EXOPLANETS AS DARK MATTER DETECTORS

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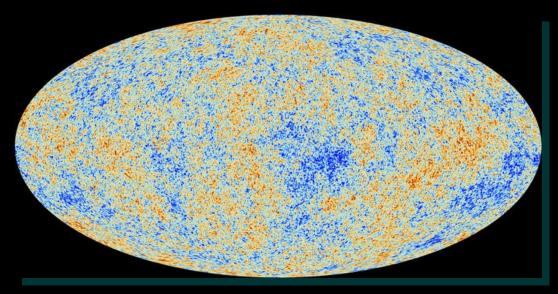
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Outline

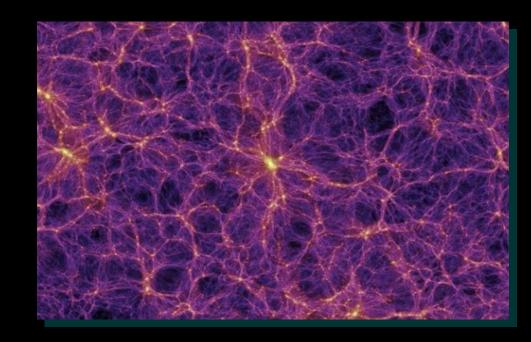
- Brief Introduction to Dark Matter
 - What is it?
 - How do we look for it?
- New Search for Dark Matter in Exoplanets
 - Why exoplanets?
 - Calculating and detecting the signal
 - Outlook: what's needed next

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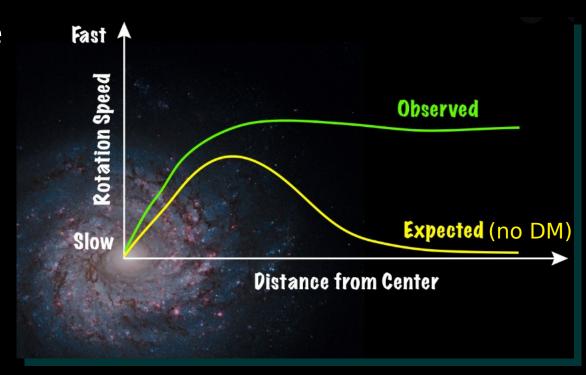
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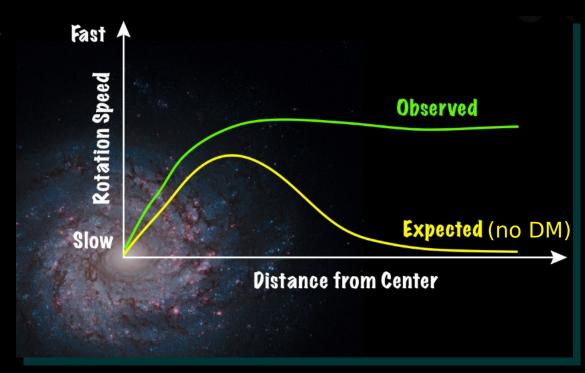
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Cannot be explained by any known particles!

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What We Don't Know About Dark Matter...

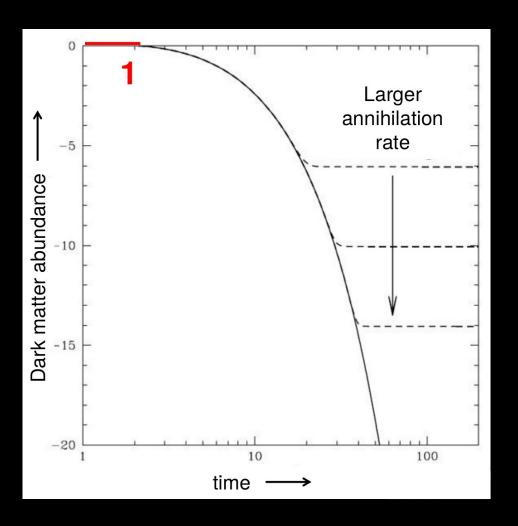
What is it made of?

Where did it come from?

Does it interact with regular matter?

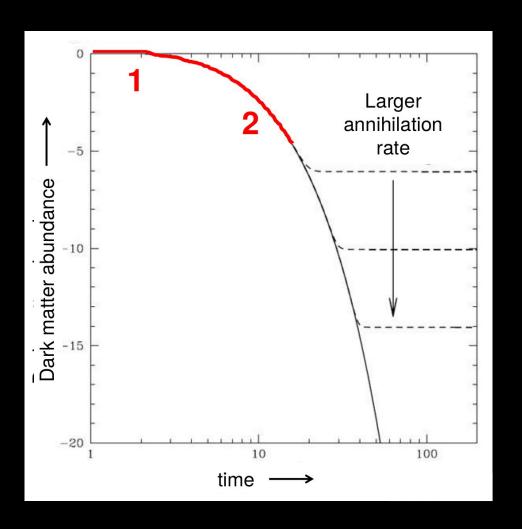
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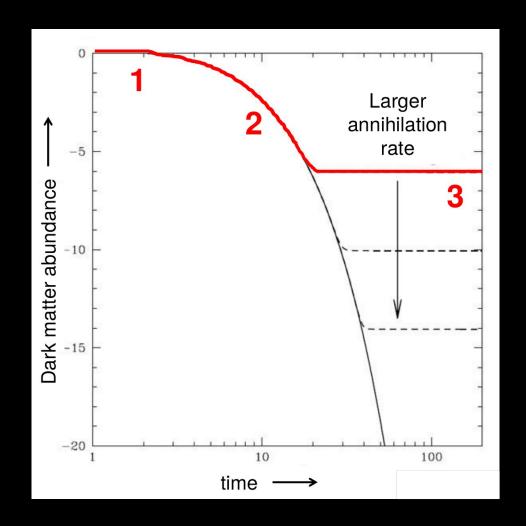
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- 3) Universe expands too fast. No more annihilations. DM abundance is set.

Predicts a particular annihilation rate for dark matter.

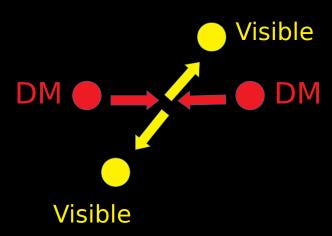


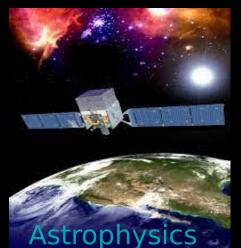
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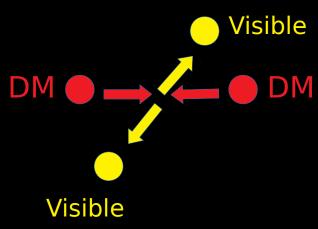


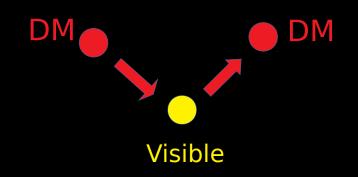
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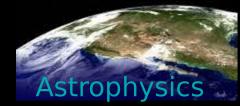
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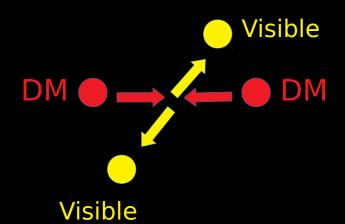




Direct detection + Astrophysics

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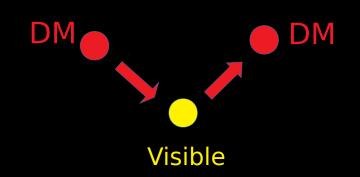
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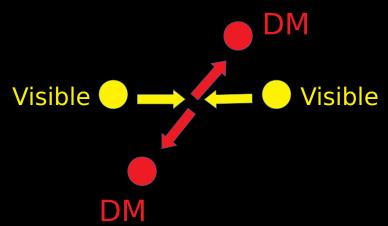
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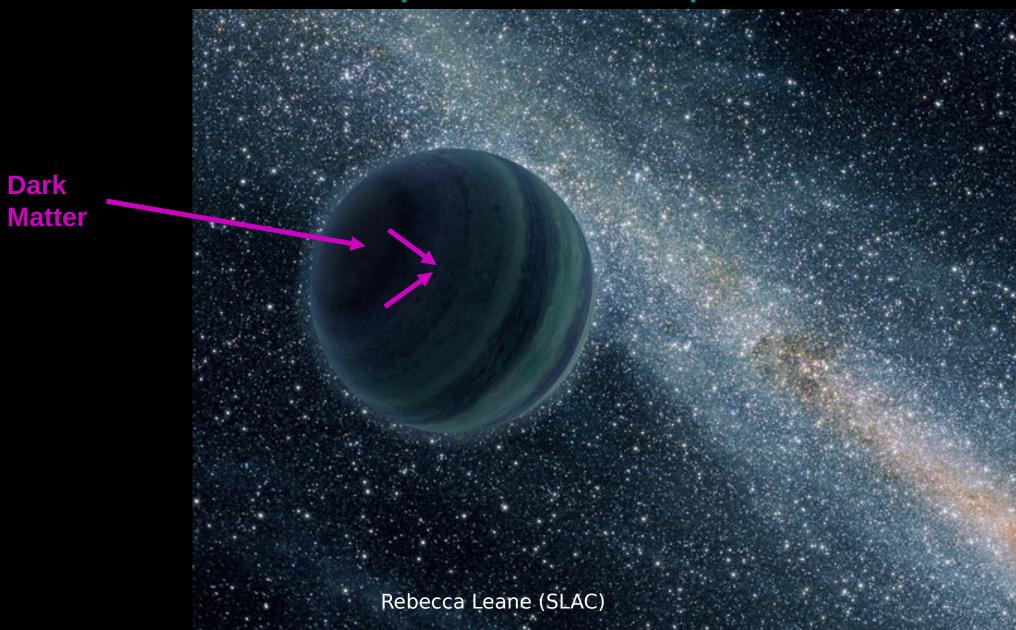




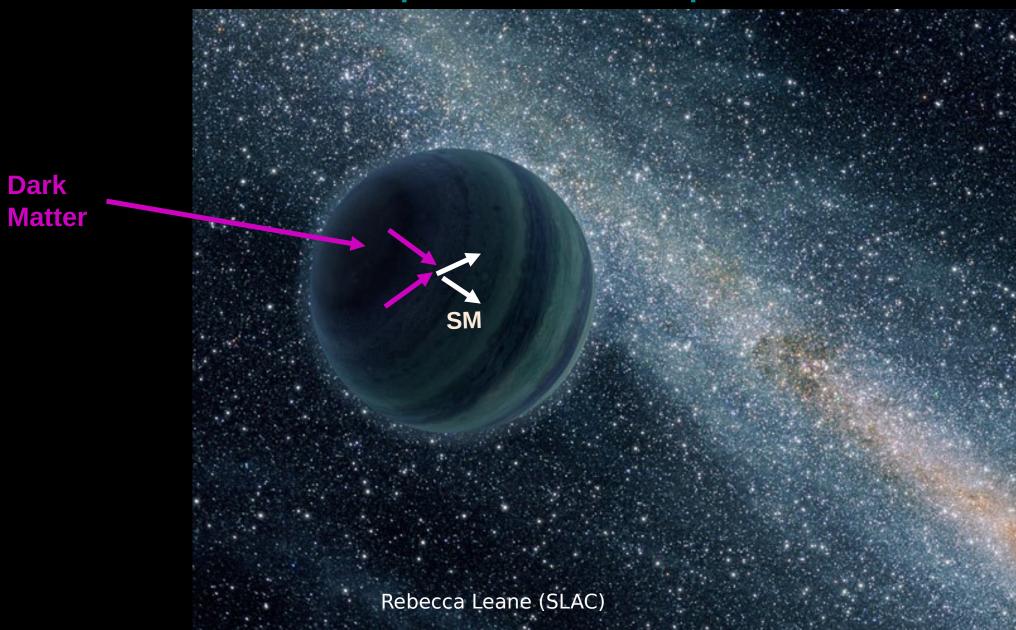
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A New Search with Exoplanets

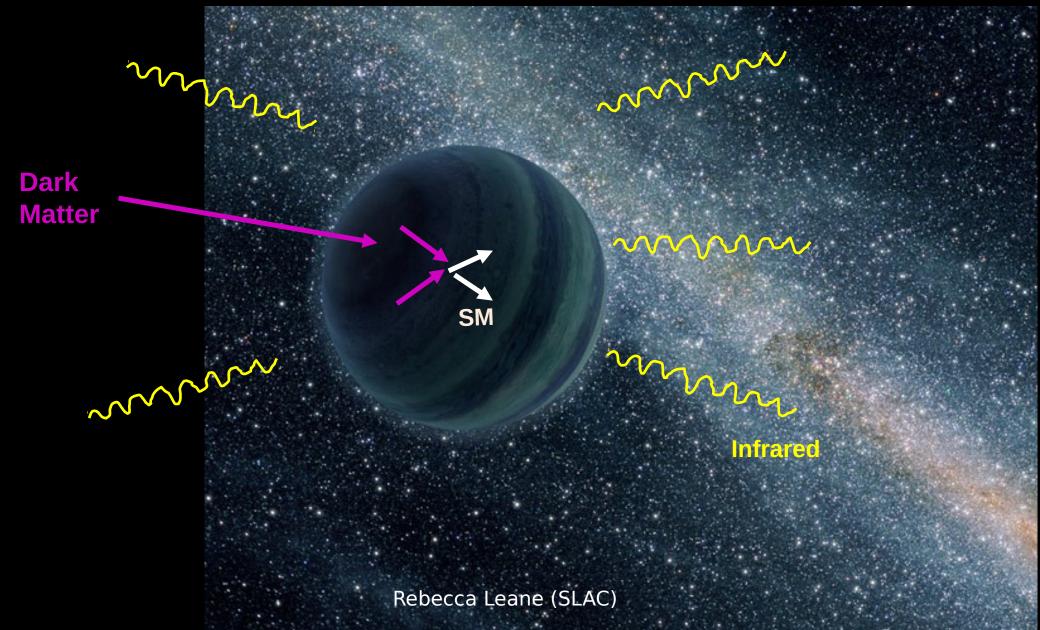
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Why Exoplanets?

Advantage 1: Exploding Research Program

First exoplanet discovery: 1992
Almost all exoplanets we now know: 2010+
Majority of known exoplanets: last five years



Many upcoming telescopes and searches!

James Webb Space Telescope (JWST)
Transiting Exoplanets Survey Satellite (TESS)
Rubin/LSST
Roman/WFIRST
Gaia Spacecraft
Optical Gravitational Lensing Experiment (OGLE)
Two Micron All Sky Survey (2MASS)

Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer (WISE)
Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT)
Extremely Large Telescope (ELT)
Gaia Near Infra-Red (GaiaNIR)
Large Ultraviolet Optical Infrared Surveyor (LUVOIR)
Habitable Exoplanet Imaging Mission (HabEx)
Origins Space Telescope (OST)

Ample motivation to consider **new ways** this exploding research area can be used to probe new physics.

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Advantage 2: Statistics

Estimates predict around 300 billion exoplanets in our galaxy!

To date:

4,301 confirmed exoplanets 5,633 exoplanet candidates



x 10¹1



x 10^11



x 1

One Jupiter:(



x 10¹1

Billions of Exoplanets! :)

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Advantage 3: Low temperatures

- Exoplanets can be very cold, as they do not undergo nuclear fusion
 - Low temperatures allow for a clearer signal over background for DM heating
- Low core temperatures in part prevent DM evaporation, providing new sensitivity to lighter dark matter



Advantage 4: SIZE Neutron Star Jupiters and **Brown Dwarfs** + Easier to detect than neutron stars

Exoplanet Search Targets



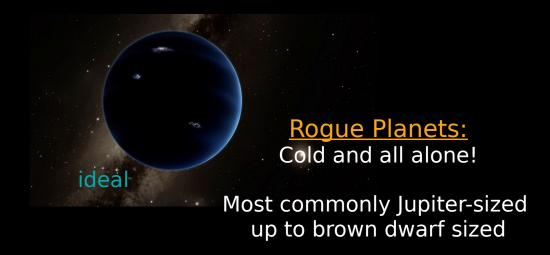
Mass: 0.001- 0.01 Mjup Radius: ~0.1 - 1 Rjup



<u>Jupiters + Super Jupiters:</u>

Mass: 1 – 13 Mjup Radius: ~1 Rjup







Calculating Exoplanet Temperatures

• Contributions to temperature from external heat (i.e. nearby stars), internal heat (e.g. from formation or burning processes), and dark matter:

$$\Gamma_{\text{heat}}^{\text{tot}} = \Gamma_{\text{heat}}^{\text{ext}} + \Gamma_{\text{heat}}^{\text{int}} + \Gamma_{\text{heat}}^{\text{DM}} = 4\pi R^2 \,\sigma_{\text{SB}} \, T^4 \,\epsilon.$$



- External heat: assume zero, means we need exoplanets either very far from their host, or not bound at all (rogue planets)
- Internal heat: determined by cooling rate over time, choose old exoplanets (e.g. 1-10 gigayears old) to minimize internal heat

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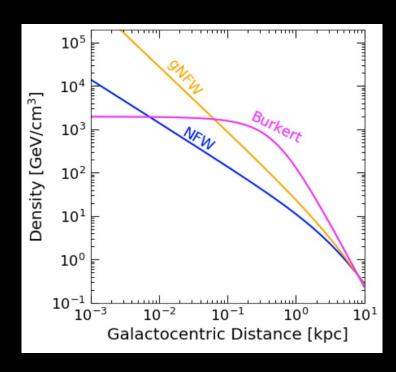
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DM density throughout Galaxy:

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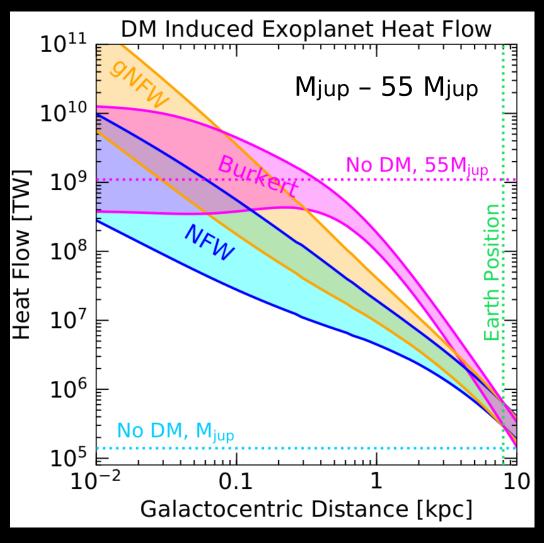
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- Relevant velocities:
 - DM halo velocity
 - Exoplanet escape velocity

$$\Gamma_{\text{heat}}^{\text{DM}} = f \, \pi R^2 \rho_{\chi}(r) \, v_0 \left(1 + \frac{3}{2} \frac{v_{\text{esc}}^2}{v_d(r)^2} \right)$$

$$v_{\rm esc}^2 = 2G_N M/R$$

DM Heating vs Internal Heat



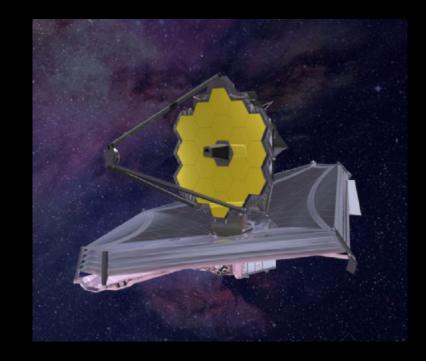
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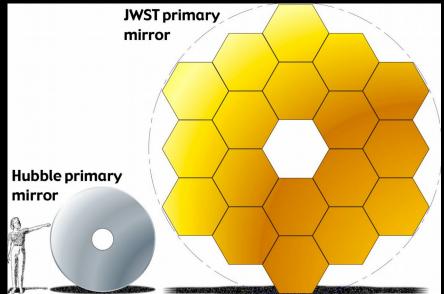
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1 parsec = 3.26 light years

Telescope Sensitivity

- Use James Webb Space Telescope (planned launch Oct 2021)
- Infrared sensitivity (~0.5 28 microns)
- Has many instruments and filters, relevant choice for maximum sensitivity depends on peak wavelength

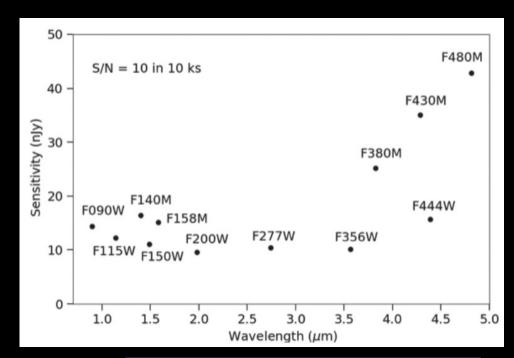


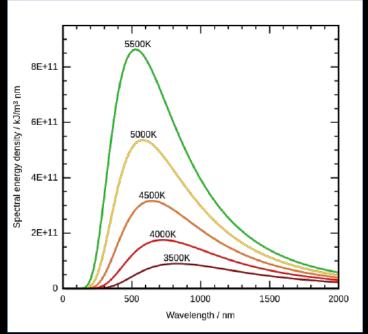


Signal with James Webb

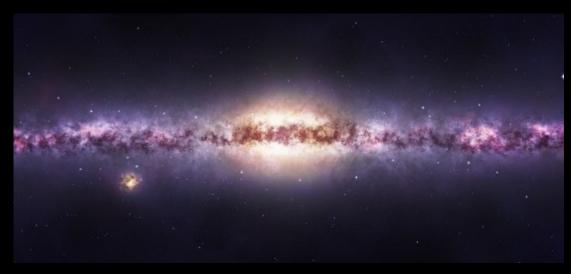
- Can see many stars/planets at once
- Assume exoplanets radiate as a blackbody
 - Assume peak of blackbody temperature sets the sensitivity limit
- Near-Infrared Imager and Slitless
 Spectrometer (NIRISS) for T > 500 K
- Mid-Infrared Instrument (MIRI) for T = 100 - 500 K

Won't need new dedicated searches; can piggyback



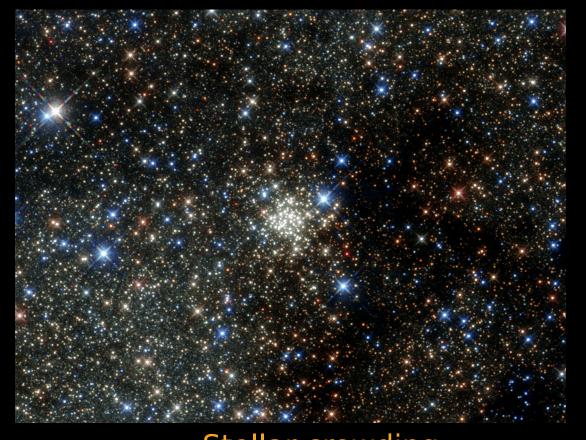


Search Challenges



Dust backgrounds:

Rescatter some wavelengths, which can reduce intensity and shift spectrum peaks



Stellar crowding: Stars per pixel important, can

Stars per pixel important, can outshine exoplanet signal

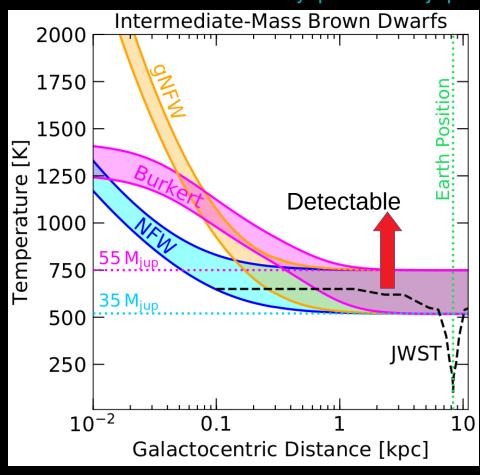
Optimal sensitivity is outside 0.1 kpc (about 1 degree off the plane)

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Exoplanet temperatures vs sensitivity

35 Mjup – 55 Mjup

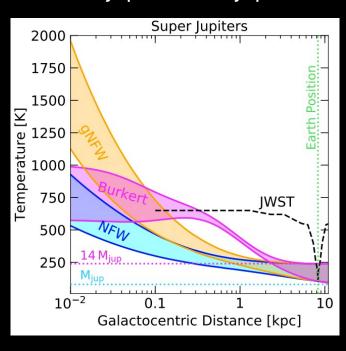
- NFW, gNFW, Burkert are DM profiles, shaded area is exoplanet mass range
- Minimum JWST sensitivity shown is signal to noise of 2, with exposure time of ~day
- Can do 10 SNR in 10^6 seconds on the line shown, + higher temps need less exposure time
- Sensitivity truncates at ~0.1kpc, due to stars per pixel, and dust scattering



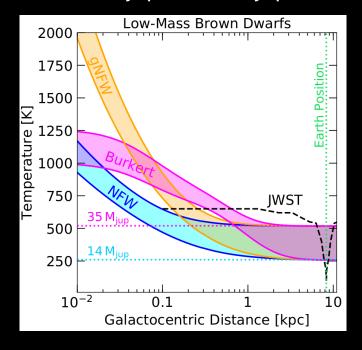
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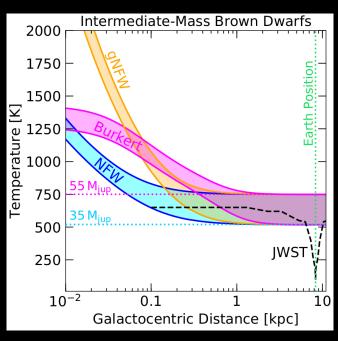
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Lower masses:

DM heat > internal heat at all positions

Higher masses:

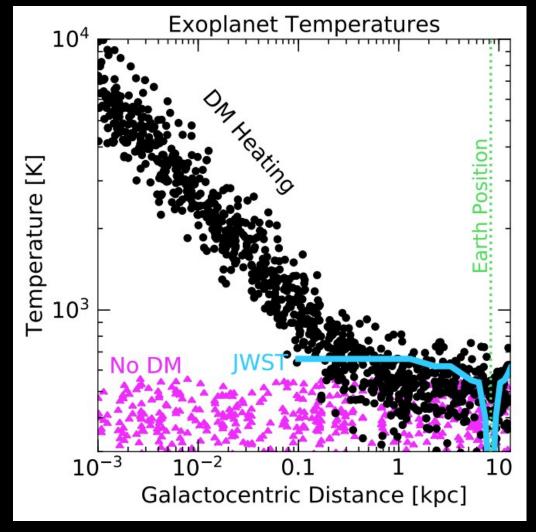
Strongest signal towards Galactic Center, local DM heating signal difficult to outperform internal heat

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New DM Search with Exoplanets

- Mock distribution of exoplanets with masses 20 – 50 Jupiters, gNFW profile, with and without DM heating
- Exoplanets can be used to map the Galactic DM density, given sufficient telescope sensitivity
- Identify exoplanets via other methods (e.g. microlensing) first, follow up with James Webb

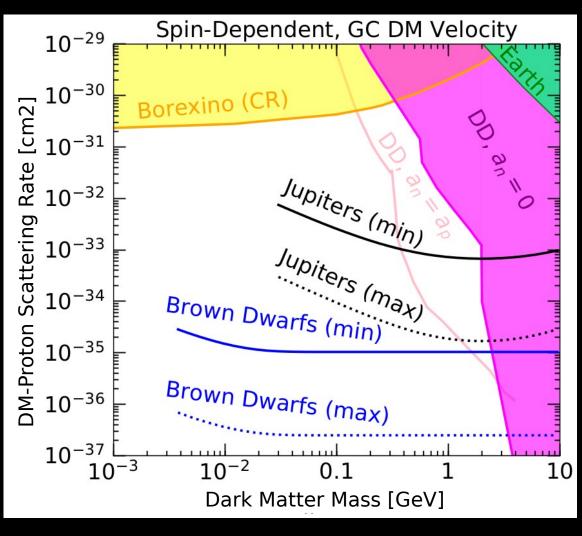


Prospects for these searches?

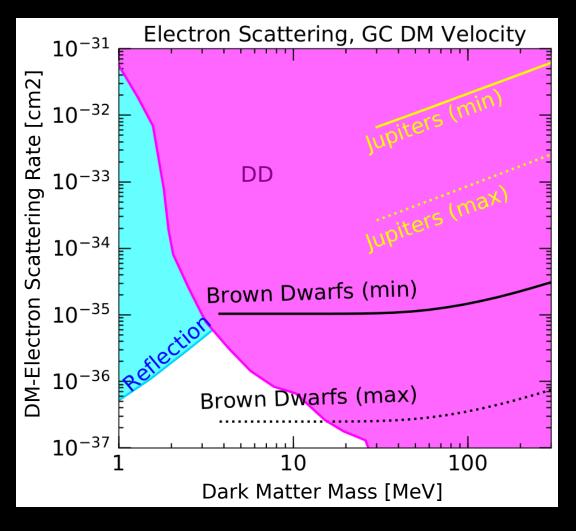
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Planet	Radius (R_{jup})	Mass (M_{jup})	Distance	Orbit	Temp (No DM)	Temp (with DM)	Ref
Epsilon Eridani b	1.21	1.55	3 рс	3.4 au	$\lesssim 200~\mathrm{K}$	$\lesssim 650~\mathrm{K}$	[84]
Epsilon Indi A b	1.17	3.25	$3.7~\mathrm{pc}$	11.6 au	$\lesssim 200~\mathrm{K}$	$\lesssim 650~\mathrm{K}$	[85]
Gliese 832 b	1.25	0.68	$4.9~\mathrm{pc}$	3.6 au	$\lesssim 200~\mathrm{K}$	$\lesssim 650~\mathrm{K}$	[86]
Gliese 849 b	1.23	1.0	8.8 pc	2.4 au	$\lesssim 200~\mathrm{K}$	$\lesssim 650~\mathrm{K}$	[87]
Thestias	1.19	2.3	10 pc	1.6 au	$\lesssim 200~\mathrm{K}$	$\lesssim 650~\mathrm{K}$	[88]
Lipperhey	1.16	3.9	$12.5~\rm pc$	5.5 au	$\lesssim 200~\mathrm{K}$	$\lesssim 650~\mathrm{K}$	[89]
НD 147513 b	1.22	1.21	$12.8~\mathrm{pc}$	1.3 au	$\lesssim 200~\mathrm{K}$	$\lesssim 650~\mathrm{K}$	[90]
Gamma Cephei b	1.2	1.85	$13.5~\mathrm{pc}$	2.0 au	$\lesssim 200~\mathrm{K}$	$\lesssim 650~\mathrm{K}$	[91]
Majriti	1.16	4.1	13.5 pc	2.5 au	$\sim 218~\mathrm{K}$	$\lesssim 650~\mathrm{K}$	[92]
47 Ursae Majoris d	1.2	1.64	14 pc	11.6 au	$\lesssim 200~\mathrm{K}$	$\lesssim 650~\mathrm{K}$	[93]
Taphao Thong	1.2	2.5	$14~\mathrm{pc}$	2.1 au	$\lesssim 200~\mathrm{K}$	$\lesssim 650~\mathrm{K}$	[93]
Gliese 777 b	1.21	1.54	15.9 pc	4.0 au	$\lesssim 200~\mathrm{K}$	$\lesssim 650~\mathrm{K}$	[94]
Gliese 317 c	1.21	1.54	$15.0~\mathrm{pc}$	25.0 au	$\lesssim 200~\mathrm{K}$	$\lesssim 650~\mathrm{K}$	[95]
q^1 Eridani b	1.23	0.94	17.5 pc	2.0 au	$\lesssim 200~\mathrm{K}$	$\lesssim 650~\mathrm{K}$	[87]
НD 87883 b	1.21	1.54	$18.4~\mathrm{pc}$	3.6 au	$\lesssim 200~\mathrm{K}$	$\lesssim 650~\mathrm{K}$	[96]
ν^2 Canis Majoris c	1.24	0.87	19.9 pc	2.2 au	$\lesssim 200~\mathrm{K}$	$\lesssim 650~\mathrm{K}$	[97]
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НD 70642 b	1.19	1.99	29.4 pc	3.3 au	$\lesssim 200~\mathrm{K}$	$\lesssim 650~\mathrm{K}$	[99]
HD 29021 b	1.2	2.4	$31~{ m pc}$	2.3 au	$\lesssim 200~\mathrm{K}$	$\lesssim 650~\mathrm{K}$	[100]
НD 117207 Ь	1.2	1.9	$32.5~\mathrm{pc}$	4.1 au	$\lesssim 200~\mathrm{K}$	$\lesssim 650~\mathrm{K}$	[101]
Xolotlan	1.2	0.9	$34.0 \mathrm{\ pc}$	1.7 au	$\lesssim 200~\mathrm{K}$	$\lesssim 650~\mathrm{K}$	[102]
НАТ-Р-11 с	1.2	1.6	$38.0~\mathrm{pc}$	4.1 au	$\lesssim 200~\mathrm{K}$	$\lesssim 650~\mathrm{K}$	[103]
HD 187123 c	1.2	2.0	$46.0~\mathrm{pc}$	4.9 au	$\lesssim 200~\mathrm{K}$	$\lesssim 650~\mathrm{K}$	[104]
HD 50499 b	1.2	1.6	46.3 pc	3.8 au	$\lesssim 200~\mathrm{K}$	$\lesssim 650~\mathrm{K}$	[101]
D:	1.0	1.1	40.4	0.9	200 K	< CEO V	[105]

- Many candidates already exist!
- Gaia may be able to see up to around 90,000 planets within 100 pc (local search)
- WFIRST/Roman expects to detect least several thousand exoplanets in the inner galaxy

DM scattering cross section sensitivity



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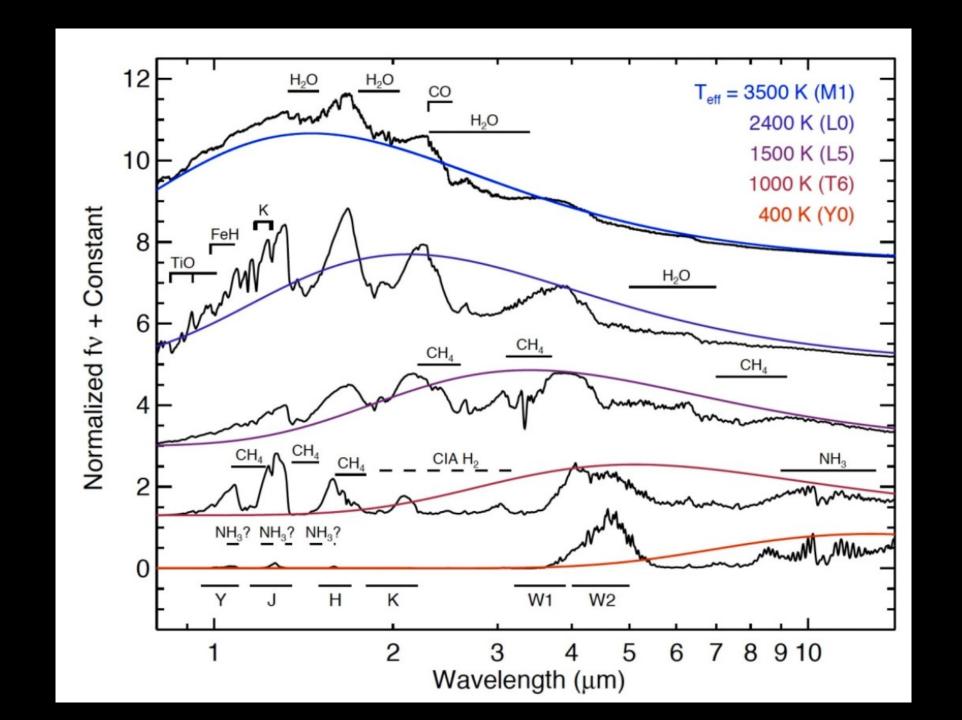
Actions for successful discovery/exclusion

- Successful telescope launch
- Large statistical sample obtained to overcome systematics
- Detailed analyses of atmosphere effects including dark matter
- Simulations of cooling curves of Jupiters + Dwarfs
 including dark matter

Summary

- The exoplanet program is rapidly accelerating, lots of new surprises and discoveries inevitable
- Examined how exoplanets can be used to discover DM, due to overheating from captured DM
 - Old, cold Jupiters and brown dwarfs ideal
- Actionable discovery or exclusion searches with new infrared telescopes
 - Signal traces DM density in the Galaxy
- New sensitivity to DM parameter space: DM-proton scattering up to six orders of magnitude stronger than other limits
- Exciting opportunities soon to realize search, several telescopes may be informative, new infrared window to Inner Galaxy
 - Oct 2021 James Webb launch!

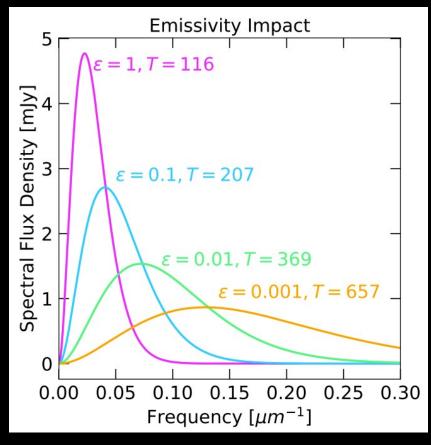
EXTRA SLIDES

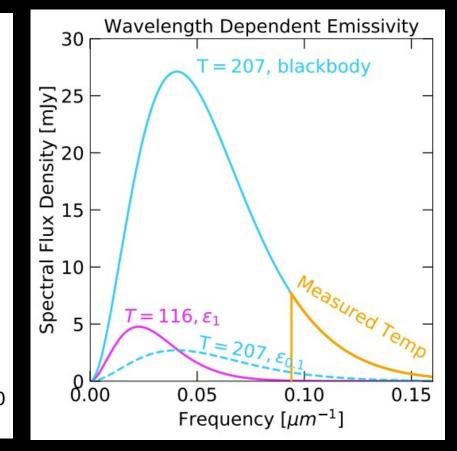


Deviations: Non-Blackbody Spectra

Atmosphere effects can cause deviations from a blackbody

$$B(\nu, T) = \frac{2\nu^{3}\epsilon}{\exp\left(\frac{2\pi\nu}{k_{b}T}\right) - 1}$$





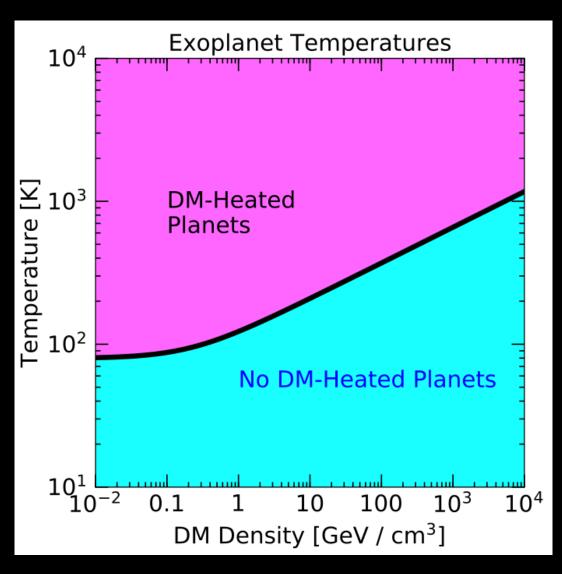
DM Equilibrium and Evaporation

- For maximal rate, want DM scattering and annihilation to be in equilibrium
 - Find DM reaches equilibrium by 1-10 Gigayears
- Lower end of DM mass sensitivity will stop due to DM becoming too light and evaporating out of the planet
 - Using temperature profiles for different exoplanets, find minimum mass, condition to remain bound is:

$$E_{\rm DM}^{\rm kin} = \frac{3}{2}T(r) < \frac{G_N M(r) m_\chi}{2r}$$

 Evaporation occurs for ~4 MeV DM mass in brown dwarfs, ~30 MeV DM mass in Jupiters

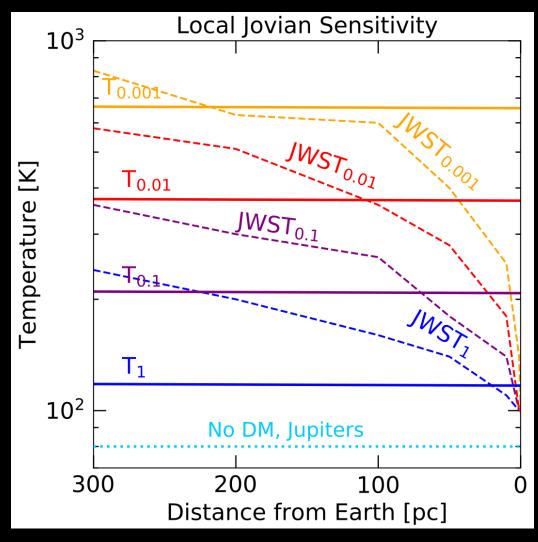
Deviations: DM-overdensities



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Local DM-Heated Exoplanet Search

- Local fluxes easier to detect, so lower normalization from emissivity isn't a severe penalty
- Allows use of more powerful filters: best JWST filter sensitivity is with higher temps (in this case, higher wavelength peaks)
- Local exoplanets with lower emissivities can extend local sensitivity to DM heating



DM scattering cross section sensitivity

$$f = \frac{C_{\text{cap}}}{C_{\text{max}}} = \sum_{N=1}^{\infty} f_N$$

$$f_N = p(N, \tau) \left[1 - \kappa \exp\left(-\frac{3\left(v_N^2 - v_{\rm esc}^2\right)}{2v_d^2}\right) \right]$$

$$\kappa = \left(1 + \frac{3}{2} \frac{v_{\rm N}^2}{v_d^2}\right) \left(1 + \frac{3}{2} \frac{v_{\rm esc}^2}{v_d^2}\right)^{-1}$$

Here v_d is the velocity dispersion, $v_N = v_{\rm esc} (1 - \langle z \rangle \beta)^{-N/2}$ where the average scattering angle is $\langle z \rangle = 1/2$ [143], $\beta = 4m_{\chi}m_A/(m_{\chi} + m_A)^2$, and m_A is the mass of the target particle. The probability that the DM particle scatters N times is

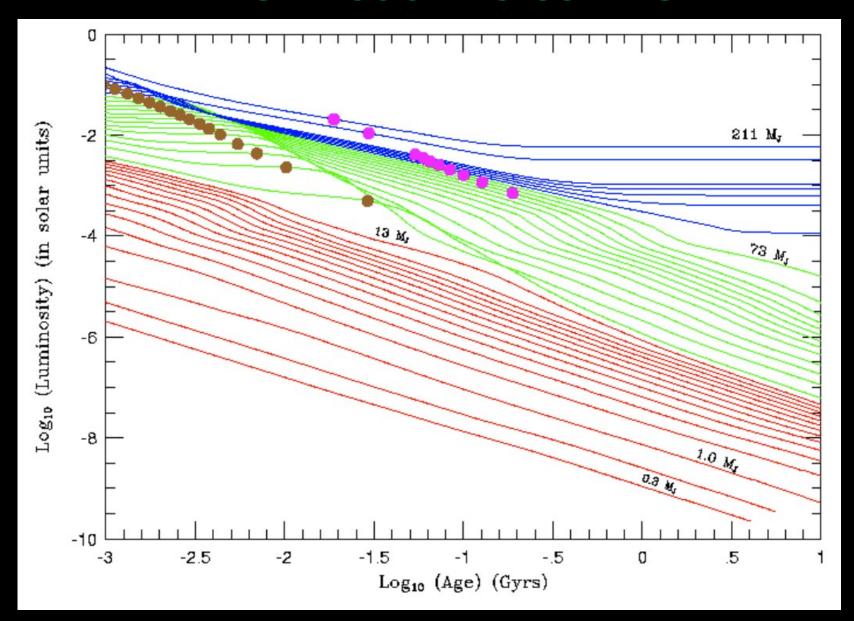
$$p(N,\tau) = \frac{2}{\tau^2} \left(N_s + 1 - \frac{\Gamma(N_s + 2, \tau)}{N_s!} \right) \quad \tau = \frac{3}{2} \frac{\sigma}{\sigma_{\text{sat}}}.$$

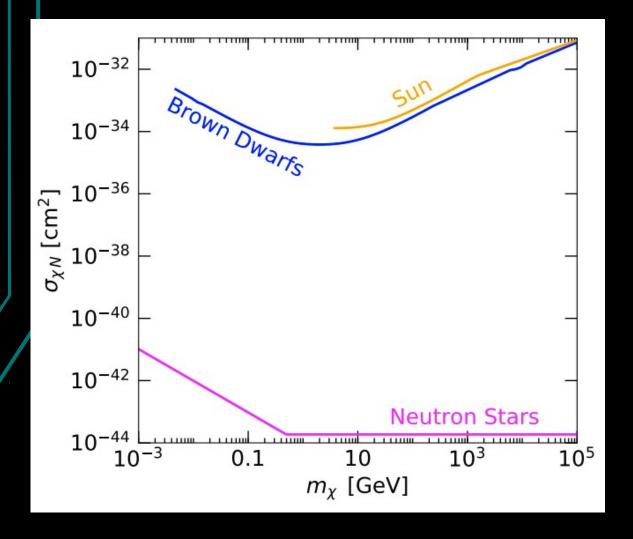
$$\sigma_{\mathrm{sat}} = \pi R^2 / N_{\mathrm{SM}}$$

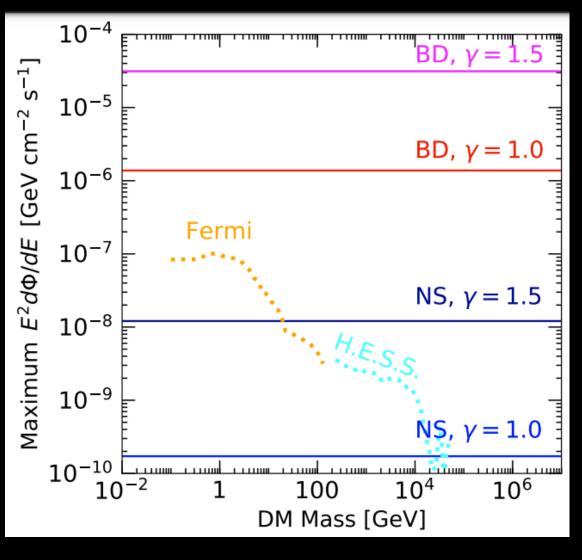
$$\sigma_{\chi A}^{\rm SD} = \sigma_{\chi N}^{\rm SD} \left(\frac{\mu(m_A)}{\mu(m_N)}\right)^2 \frac{4(J+1)}{3J} \left[a_p \langle S_p \rangle + a_n \langle S_n \rangle\right]^2$$

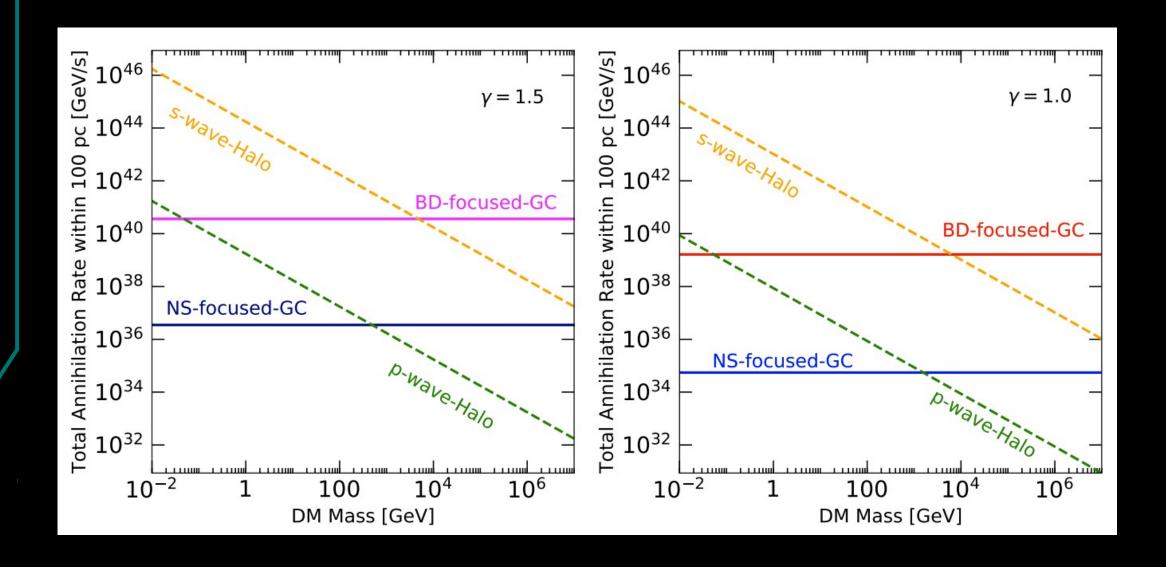
$$\sigma_{\chi A}^{\rm SI} = \sigma_{\chi N}^{\rm SI} \left(\frac{\mu(m_A)}{\mu(m_N)}\right)^2 \left[Z + \frac{a_n}{a_p}(A-Z)\right]^2$$
(1)

AGE - COOLING CURVES

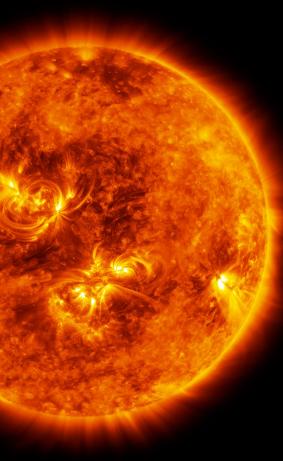








DARK MATTER IN CELESTIAL OBJECTS



Apollo mission data: rock content and heat flux

Luna

Ganymede

Impact on magnetic fields? Volcanoes?



Earth

20.000 boreholes

into the ground,

internal heat measured

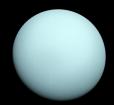
Mars

Future Martian drilled kilometers deep mission: more info



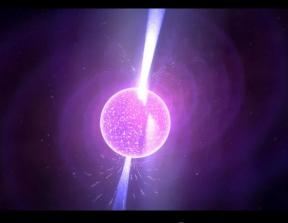
Jupiter

DM heat anomaly?



Uranus

DM limits from temperature



Neutron Stars

DM heating, infrared telescopes



White Dwarfs

Sun

Neutrinos, long-lived particle decays outside the Sun

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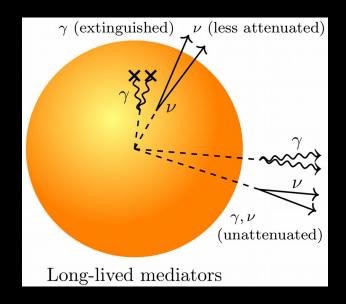
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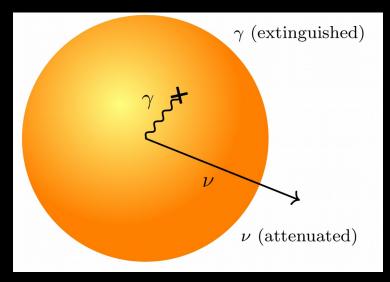
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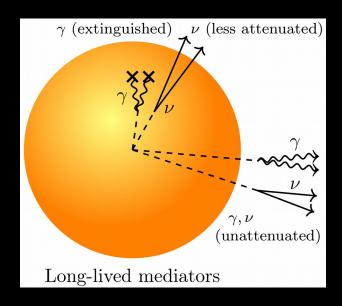
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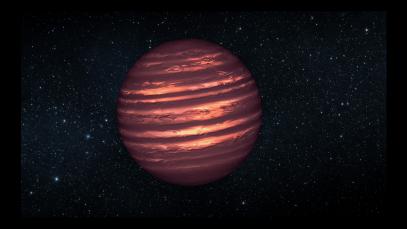


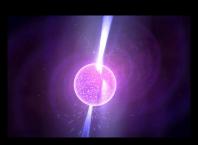
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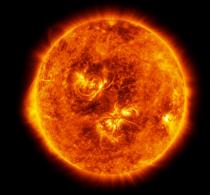


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- Radius: Larger amount of DM captured, larger annihilation signal
- Core Temperature: Gives kinetic energy to DM, if high, more evaporation
- Density: Lower cross section sensitivities

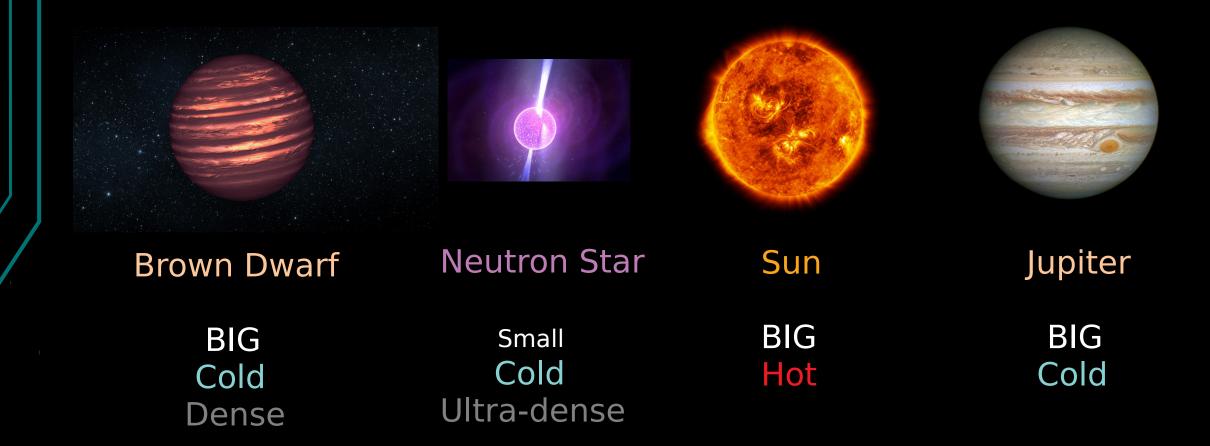




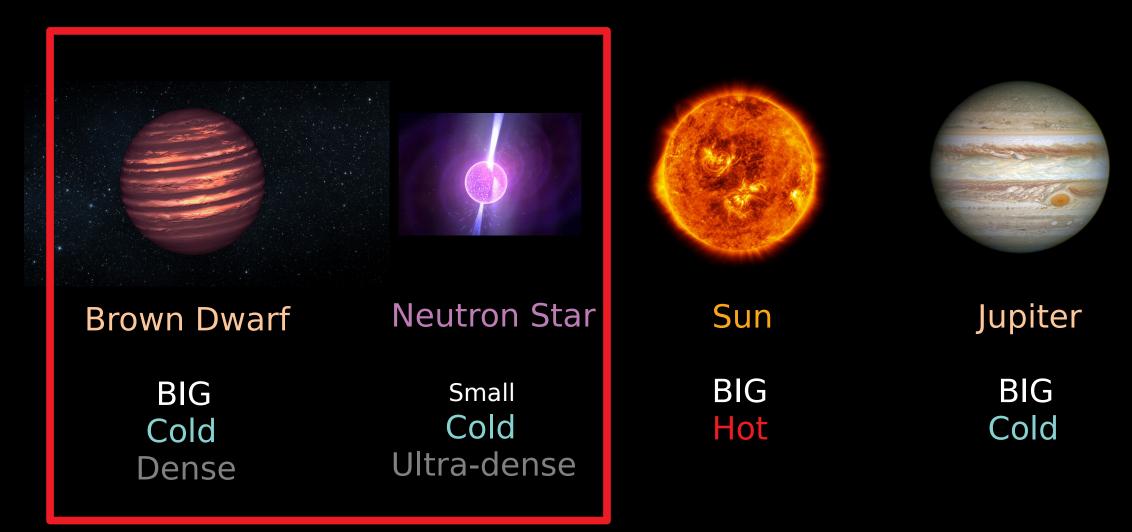




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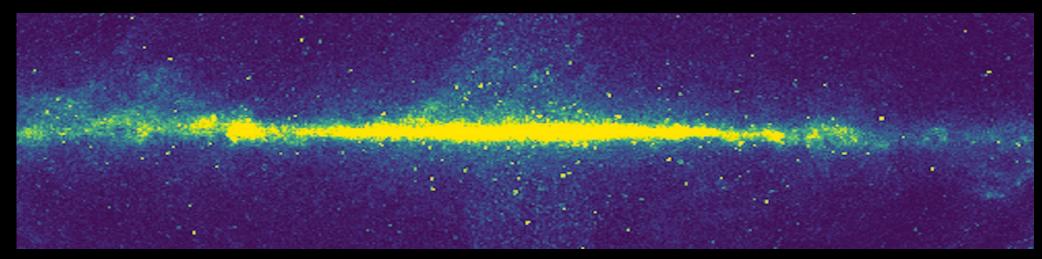
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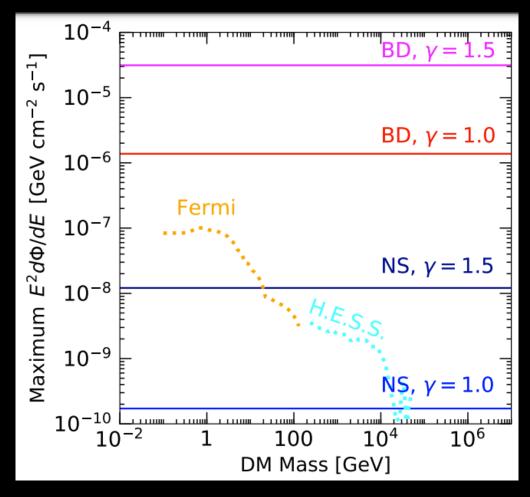
Galactic Center Population Signal

- Use all the neutron stars, all the brown dwarfs
- Large population in the Galactic Center, DM density high: large rate!
- Our new signal follows matter density: DM density * stellar density
 - DM Halo annihilation scales with DM density squared



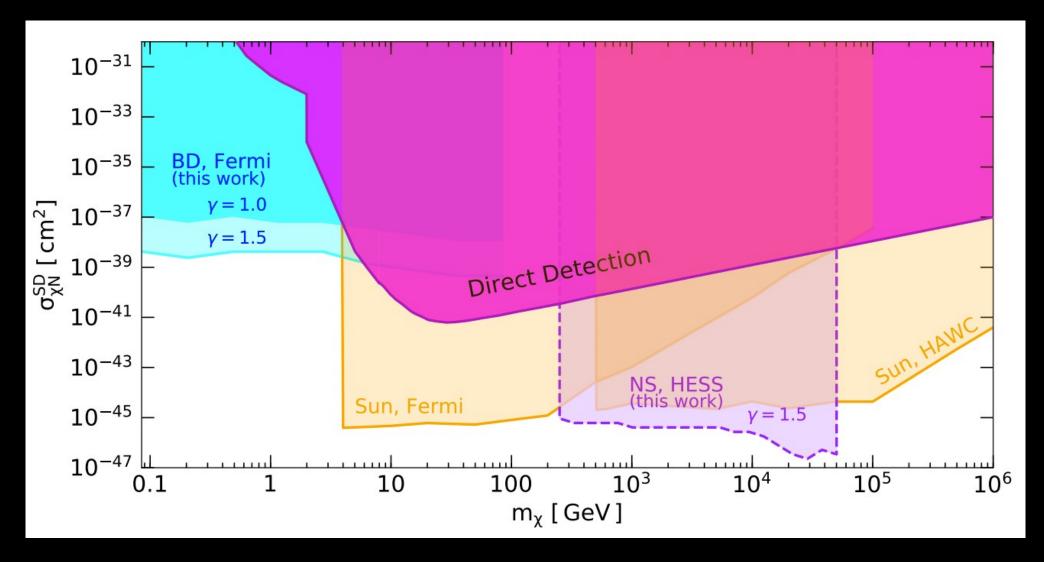
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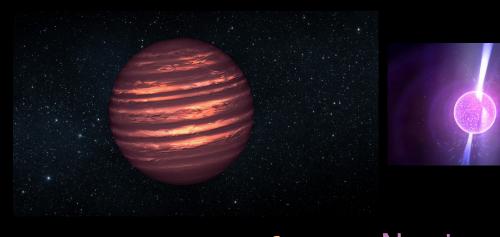
- Detectability: compare with known gamma-ray data
 - Use Fermi and H.E.S.S. data for Galactic Center
 - No model assumptions on mediator, other than must escape
 - Brown dwarfs very large signal!



RKL, Linden, Mukhopadyay, Toro, 2021

New Limits w/ Brown Dwarfs and Neutron Stars



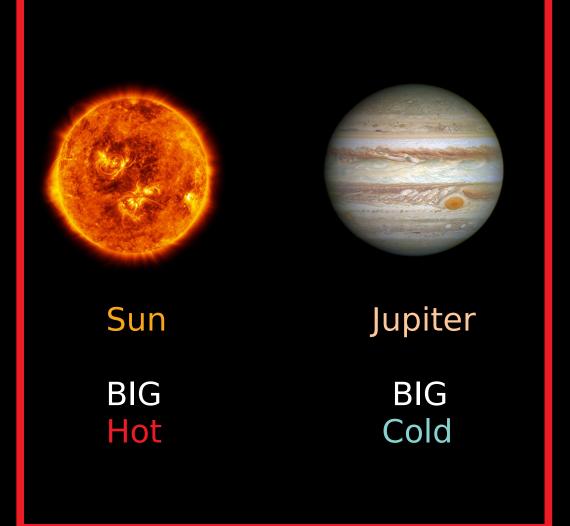


Brown Dwarf

Neutron Star

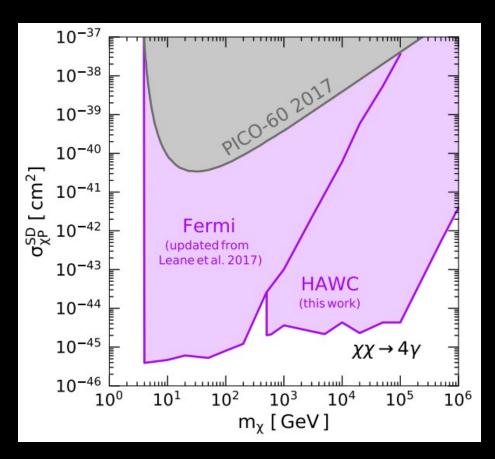
BIG Cold

Small Cold



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Solar System Objects



Sun

Long-Lived Mediator Limits RKL, Ng, Beacom (PRD '17) RKL + HAWC Collaboration (PRD '18)



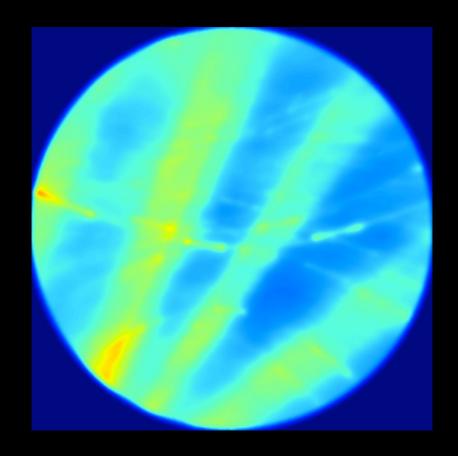
What about Jupiter?

Cooler than the Sun: MeV-DM mass sensitivity!

Jupiter in Gamma Rays

RKL, Linden (to appear)

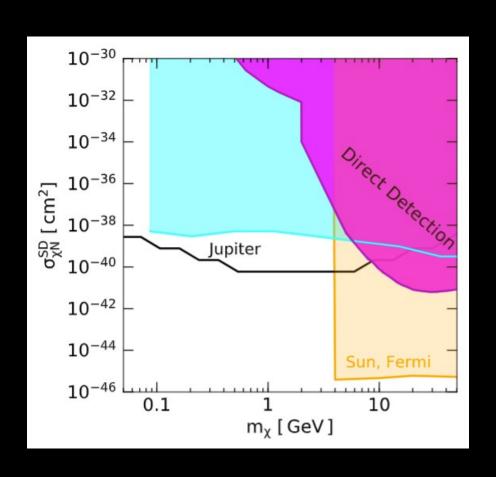
- Never measured in gamma rays!
- We perform first search using publicly available Fermi Telescope data



Nothing there :(

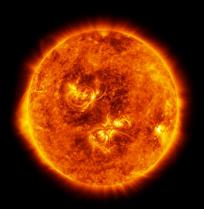
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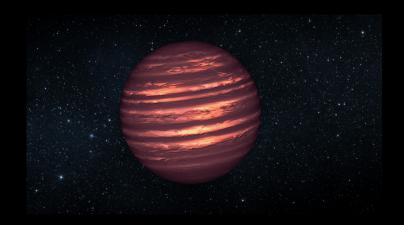
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- Can set limits on DM annihilation to long-lived particle scenario
- Plot assumes long-lived particles decay directly into gamma rays



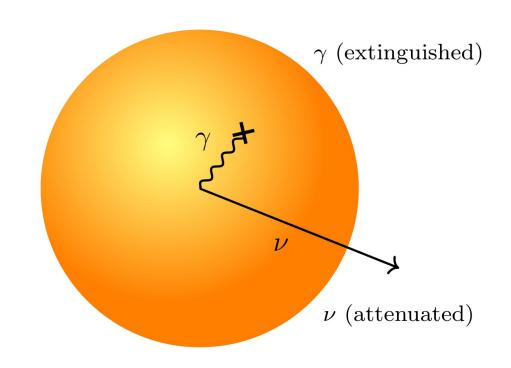
Summary: Long-lived particles

- Complementary searches for sub-GeV DM in celestial bodies:
 - DM annihilation to long-lived mediators:
 - + Search for gamma rays, powered by Galactic Center population of brown dwarfs or neutron stars, new sub-GeV limits
 - + Search for gamma rays from Jupiter, new sub-GeV limits





DARK MATTER IN THE SUN



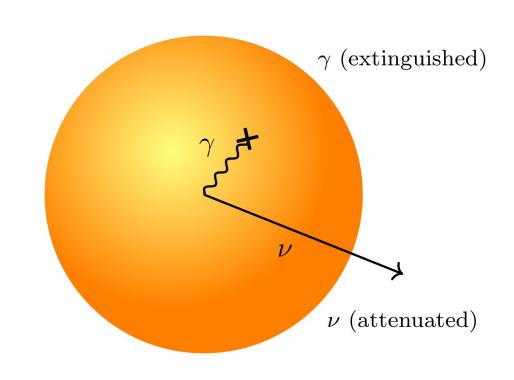
Evolution of dark matter number density

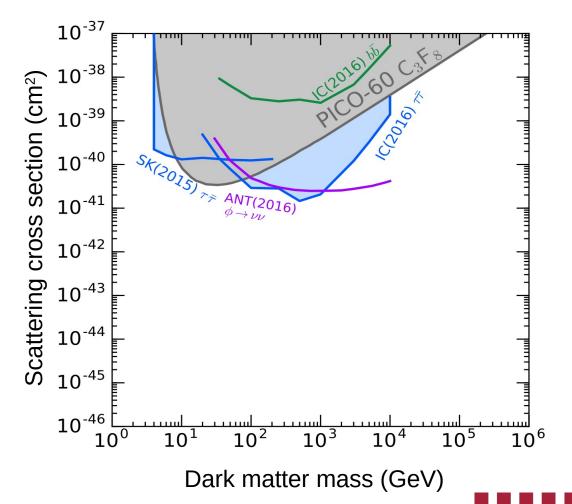
$$\frac{d}{dt}N_{\chi} = \Gamma_{\rm cap} - C_{\rm ann}N_{\chi}^2$$



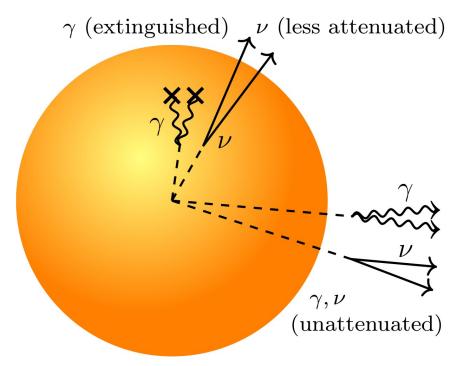
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Limits from neutrinos, standard scenario





LONG-LIVED SIGNAL BOOST:

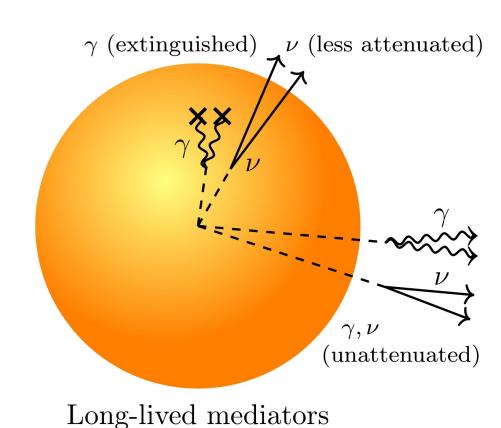


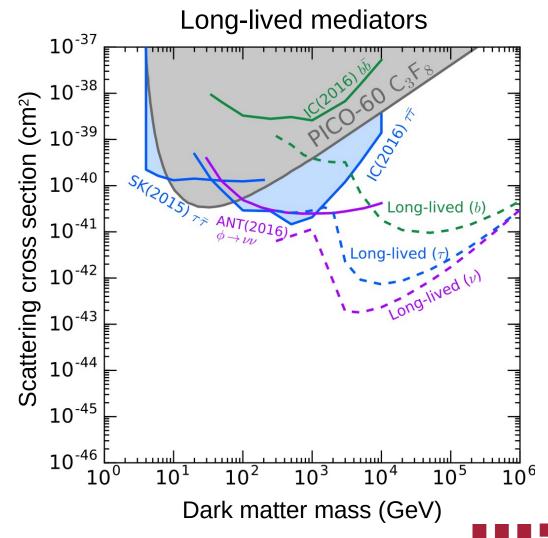
Long-lived mediators

Schuster, Toro, Yavin (PRD '10) Batell, Pospelov, Ritz, Shang (PRD '10) Meade, Nussinov, Papucci, Volansky (JHEP '10)



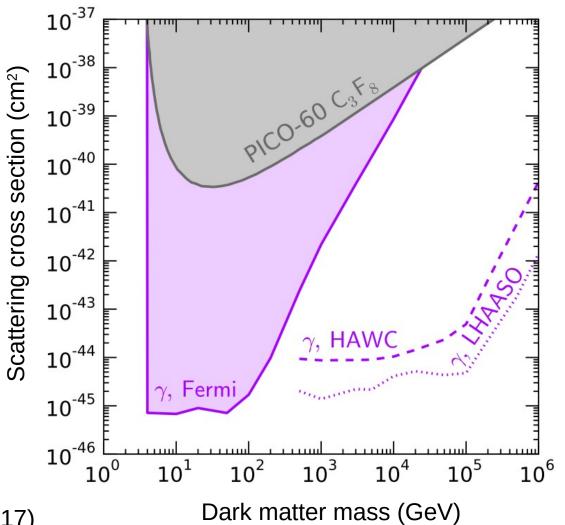
LONG-LIVED SIGNAL BOOST: NEUTRINOS





RL, Ng, Beacom (PRD '17)

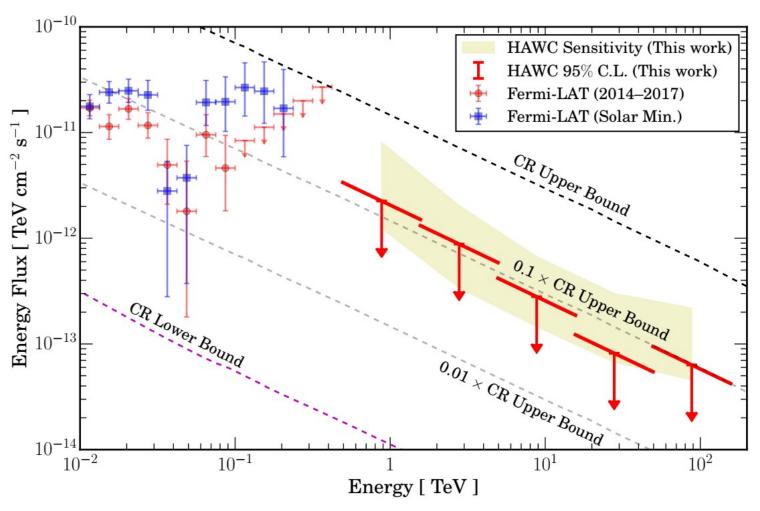
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NEW LIMITS WITH HAWC

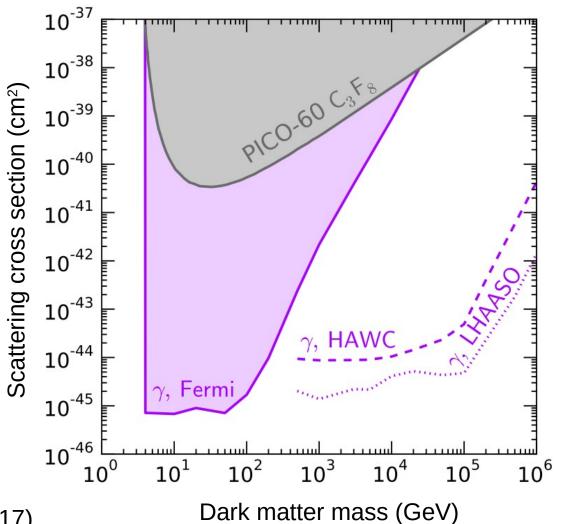


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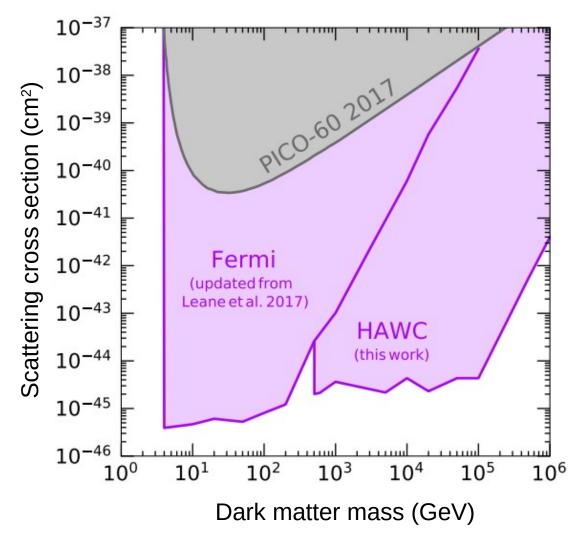
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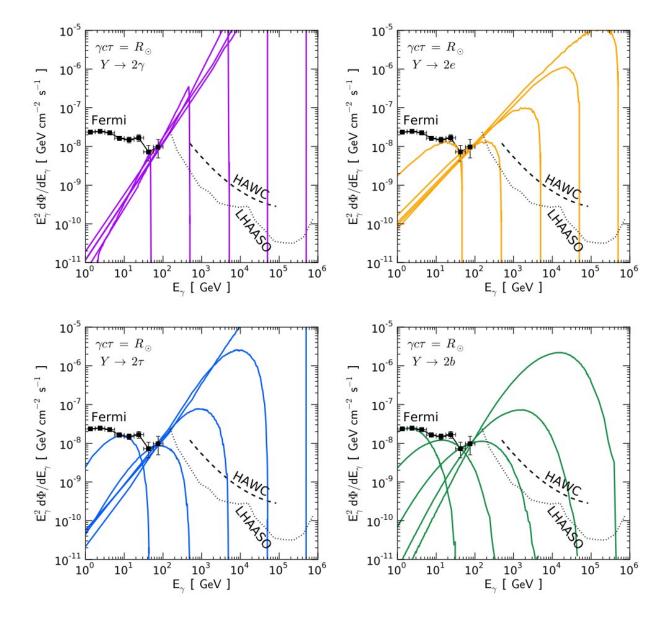


NEW LIMITS WITH FERMI AND HAWC



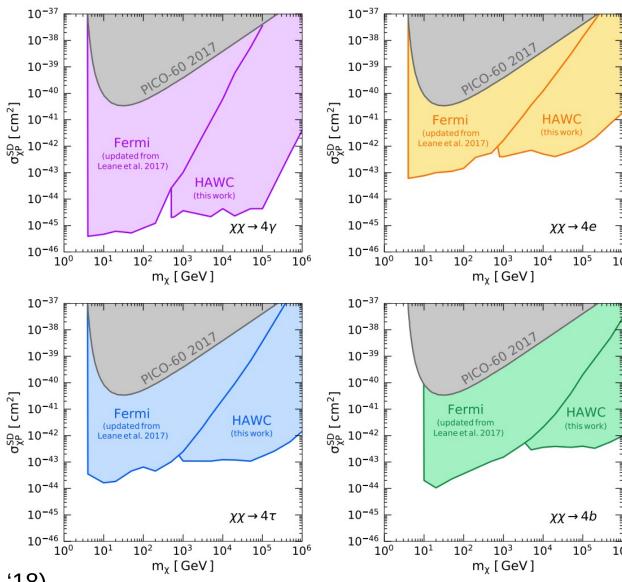


SOLAR DARK MATTER LIMITS





SOLAR DARK MATTER LIMITS: UPDATED



HAWC Collaboration + RL (PRD '18)

SOLAR DARK MATTER LIMITS: ALL

