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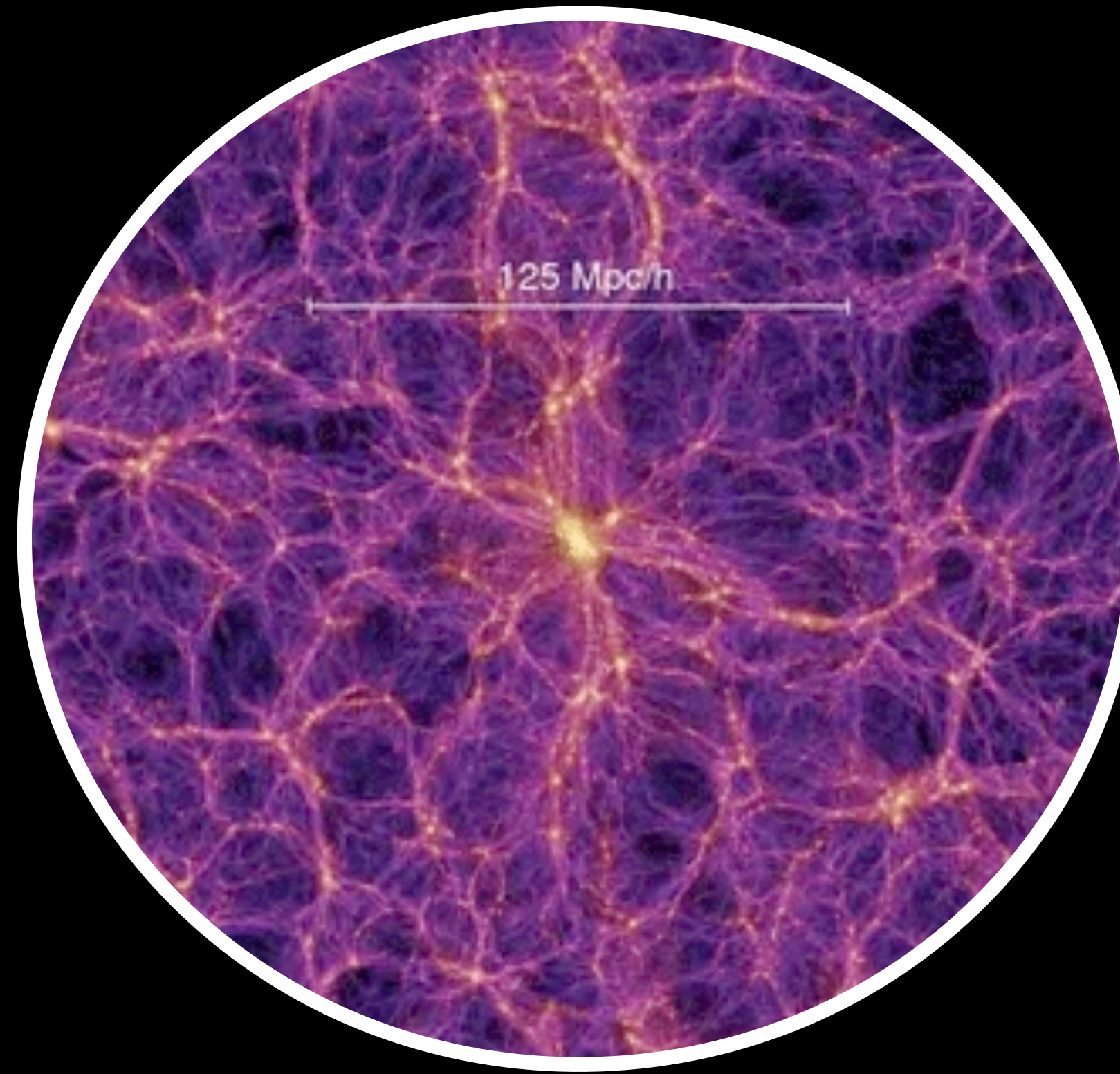
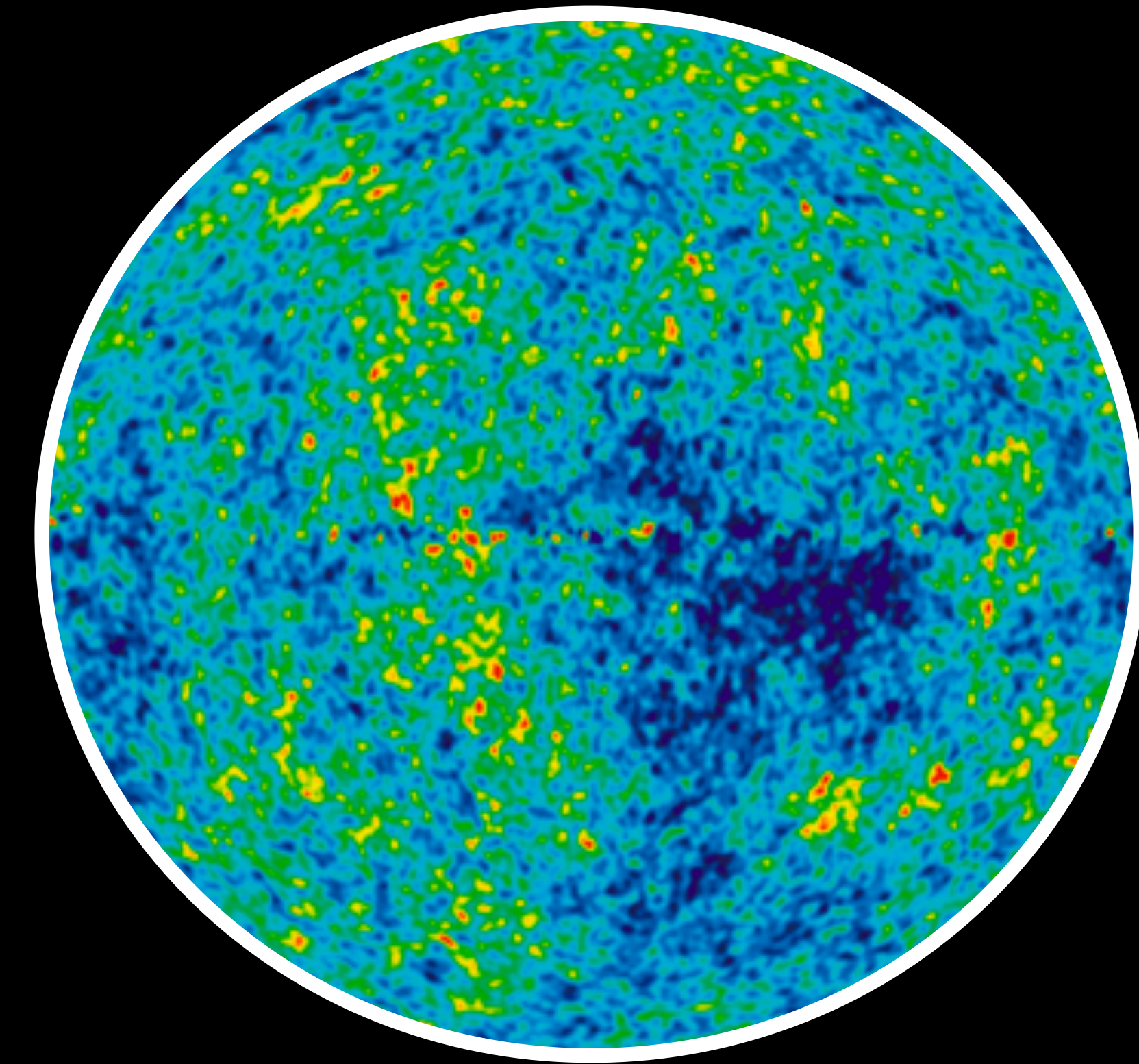
# **Testing the Thermal WIMP Paradigm - Status and Prospects**



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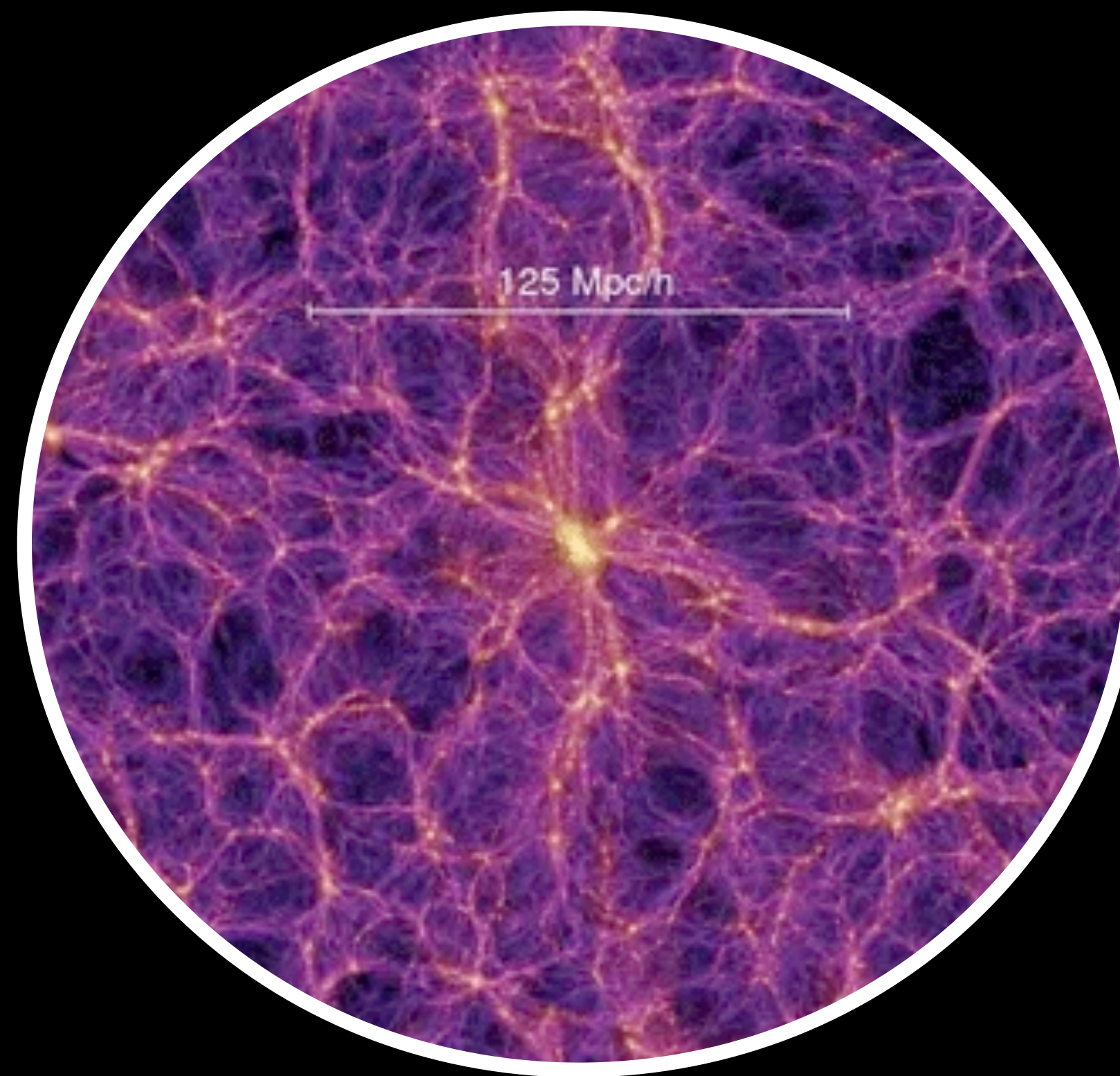
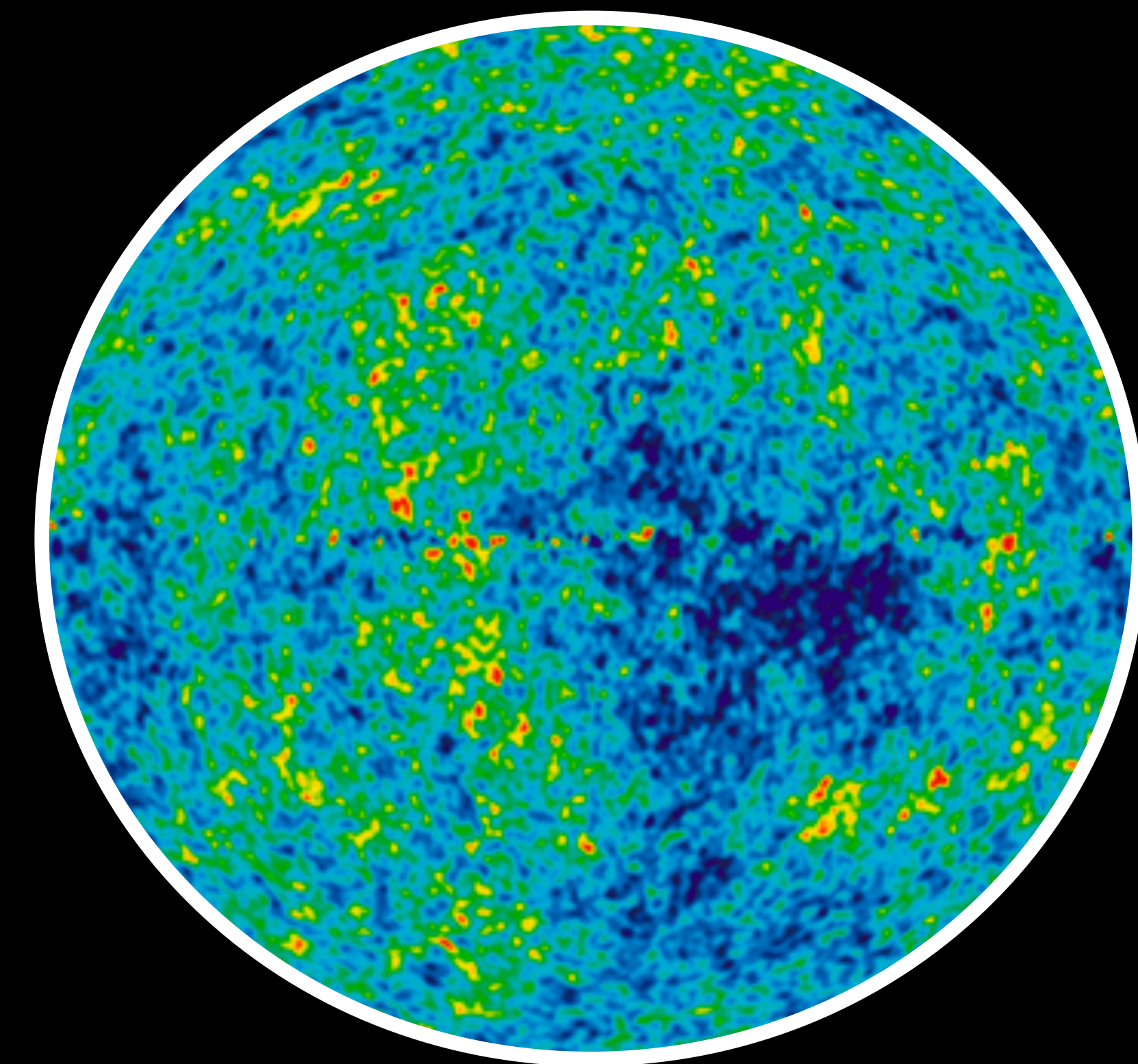


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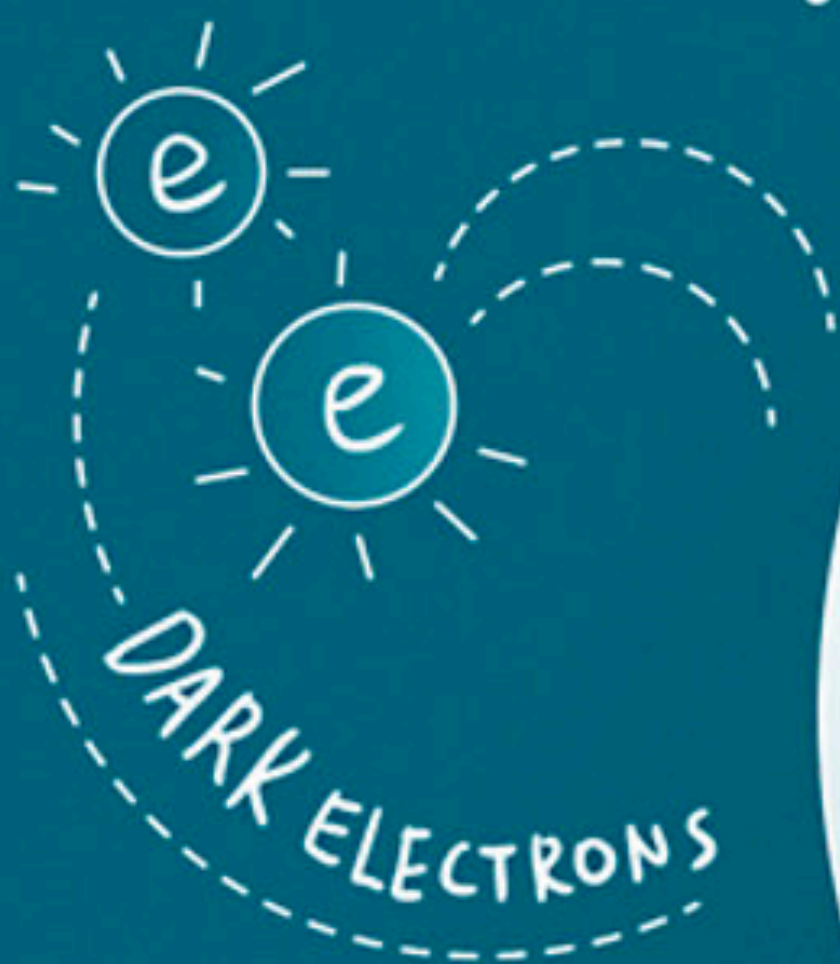
**$10^{-25}$  GeV**  
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*slide concept courtesy of Asher Berlin*

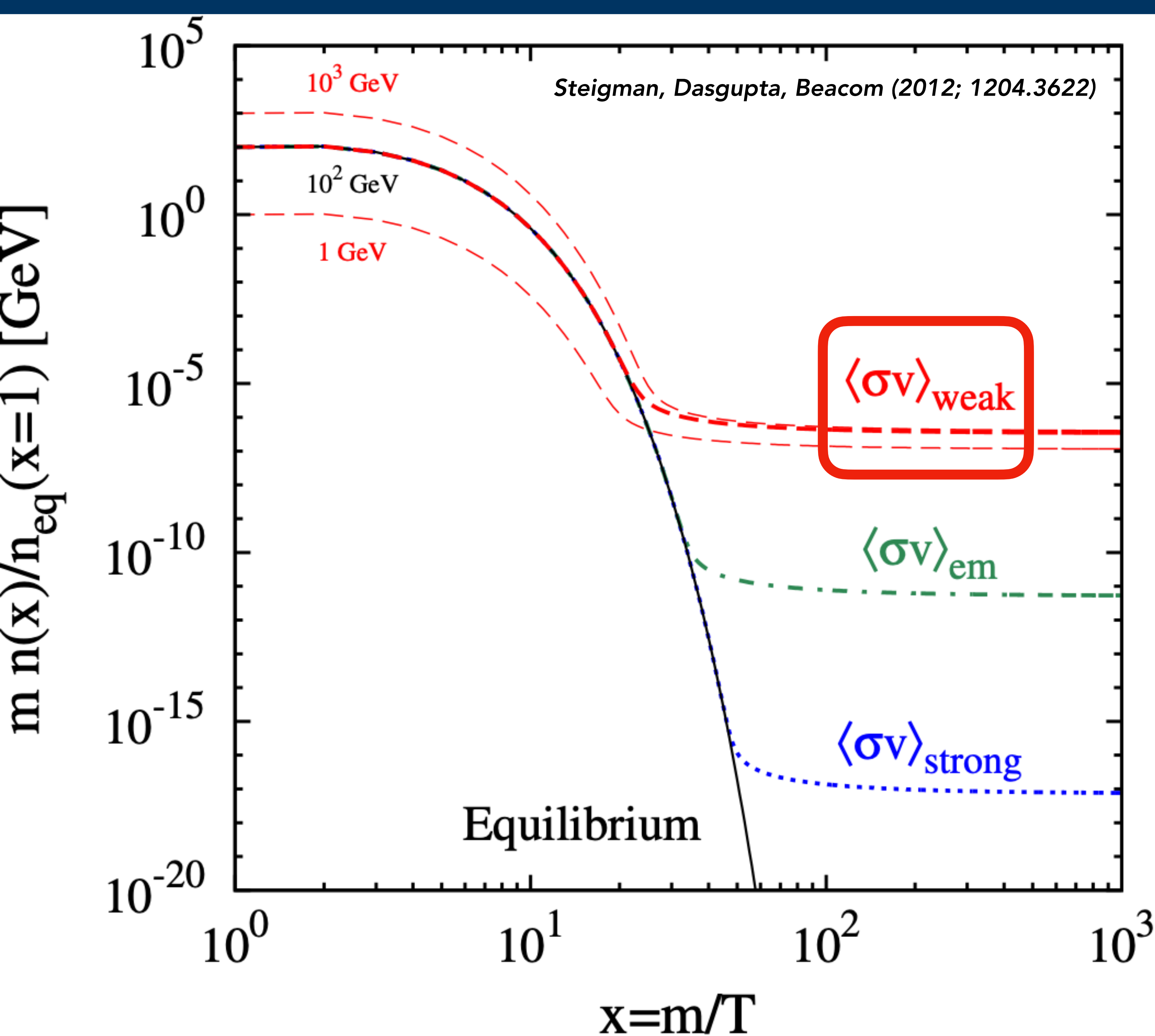
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# DARK MATTER







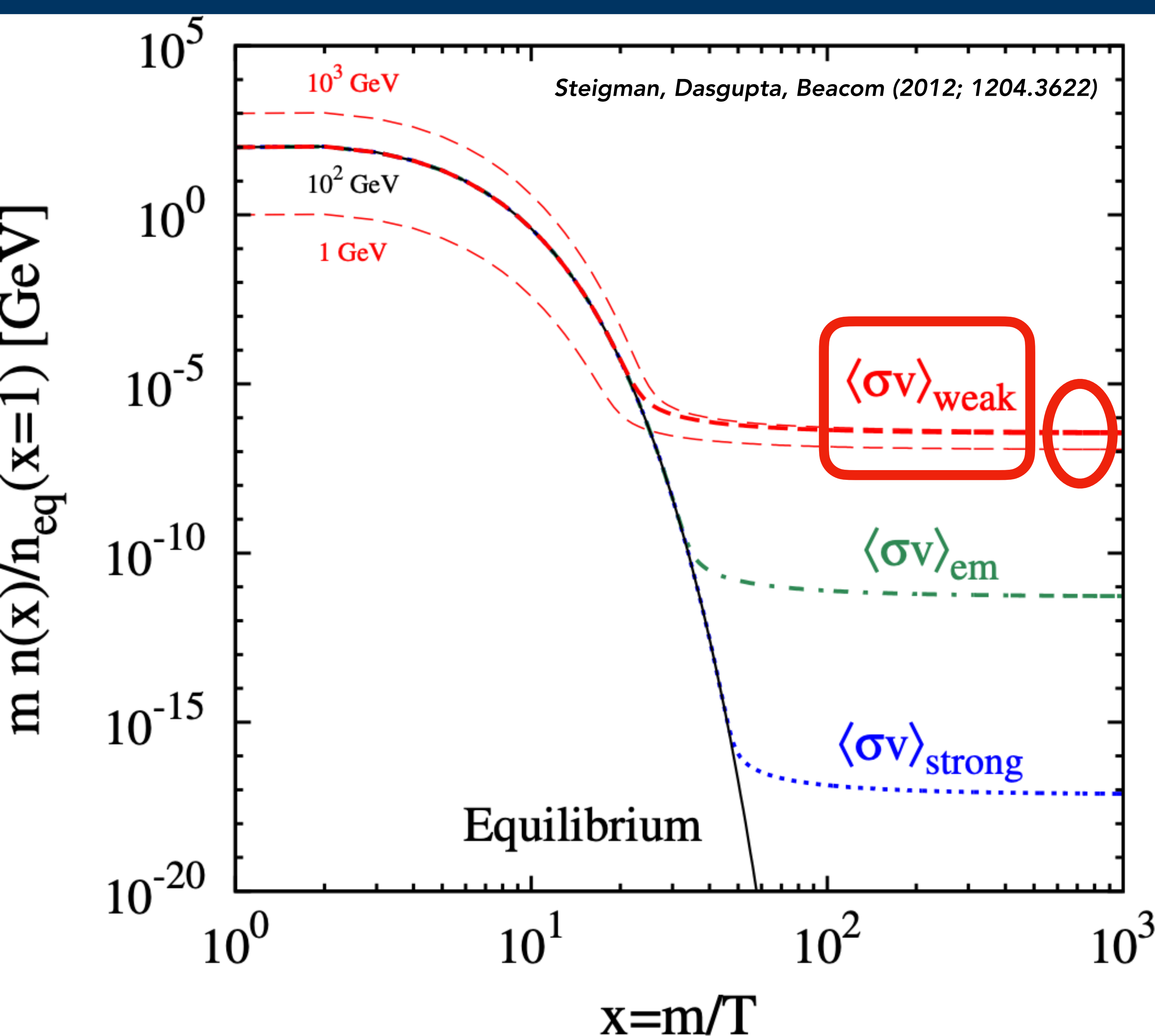
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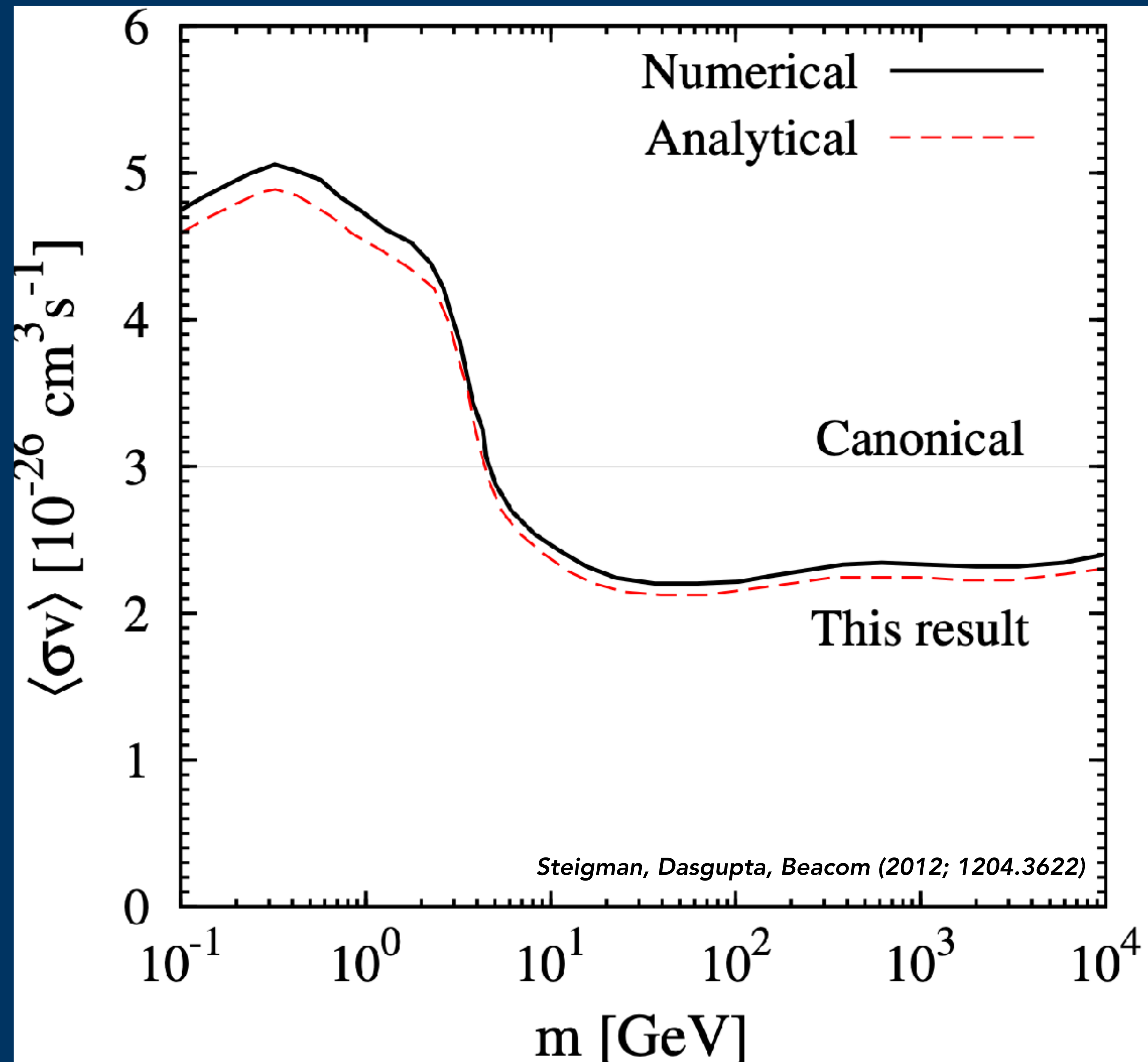
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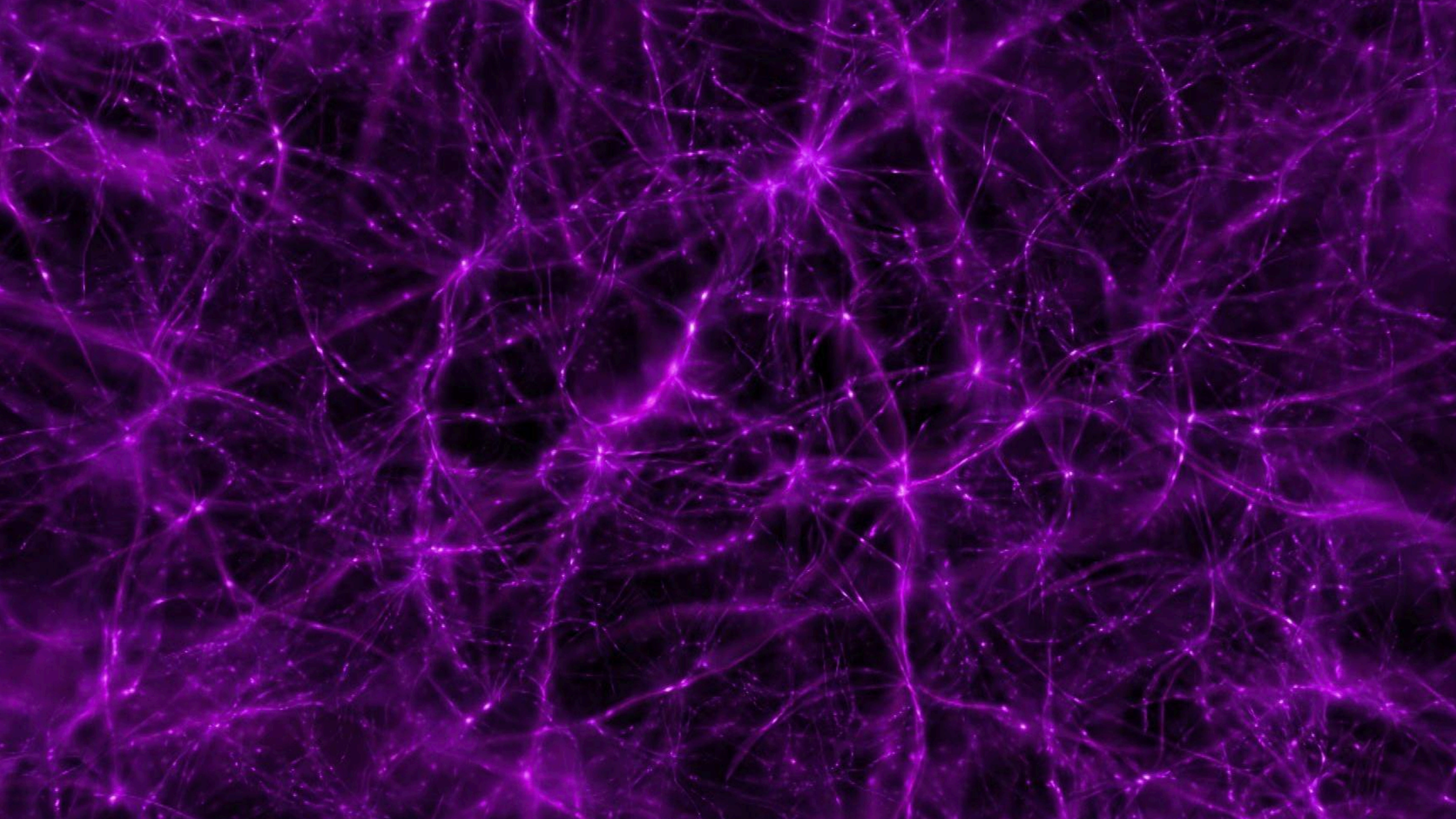
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**10 MeV - 100 TeV !**

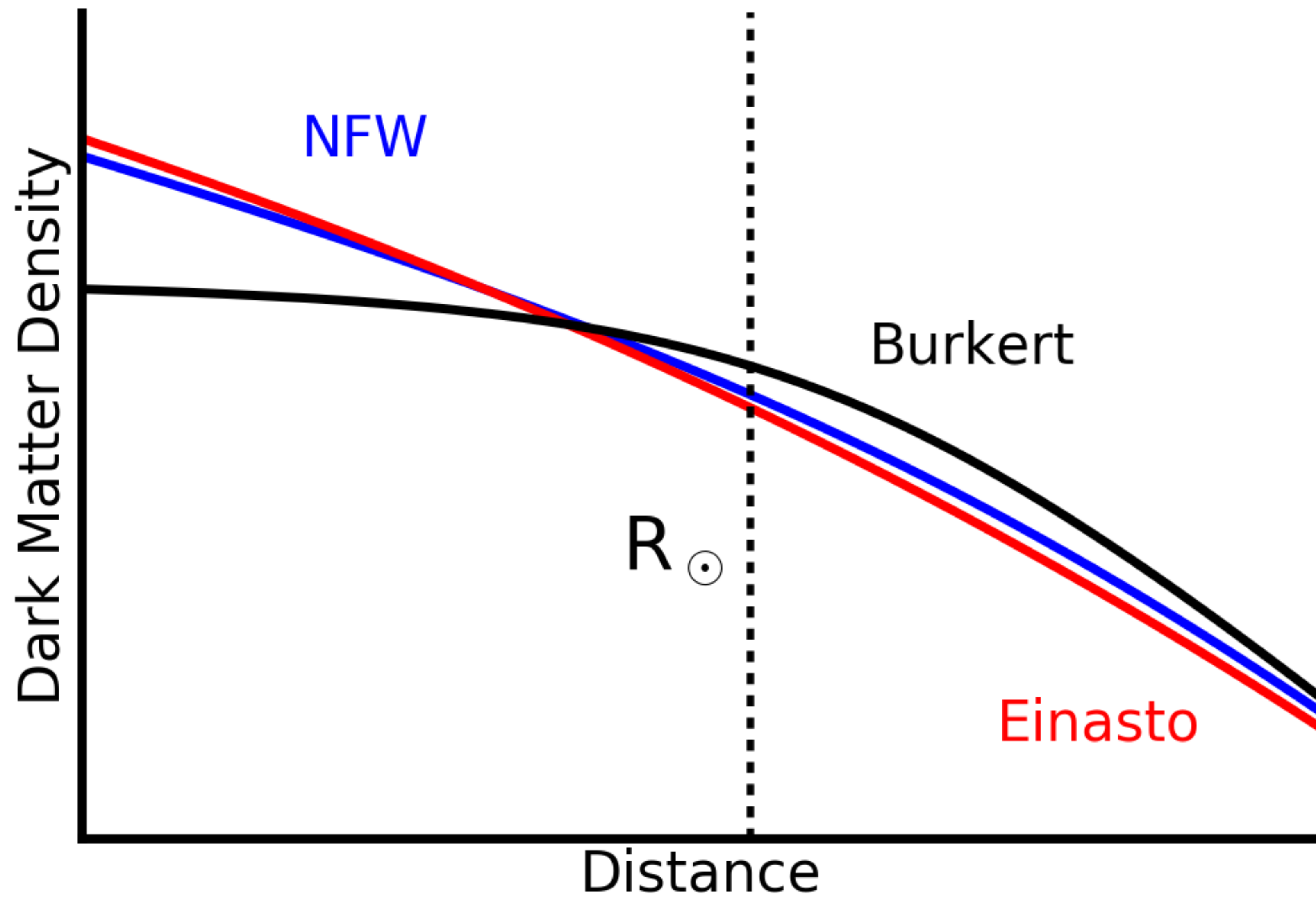




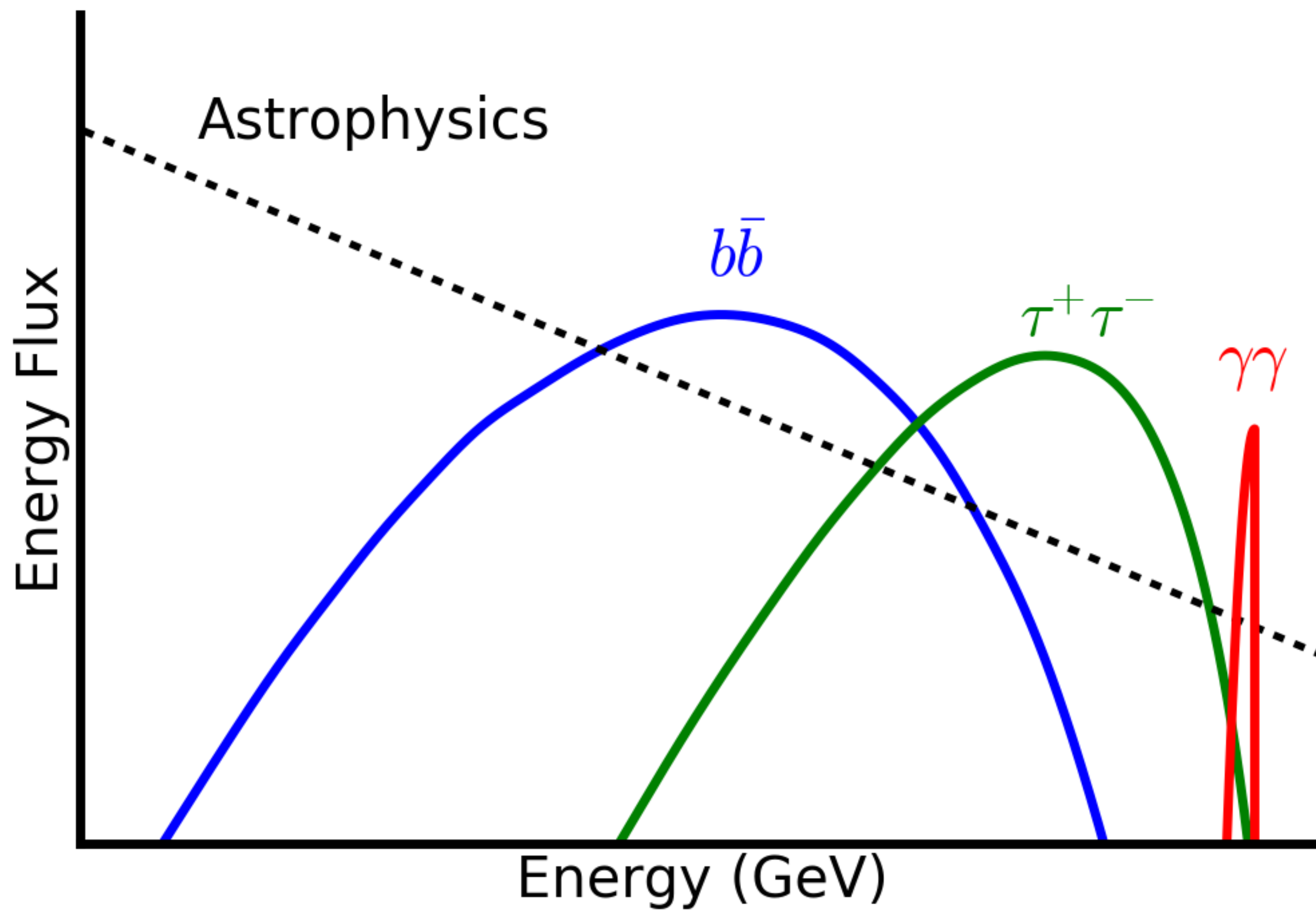




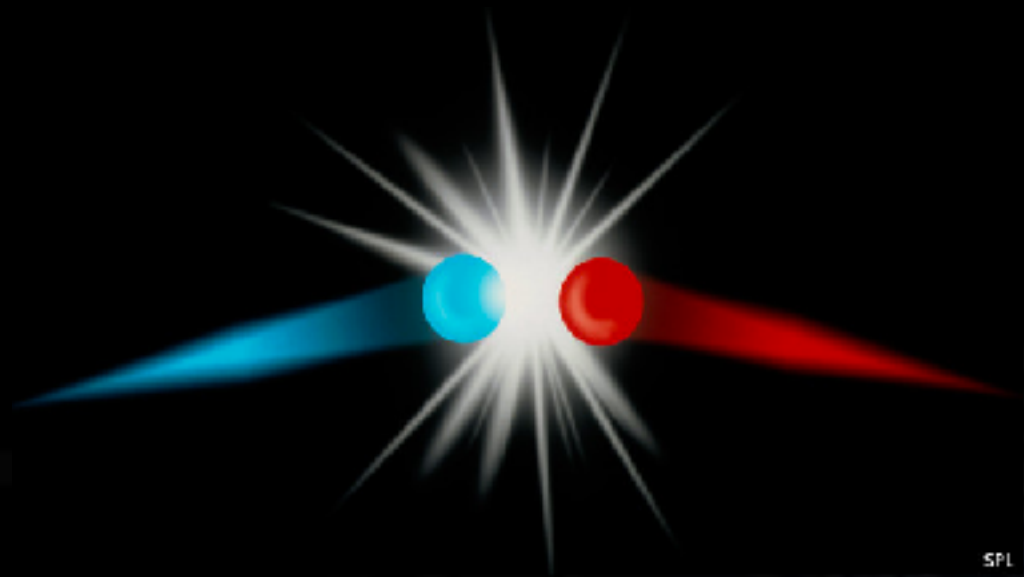








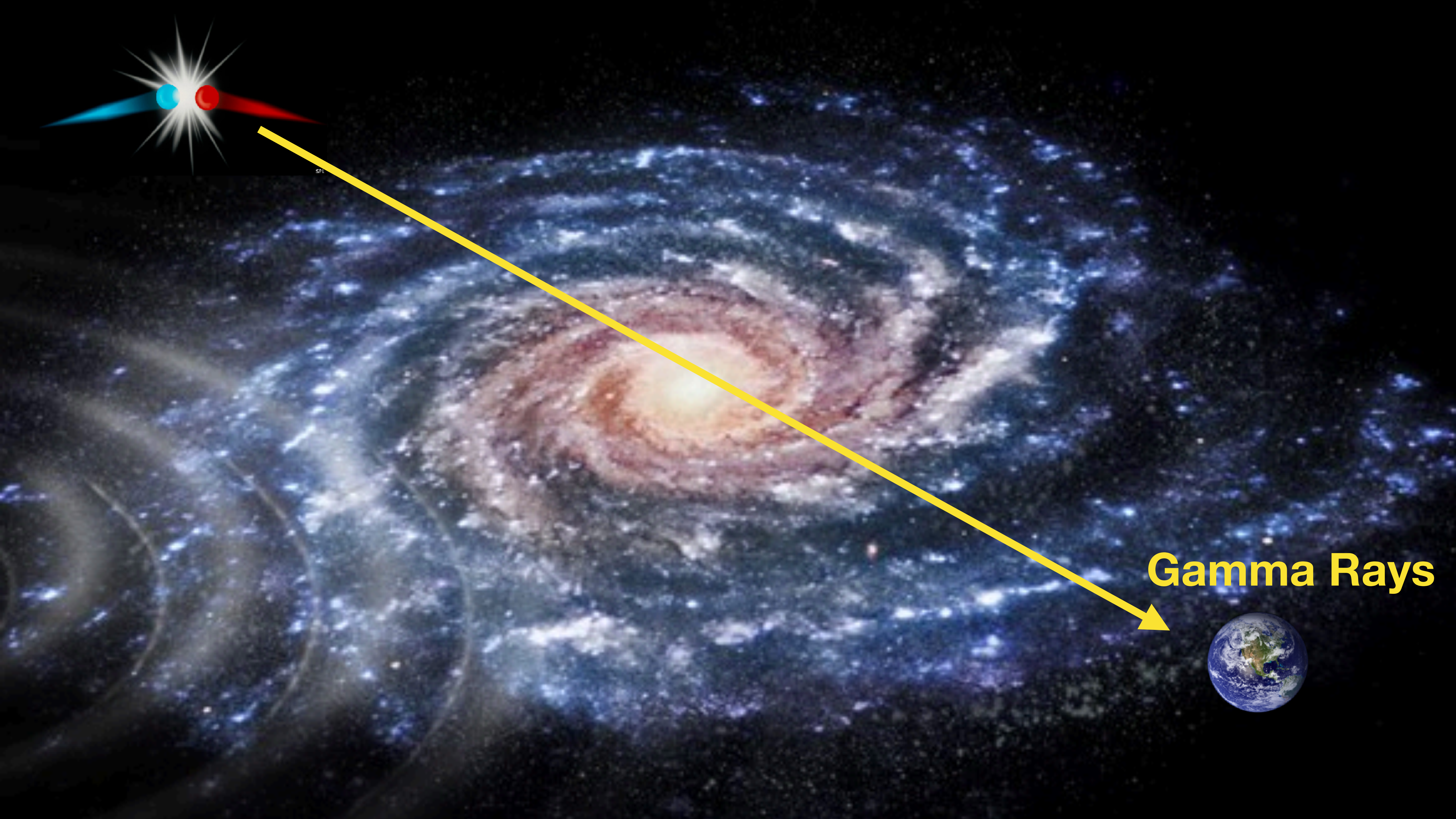




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**Gamma Rays**





**Cosmic Rays**

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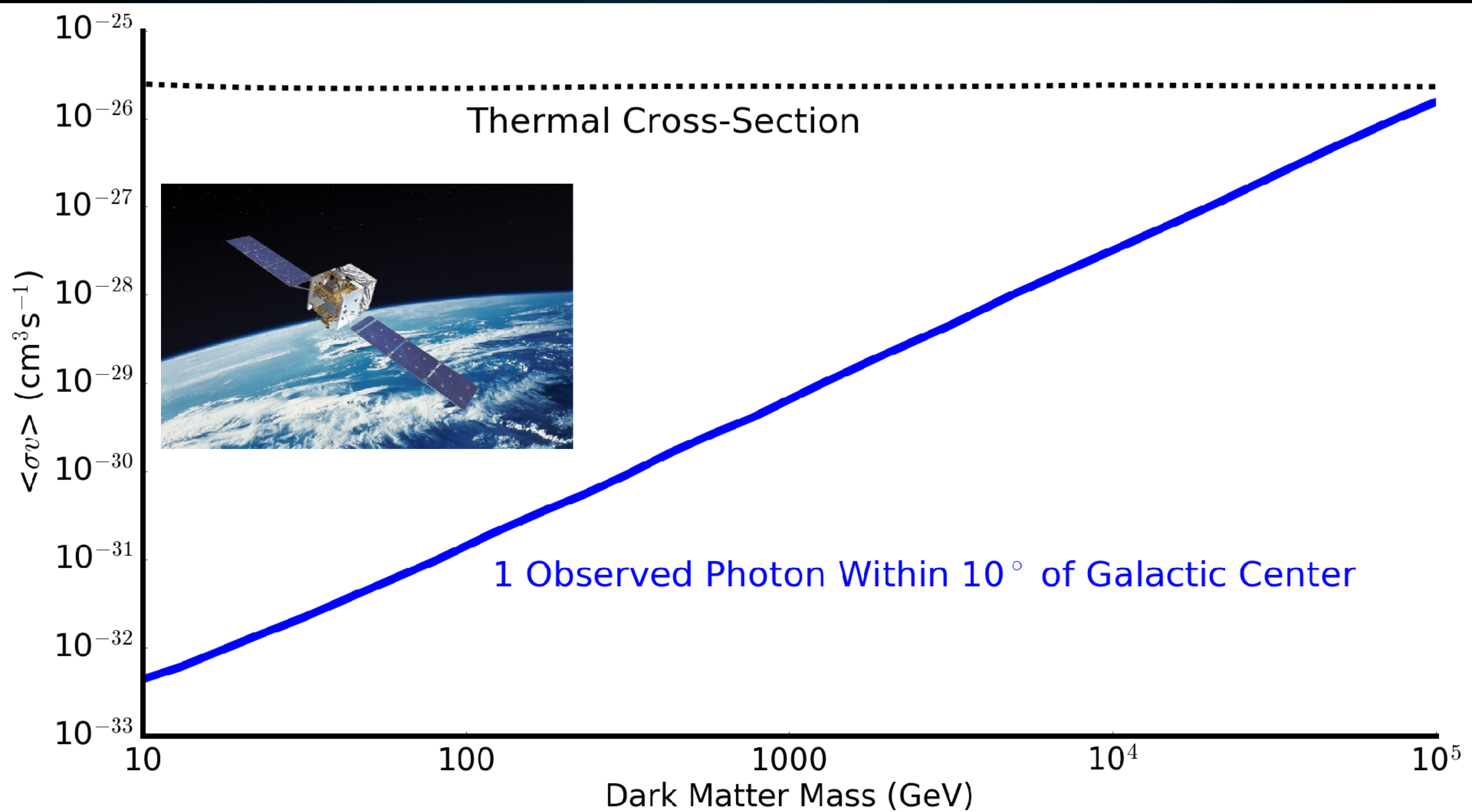
**Most Important Takeaway #1**



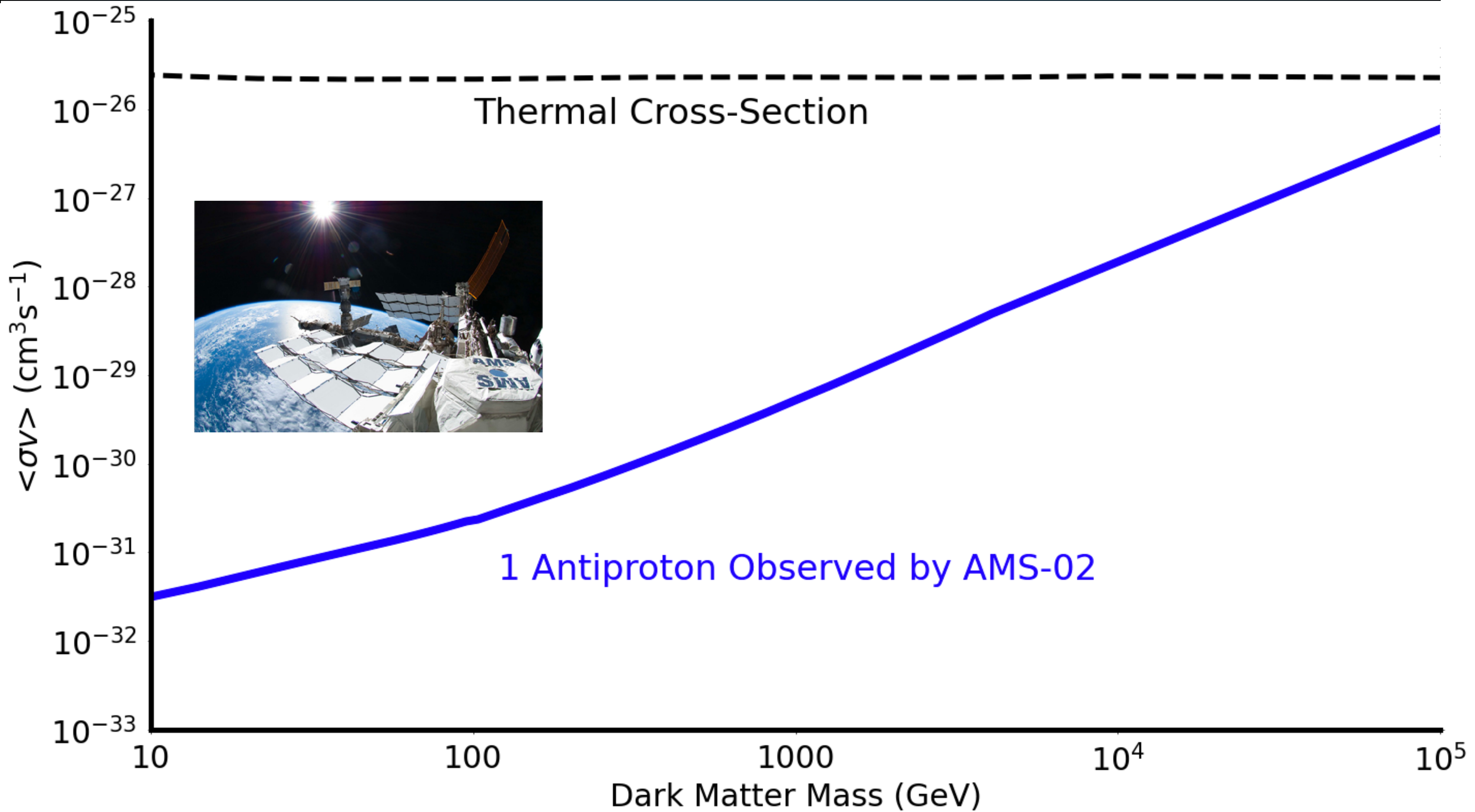
# **Most Important Takeaway #1**

**We might already be seeing these events.**











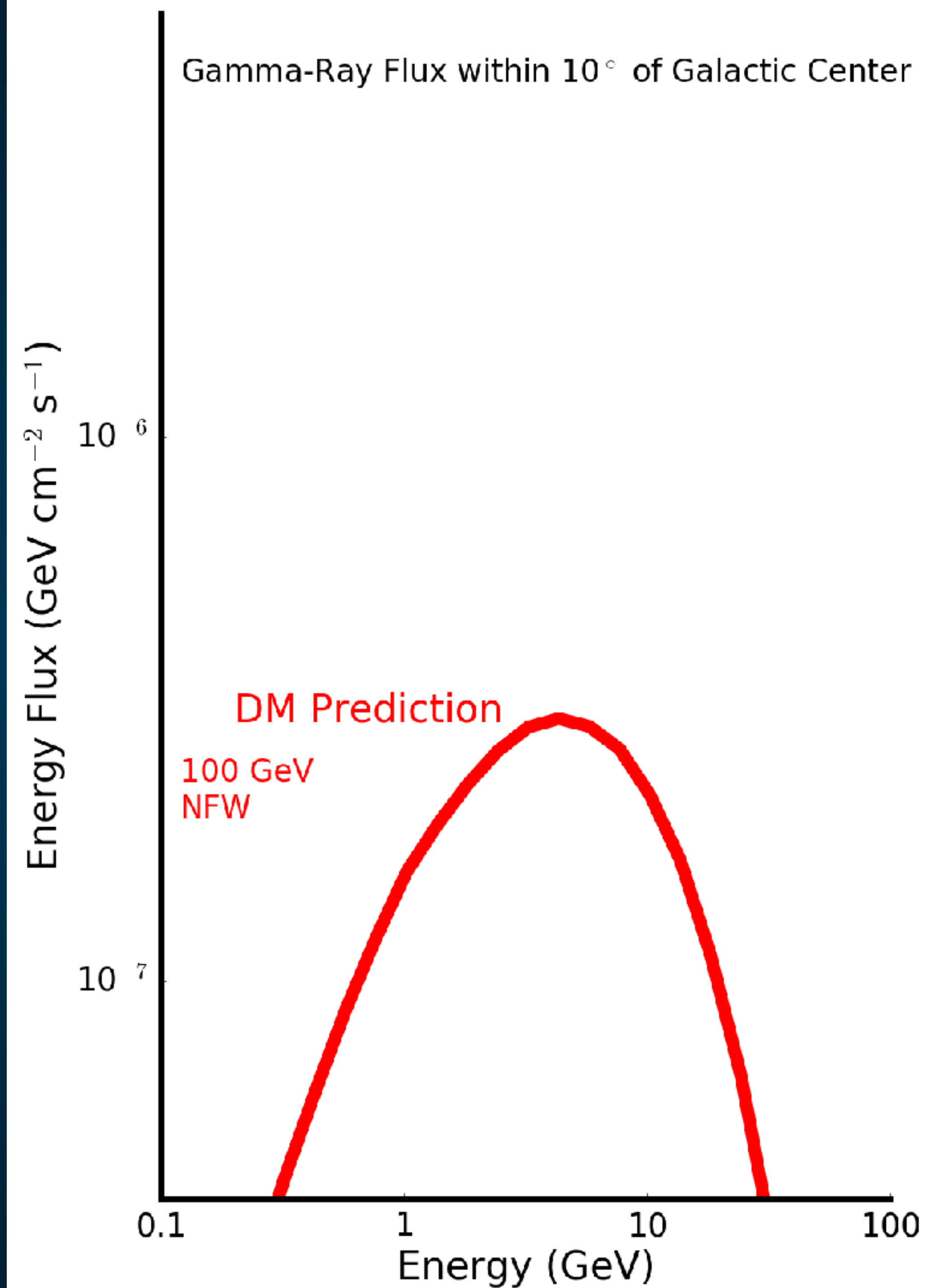
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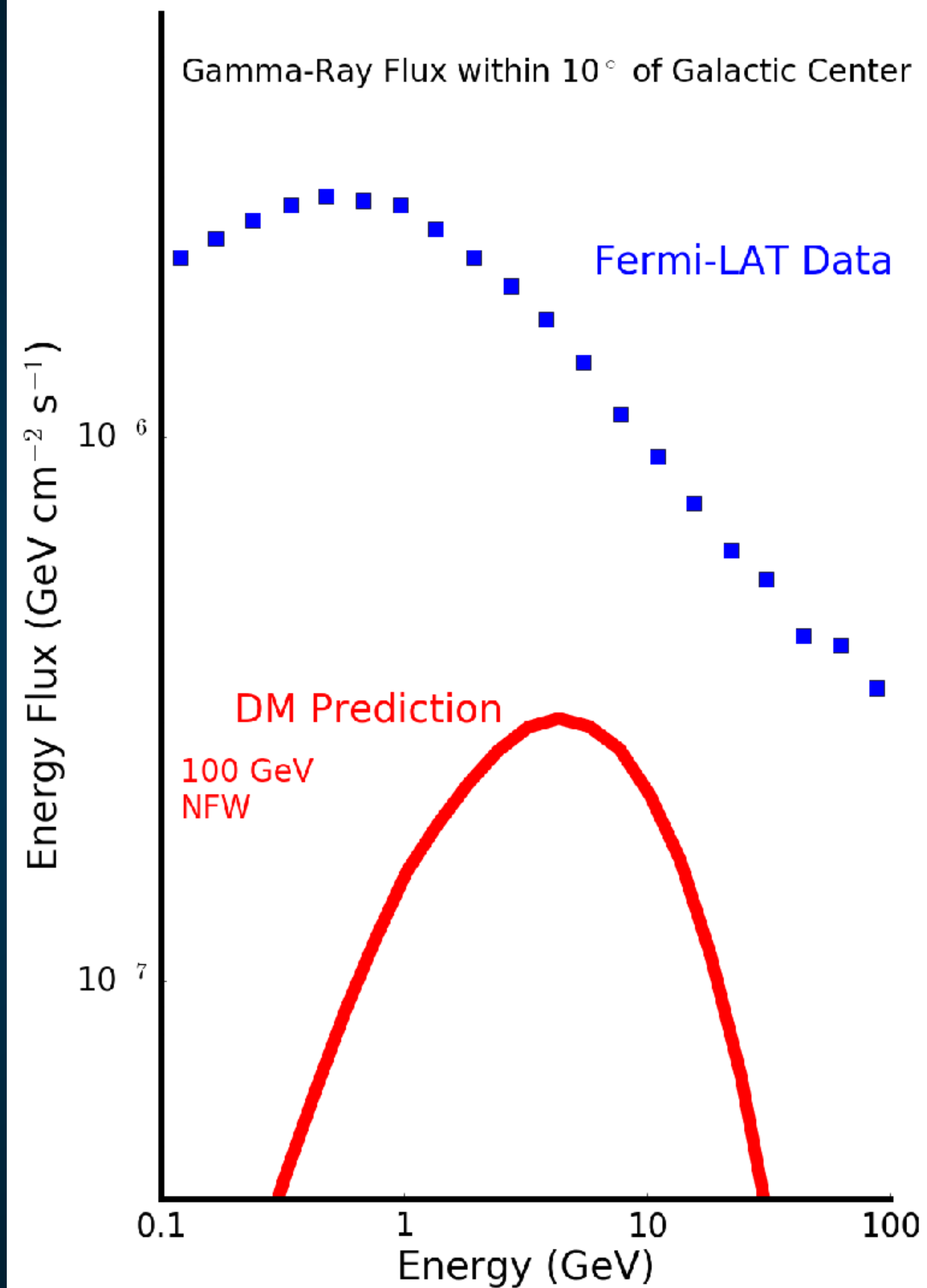
**Dark Matter Mass (?)**

**Annihilation Final State (?)**

**Milky Way Star-Formation Rate (Galactic Dynamics)**

**Diffusion Constant in Galactic Center (Hydrodynamics)**

**Activity of Supermassive Blackhole (?)**





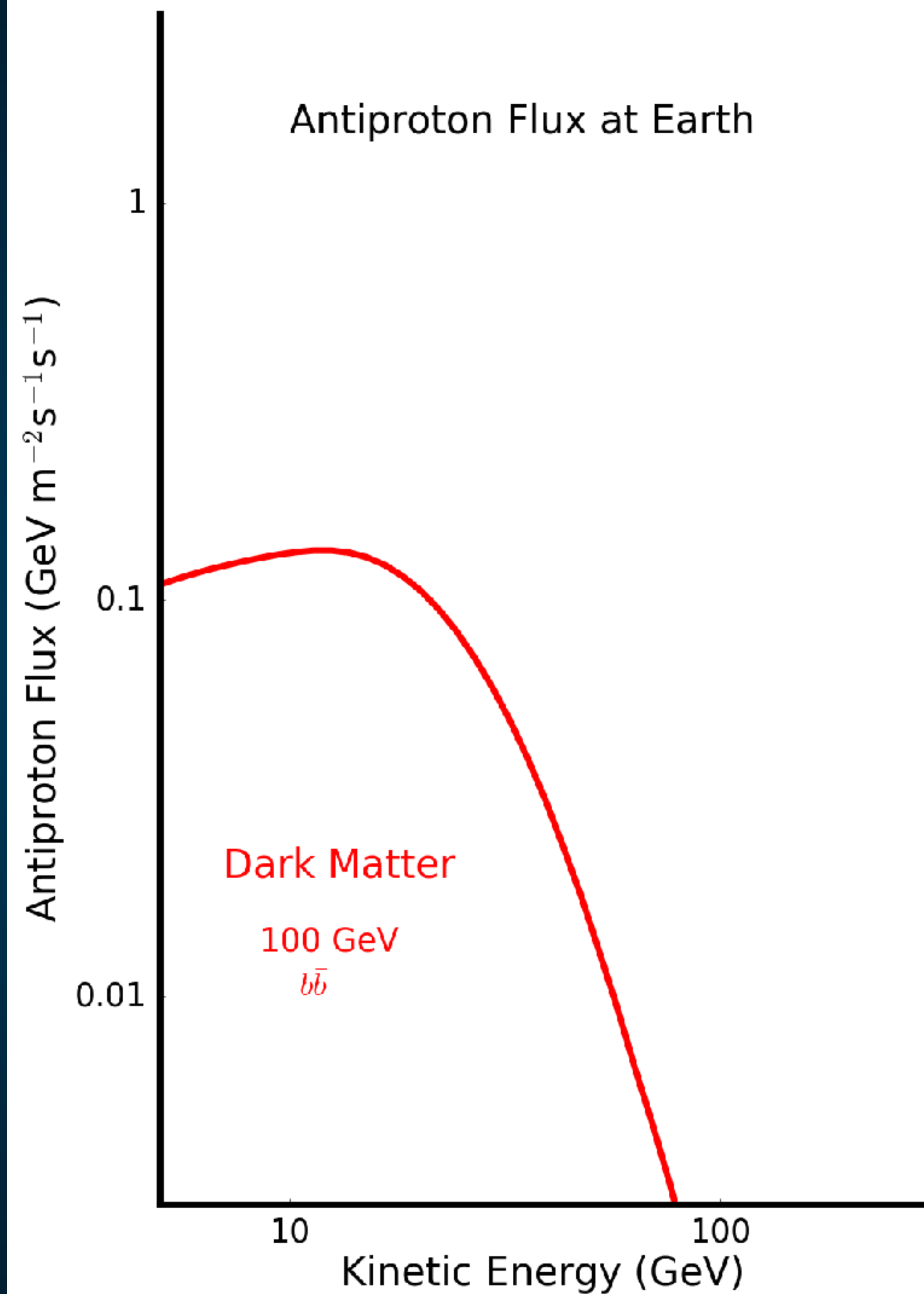
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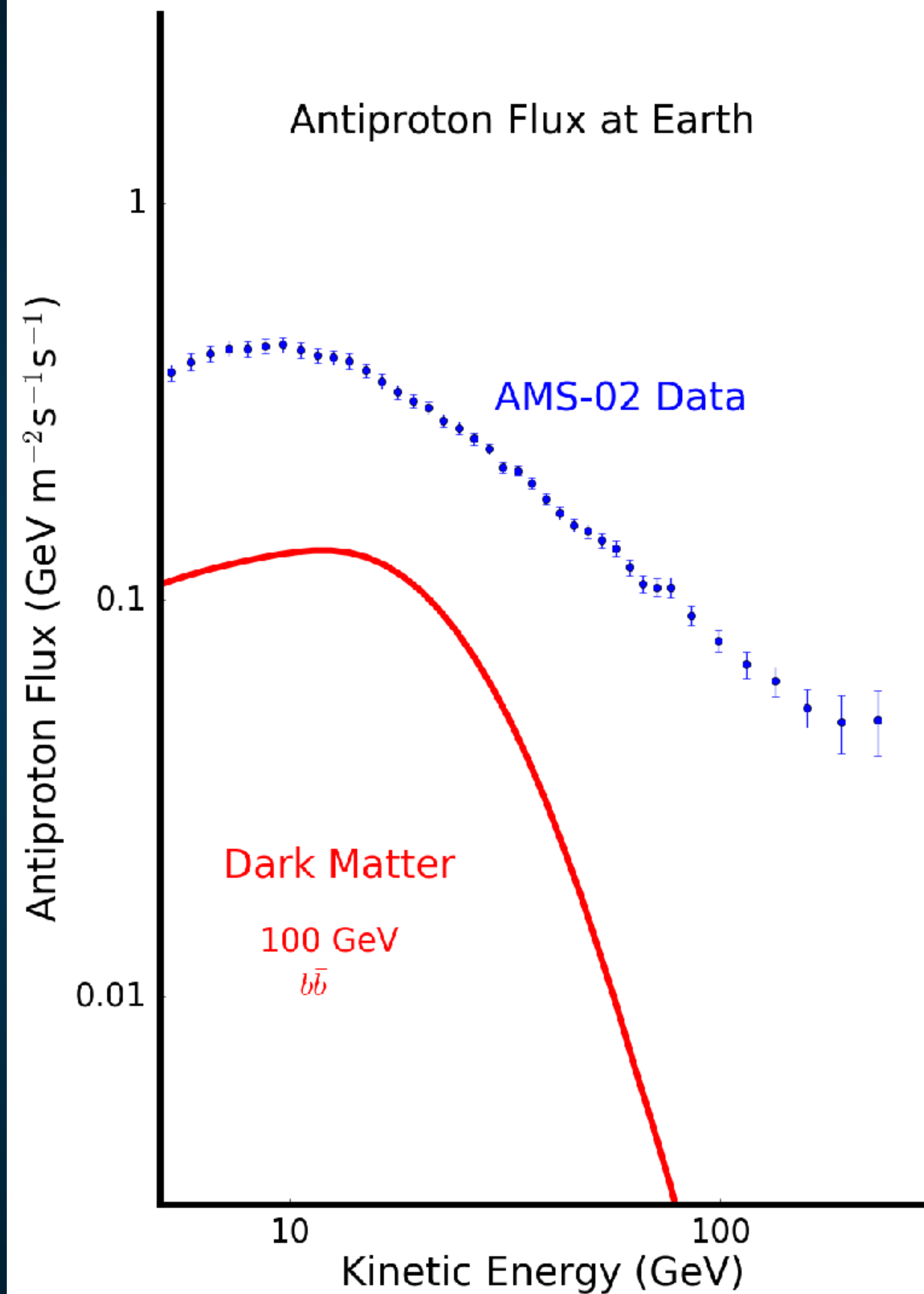
Thermal Cross-Section (Early Universe)

Hadronic Component of Dark Matter Final State

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Local Gas Density

Local Supernova Rate







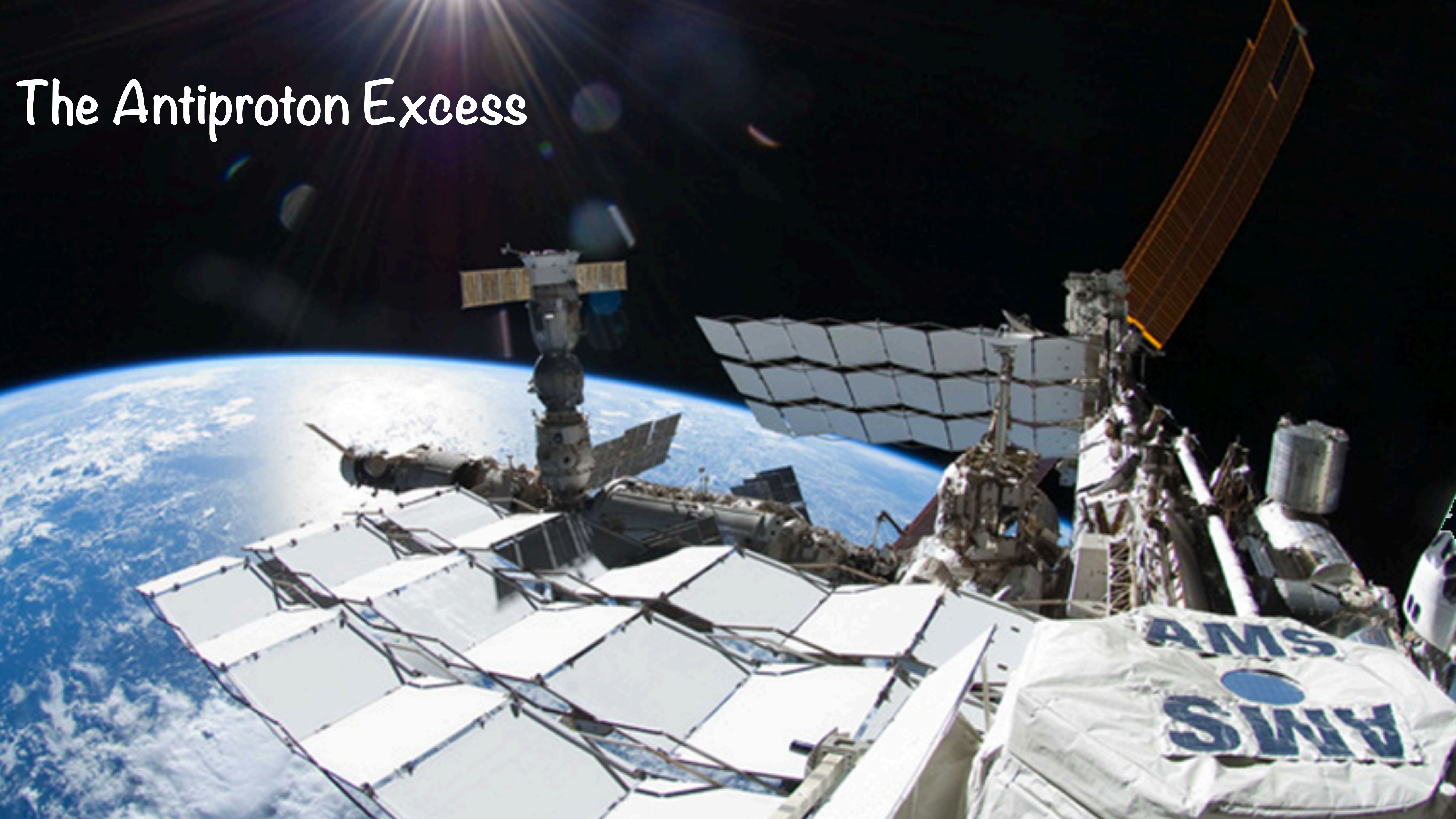


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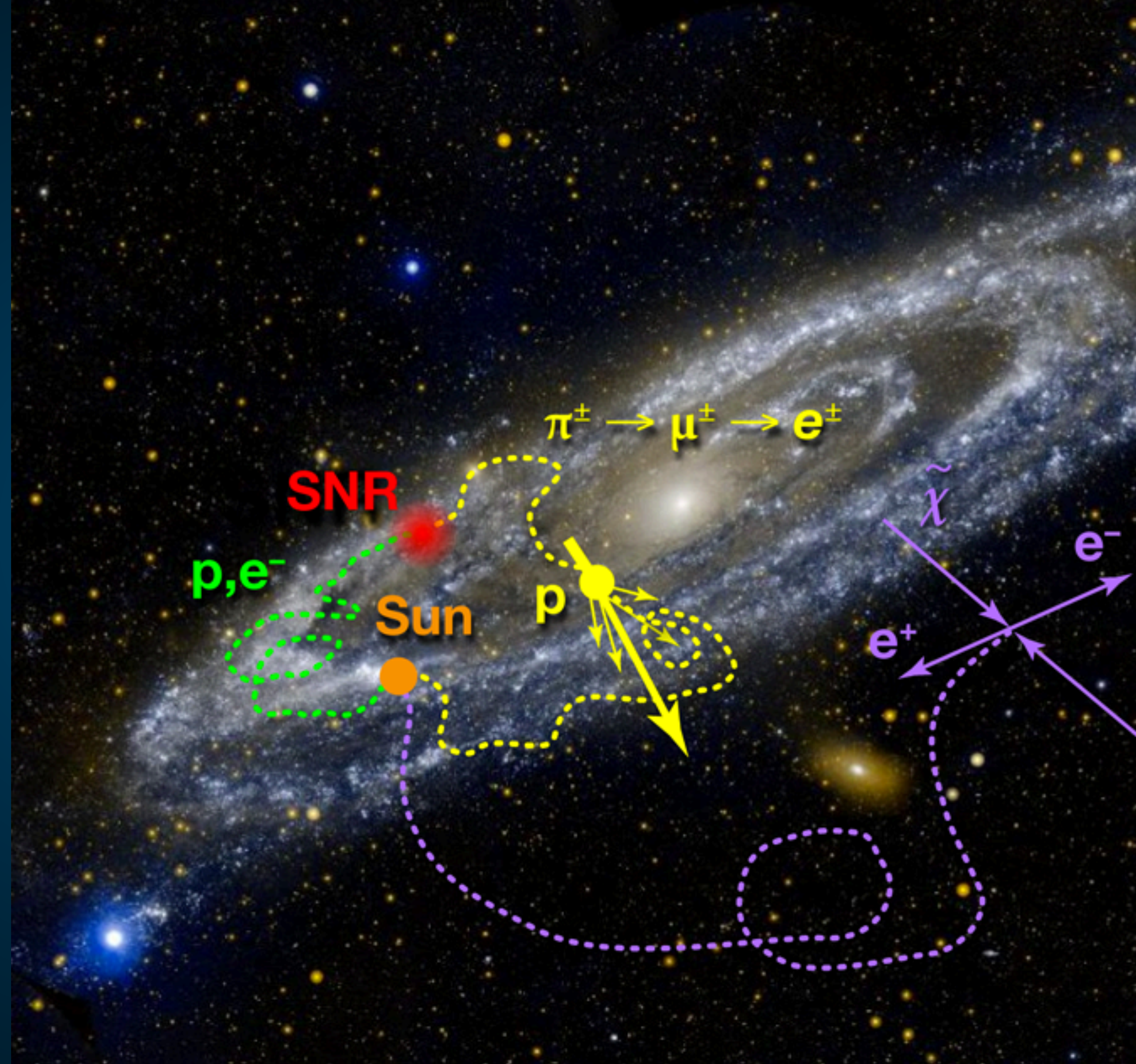
Investigate the Antiproton Fraction!

$$\frac{\phi_{\bar{p}}}{\phi_p}$$

## Two Changes:

Ratio is much smaller (don't need to add antiprotons into denominator).

Hadronic Energy losses are slower  
(sensitive to antiproton production throughout the Galaxy)

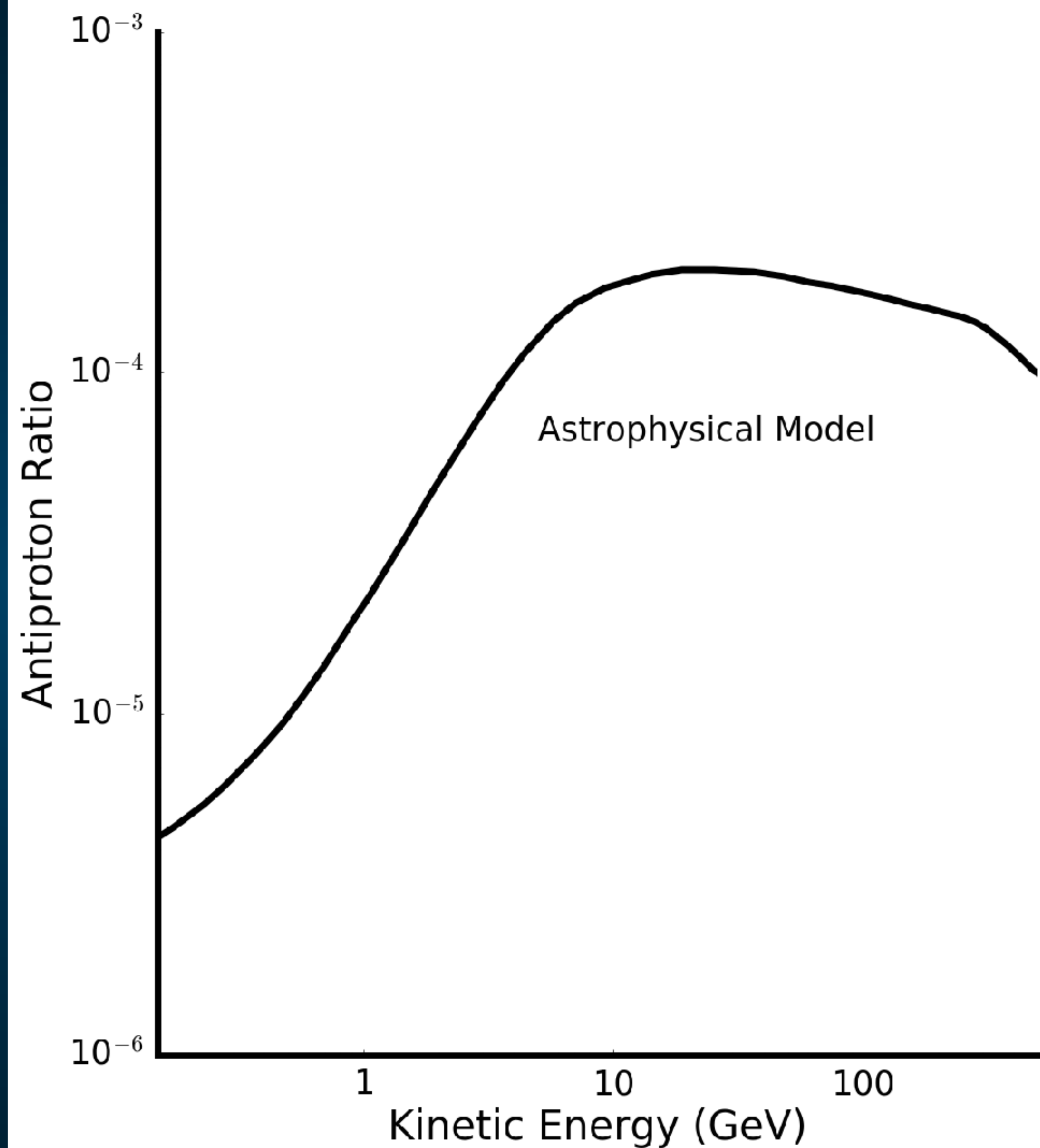
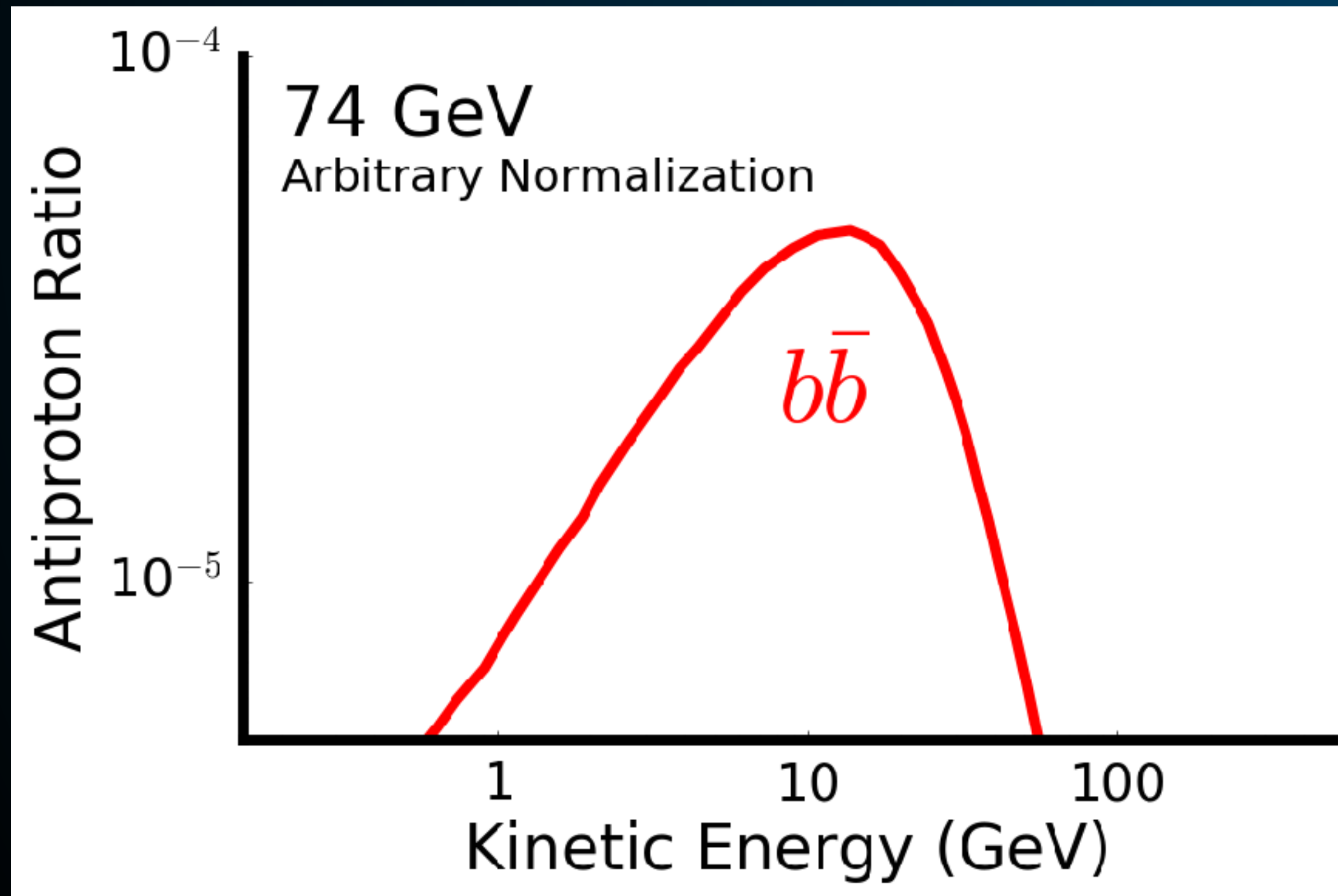




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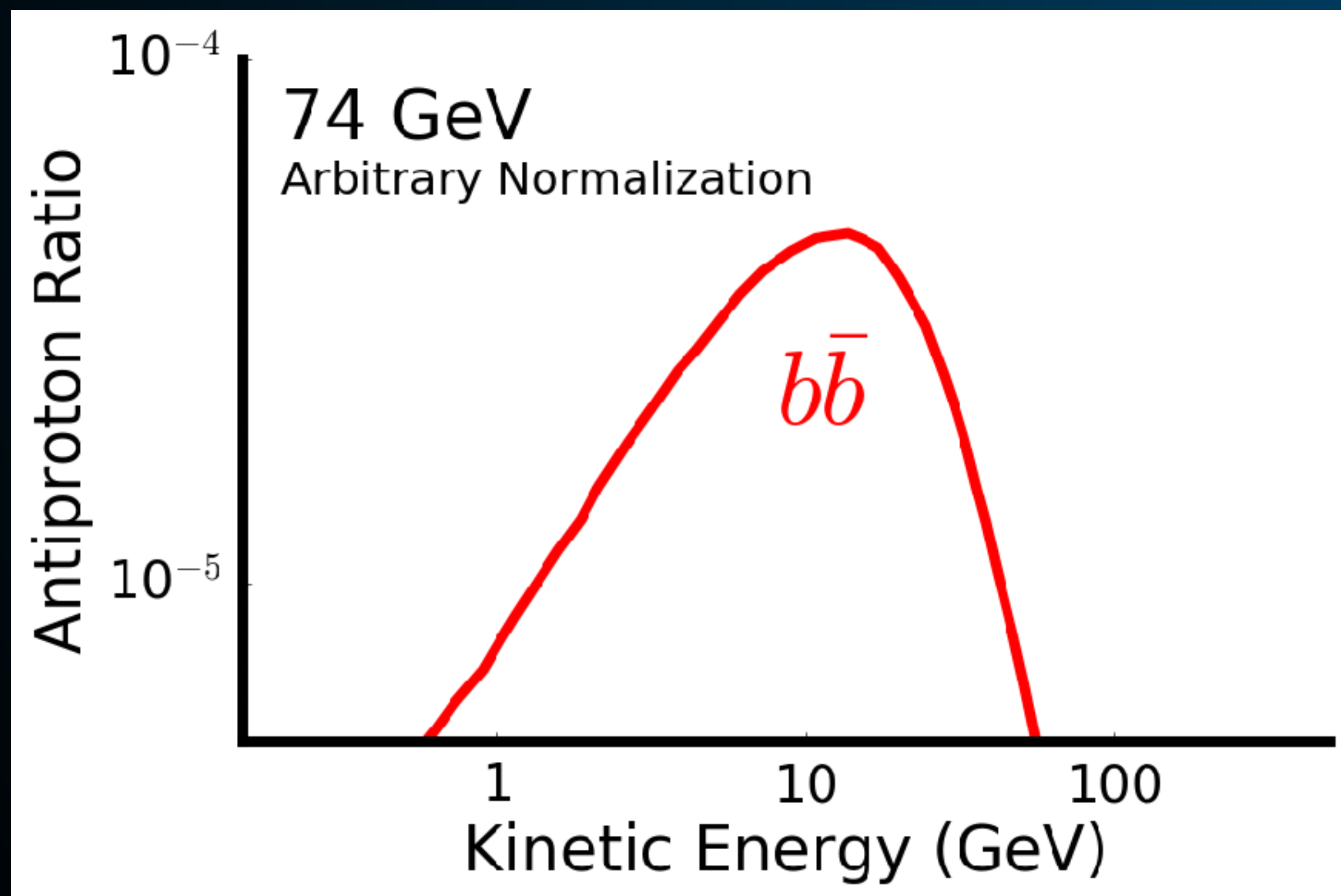
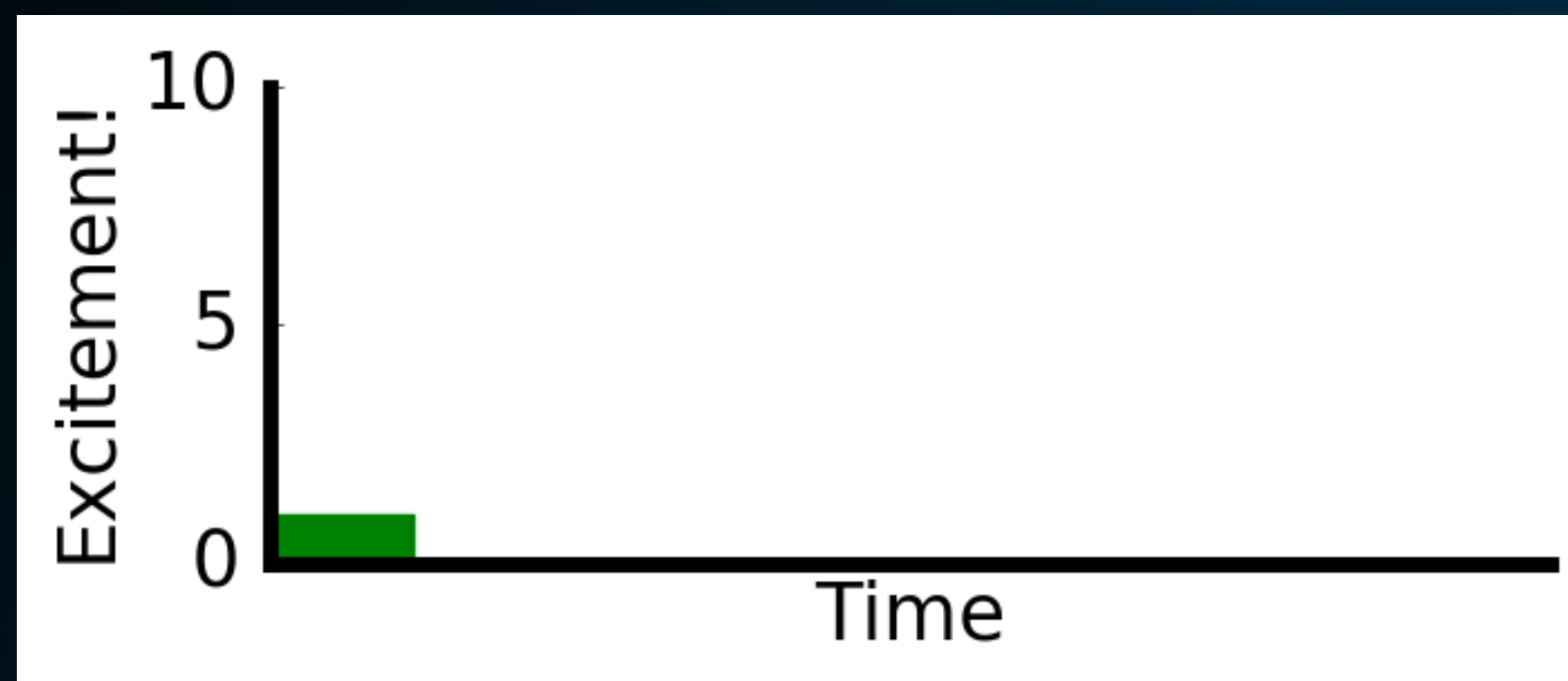
Astrophysics - Smooth Profile

Dark Matter - Sharp Bump!

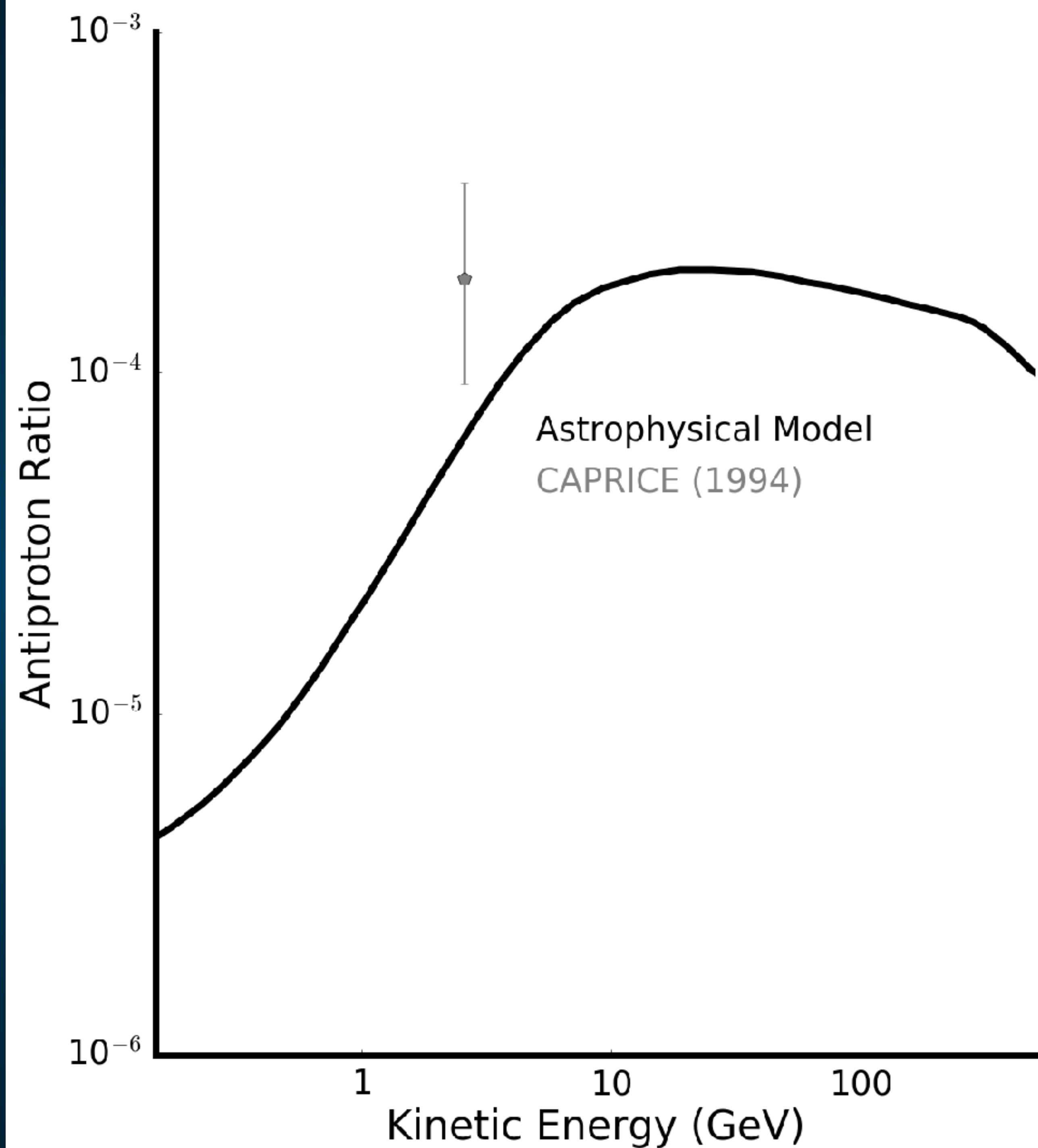




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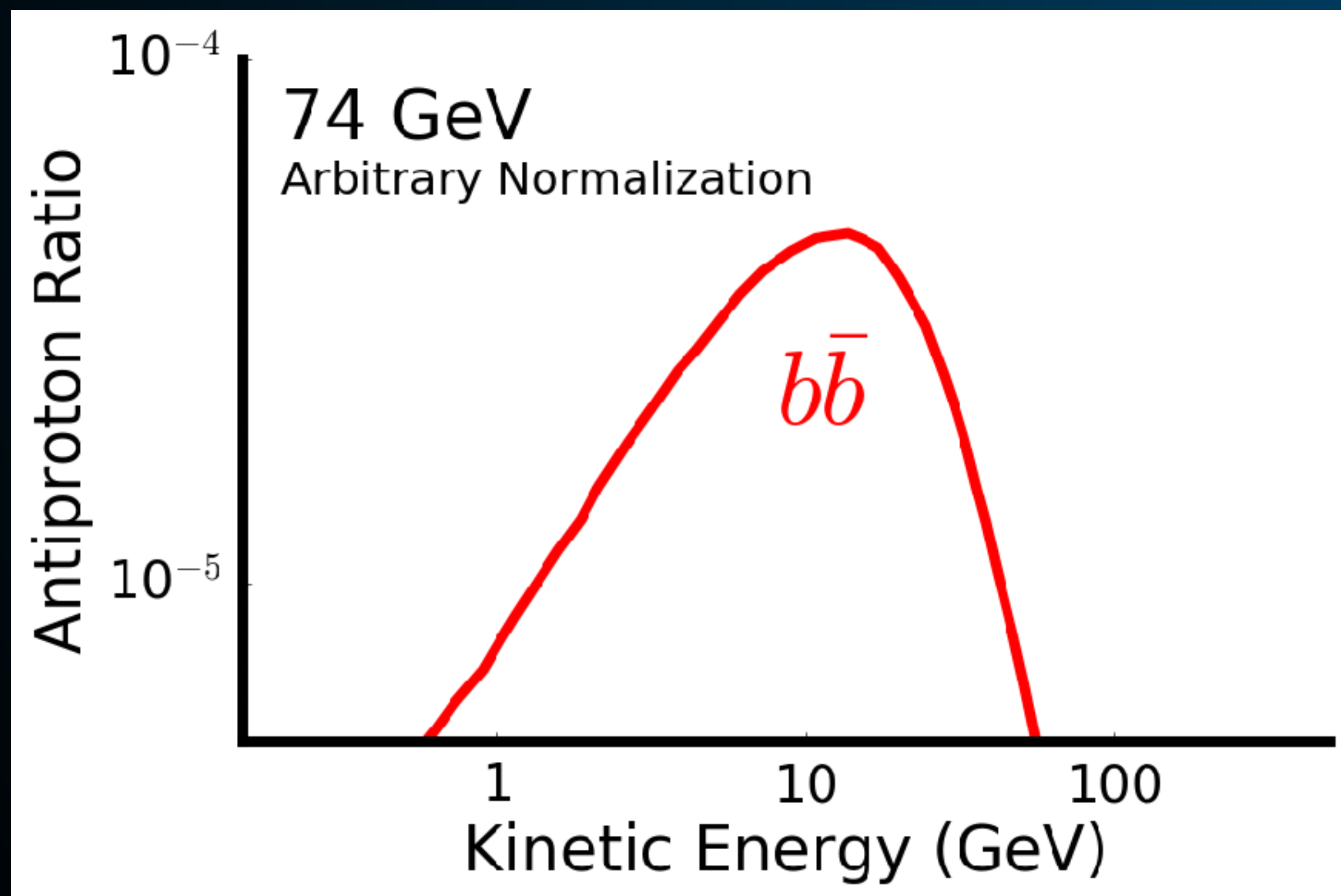
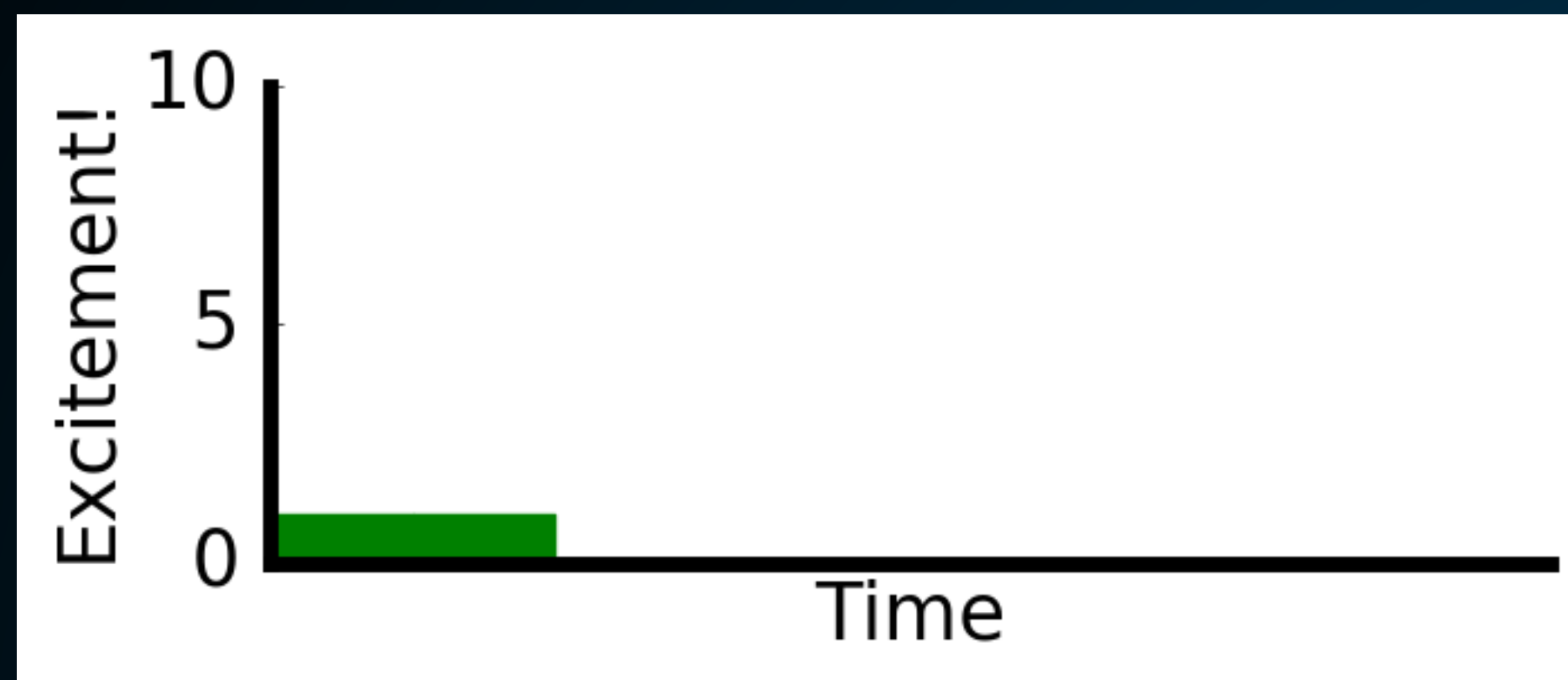


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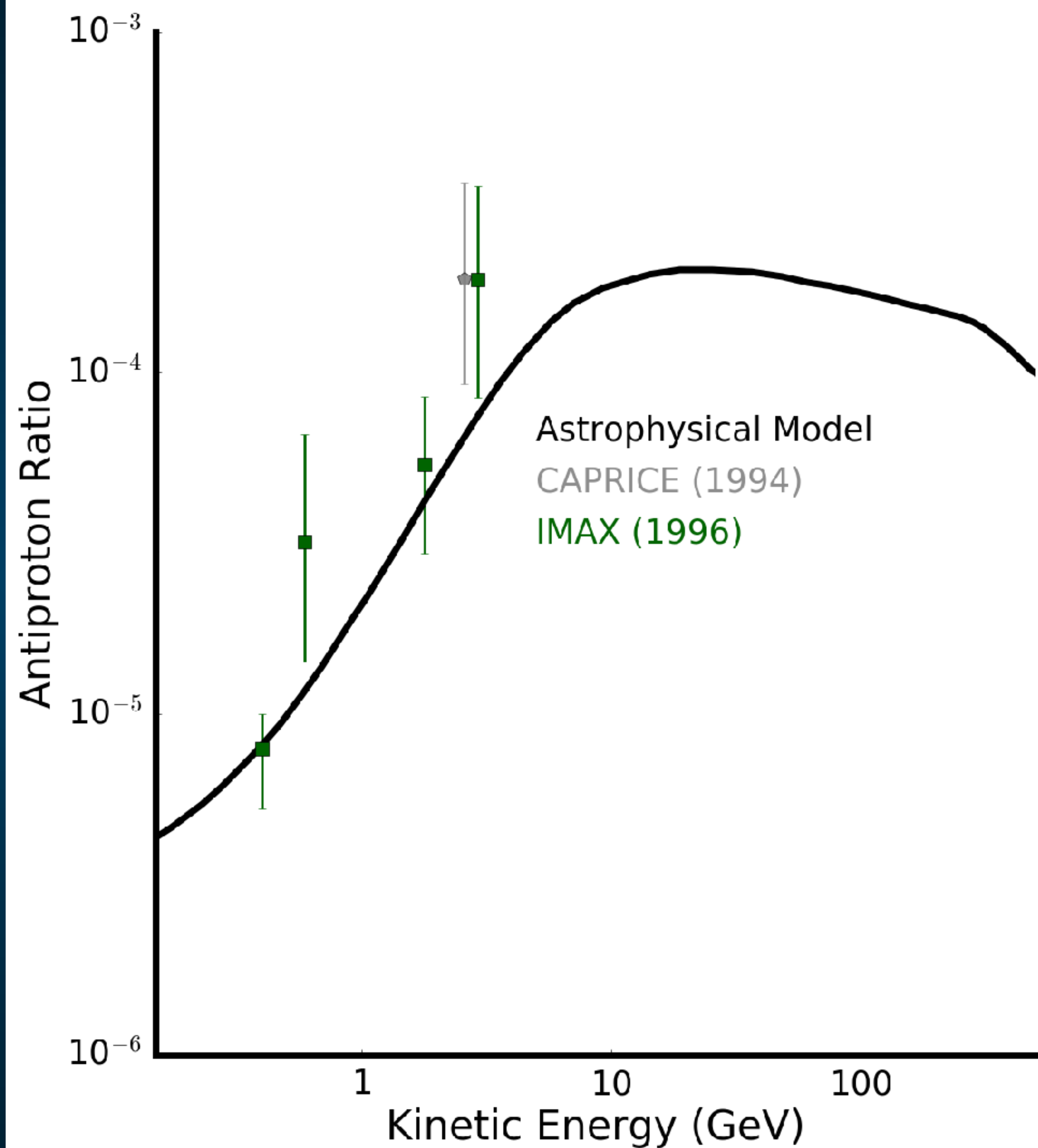




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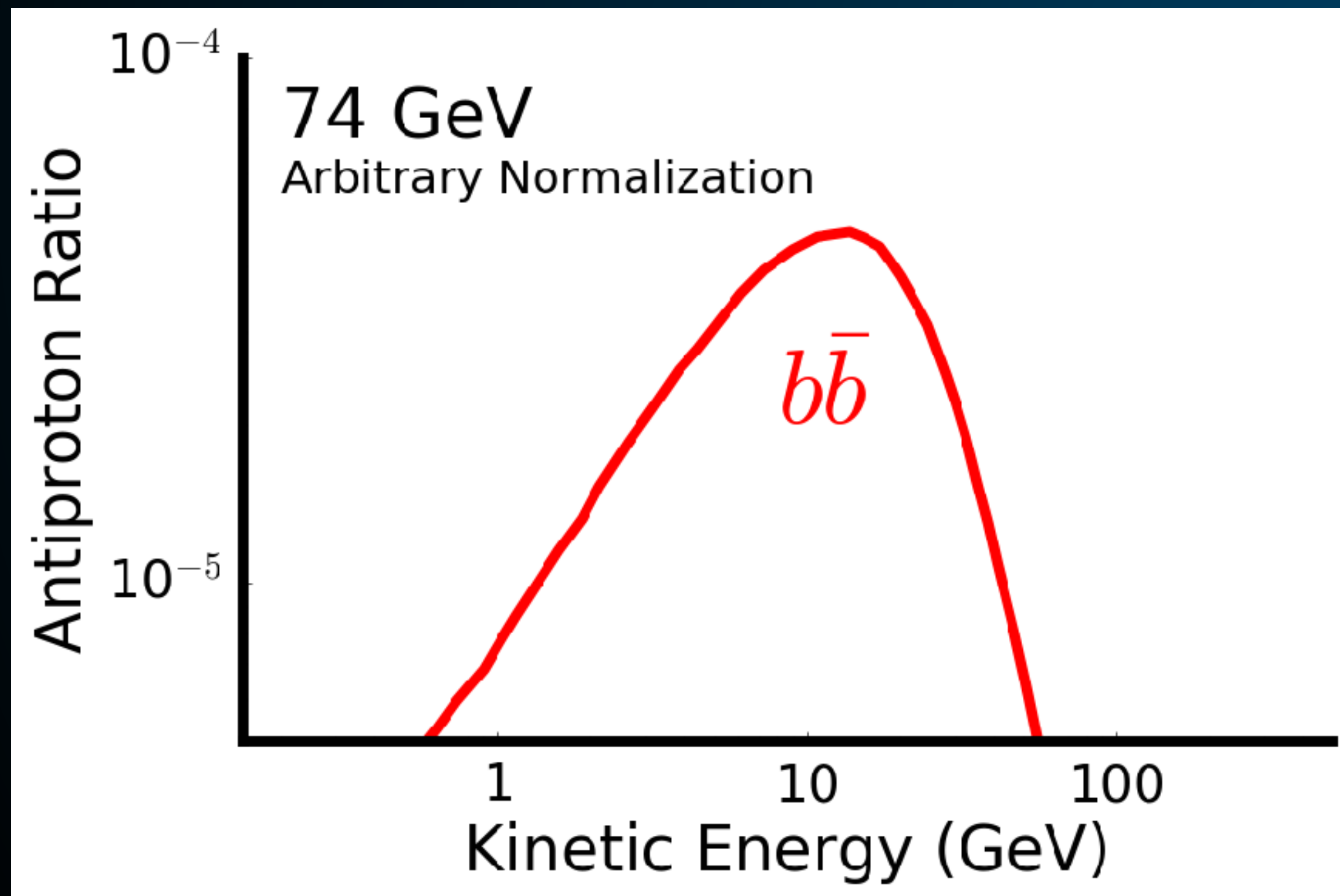
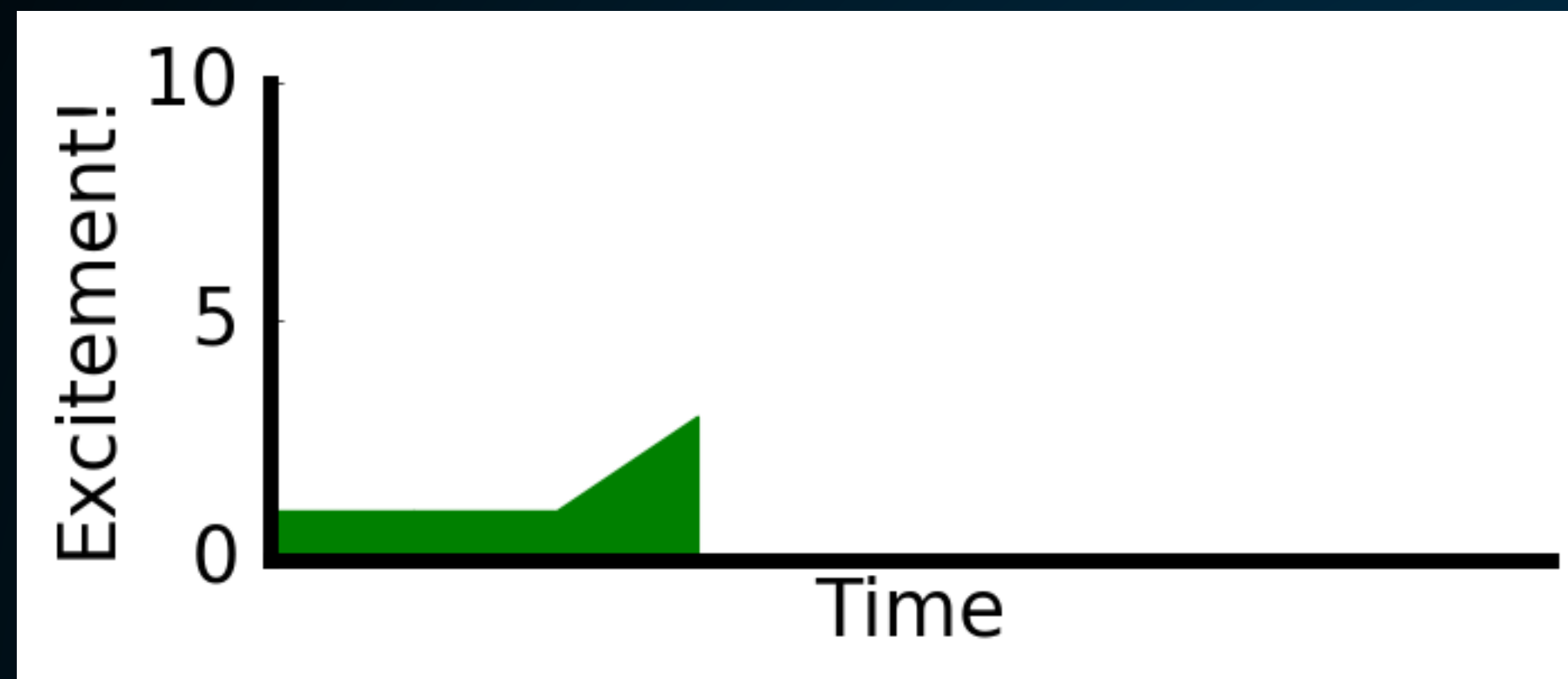


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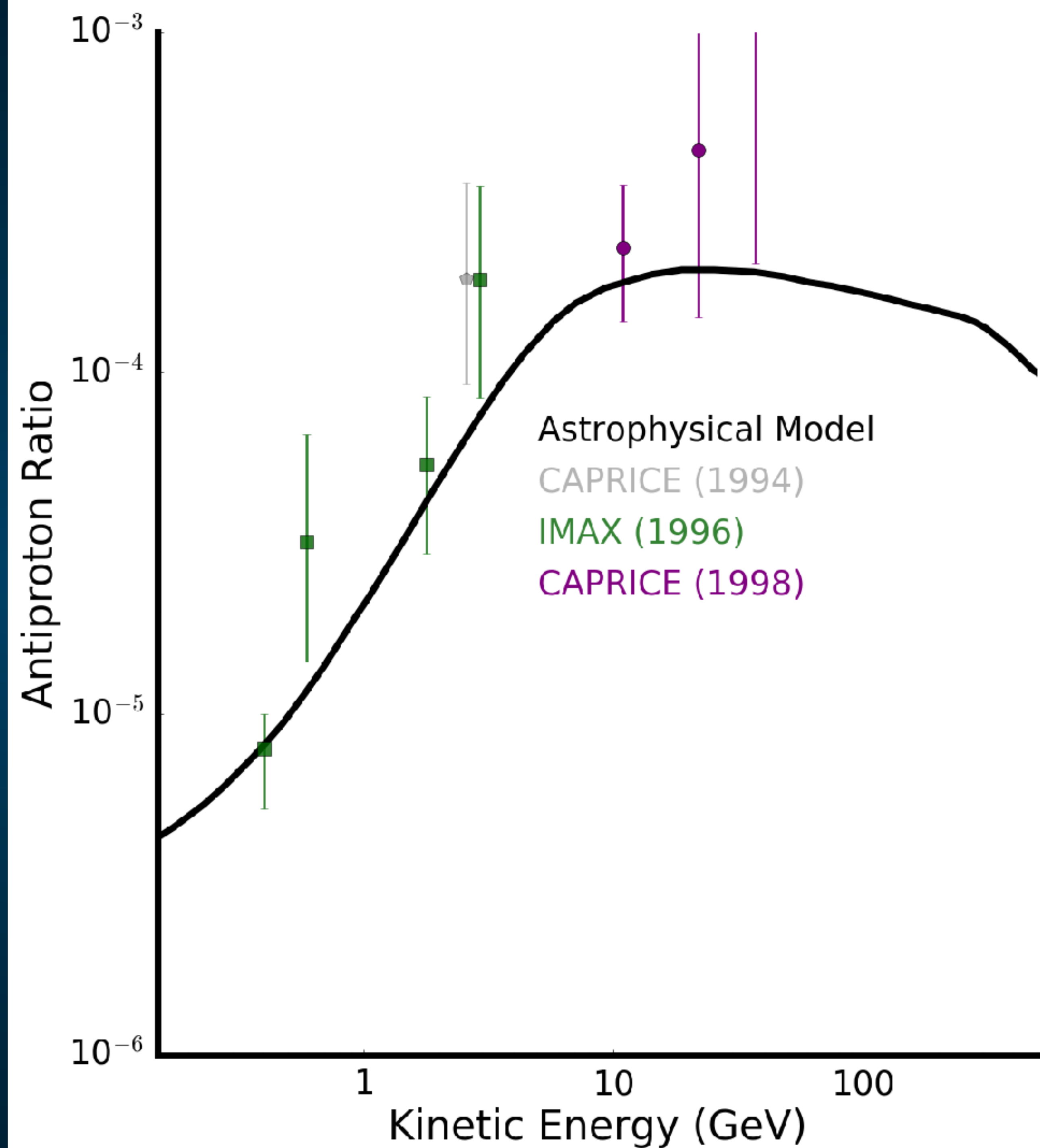




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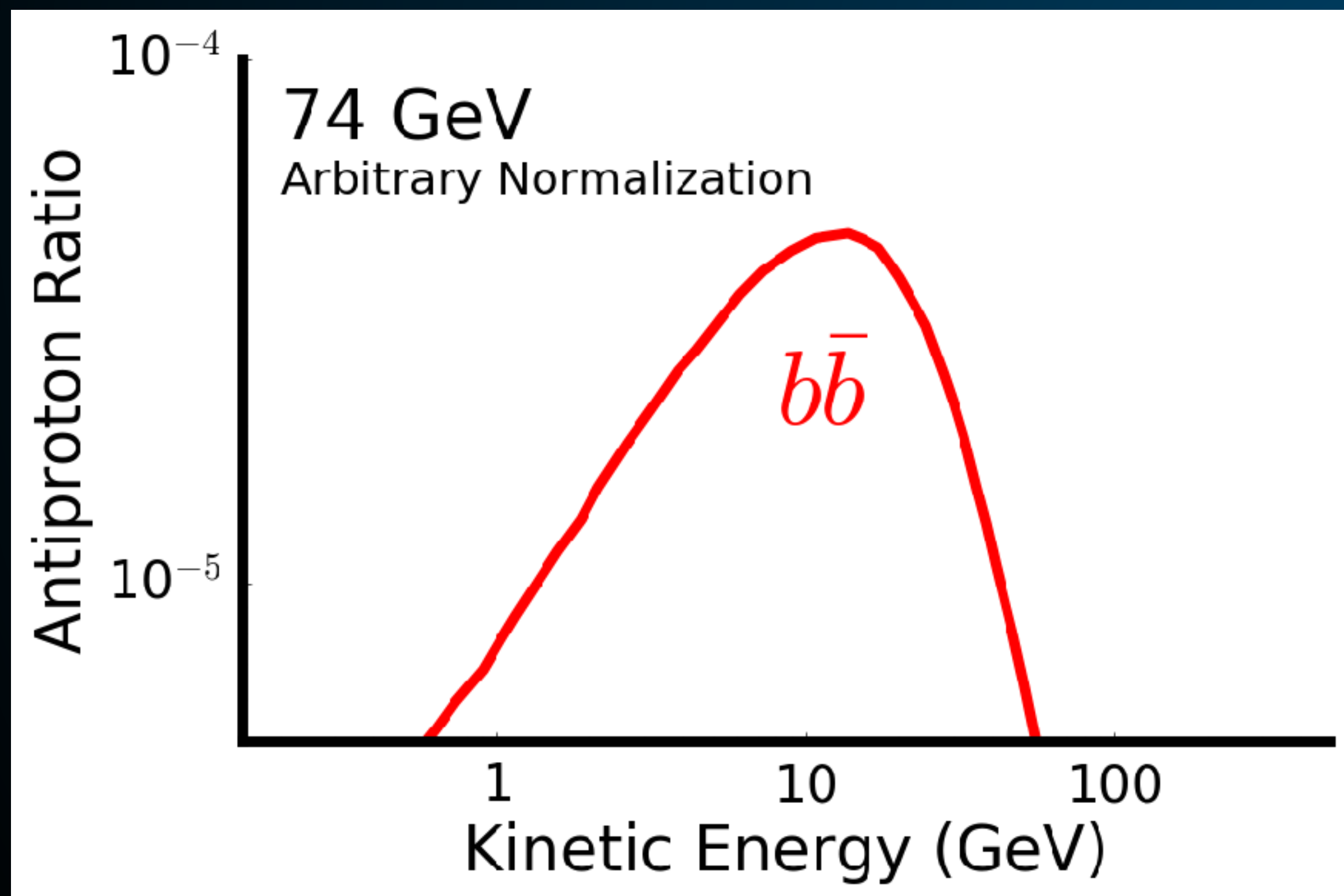
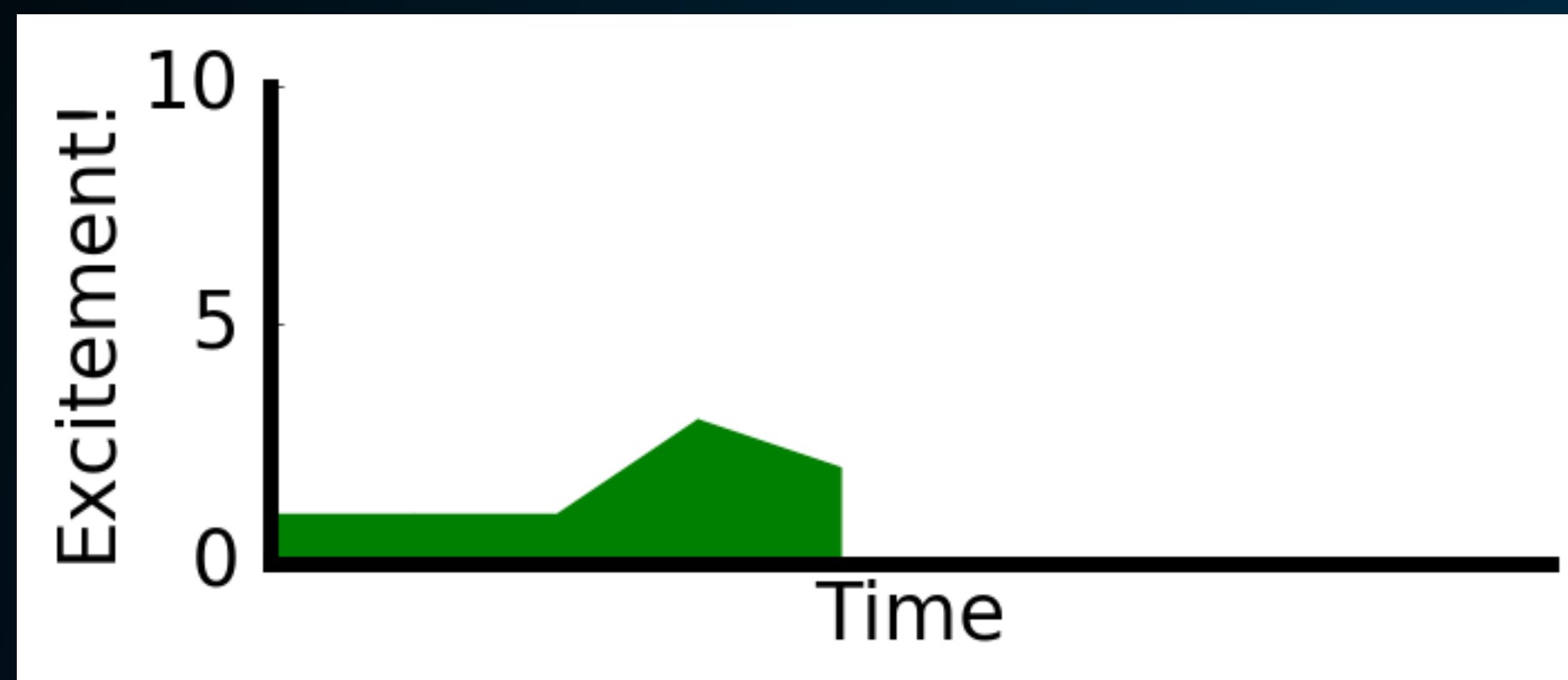


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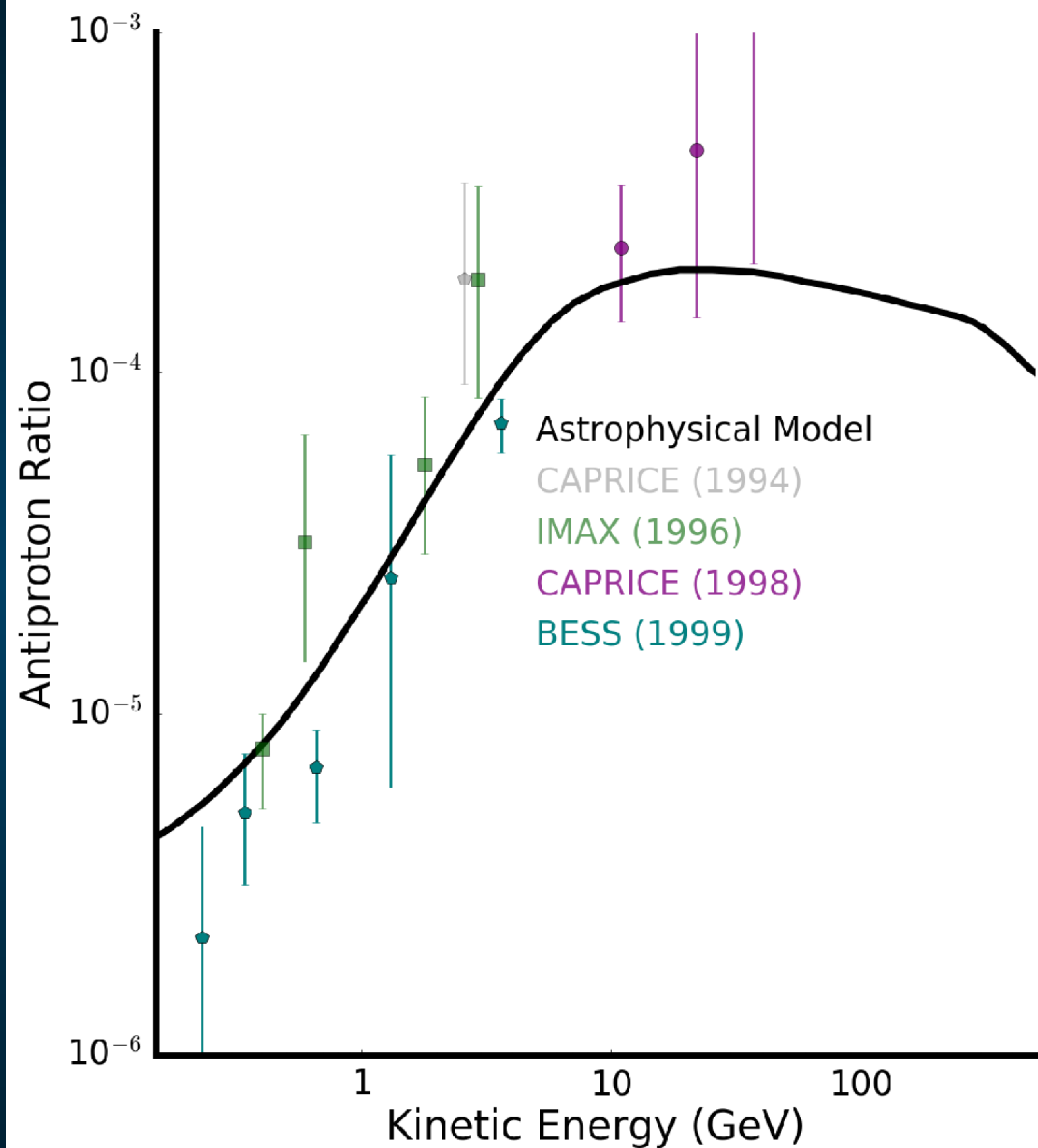




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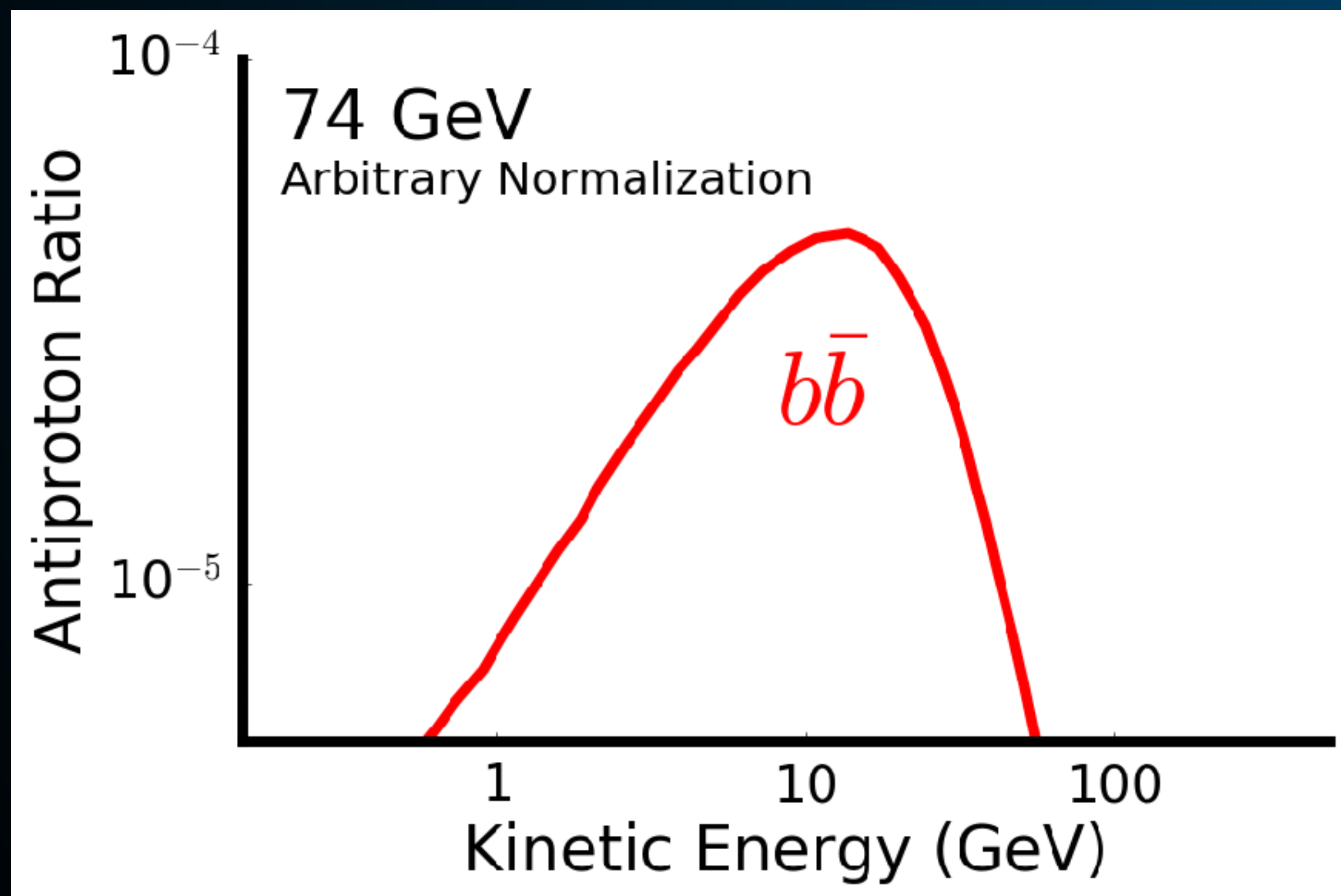
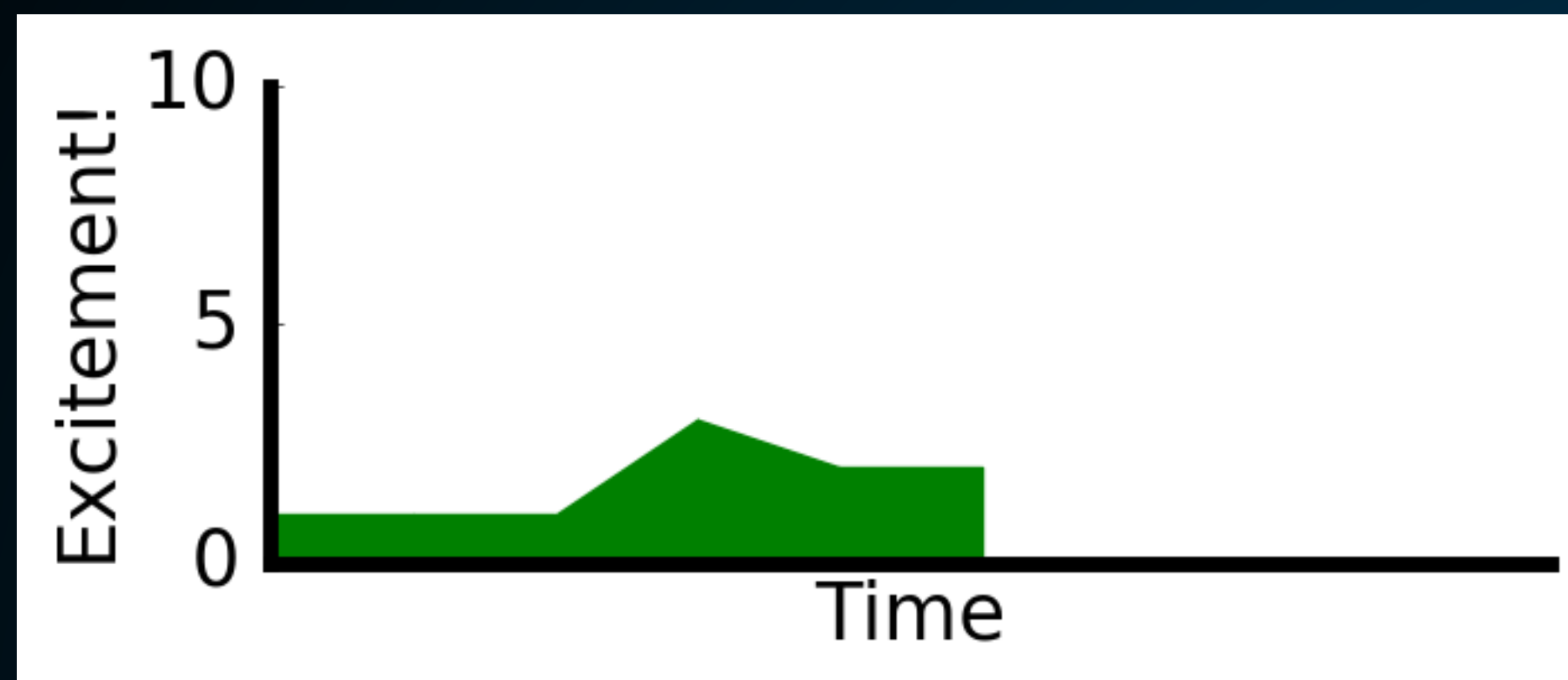


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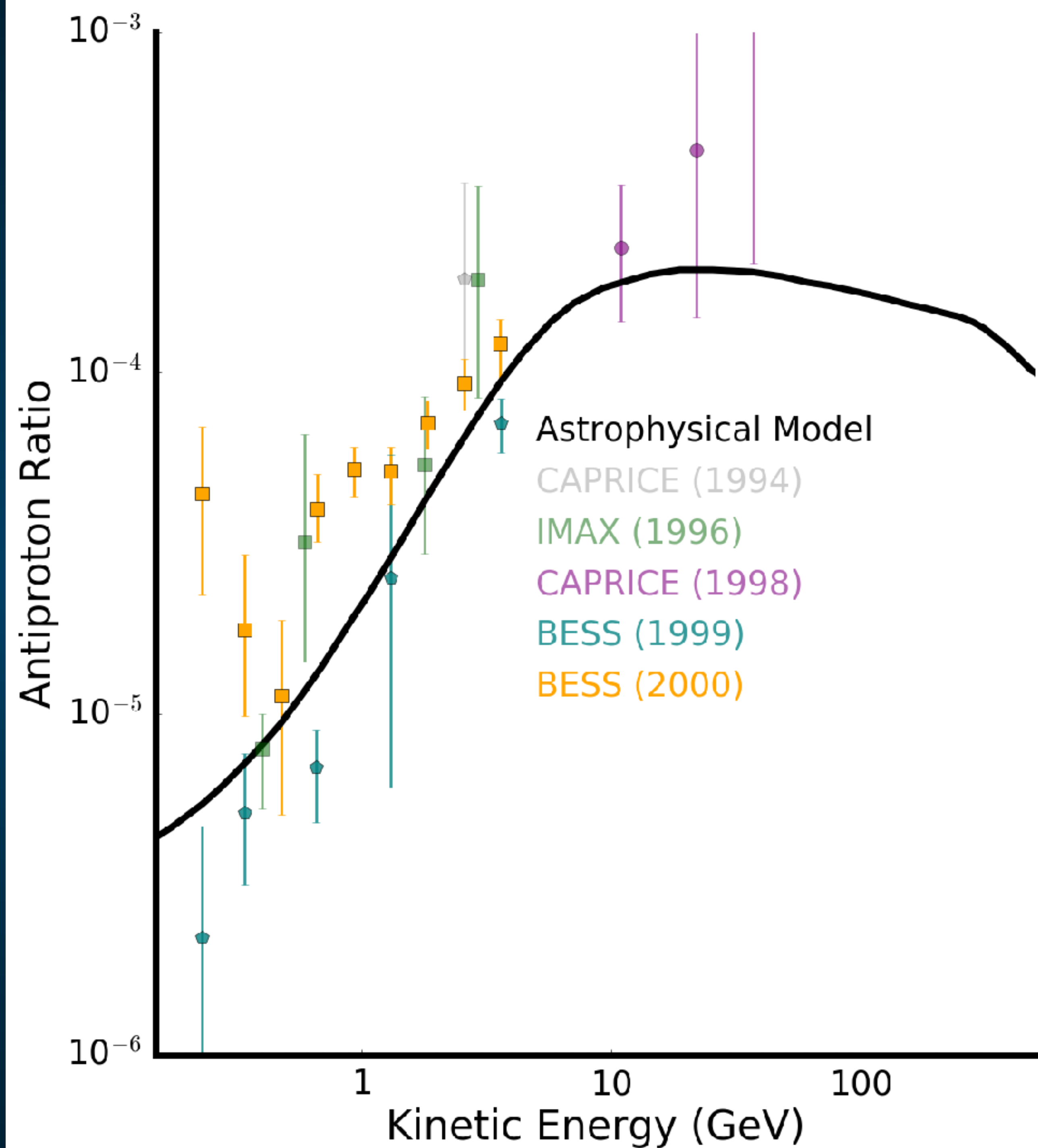




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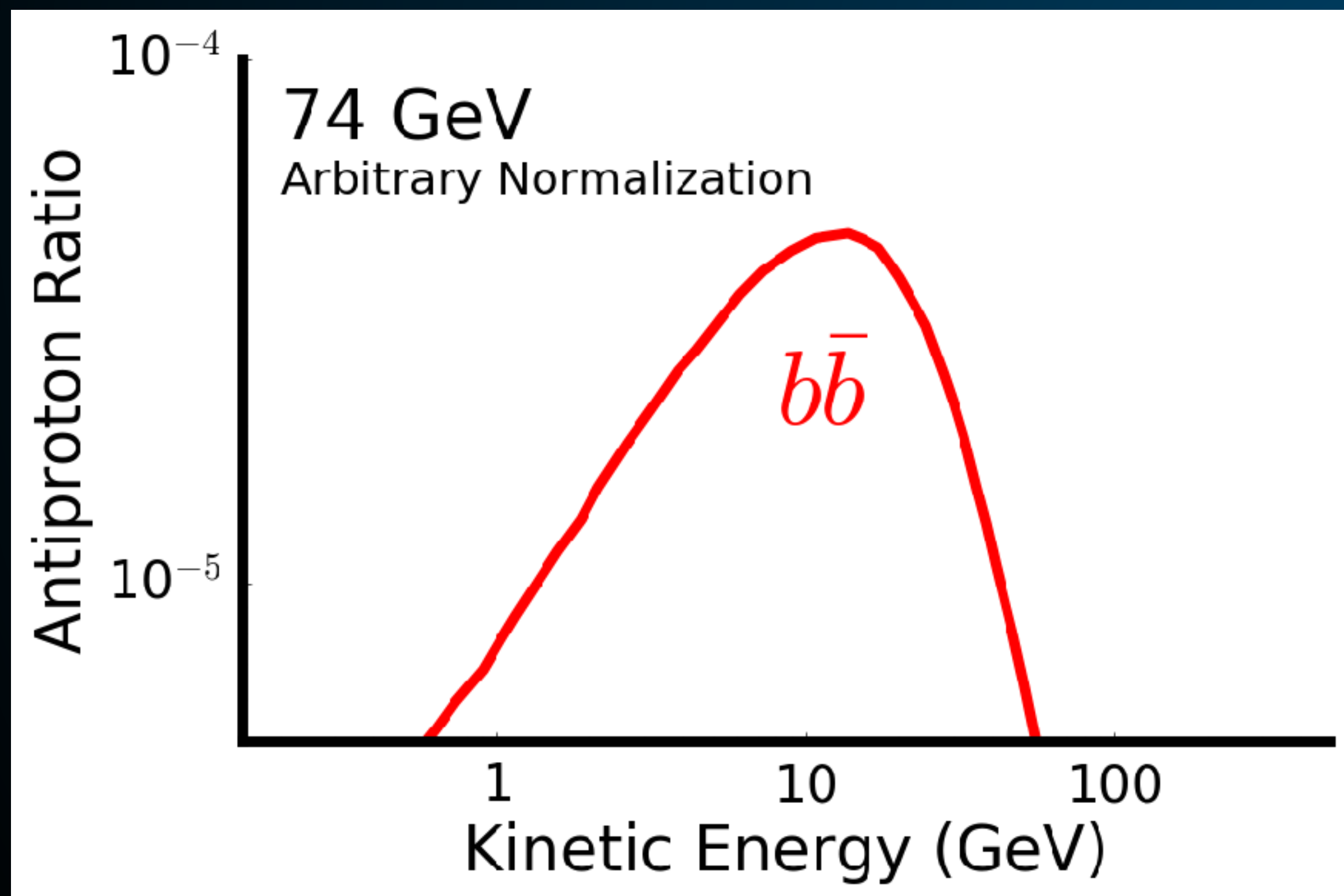
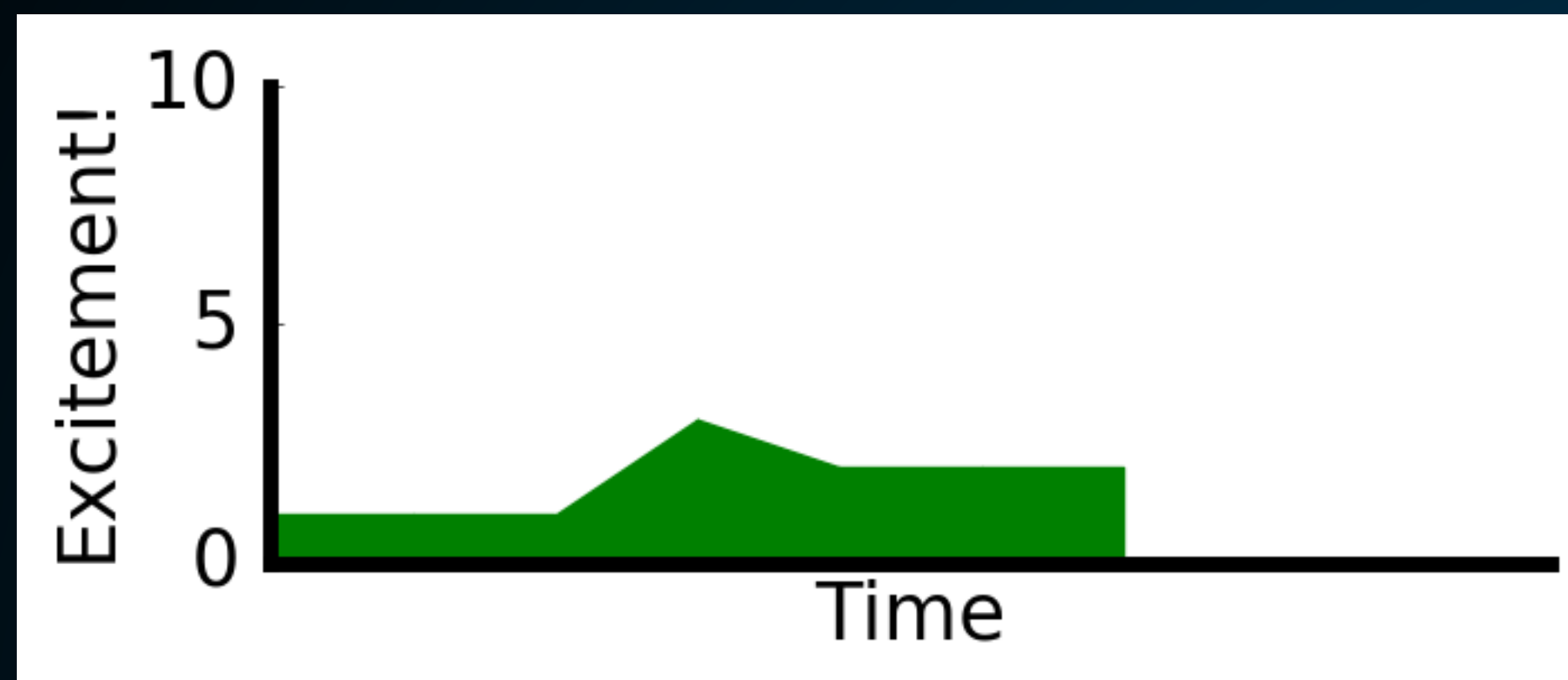


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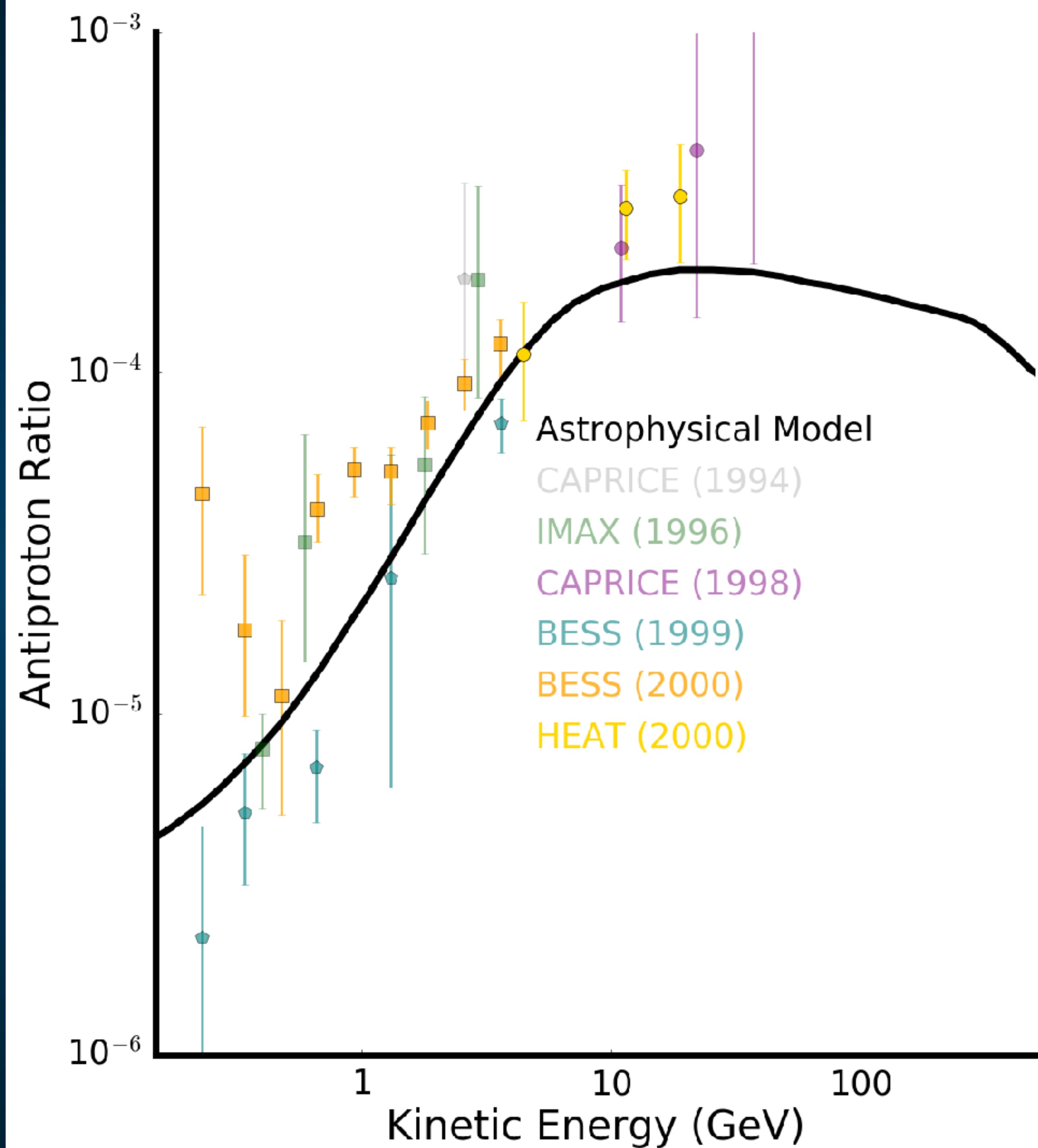




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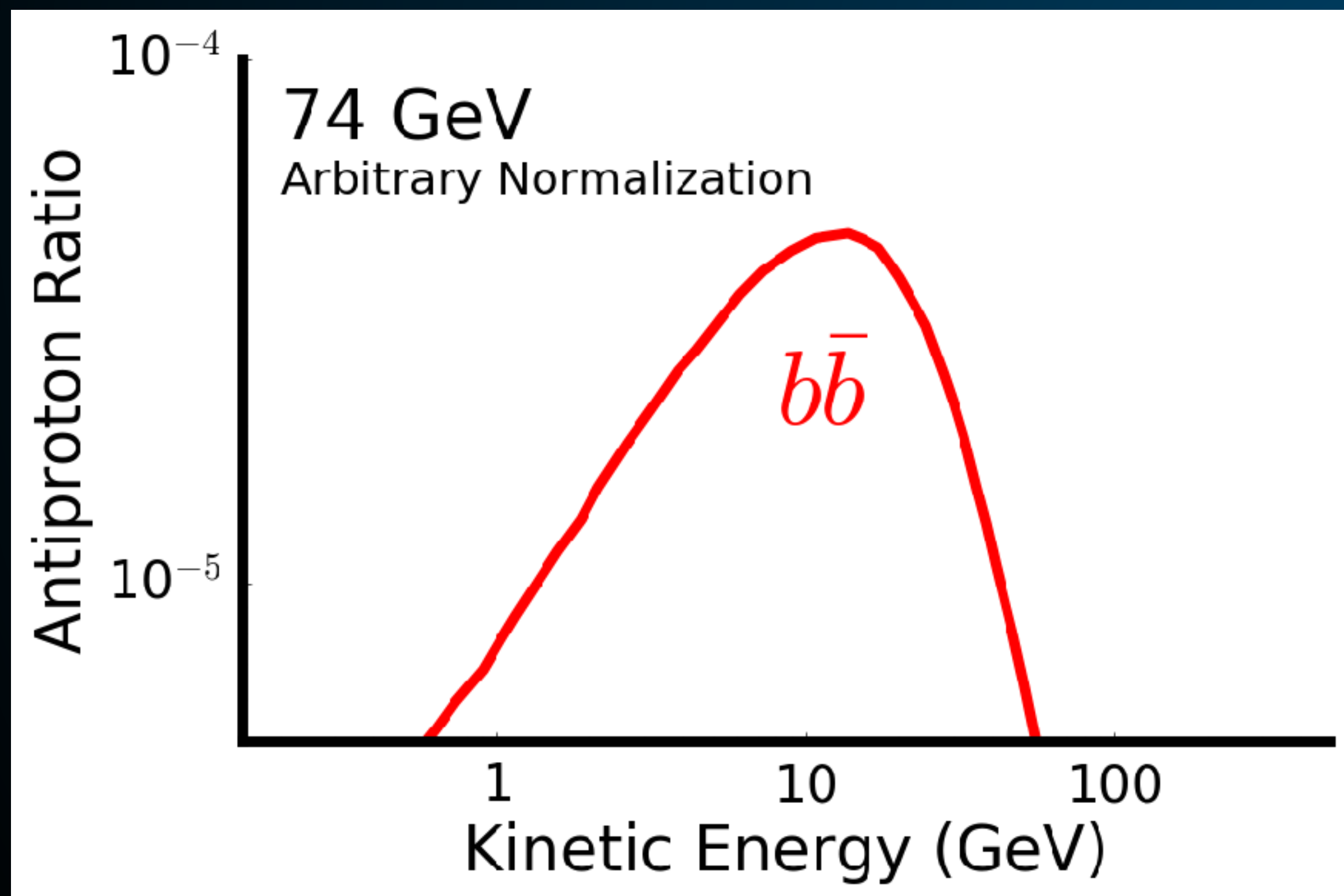
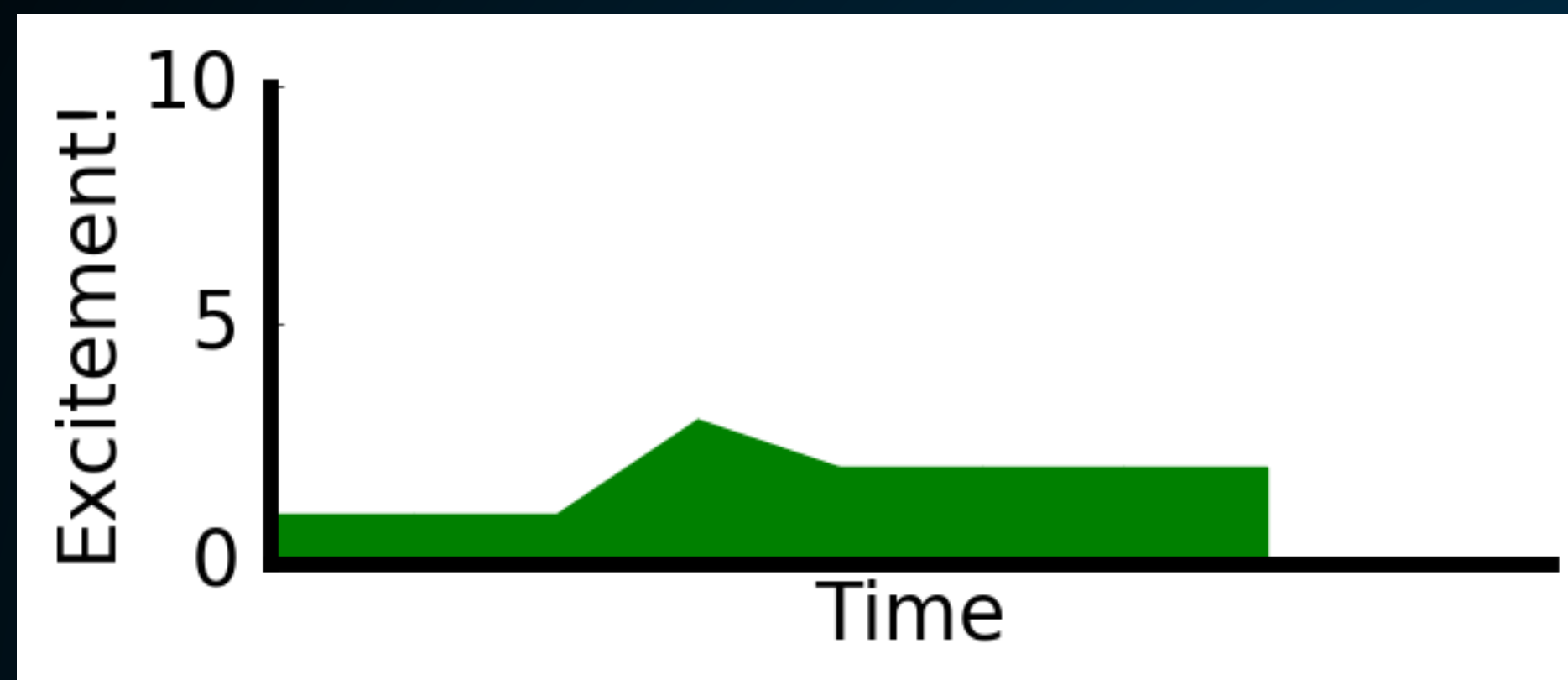


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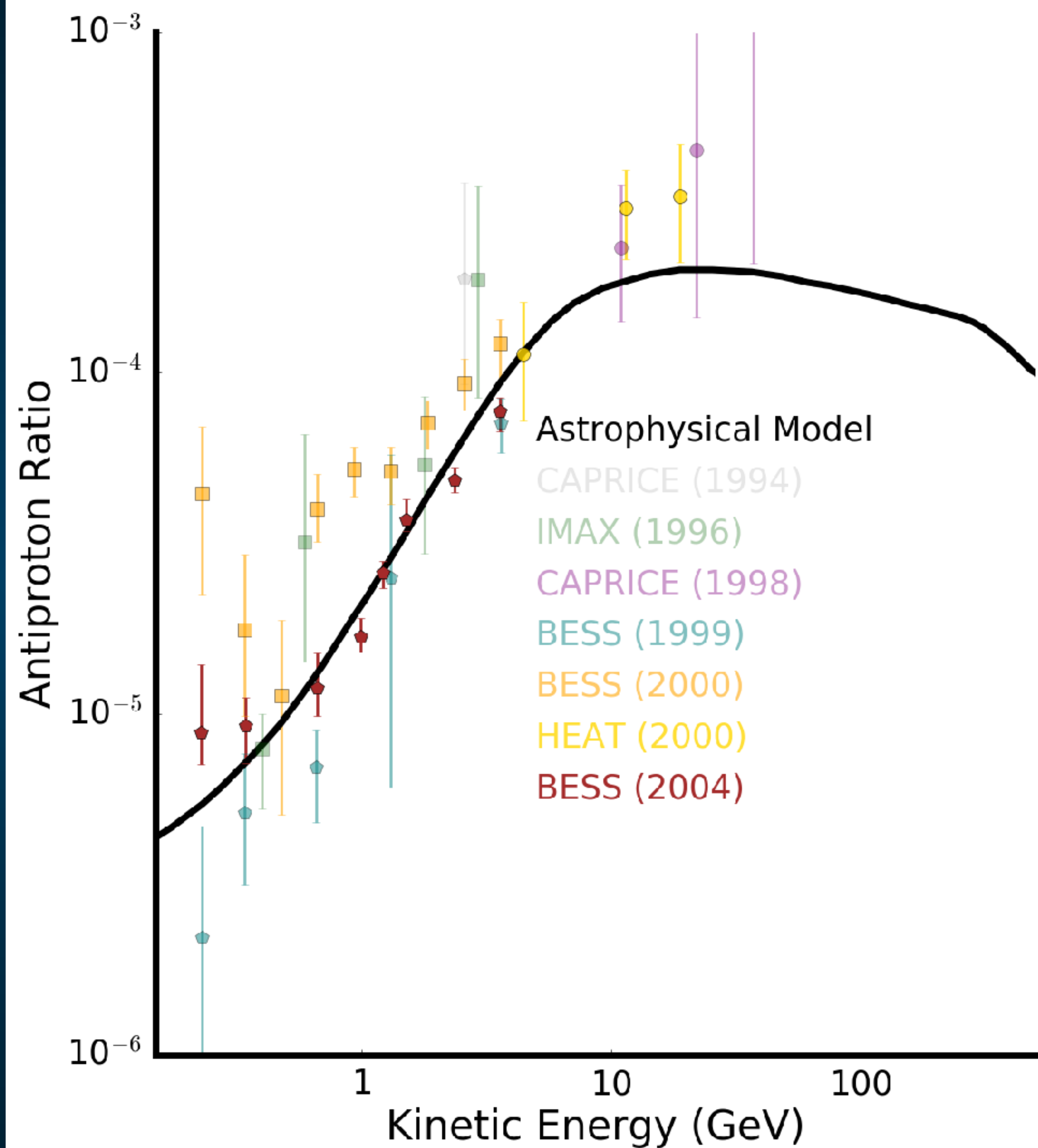




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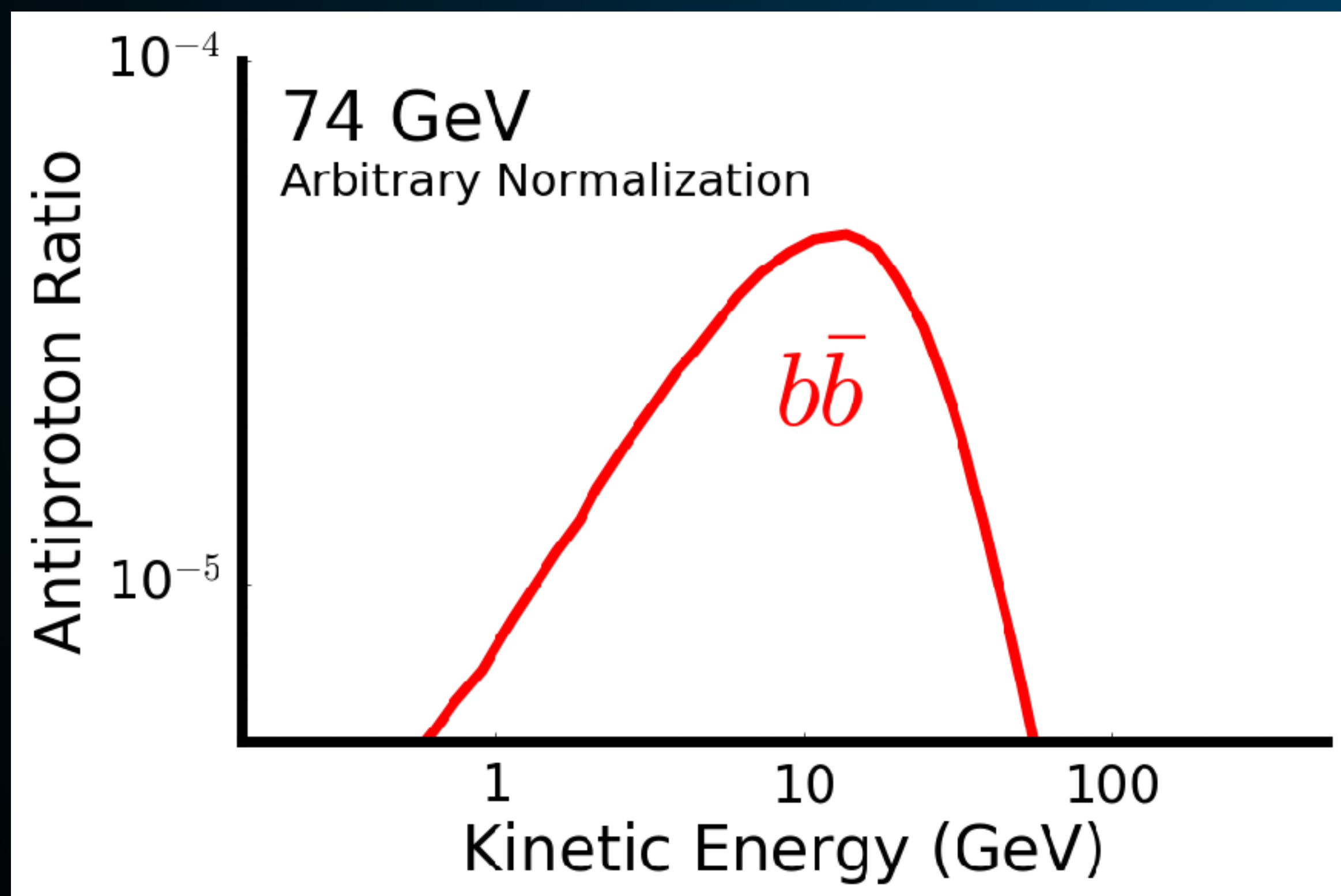
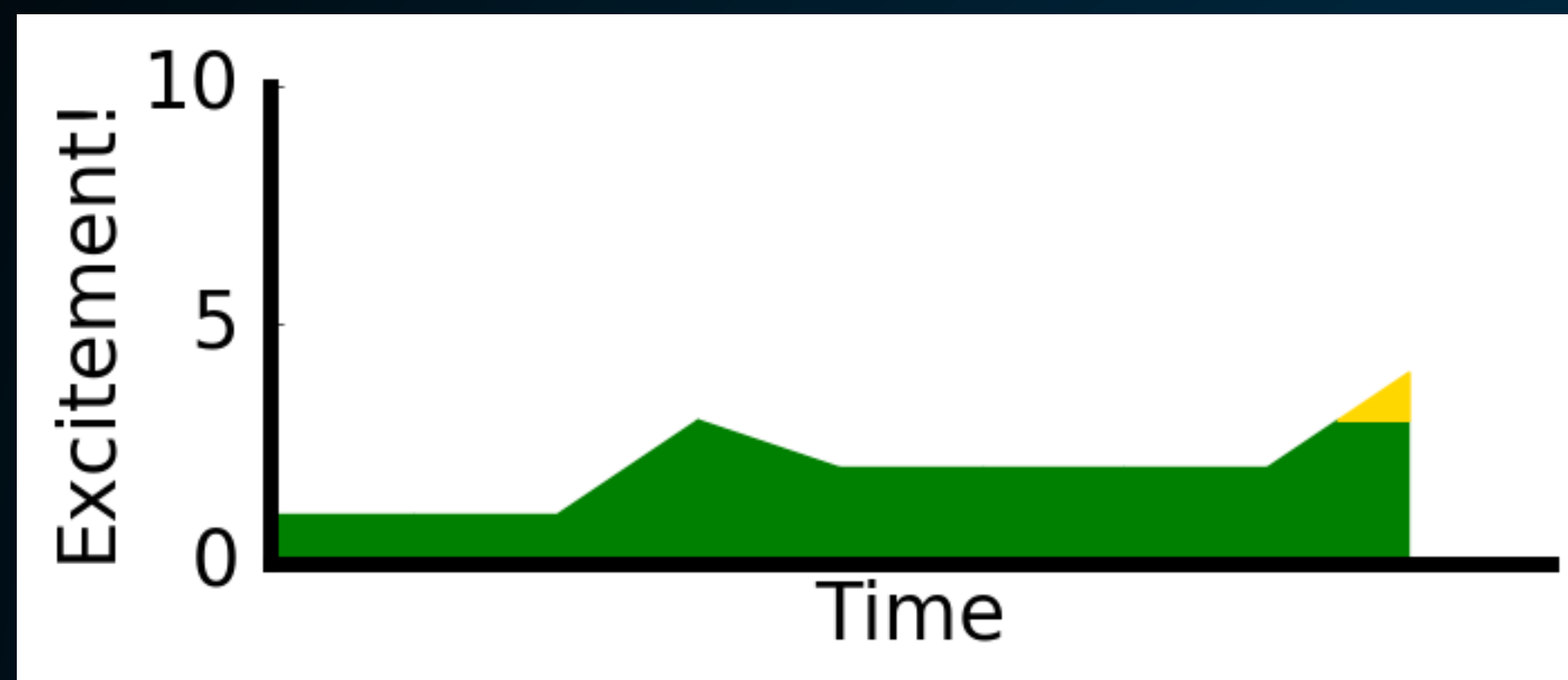


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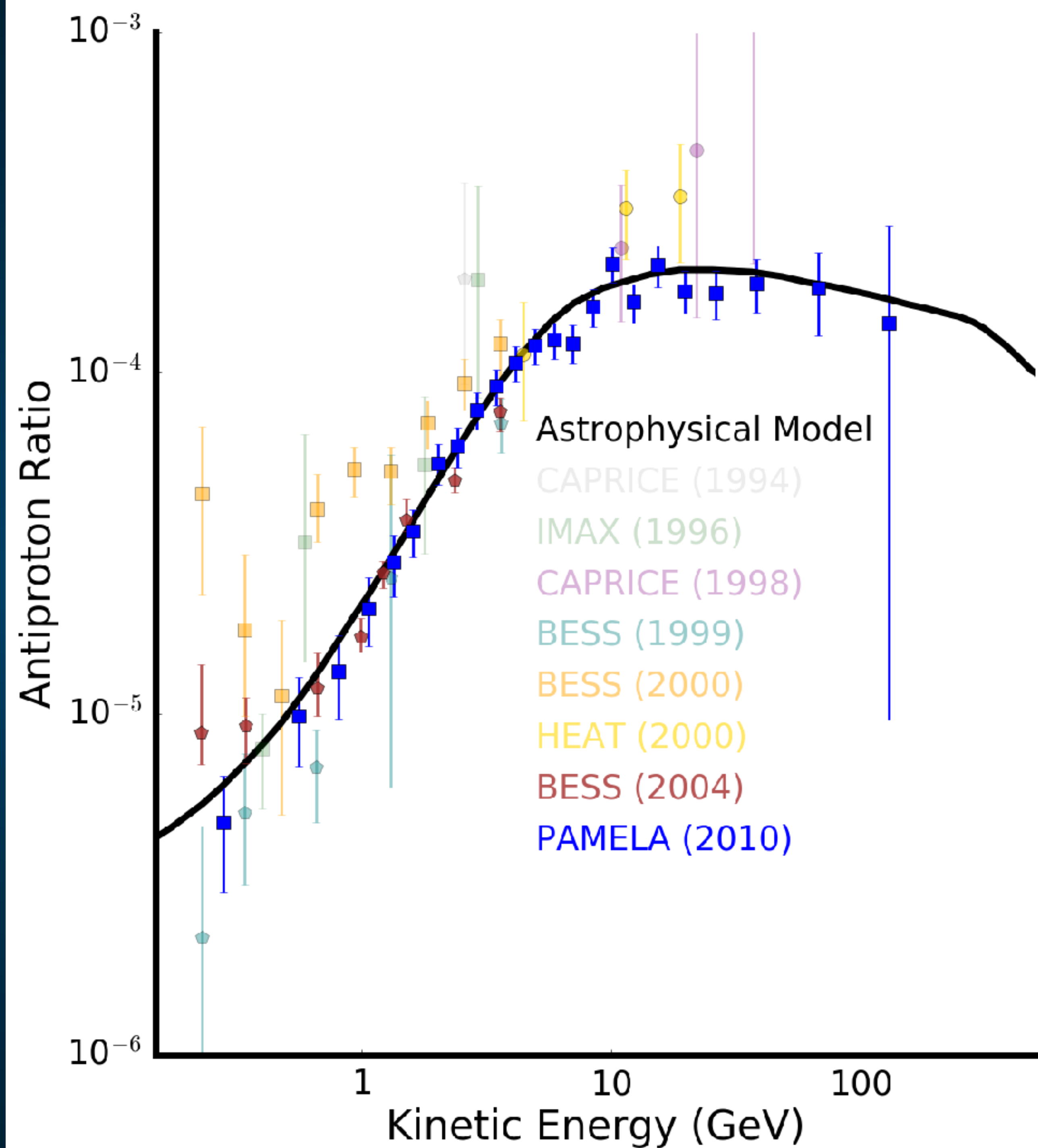




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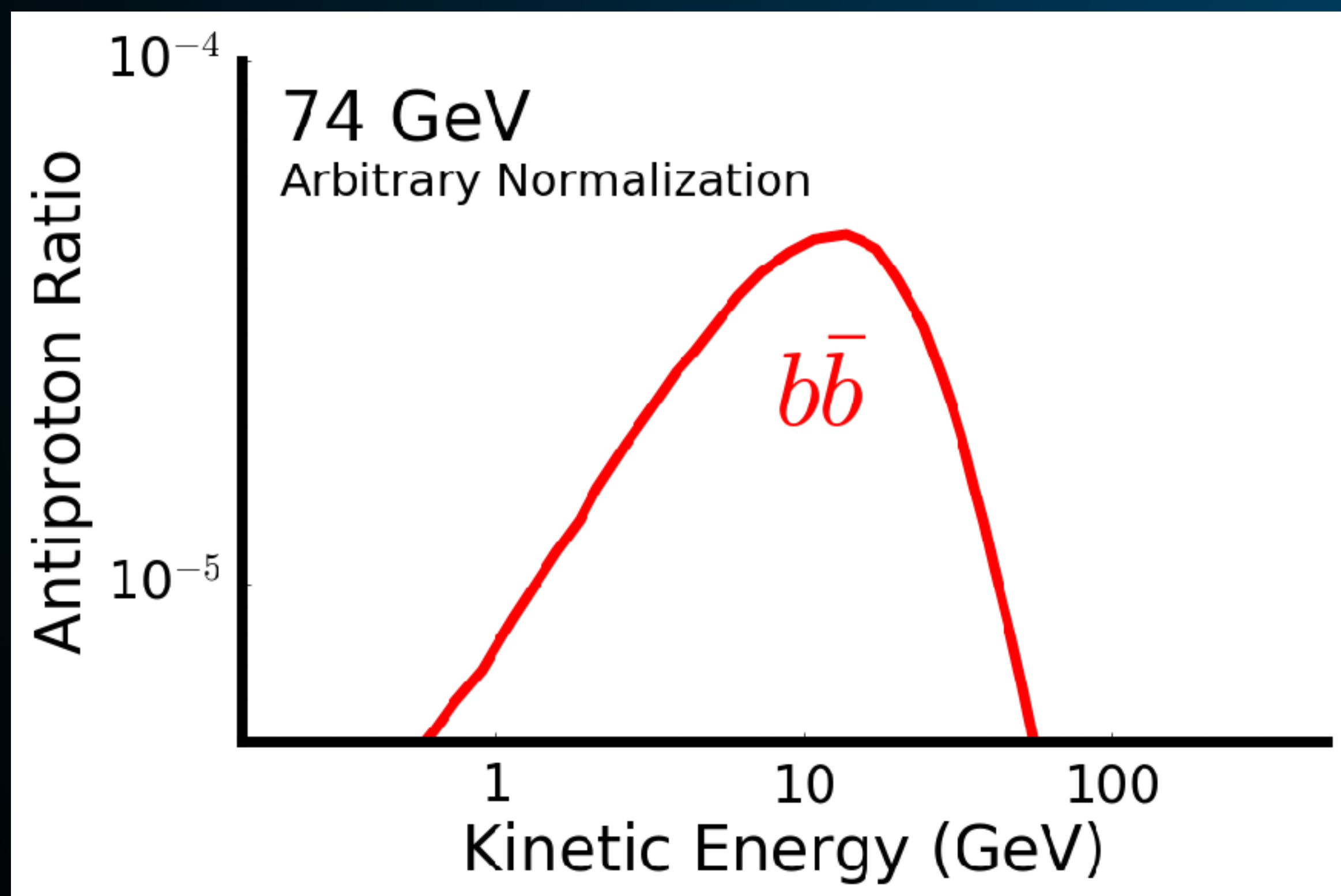
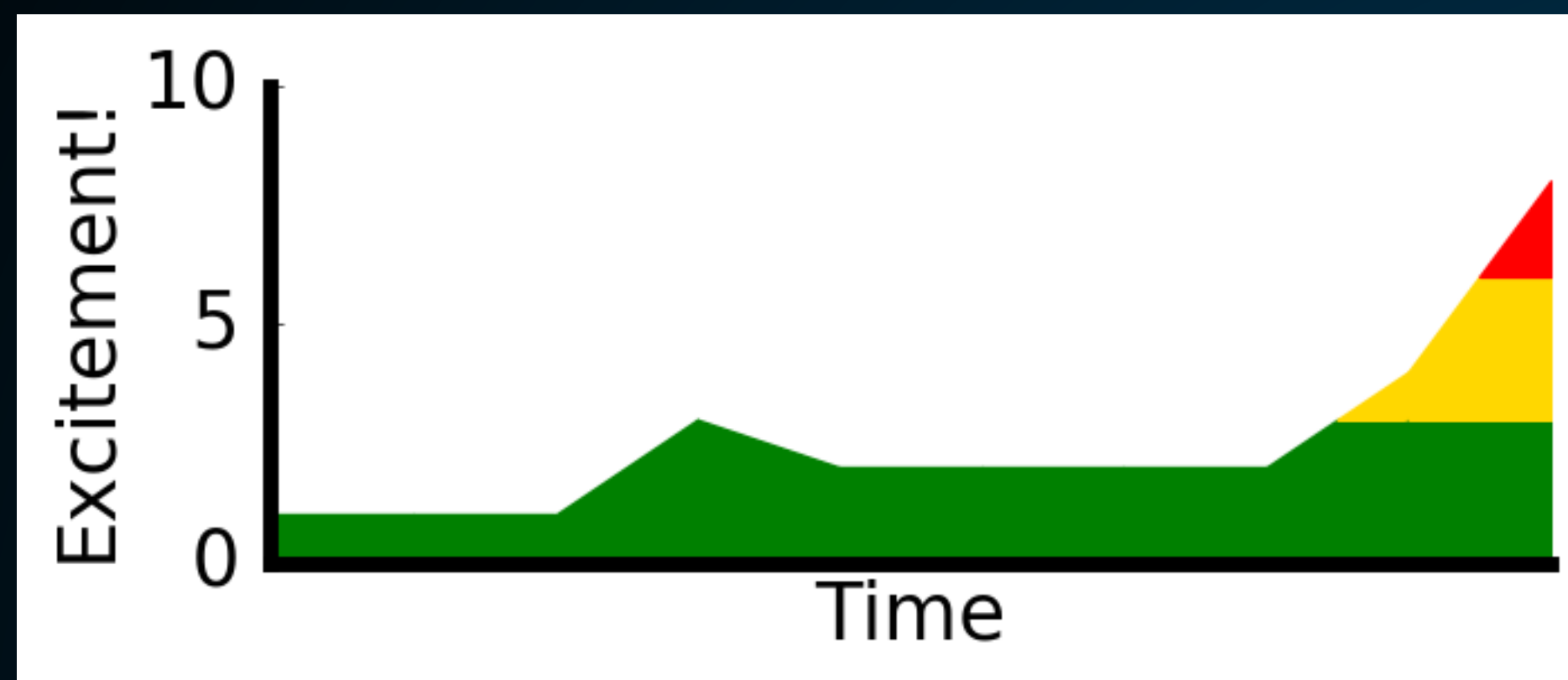


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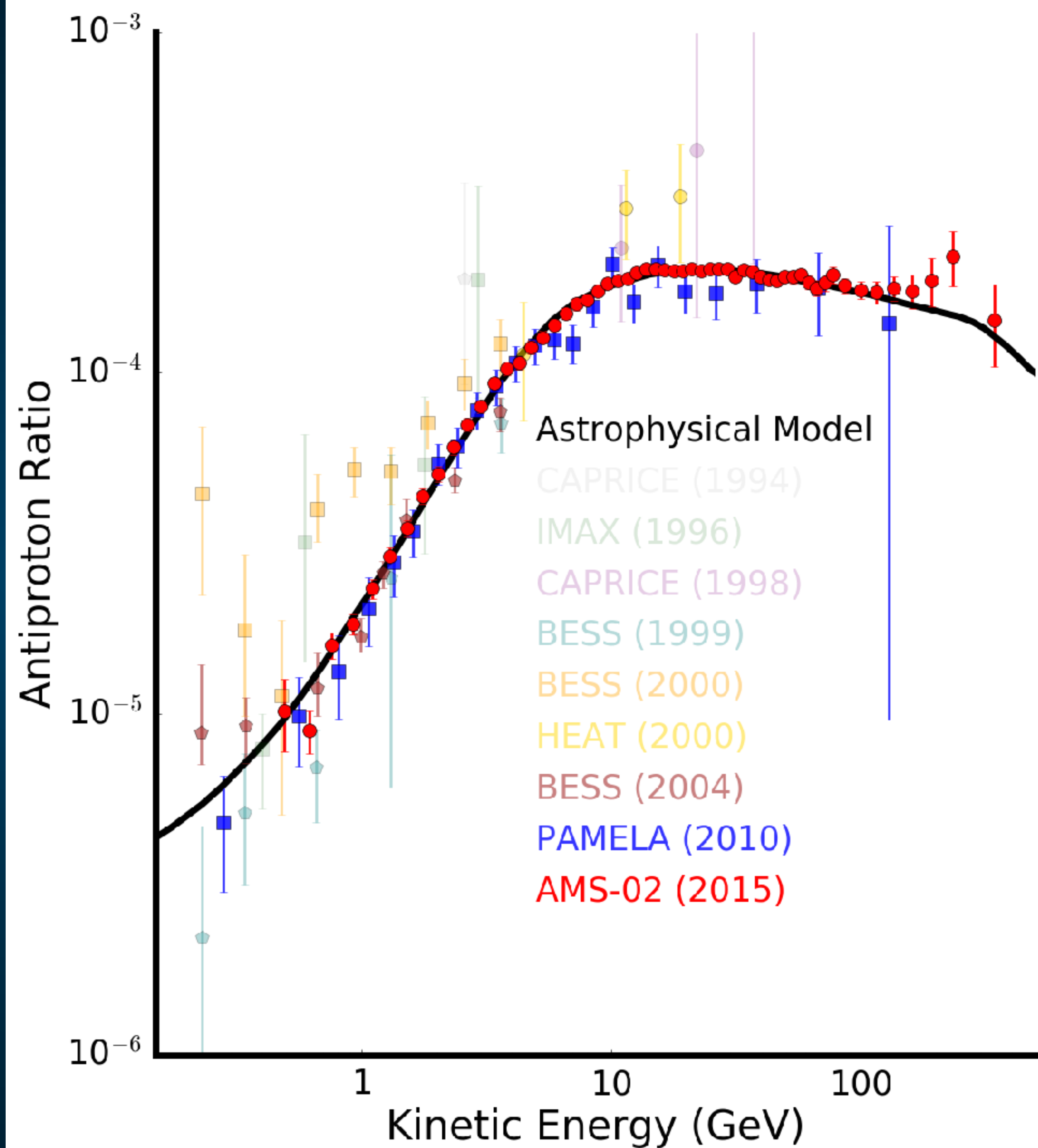




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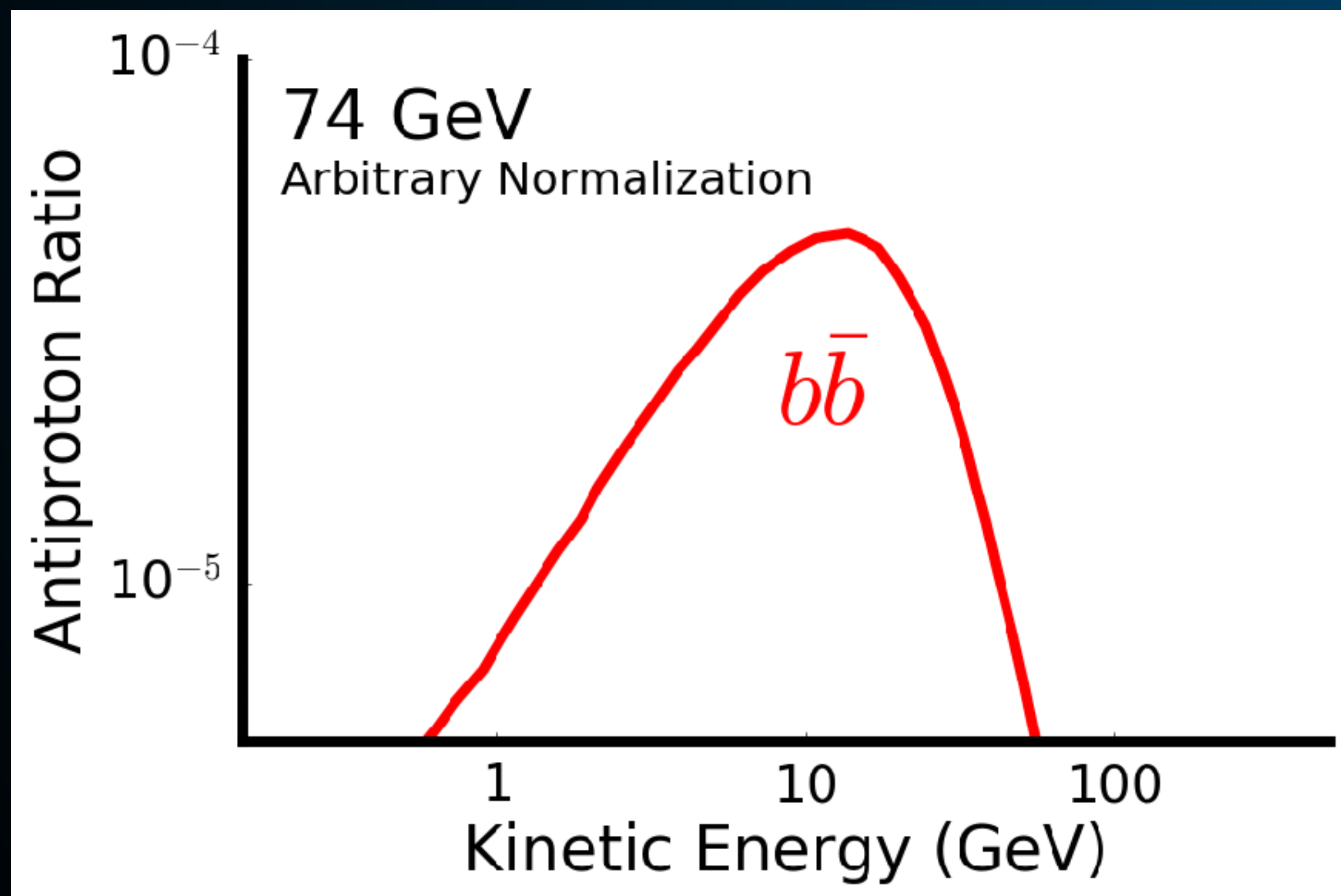
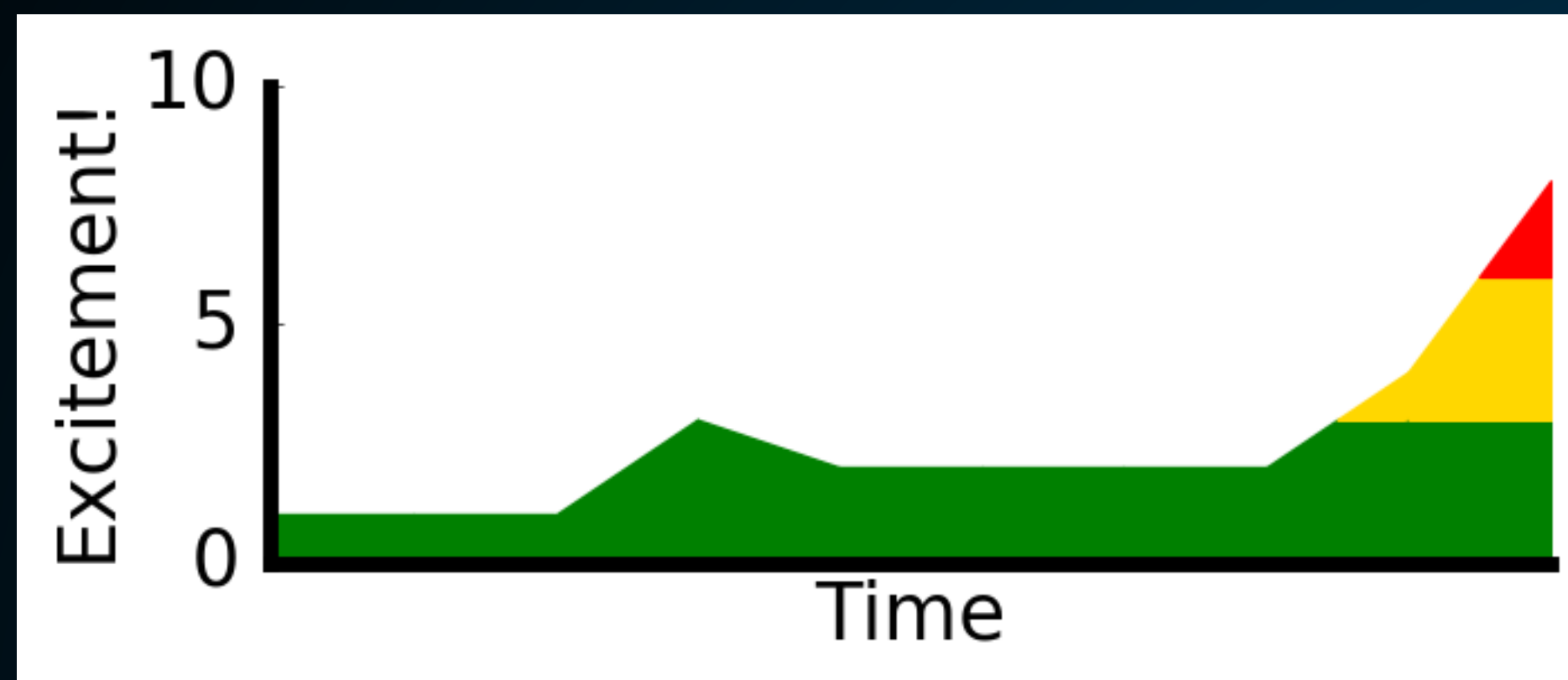


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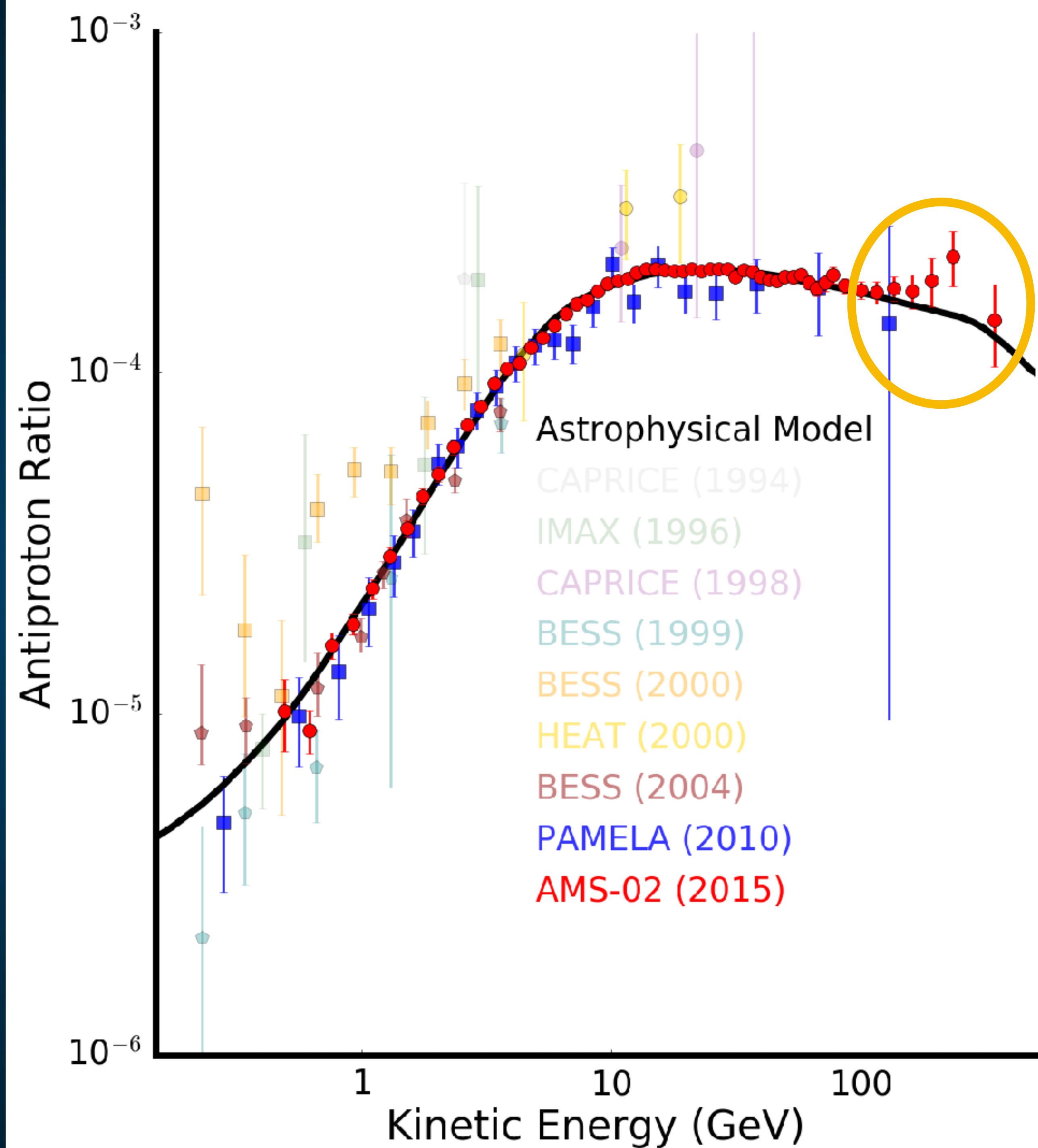




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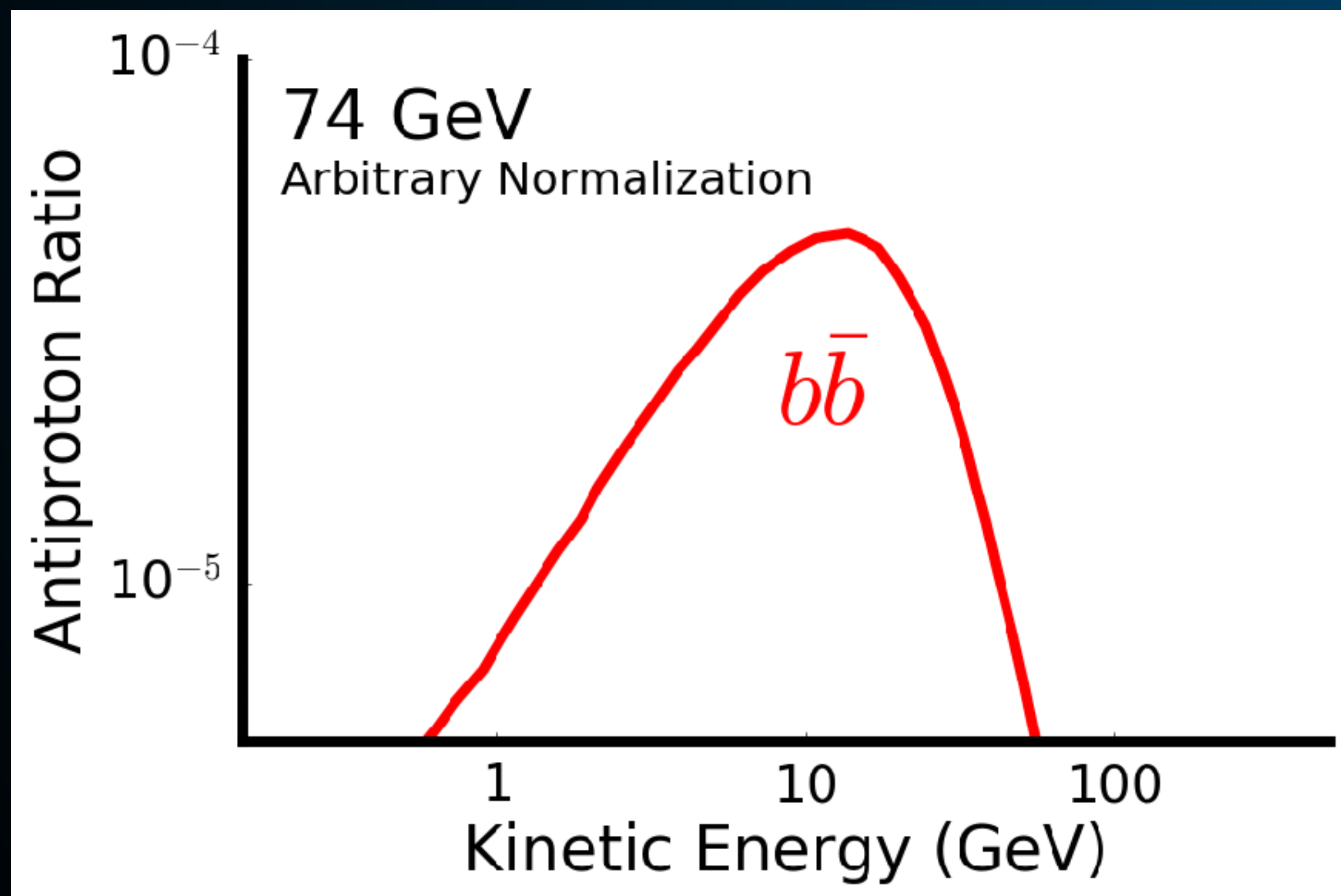
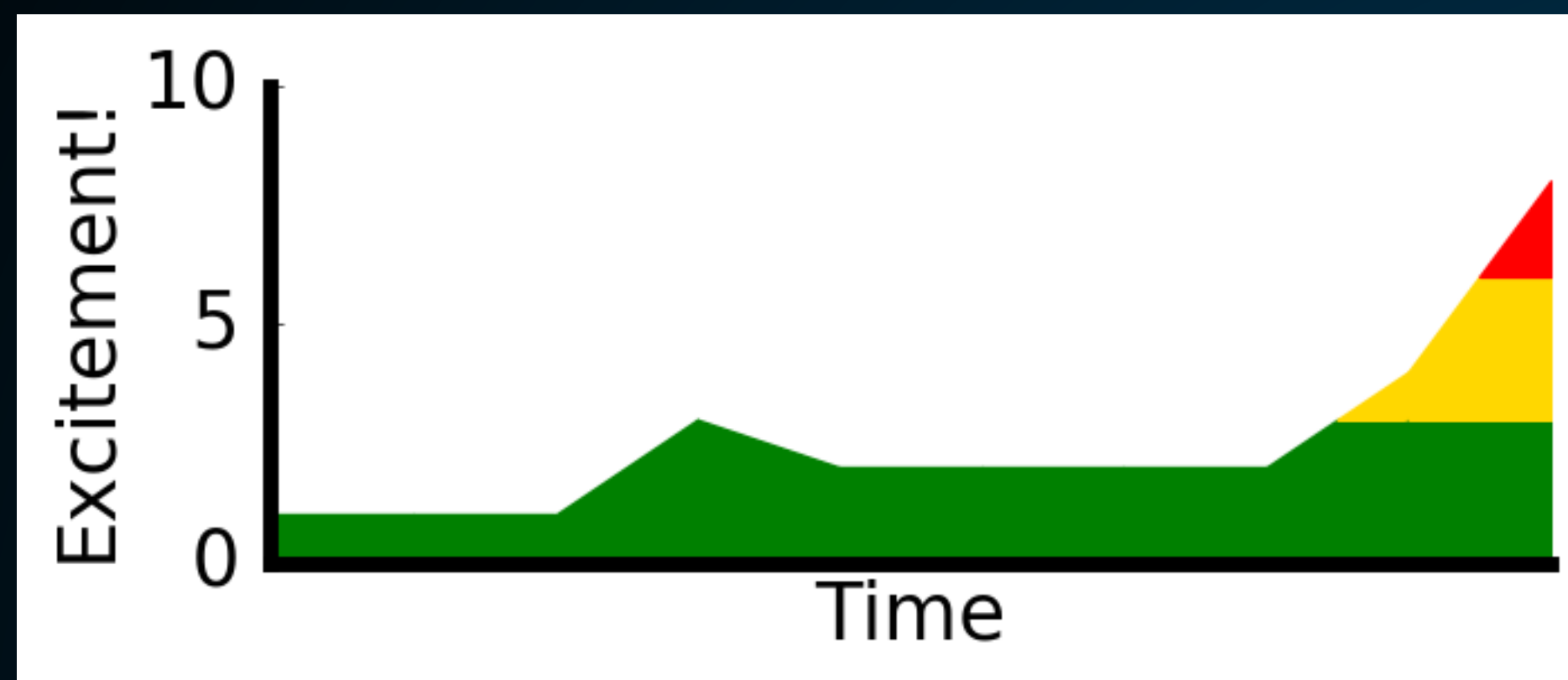


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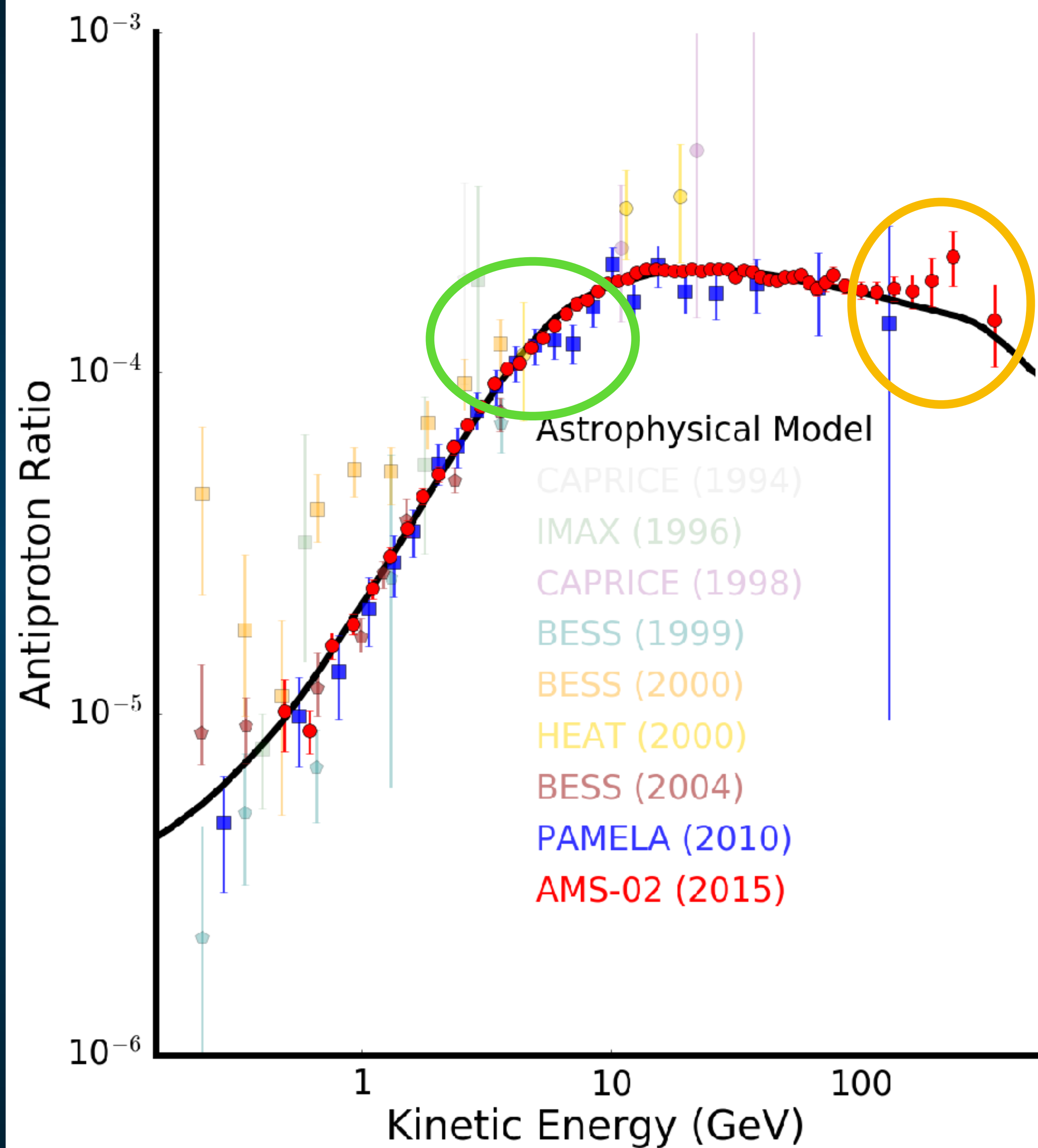




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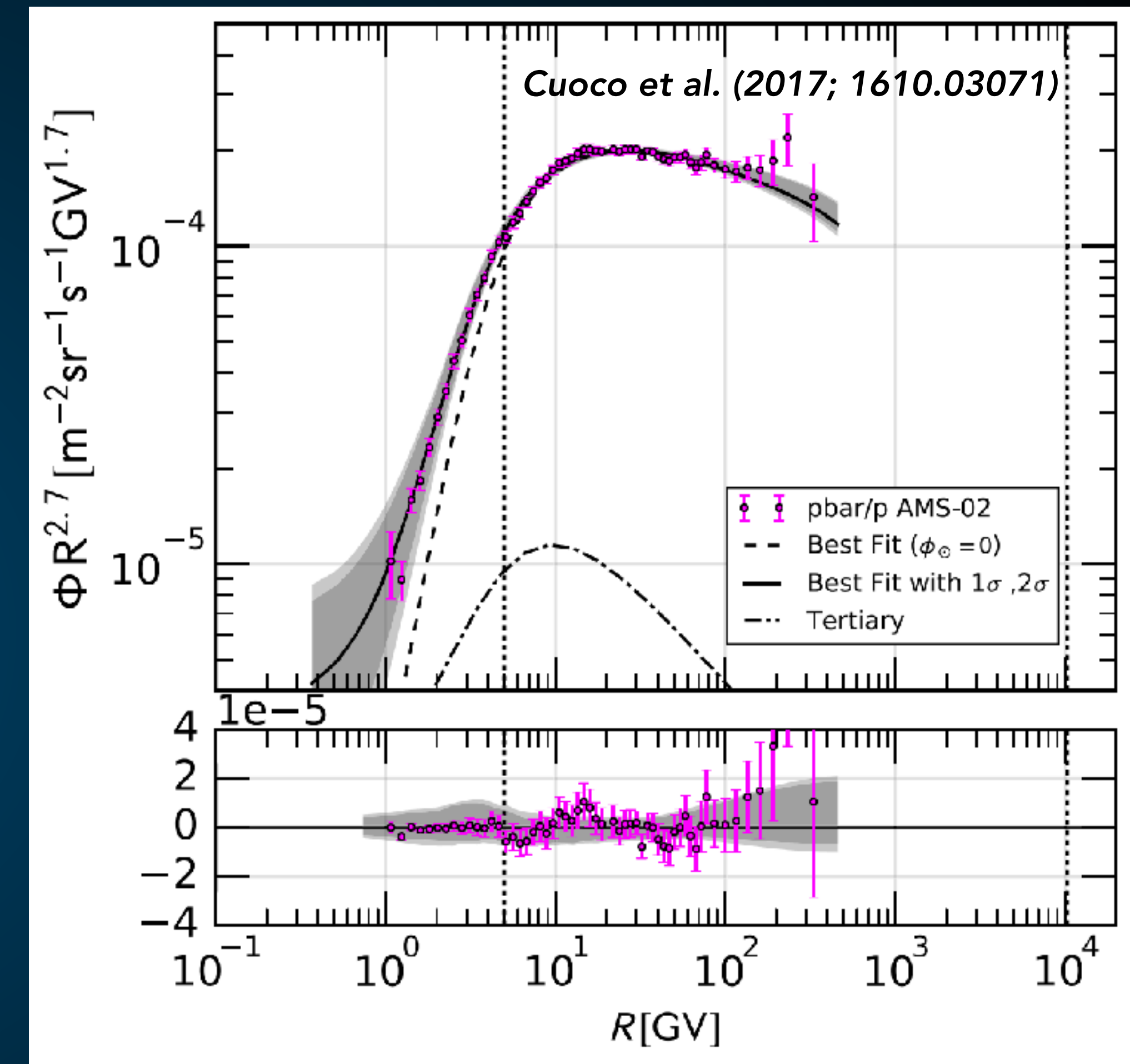
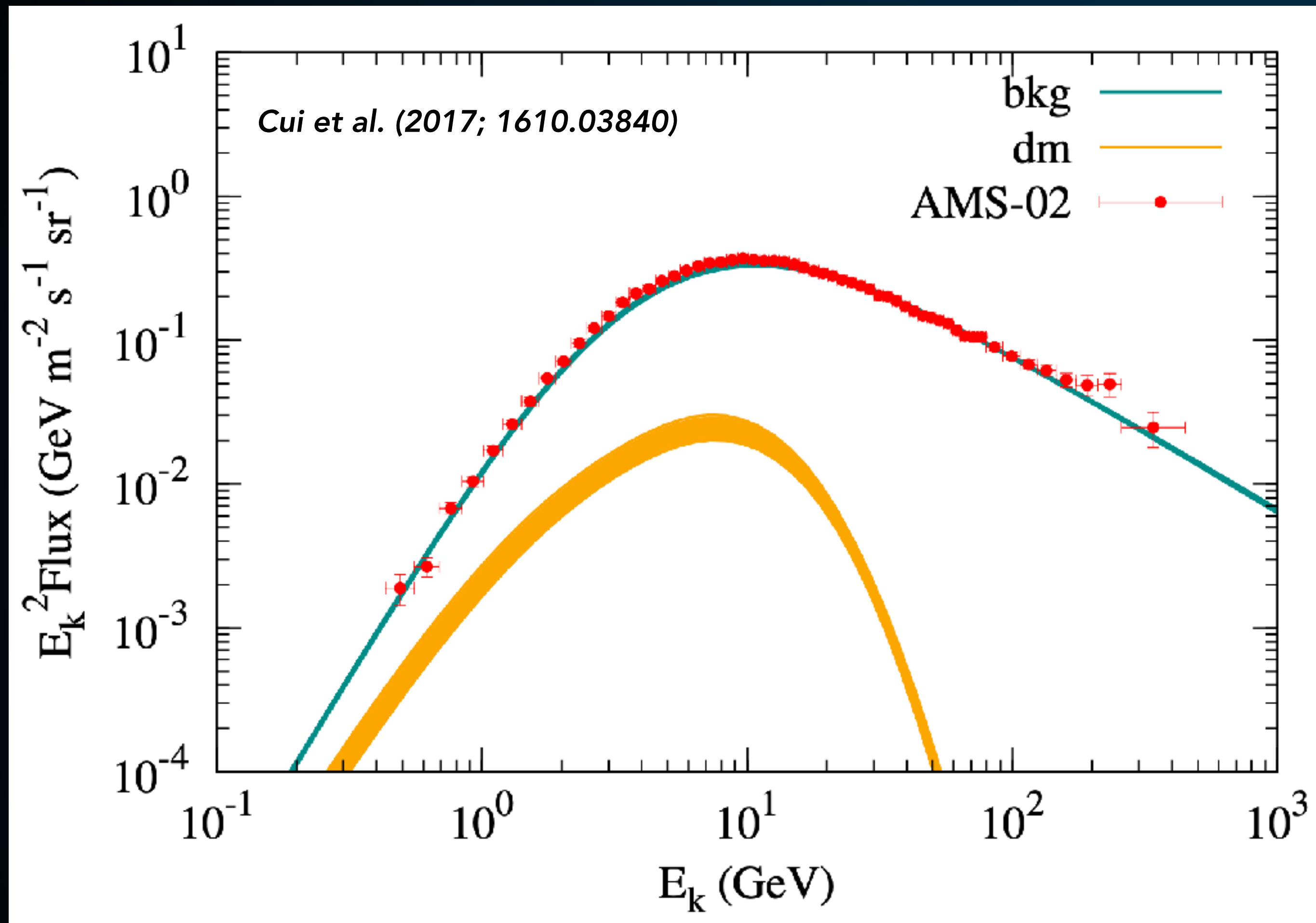


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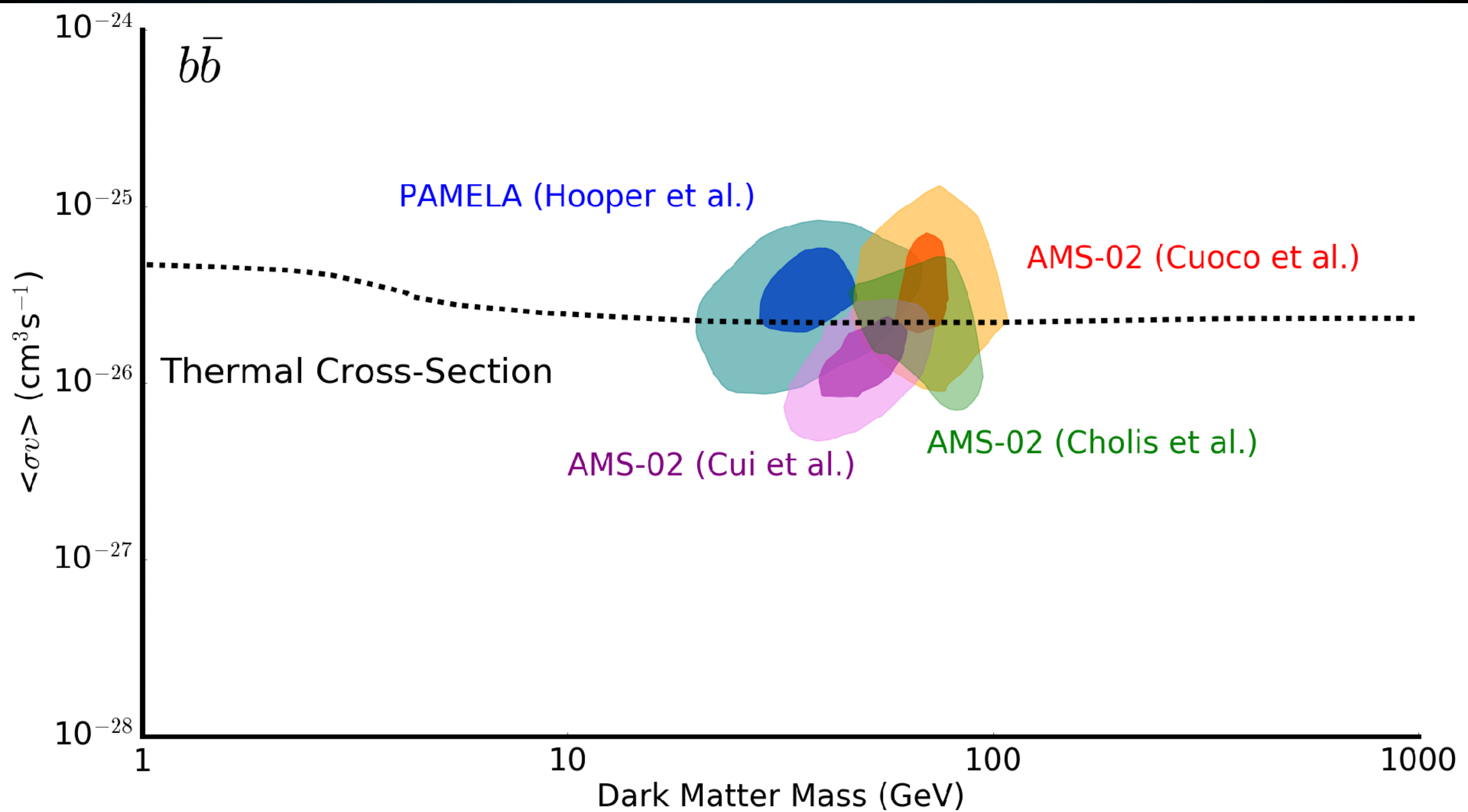
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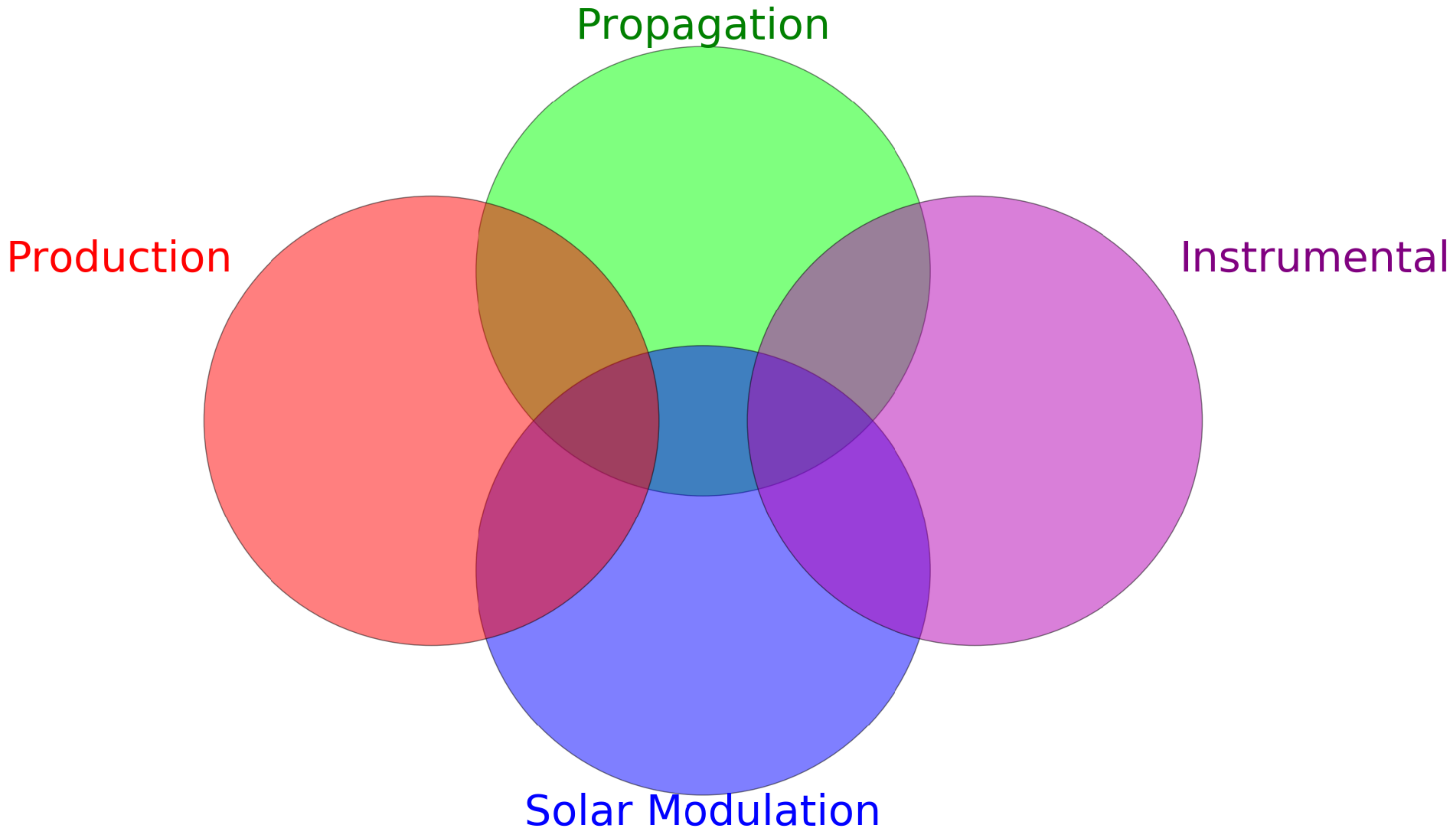
Two papers simultaneously find an excess in the AMS-02 Antiproton Data!

Significance approaching (or past)  $5\sigma$  !











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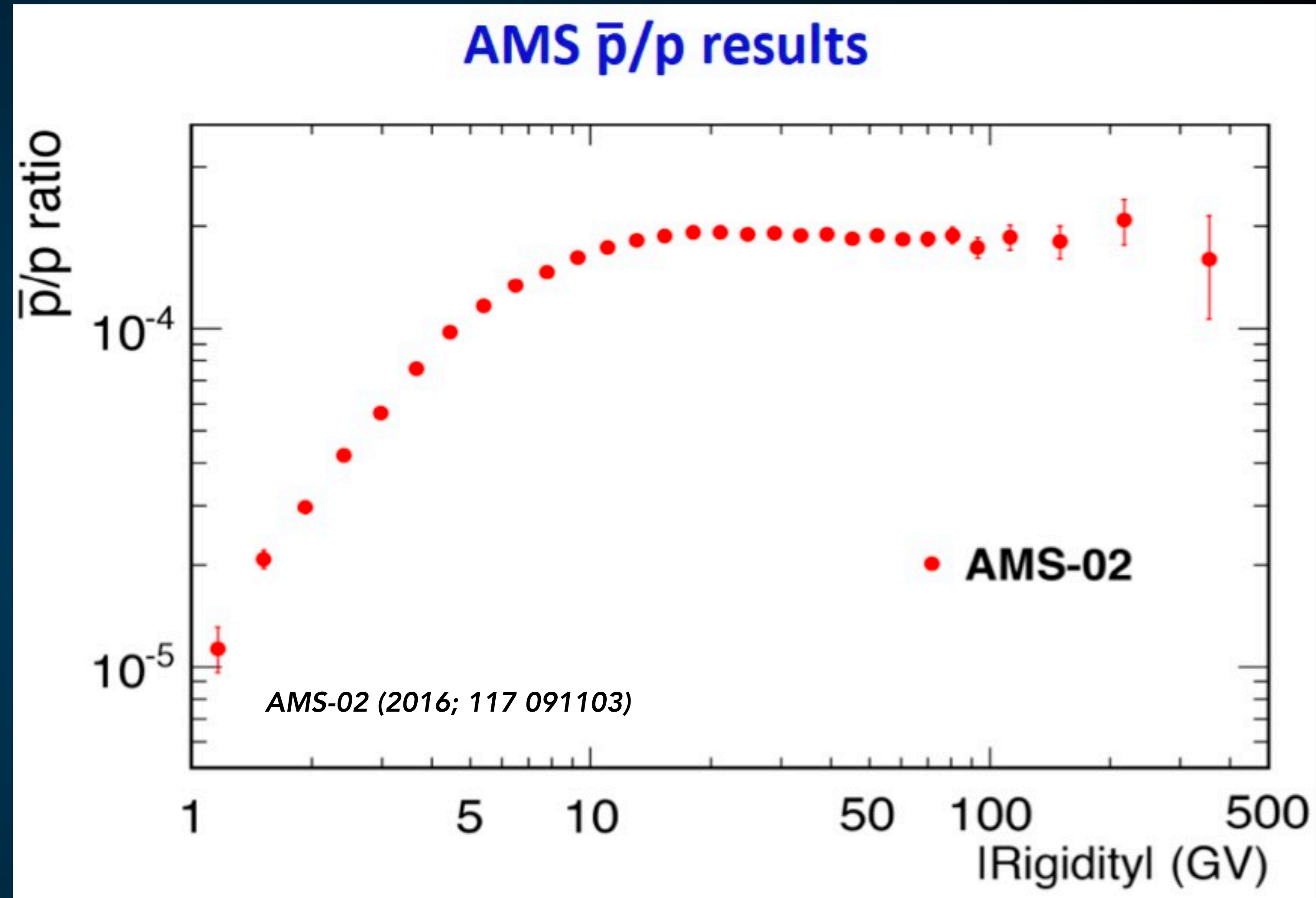
Antiproton Production Cross-Section

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Winkler (2017; 1701.04866)

Reinert, Winkler (2018; 1712.00002)

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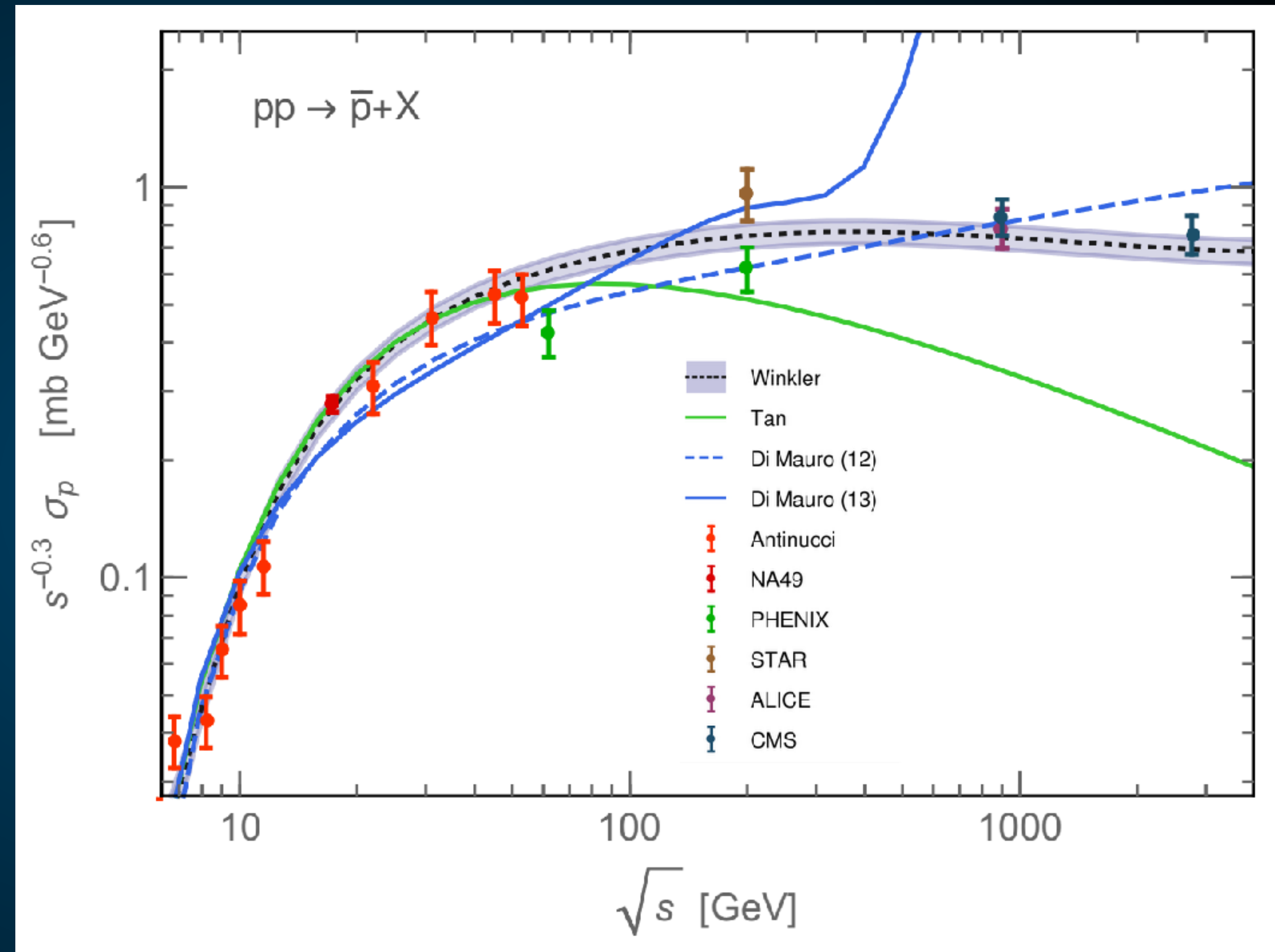
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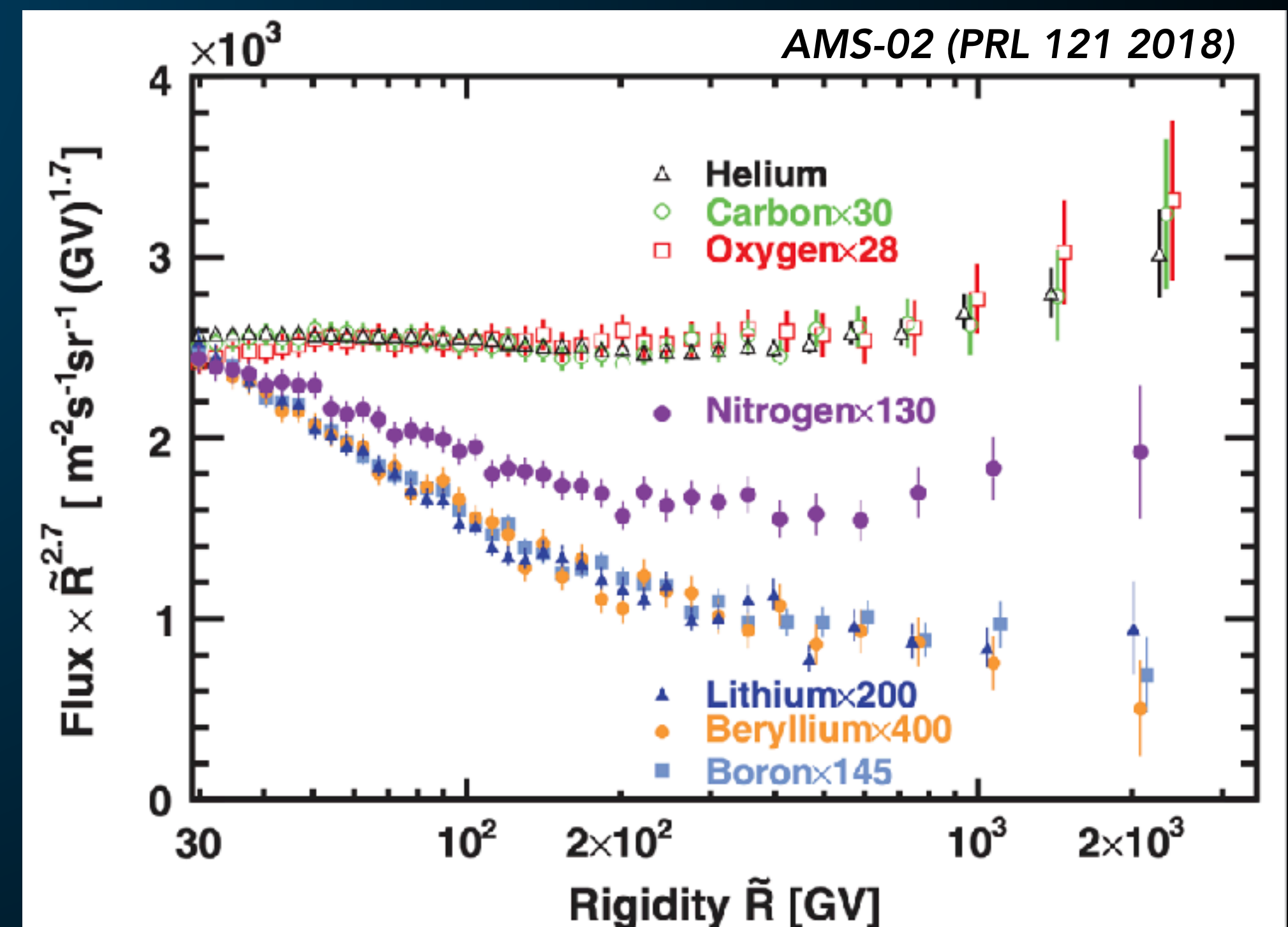
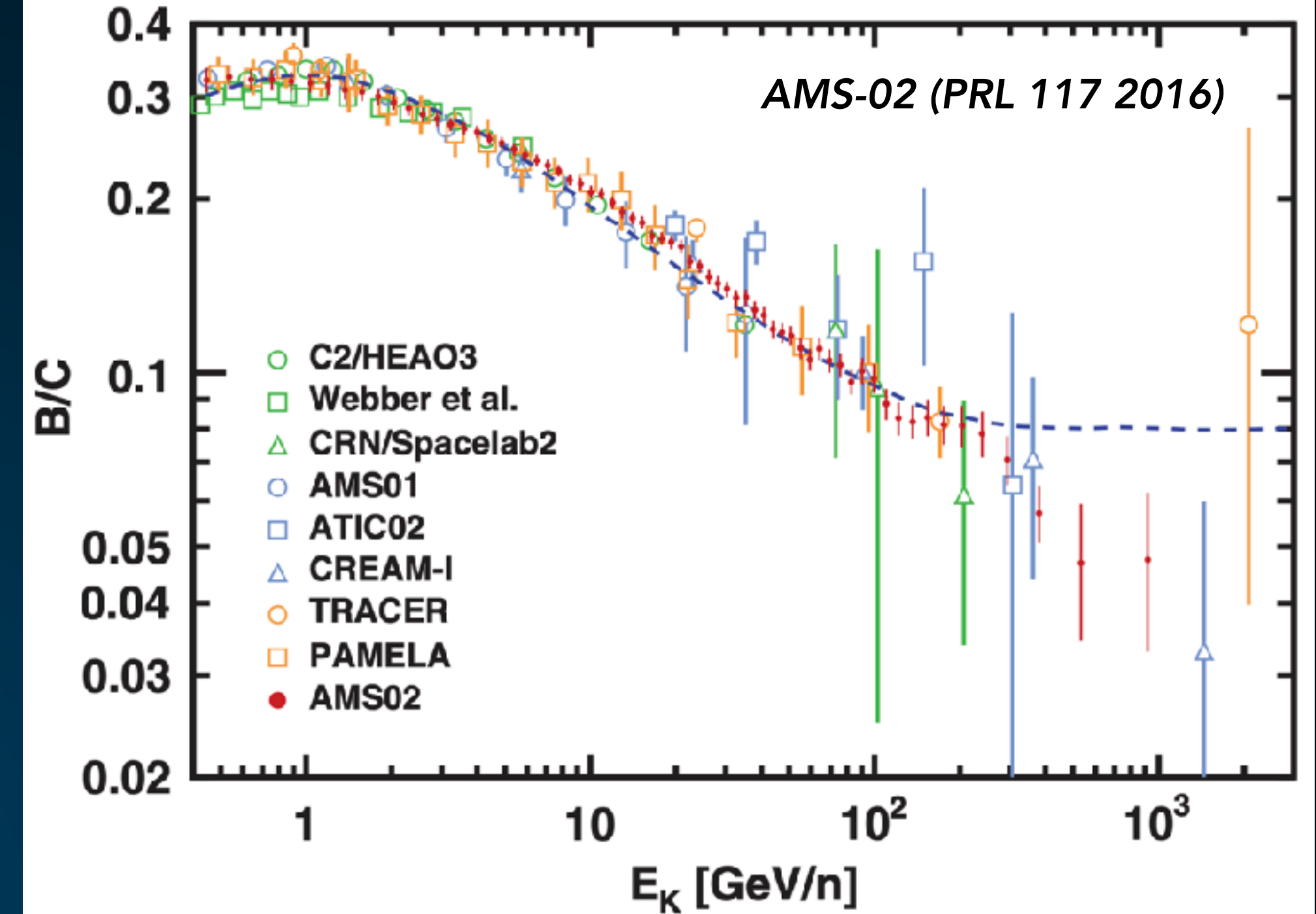
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See e.g., Weinrich et al. (2002; 2002.11406)





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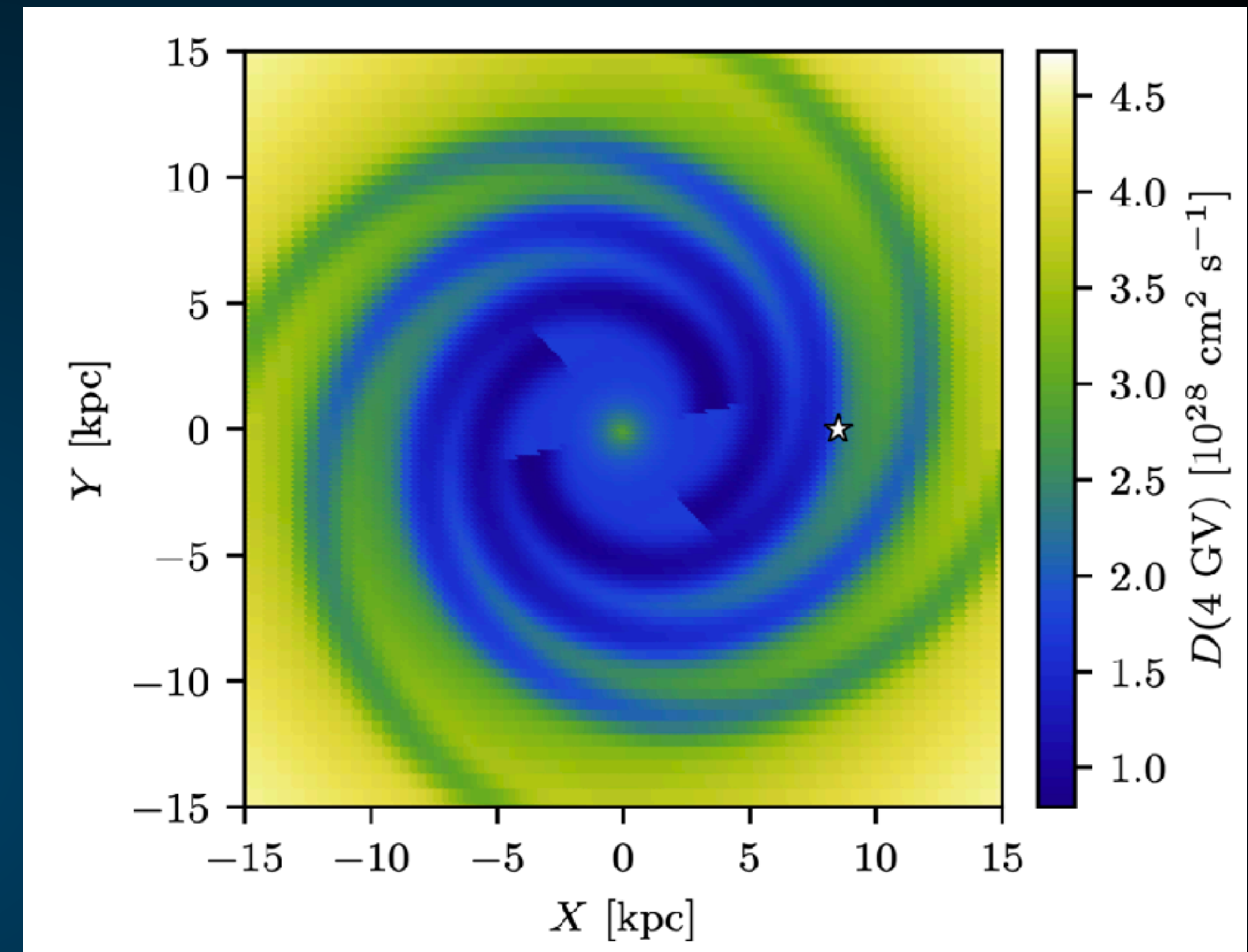
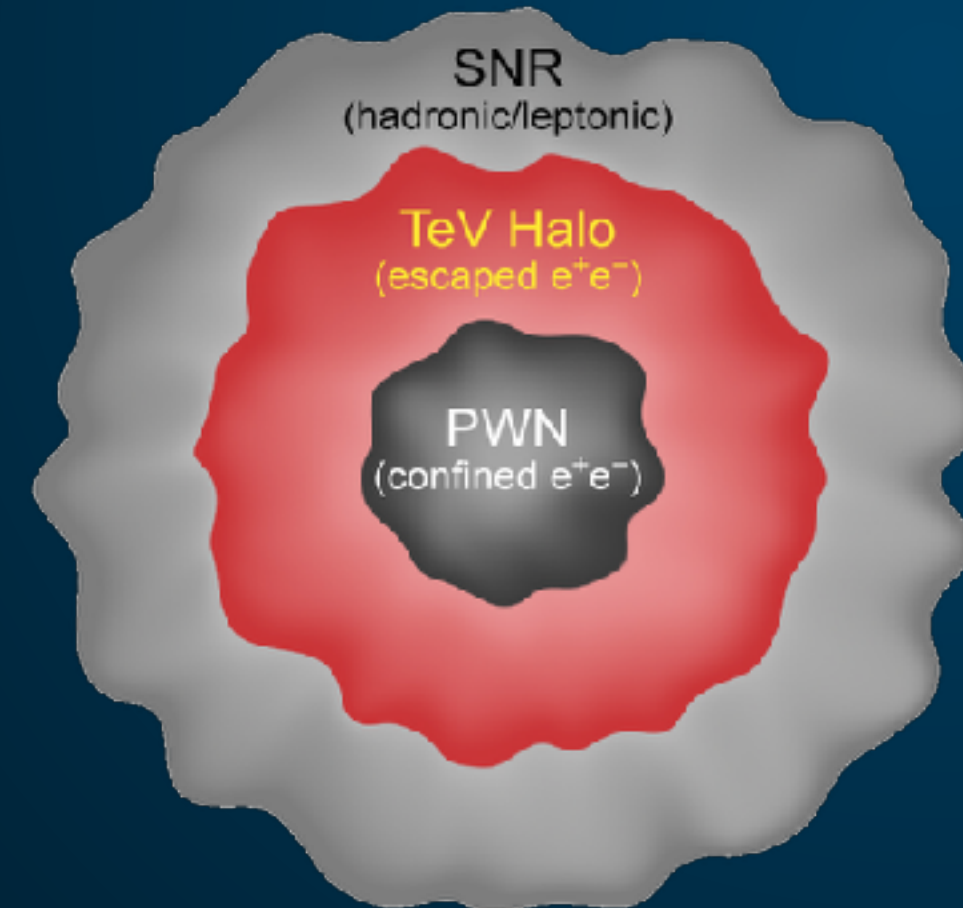
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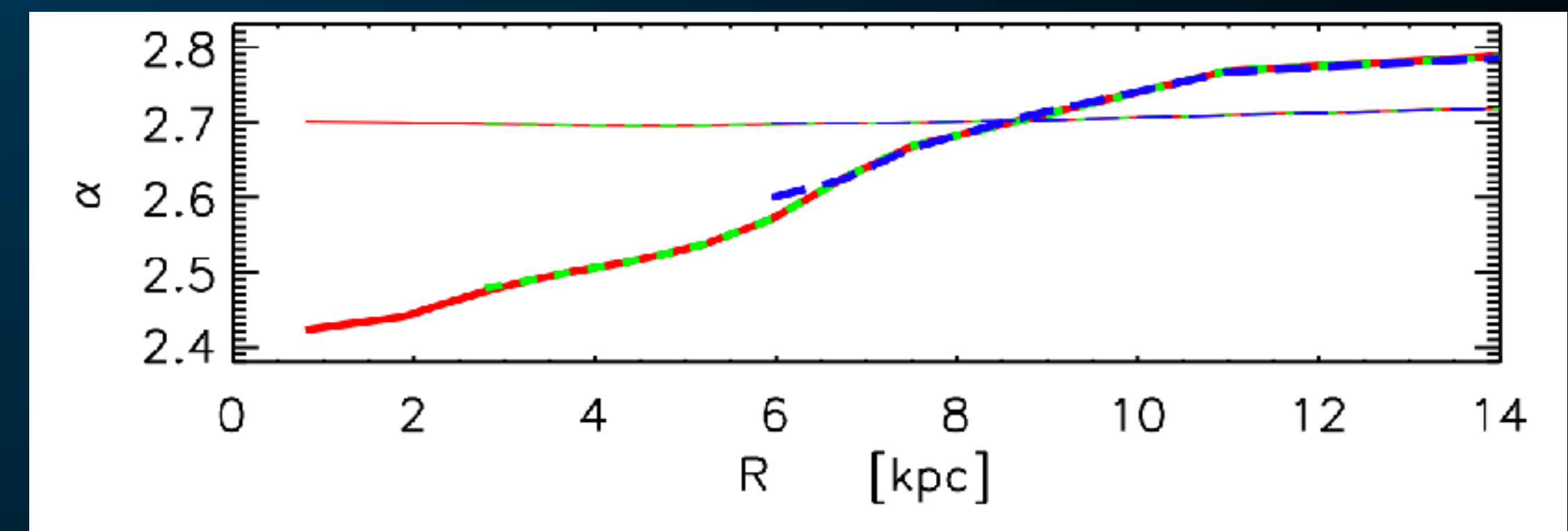
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Evoli et al. (2014; 1411.7623)





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AMS-02 (PRL 121 2018)

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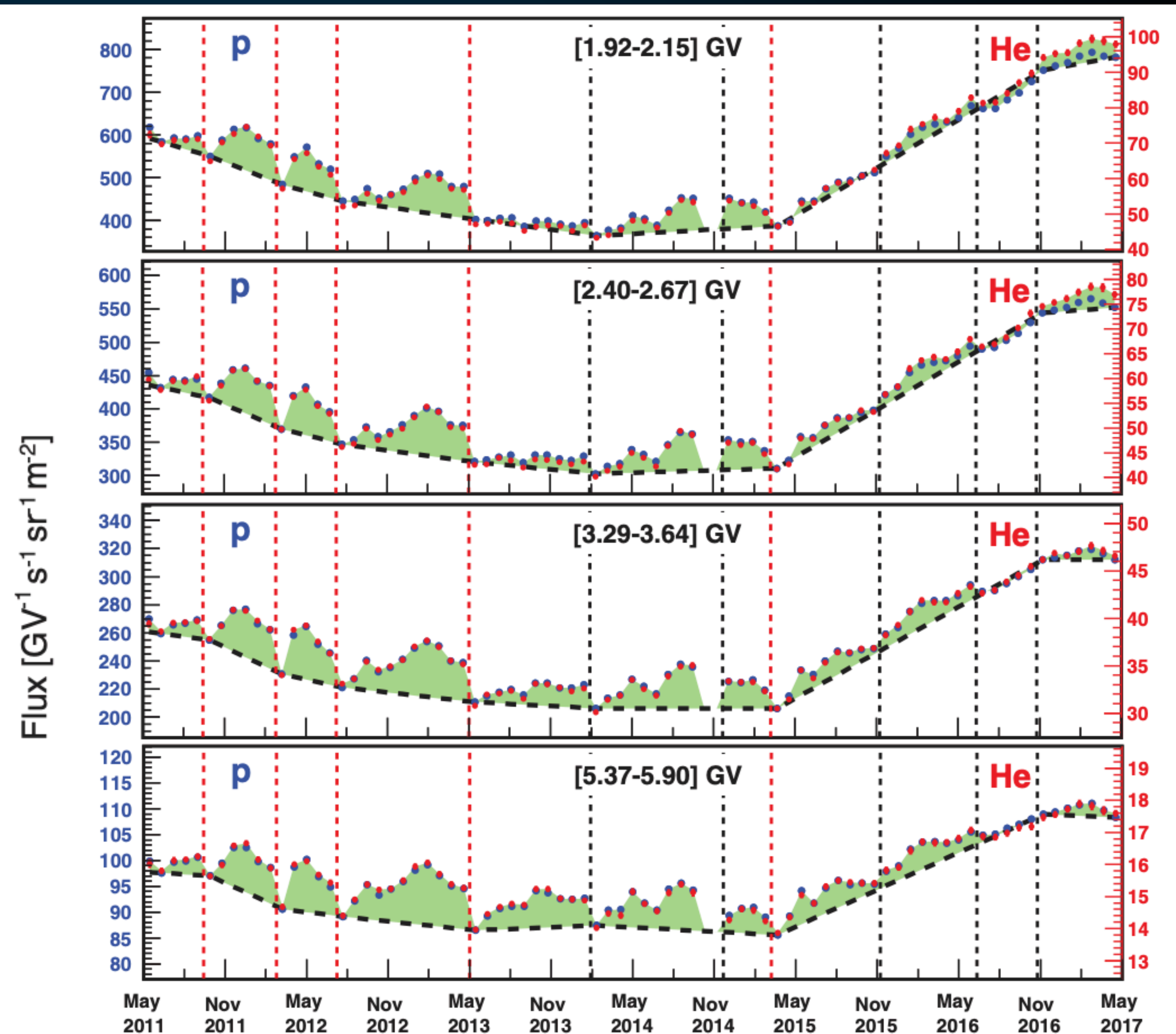
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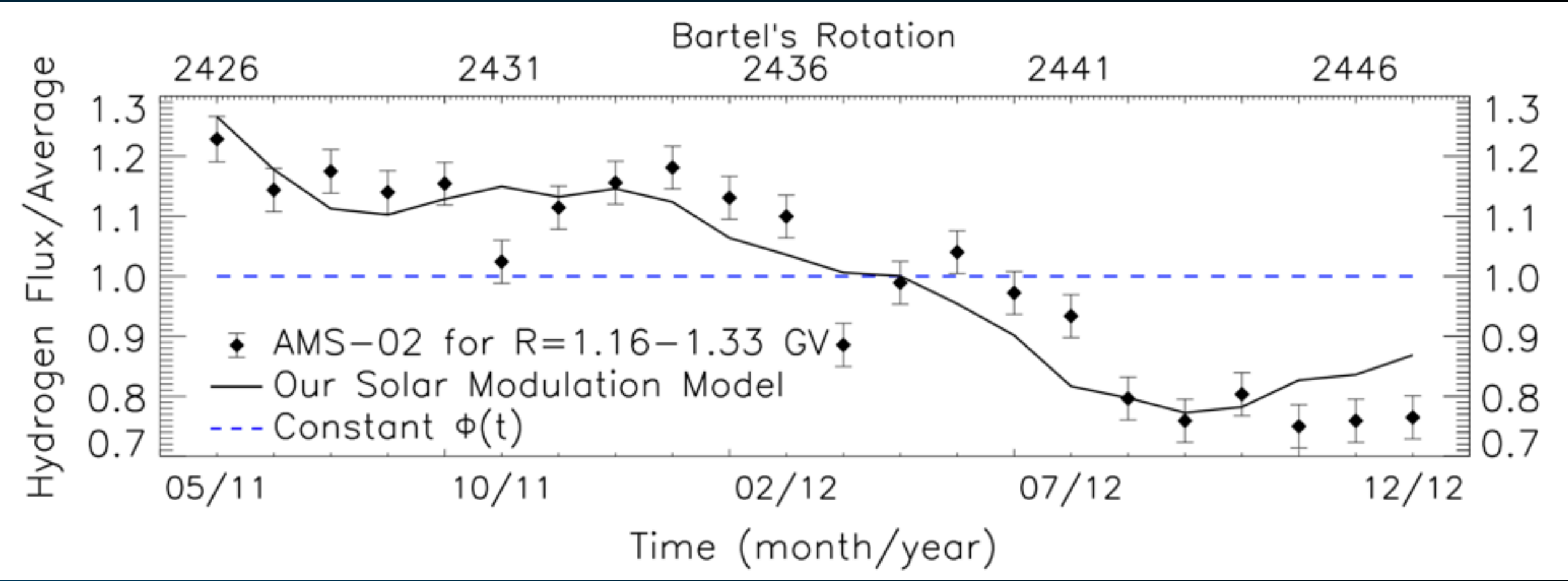
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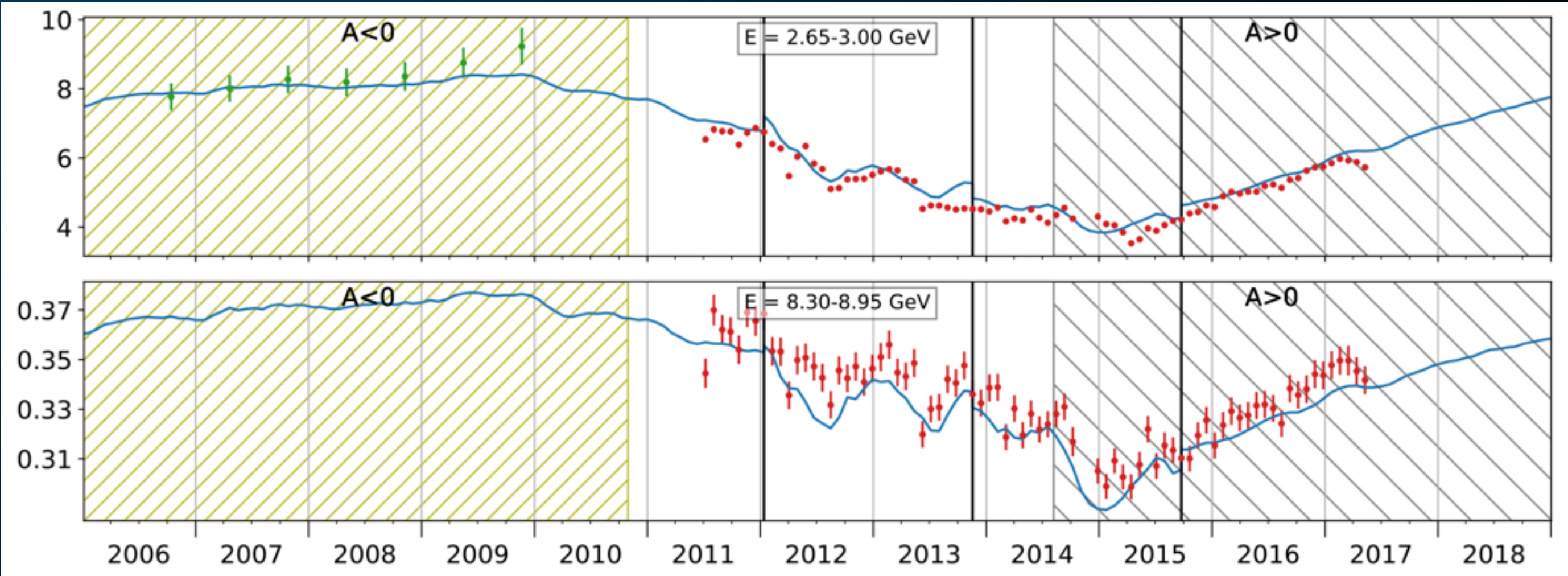
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Cholis, Hooper, TL (2007.00669)



Kuhlen, Mertsch (1909.01154)





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Rigidity [GV]	$\tilde{N}^{\bar{p}}$	$\Phi^{\bar{p}}$	$\sigma_{\text{stat}}$	$\sigma_{\text{syst}}$	$\Phi^{\bar{p}}/\Phi^p$	$\sigma_{\text{stat}}$	$\sigma_{\text{syst}}$
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1.16 – 1.33	74	(5.57 0.68 0.51) × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	(8.93	1.09	(0.66) × 10 <sup>-6</sup>		
1.33 – 1.51	233	(9.75 0.68 0.68) × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	(1.59	0.11	(0.09) × 10 <sup>-5</sup>		
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1.71 – 1.92	888	(1.25 0.05 0.08) × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	(2.33	0.10	(0.12) × 10 <sup>-5</sup>		
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2.97 – 3.29	6028	(1.69 0.04 0.09) × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	(6.07	0.13	(0.27) × 10 <sup>-5</sup>		
3.29 – 3.64	7321	(1.67 0.03 0.09) × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	(7.05	0.14	(0.30) × 10 <sup>-5</sup>		
3.64 – 4.02	8592	(1.59 0.03 0.08) × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	(7.96	0.15	(0.32) × 10 <sup>-5</sup>		
4.02 – 4.43	1932	(1.56 0.04 0.08) × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	(9.31	0.21	(0.37) × 10 <sup>-5</sup>		
4.43 – 4.88	3083	(1.43 0.03 0.07) × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	(1.03	0.02	(0.04) × 10 <sup>-4</sup>		
4.88 – 5.37	3880	(1.23 0.02 0.06) × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	(1.07	0.02	(0.04) × 10 <sup>-4</sup>		
5.37 – 5.90	4780	(1.12 0.02 0.05) × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	(1.19	0.02	(0.05) × 10 <sup>-4</sup>		
5.90 – 6.47	5472	(9.80 0.13 0.45) × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	(1.27	0.02	(0.05) × 10 <sup>-4</sup>		
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8.48 – 9.26	7821	(5.46 0.06 0.24) × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	(1.64	0.02	(0.06) × 10 <sup>-4</sup>		
9.26 – 10.1	20382	(4.67 0.03 0.20) × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	(1.74	0.01	(0.06) × 10 <sup>-4</sup>		
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11.0 – 12.0	18769	(3.23 0.02 0.14) × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	(1.86	0.01	(0.07) × 10 <sup>-4</sup>		
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22.8 – 24.7	12943	(5.02 0.05 0.18) × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	(1.99	0.02	(0.06) × 10 <sup>-4</sup>		
24.7 – 26.7	11723	(4.11 0.04 0.14) × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	(2.02	0.02	(0.05) × 10 <sup>-4</sup>		
26.7 – 28.8	10411	(3.32 0.04 0.11) × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	(2.02	0.02	(0.05) × 10 <sup>-4</sup>		
28.8 – 31.1	9508	(2.68 0.03 0.08) × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	(2.02	0.02	(0.05) × 10 <sup>-4</sup>		
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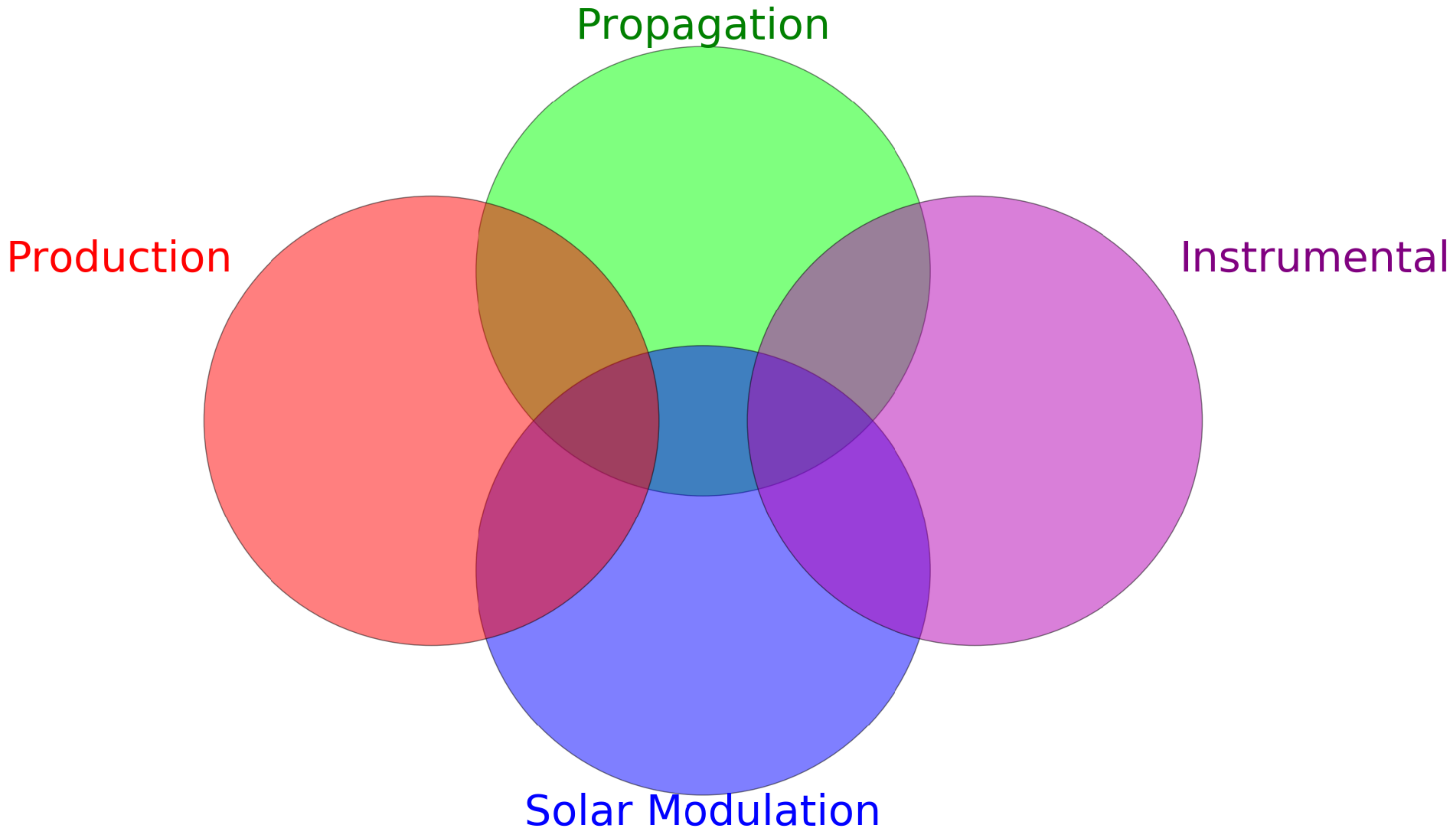


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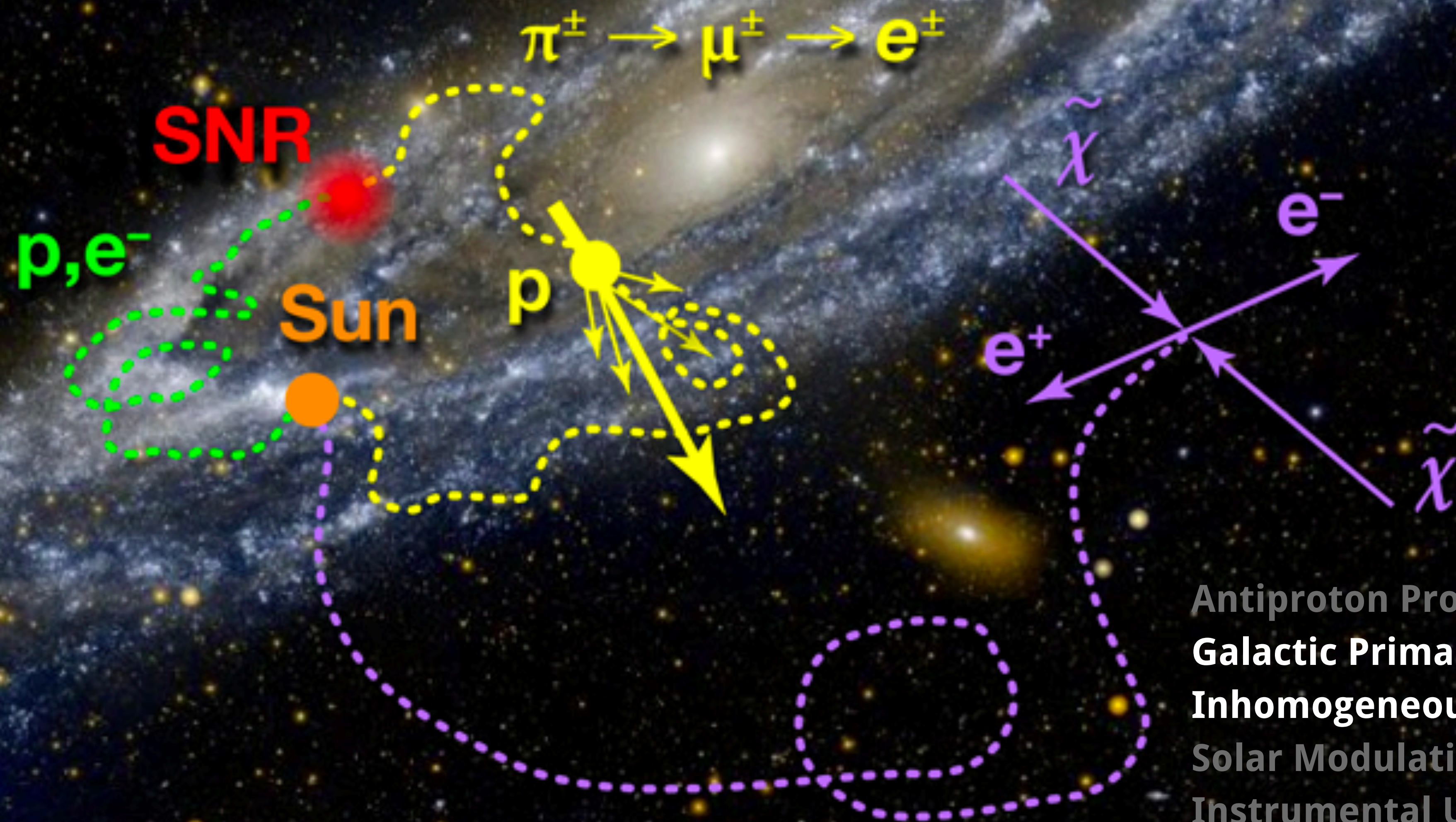
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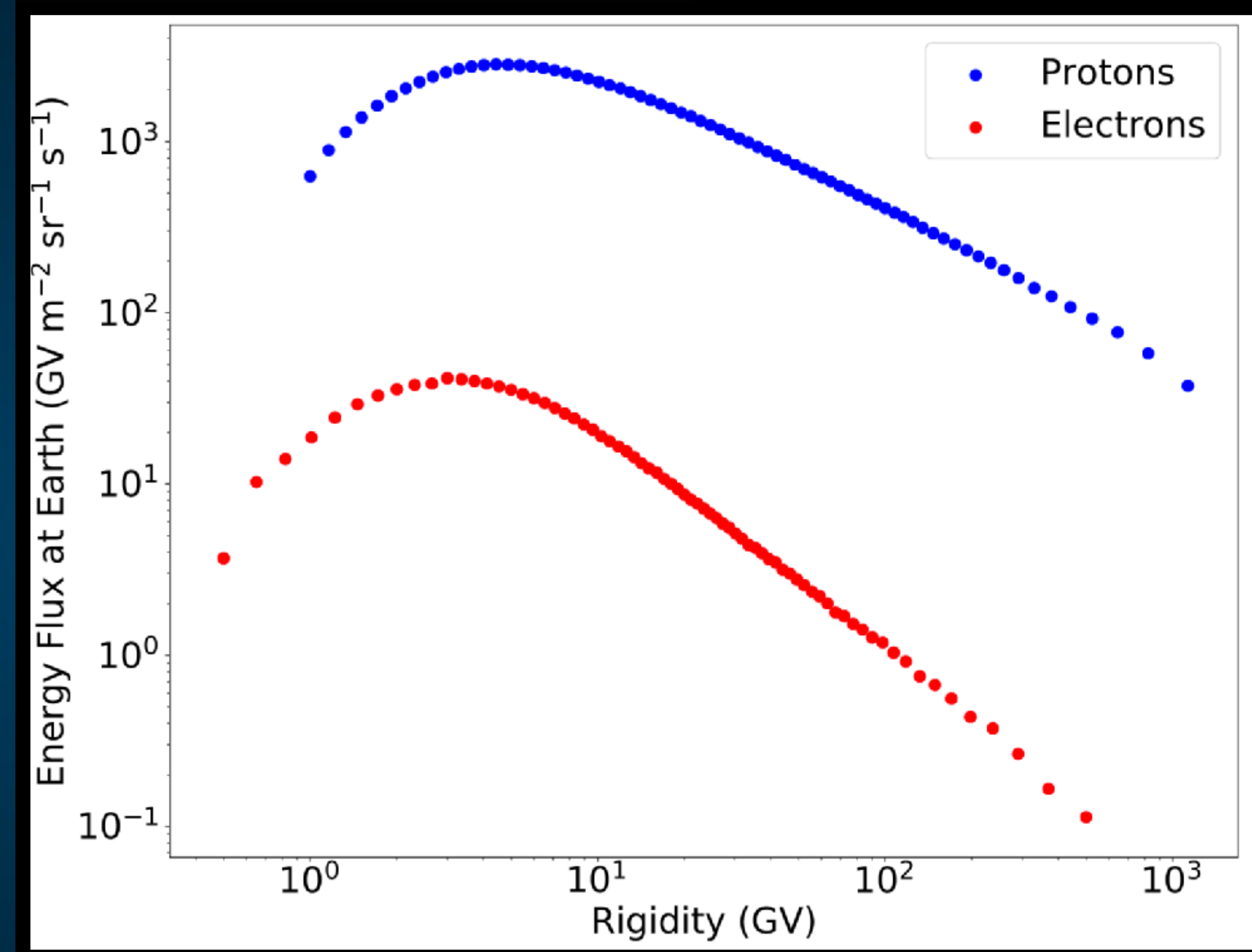
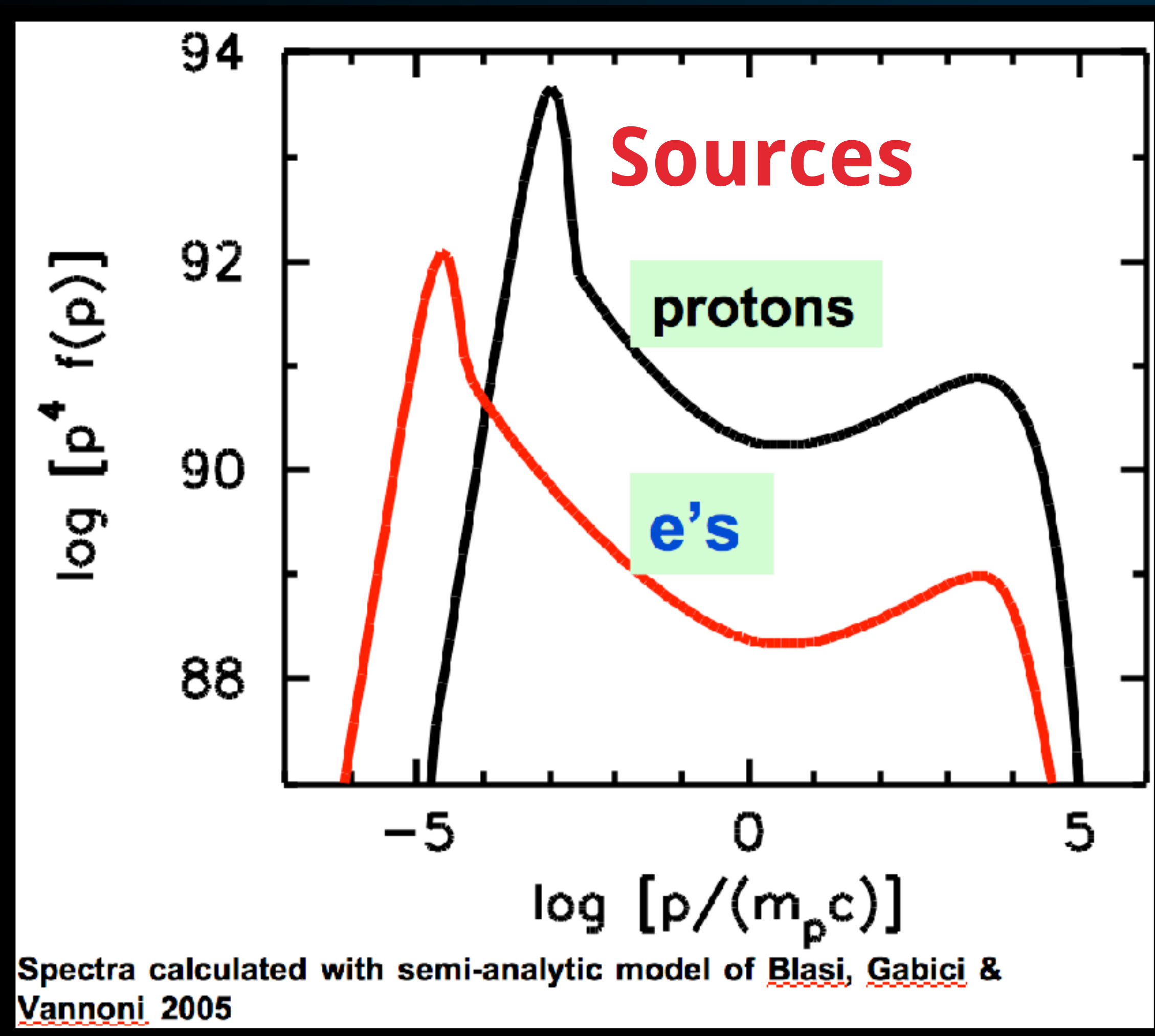
# What Can We Do with Astrophysics?



Antiproton Production Cross-Section  
Galactic Primary to Secondary Ratios  
Inhomogeneous Diffusion  
Solar Modulation  
Instrumental Uncertainties




# Revolutions in our Understanding of Hadronic and Leptonic Emission



+ Evidence both near sources and in the solar neighborhood indicate that protons are the dominant cosmic-ray species.



 Moon (To Scale)

Geminga

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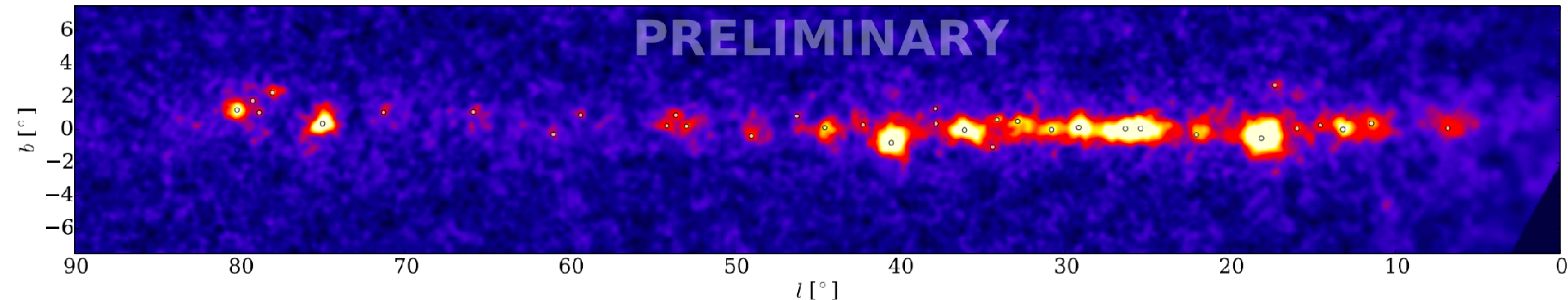
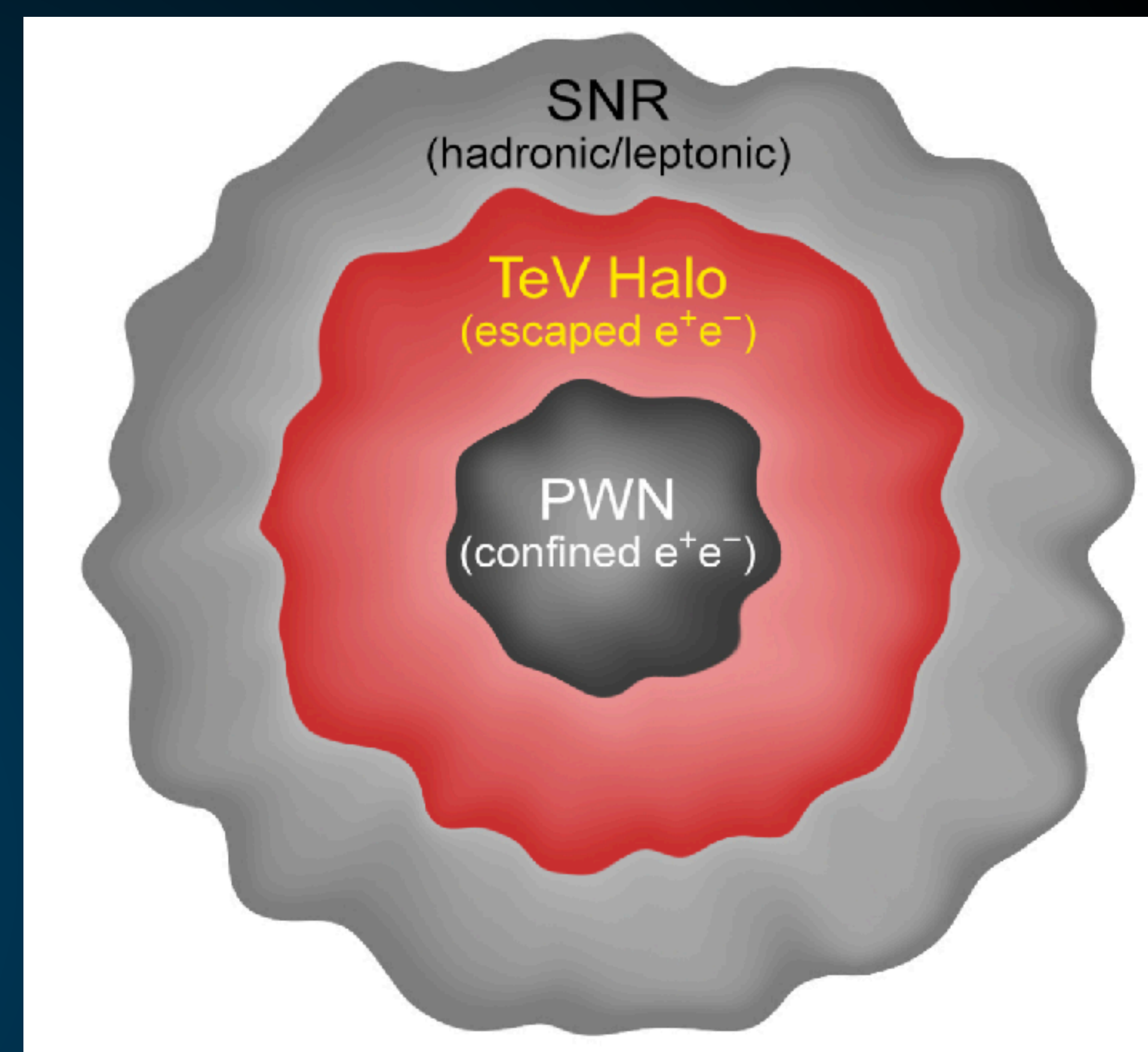
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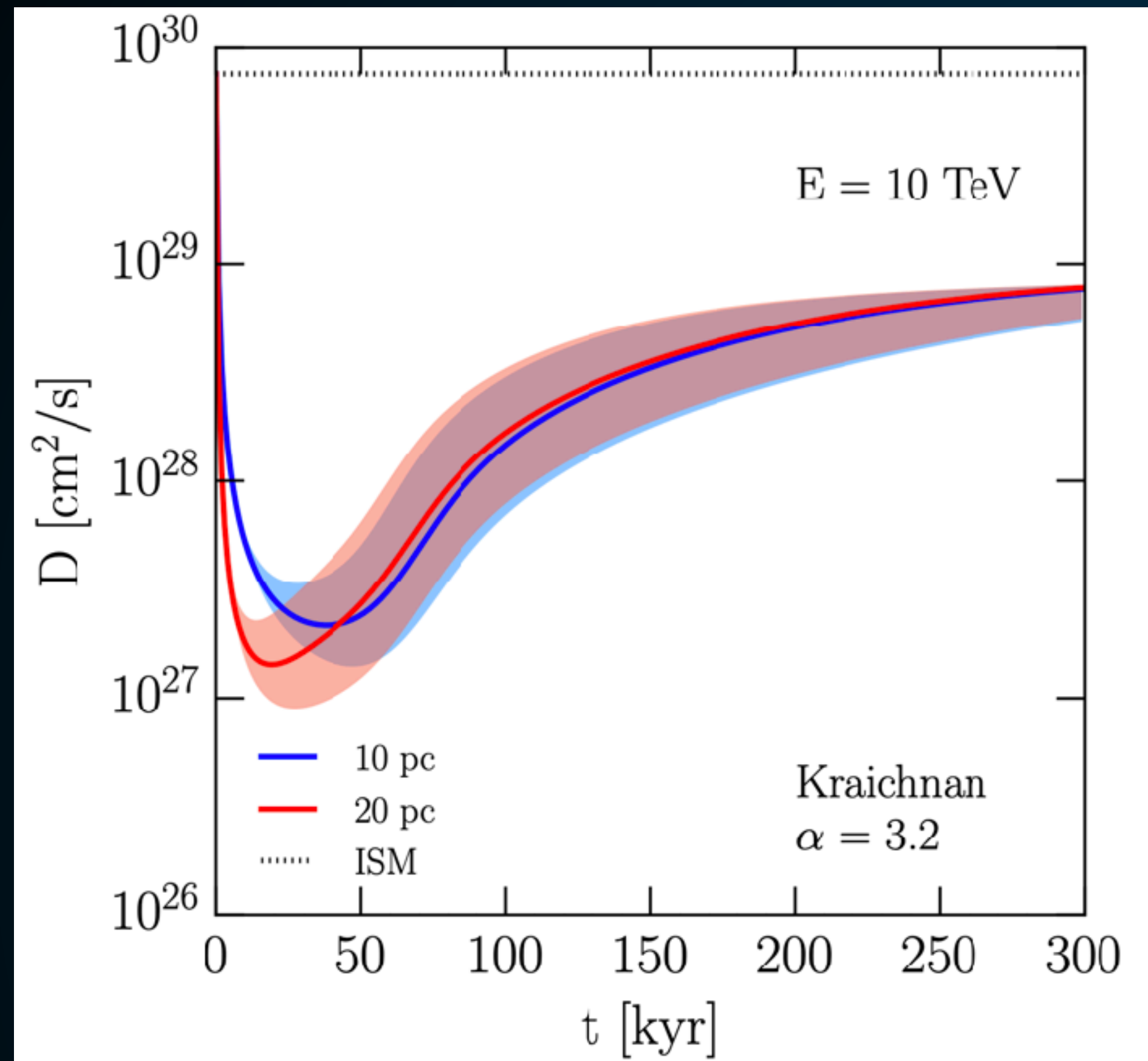
## Two Fundamental Features of Electrons

- + Electrons cool quickly, losing most of their energy to radiation (well known).
- + Electrons produce significant cosmic-ray gradients that can influence cosmic-ray diffusion (not known)

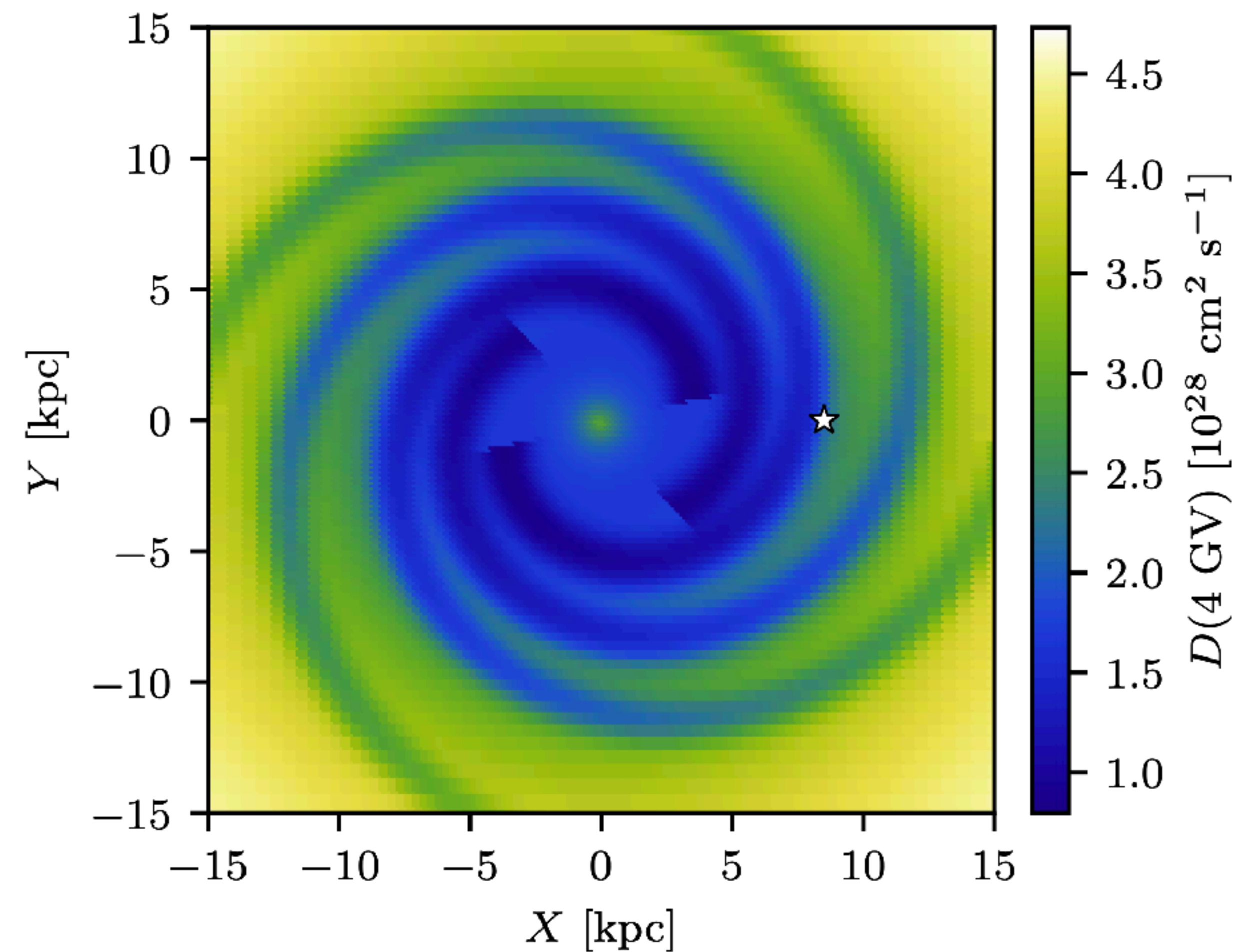




# Implications for Cosmic-Ray Diffusion



*Evoli et al. (1807.09263)*



*Jóhannesson et al. (1903.05509)*

## Cosmic-Ray Self-Confinement:

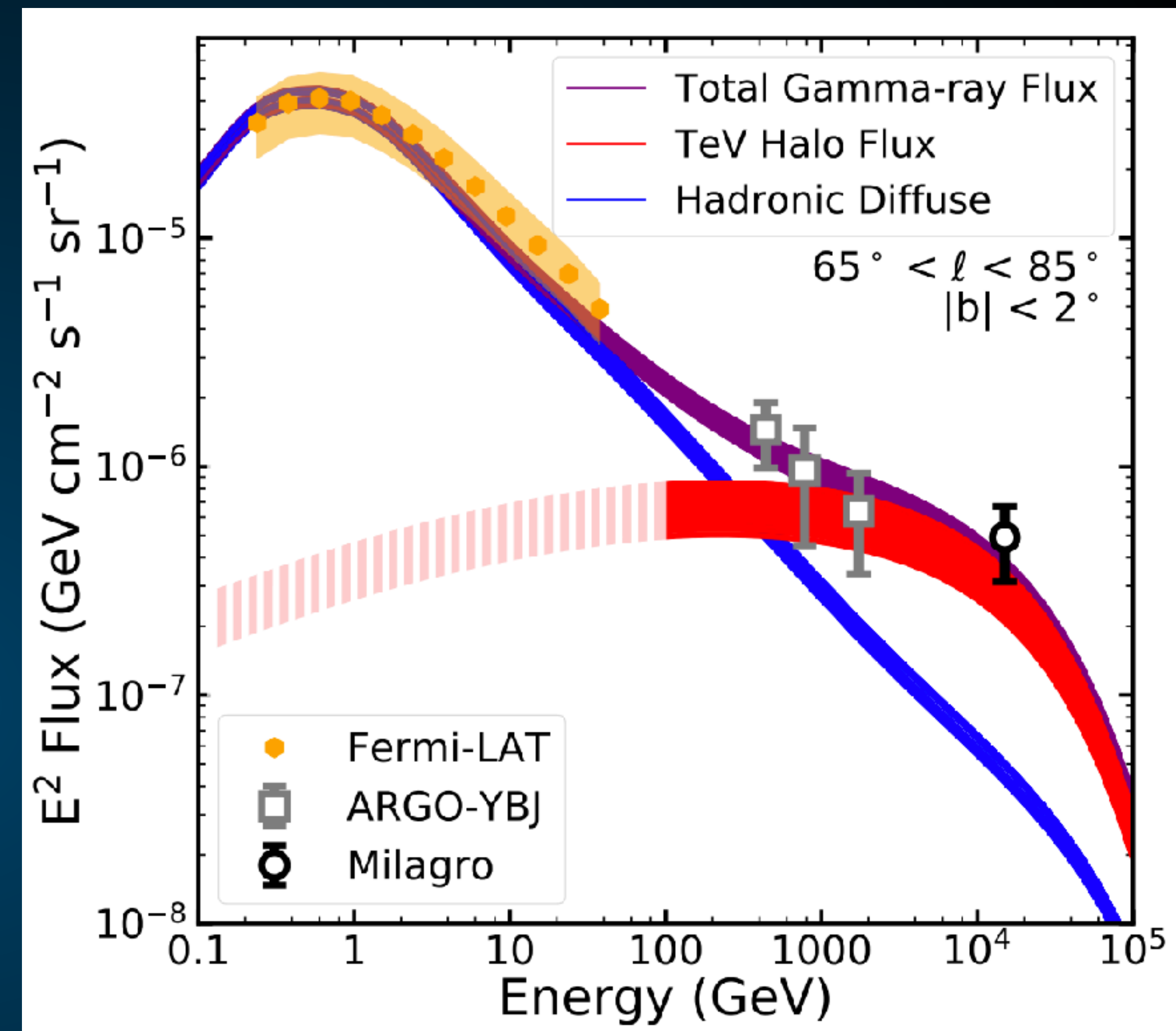
Traced by the rapid loss of electron energy at distances away from sources  
Could be powered by either the pulsar itself, or by the associated SNR.



# So Is It Really the Rise of the Leptons?

The Sum of these emission sources indicates that leptons could dominate the total gamma-ray emission from the Milky Way above 1 TeV.

$W^{\pm}I\gamma$   
2021



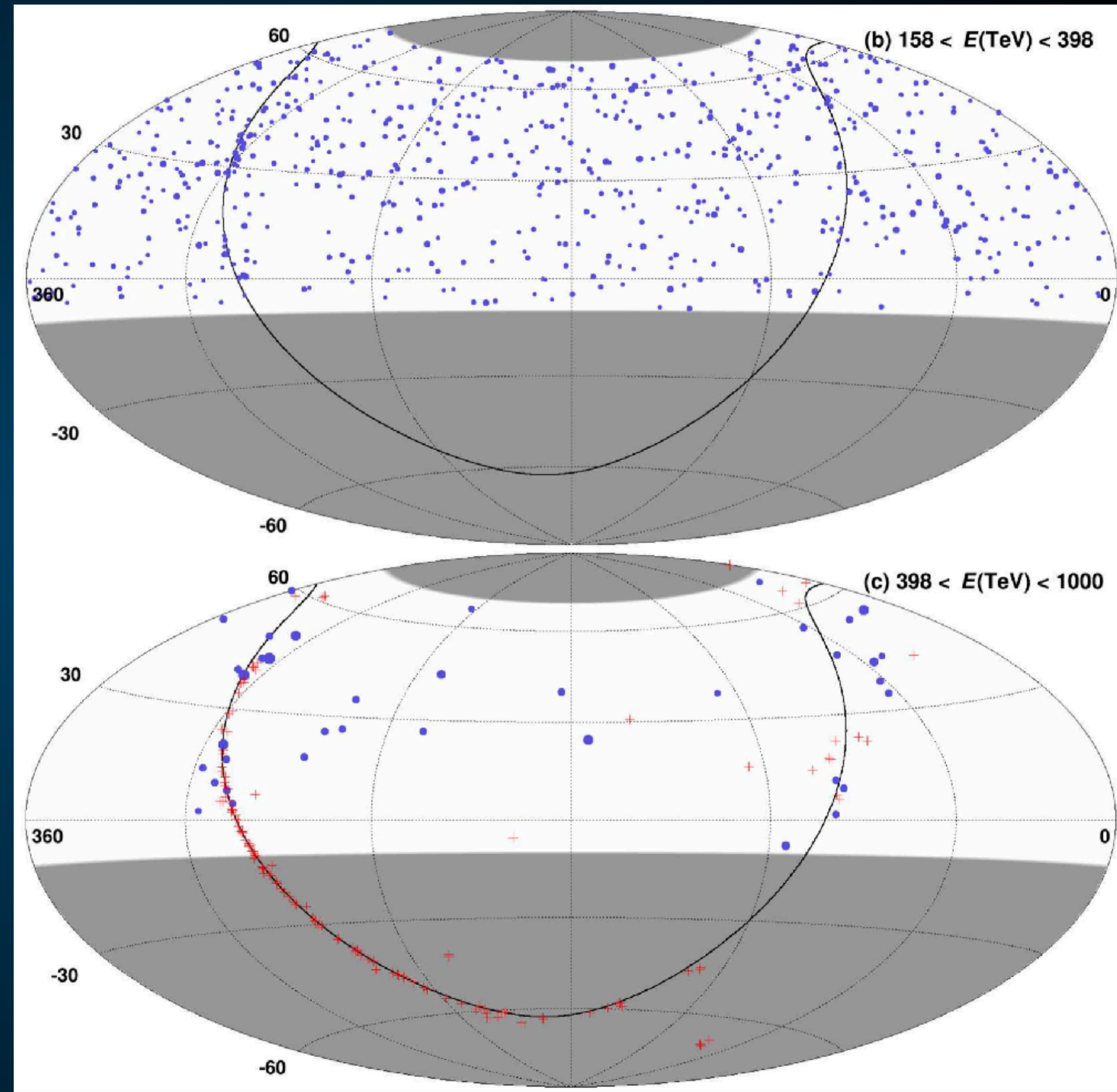


## New Observations by Tibet ASY!

**Diffuse Gamma-Ray Emission  
exceeding 400 TeV!**

**Emission is relatively far from  
sources and the Galactic plane?**

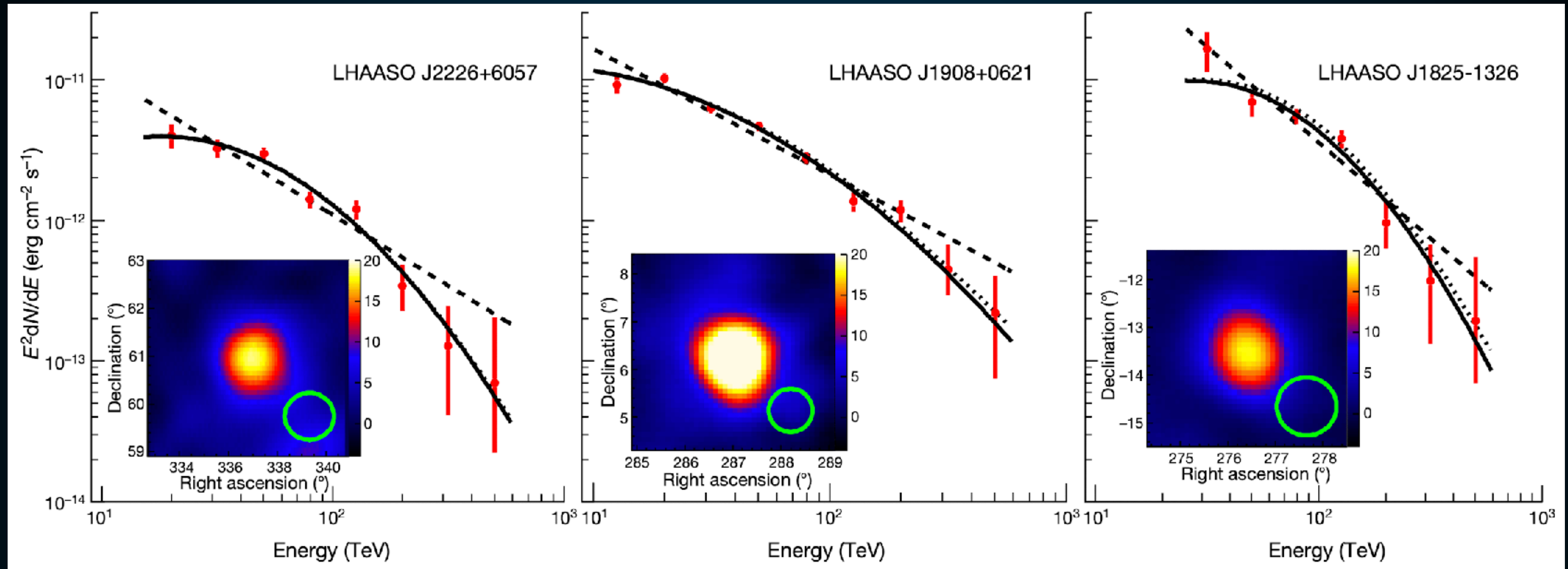
**Where do these cosmic-rays come  
from and why do they interact here?**





# Implications for the Highest Energy Sources

LHAASSO Collaboration (2021)



## New Observations by LHAASSO!

Spectrum of at least 12 Galactic sources extends to nearly 1 PeV!

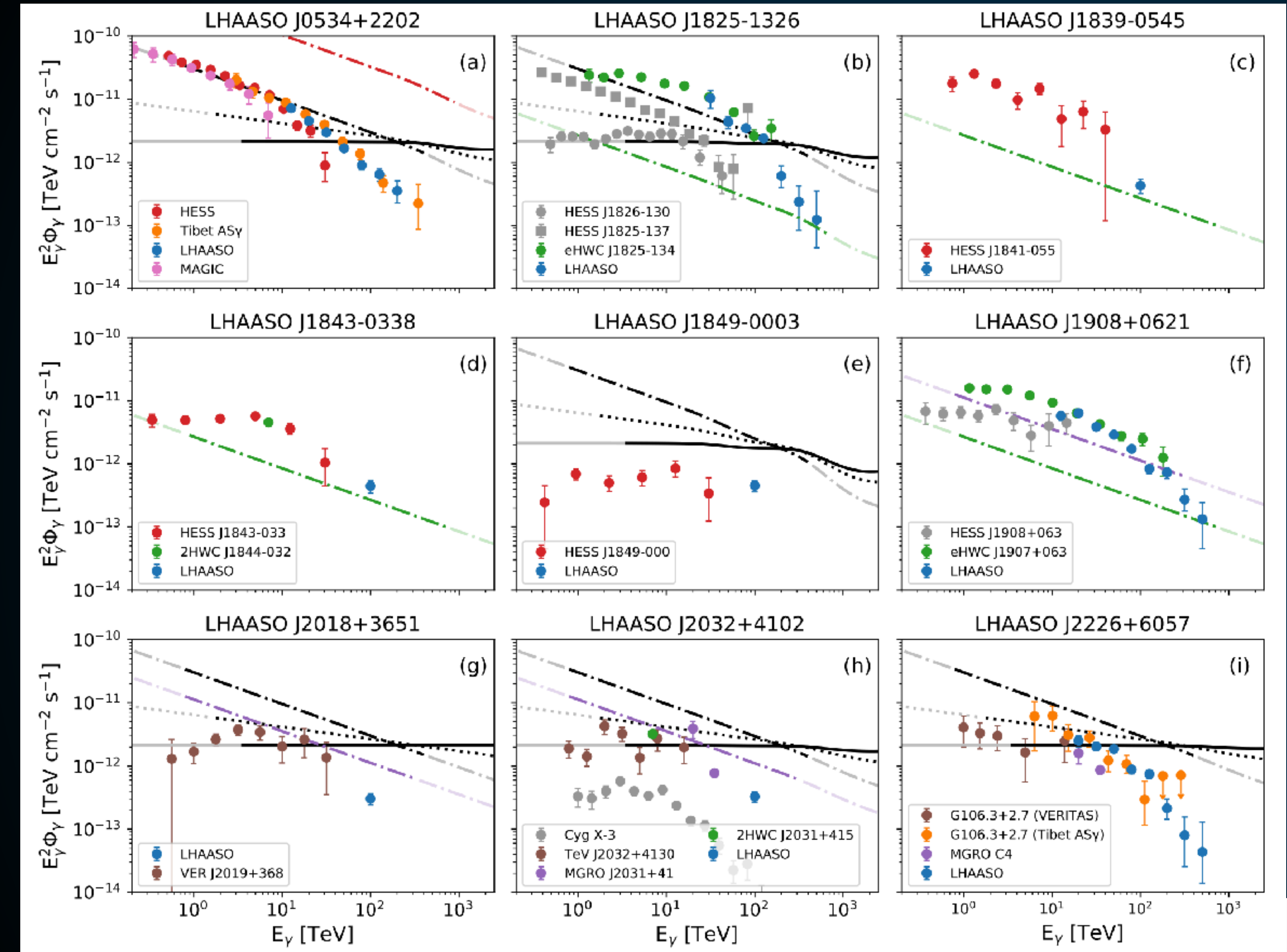
**If Hadronic** — Evidence of multi-PeV proton acceleration in Galactic sources

**If Leptonic** — Evidence of hard spectrum emission capable of overcoming KN Suppression

KN Cutoff for CMB is ~300 TeV, but is not a wall.



# Neutrinos as a Powerful Discriminant



Neutrino Observations can definitively discriminate these scenarios.

Several sources have upper limits on hadronic fractions at ~60%!

Several others highly compatible with hadronic origin.

**Constraints on Hadronic Contribution to LHAASO Sources with Neutrino Observations**

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**ABSTRACT**

Gamma-ray sources above 100 TeV which are the possible origins of Galactic neutrino measurements by IceCube and ANTARES in the vicinity of hadronic gamma-rays in these sources. We find that hadronic gamma-rays contribute no more than ~60% to the total flux of LHAASO sources, LHAASO J1825+1326 and LHAASO J2032+4102. Components up to ~200 TeV, and 100 TeV gamma-ray energies.



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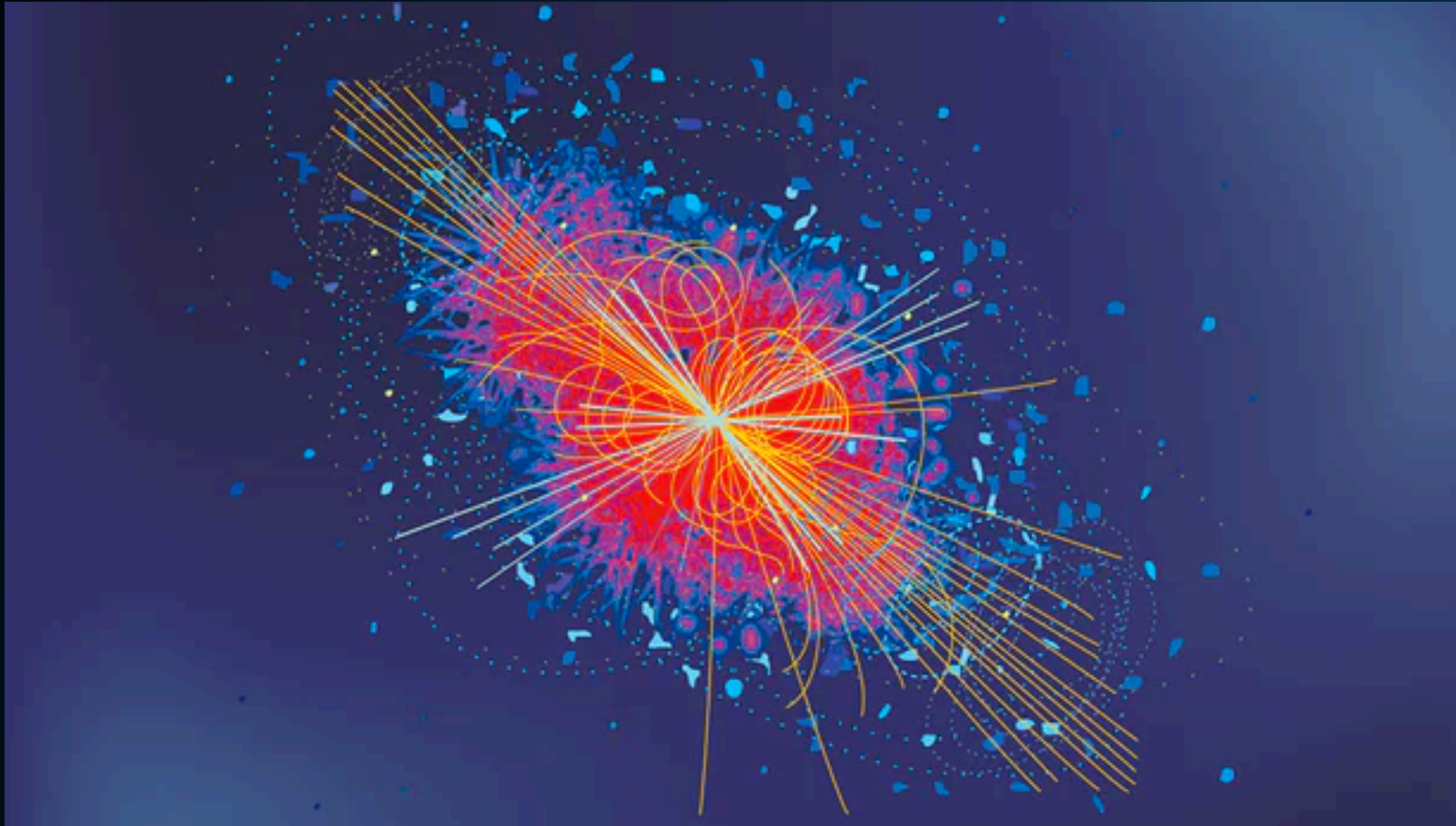


Antinuclei!? - Hope for Dark Matter in a  
Background Free Environment?





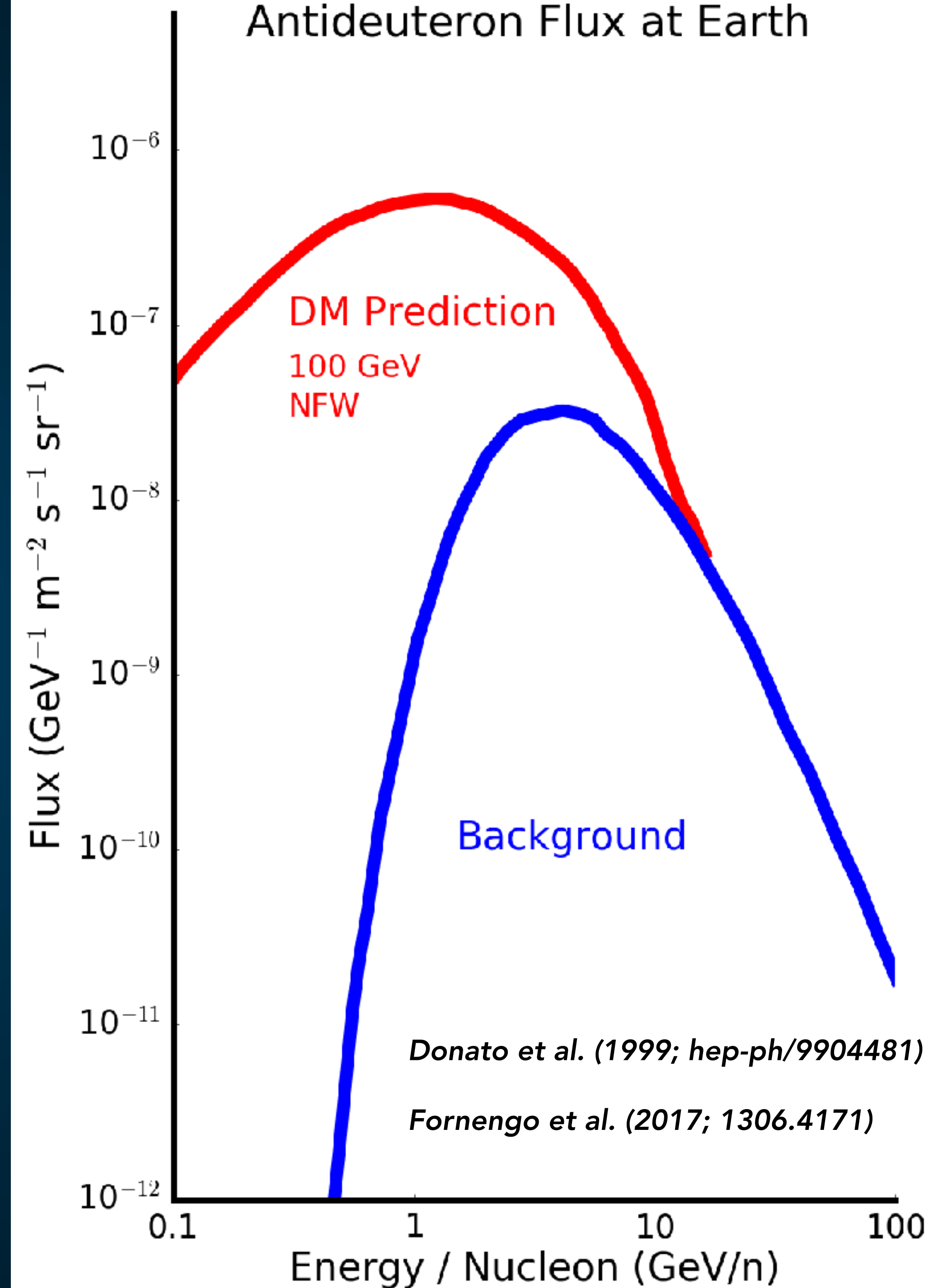
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Antinuclei carry away a significant fraction of the total momentum in a particle collision.

**Astrophysical Antinuclei - Most be moving relativistically!**

**Dark Matter Antinuclei - Can be slow!**





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

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

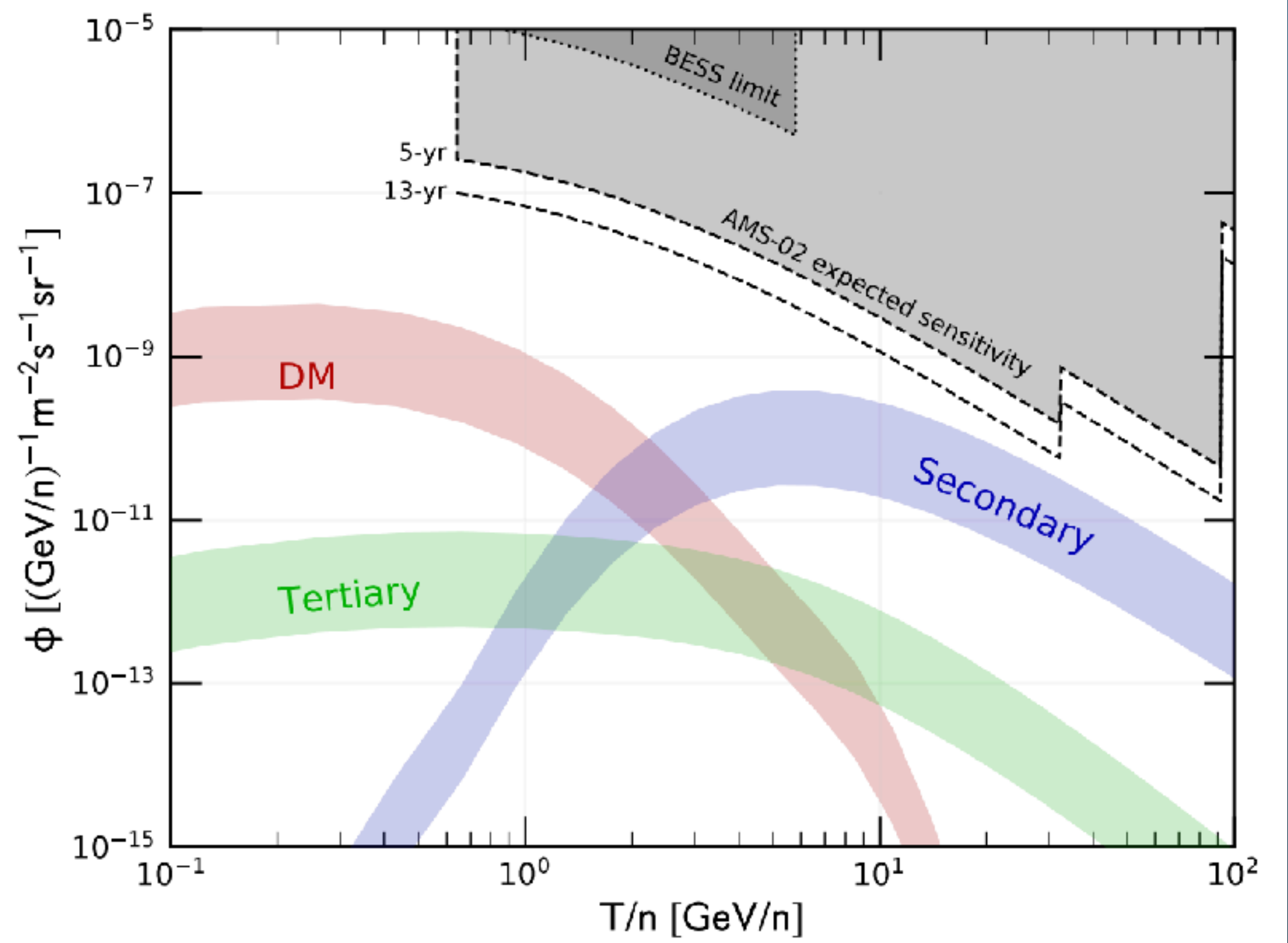
Note that for  ${}^4\bar{\text{He}}$ , projecting based on the statistics we have today, by using an additional 400 million core hours for simulation the background probability would be  $10^{-4}$ . Simultaneously, continuing to run until 2023, which doubles the data sample, the background probability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



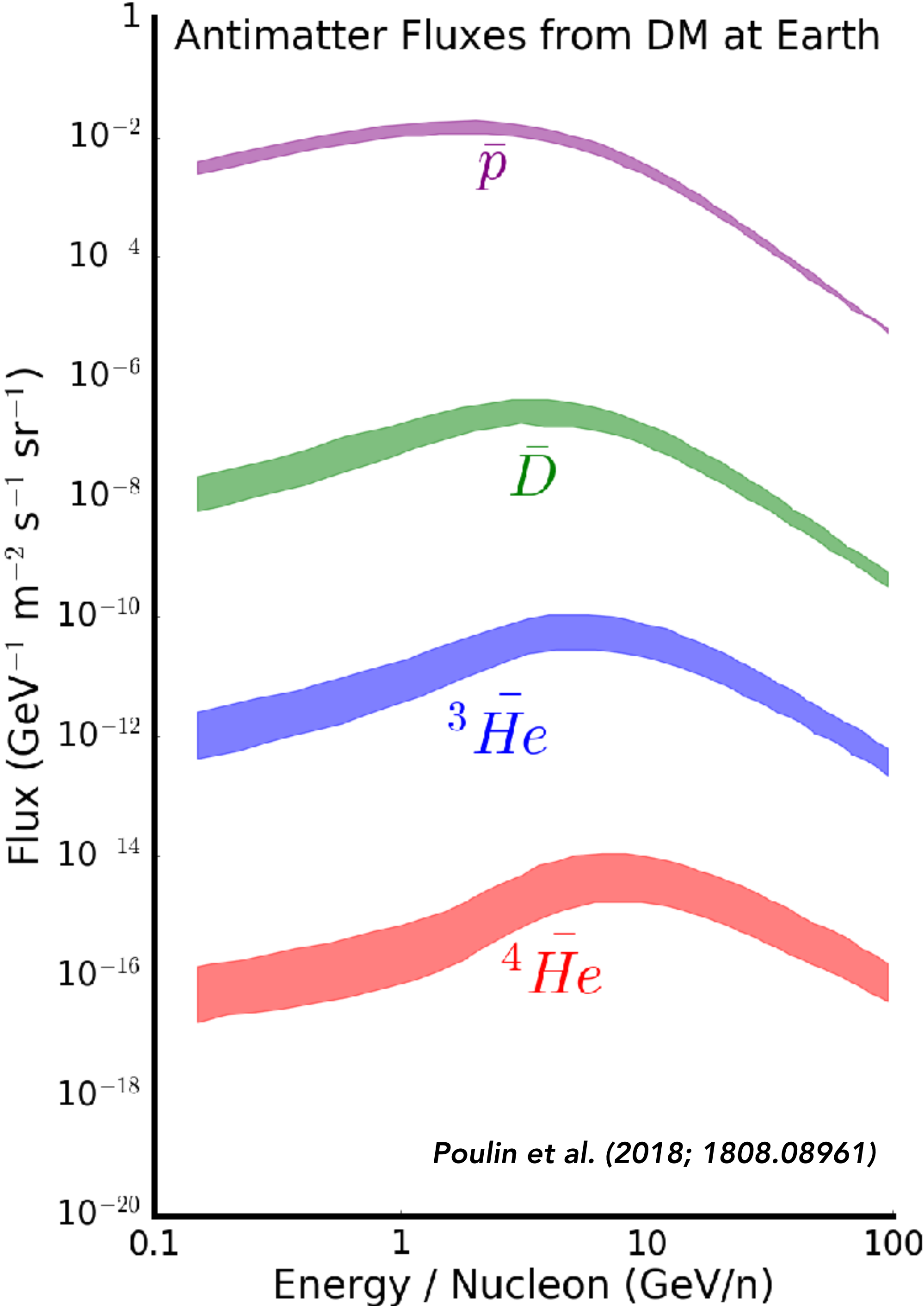
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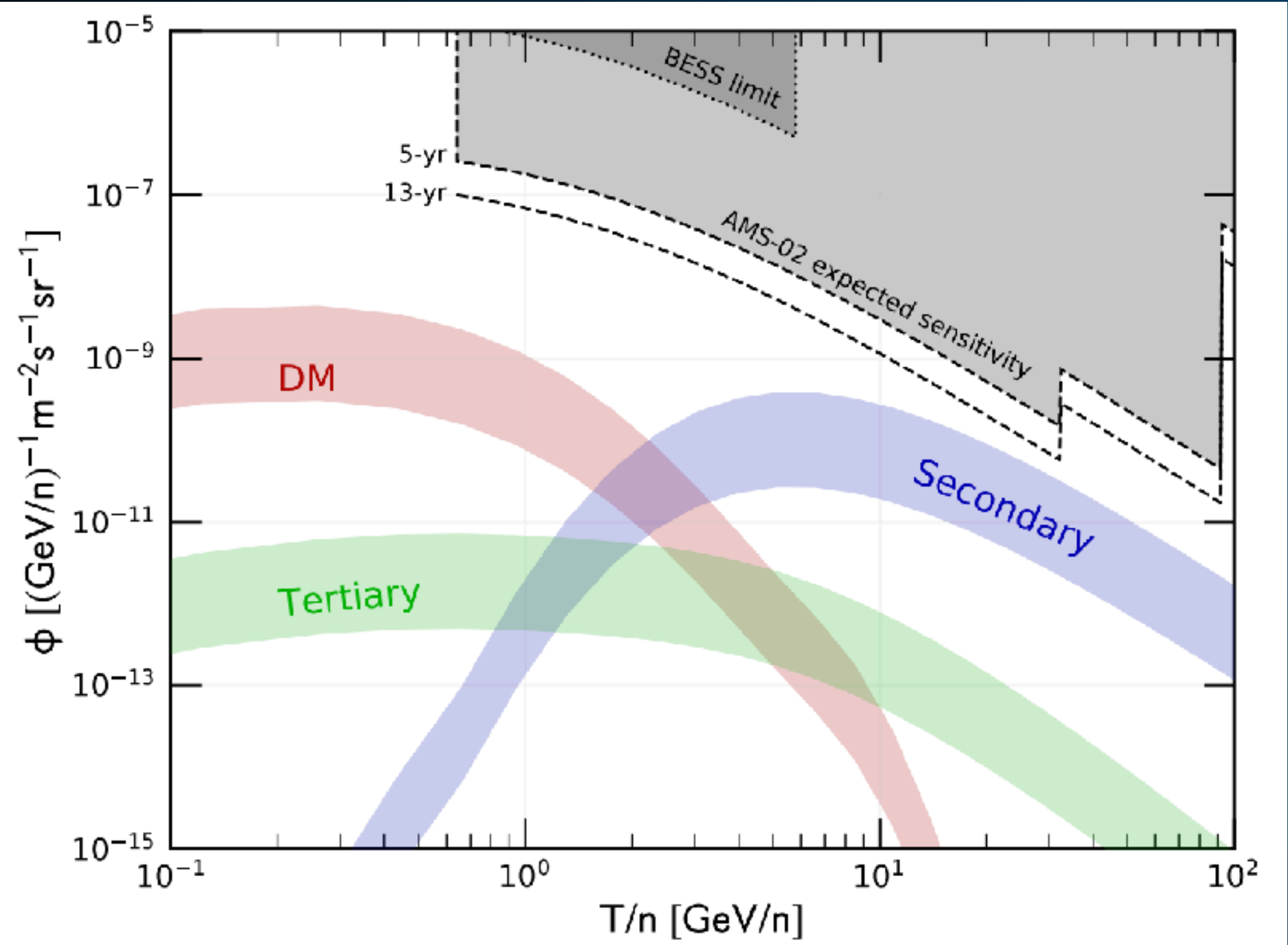
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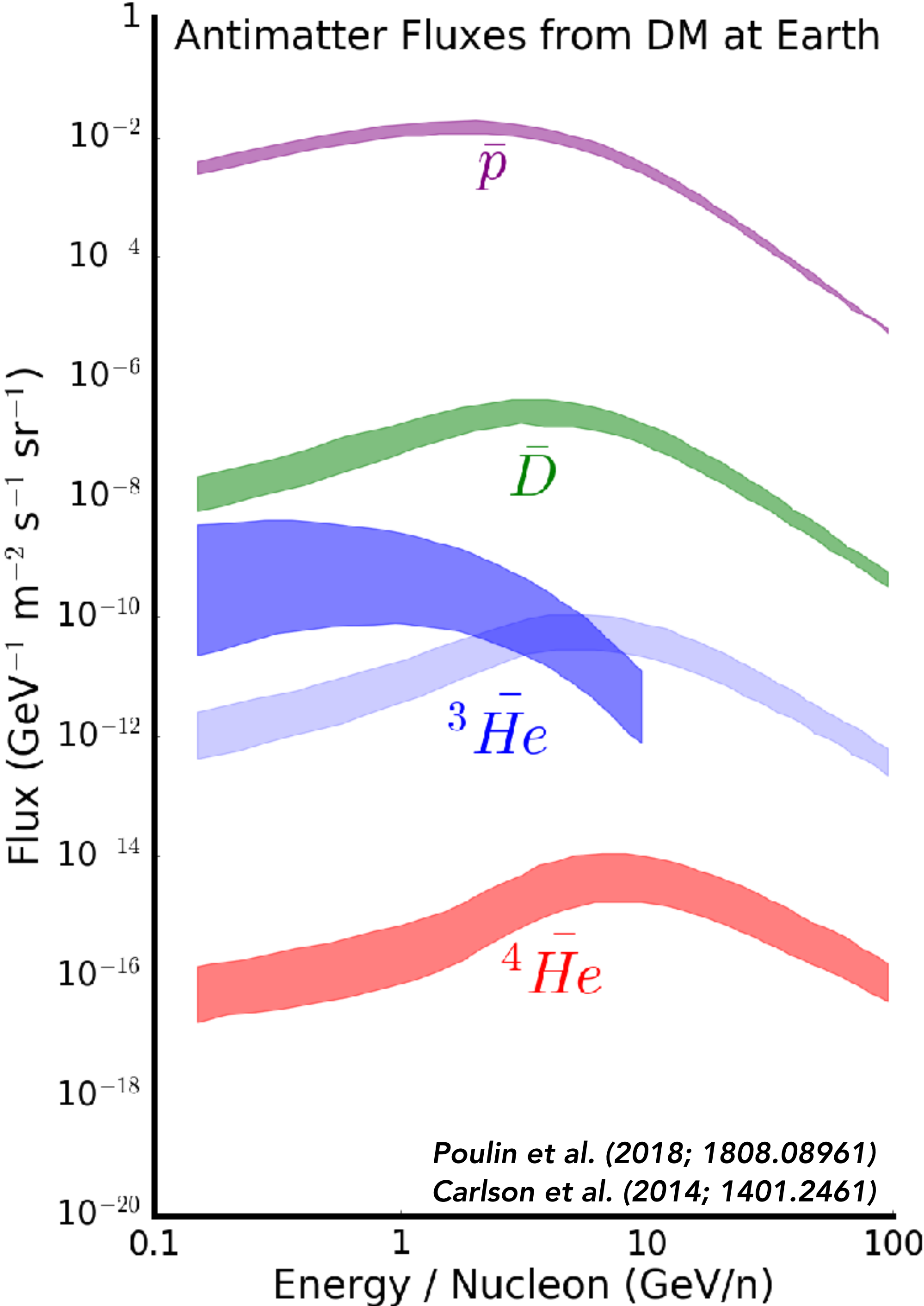
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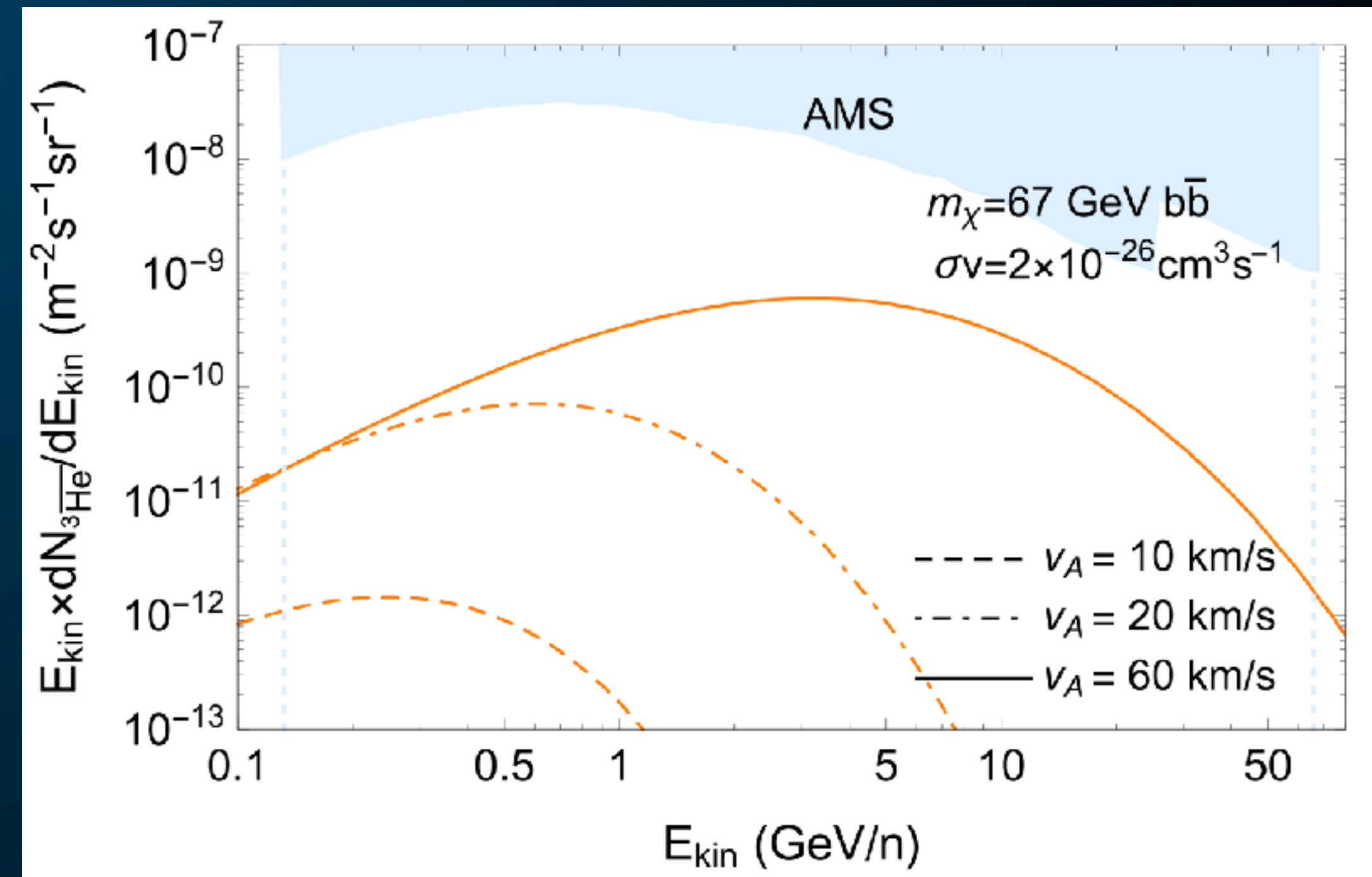
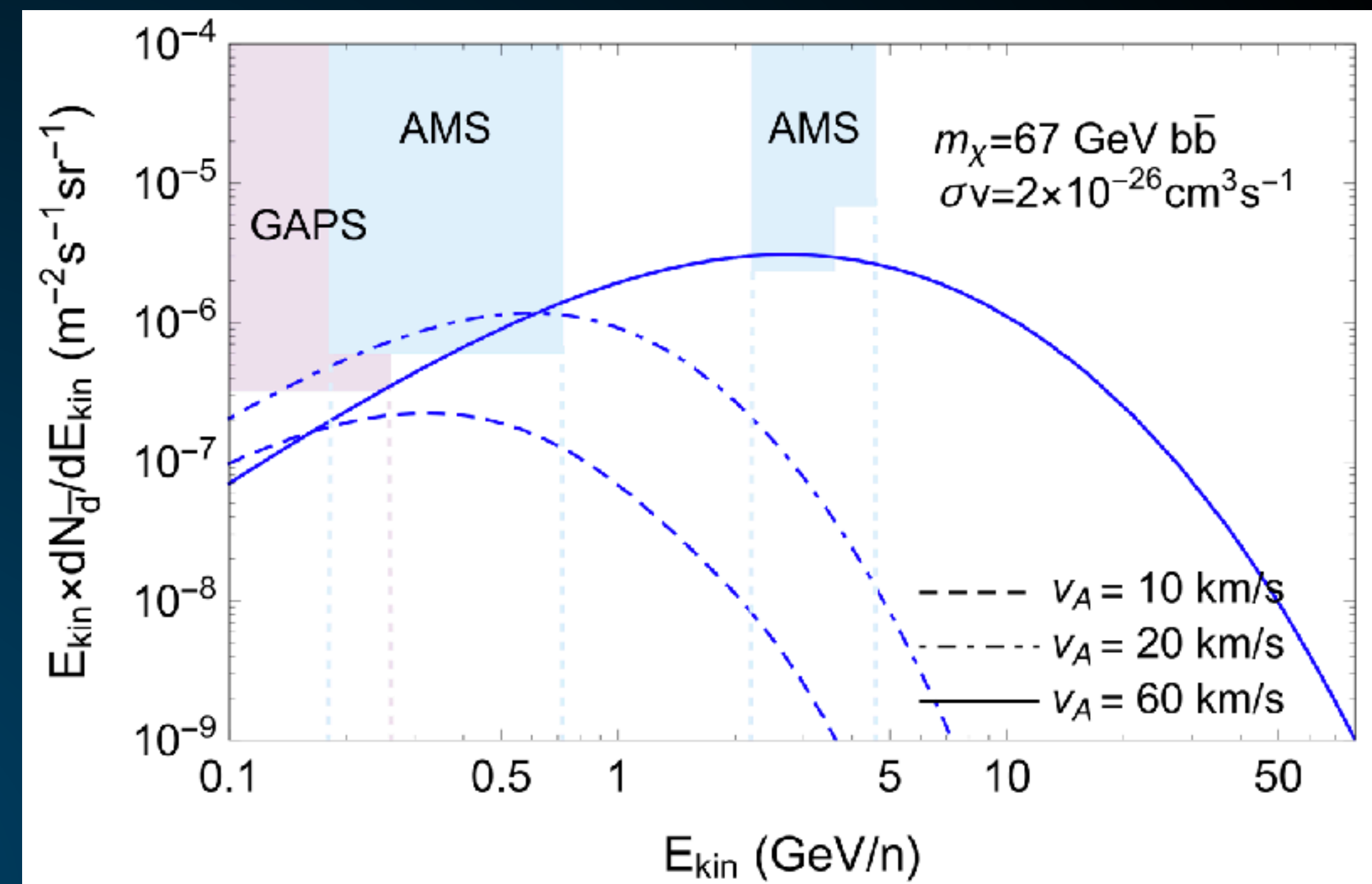


# Astrophysical Enhancements!

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

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

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





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

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

### I. INTRODUCTION

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

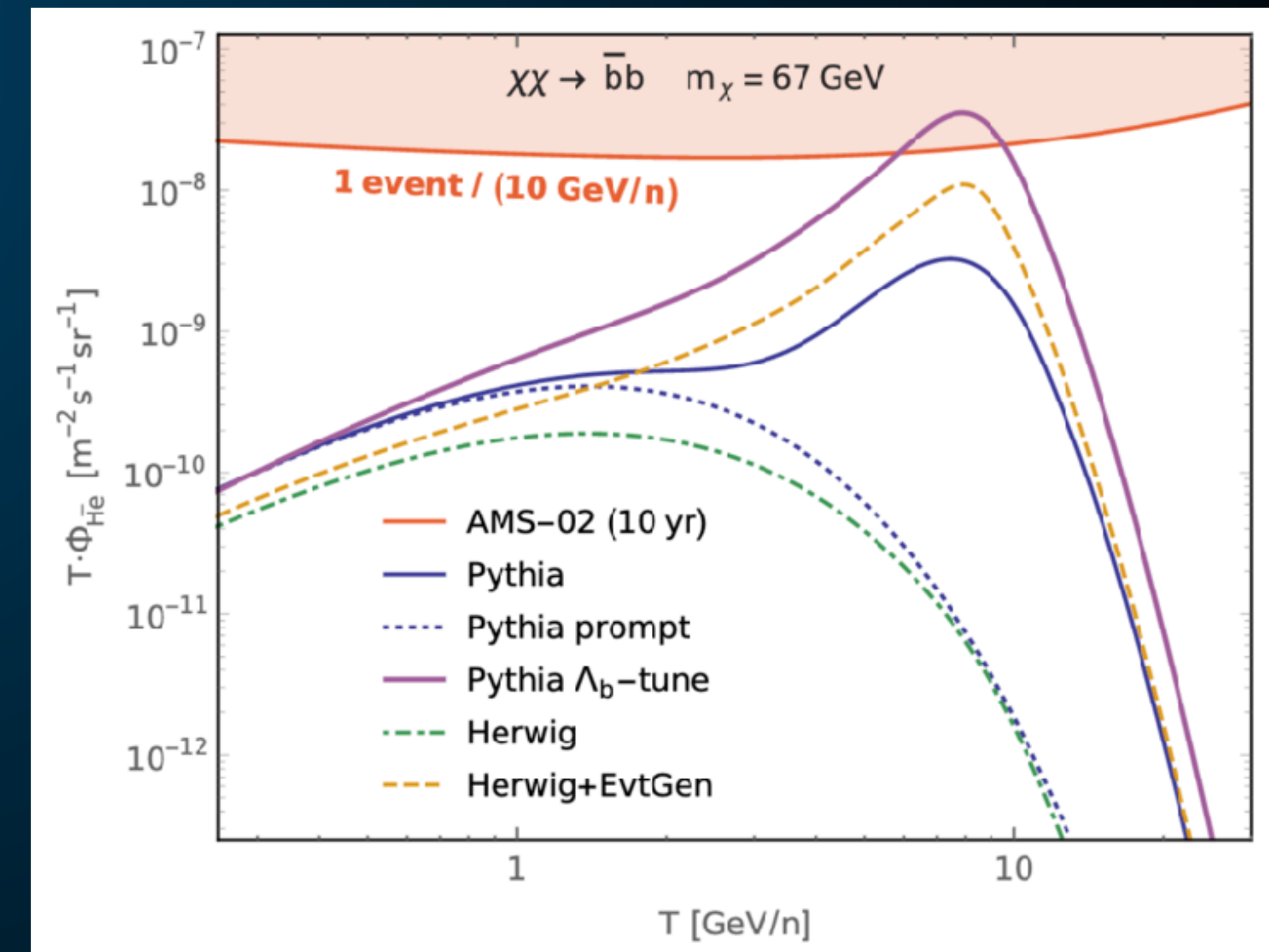
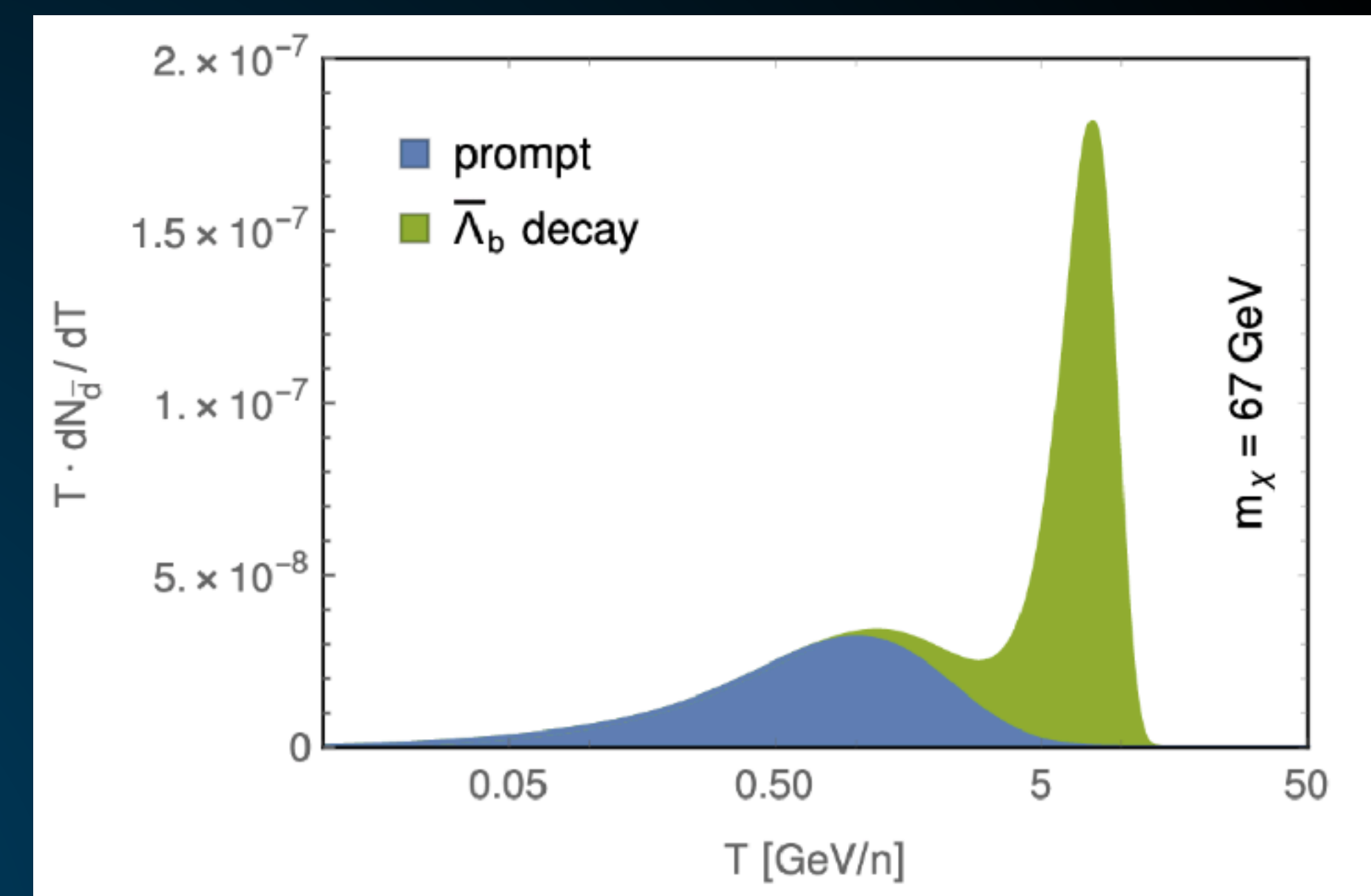
In this *letter*, we challenge the current understanding that standard dark matter annihilation models cannot produce a measurable antihelium flux. Our analysis examines a known, and potentially dominant, antinuclei production mode which has been neglected by previous literature – the production of antihelium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



# Particle Physics Enhancements!

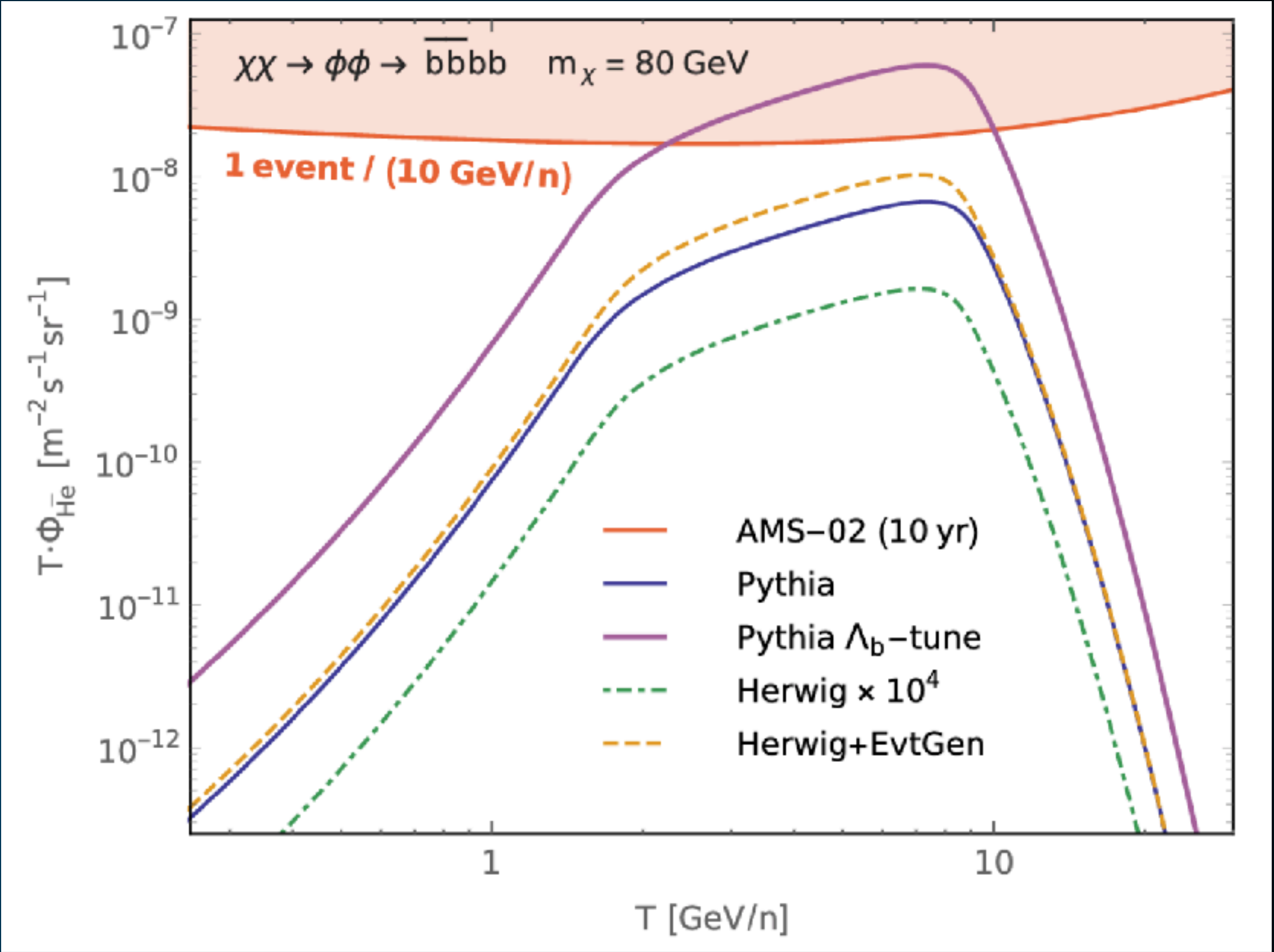
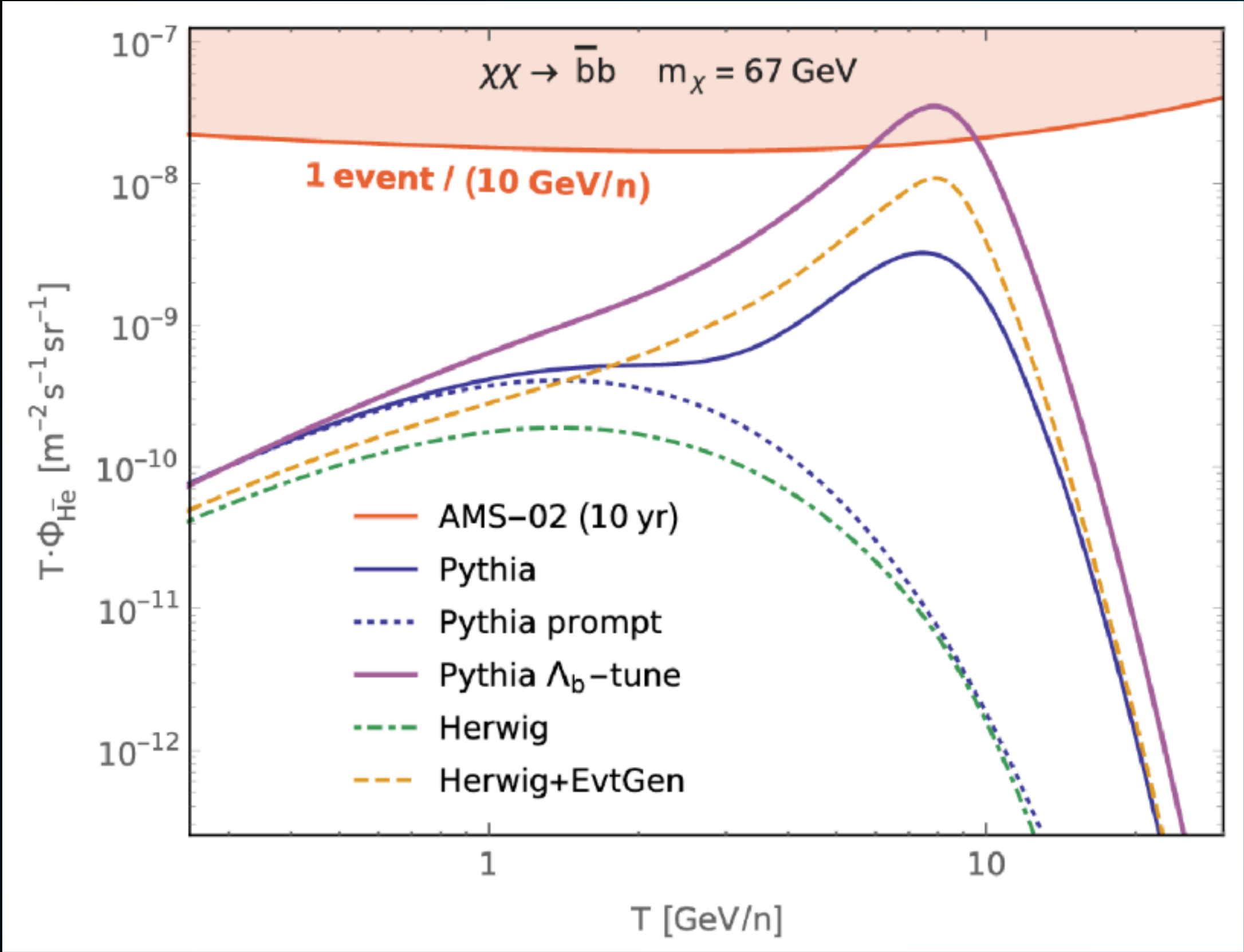
Previous analyses have missed the (potentially) dominant contribution to anti-Helium production.

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





# Particle Physics Enhancements!



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



WHERE  
ARE  
WE NOW?



