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# Dark Matter Detection

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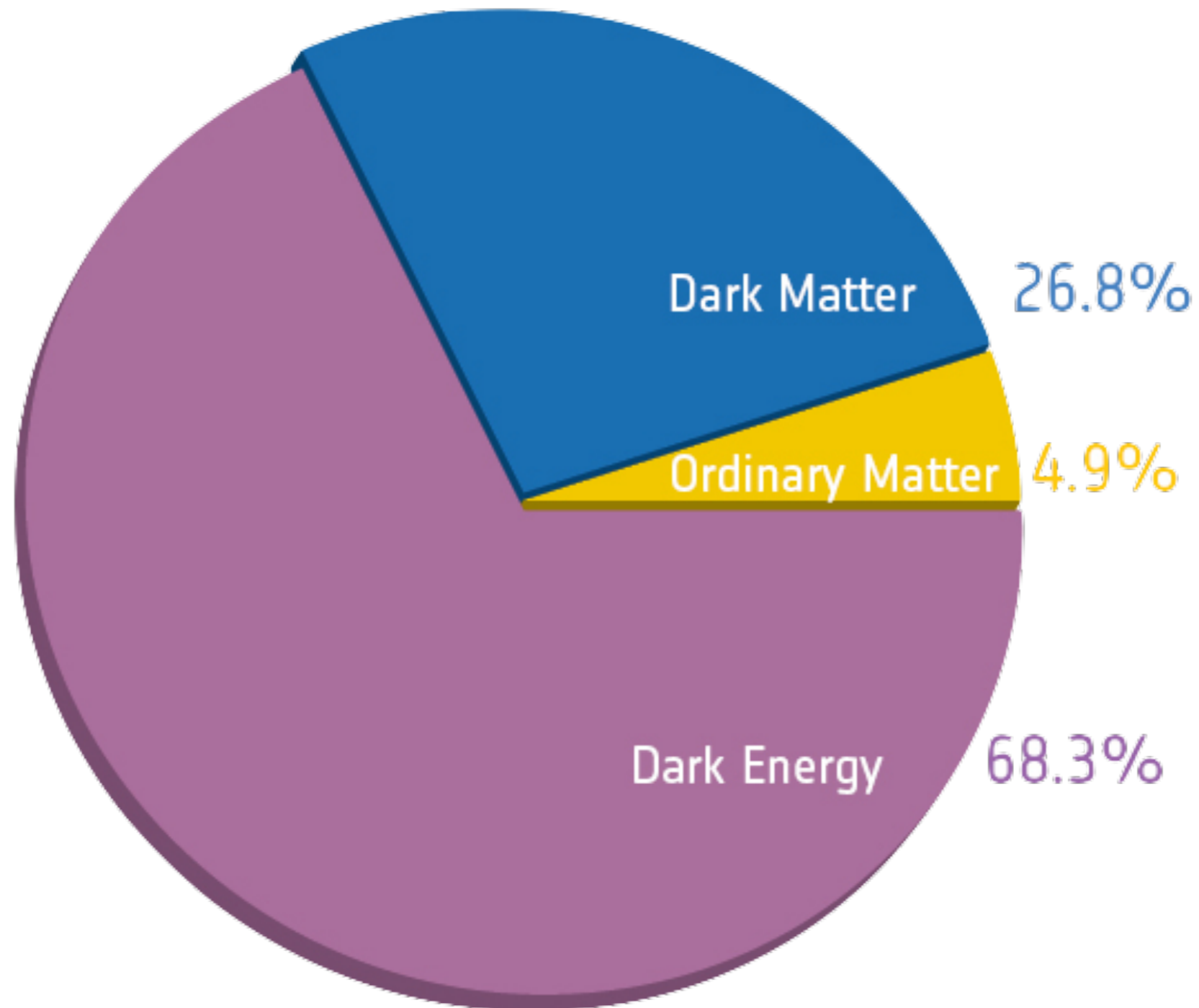
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## WIMP and axion searches

### Selected topics from my work:

- ♦ Dark matter+neutrinos
- ♦ Dark matter experiments+*Gaia*
- ♦ Directional dark matter detection

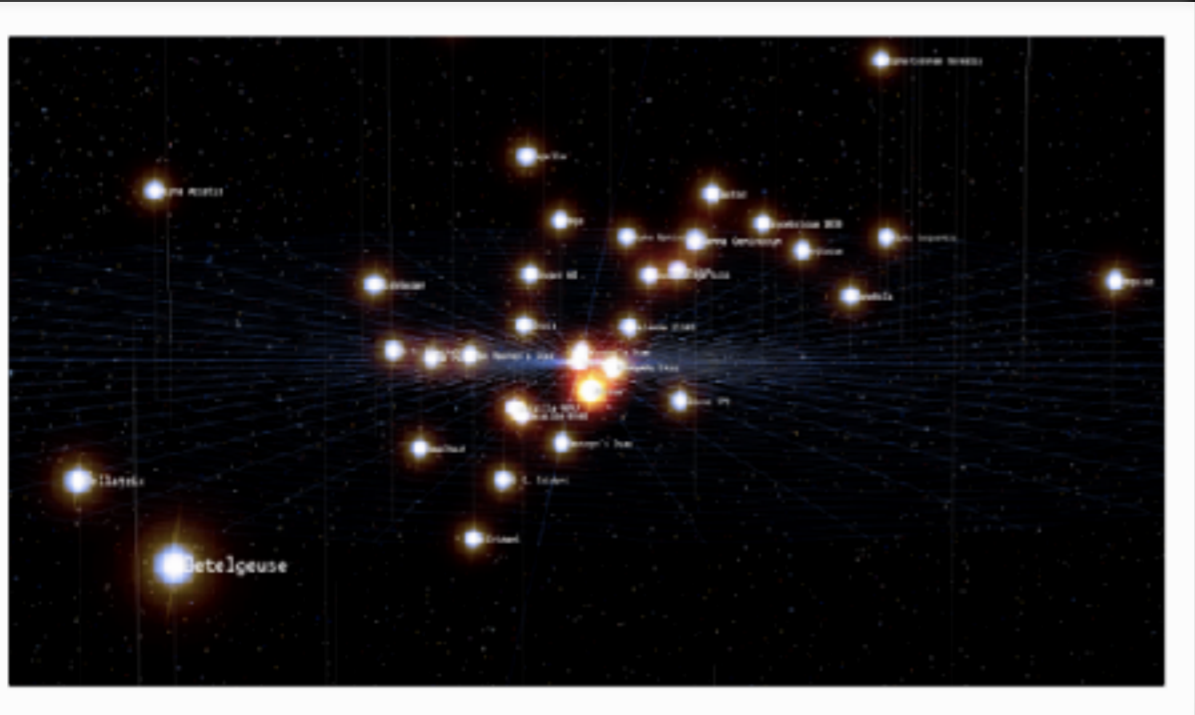
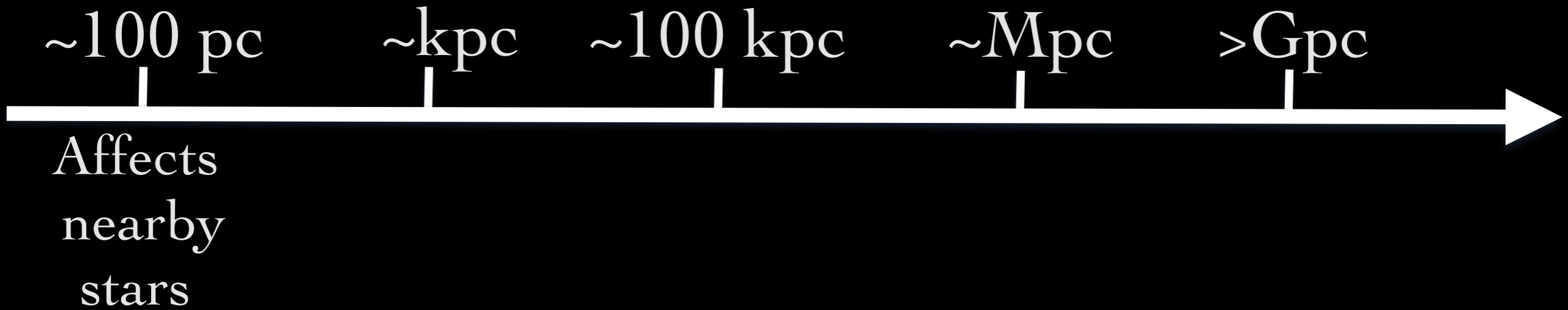
# The dreaded pie chart...



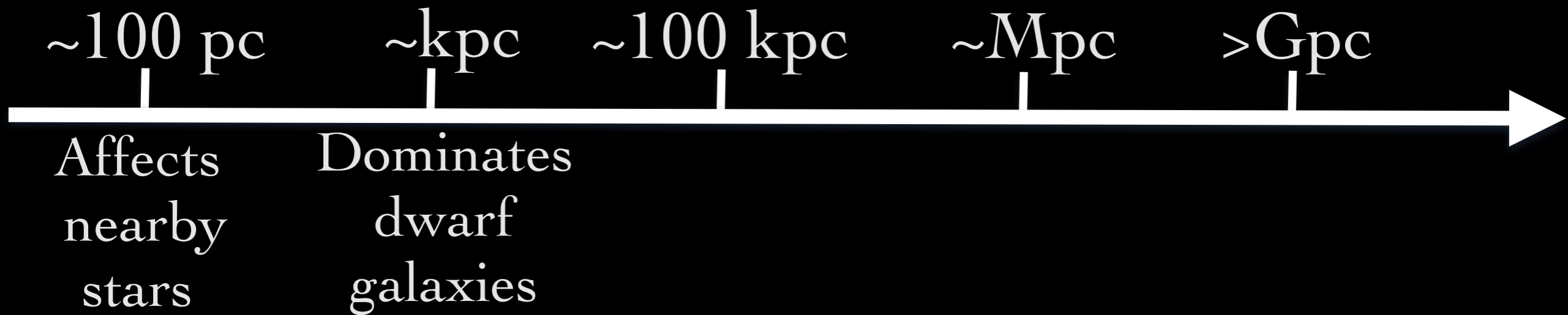
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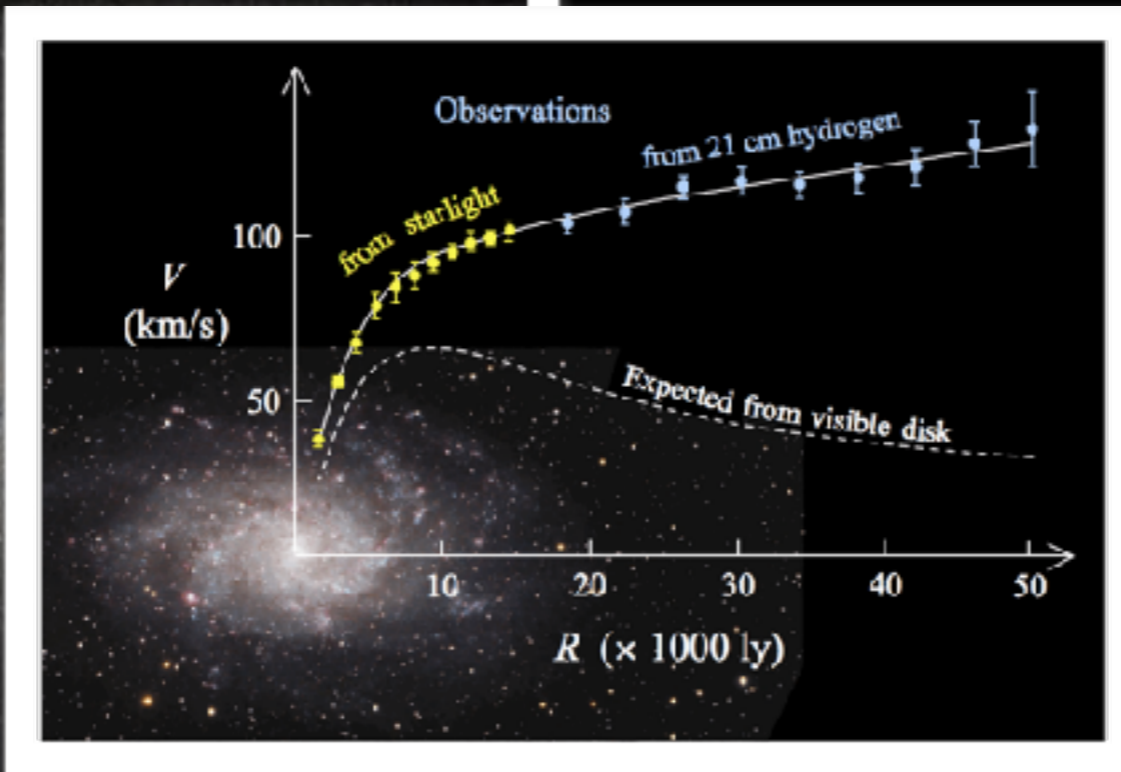
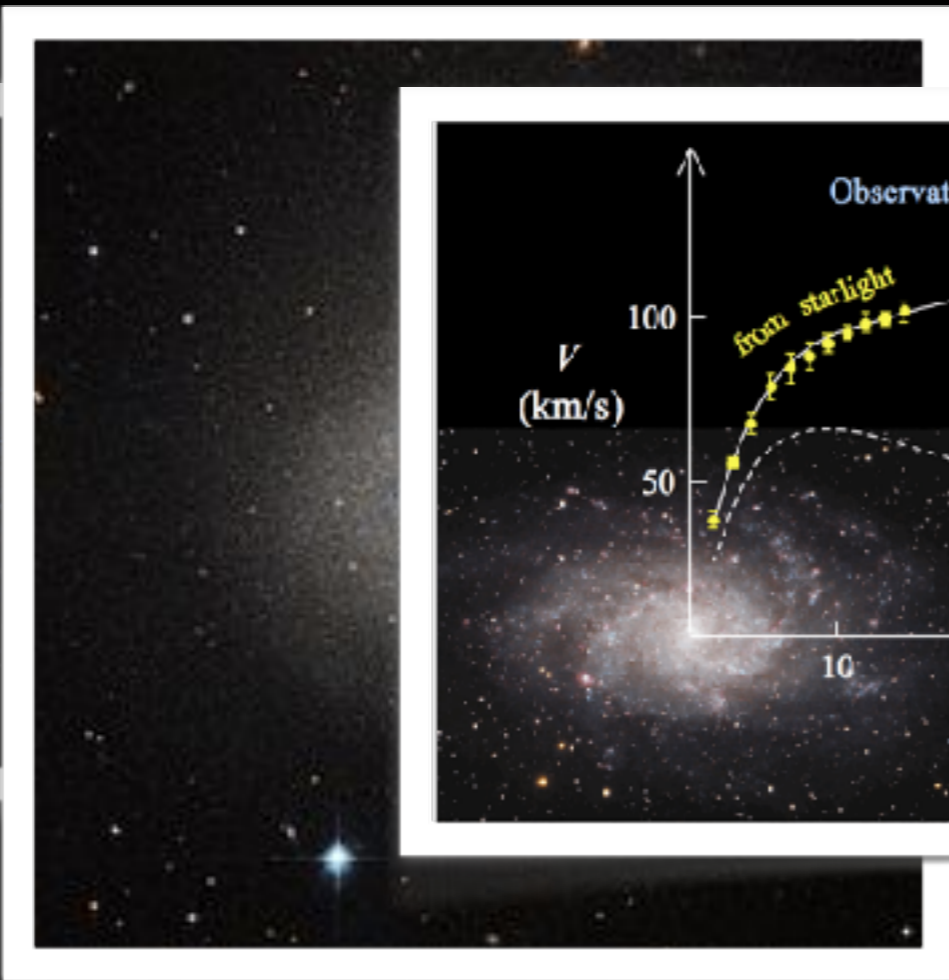
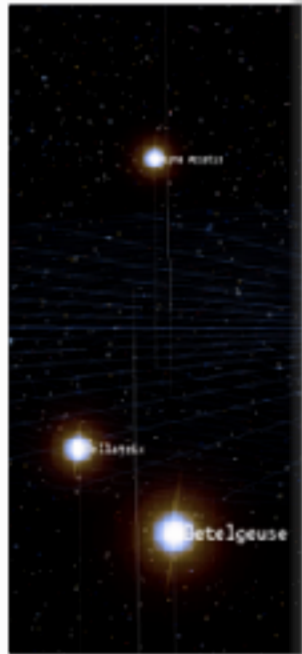
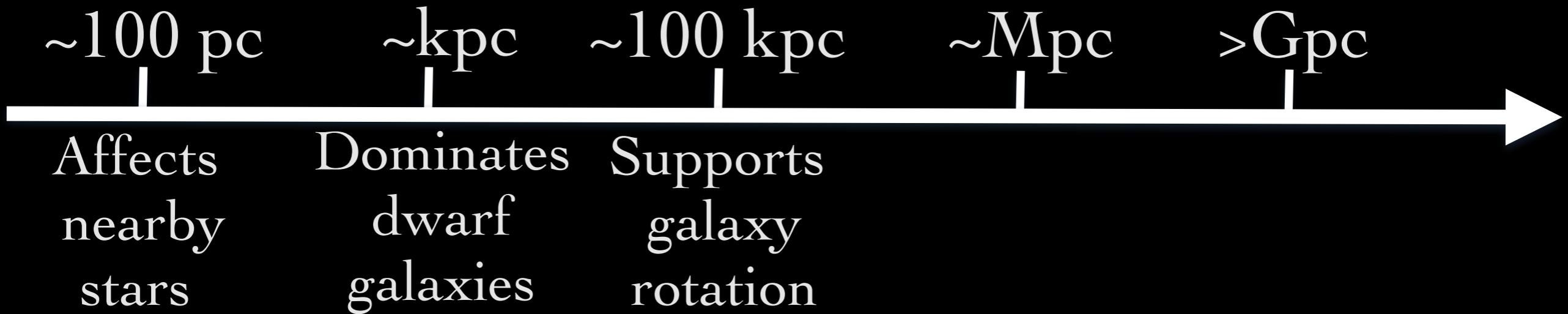
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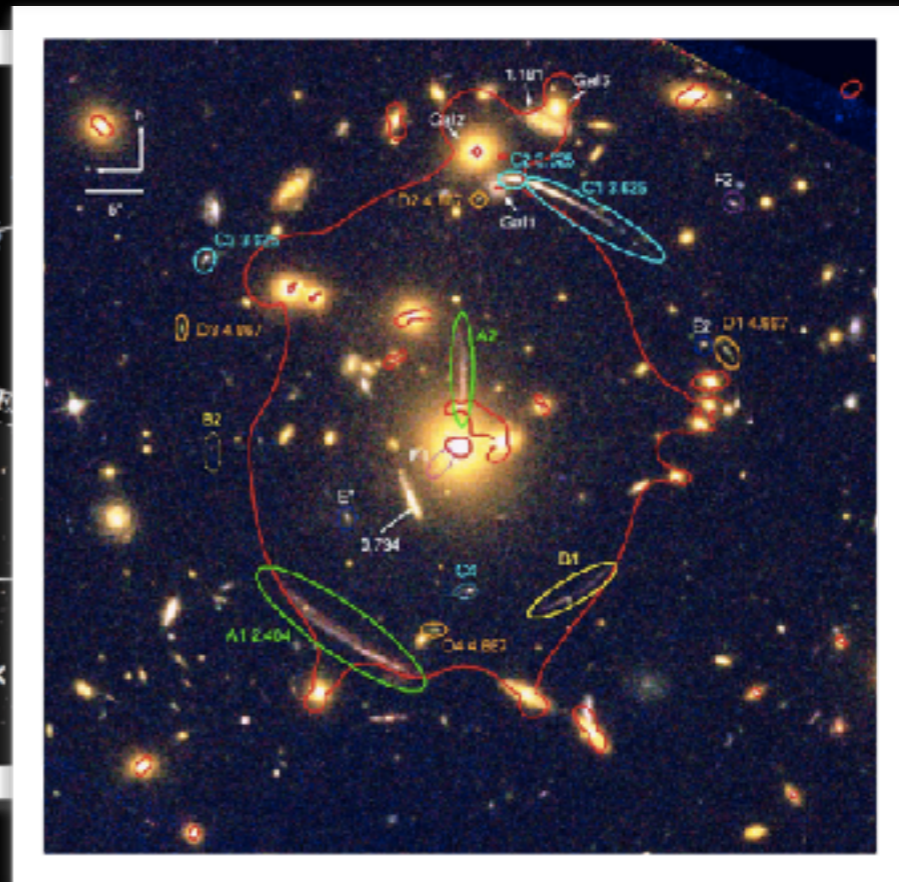
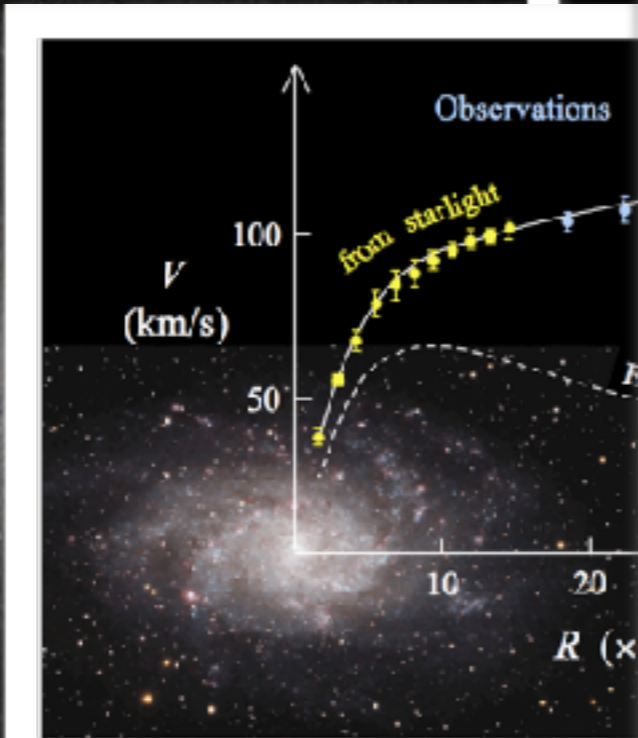
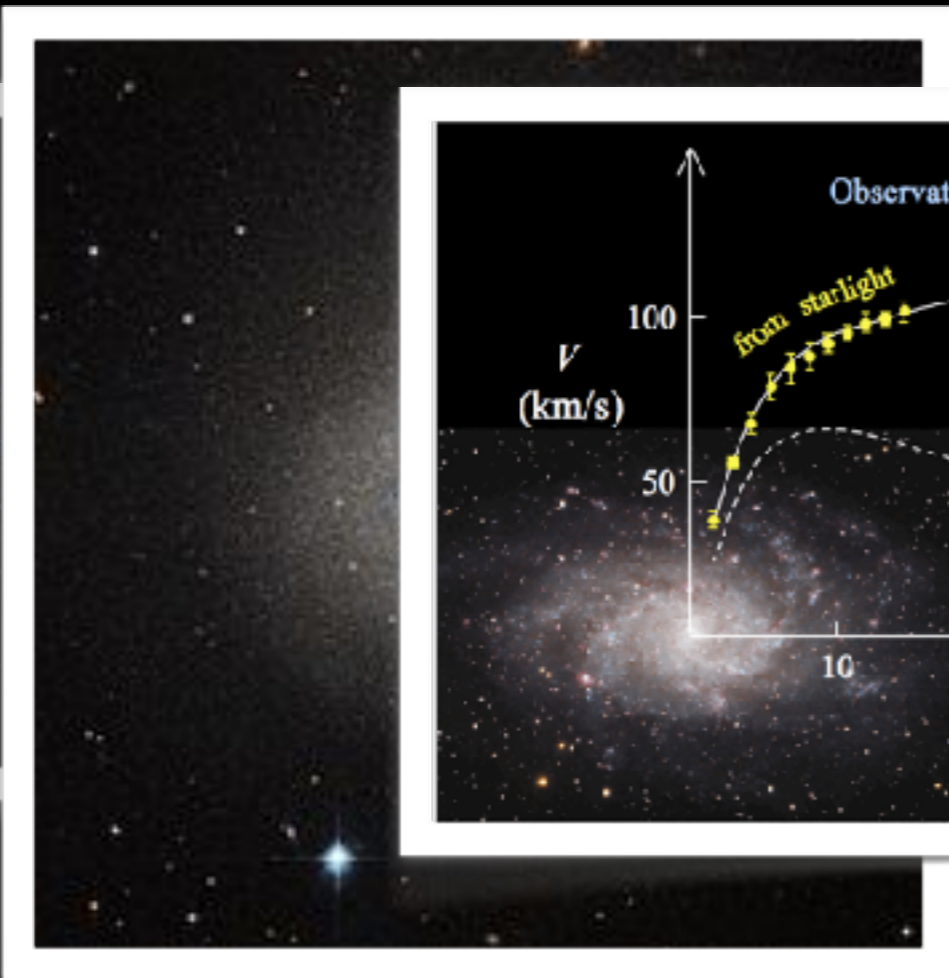
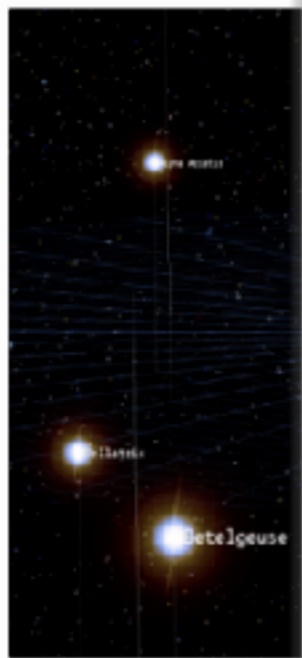
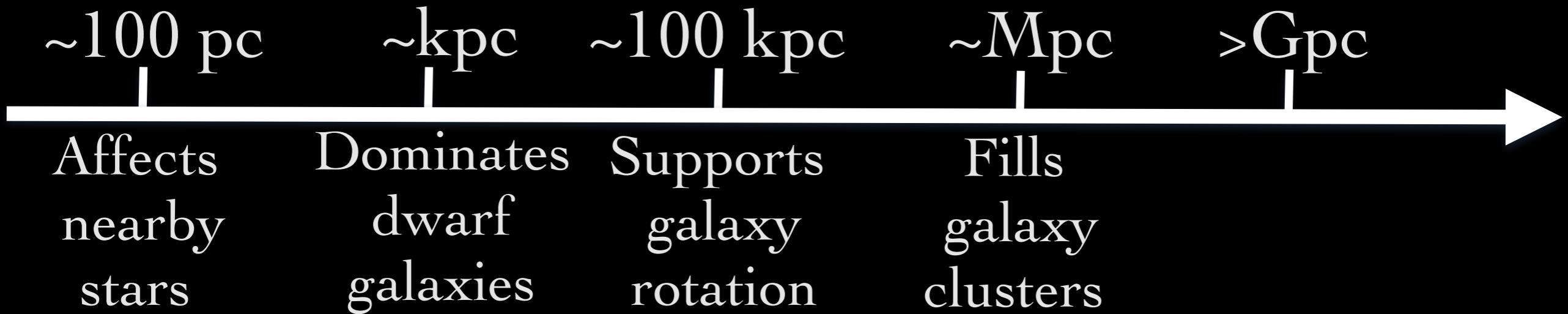
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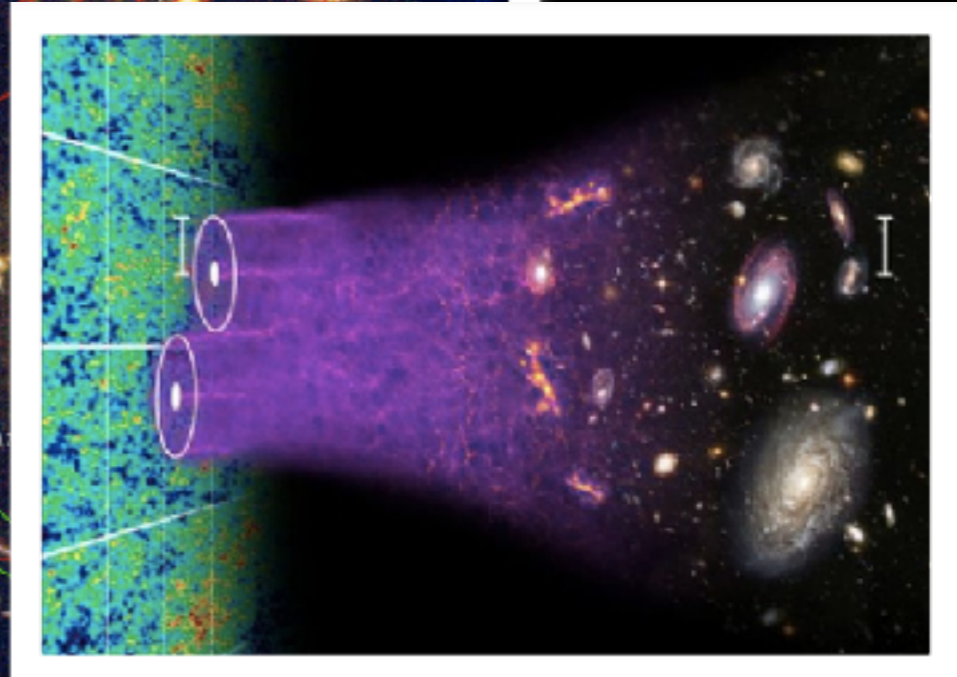
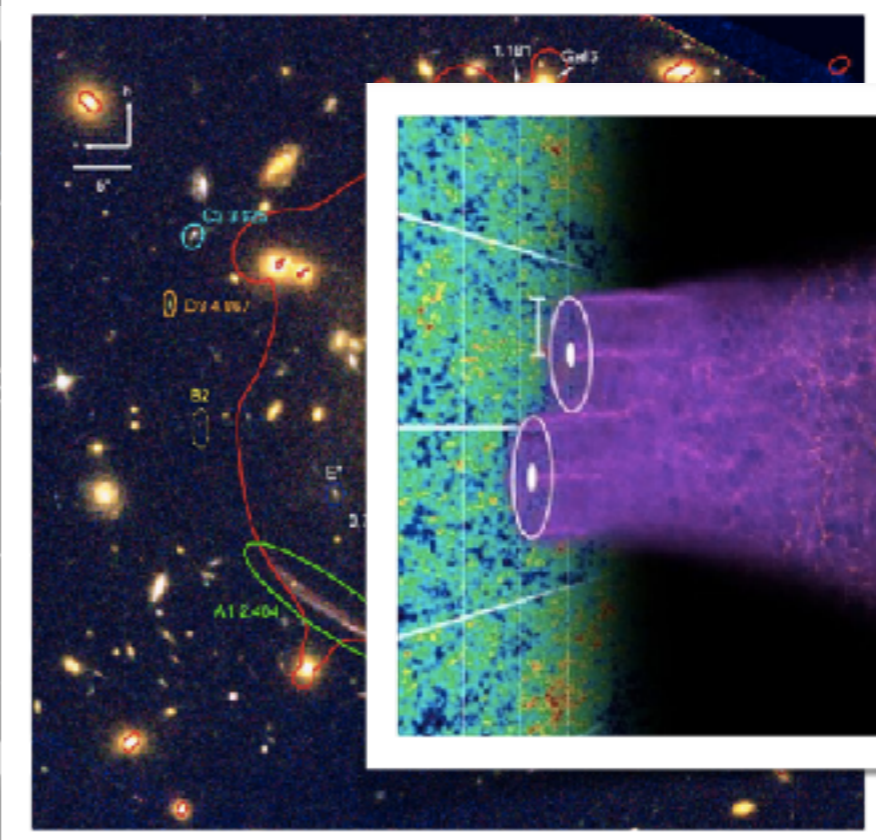
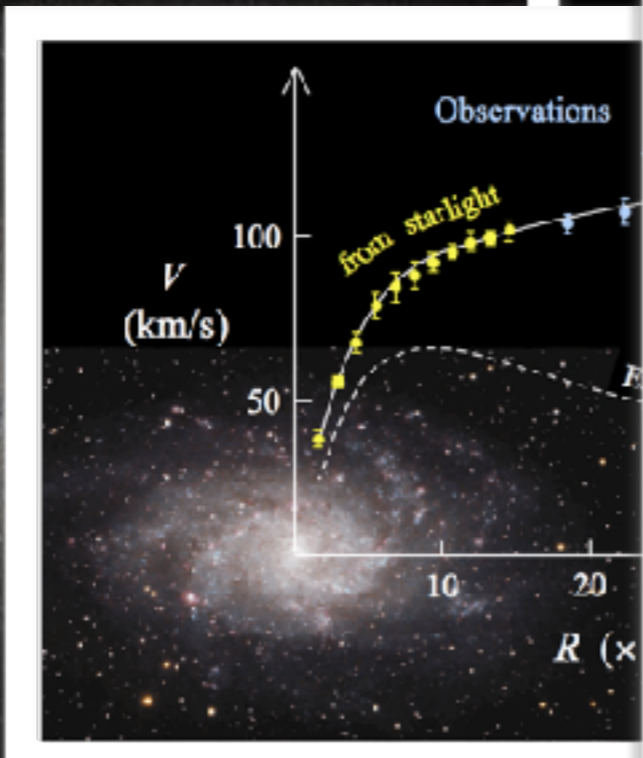
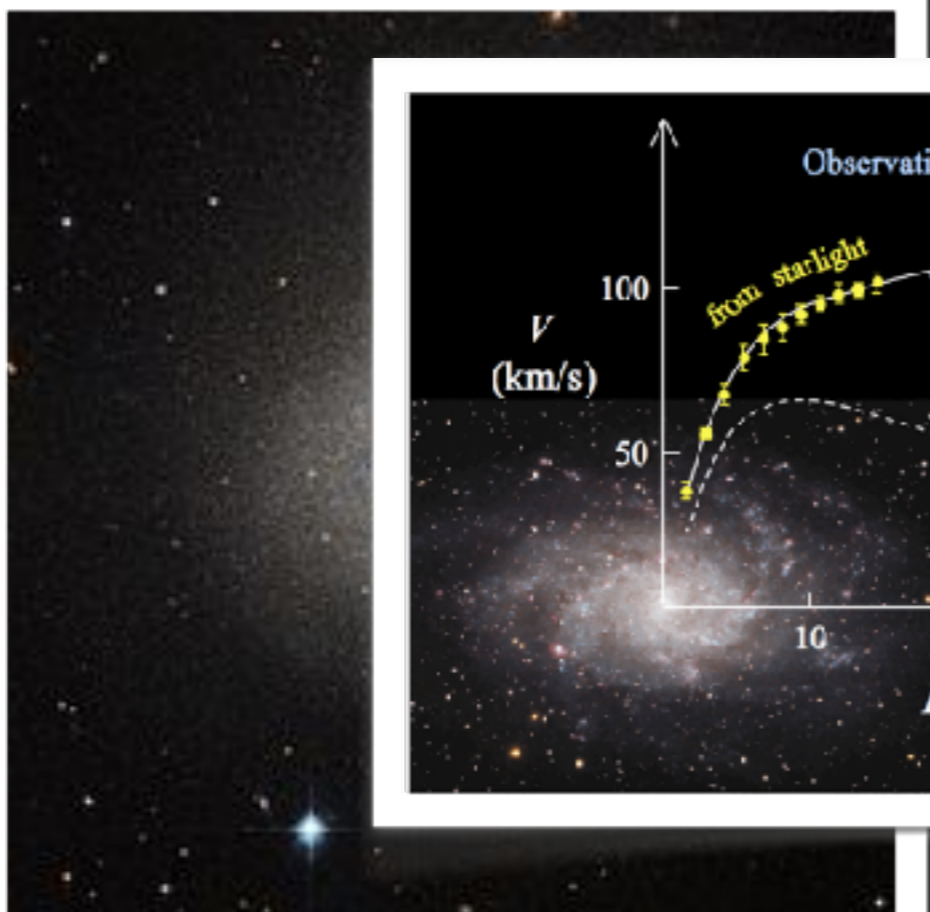
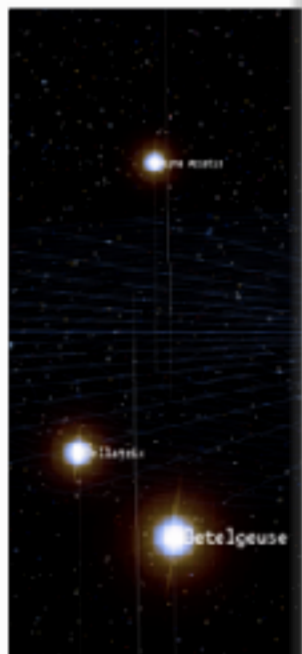
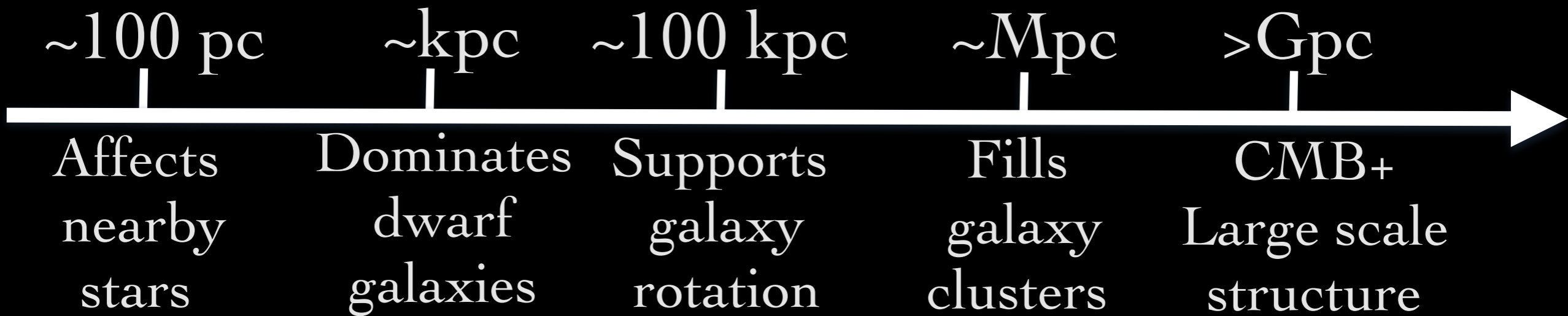


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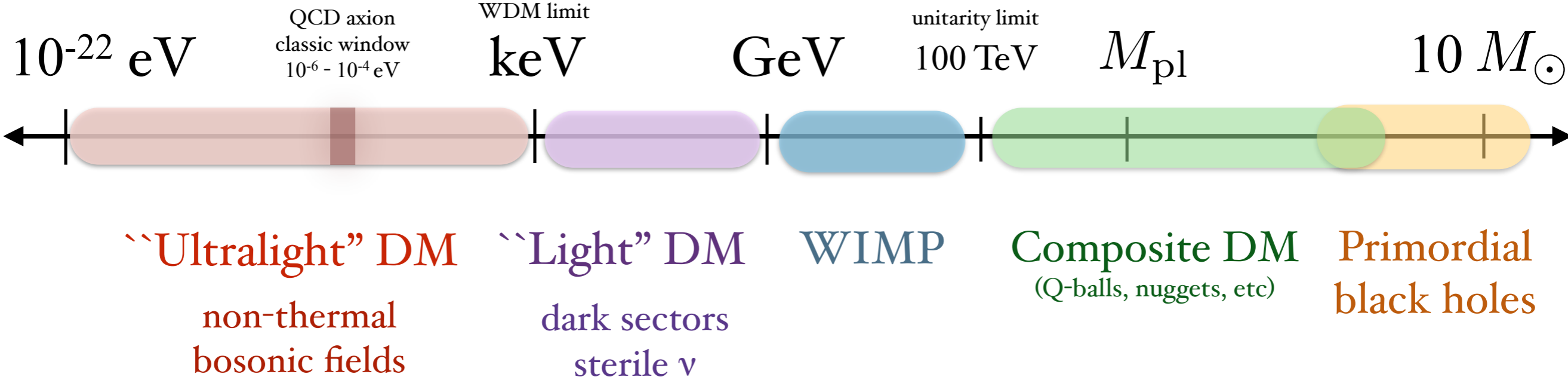


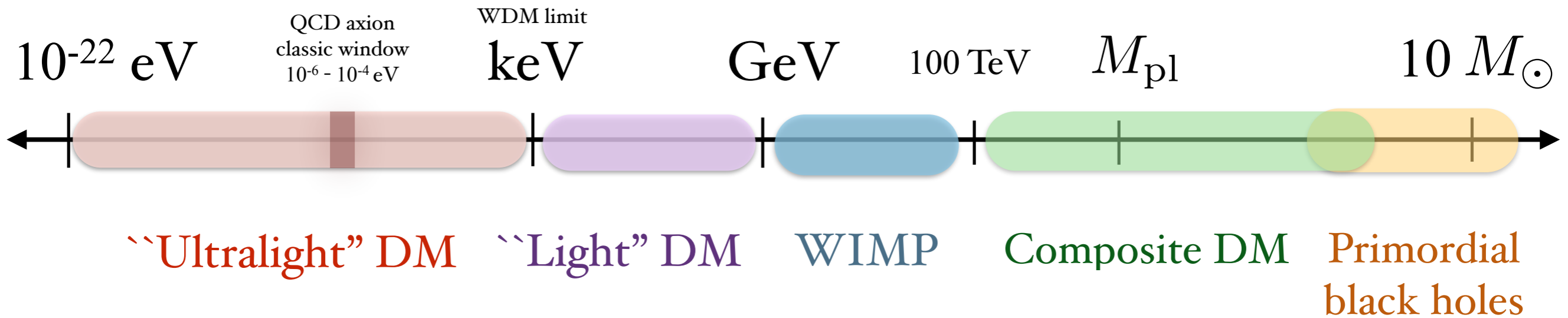
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# Mass scale of dark matter

(not to scale)





## Important to remember

- All candidates basically work as dark matter in a broad sense (i.e. have mass+don't interact much)
- But not all are “vanilla CDM”. Some forms of DM make structures in the Universe look a bit different (e.g. self-interacting DM, fuzzy DM, warm DM)
- They are generally speaking **not** mutually exclusive, in terms of existence, or as dark matter...
- Complementary probes exist, collider searches, fifth force experiments, light-shining through walls, helioscopes

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Which of the following is closest definition to how you use the word "WIMP".

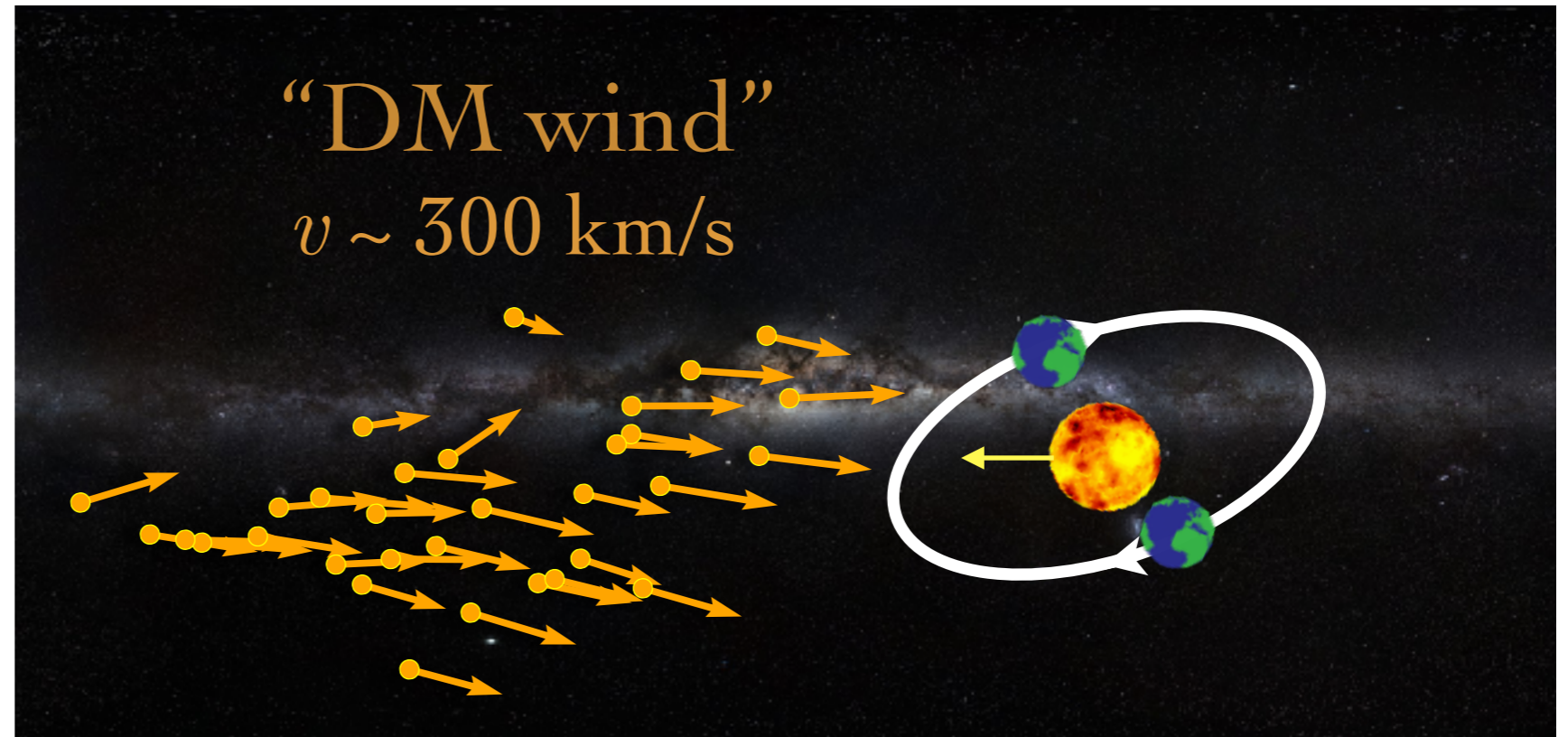
A massive particle dark matter candidate that:

Has electroweak charge	21%
Is a thermal relic	15%
Has a weak-scale mass	21%
<b>Is feebly interacting</b>	<b>44%</b>

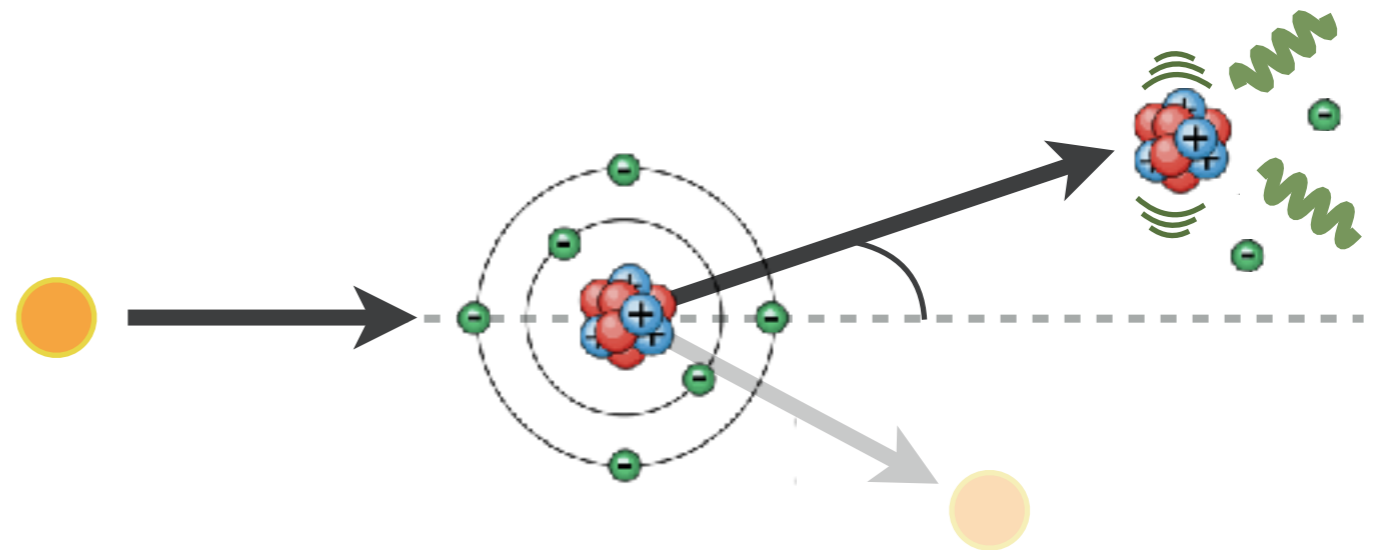
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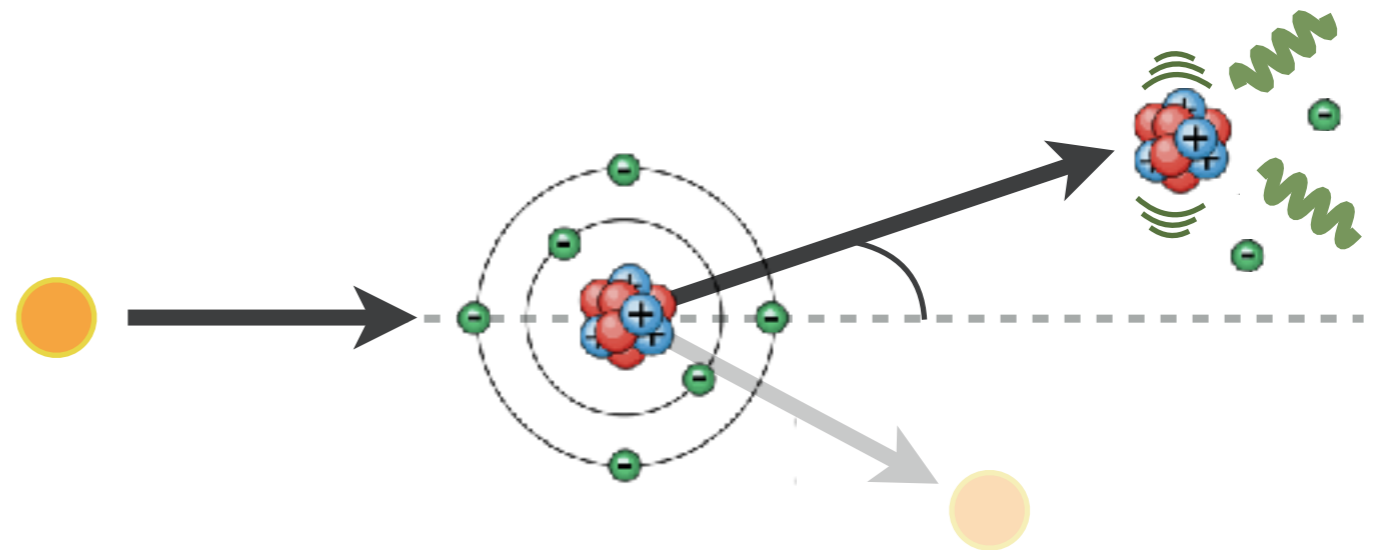
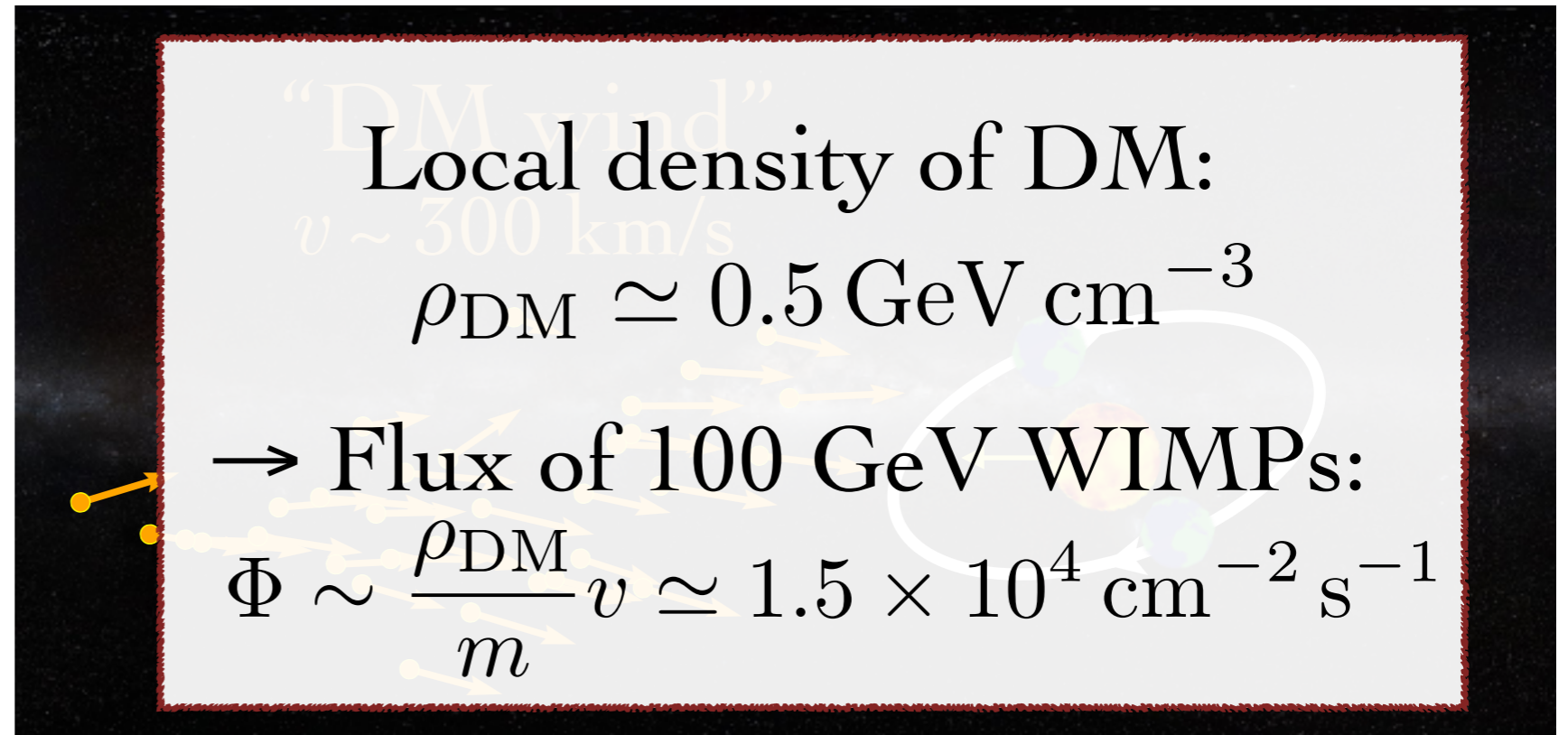
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If cross section w/ nucleus (e.g. Xe)

$$\sigma \sim 10^{-41} \text{ cm}^2$$

→ number of events per unit detector mass

$$R \simeq \Phi \sigma / m_N \sim 0.5 \text{ events ton}^{-1} \text{ year}^{-1}$$



First, need to shield the background

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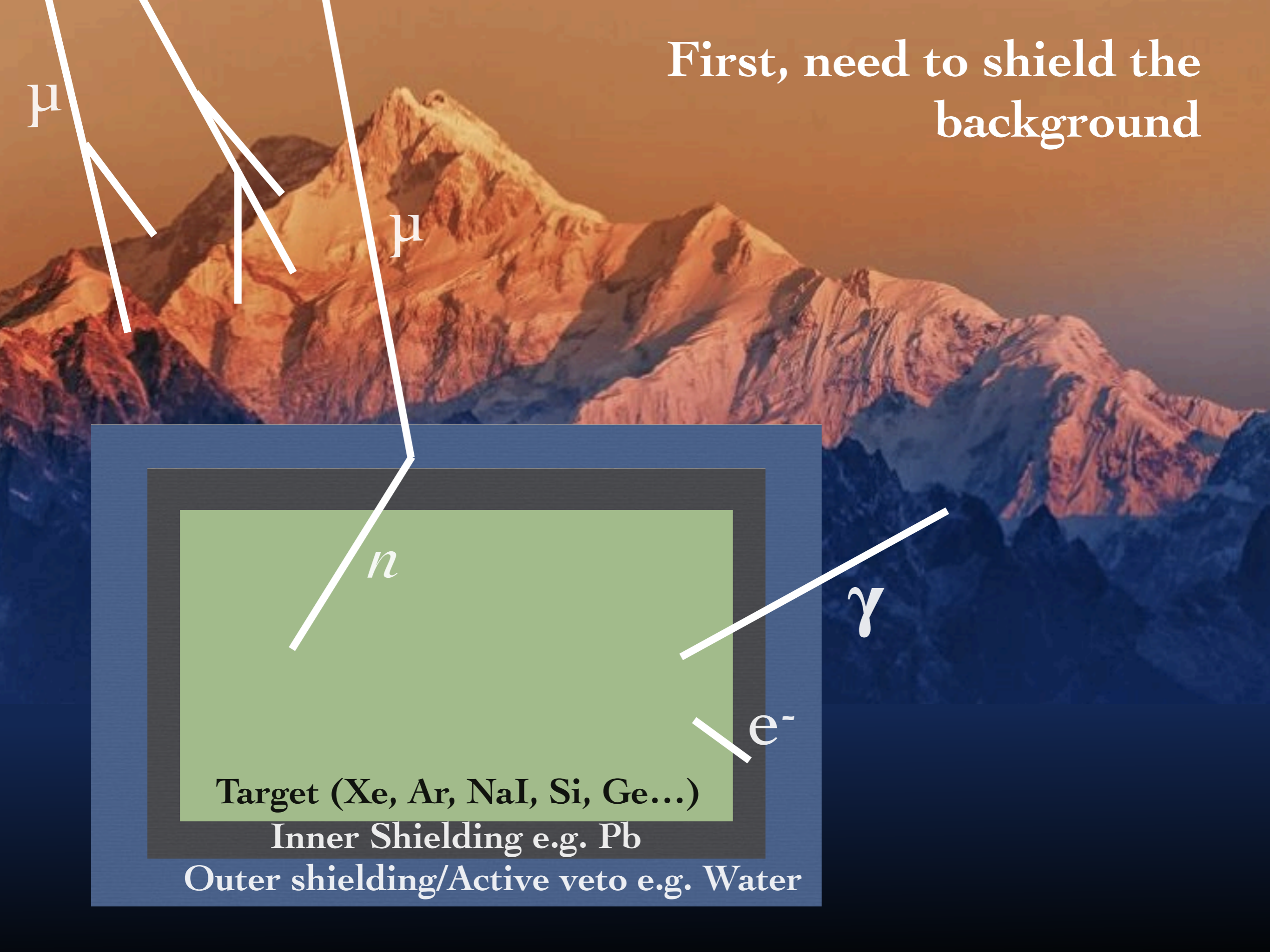
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How do you *measure* the signal?

How do you know a WIMP created it?

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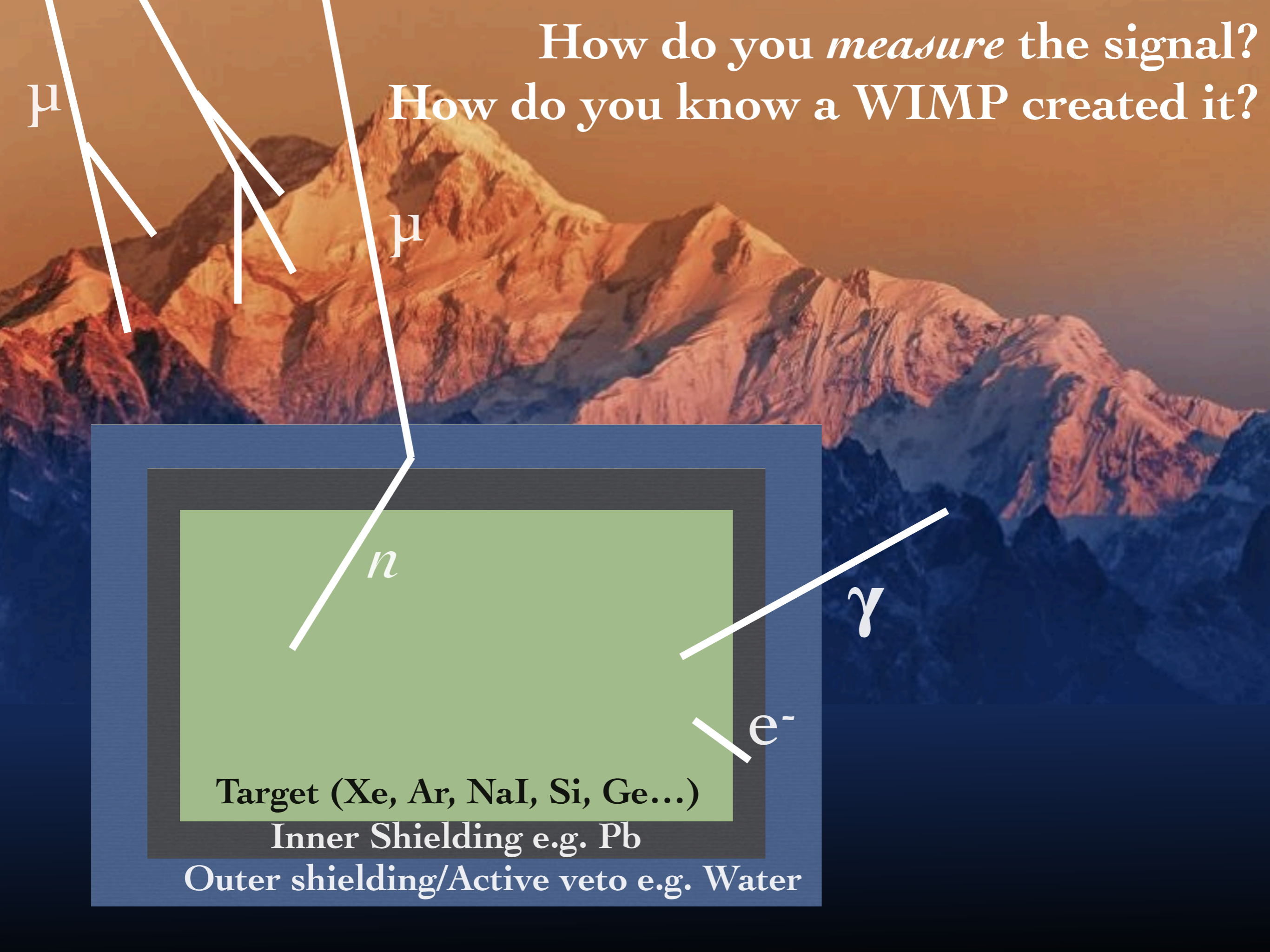
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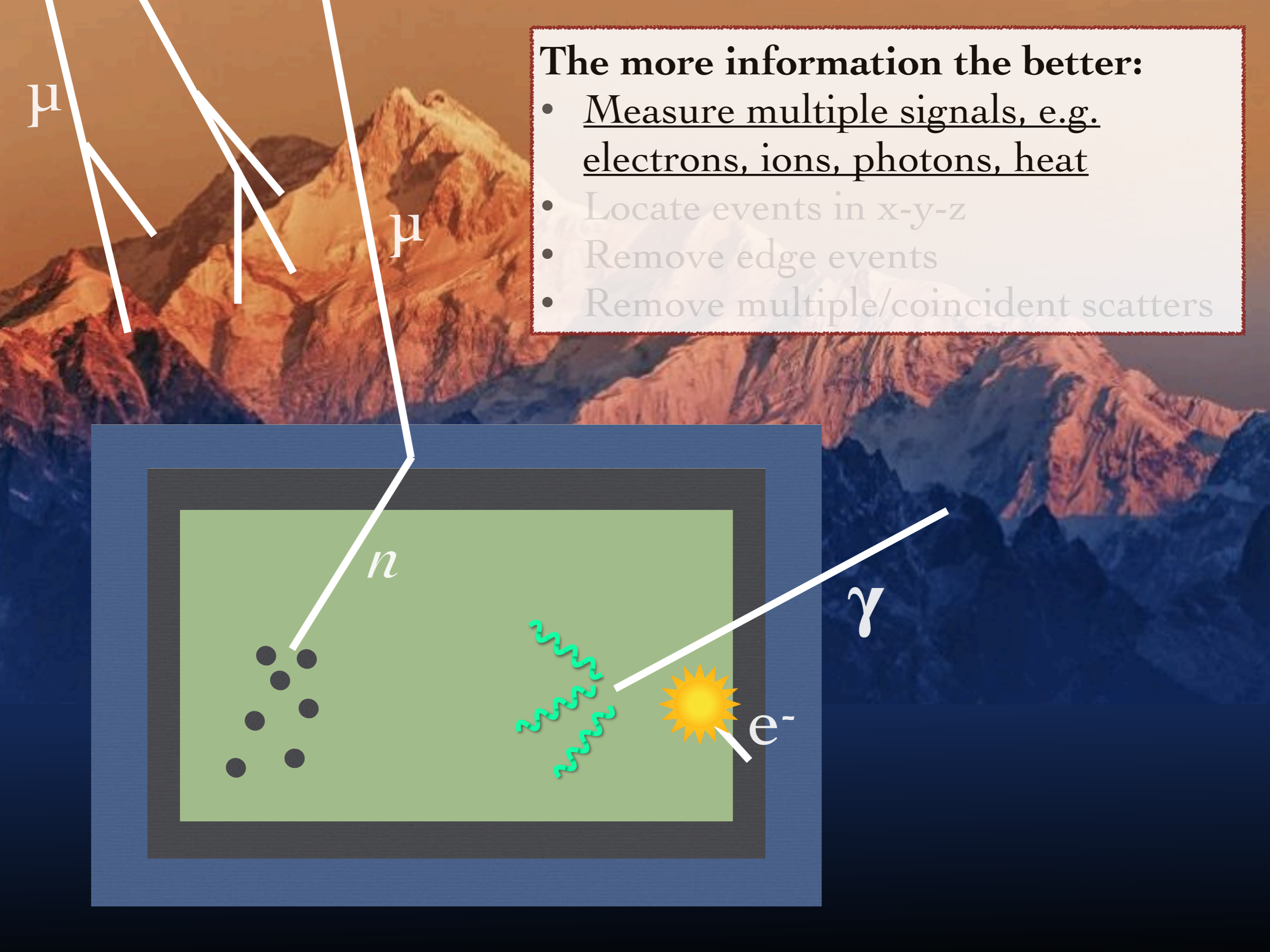
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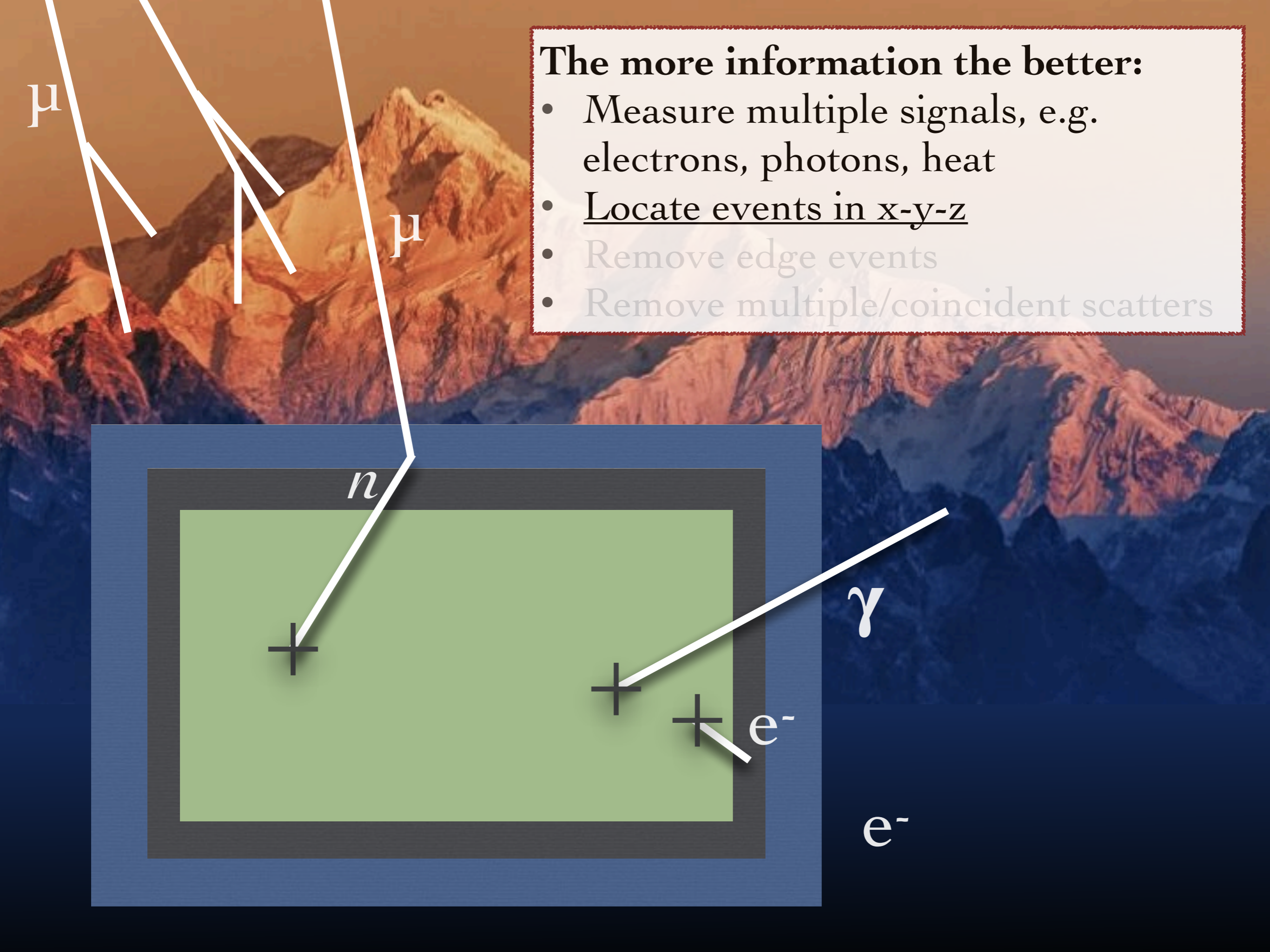
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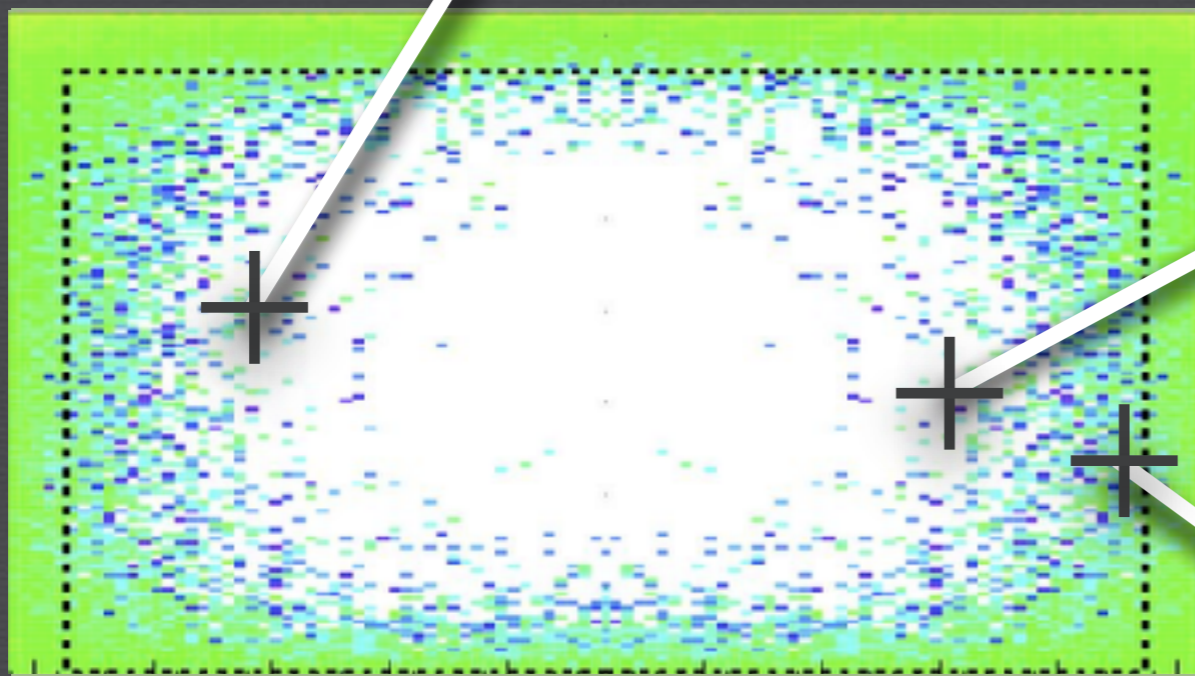
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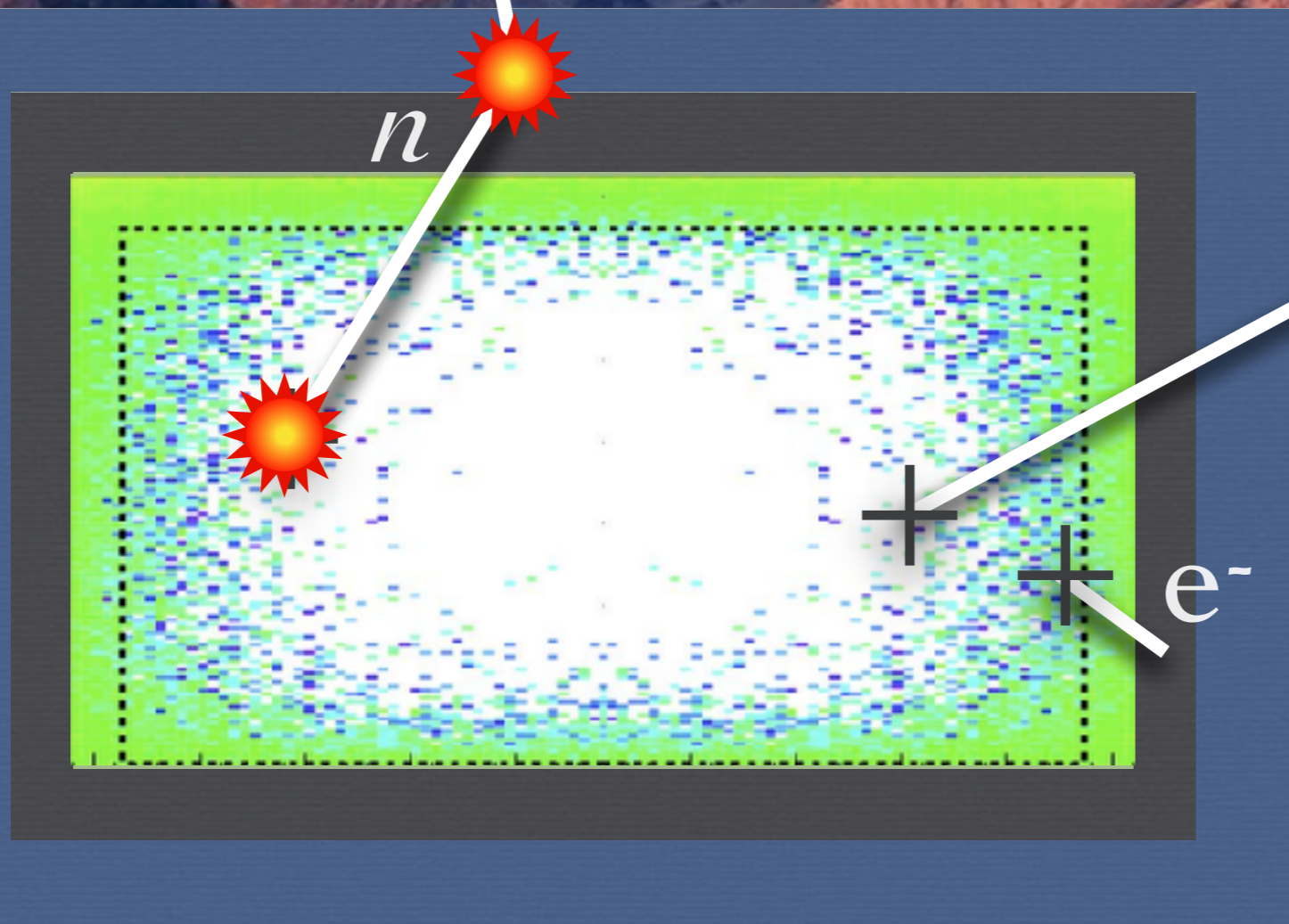
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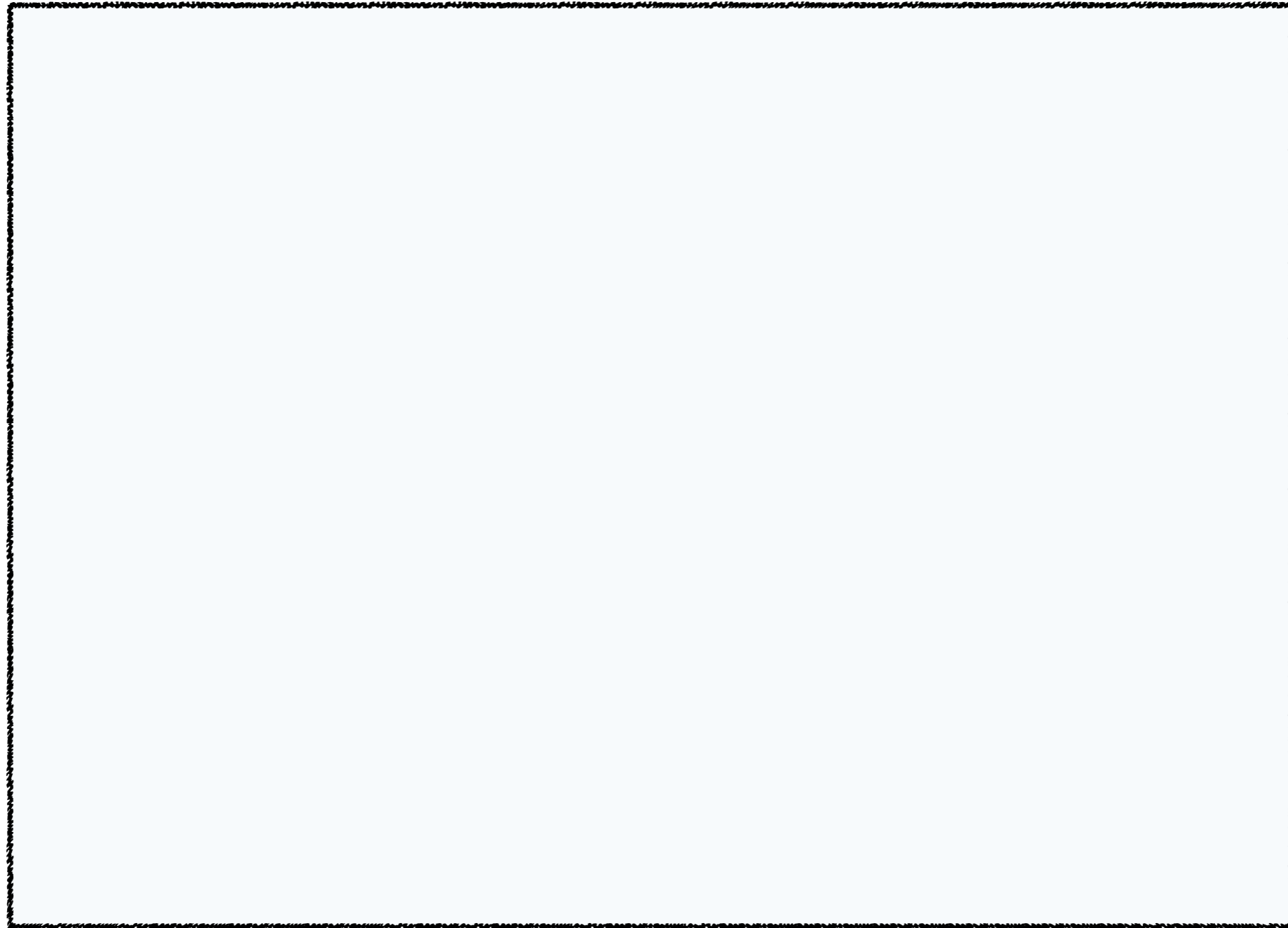
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## Excluded

(Would have produced an excess of events above background in, say, 90% of experiments)

## Available

(Would give an insufficient number of events above background during the running time)

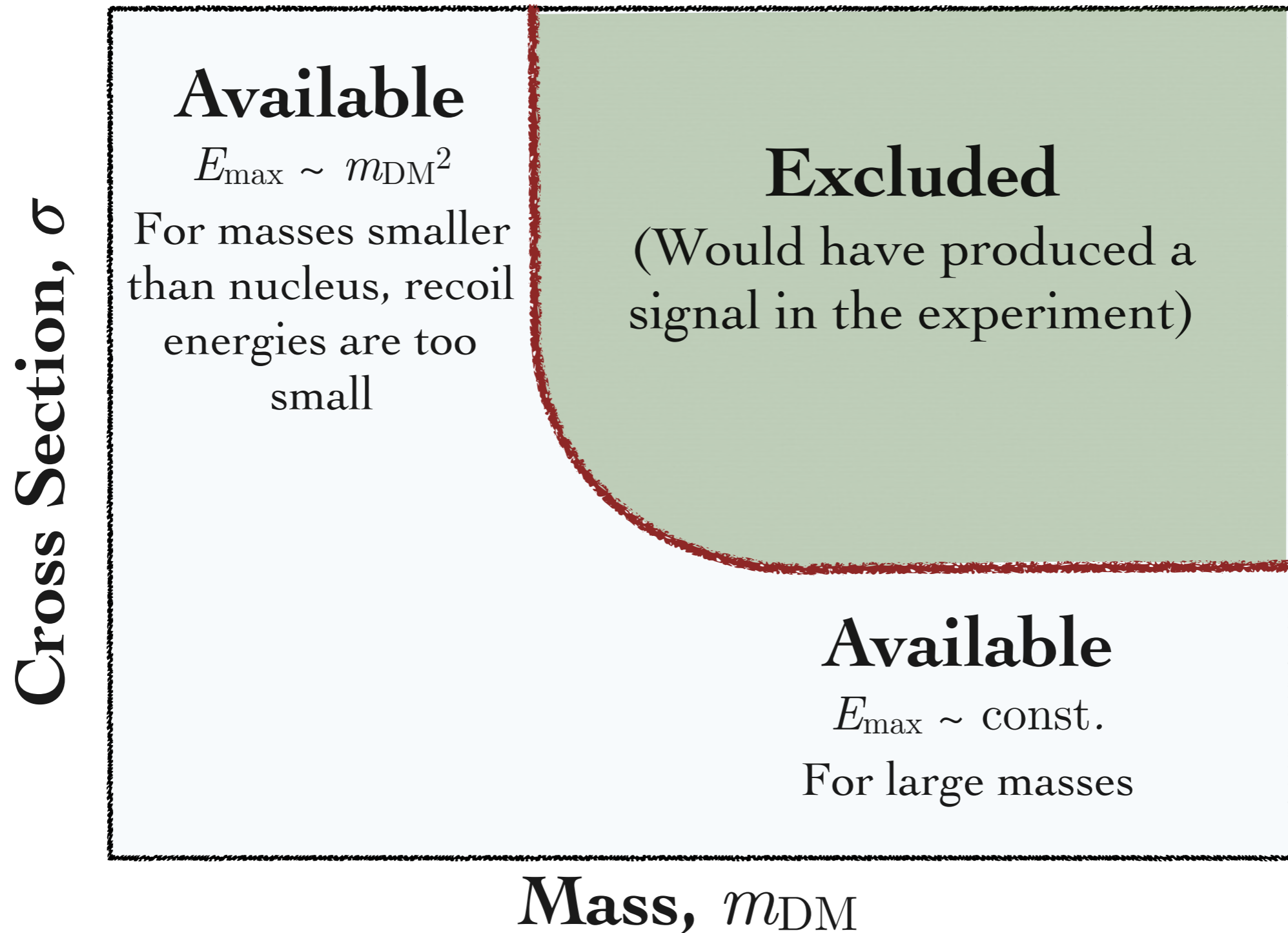
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Effect of recoil  
energy sensitivity:

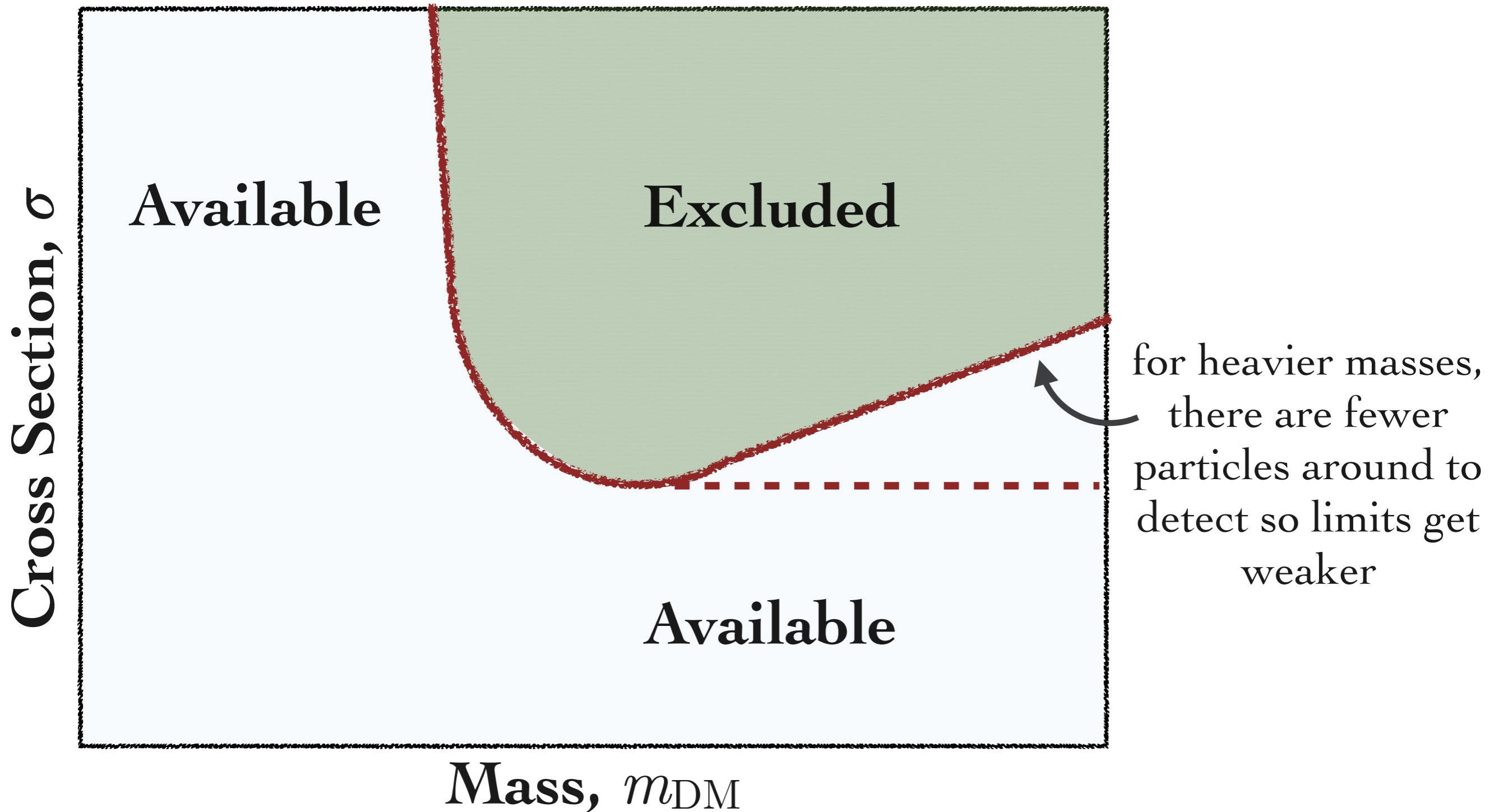
$$E_{\max} = \frac{2m_N m_{\text{DM}}^2}{(m_N + m_{\text{DM}})^2} v_{\max}^2$$

~800 km/s



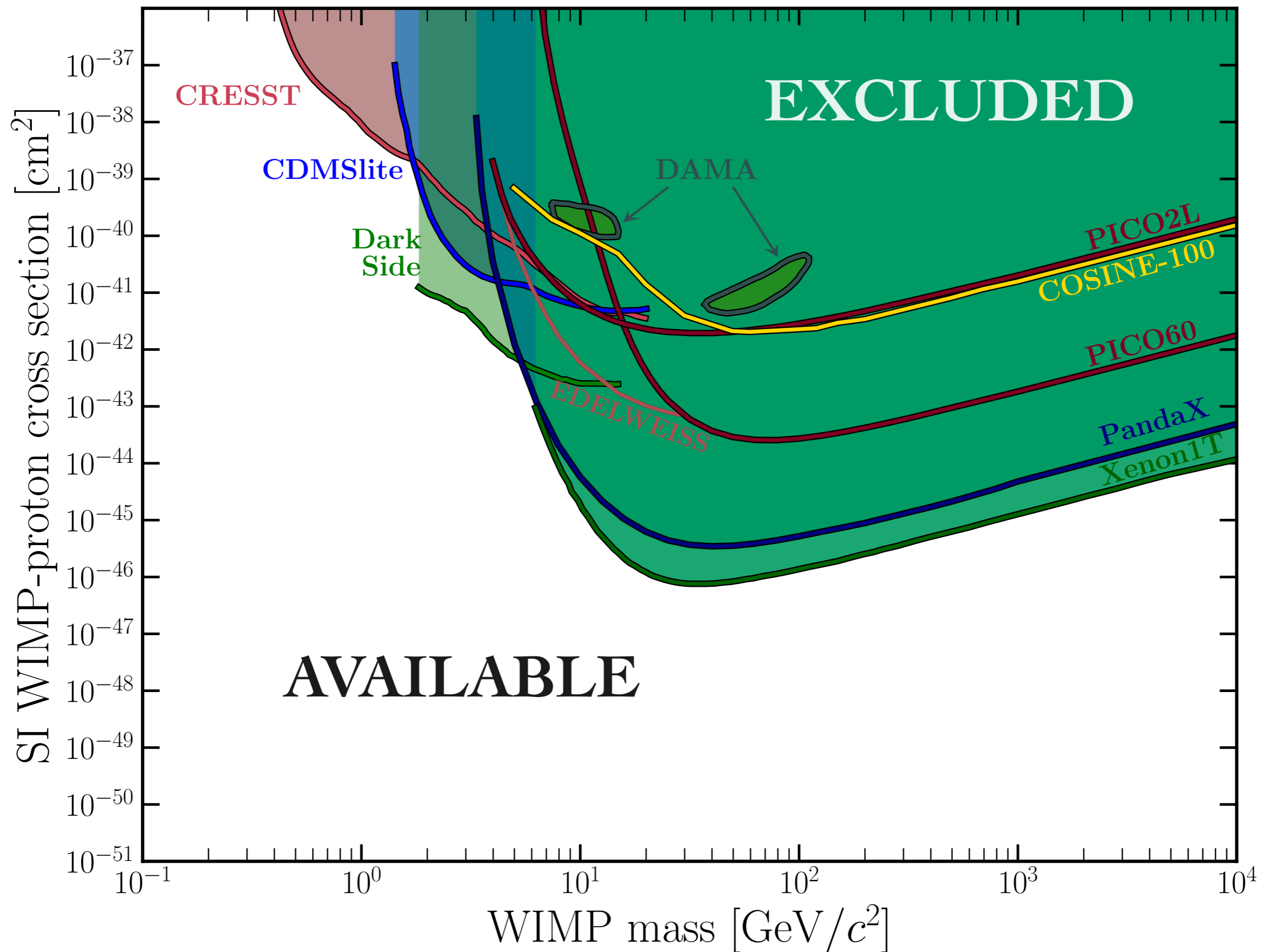
Event rate proportional to DM  
number density

$$R \propto \frac{\sigma \rho_{\text{DM}}}{m_{\text{DM}}}$$

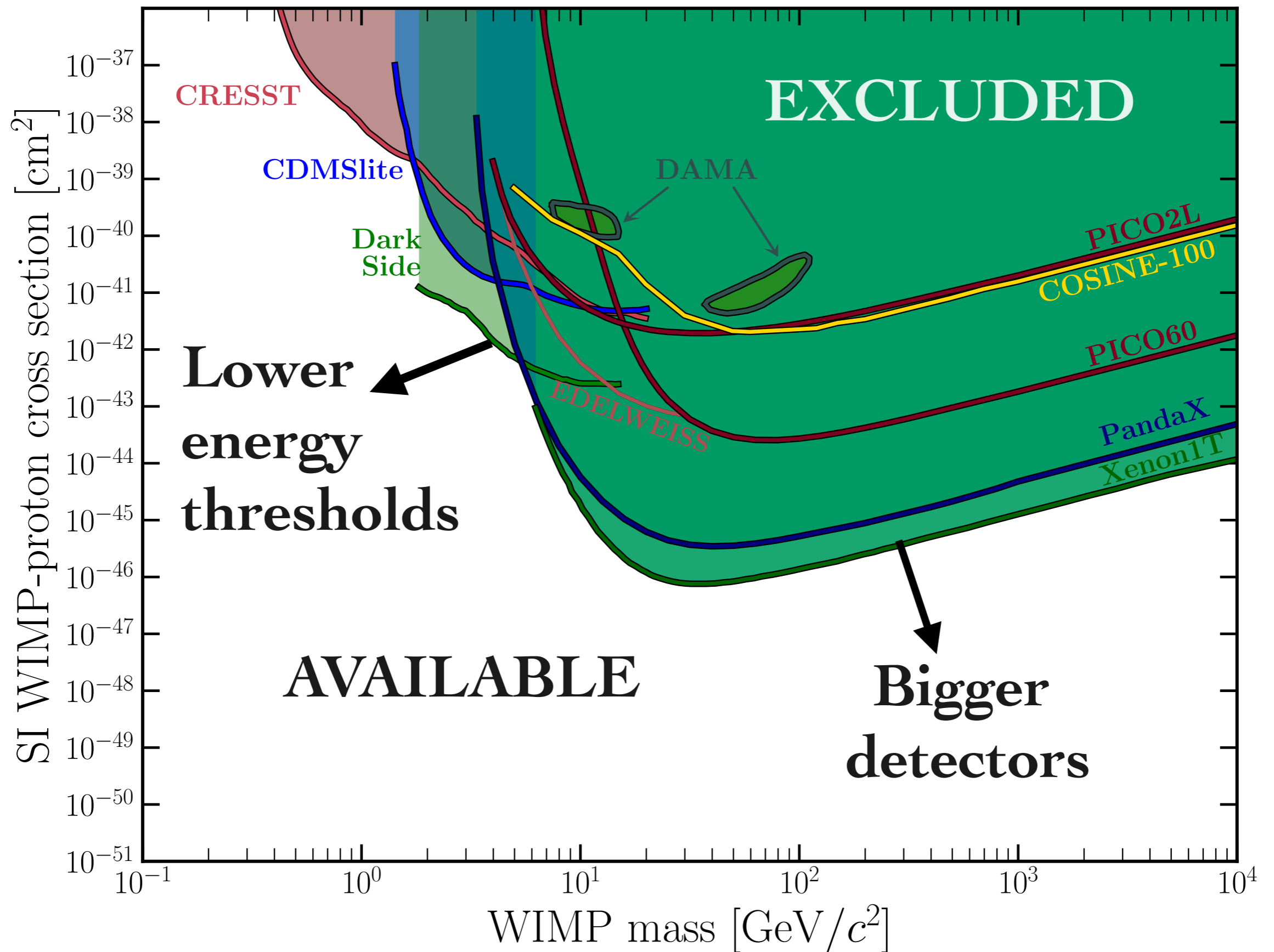


for heavier masses,  
there are fewer  
particles around to  
detect so limits get  
weaker

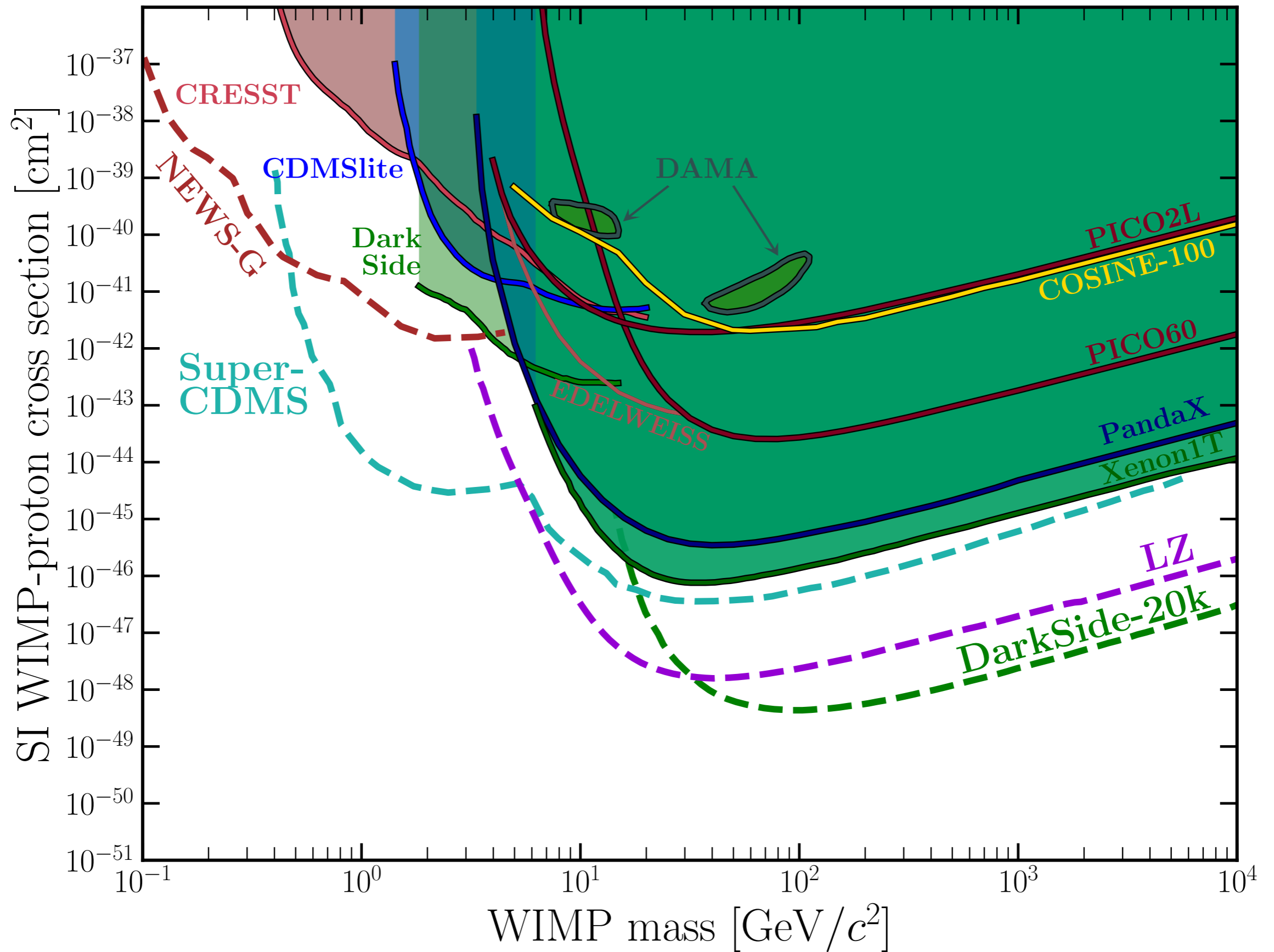
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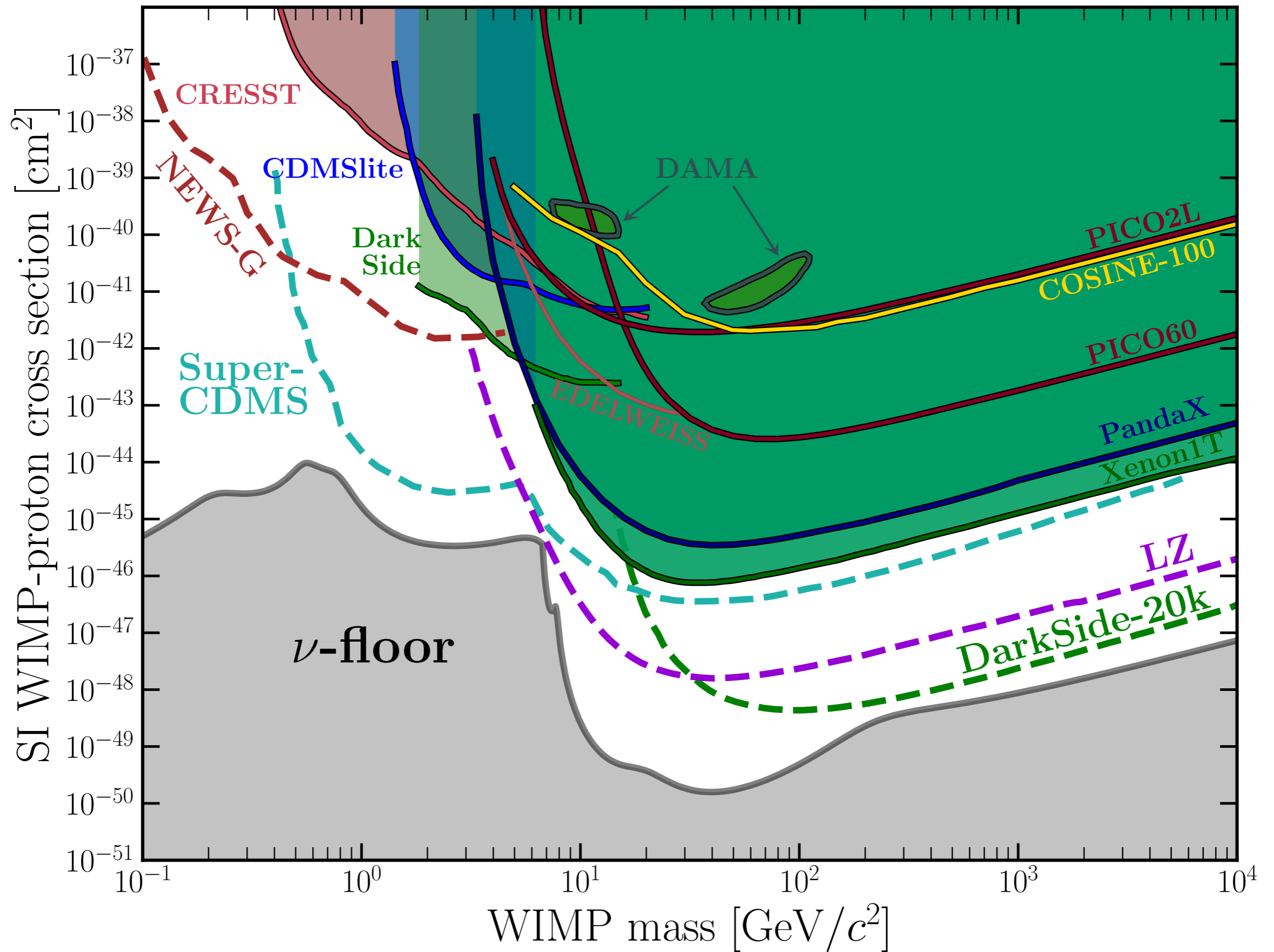
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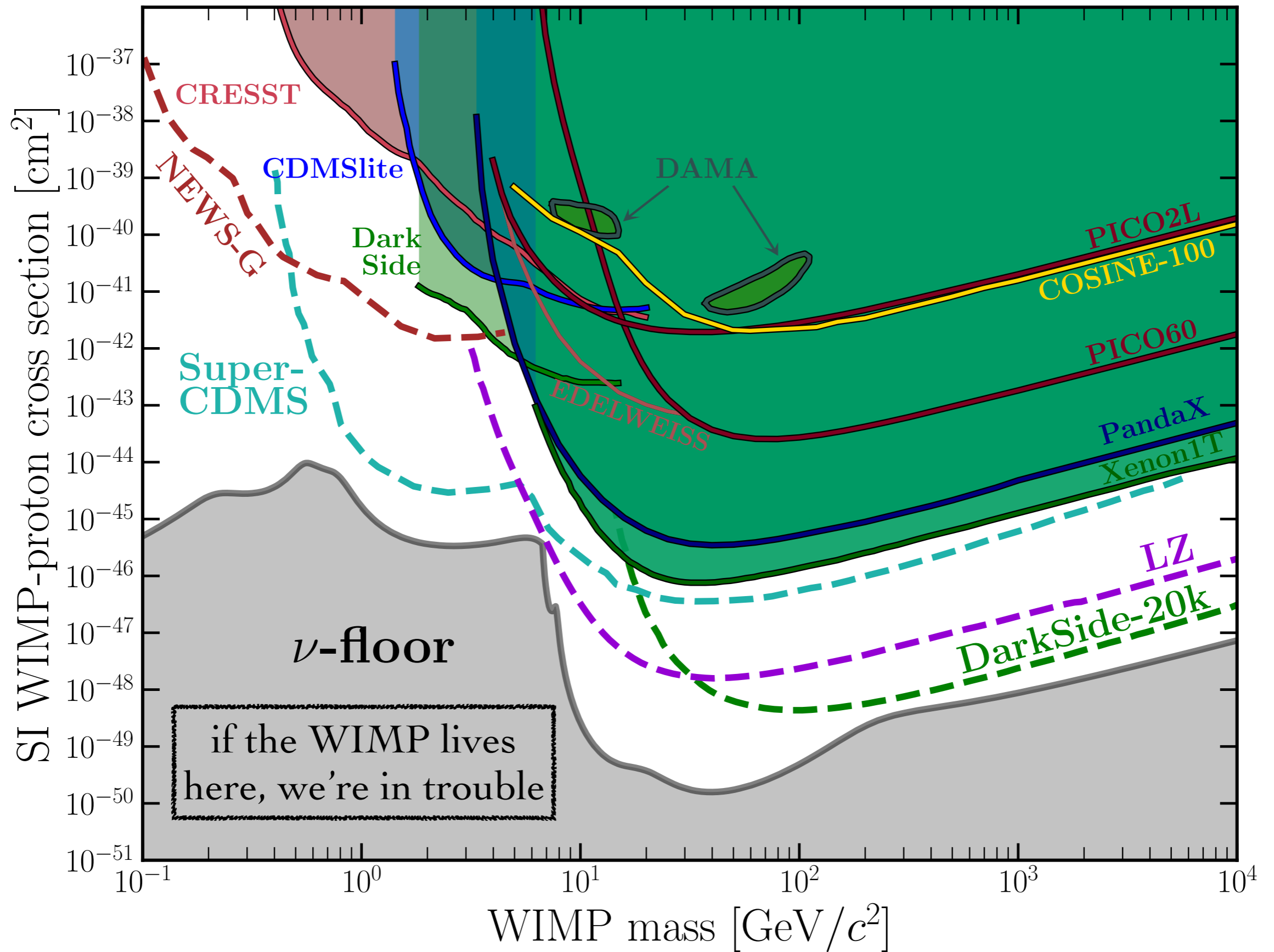
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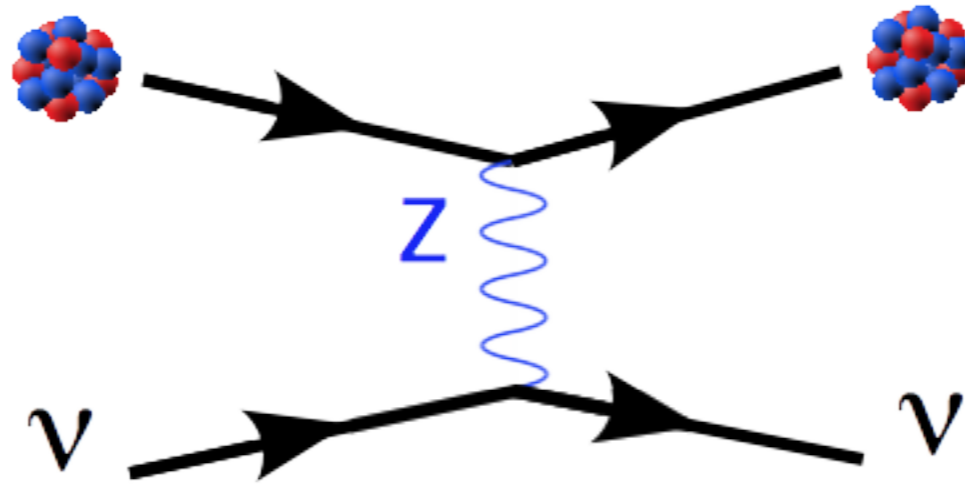


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# The neutrino floor

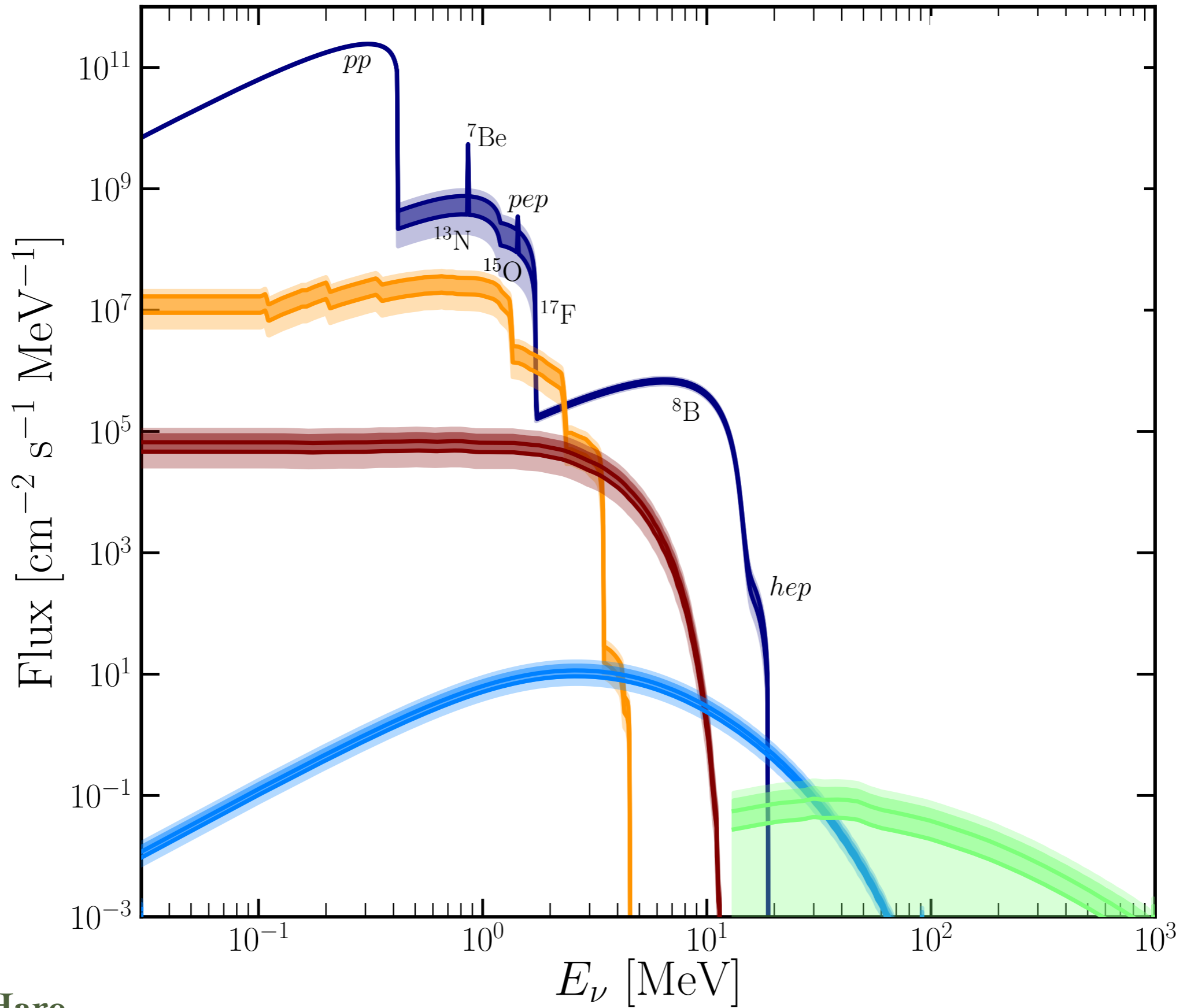
Spectrum of coherent neutrino-nucleus scattering looks just like WIMPs.



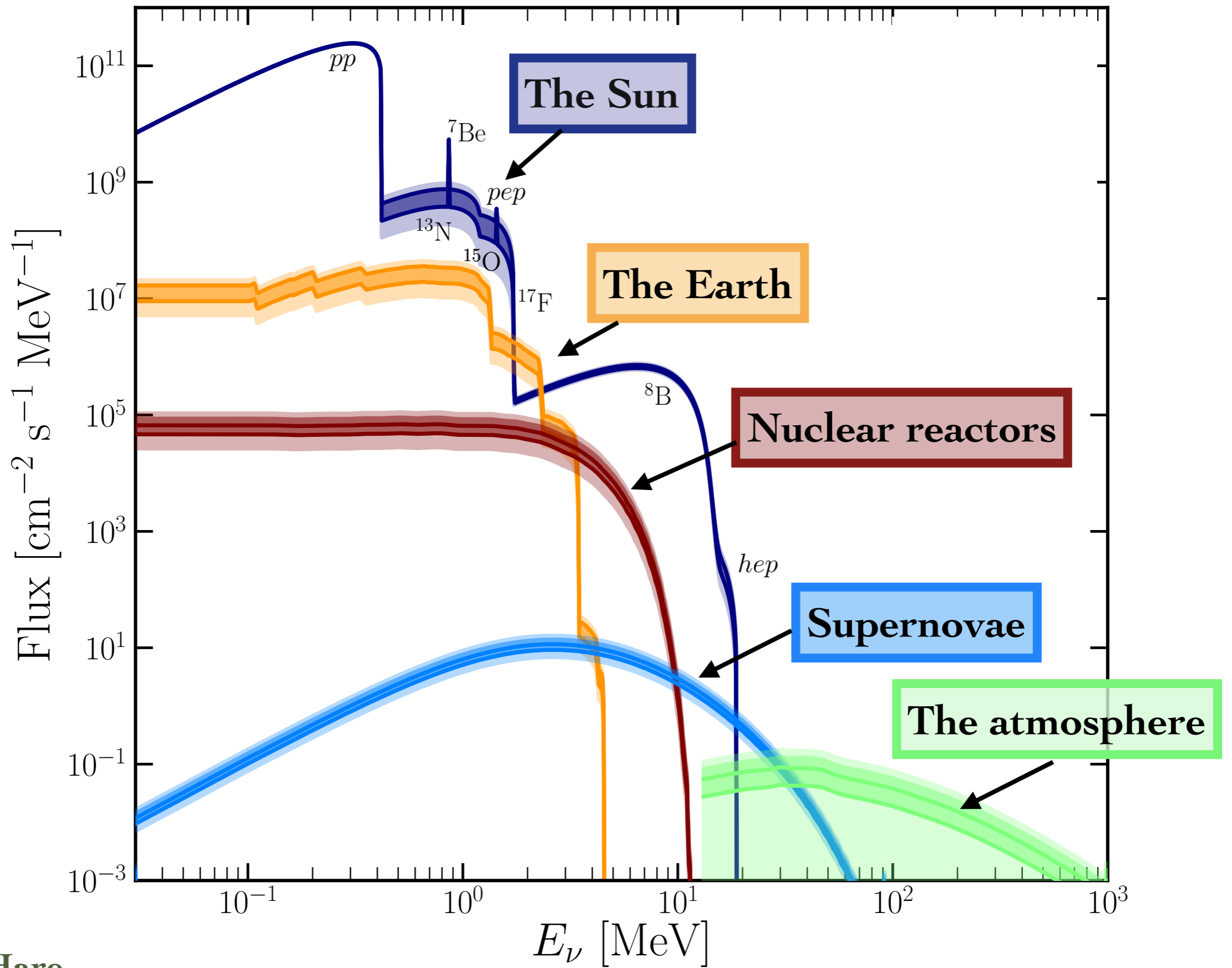
But neutrinos are impossible to shield



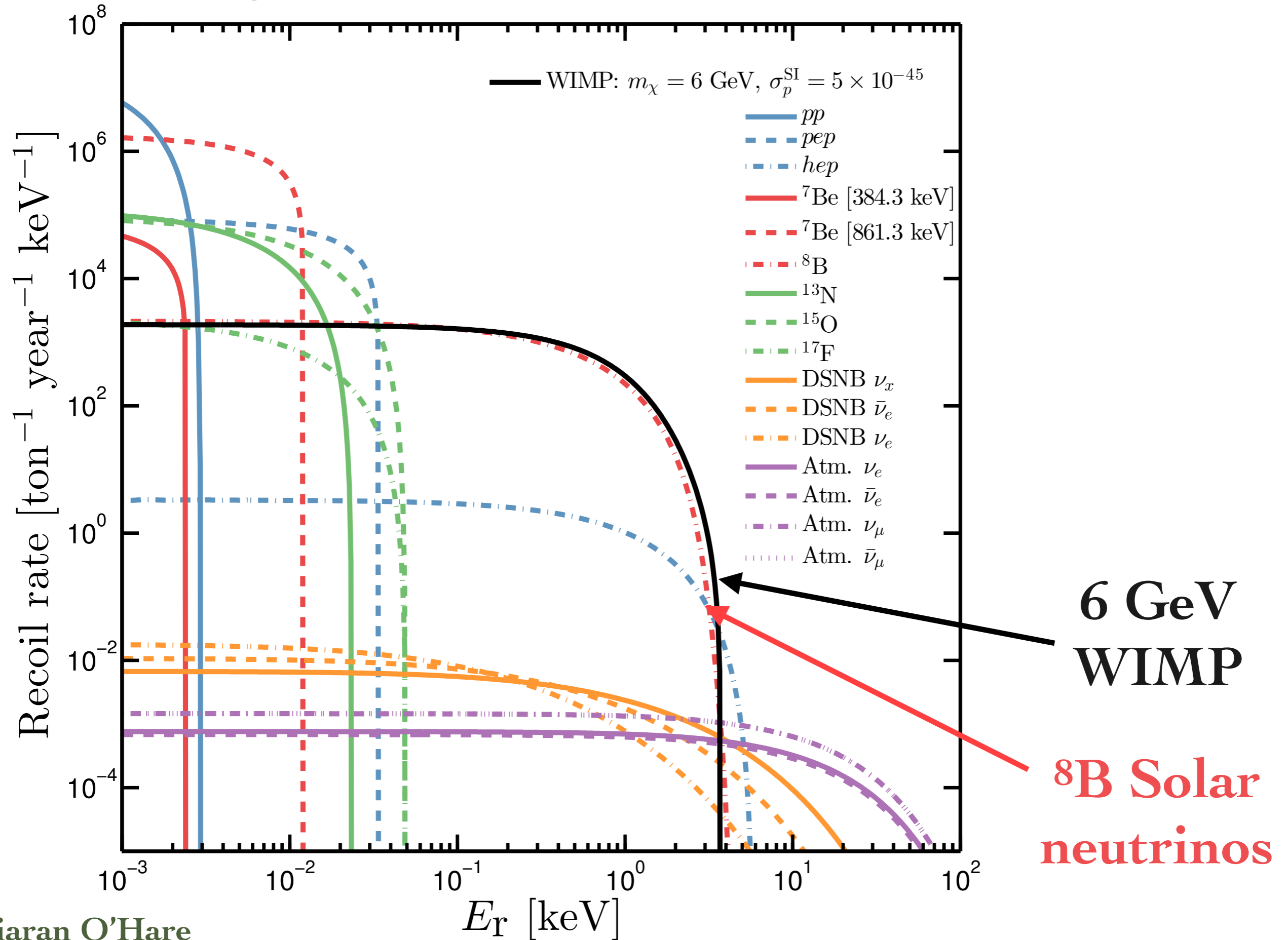
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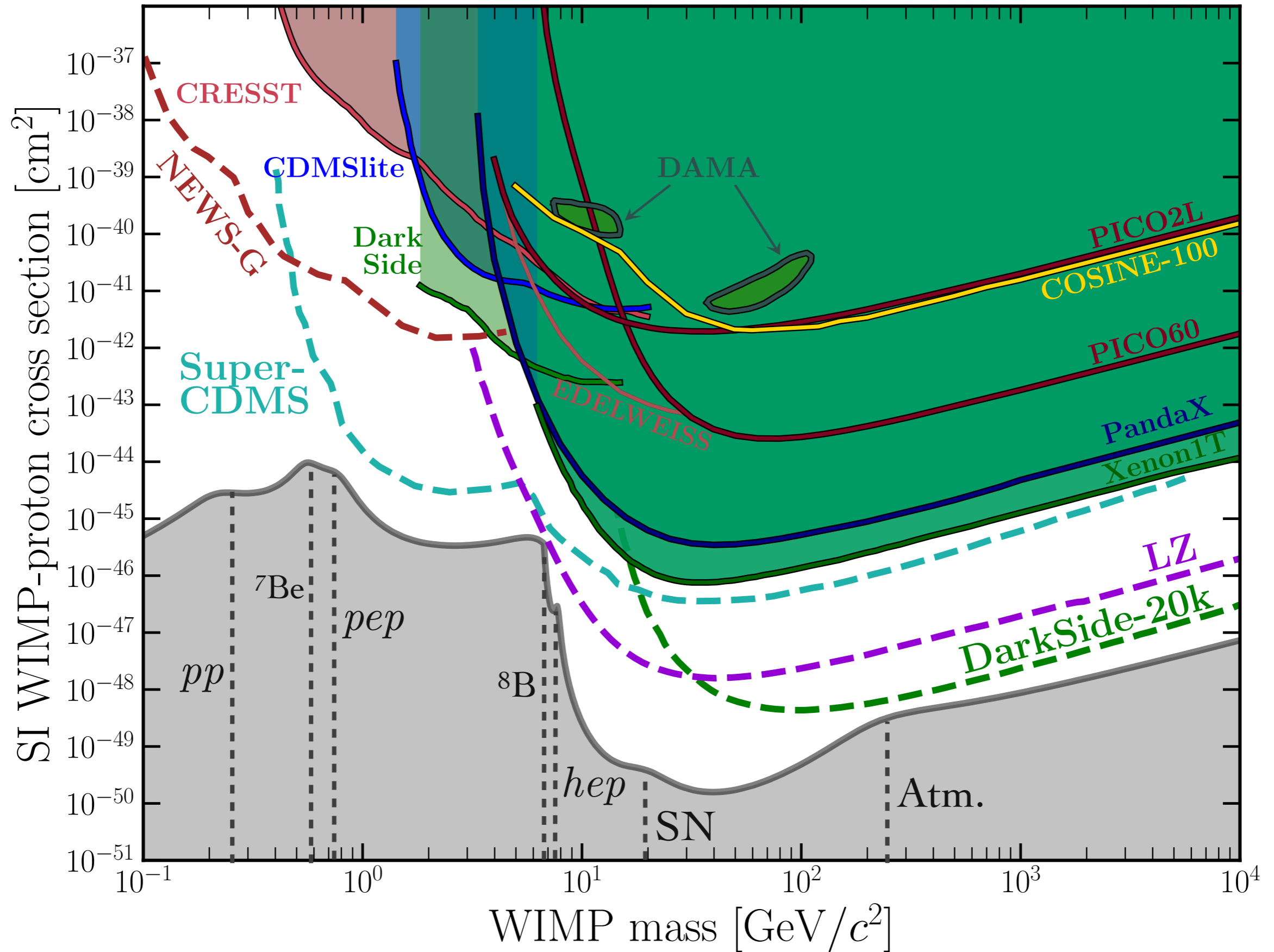
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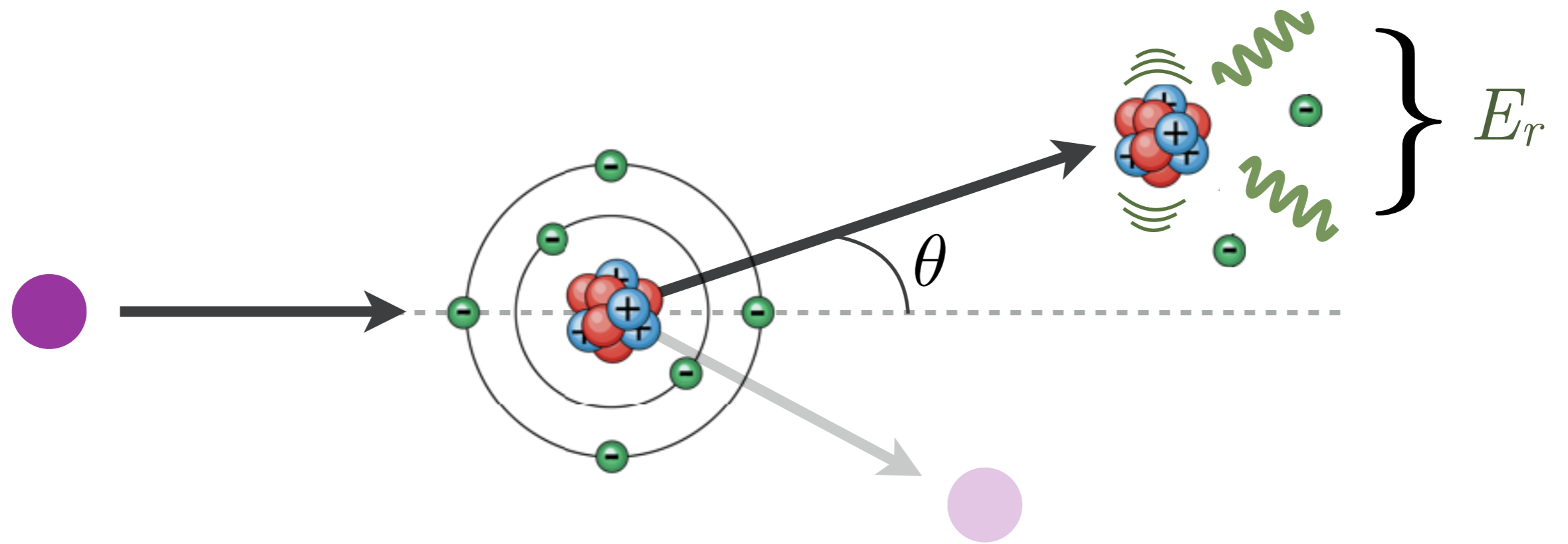


# Comparing WIMP and neutrino event rates (in Xenon)



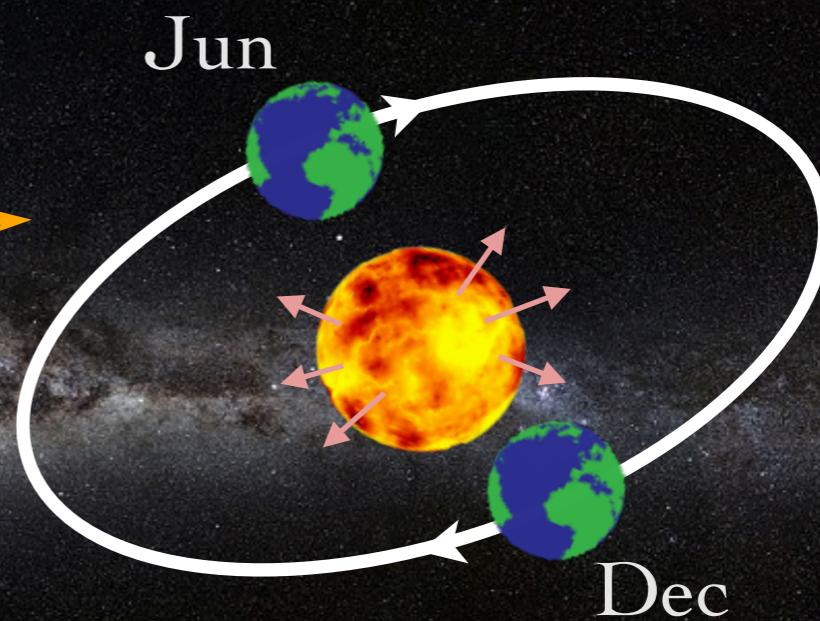
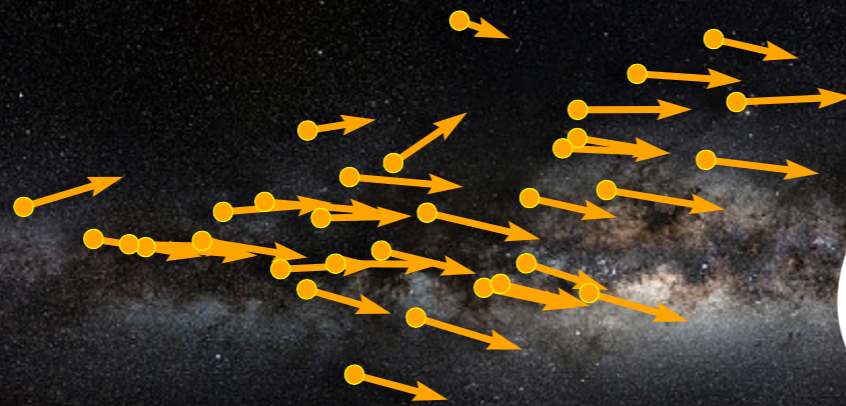
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For neutrinos and WIMPs, the recoil energies are the same, but the **directions** are not

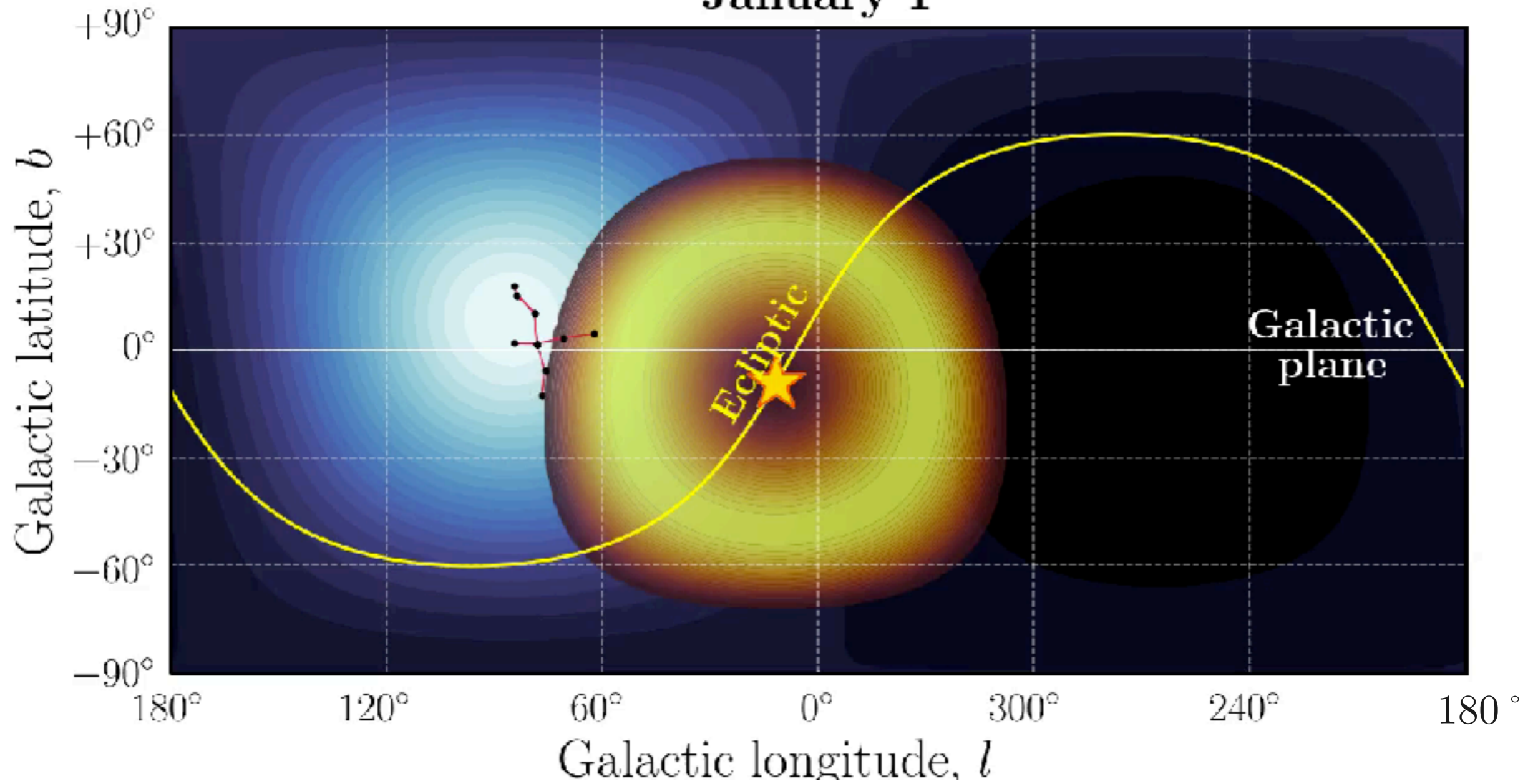
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WIMP recoils

Solar neutrino recoils

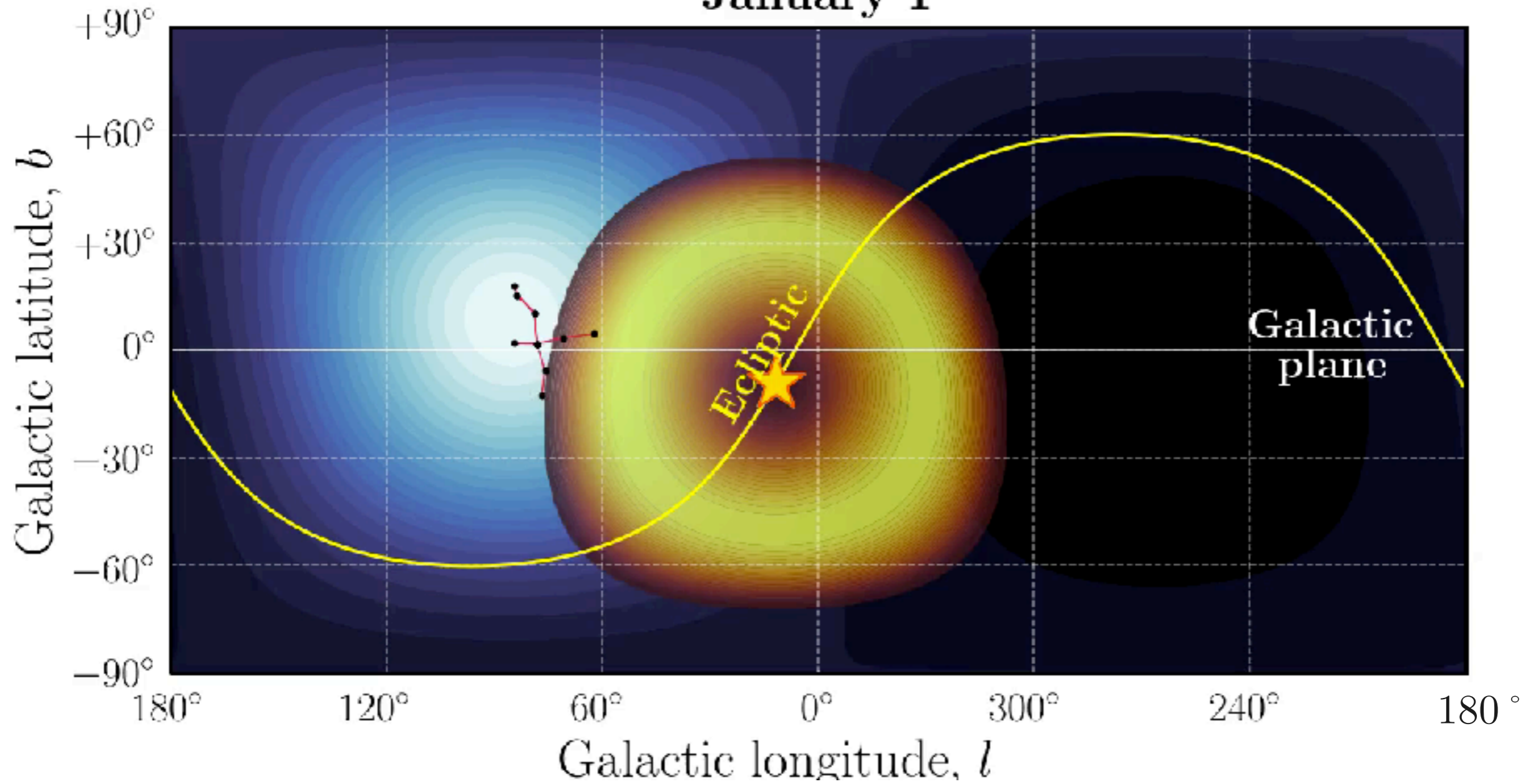
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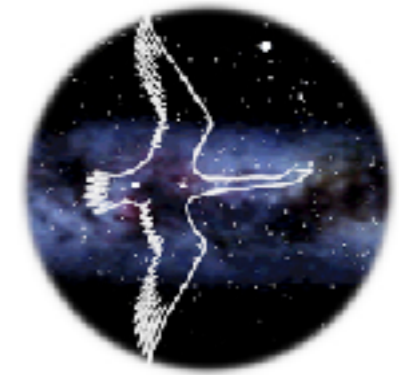
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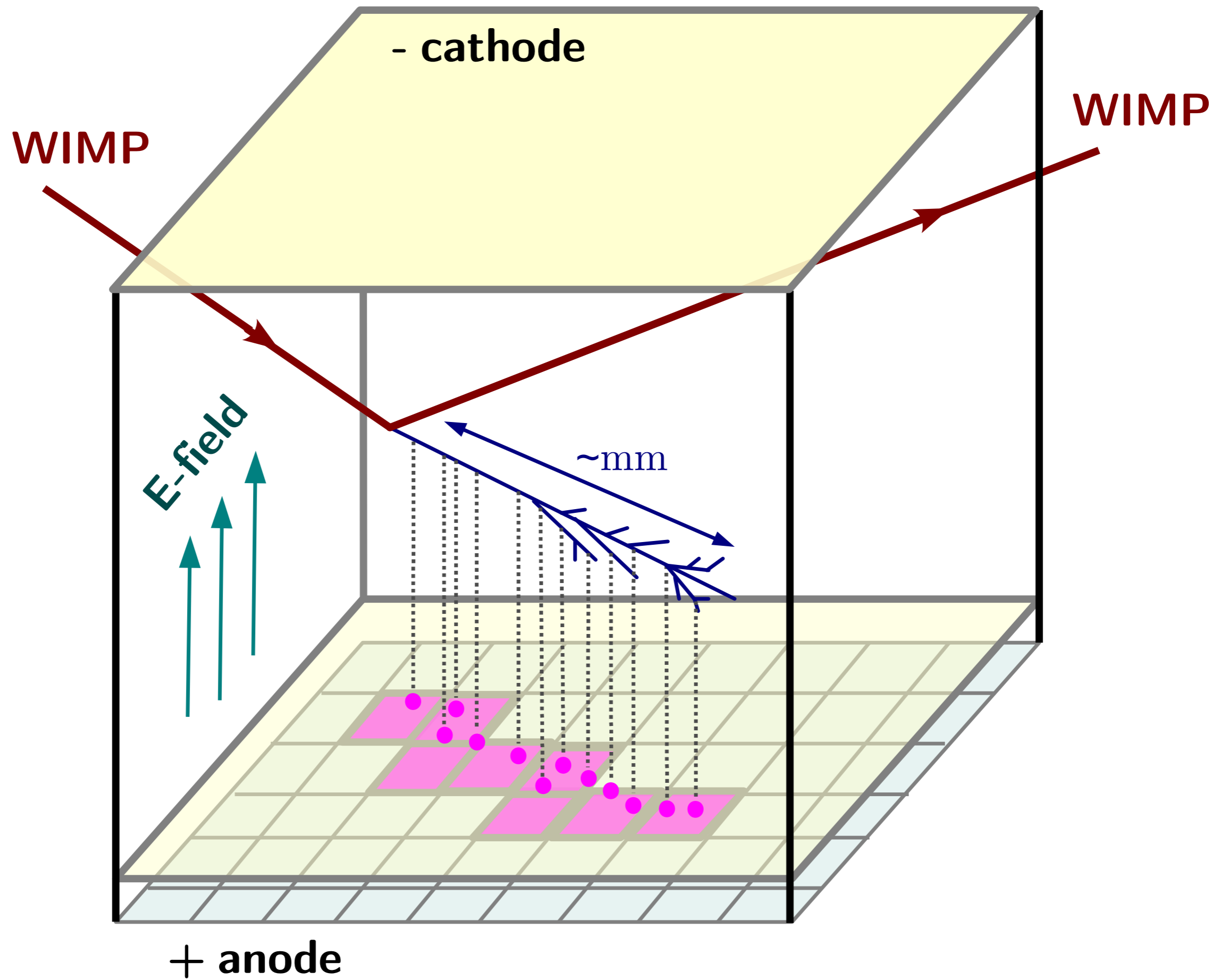
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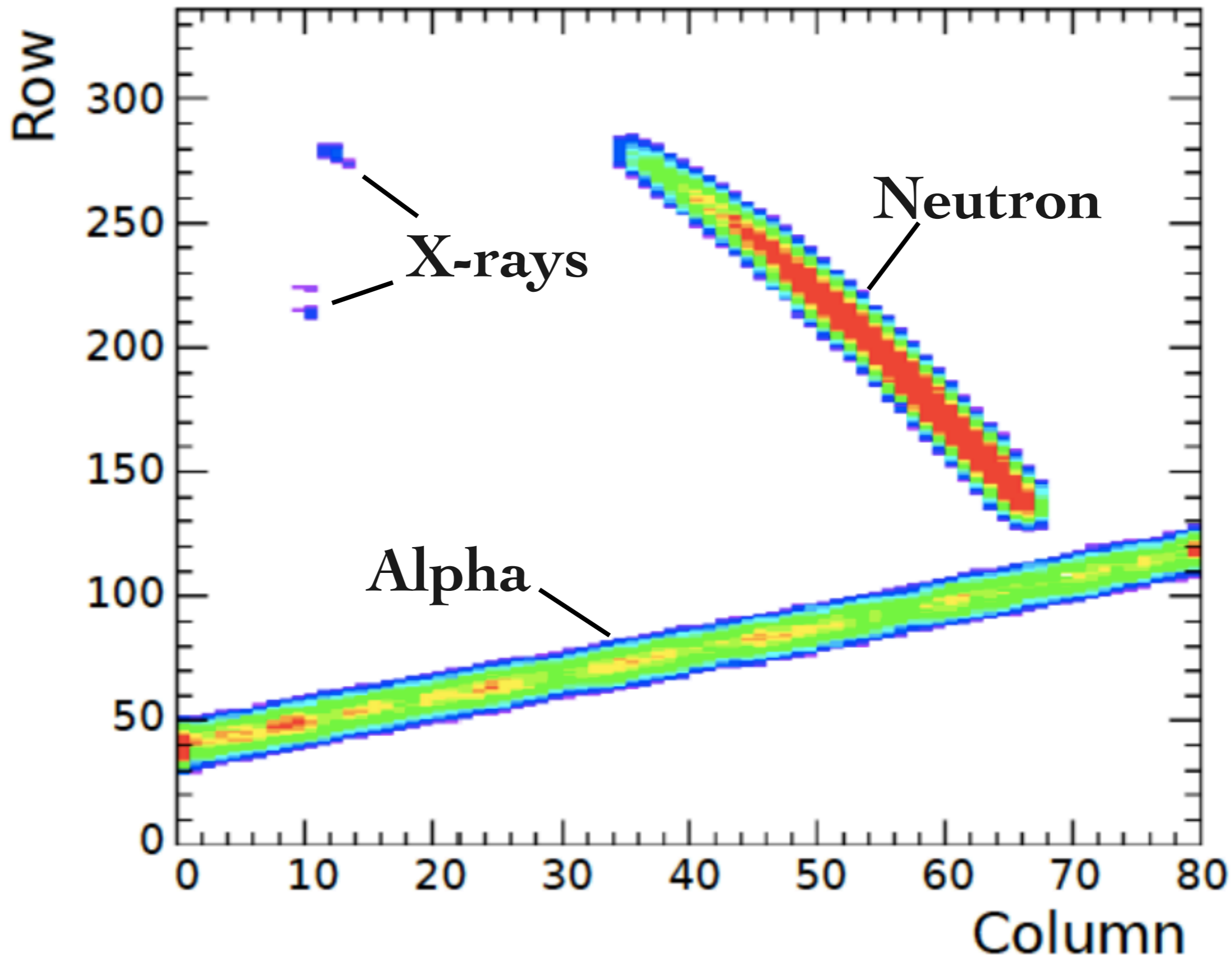


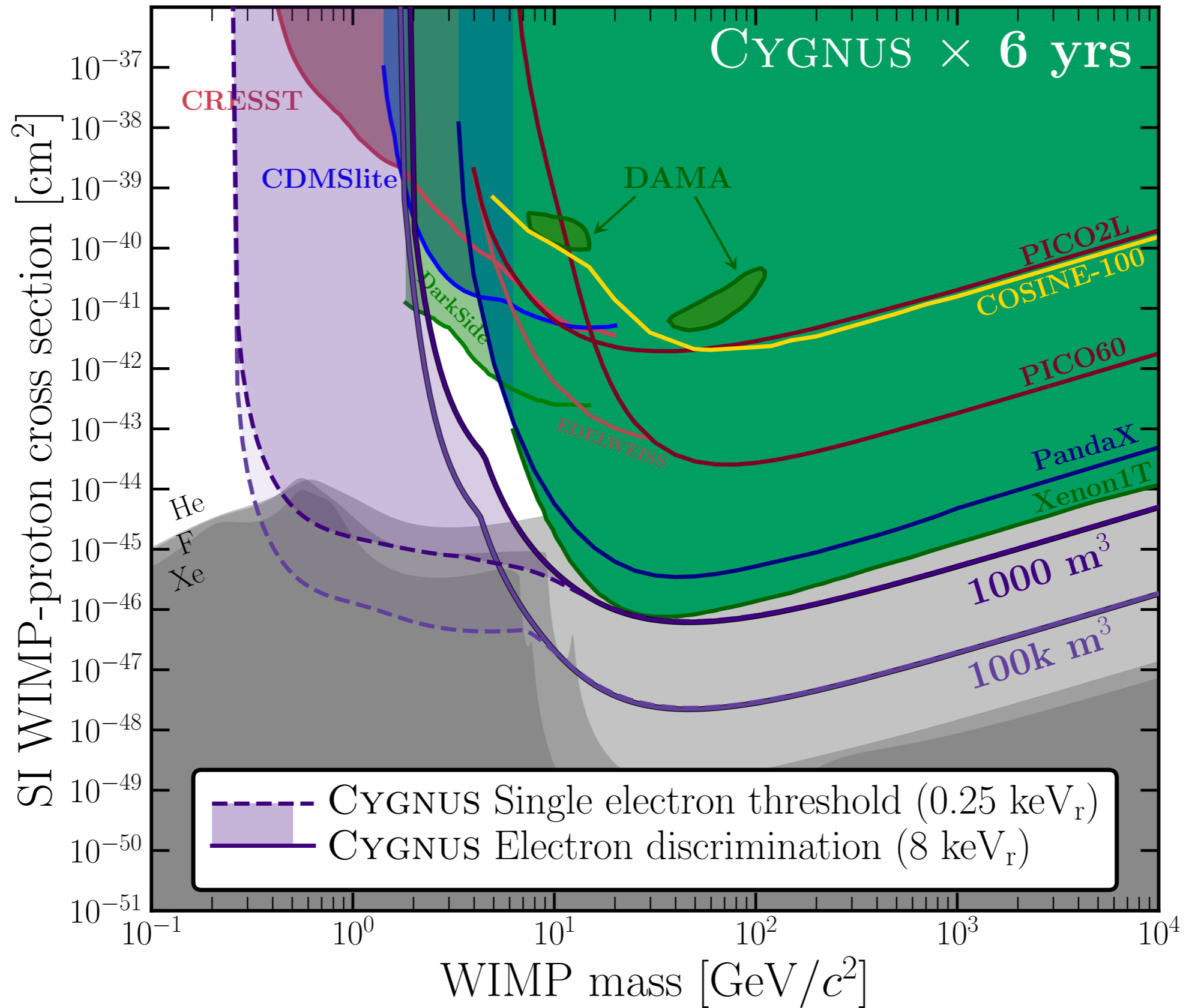
- Collaboration of ~50 signed members from the directional detection community
- Members from USA, UK, Japan, Spain, Australia, Italy
- Towards a ton-scale directional WIMP search below the neutrino floor
- Investigating gas-based time projection chamber (TPC) with various readout technologies

## **CYGNUS: Feasibility of a Nuclear Recoil Observatory with Directional Sensitivity to Dark Matter and Neutrinos**

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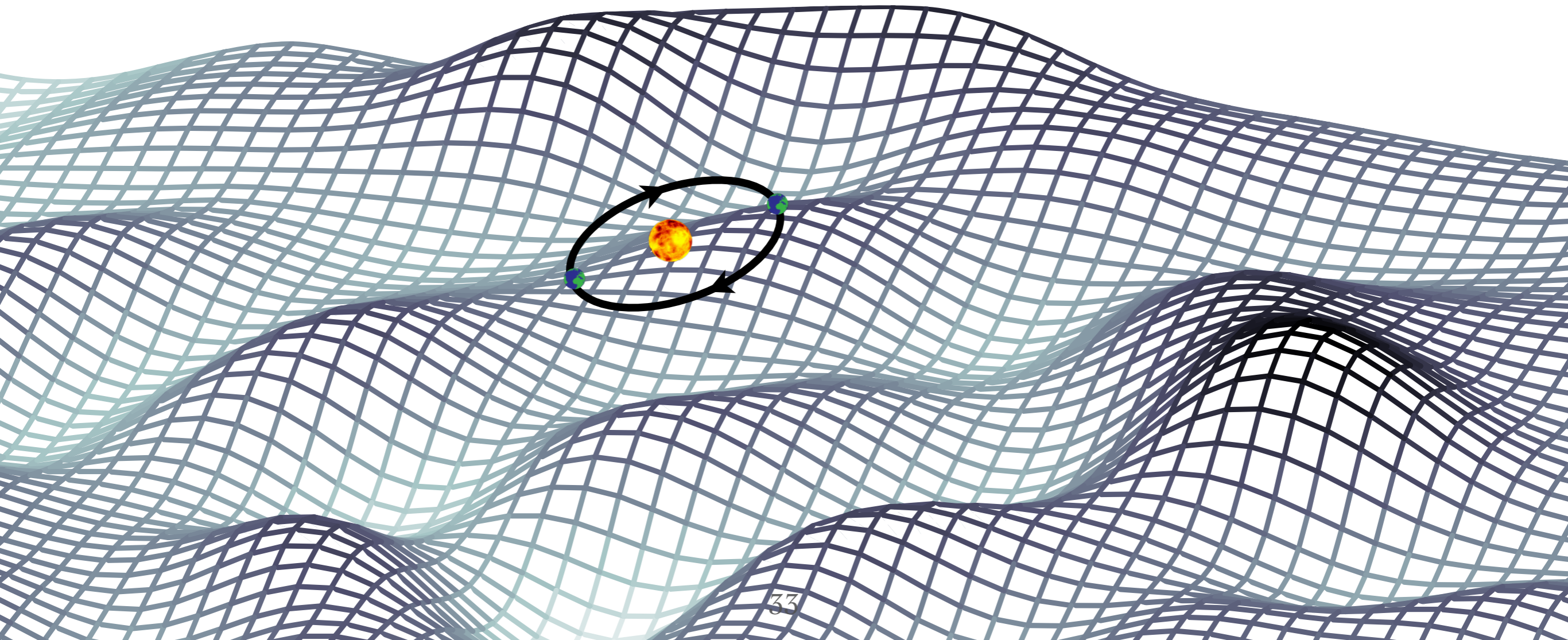


Preliminary, to appear...

# The axion

Extremely light bosonic DM:  $10^{-6}$  —  $10^{-4}$  eV (classic QCD axion)

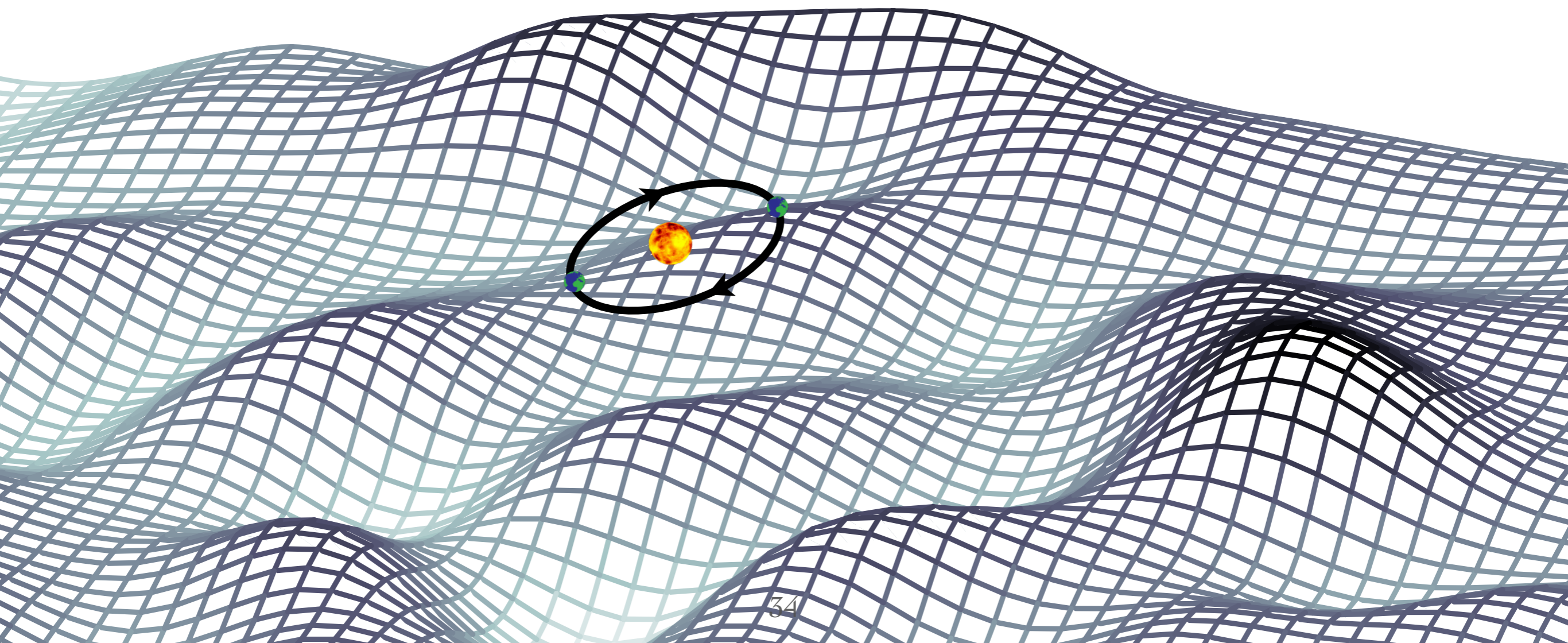
→ macroscopic occupation numbers needed to make up  
dark matter  $\sim 0.5 \text{ GeV cm}^{-3}$



**DM axion field:**  $a(\mathbf{x}, t) \approx \frac{\sqrt{2\rho_a}}{m_a} \cos(\omega t - \mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{x} + \alpha)$

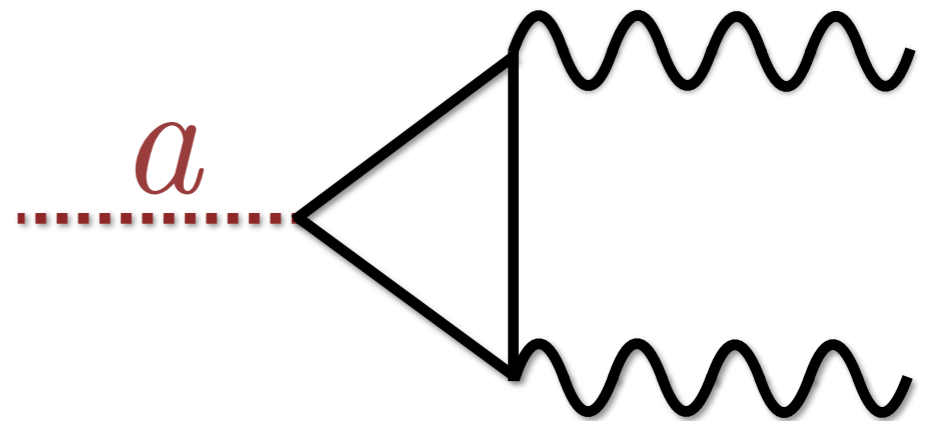
Oscillating at the axion mass

$\omega \approx m_a$



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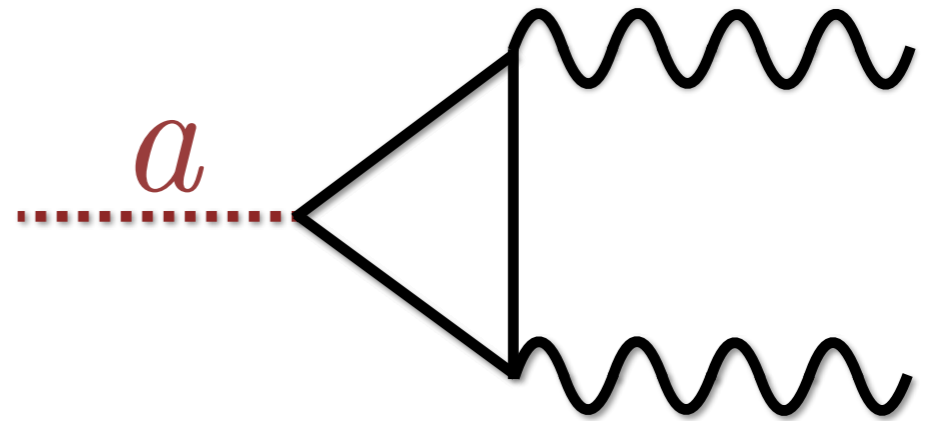
$$\nabla \times \mathbf{B} - \dot{\mathbf{E}} = \mathbf{J}$$

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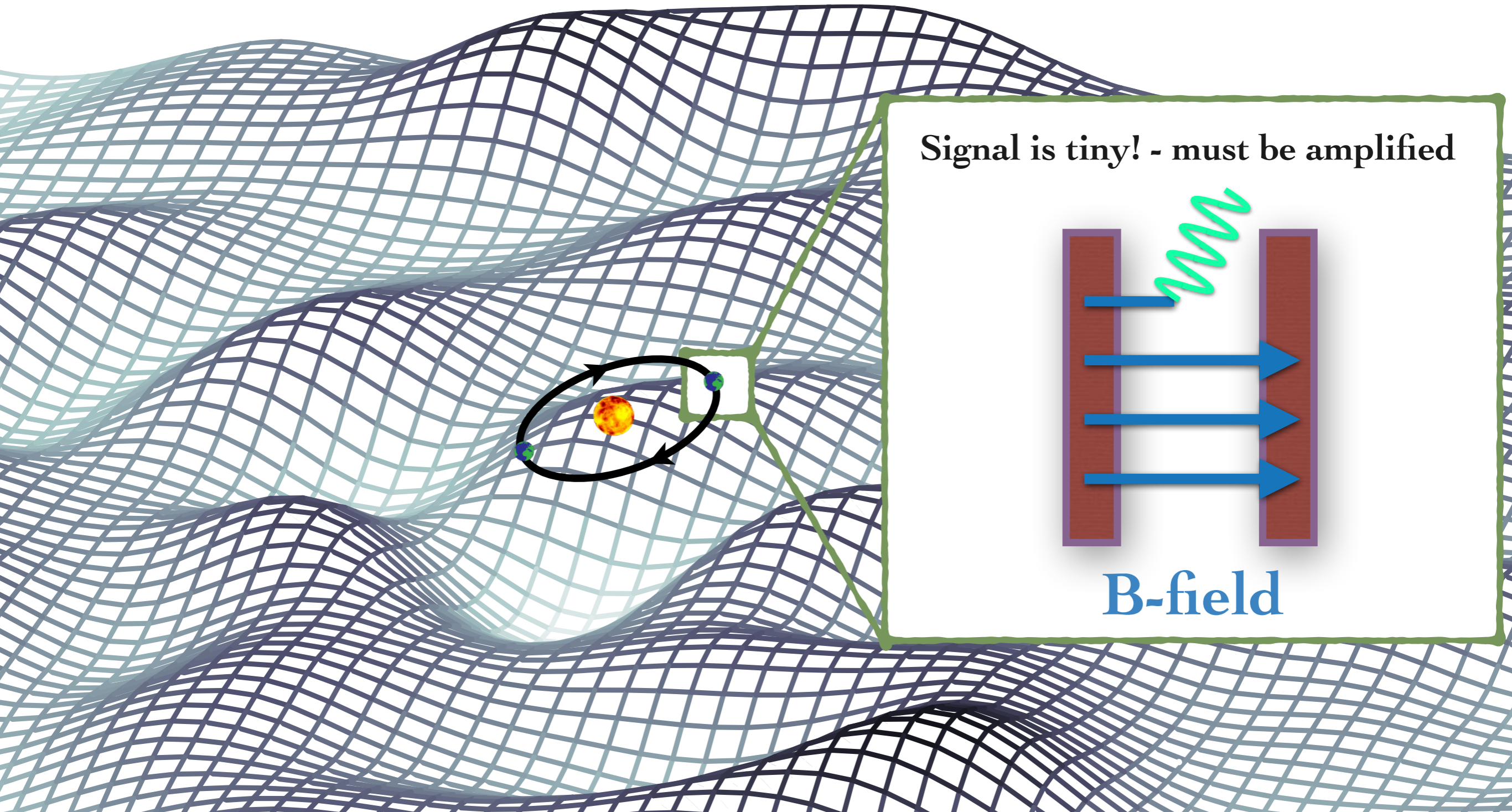
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$$(\square + m_a^2)a = g_{a\gamma} \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B}$$

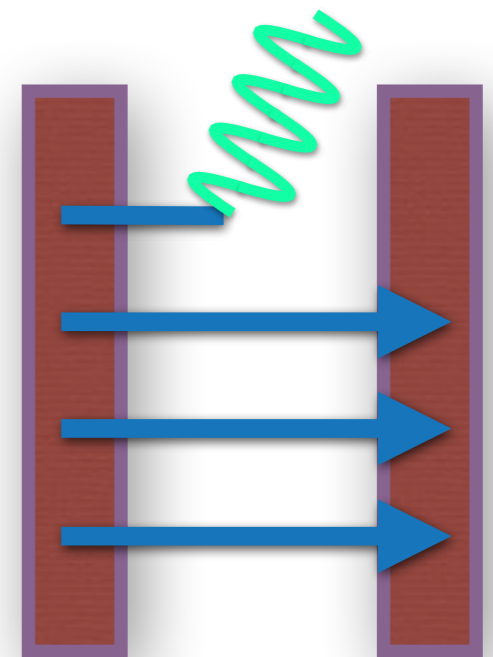


$$\omega \approx m_a$$

Searching for DM axions  $\rightarrow$  "tune in" to EM signal oscillating at  $\sim m_a$

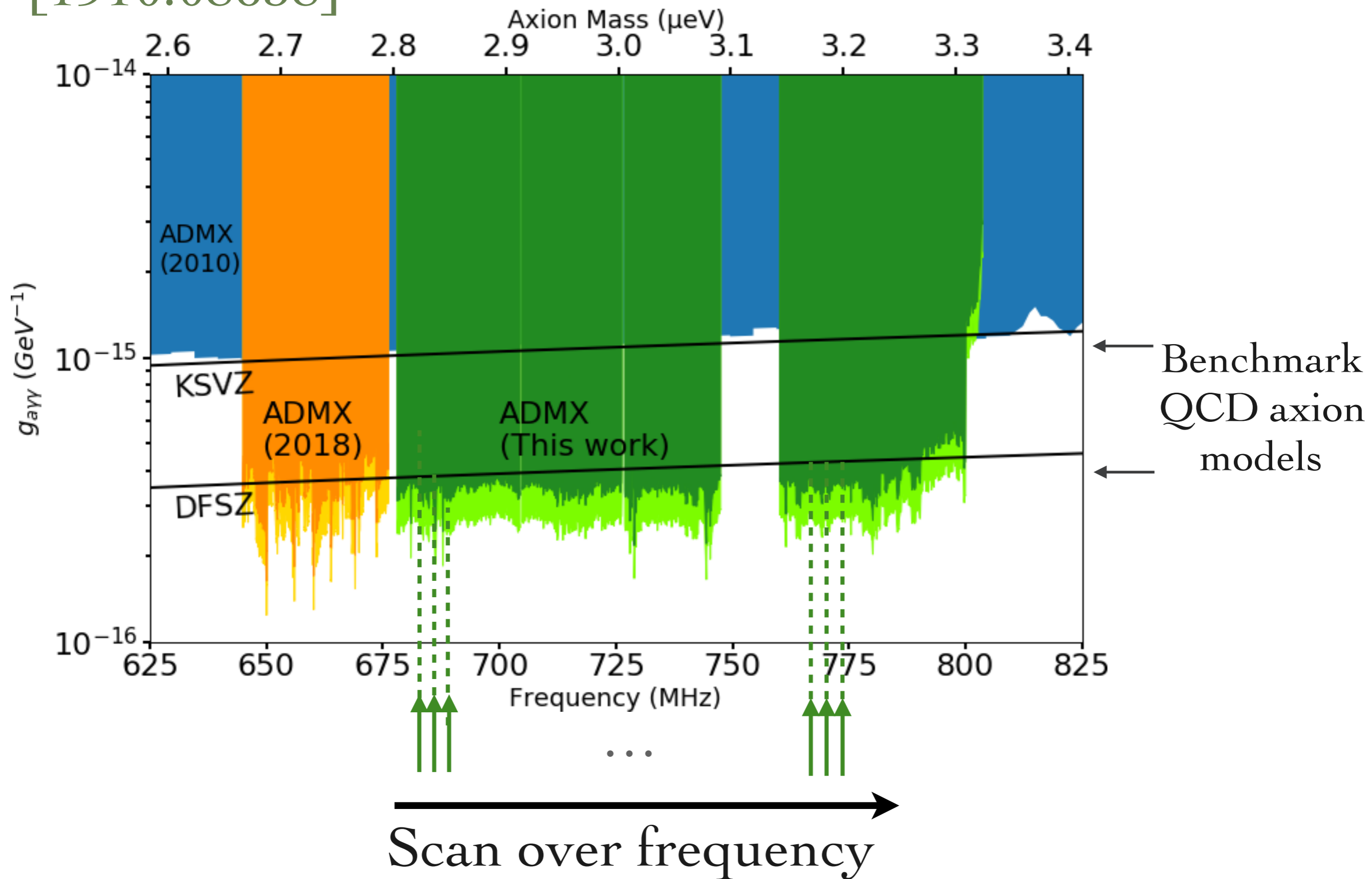


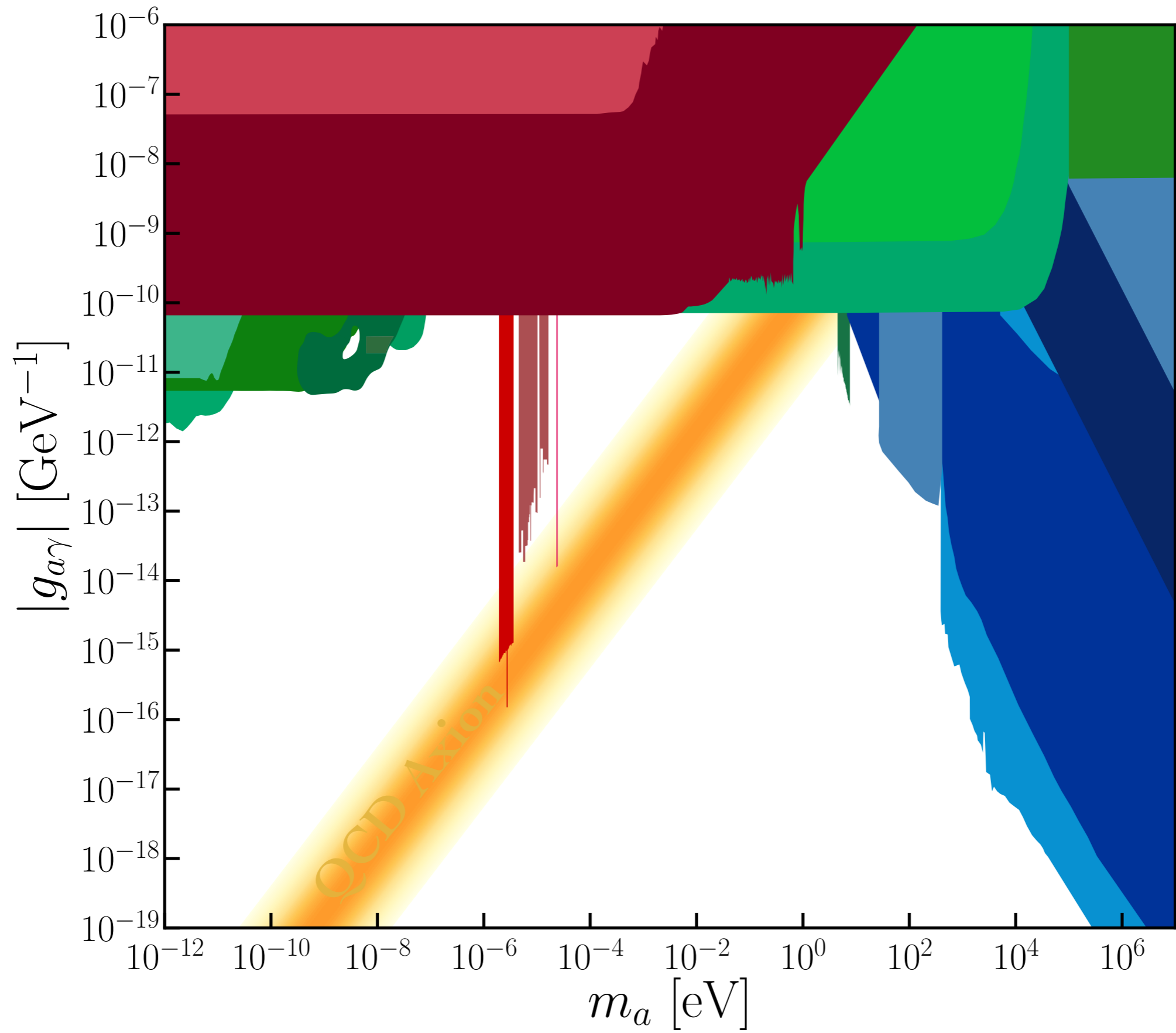
Signal is tiny! - must be amplified

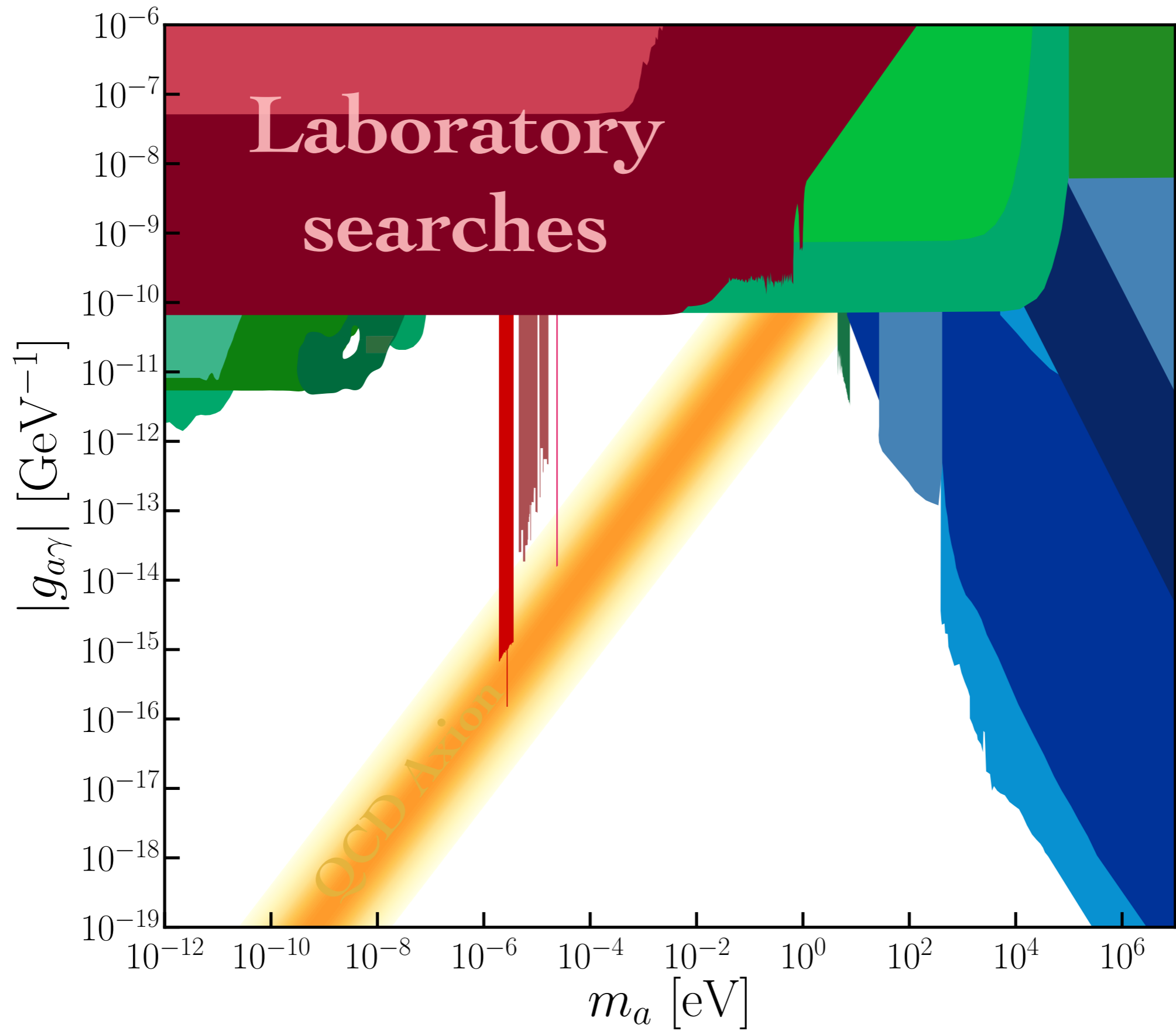


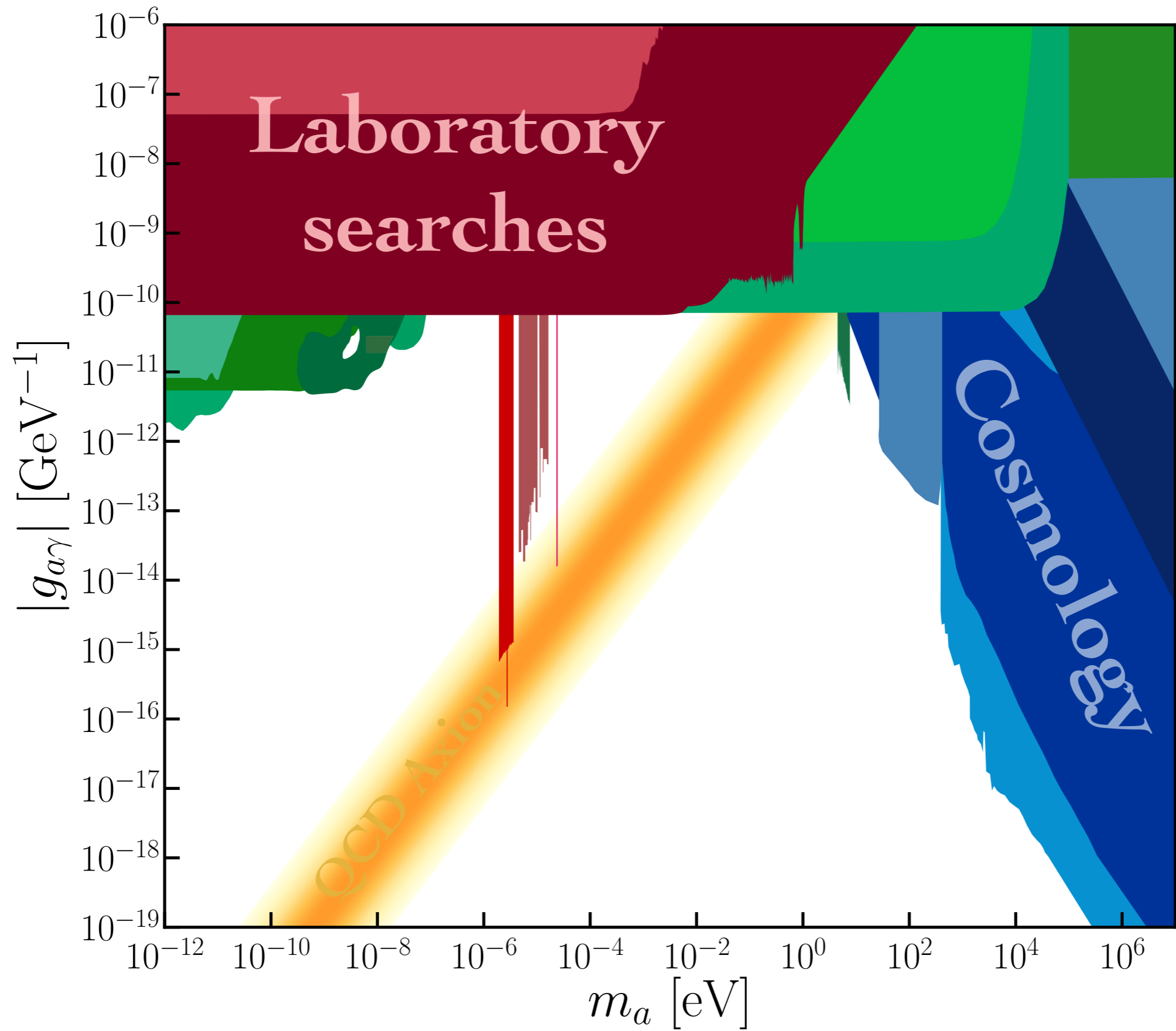
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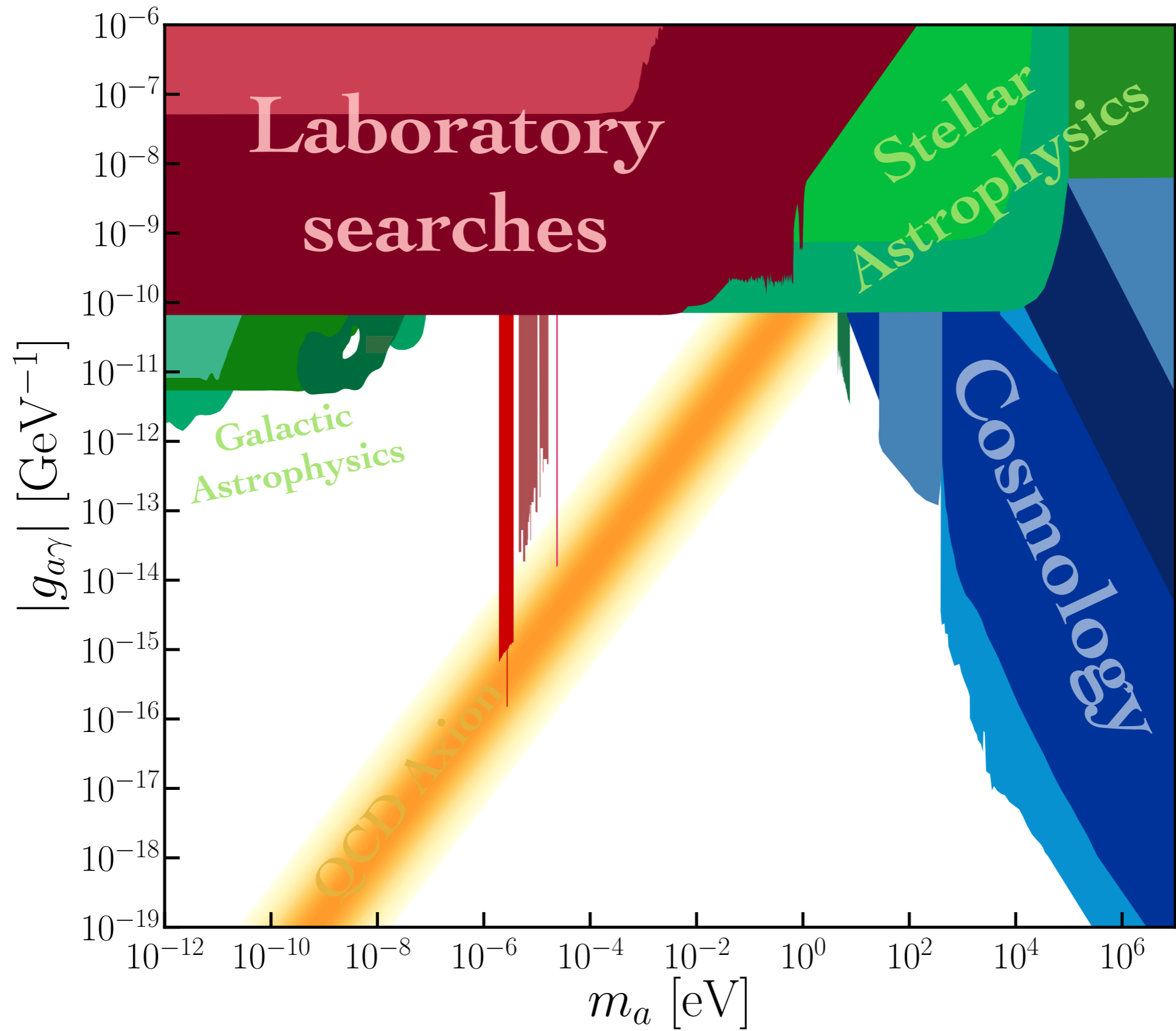
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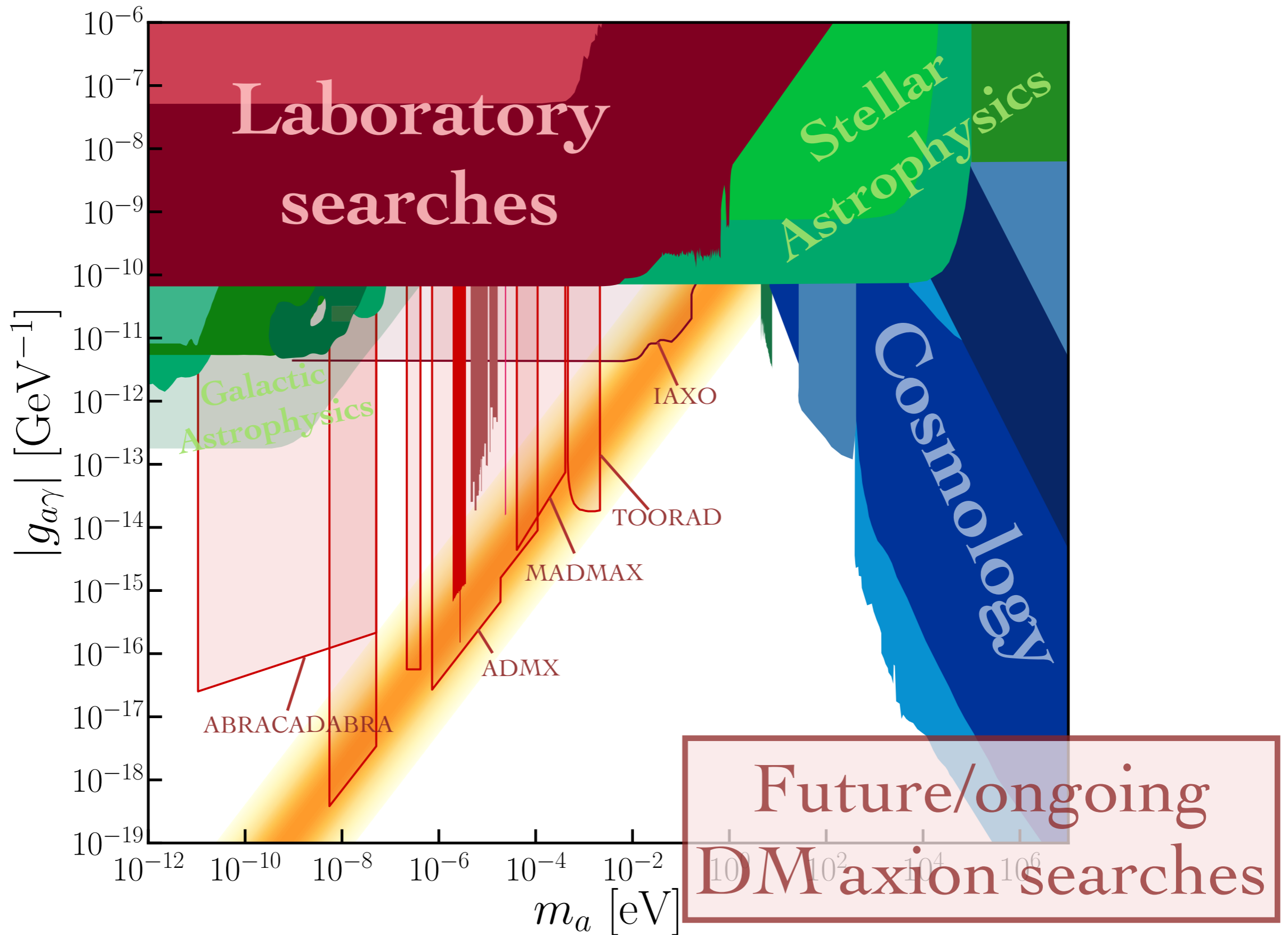








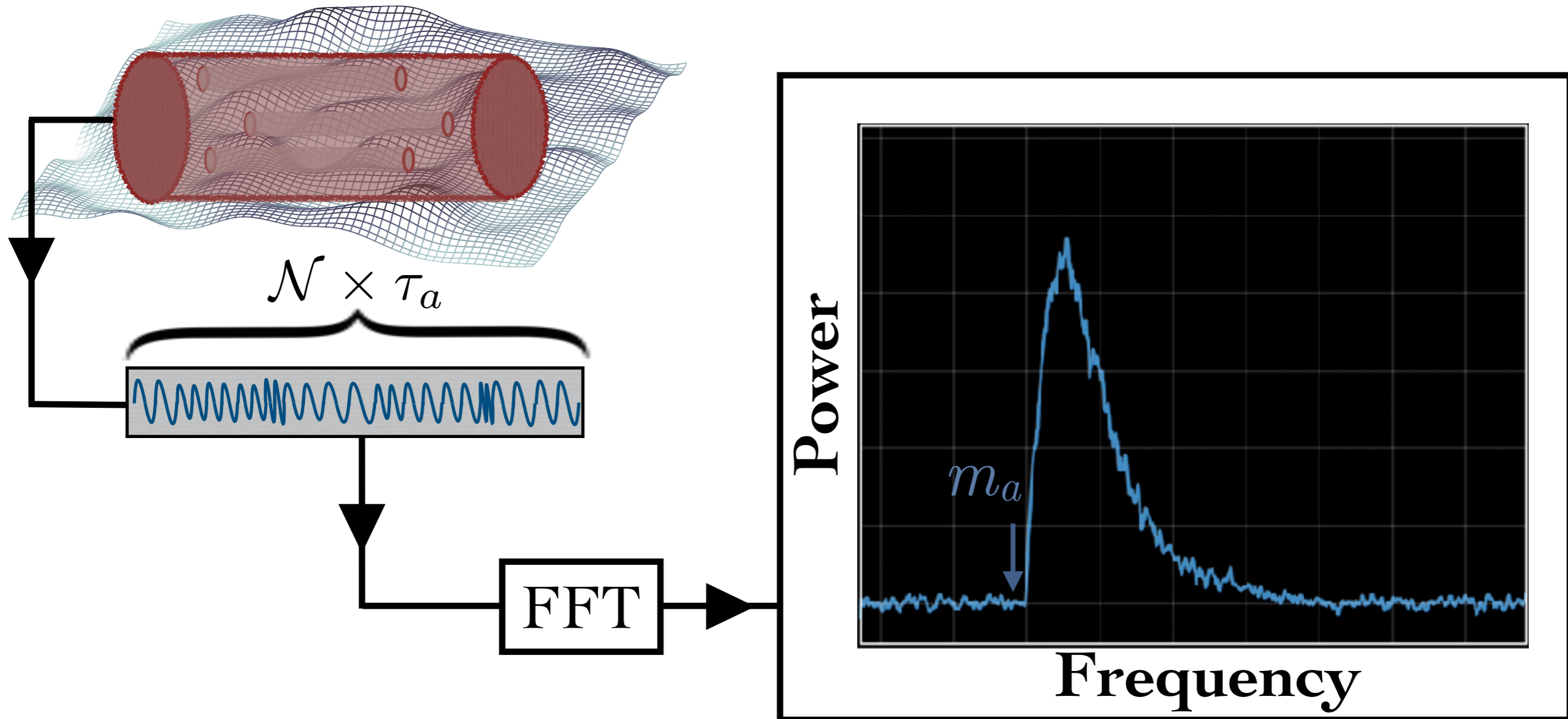




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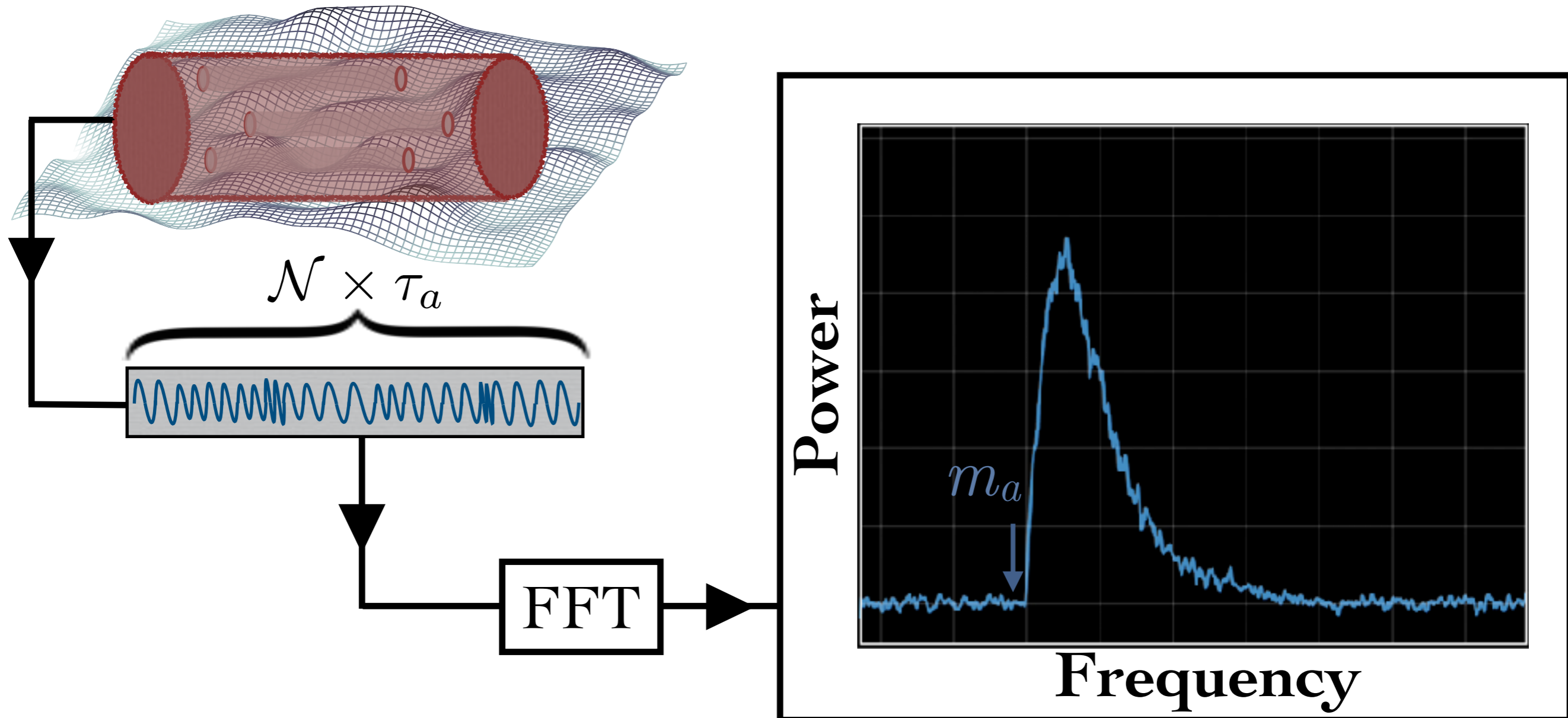




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Fundamentally astrophysical, relies on a model  
for the galaxy

# The Standard Halo Model

Halo  
 $\rho(r) \sim r^{-2}$



Disk

Bulge

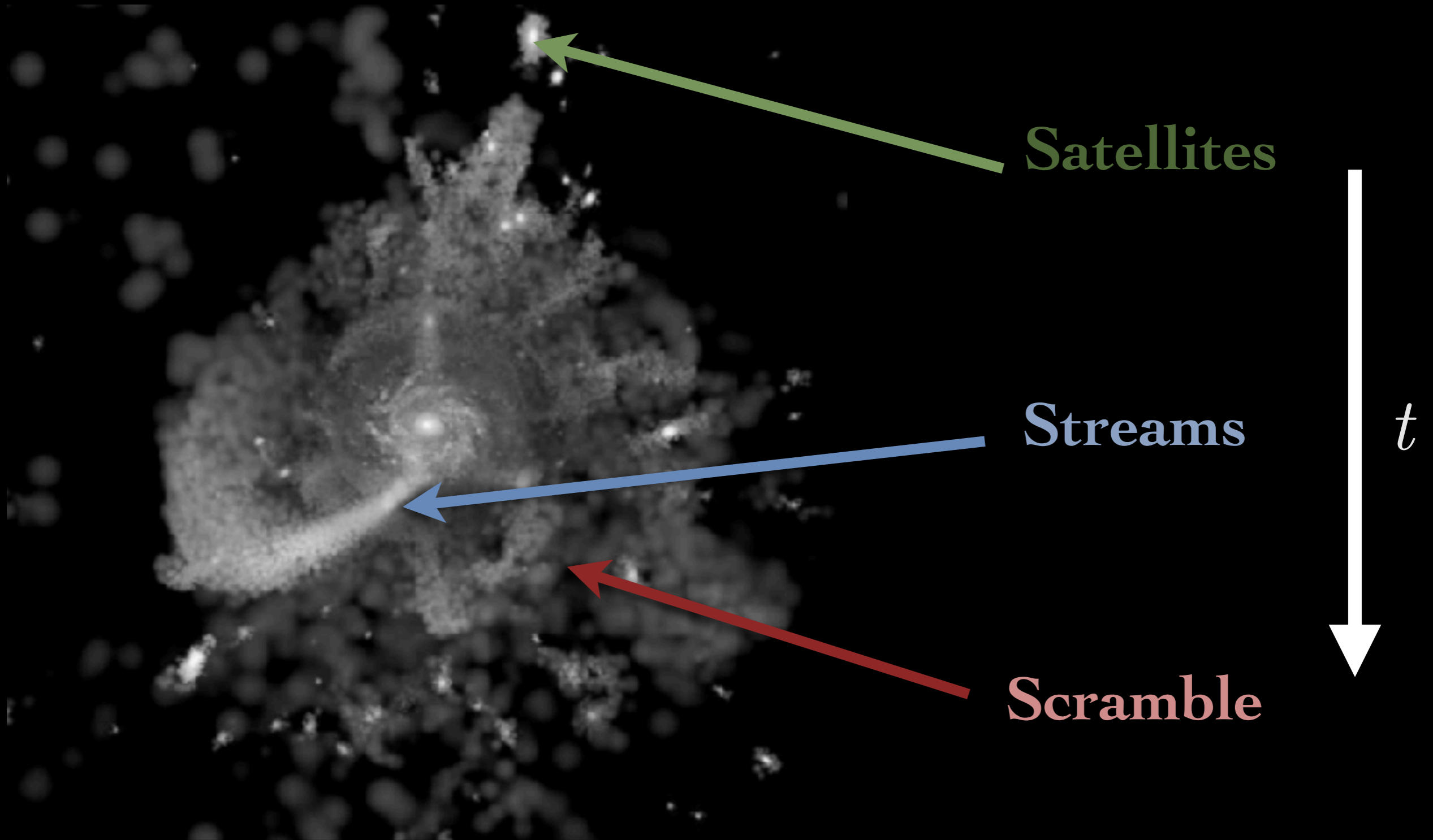
8 kpc

Velocity dist. locally:

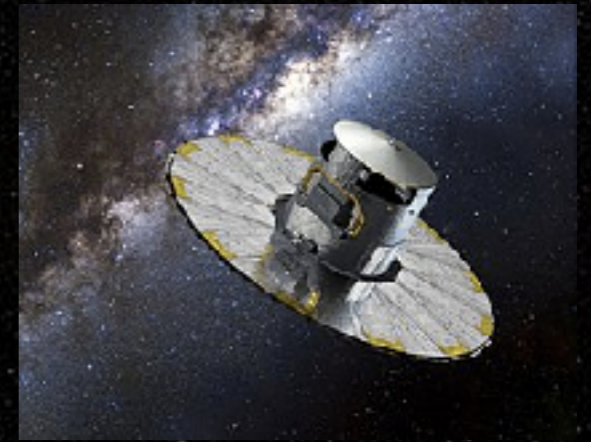
$$f(\mathbf{v}) \sim \exp\left(-\frac{|\mathbf{v}|^2}{v_{\text{rot}}^2}\right)$$

$$v_{\text{rot}} = 220 \text{ km s}^{-1}$$

# A dark matter halo (really)



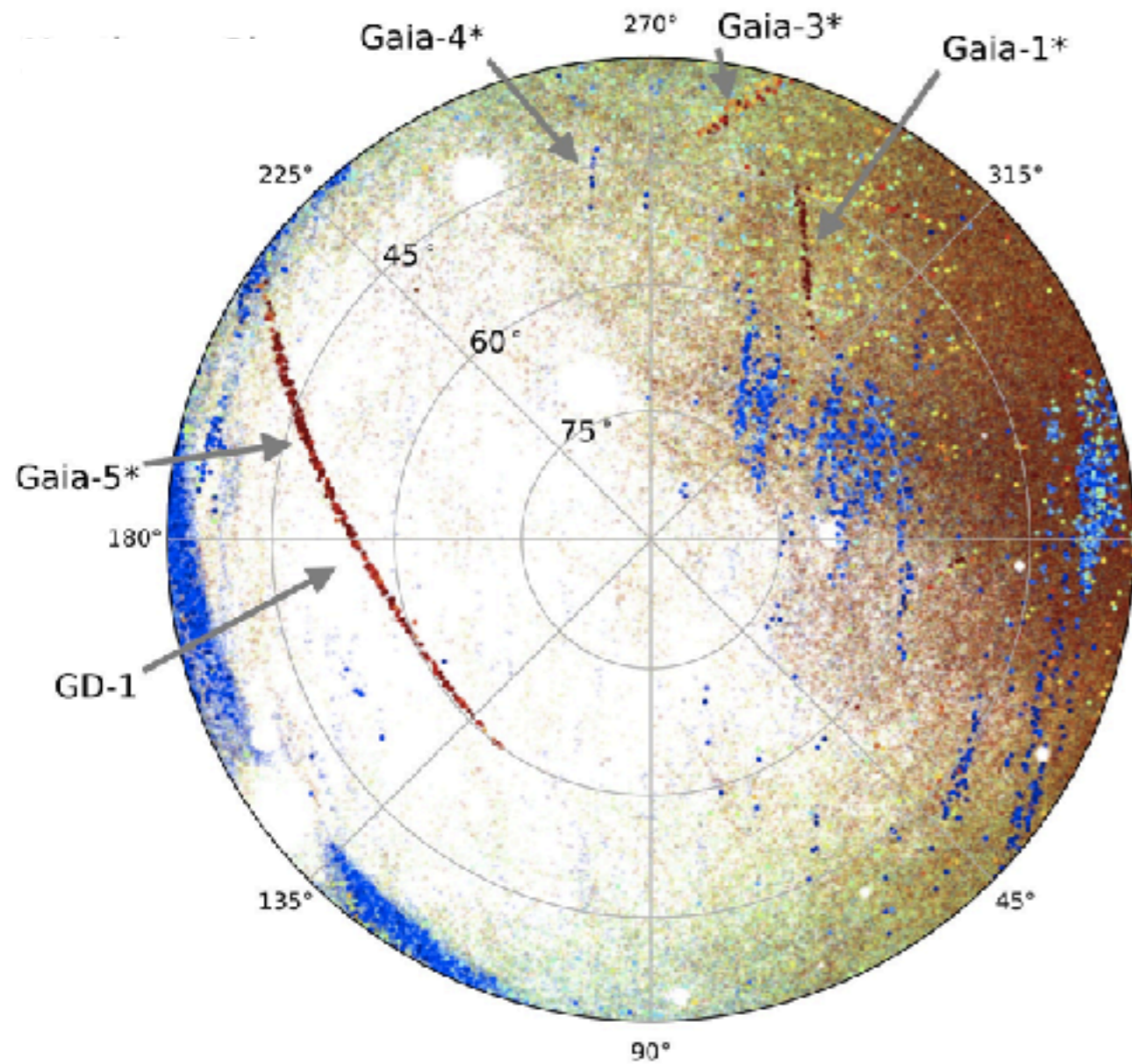
# Gaia



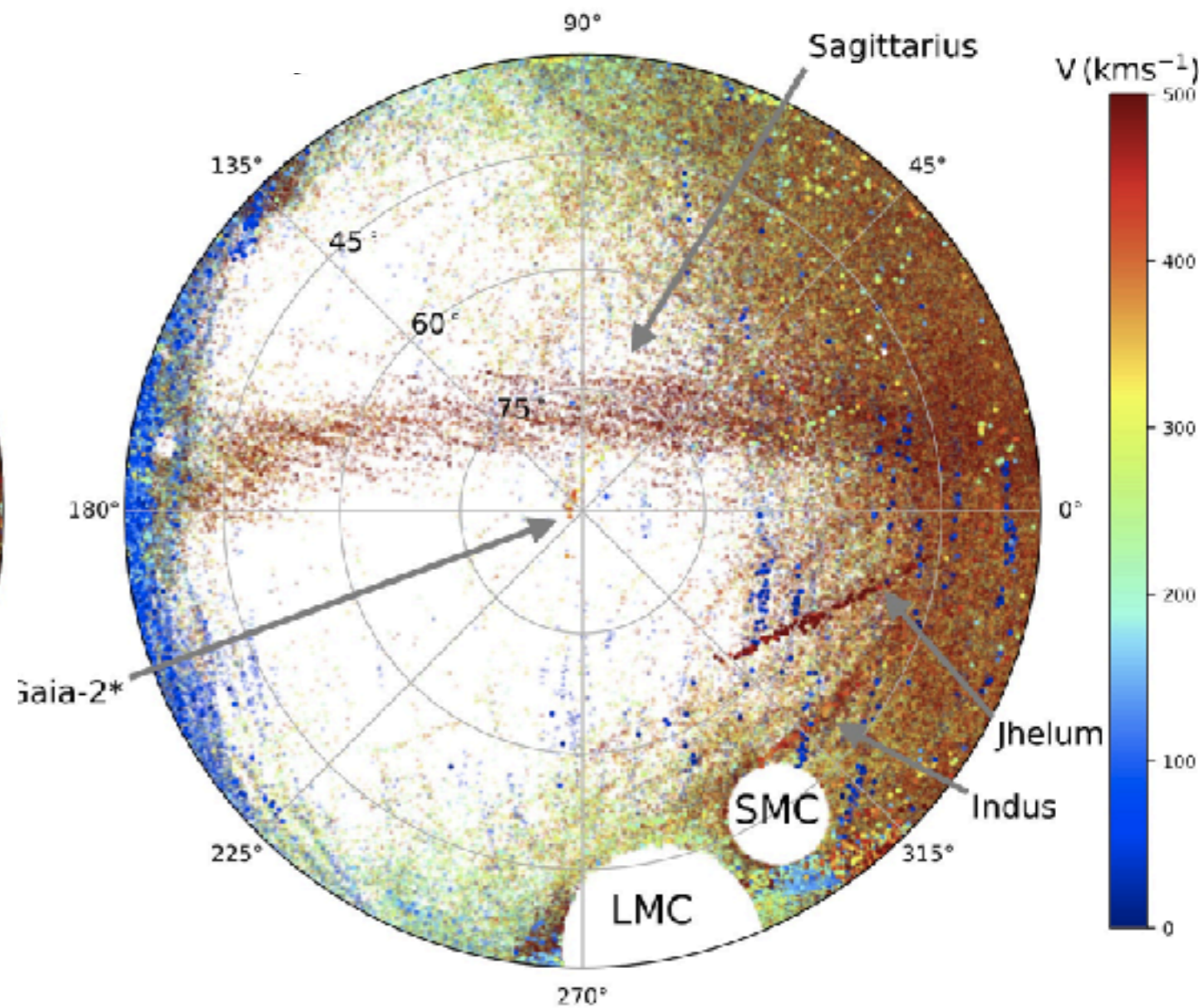
- Launched in 2013
- Will operate until ~2022
- 1.7 billion stars (1% of MW)
- Parallax+proper motion on 1.3 billion
- 20 million stars with distance precise to 1%
- 40 million stars with tangential velocity precise to  $< 0.5$  km/s
- 7 million stars with full 6D solution  $(x, y, z, v_x, v_y, v_z)$

**Compared to predecessor, Gaia has 10,000 times more stars, over a volume 100,000 times larger, with 1000 times better accuracy**

# Northern sky

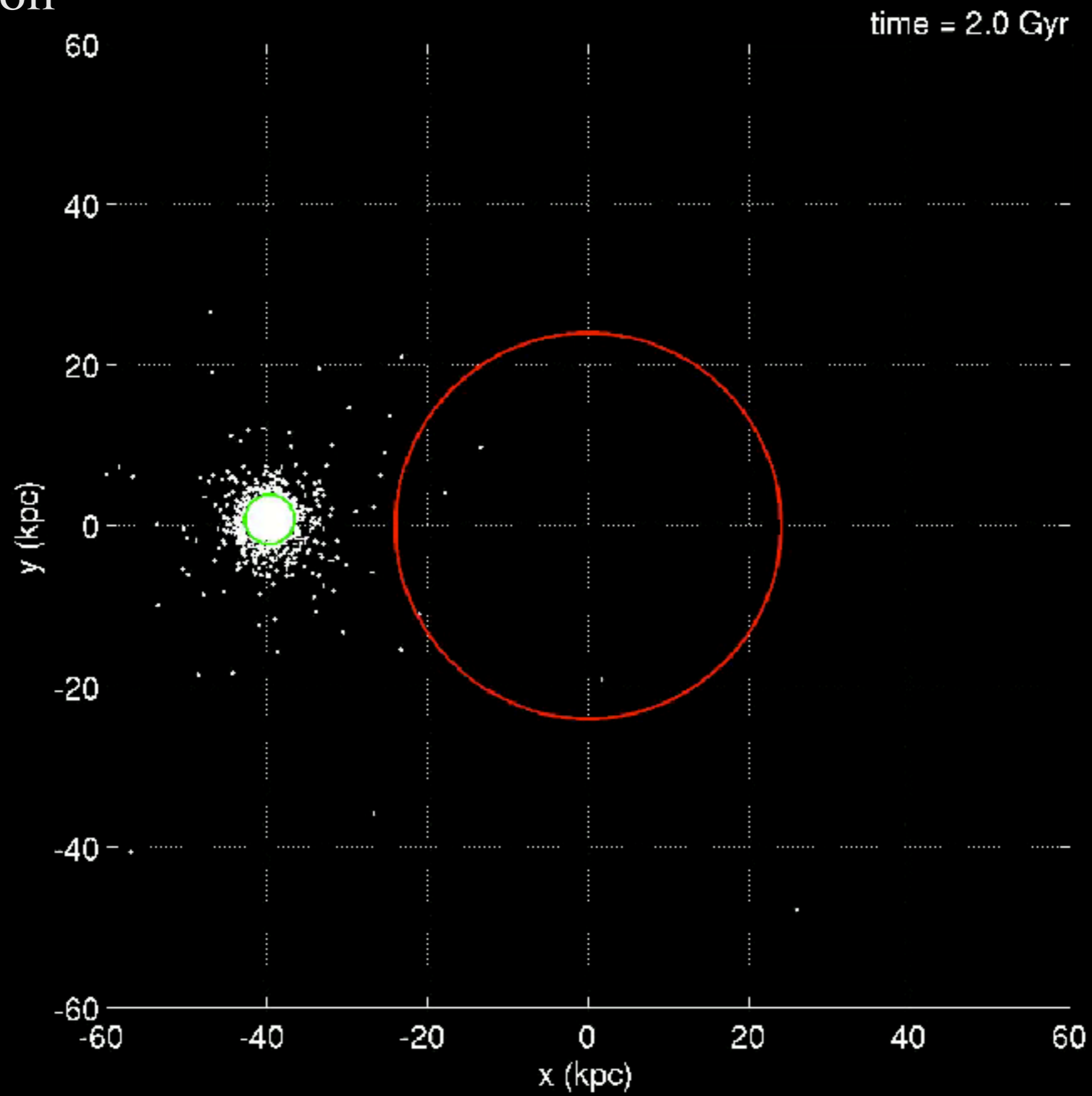


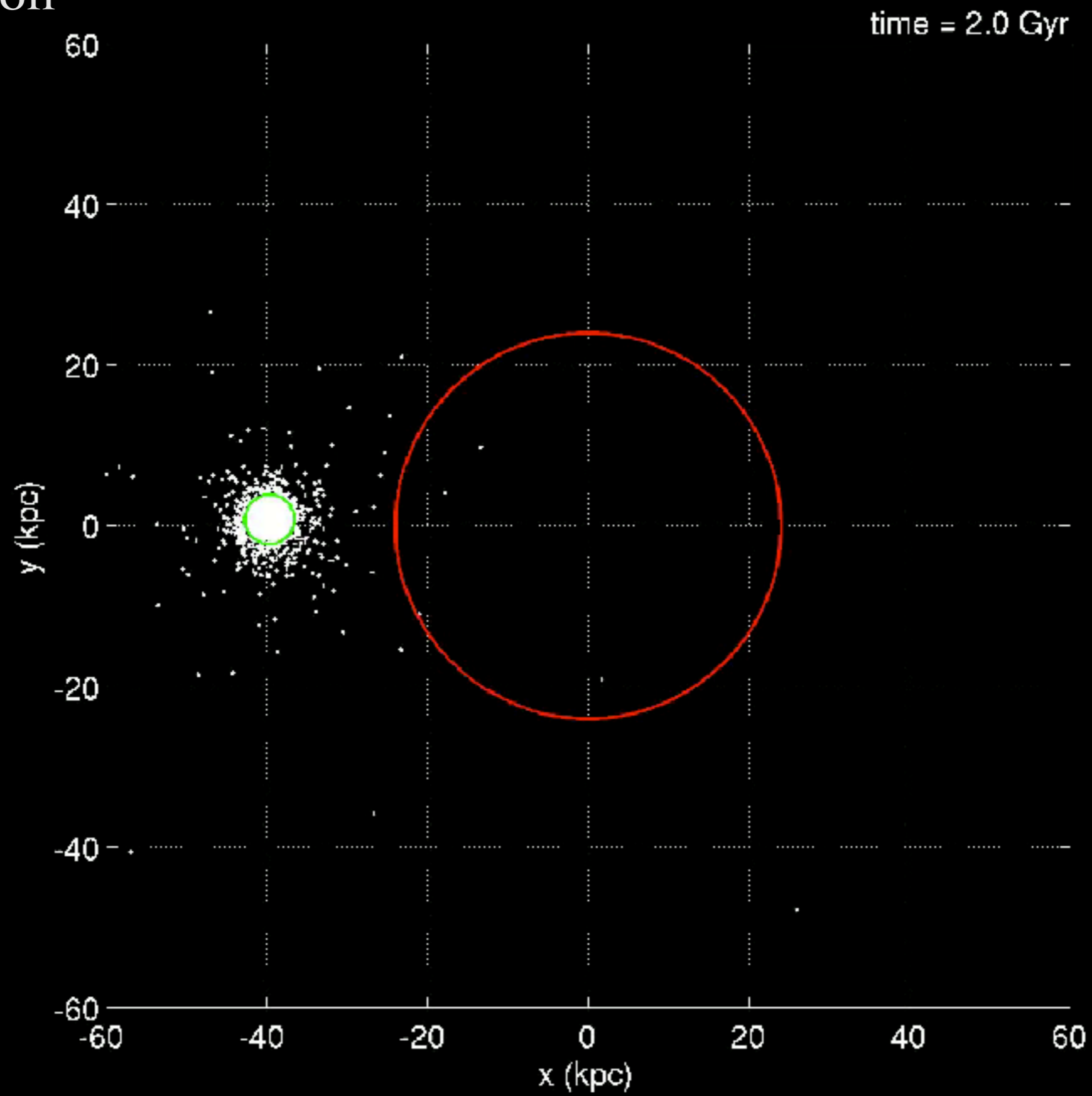
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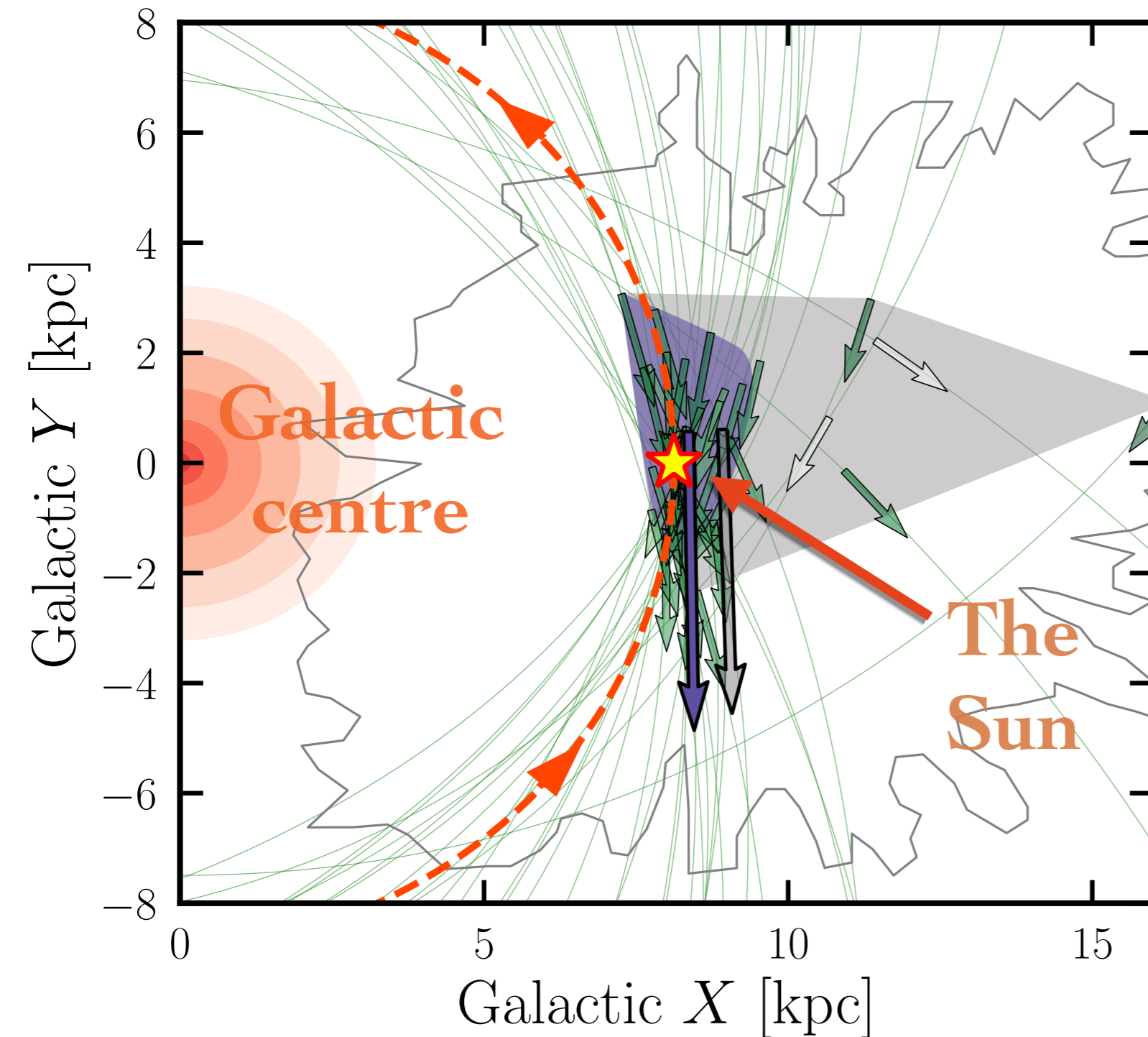
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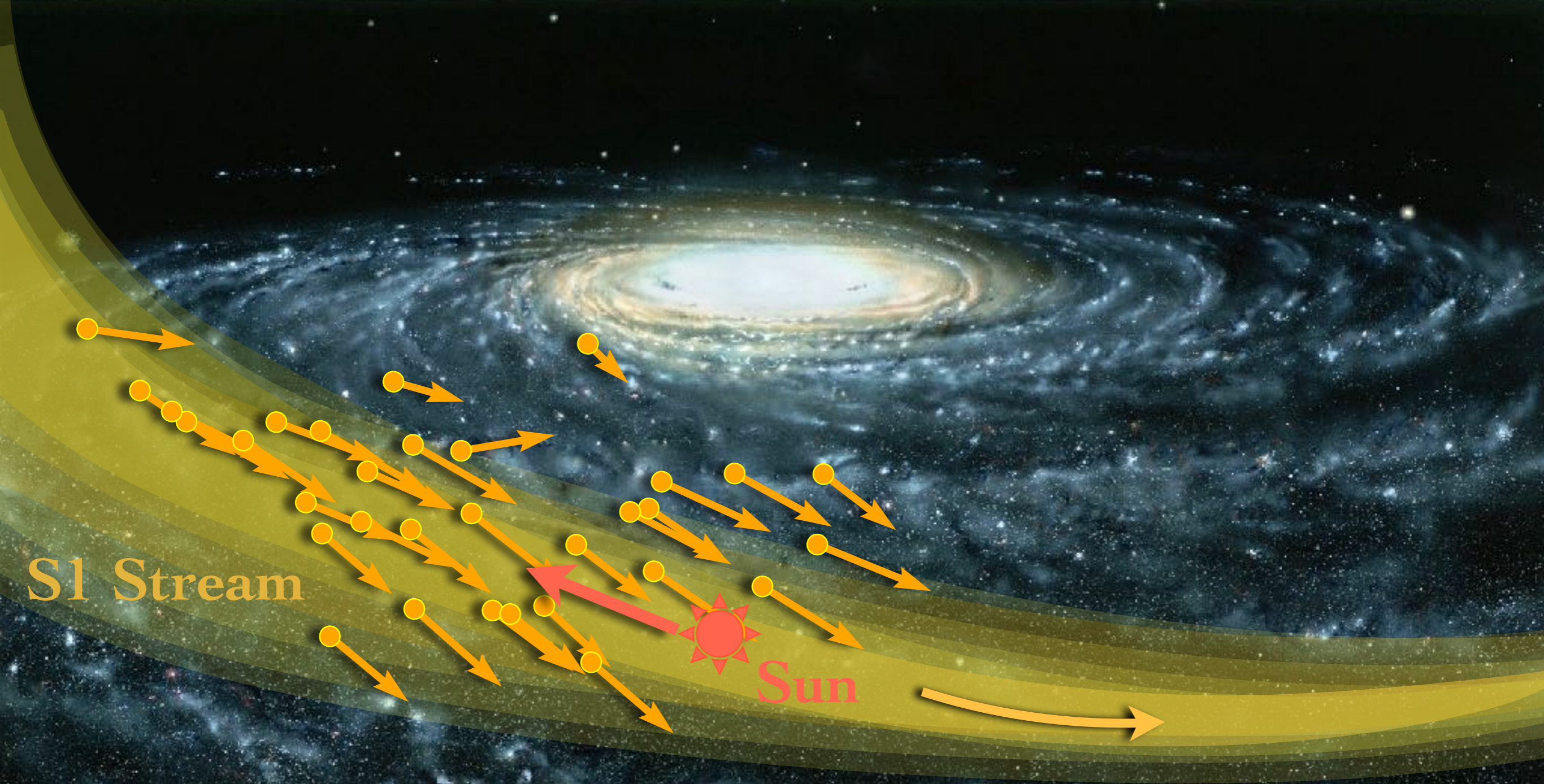




# The S1 stream



- Most prominent Gaia substructure encompassing the Solar System
- Likely the remnant of a large (Fornax-sized) dwarf spheroidal accreted around 8-10 billion years ago
- S1 and other retrograde stars possibly linked to a larger “Sequoia” event. Also responsible for several anomalous retrograde globular clusters (see [1904.03185](#))



S1 is on a retrograde infall, so impacts the solar system at high speeds

Dark matter wind → A dark matter hurricane?

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## **A Dark Matter Hurricane: Measuring the S1 Stream with Dark Matter Detectors**

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(Dated: November 8, 2018)

The recently discovered S1 stream passes through the Solar neighbourhood on a low inclination, counter-rotating orbit. The progenitor of S1 is a dwarf galaxy with a total mass comparable to the present-day Fornax dwarf spheroidal, so the stream is expected to have a significant DM component. We compute the effects of the S1 stream on WIMP and axion detectors as a function of the density



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And it could help scientist detect the strange substance.



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### Dark matter hurricane to hit Earth with speeds of up to 310 miles per SECOND



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## 'Dark matter hurricane' blowing at 310 miles per SECOND is on a collision course with Earth and may finally offer proof the mysterious material exists

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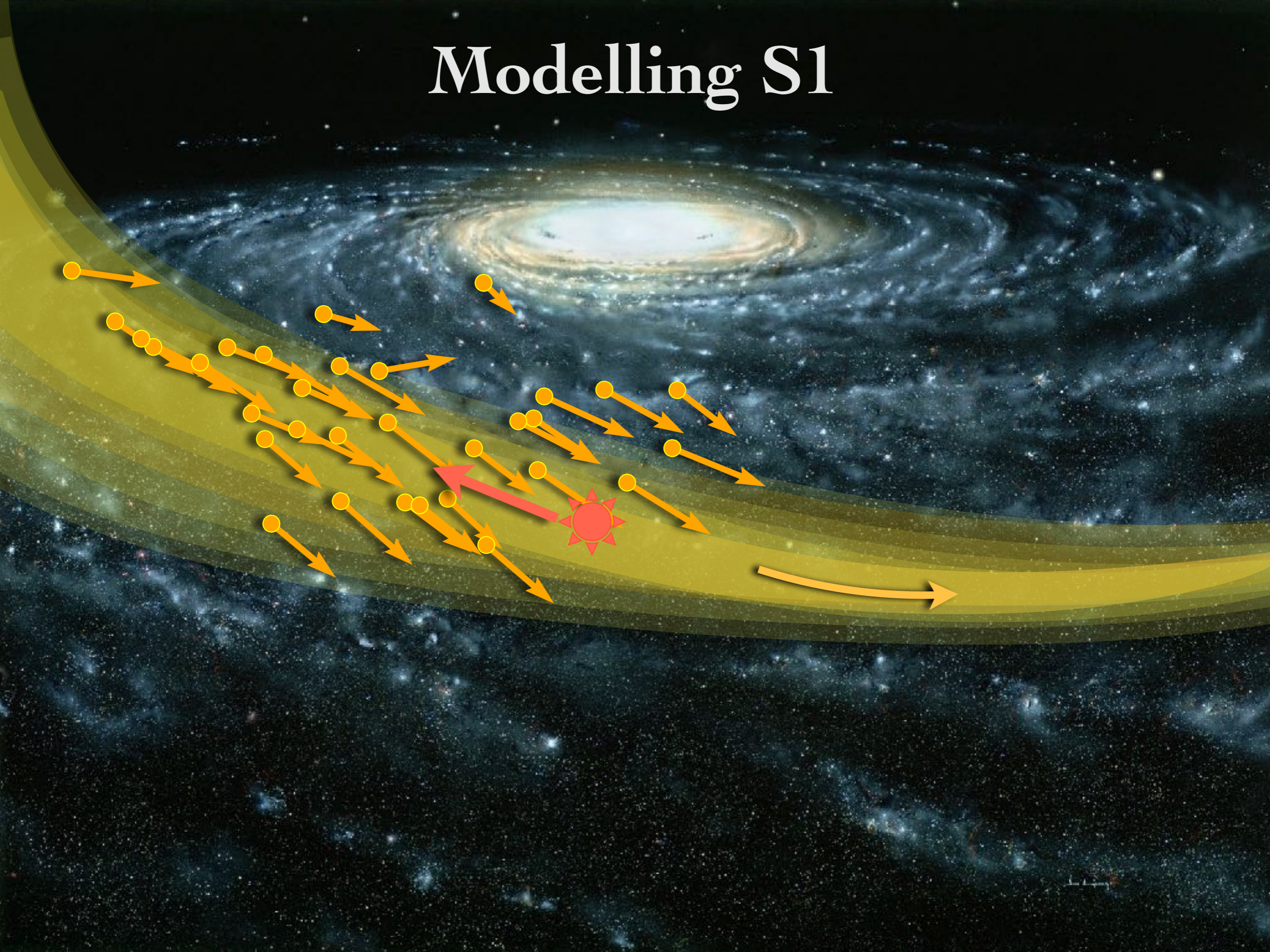
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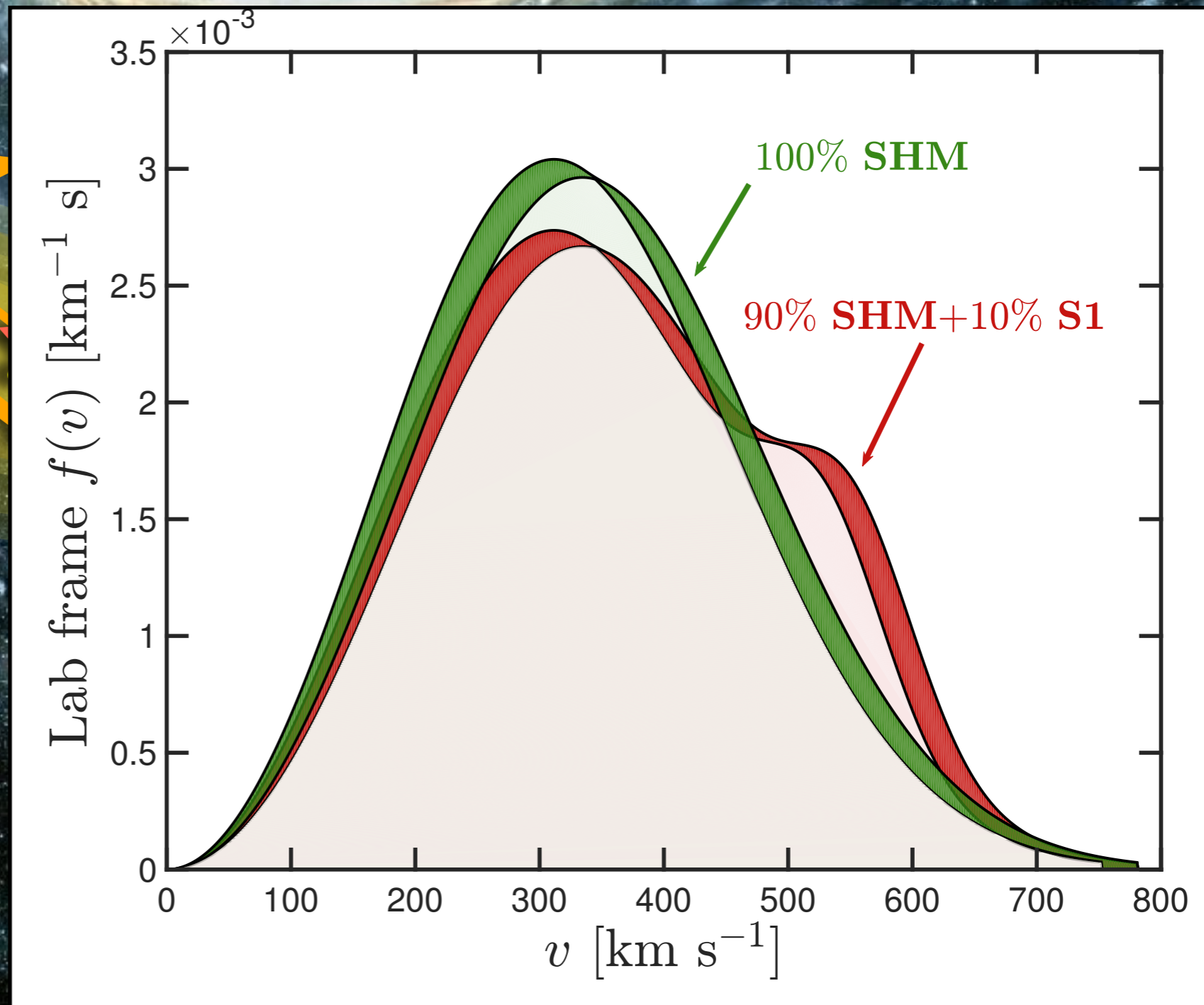
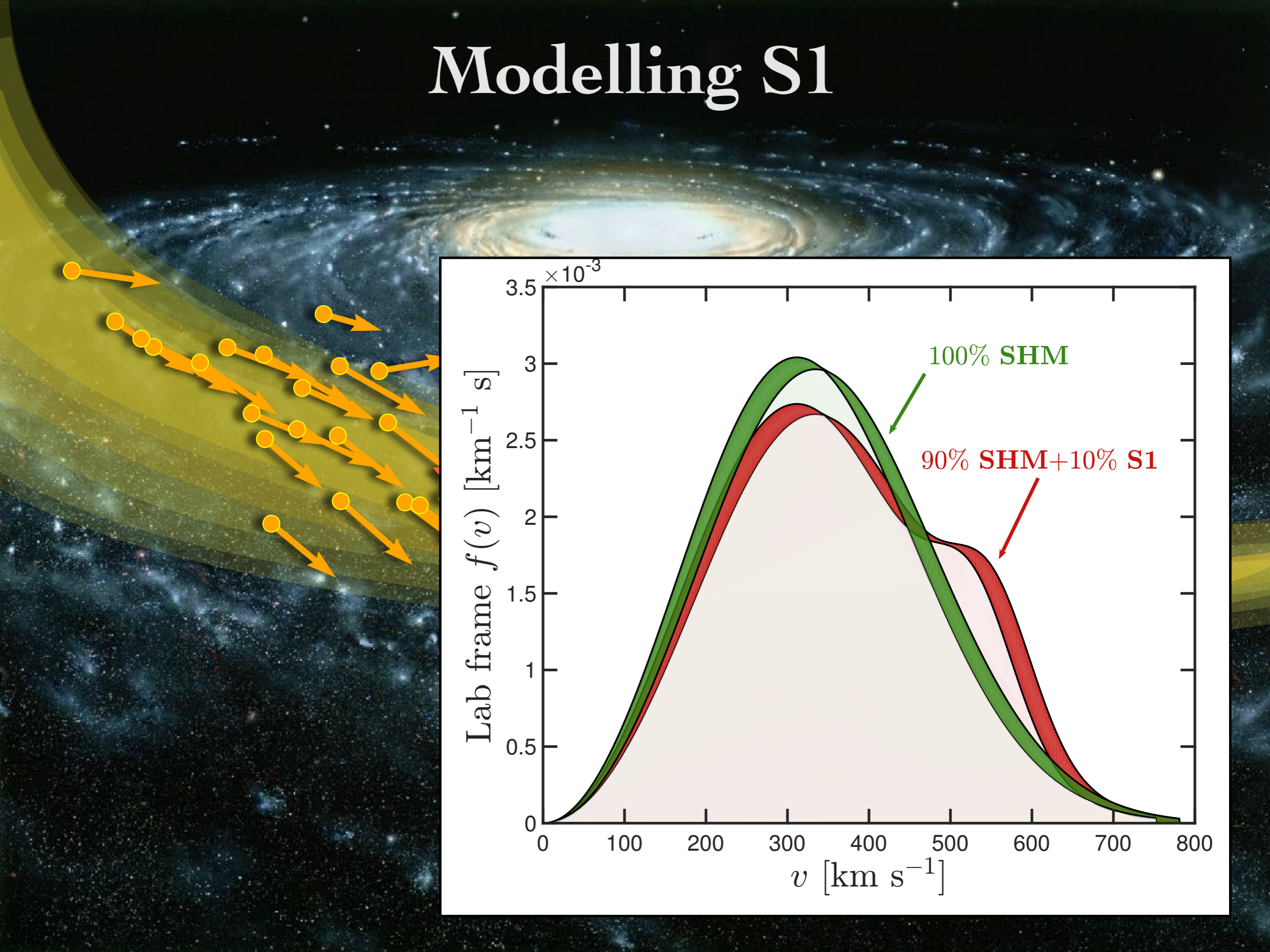
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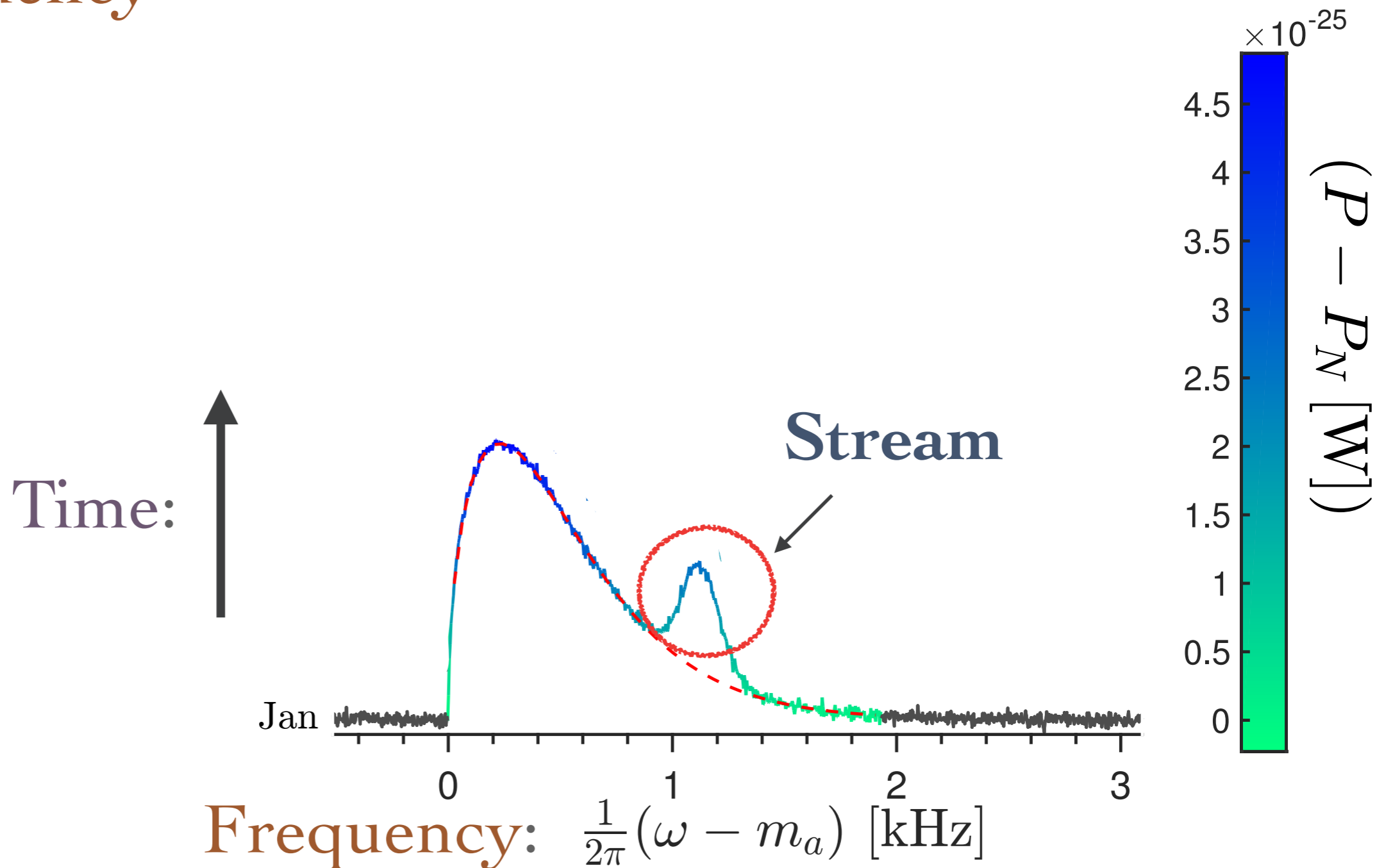
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Signal power

vs time

vs frequency

O'Hare et al. [1807.09004]

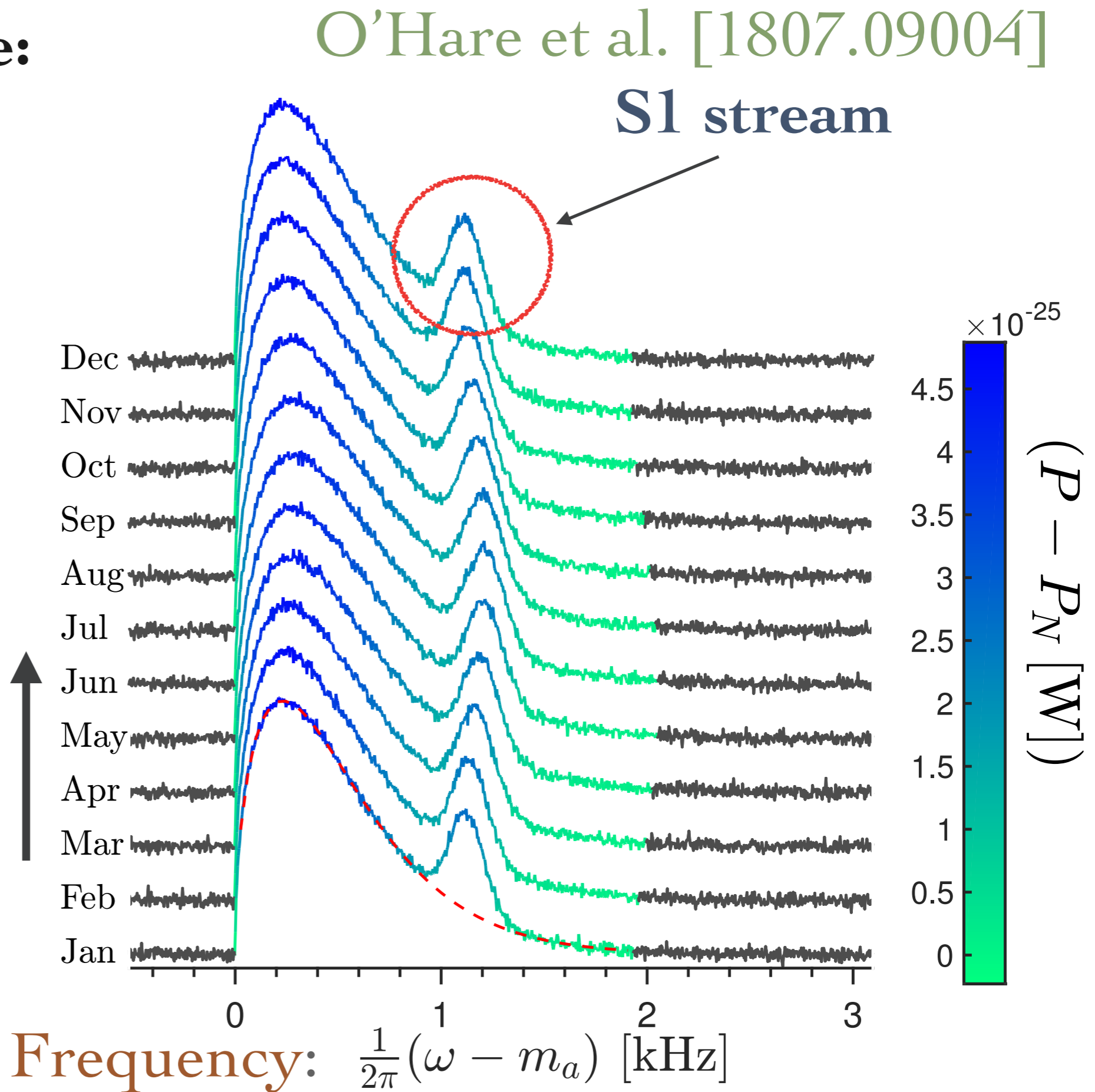


# Axion haloscope:

Signal power  
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Wobble in frequency  
due to Earth's motion

Time:



# Summary

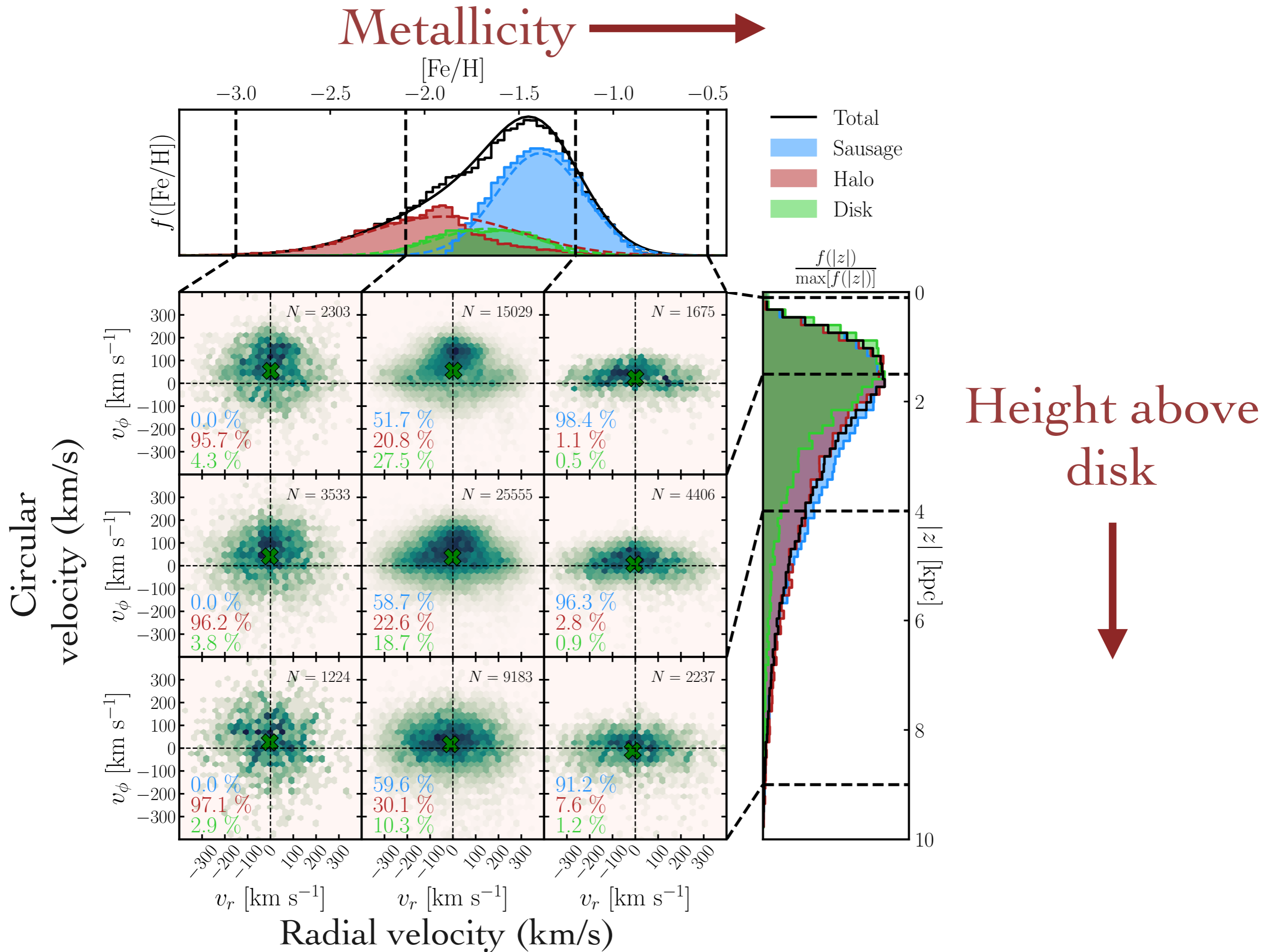
# Summary

I like dark matter

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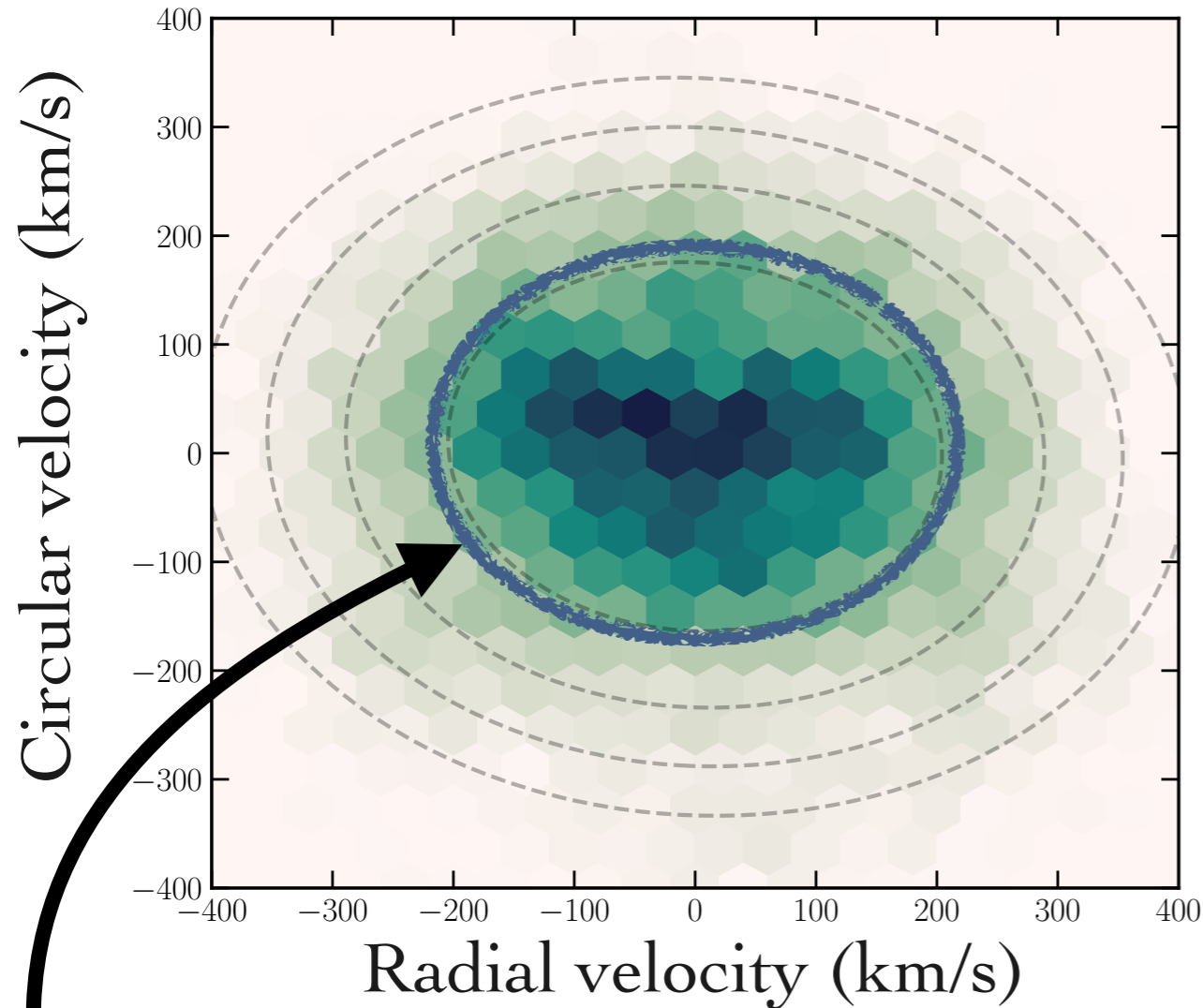
# The Sausage

# Metallicity $\longrightarrow$





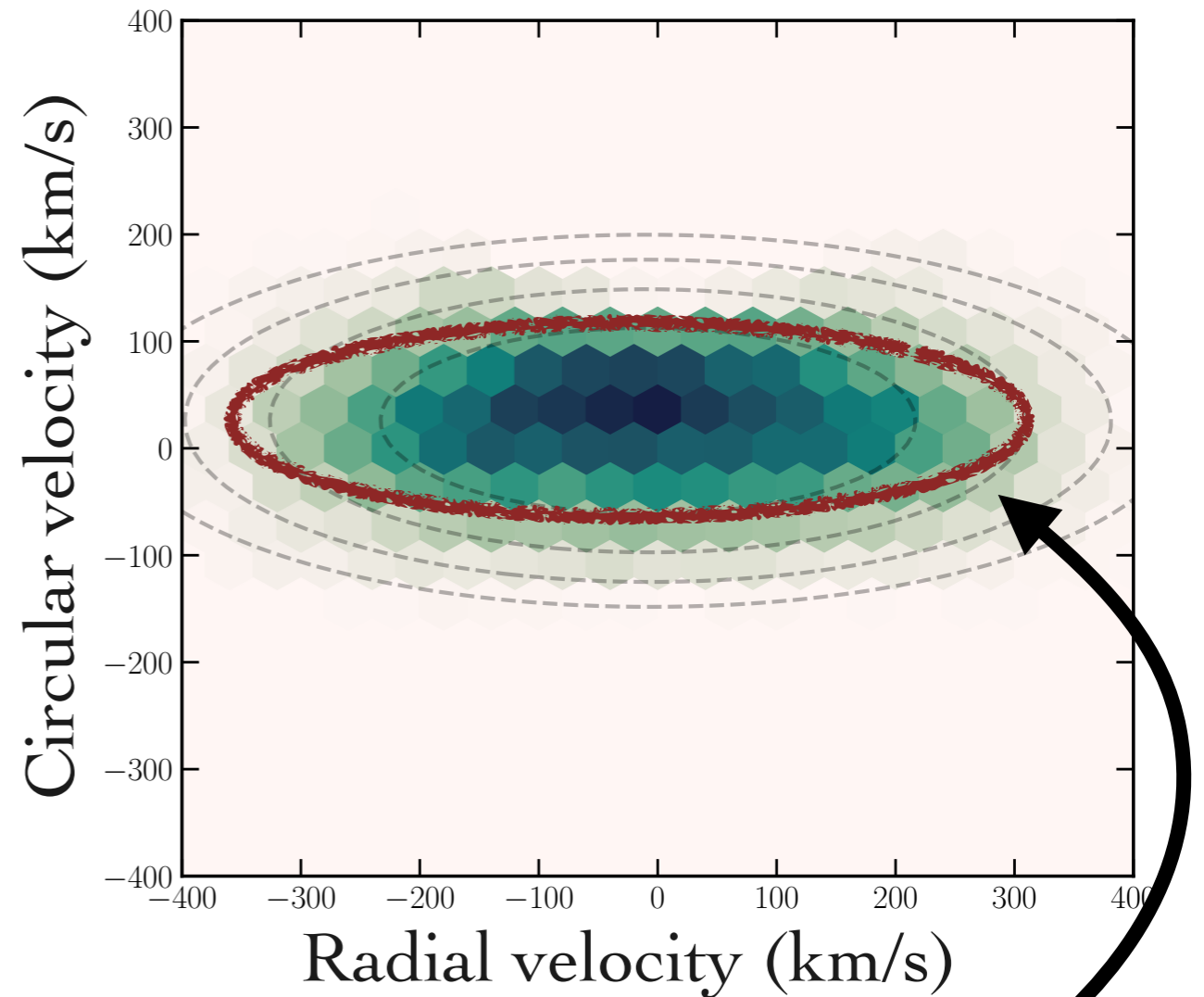
## Metal-poor halo [Fe/H] < -1.5



### The "Halo"

- Round velocity ellipsoid
- ~30% of main sequence halo sample
- More metal-poor on average

## Metal-rich halo [Fe/H] > -1.5



### The "Sausage"

- Highly eccentric radial orbits
- Dominant contribution ~50%
- Characteristic metallicity [Fe/H] = -1.4

# Gaia Sausage

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The **Gaia Sausage** is the remains of a *dwarf galaxy*, the "Sausage Galaxy" or **Gaia-Enceladus-Sausage** or just **Gaia-Enceladus**, that merged with the *Milky Way* about 8 - 11 billion years ago. At least eight *globular clusters* were added to the Milky Way along with 50 billion *solar masses* of stars, gas and dark matter.<sup>[1]</sup> The "Gaia Sausage" is so-called because of the characteristic sausage shape of the population in velocity space, the appearance on a plot of radial versus azimuthal and vertical velocities of stars measured in the *Gaia Mission*.<sup>[1]</sup> The stars that have merged with the Milky Way have orbits that are highly radial. The outermost points of their orbits are around 20 *kiloparsecs* from the *galactic centre* at what is called the **halo break**.<sup>[2]</sup>

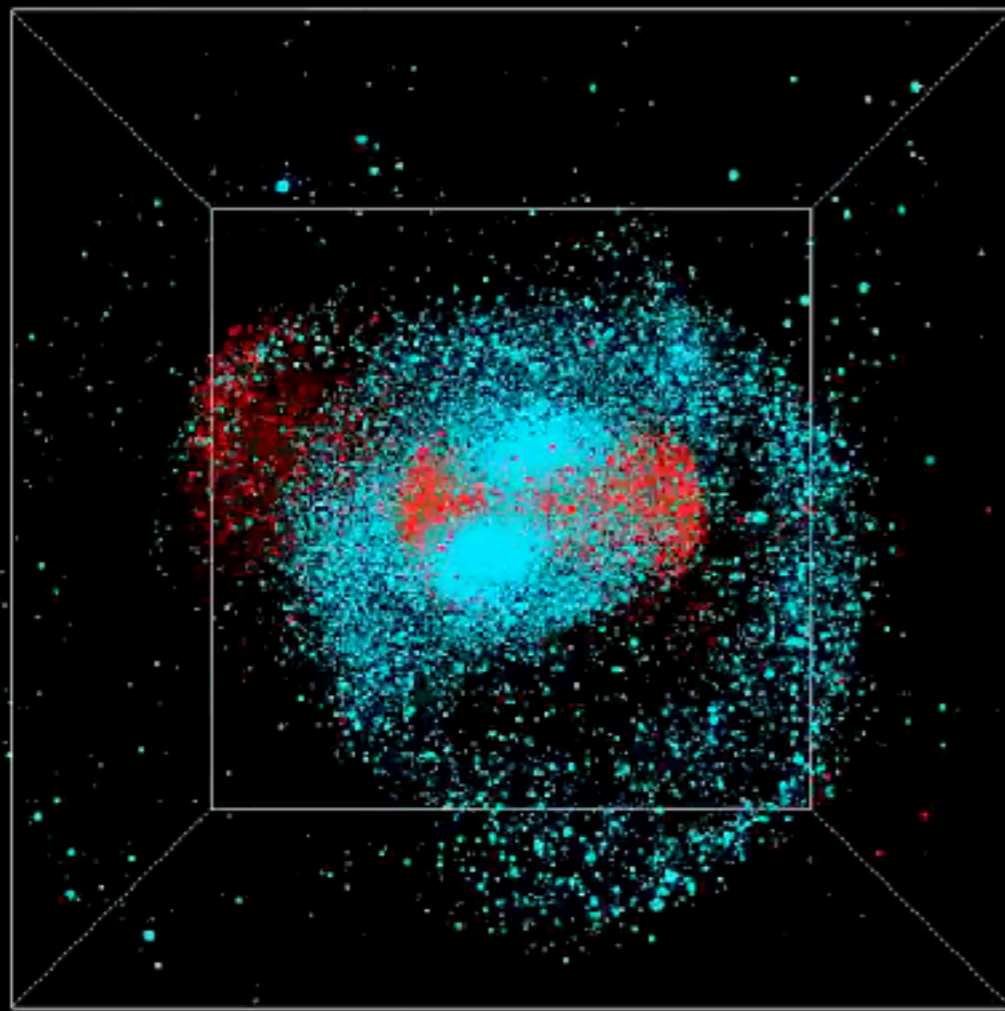
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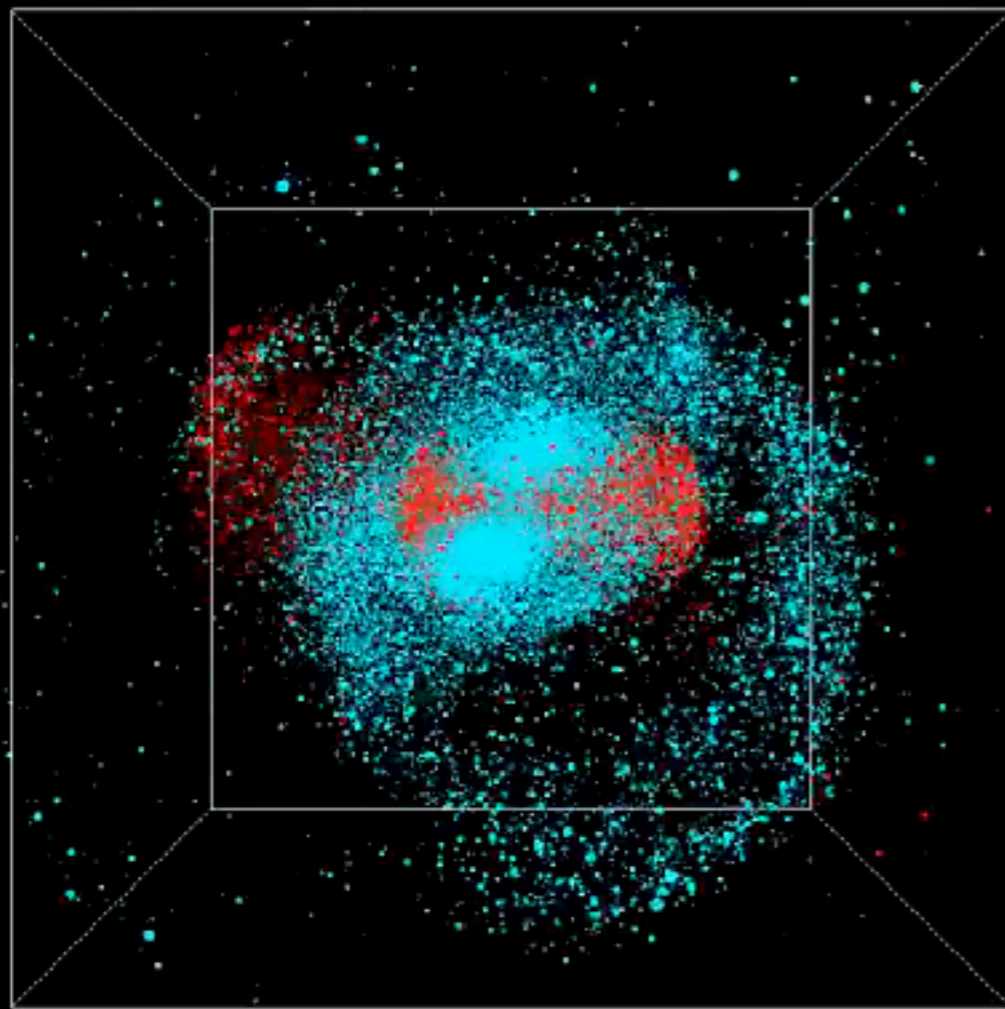
The Sausage globular clusters are NGC 1851, NGC 1904, NGC 2908, NGC 2908 (possibly the old galactic core), NGC 5996, NGC 6964, NGC 6779, and NGC 7099. [1]

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# New understanding of Milky Way halo

## → New signal model for dark matter experiments

arXiv:[1810.11468]

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### SHM<sup>++</sup>: A Refinement of the Standard Halo Model for Dark Matter Searches

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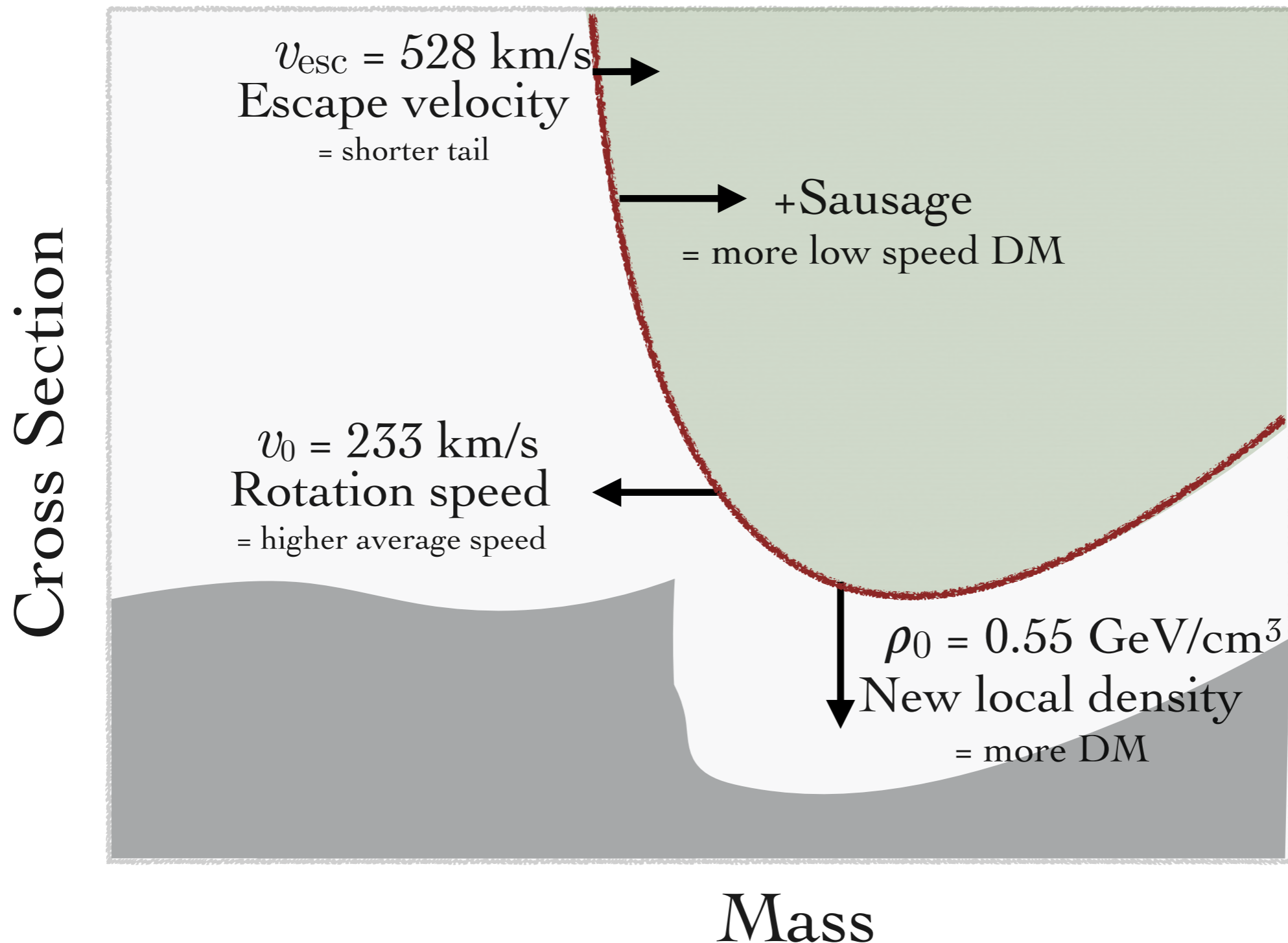
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(Dated: October 30, 2018)

Predicting signals in experiments to directly detect dark matter (DM) requires a form for the local DM velocity distribution. Hitherto, the standard halo model (SHM), in which velocities are isotropic and follow a truncated Gaussian law, has performed this job. New data, however, suggest that a substantial fraction of our stellar halo lies in a strongly radially anisotropic population, the 'Gaia Sausage'. Inspired by this recent discovery, we introduce an updated DM halo model, the

# Impact of new model on WIMPs

Summary of the updates included in the SHM++



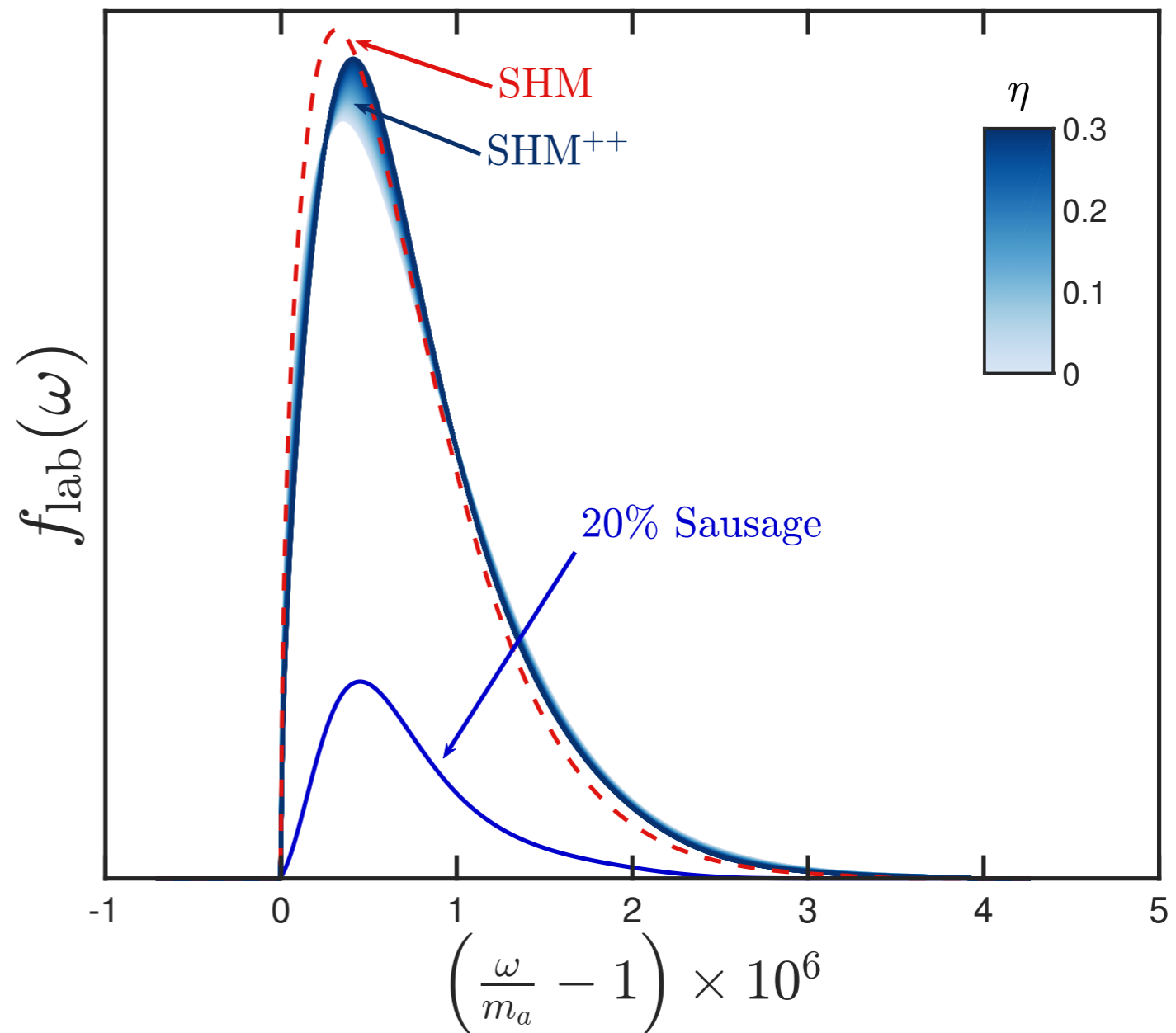
# For axions...

- Increase in axion linewidth  $\rightarrow$  weaker limits
- Increase in local density  $\rightarrow$  stronger limits
- Overall, SHM<sup>++</sup> limits only about 8% stronger

SHM still ok for axions,

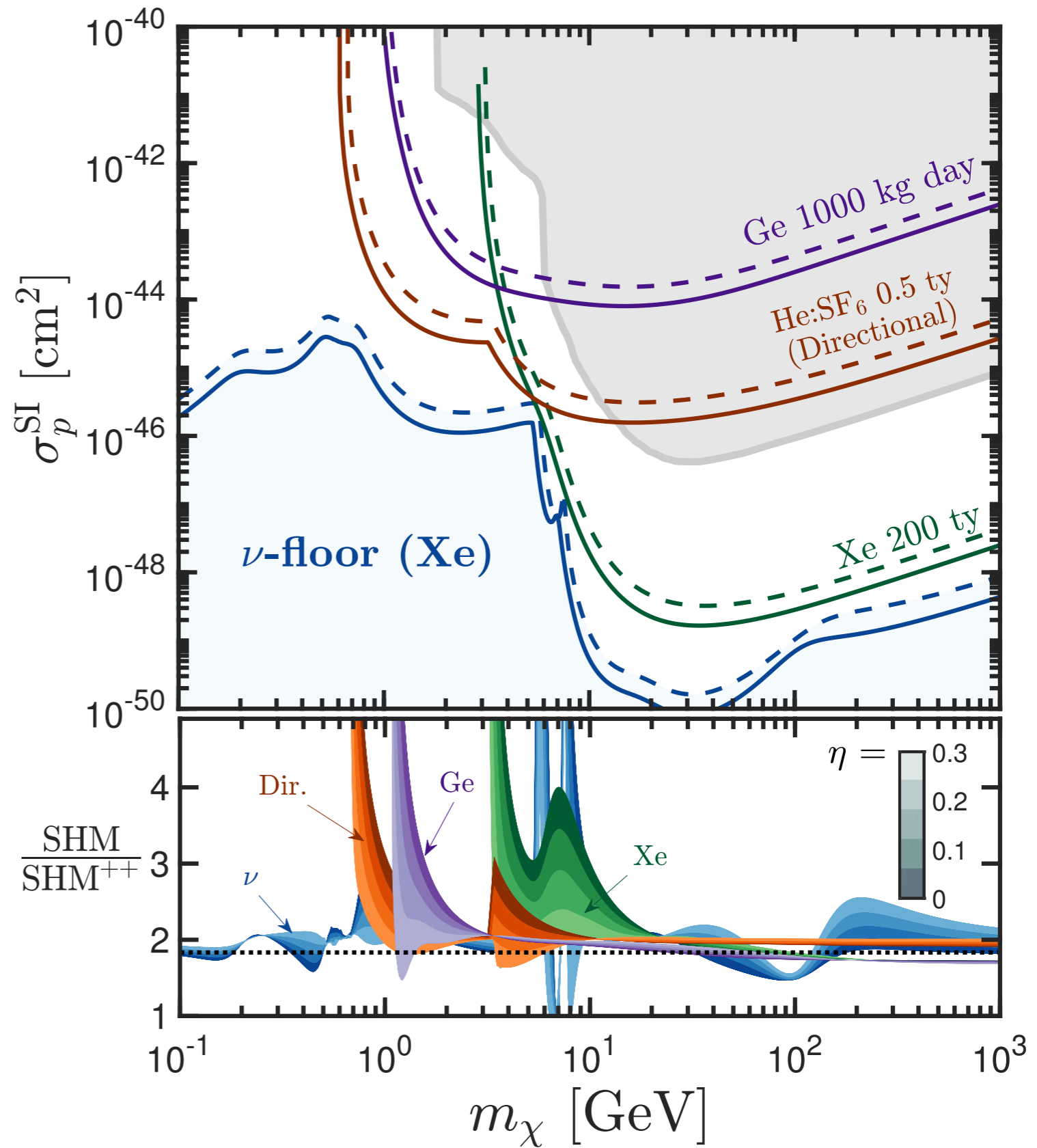
However...

$\rightarrow$  Presence of the Sausage means the lineshape is much wider along the Galactic radial direction. Potentially important for axion wind and modulation-based experiments



→ Multiple competing effects mean that the differences between the two models are smaller than expected

- - SHM  
 — SHM<sup>++</sup>

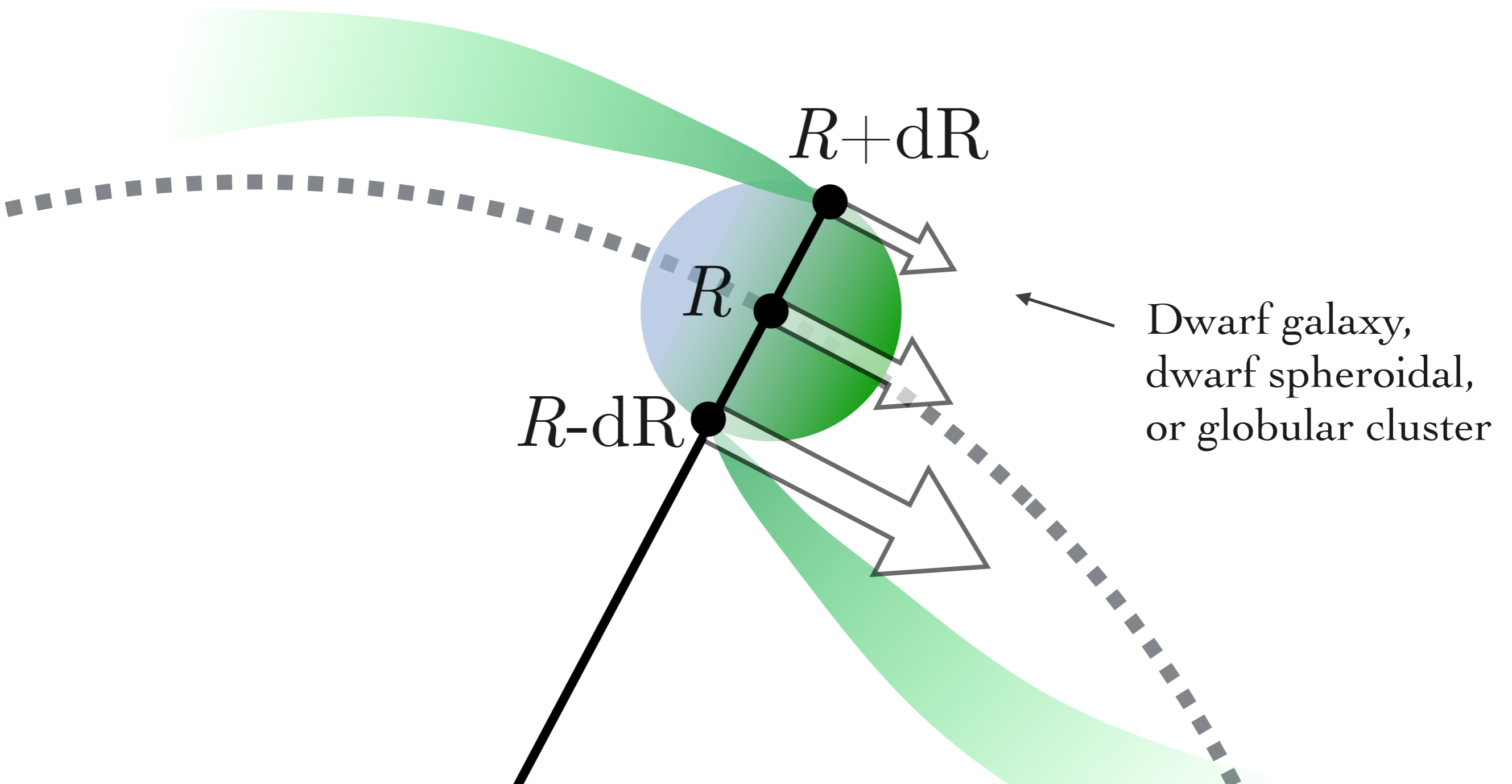




# The S1 stream

# Forming tidal streams

Satellite is pulled apart when the tidal force across it overcomes its own self-gravity



# Importance for DM

**Satellites** → Distinguishing warm/cold DM  
→ Targets for DM annihilation or decay

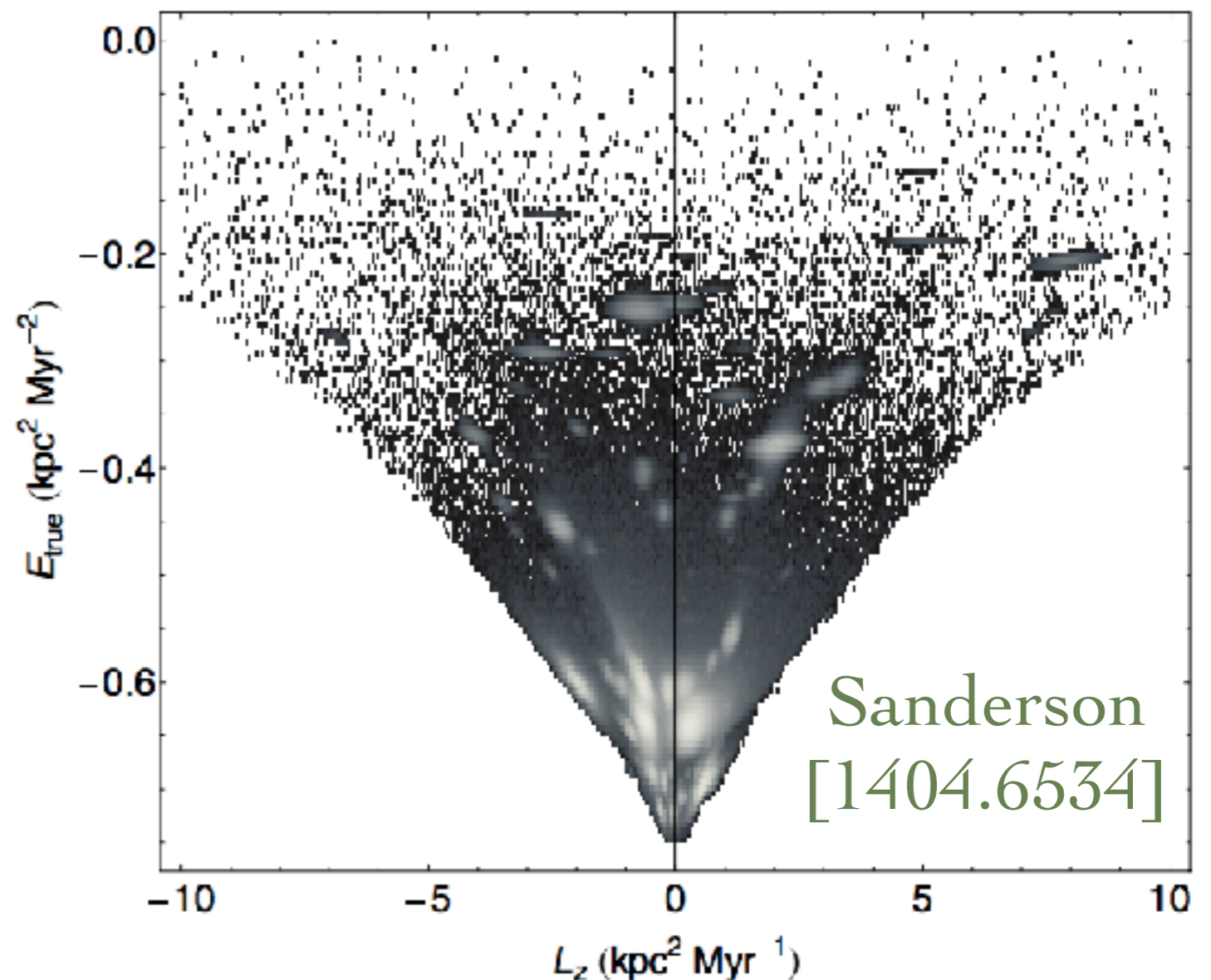
**Streams** → Informs about the granularity of DM halo  
→ Traces the shape of MW potential  
→ Can be used to constrain fuzzy DM

**Scramble** → Clumpiness of the dark matter halo  
→ Crucial input for all direct DM searches

# Finding streams kinematically

“Angle-Actions” - map orbital parameters into variables that are conserved for orbits in slowly varying potentials  
→ hence streams remain clustered in “action space” long after they have ceased to be visible in star counts

Computing these variables for stars requires full orbital information  
→ **Need complete 6D kinematic data to find streams this way...**



# S1 stream: what we know so far

**Galactic velocity:**  $\mathbf{v}_{\text{str}} = (8.6, -286.7, -67.9) \text{ km s}^{-1}$

→ Stream on a strongly retrograde orbit, so DM impacts us at high velocity  $\sim 500 \text{ km/s}$

**Velocity dispersion:**  $\sigma_{\text{str}} = 46 \text{ km s}^{-1}$

→ Suggests a dwarf spheroidal origin, around the mass of the present day Fornax satellite galaxy accreted over 8-10 billion years

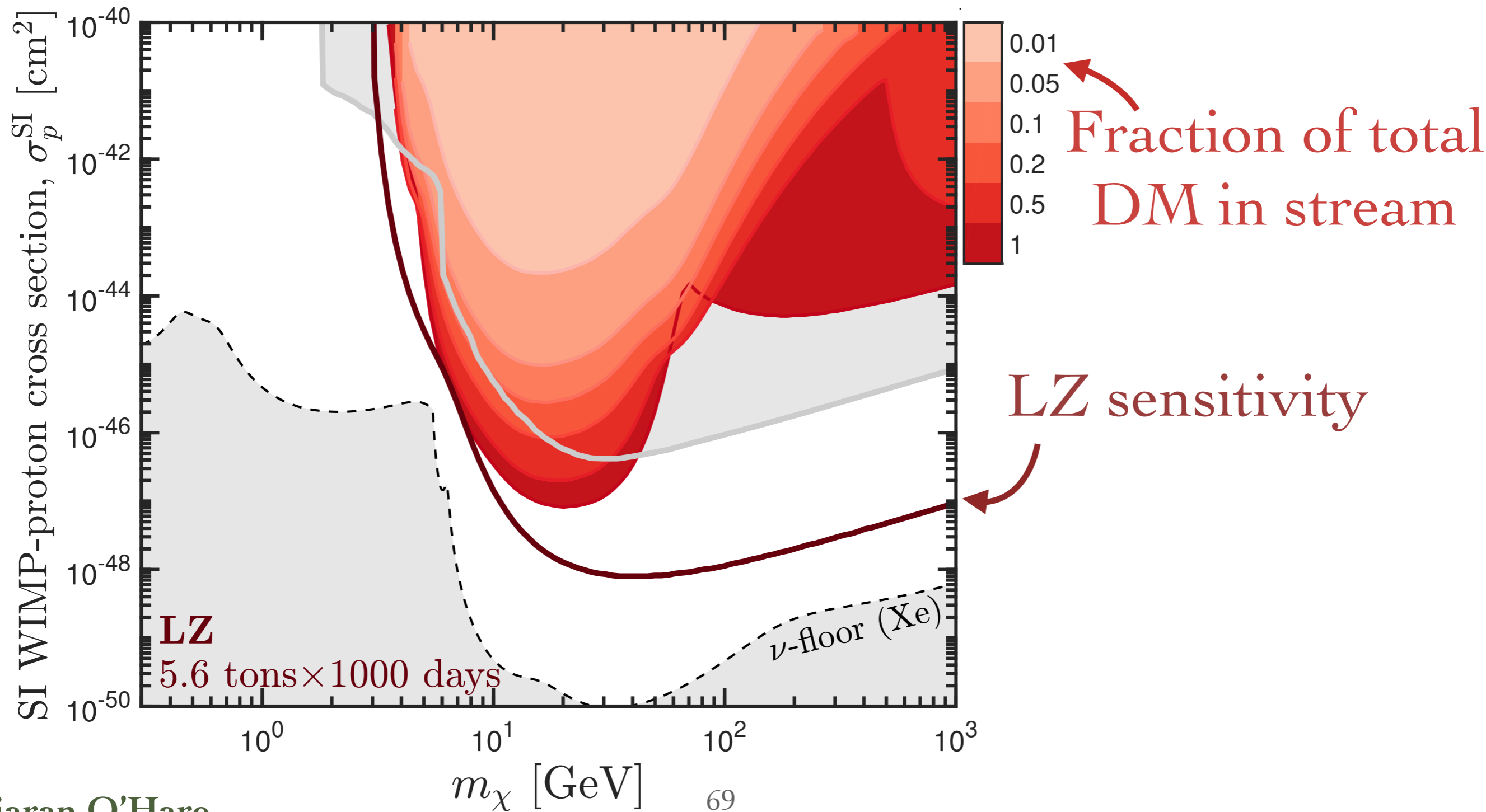
**Dark matter content:**  $0 + \epsilon < \rho_{\text{str}} < 0.55 \text{ GeV cm}^{-3}$

→ Upper bound: is probably the local DM density probed over length scales smaller than the stream

→ Lower bound: Progenitor very likely had dark matter but other than that we cannot say, must remain agnostic

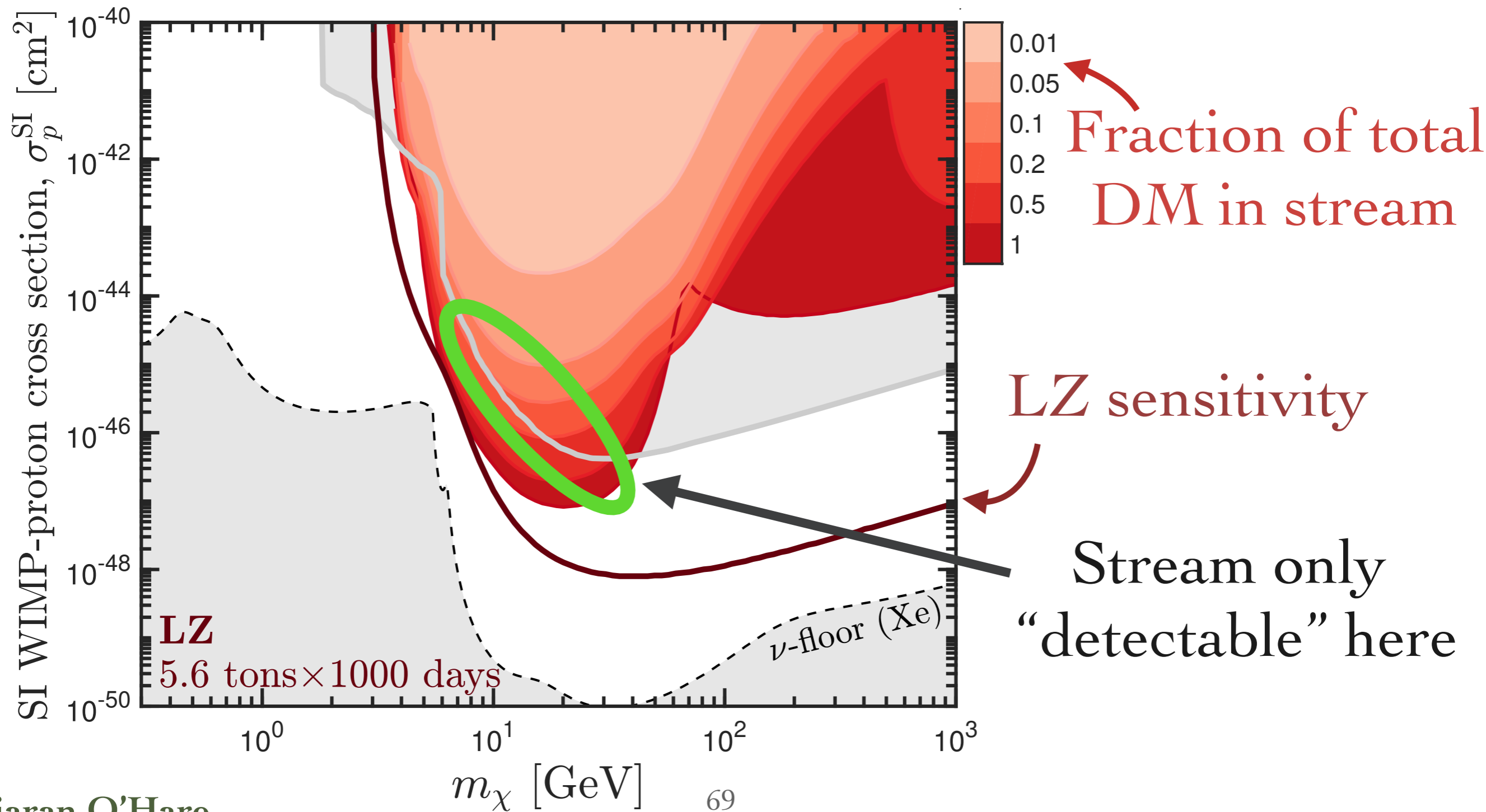
# S1 in LZ

Red regions: range of WIMP models for which the stream can be distinguished from the halo in LZ at 3 sigma



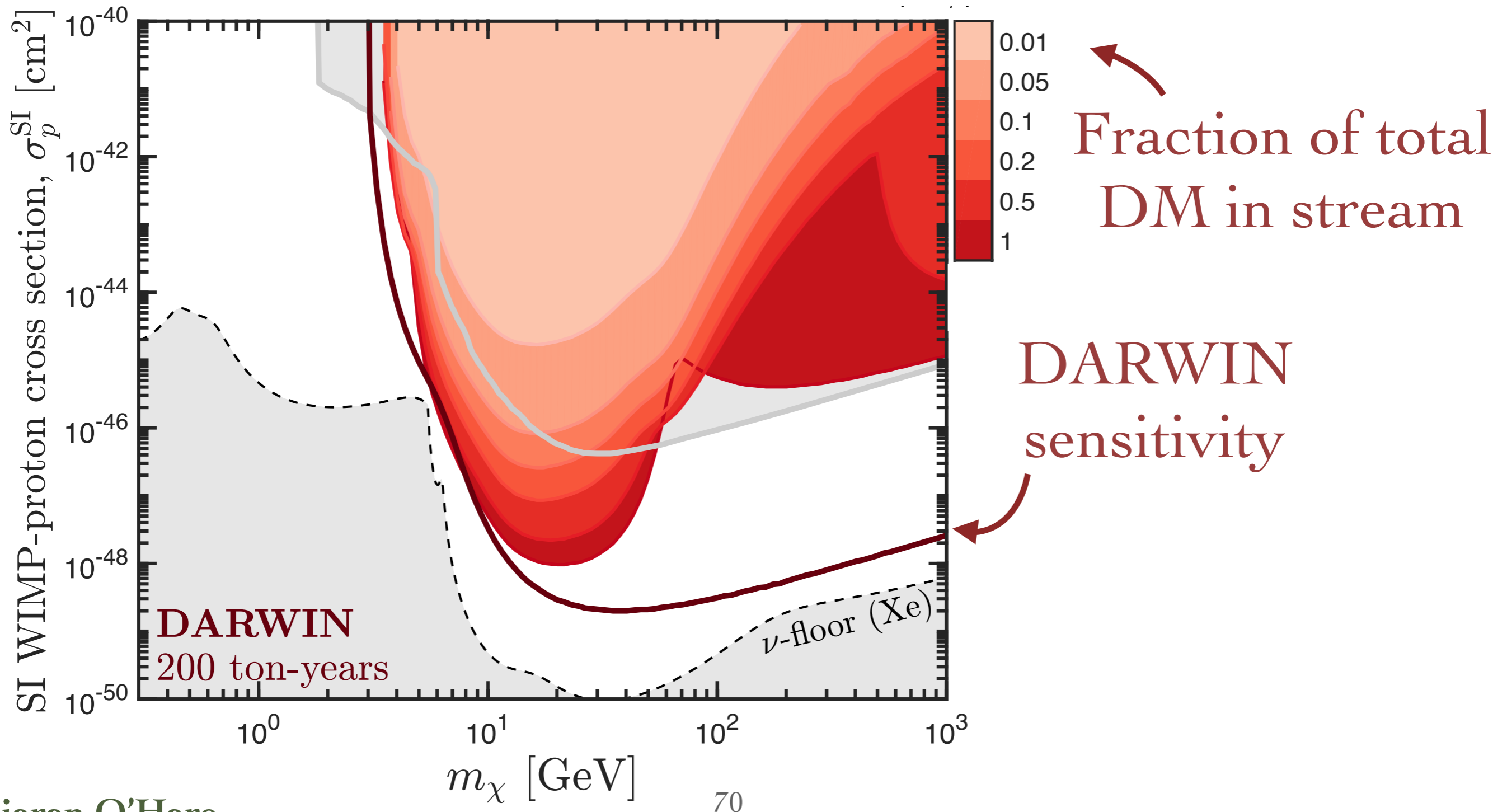
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# S1 in DARWIN

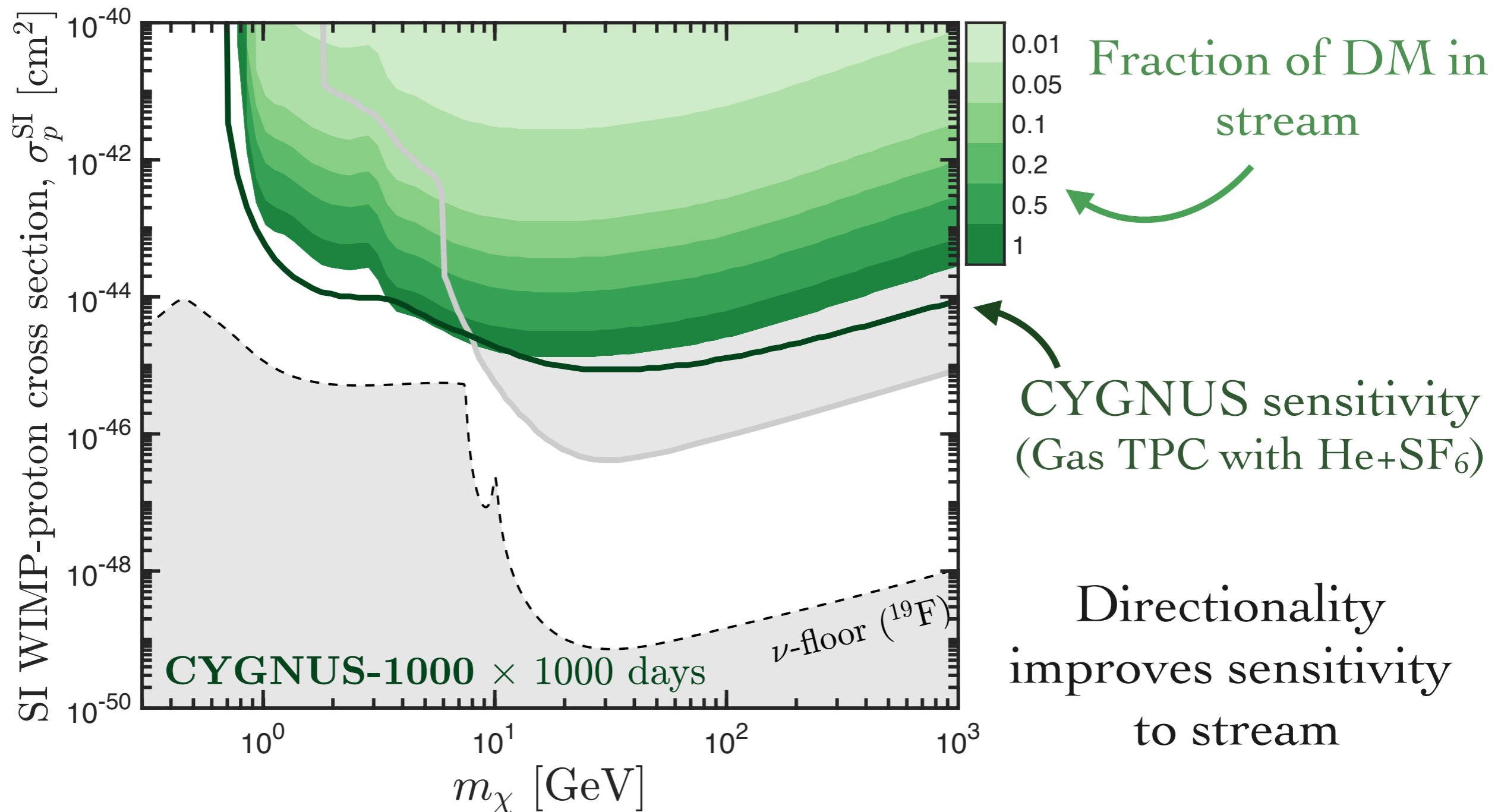
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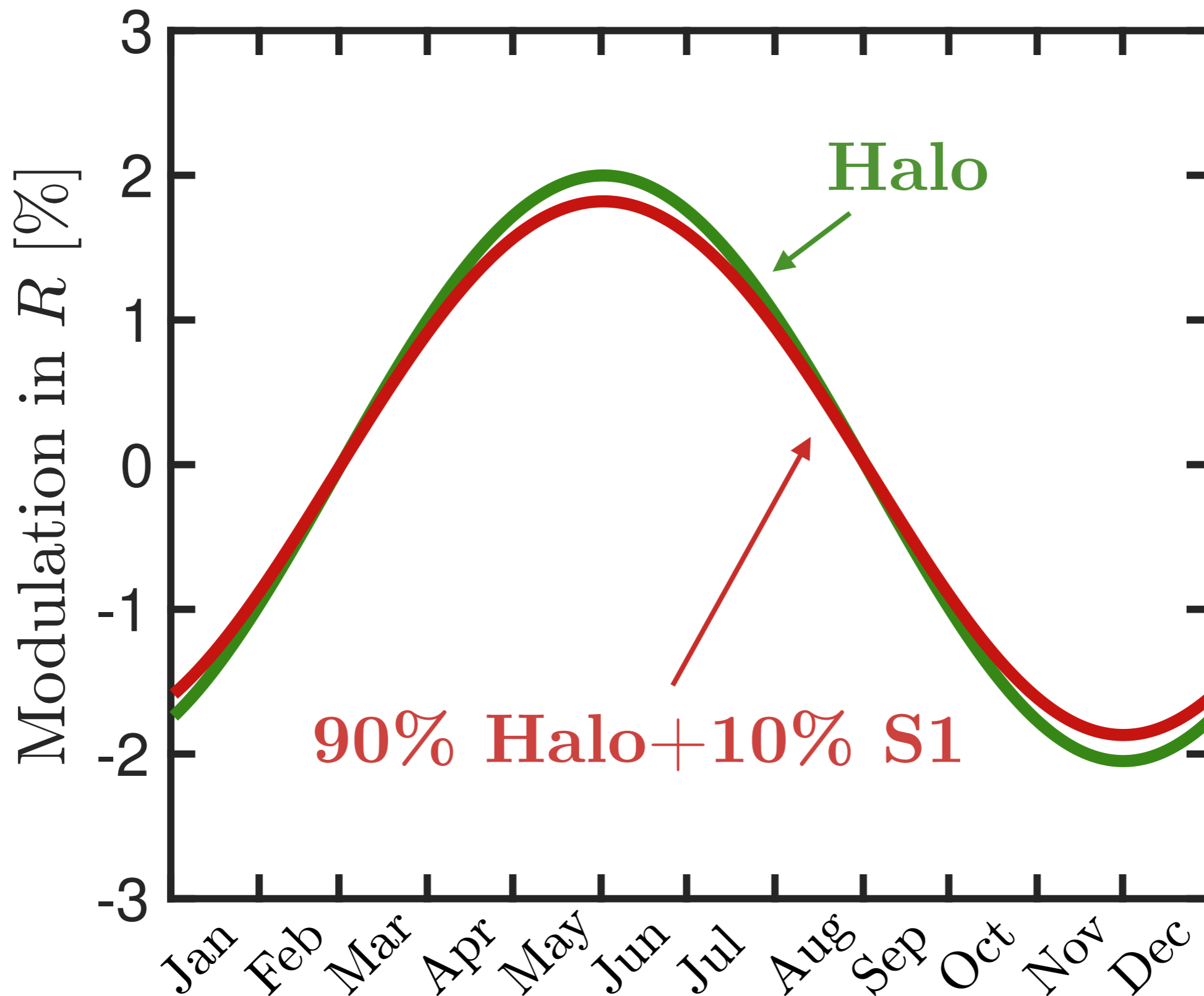


# S1 in a directional detector

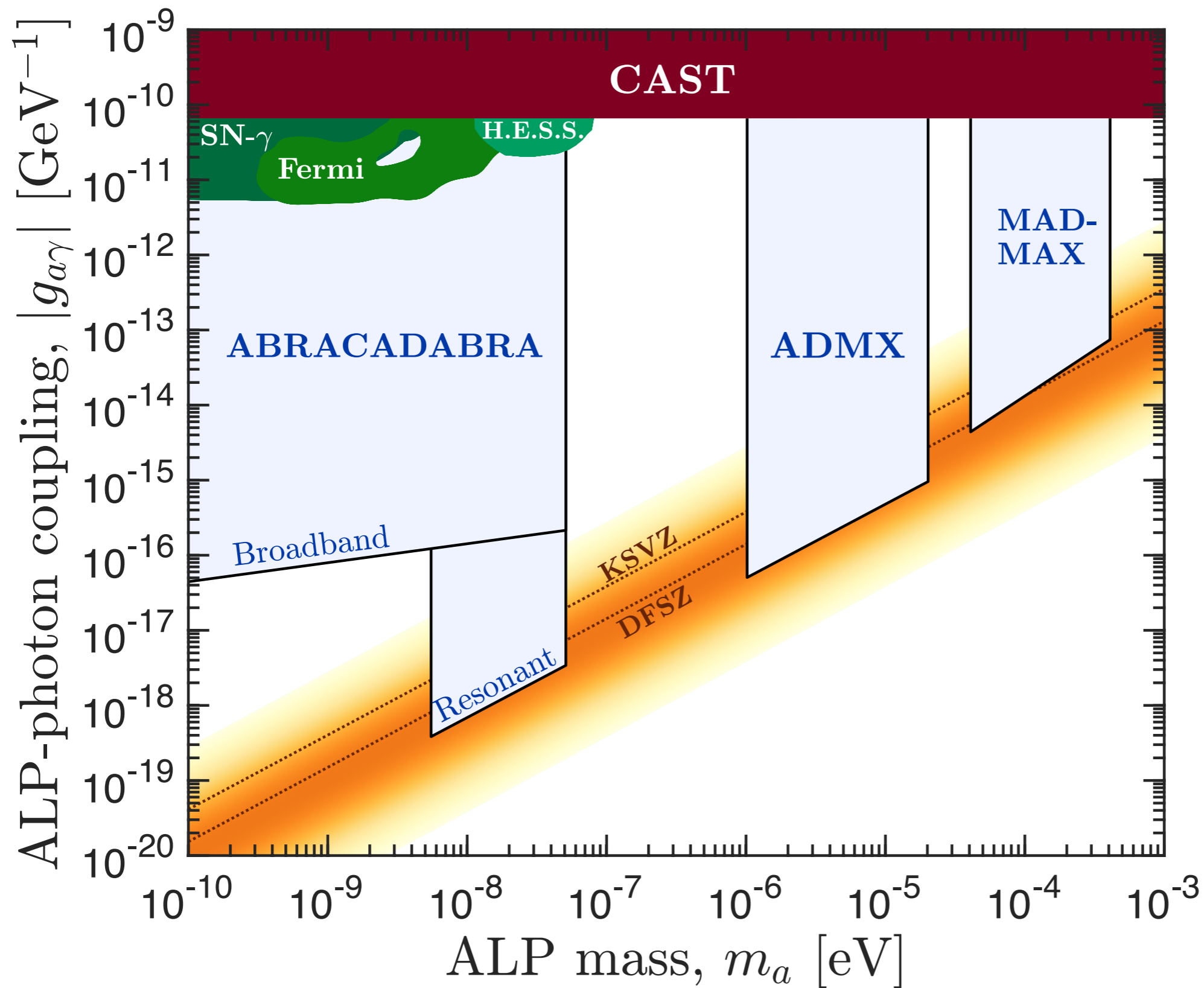
Green regions: range of WIMP models for which the stream can be distinguished from the halo in CYGNUS at 3 sigma



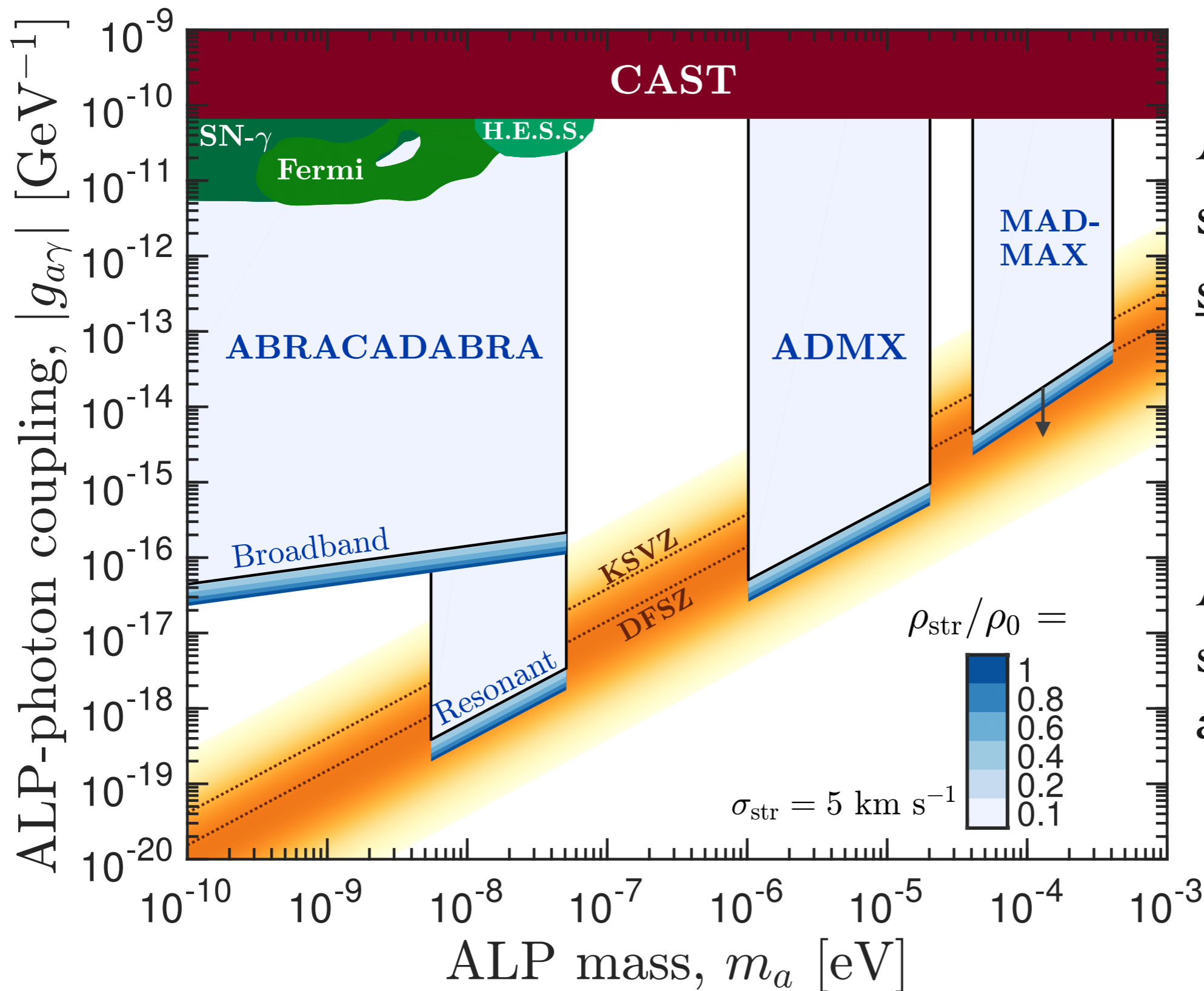
# Annual modulation



# Axion experimental projections



# Impact of streams on axion searches:



Axion searches like sharp signals



A cold S1 stream improves axion sensitivity