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Thermal WIMP Dark Matter on the Brink

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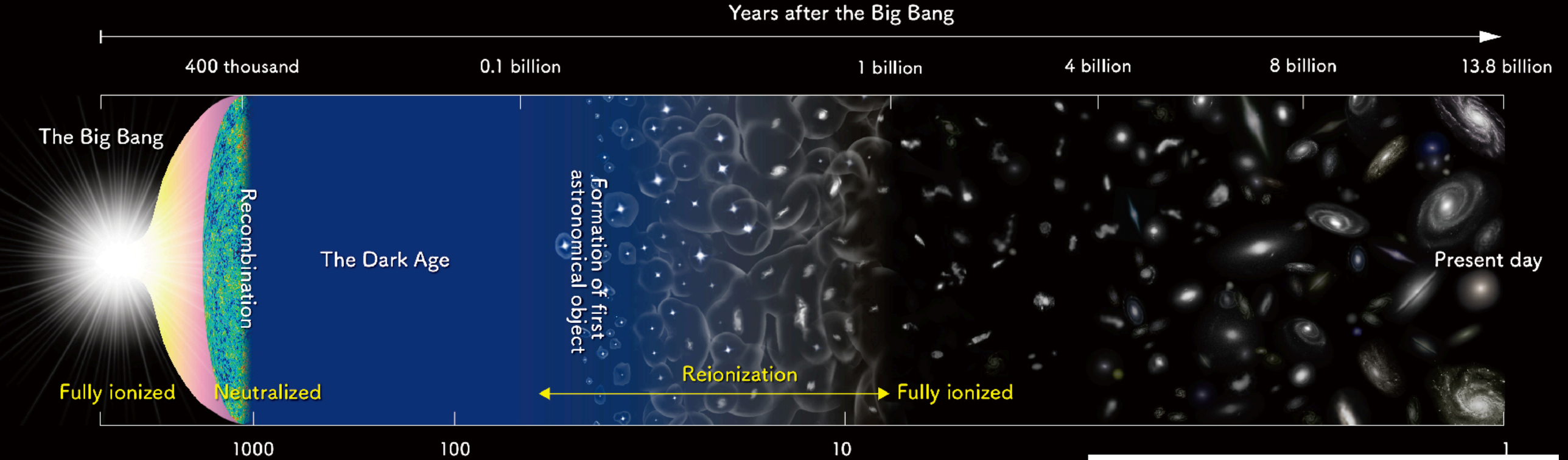
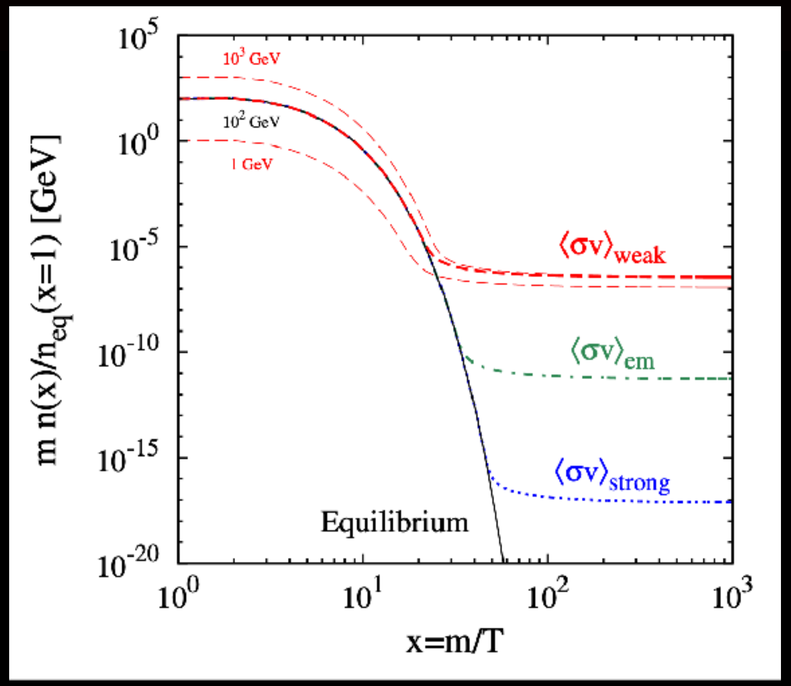
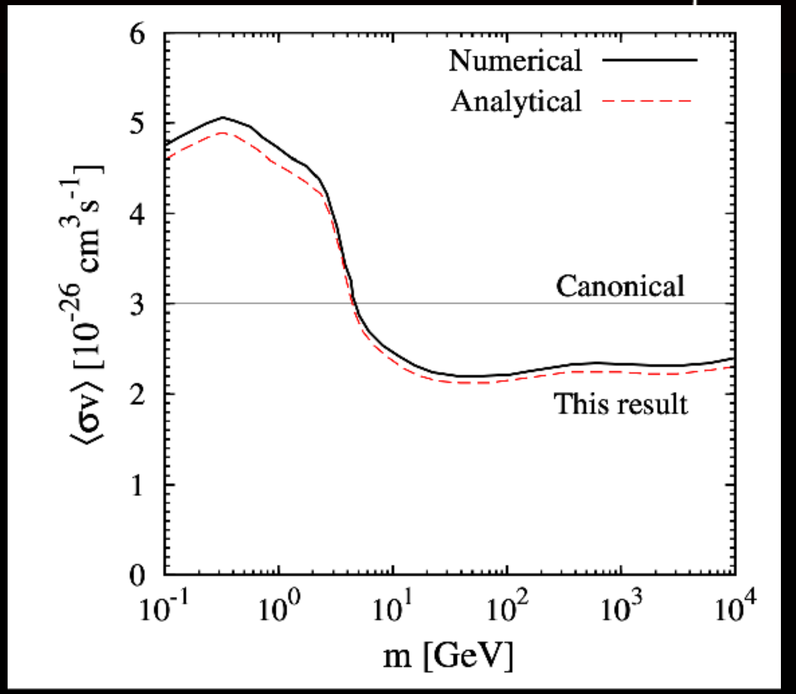
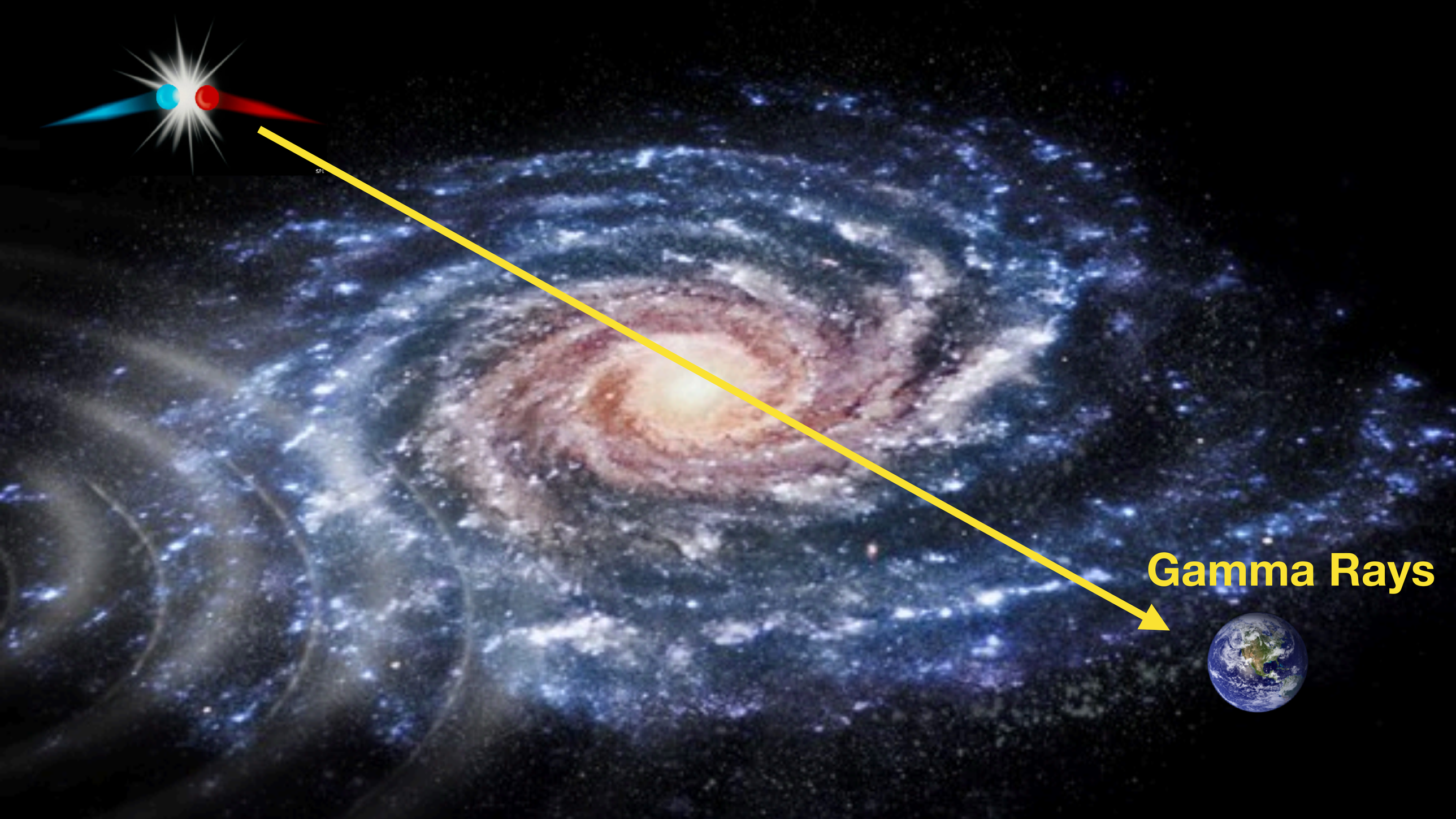
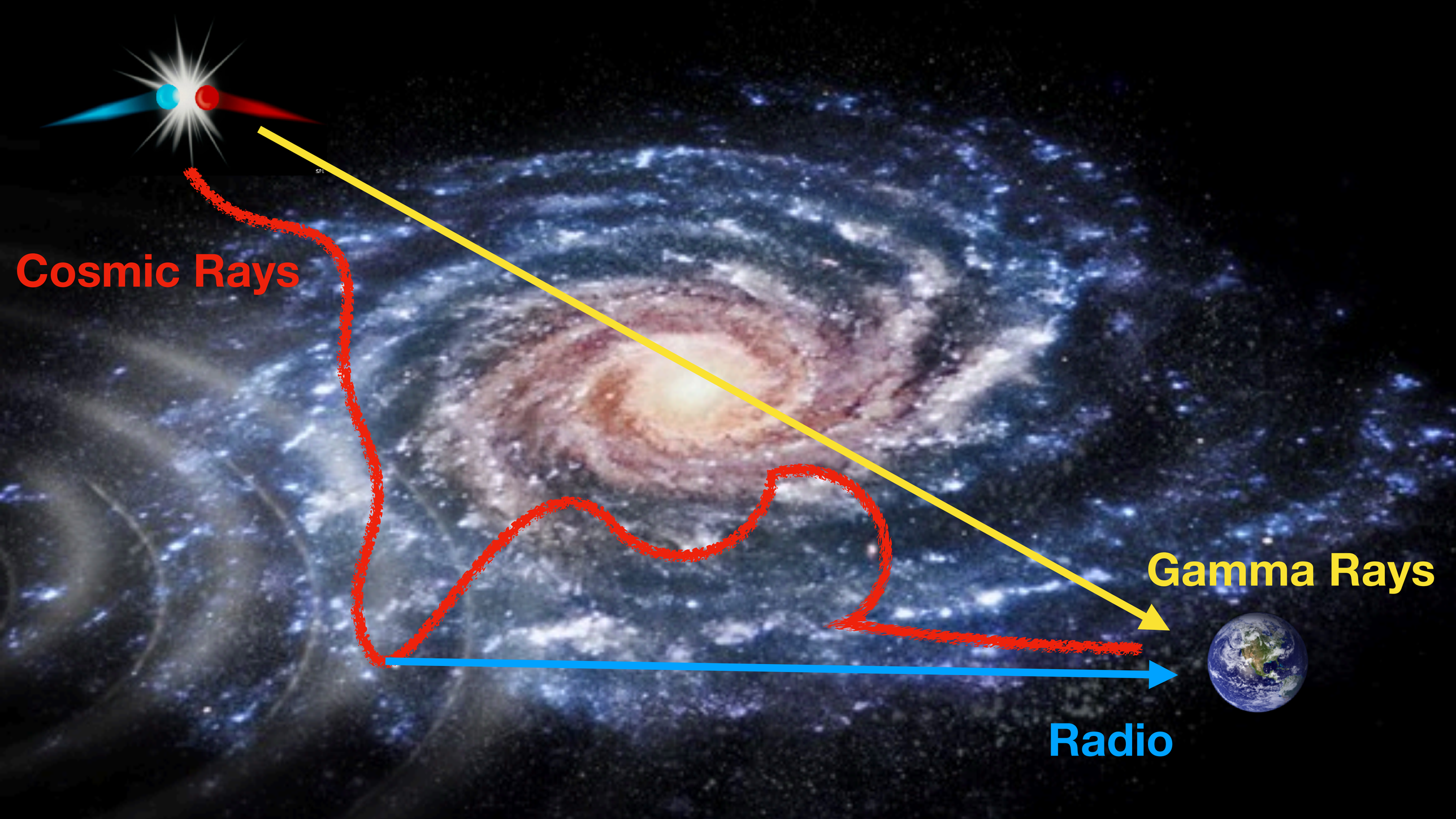

Years after the Big Bang
400 thousand
0.1 billion
1 billion
4 billion
8 billion
13.8 billion
The Big Bang
Recombination
The Dark Age
Formation of first astronomical object
Reionization
Present day
Fully ionized
Neutralized
Fully ionized
1000
100
10
1
1+Redshift

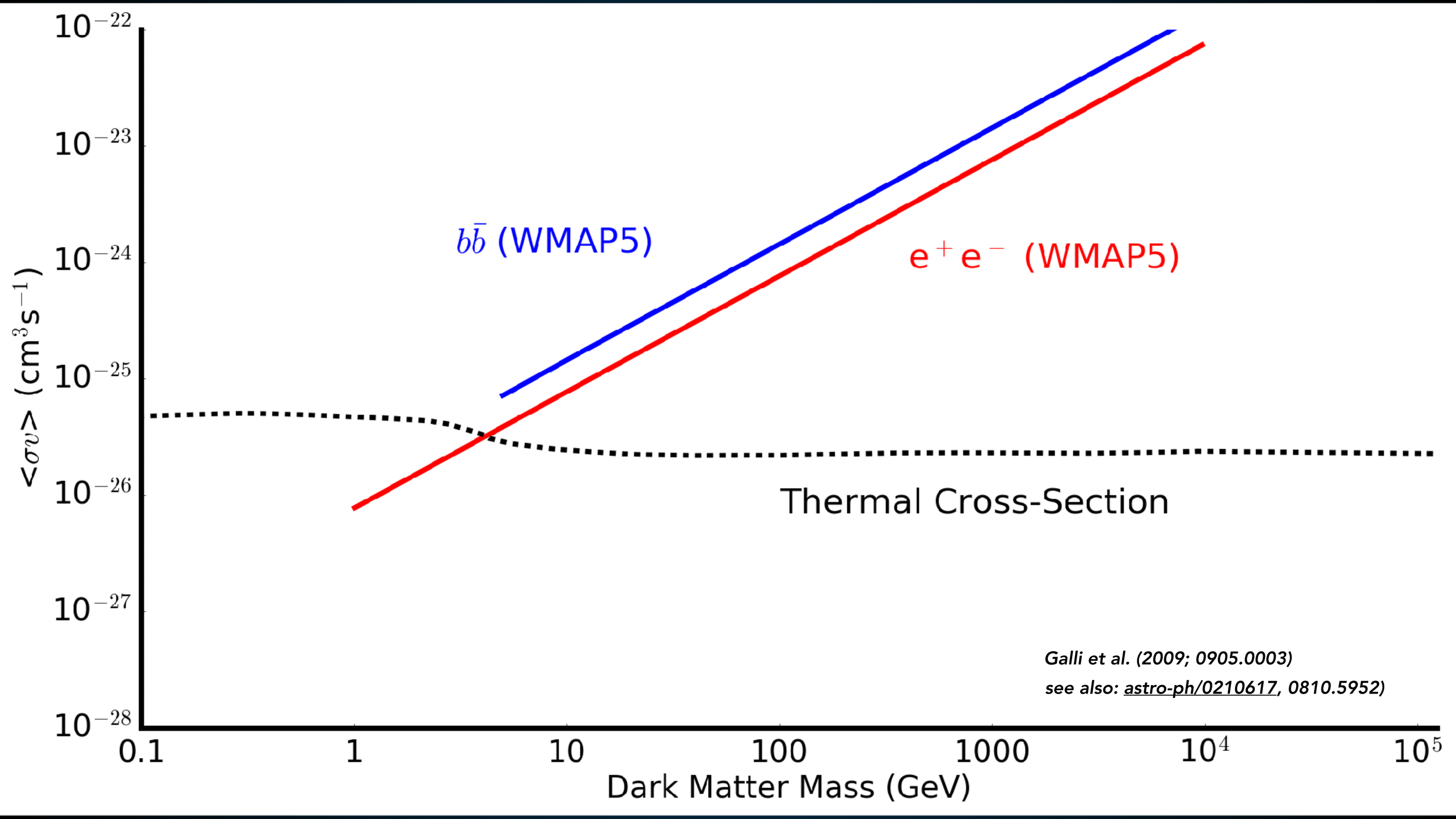

10^5
10^0
10^{-5}
10^{-10}
10^{-15}
10^{-20}
10^3 GeV
10^2 GeV
1 GeV
$\langle\sigma v\rangle_{weak}$
$\langle\sigma v\rangle_{em}$
$\langle\sigma v\rangle_{strong}$
Equilibrium
$m\, n(x)/n_{eq}(x=1)$ [GeV]
10^0
10^1
10^2
10^3
x=m/T


Numerical
Analytical
Canonical
This result
$\langle\sigma v\rangle$ [10^{-26} cm^3 s^{-1}]
0
1
2
3
4
5
6
10^{-1}
10^0
10^1
10^2
10^3
10^4
m [GeV]


Gamma Rays

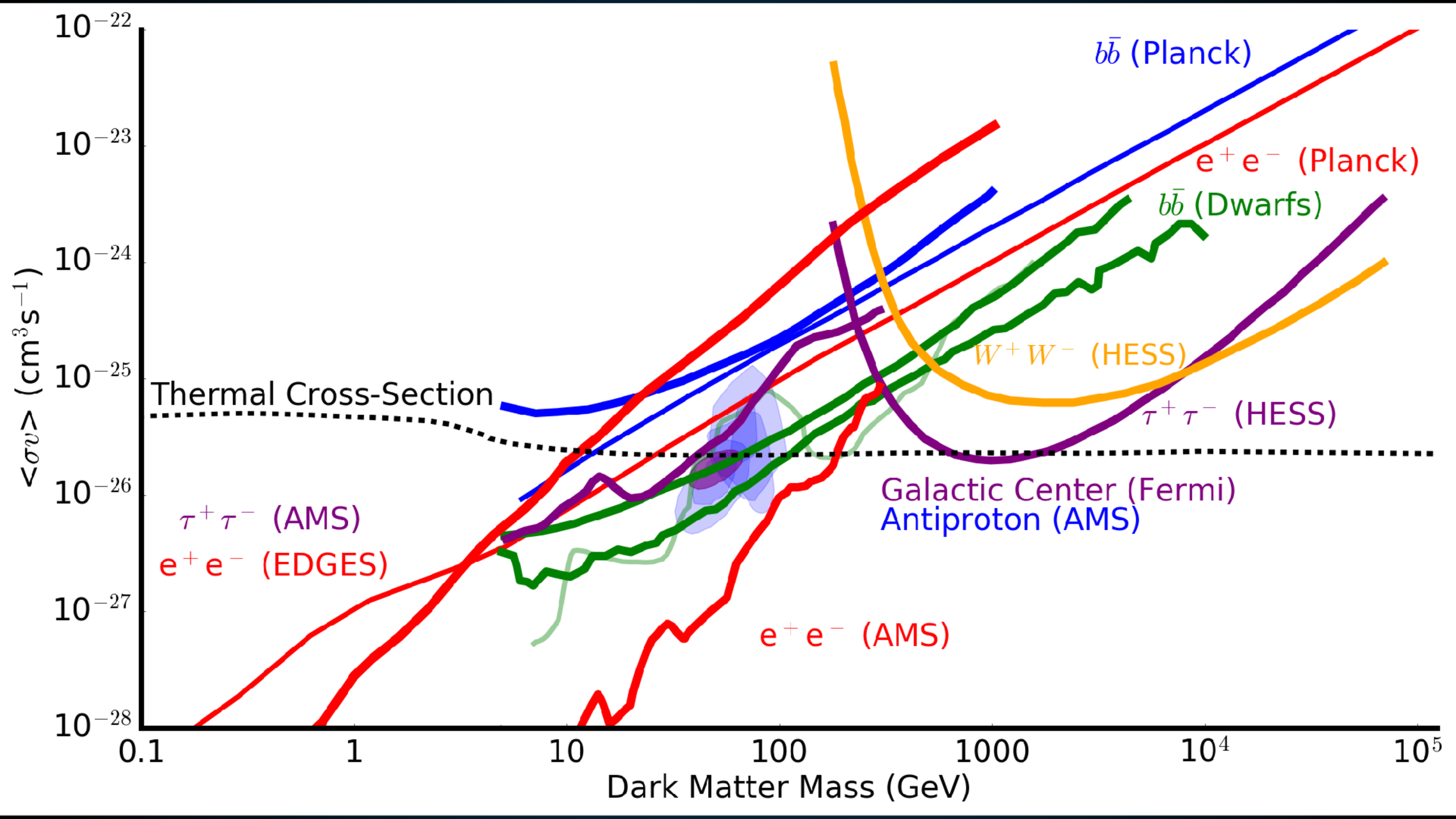

Cosmic Rays
Gamma Rays

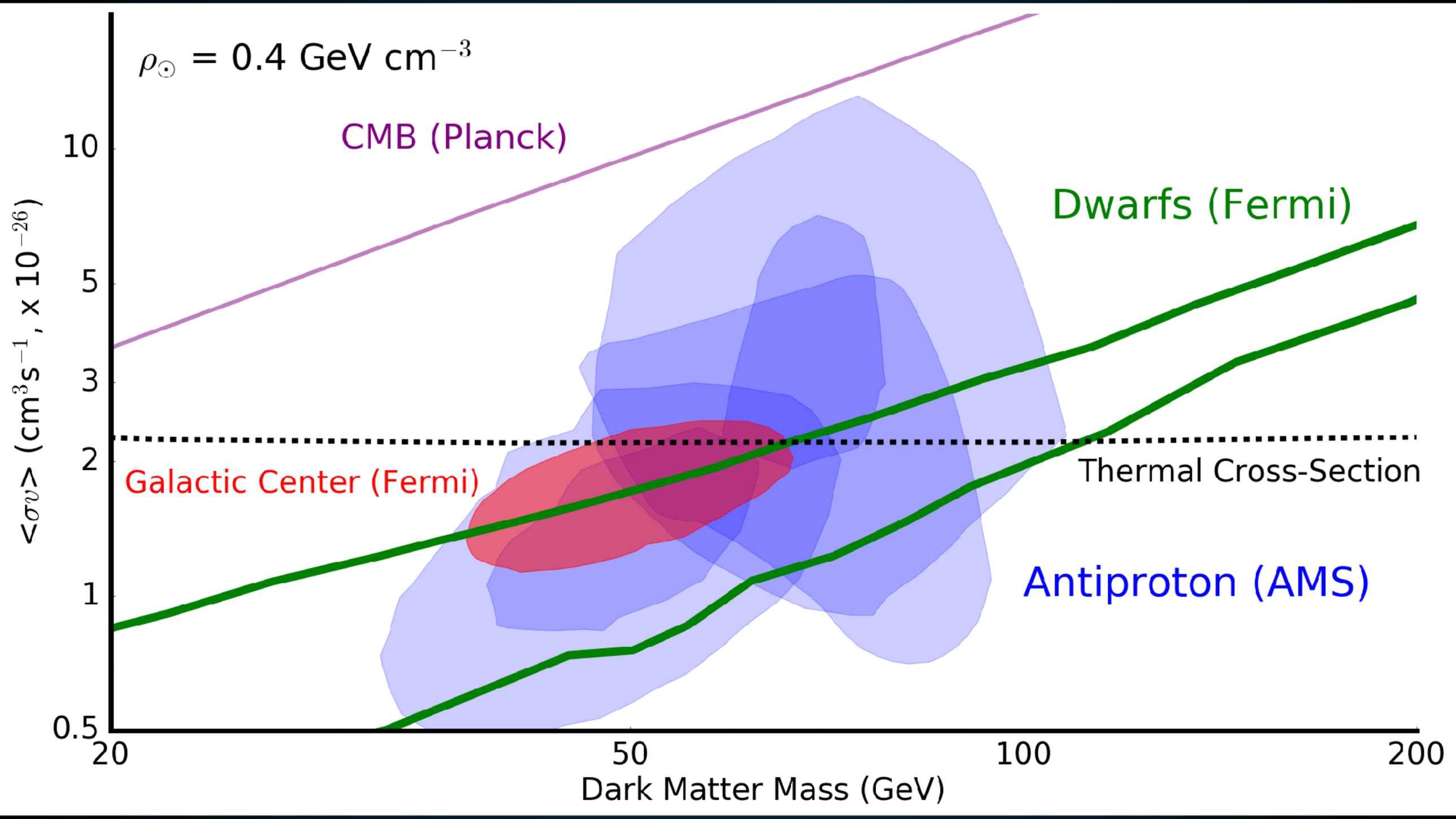

Cosmic Rays
Gamma Rays
Radio

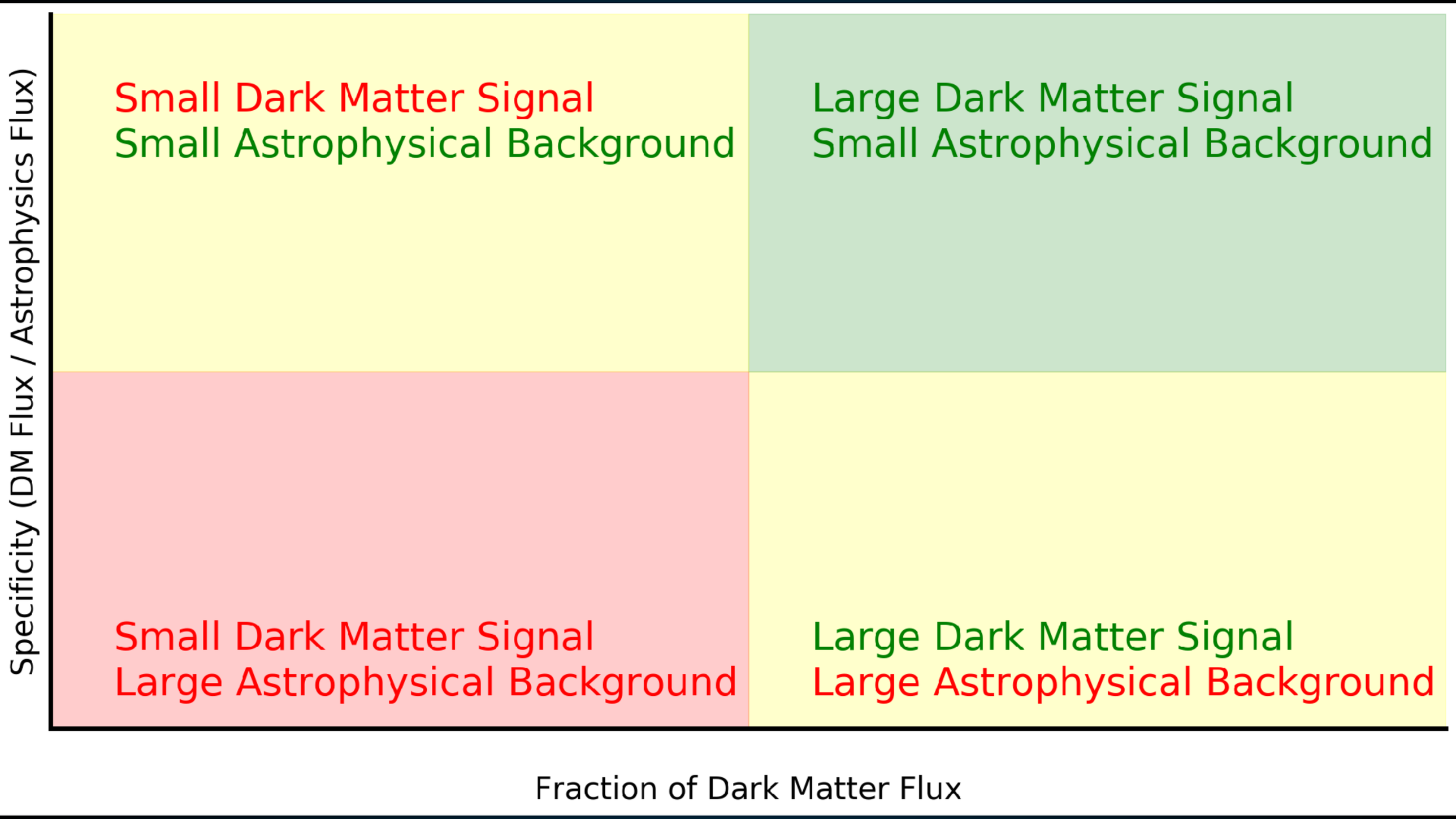


Galli et al. (2009; 0905.0003)

see also: astro-ph/0210617, 0810.5952)


10^{-22}
10^{-23}
10^{-24}
10^{-25}
10^{-26}
10^{-27}
10^{-28}
$<\sigma v>$ ($cm^3 s^{-1}$)
0.1
1
10
100
1000
10^4
10^5
Dark Matter Mass (GeV)
$b\bar{b}$ (Planck)
e^+e^- (Planck)
$b\bar{b}$ (Dwarfs)
W^+W^- (HESS)
$\tau^+\tau^-$ (HESS)
Thermal Cross-Section
Galactic Center (Fermi)
Antiproton (AMS)
$\tau^+\tau^-$ (AMS)
e^+e^- (EDGES)
e^+e^- (AMS)


$\rho_\odot$ = 0.4 GeV cm^{-3}
CMB (Planck)
Dwarfs (Fermi)
Galactic Center (Fermi)
Thermal Cross-Section
Antiproton (AMS)
<σv> (cm^{3}s^{-1}, x 10^{-26})
10
5
3
2
1
0.5
20
50
100
200
Dark Matter Mass (GeV)


Small Dark Matter Signal
Small Astrophysical Background
Large Dark Matter Signal
Small Astrophysical Background
Small Dark Matter Signal
Large Astrophysical Background
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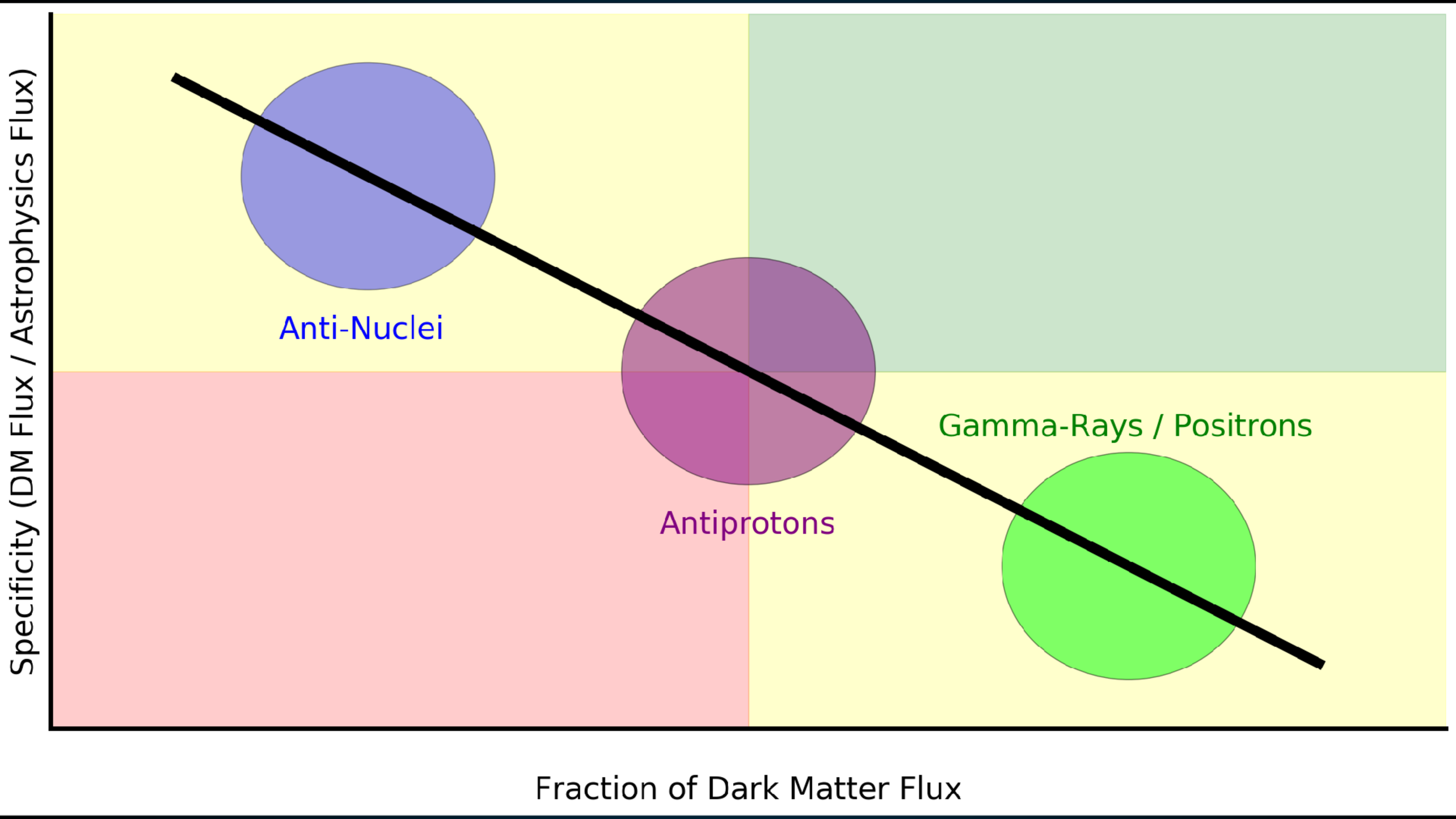
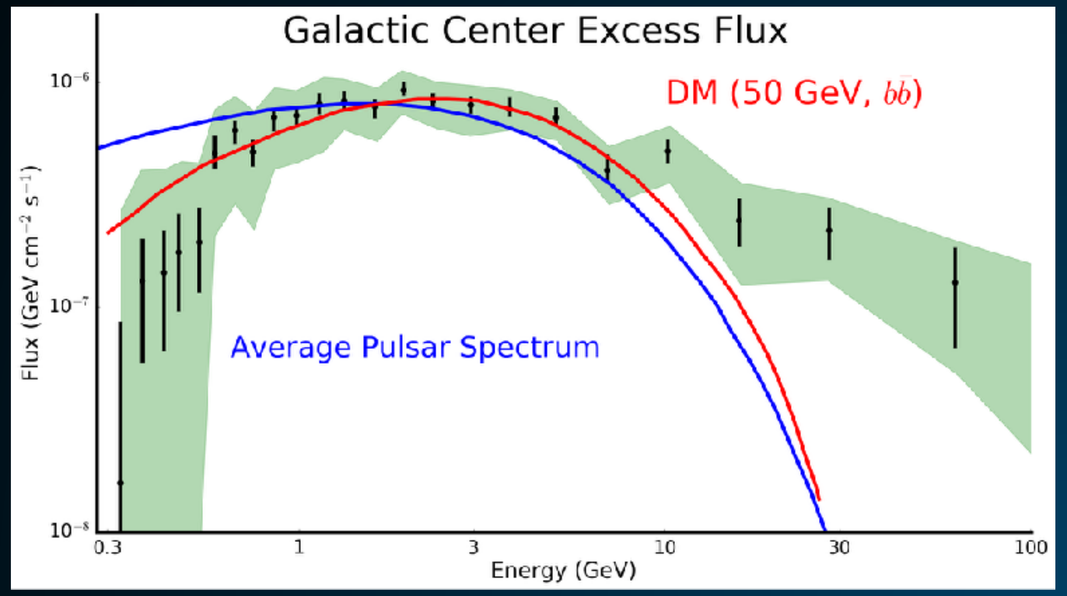
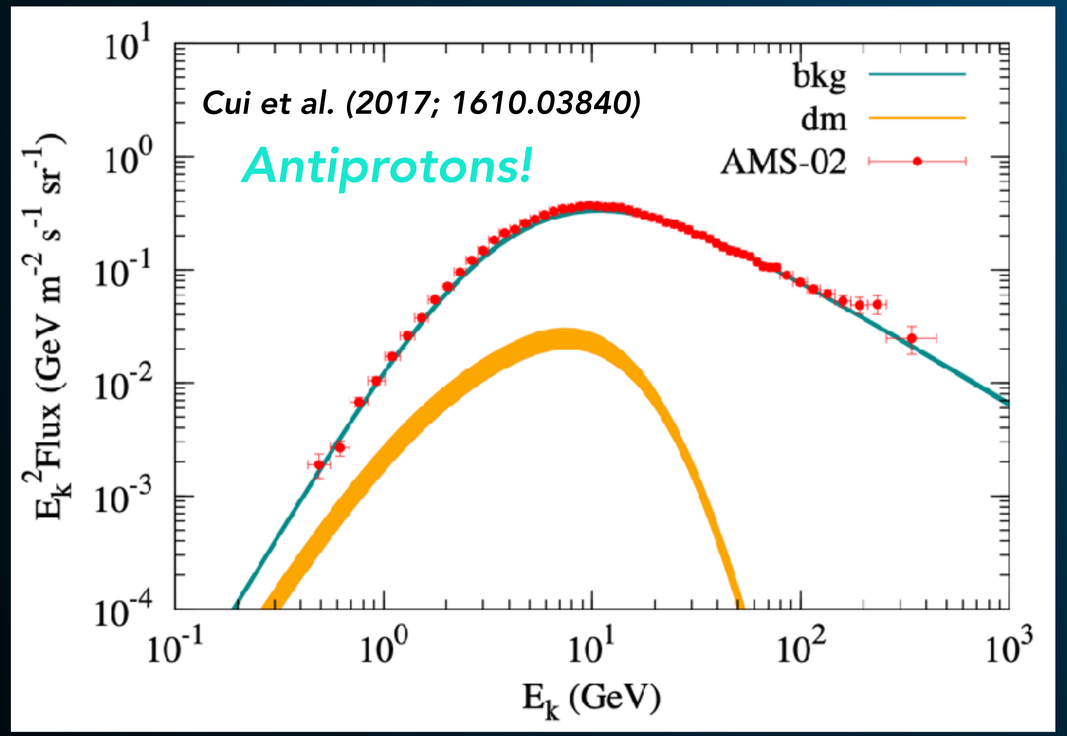
Large Astrophysical Background
Specificity (DM Flux / Astrophysics Flux)
Fraction of Dark Matter Flux

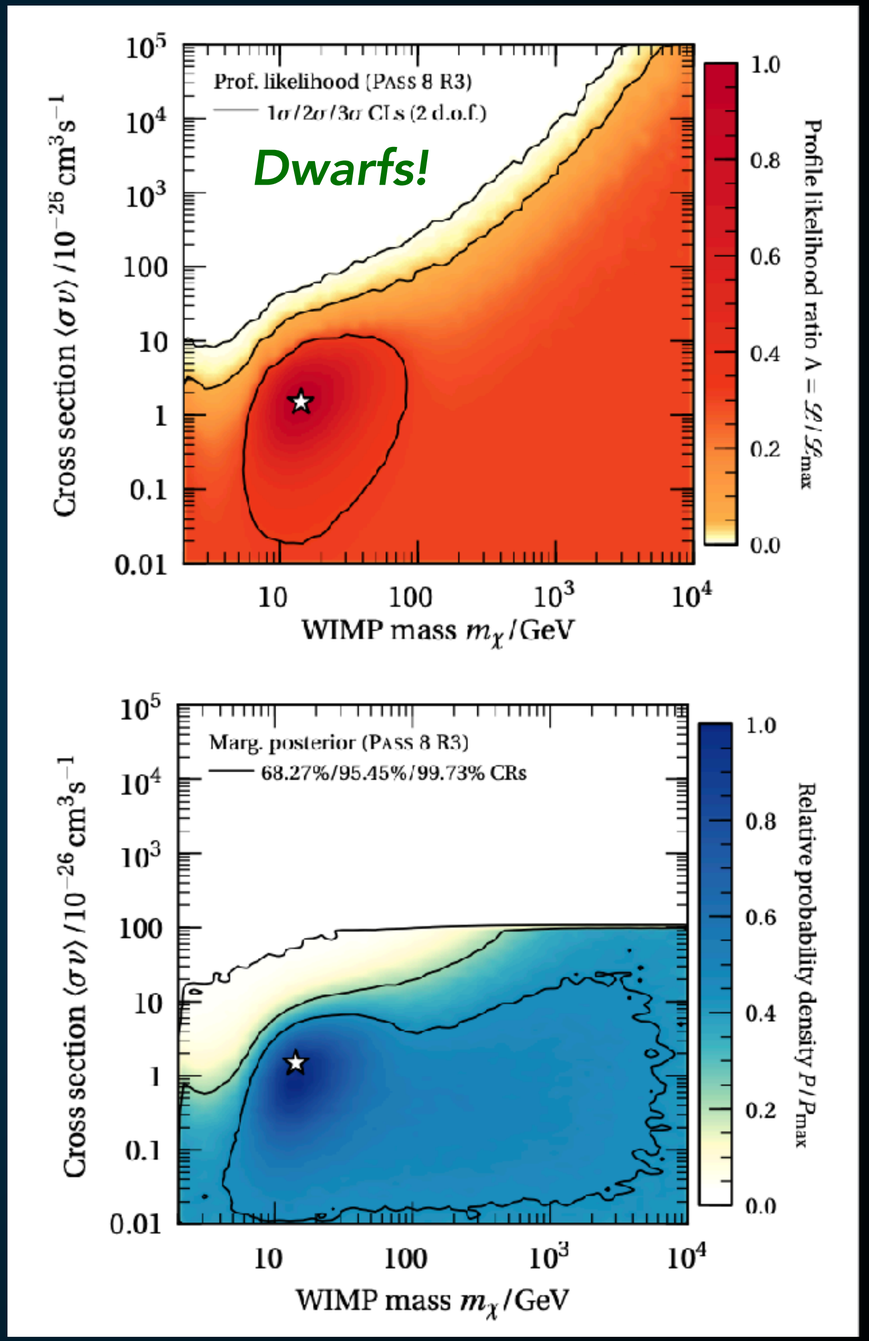

Specificity (DM Flux / Astrophysics Flux)
Anti-Nuclei
Antiprotons
Gamma-Rays / Positrons
Fraction of Dark Matter Flux

Most Results are in the High-Statistics, Low S/N Regime



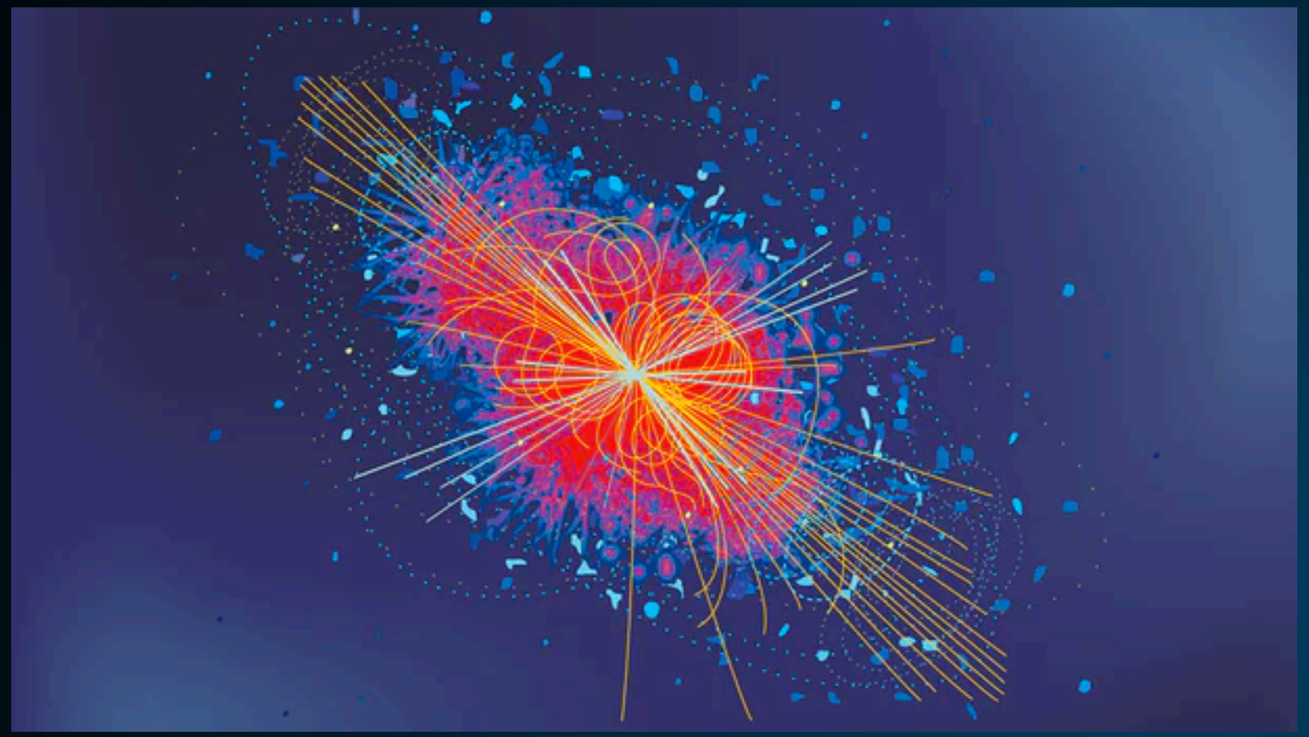


Geringer-Sameth et al. (2019; 1812.06986)



Antinuclei !?

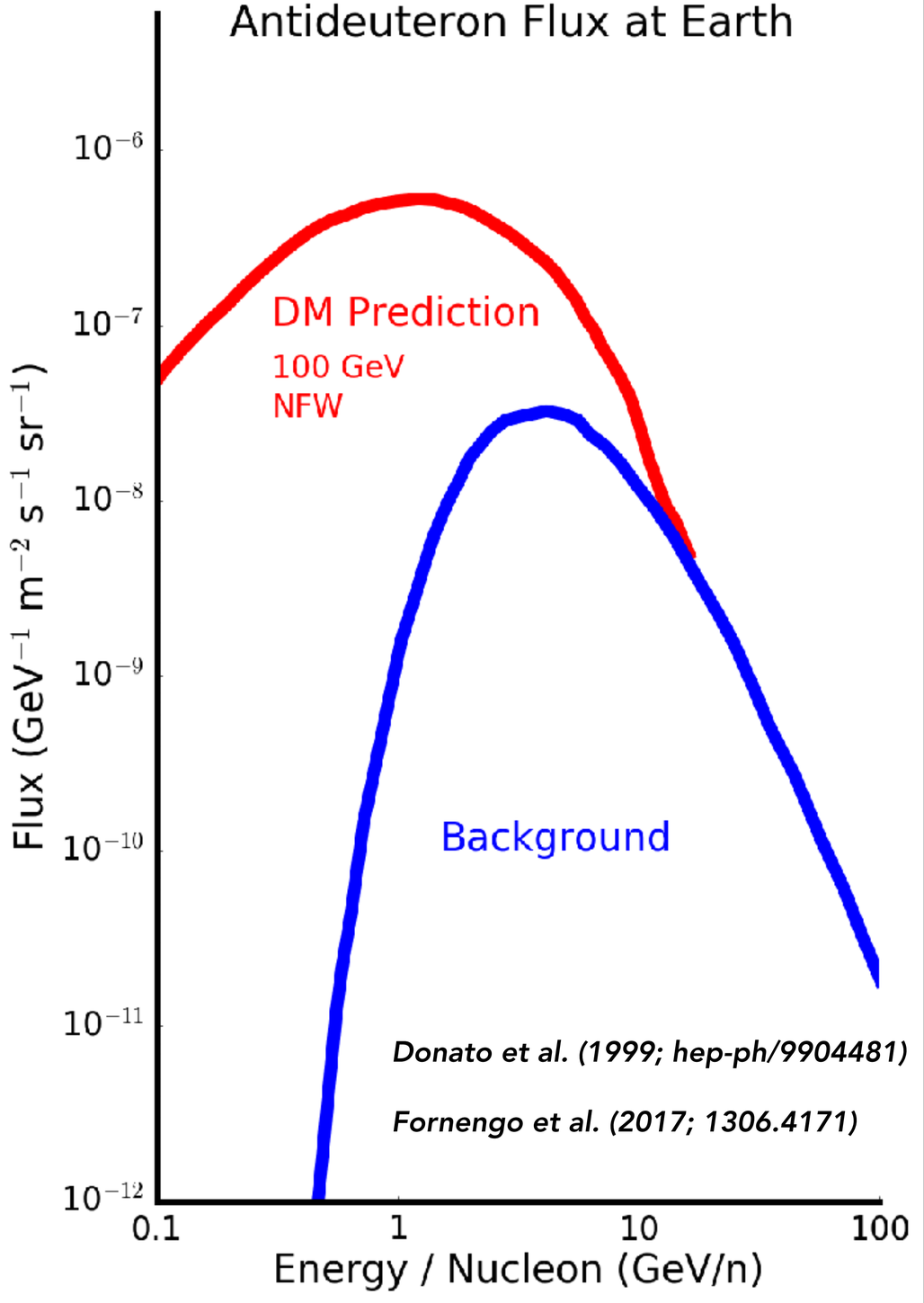
AntiNuclei - A Clean Search Strategy ?



Antinuclei carry away a significant fraction of the total momentum in a particle collision.

Astrophysical Antinuclei - Most be moving relativistically!

Dark Matter Antinuclei - Can be slow!



To date, we have observed eight events in the mass region from 0 to 10 GeV with Z= –2. All eight events are in the helium mass region.

Currently (having used 50 million core hours to generate 7 times more simulated events than measured events and having found no background events from the simulation), our best evaluation of the probability of the background origin for the eight $\bar{He}$ events is less than 3×10^{-8}. For the two $^4\bar{He}$ events our best evaluation of the probability (upon completion of the current 100 million core hours of simulation) will be less than 3×10^{-3}.

Note that for $^4\bar{He}$, projecting based on the statistics we have today, by using an additional 400 million core hours for simulation the background probability would be 10^{-4}. Simultaneously, continuing to run until 2023, which doubles the data sample, the background probability for $^4\bar{He}$ would be 2×10^{-7}, i.e., greater than 5-sigma significance.

slide from Sam Ting (La Palma Conference, April 9 2018)

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Antihelium background even cleaner than antideuterons

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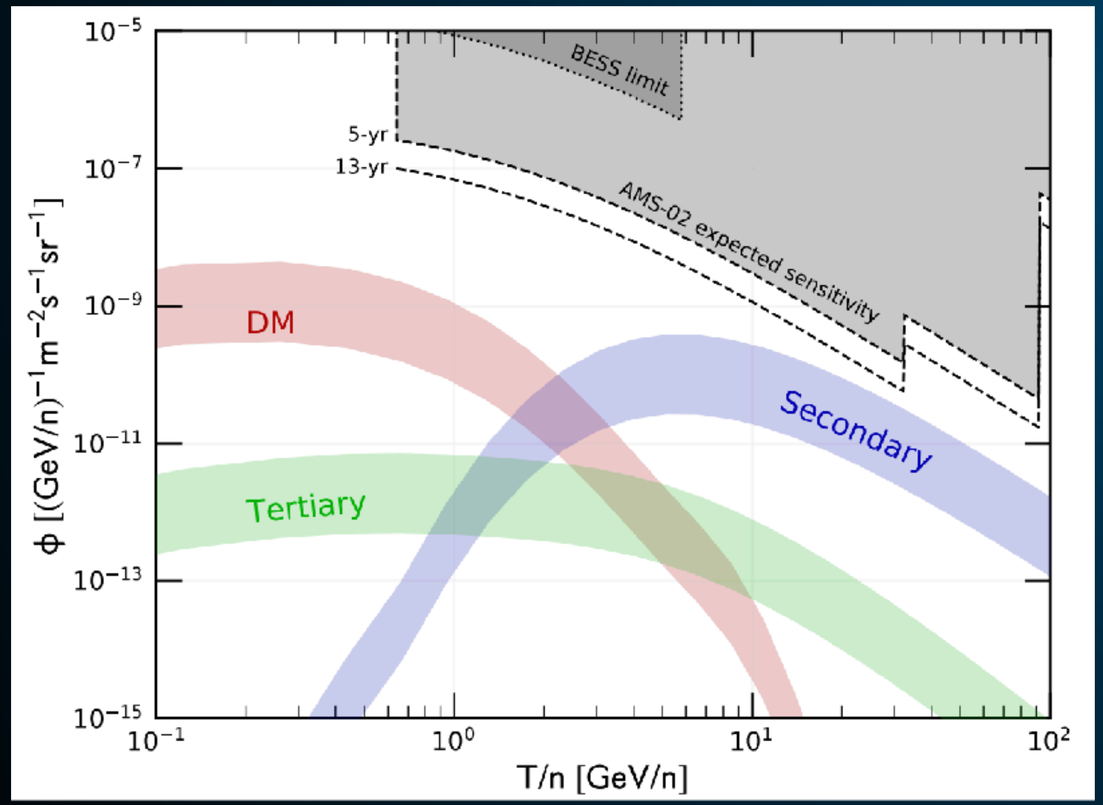
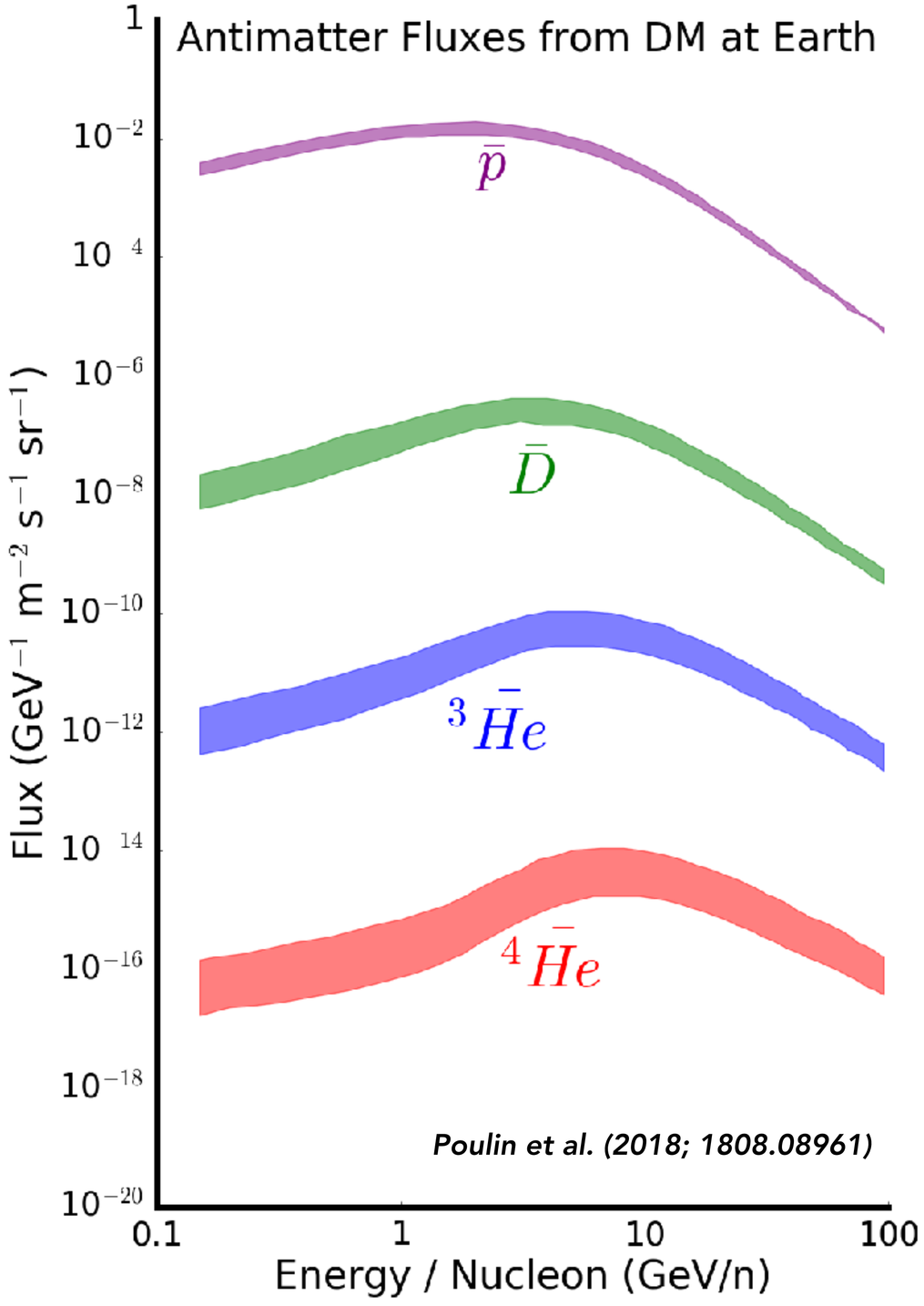


Korsmeier (2017; 1711.08465)



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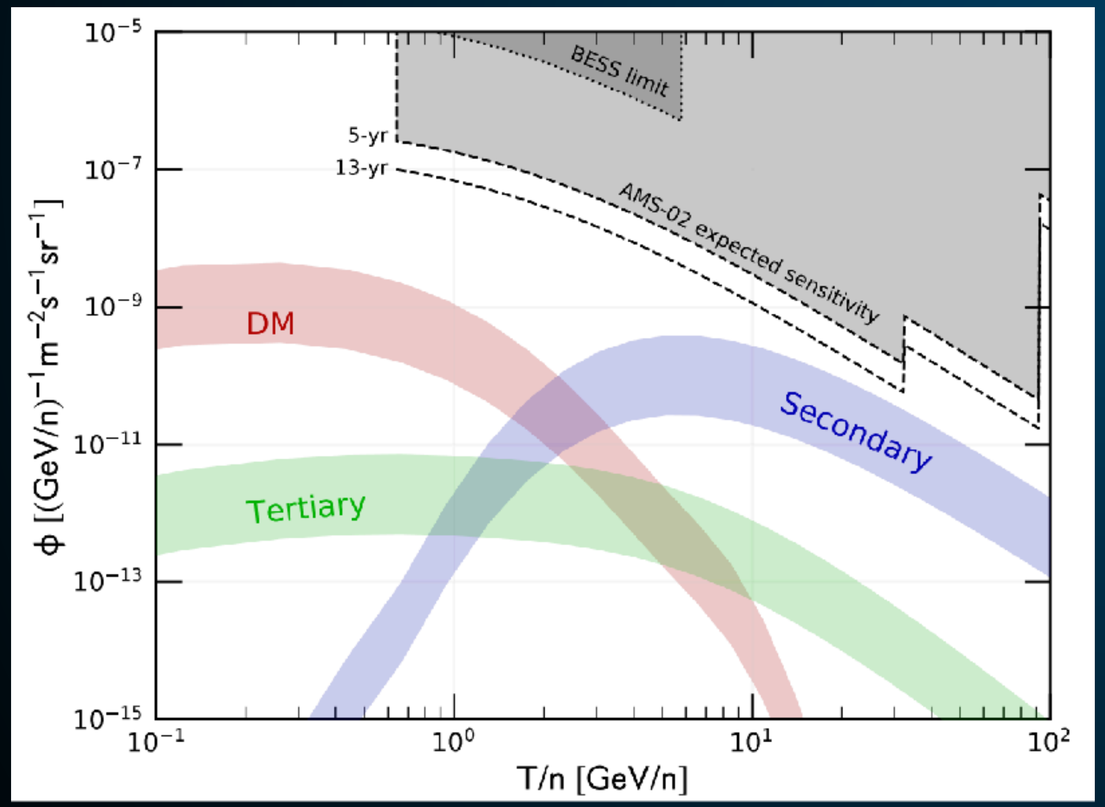

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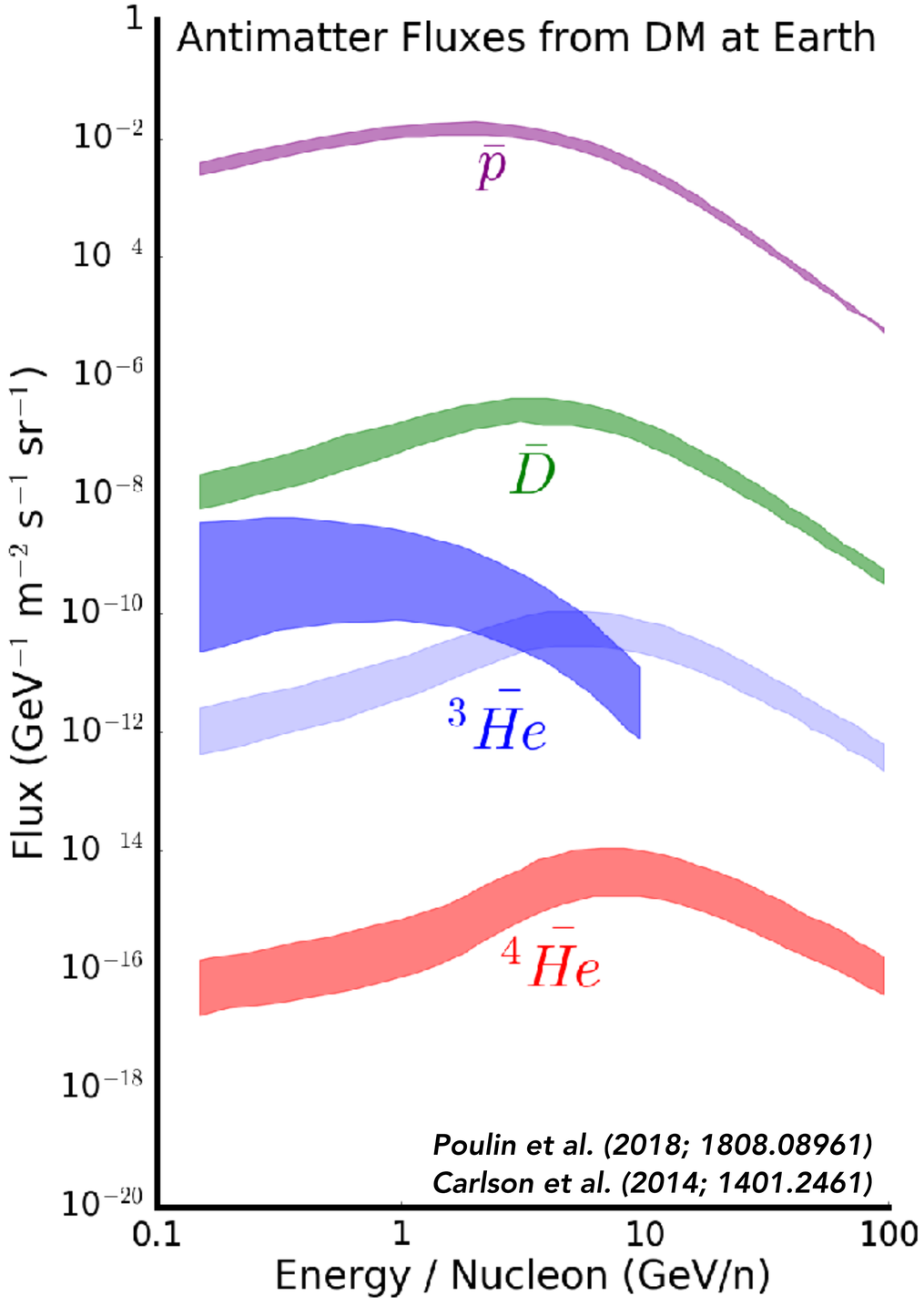


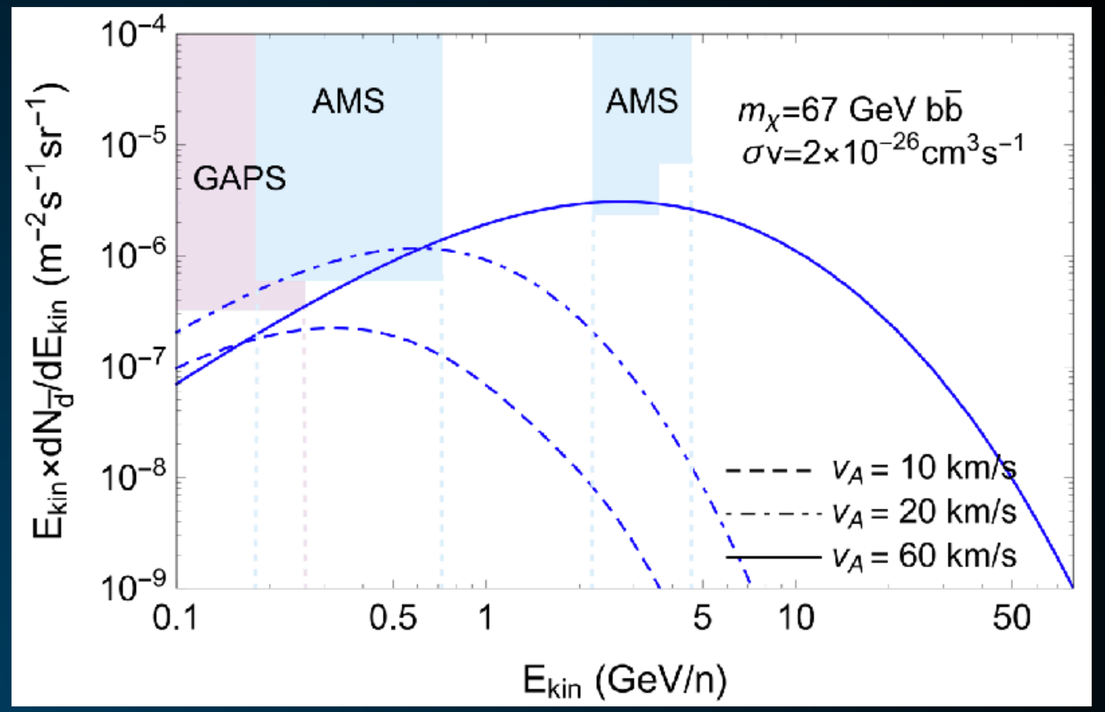
Poulin et al. (2018; 1808.08961)
Carlson et al. (2014; 1401.2461)

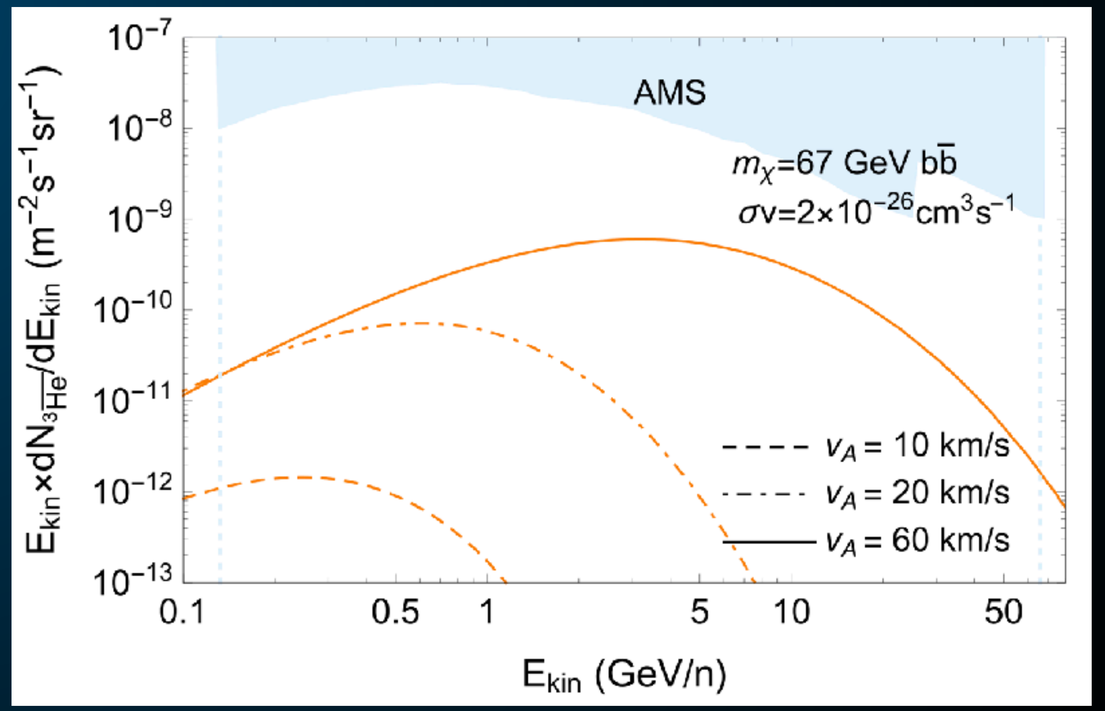
Astrophysical Enhancements!

The current event rates depend on the detector sensitivity to anti-Helium.

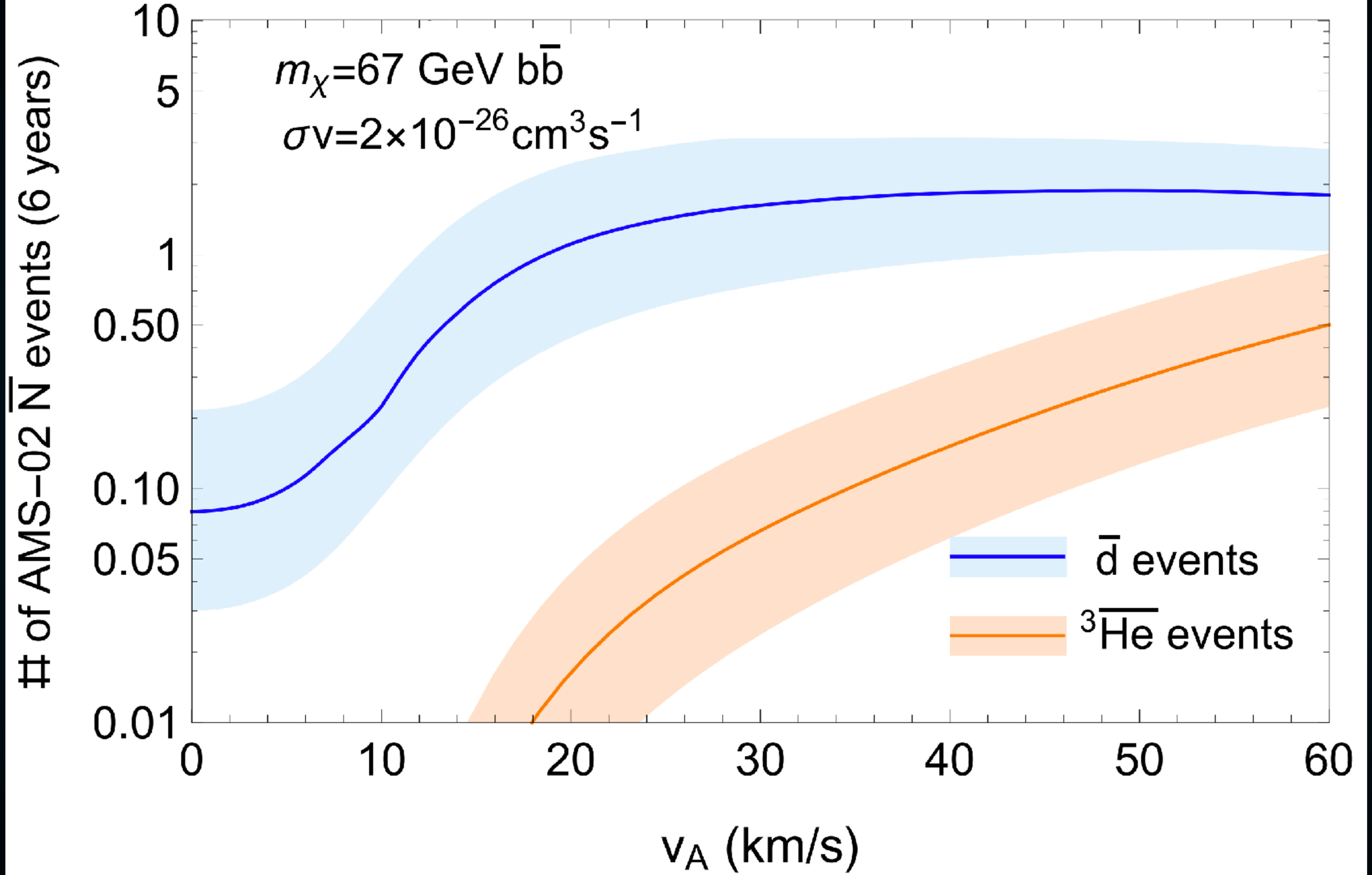
We lose many events because most anti-He are produced at energies that are too small to be detected.

Use re-acceleration to boost the anti-He energies into the detectable range!





Cholis, Linden, Hooper (2020; 2001.08749)


m_χ=67 GeV $b\bar{b}$
$\sigma v = 2\times10^{-26} cm^3 s^{-1}$
# of AMS-02 $\bar{N}$ events (6 years)
10
5
1
0.50
0.10
0.05
0.01
0
10
20
30
40
50
60
v_A (km/s)
$\bar{d}$ events
$^3\bar{He}$ events

Particle Physics Enhancements!

Dark Matter Annihilation Can Produce a Detectable Antihelium Flux through $\bar{\Lambda}_b$ Decays

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Recent observations by the Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer (AMS-02) have tentatively detected a handful of cosmic-ray antihelium events. Such events have long been considered as smoking-gun evidence for new physics, because astrophysical antihelium production is expected to be negligible. However, the dark-matter-induced antihelium flux is also expected to fall below current sensitivities, particularly in light of existing antiproton constraints. Here, we demonstrate that a previously neglected standard model process — the production of antihelium through the displaced-vertex decay of $\bar{\Lambda}_b$-baryons — can significantly boost the dark matter induced antihelium flux. This process can triple the standard prompt-production of antihelium, and more importantly, entirely dominate the production of the high-energy antihelium nuclei reported by AMS-02.

I. INTRODUCTION

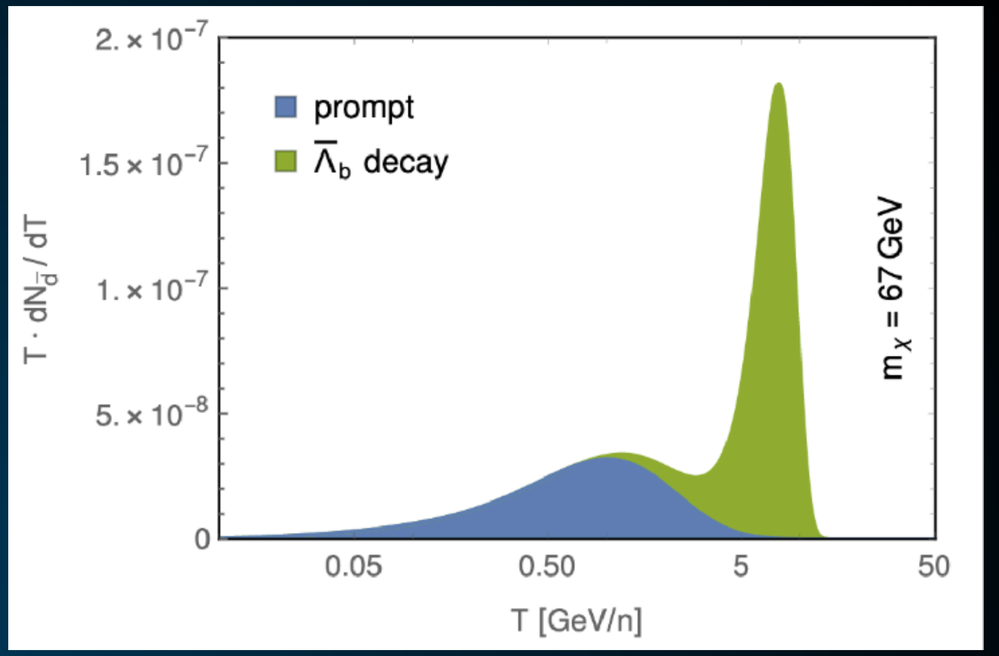
The detection of massive cosmic-ray antinuclei has long been considered a holy grail in searches for WIMP dark matter [1, 2]. Primary cosmic-rays from astrophysical sources are matter-dominated, accelerated by nearby supernova, pulsars, and other extreme objects. The secondary cosmic-rays produced by the hadronic interactions of primary cosmic-rays can include an antinuclei component, but the flux is highly suppressed by baryon number conservation and kinematic constraints [3, 4]. Dark matter annihilation, on the other hand, occurs within the rest frame of the Milky Way and produces equal baryon and antibaryon fluxes [1, 5–7]

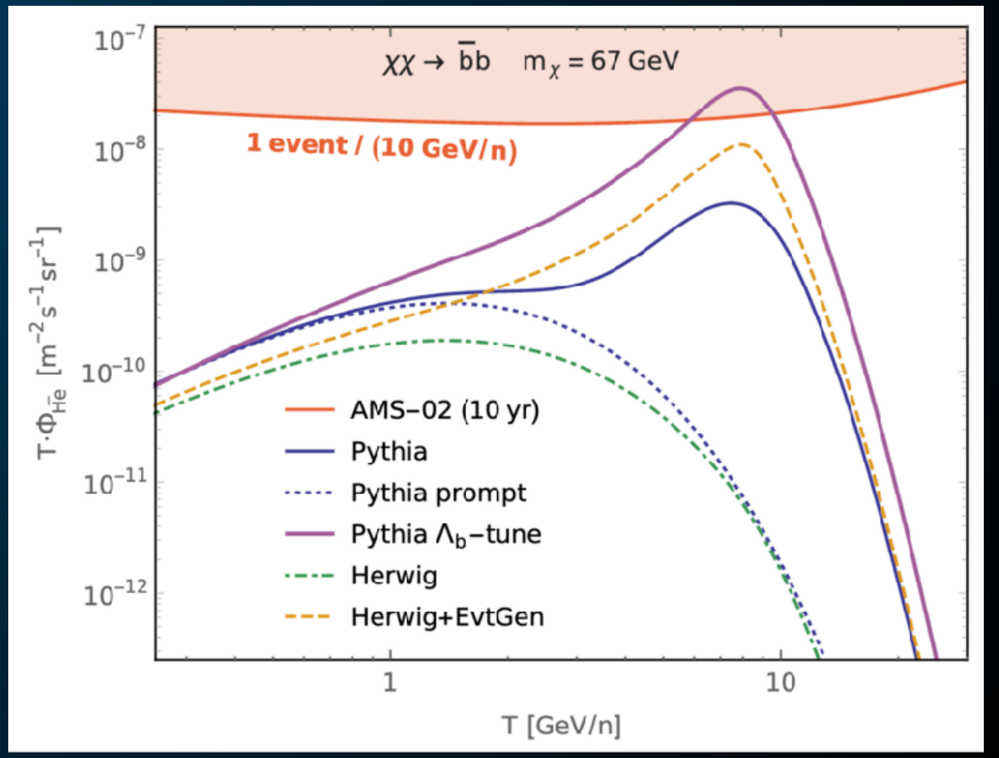
In this *letter*, we challenge the current understanding that standard dark matter annihilation models cannot produce a measurable antihelium flux. Our analysis examines a known, and potentially dominant, antinuclei production mode which has been neglected by previous literature – the production of antihelium through the off-vertex decays of the $\bar{\Lambda}_b$. Such bottom baryons are generically produced in dark matter annihilation channels involving b quarks. Their decays efficiently produce heavy antinuclei due to their antibaryon number and 5.6 GeV rest-mass, which effectively decays to multi-nucleon states with small relative momenta. Intriguingly, because any $^3\overline{\text{He}}$ produced by $\bar{\Lambda}_b$ inherits its boost factor, these nuclei can obtain the large center-of-mass momenta necessary to fit AMS-02 data [13].

Particle Physics Enhancements!

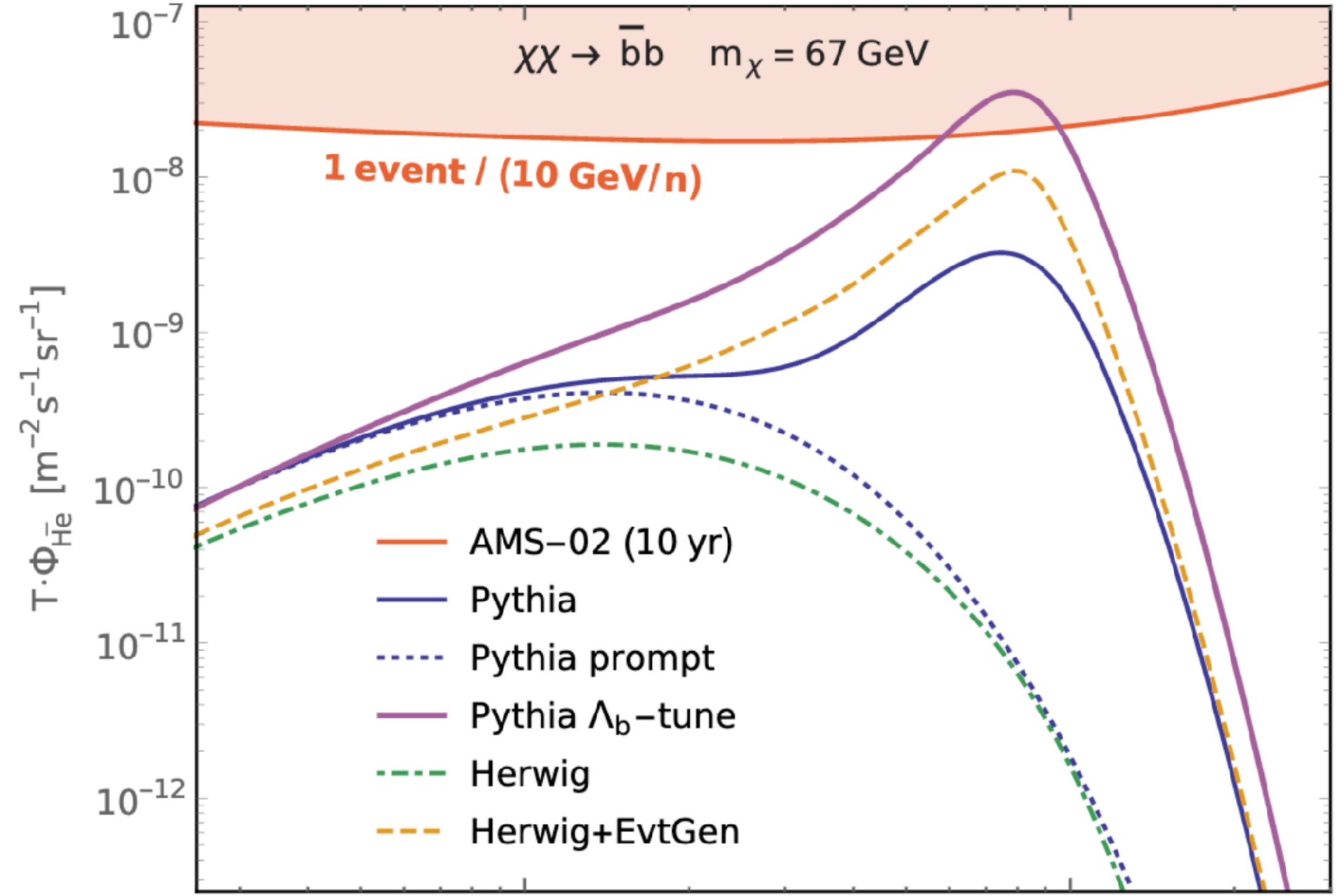
Previous analyses have missed the (potentially) dominant contribution to anti-Helium production.

The displaced-vertex decays of Lambda_b baryons potentially boosts the detectable AMS-02 signal by orders of magnitude!





Winkler & Linden (2020; 2020.16251)



Generator	P	P [Λ_b-tune]	H	H+EvtGen
$^3\bar{He}$ events	0.1 (0.007)	0.9	0.003	0.3
$\bar{d}$ events	3.7 (3.5)	4.2	1.7	2.1

Winkler & Linden (2020; 2020.16251)

Conclusions

Several conflicting observations and constraints on ~50-75 GeV dark matter.

Studies of Dwarf Galaxies, the Galactic Center Excess, and Antiprotons exist in regions where the signal/noise << 1.

New observations in background free environments, like antideuterons or anti helium may hold the key!