



Direct and Indirect Detection of Dark Matter

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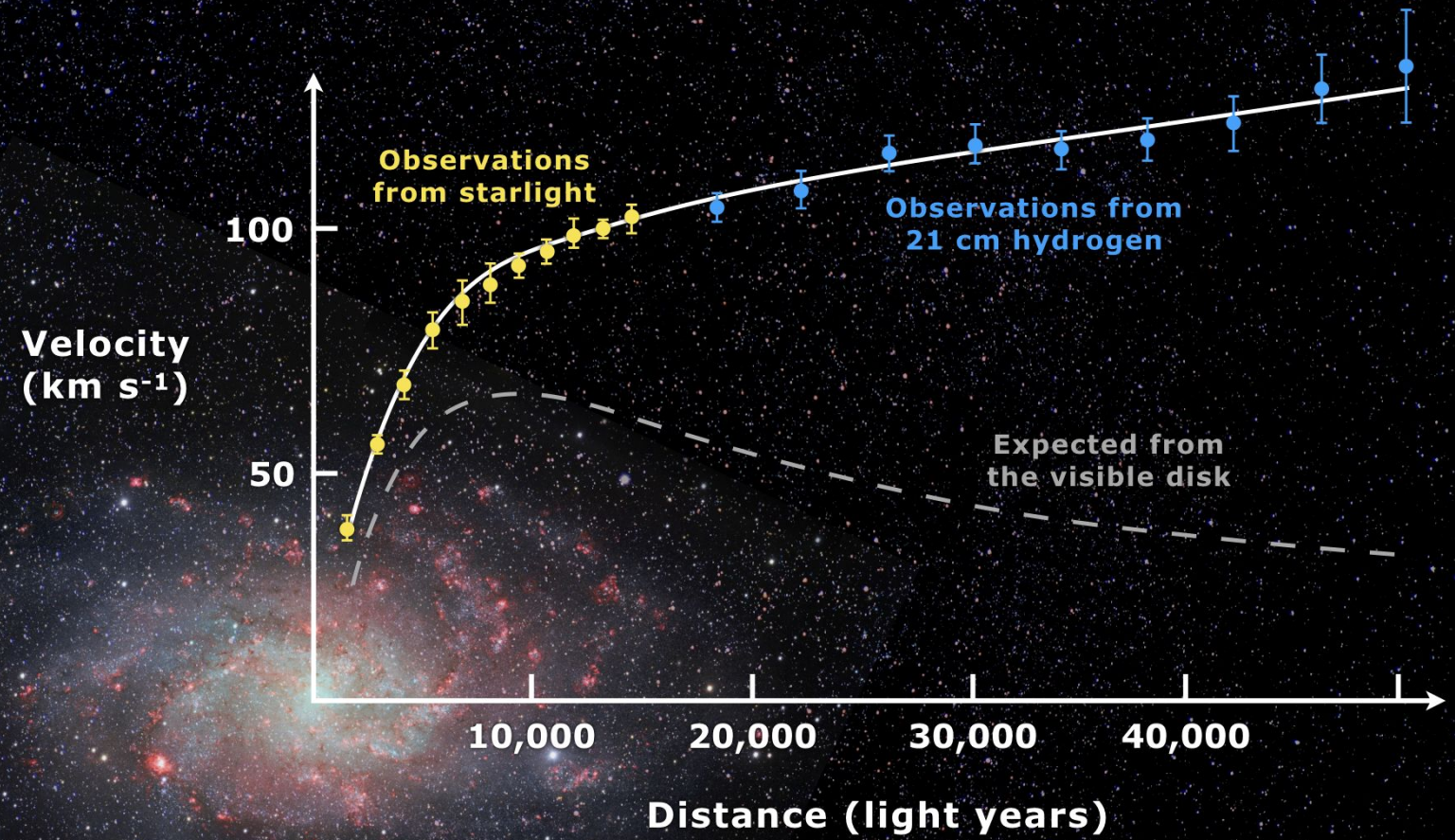
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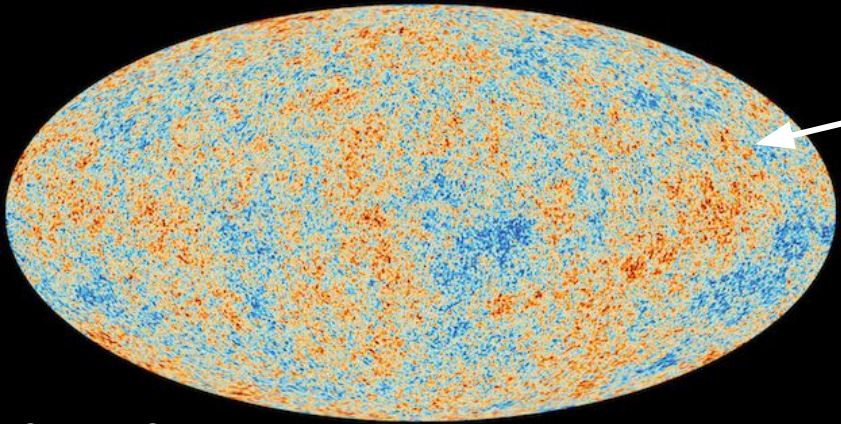
Gravity + Uniform Circular Motion
 $GMm/r^2 = mv^2/r$, so at large r , $v \sim 1/r^{1/2}$

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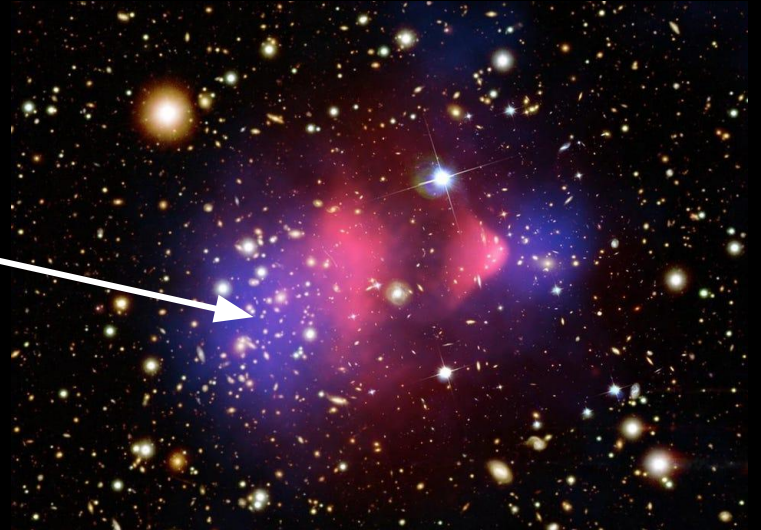
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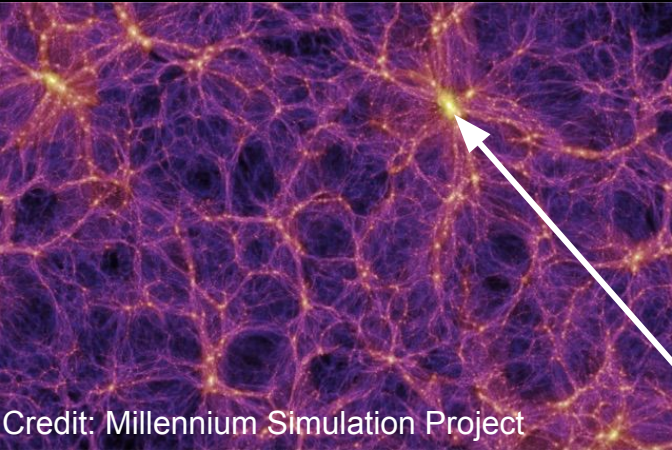
Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB)

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Gravitational Lensing



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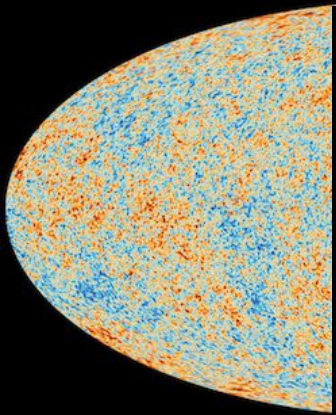


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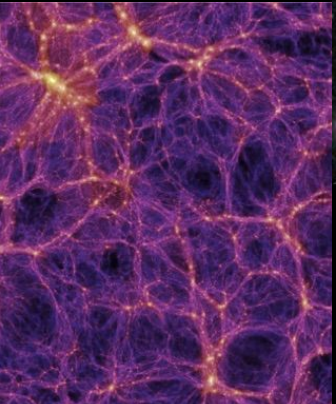
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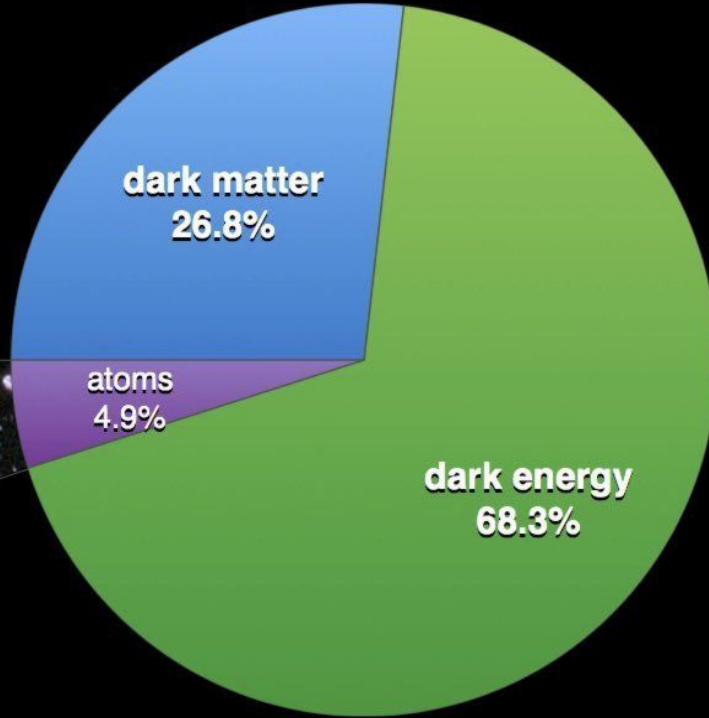
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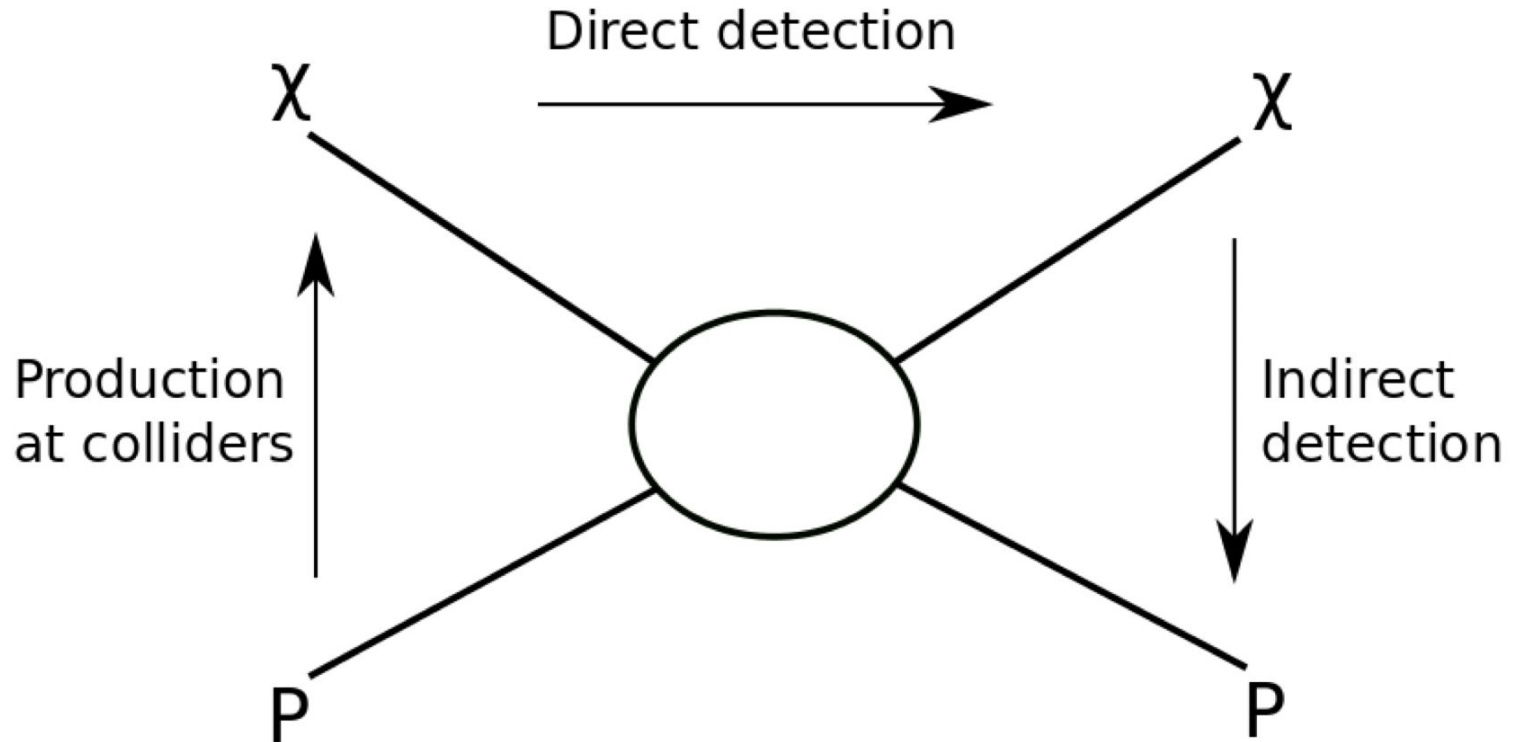
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Option 2: Too light to detect (Axions/ALPs)

Option 3: Too rare to detect (Black holes?)

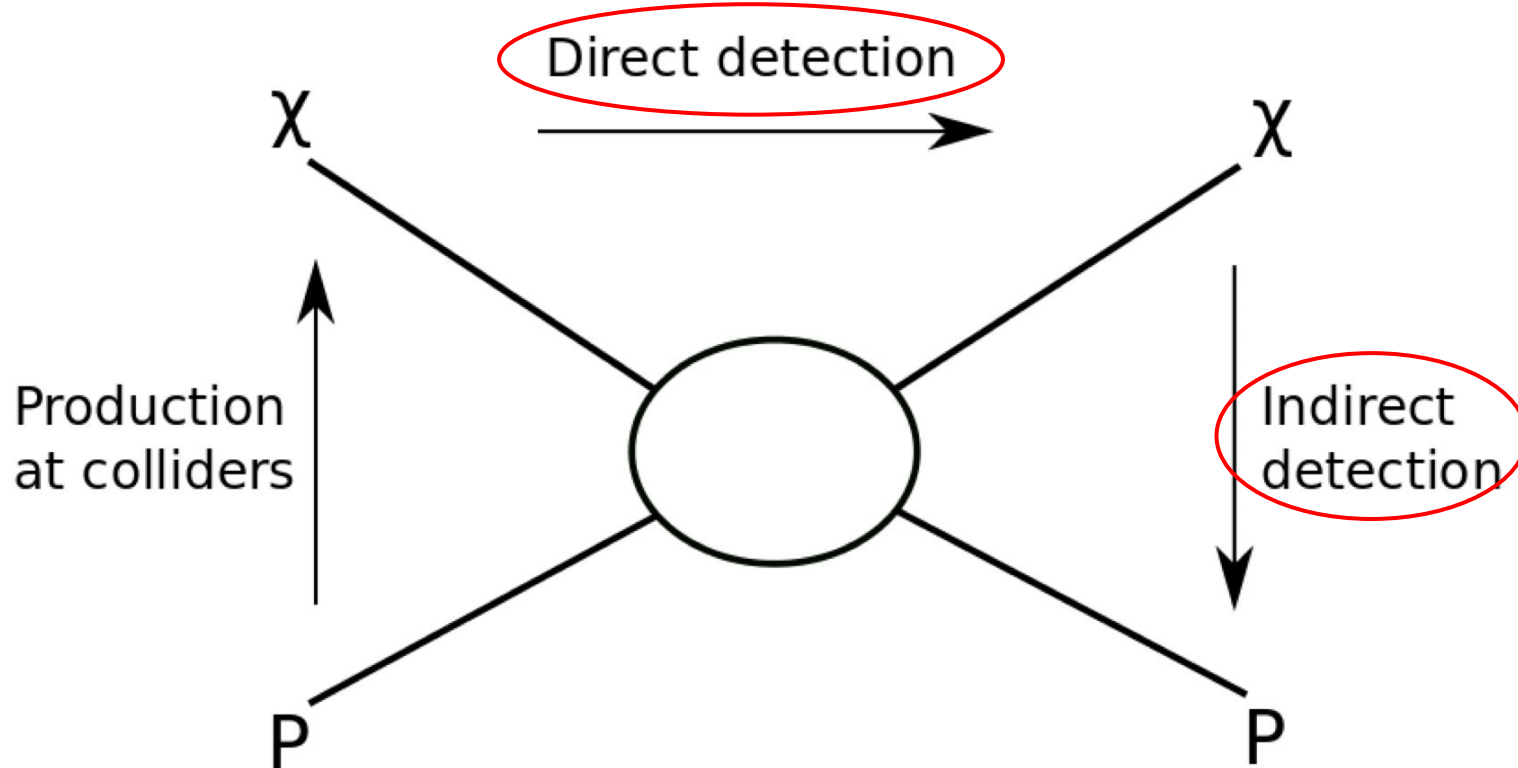
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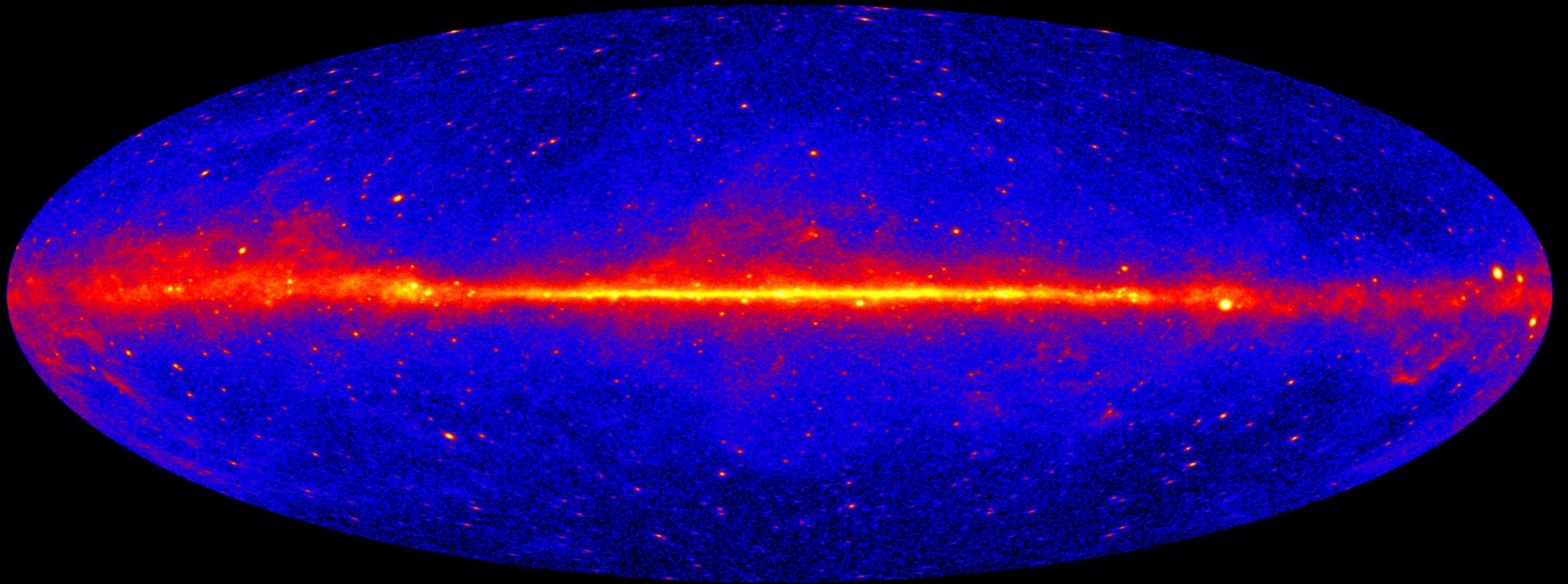
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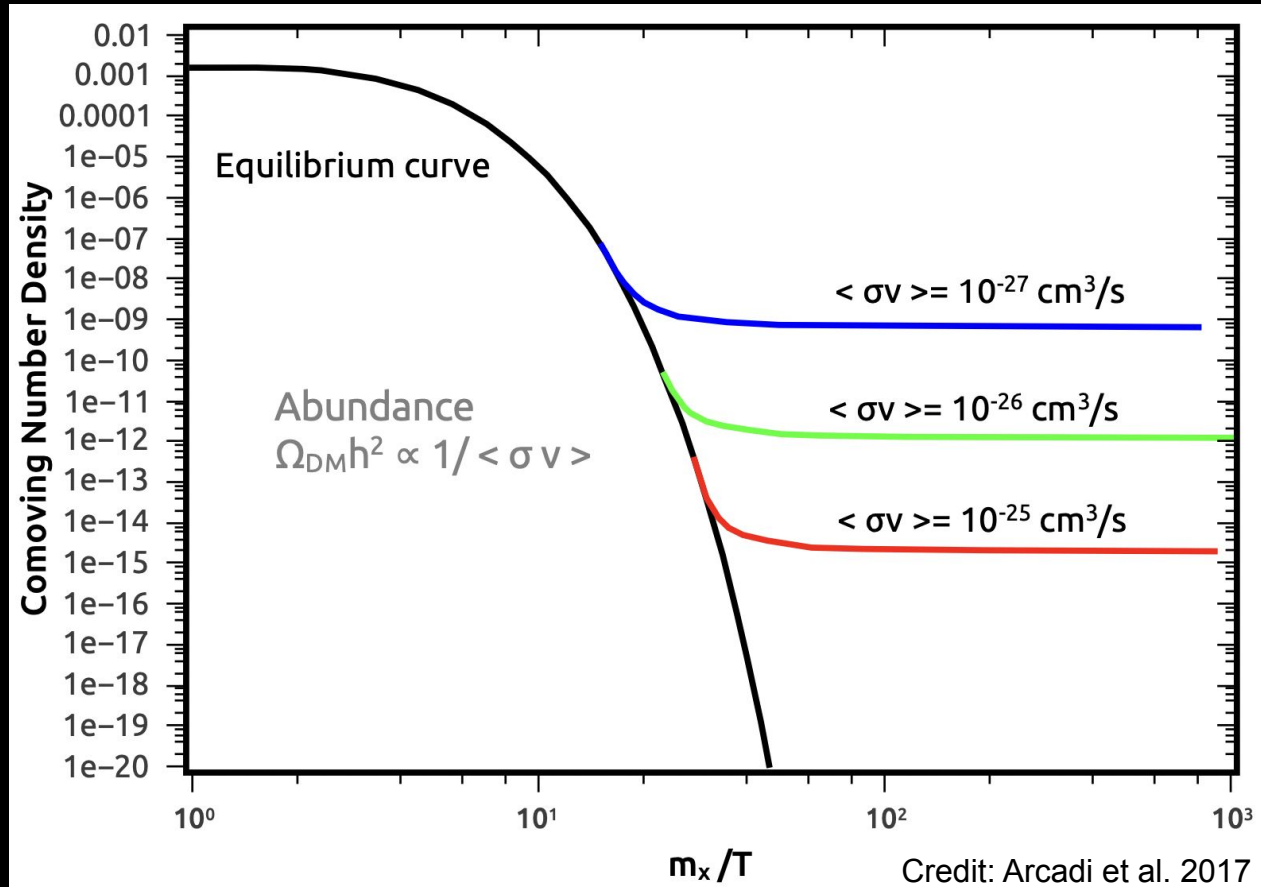


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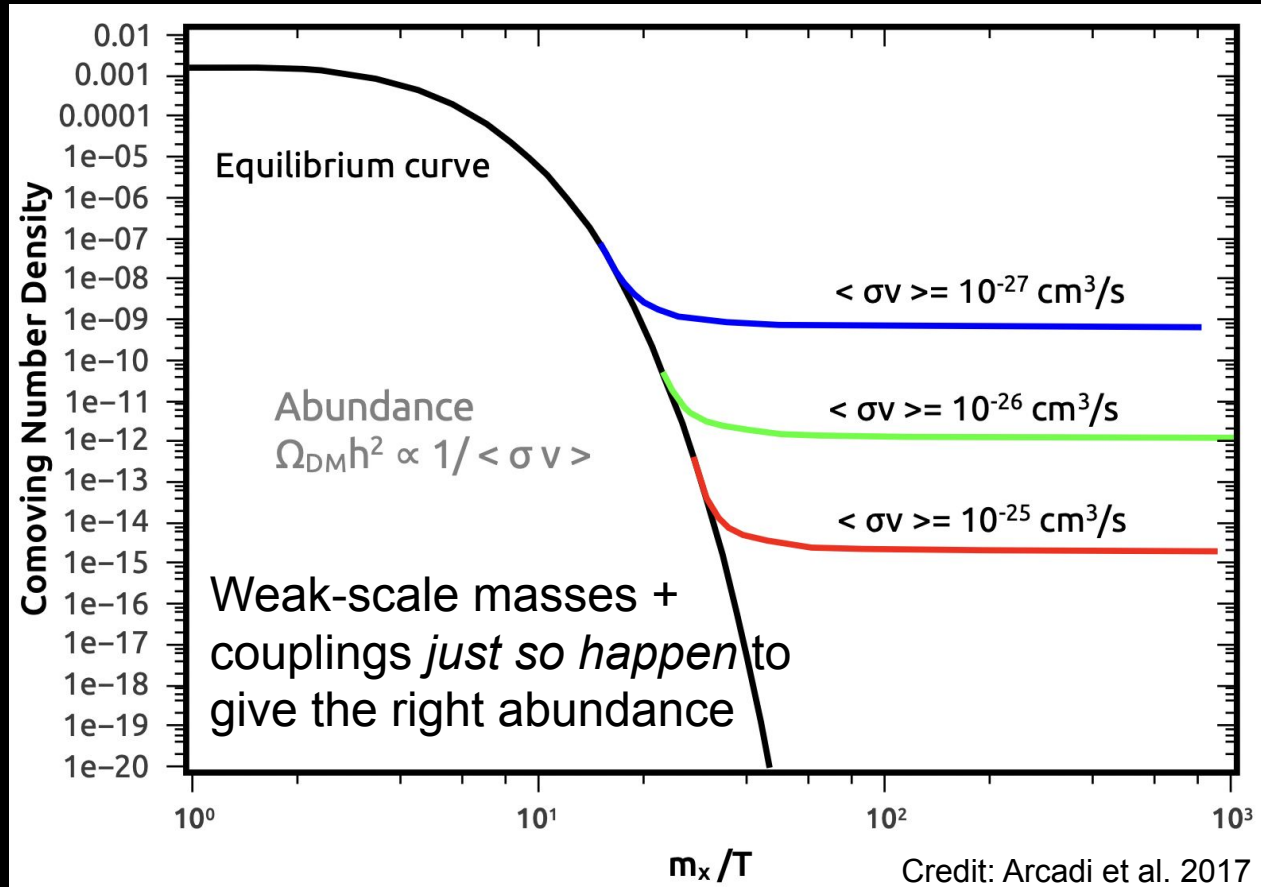
Dark Matter Indirect Detection



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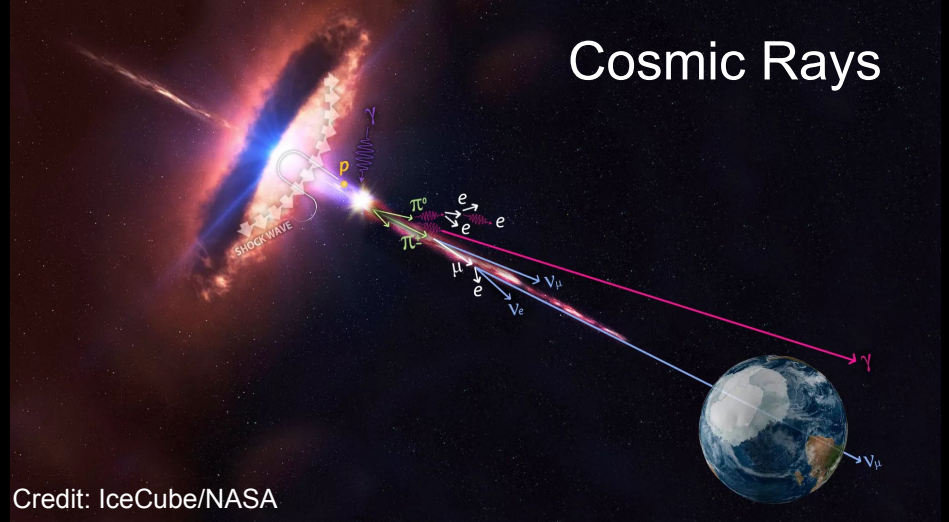
$\Gamma = n_x^2 \langle \sigma v \rangle$ so look for places where $n_x \sim \rho_x$ is large

Galaxy Clusters



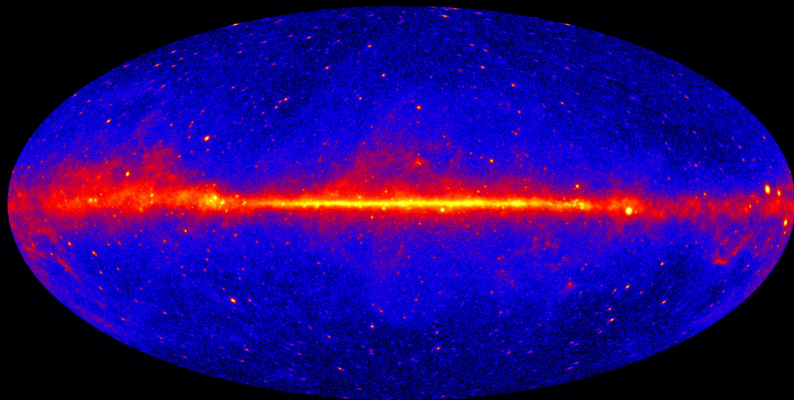
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Cosmic Rays



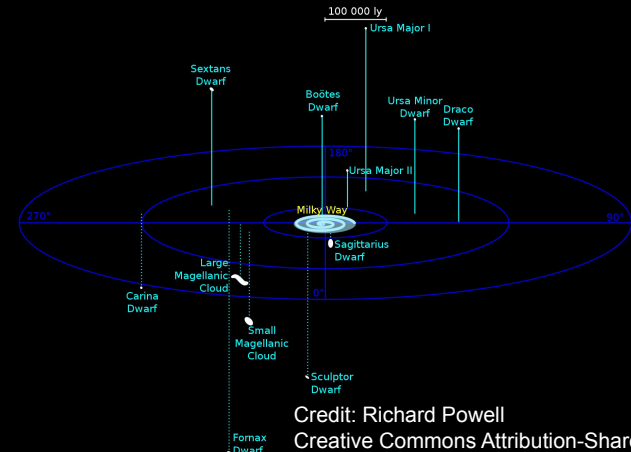
Credit: IceCube/NASA

Galactic Center



Credit: NASA/DOE/Fermi-LAT

Dwarf Galaxies

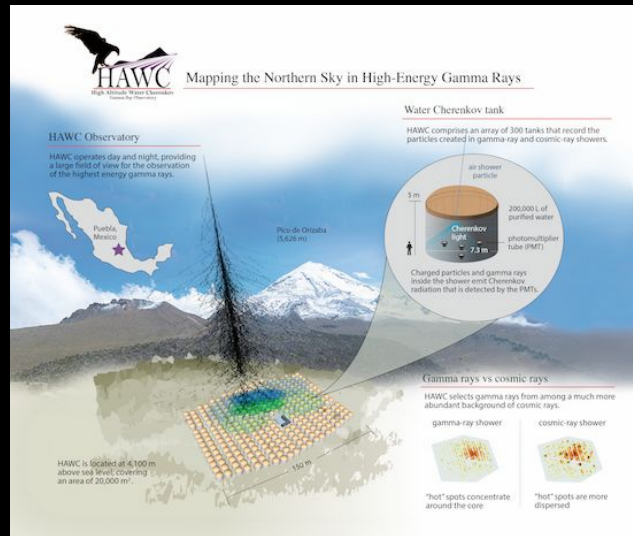


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Dark Matter Annihilation/Decay to Photons



Credit: NASA/Fermi-LAT



Credit: Wisconsin IceCube Particle Astrophysics Center



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→ A DECADE REVEALING THE HIGH-ENERGY SKY

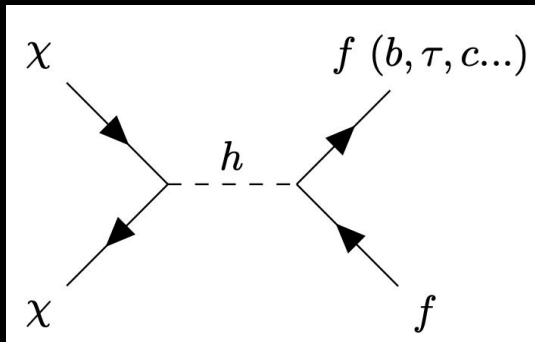
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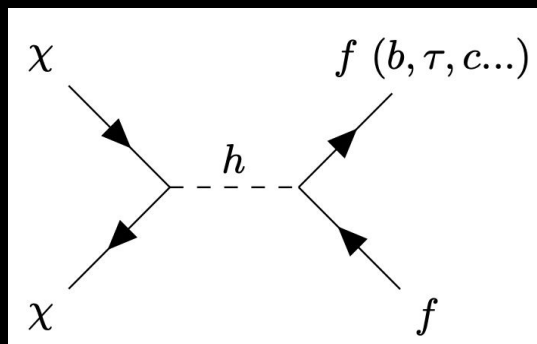
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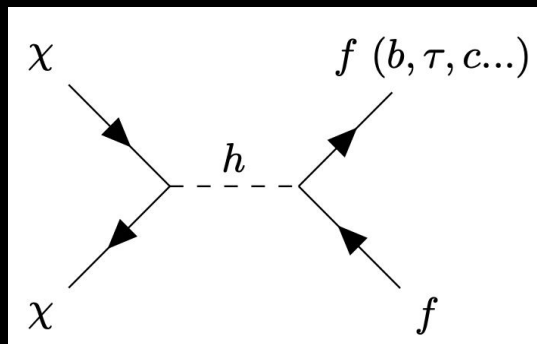
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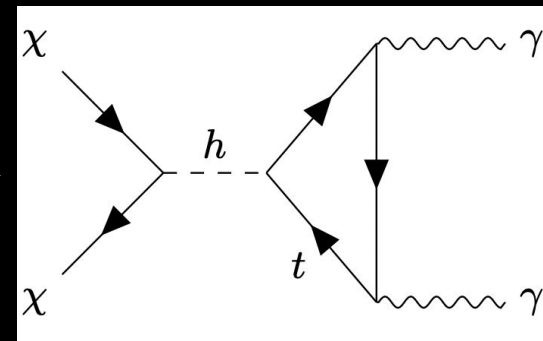
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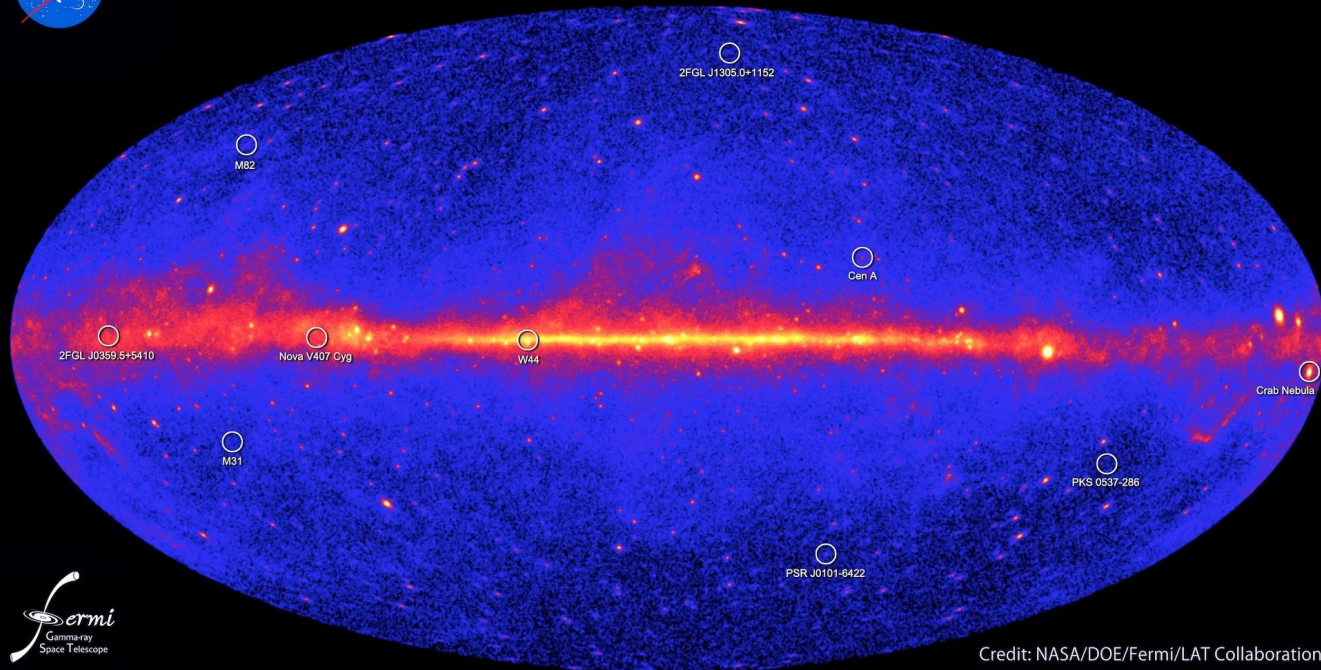
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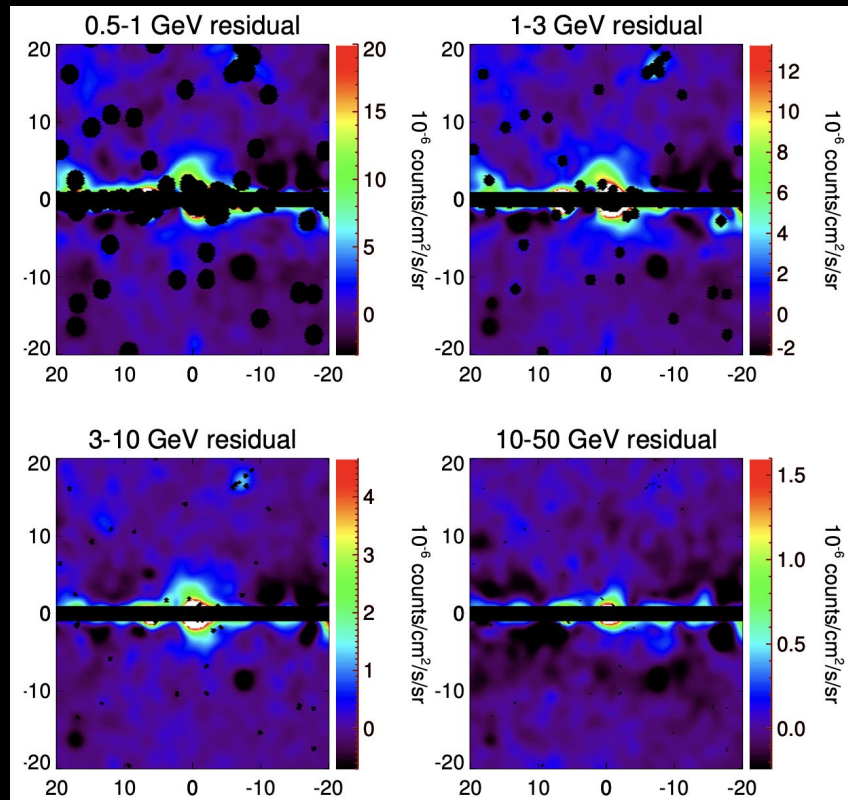
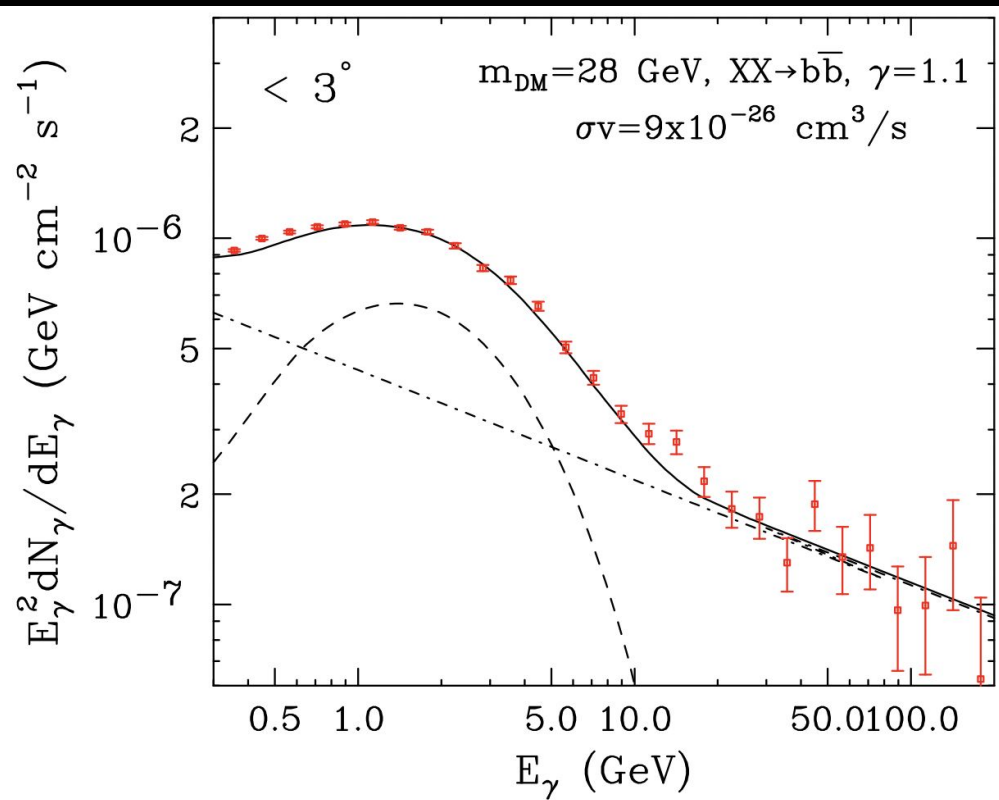
Fermi-LAT Observations of the Galactic Center

Fermi two-year all-sky map



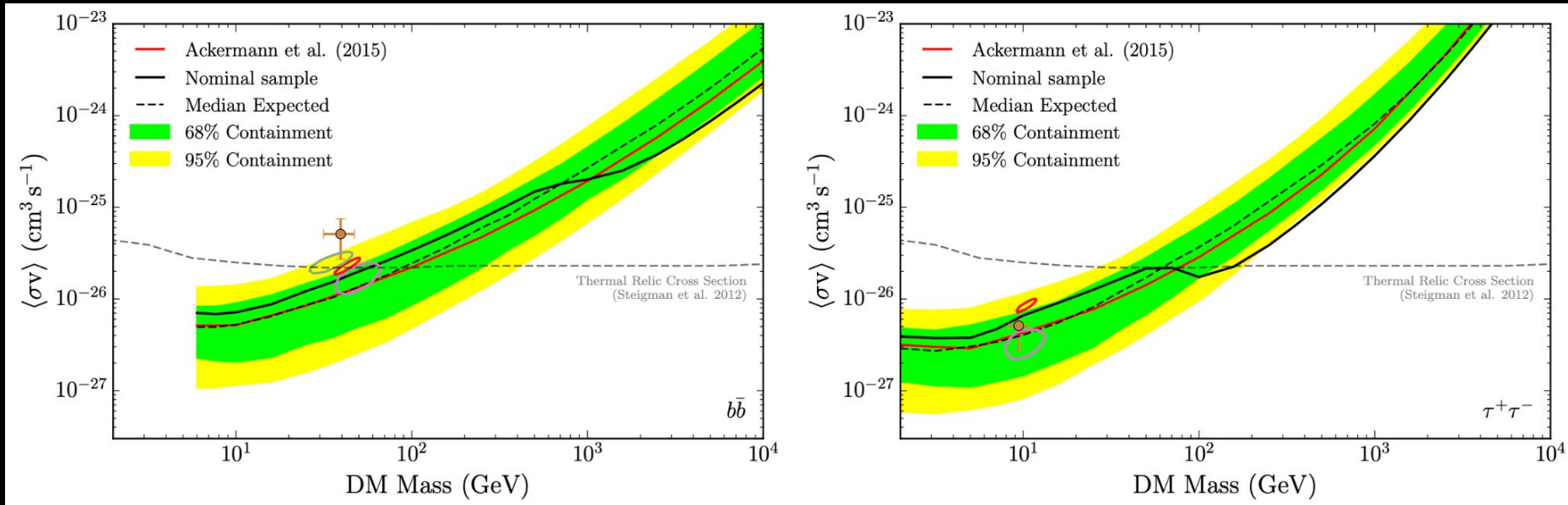
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Fermi GeV Excess (Since 2009)



Dwarf Galaxies with Fermi

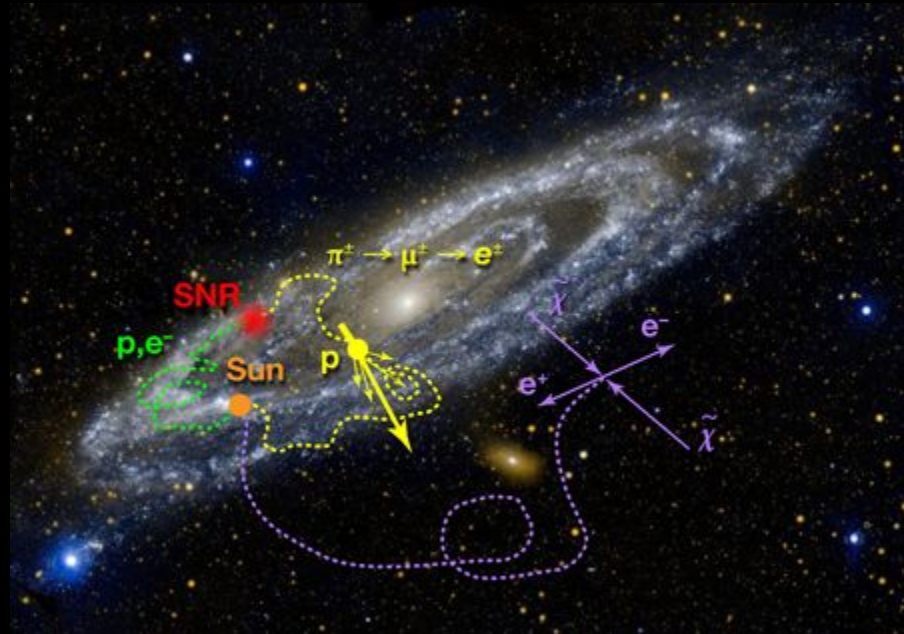
- Dwarf galaxies smaller than the Milky Way, but have much less background
- Slight tension with galactic center excess, but not conclusive
- Dwarfs can test WIMP models by excluding the required relic cross section



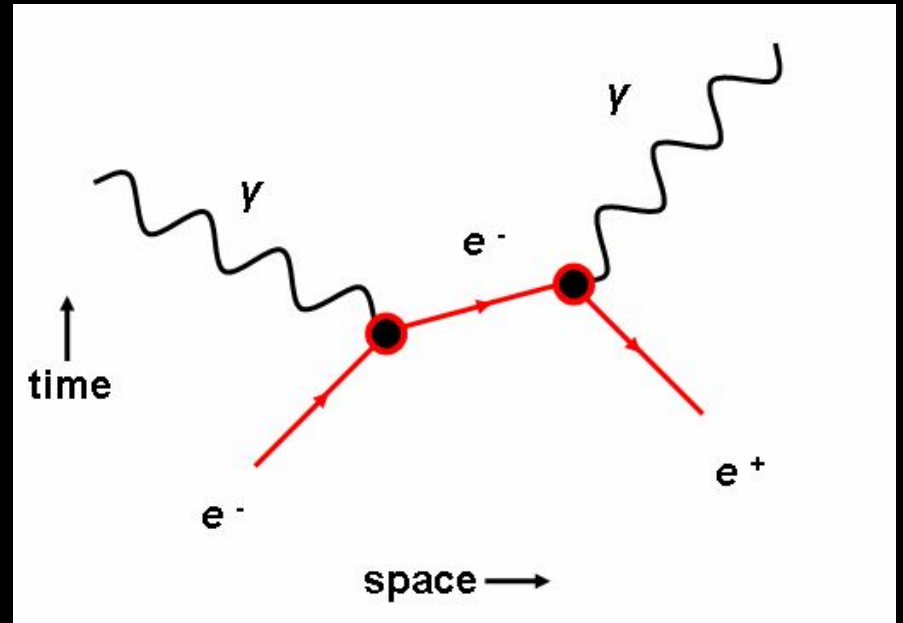
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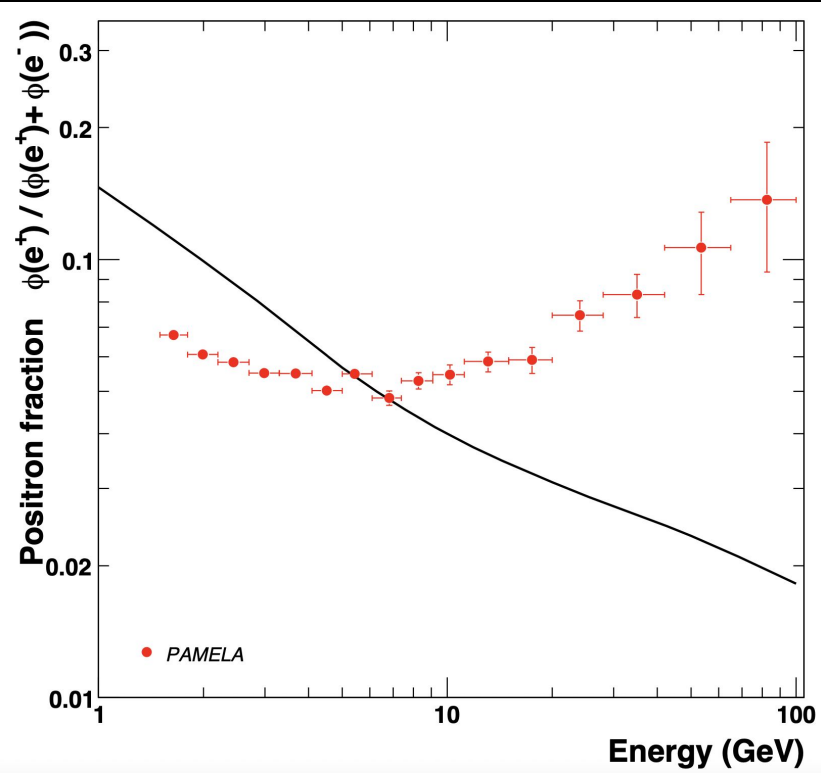


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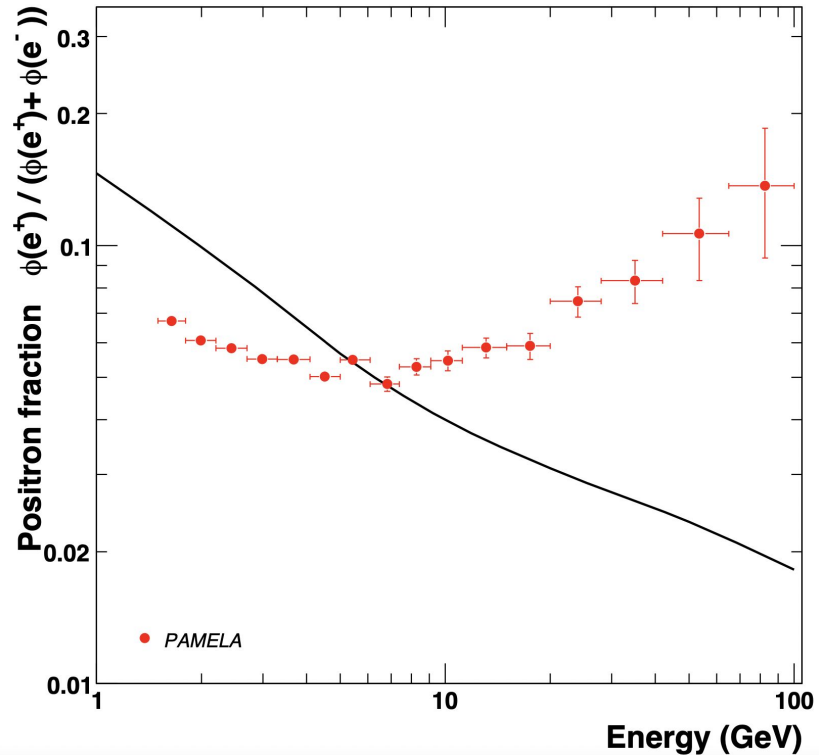


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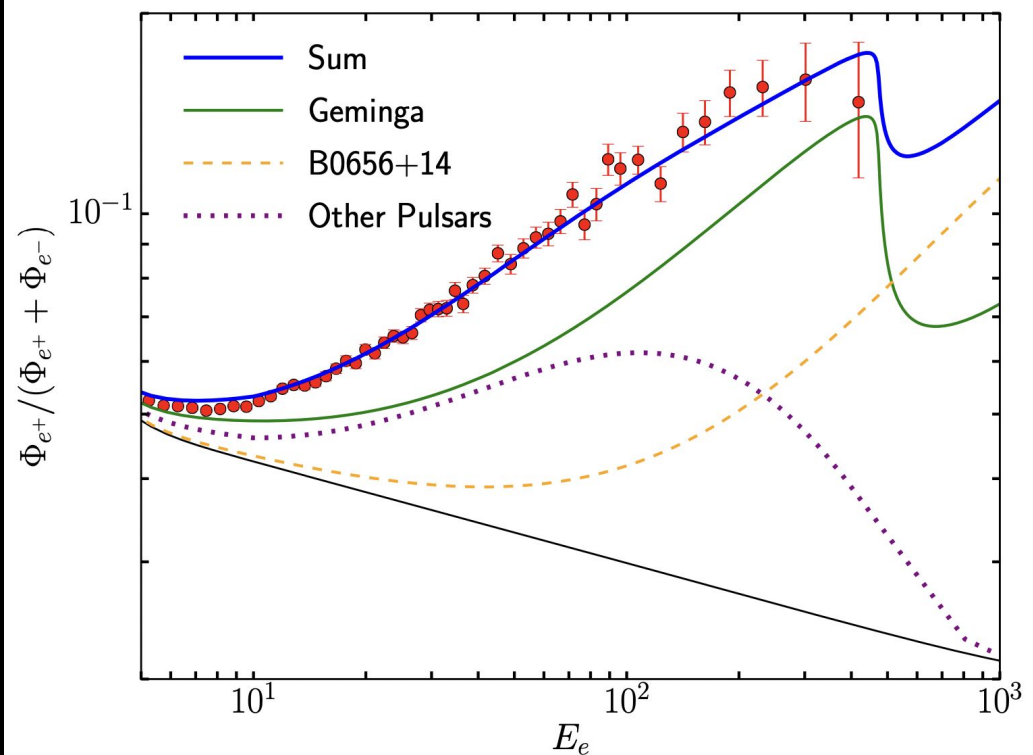
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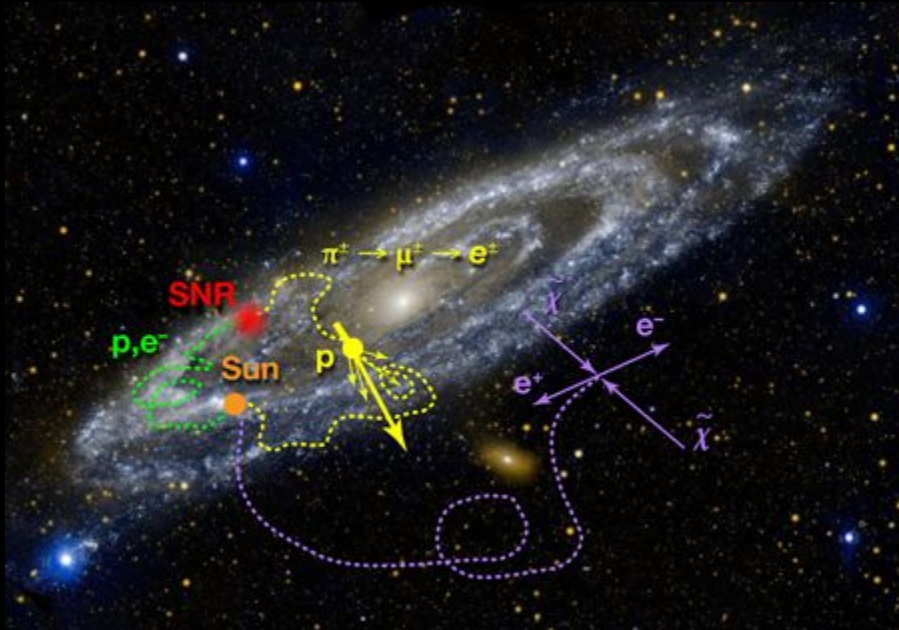


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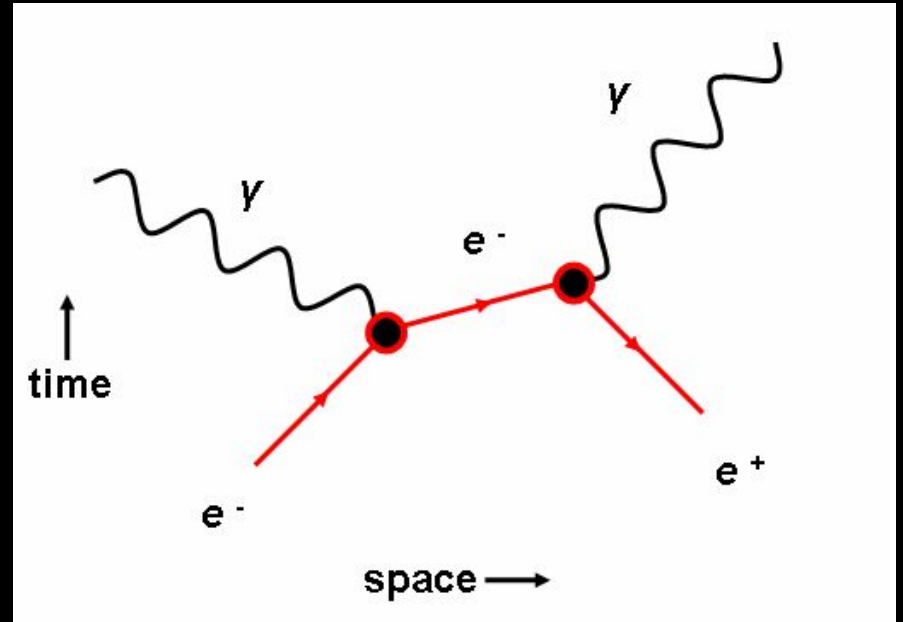
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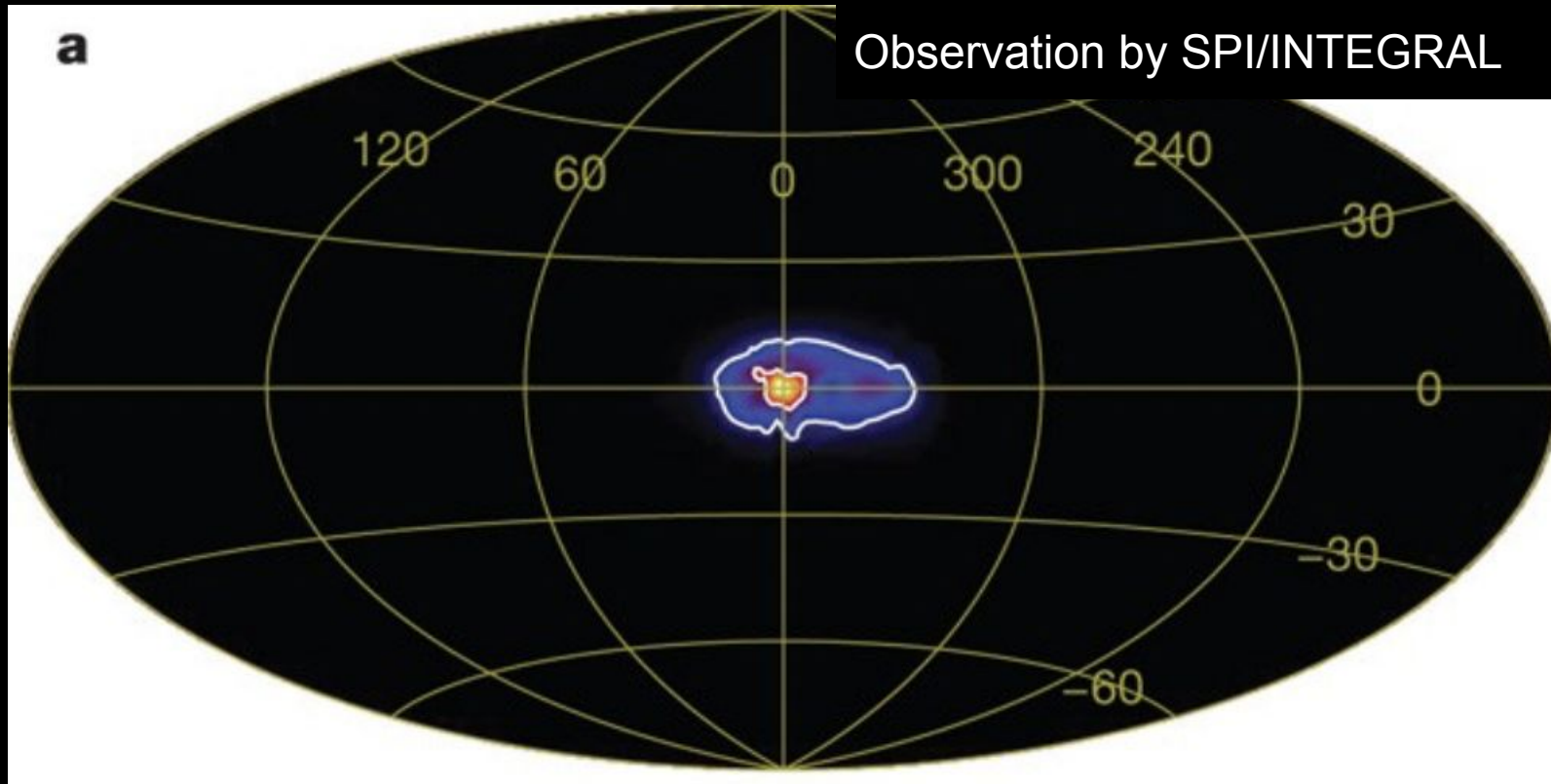


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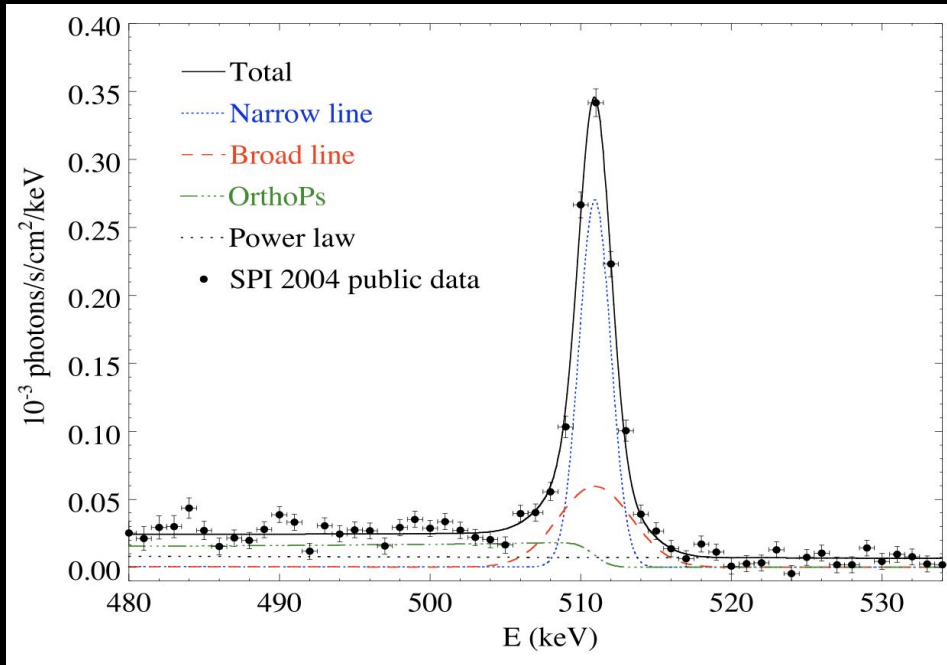


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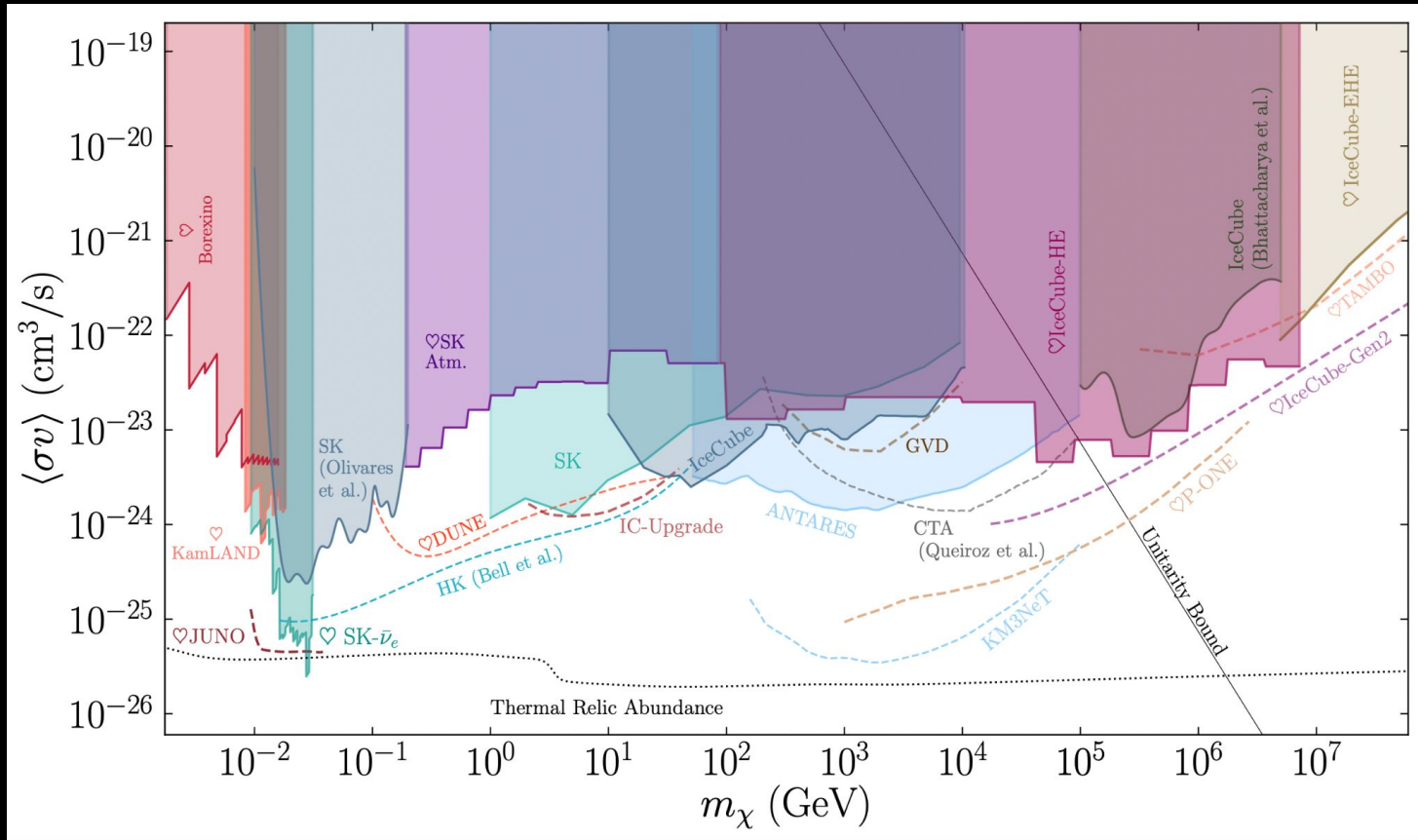


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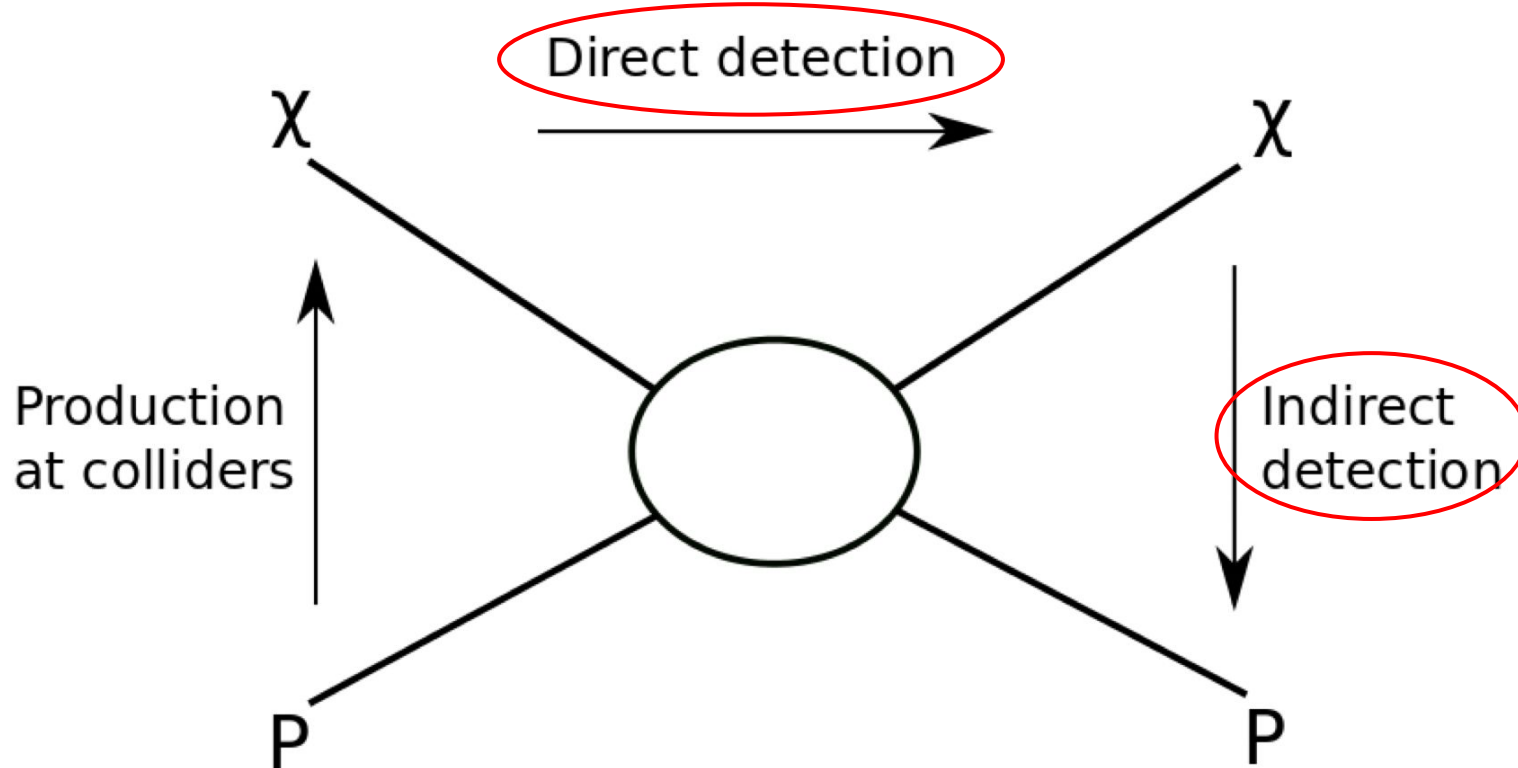
Annihilation to Neutrinos



Indirect Detection: Key Takeaways

- Can search for dark matter annihilation to various products across many orders of magnitude in mass/energy
- Several excesses seen in e.g. gamma rays, cosmic rays
- Standard Model backgrounds can mimic a dark matter signal—modeling backgrounds is crucial
- Can look at different galaxies to try to understand signals coming from our own galaxy

Searching for Dark Matter



Credit: Undagoitia et al.

Dark Matter Direct Detection

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Detectability of certain dark-matter candidates

Mark W. Goodman and Edward Witten

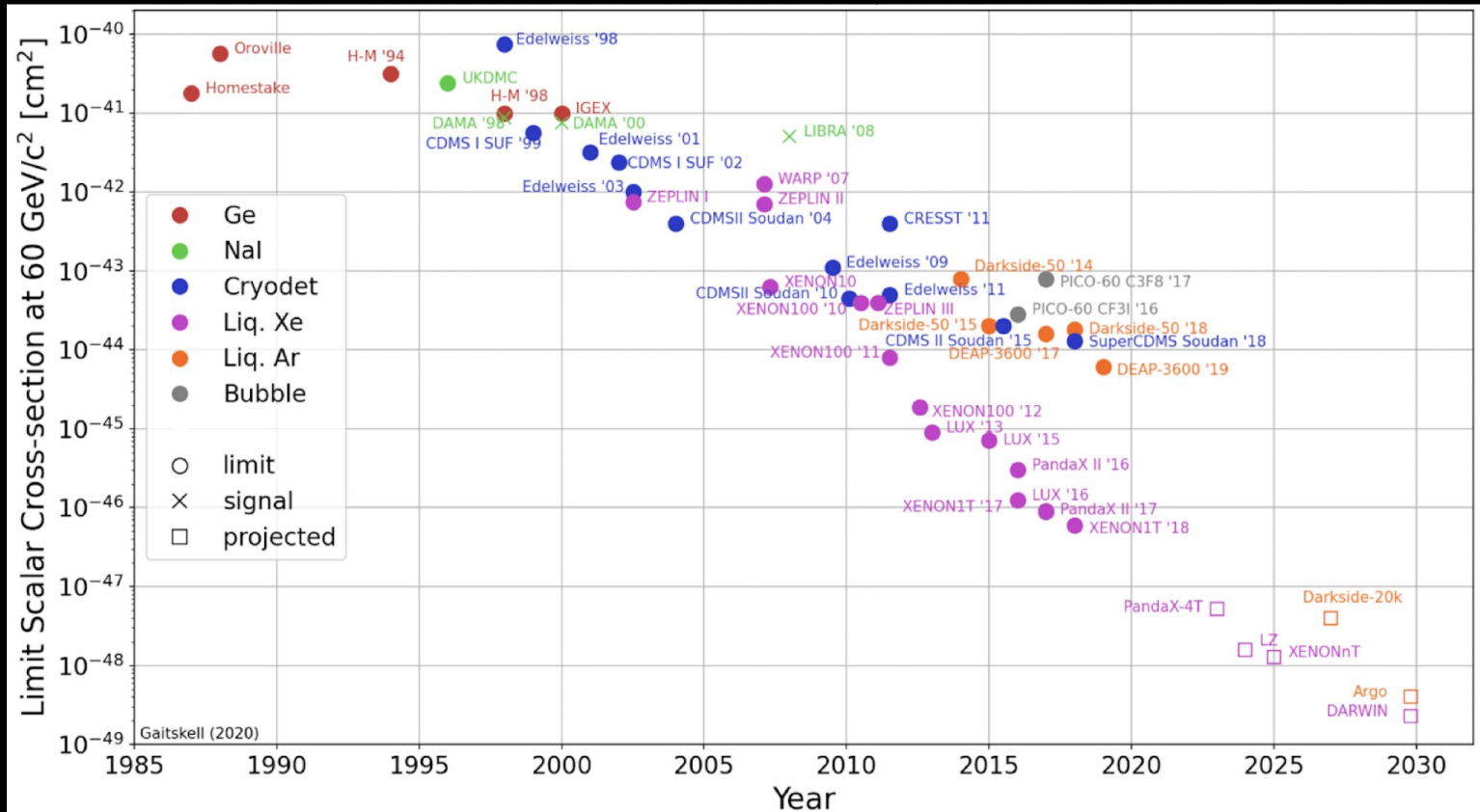
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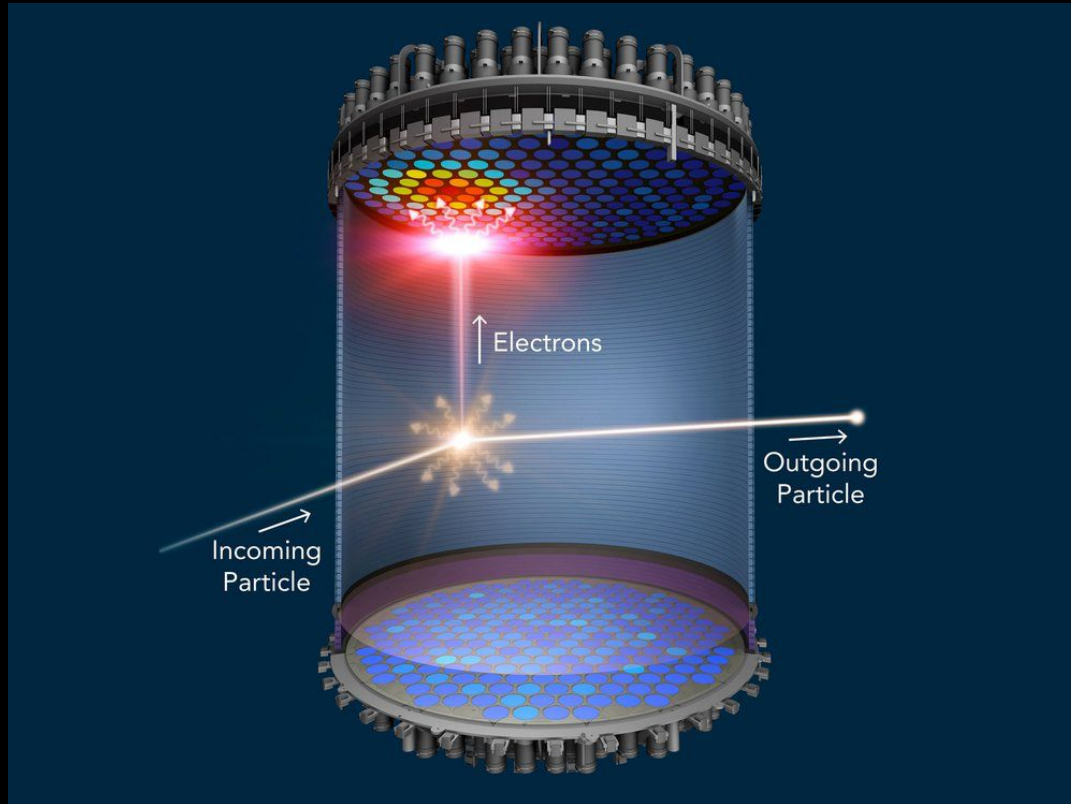
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See also Wasserman, 1986

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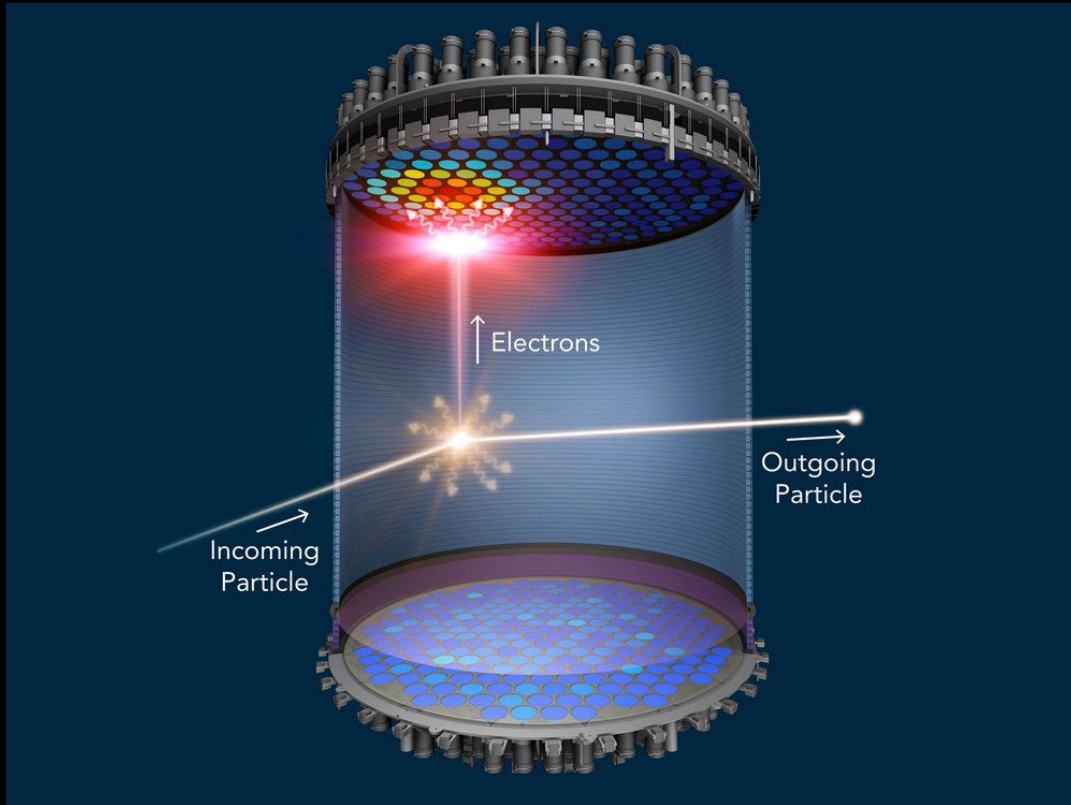


Dual-phase xenon time projection chamber (TPC)

- XENON1T, XENONnT
- LUX, LUX-ZEPLIN
- PandaX-II, Pandax-4T

Search for 2 signals:
scintillation light (s1), plus
ionized electrons (s2)

LUX-ZEPLIN (LZ) Experiment

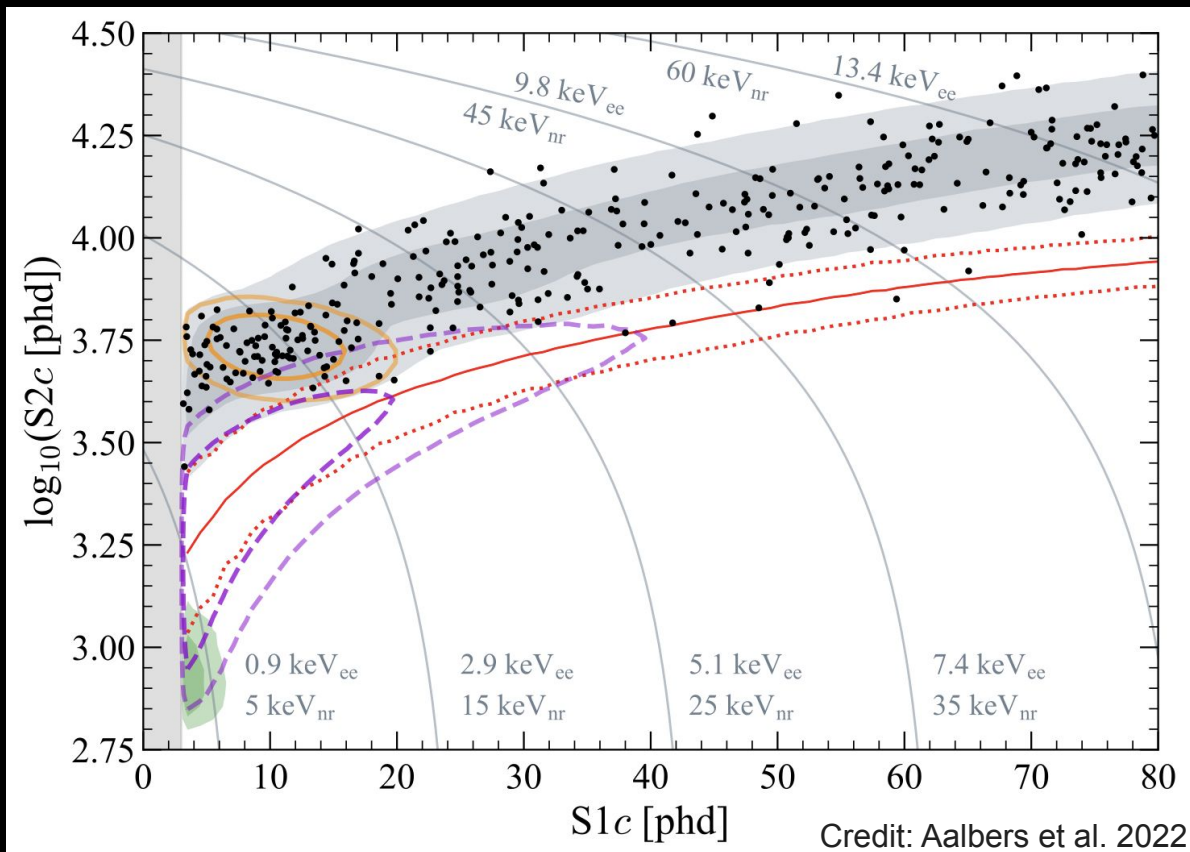


Credit: SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory



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Backgrounds in LZ



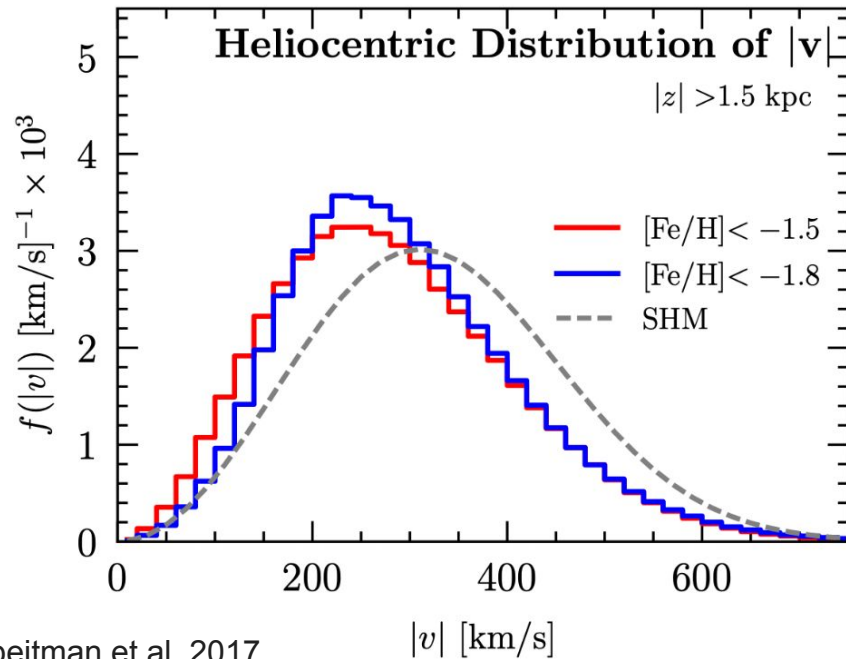
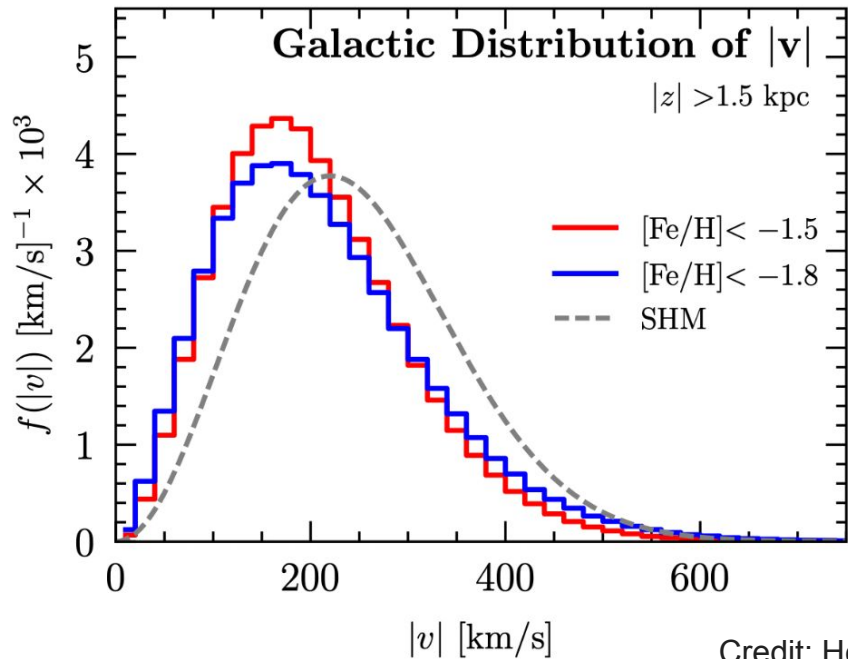
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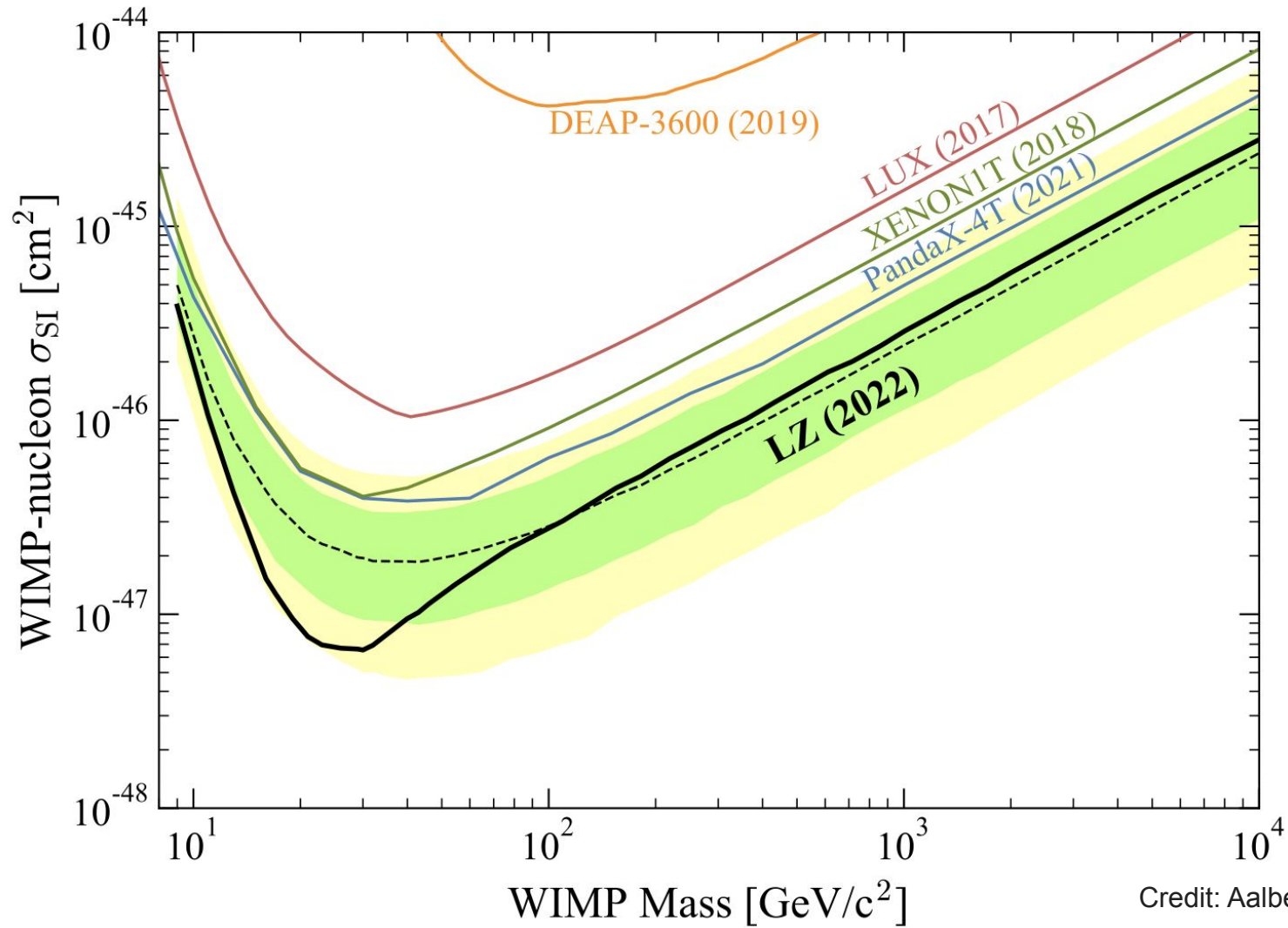
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Many, many dark matter models, but two standard benchmark types of model for direct detection:

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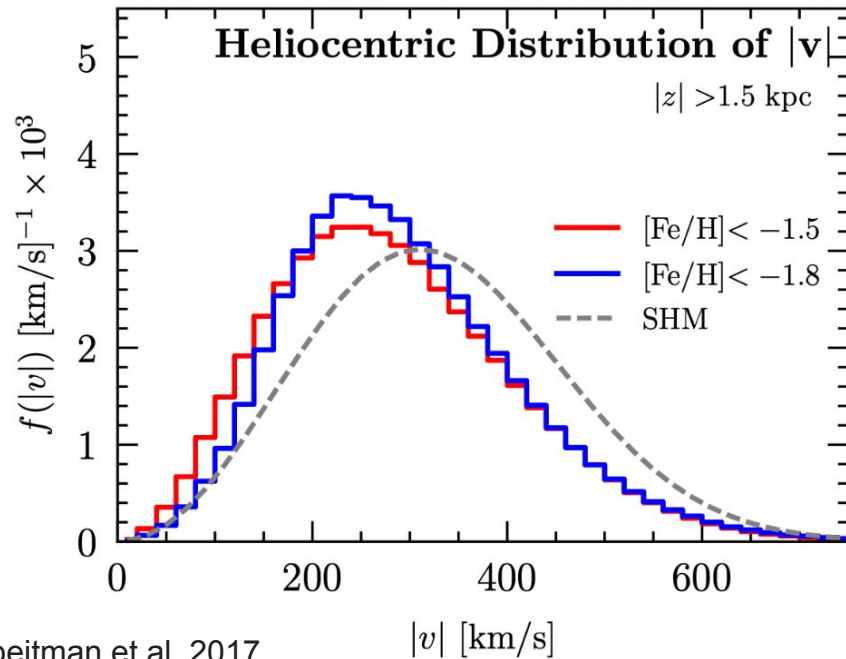
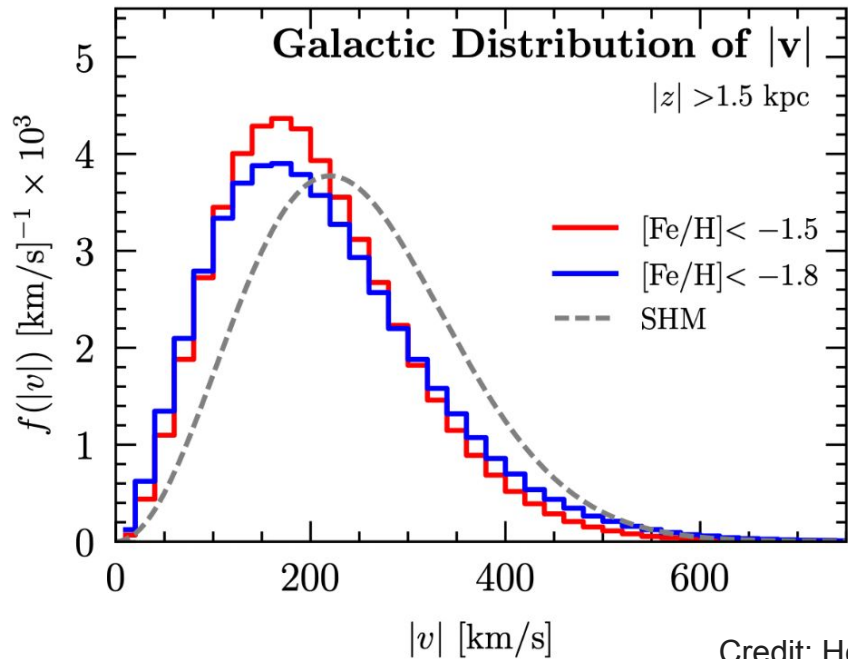


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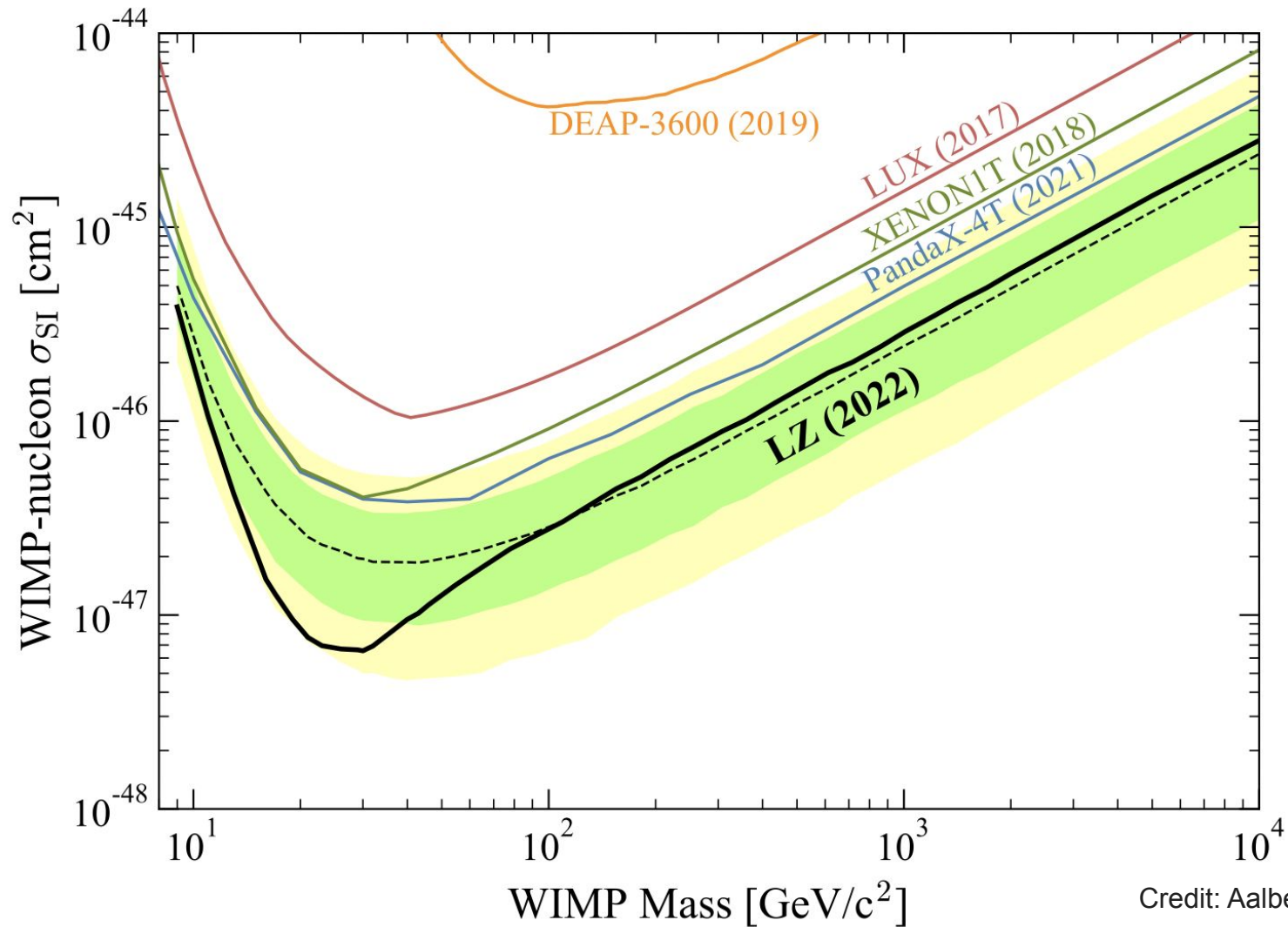
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Velocity Distribution

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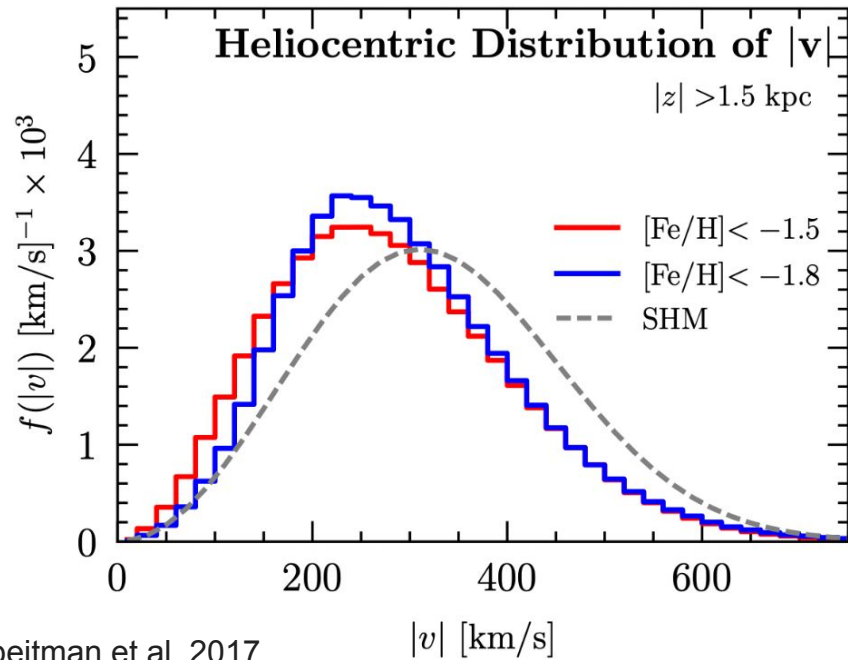
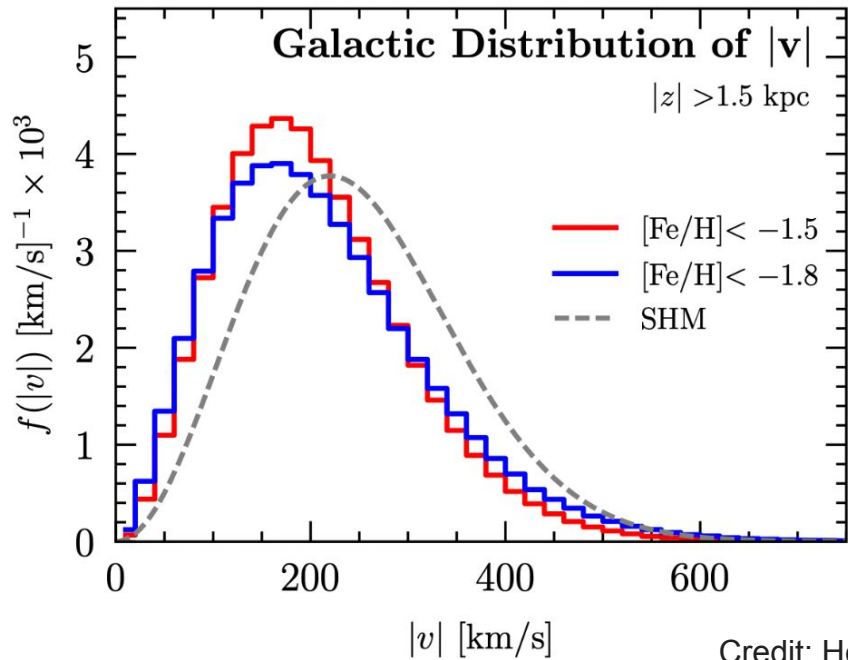


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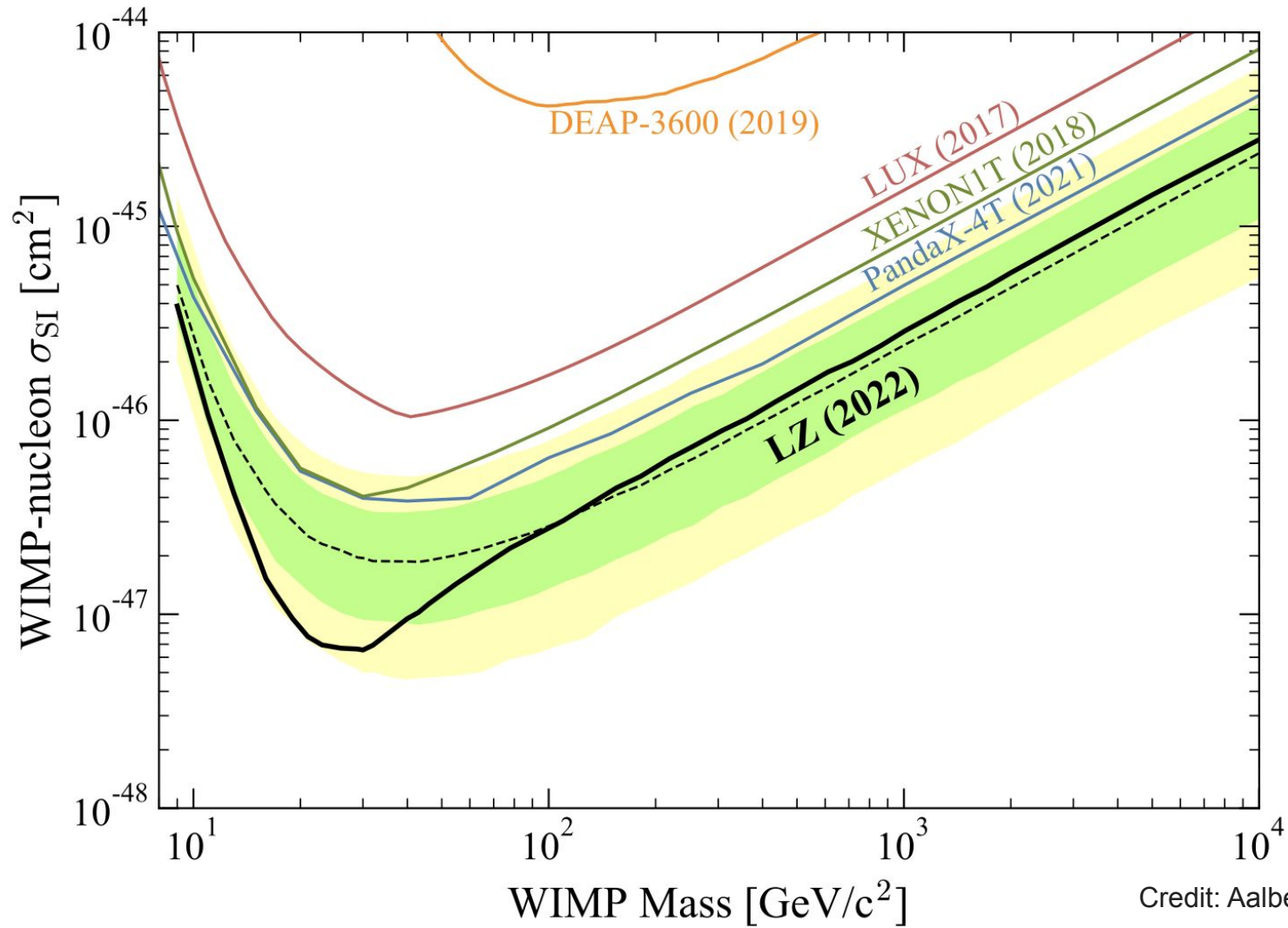


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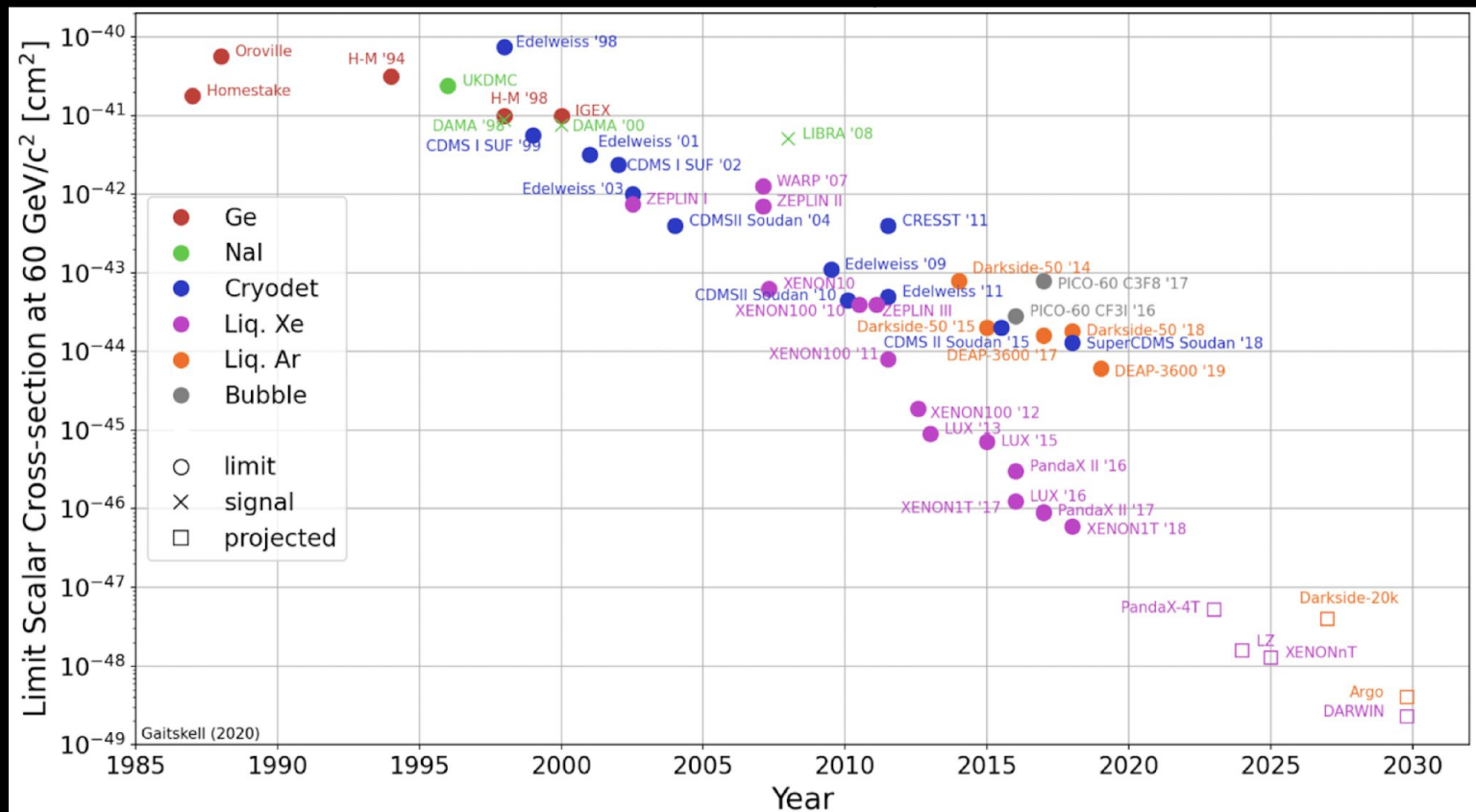
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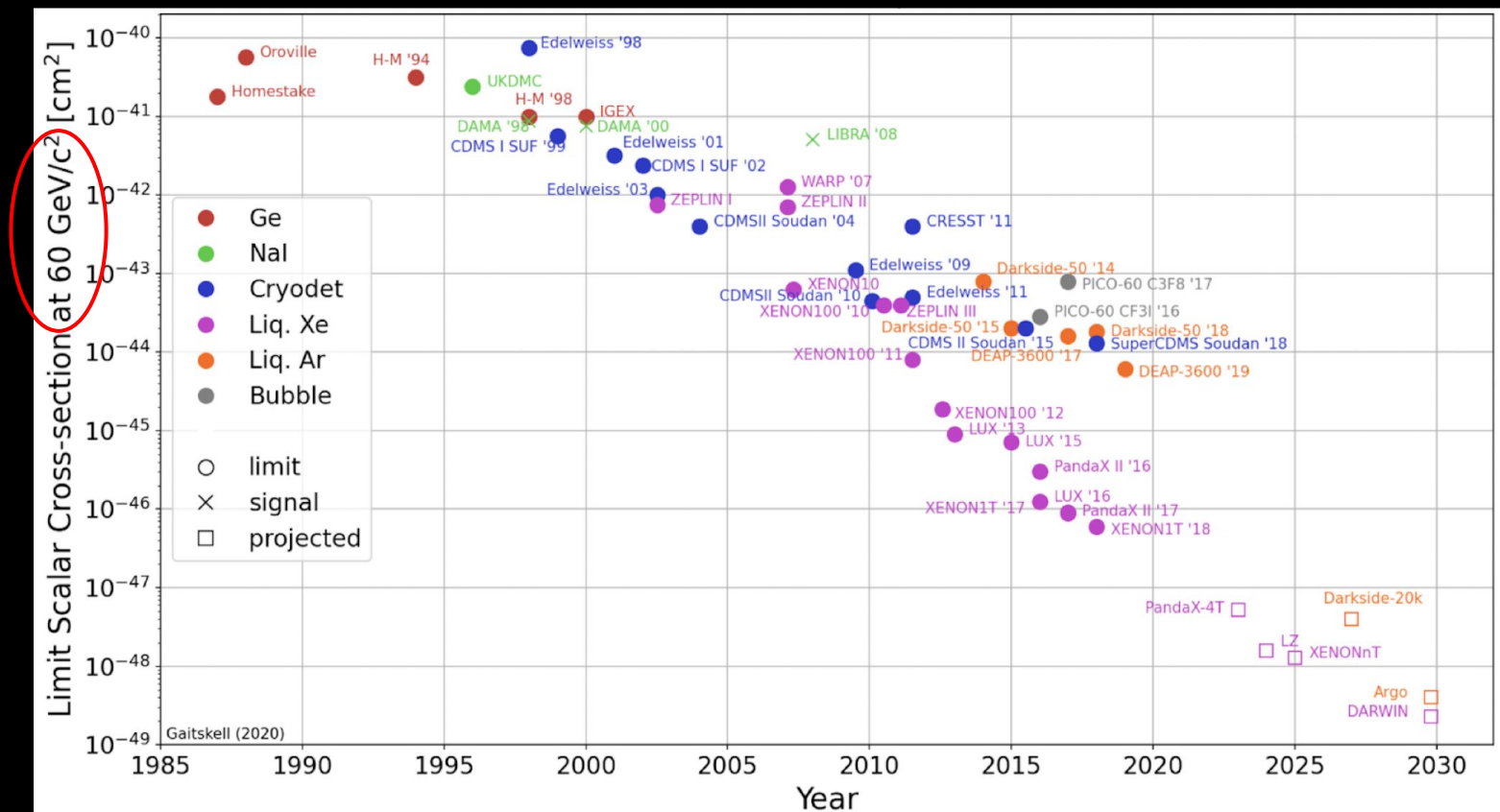
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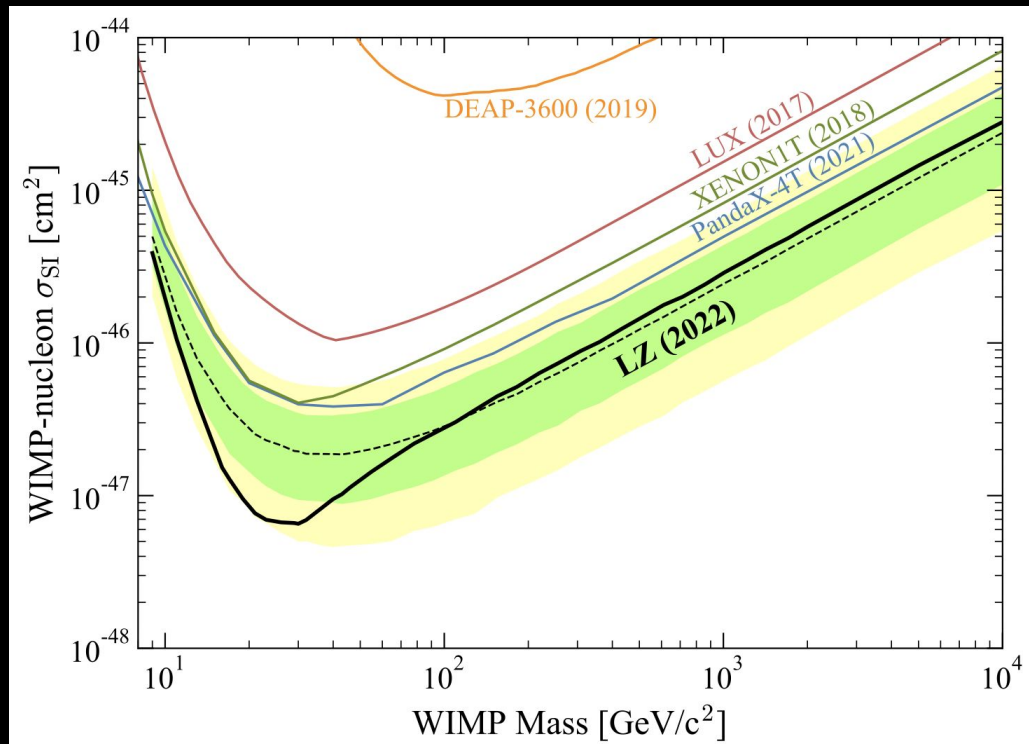
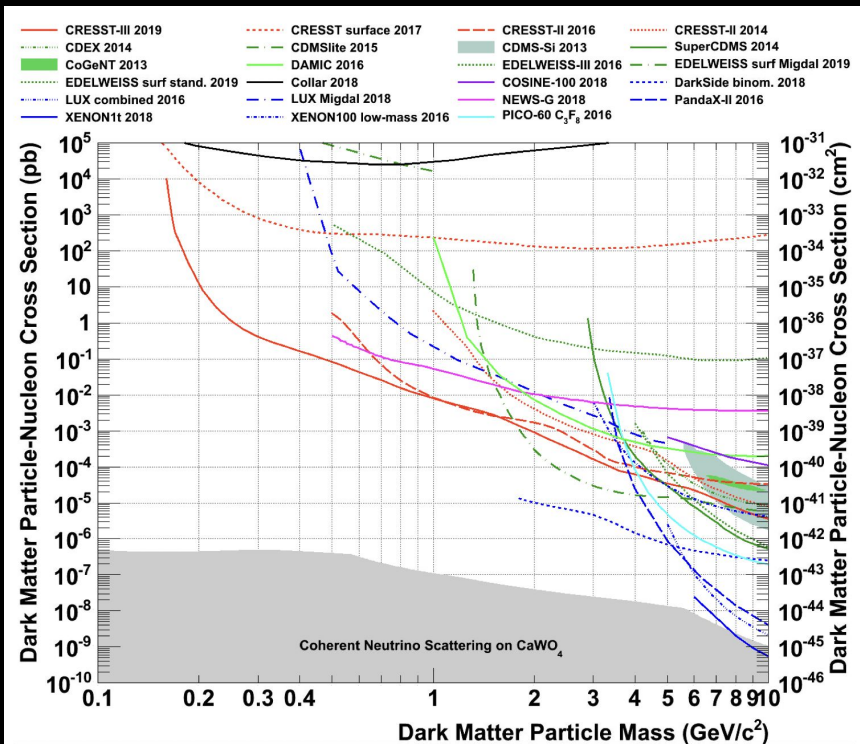
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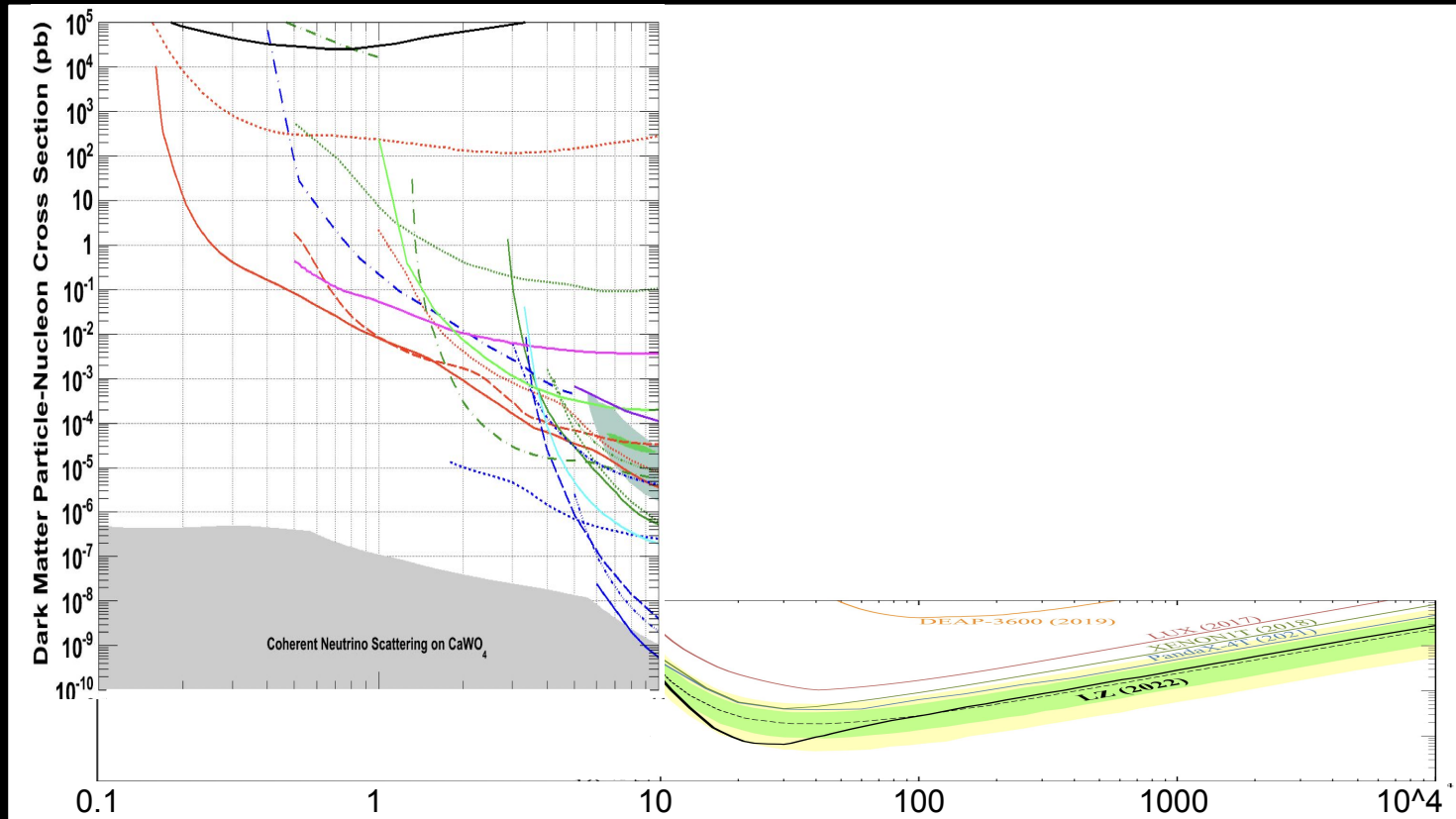
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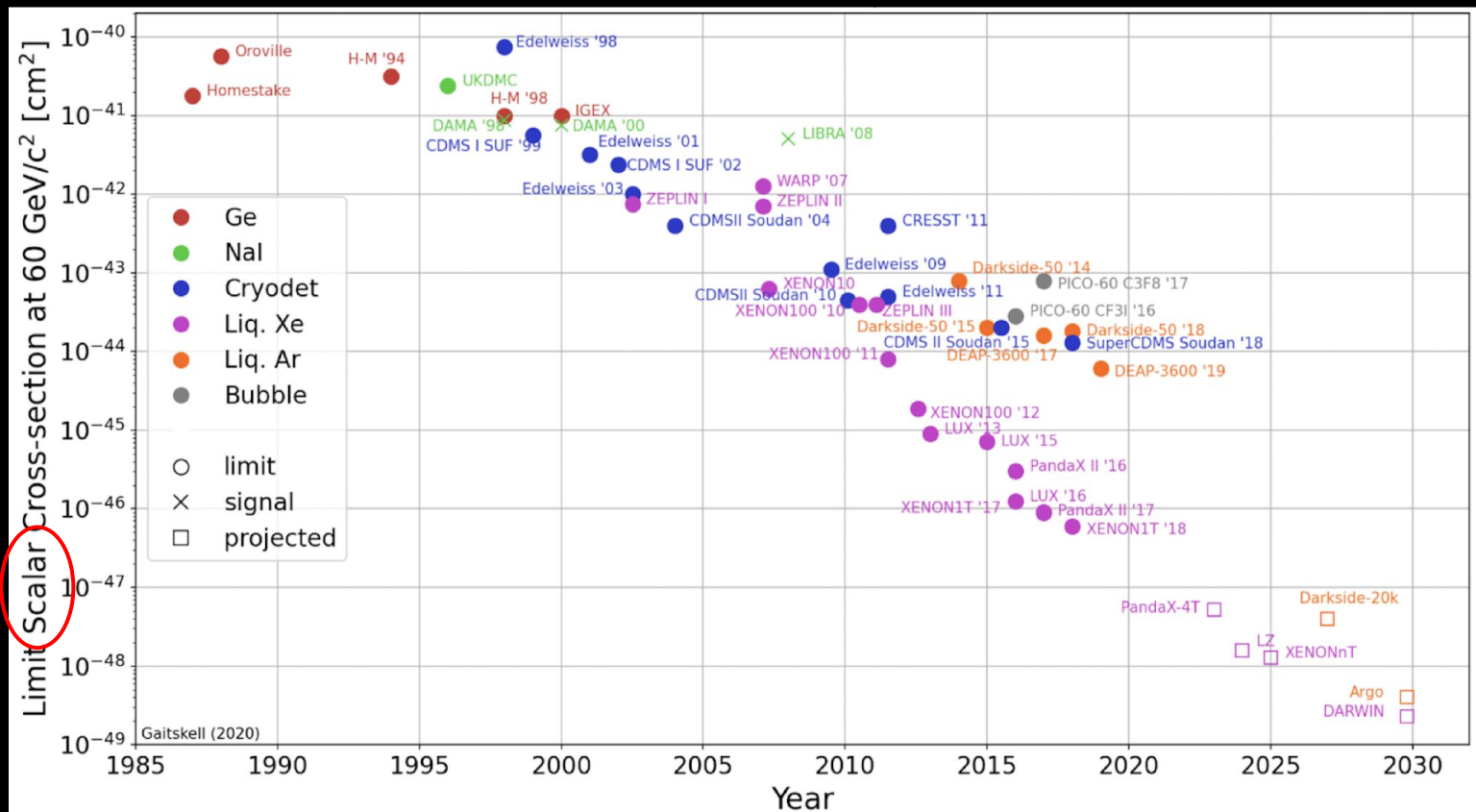
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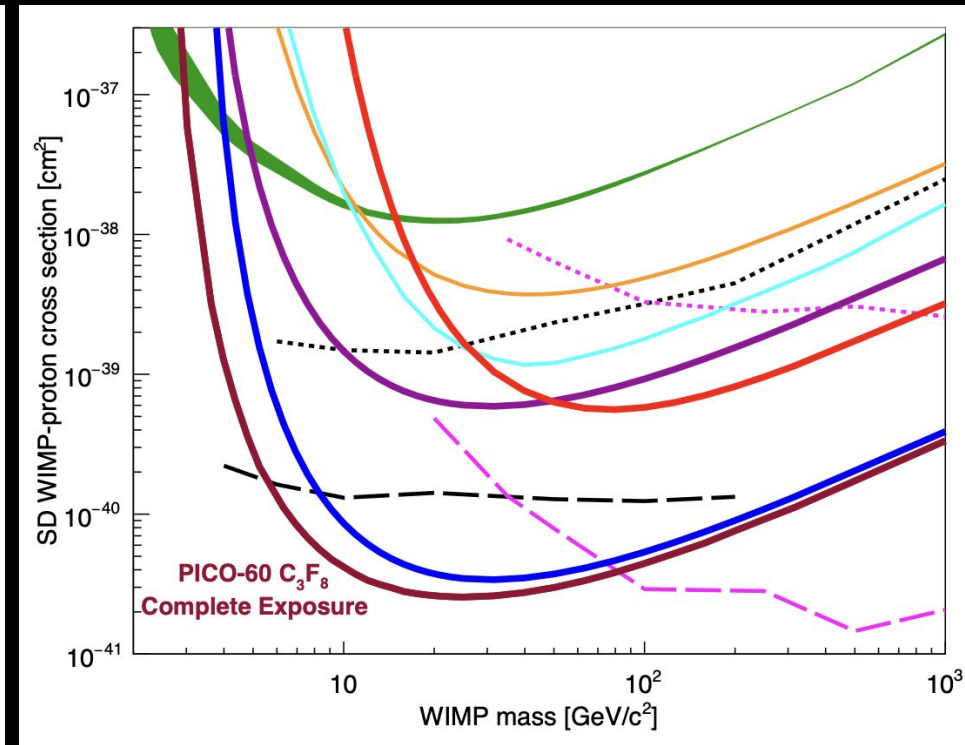
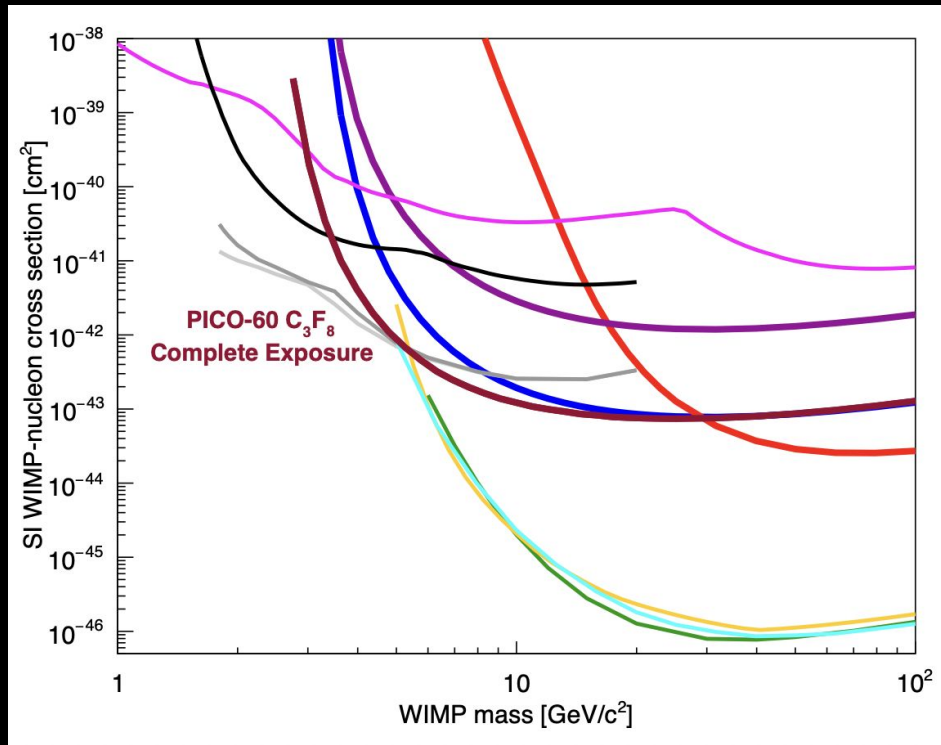
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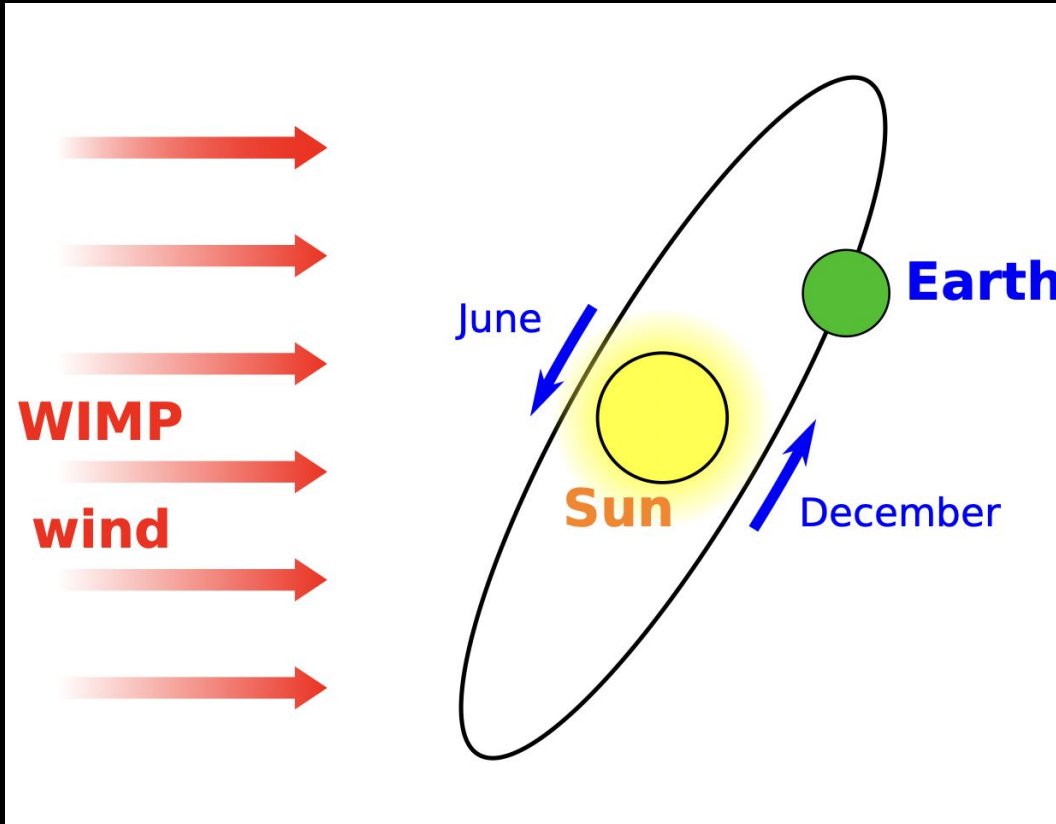
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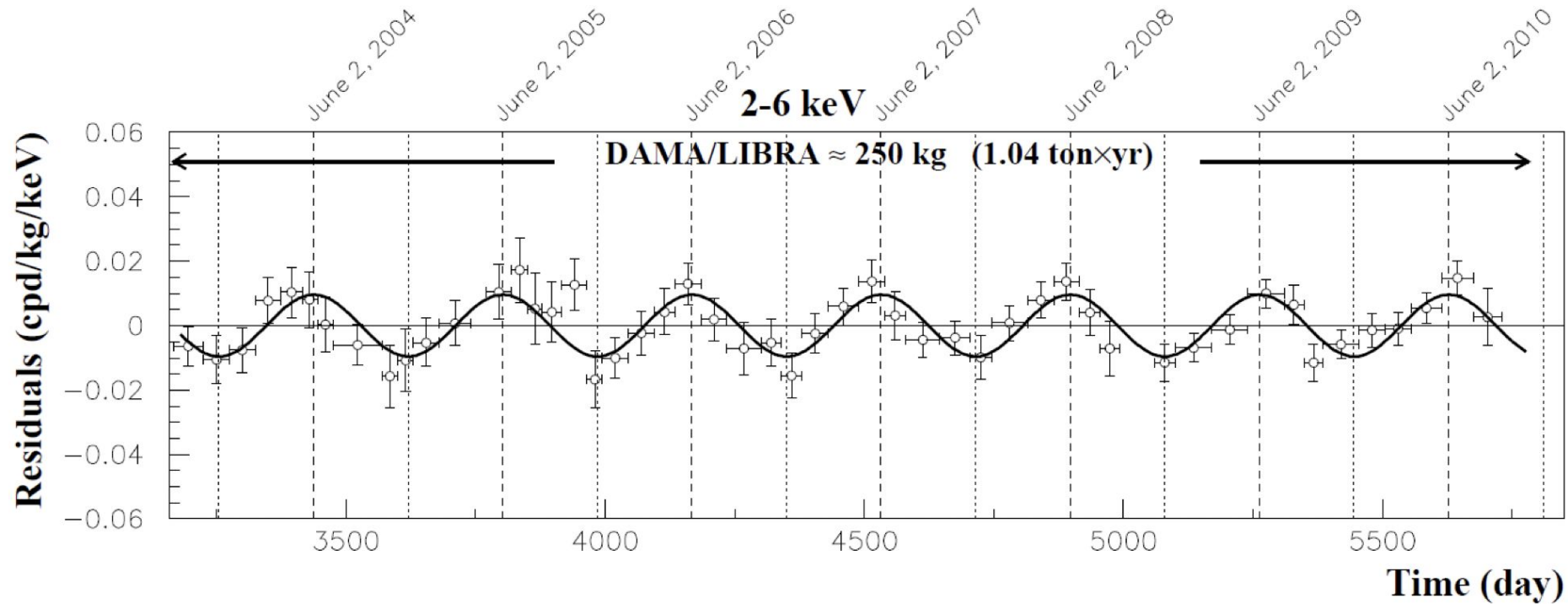


Annual Modulation



Credit: Freese et al. 2012

Annual Modulation



Direct Detection: Key Takeaways

- Direct detection limits have improved by nearly 7 orders of magnitude over ~40 years
- Searching for extremely rare events requires the ability to identify and remove backgrounds extremely efficiently
- Different detectors are optimized for different dark matter models and masses