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# GAMMA-RAY BOXES: SIGNATURES AND CONSTRAINTS

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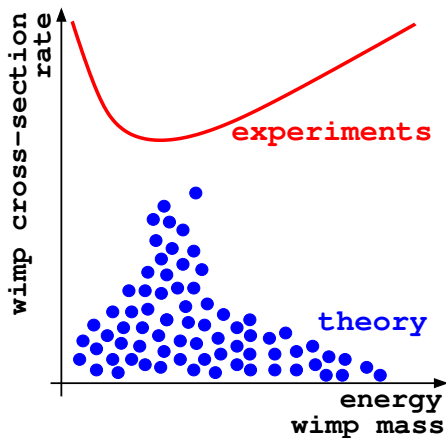
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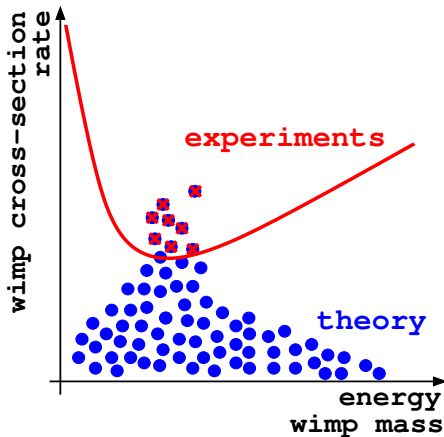
before:



... a data-starved field  
experiments lagged far behind predictions

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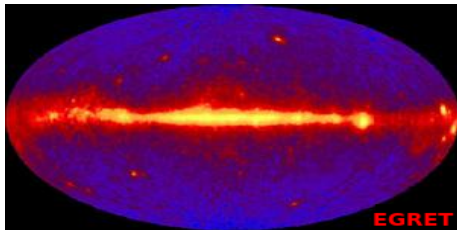


... carving into theoretical models  
“moment of truth for wimps” [Bertone '10]

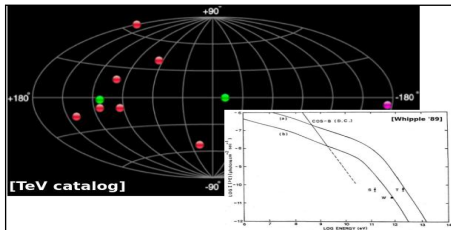
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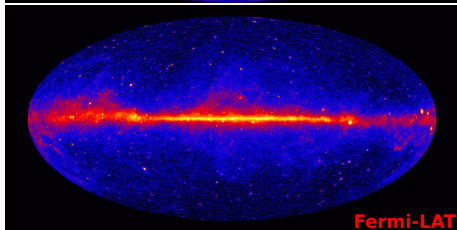
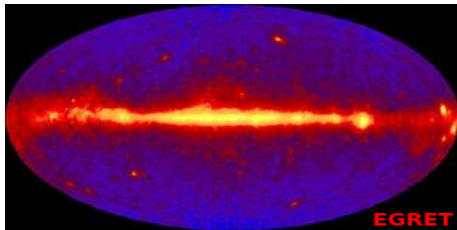
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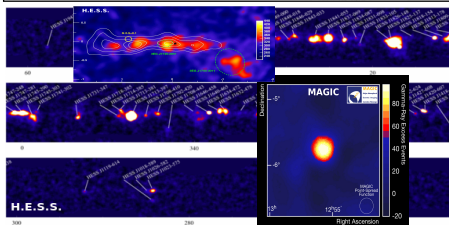
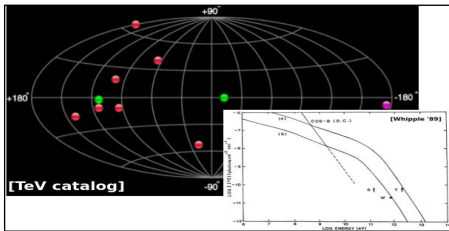
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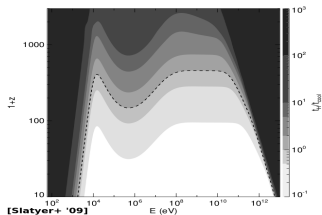
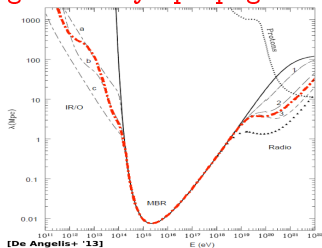
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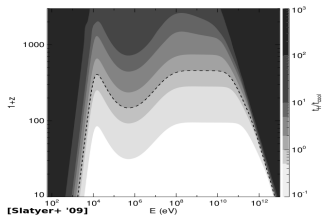
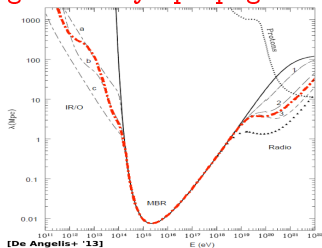
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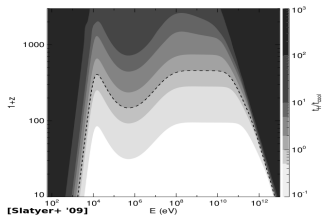
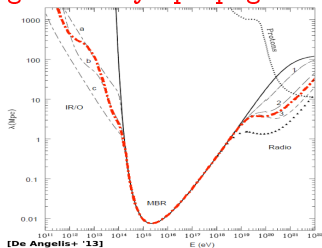
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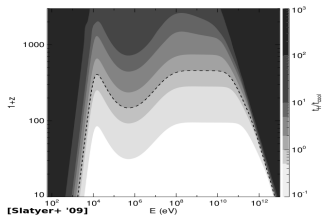
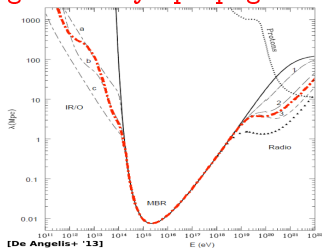
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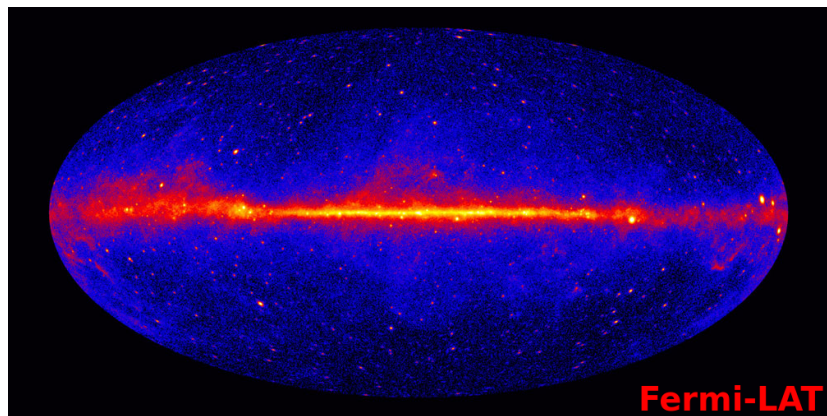
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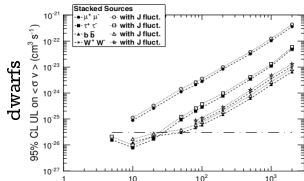
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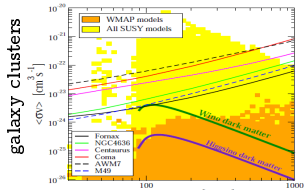
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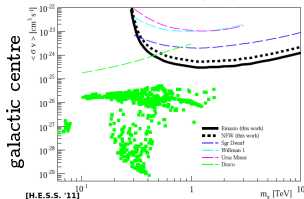
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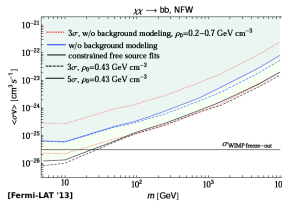
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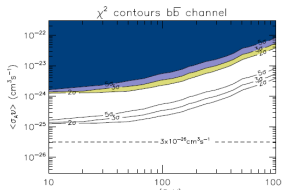
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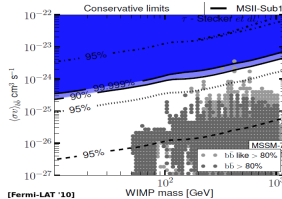
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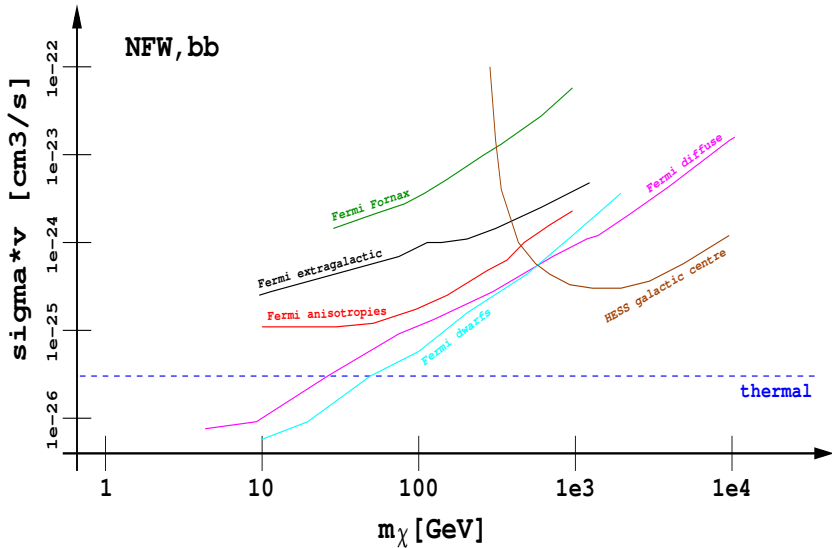


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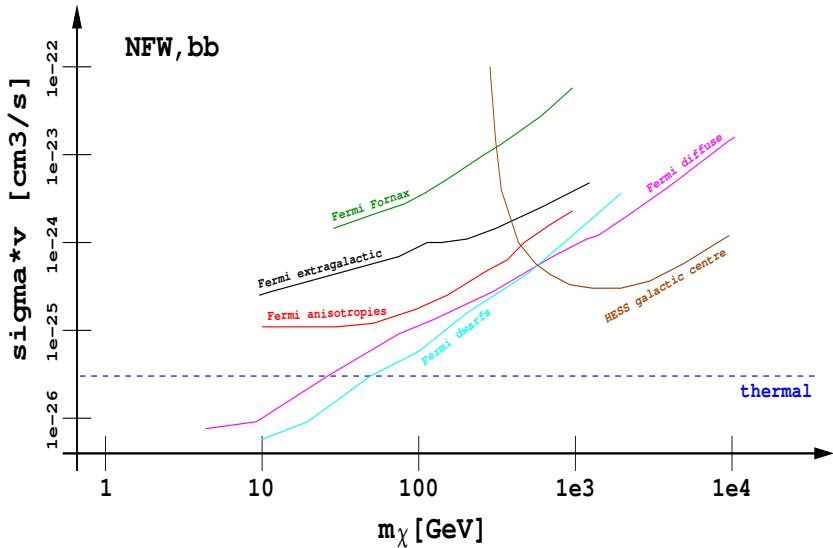
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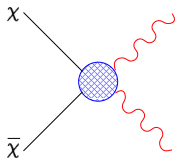
### astrophysical backgrounds at high energies

inverse Compton	$\propto E_\gamma^{-(p+1)/2}$	(caveat: monoenergetic in KN)
synchrotron	$\propto E_\gamma^{-(p+1)/2}$	
bremsstrahlung	$\propto E_\gamma^{-p}$	
pion decay	$\propto E_\gamma^{-p}$	$p \gtrsim 2$

anything harder than  $E_\gamma^{-2}$  and at high energies will stick out  
and can be cleanly looked for

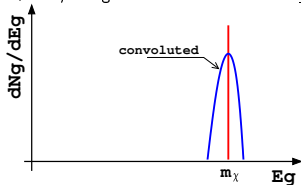
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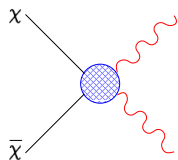
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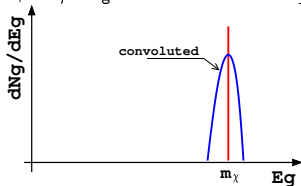
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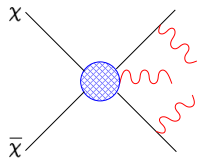


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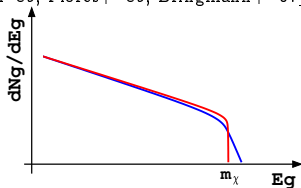
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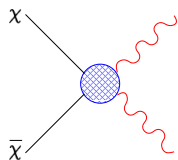
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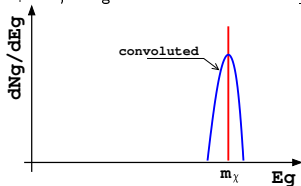
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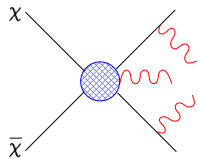


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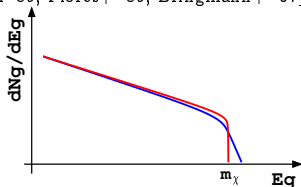
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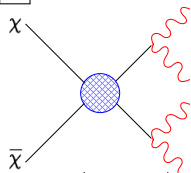
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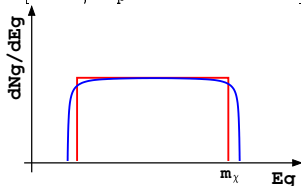


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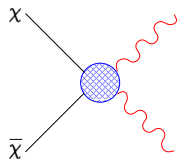
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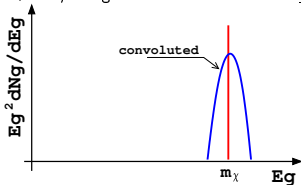
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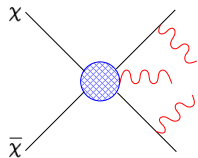


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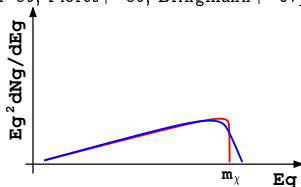
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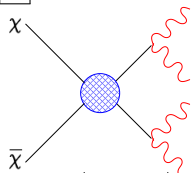
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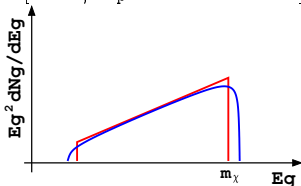


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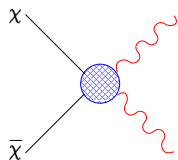
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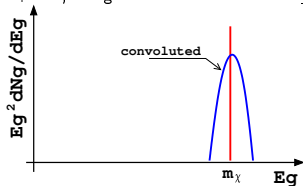
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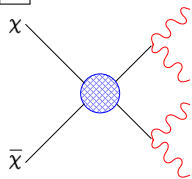
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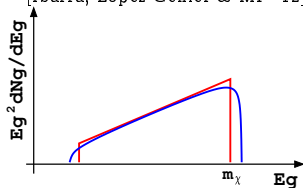


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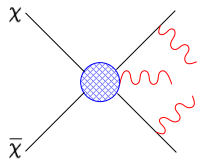
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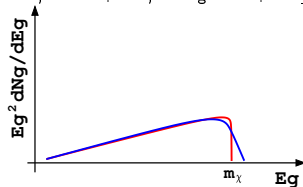
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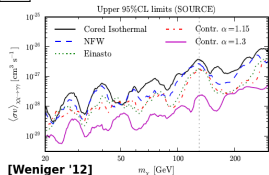
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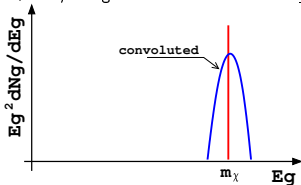
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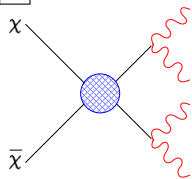


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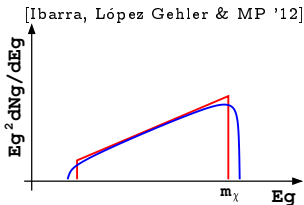


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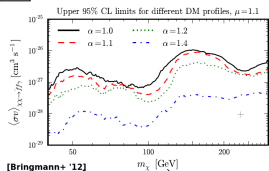


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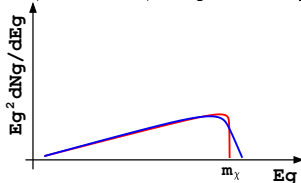
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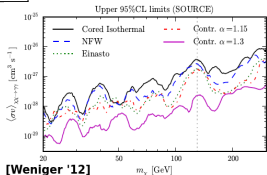


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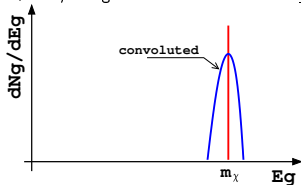
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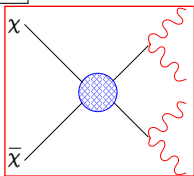


[Weniger '12]

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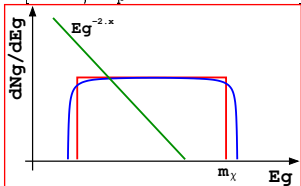
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hard and up to HE

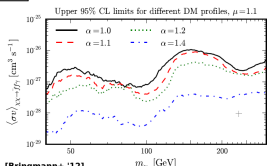
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[Ibarra, López Gehler & MP '12]



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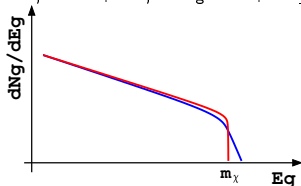
[Bergström '89, Flores+ '89, Bringmann+ '07]



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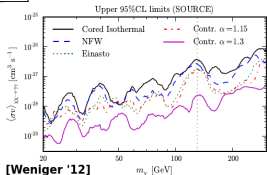


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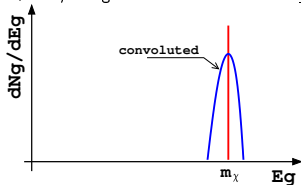
## 2. GAMMA-RAY SPECTRAL FEATURES

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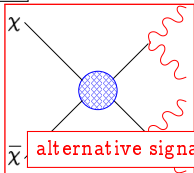


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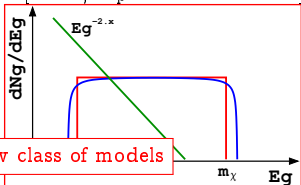
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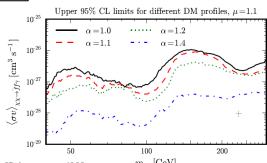
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alternative signature with implications for a new class of models

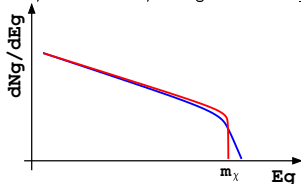
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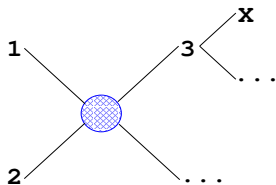


[Bringmann+ '12]

hardness

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### 1-step cascades

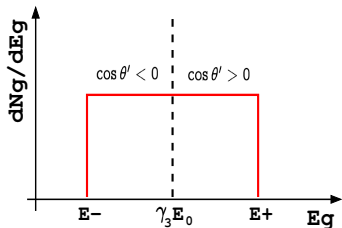
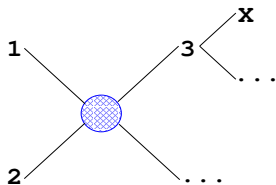


$$E_X = \gamma_3(E'_X + \beta_3 p'_X \cos \theta') \quad (\text{isotropic emission})$$

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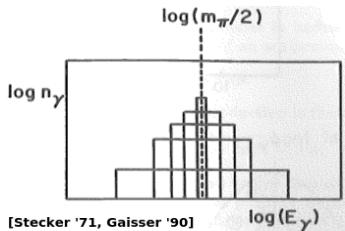
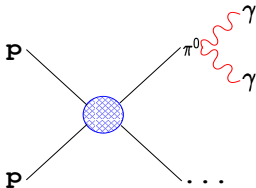
$$= \frac{AB}{2\beta_3 \gamma_3 E_0} \mathcal{F}_{box} [E_0 \gamma_3 (1 - \beta_3), E_0 \gamma_3 (1 + \beta_3)]$$

$$dN_3/dE_3 = A \delta(E_3 - E_3^*)$$

$$dN_X/dE'_X = B \delta(E'_X - E_0)$$

## 2. BOX PHENOMENOLOGY

boxes are realised in nature!



[Stecker '71, Gaisser '90]

$$E_\gamma = E'_\gamma \gamma_\pi (1 + \beta_\pi \cos \theta')$$

$$\frac{dN_\gamma}{dE_\gamma} = \int dE_\pi \frac{dN_\pi}{dE_\pi} \frac{2}{2\beta_\pi \gamma_\pi m_\pi/2} \mathcal{F}_{\text{box}}[m_\pi \gamma_\pi (1 - \beta_\pi)/2, m_\pi \gamma_\pi (1 + \beta_\pi)/2]$$

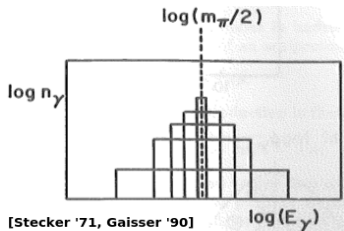
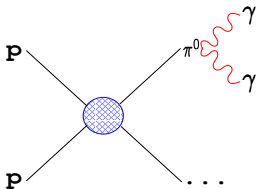
$$\propto \begin{cases} E_\gamma^p & \text{if } E_\gamma \ll m_\pi/2 \\ E_\gamma^{-p} & \text{if } E_\gamma \gg m_\pi/2 \end{cases}$$

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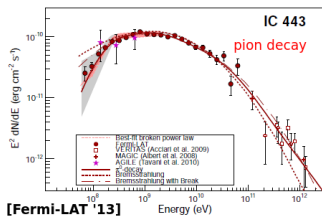
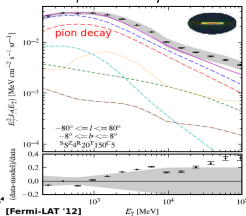
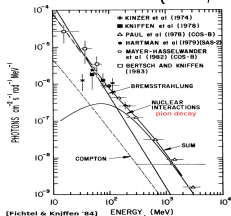
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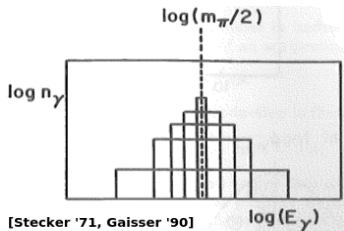
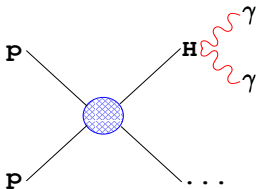
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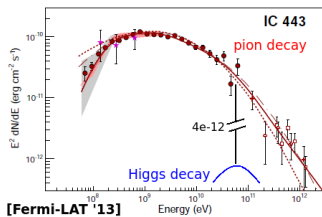
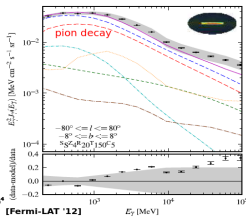
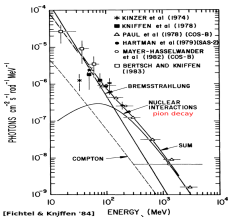
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same for Higgs actually, but:

$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow H^0 X)/\sigma(pp \rightarrow \pi^0 X) \simeq 20 \text{ pb}/100 \text{ mb}$$

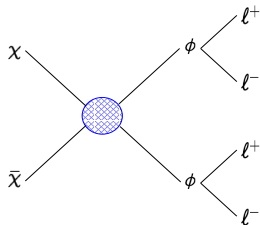
$$\text{BR}(H^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)/\text{BR}(\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) \simeq 2 \times 10^{-3}/1$$





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wimpy boxes

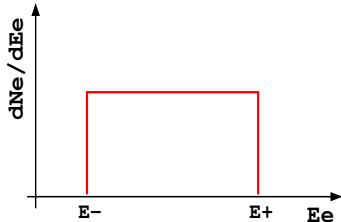


$$E_\ell = \gamma_\phi (E'_\ell + \beta_\phi p'_\ell \cos \theta')$$

$$\frac{dN_\ell}{dE_\ell} = \frac{4}{\Delta E} \mathcal{F}_{box}[E_-, E_+]$$

$$E_\pm = m_\chi/2 \left( 1 \pm \sqrt{1 - m_\phi^2/m_\chi^2} \right) \quad \Delta E = E_+ - E_-$$

[Nomura & Thaler '08, Mardon+ '09 x2]

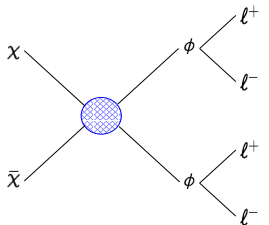


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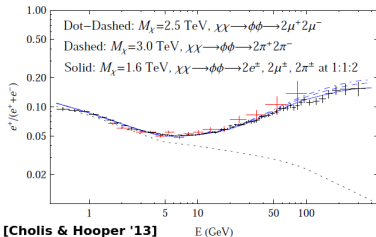
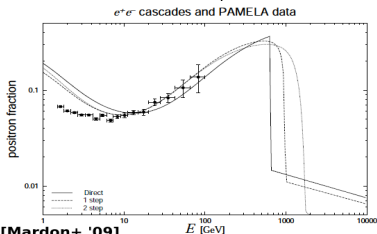
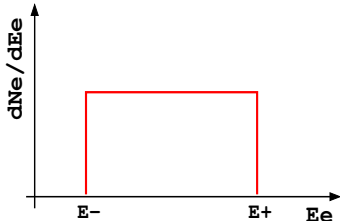
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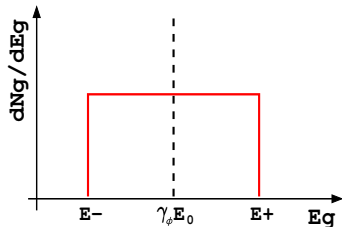
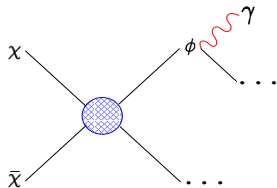
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### gamma-ray boxes

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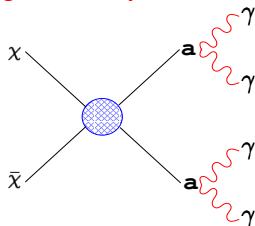
box requirements:

final state  $\gamma$ , monochromatic  $dN_\phi/dE_\phi$  and  $dN_\gamma/dE'_\gamma$

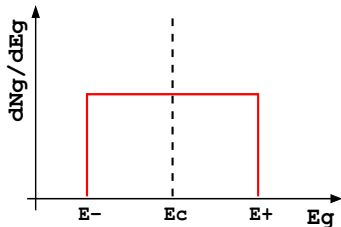
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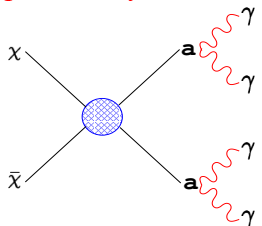
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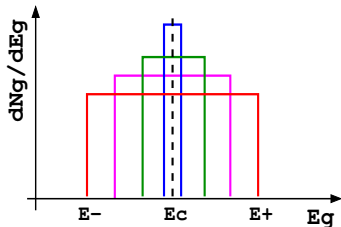
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line at  $m_\chi/2$

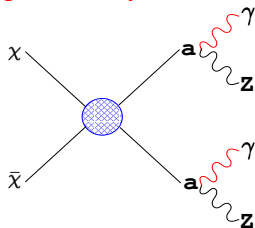
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box ending at  $m_\chi$

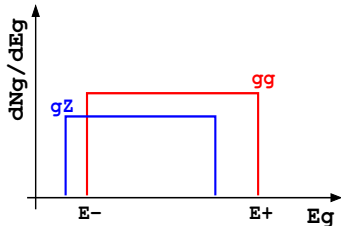
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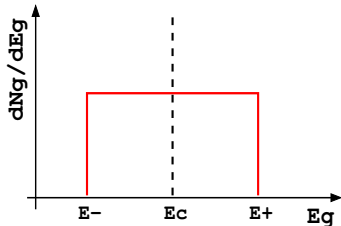
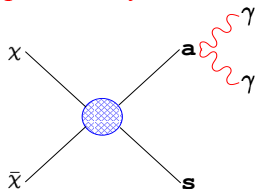
$$E_\pm = \frac{m_\chi}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{m_Z^2}{m_a^2} \right) \left( 1 \pm \sqrt{1 - \frac{m_a^2}{m_\chi^2}} \right)$$

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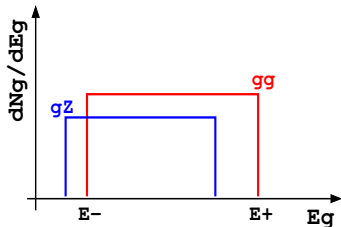
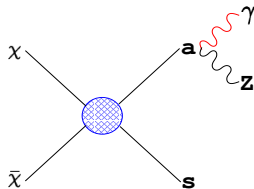
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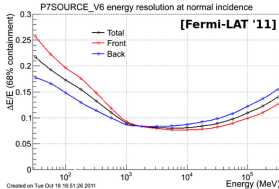
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$$\phi_\gamma(E_\gamma) = \int dE'_\gamma \tilde{\phi}_\gamma(E'_\gamma) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma(E'_\gamma)} \exp\left(-\frac{(E'_\gamma - E_\gamma)^2}{2\sigma^2(E'_\gamma)}\right)$$

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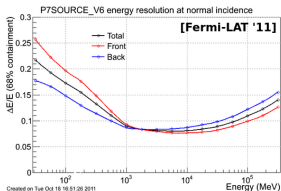
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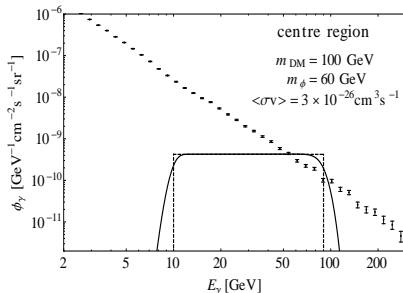
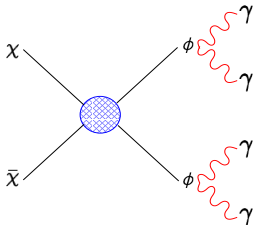
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$$\eta = 2 \text{ (4) for Majorana (Dirac)} \quad J_{ann} = \int_{l.o.s.} ds \rho_{DM}^2$$

Einasto profile with  $\rho_0 = 0.4 \text{ GeV/cm}^3$

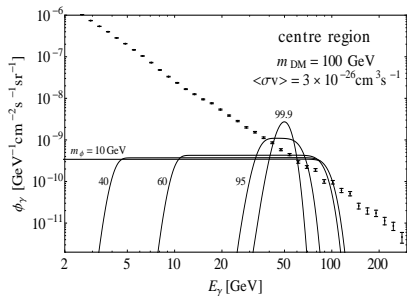


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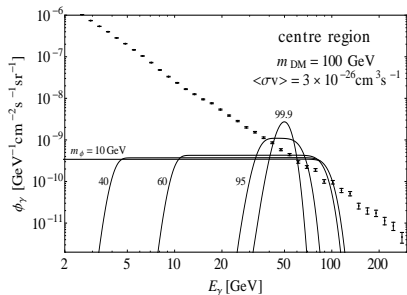
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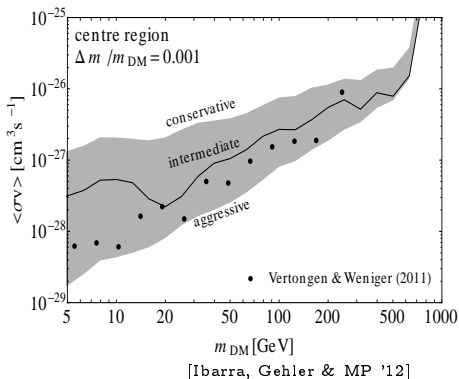
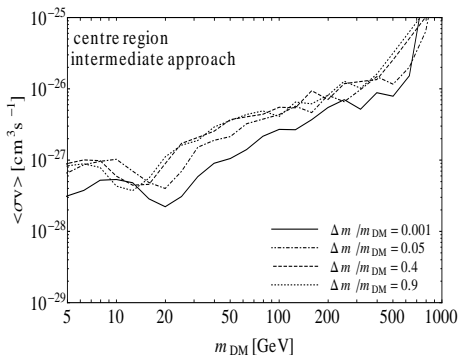
#### derivation of constraints

- (i) conservative: no background,  $\phi_{\gamma,b} = 0$
- (ii) intermediate: scaled-down background fit  $\phi_{\gamma,b} \propto E_\gamma^{-\nu}$
- (iii) aggressive: background meets measurements, error-dominated

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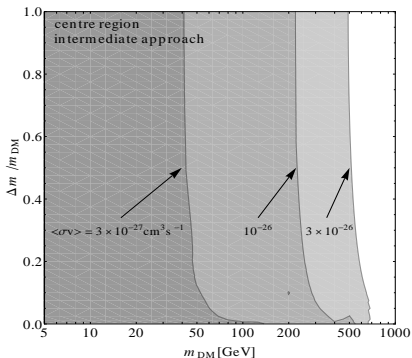


- .. saturation of constraints as  $m_\phi \rightarrow 0$
- .. constraints across parameter space, not only in fine-tuned regions
- .. background modelling important at small  $m_\chi$
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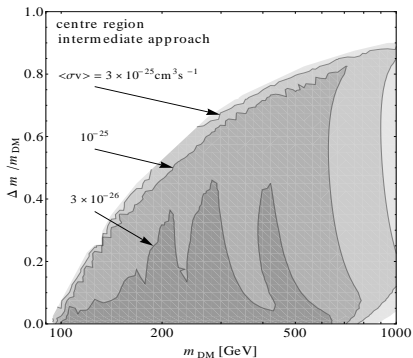
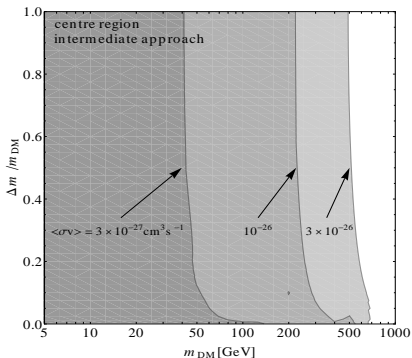


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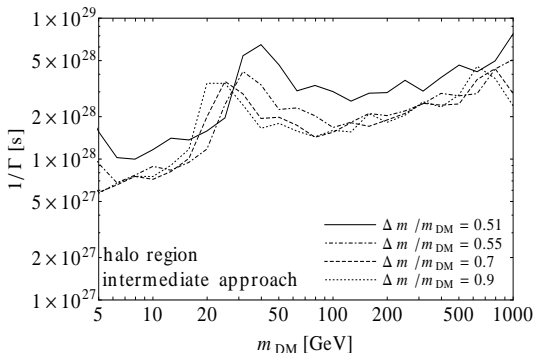
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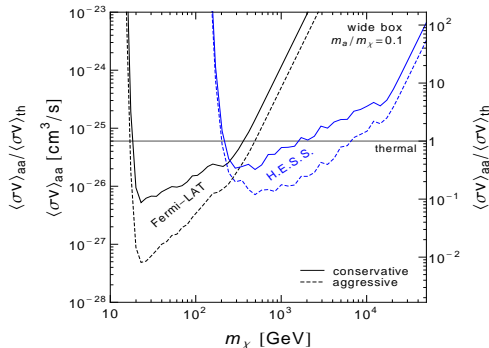
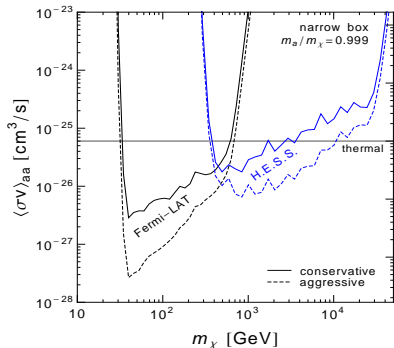
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2–3 o.o.m. stronger than  $\Gamma^{-1} \simeq 10^{26}$  s

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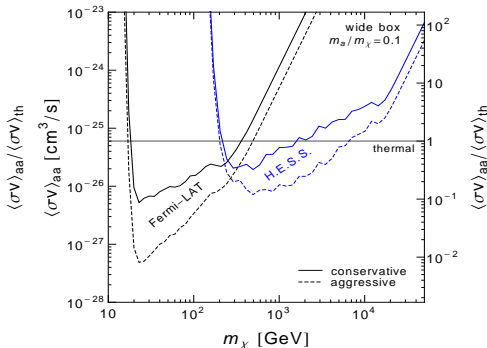
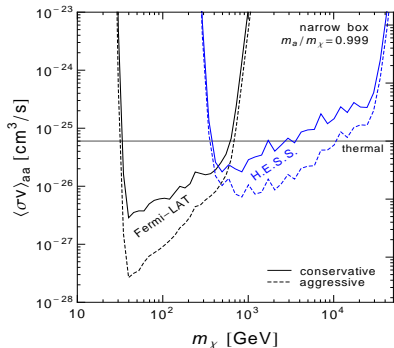
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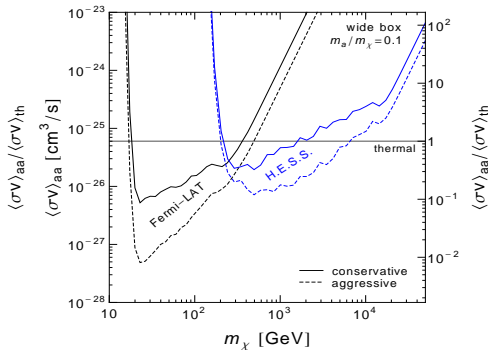
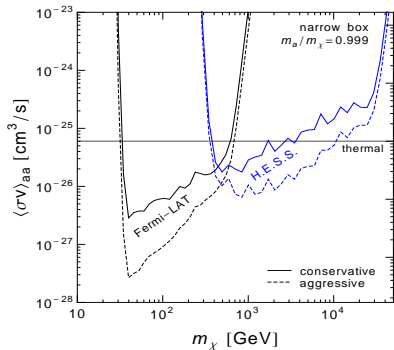
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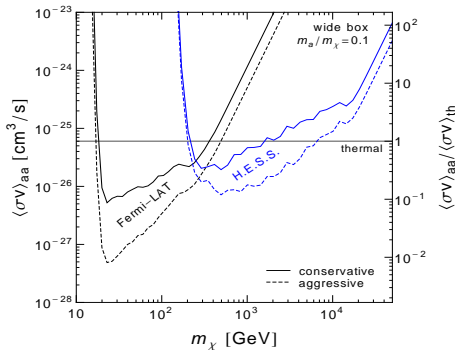
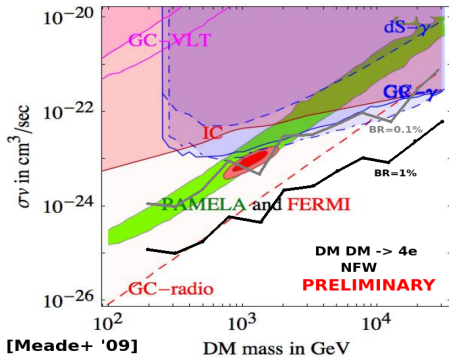
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if the  $e^\pm$  excess is due to cascade annihilations, we should either see a gamma-ray box or else the decay to photons must be heavily suppressed

## 4. RESULTS: SIGNATURES

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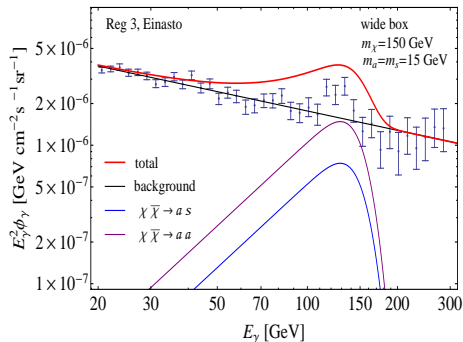
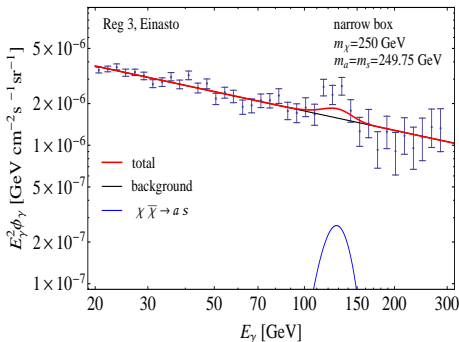
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wide box

$$\text{BR}(\chi\bar{\chi} \rightarrow aa, as) \simeq 0.25, 0.25$$

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boxes from thermal wimps easily produce observable fluxes without fine-tuning and are at the verge of being excluded

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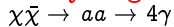
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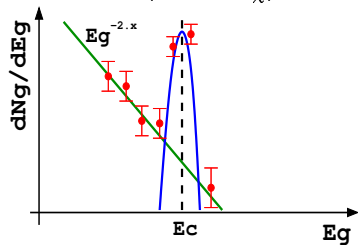


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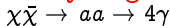


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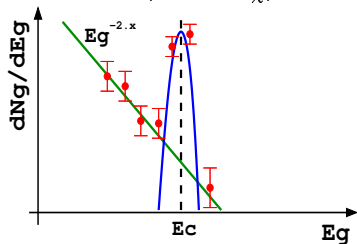
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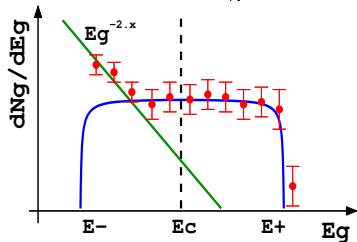
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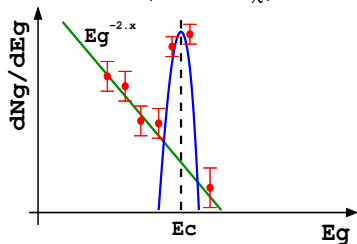
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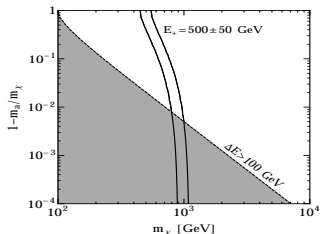
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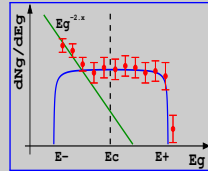
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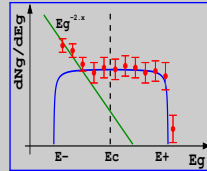
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