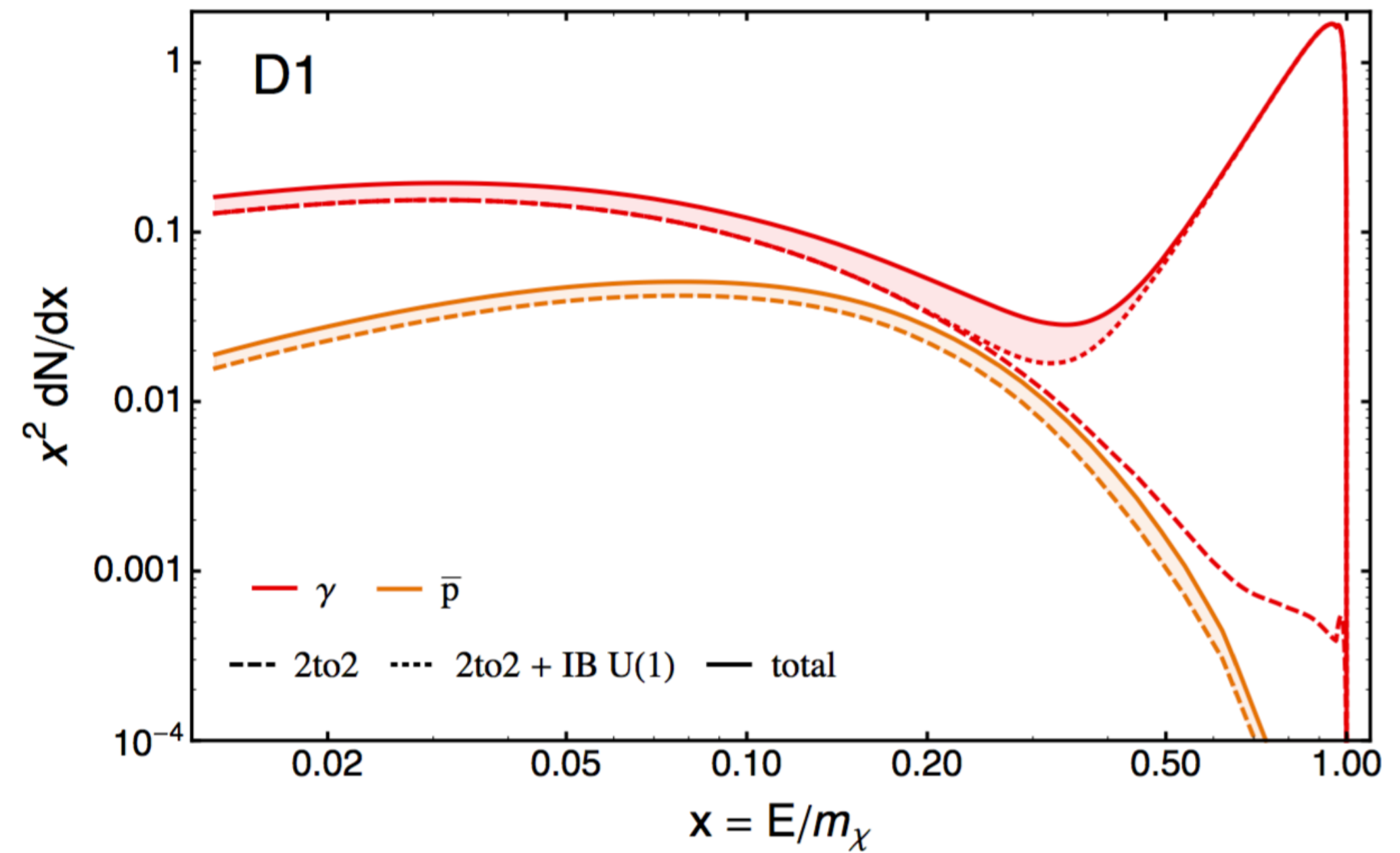
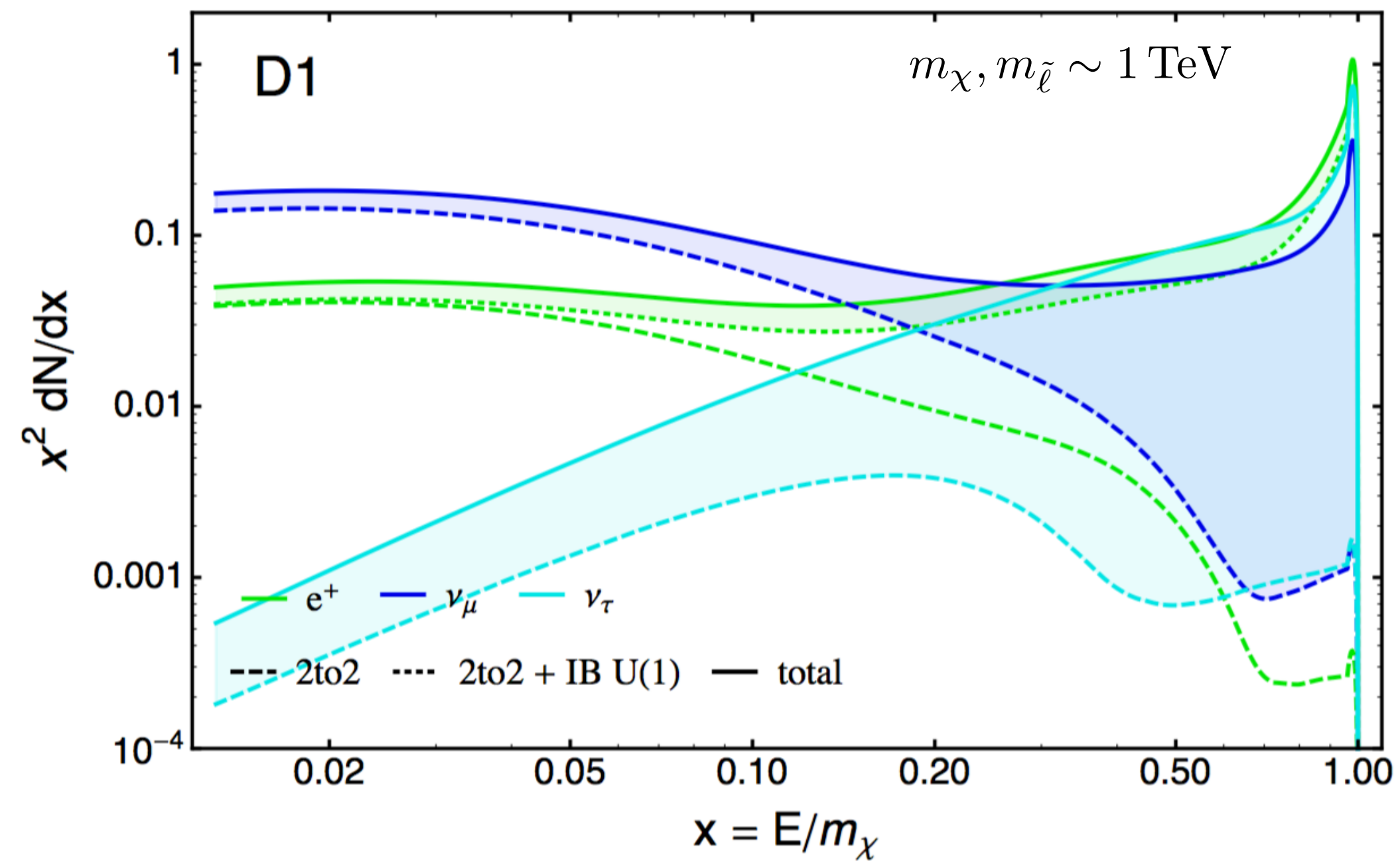
*Bringmann&FC PRL'13*  
*Bringmann,FC+ arXiv:1705.03466*

Full computation of Z, W and Higgses corrections for general Majorana dark matter and application to MSSM neutralinos

$$\chi\chi \rightarrow W^+ \bar{F} f, Z \bar{f} f, H^+ \bar{F} f, A \bar{f} f, H \bar{f} f, h \bar{f} f$$

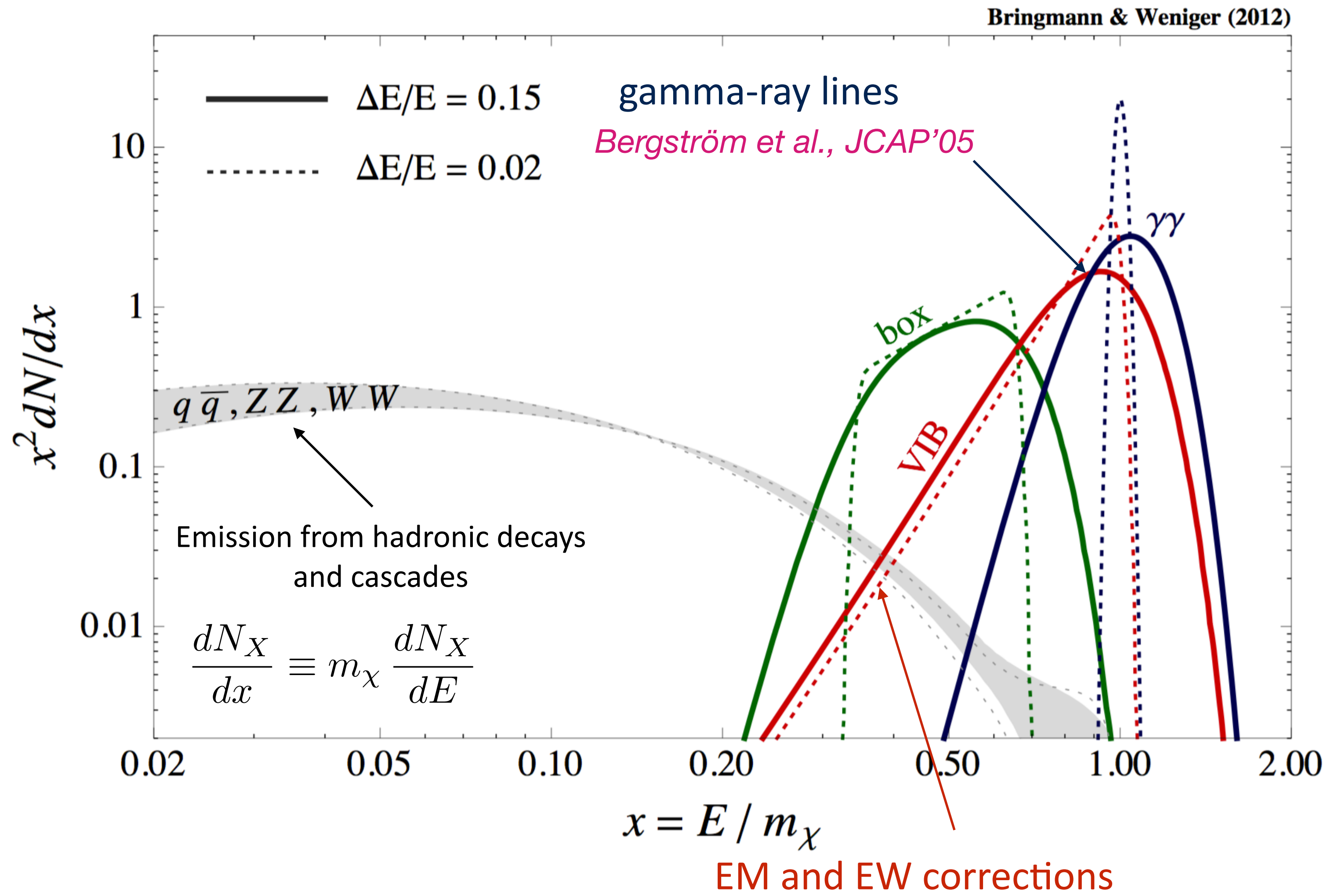
# Spectral modifications

Bringmann, FC+ arXiv:1705.03466





# Dark matter spectrum: prompt photons



Bringmann, FC+ JHEP'08; Ciafaloni+ JCAP'11; Bringmann&FC PRL'14

Numerical codes for computation of DM spectra:

DarkSUSY <http://www.fysik.su.se/~edsjo/darksusy/>

Gondolo+ JCAP'04

MicrOMEGAs <https://lapth.cnrs.fr/micromegas/>

Belanger+ JCAP'05

PPC 4 DM ID <http://www.marcocirelli.net/PPPC4DMID.html>

Cirelli+ JCAP 2012

Analytical fitting functions:

Fornengo, Pieri, Scopel, PRD 2004

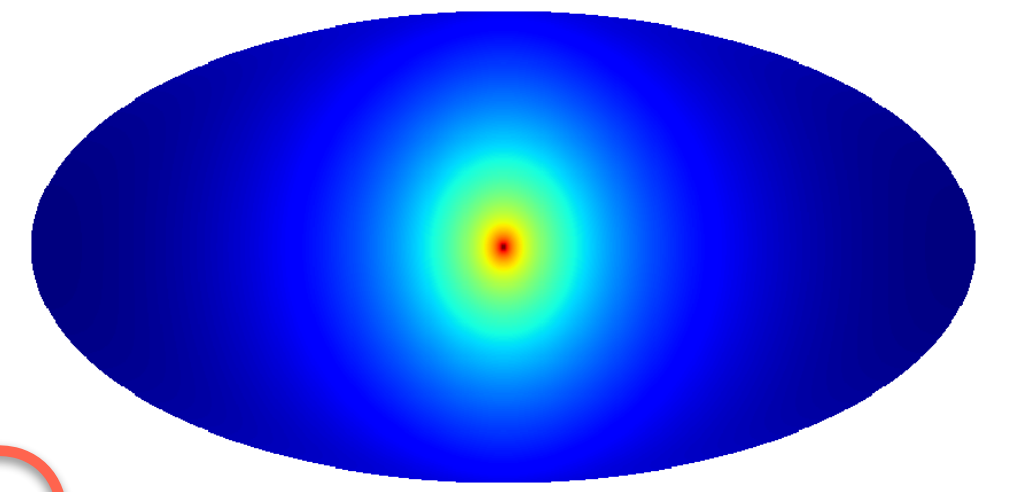
Cembranos et al., PRD 2011

For dependence on event Monte Carlo

generators see, e.g.,

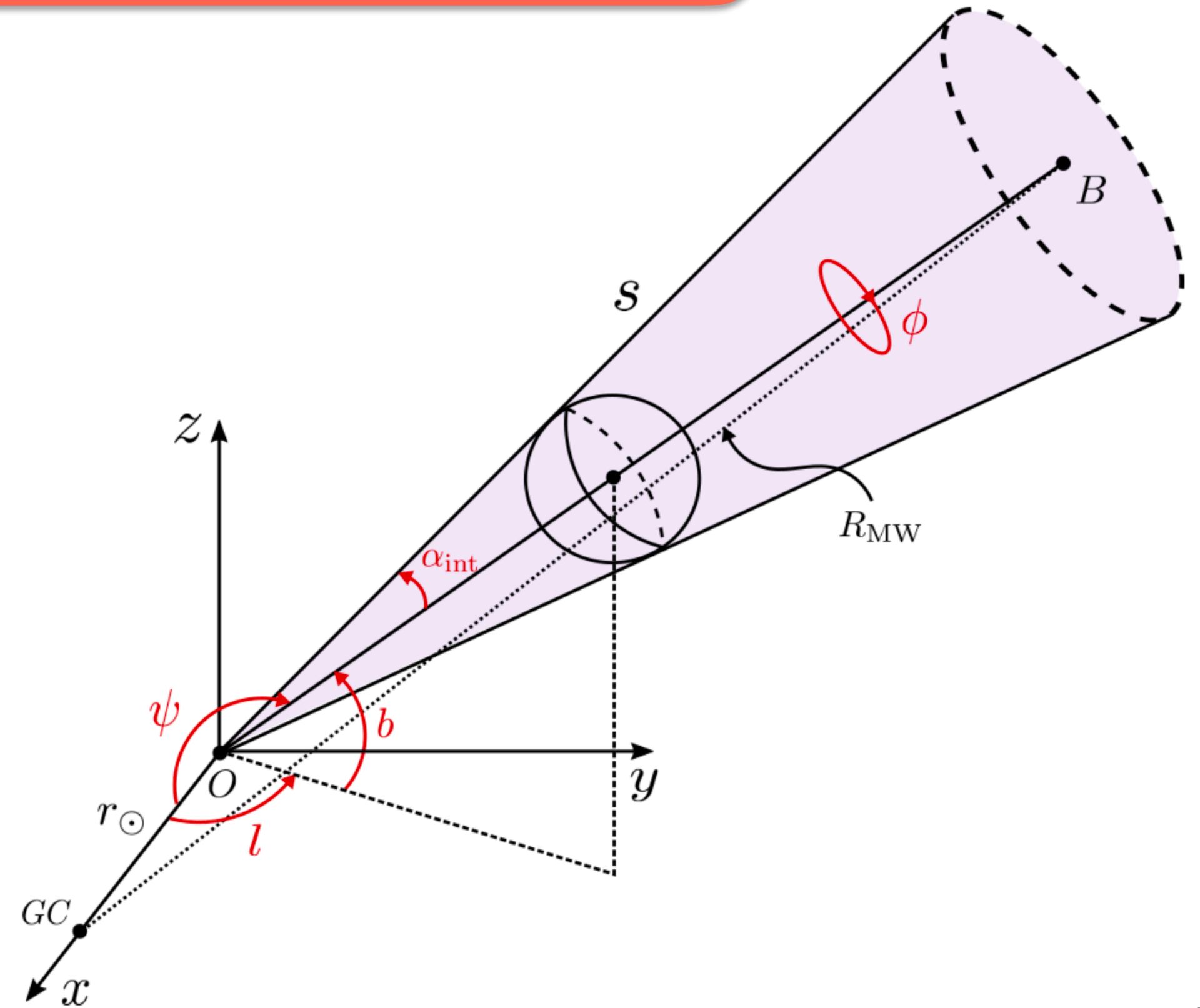
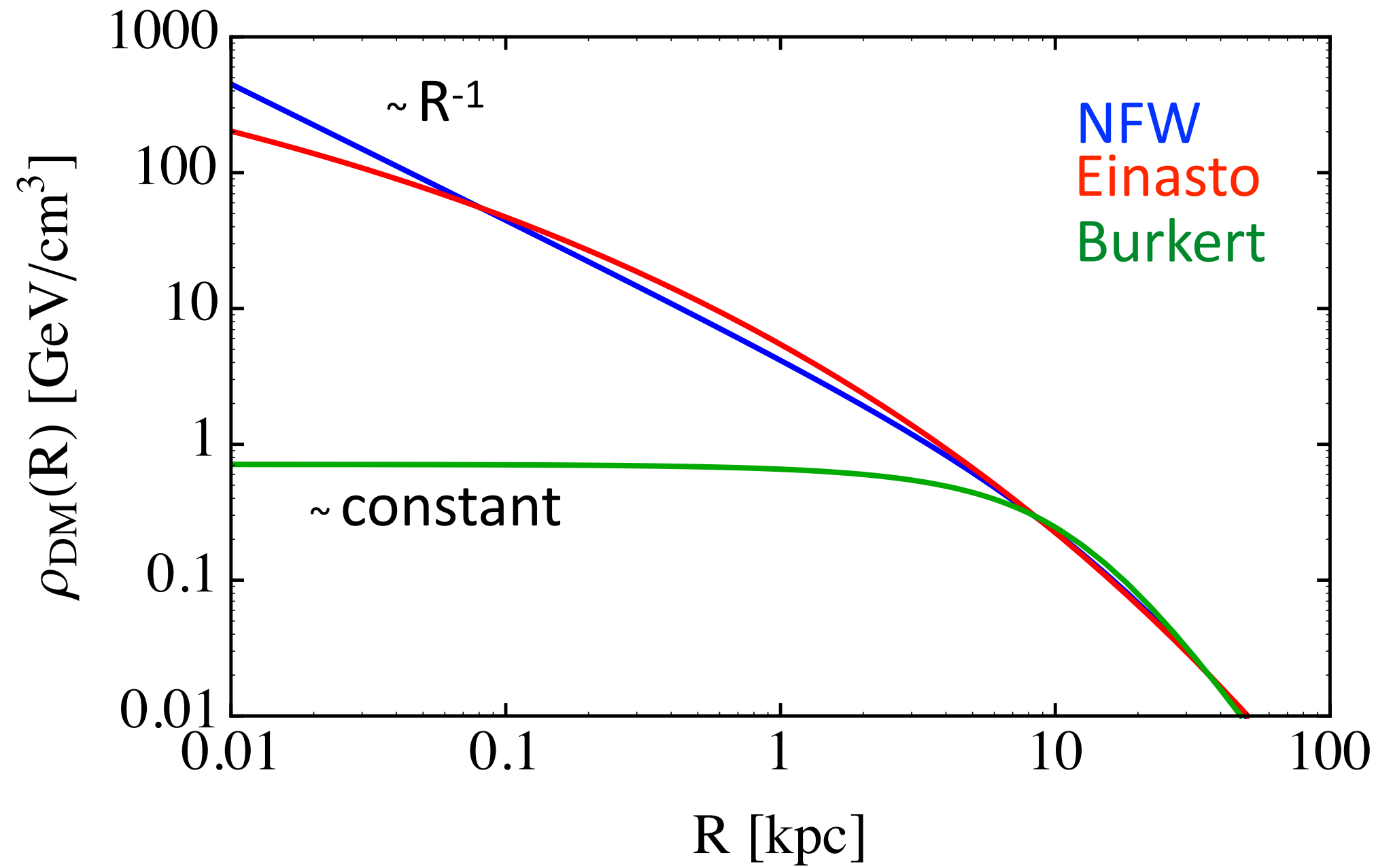
Cembranos+ JHEP'13

# Dark matter annihilation flux



$$\frac{d\Phi_\gamma}{dE} = s \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle}{4\pi m_{\text{DM}}^2} \sum_f B_f \frac{dN_\gamma^f}{dE} \times \int_{\Delta\Omega} d\Omega \int_{\text{l.o.s.}} \rho_{\text{DM}}^2(l) dl$$

Dark matter density profiles

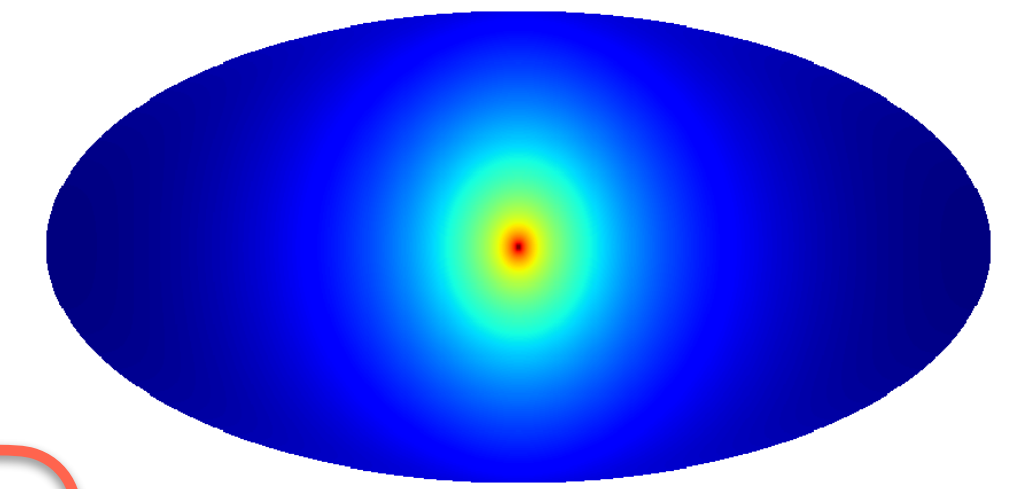


$$r(s) = (r_\odot^2 + s^2 - 2r_\odot s \cos b \cos l)^{1/2}$$

$$\cos \psi = \cos b \cos l$$

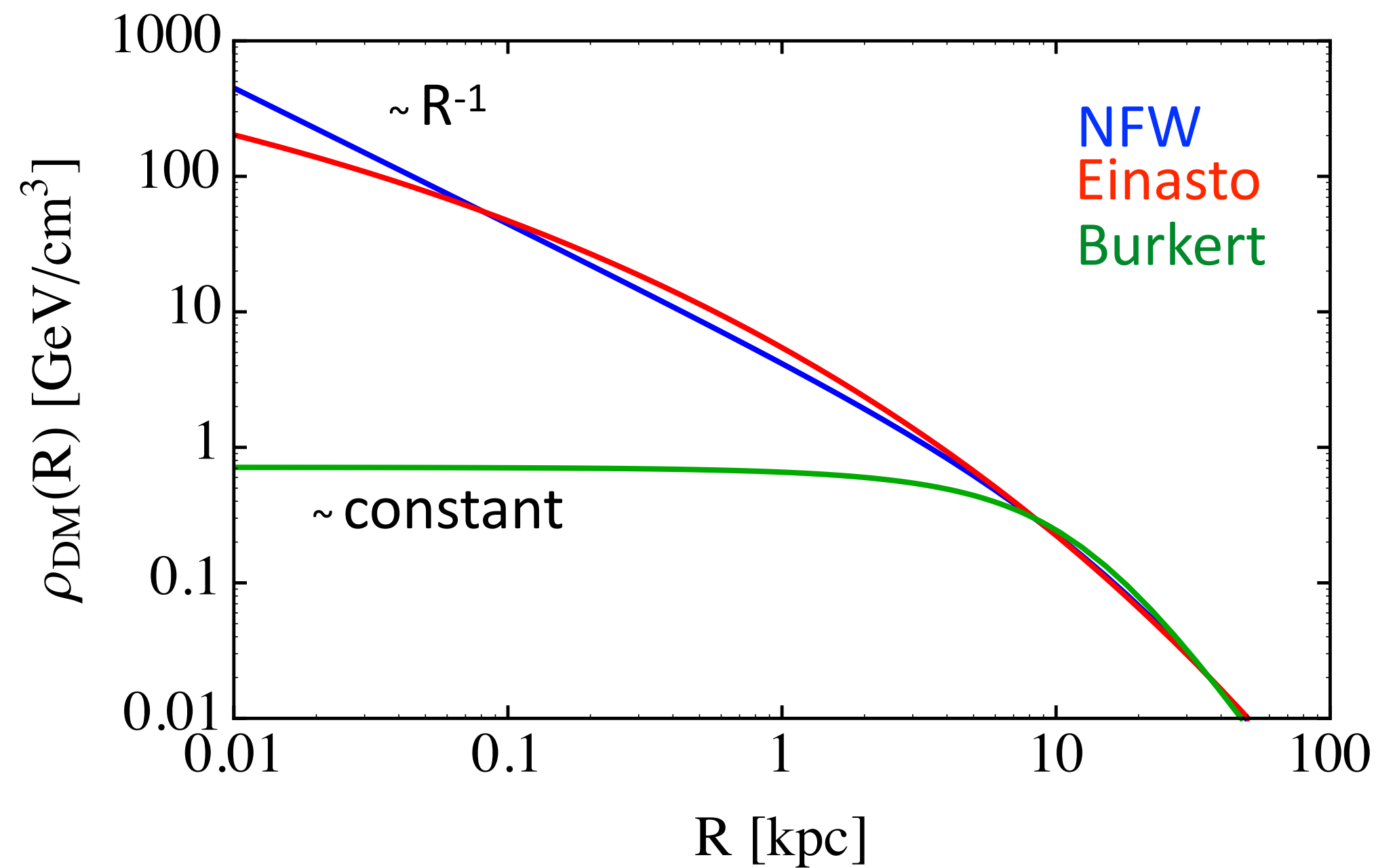


# Dark matter annihilation flux

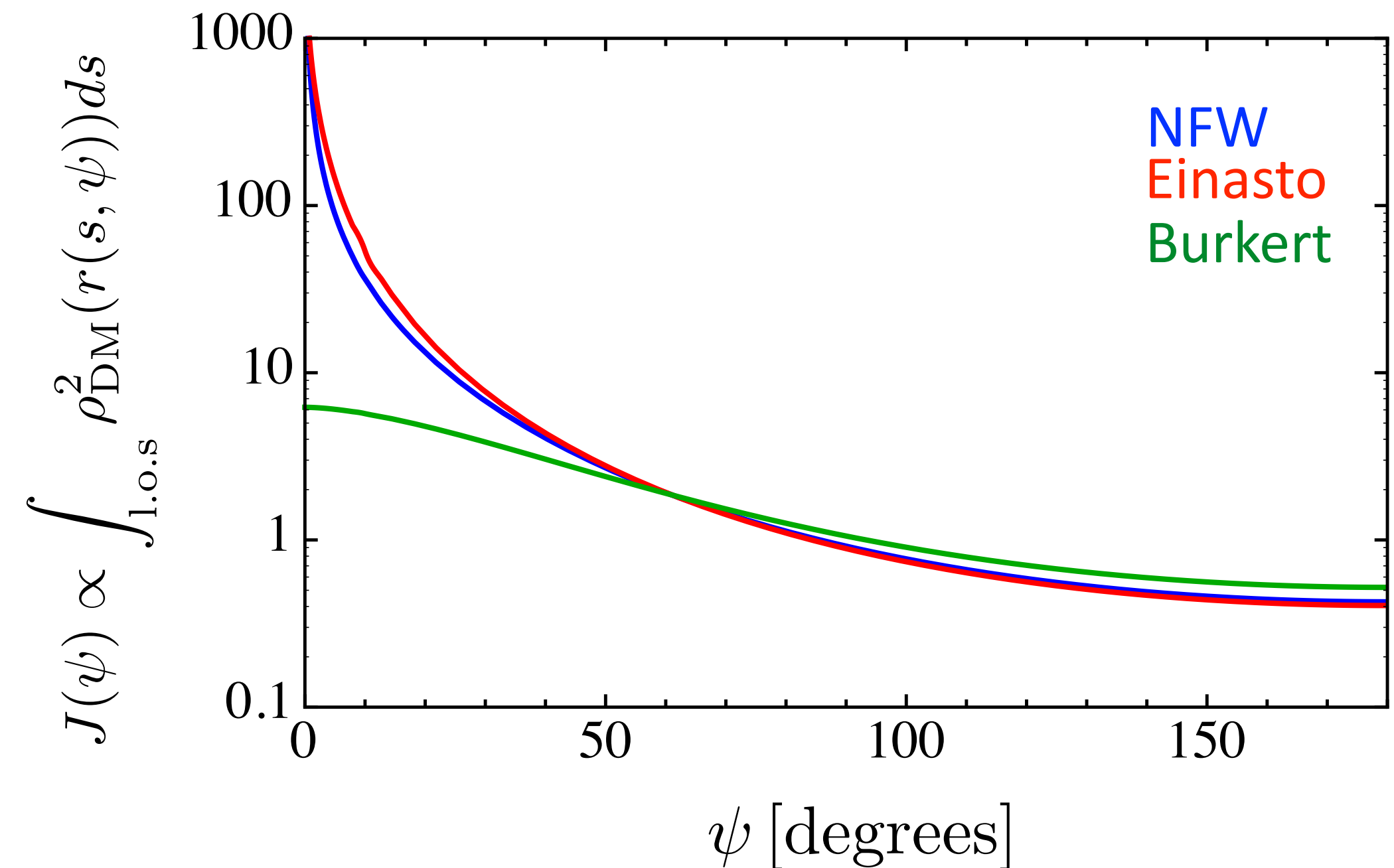


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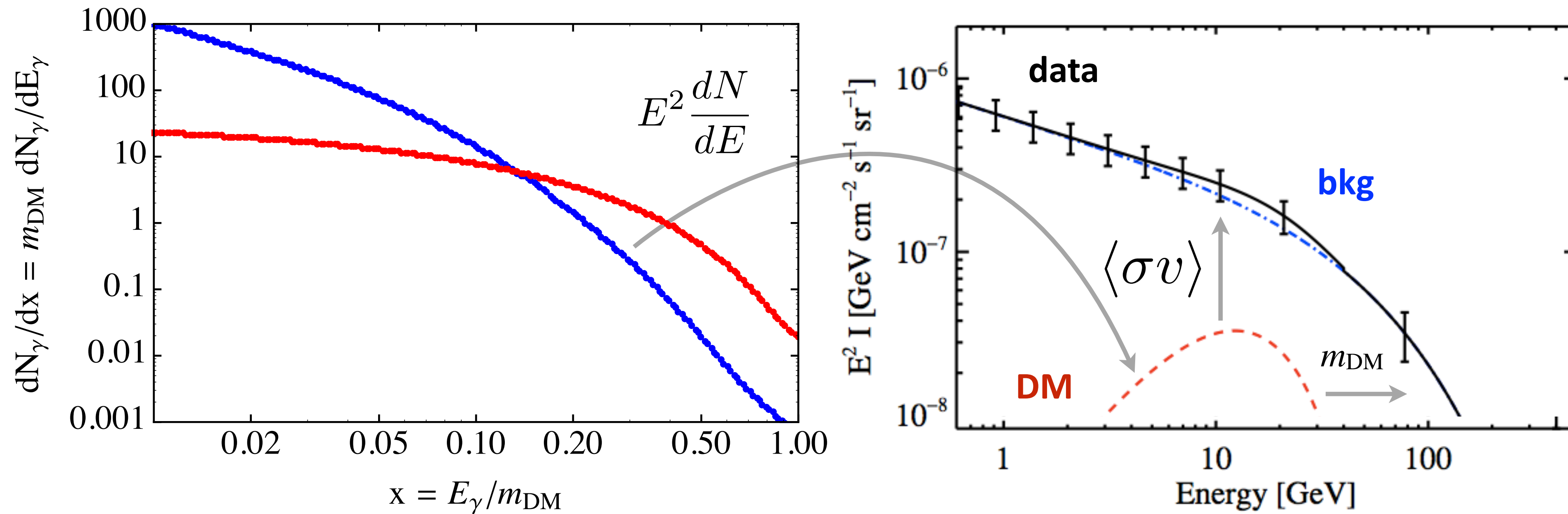


Spatial distribution of the signal



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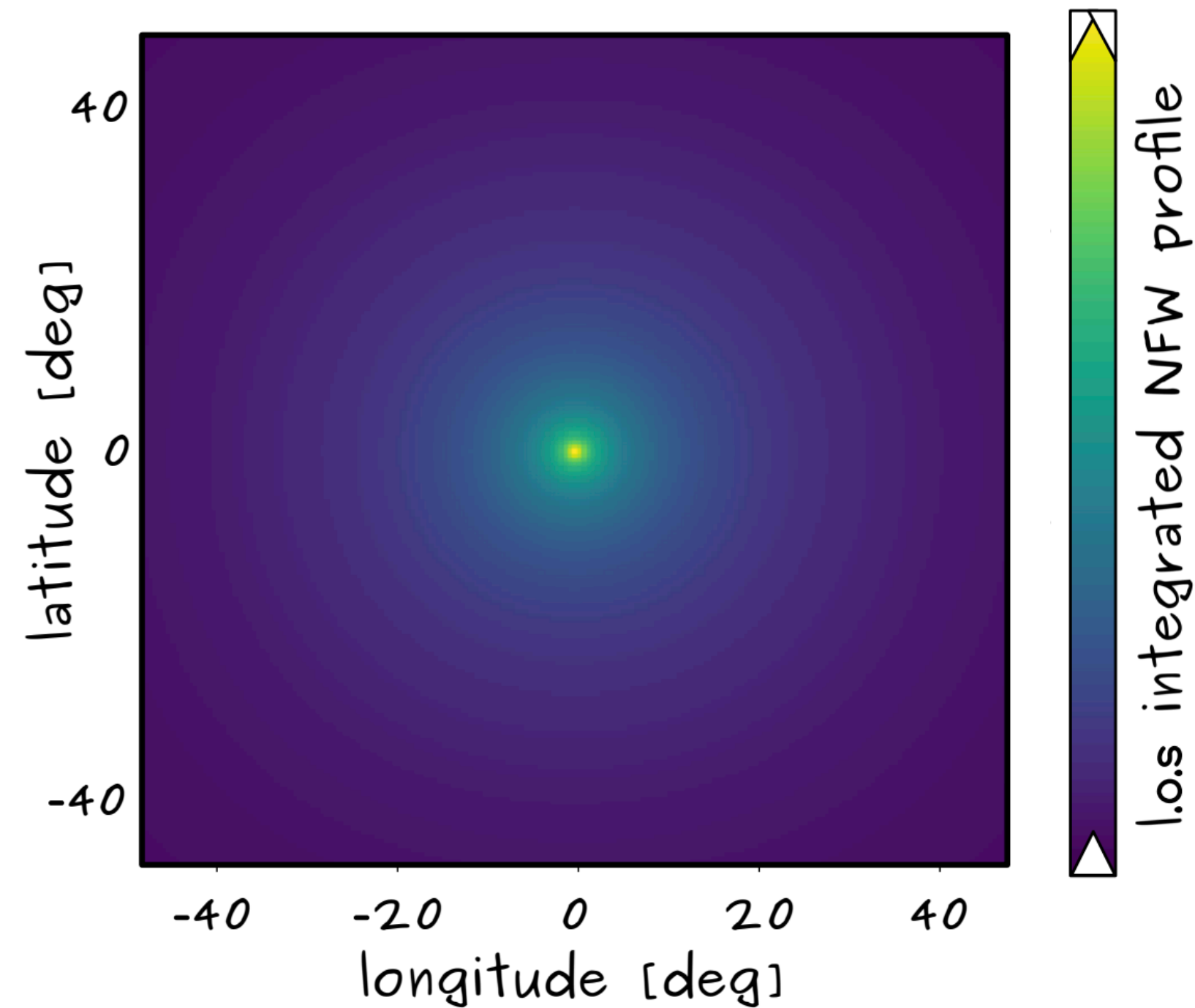
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# DM decay flux equation

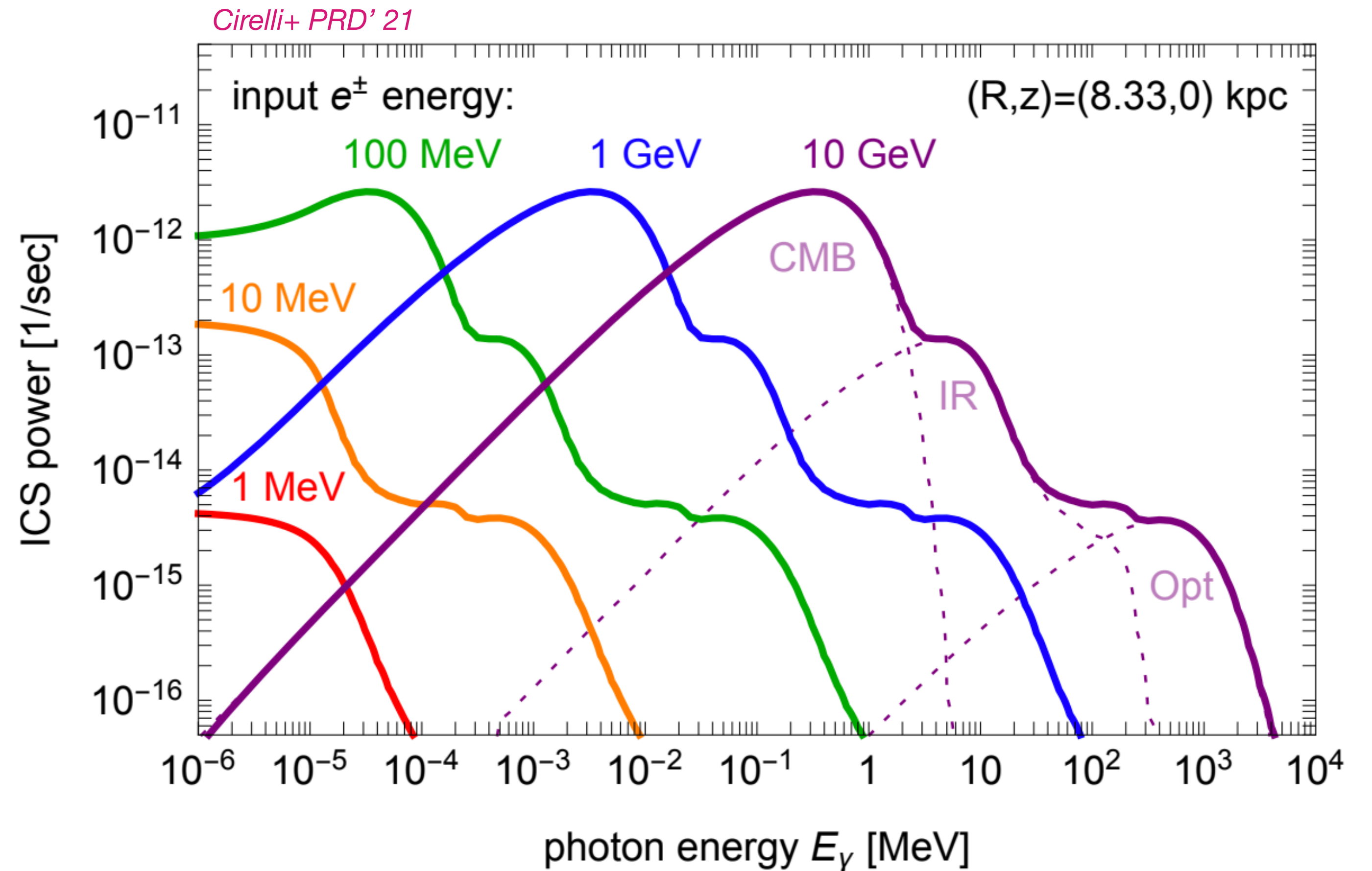
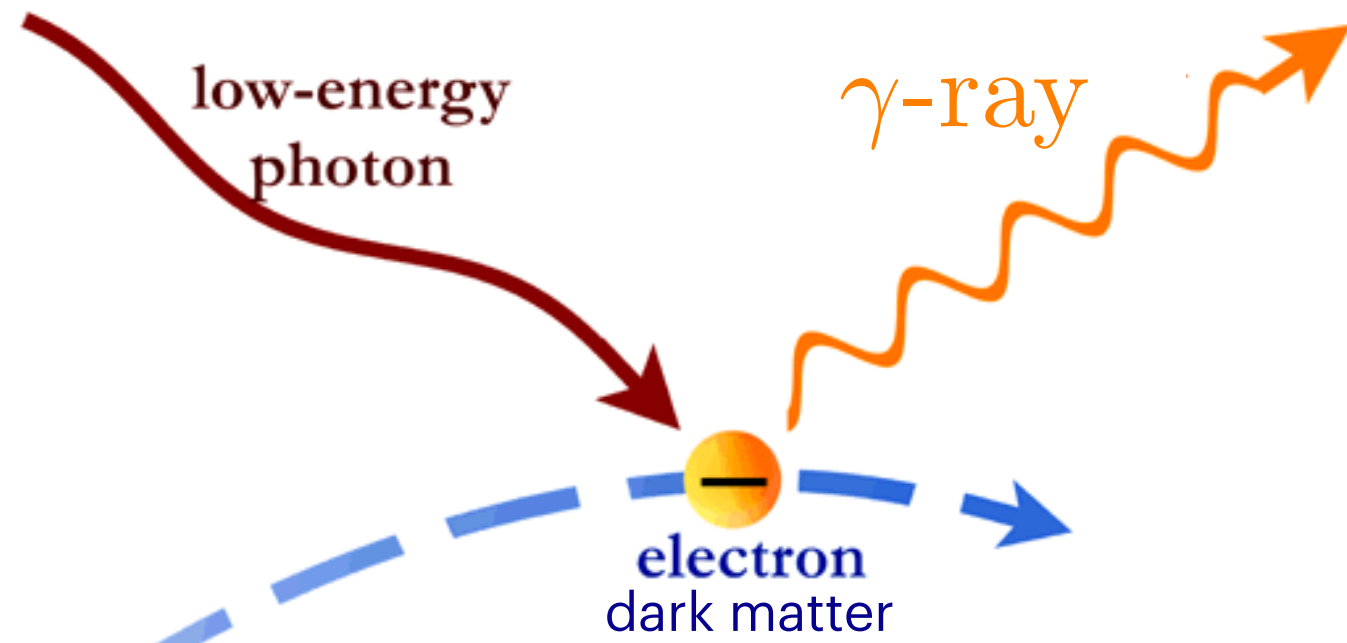
$$\frac{d\Phi_\gamma}{dE} = \frac{\Gamma(\text{DM} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)}{4\pi m_{\text{DM}}} \frac{dN_\gamma}{dE} \times \int_{\Delta\Omega} d\Omega \int_{\text{l.o.s.}} \rho_{\text{DM}}(\ell) d\ell$$



Flux from all galaxies: you need to integrate over redshift and galaxies' redshift distribution

# Radiative emission from leptons

## Inverse Compton scattering

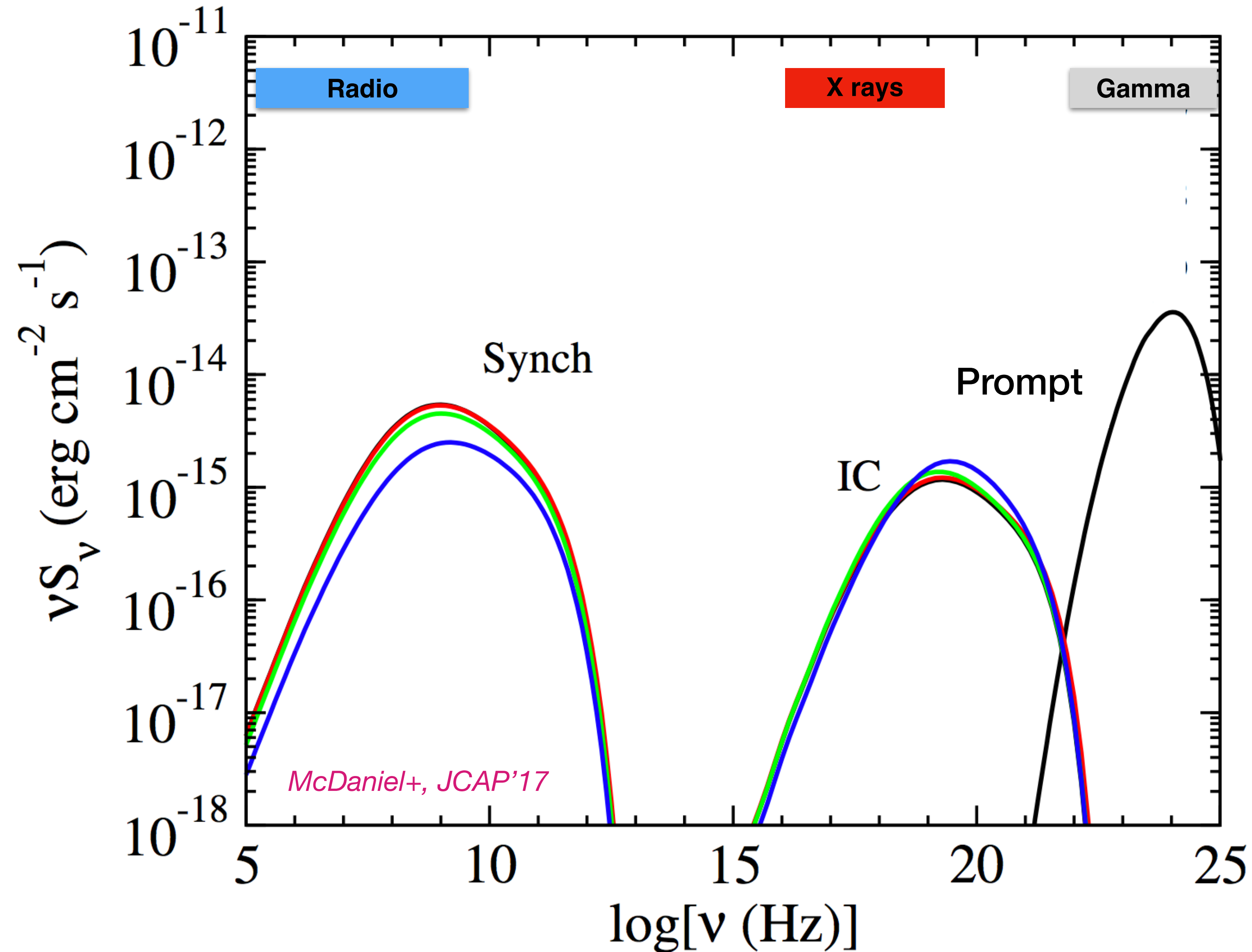


Secondary emission processes allow us to probe DM at much higher masses than prompt energy scales



# Multi-wavelength particle DM emission

“Secondary” radiative emission induced by leptonic particles interacting with the environment



*Example: Annihilation into b-quarks;  
 $m_{\text{DM}} = 100$  GeV*

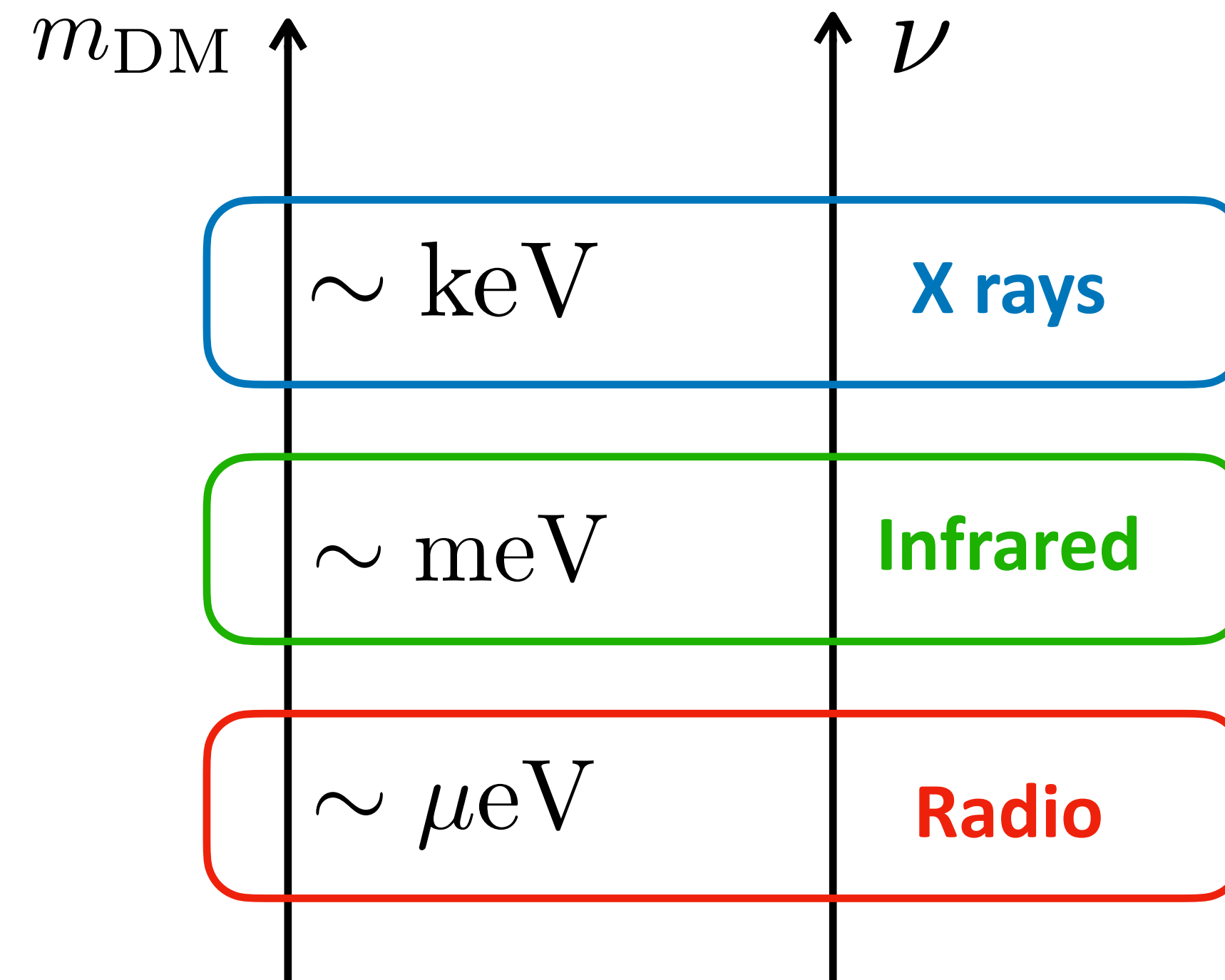
# Light dark matter decay: lines

$$m_{\text{DM}} \lesssim \text{MeV}$$

Only allowed final state is into photons emitted back-to-back

$$E_{\gamma} = \frac{m_{\text{DM}}}{2}$$

**Narrow line signal @ energy scale of the DM mass**

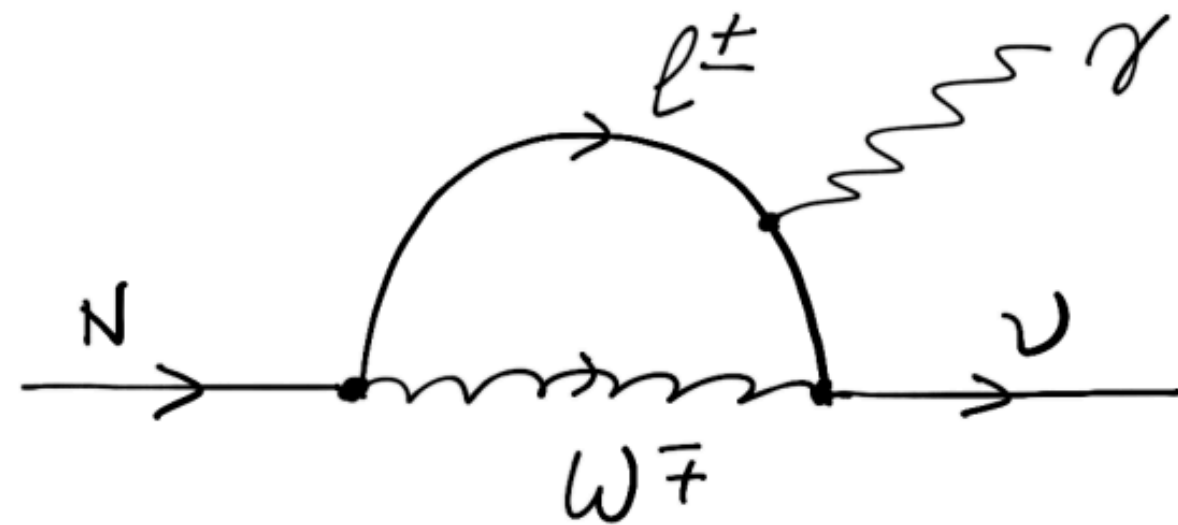




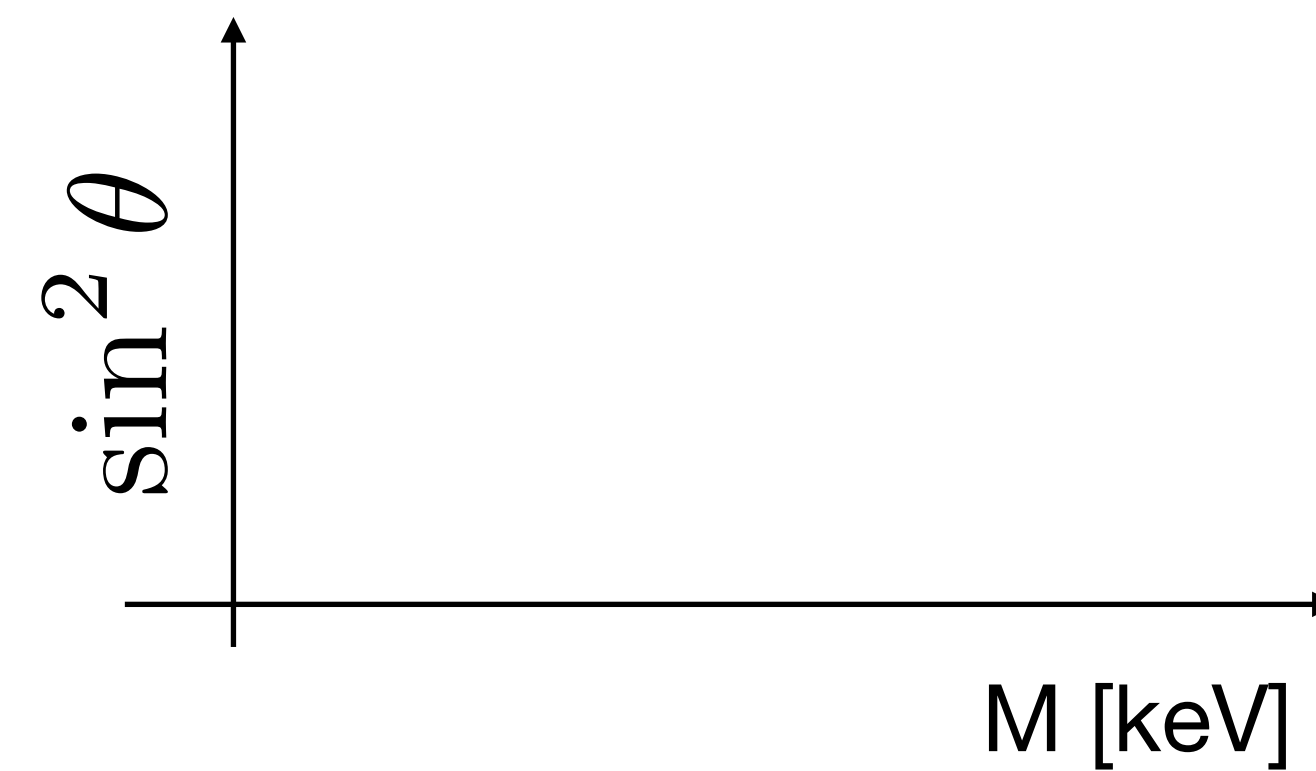
# Sterile neutrinos X-ray lines

## Model prediction

- X-ray lines for **sterile neutrinos** in the keV to MeV mass range
- Loop mediated radiative decay



$$\Gamma_N \approx 10^{-29} \text{ s}^{-1} \left[ \frac{\sin^2(2\theta)}{10^{-7}} \right] \left( \frac{M}{1\text{keV}} \right)^5$$

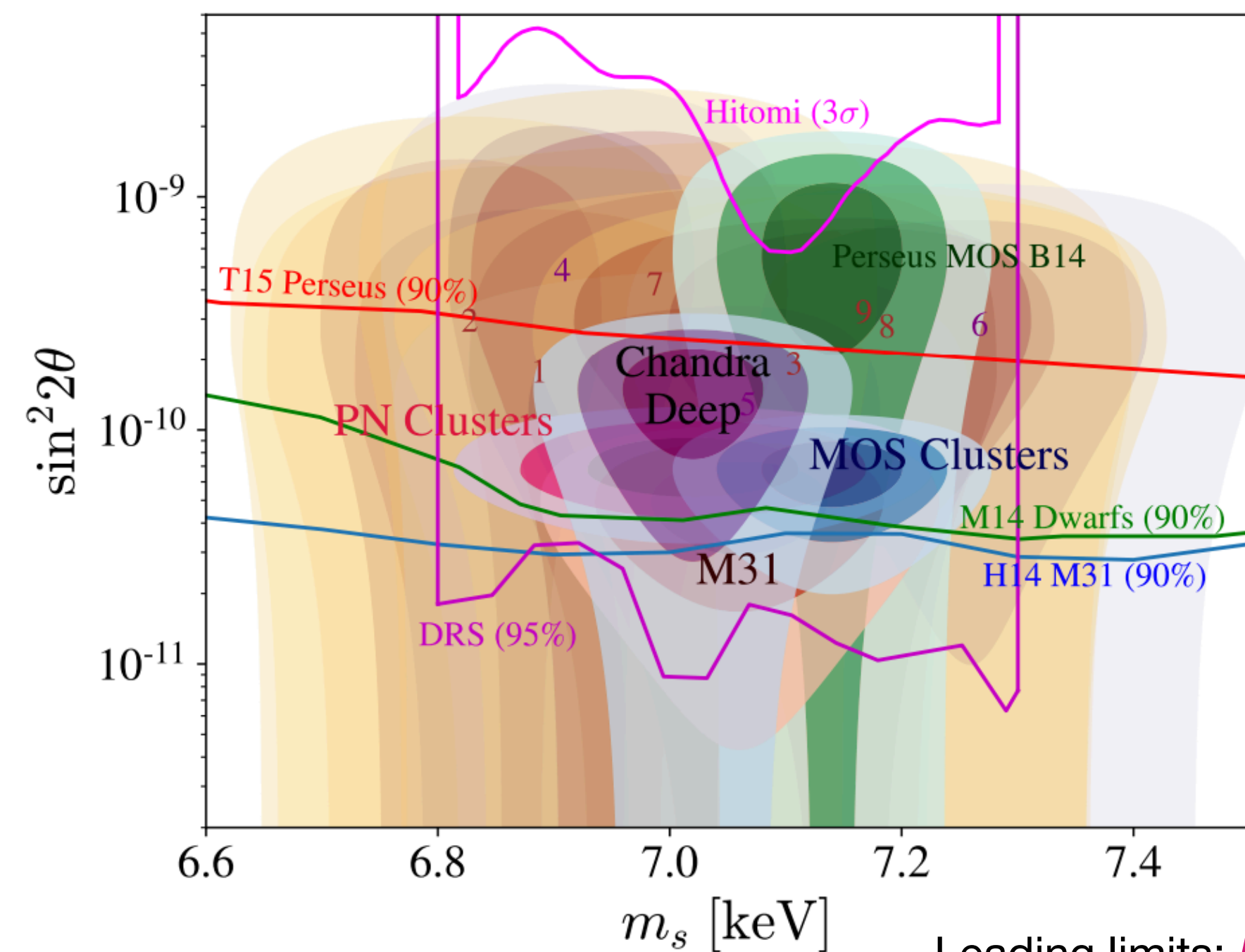
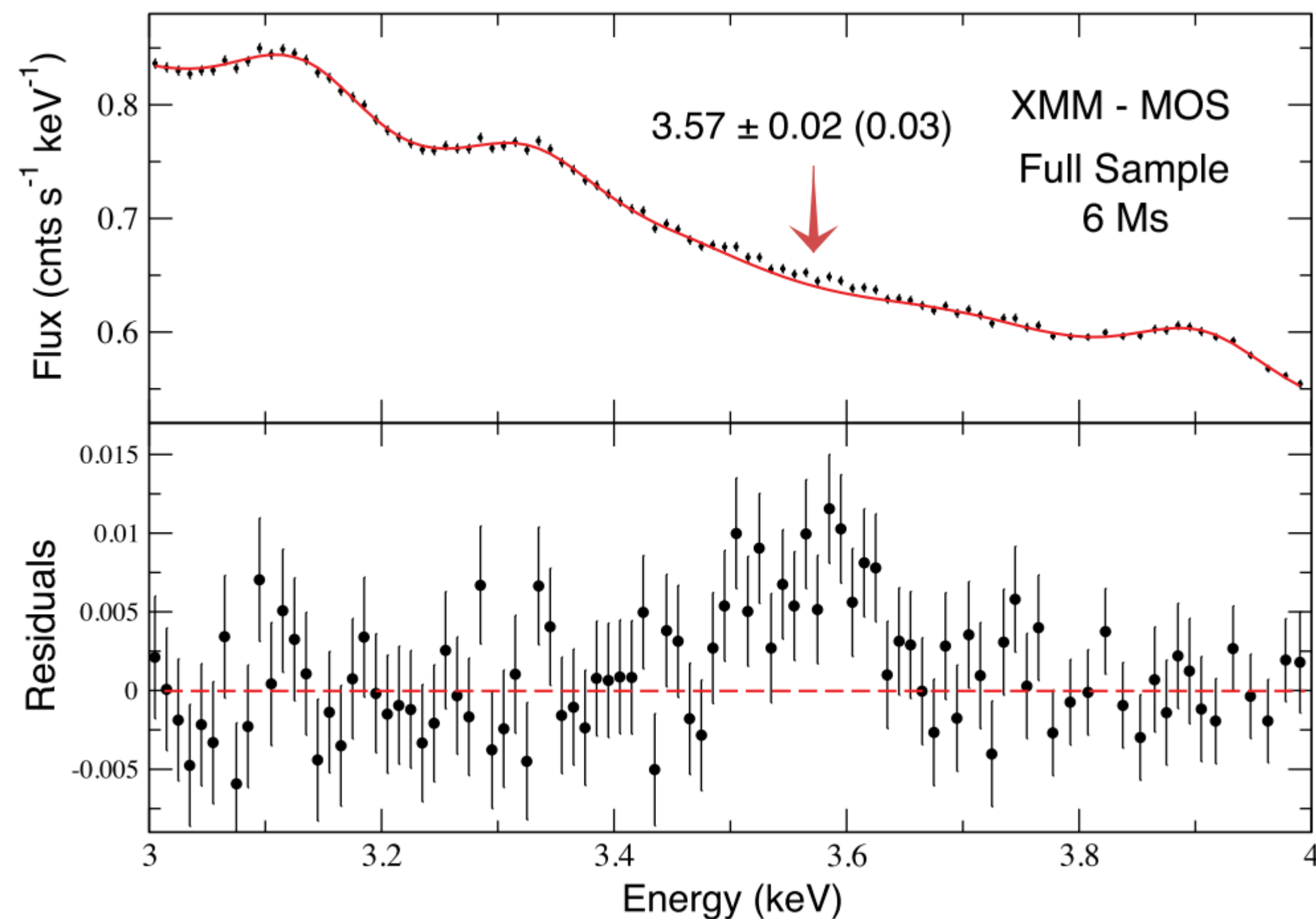


# Sterile neutrinos X-ray lines

## X-ray telescopes and spectral analysis

Starting from early 2014:

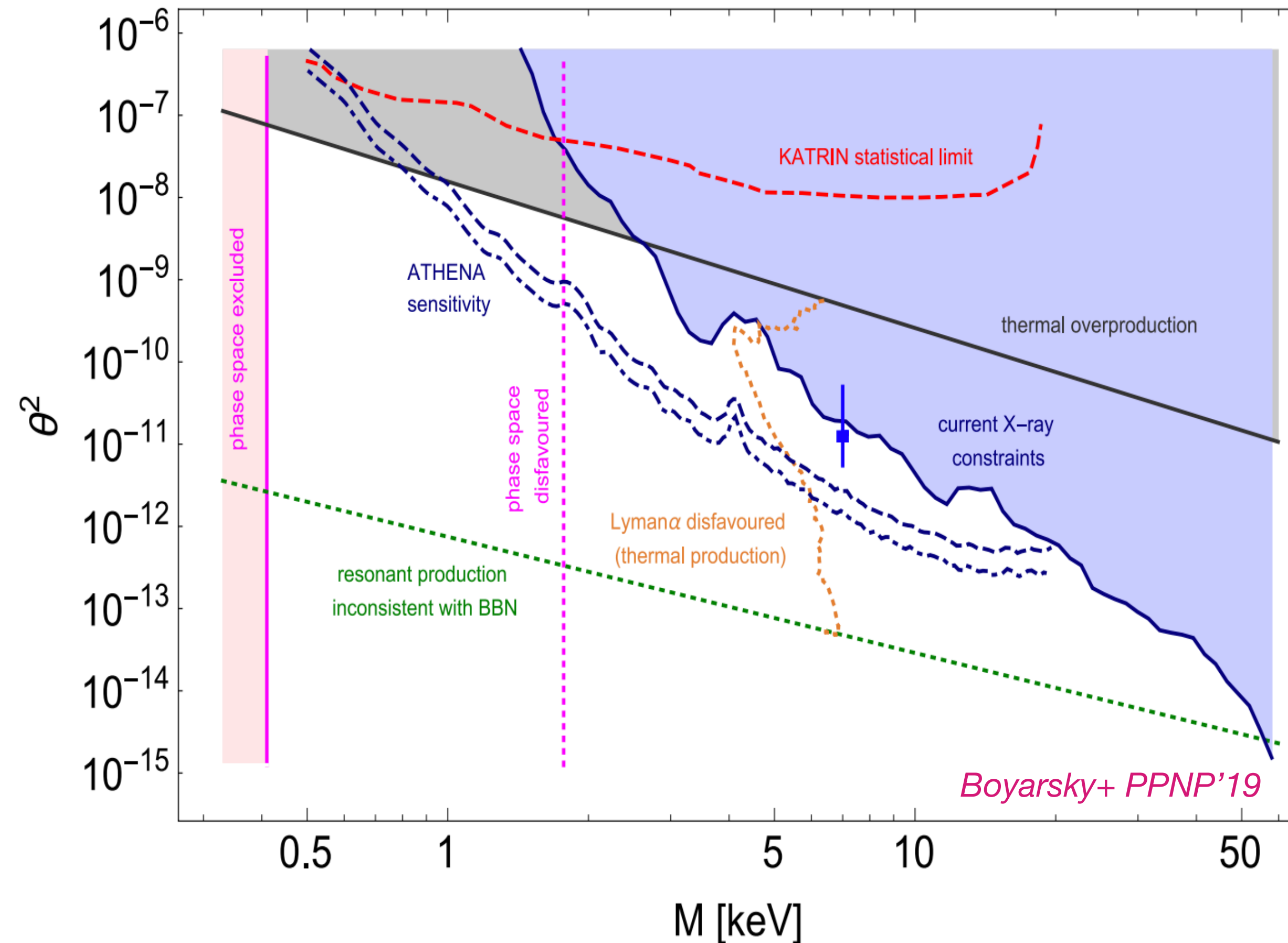
- ▶ **Detection** of an unidentified line at **3.5 keV**: XMM-Newton (6 Ms) & *Chandra*, Perseus cluster; XMM-Newton, M31; Suzaku, Perseus; etc
- ▶ **Constraints** from *Chandra* M31; XMM-Newton/*Chandra* 80 galaxies; blank field pointings *Chandra* and XMM-Newton, etc





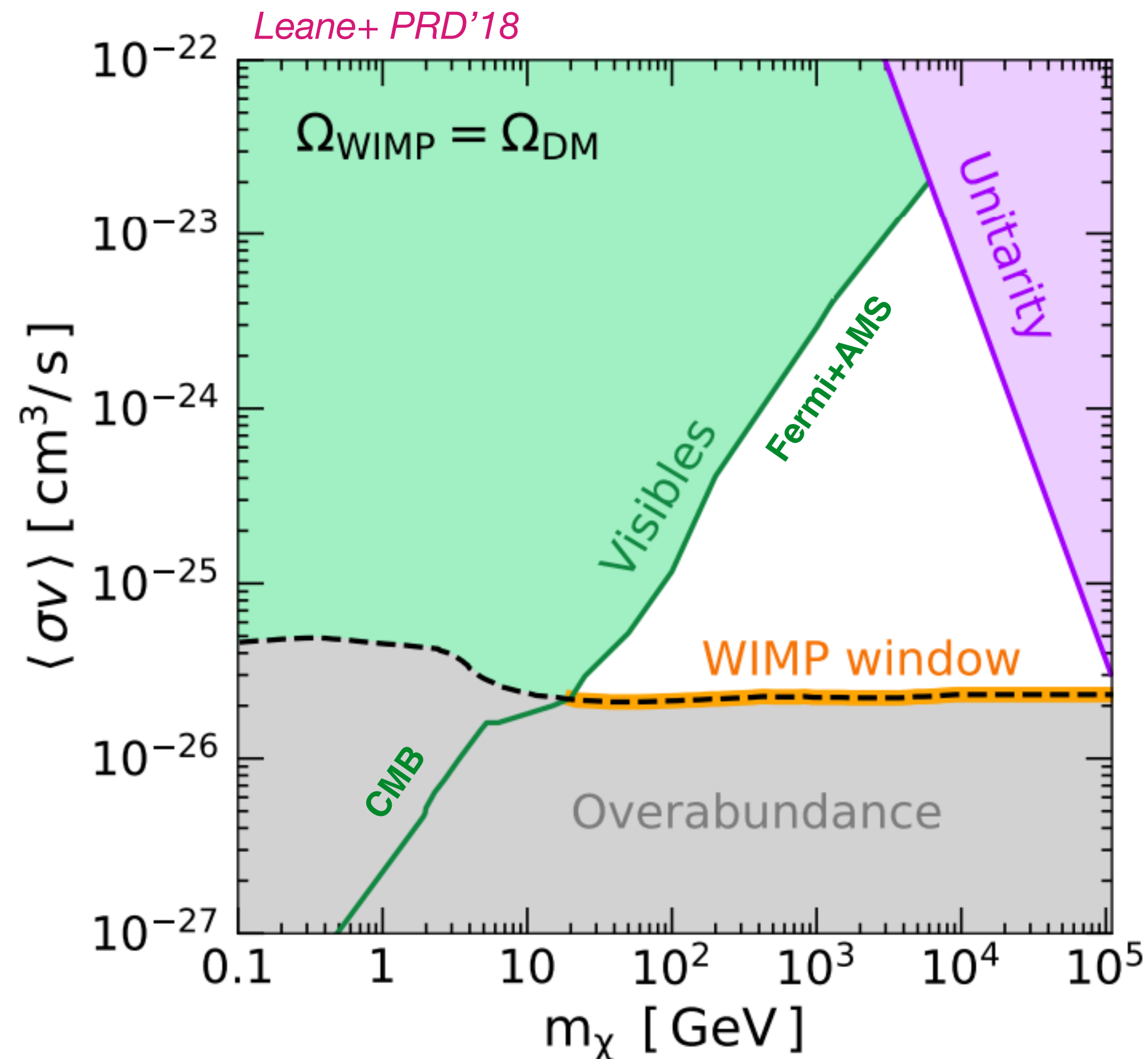
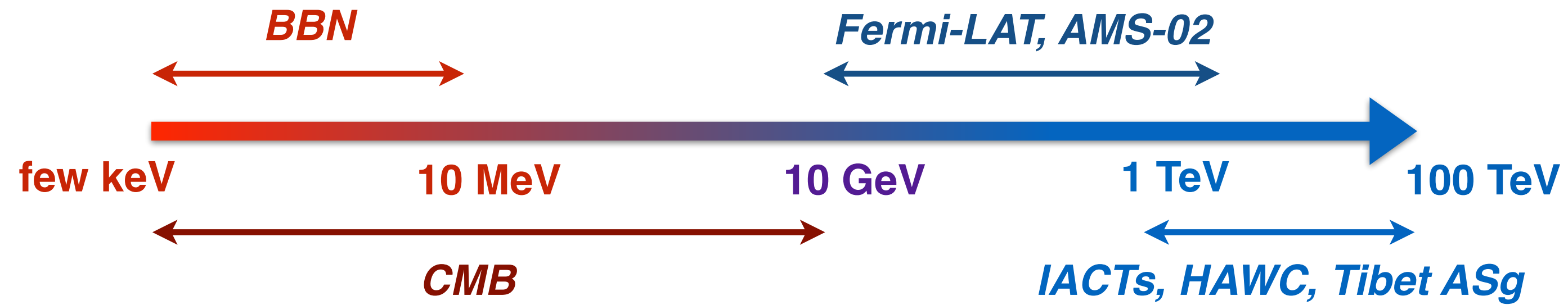
# Sterile neutrinos X-ray lines

## Constraints on parameter space



Future progresses with eROSITA, XARM (ex-Hitomi), Linx, and Athena+

# WIMP annihilation window

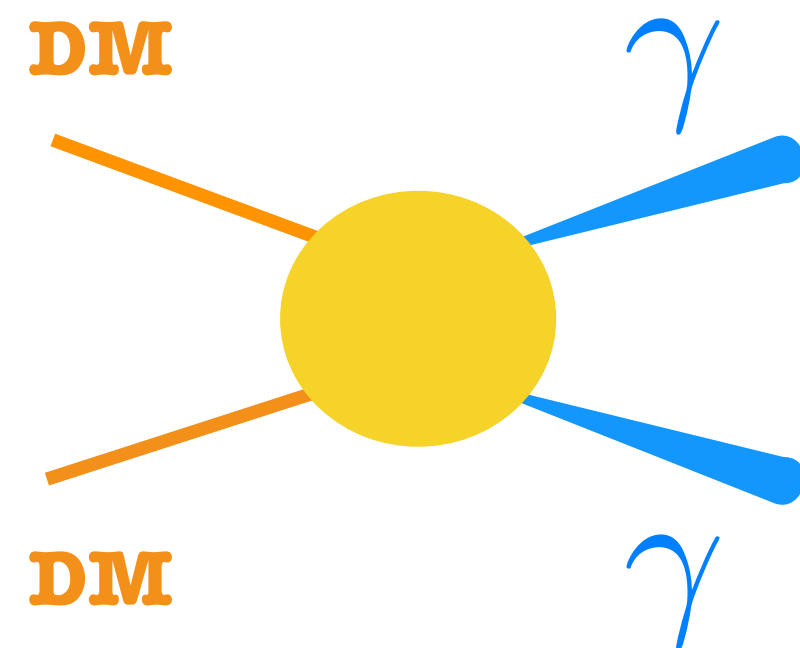


- **Total cross-section sets relic abundance**
  - **Indirect detection** provides model-independent UL on annihilation **cross-section for a given final state**
- ➔ Consistent and conservative interpretation of the data in the context of the generic thermal WIMP

[Low DM masses constrained by energy injection at early times and CMB observations *Slatyer & Wu, PRD'17*]

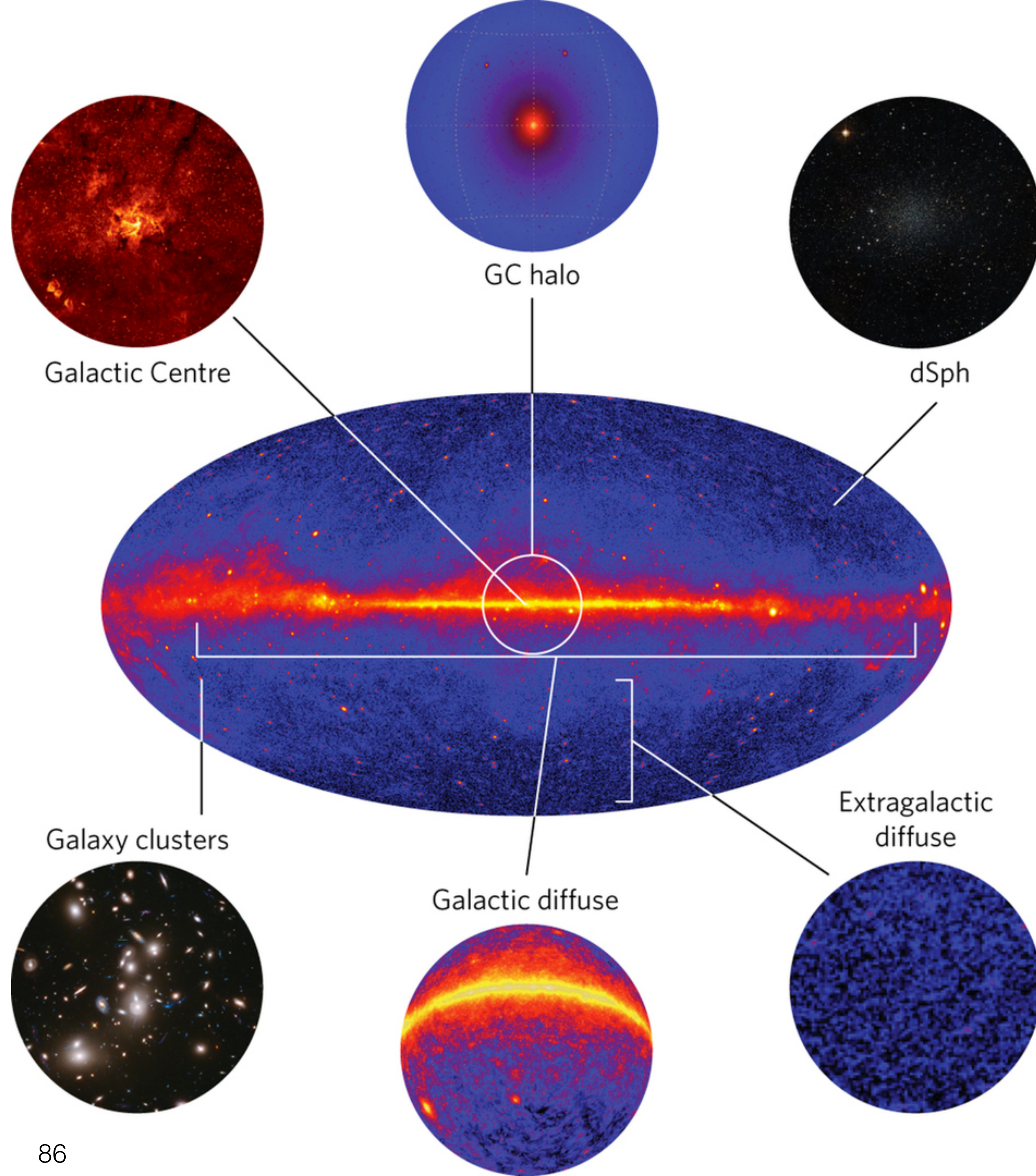


# Targets for WIMP gamma-ray searches



$$J \propto \int dl \rho [r(l, \psi)]^2$$

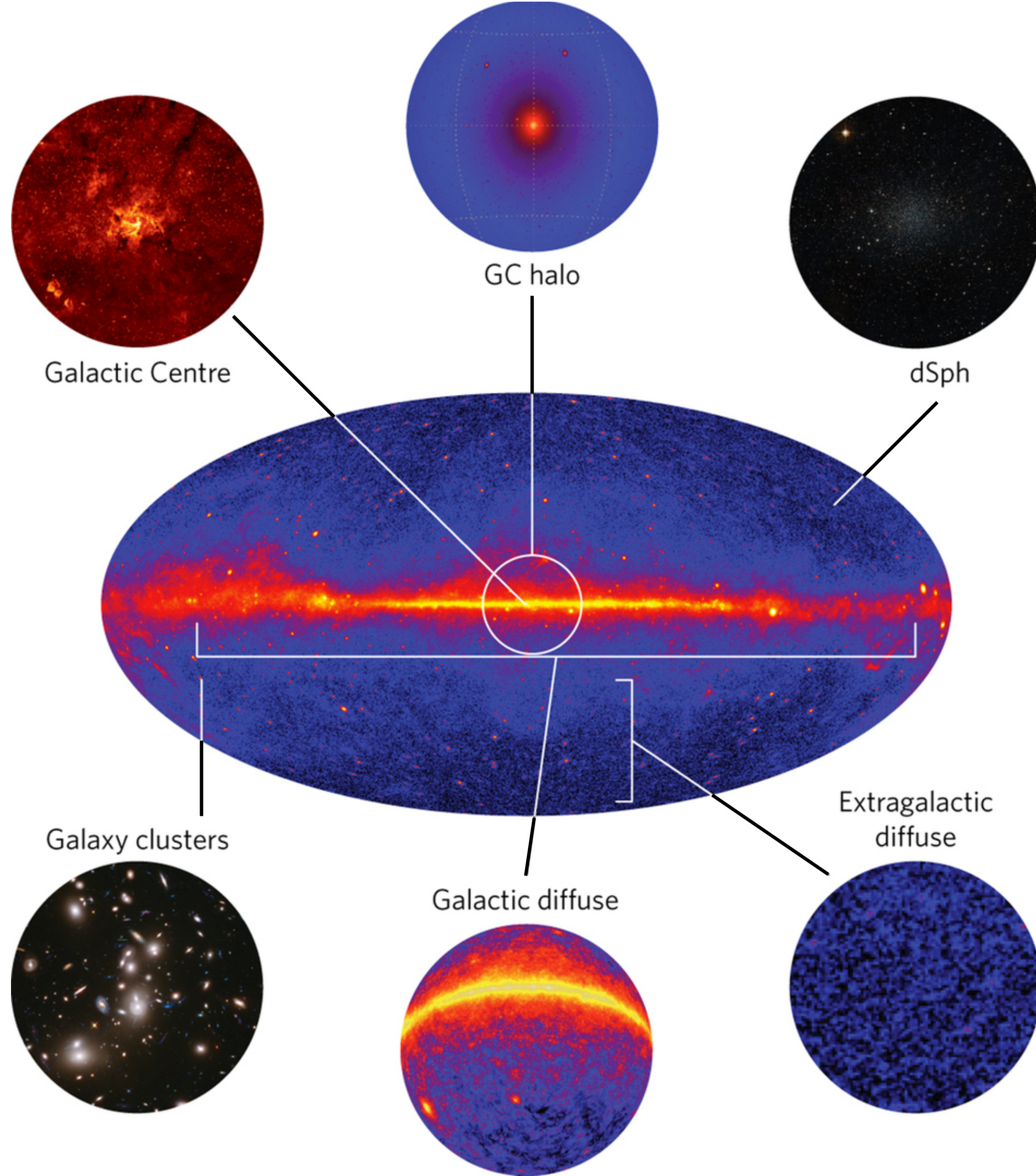
- + dedicated searches for gamma-ray lines
- + similar targets for radio searches (synchrotron)





# Astrophysical Backgrounds

- **Guaranteed gamma-ray emission** from astrophysical sources and cosmic-ray interactions with gas and ambient photons
- **Modelling uncertainty** from cosmic-ray propagation conditions and target distributions (gas, radiation fields)
- Careful assessment is S/B and systematic modelling uncertainties





# Feature-based searches

Different WIMP searches leverage on different WIMP (generic) features

- Generally, the signal looks like a **smooth bump** (from decay/hadronization products) from the main, smooth, **Galactic halo** => Importance of astrophysical background modelling
- **Spectral features**: look for sharp (or less sharp) features at the high-end of the energy spectrum
- **Spatial (angular) features**: look for specific DM-dominated targets and/or for angular correlations in the sky (anisotropies/cross-correlation)

=> Example: **Searches for DM towards dwarf spheroidal galaxies**

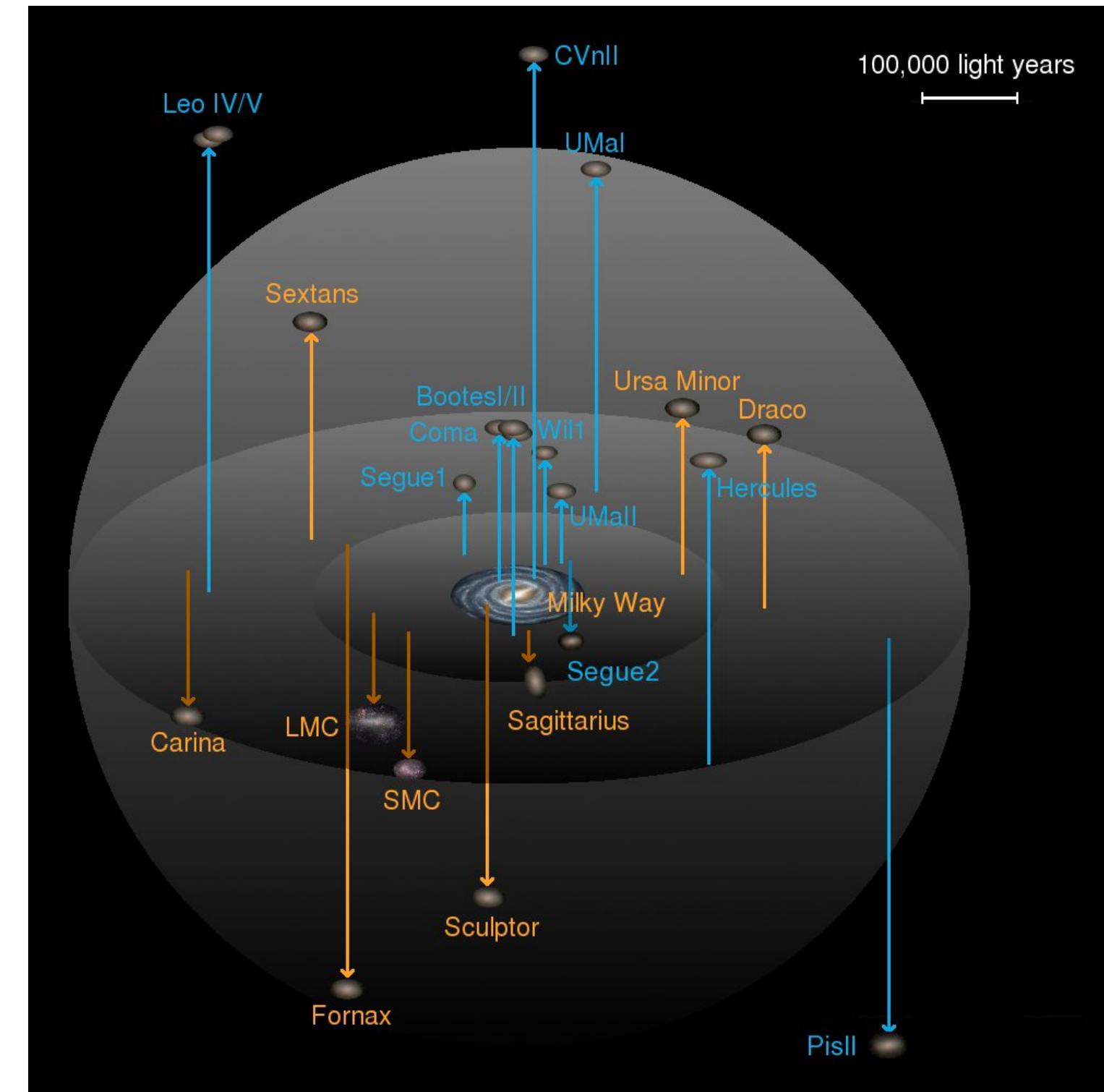
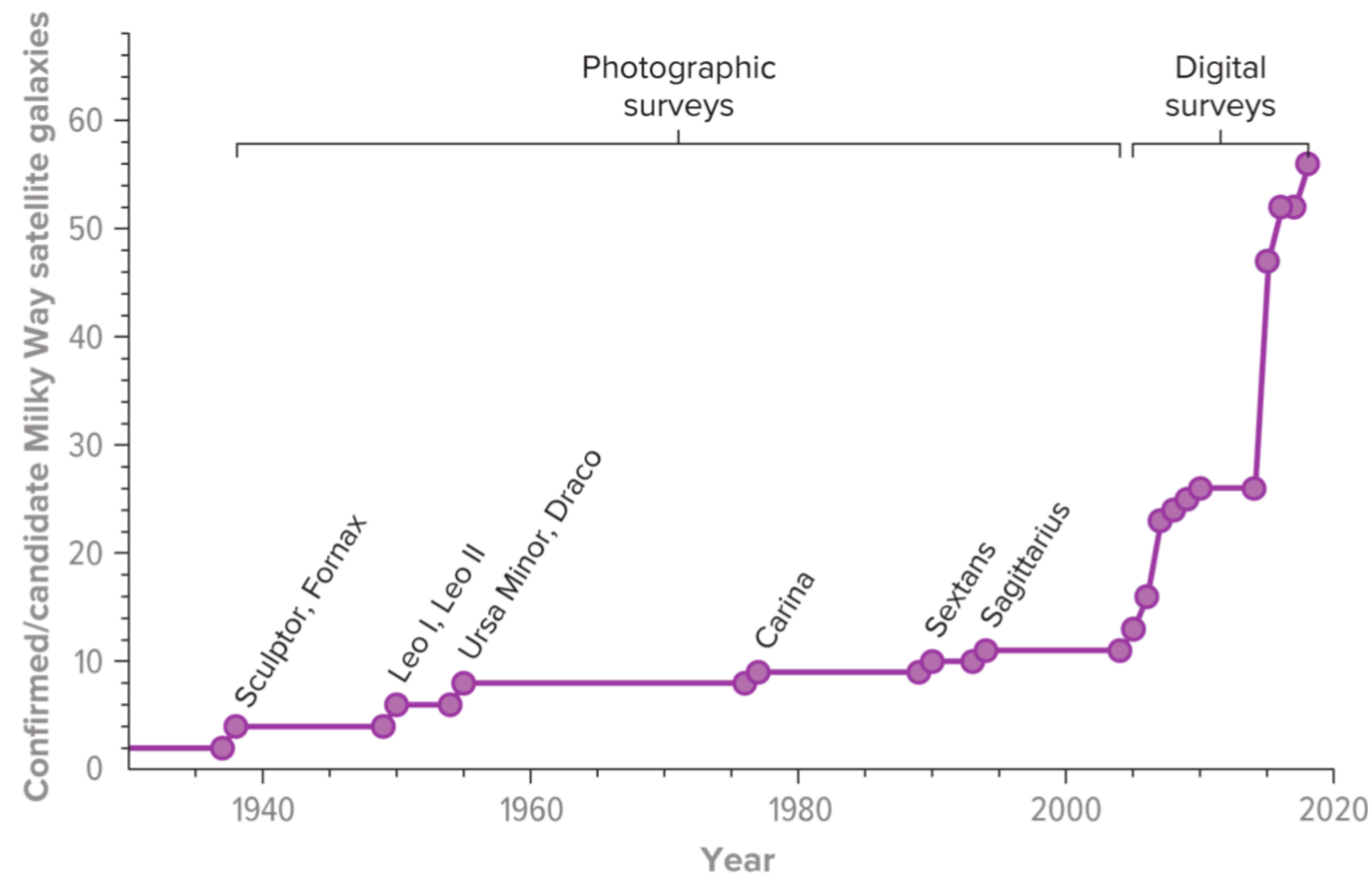
[NB: Models are predictive => can link different observables (direct/indirect/collider) and break degeneracies]

# Dwarf spheroidal galaxies

Known satellites of the Milky Way at ~100 kpc from Earth

“Clean” target for DM searches, high mass-to-light ratio and little astrophysical emission

*Winter+ ApJ'16*

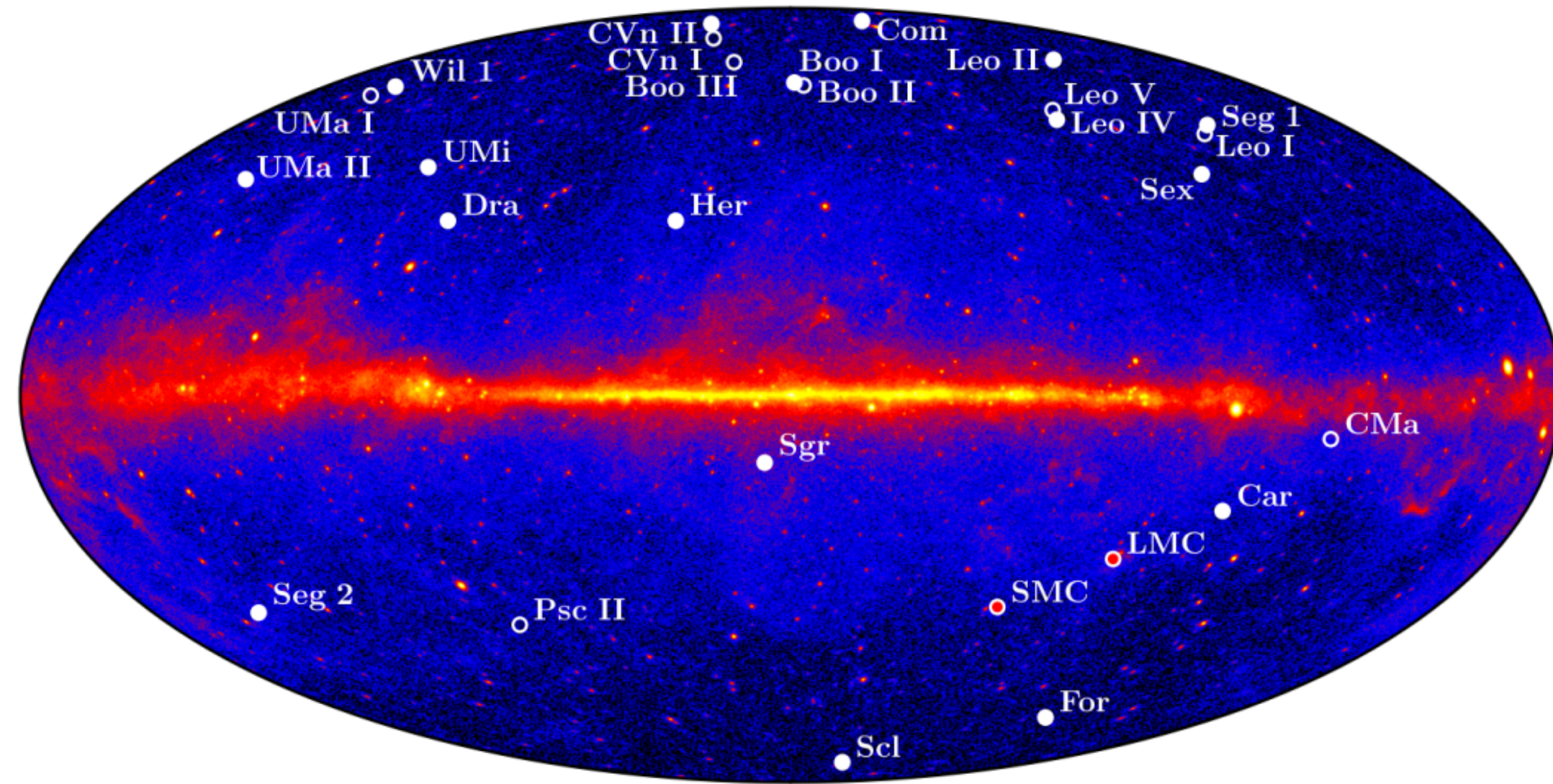


A growing Galactic crowd  
> 50 satellites  
(SDSS, PanSTARRS, DES)

*Credit: J.D. Simon / AR Astronomy and Astrophysics*



# Limits from dwarf spheroidal galaxies

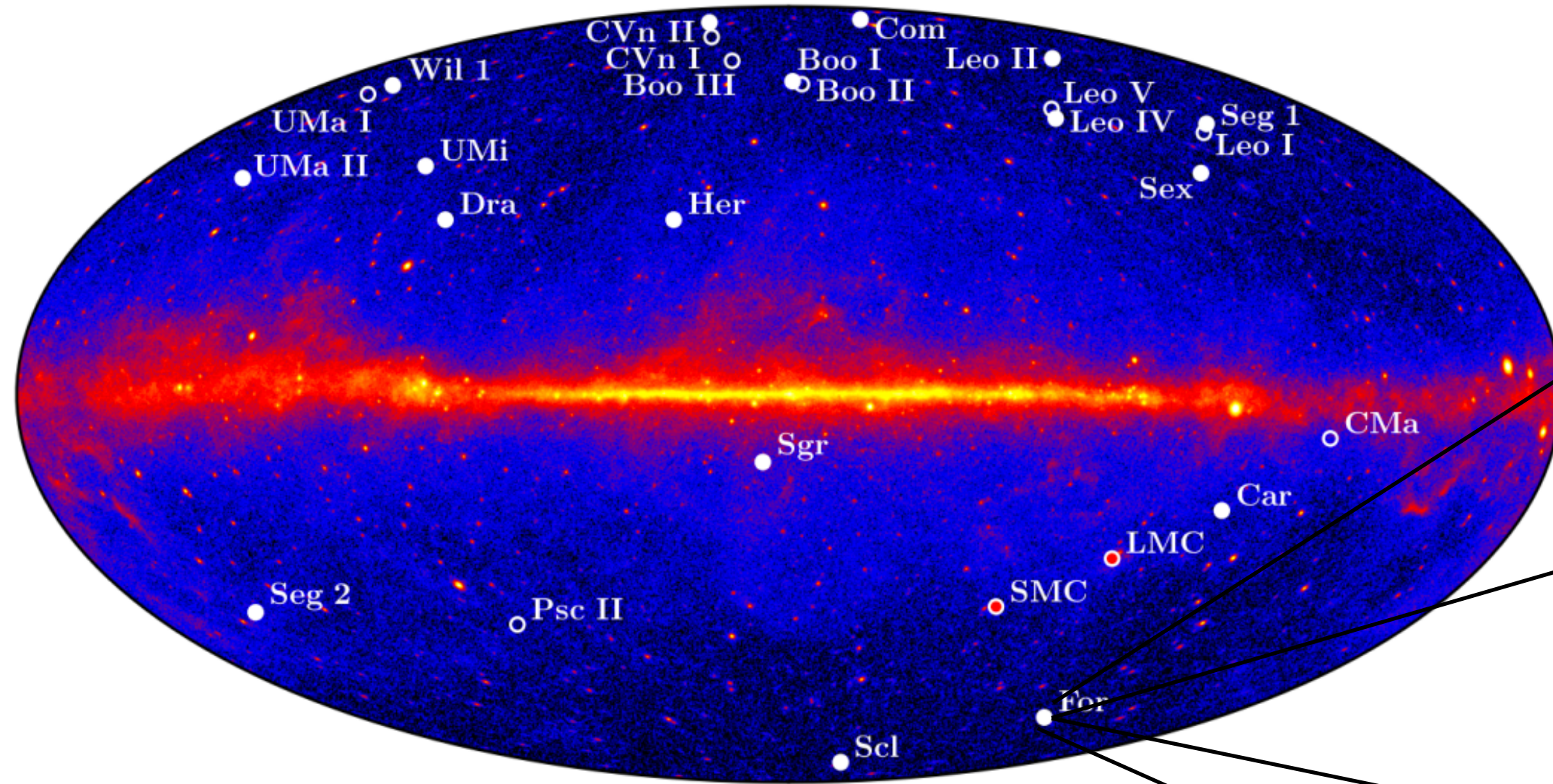


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*Fermi-LAT Collaboration, PRL'11*



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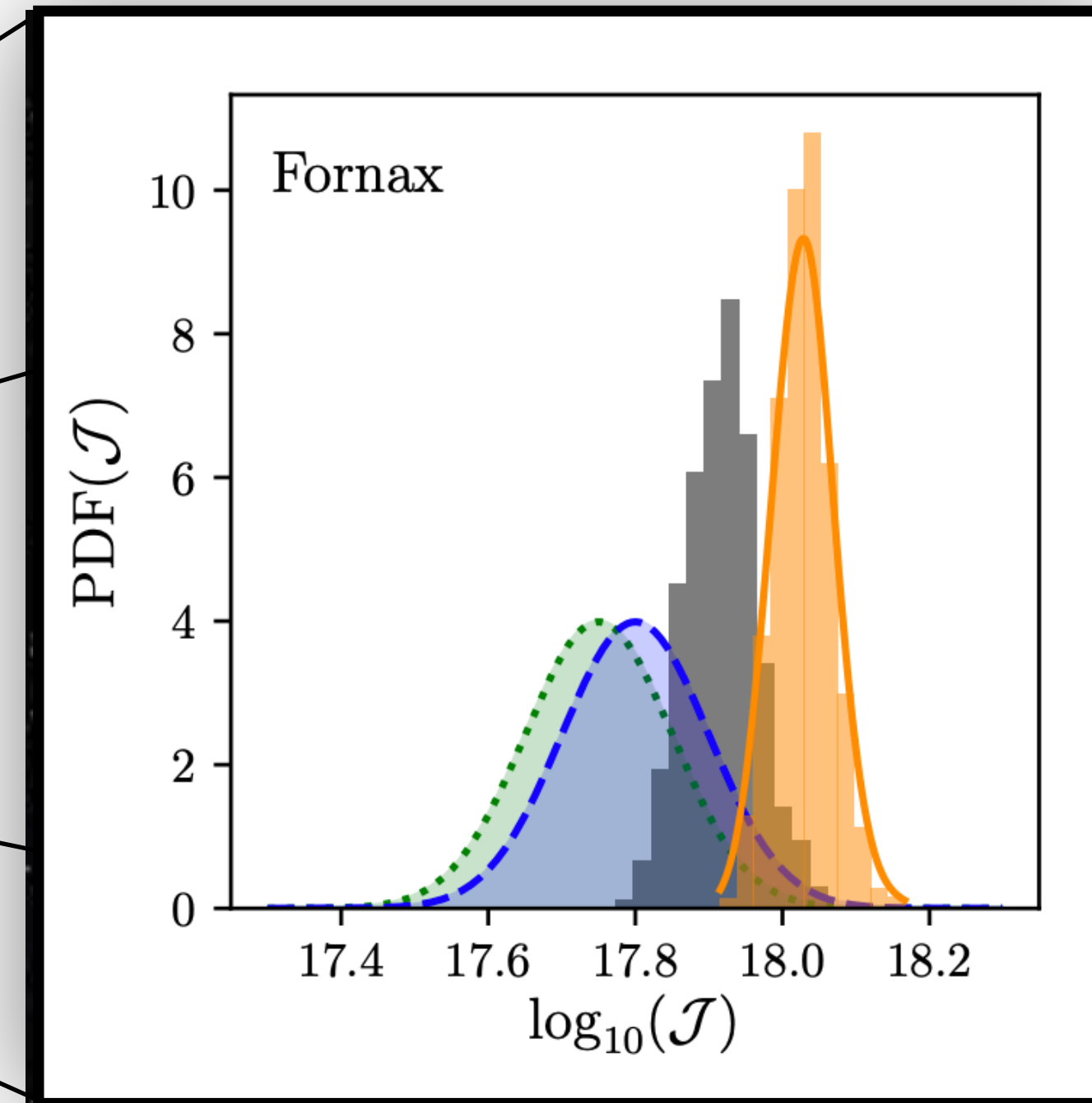
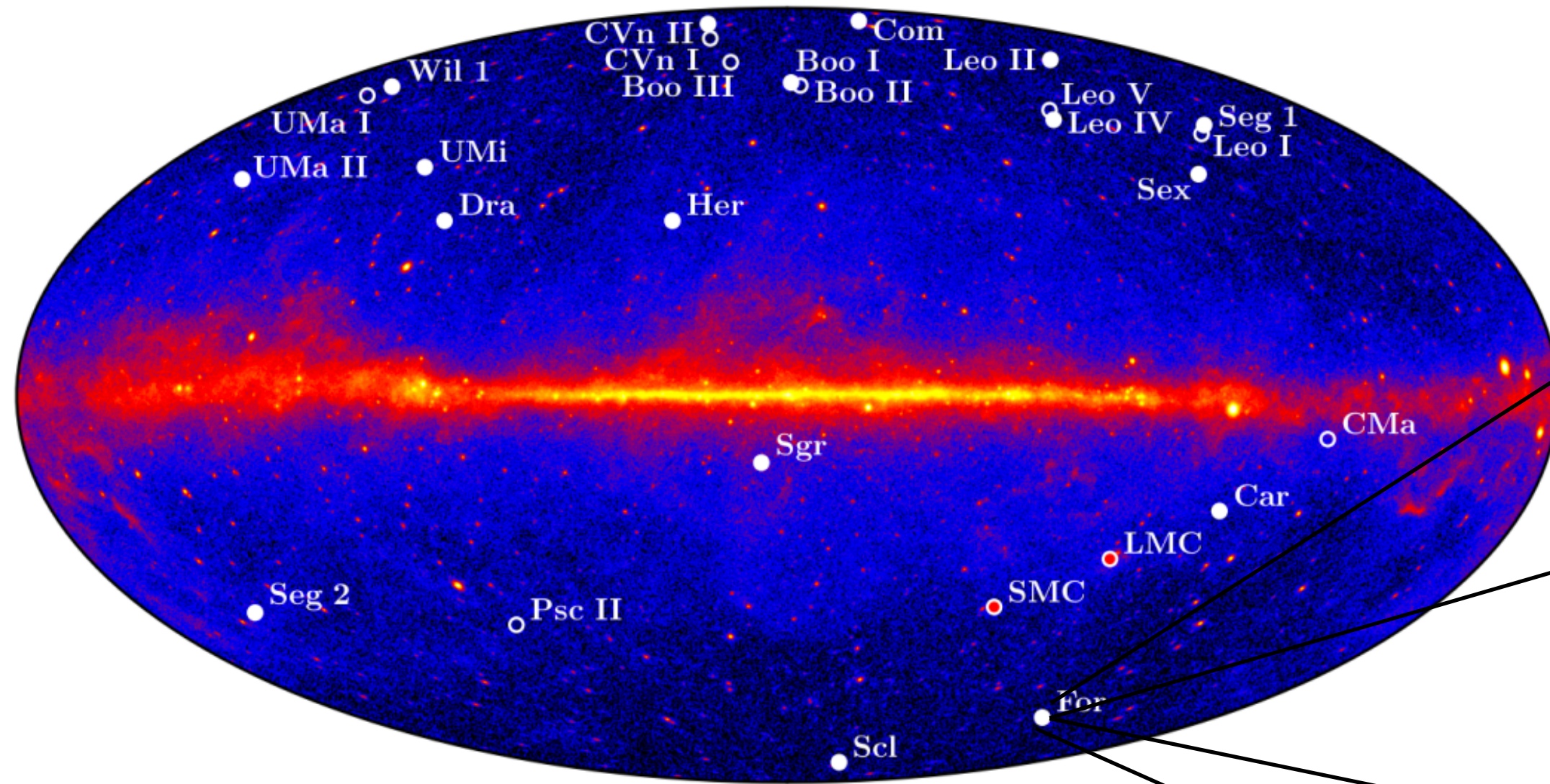
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*Credit: ESO/Fornax galaxy*



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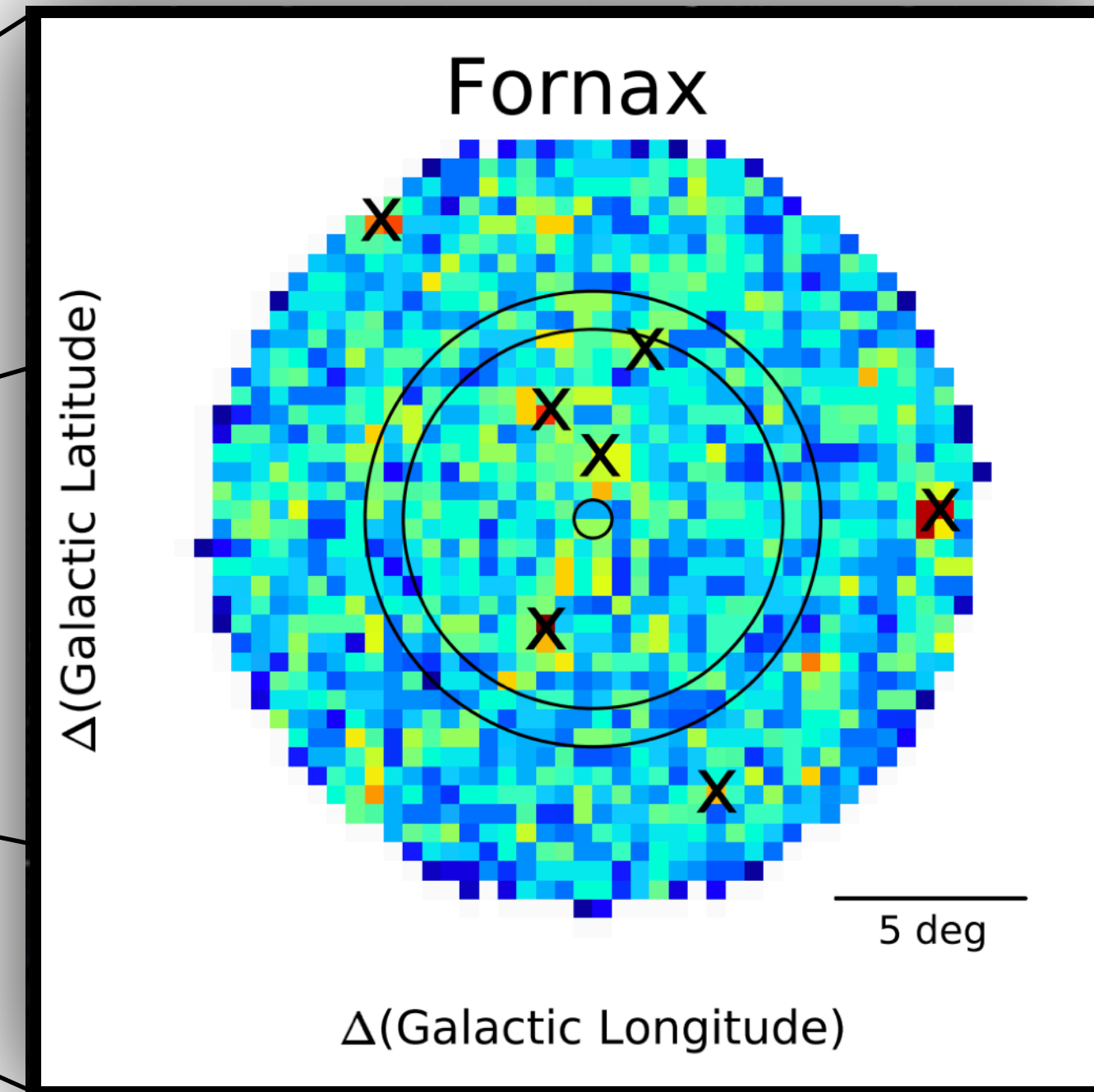
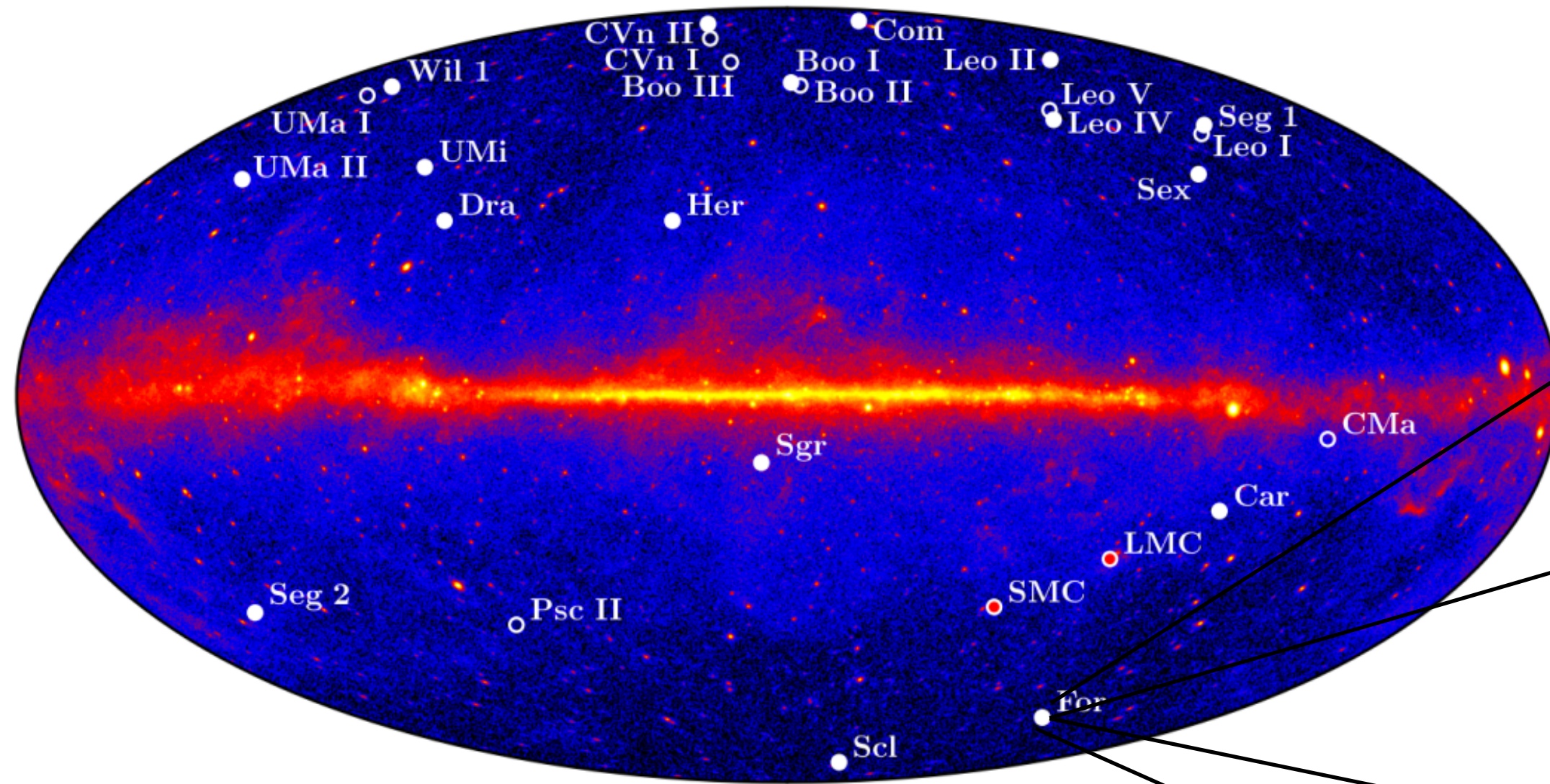
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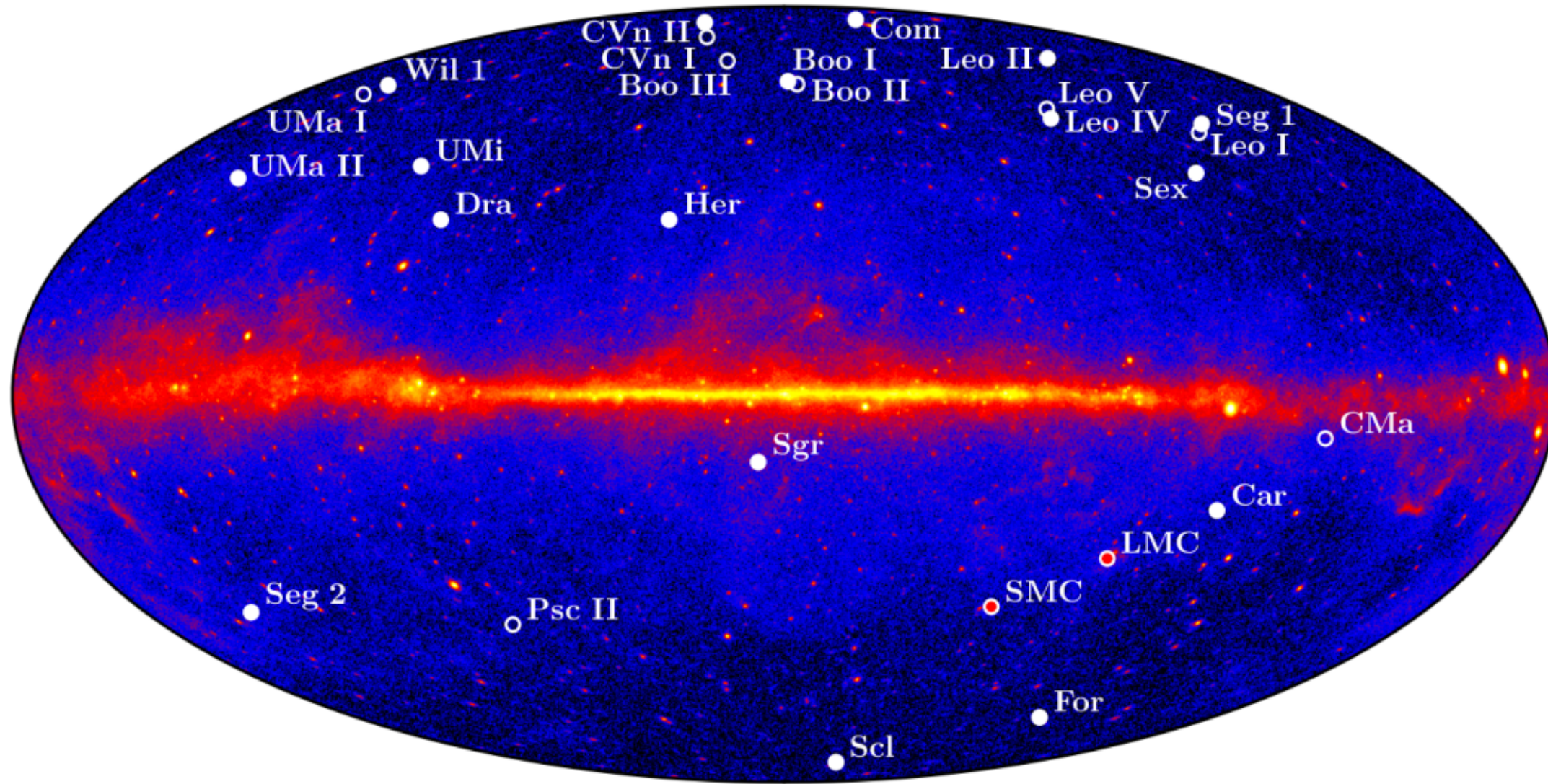
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*Mazziotta+Astrop. Phys.'12*



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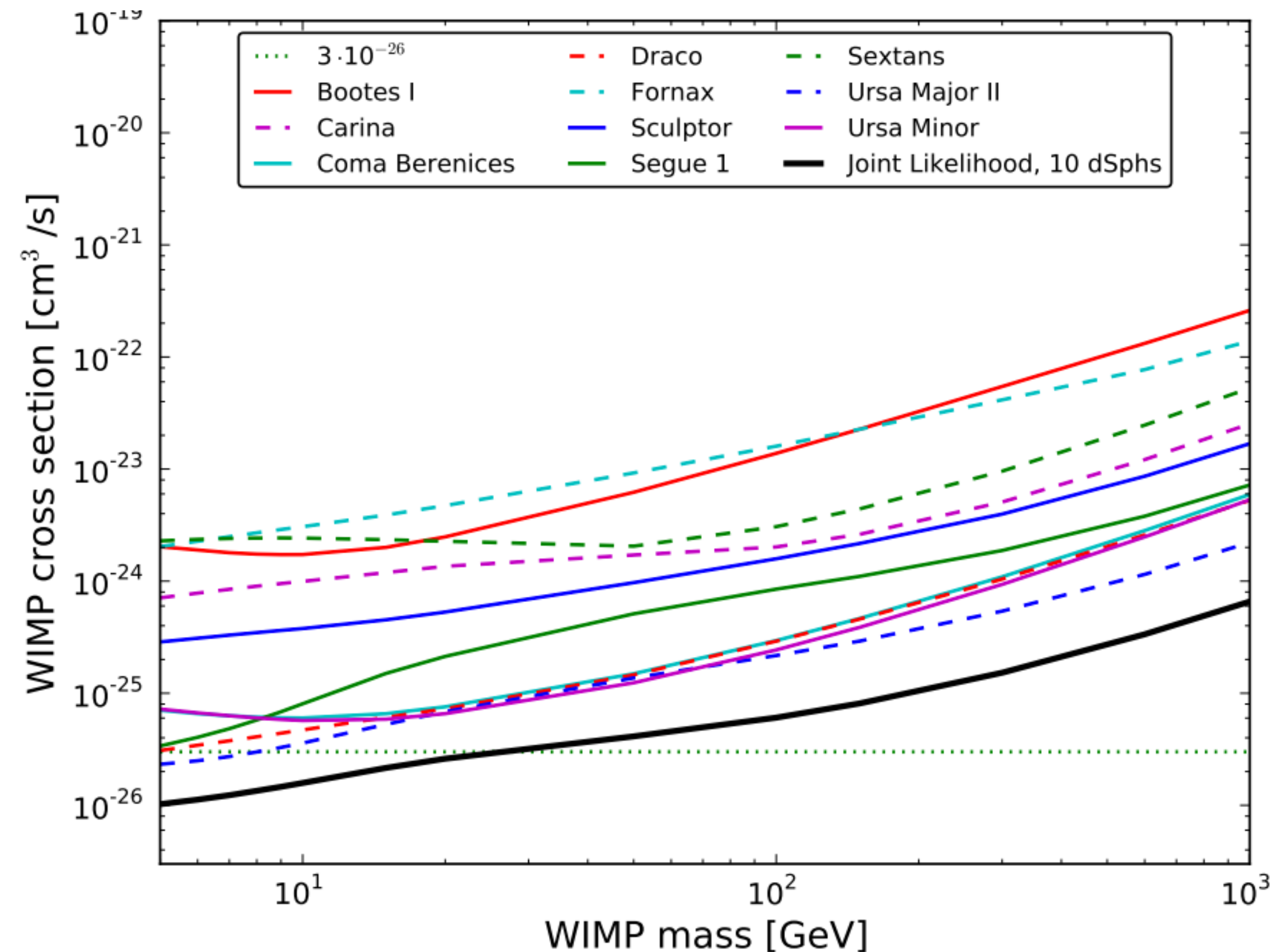


$$L(D|\mathbf{p}_W, \{\mathbf{p}\}_i) = \prod_i L_i^{\text{LAT}}(D|\mathbf{p}_W, \mathbf{p}_i) \times \frac{1}{\ln(10) J_i \sqrt{2\pi\sigma_i}} e^{-[\log_{10}(J_i) - \overline{\log_{10}(J_i)}]^2 / 2\sigma_i^2}$$

Analysing dSphs as a group results in sensitivity competitive with other targets => **Stacking technique**

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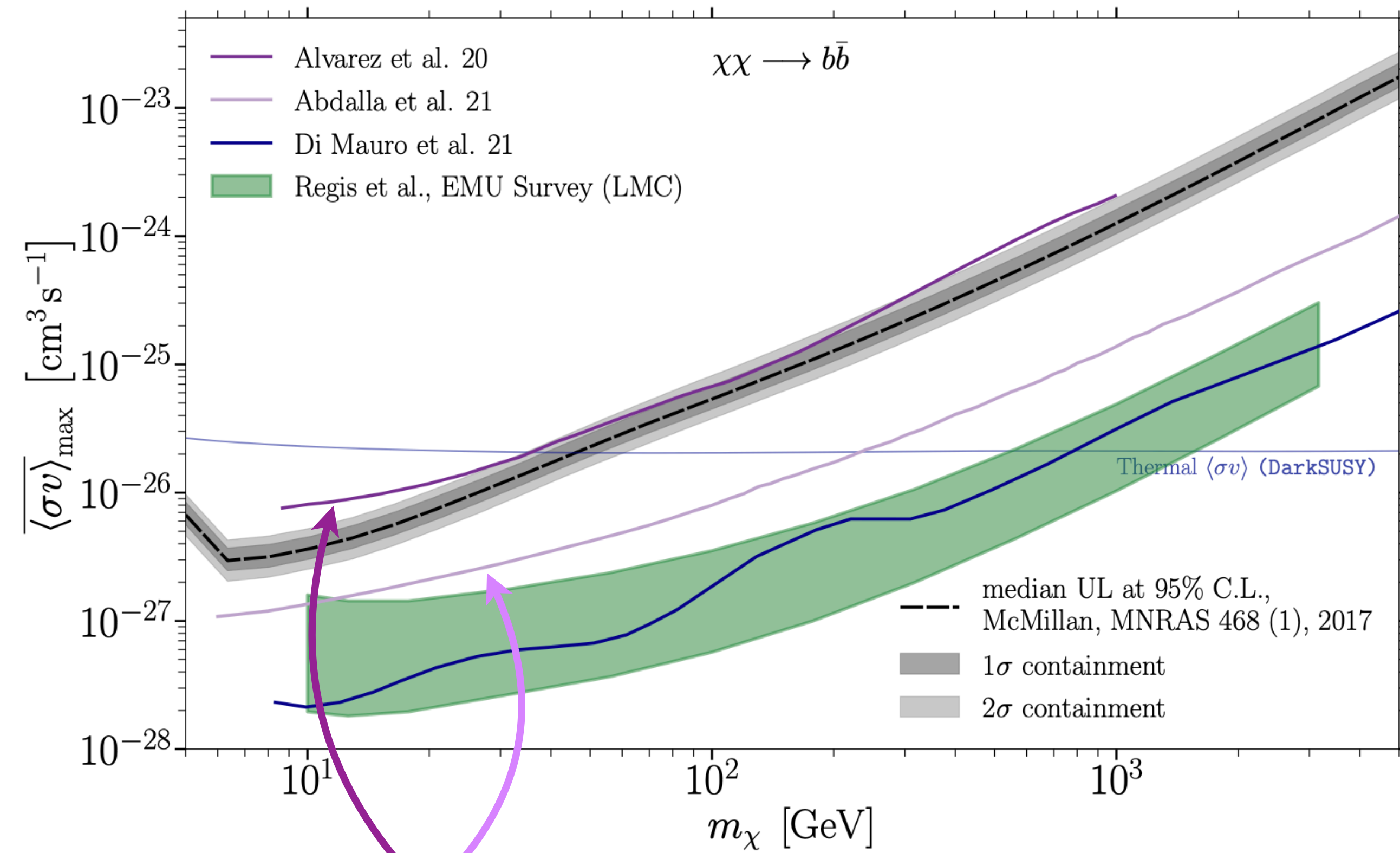


# Limits on annihilating WIMPs

## Summary of multi-targets and MW constraints

~ a few GeV — few TeV

*Eckner, FC+ 2208.03312*



**Fermi-LAT dwarf galaxies**

*Alvarez, FC+ JCAP'20; Abdalla+ PoS'21*

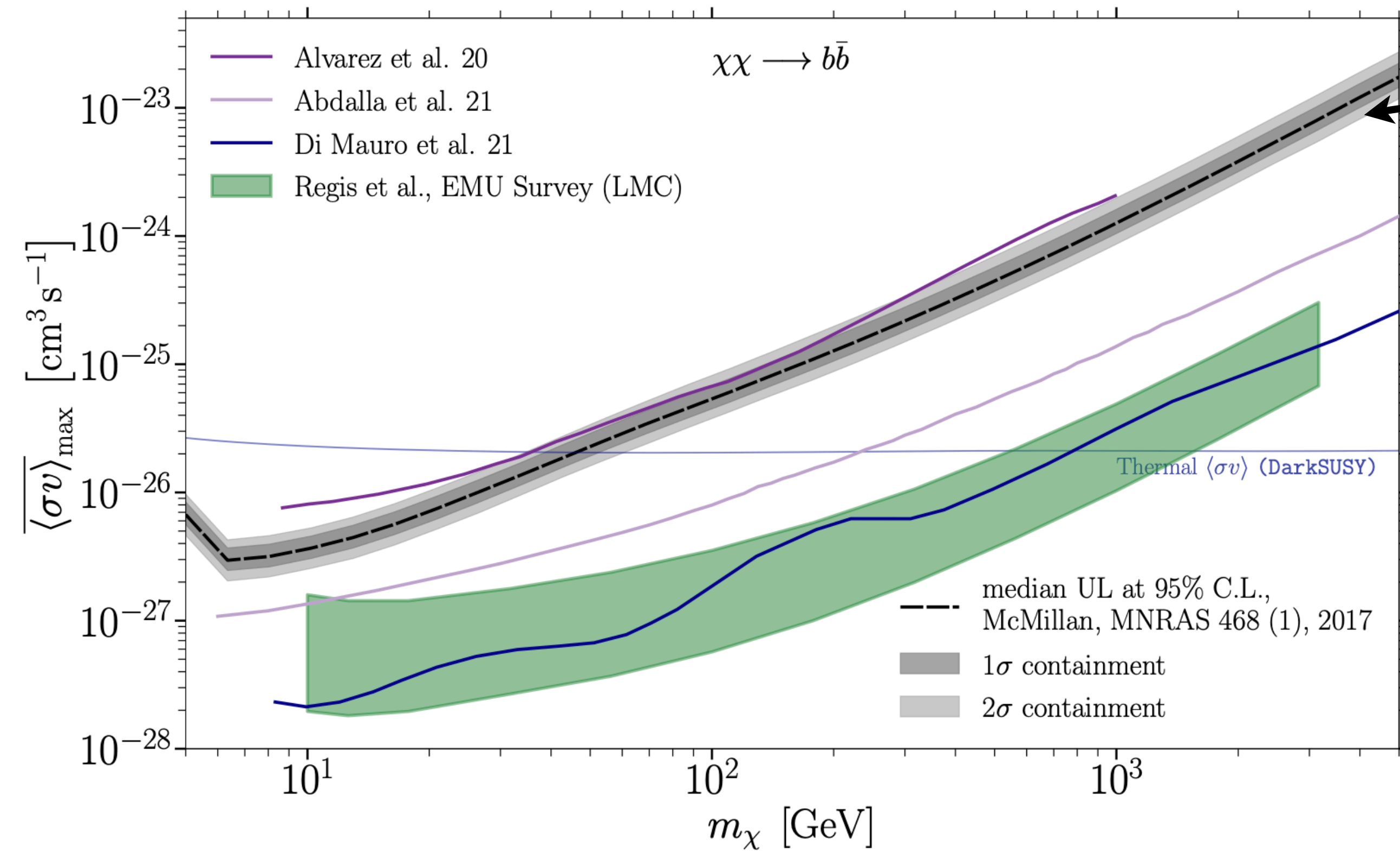


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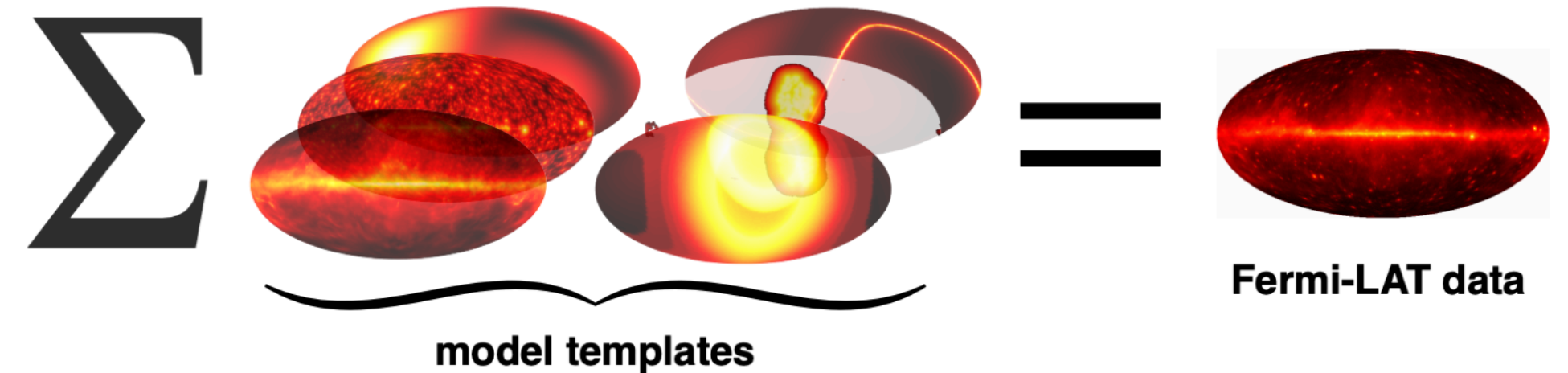
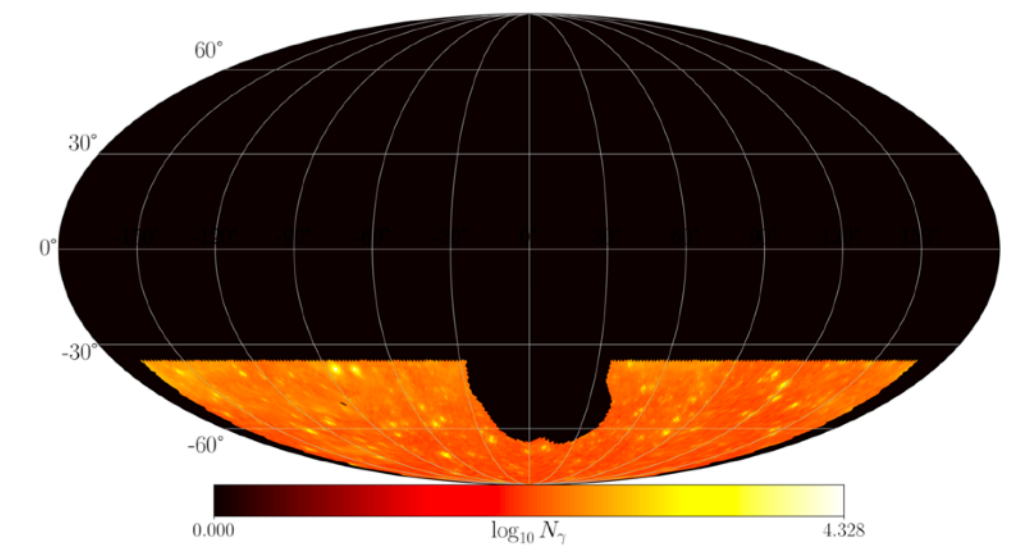
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High-latitude Fermi-LAT sky

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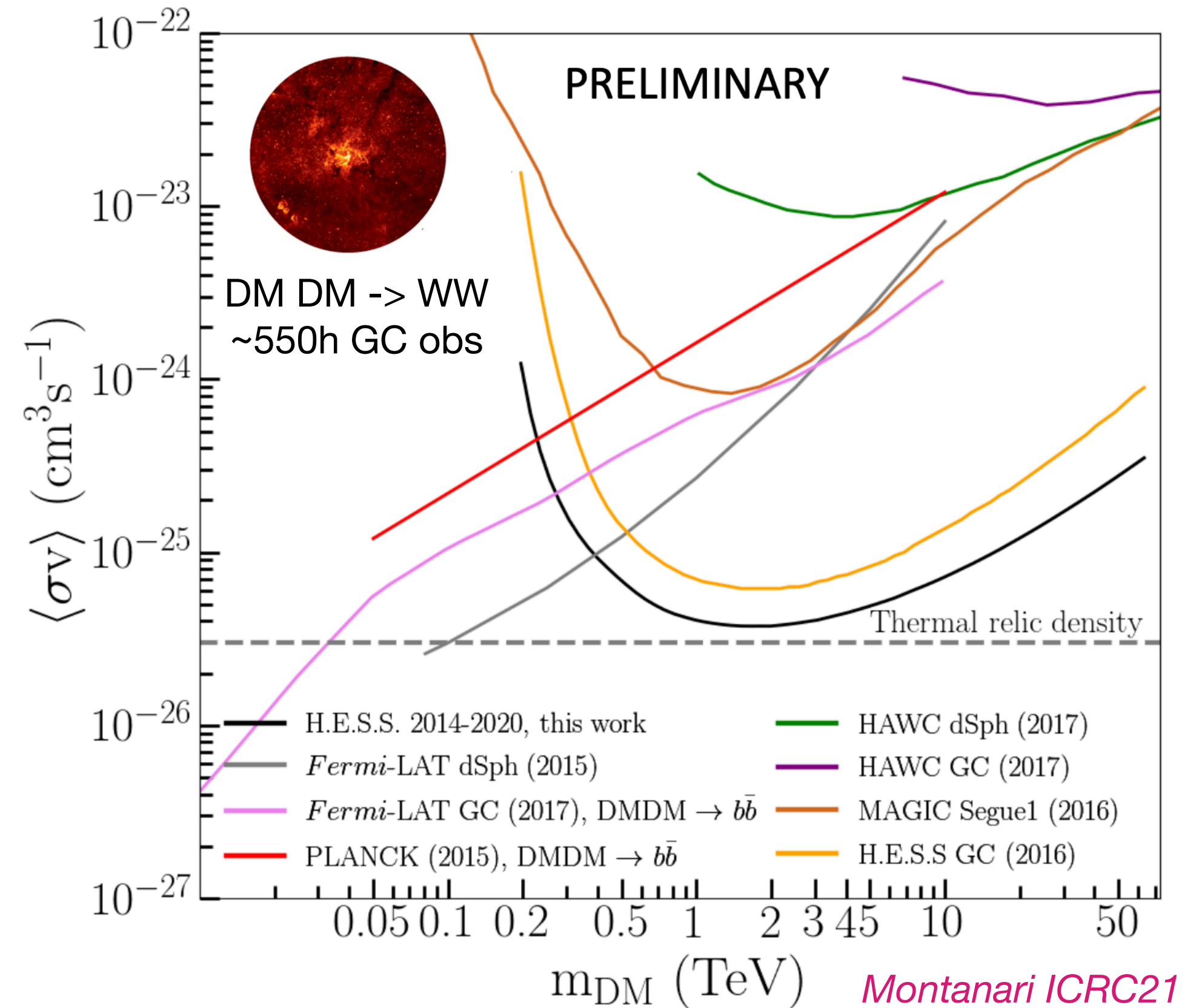
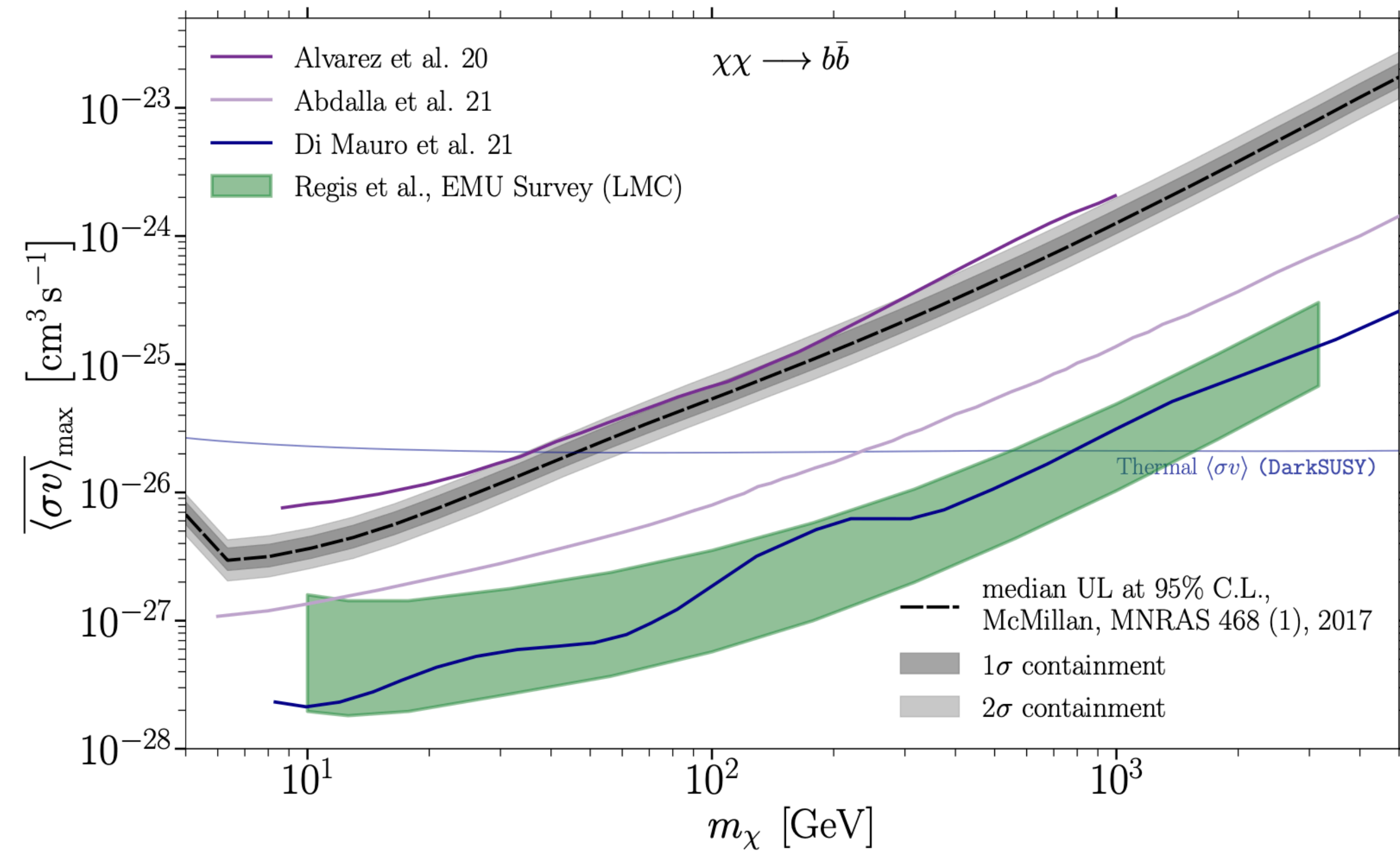
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0.2 TeV — 50 TeV

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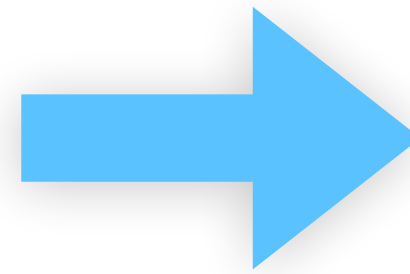




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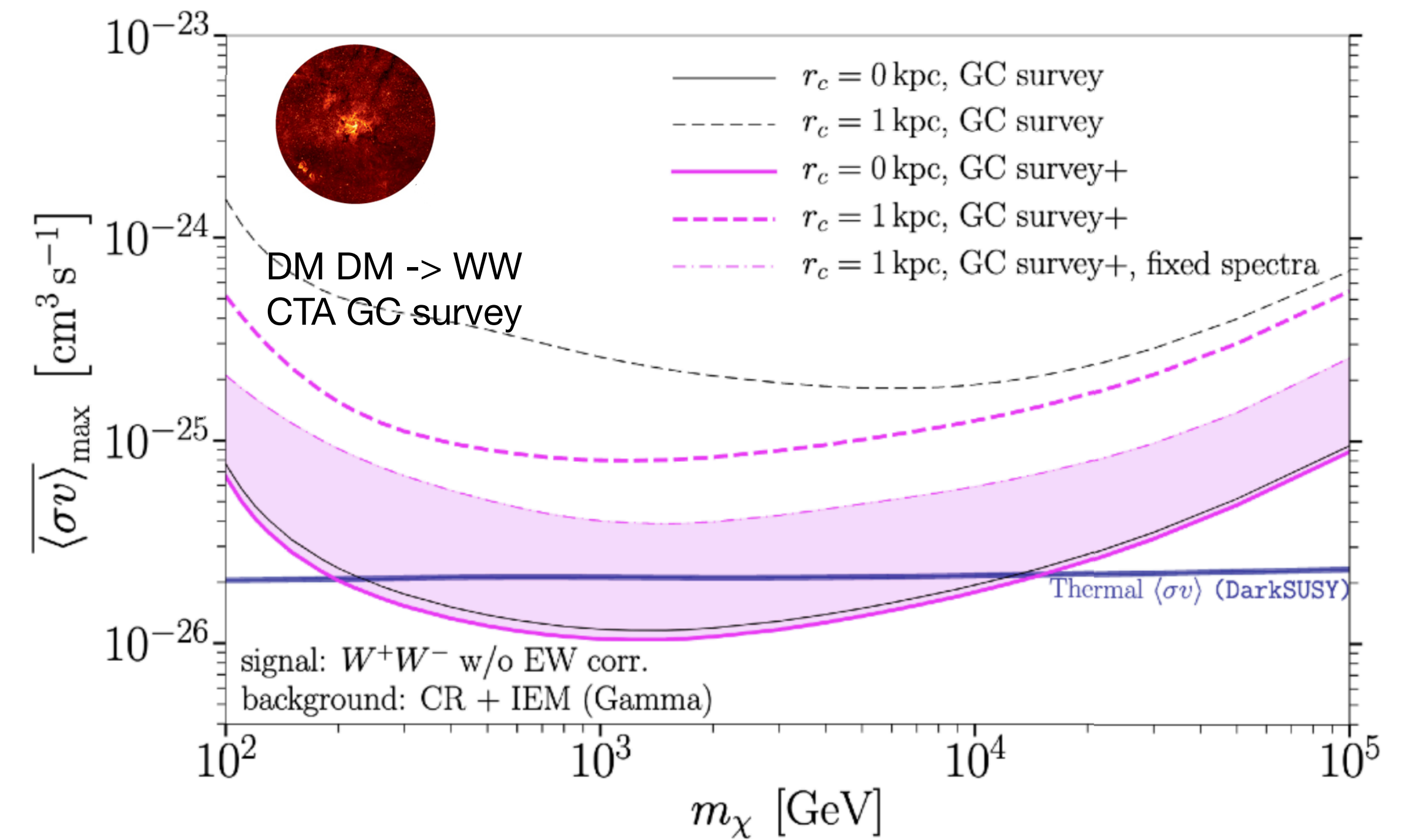
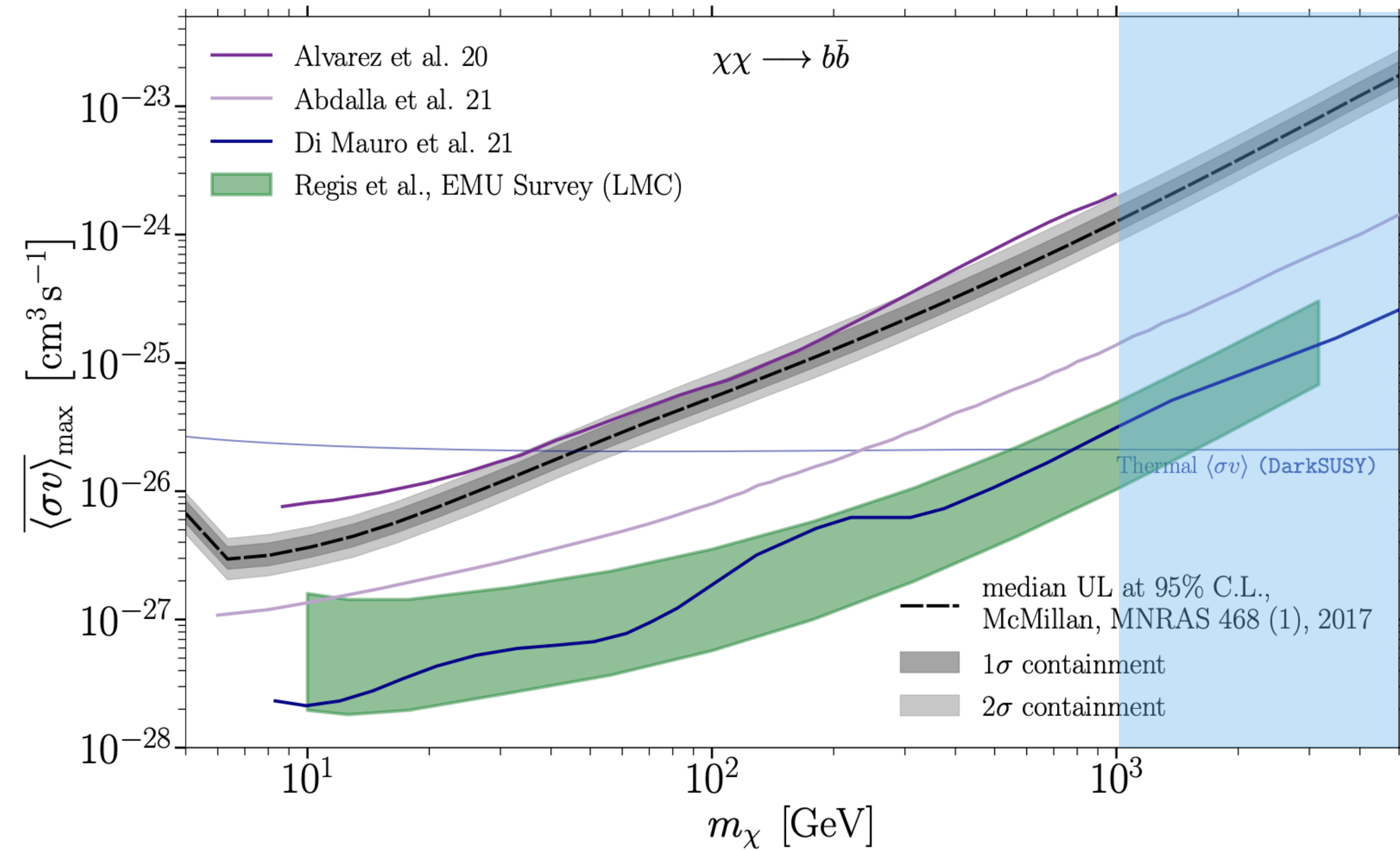
## Extending the energy/mass scale

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TeV frontier  
HAWC, CTA, SWGO

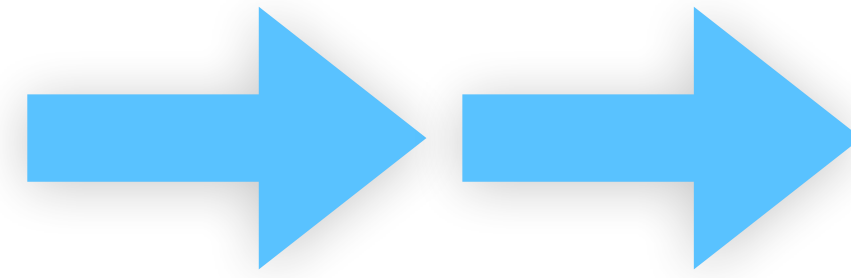
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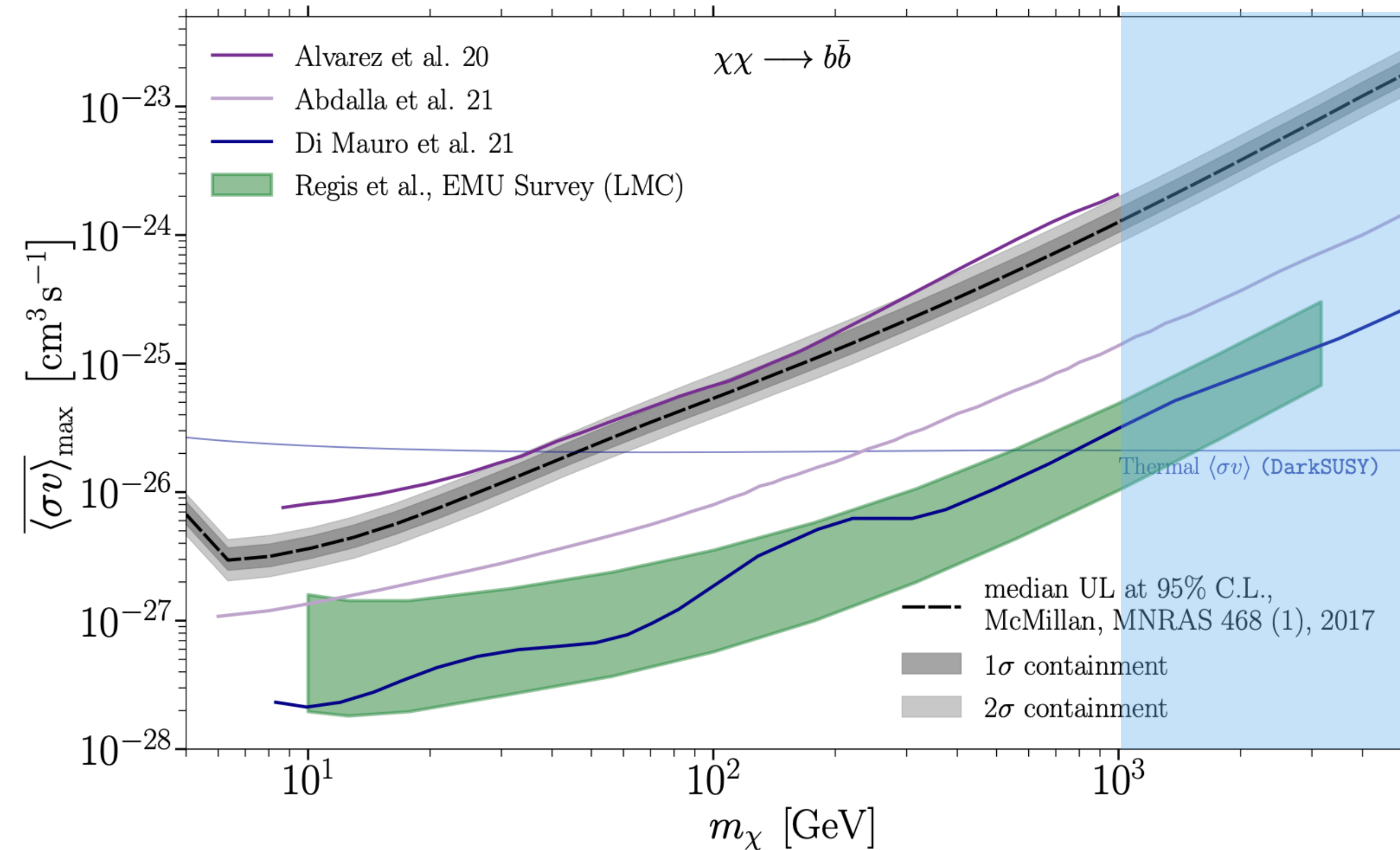
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Sub-PeV frontier

LHAASO, Tibet ASg

Eckner, FC+ 2208.03312



- Cannot be thermally produced (WIMpy) DM, since you hit the unitarity bound

Griest & Kamionkowski, PRD' 90

- Viable production mechanisms for PeV DM exist, e.g. inflation decay in low-scale reheating scenarios

Harigaya+ 1402.2846

- The signal should come through decay and should appear in neutrino fluxes even before gamma rays

Feldstein+ PRD'13; Esmaili & Serpico, JCAP'13;  
Chianese+ arXiv:2108.01678

- These data often provide *best bounds* to heavy DM lifetime

Esmaili & Serpico, PRD'21; Chianese+ arXiv:2108.01678

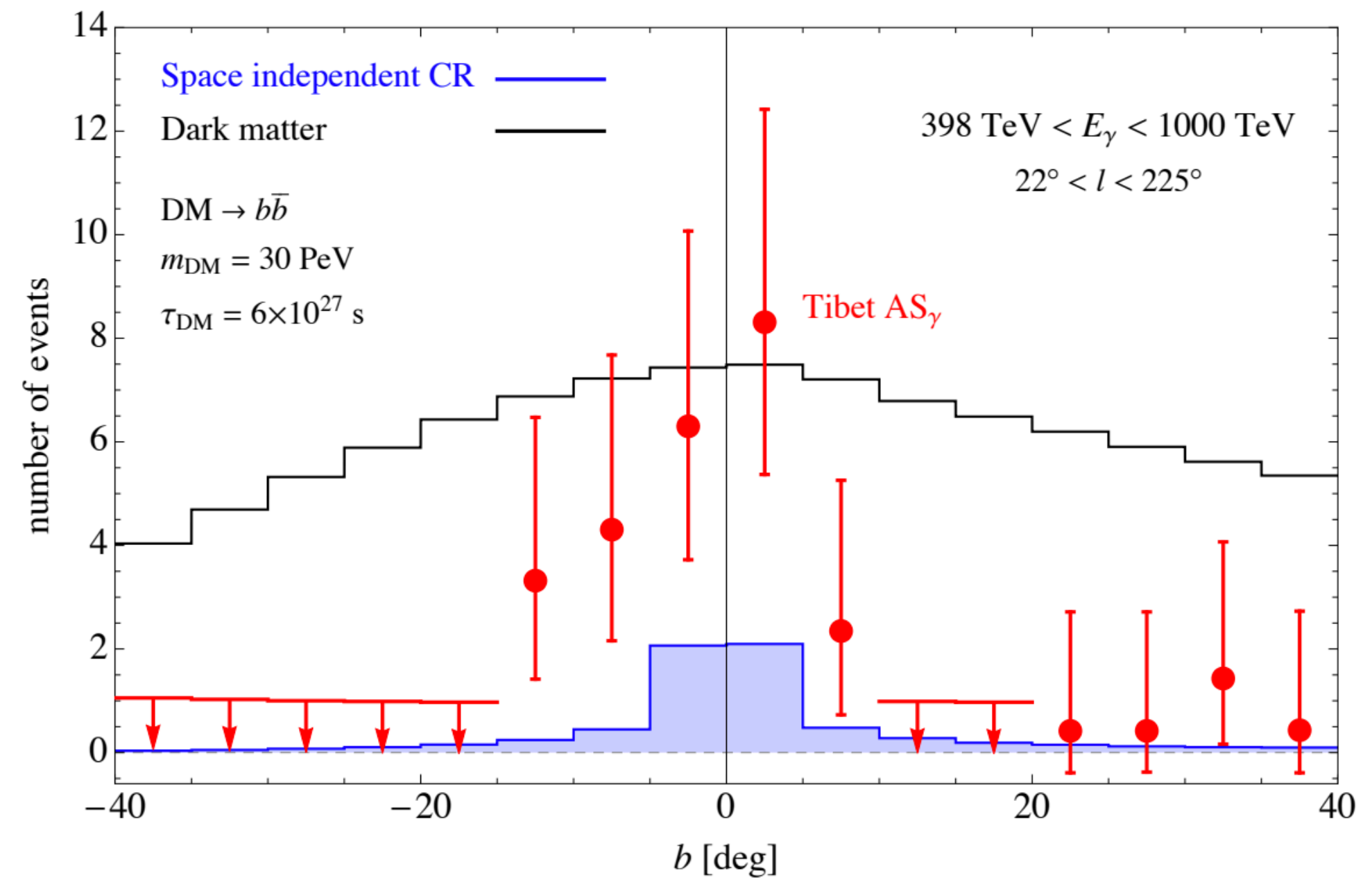
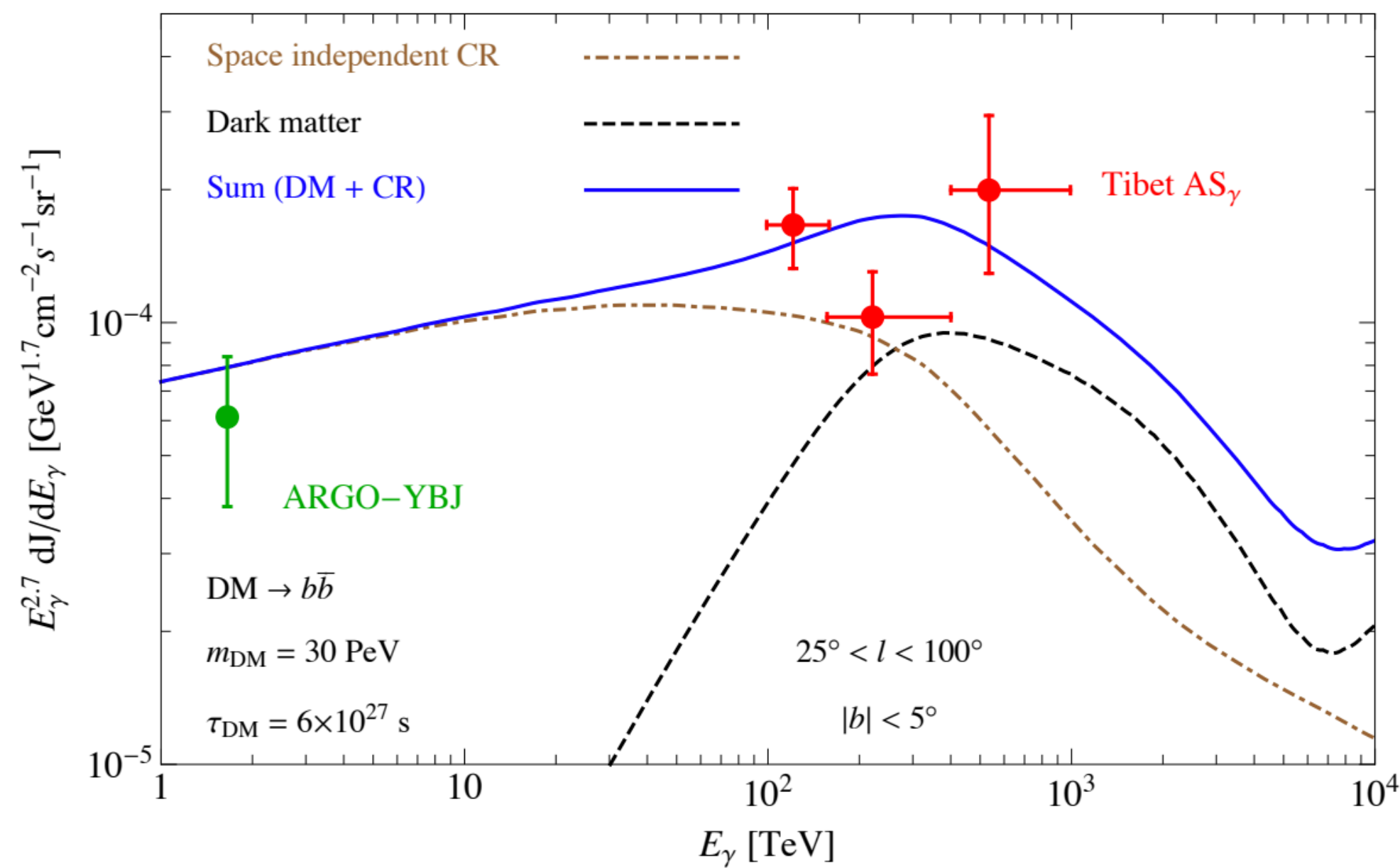
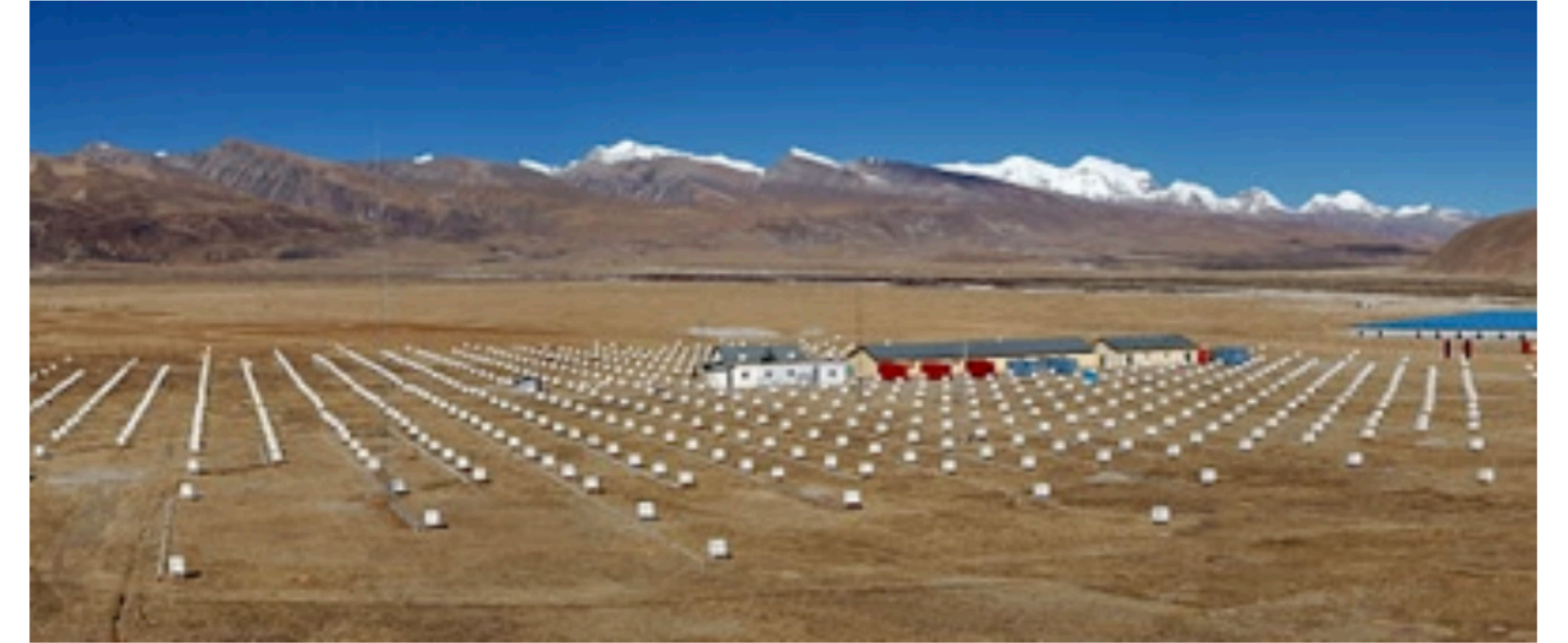


# VHE gamma rays: PeV dark matter

First Detection of sub-PeV Diffuse Gamma Rays from the Galactic Disk: Evidence for Ubiquitous Galactic Cosmic Rays beyond PeV Energies

M. Amenomori *et al.* (Tibet AS<sub>γ</sub> Collaboration)

Phys. Rev. Lett. **126**, 141101 – Published 5 April 2021

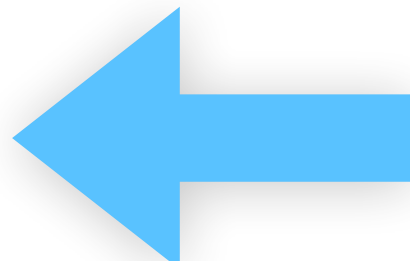


DM spectrum ok, but unacceptable angular distribution of photons

*Esmaili & Serpico, PRD Letters'21*

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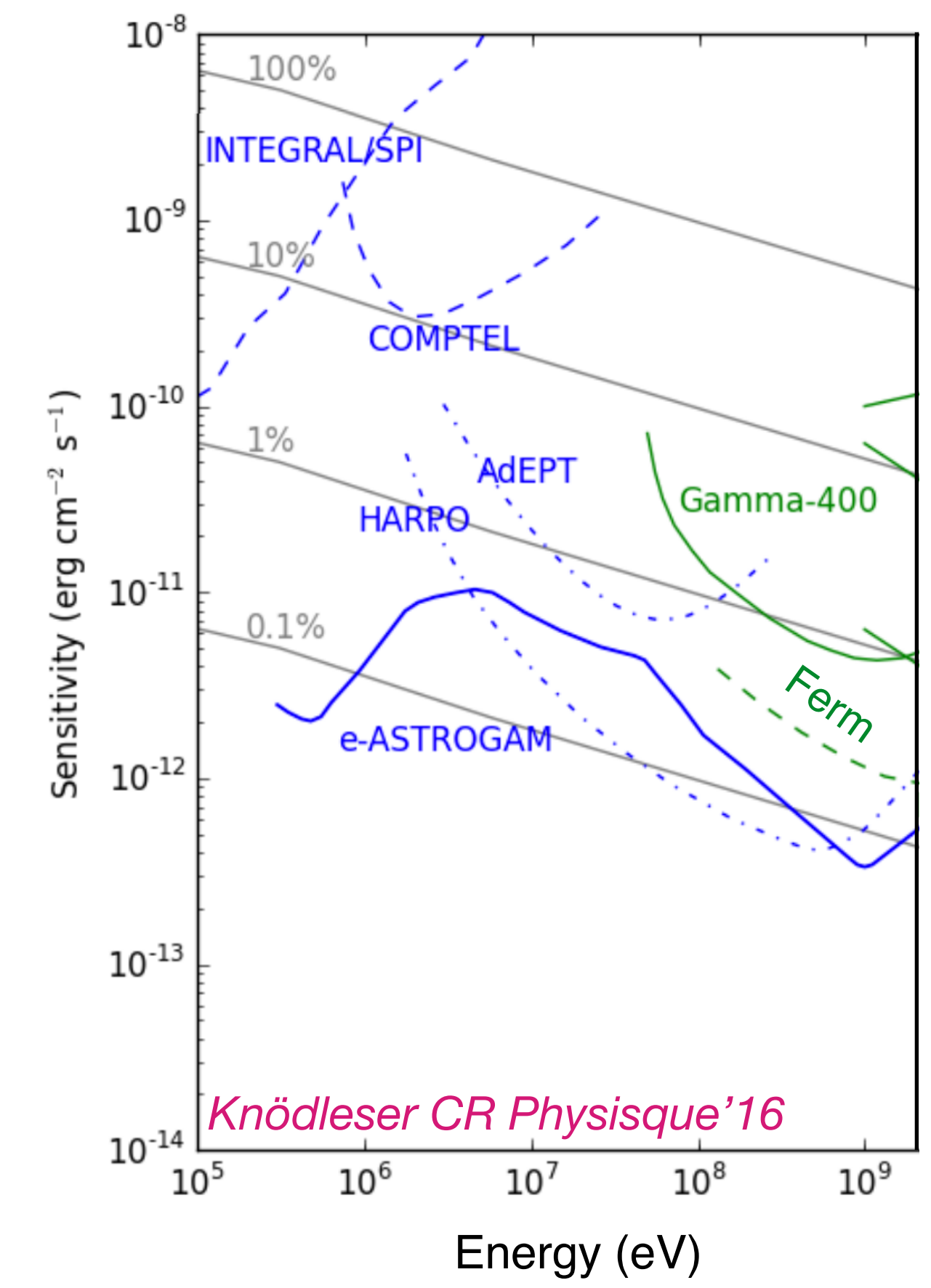
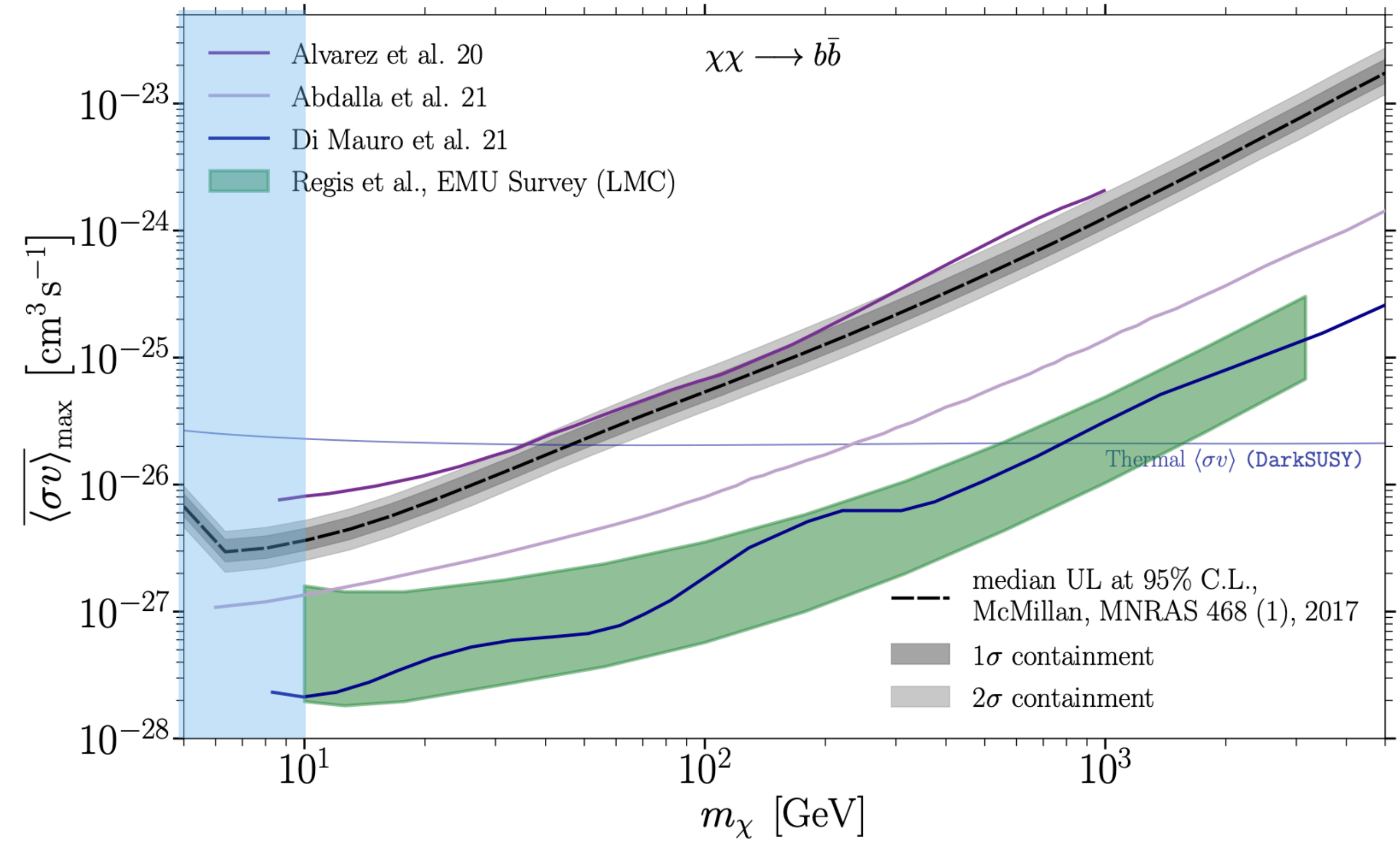


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### MeV sensitivity gap

Amego, e-ASTROGAM, GECCO, GRAMS, COSI, MeVCube, etc

Eckner, FC+ In preparation

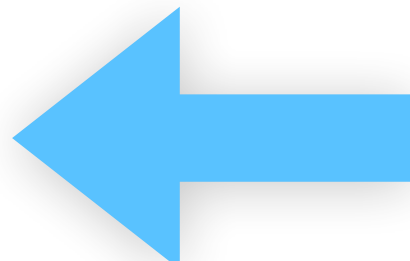


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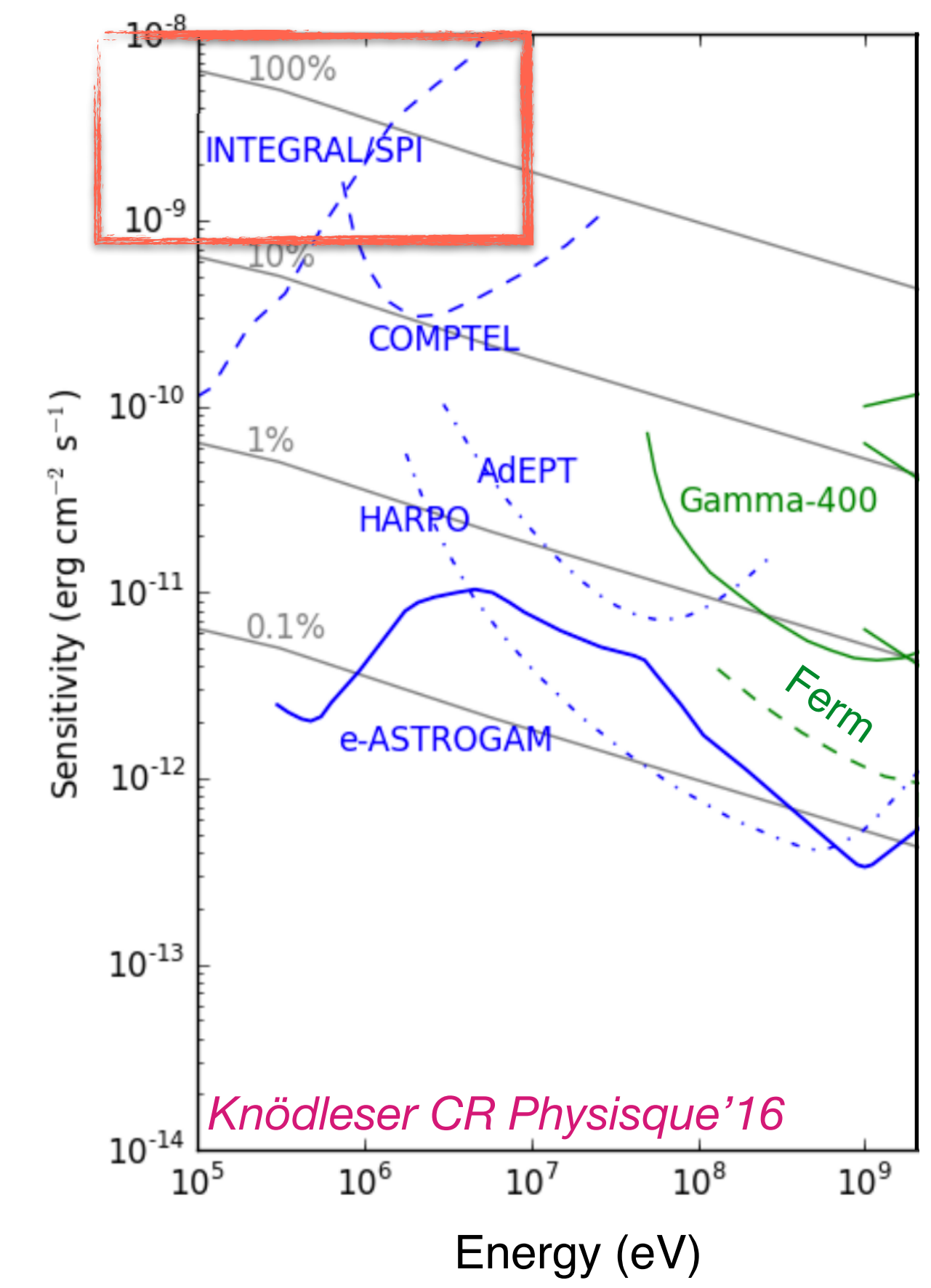
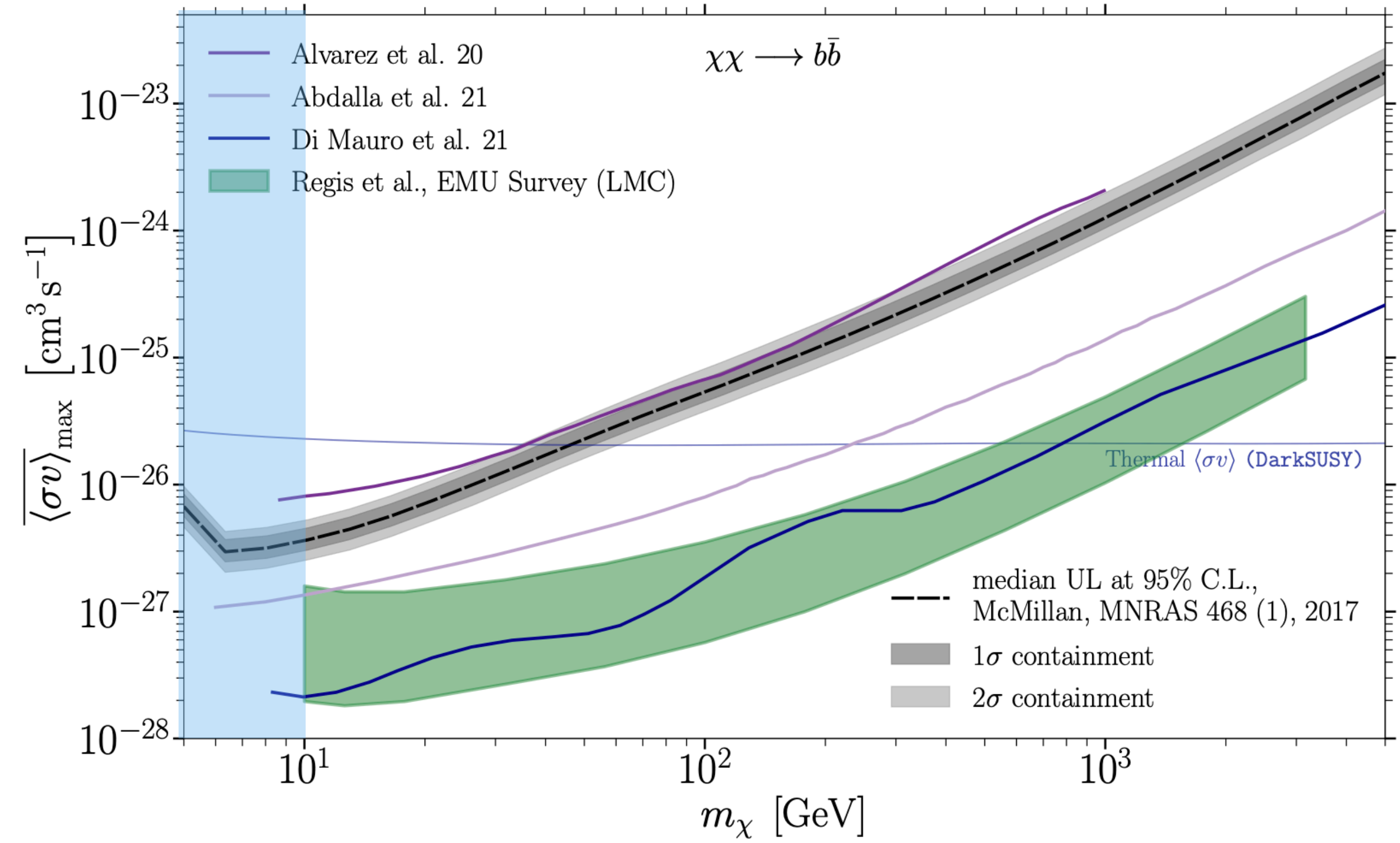


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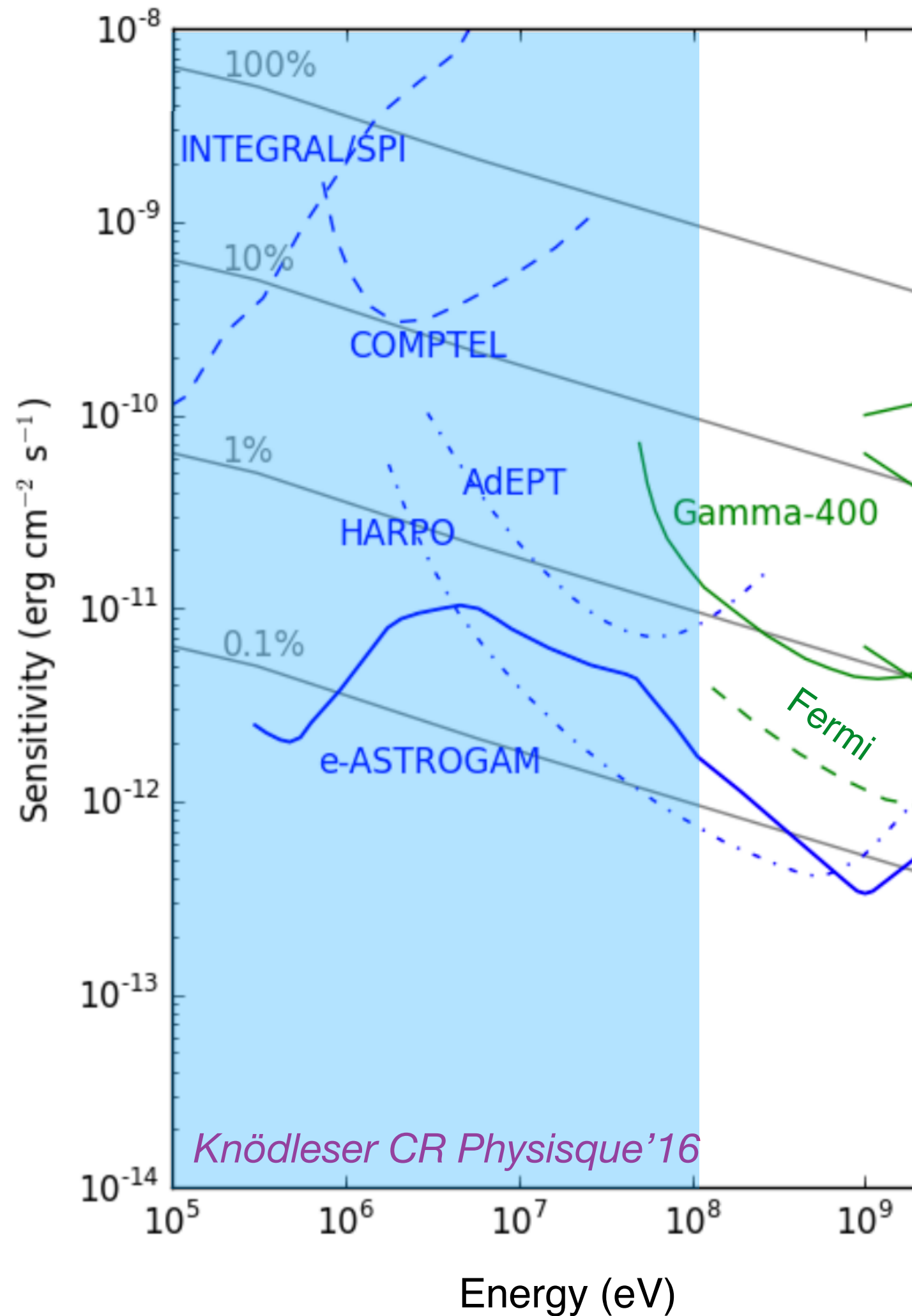
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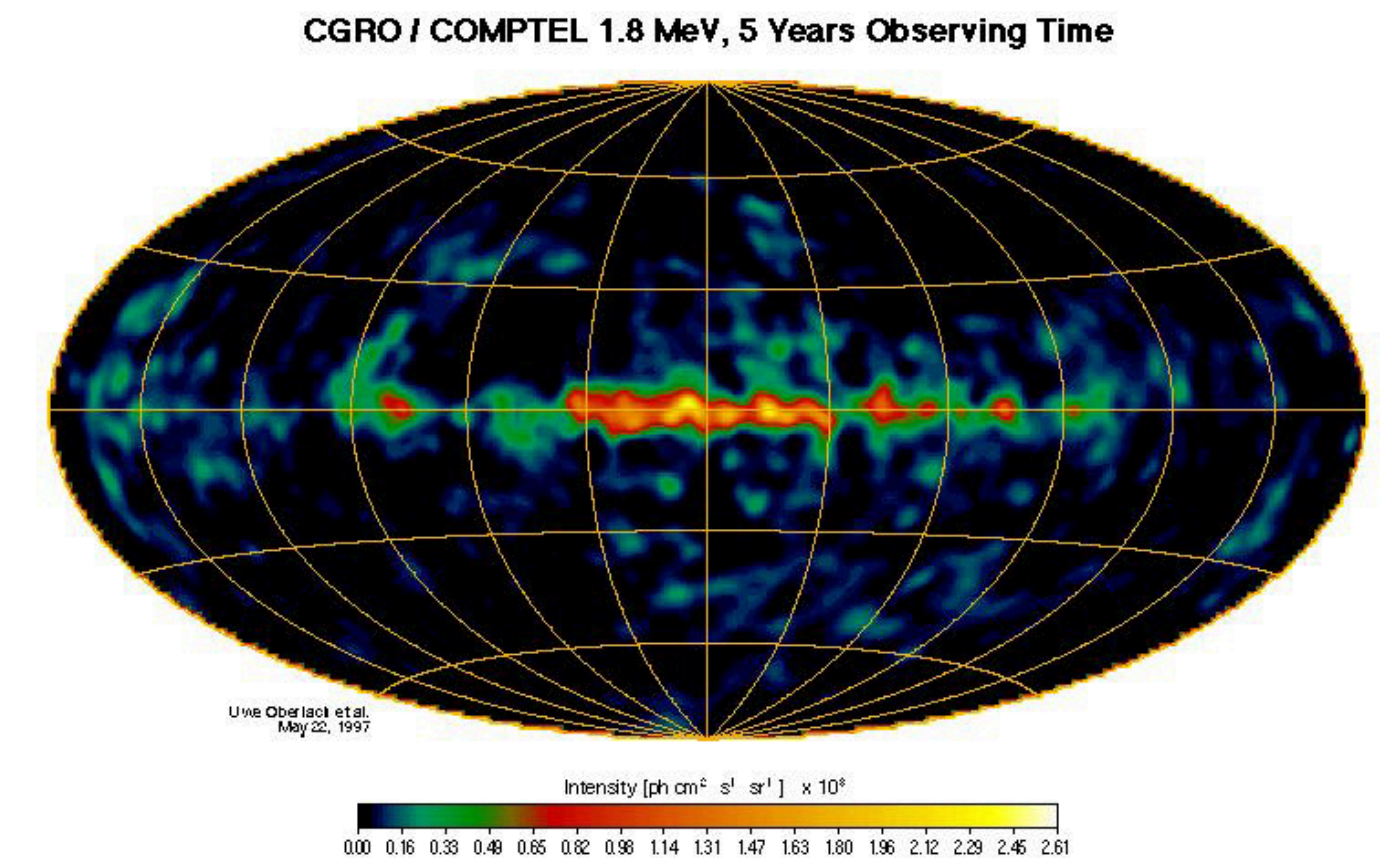
# The data landscape

## Hard X rays and gamma-ray sky



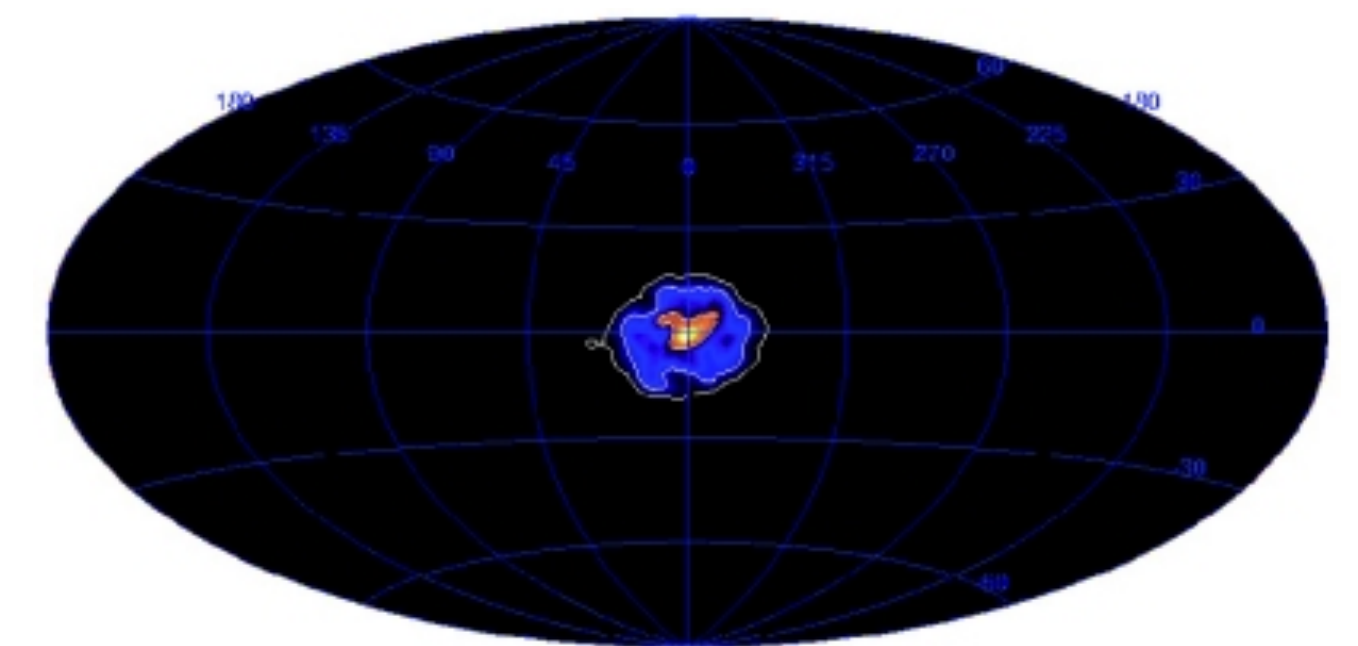
### CGRO Compton Telescope (COMPTEL)

Lifetime: 1991 — 2000  
Energy: 0.8 MeV - 30 MeV  
Large FoV: 1 sr  
Angular res: 1 deg



### INTEGRAL Spectrometer (SPI)

Lifetime: 2002 — present  
Energy: 20 keV - 8 MeV  
Good energy res  
Angular res: 2.5 deg



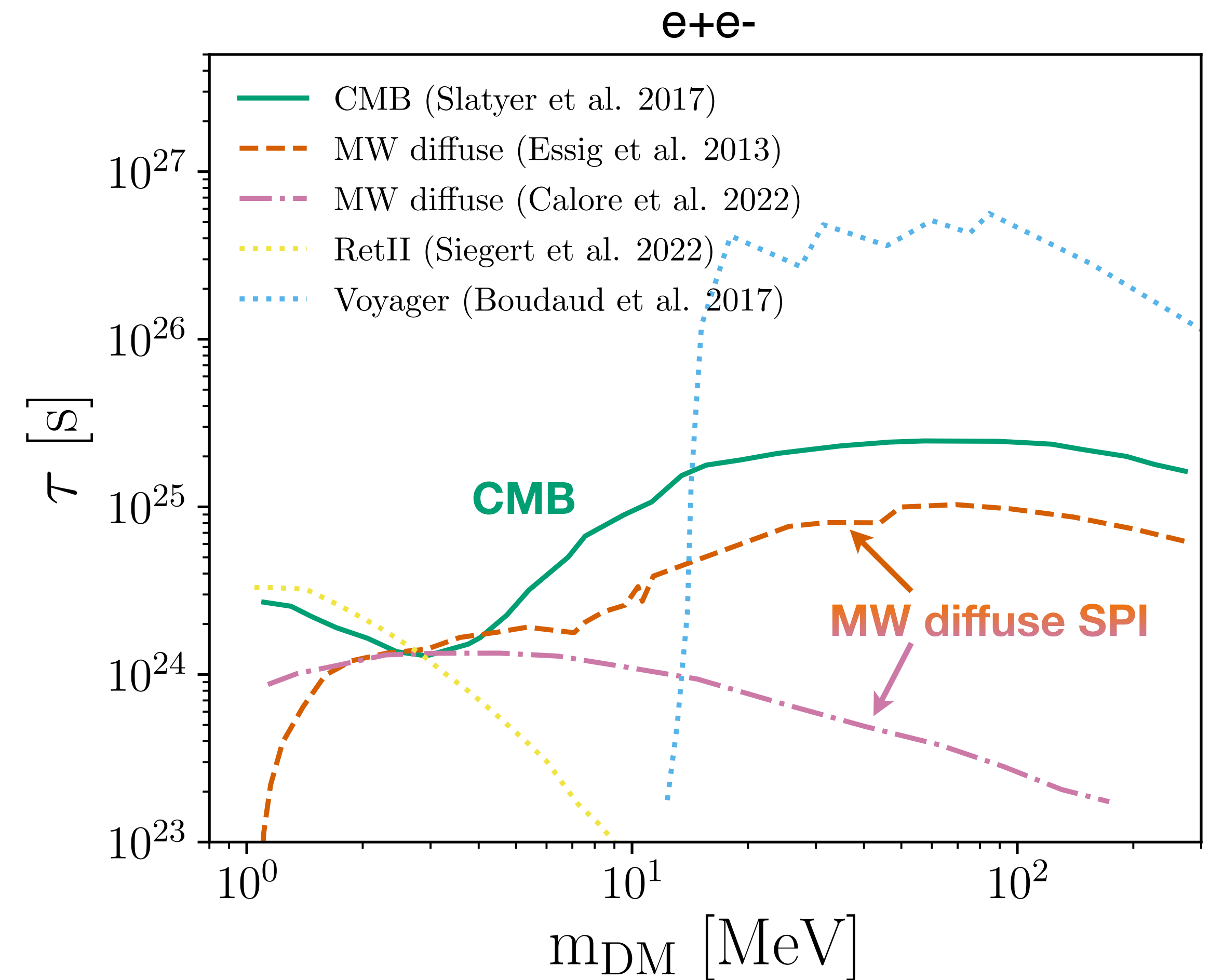
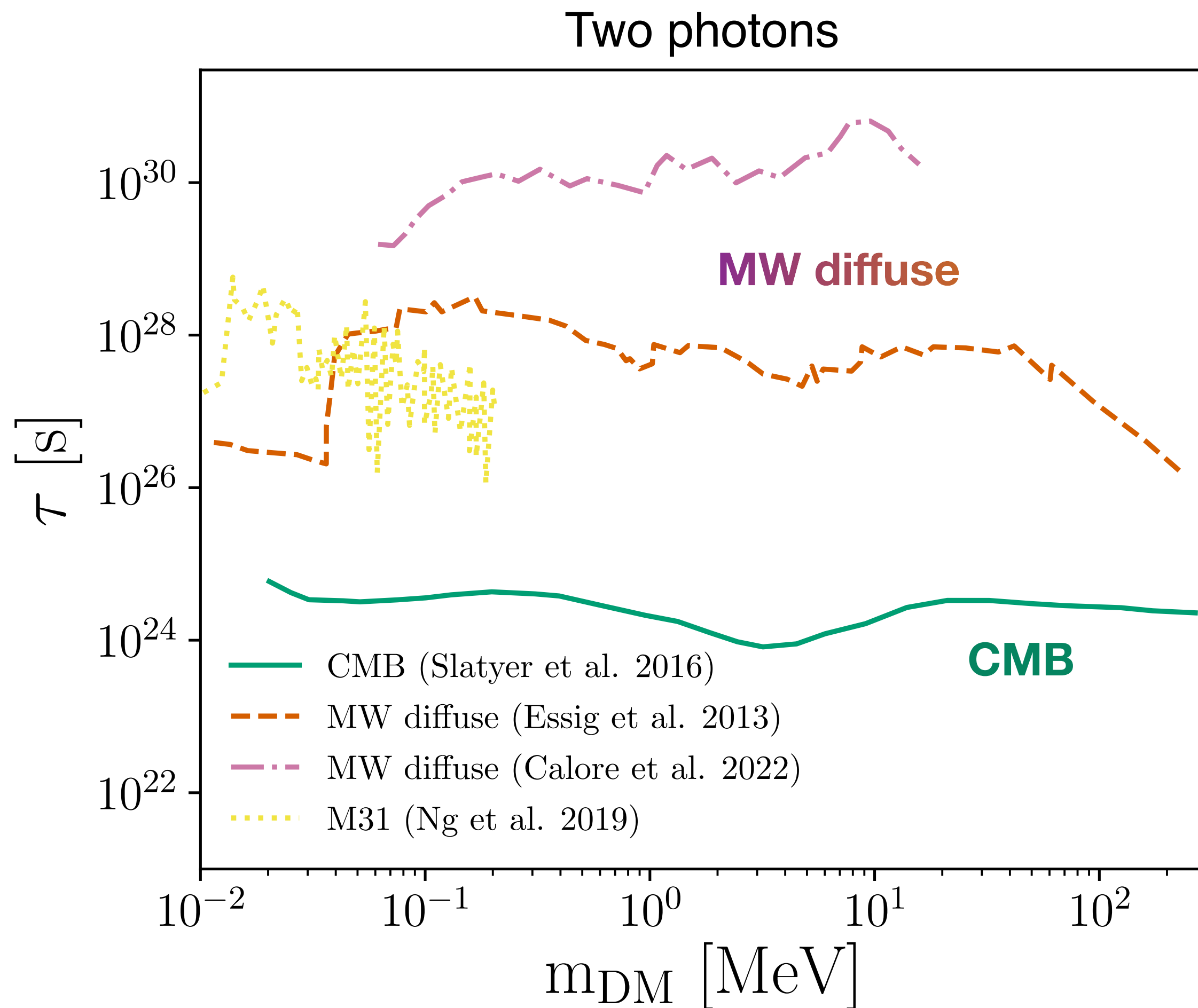
511 keV electron-positron line



# Constraints on sub-GeV dark matter

## Summary: decay

FC FIPs2022 Proceedings

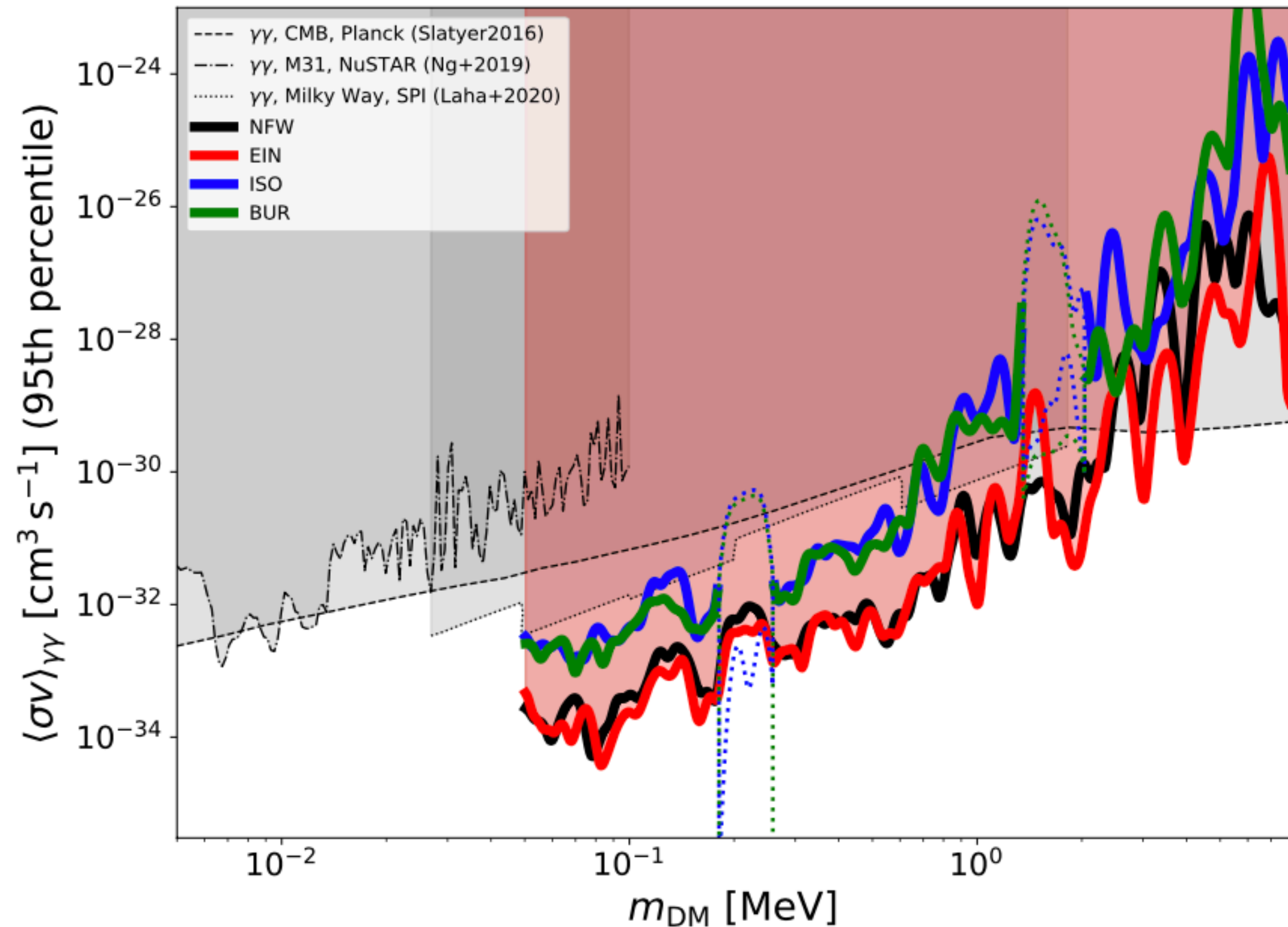


For e+e- channel, very relevant limits from Voyager 1 data *Boudaud+ PRL'17*

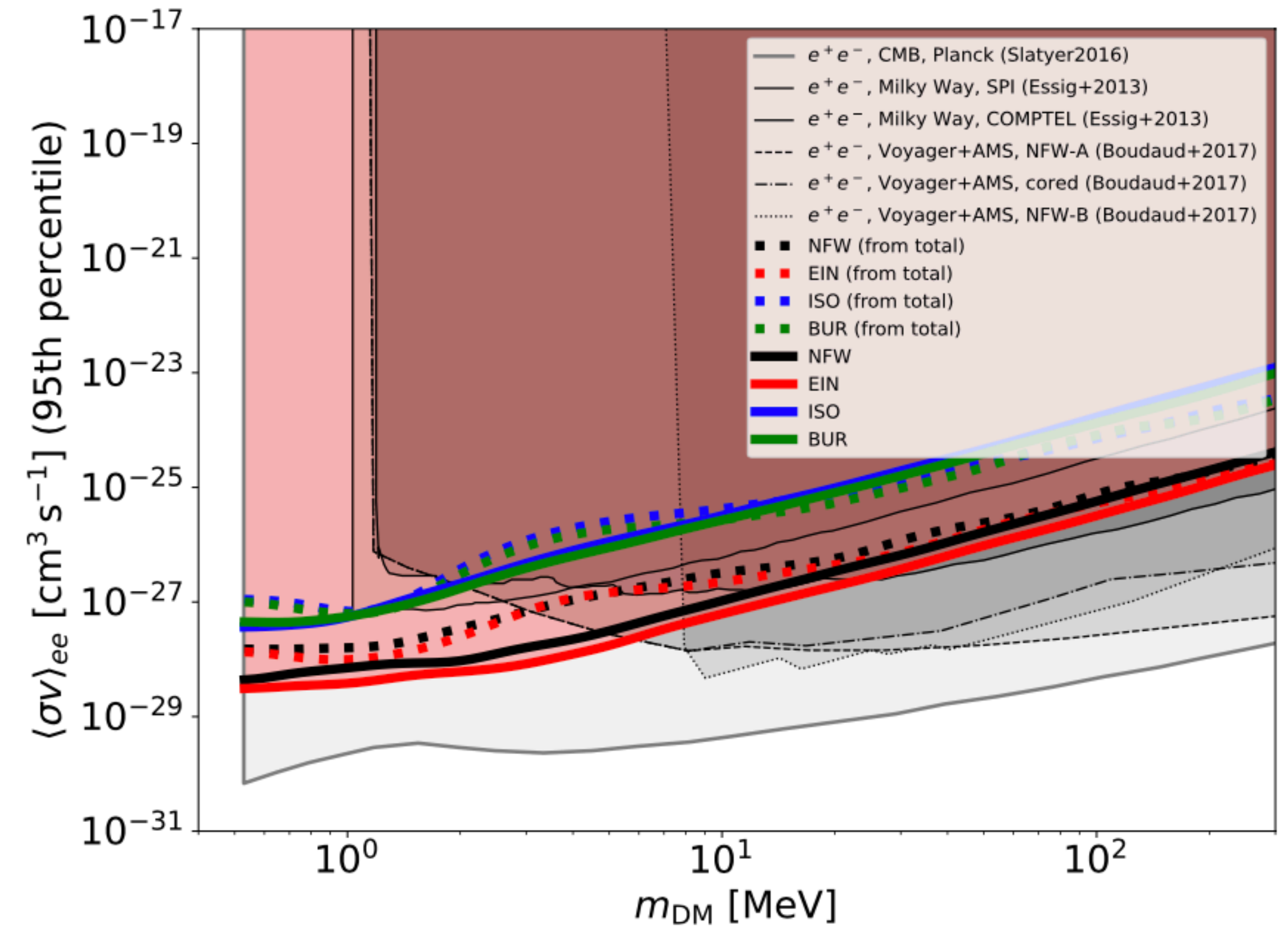
# Constraints on annihilating dark matter

## Summary from prompt emission

Two photons



e+e-

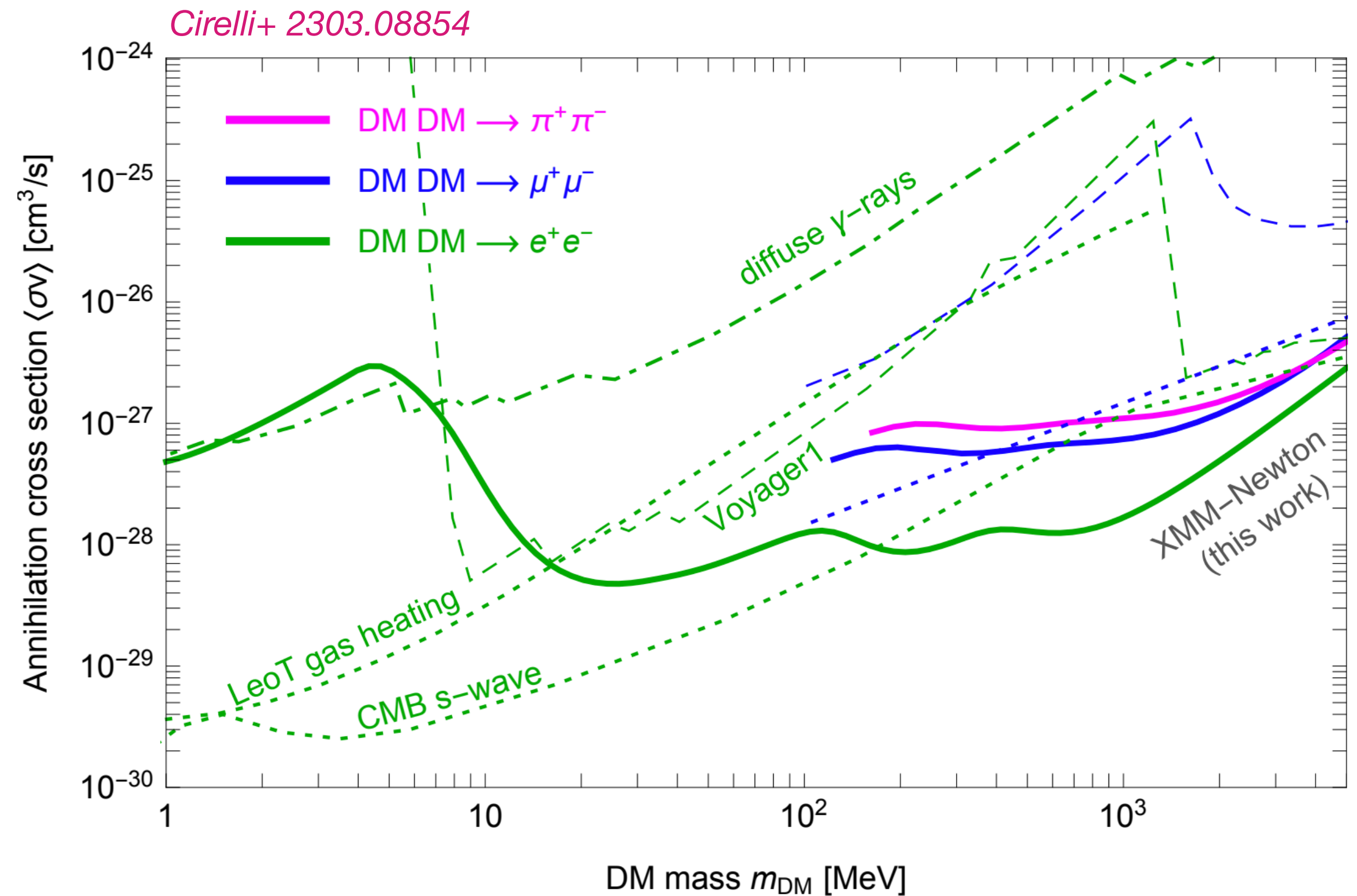
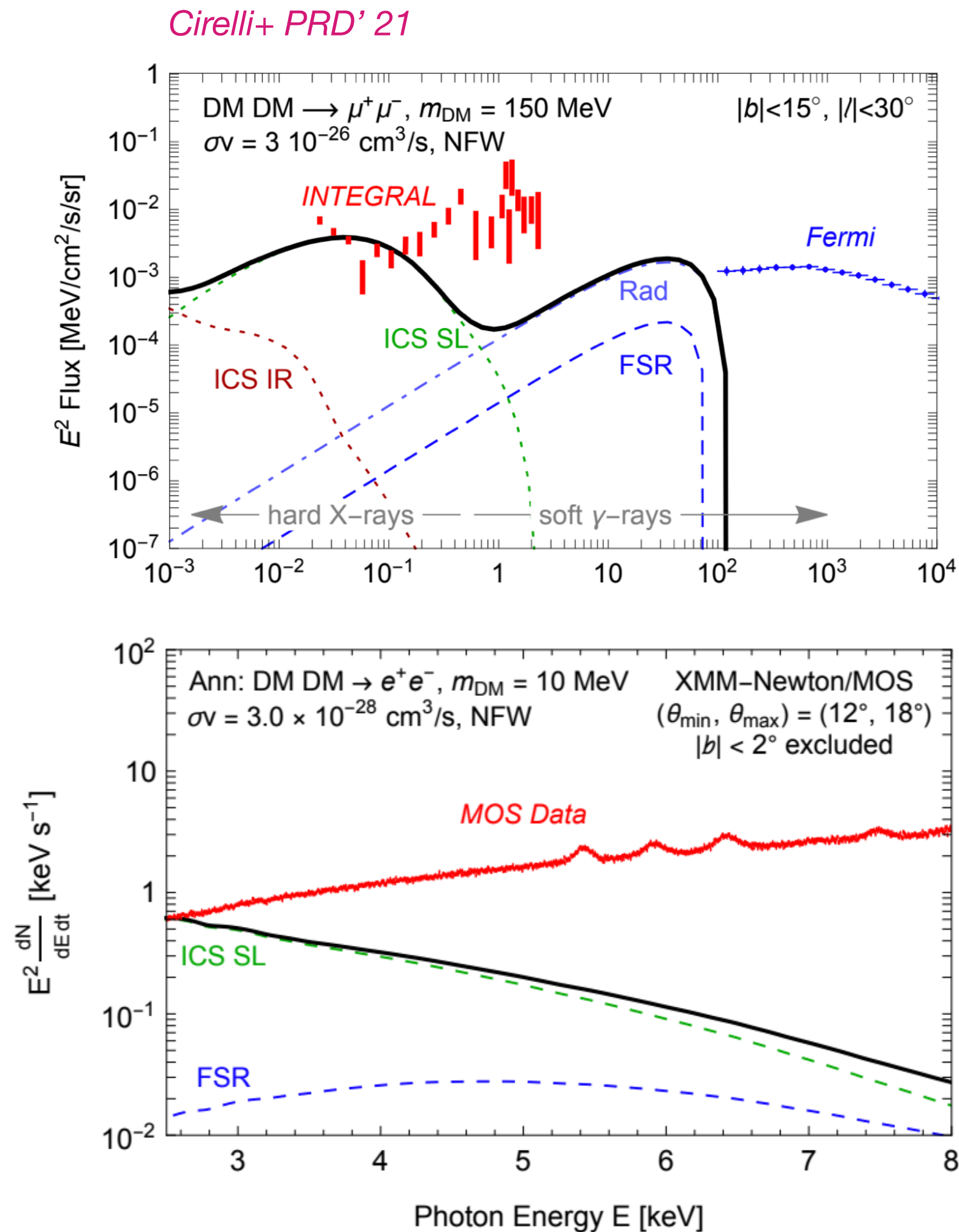


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# Constraints on annihilating dark matter

## Constraining higher dark matter masses with inverse Compton



Limits on IC induced gamma-ray emission from XMM-Newton blank-sky observations

# Primordial black holes



# PBH: non-particle DM candidates

Black holes formed via the **collapse of large overdensities from inflation** in the early universe, before matter-radiation equality

*Review & Refs in Carr+PRD'16, Green & Kavanagh J. Phys. G'21*



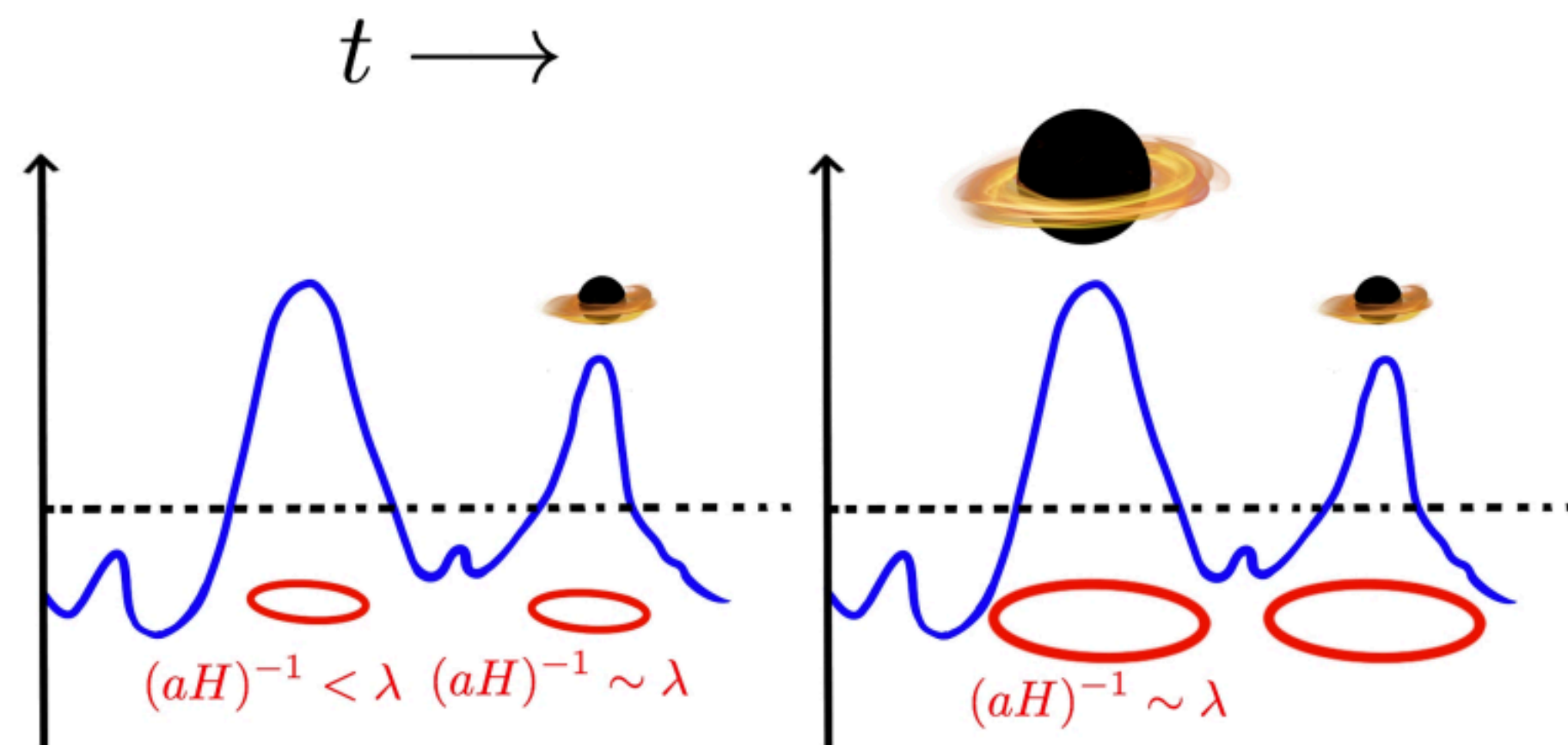
## Quick ID:

- PBHs evaporate through Hawking radiation

*Page & Hawking ApJ'76*

$$\frac{dM_{\text{BH}}}{dt} \propto \frac{1}{(GM_{\text{BH}})^2} \longrightarrow \tau \propto (GM_{\text{BH}})^3$$

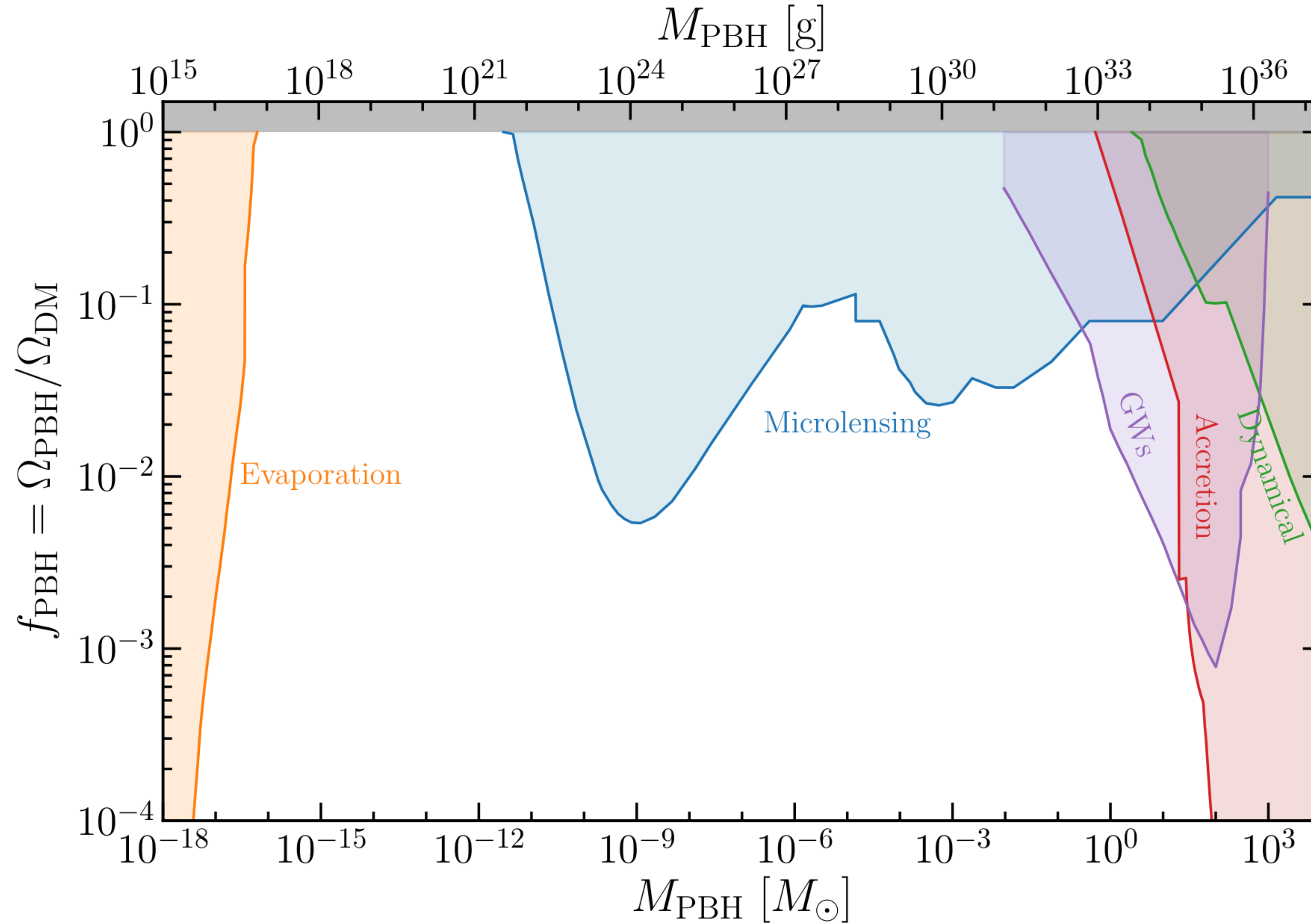
- If  $M > 10^{14}$  g, PBHs have a lifetime longer than the age of the universe
- On cosmological scales PBH DM behaves like **cold** particle DM
- Granularity observable at galactic scales



*Villanueva-Domingo+ FrASS'21*

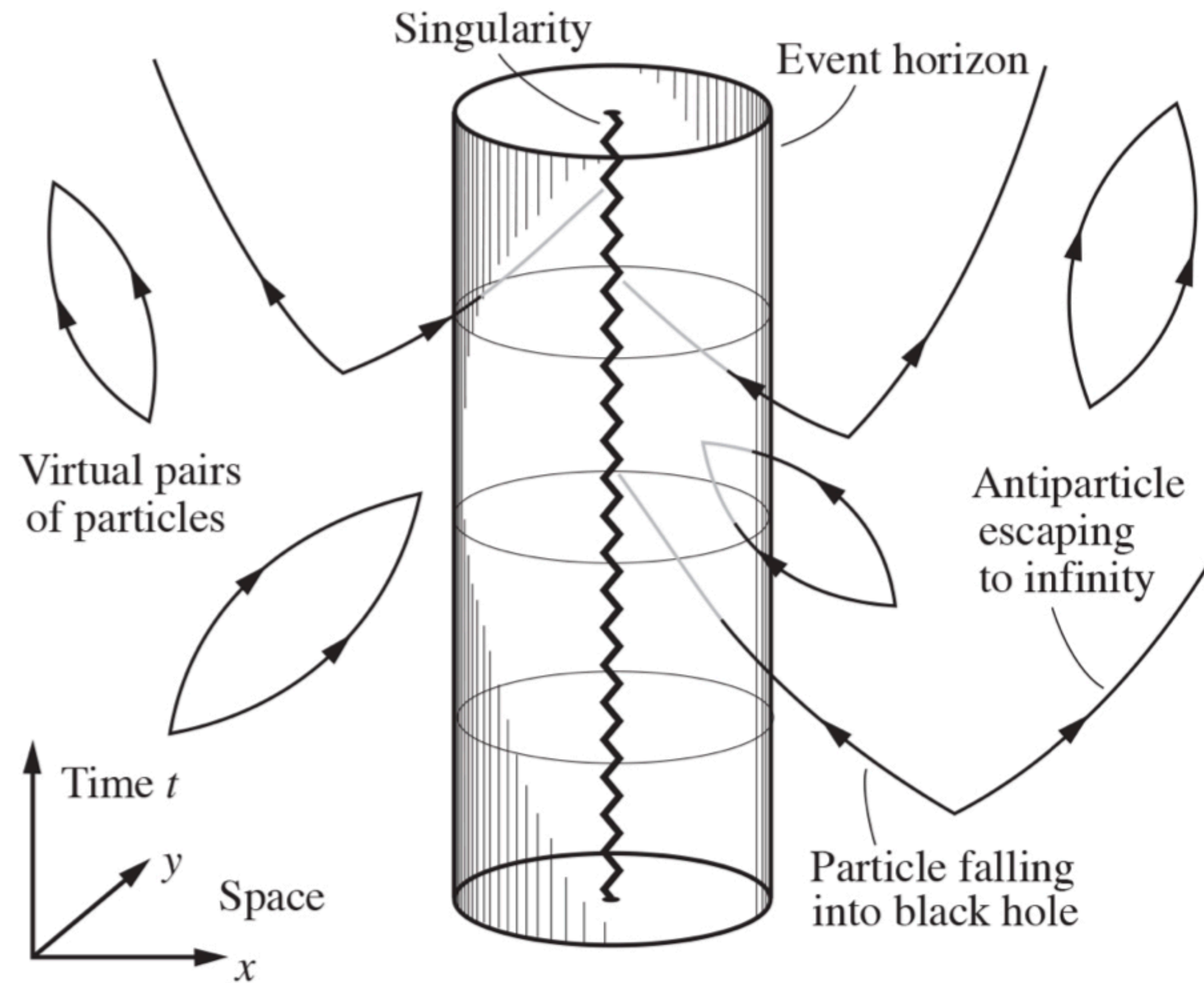
[Intermediate between unitarity bound and Planck scale: ultra-heavy dark matter]

# Limits on primordial black holes





# Particle emission from primordial BHs



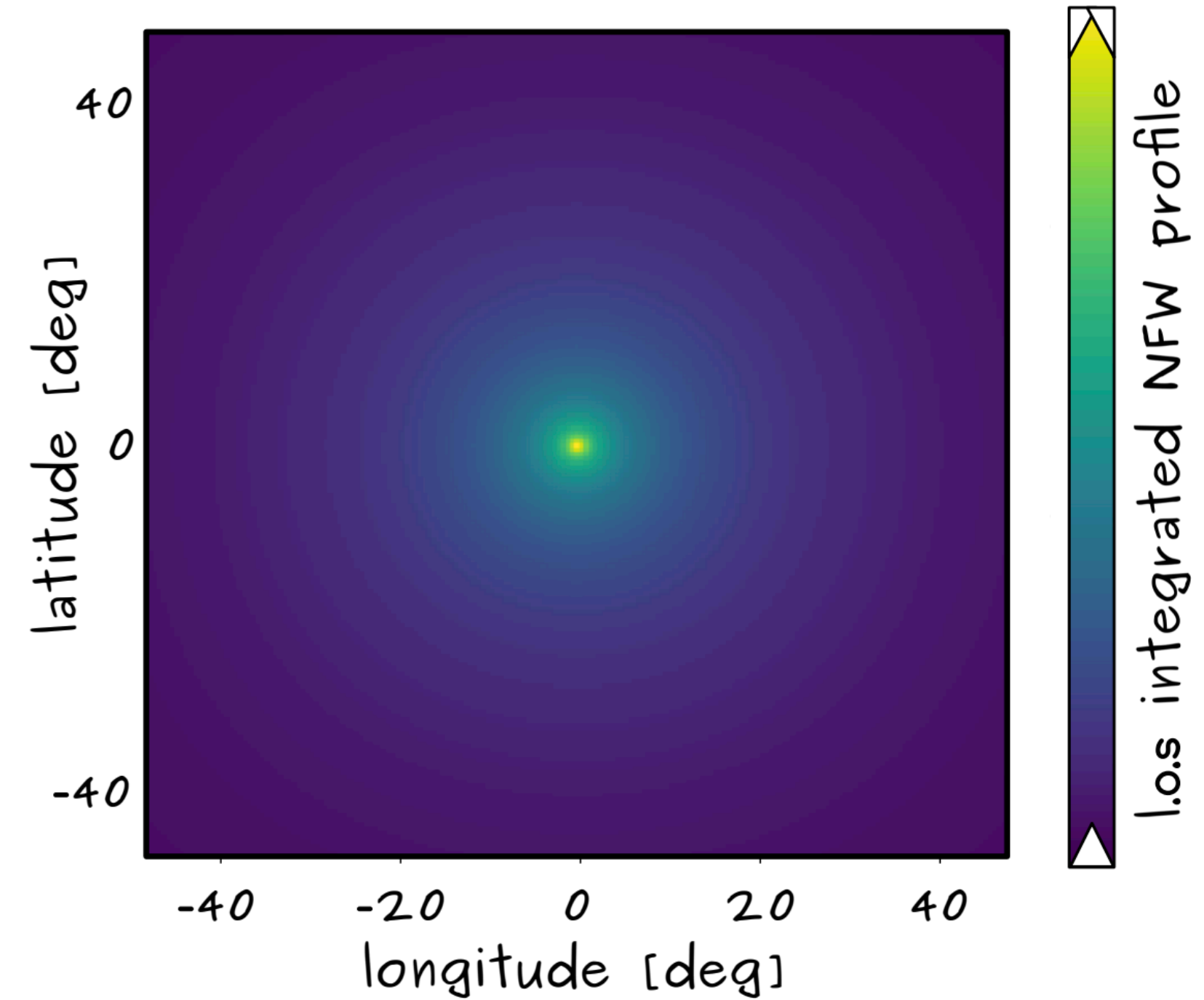
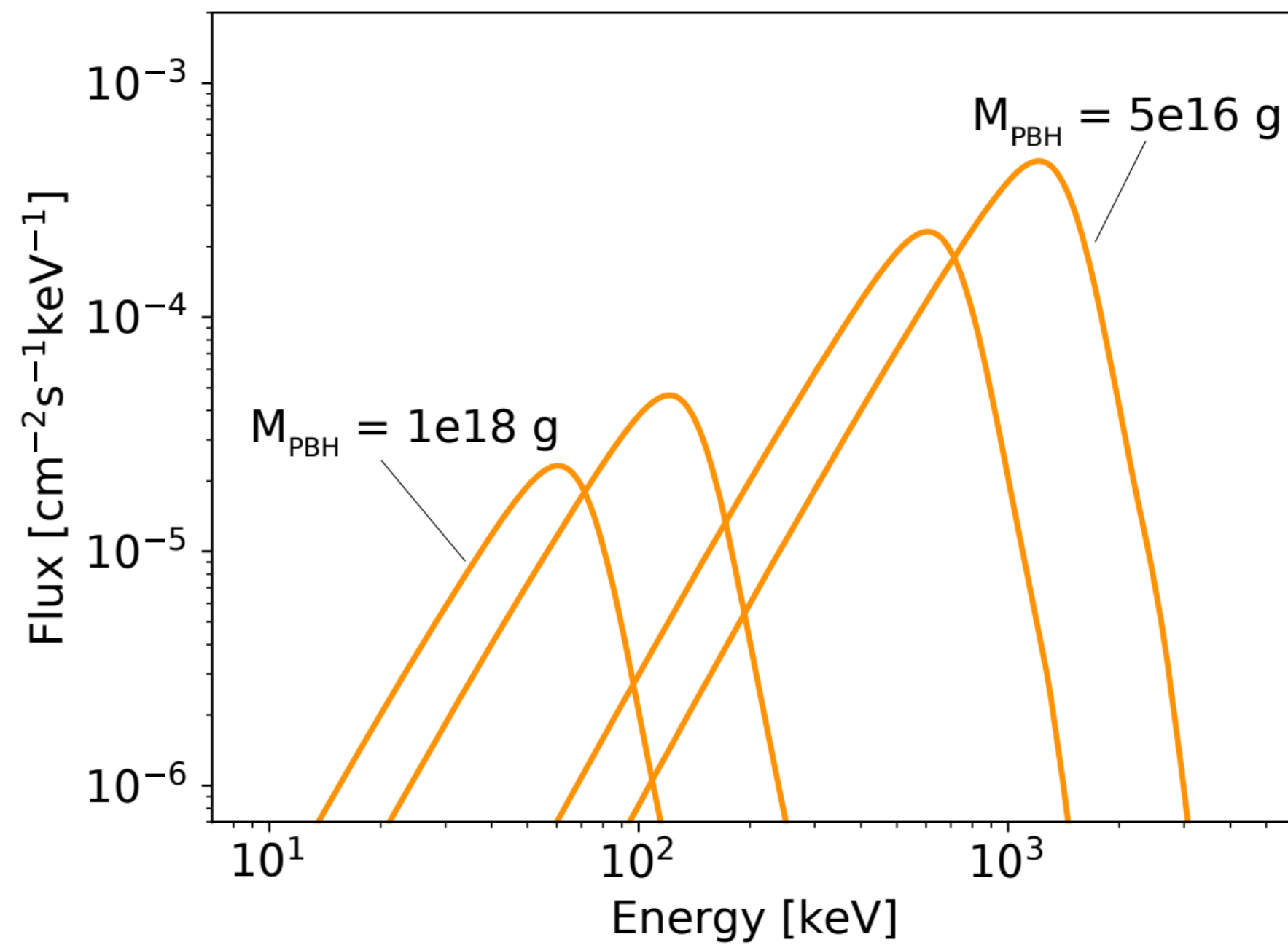
Hawking radiation

$$\frac{d^2 N}{dE dt} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{\Gamma(E, M_{\text{BH}})}{\exp(E/T_{\text{BH}}) - (-1)^{2S}}$$

$$T_{\text{BH}} = \frac{1}{k_{\text{B}}} \frac{\hbar c^3}{8\pi G M_{\text{BH}}}$$

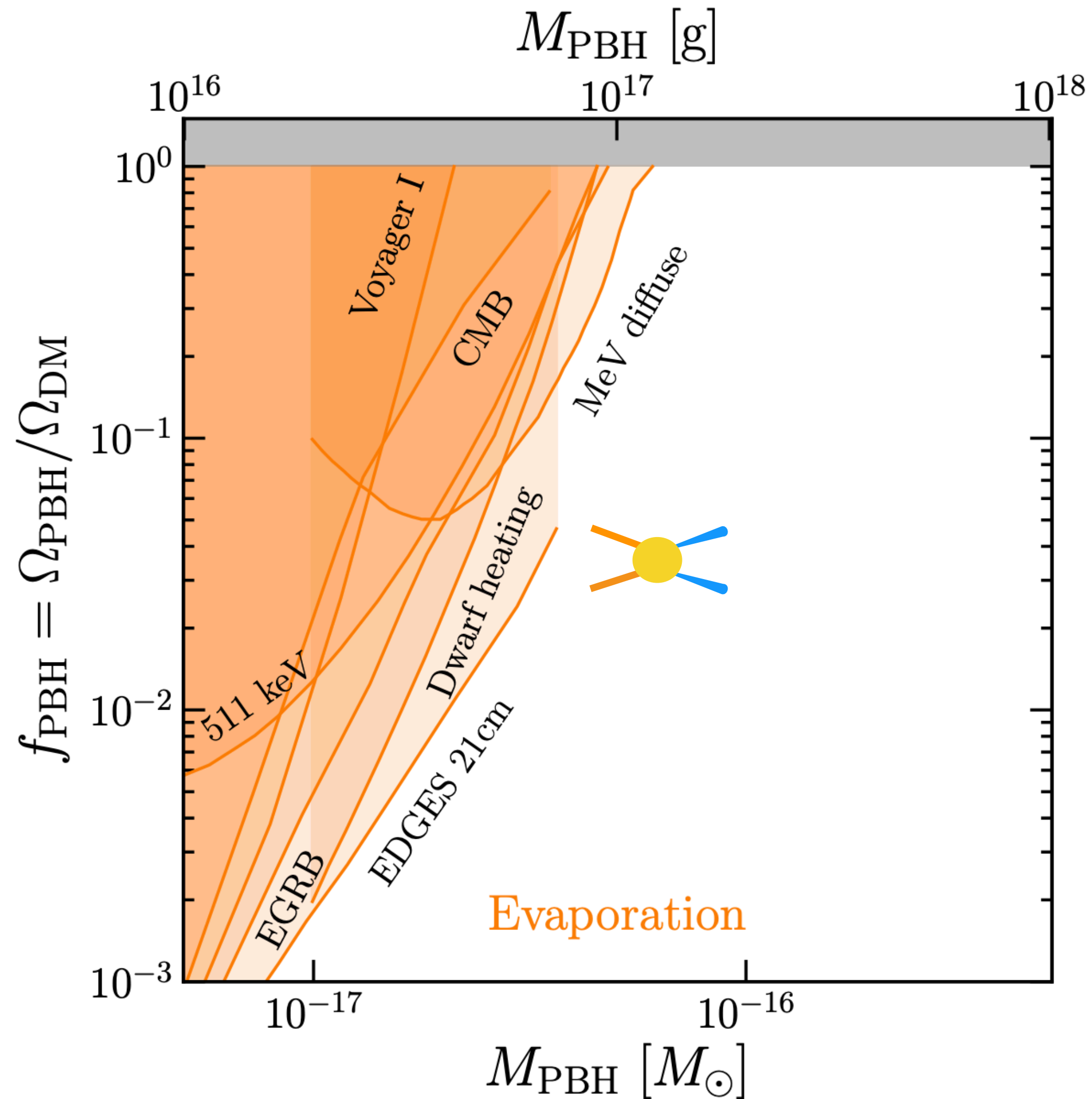
# Photons from PBHs

$$\frac{d\Phi_\gamma}{dE}(l, b) = \frac{f_{\text{PBH}}}{4\pi M_{\text{PBH}}} \frac{d^2 N_\gamma}{dE dt} \int_{\text{l.o.s.}} ds \rho(r(s, l, b))$$





# Limits on evaporating PBH



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- Dominant limits from Galactic MeV diffuse emission from INTEGRAL/SPI  
*Berteaud, FC+ PRD'22*
- Photon contribution to the extragalactic gamma-ray and X-ray backgrounds  
*Carr+ PRD'10; Ballesteros+ PLB'20; Iguaz+ PRD'21*
- Unconstrained mass range  $\sim 10^{17} - 10^{22}$  g, the so-called *asteroid mass gap* where  $f_{\text{PBH}}$  can be 1

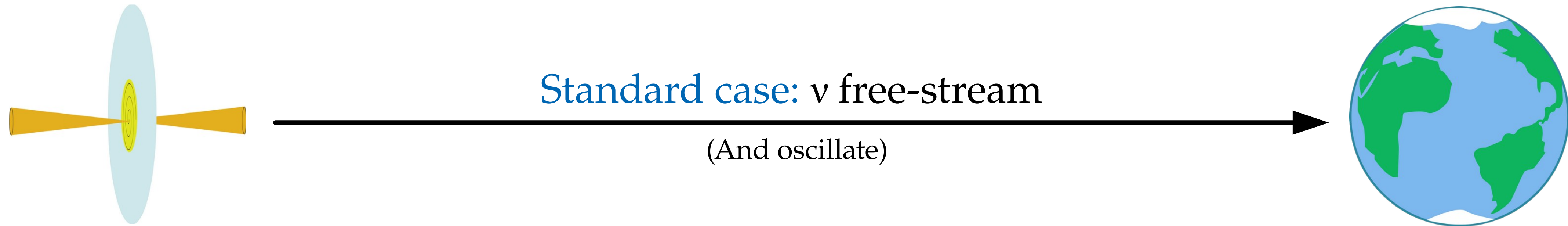
# Anomalous propagation effects



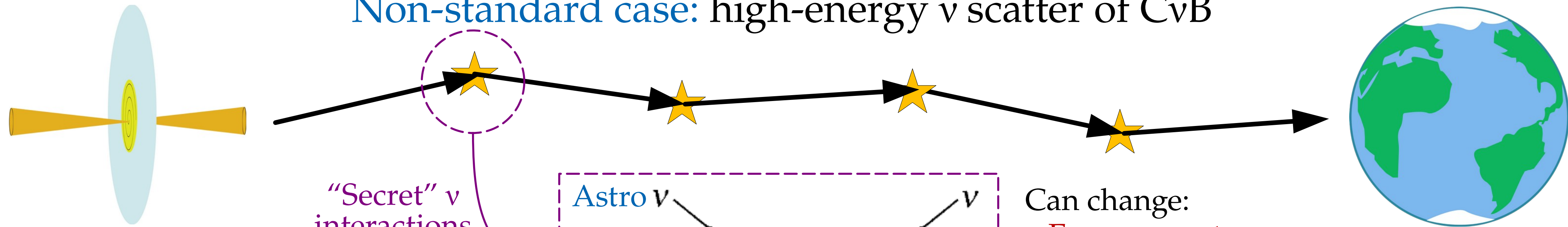
# Astrophysical neutrino sources

Earth

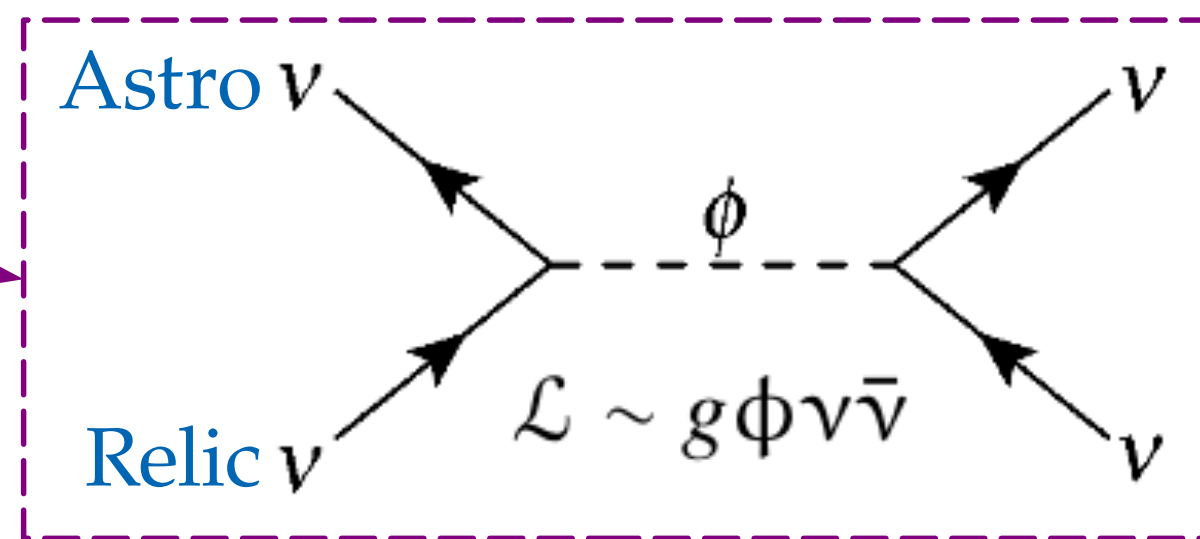
Galactic (kpc) or extragalactic (Mpc – Gpc) distance



Non-standard case: high-energy  $\nu$  scatter of CvB



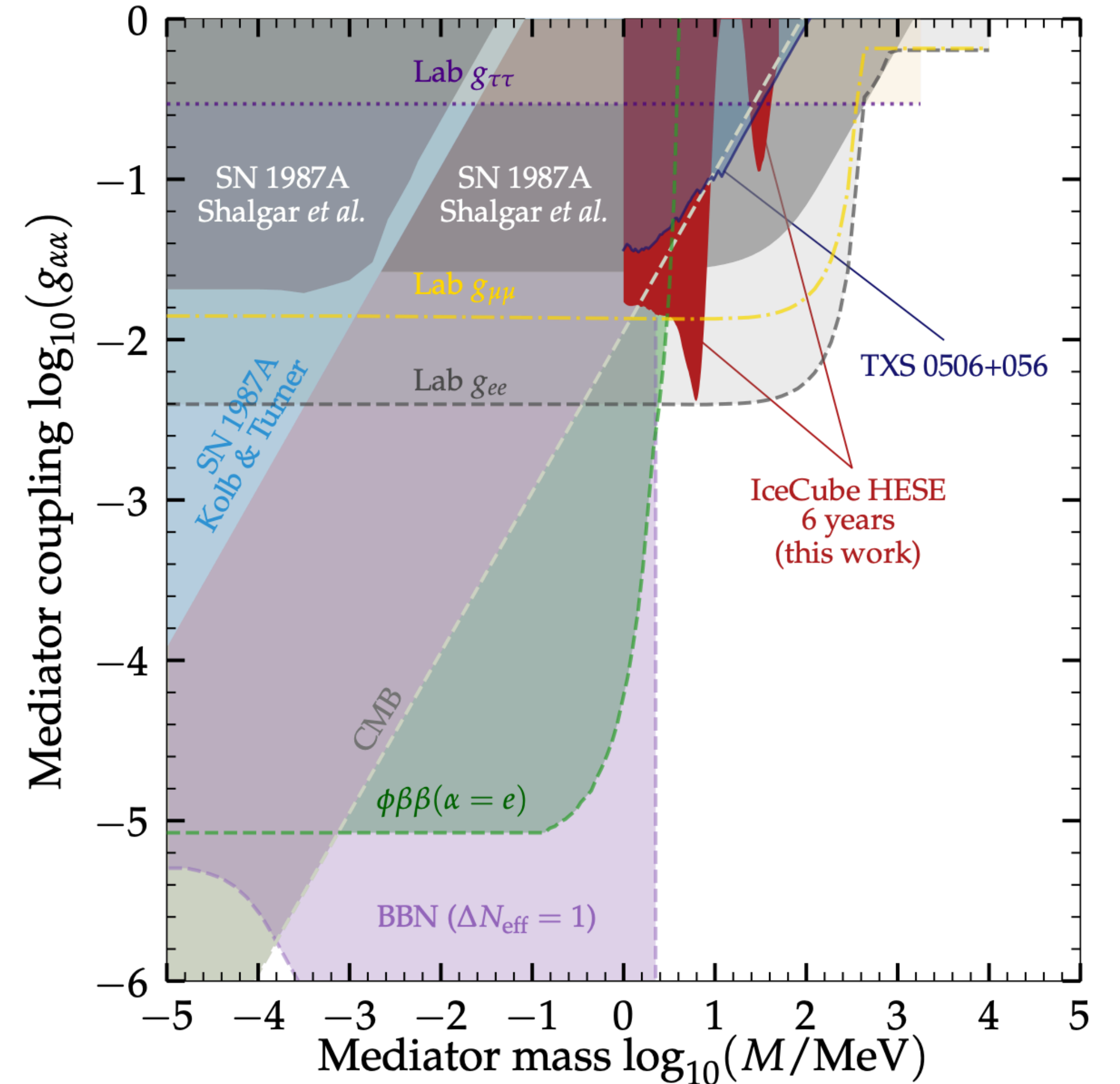
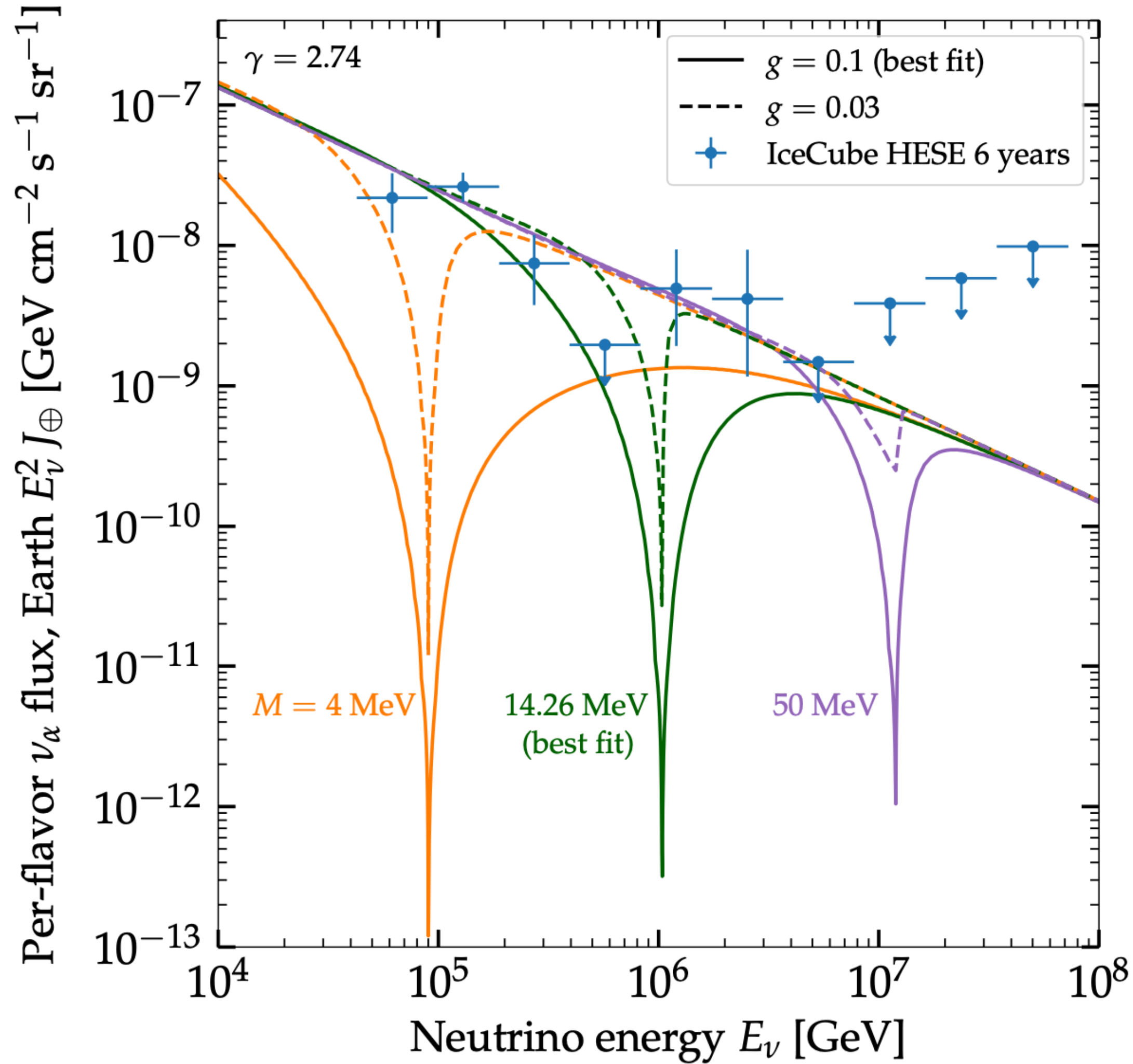
“Secret”  $\nu$  interactions  
≡  
BSM  $\nu$  self-interactions



- Can change:
- ▶ Energy spectrum
  - ▶ Flavor composition
  - ▶ Direction
  - ▶ Arrival times

# Neutrino spectrum and bounds

Bustamante+ PRD'20



No statistically significant evidence for  $\nu\text{SI}$  in the 6-year HESE sample



# Tests of LIV

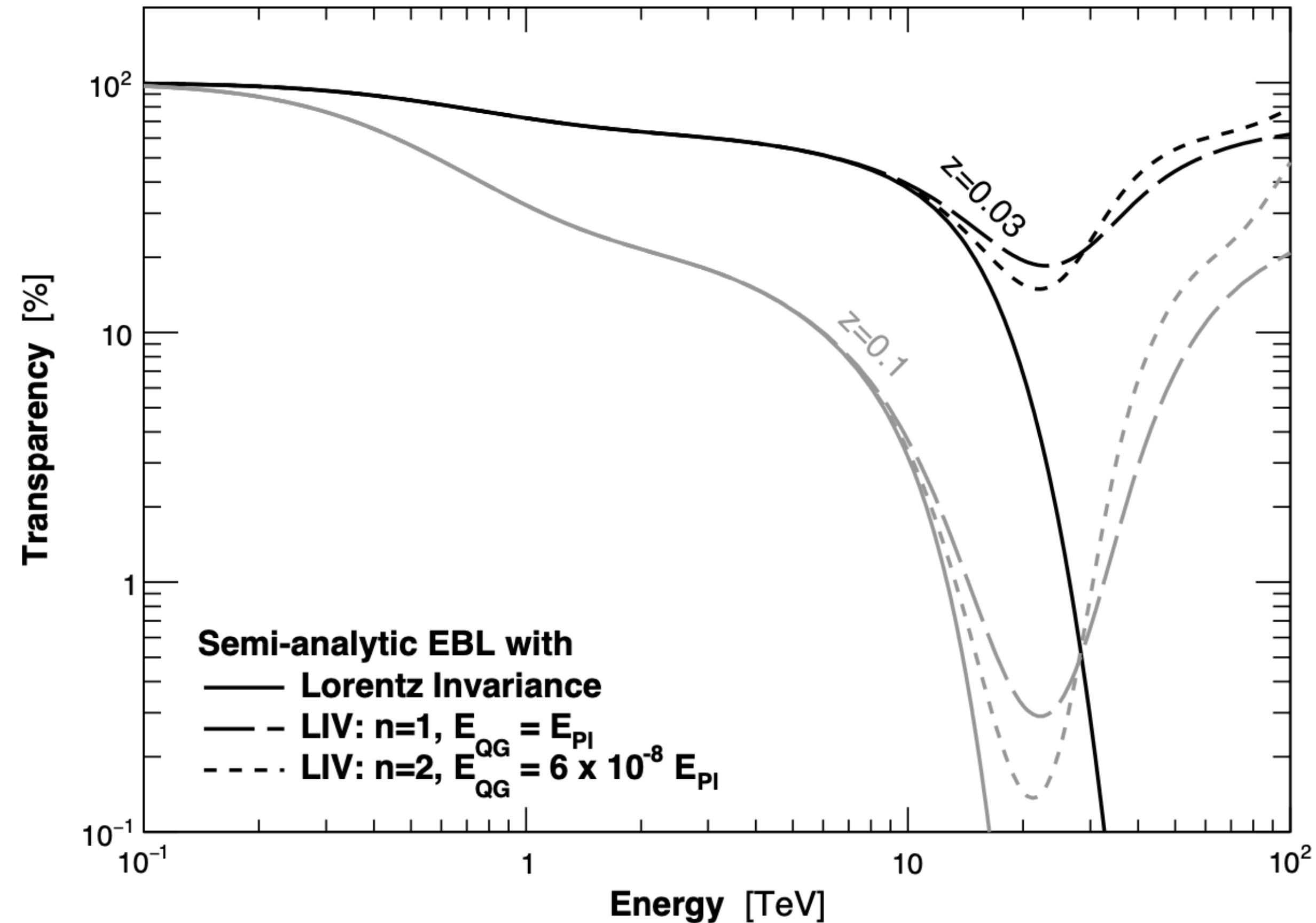


Figure 7.8: Attenuation factor, in percent, as a function of gamma-ray energy on Earth, for sources located at  $z = 0.03$  and  $z = 0.1$ , following the semi-analytical EBL model of [Gilmore et al. \(2012\)](#) and the LIV formalism of [Jacob and Piran \(2008\)](#). Both linear ( $n = 1$ ) and quadratic ( $n = 2$ ) modifications of the pair-creation threshold are shown, at the Planck scale for  $n = 1$ , and at an ad-hoc energy scale of  $6 \times 10^{-8} E_{\text{Pl}}$  for  $n = 2$ , resulting in a similar effect.

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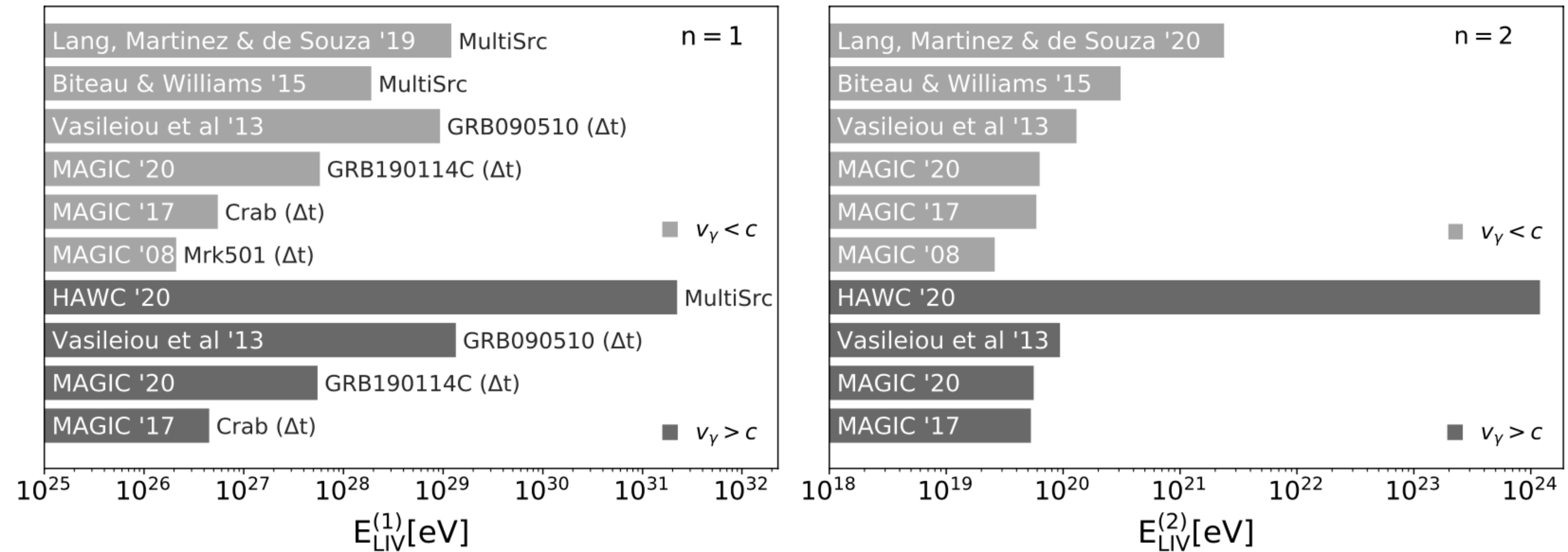


Figure 7.10: Summary of the lower limits on the energy scale of LIV,  $E_{LIV}$ . The left panel shows the limits on the linear term, the right panel on the quadratic term. Light grey bars assume a subluminal modification, while dark grey bars assume a superluminal modification. Credit: Humberto Martínez-Huerta, adapted from [Martínez-Huerta et al. \(2020\)](#).