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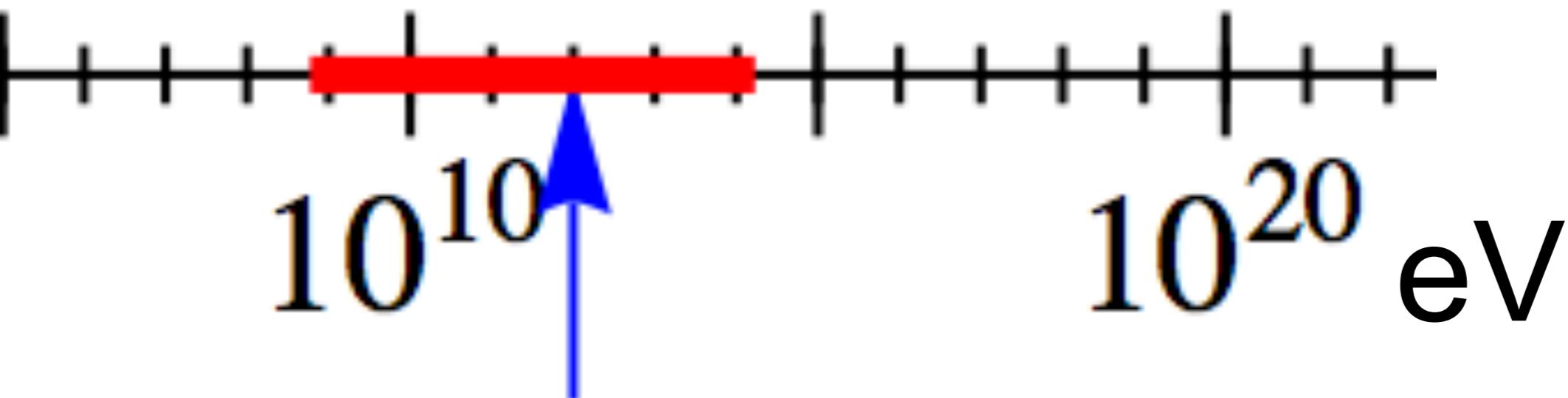
based on : Cirelli, Fornengo, Kavanagh, Pinetti 2007.11493
+ work in progress

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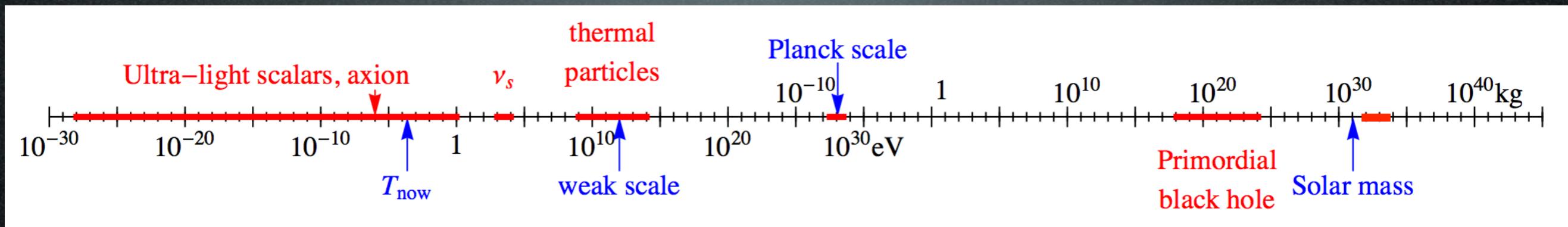
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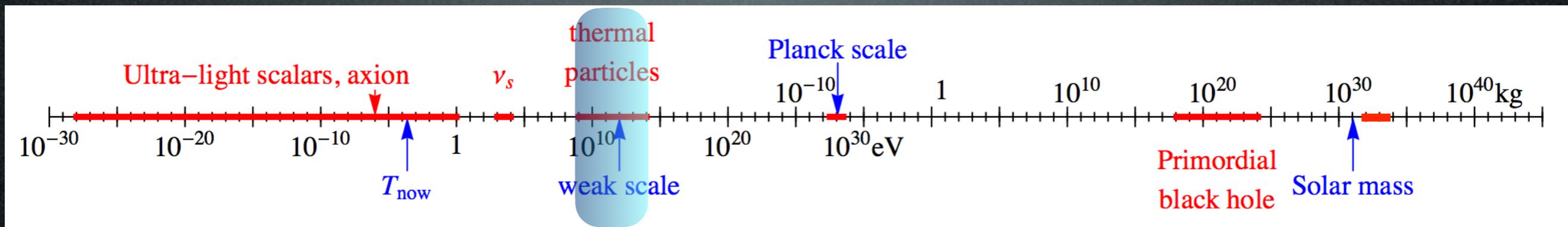
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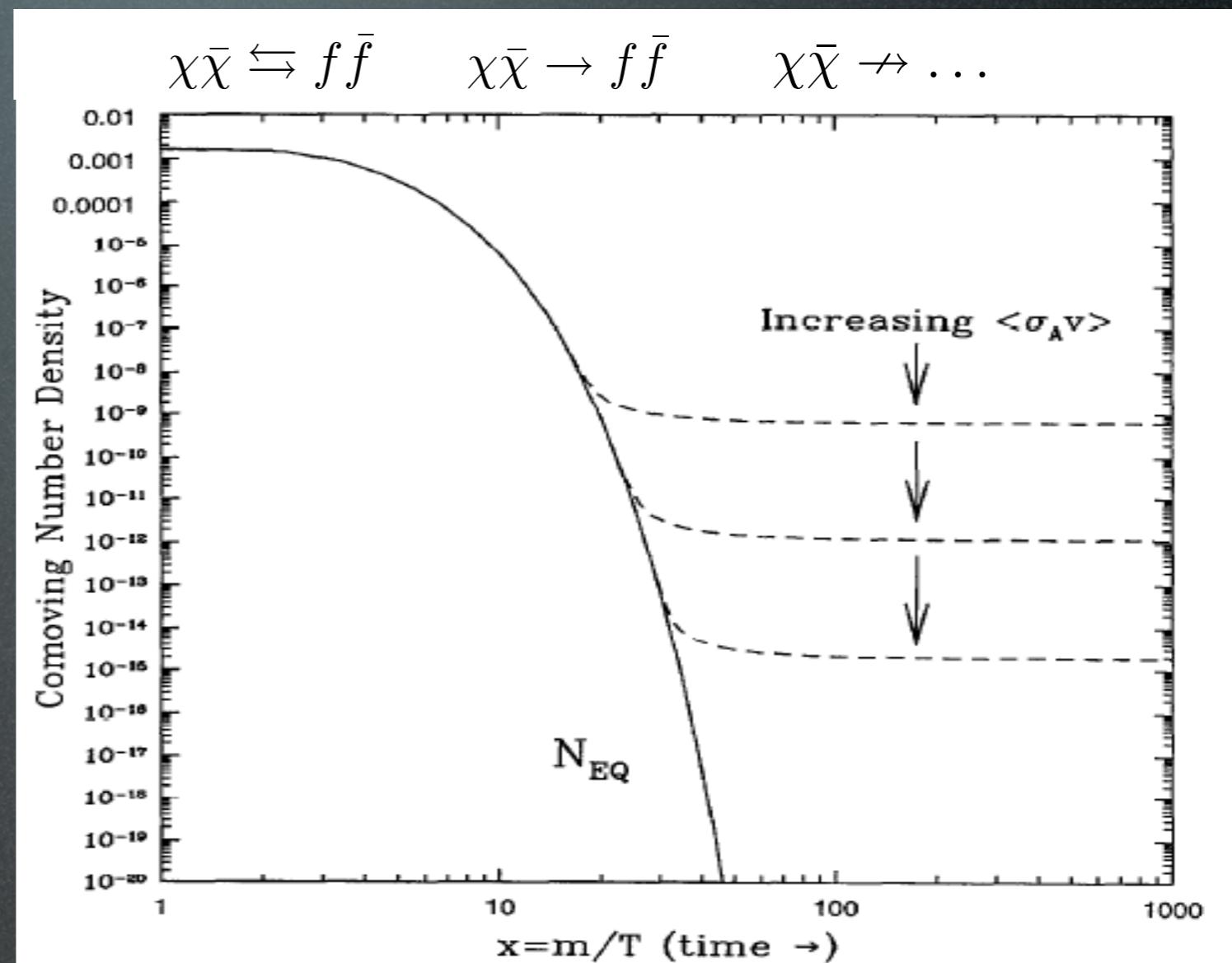
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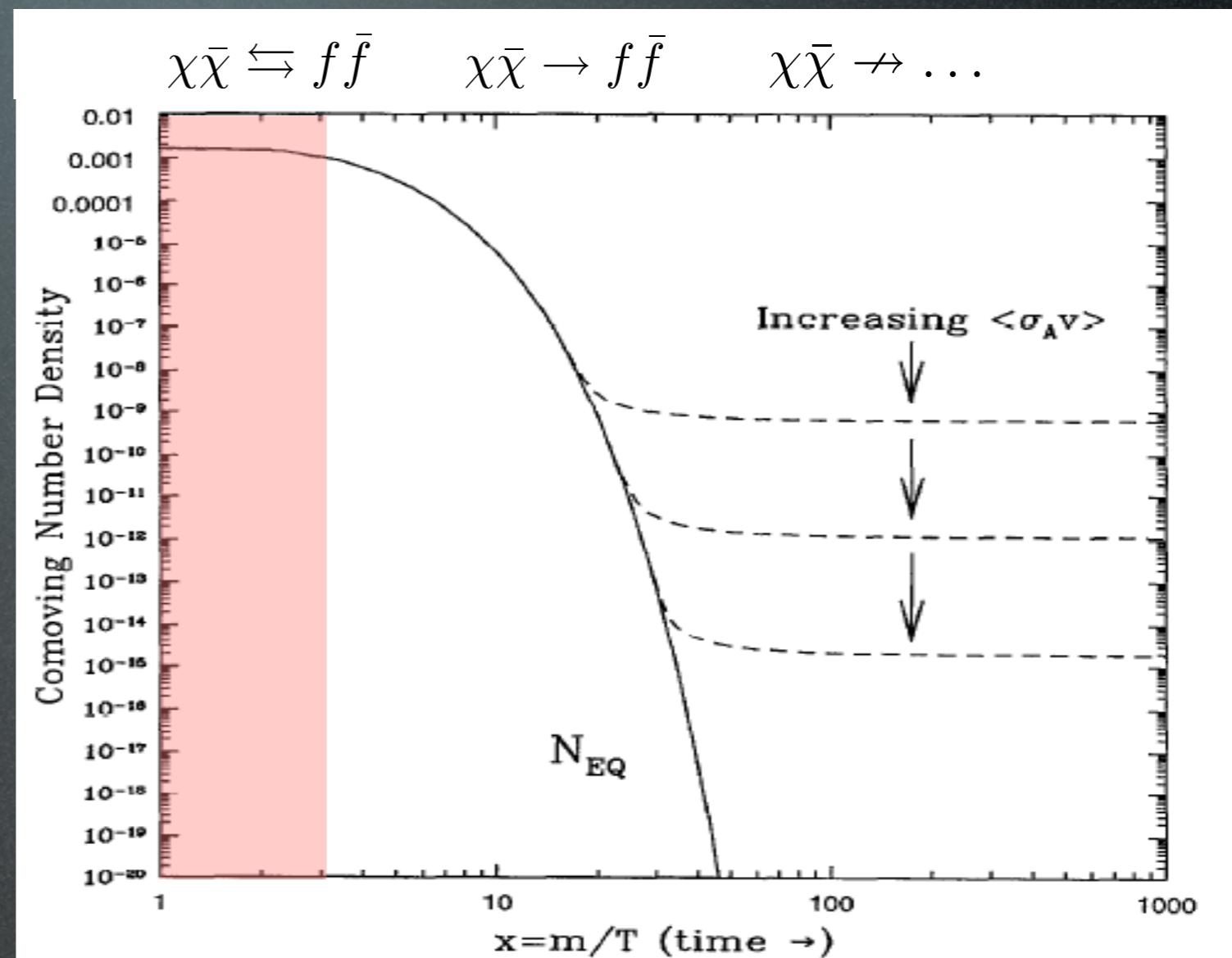
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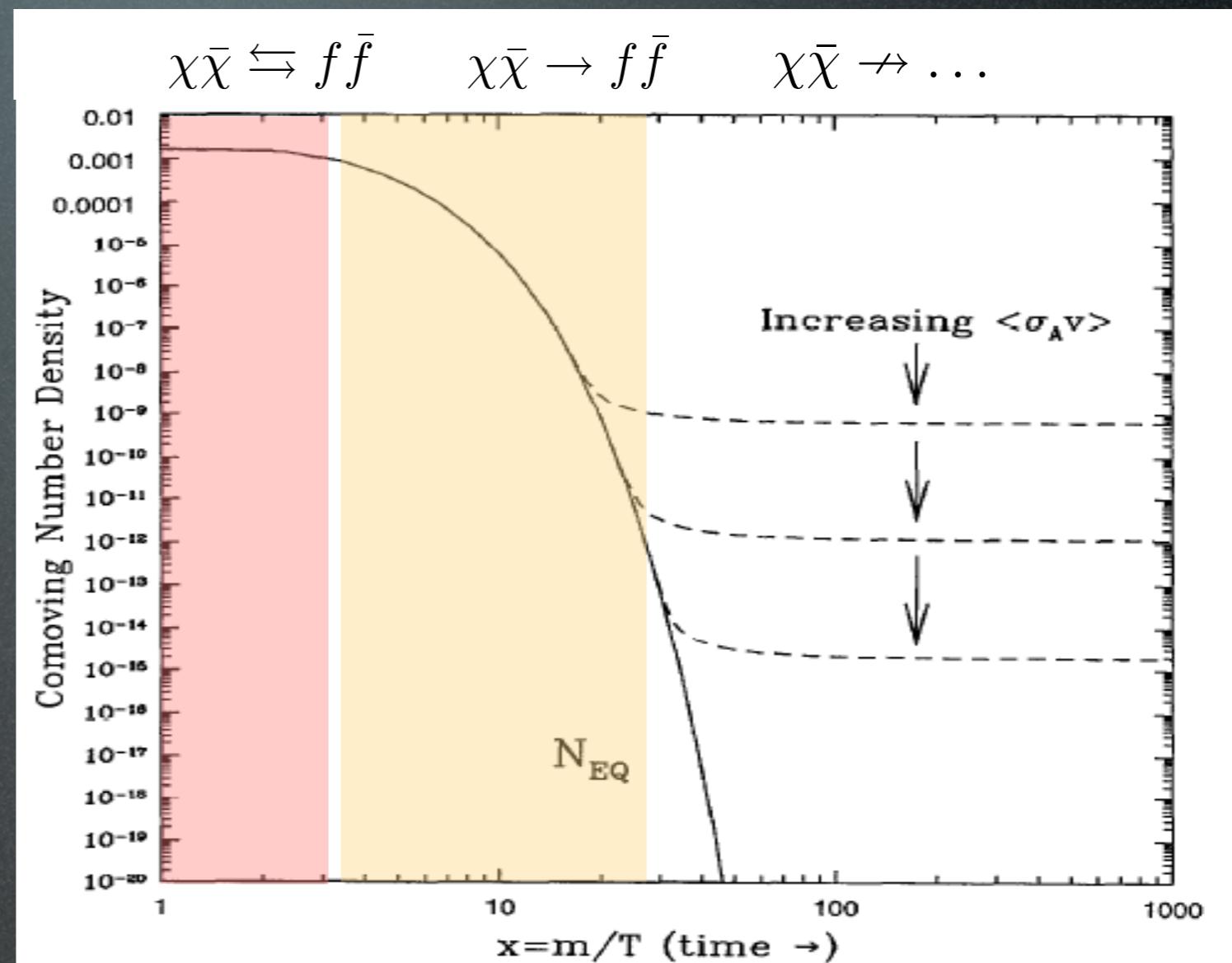
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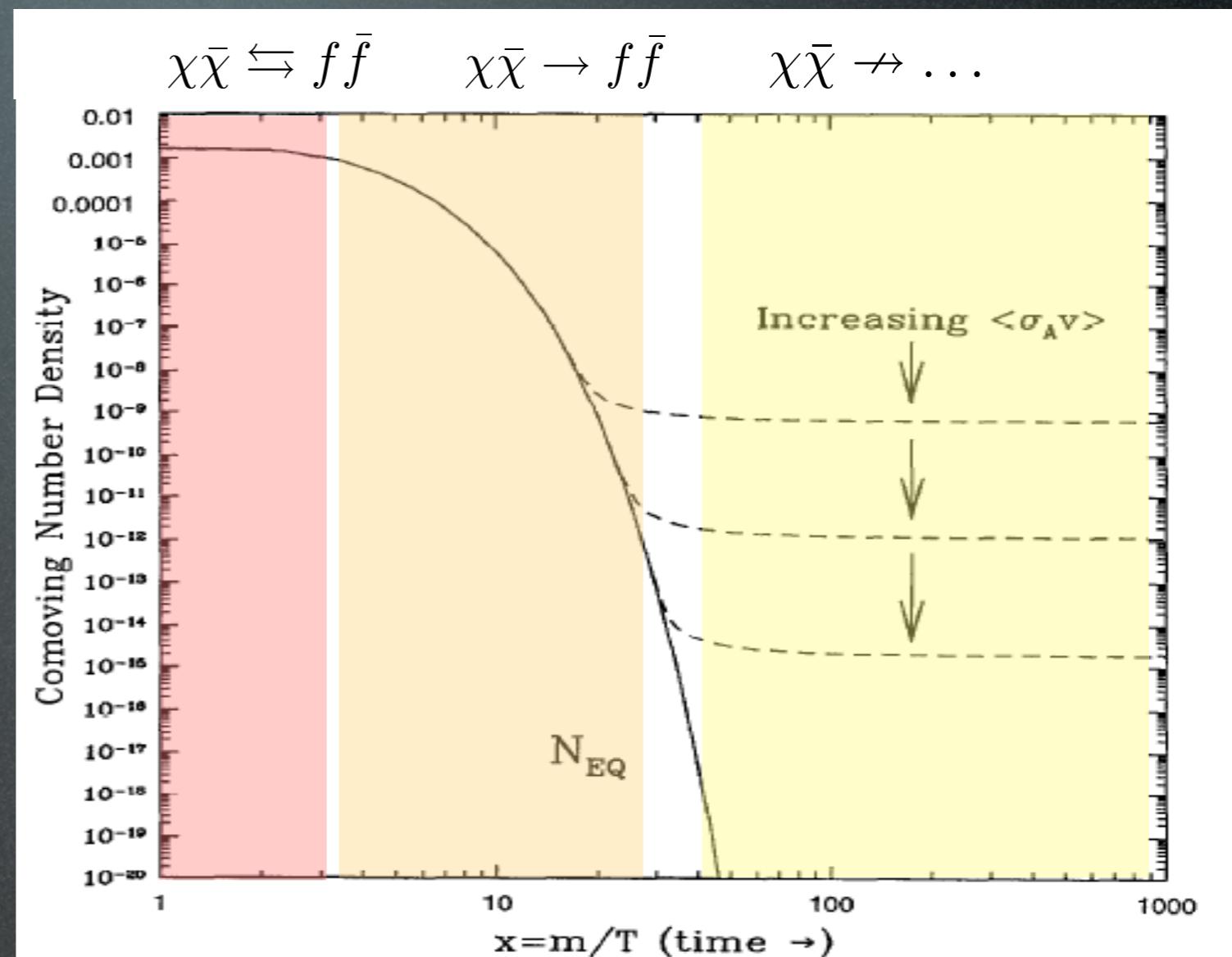
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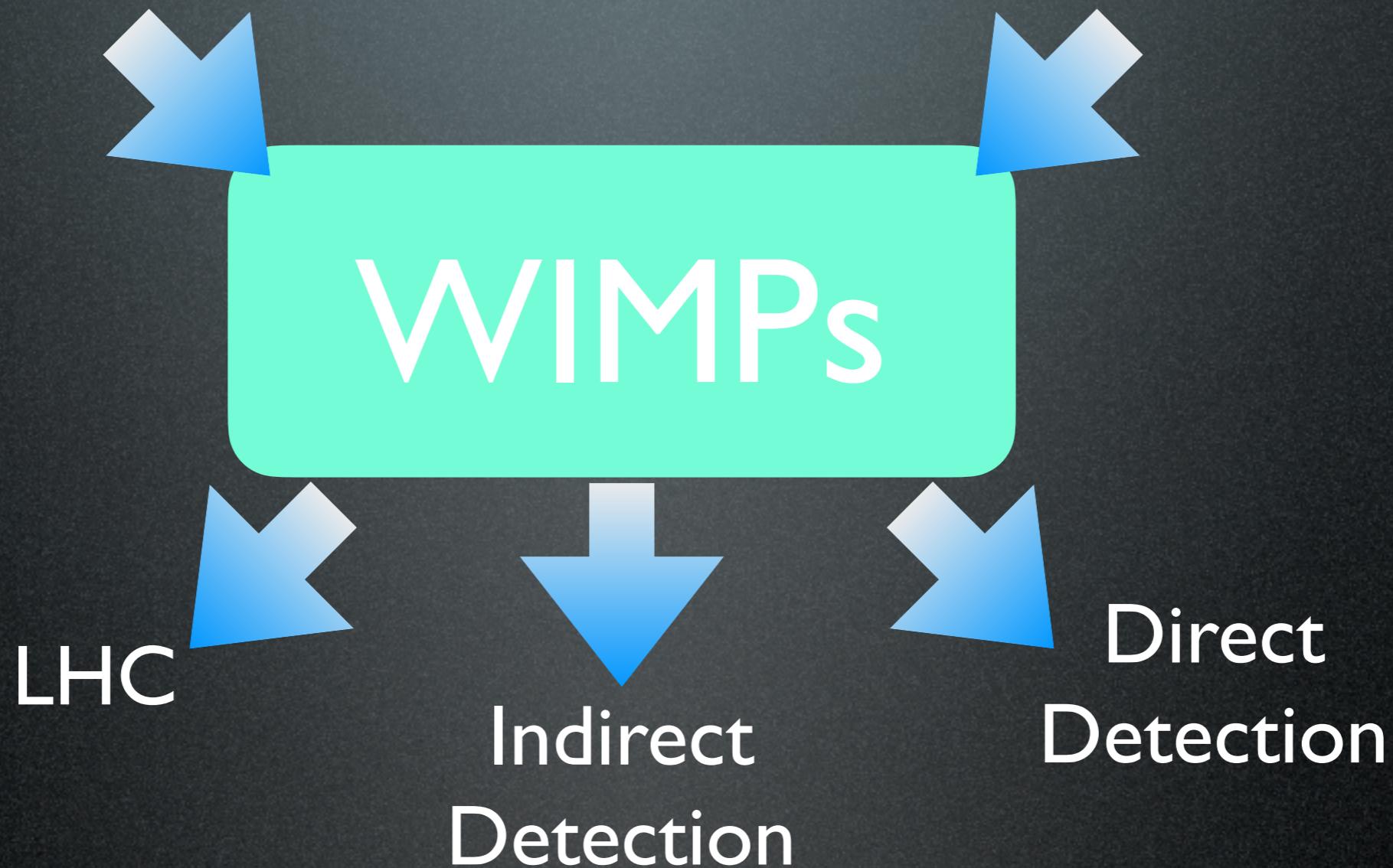
Fermi, AMS,
IceCube...

Xenon,
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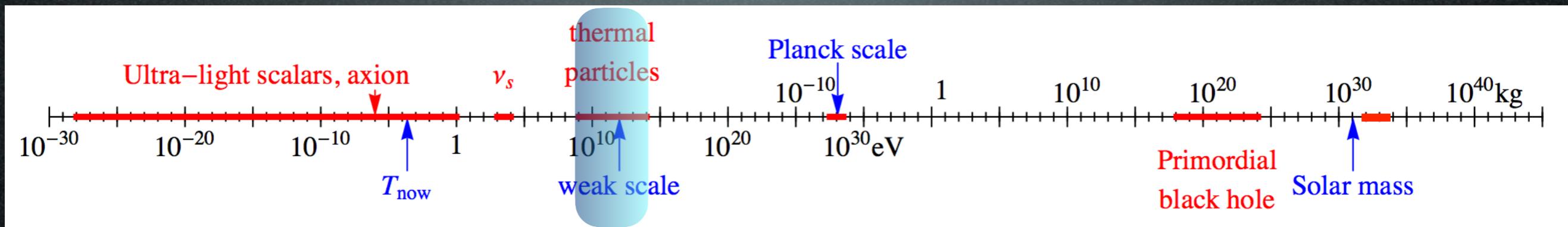
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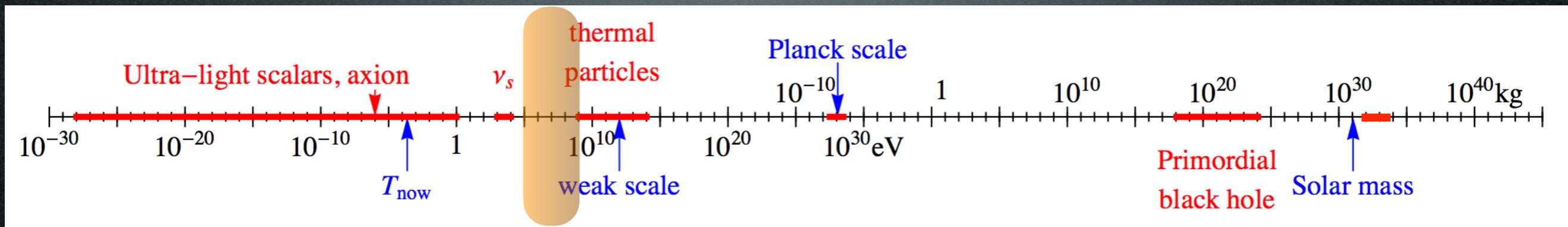
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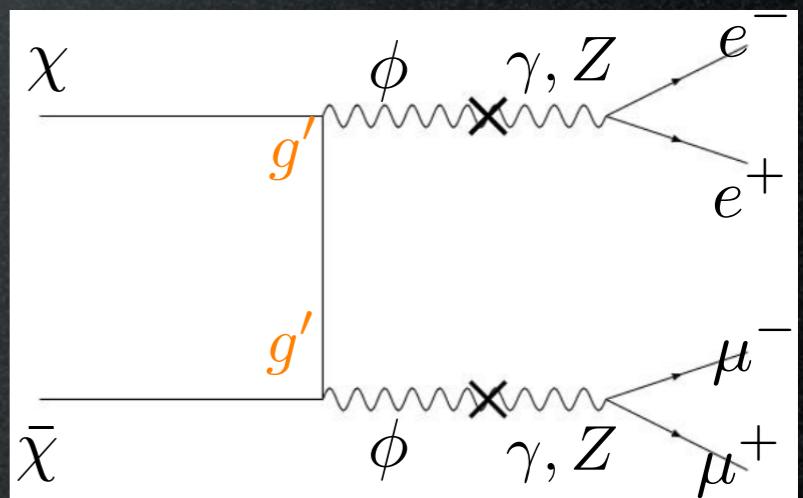
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if g_x is small,
 m ‘naturally’ small
(but nothing points to a precise value)



Production mechanism:
just thermal freeze-out
of these annihilations

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- ‘SIMP miracle’: scalar DM with relic abundance set by $3 \rightarrow 2$ processes

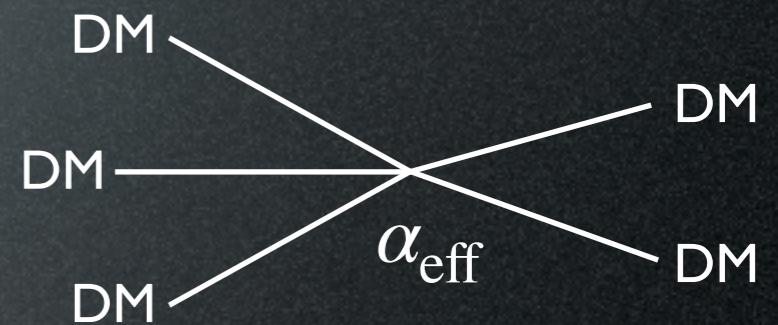
points to

$$m_{\text{DM}} \sim \alpha_{\text{eff}} (T_{\text{eq}}^2 M_{\text{Pl}})^{1/3} \sim 100 \text{ MeV}$$

Hochberg et al 1402.5143

‘naturally realized’ in a dark-QCD-like setup

$$\alpha_{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{O}(1) \quad \text{i.e.} \quad g_x \sim 4\pi$$



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- ‘MeV (scalar) DM’ (for the Integral 511 KeV excess?)

Boehm & Fayet hep-ph/0305261

In conclusion, scalar Dark Matter particles can be significantly lighter than a few GeV’s (thus evading the generalisation of the Lee-Weinberg limit for weakly-interacting neutral fermions) if they are coupled to a new (light) gauge boson or to new heavy fermions F (through non chiral couplings and poten-

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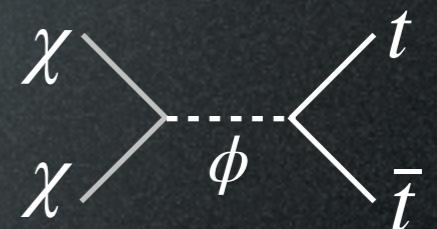
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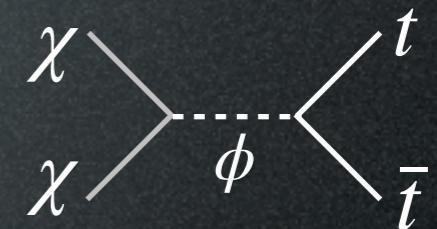
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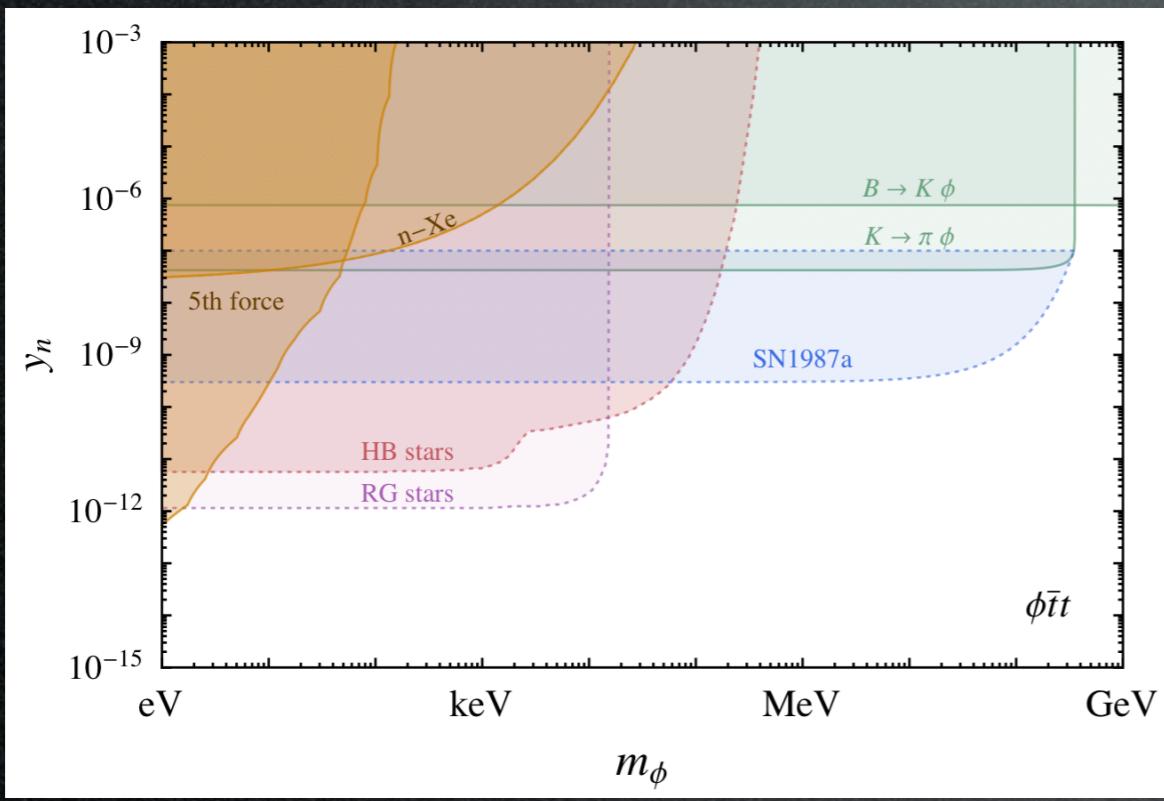
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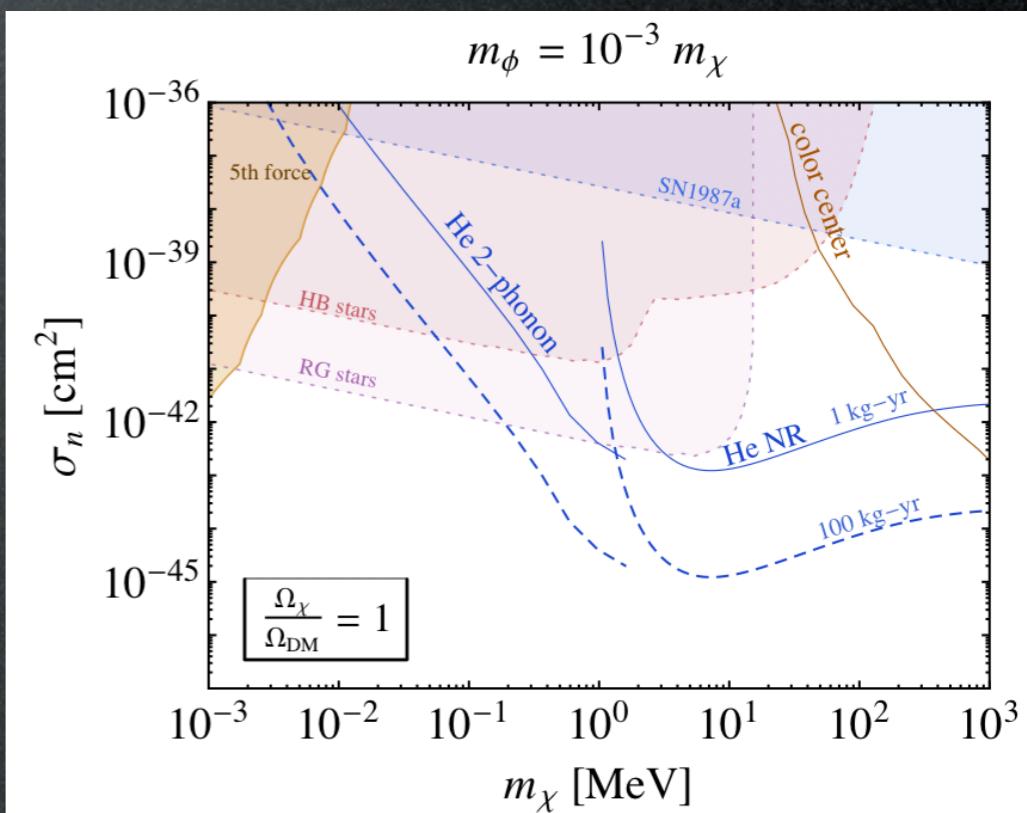
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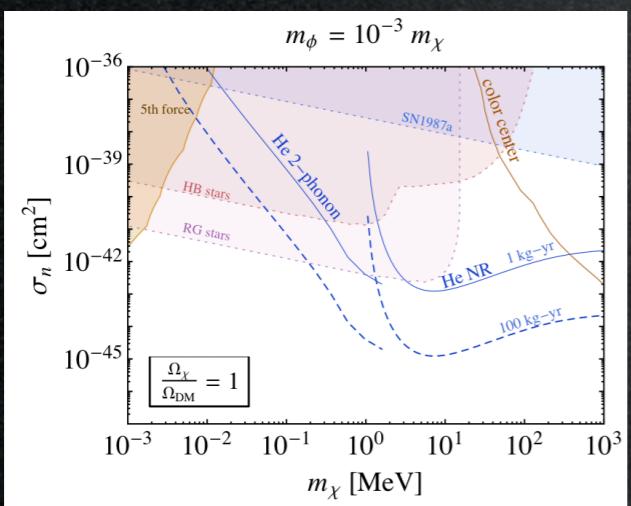
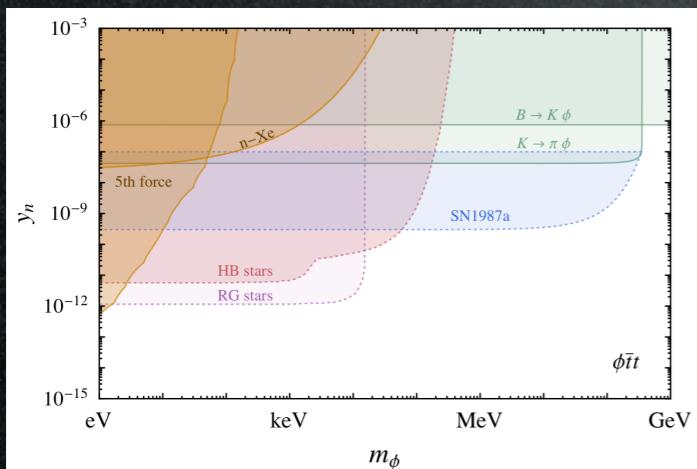
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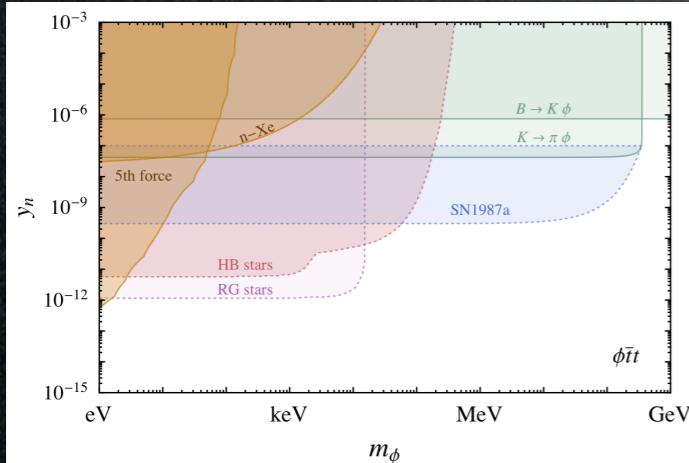
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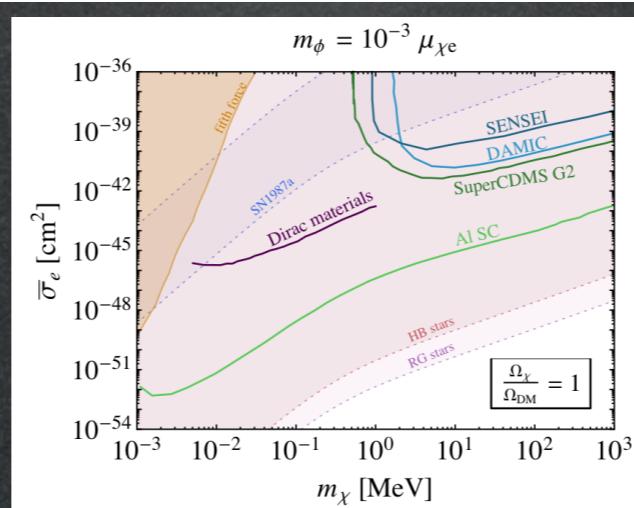
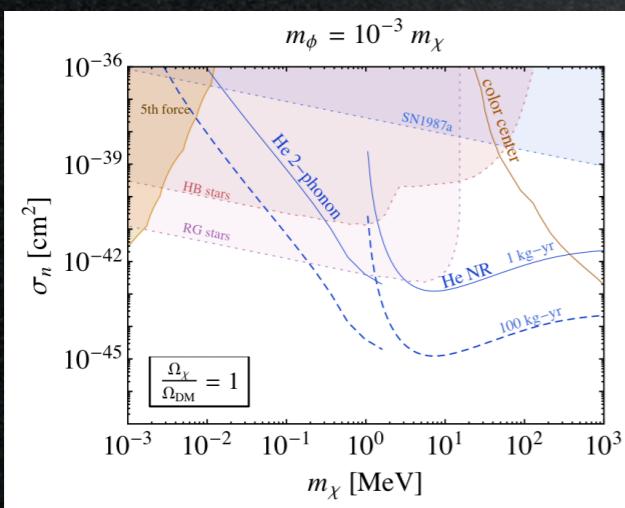
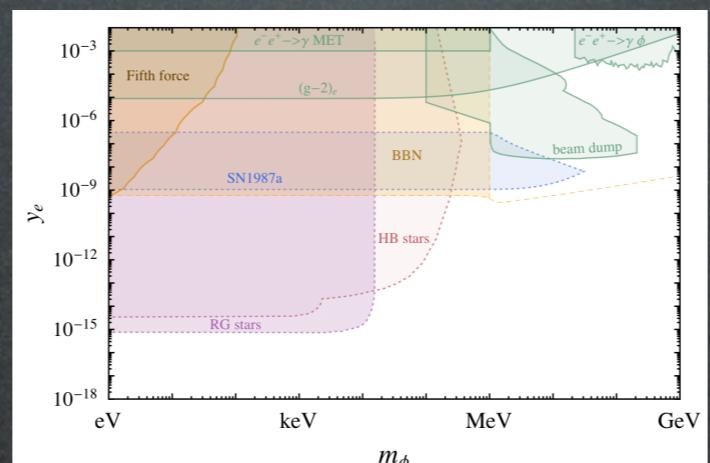
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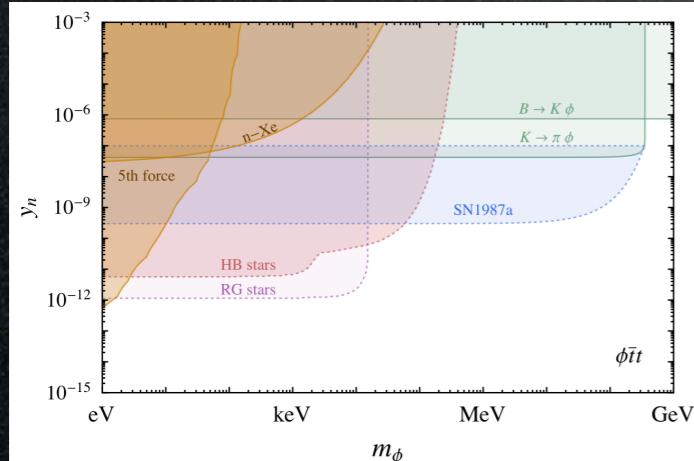
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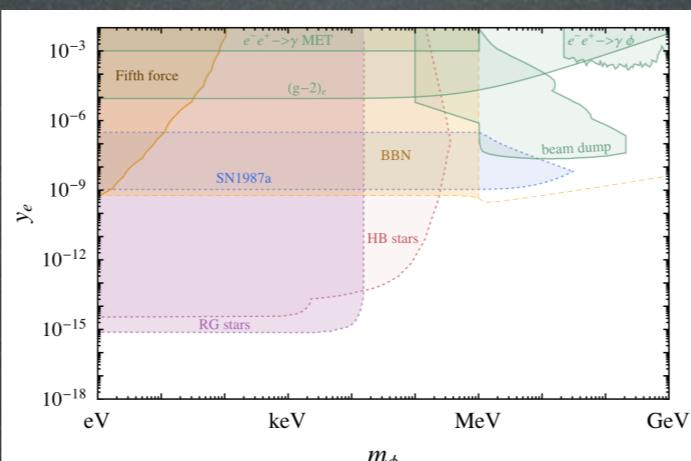
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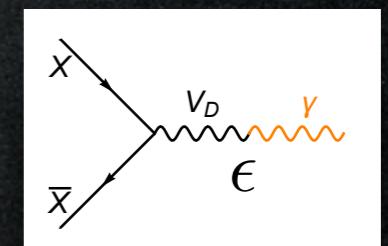
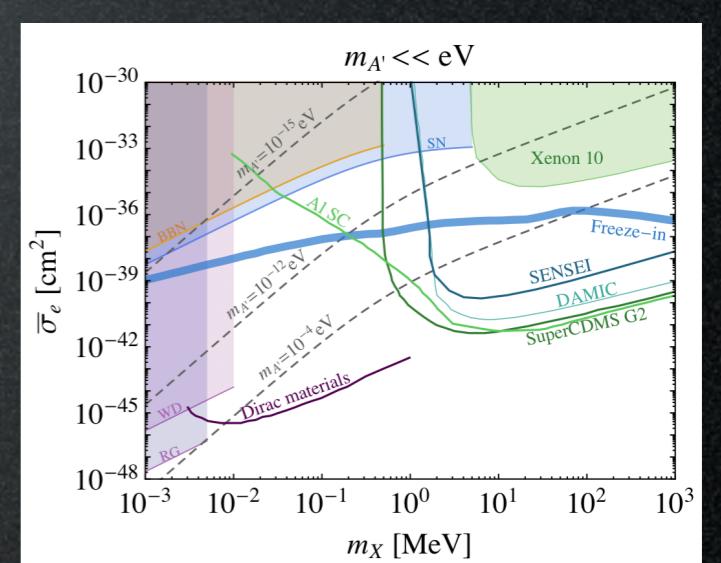
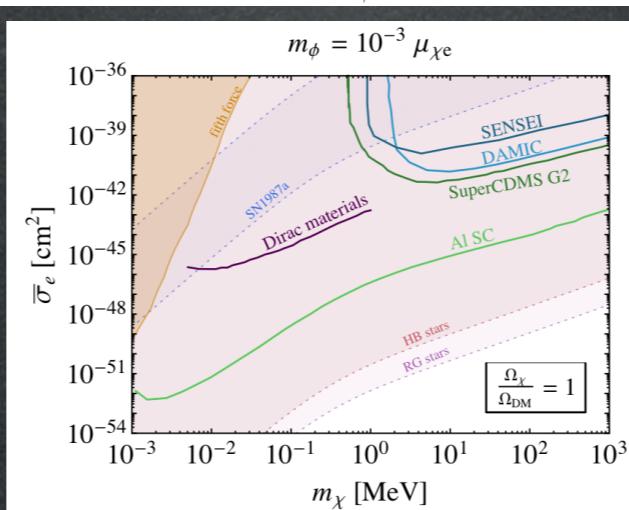
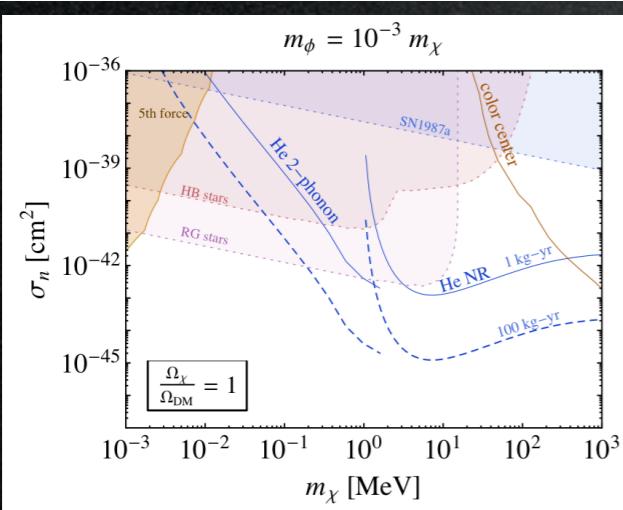
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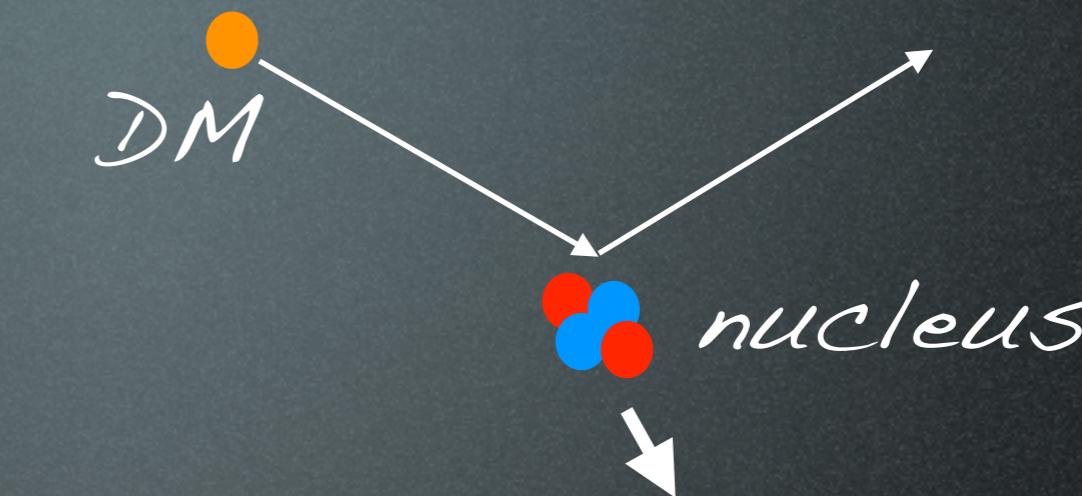
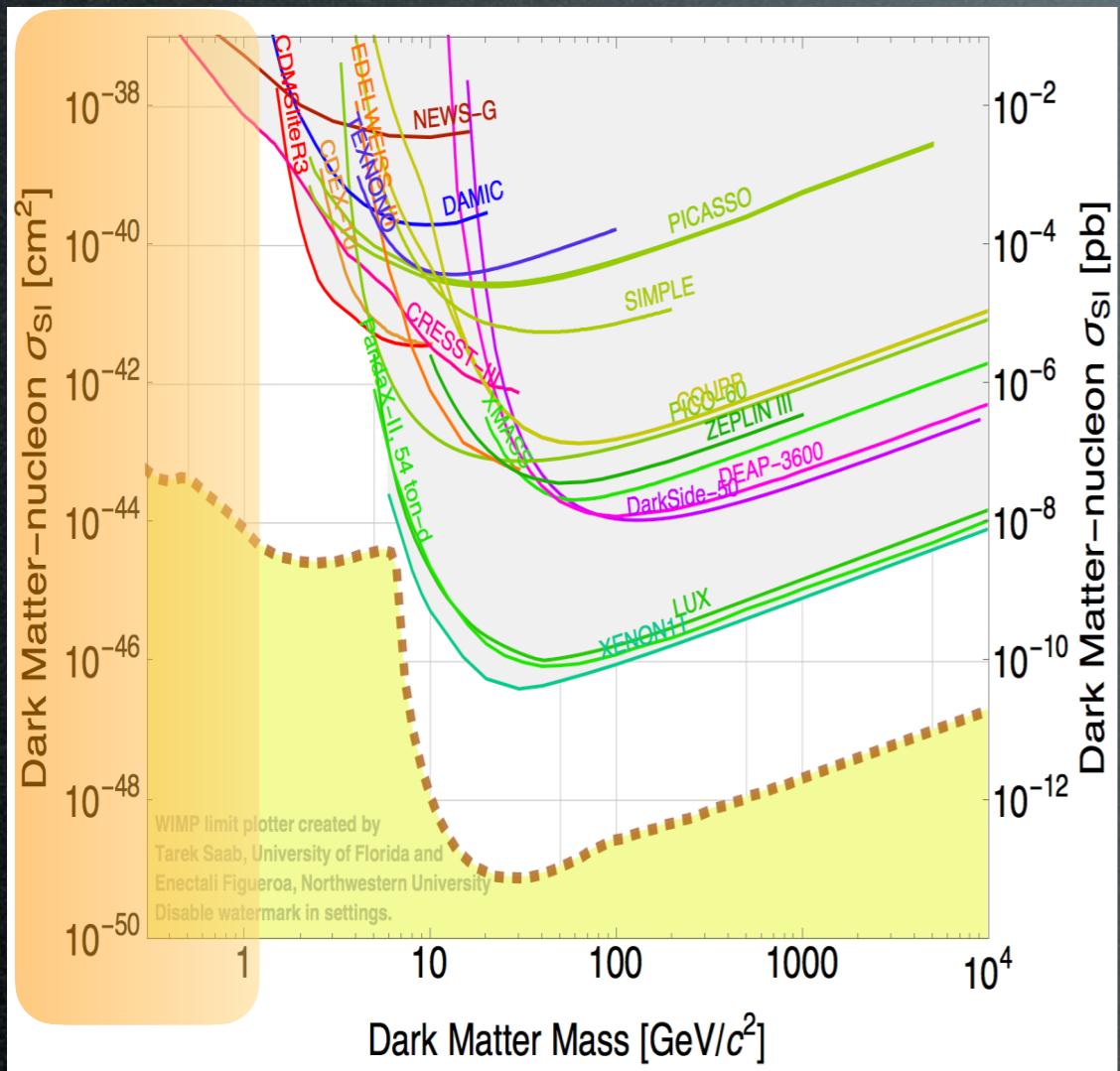
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Direct Detection of sub-GeV DM



deposited energy is
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- electron recoil signal
- Migdal effect
- new experimental strategies

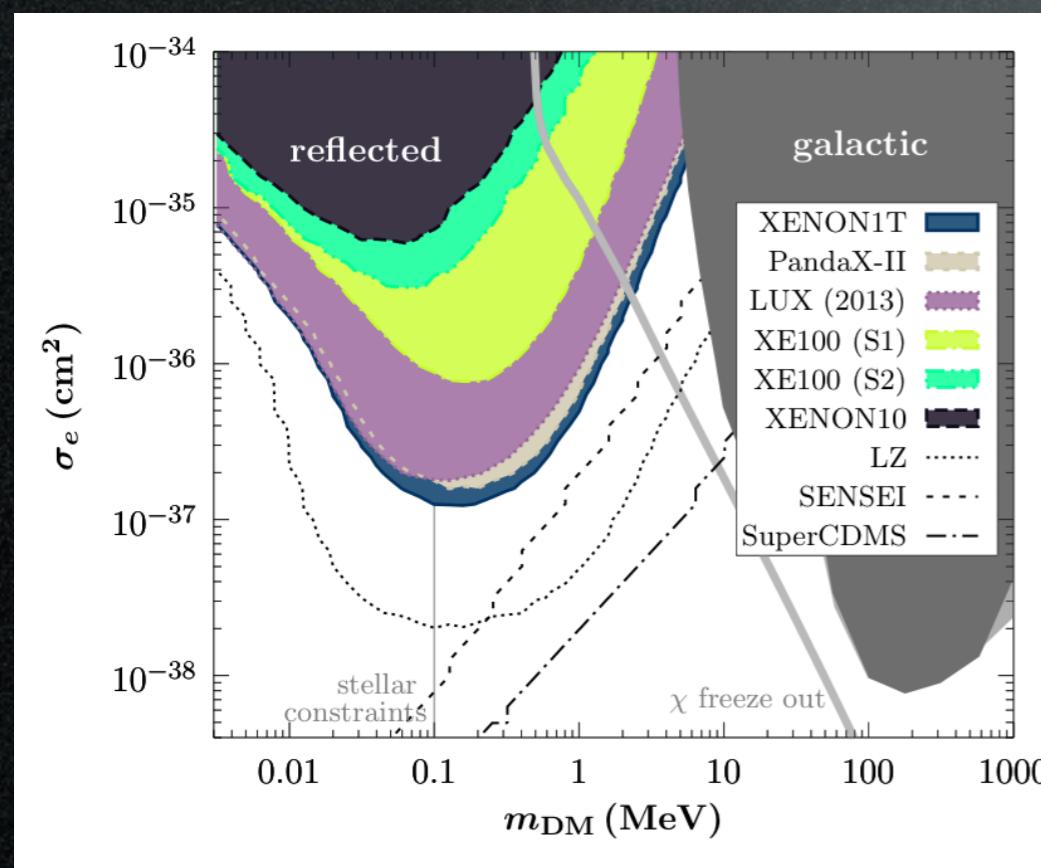
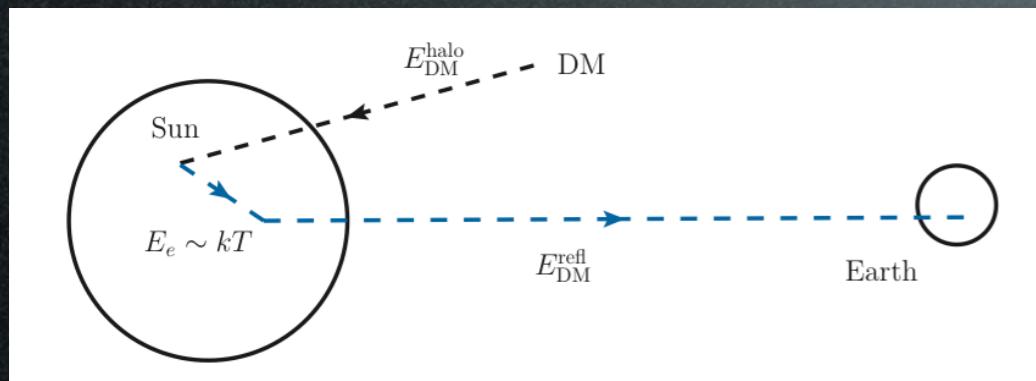
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“Direct Detection” of sub-GeV DM

‘Reflected DM’

light DM upscattered by hot e^- in the Sun gives signal above threshold
(DM-e scattering, twice)

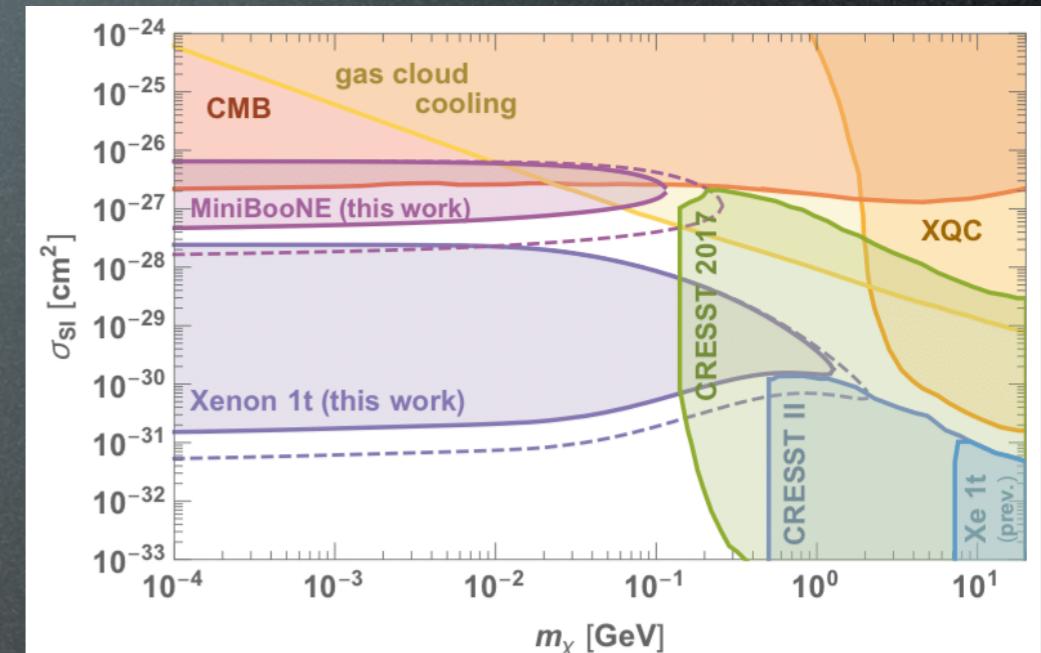


An, Pospelov, Pradler, Ritz 1708.03642

original idea with DM-nucleon scattering:
Kouvaris+ 1506.04316, 1709.06573

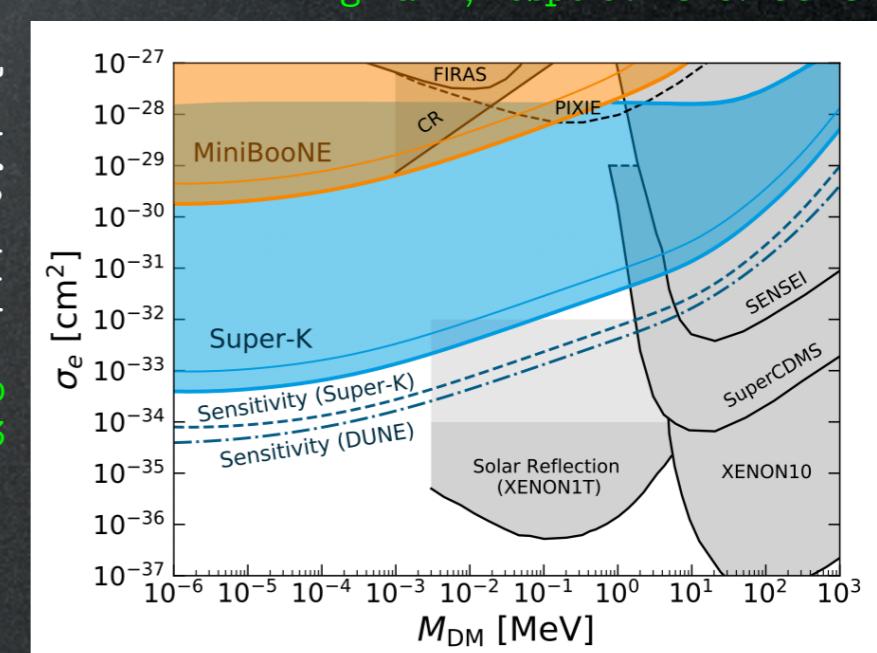
‘CR DM’

DM upscattered by HE CRs gives signal above threshold in DD even if light



same idea
with electron
scattering
and signal
in SK

Ema, Sala, Sato
1810.10543



improvements: Cappiello & Beacom 1906.11283

another incarnation: light DM produced in spallations of CR on atmosphere

Alvis, Fairbairn+ 1905.05776

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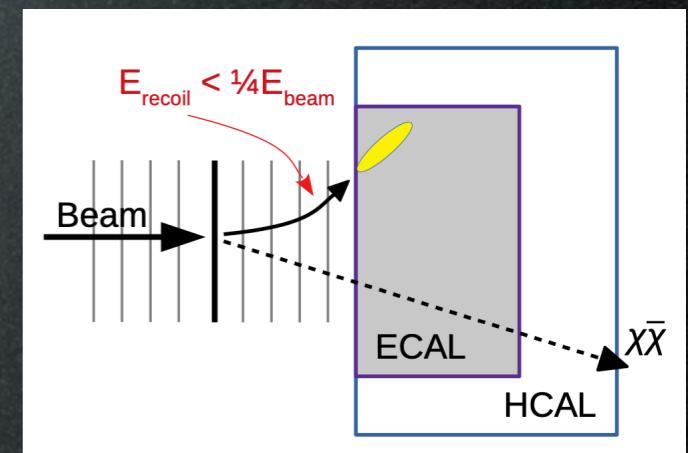
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Collider searches of sub-GeV DM

Missing E_T signature is below threshold for LHC experiments

- fixed target / beam dump experiments
- search for associated states,
i.e. particles of a new ‘dark sector’



e.g. LDMX coll. 1808.05219

B. Batell, M. Pospelov and A. Ritz, Exploring Portals to a Hidden Sector Through Fixed Targets, Phys. Rev. D 80 (2009) 095024, [0906.5614].

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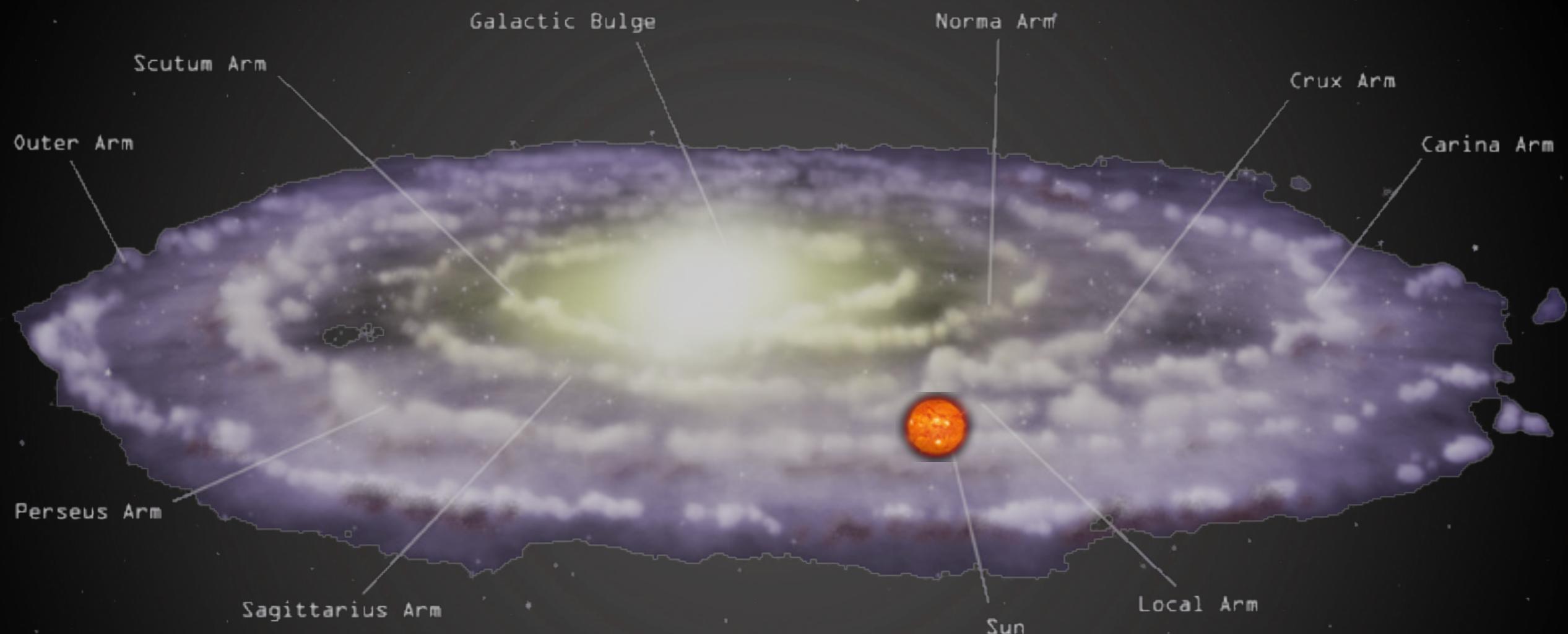
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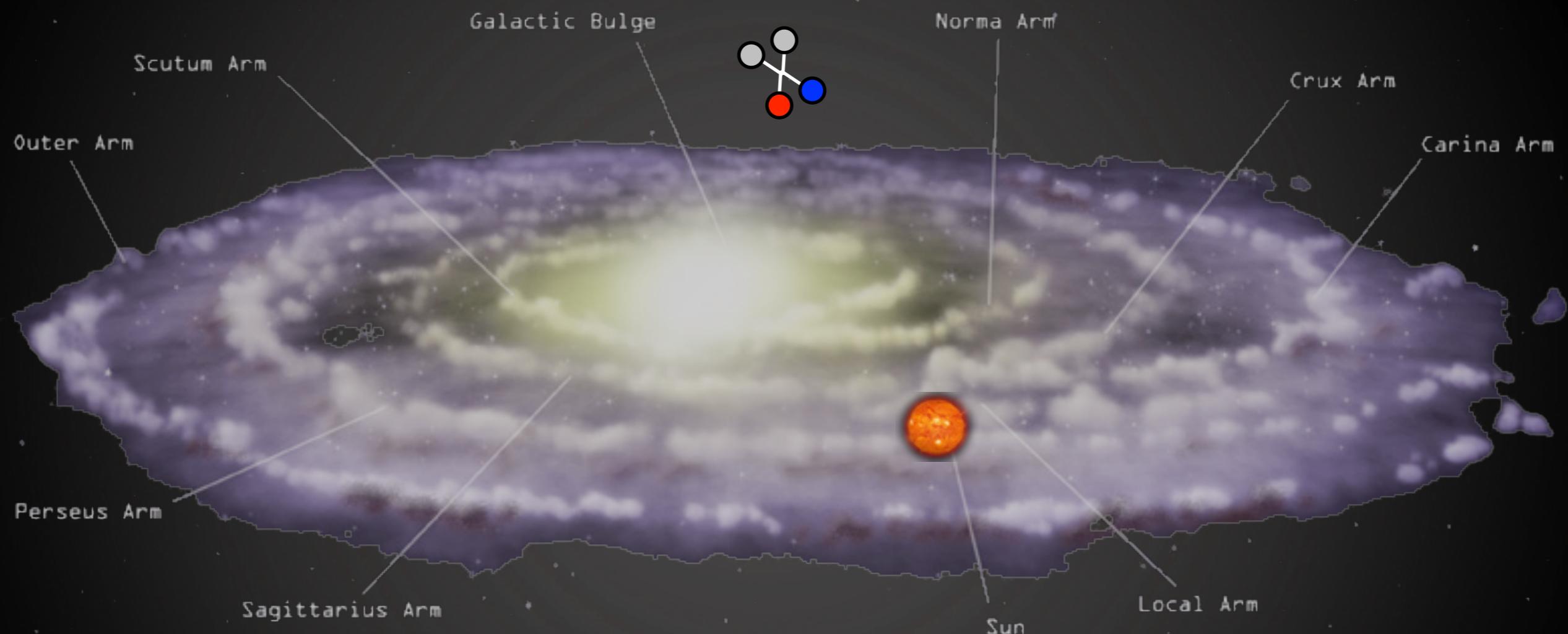
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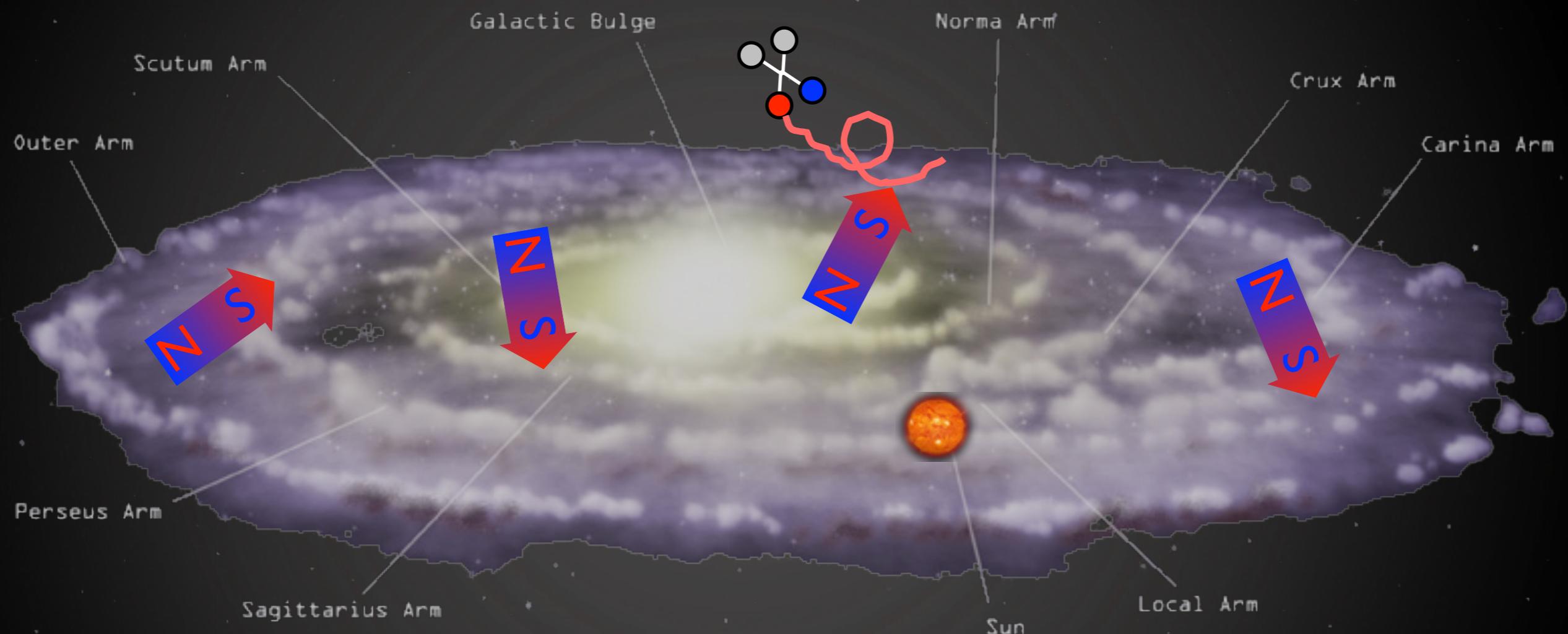
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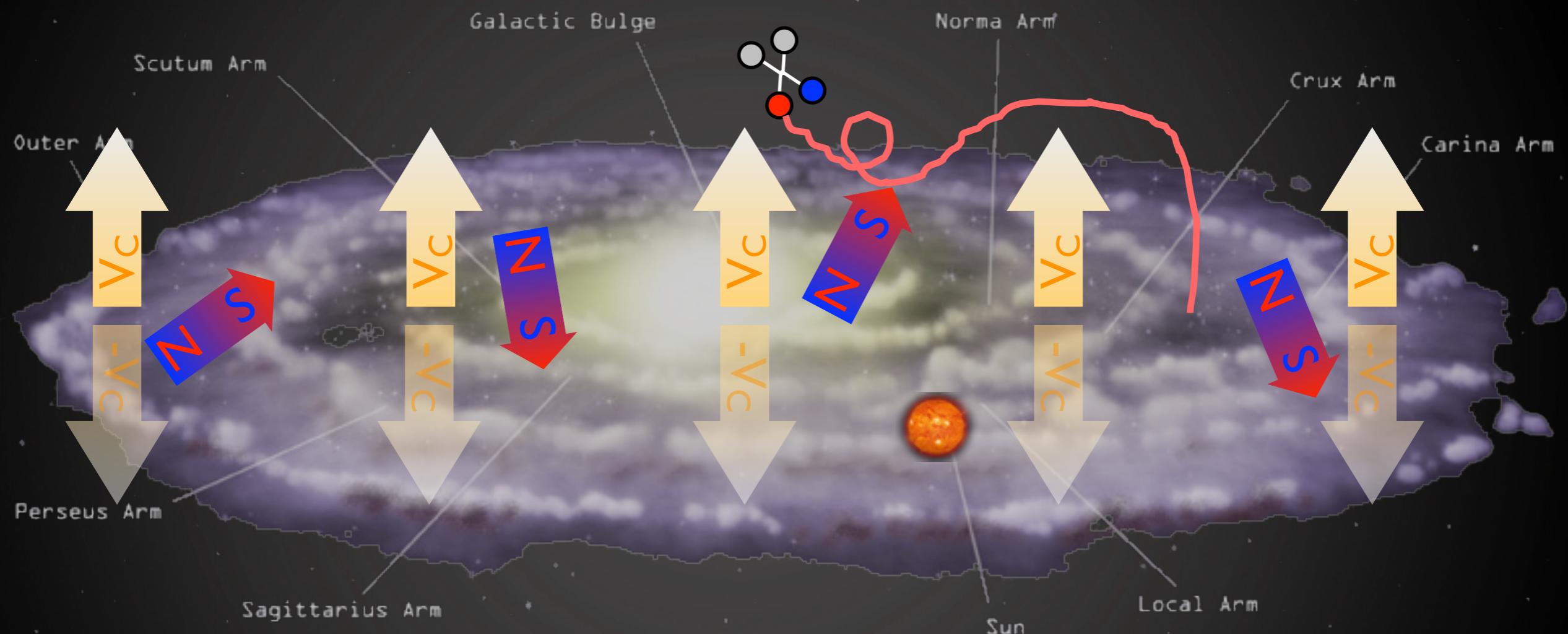
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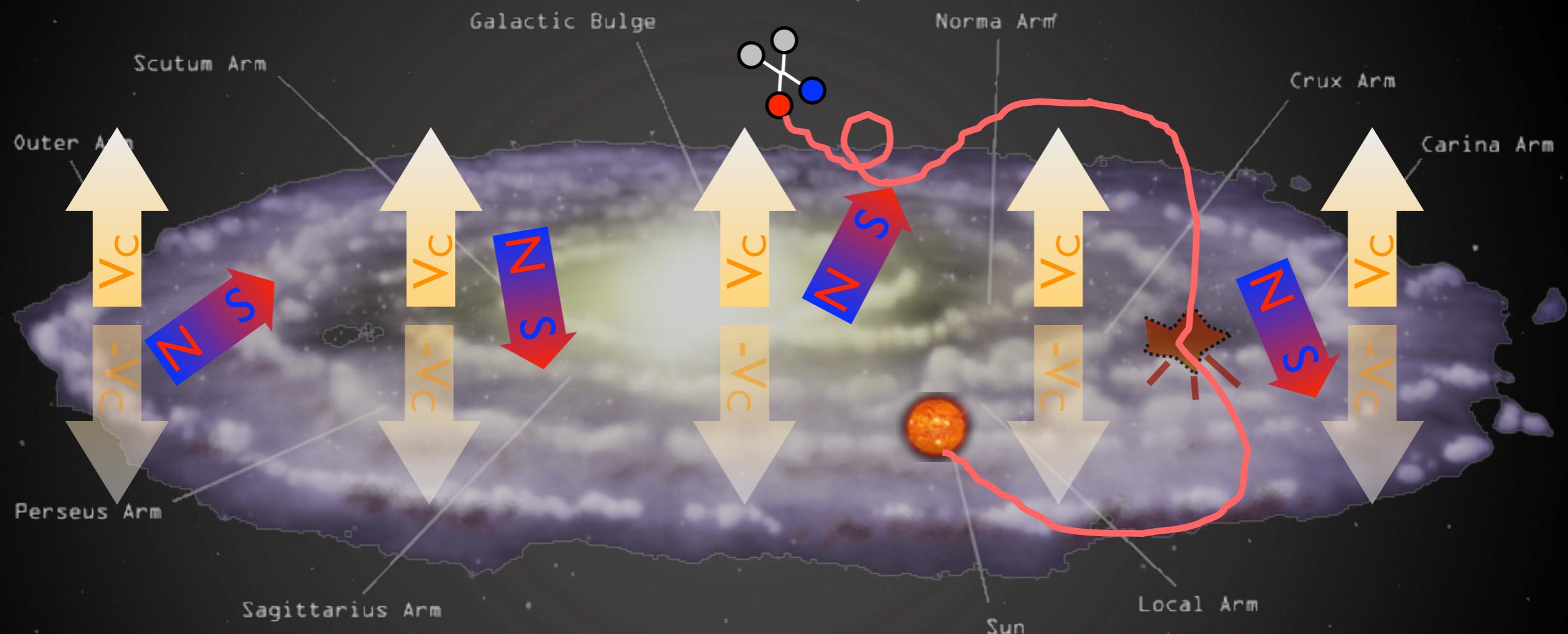
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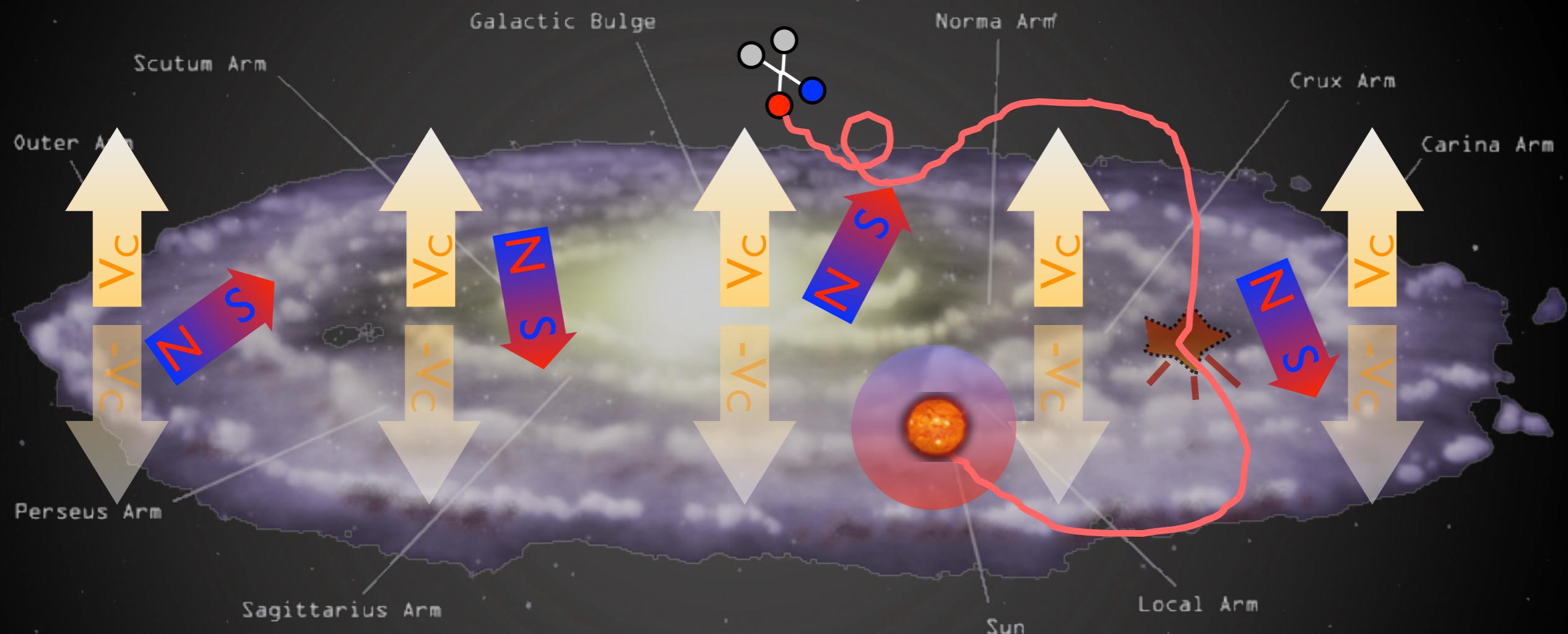
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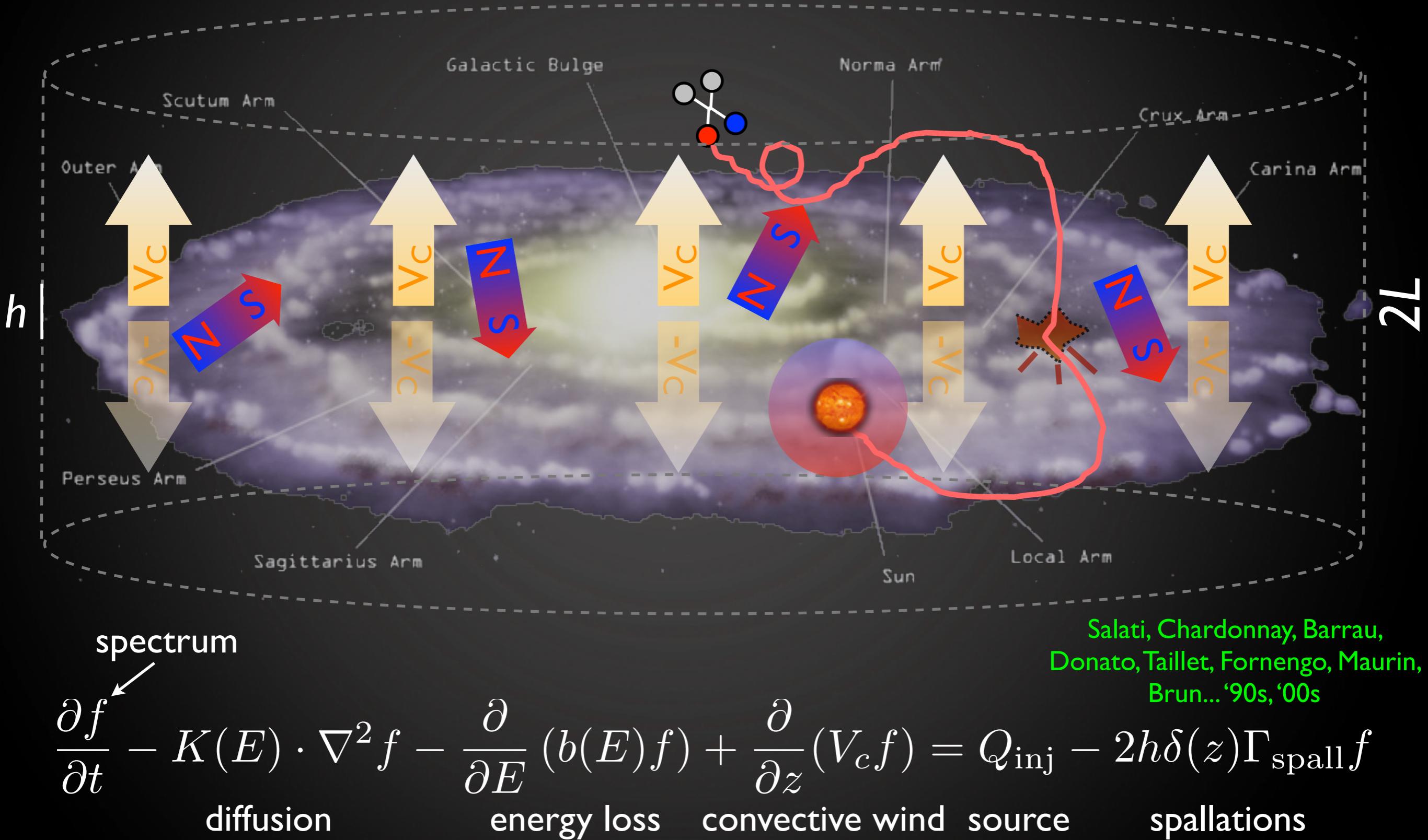
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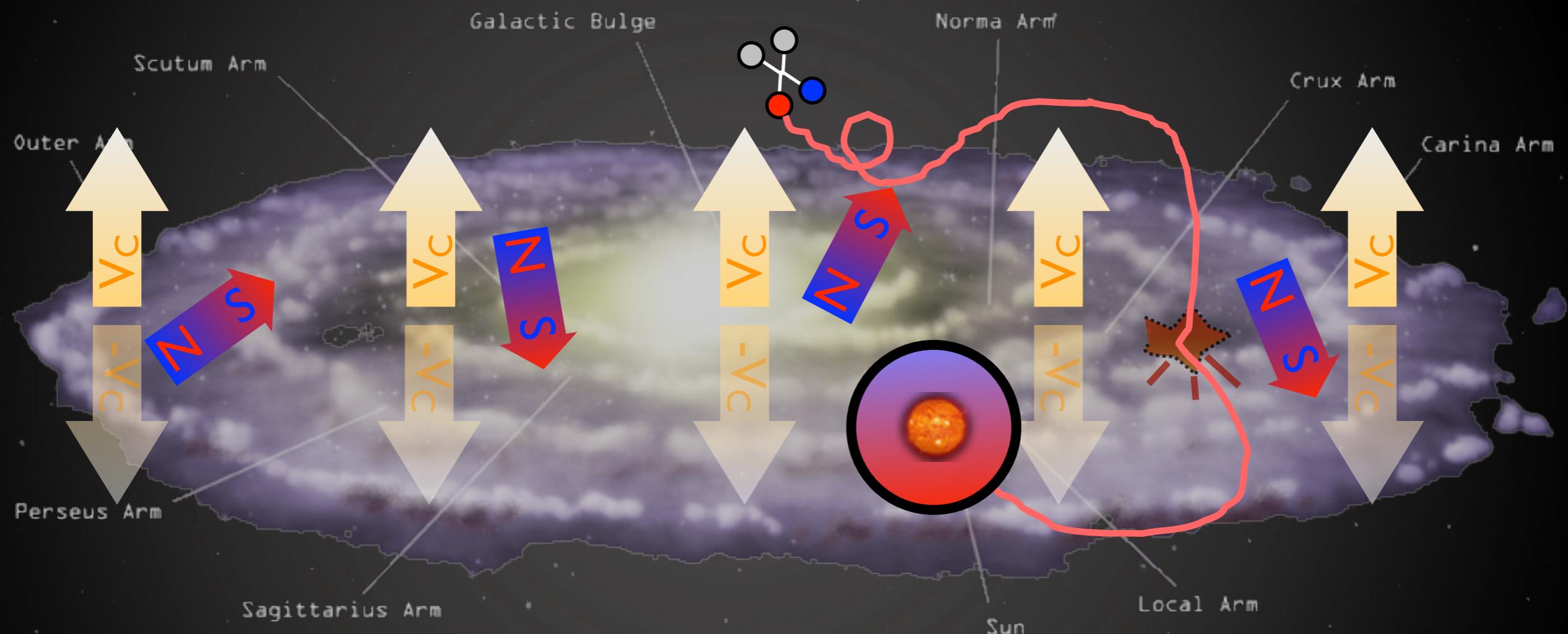
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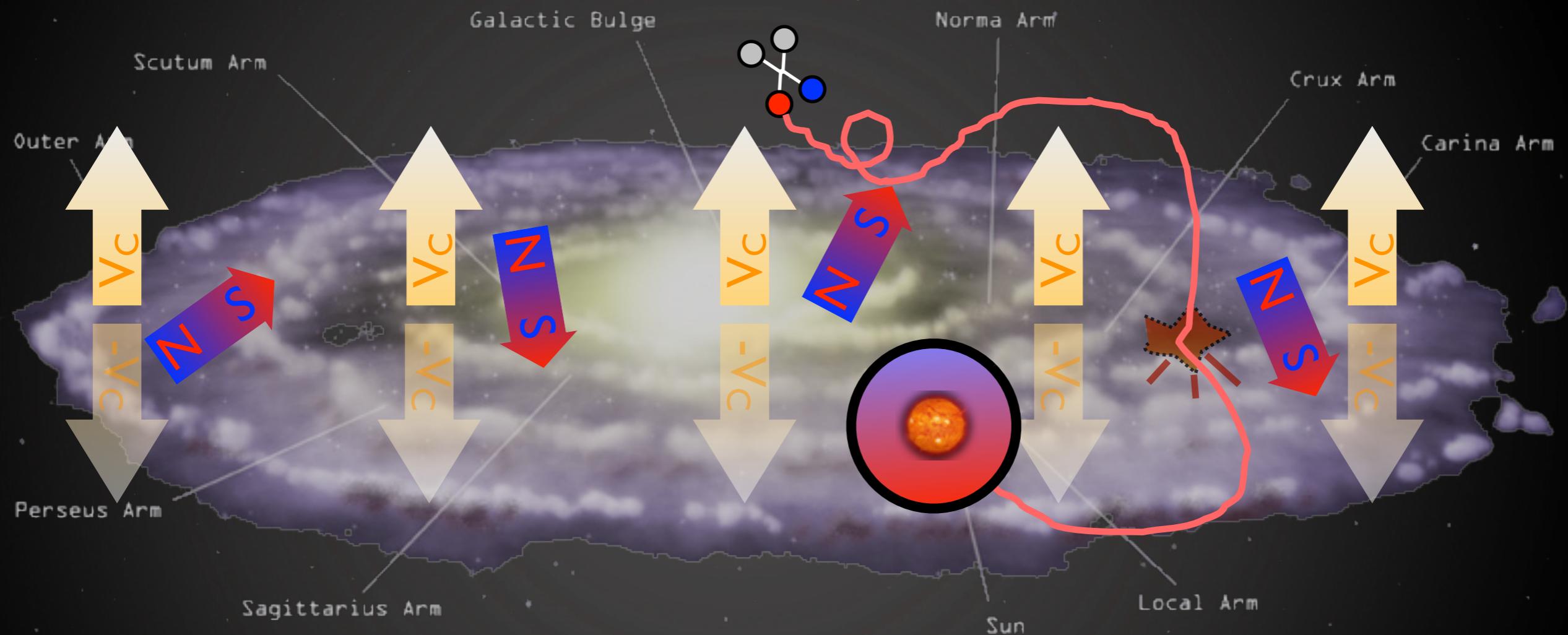
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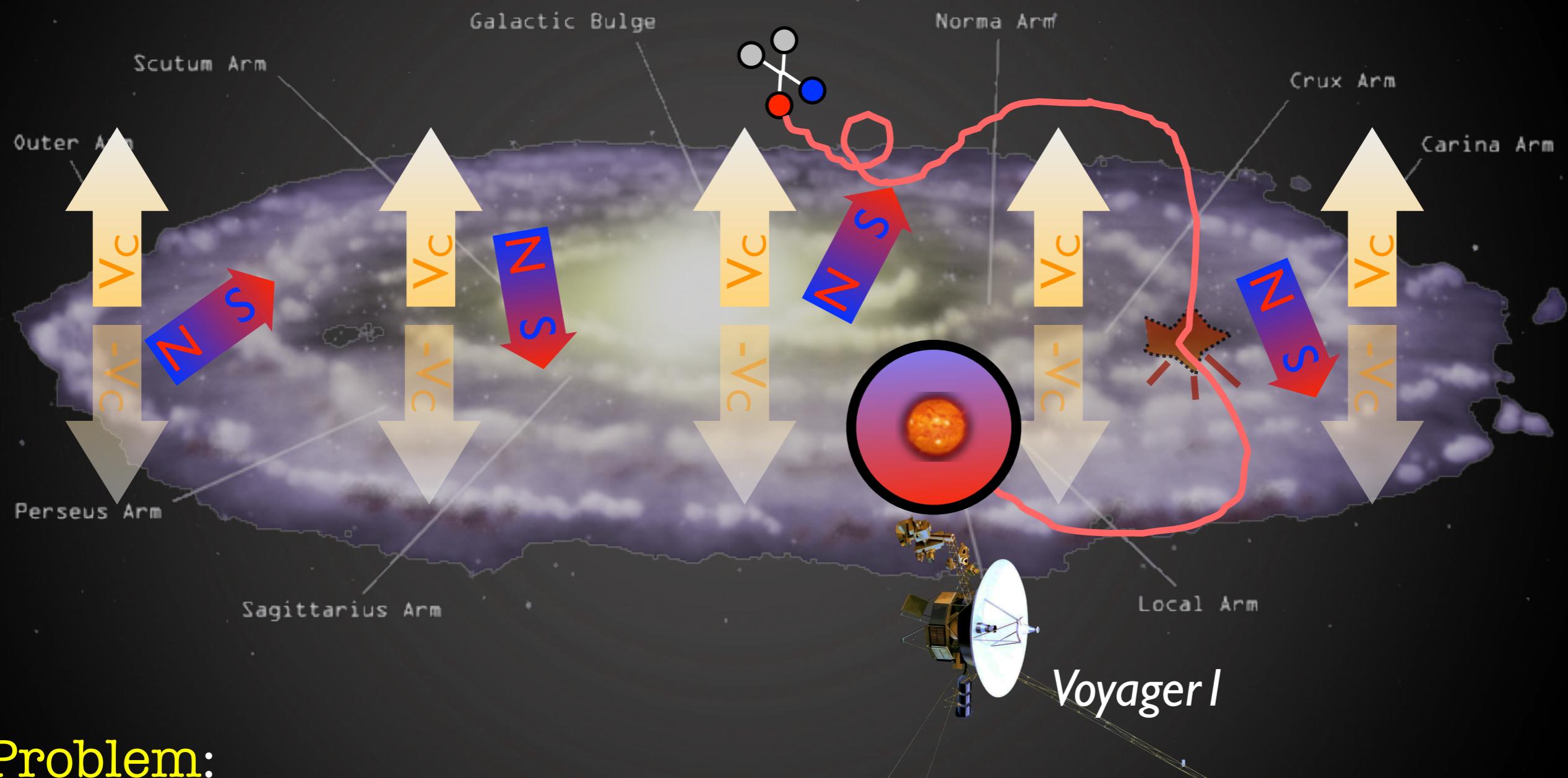


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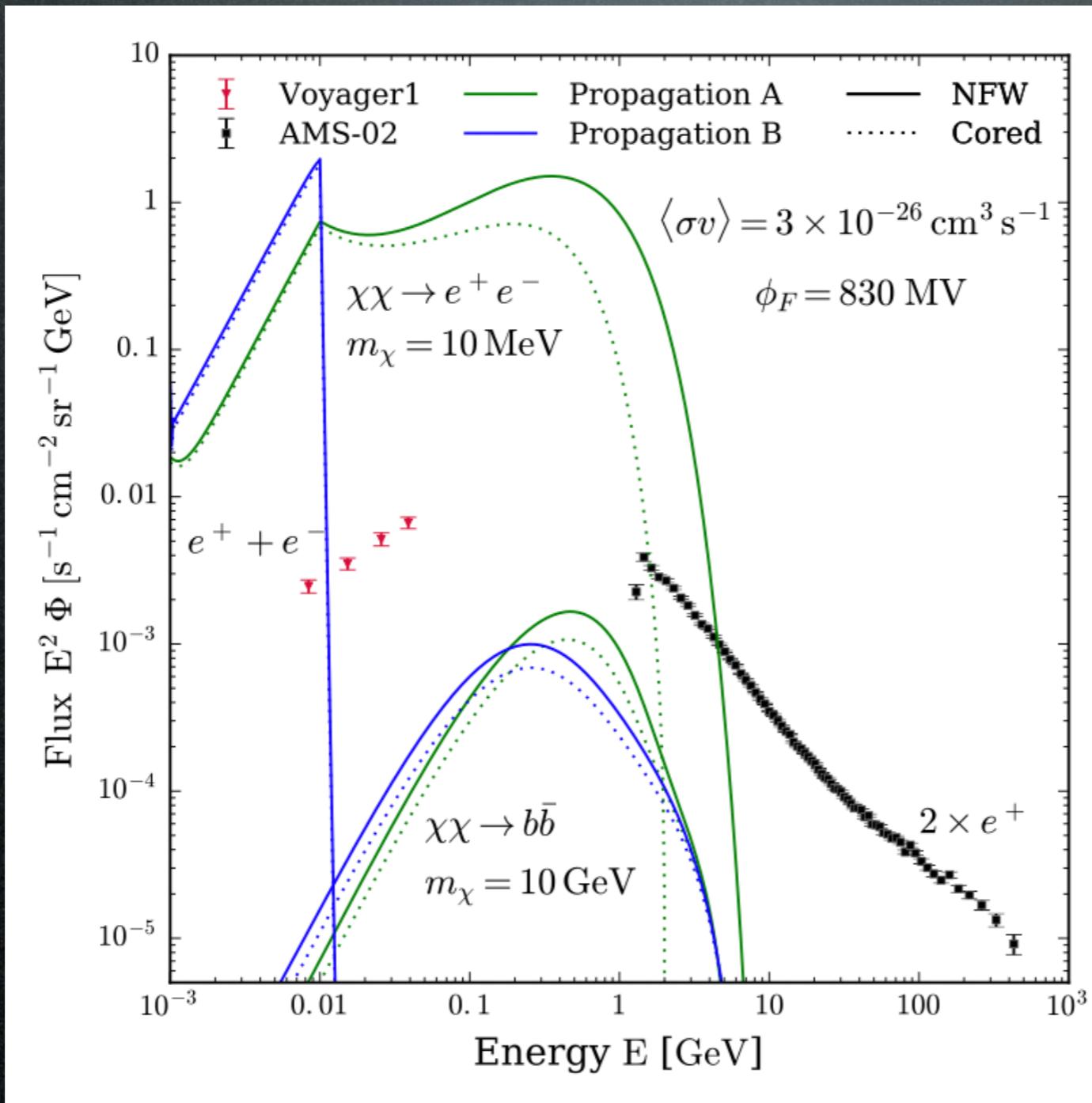
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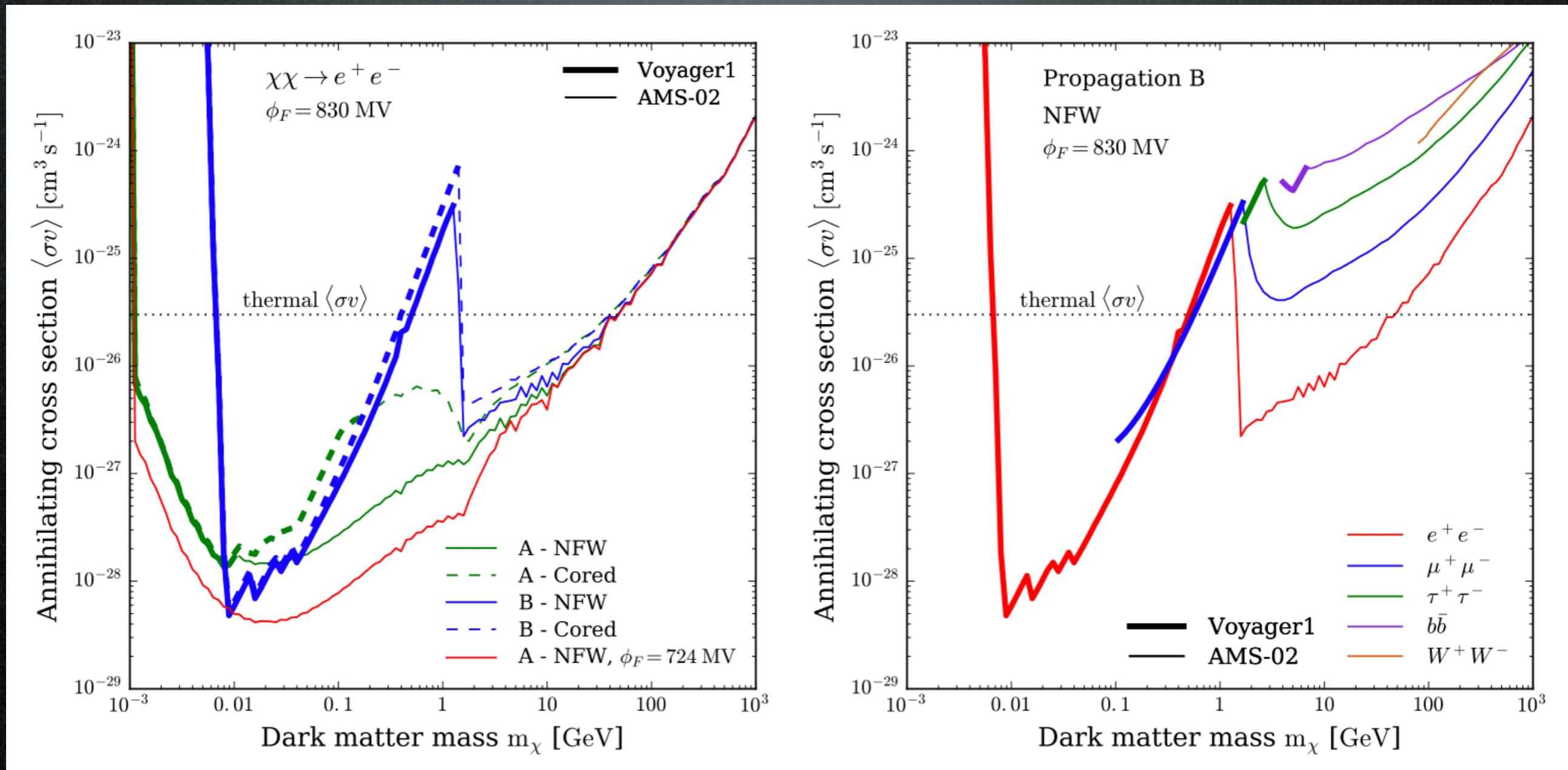


Propagation A = strong reacceleration
Propagation B = weak/no reacceleration

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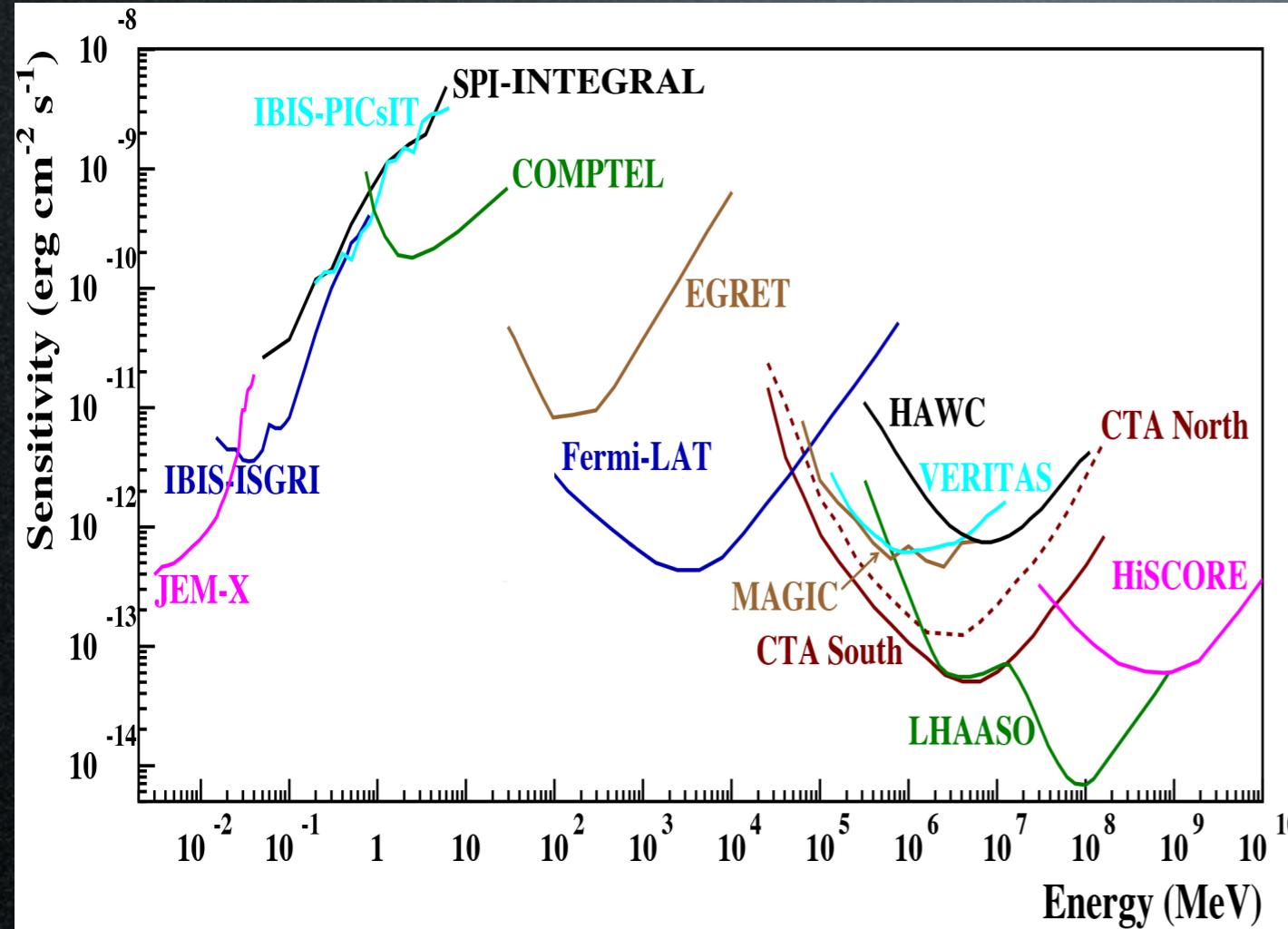
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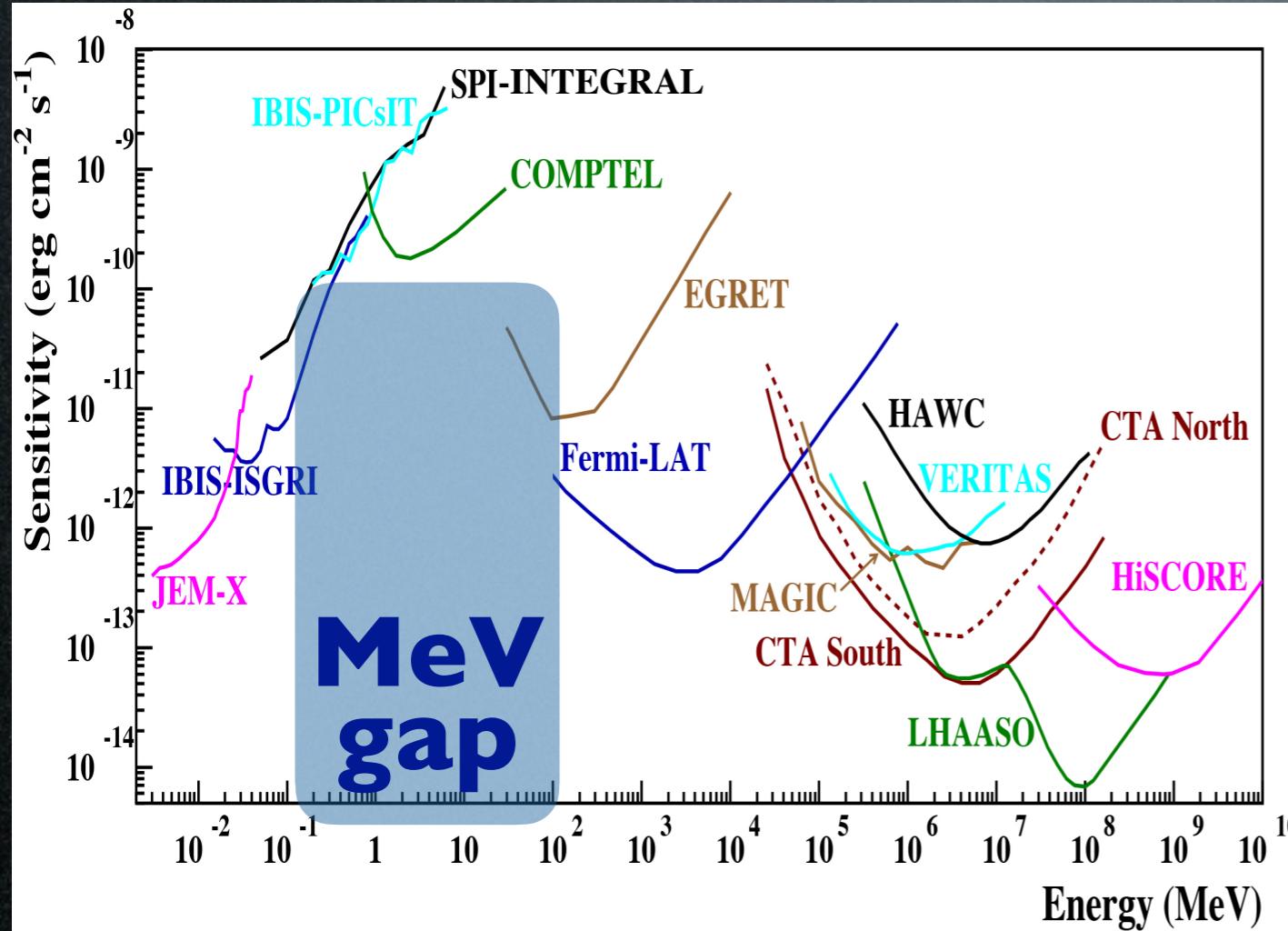
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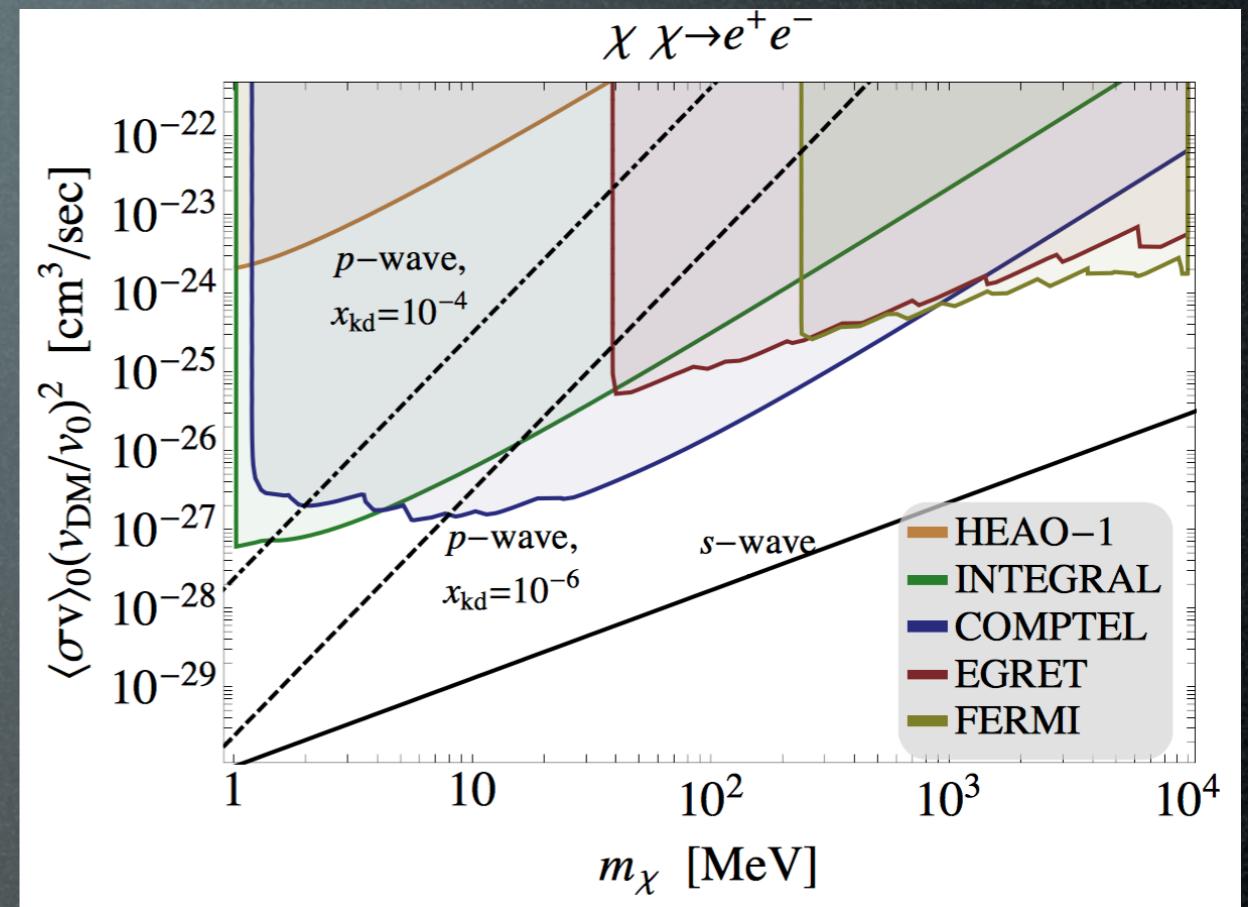
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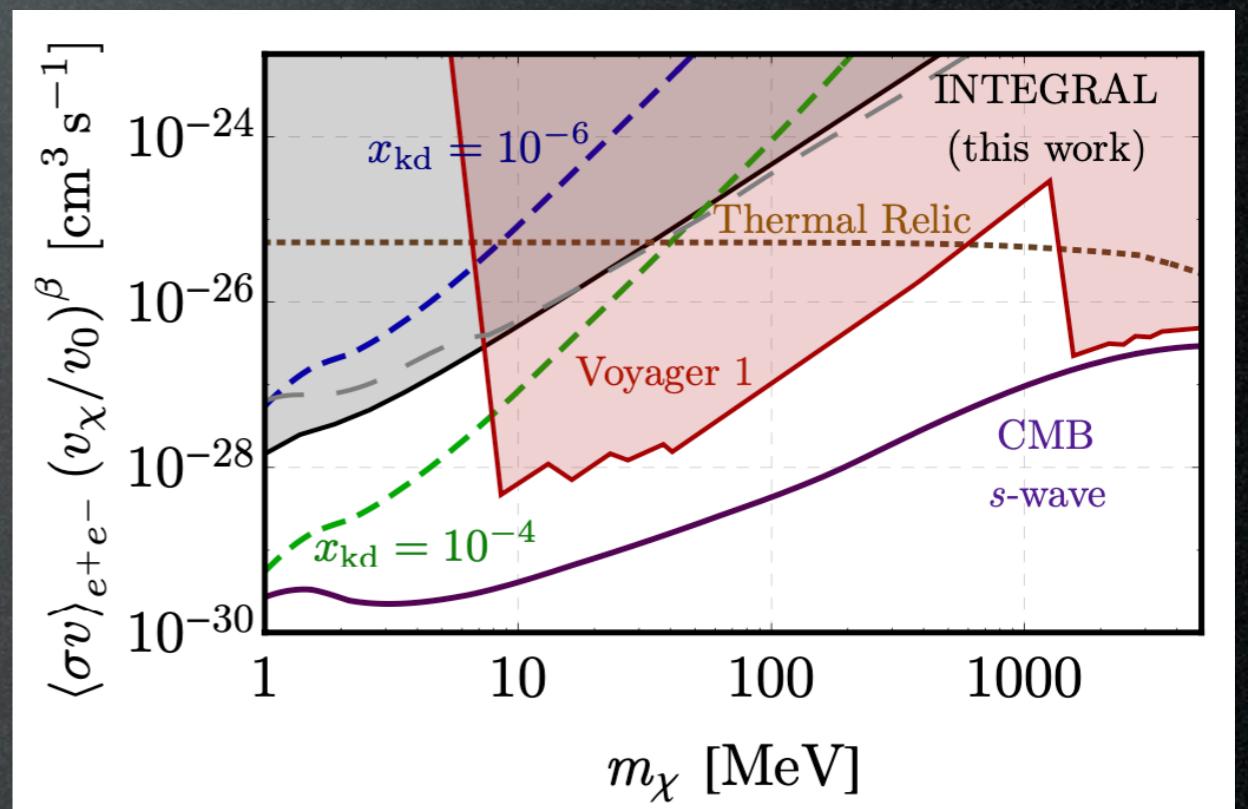
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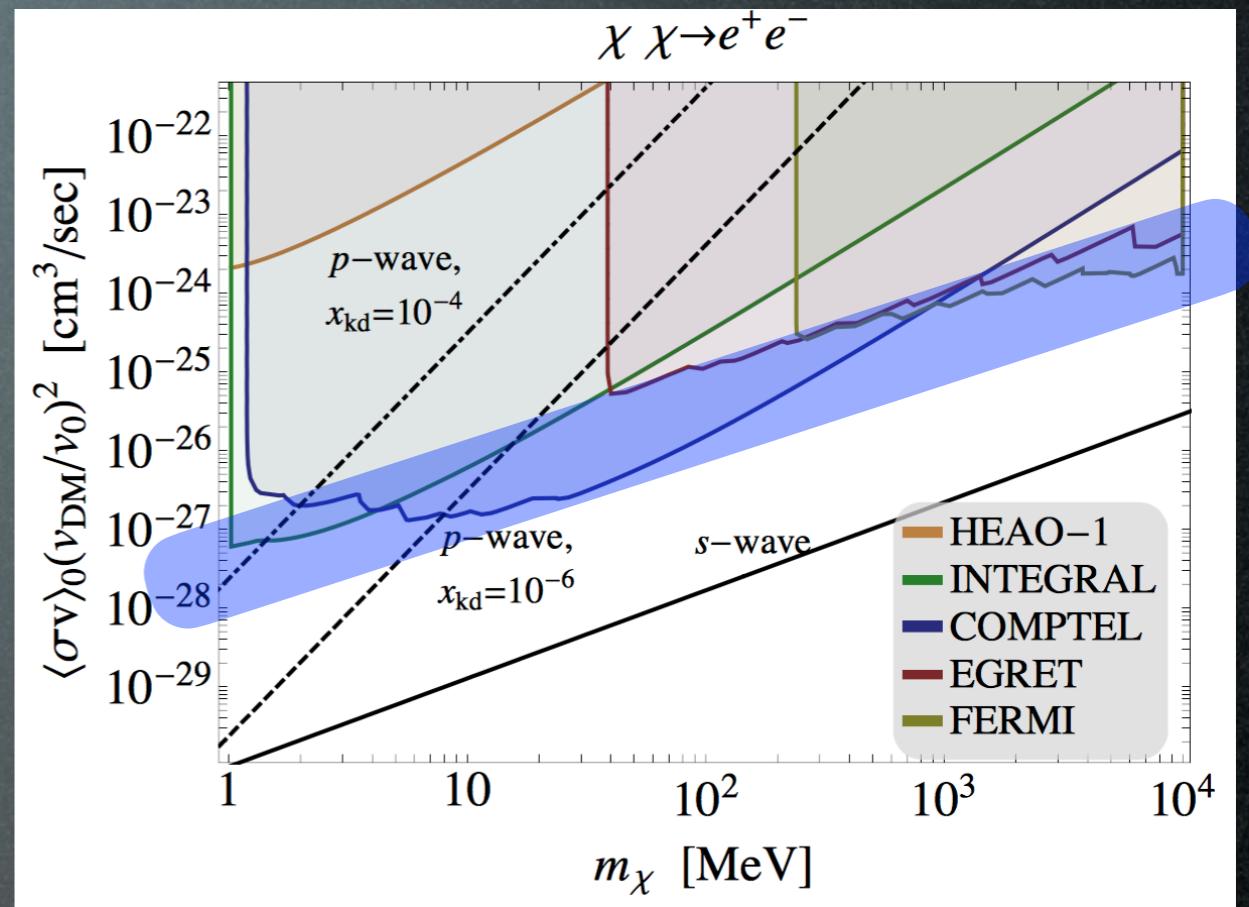
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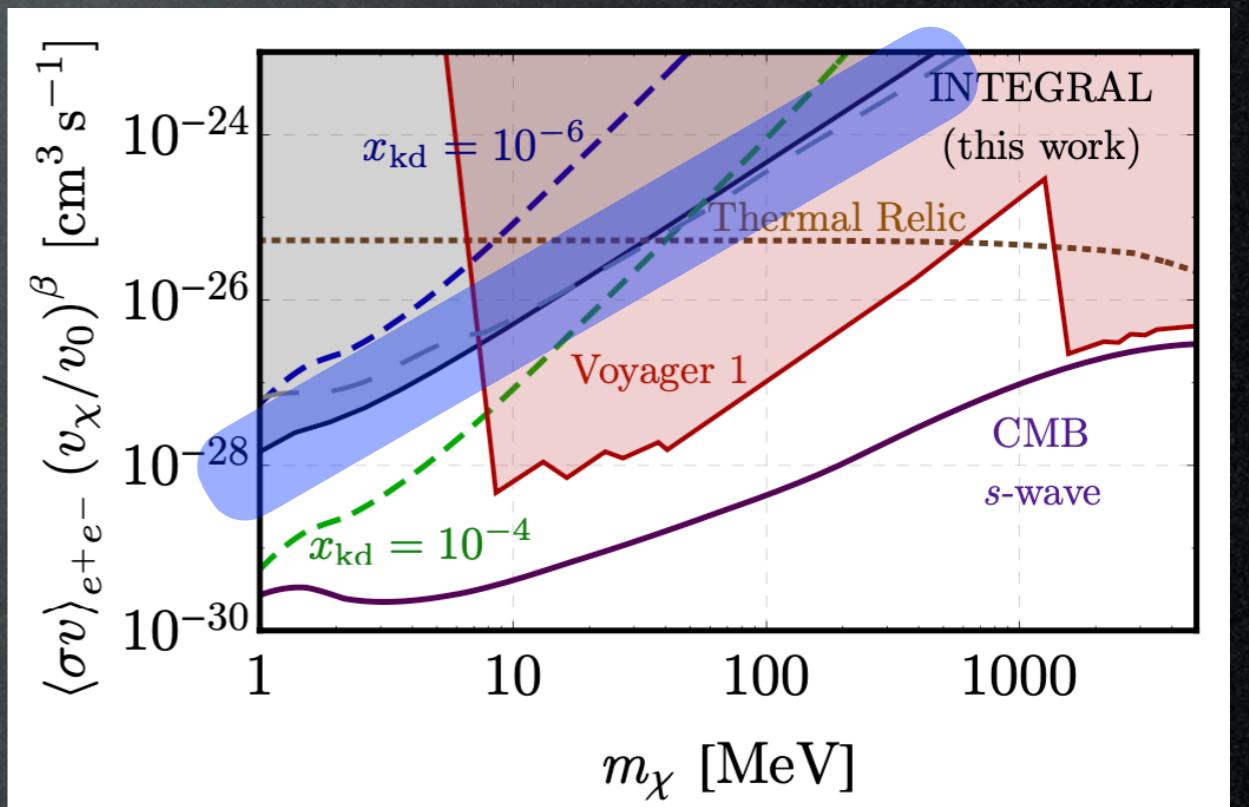
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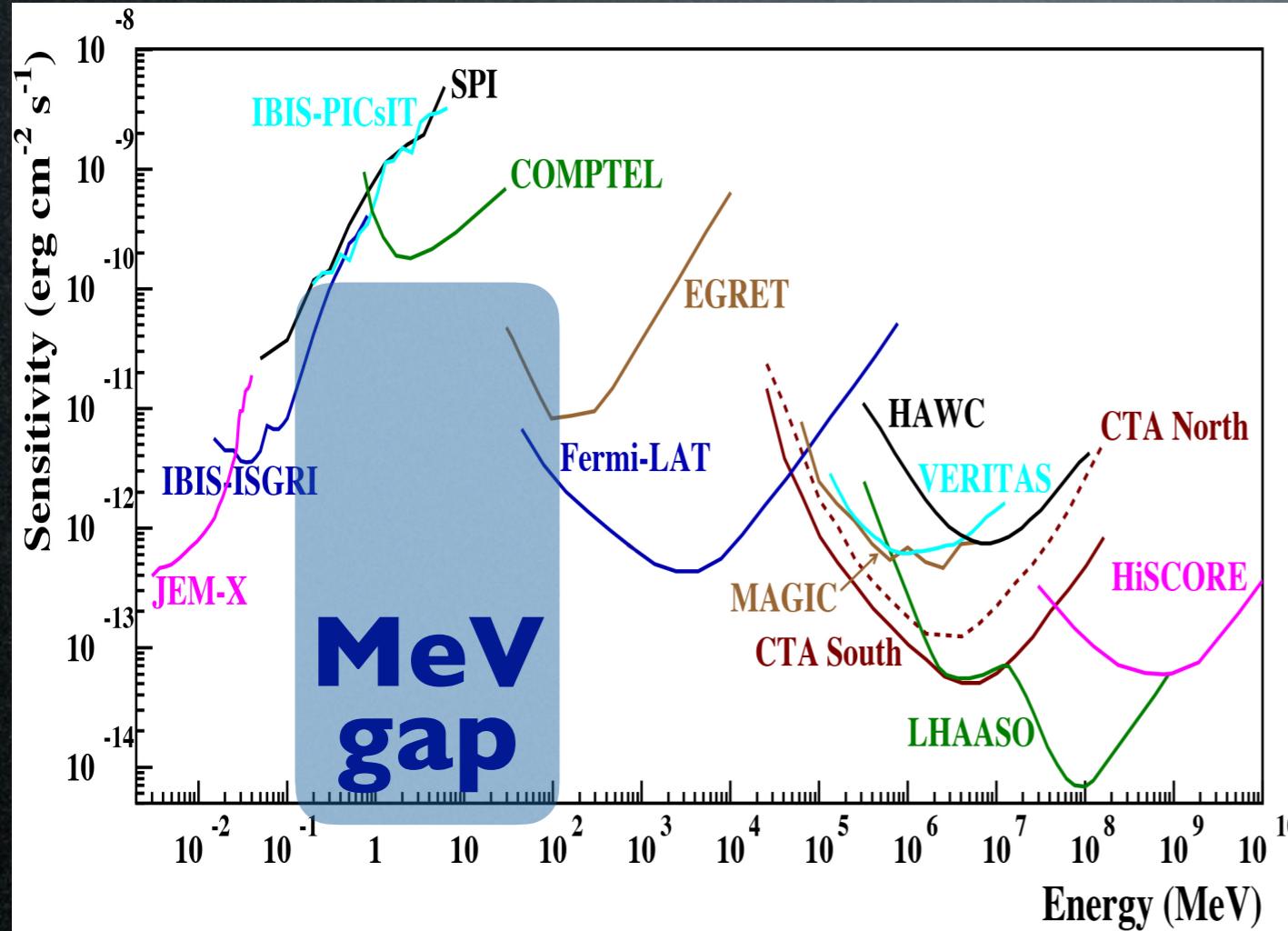
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How to do better?
ICS & X-rays!

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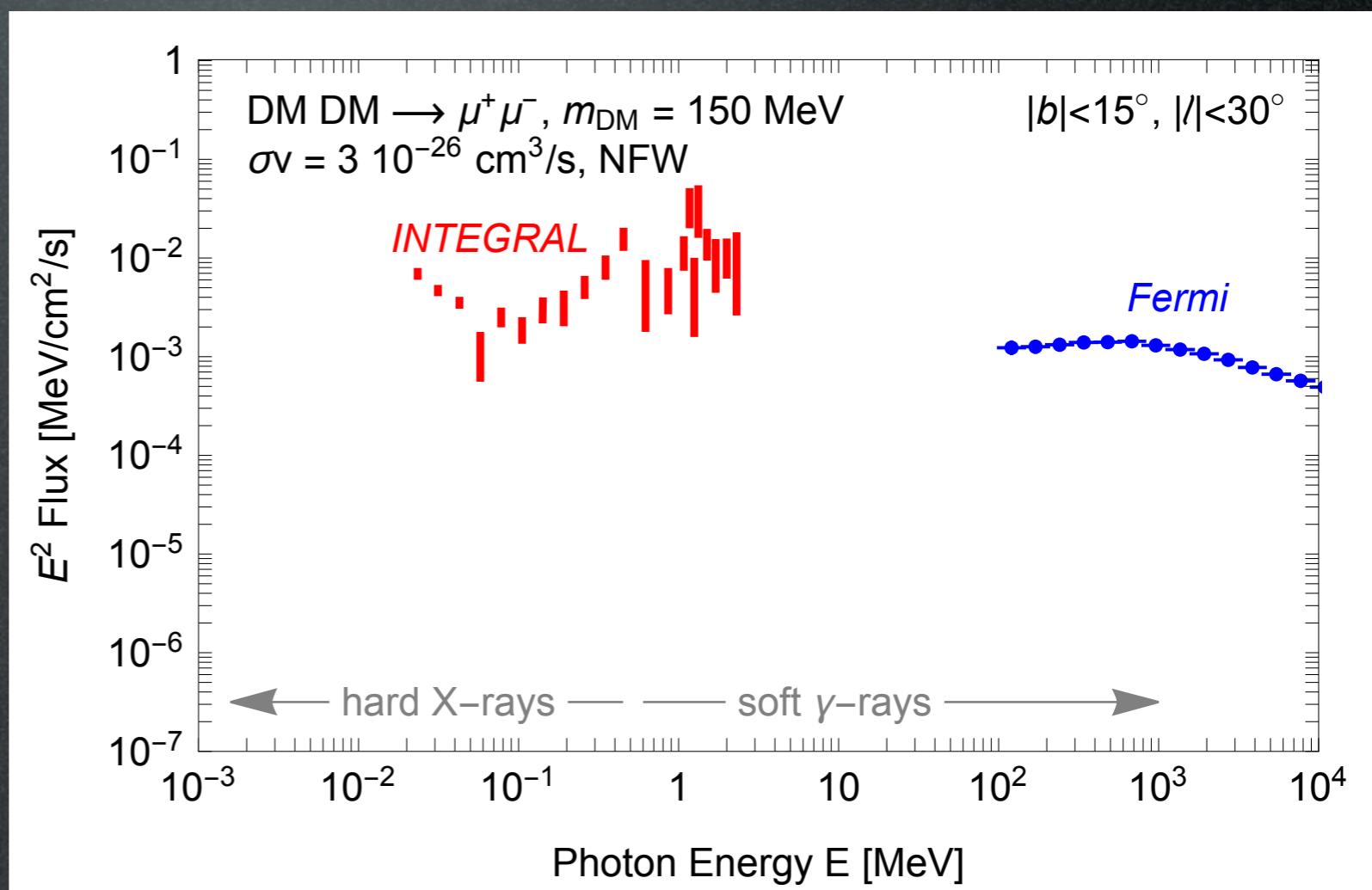
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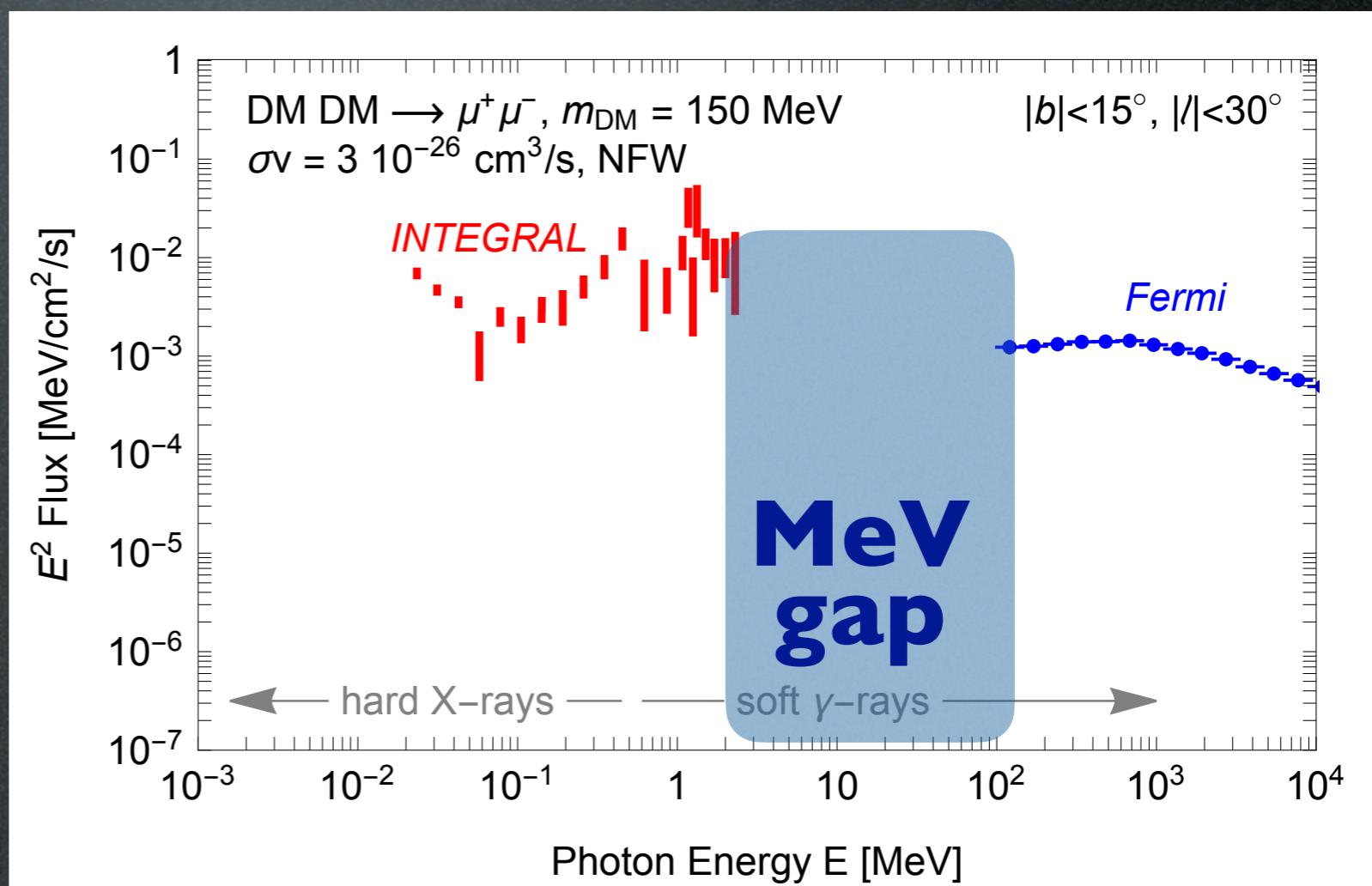
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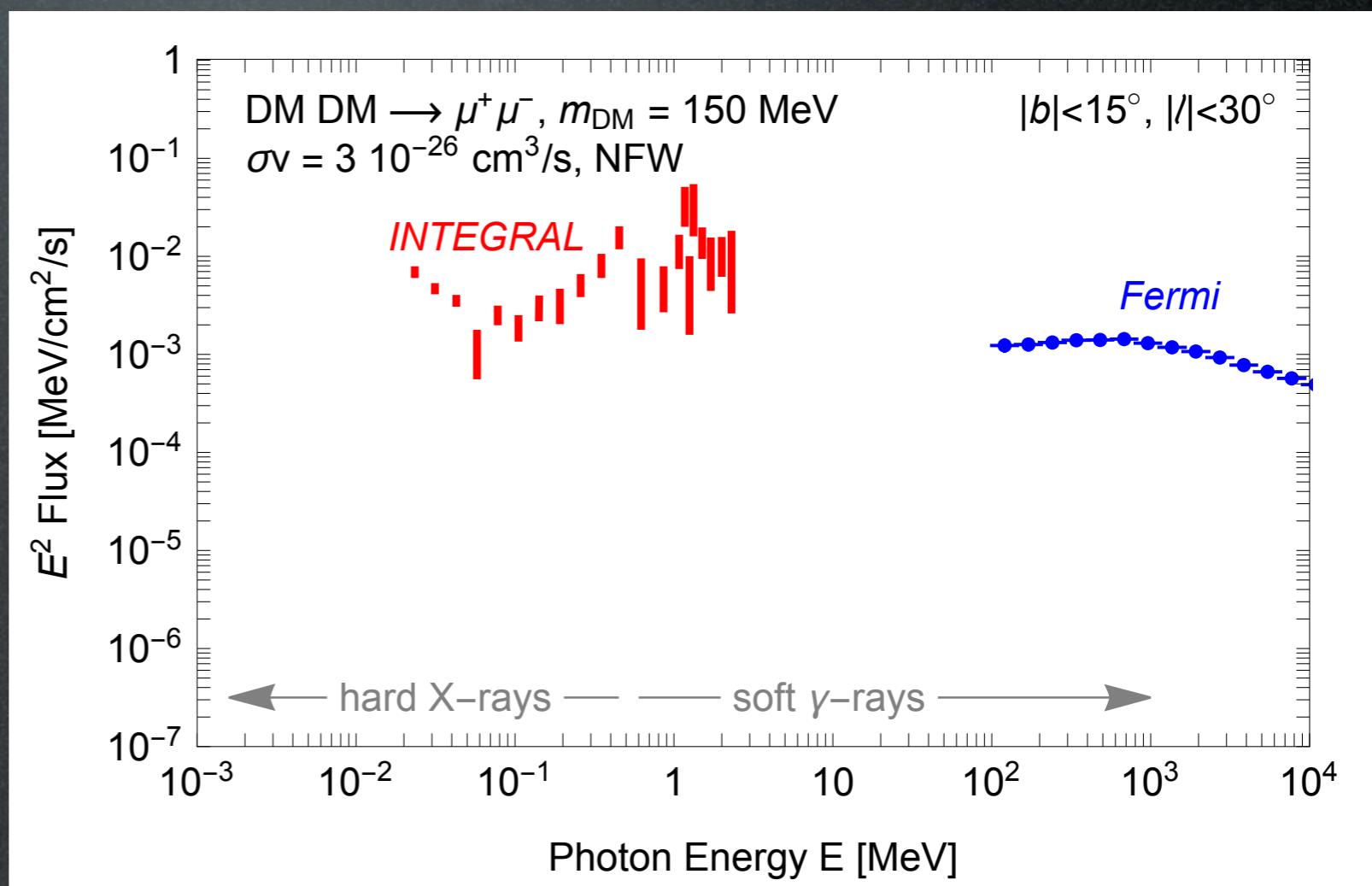
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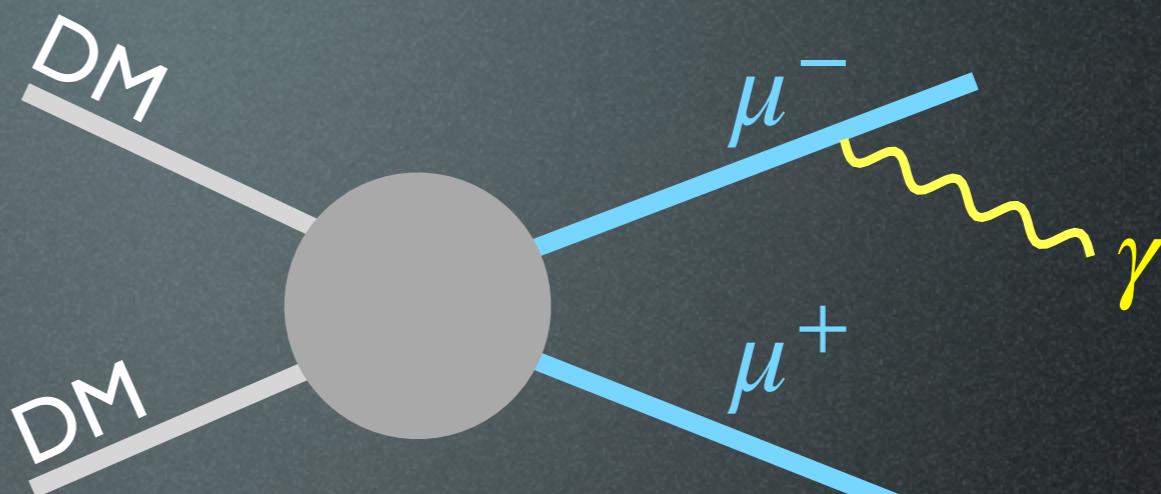
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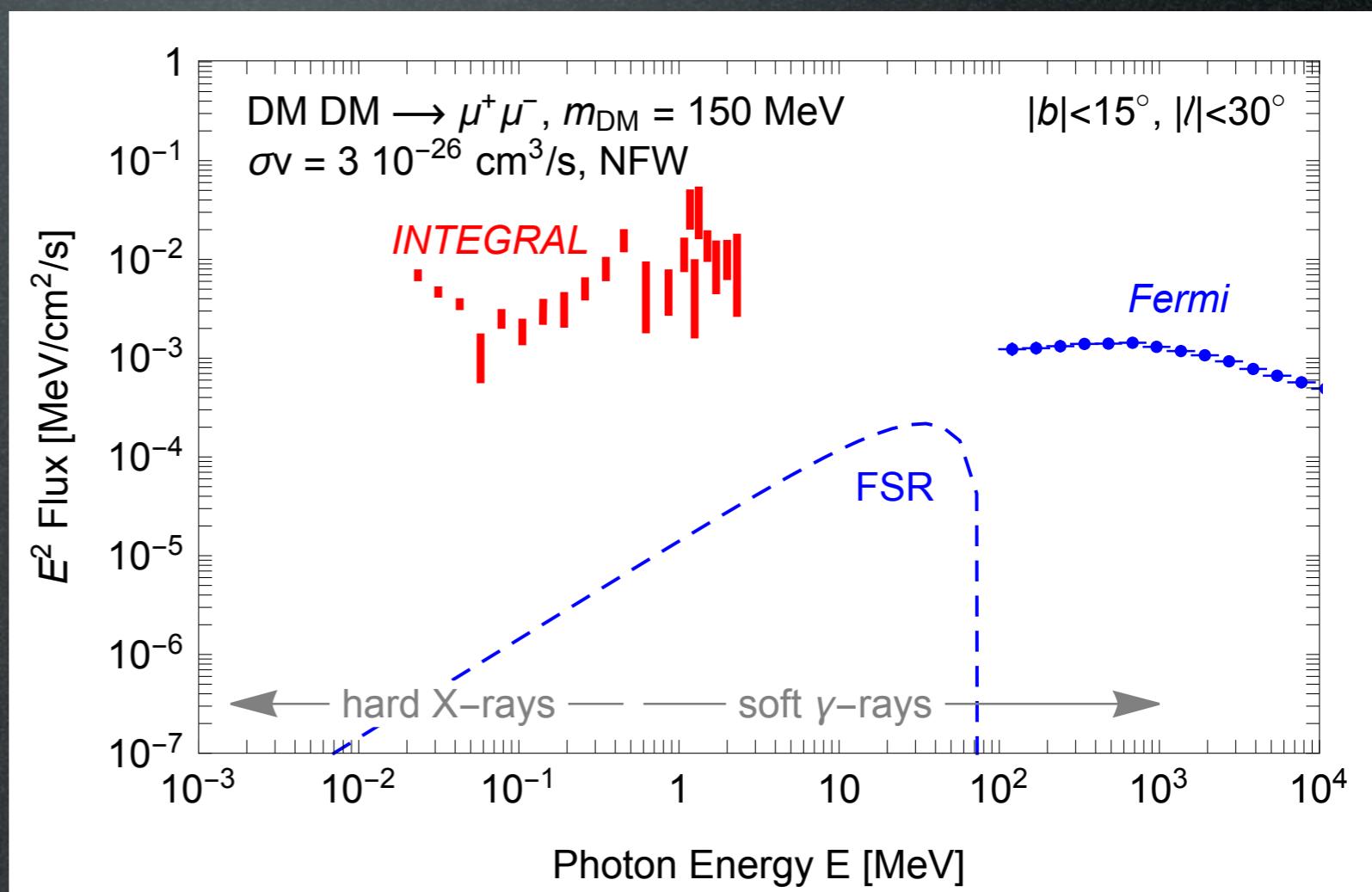
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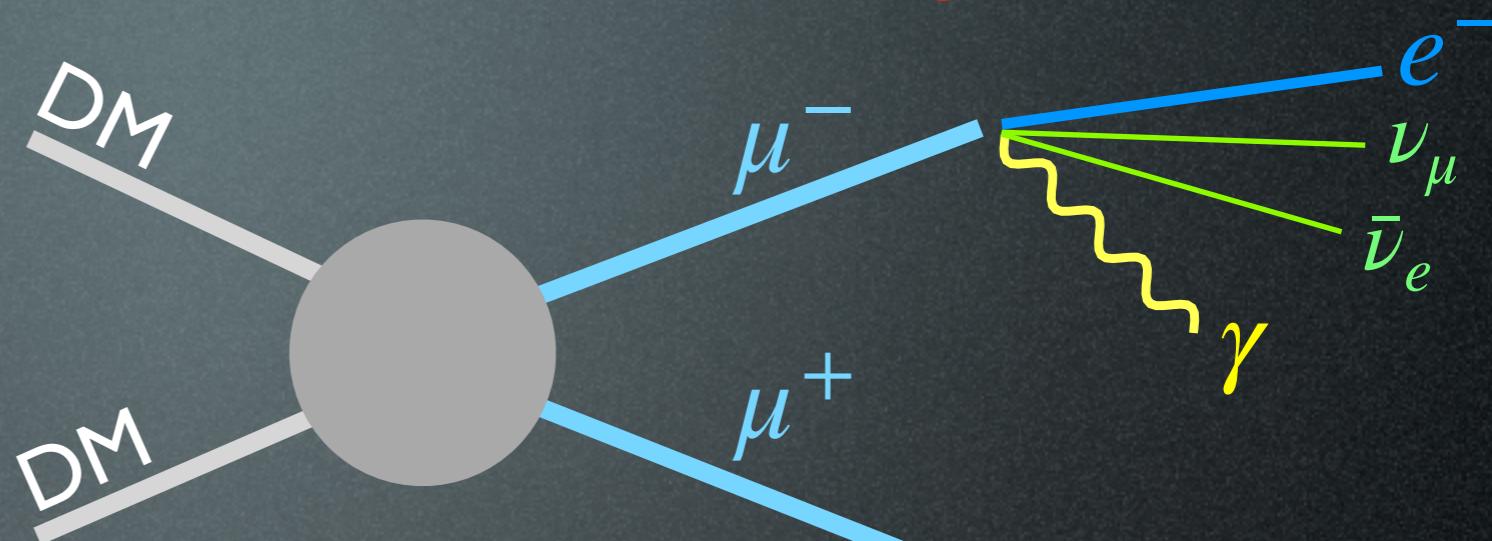
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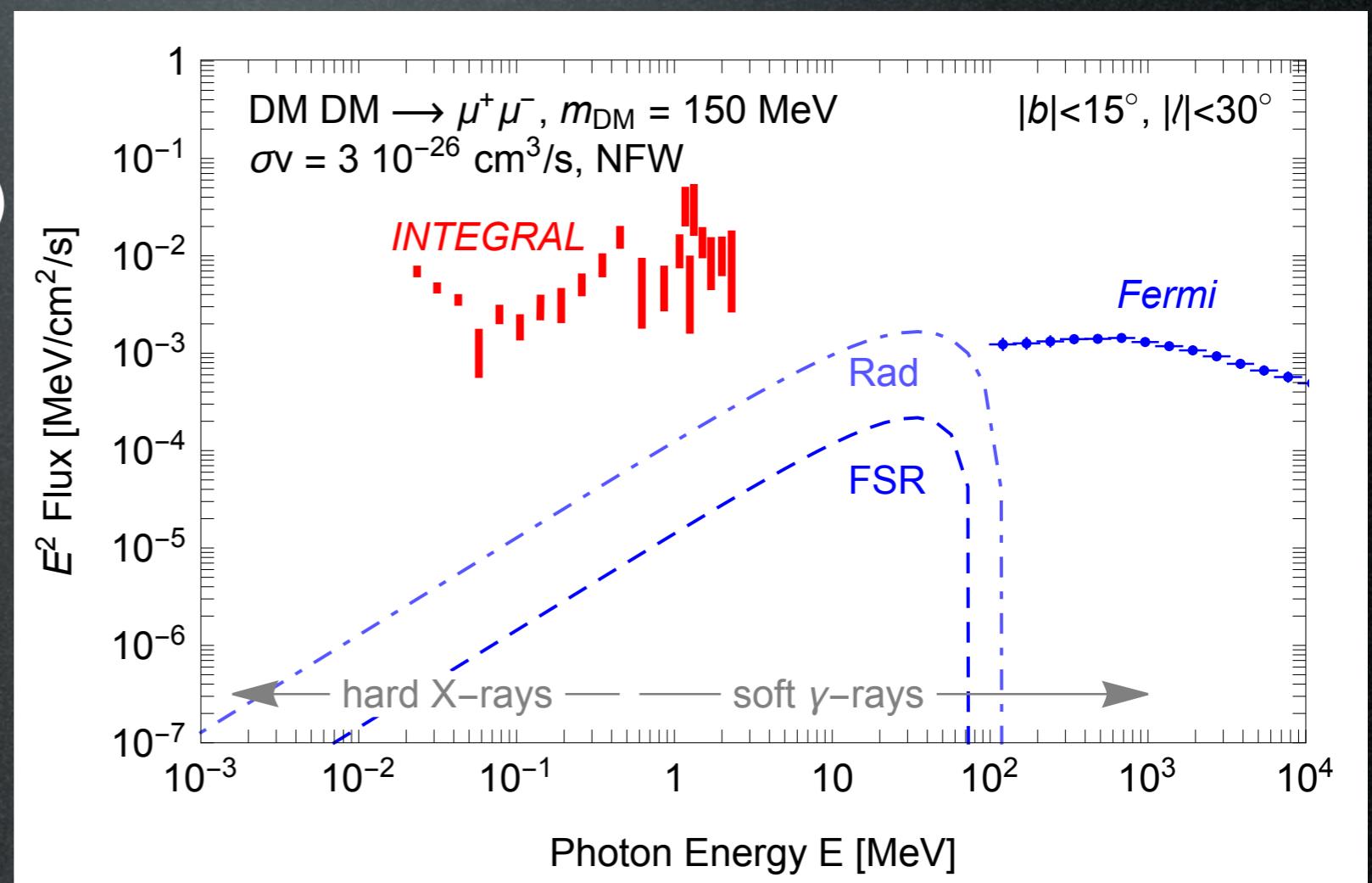
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*Usually irrelevant,
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decaying ‘at rest’!*



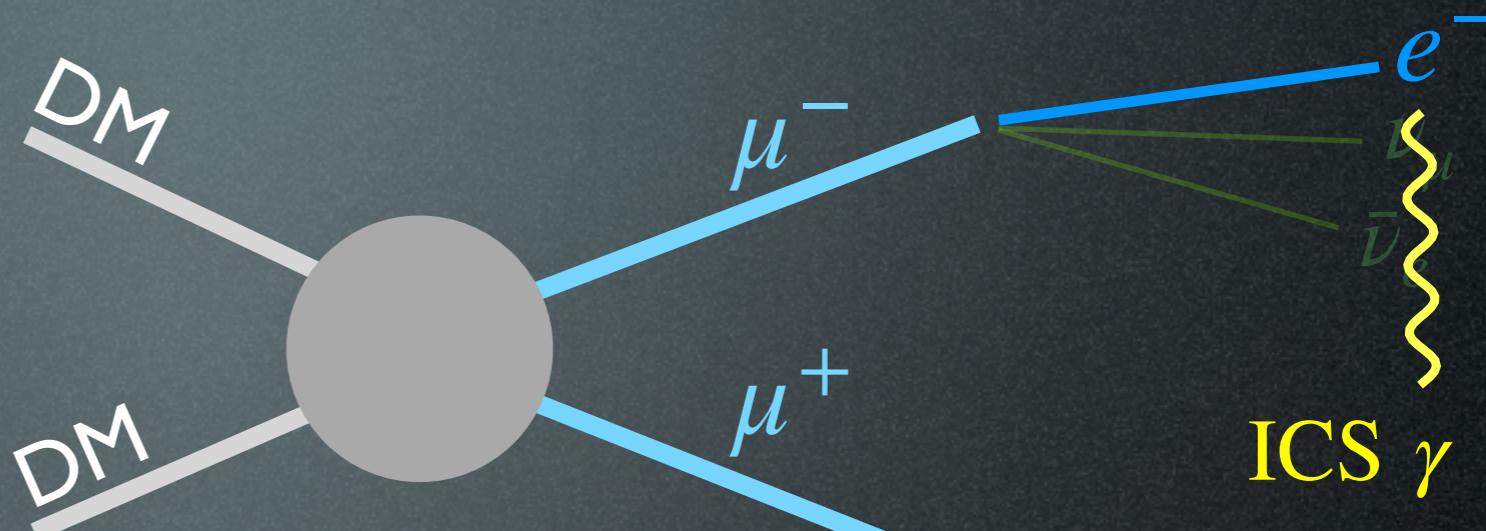
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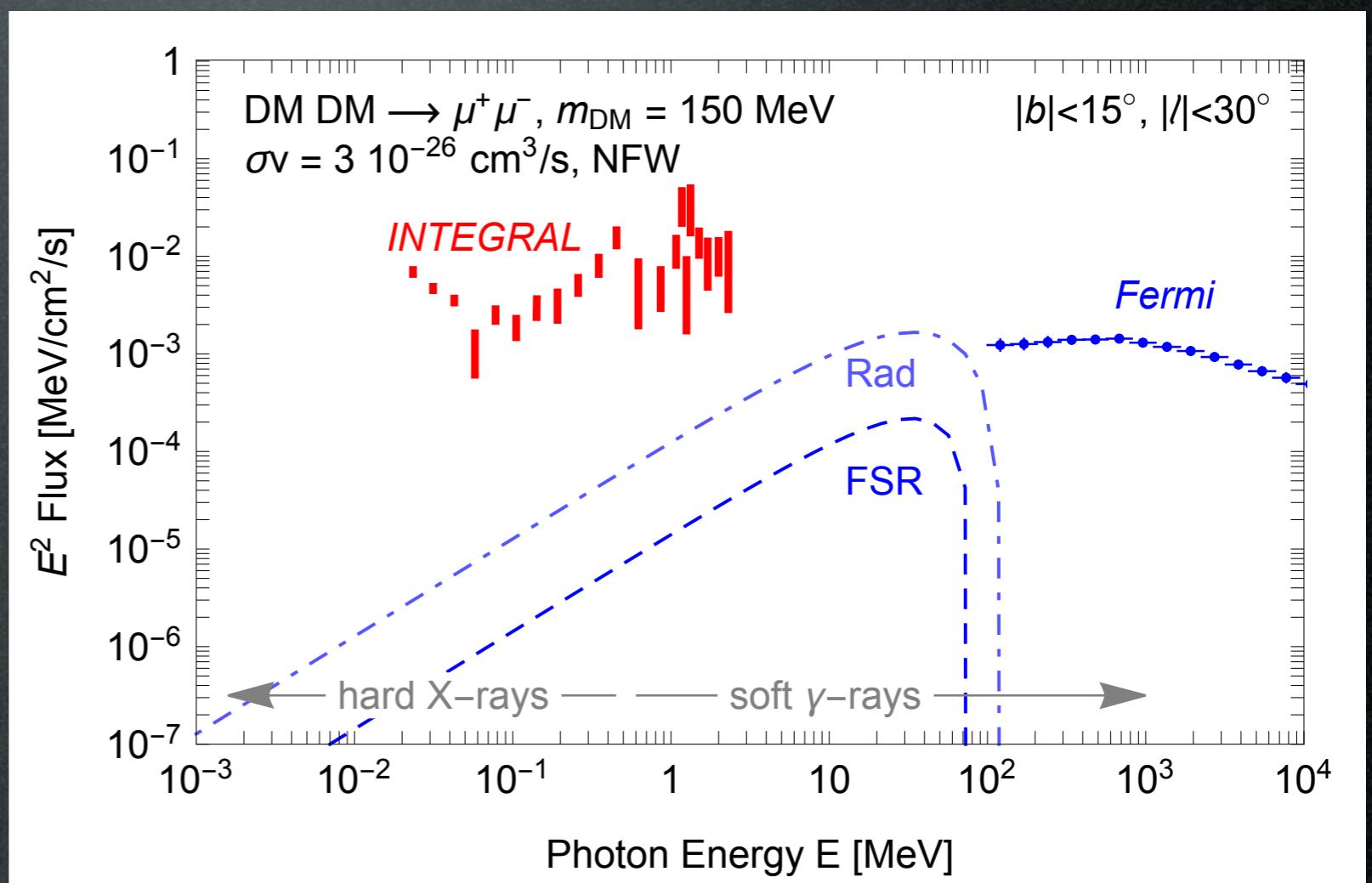
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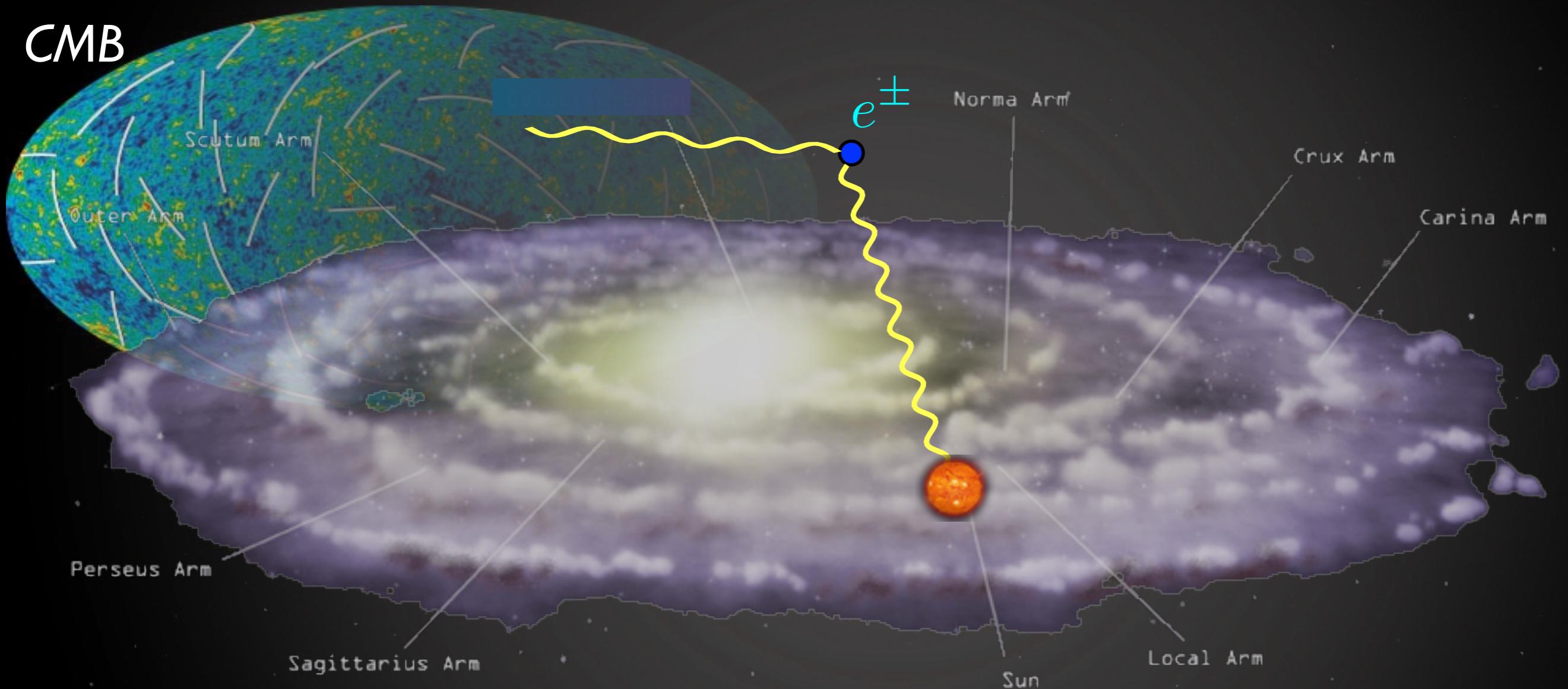


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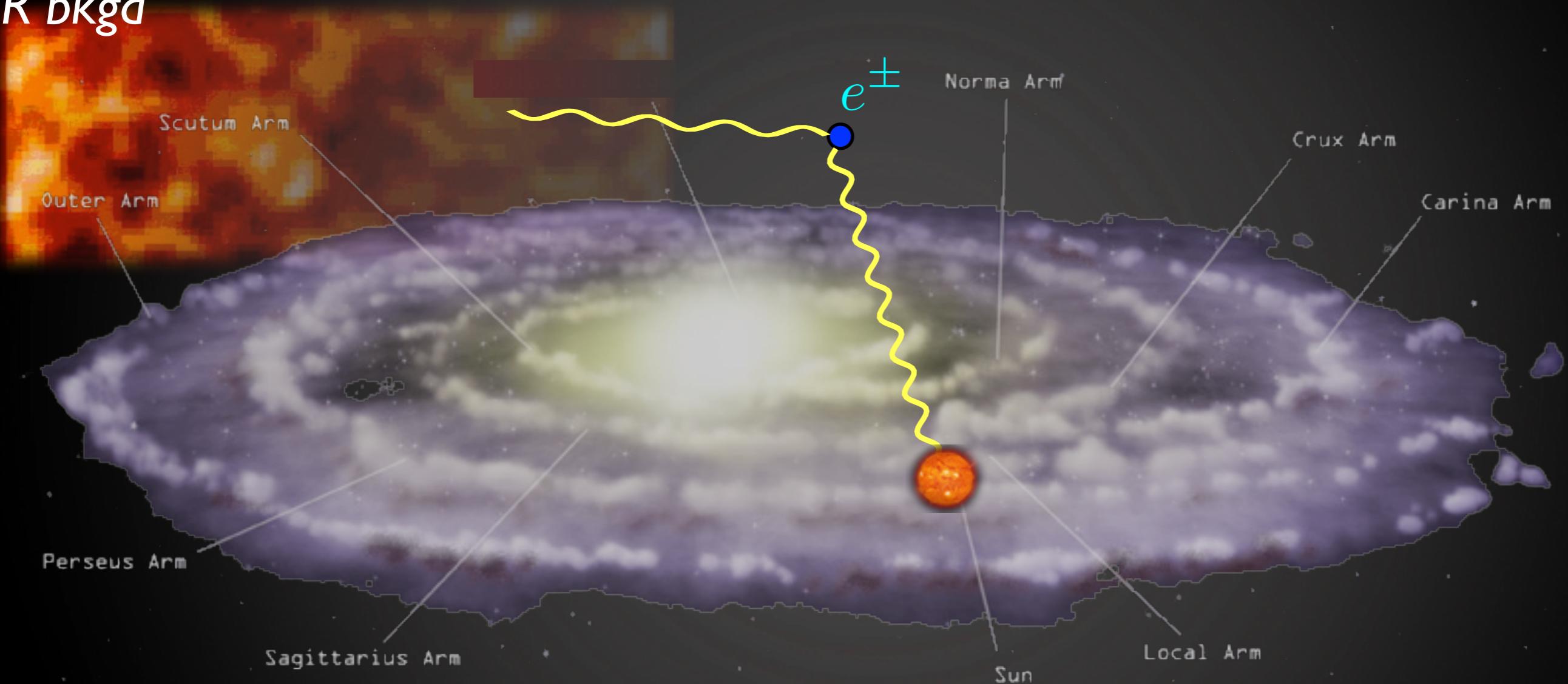


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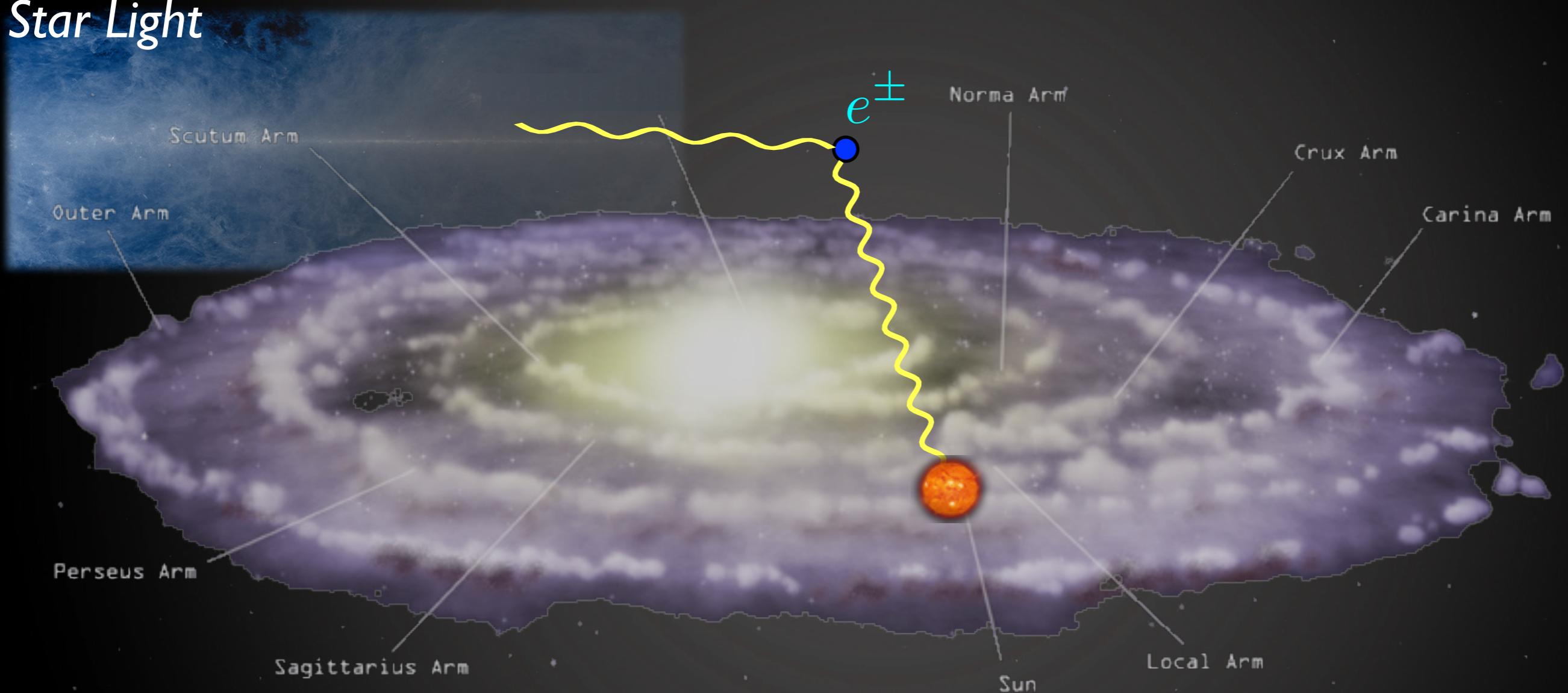


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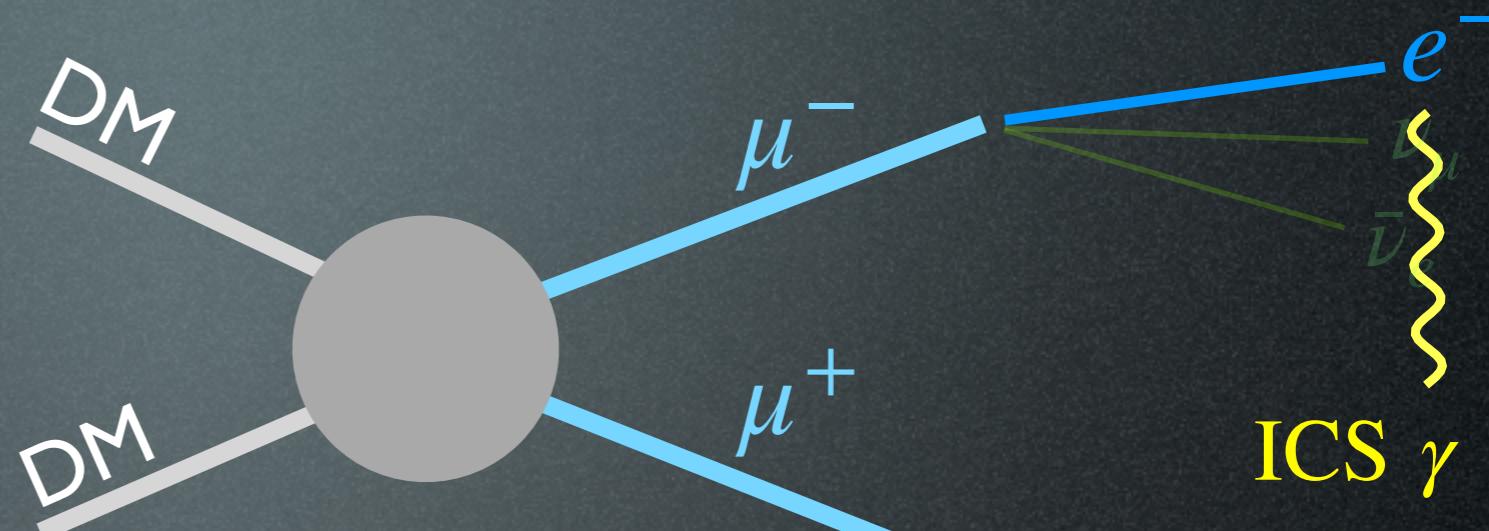
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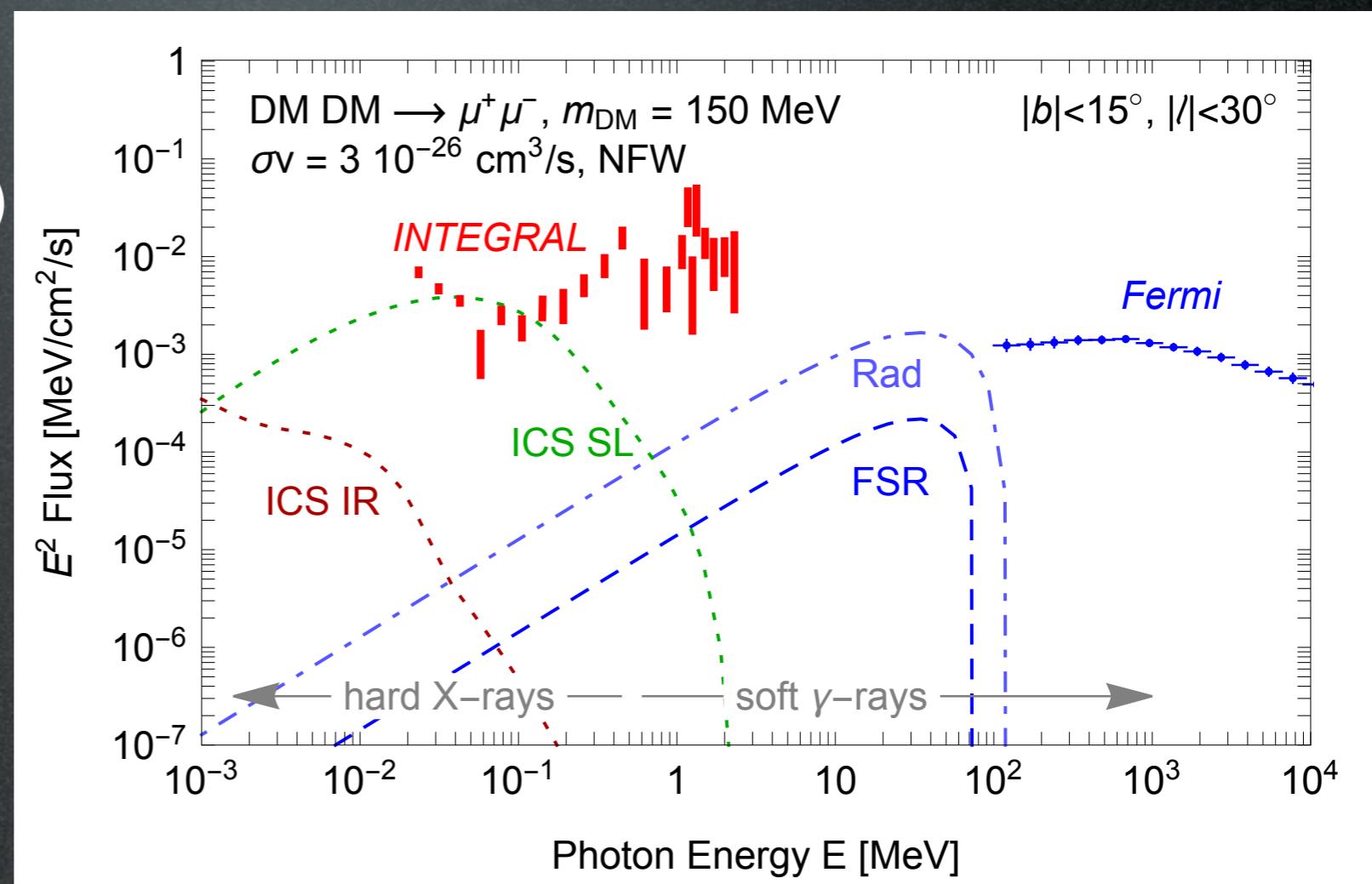
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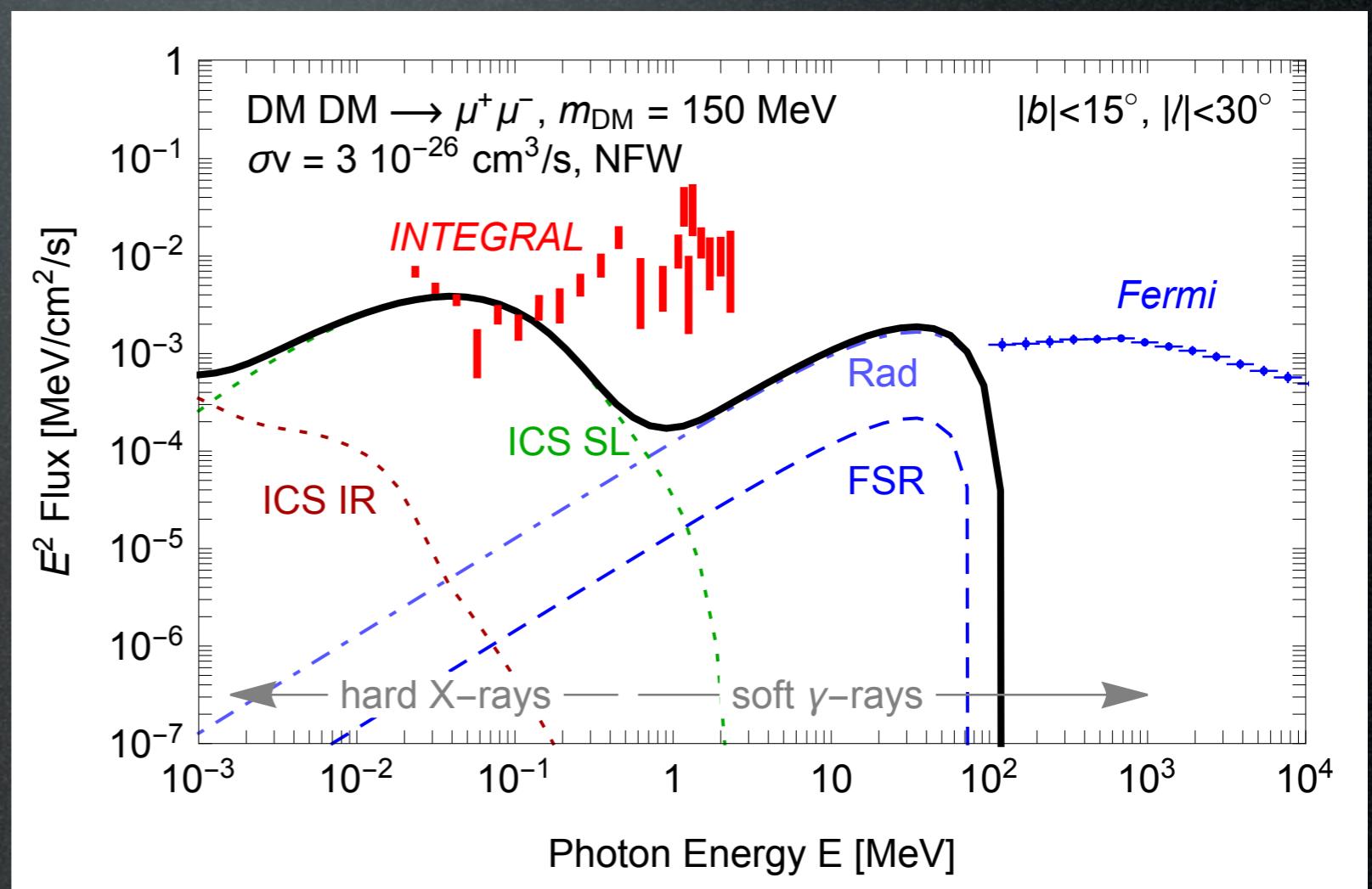
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Key message:
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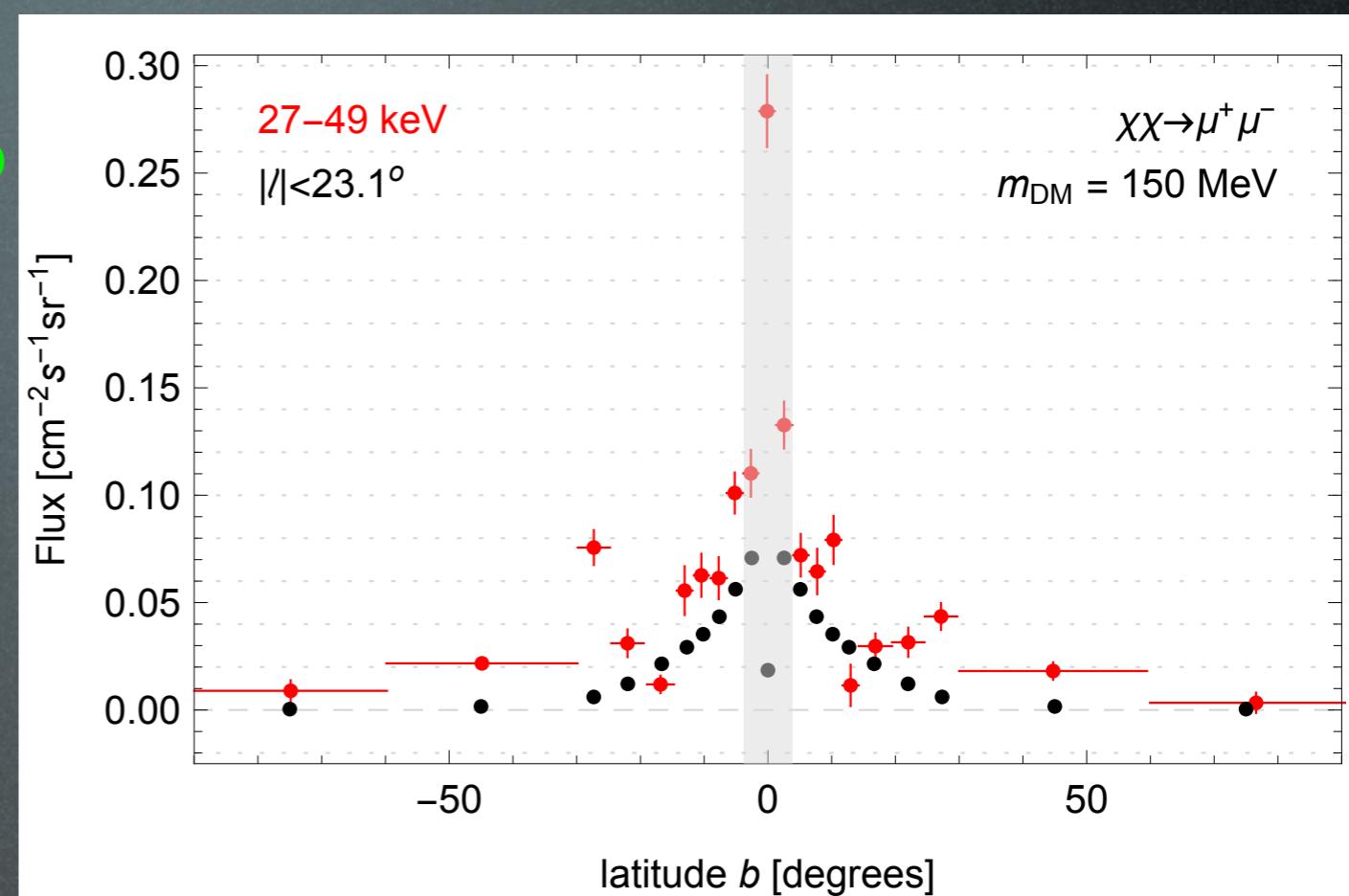
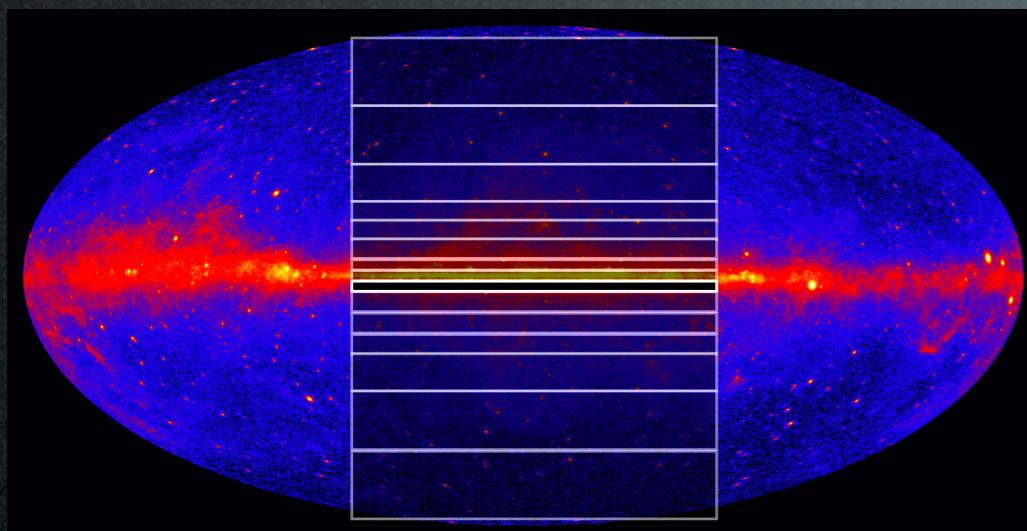


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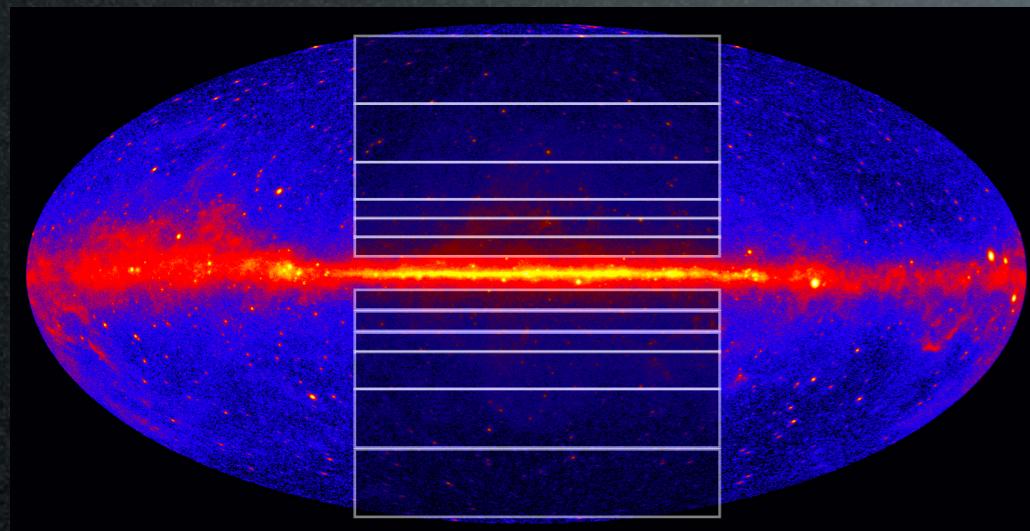


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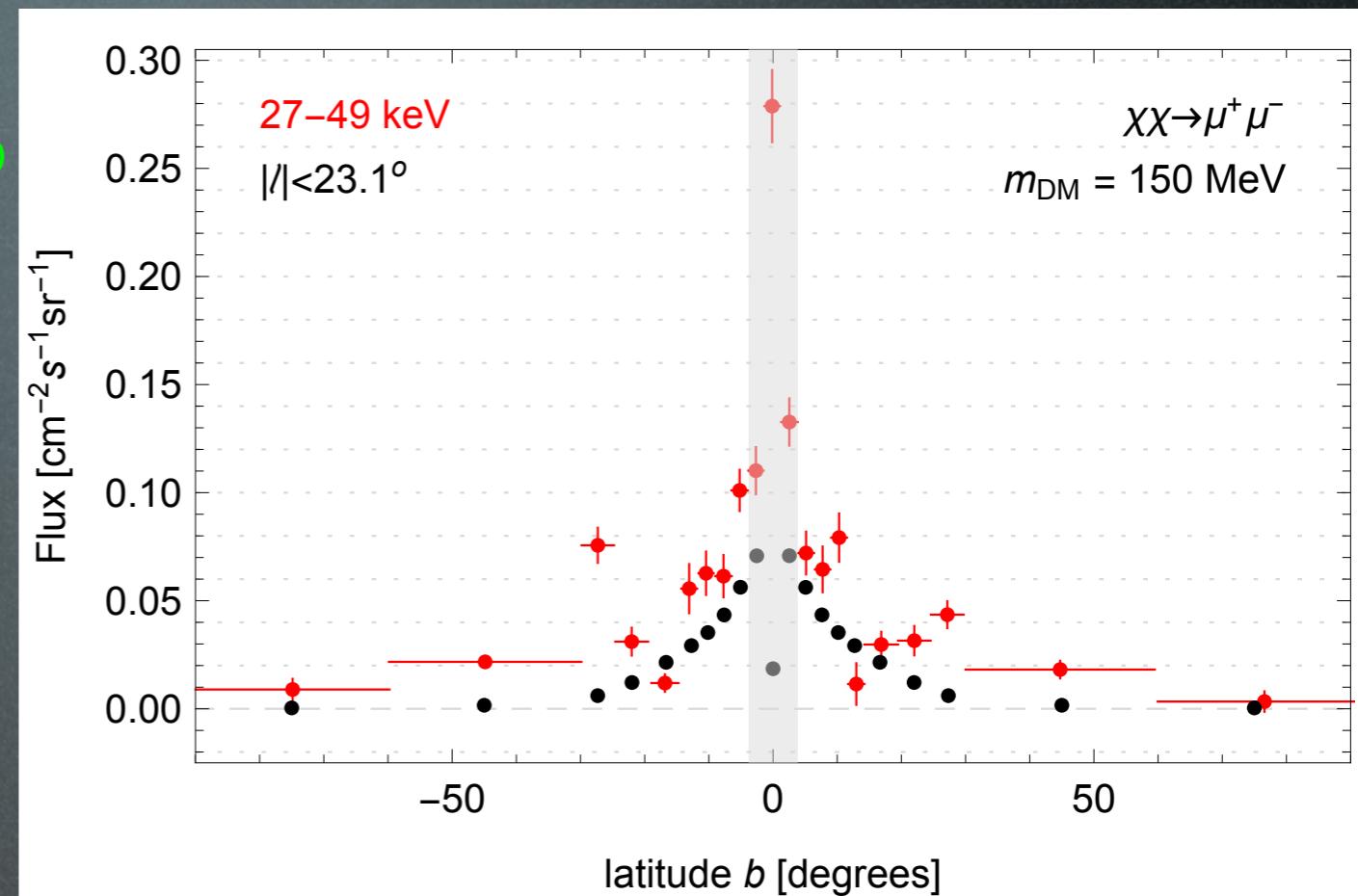
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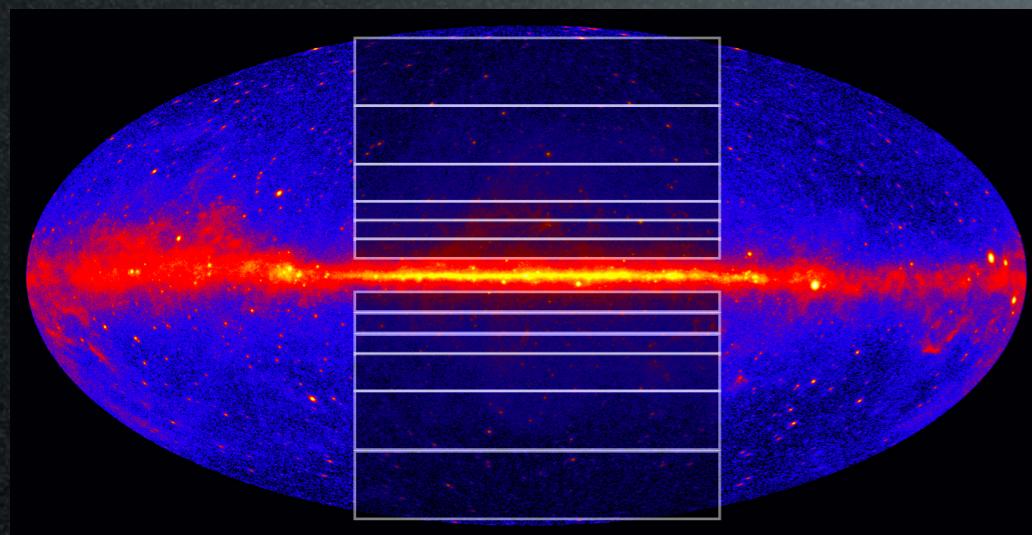


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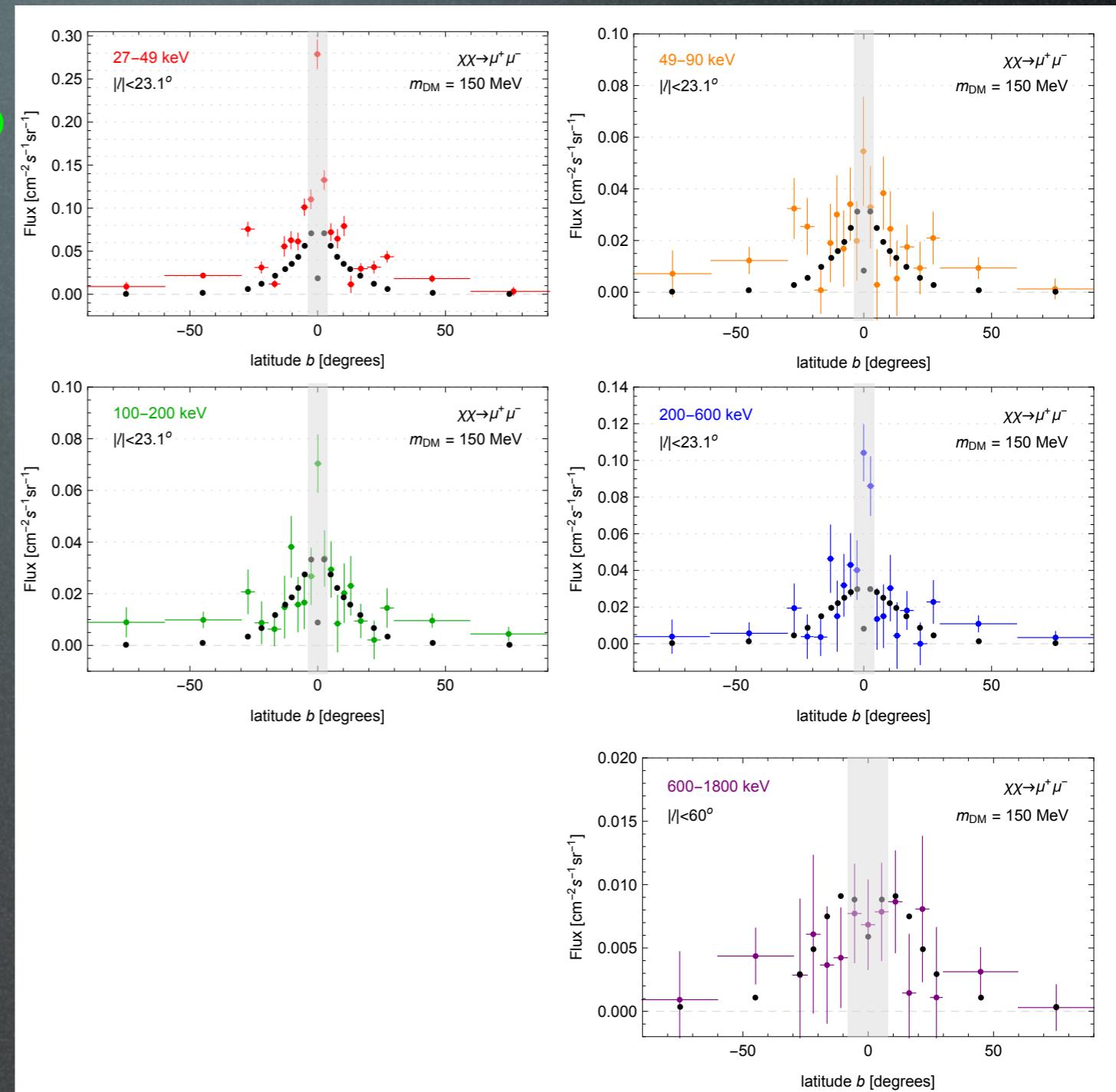
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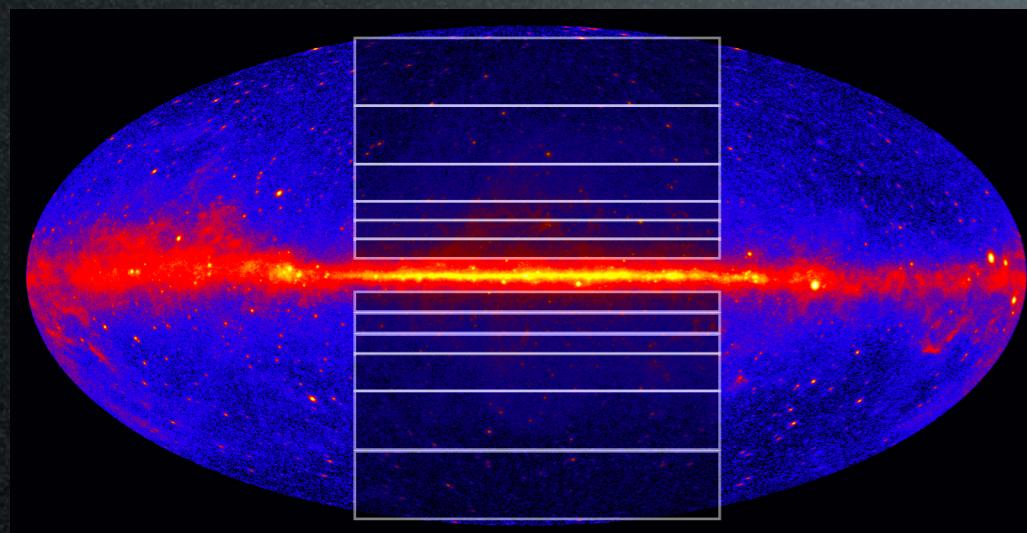


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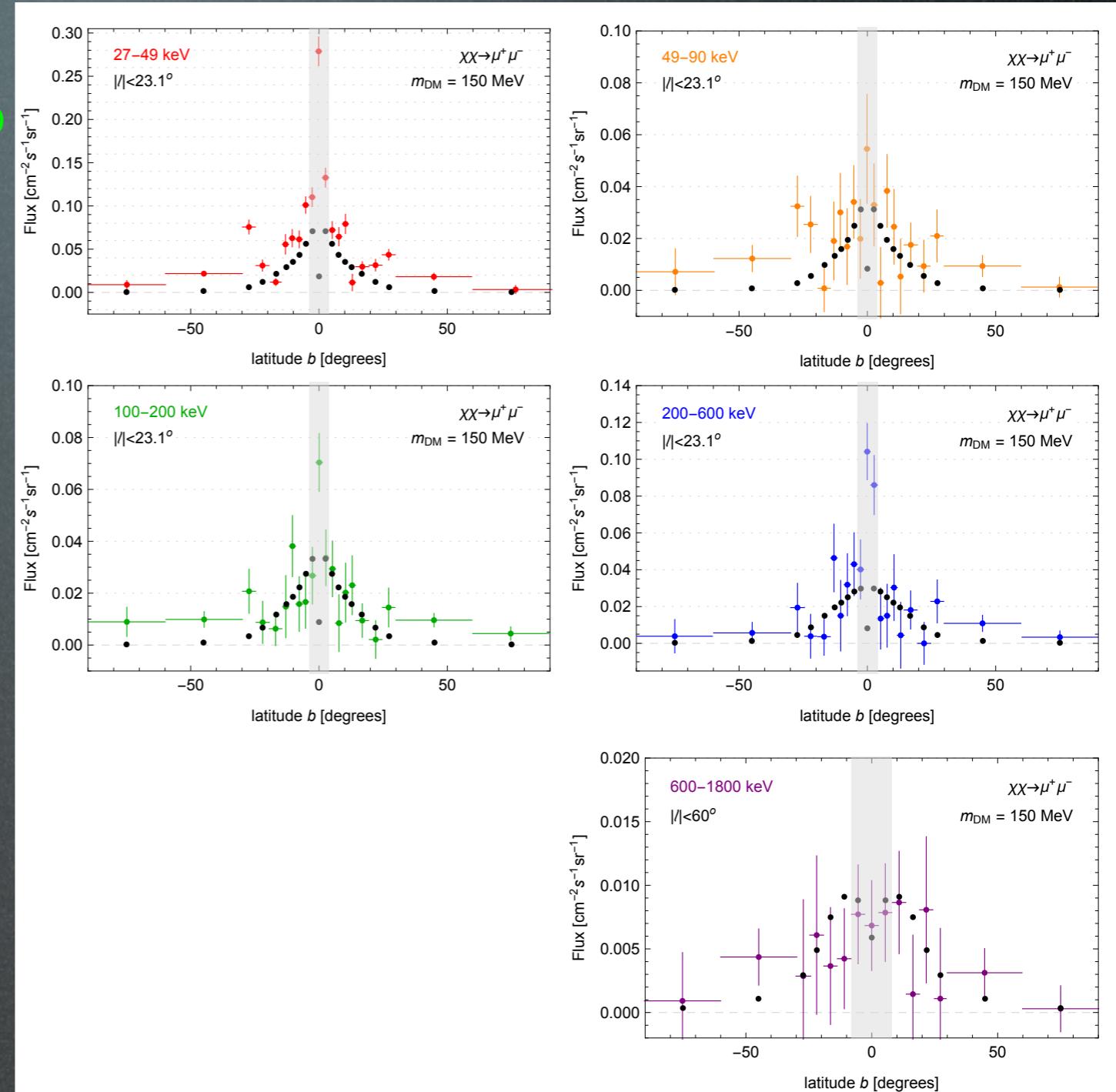
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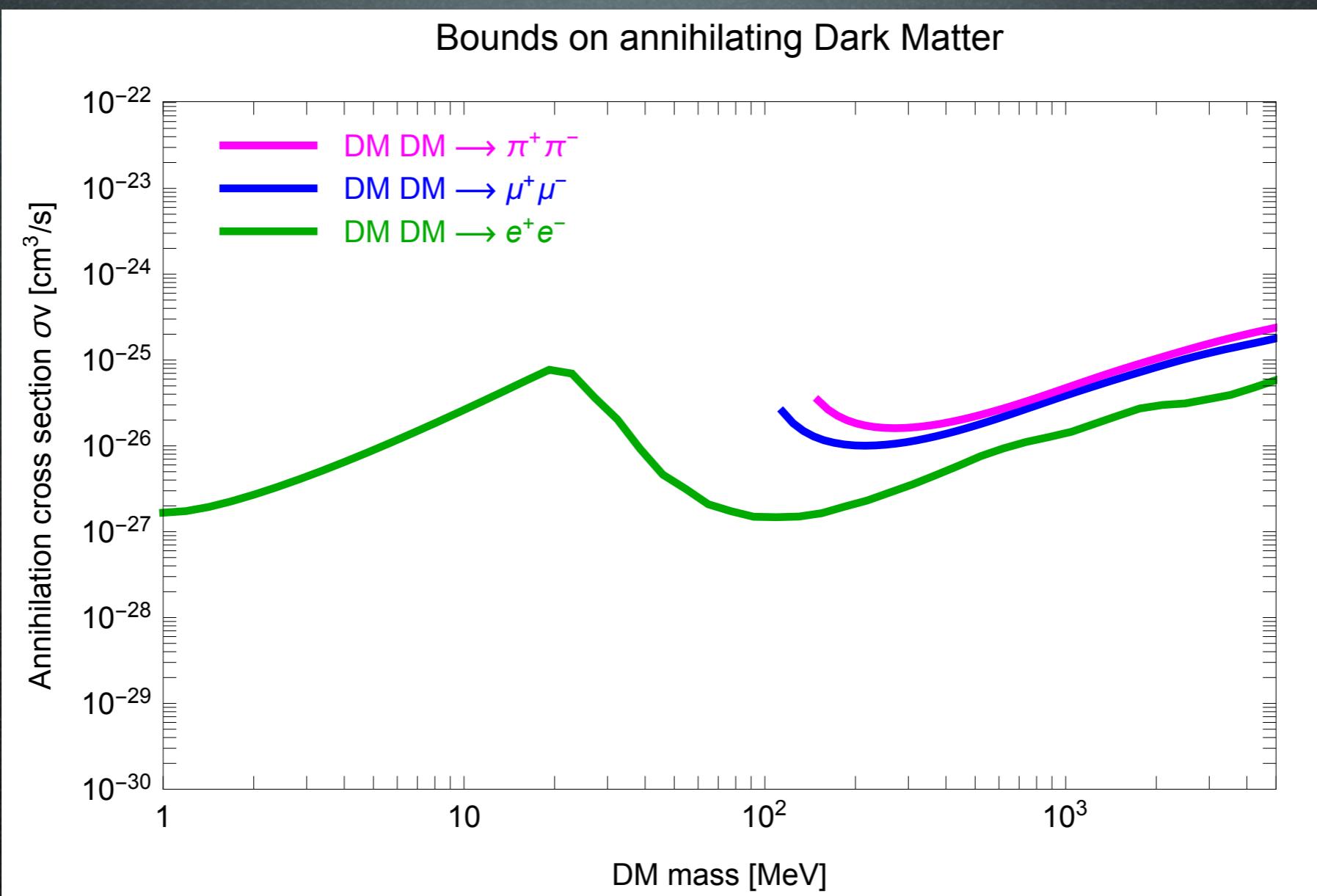
Test Statistics:
exclude if DM exceeds data
by more than $\sim 2\sigma$ global.

More precisely:

$$\chi^2_{>} = \sum_{\text{bands}} \sum_{i \in \{\text{b bins}\}} \frac{(\text{Max}[(\Phi_{\text{DM},i}(\langle \sigma v \rangle) - \phi_i), 0])^2}{\sigma_i^2} \quad \chi^2_{>} \geq 4$$

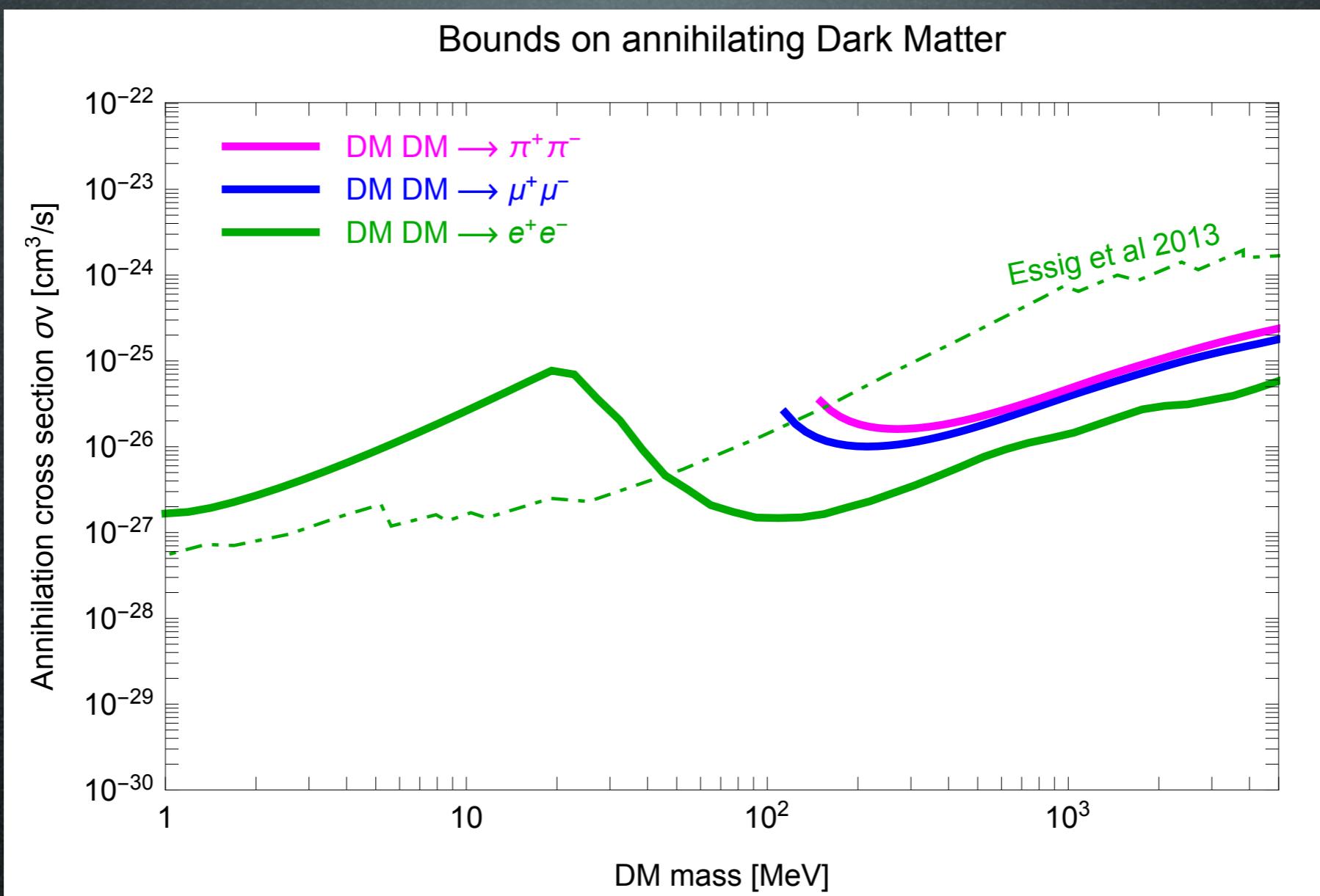


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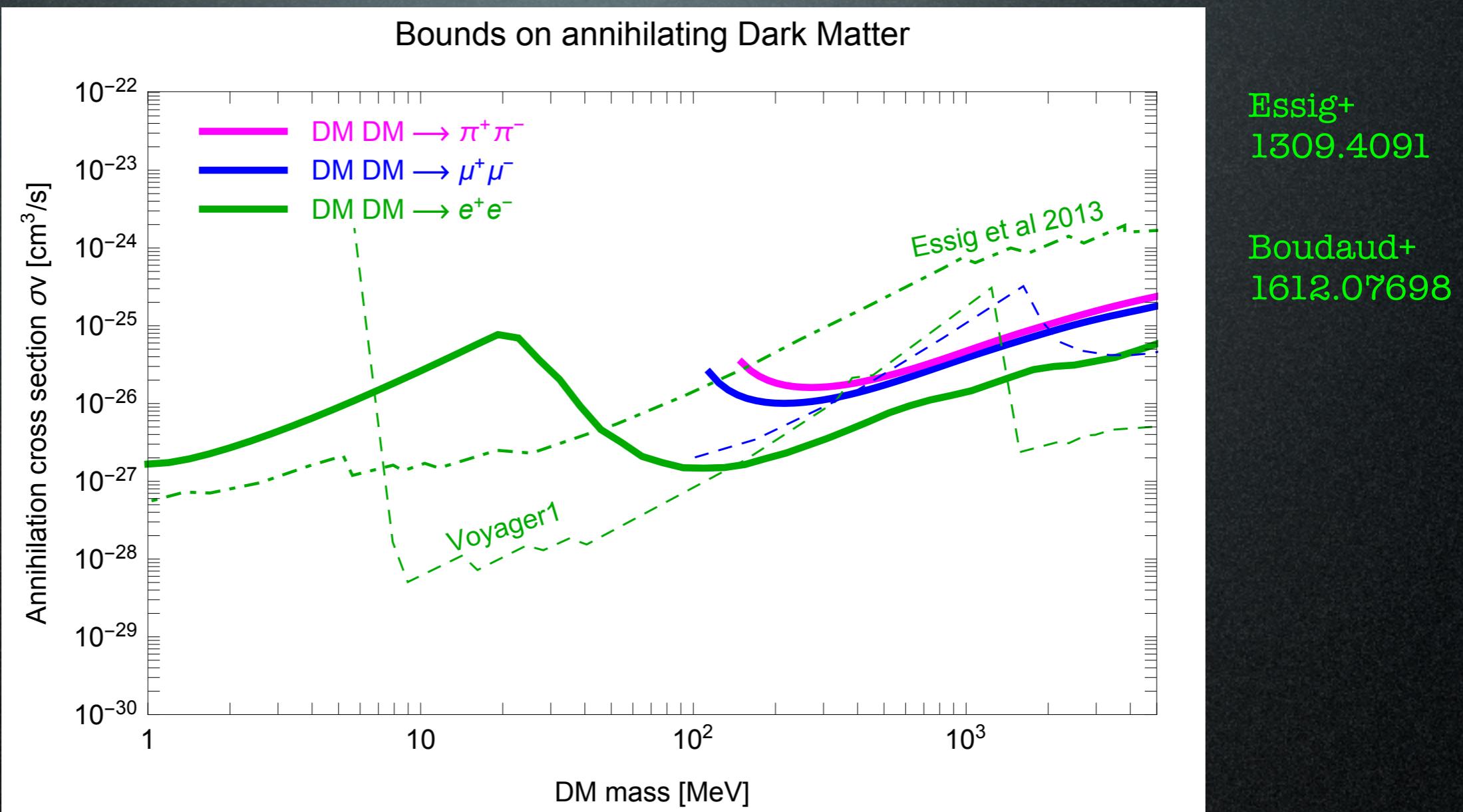
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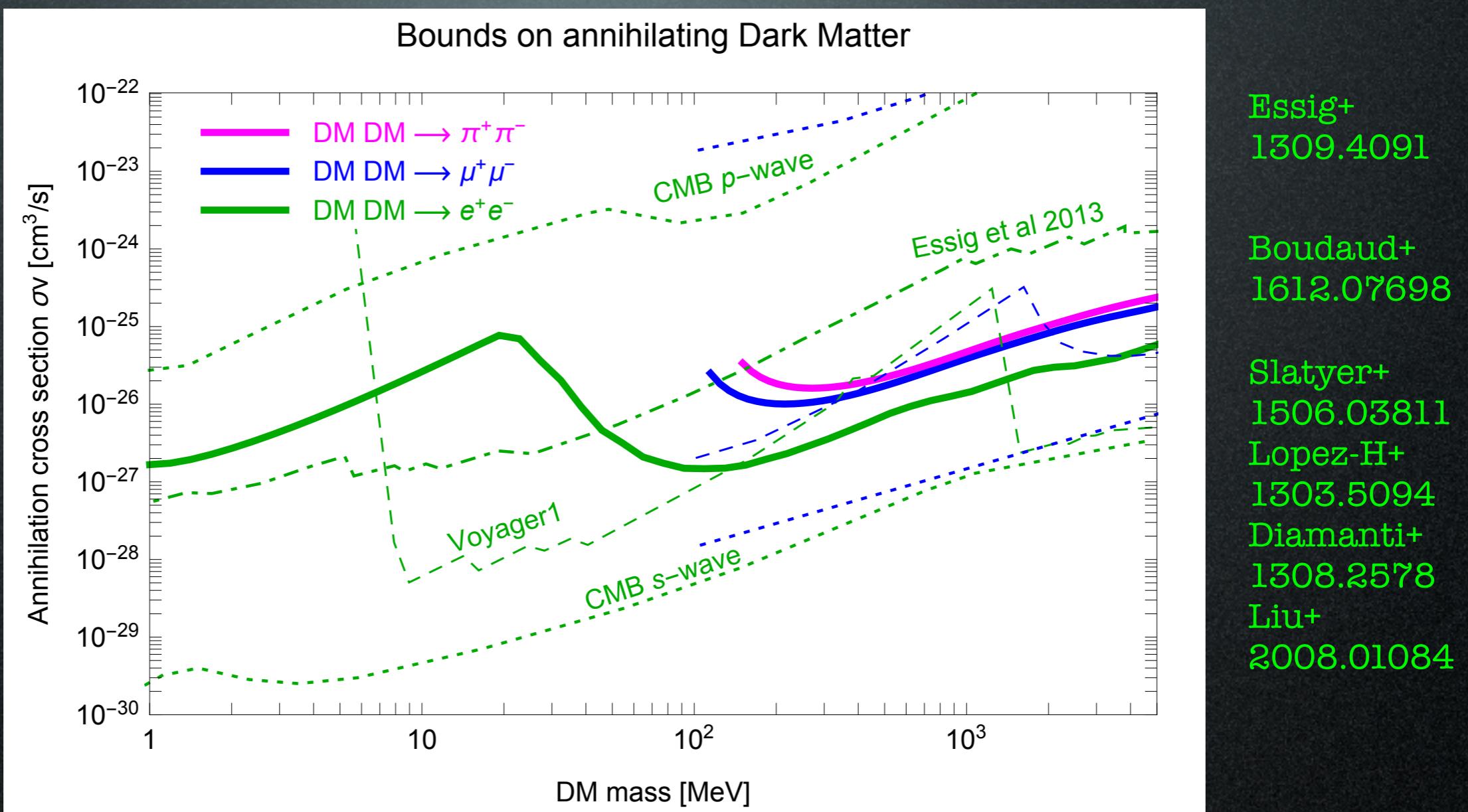
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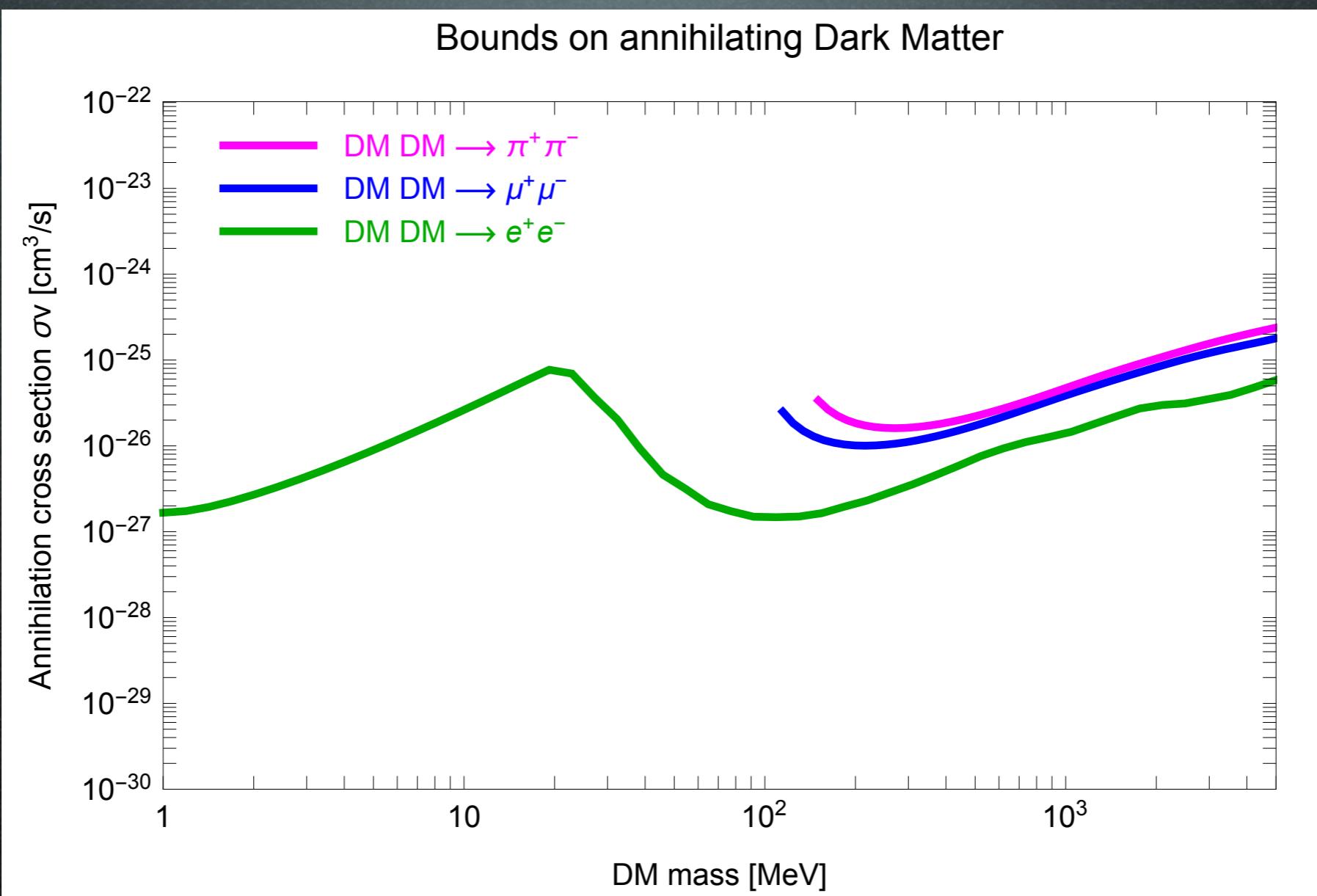
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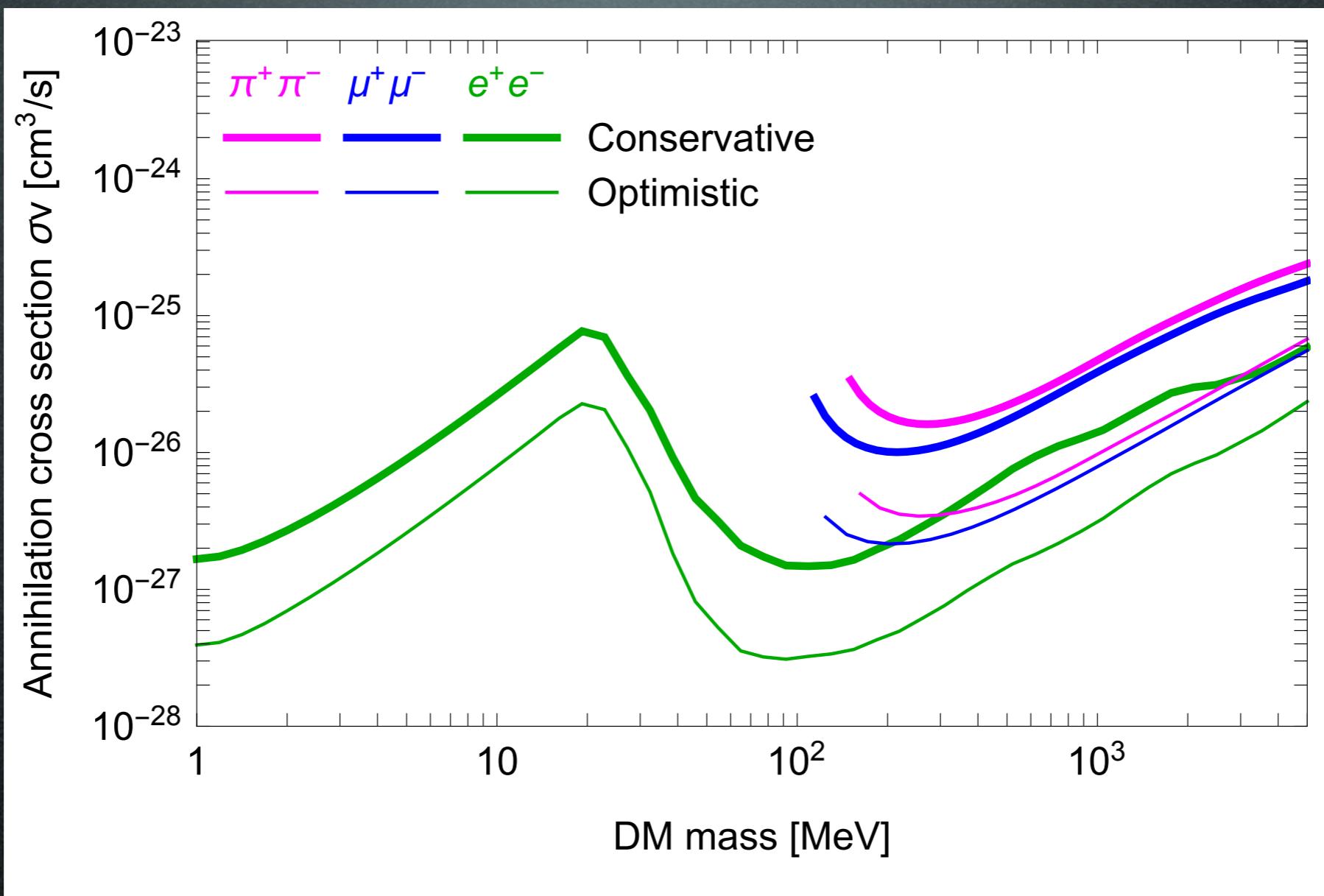
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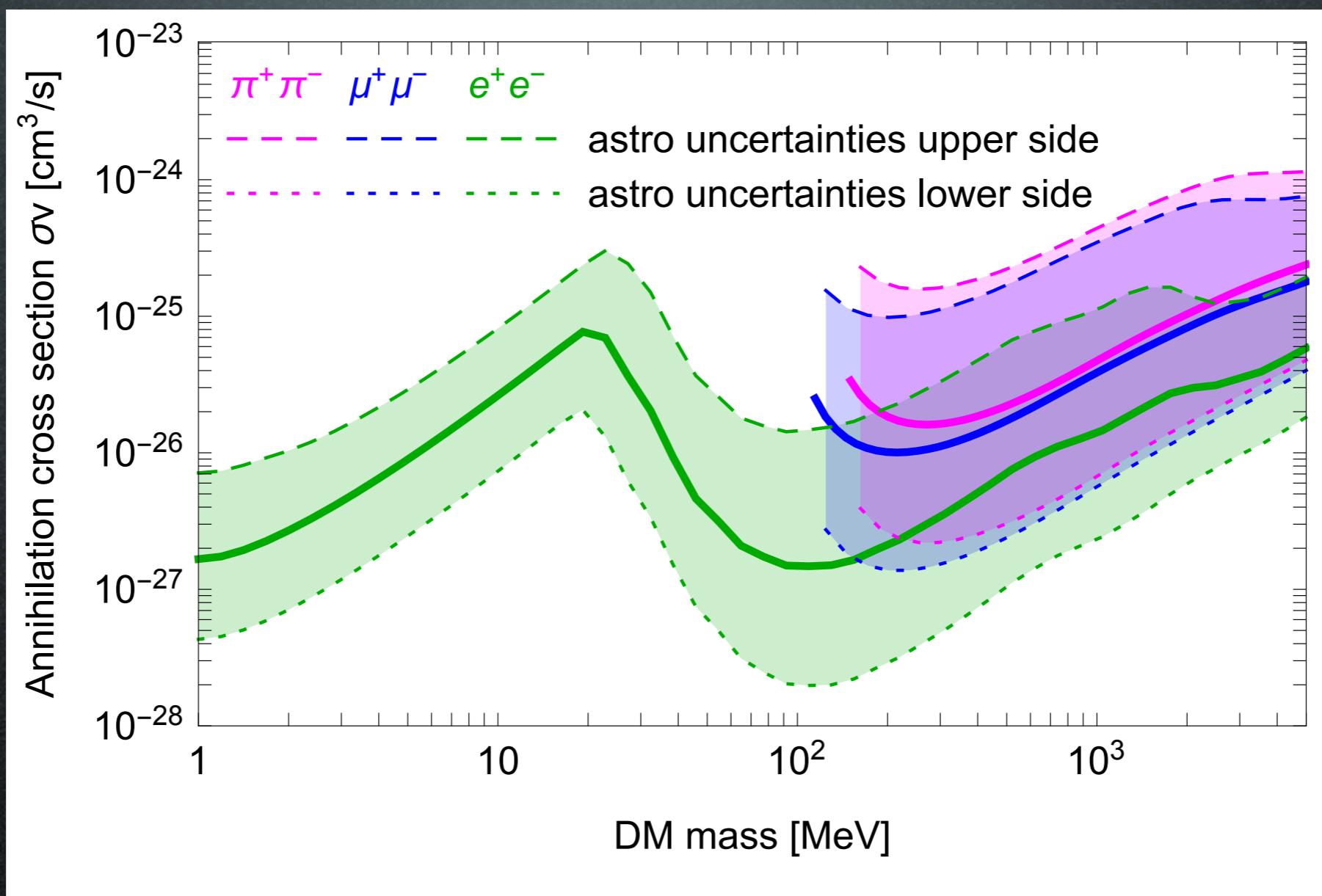
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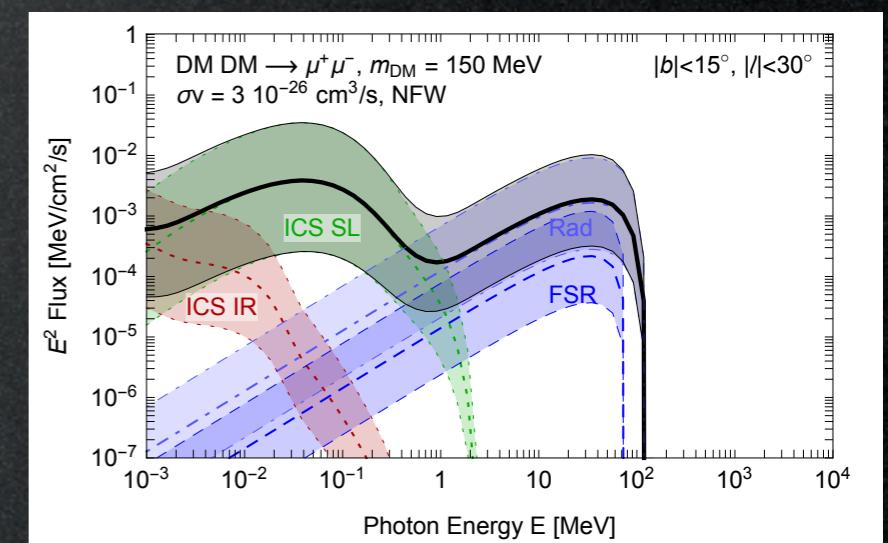
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Uncertainties:

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- ISRF
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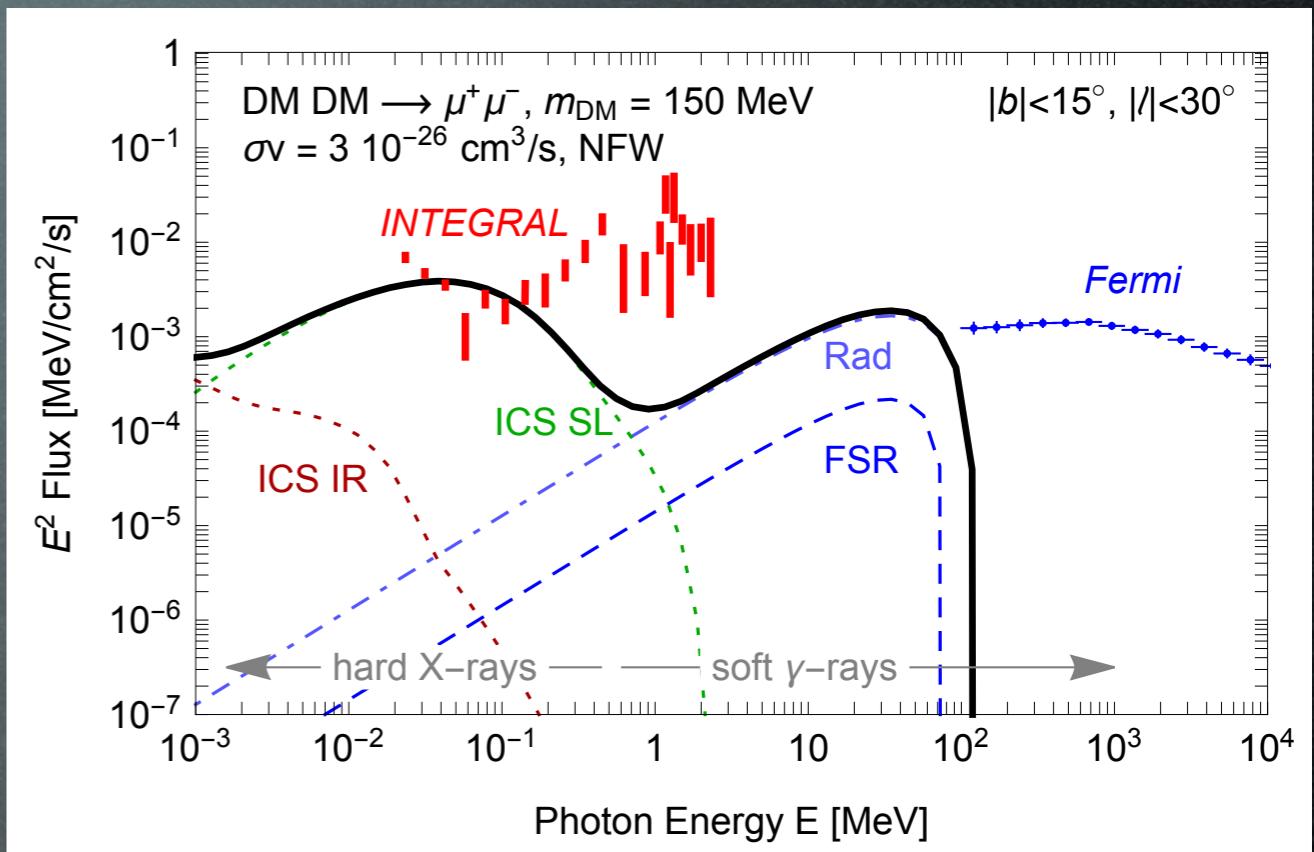
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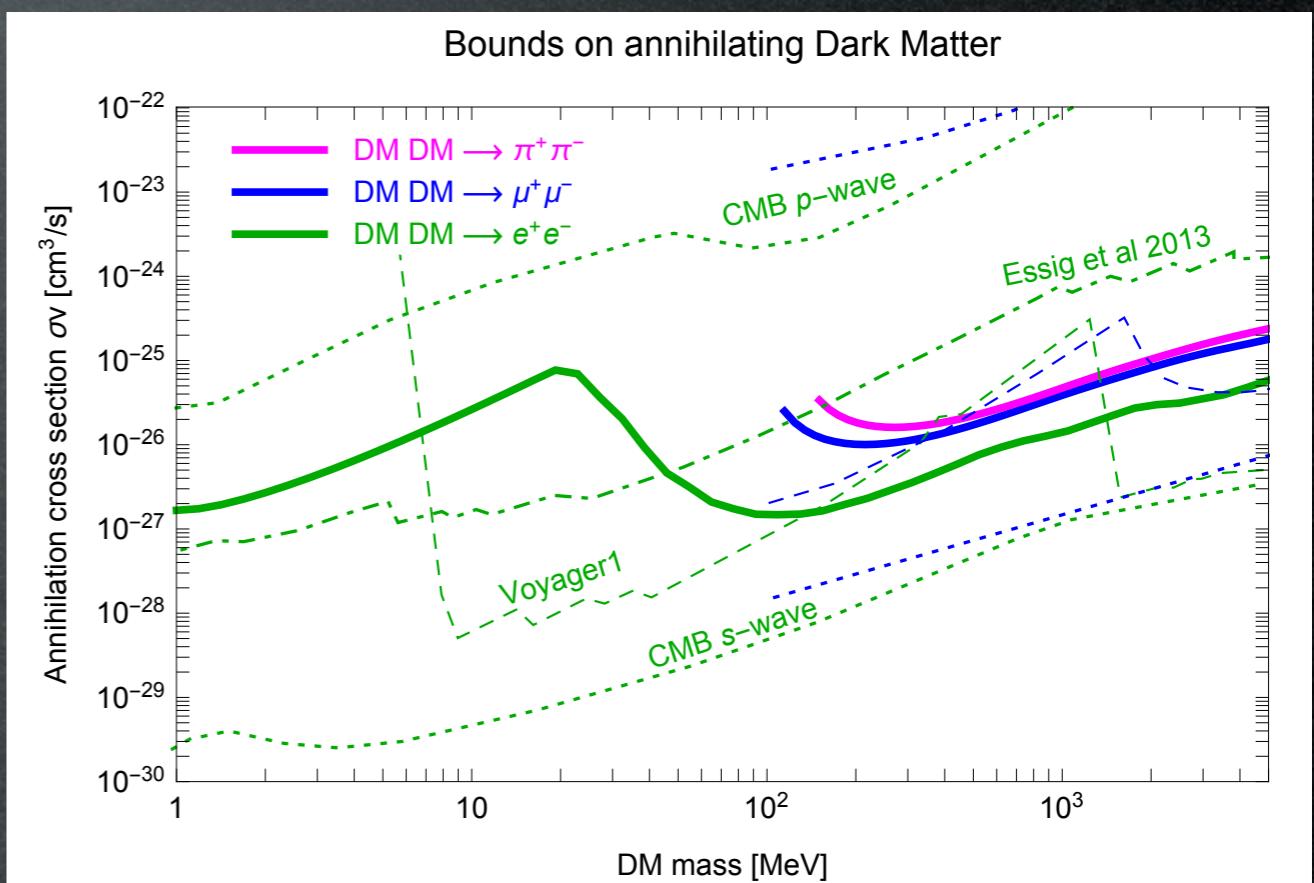
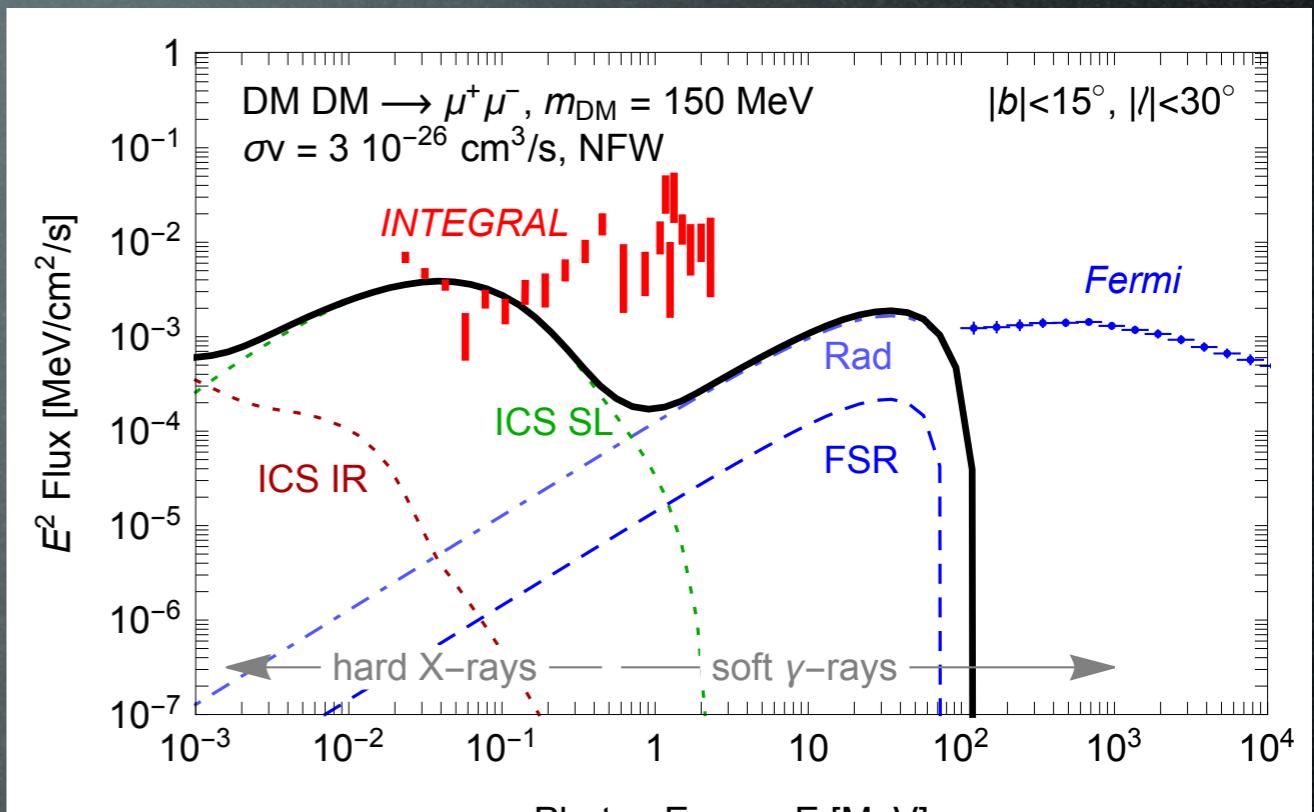
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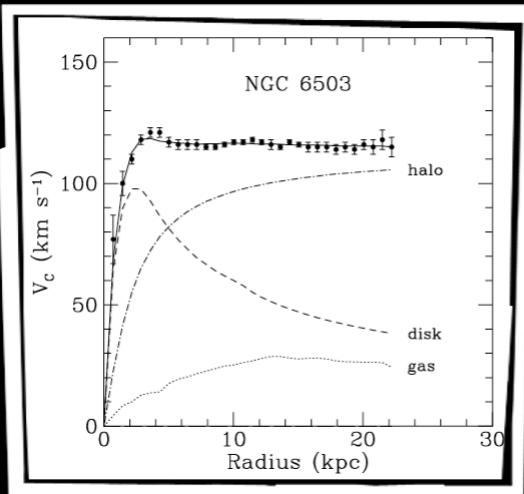
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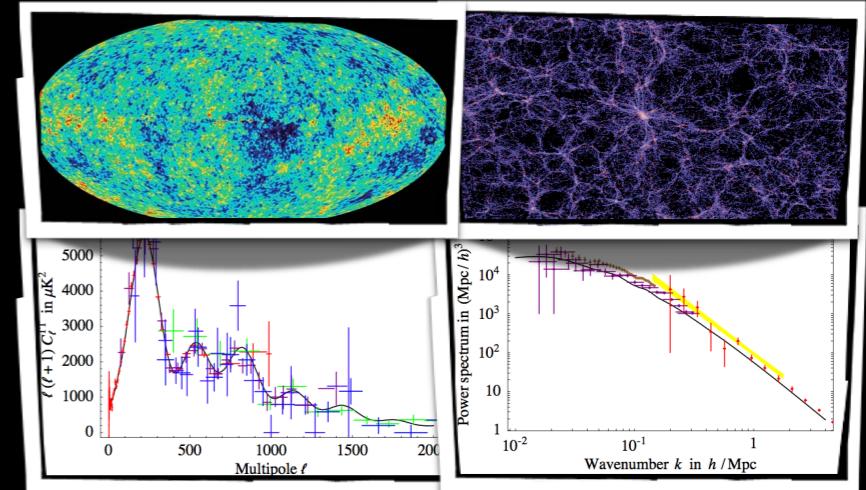
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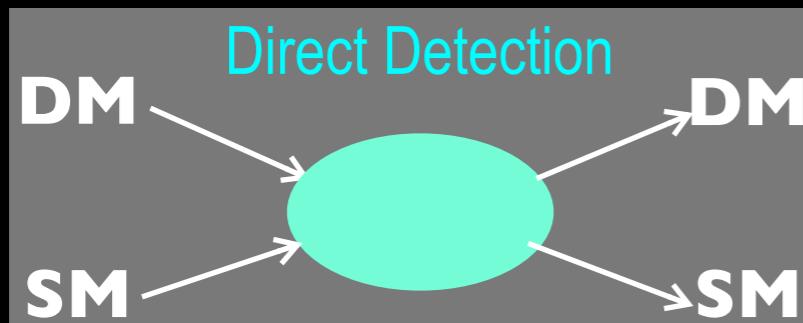
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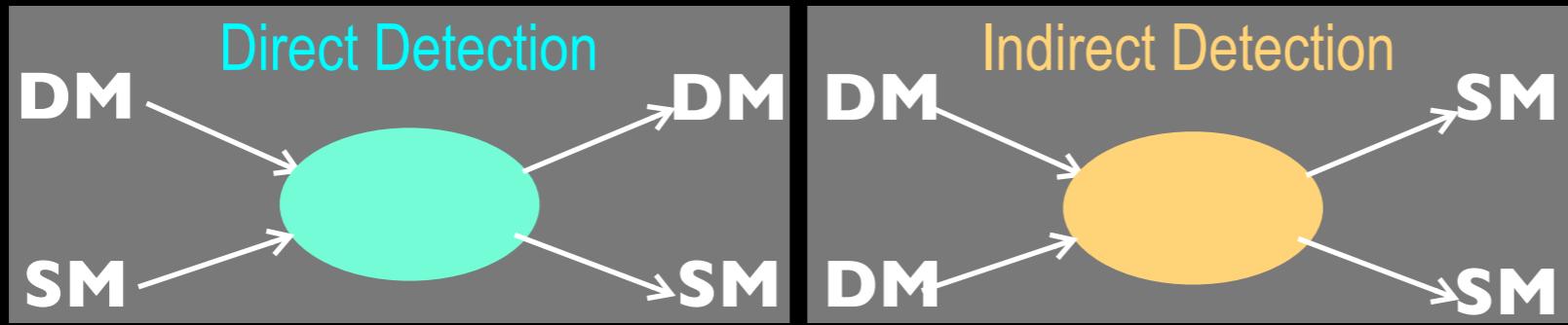
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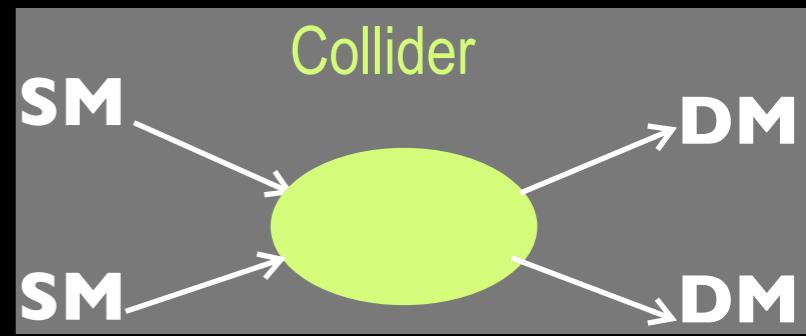
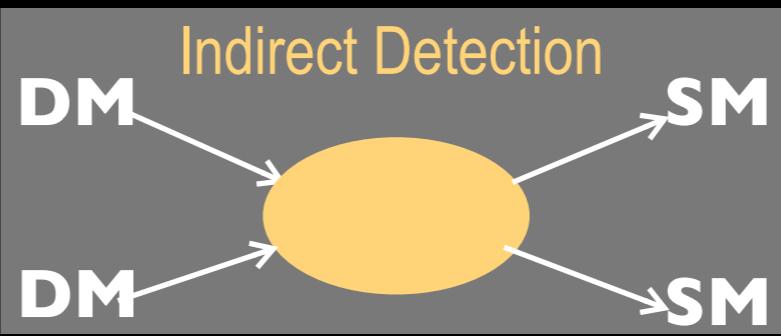
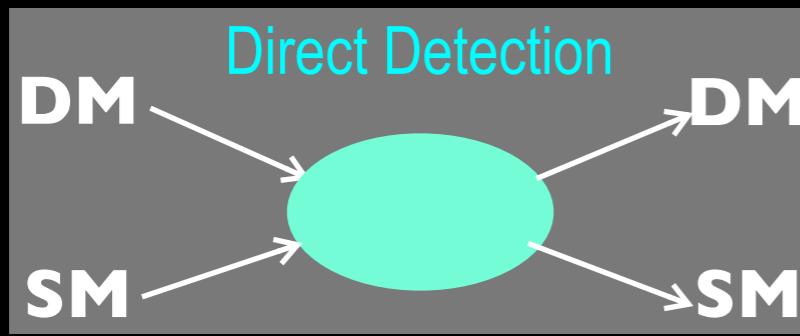
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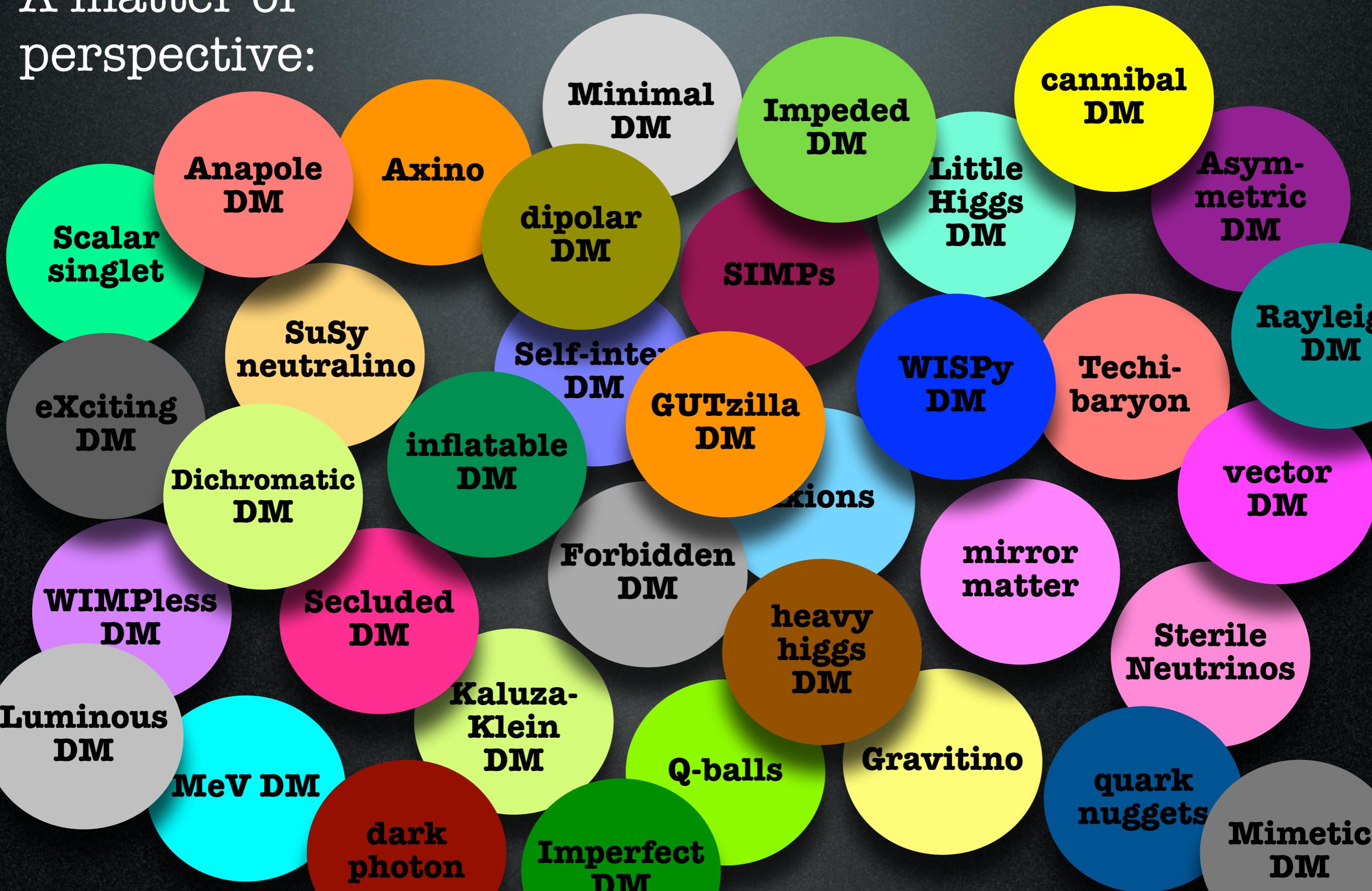
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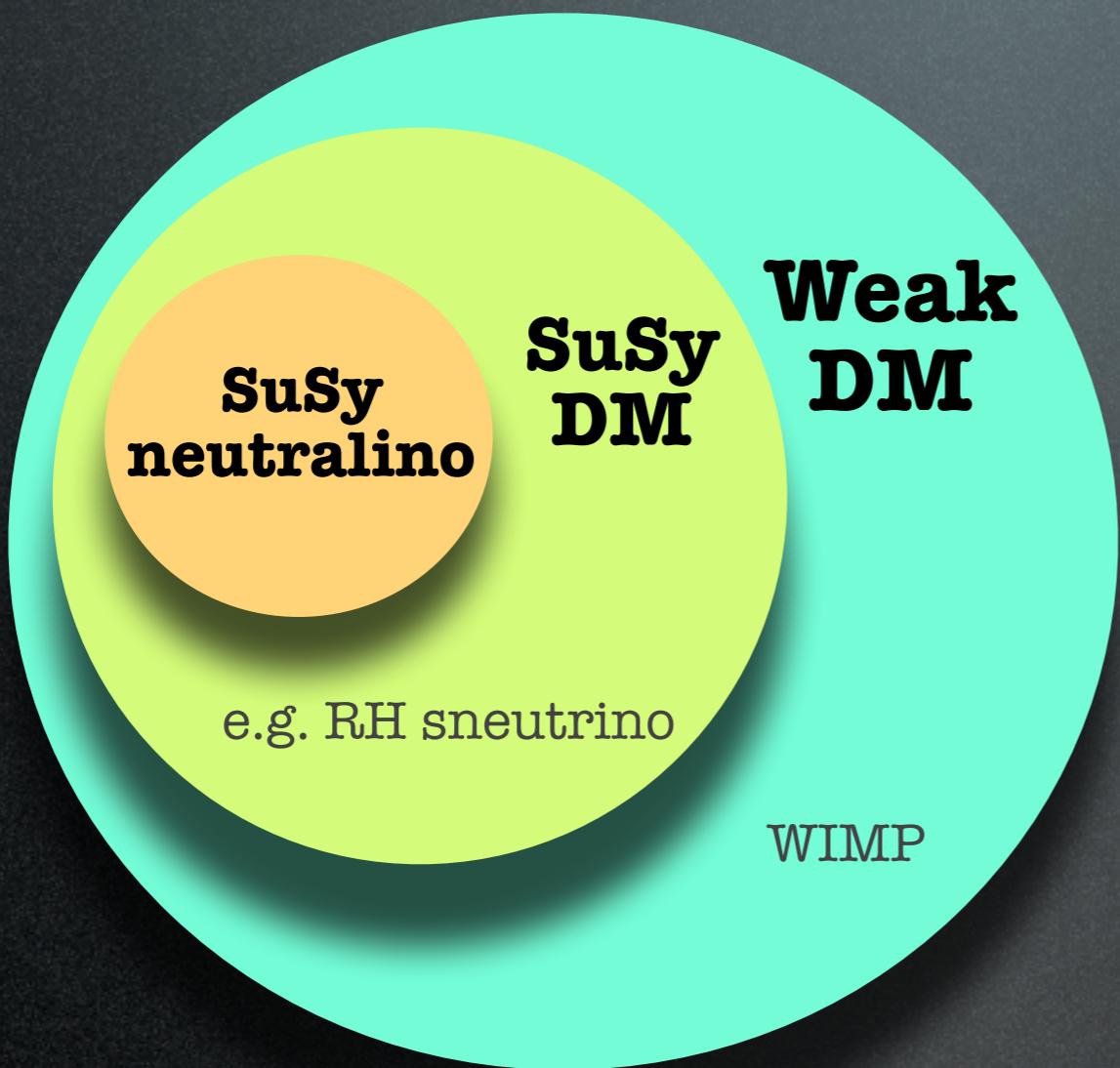
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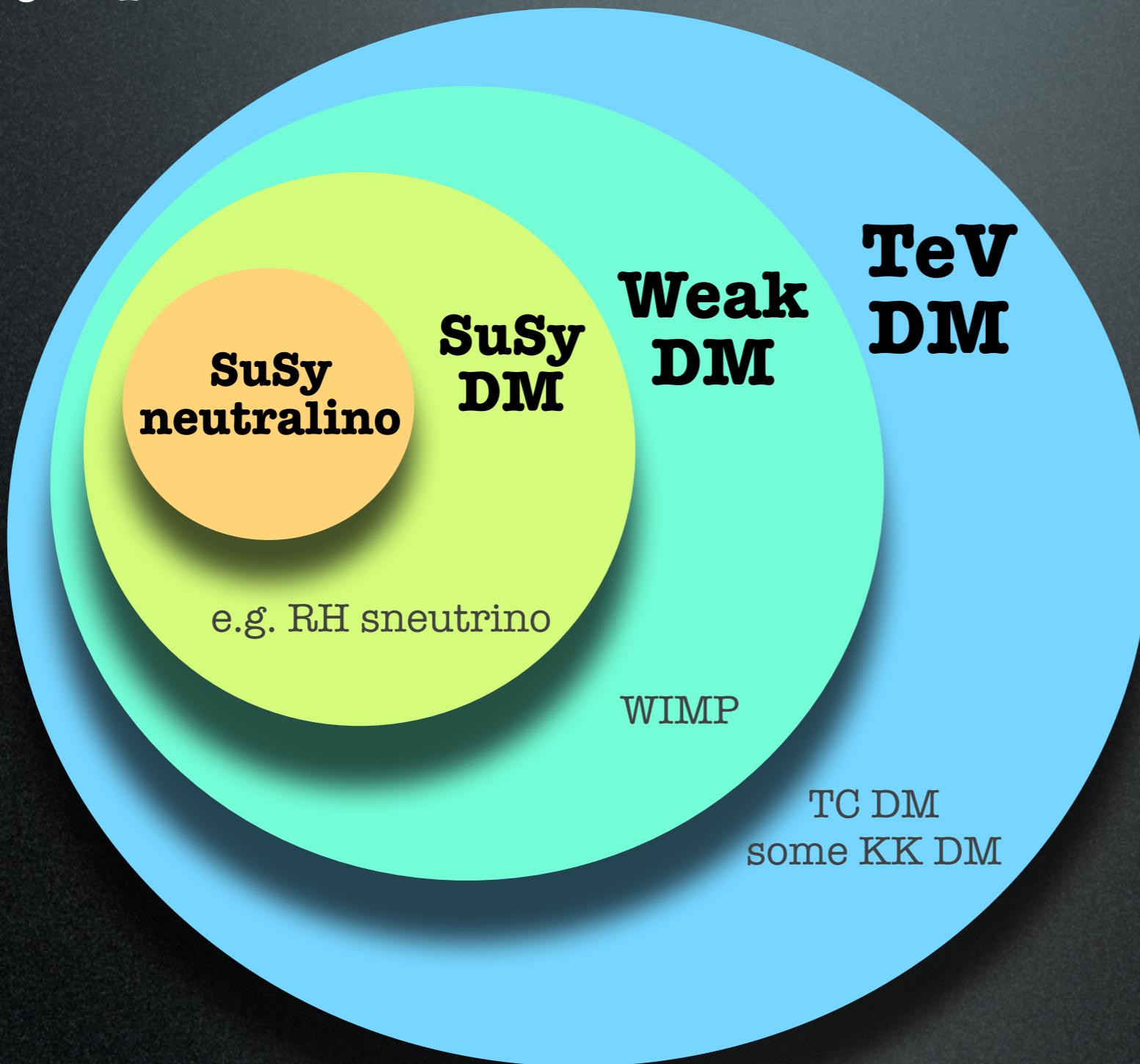
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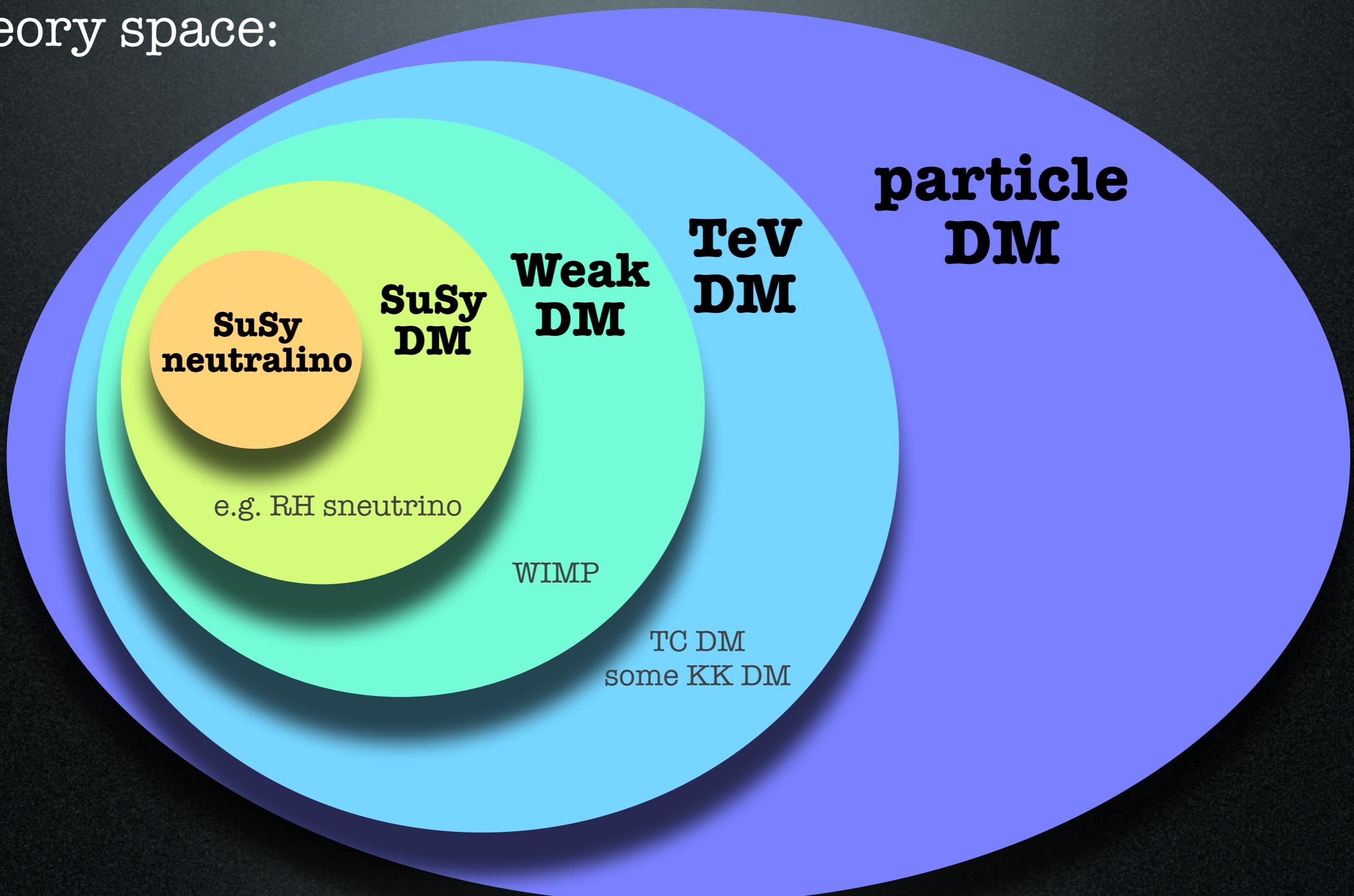
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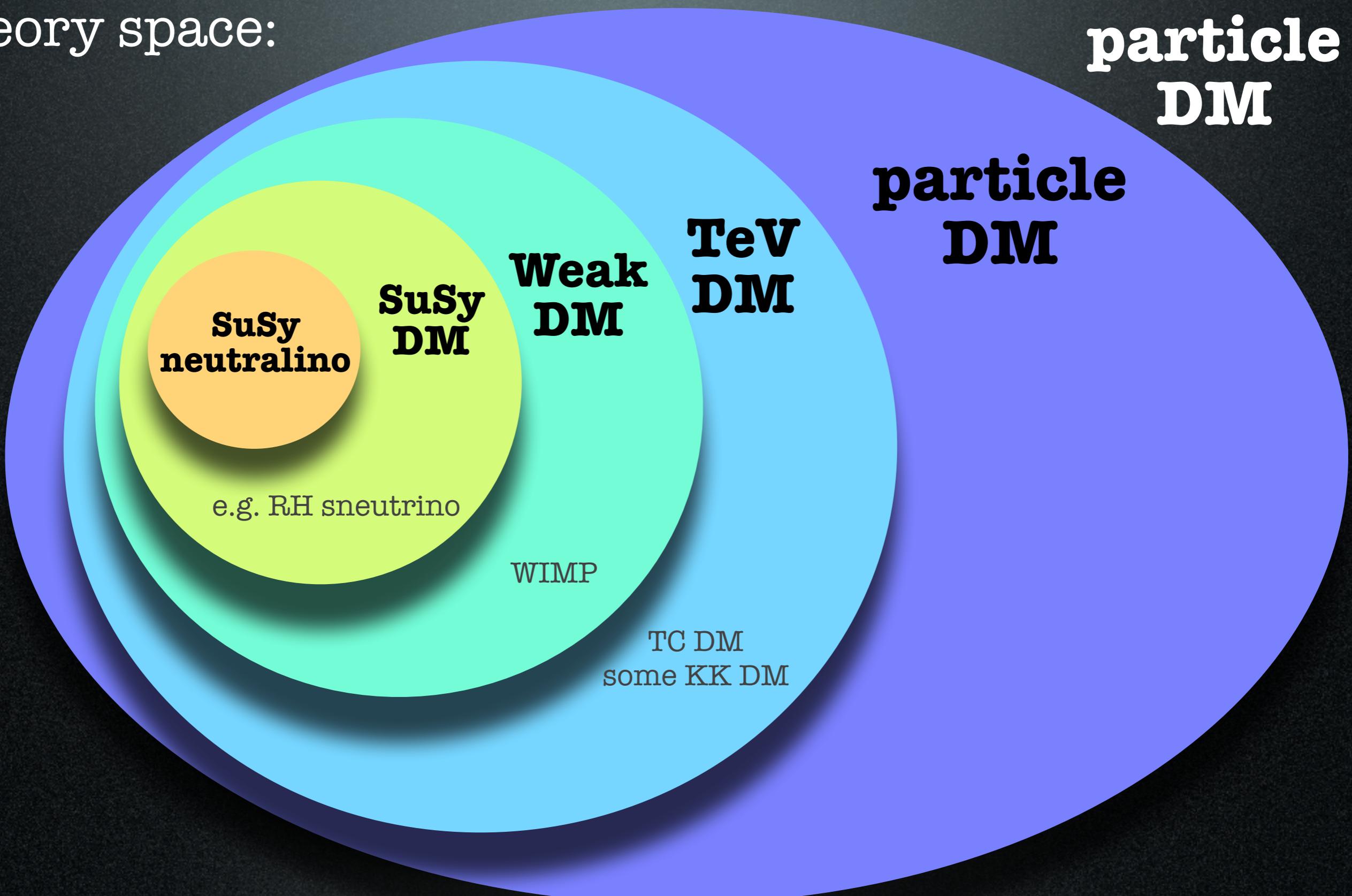
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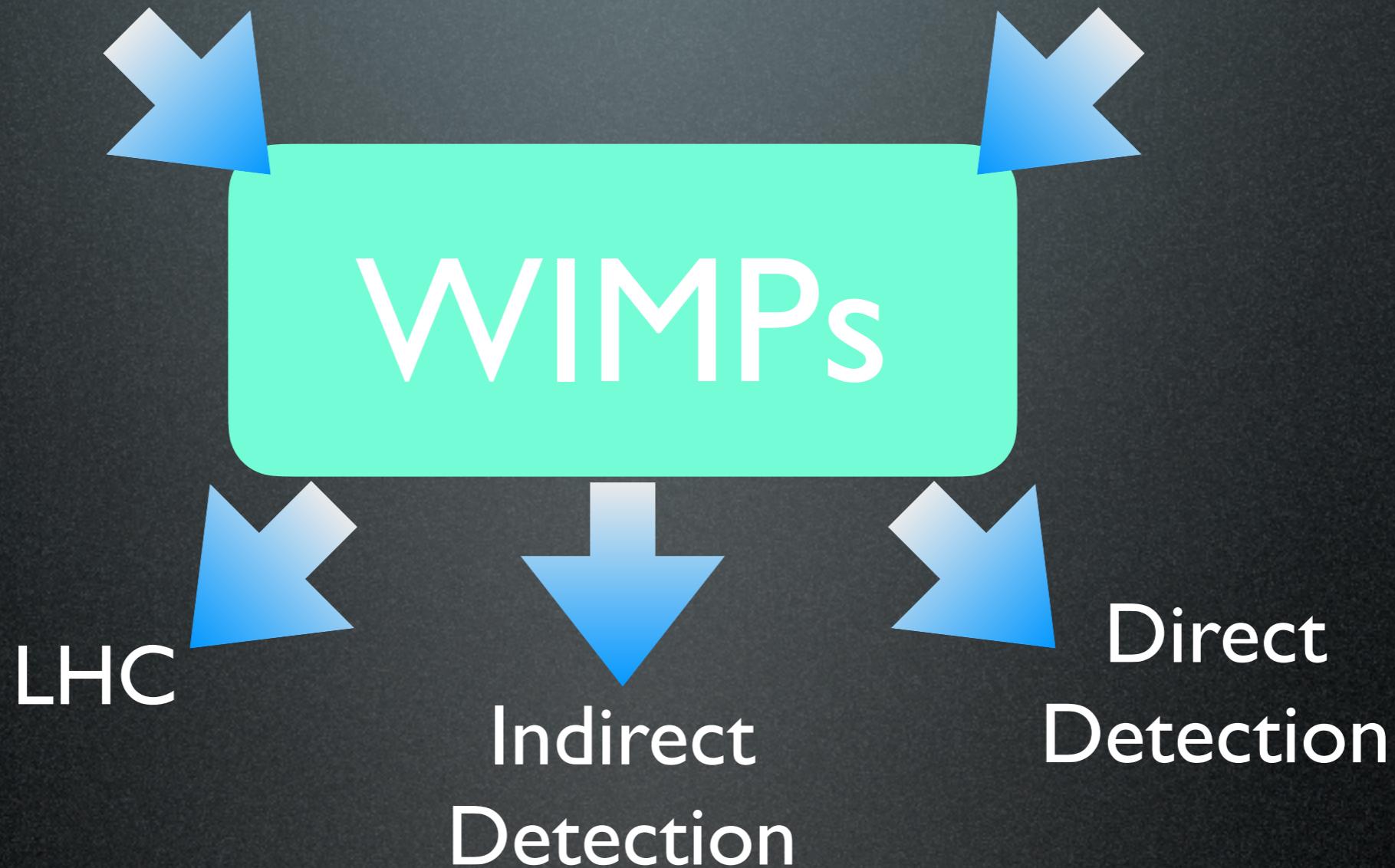
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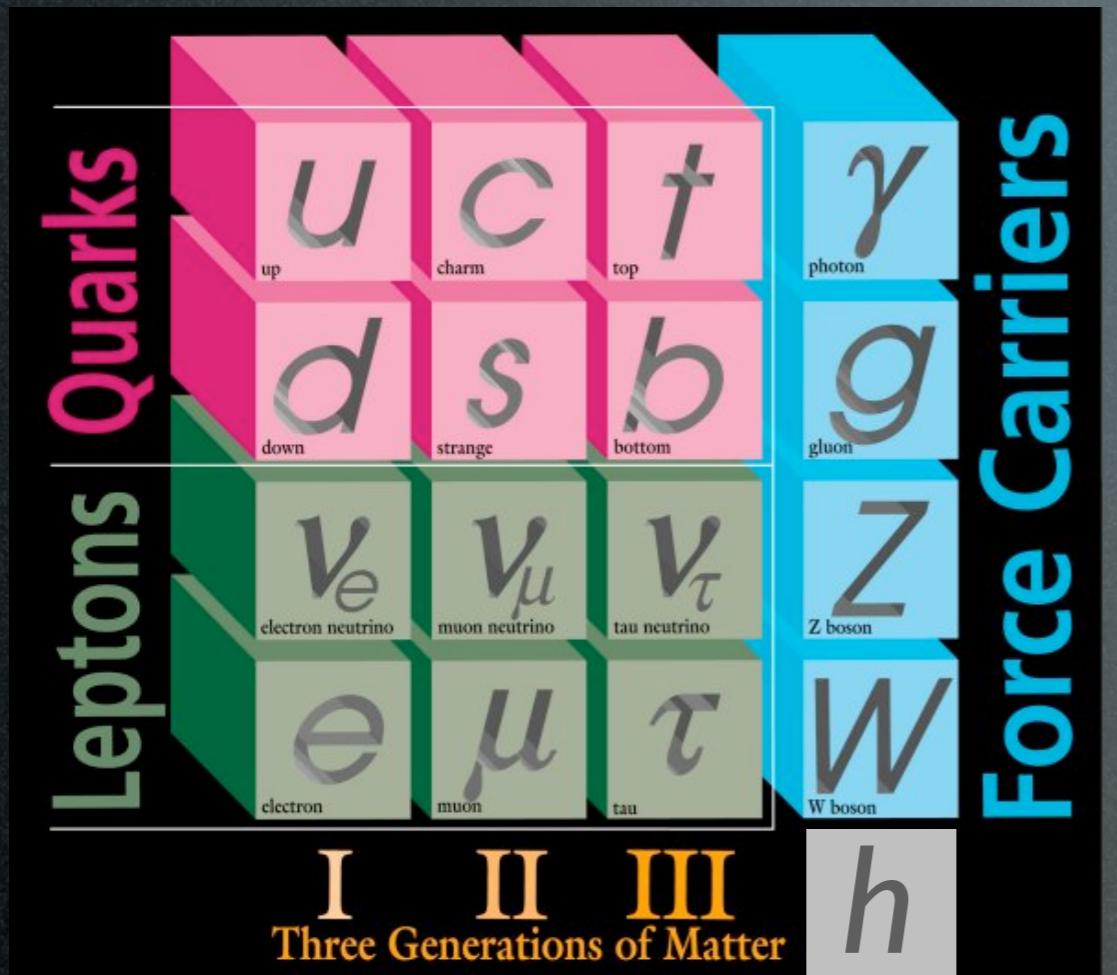
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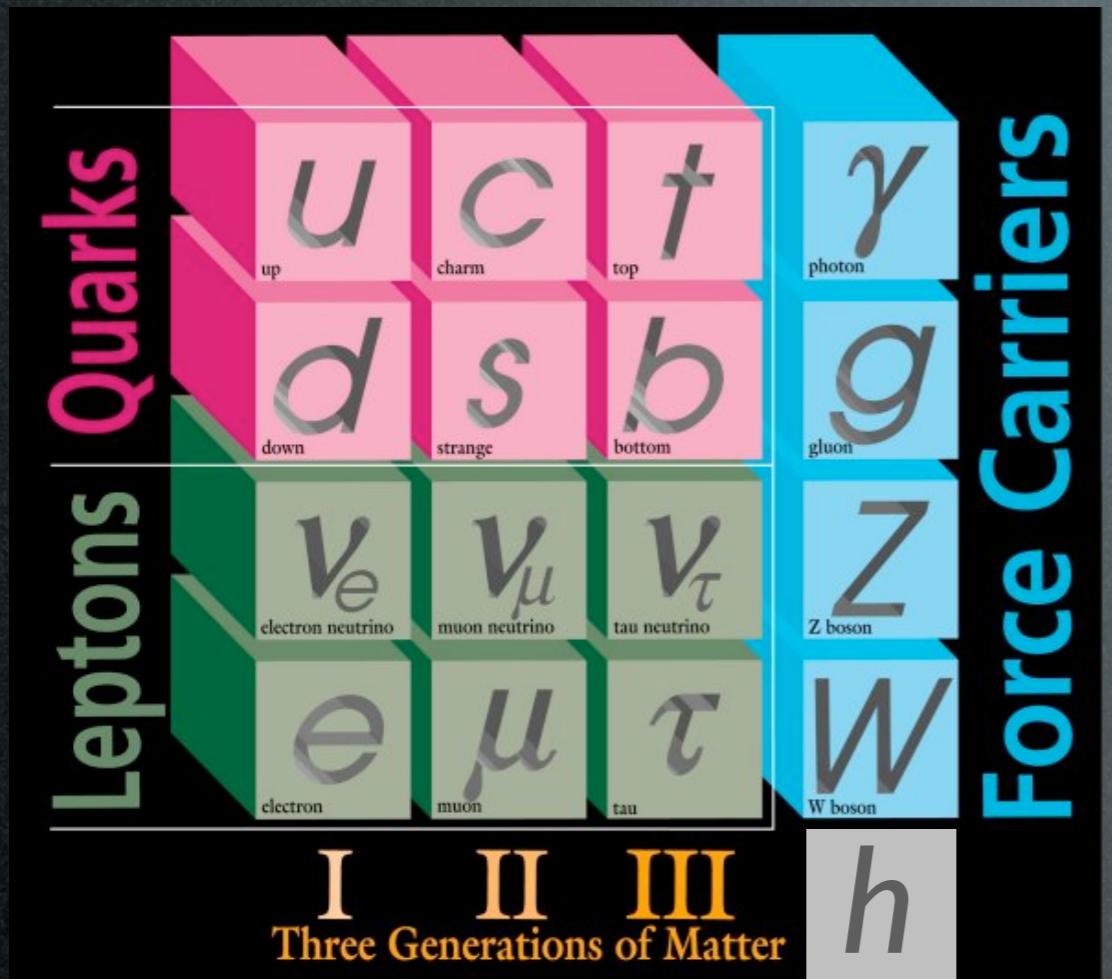
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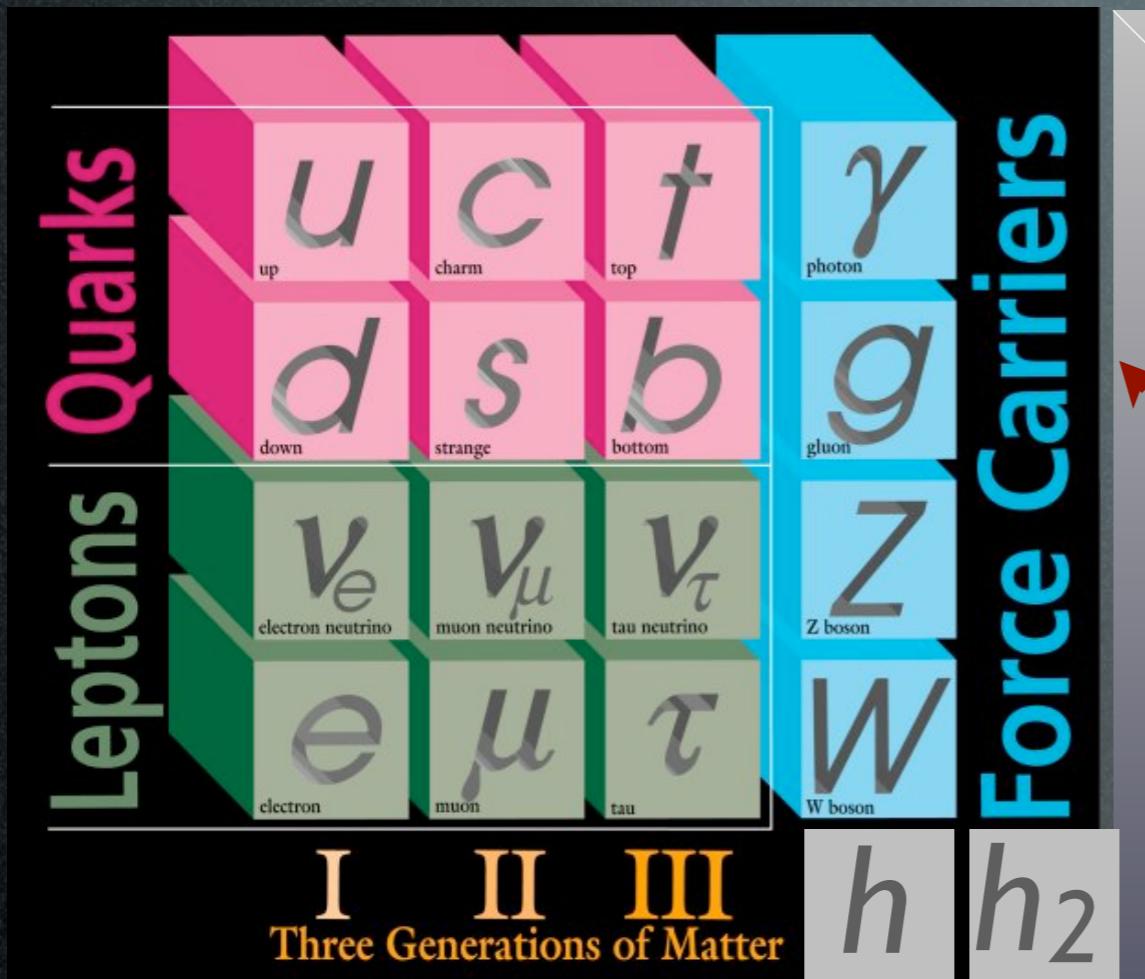
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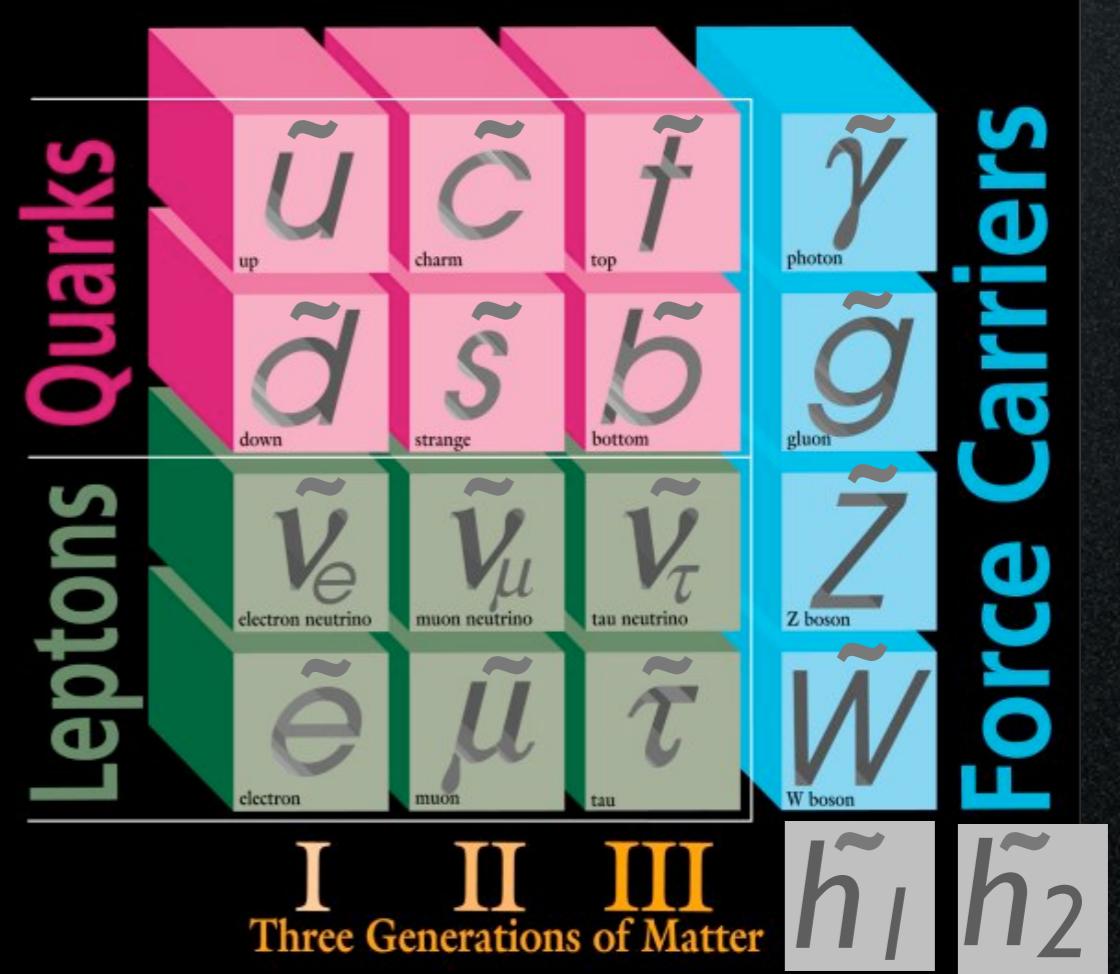
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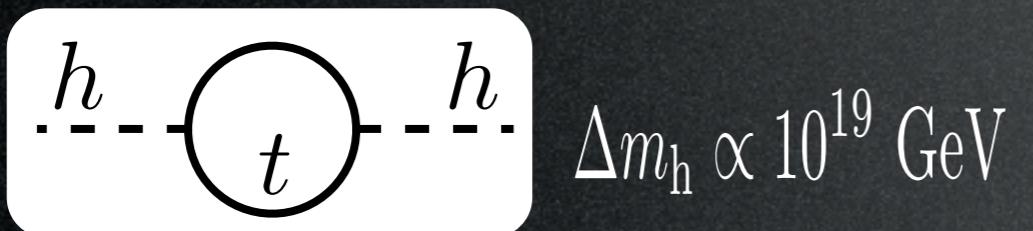
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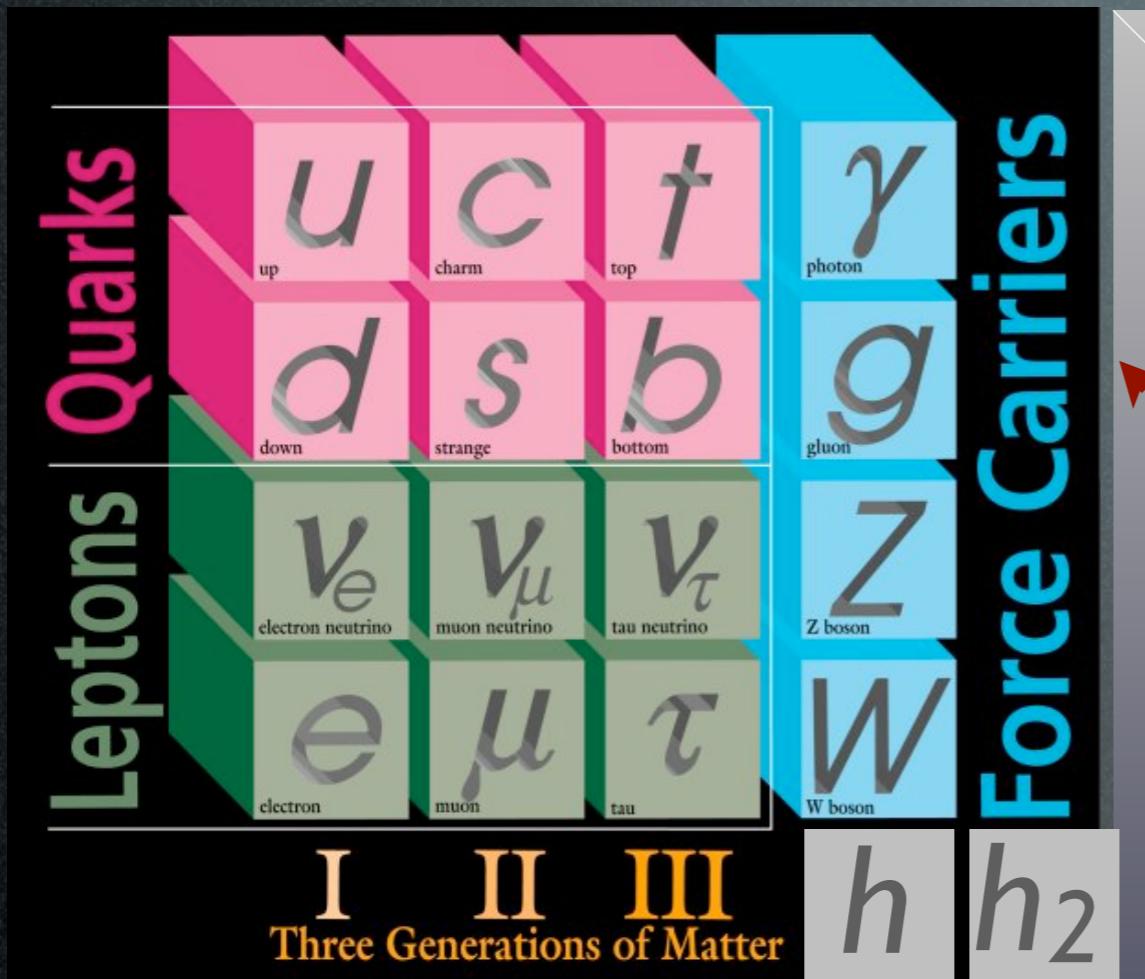
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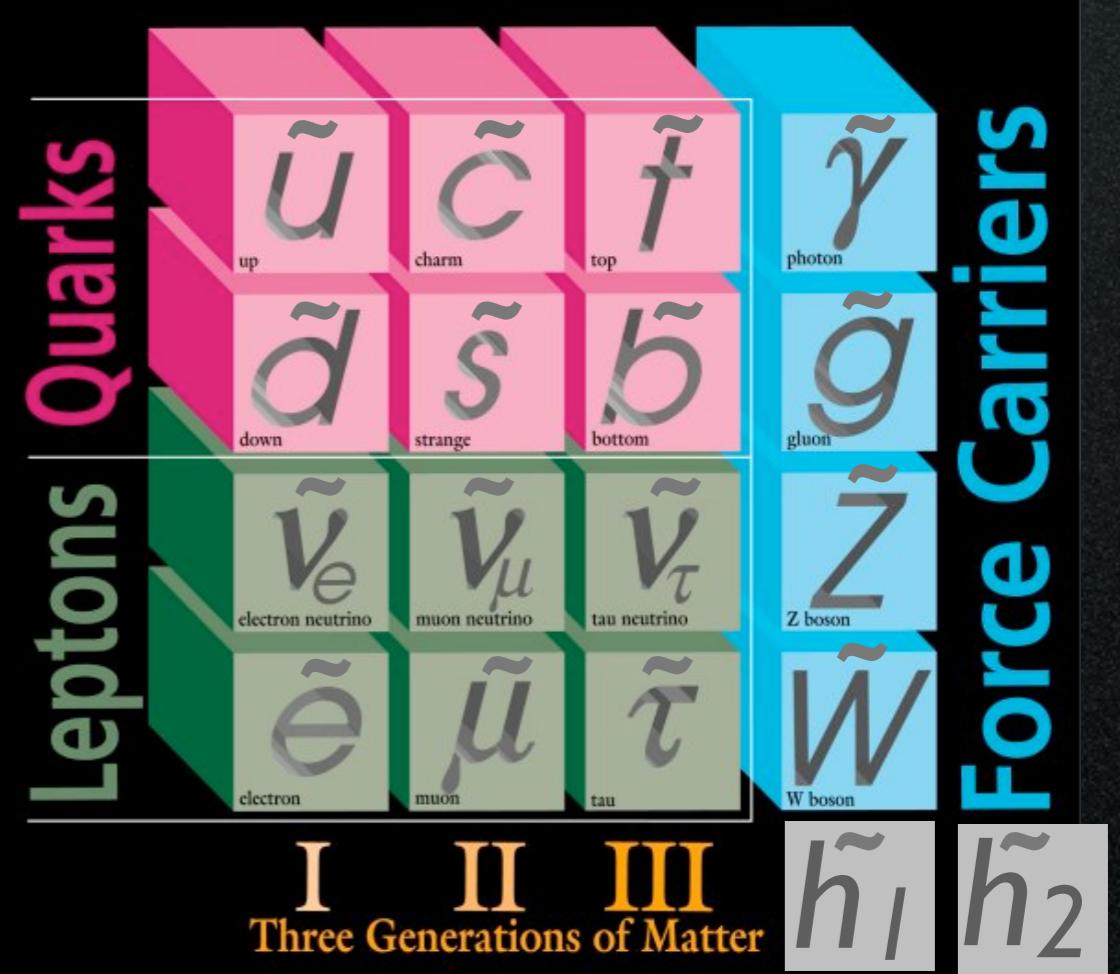
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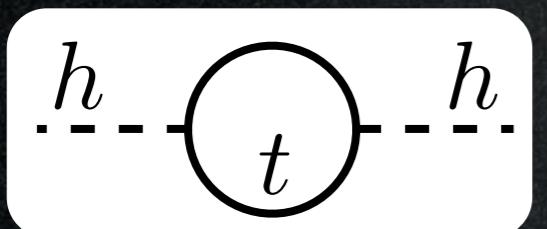


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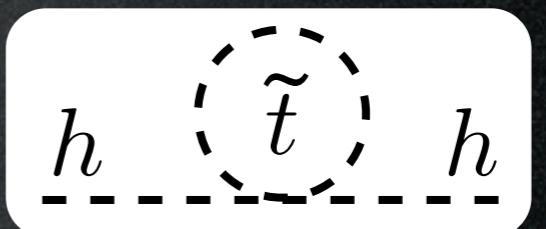
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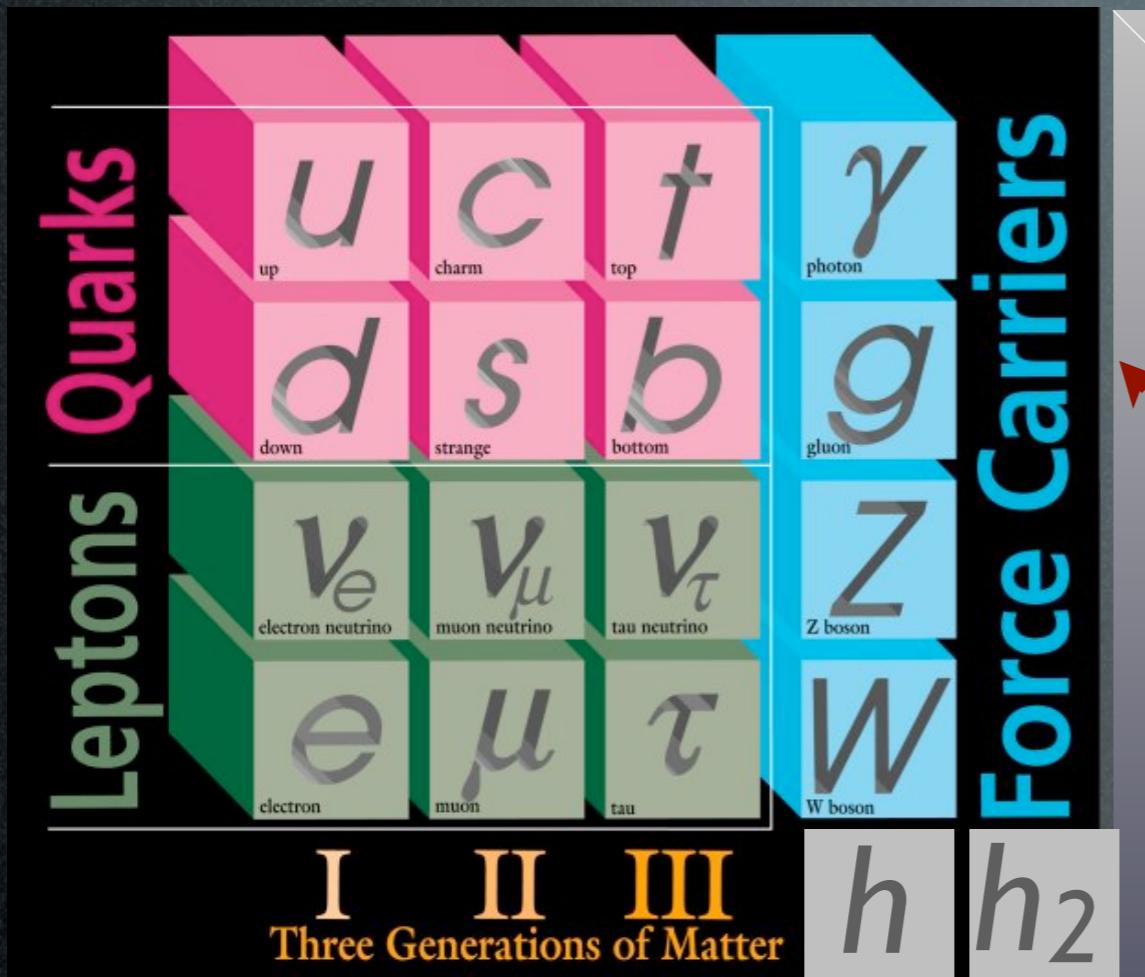
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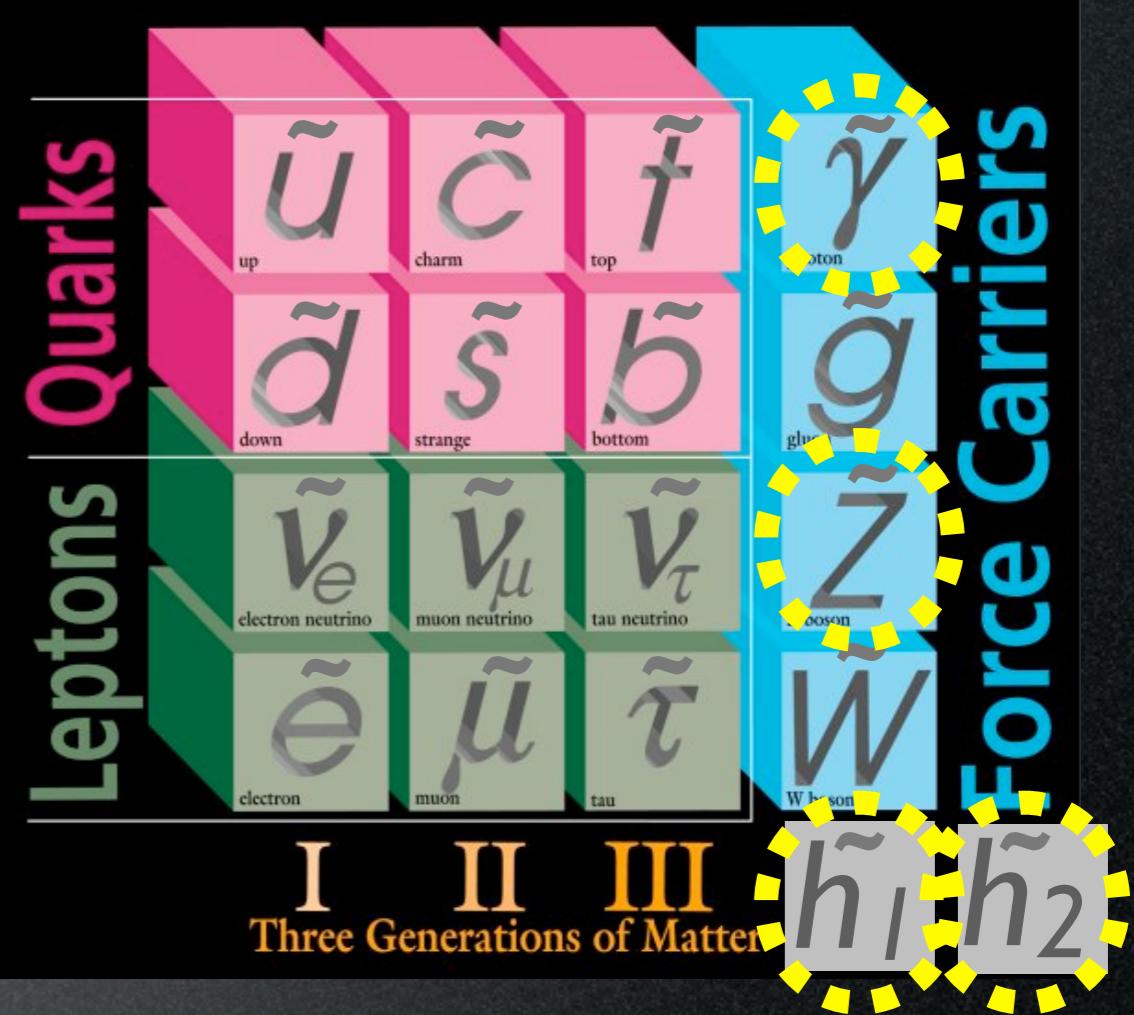


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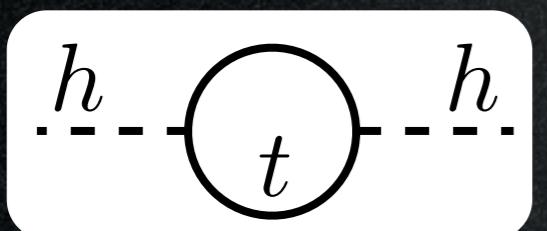


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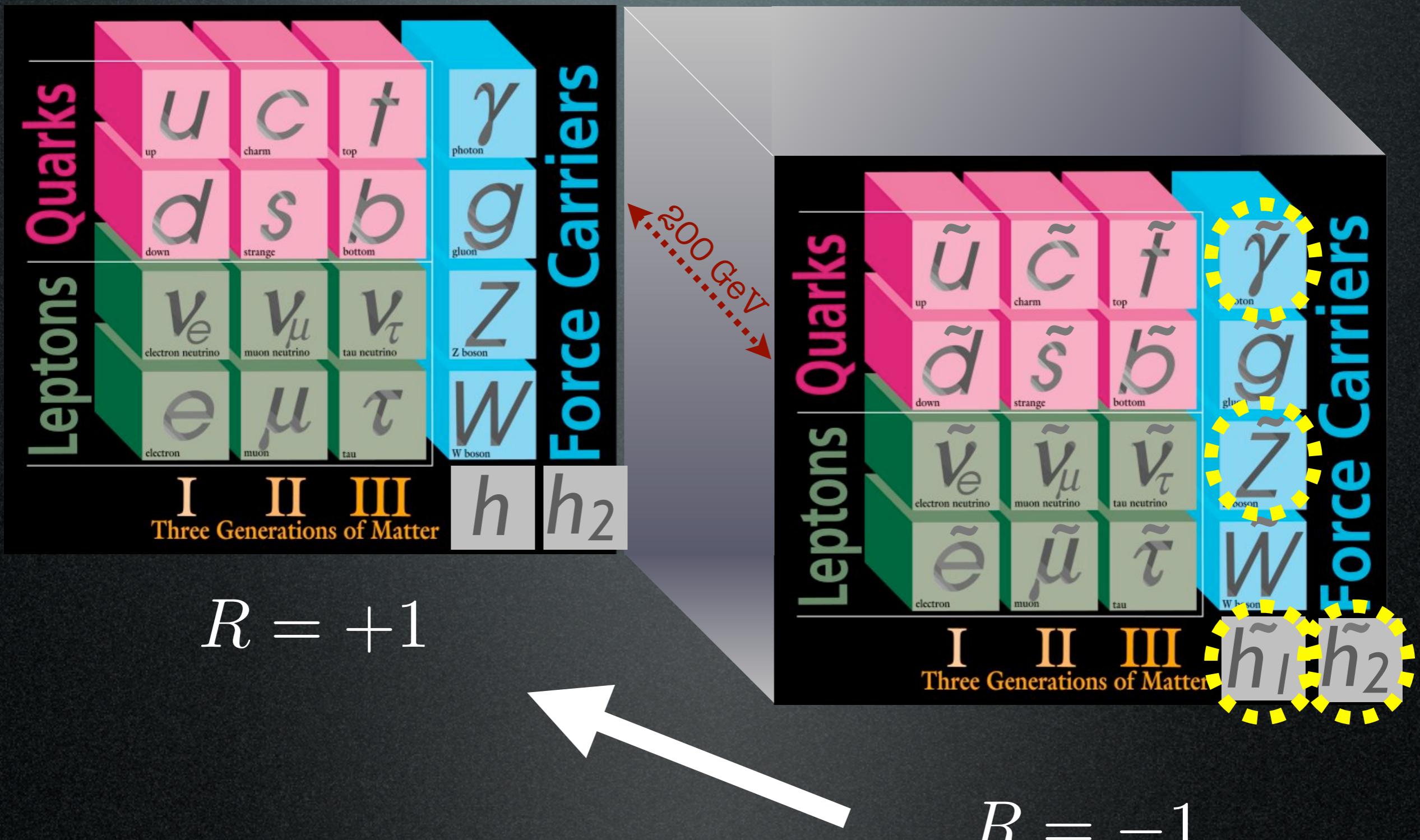
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