

Reverse Direct Detection: Cosmic Ray Tests of Light Dark Matter Elastic Scattering

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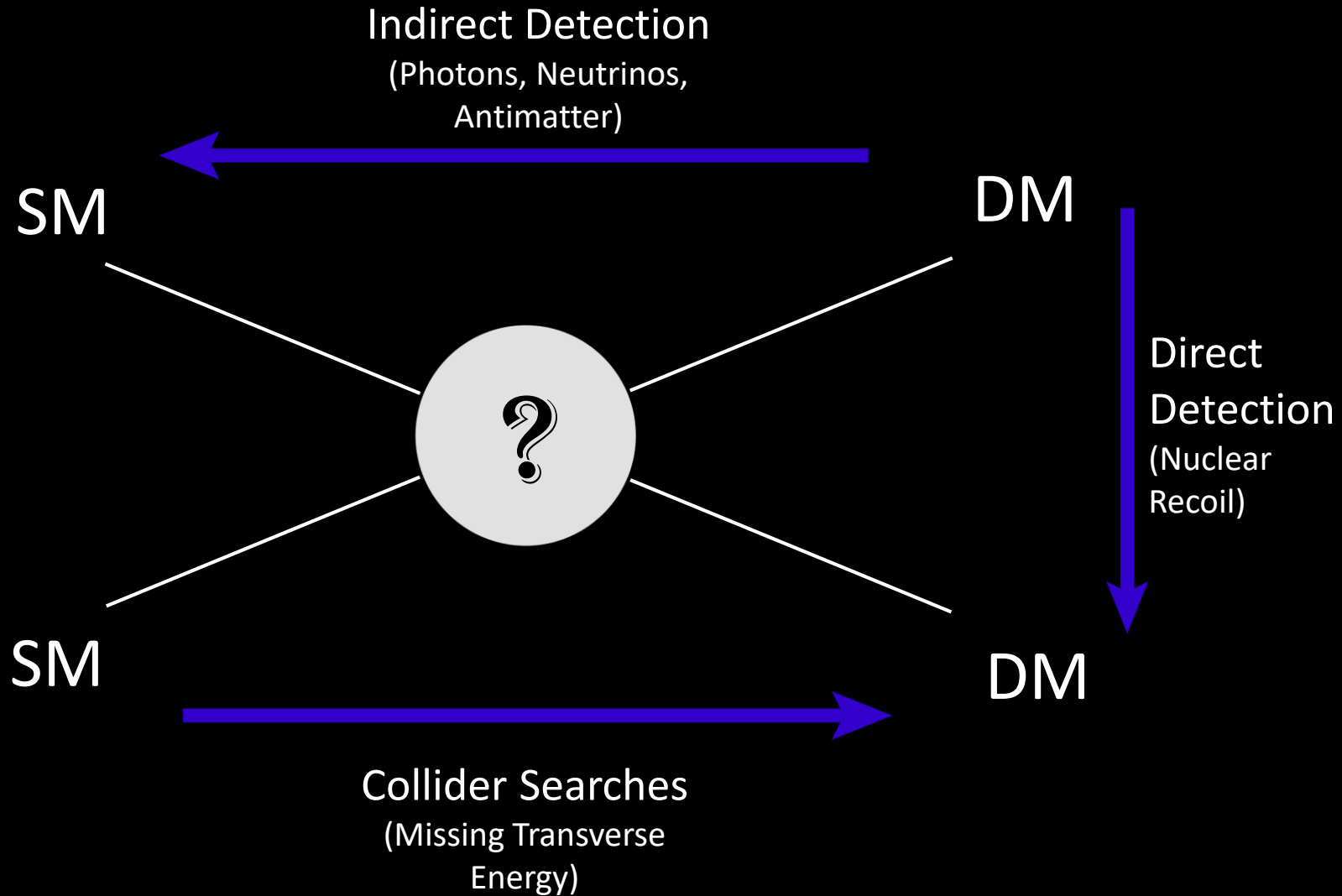
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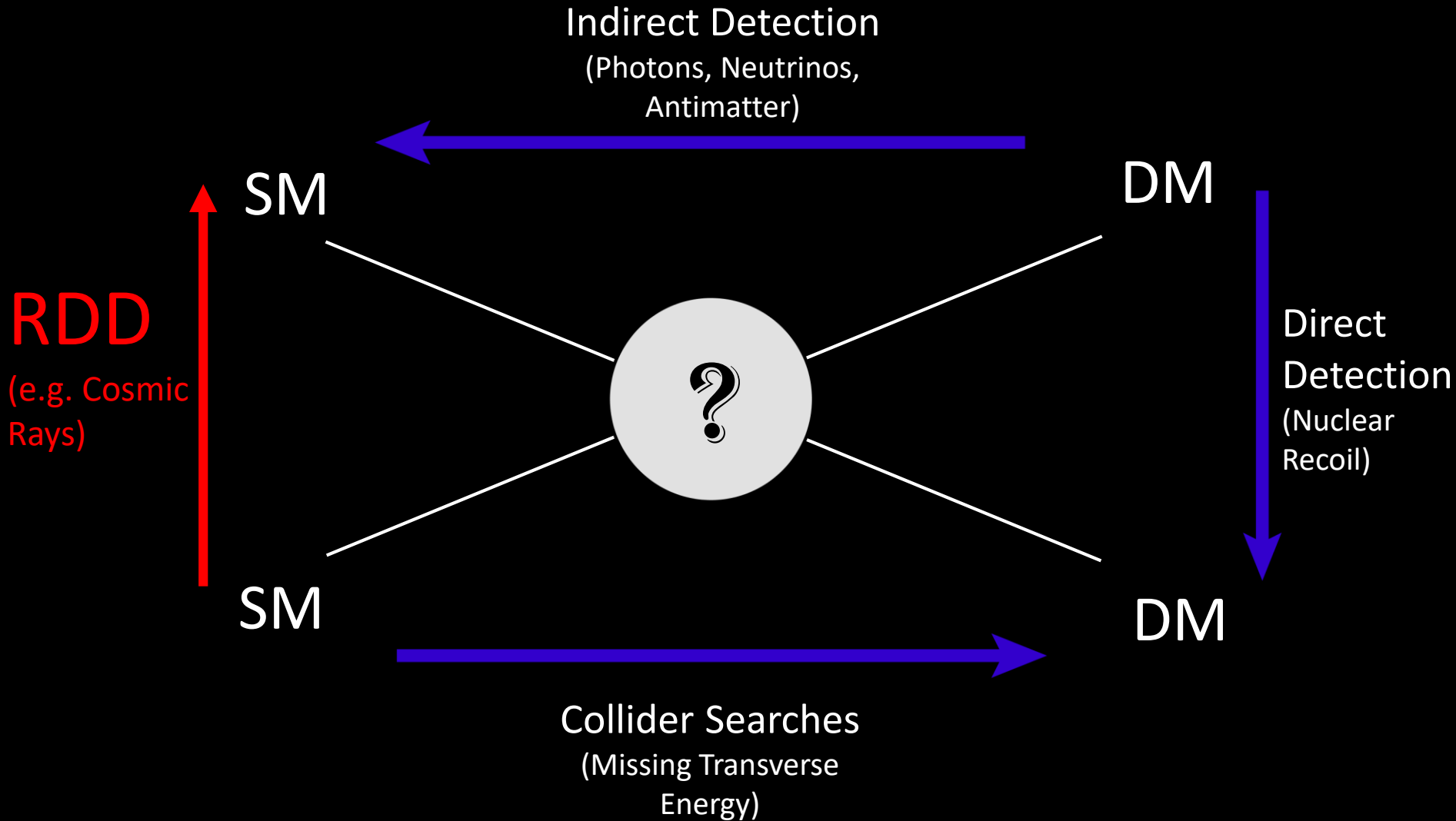


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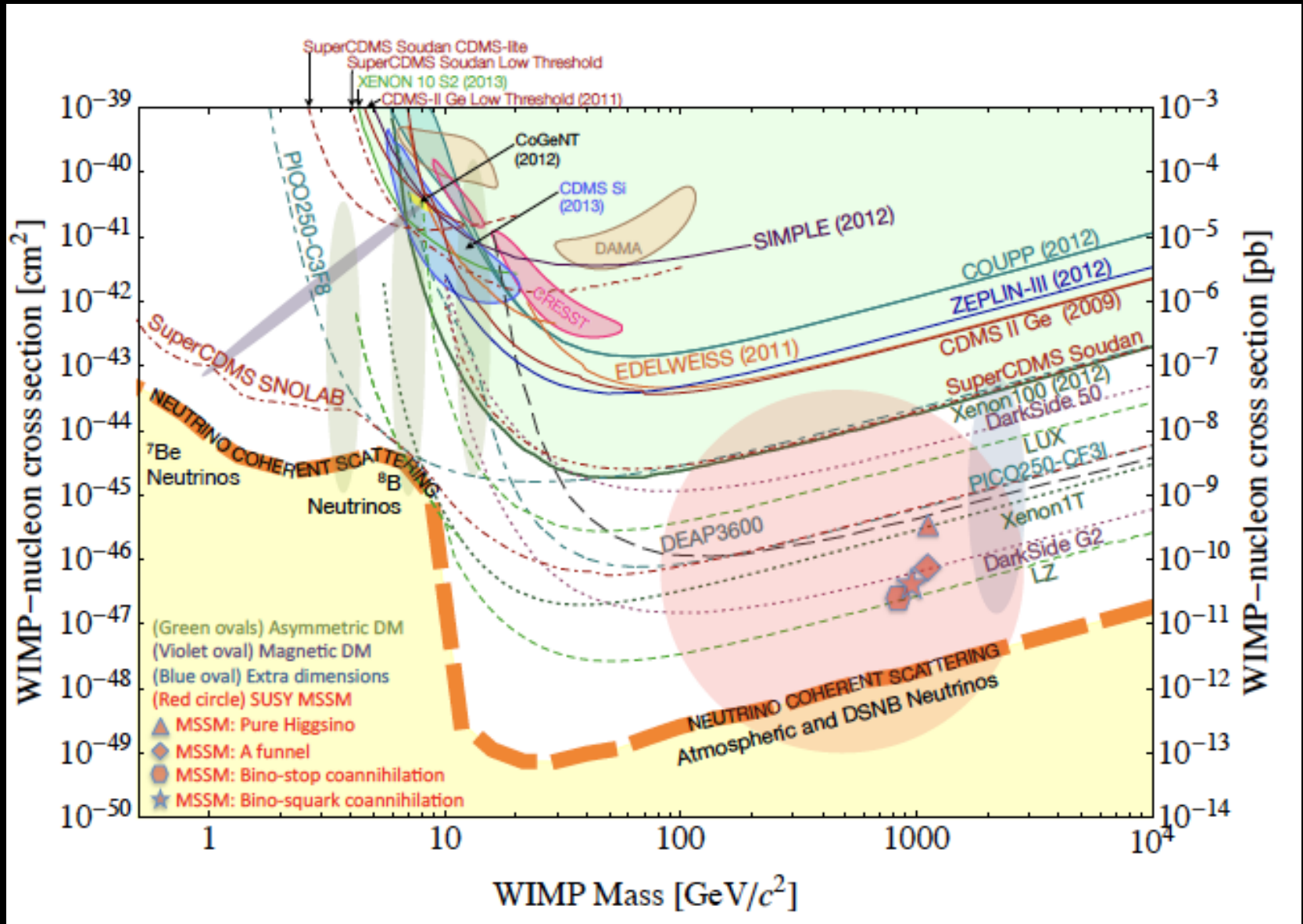
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Why RDD?



Sub-GeV Dark Matter

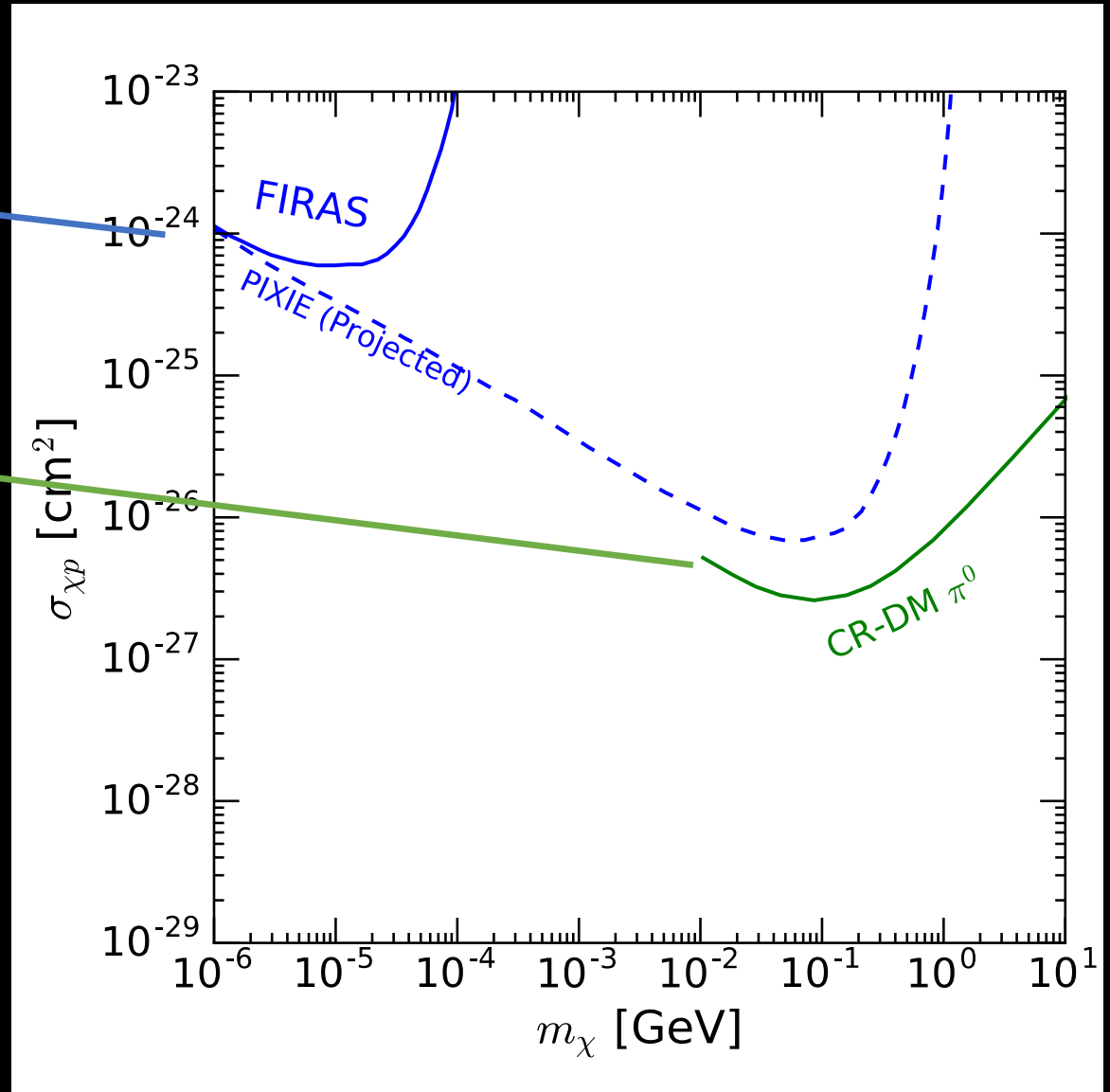
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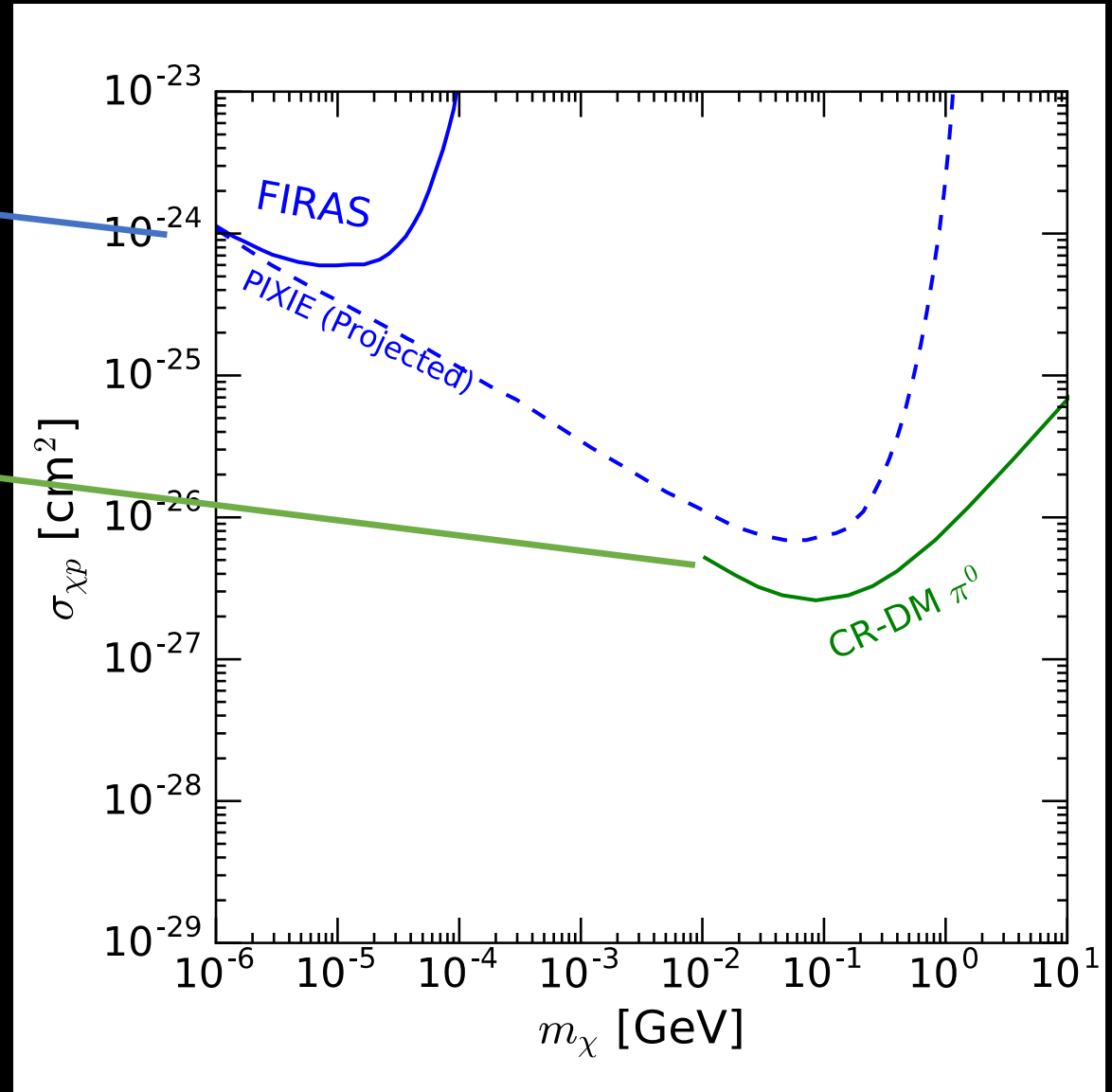
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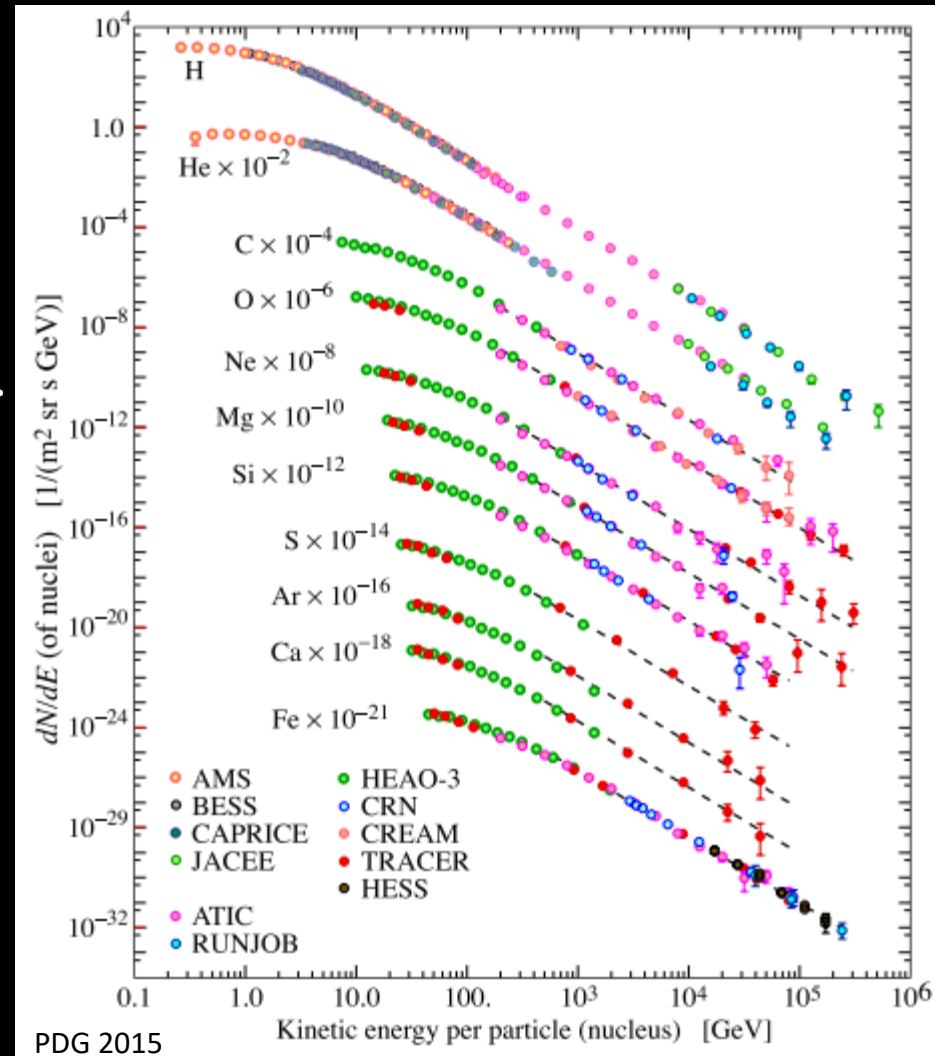
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CR-DM Elastic Scattering?



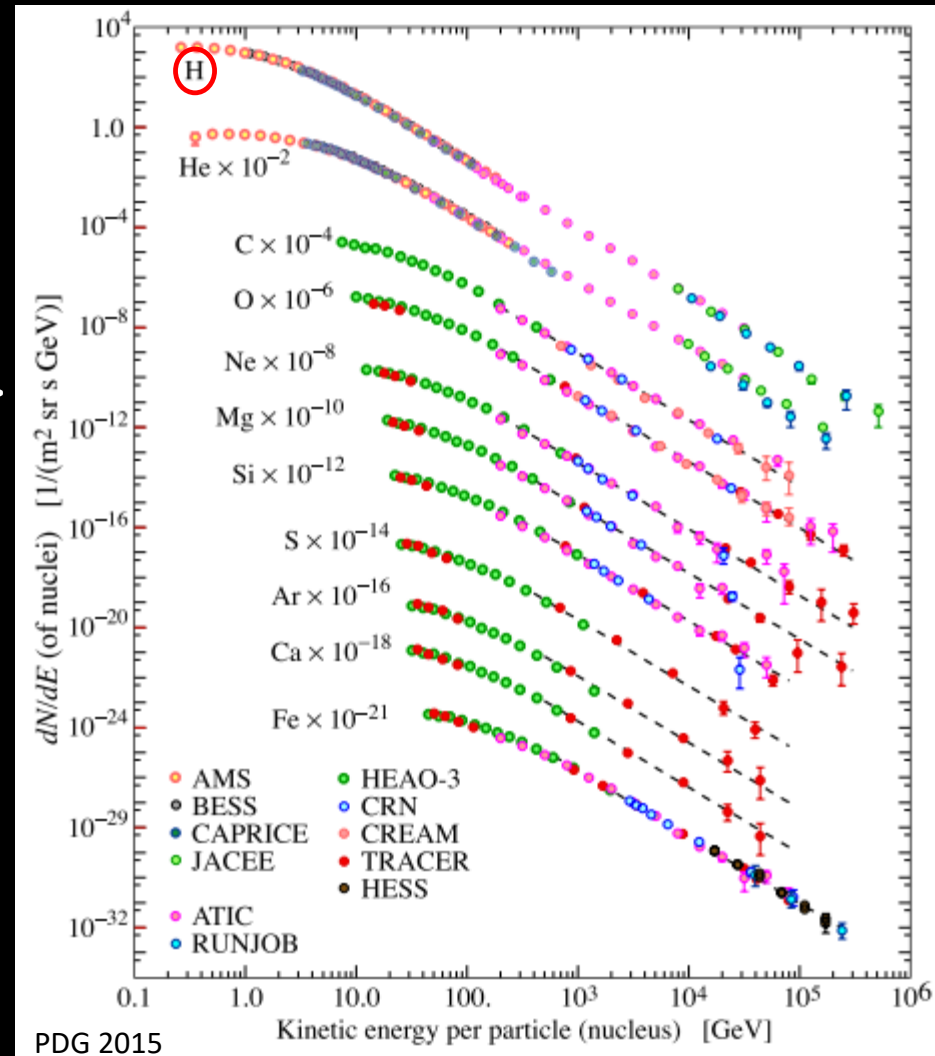
Cosmic Rays in the Galaxy

- Acceleration: SNR
- Propagation: Magnetic Fields -> Diffusion-Like Propagation
- Loss Processes: Spallation, Decay, dE/dt , Escape



Cosmic Ray Protons

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Leaky Box Model: Protons

- Acceleration: $Q(\mathcal{E})$
- Diffusion $\rightarrow T_{\text{esc}}$
- Energy Loss?

$$\frac{N(\mathcal{E})}{T_{\text{esc}}} + \frac{d}{d\mathcal{E}} \left[\frac{d\mathcal{E}}{dt} N(\mathcal{E}) \right] = Q(\mathcal{E})$$

Leaky Box Model: Protons

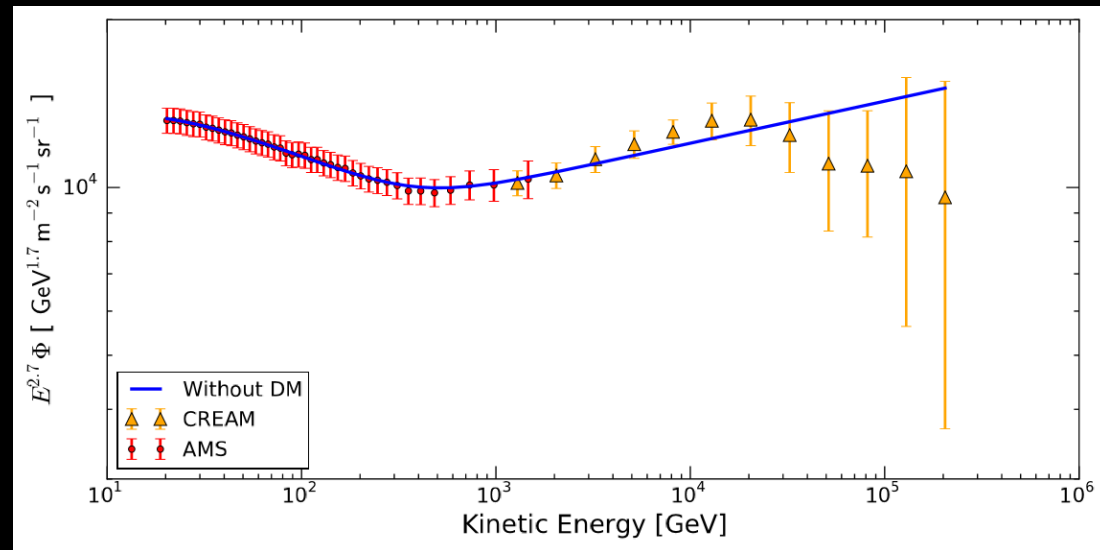
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 - Broken Power Law
- Diffusion $\rightarrow T_{\text{esc}}$
 - Energy Power Law
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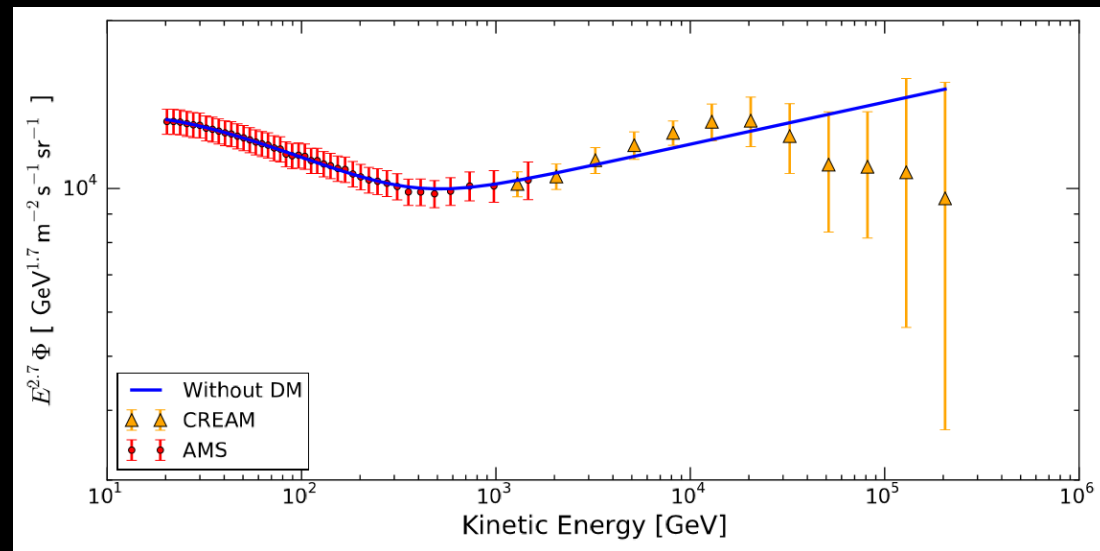
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 - **BUT: Dark Matter?**

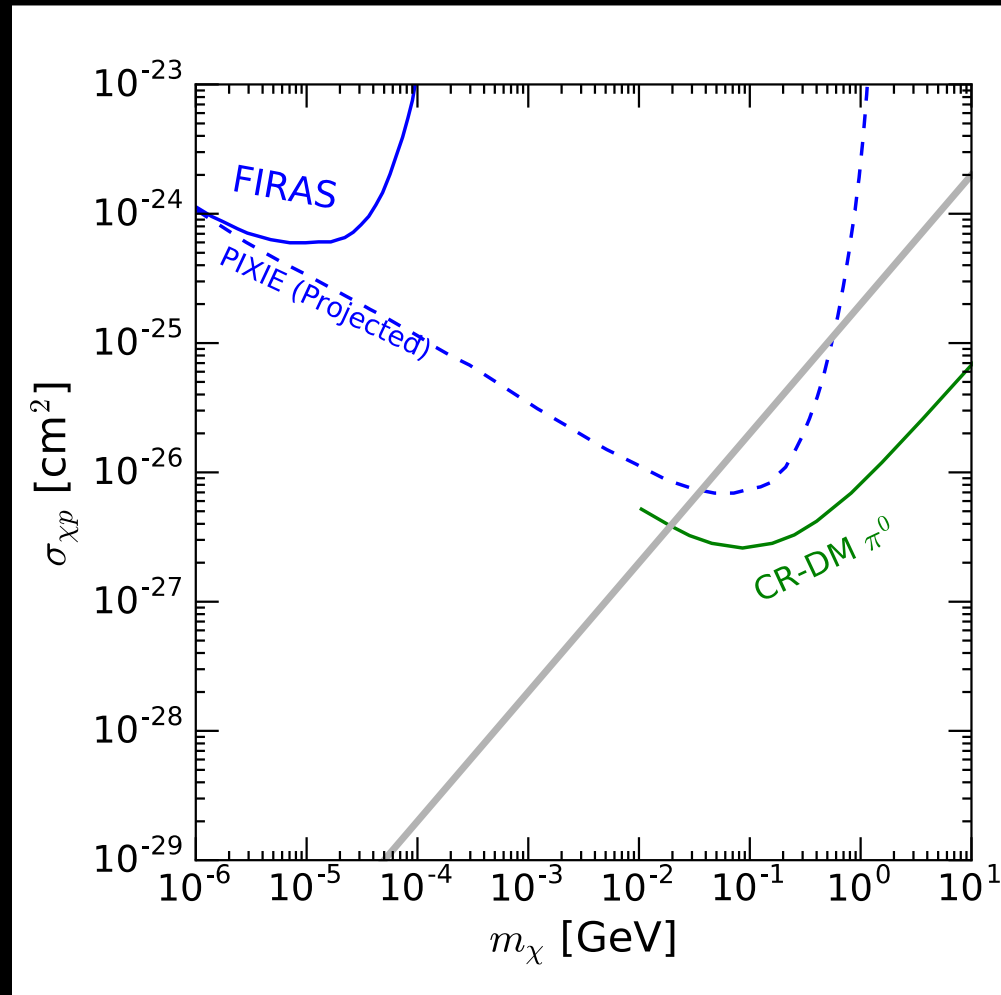
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DM-Cosmic Ray Scattering

- Grammage $\sim 10 \text{ g/cm}^2$
- Gray: 1 scattering/particle
 - “Best possible” sensitivity
- Energy loss per collision
 - Assume elastic scattering

$$|\Delta\mathcal{E}| = \frac{4m_p(1 + \frac{\mathcal{E}}{2m_p})\frac{\mathcal{E}}{m_\chi} (1 - \cos\theta)}{(1 + \frac{m_p}{m_\chi})^2 + \frac{2\mathcal{E}}{m_\chi}}$$

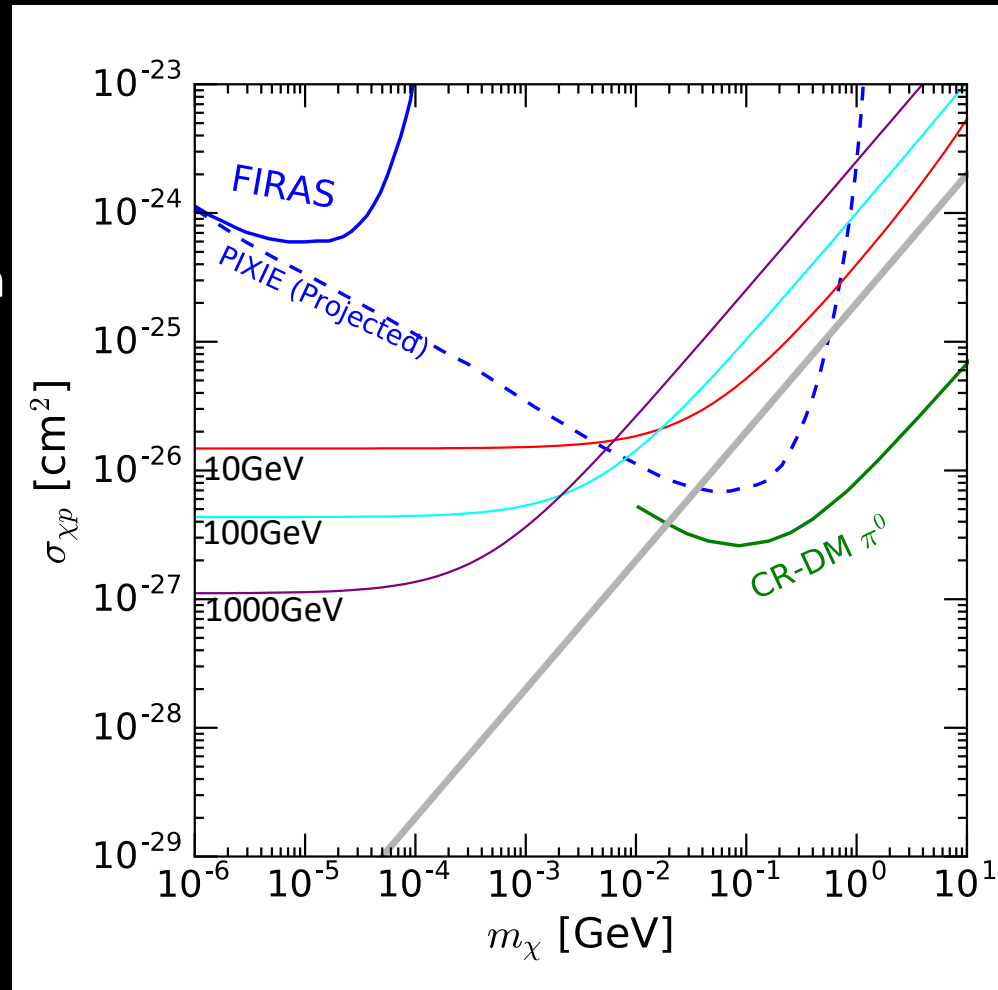


DM-Induced Energy Loss

- Simplified Energy Loss Model:
 - Elastic Scattering
 - Energy-Independent Cross Section
- Colored Curves: $\frac{d\varepsilon}{dt} T_{esc} = \varepsilon$

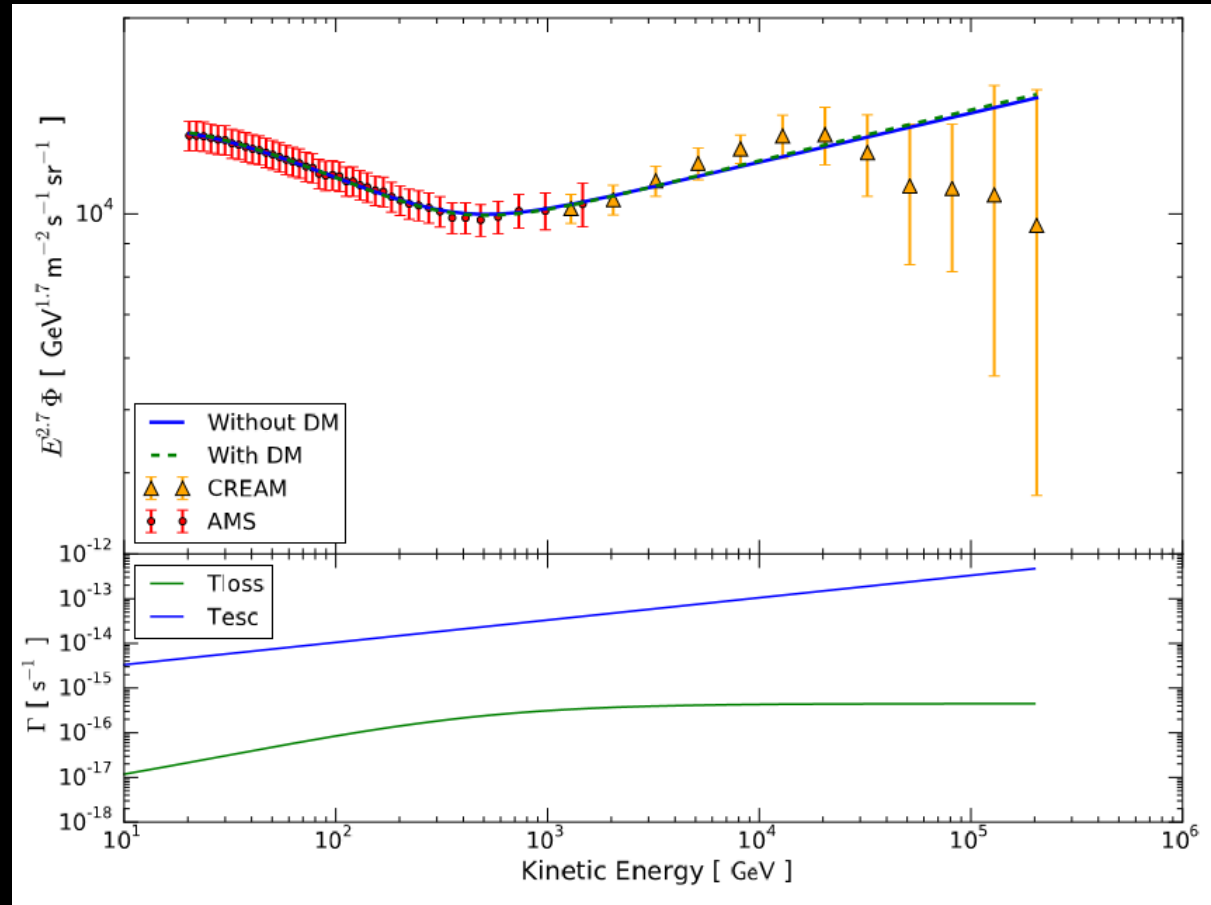
$$\frac{d\varepsilon}{dt} = c \frac{\rho}{m_\chi} \int_0^{\varepsilon_{\max}} T \frac{d\sigma}{dT} dT$$

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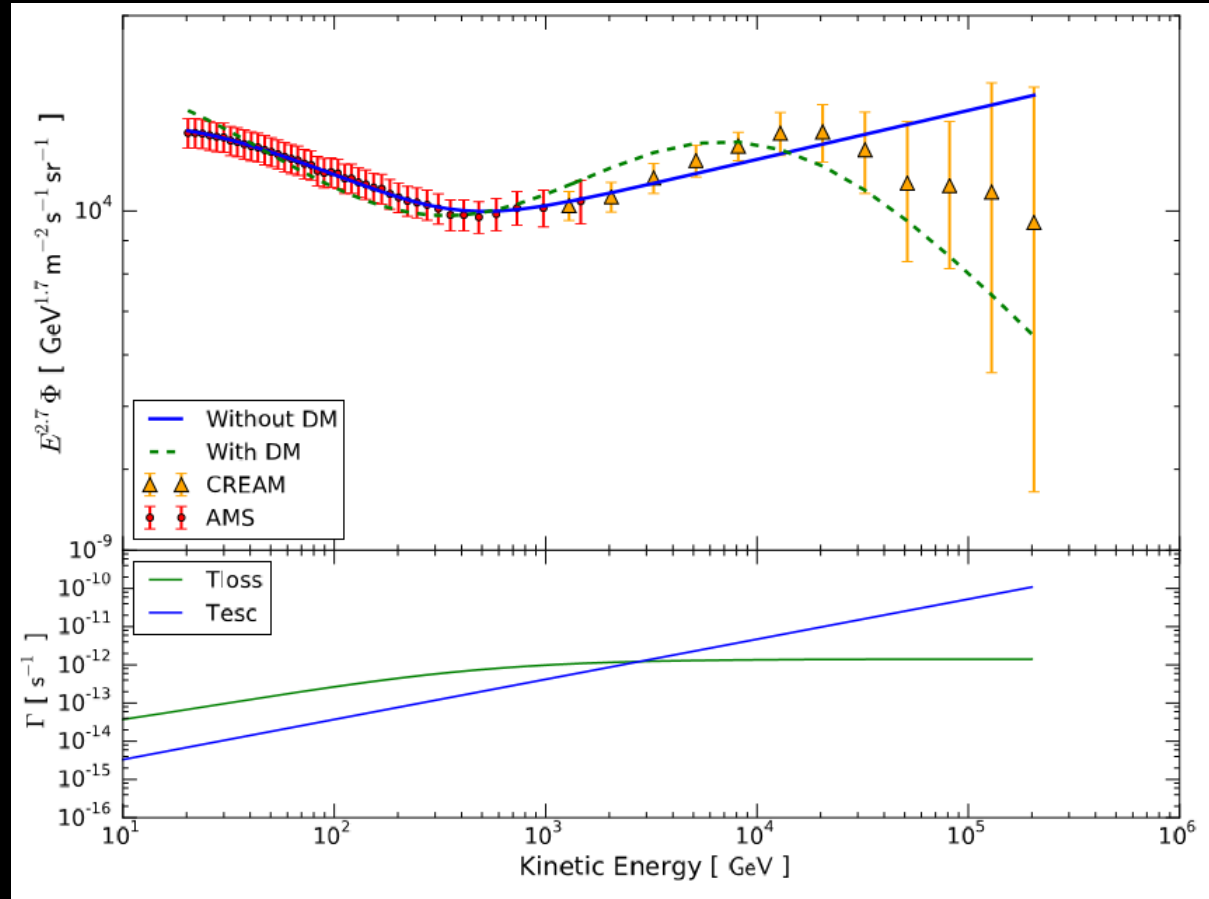
DM-Induced Energy Loss

- $Mx = 1e-3 \text{ GeV}$
- $\sigma = 1e-28 \text{ cm}^2$
- Fix:
 - Break energy
- Vary:
 - Injection Indices
 - Injection Normalization
 - Escape Time Index



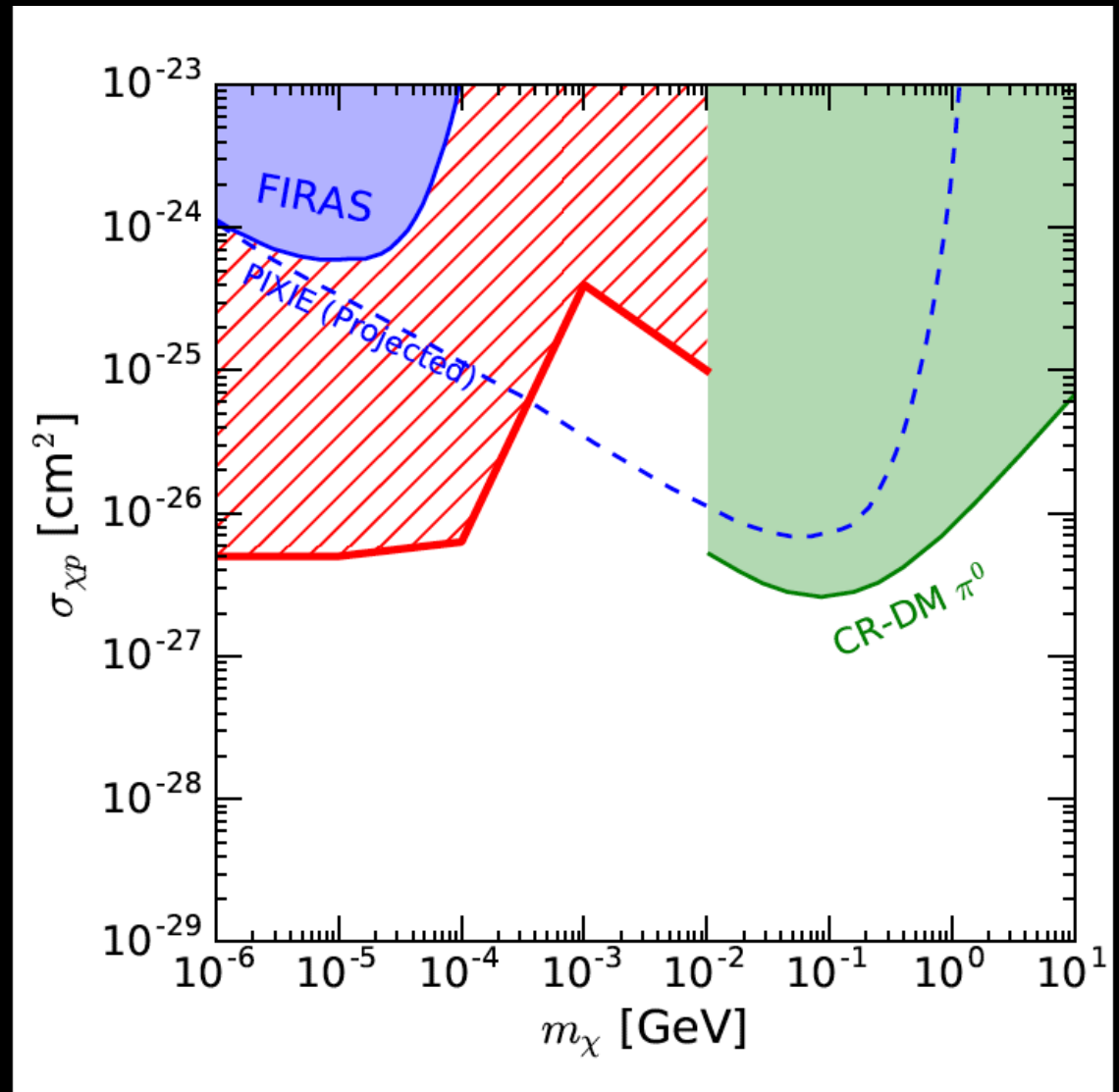
DM-Induced Energy Loss

- $Mx = 1e-3 \text{ GeV}$
- $\sigma = 1e-24.5 \text{ cm}^2$
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Final Constraint

- Fix:
 - Break energy
- Vary:
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Summary

- CR-DM scattering -> Spectral Distortion
- New Probe of Dark Matter
 - Most sensitive to sub-GeV Dark Matter
 - Uses available CR data
- More to come!

Thank You!