

# Dark Matter in 2022: A (parameter) Space Odyssey



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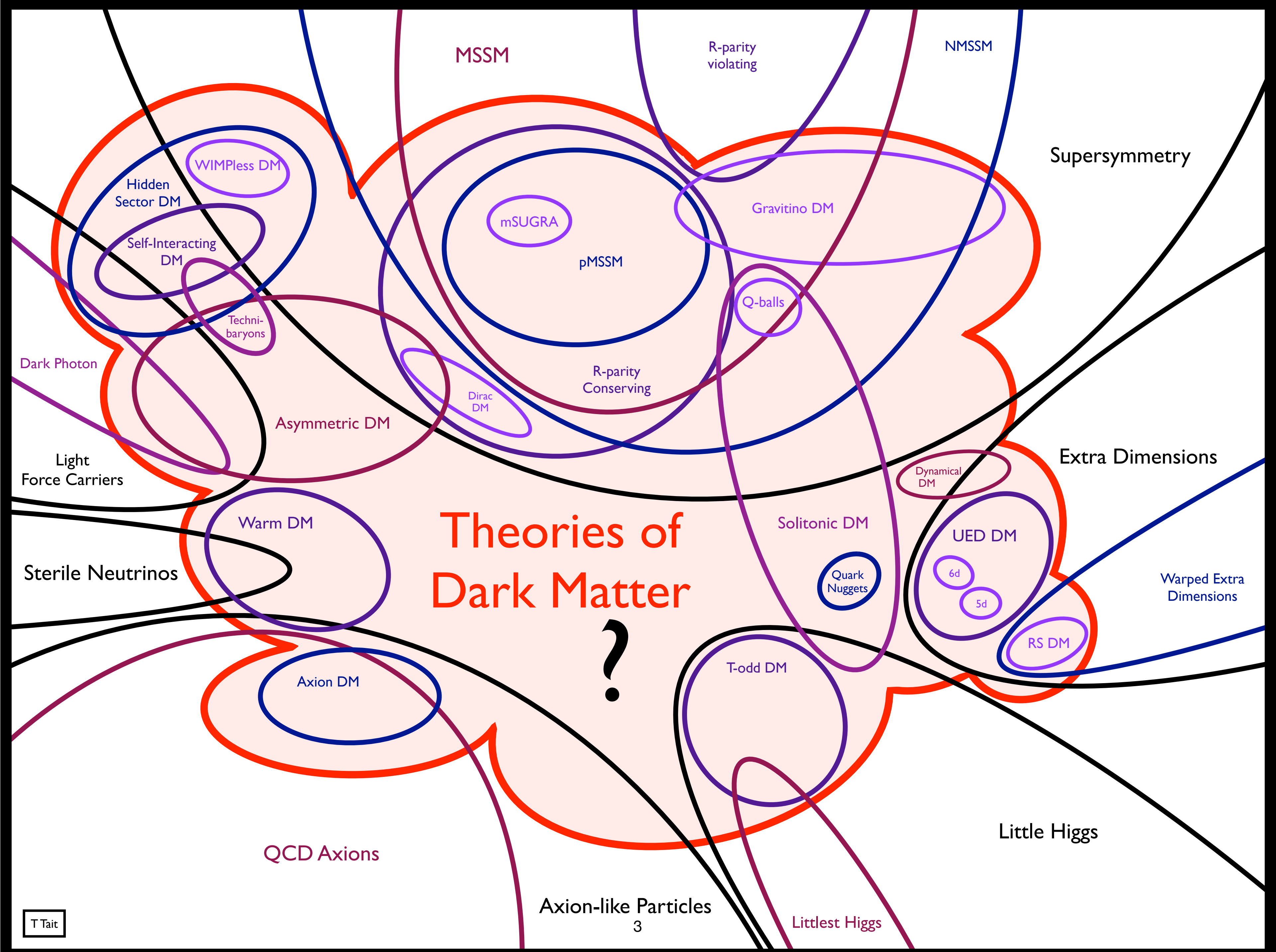
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# Theories of Dark Matter





**(Dark matter exists)**



*A Map of The Charted and  
Uncharted Territories of Dark  
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# Cold dark matter

The WIMP

Exploring other Shores



# Problems with CDM? ( $\lesssim$ 2015)

**Missing dwarfs:** MW galaxy has only a fraction of total satellite galaxies compared with DM-only simulations

**Too big to fail:** MW galaxy contains only  $\sim 1/3$  of the largest satellite halos vs DM-only simulations

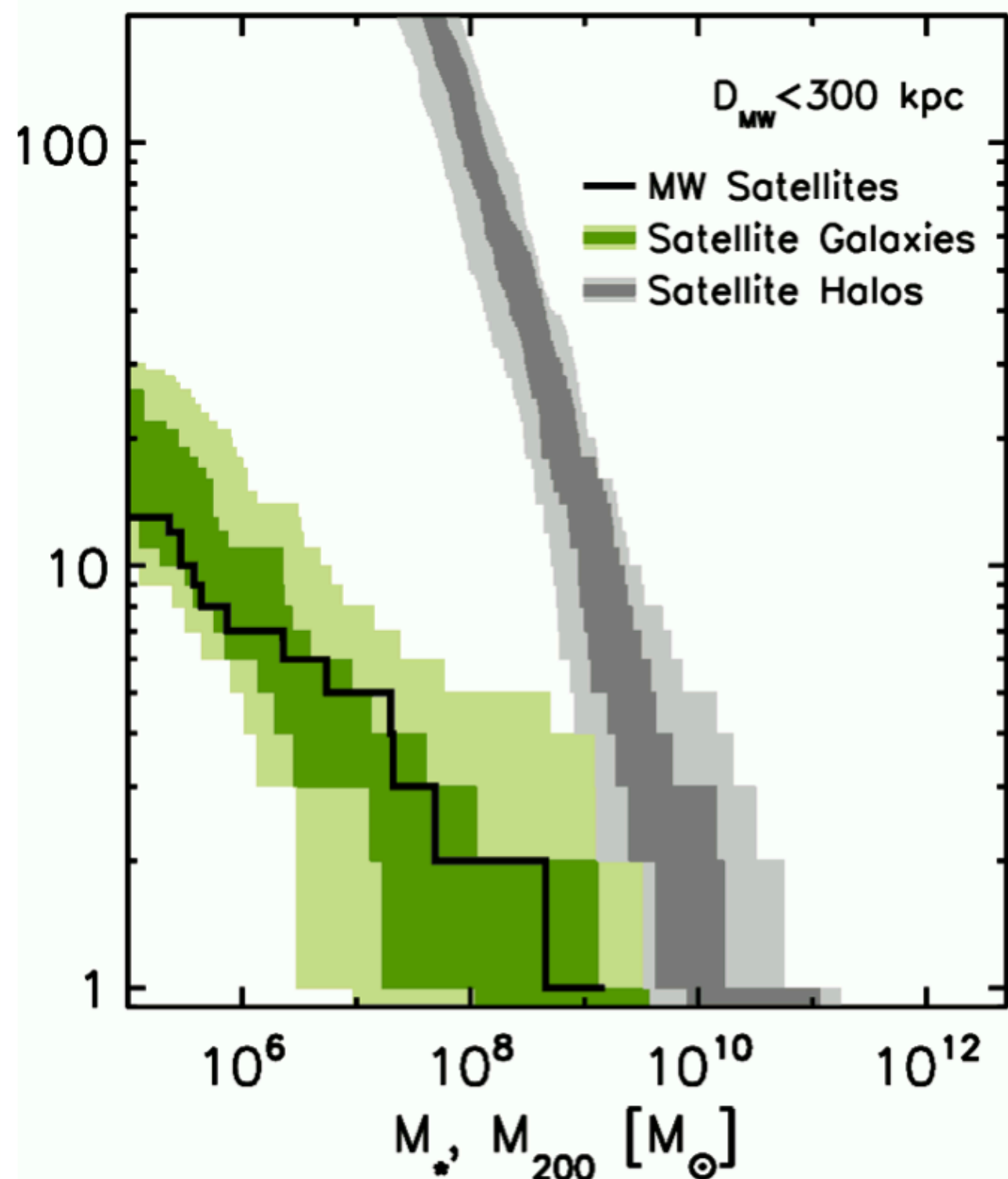
**Core/Cusp Controversy:** DM-only simulations predict a universally cuspy profile; dwarf galaxies appear to be cored

Diversity problem, alignment problem, ....

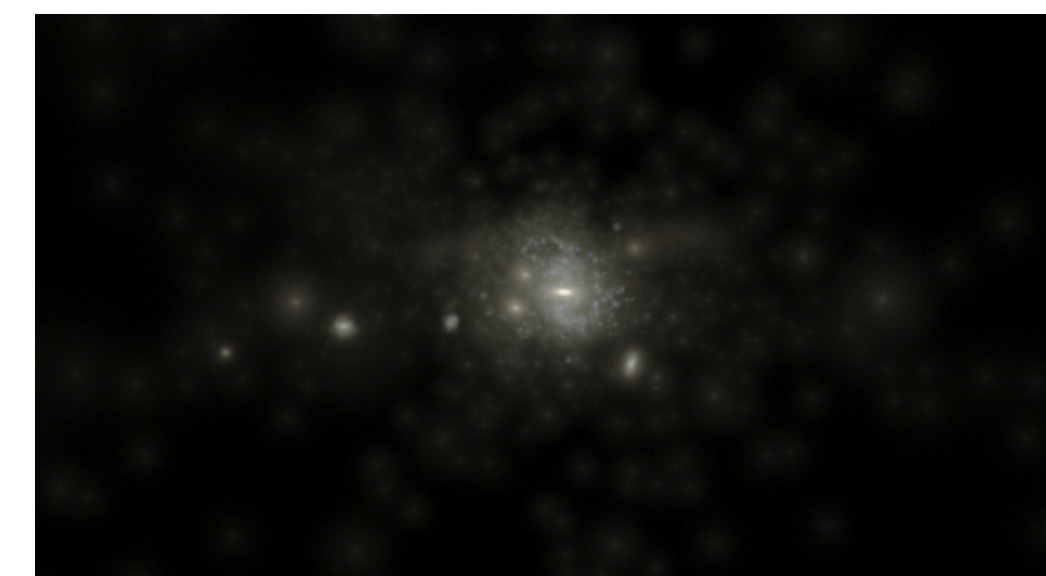
Still used as a very strong motivation for alternatives to CDM



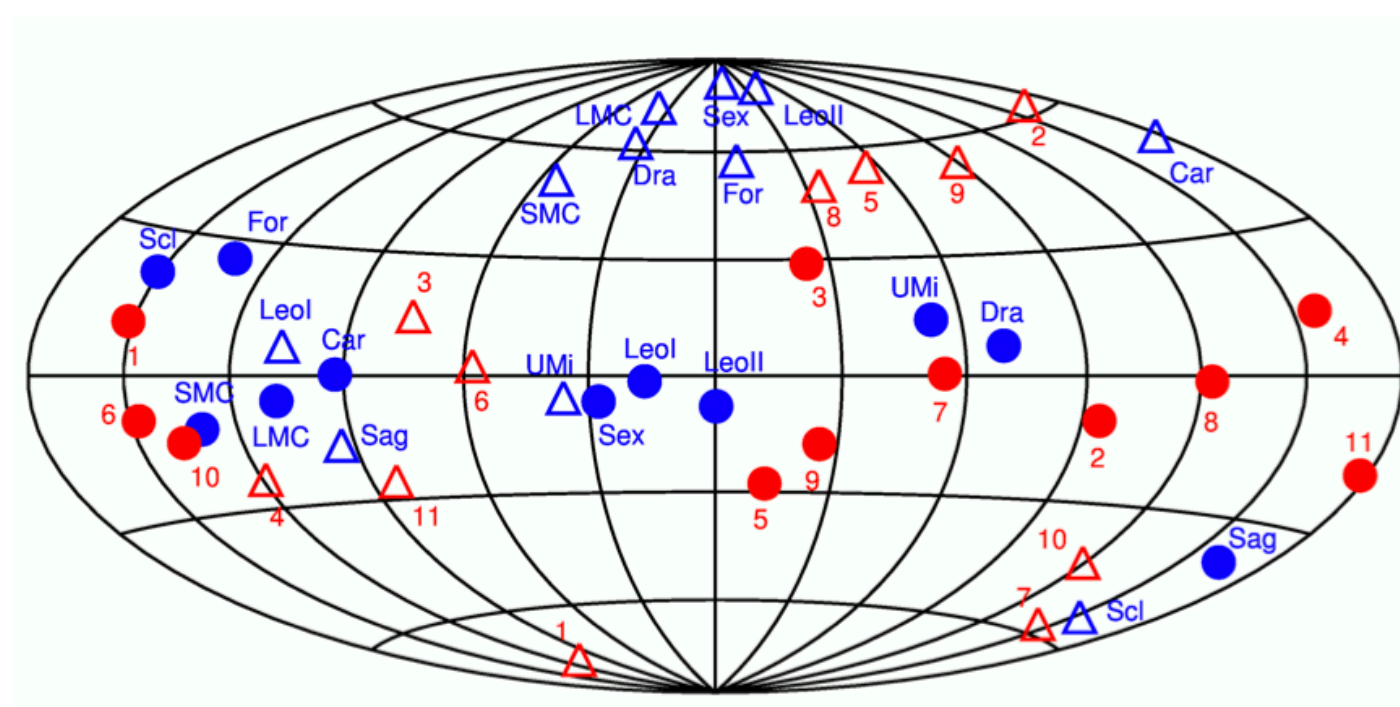
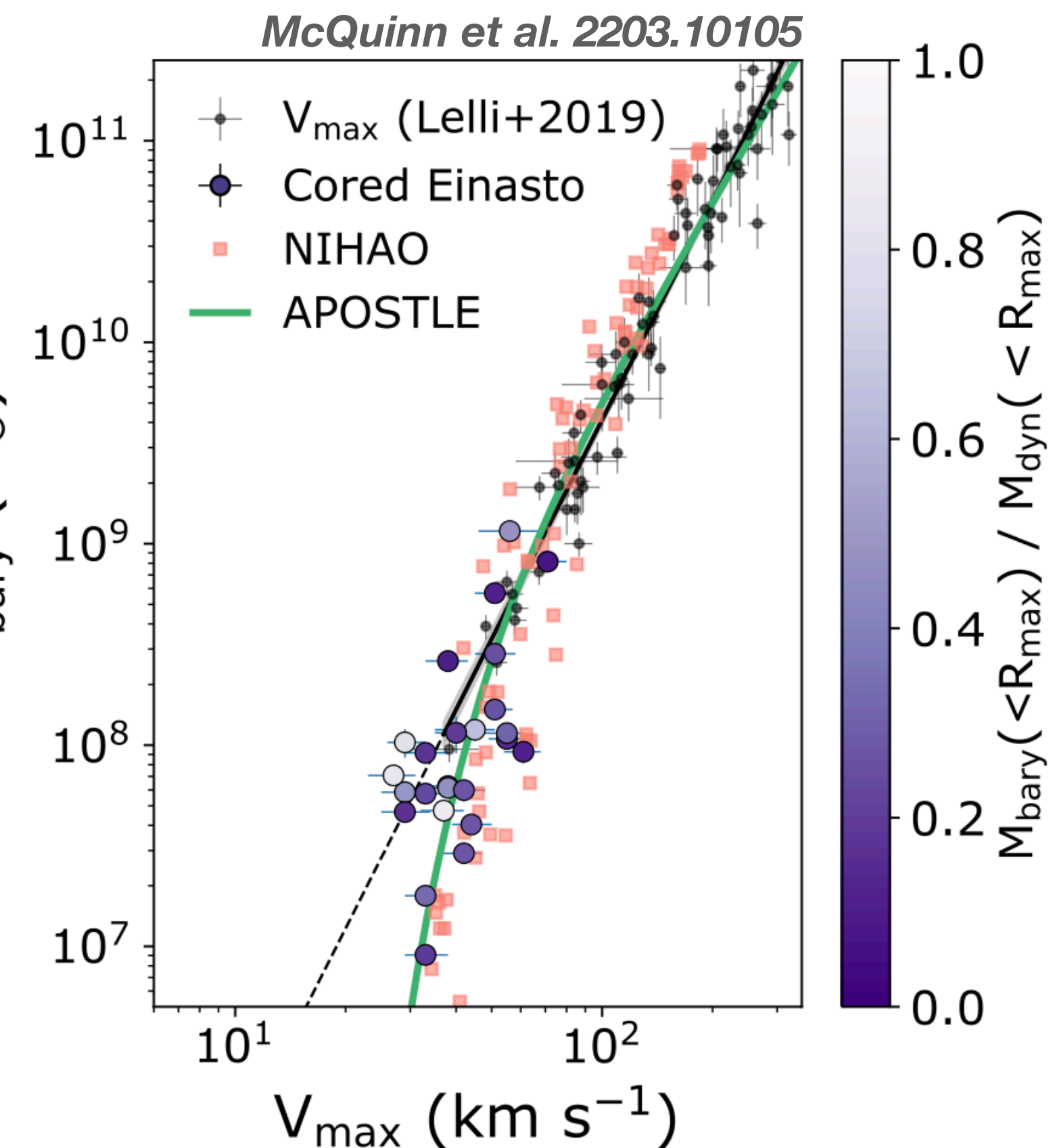
# APOSTLE Simulations: DM + Baryons – Sawala et al. 1511.01098



**Baryonic feedback** leads to a reduction in mass of smaller galaxies and, combined with **reionization**, of baryonic content in larger ones (“baryon bailout”)



**Baryonic Tully-Fisher relation** in simulations and data consistent with **cored dwarfs**



Systems as anisotropic as the MW are predicted (but not typical)

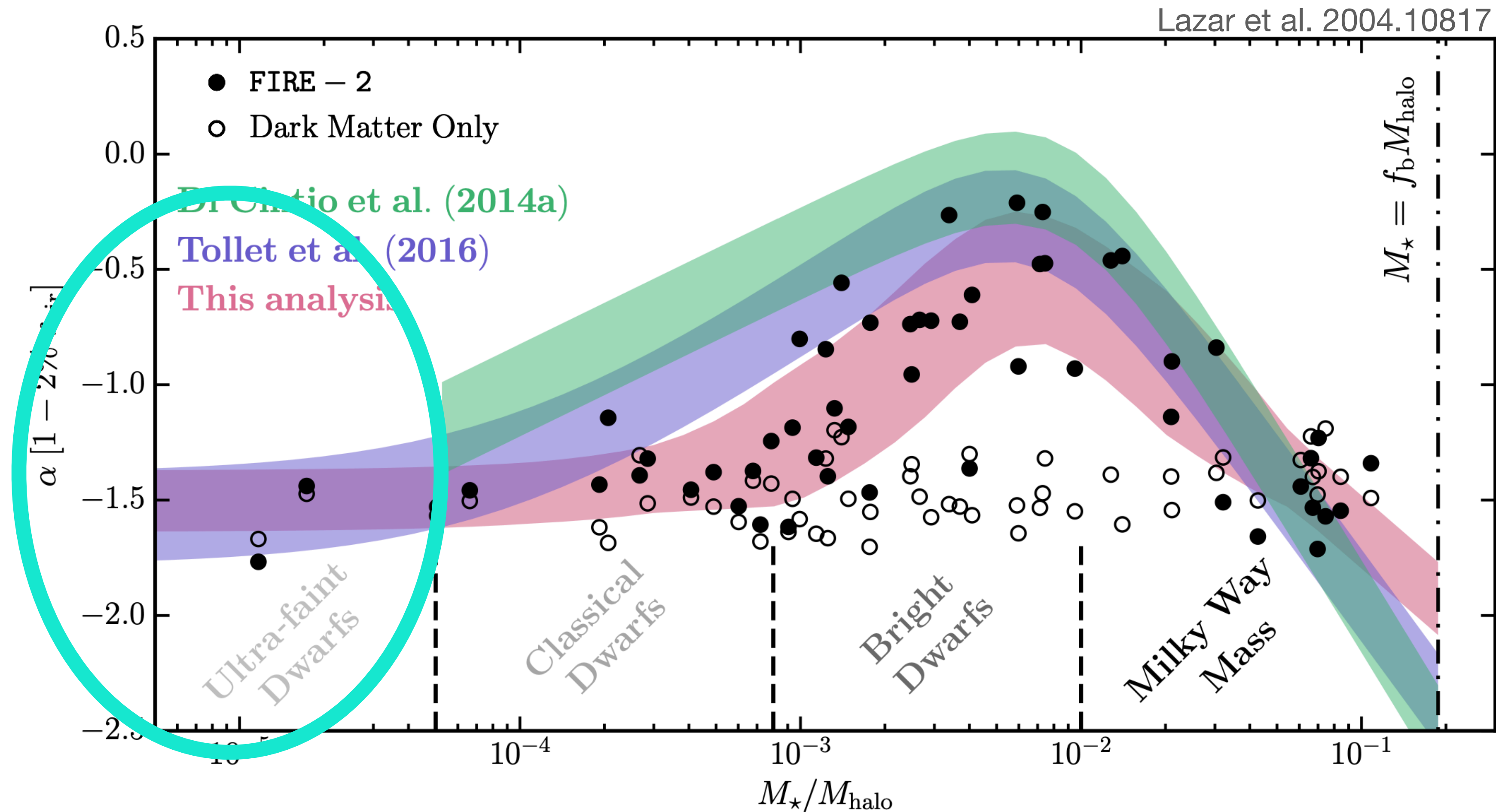


	CDM+Baryons	WDM+Baryons	SIDM+Baryons
Bulge-less disk galaxies	✓	✓	✓
The Cusp/ Core Problem	✓	✓	✓
Missing Dwarfs	✓	✓	✓
Too Big To Fail	✓	✓	✓

Alyson Brooks



We should be looking at simulated vs observed structure to understand DM and its properties.



Seeing cored ultra-faint dwarfs (not detected yet) could be the hint we are looking for: and a way to test **SIDM**, **WDM**, **ultralight DM**, ...



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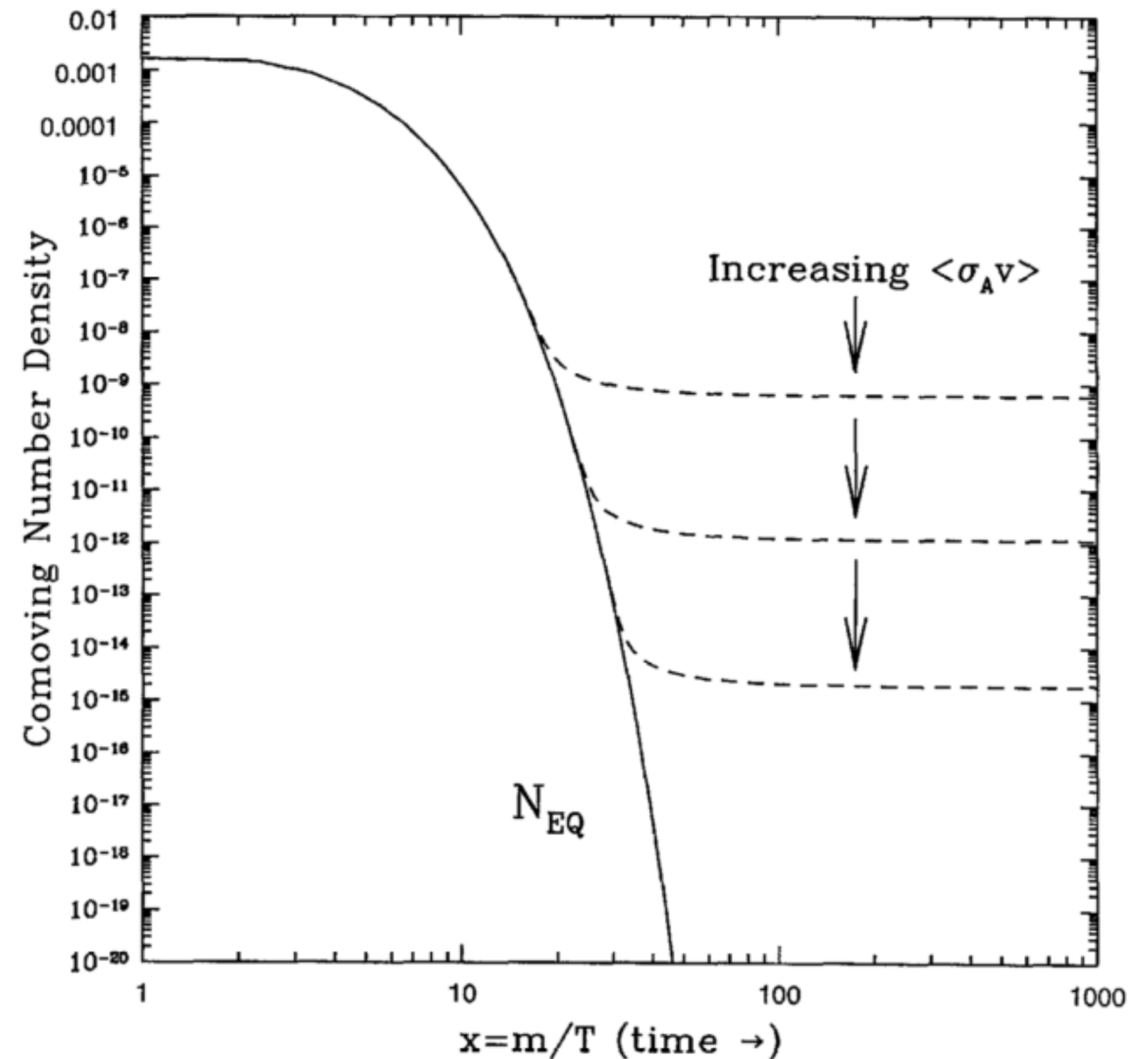
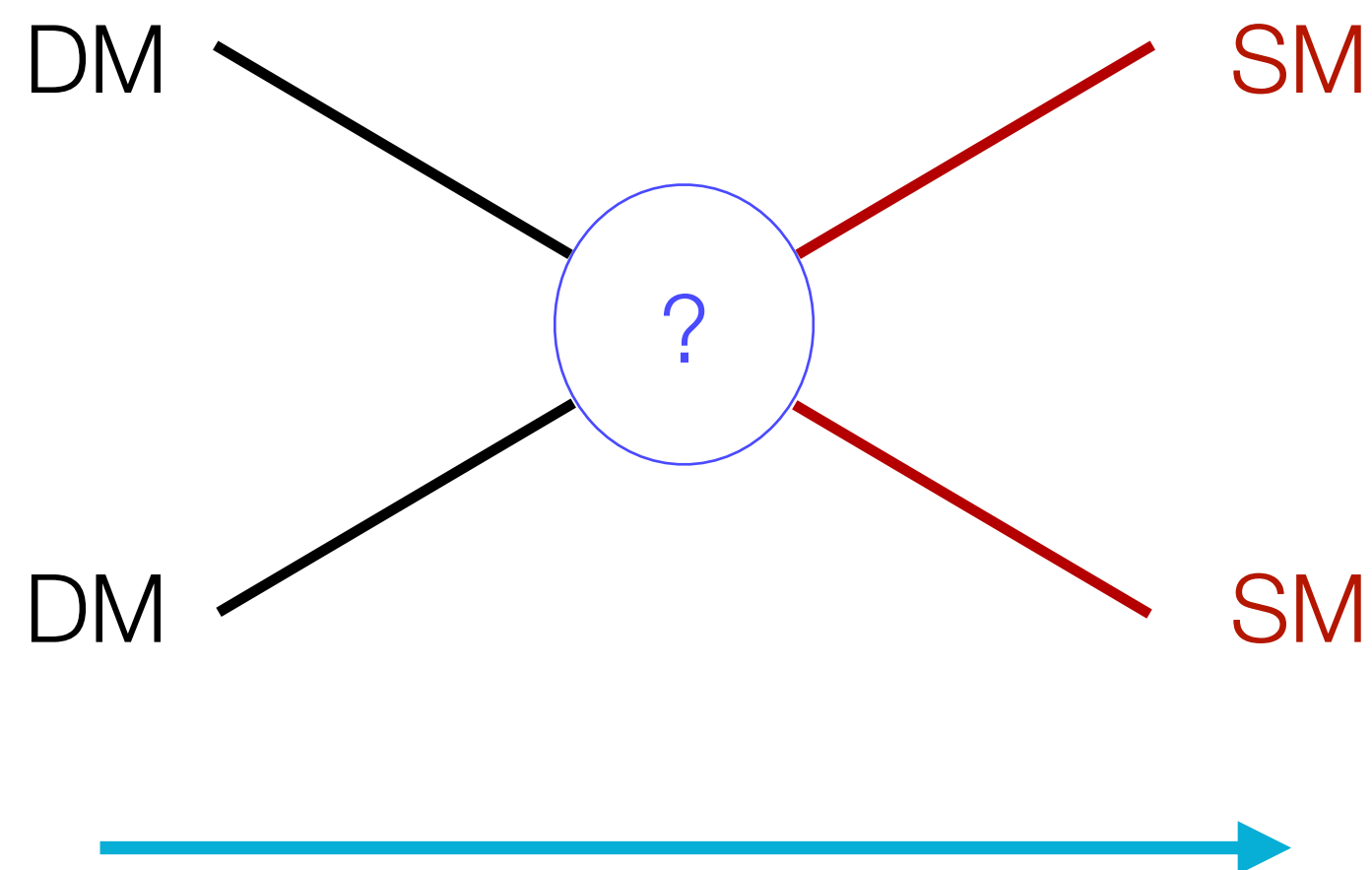


# (What is a WIMP?)

- Weakly Interacting Massive Particle, whose abundance is set by **thermal freeze-out** in the Early Universe

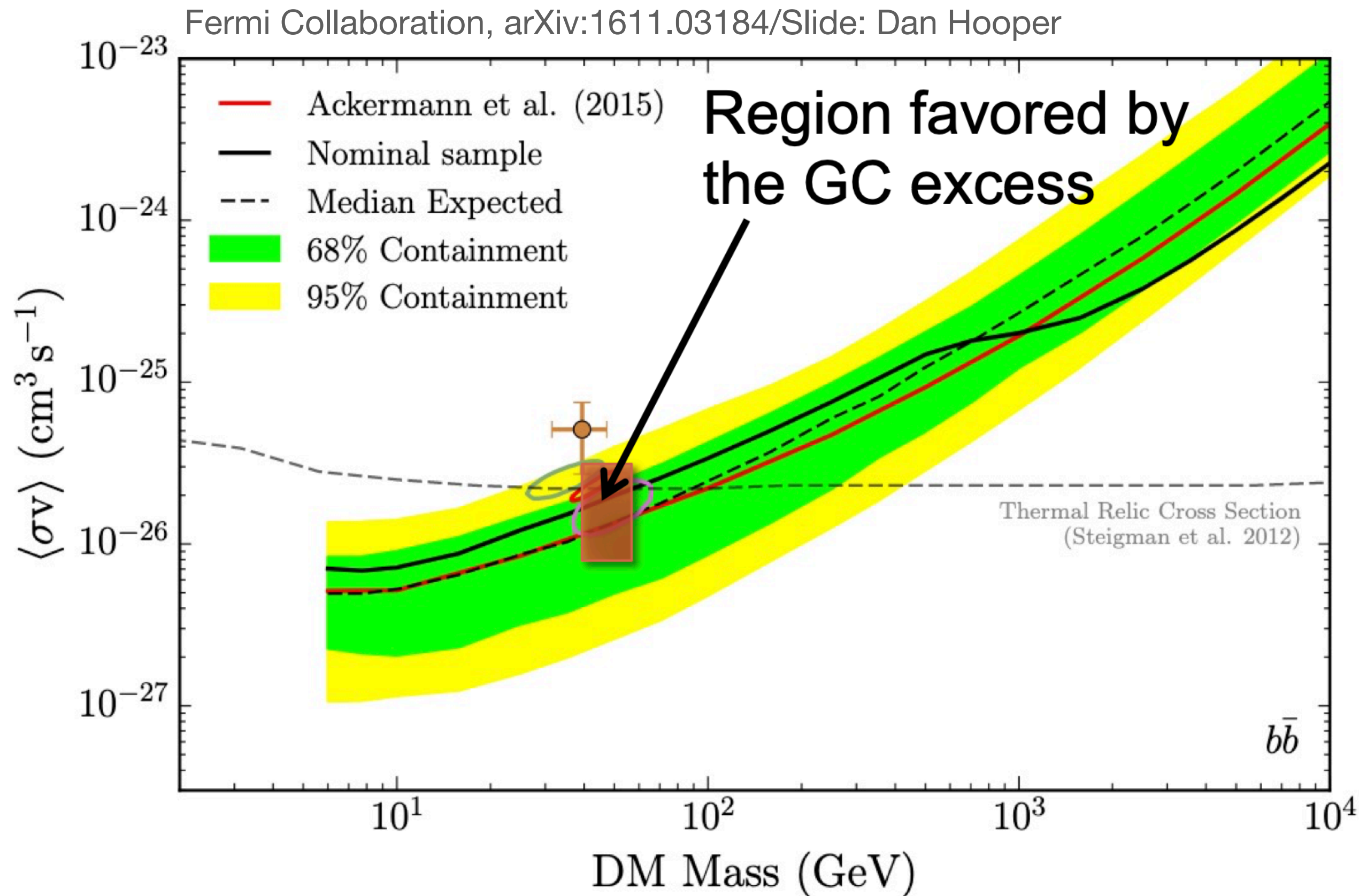
$$M_\chi \sim 1 - 1000 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\langle \sigma v \rangle \simeq 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$$



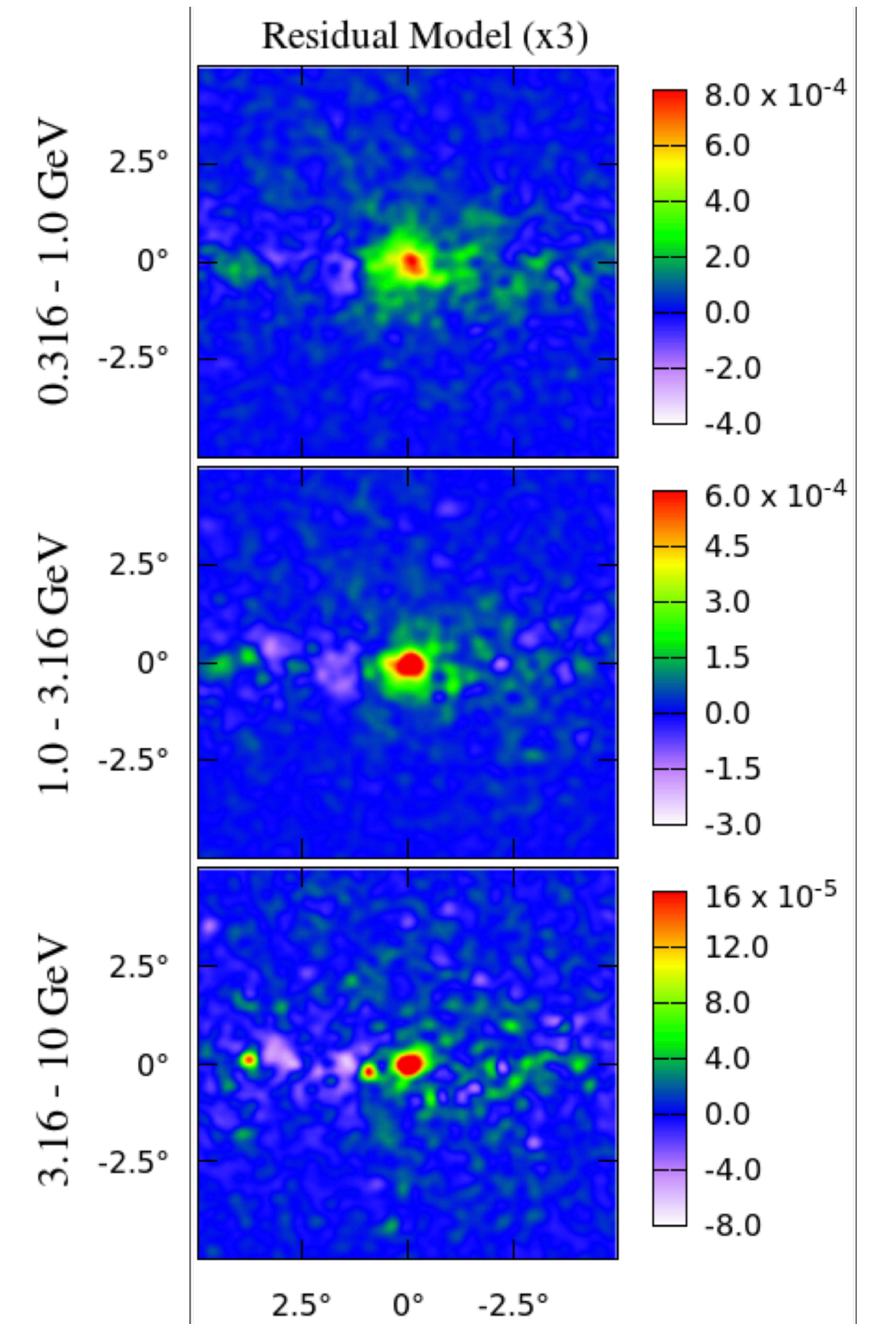


# Hints from the galactic centre?



$$\langle\sigma v\rangle \simeq 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3\text{s}^{-1}$$

Consistent in energy & morphology with an annihilating WIMP.



Fermi-LAT/ Hooper & Goodenough + many others

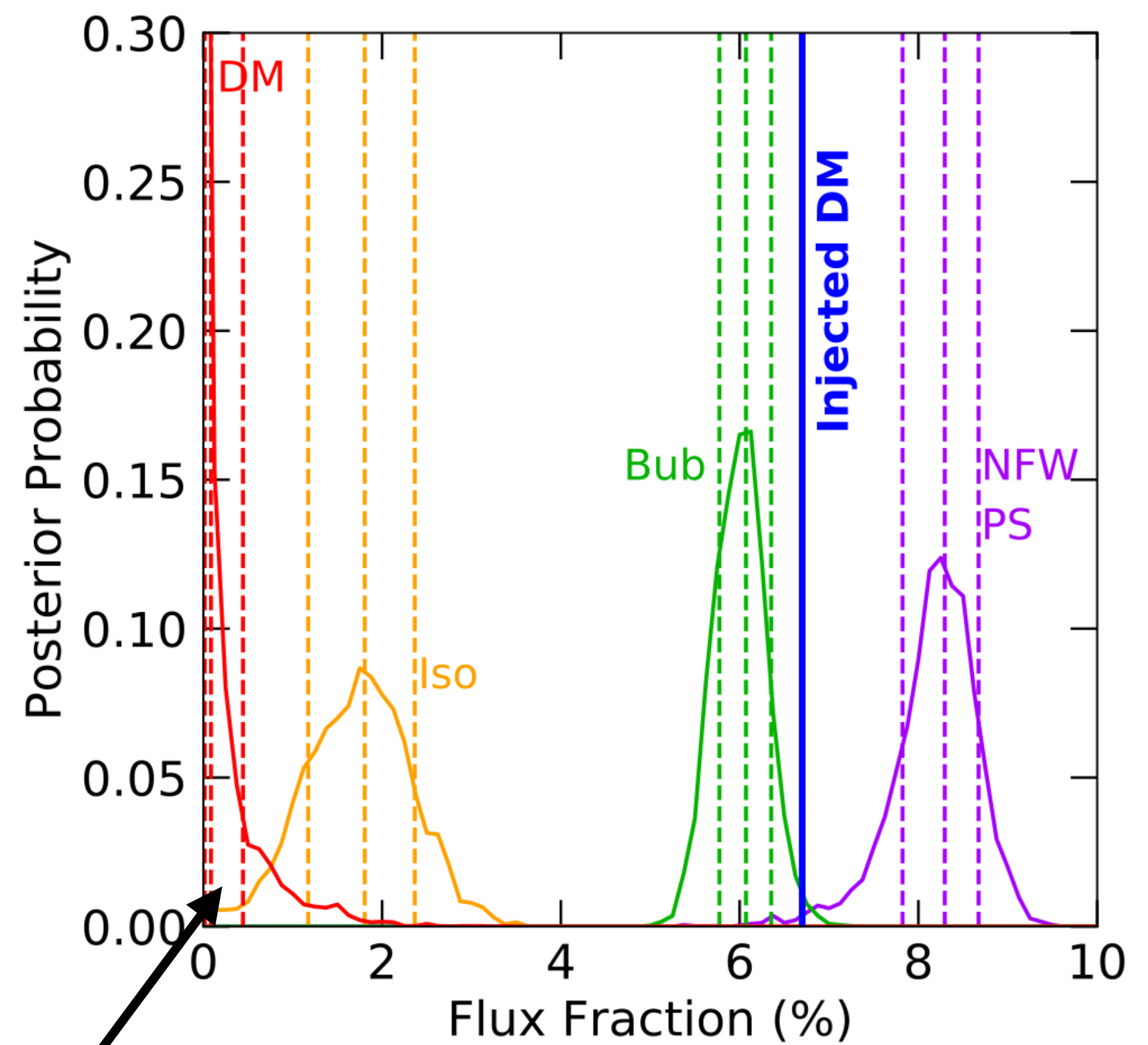
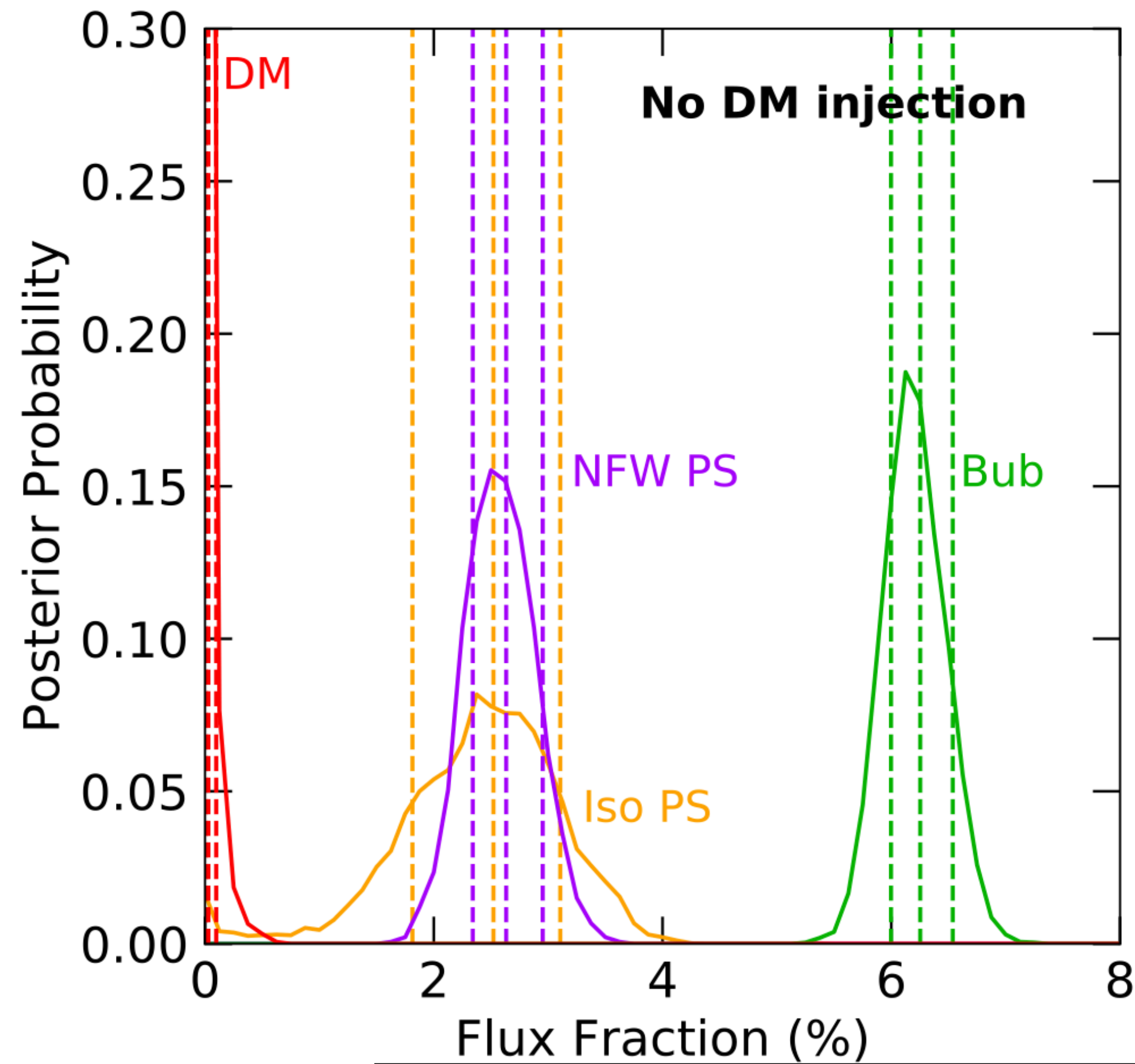


# (the usual caveats apply)





# Galactic centre excess: Leane & Slatyer 2019



Injected dark matter signal not seen with this analysis method



# The 'WIMP Miracle' Hope For Dark Matter Is Dead



Ethan Siegel Senior Contributor  
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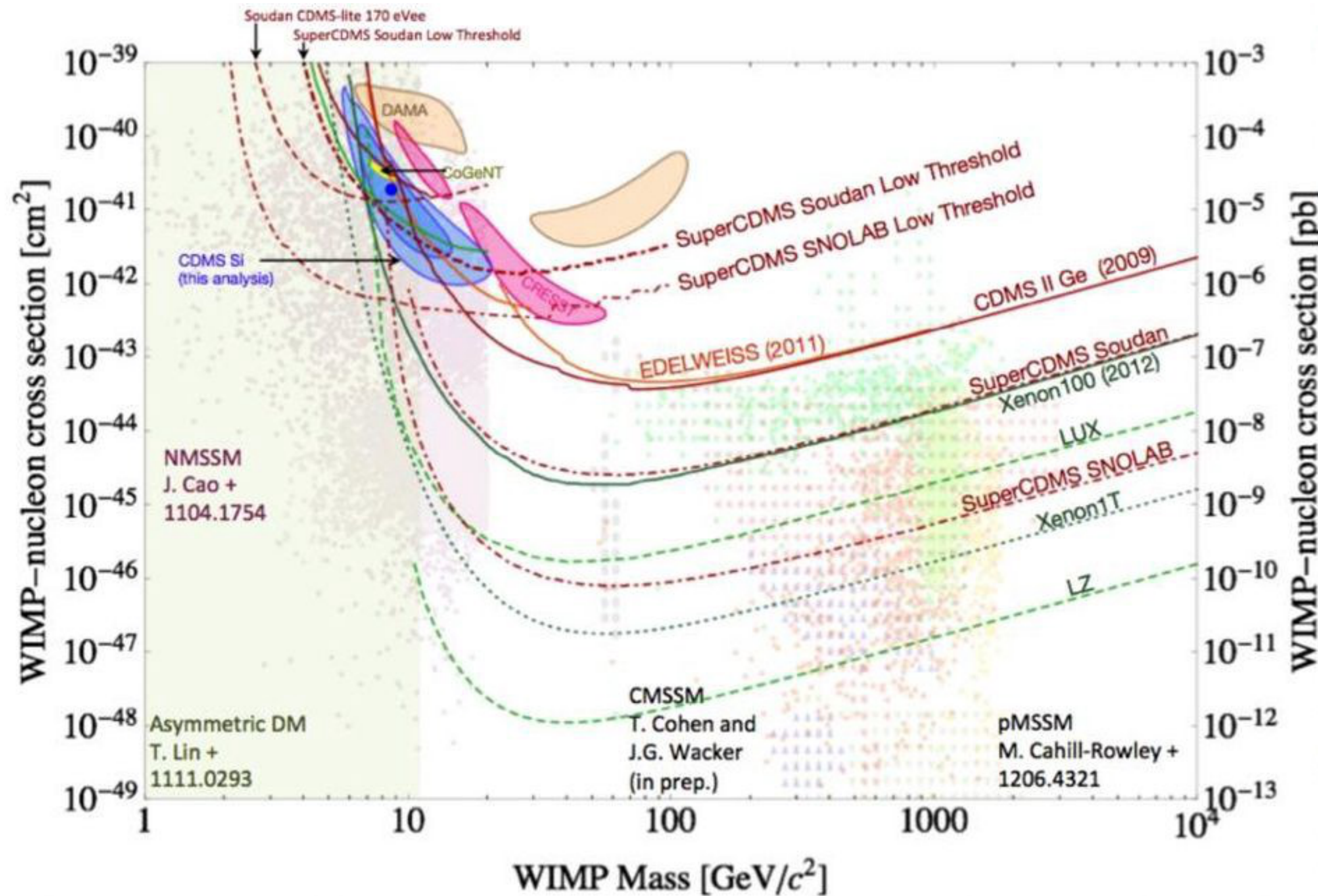
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*The Universe is out there, waiting for you to discover it.*

## WIMPs on Death Row

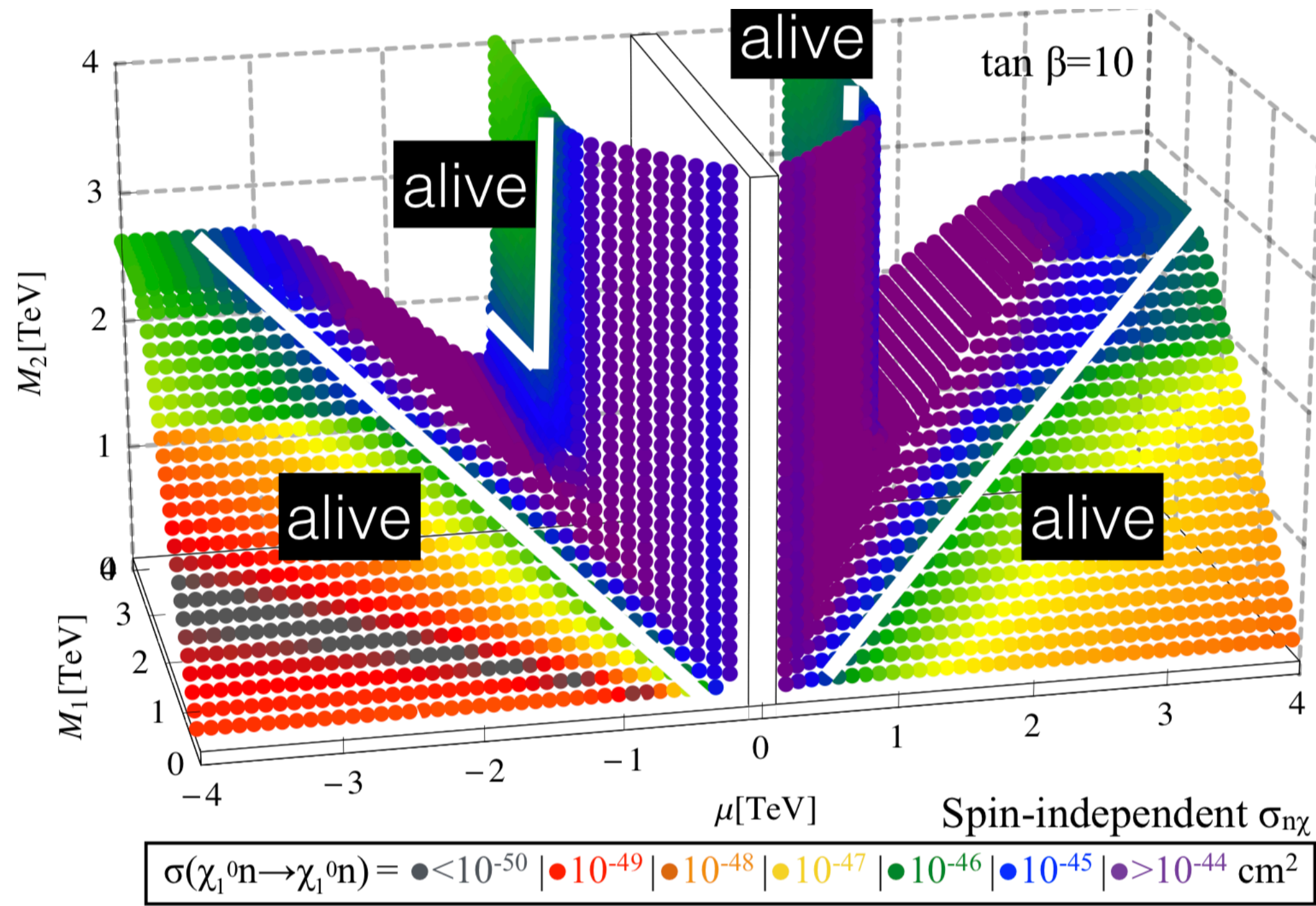
Posted on July 21, 2016 by [woit](#)

One of the main arguments given for the idea of supersymmetric extensions of the standard model has been what SUSY enthusiasts call the “WIMP Miracle” (WIMP Interacting Massive Particle). This is the claim that such SUSY models include a very massive weakly interacting particle that could provide an explanation for da



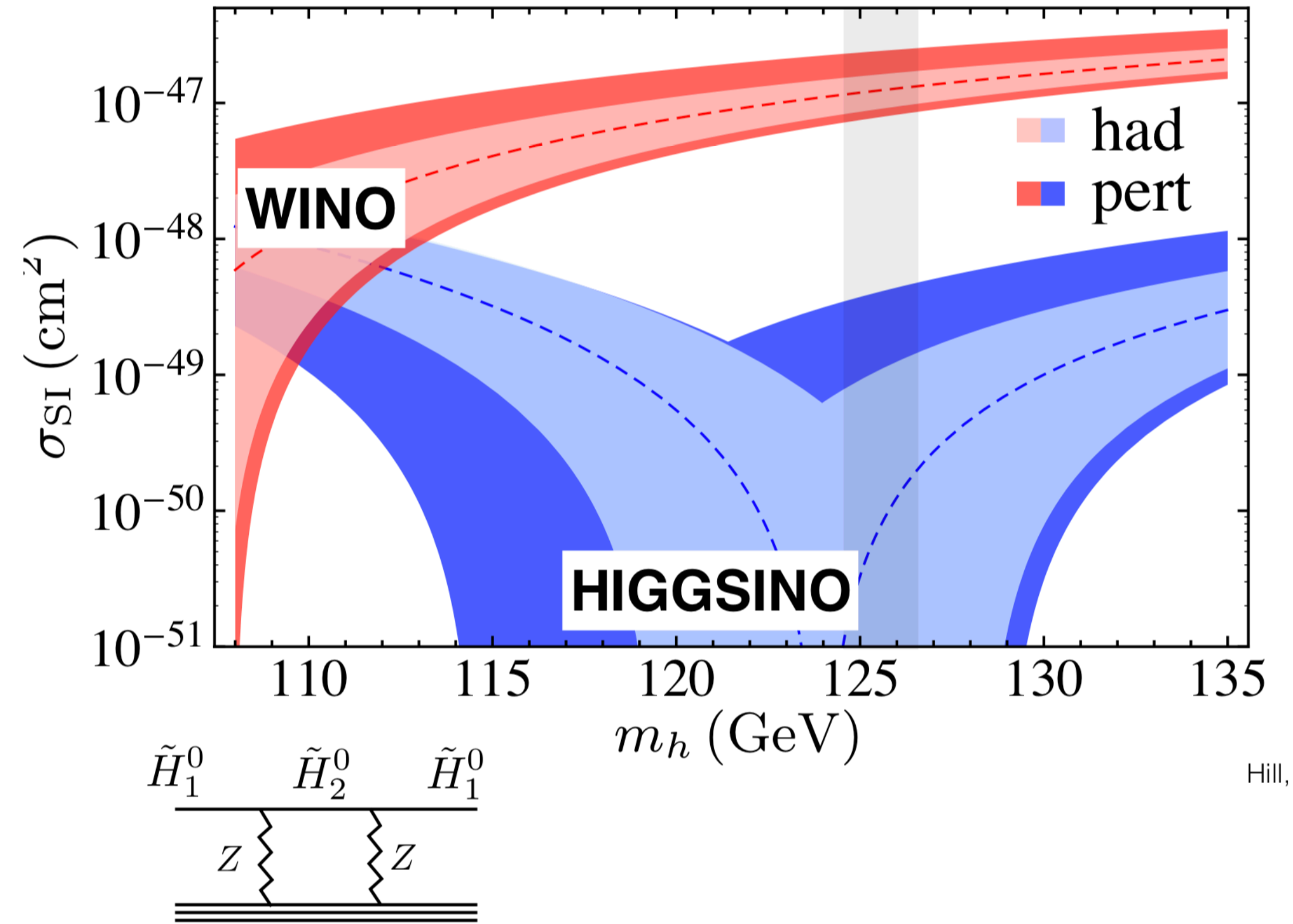


# Neutralino (arguably the OG WIMP) Not close to dead



Joe Bramante

# WINO & Higgsino DM should not have been found yet



Hill, Solon 1309.4092

# EFT Dark matter search

ADP-21-9/T1156, CERN-TH-2021-084, CP3-21-15, P3H-21-038, TTK-21-19, gambit-physics-21

## Thermal WIMPs and the Scale of New Physics: Global Fits of Dirac Dark Matter Effective Field Theories

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Sebastian Wild<sup>22</sup>, Jure Zupan<sup>9</sup>

**Eur. Phys. J. C 81, 992 <https://arxiv.org/abs/2106.02056>**

Let's take on a Dirac dark matter candidate coupled to the SM,  
and not make too many assumptions



# Possible interactions with quark sector up to dimension 7

$$\mathcal{L}_\chi = \bar{\chi} (i\not{\partial} - m_\chi) \chi + \sum_{a,d} \frac{c_a^{(d)}}{\Lambda^{d-4}} Q_a^{(d)}$$

$$Q_{1,q}^{(6)} = (\bar{\chi} \gamma_\mu \chi) (\bar{q} \gamma^\mu q)$$

$$Q_{2,q}^{(6)} = (\bar{\chi} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \chi) (\bar{q} \gamma^\mu q)$$

$$Q_{3,q}^{(6)} = (\bar{\chi} \gamma_\mu \chi) (\bar{q} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 q)$$

$$Q_{4,q}^{(6)} = (\bar{\chi} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 \chi) (\bar{q} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 q)$$

Direct detection signals:

Spin-independent – not suppressed

Spin-independent – suppressed

Spin-dependent – not suppressed

Spin-dependent – suppressed

$$Q_1^{(7)} = \frac{\alpha_s}{12\pi} (\bar{\chi} \chi) G^{a\mu\nu} G_{\mu\nu}^a$$

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$$Q_{5,q}^{(7)} = m_q (\bar{\chi} \chi) (\bar{q} q)$$

$$Q_{6,q}^{(7)} = m_q (\bar{\chi} i\gamma_5 \chi) (\bar{q} q)$$

$$Q_{7,q}^{(7)} = m_q (\bar{\chi} \chi) (\bar{q} i\gamma_5 q)$$

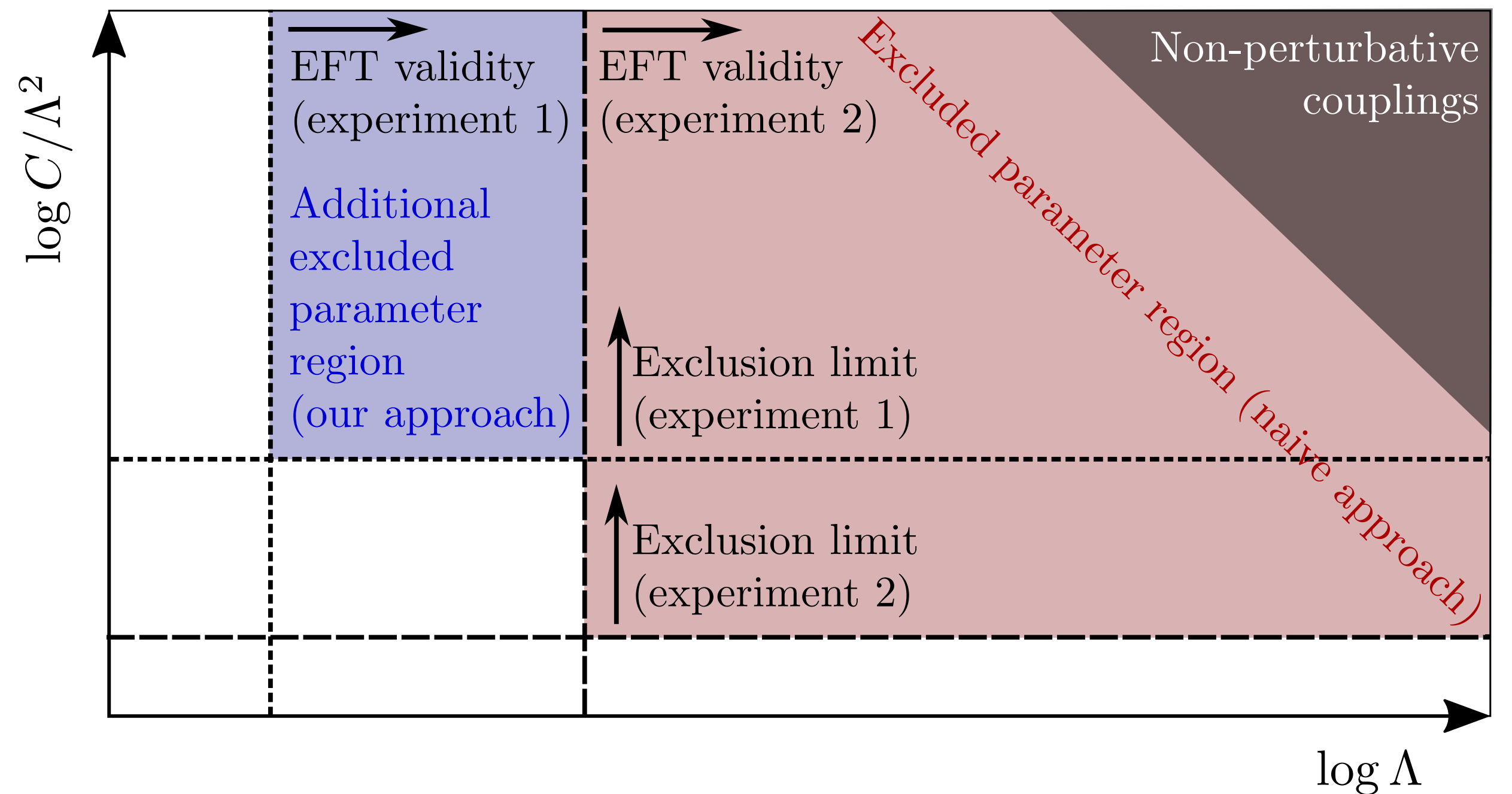
$$Q_{8,q}^{(7)} = m_q (\bar{\chi} i\gamma_5 \chi) (\bar{q} i\gamma_5 q)$$

$$Q_{9,q}^{(7)} = m_q (\bar{\chi} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \chi) (\bar{q} \sigma_{\mu\nu} q)$$

$$Q_{10,q}^{(7)} = m_q (\bar{\chi} i\sigma^{\mu\nu} \gamma_5 \chi) (\bar{q} \sigma_{\mu\nu} q)$$

# Dark Matter EFT search

- We vary the scale of new physics  $\Lambda$  as an independent parameter
- Relic density calculation requires  $\Lambda > 2m_\chi$
- If ( $\Lambda >$  scale probed by other experiments), we compute  $\ln \mathcal{L}_{\text{experiment}}$  otherwise, we set  $\ln \mathcal{L}_{\text{experiment}} = 0$
- For LHC, we smoothly cut off the spectrum to suppress events with  $\text{MET} > \Lambda$





# Observables

- **Direct detection**

- **DirectDM**: Fully automated RG evolution from  $\Lambda$  to low energies and matching to non-relativistic effective operators at hadronic scale
- **DDCalc** :Large database of direct detection constraints including astrophysical and nuclear uncertainties

- **LHC** constraints (**ColliderBit**)

- Monoject analyses: ATLAS  $139 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  based on full Run 2 datasets + CMS  $36 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
- Fast profiling of LHC nuisance parameters

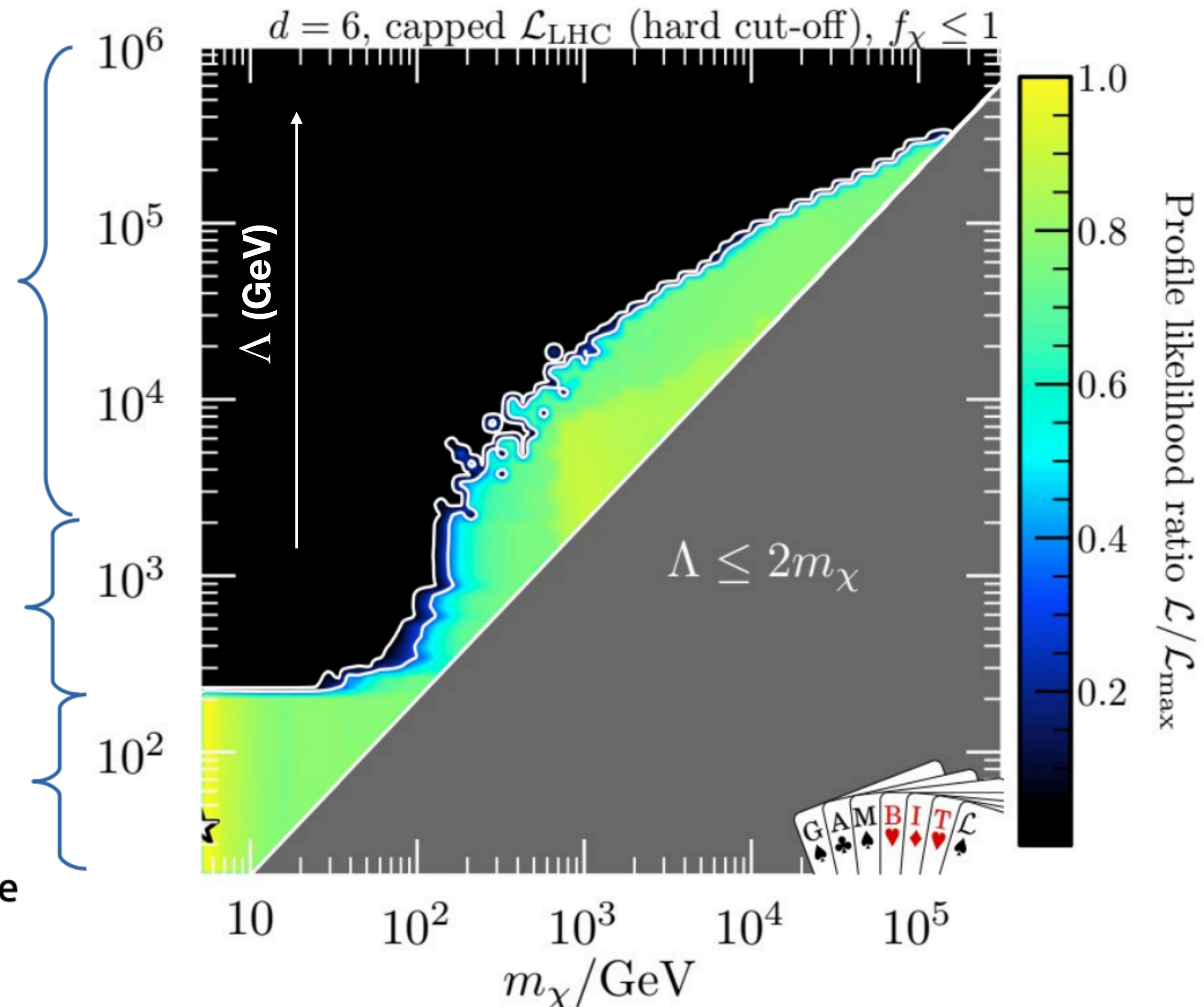
- **Indirect detection**

- **DarkSUSY**: Relic density calculation
- **GUM**: Fully automated calculation of cross sections and gamma-ray spectra
- **CosmoBit**: CMB constraints on energy injection from annihilation
- **Capt'n General** Solar Capture + neutrinos with arbitrary DM-nucleon interaction
- Interface with **DIVER** differential sampler fully automated in GAMBIT

# DMEFT Results - General picture

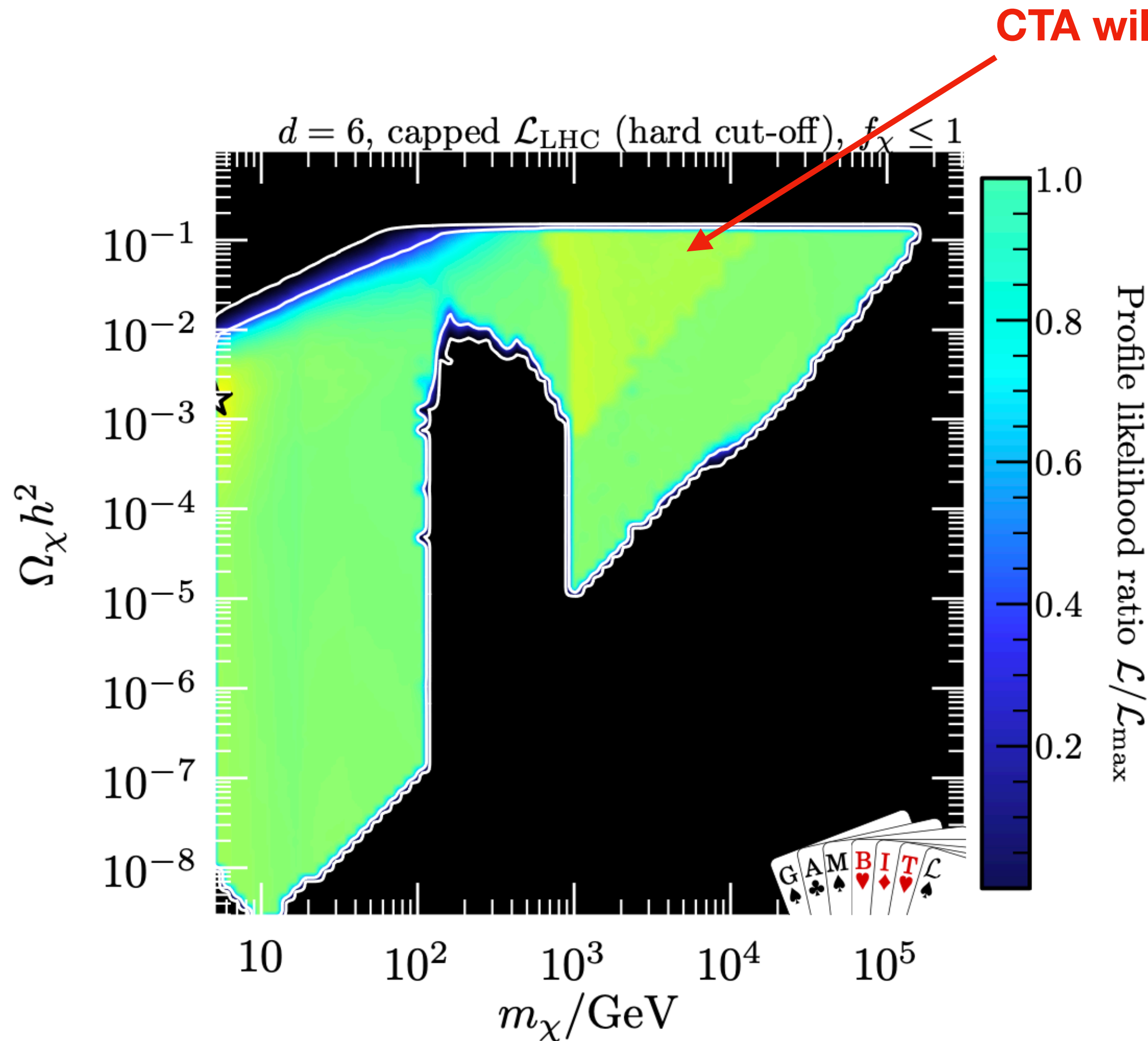
New physics scale  $\Lambda$ :

- EFT valid for all constraints
- Most experiments are insensitive
- Constraints driven by relic density requirement
- $\Lambda$  comparable to LHC energies
- Strong LHC constraints
- $\Lambda$  below LHC energies
- Large viable parameter space





# DMEFT: Allowed DM parameters



Low-mass ( $m_\chi \lesssim 100$  TeV) DM allowed if:

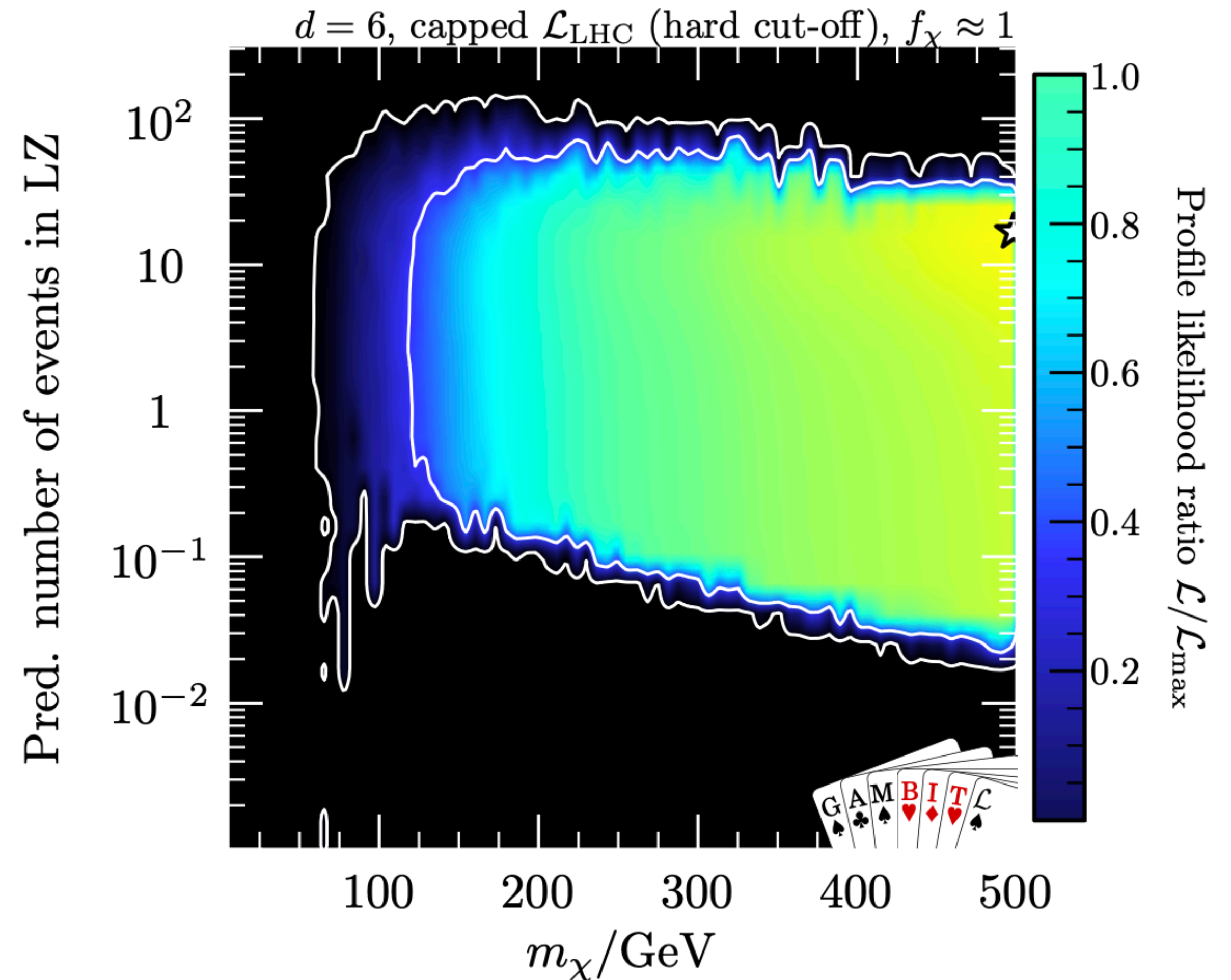
- Underabundant or CP-violating

e.g.  $\mathcal{Q}_{3,q}^{(6)} = (\bar{\chi}\gamma^\mu\chi)(\bar{q}\gamma_\mu\gamma^5q)$  spin-dependent and velocity suppressed

- Low  $\Lambda$  s.t. LHC constraints invalid (but mediator would probably show up...)

# Enforcing 100% of the dark matter

- DM must be heavy
- High chance of being seen at e.g. LZ (mainly due to loop-induced operator mixing, which could be suppressed by other interactions)





# Many remaining WIMP identities

(Dan Hooper, PHENO 2022)

- 1) **Co-annihilations** between the dark matter and another state
- 2) Annihilations to **W, Z and/or Higgs** bosons; scattering with nuclei only through highly suppressed **loop diagrams**
- 3) Interaction which suppress elastic scattering with nuclei by **powers of velocity or momentum**
- 4) Dark matter that is **lighter** than a few GeV (relaxing direct constraints)
- 5) Departures from radiation domination in the **early universe** (early matter domination; late-time reheating, etc.) which result in the depletion of the dark matter's relic abundance
- 6) The dark matter annihilates to unstable non-Standard Model states (ie. **hidden sector** models)

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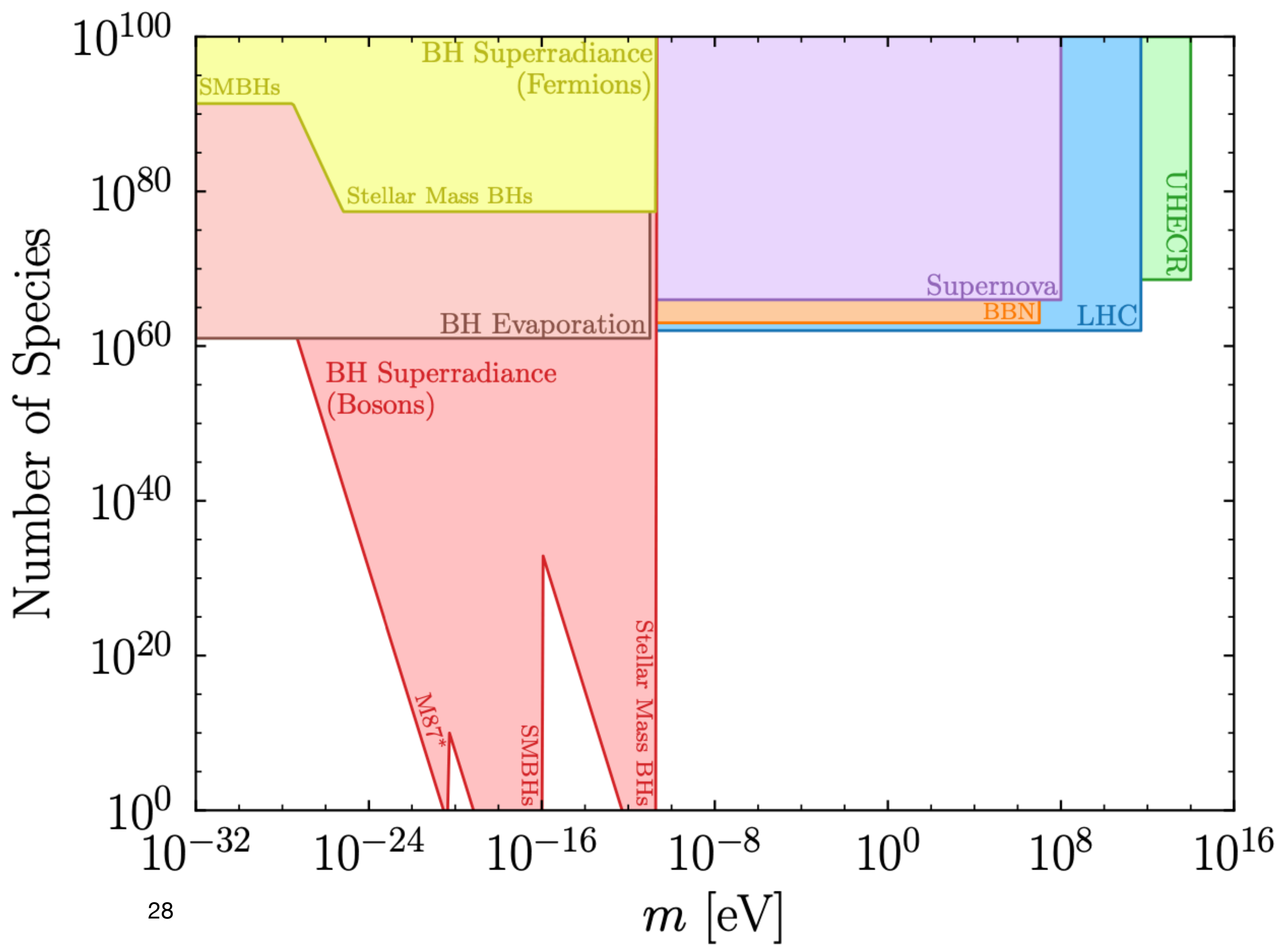
*A Map of The Charted and Uncharted Territories of Dark Matter and its Theories*







Many guiding principles, e.g. Tremaine Gunn (limit on number of Fermions in the galactic centre due to Pauli exclusion -> limit on DM mass  $\gtrsim$  few eV) can be circumvented by being clever enough

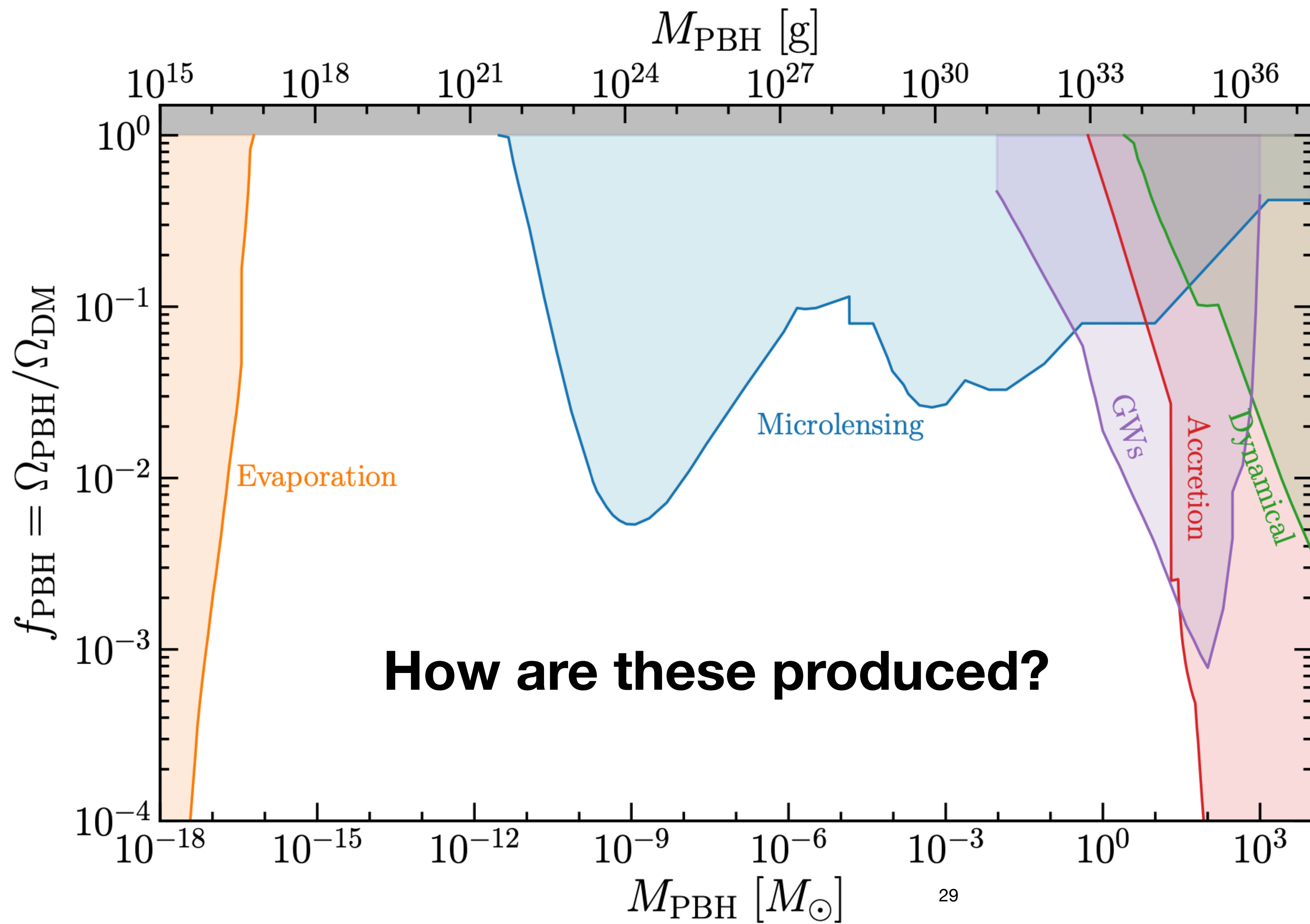


### Ultralight Fermionic Dark Matter

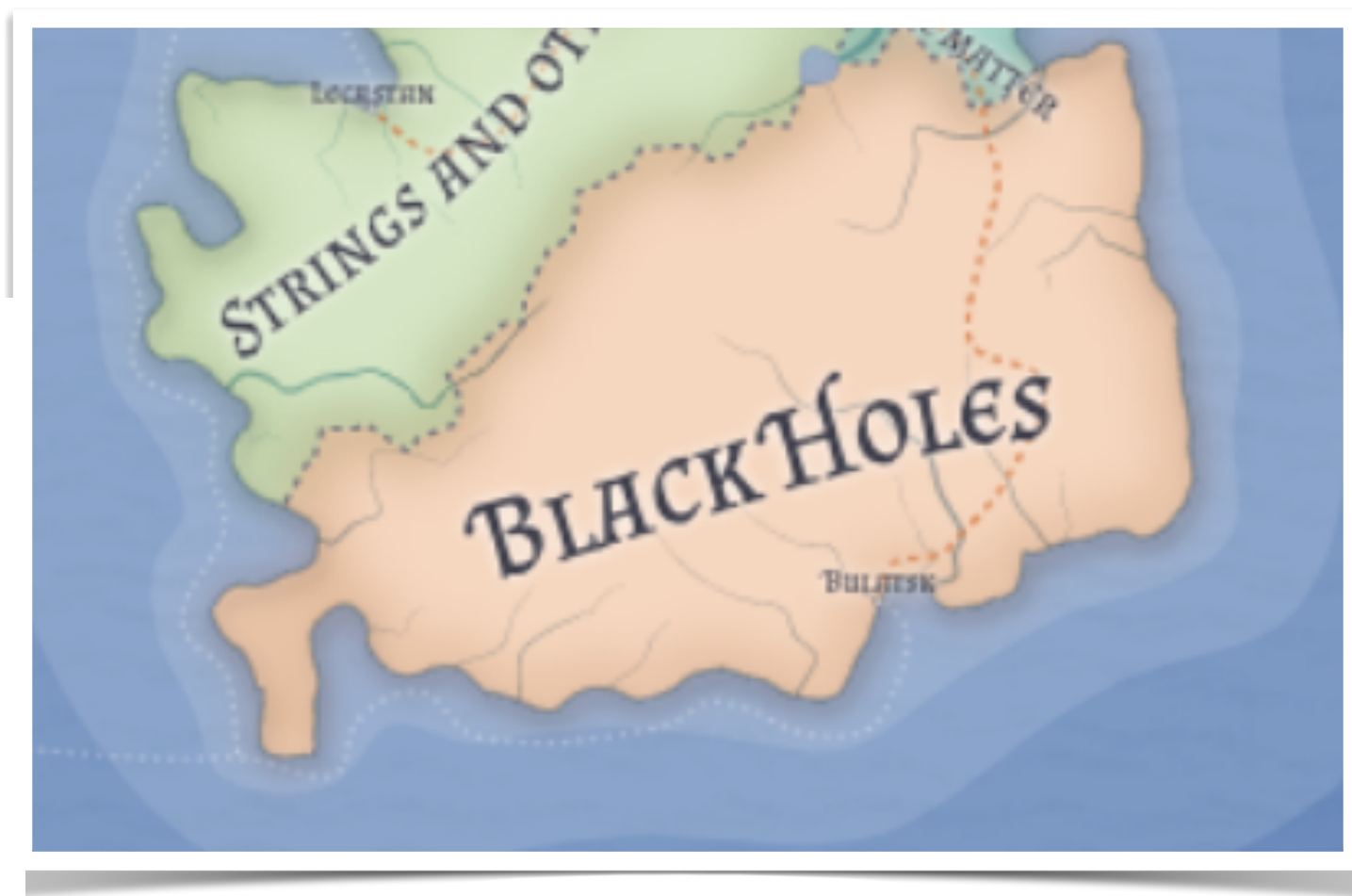
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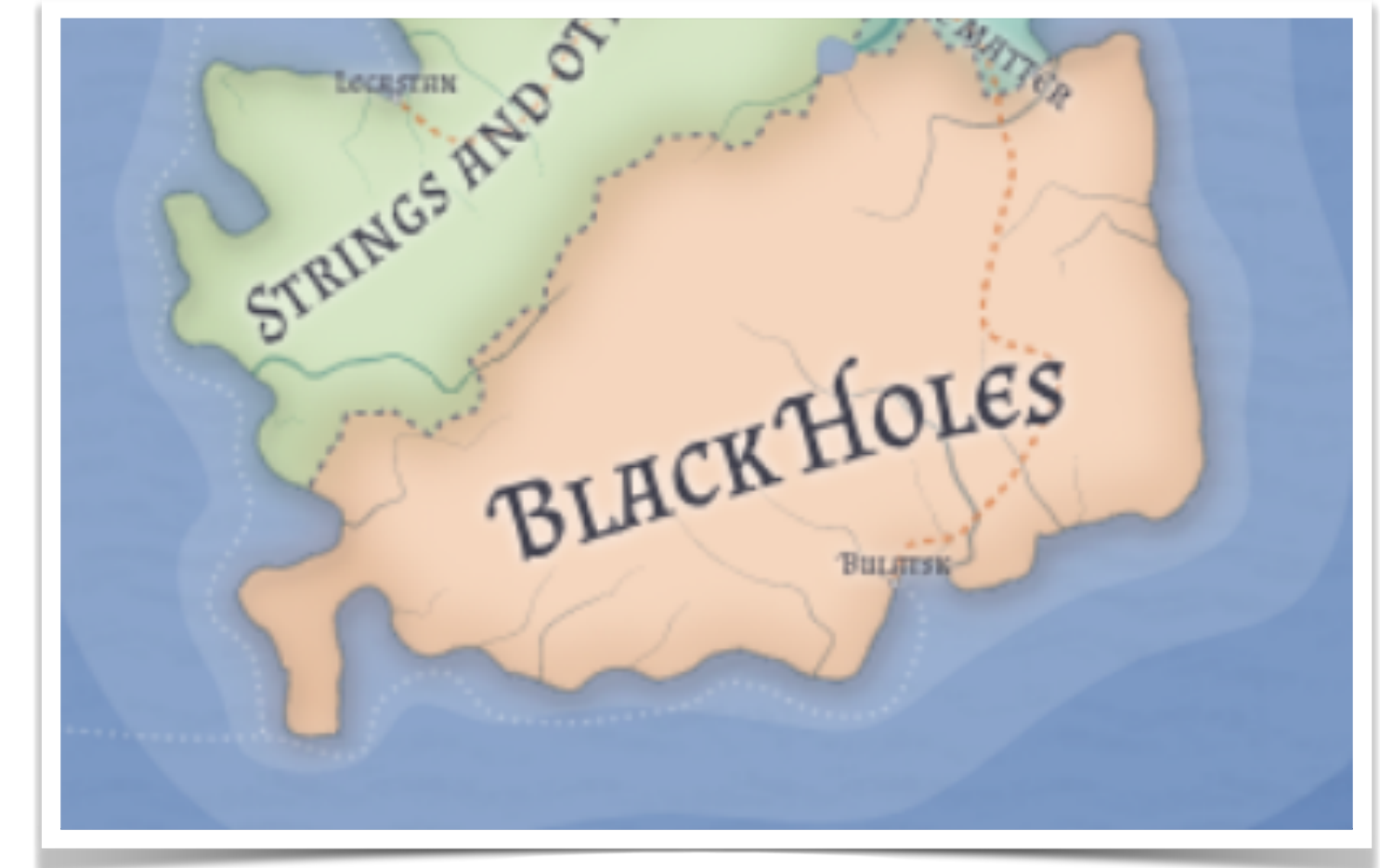


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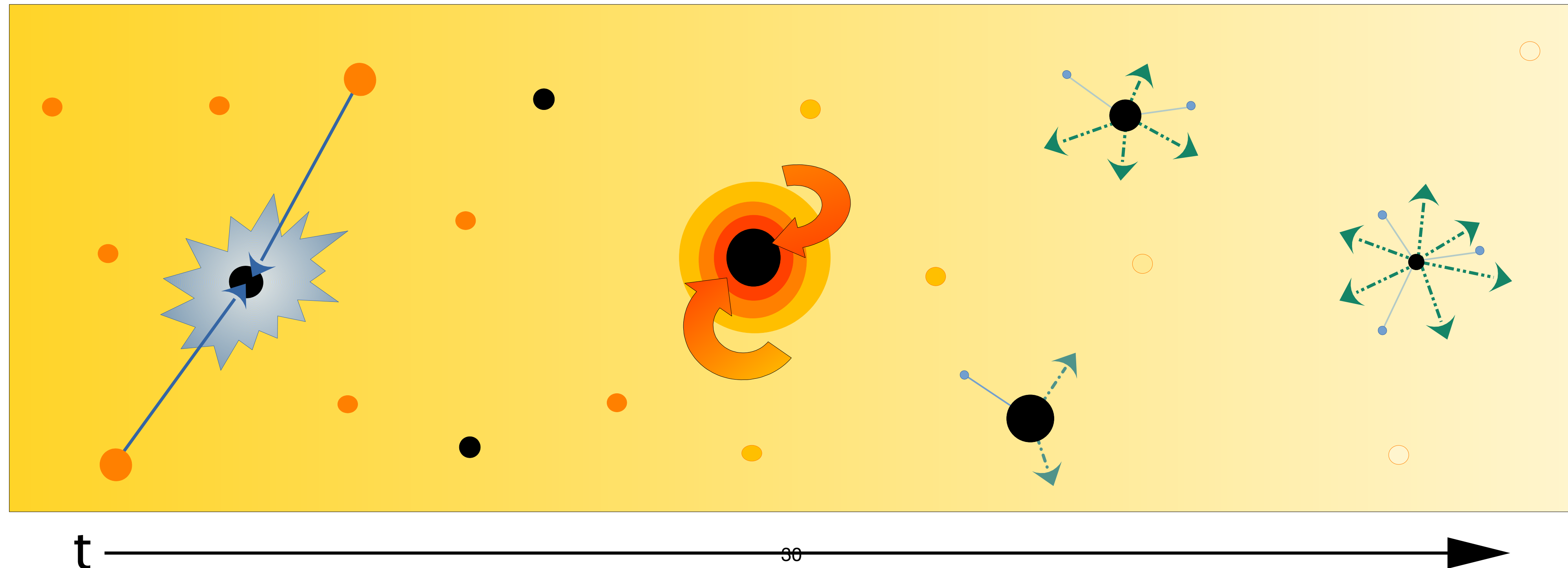


# New & rediscovered mechanisms and predictions for primordial black hole dark matter

In theories of large extra dimensions (e.g. Arkani-Hamed et al), collisions in the hot dense plasma of the Early Universe can make **black holes** which grow to macroscopic size by accreting plasma (see Conley & Wizansky 2006).



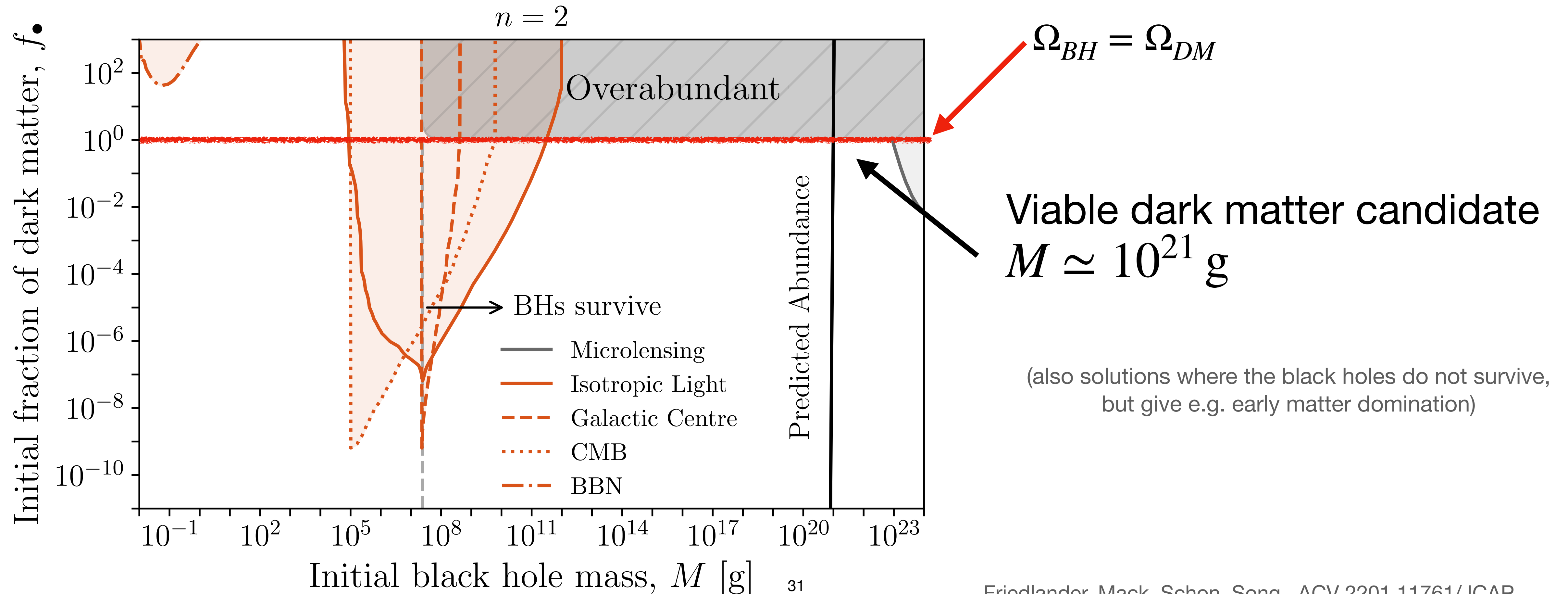
Friedlander, Mack, Schon, Song, ACV 2201.11761/JCAP





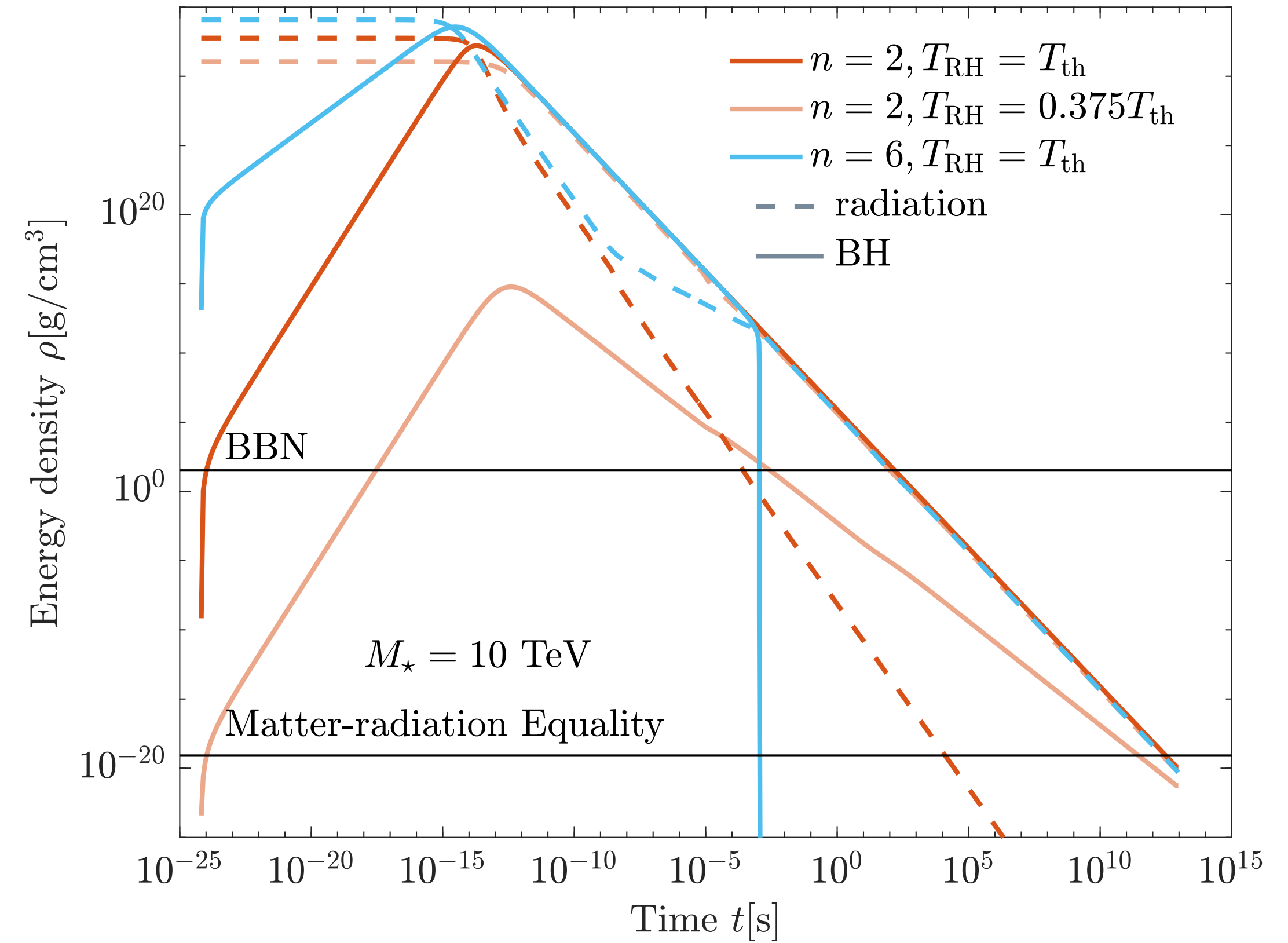
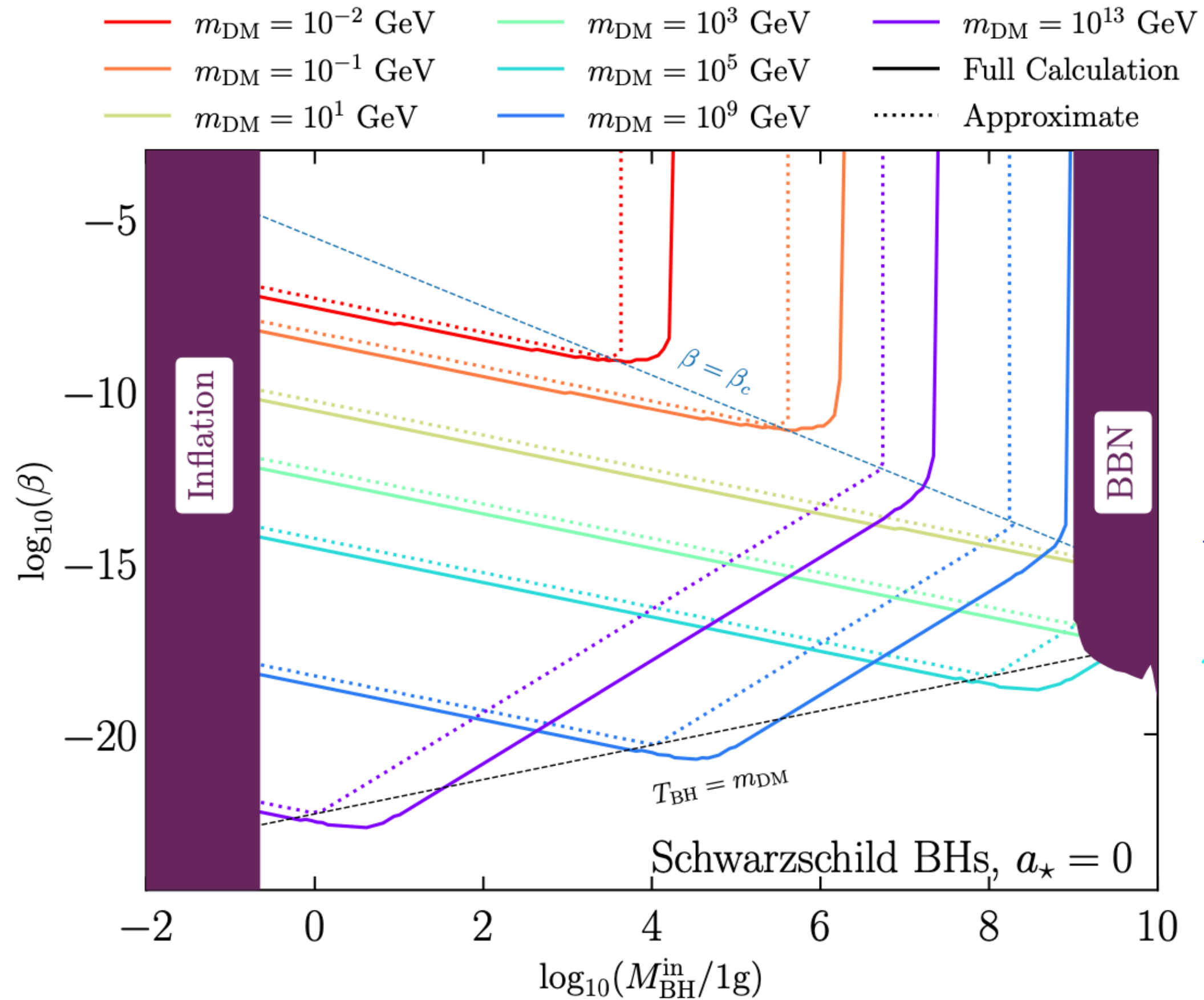
# Extra-dimensional primordial black holes

- These exhibit a **different lifetime, Hawking temperature and spectrum** from their 4d counterparts



# Producing sequestered sectors from black hole evaporation?

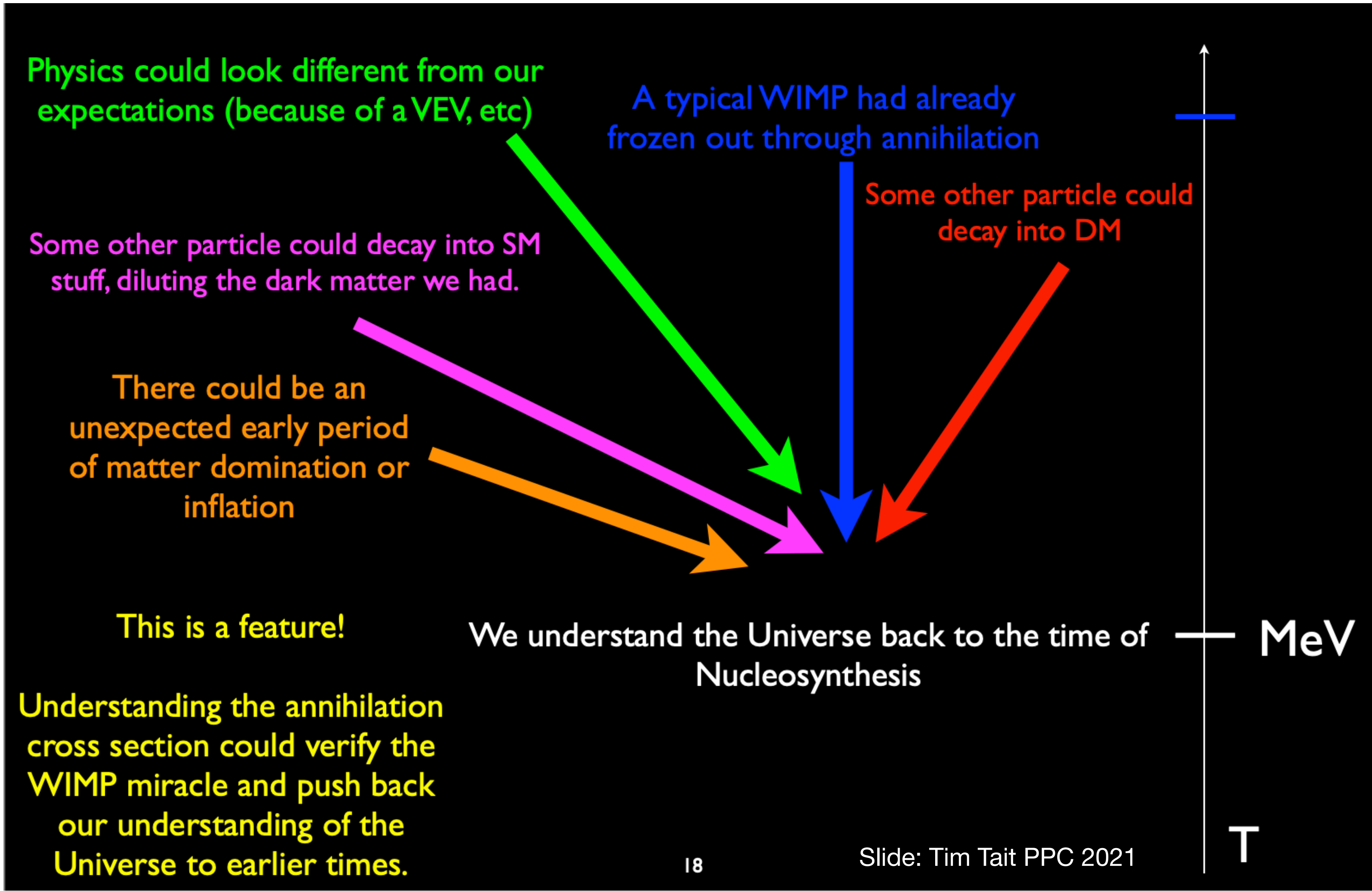
e.g. Cheek et al. 2107.00016, 2104.03297



Early Matter domination -> decay (Friedlander...ACV 2022)



Whatever happens, detecting dark matter and measuring its properties tells us far more than we now know about the early Universe



# Conclusions

- CDM still works quite well, but alternatives are worth pursuing
- The WIMP have survived challenges, even if the WIMP parameter space is shrinking
- Each new challenge brings new ideas, as the parameter space for other models keeps growing
- Simulation and theory guide us, but ultimately experiment will tell us what DM is — and by extension will unlock much more particle physics, and knowledge of the Early Universe





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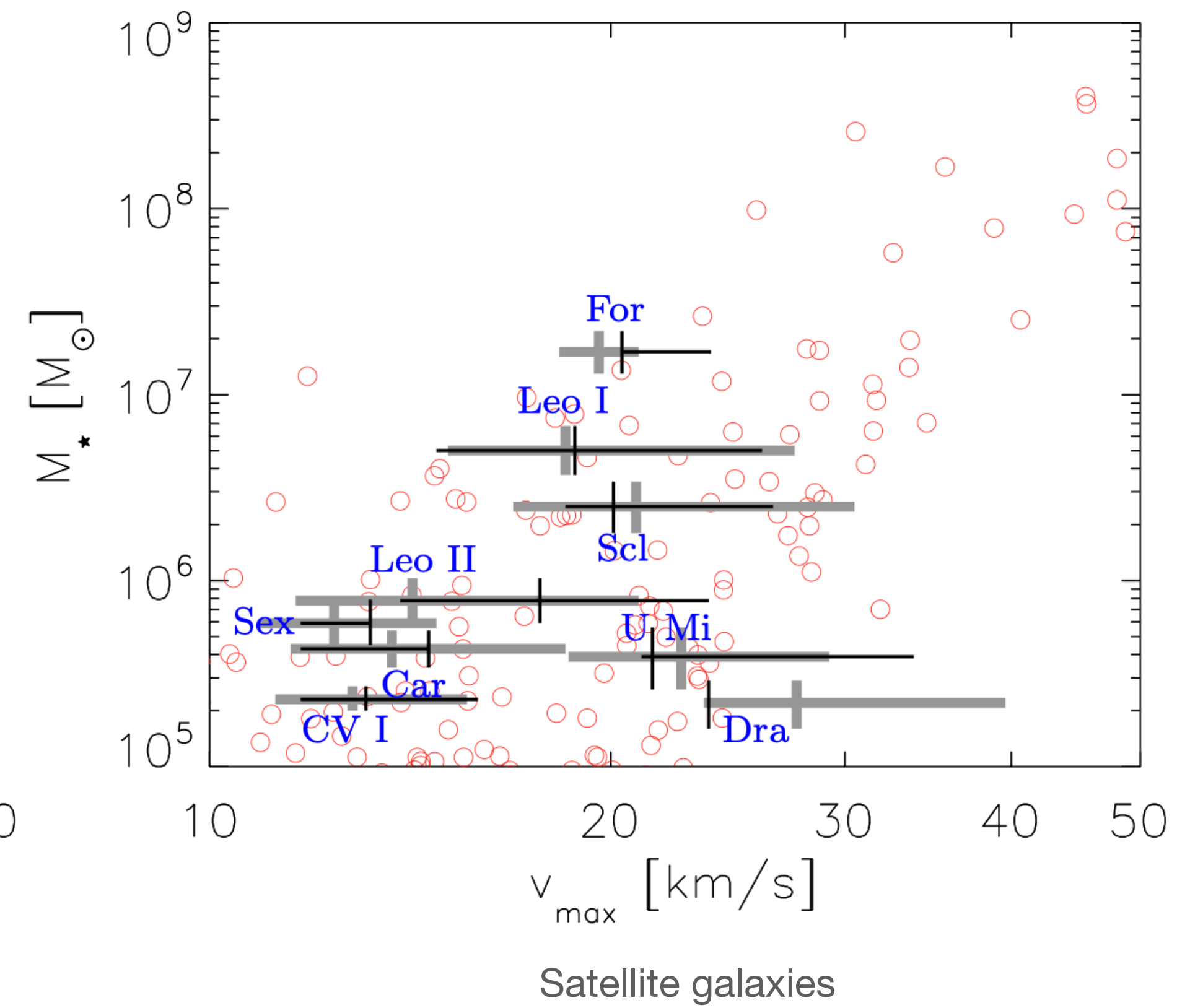
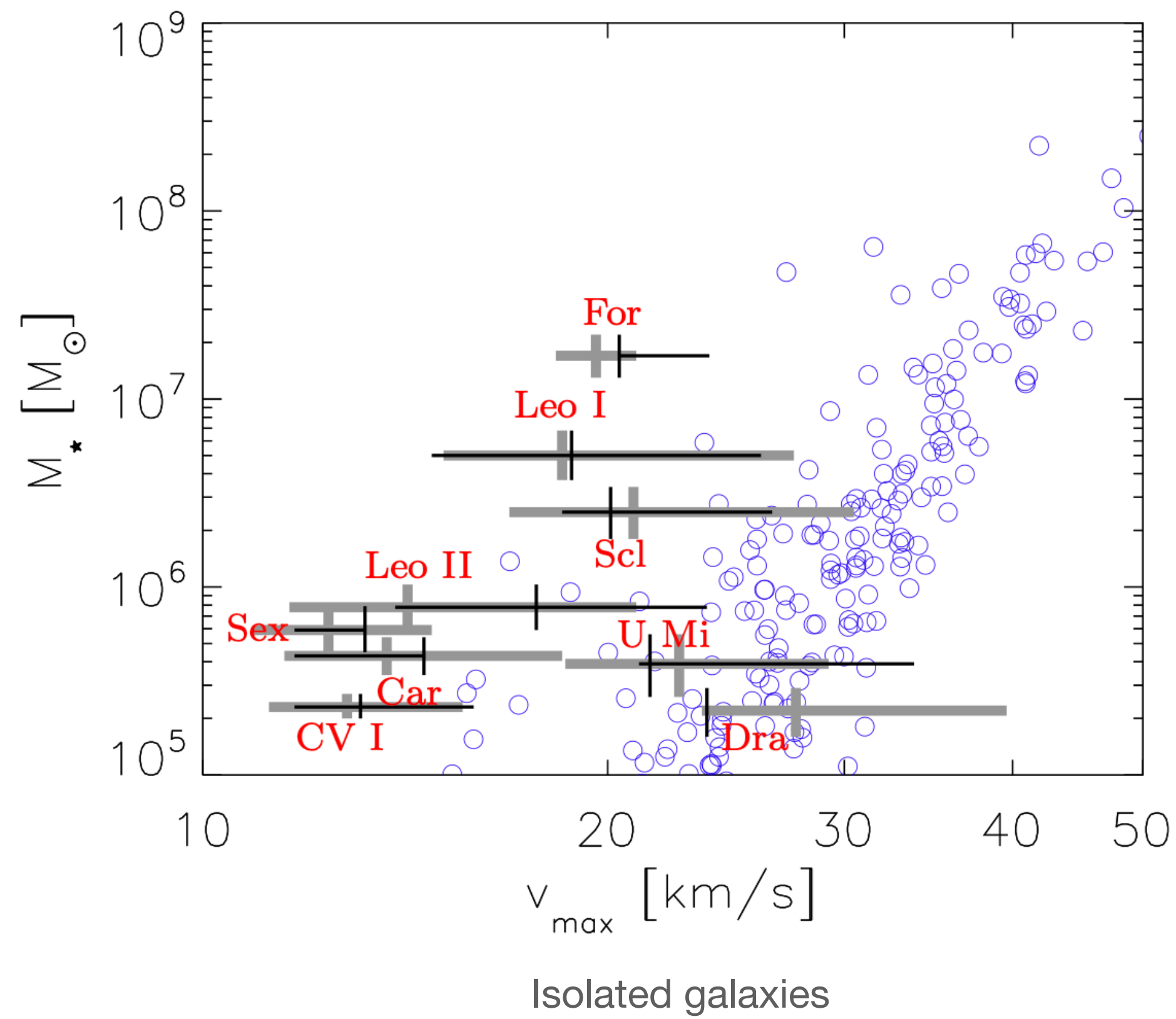
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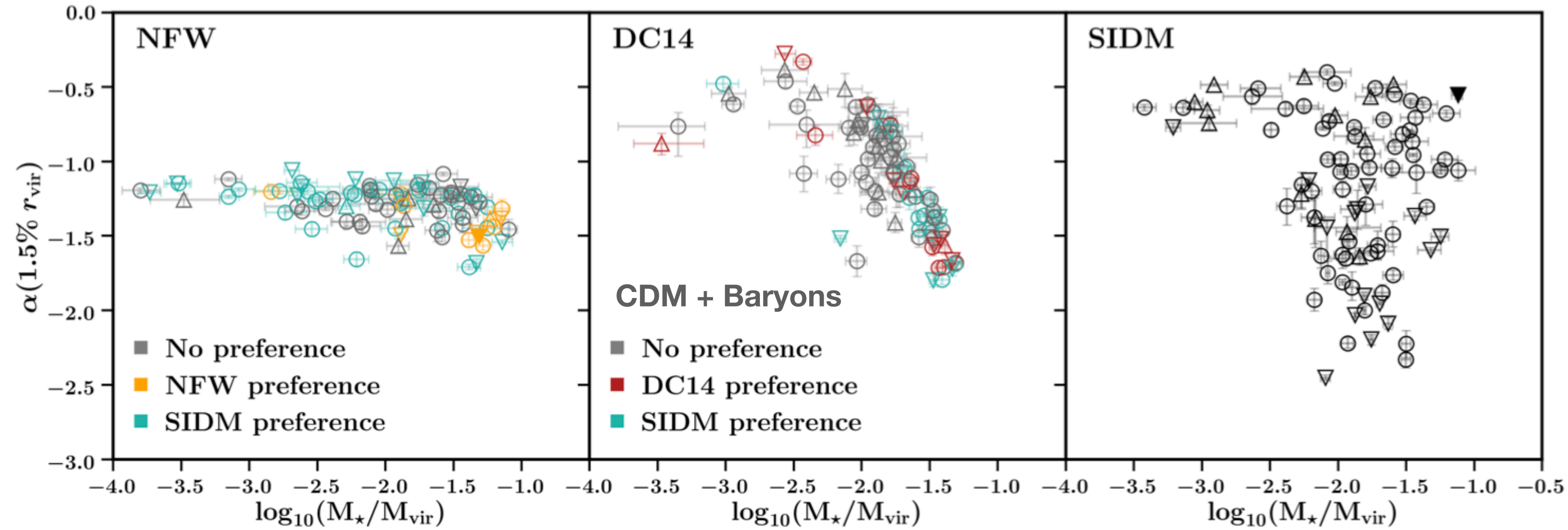


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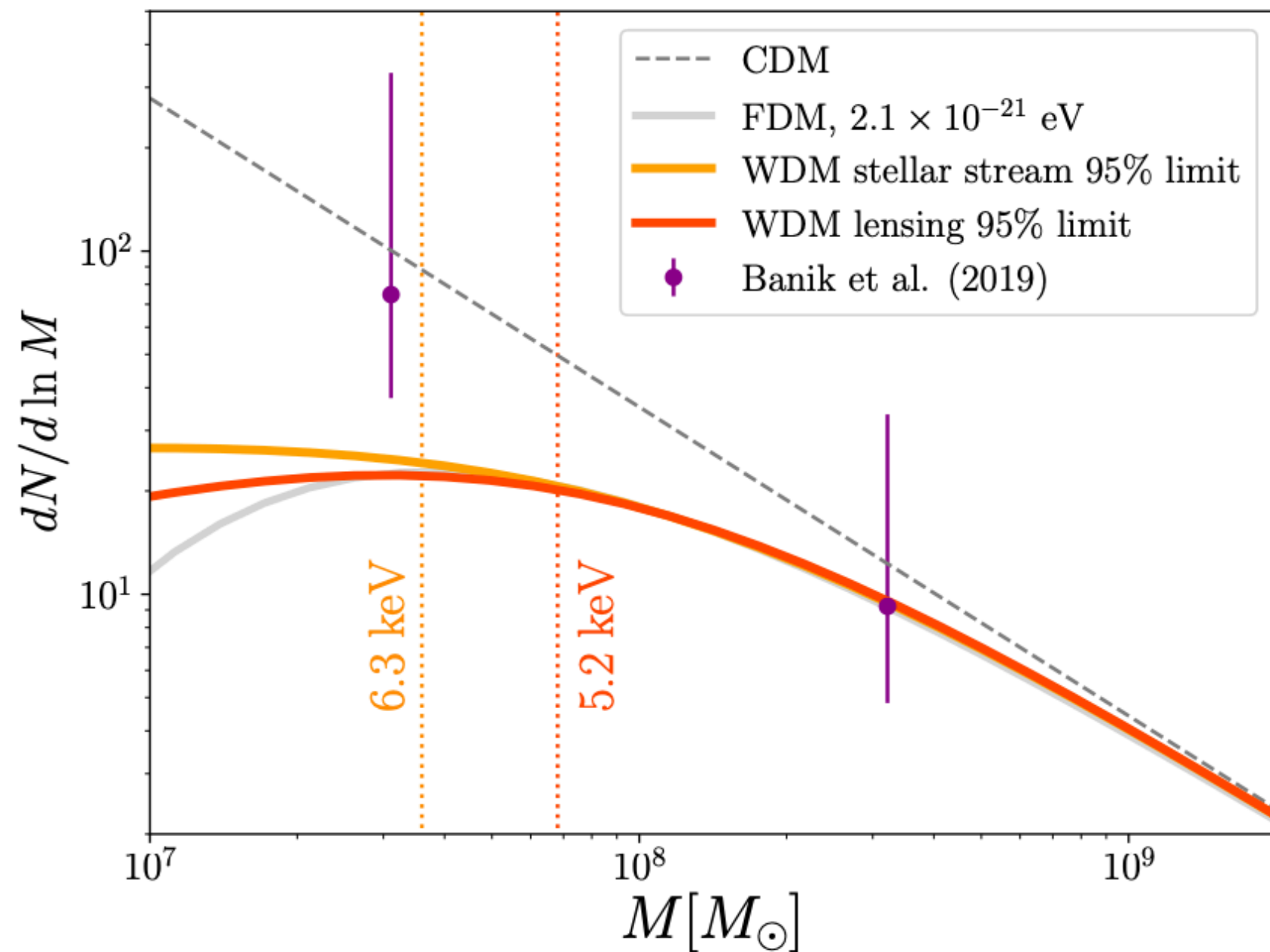




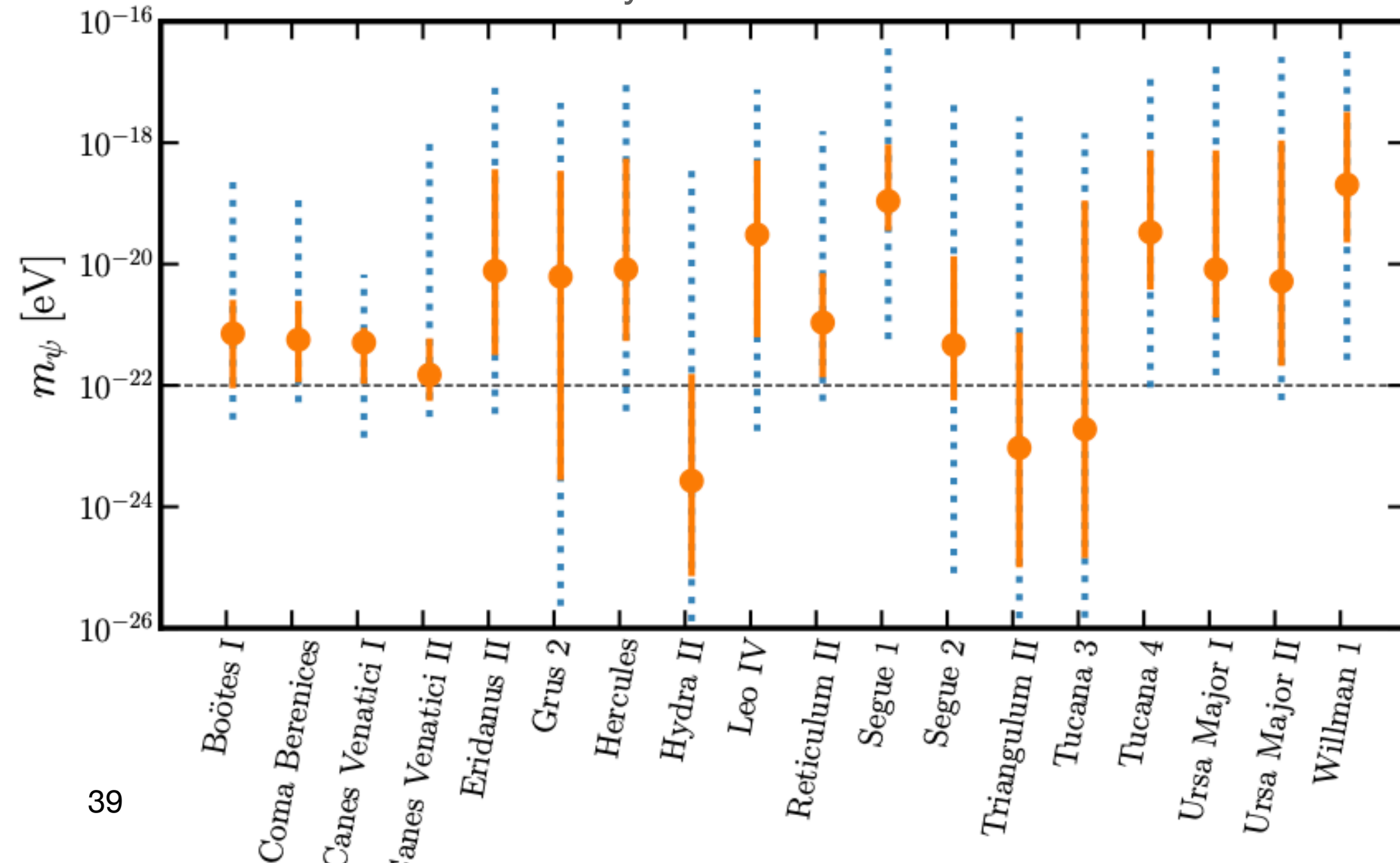
# Diversity of inner slopes Zentner et al. 2202.00012



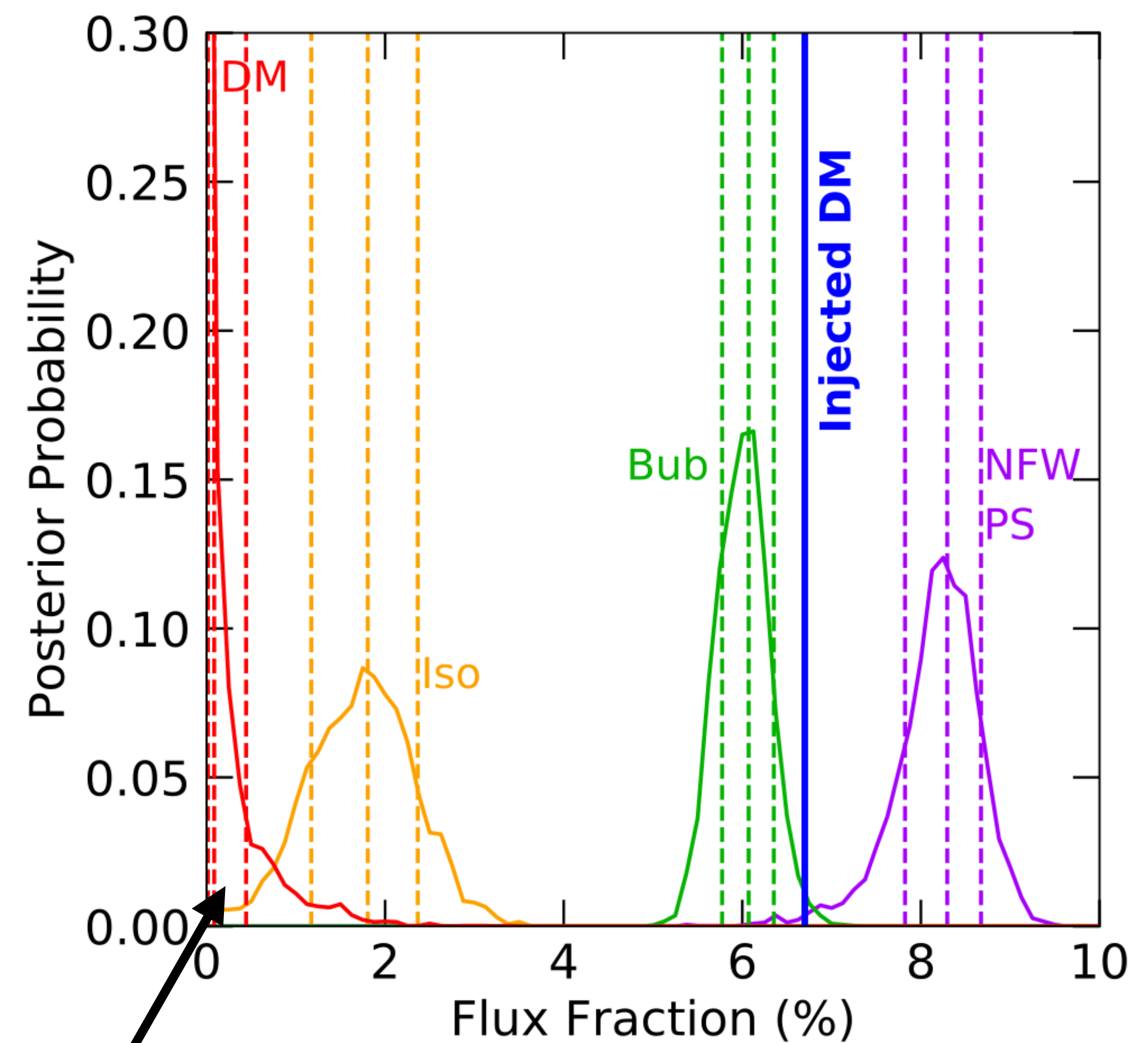
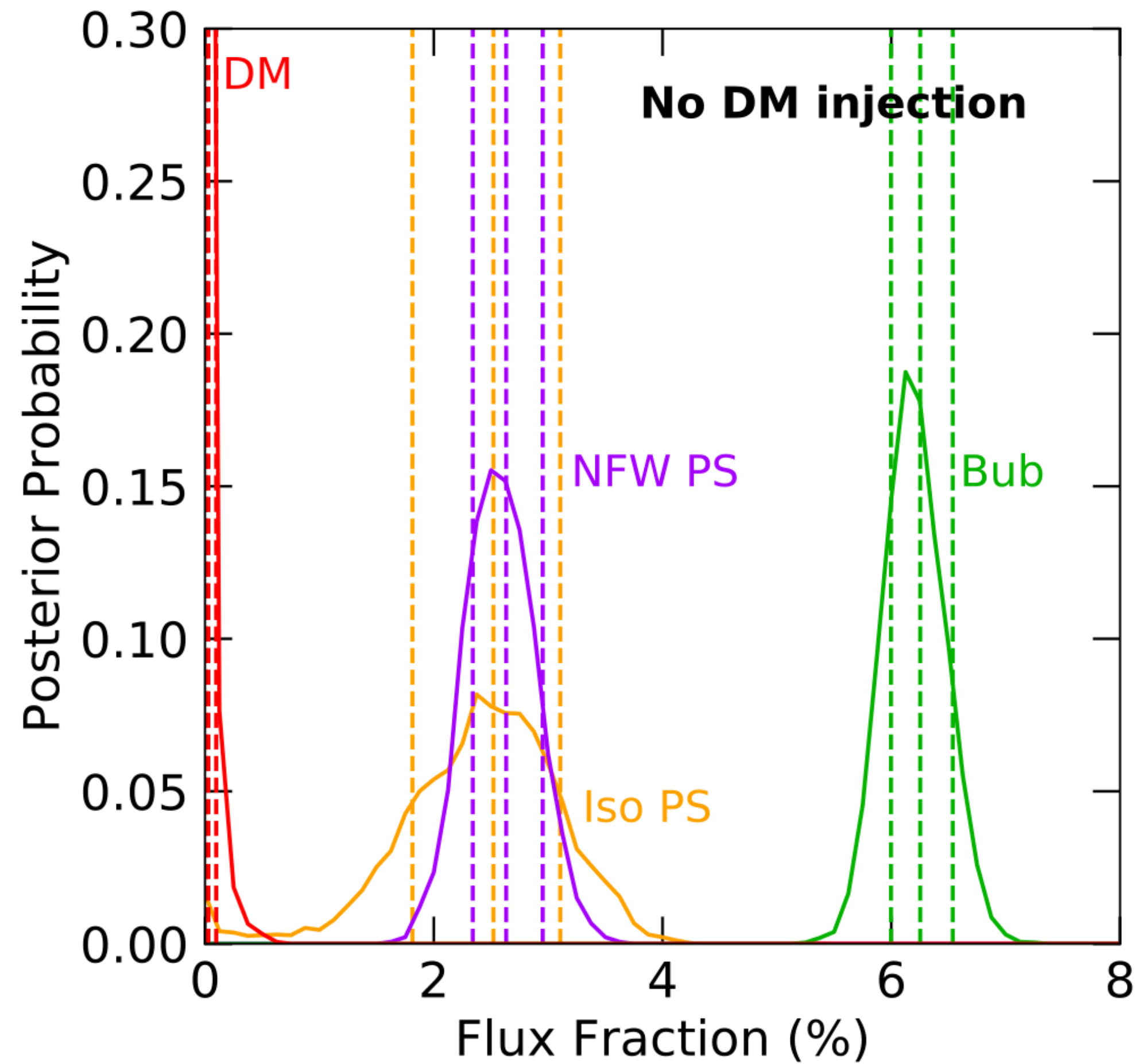
Halo Mass function of ULDM, Schutz 2001.05503



Hayashi et al. 2102.05300



# Galactic centre excess: Leane & Slatyer 2019



Dark matter not seen with this analysis method



