

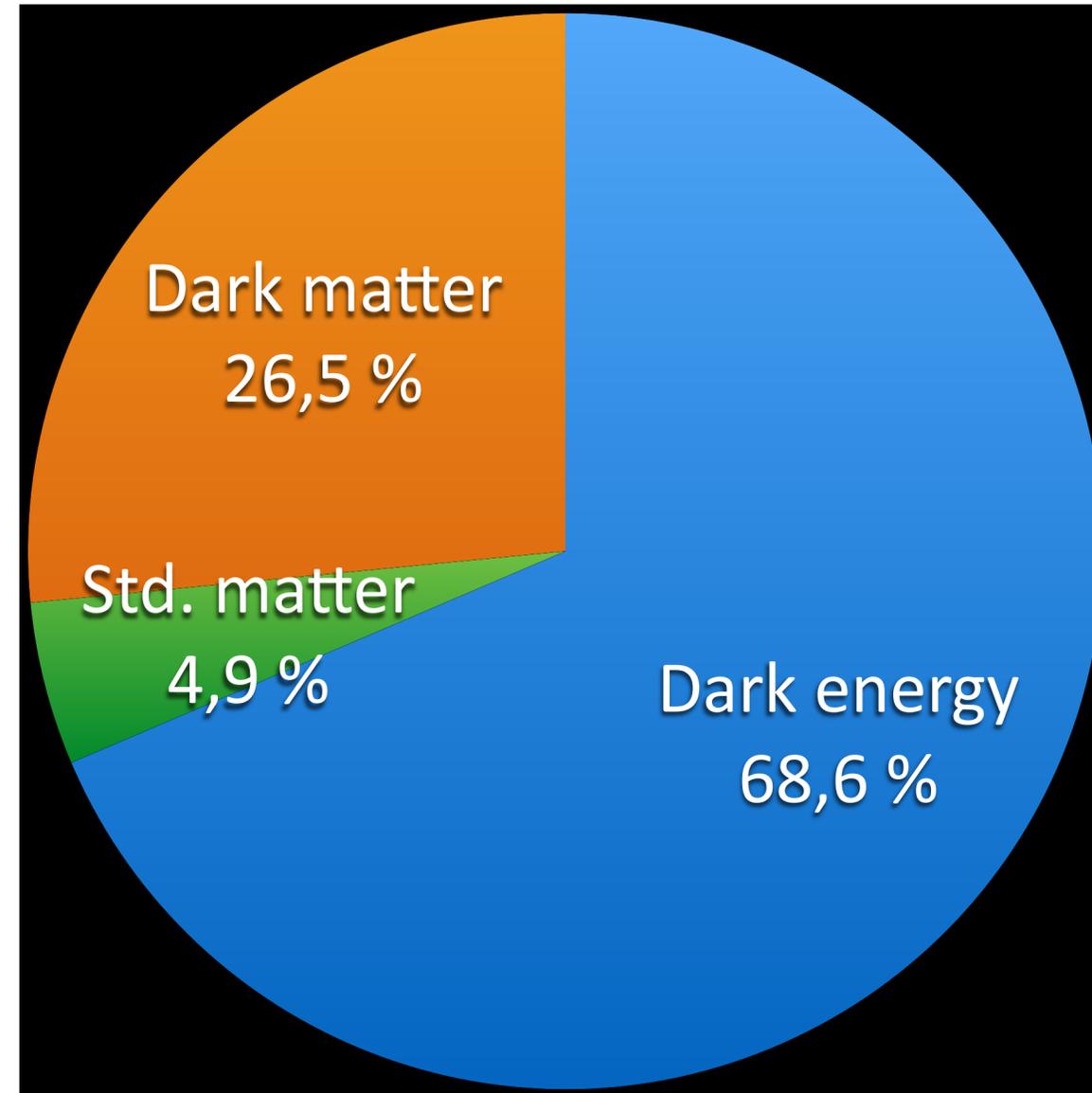


## An introduction to dark matter

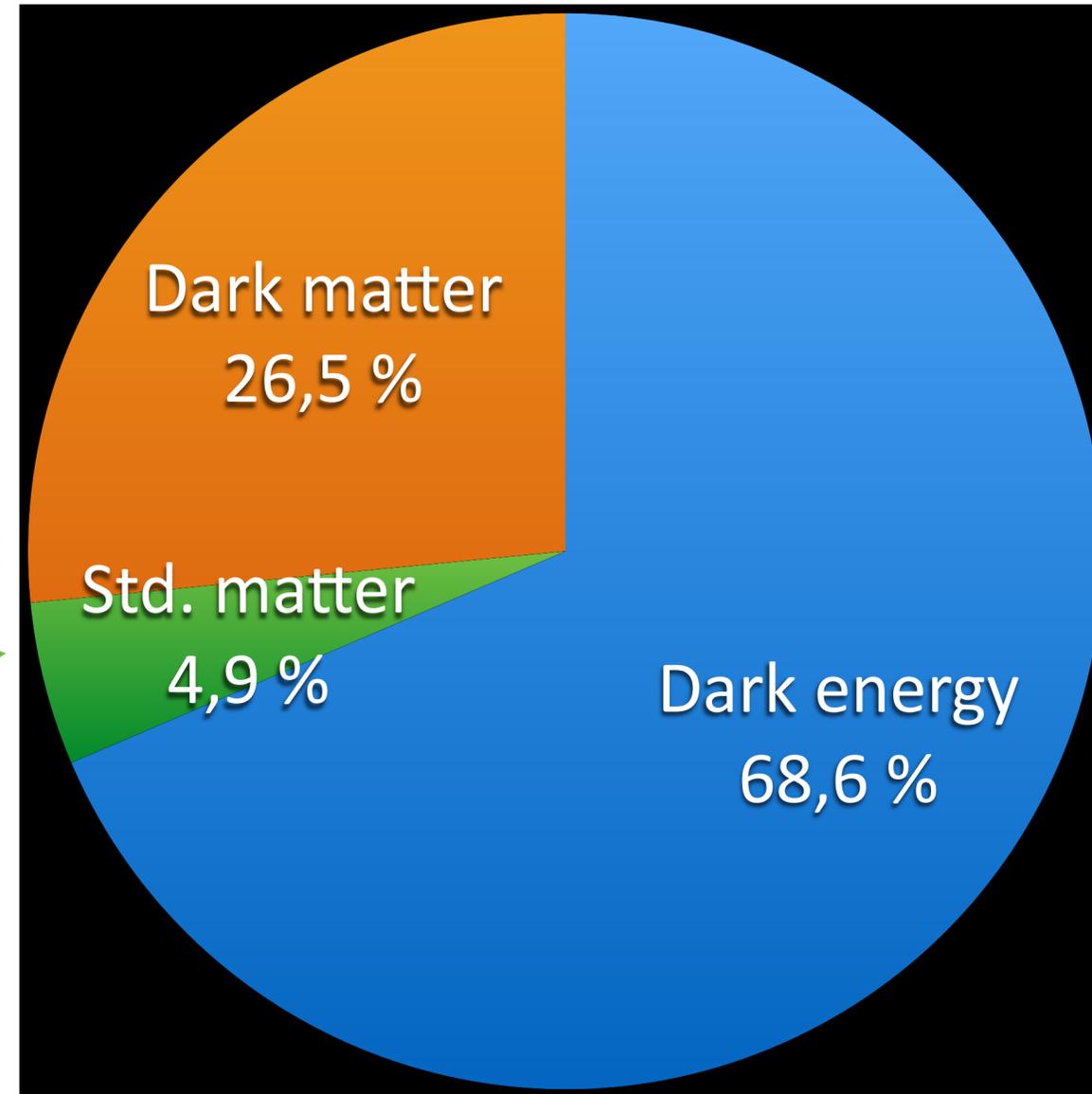
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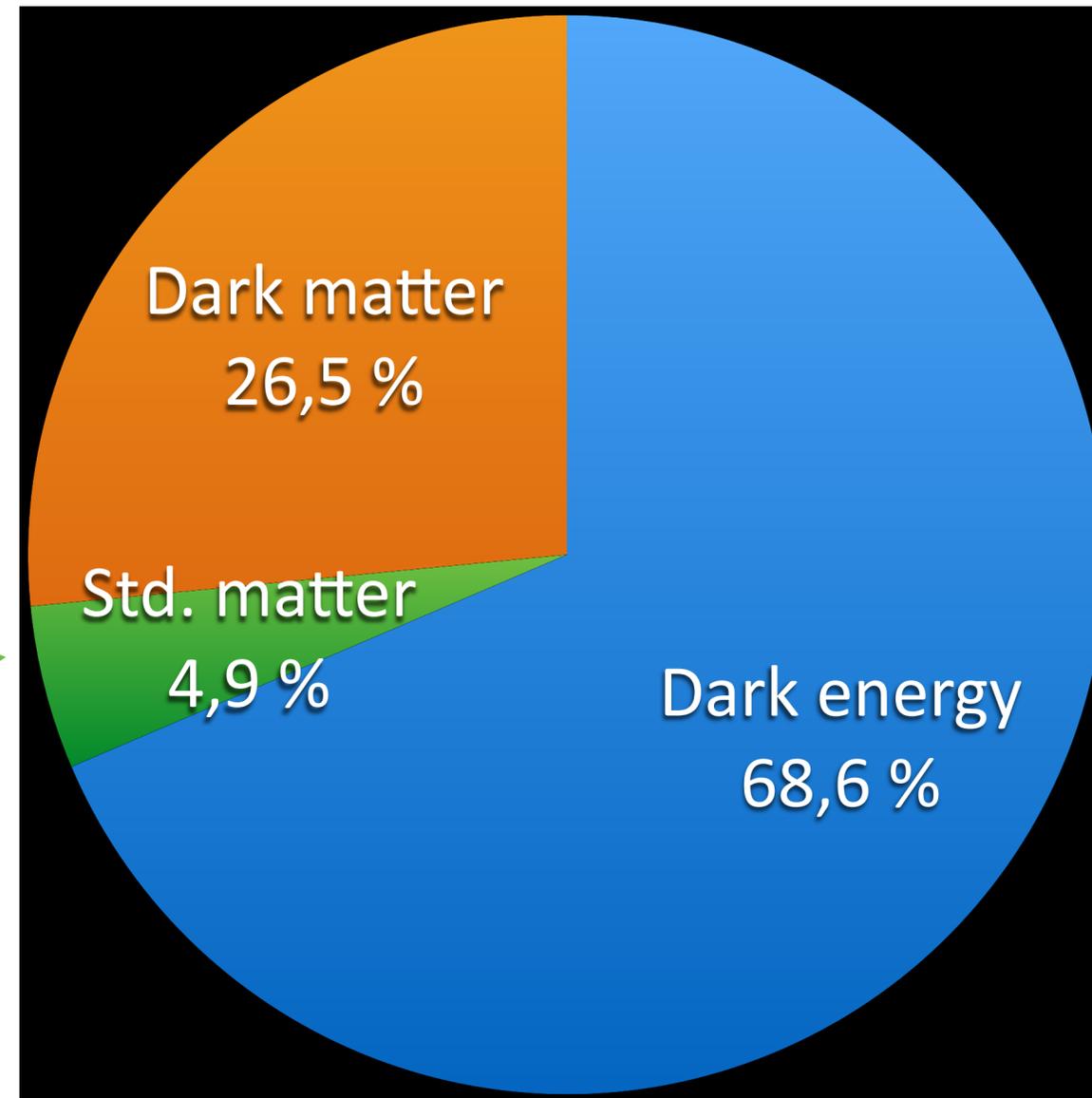


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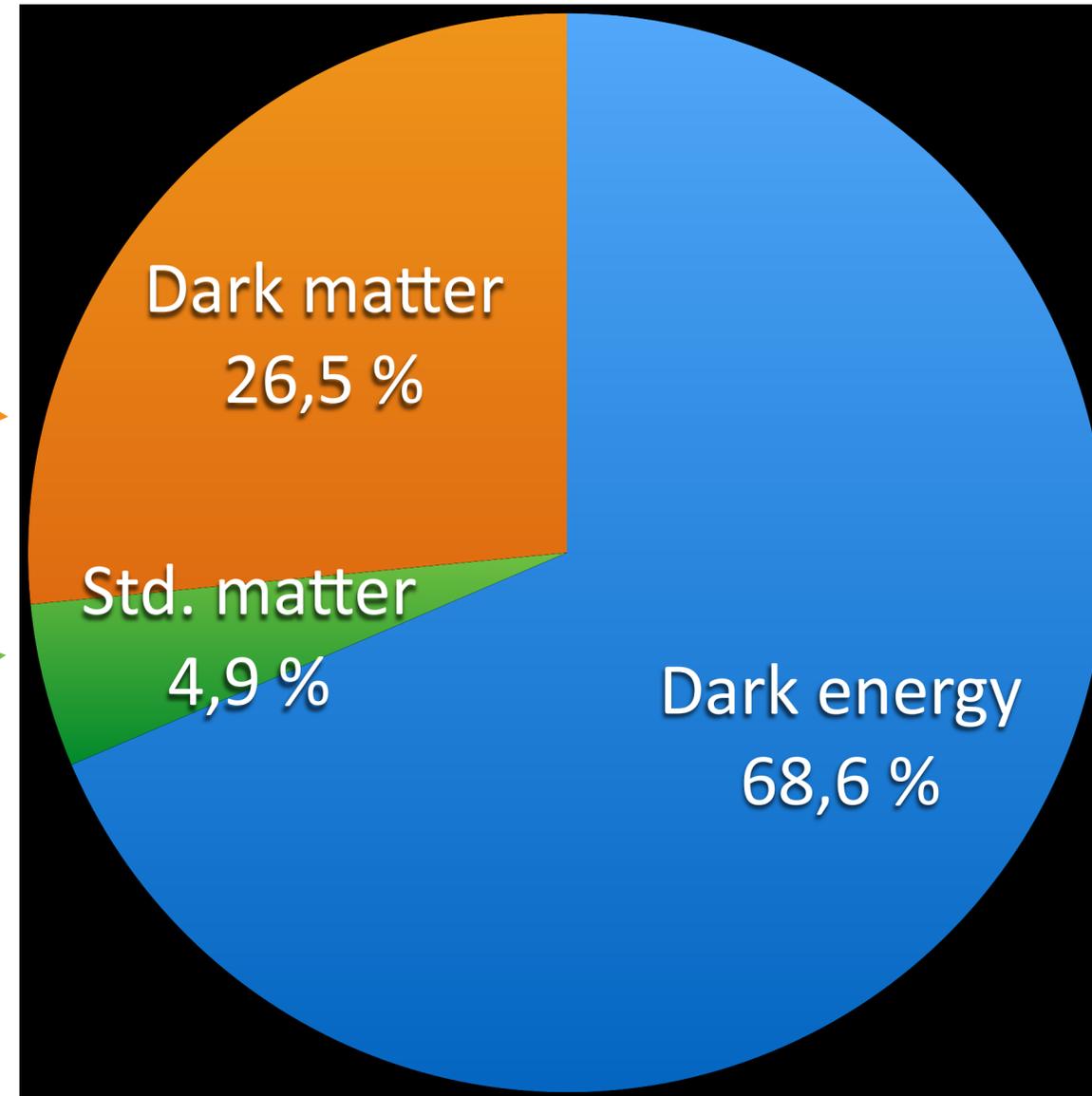
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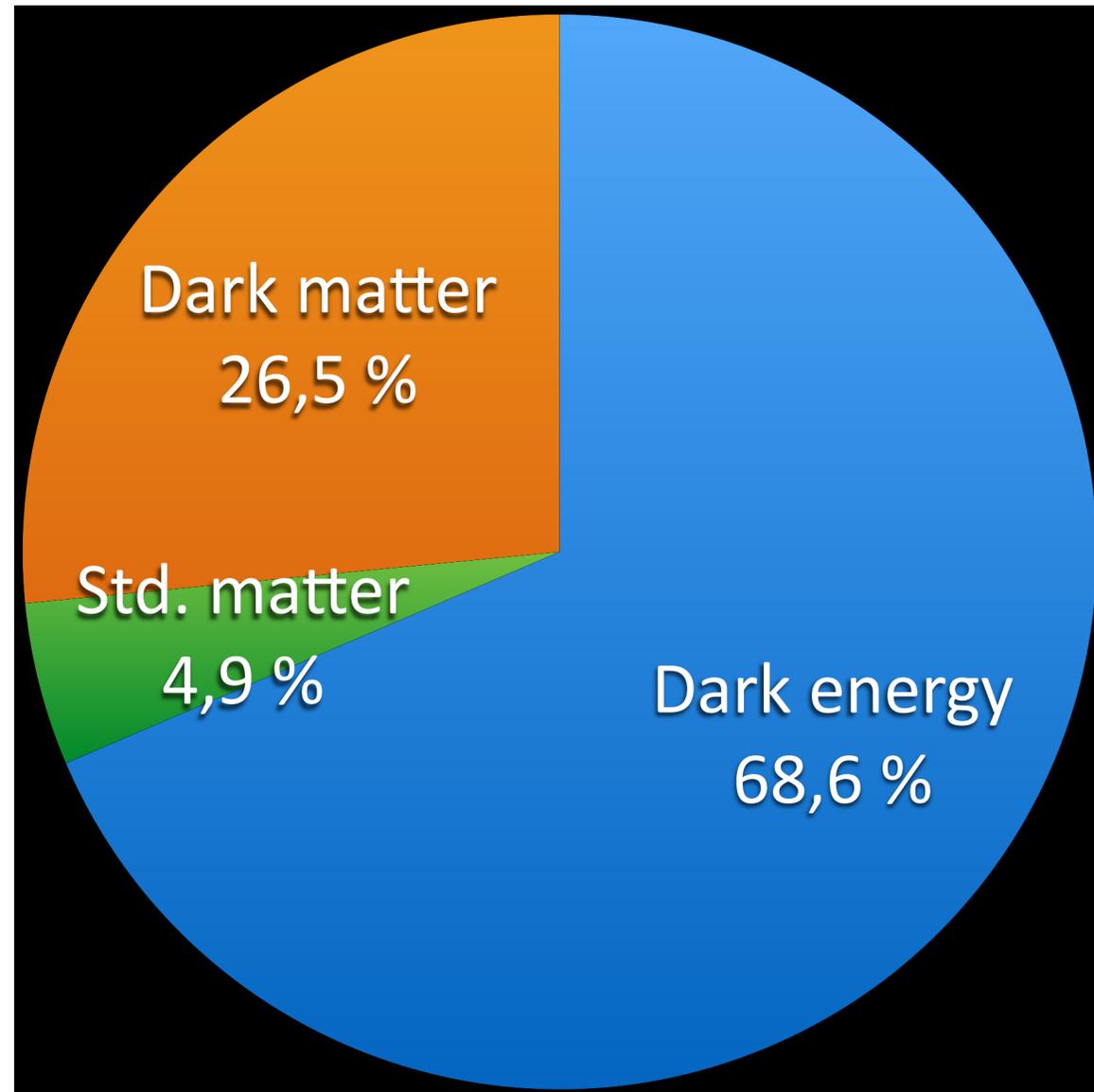
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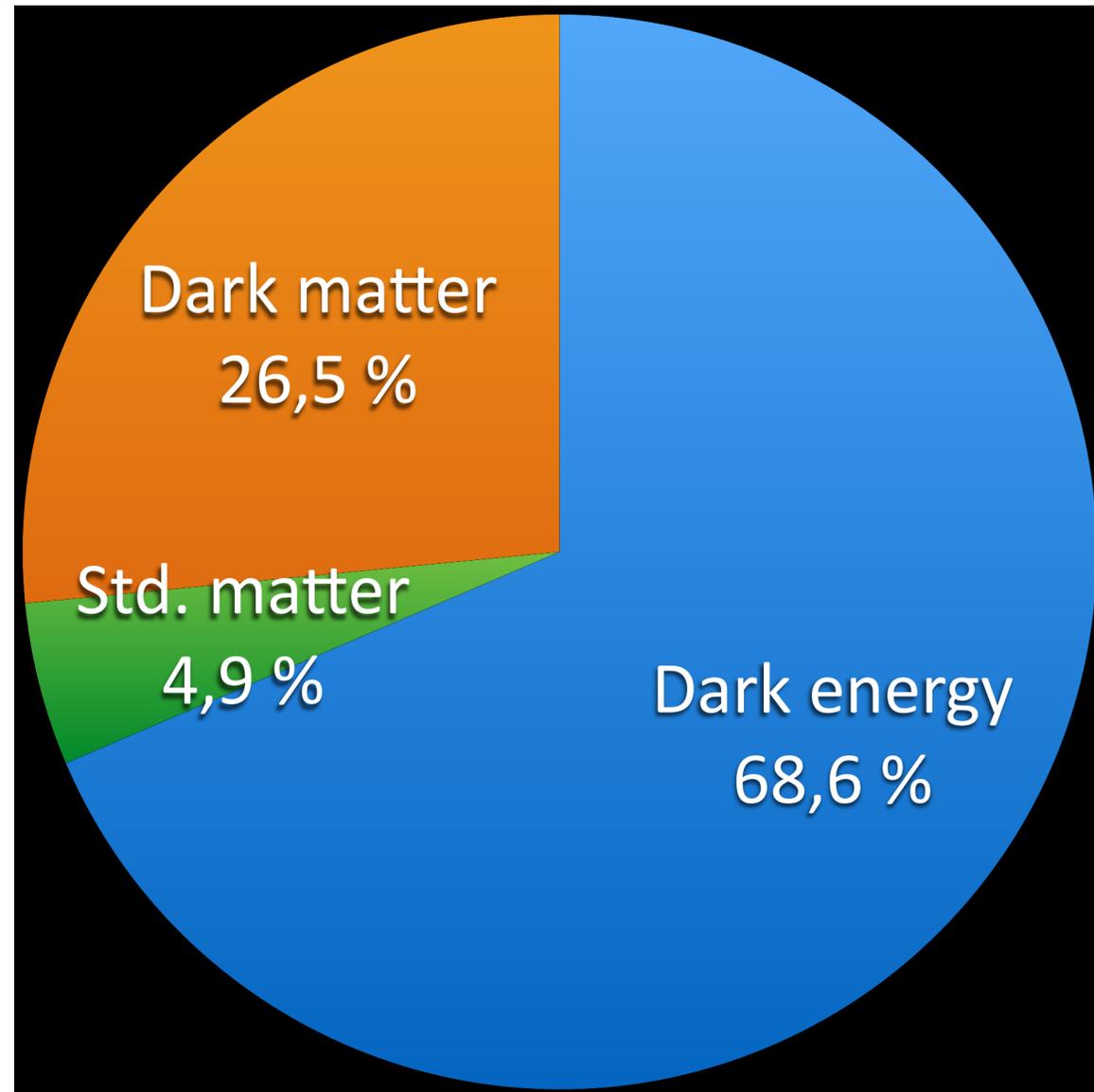
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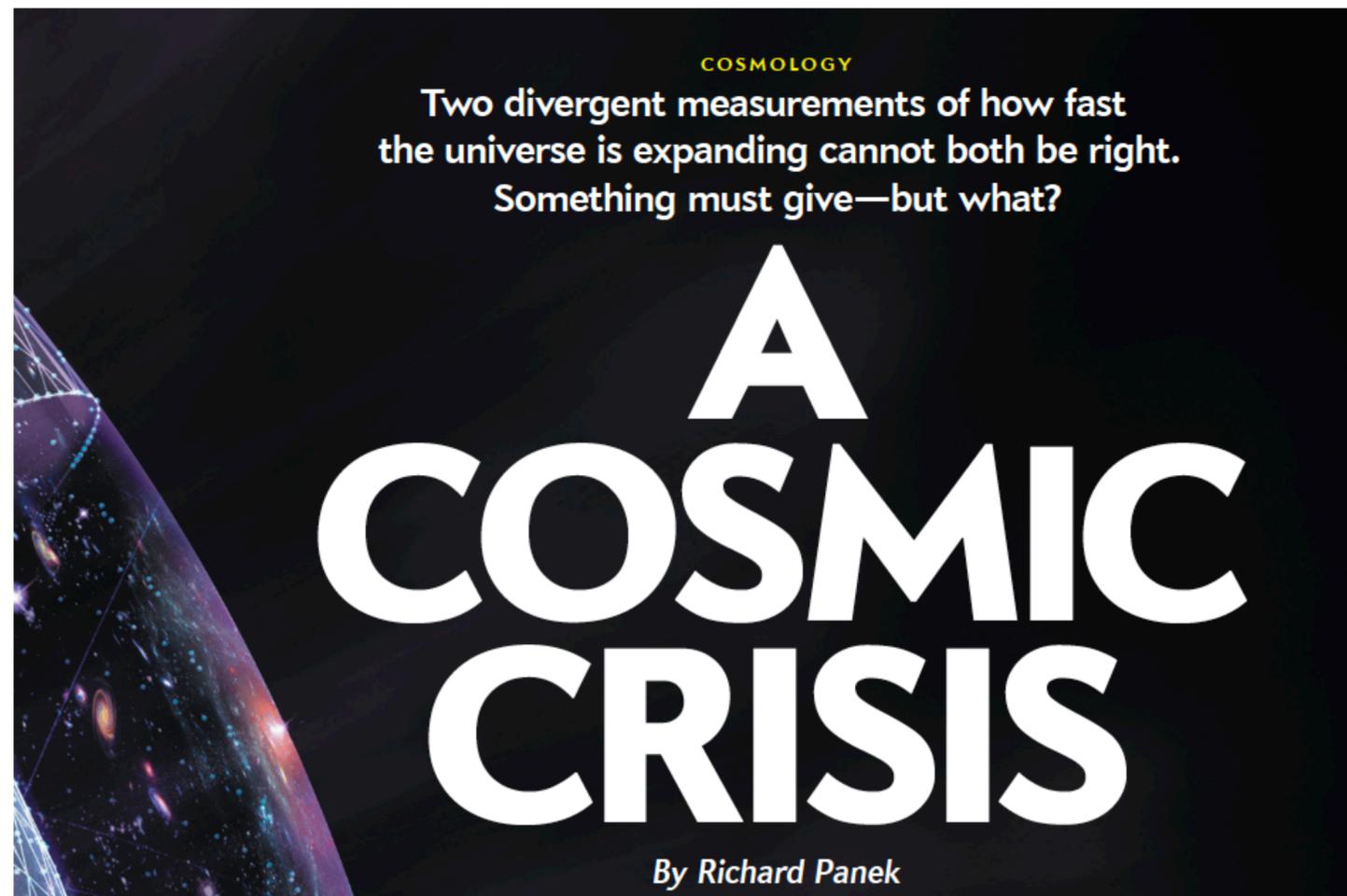
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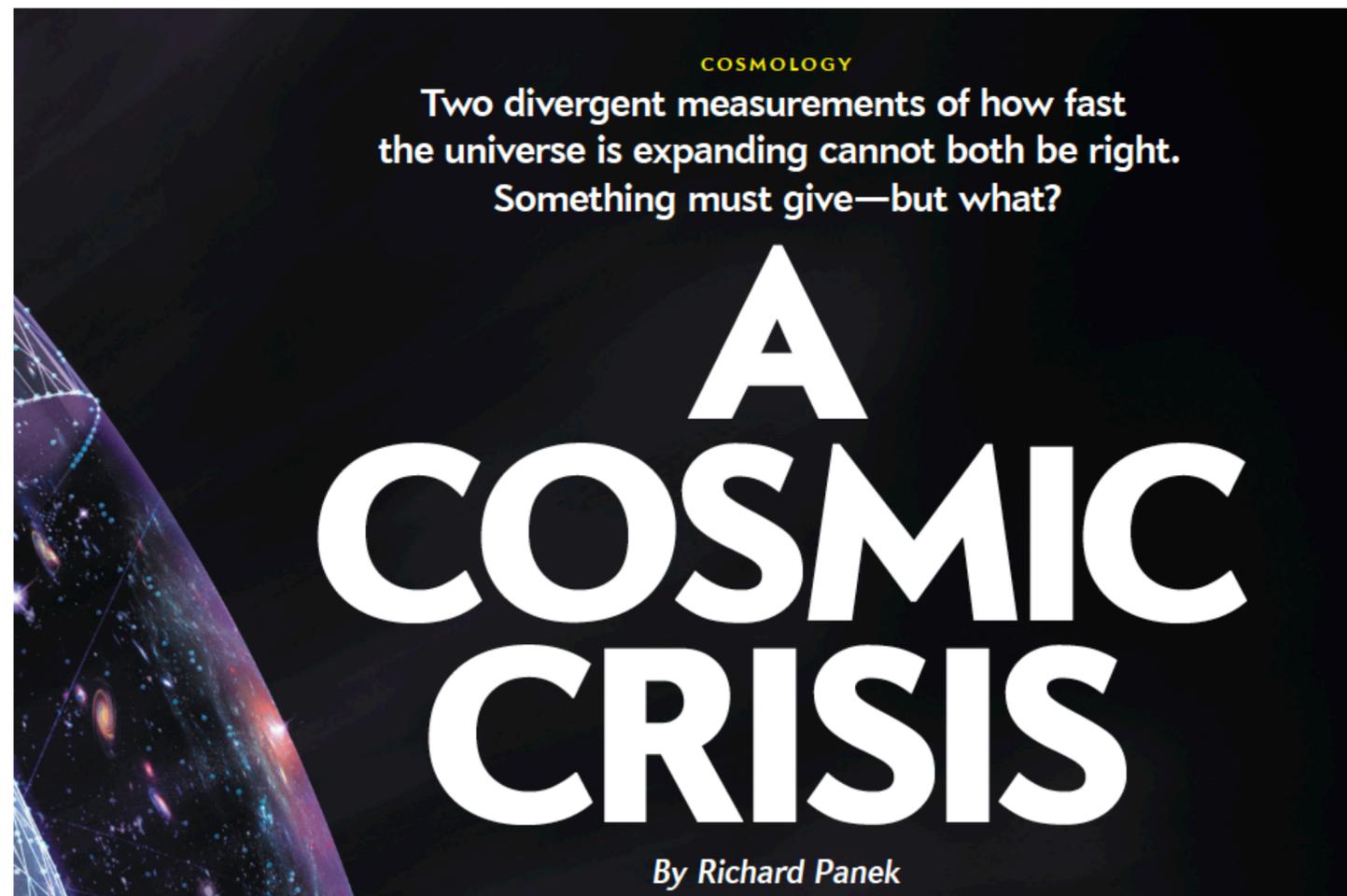
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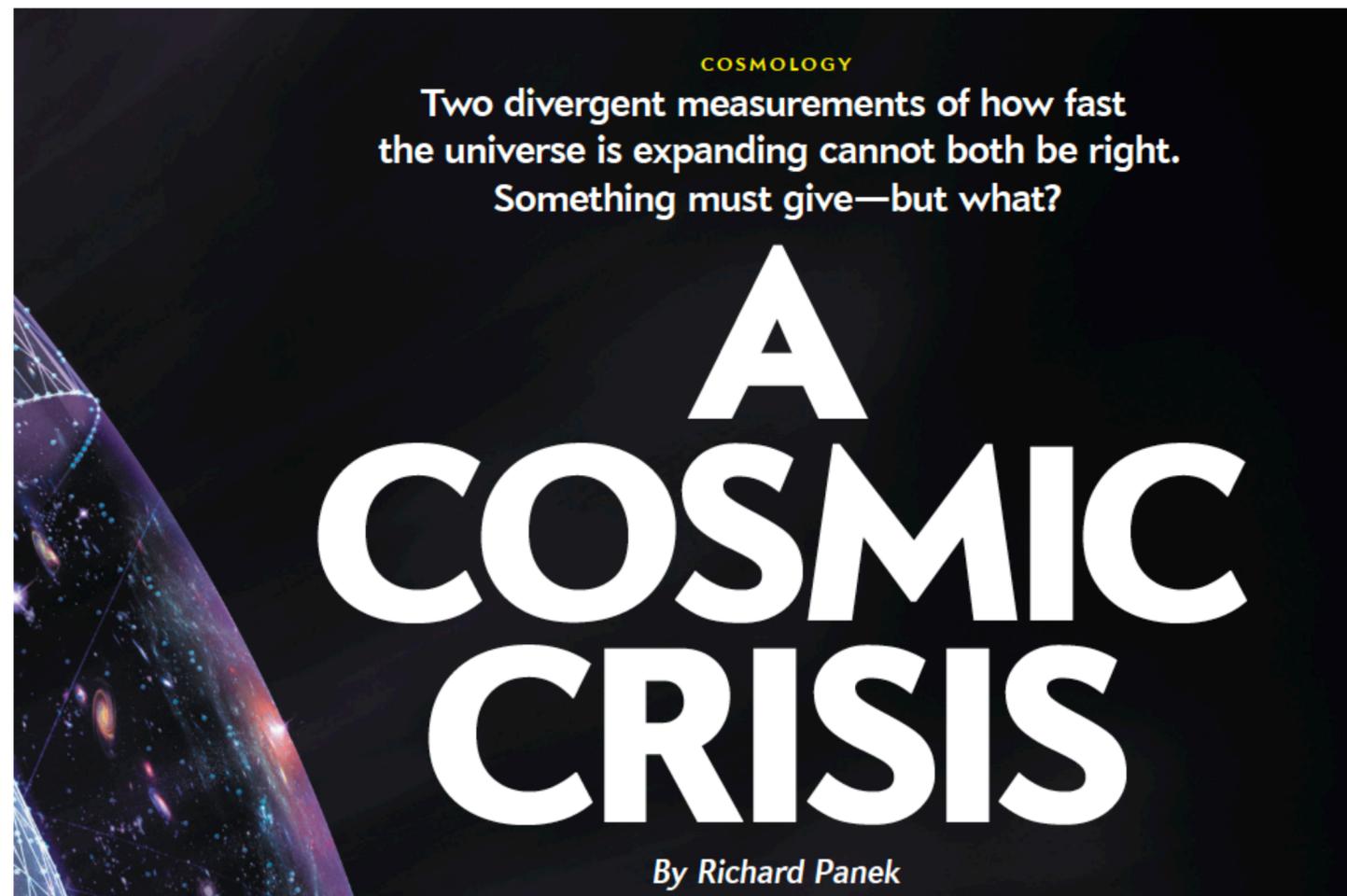
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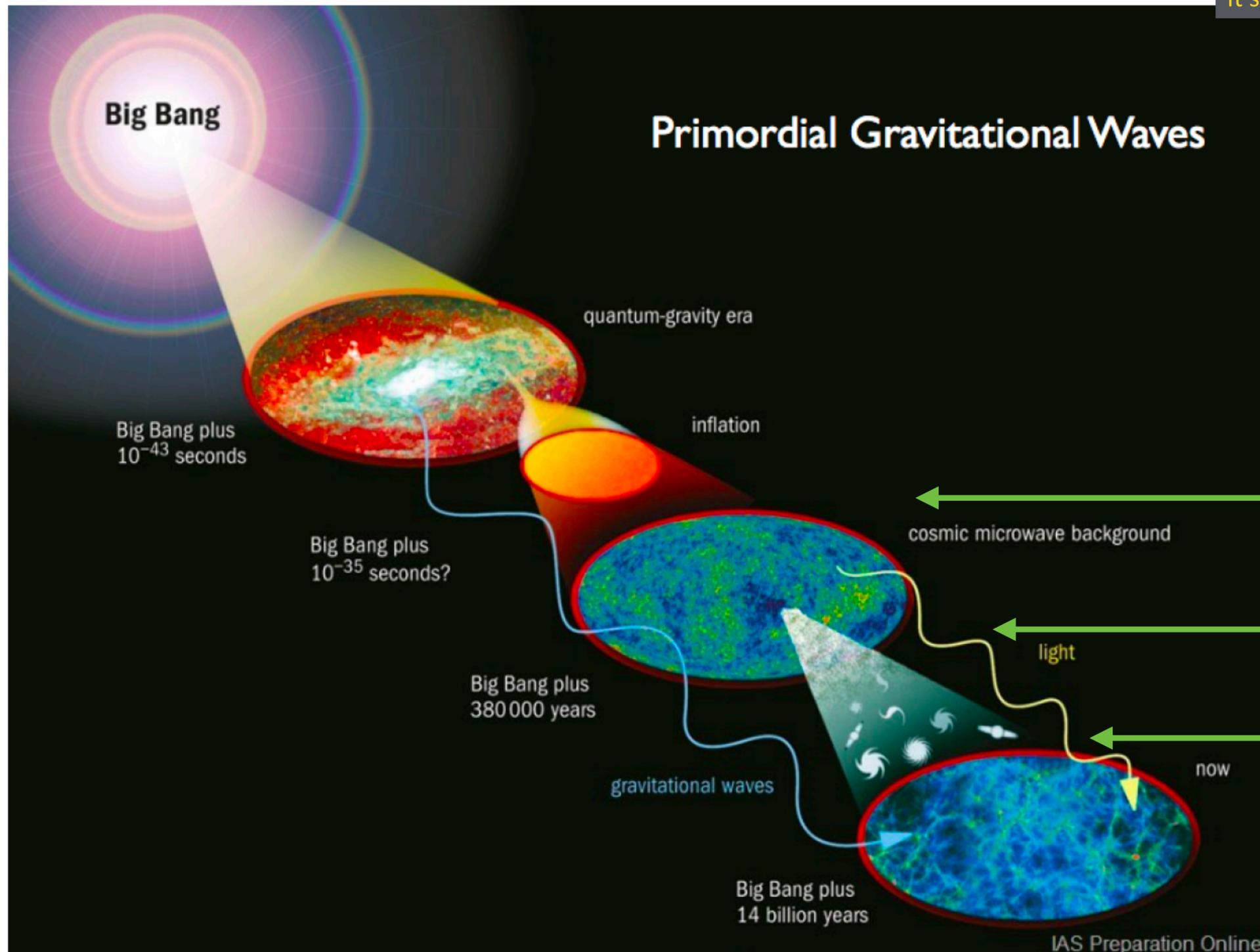
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# The history of the universe

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It seems that this web page does not exist anymore ...



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## A DIRECT EMPIRICAL PROOF OF THE EXISTENCE OF DARK MATTER<sup>1</sup>

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*Subject headings:* dark matter — galaxies: clusters: individual (1E 0657–558) — gravitational lensing

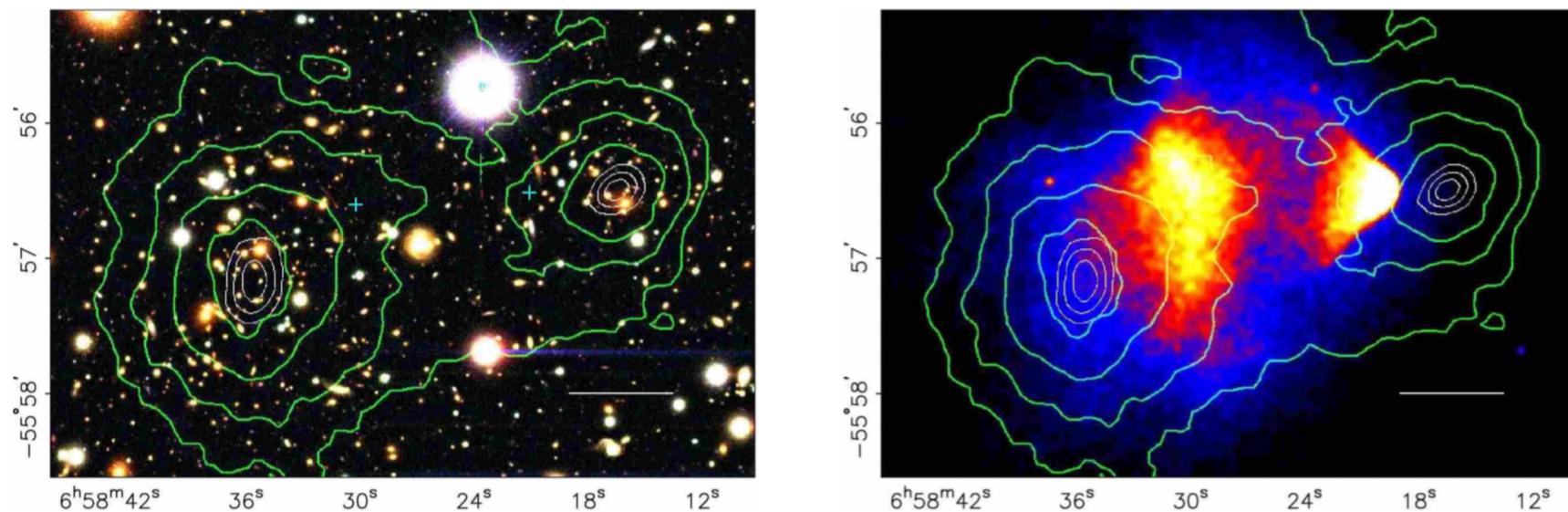


FIG. 1.— Shown above in the top panel is a color image from the Magellan images of the merging cluster 1E0657–558, with the white bar indicating 200 kpc at the distance of the cluster. In the bottom panel is a 500 ks Chandra image of the cluster. Shown in green contours in both panels are the weak lensing  $\kappa$  reconstruction with the outer contour level at  $\kappa = 0.16$  and increasing in steps of 0.07. The white contours show the errors on the positions of the  $\kappa$  peaks and correspond to 68.3%, 95.5%, and 99.7% confidence levels. The blue +s show the location of the centers used to measure the masses of the plasma clouds in Table 2.

Any non-standard gravitational force that scales with baryonic mass will fail to reproduce these observations. The lensing peaks require unseen matter concentrations that are more massive than and offset from the plasma. While the existence of dark matter removes the primary motivation for alternative gravity models, it does not preclude non-standard gravity. The scaling relation

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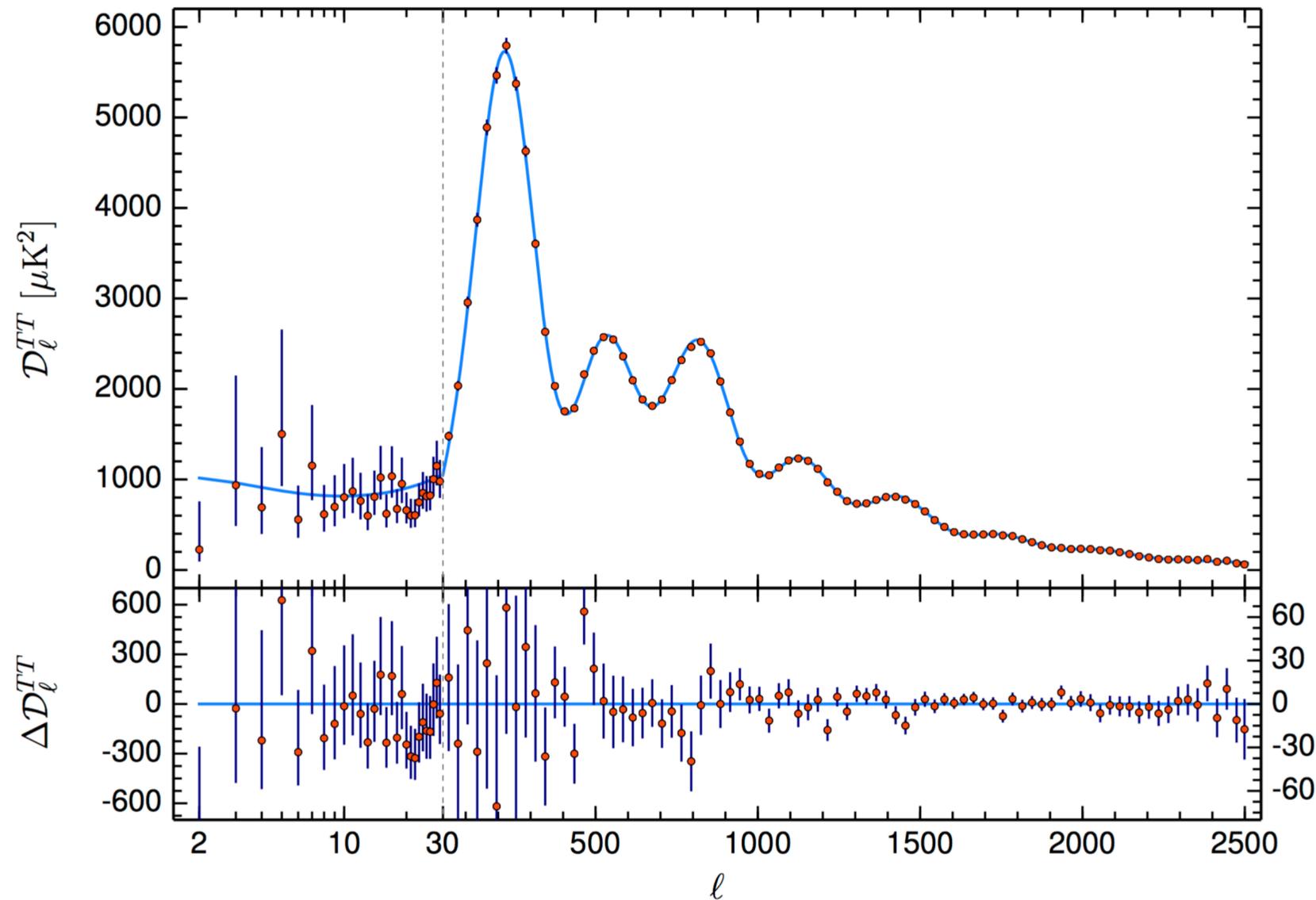
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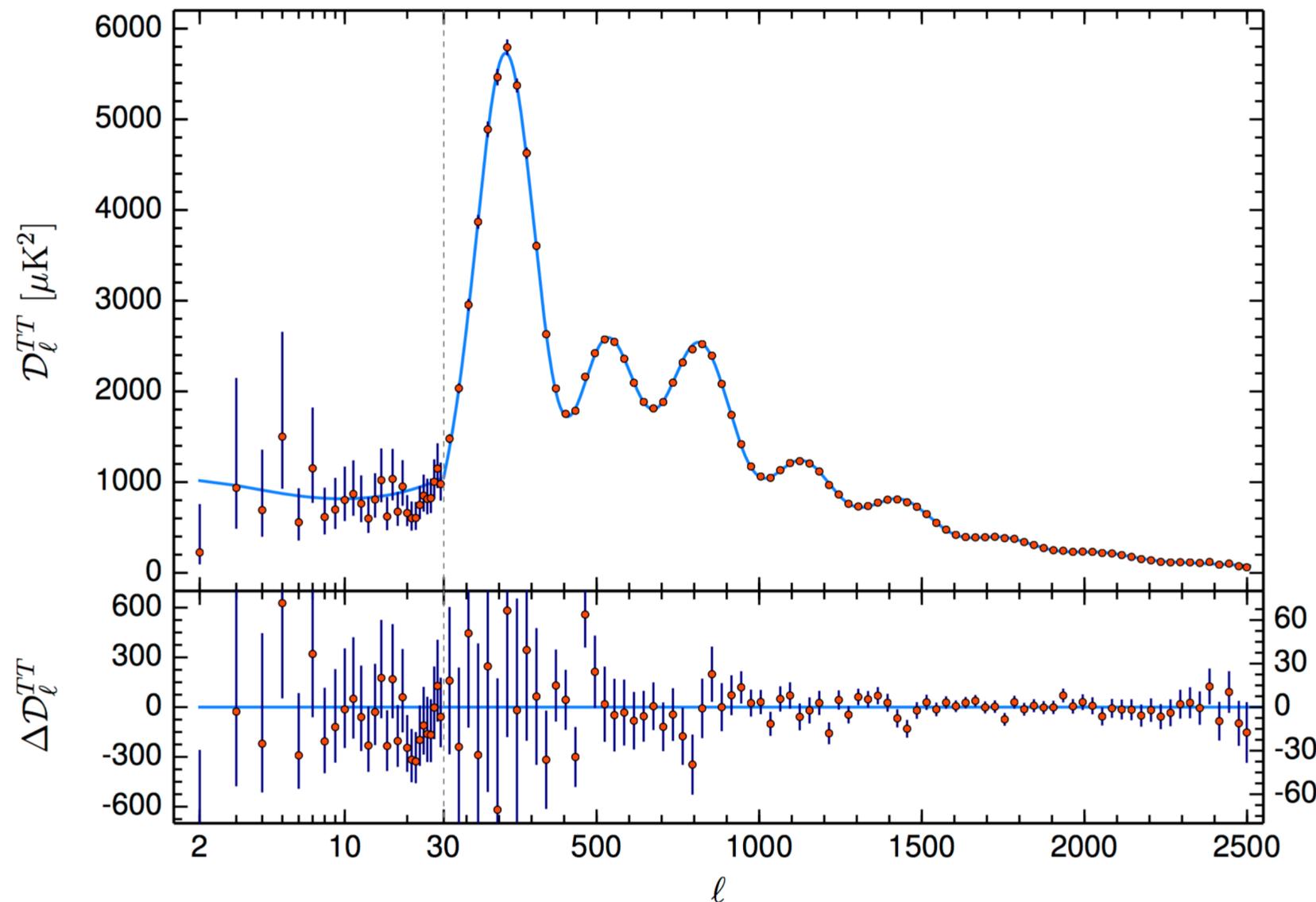
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$\Omega_c h^2$ .....	0.12011	$0.1200 \pm 0.0012$
$100\theta_{MC}$ .....	1.040909	$1.04092 \pm 0.00031$
$\tau$ .....	0.0543	$0.0544 \pm 0.0073$
$\ln(10^{10} A_s)$ .....	3.0448	$3.044 \pm 0.014$
$n_s$ .....	0.96605	$0.9649 \pm 0.0042$
$\Omega_m h^2$ .....	0.14314	$0.1430 \pm 0.0011$
$H_0$ [ km s <sup>-1</sup> Mpc <sup>-1</sup> ] ...	67.32	$67.36 \pm 0.54$
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$z_{re}$ .....	7.68	$7.67 \pm 0.73$
$100\theta_*$ .....	1.041085	$1.04110 \pm 0.00031$
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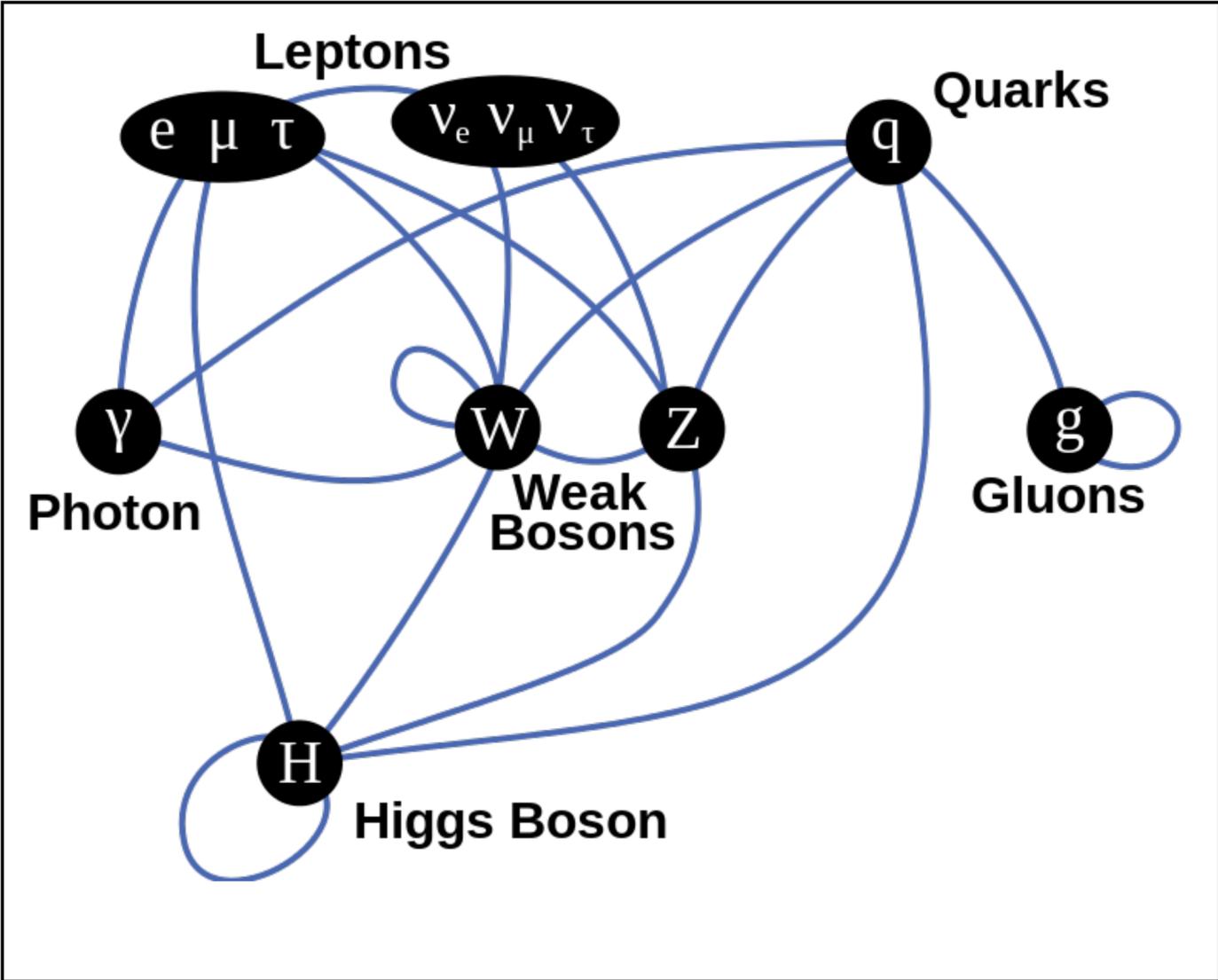
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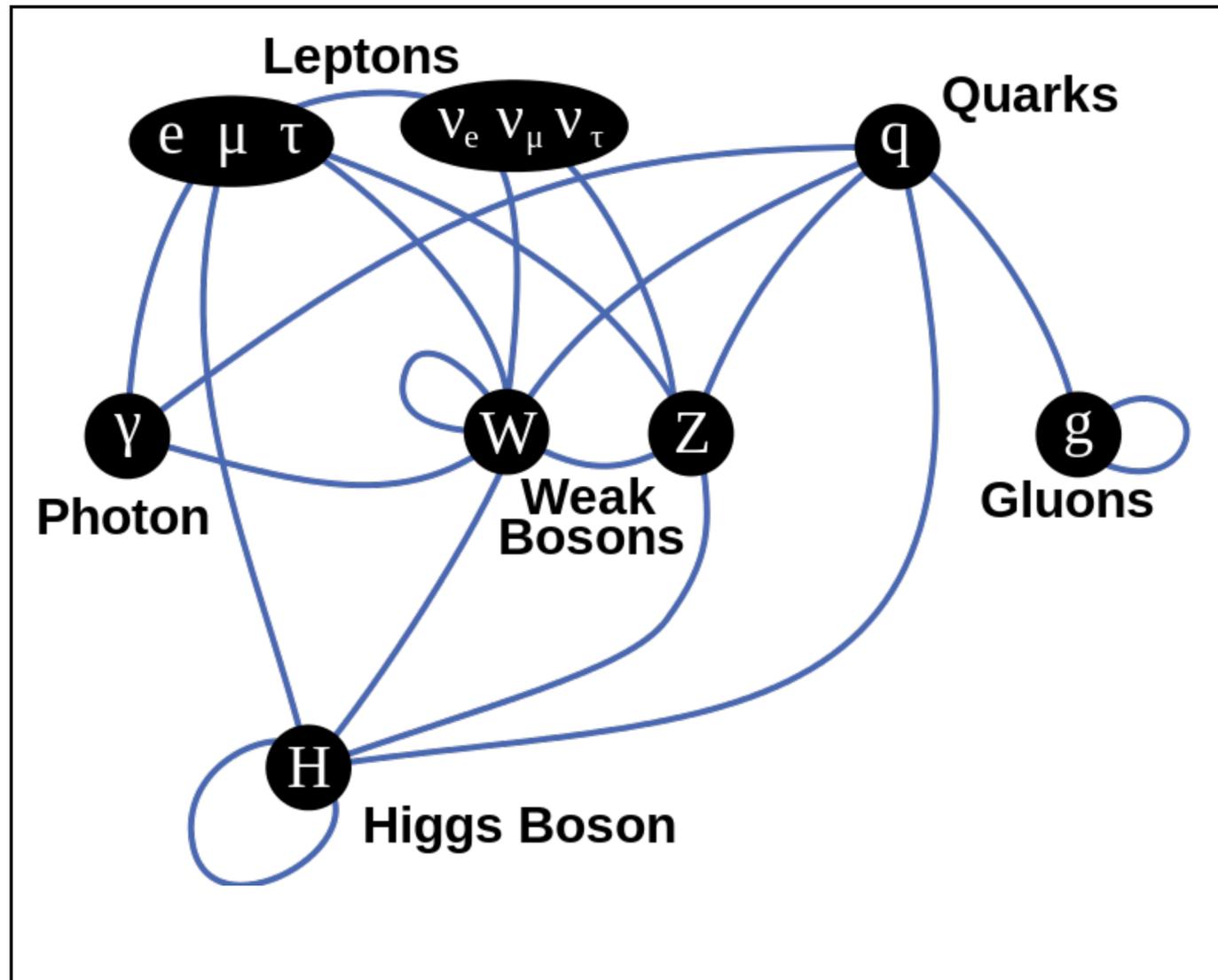
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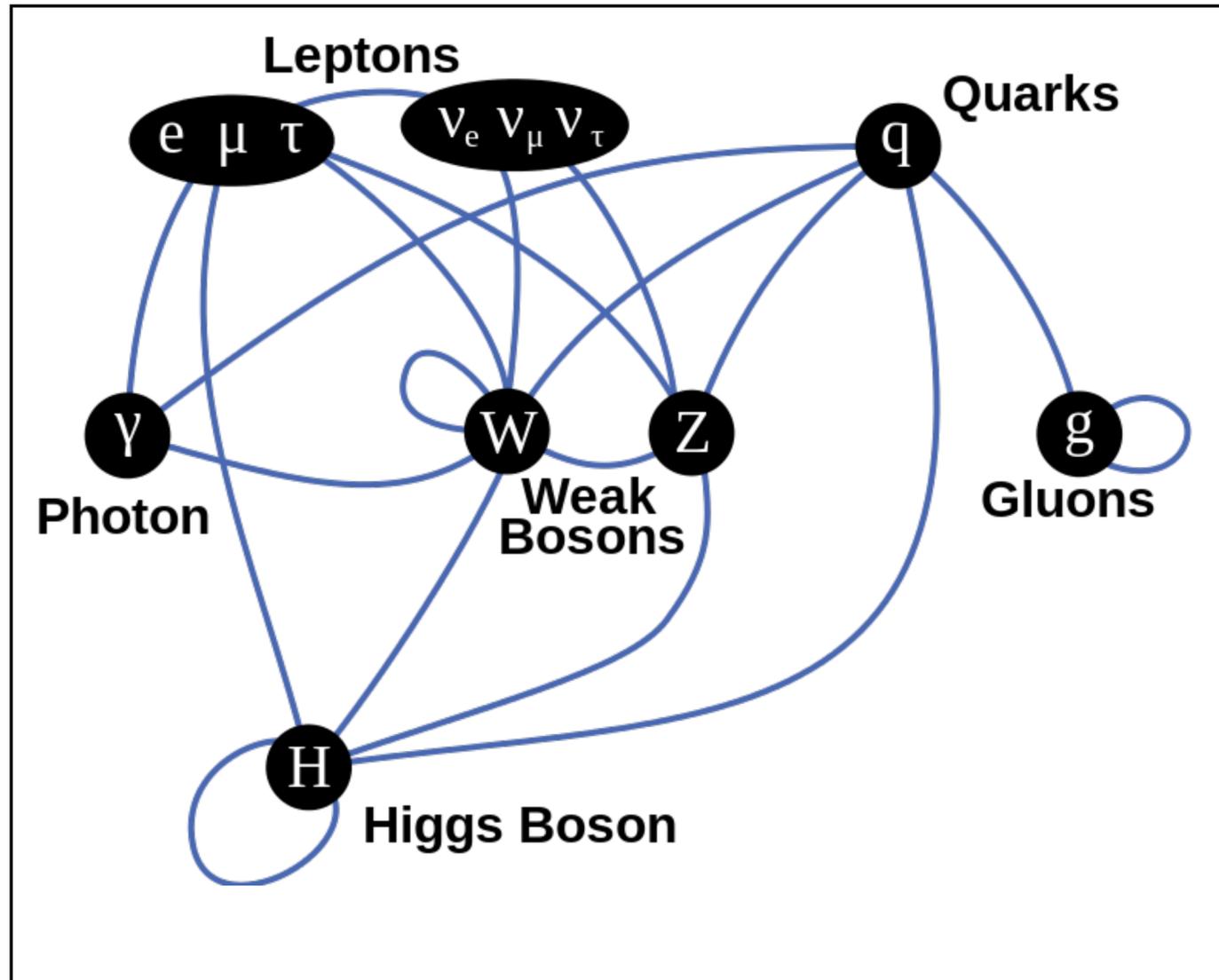


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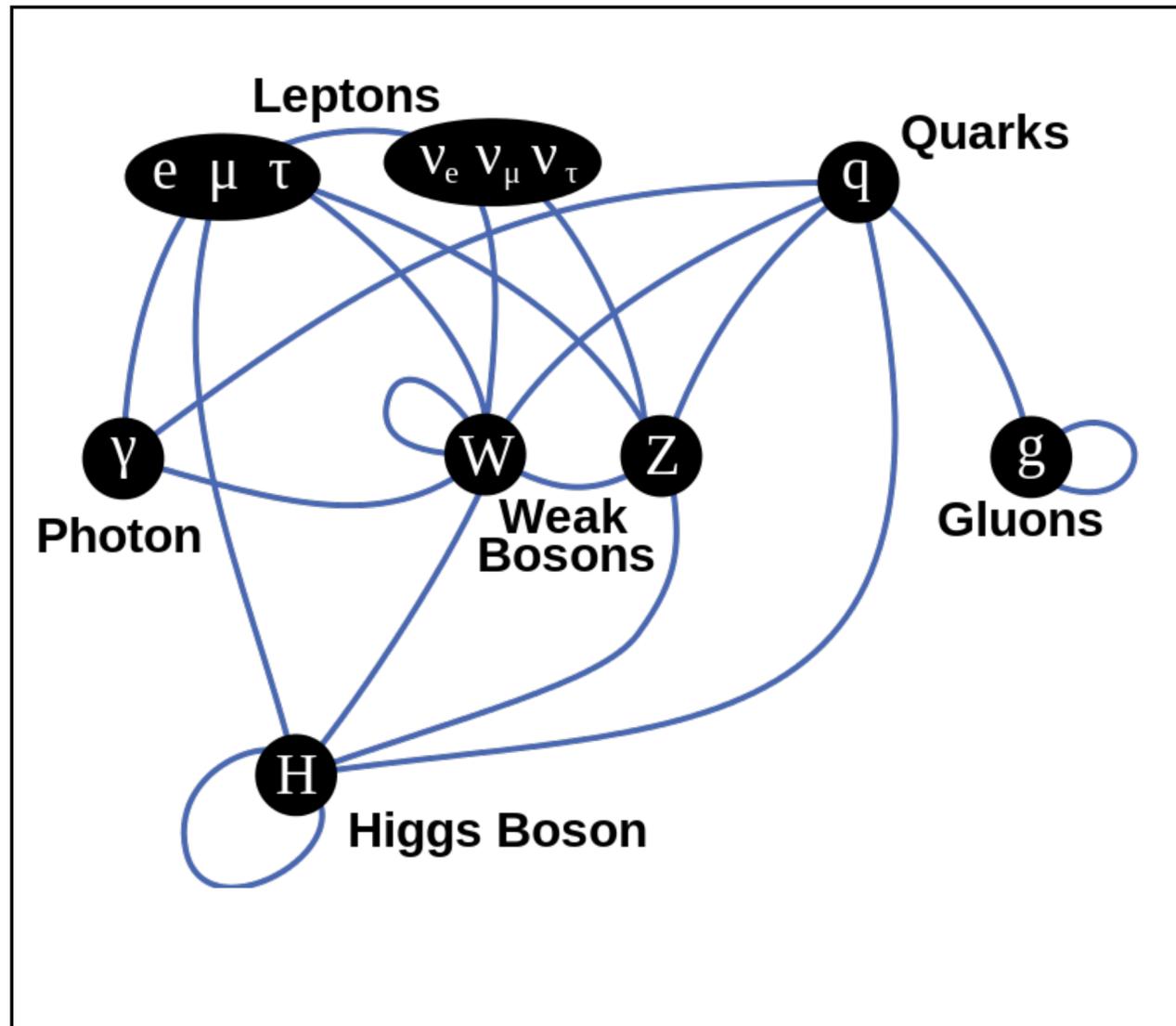
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Could it be that there is a dark sector  
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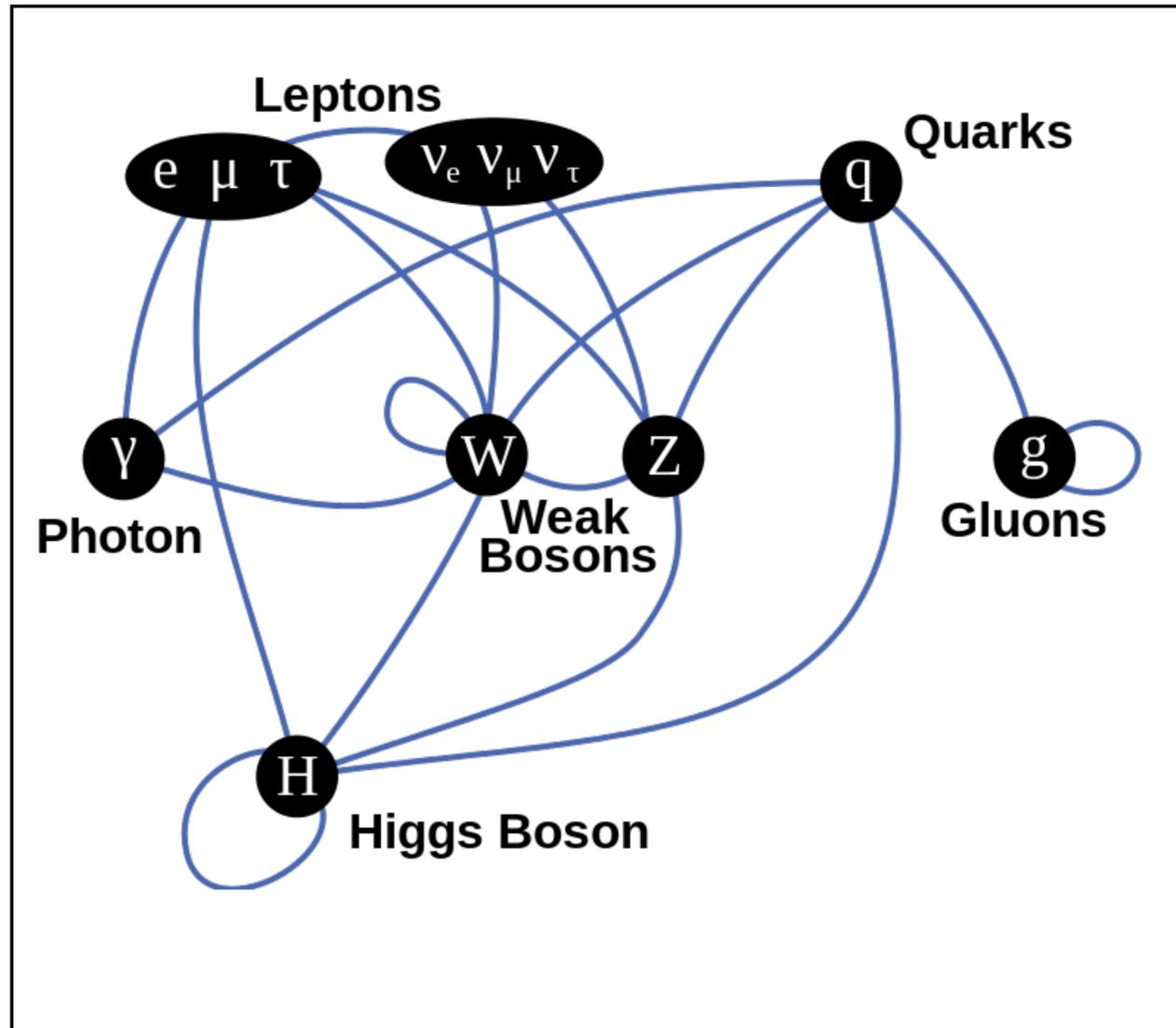


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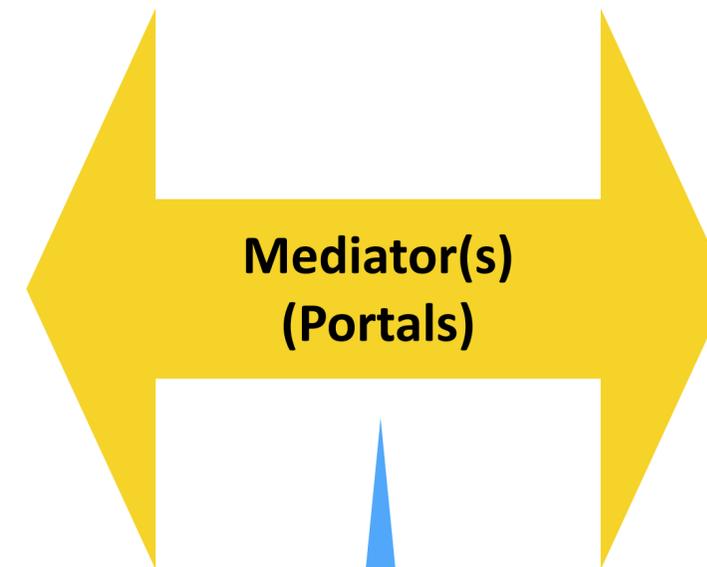
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Scalar: dark Higgs, ...  
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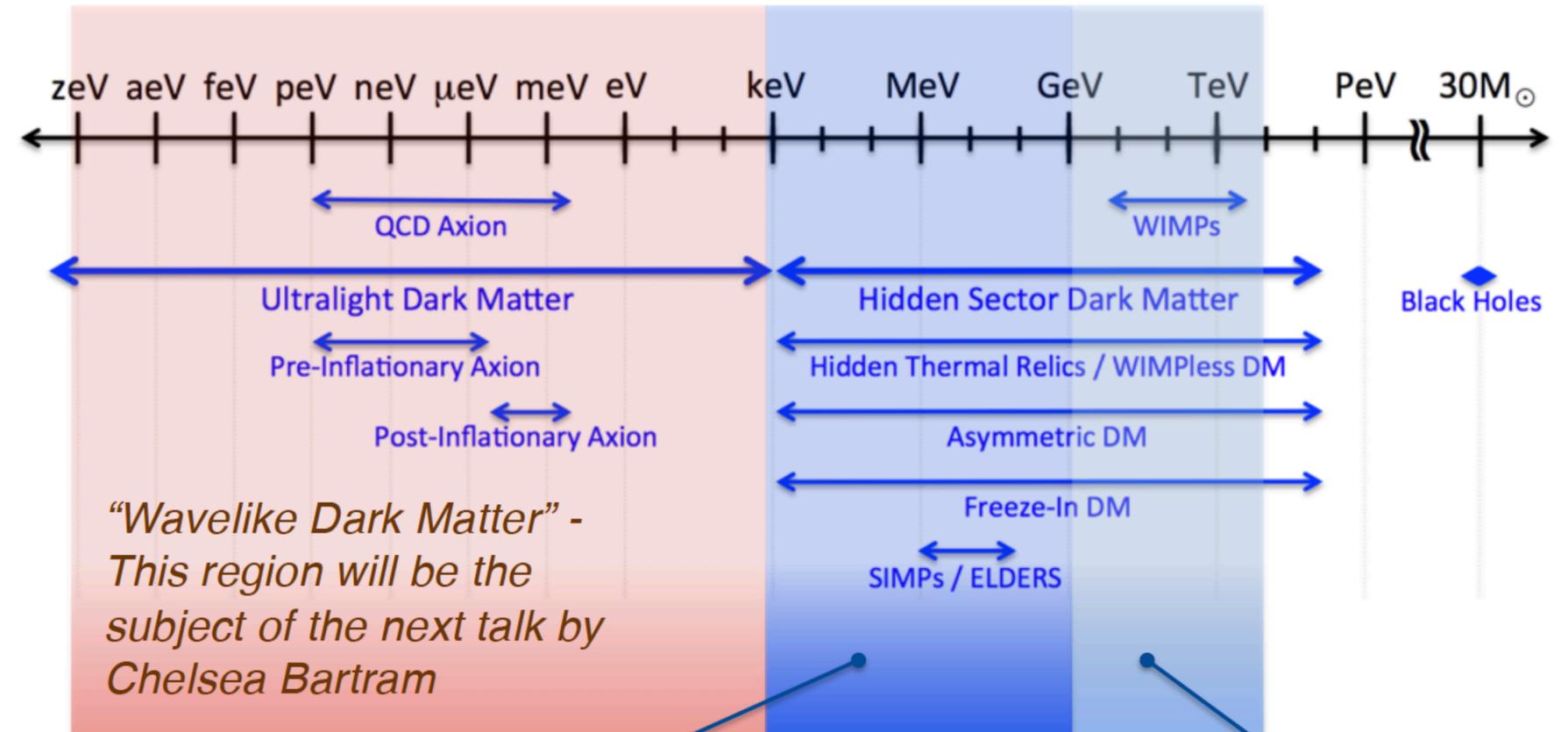
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## Dark Matter Candidates

There is a wide range of possible dark matter candidates and an equally broad range of masses that dark matter may have



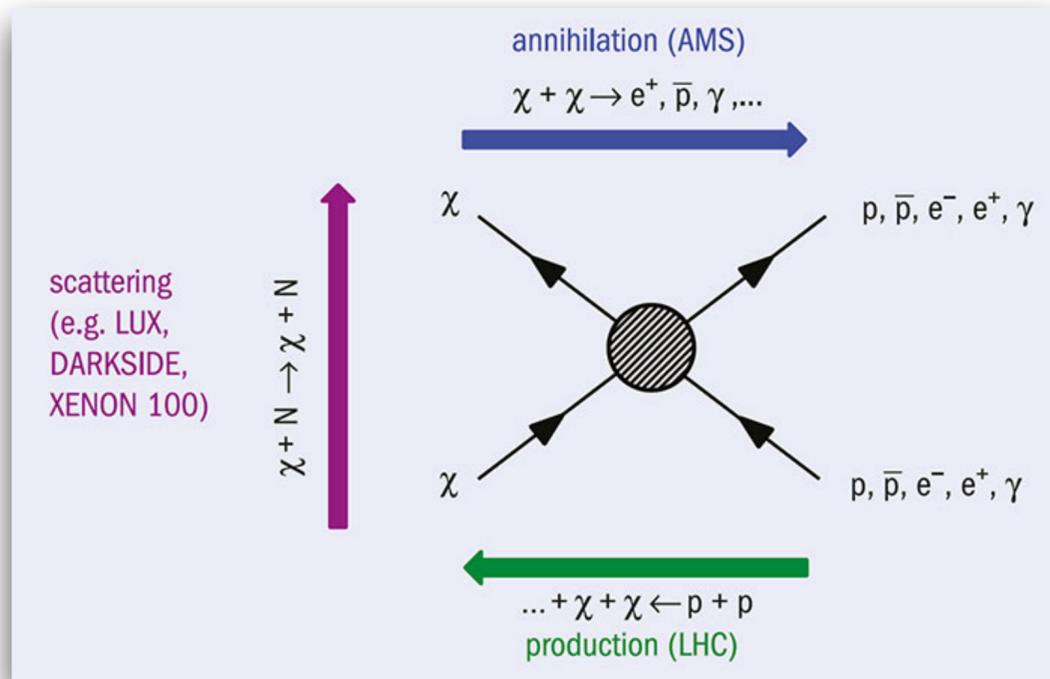
*“Wavelike Dark Matter” - This region will be the subject of the next talk by Chelsea Bartram*

“Low Mass Dark Matter” - New ideas in direct detection and accelerator-based experiments will push into this range

“High Mass Dark Matter” Traditional focus of direct detection experiments looking for nuclear recoils

# How to search for dark matter

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Simplified models for dark matter searches at the LHC

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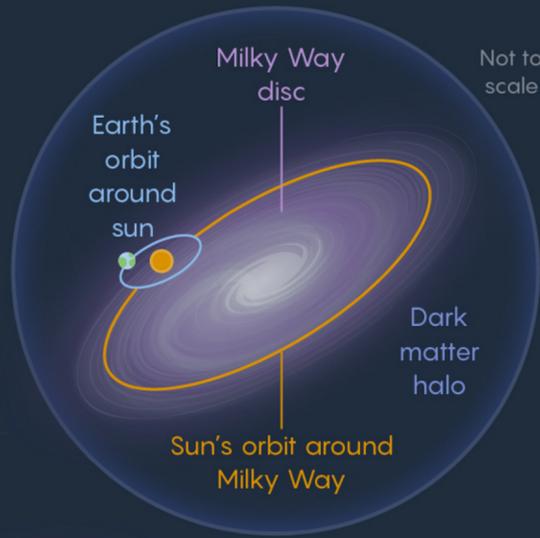
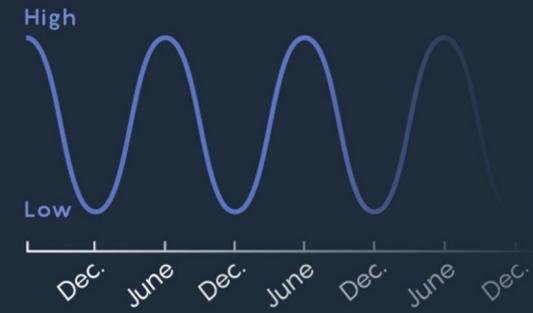
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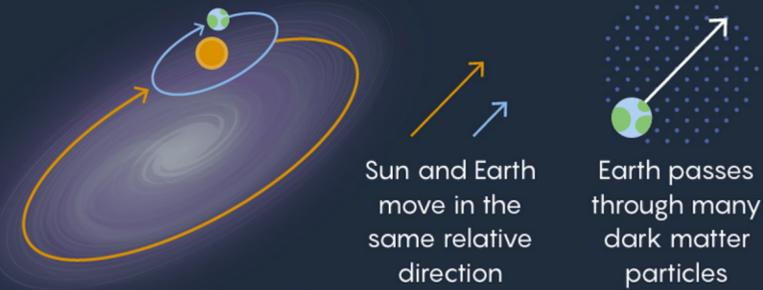
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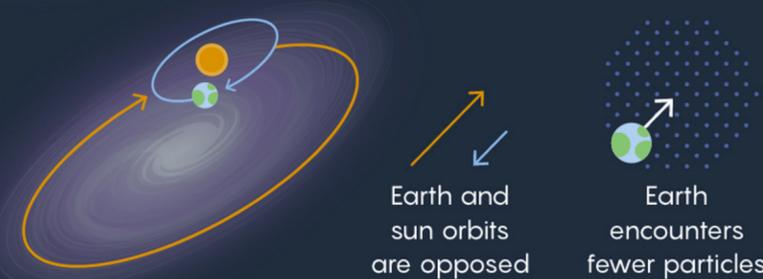


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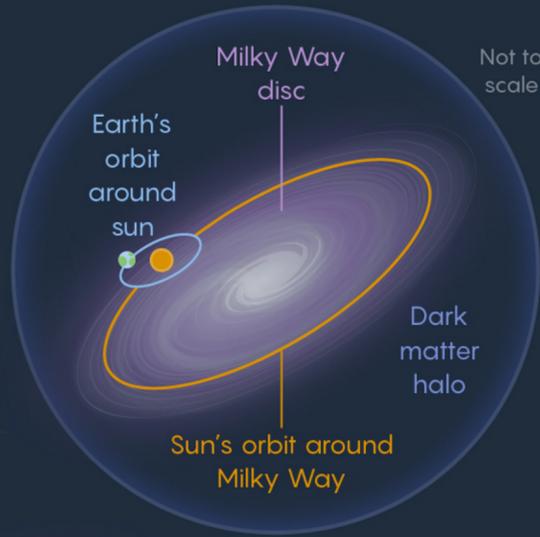
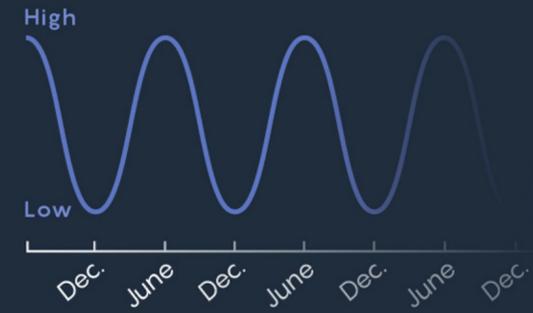
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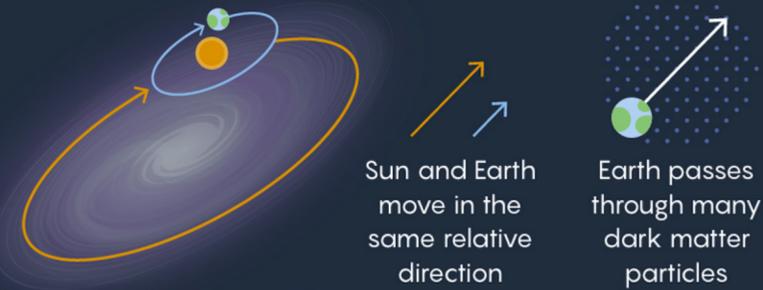
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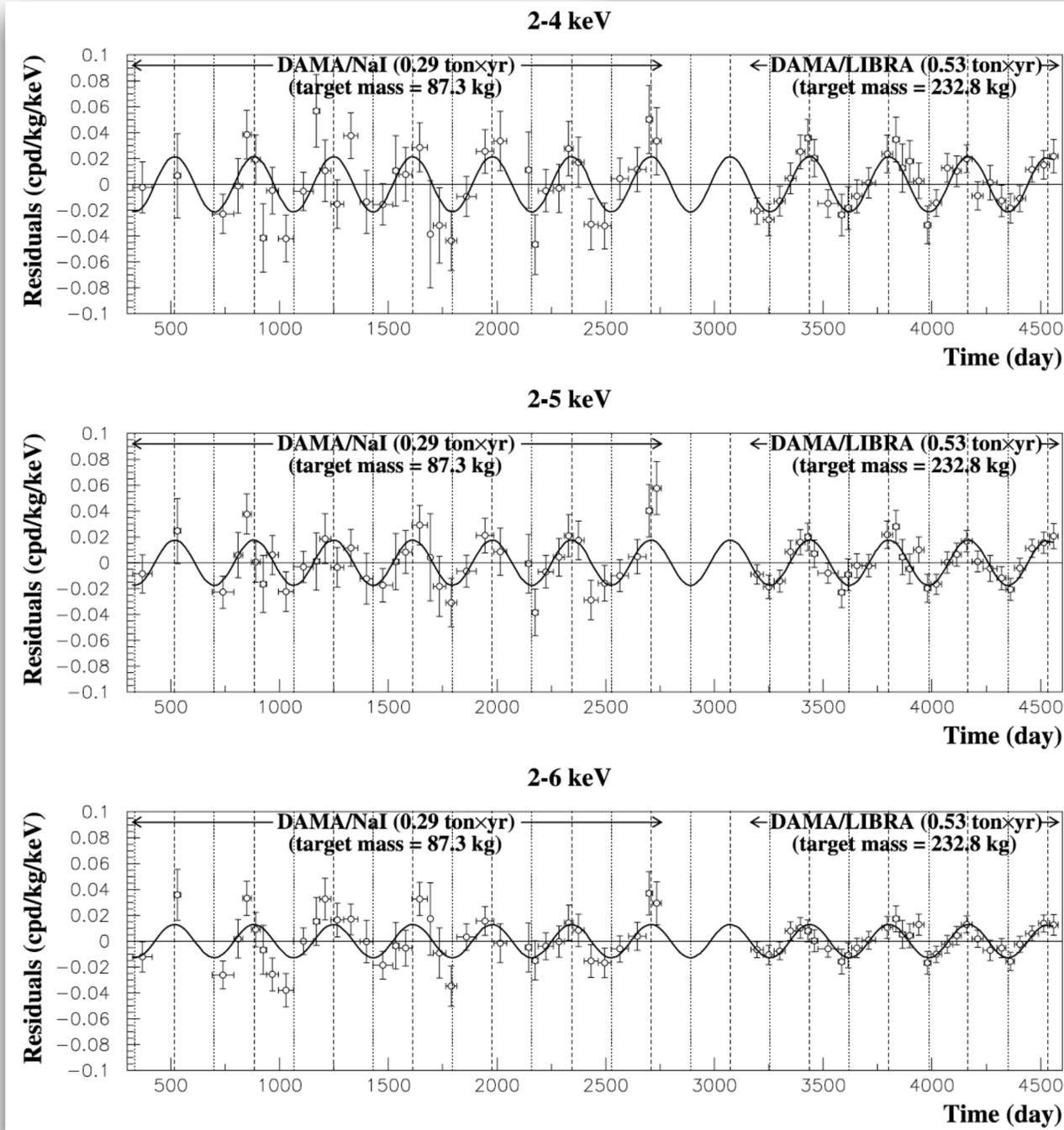
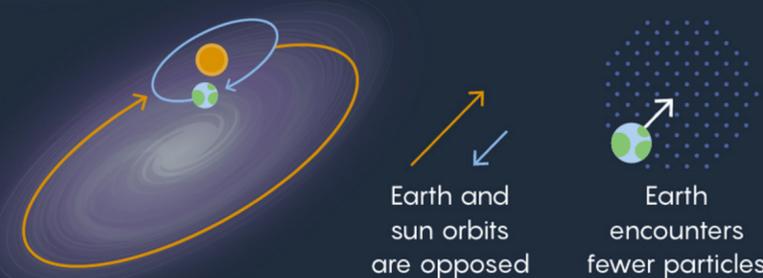
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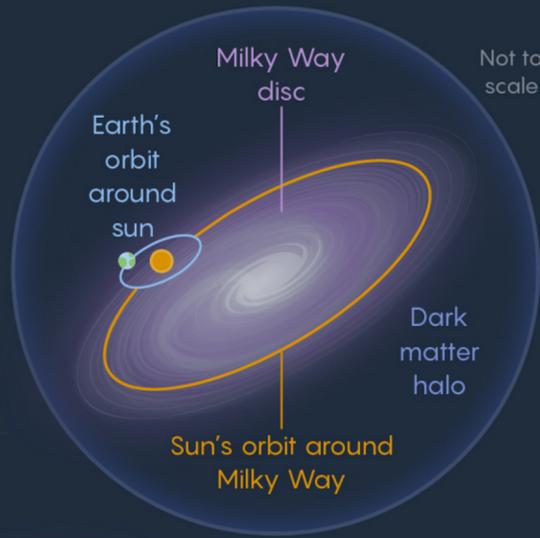
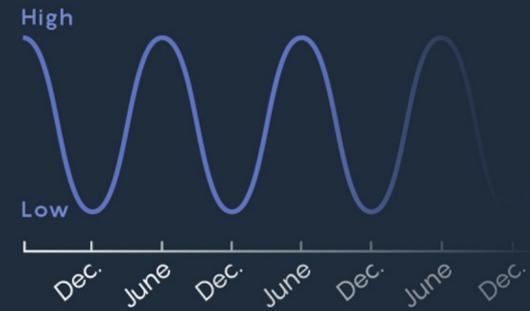
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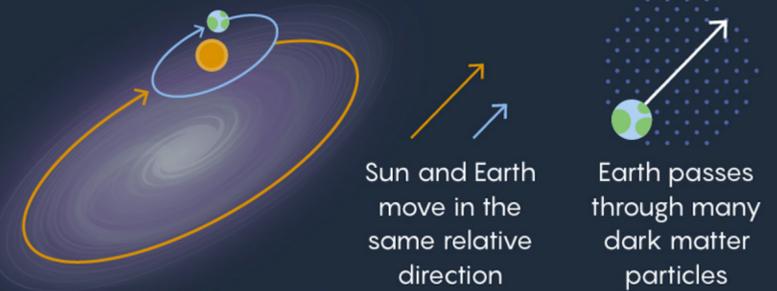
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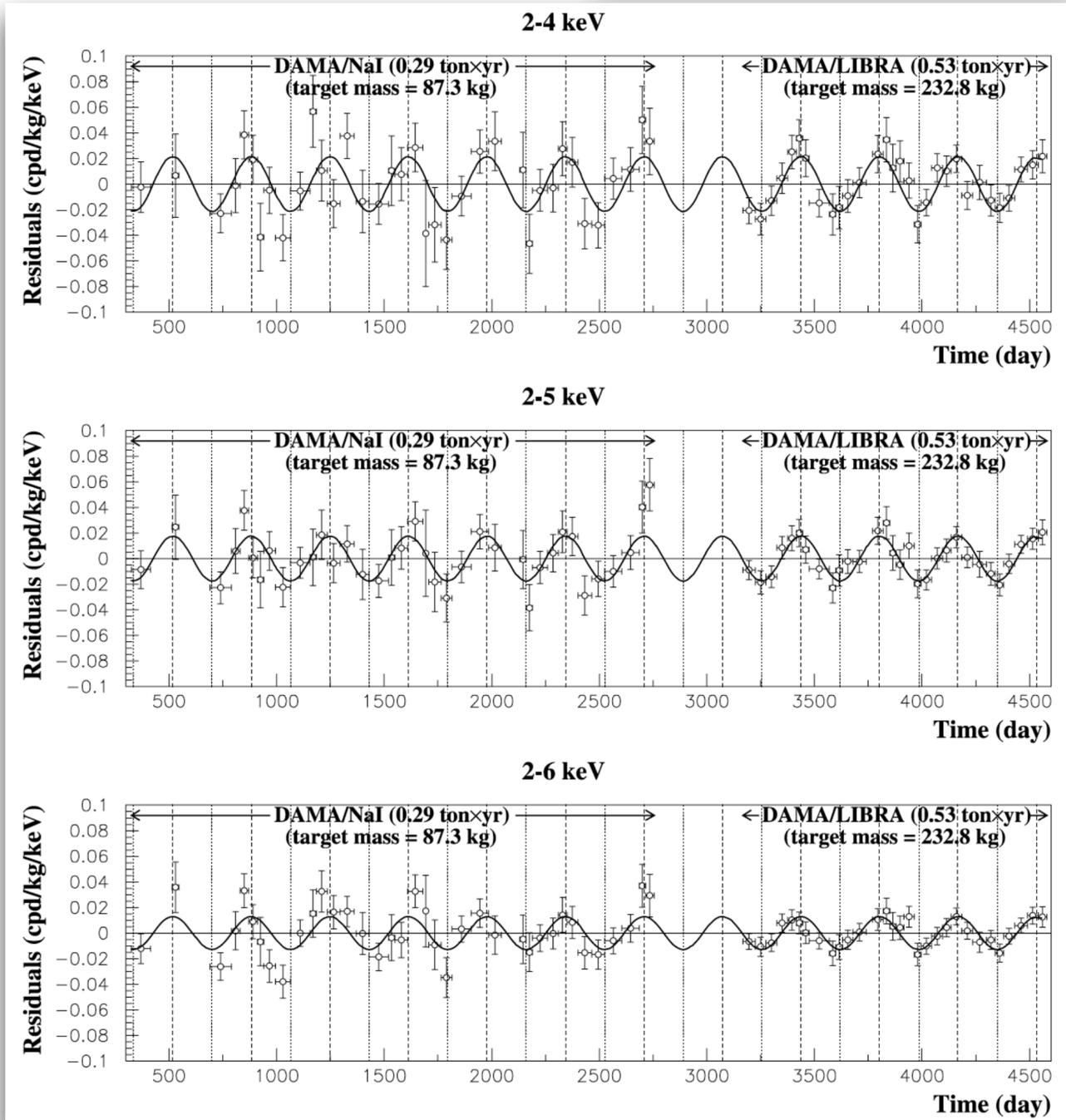
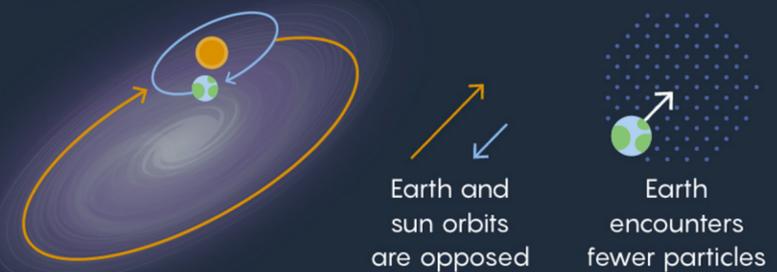
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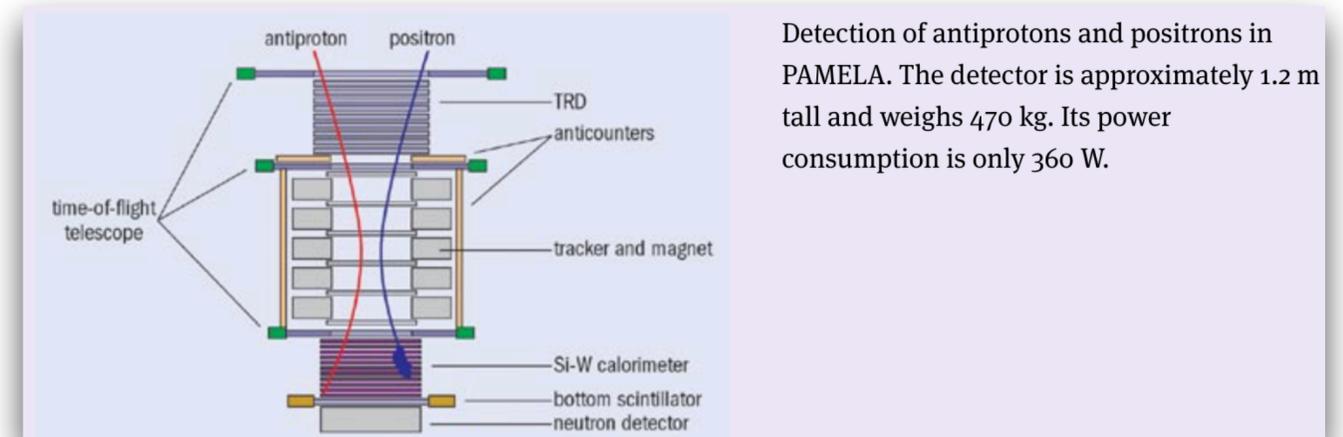
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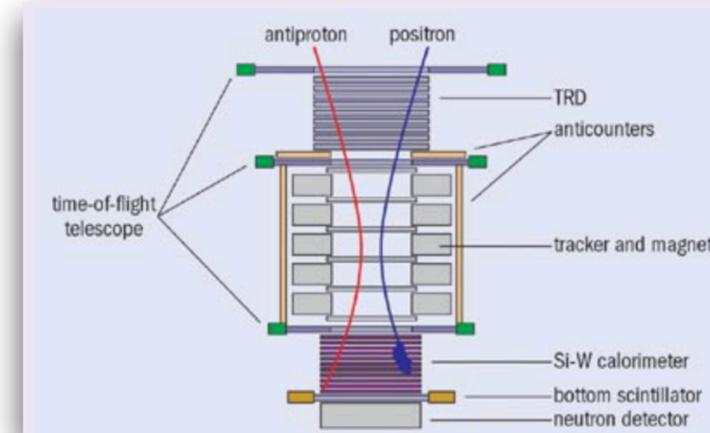
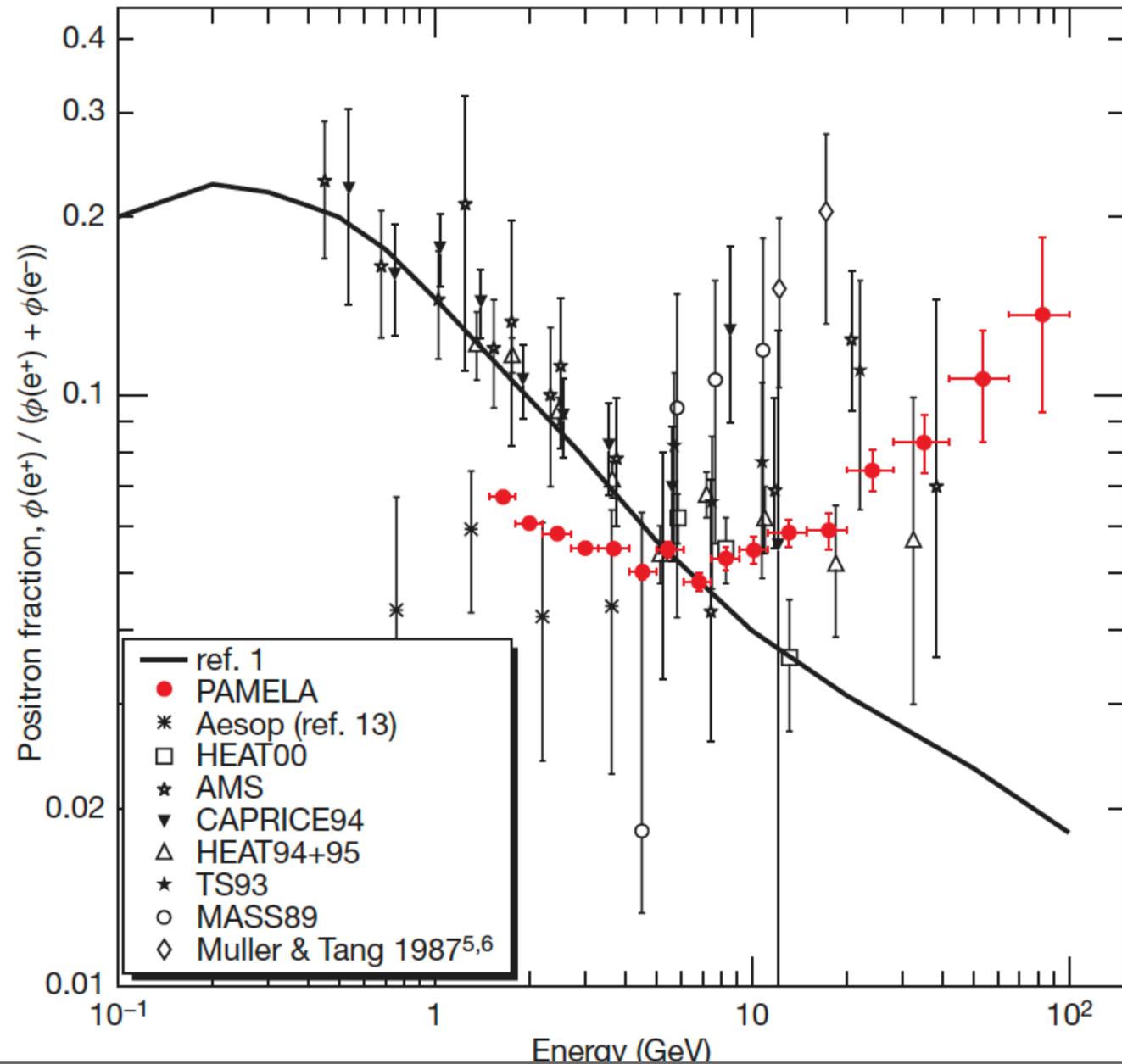
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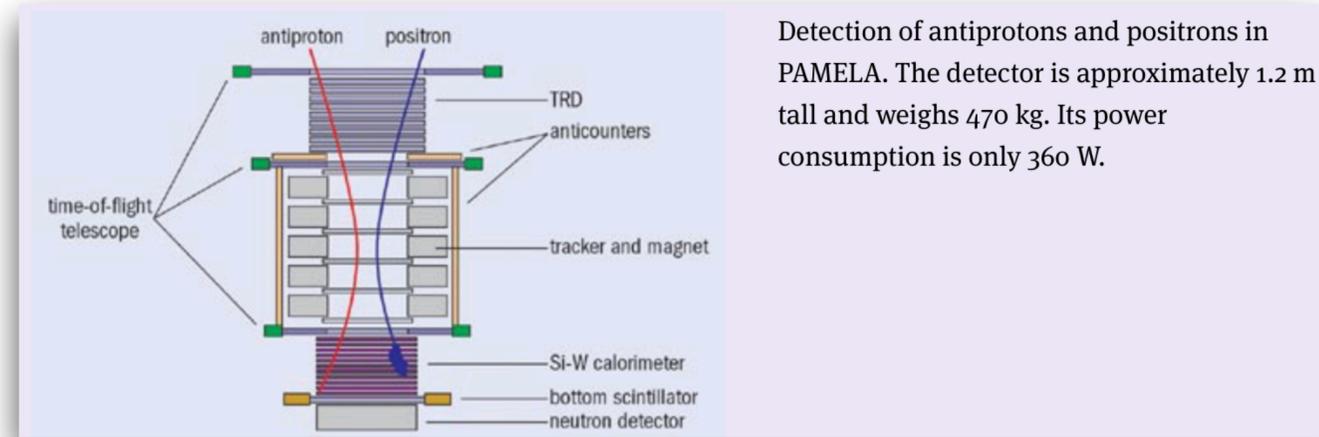
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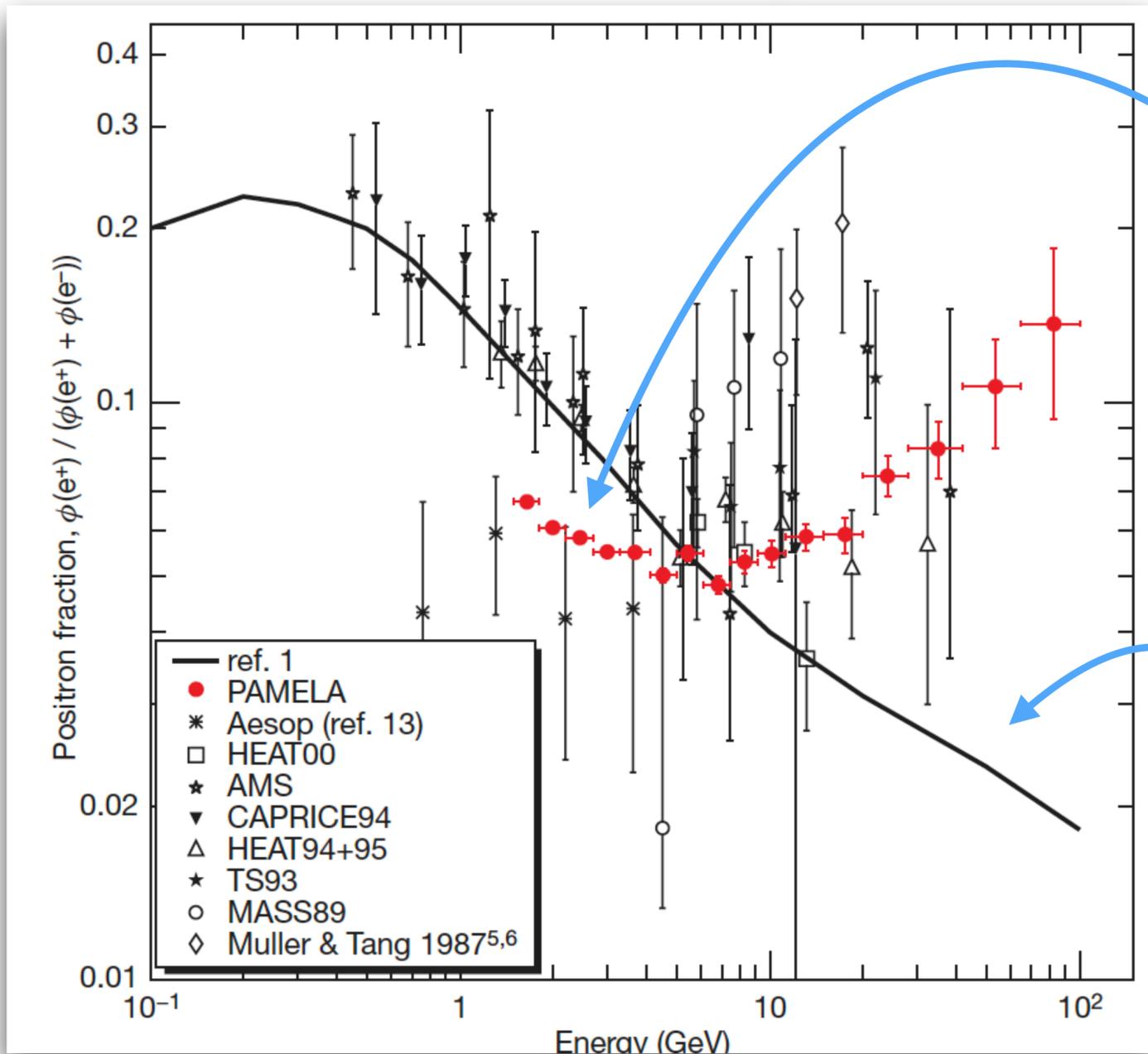
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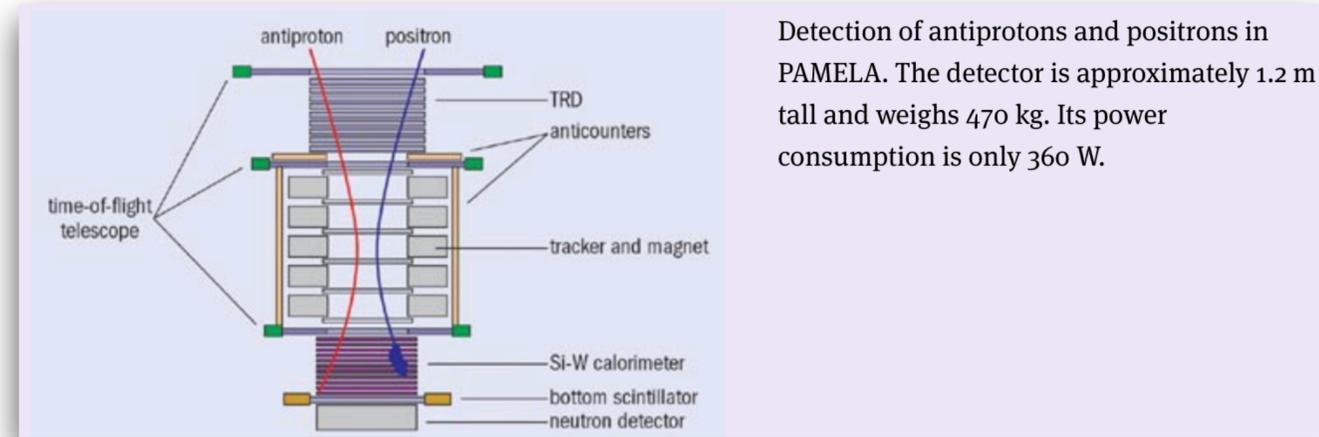
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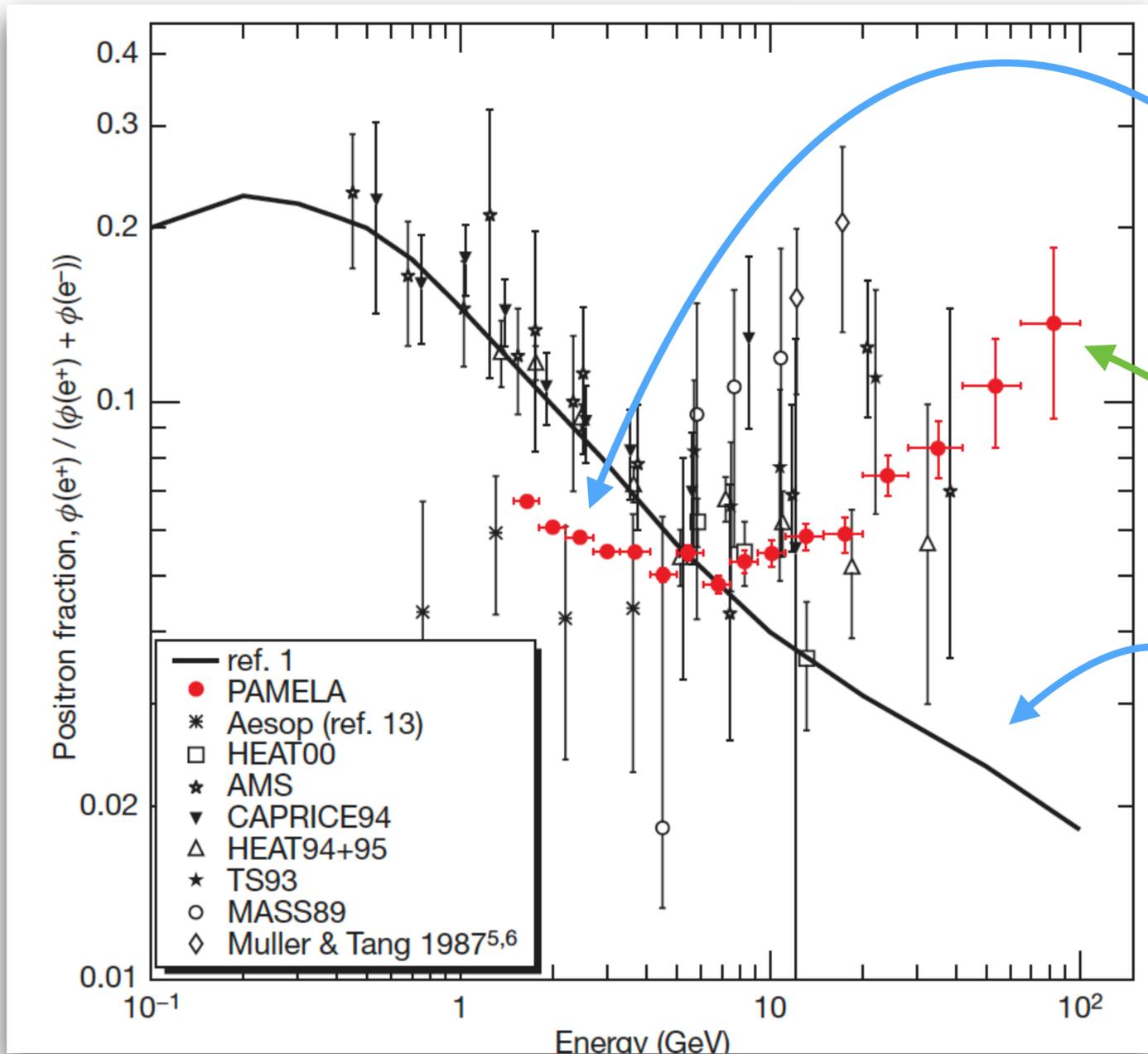
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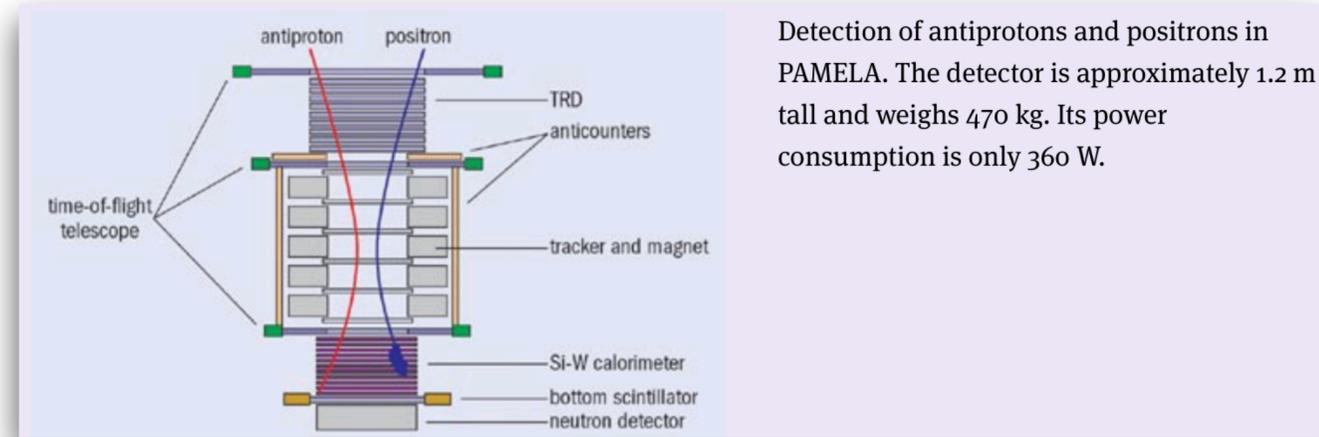
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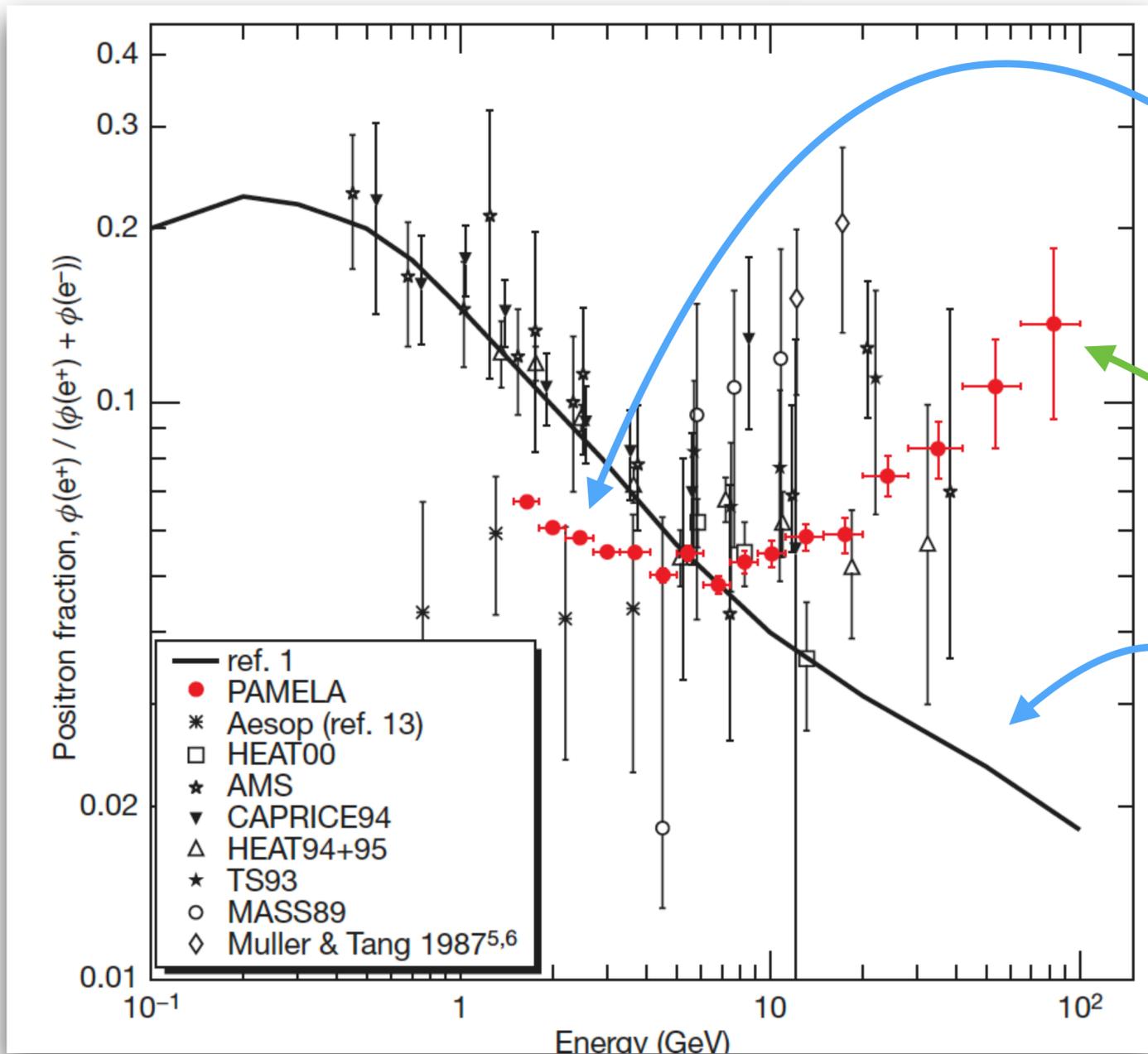
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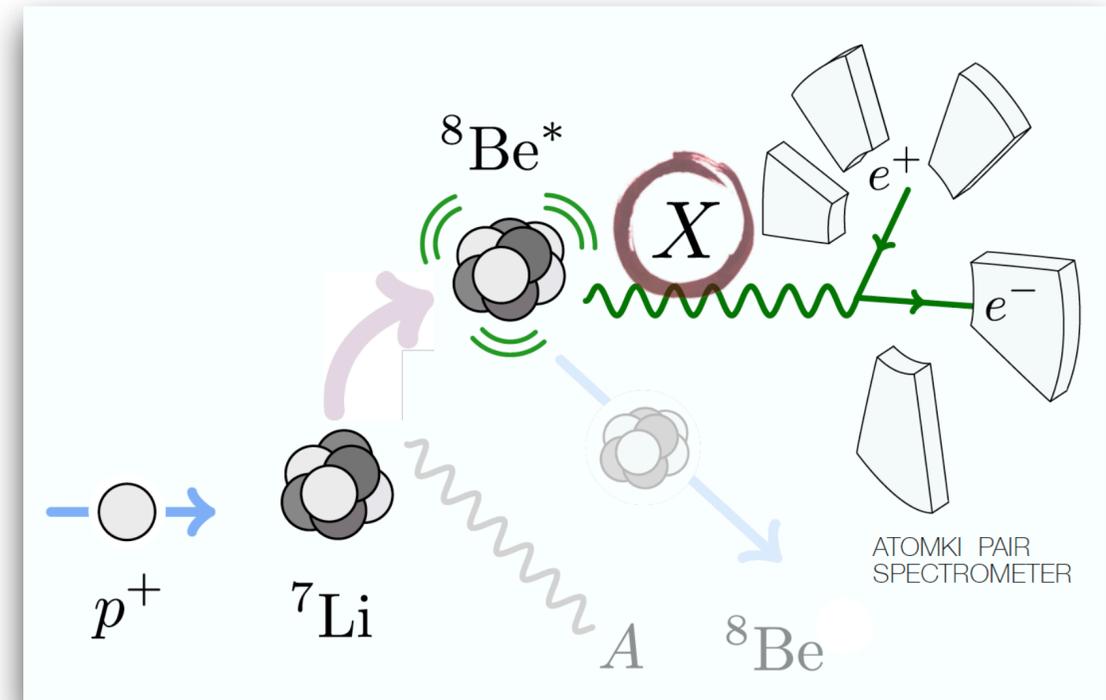
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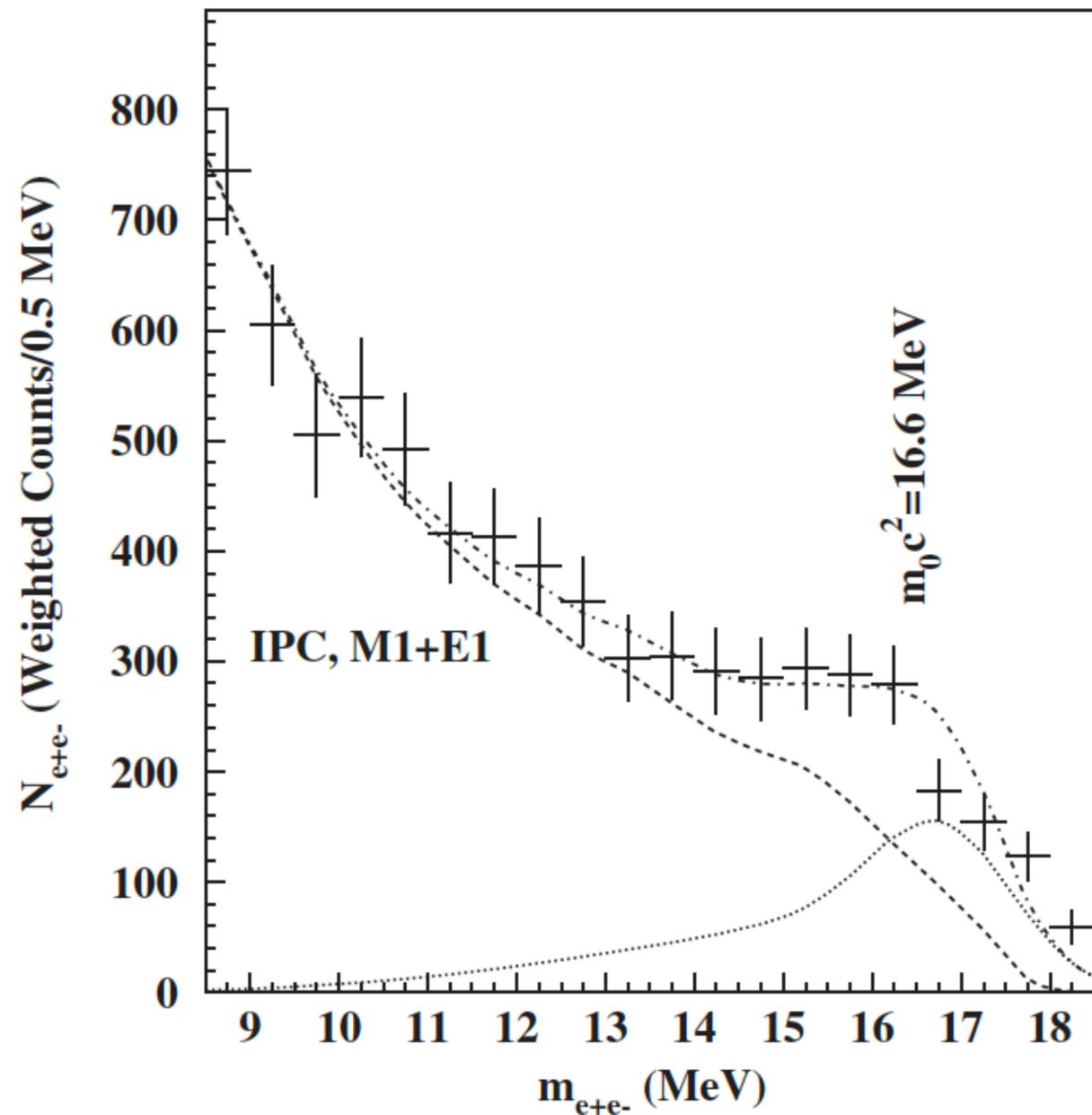
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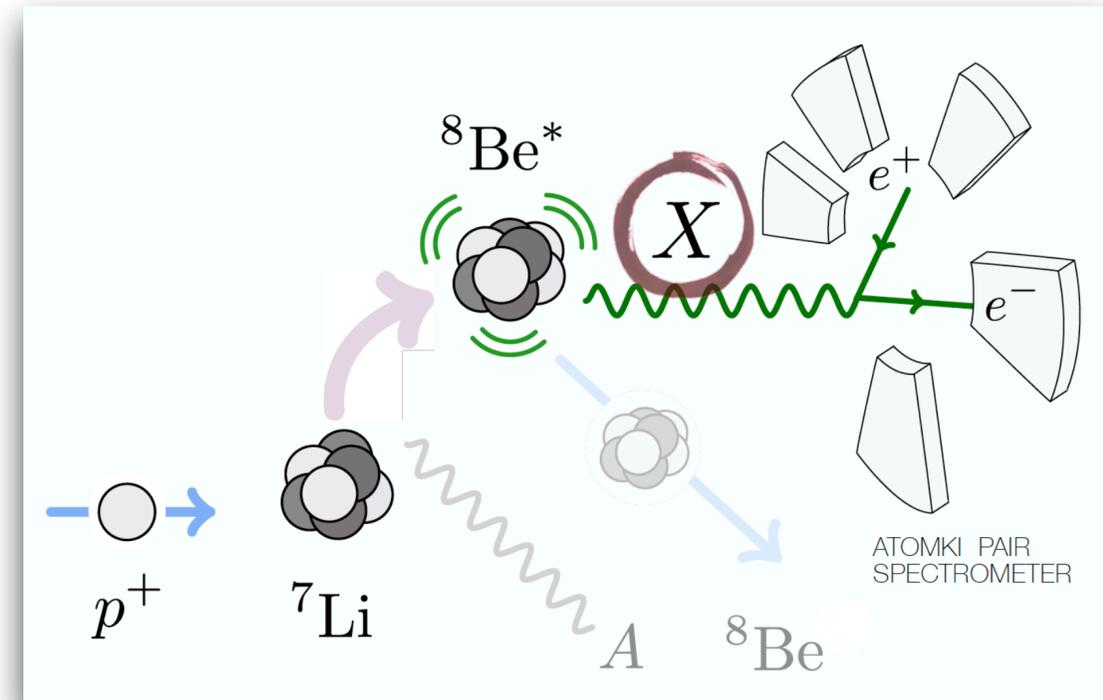
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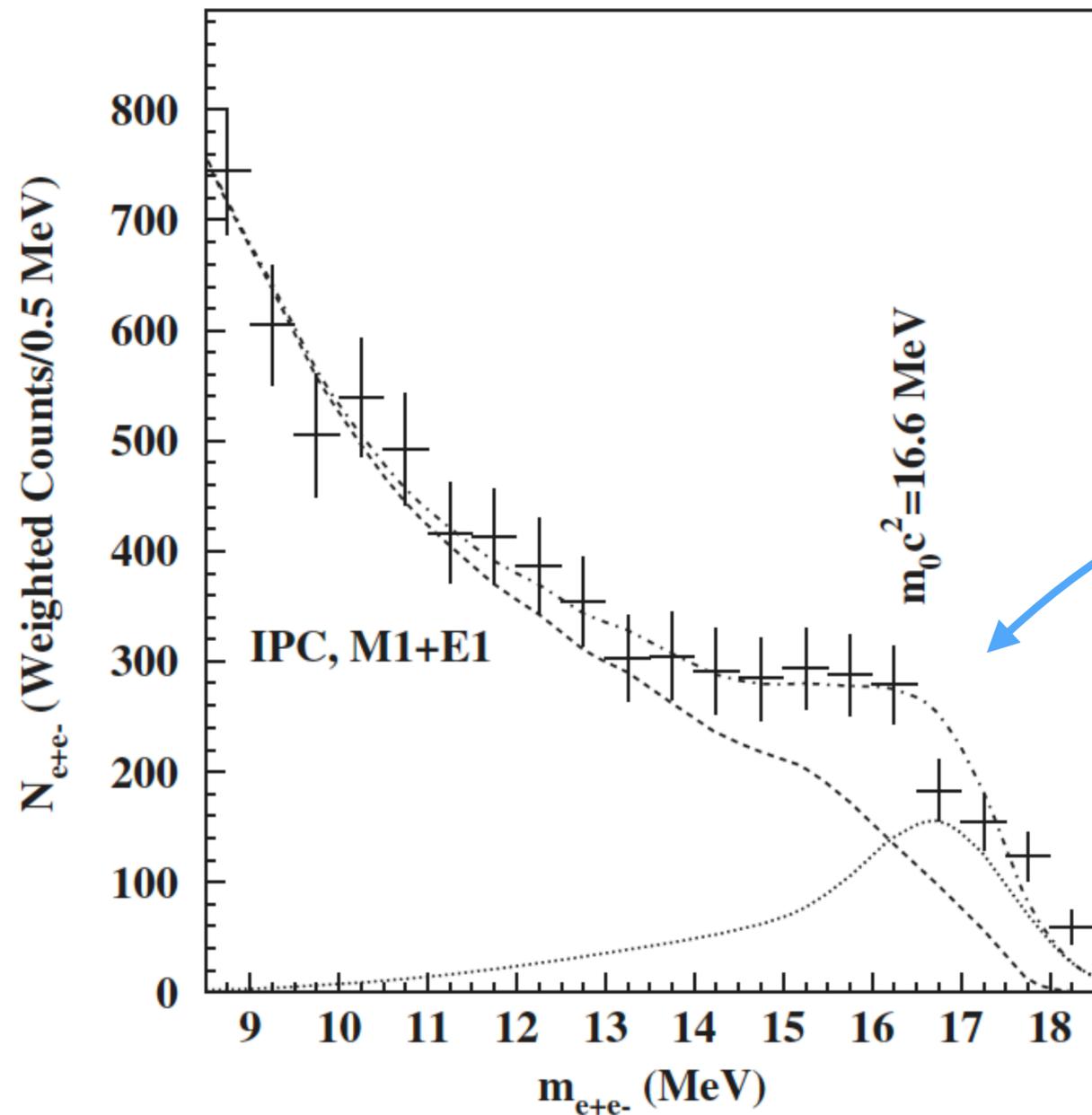
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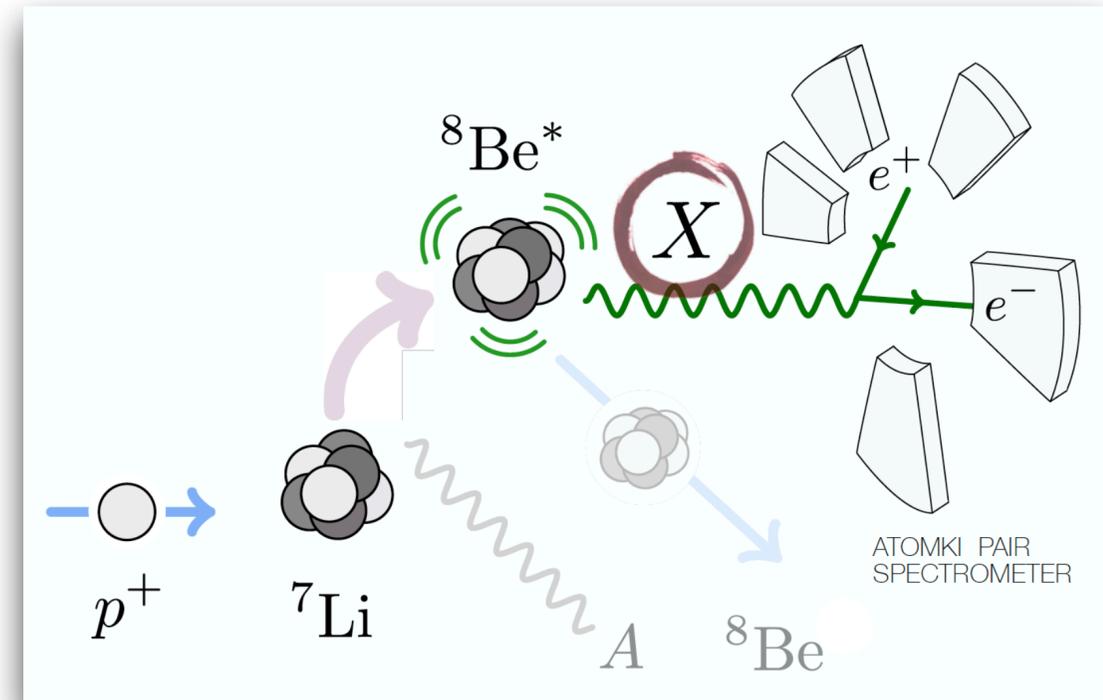
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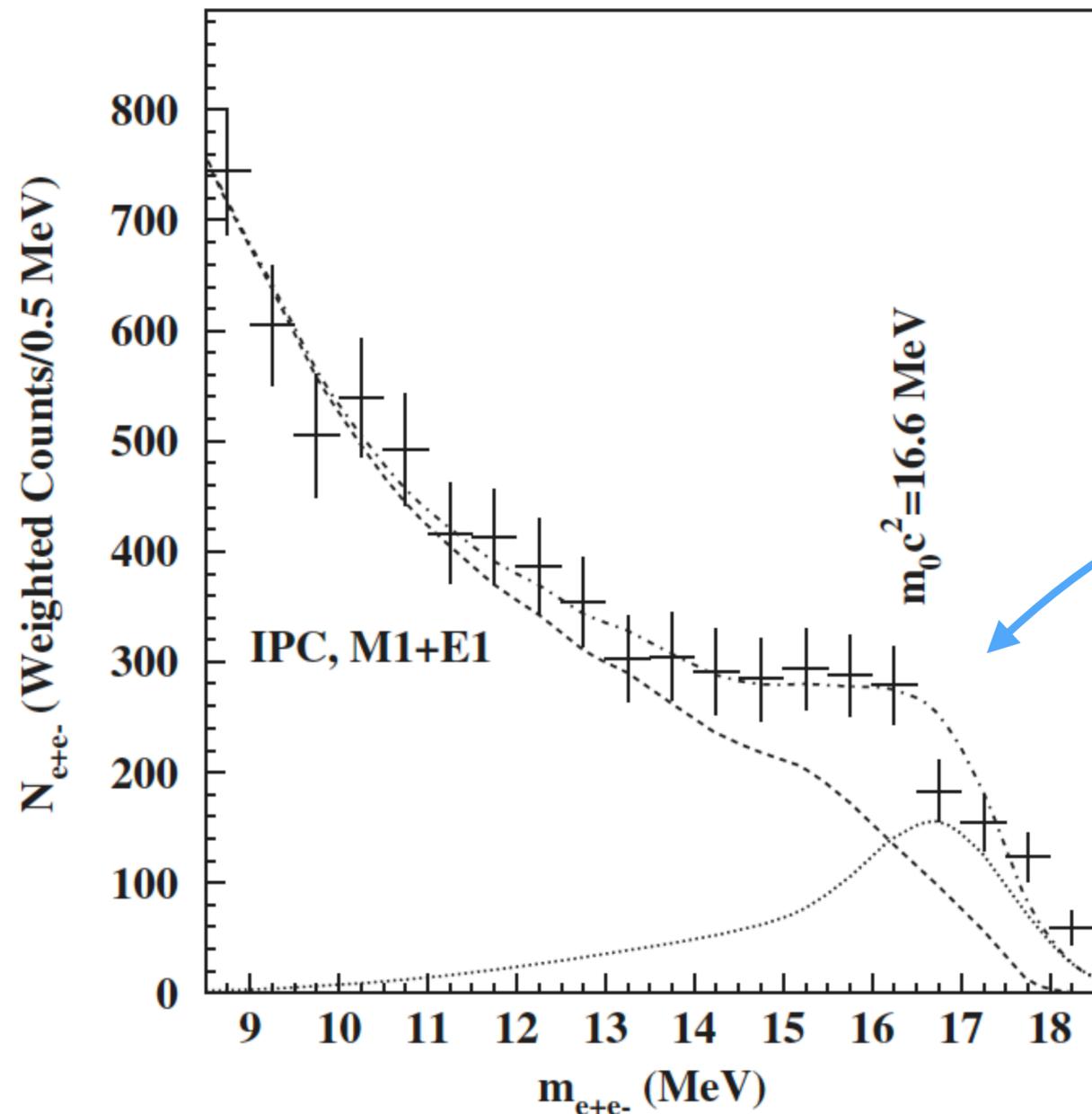
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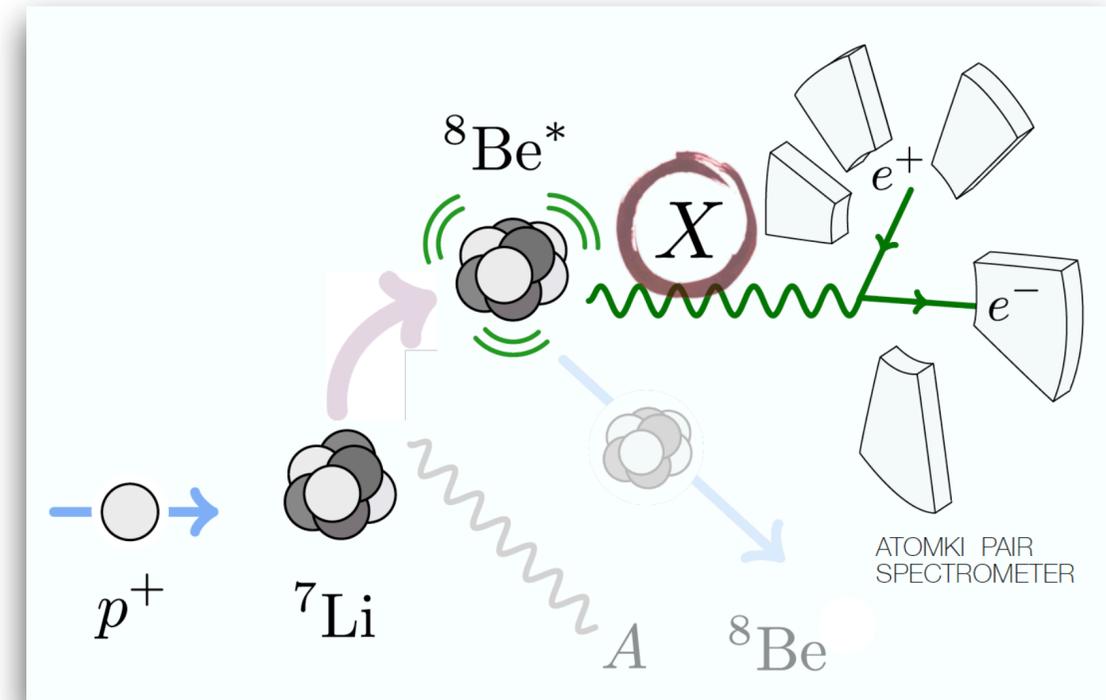
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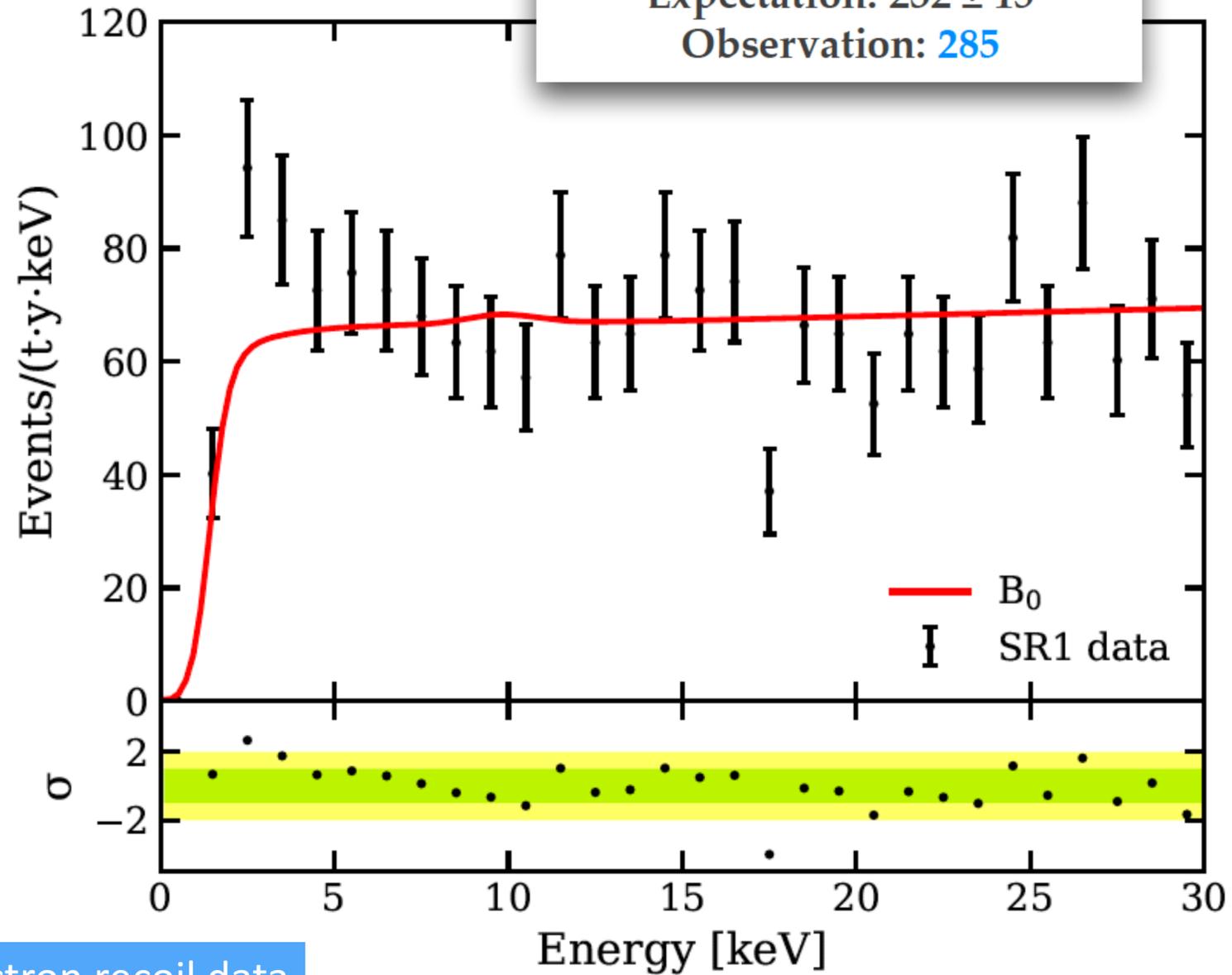
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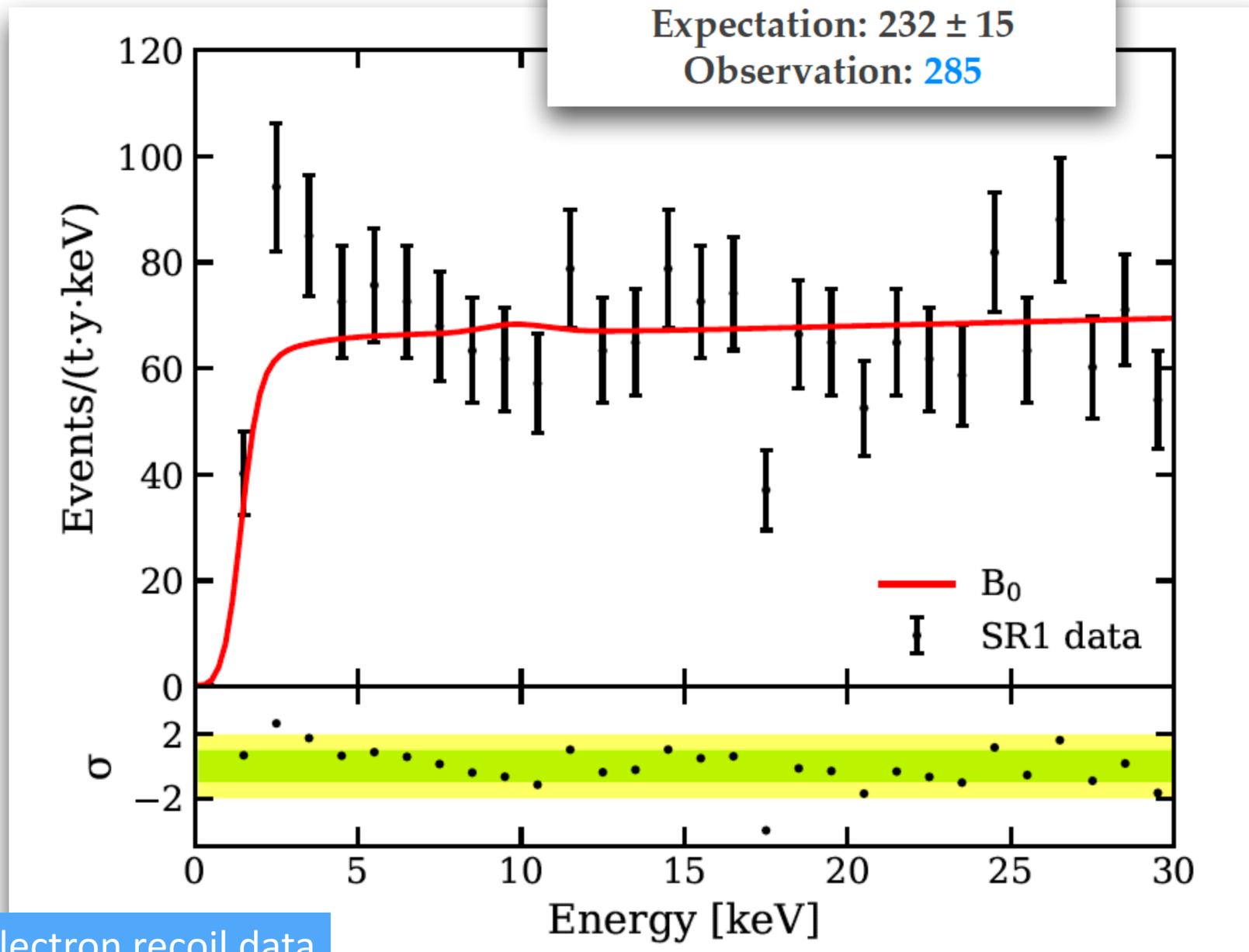
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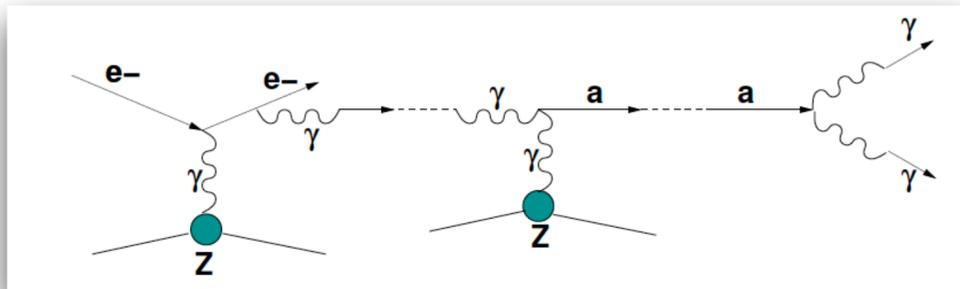
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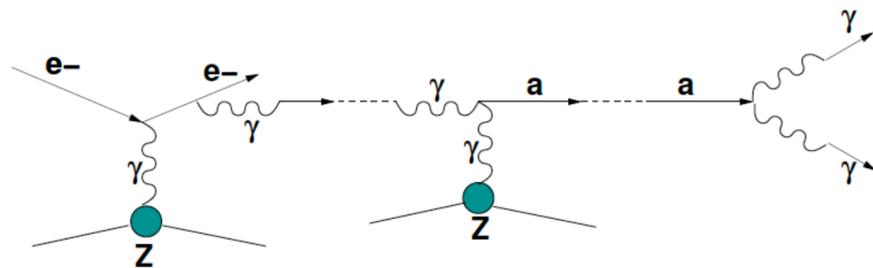
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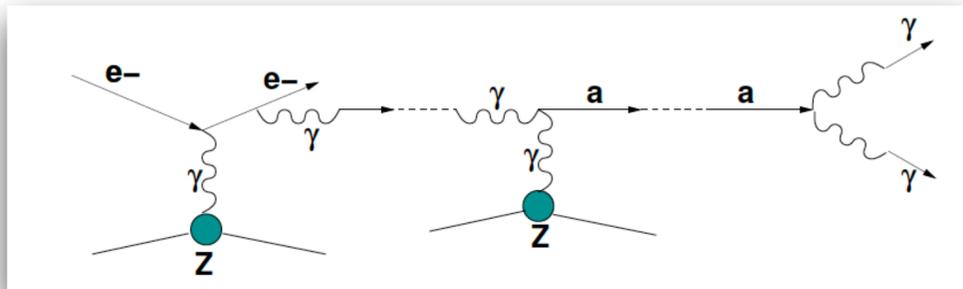
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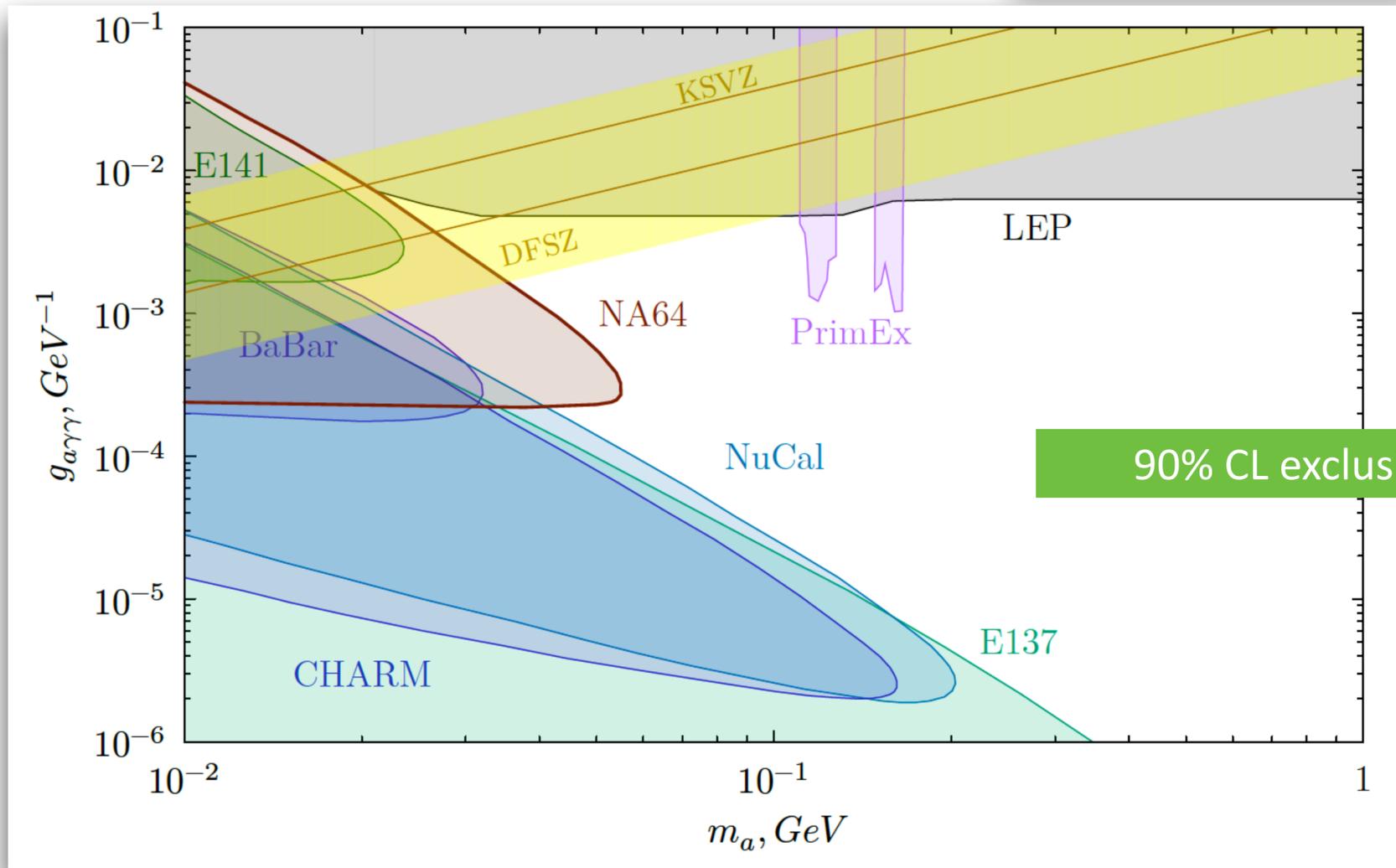
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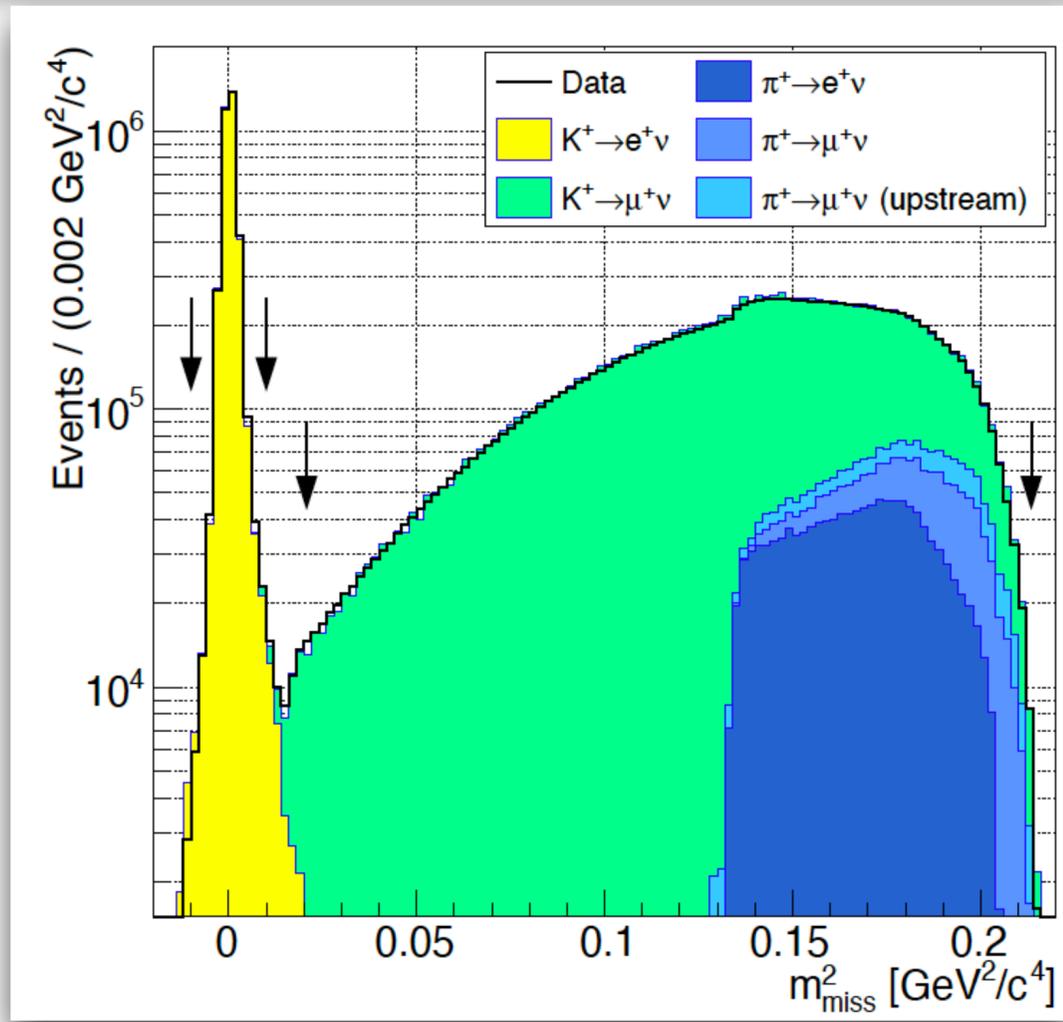
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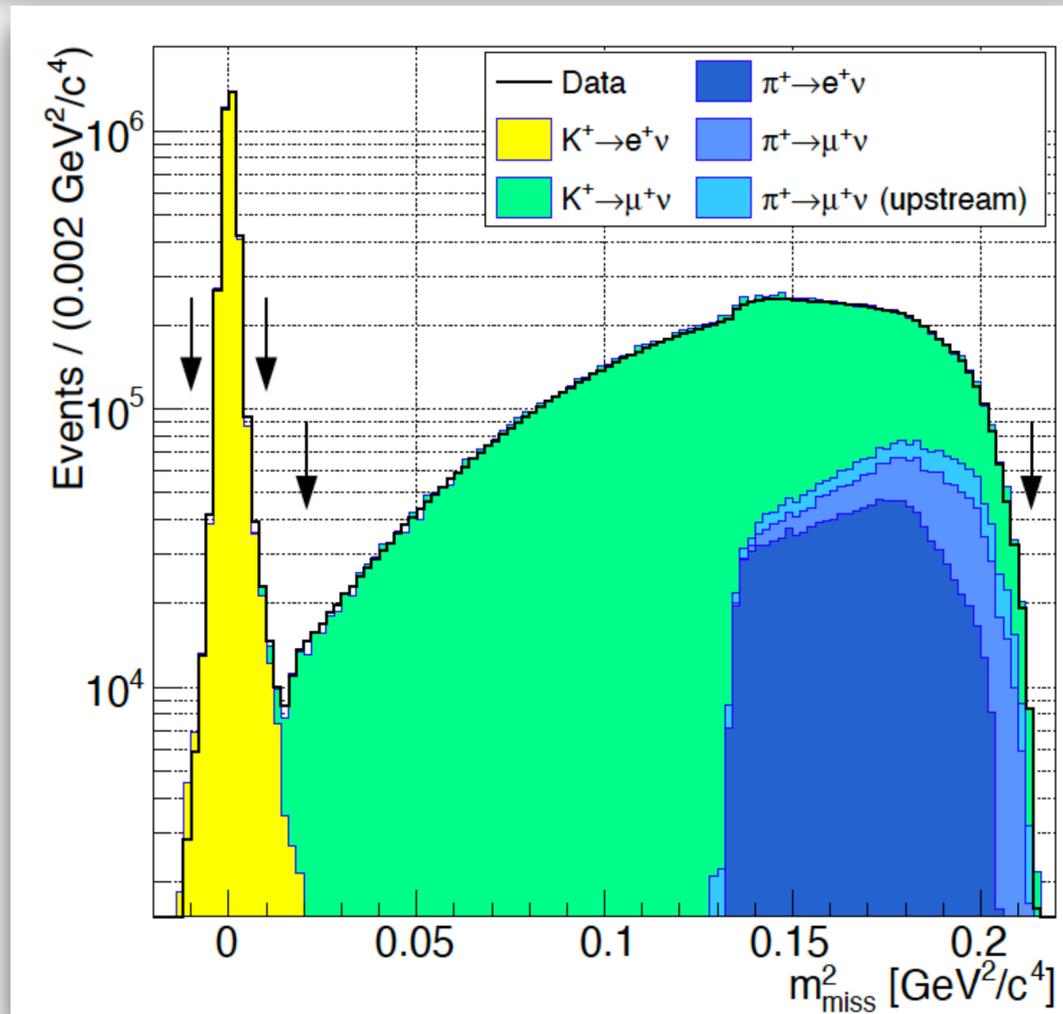


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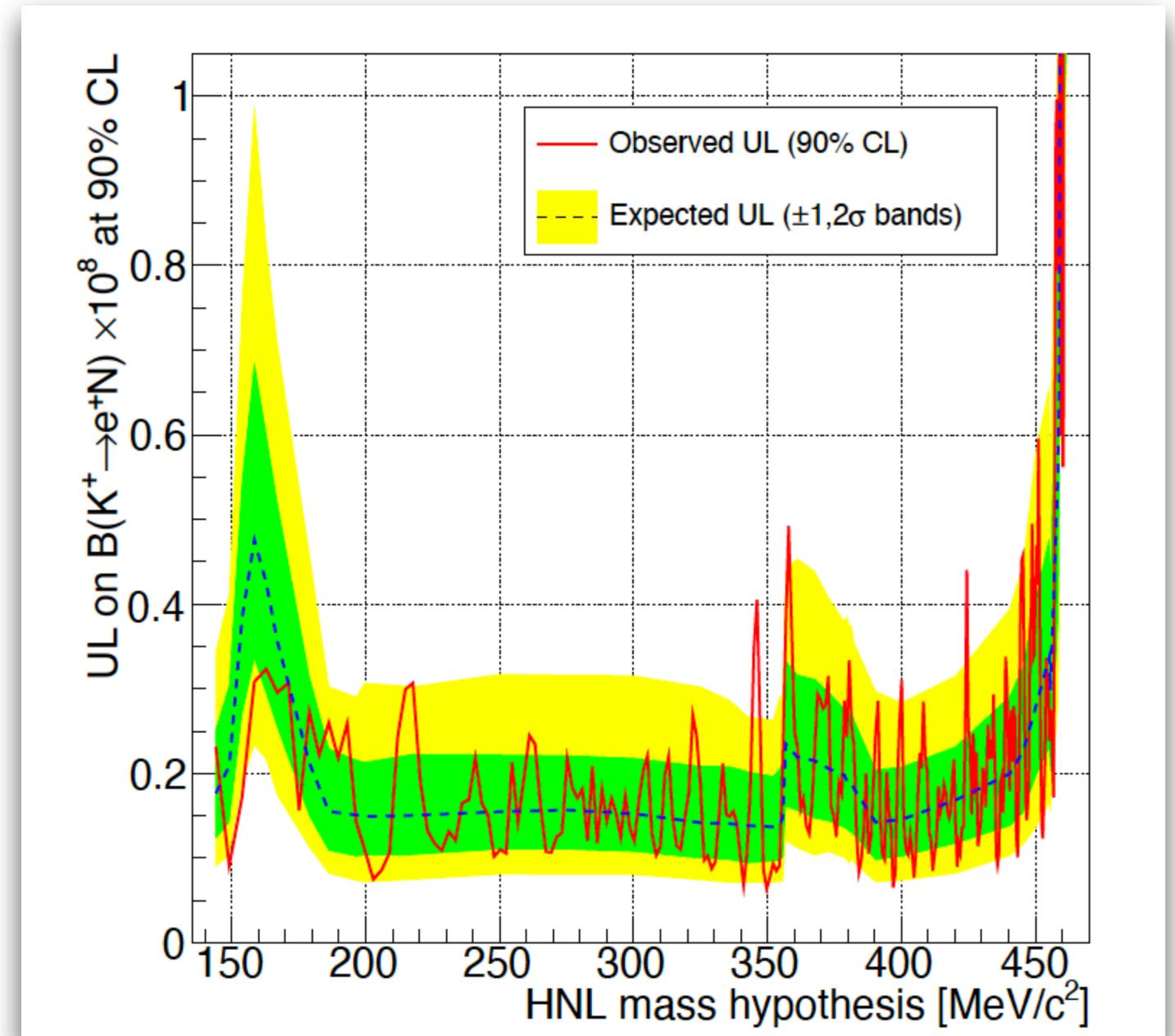
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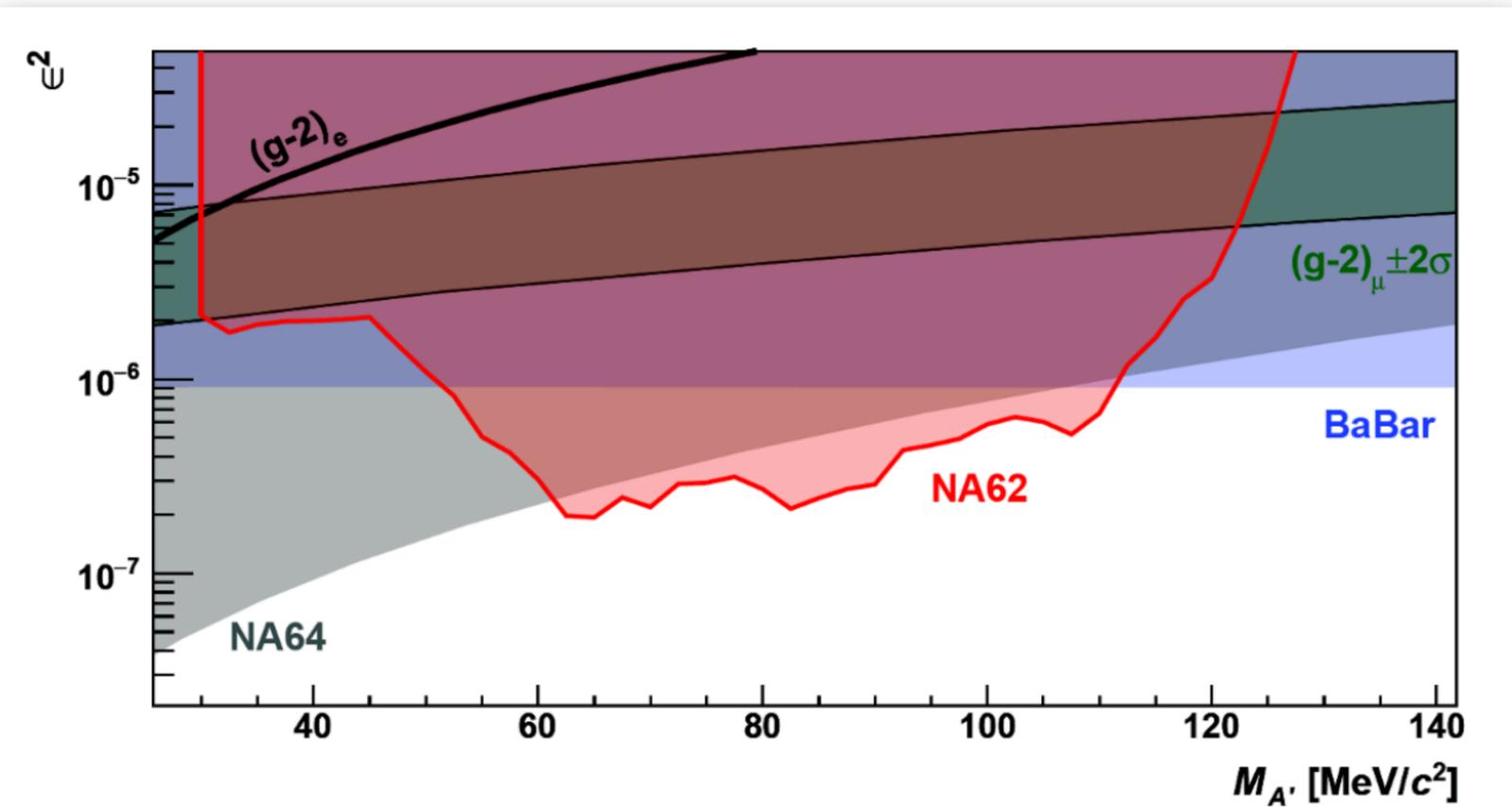
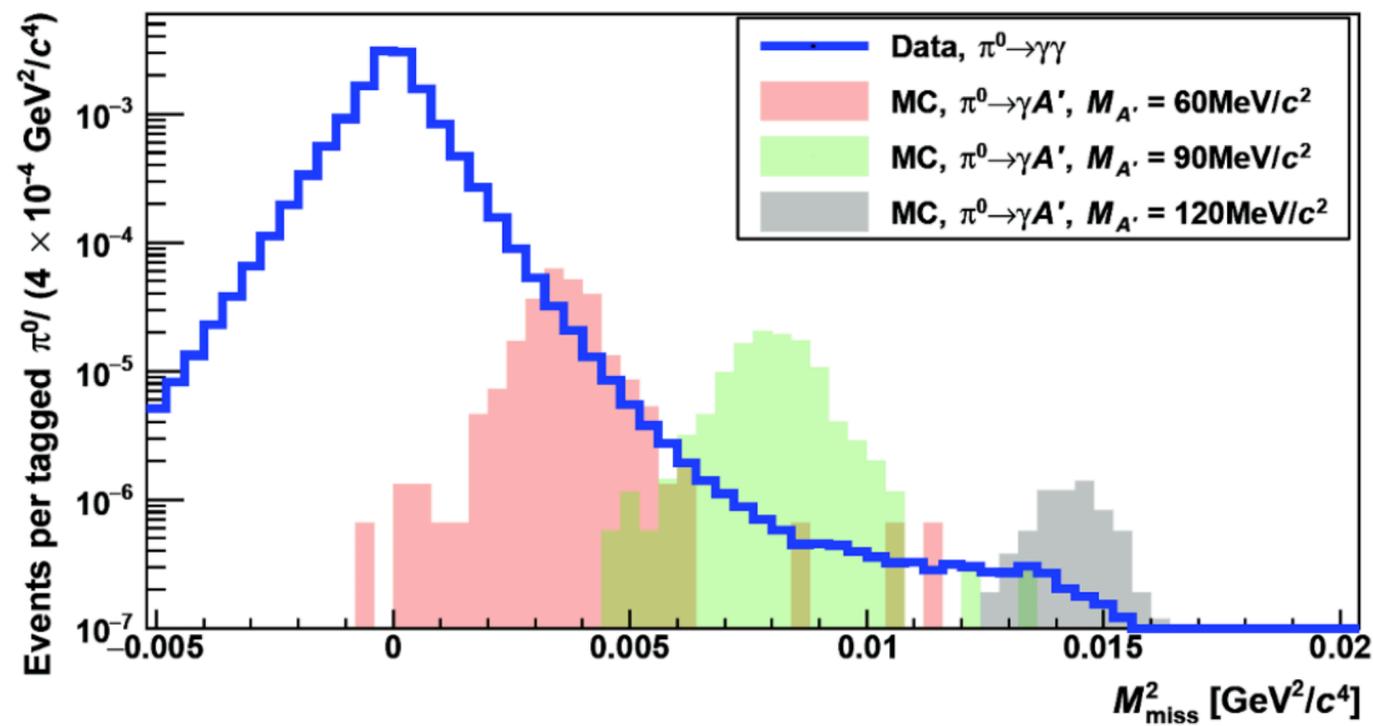
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Select pure  $\pi^0$  sample from the  $K^+$  and  $\pi^+$   
Search for a photon in this sample

$$M_{\text{miss}}^2 = (P_K - P_\pi - P_\gamma)^2$$

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$$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^0, \quad \pi^0 \rightarrow A' \gamma.$$



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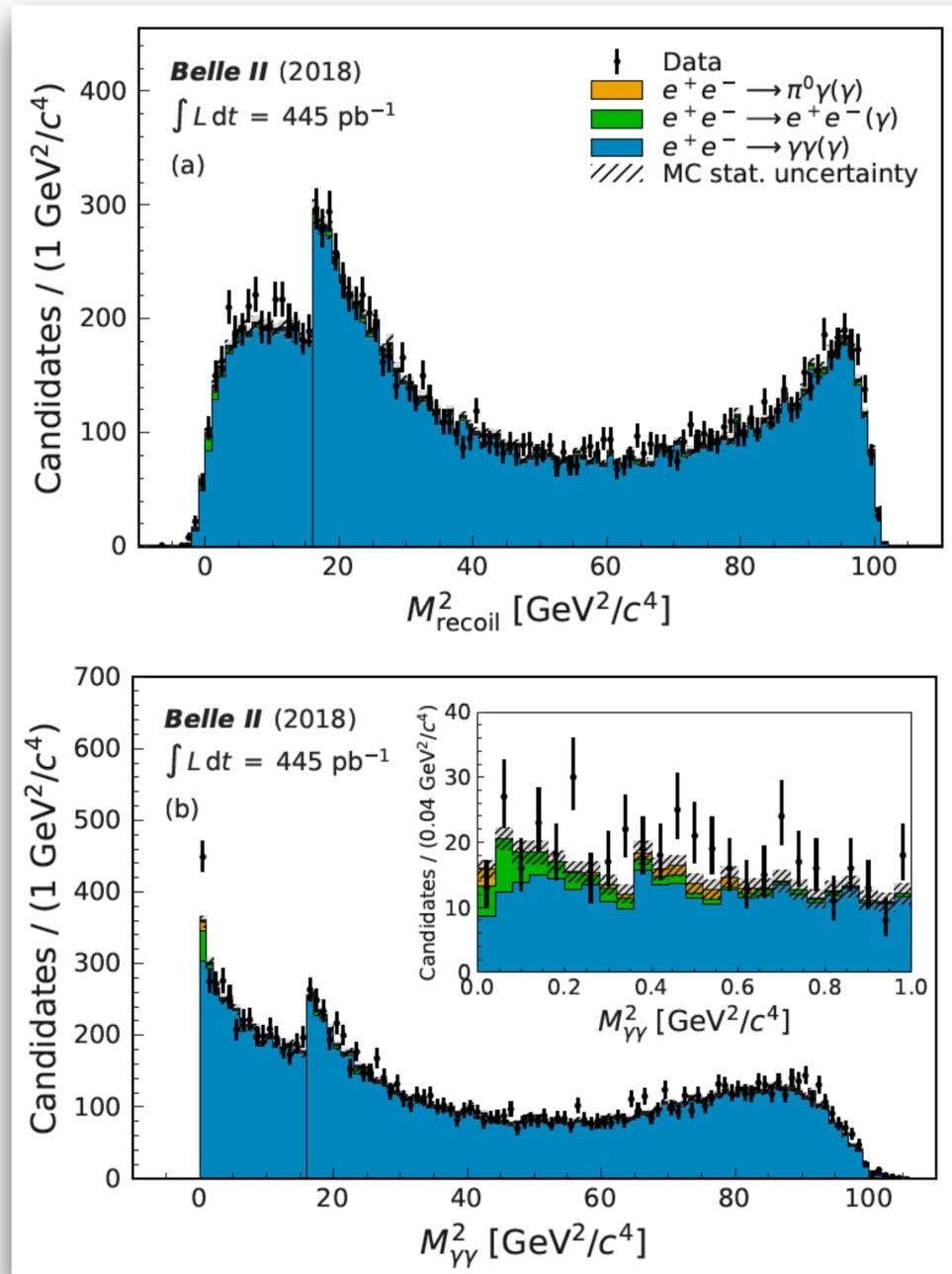
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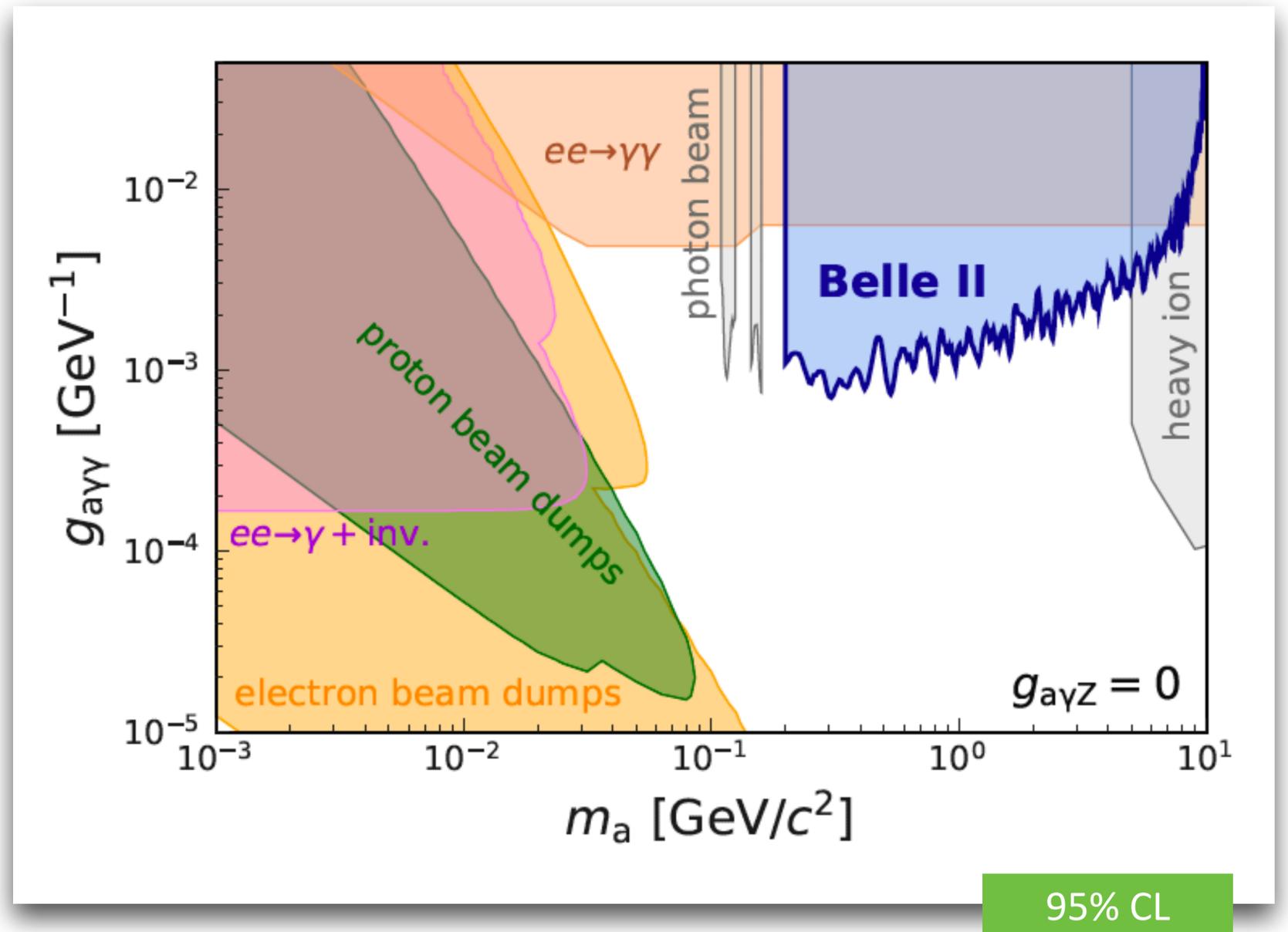
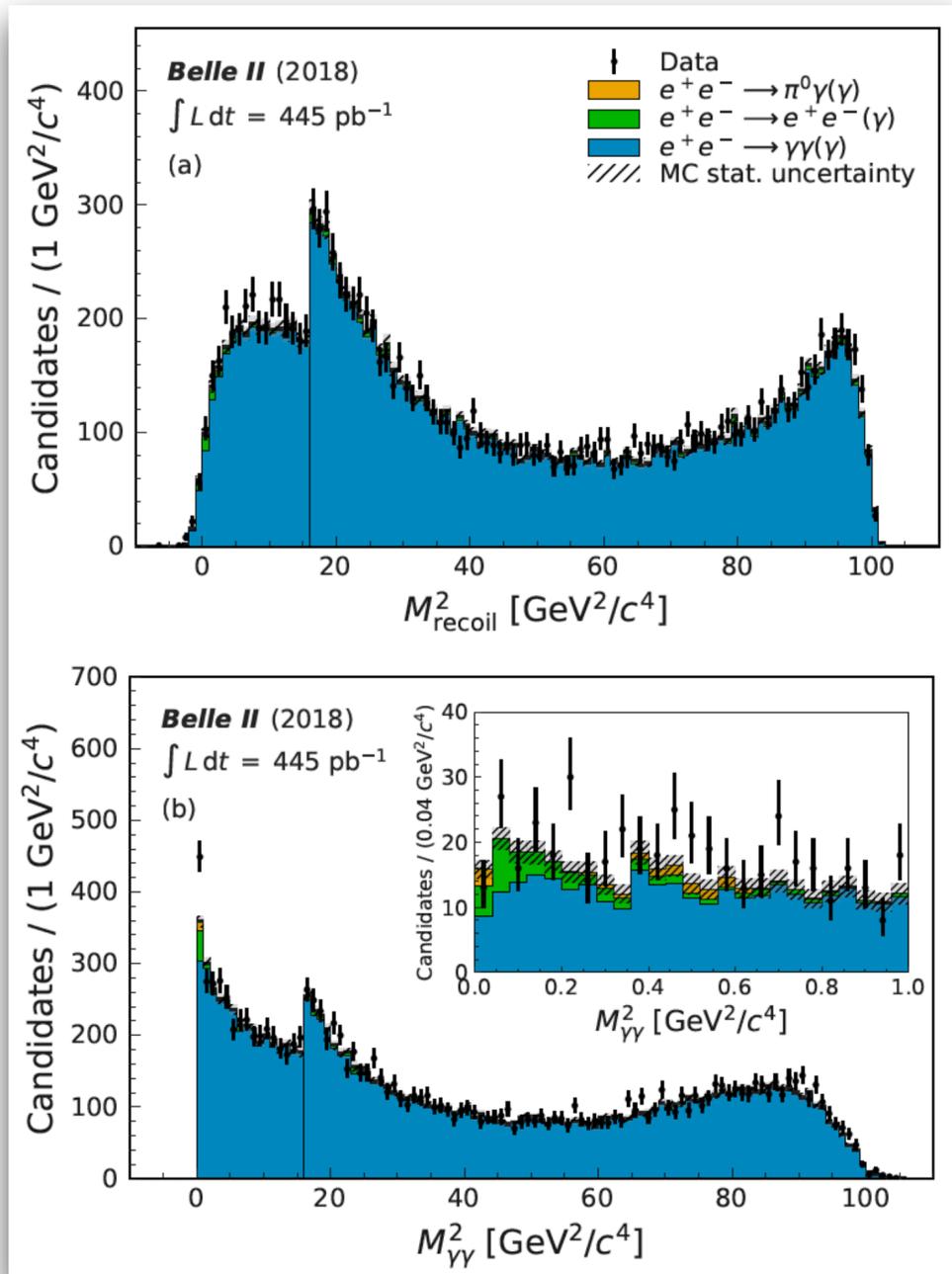
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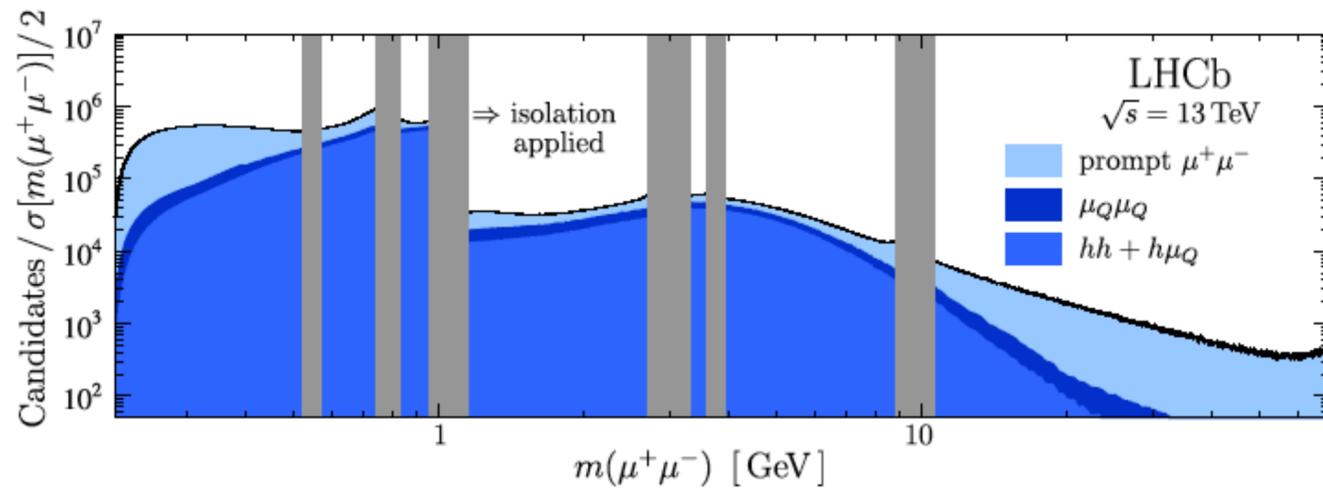


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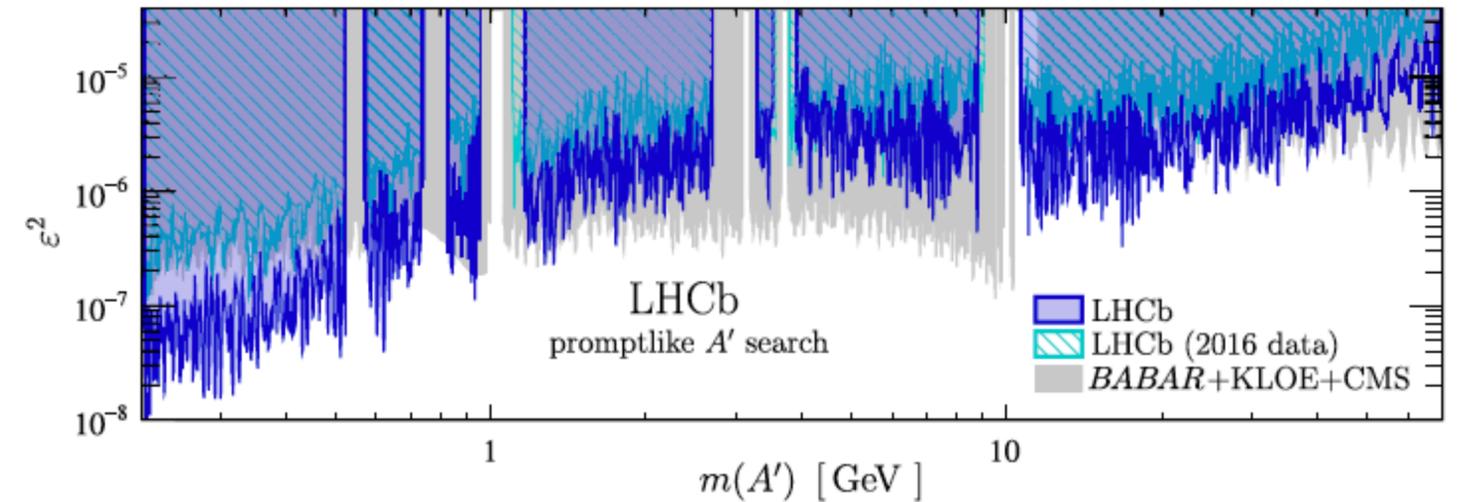


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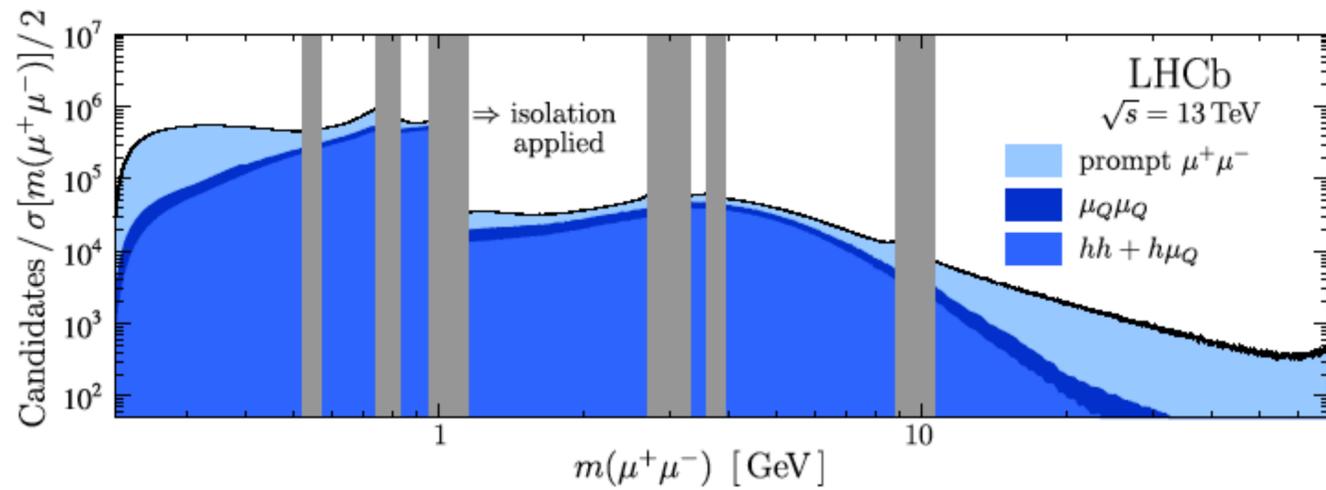


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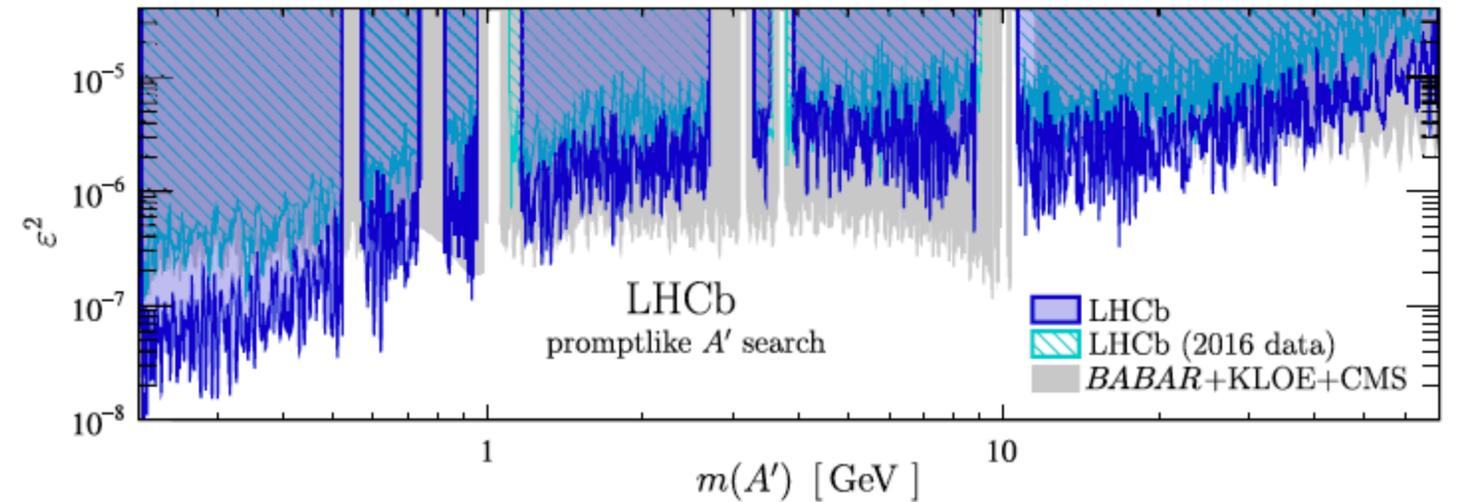
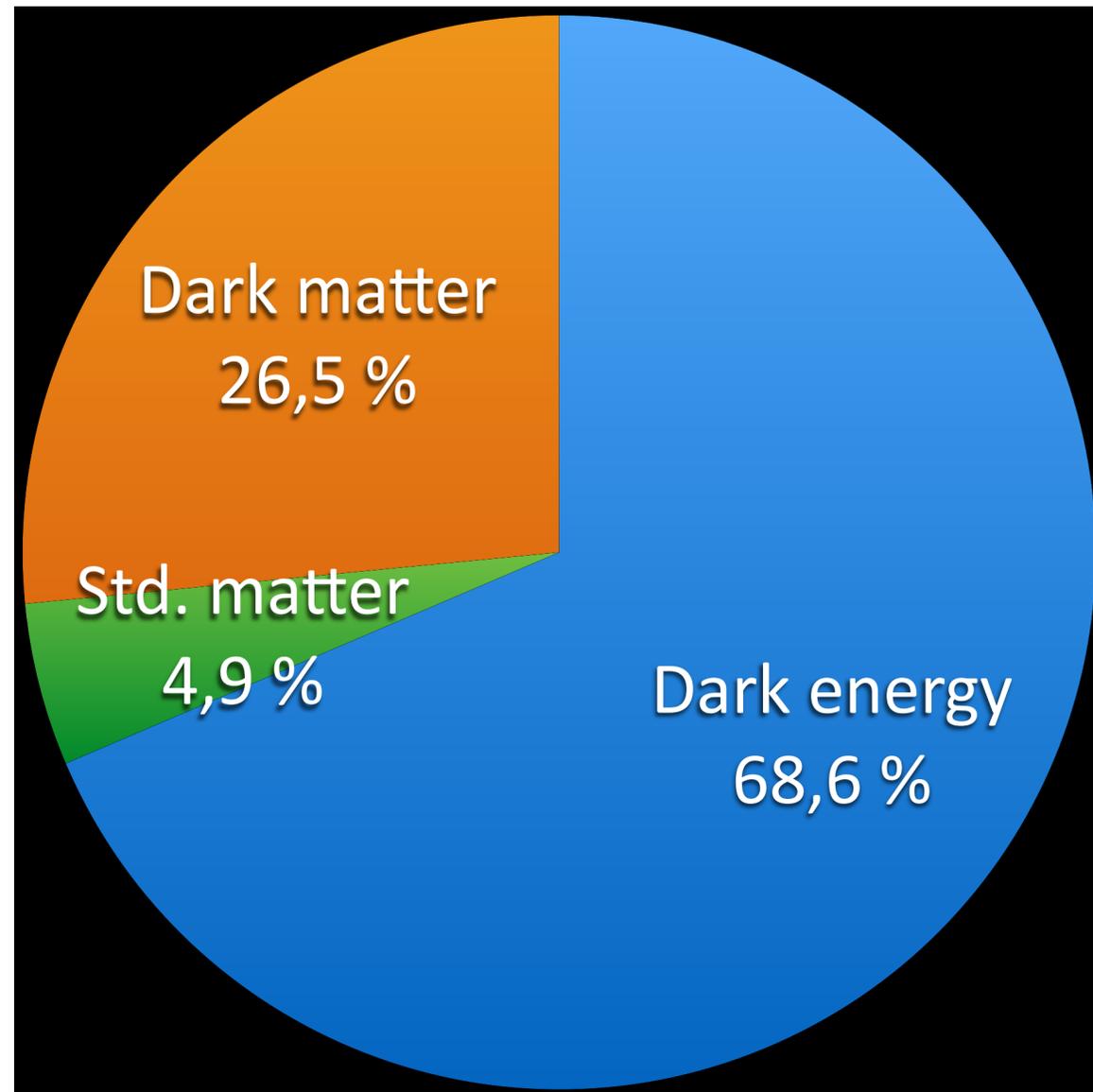


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## Instead of a summary ...



Based on applications of gravity to astrophysical scales  
(larger than 10 Mpc  $\approx$  3 M light years  $\approx$   $3 \times 10^{24}$  cm)

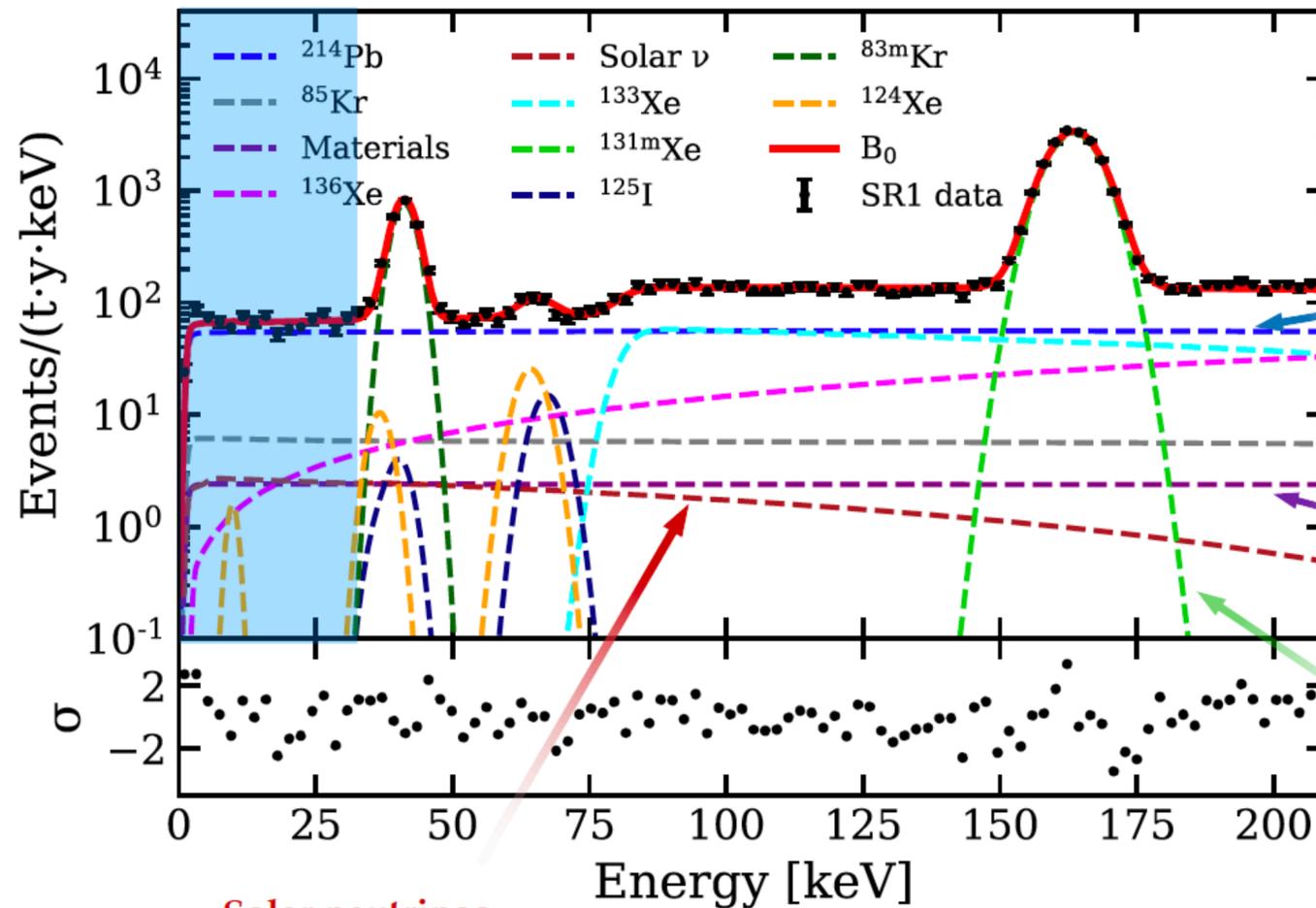
Assumes that all is ok with our use of gravity to build the  
cosmological model and assuming that all is ok with the  
related measurements

Beyond gravity there are hints of DM and many searches ....  
... it is a very active field ...

## Extra slides

# Hints of dark matter: Xenon 1T electron recoil

<https://indico.cern.ch/event/868940/contributions/3814884>



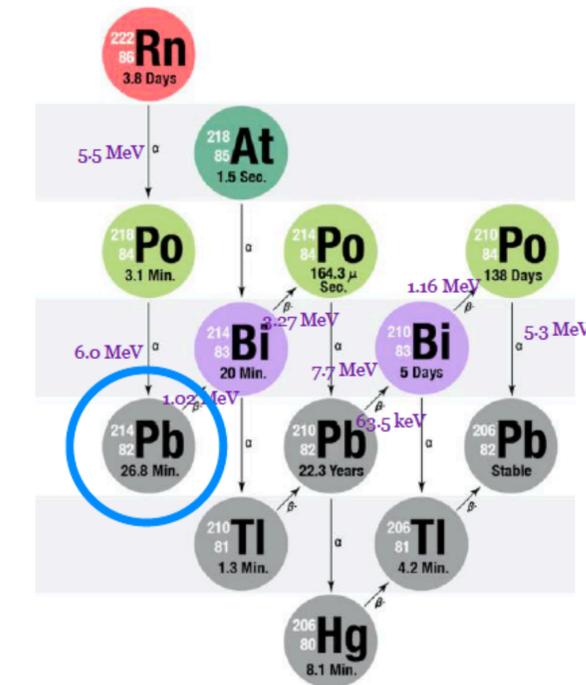
Intrinsic backgrounds

$^{214}\text{Pb}$ ,  $^{136}\text{Xe}$ ,  $^{124}\text{Xe}$ ,  $^{83m}\text{Kr}$ ,  $^{85}\text{Kr}$

Detector materials  $\gamma$

Neutron activation

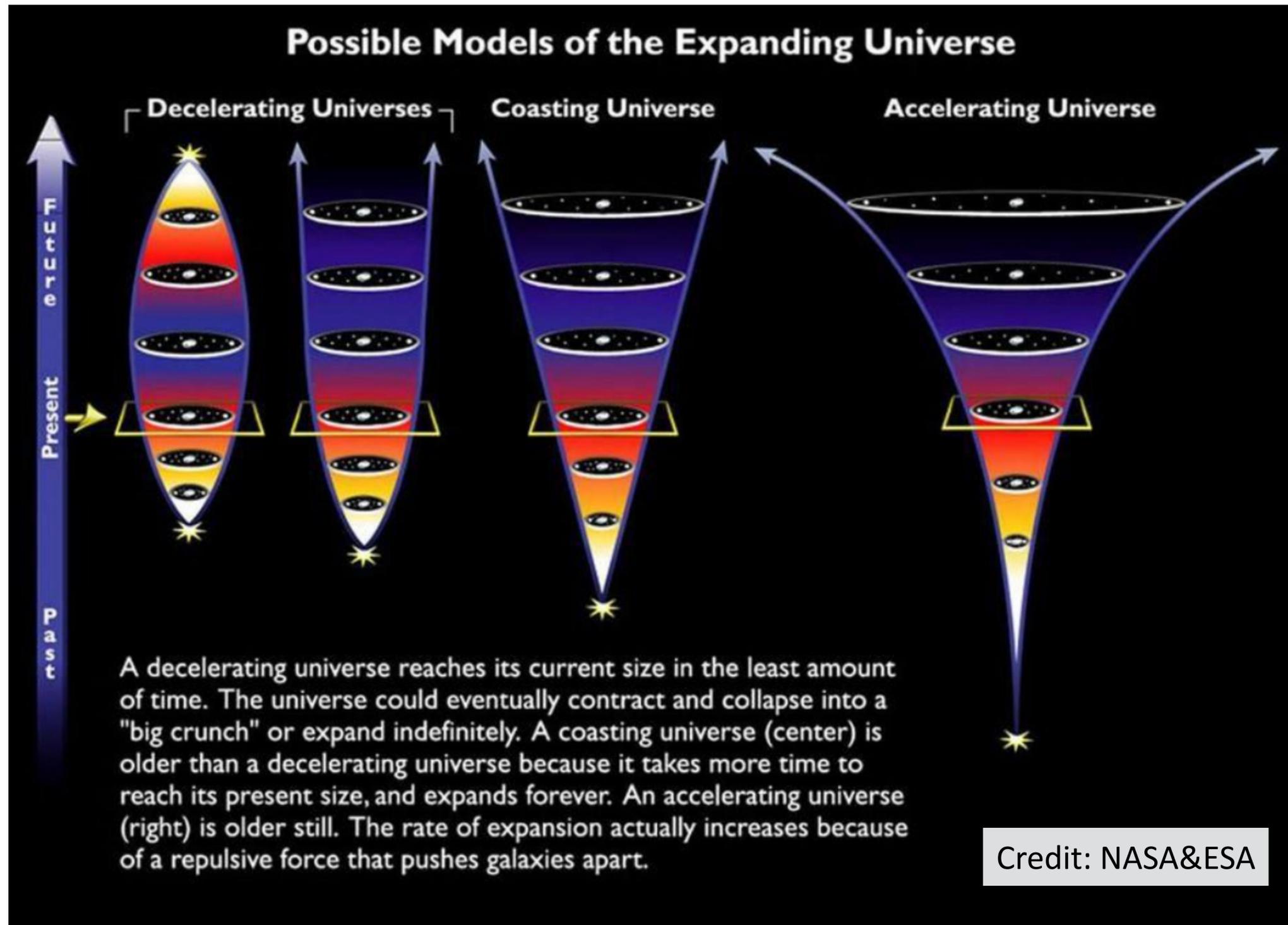
$^{131m}\text{Xe}$ ,  $^{133}\text{Xe}$ ,  $^{125}\text{I}$



- Good match between MC and data
- Predicted background spectra based on Geant4 simulations smeared with detector effects

Use lowest background rate ever achieved **(76 +/- 2) events/(t.y.keV)** in [1, 30] keV  
to search for excesses in the ER band!

# Dark Energy



It does not clump  
It seems to be homogeneous  
It accounts for  $\approx 68\%$  of the energy budget of the universe

The density of dark energy remains constant while the universe expands!  
(Matter/radiation density decays)  
(at least in the last 9 billion years)

This behaviour is like a cosmological constant. We know this from baryon acoustic oscillations,  $(1 \pm 0.08)$ , with one being a cosmological constant)

Universe is dominated by dark energy today, but some 9 billion years ago it was negligible, and some 6 billion years ago it was equal to the density of dark matter