

# INTRODUCTION TO DARK MATTER

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# PLAN OF LECTURES

I Evidences and generalities

II Non-gravitational searches

**Disclaimer:**  
Not all experimental techniques will be discussed

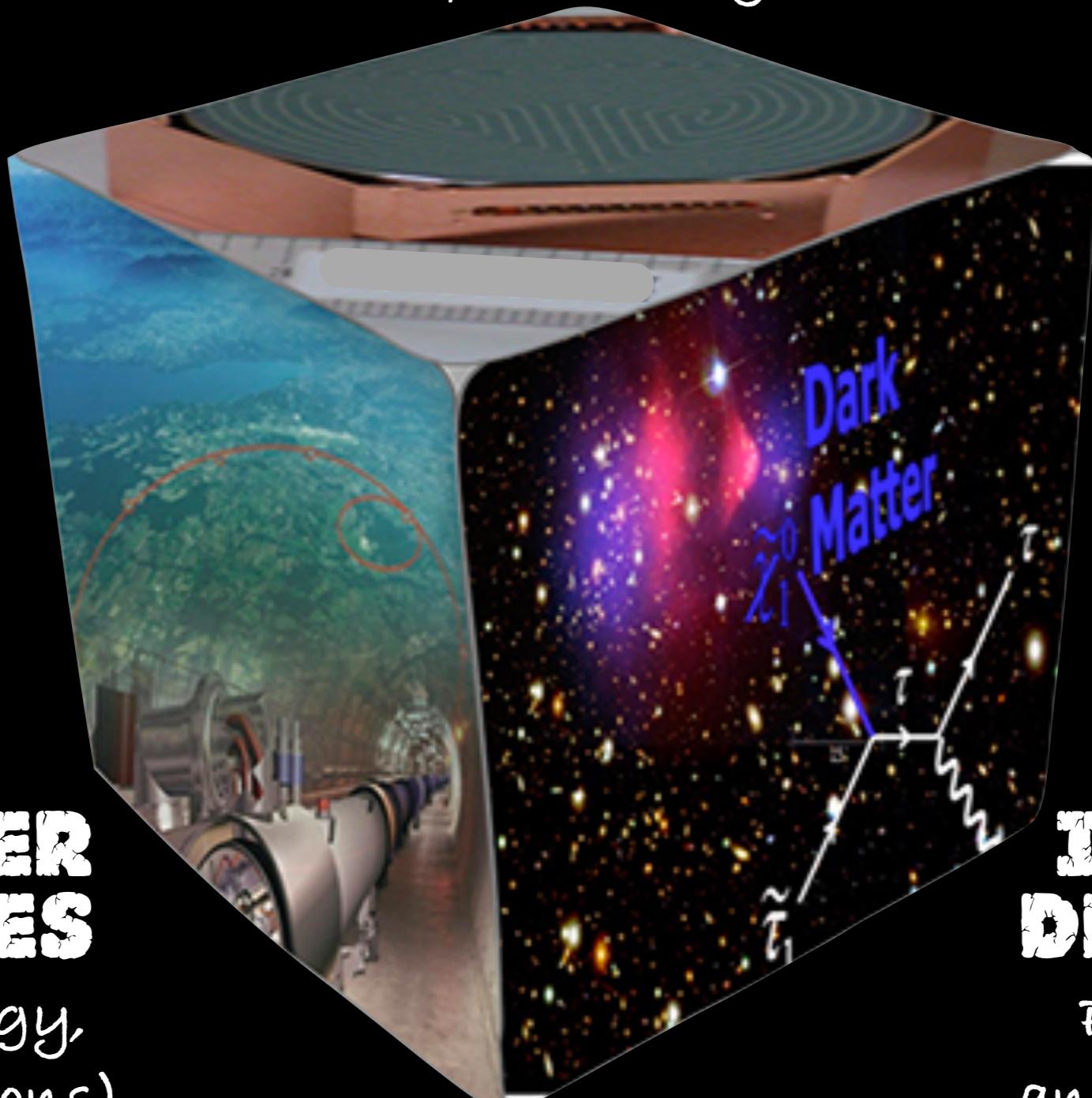
Axion searches  
Sterile neutrino signals  
Primordial Black Holes

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Nuclear recoil produced by DM scattering



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Missing energy,  
mono-jets(bosons)

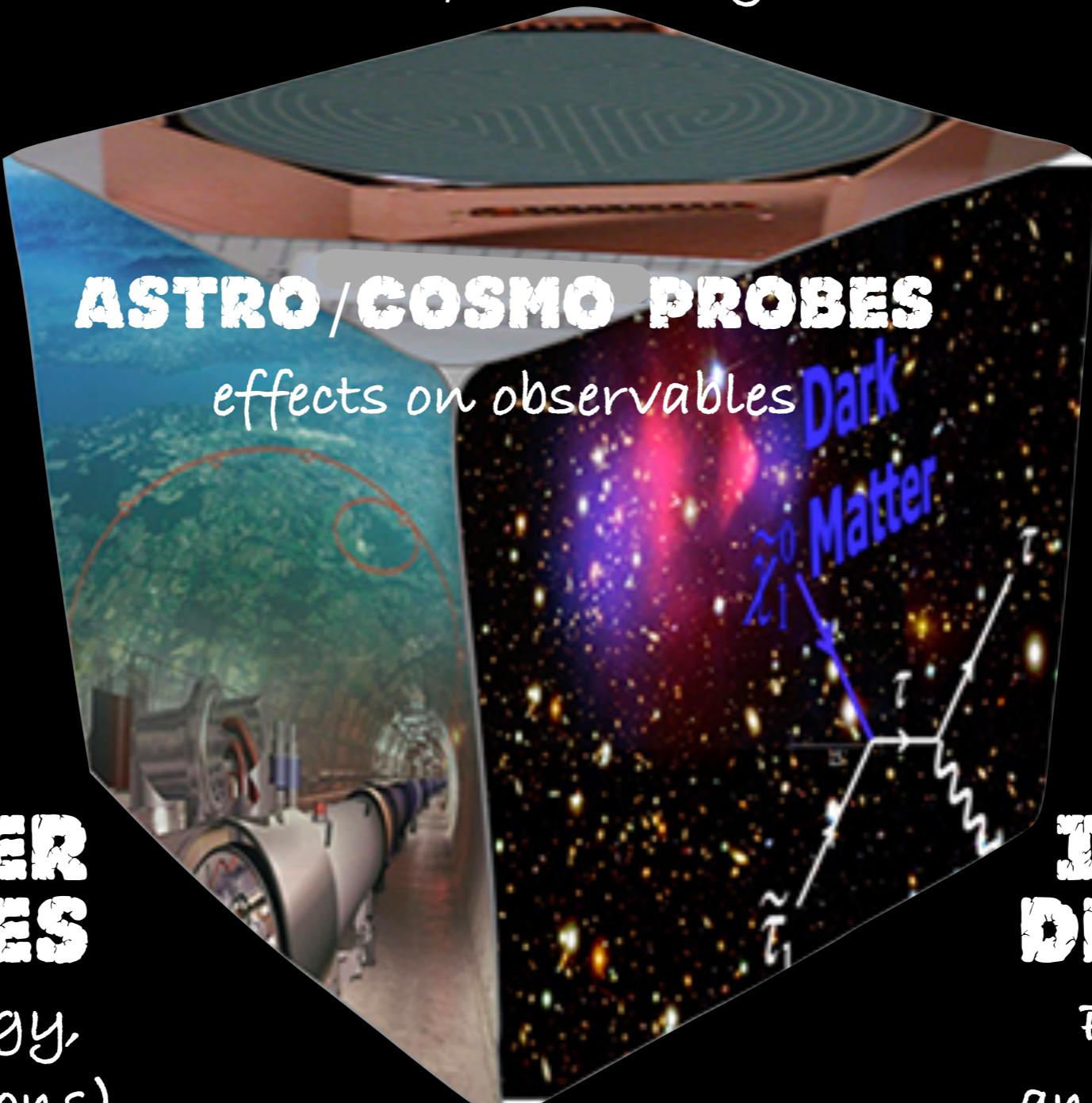
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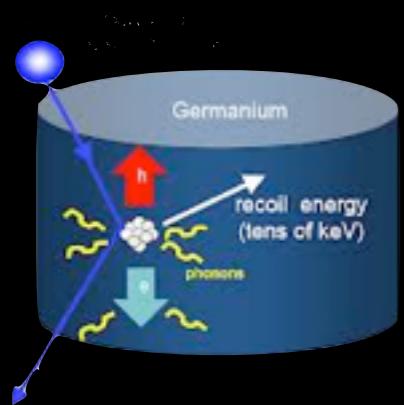
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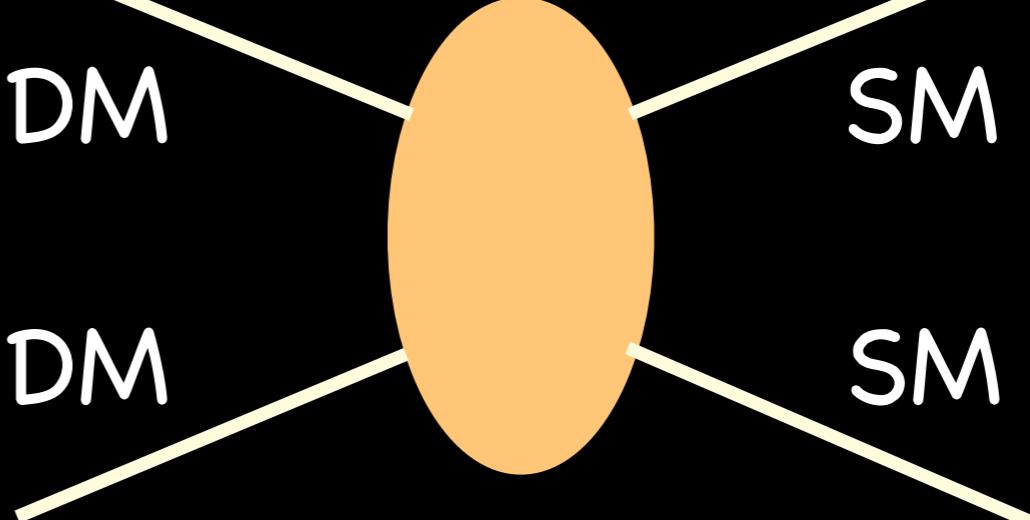
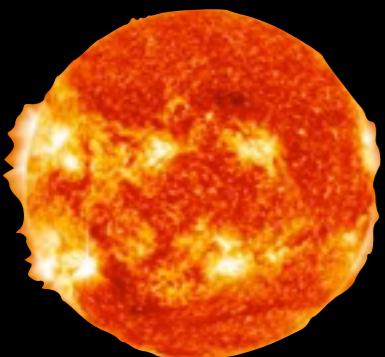


Annihilation

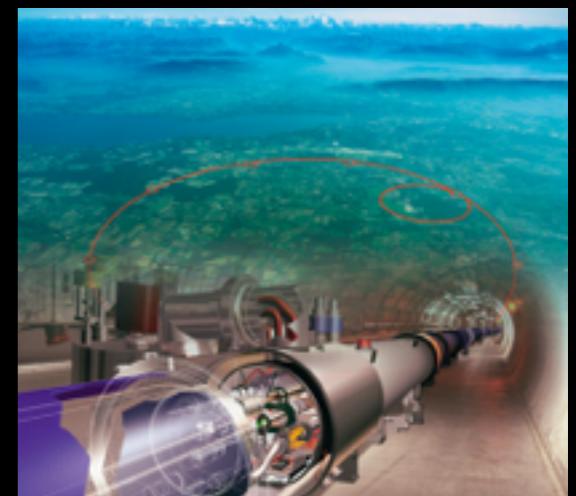
thermal freeze-out (early universe)  
indirect detection (now)



Scattering  
direct detection  
capture in Sun/Earth



Production  
colliders



# ASTRO/COSMO PROBES

Effects on BBN

Changes in the ionization history (CMB)

21 cm signal

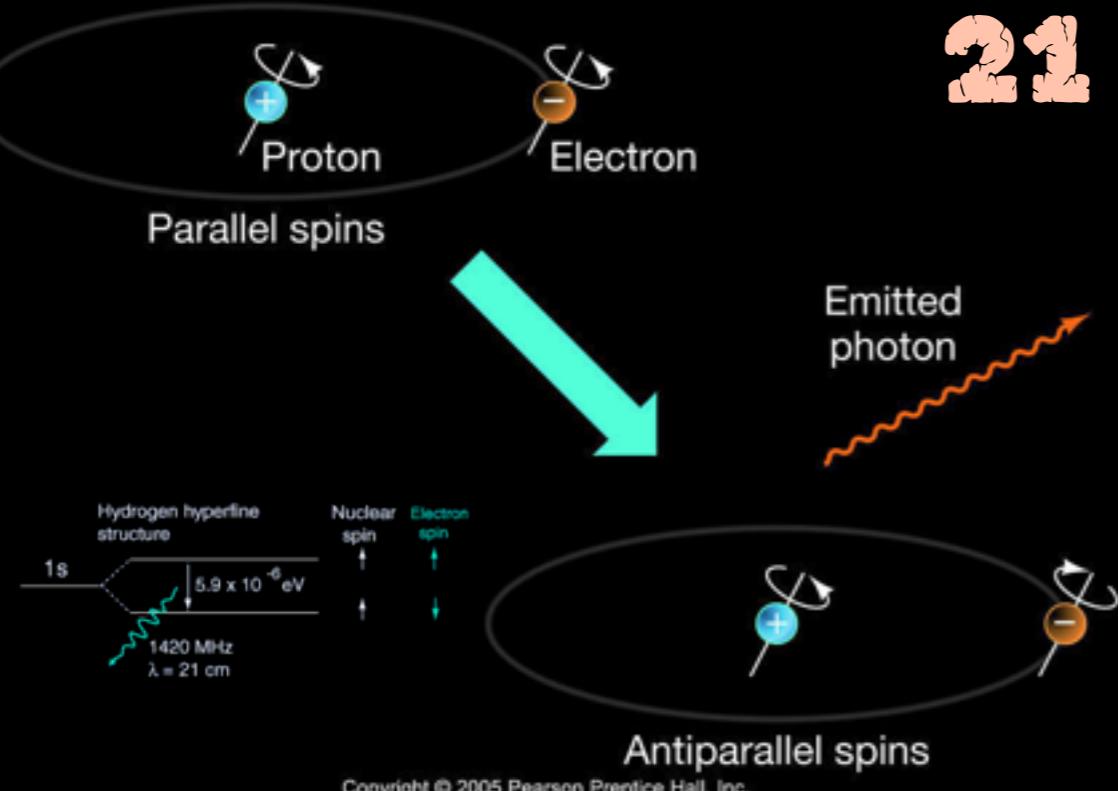
Modification of structure formation

Modification of stars dynamics

Planet warming

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# 21 CM LINE



Hyperfine transition:  $\nu = 1420$  MHz

21cm photon form H<sub>I</sub> clouds  
during the dark ages:  $\nu \sim 100$  MHz



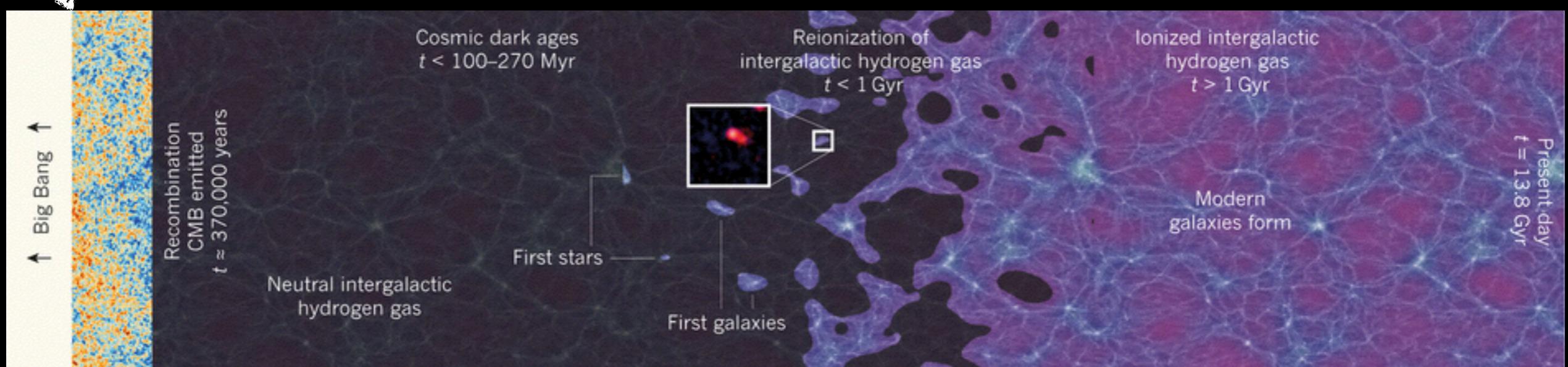
**Interferometers**  
LOFAR, MWA, PAPER, GMRT  
HERA, SKA

**Galaxy Surveys**

$z \sim 5-30$



$z < 5$



Redshift



$$\delta T_b(v) \propto x_{HI} \left( 1 - \frac{T_{CMB}}{T_S} \right)$$

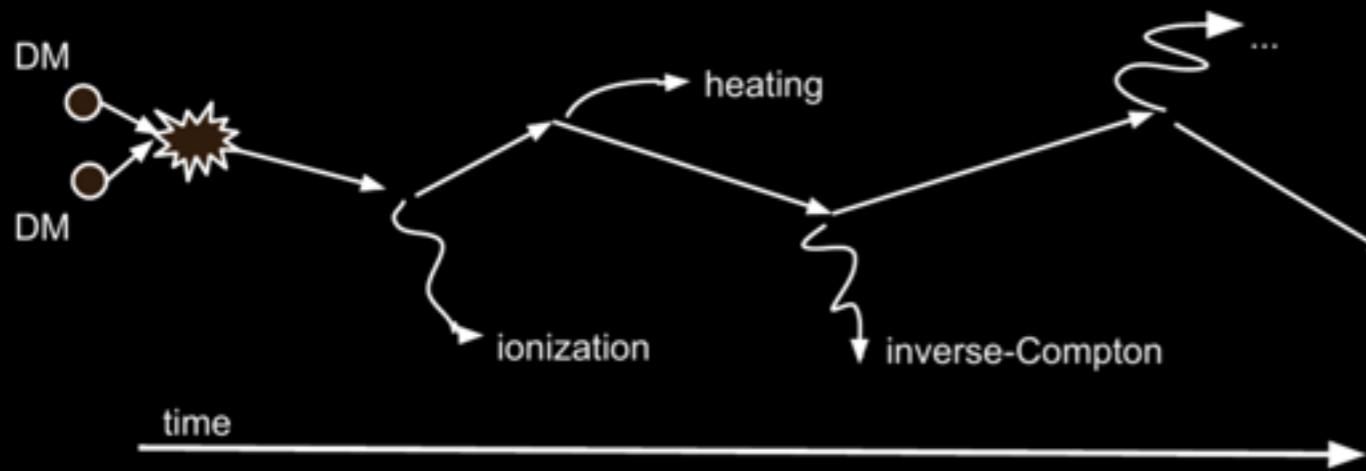
Fraction of neutral H

spin temperature: occupation of the two states

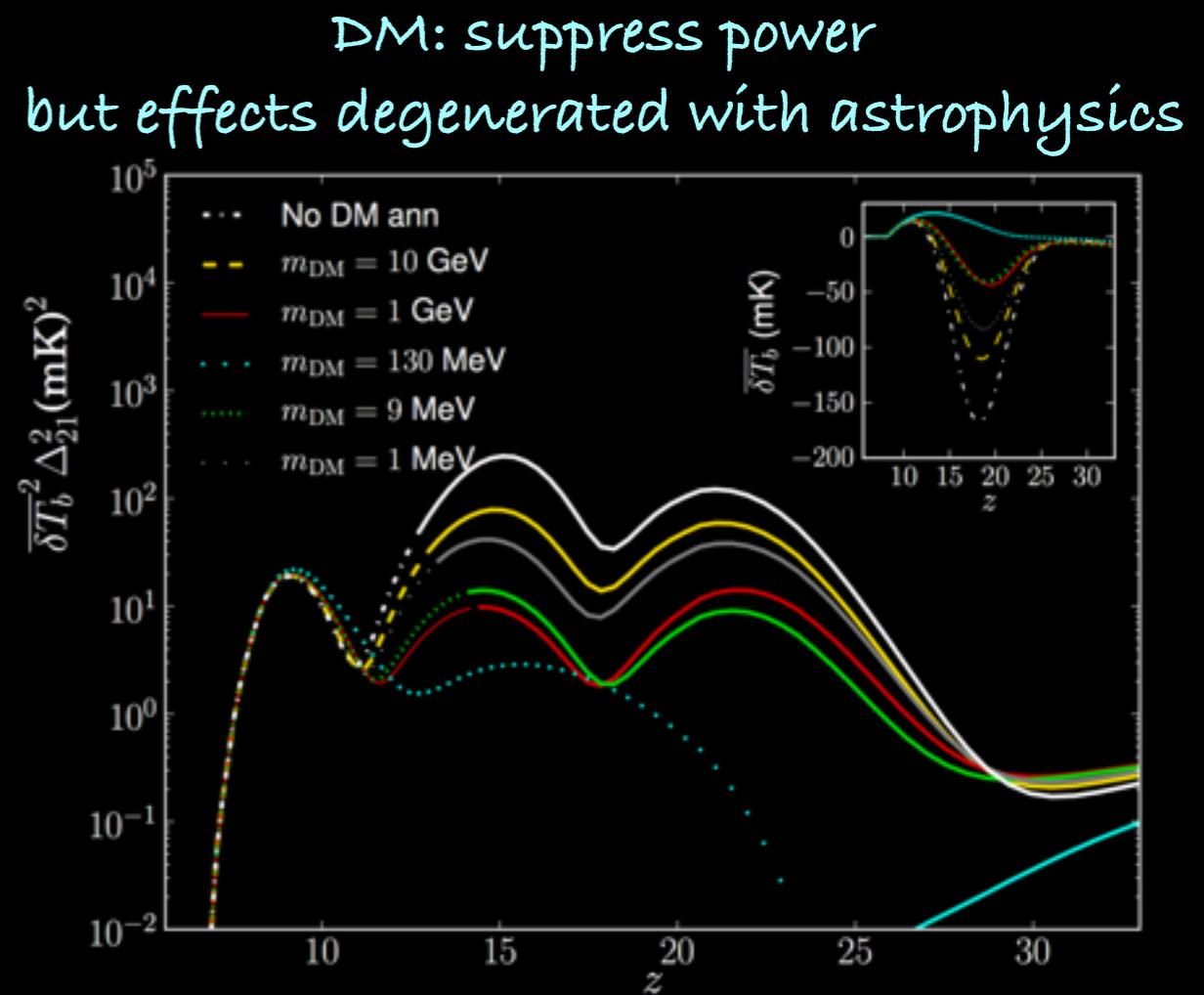
Astrophysical processes decouple  $T_S$  from  $T_{CMB}$

Dark matter annihilation:  
injects energy into the IGM

Chen'03, Hansen'03, Pierpaoli'03, Padmanabhan'05,  
Shchenikov'06, Furlanetto'06, Valdes'07, Chuzhoy'07,  
Cumberbatch'08, Natarajan'09, Yuan'09, Valdes'12, Evoli'14



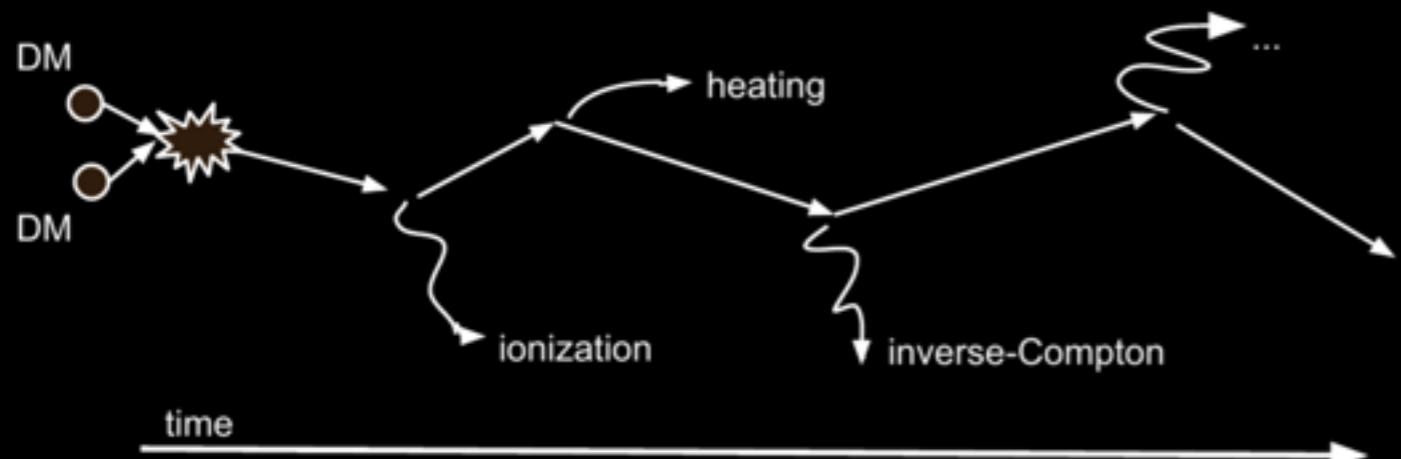
From A. C. Vincent



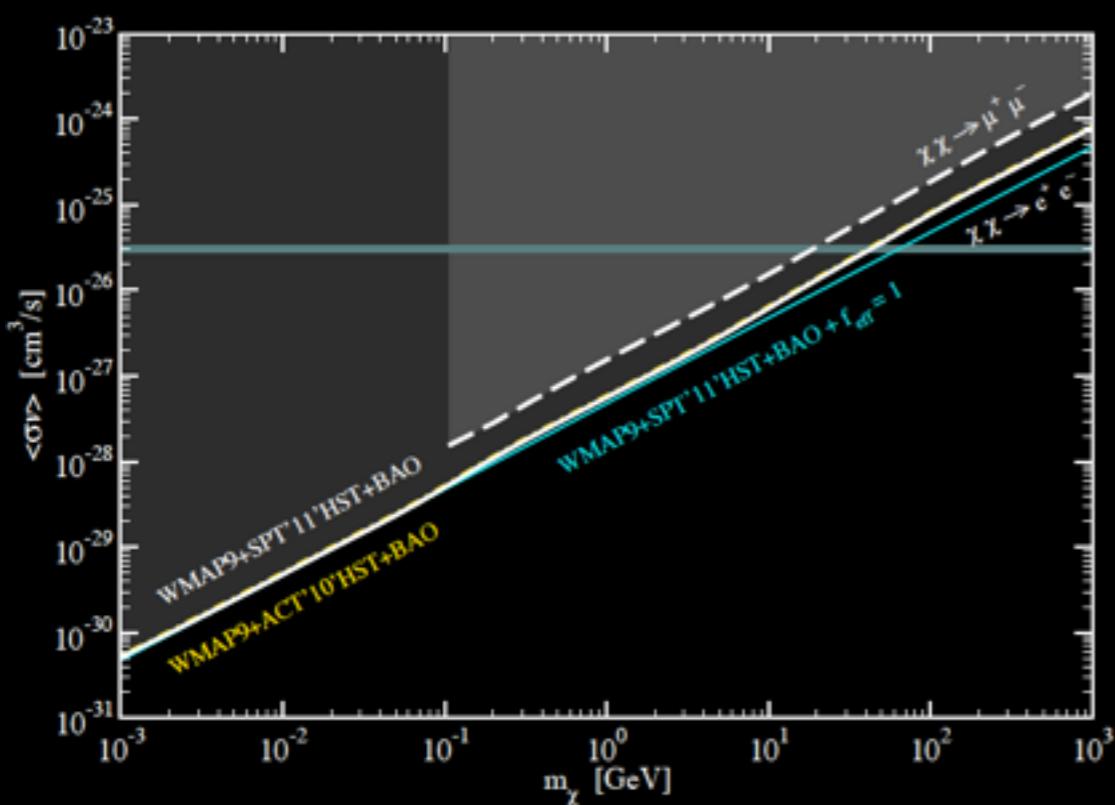
L. Lopez-Honorez, O. Mena, A. Moliné, SPR  
and A. C. Vincent, JCAP 1608:004, 2016

# EFFECTS ON THE CMB

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Padmanabhan & Finkbeiner '05, Zhang et al. '06,  
Finkbeiner et al. '08, Galli et al. '09, Slatyer et al. '09,  
Kanzaki et al. '09, Galli et al. '11, Hutsi et al. '11, Evoli  
et al. '12, Giesen et al. '12, Evoli et al. '12, Slatyer '12,  
Fry & Reid '13, Cline & Scott '13, Weniger et al. '13,  
Lopez-Honorez et al. '13, Galli et al. '13, Diamanti et  
al. '14, Madhavacheril et al. '14, Slatyer '16, Poulin et  
al. '15, Kawasaki et al. '16, Slatyer & Wu '17

It modifies the propagation of photons  
from the LSS (reionization history)  
and affects CMB temperature and  
polarization anisotropies

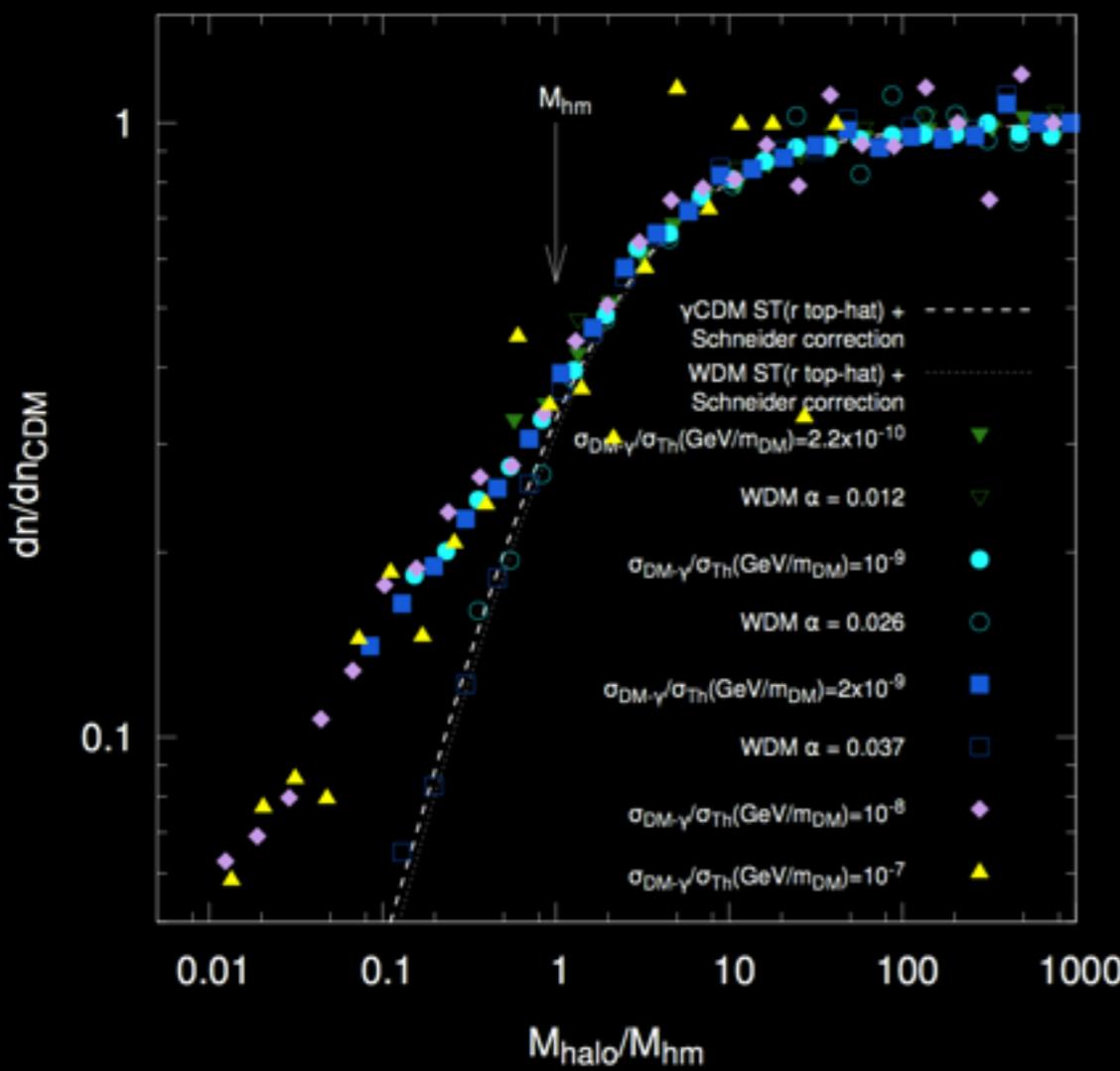
Advantage over other DM annihilation probes:  
do not suffer from astrophysics uncertainties

# DM-RADIATION INTERACTIONS

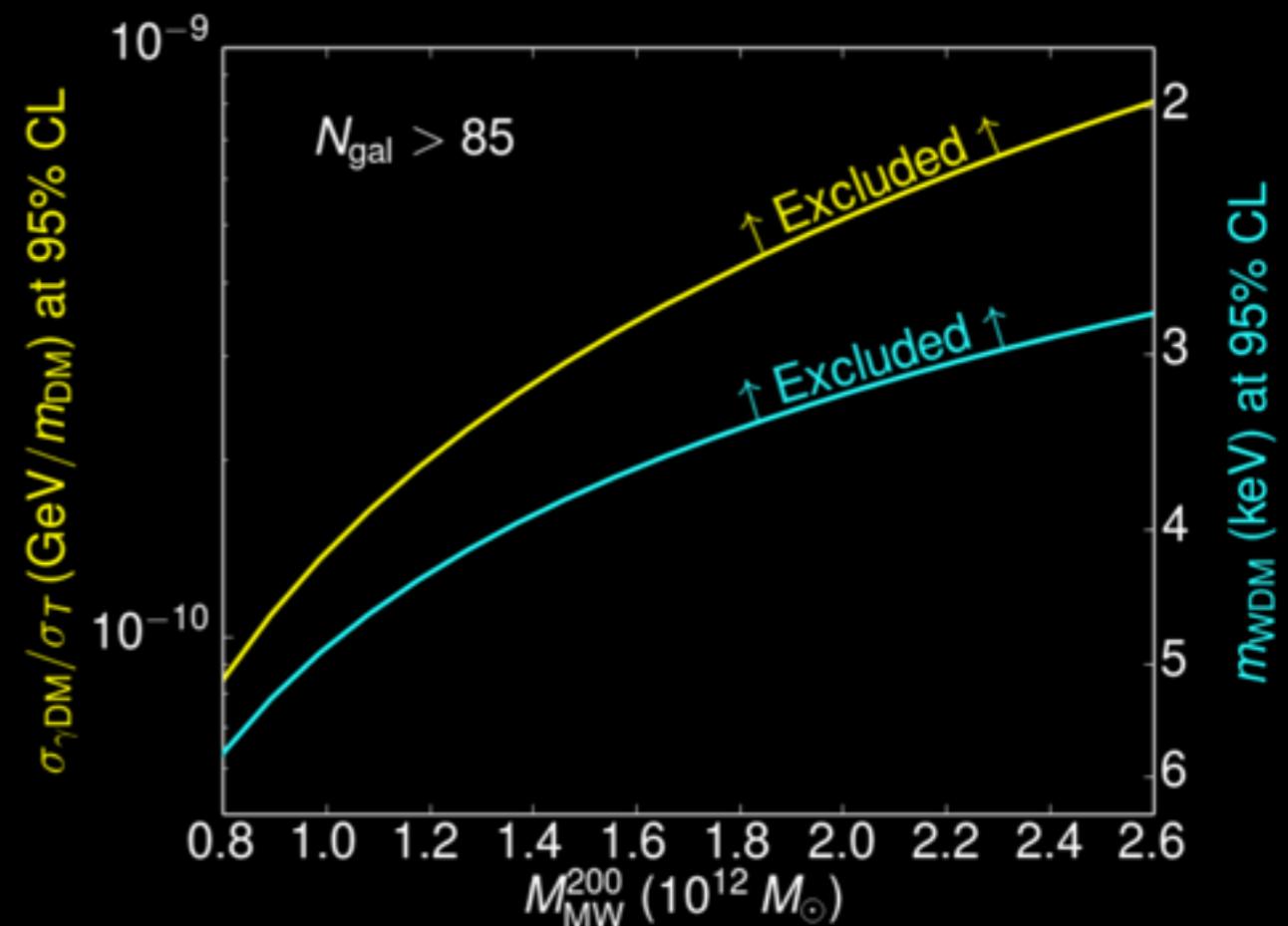
Collisional damping

C. Boehm, P. Fayet and R. Schaeffer, Phys. Lett. B518:8, 2001

It suppresses structure formation at small scales



This can be used to set constraints on the largest allowed cross section from CMB and galaxy counts



J. A. Schewtschenko et al.,  
Mon. Mot. Roy. Astron. Soc. 449:3587, 2015

See also: A. Moliné et al., JCAP 1608:069, 2016

M. Escudero et al., arXiv:1803.08427 (accepted in JCAP)

# INDIRECT DETECTION

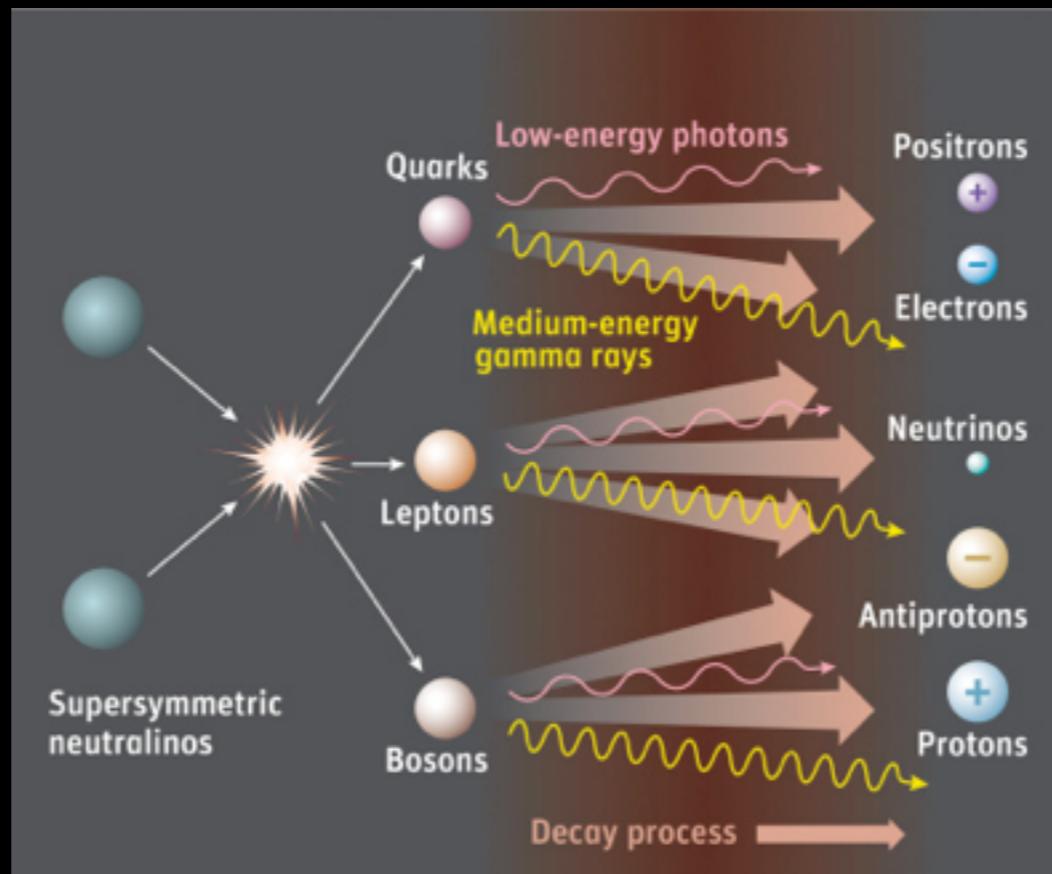
## $\gamma$ -rays

Fermi-LAT, MAGIC,  
VERITAS, HESS,  
radio telescopes...



## Antimatter

PAMELA, AMS...

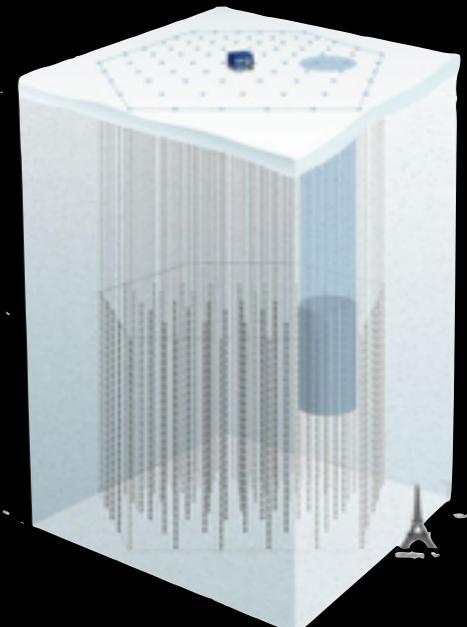


Expected signal:  
annihilation (decay) products

Challenges:  
absolute rates  
discrimination against other sources

## Neutrinos

IceCube,  
SuperKamiokande...



Need to know:  
local density, halo profile, amount of substructure...

# Signal

(antimatter)

Flux  $\times$  Propagation effects  $\times$   
Effective area  $\times$  Time

Effective area  
Cross section  $\times$  Detector's size  $\times$  Efficiency

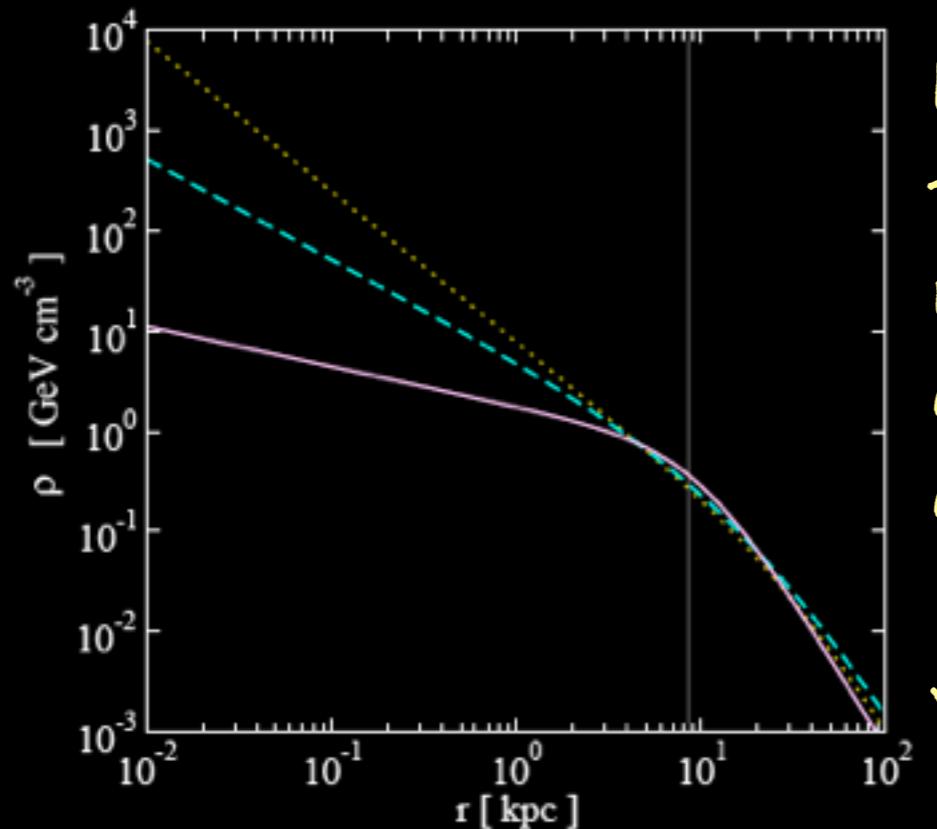
$$\text{flux} \propto n^2 \langle \sigma v \rangle$$

particle physics

astro/cosmo

thermal value?

velocity-independent?

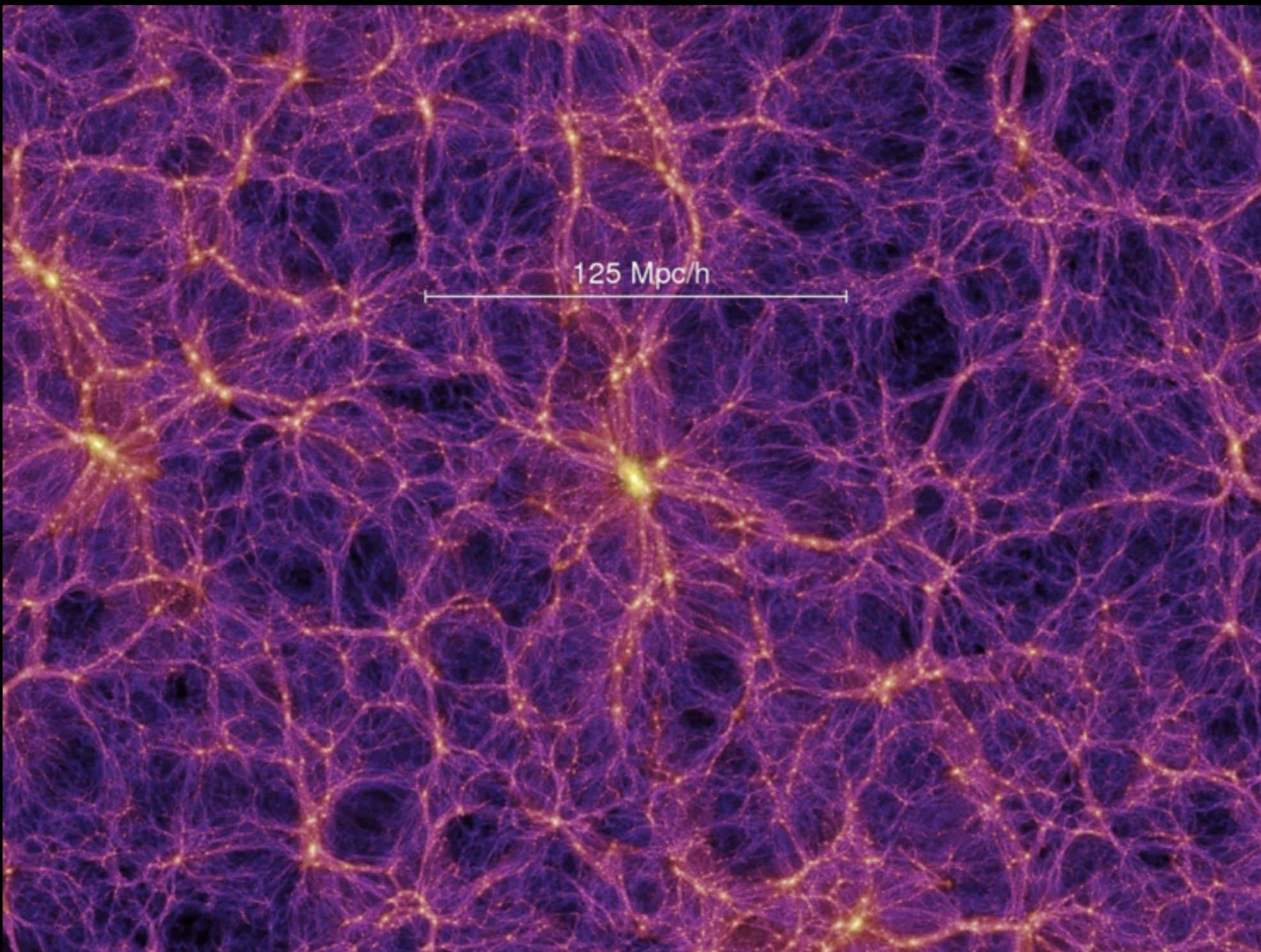


Local density  
presence of substructure  
minimum halo mass  
distribution in different systems  
dependence with redshift

velocity distribution

H. Yuksel, S. Horiuchi, J. F. Beacom and S. Ando,  
Phys. Rev. D76:123506, 2007

# NUMERICAL SIMULATIONS



Credit: Aquarius simulation

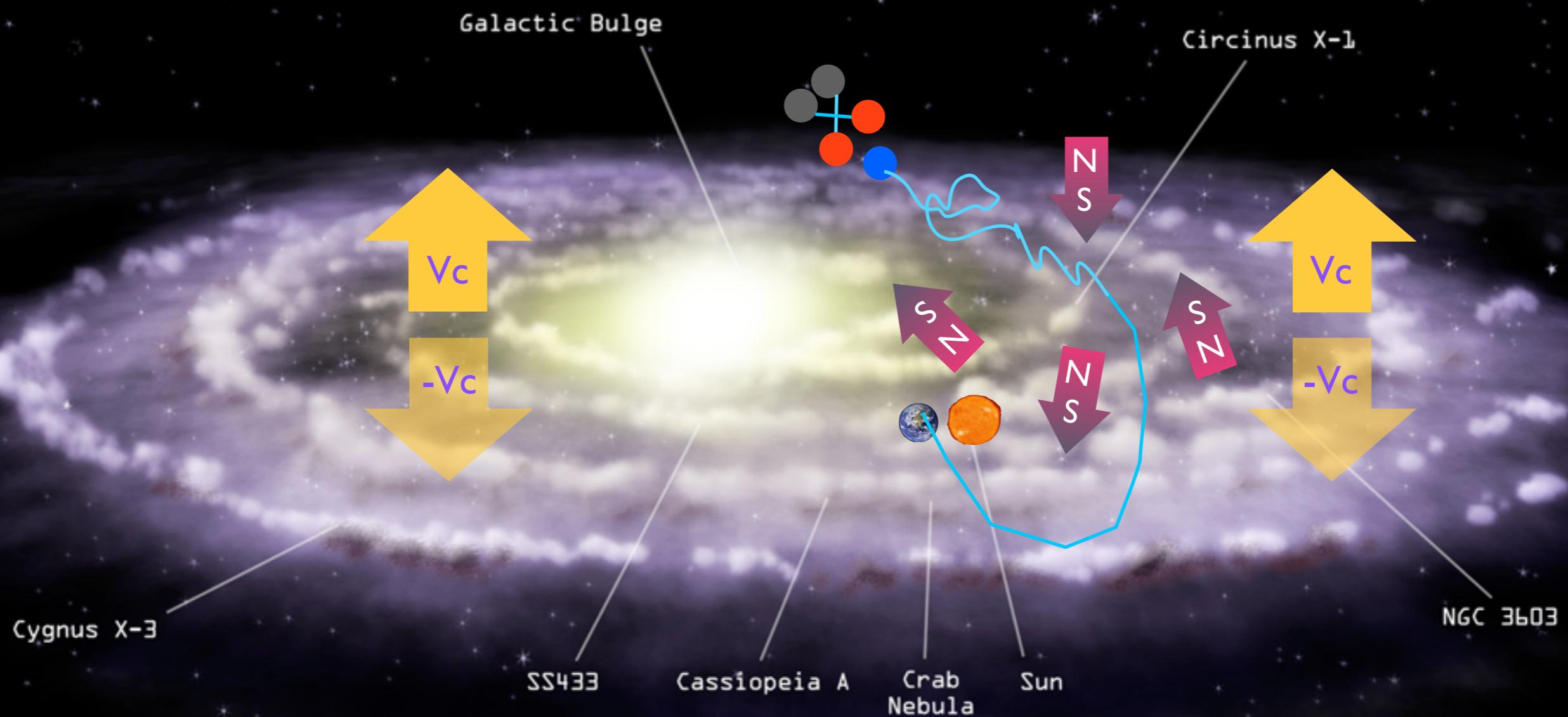
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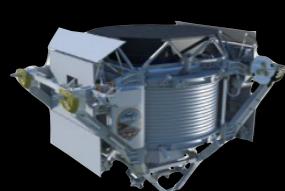
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# ANTIMATTER

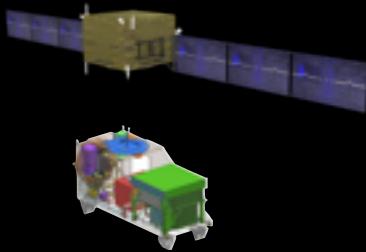
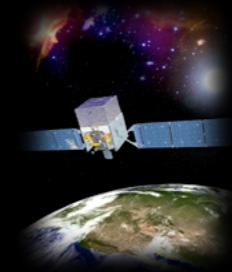
we can only see the local neighborhood (few kpc):  
diffusion, convection, energy losses, spallations...



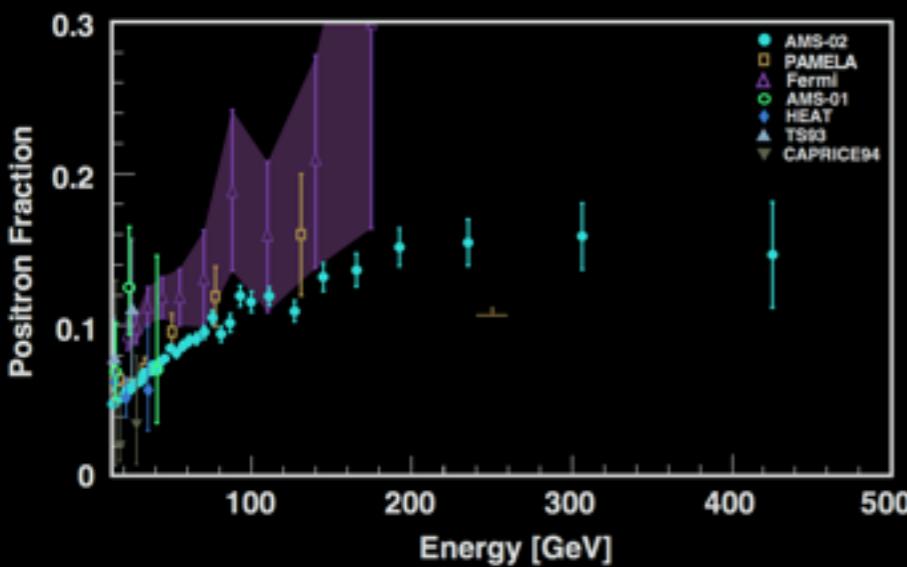
propagation affects positrons mainly at low energies  
the spectral shape for antiprotons does not change much



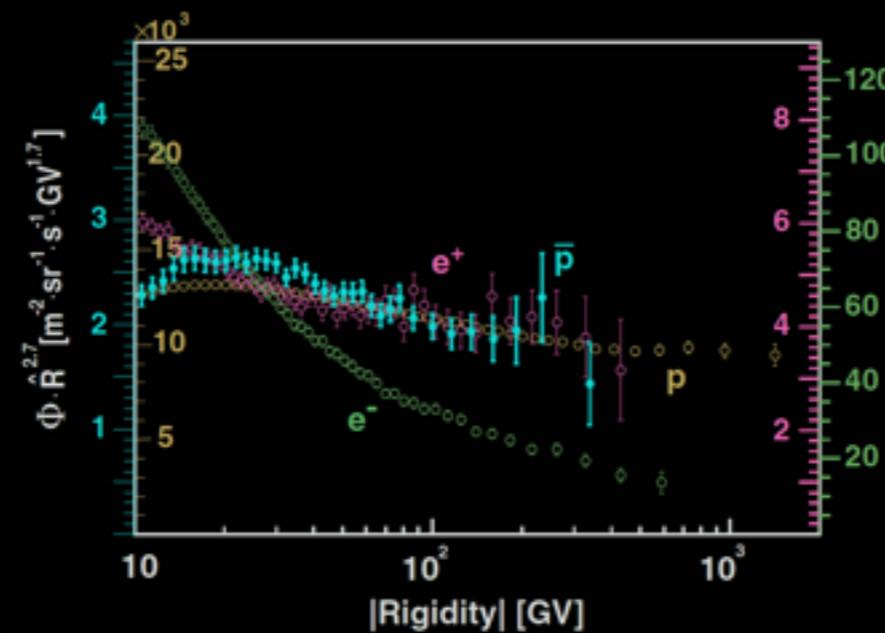
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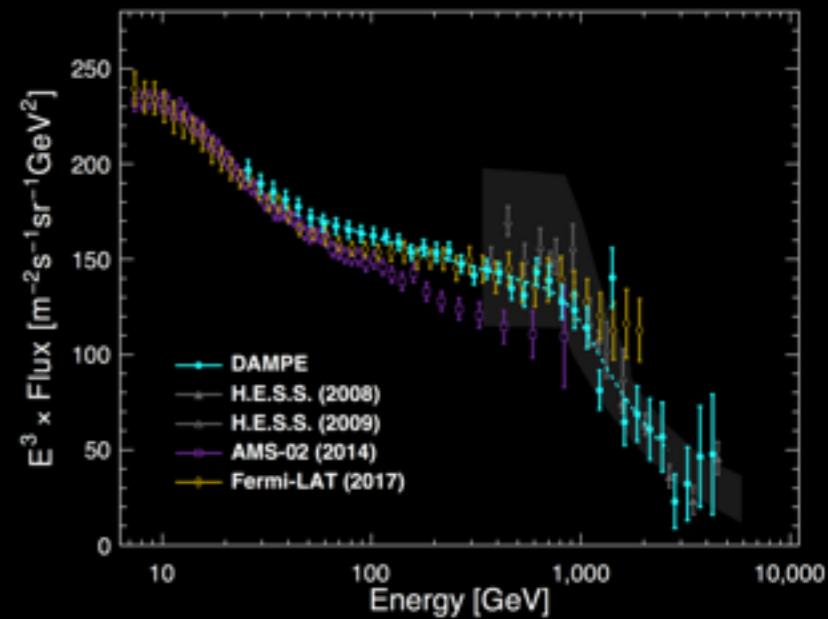
## Positron fraction



## Antiprotons



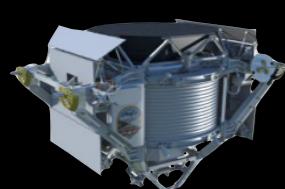
## Electrons+positrons



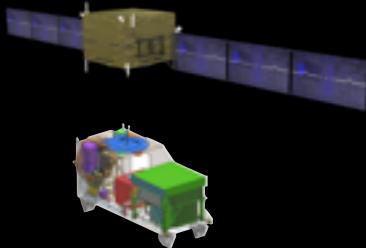
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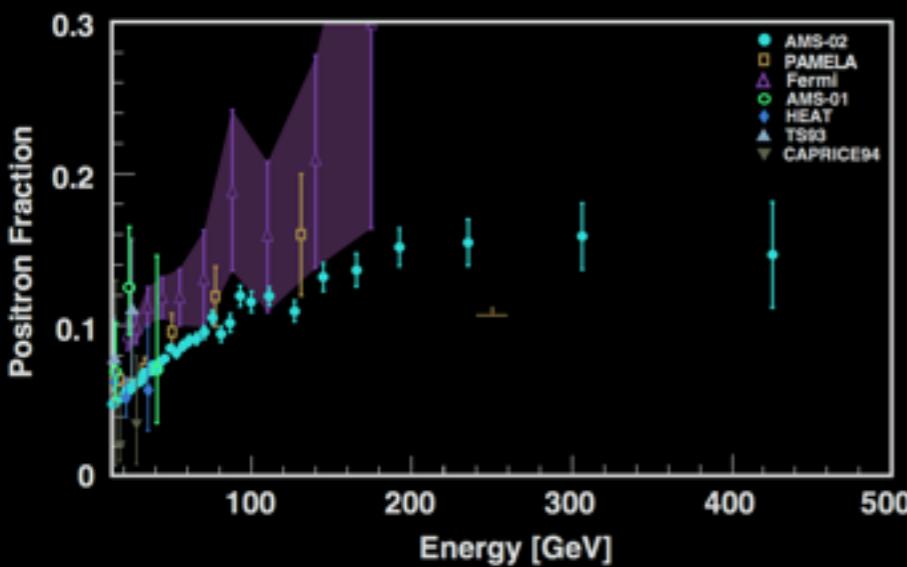
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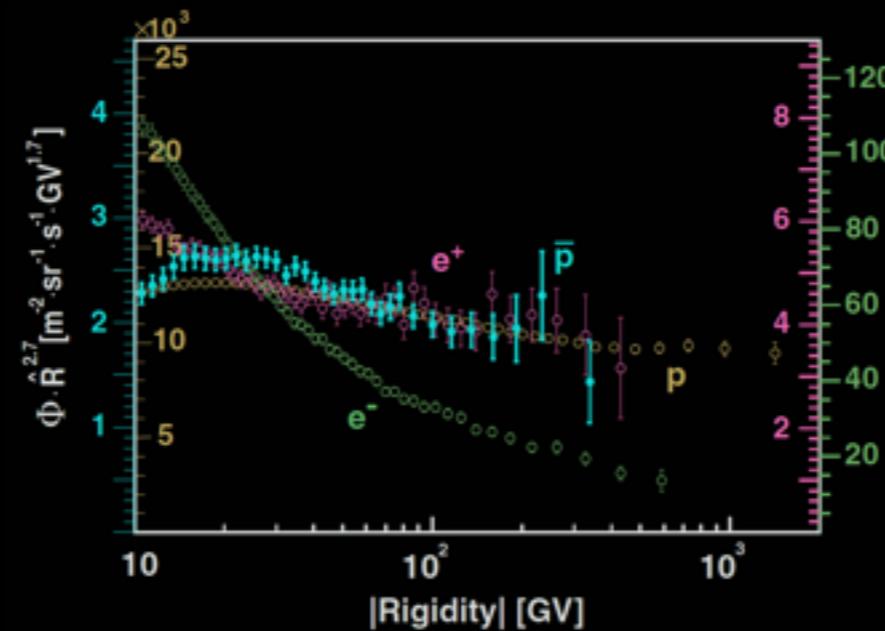
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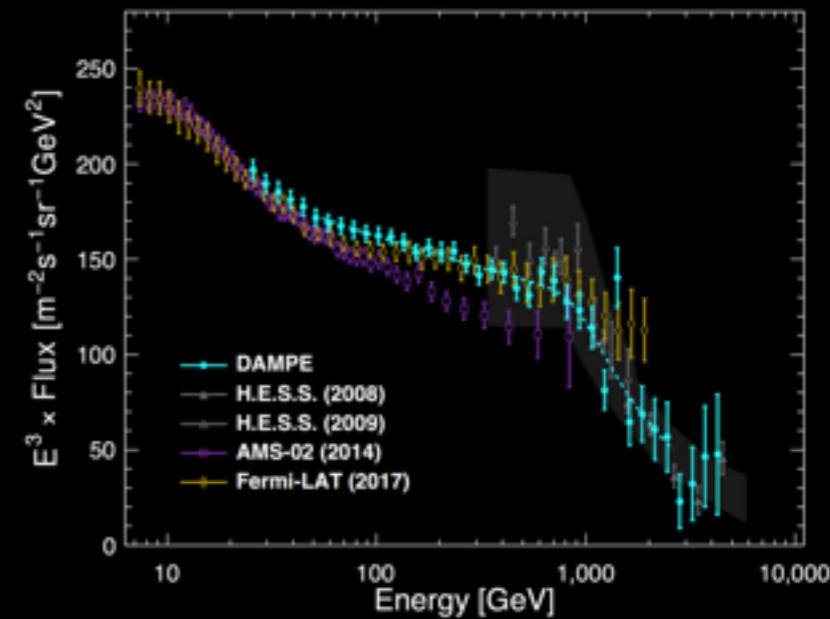
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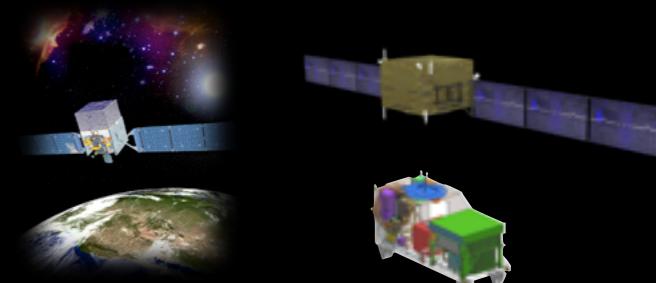
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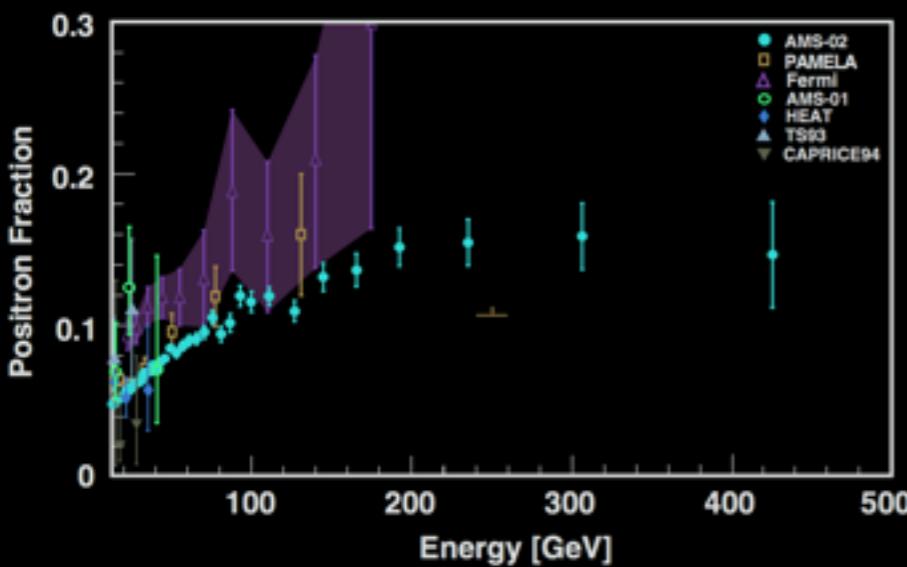
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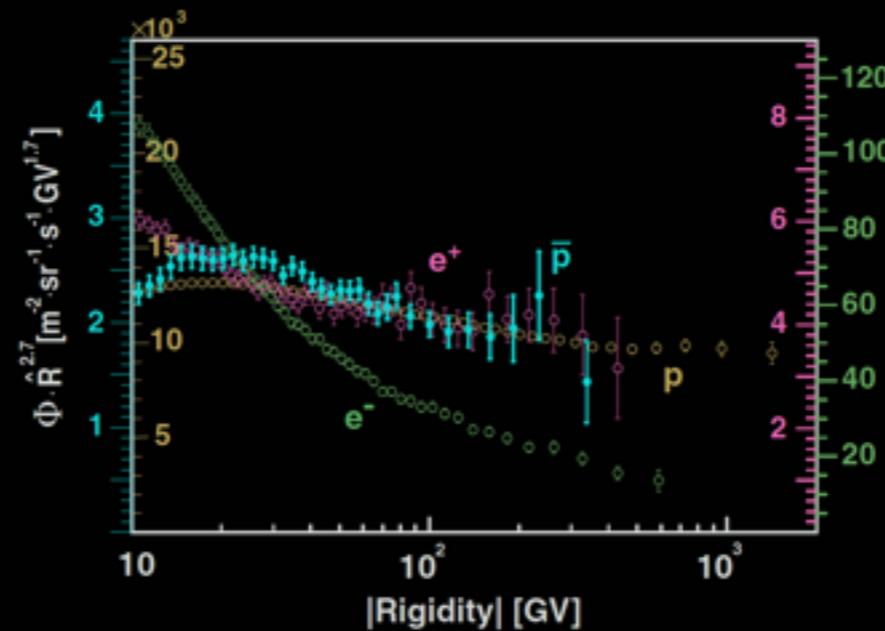
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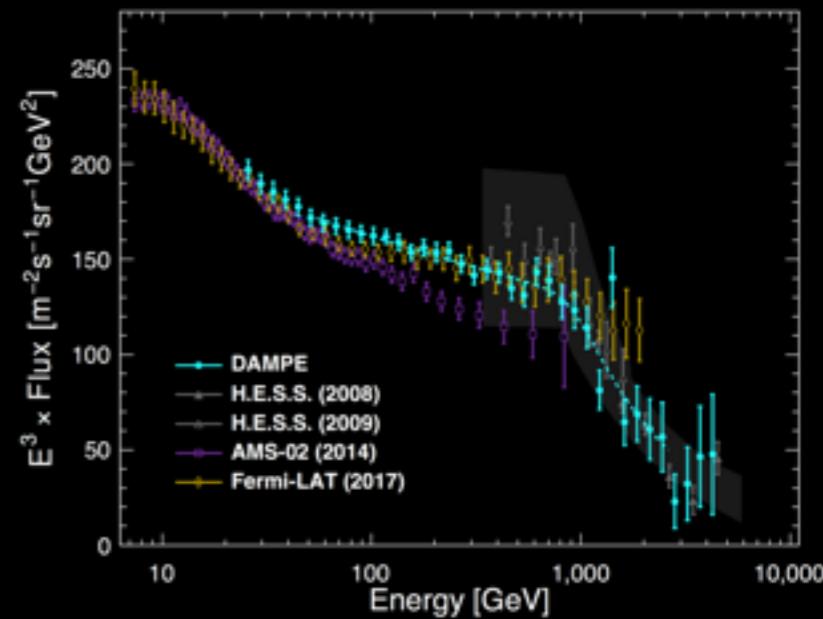
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... and there are also astrophysical explanations: pulsars

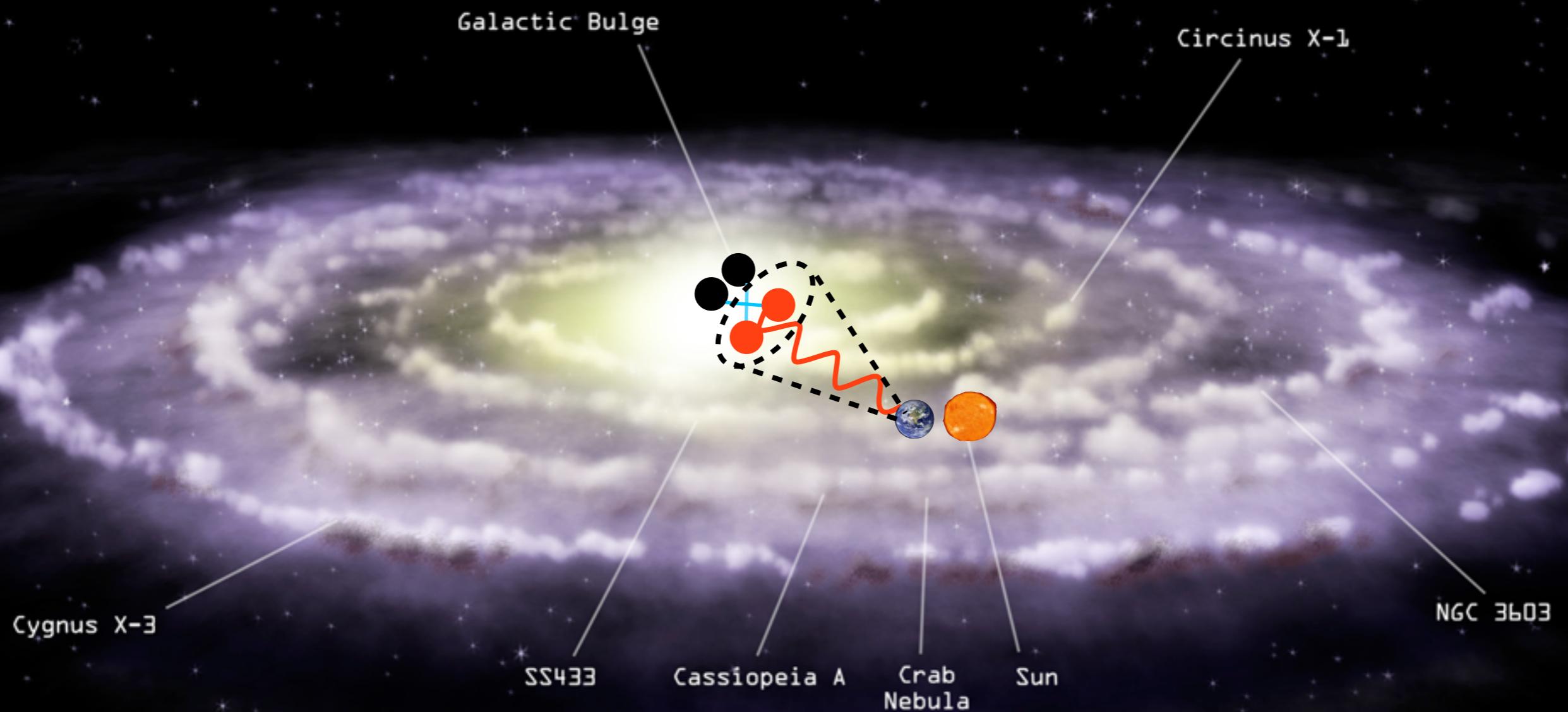
# Signal

(gamma-rays and neutrinos)

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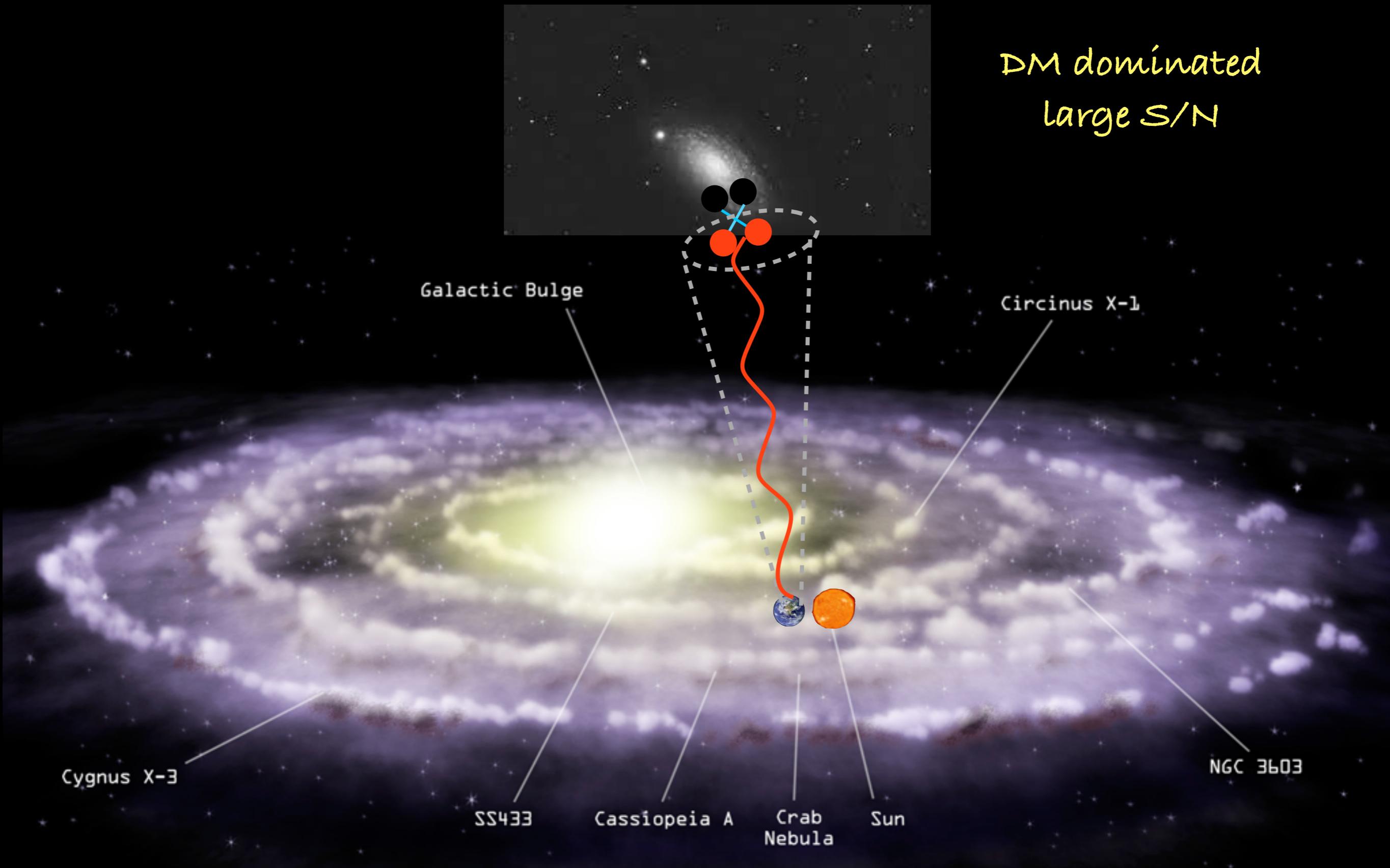
Effective area  
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# GALACTIC CENTER



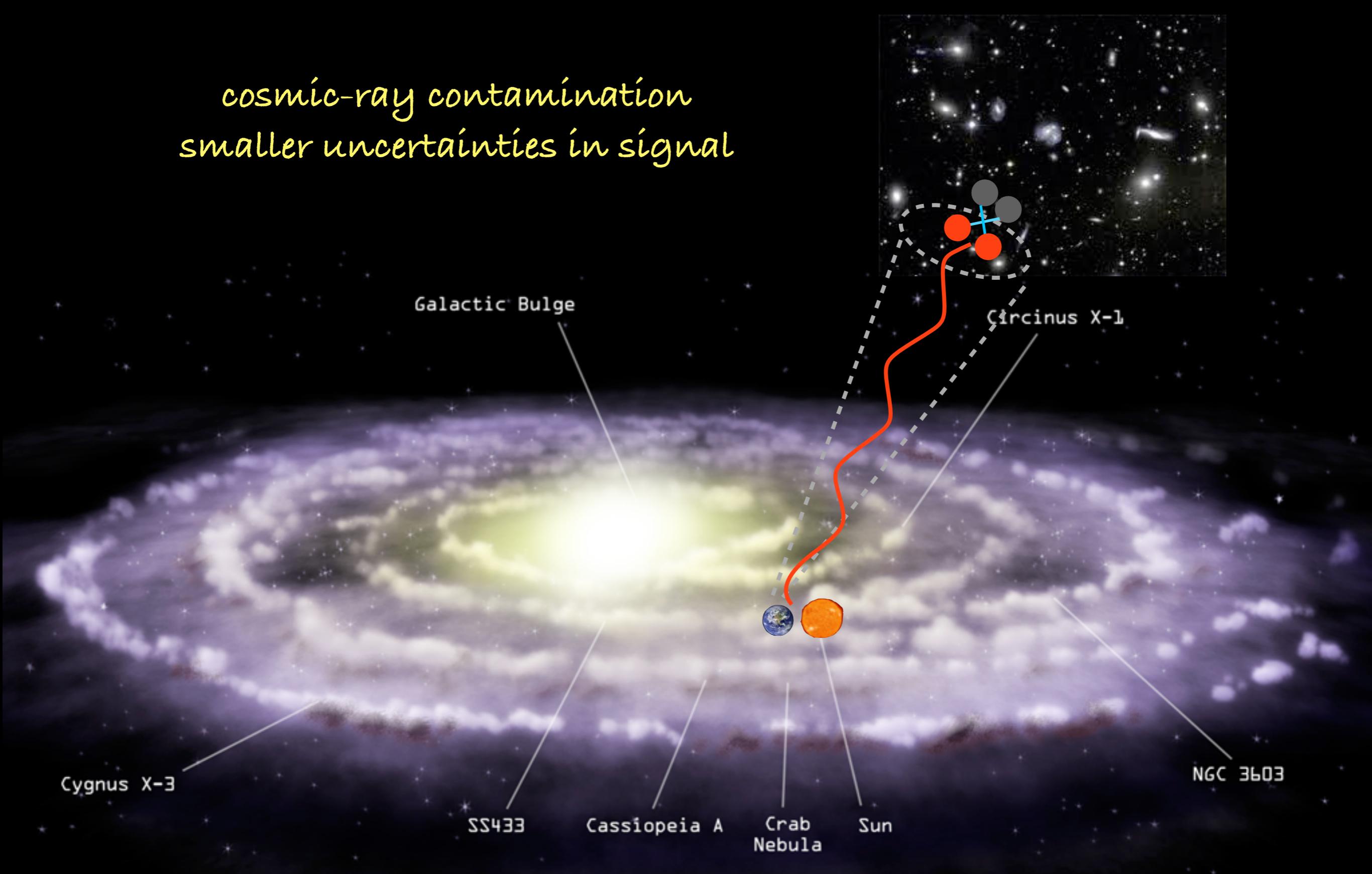
brightest DM source  
large backgrounds and uncertainties

DM dominated  
large S/N



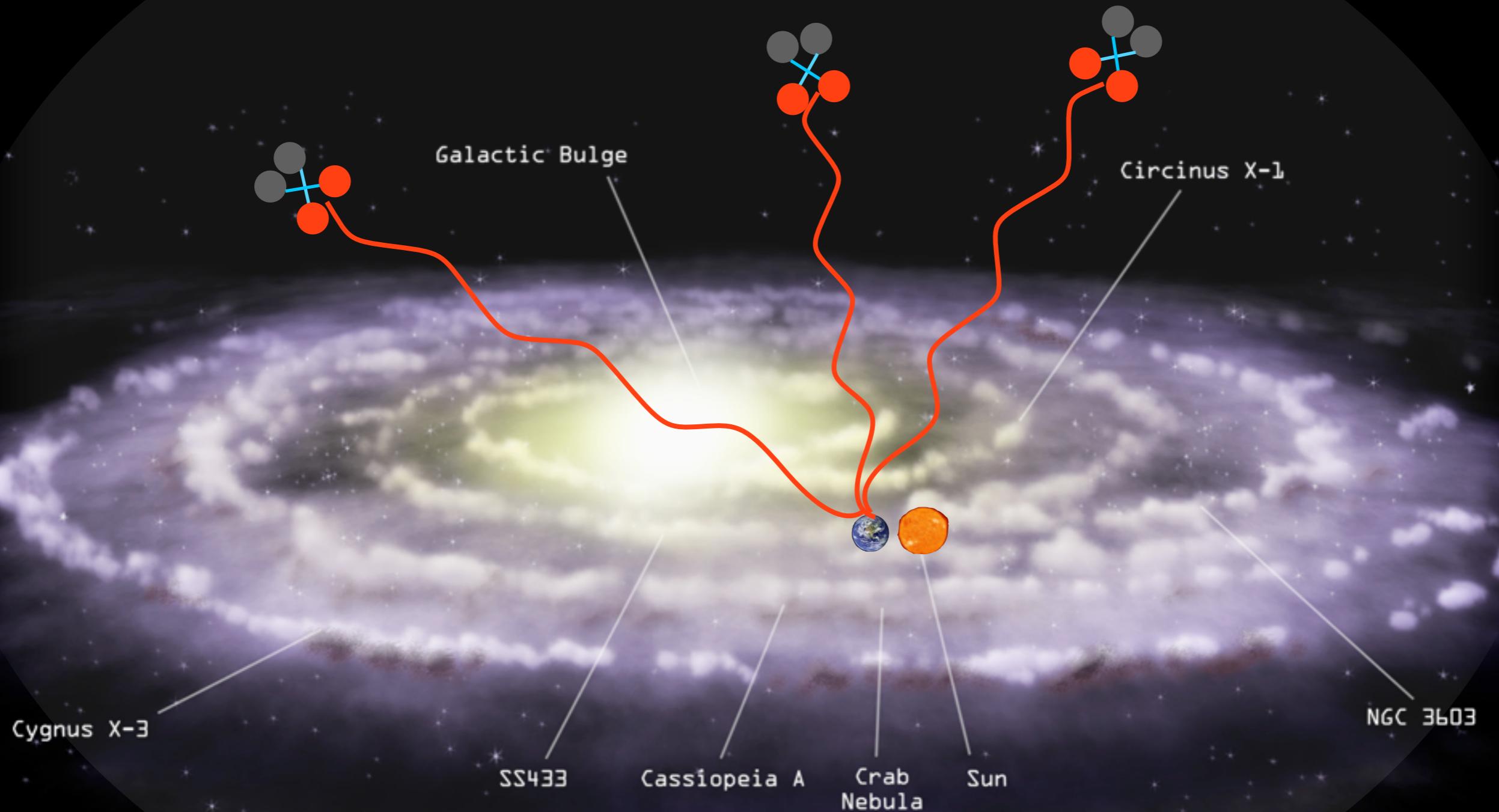
# SATELLITE GALAXIES

cosmic-ray contamination  
smaller uncertainties in signal



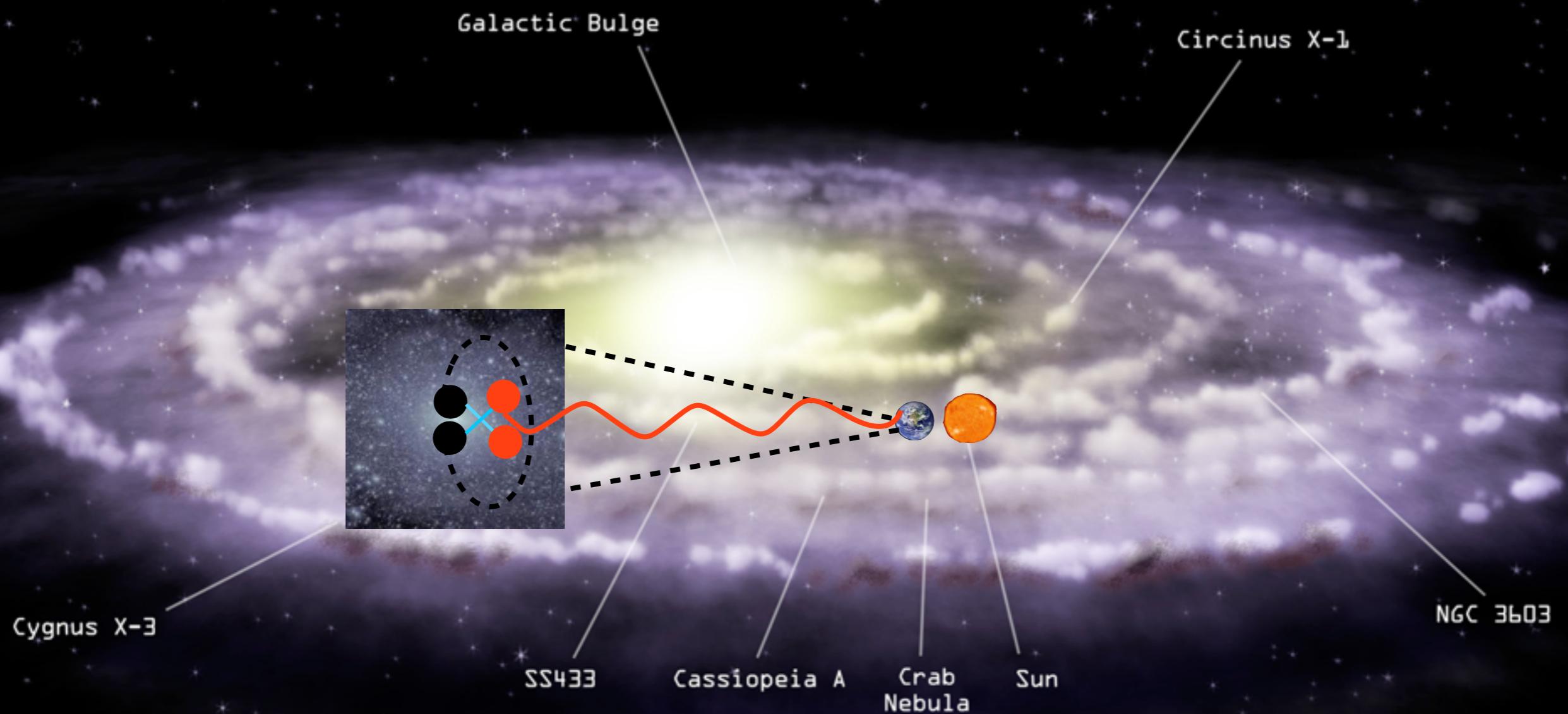
# GALAXY CLUSTERS

# GALACTIC HALO

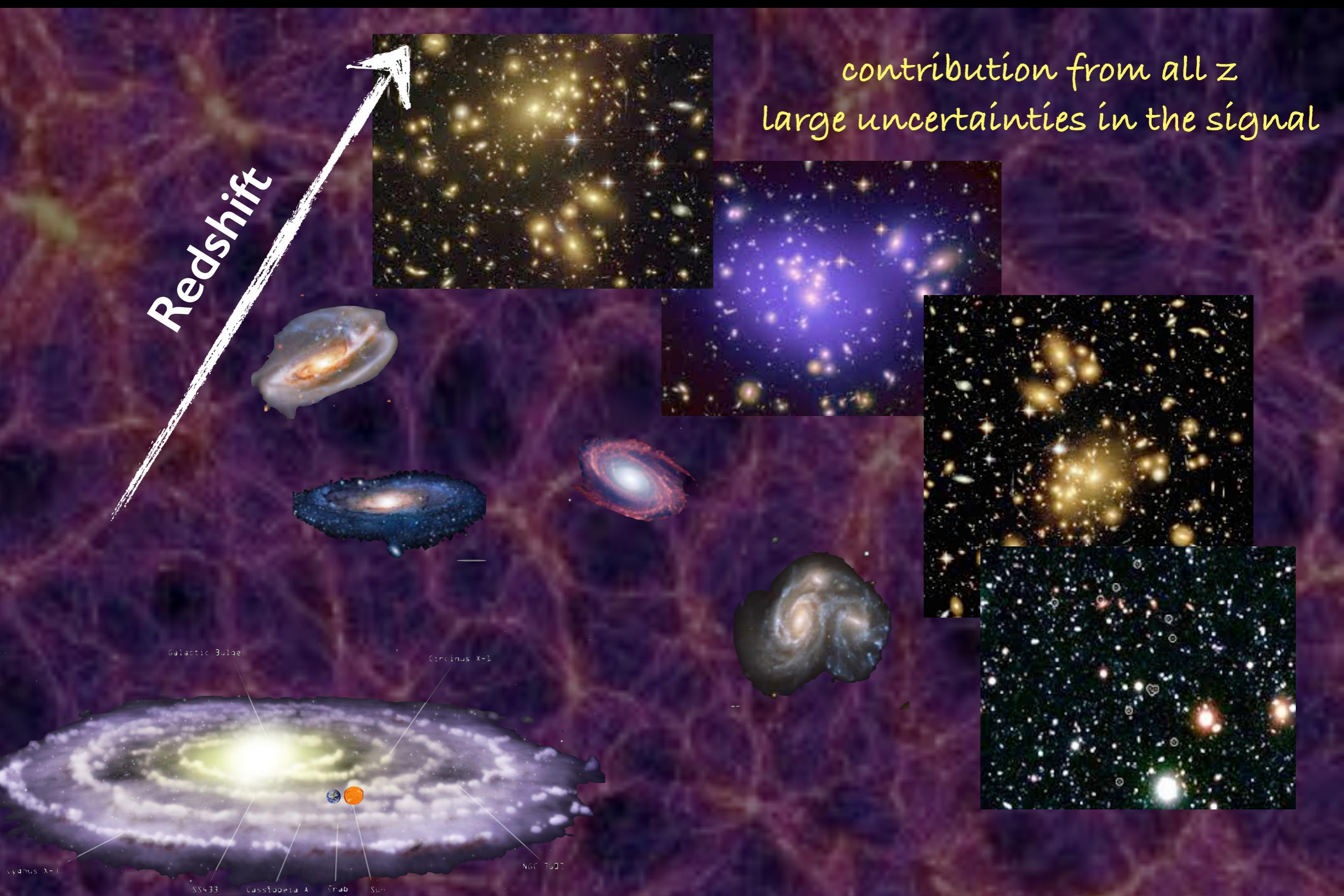


angular information  
Lower galactic backgrounds

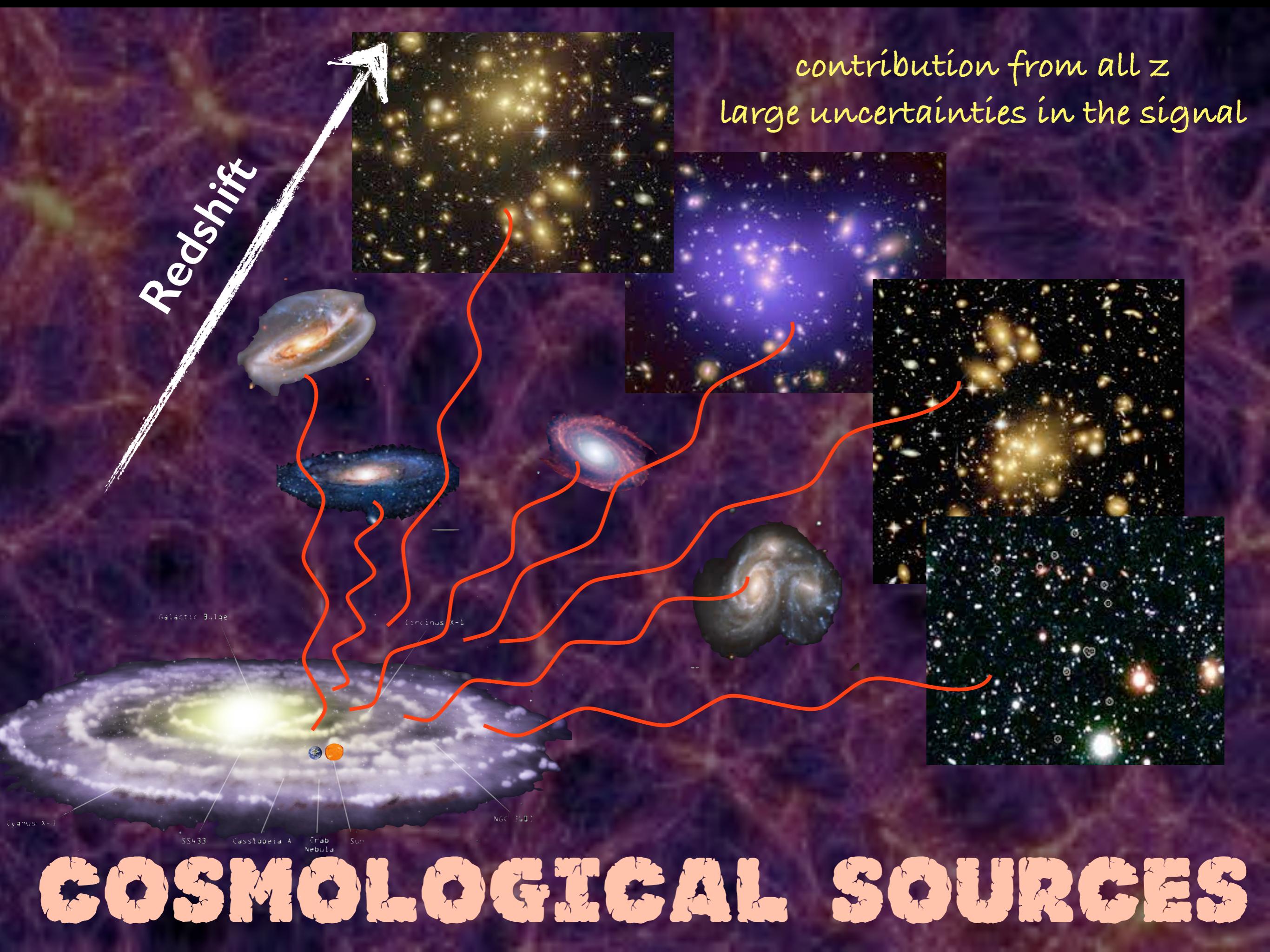
# GALACTIC SUBSTRUCTURE



relatively easy discrimination (if found)  
bright enough?



# COSMOLOGICAL SOURCES



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contribution from all  $z$   
large uncertainties in the signal

# GENERAL COMMENTS

## EXAMPLE: GALACTIC SIGNALS

### ANNIHILATION

$$\frac{d\Phi_\nu}{dE_\nu}(E_\nu, \Delta\Omega) = \boxed{\frac{\langle\sigma v\rangle}{2m_\chi^2} \sum_i \frac{dN_\nu^i}{dE_\nu} BR_i} \boxed{\frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{\Delta\Omega} \int_{los} \rho(r(s, \Omega))^2 ds}$$

### DECAY

$$\frac{d\Phi_\nu}{dE_\nu}(E_\nu, \Delta\Omega) = \boxed{\frac{1}{\tau_\chi m_\chi} \sum_i \frac{dN_\nu^i}{dE_\nu} BR_i} \boxed{\frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{\Delta\Omega} \int_{los} \rho(r(s, \Omega)) ds}$$

**Particle Physics**

**Astrophysics**

$\langle\sigma v\rangle$ : annihilation cross section

$\tau_\chi$ : DM lifetime

$m_\chi$ : DM mass

$BR_i$ : branching ratio into channel  $i$

$\frac{dN_\nu^i}{dE_\nu}$ : neutrino spectrum for channel  $i$

$\Delta\Omega$ : field of view

$\rho$ : DM density profile

To stay as model-independent as possible,  
explore all possible annihilation/decay  
channels into SM particles

# GAMMA-RAY SIGNAL

## PROMPT EMISSION

### Continuum

From the hadronization,  
fragmentation and decay of  
products of DM annihilations

### Lines

DM annihilations into  
photon(s)

### Sharp features

Internal bremsstrahlung  
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## SECONDARY EMISSION

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upscattering of  
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# TELESCOPES

Space-borne

small effective area

large field of view

upper threshold  $< 300 \text{ GeV}$

Ground-based

large effective area

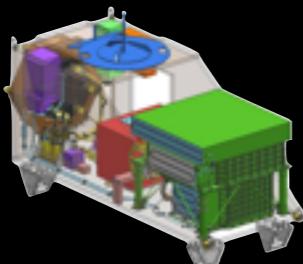
small field of view

lower threshold  $> 40 \text{ GeV}$

**FERMI-LAT**



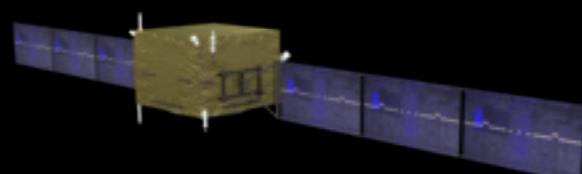
**CALET**



**H.E.S.S**



**DAMPE**



**MAGIC**



**VERITAS**



**CTA**

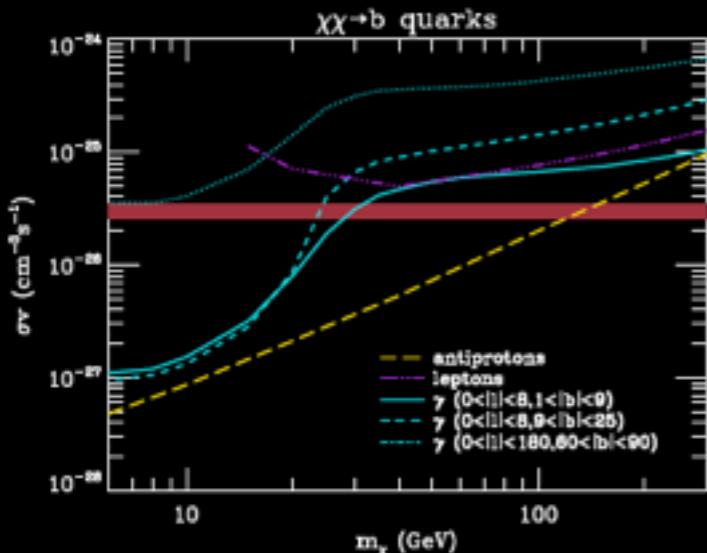


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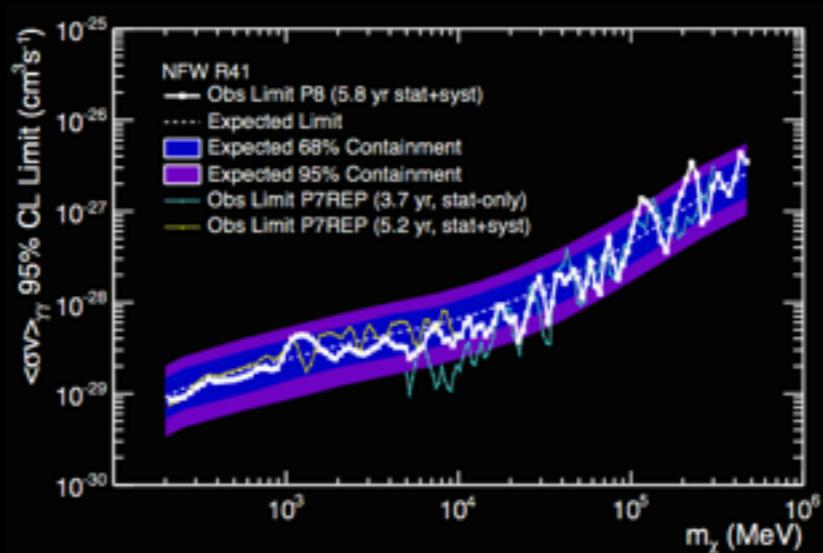
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## Milky Way halo



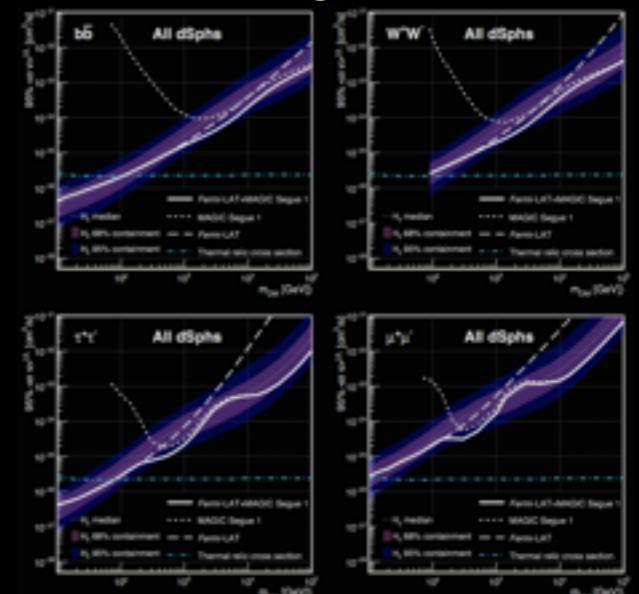
M. Tavakoli et al., JCAP 1401:017, 2014

## Lines from GC



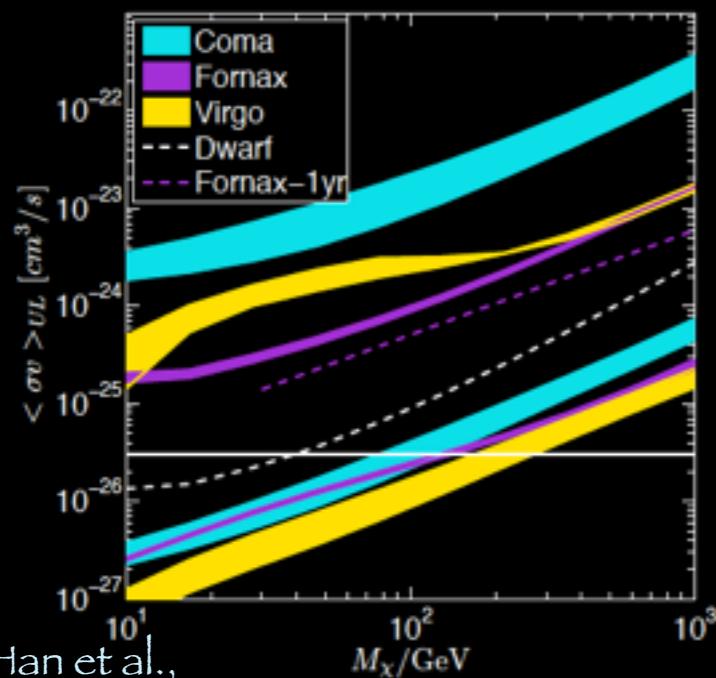
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## Dwarf galaxies



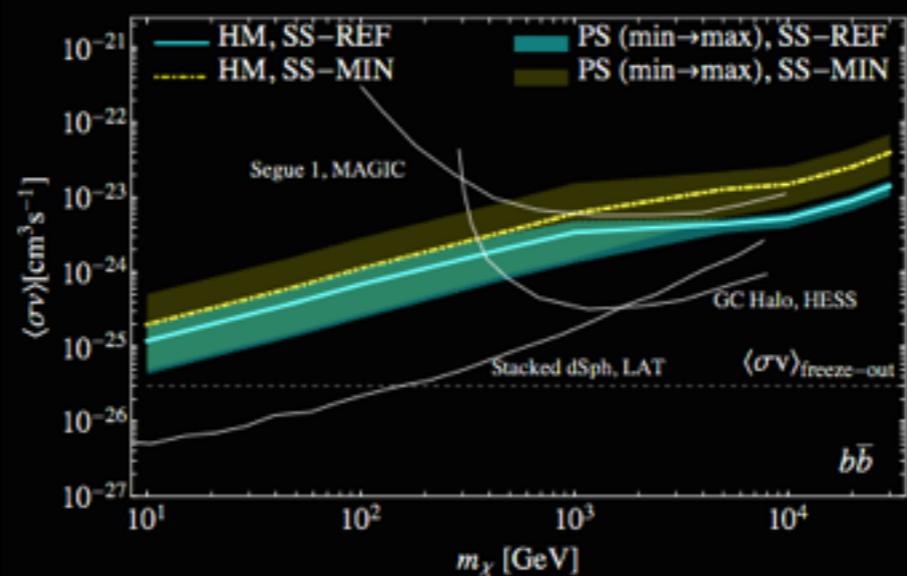
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## Galaxy clusters



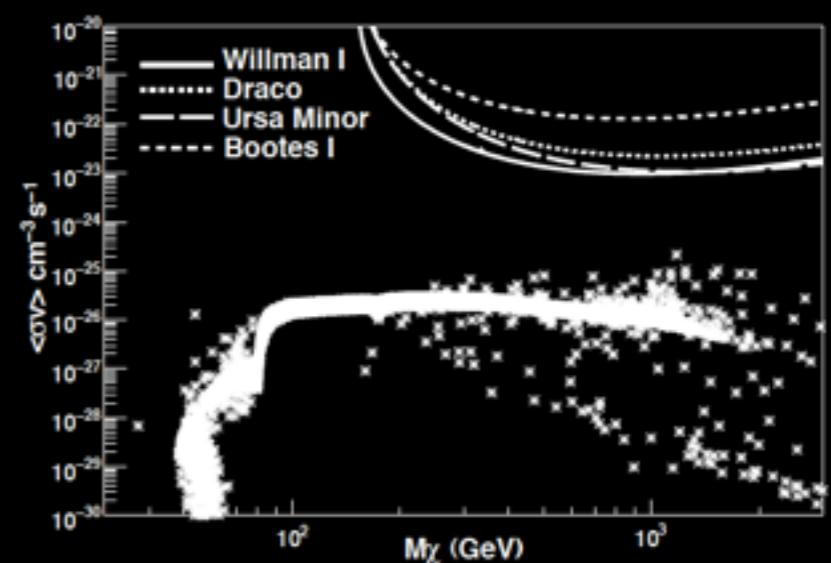
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## All halos



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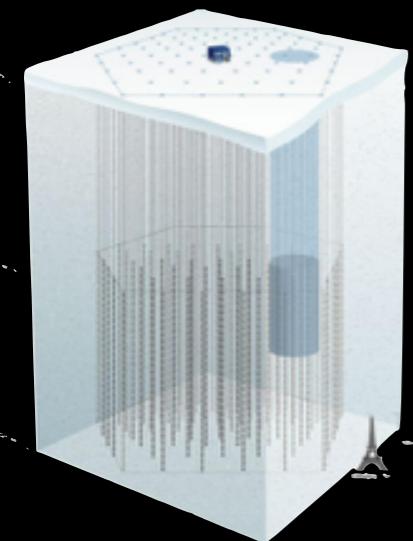
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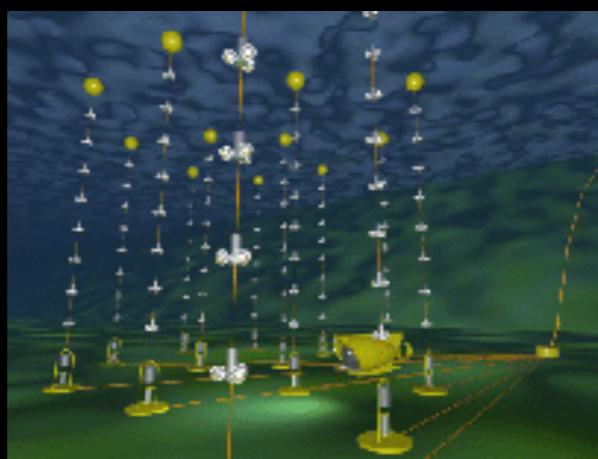
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# NEUTRINO DETECTION

ICECUBE



ANTARES



SUPER-

KAMIOKANDE



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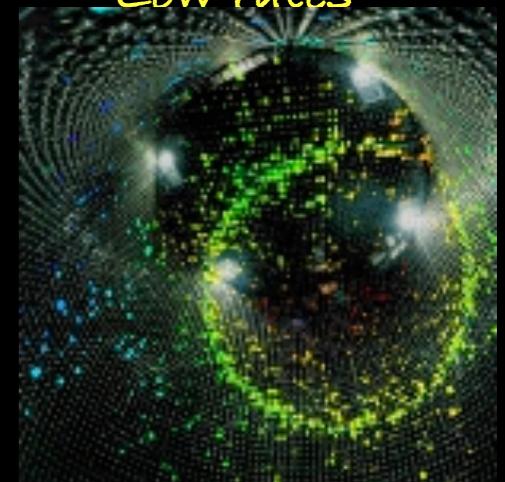
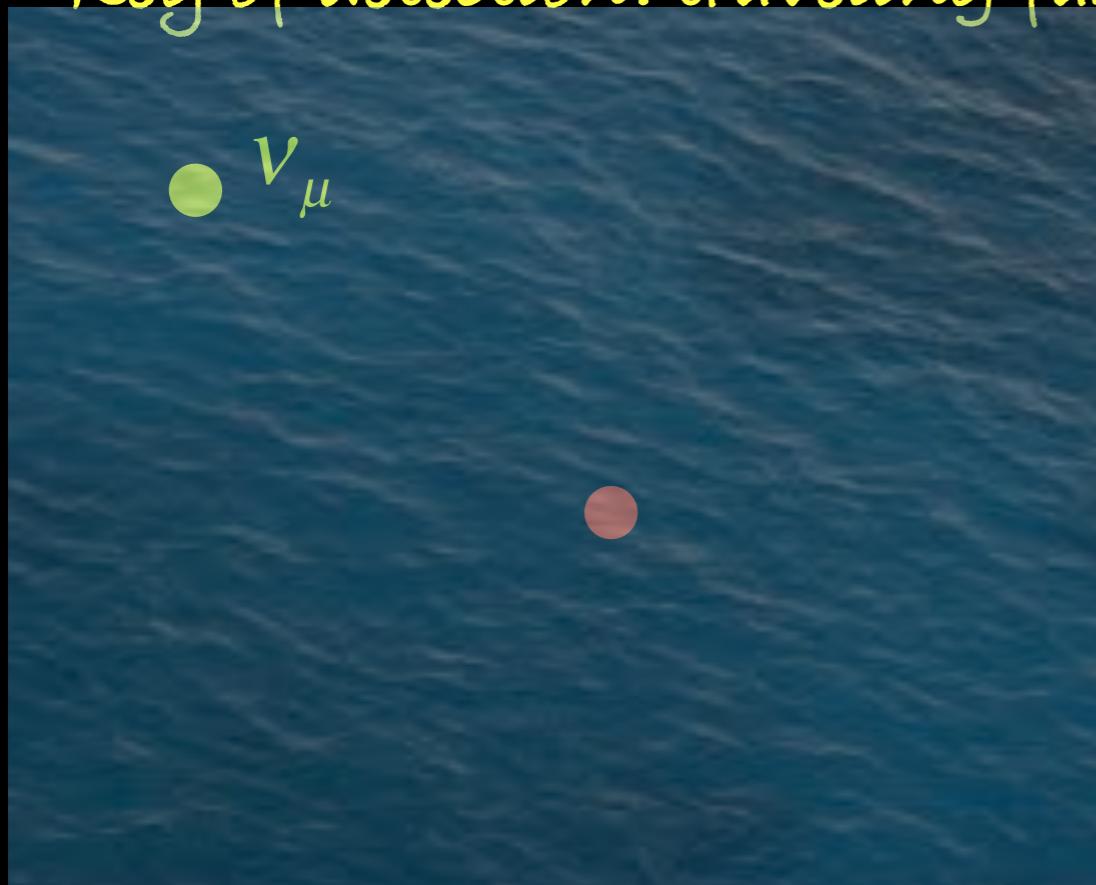
scintillator detector

Main signal:

Cherenkov light from  
muons and electrons

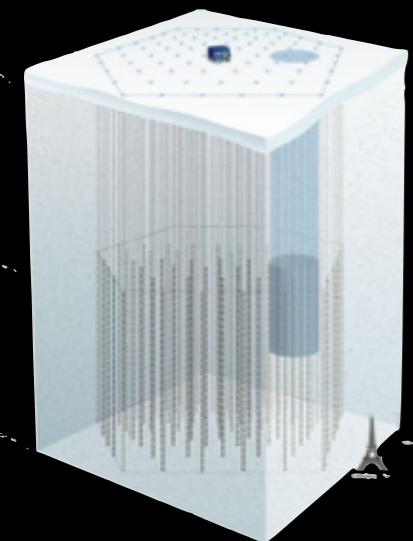
Well-known background:  
atmospheric neutrinos

Low rates

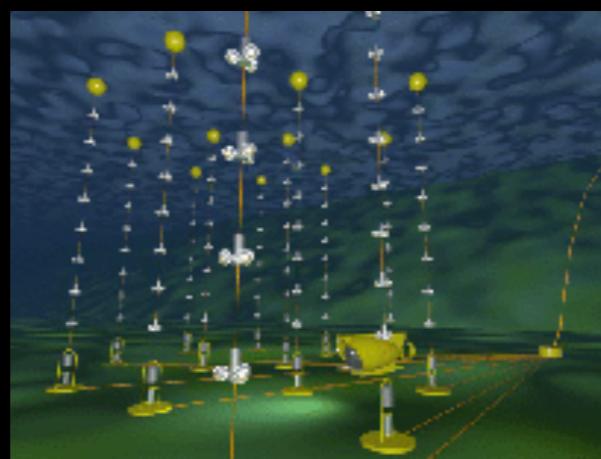


# NEUTRINO DETECTION

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Cherenkov detectors

scintillator detector

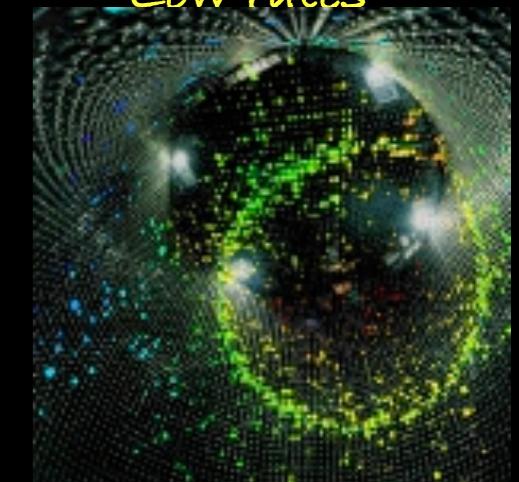
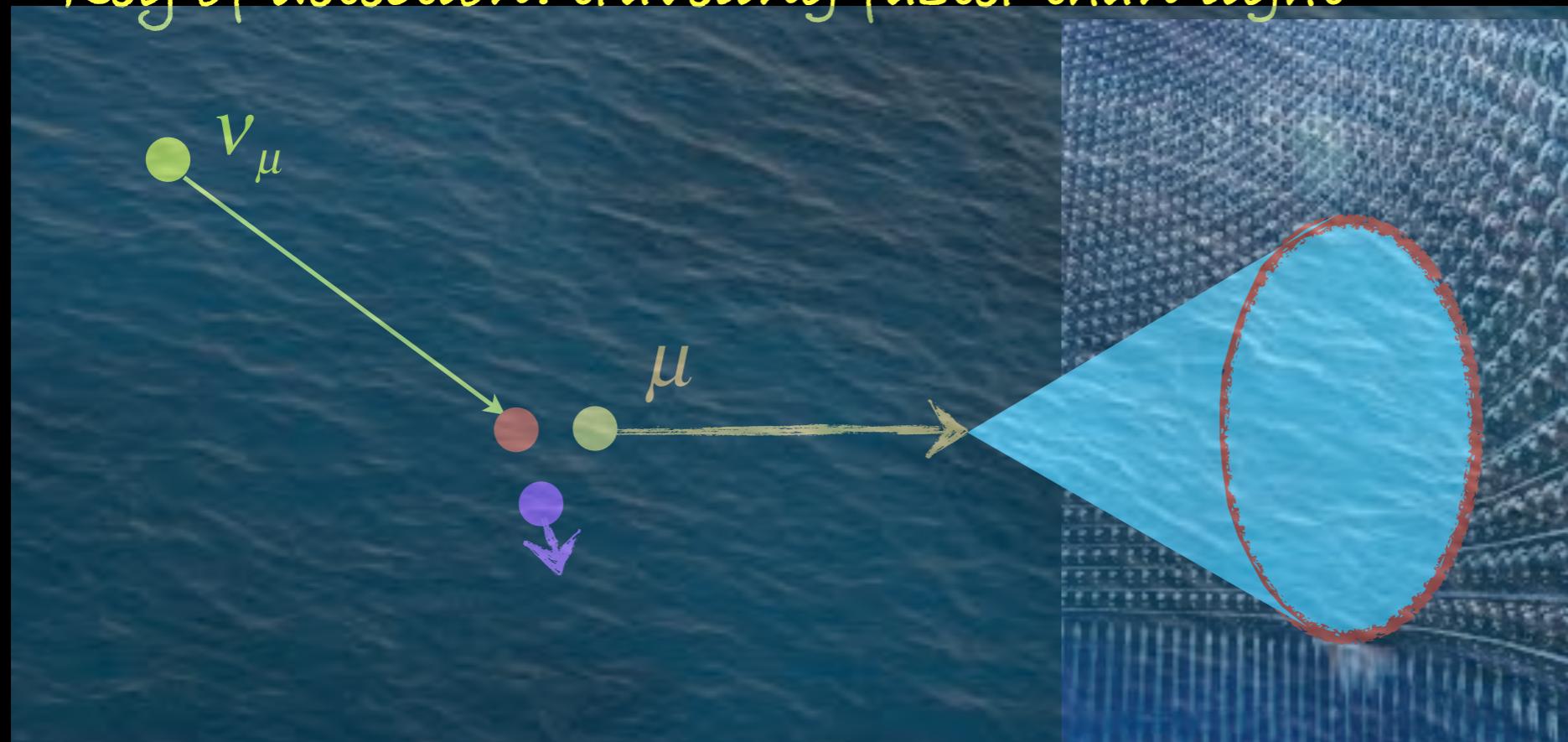
Key of detection: traveling faster than light

Main signal:

Cherenkov light from muons and electrons

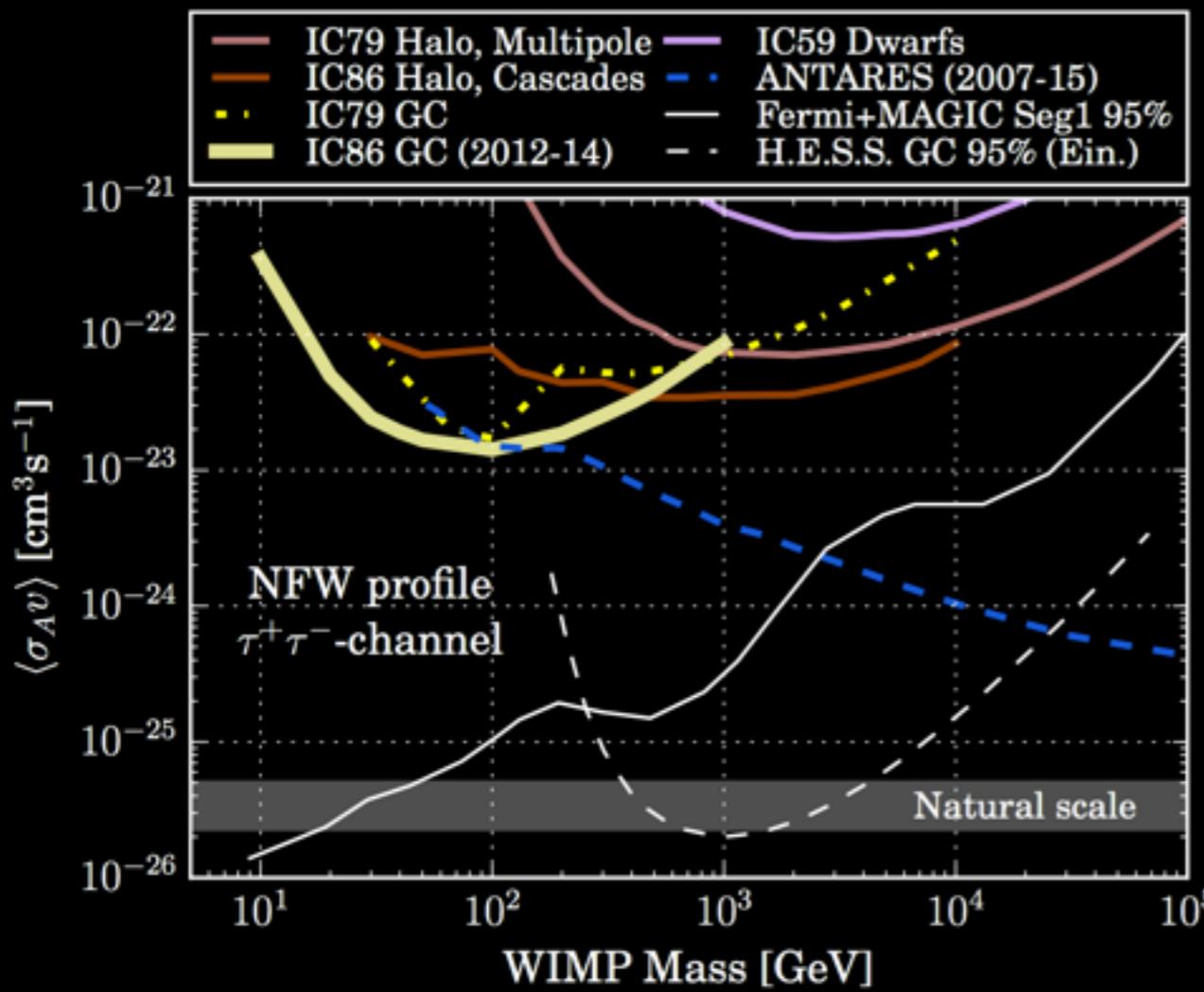
Well-known background:  
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## Galactic Center & Milky Way halo

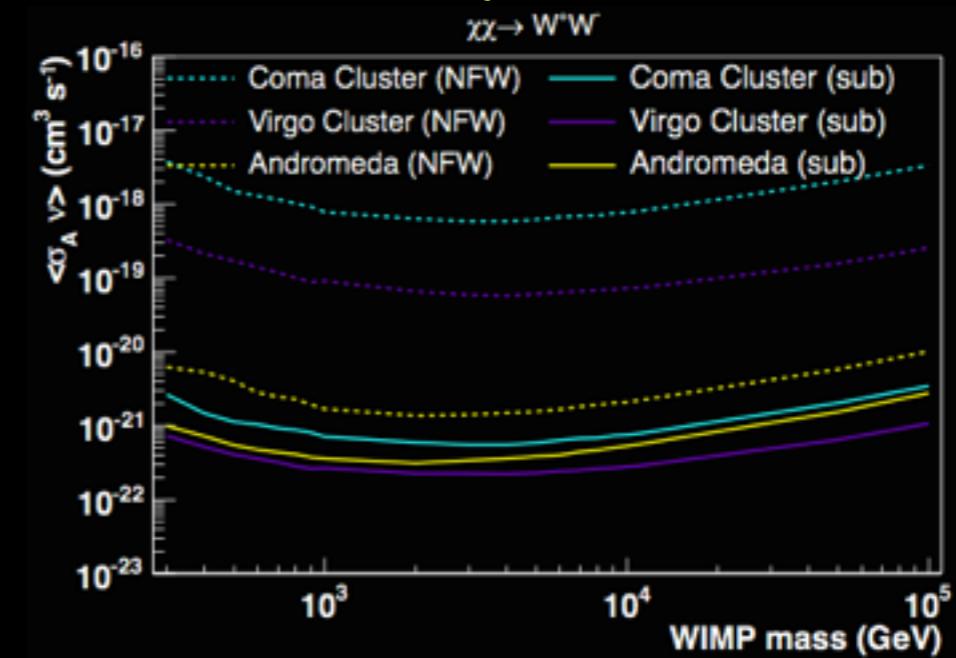


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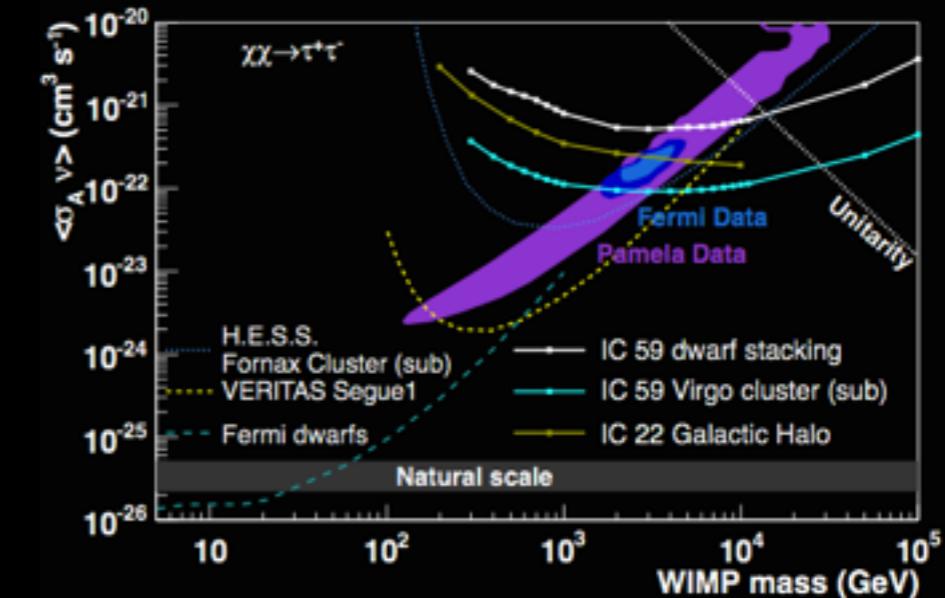
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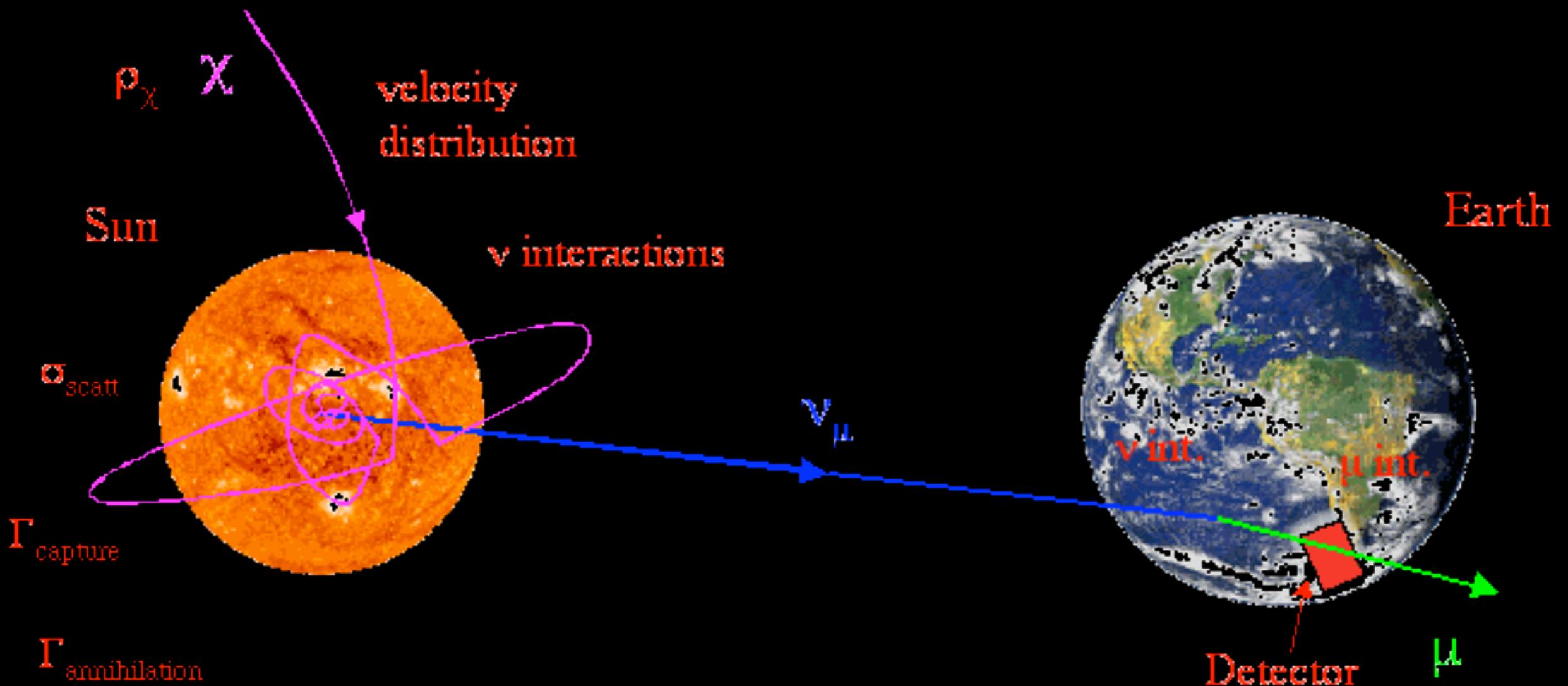
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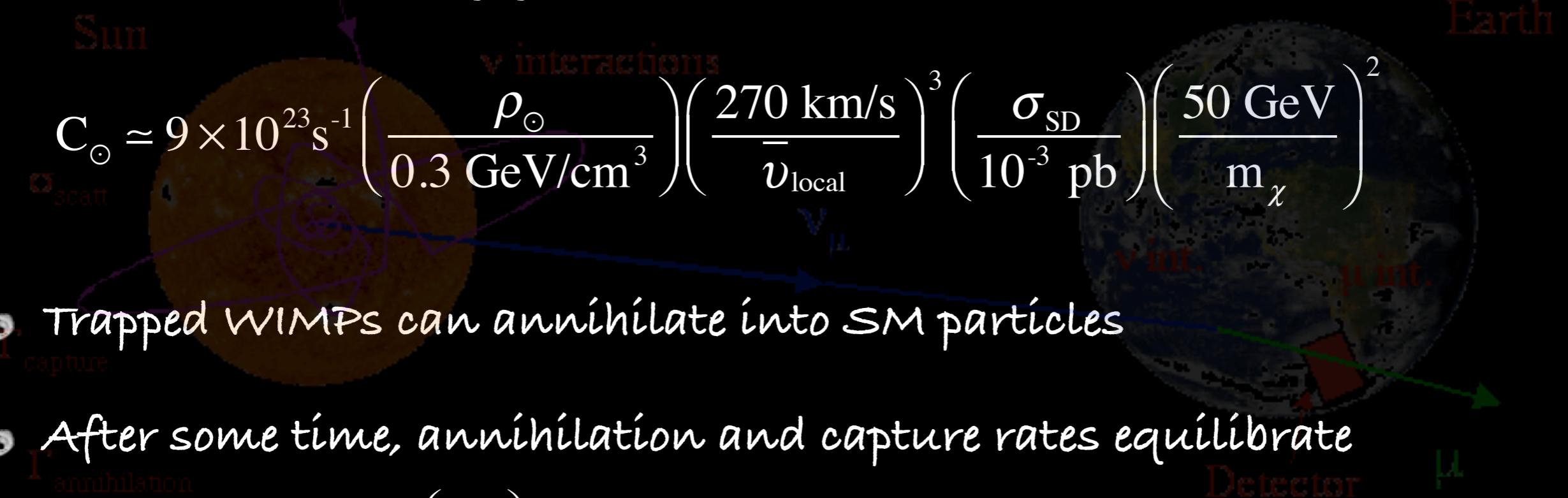
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# NEUTRINOS FROM THE SUN

- WIMPs elastically scatter with the nuclei of the Sun to a velocity smaller than the escape velocity, so they remain trapped inside

$P_\chi$   
velocity  
distribution

Additional scattering give rise to an isothermal distribution



- Trapped WIMPs can annihilate into SM particles

- After some time, annihilation and capture rates equilibrate

$$\Gamma(t_\odot) = \frac{1}{2} C_\odot \tanh^2 \left( \frac{t_\odot}{\tau_\odot} \right) \simeq \frac{1}{2} C_\odot$$

- Only neutrinos can escape

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# STEPS IN THE CALCULATION

use local DM density and velocity distribution

compute capture and annihilation rates

determine neutrino fluxes at production  
for different annihilation channels

oscillate neutrinos from the Sun to the Earth

compute the event spectra at neutrino detectors

compare with data

# SENSITIVE TO SCATTERING CROSS SECTIONS

Spin-independent cross section (coherent interaction)

Scattering amplitudes (same for neutrons and protons) add coherently

$$\sigma_{SI} \propto \mu_A^2 \left( Z f_p + (A - Z) f_n \right)^2 \propto A^4$$

Spin-dependent cross section

Scattering amplitude changes sign with spin direction, so paired nucleons do not contribute: only the residual unpaired nucleons

$$\sigma_{SD} \propto \mu_A^2 J(J+1) \propto A^2$$

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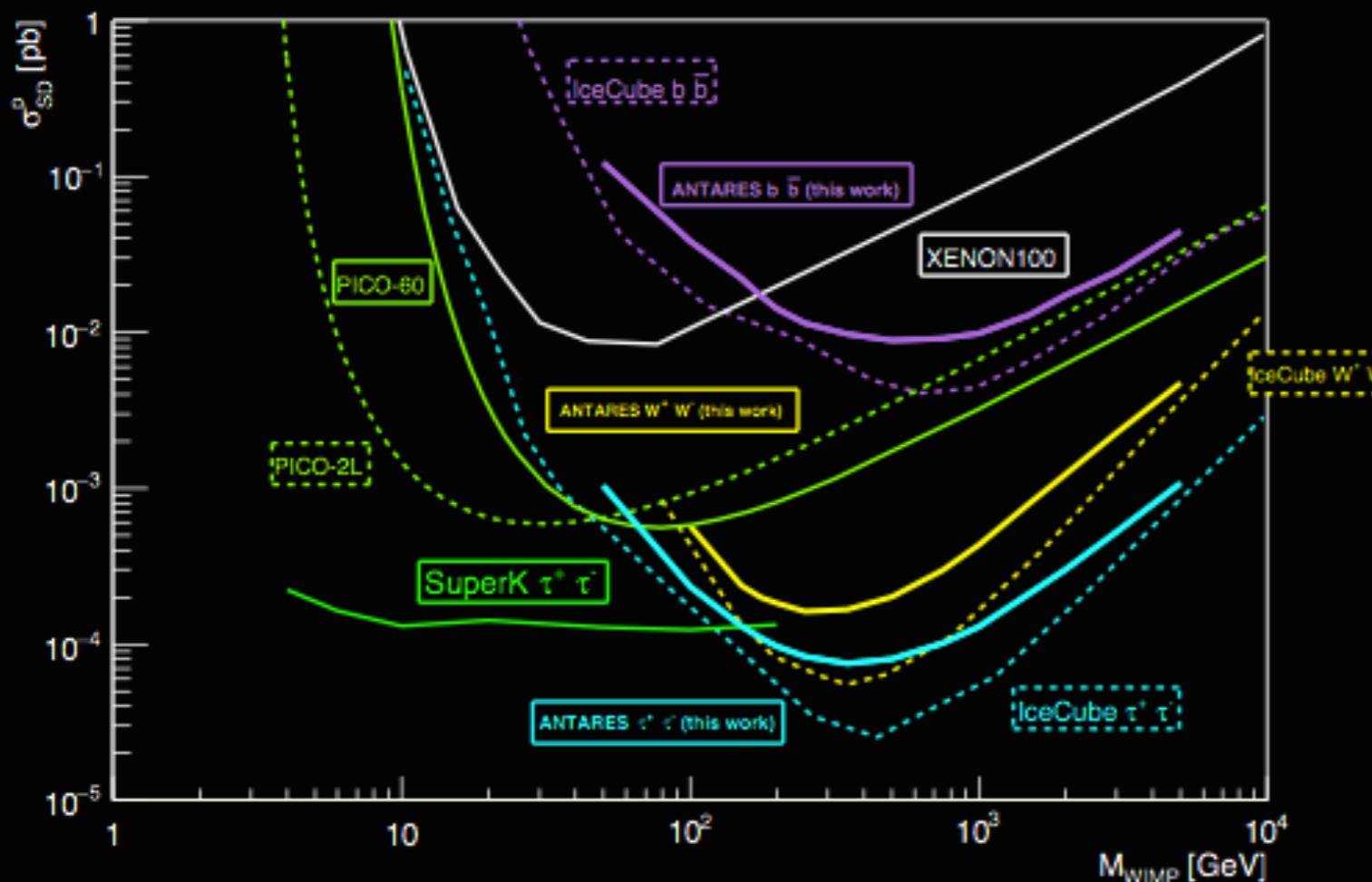
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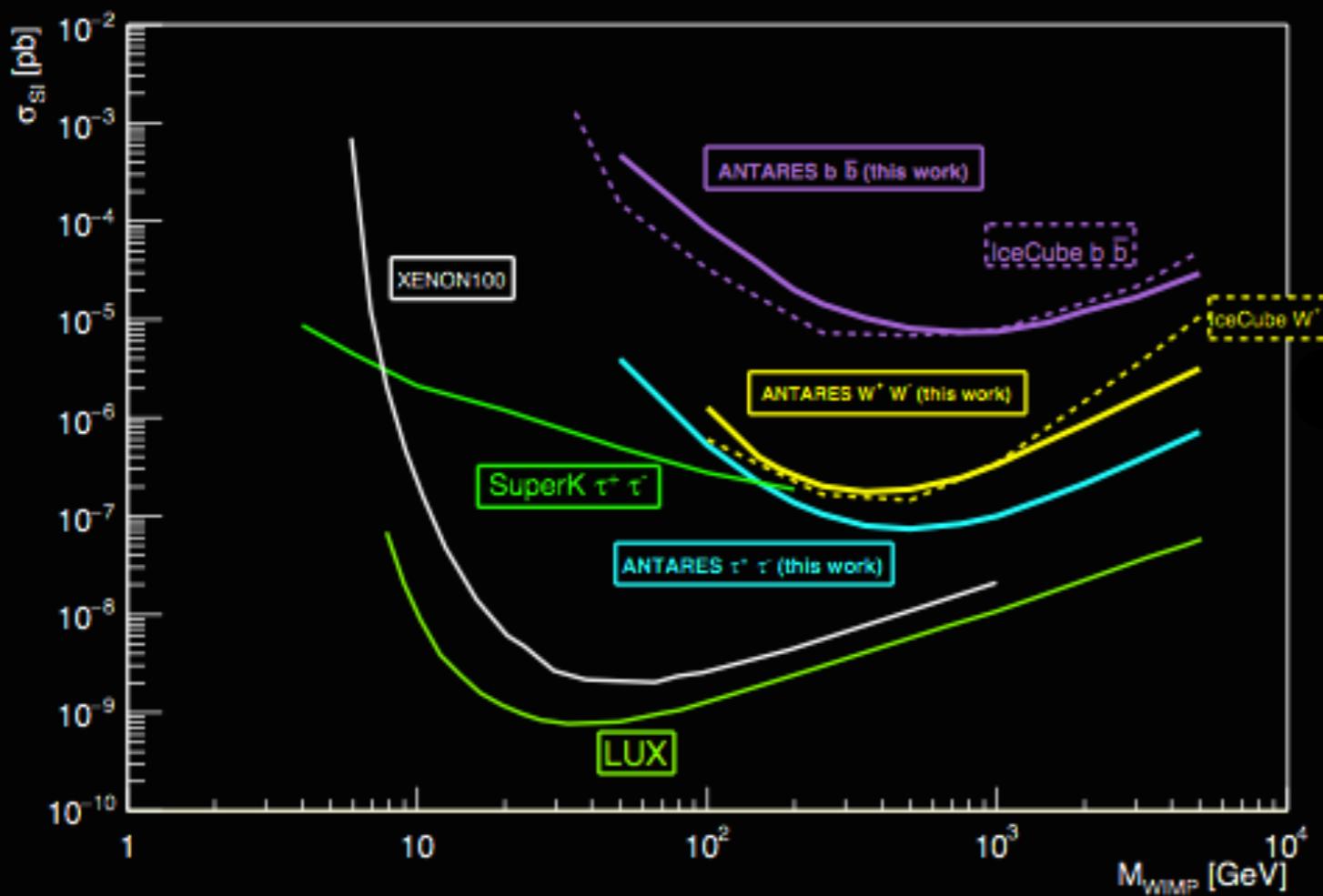
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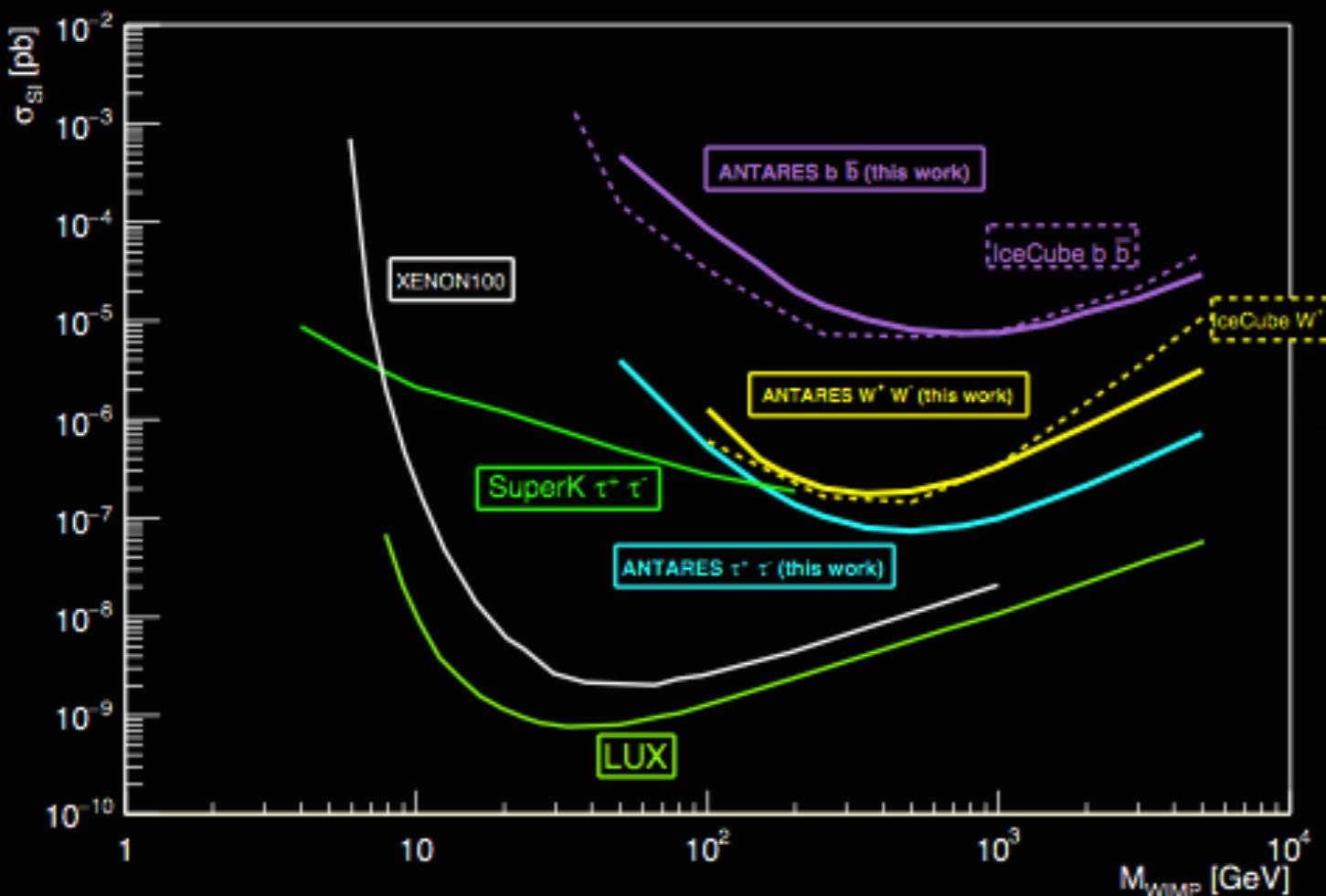
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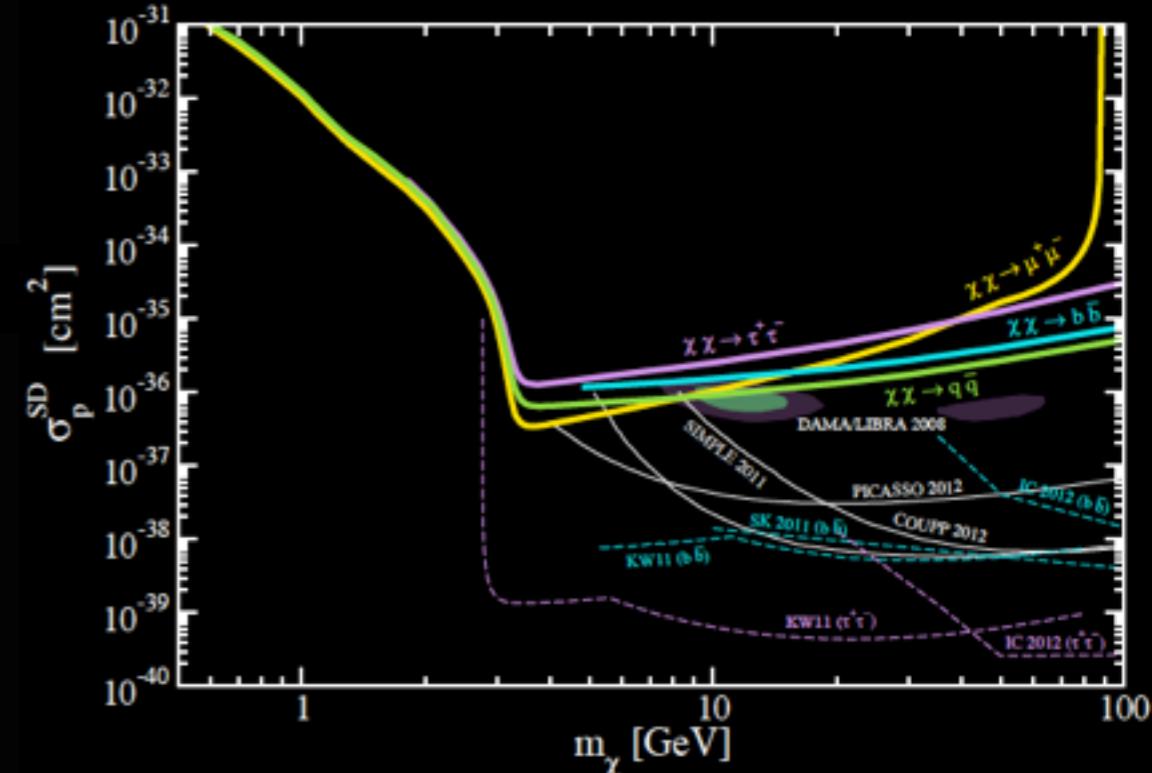
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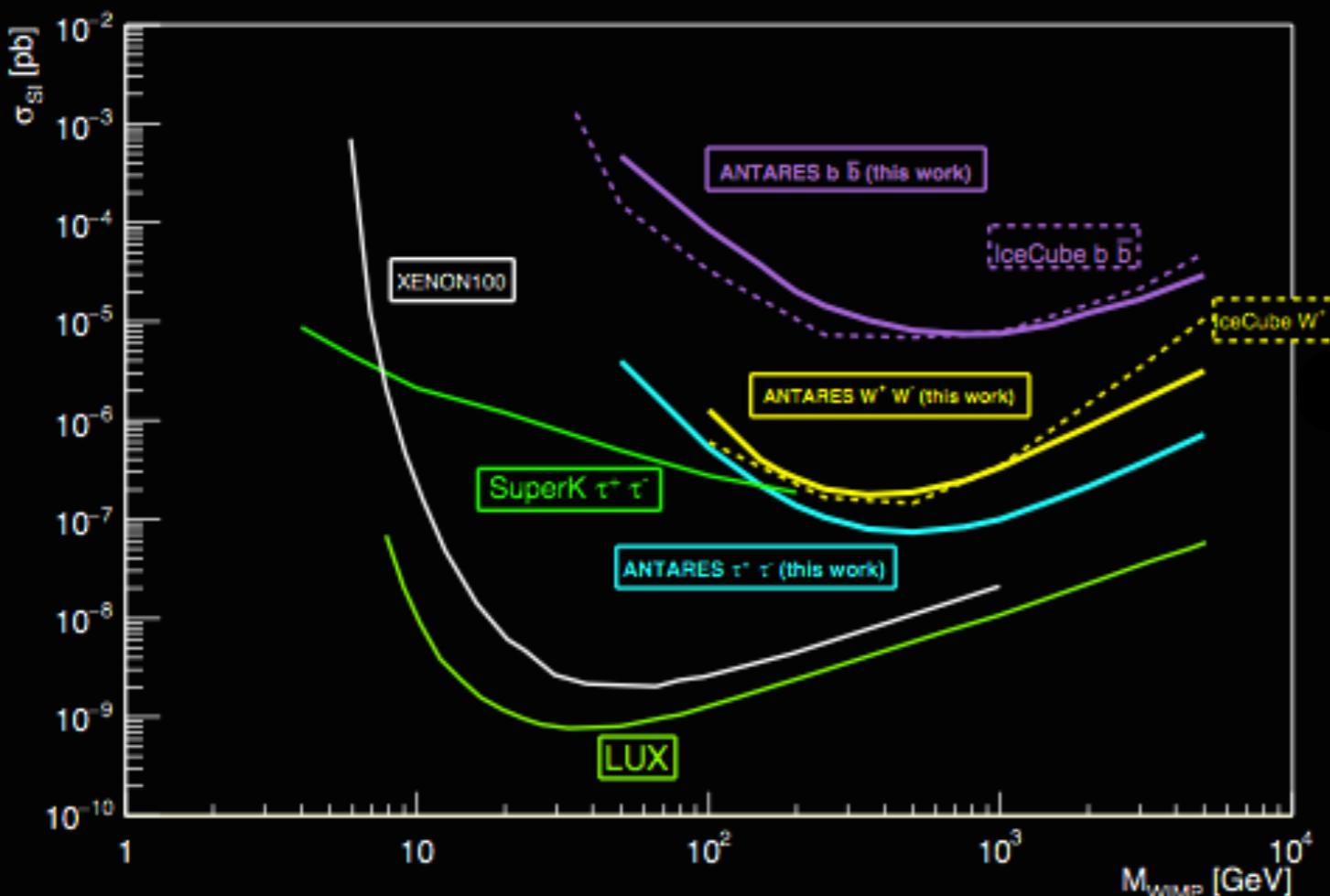
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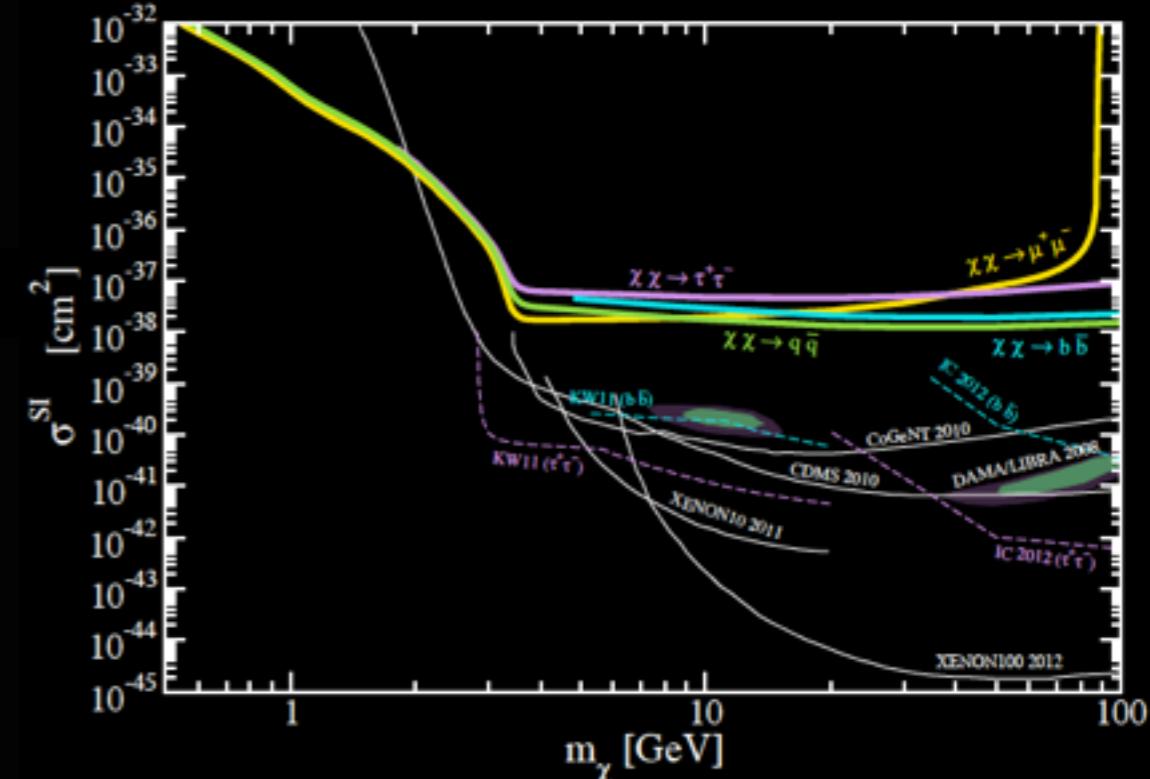
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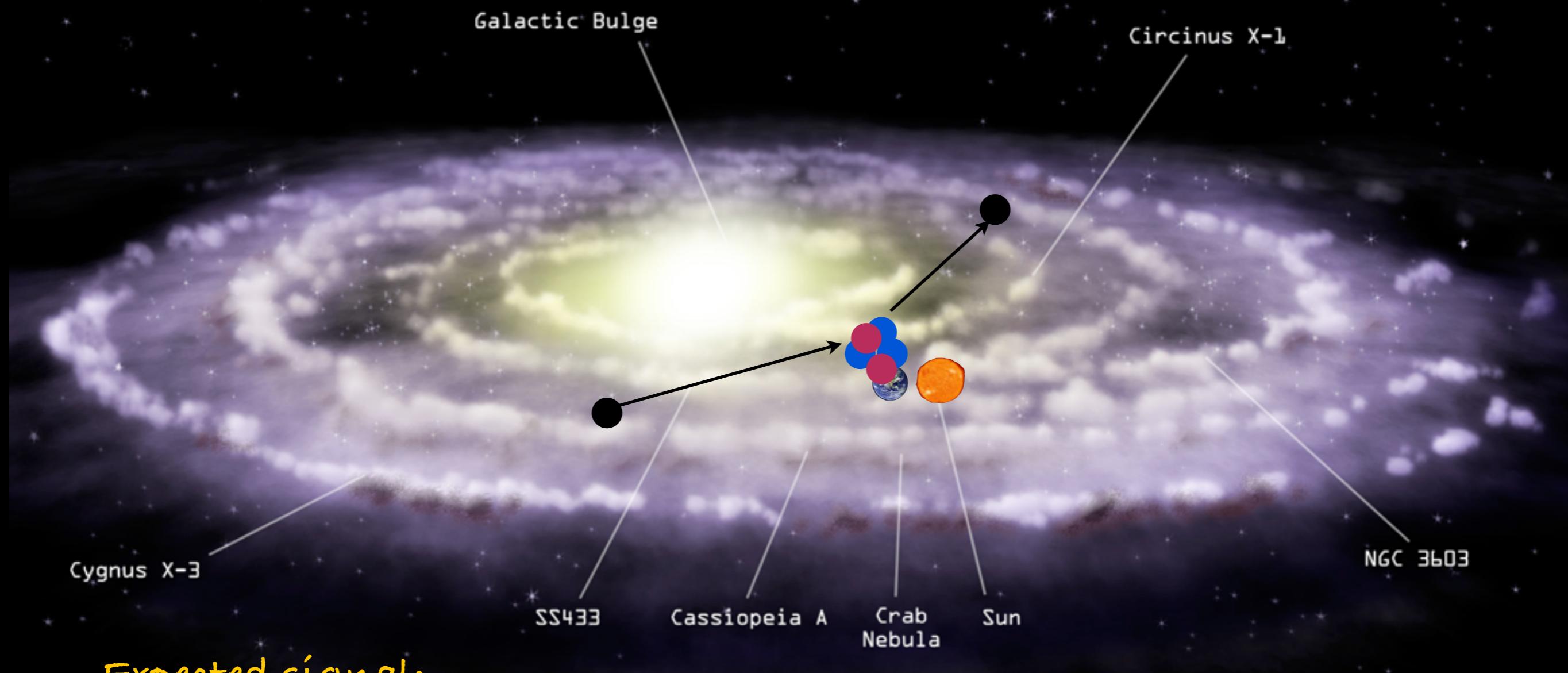
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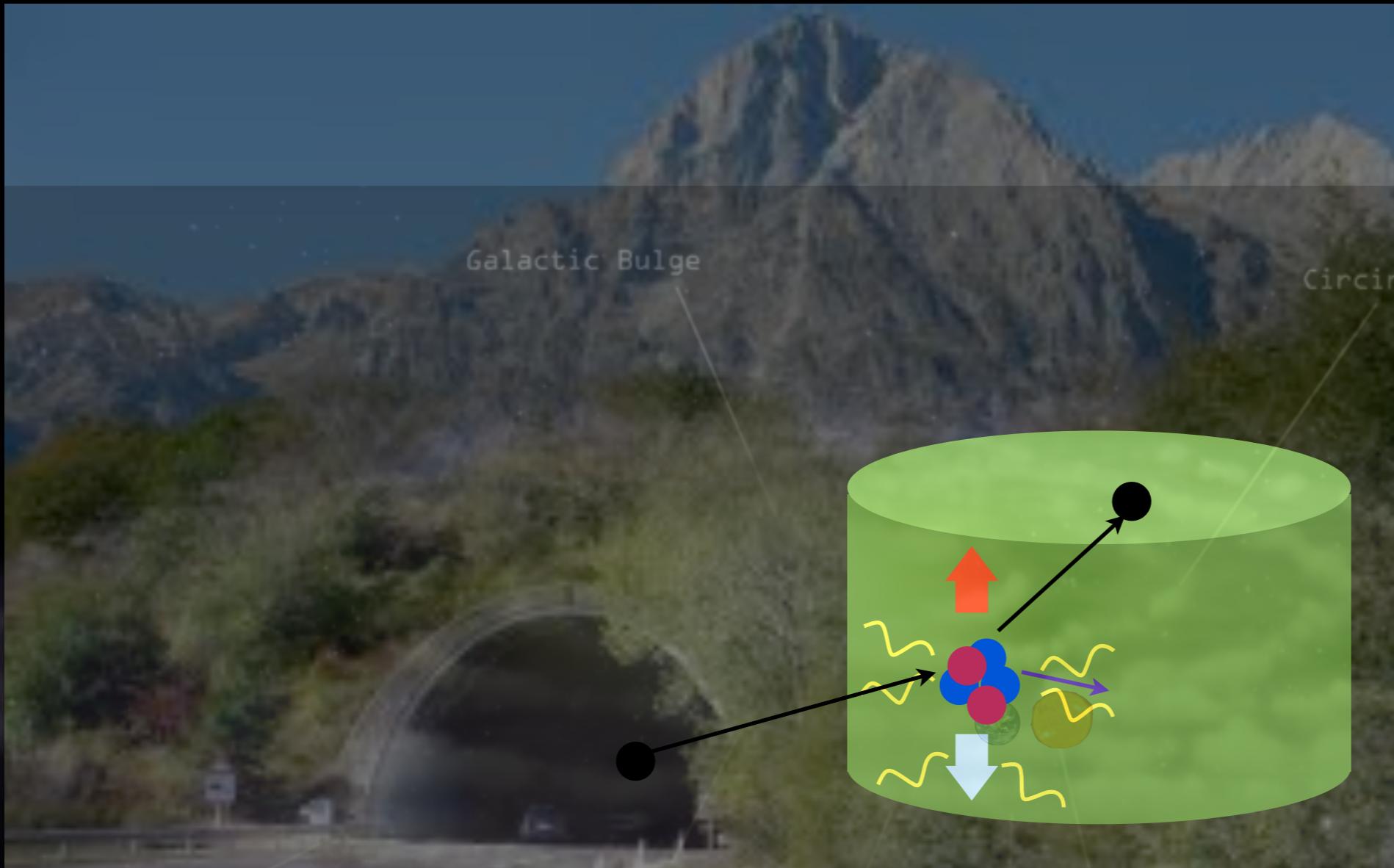
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# EXCLUSION PLOT

recoil energy  
spectrum depends on:

local DM density

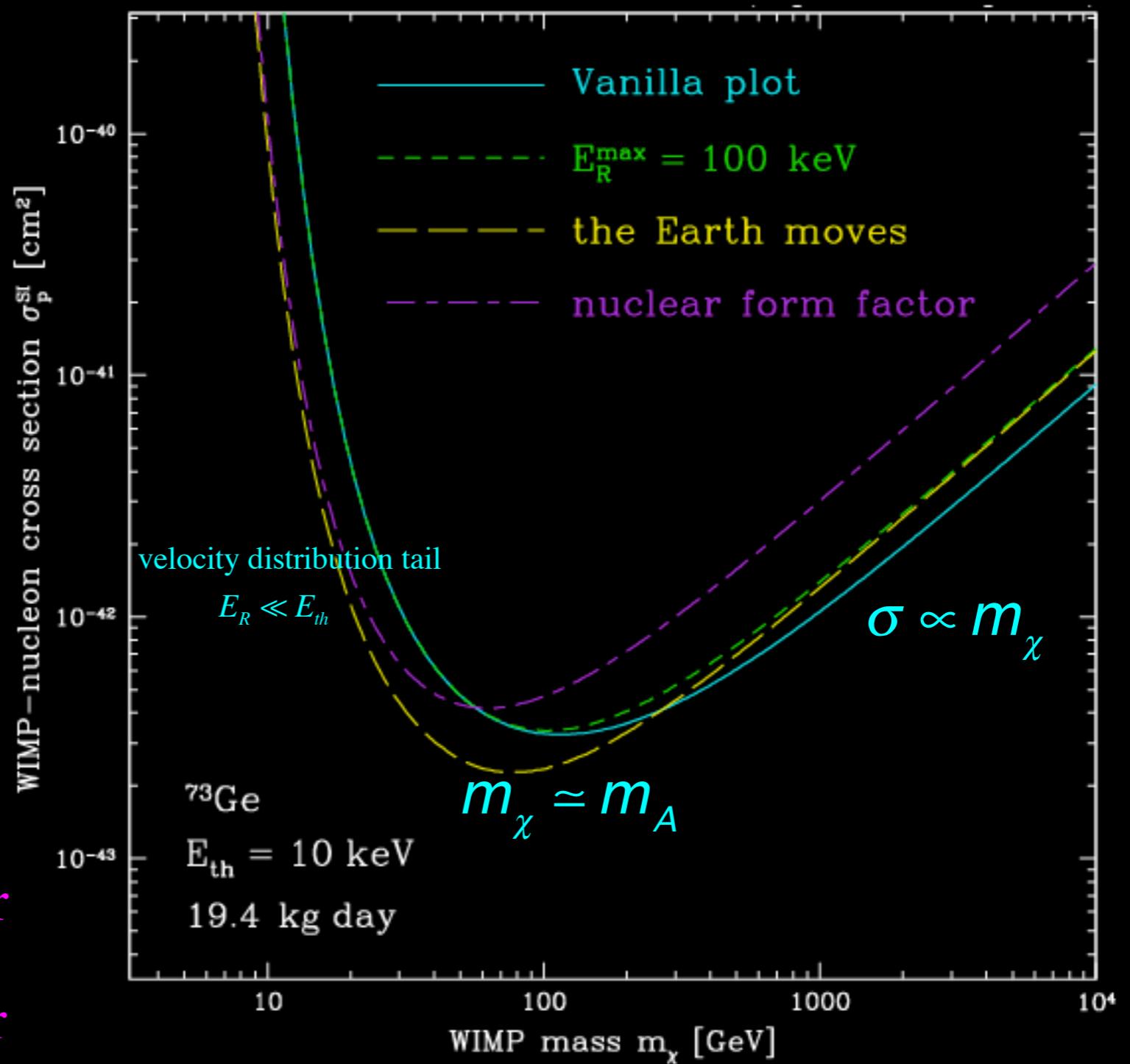
DM velocity distribution

Earth movement wrt halo

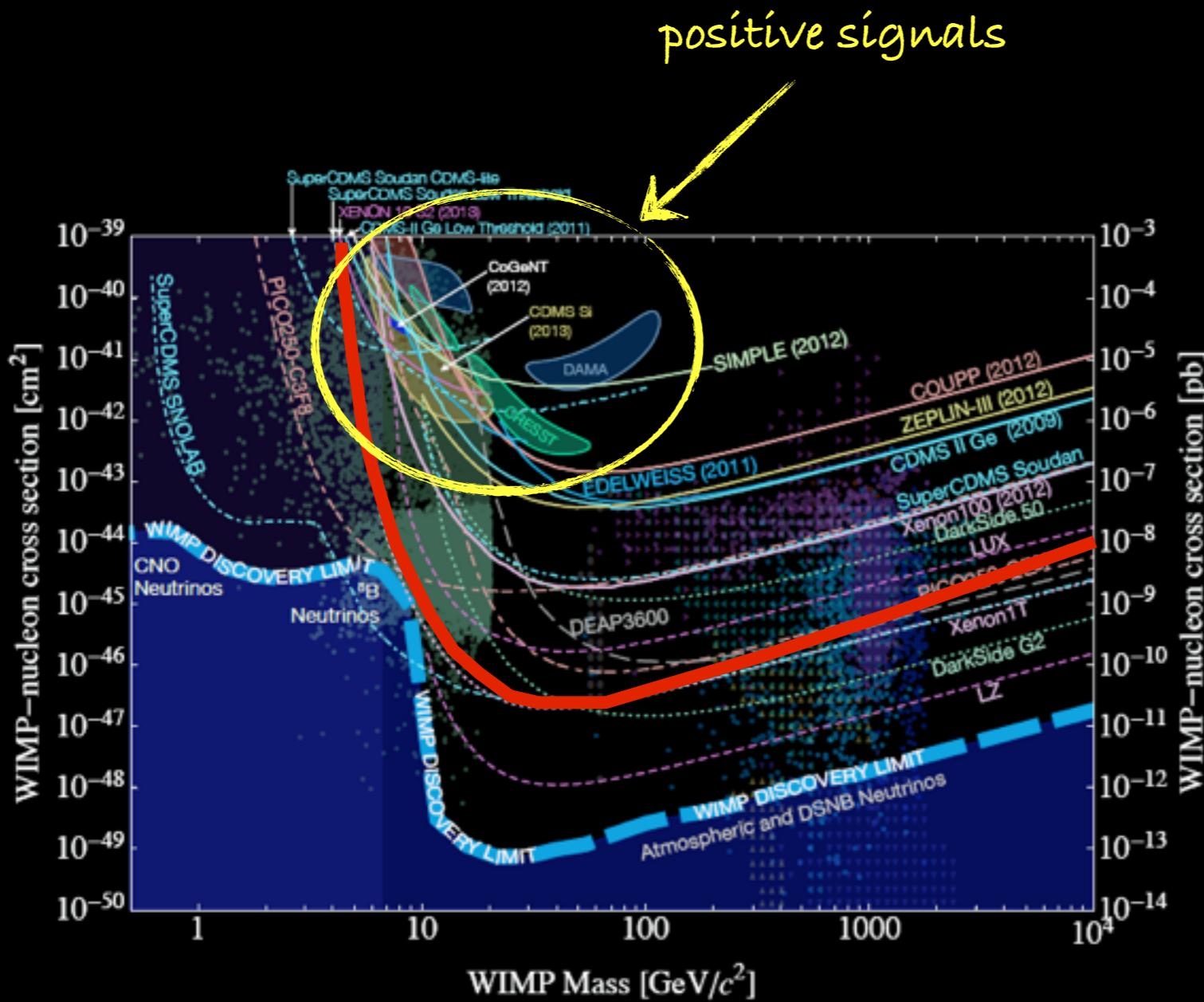
scattering cross section

$$\sigma \propto \sigma_N^{SI} A^4 \times \text{nuclear form factor}$$

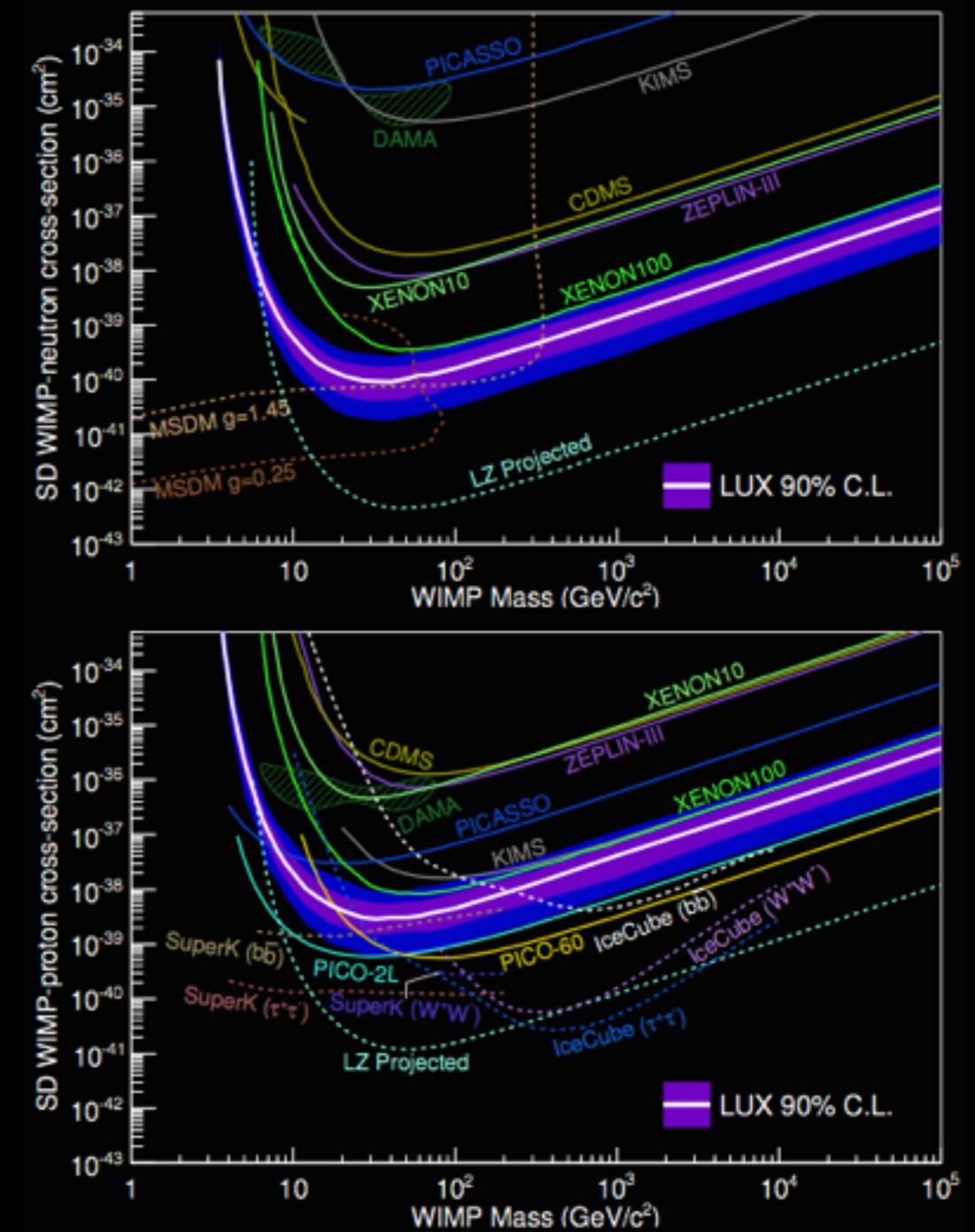
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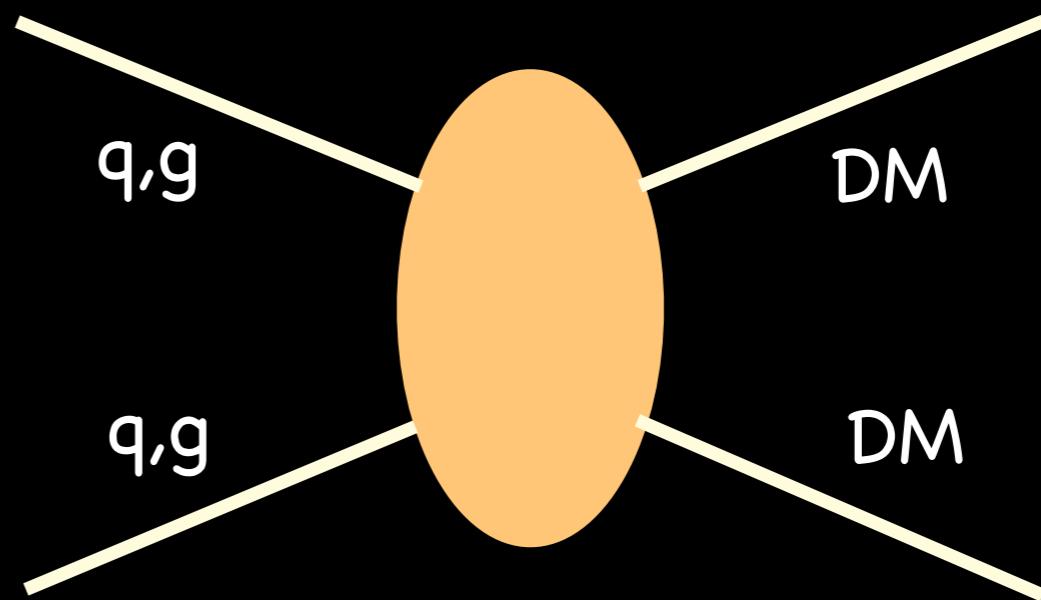
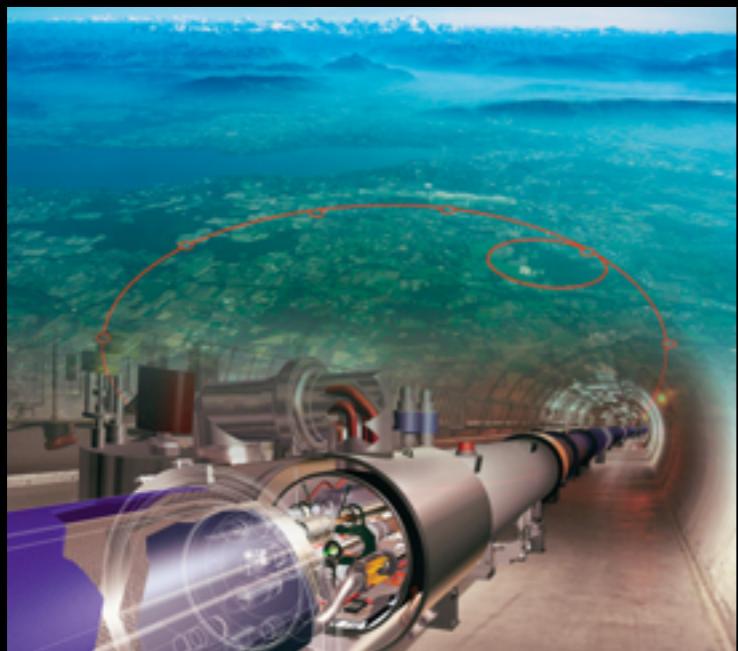


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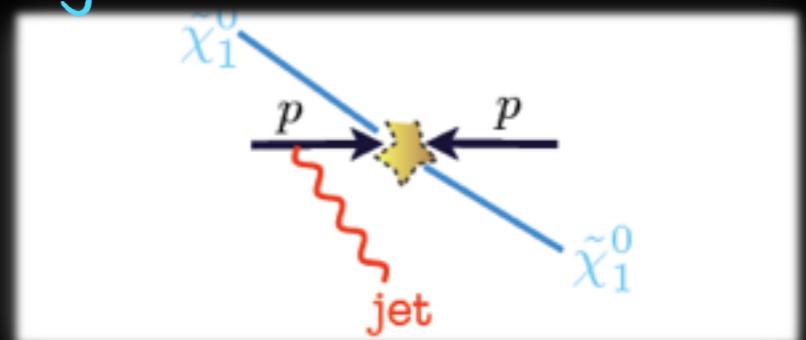
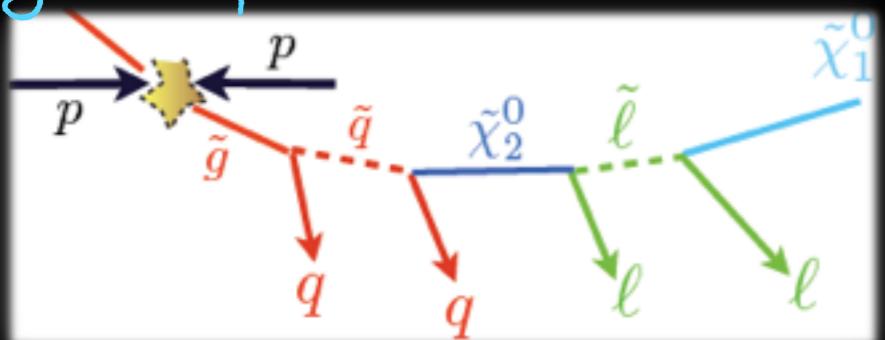


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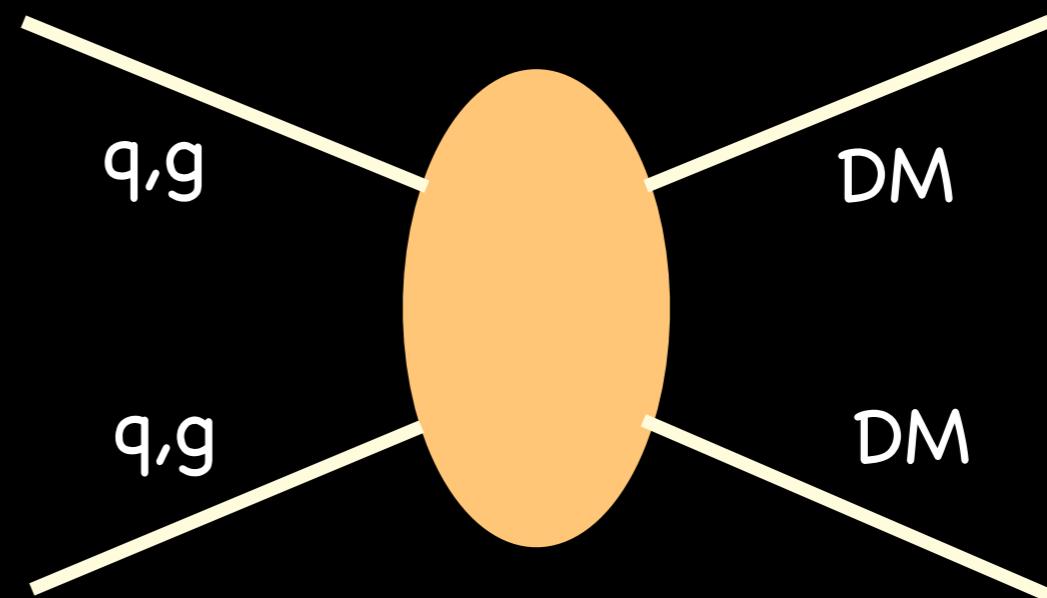
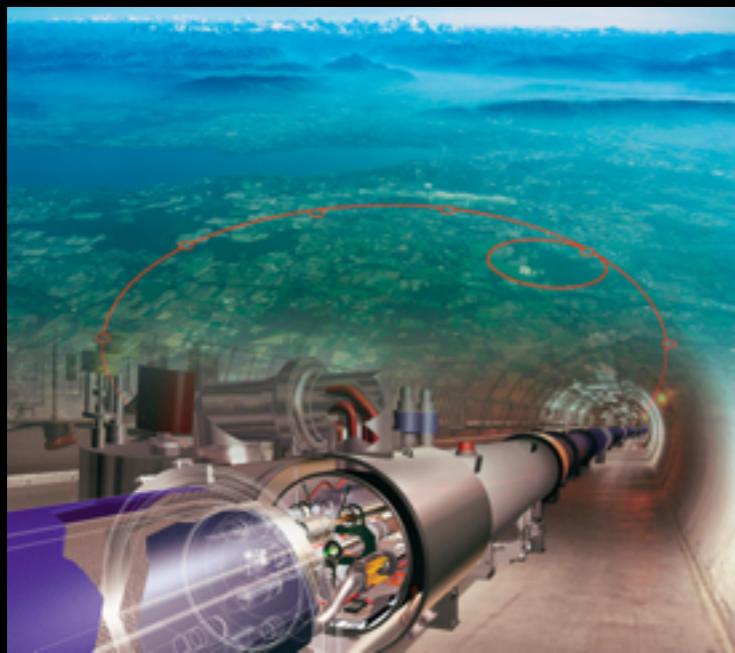


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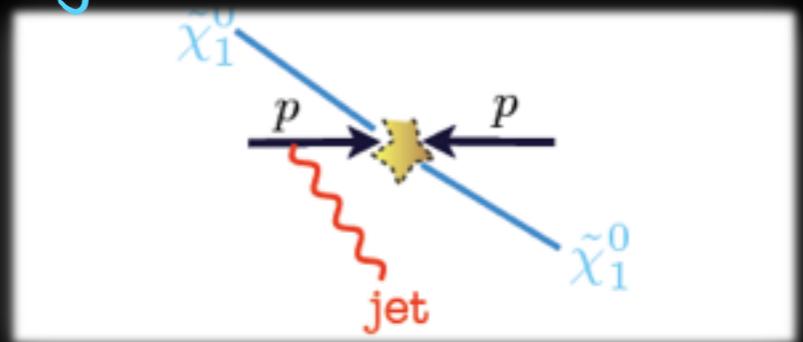
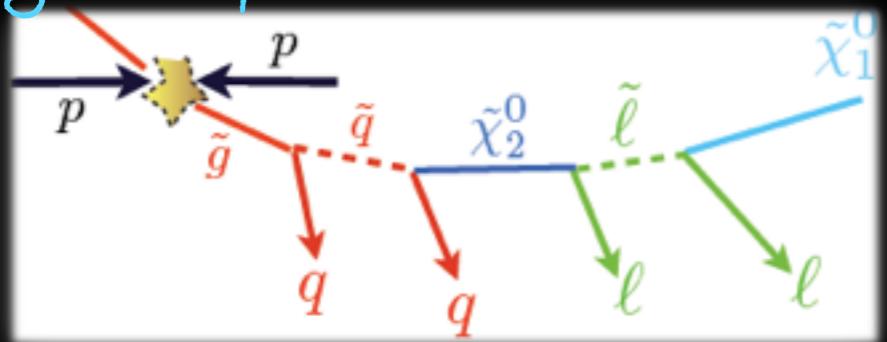


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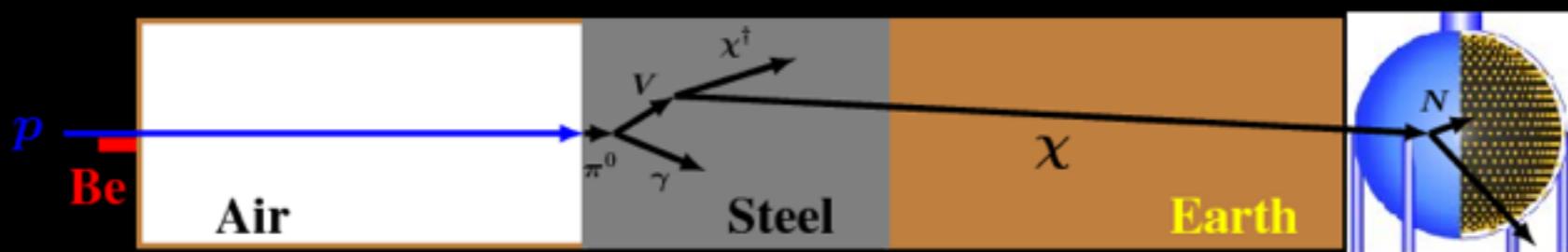


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## BUT ALSO FIXED TARGET BEAMS



# EXAMPLE: SCALAR MEDiator

**SCALAR DM (HIGGS MEDIATOR)**

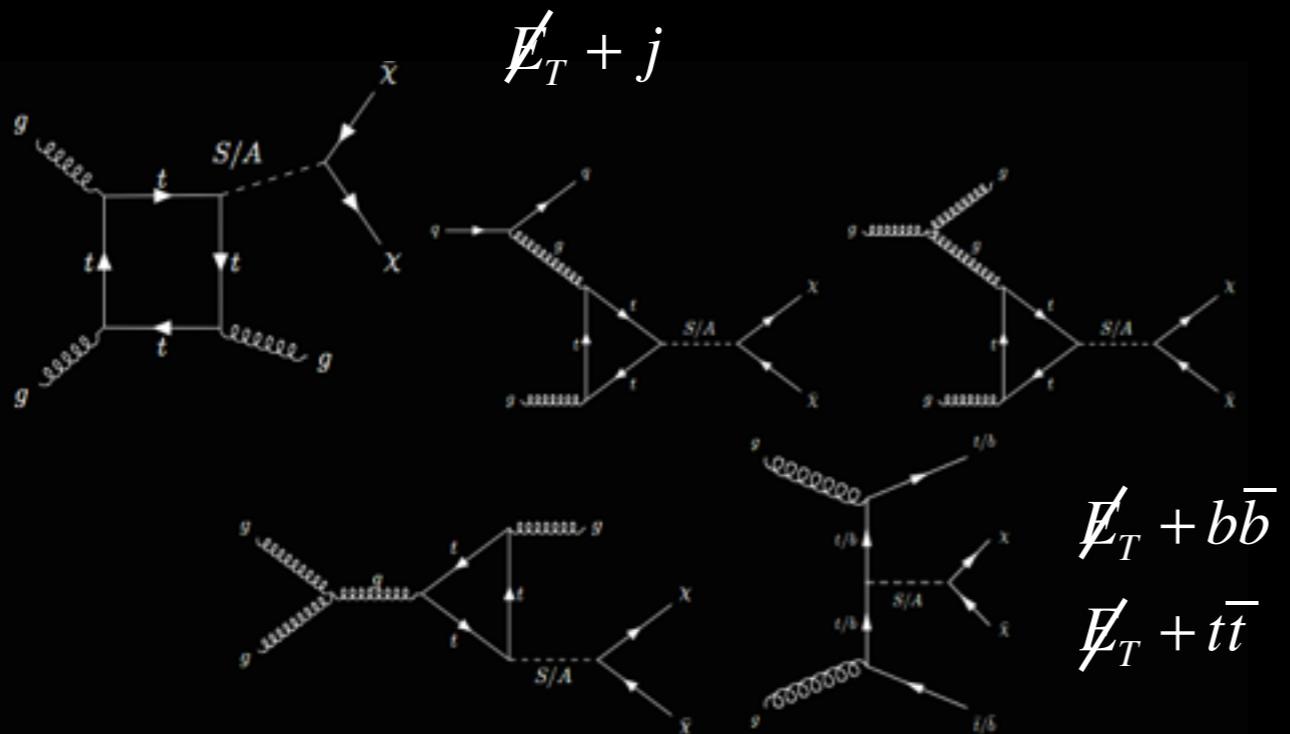
$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \phi)^2 - \frac{1}{2}m_\phi^2 \phi^2 - \frac{\lambda_\phi}{4}\phi^2 H^\dagger H$$

A discrete  $Z_2$  symmetry under which  $H$  is even and  $\phi$  is odd would prevent  $\phi - H$  mixing and make  $\phi$  stable

Limits from invisible Higgs decays, if  $m_H > 2m_\phi$   
 direct detection experiments (spin-independent), if  $m_H < 2m_\phi$   
 s-wave annihilations

**FERMION DM**

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \phi)^2 - \frac{1}{2}m_\phi^2 \phi^2 + \bar{\chi}(i\partial - m_\chi)\chi - g_\chi \phi \bar{\chi} \chi - g_{SM} \phi \sum_f \frac{y_f}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{f} f$$

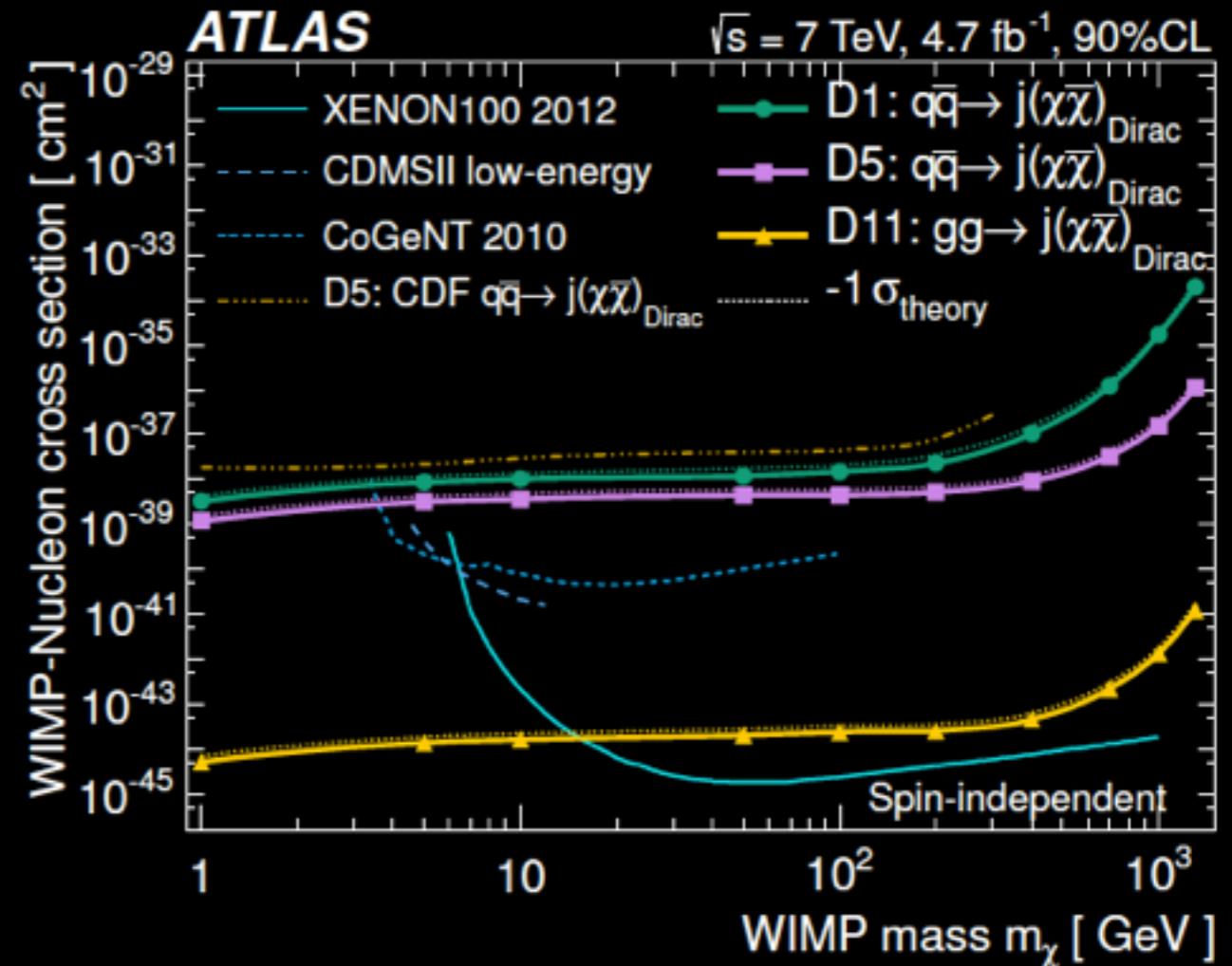
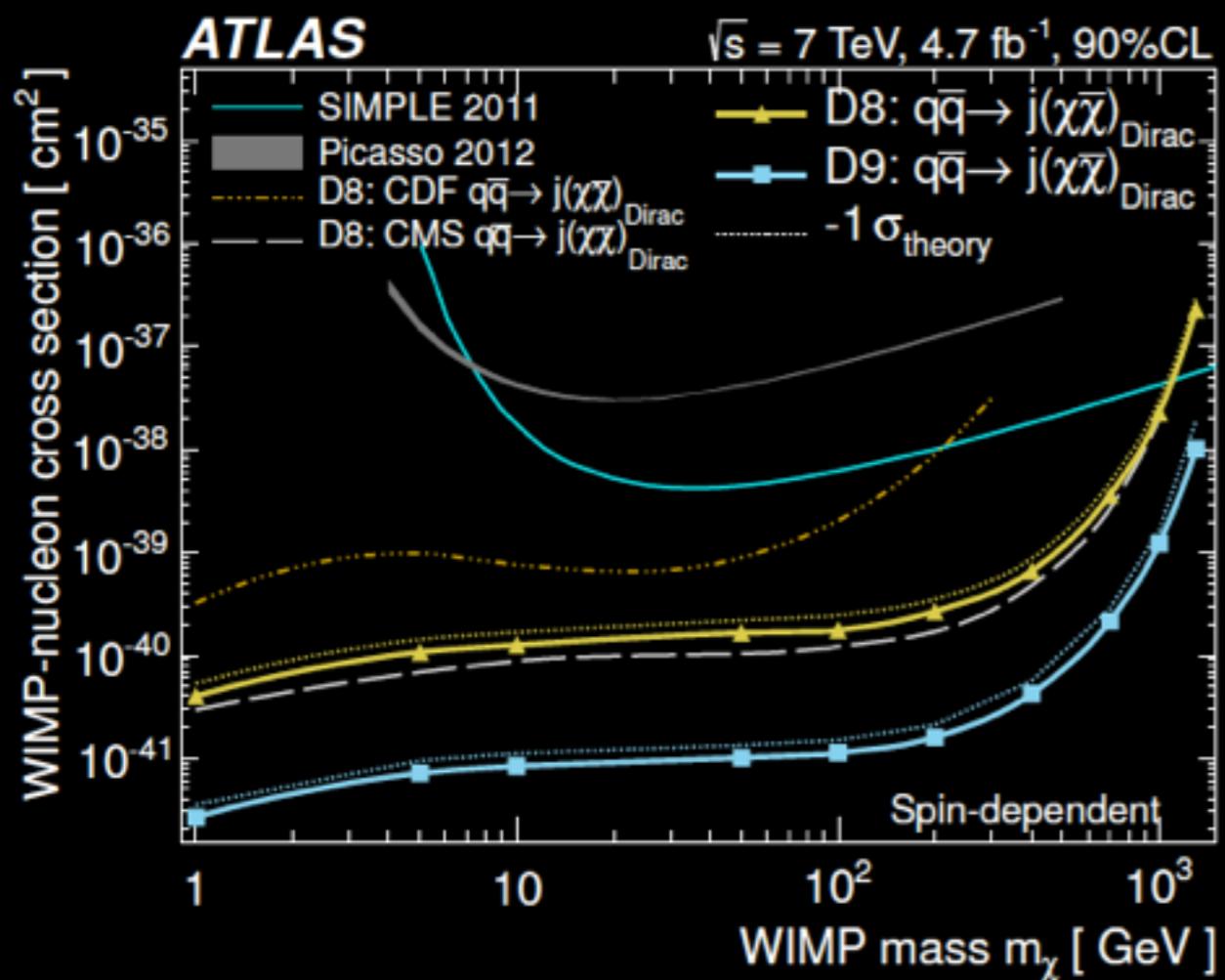


spin-independent interactions  
 p-wave annihilations

If the Higgs is the mediator,  
 LUX limits rule out this case  
 for masses  $< 1$  TeV

# OPERATOR-DEPENDENT LIMITS

within EFT: jet+missing transverse momentum



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# CONCLUSIONS

Dark matter exists

We know how much there is

We know it is not baryonic and not within the SM

We live in the golden era of dark matter: a lot of theoretical developments and data, some hints... and hopefully soon a convincing discovery