

Dark Matter models

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Courtesy Millie McDonald, Whisky Bay in Wilsons Promontory, 45 frames, each a stack of 4x 6s exposures at ISO 800

The problem(s)

Modifying gravity solution

Missing mass solution

Neutrinos, MACHOs, PBHs

WIMPs

The SM framework seems valid

All the matter that Particle Physicists know on Earth

Interactions

	I	II	III		
mass	$\approx 2.4 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 1.275 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	$\approx 172.44 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	0	$\approx 125.09 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
charge	2/3	2/3	2/3	0	0
spin	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	0
QUARKS	u up	c charm	t top	g gluon	H Higgs
	$\approx 4.8 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 95 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 4.18 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	0	
	-1/3	-1/3	-1/3	0	
	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	
	d down	s strange	b bottom	γ photon	
LEPTONS	$\approx 0.511 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 105.67 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 1.7768 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	0	
	-1	-1	-1	0	
	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	
	e electron	μ muon	τ tau	Z Z boson	
	$< 2.2 \text{ eV}/c^2$	$< 1.7 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$< 15.5 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	± 1	
	0	0	0	1	
	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	
	ν_e electron neutrino	ν_μ muon neutrino	ν_τ tau neutrino	W W boson	

Strong force

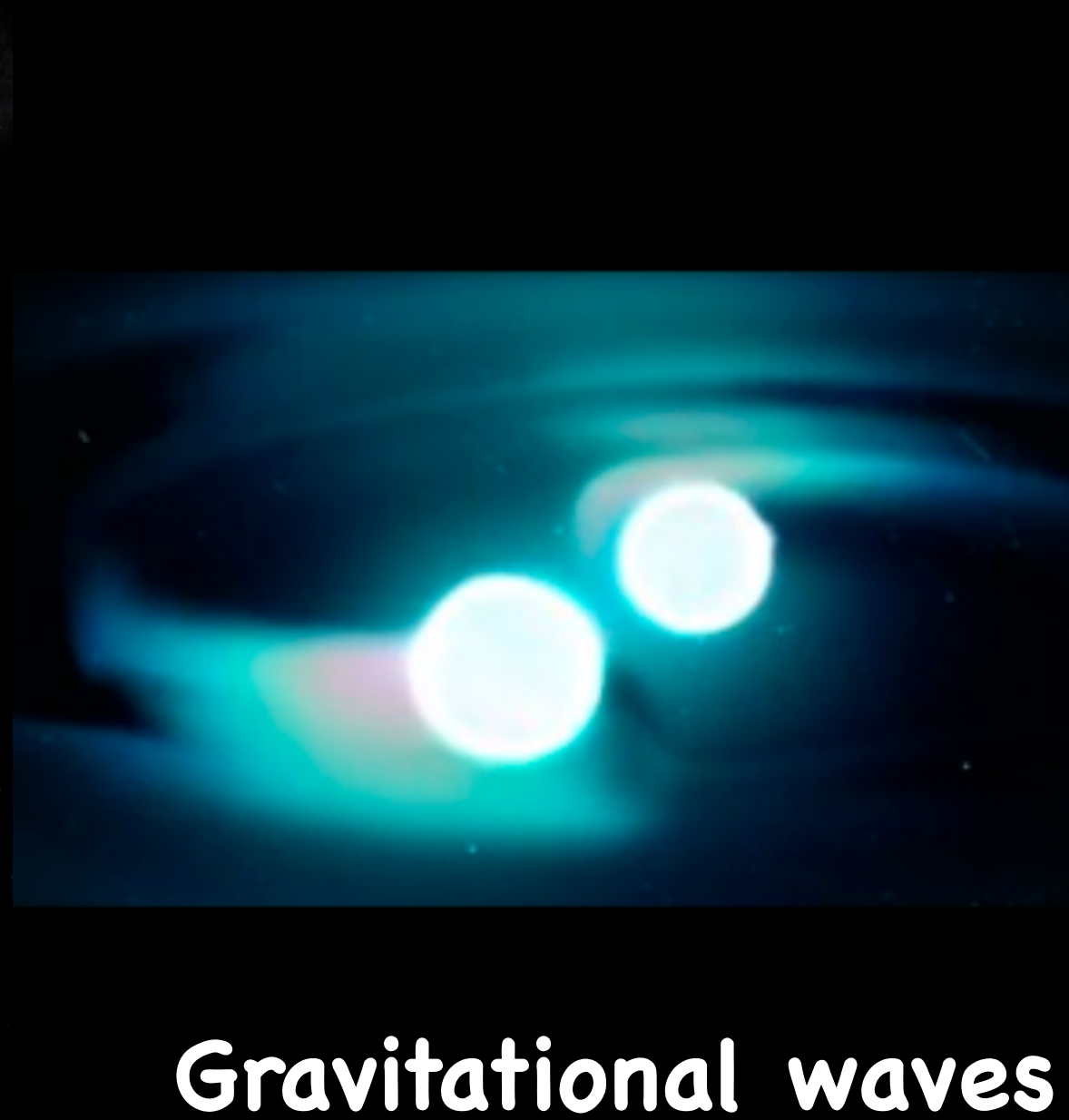
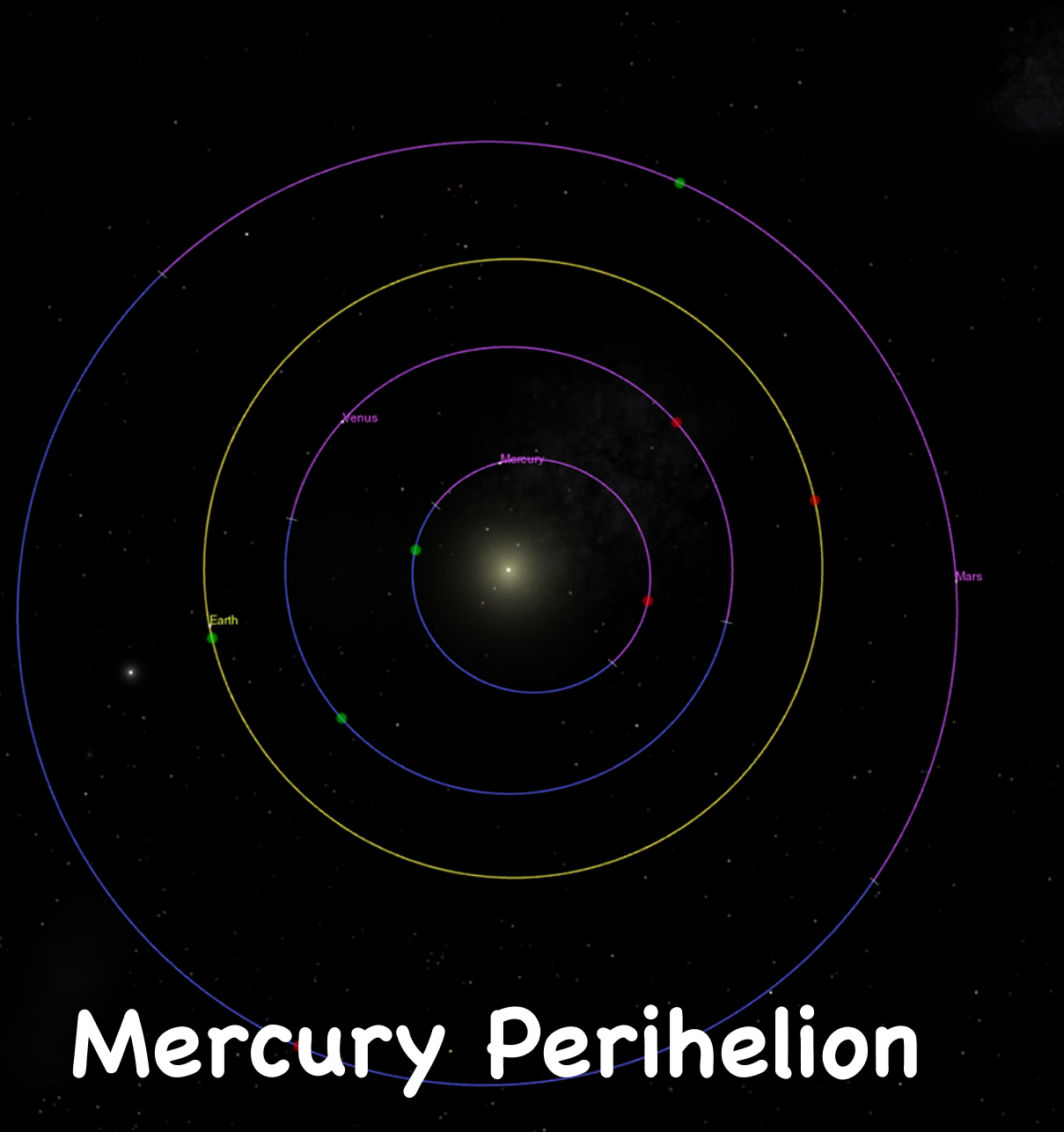
Weak force

Electromagnetism

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} = & -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \\ & + i \bar{\Psi} \not{D} \Psi + h.c. \\ & + \bar{\Psi}_i \gamma_{ij} \Psi_j \phi + h.c. \\ & + |D_\mu \phi|^2 - V(\phi) \end{aligned}$$

This model perfectly describes everything we see on Earth

General Relativity seems valid so far

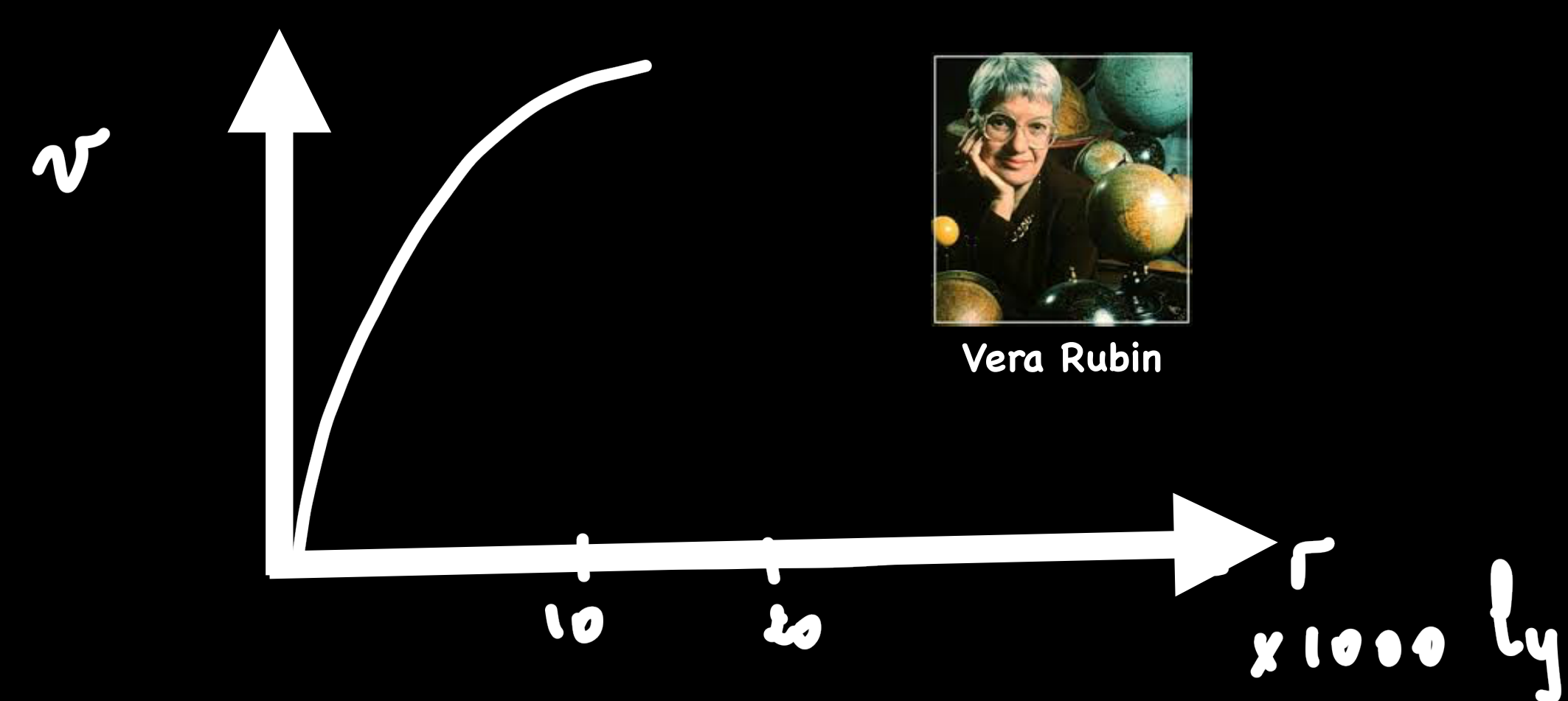


But there are severe issues

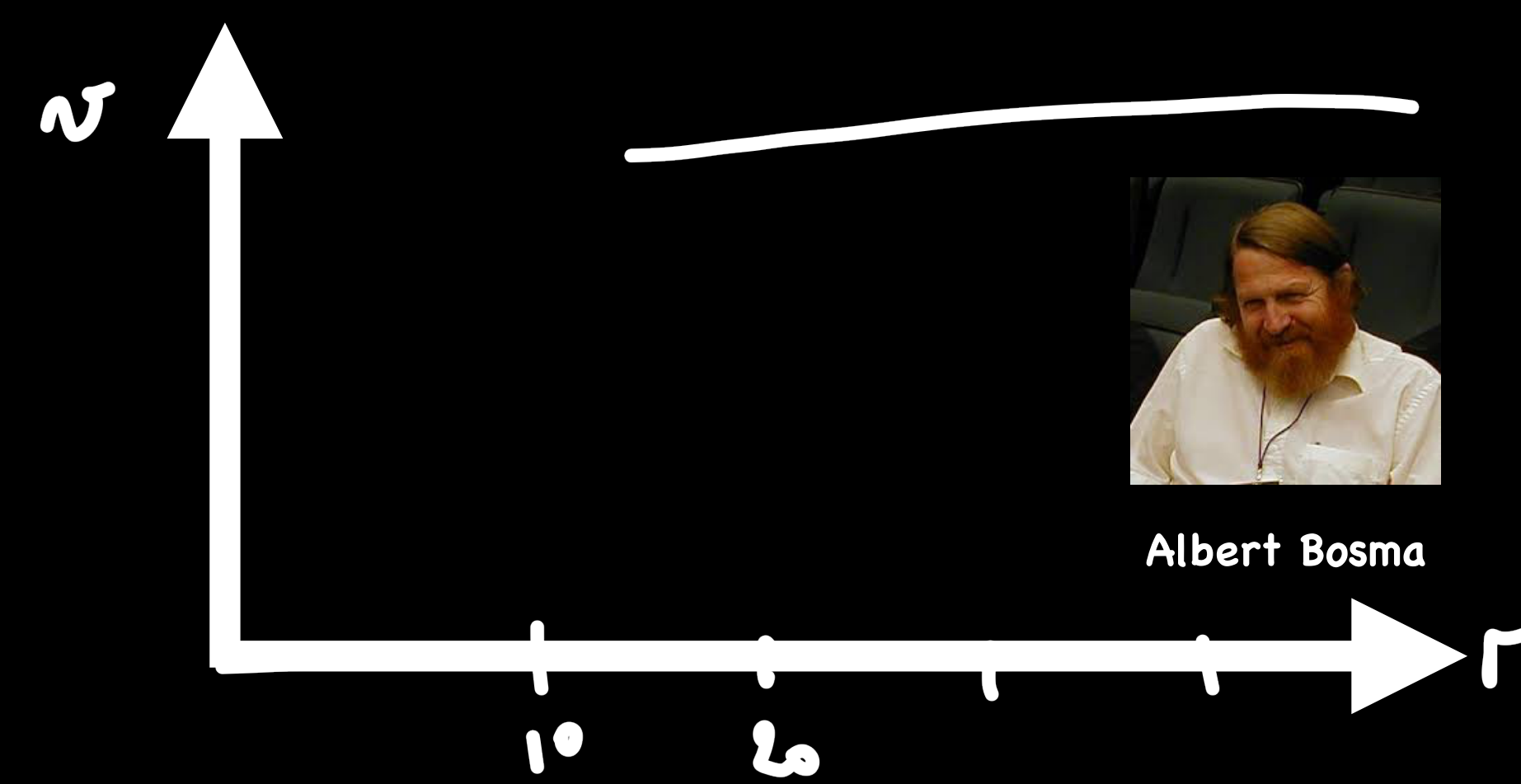
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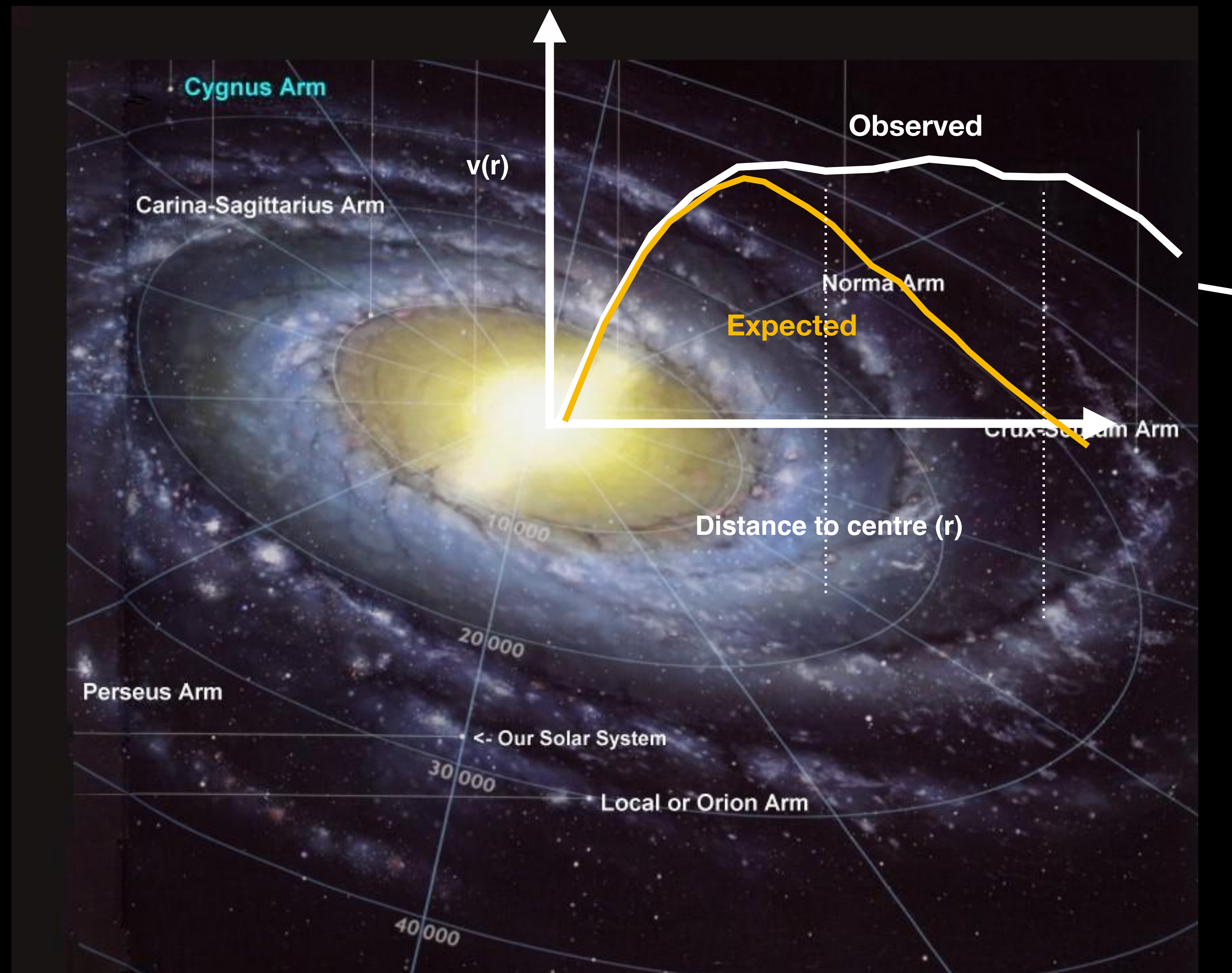
Stars rotate in galaxies



Neutral Hydrogen gas too



Rotation curves of galaxies



No dissipation but ordinary matter does dissipate

Issue #2

Strong lensing in galaxy clusters



Missing mass

Issue #3

Evolution of the Universe

Story of the Universe

At the beginning of time, space exploded out of nothingness to create the ever-expanding universe we inhabit now. It took billions of years for the story, depicted here, to unfold.

—Breanna Draxler



How to form cosmological structures from rapid expansion?

Ordinary matter is bound by BBN to be $< 5\%$ of the content of the Universe but we need more mass to start the genesis of galaxies

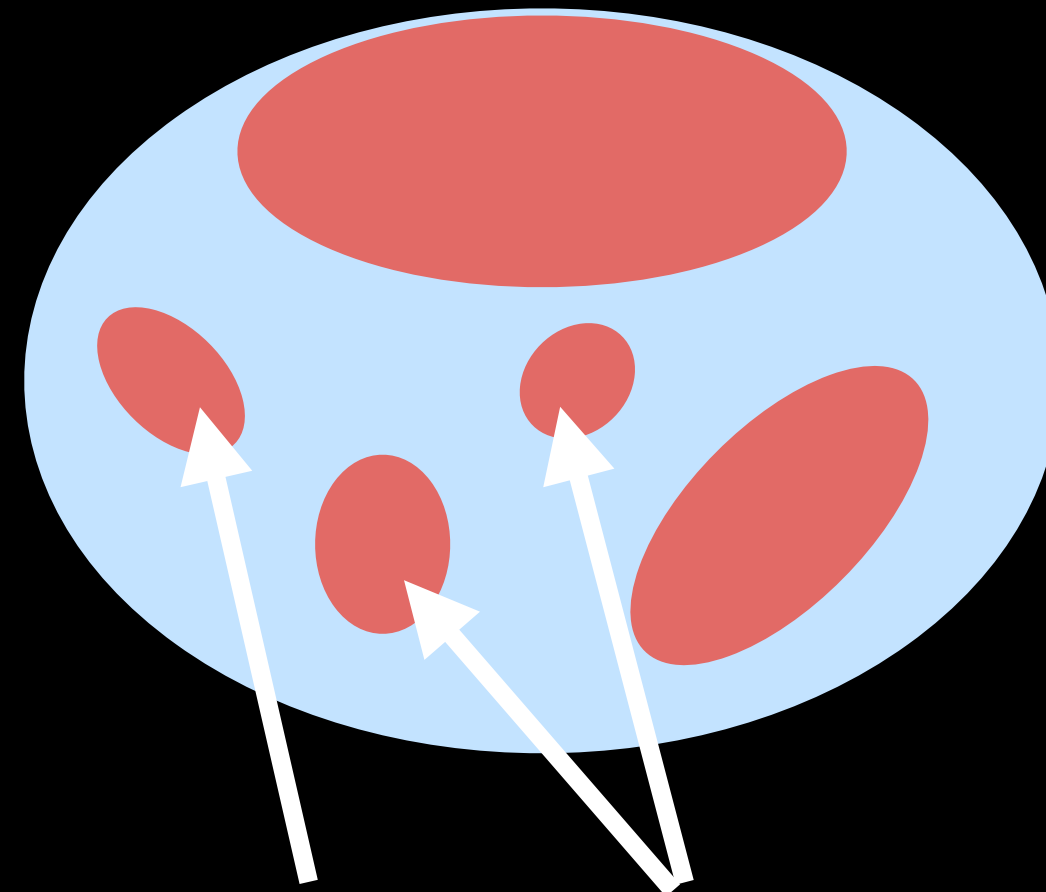
Initial conditions for structure formation

J. Peebles

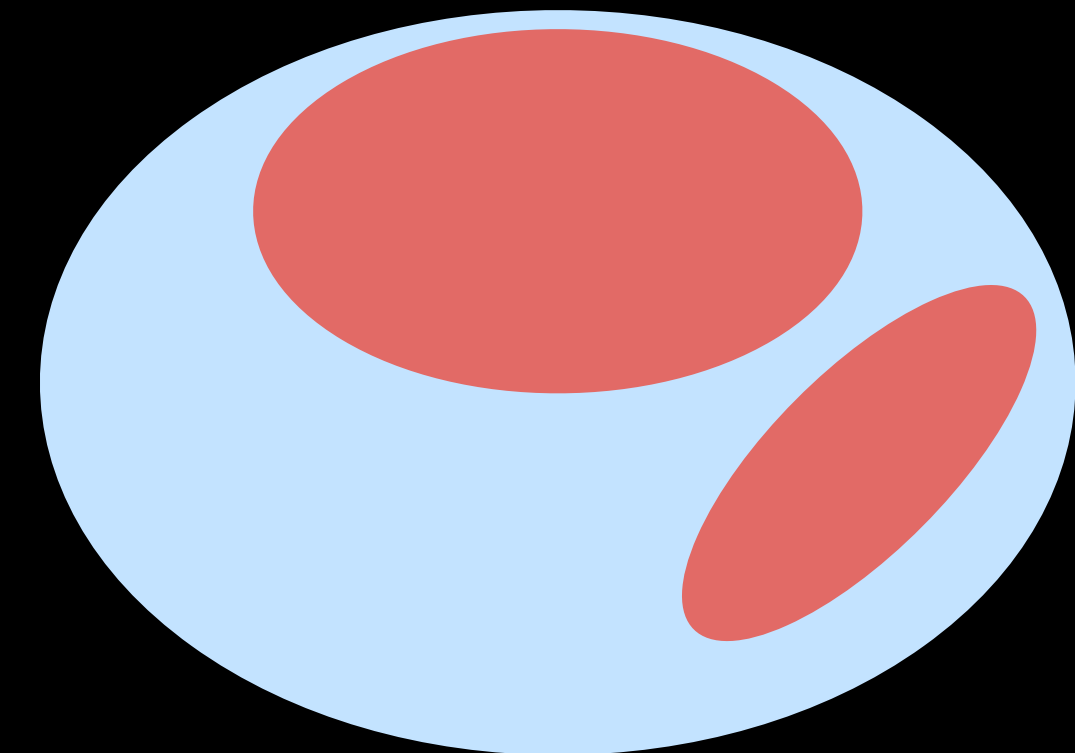


The gravitational instability of the Universe

1967APJ...147..859P
1970ApJ...162..815P



Needed for galaxy formation



letters to nature

Nature **215**, 1155 - 1156 (09 September 1967); doi:10.1038/2151155a0

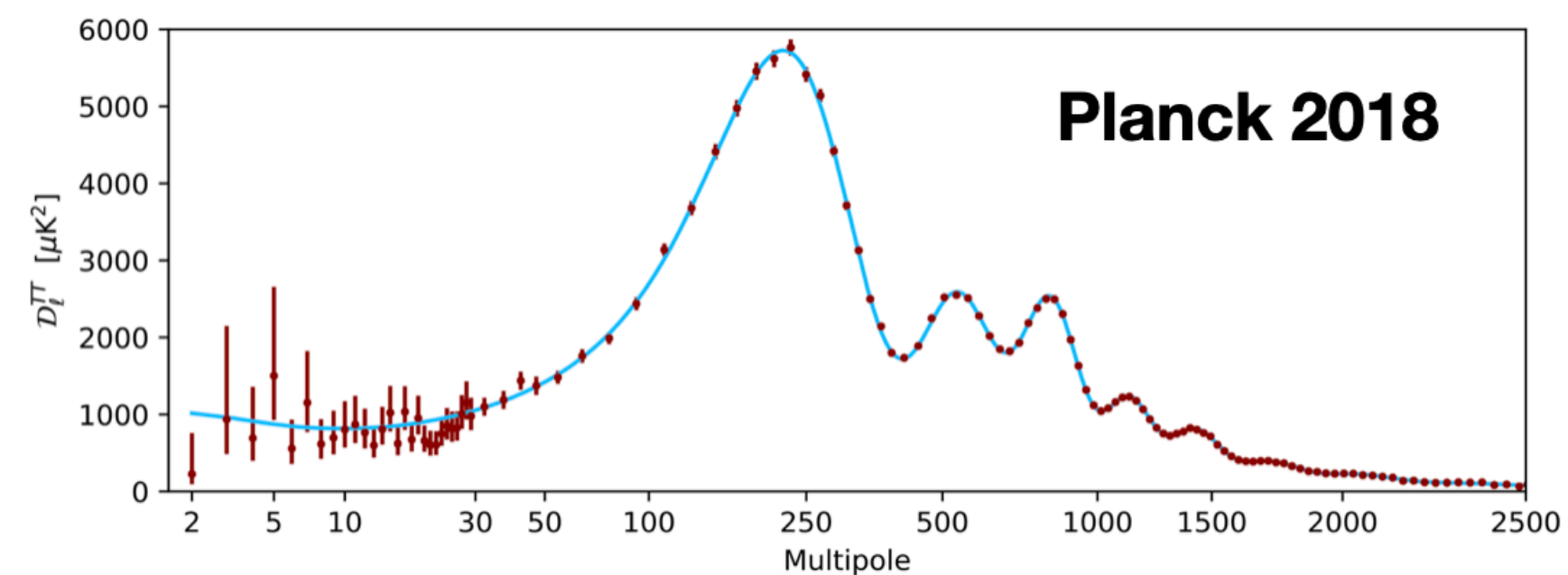
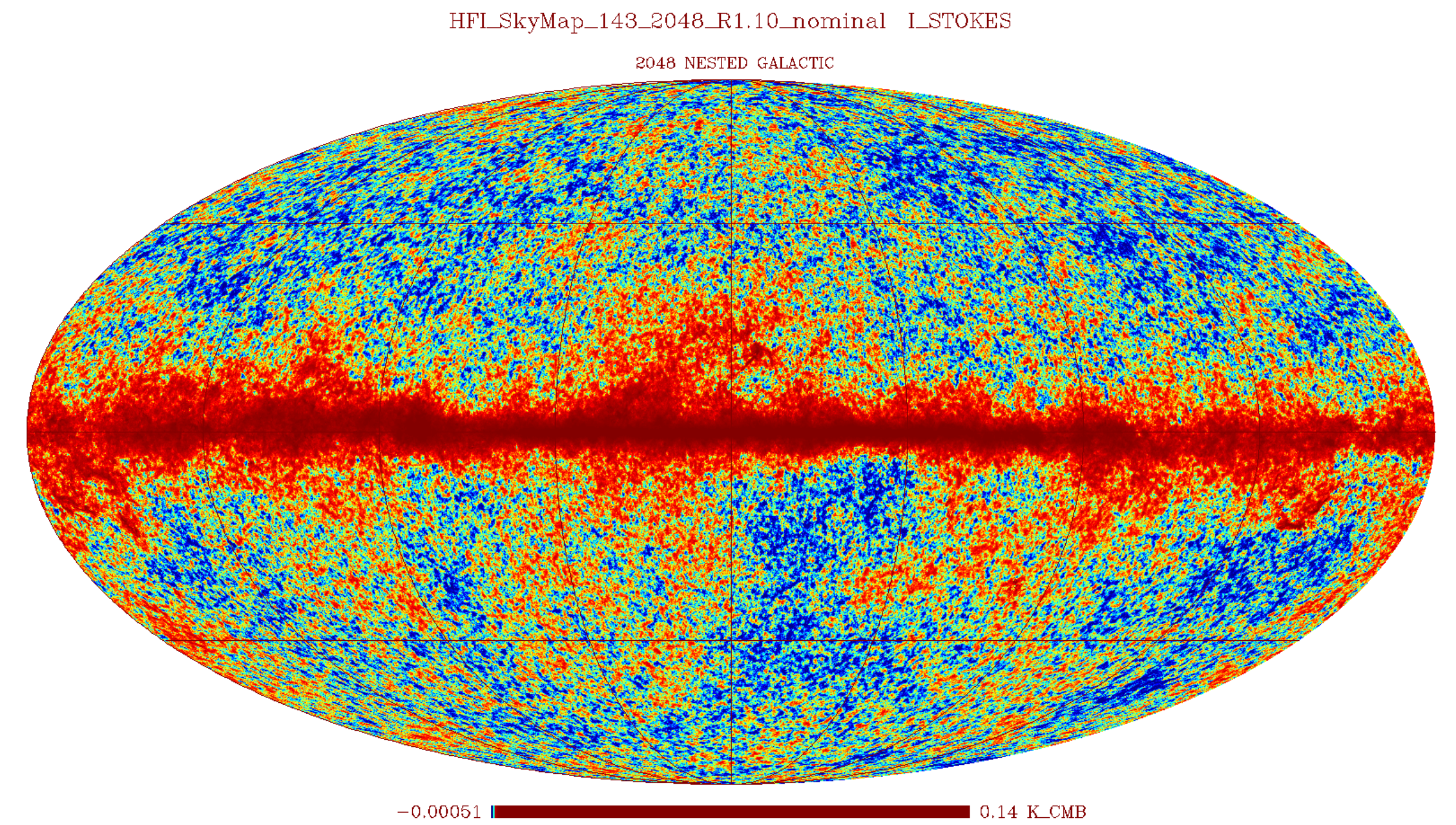
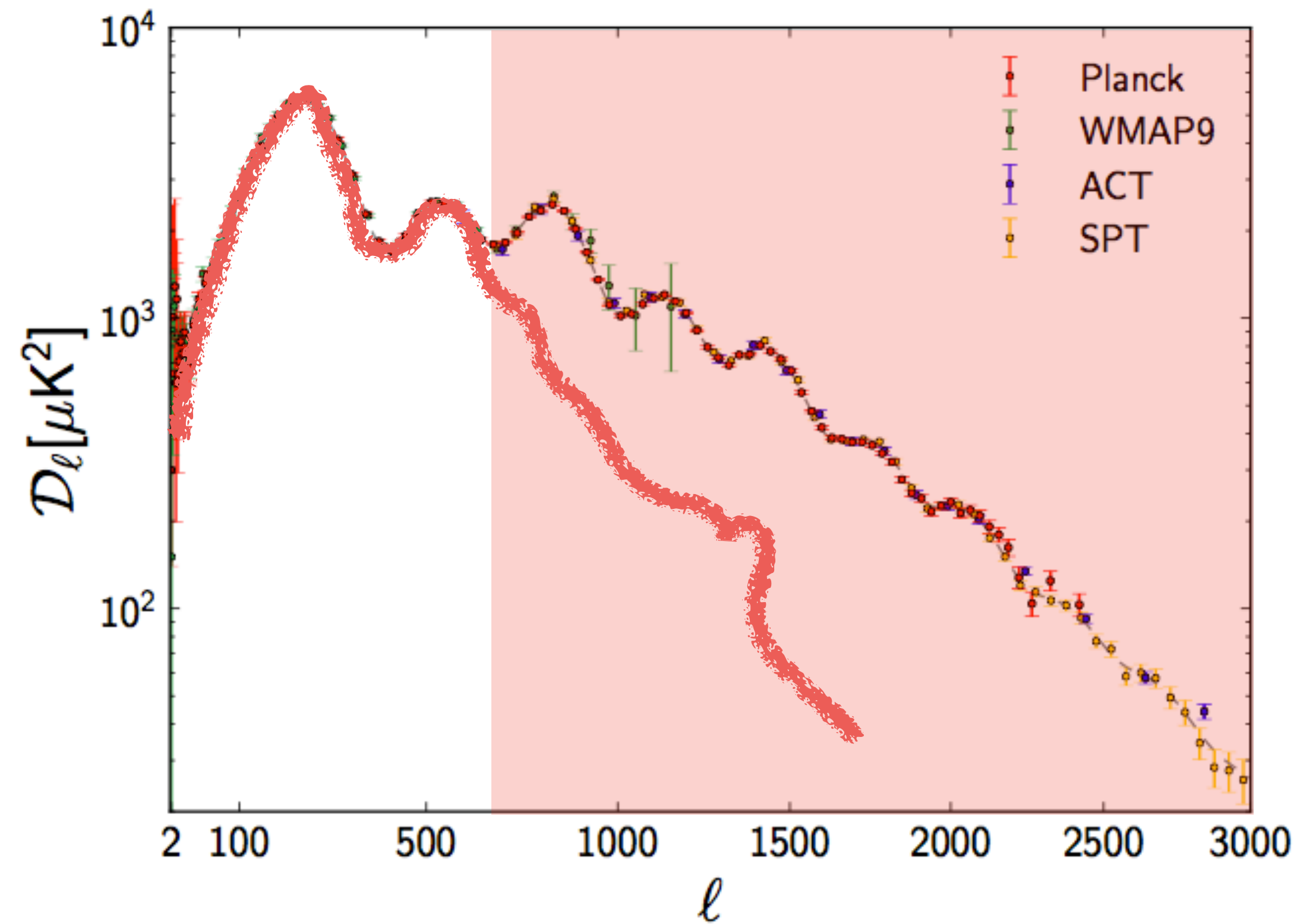
Fluctuations in the Primordial Fireball

JOSEPH SILK

ONE of the overwhelming difficulties of realistic cosmological models is the inadequacy of Einstein's gravitational theory to explain the process of galaxy formation¹⁻⁶. A means of evading this problem has been to postulate an initial spectrum of primordial fluctuations⁷. The interpretation of the recently discovered 3° K microwave background as being of cosmological origin^{8,9} implies that fluctuations may not condense out of the expanding universe until an epoch when matter and radiation have decoupled⁴, at a temperature T_D of the order of 4,000° K. The question may then be posed: would fluctuations in the primordial fireball survive to an epoch when galaxy formation is possible ?

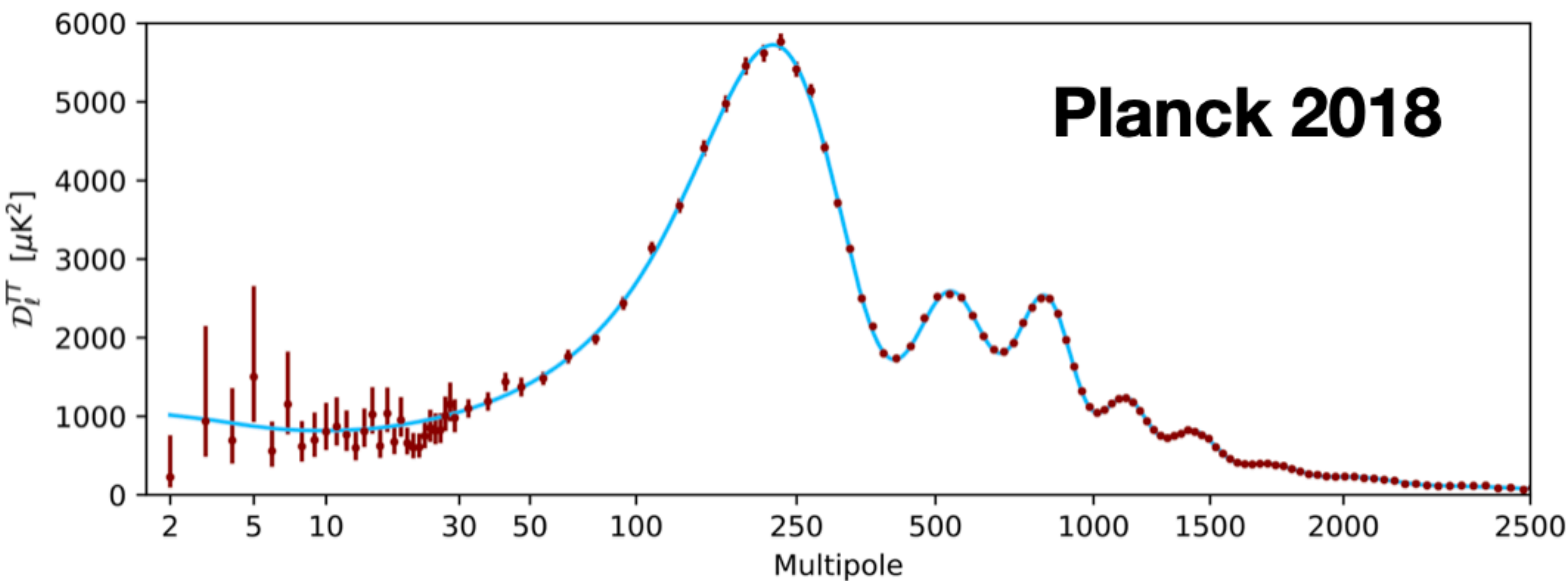


Initial conditions for structure formation



$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\theta}_b &= k^2 \psi - \mathcal{H} \theta_b + c_s^2 k^2 \delta_b - R^{-1} \dot{\kappa} (\theta_b - \theta_\gamma) \\ \dot{\theta}_\gamma &= k^2 \psi + k^2 \left(\frac{1}{4} \delta_\gamma - \sigma_\gamma \right) - \dot{\kappa} (\theta_\gamma - \theta_b), \\ \dot{\theta}_{\text{DM}} &= k^2 \psi - \mathcal{H} \theta_{\text{DM}},\end{aligned}$$

Initial conditions for structure formation

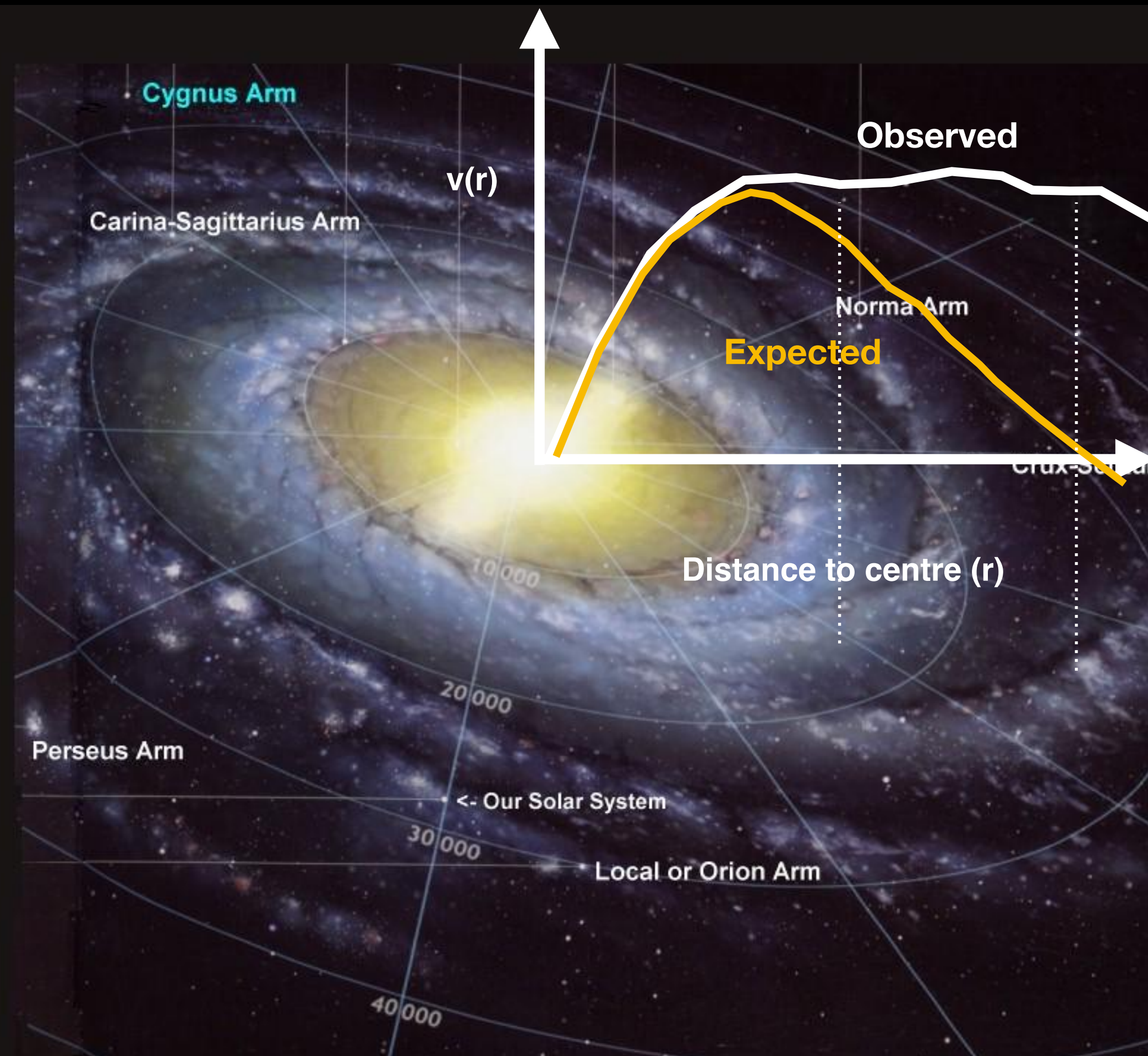


Parameter	Plik best fit
$\Omega_b h^2$	0.022383
$\Omega_c h^2$	0.12011
$100\theta_{\text{MC}}$	1.040909
τ	0.0543
$\ln(10^{10} A_s)$	3.0448
n_s	0.96605
$\Omega_m h^2$	0.14314
H_0 [km s ⁻¹ Mpc ⁻¹] . . .	67.32
Ω_m	0.3158
Age [Gyr]	13.7971
σ_8	0.8120
$S_8 \equiv \sigma_8 (\Omega_m / 0.3)^{0.5}$..	0.8331
z_{re}	7.68
$100\theta_*$	1.041085
r_{drag} [Mpc]	147.049

The 3 main issues



Missing mass



Missing mass
lack of dissipation



Lack of dissipation
Missing mass
Over long time scales

The physics that we know cannot explain
the formation of the objects that we know

We are on for a major paradigm shift

Solutions?

	Deeper gravitational potential	Fighting Dissipation
Modifying gravity	✓ (Acceleration)	Hard :(
Adding mass/particles	✓	✓

Others...

It is all about the initial conditions, i.e. the CMB!!!

The modified gravity route

Modifying Gravity

GR' + SU(3)XSU(2)XU(1)

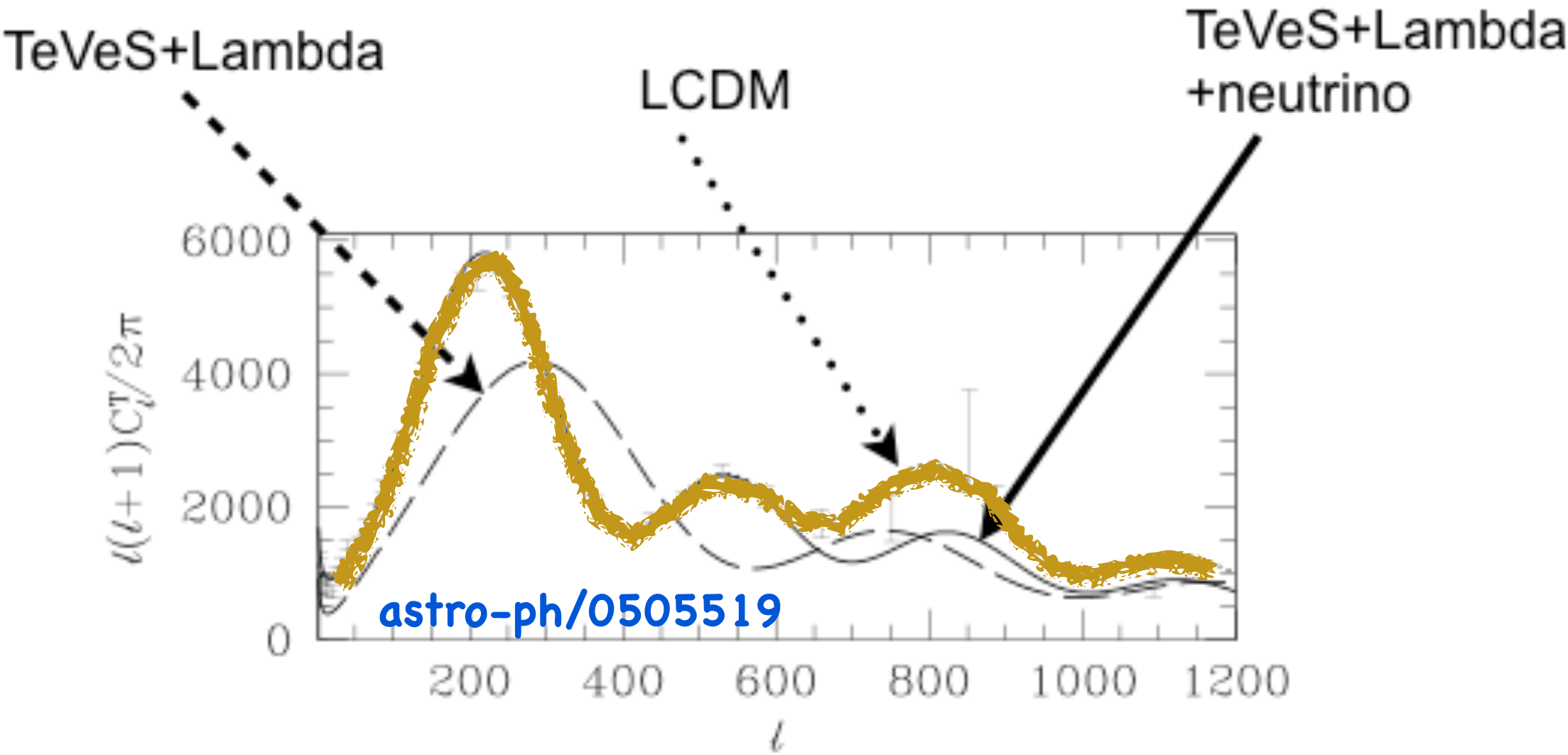
$$\mu\left(\frac{|\vec{a}|}{a_0}\right)\vec{a} = -\nabla\Phi$$



empirical

$$\mu(x) = 1 \text{ if } x > 1 \qquad \mu(x) \simeq x \text{ if } x < 1$$

TEVES: [astro-ph/0403694](#)



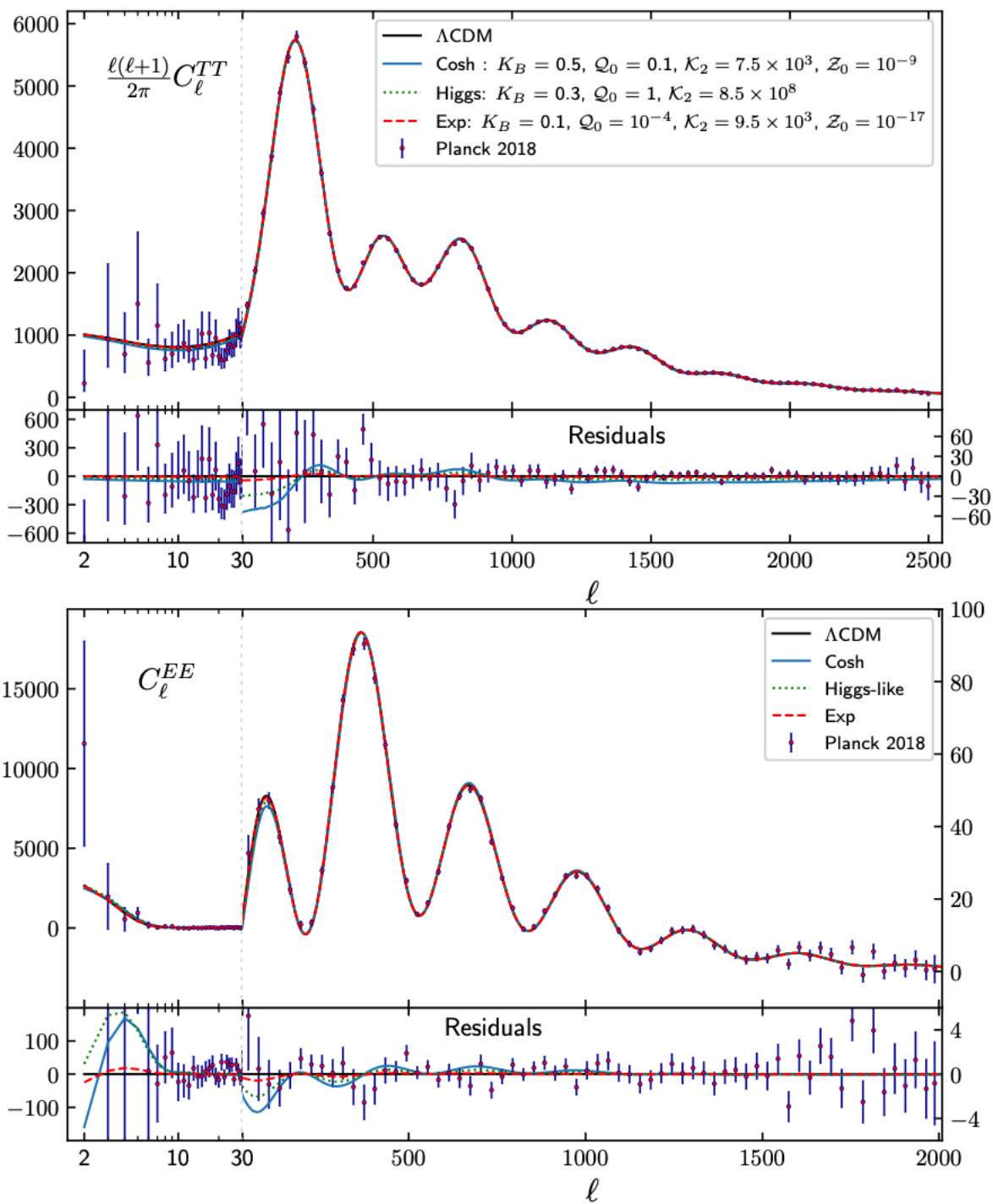
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New Relativistic Theory for Modified Newtonian Dynamics

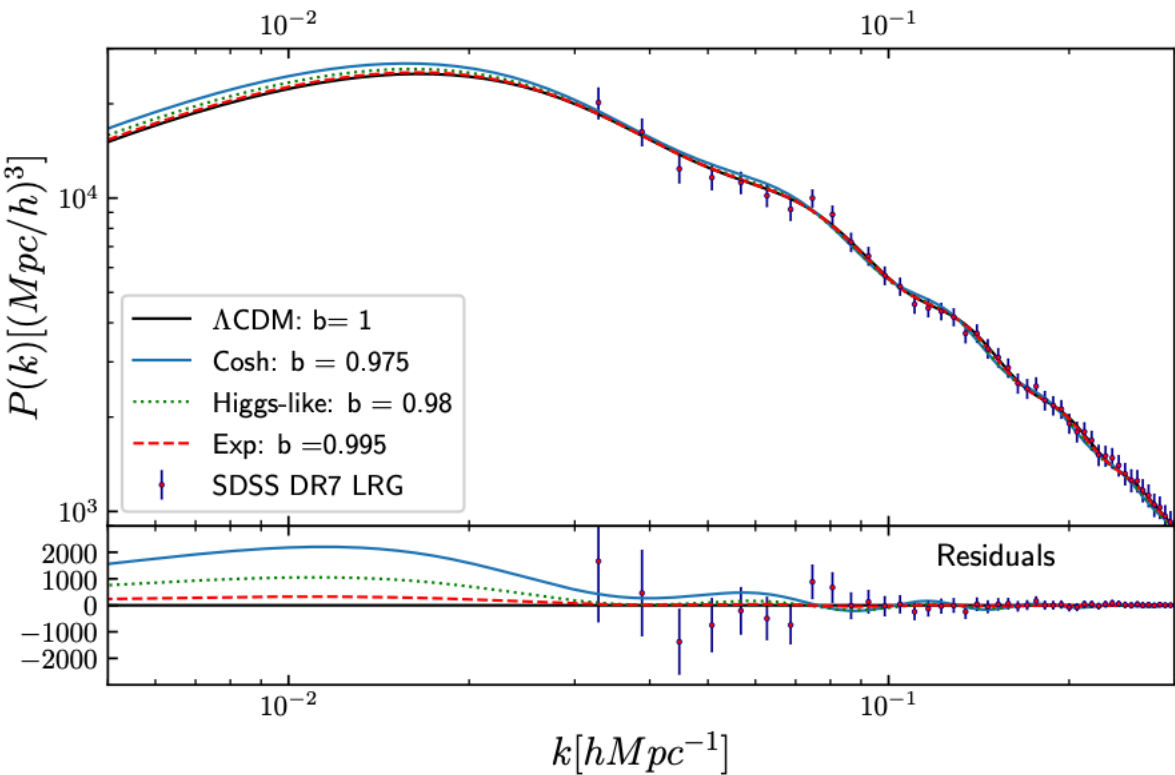
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We propose a relativistic gravitational theory leading to modified Newtonian dynamics, a paradigm that explains the observed universal galactic acceleration scale and related phenomenology. We discuss phenomenological requirements leading to its construction and demonstrate its agreement with the observed cosmic microwave background and matter power spectra on linear cosmological scales. We show that its action expanded to second order is free of ghost instabilities and discuss its possible embedding in a more fundamental theory.



For a point source of mass M , the MOND-to-Newton transition occurs at $r_M \sim \sqrt{(G_N M/a_0)}$. A MOND force $\sim \sqrt{G_N M a_0}/r$ lends its way trivially to a Newtonian force $G_N M/r^2$ as $r \ll r_M$ but in the inner Solar System this is



Modifying Gravity

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2007.00082.pdf>

$$S = \int d^4x \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \bar{\nabla}_\mu h \bar{\nabla}_\nu h^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{4} \bar{\nabla}_\rho h \bar{\nabla}^\rho h + \frac{1}{2} \bar{\nabla}_\mu h^{\mu\rho} \bar{\nabla}_\nu h^\nu{}_\rho - \frac{1}{4} \bar{\nabla}^\rho h^{\mu\nu} \bar{\nabla}_\rho h_{\mu\nu} K_B |\dot{\vec{A}} - \frac{1}{2} \vec{\nabla} h^{00}|^2 - 2K_B \vec{\nabla}_{[i} A_{j]} \vec{\nabla}^{[i} A^{j]} \right. \\ \left. + (2 - K_B) \left[2(\dot{\vec{A}} - \frac{1}{2} \vec{\nabla} h^{00}) \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \varphi + \mathcal{Q}_0 \vec{A}) - (1 + \lambda_s) |\vec{\nabla} \varphi + \mathcal{Q}_0 \vec{A}|^2 \right] + 2\mathcal{K}_2 \left| \dot{\varphi} + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{Q}_0 h^{00} \right|^2 + \frac{1}{\tilde{M}_p^2} T_{\mu\nu} h^{\mu\nu} \right\} \quad (13)$$

In preparation

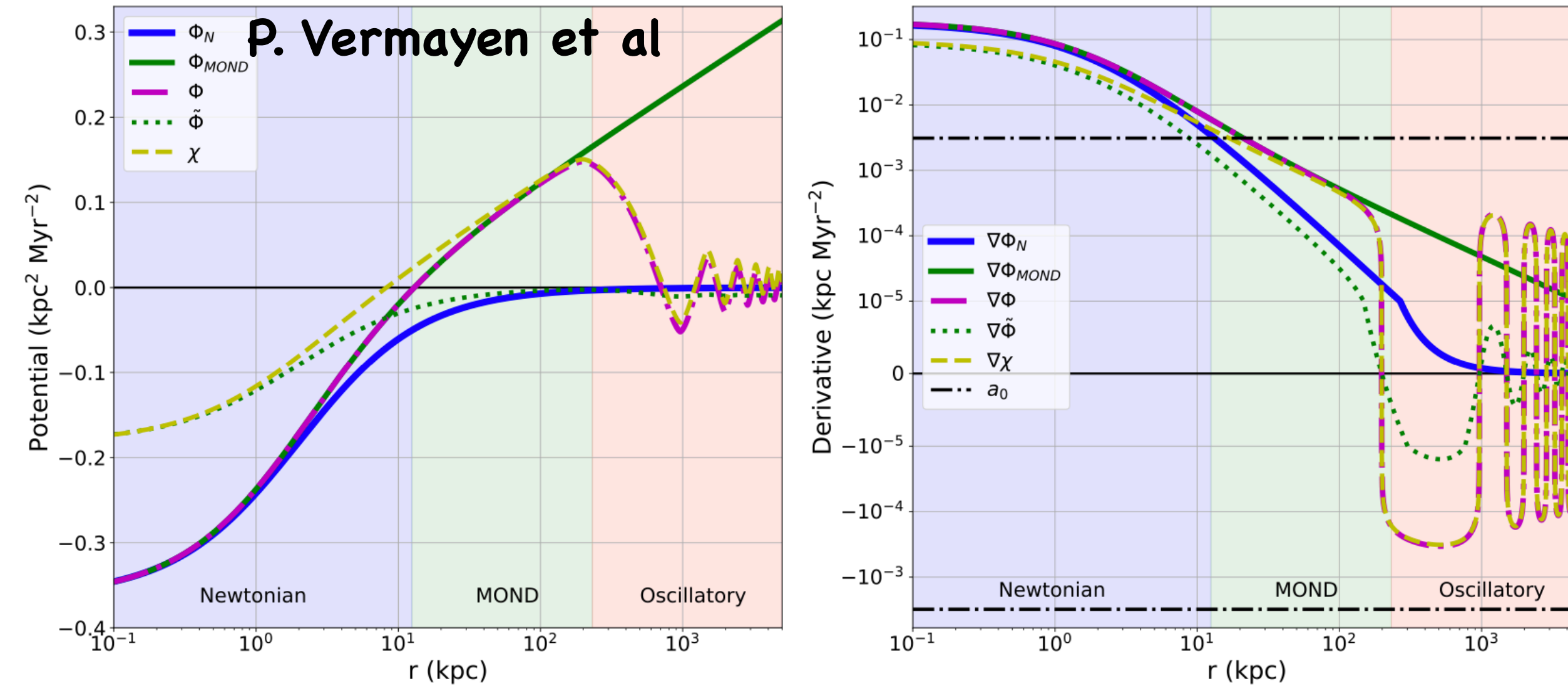


Figure 2. Solution of the field equations (left) and their gradients (right) for the Hernquist density profile and the fiducial model parameters with $(\lambda_s, \mu) = (1, 1 \text{ Mpc}^{-1})$. The blue, green and red regions delineate the Newtonian, MOND and Oscillatory regions respectively. The yellow and green dashed lines are the auxiliary fields $\tilde{\Phi}$ and χ and the pink dotted-dashed line is the metric perturbation which is responsible for defining the trajectories of free falling particles. We have included the Newtonian (blue) and classical MOND (green) solutions for comparison. The break in the blue curve at $\nabla\Phi = 10^{-5}$ is not physical, but related to the symlog scaling that we use for the vertical axis of the right panel.

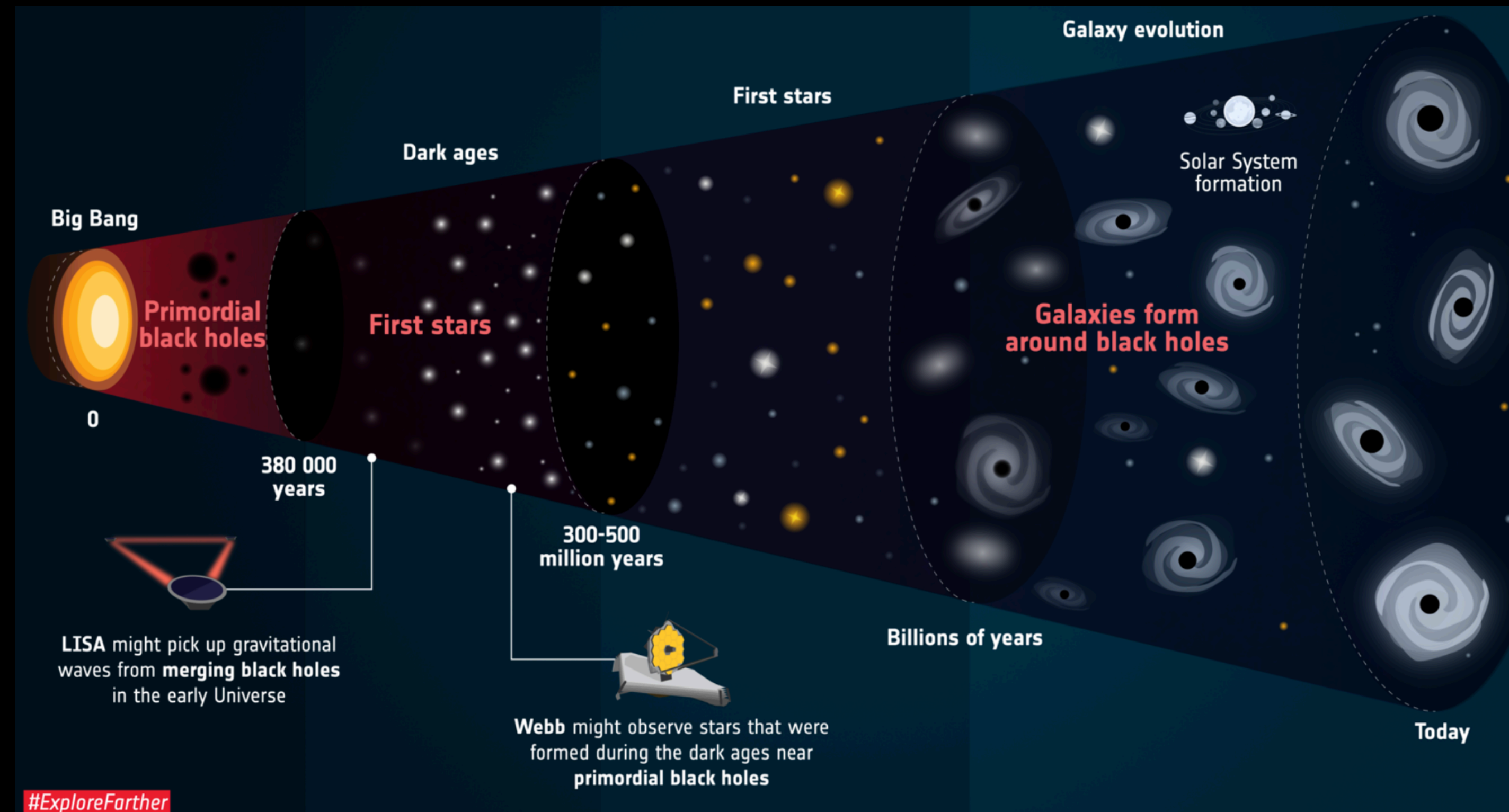
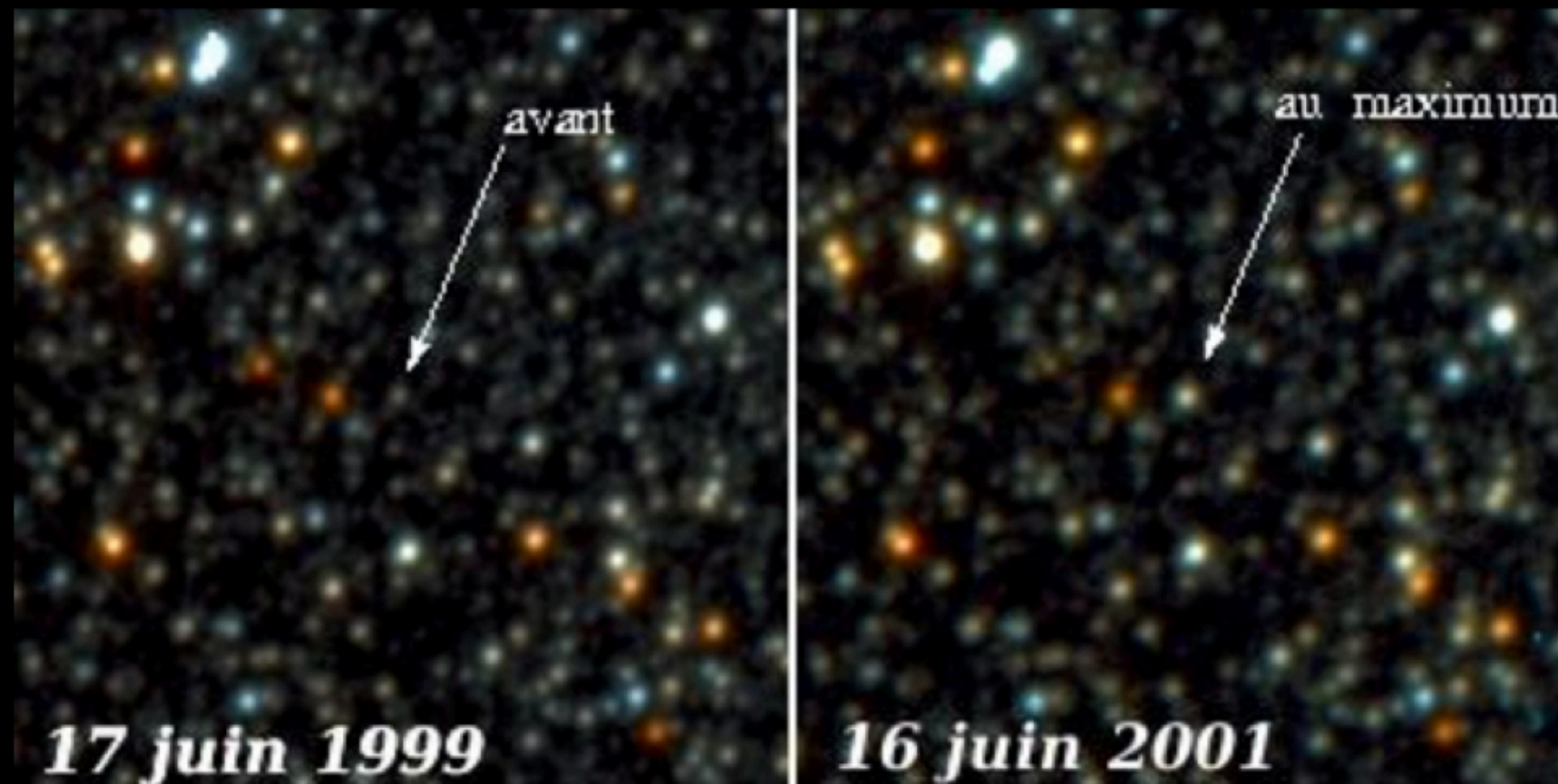
The “missing mass” route

“Standard Model” solutions

LEPTONS



MACHOs

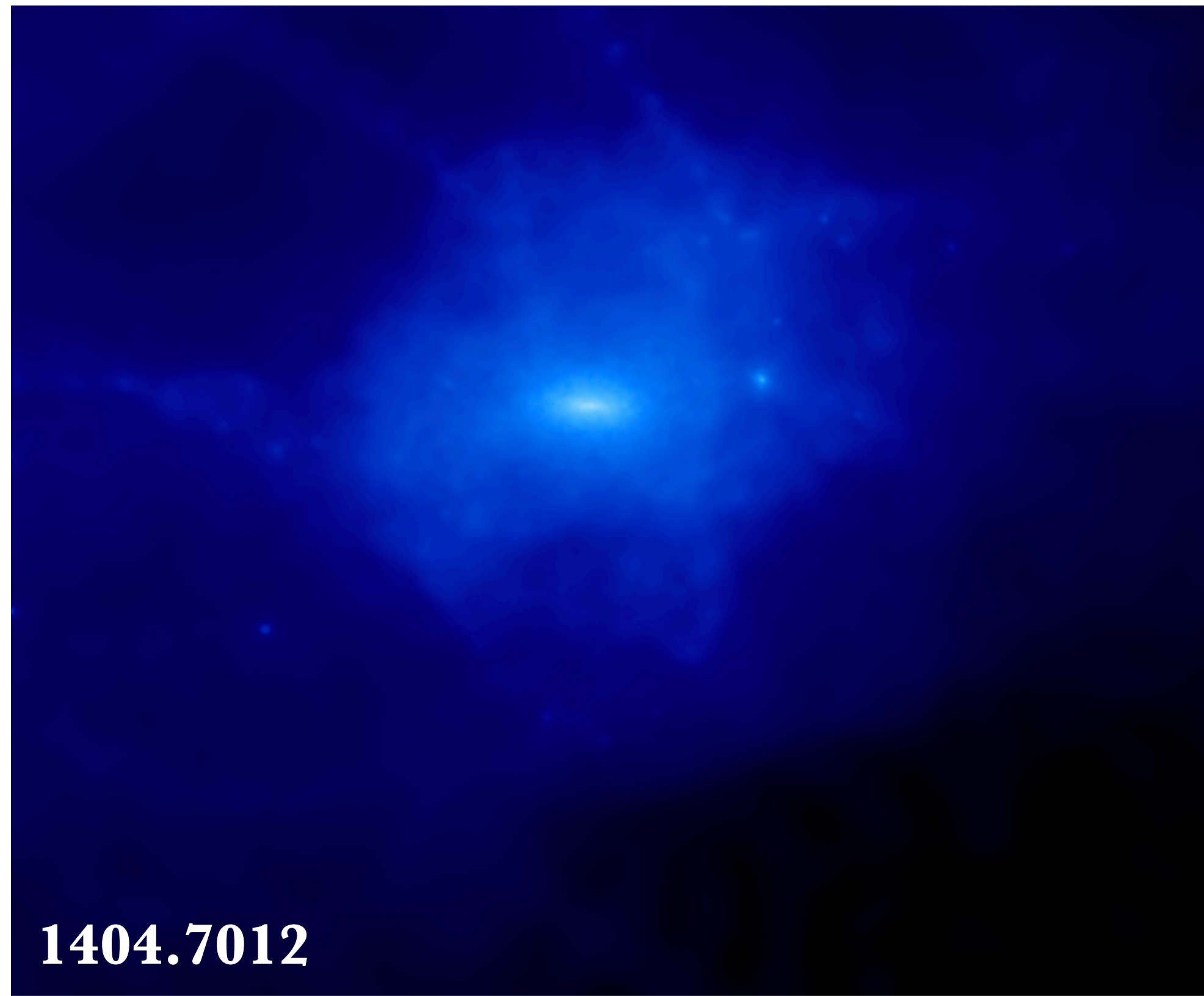


Or ?

Let us go through these options

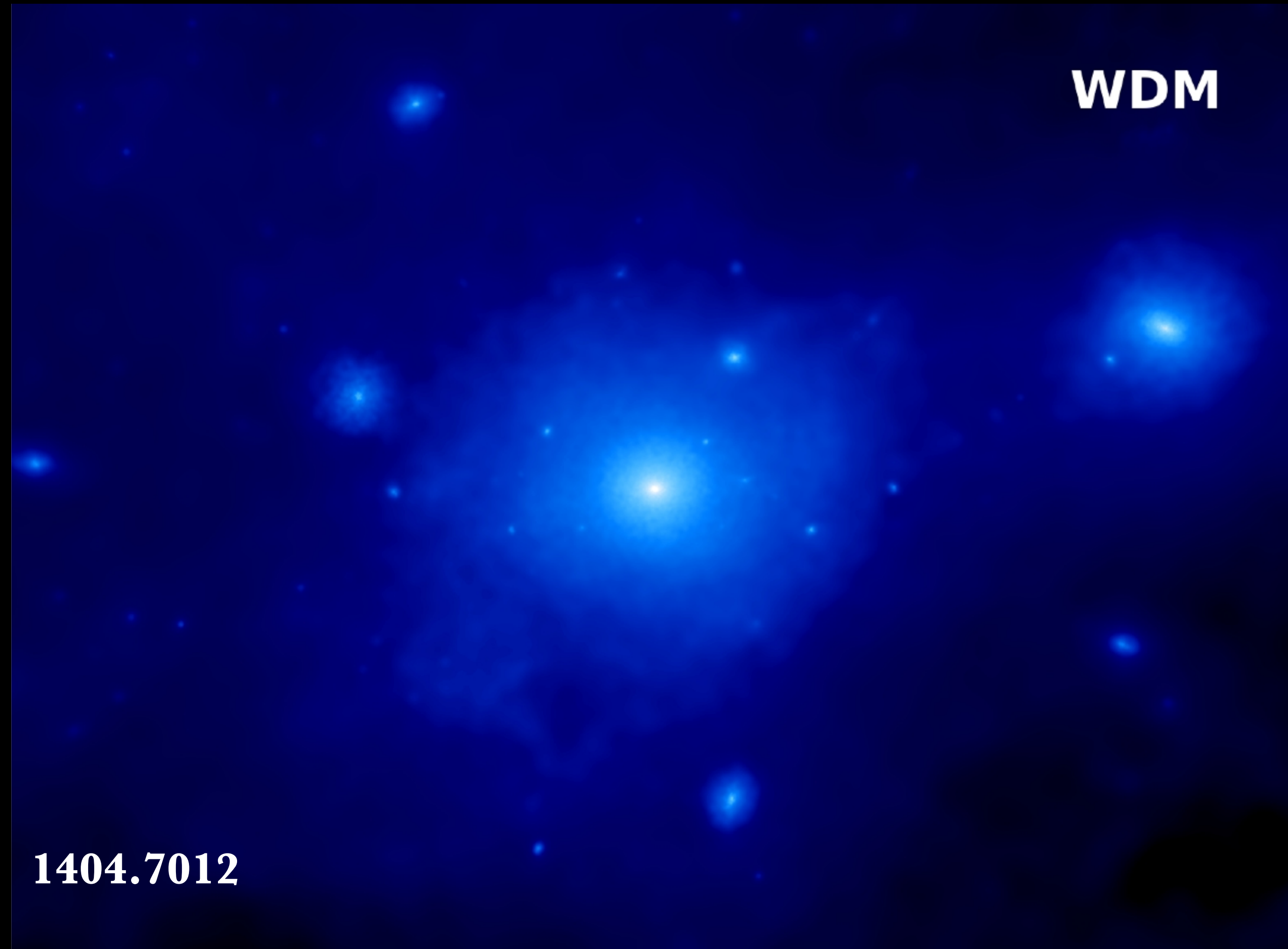
Neutrinos

LEPTONS	$<2.2 \text{ eV}/c^2$	0	$1/2$	ν_e	electron neutrino
	$<1.7 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	0	$1/2$	ν_μ	muon neutrino
	$<15.5 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	0	$1/2$	ν_τ	tau neutrino



They would need to have a mass $> \text{keV}$ to form as many galaxies as we have observed

keV neutrinos = Warm dark matter



1988ApJ...332....1S

[Bond & Szalay 1983](#) [Bardeen et al. 1986](#)

Halo Formation in Warm Dark Matter Models

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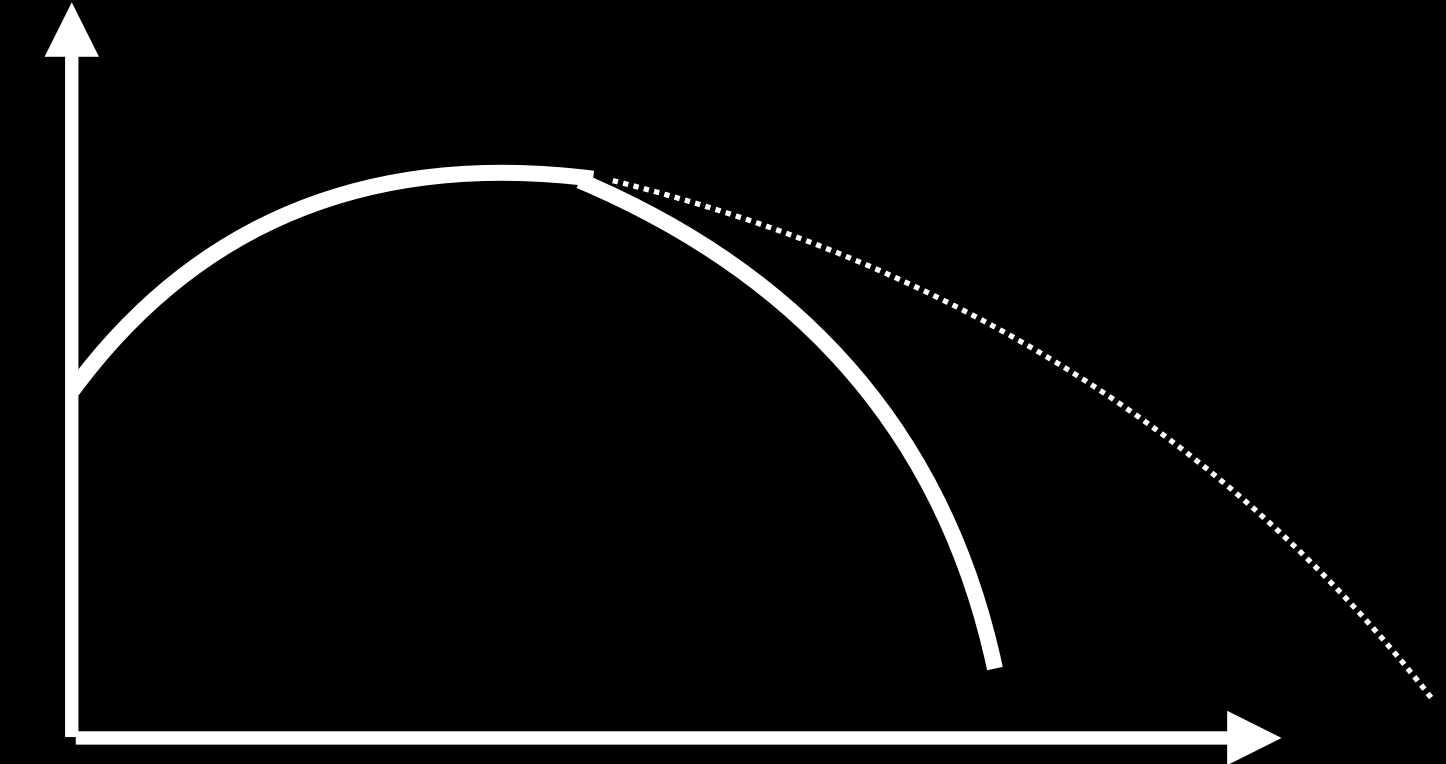
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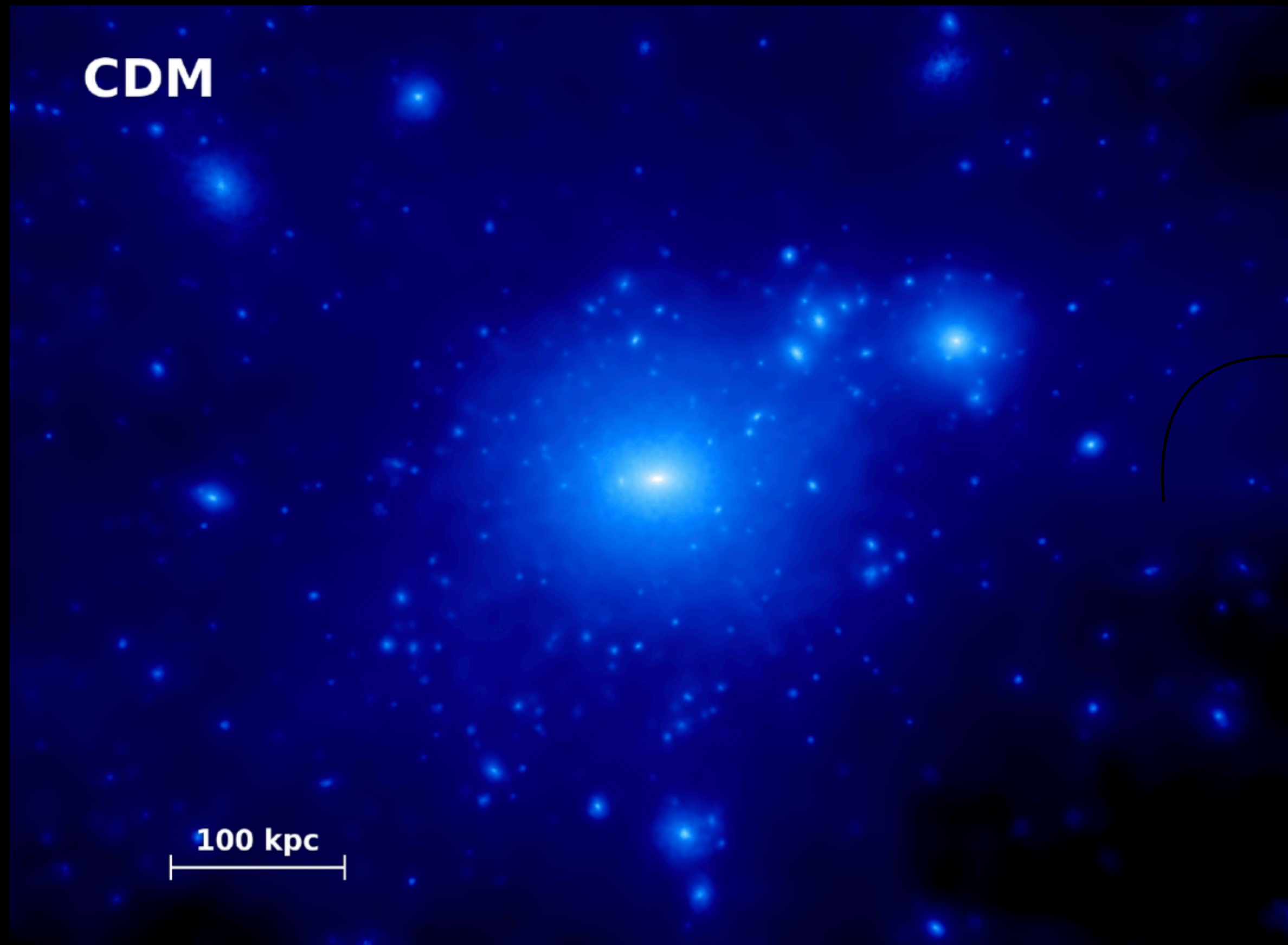
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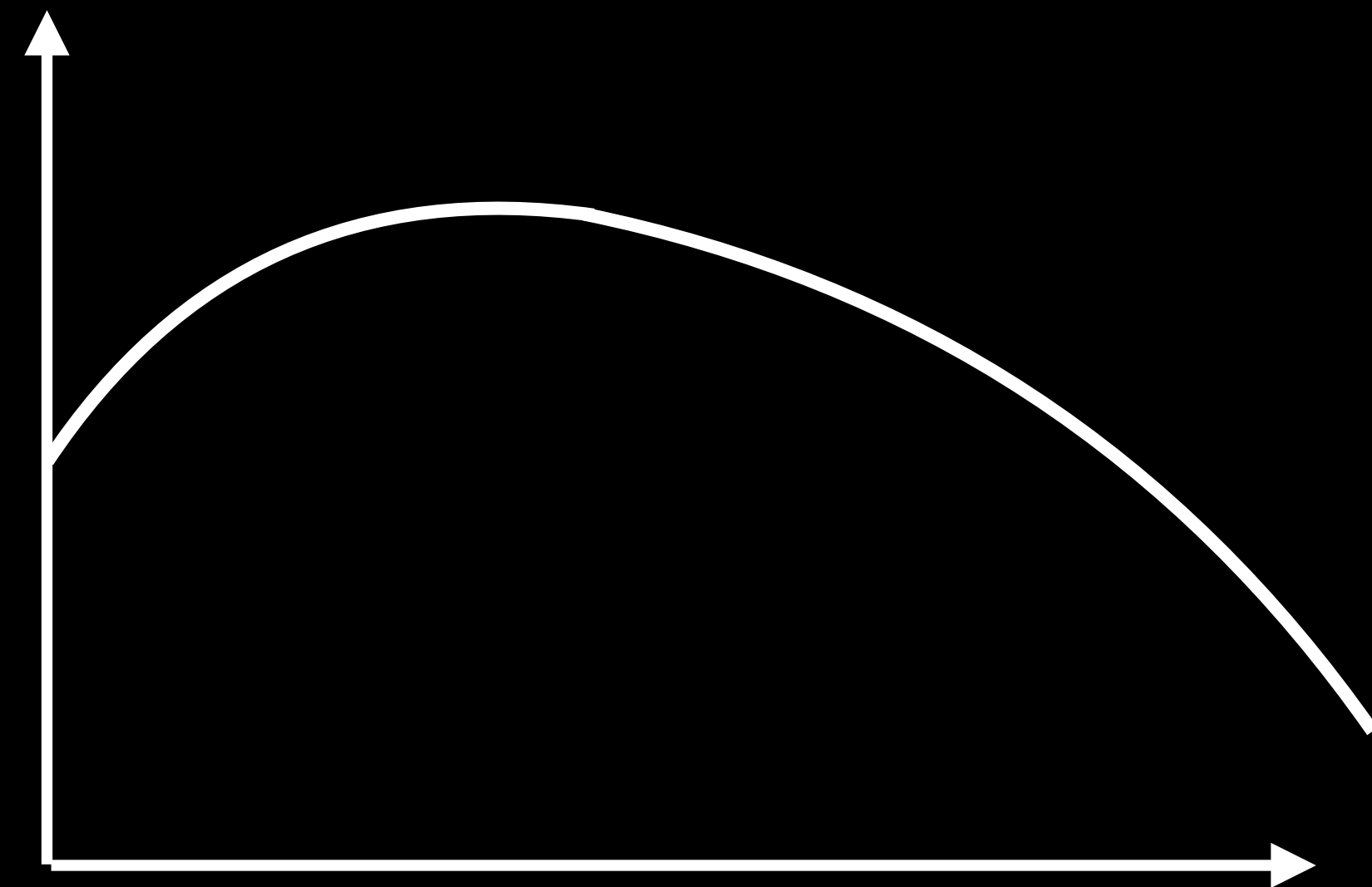
Larger scales \rightarrow small scales

$$R_s \approx 0.31 \left(\frac{\Omega_X}{0.3} \right)^{0.15} \left(\frac{h}{0.65} \right)^{1.3} \left(\frac{\text{keV}}{m_X} \right)^{1.15} h^{-1} \text{ Mpc}.$$

Heavy dark matter = Cold Dark Matter



structures

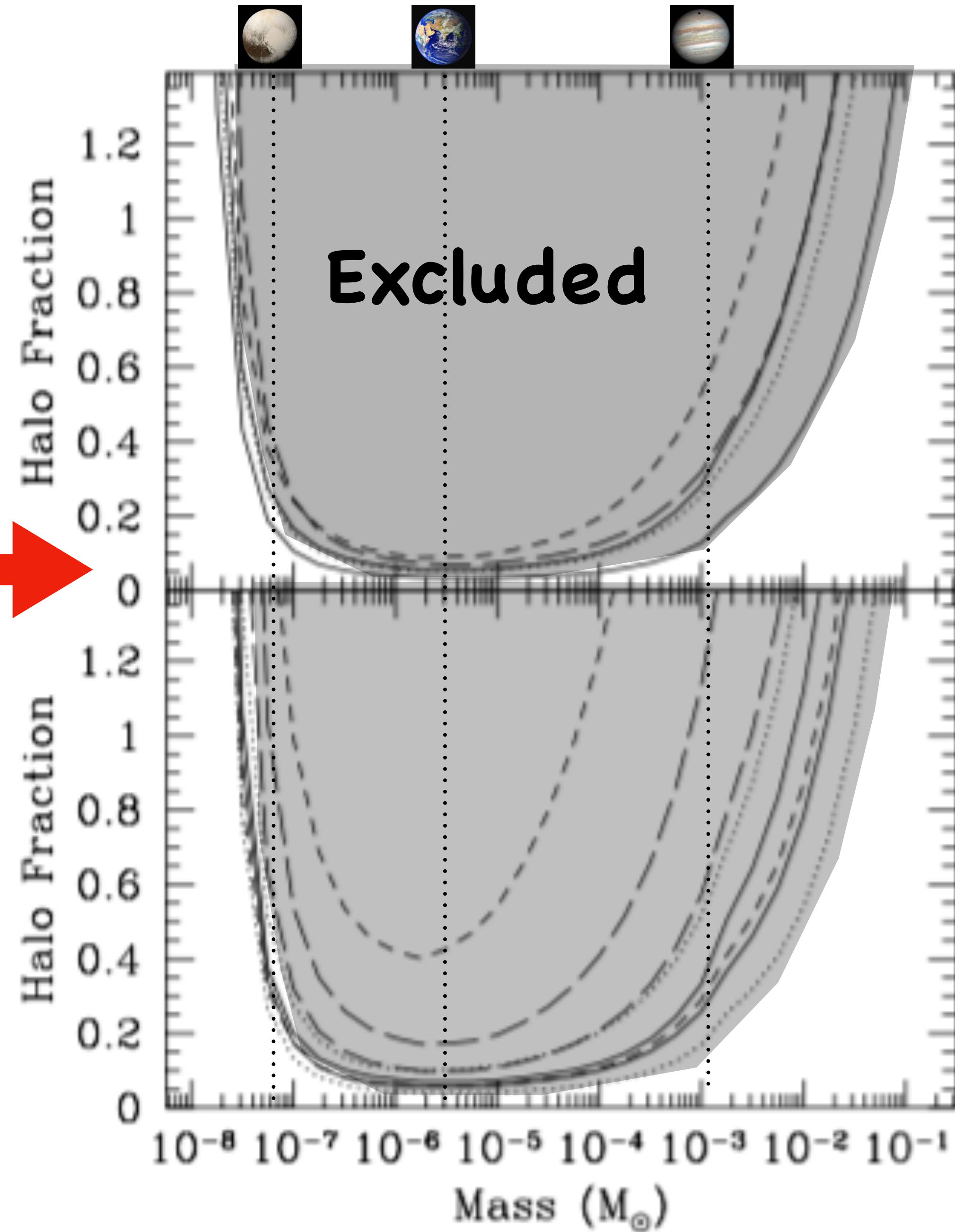


Larger scales -> small scales

MACHOs

EROS & MACHO experiments

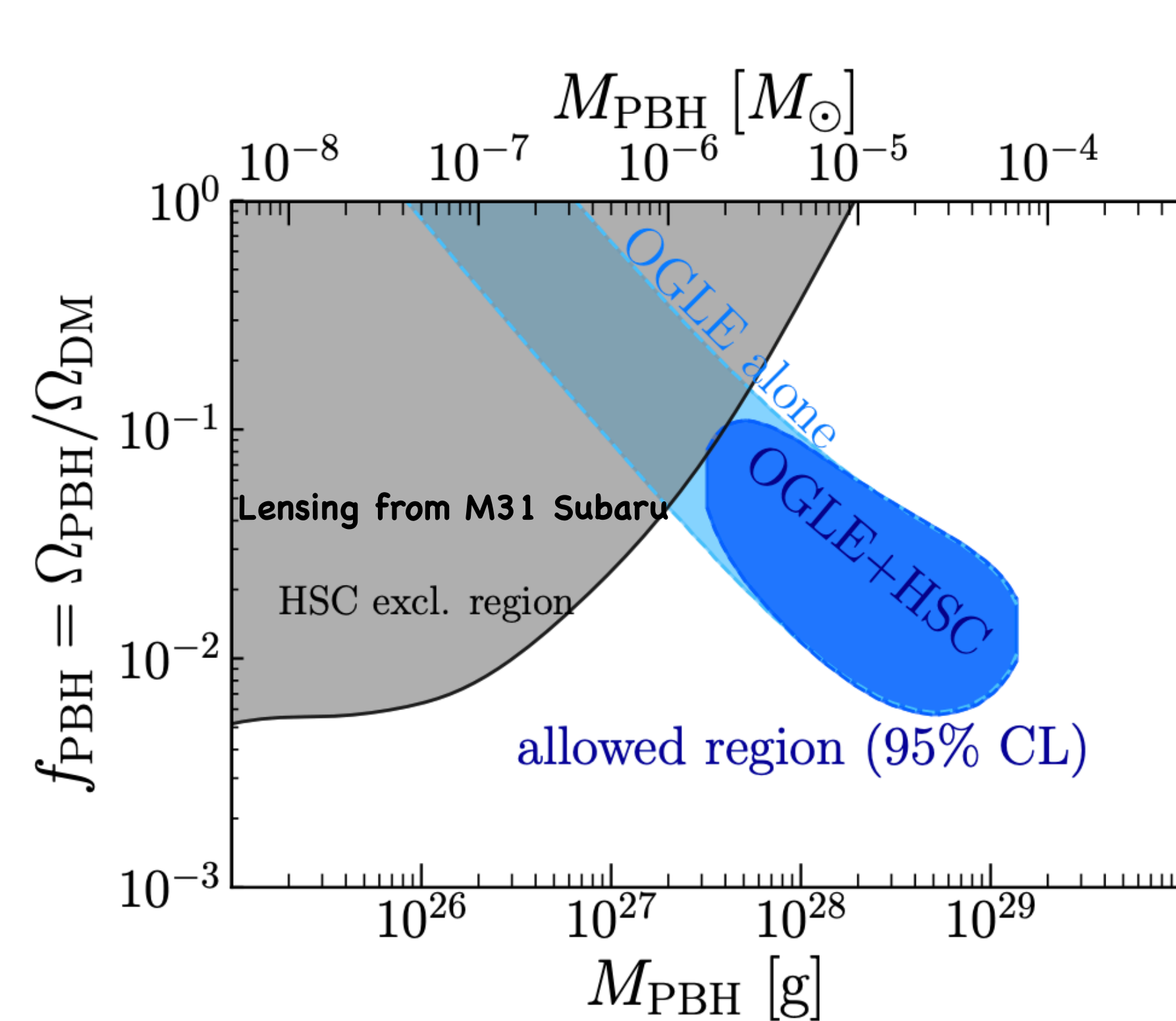
Tiny fraction of our
MW halo allowed but ...



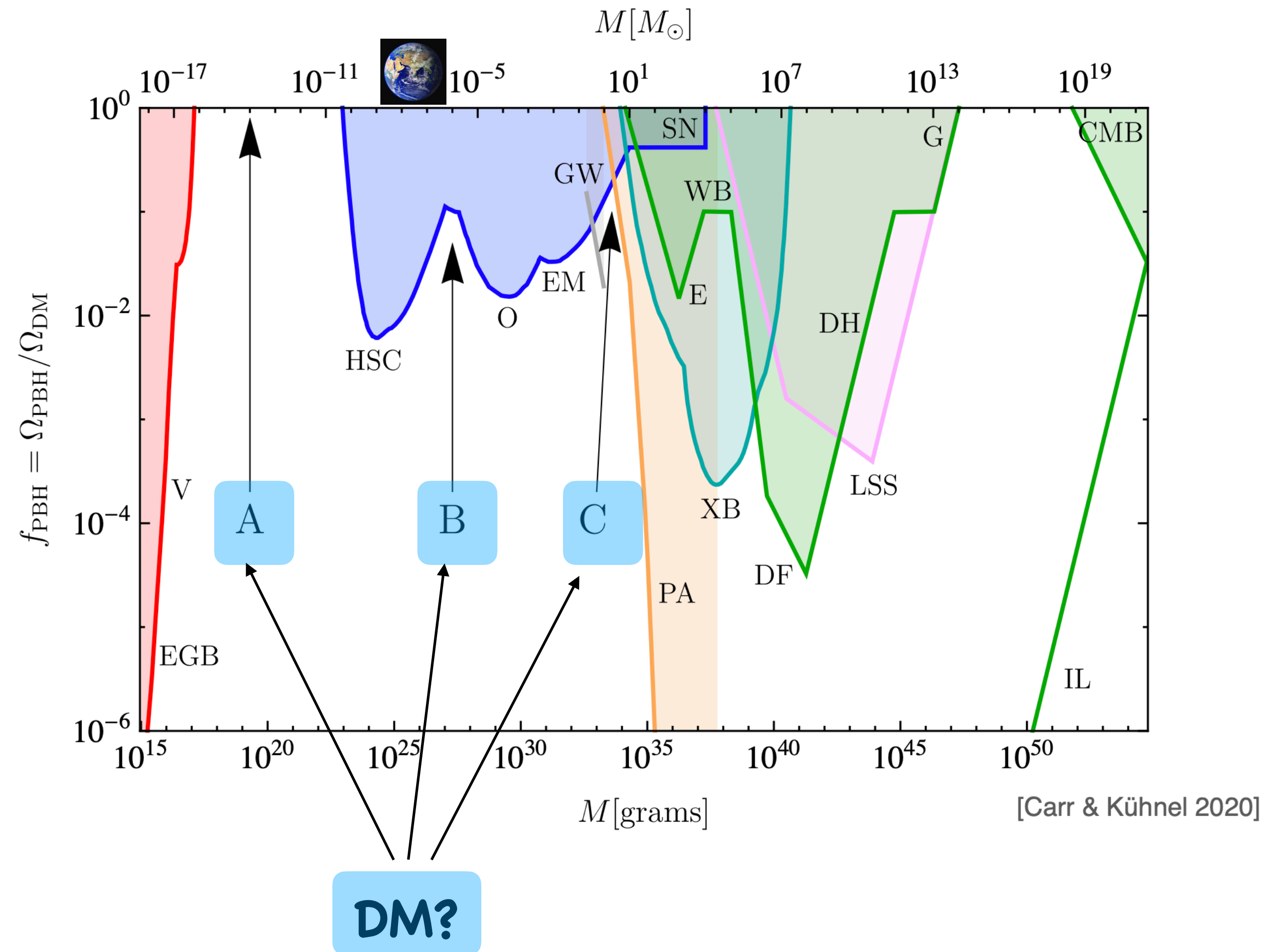
Primordial Black Holes

(See Kuhnel's talk at DSU2022 + papers)

OGLE detected events (0.1–0.3 days light curve timescale)
18/58 events consistent with 2–5 Msol PBH

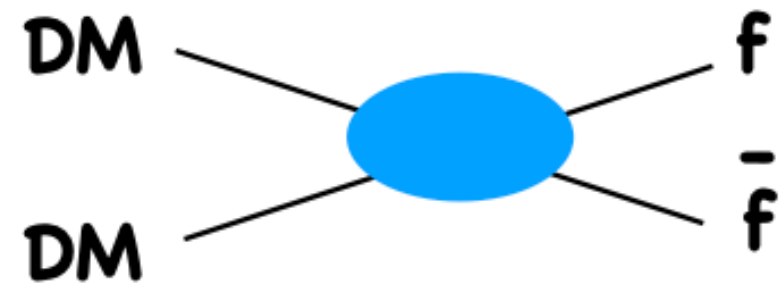


[Niikura *et al.* 2019]



[Carr & Kühnel 2020]

Massive weakly interacting particles



Collisionless (to avoid dissipation) but annihilation

Thermal DM

$$\frac{dn}{dt} = -3Hn - \sigma v(n^2 - n_0^2) \rightarrow \Omega h^2 \simeq \frac{3 \times 10^{-27} \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}}{\langle \sigma v \rangle}$$

Planck 2018

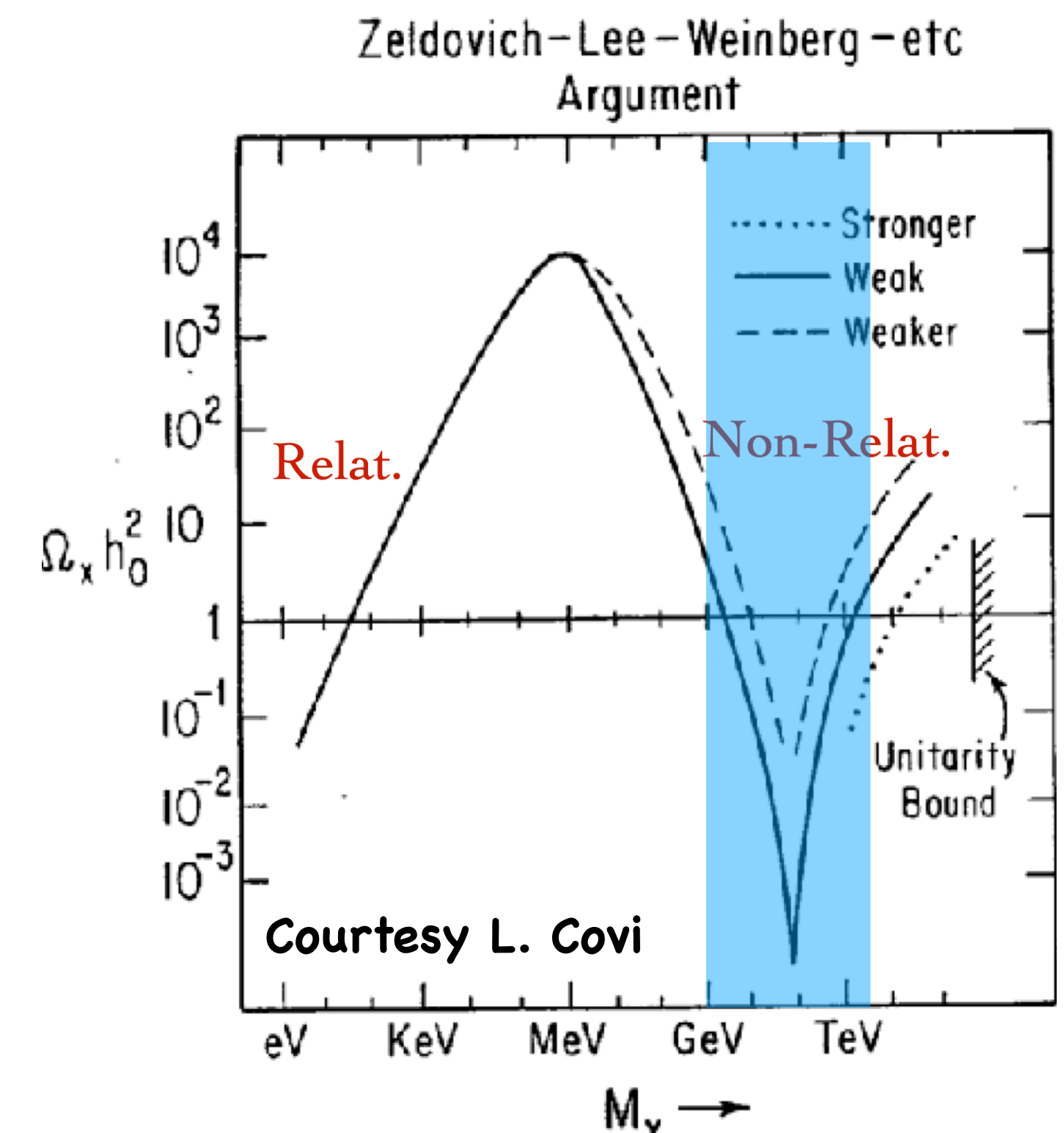
Hut, Lee&Weinberg 77

Add some hypothesis about the DM nature (heavy neutrino)

$$\sigma v \propto \frac{m_{DM}^2}{m_W^4}$$

Impose that this cross section explains the relic density

$$\sigma v \propto \frac{m_{DM}^2}{m_W^4} \simeq 3 - 10 \times 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$$

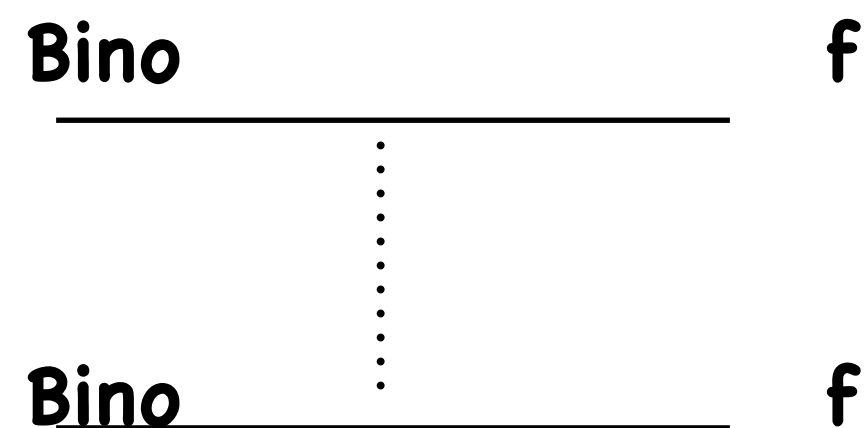


“Old” prediction

**Dark matter is supposedly collisionless
but it does annihilate and therefore
must be heavier than a proton**

Supersymmetric WIMPs

<https://arxiv.org/pdf/hep-ph/9810360.pdf>



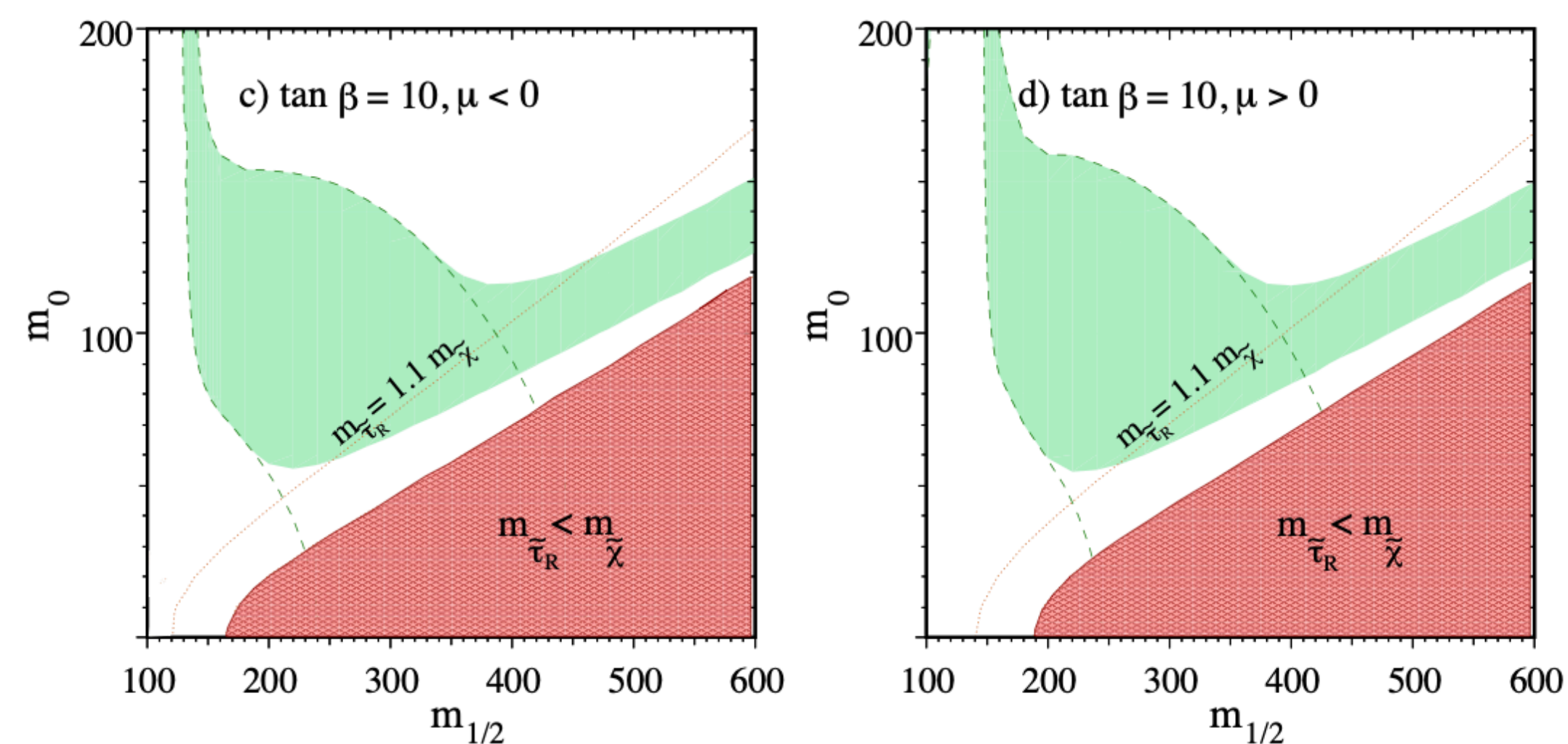
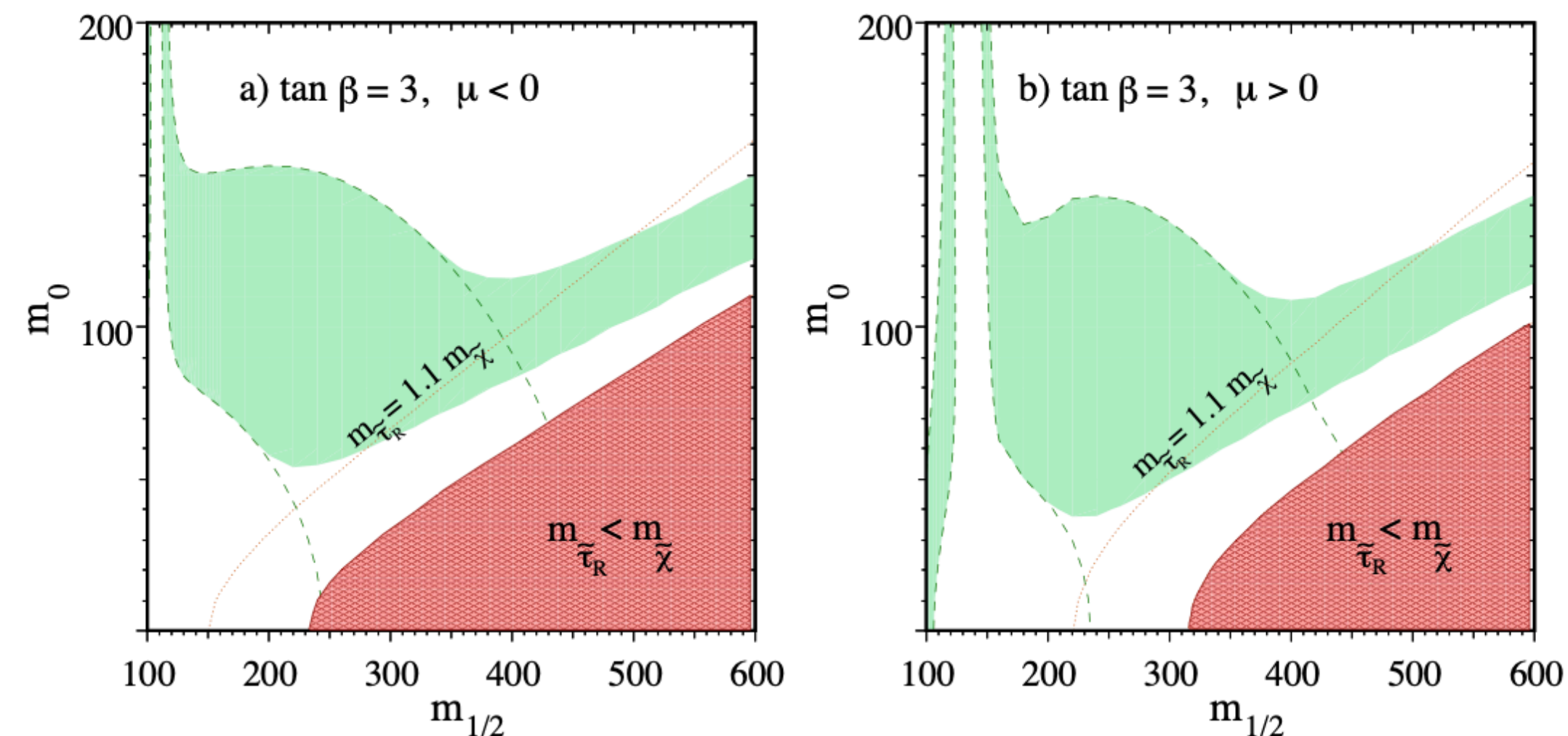
$$\langle\sigma v\rangle=(1-\frac{m_f^2}{m_{\tilde{B}}^2})^{1/2}\frac{g_1^4}{128\pi}\left[(Y_L^2+Y_R^2)^2(\frac{m_f^2}{\Delta_f^2})+(Y_L^4+Y_R^4)(\frac{4m_{\tilde{B}}^2}{\Delta_f^2})(1+\dots)x\right]$$

Table 1: Initial and Final States for Coannihilation: $\{i, j = \tau, e, \mu\}$

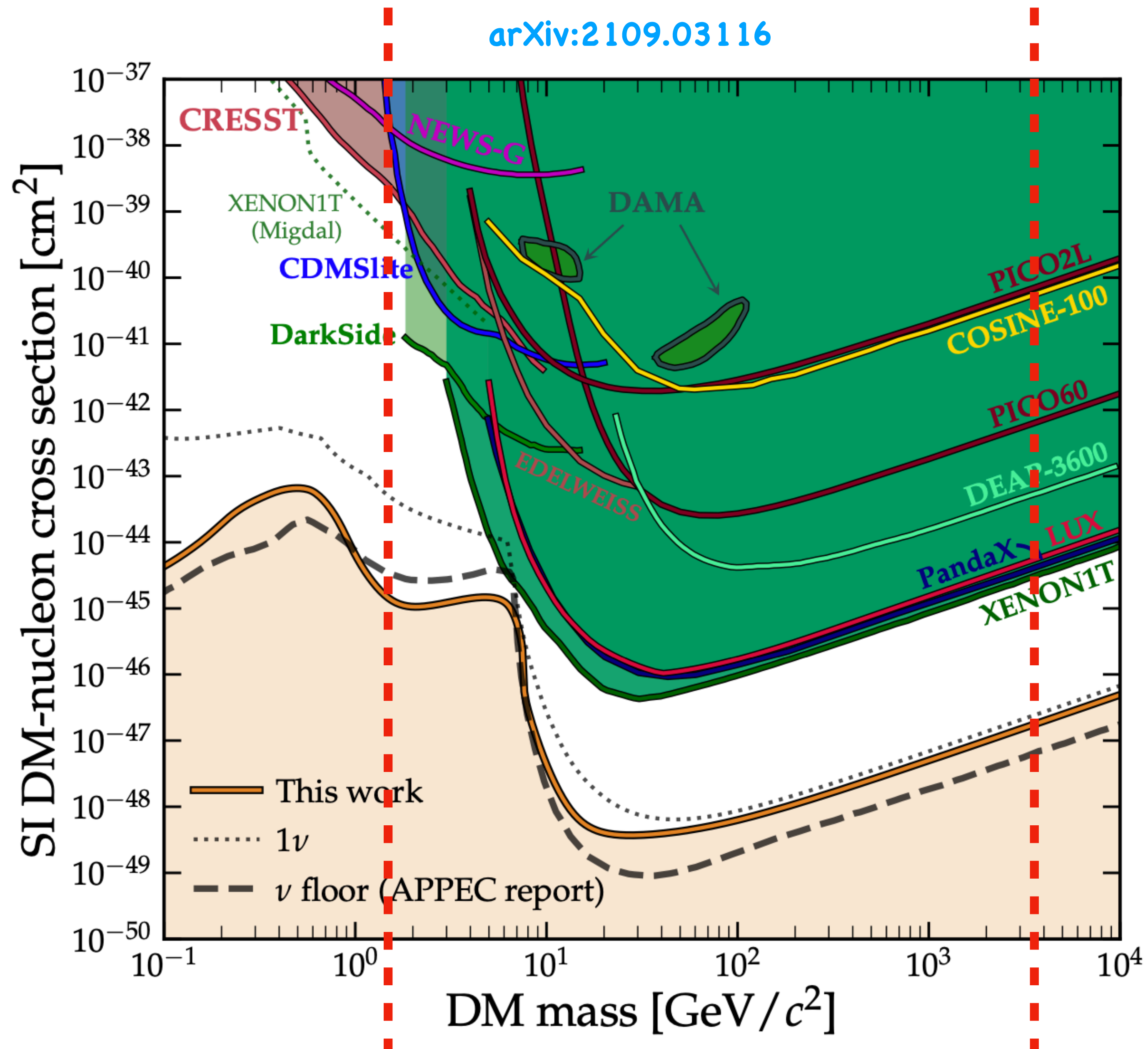
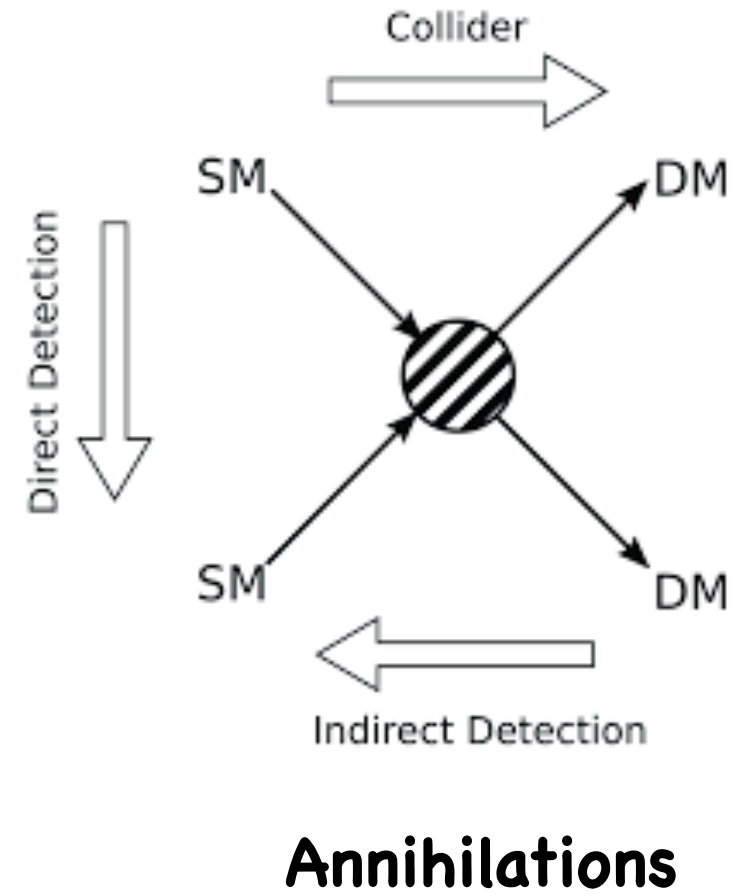
Initial State	Final States
$\tilde{\ell}_R^i \tilde{\ell}_R^{i*}$	$\gamma\gamma, ZZ, \gamma Z, W^+W^-, hh, \ell^i \bar{\ell}^i$
$\tilde{\ell}_R^i \tilde{\ell}_R^j$	$\ell^i \ell^j$
$\tilde{\ell}_R^i \tilde{\ell}_R^{j*}, i \neq j$	$\ell^i \bar{\ell}^j$
$\tilde{\ell}_R^i \tilde{\chi}$	$\ell^i \gamma, \ell^i Z, \ell^i h$

Neutralino mass \gg GeV and
within the reach of LHC (or just at the limit)

Neutralino-stau co-annihilation

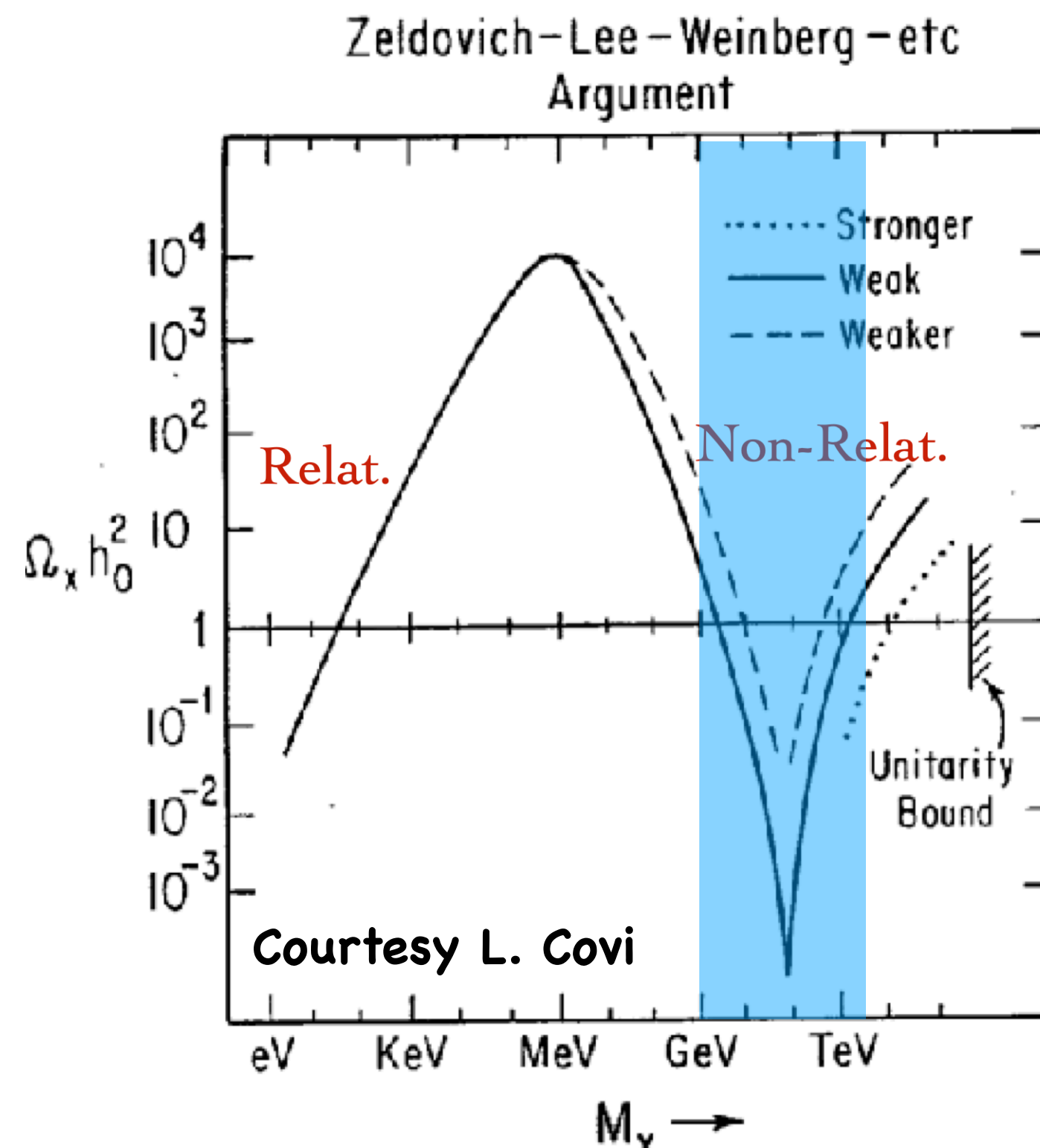


Direct detection constraints



Hold on...

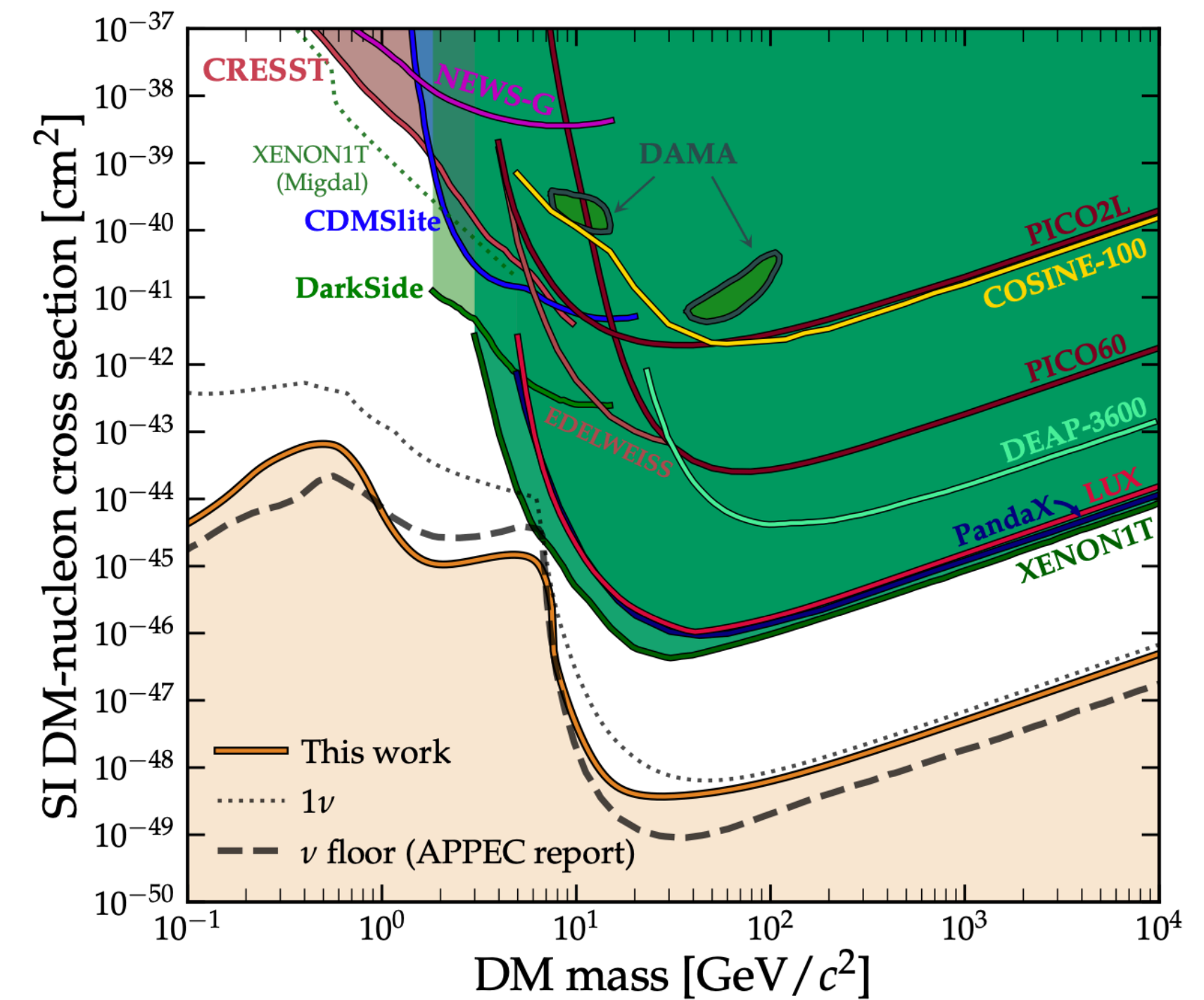
Collisionless but annihilations



DM is heavy

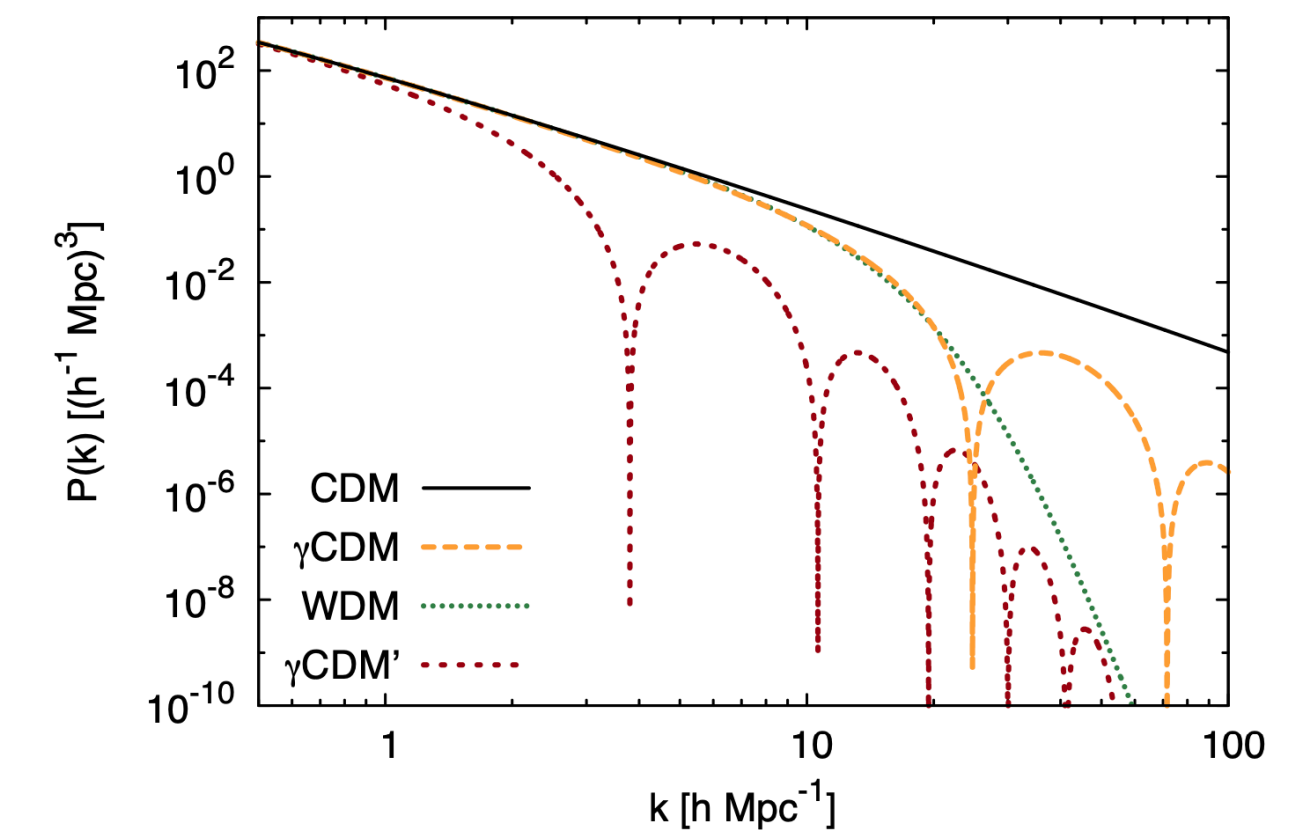
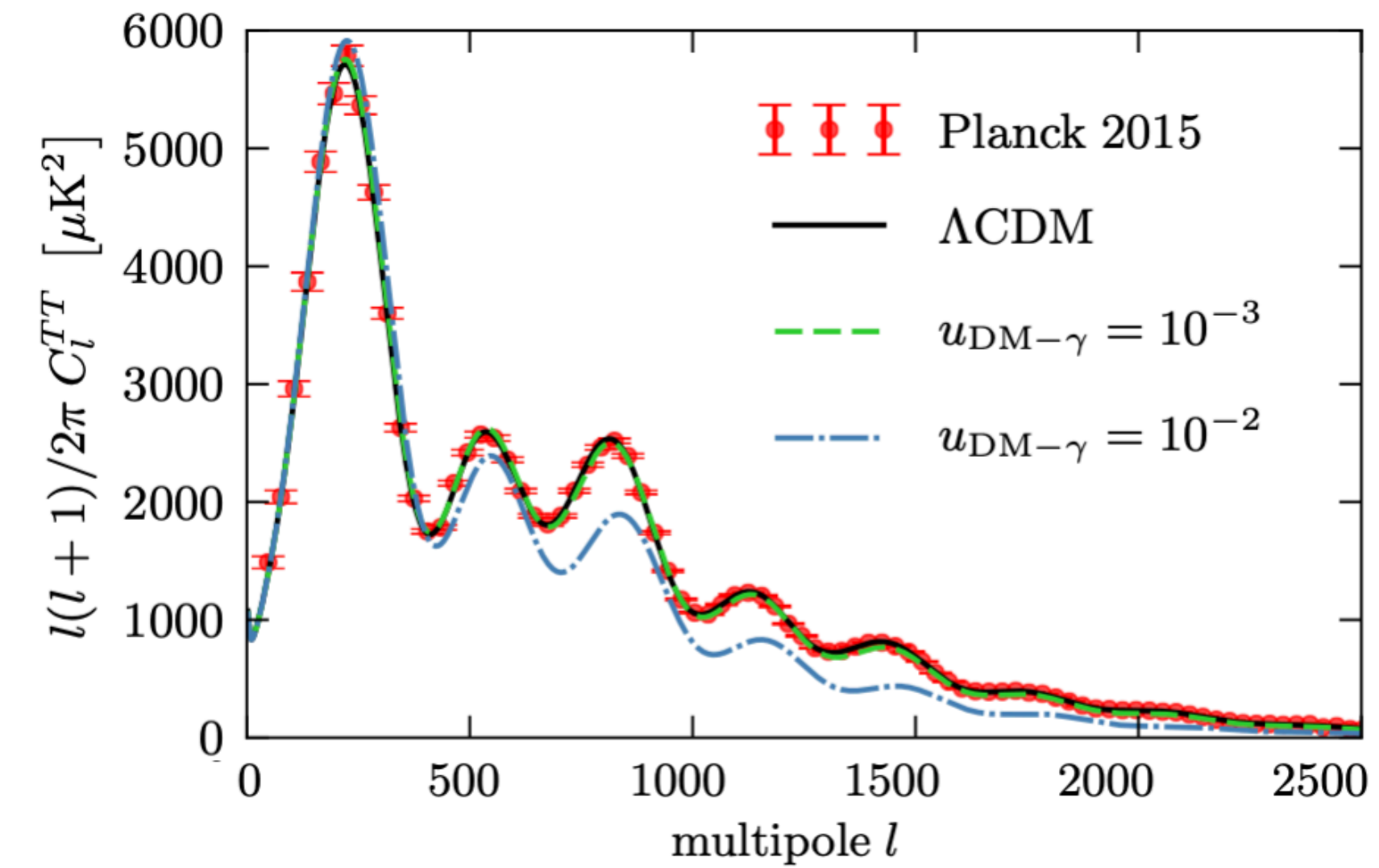
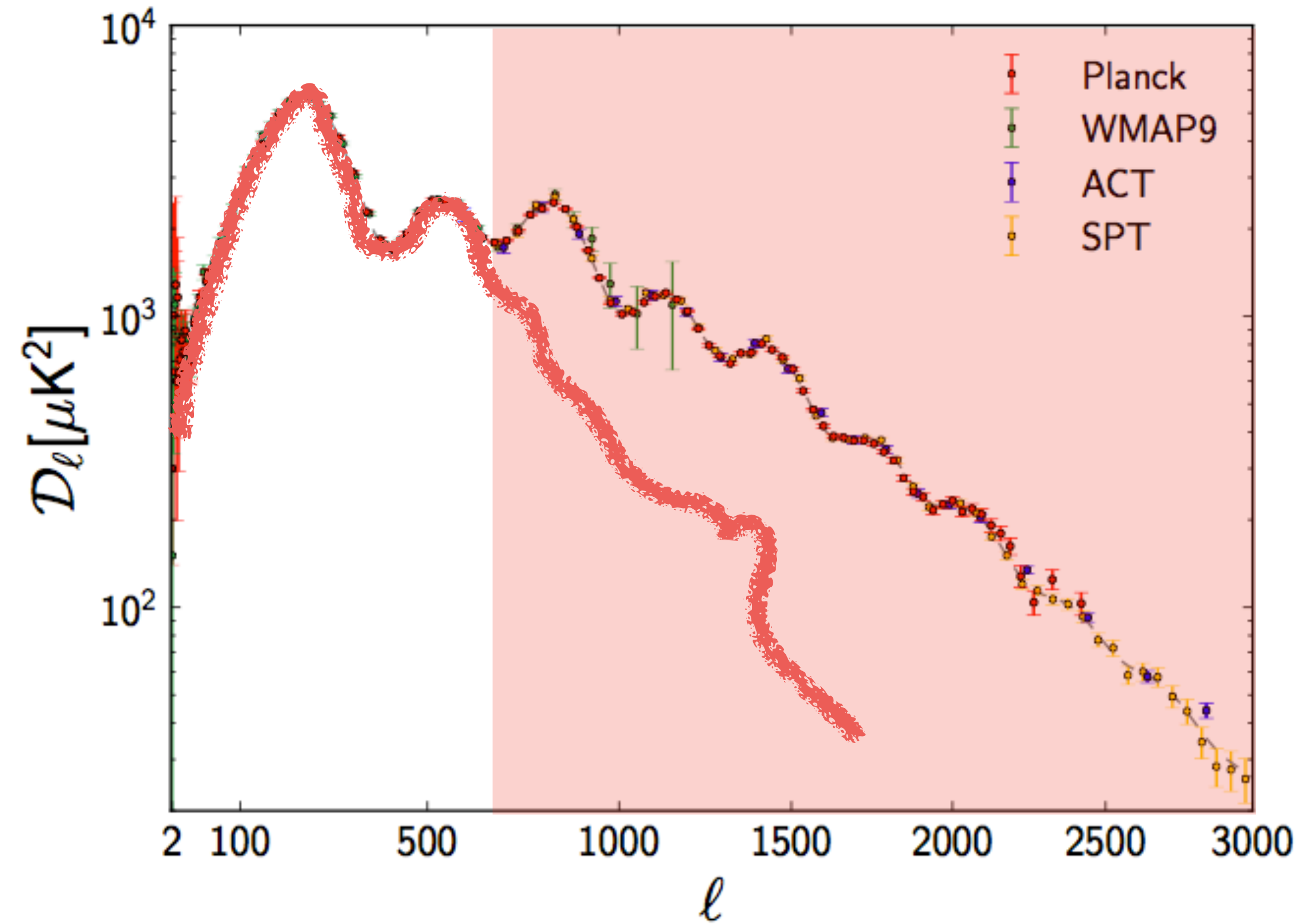


Scattering with nuclei



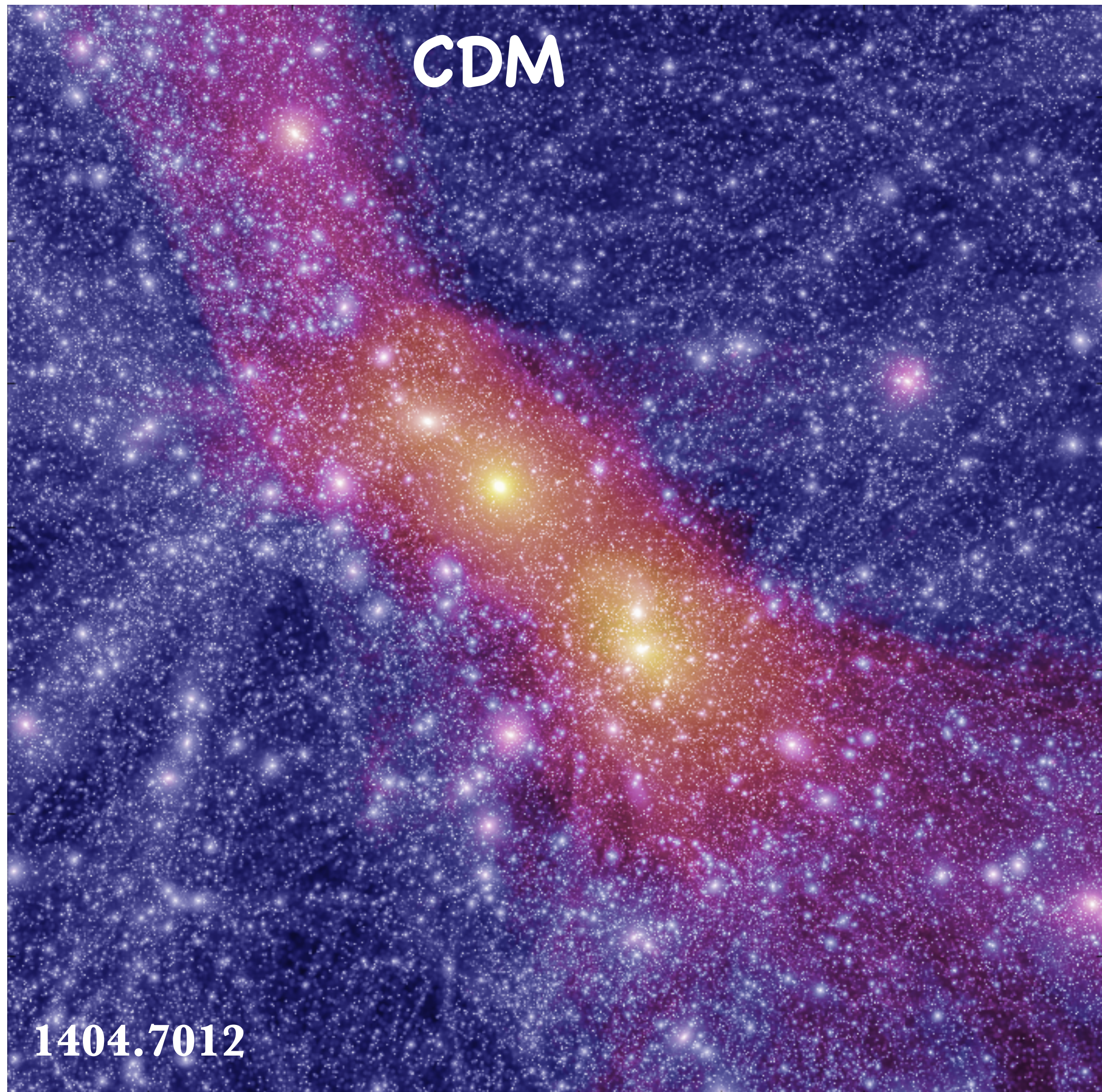
So DM can scatter off SM particles???

What does cosmology have to say?

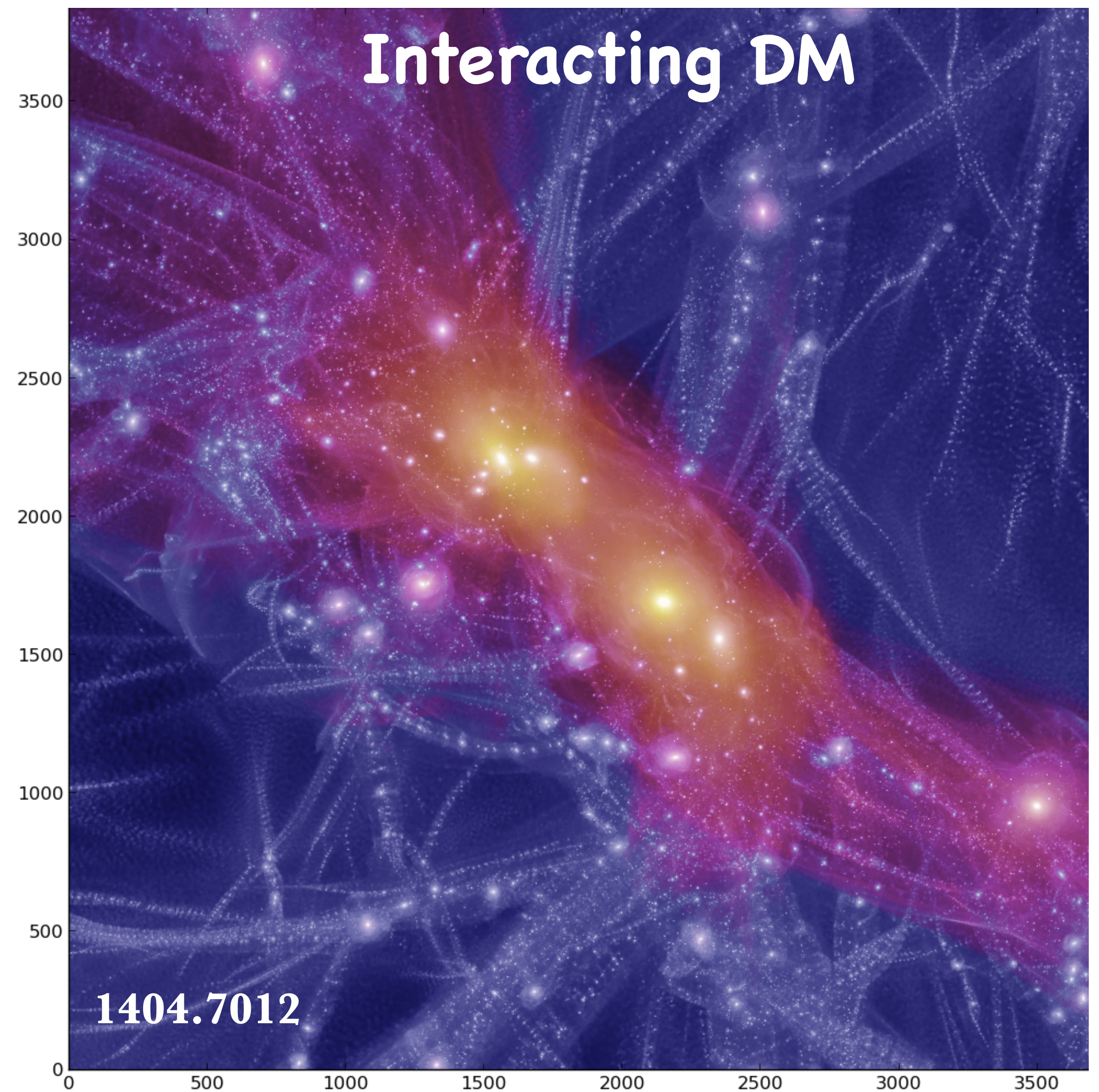


We should assume that DM can scatter off SM and let the particle physics and cosmology data guide us

DM -SM interactions & large scales

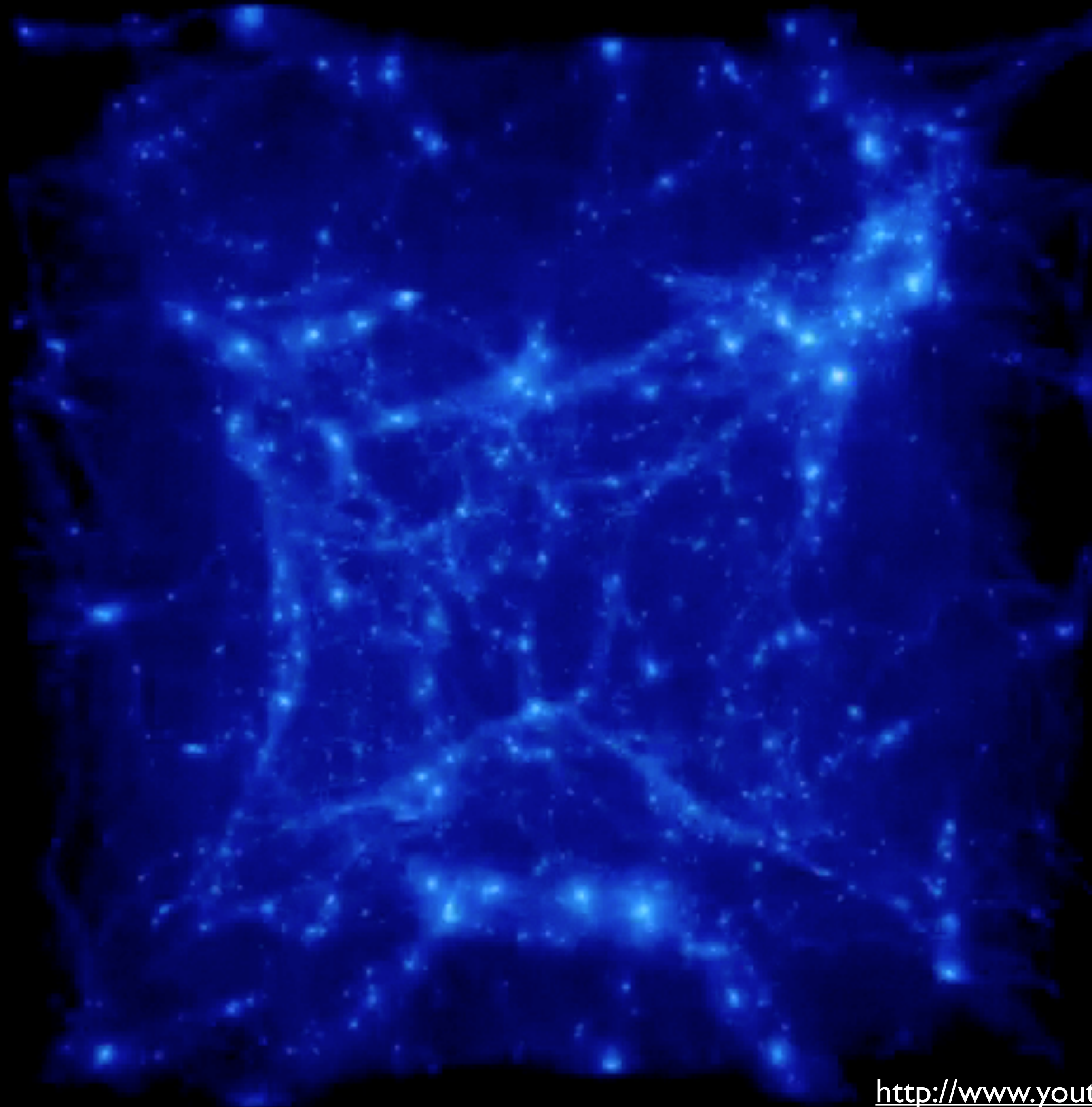


DM-SM [1404.7012](#)



LSST, EUCLID will be essential!

1404.7012



Newish prediction

Dark matter can be collisional (not too much though)

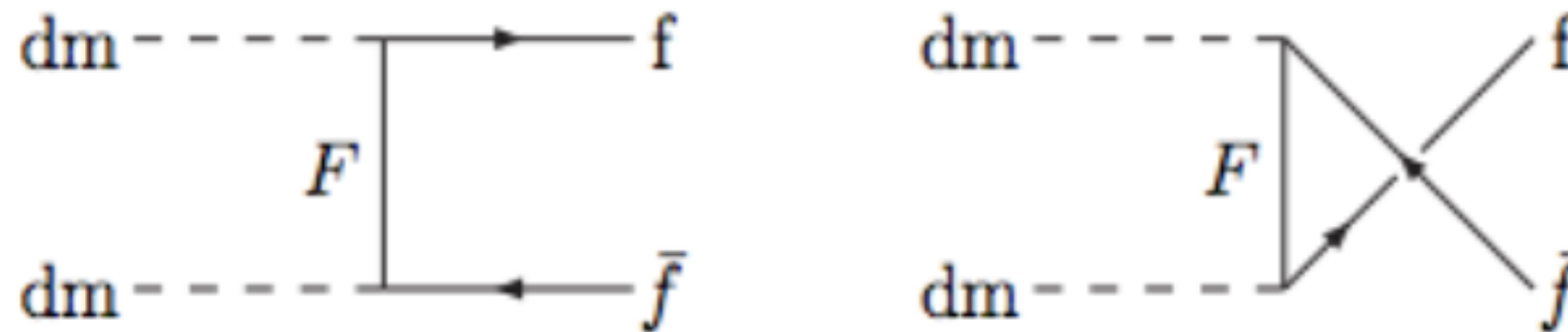
**It can annihilate and therefore
must be heavier than a proton**

Can dark matter be lighter than a proton?

hep-ph/0305261

$$\Omega h^2 \simeq \frac{3 \times 10^{-27} \text{cm}^3/\text{s}}{\langle \sigma v \rangle} \quad \oplus \quad \sigma v \propto \frac{m_{DM}^2}{m_W^4} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{GeV DM}$$

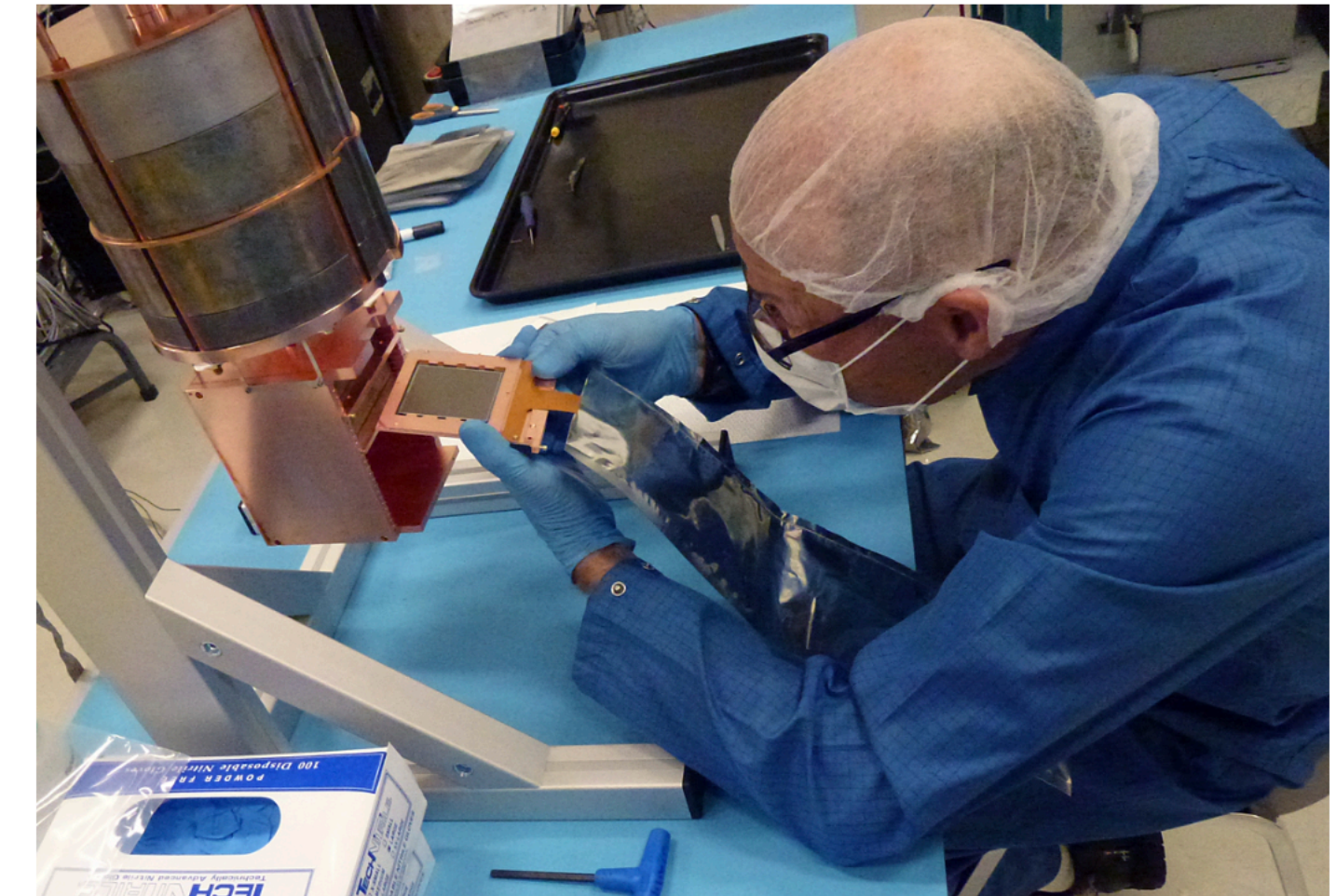
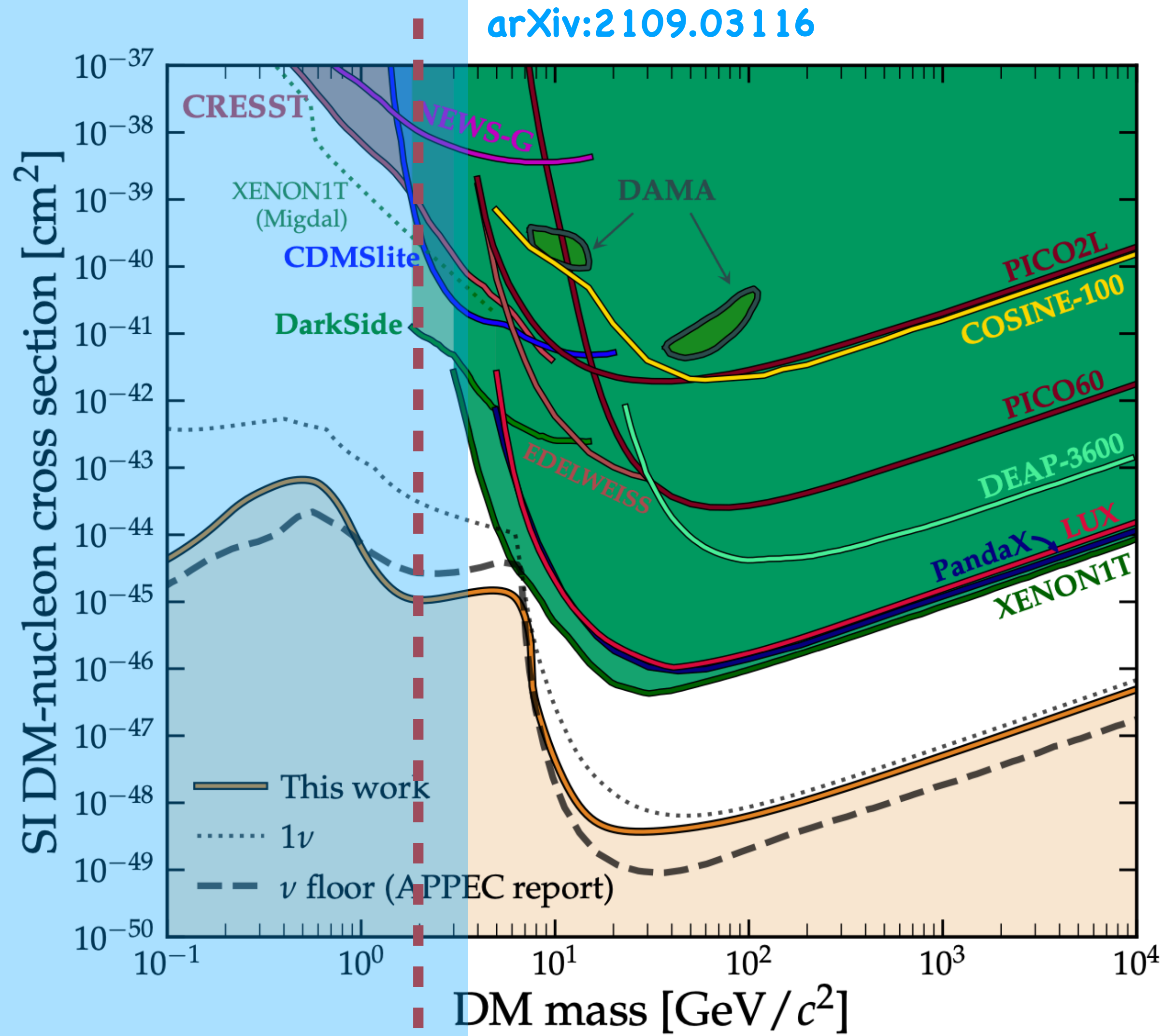
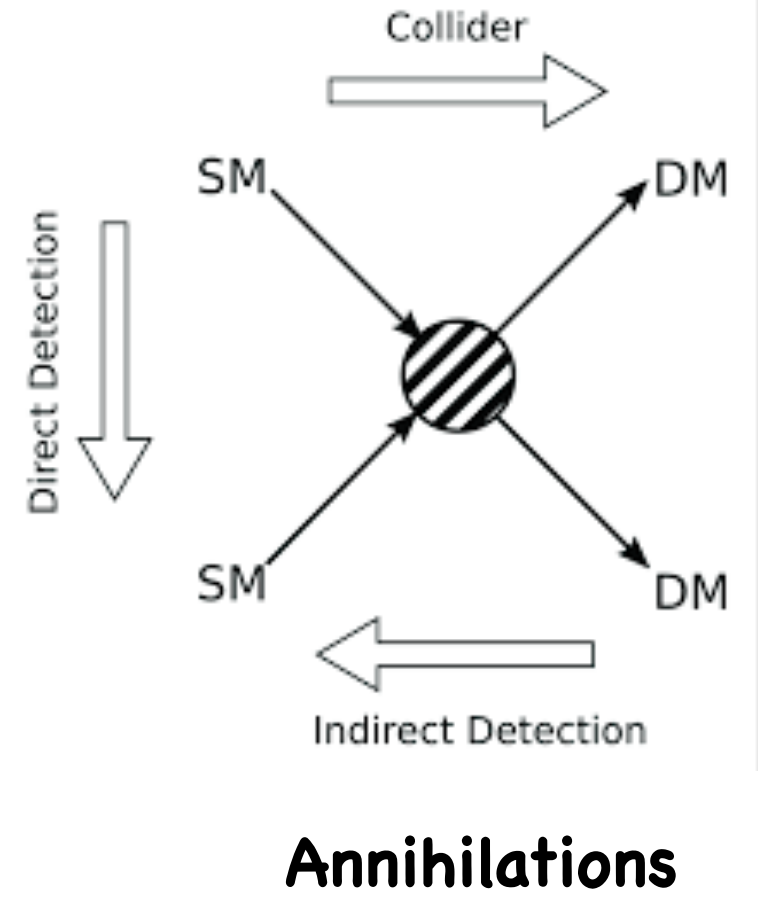
Take a scalar instead of a fermion and assume new interactions



$$\sigma v \propto \frac{1}{m_F^4} \left((C_l^2 + C_r^2) m_f + 2C_l C_r m_F \right)^2 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \sigma v \propto \frac{C_l^2 C_r^2}{m_F^2}$$

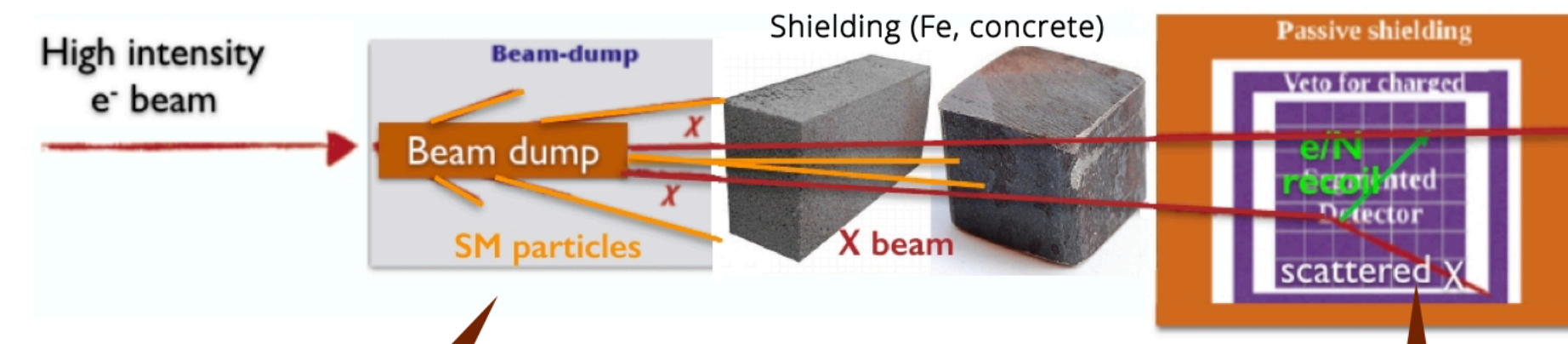
Imposing a specific value for sigma doesn't constrain mdm so DM can be light and it is ok!

Direct detection constraints

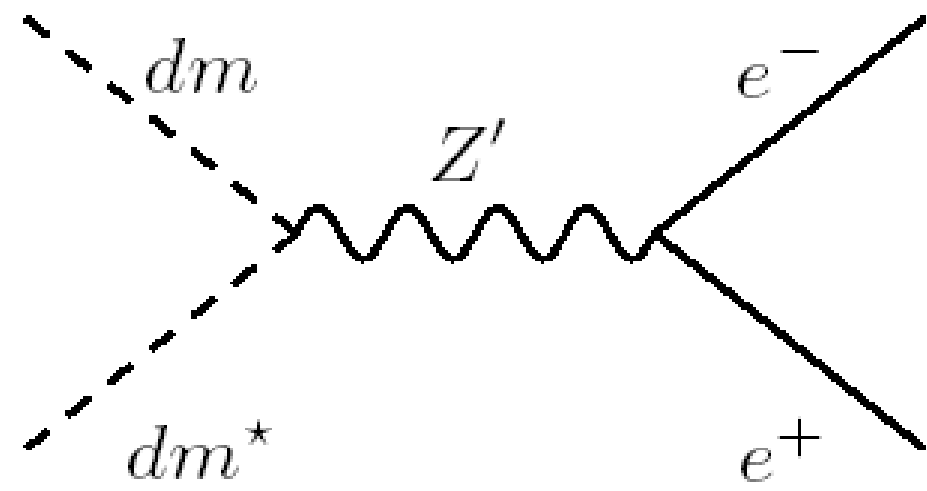


DAMIC installation at SNOLAB

A packaged CCD being inserted in the copper box. Above the box is a lead cylinder shielding the CCDs from radiogenic backgrounds. DAMIC is taking data at SNOLAB with 7 CCDs for a total mass of 40 g.



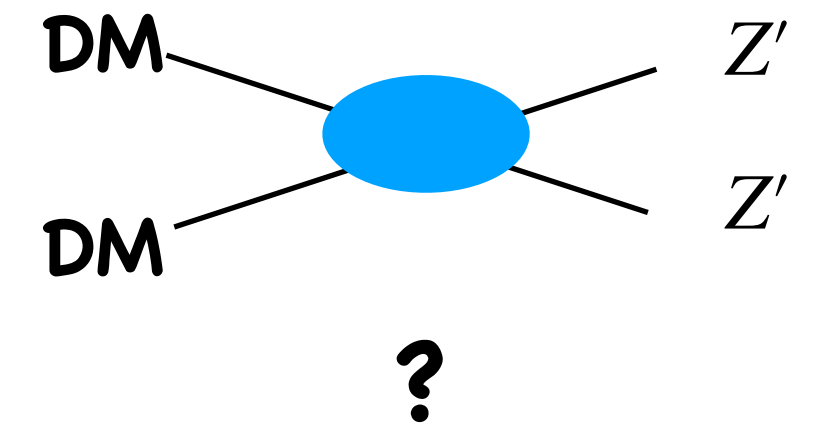
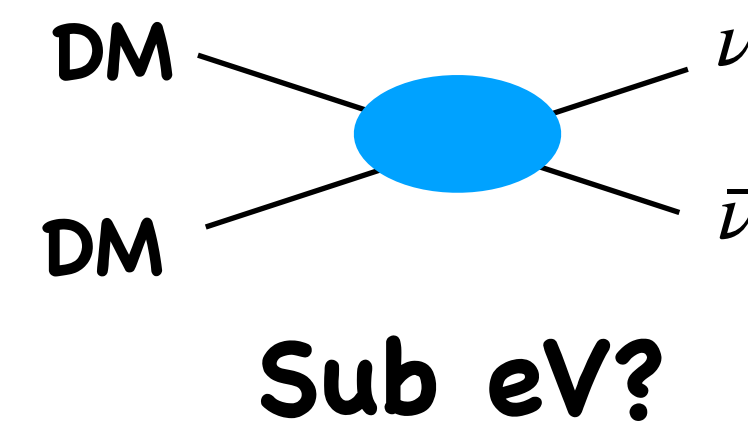
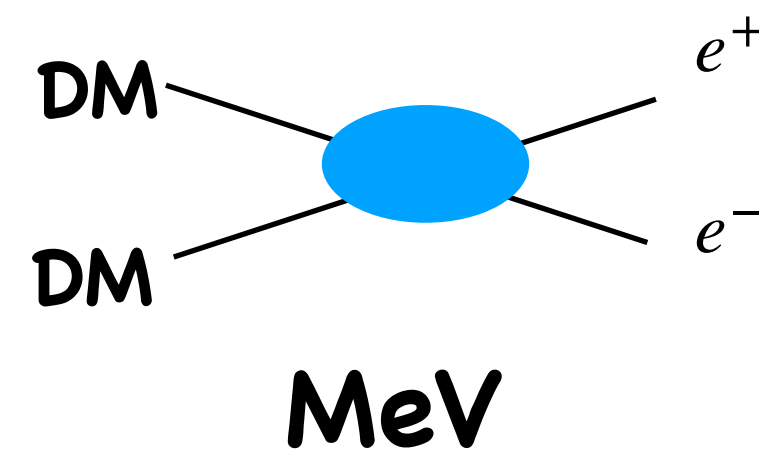
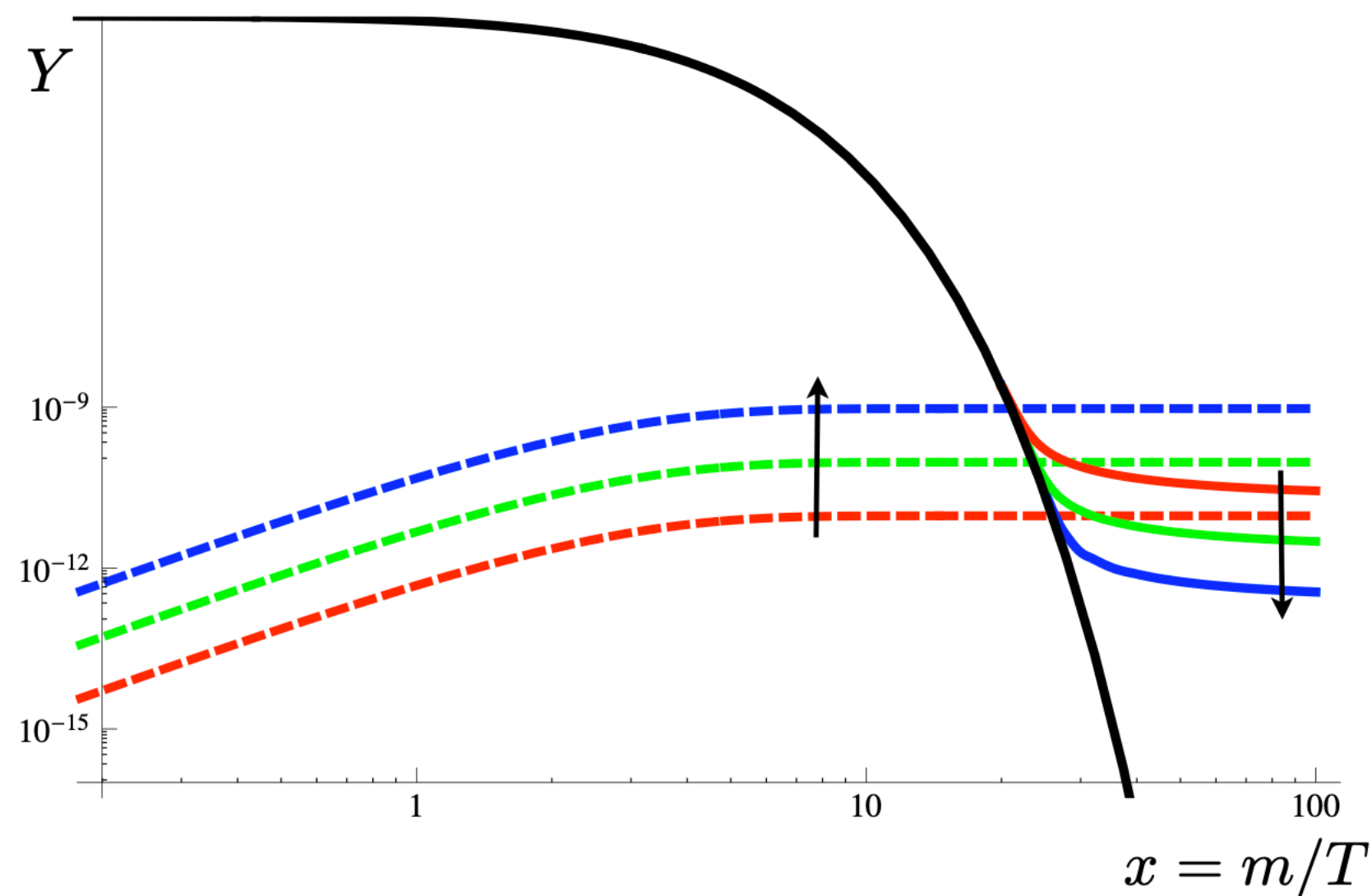
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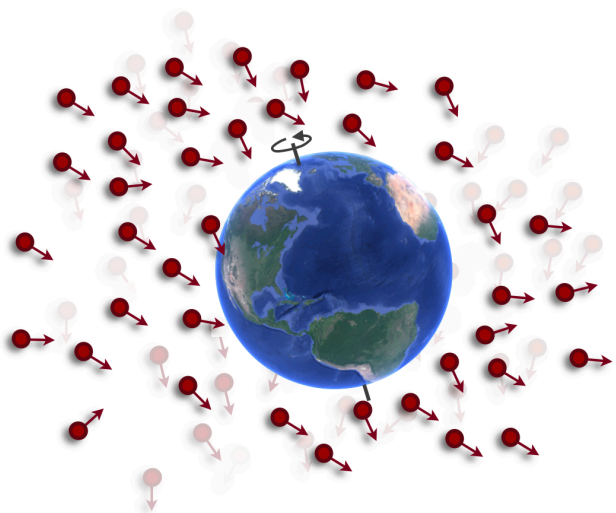
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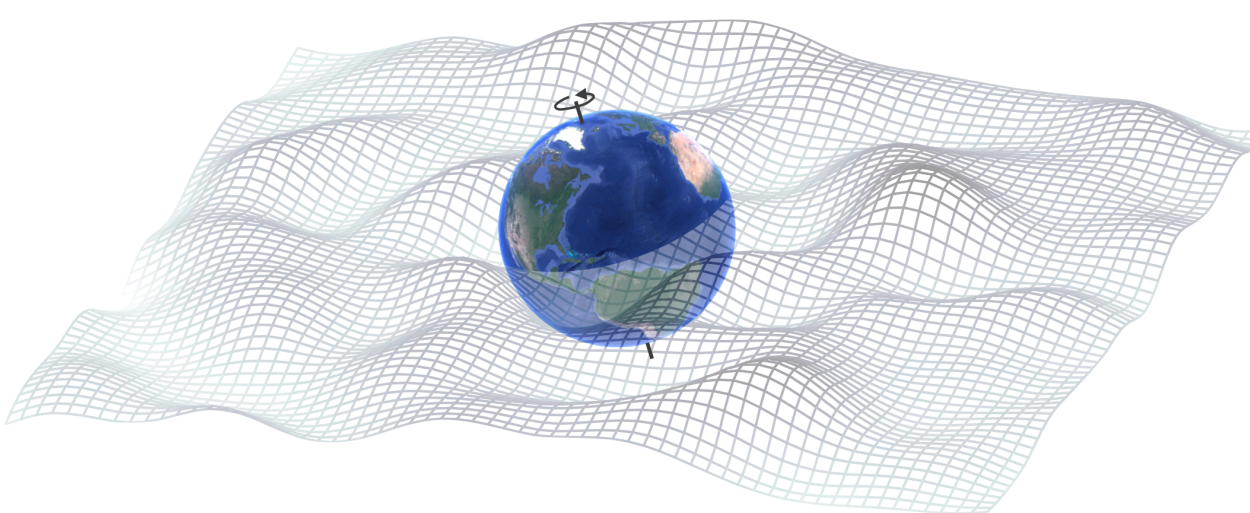
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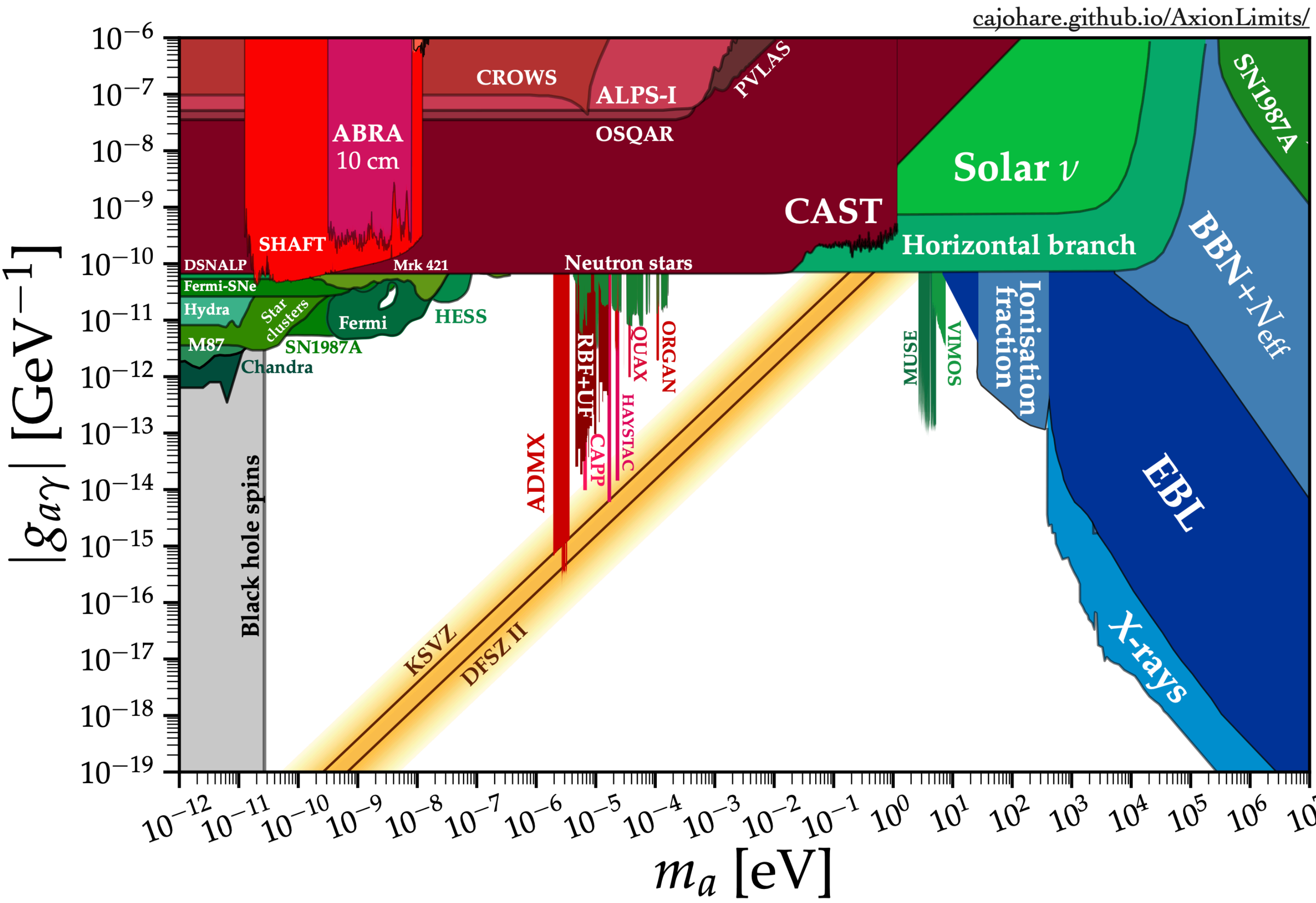
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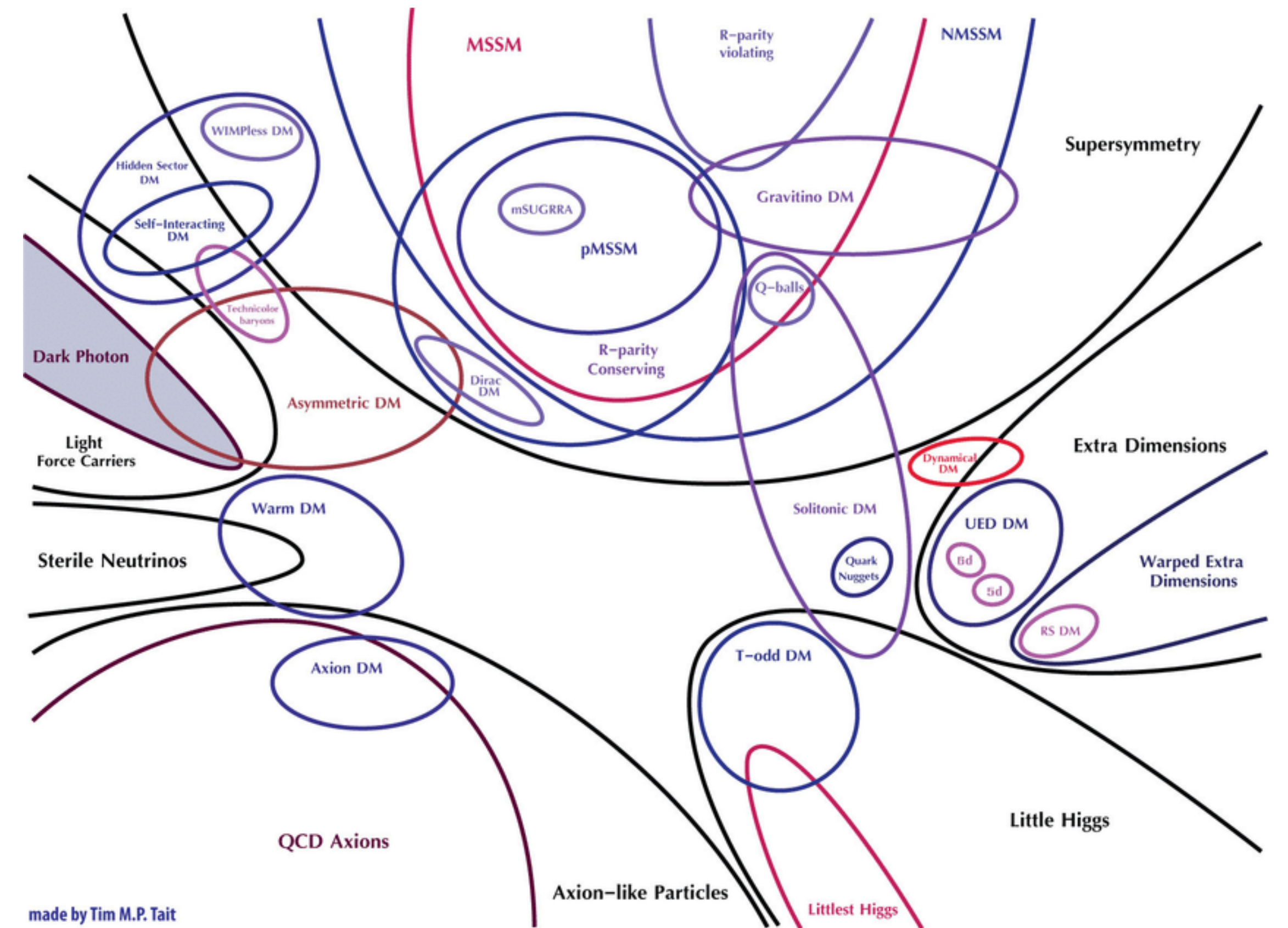
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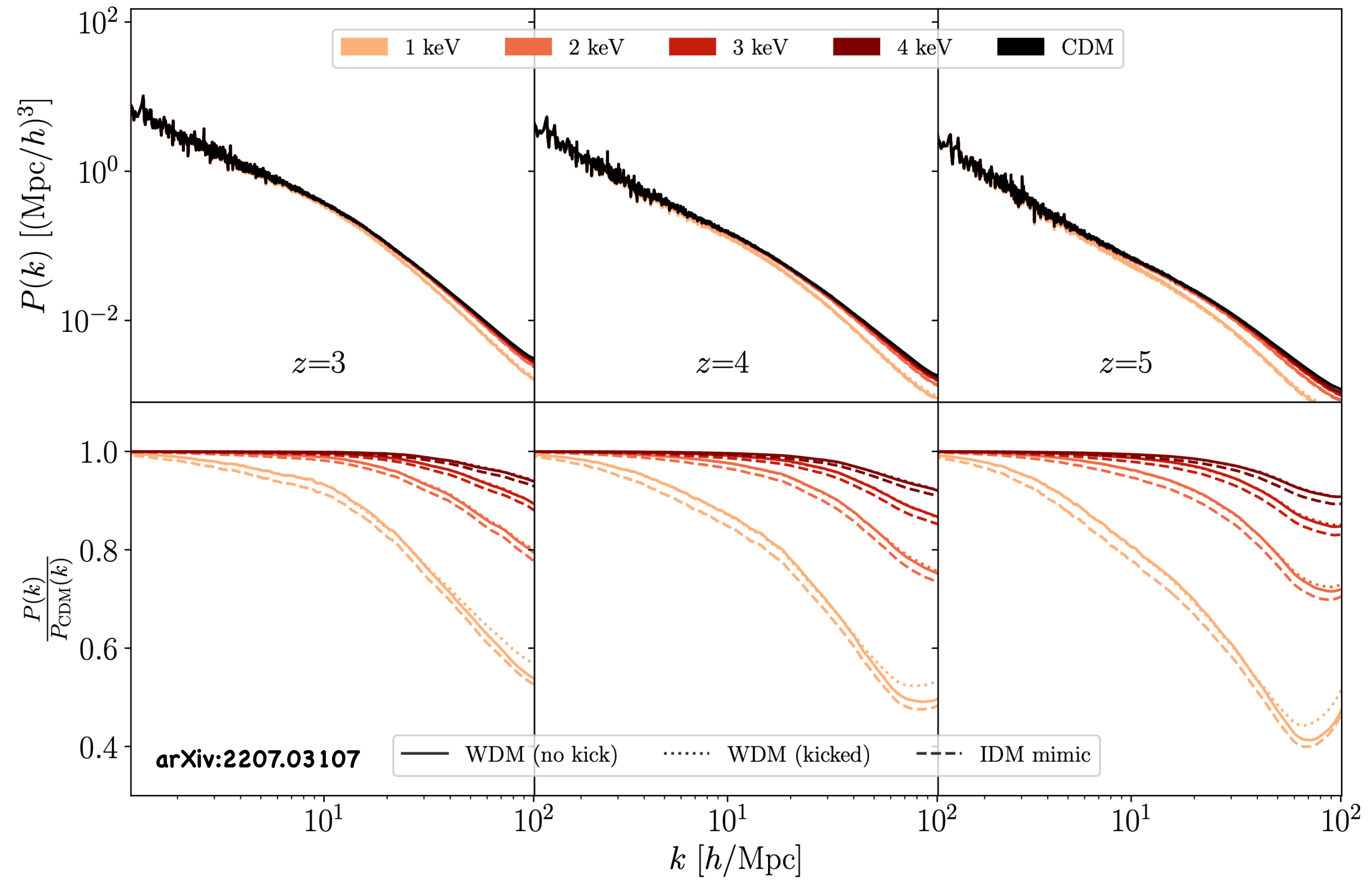
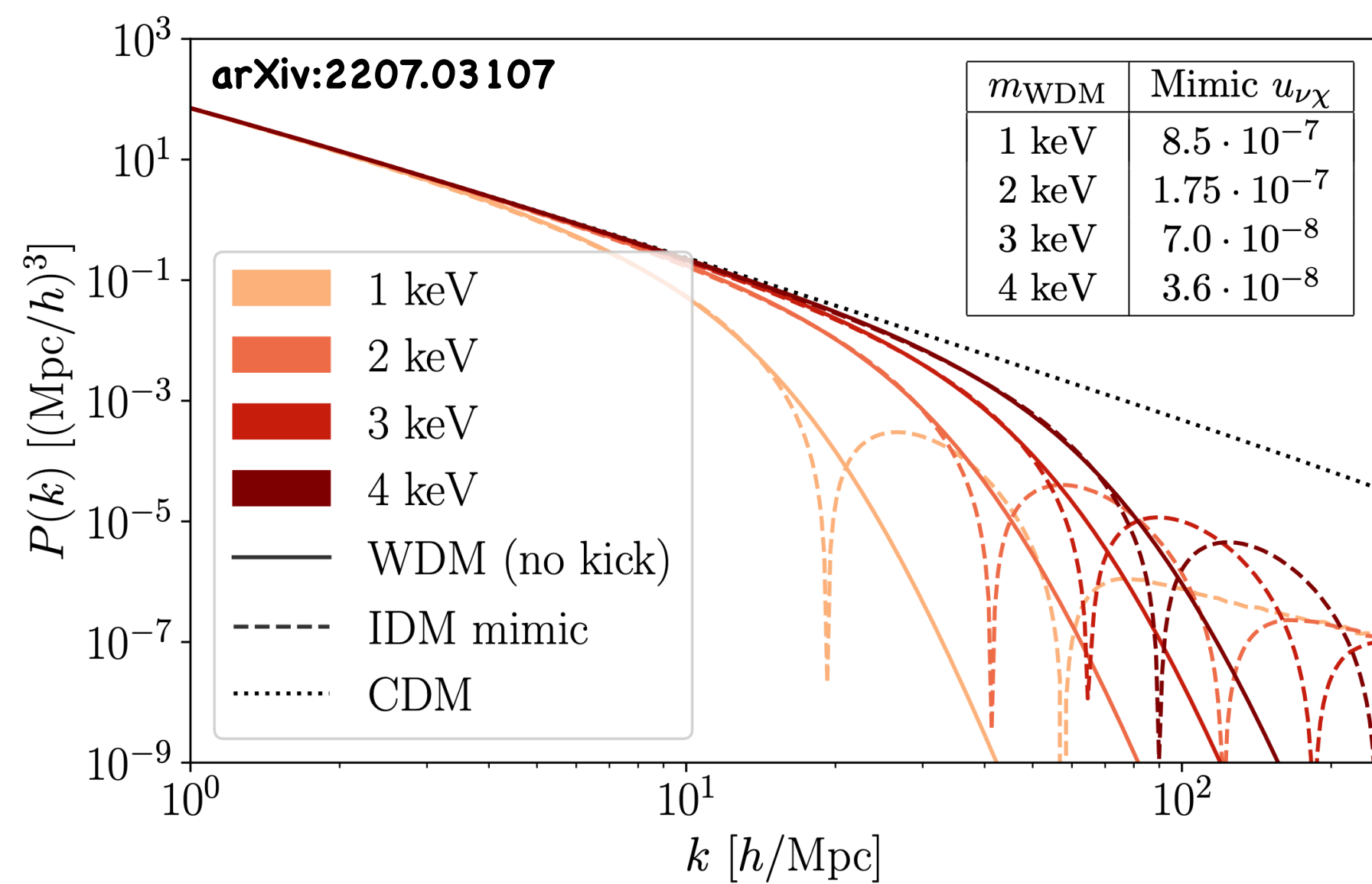
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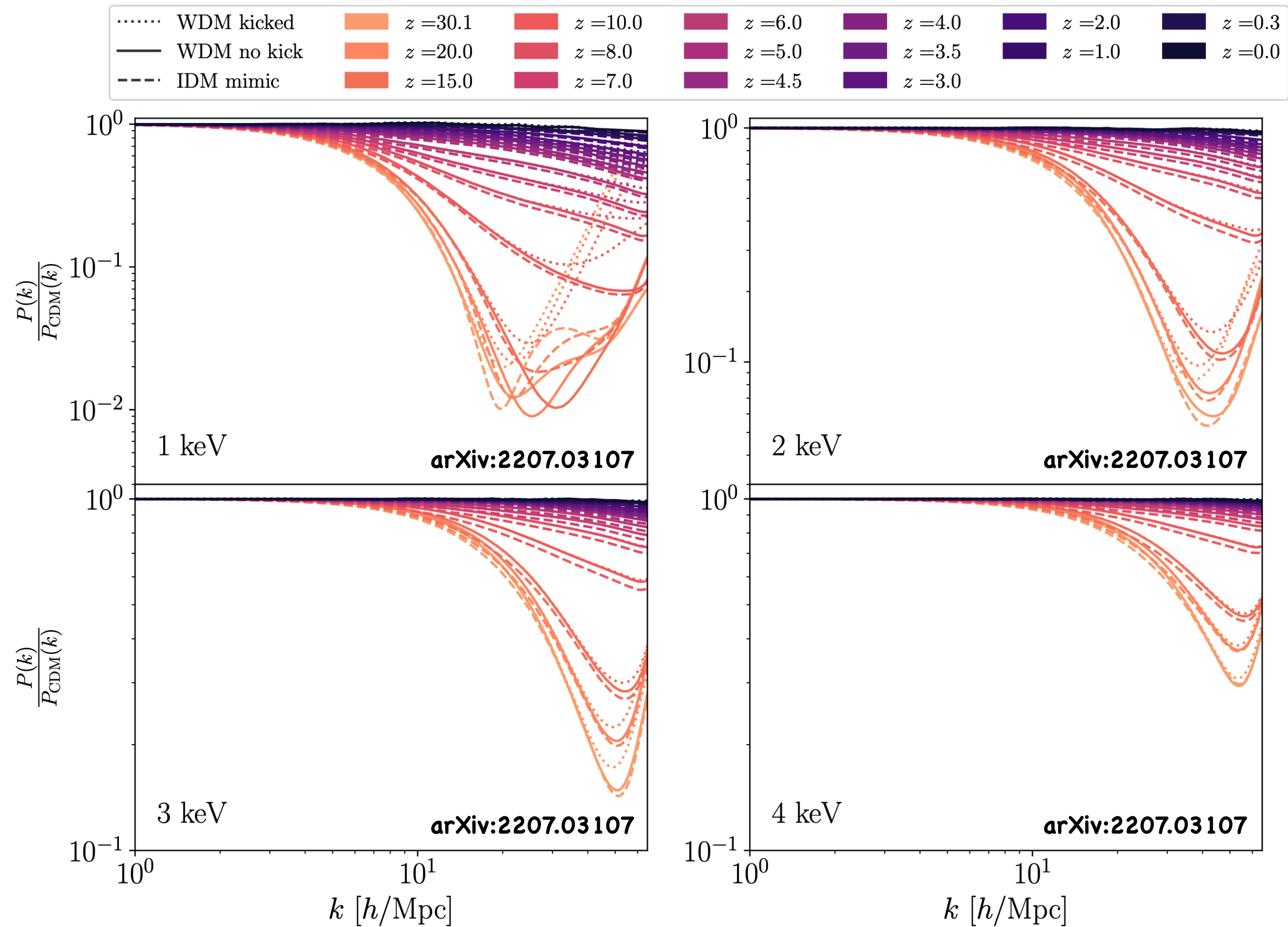
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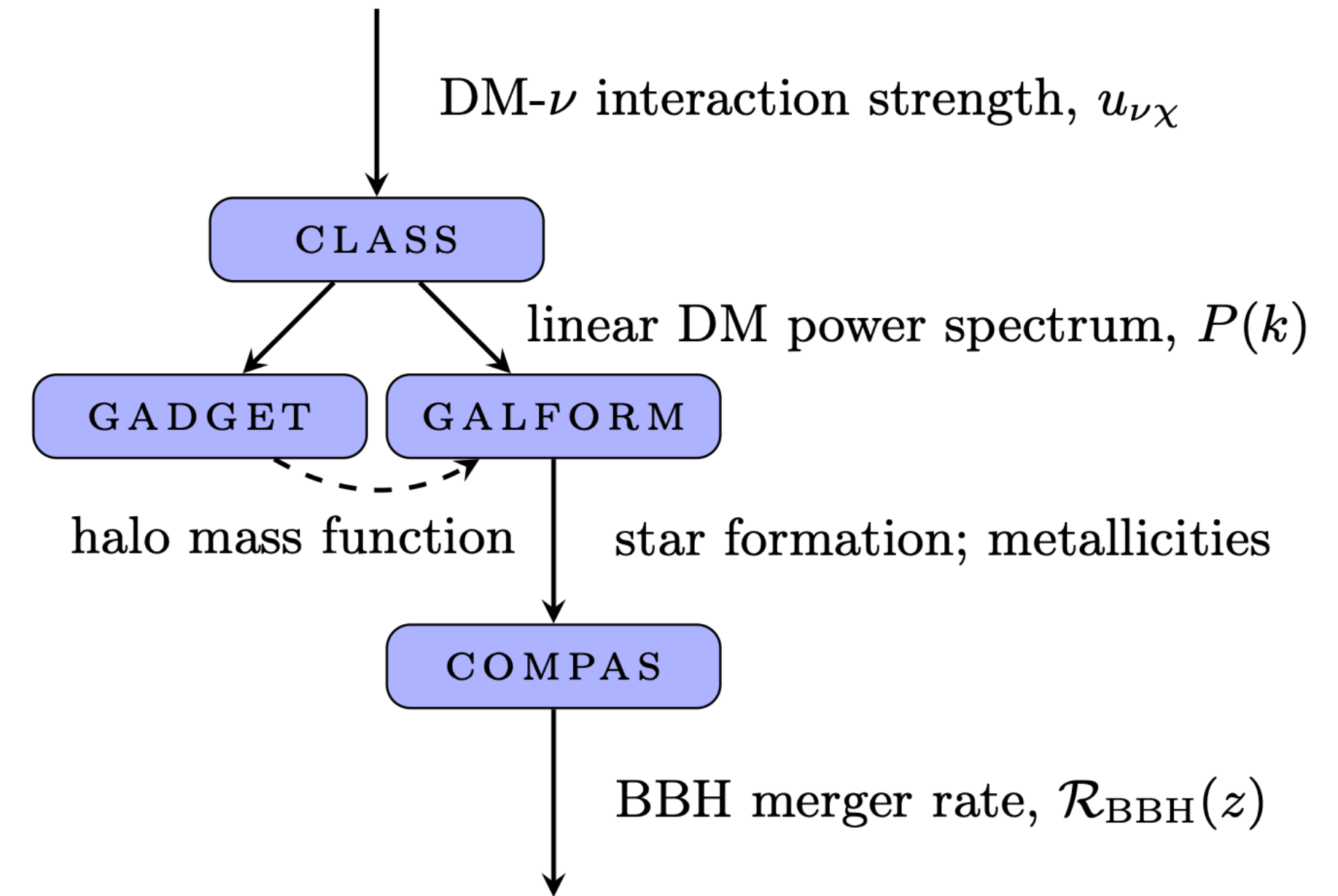
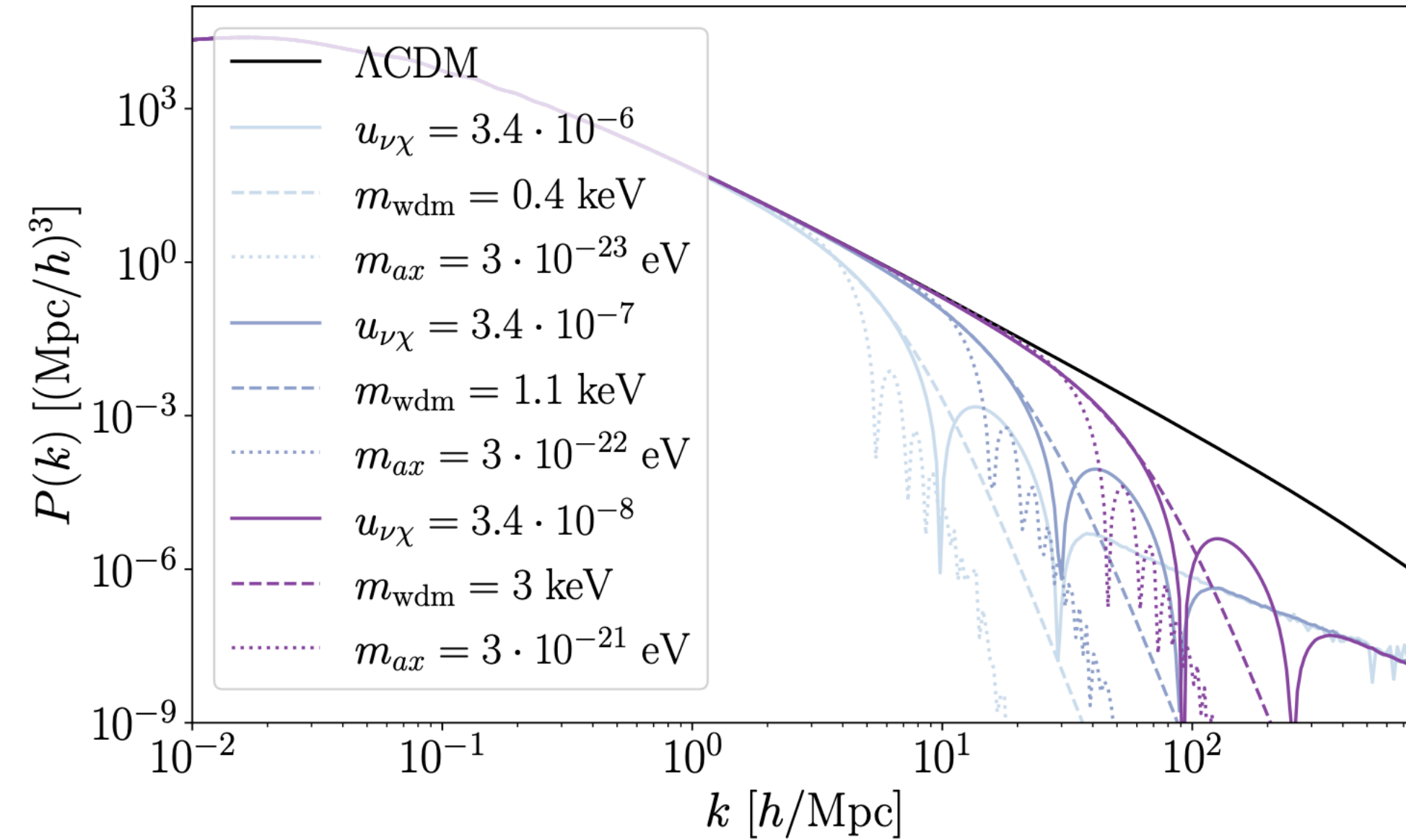
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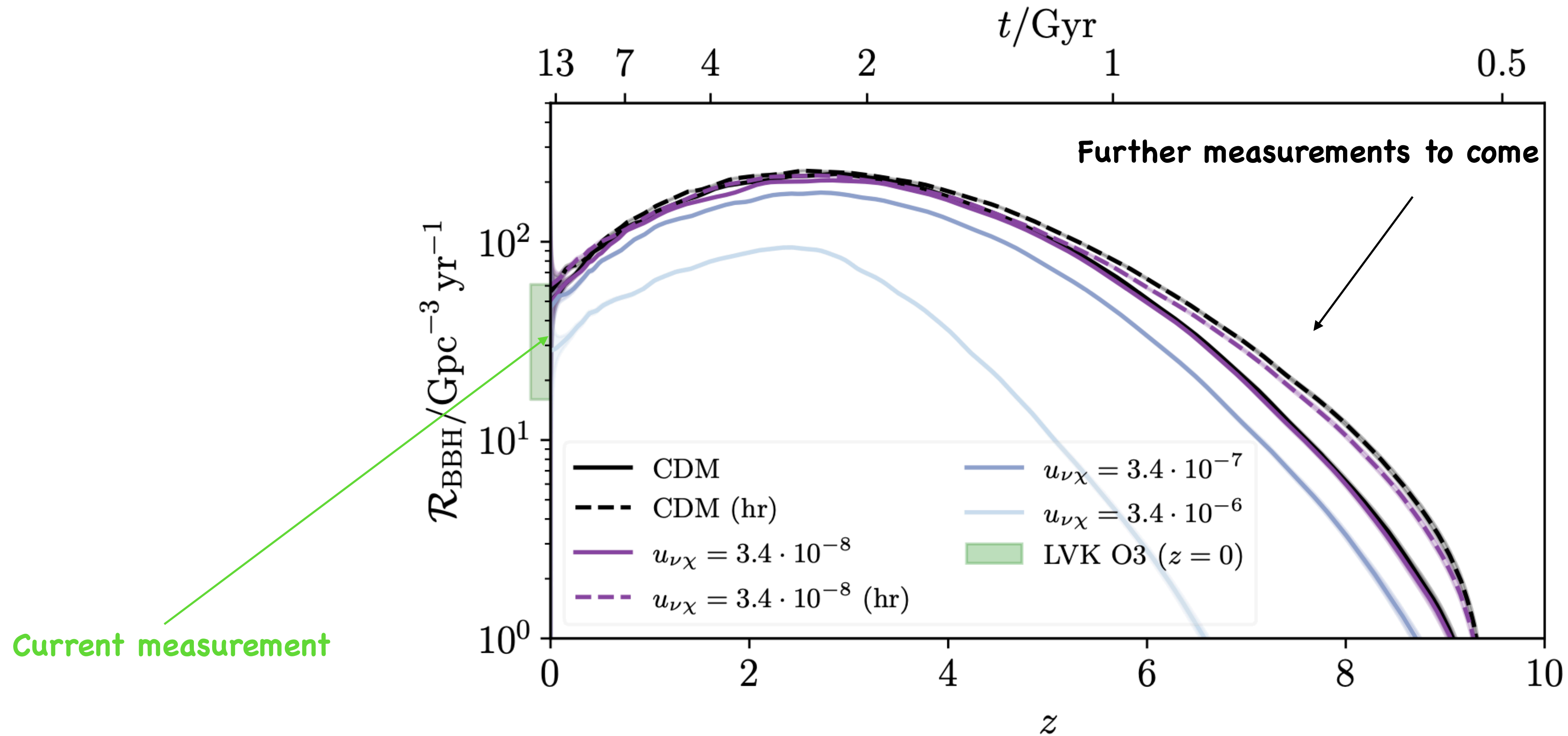


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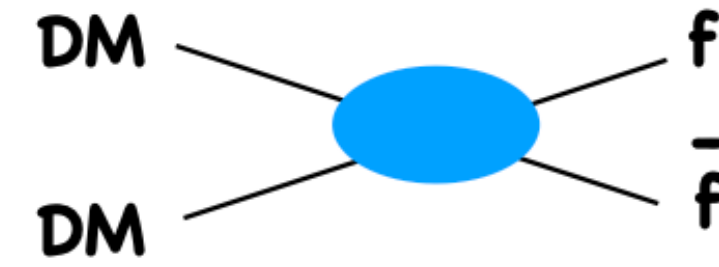
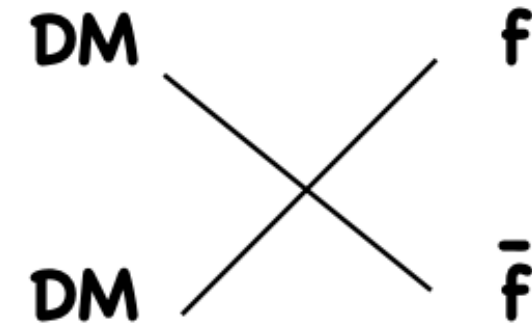


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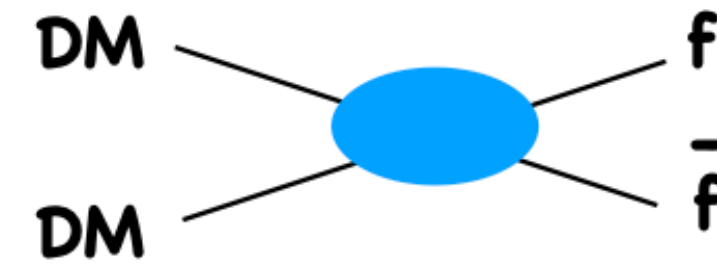
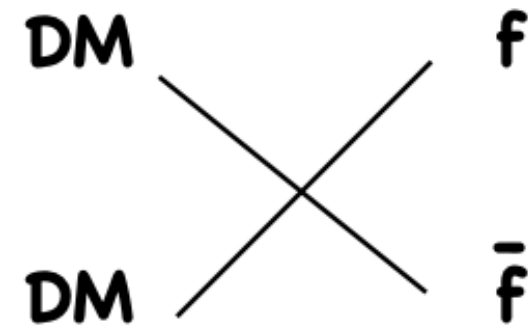
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Important evolution

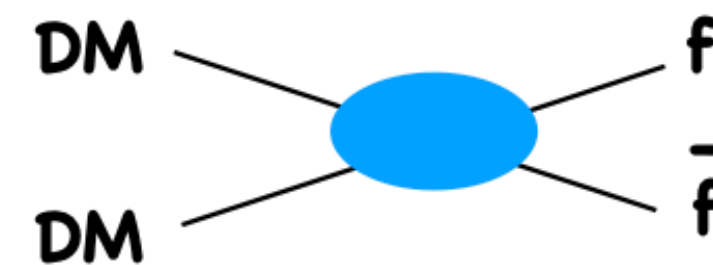
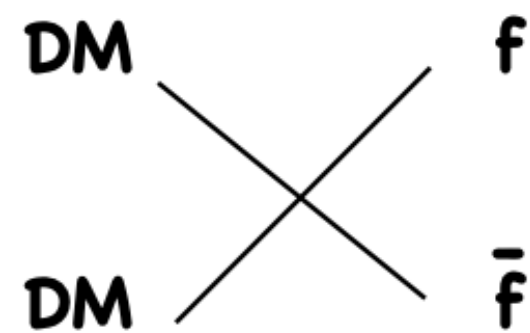
No collision but annihilation



Collision and annihilation



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Asymmetric DM

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No collision, annihilation into new stuff

DM mass range

“Dark Matter”

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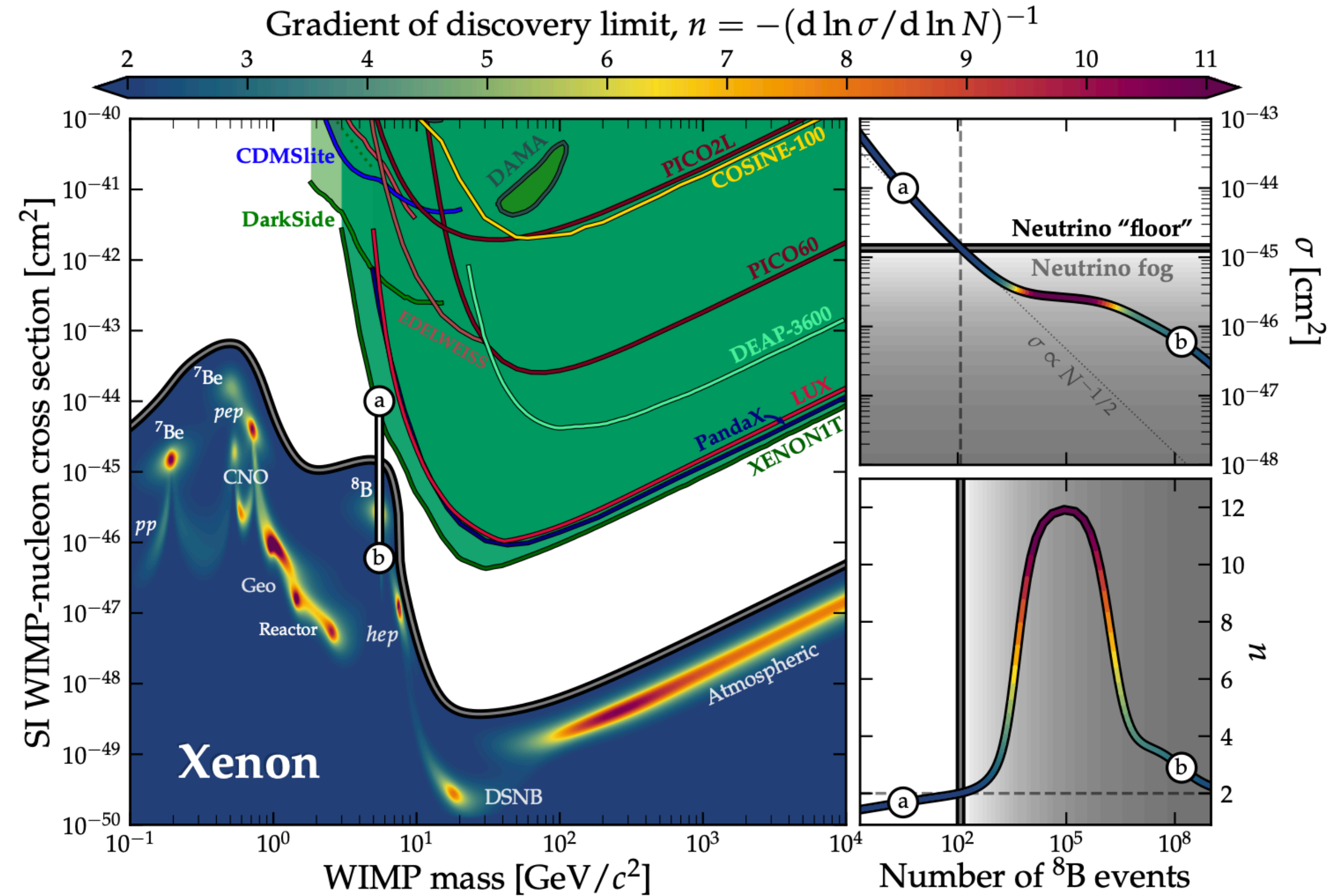
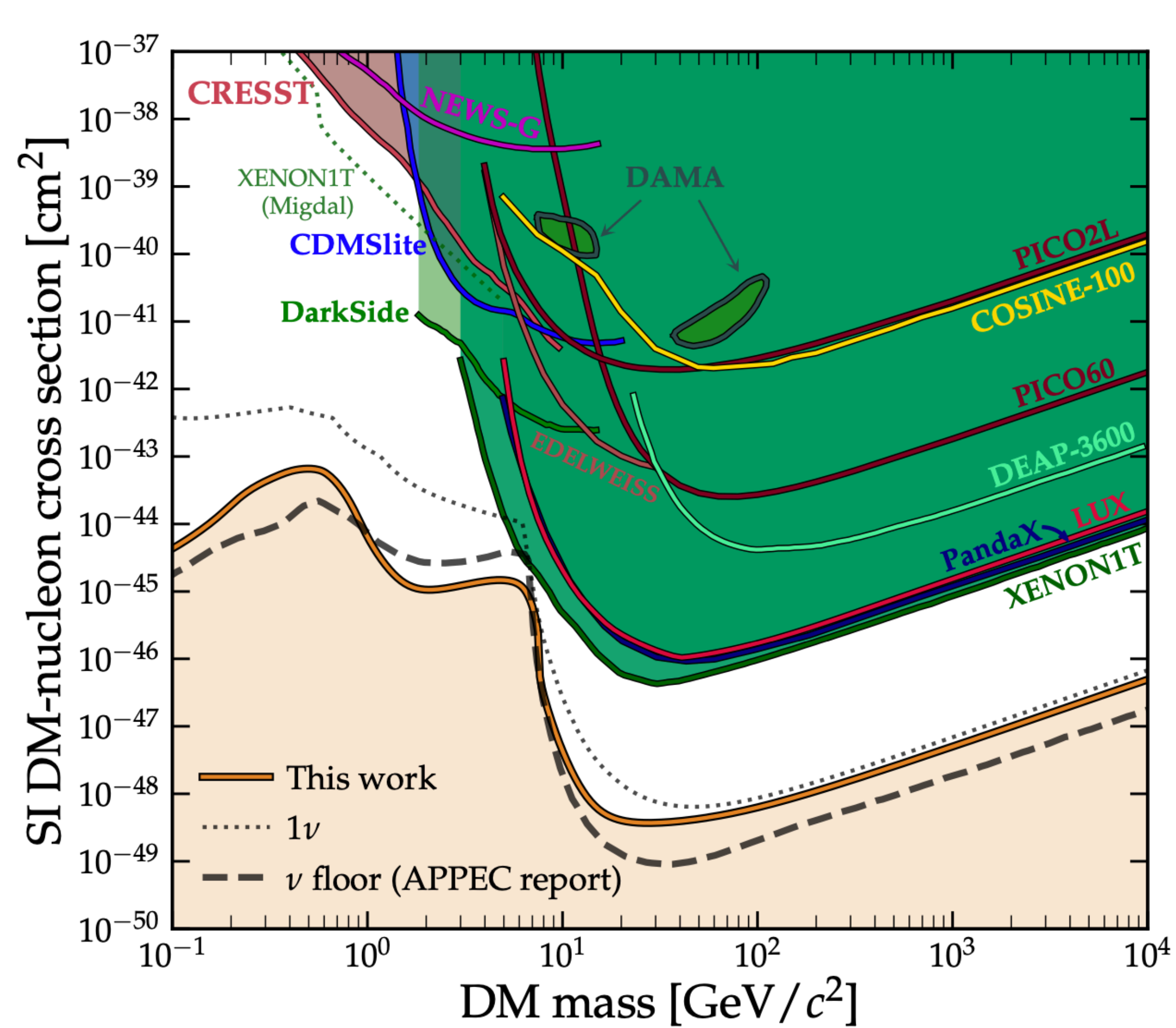
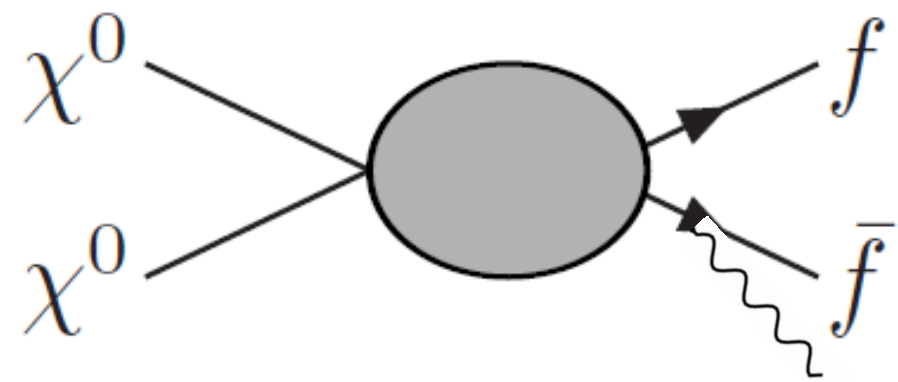


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As weakly interacting as neutrinos, if not even worse?

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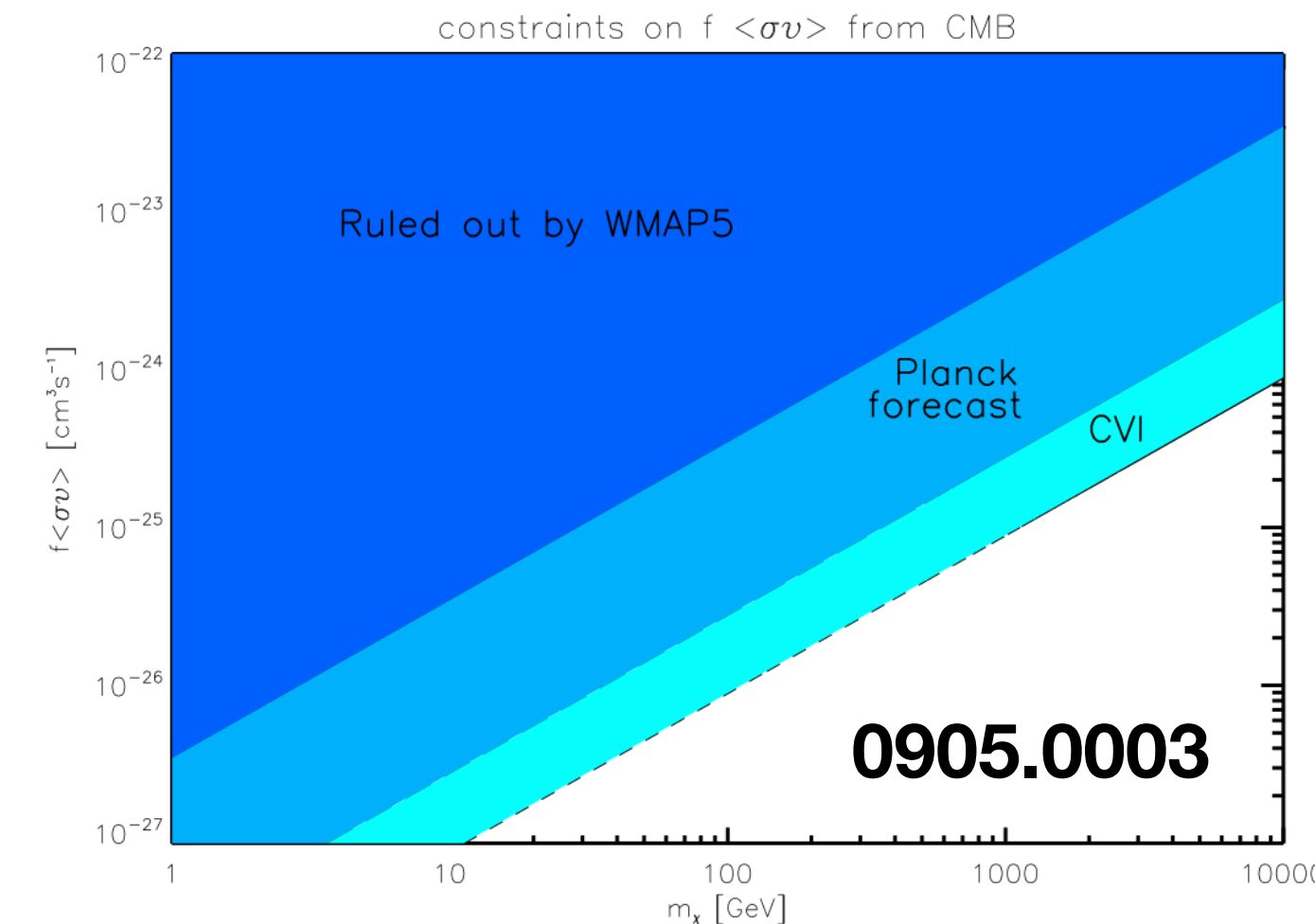
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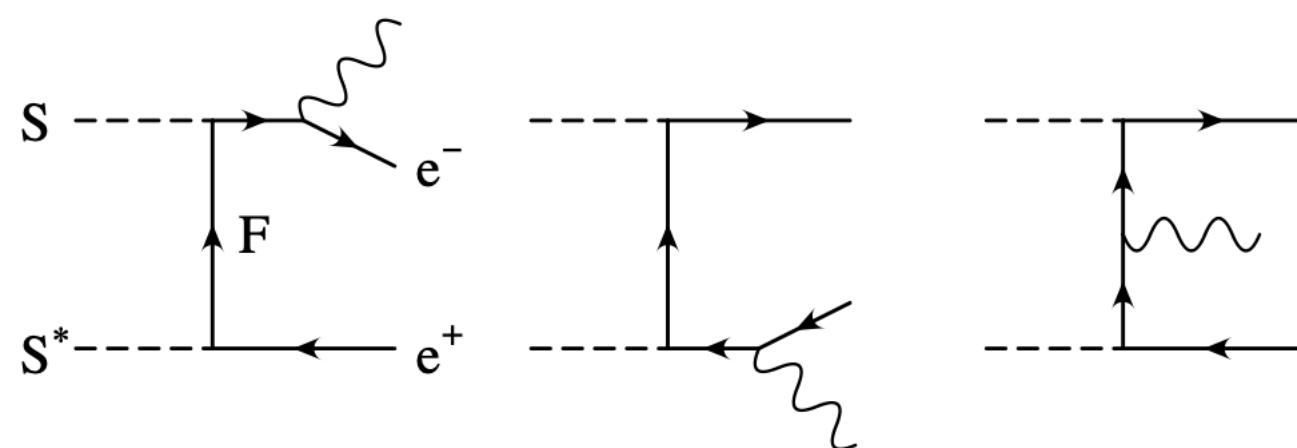


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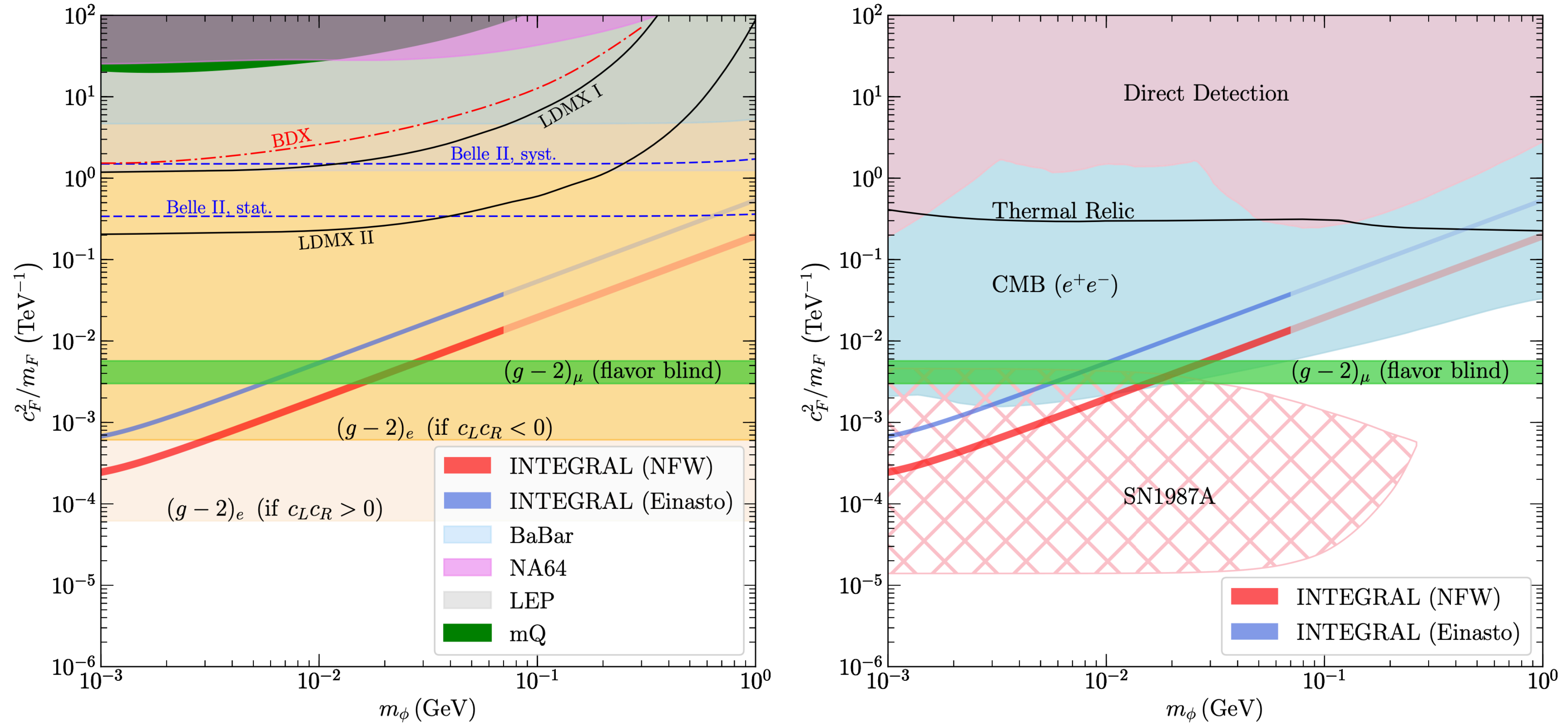


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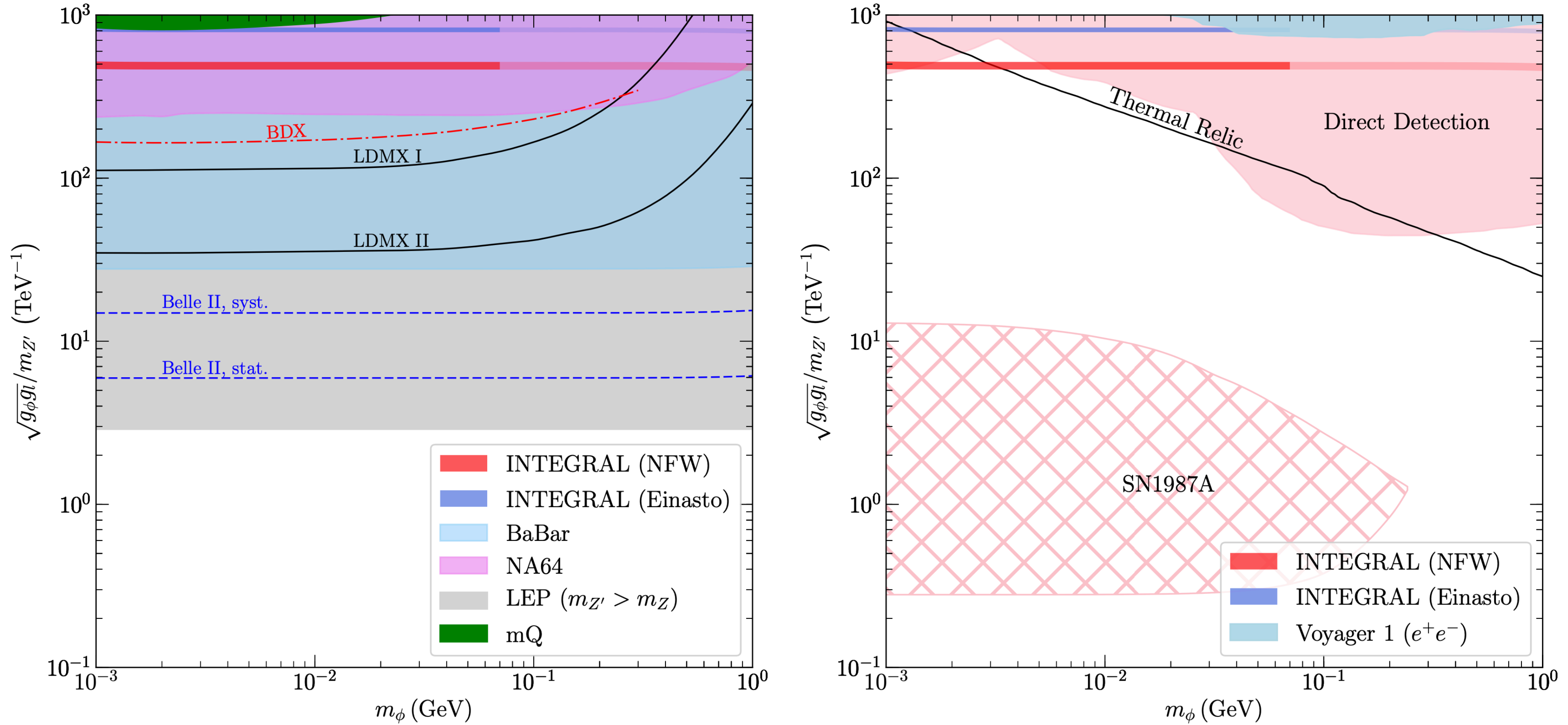
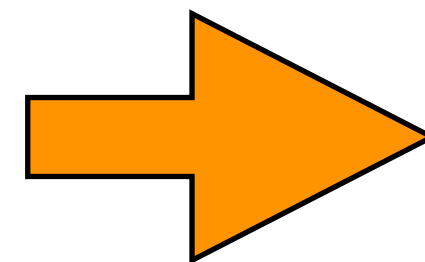
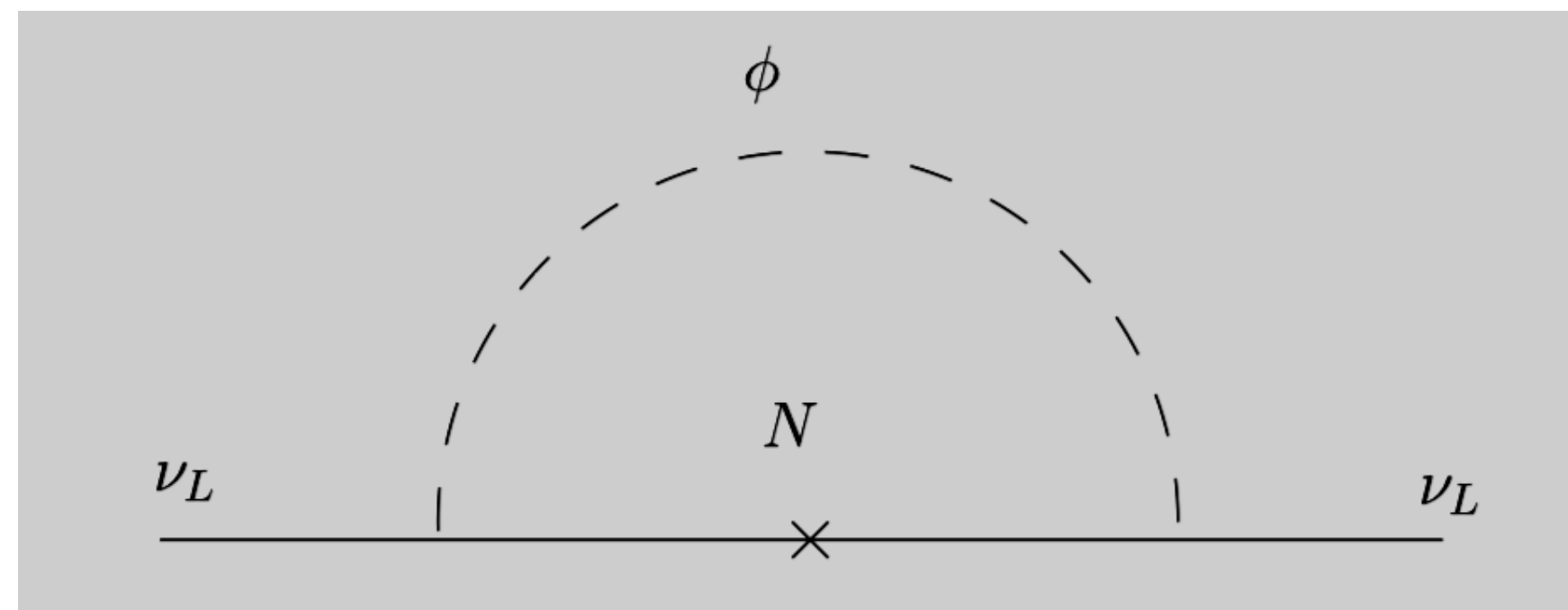
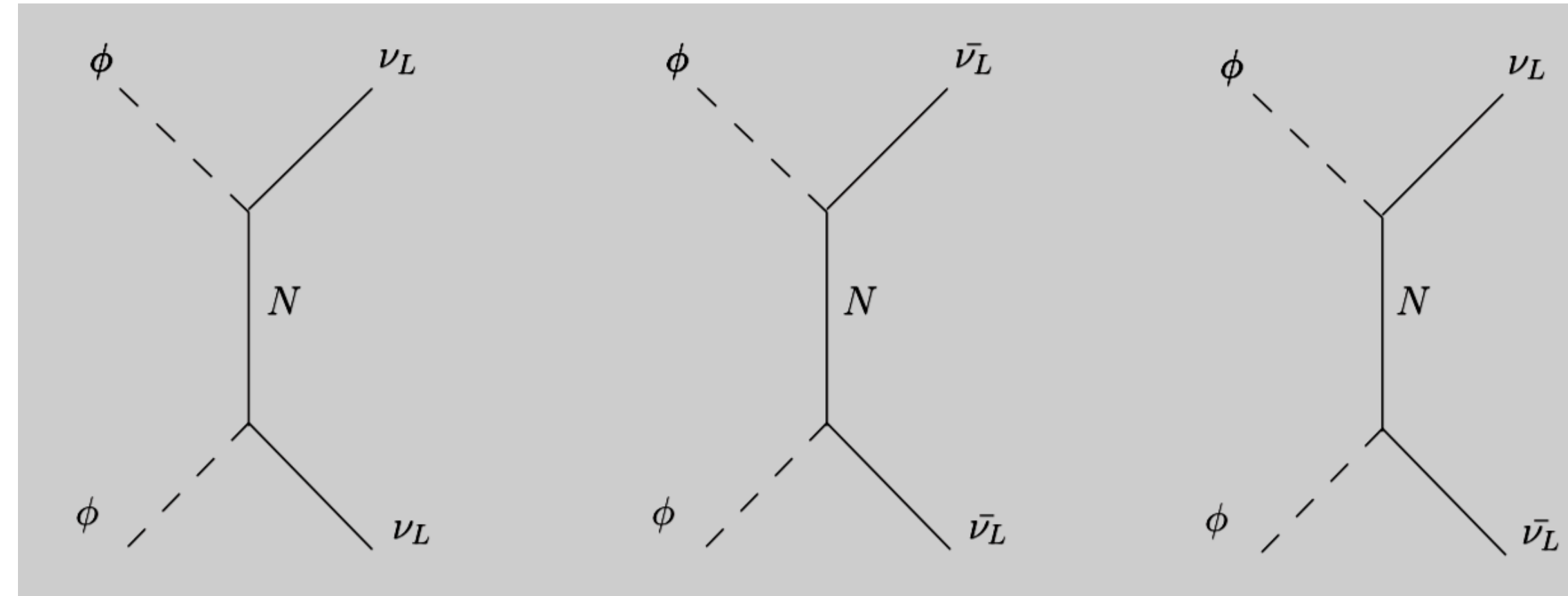


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Annihilations into neutrinos



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Basic model can give rise to neutrino masses in the eV range but UV completion is hard!

See e.g. work by Yasaman Farzan (e.g. [1009.0829](#) and [1208.2732](#)) + Arhrib et al ([1512.08796](#))

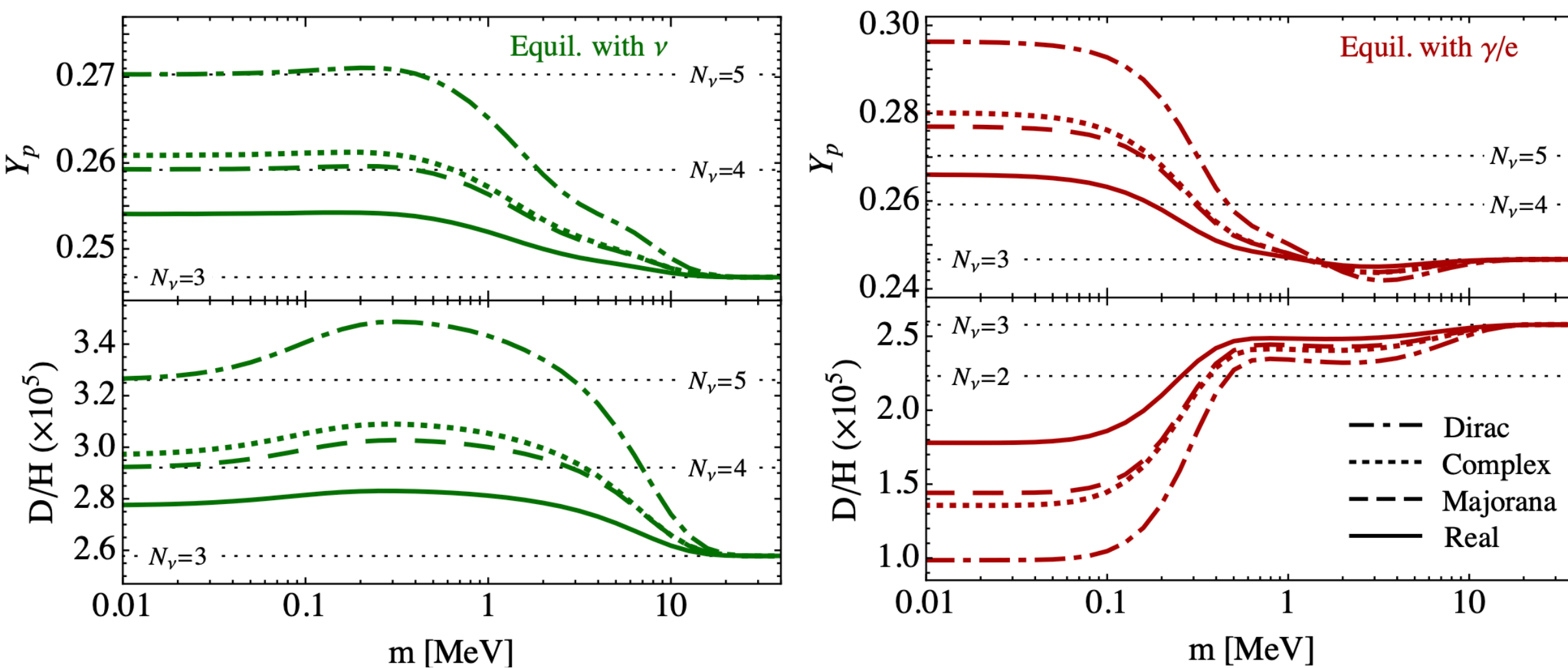
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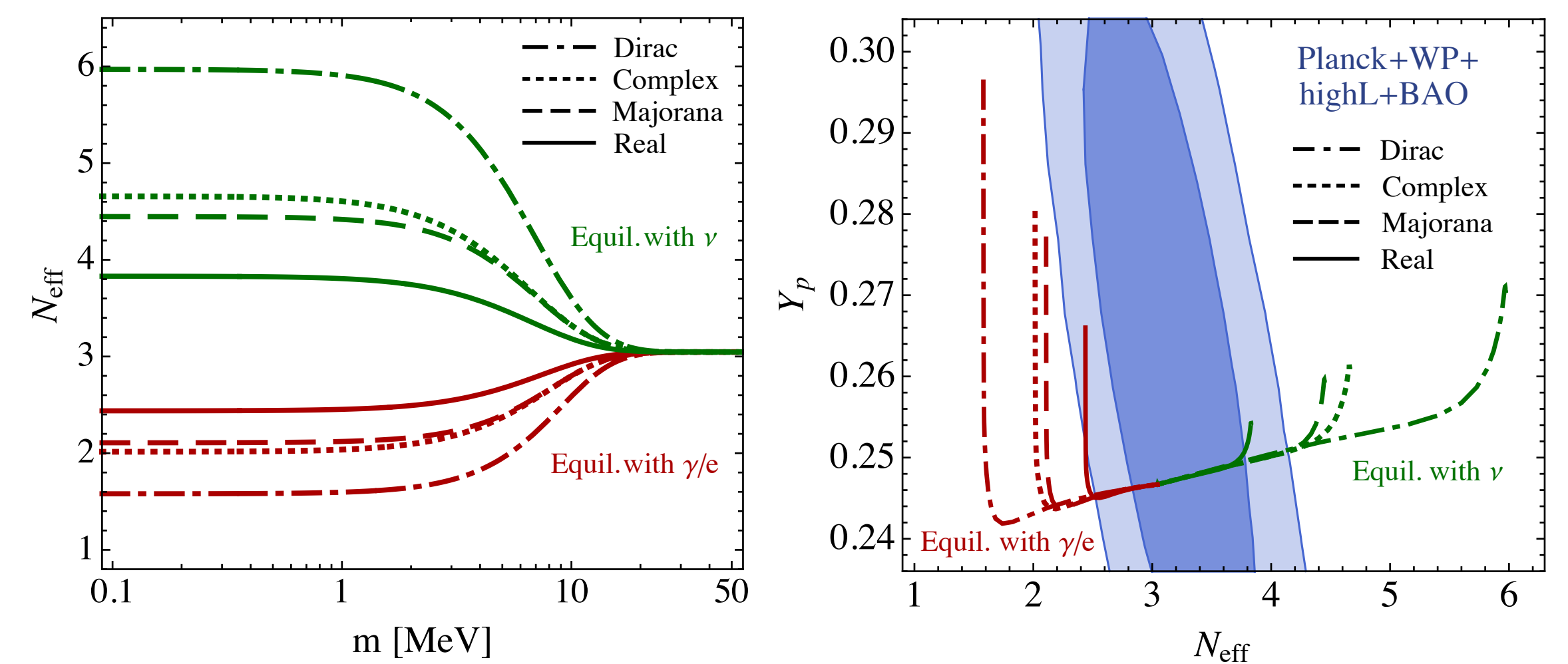
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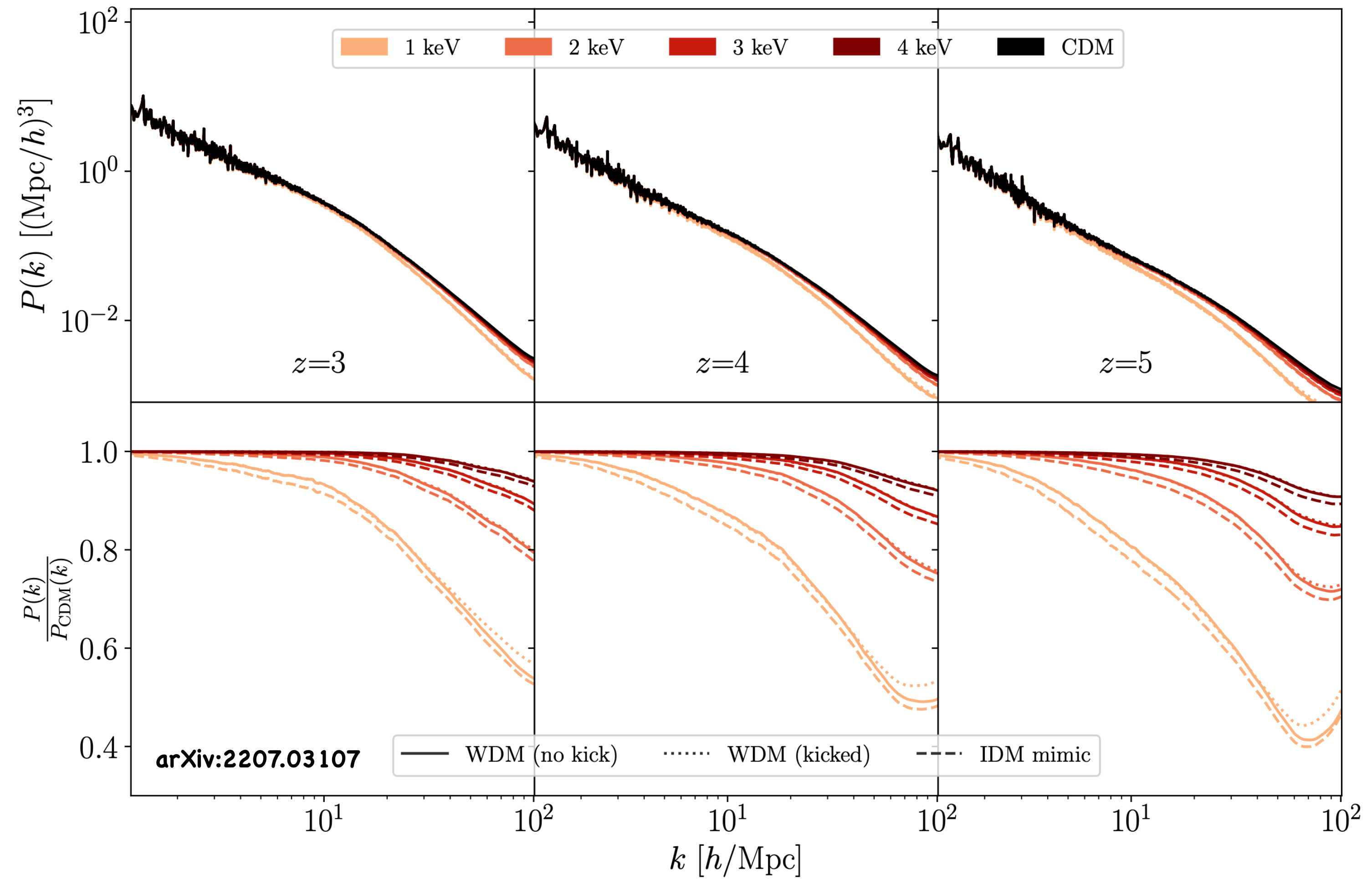
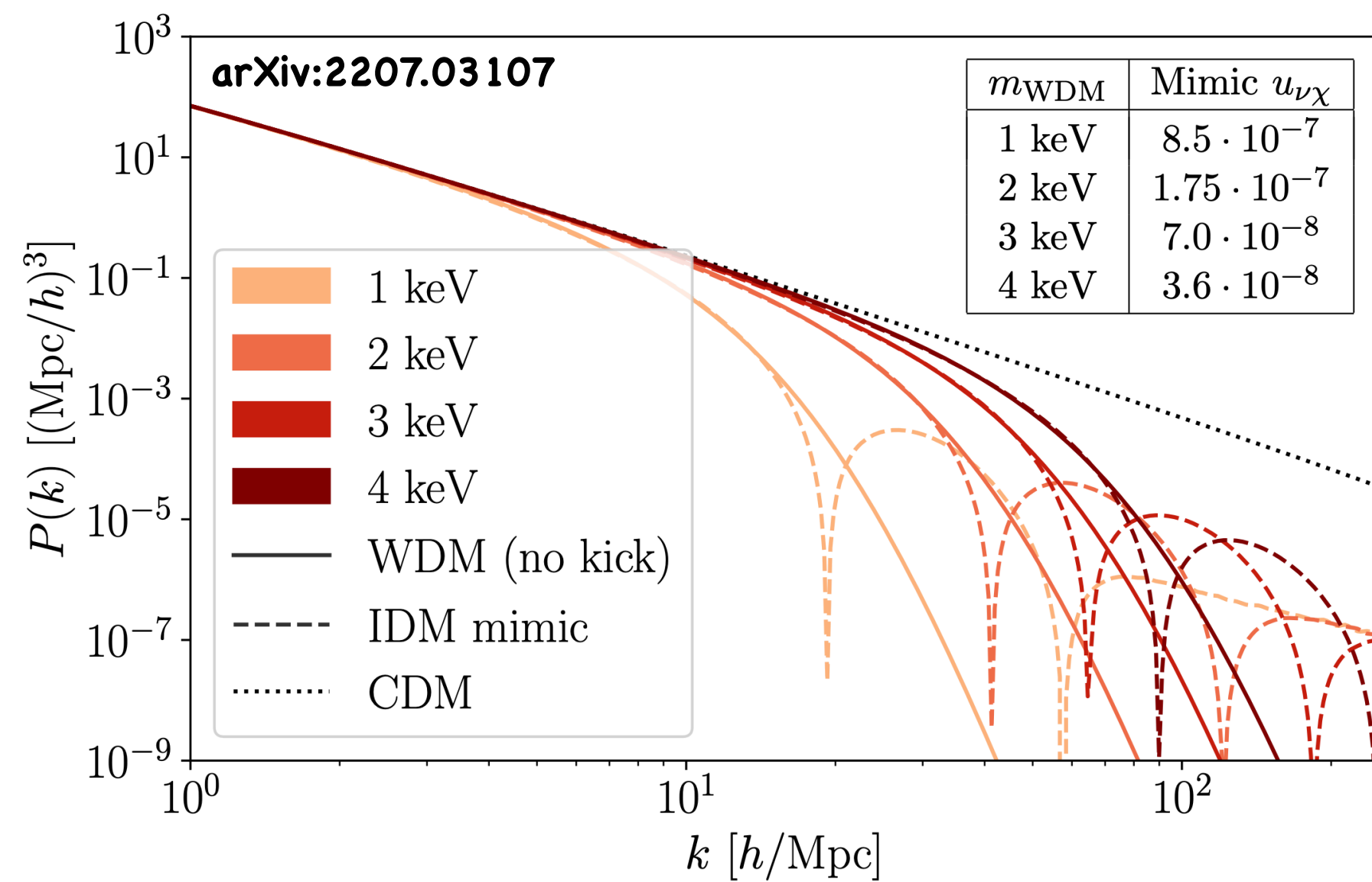
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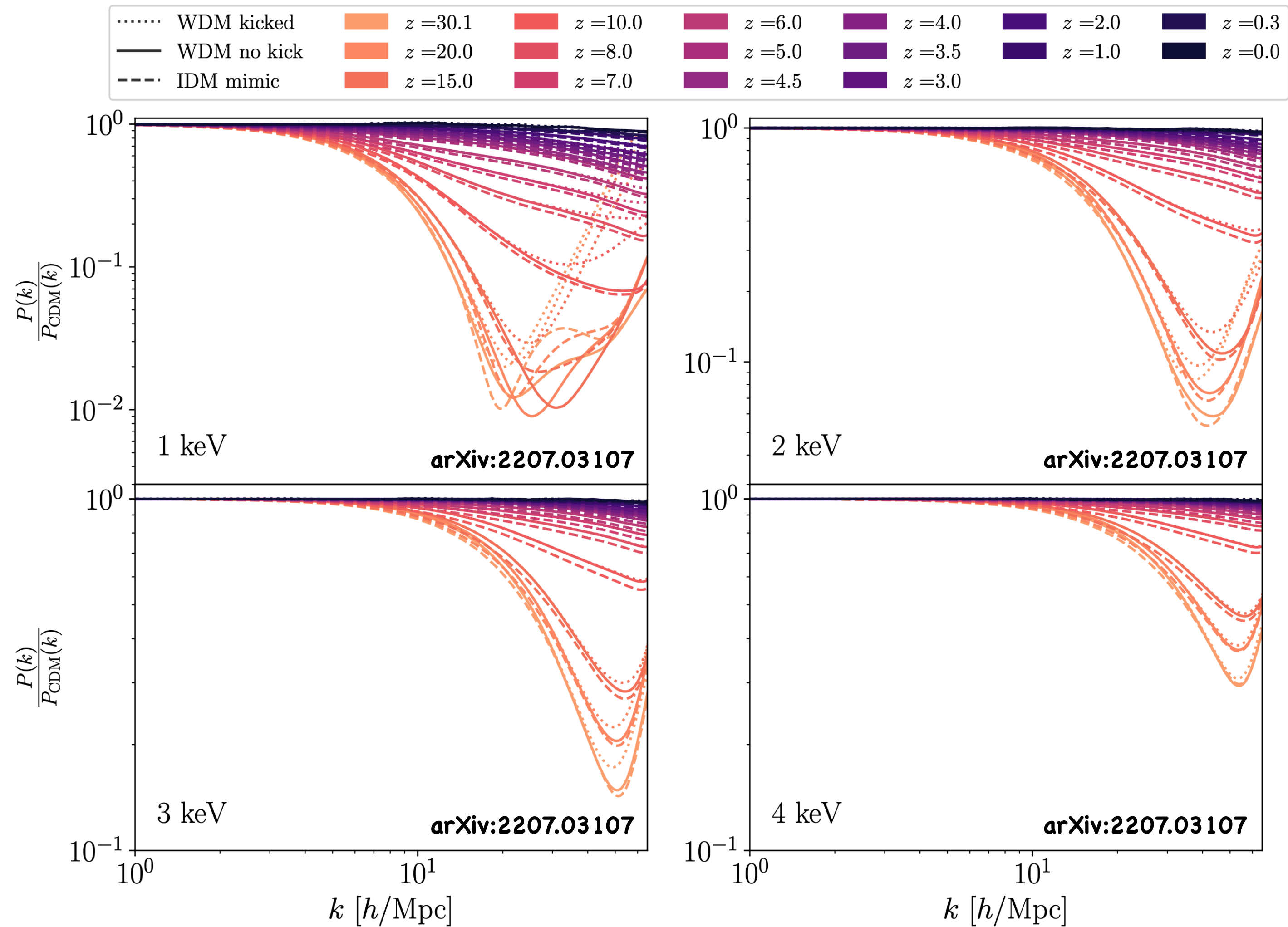
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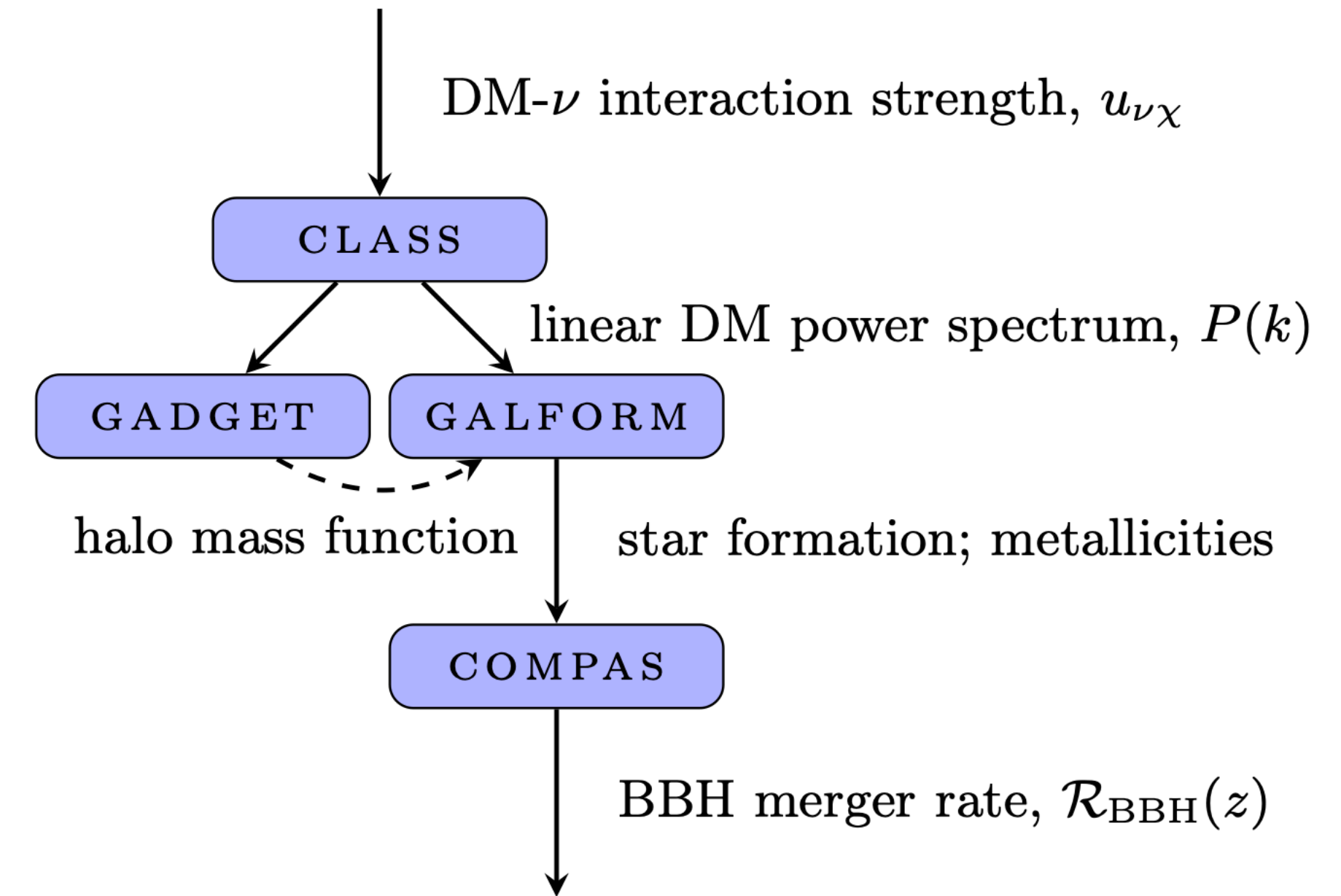
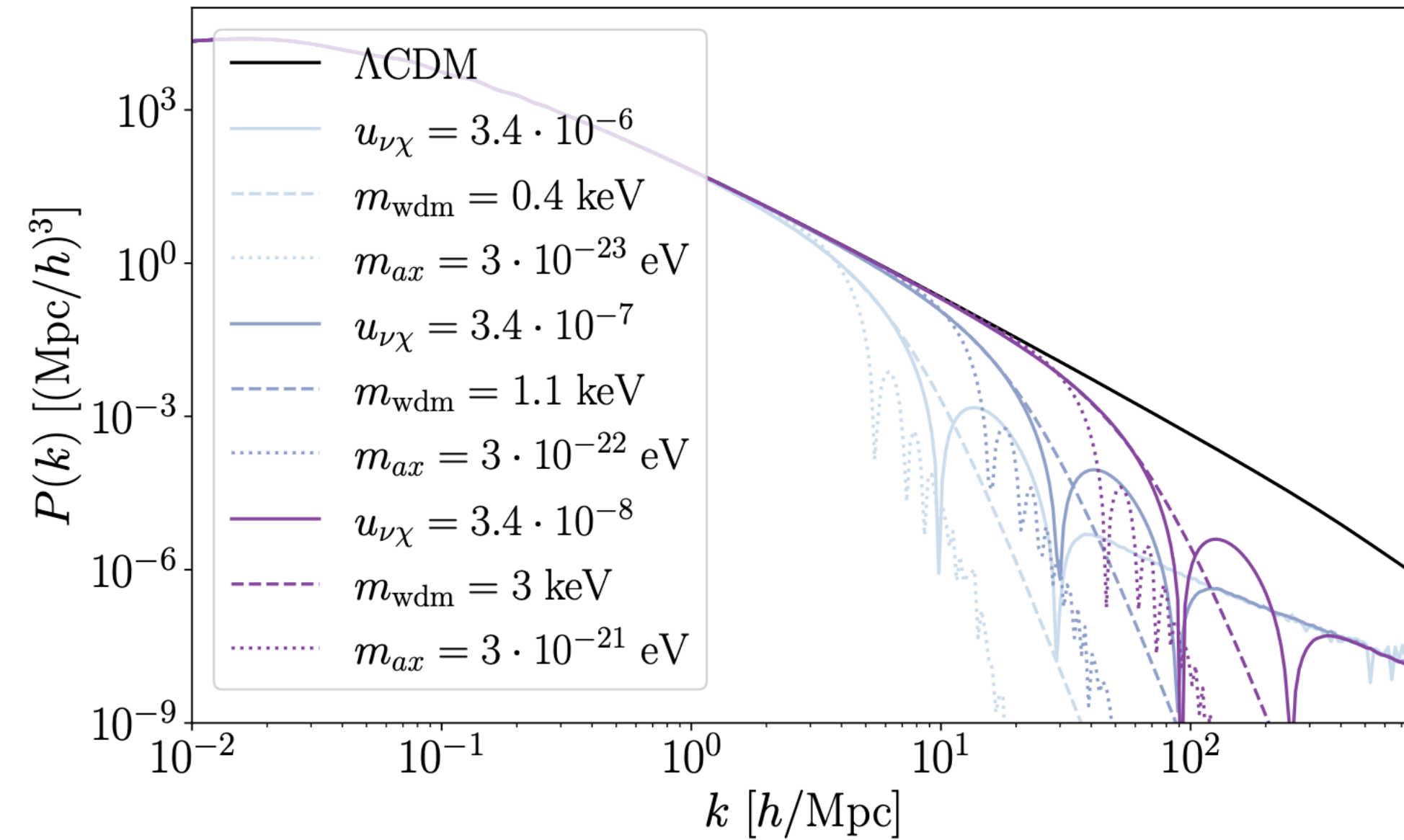
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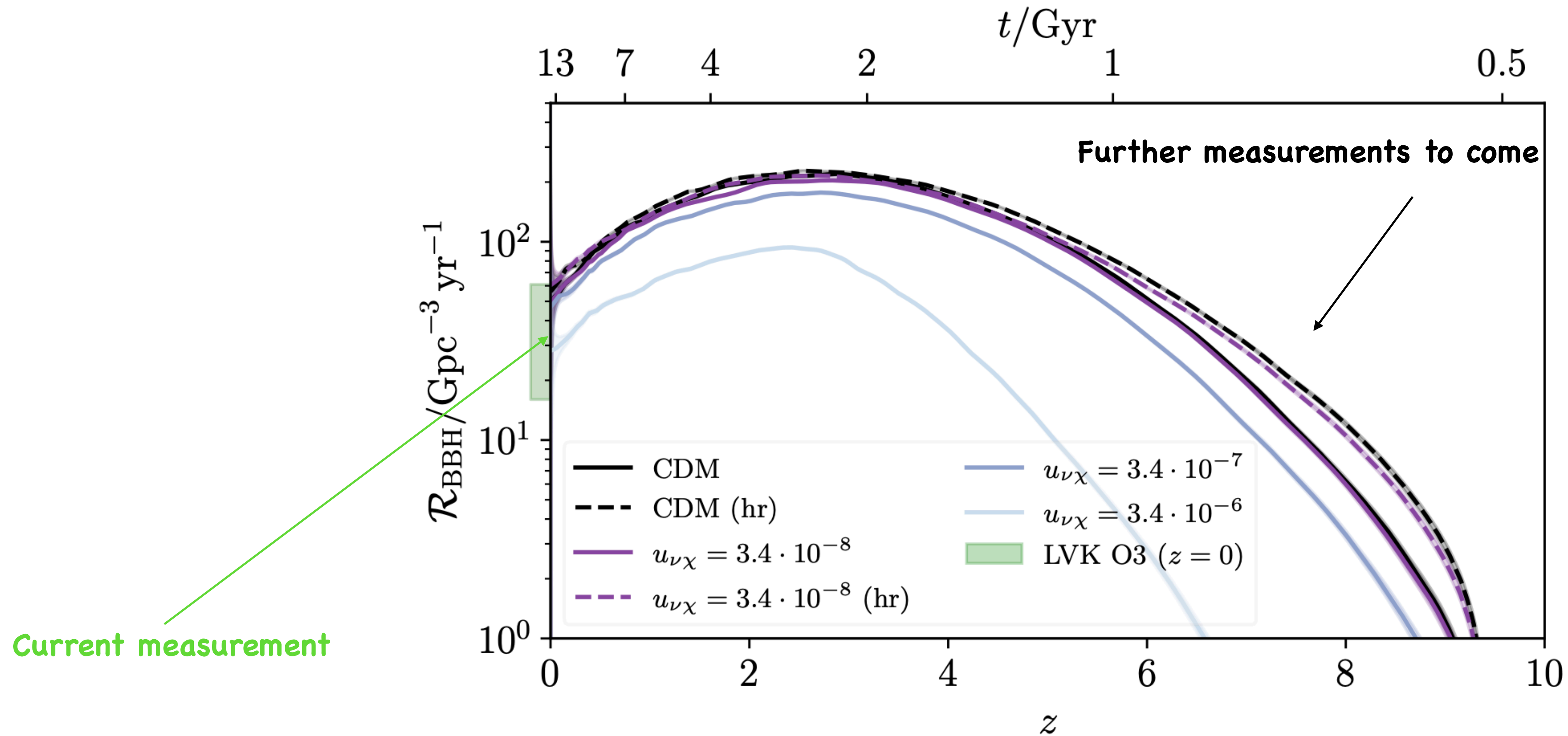


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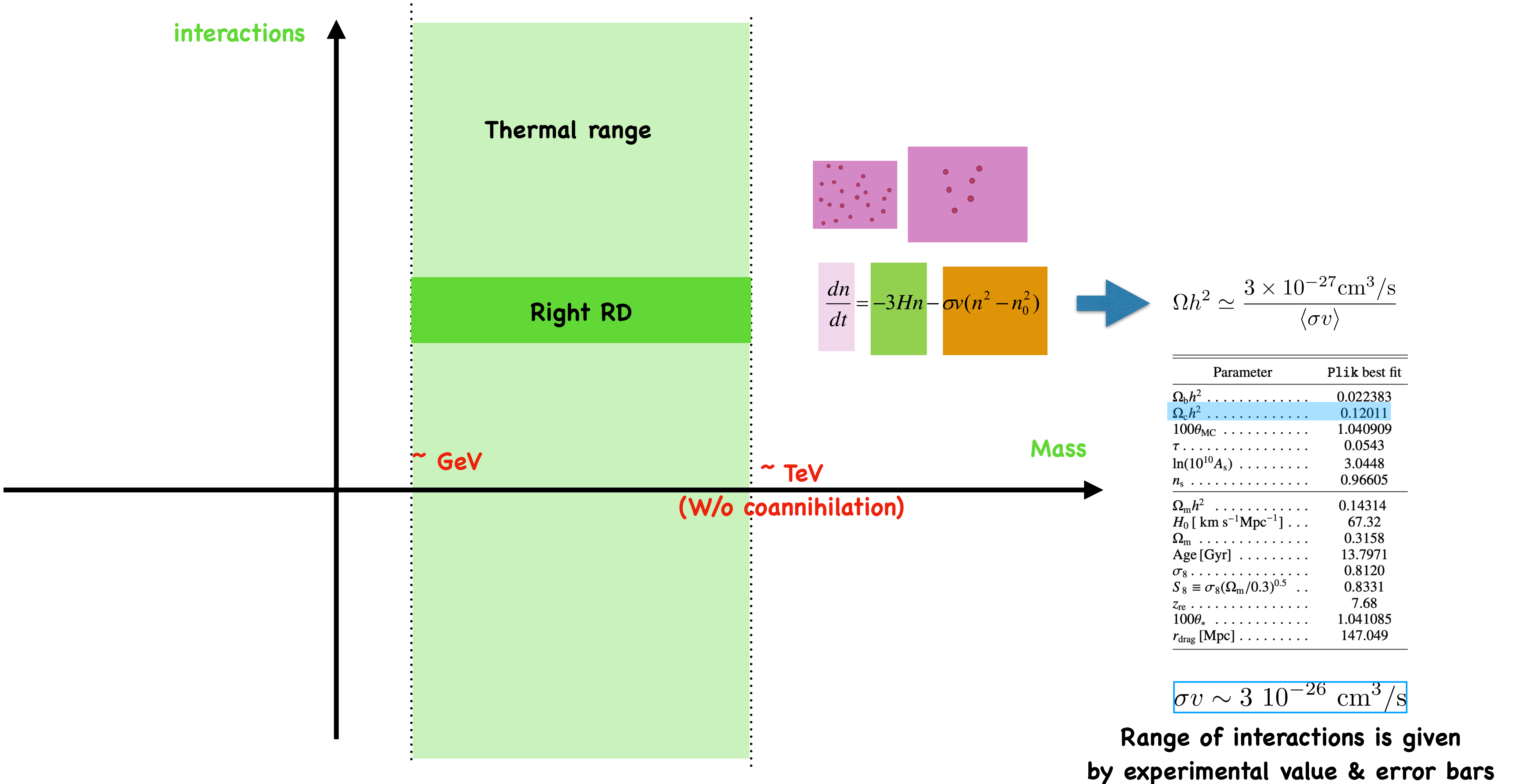
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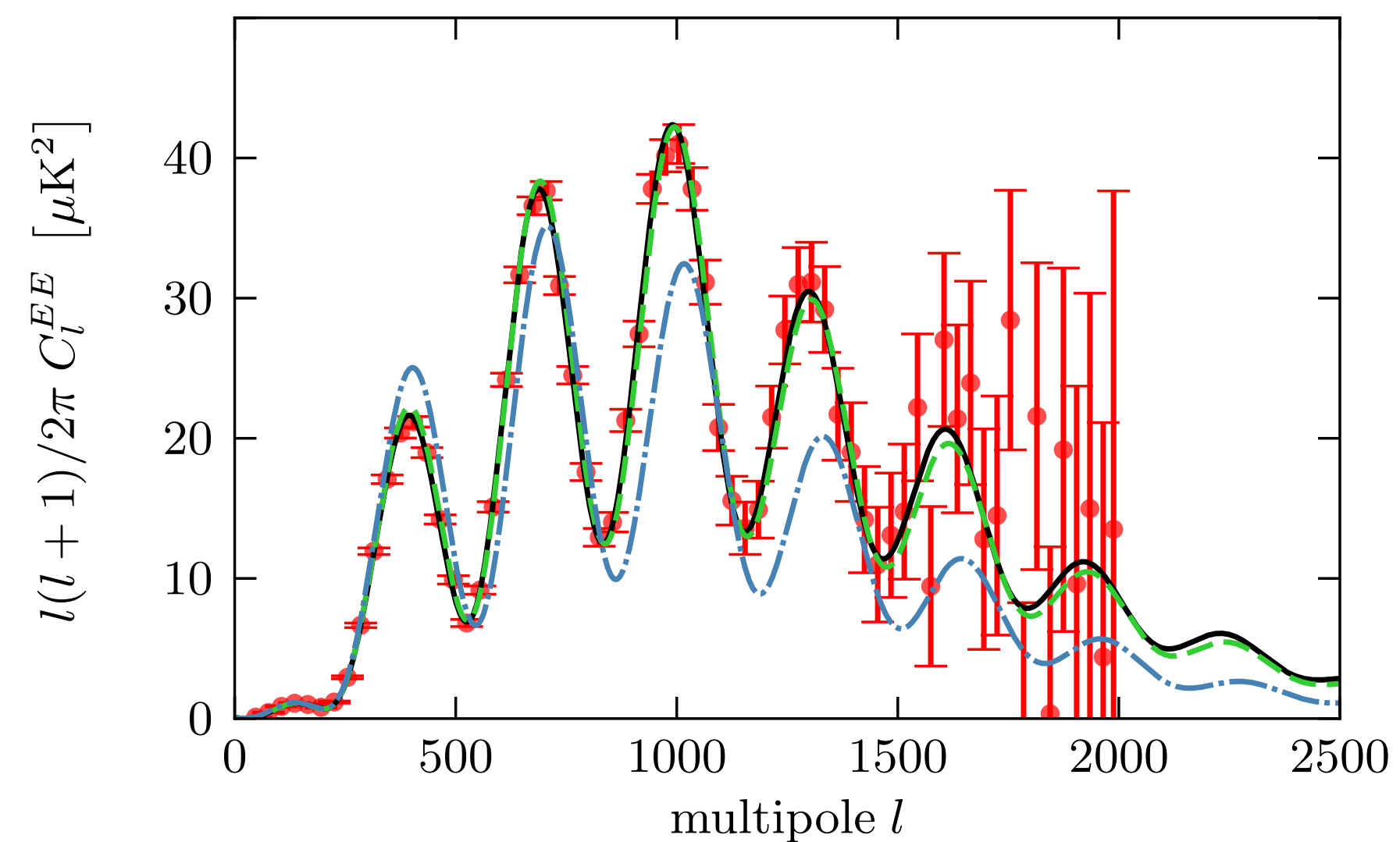
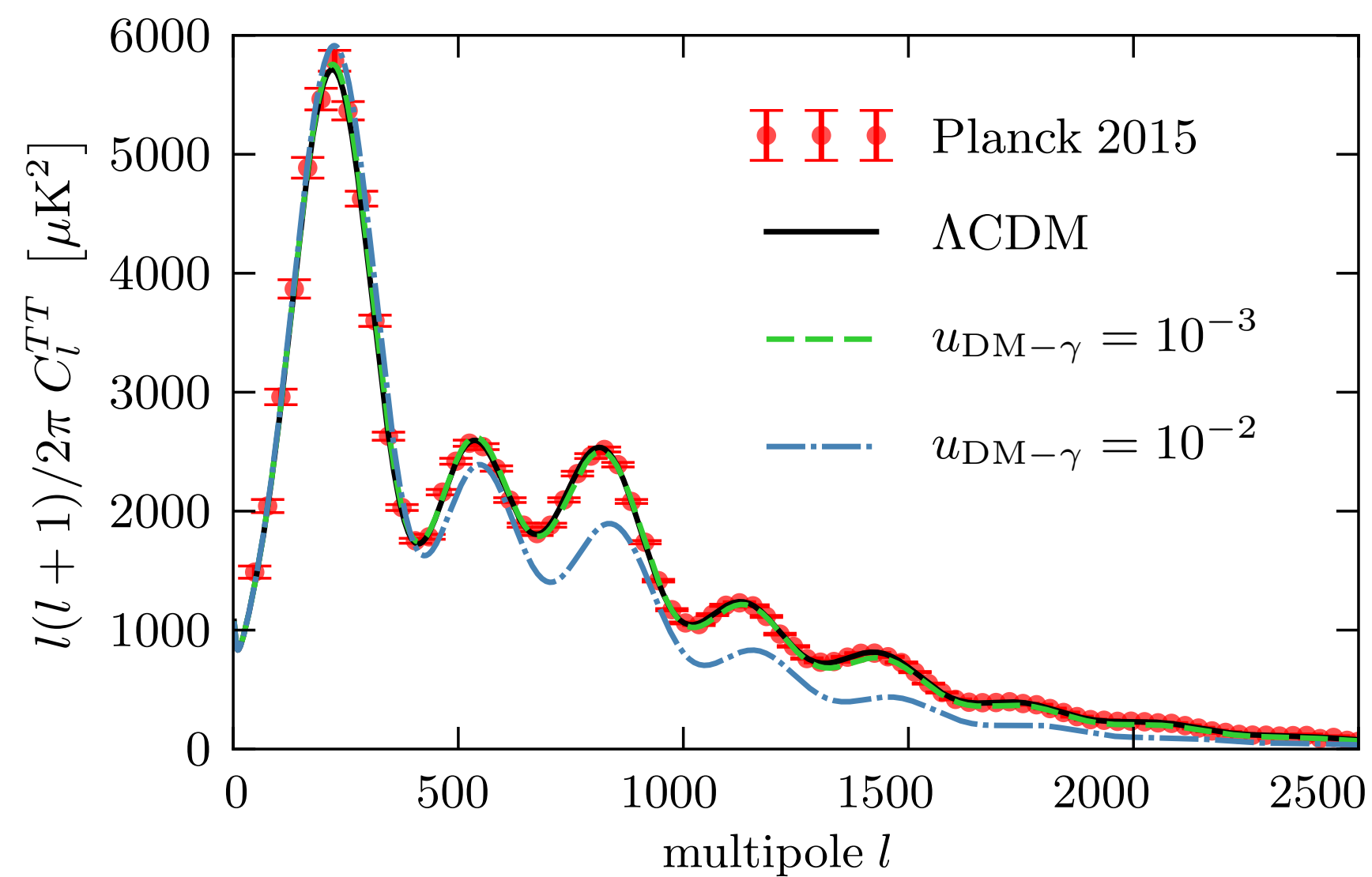
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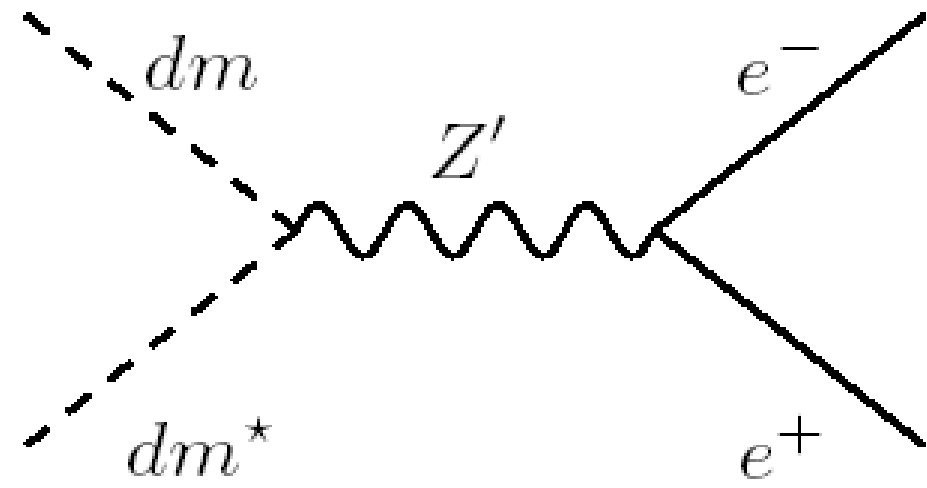
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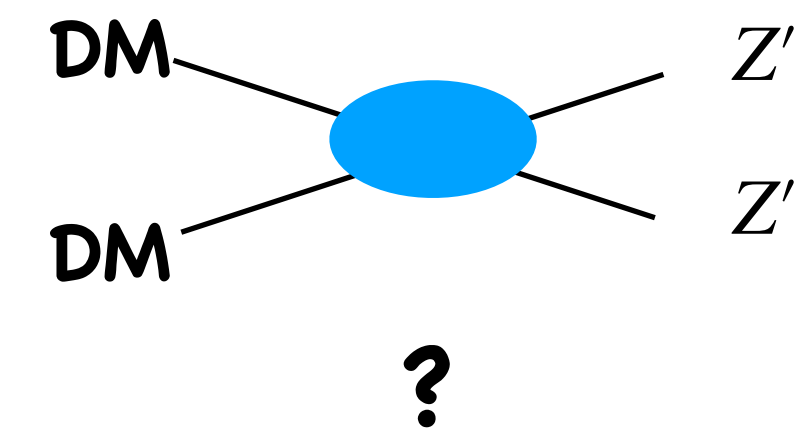
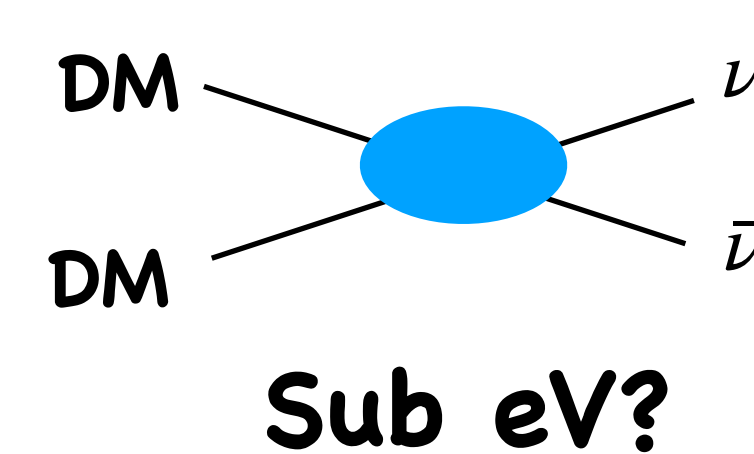
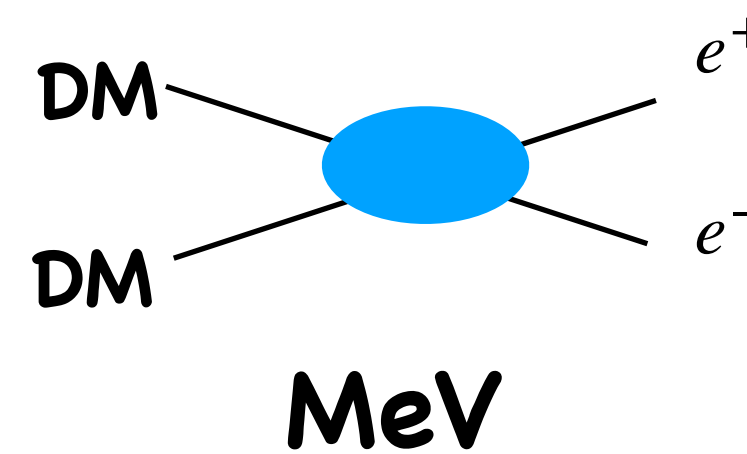
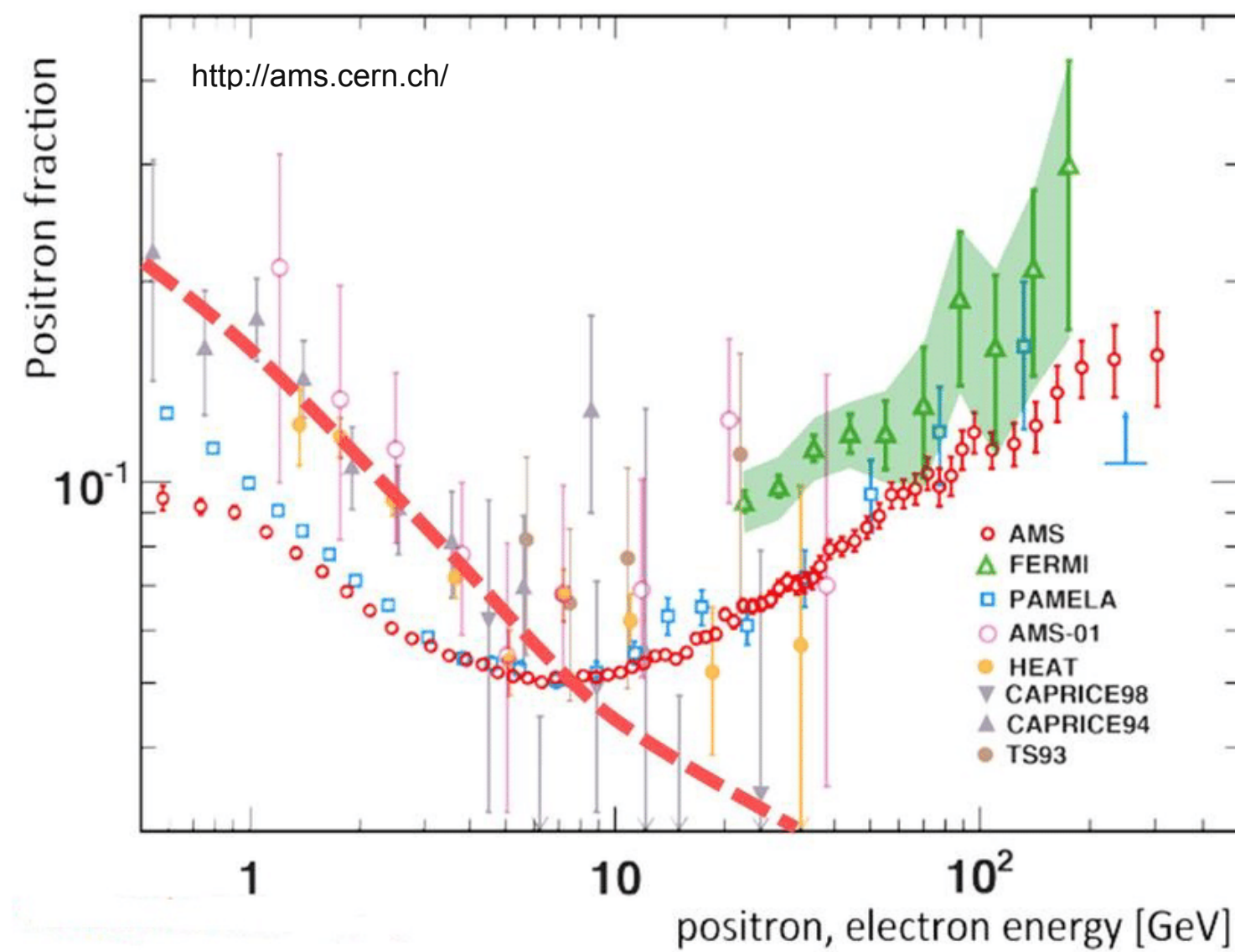


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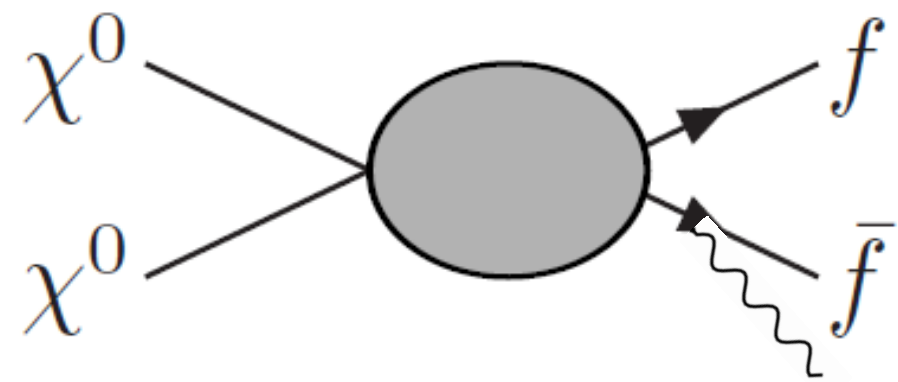


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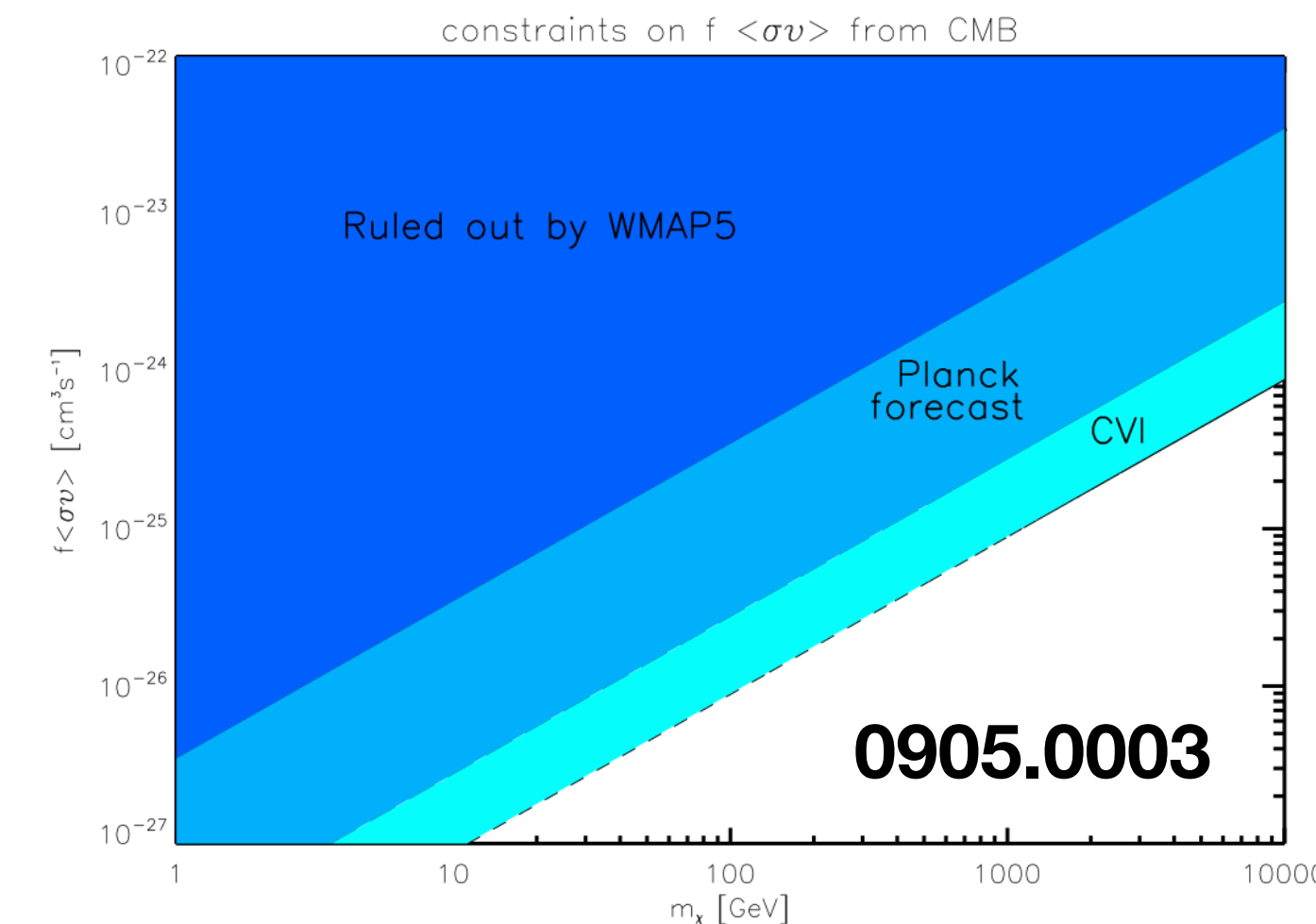
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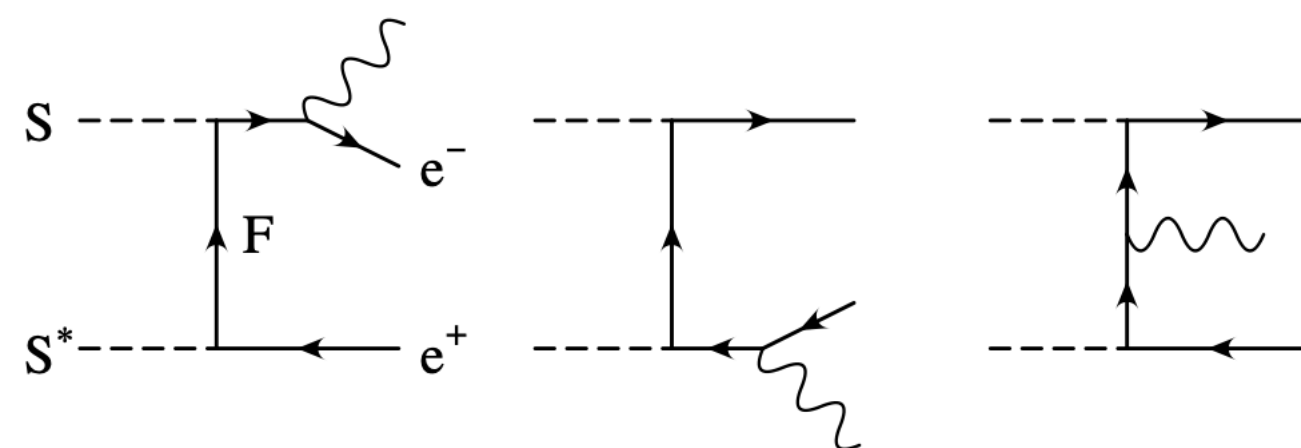


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