

# Supernova Bounds on Hidden Sectors

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“What can a supernova  
do for me?”

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“...and how reliable is it?”

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**Astrophysicists!**



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“What’s the deal with  
axions?”

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“  
...  
and wasn't this done ~ 30 years  
ago?”

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“Where will it ever stop!?”

# Executive Summary

- Supernova 1987A reached extremely high temp  $\sim 30$  MeV and density  $\sim 3 \times 10^{14} \text{g/cm}^3$  and was necessarily “powered” by neutrinos
- an axion with a large [small]  $f_a$  would have not been produced [gotten trapped], but for intermediate  $f_a$  would have “defused” the neutrinos

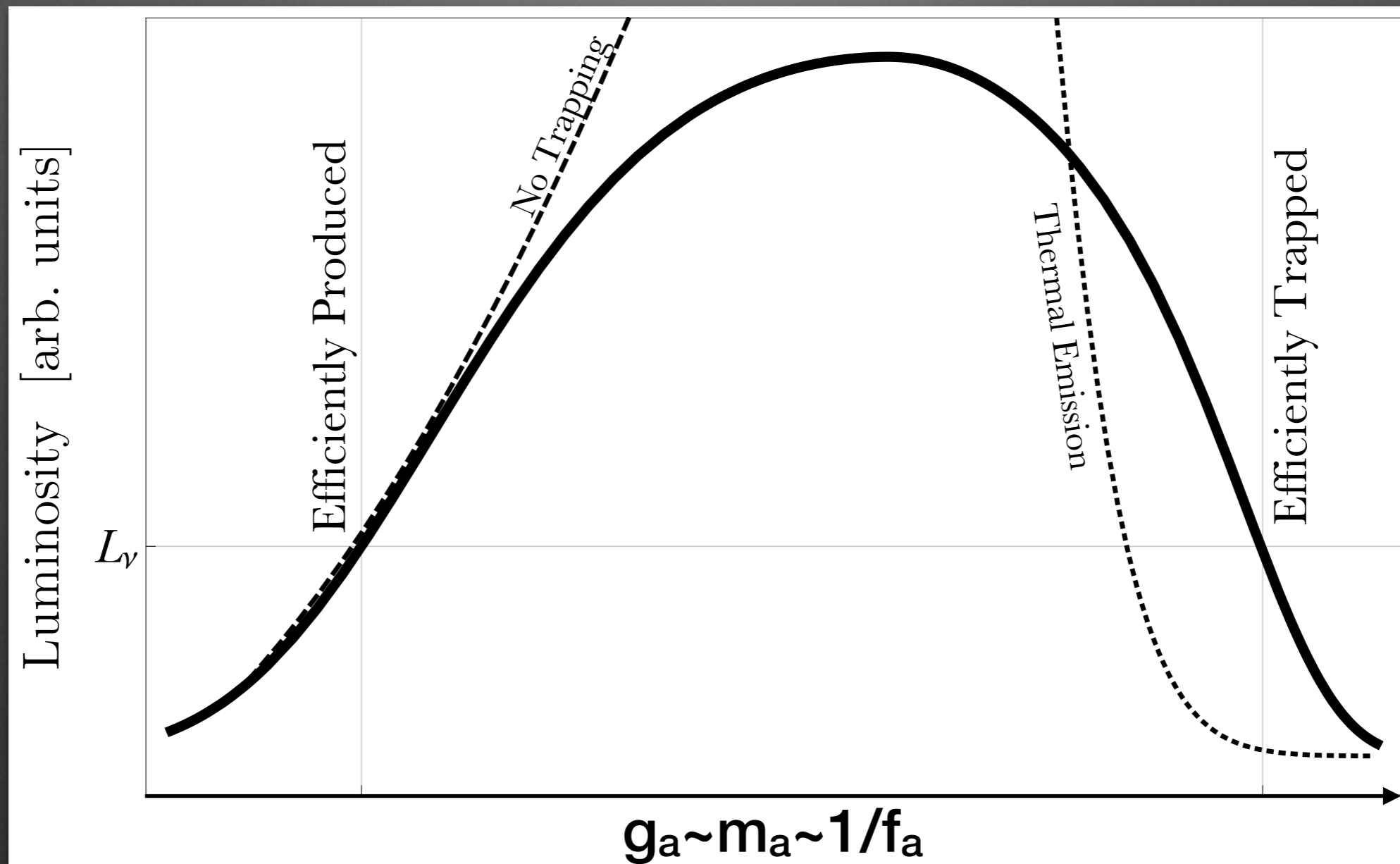
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- $\lambda_{\text{mfp},\nu} \sim 1/(n_N G_F^2 T^2) \sim 1\text{m} \times (\text{radius}/10\text{km})^8 \Rightarrow$   
neutrinos diffuse until a radius  $\sim 40\text{km}$ , whereupon  
they are emitted like a blackbody with  $L_\nu \sim 10^{52}$  erg/s
- $L_a \sim \text{Vol} \times Y_p C_p^2 n_N^2 \sigma_N T / (f_a/\text{GeV})^2 \sim L_\nu \times (f_a/10^8 \text{ GeV})^2$   
 $\Rightarrow$  axions can “compete” if their decay constant is  
less than approx  $10^8 \text{ GeV}$

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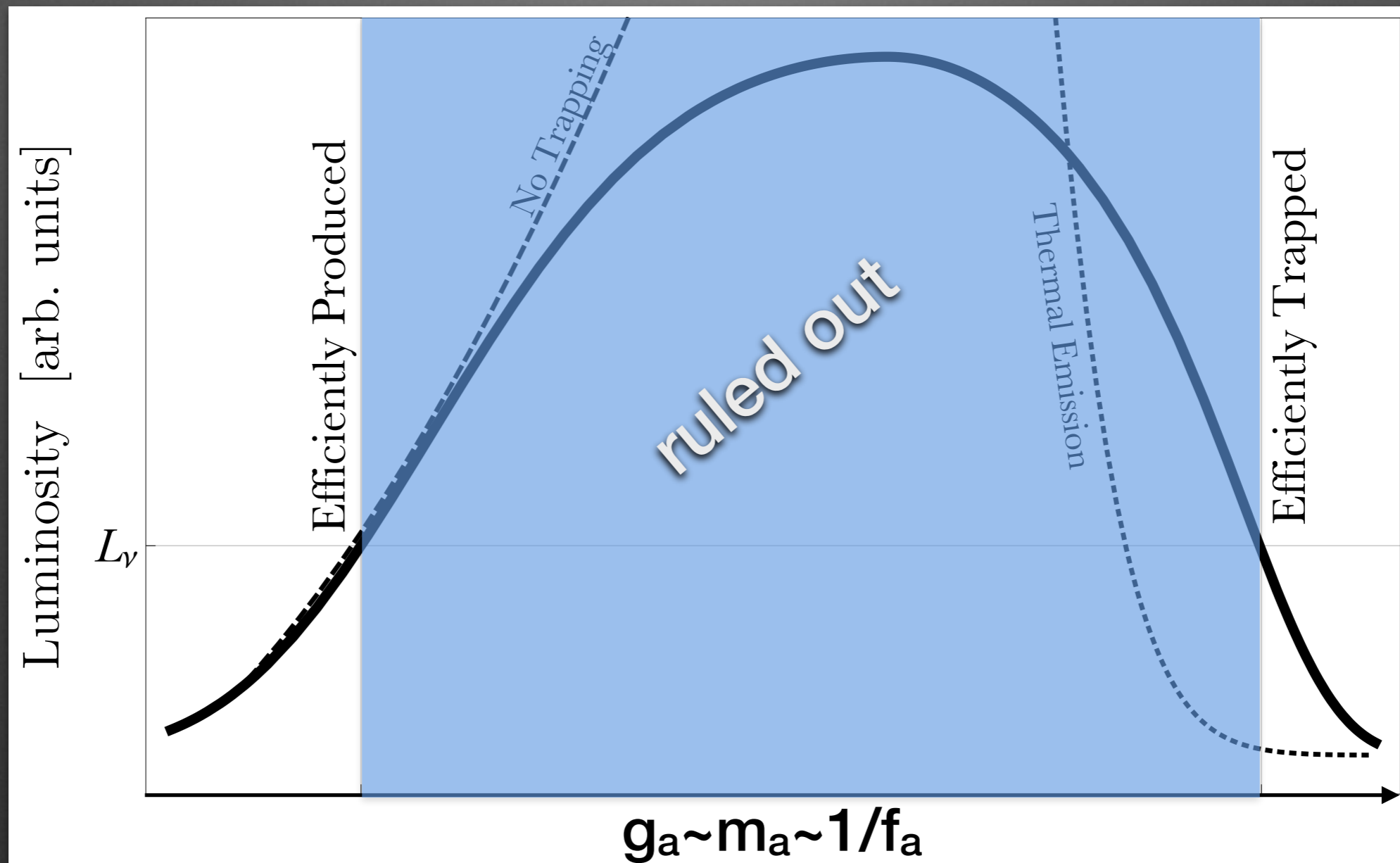
- Because the environment is so hot and extreme, but the criterion is so coarse, SN1987A bounds on a given model are generically entirely below the terrestrially accessible regions of parameter space

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# Broad(est possible) Picture

## Supernova 1987A:

~ 99% of the grav. binding energy of a collapsing blue supergiant radiated away in the form of neutrinos over the course of ~ 10s





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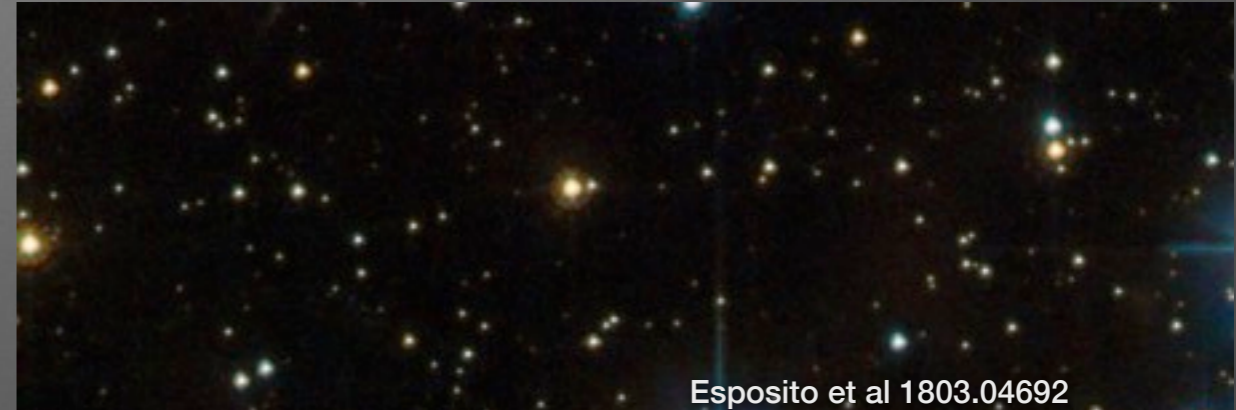
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Esposito et al 1803.04692

CAN A BRIGHT AND ENERGETIC X-RAY PULSAR BE HIDING AMID THE DEBRIS OF SN 1987A?

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luminosity of the order of  $\approx 10^{35}$  erg s<sup>-1</sup>. We conclude that while a pulsar like the one in the Crab Nebula in both luminosity and spectrum is hardly compatible with the observations, there is ample space for an 'ordinary' X-ray-emitting young neutron star, born with normal initial spin period, temperature and magnetic field, to be hiding inside the evolving remnant of SN 1987A.

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Bollig et al 1706.04630

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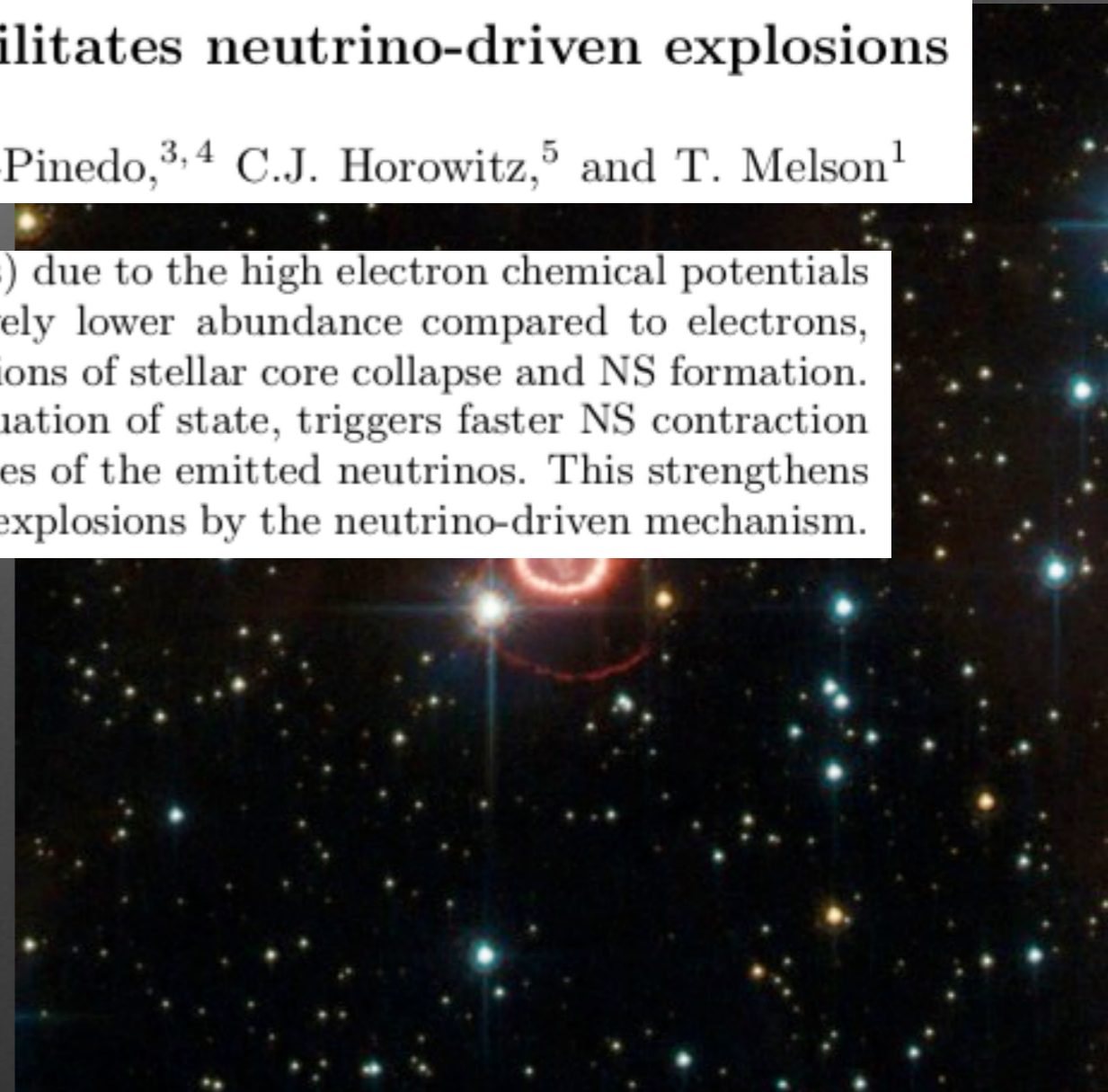
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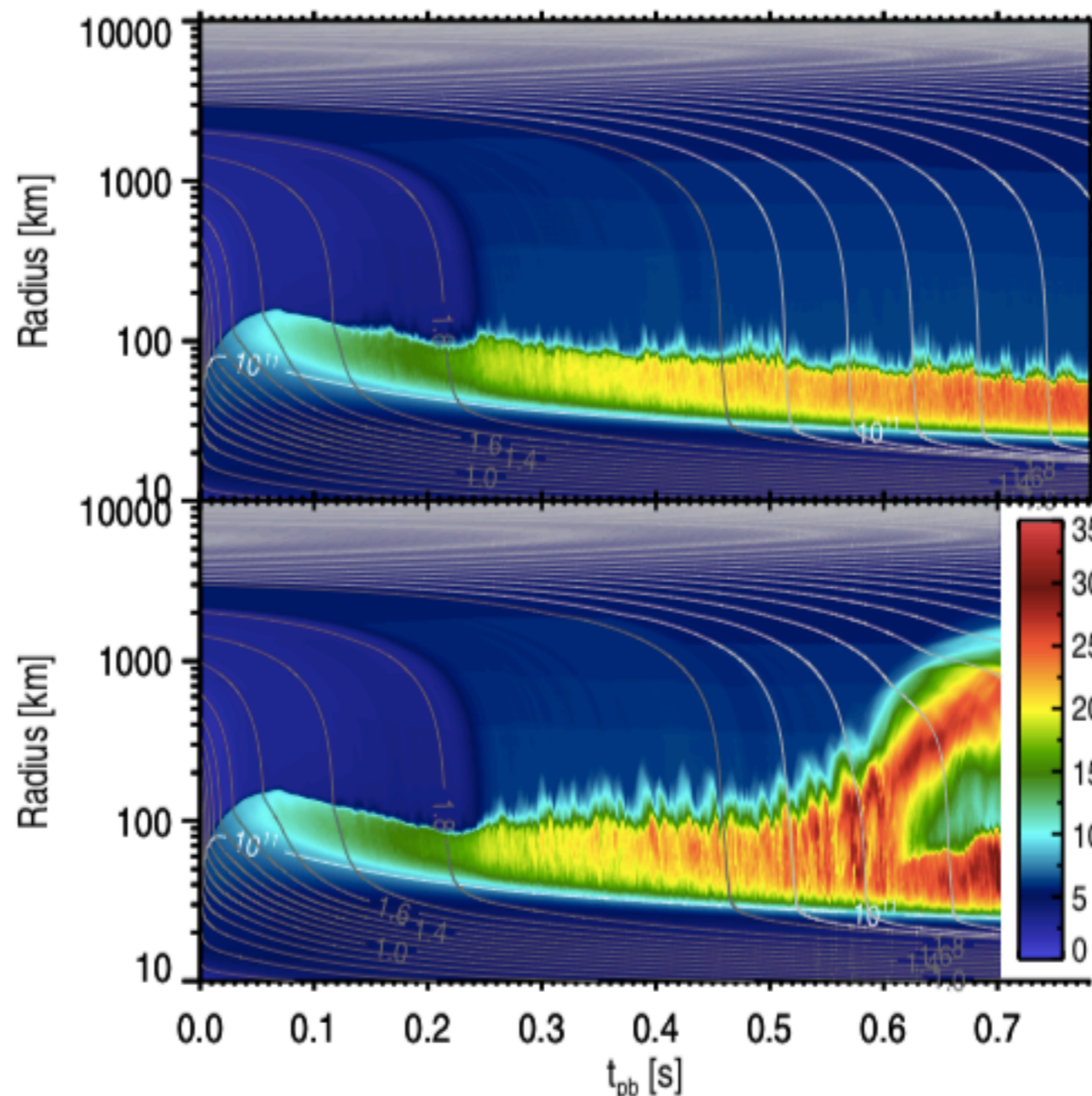
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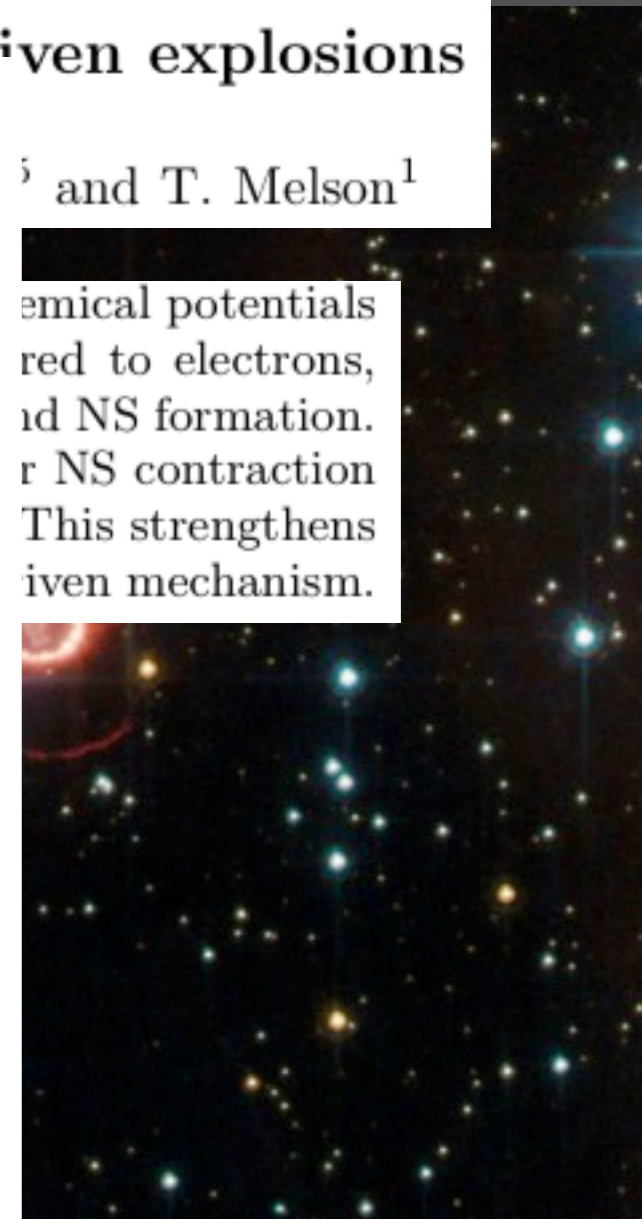
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Inclusion of muons significantly  
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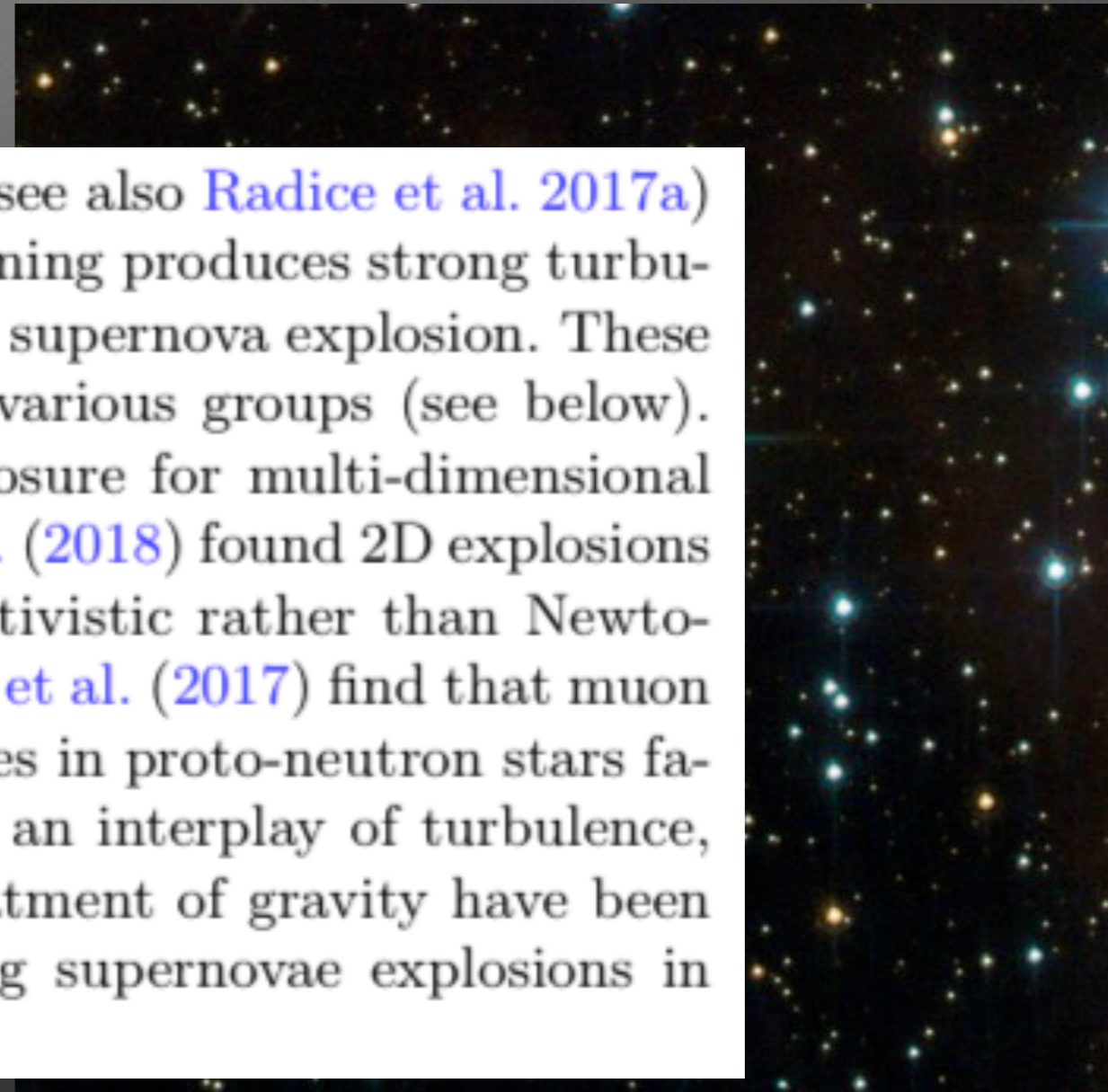
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[Abdikamalov et al. \(2016\)](#) (see also [Radice et al. 2017a](#)) found that late nuclear shell burning produces strong turbulent convection, which promotes supernova explosion. These results were iterated in 3D by various groups (see below). More recently, using the M1 closure for multi-dimensional neutrino transport, [Summa et al. \(2018\)](#) found 2D explosions abetted by using a general relativistic rather than Newtonian treatment of gravity. [Bollig et al. \(2017\)](#) find that muon creation at the high temperatures in proto-neutron stars facilitates explosion in 2D. Thus, an interplay of turbulence, microphysics, and a proper treatment of gravity have been historically critical in producing supernovae explosions in two dimensions.

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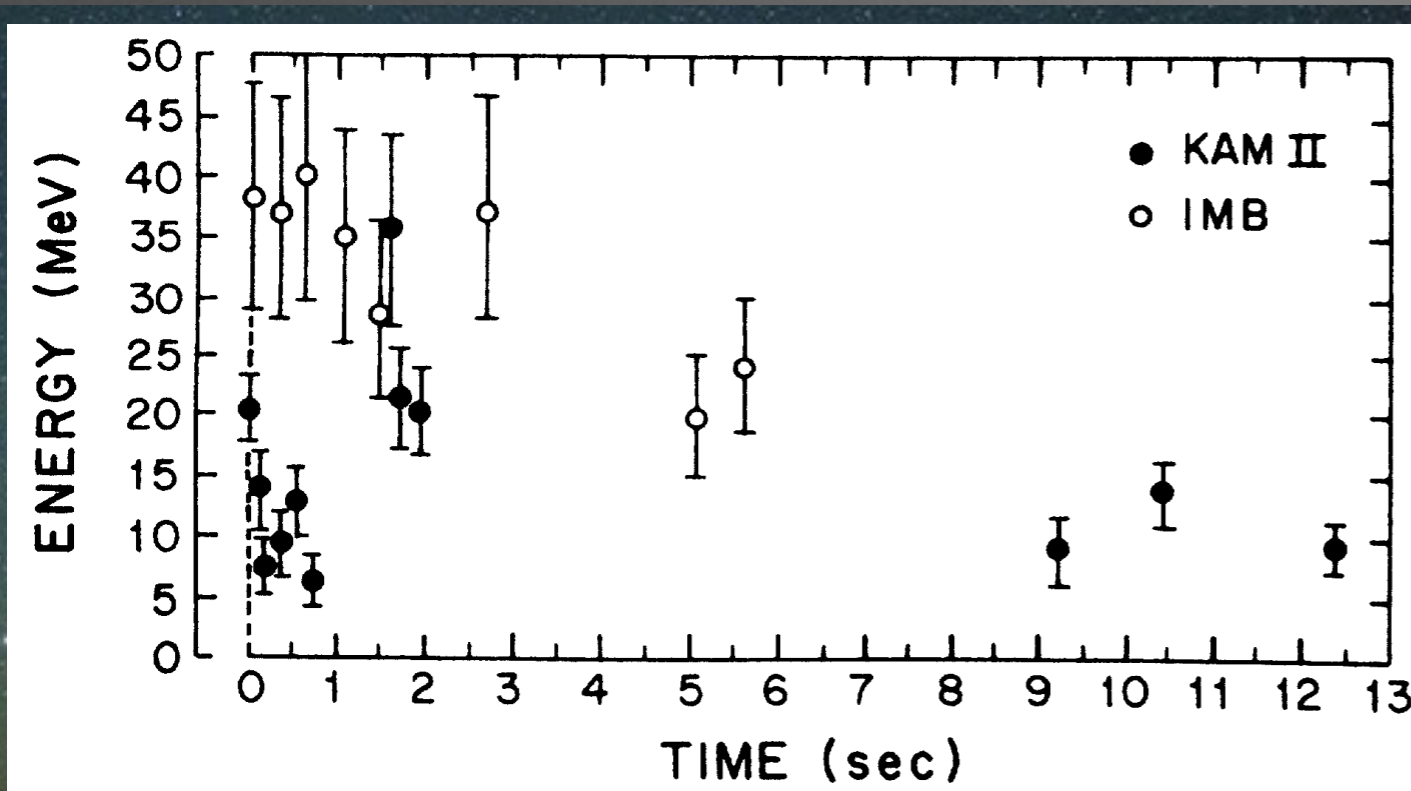


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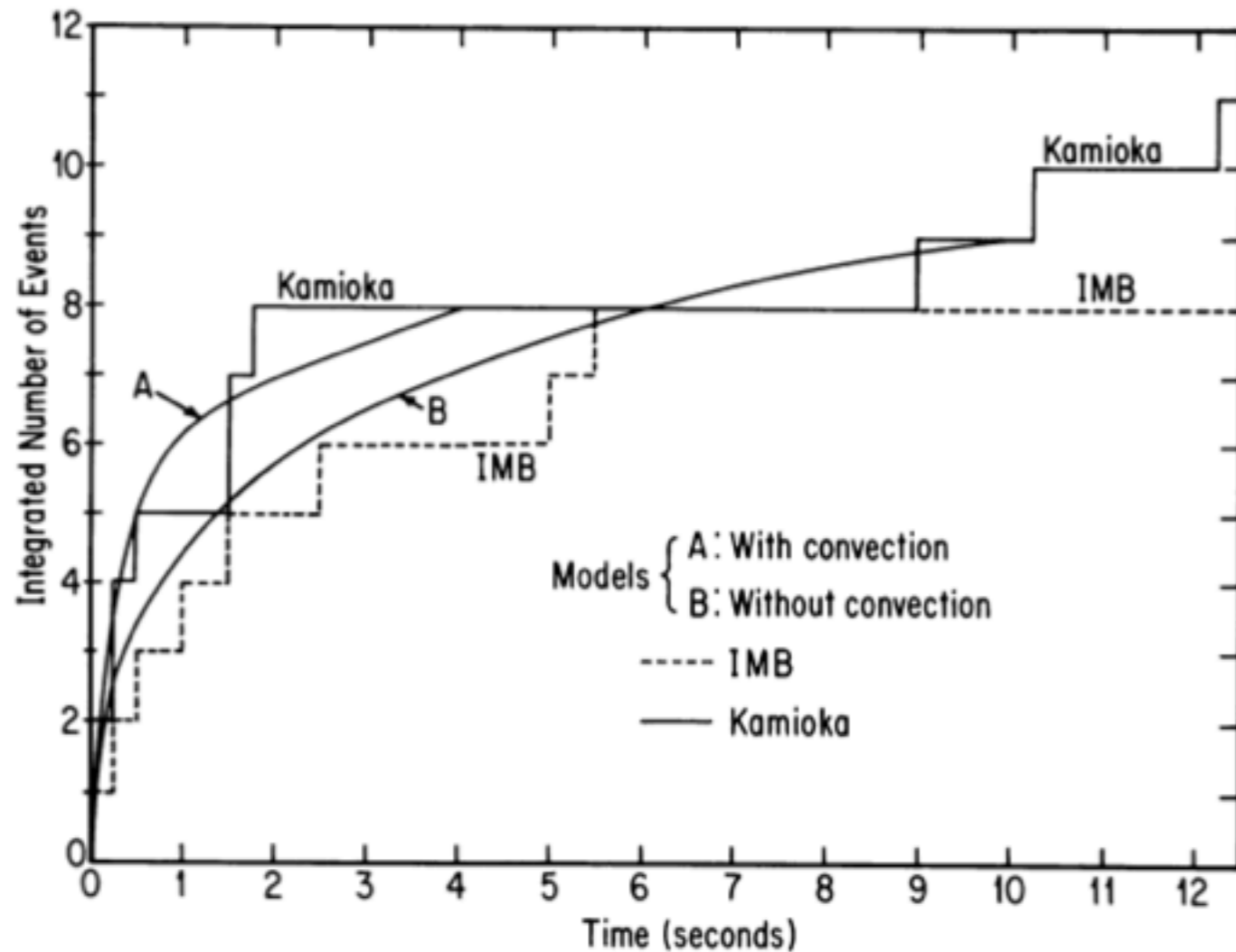
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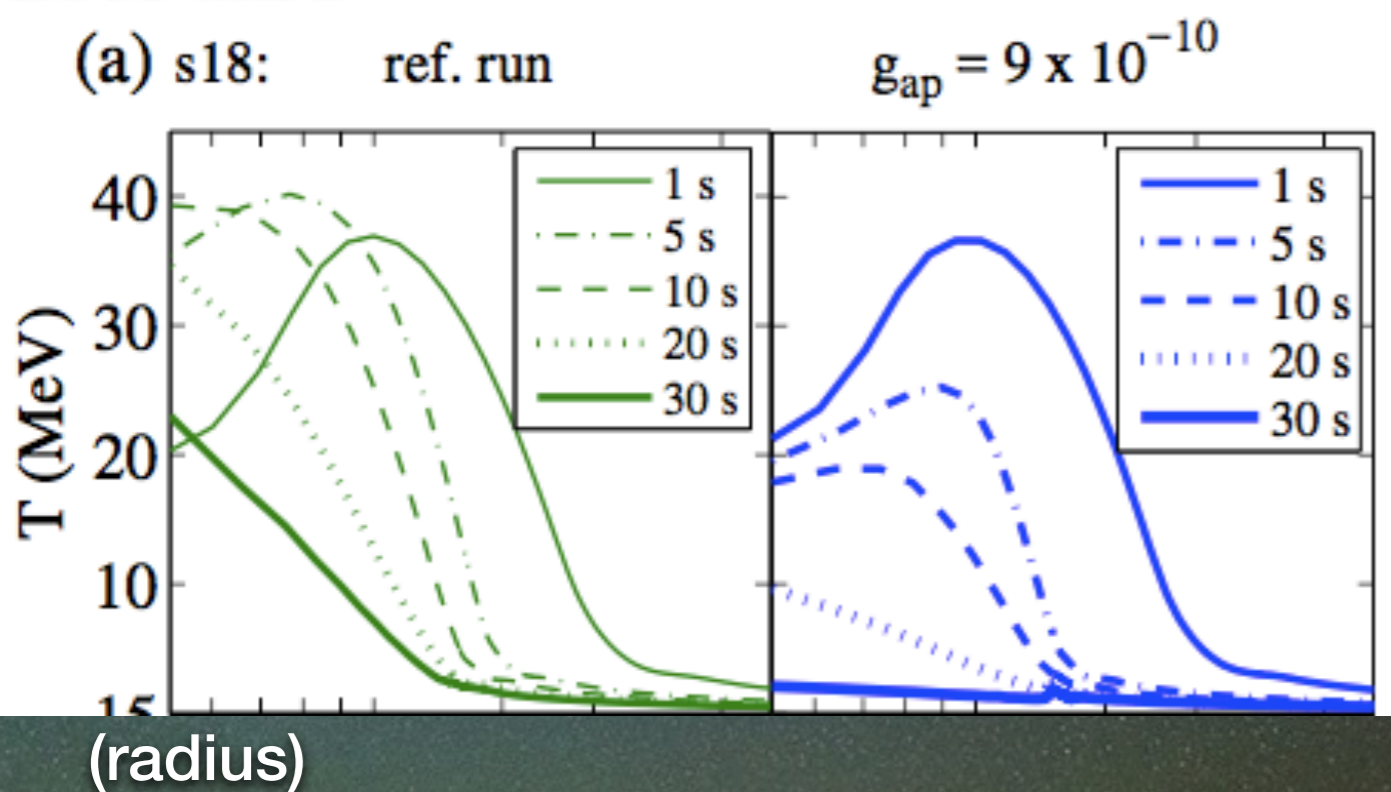


Burrows and Lattimer, 1987

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Fischer et al 1605.08780



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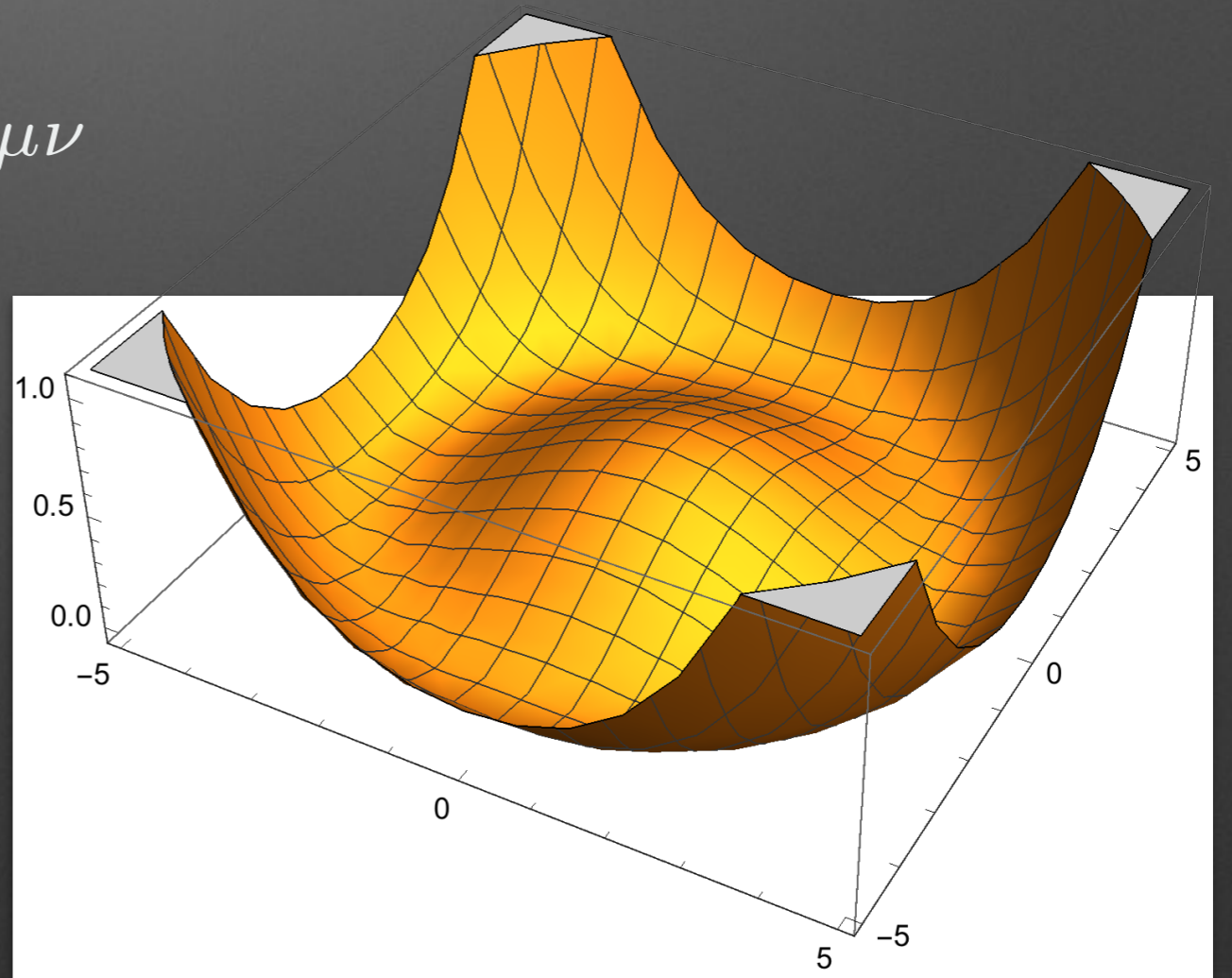
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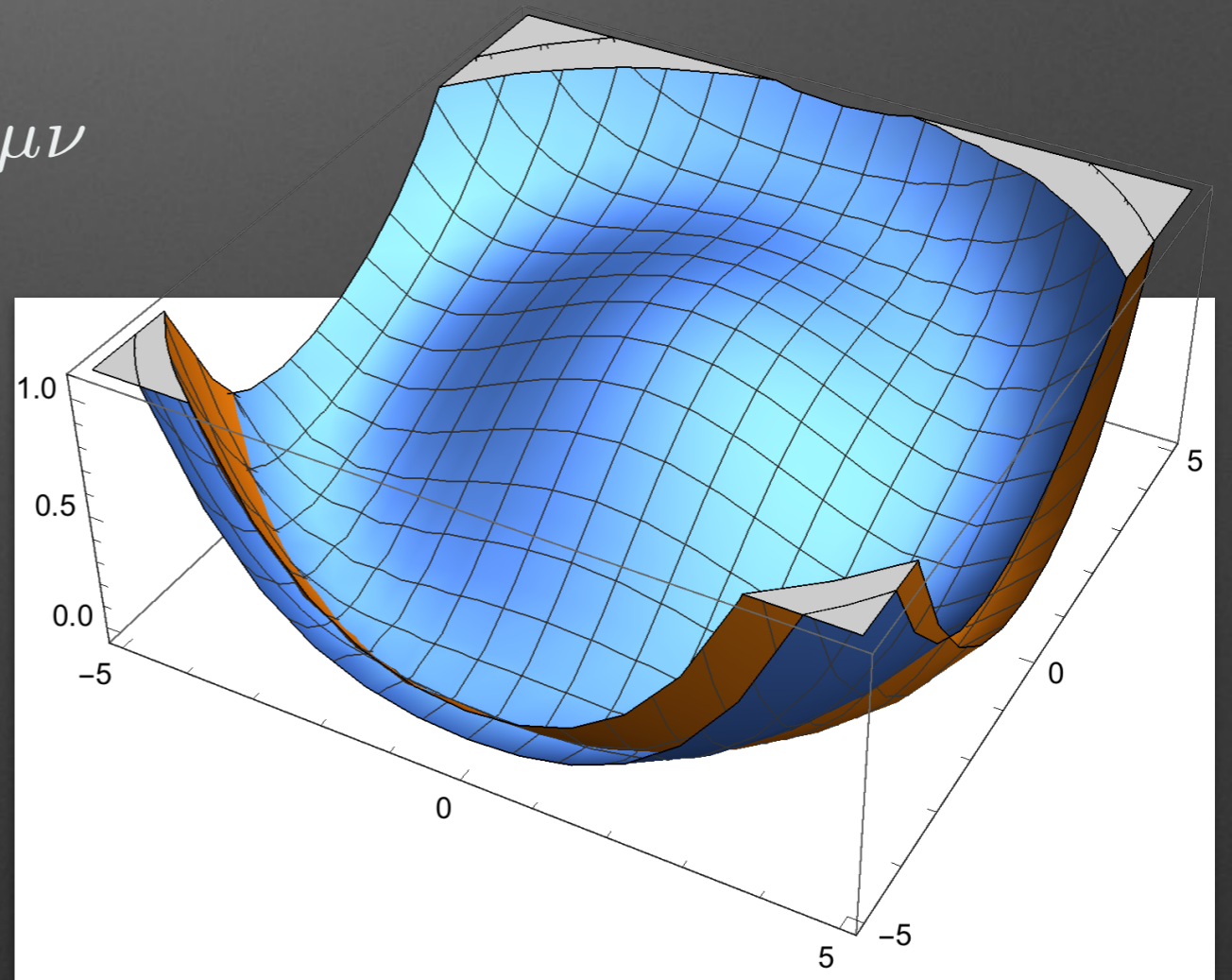
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**the COUNTER**  
CUSTOM BURGERS

**1 choose a PROTEIN**

- All Natural Beef
- Turkey
- Chicken Breast
- Housemade Vegan Veggie
- or a premium protein*
- Southern Fried Chicken + 2
- Organic Bison + 4
- Crab Cake + 6

**2 SIZE**

- 1/3 lb 10.5
- 1/2 lb 13.5
- 1 lb 19.5

**3 choose a STYLE**

*on a bun* — (OR) — *on fresh greens +1*

- Brioche
- Multigrain
- Hawaiian + .5
- English Muffin
- Ciabatta (Vegan) + .5
- Gluten-Free + 1.5
- Lettuce Blend
- Organic Mixed Greens
- Baby Spinach
- Kale

**4 choose a CHEESE**

- Tillamook Cheddar
- Provolone
- American
- Swiss
- Gruyère
- Smoked Gouda
- Feta
- Mozzarella
- Herbed Goat Cheese
- Brie
- Jalapeño Jack
- Danish Bleu Cheese
- Pimento Cheese
- Cheeseless

*extra cheese +1*

**5 choose a SAUCE, AIOLI or DRESSING**

- Garlic Aioli
- Chipotle Aioli
- Horseradish Aioli
- Korean Chili Aioli
- Hickory BBQ
- Steak Sauce
- The Counter Relish
- Spicy Tomato Jam
- Apricot Sauce
- Sweet Sriracha
- House Mustard
- Hot Wing Sauce
- Just Mayo
- Dijon Balsamic
- Lemon Vinaigrette
- Ginger Soy Vinaigrette
- Basil Pesto
- Buttermilk Ranch
- Honey Dijon
- Thousand Island
- Caesar
- Sauceless

*sauce flight 3 for + .75*

**6 choose your TOPPINGS**

- Lettuce Blend
- Organic Mixed Greens
- Kale
- Baby Spinach
- Tomatoes
- Roasted Grape Tomatoes
- Dried Cranberries
- Cucumbers
- Carrot Strings
- Alfalfa Sprouts
- Red Onions
- Grilled Red Onions
- Scallions
- Hard-Boiled Egg
- Fresh Jalapeños
- Dill Pickles
- Pepperoncinis
- Mixed Olives
- Roasted Red Peppers
- Grilled Anaheim Chiles
- Grilled Pineapple
- Roasted Corn & Black Bean Salsa
- Coleslaw
- Almonds
- Quinoa

**7 add-on PREMIUM TOPPINGS +1.25 each**

- Avocado
- Applewood Smoked Bacon
- Bacon Onion Marmalade
- Sautéed Mushrooms
- Sunny Side Up Egg
- Fried Onion Strings
- Beef Chili
- Turkey Chili
- Guacamole

**8 choose a SIDE +3.25 each**

- Shoestring Fries
- Sweet Potato Fries
- Veggie Skewers
- Side Salad
- Coleslaw
- Fried Onion St
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**CREATE YOUR OWN burger**

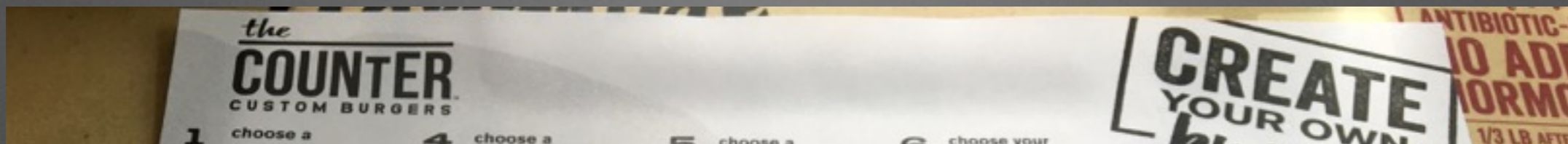
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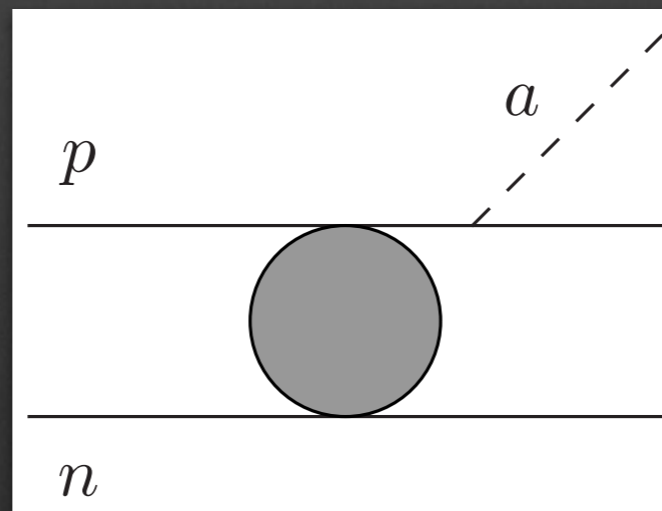


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helpfully, this is the same nucleon current that neutrinos couple to:

$$\mathcal{L} \sim G_F \bar{\nu} \gamma_\mu P_L \nu \bar{N} (C_V - C_A \gamma_5) \gamma^\mu N$$

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calculate axion rates using this  
Lagrangian and the improved matrix  
element for the nuclear spin flip rate

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# Power and Optical Depth

differential power  
is the integral of  
production rate:

$$\frac{dP}{dV} = \int \frac{d^3 k}{(2\pi)^3} \omega \Gamma_{\text{prod}}$$

not all power gets out  
because of a nonzero  
“optical” depth:

$$\tau = \int_r^{R_{\text{far}}} \Gamma_{\text{abs}}(r') dr'$$

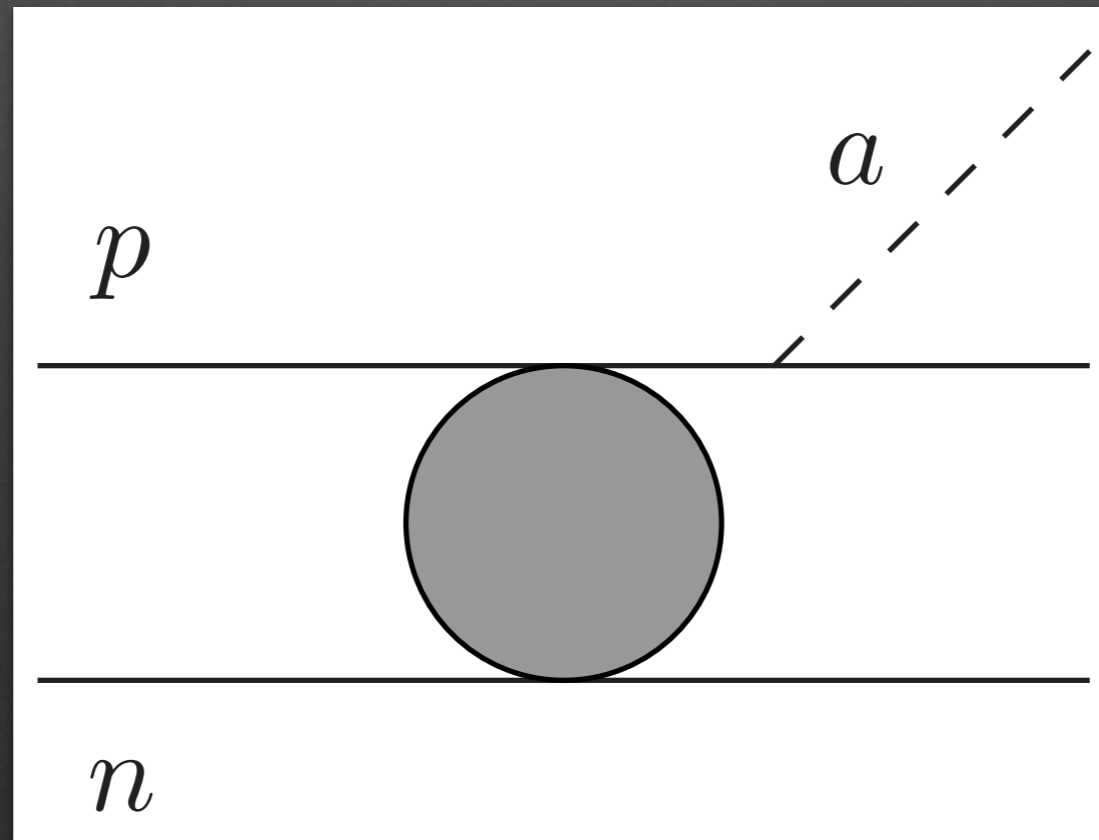
by detailed balance,  $\Gamma_{\text{prod}} = e^{-\omega/T} \Gamma_{\text{abs}}$ , so calculate  $\Gamma_{\text{abs}}$  only



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corrects rate to agree with N<sup>3</sup>LO  $\chi$ EFT calc.

series of papers by Schwenk, Pethick, and many collaborators:  
0812.0102, 1112.5185, 1403.4114, 1608.05037

$J (2\pi)^3$

sec

$C_{\text{KSVZ}}^2$

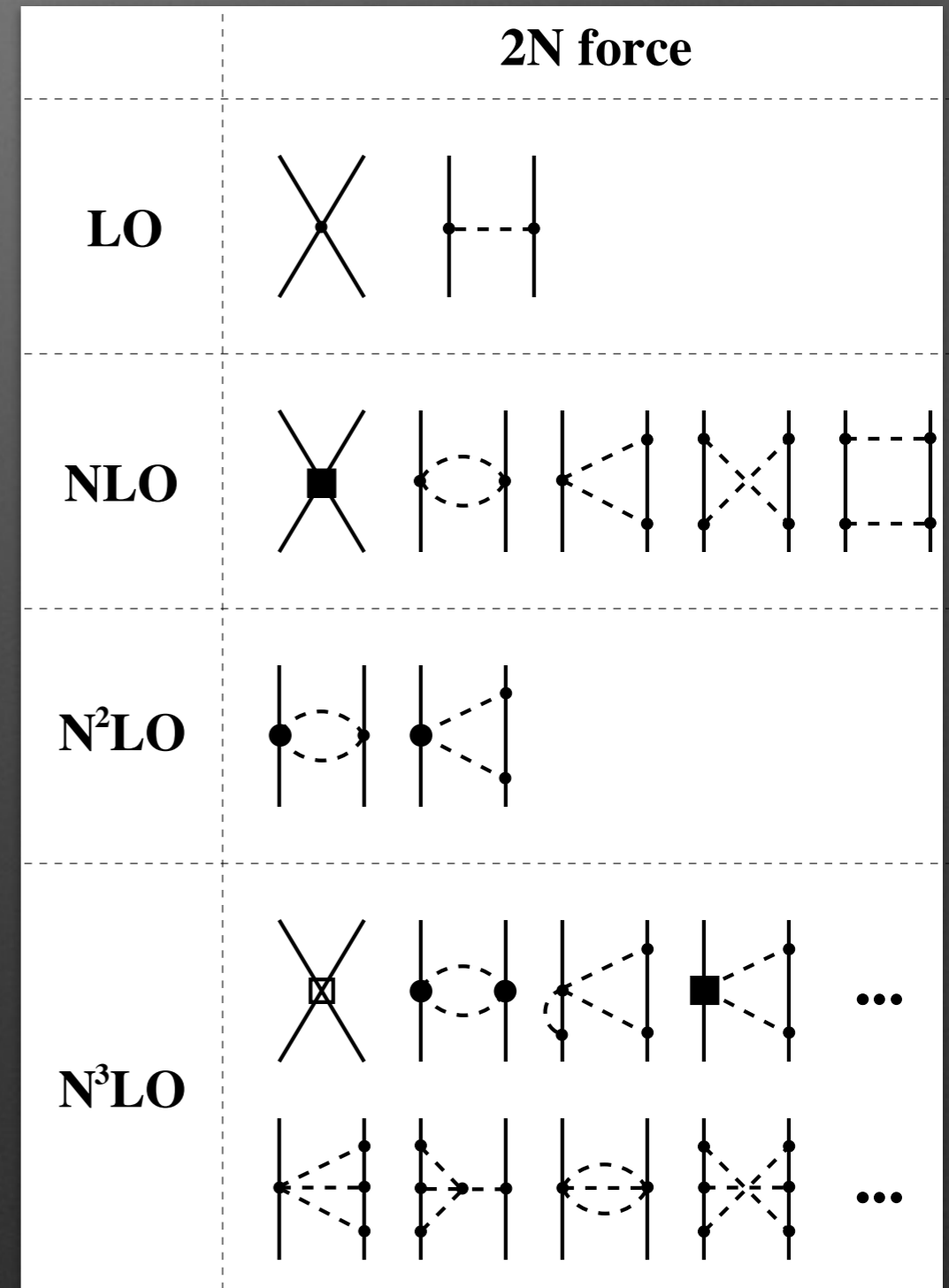
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# $\chi$ EFT (& what is $\gamma_\chi$ ?)

Epelbaum 1001.3229

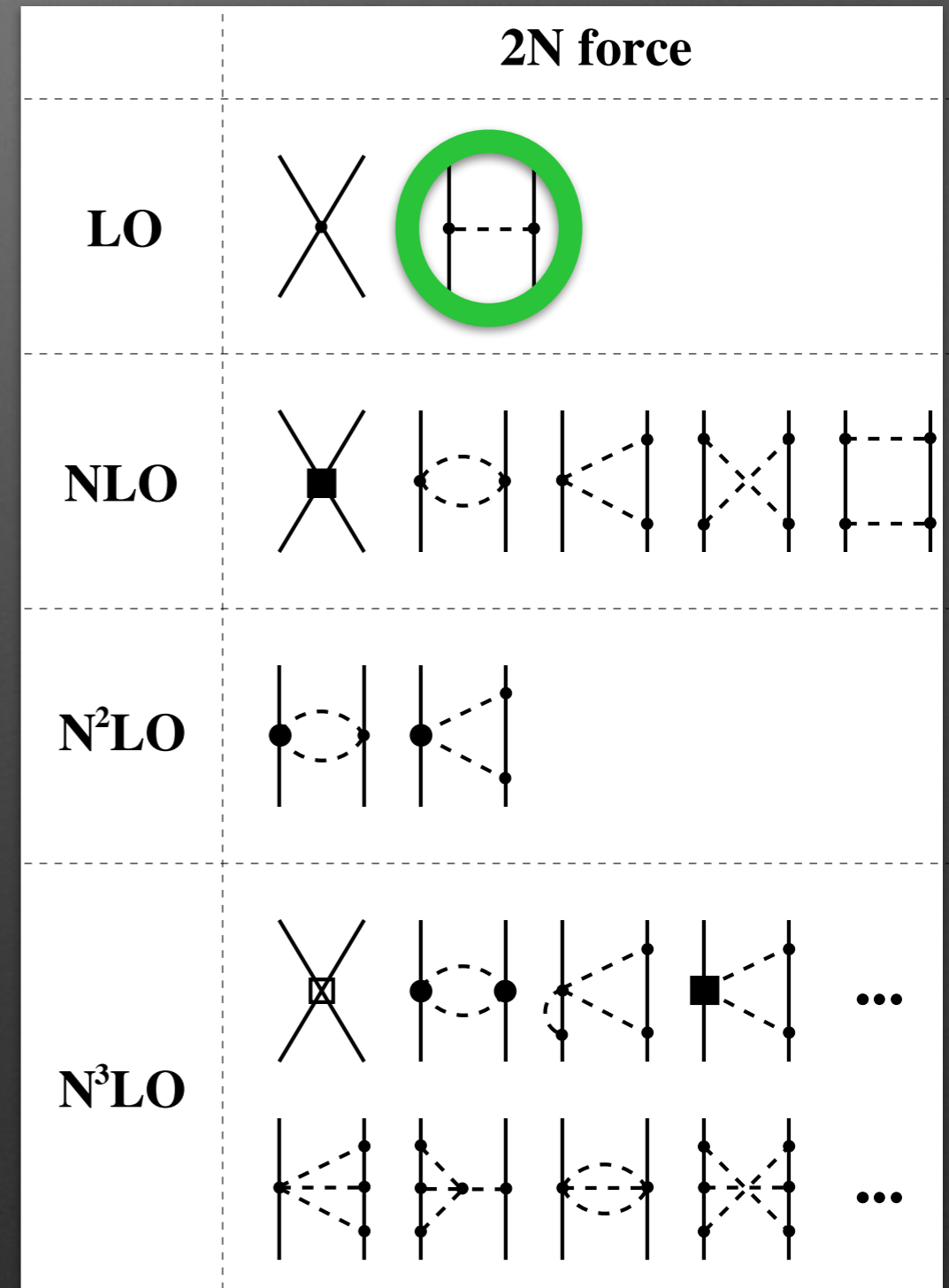
- $\gamma_\chi$  summarizes  $\chi$ EFT calculations
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# $\chi$ EFT (& what is $\gamma_\chi$ ?)

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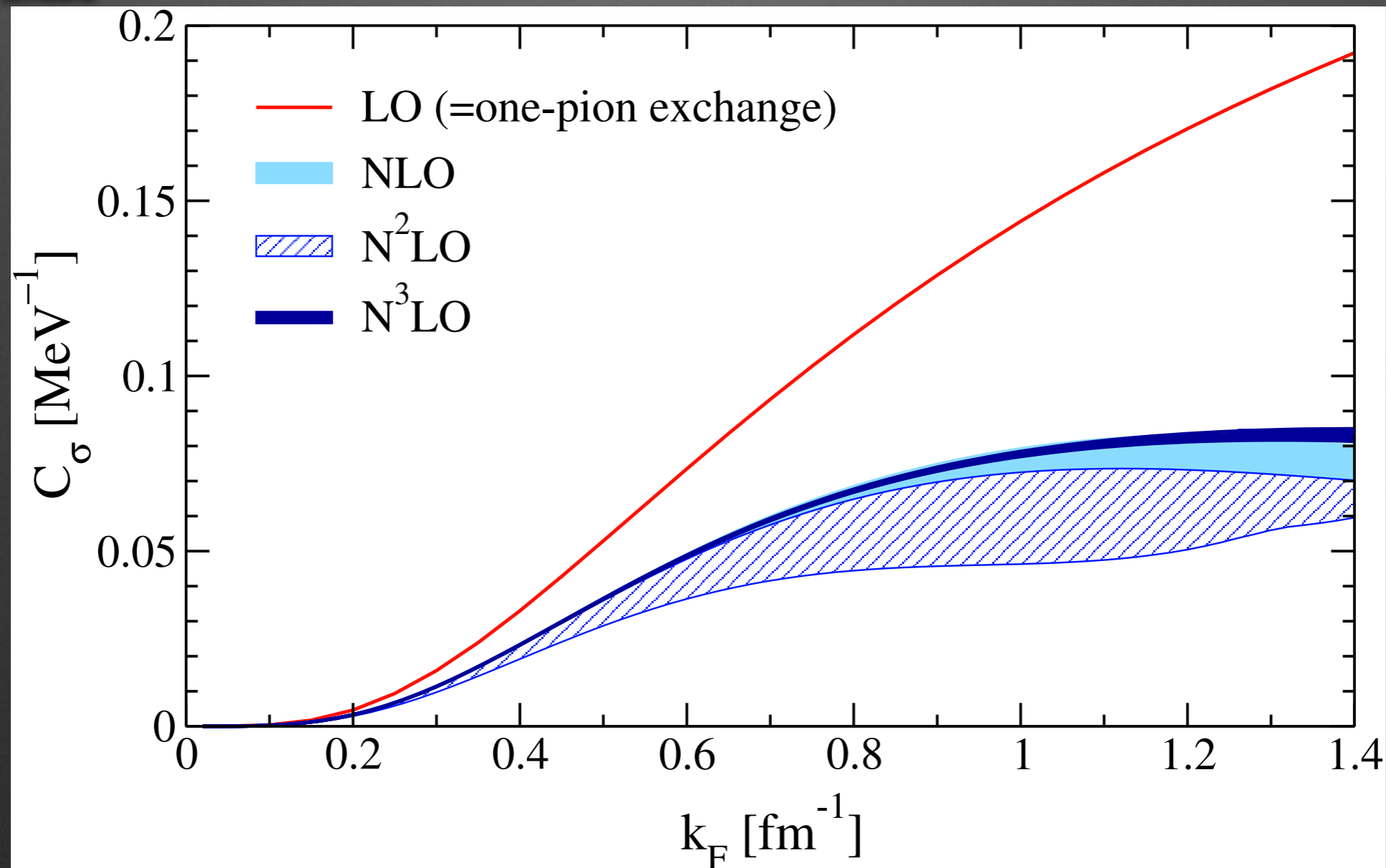
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# Cancellation in $\chi$ EFT

Stable cancellation; seen first at NLO

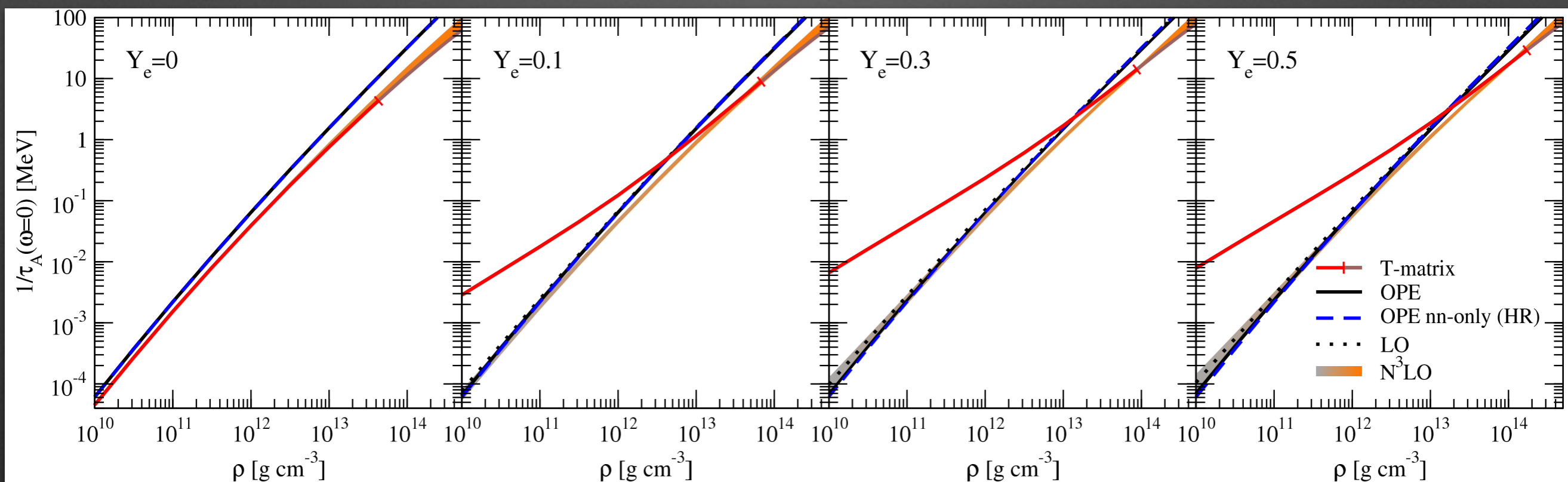
Bacca, Hally, Pethick, Schwenk  
0812.0102





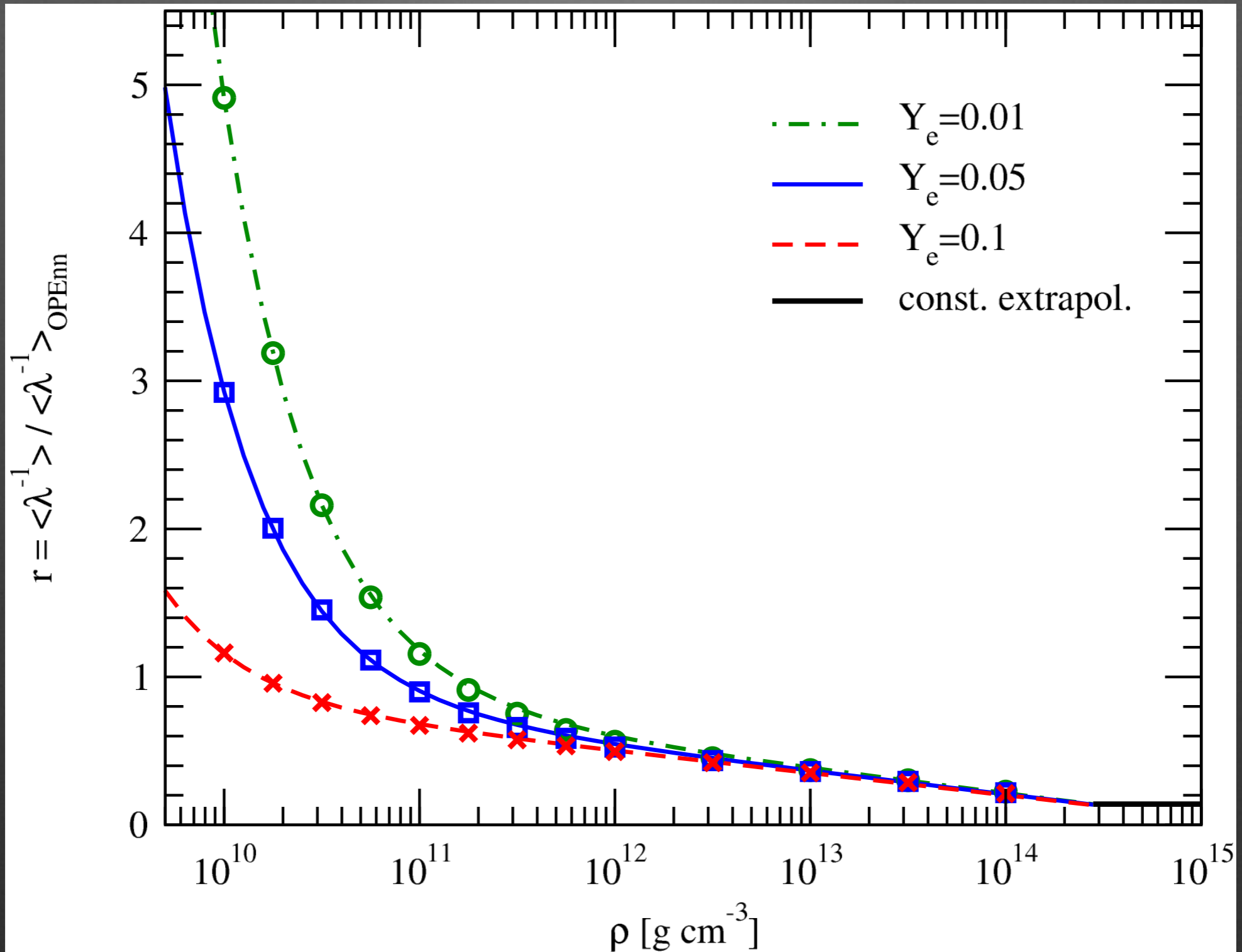
# Dependence on Density and $Y_p$

Nontrivial dependence on proton number  
(deuteron production resonance):



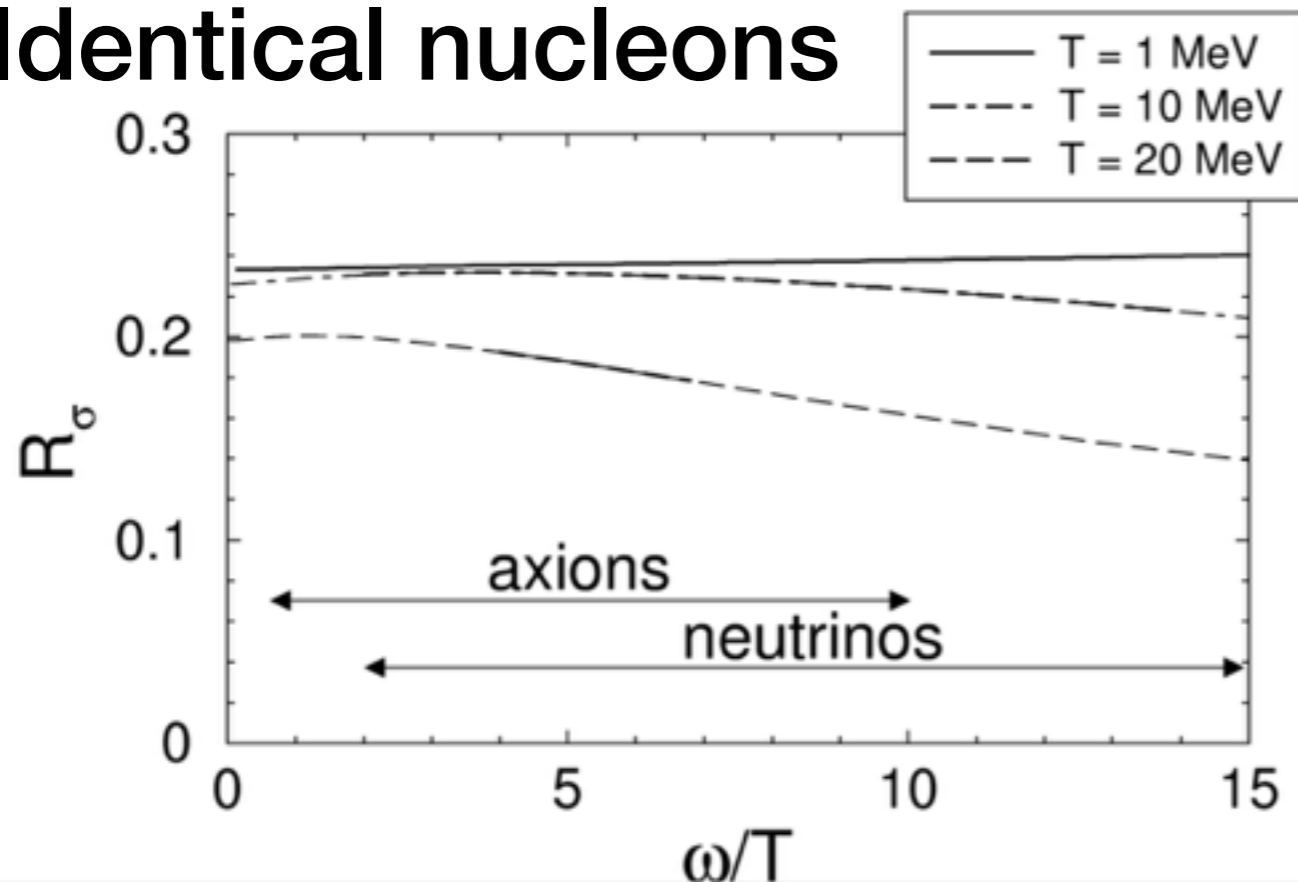
# Ratio vs the LO result

Bartl, Bollig,  
Janka, Schwenk  
1608.05037



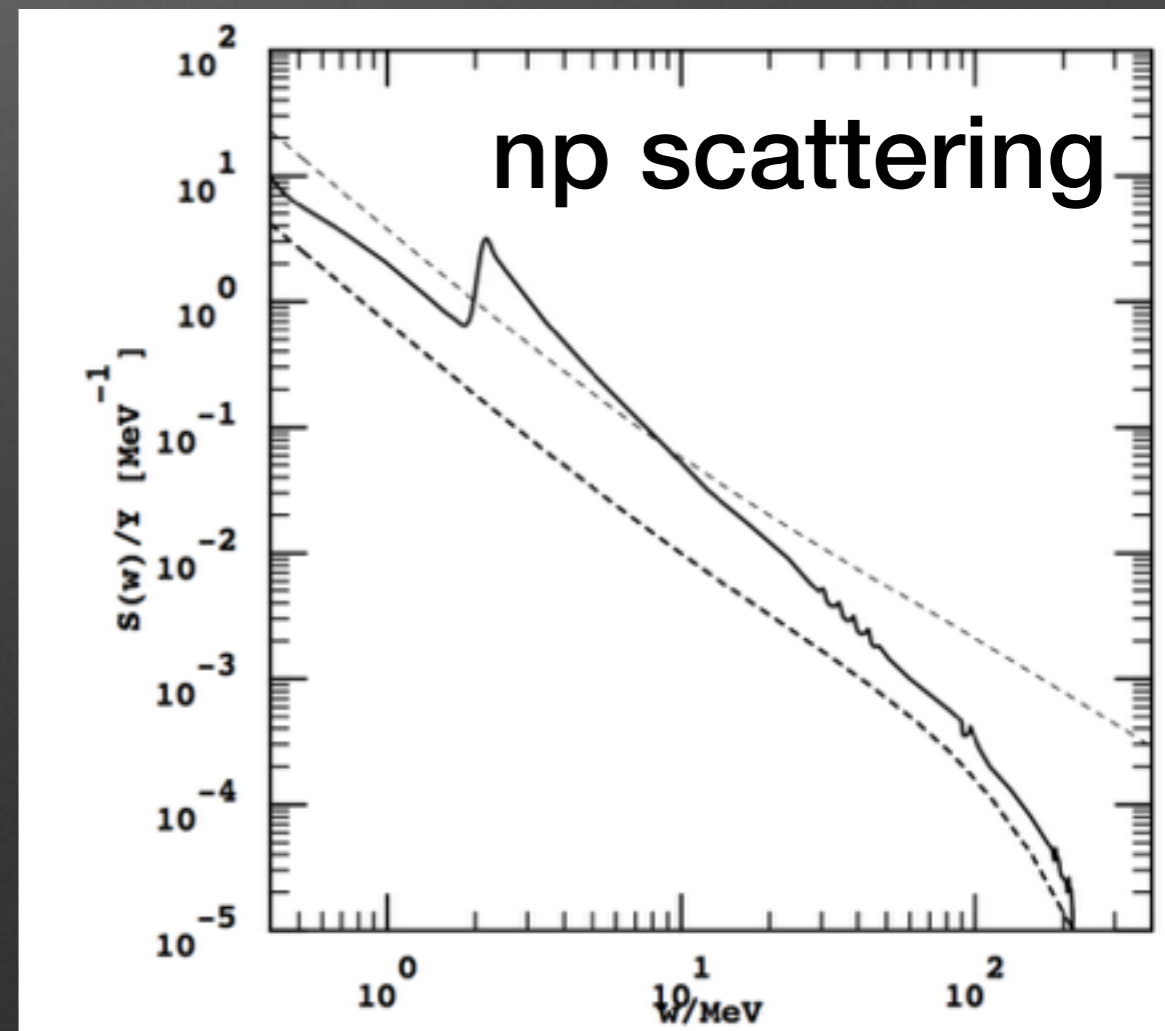
# Similar physics known for $\sim O(20 \text{ years})$

## Identical nucleons



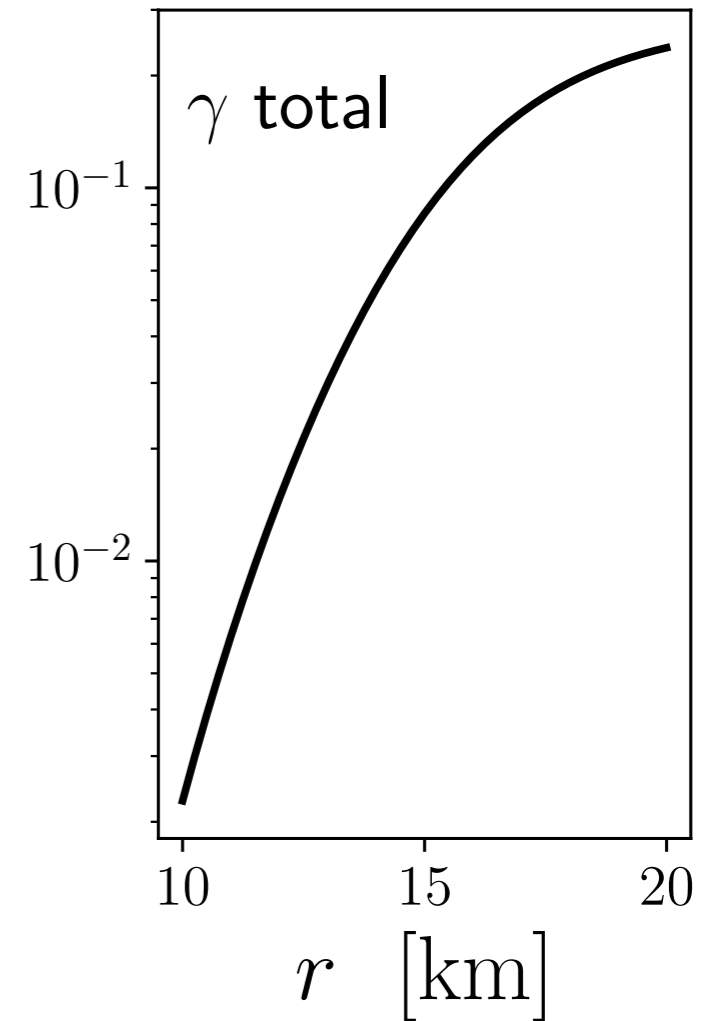
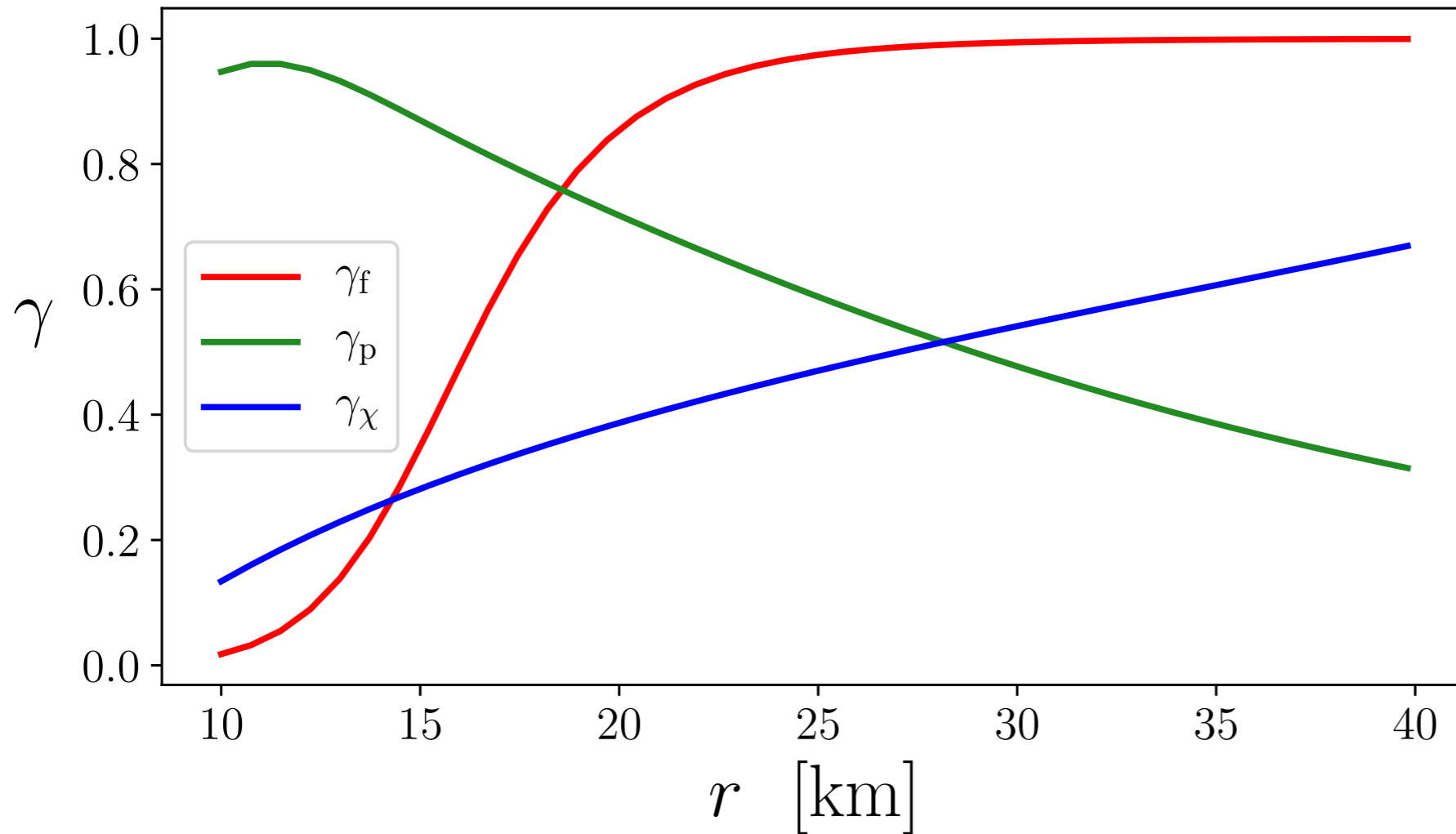
Hanhart, Phillips,  
Reddy 2000

Sigl 1997



# Correction Factors

$$\Gamma_a^{ij} = \frac{C_i^2 Y_i Y_j}{4f_a^2} \frac{\omega}{2} \frac{n_B^2 \sigma_{np\pi}}{\omega^2} \gamma_f \gamma_p \gamma_\chi$$



# Supernova Thermo

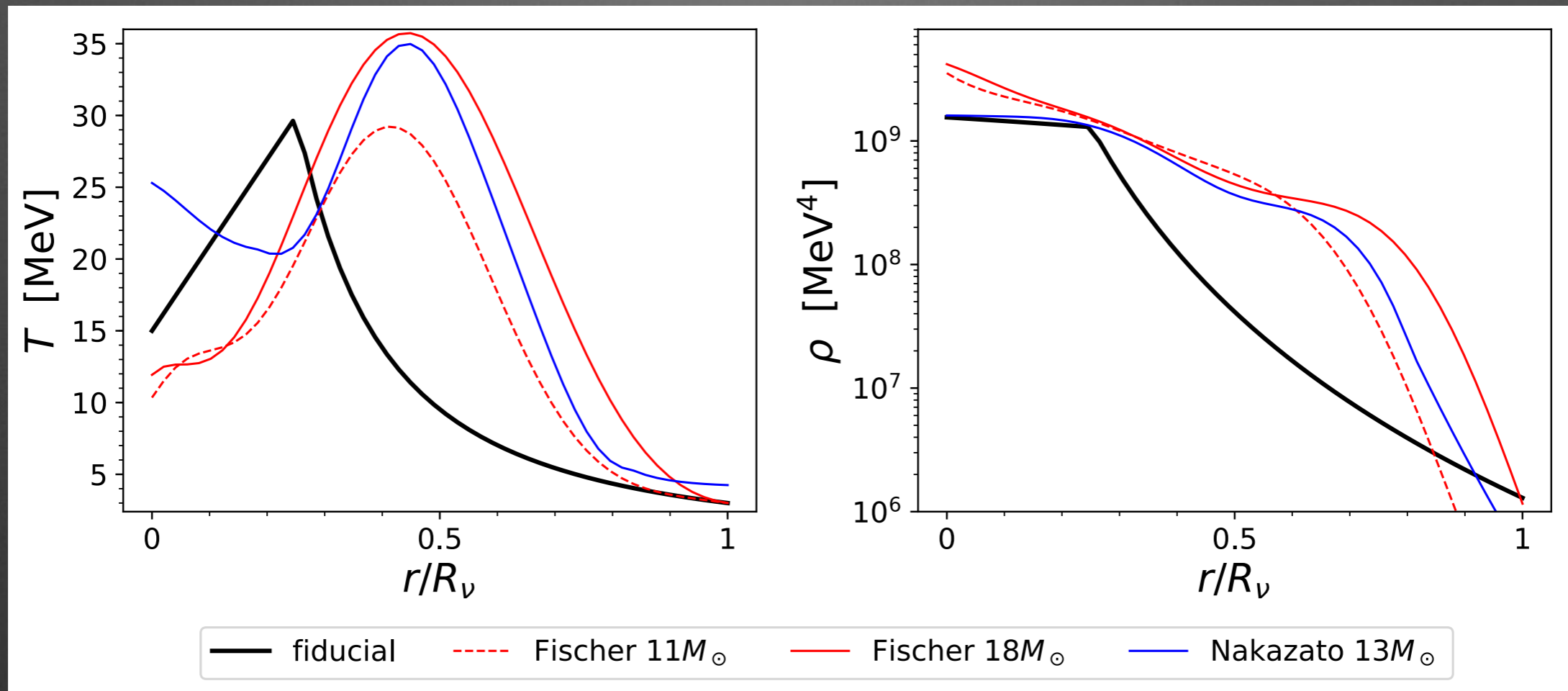
$$\rho_c \approx m_N(100 \text{ MeV})^3, \quad T_c = 30 \text{ MeV}, \quad Y_p \approx 0.3$$

$$\rho(r) = \rho_c \times \begin{cases} 1 + k_\rho(1 - r/R_c) & r < R_c \\ (r/R_c)^{-\nu} & r \geq R_c \end{cases}$$
$$T(r) = T_c \times \begin{cases} 1 + k_T(1 - r/R_c) & r < R_c \\ (r/R_c)^{-\nu/3} & r \geq R_c \end{cases}$$

“fiducial model”  
(Raffelt, 1995)

# Uncertainties

“fiducial model” differs from sims by  $\sim O(\text{few})$ :



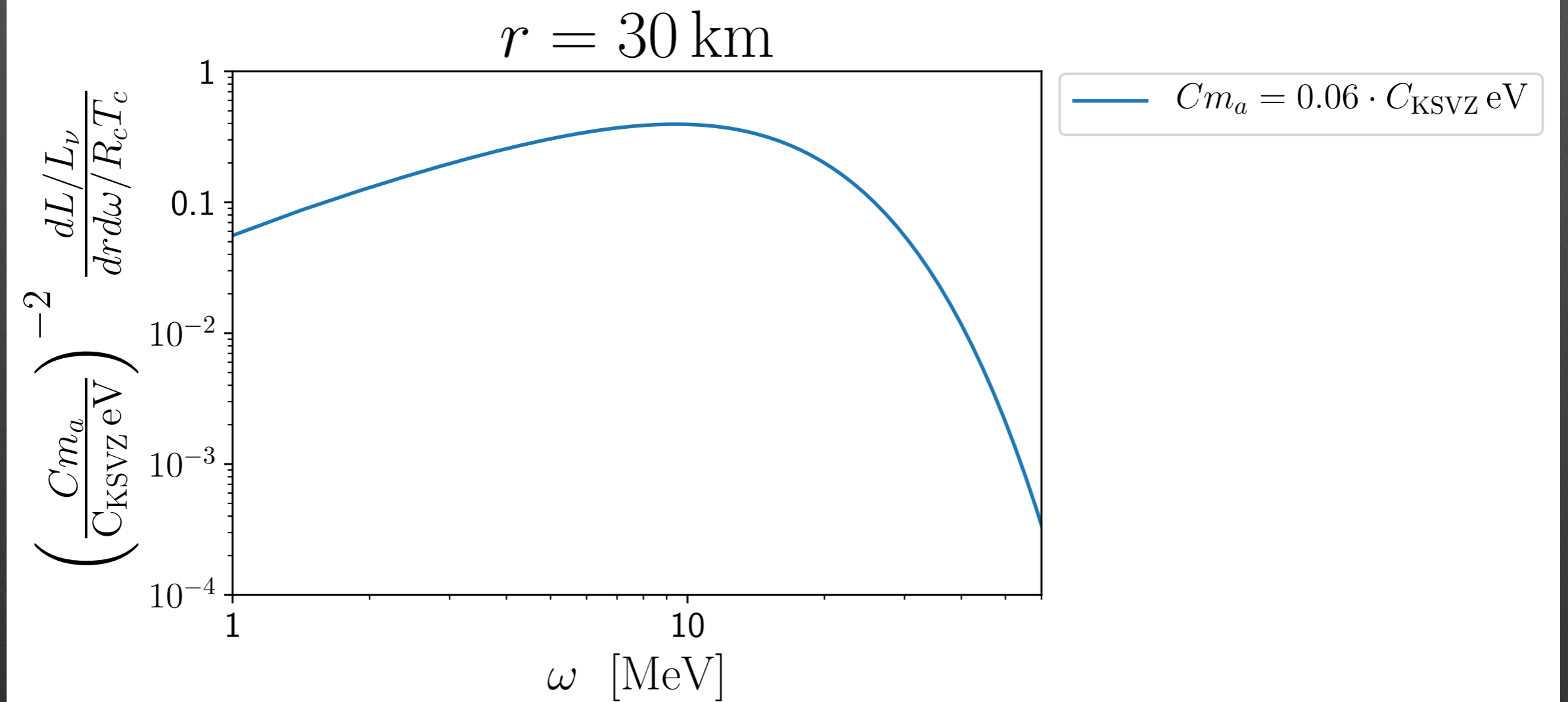
value of  $R_f$  (important for optical depth,  $\tau(r) = \int_r^{R_f} \Gamma'(r') dr'$ )

| Possible values for $R_{\text{far}}$ | distance |
|--------------------------------------|----------|
| $R_{\text{gain}}$                    | 100 km   |
| $R_{\text{shock}}$                   | 1000 km  |

both  $\tau$  and  $dP$  depend on  $\omega$  and  $r$ , so the spectrum of dark photon emission is nontrivial

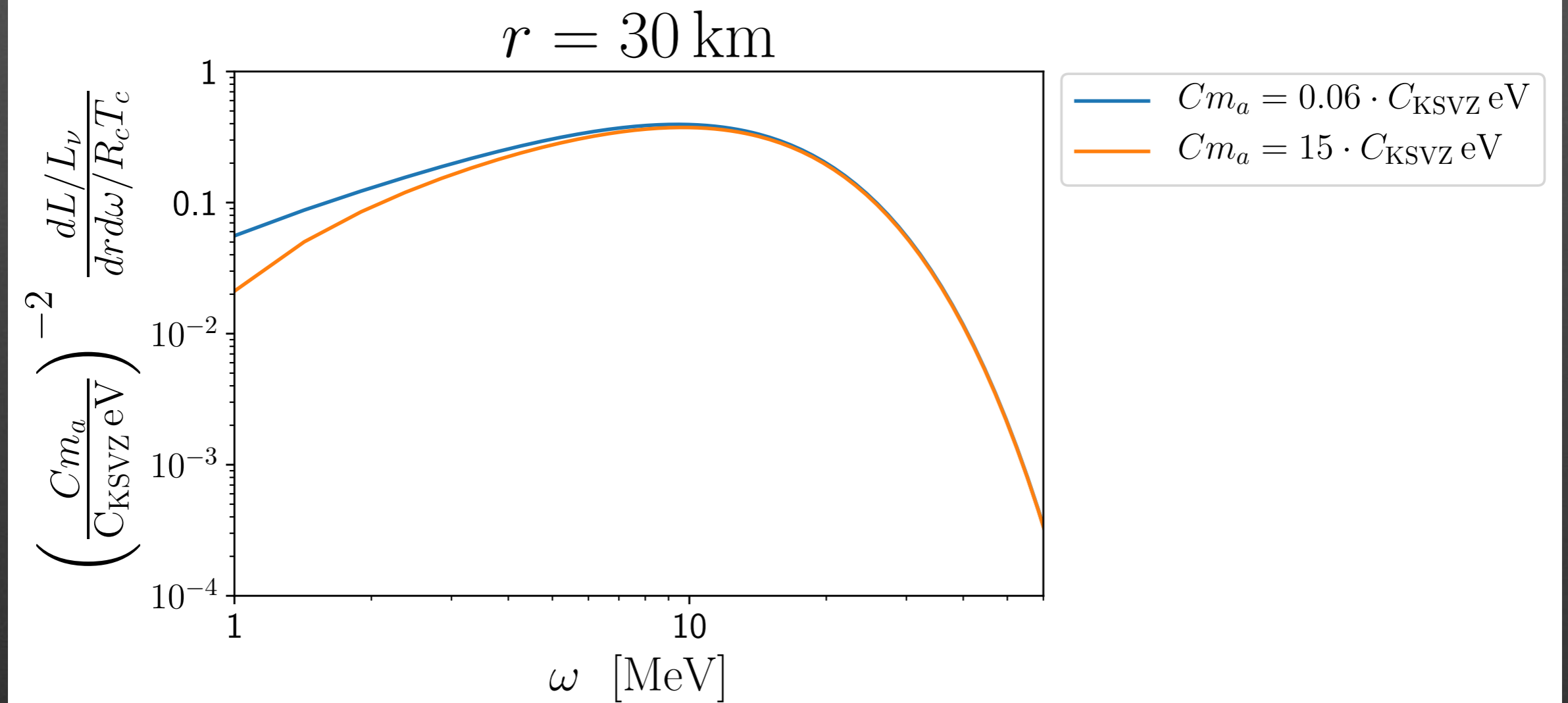
Let's examine  $dL/dV/d\omega$  vs  $\omega$   
(at e.g. core radius)

# $dL/dr/d\omega$ (rescaled)

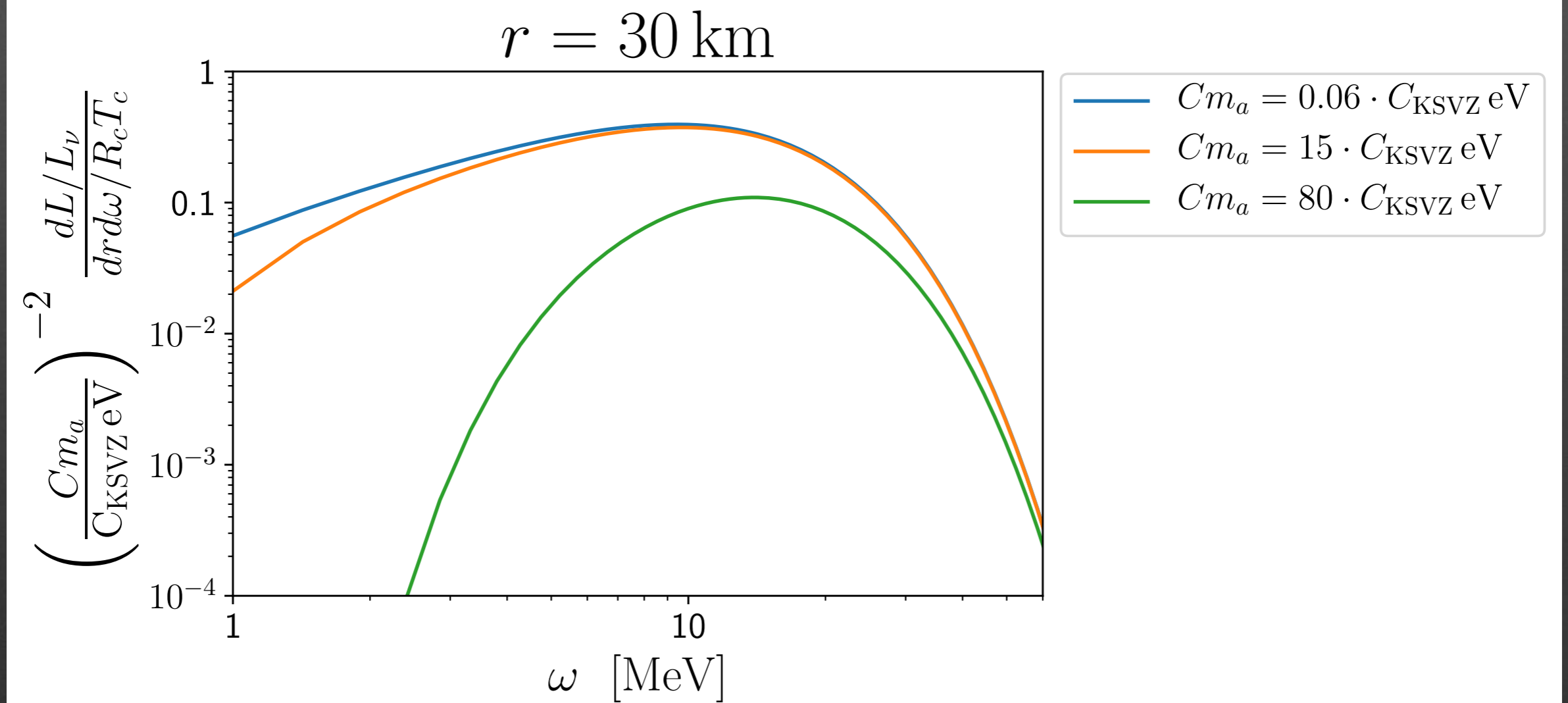




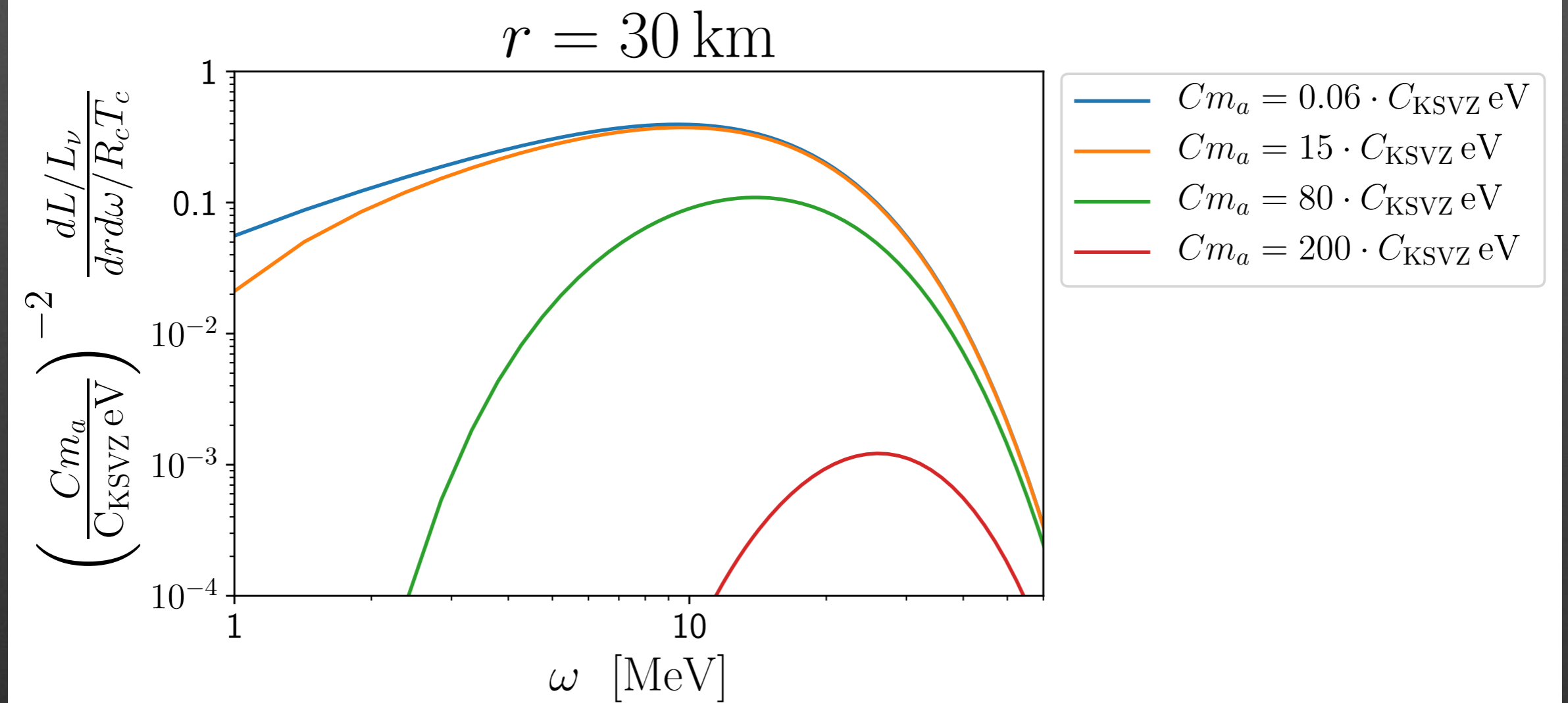
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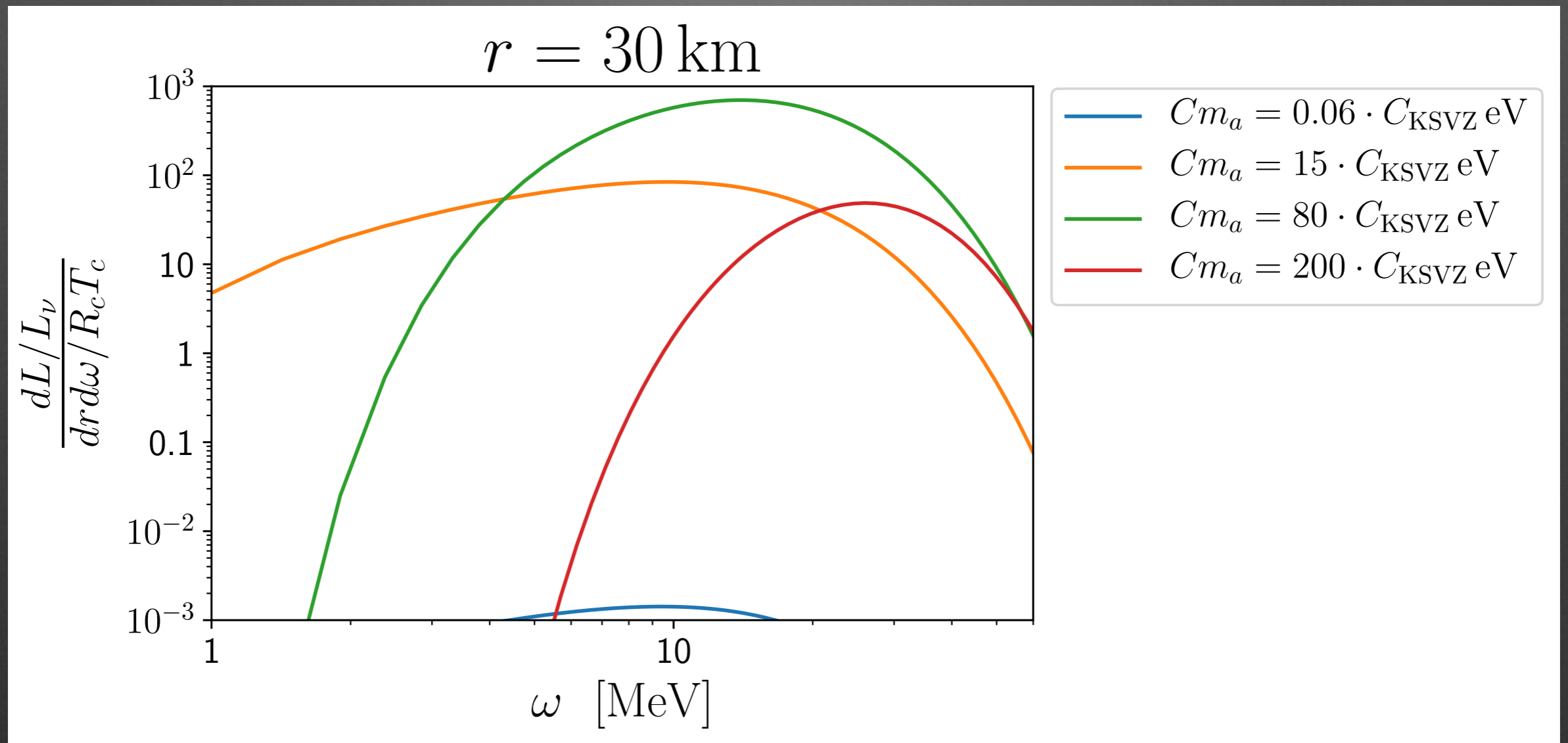
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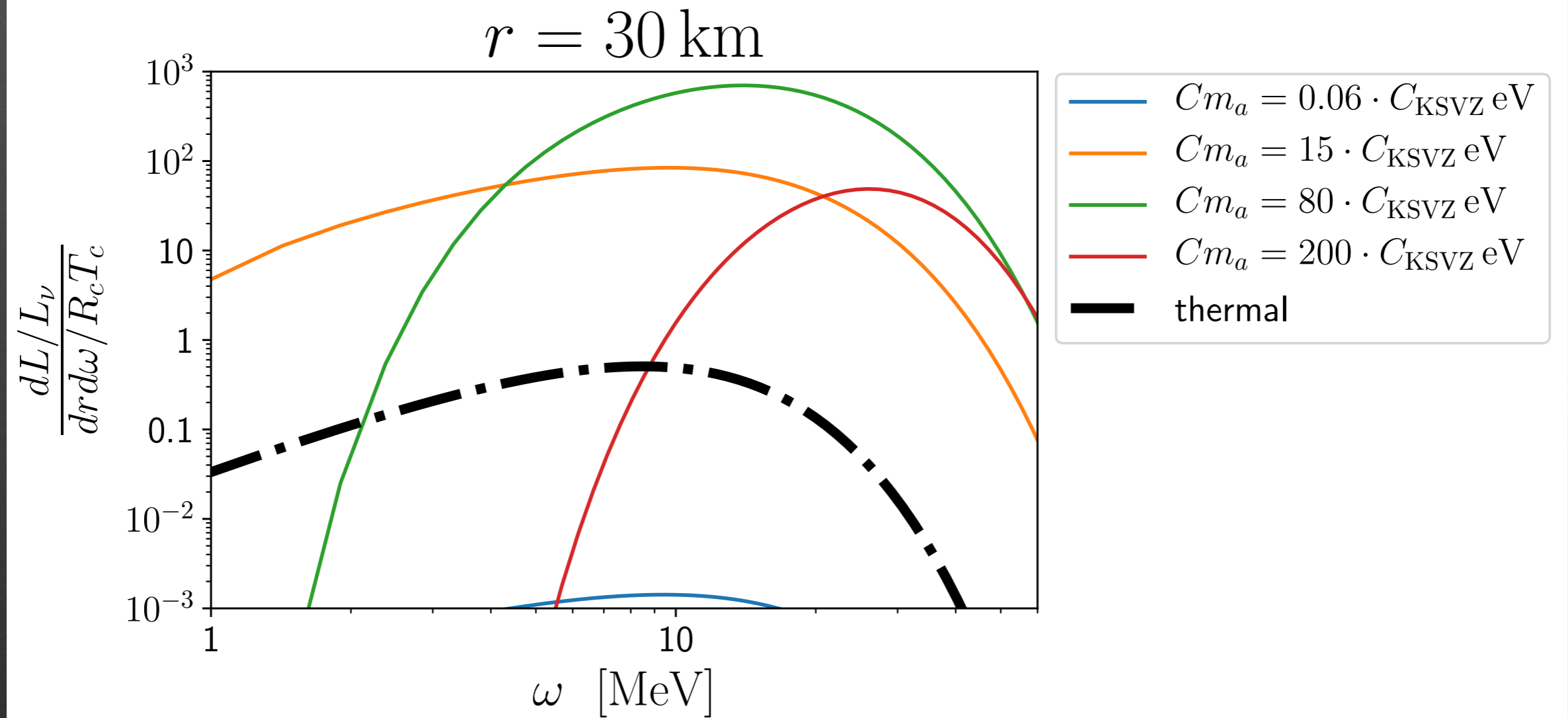
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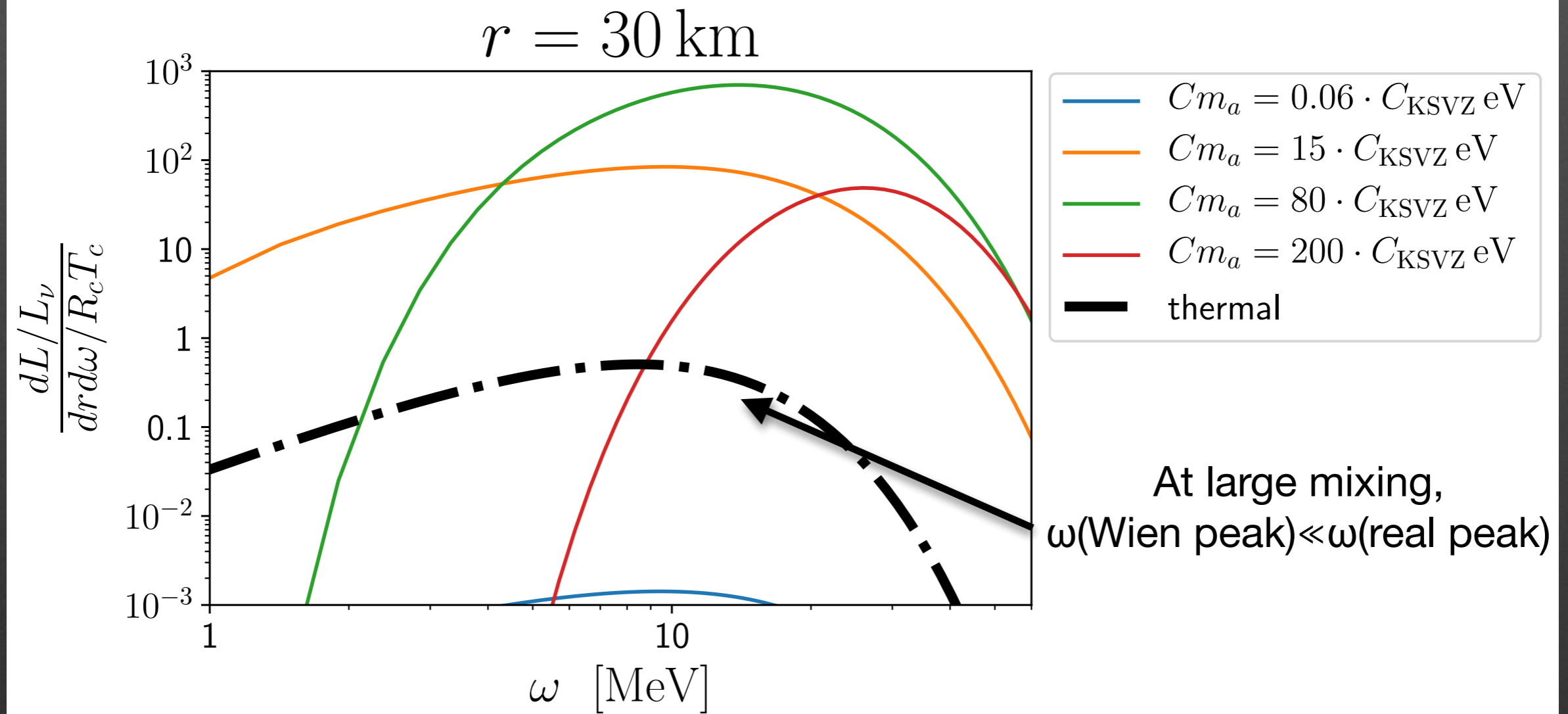
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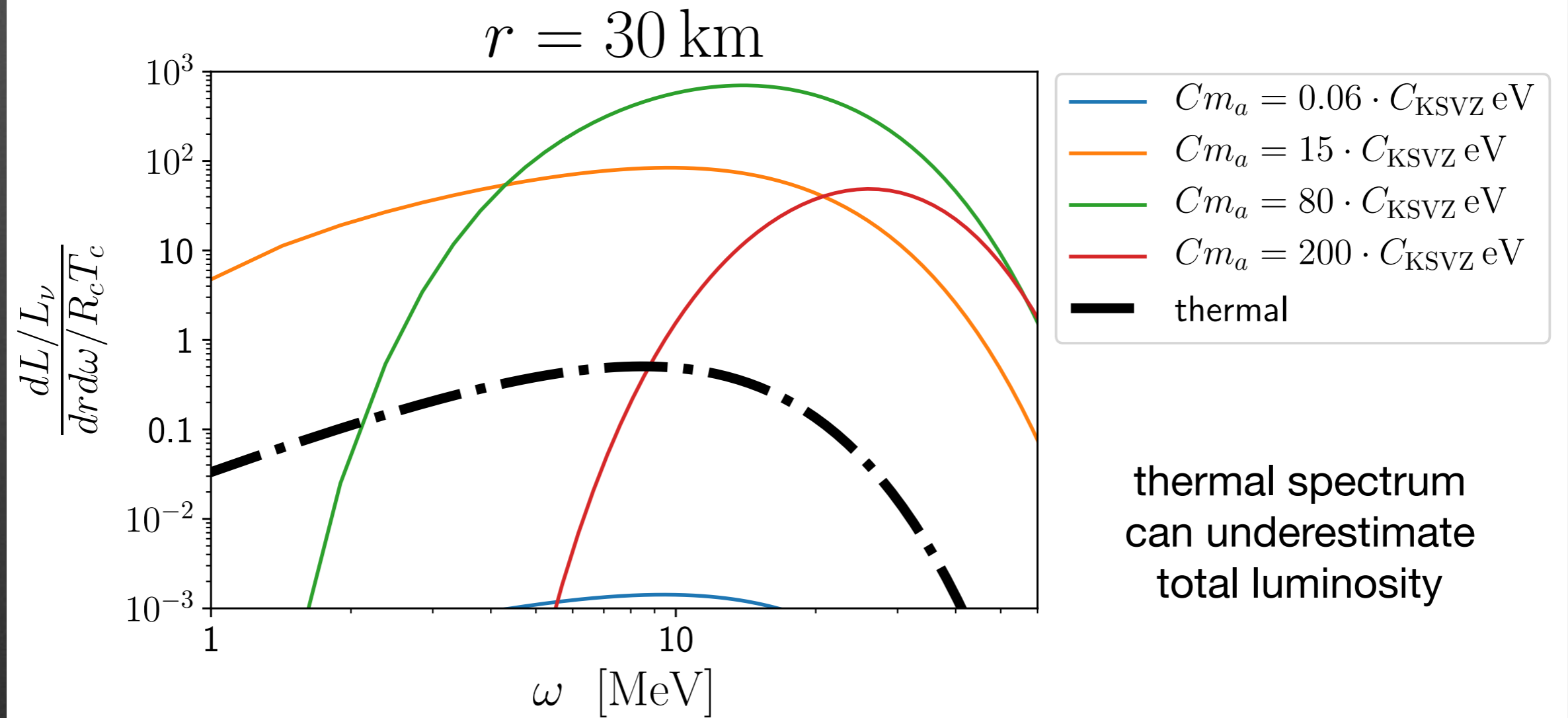
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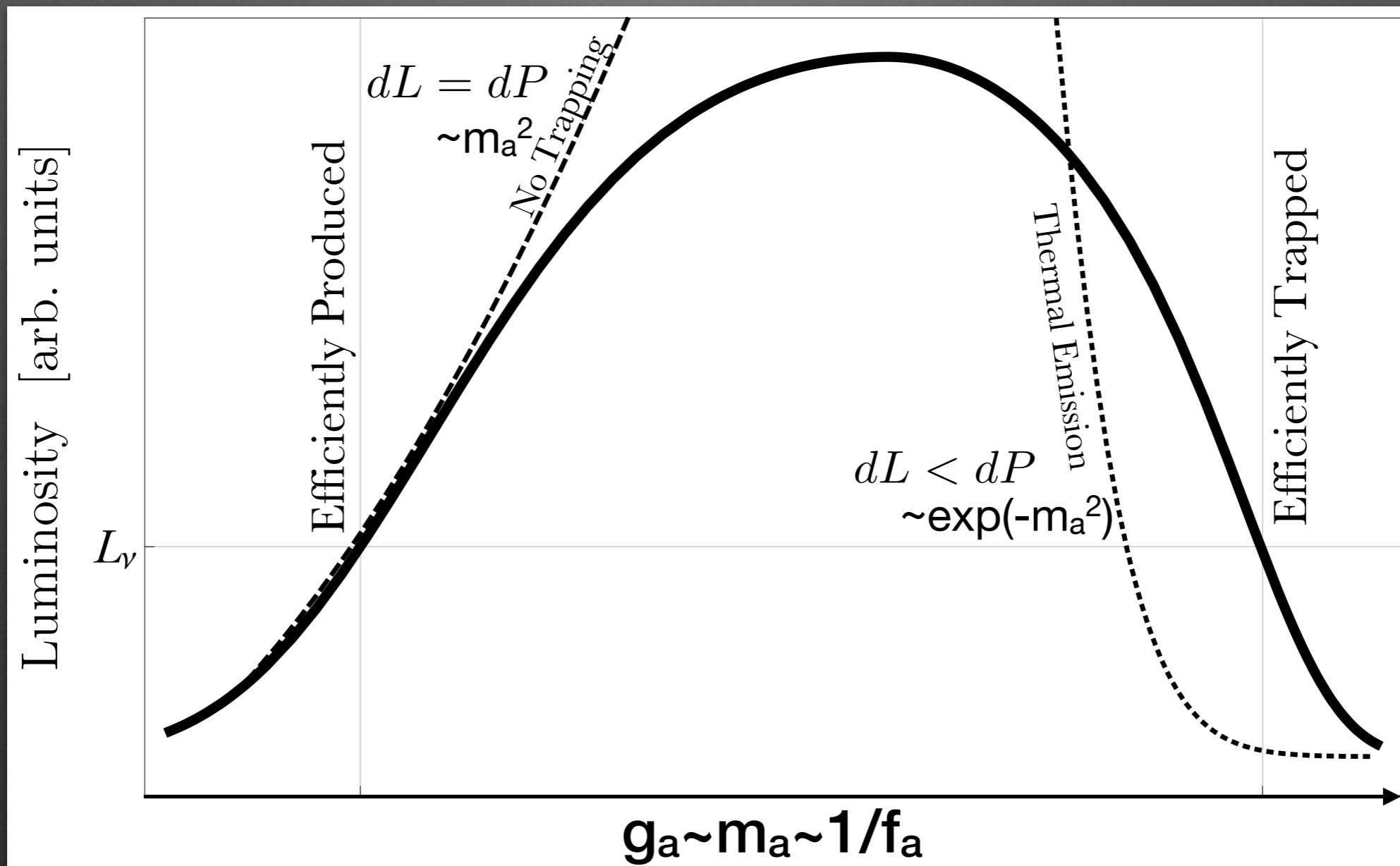
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$$dL = e^{-\tau} dP$$

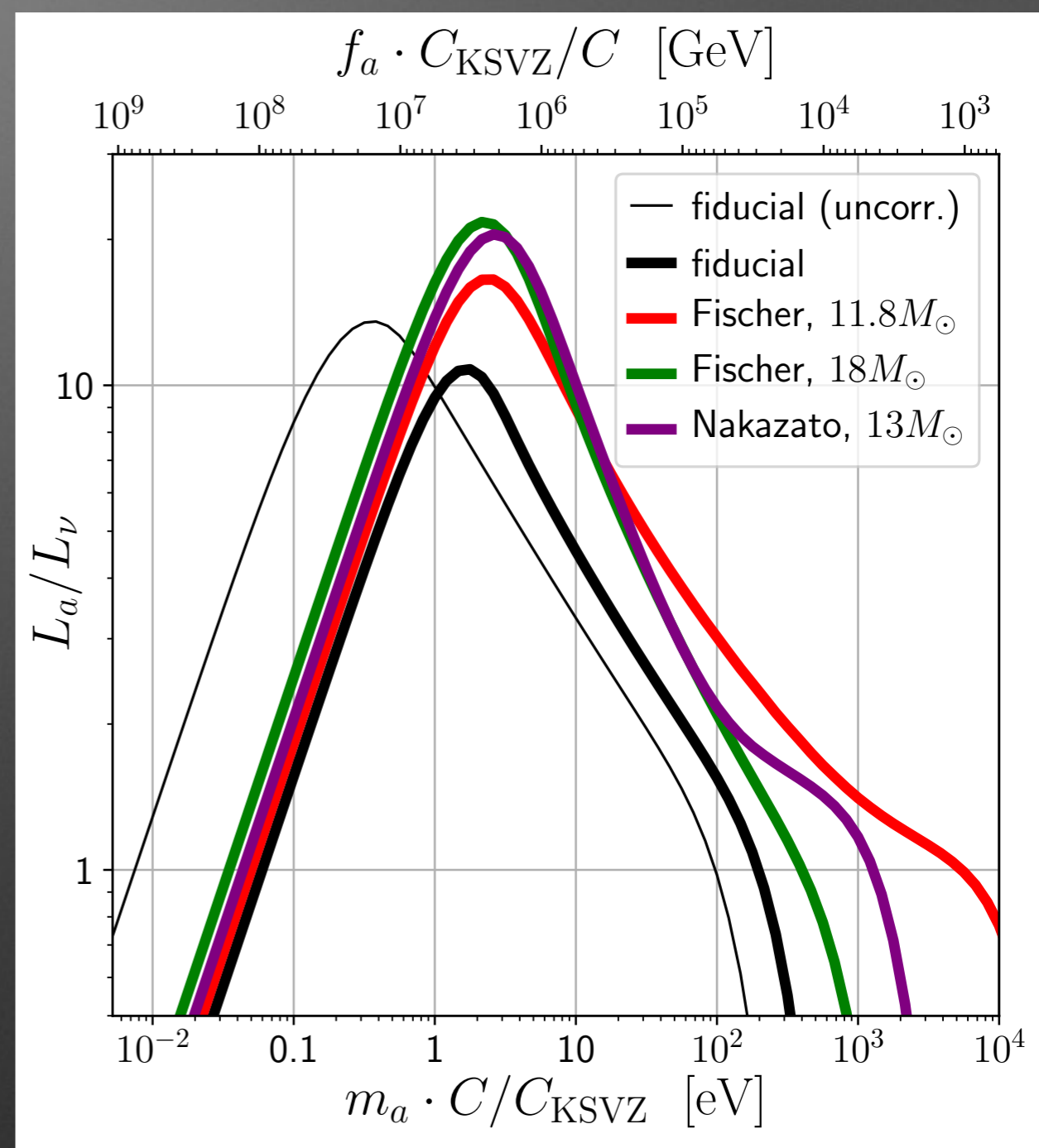
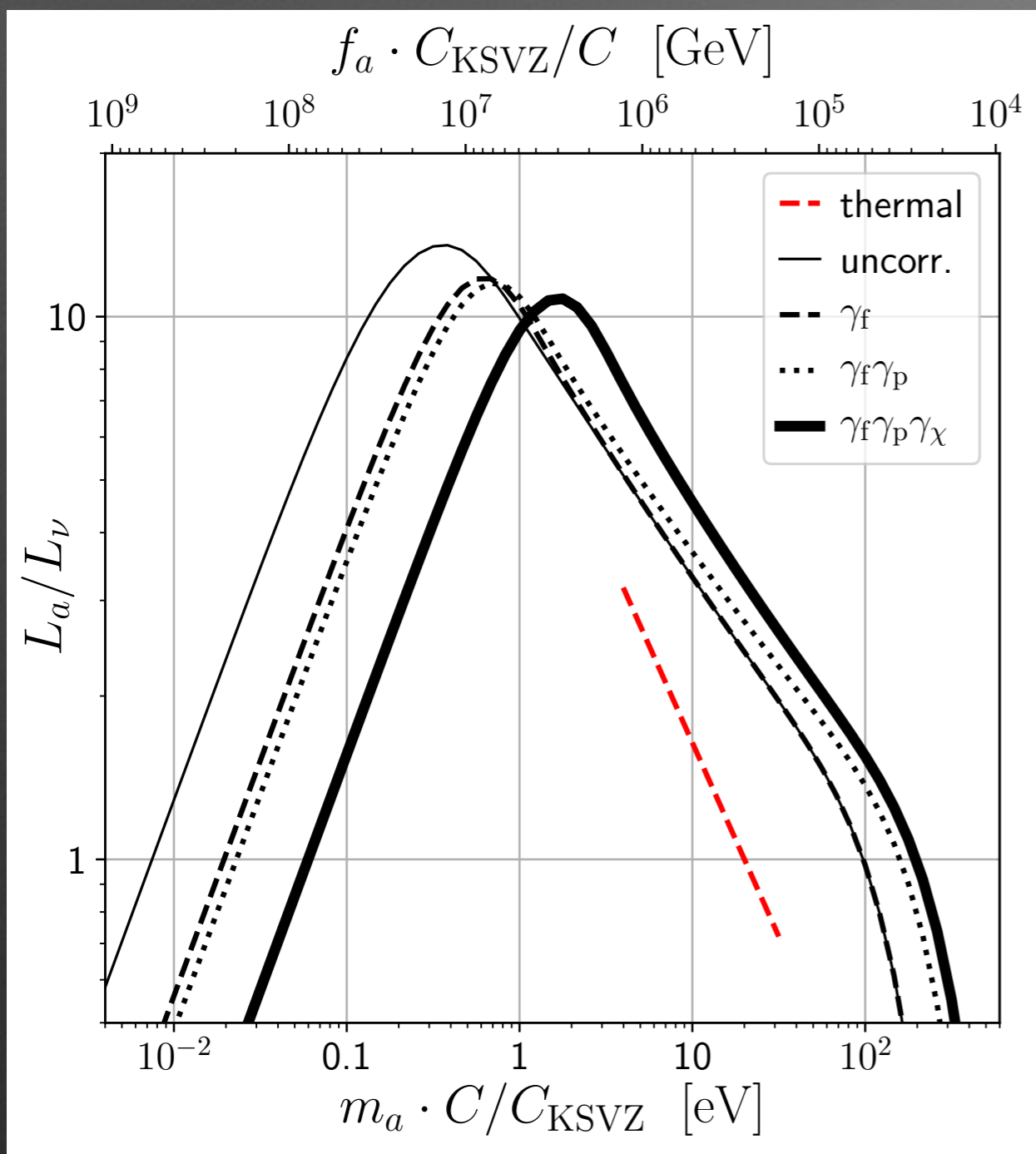




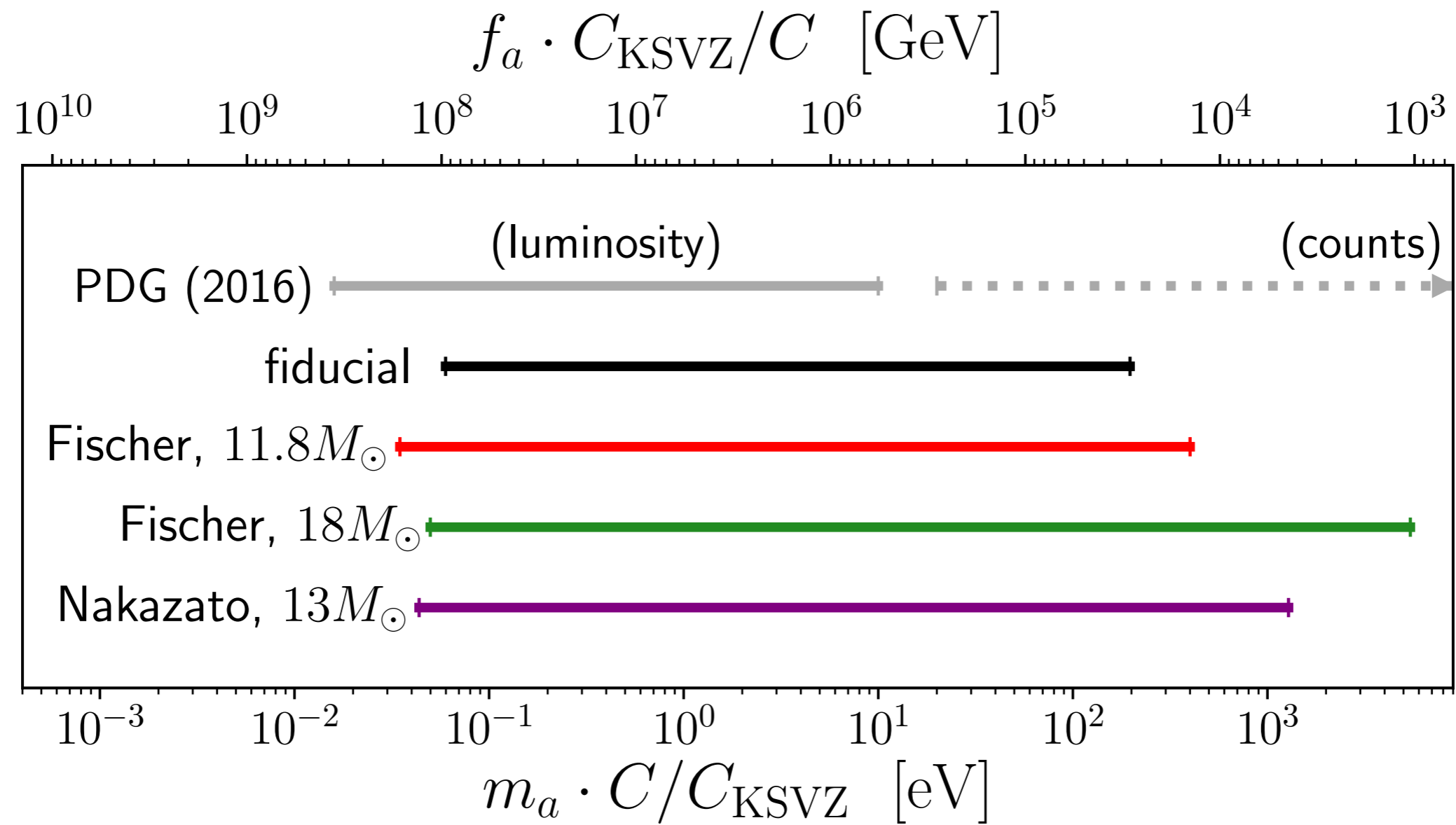
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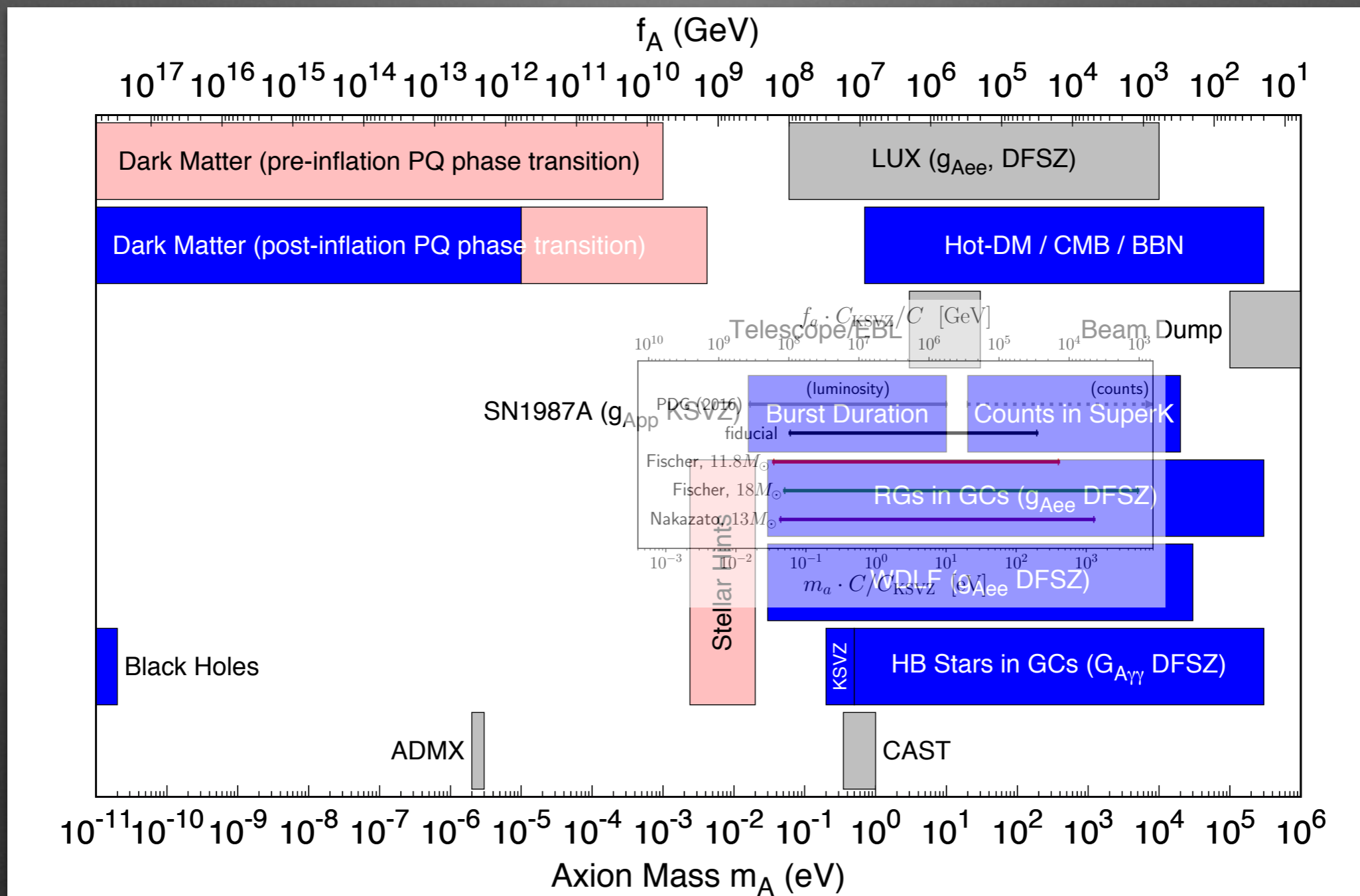
# Luminosity vs. Coupling



# Constraints



# Hadronic Axion



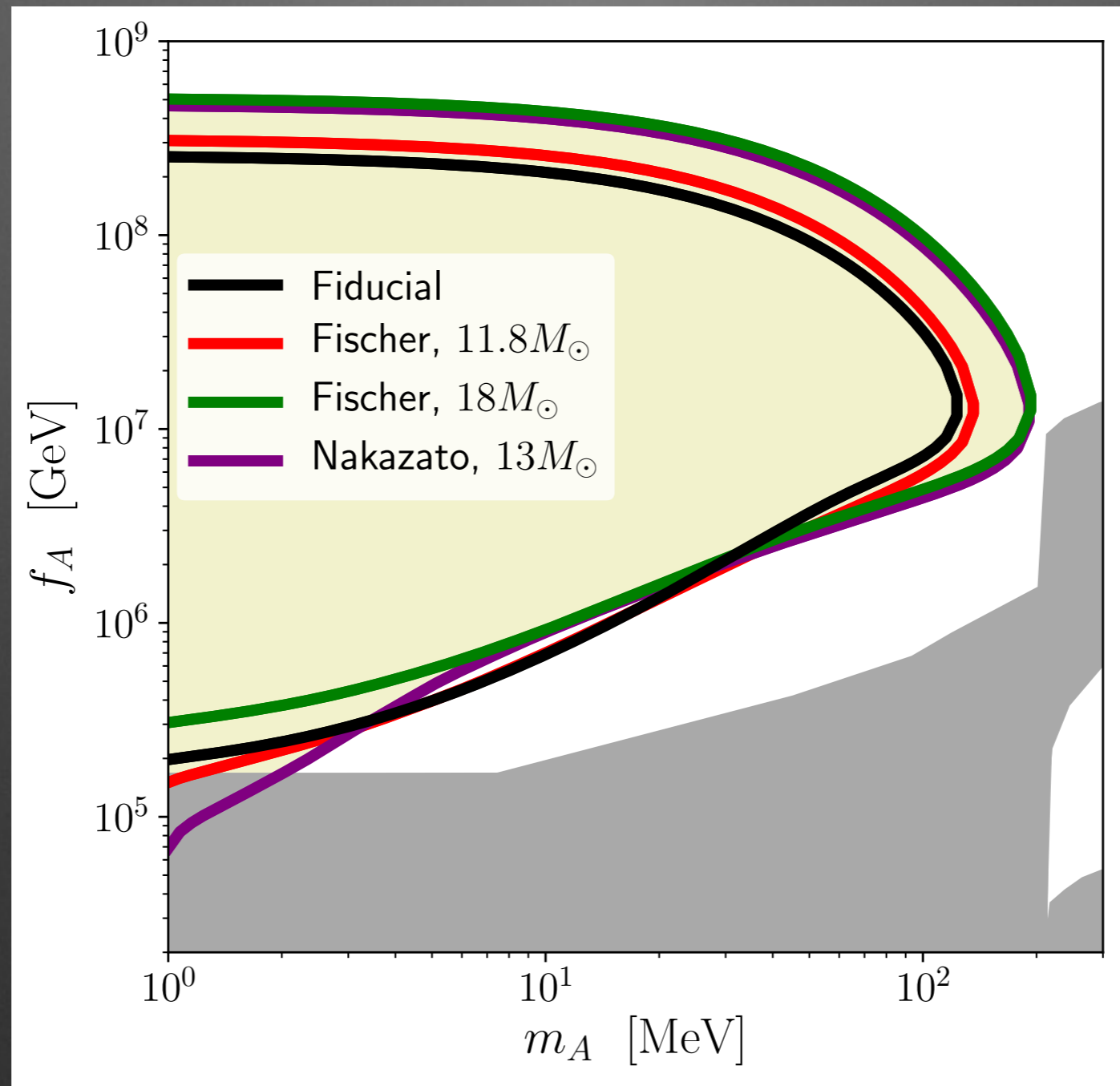
“hadronic axion window” seems to be ruled out

**Thanks!**

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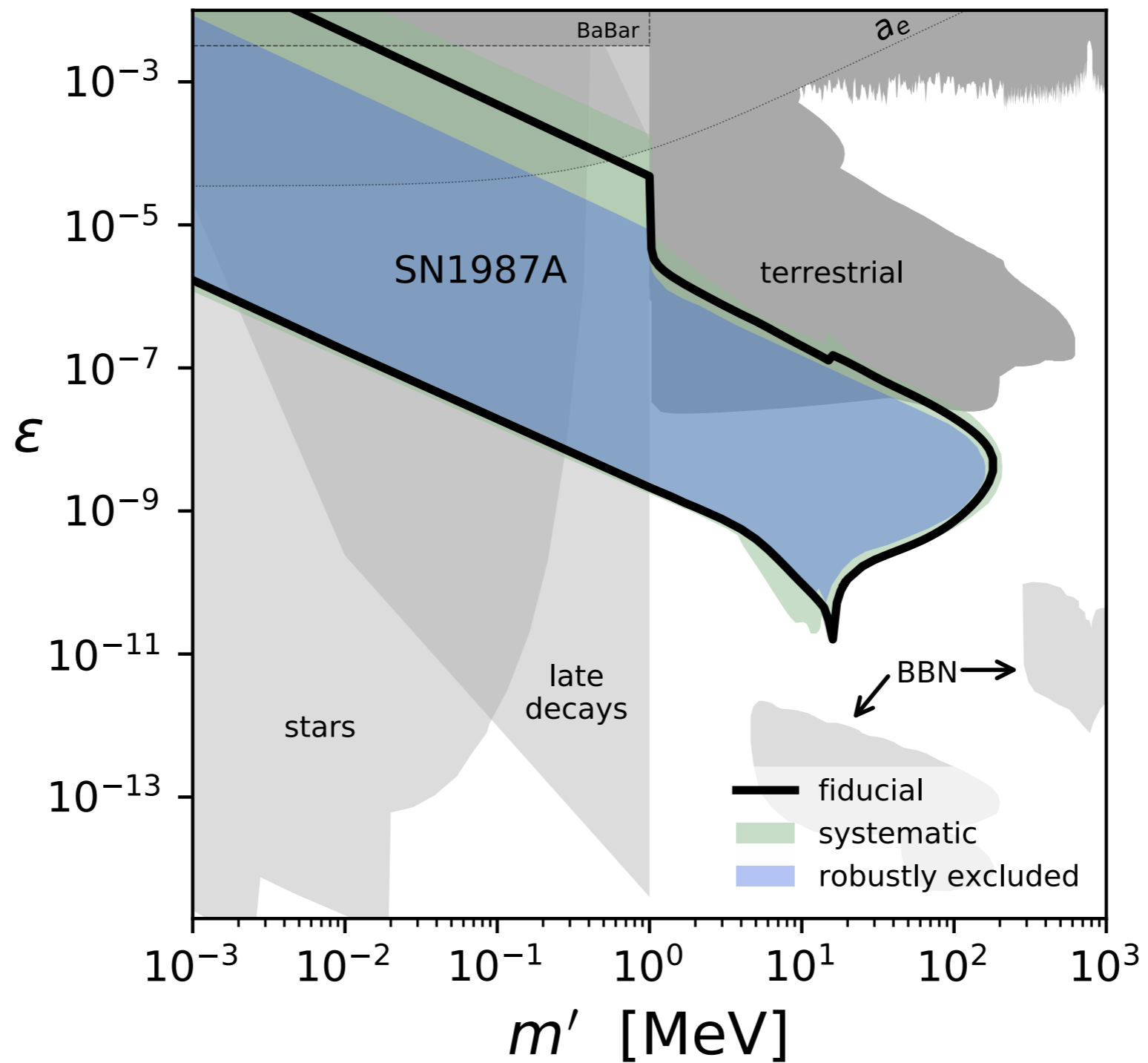
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# Axion-Like Particle



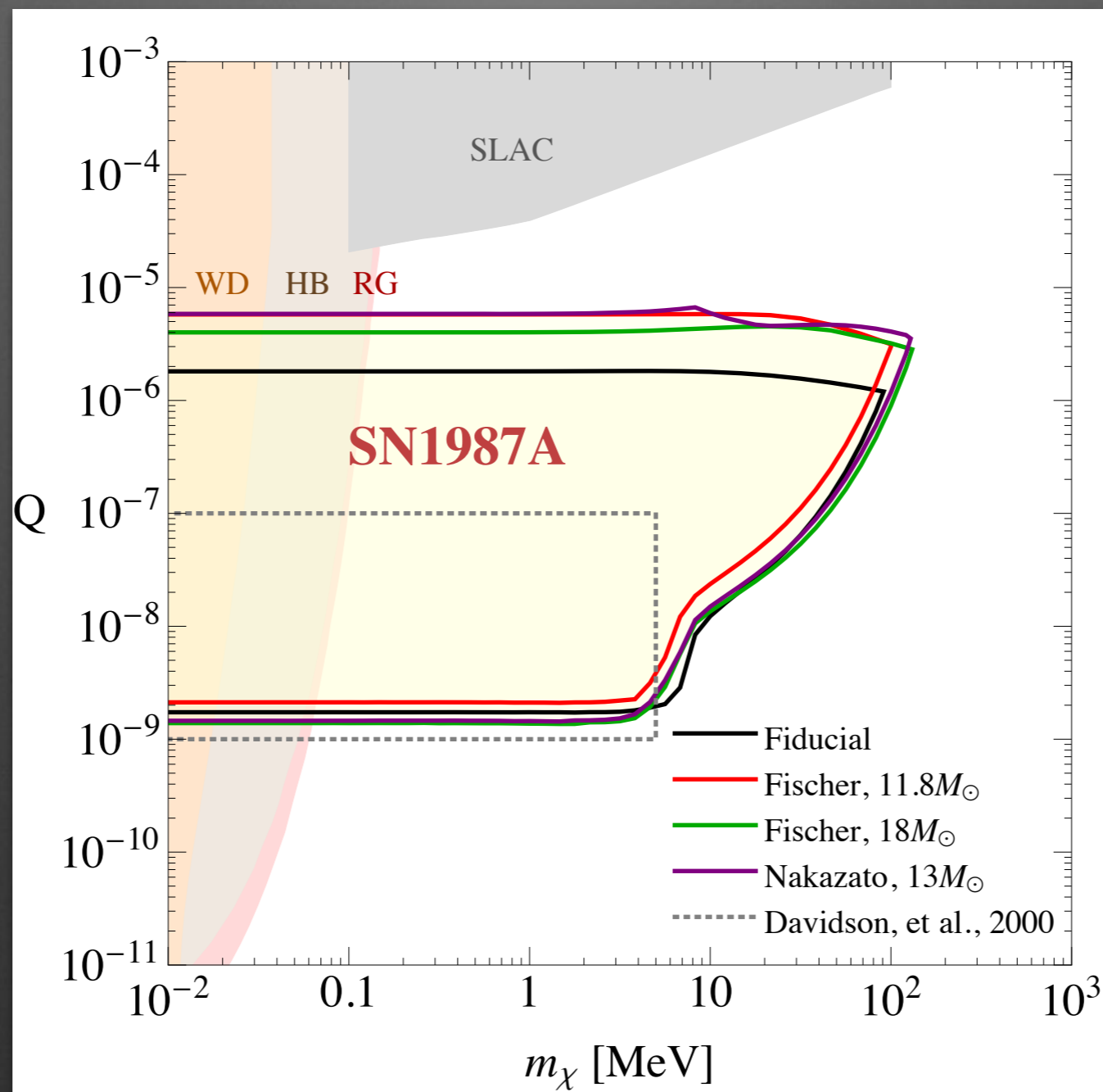
couples to all SM fermions  $\sim$  mass

# Dark Photon



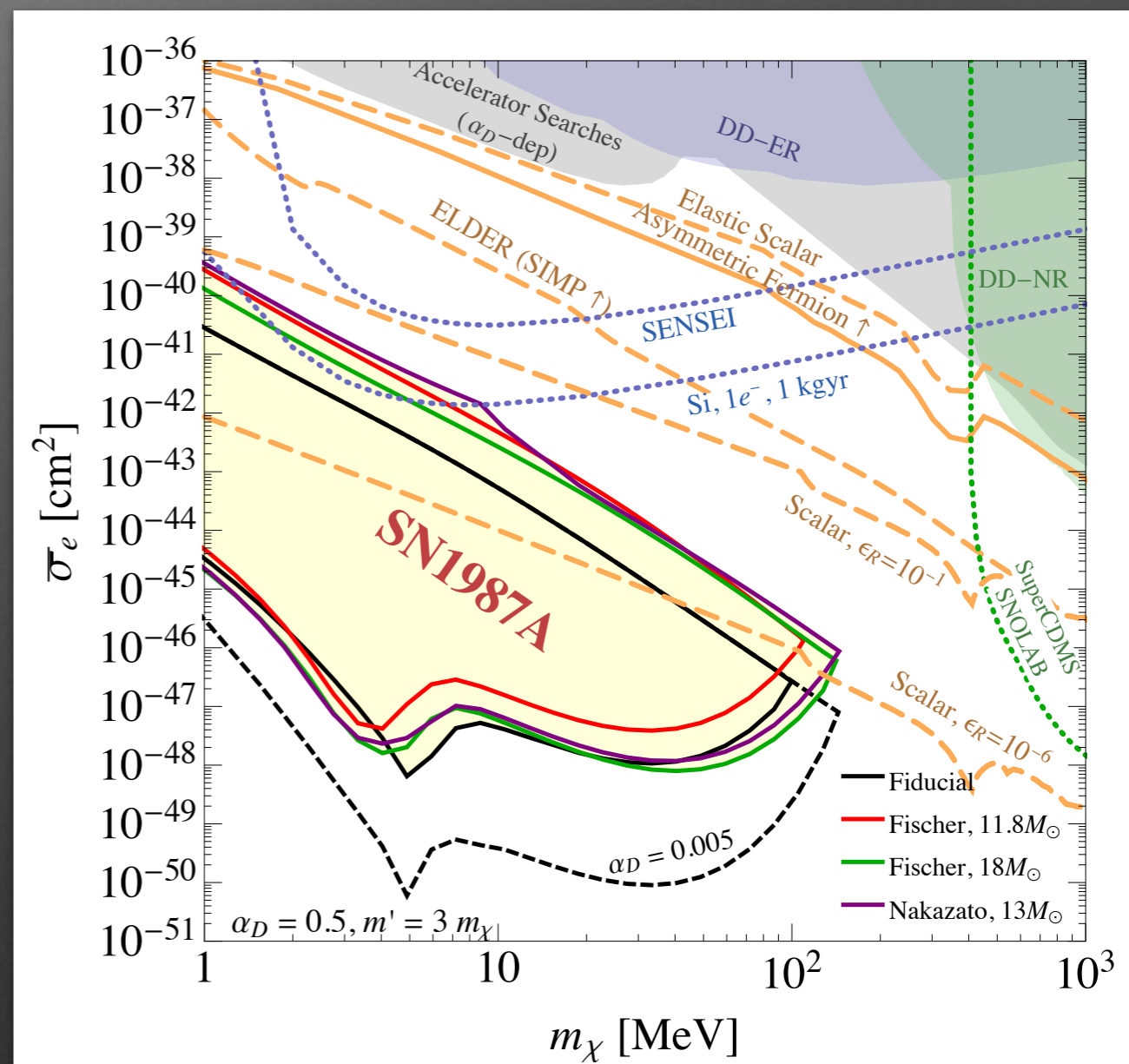
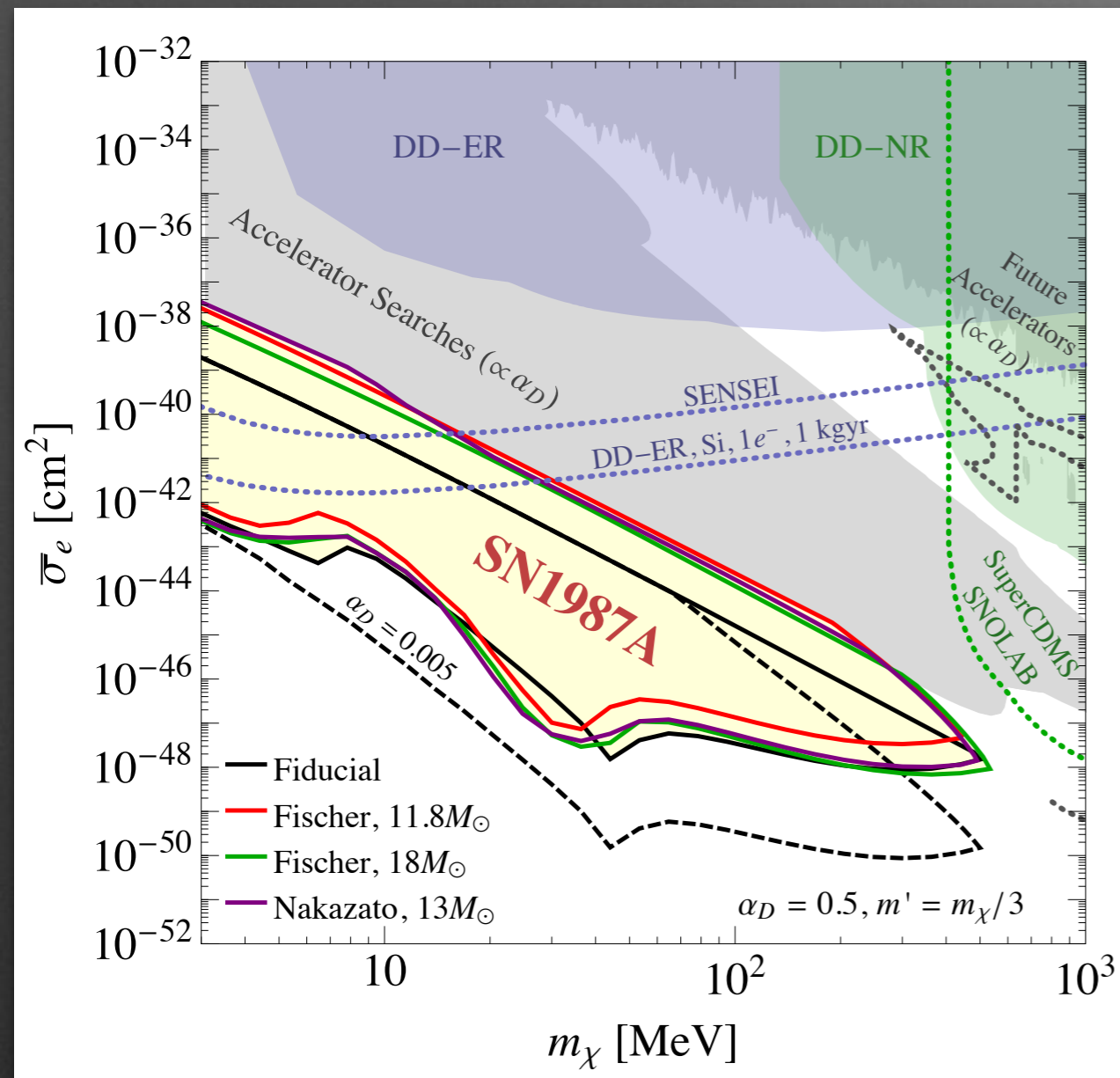


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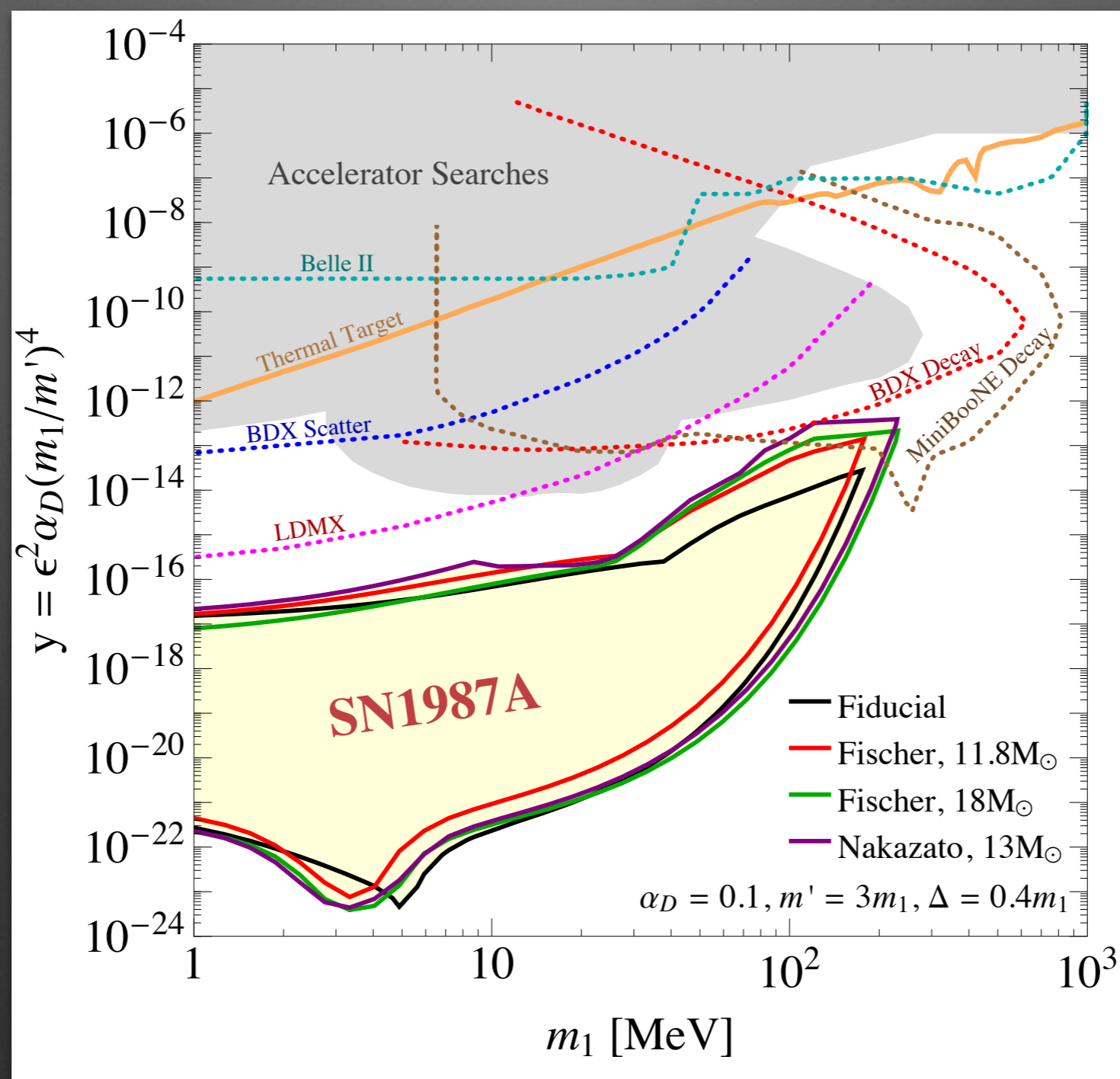


different bounds (or signals!) if it is the dark matter

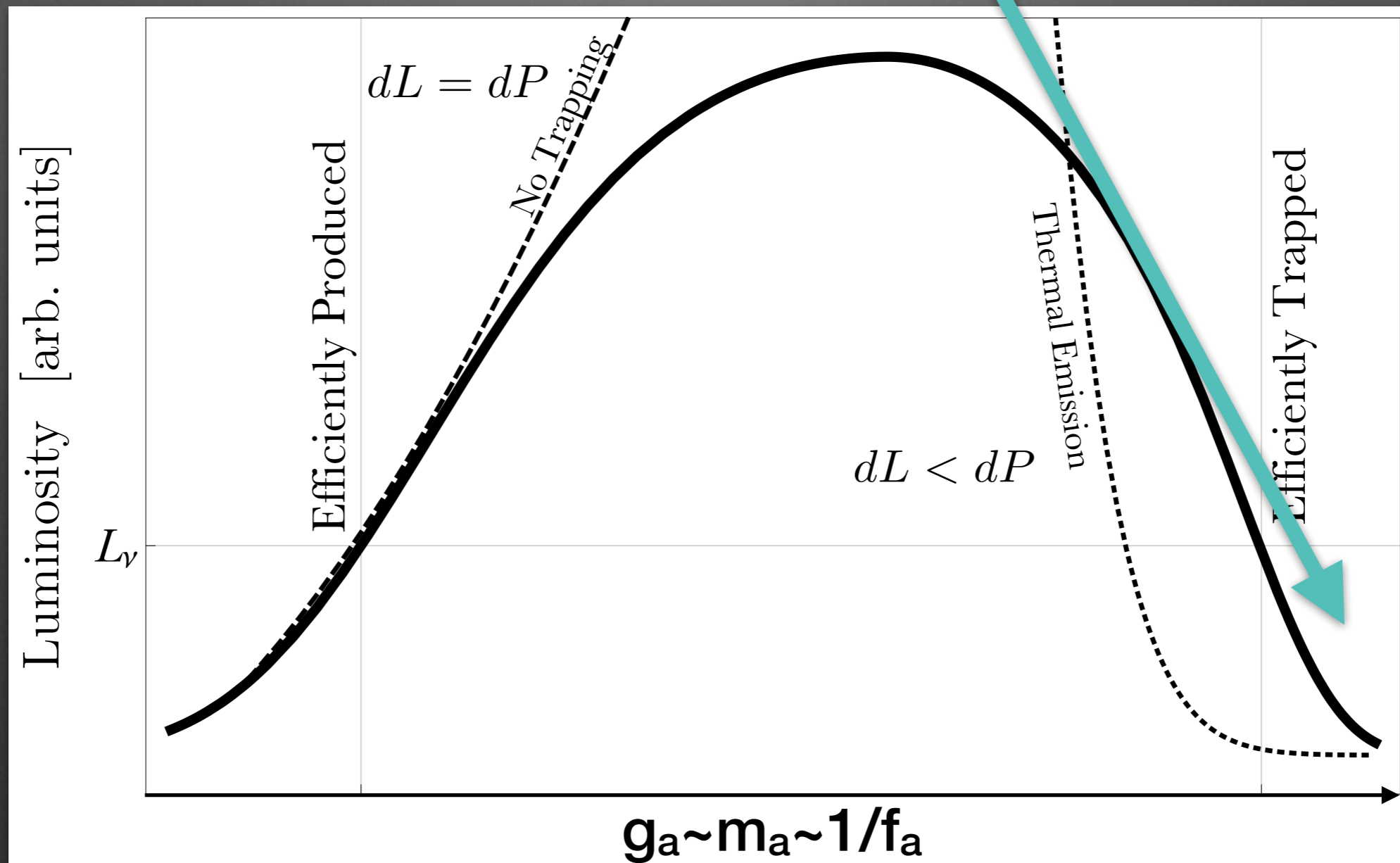
# Dark Photon + Dark Matter



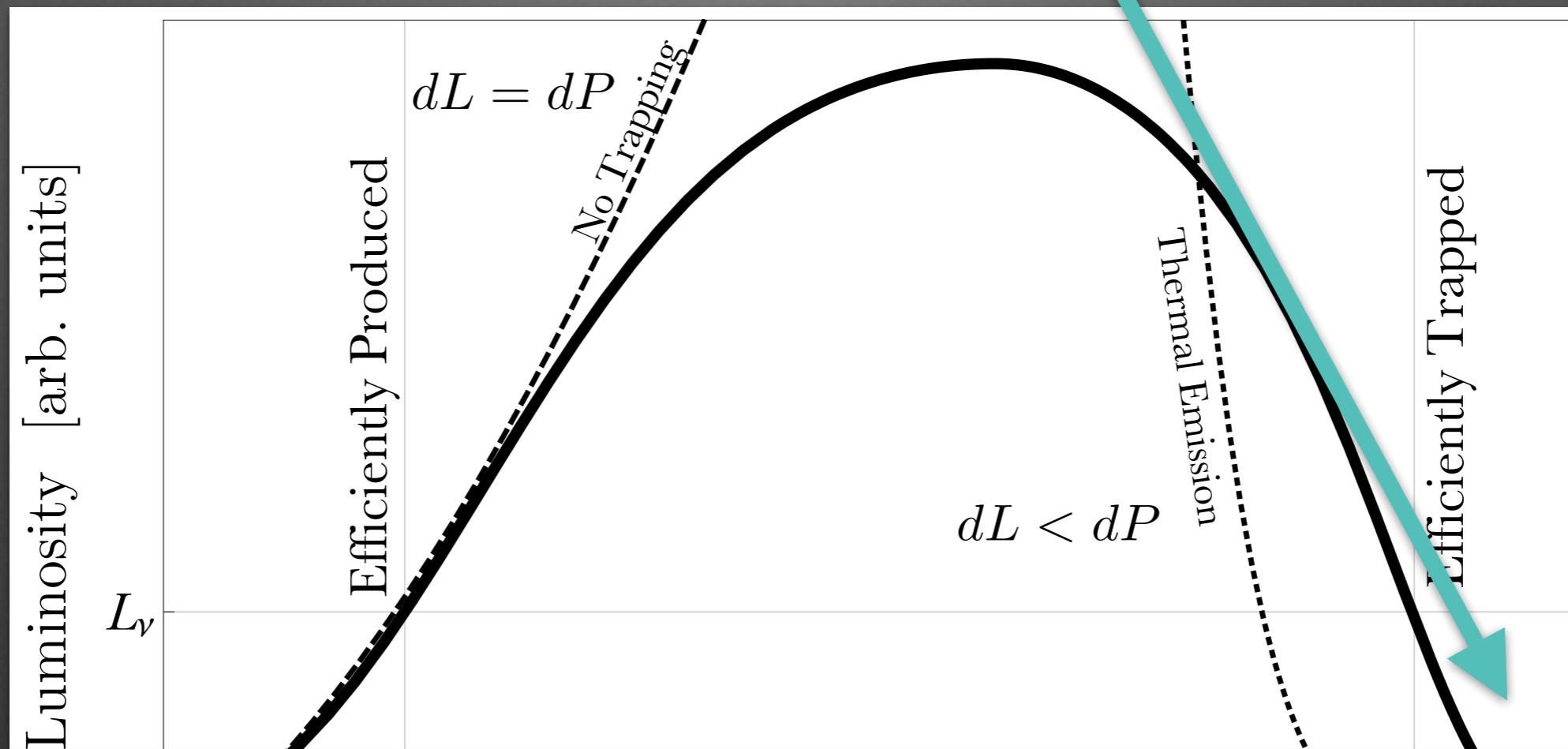
# Inelastic Dark Matter



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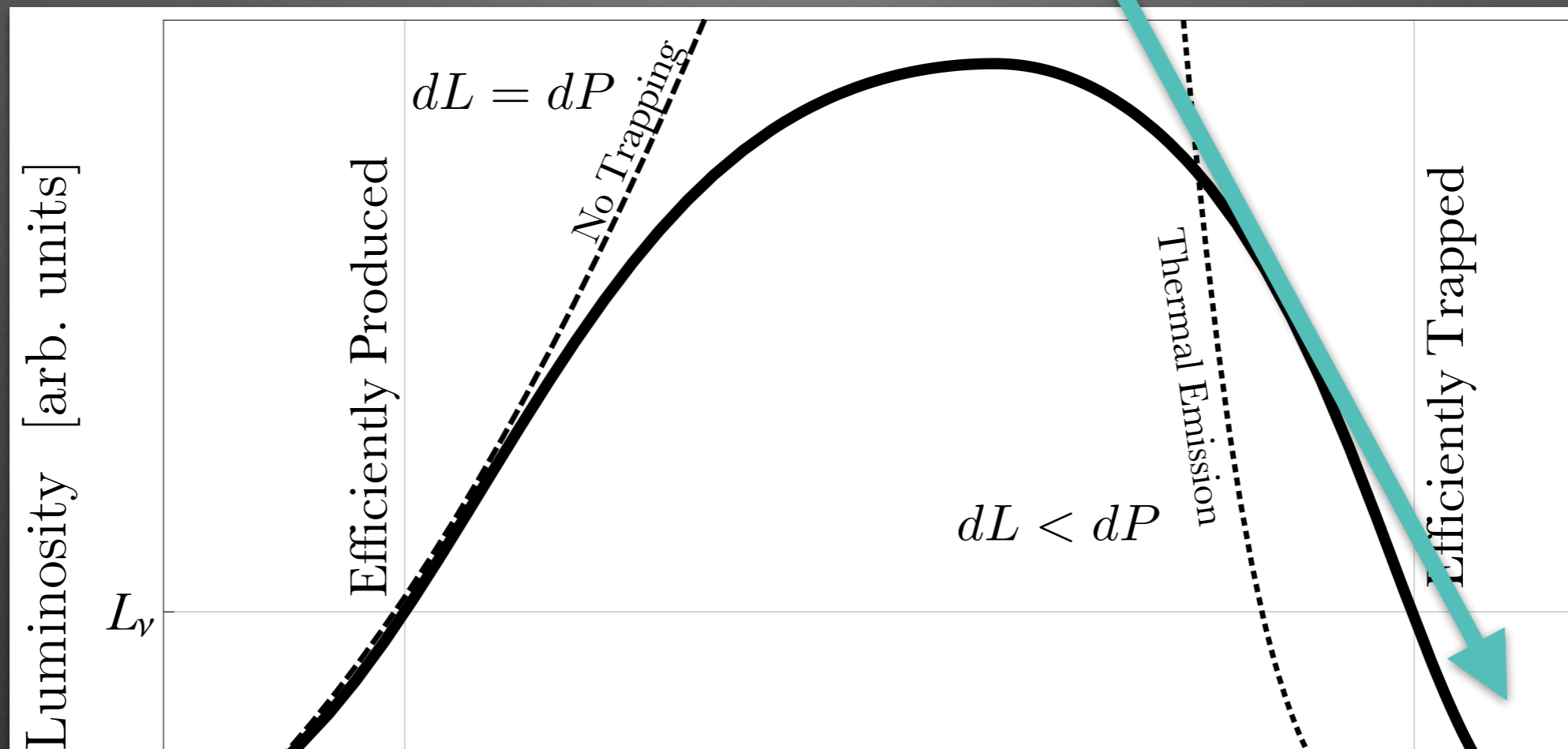


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