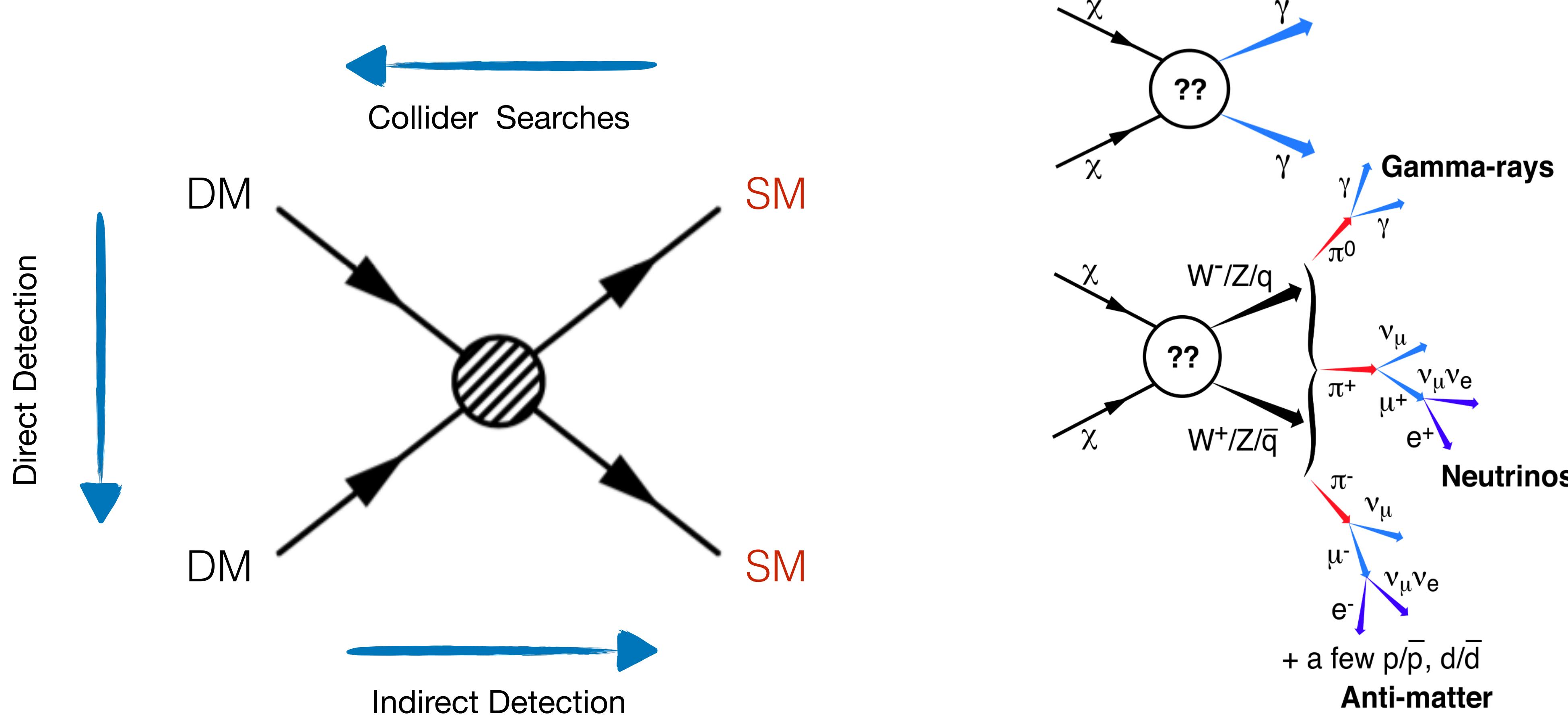


Indirect probes of Dark Matter

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Indirect Detection™



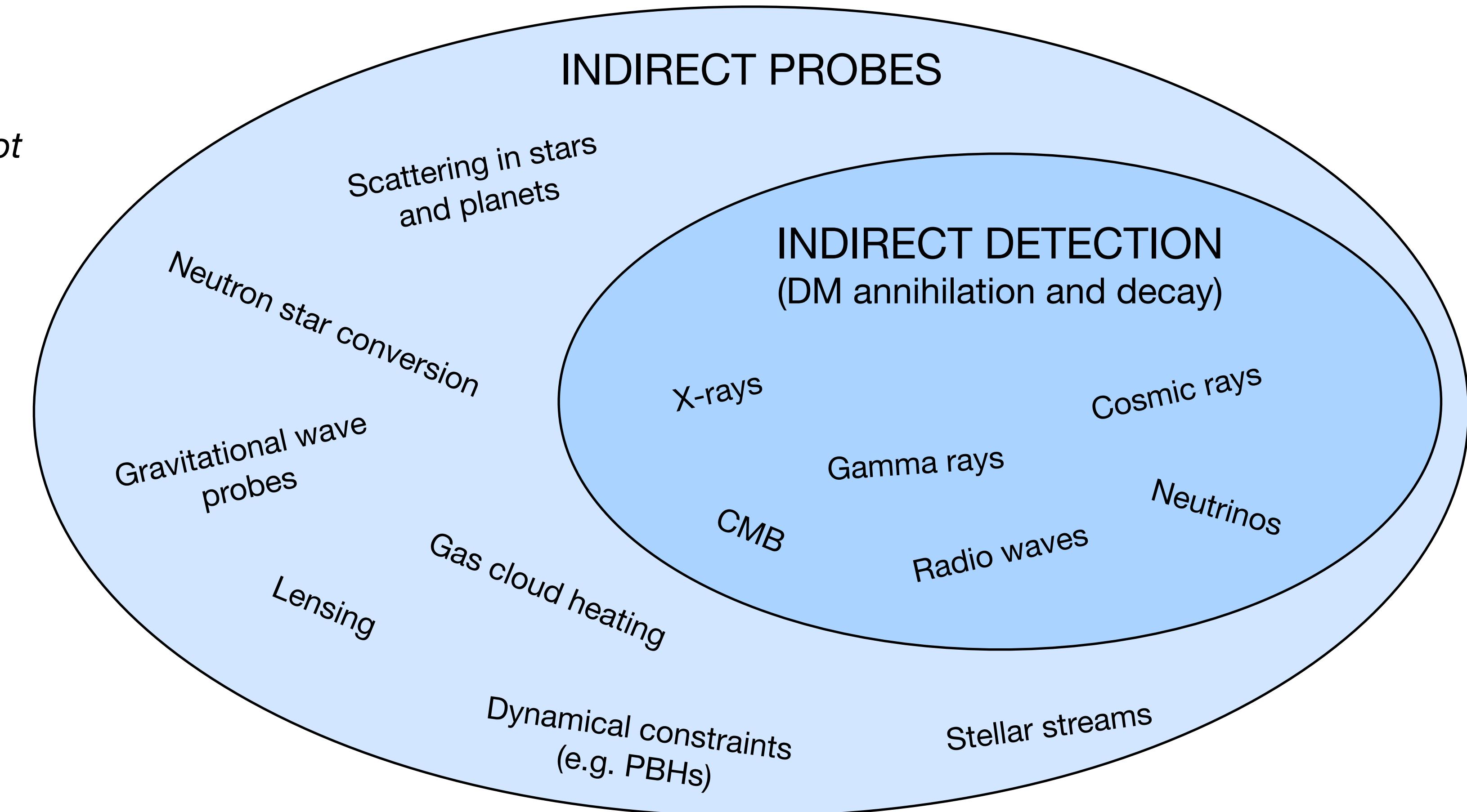
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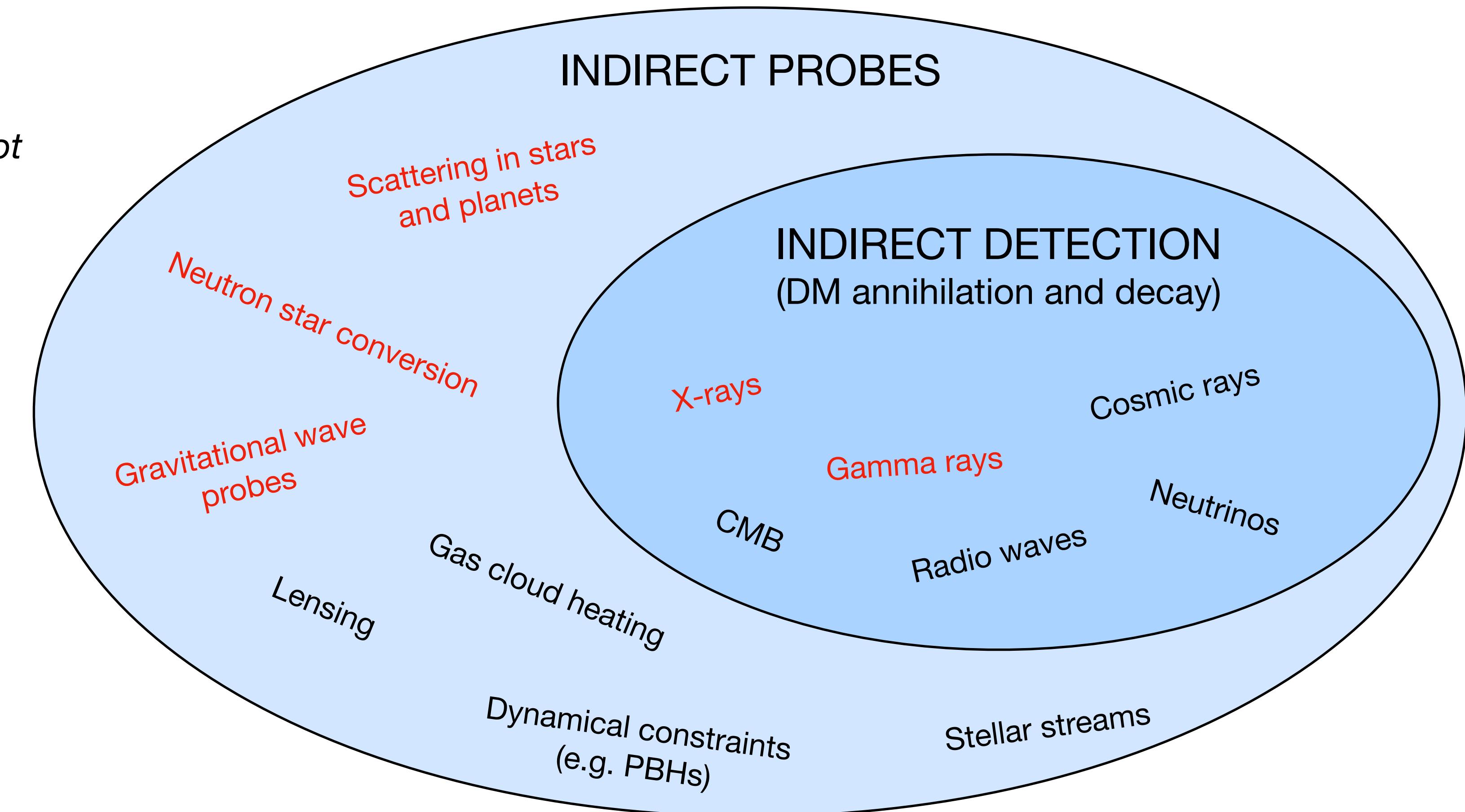


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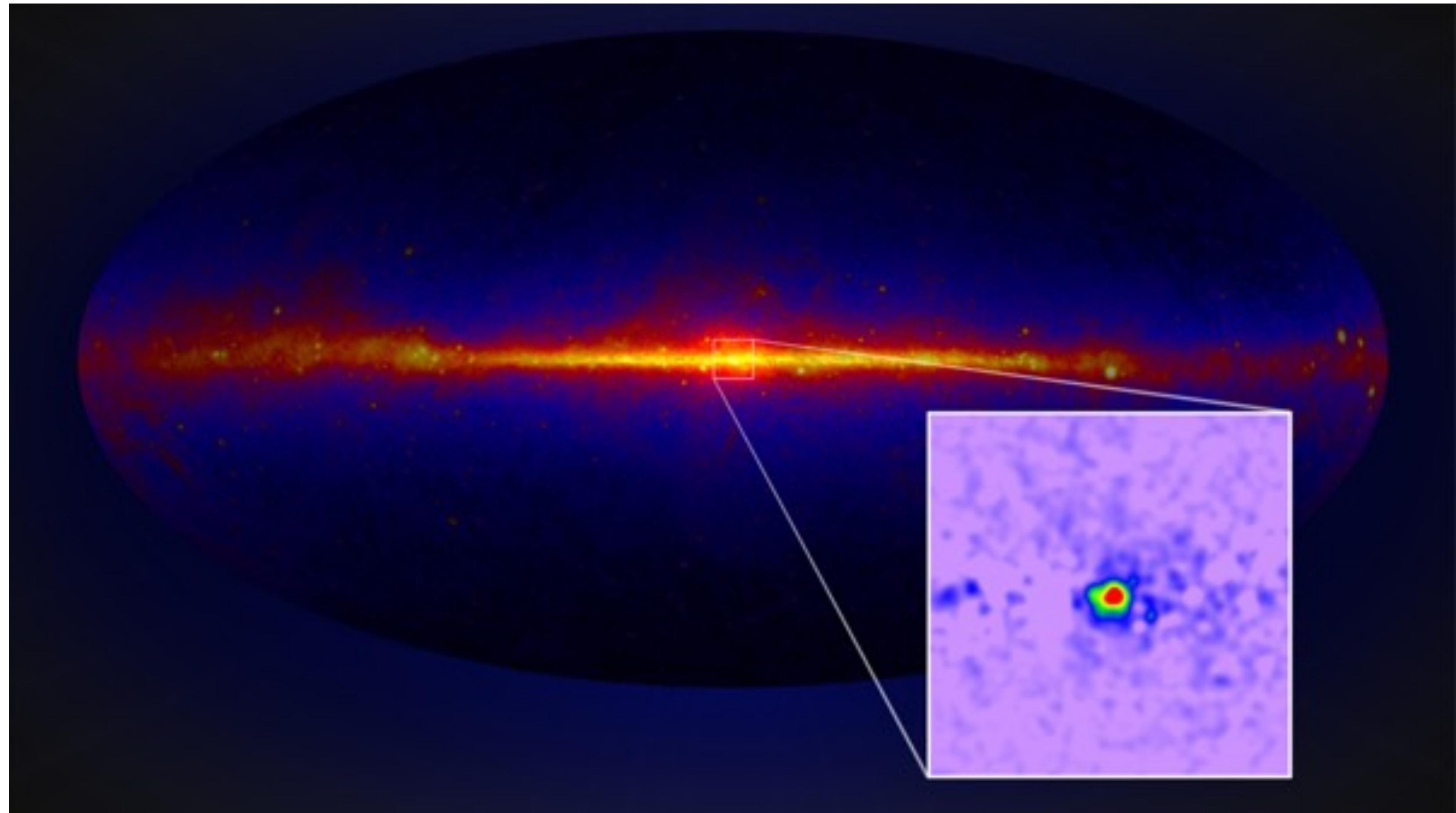
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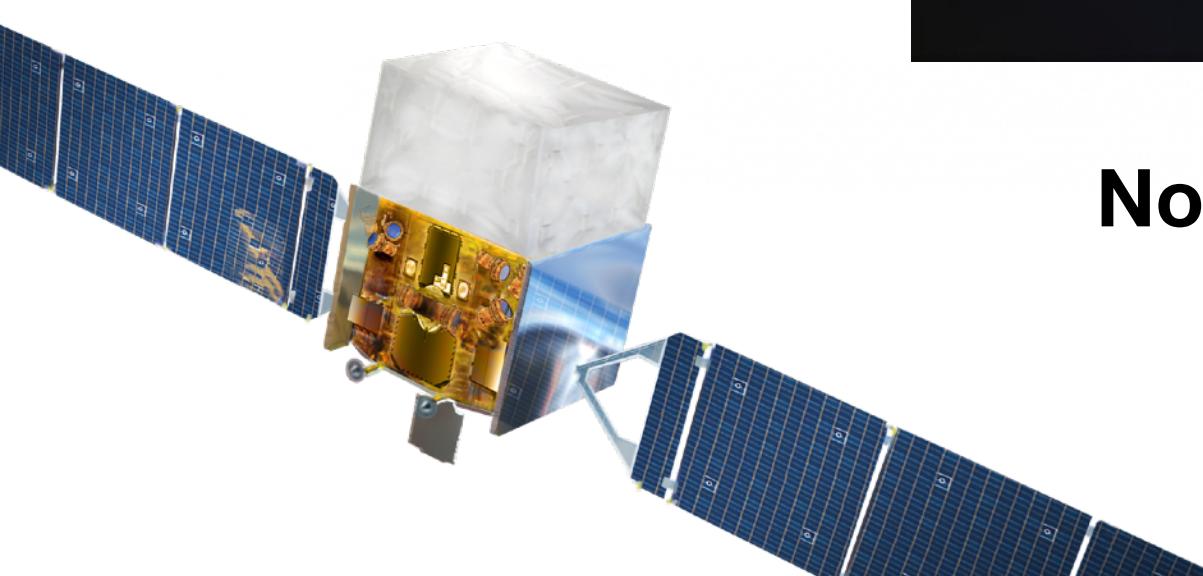
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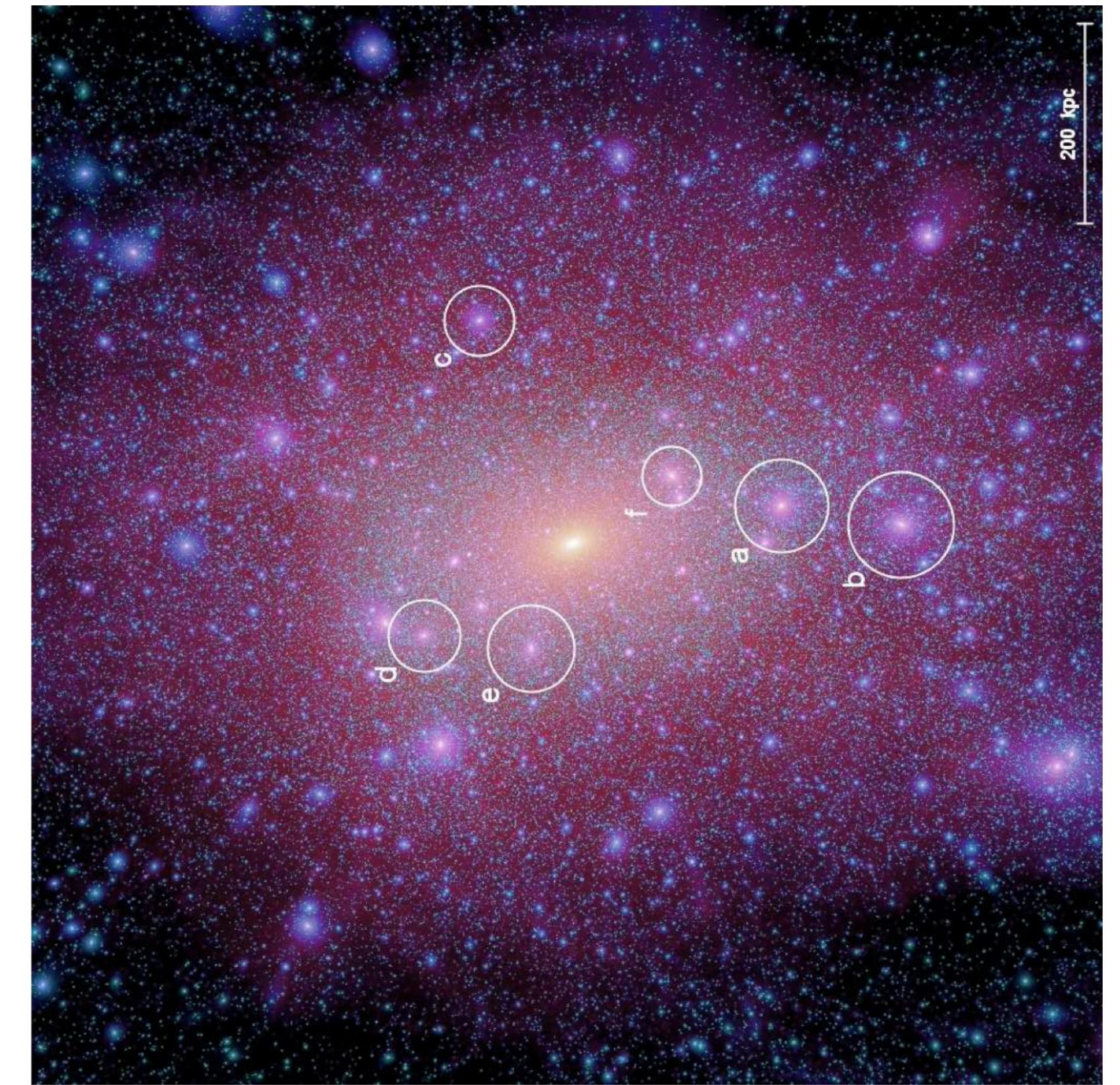
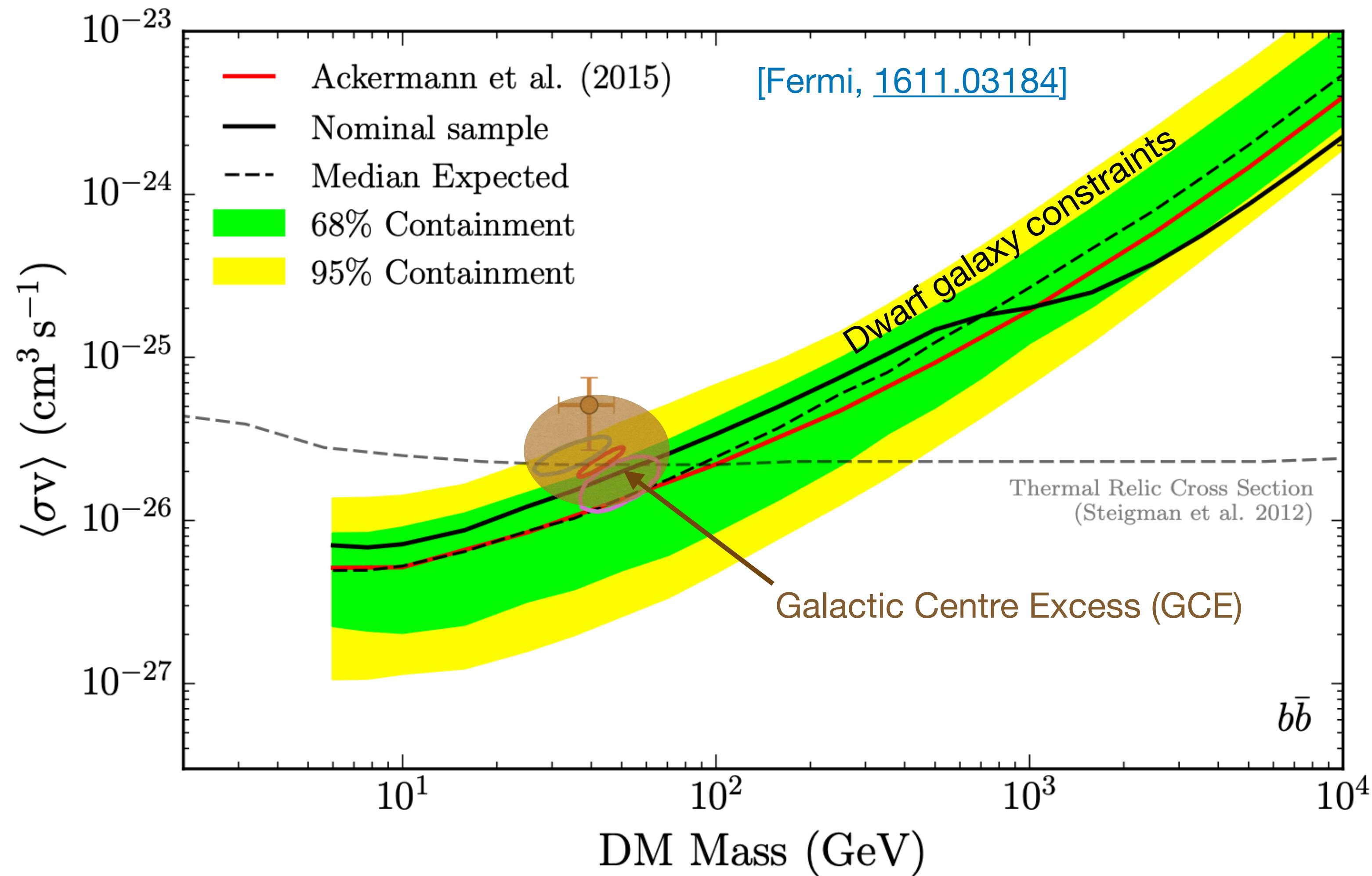
[Credit: NASA/T. Linden, U.Chicago]

Note: increasing evidence of consistency with point sources. Millisecond pulsars?

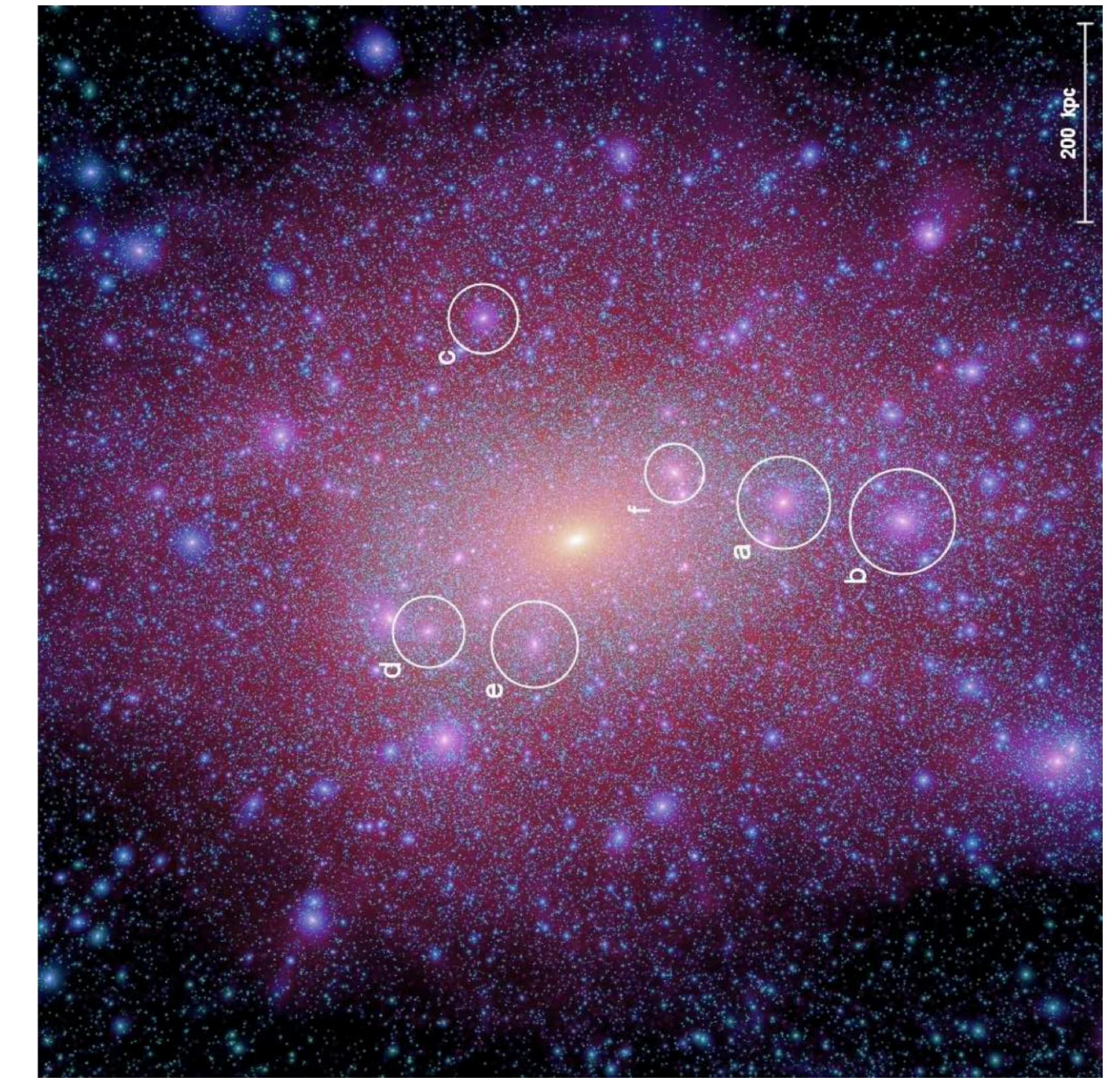
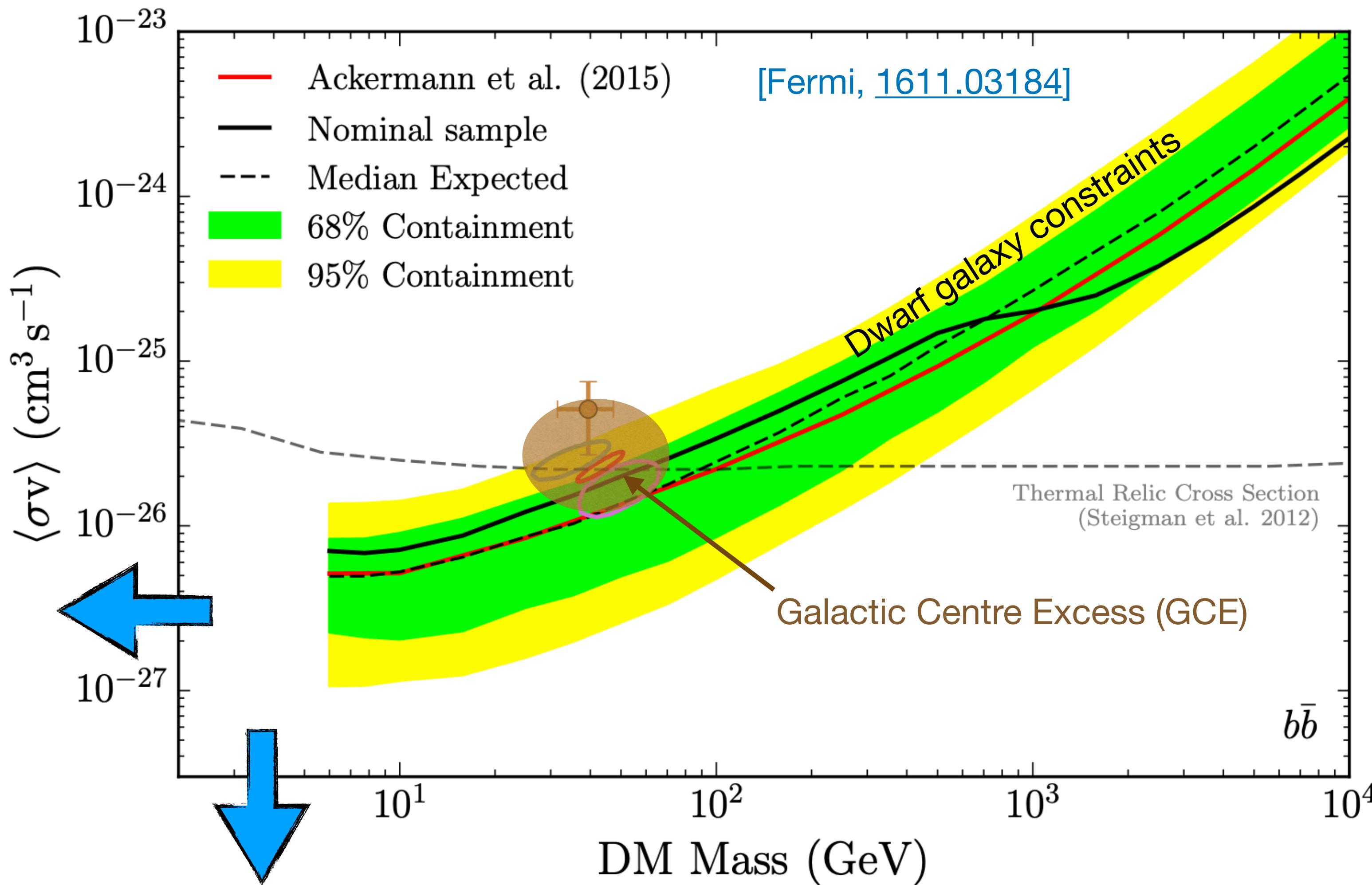
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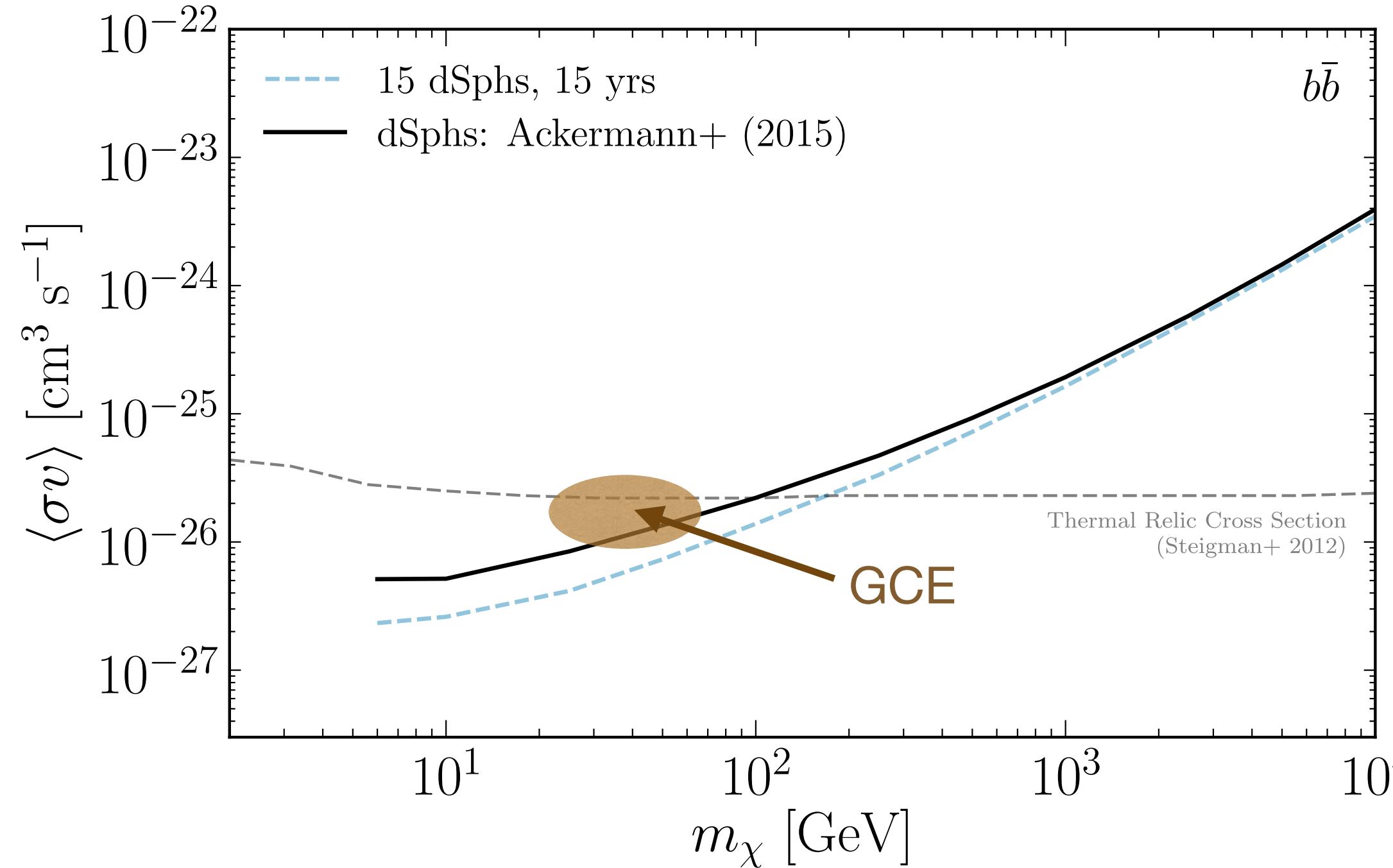


How can we extend the reach of these indirect searches?

Strengthening the constraints

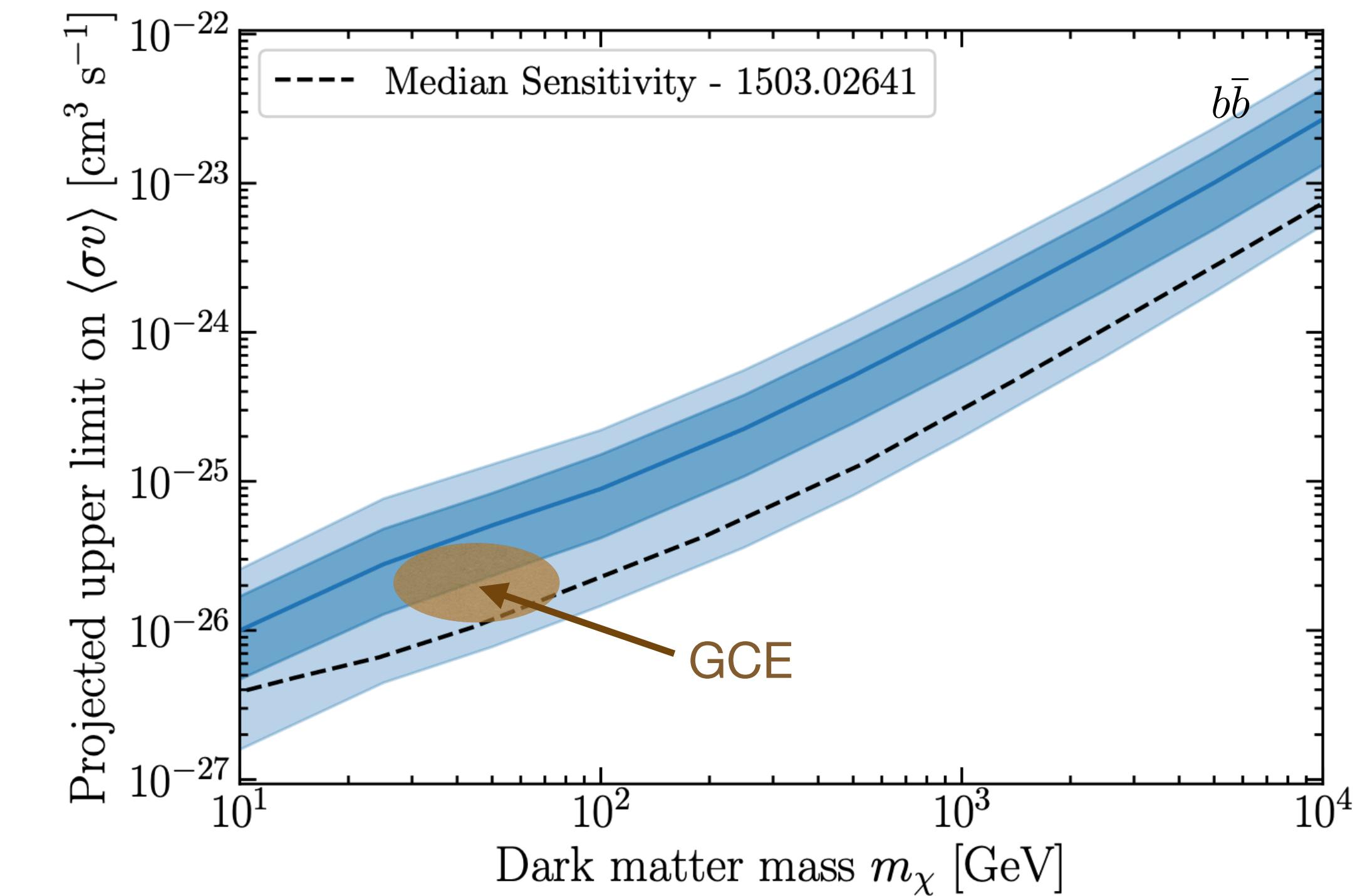
Observe for longer...?

[Fermi-LAT Collaboration, [1605.02016](#)]



Discover more dSphs...?

[Ando, BJK, Macias et al., [1905.07128](#)]



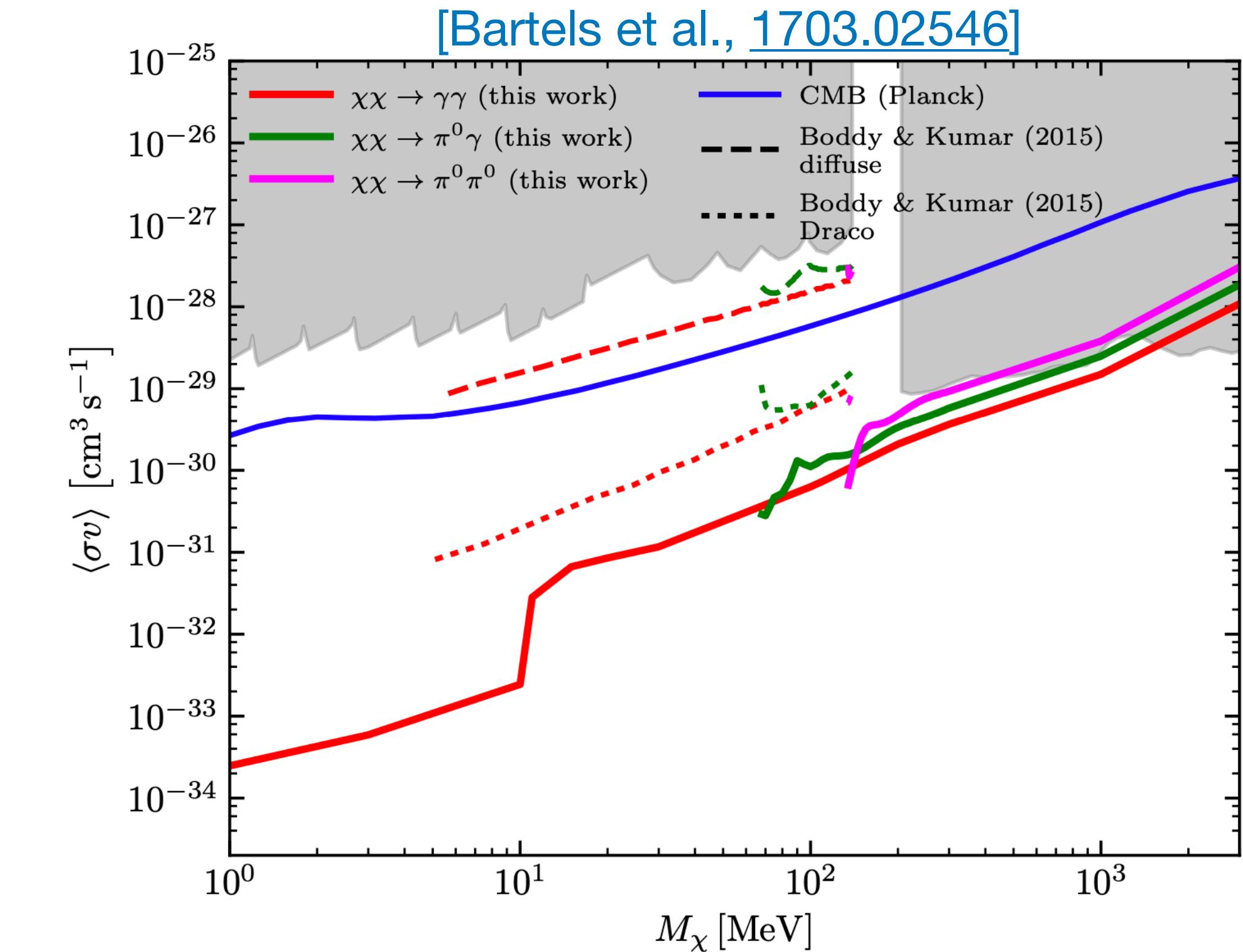
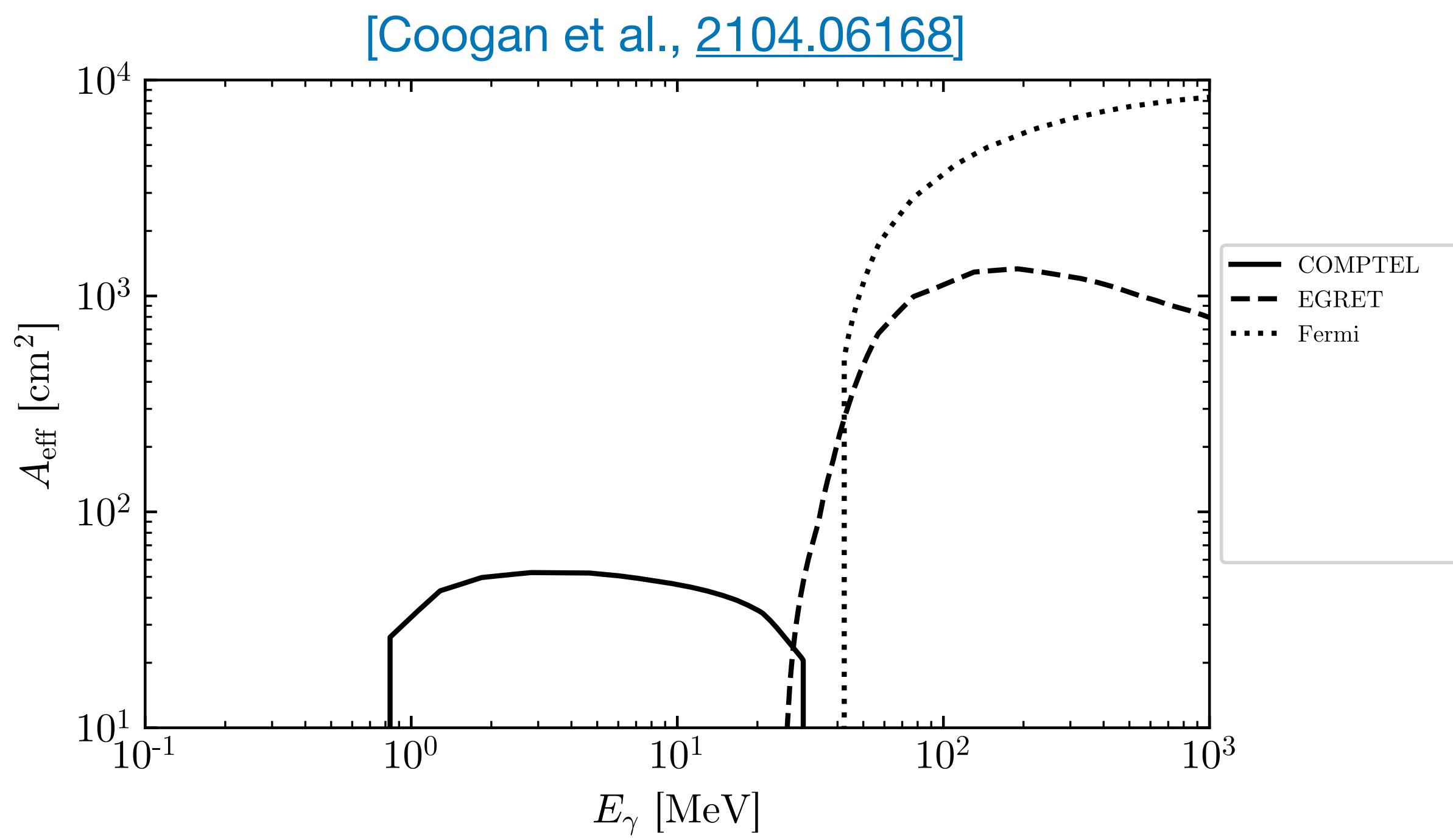
But hard to reach much further down in cross section...

Especially with plenty of modelling uncertainties (e.g. J-factors)...

[e.g. Alvarez et al., [2002.01229](#); Ando et al., [2002.11956](#)]

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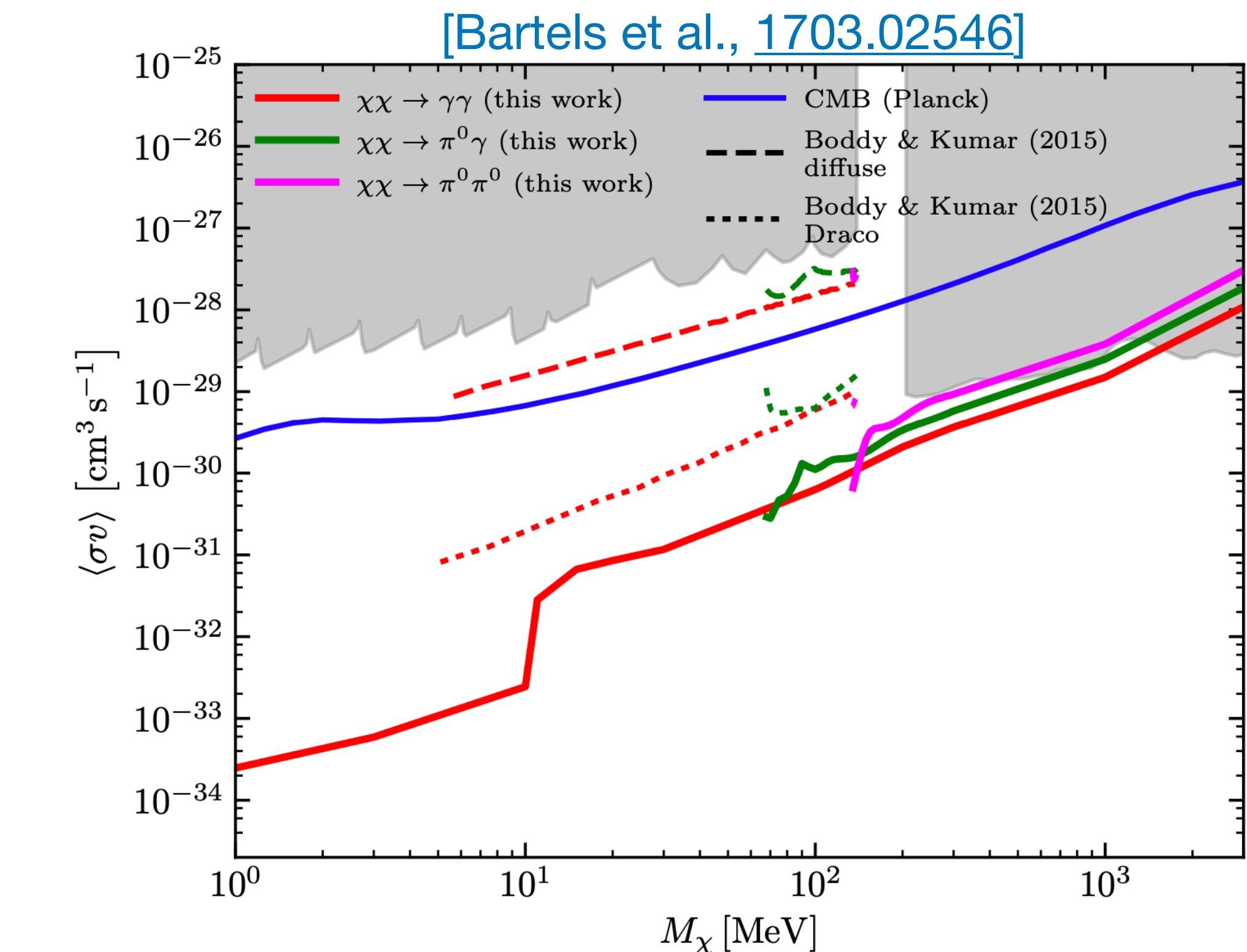
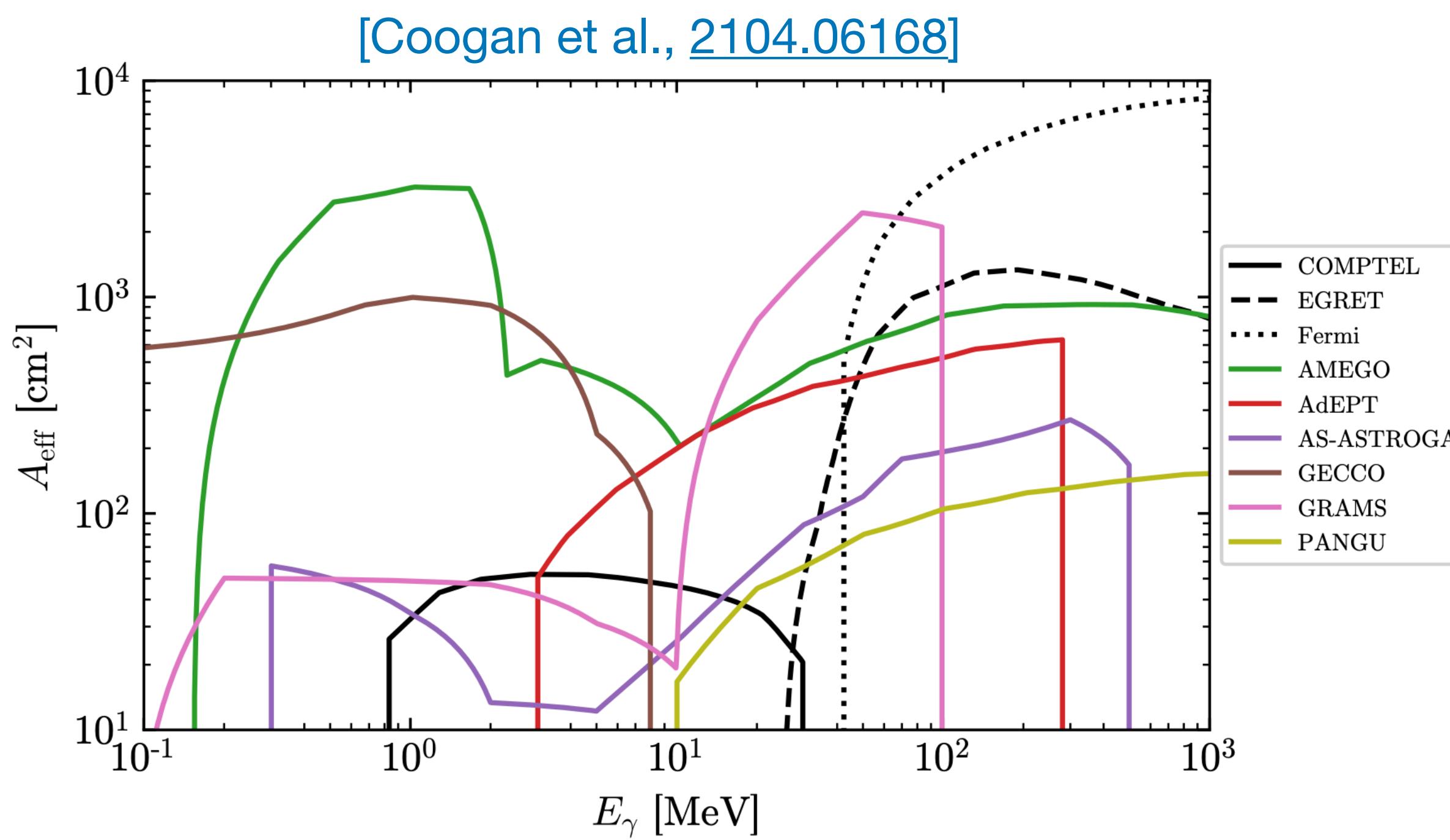


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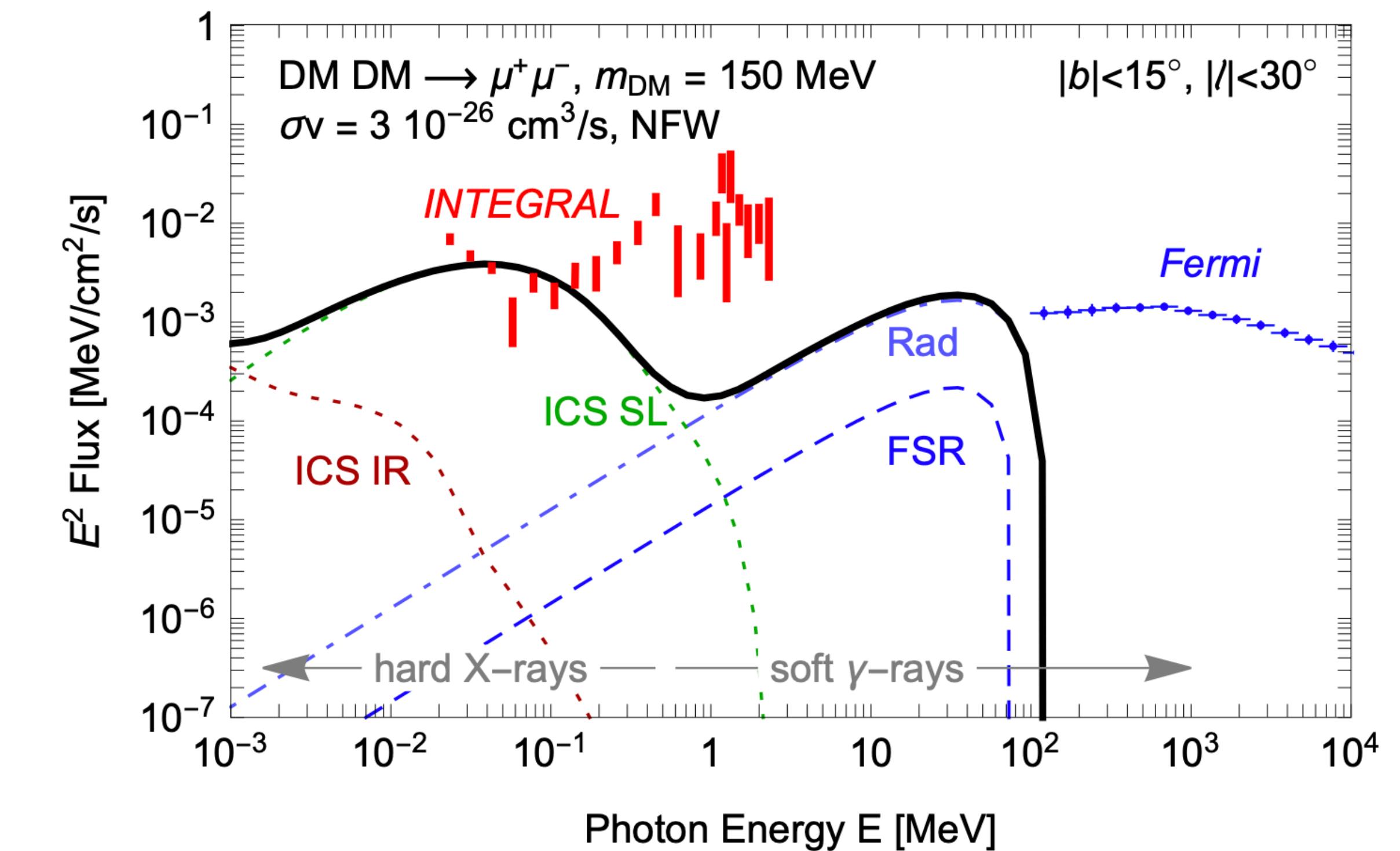
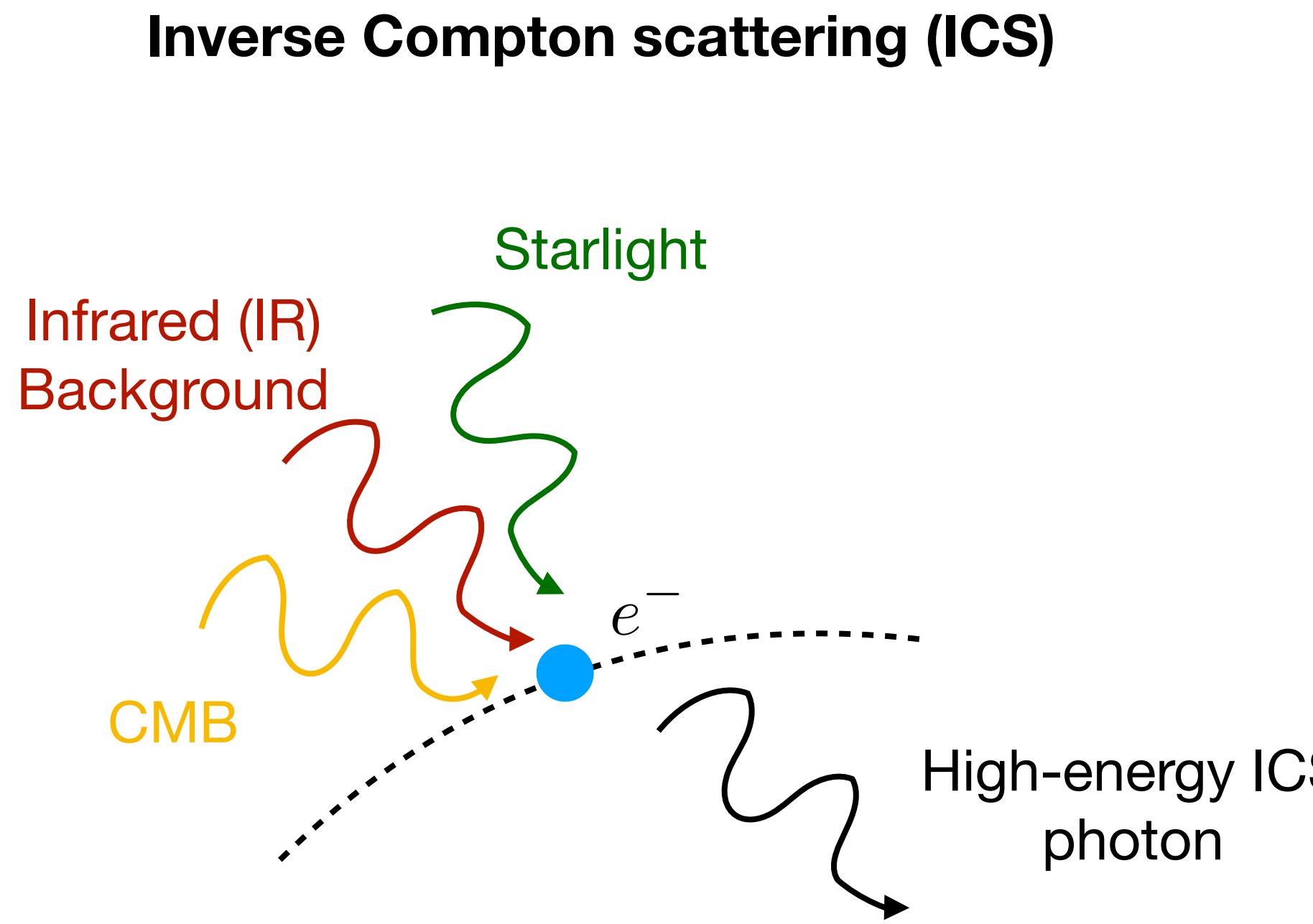


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- + final state radiation (“FSR”)
- + radiative decay (“Rad”), for muons

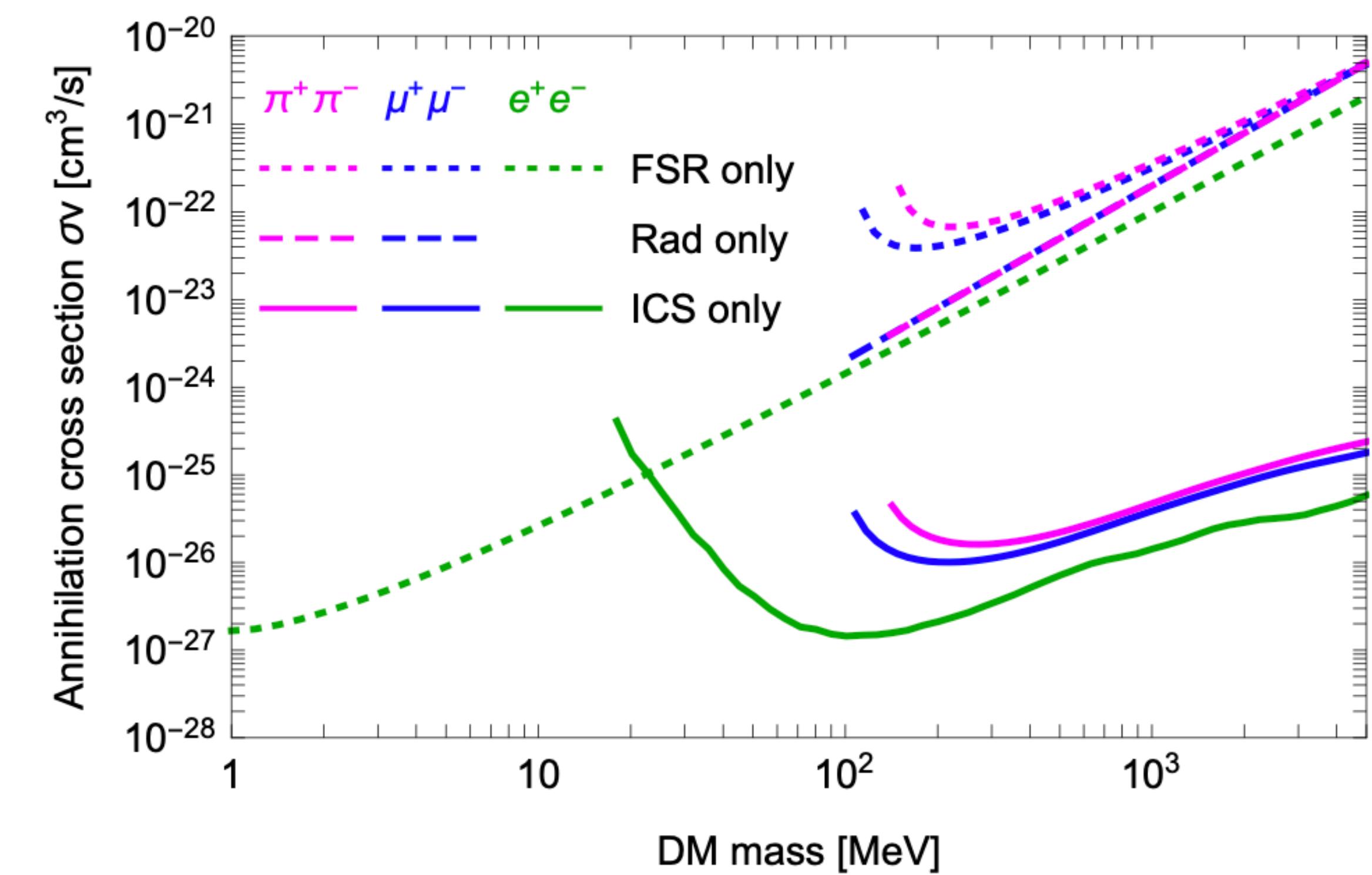
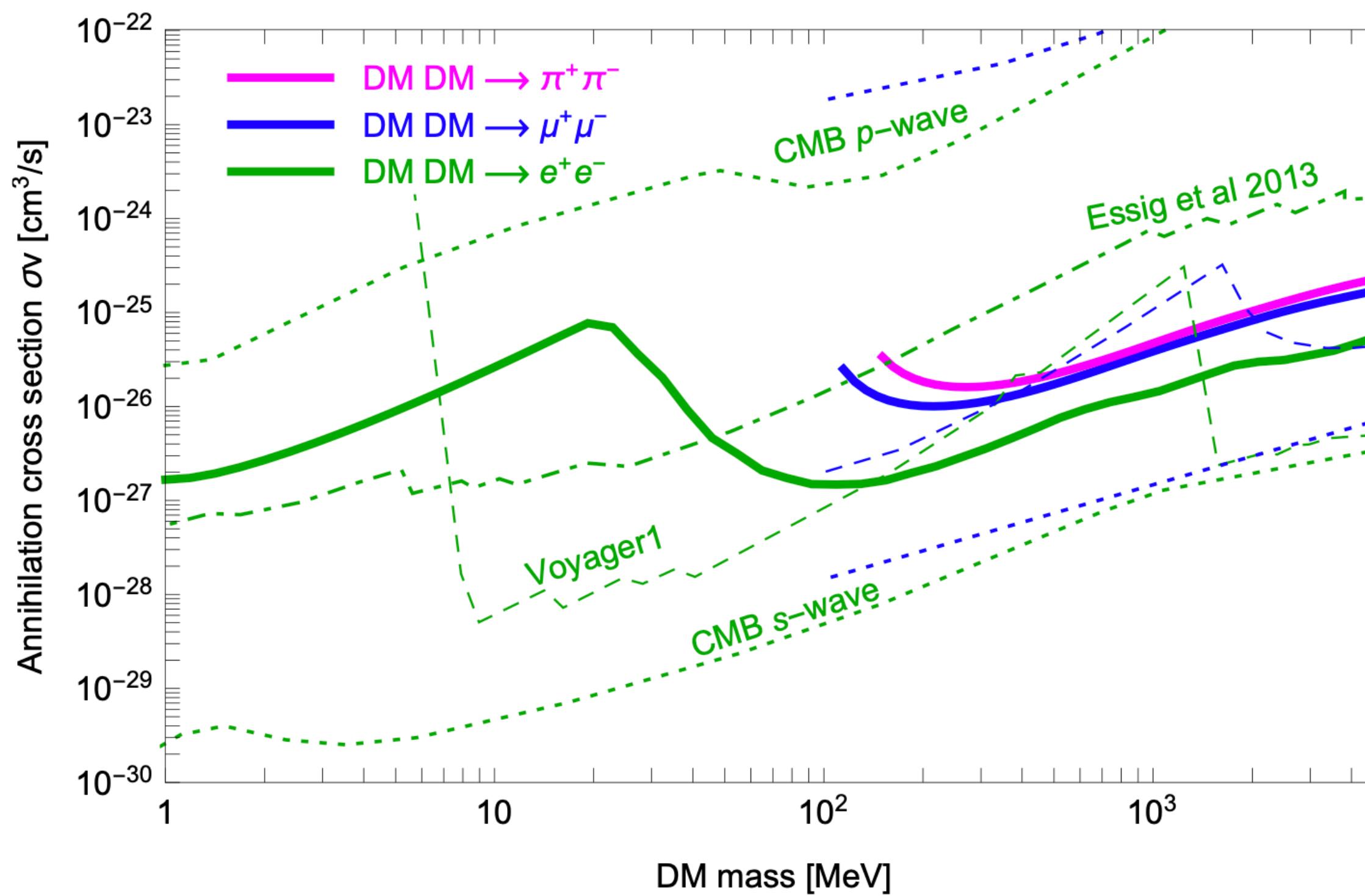
[Cirelli, Fornengo, **BJK** & Pinetti, [2007.11493](#)]
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Constraints from the INTEGRAL X-ray telescope:

Bounds on annihilating Dark Matter



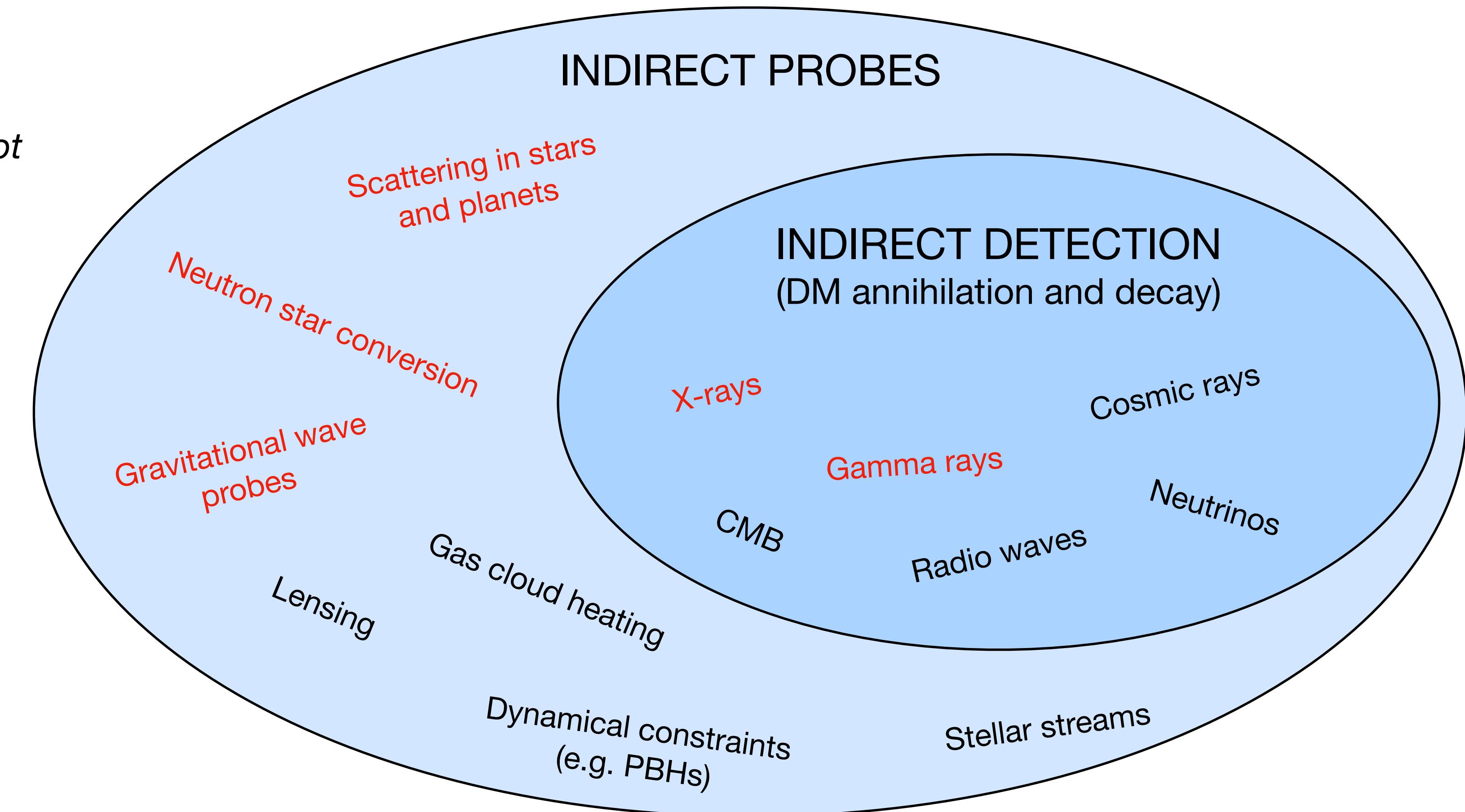
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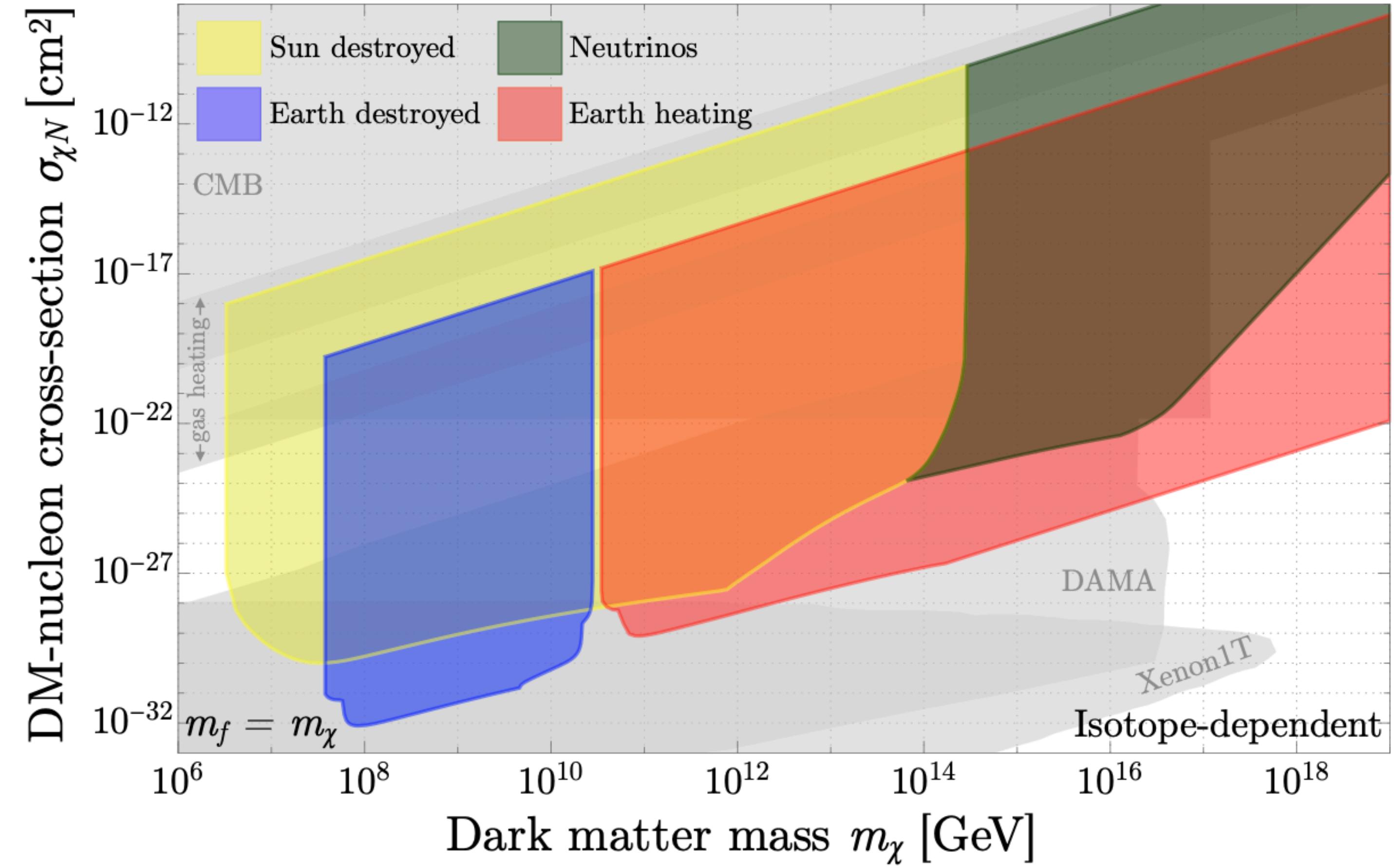
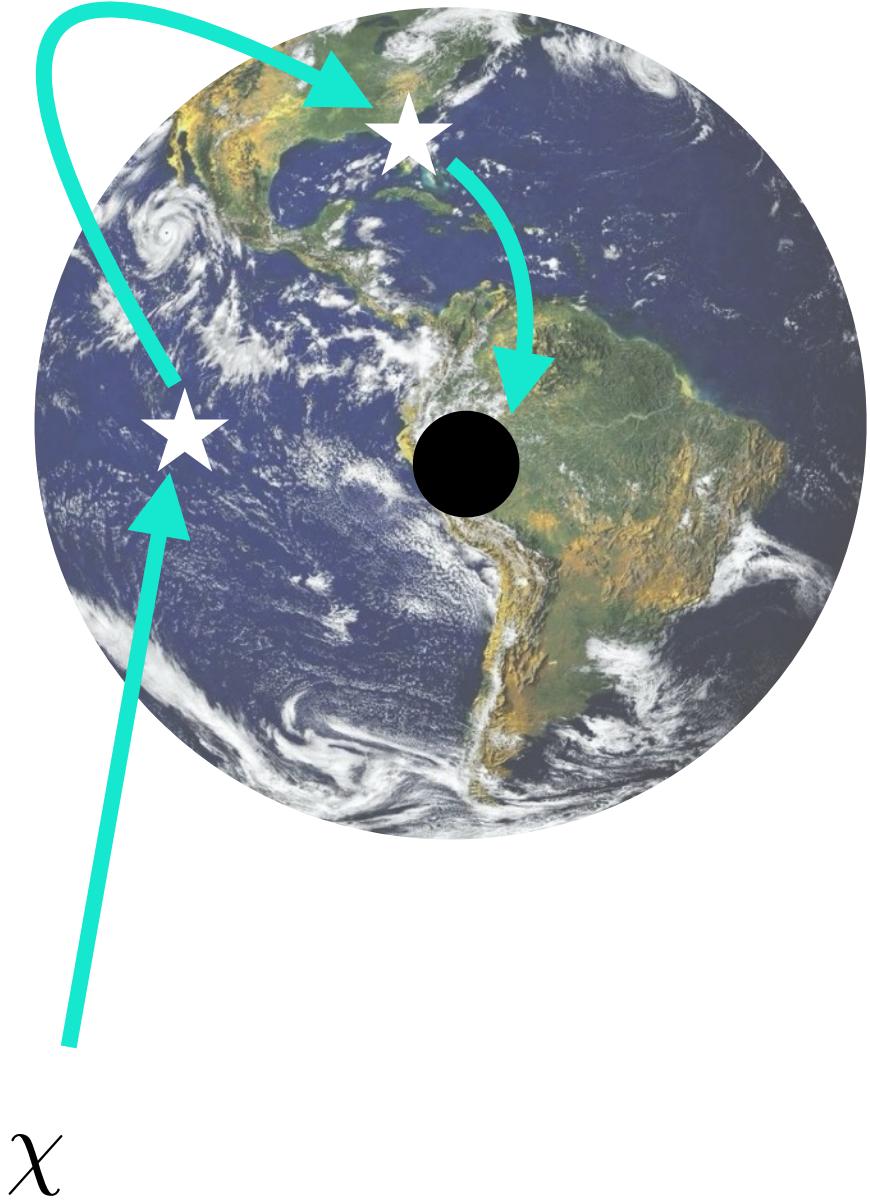
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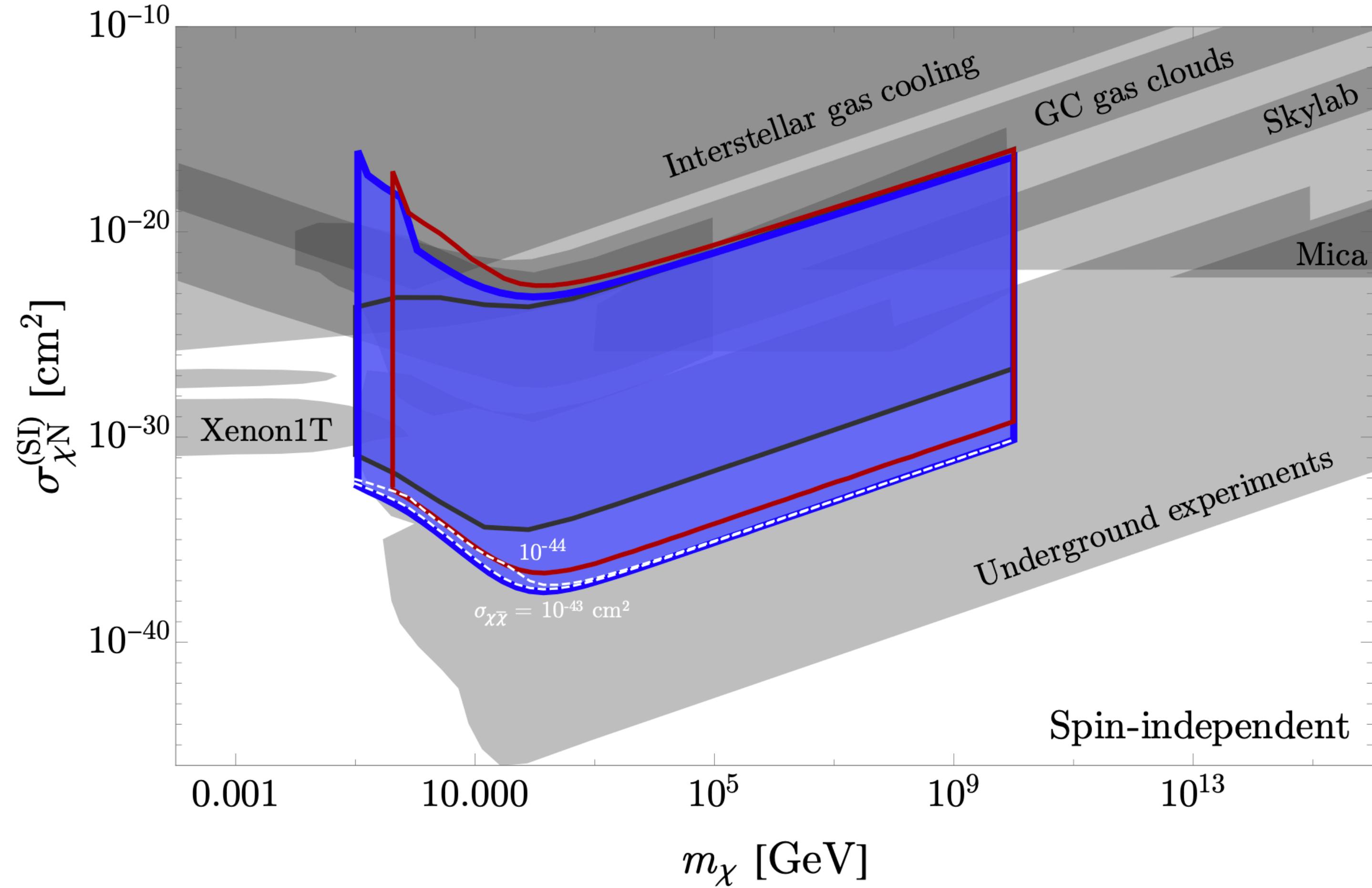
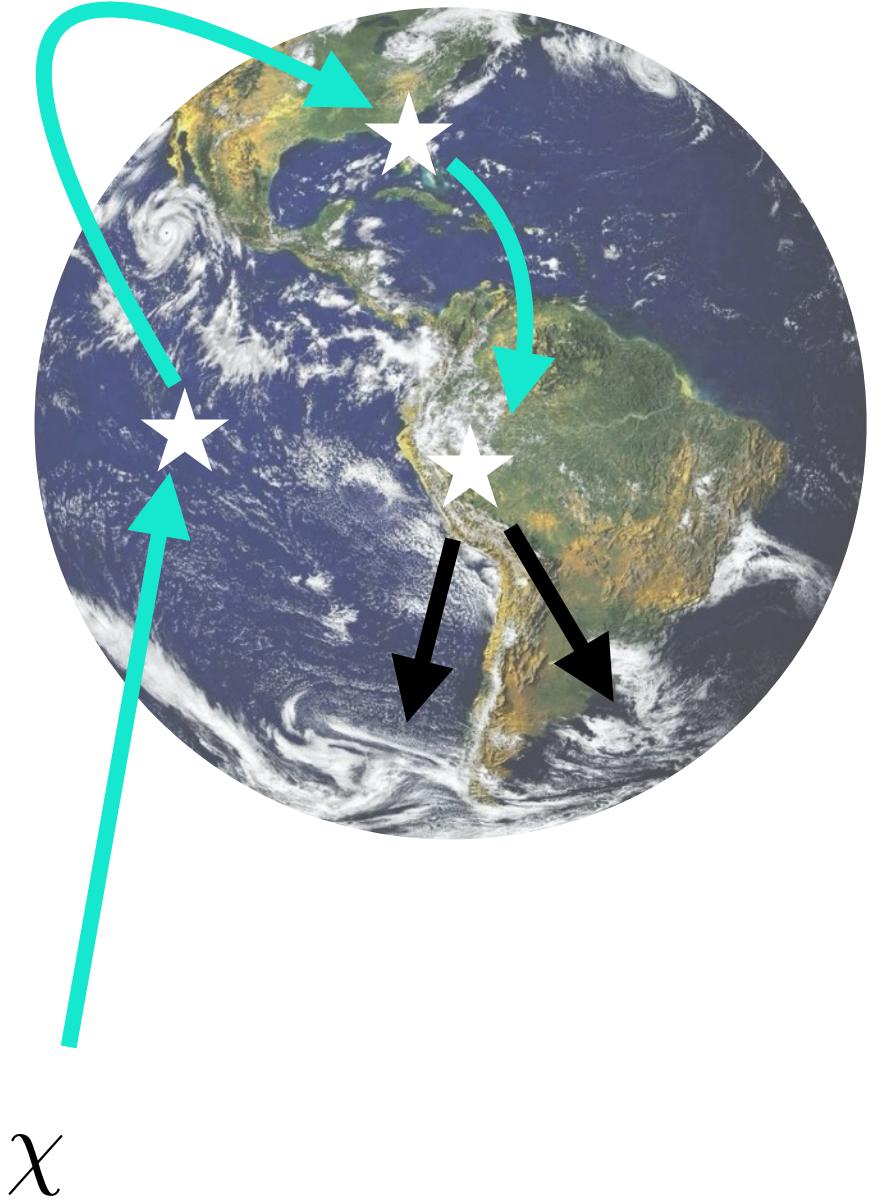
DM Capture in the Earth and Sun



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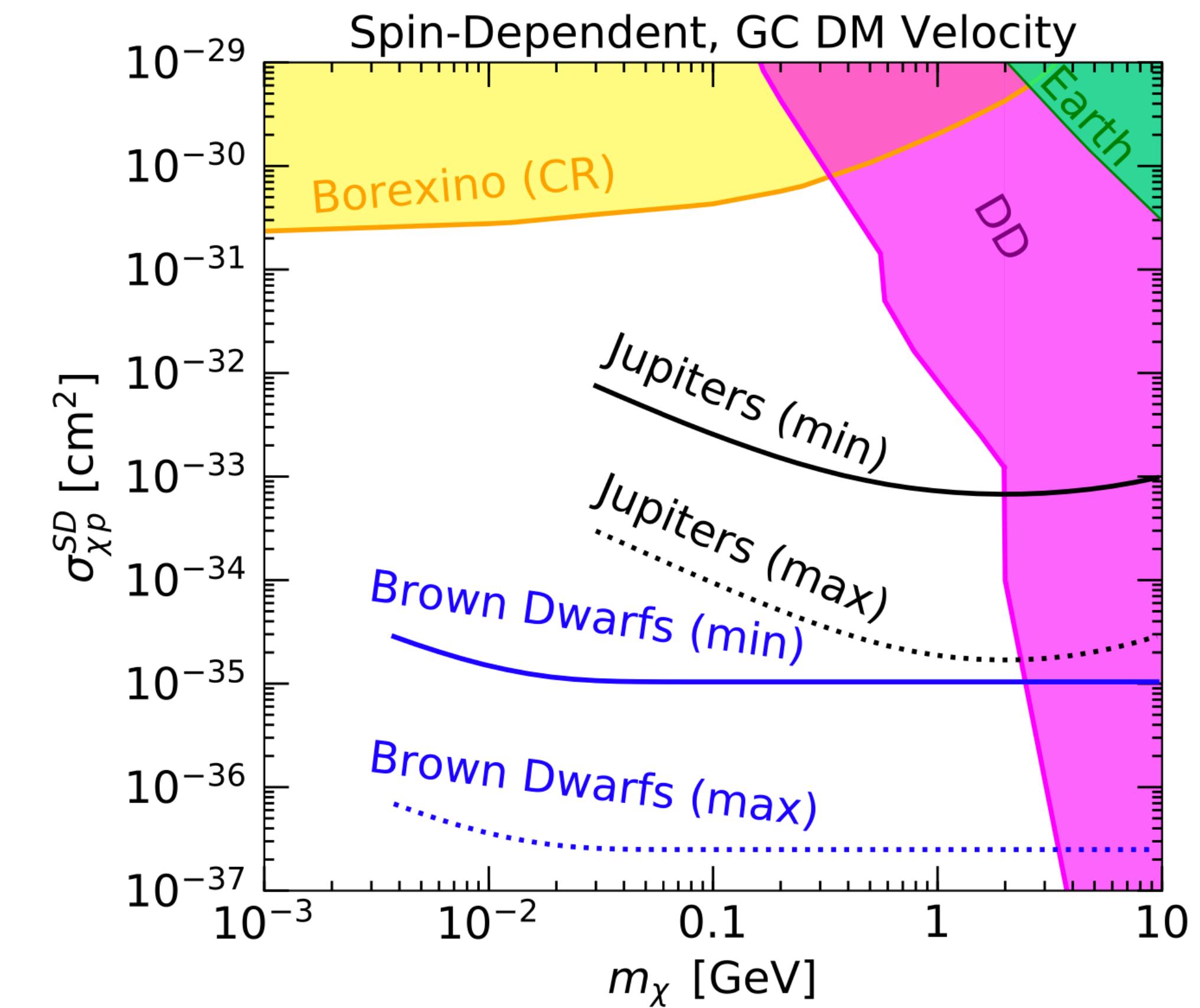
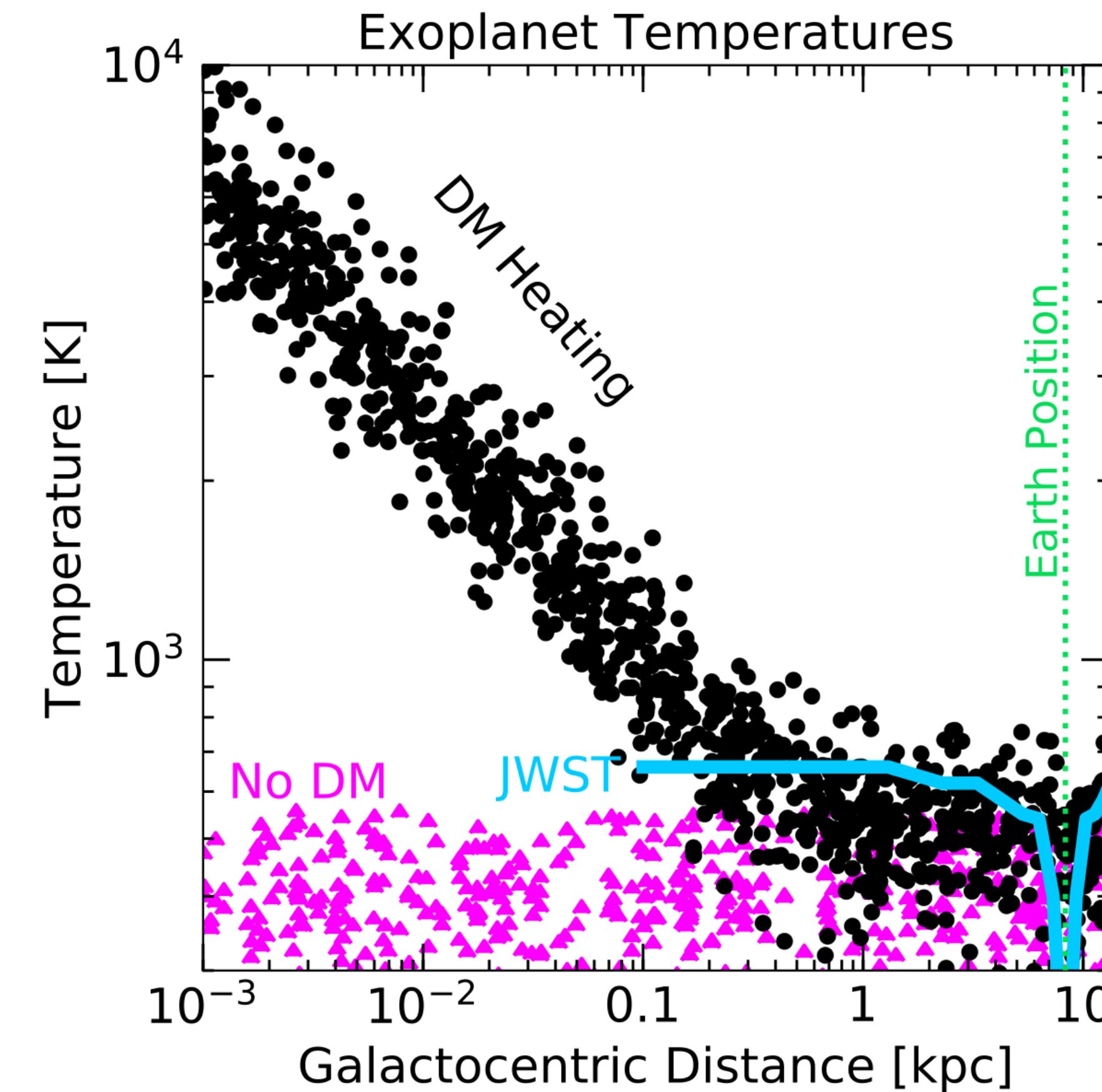
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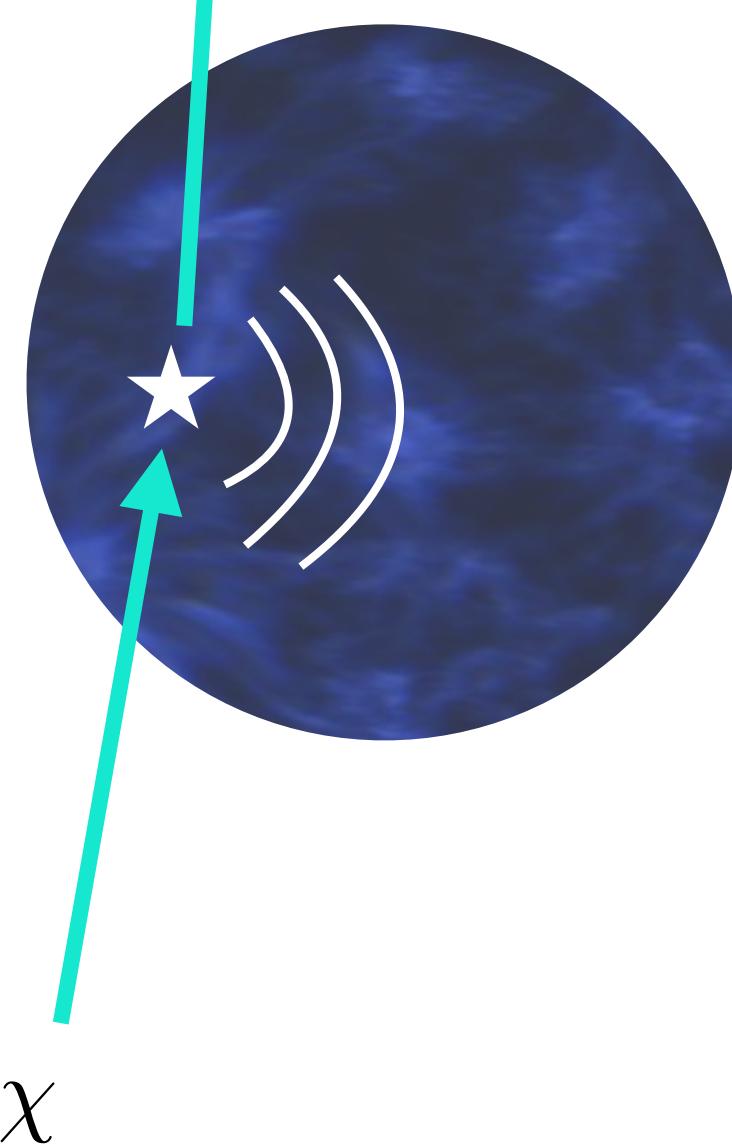


[Leane & Smirnov, [2010.00015](#)]

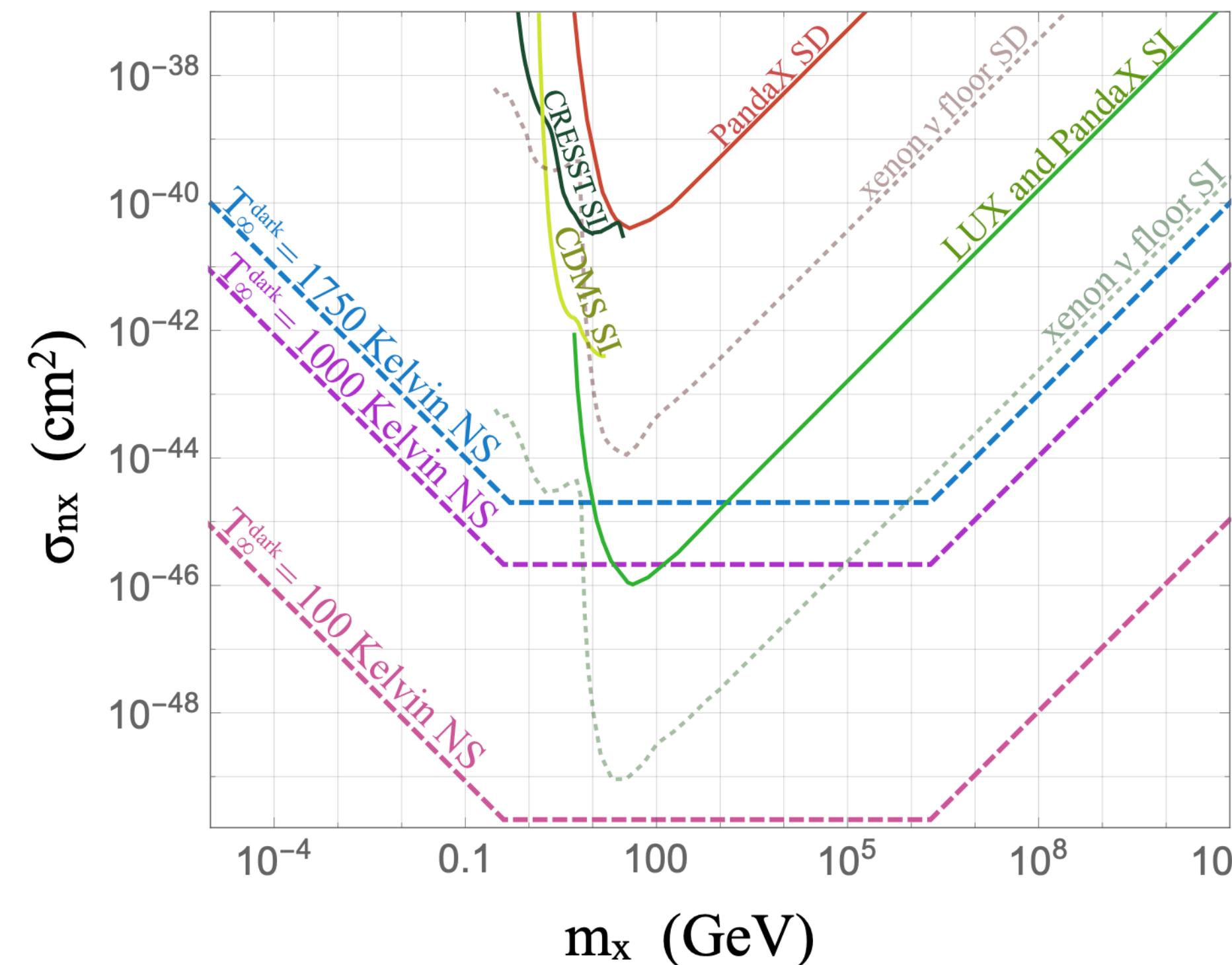
[See also Payel Mukhopadhyay's talk this morning]

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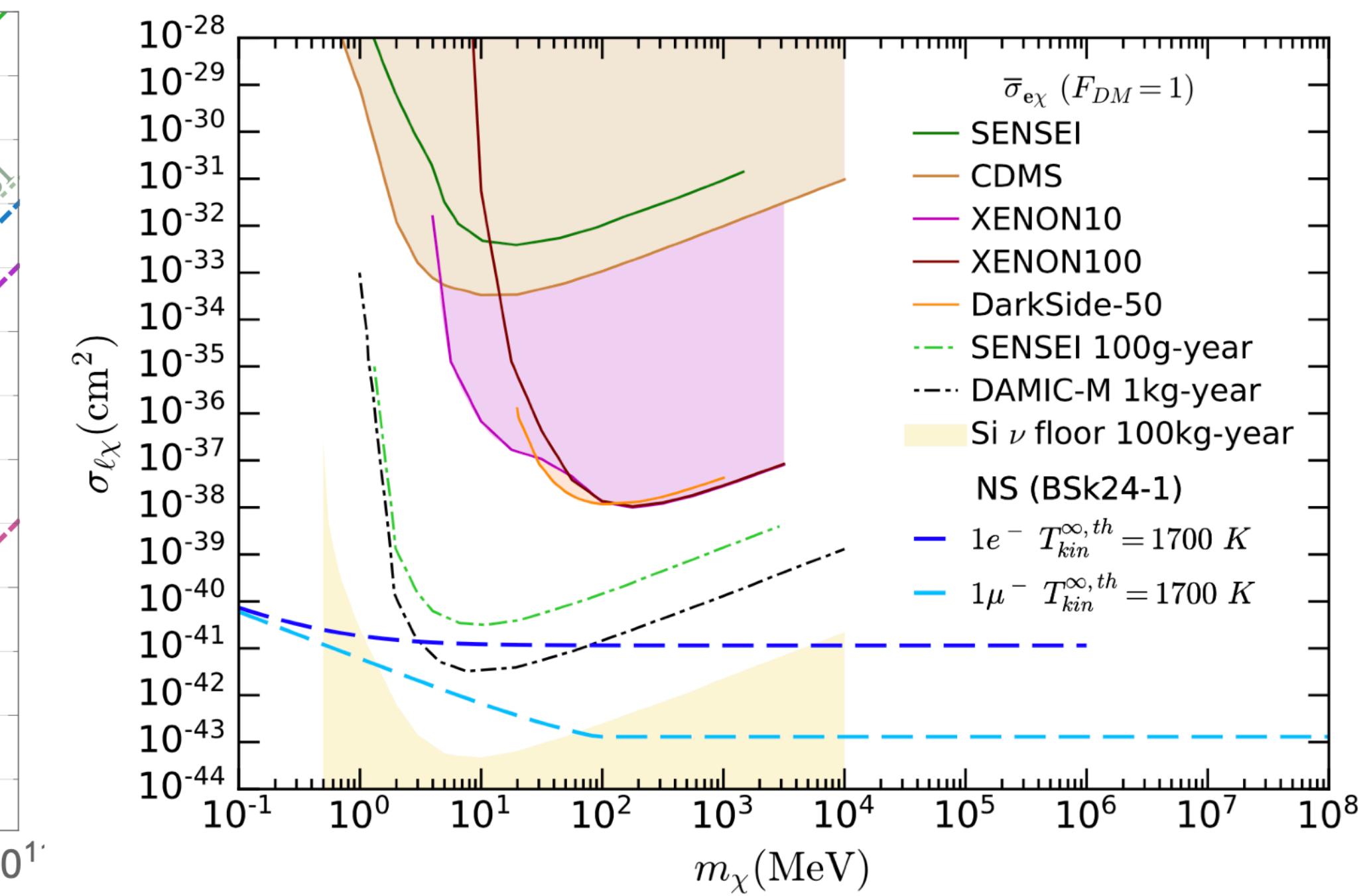
Neutron Star Heating



[Baryakhtar et al., [1704.01577](#)]



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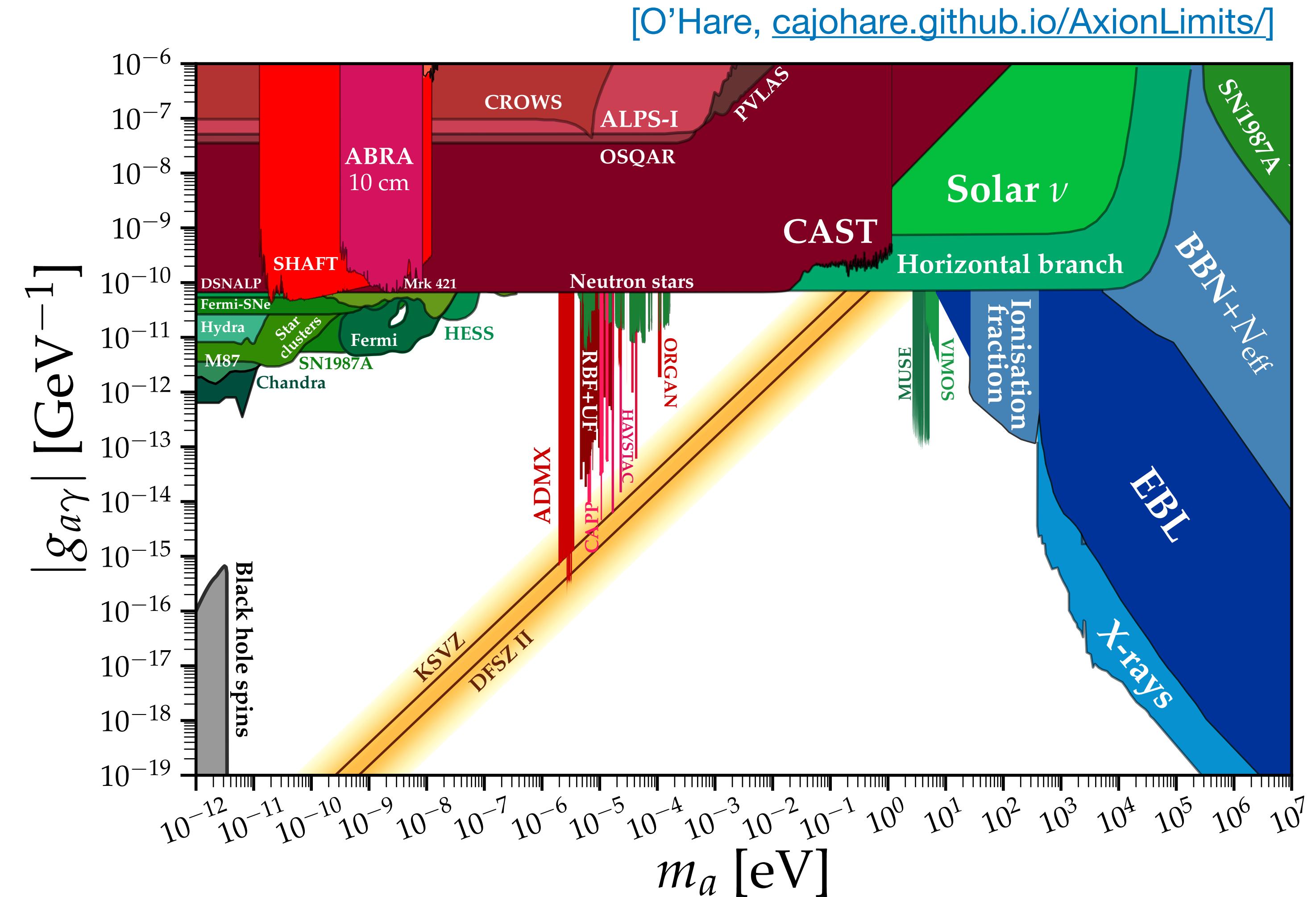
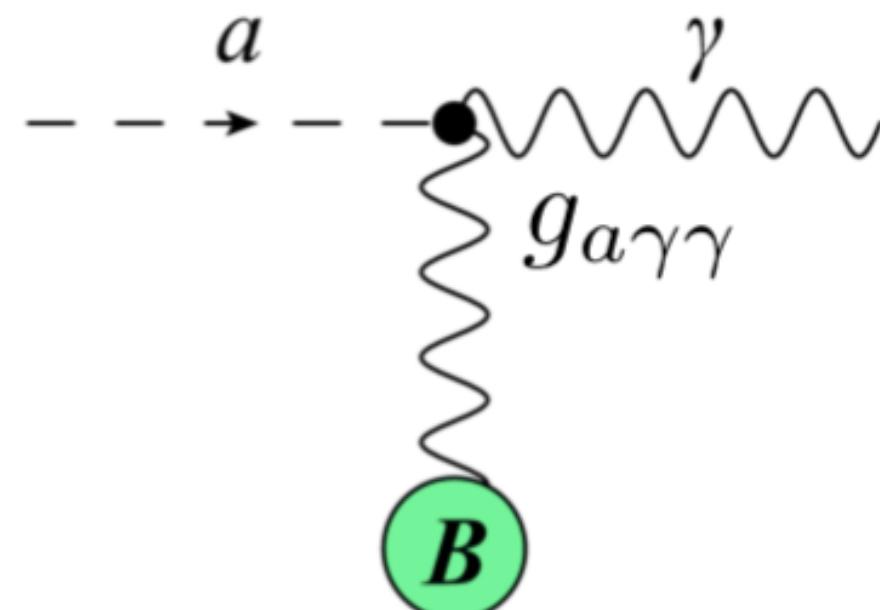
NS and WD capture rate becoming more and more refined, but what are the observational prospects?

[Acevedo et al., [1911.06334](#); Bell et al., [2004.14888](#), [2104.14367](#); Dasgupta et al., [2006.10773](#)]

Captured DM may also affect NS equation of state: [Cermeño et al., [1710.06866](#)]

Axions and Neutron Stars

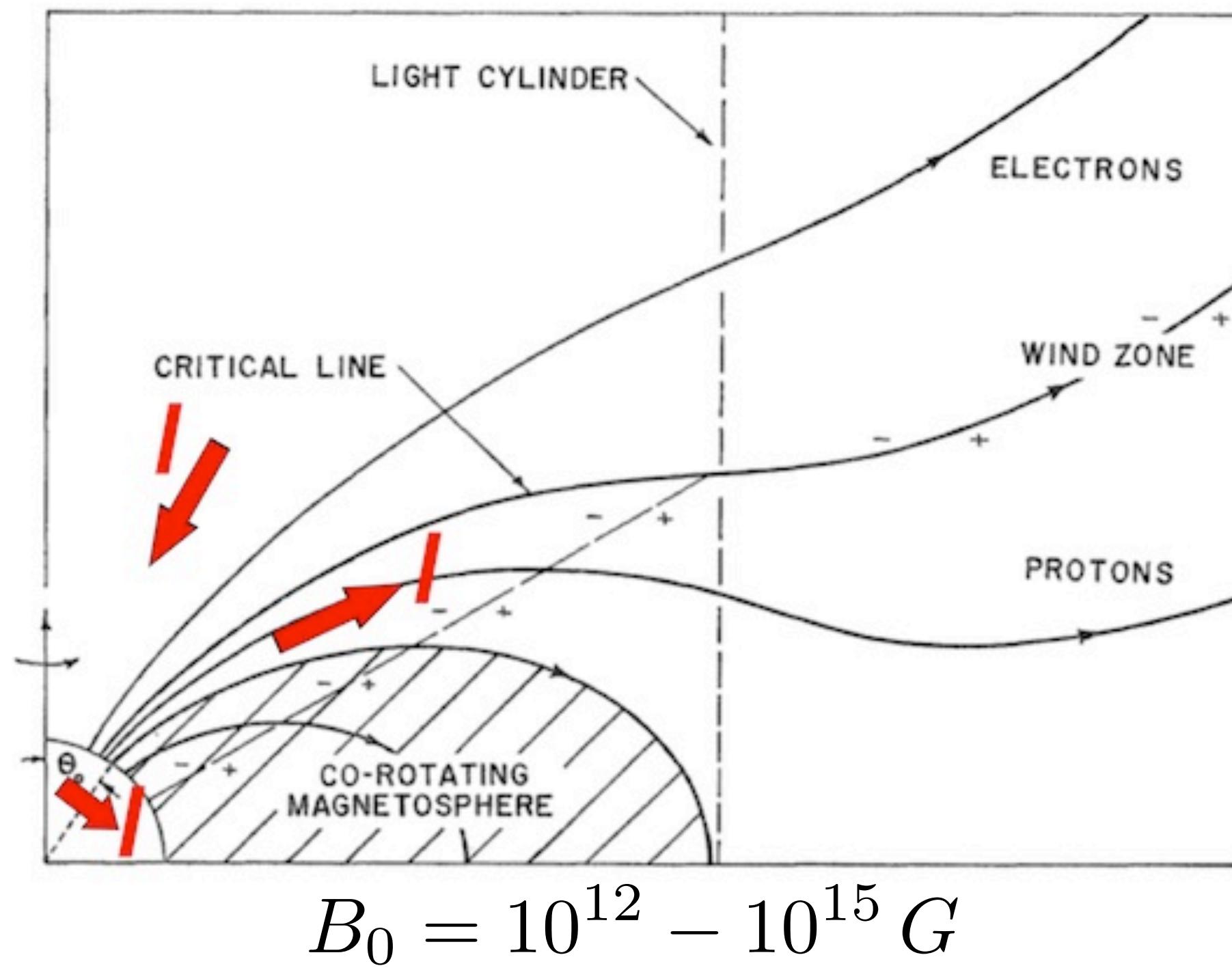
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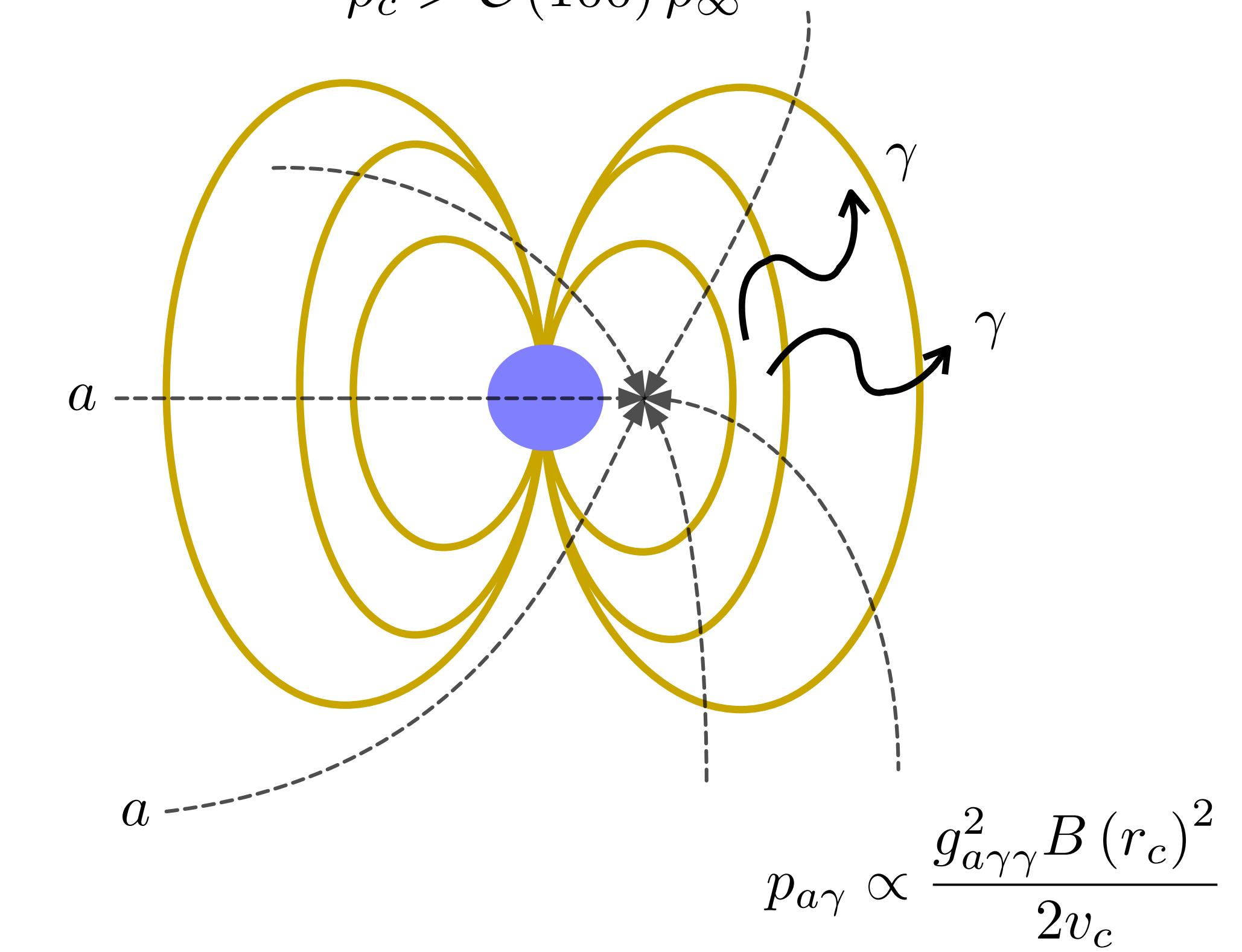
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Dense plasma around NS allows ‘resonant’ conversion when axion mass matches plasma mass:

$$\omega_p(B_0, P) = m_a/2\pi$$



$$\rho_c > \mathcal{O}(100) \rho_\infty$$



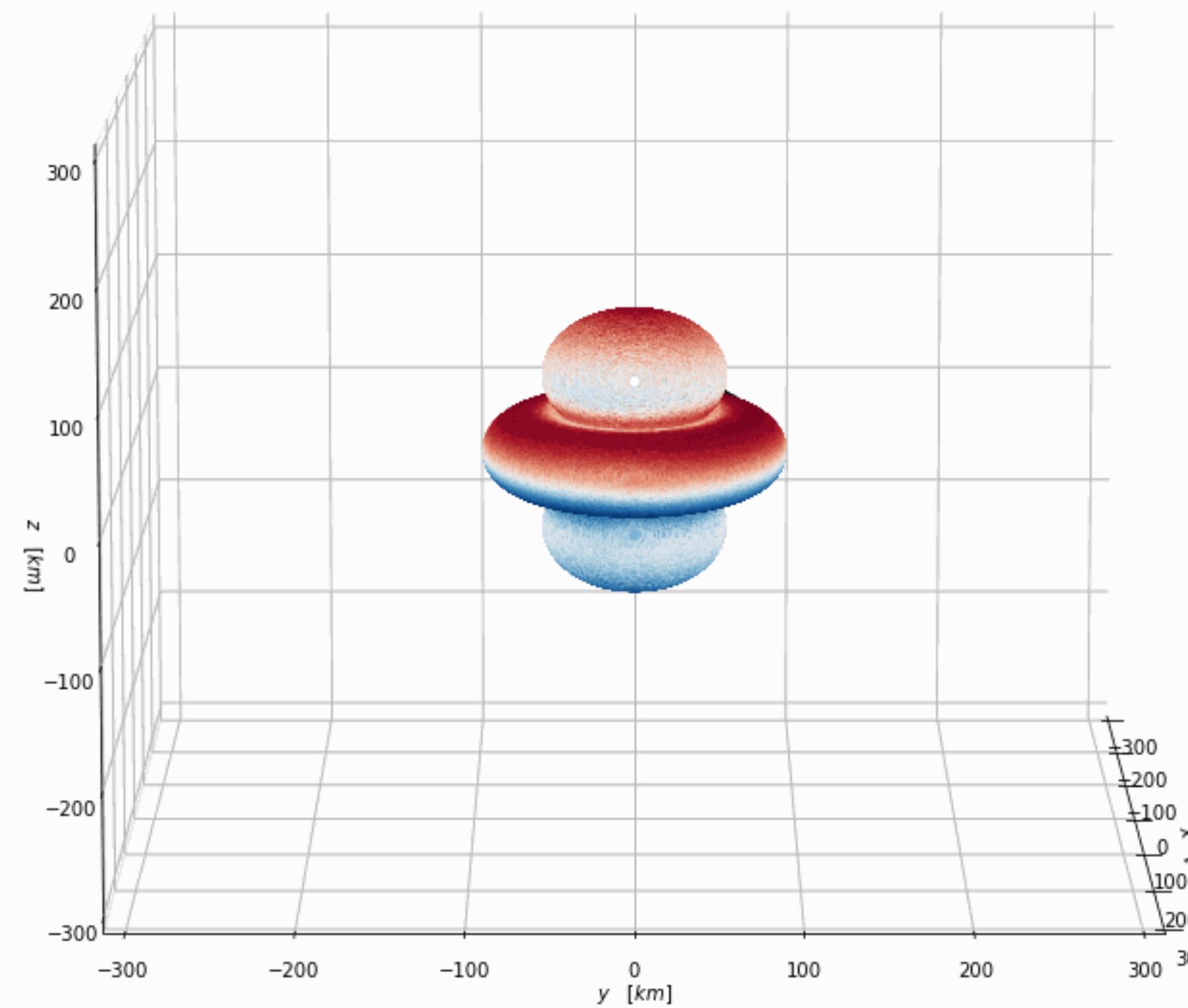
Radio up to X-ray signals, depending on axion mass...

[Huang et al., [1803.08230](#); Hook et al., [1804.03145](#); Safdi et al., [1811.01020](#); Foster et al., [2004.00011](#)]

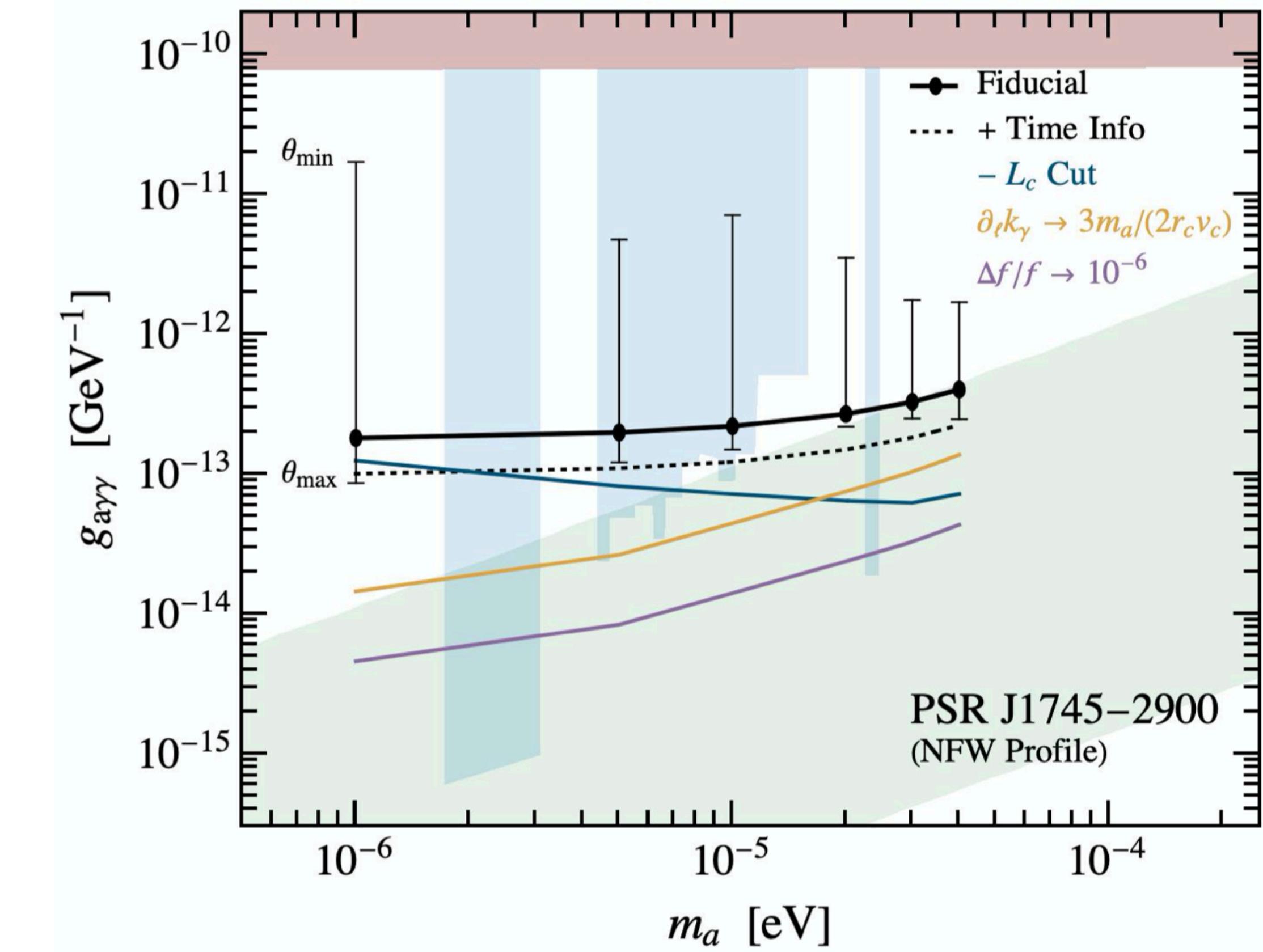
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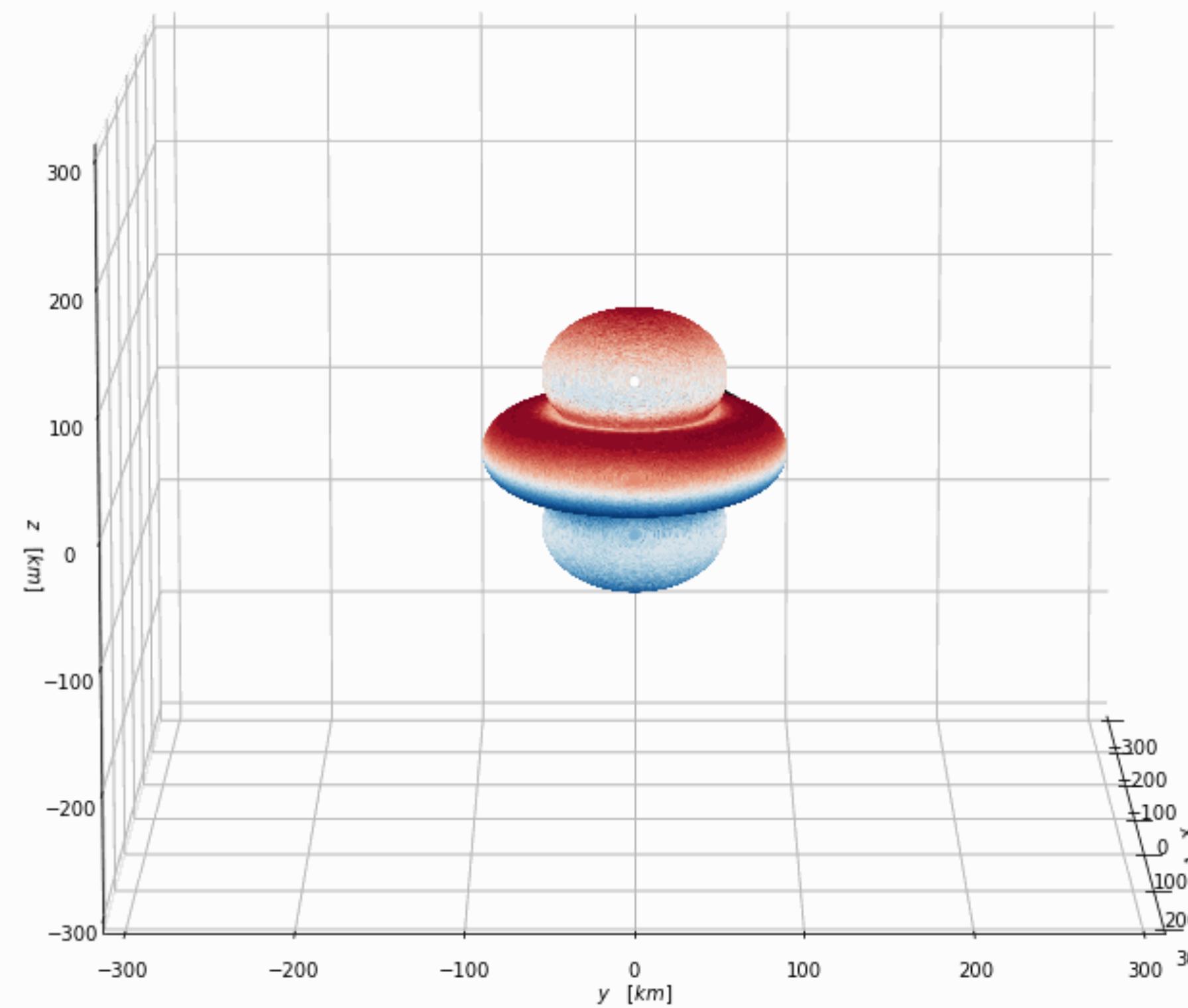
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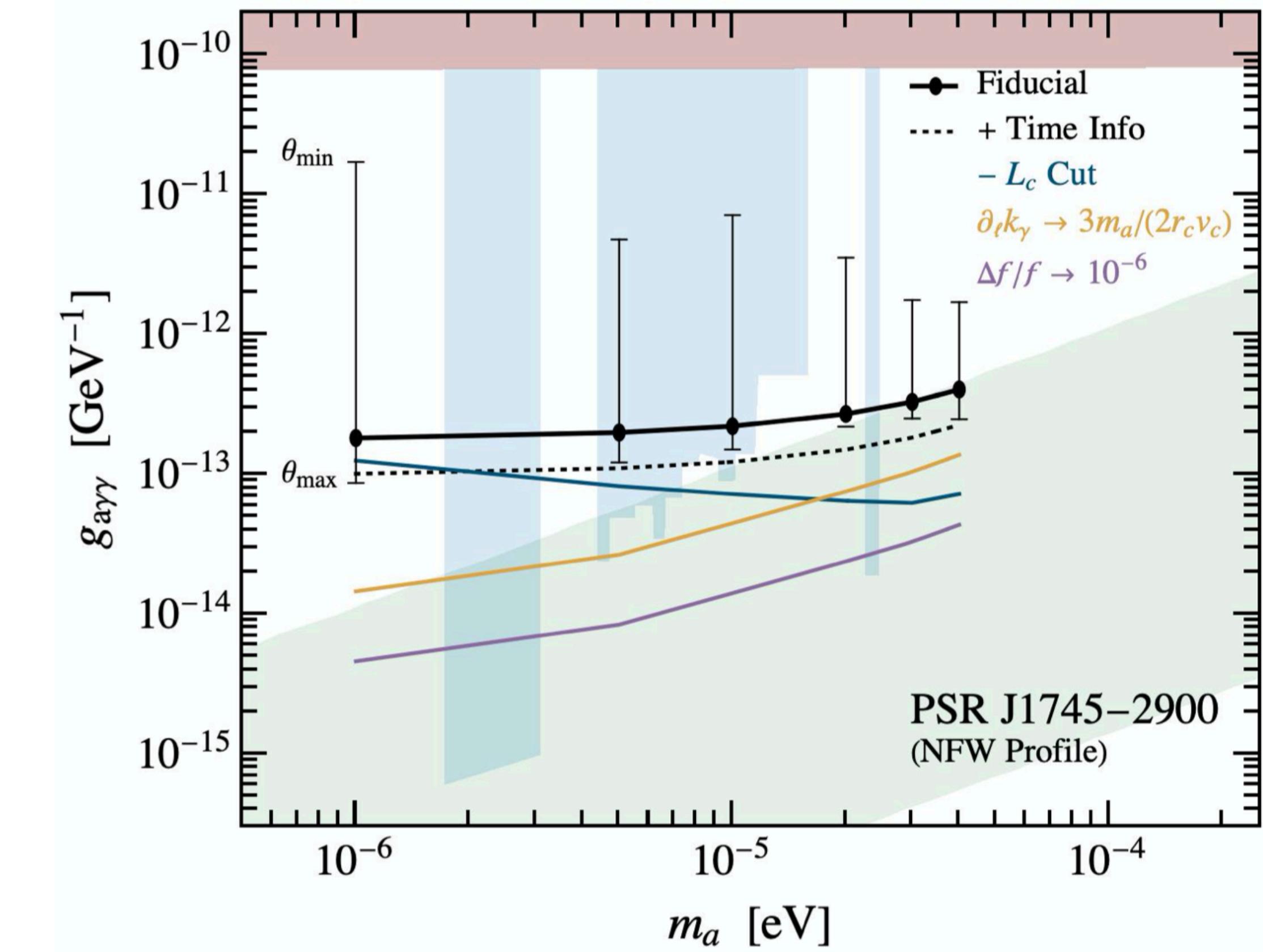
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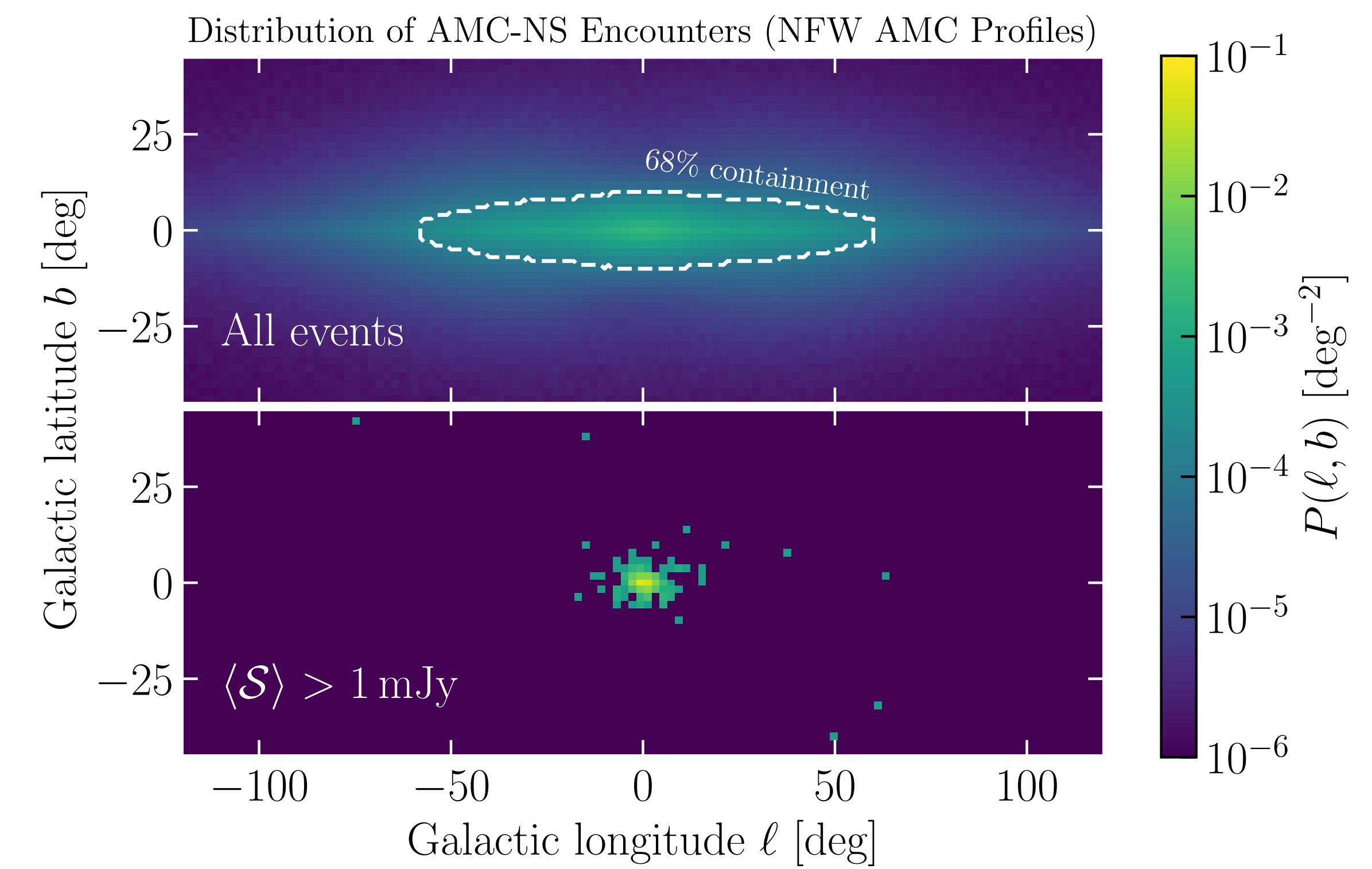
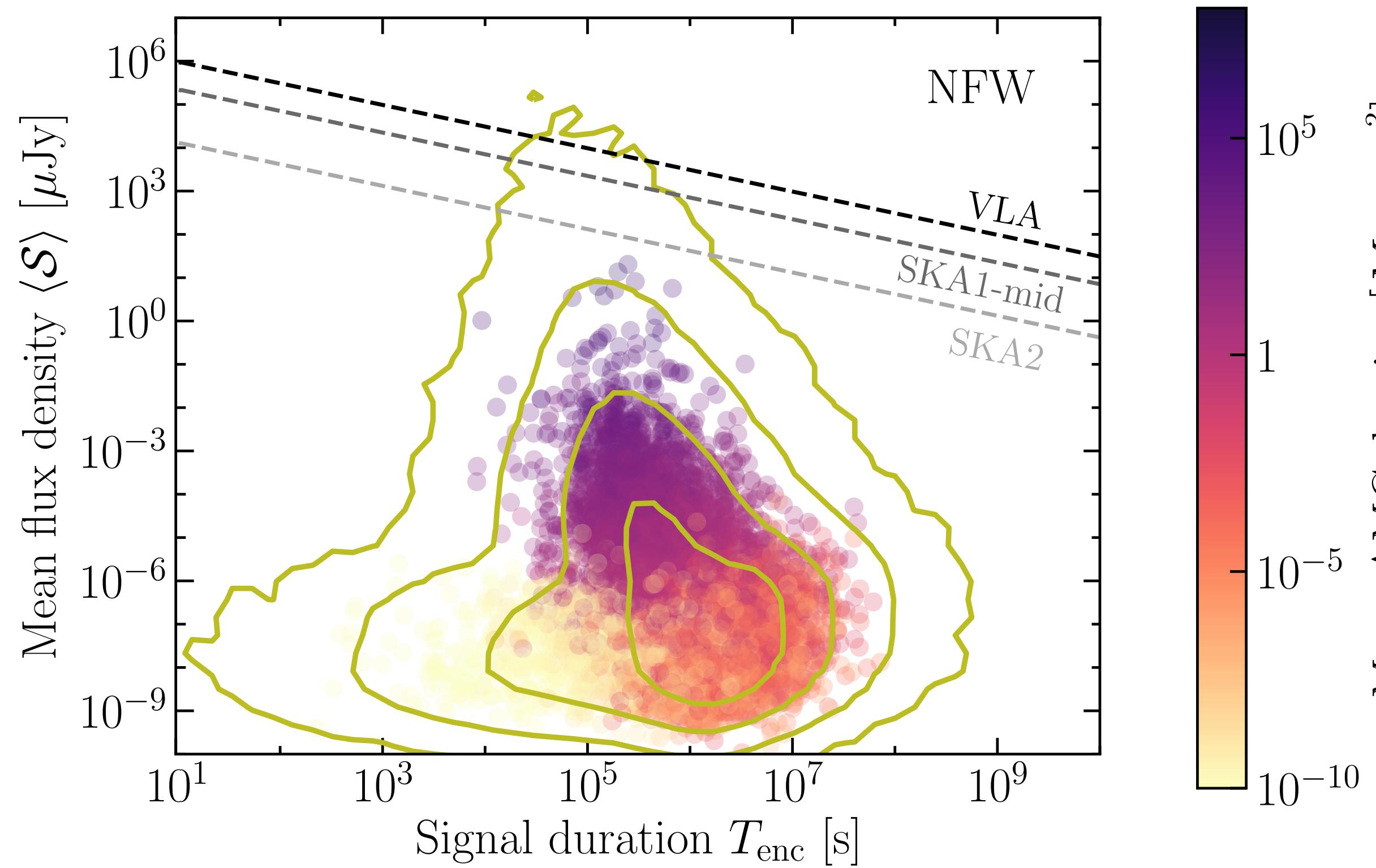


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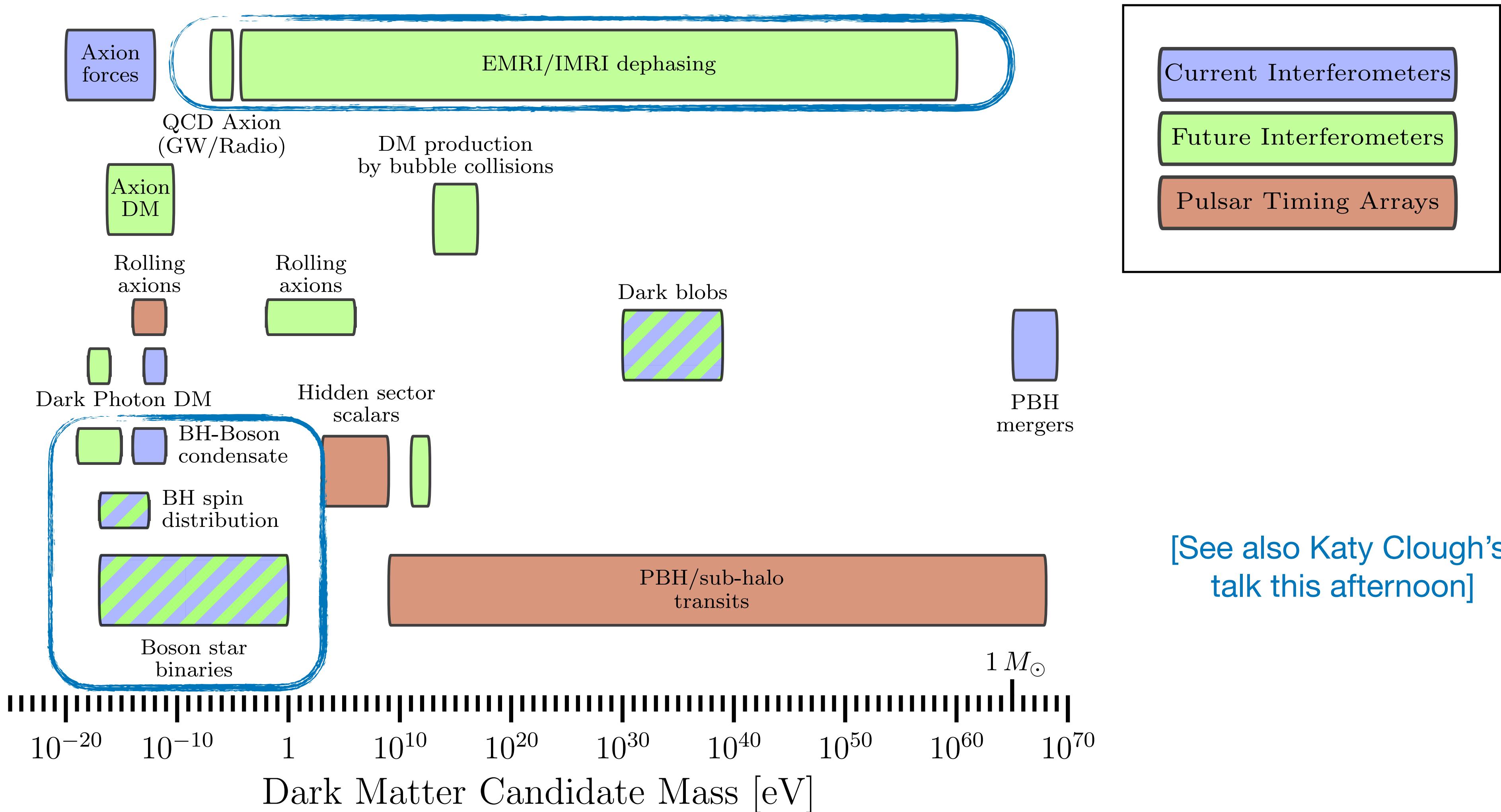
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Axion-miniclusters + NSs

Clumps of axion DM ('miniclusters') crossing NSs could lead to bright radio transients towards the GC:
[\[Hogan & Rees \(1988\)\]](#)



GW Probes of DM



Gravitational Atoms

Compton wavelength of a light scalar field:

$$\lambda_c \simeq 2 \text{ km} \left(\frac{10^{-10} \text{ eV}}{\mu} \right)$$

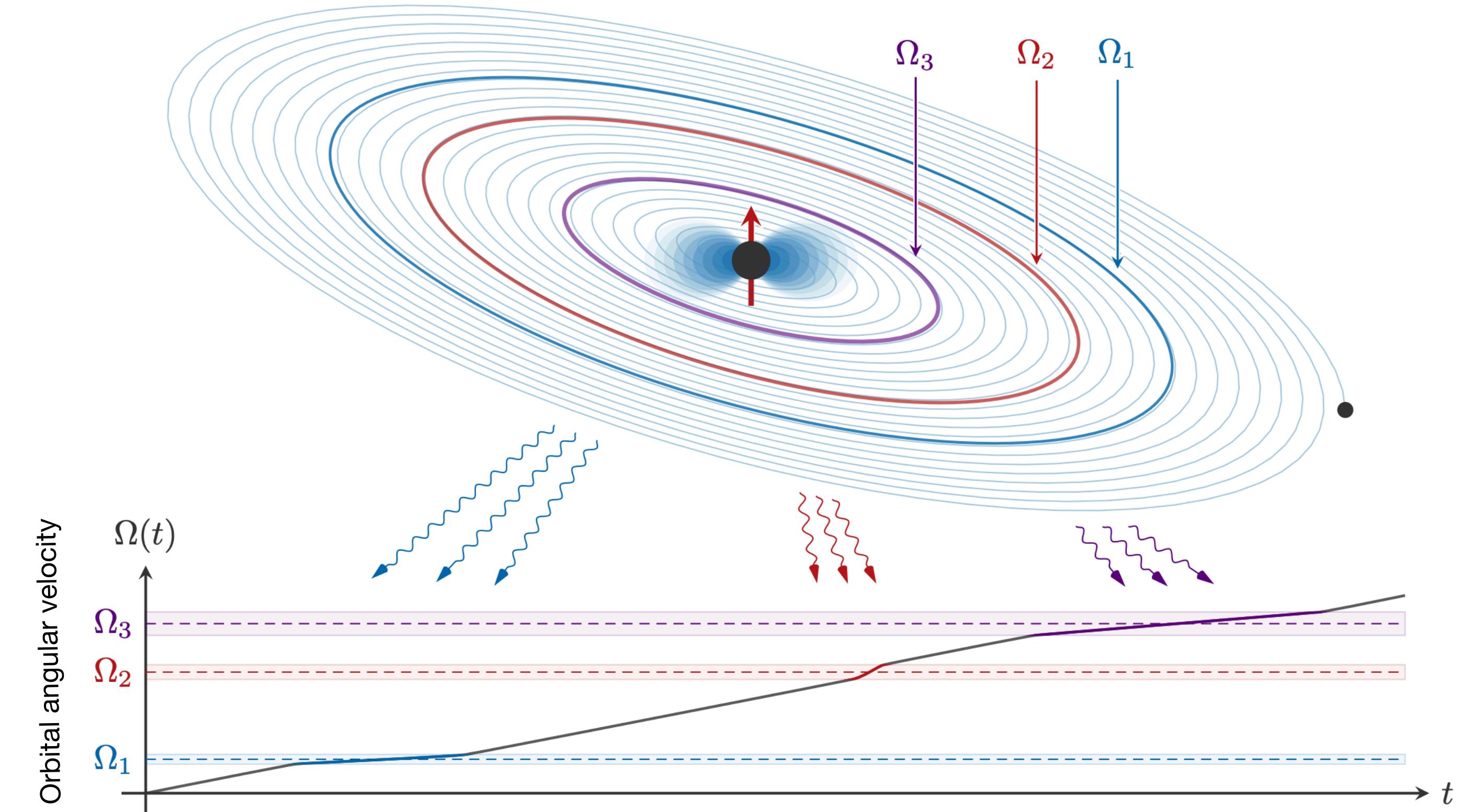
Super-radiance (and growth of a 'gravitational atom') when:

$$r_g \sim GM_{\text{BH}}/c^2 < \lambda_c$$

$$M_{\text{BH}} \in [1, 10^{10}] M_{\odot}$$

$$\rightarrow m_\phi \in [10^{-20}, 10^{-10}] \text{ eV}$$

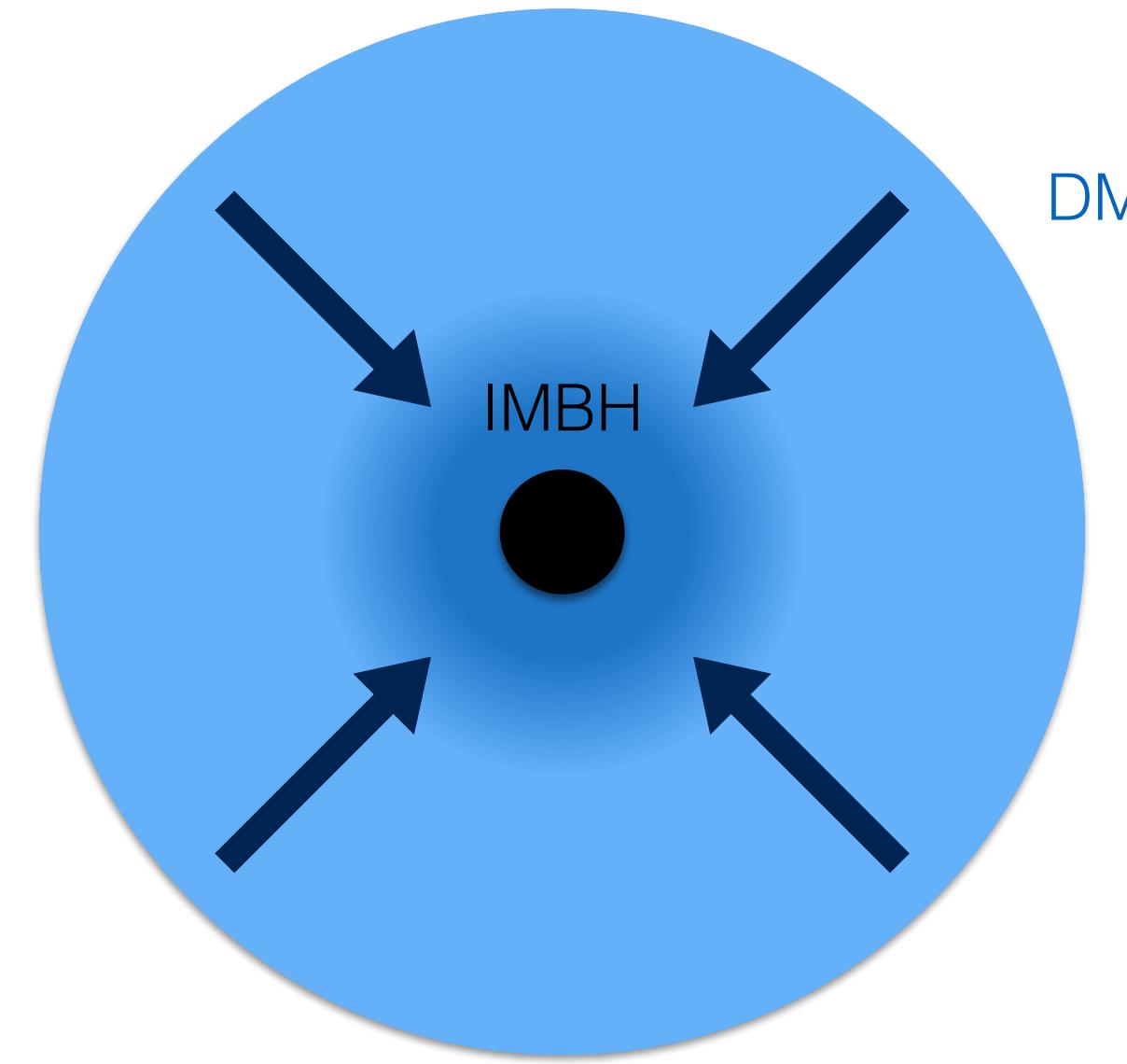
[Chia, 2012.09167]



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GW Dephasing from DM

Dense DM spike may form around IMBHs

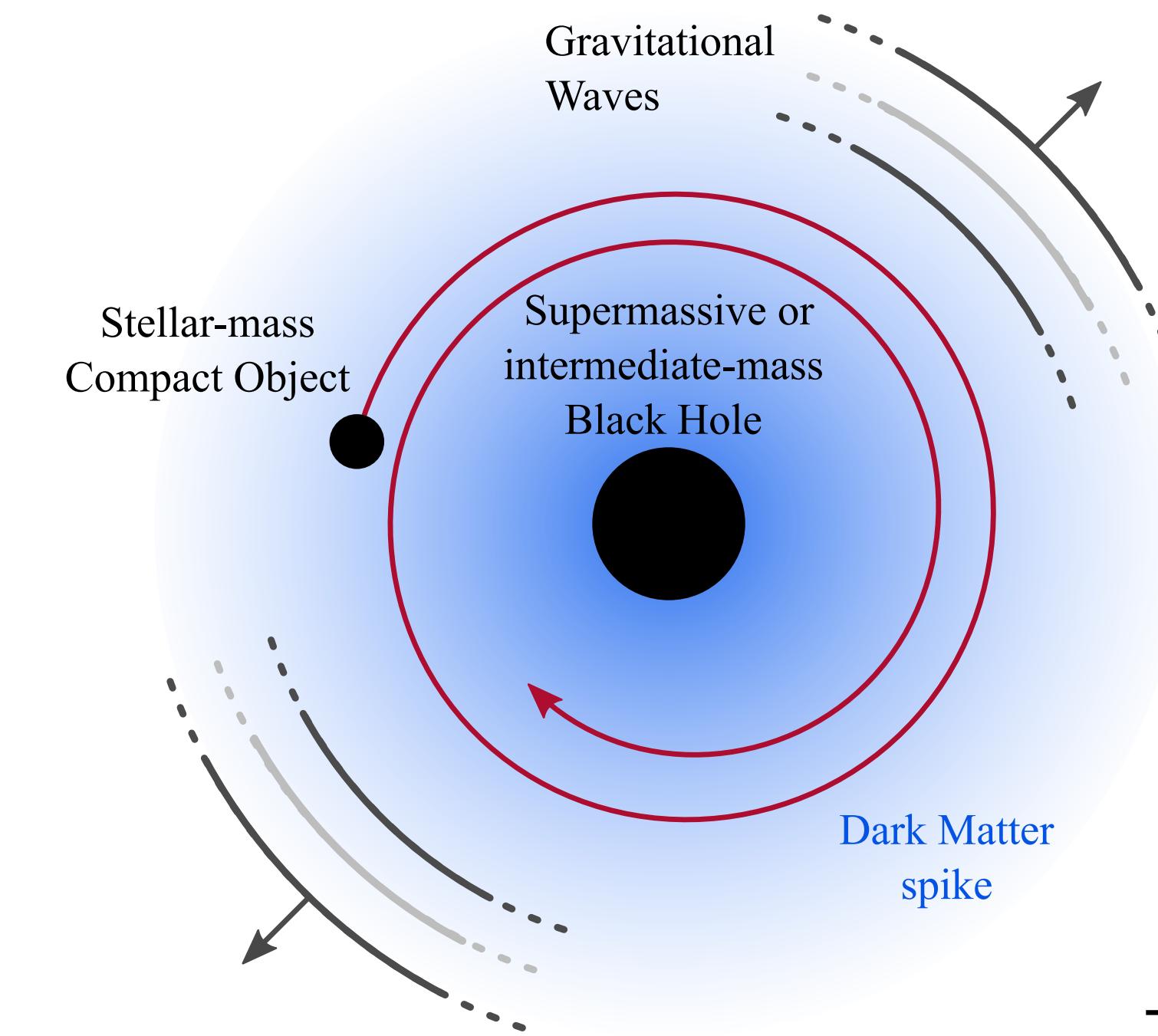


$$\rho_{\text{DM}}(r) = \rho_{\text{sp}} \left(\frac{r_{\text{sp}}}{r} \right)^{\gamma_{\text{sp}}}$$

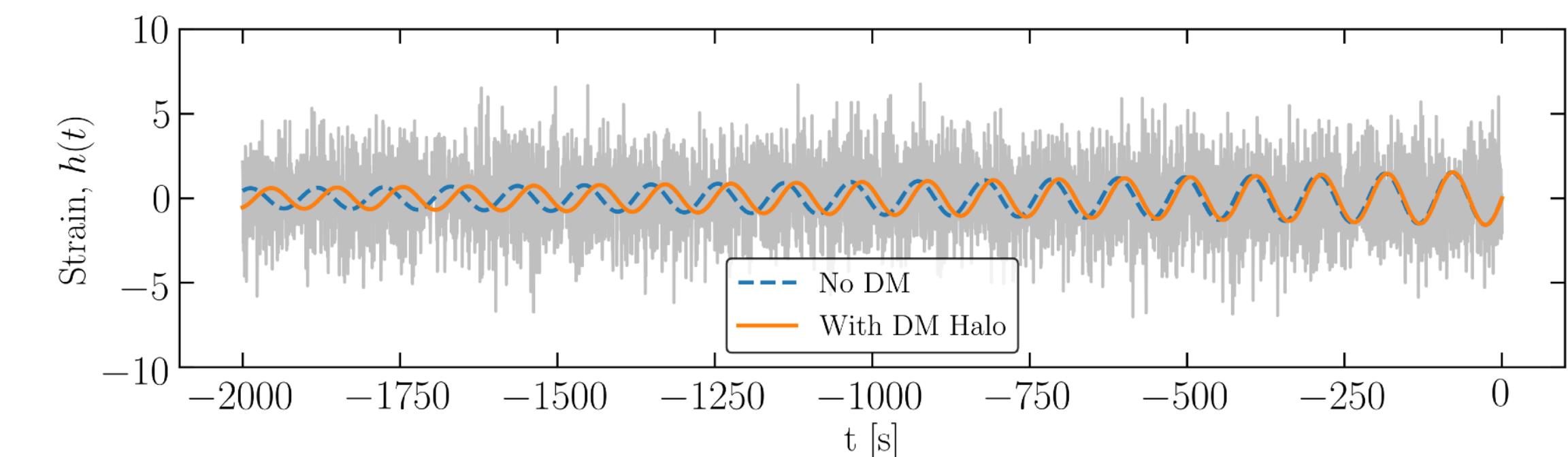
$$\rho_{\text{DM}}(r_{\text{isco}}) \sim 10^{24} M_{\odot} \text{ pc}^{-3}$$

[Gondolo & Silk, [astro-ph/9906391](#)]

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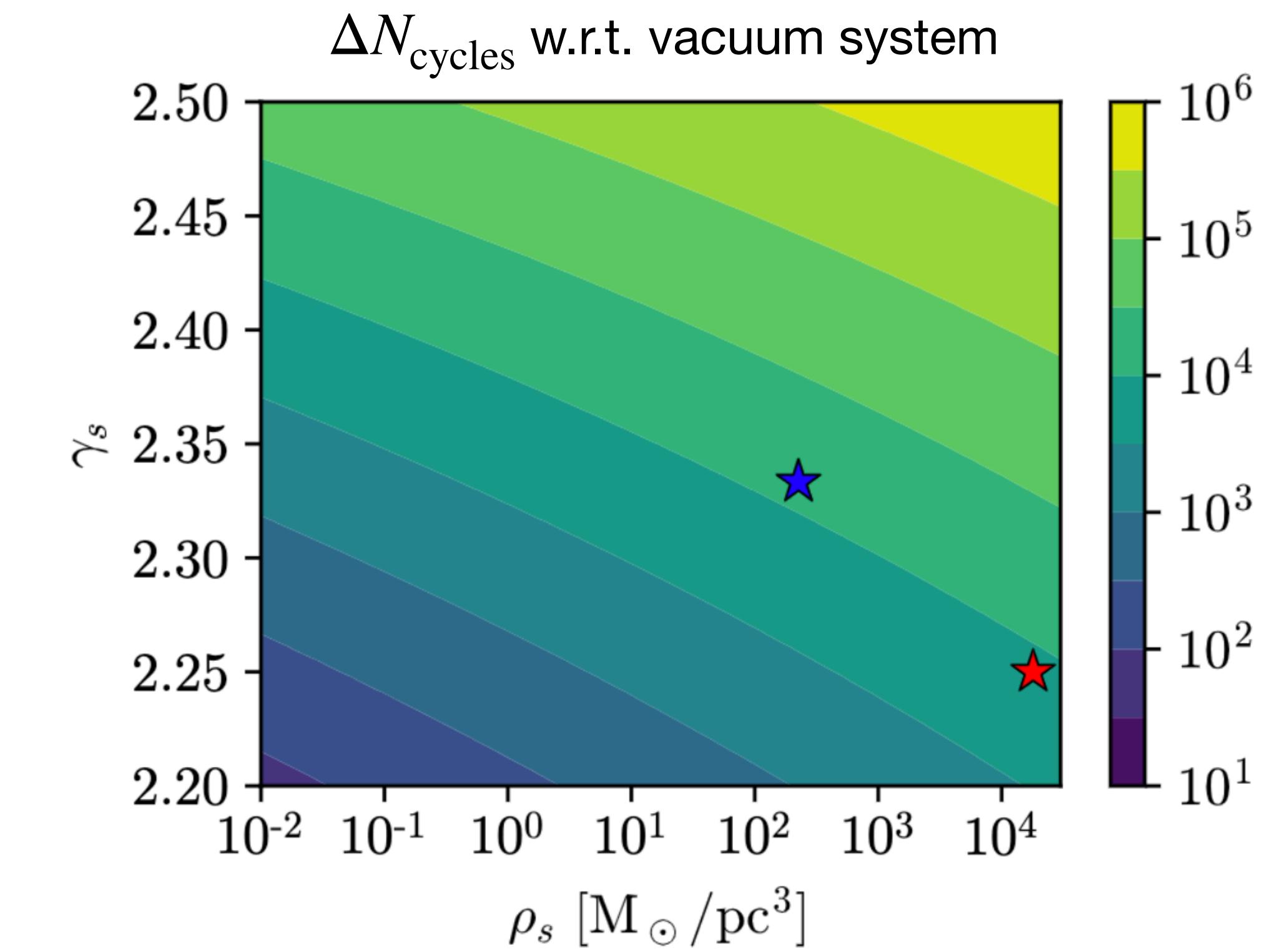
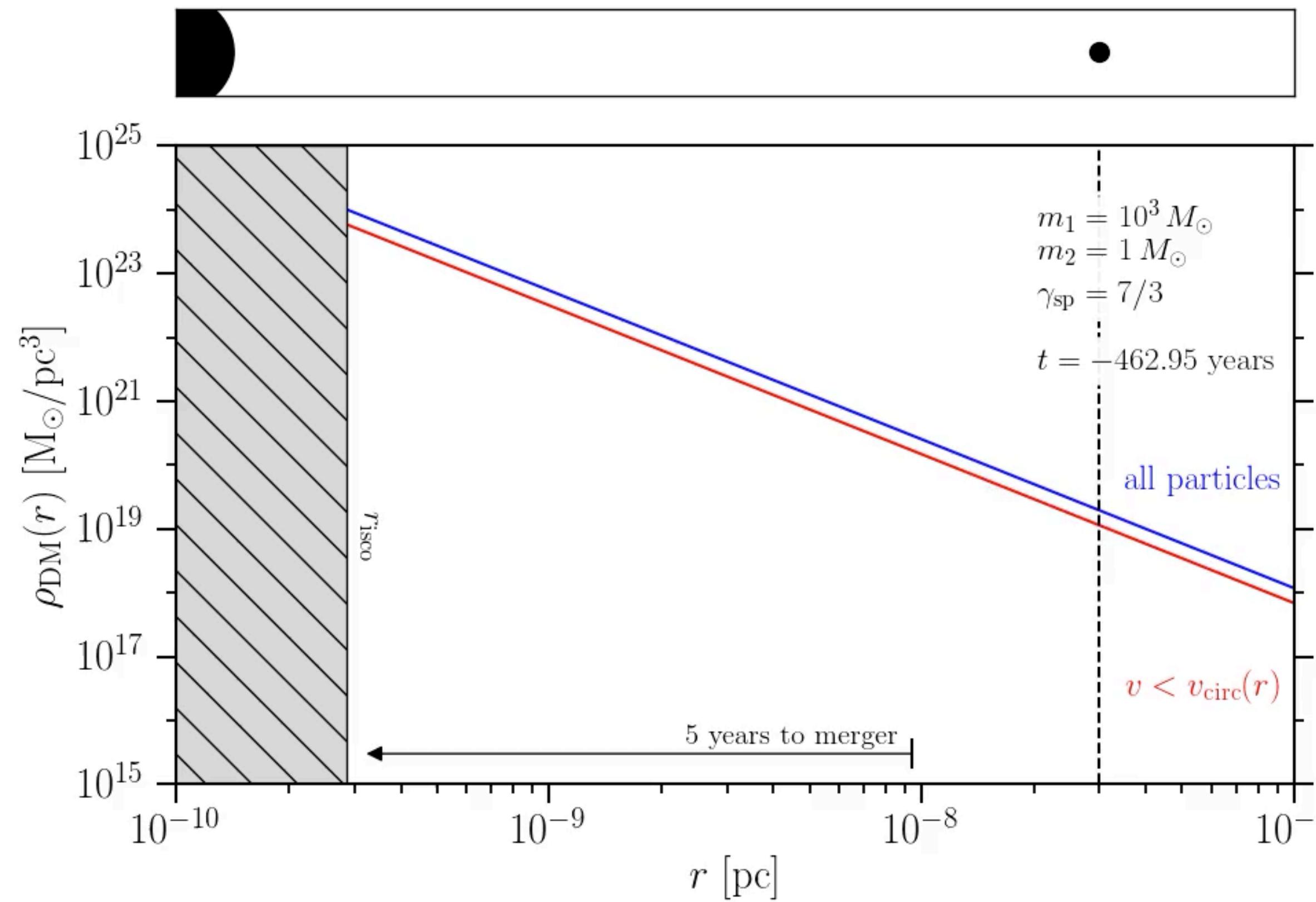


Target with LISA



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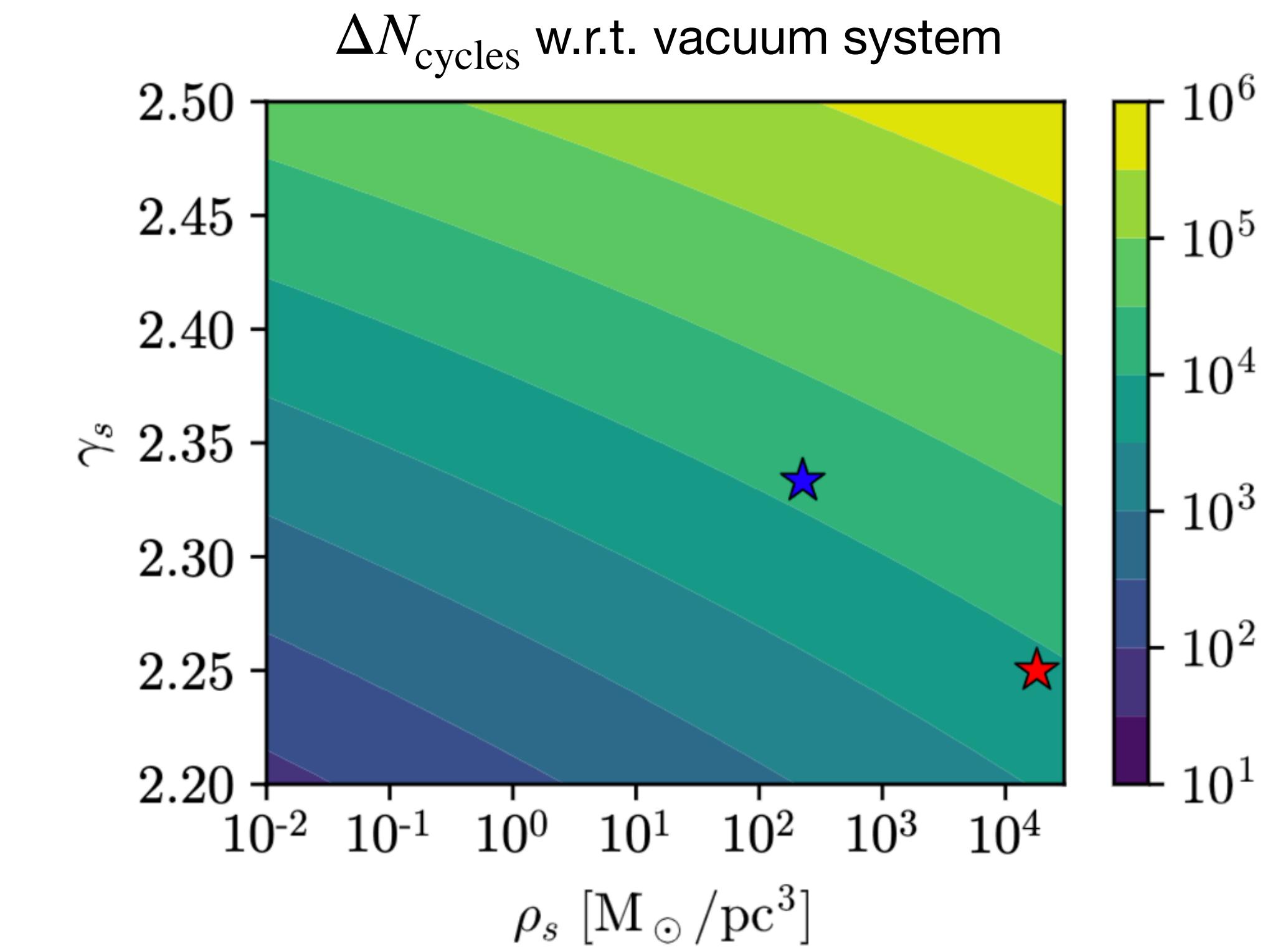
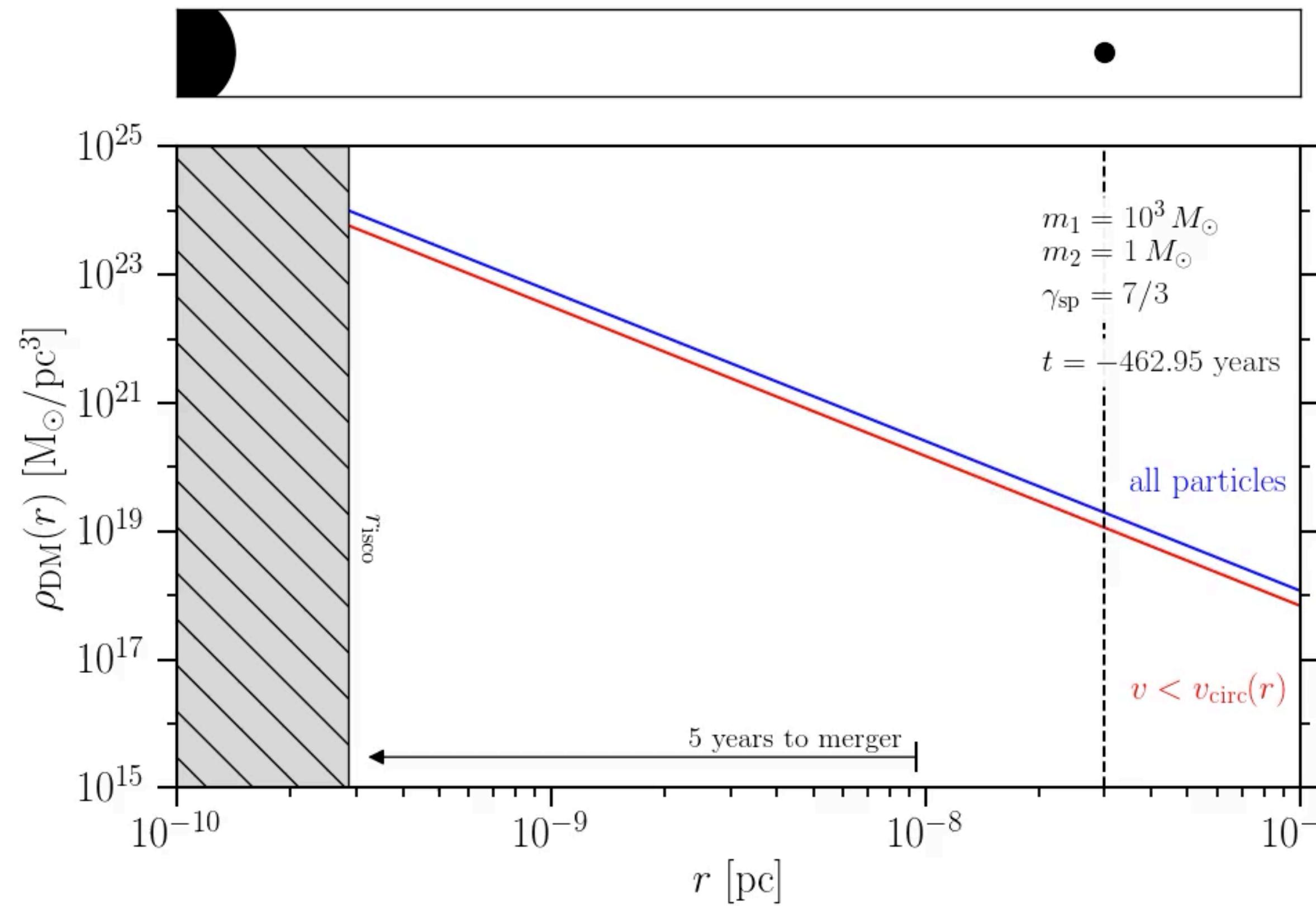


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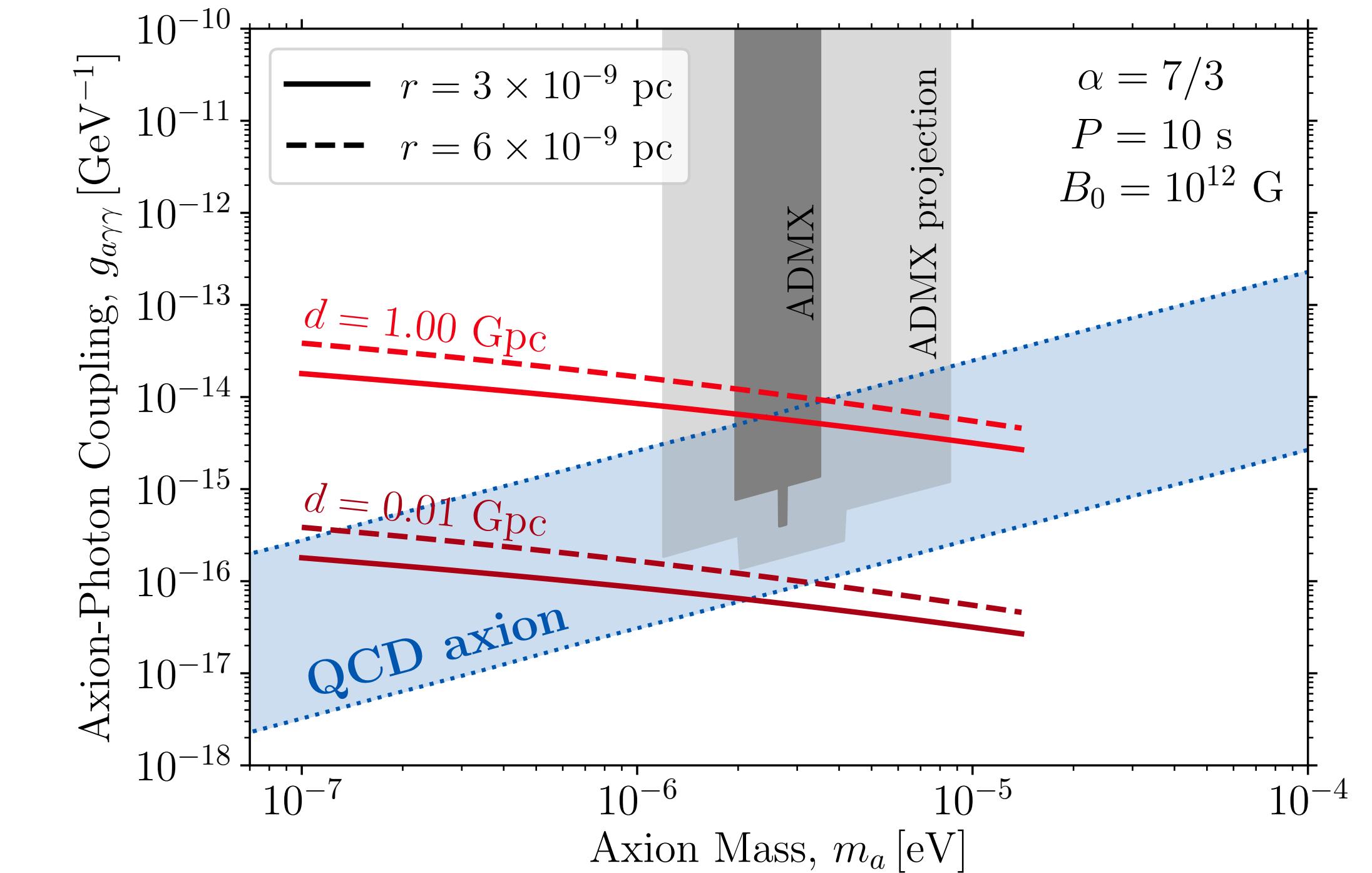
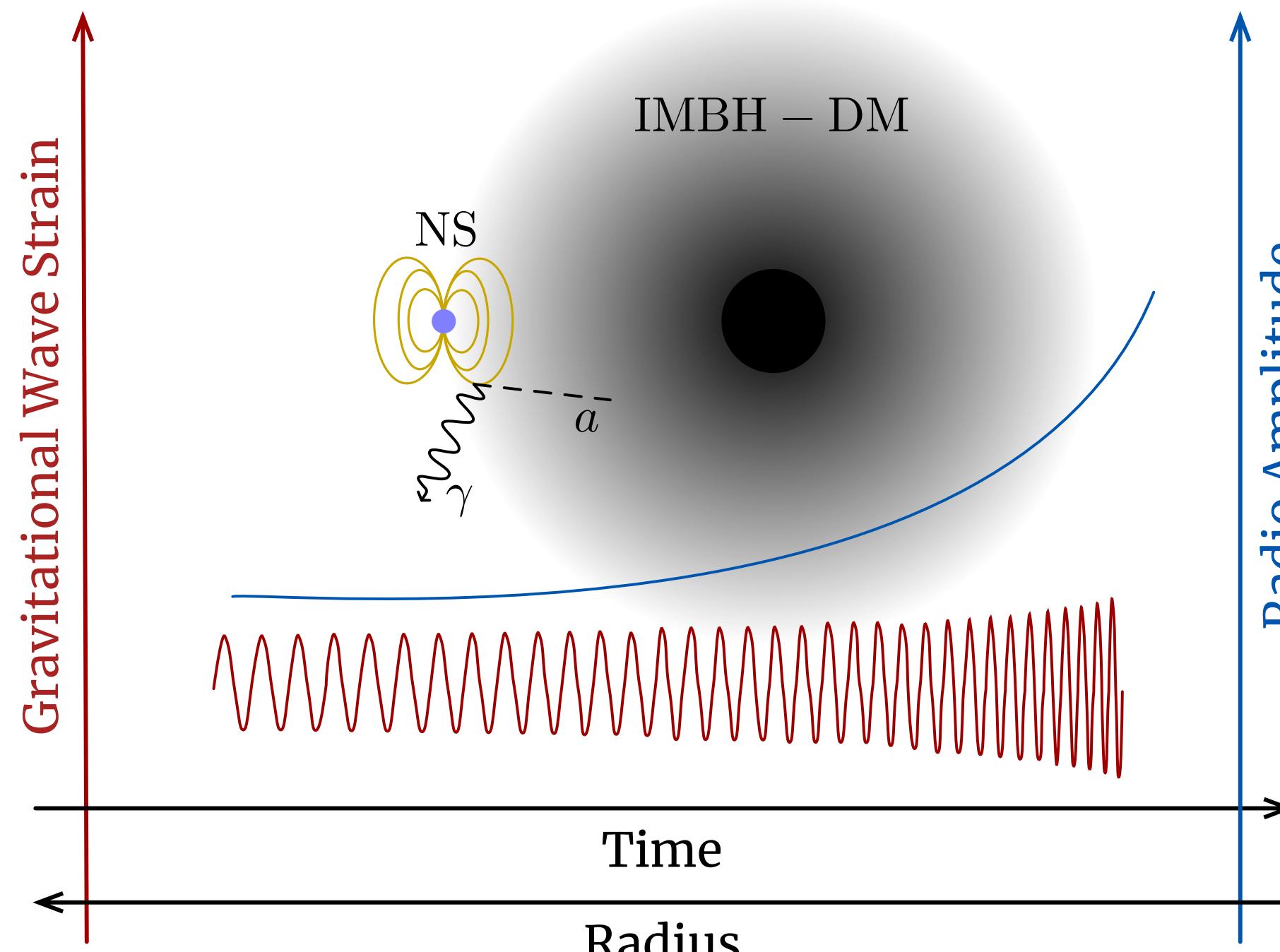


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Multimessenger: GWs + Radio

Consider an NS, embedded in an axion-DM spike, around an IMBH!



Radio observations with SKA would be able to probe QCD axion DM in the range $10^{-7} - 10^{-5}$ eV.

Things I couldn't talk about

Some Reviews:

- Indirect detection [[1604.00014](#), [2006.00513](#), [2008.11561](#)]
- Galactic Centre Excess [[10.1146/annurev-nucl-101916-123029](#)]
- Indirect detection with neutrinos [[1912.09486](#)]
- Indirect detection with cosmic rays [[1802.00636](#)]
- GW Probes of DM [[1907.10610](#)]
- Primordial Black Holes as DM [[2007.10722](#)]

Some other ‘indirect probes’:

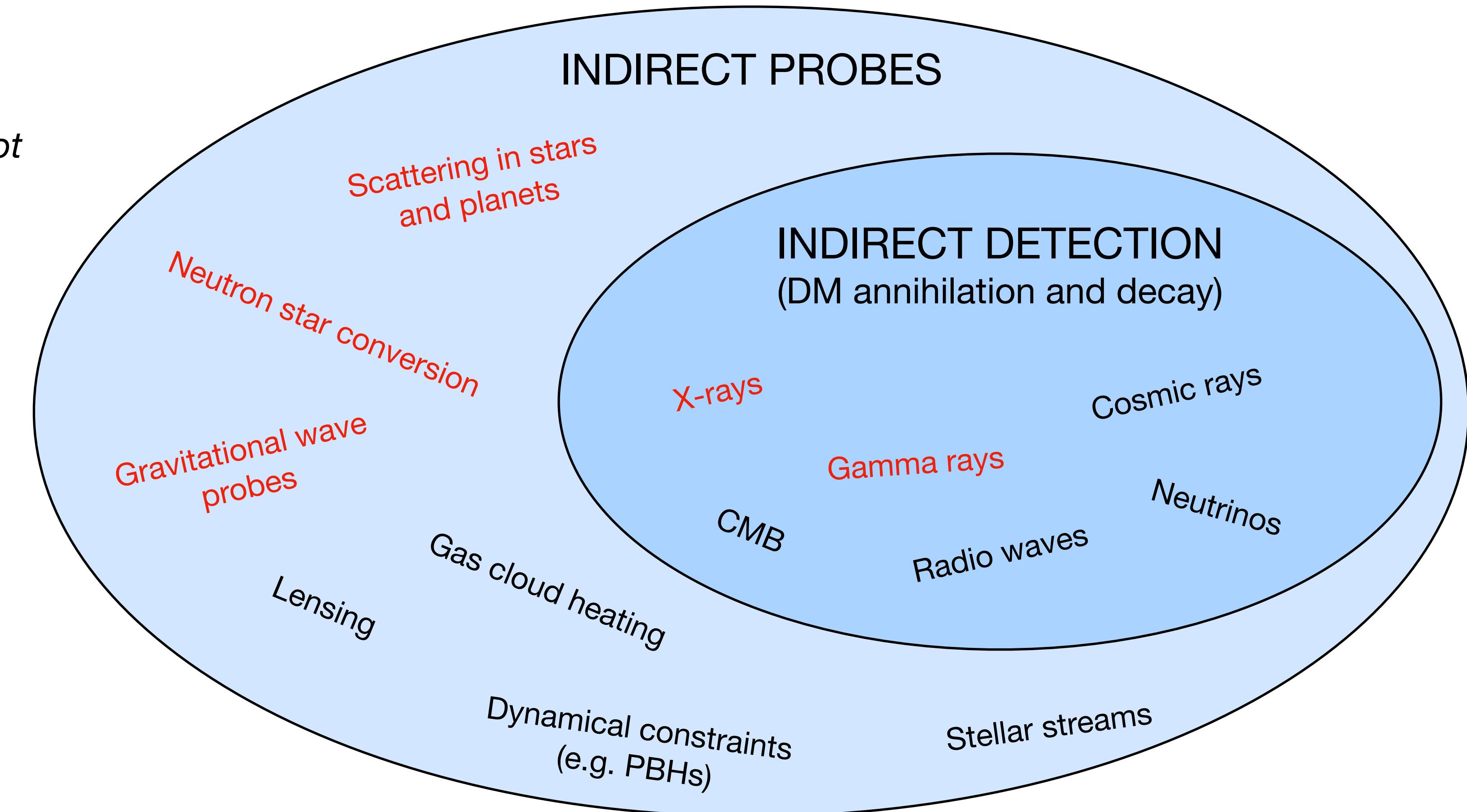
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- Micro-lensing of substructure [[Croon et al., 2002.08962](#), [2007.12697](#)]
- Stellar streams [[Bonaca et al., 1811.03631](#); [Banik et al., 1911.02662](#), [1911.02663](#)]
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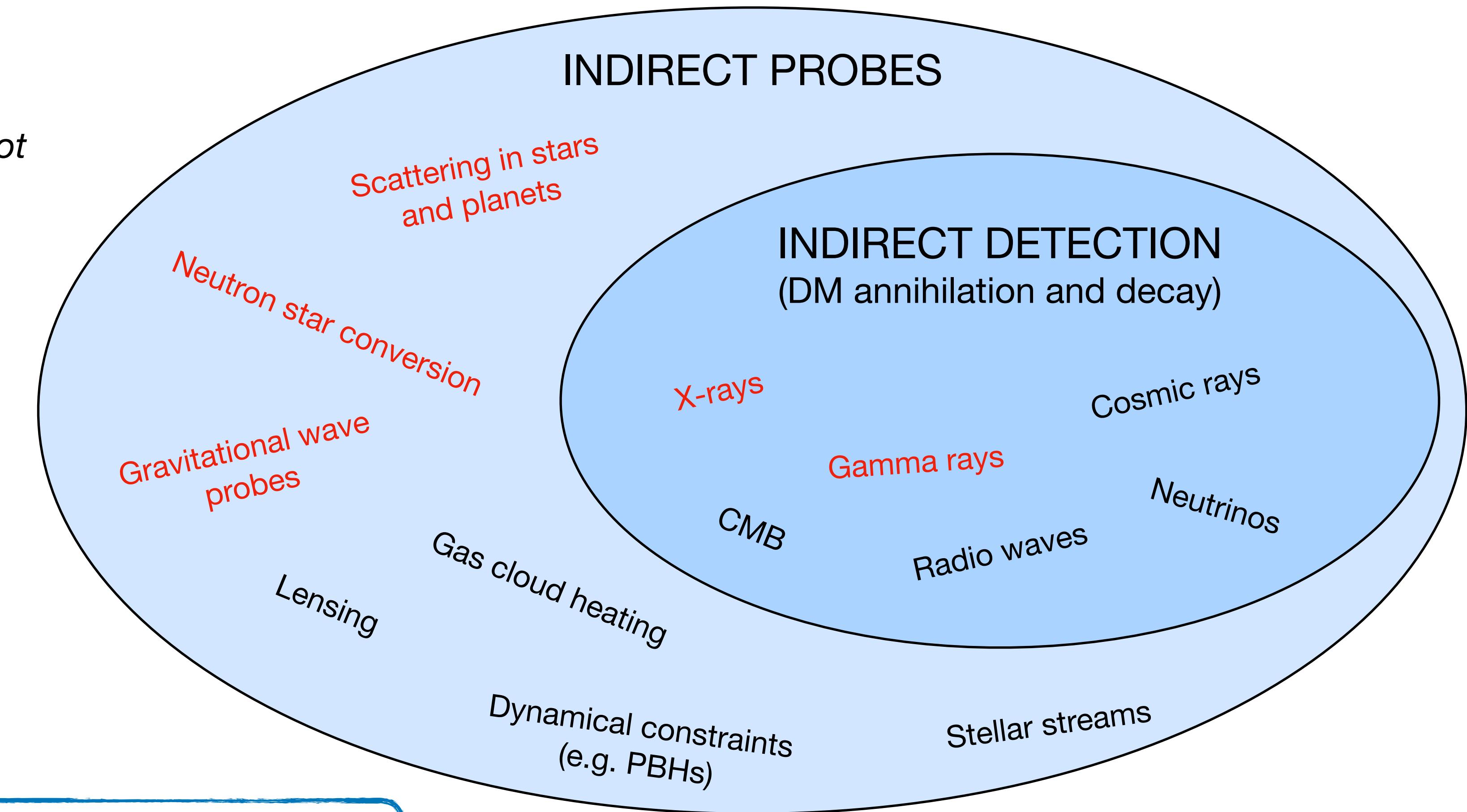


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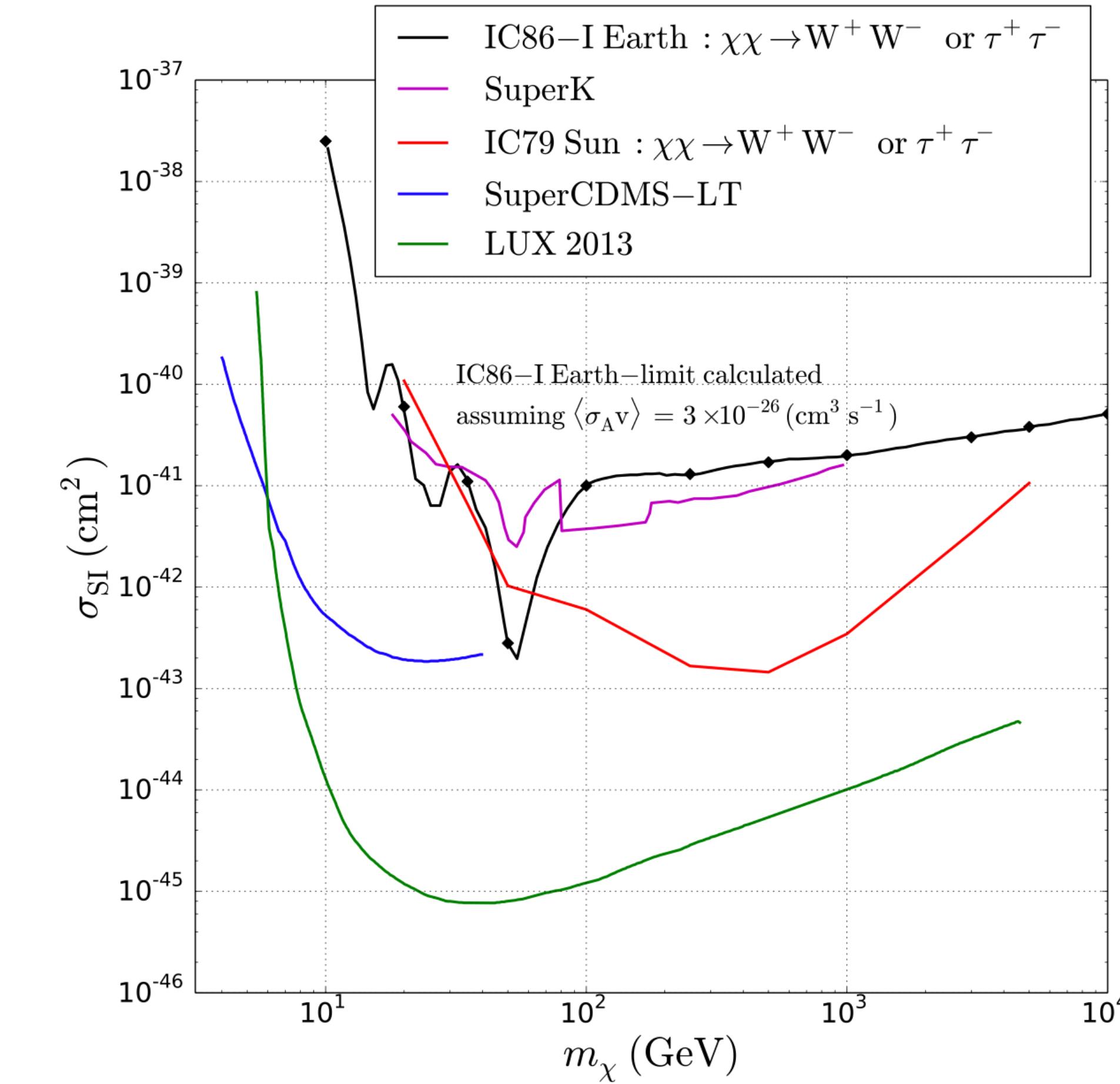
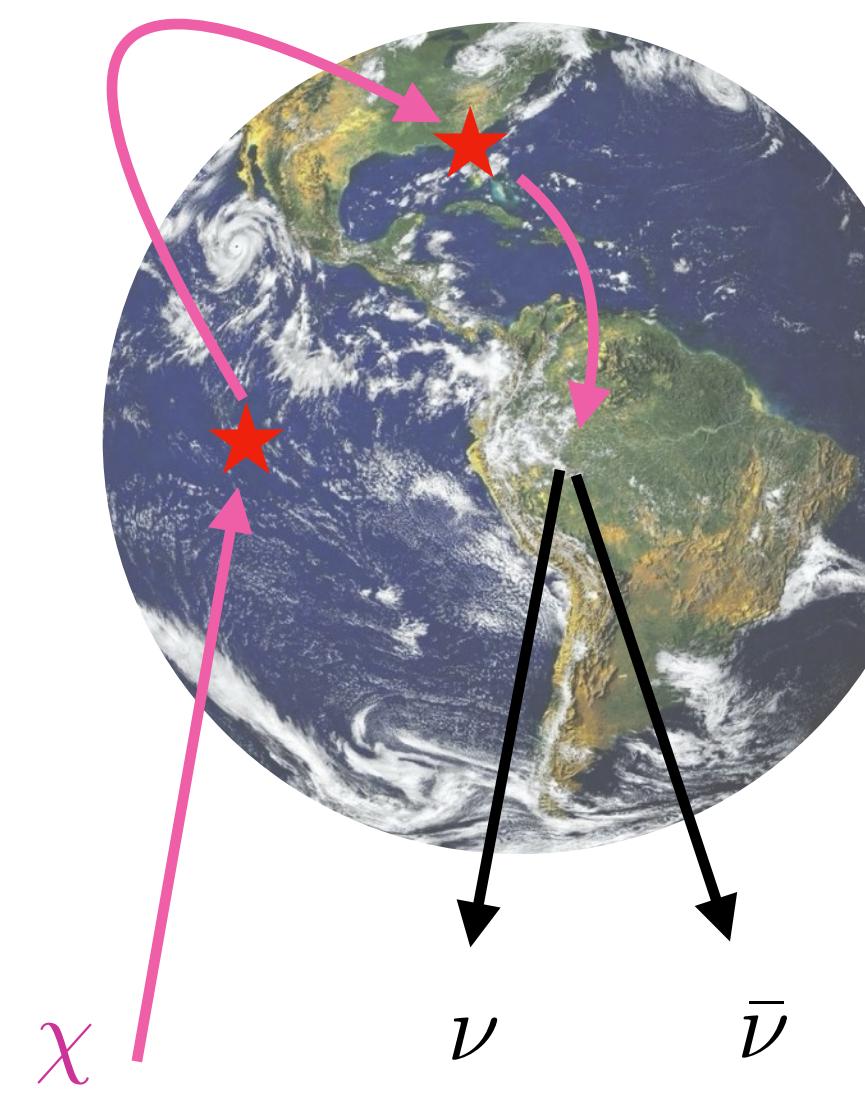
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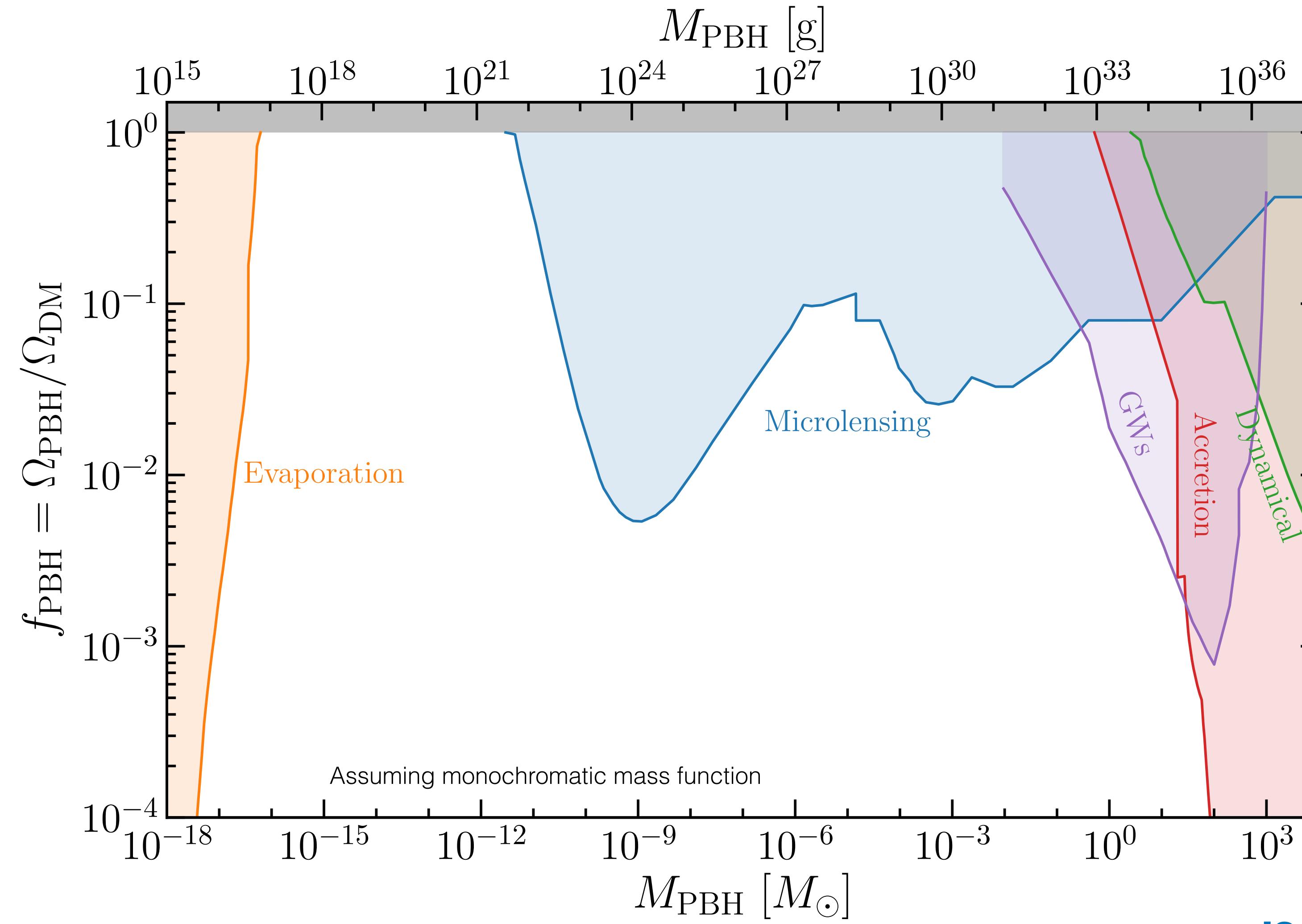
Backup Slides

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[IceCube, 1609.01492]

Primordial Black Holes



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[Code online: github.com/bradkav/PBHbounds]

Axion miniclusters

Overdensities act as ‘seeds’ for bound “axion miniclusters” (**AMCs**)

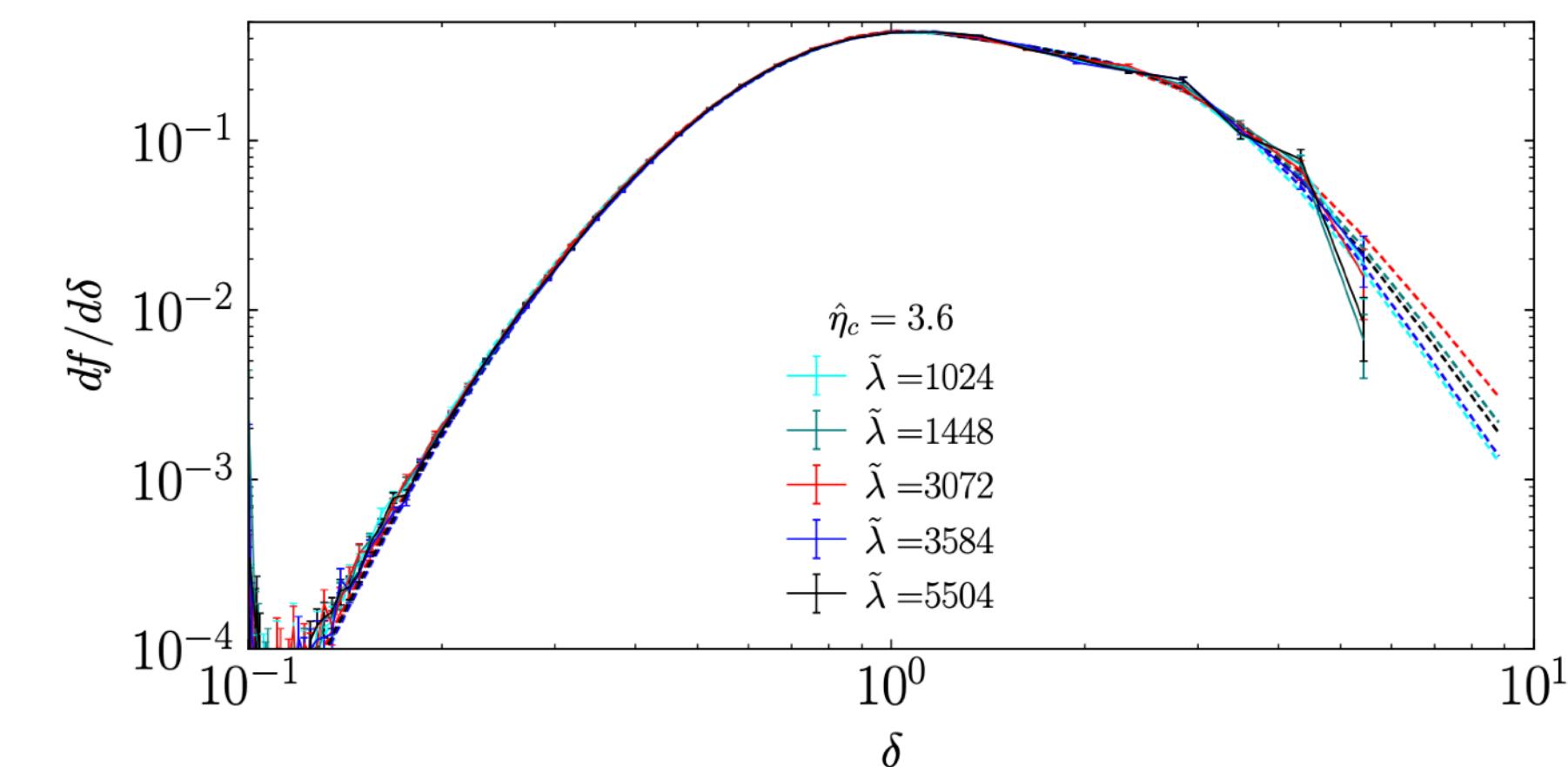
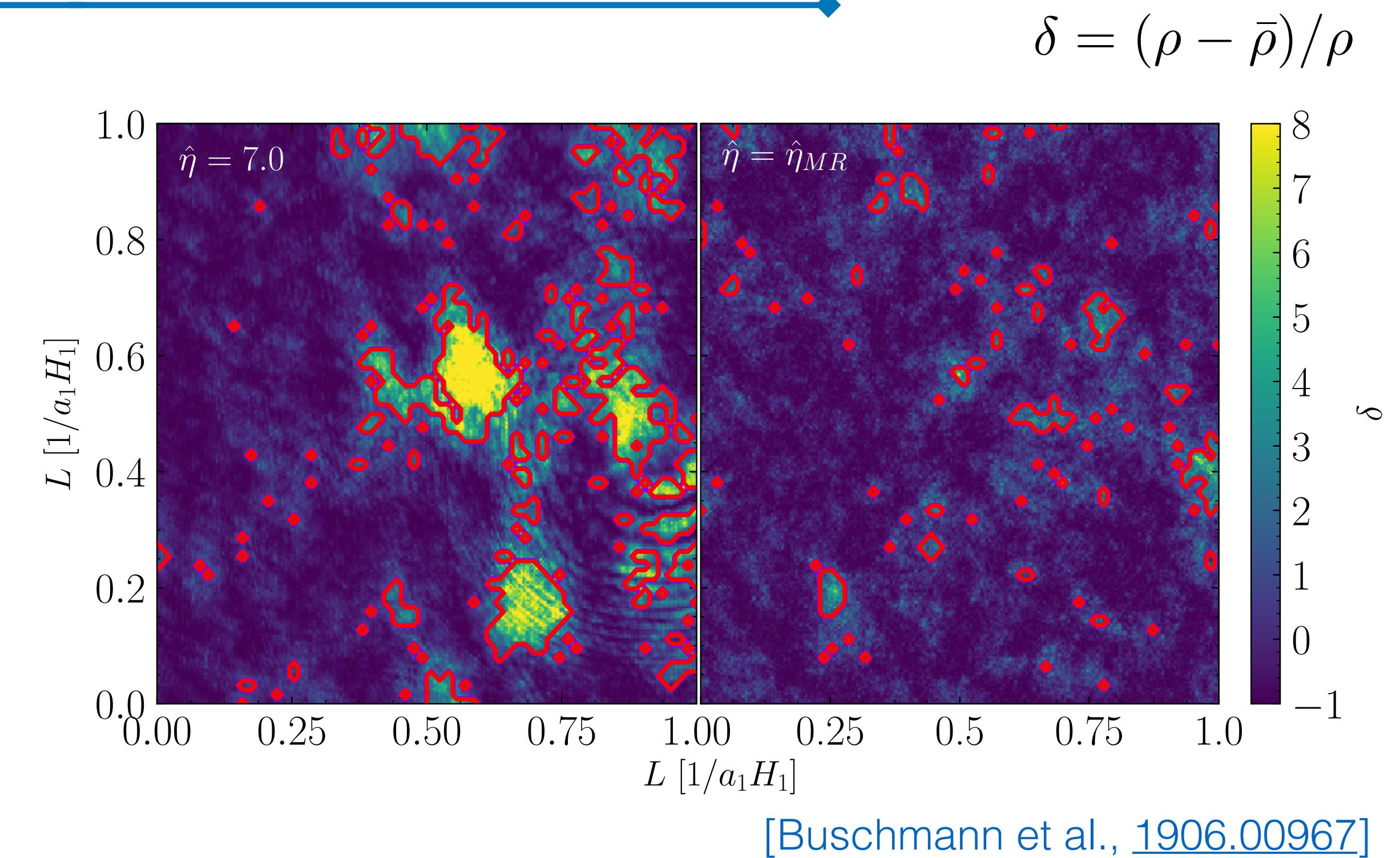
For an overdensity of size $\delta = (\rho - \bar{\rho})/\rho$
the final density is:

$$\rho_{\text{AMC}}(\delta) = 140(1 + \delta)\delta^3\rho_{\text{eq}}$$

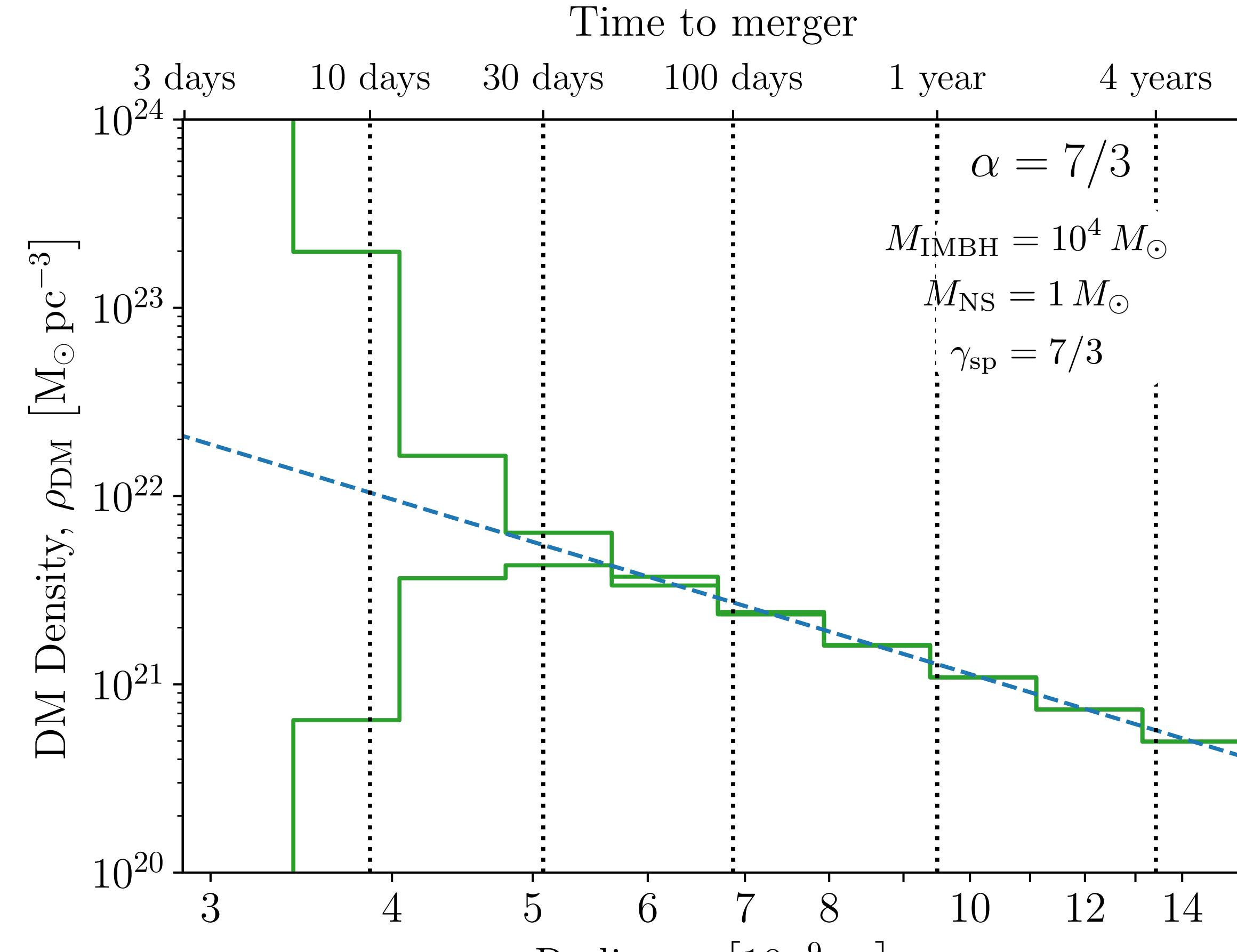
[Kolb & Tkachev, [astro-ph/9403011](#)]

Not to be confused with Axion Stars

[Schive et al., [1407.7762](#), Visinelli et al., [1710.08910](#)]



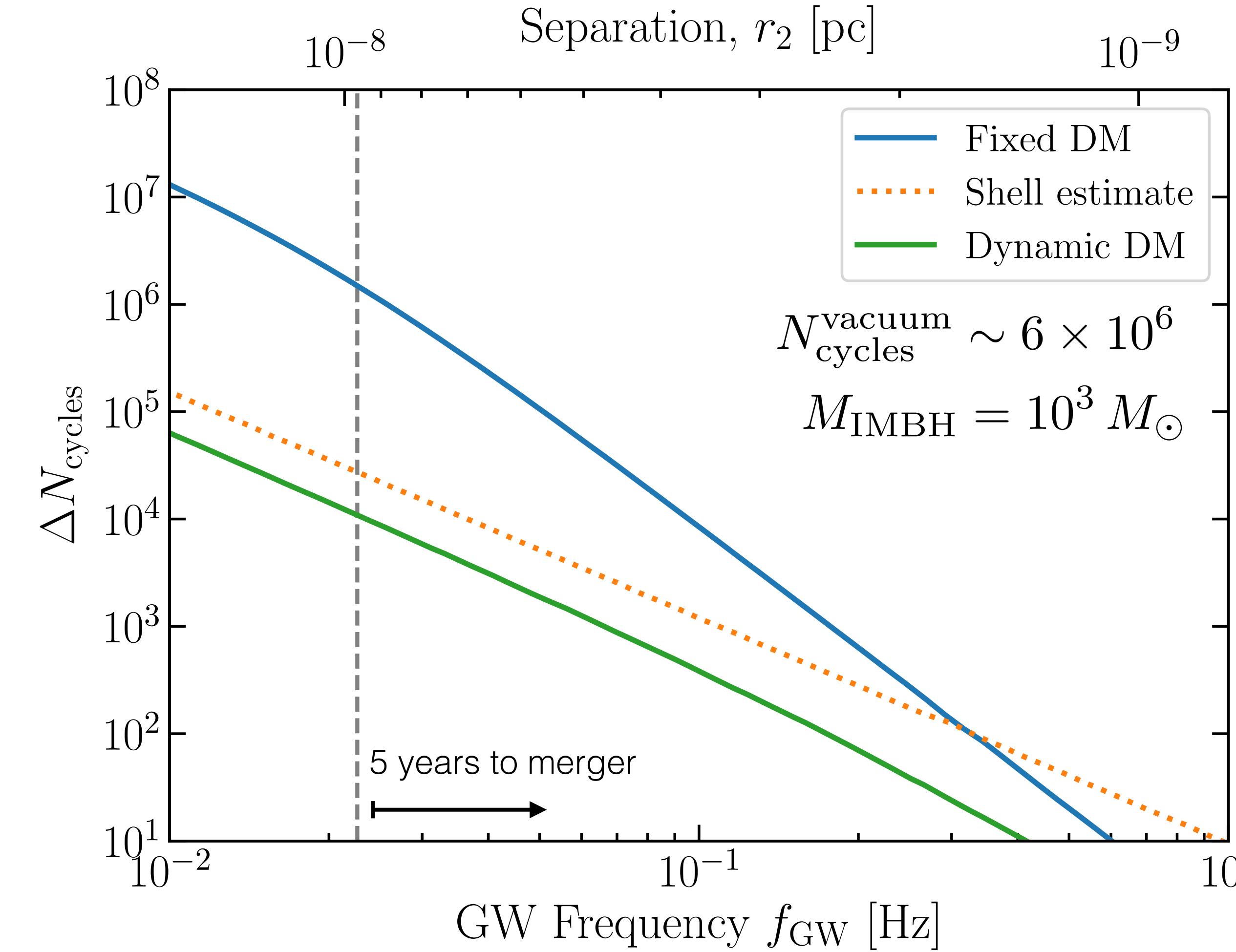
GW+Radio - DM density



$$\frac{d\mathcal{P}}{d\Omega} \sim 2 \times p_{a\gamma} \rho_{\text{DM}}(r_c) v_c r_c^2 \quad p_{a\gamma} \propto \frac{g_{a\gamma\gamma}^2 B(r_c)^2}{2v_c}$$

[Edwards, Chianese, **BJK**, Nissanke, Weniger, [1905.04686](#)]

DM Dephasing

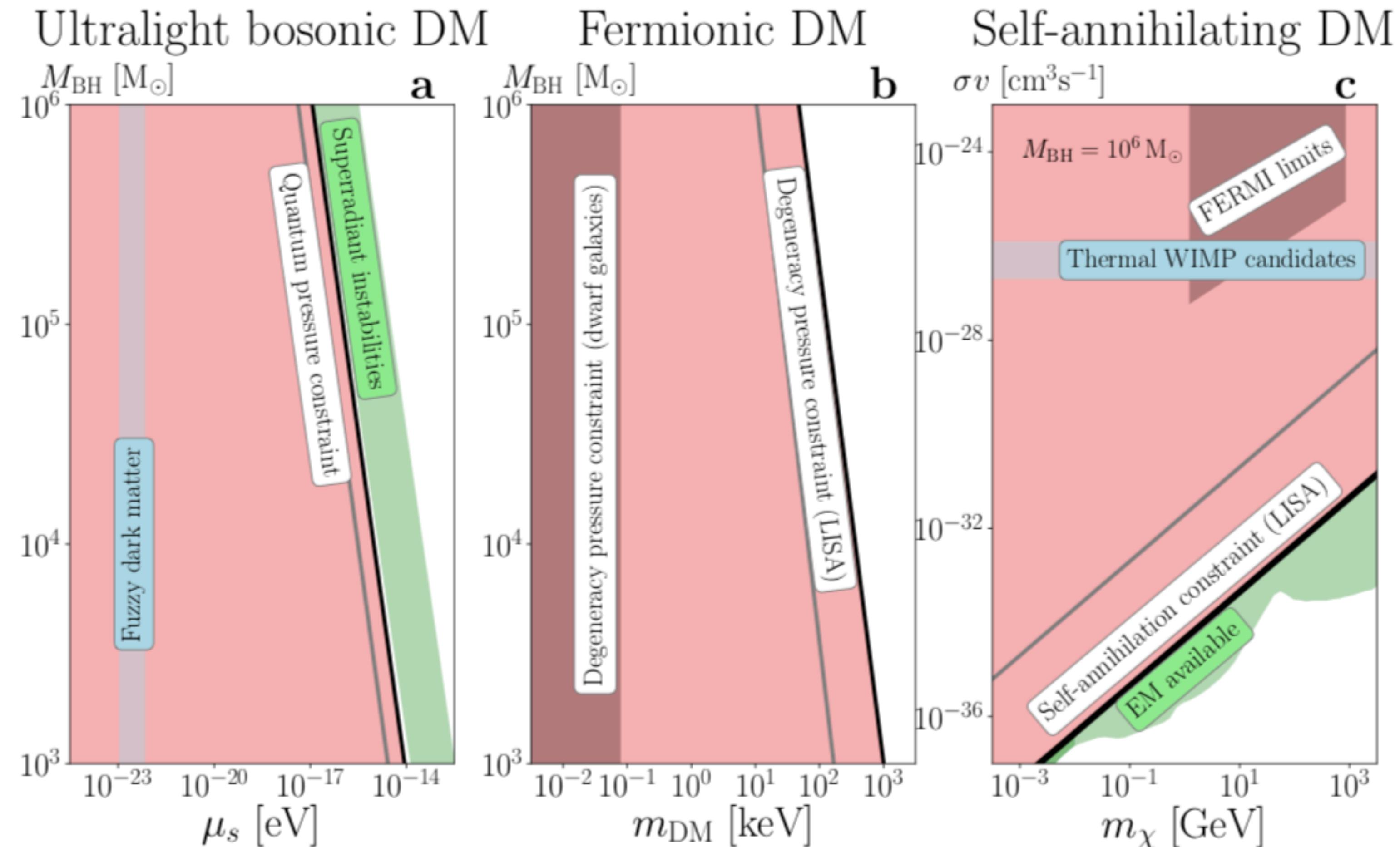


$$\Delta N_{\text{cycles}}(\text{static}) \approx 10^6 \rightarrow \Delta N_{\text{cycles}}(\text{dynamic}) \approx 10^4$$

[BJK, Nichols, Gaggero, Bertone, [2002.12811](#)]

Nature of Dark Matter

Red regions would be ruled out by observation of a DM spike! [Hannuksela et al., [1906.11845](#)]



[See also Bertone, Coogan, Gaggero, BJK & Weniger, [1905.01238](#)]