



# Interpreting the IceCube events by decaying dark matter hints and constraints

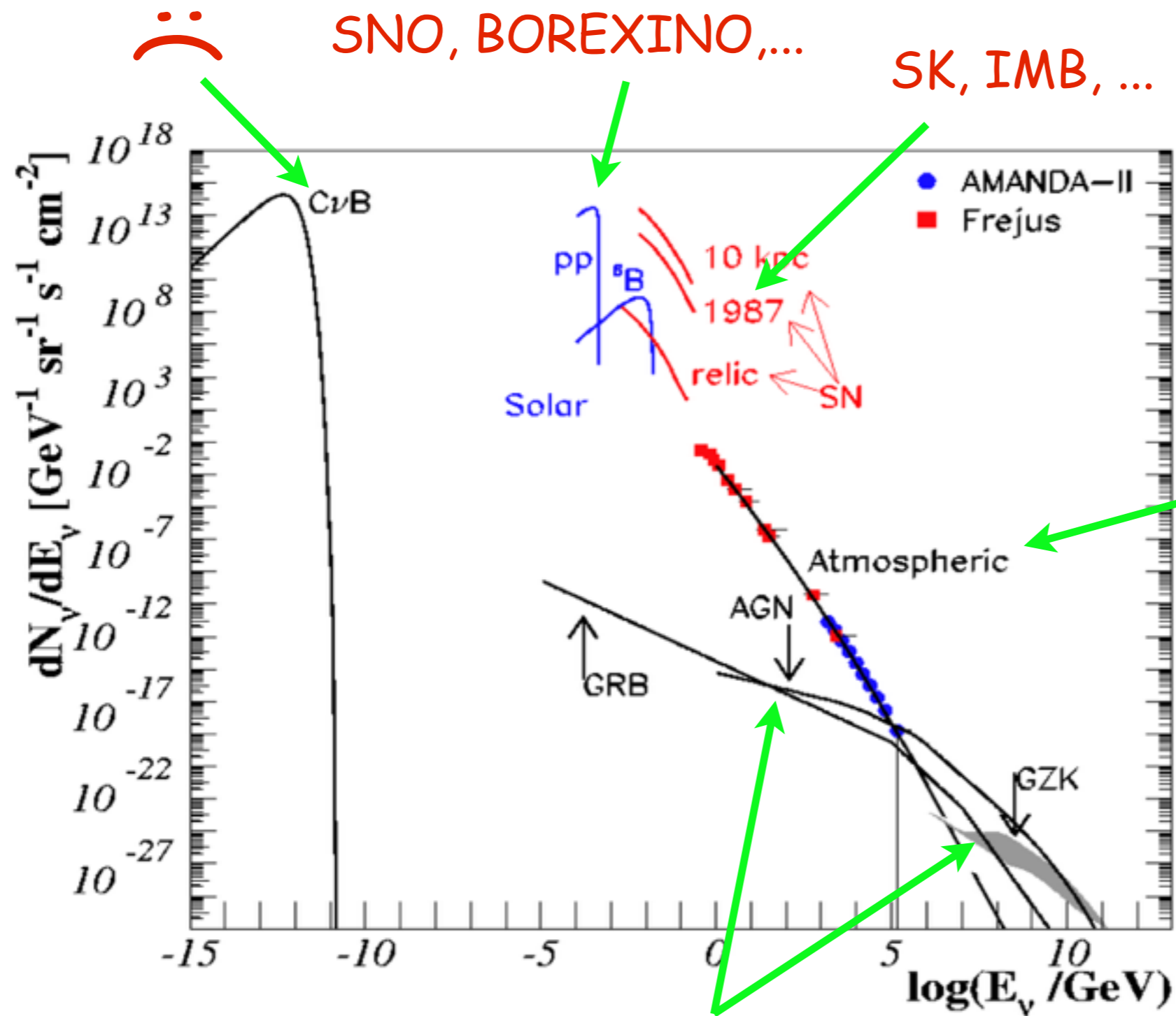
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# Neutrino Sky



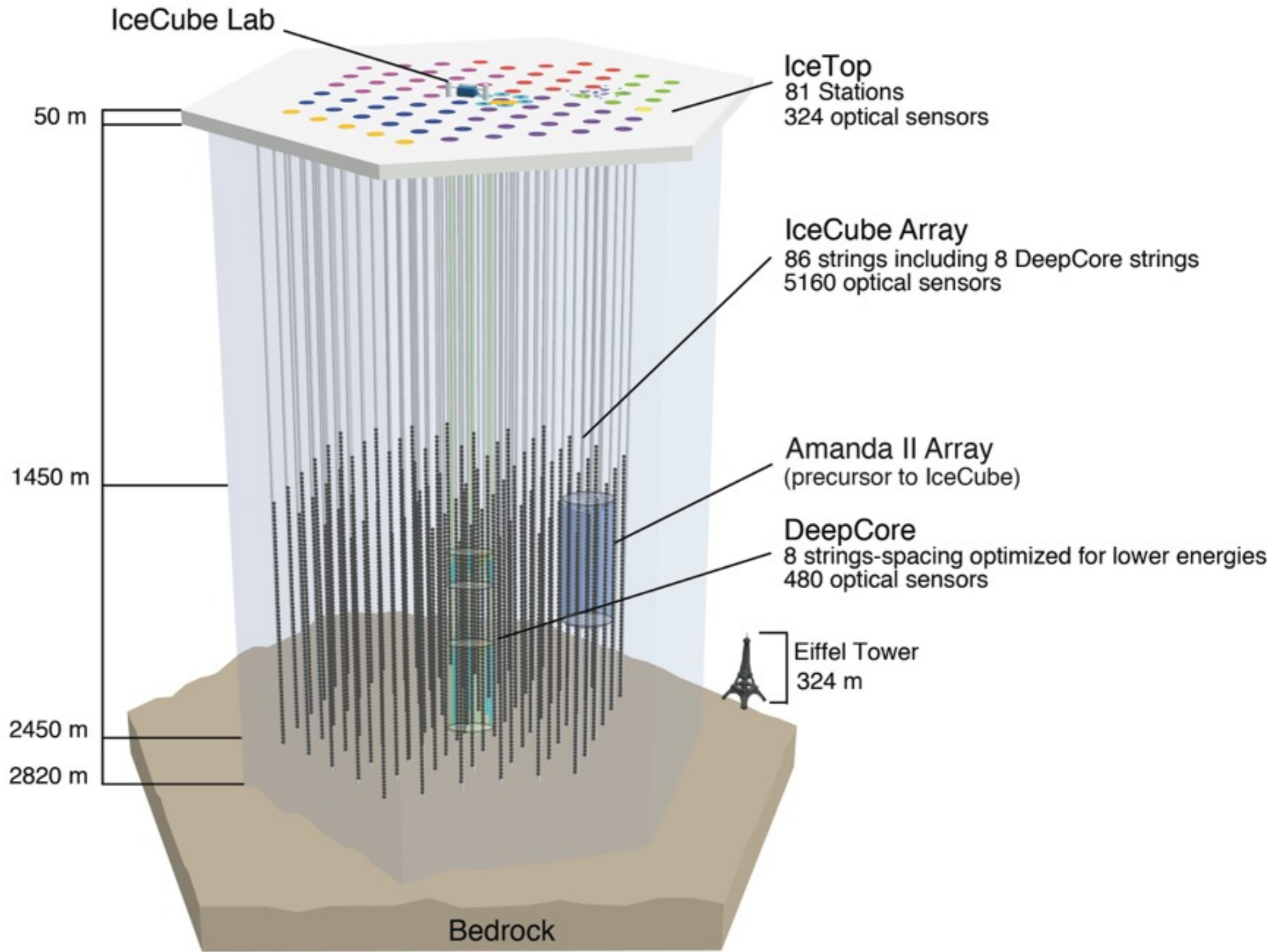
SNO, BOREXINO, ...

SK, IMB, ...

SK, AMANDA, IceCube...

Background for astrophysical neutrinos

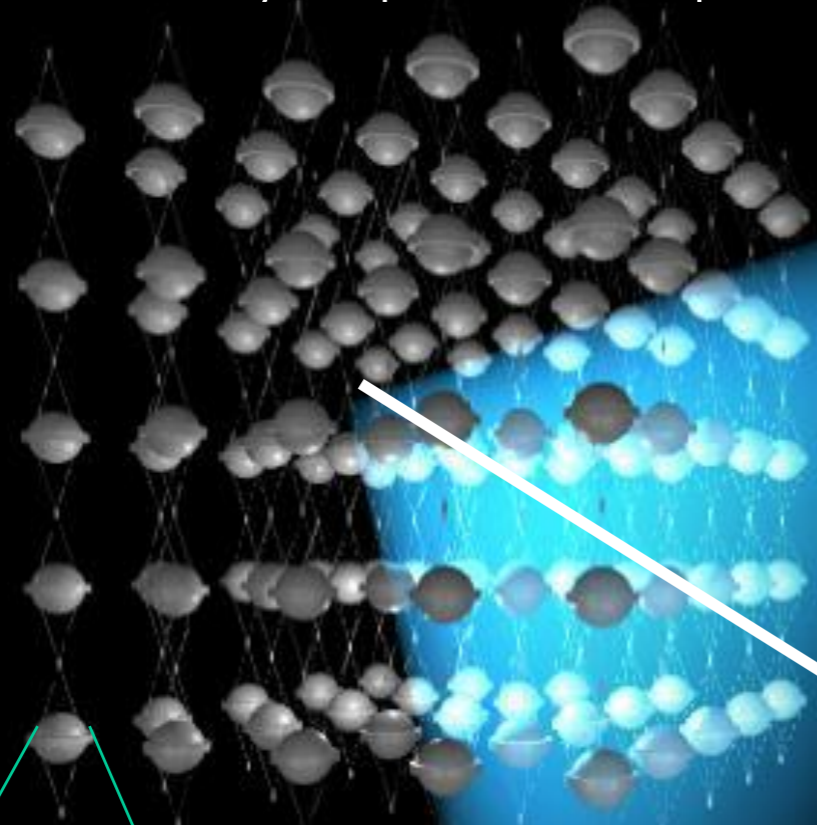
IceCube ?



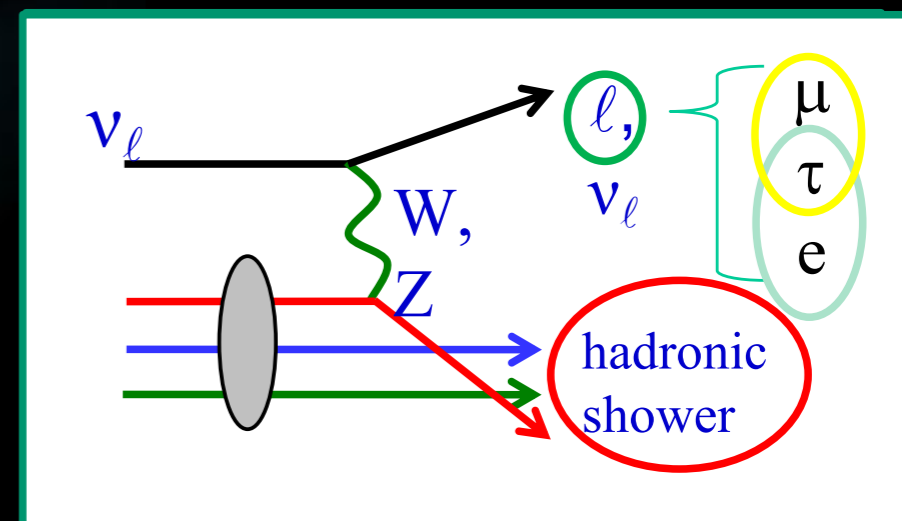
# Detection Principle

Slide from  
A. Ishihara

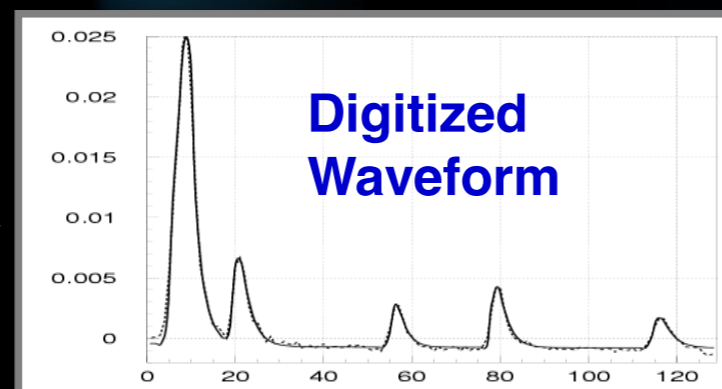
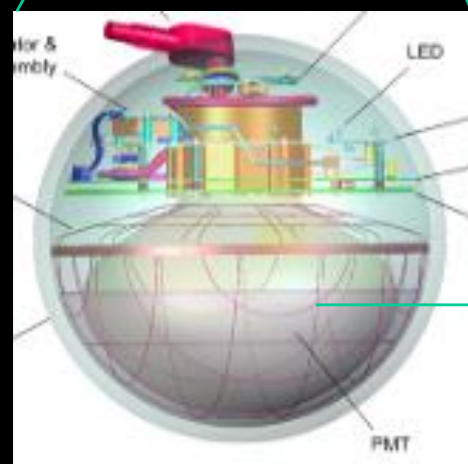
An array of photomultiplier tubes + Dark and transparent material



Cherenkov light



Charged  
Particles

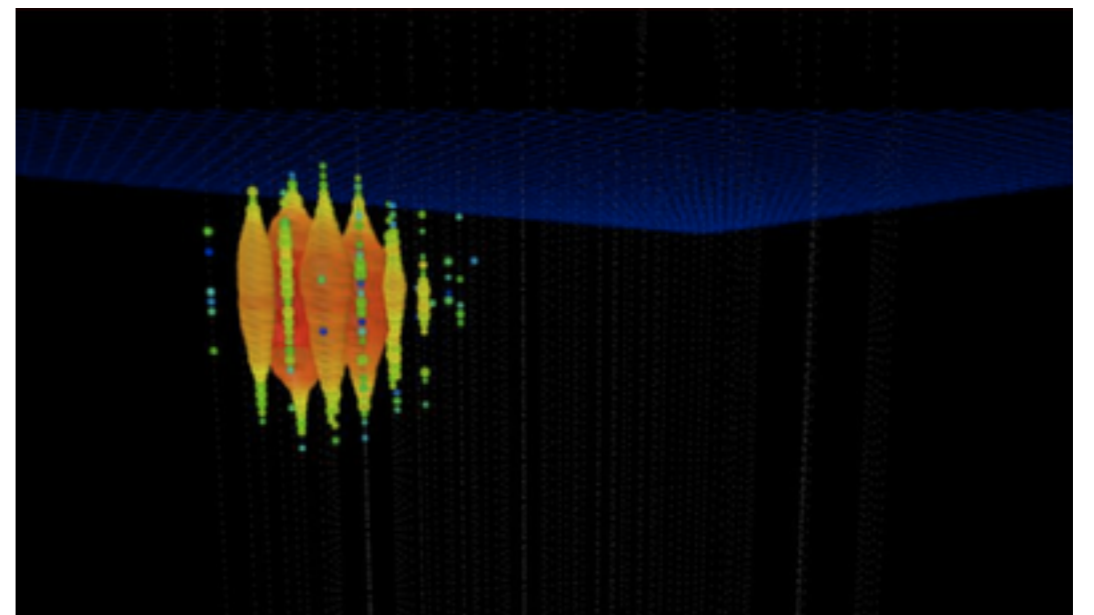
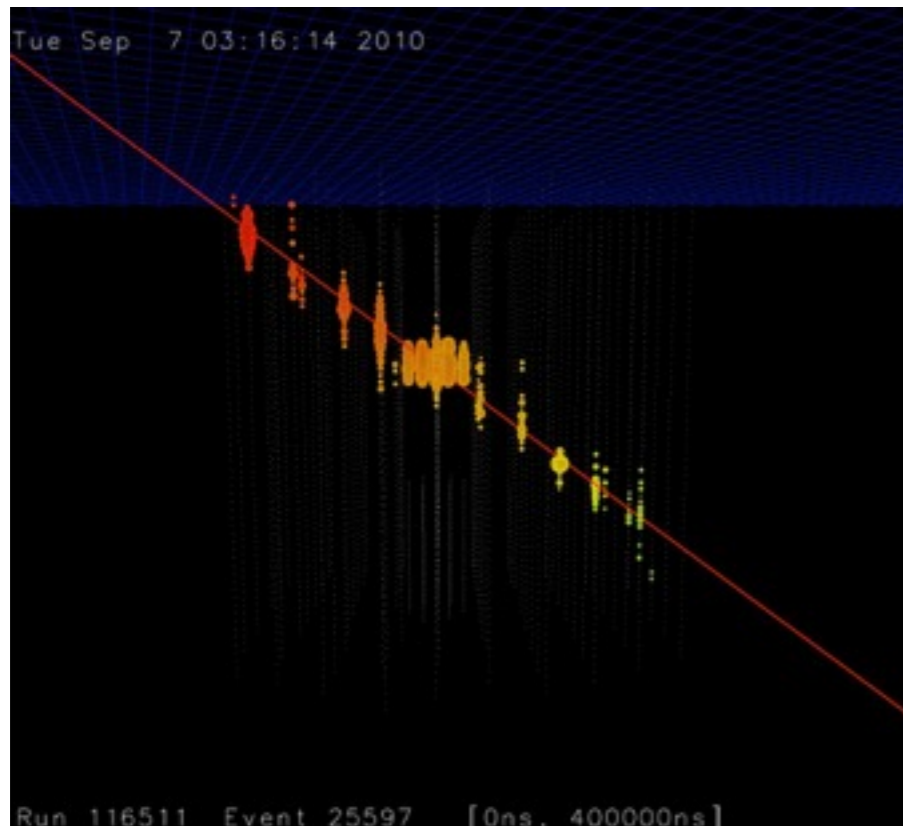
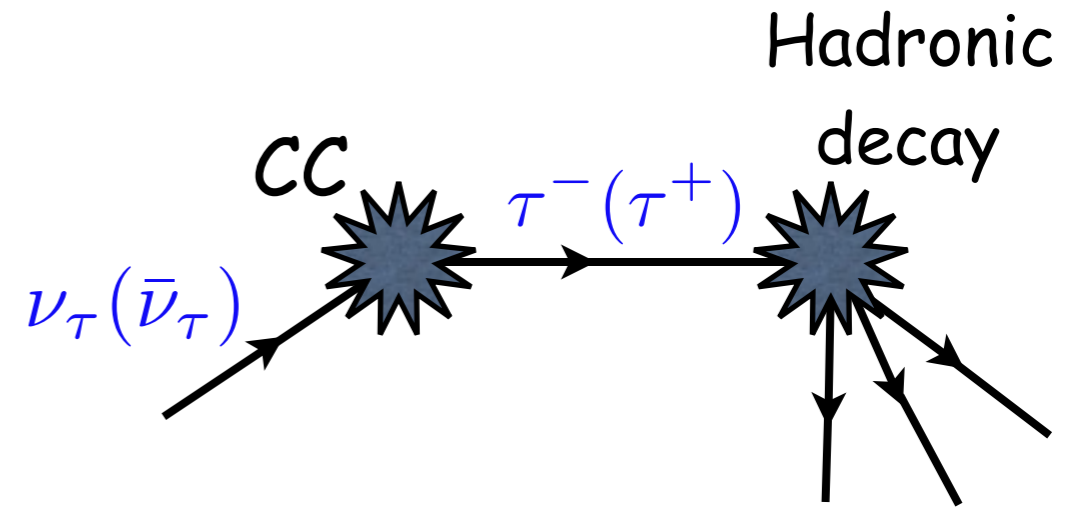
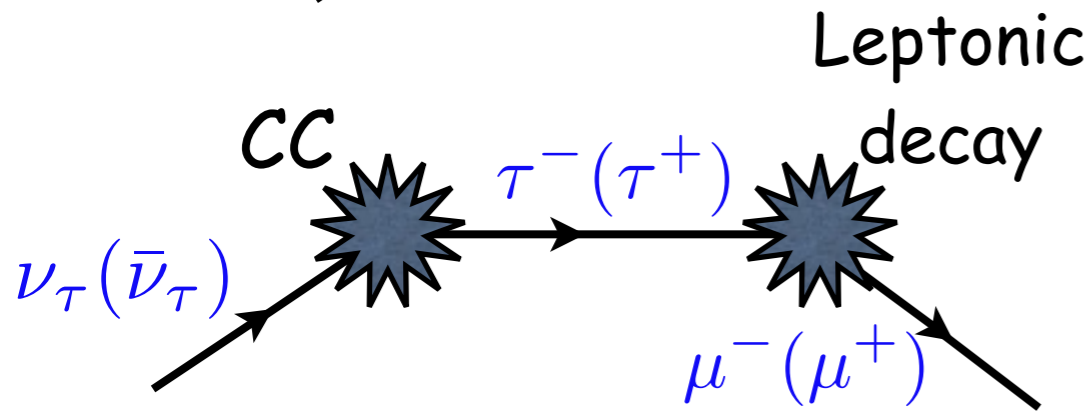
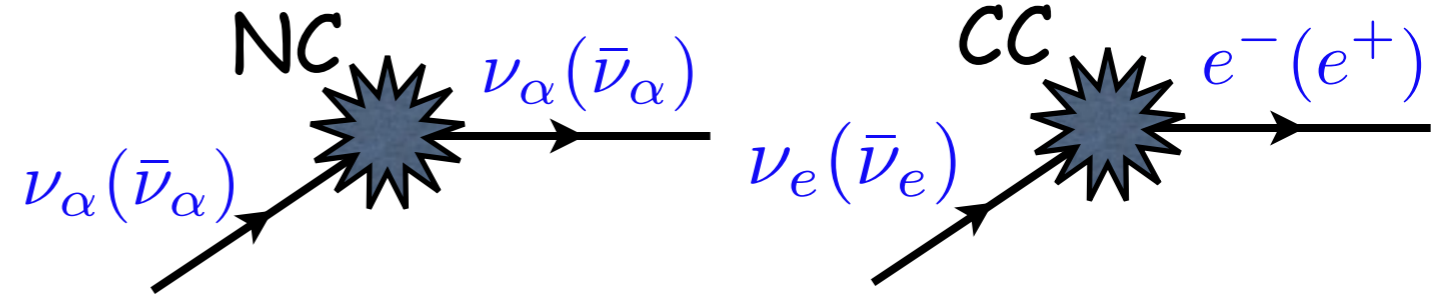
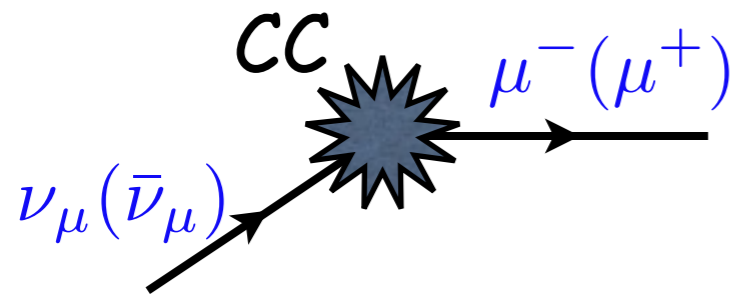


$\nu$

# Flavoring at IceCube

muon-track events

cascade events



figures from IceCube website

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great angular resolution ( $< 1^\circ$ )

moderate energy resolution ( $\sigma_E \sim E$ )

cascade events

poor angular resolution ( $< 10^\circ - 20^\circ$ )

great energy resolution ( $\sigma_E \sim 0.15 \times E$ )

$\nu_\tau$

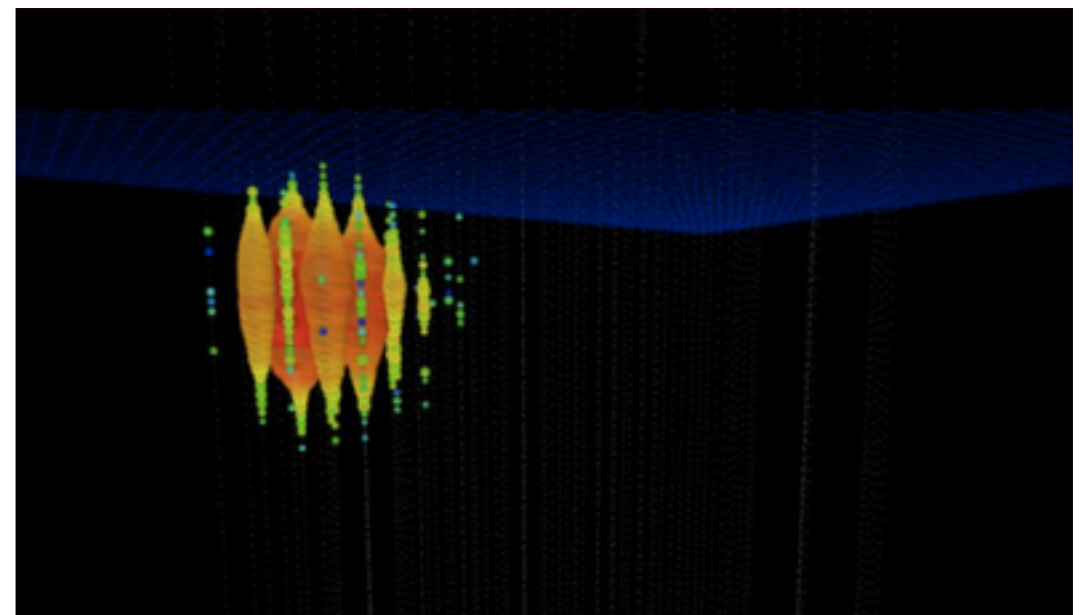
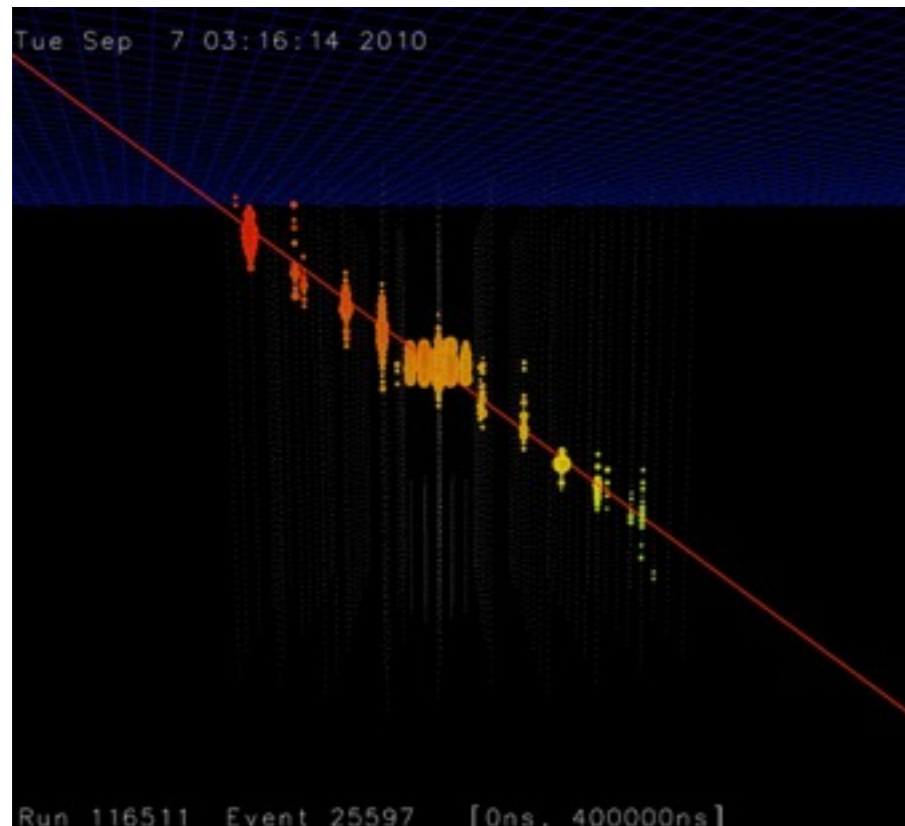
$\nu_\alpha (\bar{\nu}_\alpha)$

$(e^+)$

mic

y

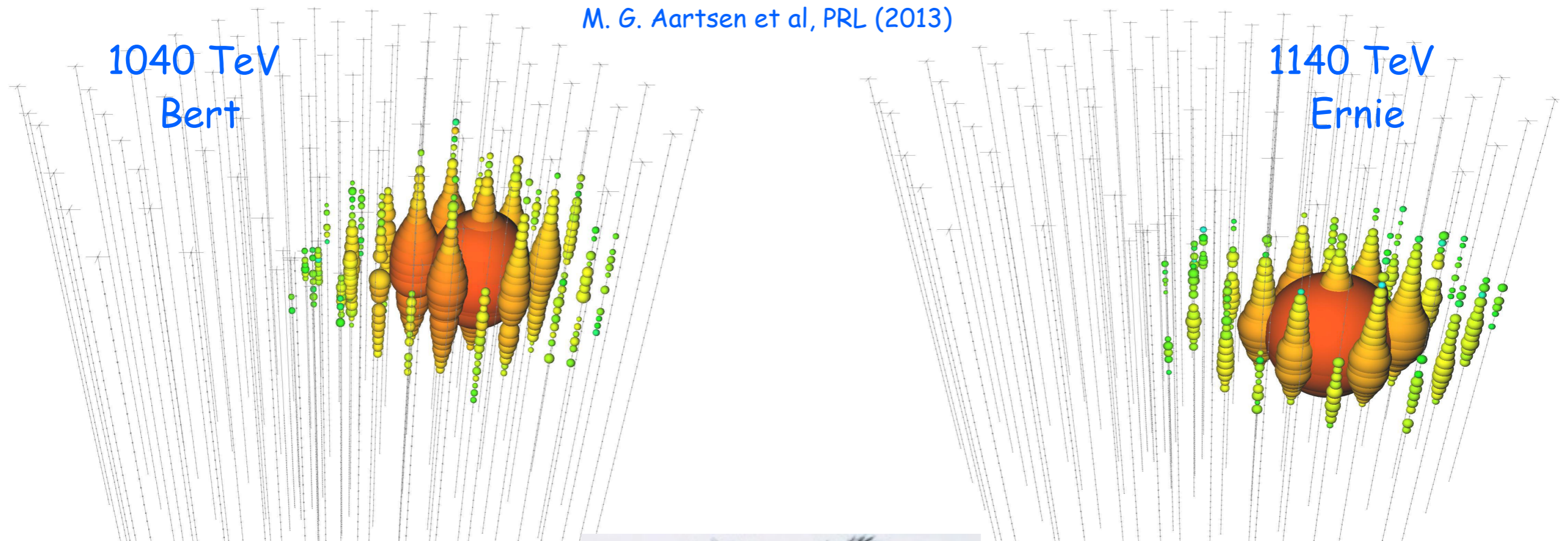
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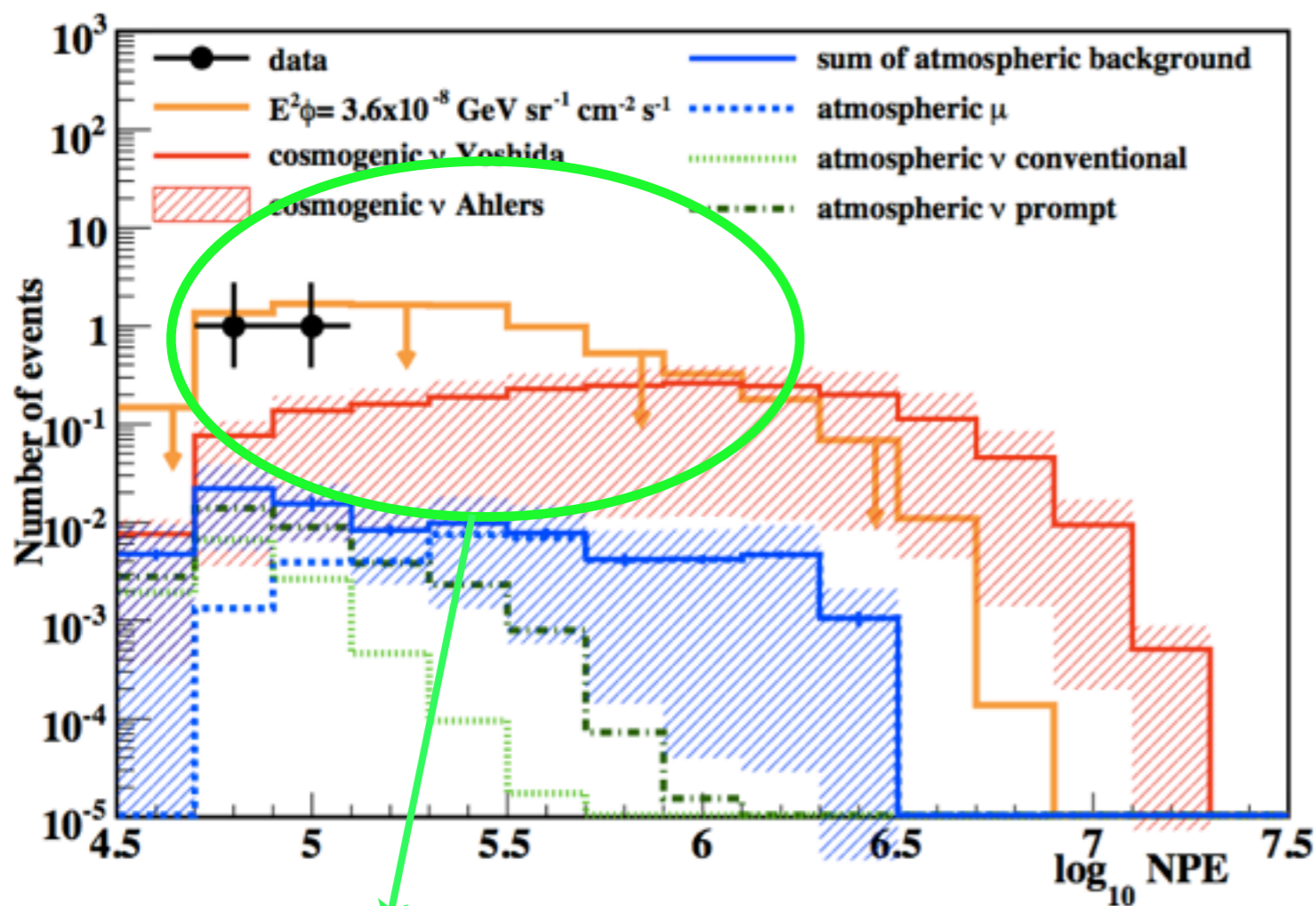
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Phys. Rev. Lett. 111 (2013), [arXiv:1304.5356]



expected bkg. (conventional+prompt)  
 $\sim 0.08(-0.057)(+0.041)$  sys.

excess of events  $\sim 2.8\sigma$

GZK ? too low energy, more events  
should be seen in higher energies

astrophysical ? an  $E^{-2}$  spectrum  
would give  $\sim 9$  more events in  
higher energies

it is like a cut-off at  $\sim$  PeV

demands more statistics

flavor composition ?  
NC of  $\nu_\alpha$  or CC of  $\nu_e$

isotropy ?



# HESE analysis

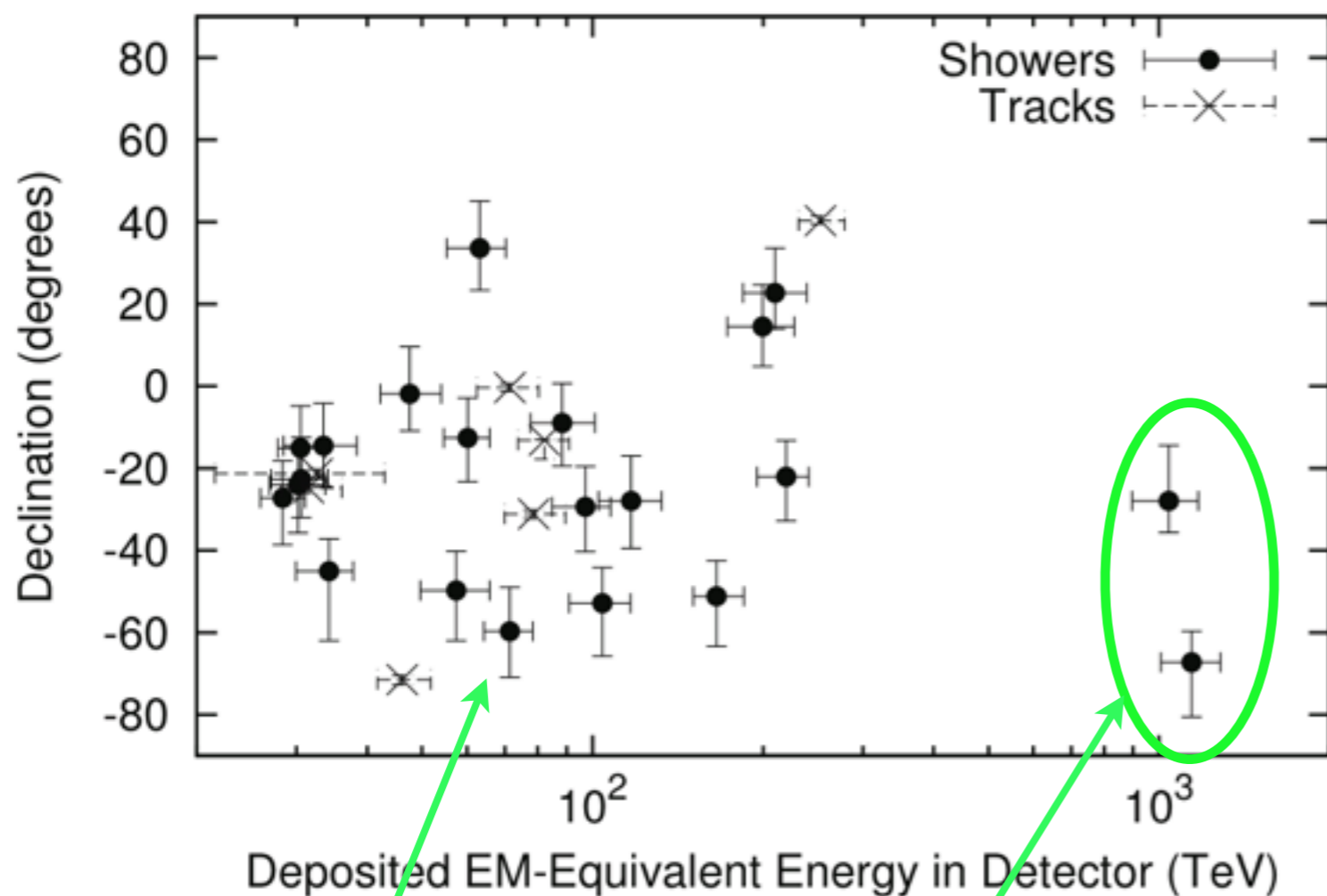
- ✓ select events interacting inside the detector only
- ✓ no light in the veto region
- ✓ veto for atmospheric muons and neutrinos (which are typically accompanied by muons)
- ✓ energy measurement: total absorption calorimetry



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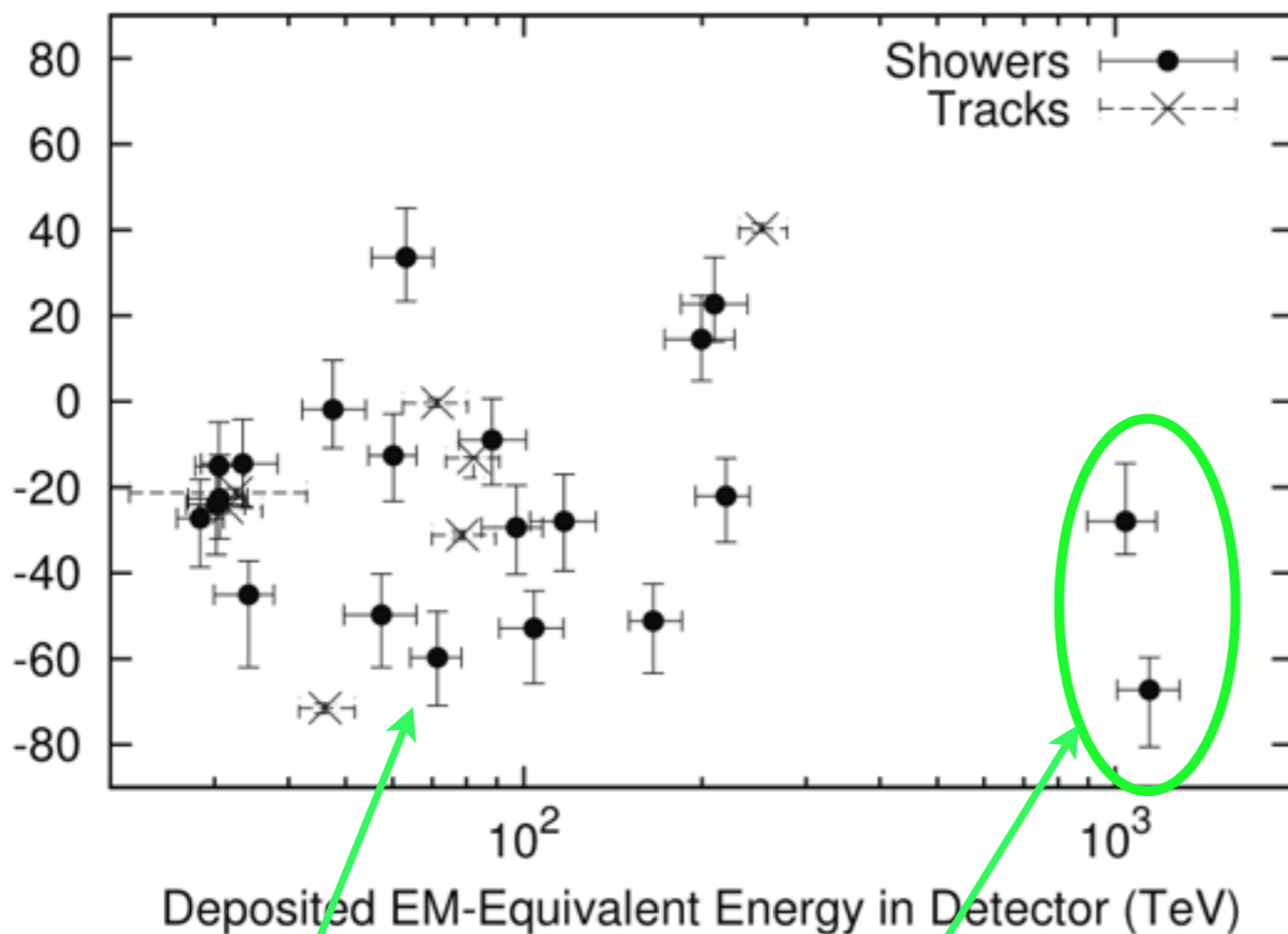
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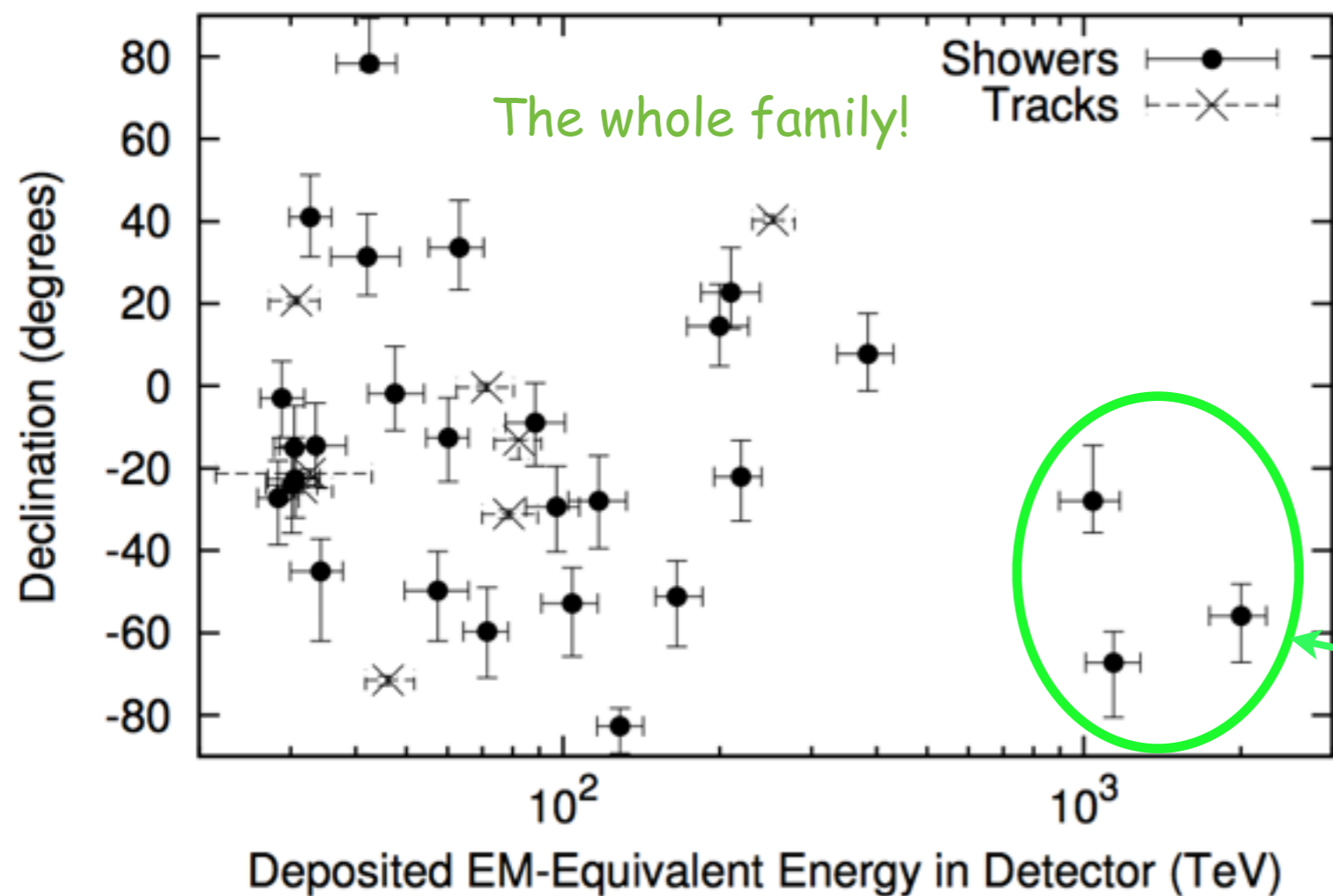
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✓ totally 37 events

✓ three events with energy  $\sim$  PeV

✓ expected bkg. (conventional+prompt)  
 $\sim 15.6(+10.1)(-5.8)$  sys.

excess of events  $\sim 5.7\sigma$

which one?

atmospheric ?

astrophysical ?

or something else ?



# Mission for IceCube began !

✓ Looking for lower energy contained events, 1347 days livetime

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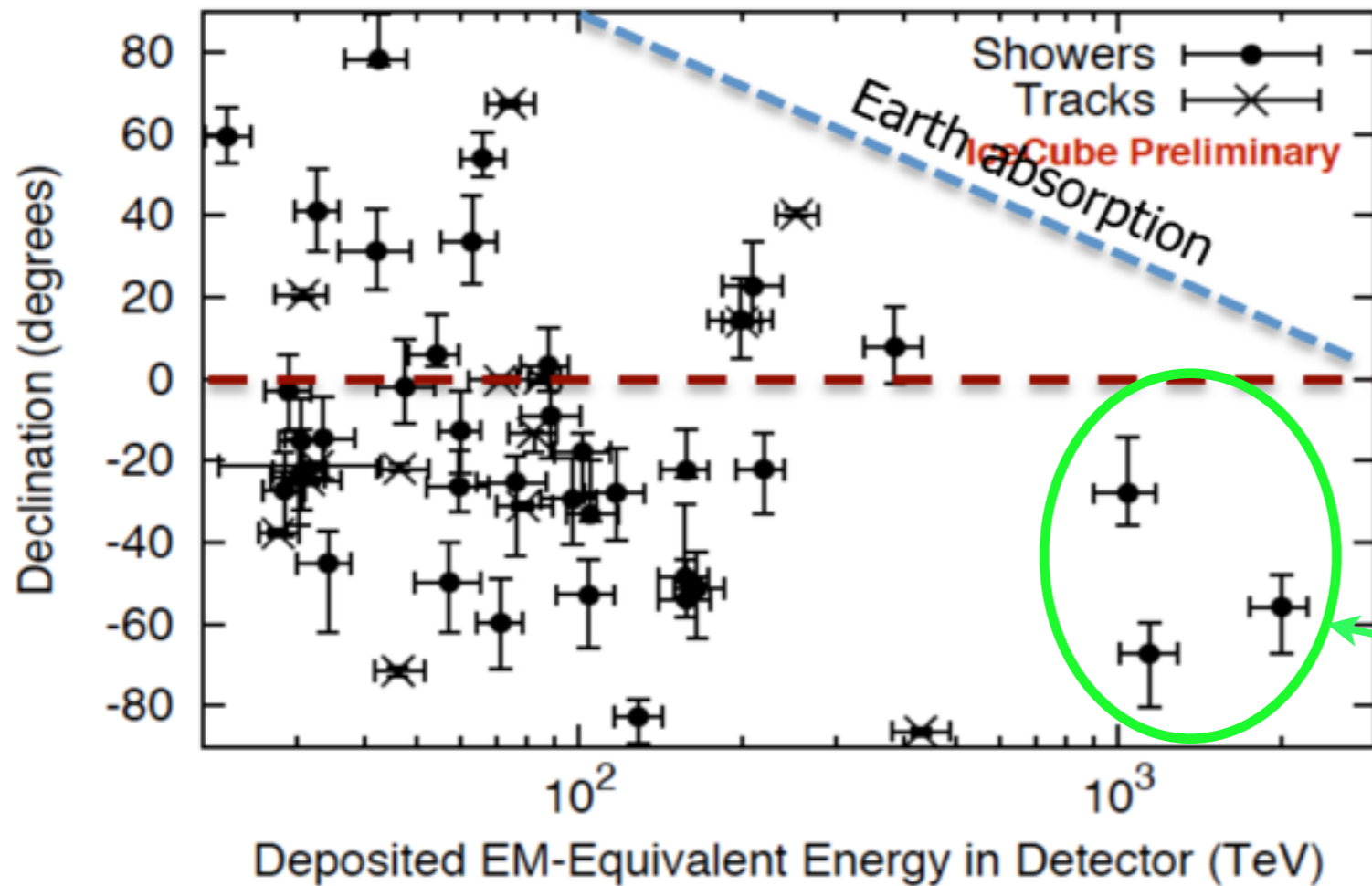
The whole family!

✓ totally 54 events

✓ still three events with energy  $\sim$  PeV

4 years of data

excess of events  $\sim 7\sigma$



which one?

atmospheric ?

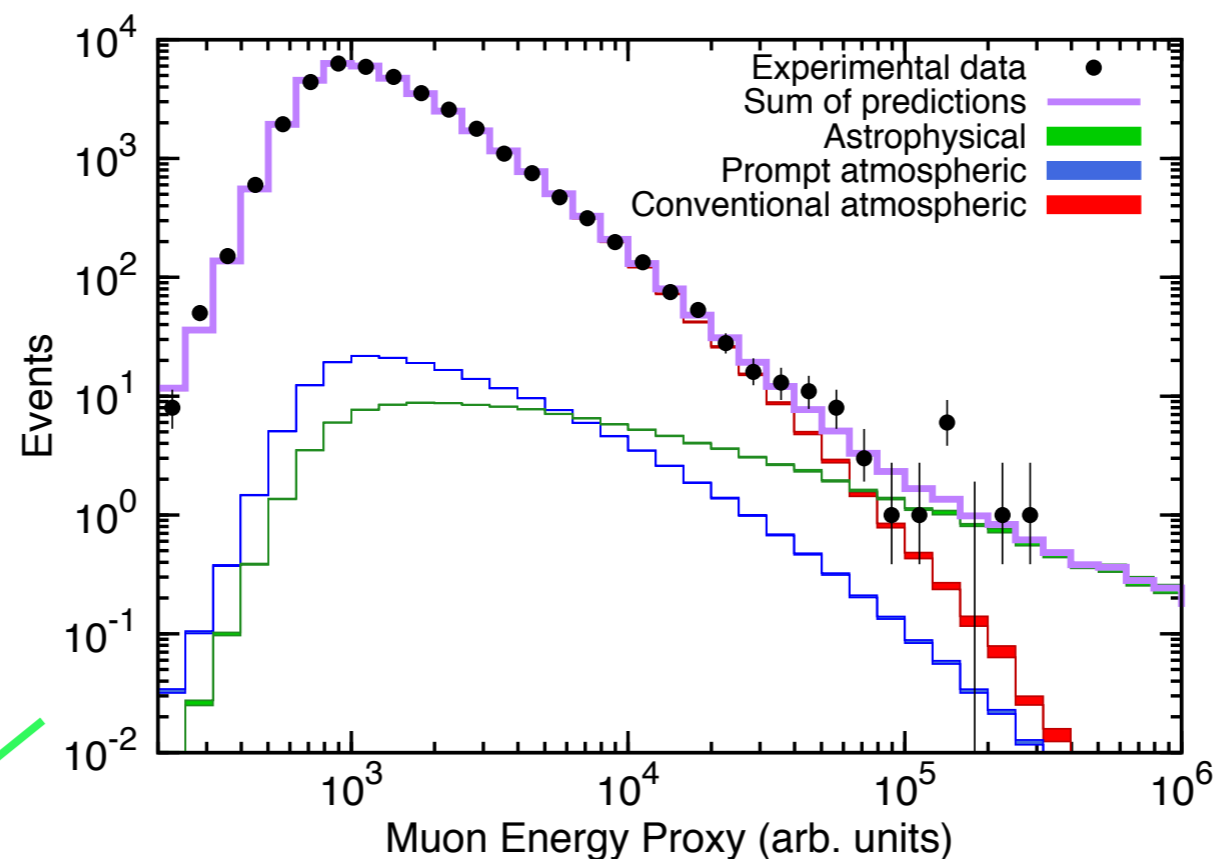
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# Mission for IceCube began !

✓ Looking for muon-track events, 660 days livetime



$$\Phi(E_\nu) = 9.9_{-3.4}^{+3.9} \times 10^{-19} \left( \frac{E_\nu}{100 \text{ TeV}} \right)^{-2} \text{ GeV}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ sr}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}, \text{ fitting the index: } 2.2 \pm 0.2$$

lowering the energy  
threshold of HESE  
analysis to 1 TeV

$$\Phi(E_\nu) = 2.06_{-0.3}^{+0.4} \times 10^{-18} \left( \frac{E_\nu}{100 \text{ TeV}} \right)^{-2.46 \pm 0.12} \text{ GeV}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ sr}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

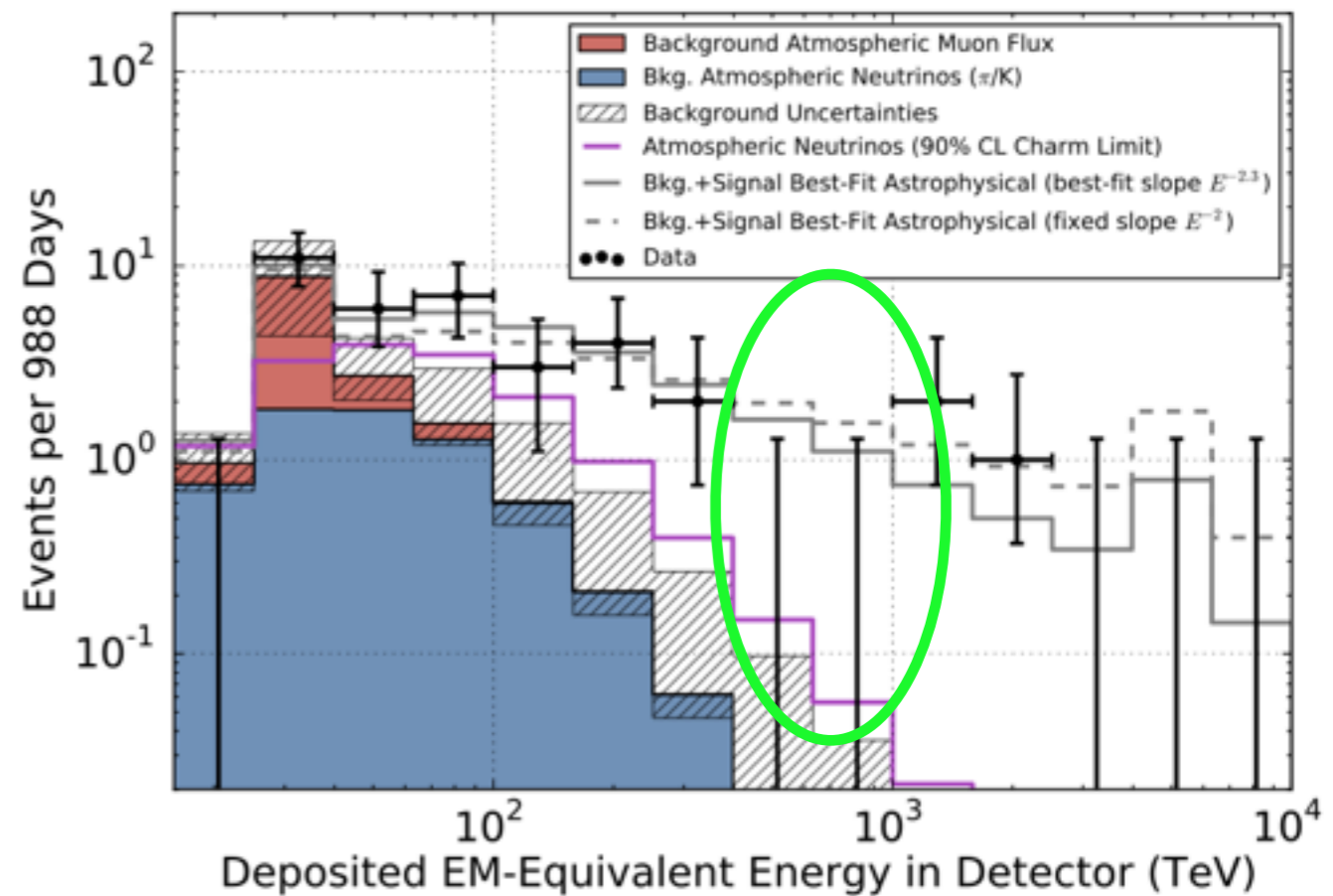
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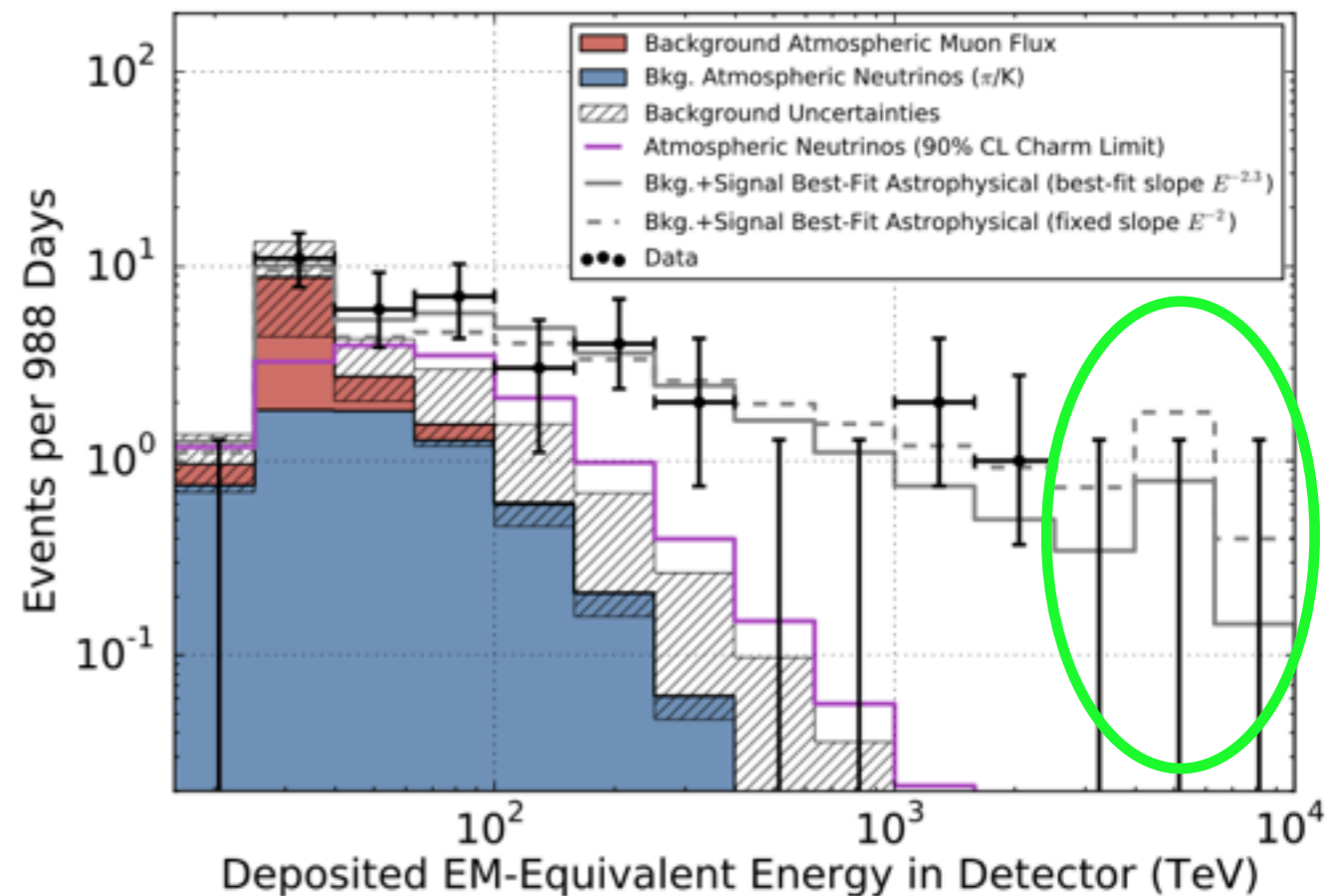




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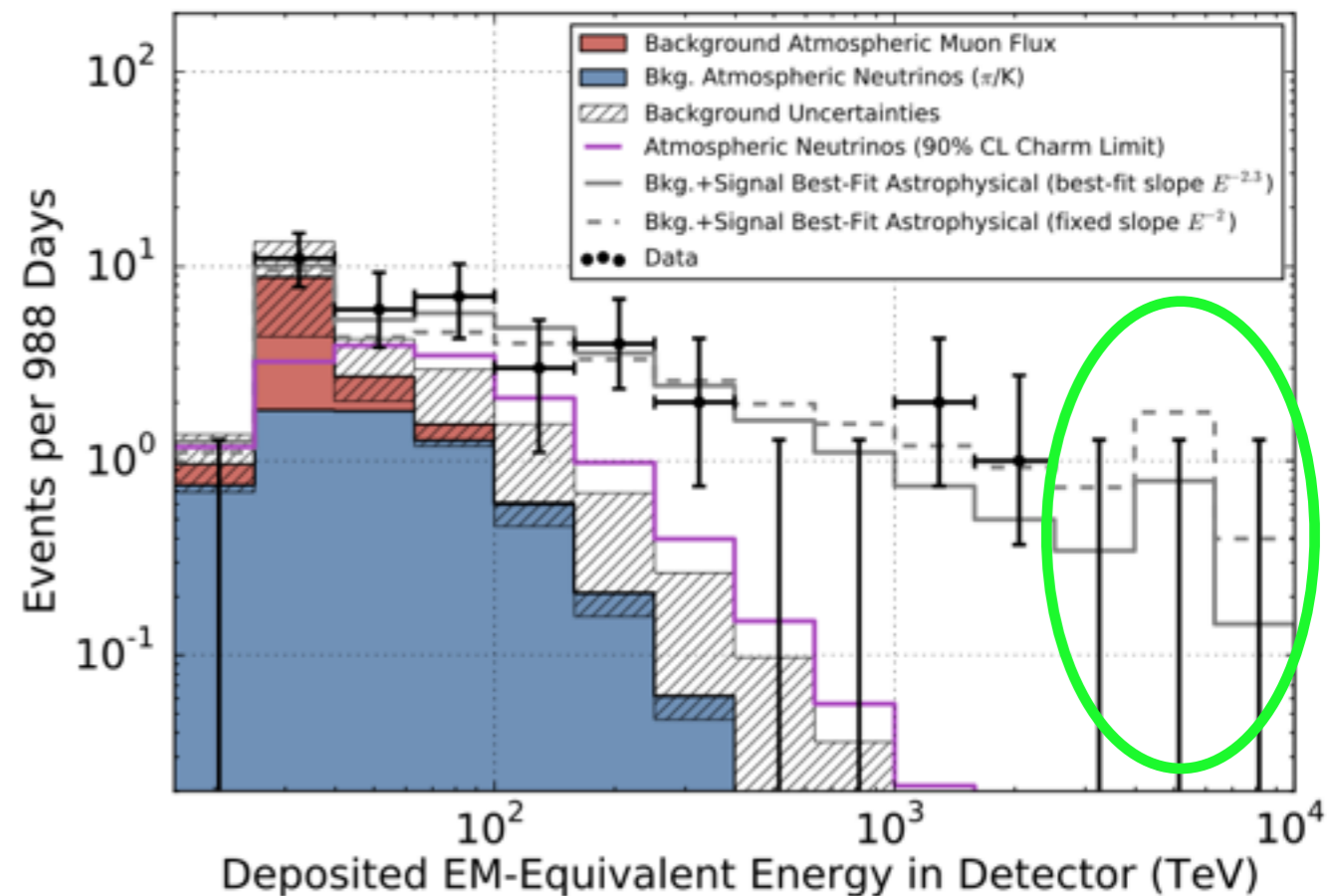
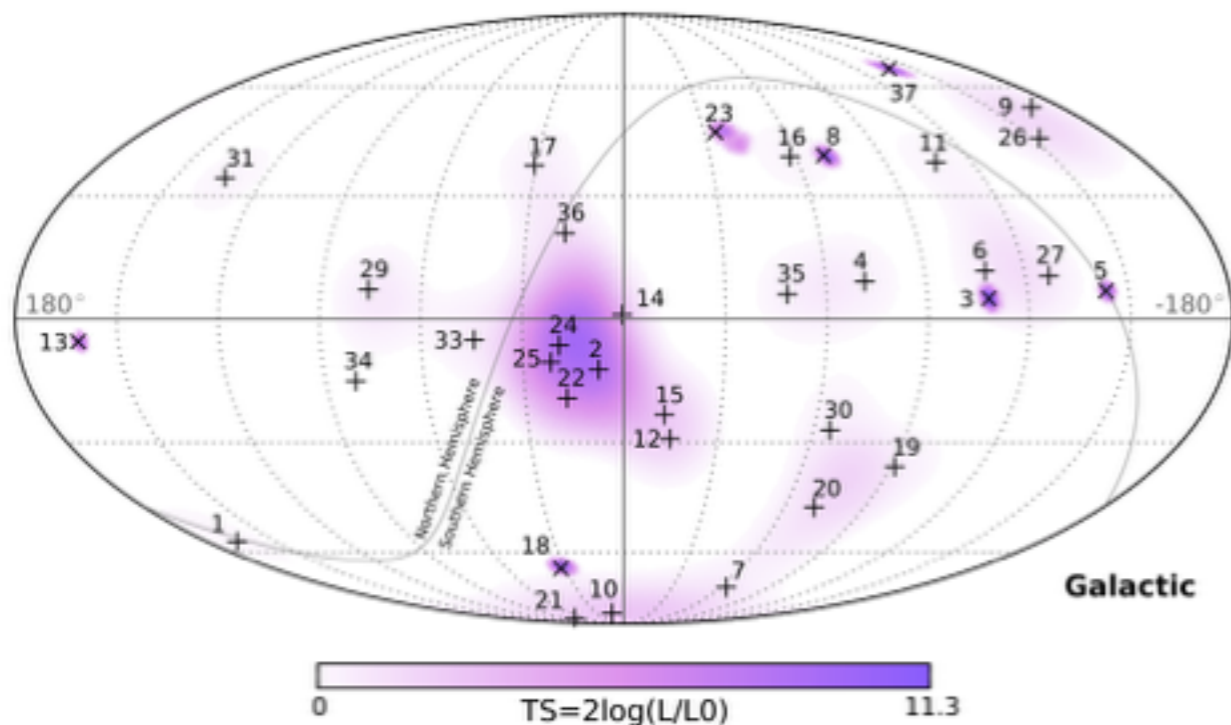
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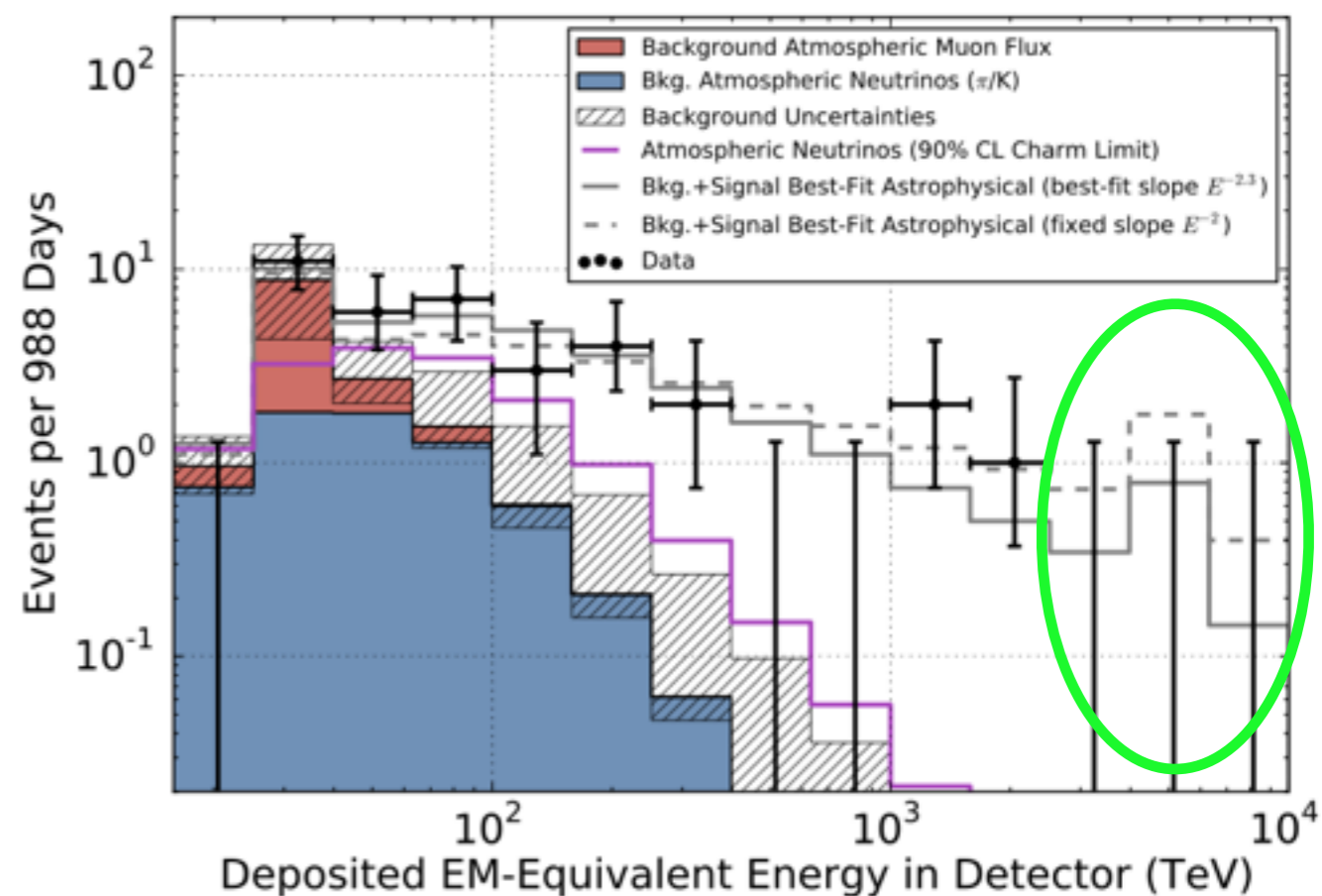
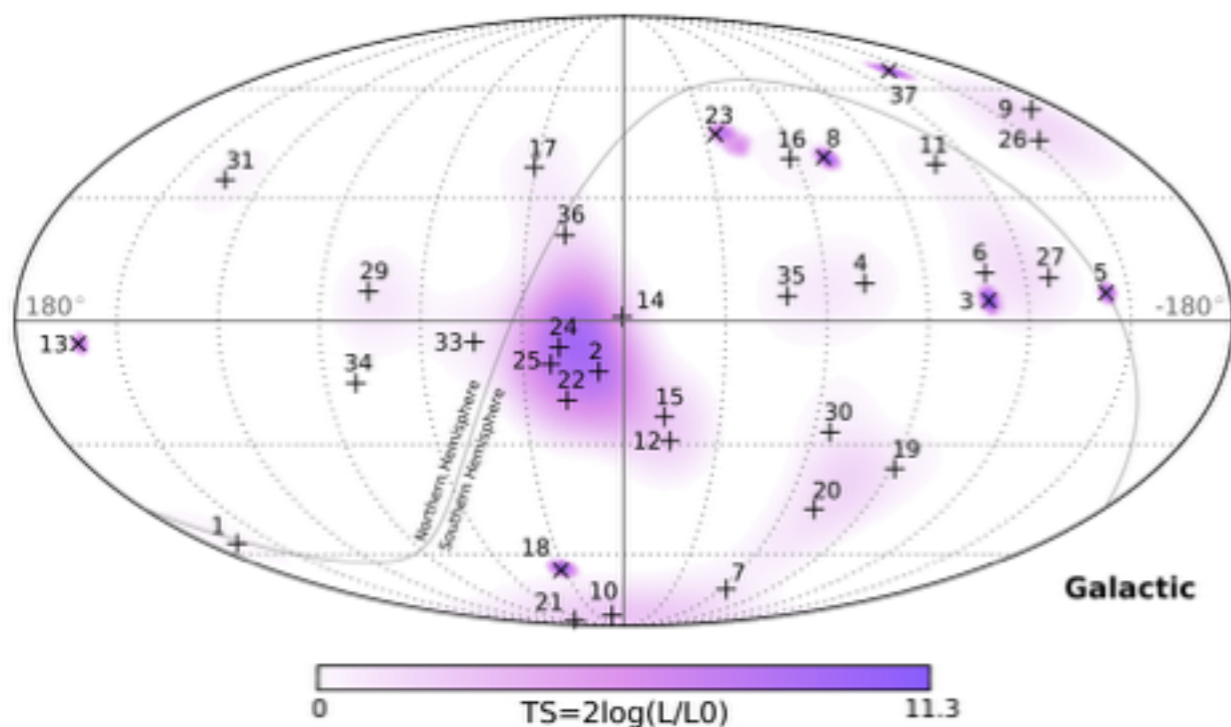
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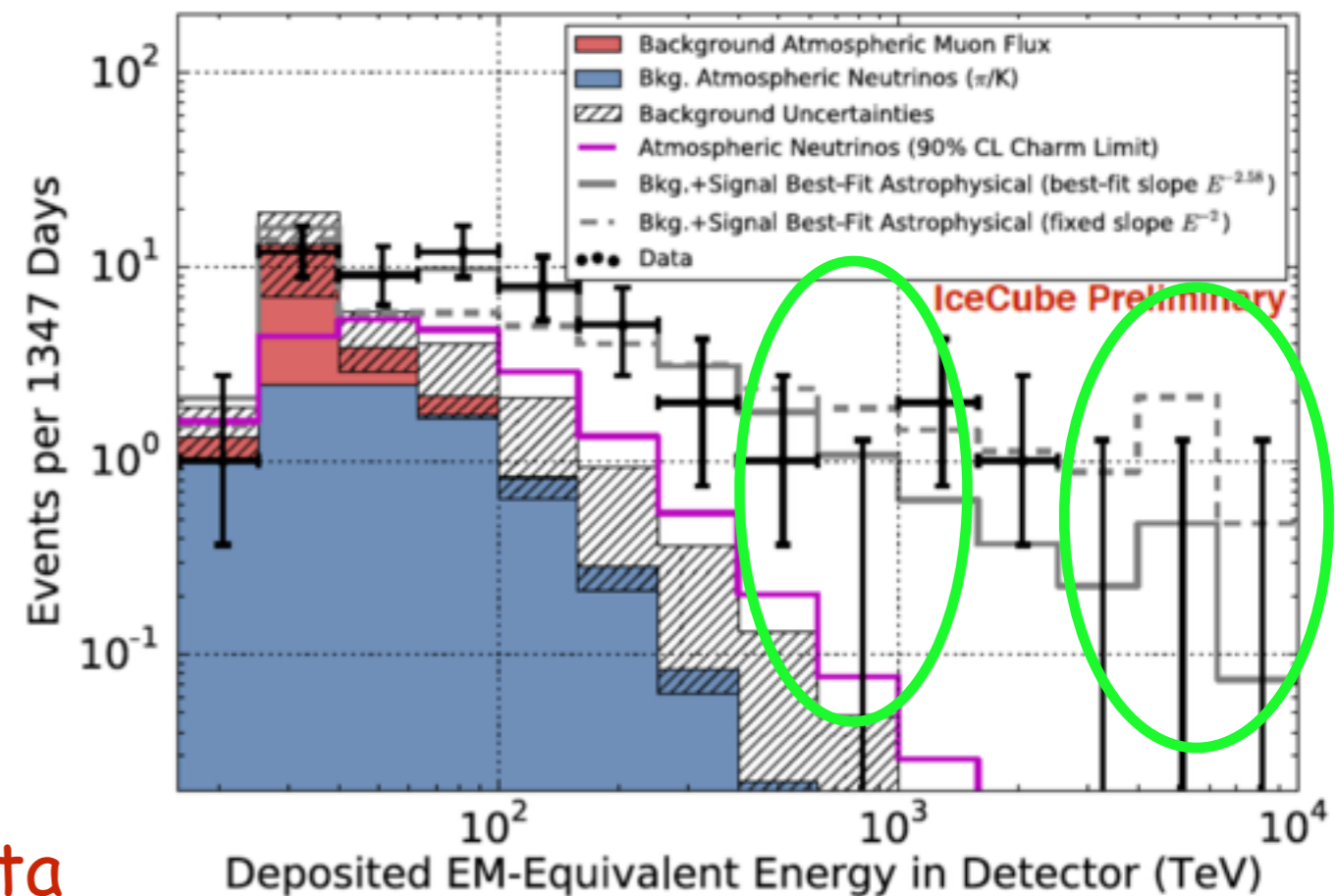
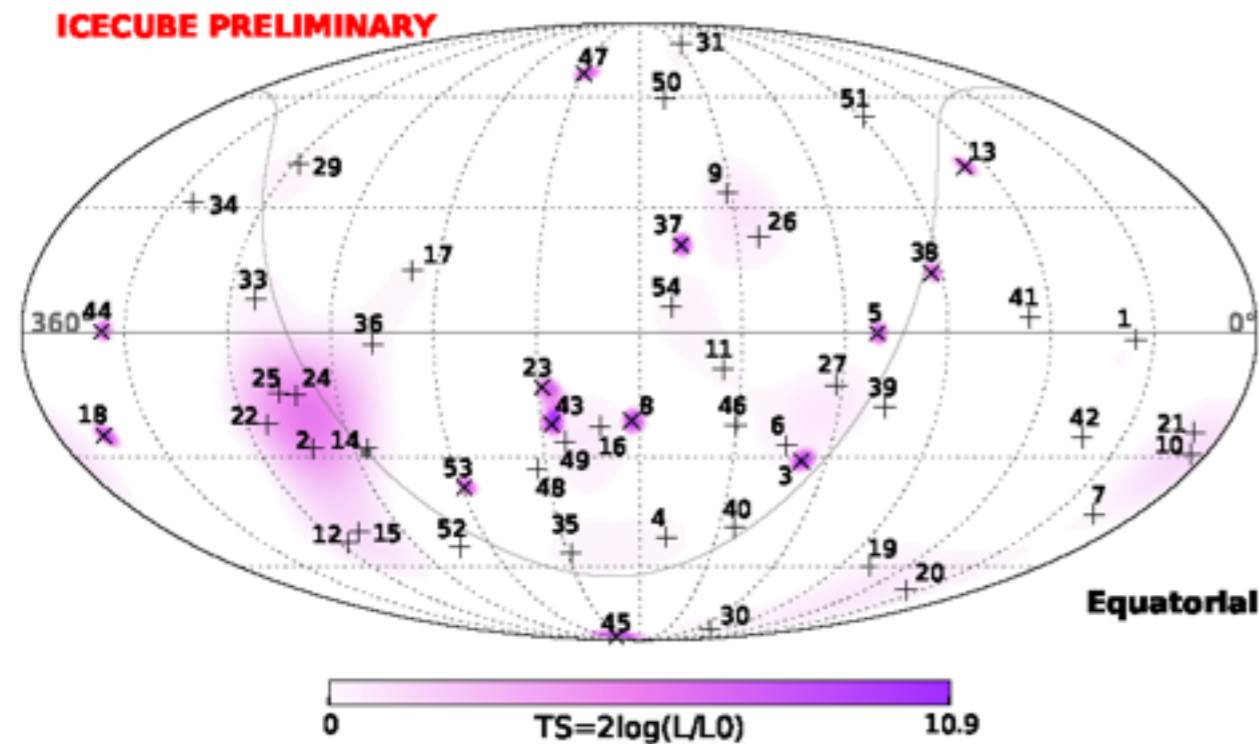
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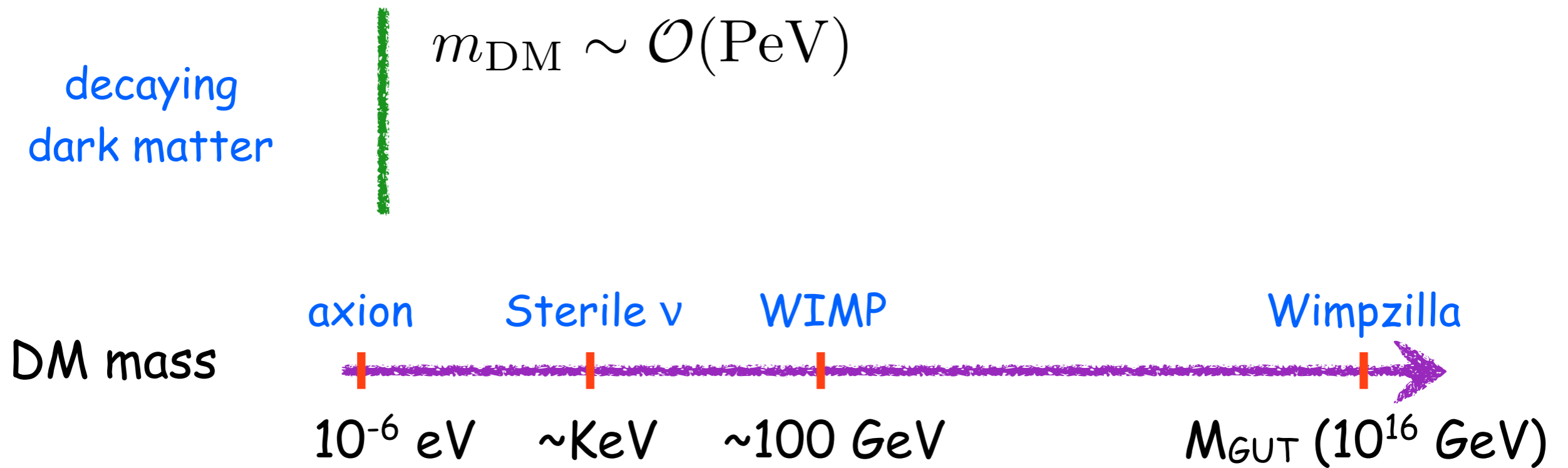
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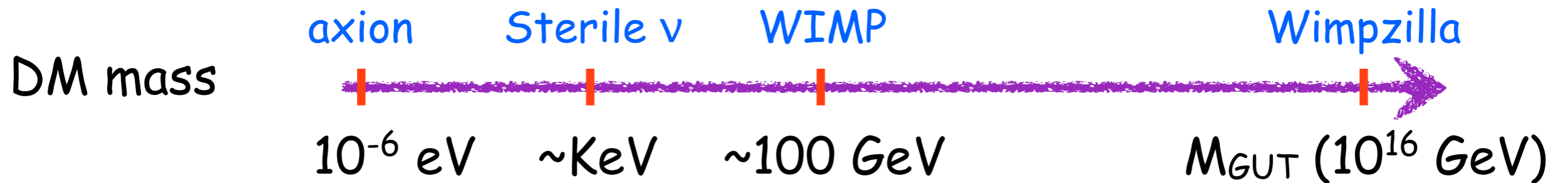




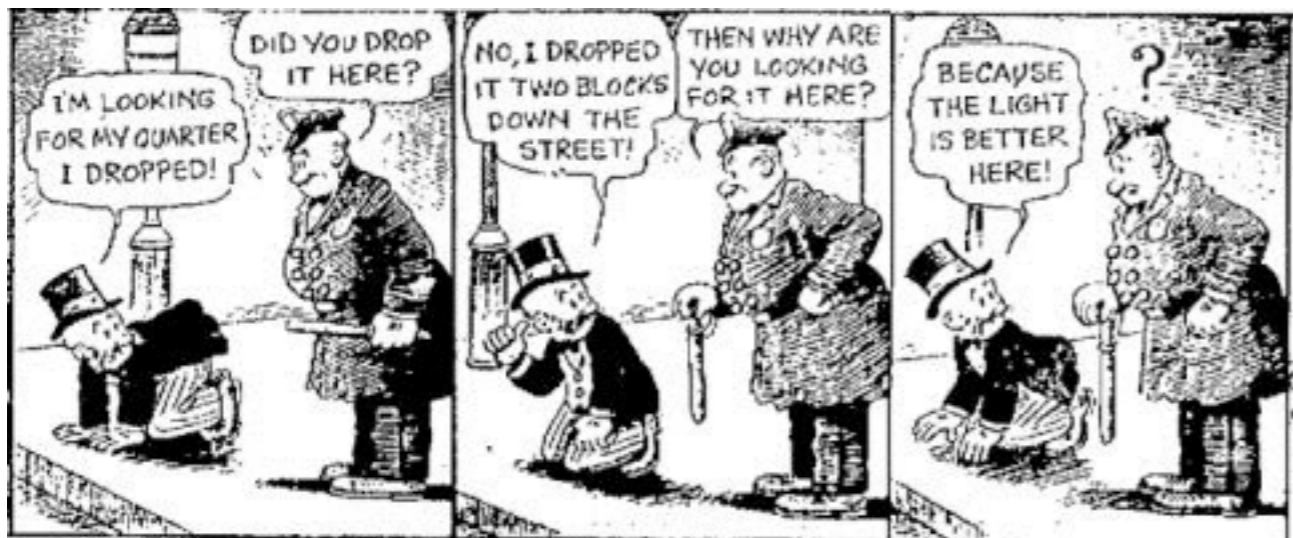
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caution: streetlight effect



Mulla  
Nasreddin



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DM mass



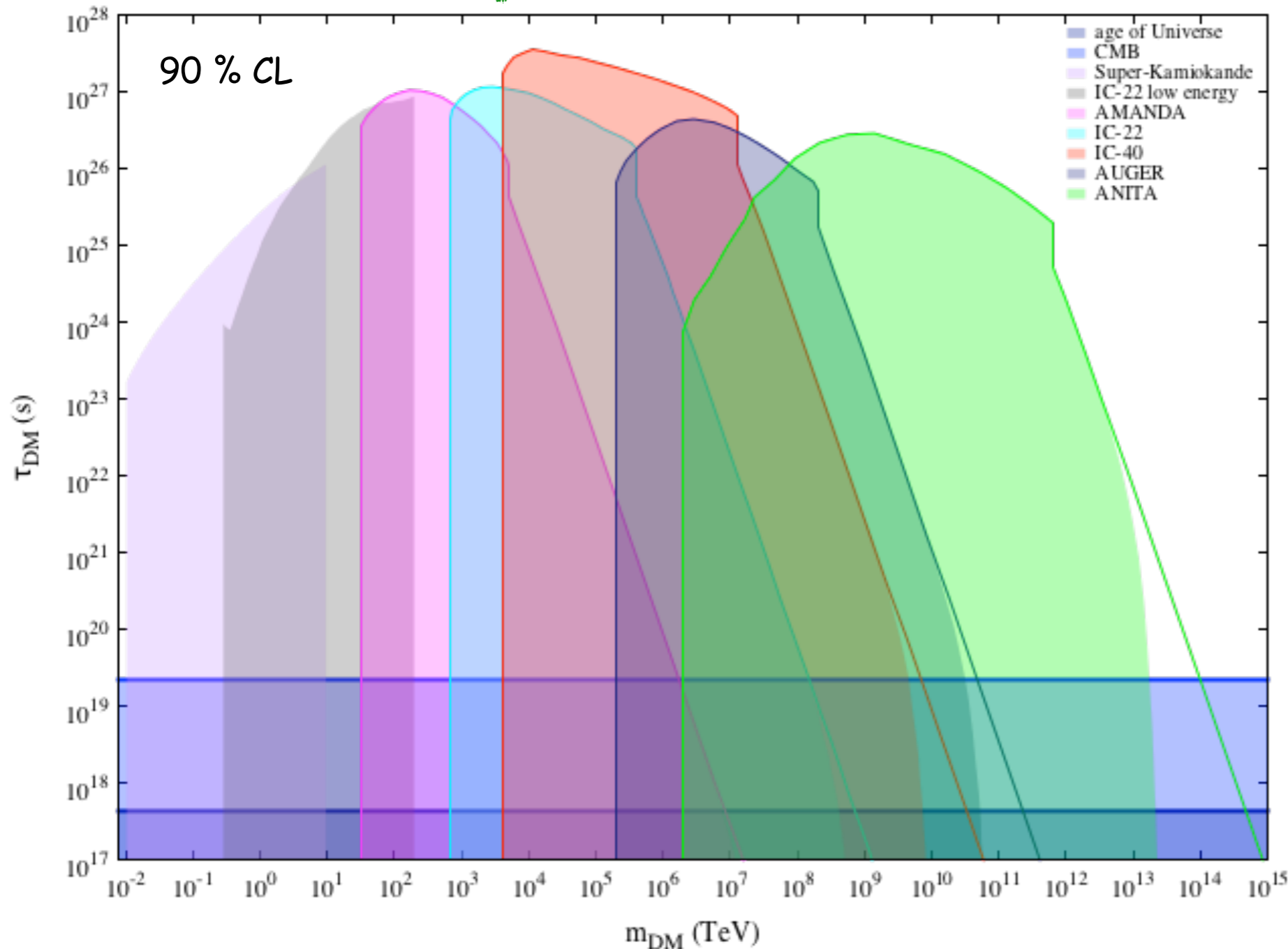
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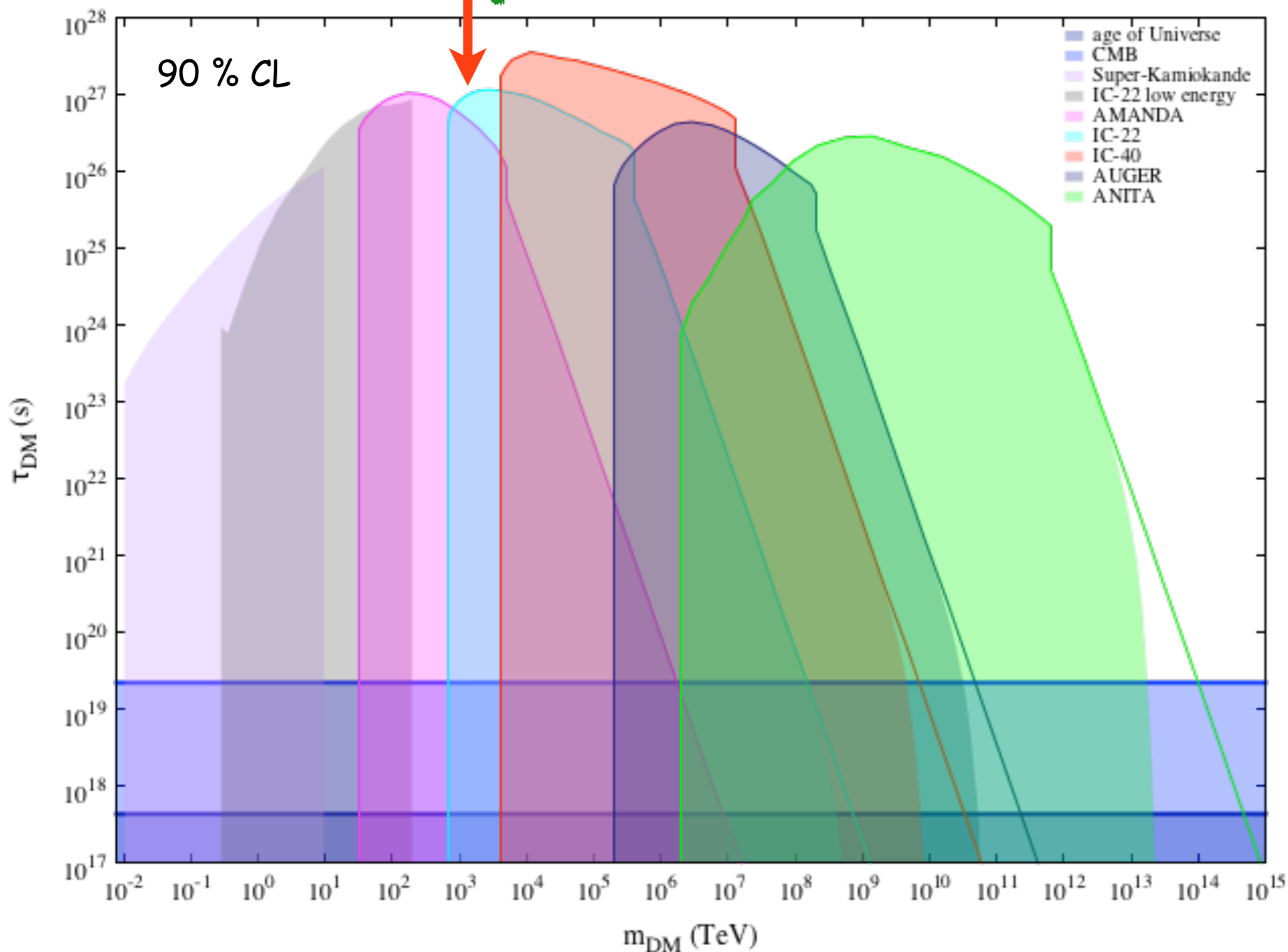
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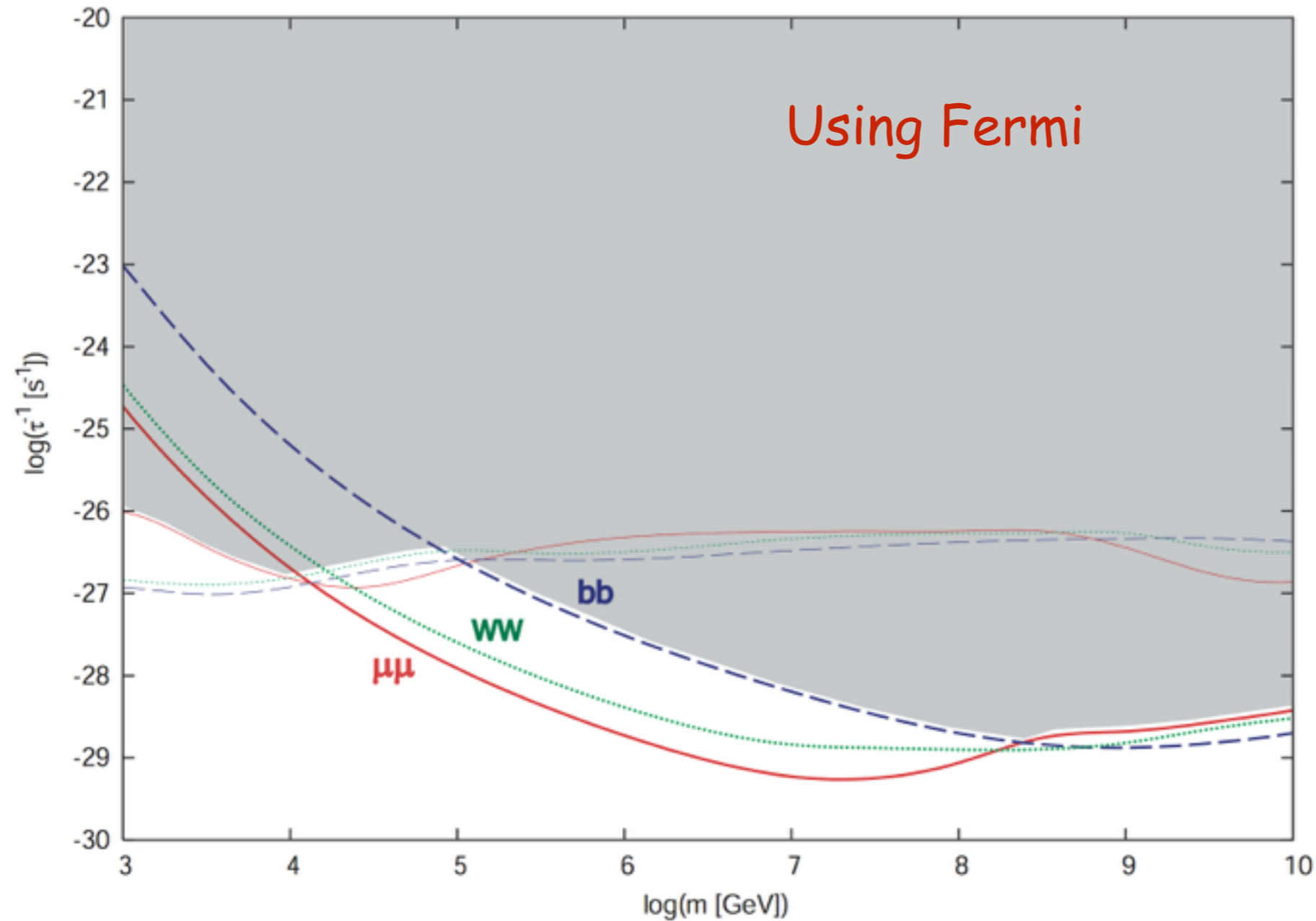
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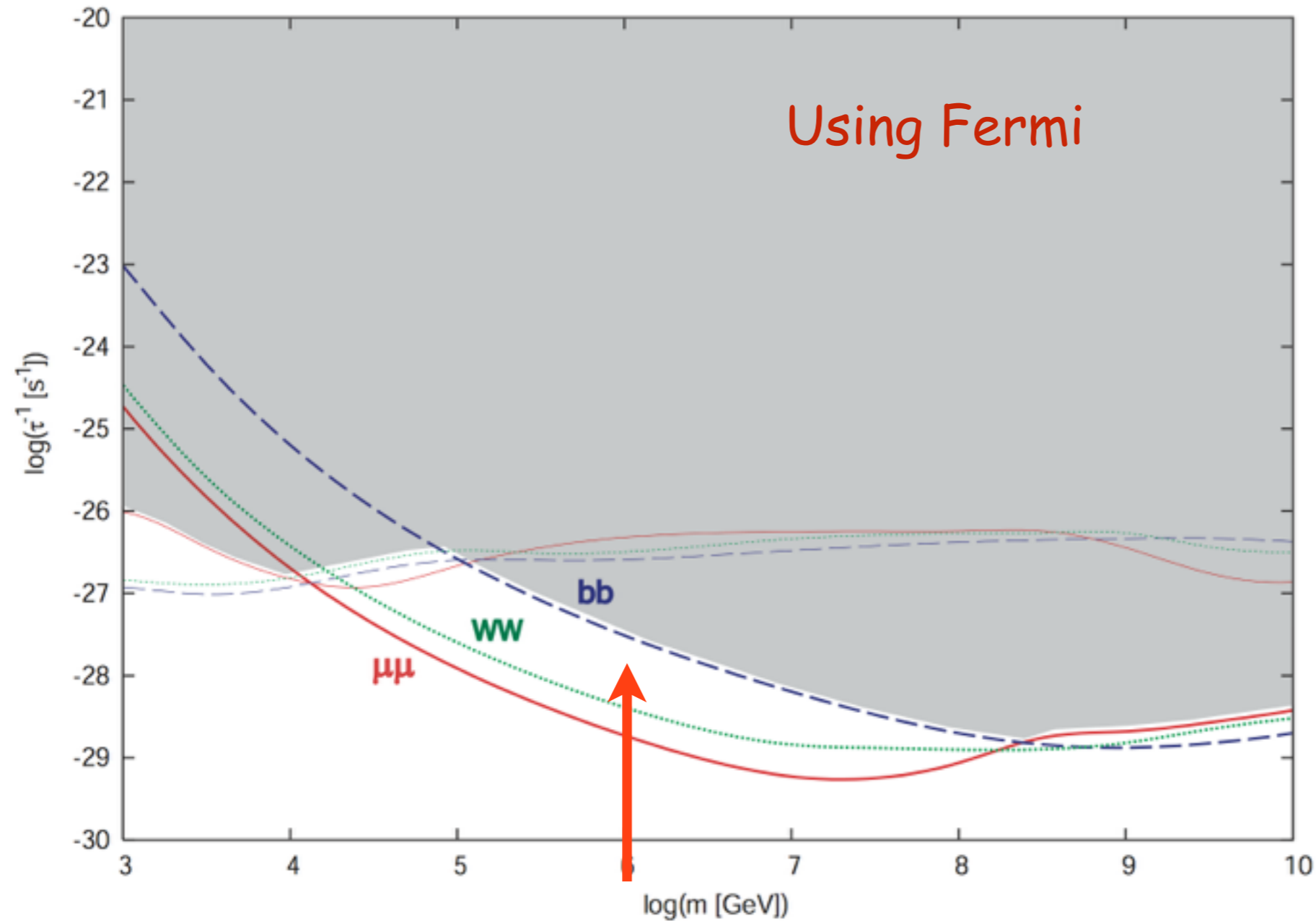
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R-parity violating gravitino  
hidden sector gauge boson  
singlet fermion in extra-dim

Sterile neutrino

Sterile neutrino  
+ U(1) gauge

mirror dark matter

EFT leptophilic DM

scalar + sterile neutrino

The 2nd approach of  
Mambrini's talk

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From model-building  
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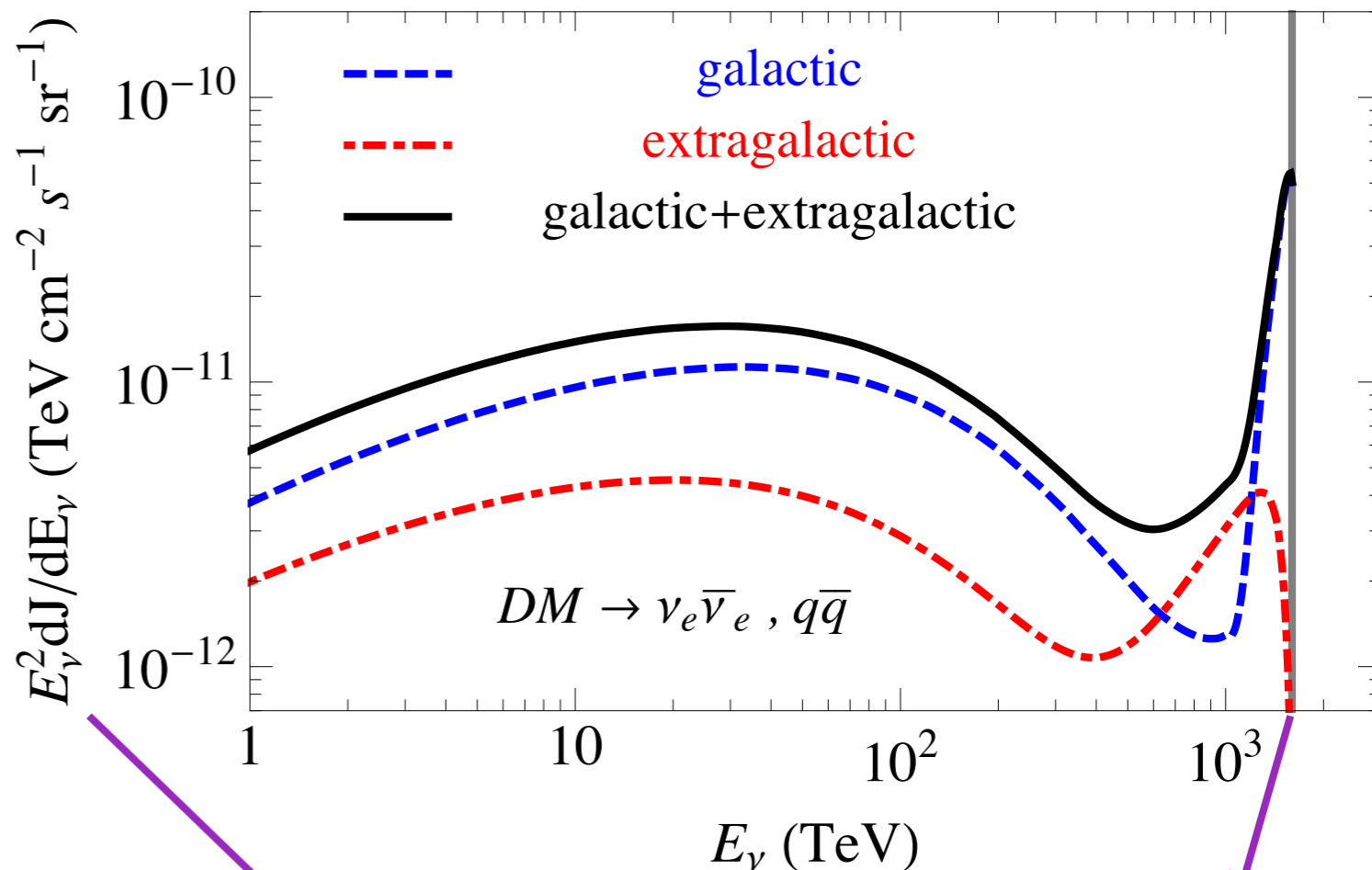
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# The idea

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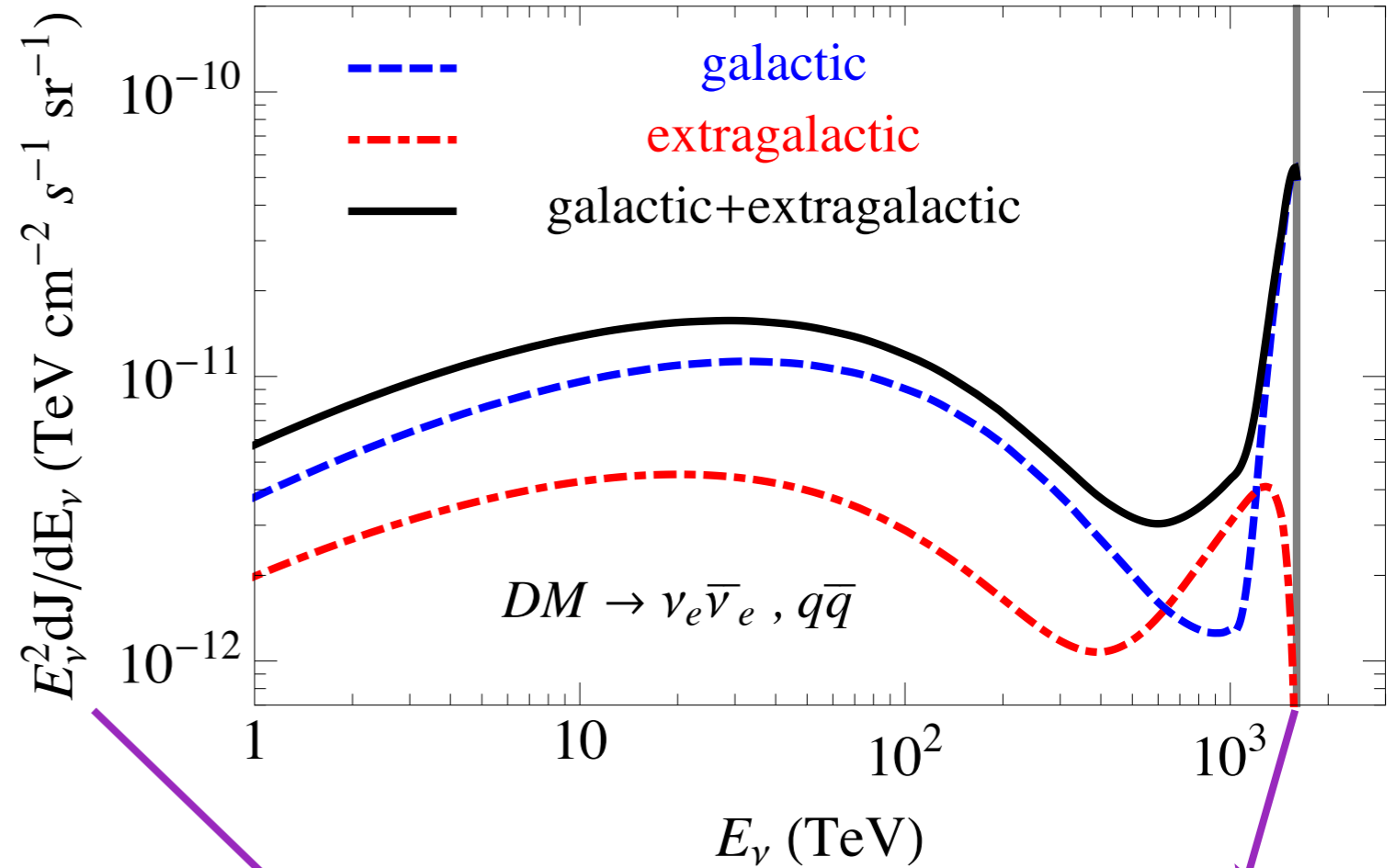
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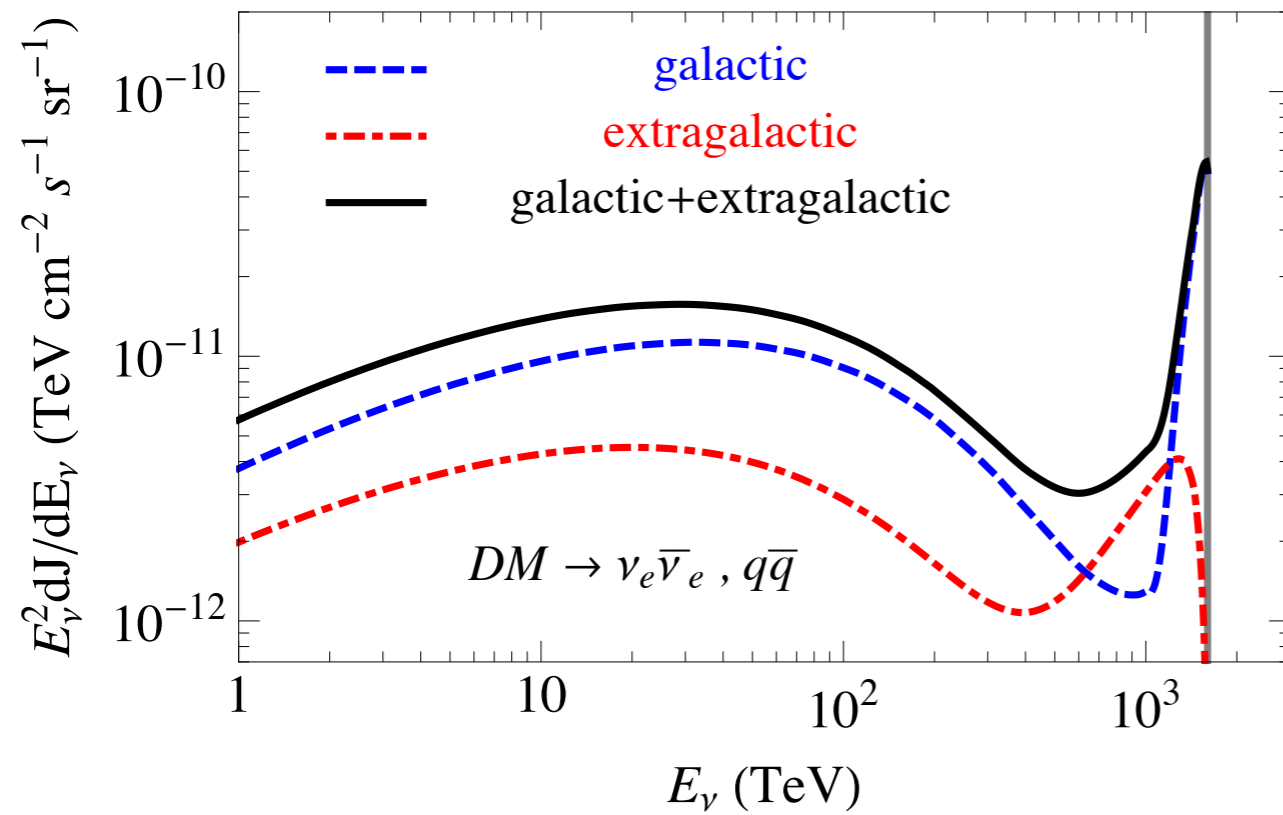
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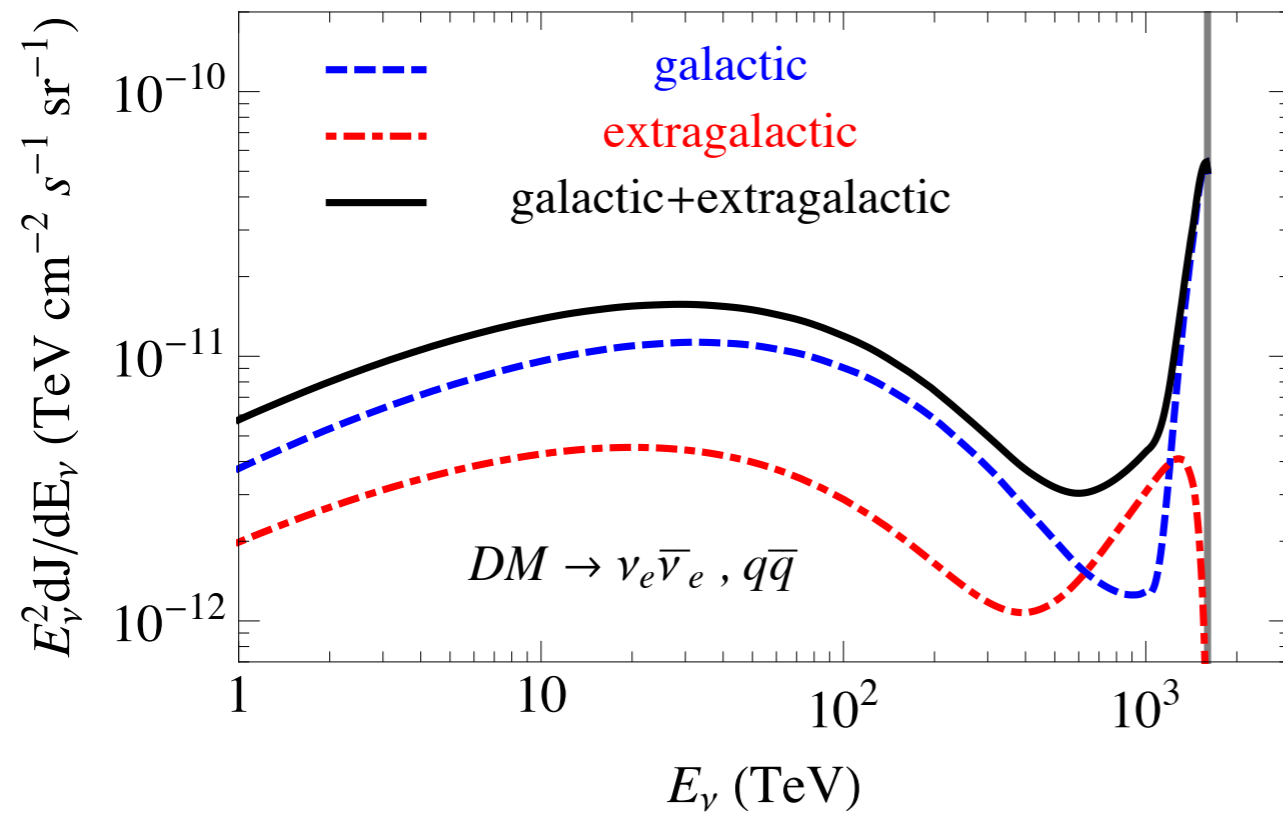
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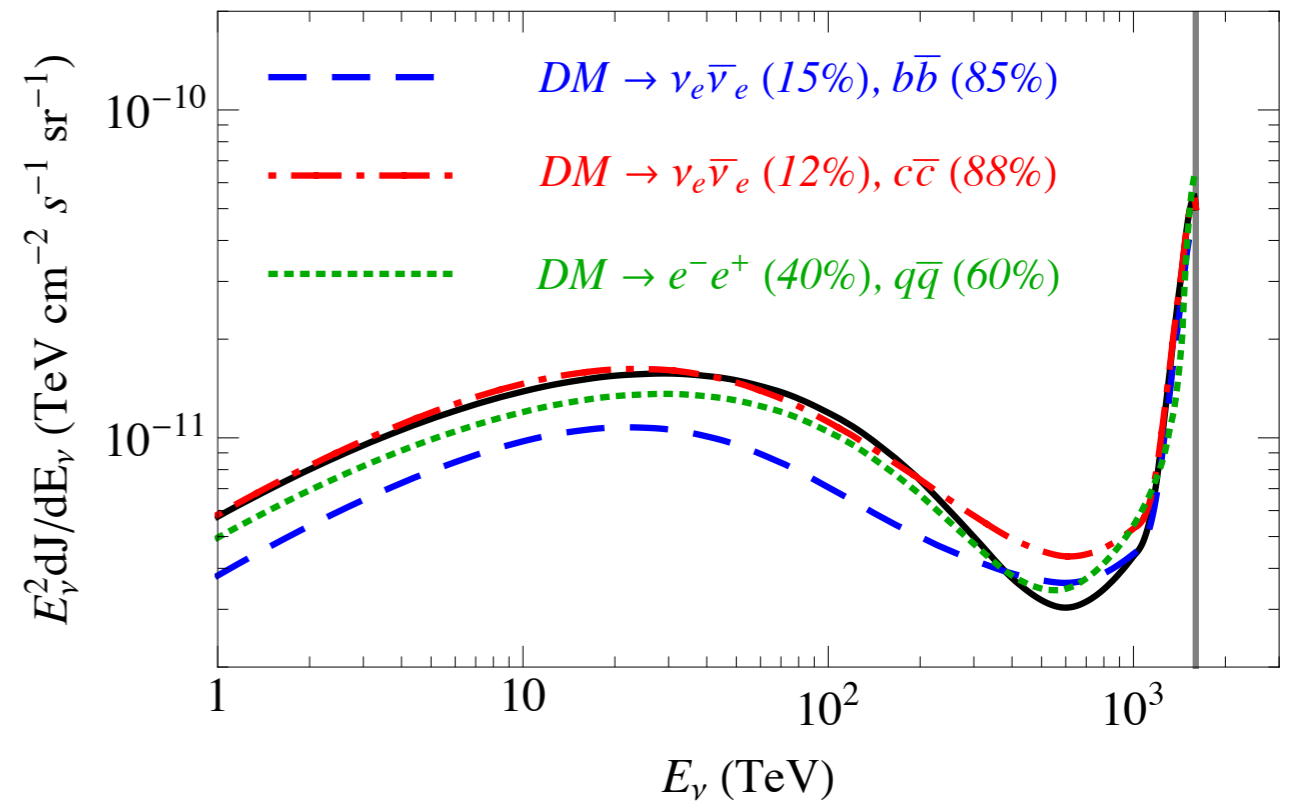
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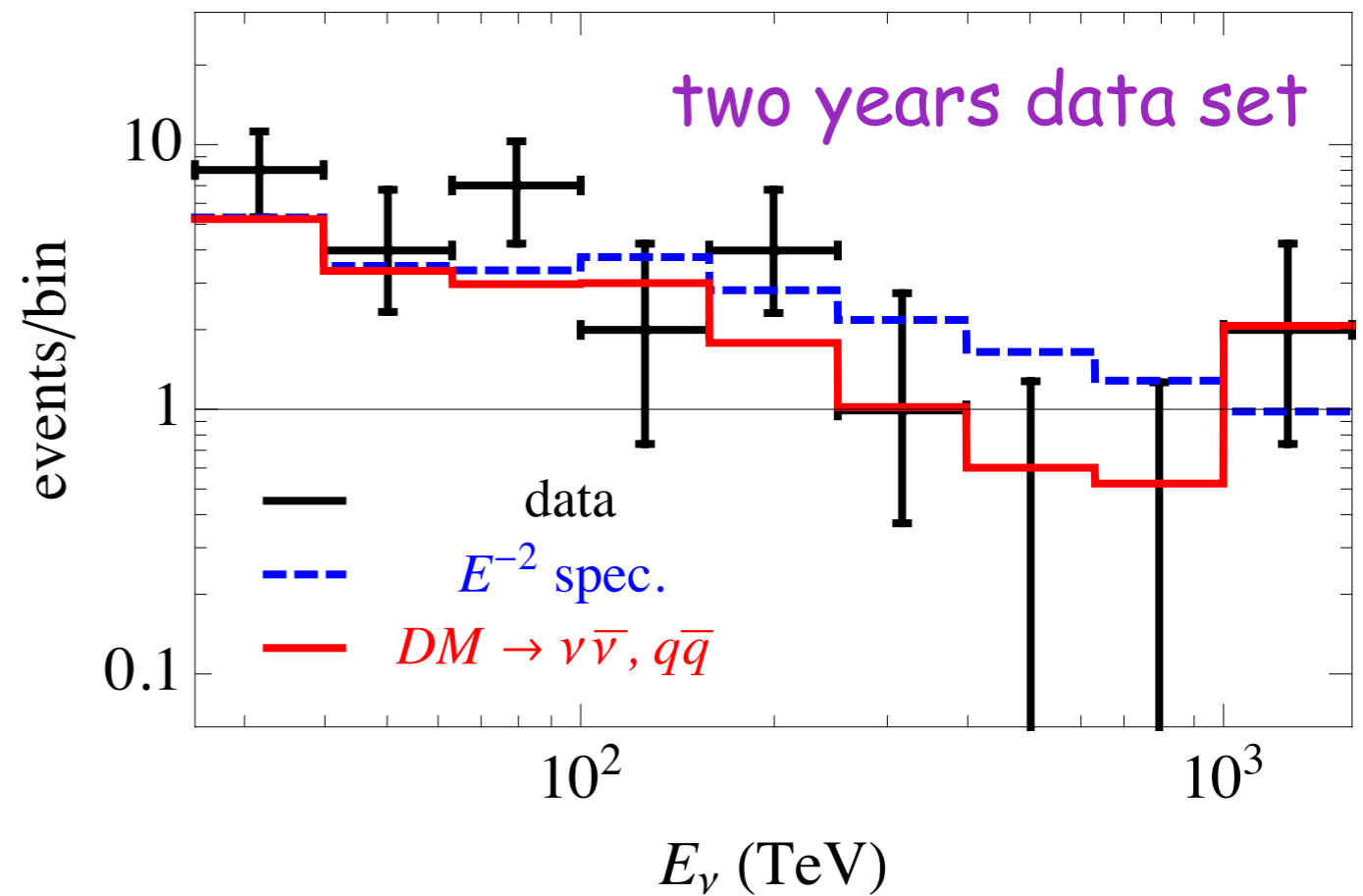
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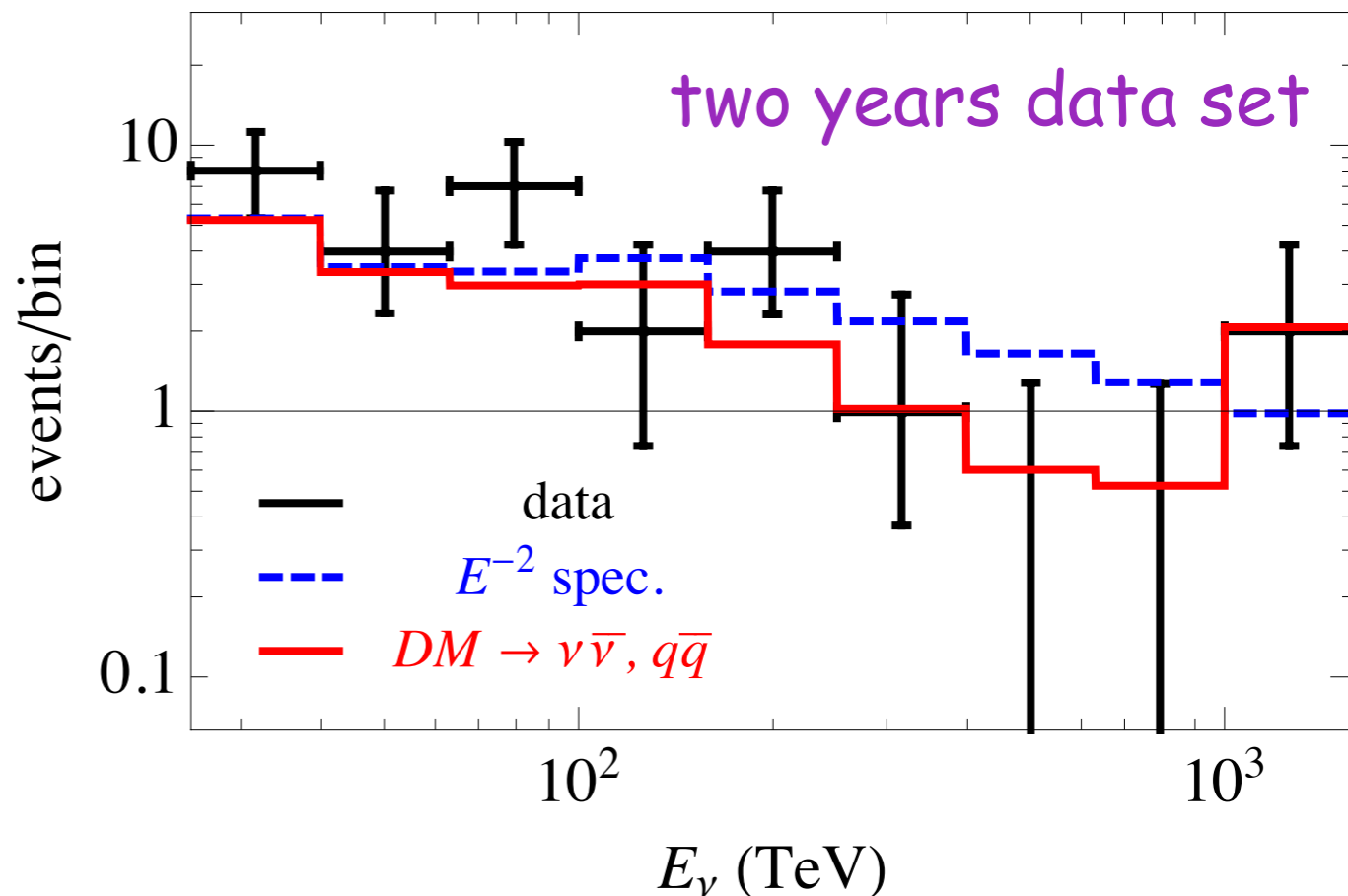
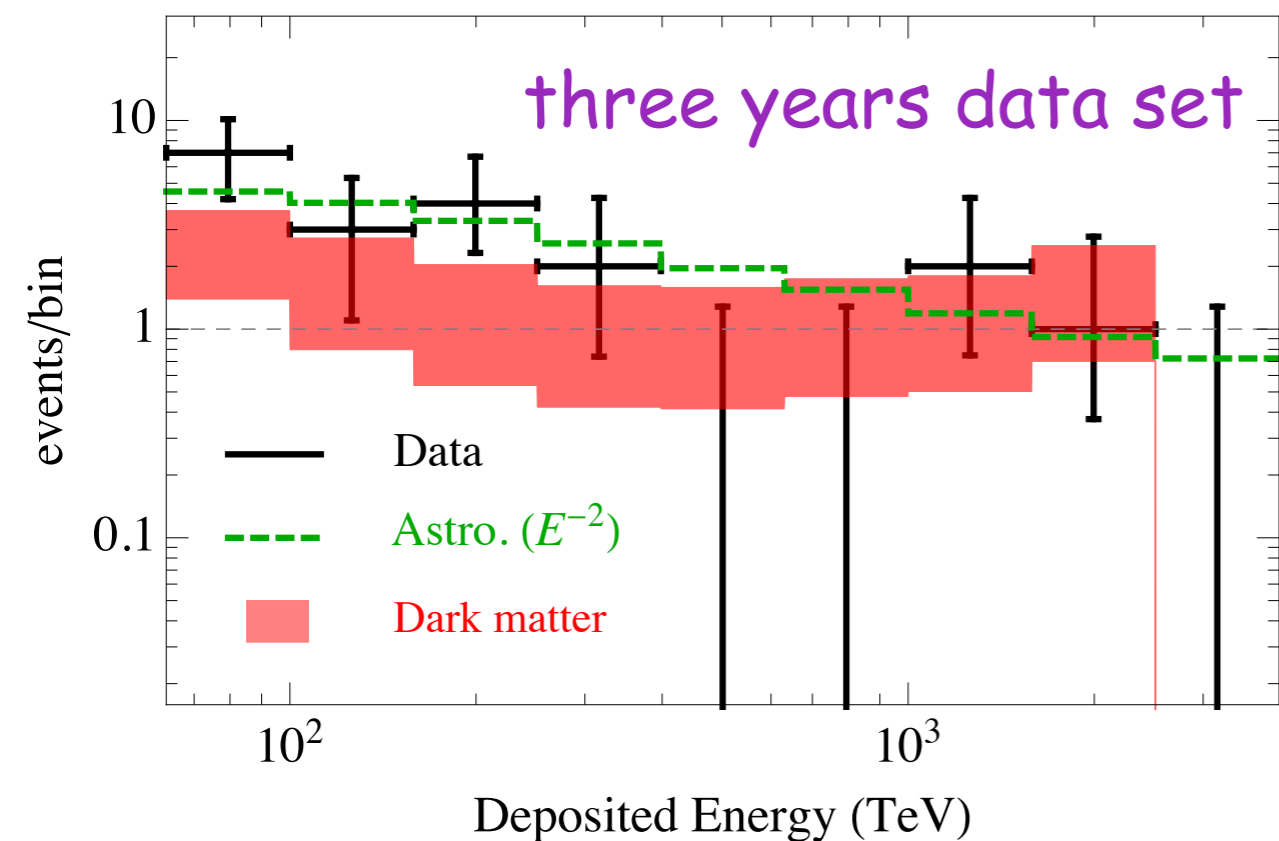


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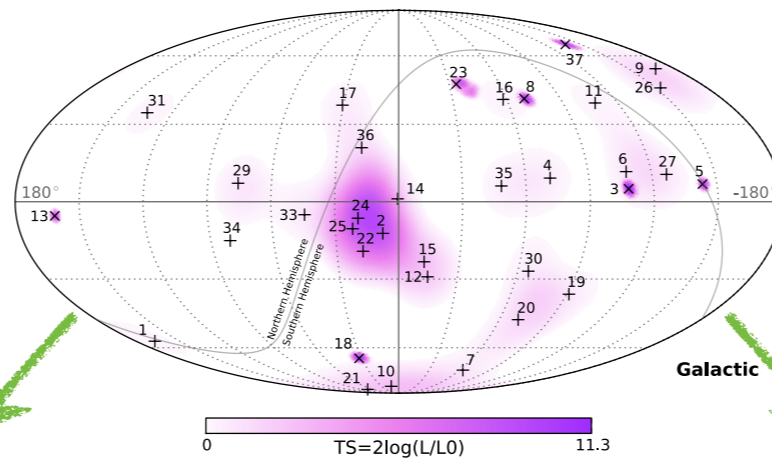
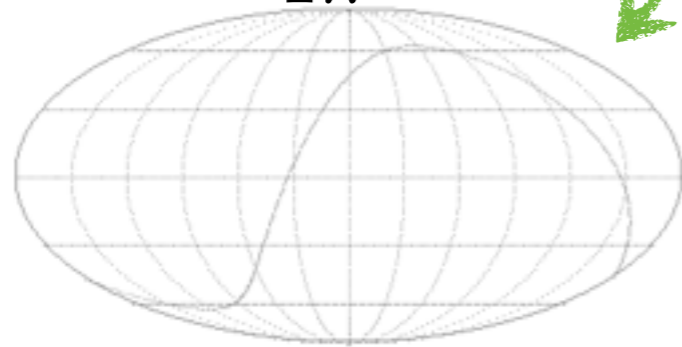
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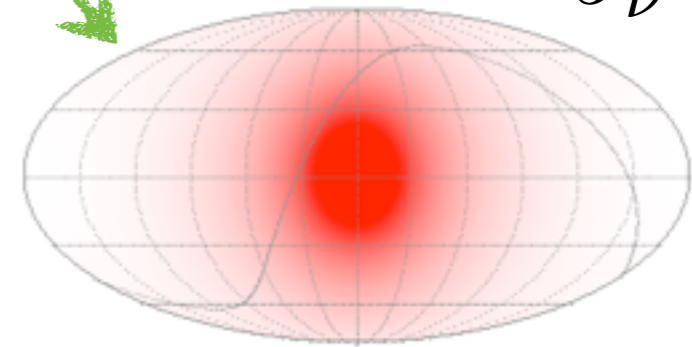
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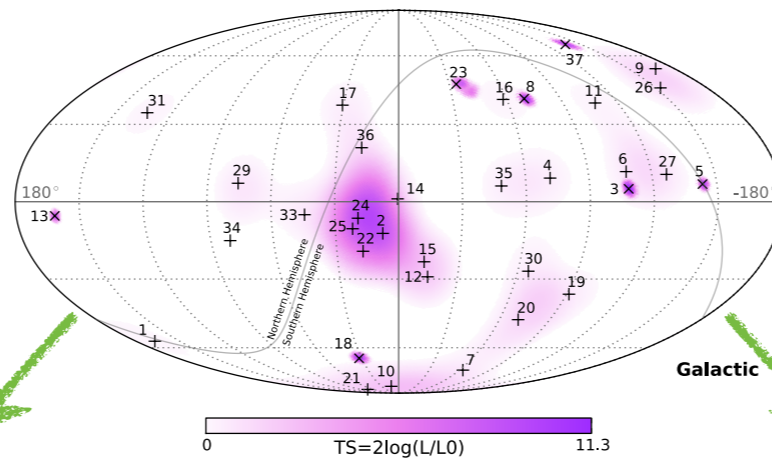
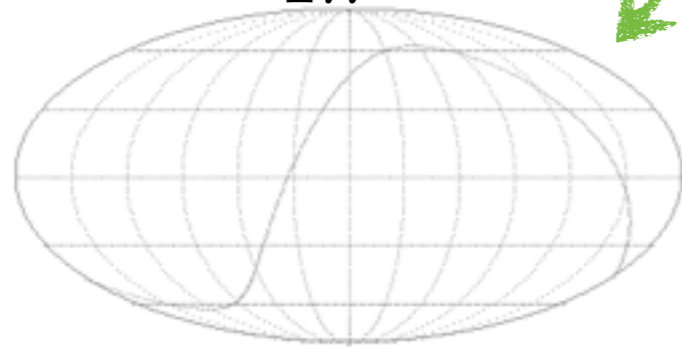
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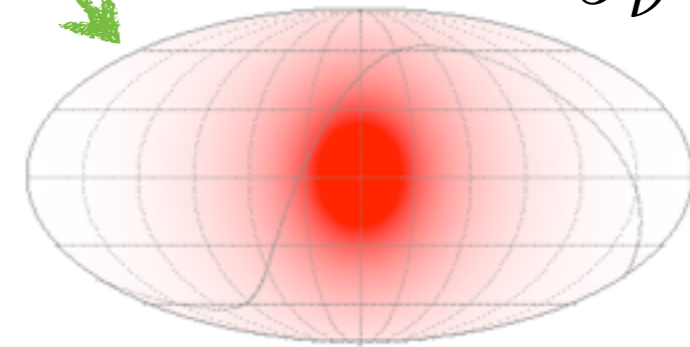
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"flat sky"  
approximation

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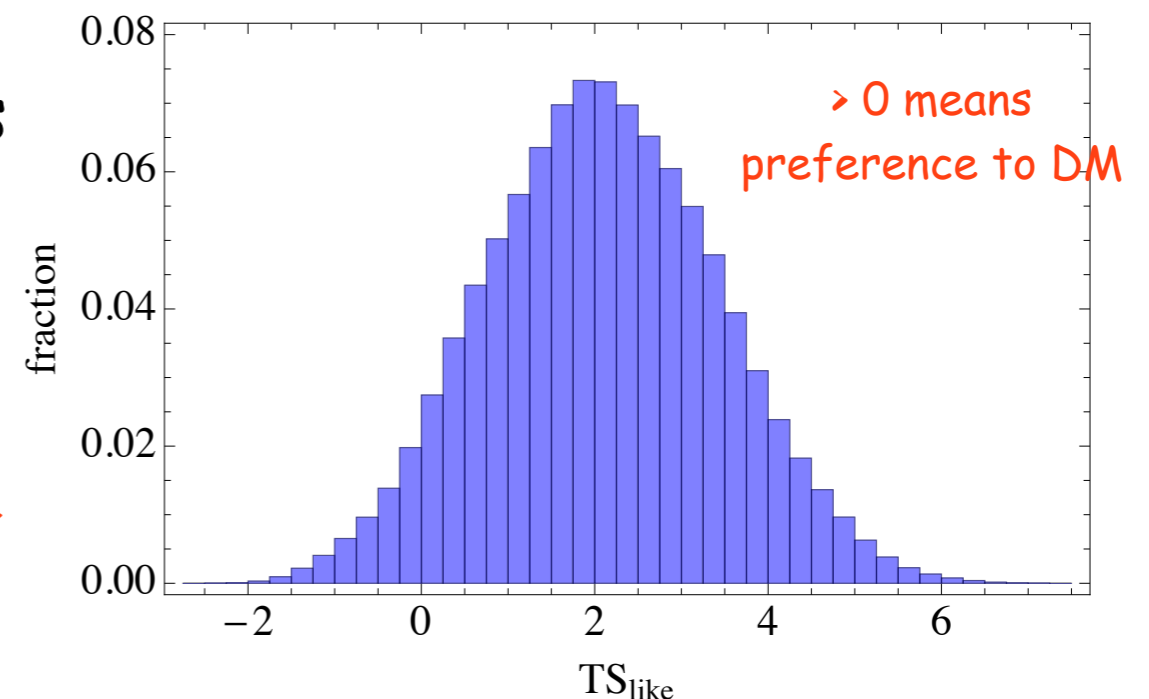
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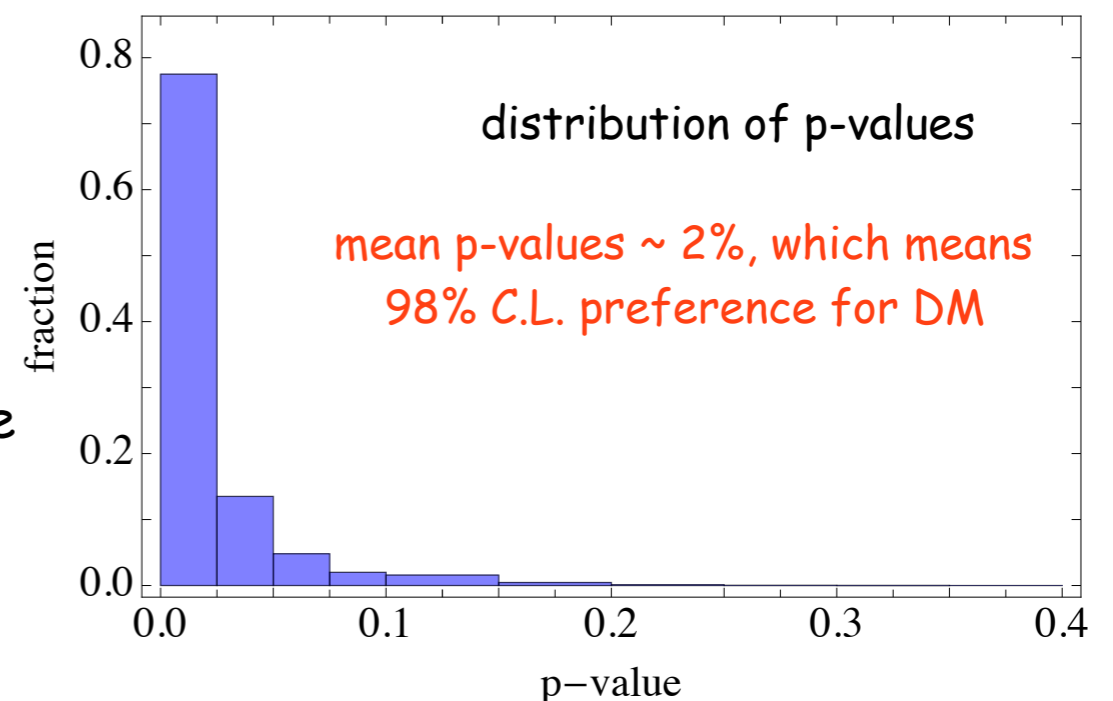
## Quantifying the preference

generating a sample ( $10^5$ ) of isotropically distributed set of 20 events



for each realization of bkg choosing, p-value is the fraction of generated events which have smaller  $TS_{\text{like}}$  than the one computed by observed data

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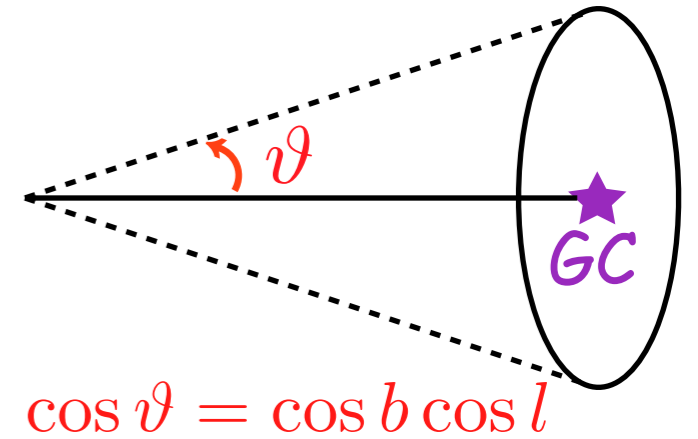
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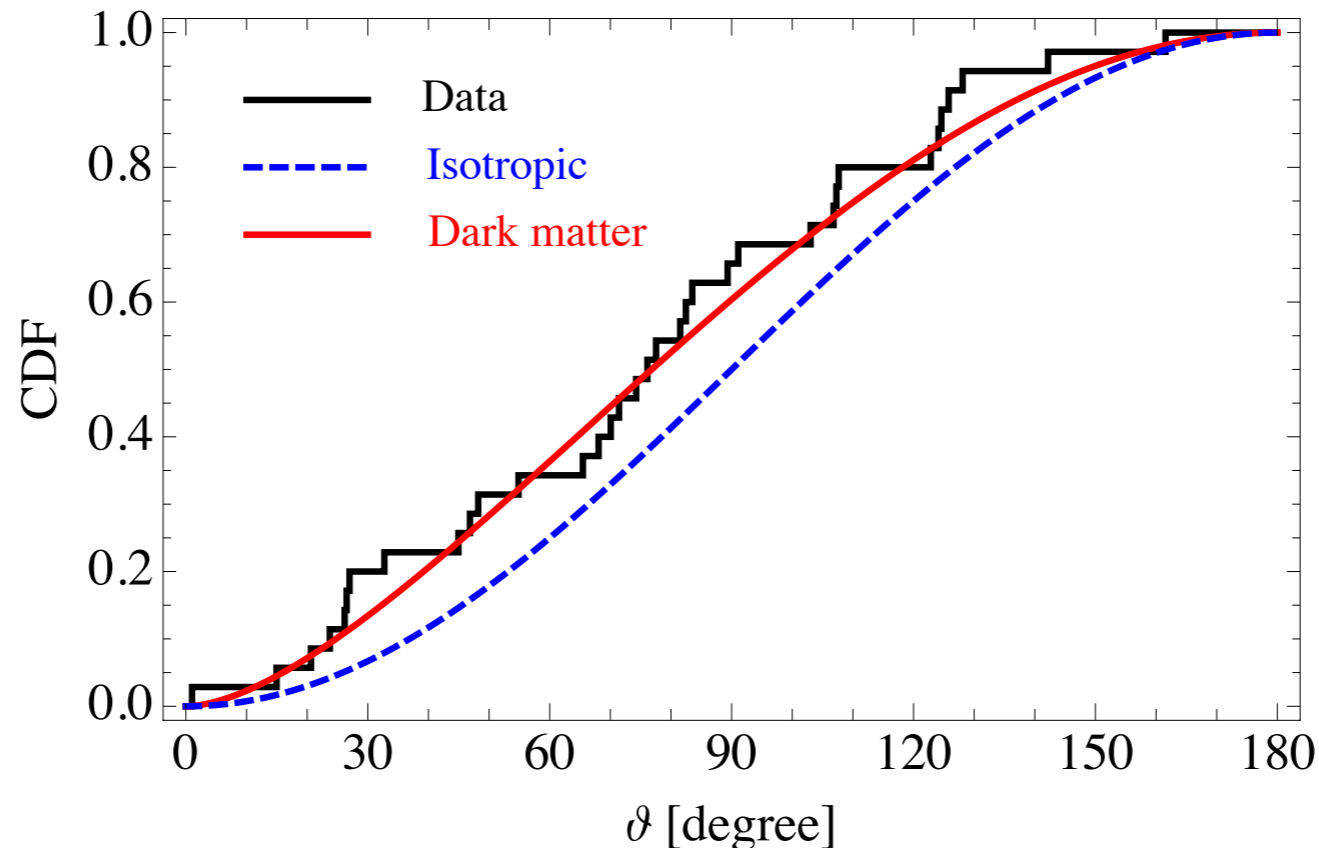
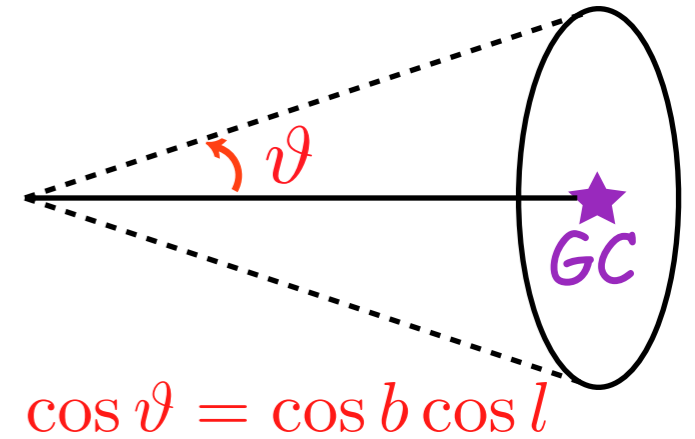
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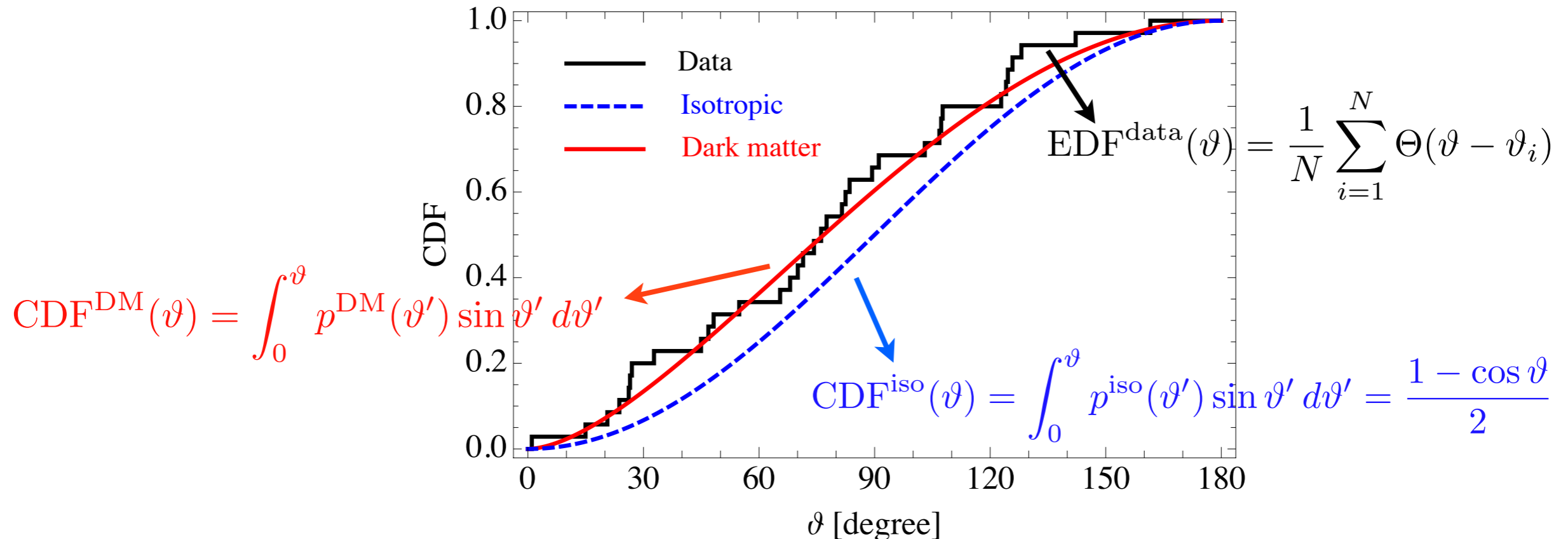
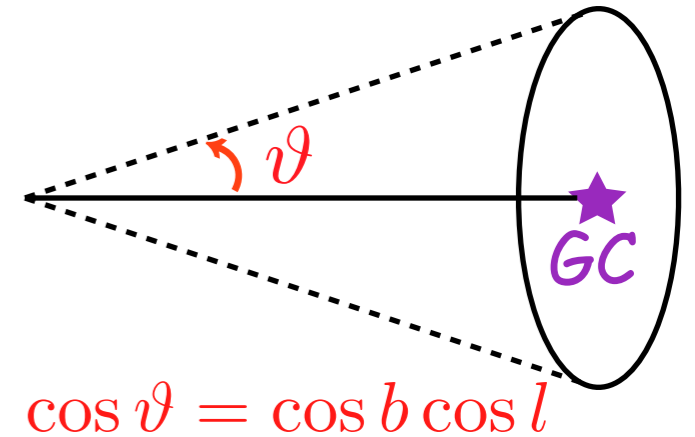
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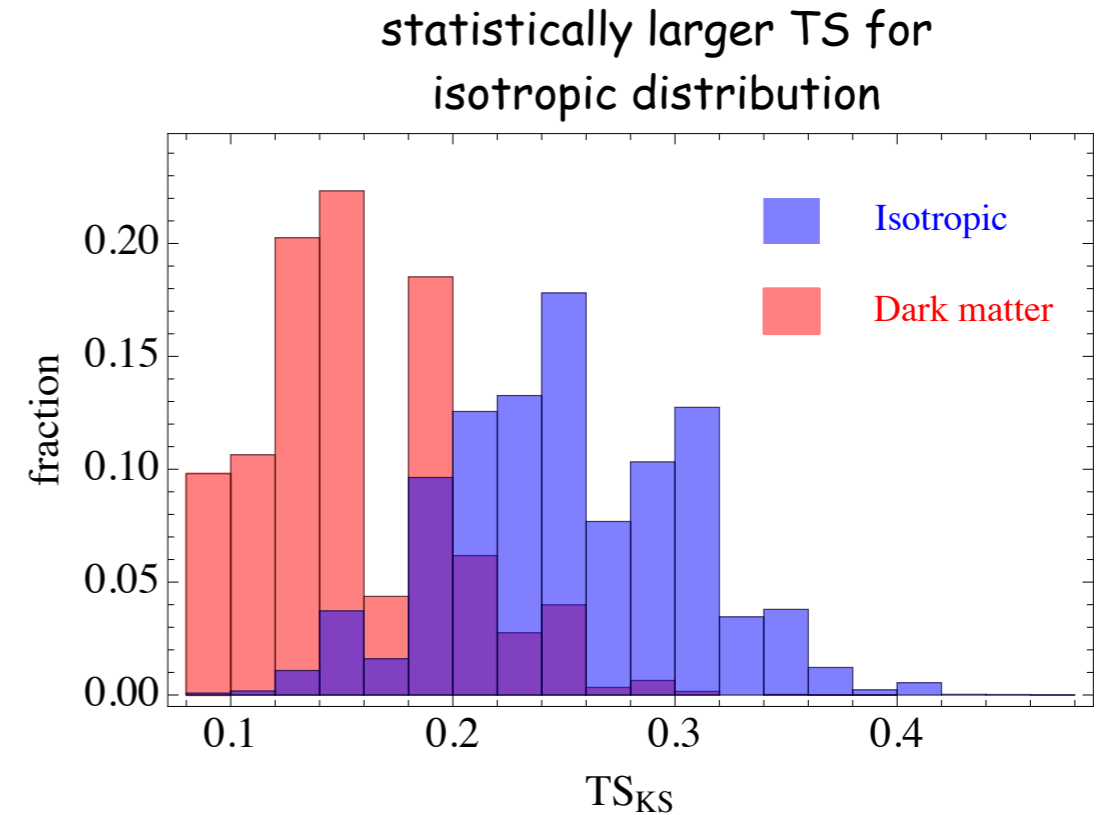


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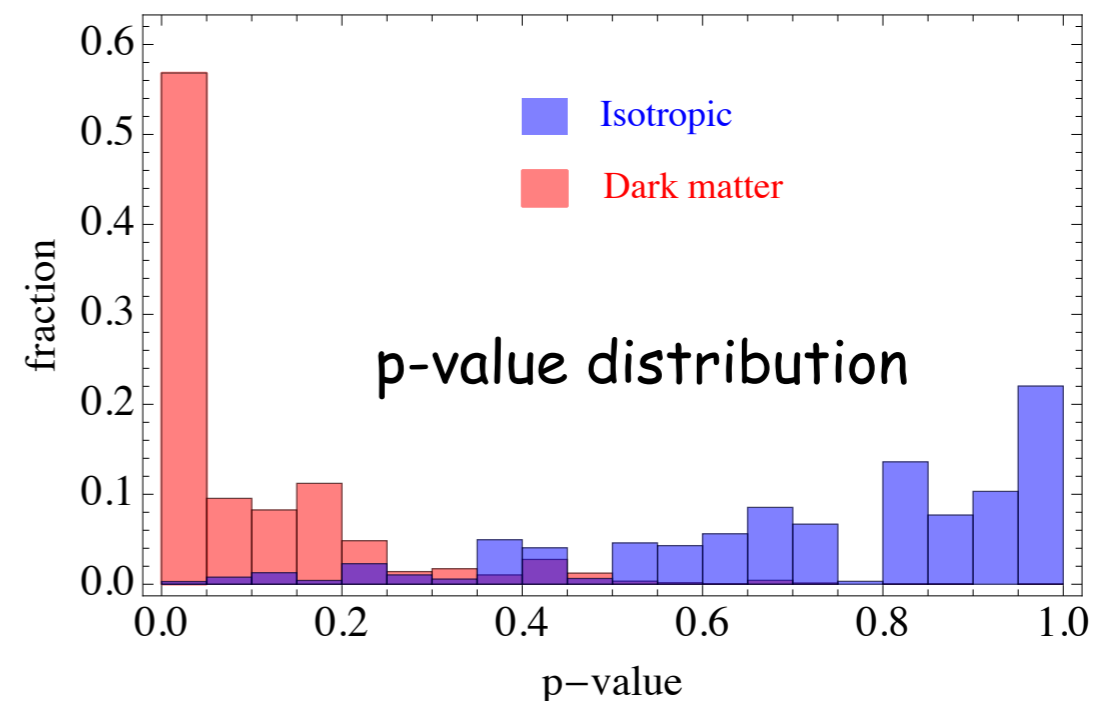
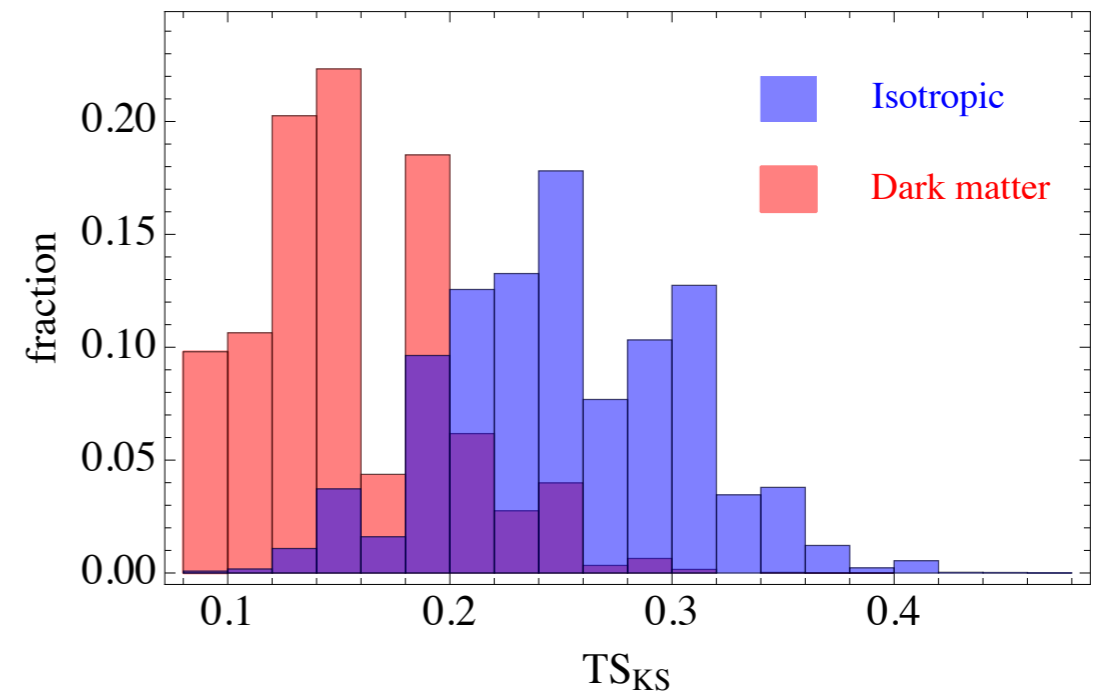
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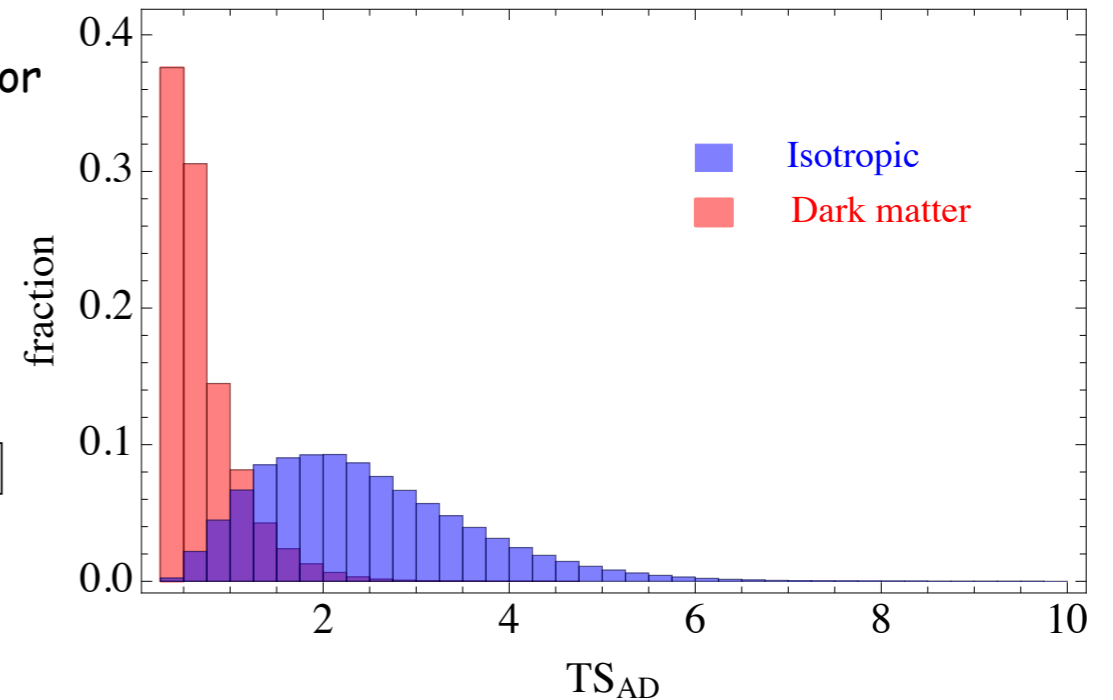
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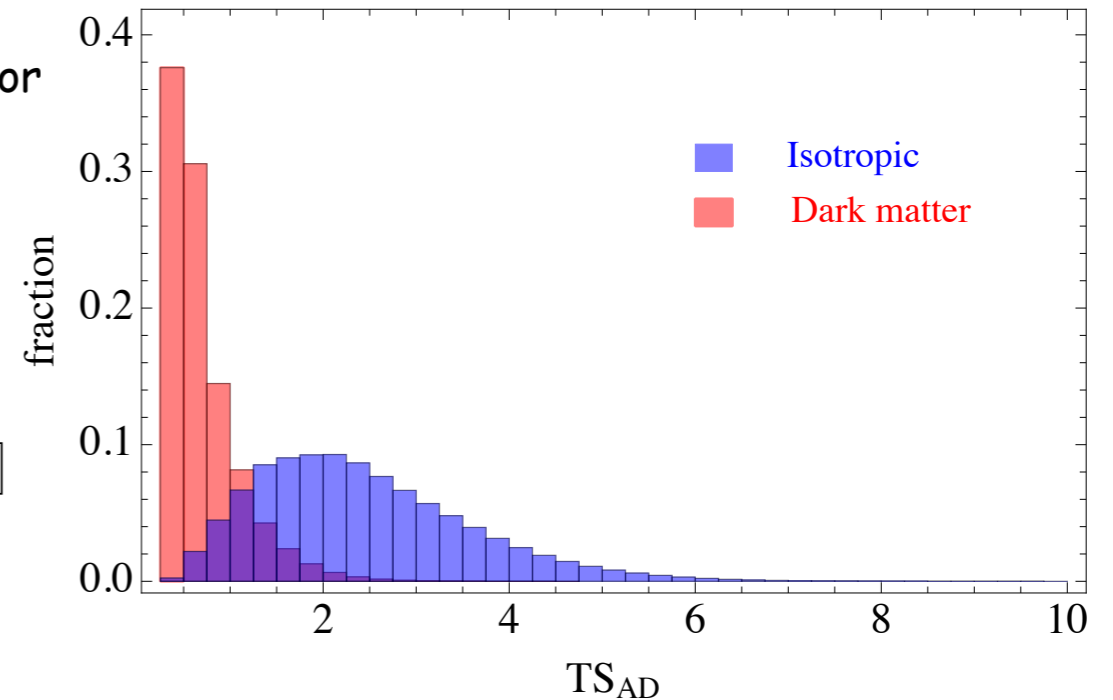
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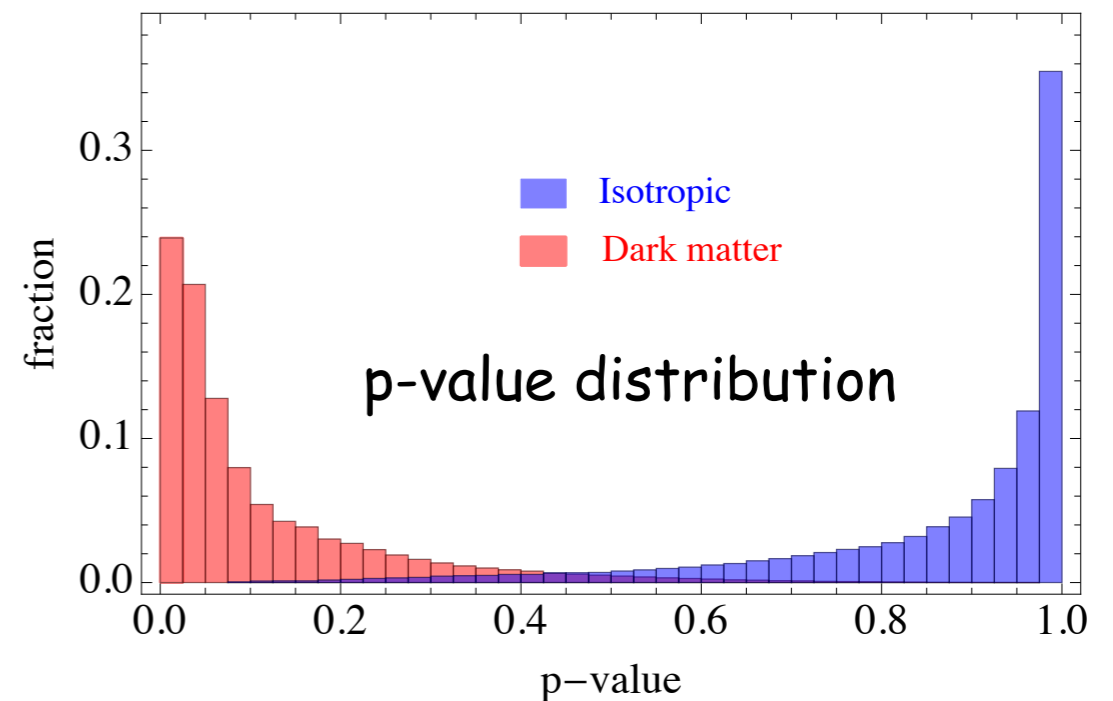


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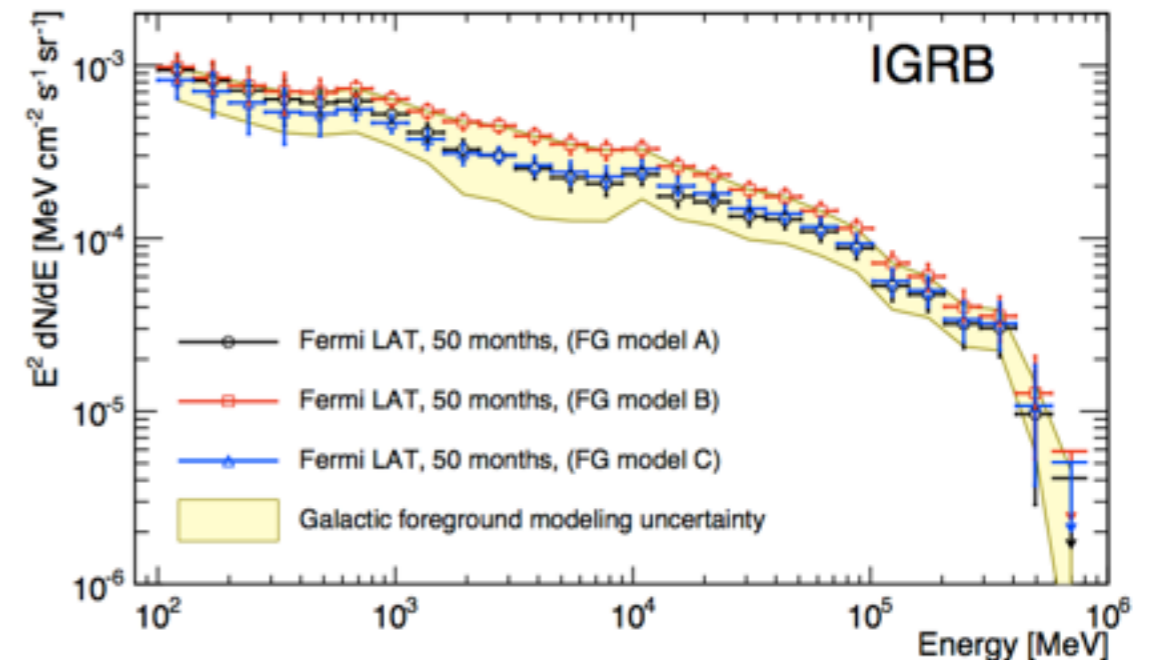
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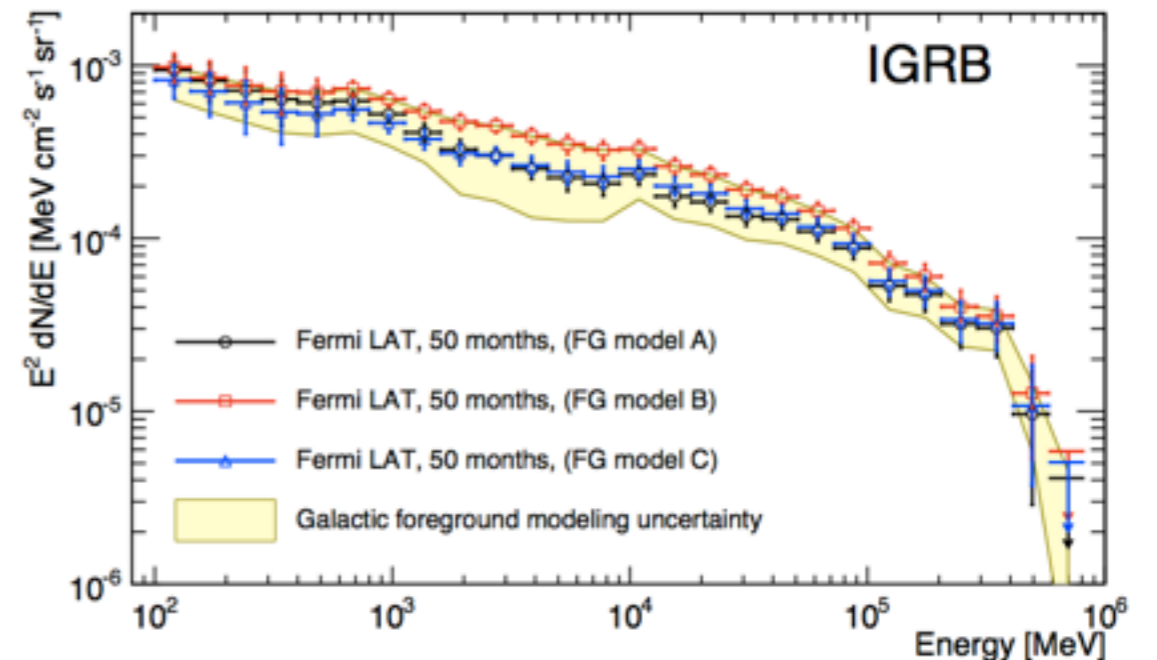
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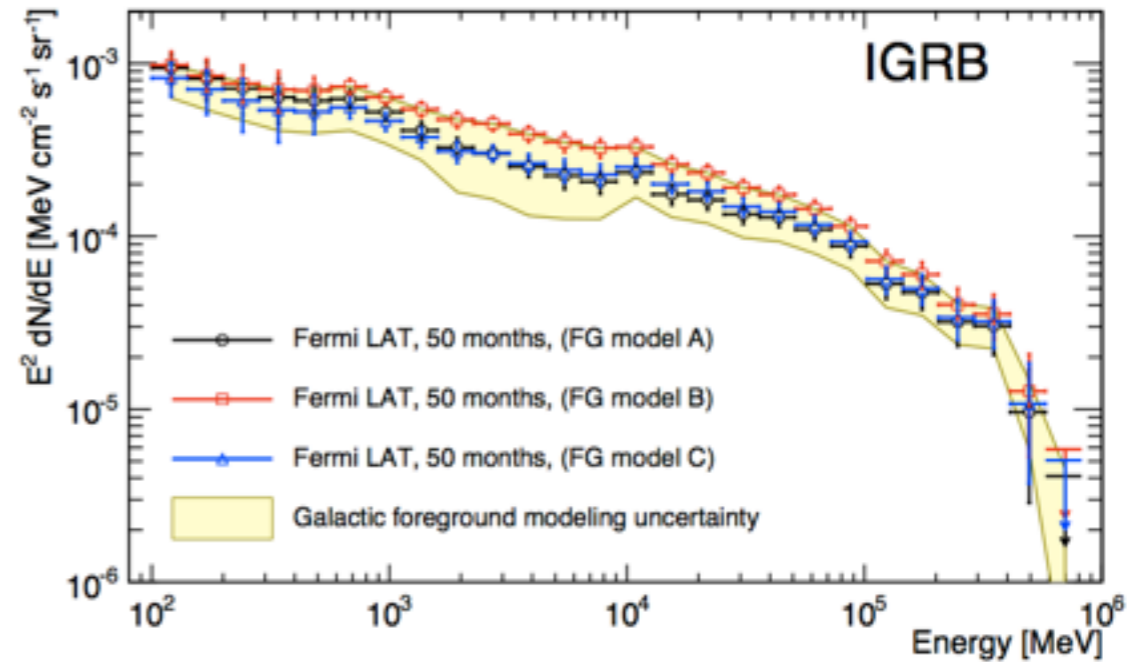
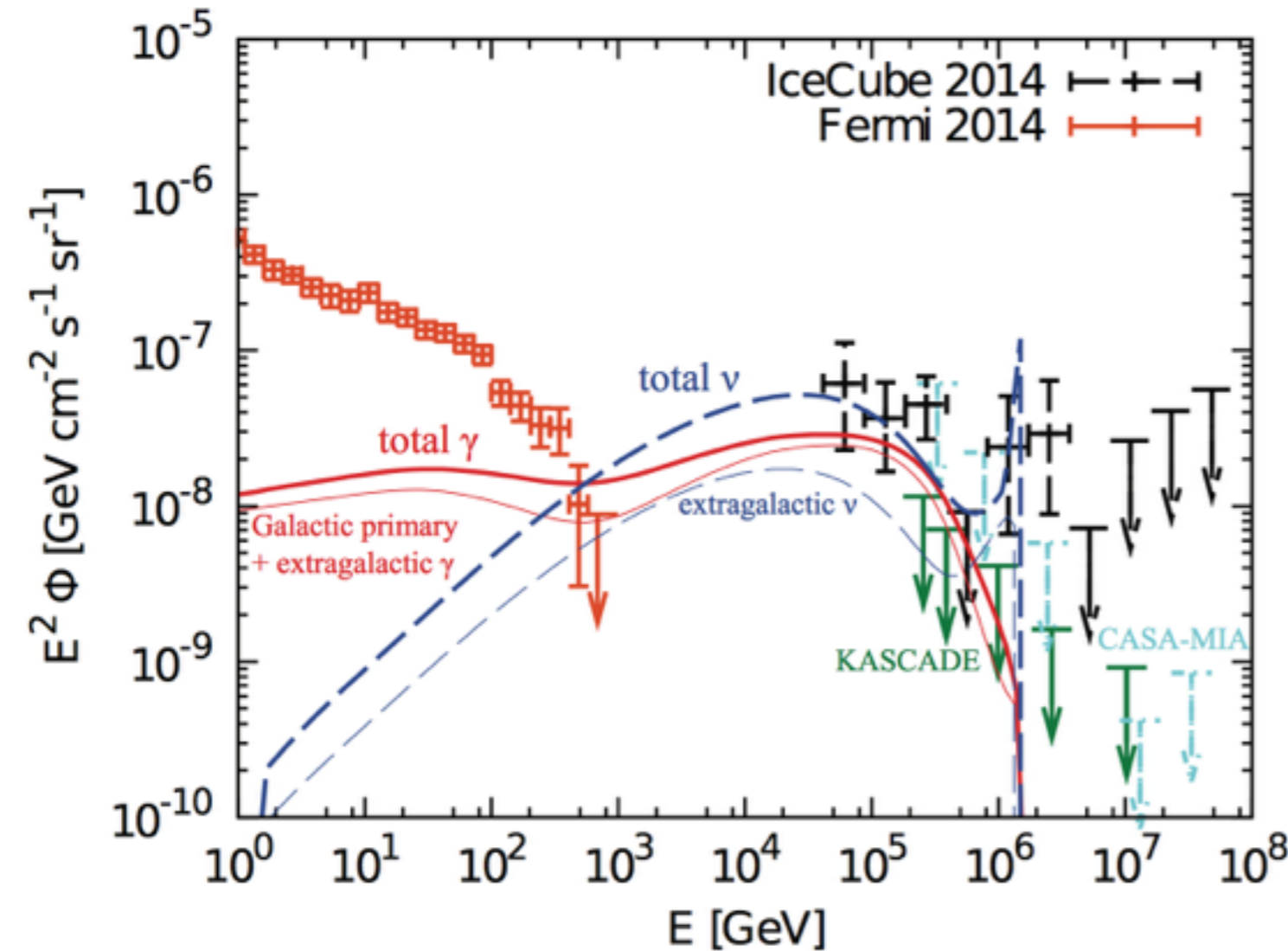
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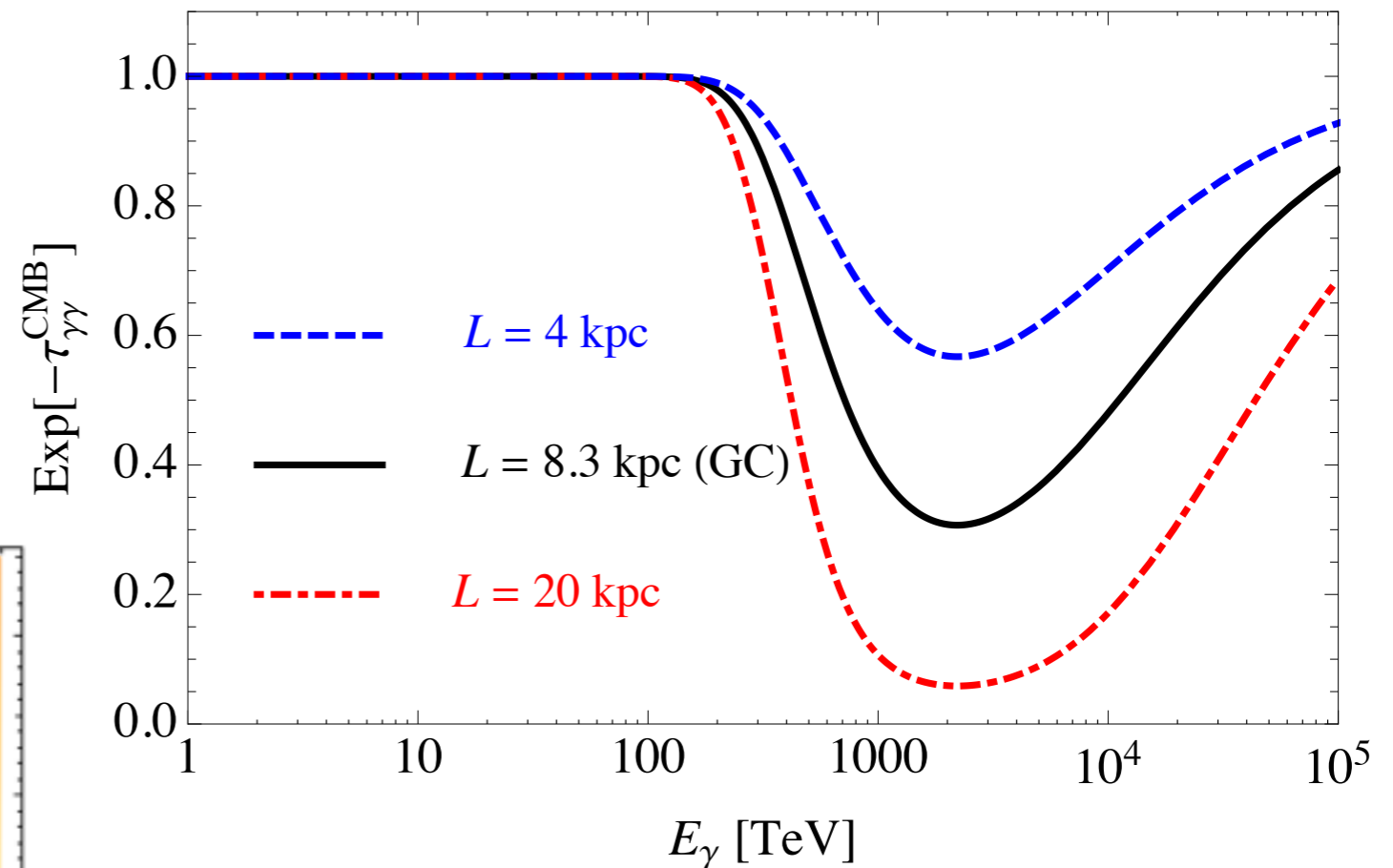
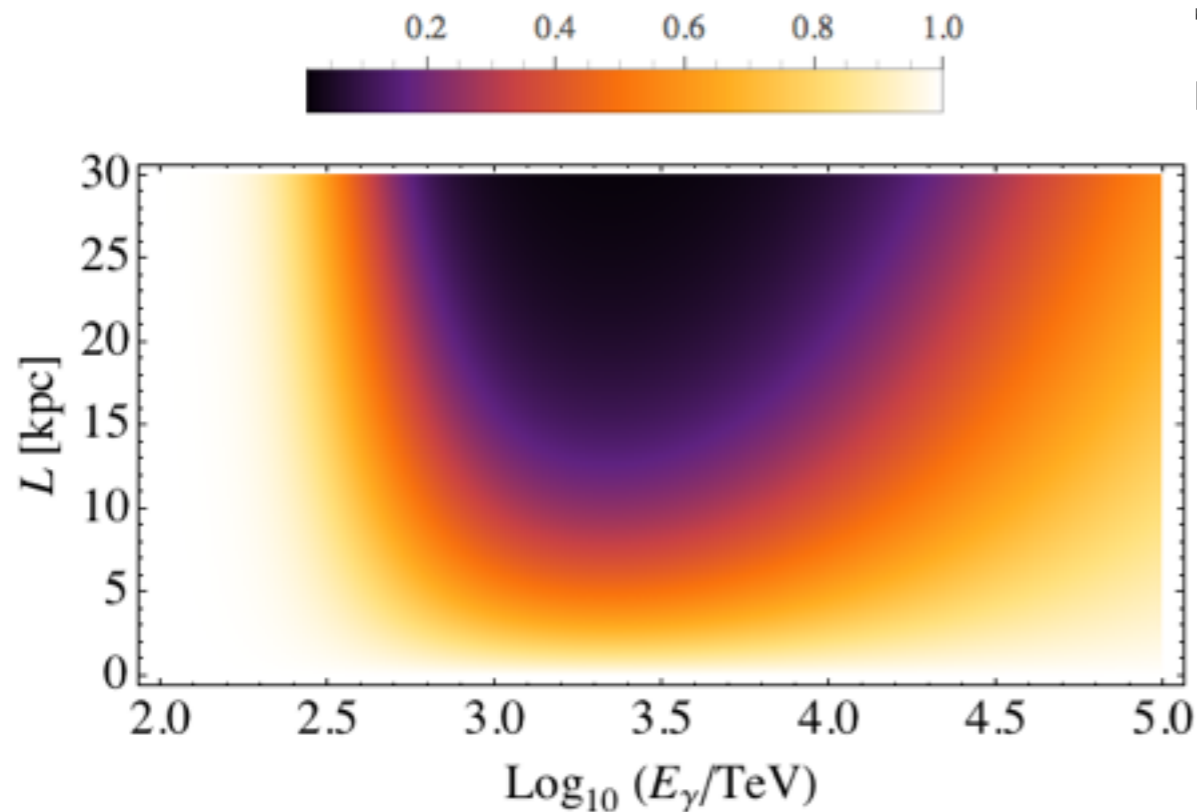
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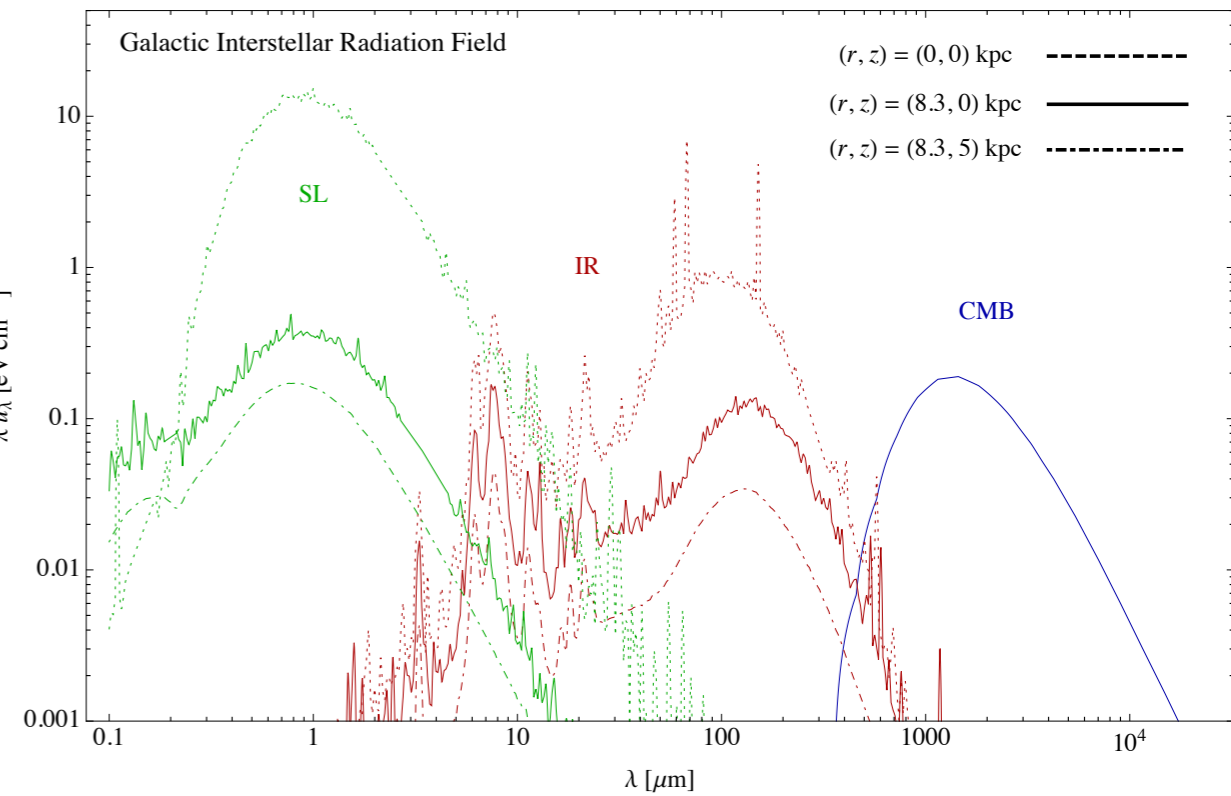
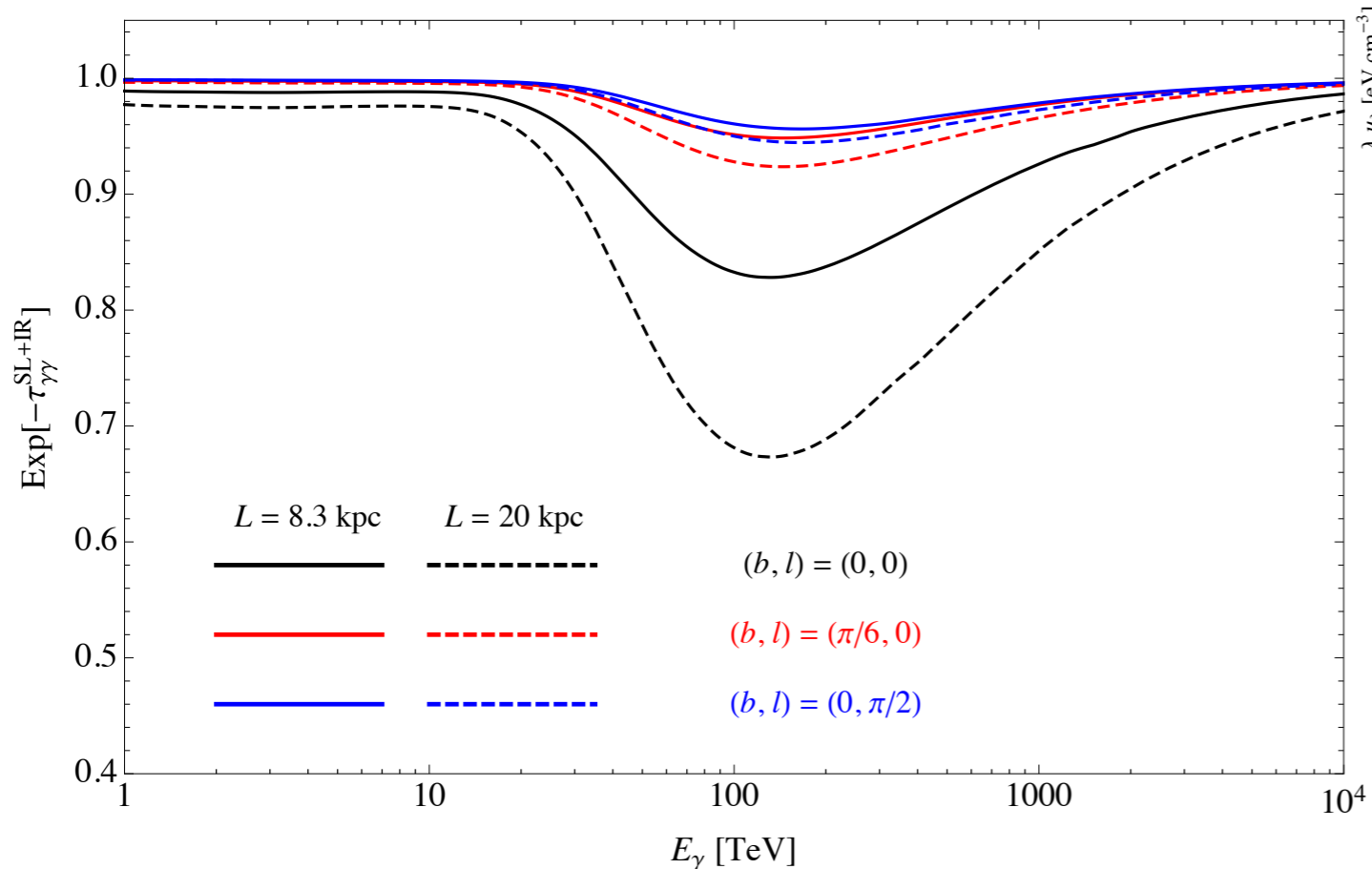
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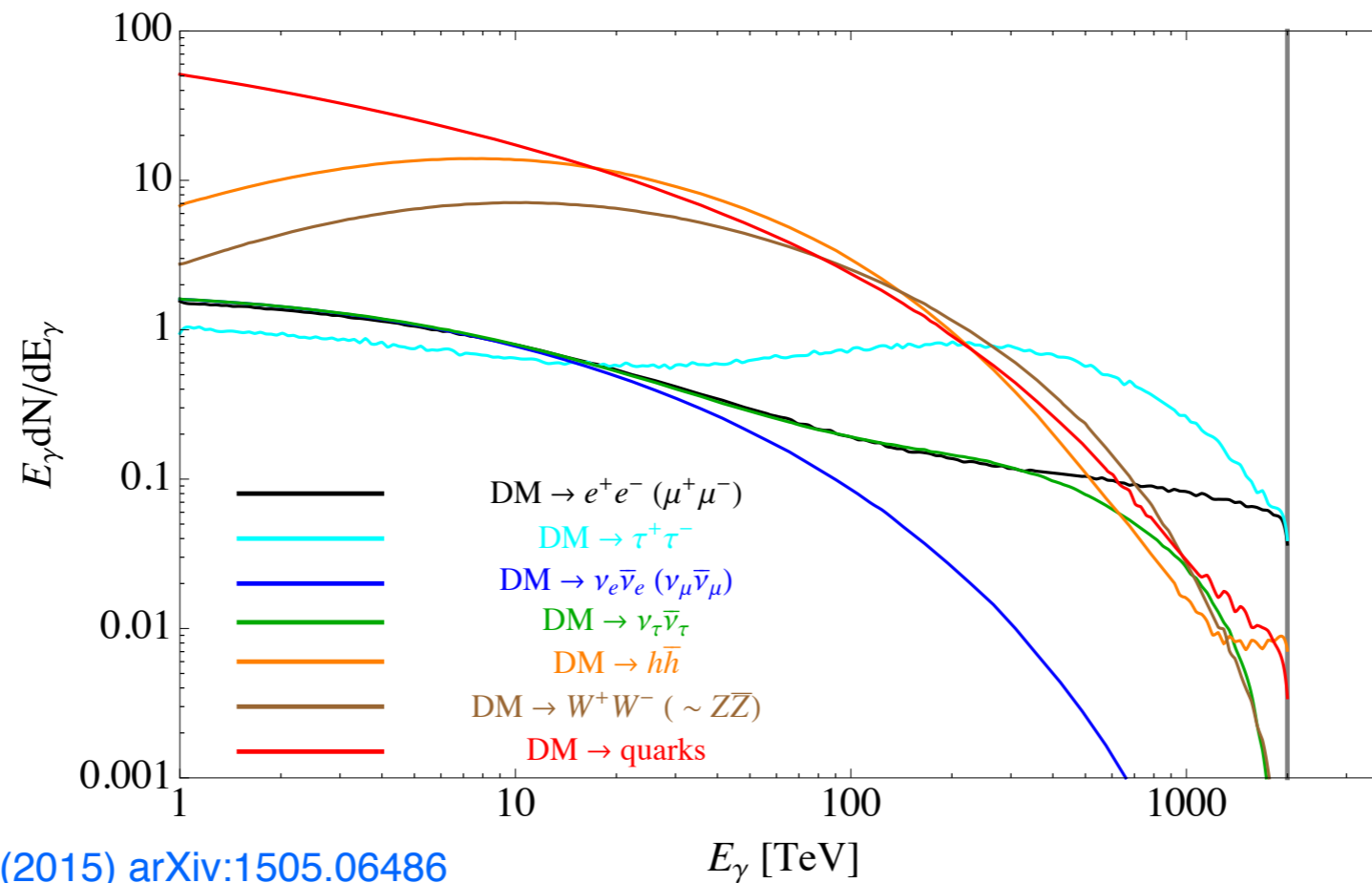
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calculated by  
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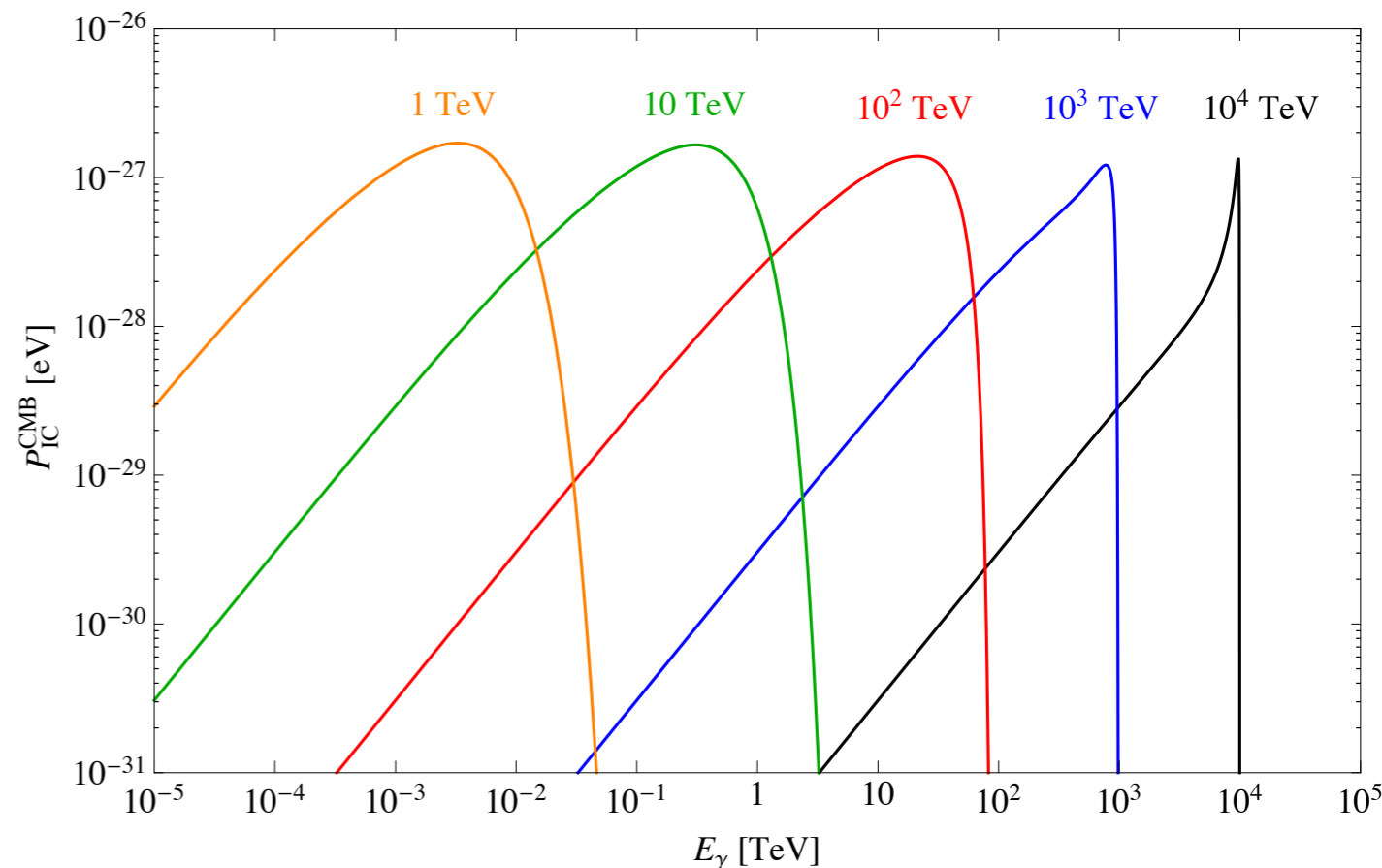


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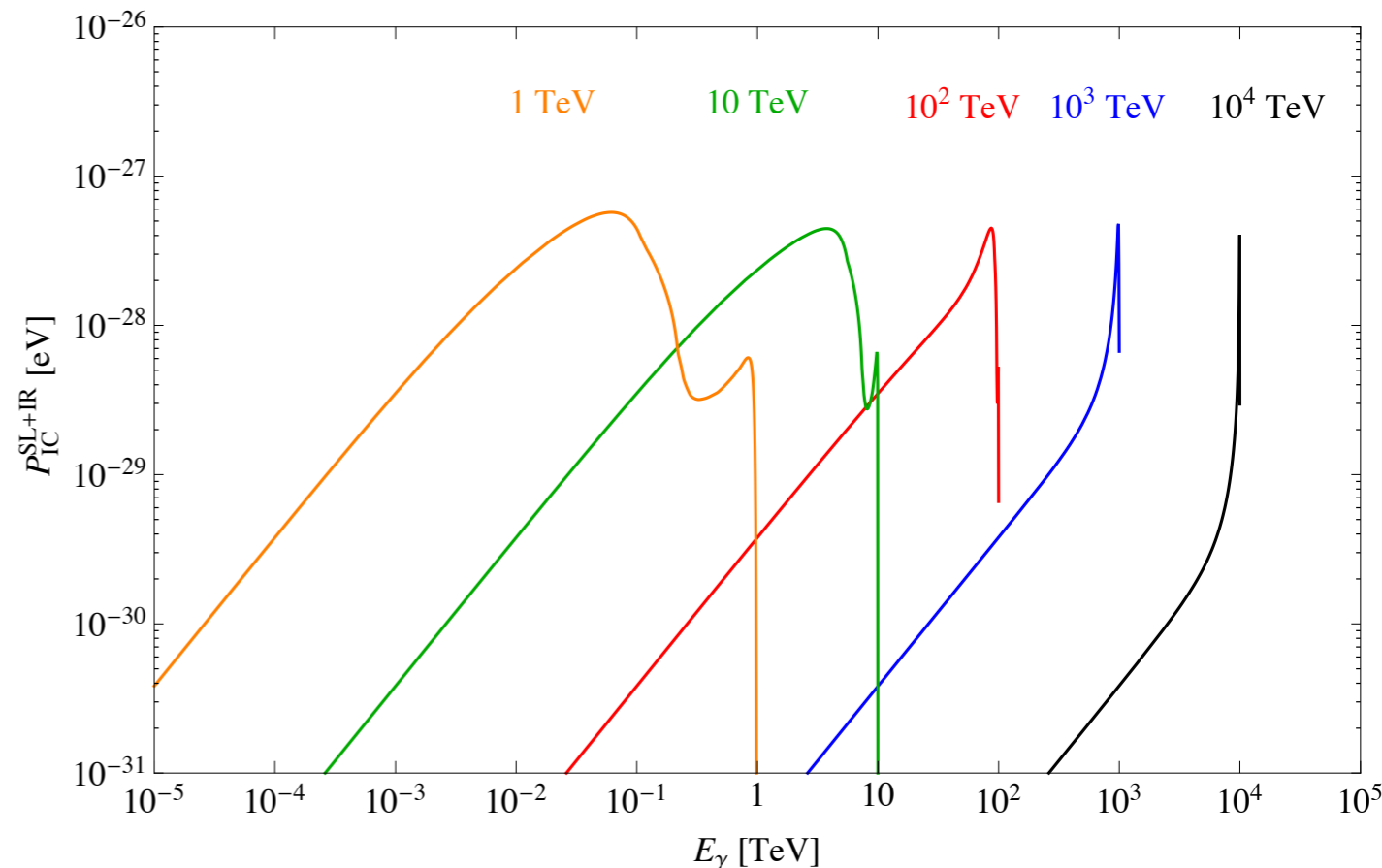


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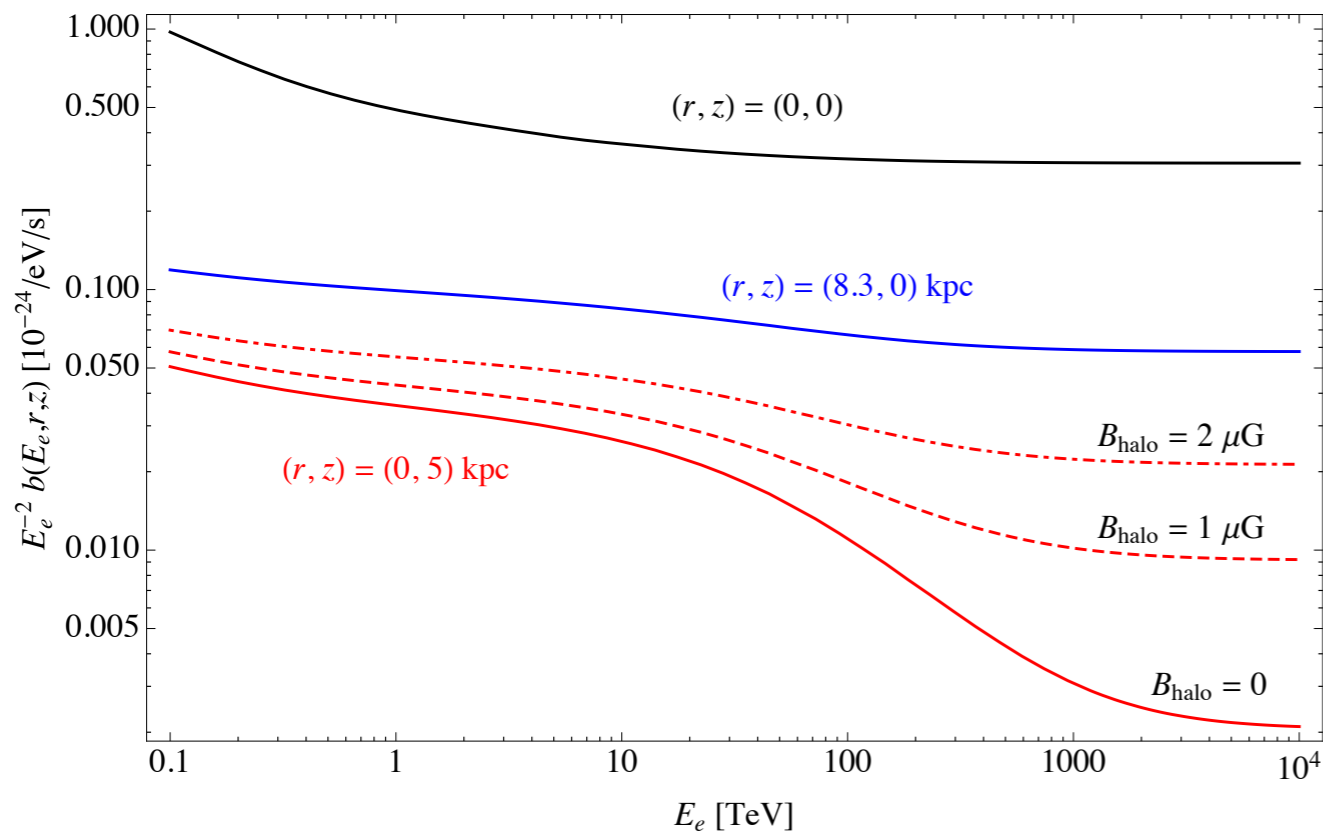


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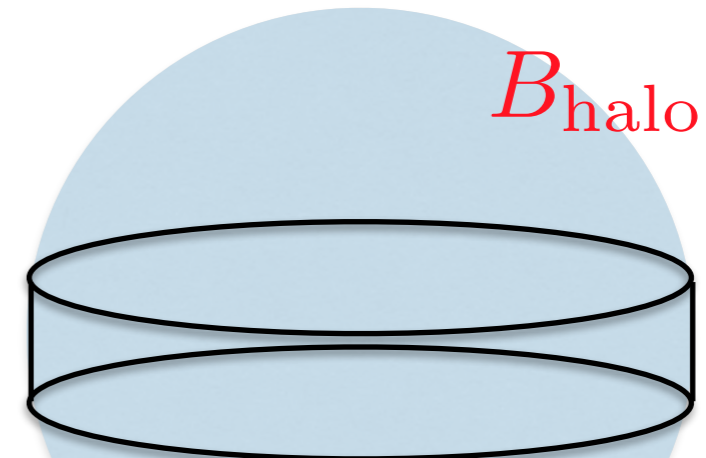
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$$b(E_e, \vec{x}) \equiv -\frac{dE_e}{dt} = b_{\text{IC}}(E_e, \vec{x}) + b_{\text{syn}}(E_e, \vec{x})$$

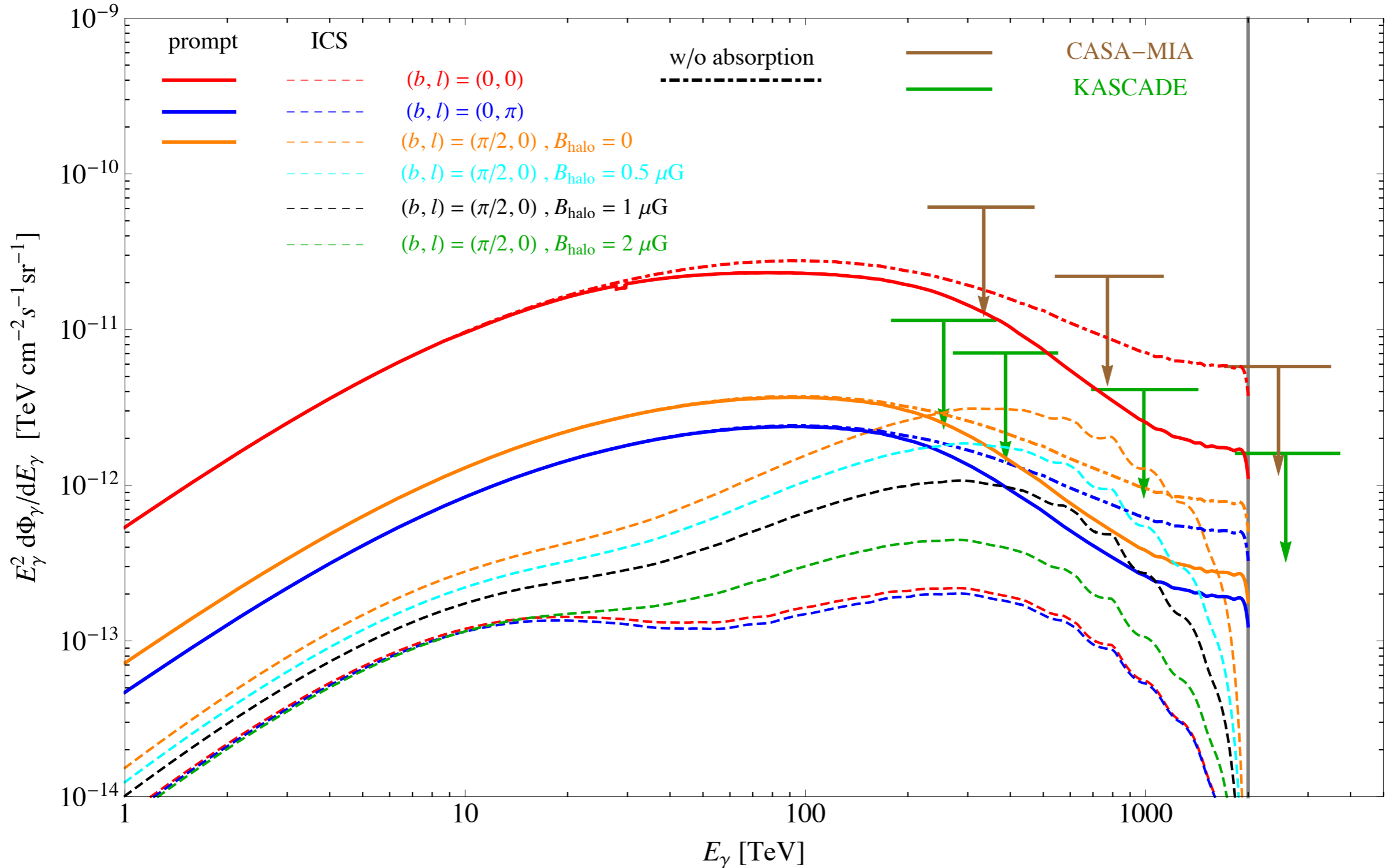


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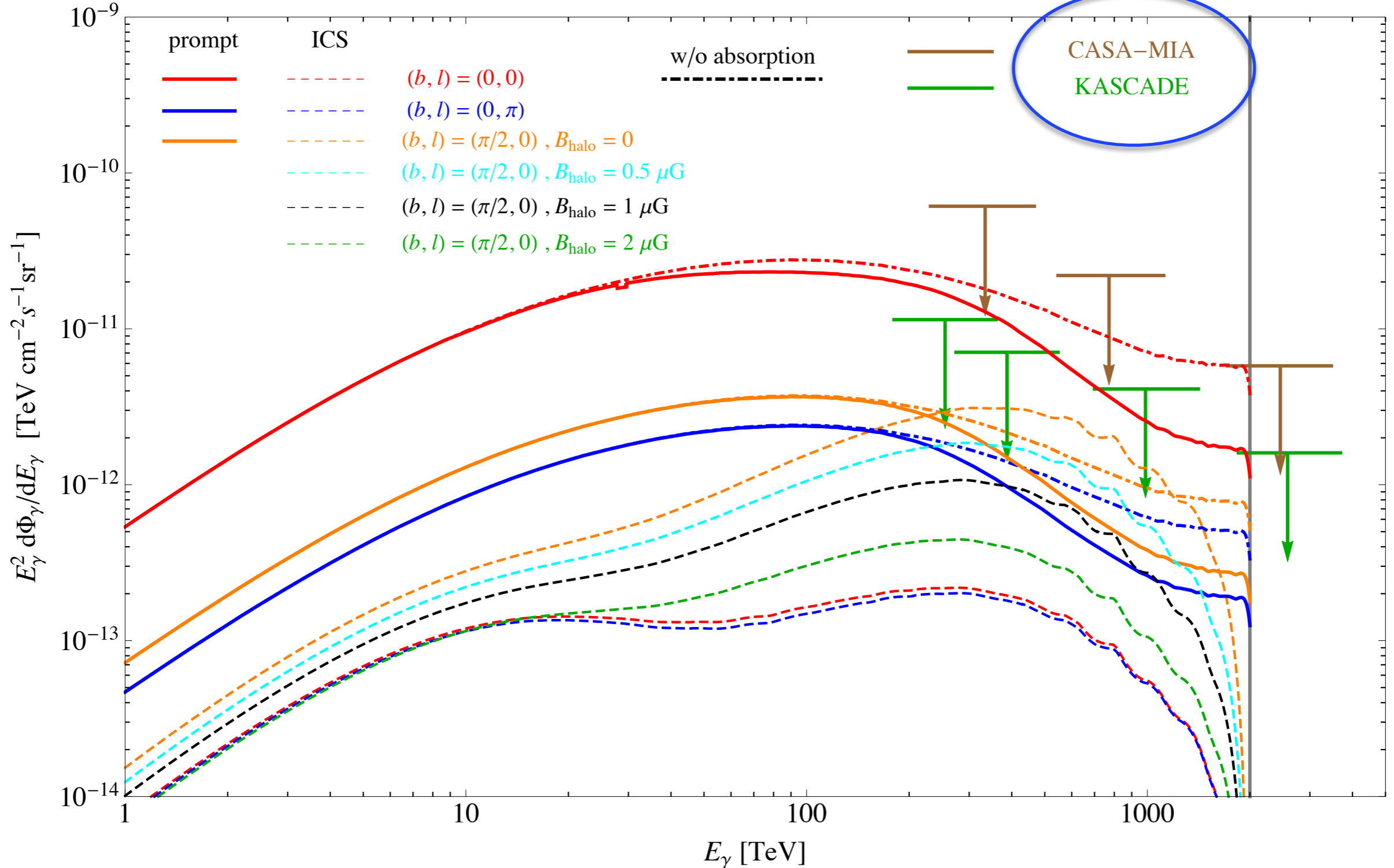


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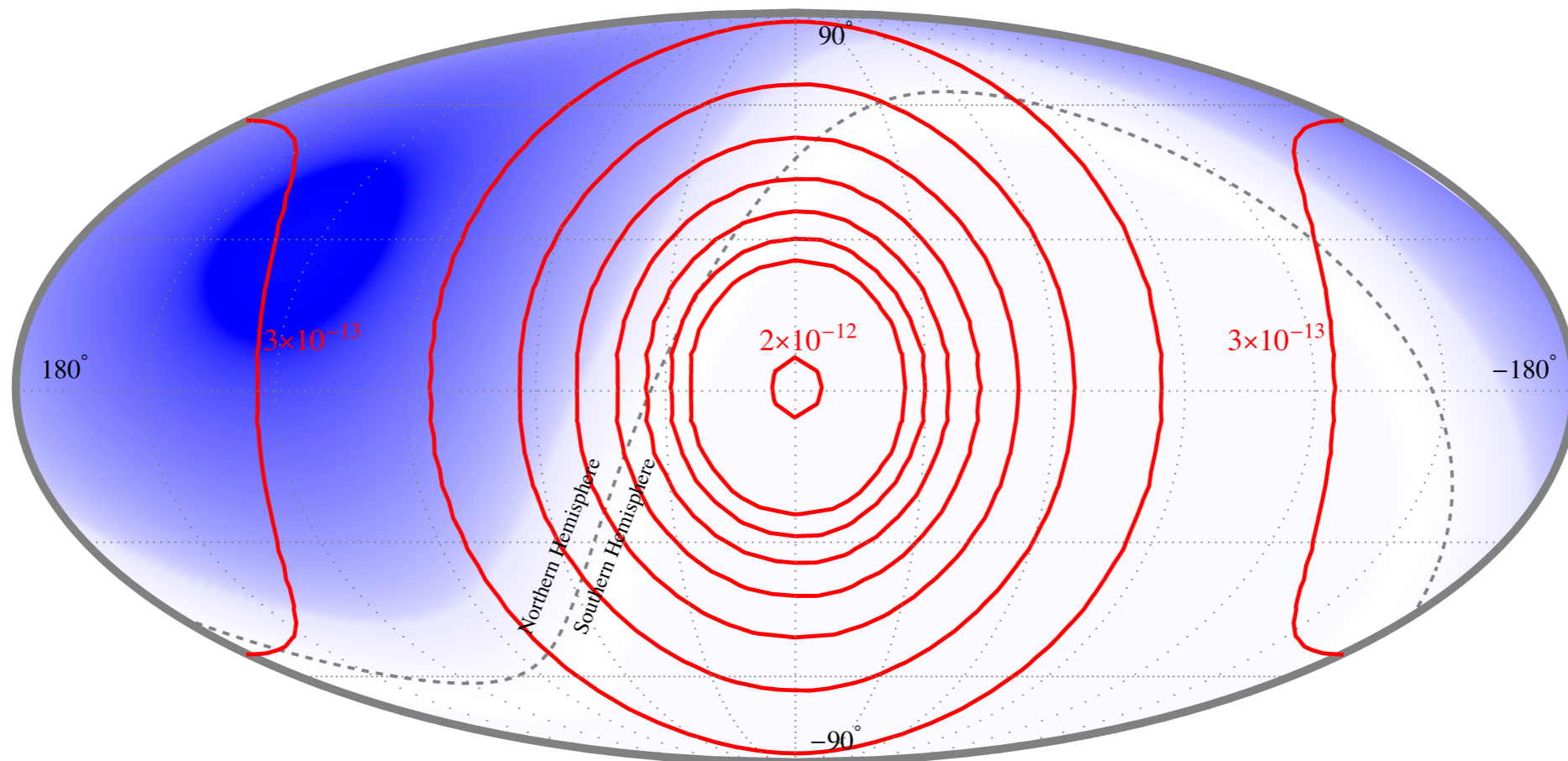
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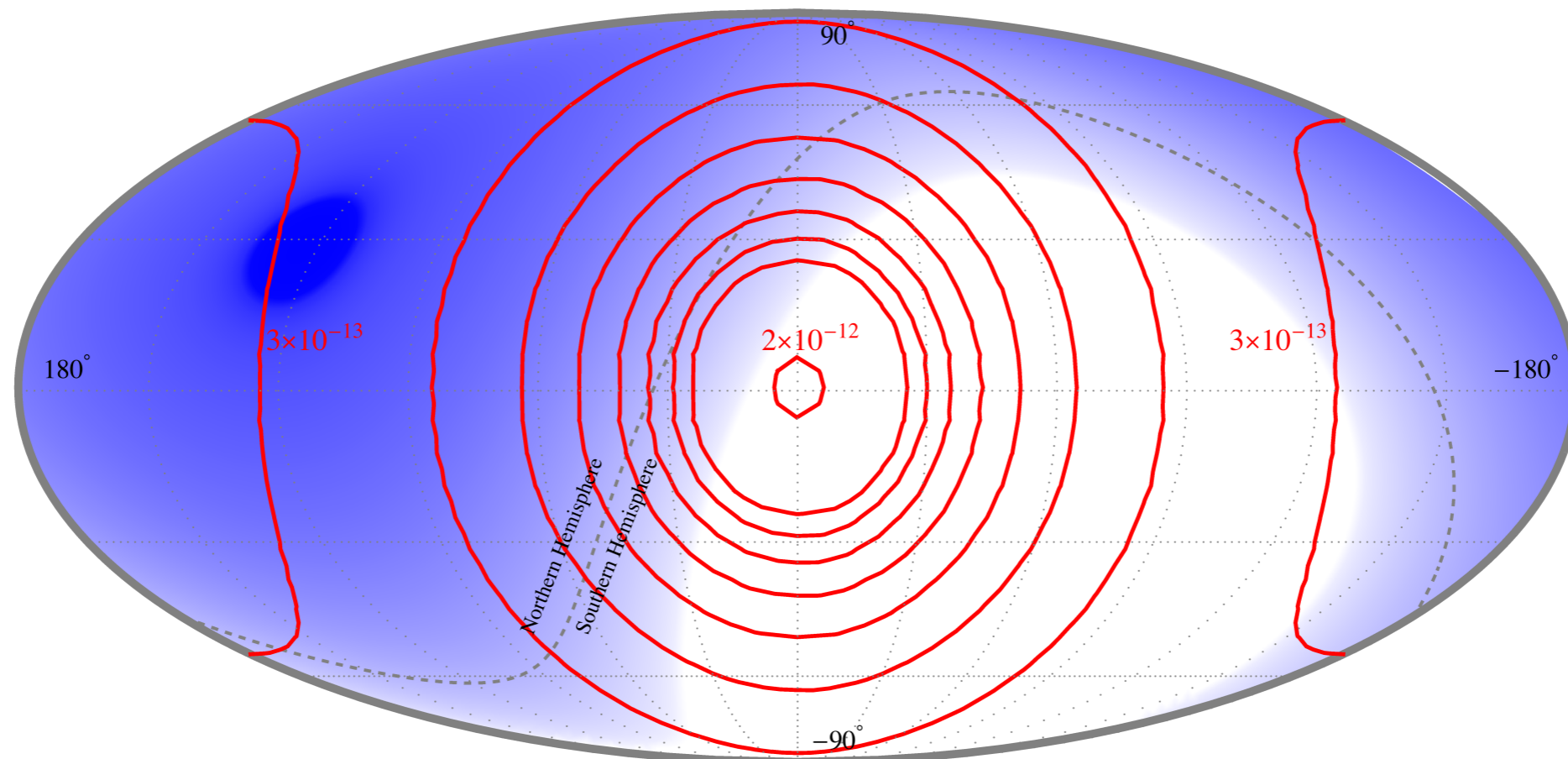


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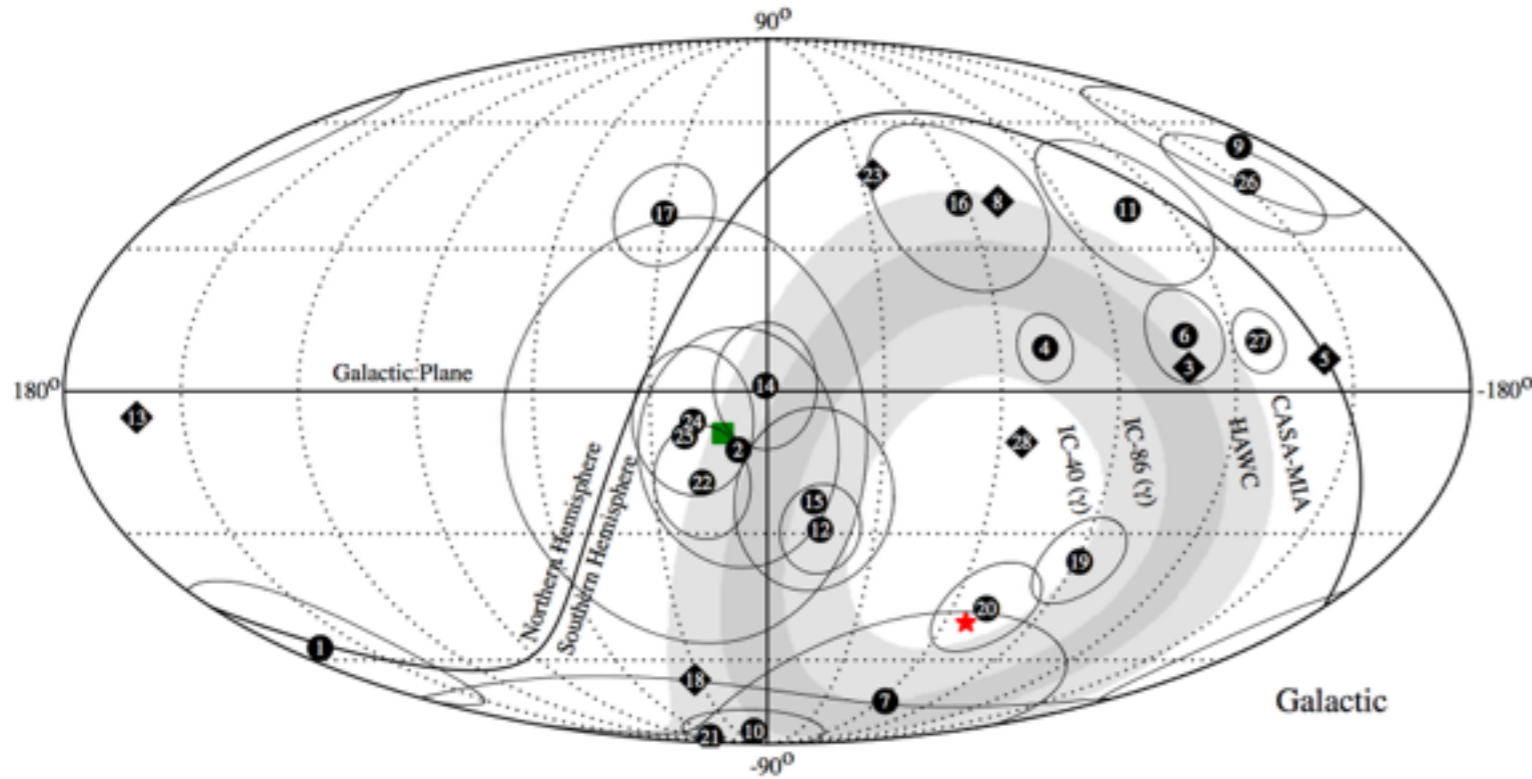
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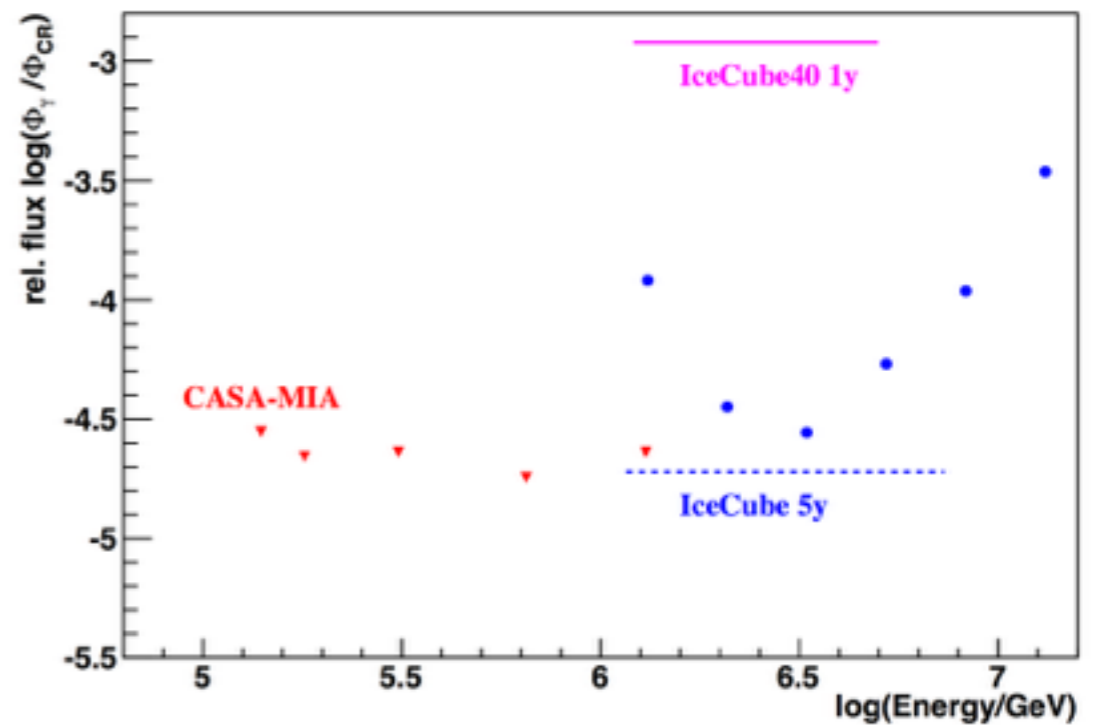
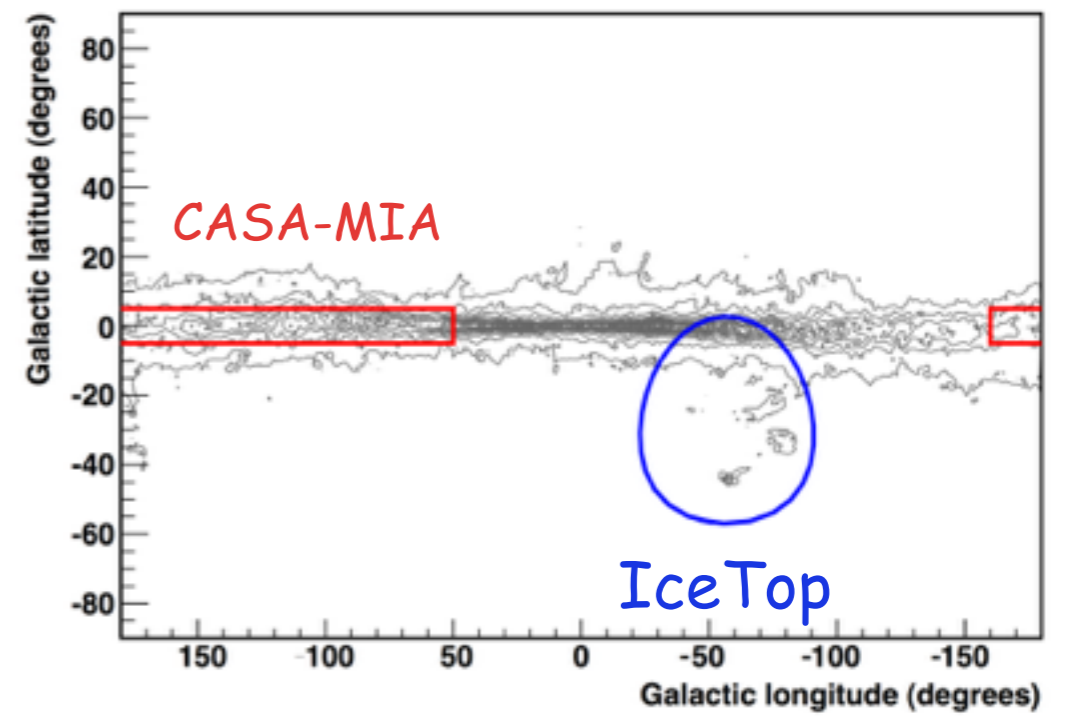
HAWC



M. Ahlers and K. Murase,  
PRD (2014), arXiv:1309.4077



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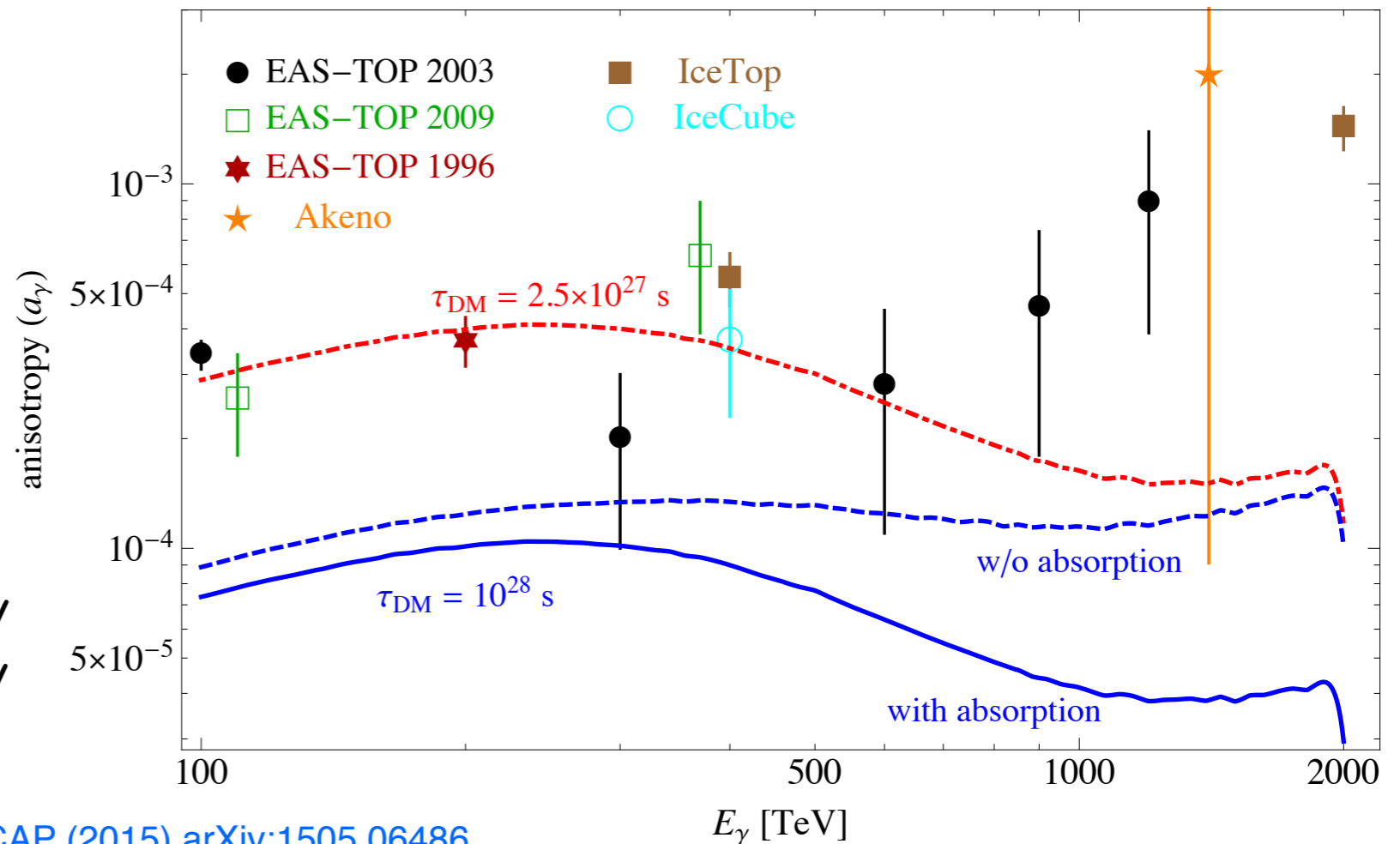
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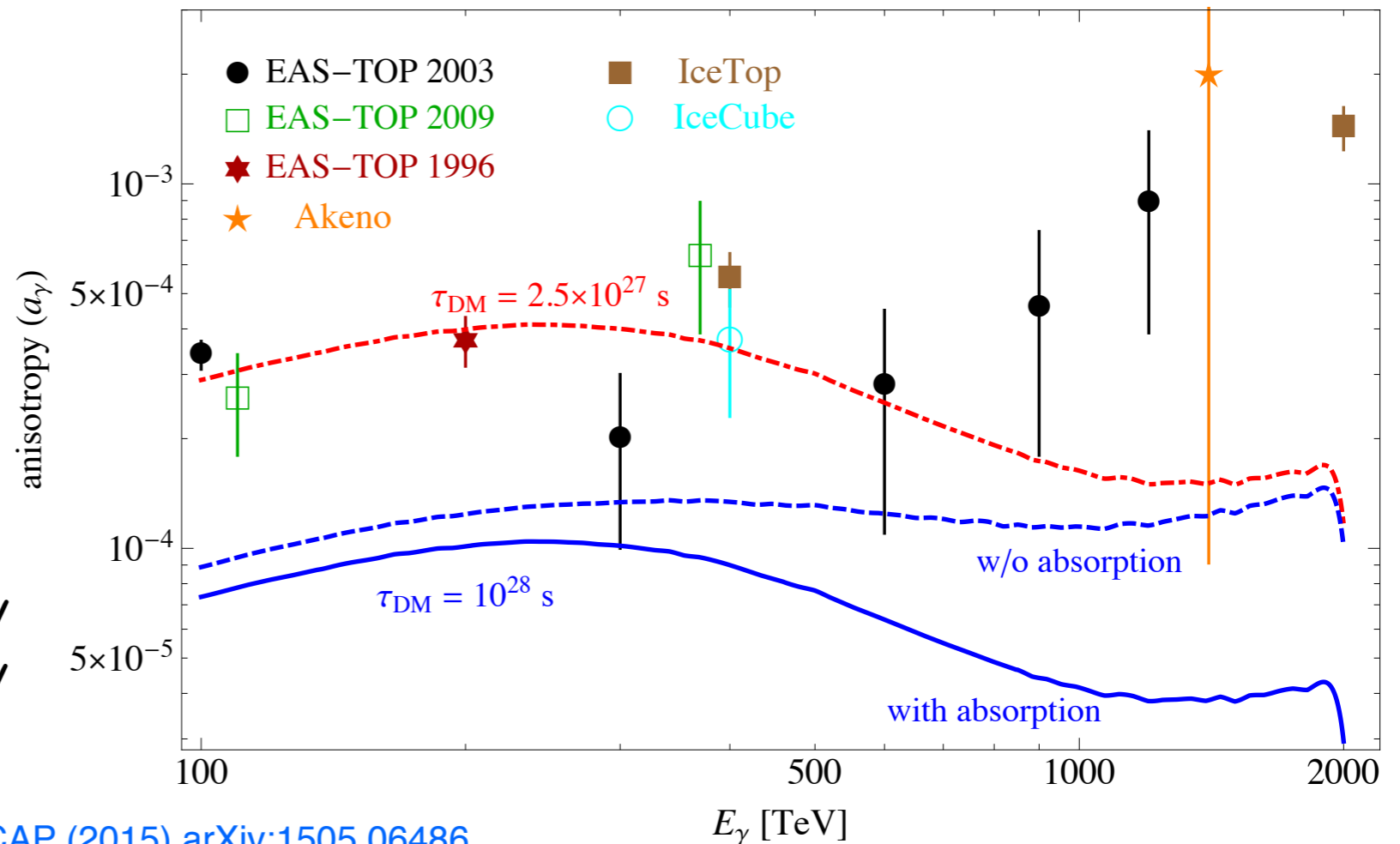
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✓ Several features of the observed events motivate us for a DM interpretation: cut-off at  $\sim 2$  PeV, a mild dip in the (400 - 1000) TeV and anisotropy.

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✓ We argued that a PeV-scale decaying DM, with generic decay channels, can naturally explain these features. The required lifetime is allowed by the current limits. Both the energy and angular distributions mildly prefer DM interpretation.

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✓ With more statistics in the next few years, the DM interpretation of IceCube events can be tested. The gamma-ray flux expected in this scenario can be detected by the next generation of EAS detectors. Also, anisotropy measurements in the CR flux would be constraining.

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*Thank you !*

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$$m_\phi \sim 10^{13} \text{ GeV}$$

"Higgs" field  $\phi_{B-L}$  plays the role of inflaton

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Leptogenesis:  $\phi \rightarrow N_2 N_2$        $M_2 \sim 10^{12}$  GeV  $\rightarrow \frac{n_B}{s} \sim 10^{-10}$

DM abundance:  $\Omega_{N_1} \simeq 0.2 \left( \frac{M_1}{4 \text{ PeV}} \right)^3 \left( \frac{T_R}{3 \times 10^7 \text{ GeV}} \right)^{-1}$

DM lifetime:  $\tau_{N_1} \simeq 8 \times 10^{28} \text{ s} \left( \frac{M_1}{1 \text{ PeV}} \right)^{-1} \left( \frac{10^{-29}}{|y_N|^2} \right)$

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production mechanism:

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inflaton decay

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- ✓  $d = 5$  :  $\mathcal{O}_{\text{DM}} \rightarrow \chi\phi$       singlet fermion and scalar  
(Asymmetric DM)
- ✓  $d = 6$  : other portals

- ✓ For  $d > 4$  there are more freedom in branching ratios. We have shown that for the most constrained model ( $d=4$ ) a good fit to the data can be obtained. Obviously better fits can be achieved for  $d > 4$ .

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## ✓ DM lifetime

contribution of DM to the events in each bin should be smaller than  $N_{\text{limit}}$

bin #	$\log_{10}(E_\nu/\text{TeV})$	$N_{\text{astro}}(E_\nu^{-2} \div E_\nu^{-2.3})$	$N_{\text{data}}$	$N_{\text{limit}}(E_\nu^{-2} \div E_\nu^{-2.3})$	$N_{\text{limit}}$
#1	1.4 – 1.6	9.46 ÷ 10	11	7.8 ÷ 7.46	16.6
#2	1.6 – 1.8	4.31 ÷ 5.3	6	6.53 ÷ 5.87	10.5
#3	1.8 – 2.0	4.55 ÷ 5.68	7	7.41 ÷ 6.58	11.8
#4	2.0 – 2.2	3.97 ÷ 4.82	3	3.98 ÷ 3.73	6.68
#5	2.2 – 2.4	3.32 ÷ 3.56	4	5.15 ÷ 5.01	8.00
#6	2.4 – 2.6	2.59 ÷ 2.42	2	3.65 ÷ 3.71	5.32
#7	2.6 – 2.8	1.96 ÷ 1.62	0	2.3 ÷ 2.3	2.3
#8	2.8 – 3.0	1.55 ÷ 1.1	0	2.3 ÷ 2.3	2.3
#9	3.0 – 3.2	1.2 ÷ 0.74	2	4.31 ÷ 4.64	5.32
#10	3.2 – 3.4	0.92 ÷ 0.5	1	3.3 ÷ 3.51	3.89
#11	3.4 – 3.6	0.73 ÷ 0.35	0	2.3 ÷ 2.3	2.3
#12	3.6 – 3.8	1.72 ÷ 0.76	0	2.3 ÷ 2.3	2.3

Poisson statistics:

at  $q\%$  C.L.

$$\frac{q}{100} = \frac{\int_0^{N_{\text{limit}}^i} L(N_{\text{data}}^i, N) dN}{\int_0^\infty L(N_{\text{data}}^i, N) dN}$$

$$L(N_{\text{data}}^i, N) = \frac{(N + N_{\text{astro}}^i)^{N_{\text{data}}^i}}{N_{\text{data}}^i!} e^{-(N + N_{\text{astro}}^i)}$$

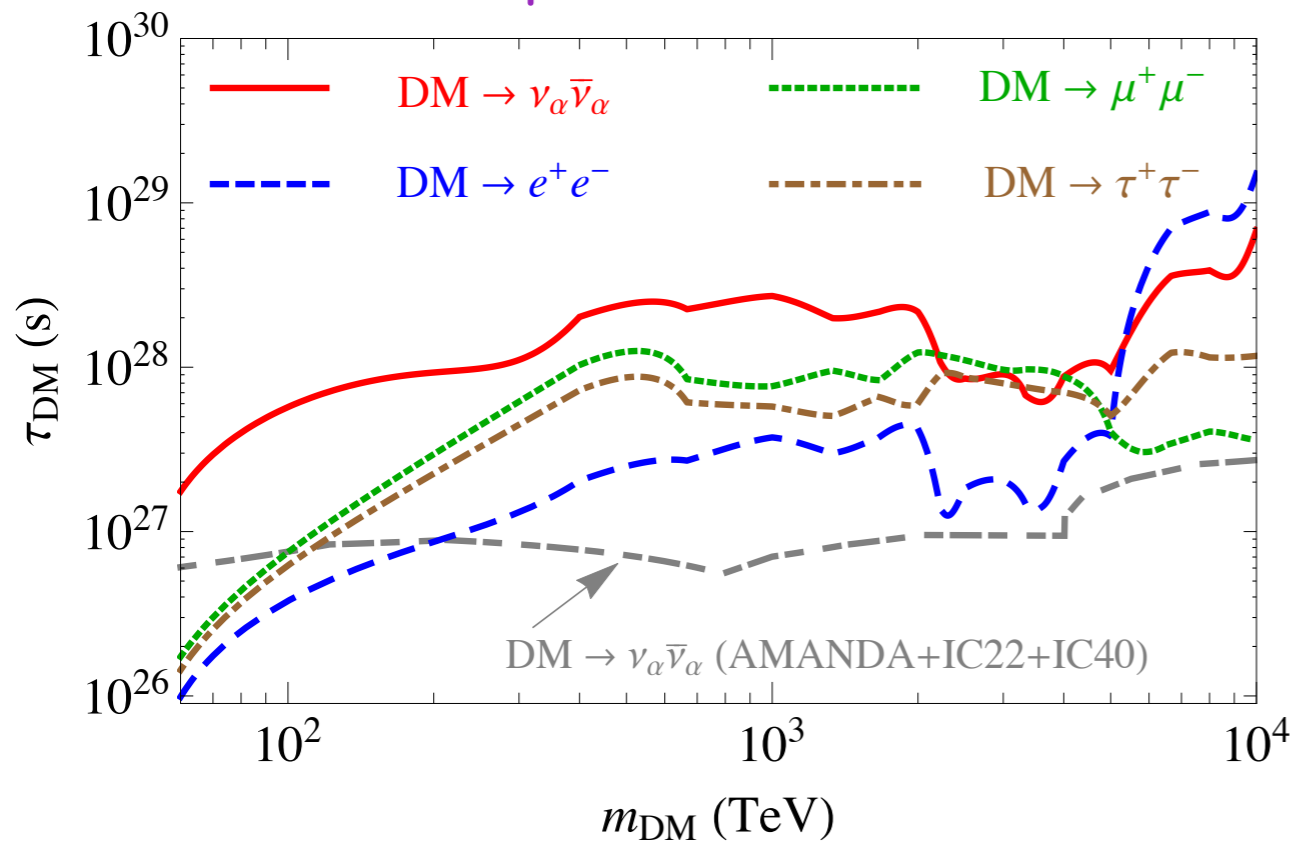
or

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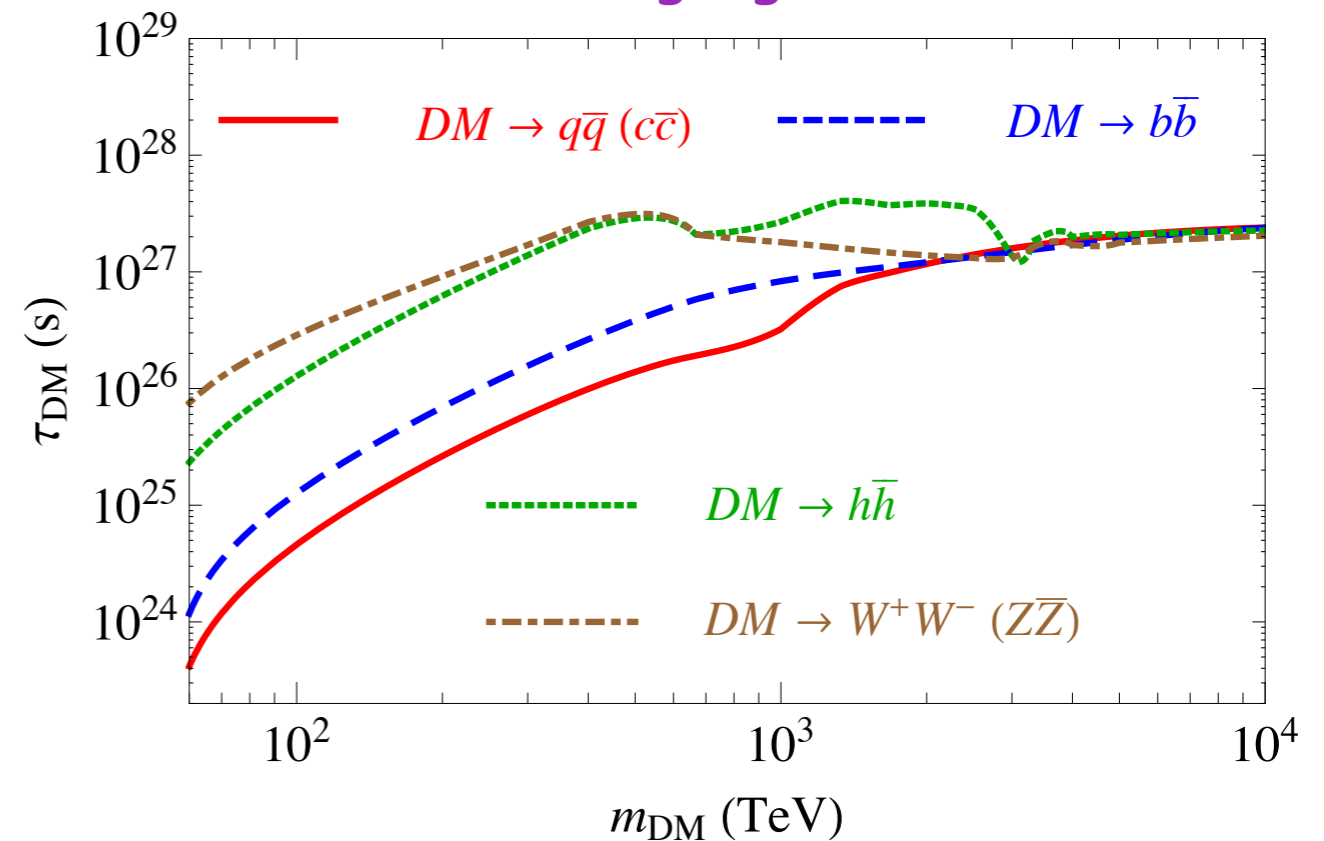
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leptonic channels



hadronic/gauge channels

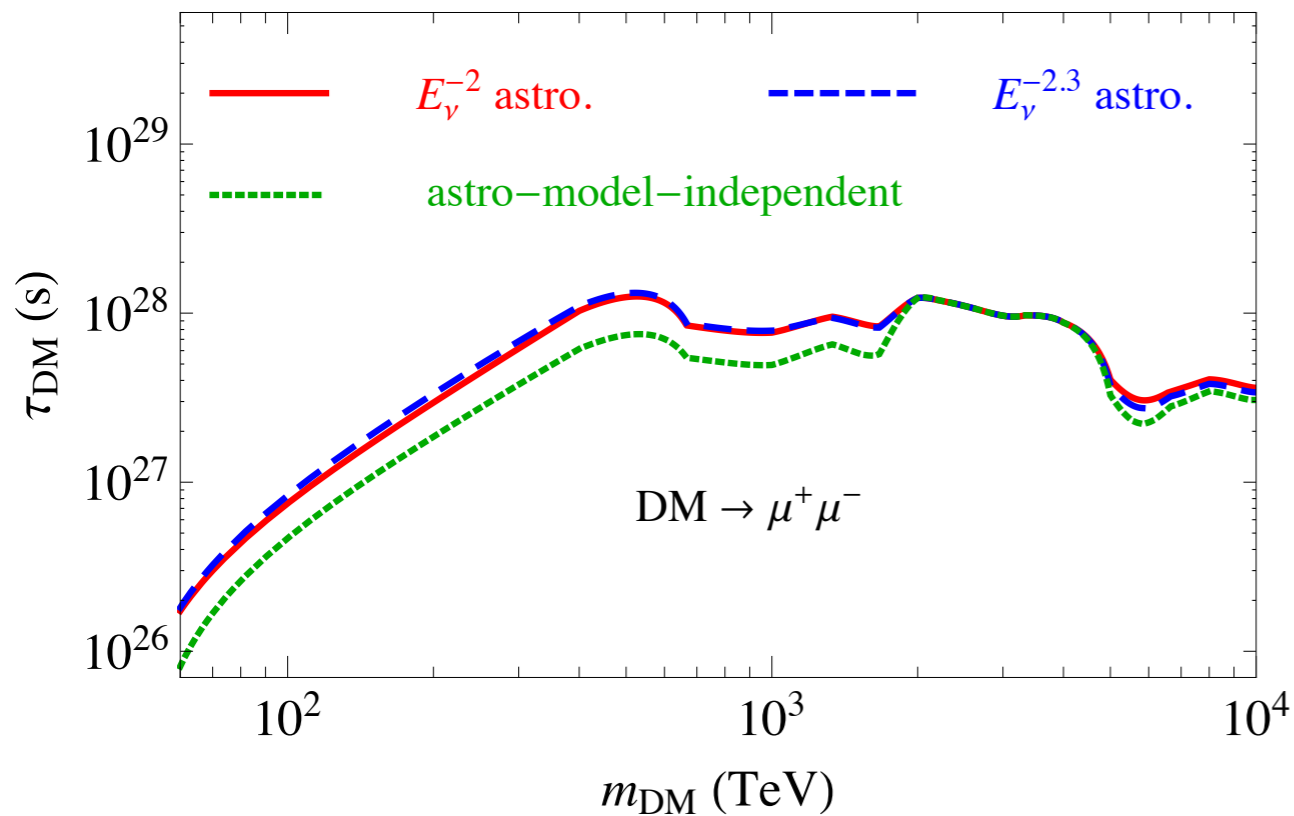
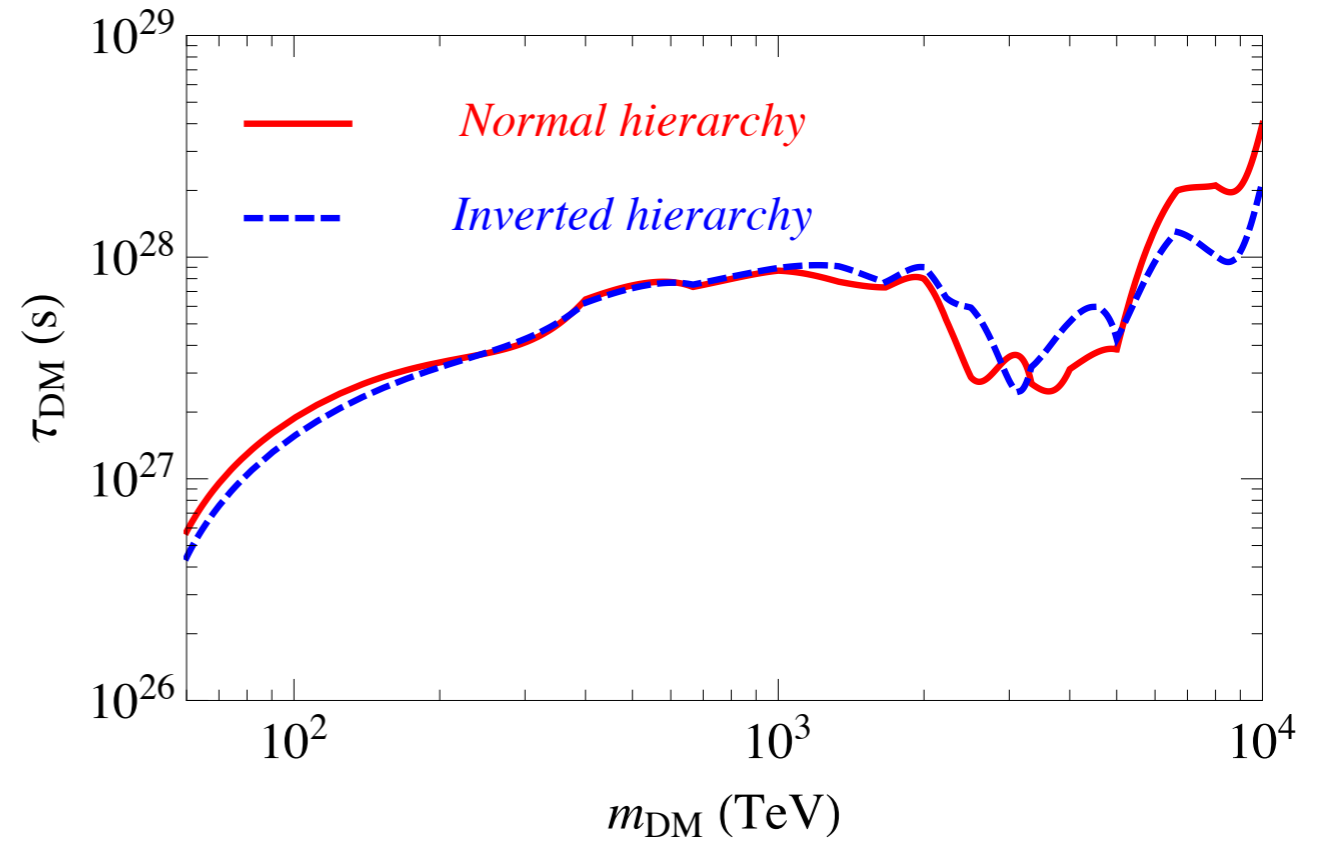


- ✓ at least one order of magnitude stronger lower limit on the DM lifetime, in the relevant DM mass range
- ✓ for a specific model, different channels should be scaled according to the corresponding branching ratios

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NH and IH cases →



← dependence on the astro. model?

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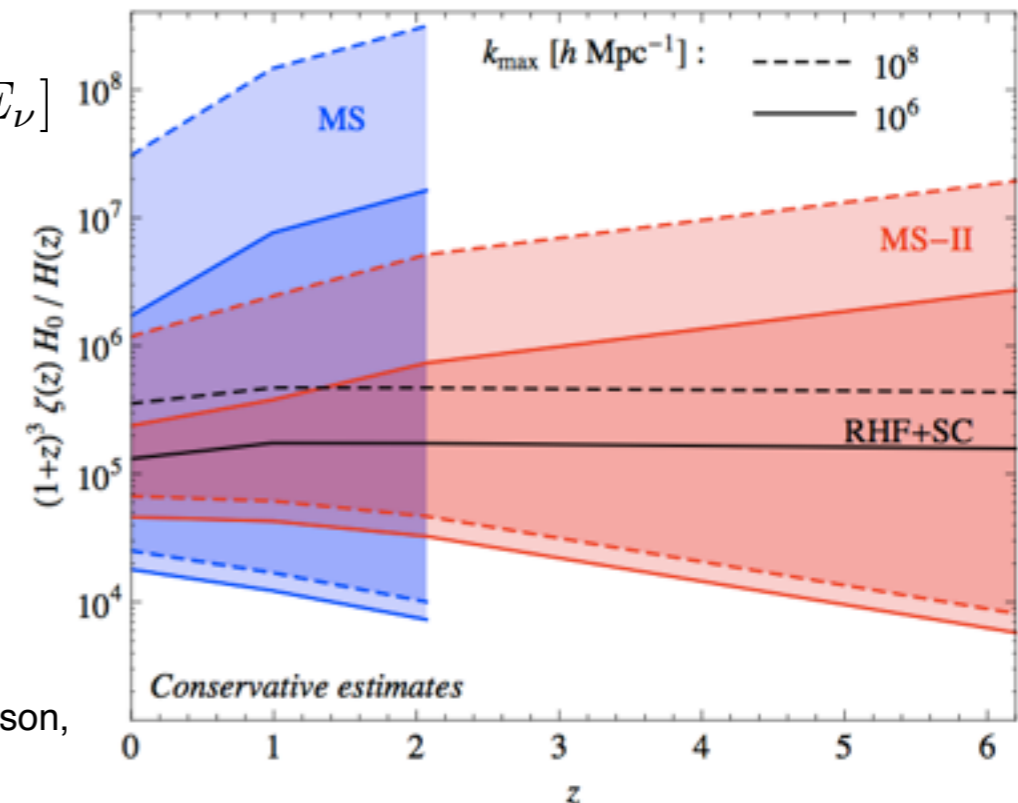
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The cosmic flux from all redshift

$$\frac{dJ_{\text{cos}}^{\text{ann}}}{dE_\nu} = \frac{\langle\sigma v\rangle}{2} \frac{\Omega_{\text{DM}}^2 \rho_c^2}{4\pi m_{\text{DM}}^2} \frac{c}{H_0} \int_0^\infty \frac{(1+z)^3 \zeta(z) dz}{\sqrt{\Omega_m (1+z)^3 + \Omega_\Lambda}} \frac{dN}{dE_\nu} [(1+z) E_\nu]$$

$\zeta(z)$  flux multiplier (DM clustering)



E. Sefusatti, G. Zaharijas, P. D. Serpico, D. Theurel and M. Gustafsson, Mon. Not. Roy. Astron. Soc. (2014) [arXiv:1401.2117].

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minimum  $\div$  maximum value used for  $\zeta(z)$      unit of  $\langle\sigma v\rangle$  is  $10^{-22} \text{ cm}^3\text{s}^{-1}$

$m_{\text{DM}}$ DM + DM $\rightarrow$	100 TeV	50 TeV	30 TeV
$\nu_\alpha \bar{\nu}_\alpha$	1.39 $\div$ 0.22	1.21 $\div$ 0.36	2.44 $\div$ 0.88
$q\bar{q}$	489 $\div$ 84.5	1427 $\div$ 299	9934 $\div$ 4603
$b\bar{b}$	185 $\div$ 30.4	517 $\div$ 106	3514 $\div$ 1621
$c\bar{c}$	592 $\div$ 100	1708 $\div$ 348	11218 $\div$ 5215
$e^+e^-$	14.7 $\div$ 2.38	17.8 $\div$ 5.06	41.3 $\div$ 14.2
$\mu^+\mu^-$	4.47 $\div$ 0.65	9.06 $\div$ 1.6	23.7 $\div$ 9.23
$\tau^+\tau^-$	5.84 $\div$ 0.93	10.9 $\div$ 2.3	28.5 $\div$ 10.8
$h\bar{h}$	21.2 $\div$ 3.36	53.4 $\div$ 9.49	177 $\div$ 76.5
$Z\bar{Z}$	11.9 $\div$ 2.05	18.1 $\div$ 4.09	40.7 $\div$ 16.3
$W^+W^-$	14.4 $\div$ 2.4	23.7 $\div$ 4.96	54.5 $\div$ 22.3

✓ for some final states (neutrinos, charged leptons) the limit is a bit stronger than the unitary bound