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# Dark Matter

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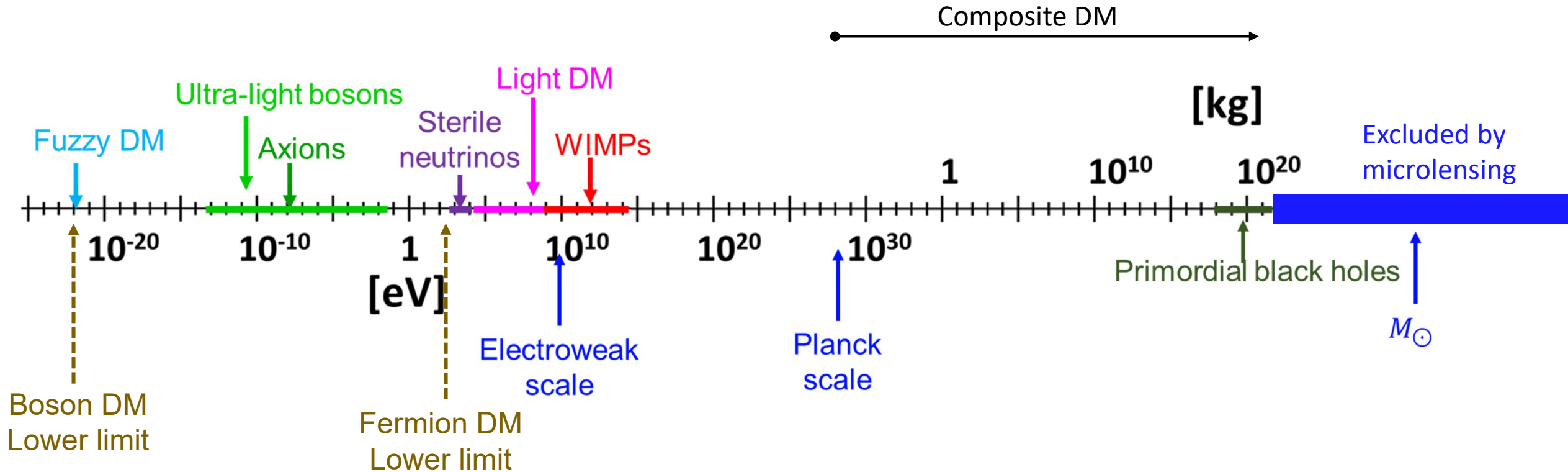
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# Lecture III

## **Dark Matter (WIMPs & light DM) detection**

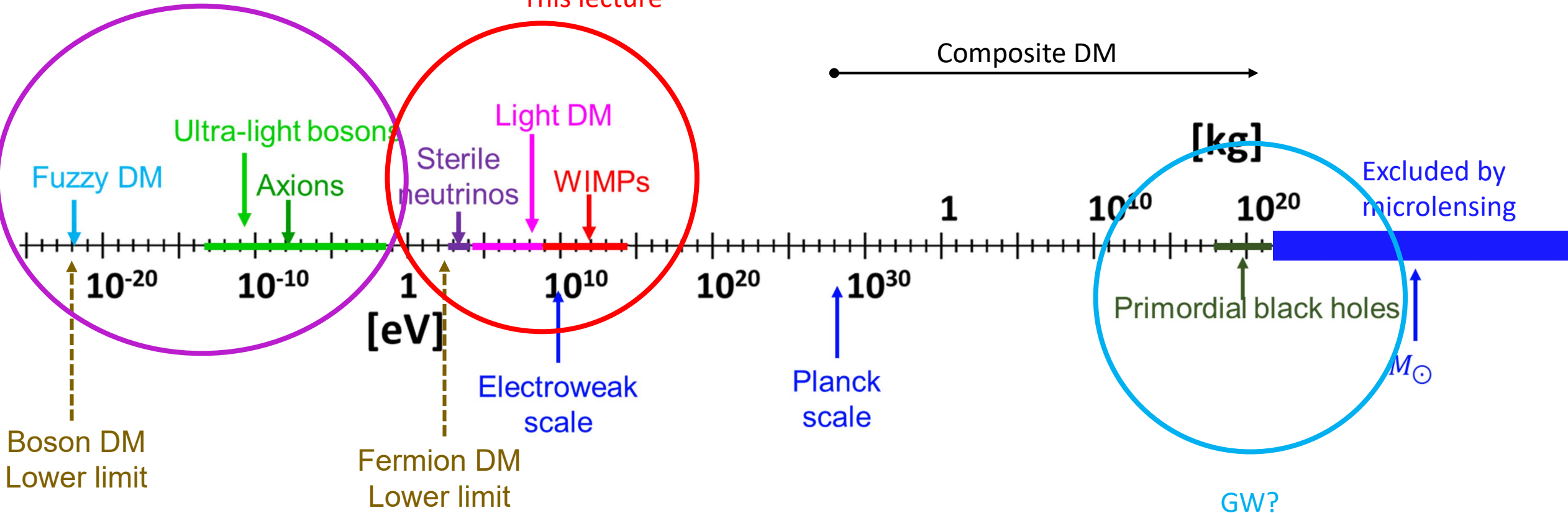
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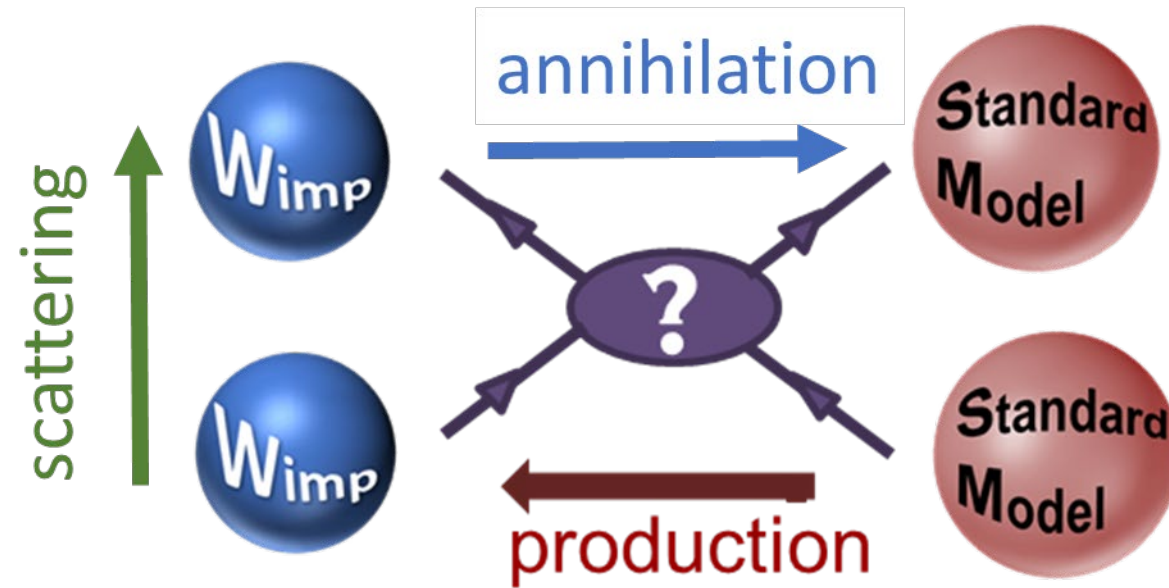
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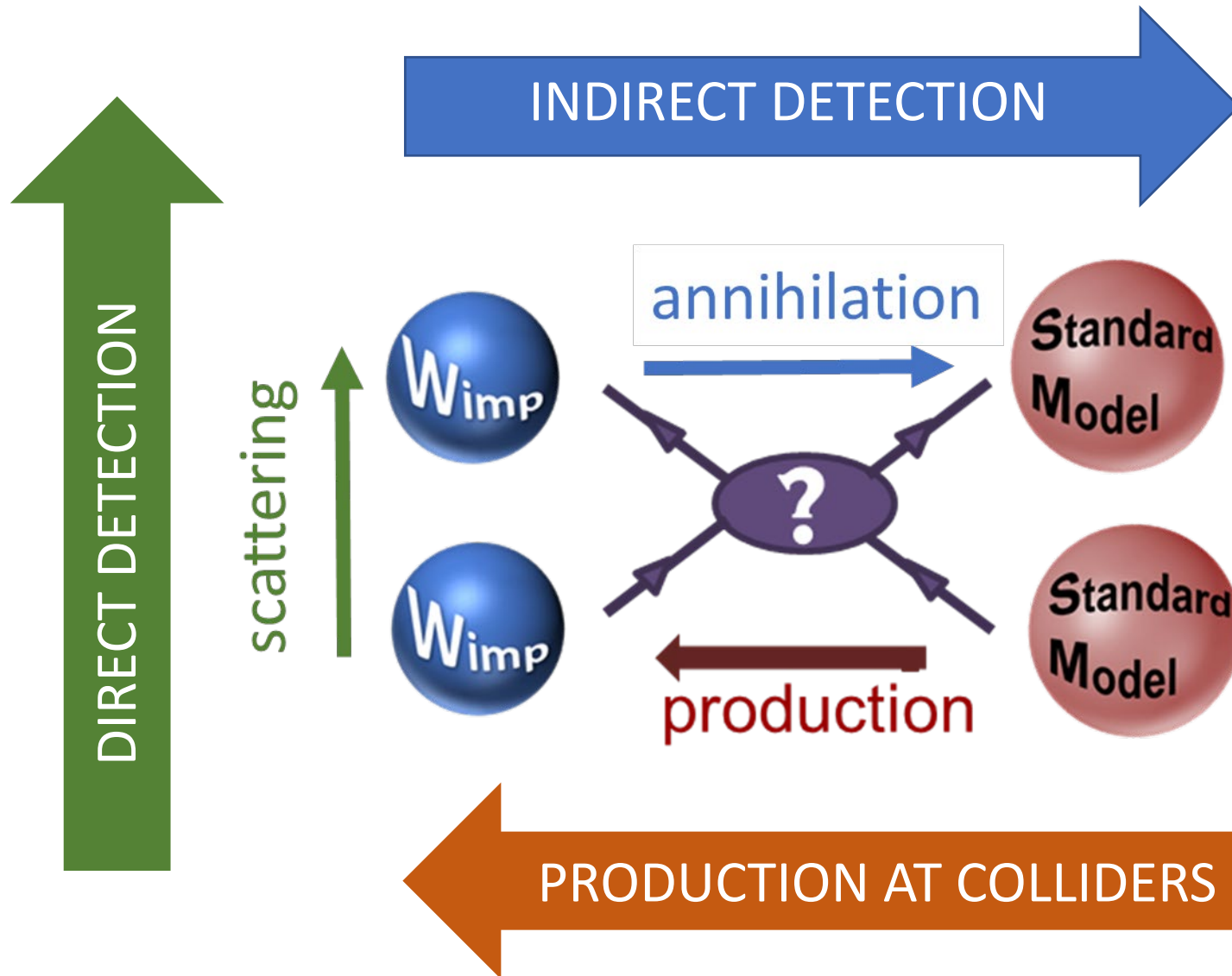


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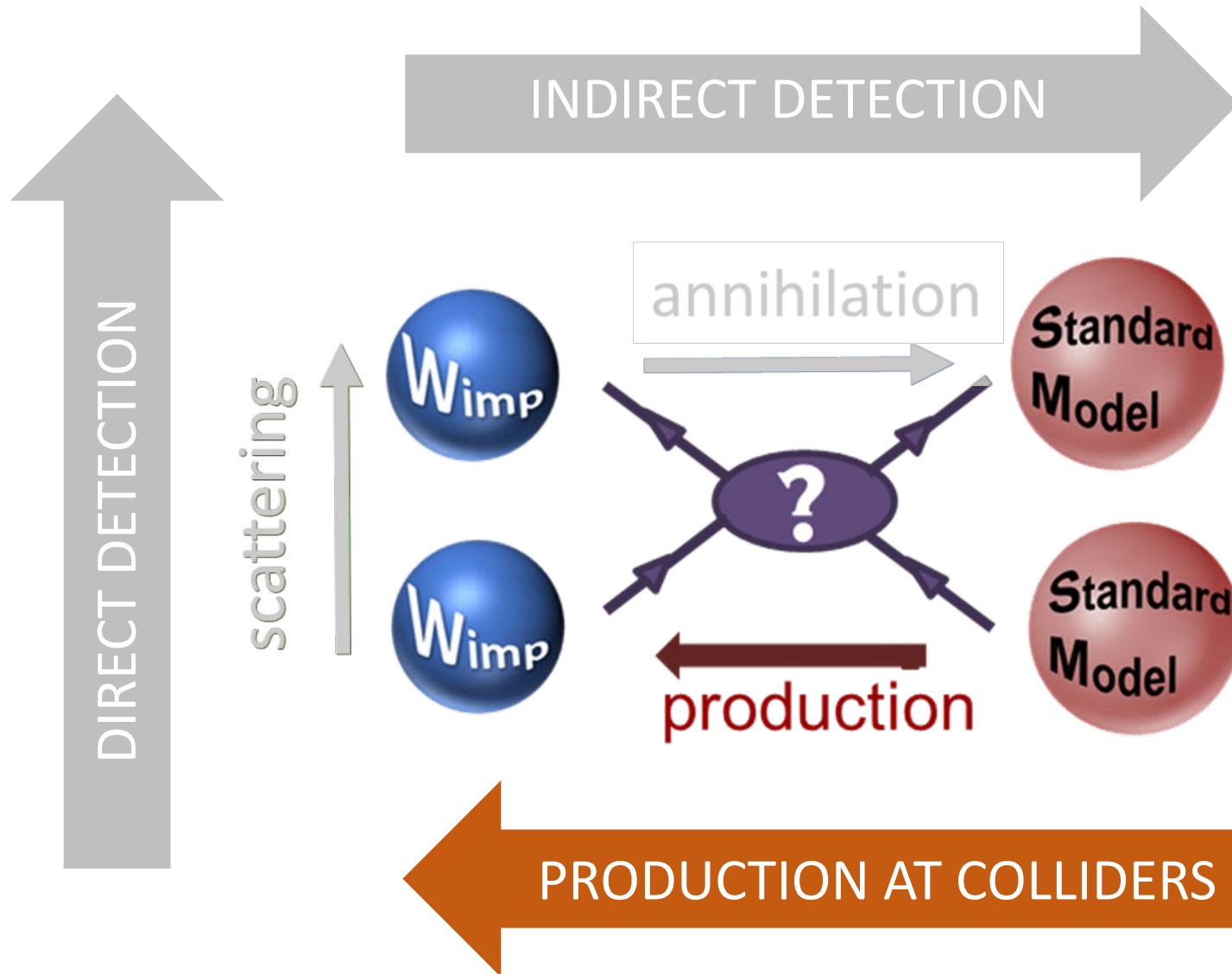
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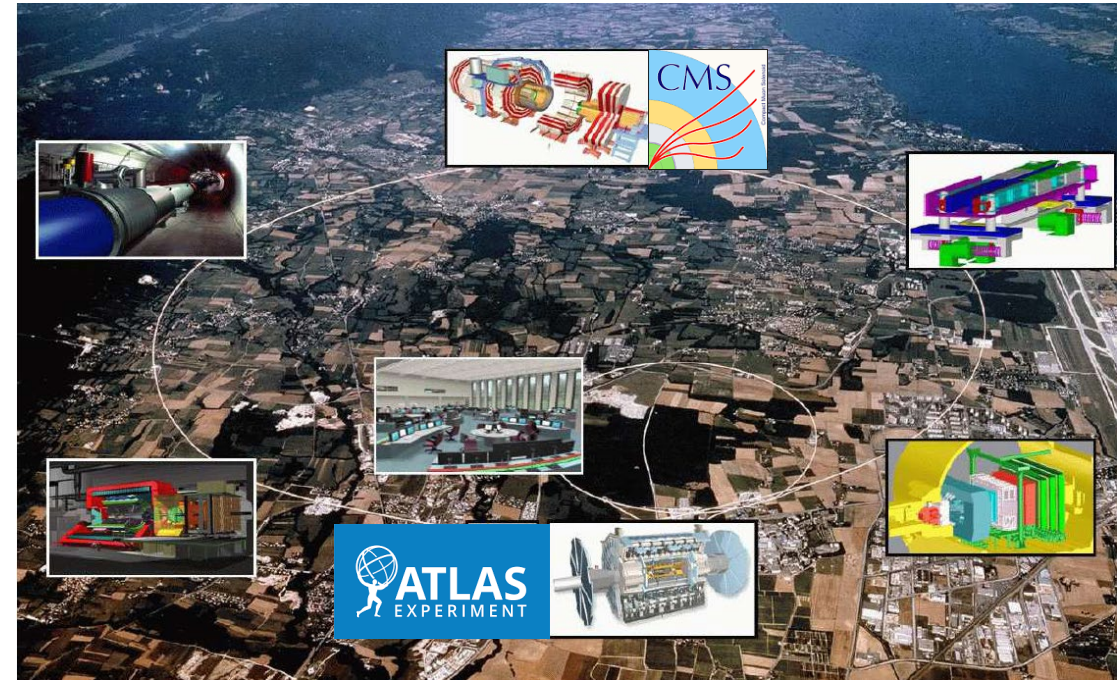
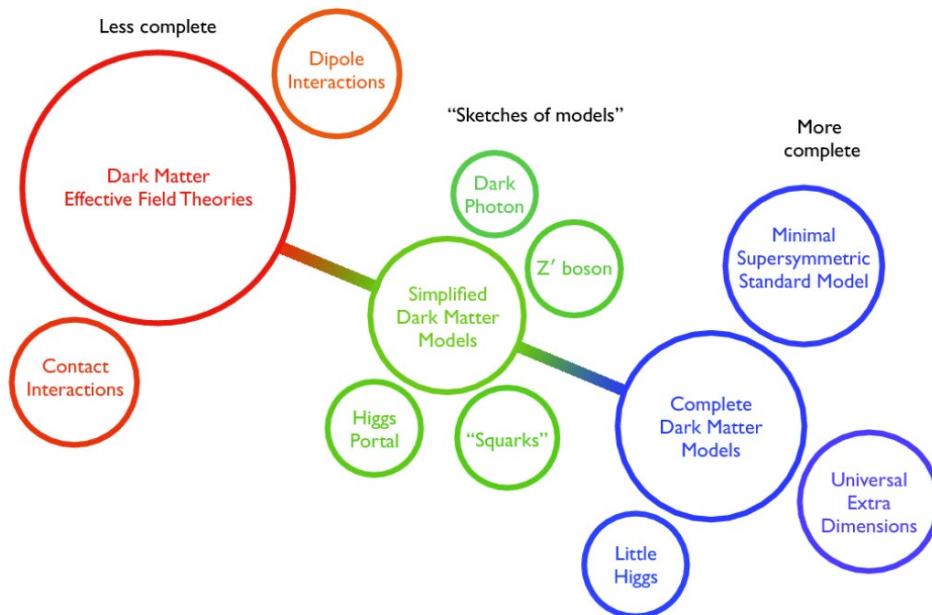


# How to detect DM?



# Production at colliders

- If we assume that DM couple sufficiently strongly to the SM (as freeze-out suggest) we can probe it at colliders
- DM searches at the LHC fully underway!
- How to predict the signals and interpret the results? Three approaches:
  1. EFT approach
  2. Dark Matter Simplified Models
  3. Complete models (e.g. SUSY)



# DM simplified models

Simple picture introducing a new mediator

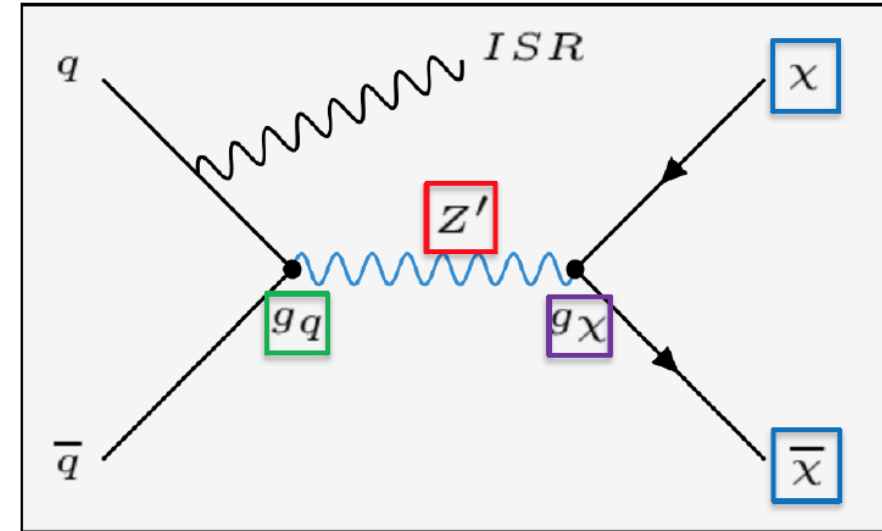
## 4 tunable parameters

1.  $M_{\text{med}}$  Mediator mass
2.  $M_\chi$  Dark matter mass
3.  $g_q$  Mediator's coupling to SM quarks
4.  $g_\chi$  Mediator's coupling to dark matter

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} - \frac{1}{4} \mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu} \mathcal{F}^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} m_A^2 \mathcal{A}_\mu \mathcal{A}^\mu + \bar{\chi} (i \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m_\chi) \chi - \sum_q g_q \mathcal{A}_\mu \bar{q} \gamma^\mu (\gamma^5) q - g_\chi \mathcal{A}_\mu \bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu (\gamma^5) \chi$$

## 4 model flavors

- vector
- axil vector
- scalar
- pseudoscalar



[taken from C. Freer '22]

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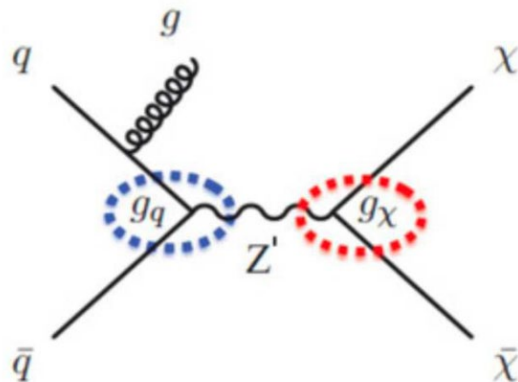
Caveat: DM is non-interacting with our detector!!: We need some object to trigger or otherwise we will lose these events

## Option (a) (Mono-X)

include ISR particle which we can trigger on  
Missing transverse momentum from DM

Searches:

- MonoZ
- MonoPhoton
- MonoJet/MonoV(hadronic)
- Monotop
- MonoHiggs
- tt+DM/
- bb+DM
- ...

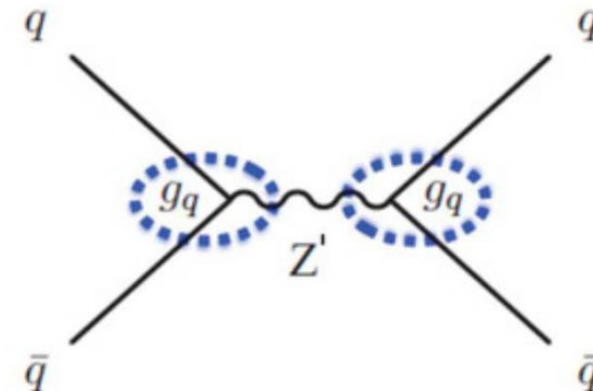


## Option (b) (Mediator)

if the mediator can couple with SM then it can decay into SM  
Can trigger on  $Z'$  decay products (fully SM)

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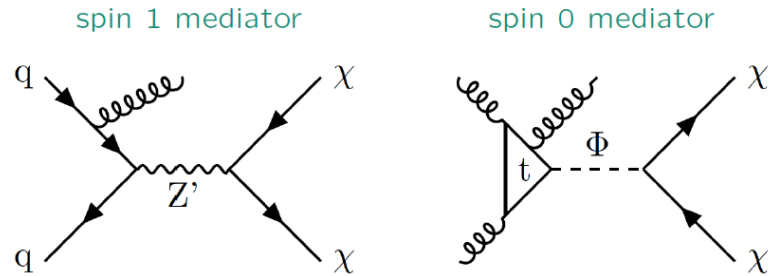
- Dilepton resonance
- Boosted dijet
- Dijet w/ btag
- Dijet w/ ISR
- Dijet
- tt/bb resonance
- ...





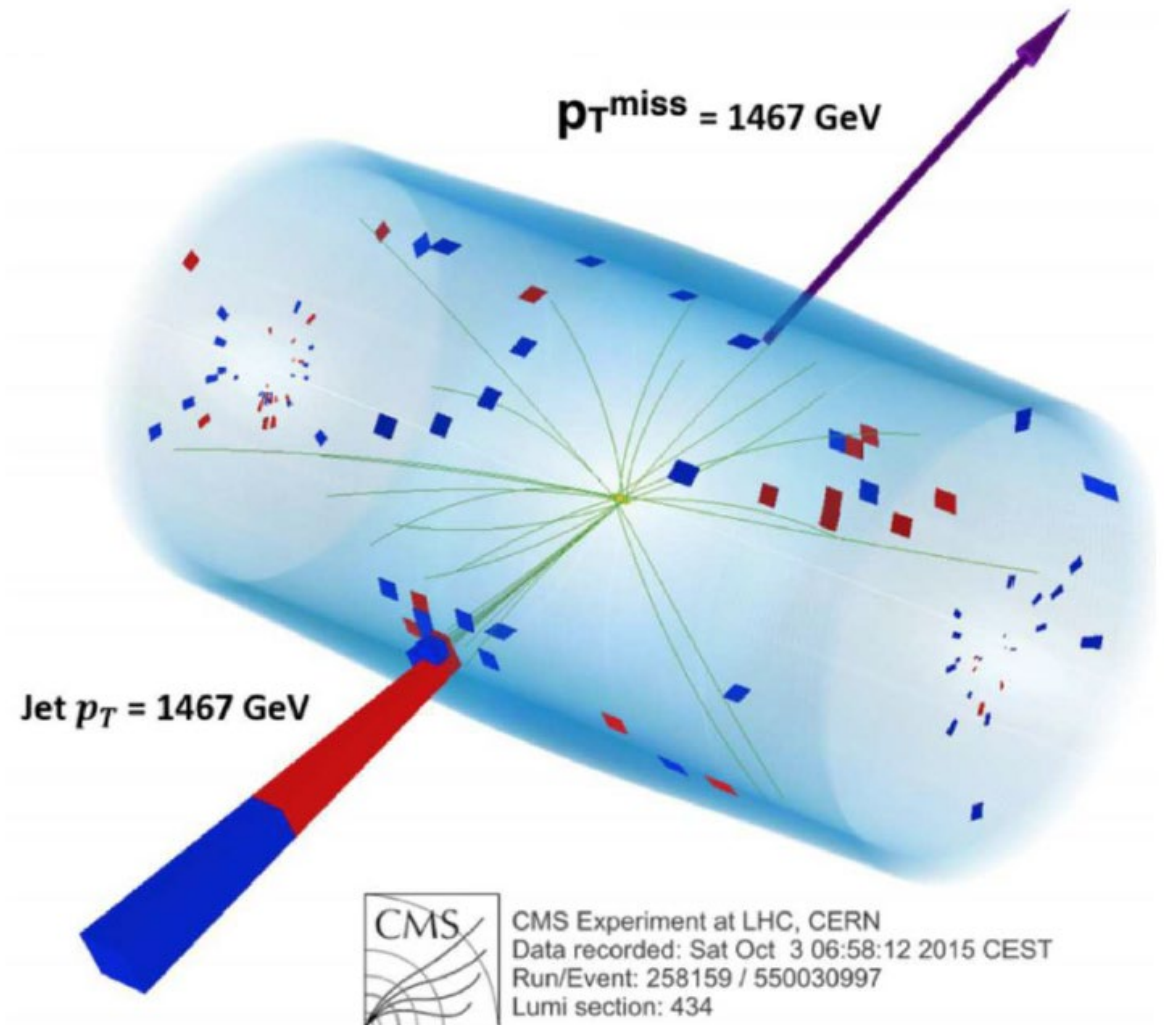
# How does it look in the detector

Example:



Experimental signatures:

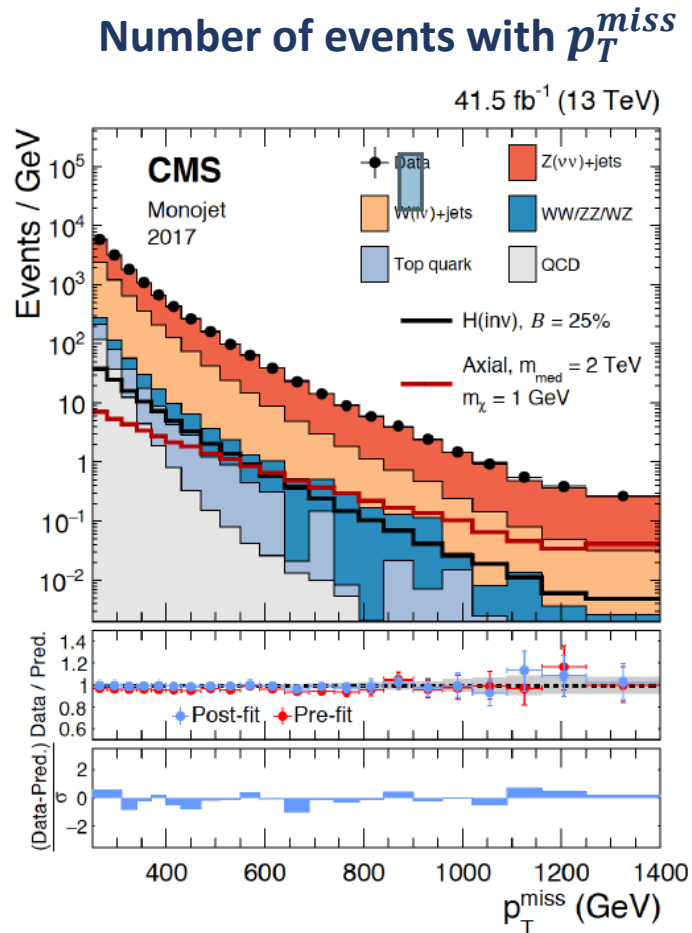
- Energetic jet
- Large missing transverse momentum



# Example: experimental results

$$g_q = 0.25, g_{DM} = 1$$

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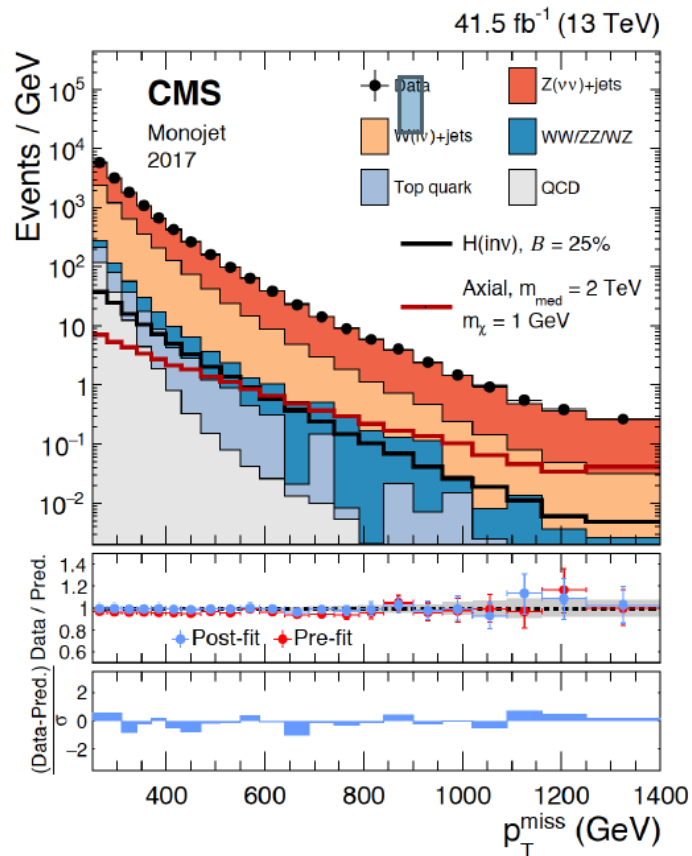


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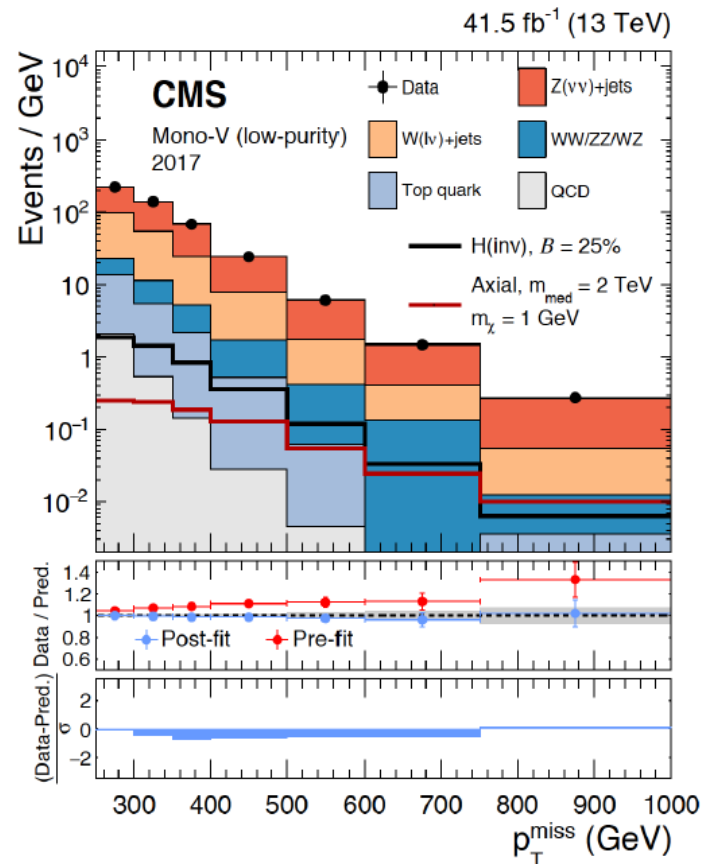
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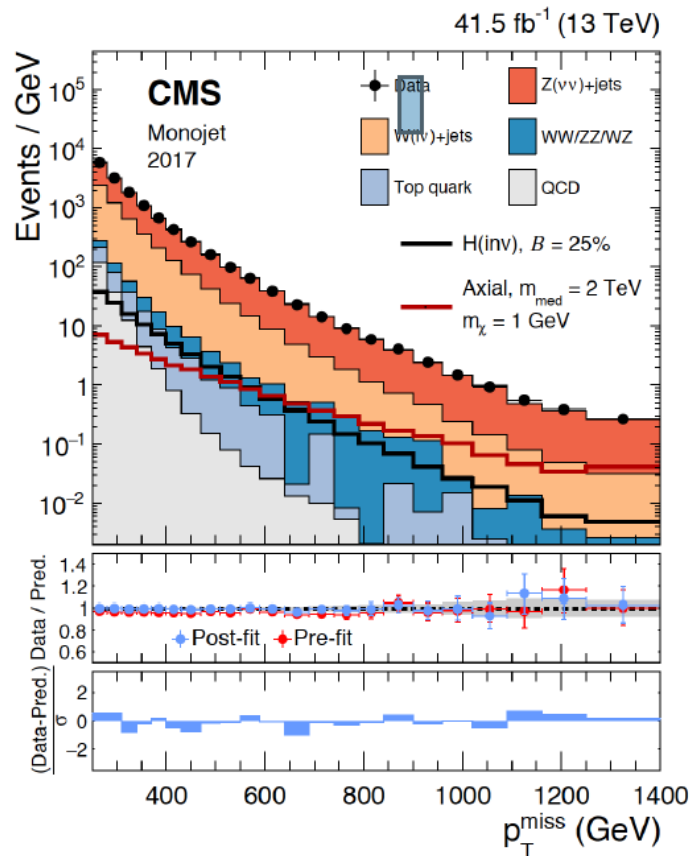


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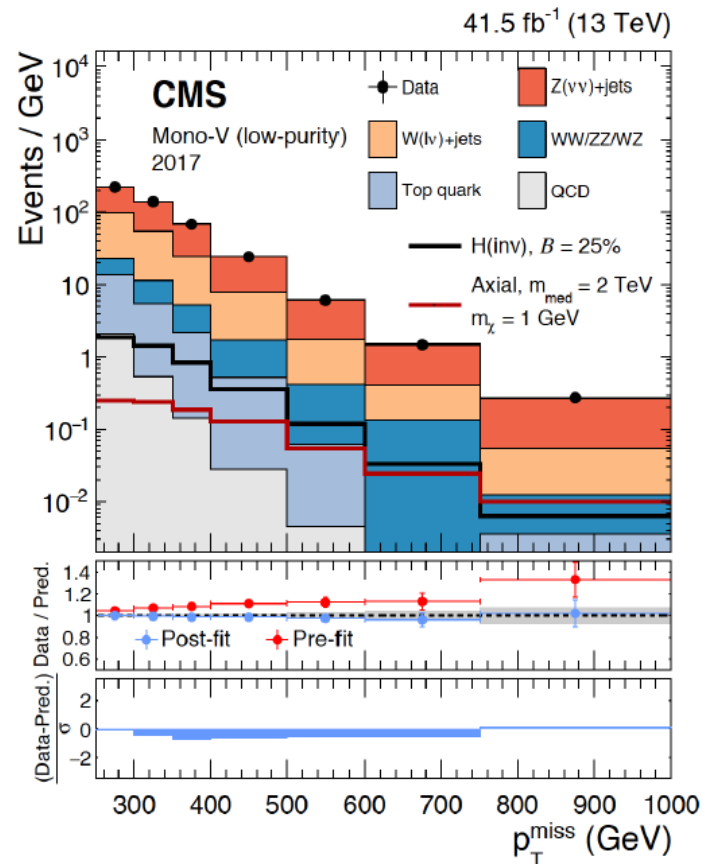
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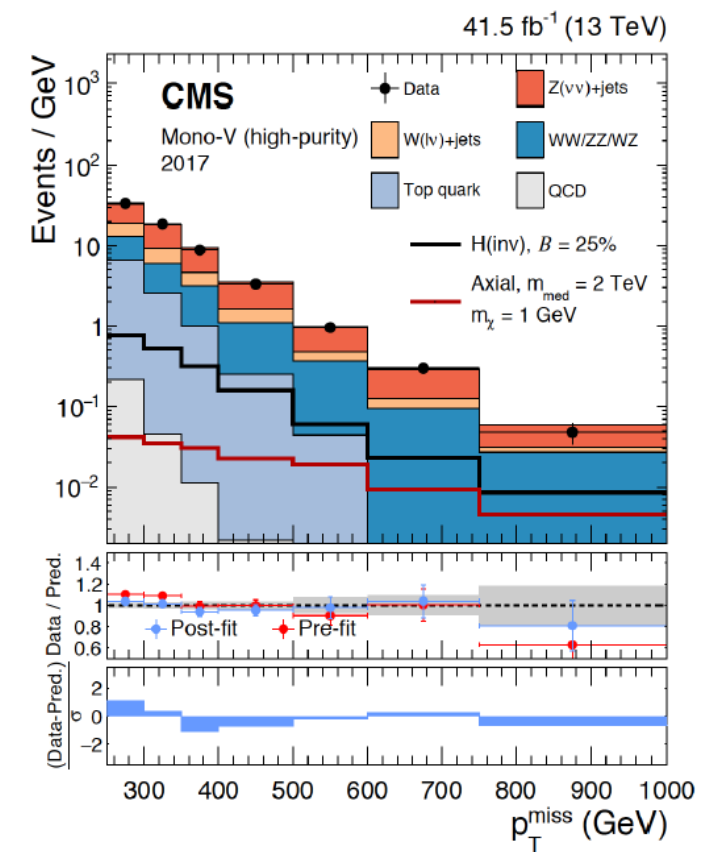
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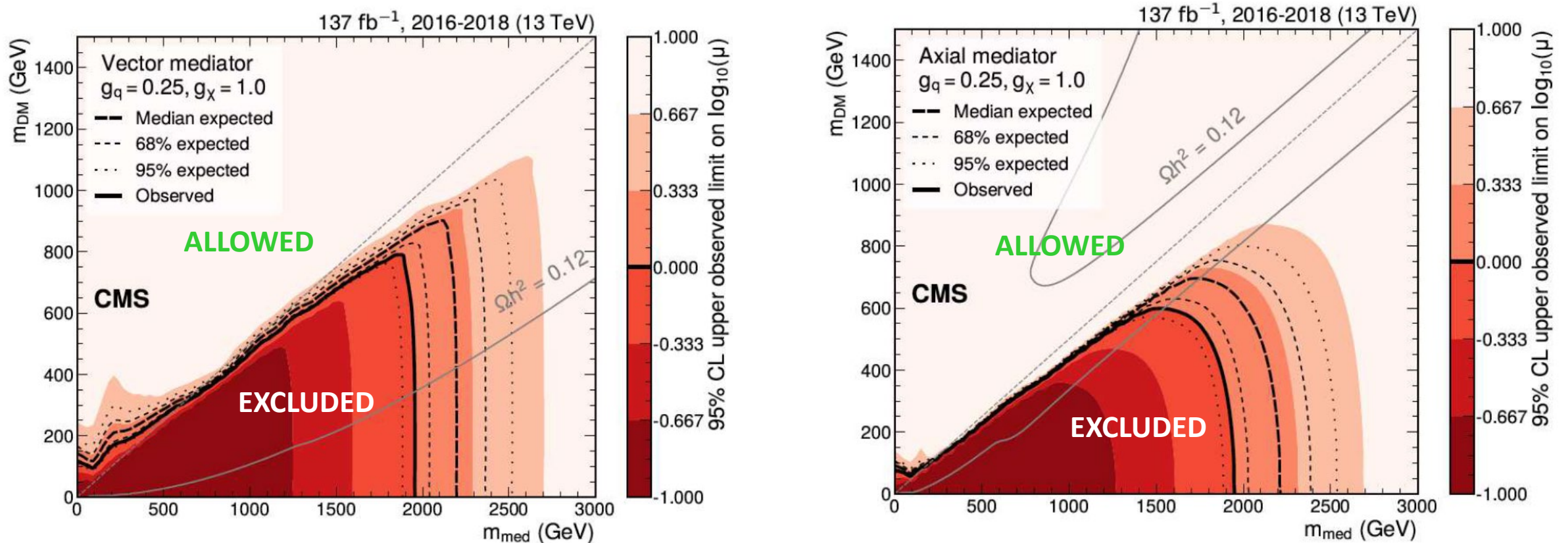


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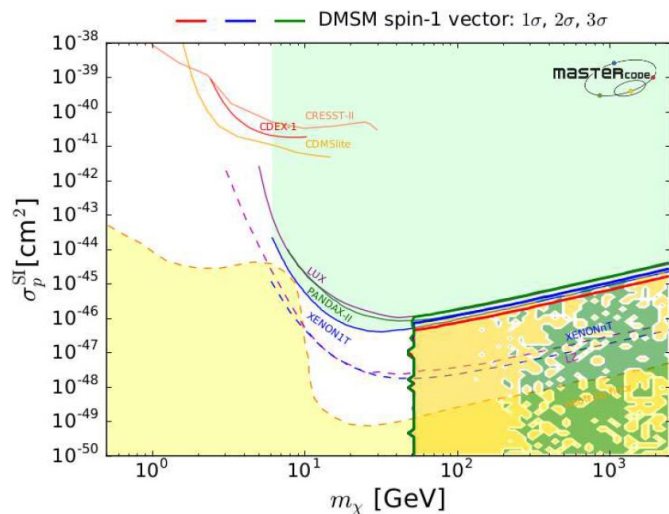


Up to now, no excess found → exclusion limits for models / parameters combinations (but theory space is enormous)

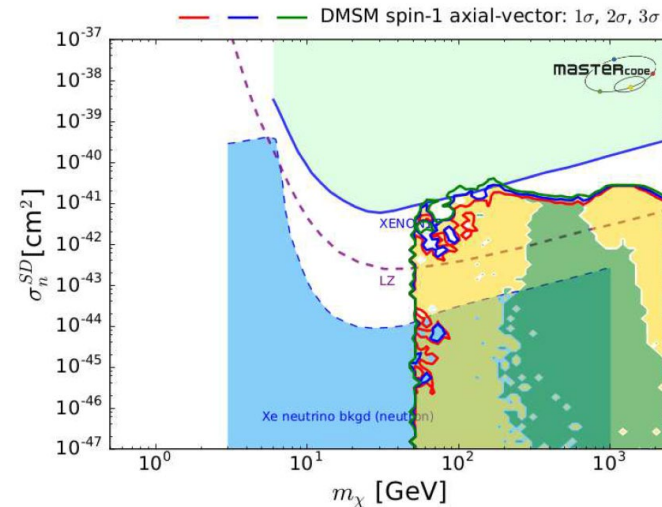
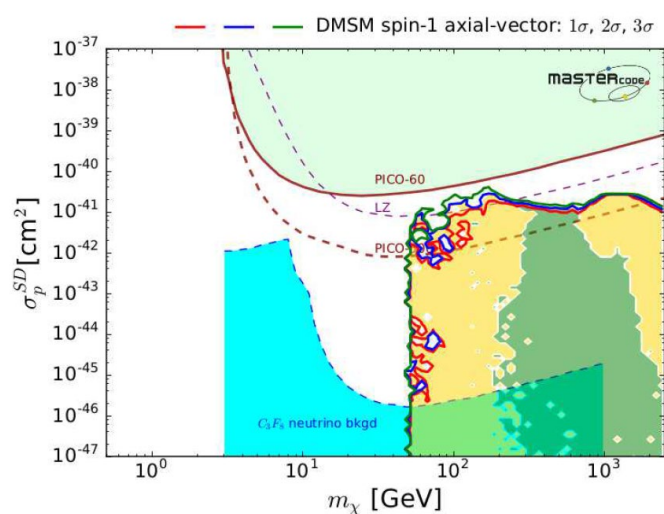
# Production at colliders

With a more global analysis, one can determine an overall preferred DM parameter space (also for complete models)

## vector mediator



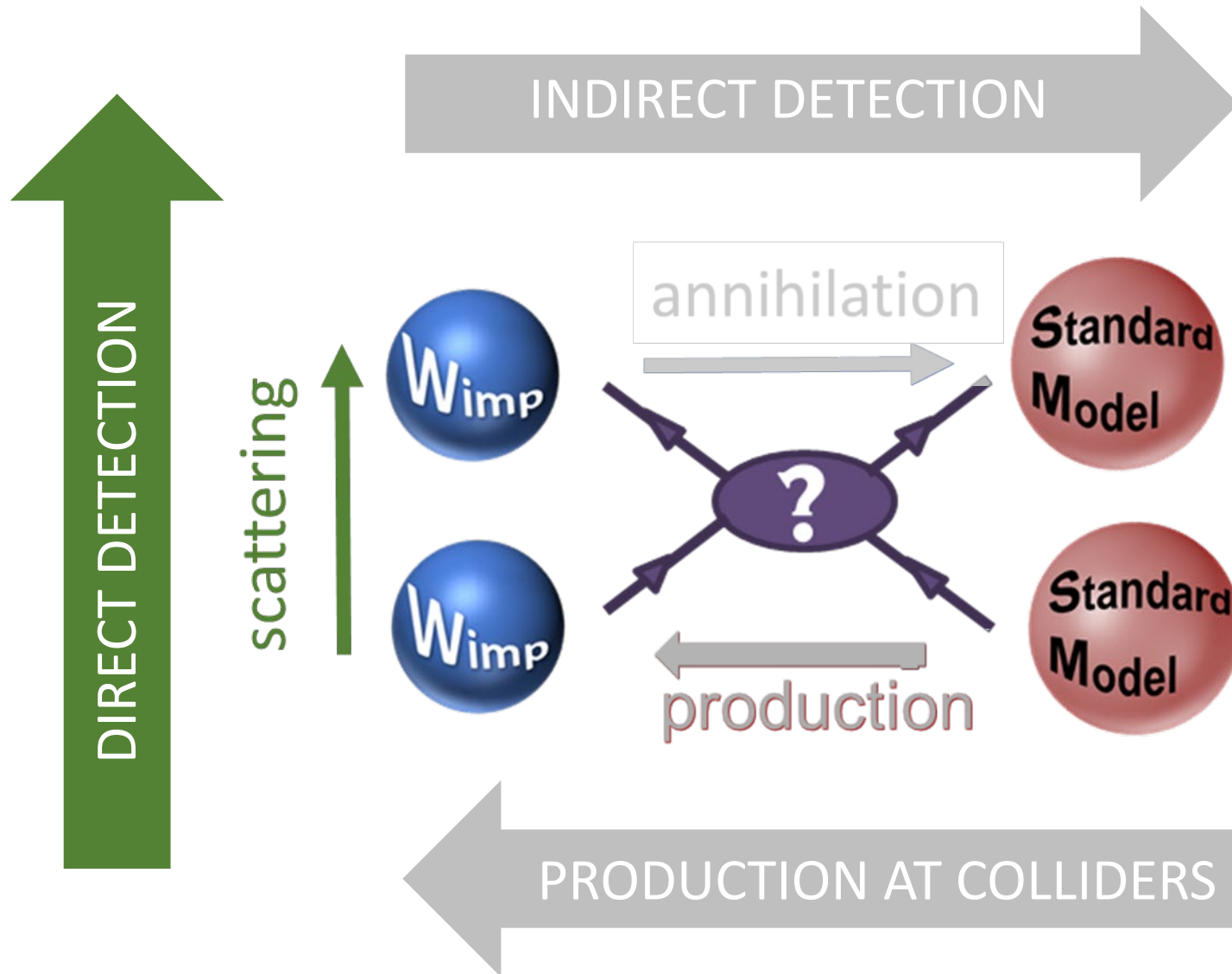
## Axial-vector mediator



## Some take-home messages:

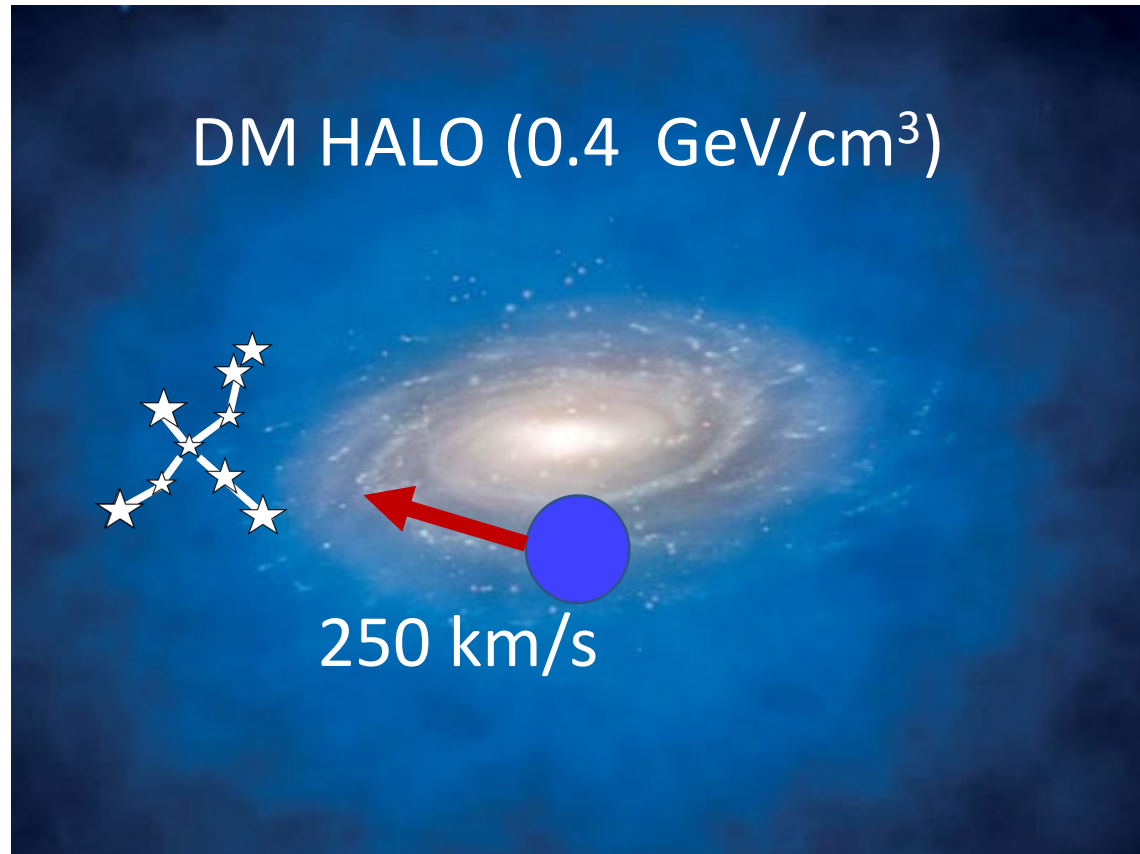
- LHC has complementary sensitivity to other searches (DD and ID)
- DM searches at the LHC fully underway
- No hints of DM so far showing up but still  $< 10\%$  of total expected LHC data analysed

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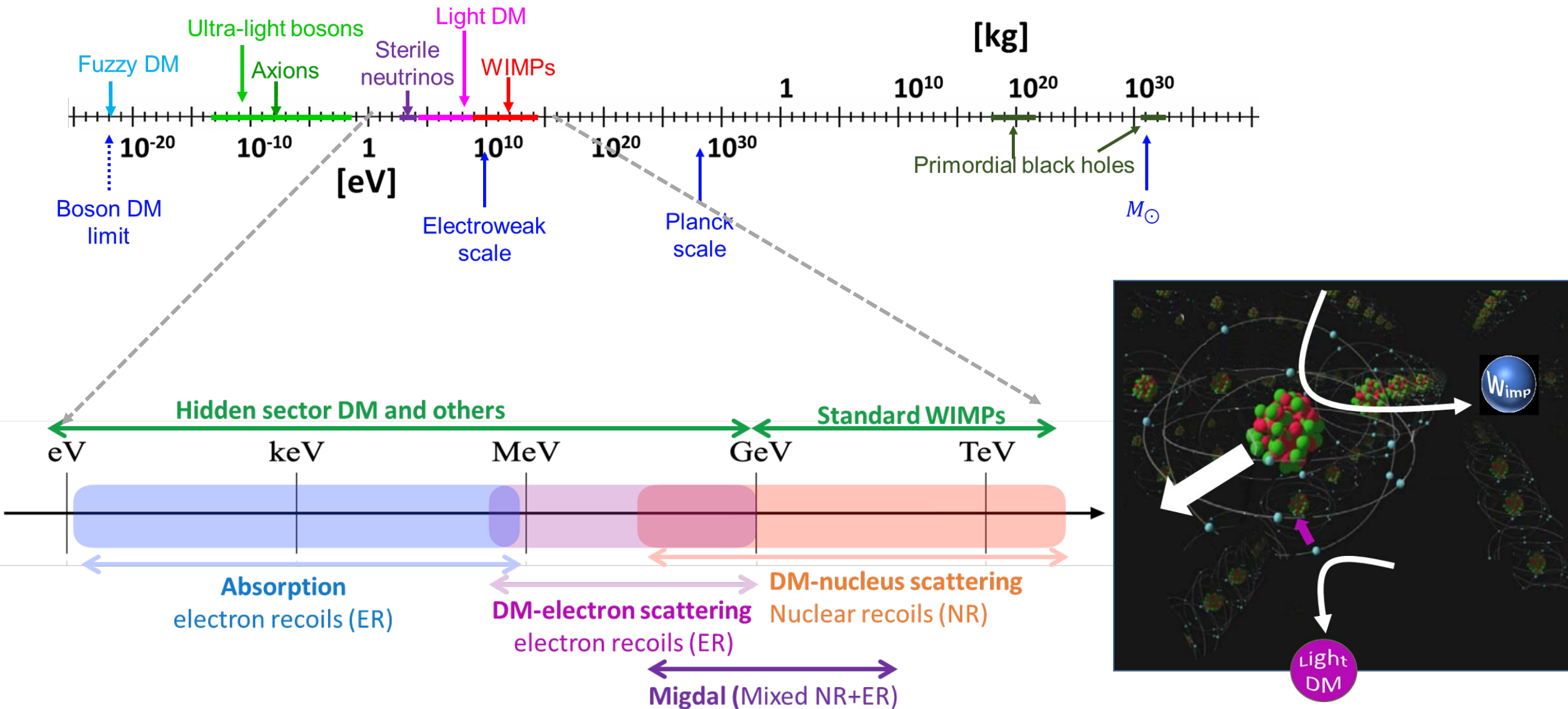


# Dark Matter direct detection

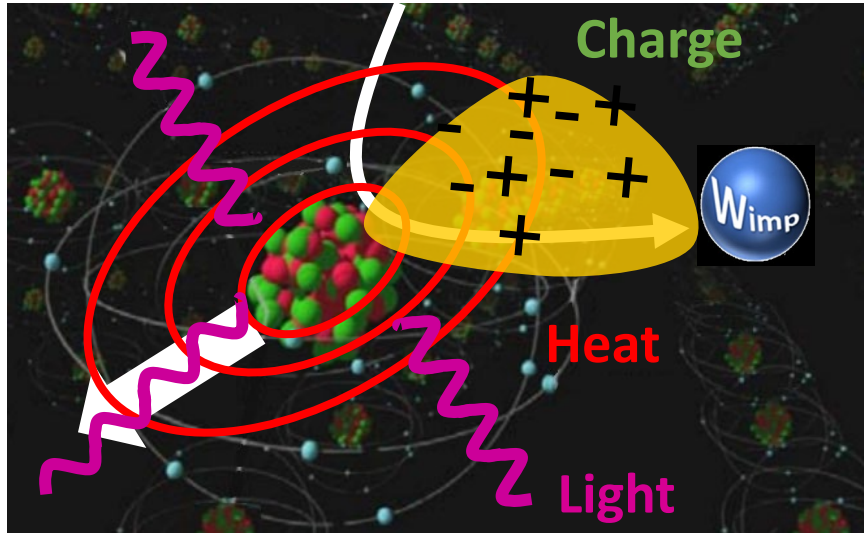


$$\phi = \frac{\rho_{DM}}{m_{DM}} \langle v \rangle = 10^5 \frac{\text{part}}{\text{cm}^2 \times \text{s}} \left( \frac{100 \text{ GeV}}{m_\chi} \right) \left( \frac{\rho}{0.4 \text{ GeV/cm}^3} \right) \left( \frac{v}{250 \text{ km/s}} \right)$$

# Direct detection: mass ranges & interactions



# DM direct detection



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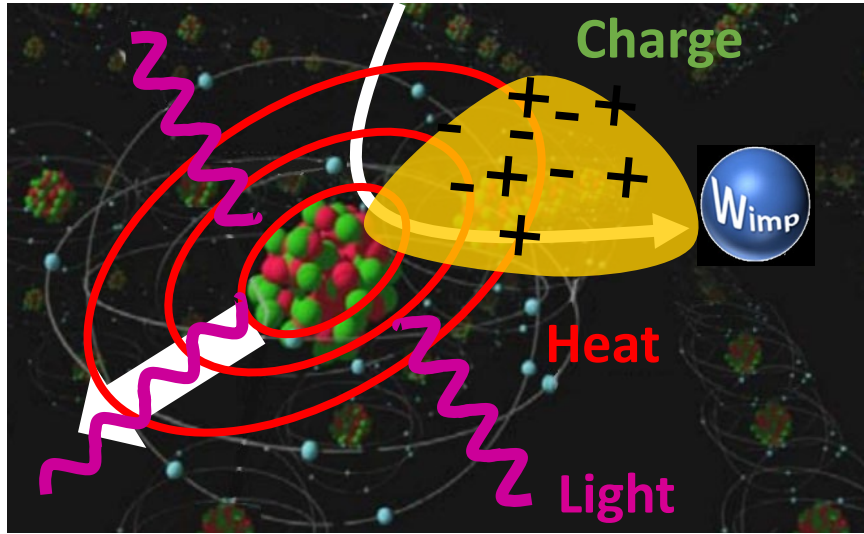
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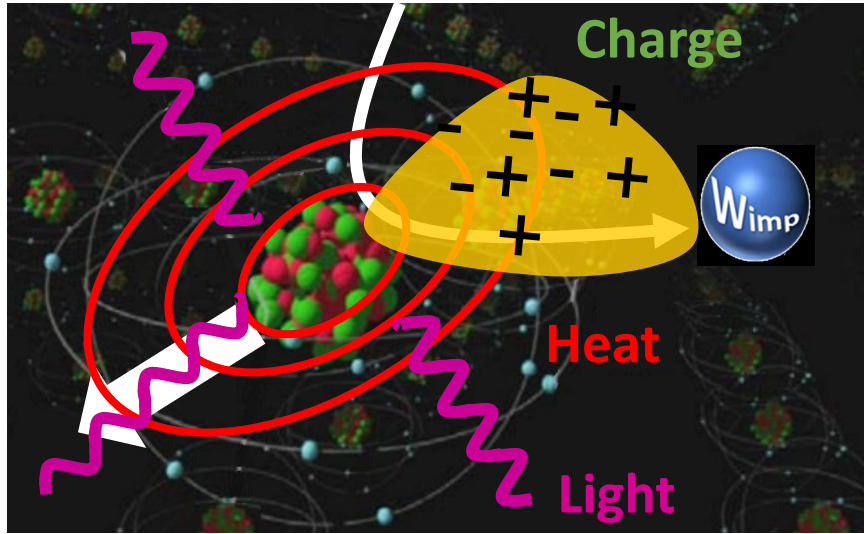
$$\frac{dR}{dE_R} = \frac{M_{det} \rho_\chi}{2m_\chi \mu_{\chi N}^2} \sigma^0 F^2(q) \int_{v_{min}}^{v_{esc}} \frac{f(v, t)}{v} d^3v$$

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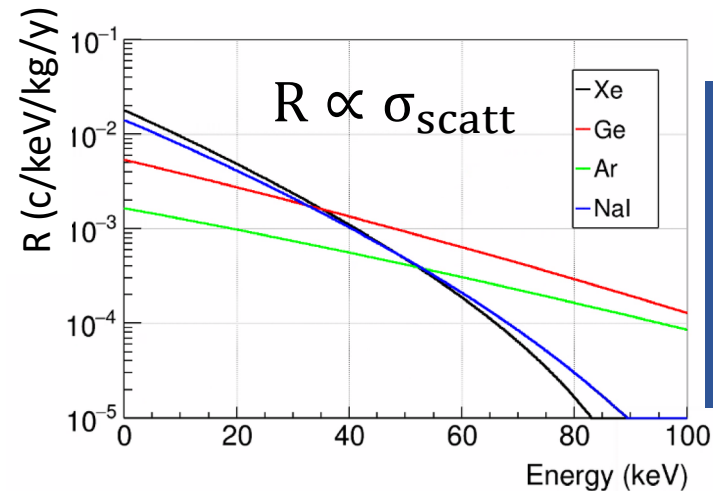
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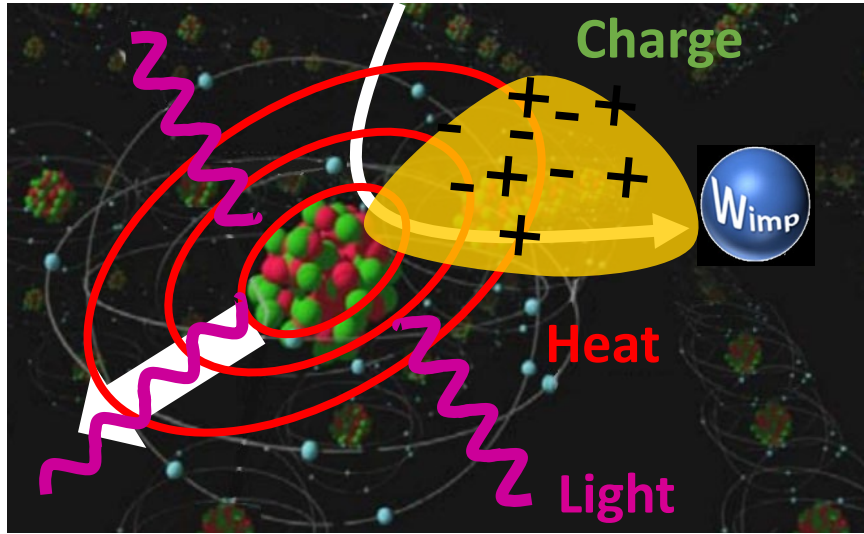
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**Few counts per kgyear!**  
**Energy O(10keV)**  
**No distinctive signatures**  
**Target dependent**

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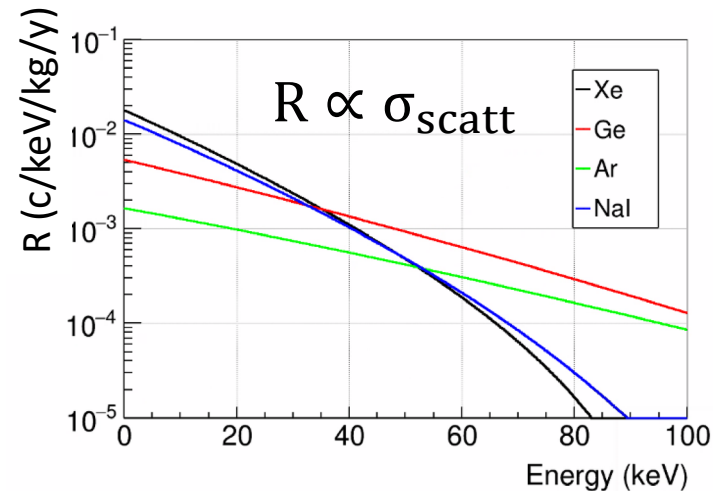
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## Experimental requirements

- Ultra low background
- low energy threshold  $O(1-10 \text{ keV})$

## Desiderata:

- Distinctive signatures:  
**annual modulation,**  
**directionality**

# Spin independent / spin dependent couplings

As we have seen, there is a variety of well motivate DM candidates. **How they couple to the SM is model dependent.**

Hypothesis: very heavy mediator-particles (i.e., contact interaction):

$$(\bar{\chi}\Gamma\chi)(\bar{\psi}\Gamma'\psi)$$

In general, scalar, vector and axial-vector lead to the highest event rates. The **axial-vector current becomes an interaction between the quark spin and the WIMP spin**, while the vector and tensor currents assume the same form as the scalar interaction. So generically, **only two cases need to be considered**:

1. the scalar (**spin independent**) interaction. Signal adds coherently  $\propto A^2$  (additional assumption: same coupling for p & n) (**typically dominates**).
2. the **spin-spin interaction** (the WIMP couples to the spin of the nucleus) (**depend only on the unpaired nucleons**)

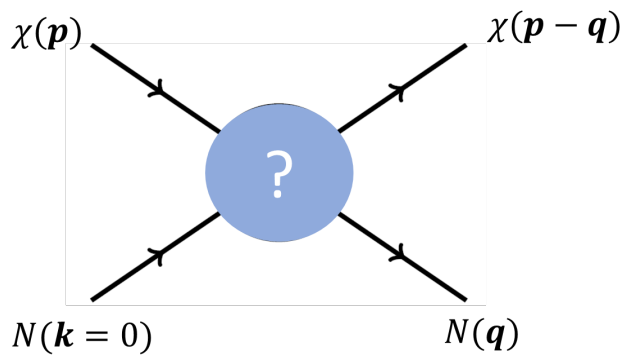
$$\sigma^0 F^2(q) = \sigma_{SI}^0 F_{SI}^2(q) + \sigma_{SD}^0 F_{SD}^2(q)$$

$$\sigma_{SI}^0 = \frac{A^2 \mu_{\chi N}^2}{\mu_{\chi n}^2} \sigma_{SI} \quad \sigma_{SD}^0 = \frac{\mu_{\chi N}^2}{\mu_{\chi n}^2} \sigma_{SD} \frac{4J+1}{3} \frac{1}{J} \frac{1}{\bar{a}^2} [\langle S_p \rangle a_p + \langle S_n \rangle a_n]^2 \quad \sigma_{SD}^p = \sigma_{SD} \frac{a_p^2}{\bar{a}^2} \quad \sigma_{SD}^n = \sigma_{SD} \frac{a_n^2}{\bar{a}^2}$$

WIMP parameter space:  $(m_\chi, \sigma_{SI}, \sigma_{SD}^p, \sigma_{SD}^n)$

# A more general approach: EFT

Following an effective field theory analysis (EFT) the various possible 4-point interactions can be described by a number of operators, assuming a heavy mediator (contact interaction) and nonrelativistic, **independent of underlying high-energy models**.



$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}(\vec{x}) = c \Psi_{\chi}^*(\vec{x}) \mathcal{O}_{\chi} \Psi_{\chi}(\vec{x}) \Psi_N^*(\vec{x}) \mathcal{O}_N \Psi_N(\vec{x}),$$

$$\mathcal{O}_1 = 1_{\chi} 1_N \quad \text{SI}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_3 = i \vec{S}_N \cdot \left[ \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \times \vec{v}^{\perp} \right]$$

$$\mathcal{O}_4 = \vec{S}_{\chi} \cdot \vec{S}_N \quad \text{SD}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_5 = i \vec{S}_{\chi} \cdot \left[ \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \times \vec{v}^{\perp} \right]$$

$$\mathcal{O}_6 = \left[ \vec{S}_{\chi} \cdot \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \right] \cdot \left[ \vec{S}_N \cdot \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \right]$$

$$\mathcal{O}_7 = \vec{S}_N \cdot \vec{v}^{\perp}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_8 = \vec{S}_{\chi} \cdot \vec{v}^{\perp}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_9 = i \vec{S}_{\chi} \cdot \left[ \vec{S}_N \times \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \right]$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{10} = i \vec{S}_N \cdot \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N}$$

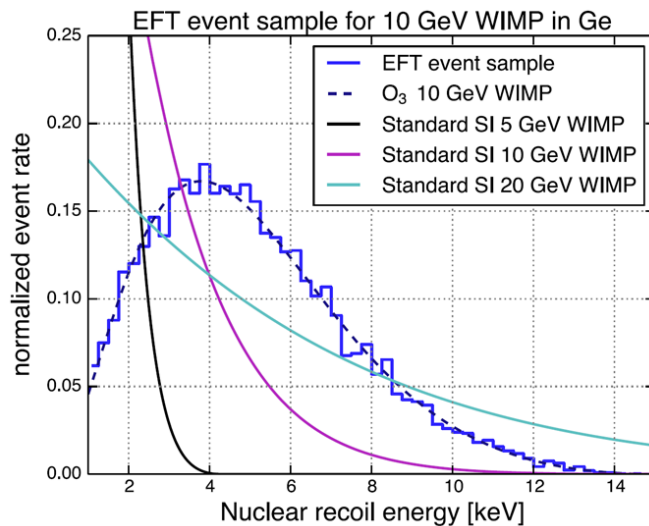
$$\mathcal{O}_{11} = i \vec{S}_{\chi} \cdot \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{12} = \vec{S}_{\chi} \cdot \left[ \vec{S}_N \times \vec{v}^{\perp} \right]$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{13} = i \left[ \vec{S}_{\chi} \cdot \vec{v}^{\perp} \right] \left[ \vec{S}_N \cdot \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \right]$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{14} = i \left[ \vec{S}_{\chi} \cdot \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \right] \left[ \vec{S}_N \cdot \vec{v}^{\perp} \right]$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{15} = - \left[ \vec{S}_{\chi} \cdot \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \right] \left[ \left( \vec{S}_N \times \vec{v}^{\perp} \right) \cdot \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \right]$$



$$\mathbf{v}_{\perp} = \mathbf{v} + \frac{\mathbf{q}}{2\mu_n}; \text{ Hermitian "transverse" velocity operator}$$

# Design of a DM DD experiment

$$\frac{dR}{dE_R} = \frac{M_{det} \rho_\chi}{2m_\chi \mu_{\chi N}^2} \sigma^0 F^2(q) \int_{v_{min}}^{\infty} \frac{f(v, t)}{v} d^3v$$

We need a particle detector with

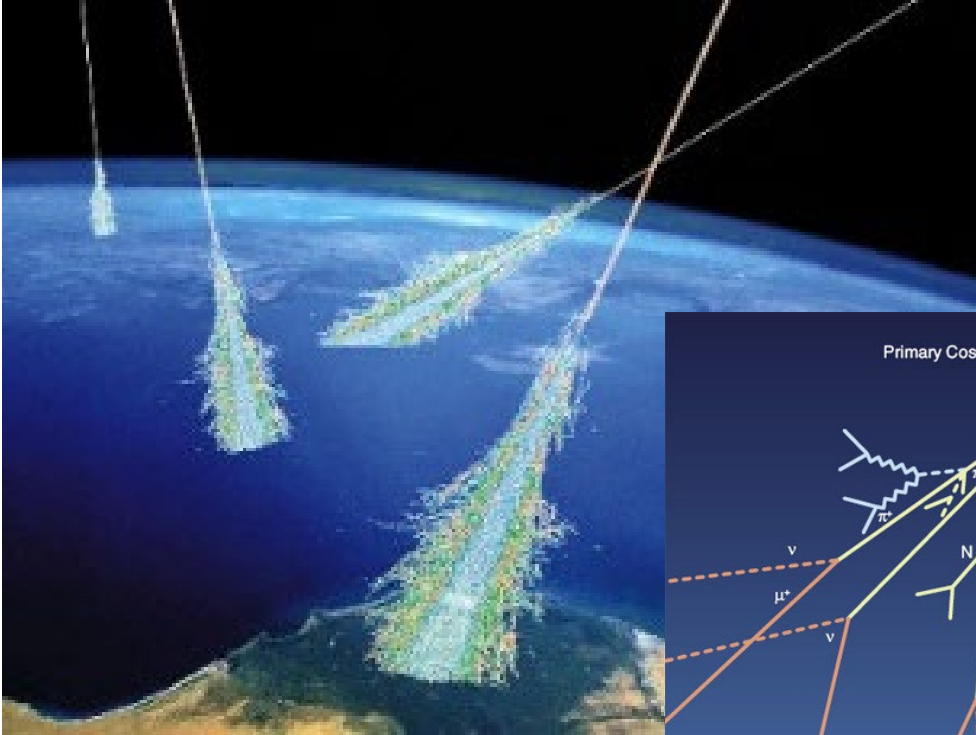
- Large exposure (mass  $\times$  time)
- High A for SI coupling,  $m_\chi \sim 10 - 1000$  GeV
- Low A for light Wimps ( $O(\text{GeV})$ )
- Isotopes with  $J \neq 0$  for SD
- Low energy threshold
- good efficiency in the low energy region
- good knowledge of the detector response to NR (quenching factors)
- ultra-low background at low energy for NR  $\rightarrow$  particle discrimination!

$$v_{min} = \sqrt{\frac{E_R m_N}{2\mu_{\chi N}^2}}$$

Note: Energy resolution is not a “must”. Some DM DD experiments are not even able to determine the energy of the recoil!

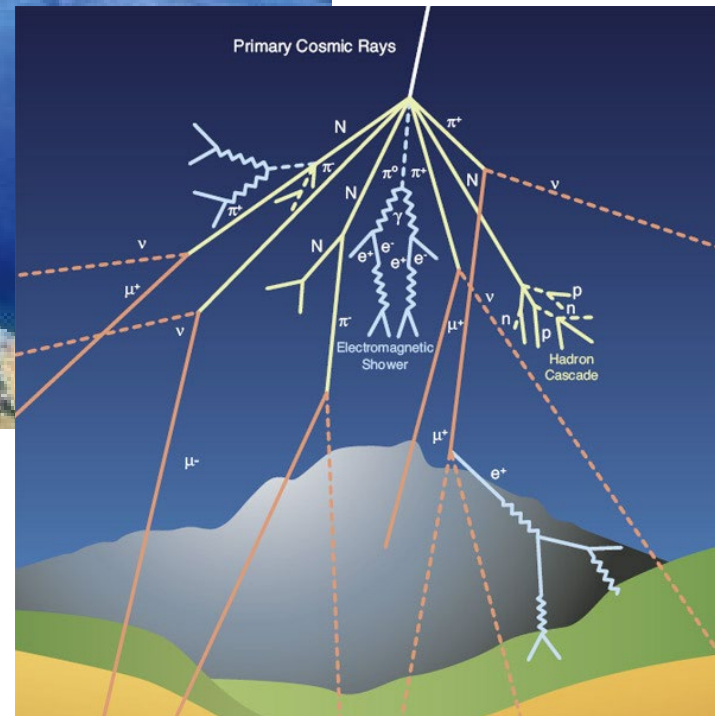


# Backgrounds: cosmic rays



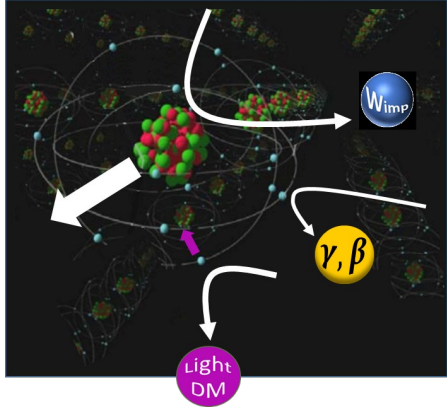
## Cosmic ray-induced muons

- Increase the counting rate
- cosmogenic activation of materials
- muon-induced neutrons

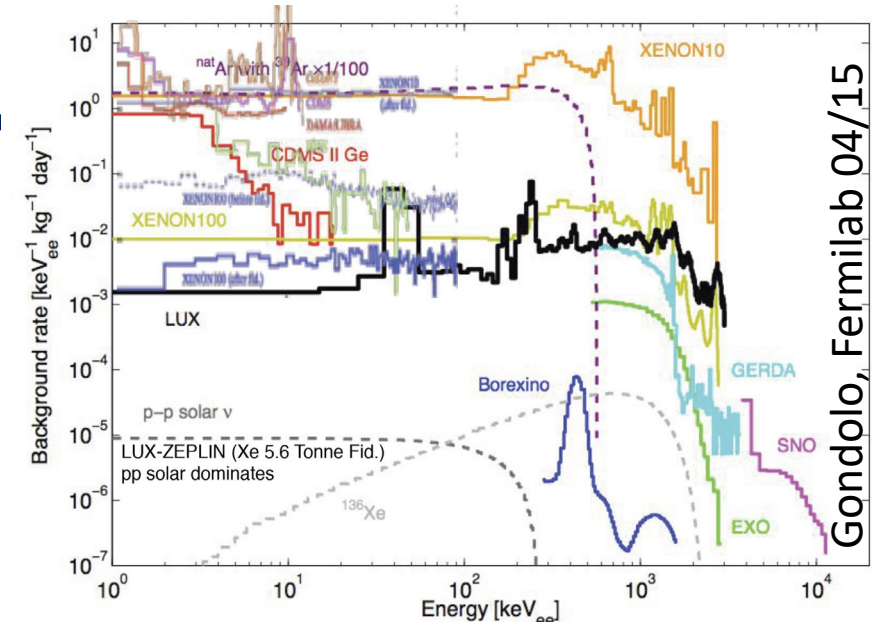


Go underground!

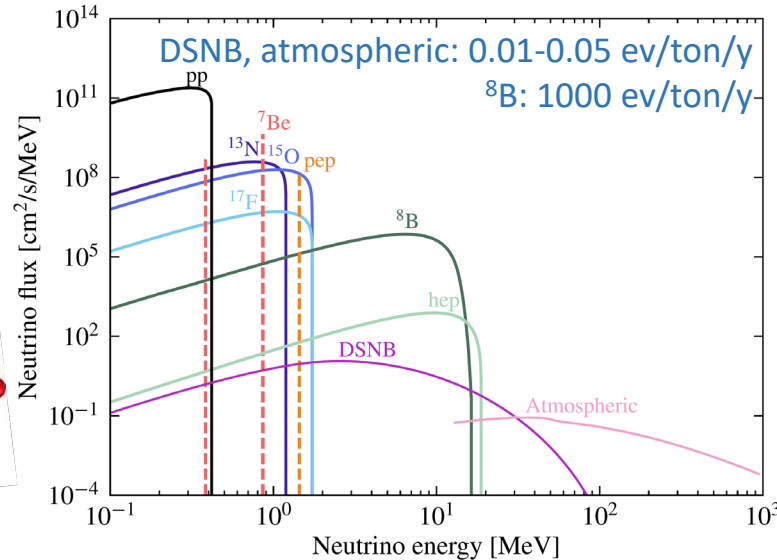
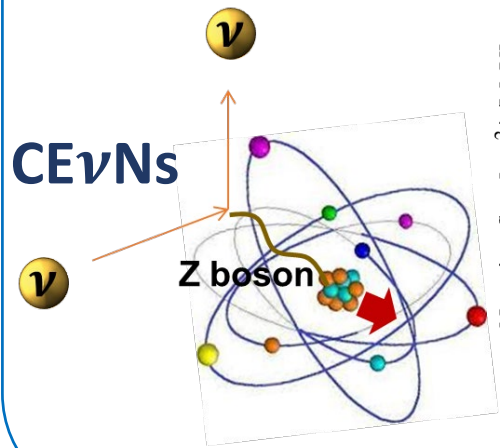
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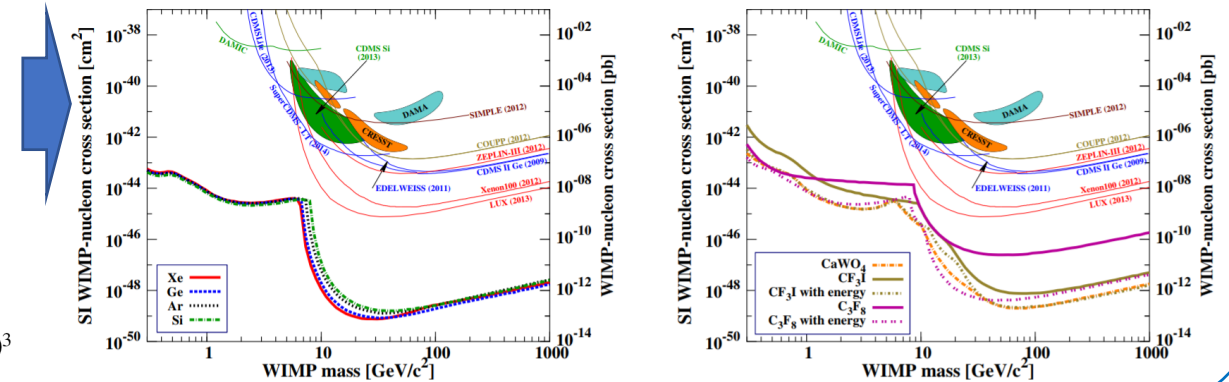
$\alpha, \beta, \gamma$	material selection, shielding, <b>particle discrimination techniques</b>
$n N \rightarrow n N$	most critical (mimic WIMP signal). Shielding, active rejection (multiplicity)
$\nu e^- \rightarrow \nu e^-$	ultimate background for ER recoils
$\nu N \rightarrow \nu N$ (CEvNs)	ultimate background for WIMP search <b>(neutrino floor <del>→ fog</del>)</b>



$^8\text{B}$ , DSNB and atmospheric neutrinos produce nuclear recoil that cannot be distinguished from WIMP signals!

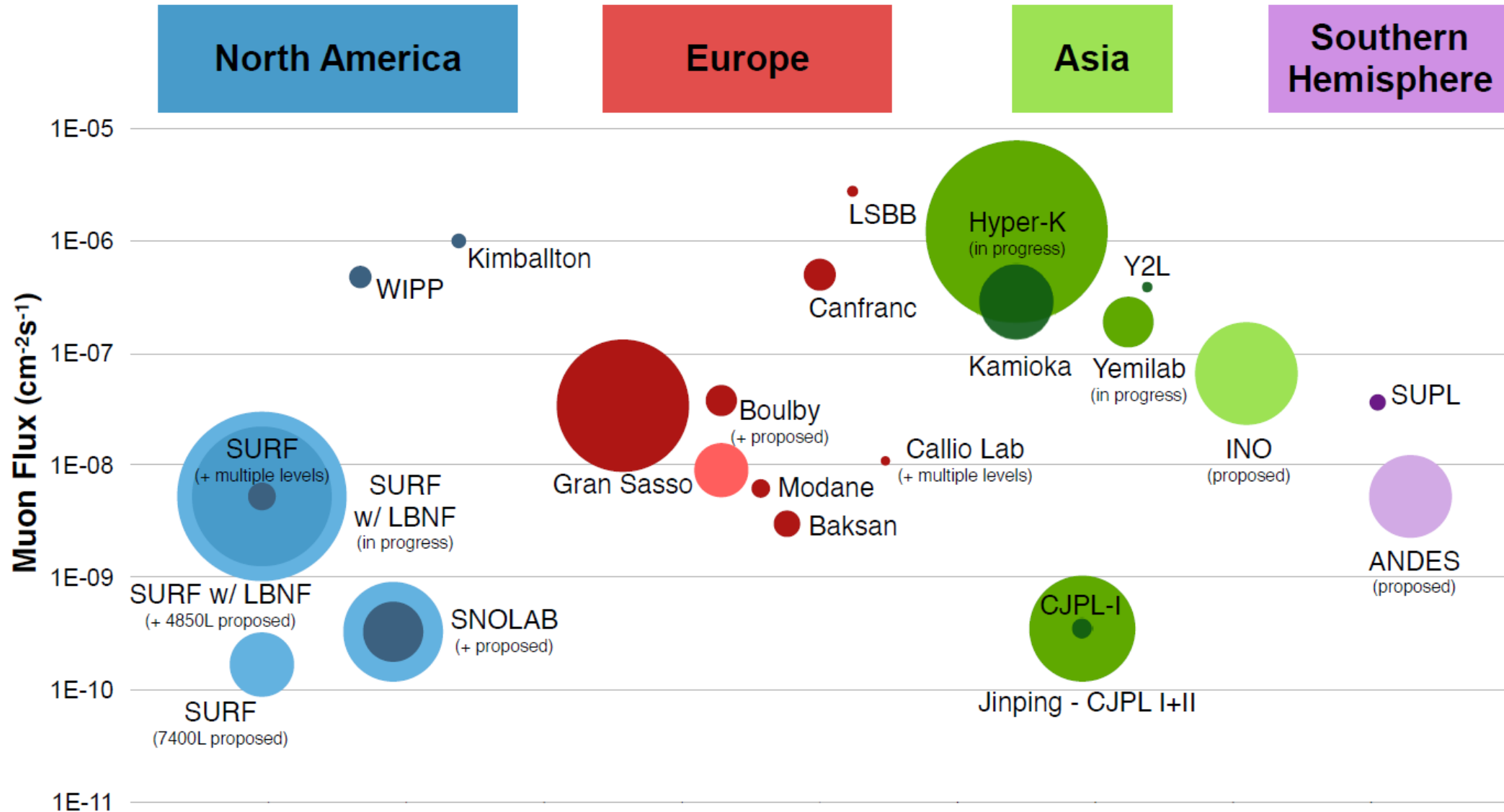


the sensitivity of the experiments does not evolve as in a bkg free experiment, but much slower  $\rightarrow$  lower limit in achievable cross-section (neutrino floor)





# Underground laboratories



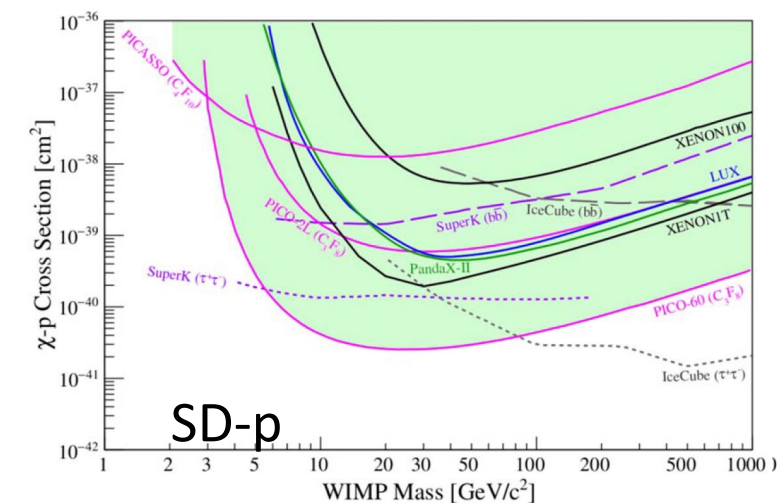
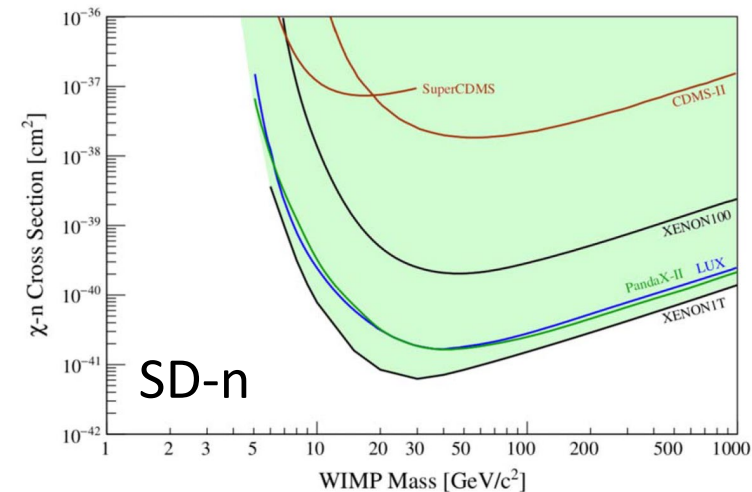
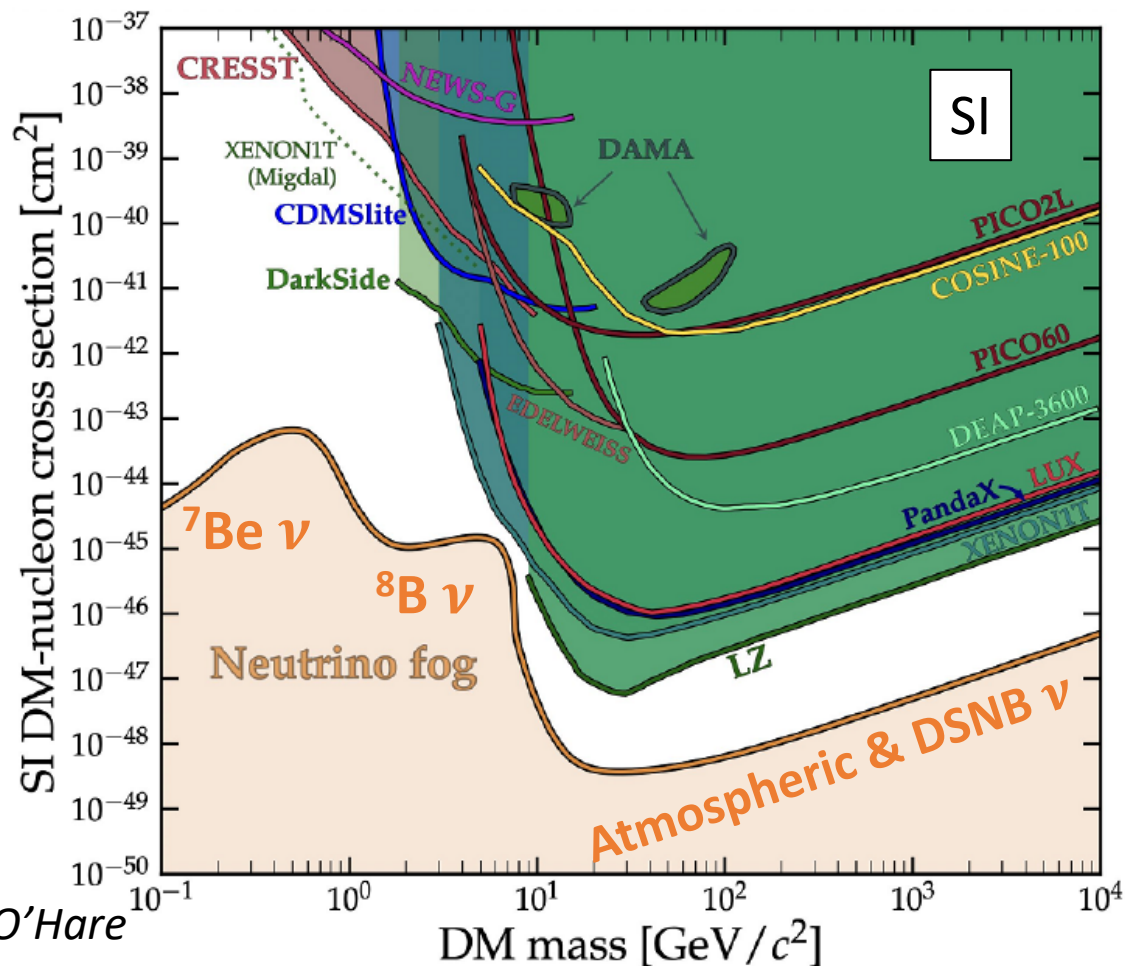
J. Heise, arXiv:2203.08293

# Underground DD searches



# Experimental sensitivity @ 2023

- Exclude WIMPs that would produce a measurable rate over known backgrounds
- Assuming WIMPs coupling only spin-independent (SI) or only spin-dependent to neutrons (SD-n) or protons (SD-p)

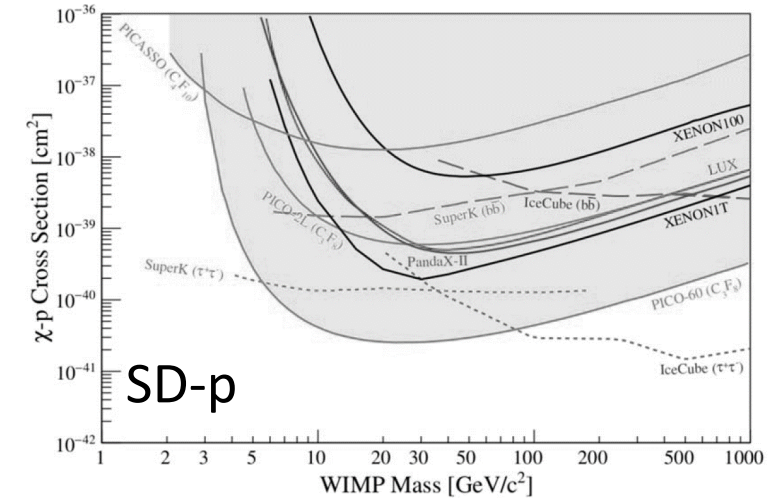
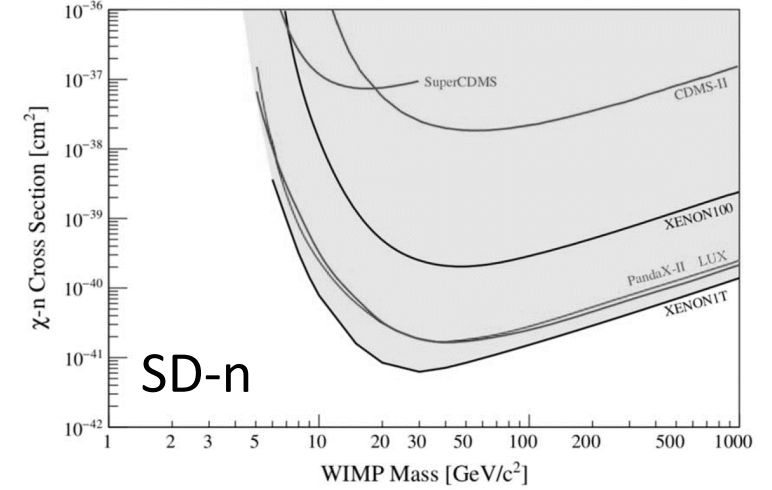
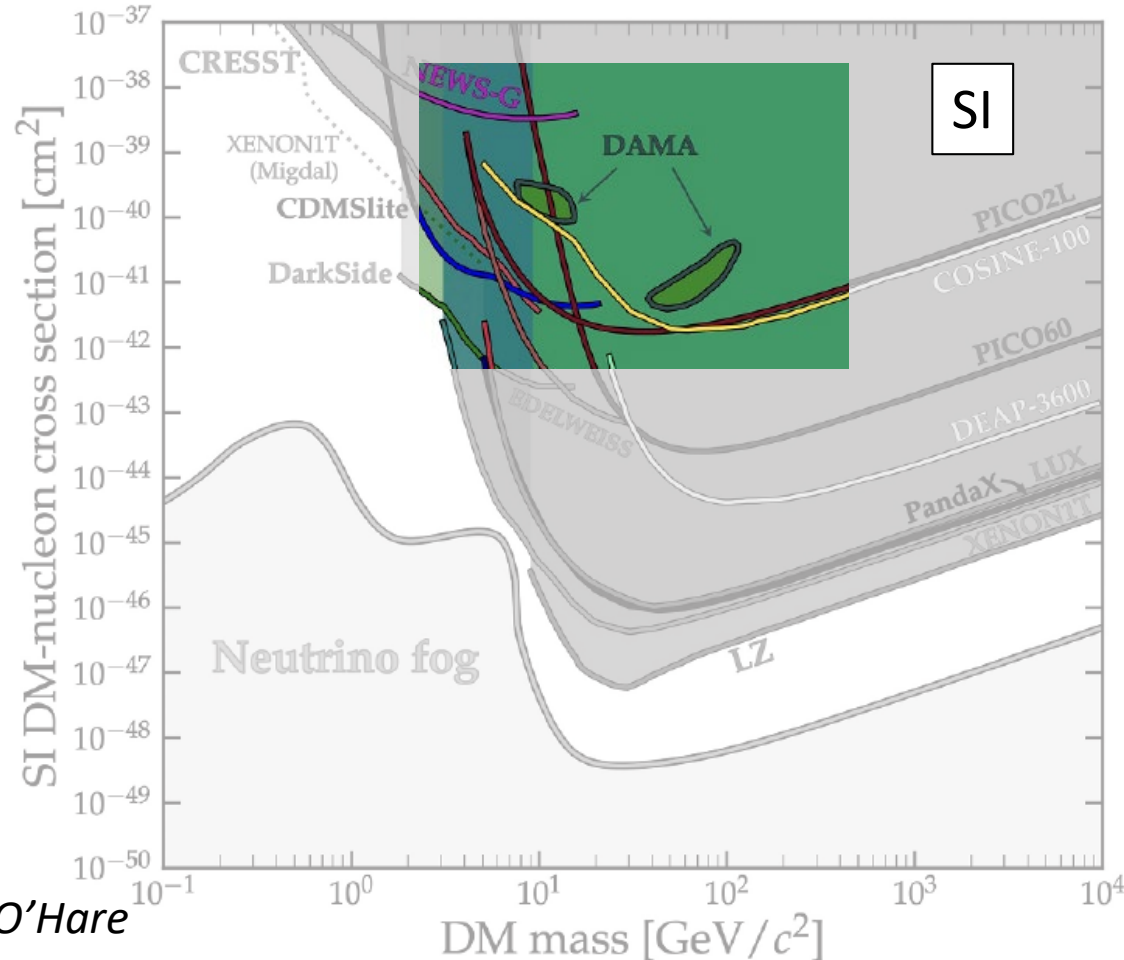


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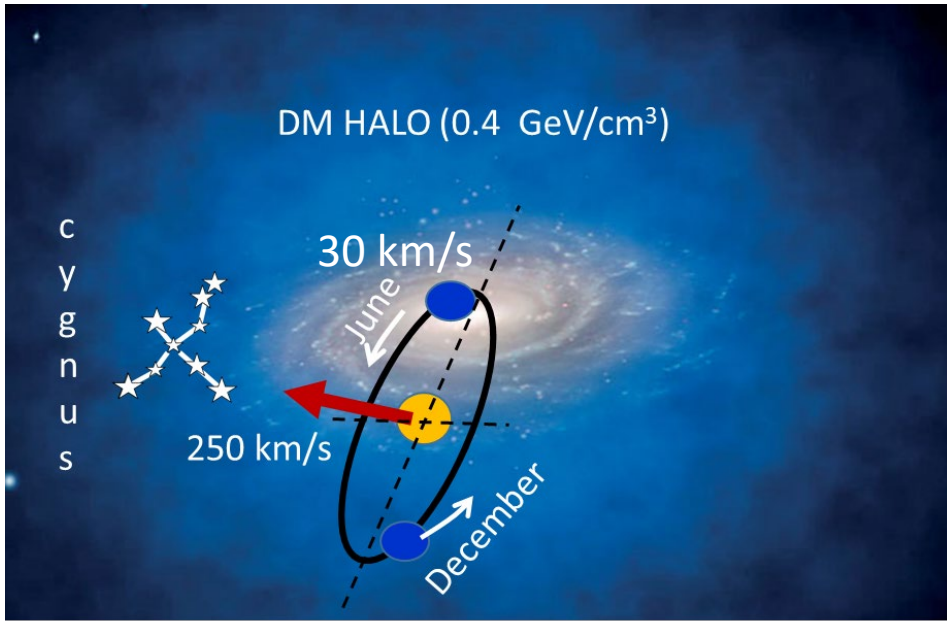
# The DAMA/LIBRA annual modulation signal

Only one positive signal (surviving for more than 20 years...)



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# The DAMA/LIBRA annual modulation signal



## LABORATORI NAZIONALI DEL GRAN SASSO



### DAMA / NaI (1995-2002)

- 100 kg NaI(Tl) scintillators
- $E_{th} = 2 \text{ keVee}$
- 7 annual cycles

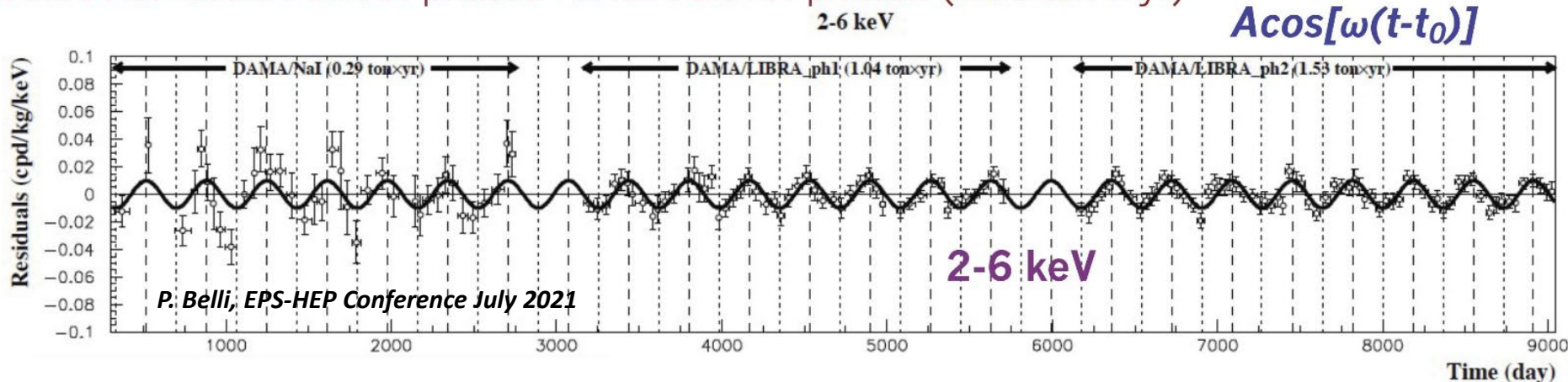
### DAMA / LIBRA ph1 (2003-2010)

- 250 kg NaI(Tl) scintillators
- $E_{th} = 2 \text{ keVee}$
- 7 annual cycles

### DAMA / LIBRA ph2 (2011-today)

- 250 kg NaI(Tl) scintillators
- $E_{th} = 1 \text{ keVee}$
- 10 annual cycles

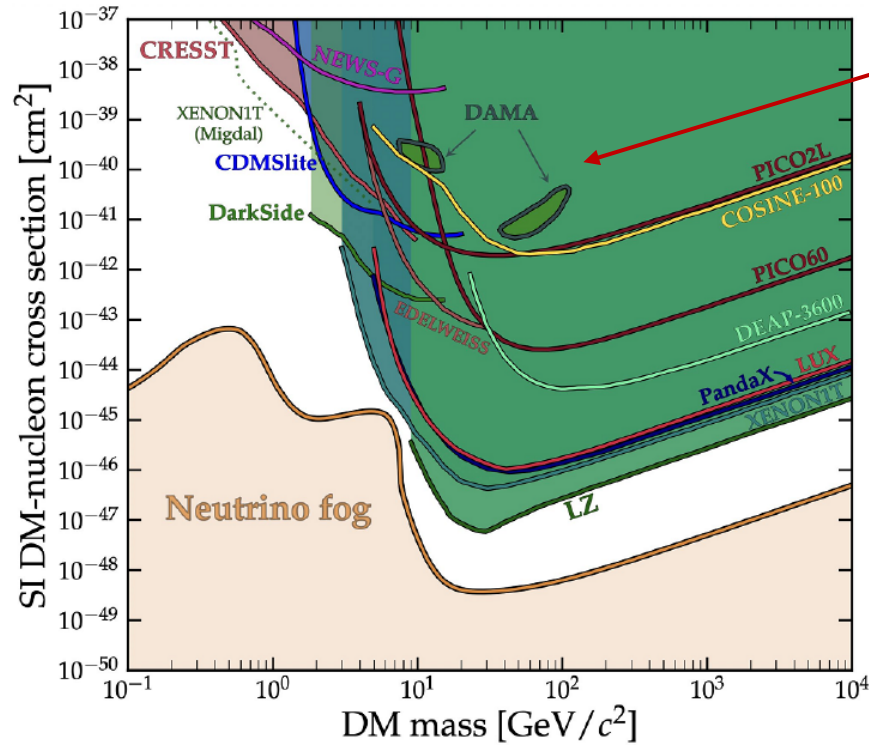
DAMA/NaI+DAMA/LIBRA-phase1+DAMA/LIBRA-phase2 (2.86 ton × yr)



DAMA clearly sees  
an annual  
modulation at  
 $13.7\sigma$  C.L.



# Testing the DAMA/LIBRA signal

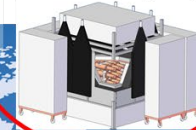


The parameter's region singled out by DAMA/LIBRA is excluded by many DM experiments, but **this comparison is model dependent.**

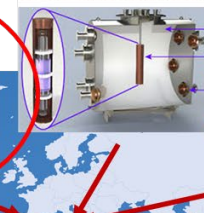
To avoid any model dependence: USE NaI(Tl)

**IN DATA-TAKING**  
Since Aug 2017  
112 kg NaI(Tl)

ANAIS-112 (LSC)



SABRE NORTH (LNGS)



COSINUS (LNGS)

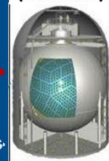


COSINE-100 (Y2L)



**IN DATA-TAKING**  
Since Sep 2016  
~60 kg NaI(Tl)

PICO-LON (Kamioka)



SABRE SOUTH (Stawell)



**DAMA/LIBRA (LNGS)**  
**IN DATA-TAKING**  
Since 1995 100 kg NaI(Tl)  
Since 2003 250 kg NaI(Tl)



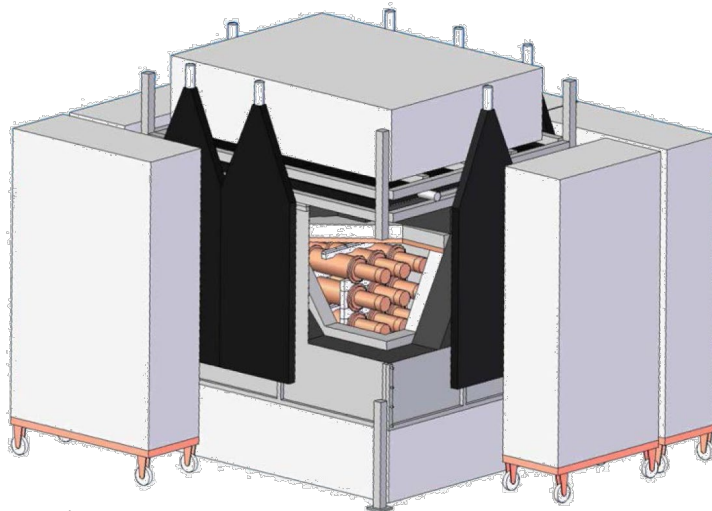
# ANAIS-112 vs DAMA/LIBRA



**ANAIS-112:** First model independent test of the DAMA/LIBRA signal (same target and technique)

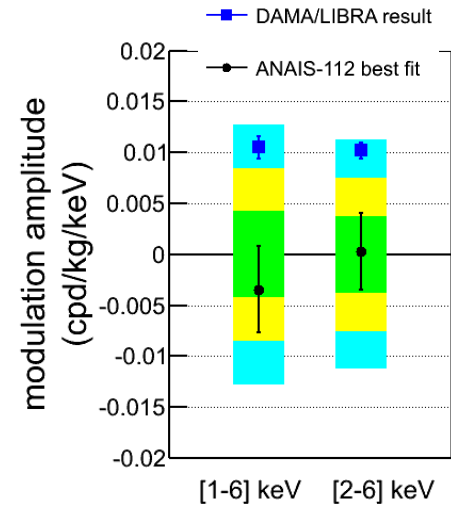
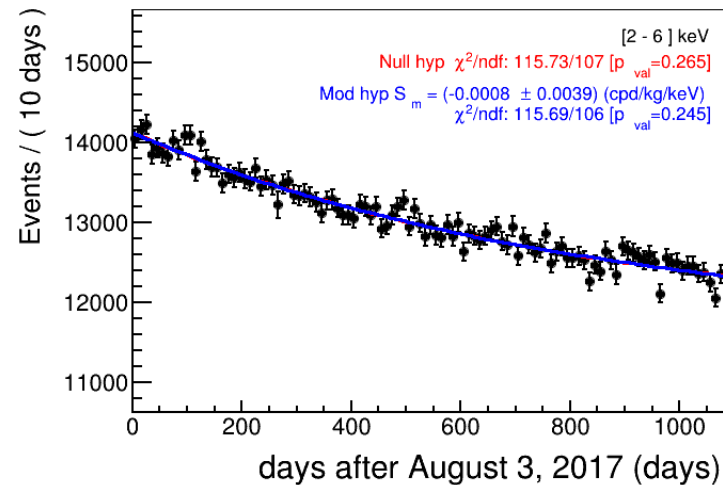


112 kg NaI(Tl) scintillators  
 @ Canfranc Underground Laboratory  
 In data-taking since August 2017  
 1 keV energy threshold  
 Background @ ROI x3 DAMA/LIBRA



3 years results

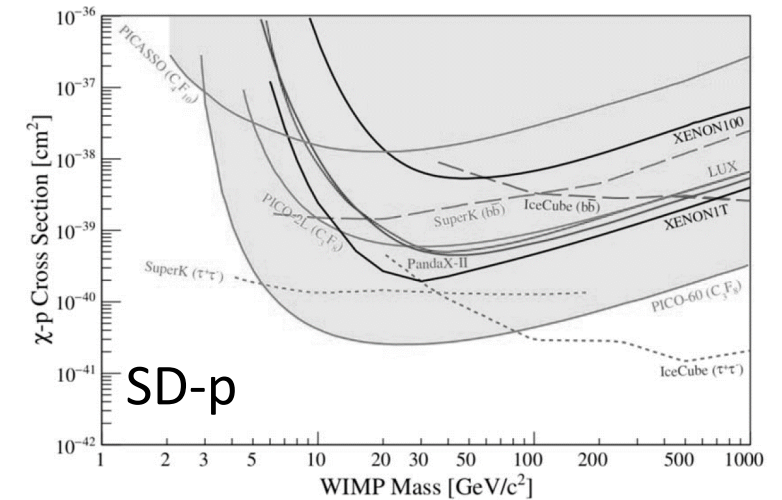
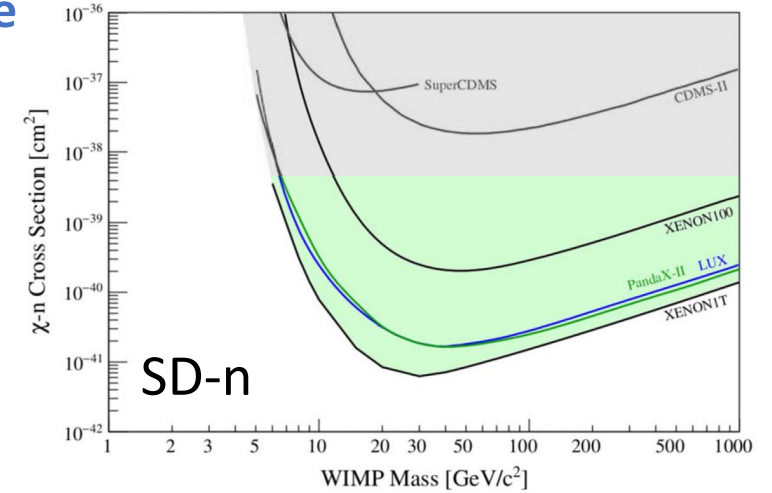
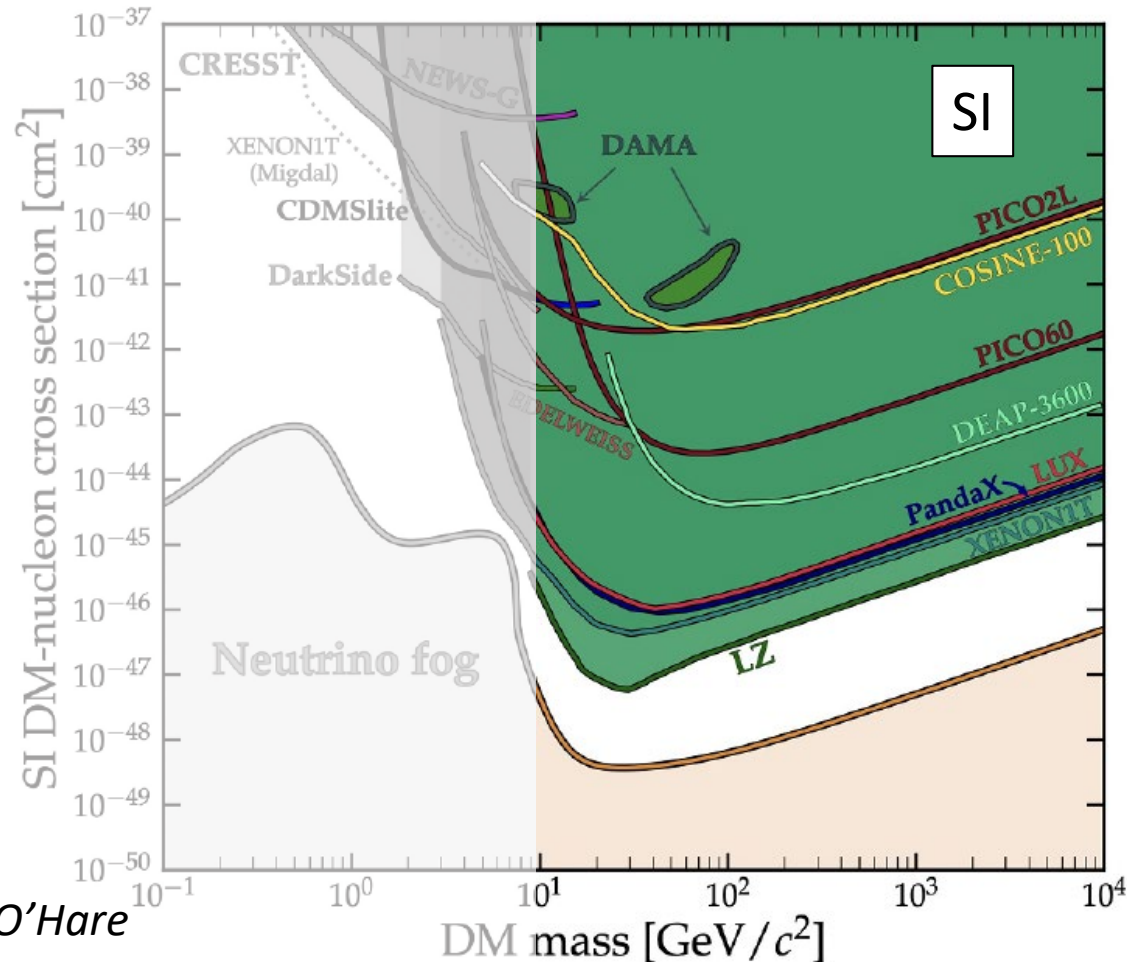
PRD 103, 102005 (2021)



**Best fit incompatible with DAMA/LIBRA at 3.3 (2.6)  $\sigma$**   
**Current sensitivity: 2.5-2.7  $\sigma$**

# High WIMP mass

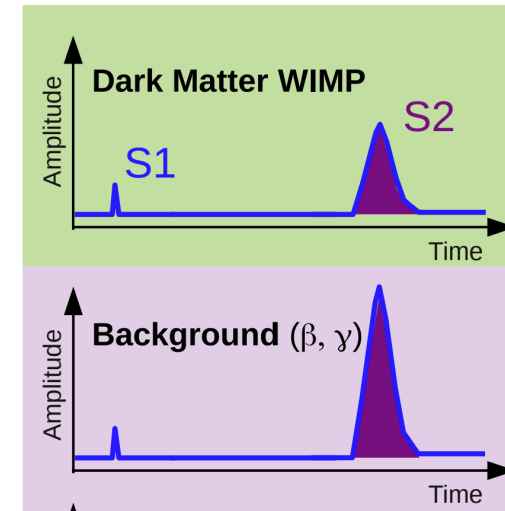
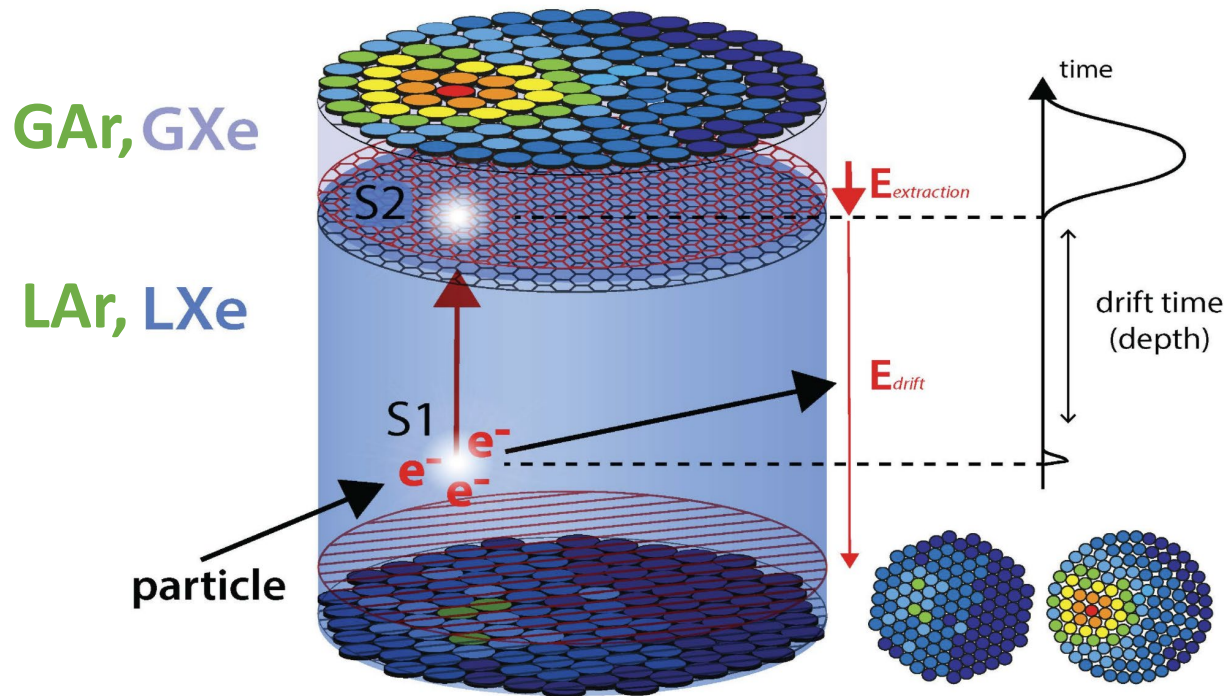
- Double-phase noble elements TPC: Lux/LZ, PandaX, Xenon, DarkSide
- noble liquid (single phase): Deap, XMass



Credit: Ciaran O'Hare



# Double-phase noble elements TPC (light + charge)



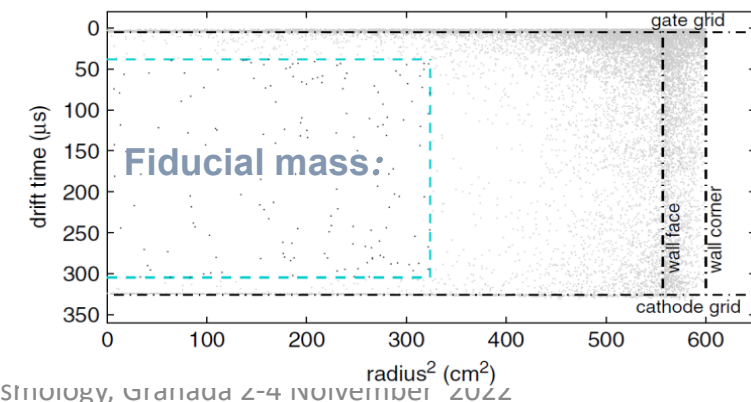
The ratio  $S1/S2$  is different for nuclear recoils (WIMPs) or electron recoils (background)

Reconstruction of the hit position

- Top/bottom photomultipliers  $\rightarrow (x, y)$
- Drift time  $\rightarrow z$

$\rightarrow$  fiducialization (use only the inner (cleaner) part)

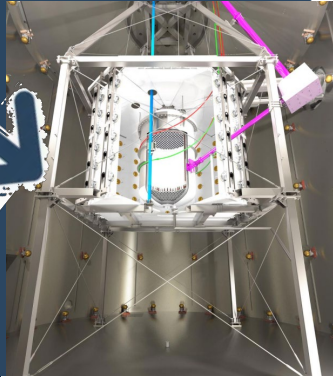
- ER Background rejection
- Fiducialization
- Possibility to reduce the threshold working only with charge readout (no bkg discrimination!)



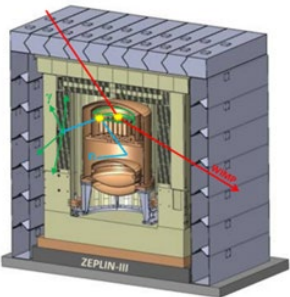
# Present and future of noble-TPCs



Xenon 1T  
(1 ton LXe)  
(decommissioned)



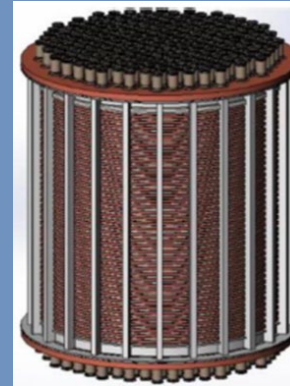
Xenon nT  
(5.9 ton LXe)  
**STARTED IN 2021**



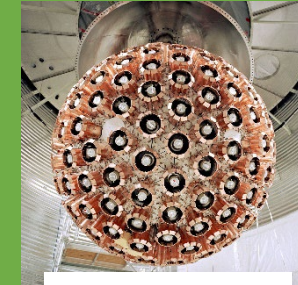
ZEPLIN-III  
(6 kg LXe)  
(decommissioned)



LUX  
(100 kg LXe)  
(decommissioned)



PANDAX-4T  
(4 ton LXe)  
**STARTED IN 2021**



Deap-3600  
(3.6 ton LAr)



DarkSide-50  
(50 kg LAr)  
(decommissioned)



ArDM (1 ton LAr)  
(decommissioned)

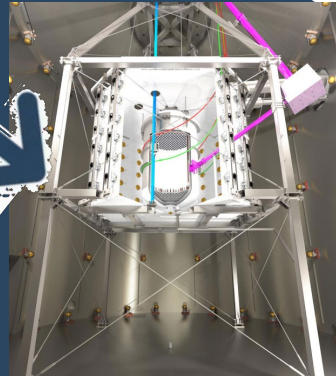
Ar



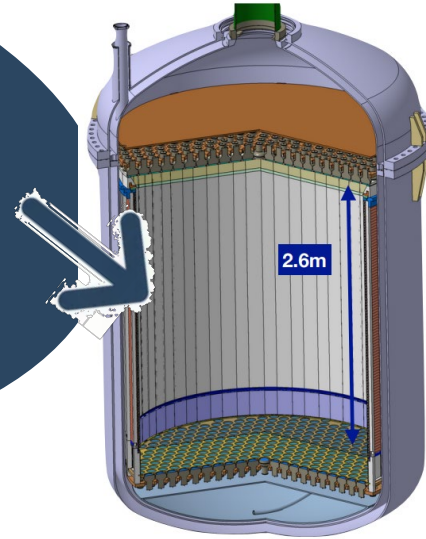
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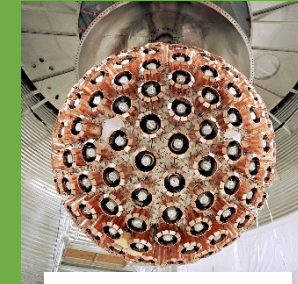
Xenon nT  
(5.9 ton LXe)  
**STARTED IN 2021**



Future: DARWIN  
(50 ton LXe)



PANDAX-4T  
(4 ton LXe)  
**STARTED IN 2021**



Deap-3600  
(3.6 ton LAr)

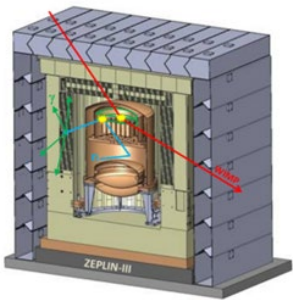


DarkSide-50  
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ArDM (1 ton LAr)  
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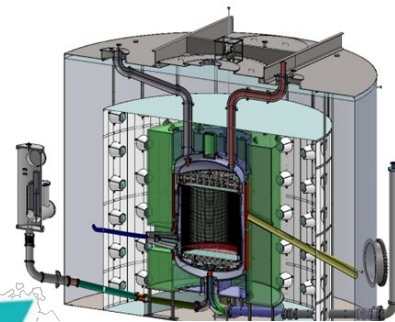
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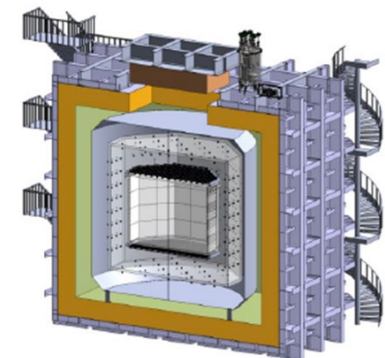
LUX  
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(decommissioned)



LZ @ SURF  
(7 ton-fiducial LXe)  
**STARTED IN 2021**



ARGO  
300 ton



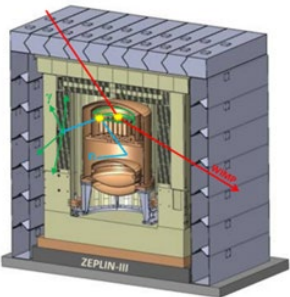
DarkSide-20k (in construction @ LNGS)  
(50 ton LAr , 20 ton fiducial)



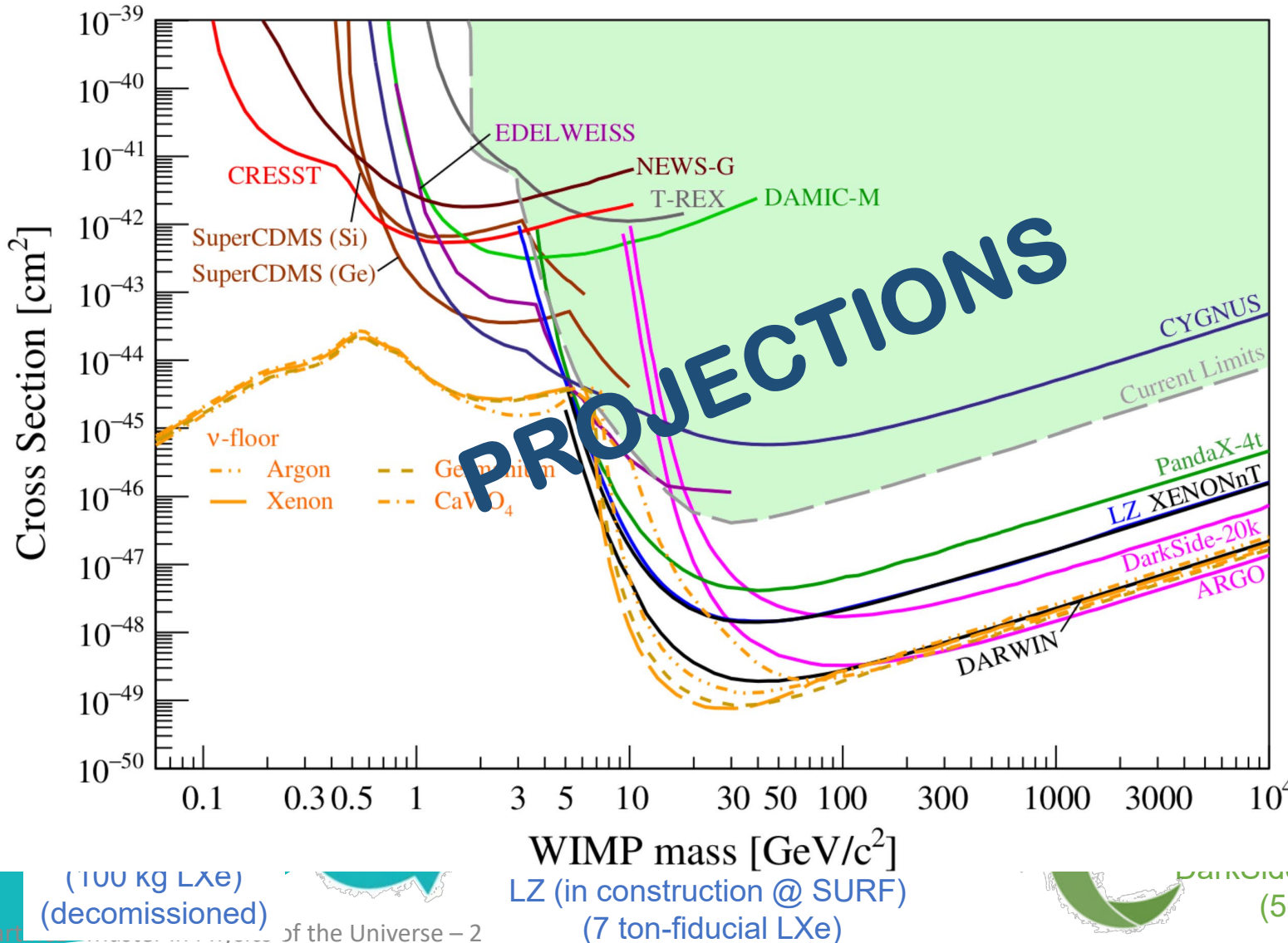
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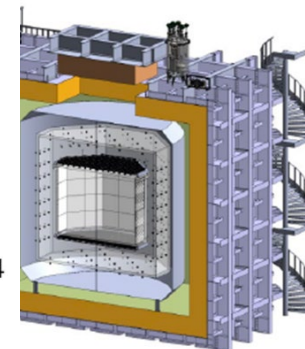
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cap-3600  
(1 ton LAr)



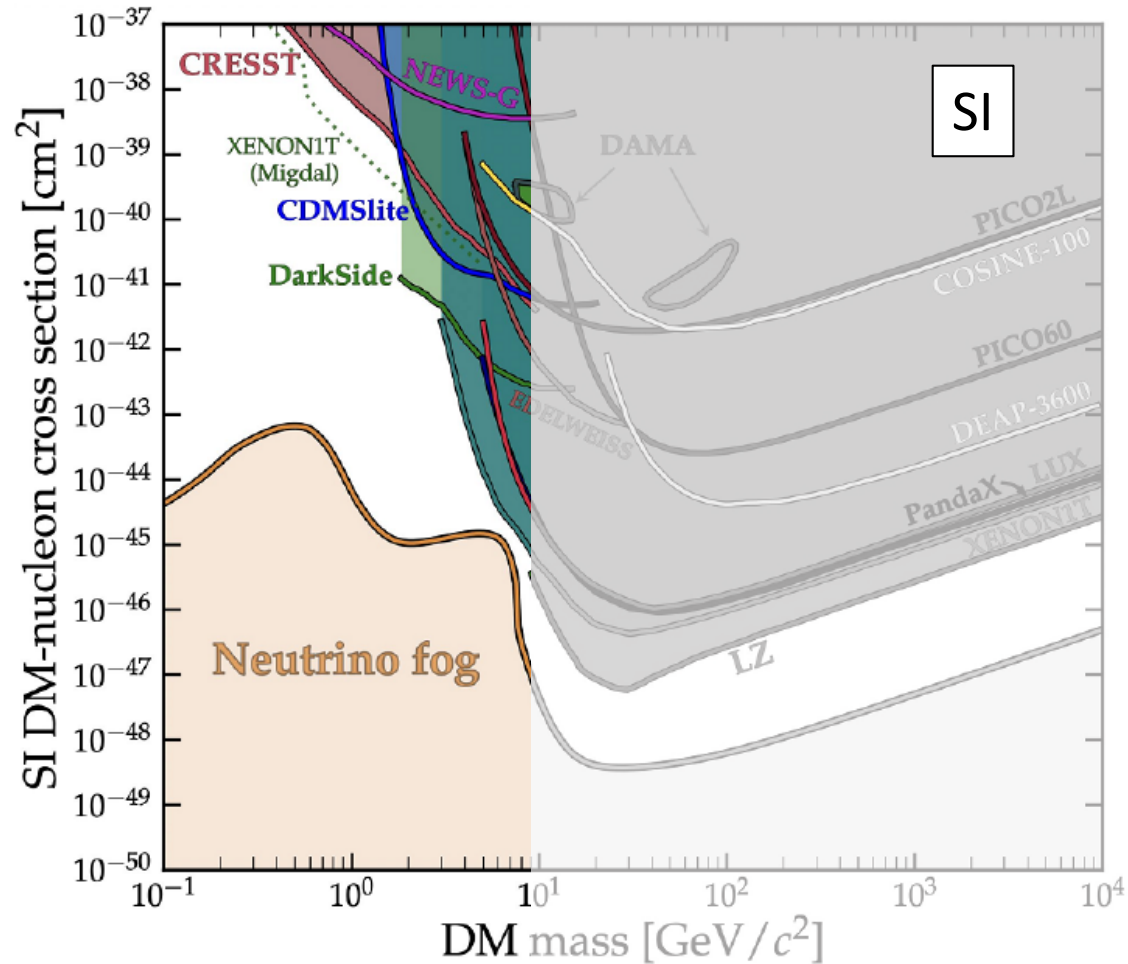
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Ar

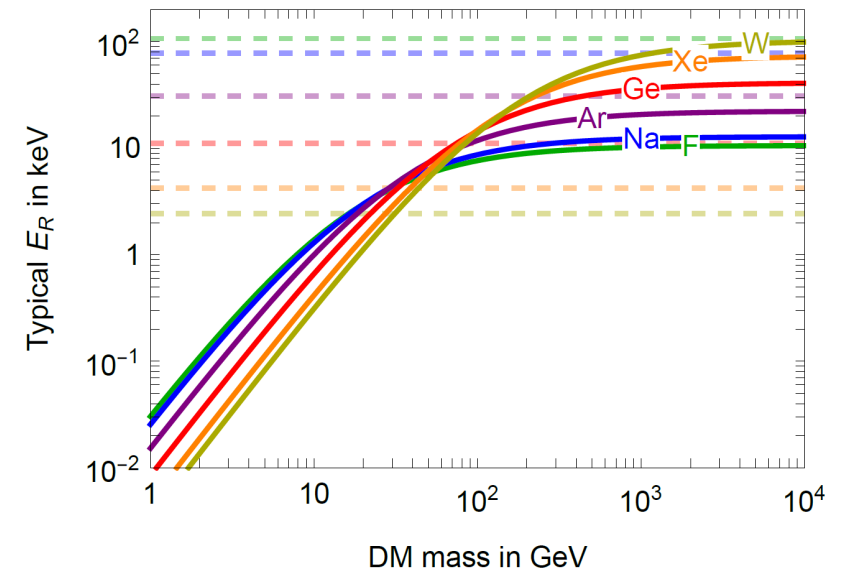


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# Low WIMP mass (<10 GeV)



A very low energy threshold is needed to explore the low-mass region

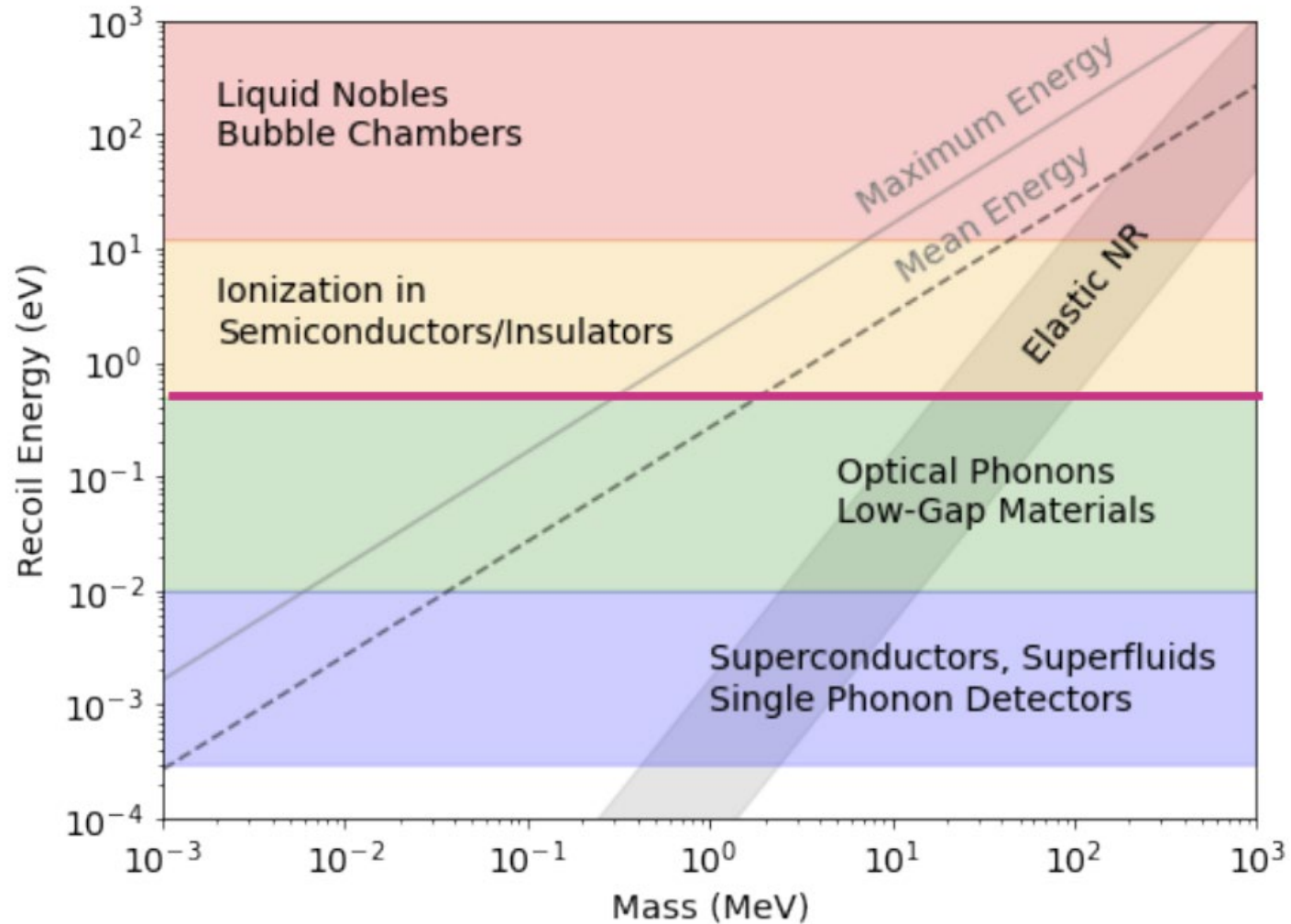


- **Cryogenic detectors: Edelweiss, CRESST, SuperCDMS**
- **CCds: Damic, Sensei**
- **High-pressure gas chambers: News-G**

Credit: Ciaran O'Hare

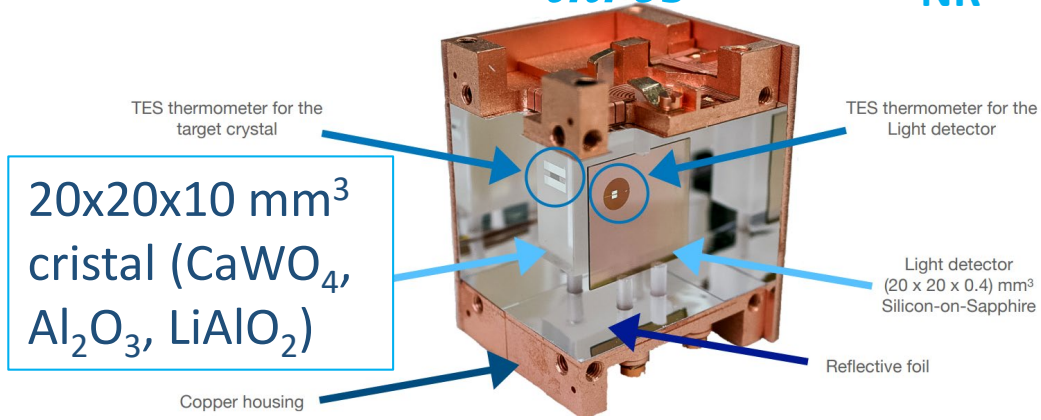


# DM-e scattering



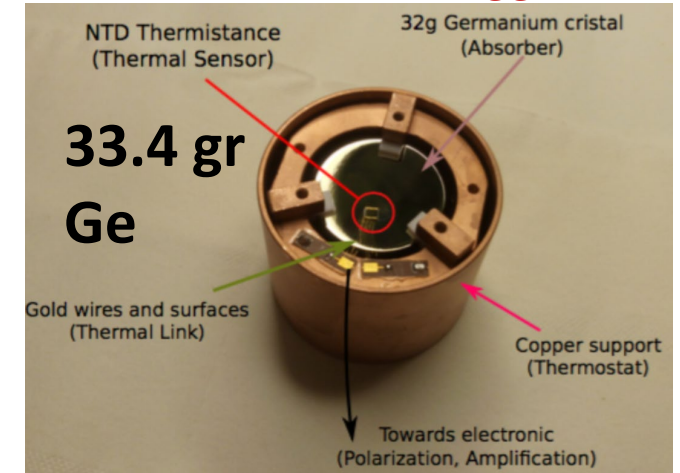
# Cryogenic detectors & p-type Ge for low-mass WIMPs

**CRESST:  $E_{thres} = 30 \text{ eV}_{NR}$**



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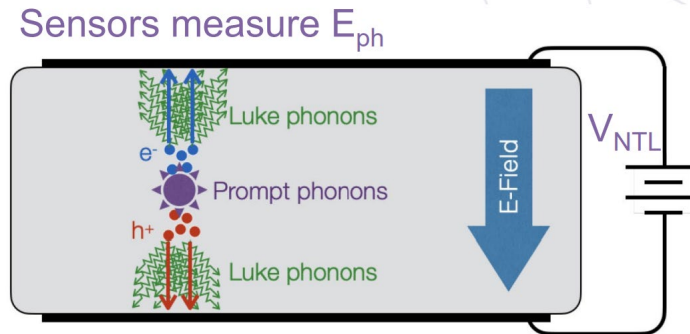
**EDELWEISS:  $E_{thres} = 6 \text{ eV}_{ee}$**



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**CDMSLite  $E_{thres} = 70 \text{ eV}$**

600 gr SuperCDMS detectors operated at high voltage  
 → Neganov-Trofimov-Luke (NTL) amplification



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Turn off – nuclear + electron recoils  
 Turn on – charge detector

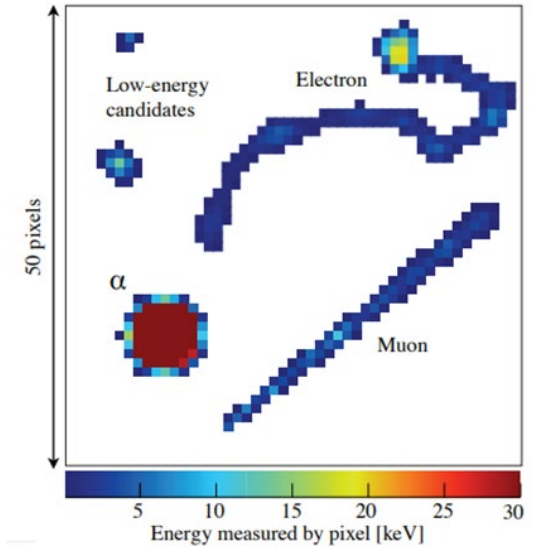
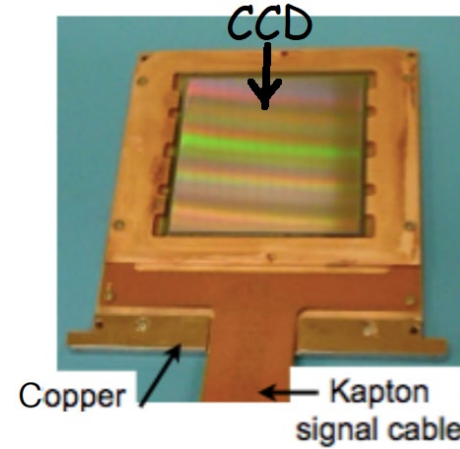
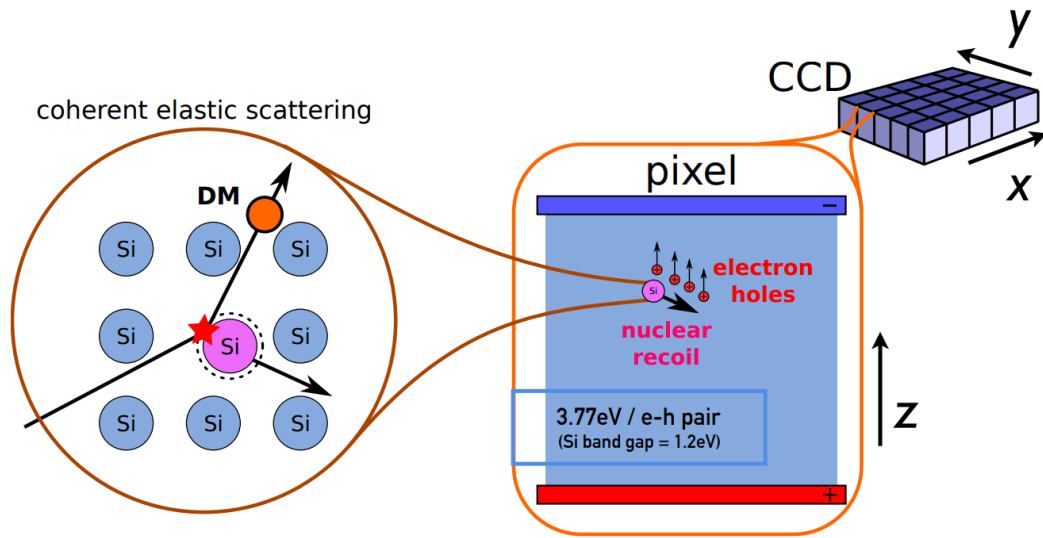
**CDEX  $E_{thres} = 160 \text{ eV}$**

~1 kg p-type point contact Ge

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# CCDs for low-mass & $e^-$ scattering: DAMIC, Sensei

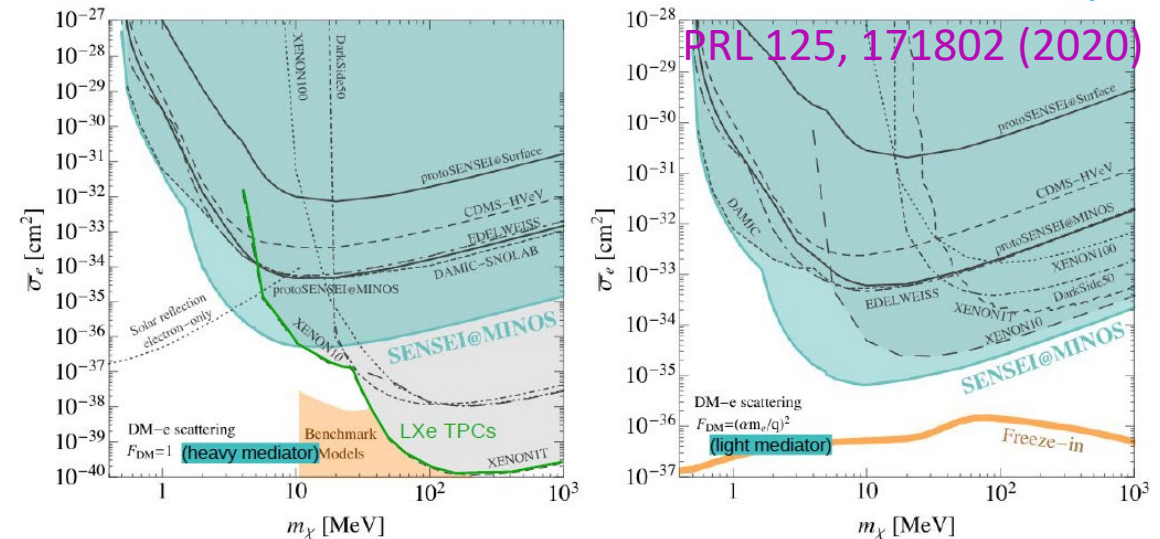


## WIMP- $e^-$ scattering

**DAMIC** @ SNOLAB: 42 gr Si (7 CCDs),  $E_{th} = 50$  eV  
 Future: DAMIC-M (LSM) (1 kg)

**SENSEI** @ MINOS:  $\sim 2$  gr Si-CCD,  $E_{th}$  few eV  
 Future: 100 gr @ SNOLAB

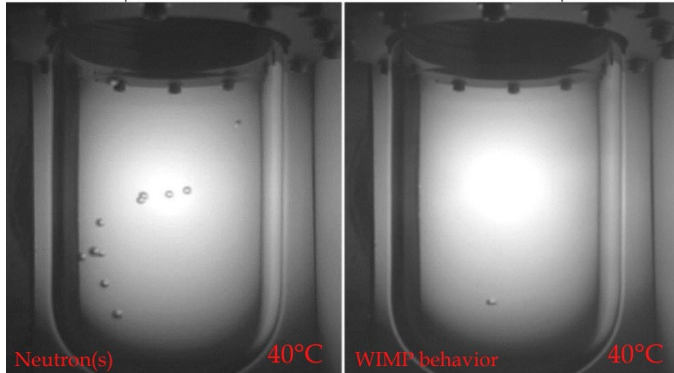
**OSCURA** (O(10) kg), in development





# Bubble chambers for SD-p

Best DD SD-p limits come from bubble chambers experiments that use targets with F (highest sensitivity to SD WIMP-proton couplings)

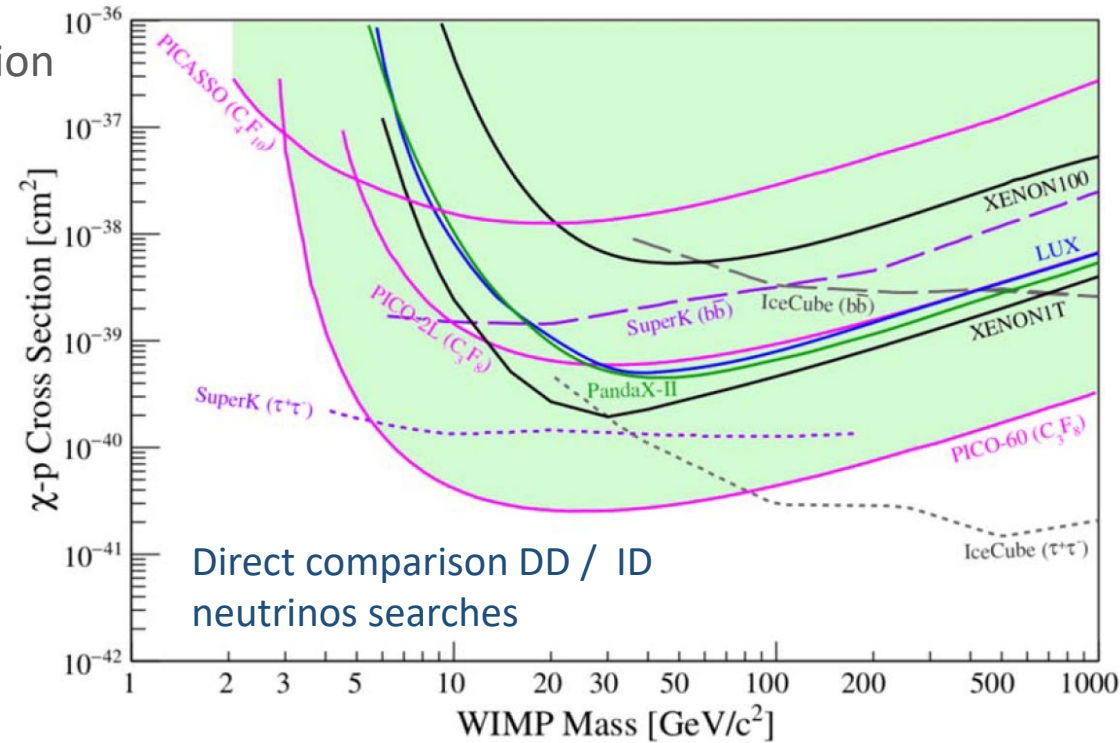
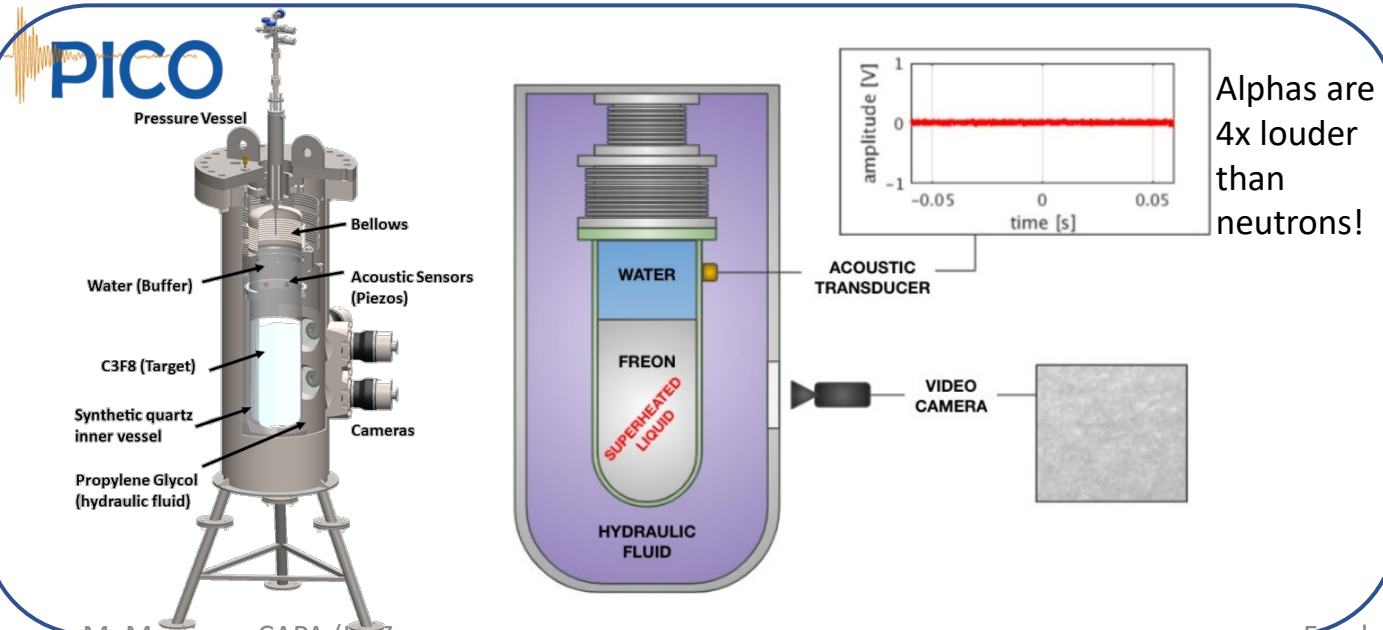


- Freon in metastable superheated state
- Tune the chamber to be unresponsive to most backgrounds. Only recoiling nuclei produce bubbles!
- Tune the chamber to set a nucleation energy threshold

2-4 GeV: PICASSO (3 kg C<sub>4</sub>F<sub>10</sub>)  
*Astropart. Phys. 90 (2017) 85*

5-100 GeV: PICO-60 (52 kg C<sub>3</sub>F<sub>8</sub>)  
*PRD 100 (2019), 2 022001*

> 100 GeV: Icecube ( $\tau^+\tau^-$ )

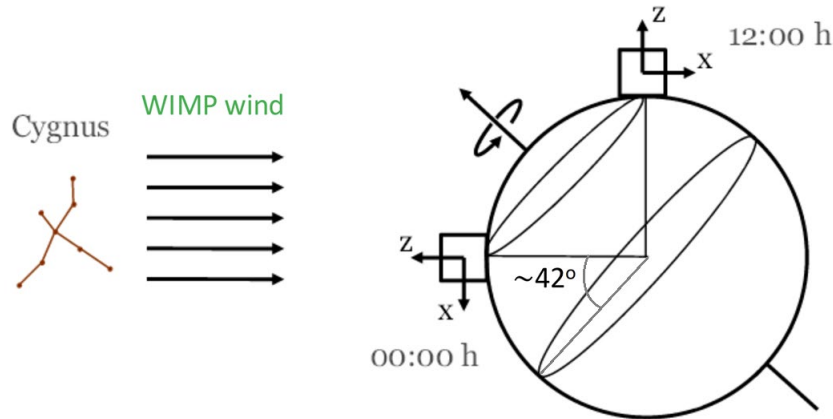


Direct comparison DD / ID  
 neutrinos searches

# Beyond the neutrino floor: directionality

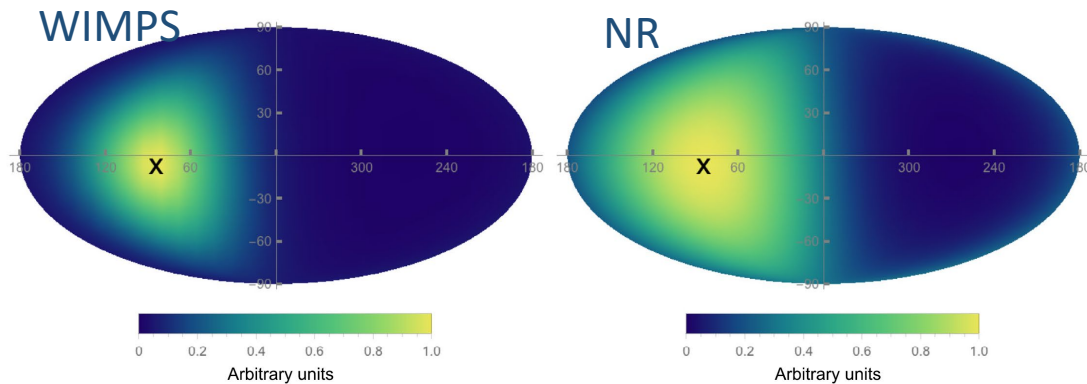
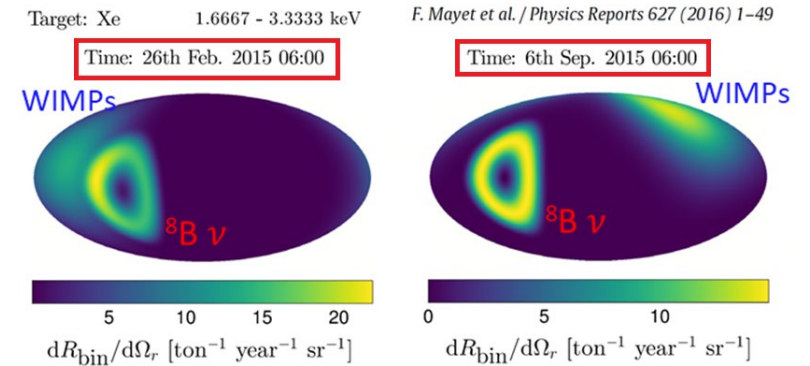
The Earth experiences a wind of DM particles apparently coming from Cygnus. The scattering is not isotropic in the galaxy frame → **FORWARD / BACKWARD ASYMMETRY**

Annual modulation: 2-10% effect  
Forward-backward asymmetry: 20-100% effect

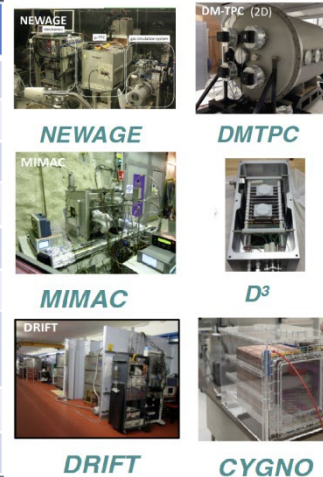


mean recoil direction oscillates due to the rotation of the Earth

In general, can reject solar neutrinos



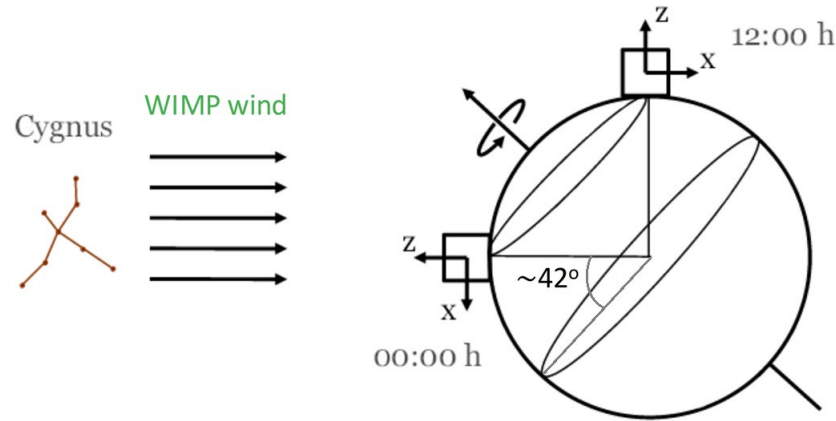
Name	Technology	Dim	Status
NEWAGE	Gas TPC, strip readout	3d	Running underground
DRIFT	Gas TPC, NID, wire readout	1.5d	Running underground
MIMAC	Gas TPC, strip readout	3d	Ran underground, scaling up
DMTPC	Gas TPC, optical readout	2d	Ran underground, scaled up, stopped
D <sup>3</sup> / Hawaii R&D	Gas TPC, pixel readout	3d	Prototypes evaluated, ran aboveground
New Mexico R&D	Gas TPC, NID, optical	2d	Prototypes evaluated
LEMON, ORANGE, INITIUM, CYGNO	Gas TPCs, CMOS + PMT optical readout	3d	Prototypes evaluated, funded to scale up
NEWSdm	Nuclear Emulsions	2d	Prototyping / going underground
PTOLEMY	Graphene	2d	Prototyping / going underground





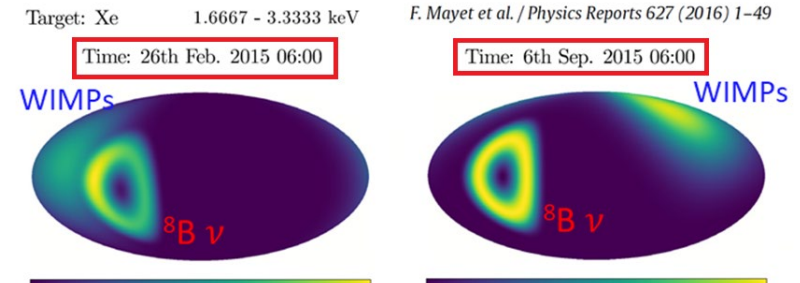
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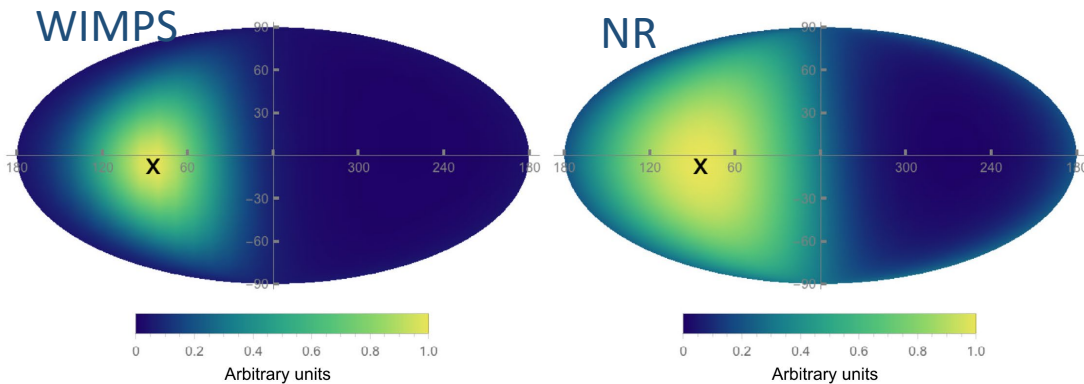


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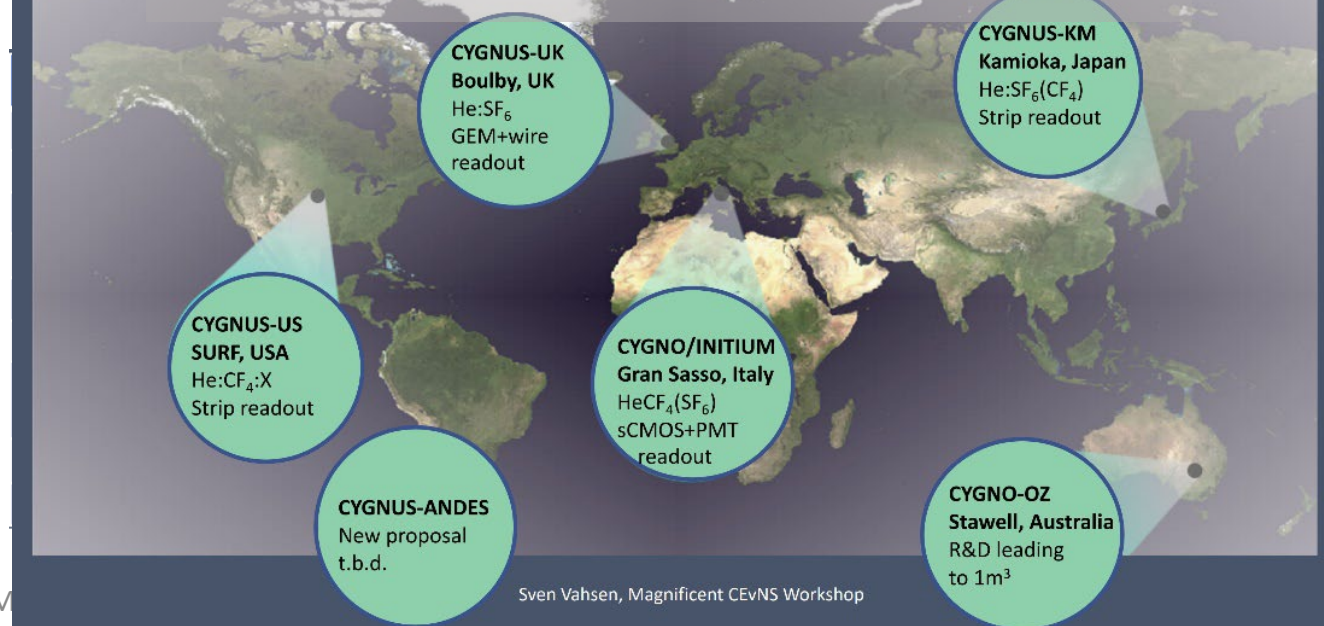
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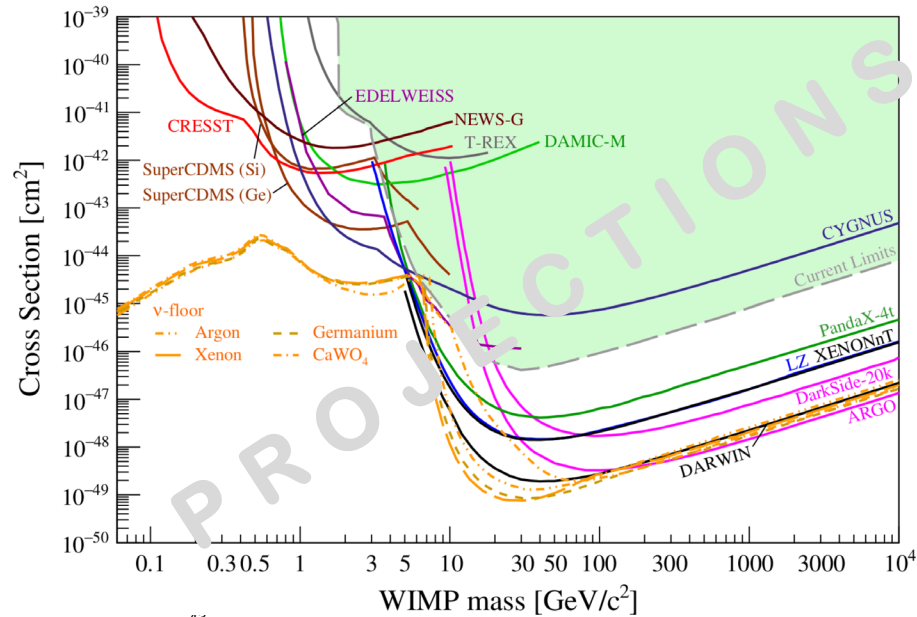
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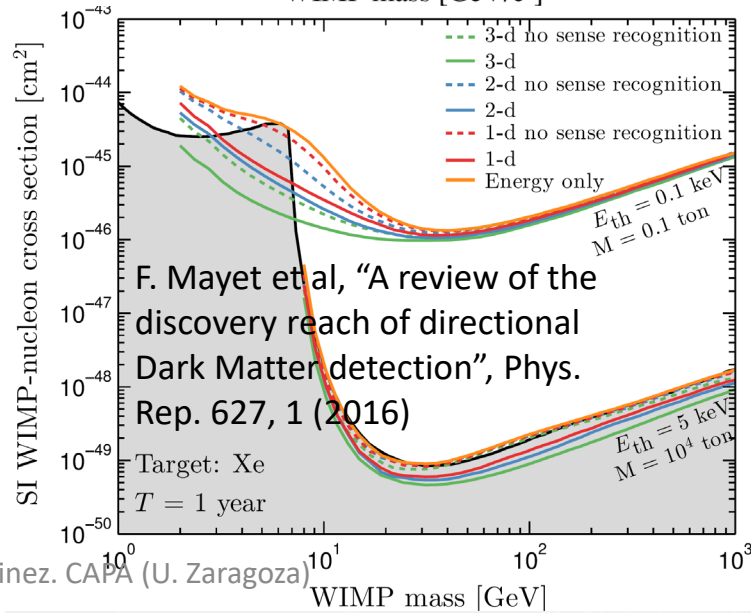
## CYGNUS COLLABORATION



# Outlook & prospects

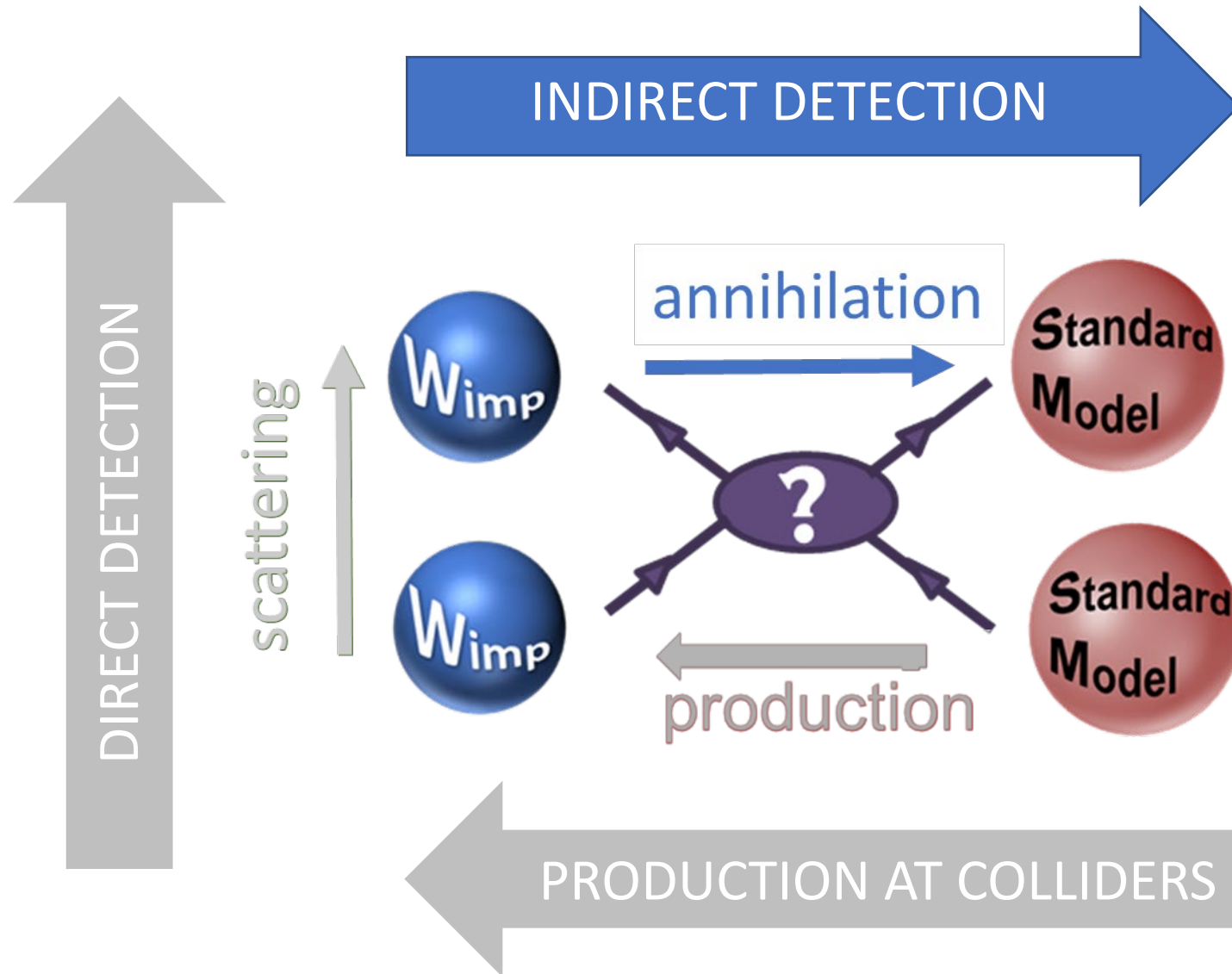


- World-wide effort to detect DM “directly”. No signal by now
  - DAMA/LIBRA positive signal not confirmed at almost  $3\sigma$  by ANAIS-112/COSINE-100 experiments
- Xe & Ar multi-ton experiments planned to reach the neutrino floor in the next decade
- Many new ideas/experiments to explore DM scenarios in the GeV (NR), MeV (ER), keV down to eV (absorption) regions
- Beyond the neutrino fog? Directionality? → CYGNUS collaboration

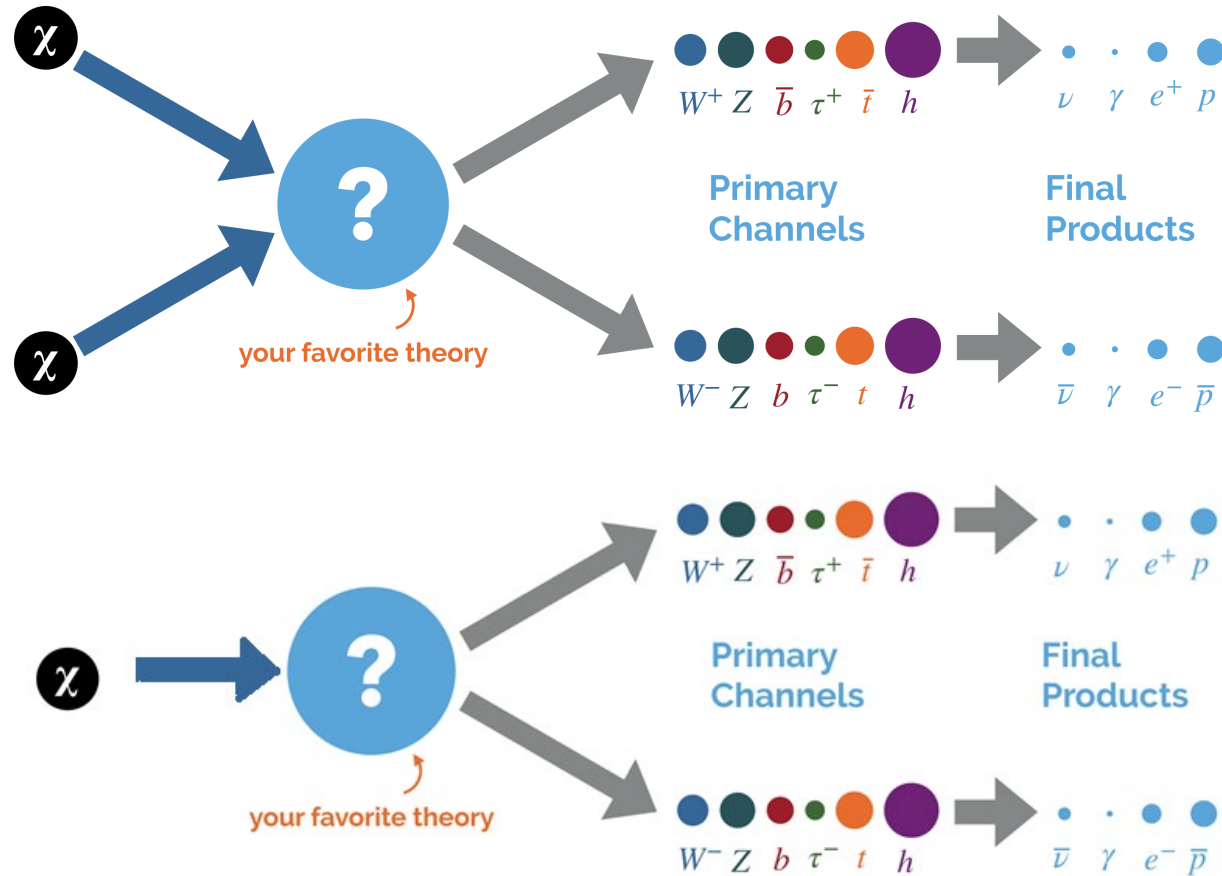


F. Mayet et al, “A review of the discovery reach of directional Dark Matter detection”, Phys. Rep. 627, 1 (2016)

# How to detect DM?



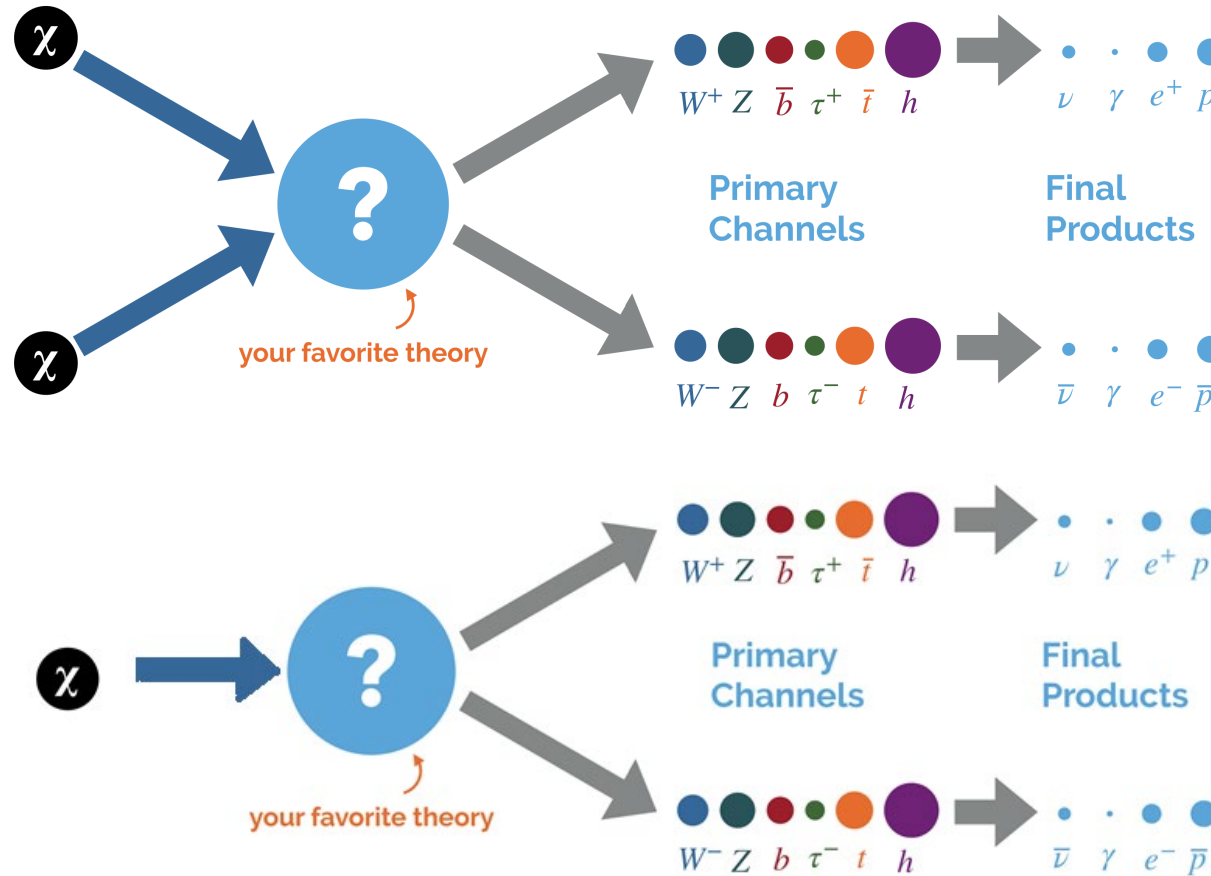
# DM annihilation / decay



How much energy is dumped into the different particles depends on the annihilation channel & energy

# DM annihilation / decay

3 kind of searches:



antimatter(\*)

gammas

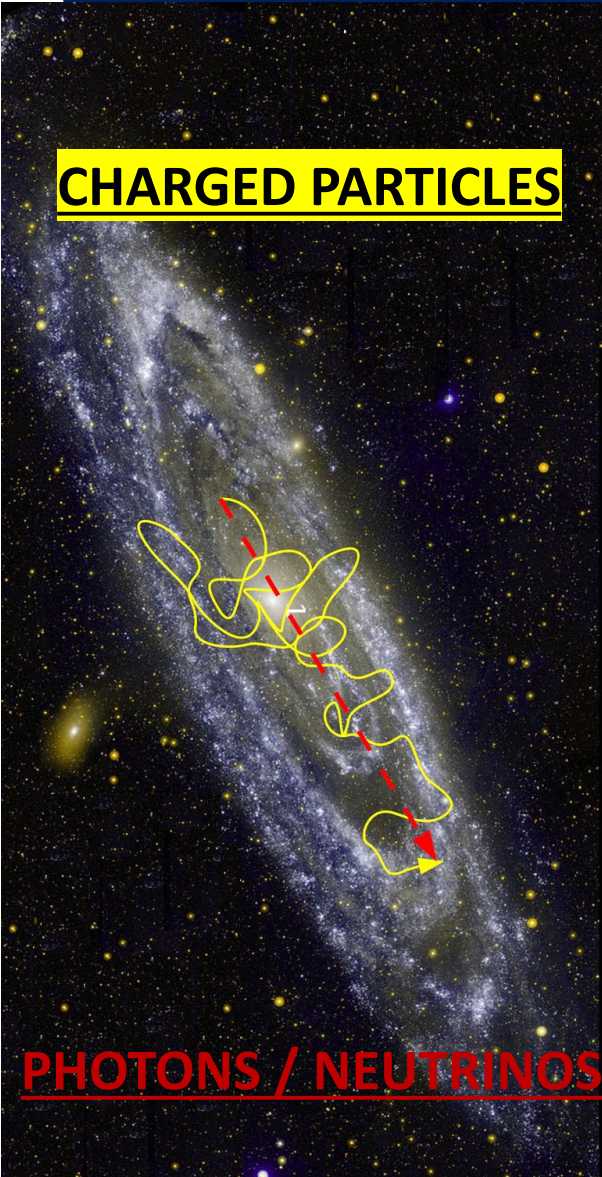
neutrinos

How much energy is dumped into the different particles depends on the annihilation channel & energy  
 (\*) expected background is much lower for antimatter than for matter (but not negligible: positrons and antiprotons are produced through cosmic-ray collisions in the Galaxy)

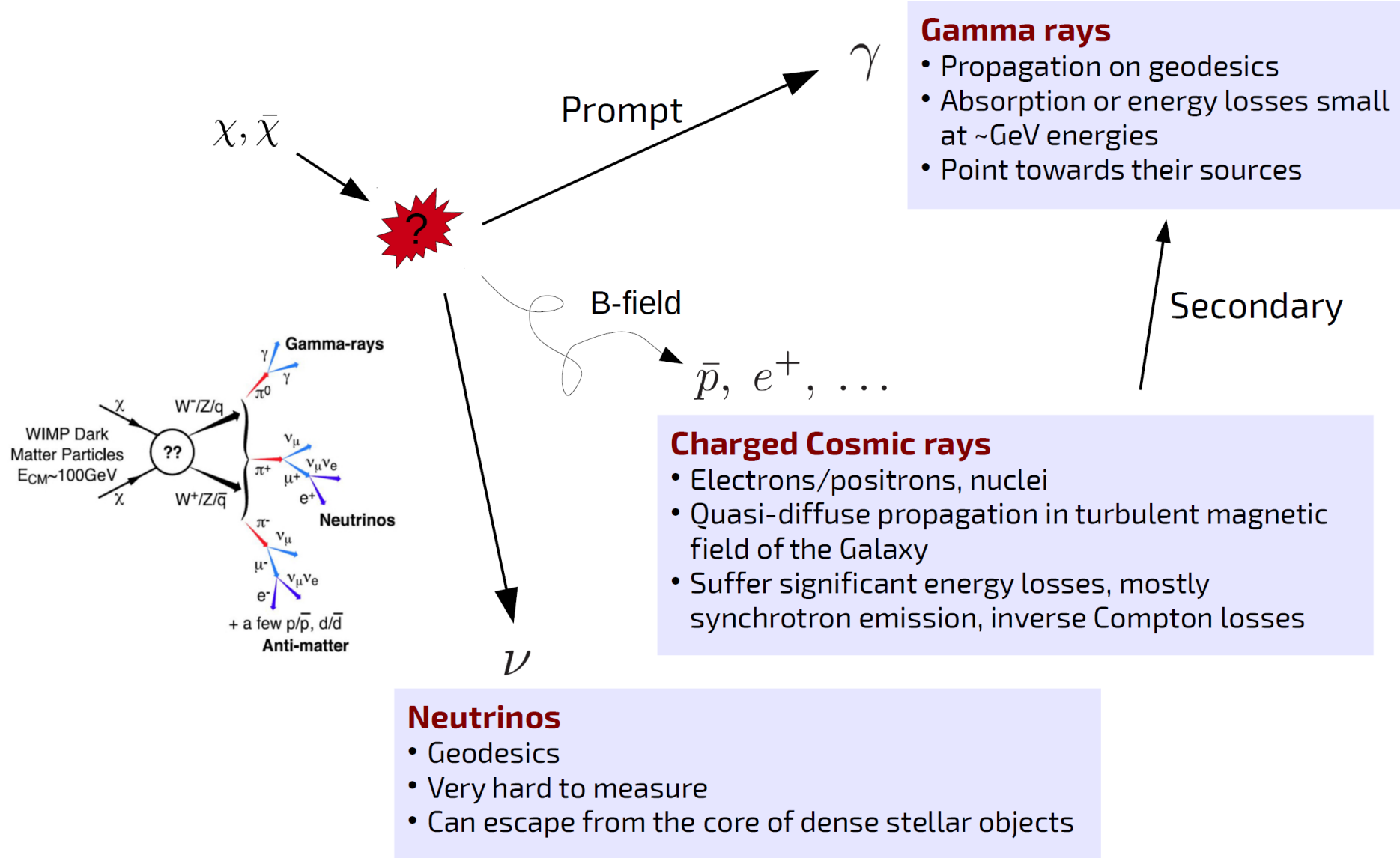


# Products propagation

**CHARGED PARTICLES**



**PHOTONS / NEUTRINOS**

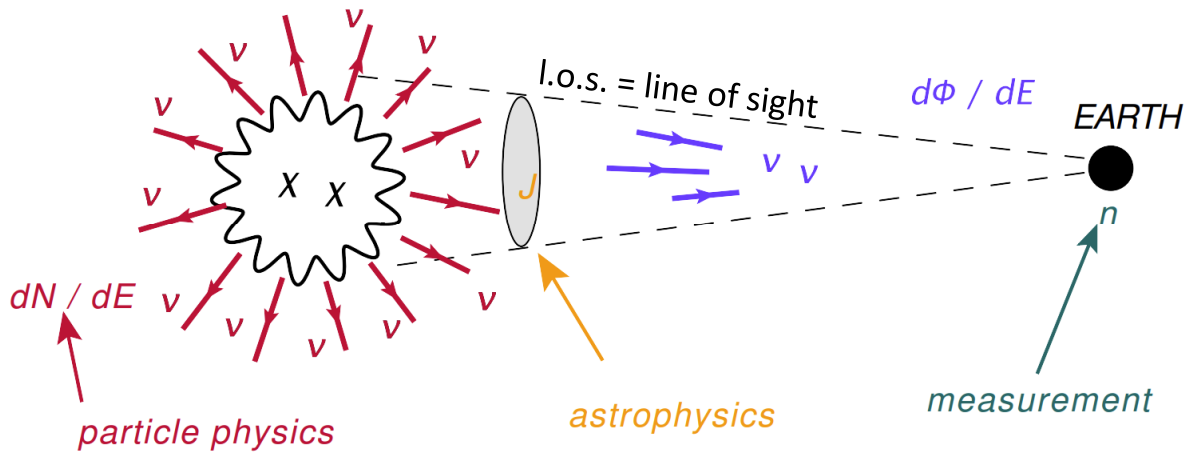


# Gammas/neutrinos flux @ Earth

**Annihilation**

$$\frac{d\Phi}{dE} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{\langle \sigma_A v \rangle}{2m_\chi^2} \frac{dN}{dE} \int_0^{\Delta\Omega} d\Omega \int_{l.o.s} \rho_\chi^2(r(s, \Psi, \theta)) ds$$

spectrum J-factor



**Particle physics**

**Astrophysics**

depends on the density profile!  
Common choice: NFW

**Decay**

$$\frac{d\Phi}{dE} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{1}{m_\chi \tau_\chi} \frac{dN}{dE} \int_0^{\Delta\Omega} d\Omega \int_{l.o.s} \rho_\chi(r(s, \Psi, \theta)) ds$$

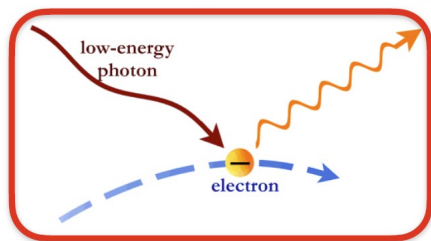
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# Secondary emission

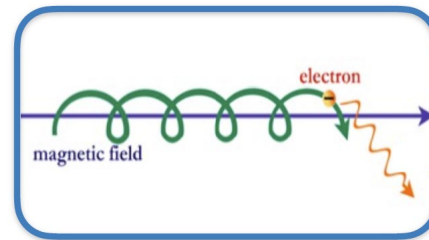
“Secondary” radiative emission induced by leptonic particles interacting with the environment

Charged particles from DM annihilation can also give rise to *secondary* photons, due to upscattering of ambient photons from starlight or the CMB, and synchrotron radiation from high-energy charged particles propagating in a magnetic field.

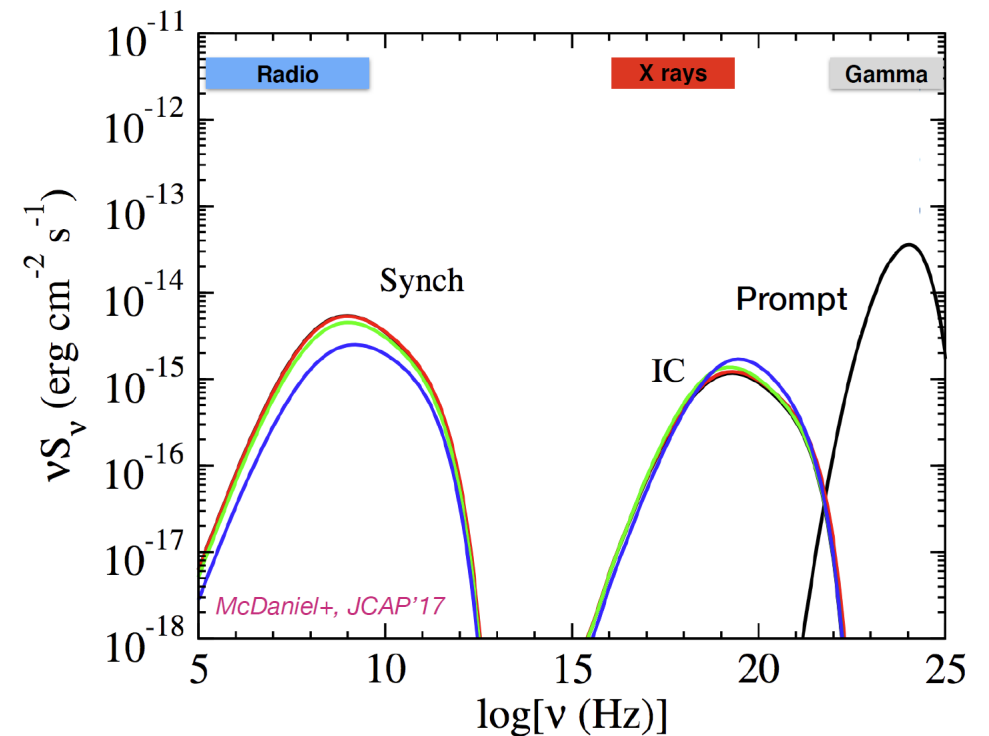
Inverse Compton scattering



Synchrotron emission

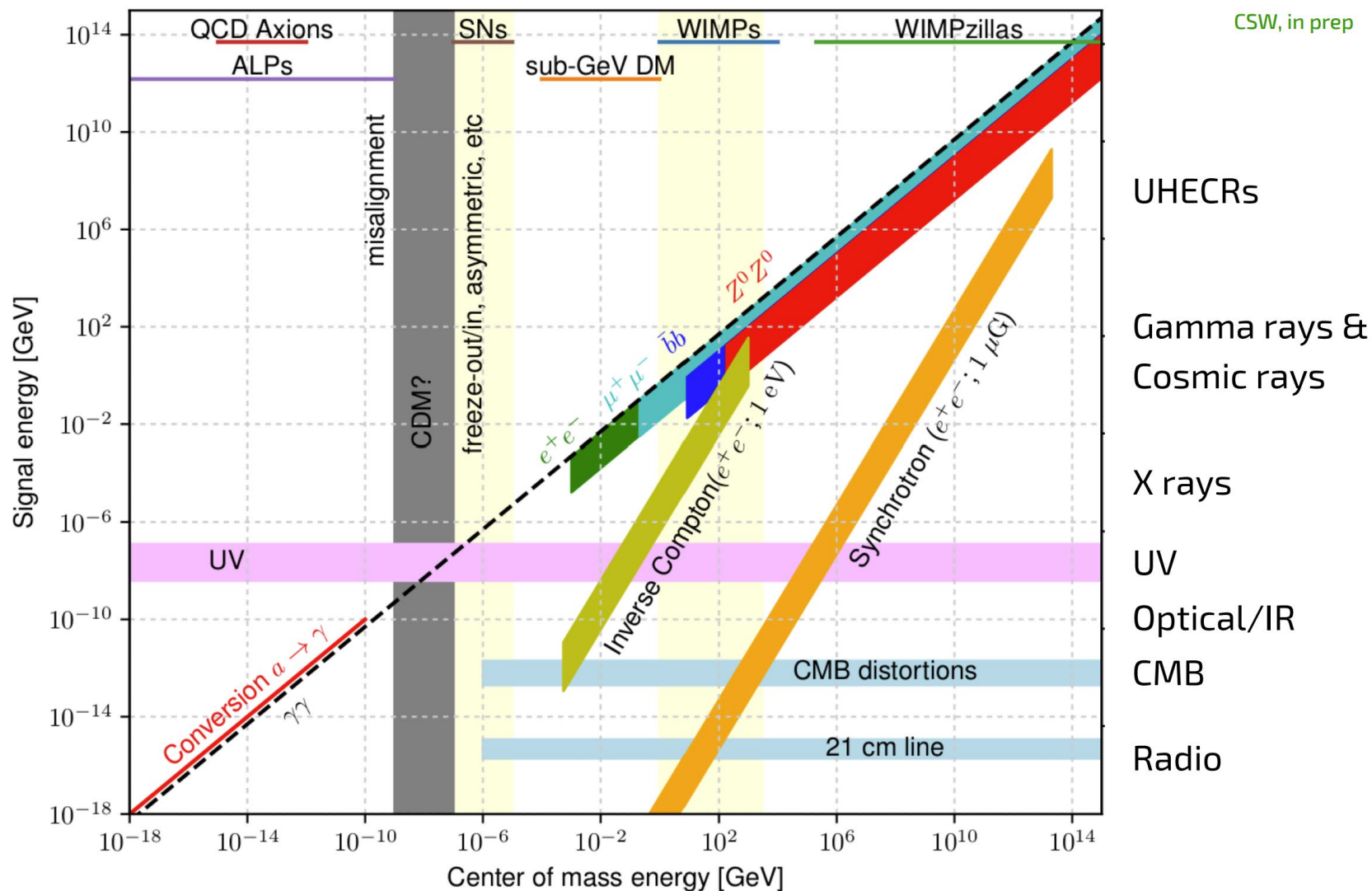


F. Calore, TAUP22



Example: Annihilation into b-quarks;  $m_{\text{DM}} = 100$  GeV

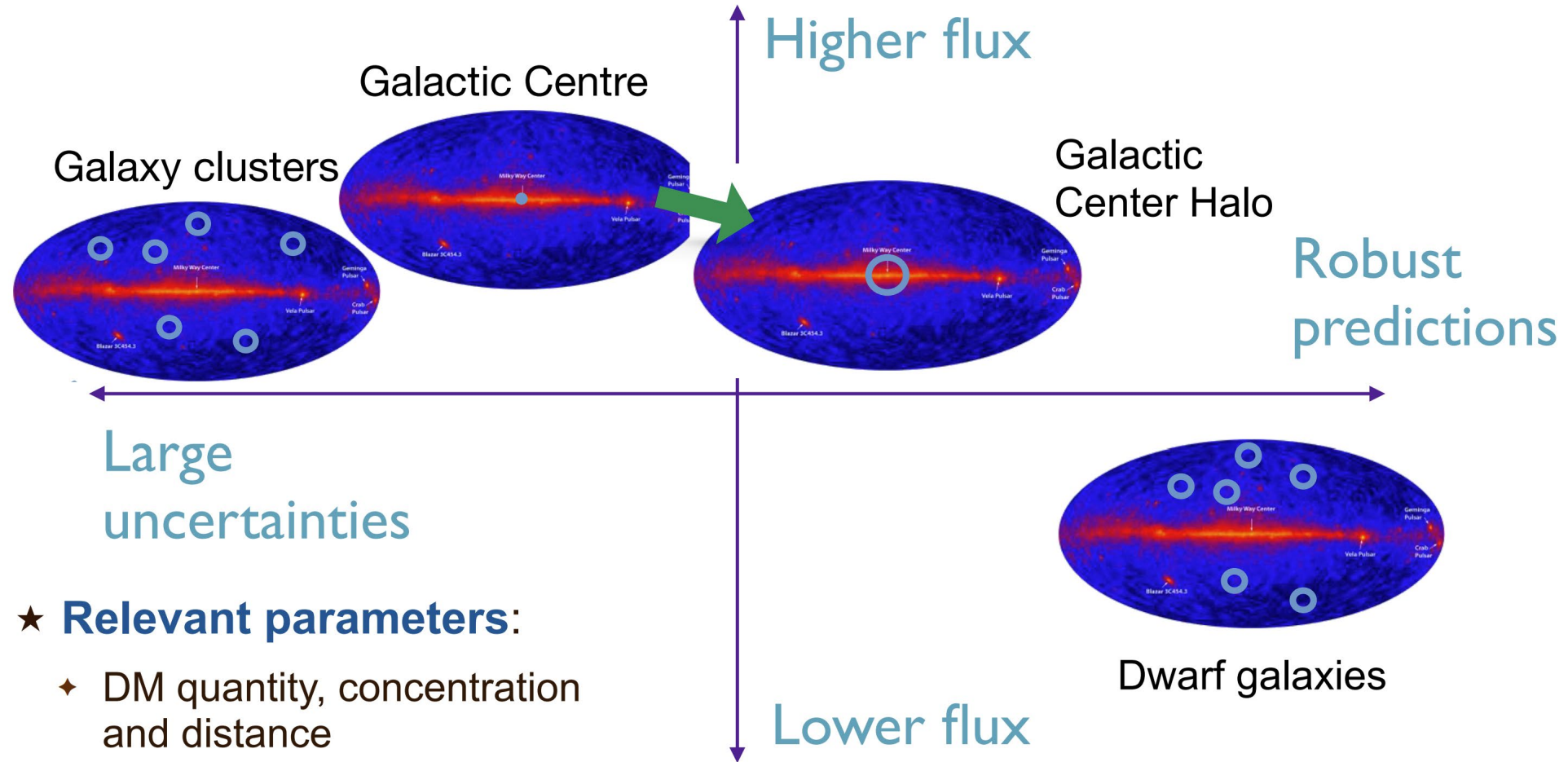
# Relevant radiation mechanisms



1 Sep 2017 C. Weniger - Indirect DM searches



# Sources for gamma ray searches



★ **Relevant parameters:**

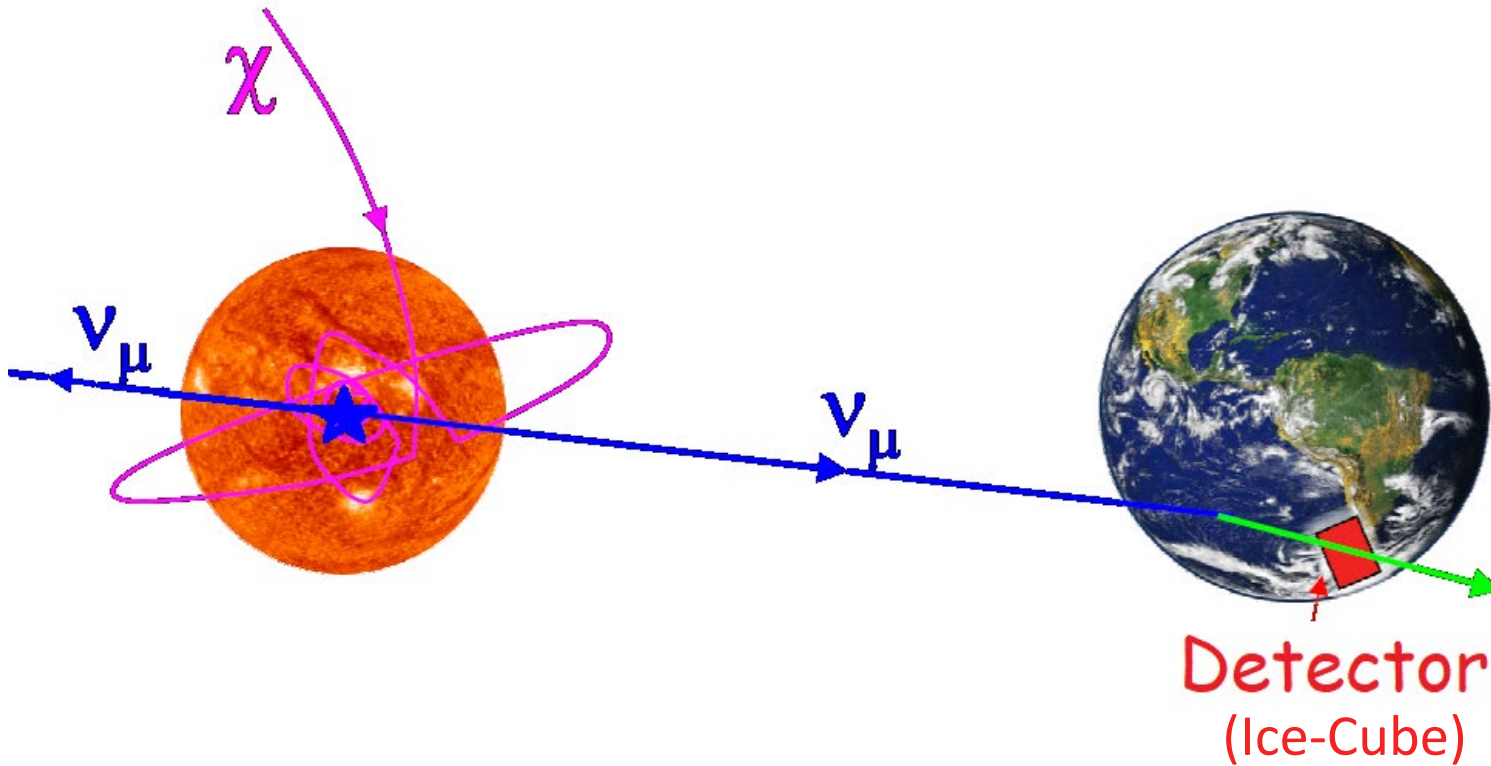
- ✦ DM quantity, concentration and distance
- ✦ Uncertainties
- ✦ Astrophysical background

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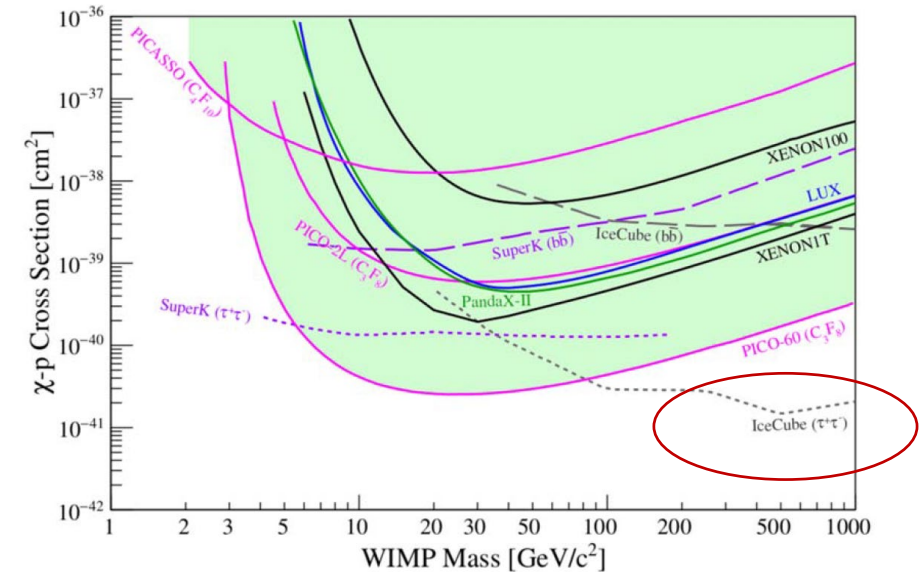
# Sources (neutrinos)

Neutrino telescopes can also search for DM annihilation in the galactic center, but the most promising searches are for DM annihilation in the Sun

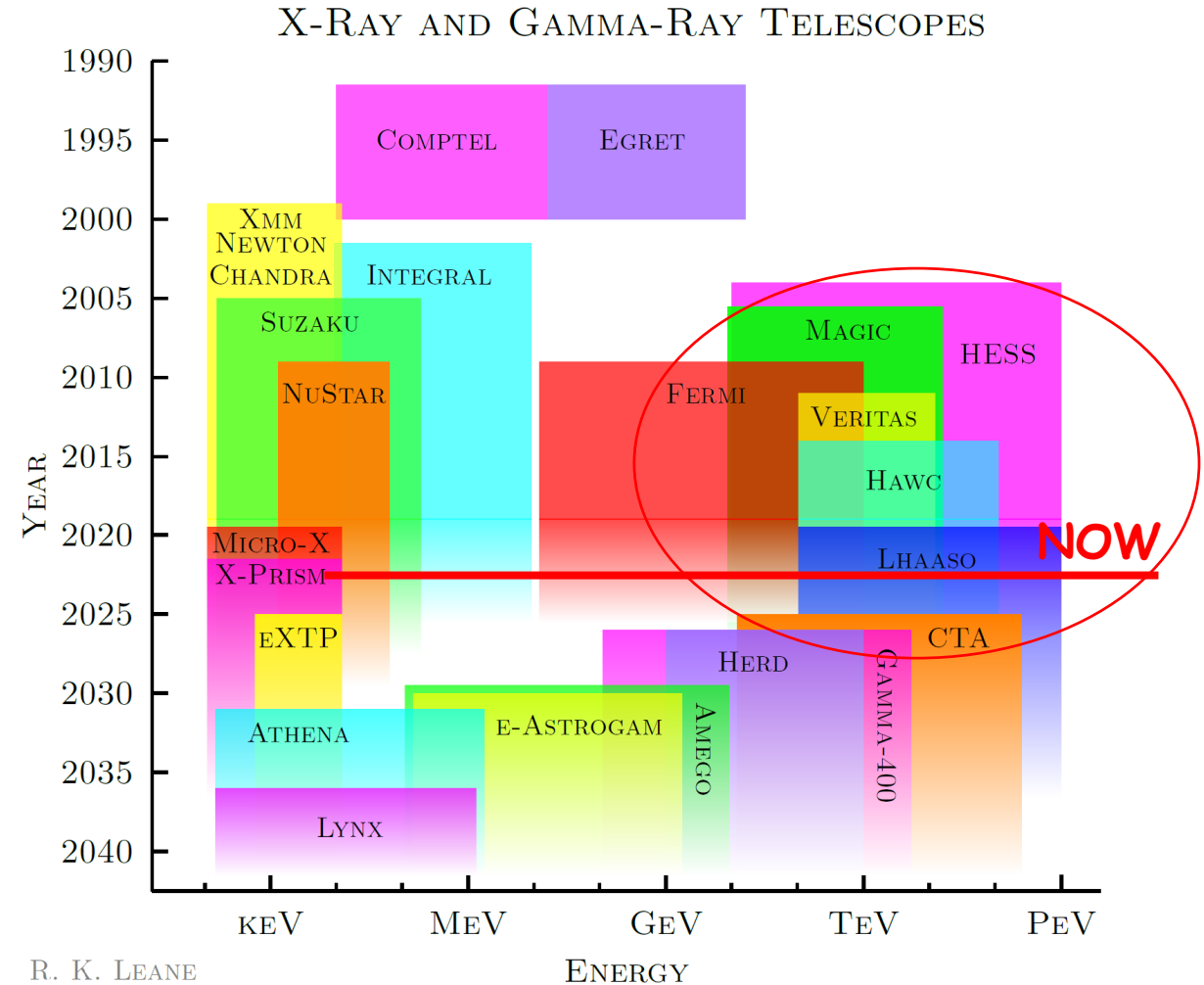
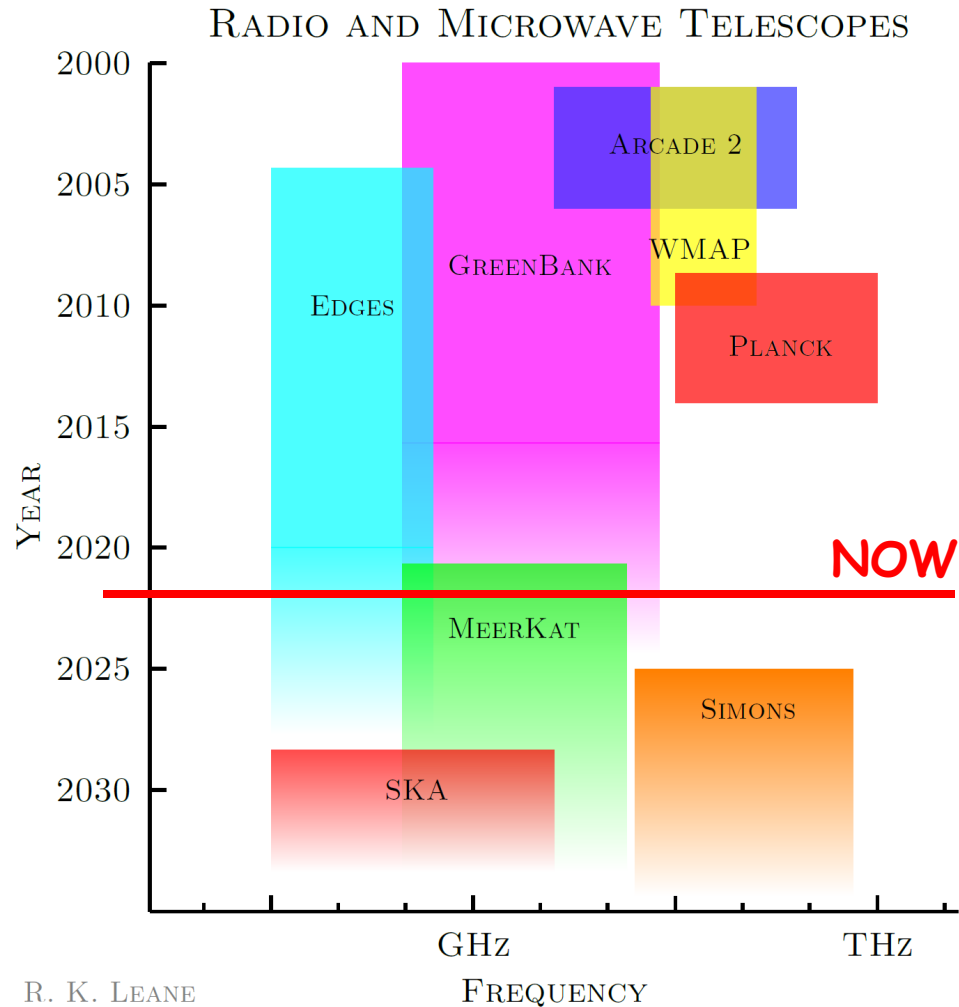
DM can be trapped in the Sun and annihilate. Only neutrinos can scape, and they would be a very clear signal of DM



To calculate the annihilation rate, one assumes equilibrium with capture probability  $\rightarrow$  related to  $\sigma_{scatt}$ , same cross section as for direct detection

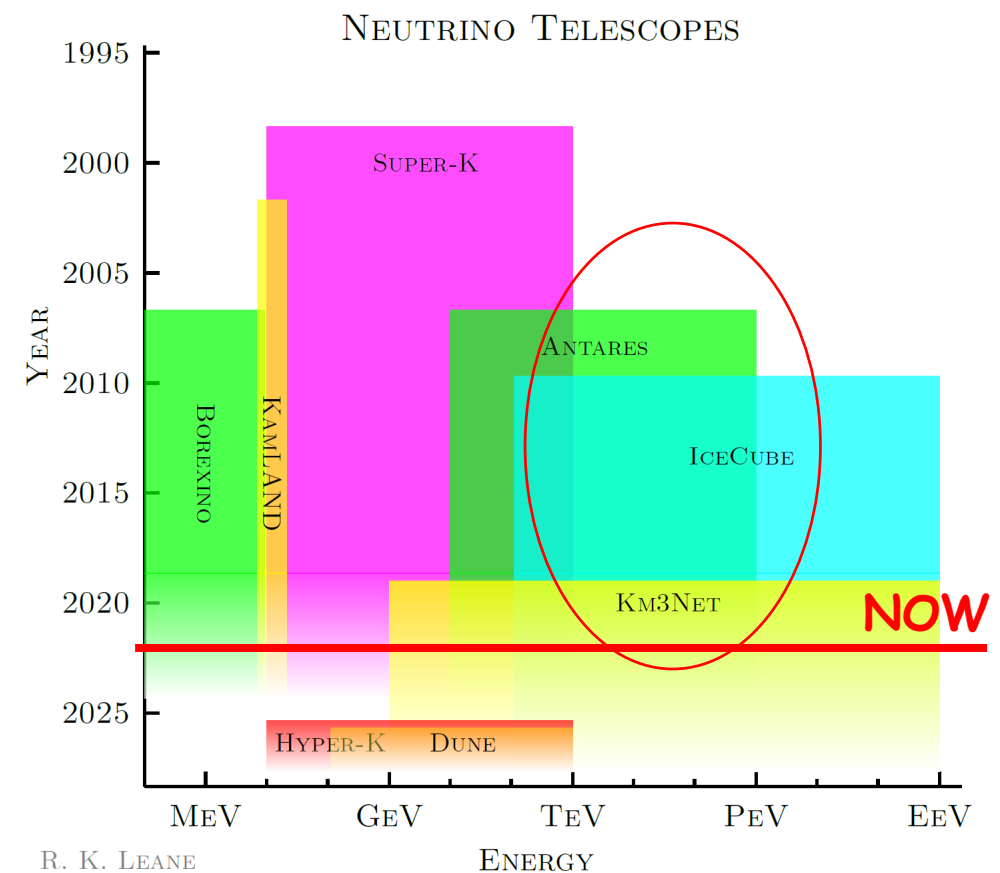
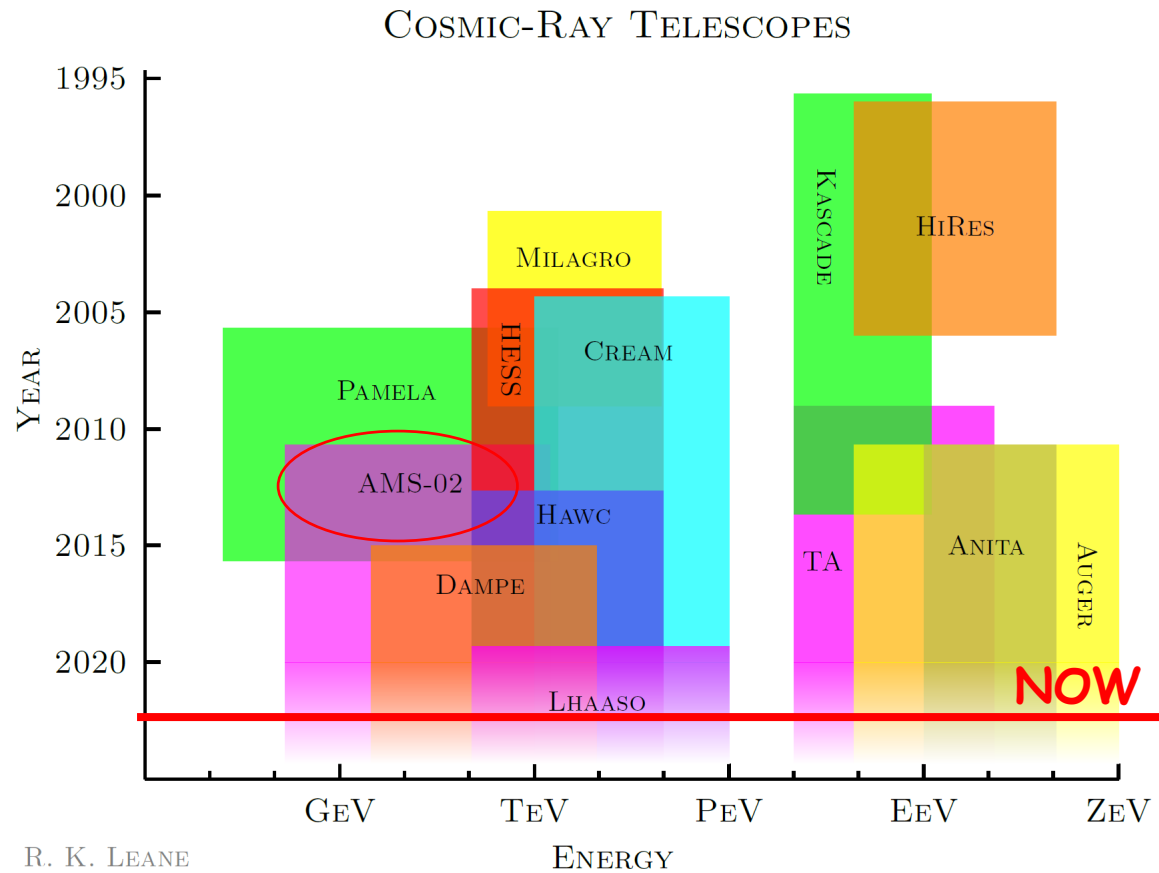


# DM ID experiments: radio, microwave, x-ray, $\gamma$ 's



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# Cosmic rays and neutrino telescopes

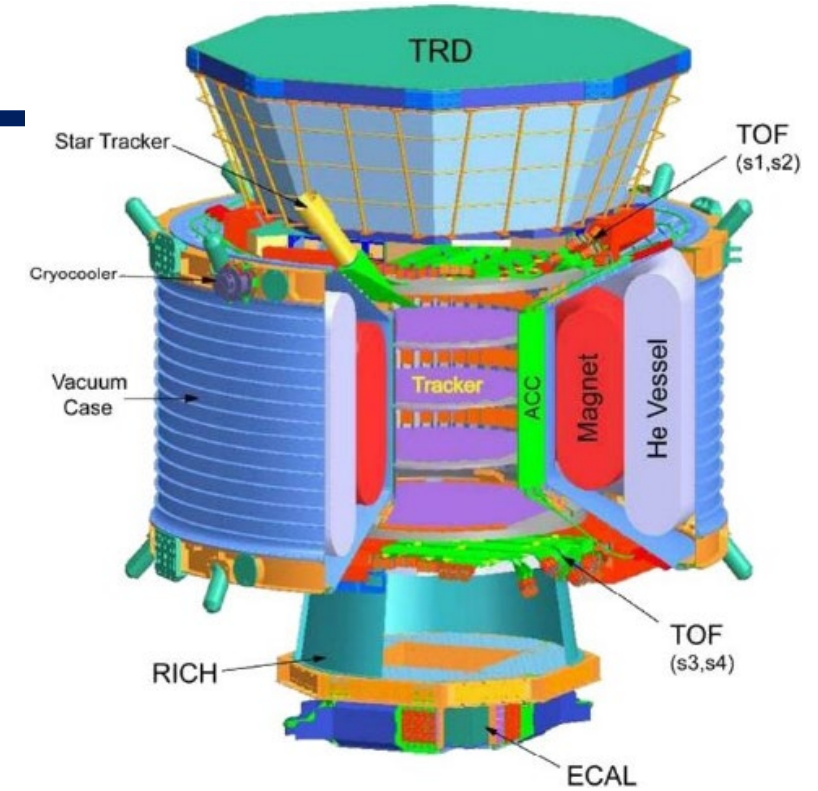
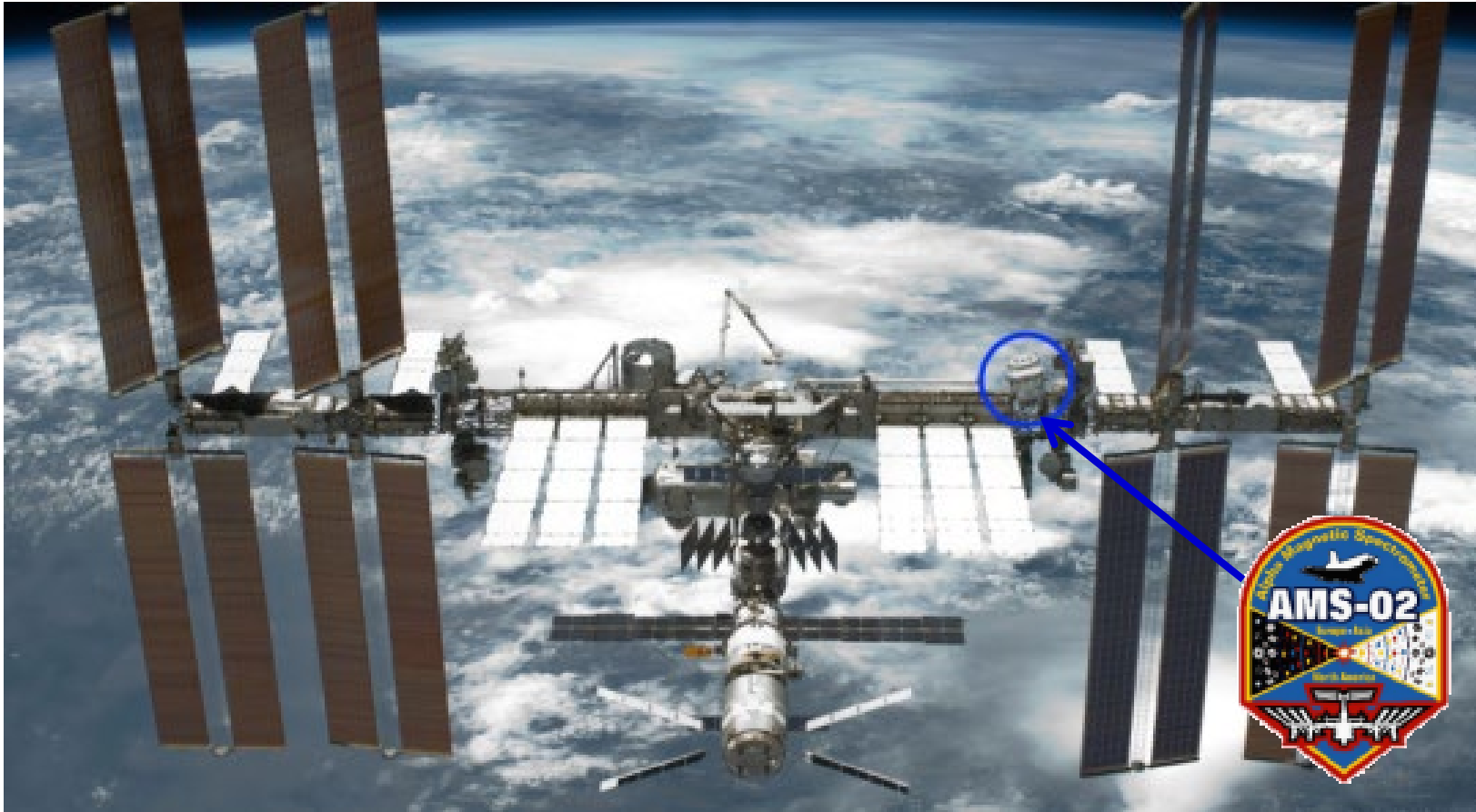


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# Antimatter: AMS02

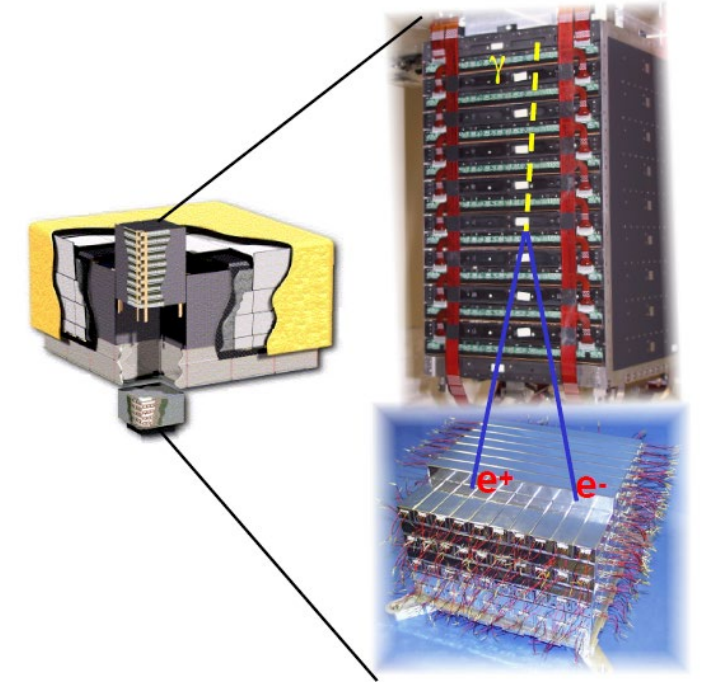
Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer (AMS-02), a detector operating on the **International Space Station (ISS)**.



# Gammas from the space: FermiLAT



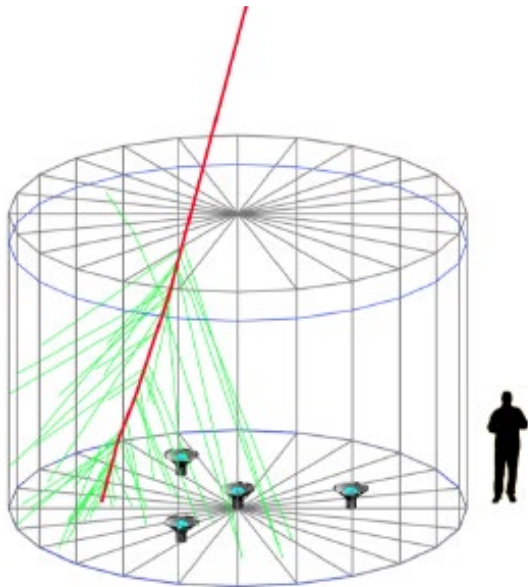
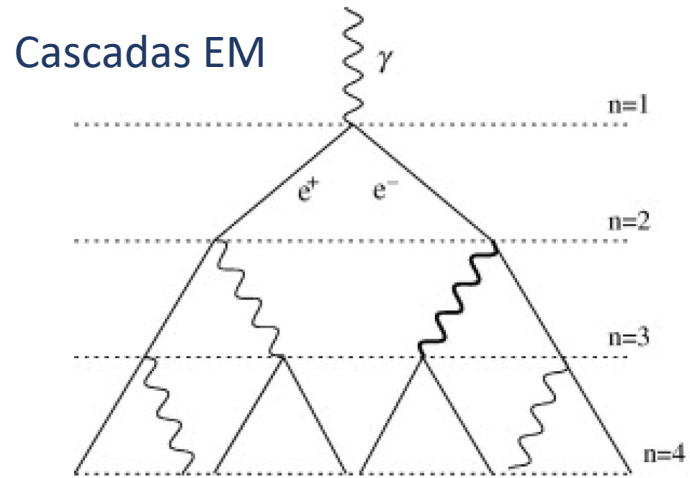
- ★ **Space-borne telescope:**
  - ✦ Operating since August 2008
  - ✦ Anti-coincidence shield + tracker + calorimeter
- ★ Almost **background free**
- ★ **Energy range** 100 MeV - 300 GeV
- ★ **Energy resolution:** 10-15%
- ★ **Angular resolution:**  
~1°(0.1°) @ 1 (100) GeV
- ★ **Field of view:** 2.4 sr (1/5 of sky)
- ★ **Full sky survey** every 2 orbits (~3 hours)
- ★ **~100% duty cycle**



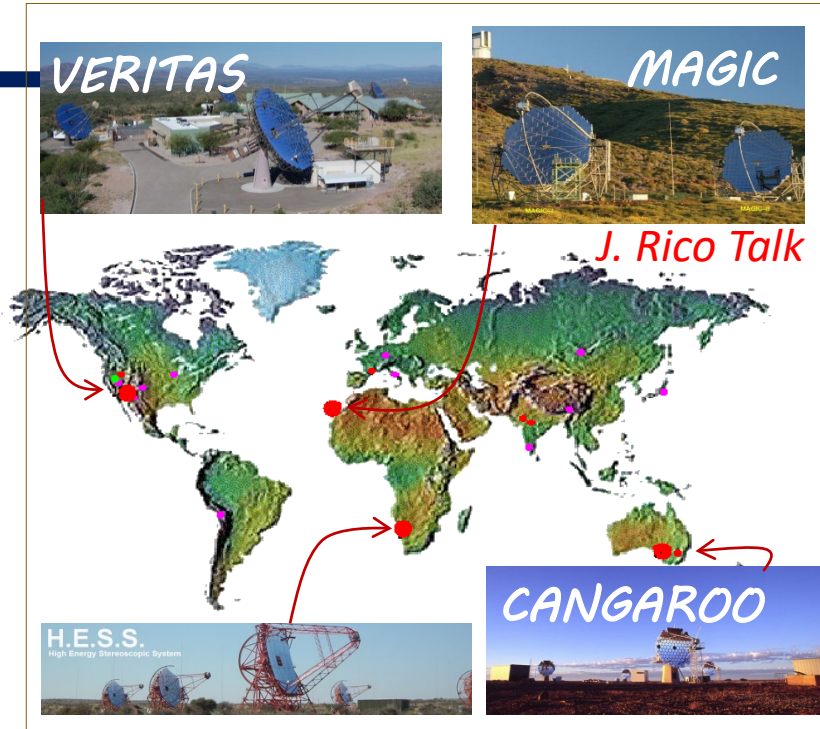
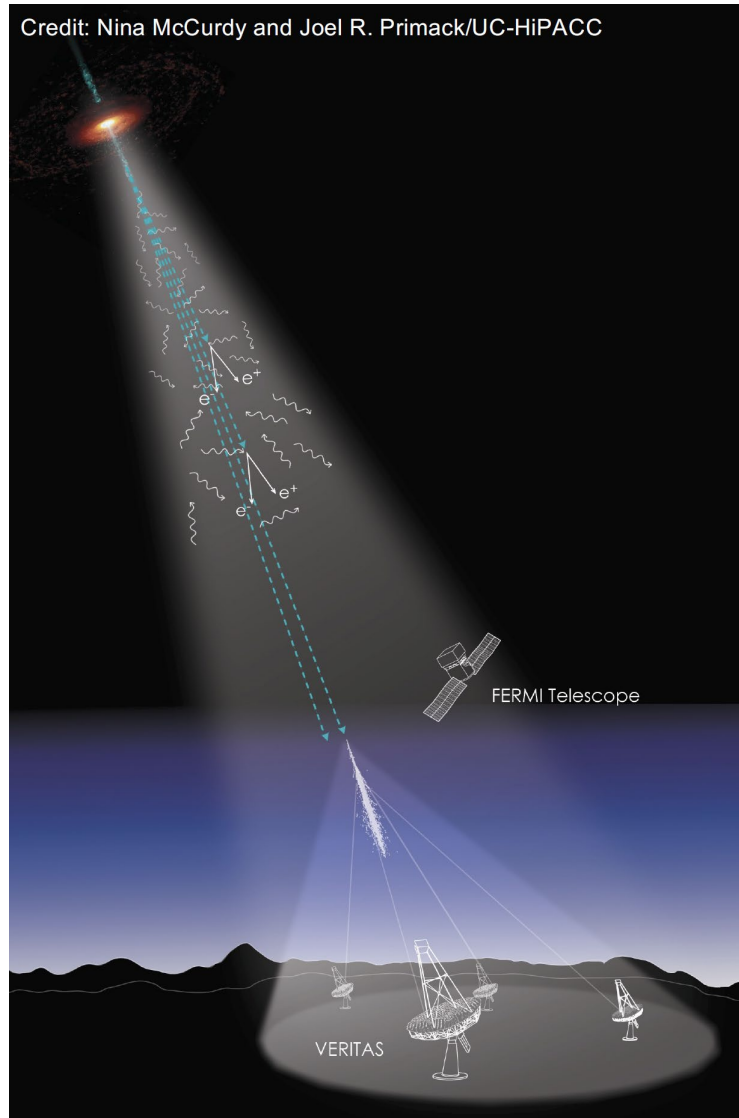
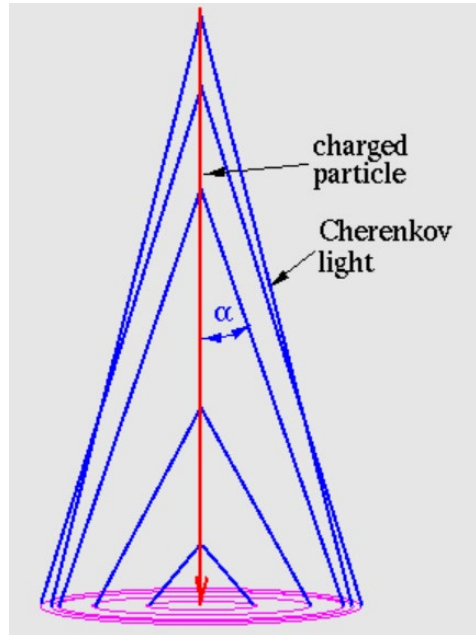
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# High energy gammas: HAWC & LHAASO



# High energy gammas : Atmospheric Cherenkov telescopes



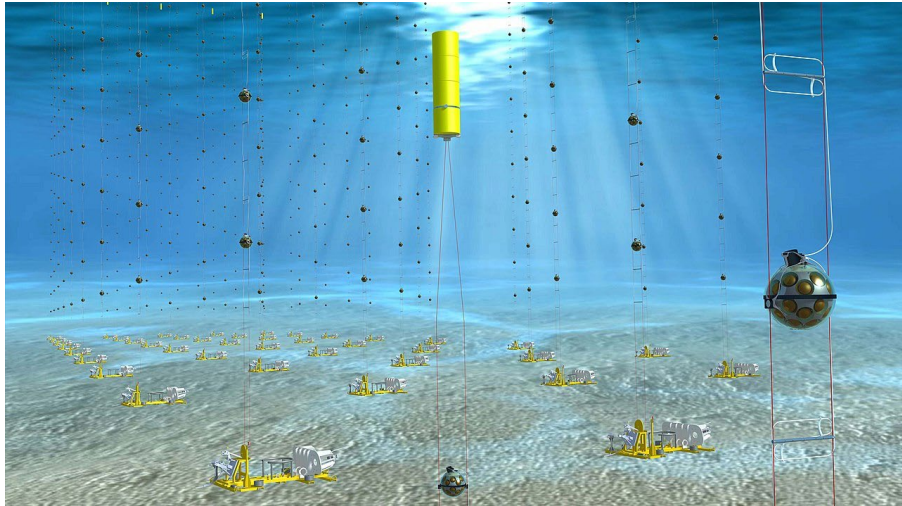
## FUTURE: CTA



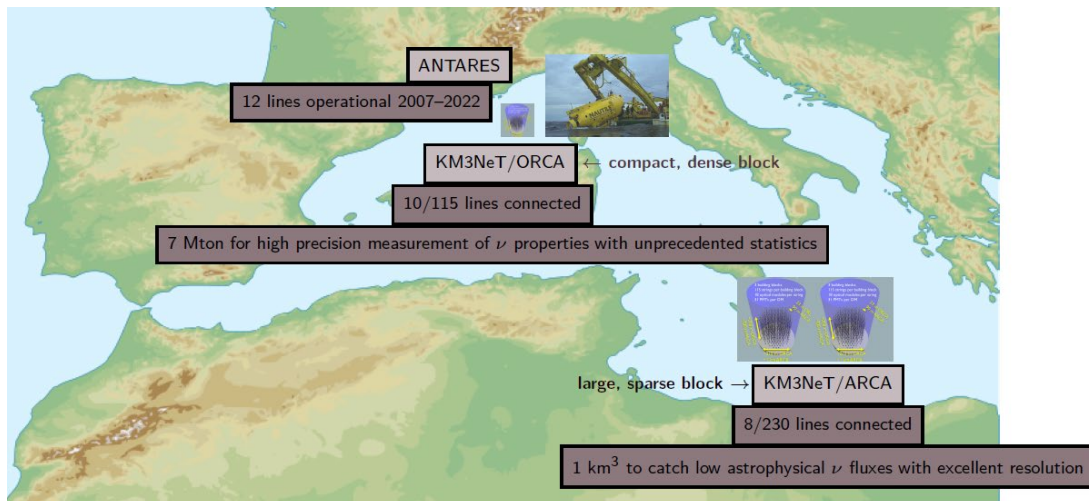
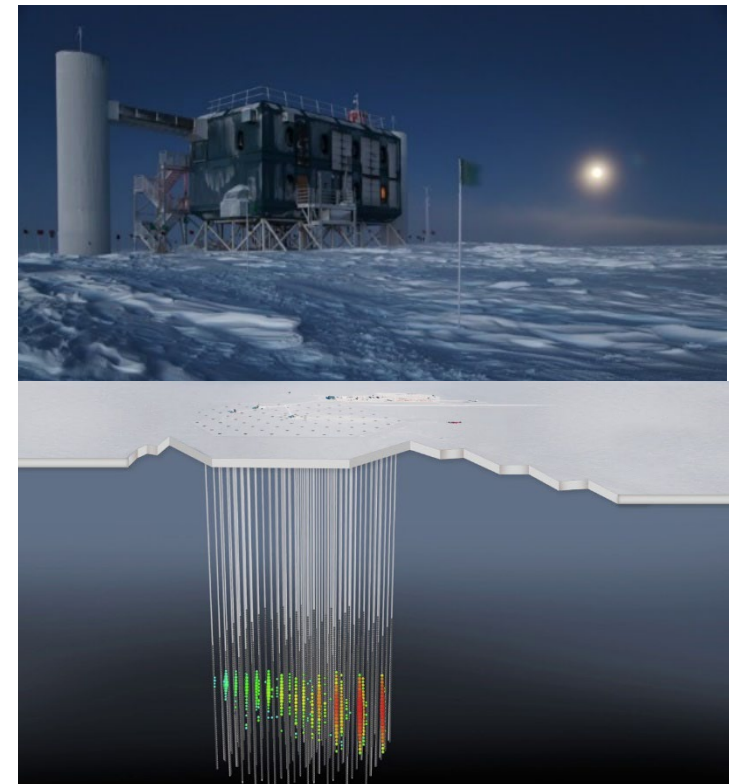


# Neutrinos: ICE-cube / Km3net

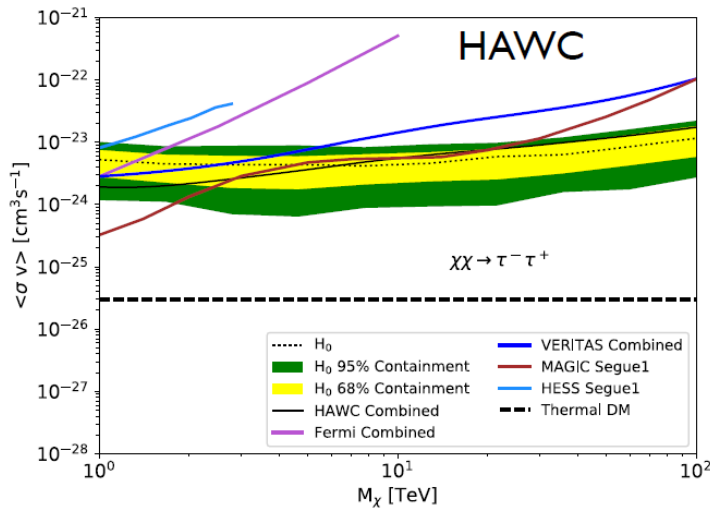
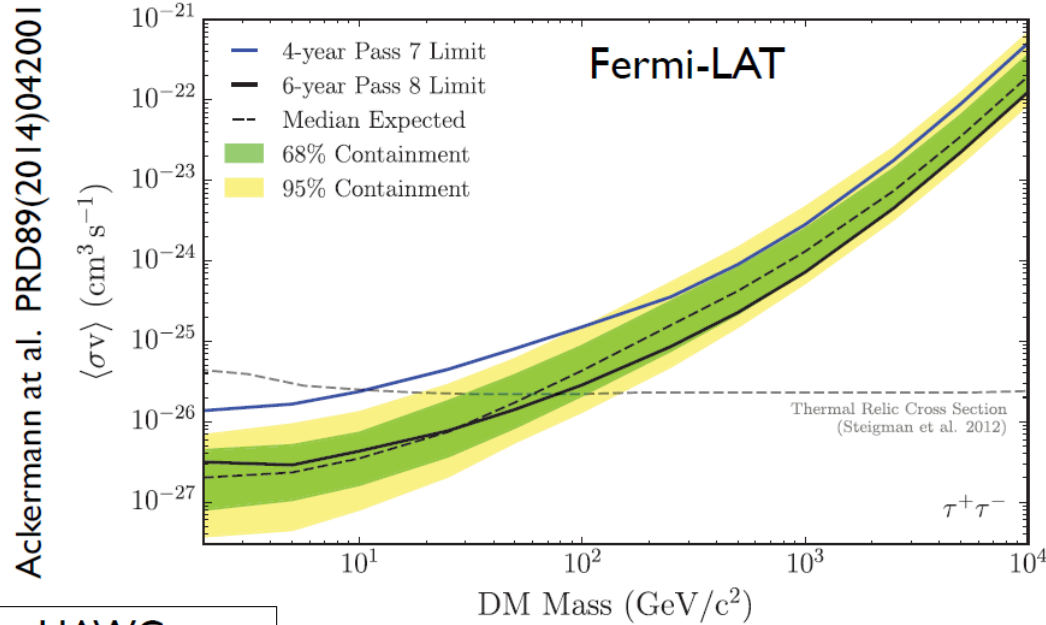
## Km3net (Under Mediterranean Sea)



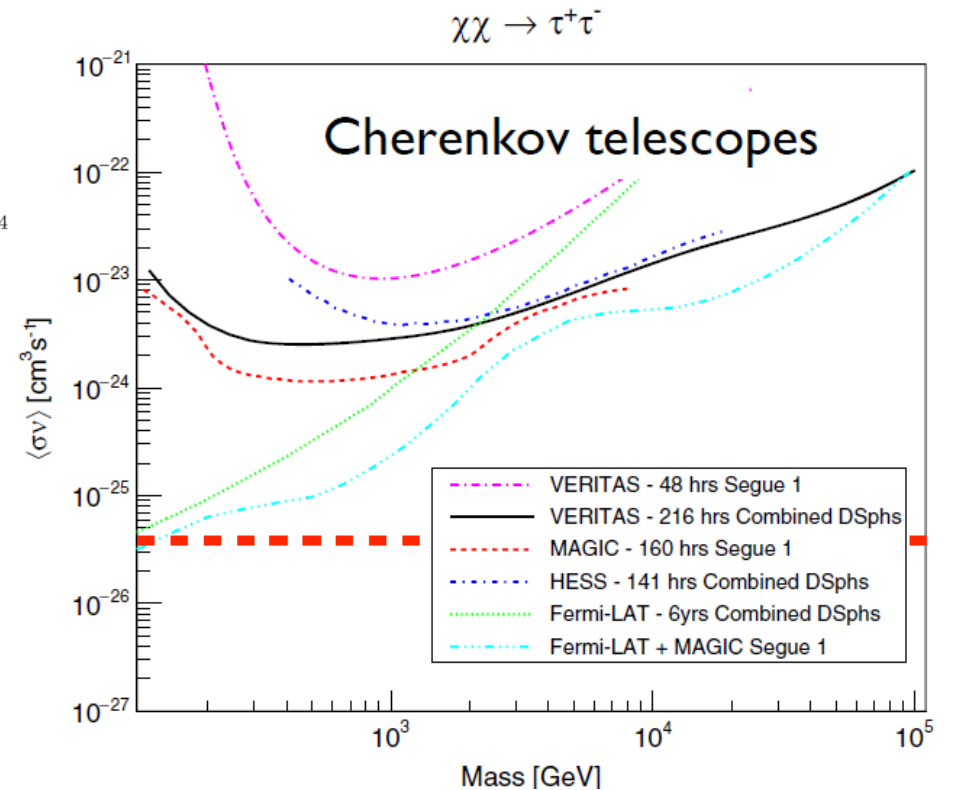
## ICECUBE (South Pole)



# Limits from dwarf spheroidal galaxies



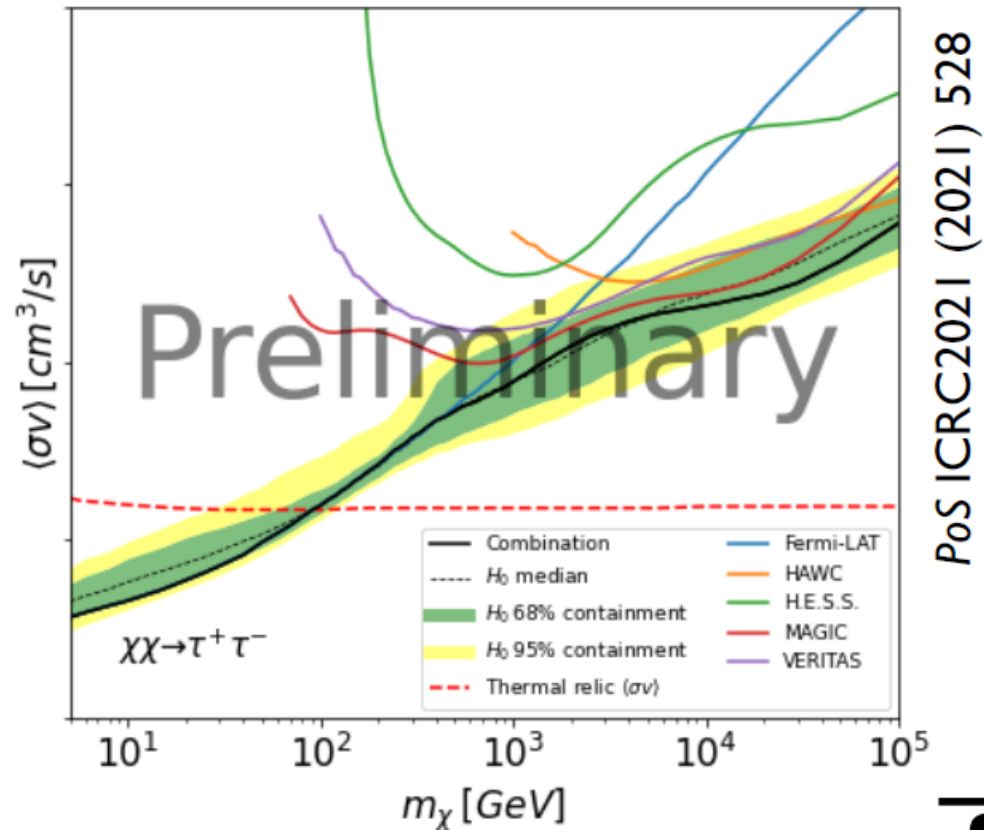
Albert et al. ApJ853(2018)154



Archambault et al. PRD95(2017)082001

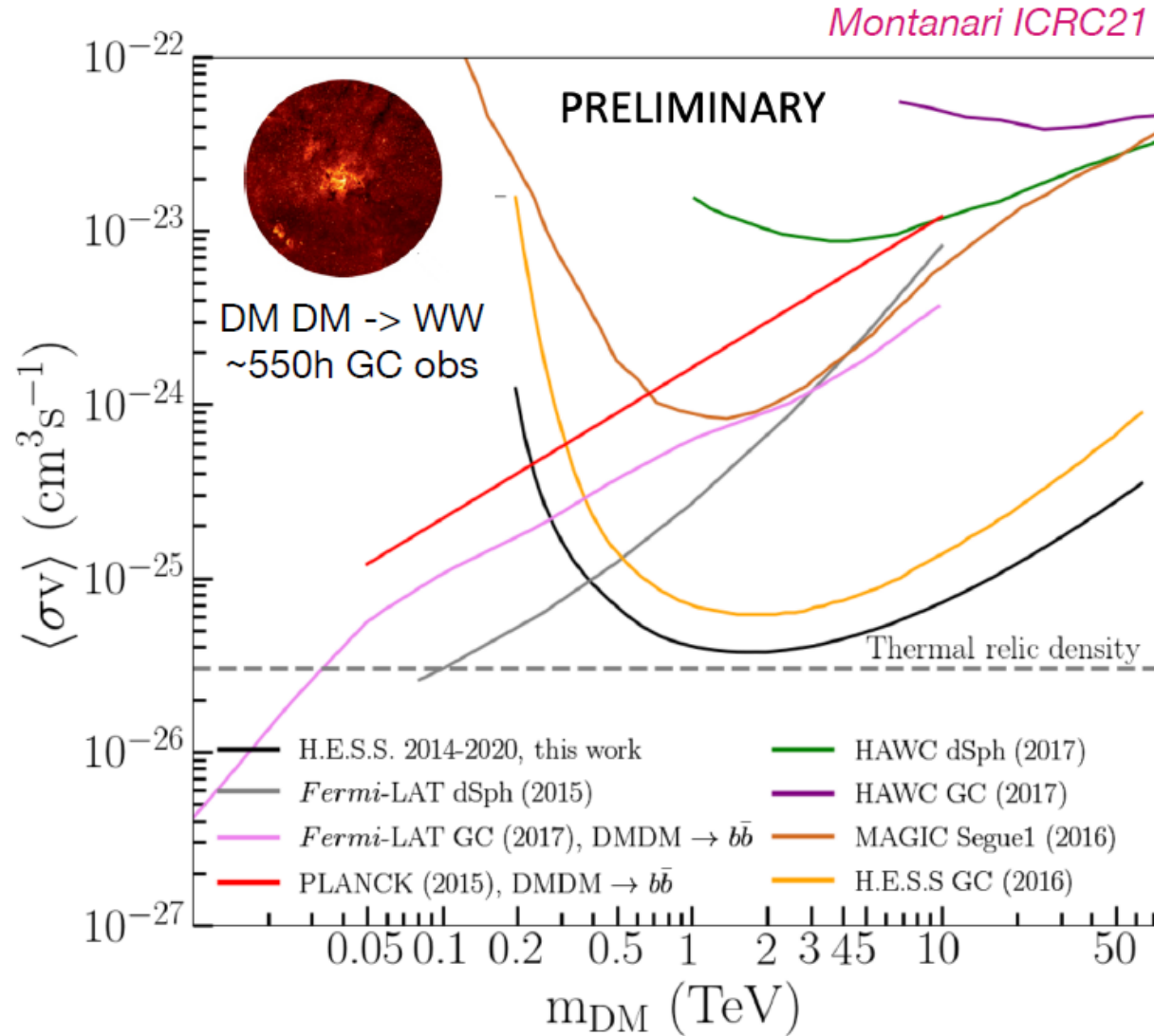
# Combined analysis: The Glory Duck project

dSph	Instrument[s]
Boötes I	VERITAS, HAWC, Fermi,
Canes Venatici I	HAWC, Fermi
Canes Venatici II	HAWC, Fermi
Carina	HESS, Fermi
Coma Berenices	MAGIC, HESS, HAWC, Fermi
Draco	MAGIC, VERITAS, HAWC,
Fornax	HESS, Fermi
Hercules	HAWC, Fermi
Leo I	HAWC, Fermi
Leo II	HAWC, Fermi
Leo IV	HAWC, Fermi
Leo T	Fermi
Leo V	Fermi
Sculptor	HESS, Fermi
Segue 1	MAGIC, VERITAS, HAWC,
Segue 2	Fermi
Sextans	HAWC, Fermi
Ursa Major I	HAWC, Fermi
Ursa Major II	MAGIC, HAWC, Fermi
Ursa Minor	VERITAS, Fermi



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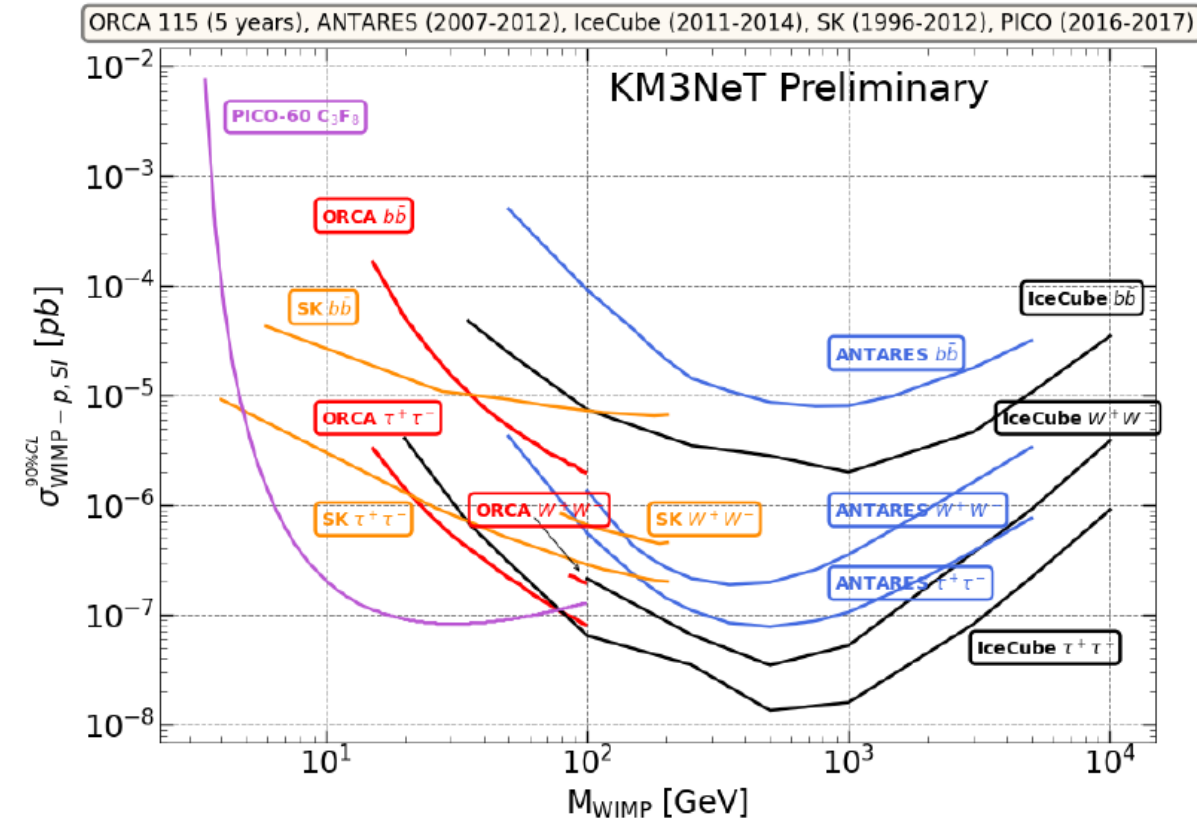
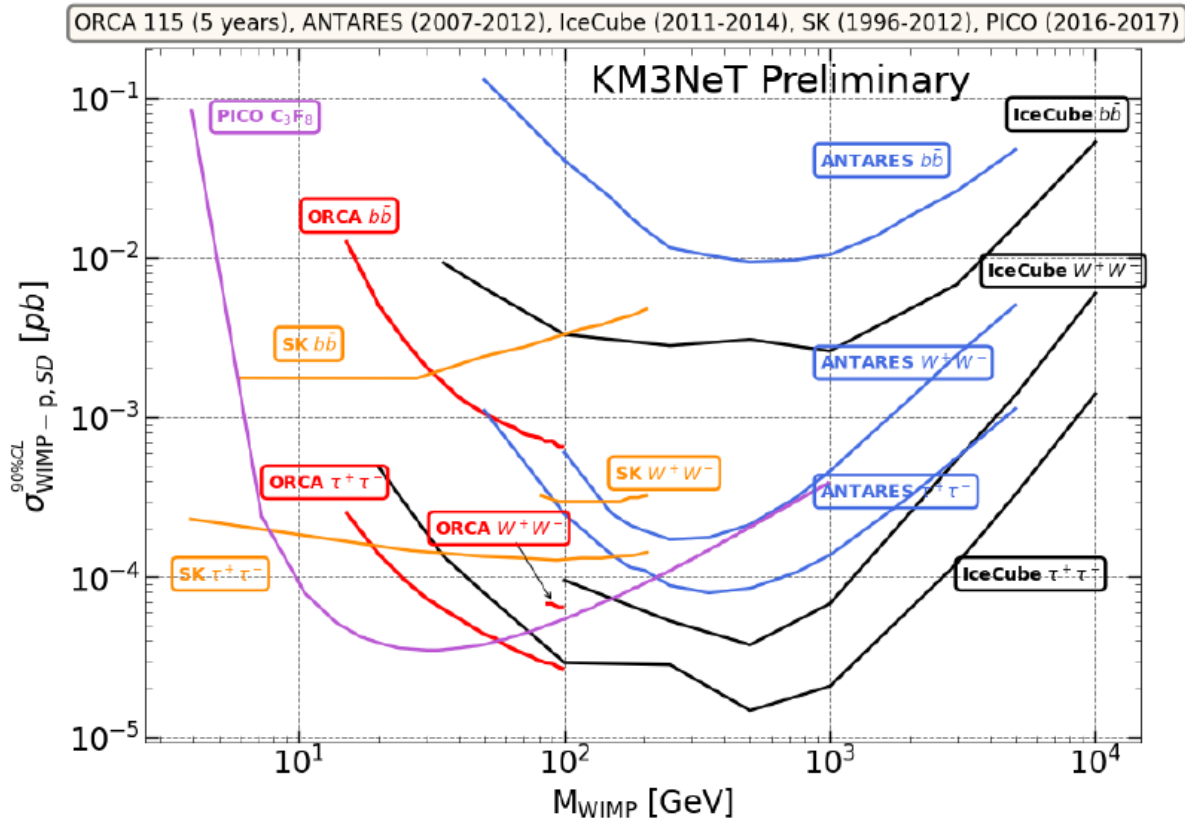
# Limits from the galactic center





# Neutrinos from the Sun

→ Limits to the scattering cross-section (SD, SI), directly comparable with DD limits

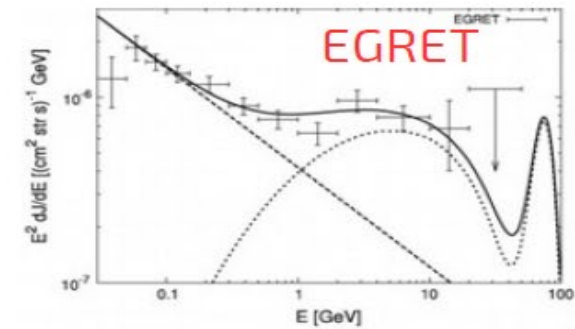
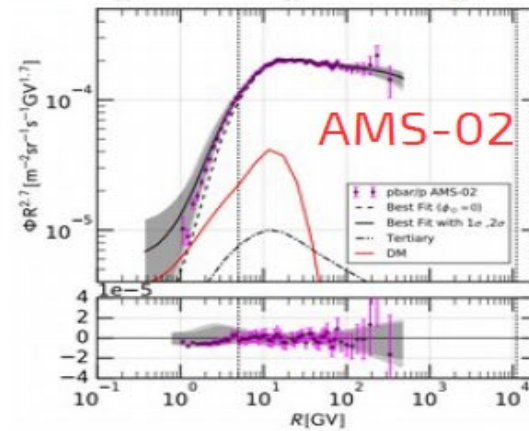
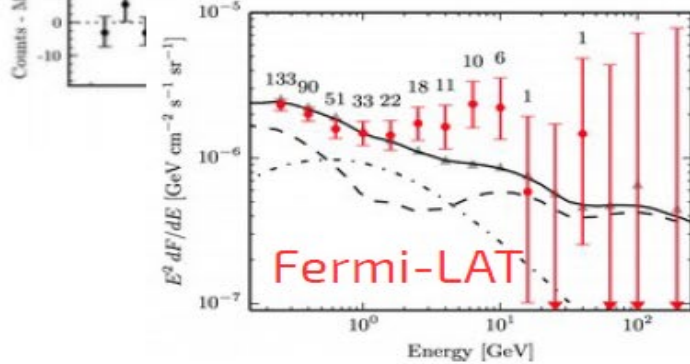
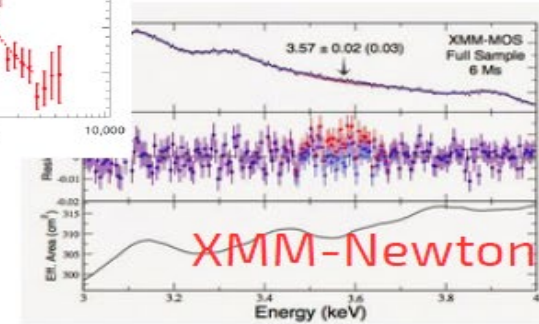
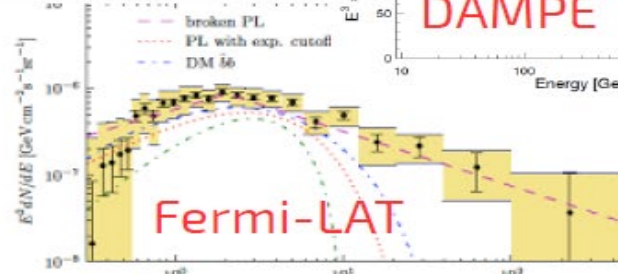
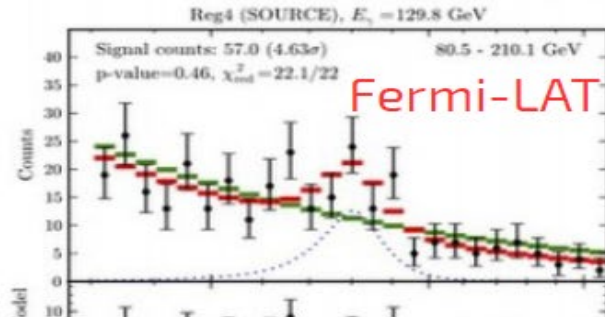
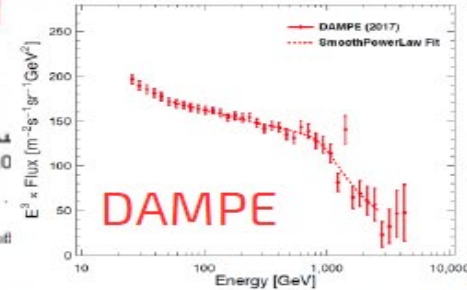
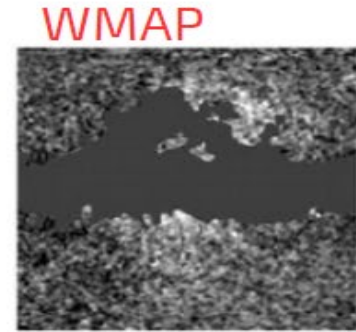
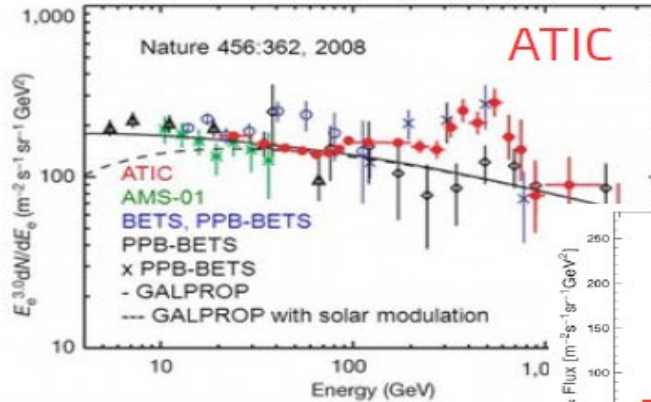
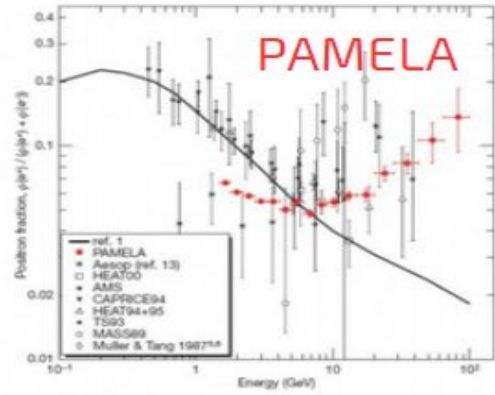


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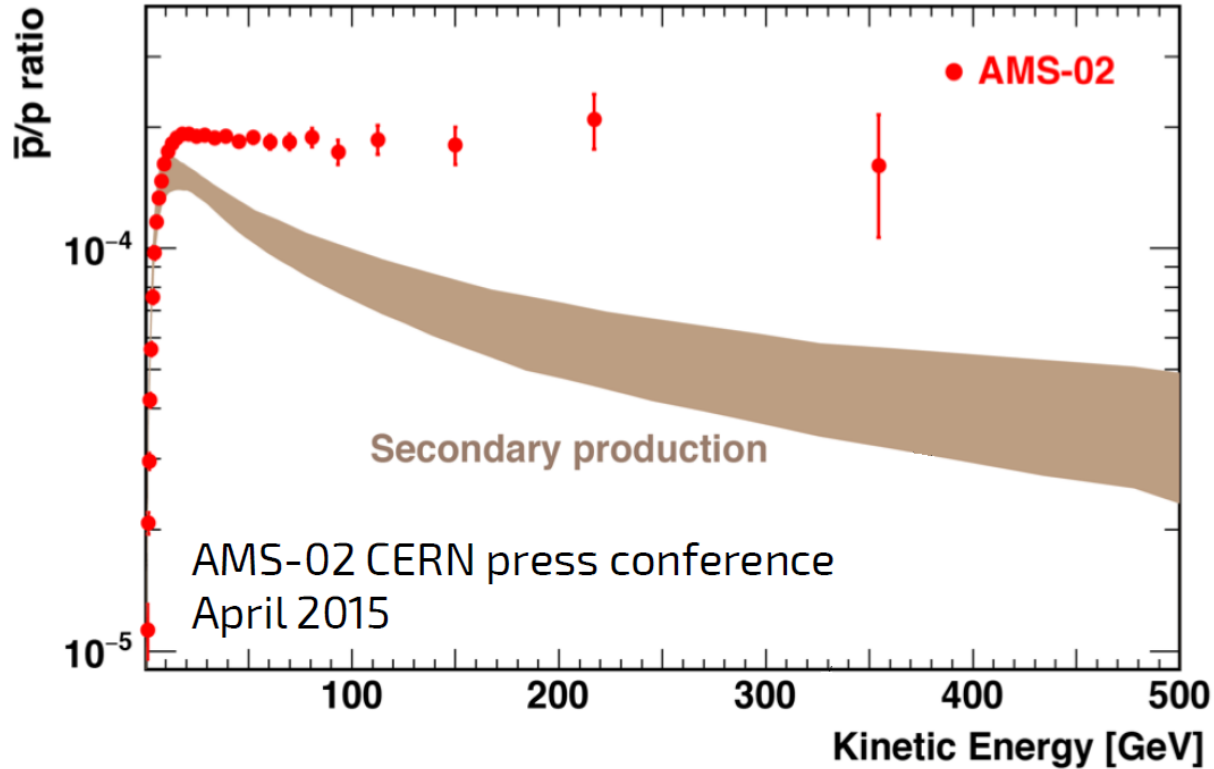
(NOTE: Orca limits are projections)

# Some signal claims

C. Weniger, ATI PhD school, UCLA 2018



# The AMS-02 antiproton excess

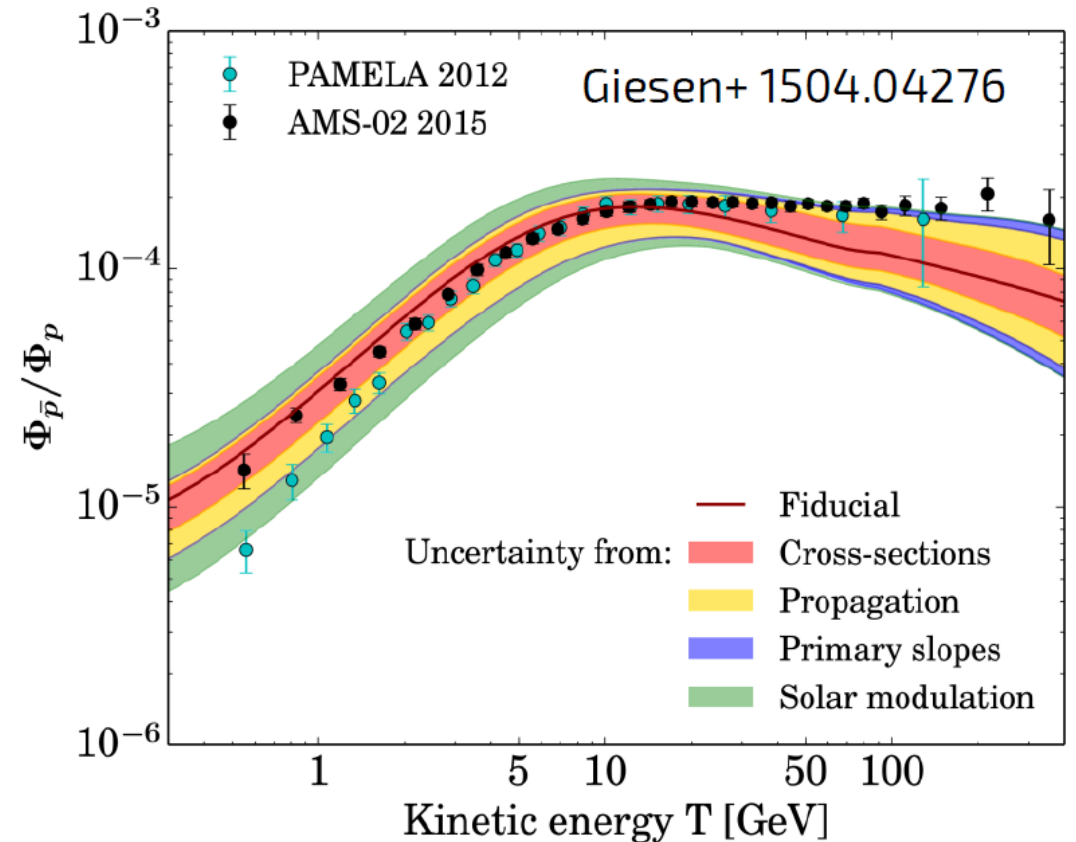


But this plot does not take into account all the present uncertainties



## CURRENT SITUATION:

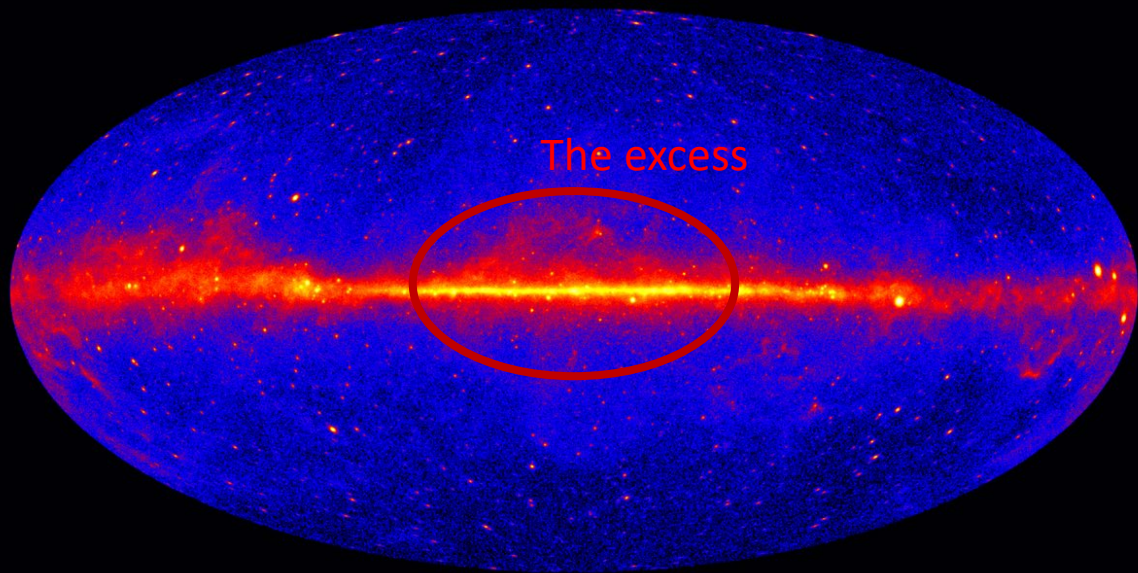
**No excess** observed above astrophysical background, when all uncertainties are taken into account → Only upper limits





# The Galactic Center GeV Gamma-Ray Excess

Five years of Fermi LAT data  $> 1$  GeV



The GeV excess is there, but is it a DM signal? Today, the leading explanations for this Galactic Center Excess are:

- a new population of millisecond pulsars
- annihilating dark matter.

## Papers that looked at data

- Goodenough & Hooper, arXiv:0910.2998
- Vitale & Morselli, 2009
- Hooper & Goodenough, Phys. Lett. B697 (2011) 412
- Hooper & Linden, Phys. Rev. D84 (2011) 123005
- Boyarsky, Malyshev & Ruchayskiy, Phys. Lett. B705 (2011) 165
- Abazajian & Kaplinghat, PRD 86 (2012) 083511
- Hooper & Slatyer, Phys. Dark Univ. 2 (2013) 118
- Gordon & Macias, Phys. Rev. D88 (2013) 083521
- Macias & Gordon, PRD 89 (2014) 063515
- Abazajian, Canac, Horiuchi, Kaplinghat, Phys. Rev. D90 (2014) 023526
- Cholis, Evoli, Calore, Linden, Weniger, Hooper, JCAP 1512 (2015) 12
- Calore, Cholis & Weniger, JCAP 1503 (2015) 038
- Zhou, Liang, Huang, Li, Fan, Chang, Phys. Rev. D91 (2015) 123010
- Gaggero, Taoso, Urbano, Valli & Ullio, JCAP 1512 (2015) 056
- Daylan, Finkbeiner, Hooper, Linden, Portillo et al., Physics of Dark Universe 12 (2016) 1
- De Boer, Gebauer, Neumann, Biermann, arXiv:1610.08926 (ICRC 2016 proceedings)
- Huang, Ensslin & Selig, JCAP 1604 (2016) 030
- Carlson, Linden, Profumo, Phys. Rev. D94 (2016) 063504
- Bartels, Krishnamurthy, Weniger, Phys. Rev. Lett. 116 (2016) 5
- Macis, Gordon, Crocker, Coleman, Paterson, arXiv:1611.06644
- Lee, Lisanti, Safdi, Slatyer, Xue, Phys. Rev. Lett. 116 (2016) 5
- Ajello et al. 2016, Astrophys. J. 819, 44
- Ackermann et al., 2017, Astrophys. J. 840, 43
- Ajello et al., 2017, arXiv:1705.00009 (+ a few that I must have missed)

Excess is likely DM

Excess is there

Excess is likely not DM

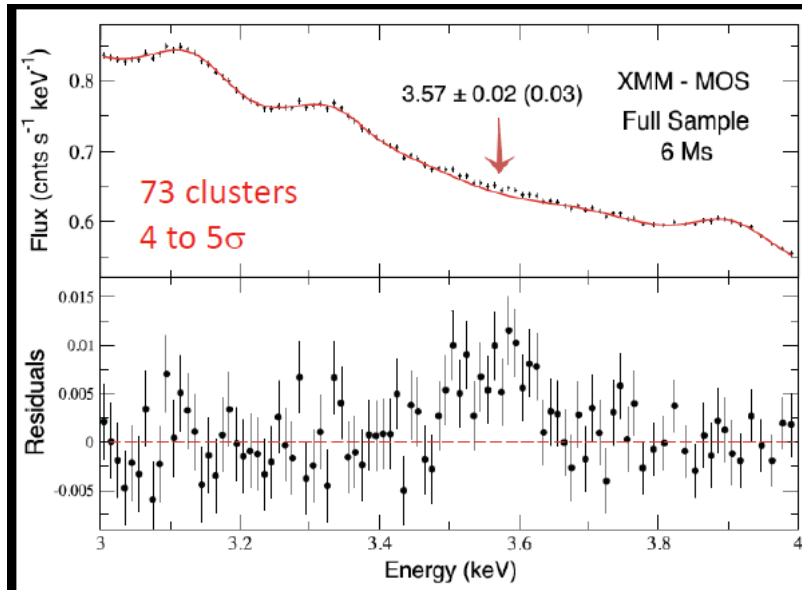
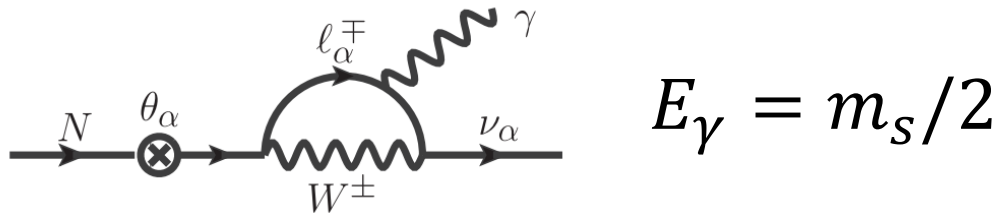
Excess is not there

+ hundreds of DM theory papers

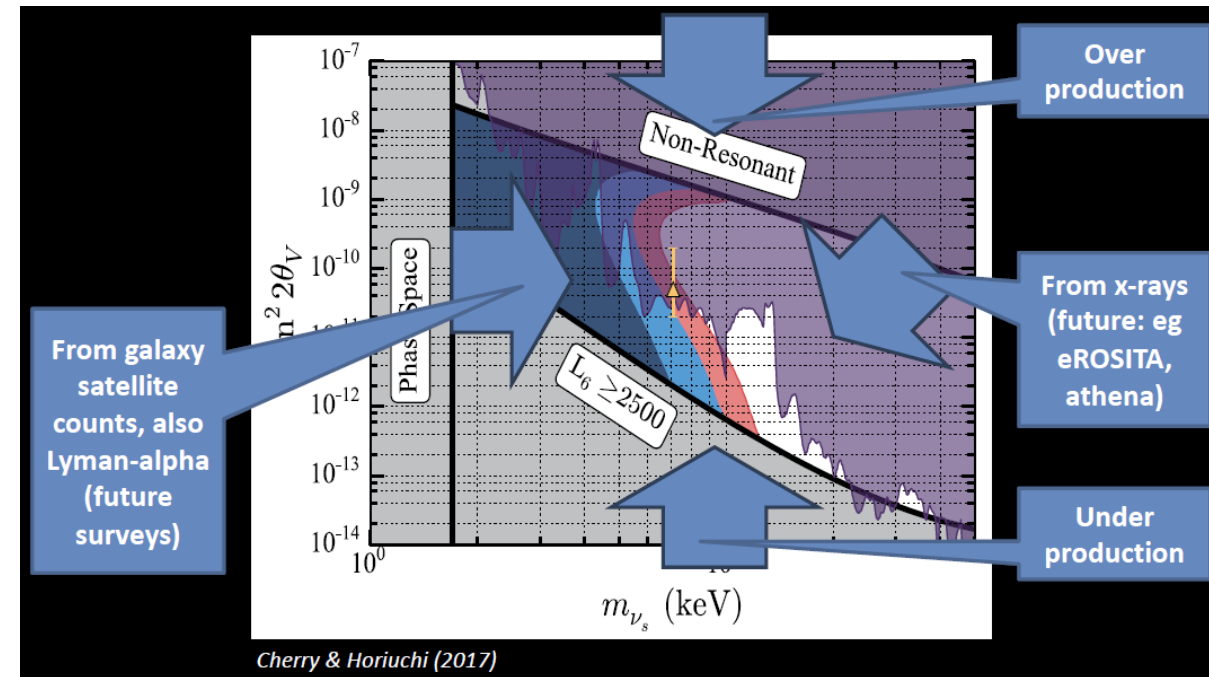


# 7 keV sterile neutrino

- Xray DATA from XMM-Newton, Chandra, Fermi-GBM, ....
- Excess at 3.5 keV
- Possible explanation: decay of a 7 keV sterile neutrino

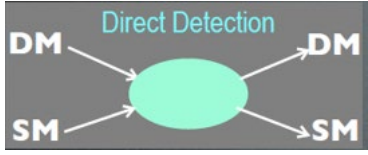
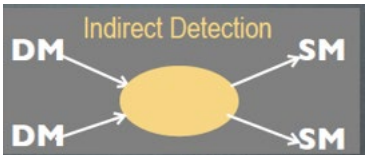
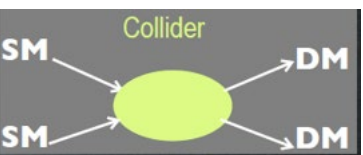


Status: Signal strongly constrained!



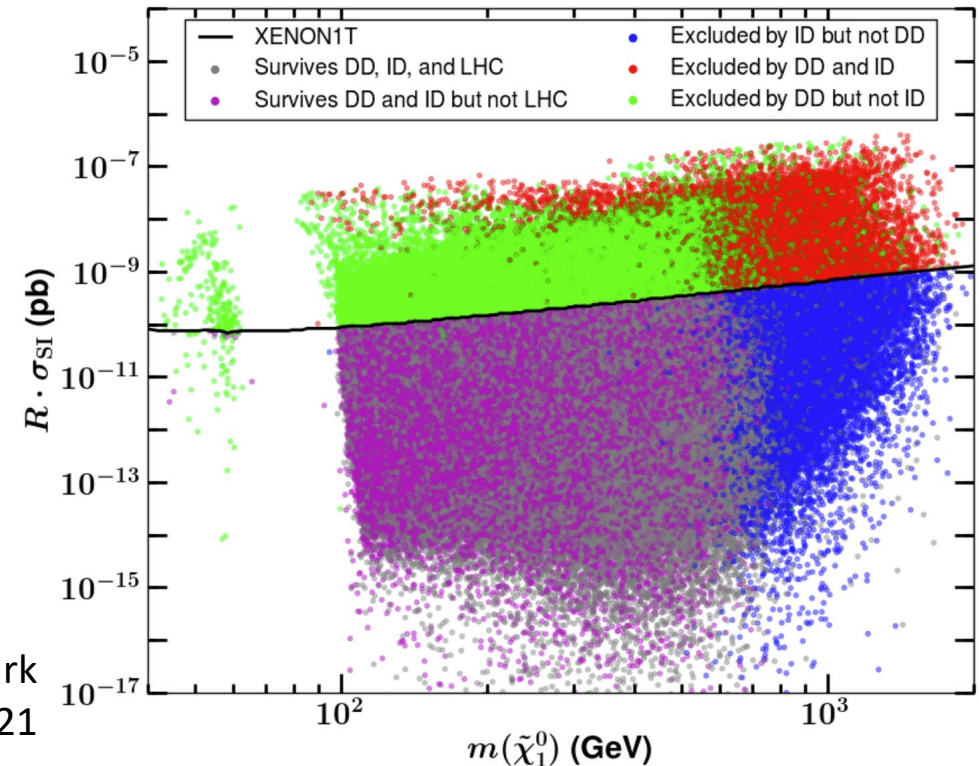
Bulbul et al. (2014), Boyarsky et al (2014), many subsequent studies

# Complementarity of DM searches

			
REGIMES:	$q \sim \text{few KeV}$	$\sqrt{s} \sim 2 m_\chi$	$\sqrt{s} \sim \text{few TeV}$
$\sigma$ INVOLVED:	$\sigma_{scatt}$	$\langle \sigma_{ann} v \rangle$	$\sigma_{prod}$

*Adapted from M. Cirelli*

- The 3 searches are complementary
- The comparison is not direct, but we need a DM model



M. Cahill-Rowley et al. "Complementarity and Searches for Dark Matter in the pMSSM", arXiv:1305.6921

# Backup

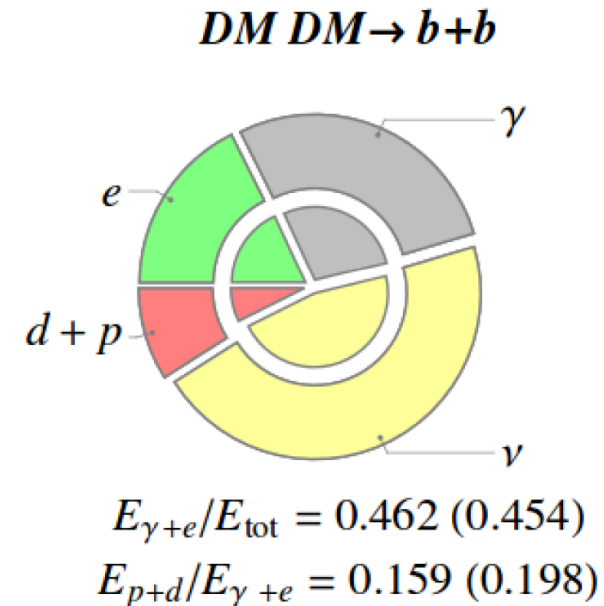
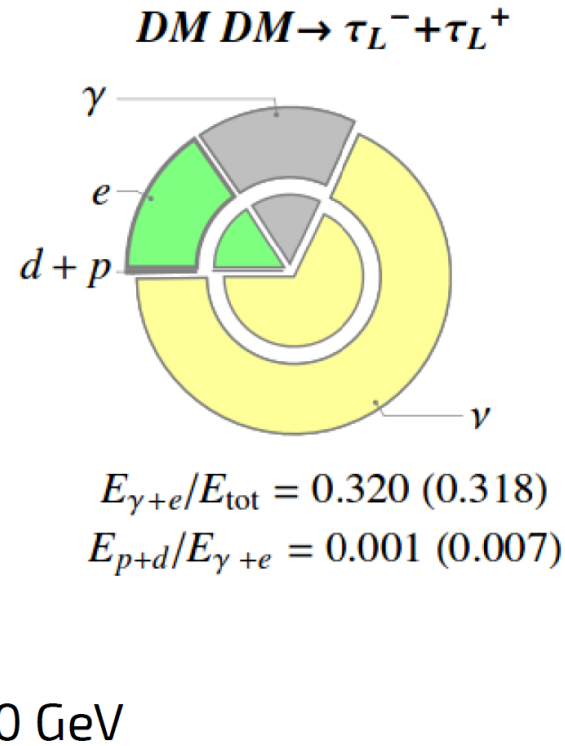
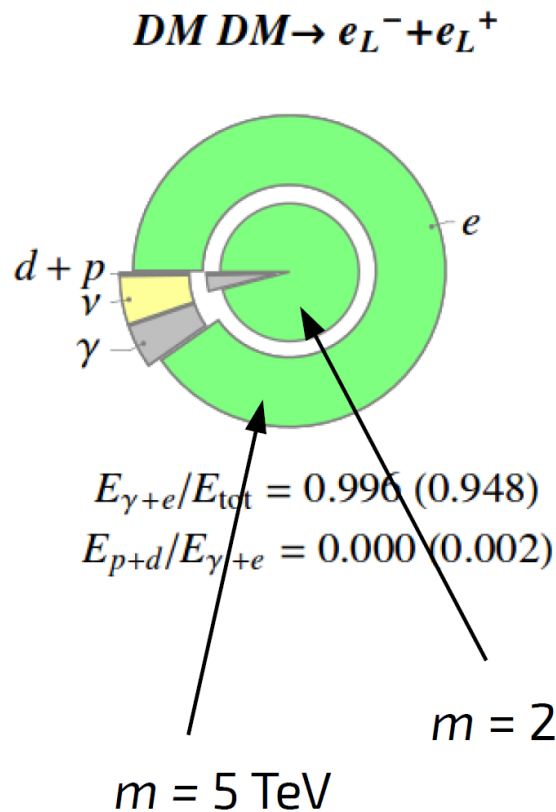
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# Distribution of final states

How much energy is dumped into the different particles depends on the annihilation channel

## Leptonic channels

## Hadronic channel

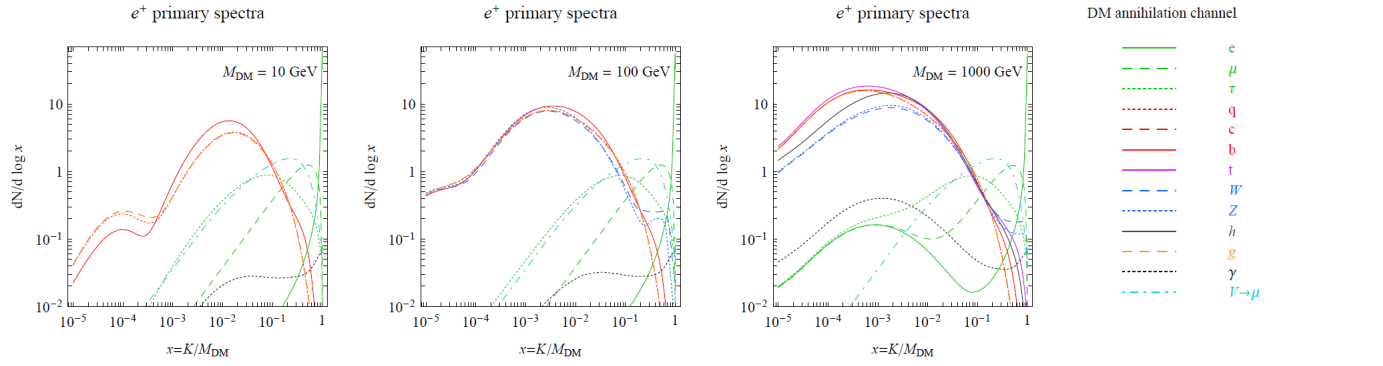


Cirelli et al. (2010) "PPPC4DMID"

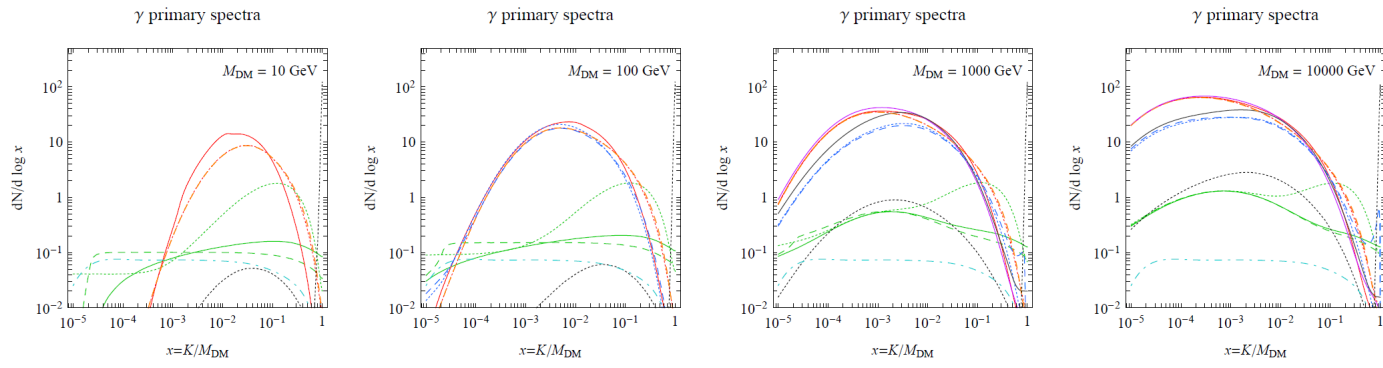


# Primary spectra

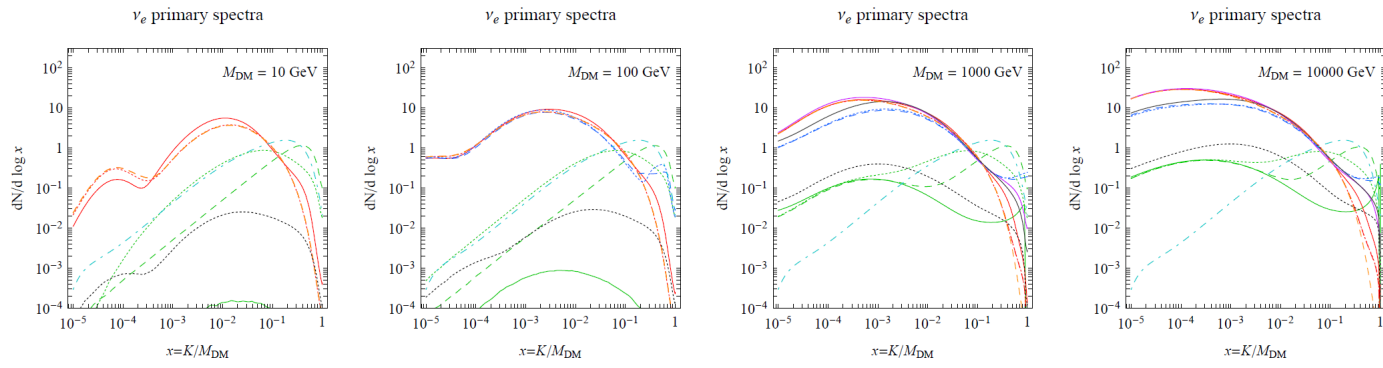
$e^+$



$\gamma$



$\nu$

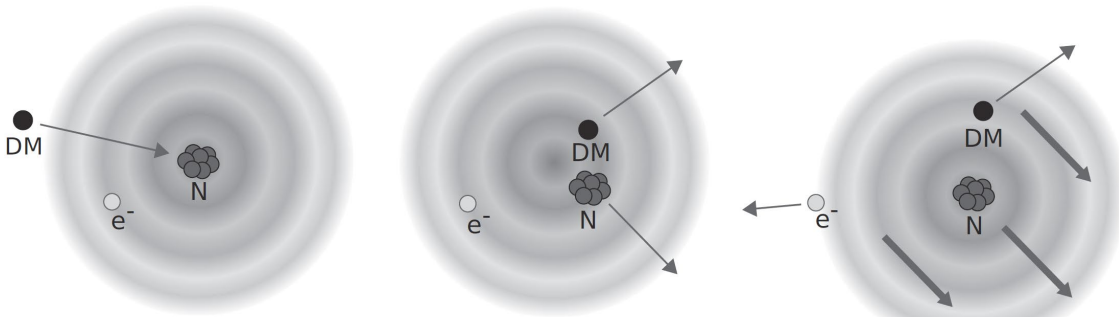


M. Cirelli et al,  
 "PPPC 4 DM ID: A  
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 Physicist Cookbook  
 for Dark Matter  
 Indirect Detection",  
 JCAP **1103**, 051  
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# Migdal effect

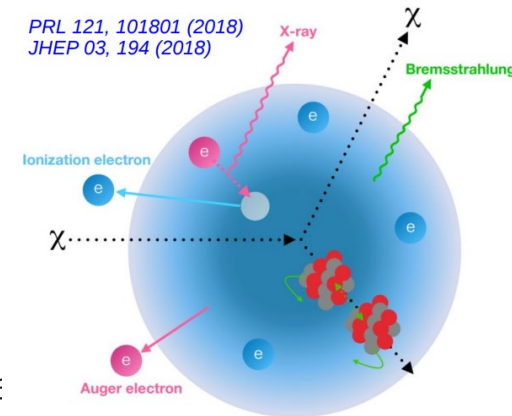
In our “naïve” picture of the WIMP scattering off nuclei we have made the implicit assumption that the electron cloud of the recoiling atom instantly follows the nucleus, so that ionization/excitation are only produced subsequently, as the recoiling atom collides with surrounding atoms.

However, it is known from neutron-nucleus scattering experiments that the sudden acceleration of a nucleus after a collision leads to excitation and ionization of the atomic electrons. The origin is found in the nucleus/electronic cloud dynamics:



M. J. Dolan, “Directly Detecting Sub-GeV Dark Matter with Electrons from Nuclear Scattering”, Phys.Rev.Lett. 121, 101801 (2018) [arXiv:1711.09906]

Migdal approximation: the electron cloud of the atom does not change during the nuclear recoil



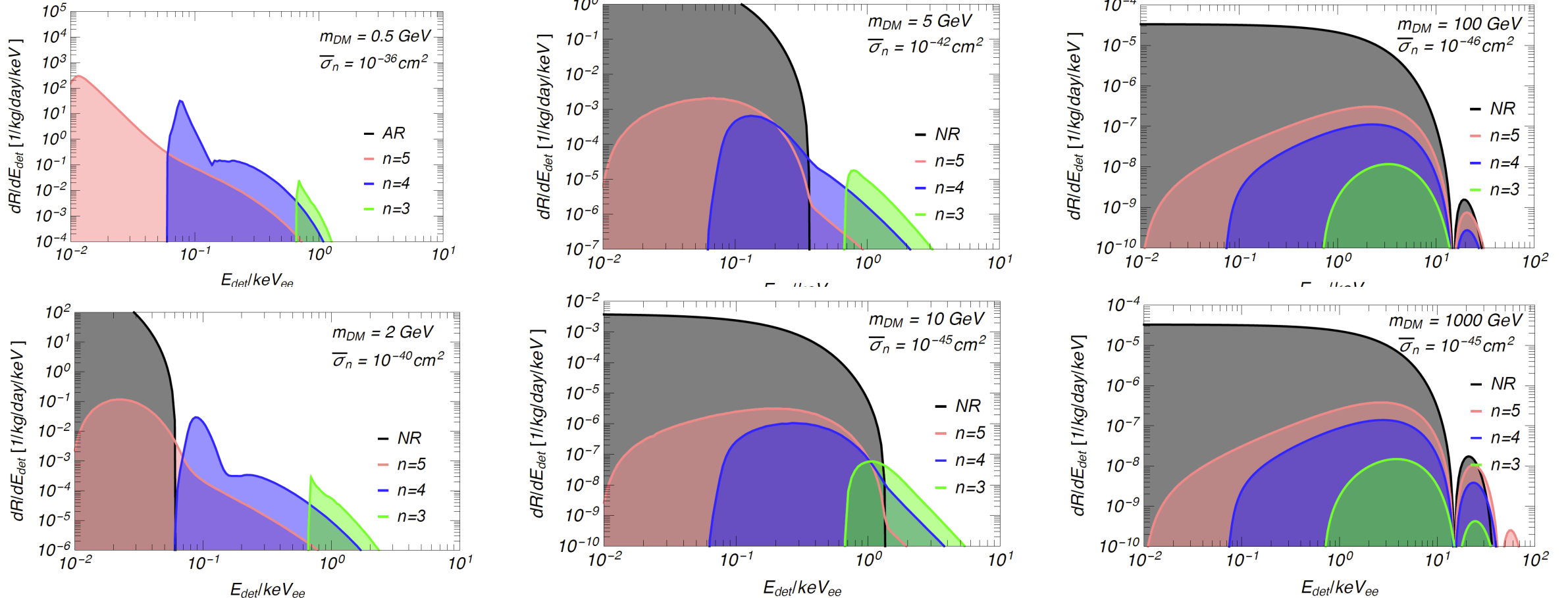
**In the Migdal approximation, immediately after the collision the nucleus moves relative to the surrounding electron cloud. The electrons eventually catch up with the nucleus, but individual electrons can be “lost”, leading to ionization of the recoiling atom**

The “Migdal effect” provides an additional signal which is larger than the normal one for low mass DM.

**Caveat: It has not been observed yet, by now it is only a hypothesis!**

# Migdal effect “predictions”

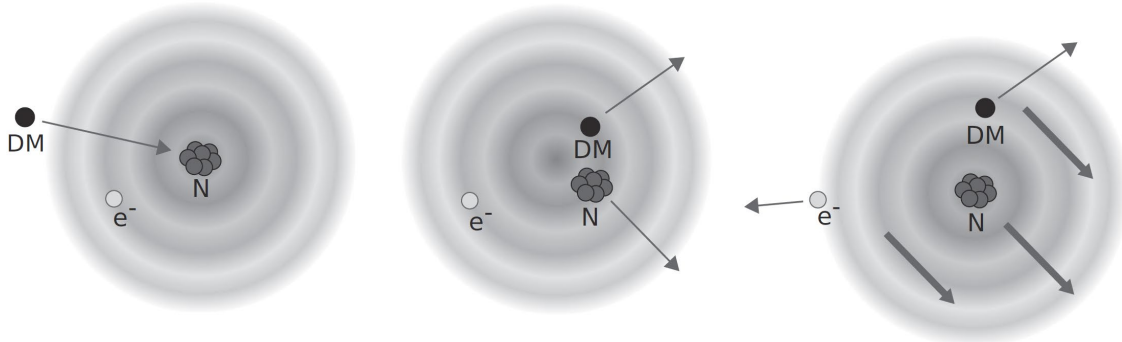
M. Ibe et al, “Migdal effect in dark matter direct detection experiments”, JHEP03(2018)194 [1707.07258]



“We showed that the ionization signals through the Migdal effect provide new detection channels for light dark matter with a mass in the GeV range. Since such signals are eliminated as background events in the conventional analysis of the dual-phase experiments, different analyses are required to cover such signals.”

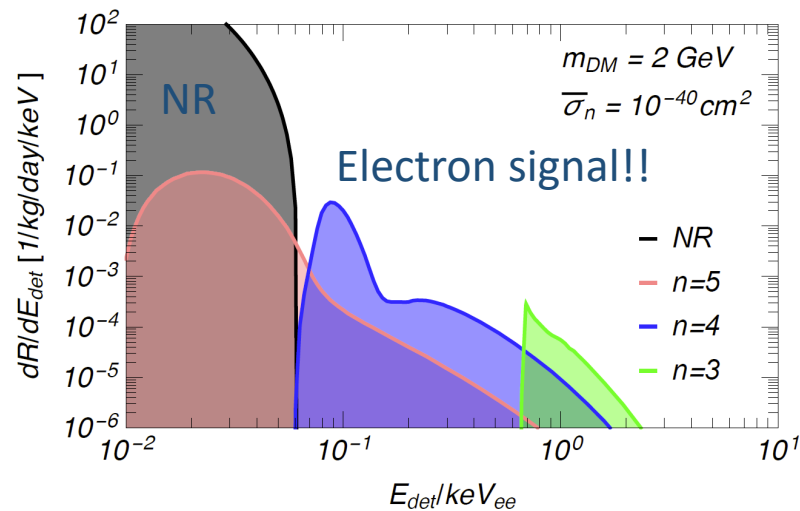
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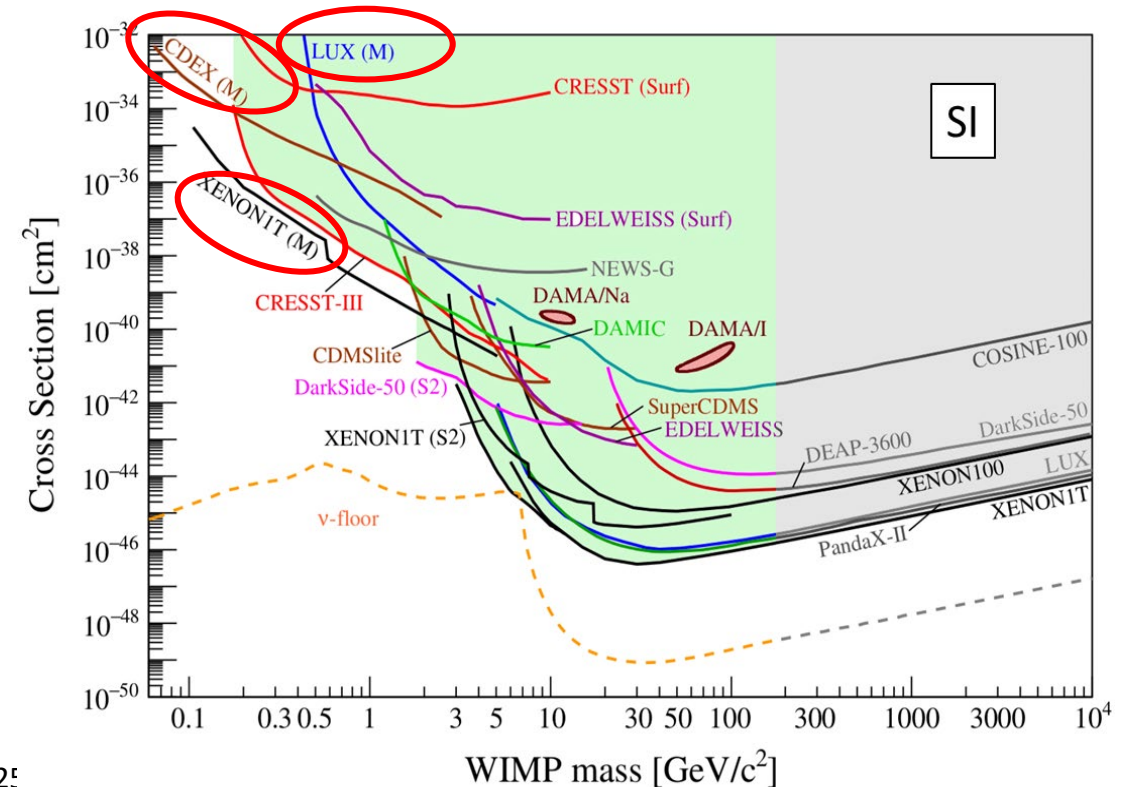


Migdal approximation: immediately after the collision the nucleus moves relative to the surrounding electron cloud. The electrons eventually catch up with the nucleus, but individual electrons can be "lost", leading to ionization of the recoiling atom

New detection channels (e-) for light dark matter with a mass in the GeV range.



**CAVEAT: EFFECT NOT YET PROVED EXPERIMENTALLY!!**  
(but maybe will be proved soon by the **MIGDAL** collaboration)



M. Ibe et al, "Migdal effect in dark matter direct detection experiments", JHEP03(2018)194 [1707.0725]

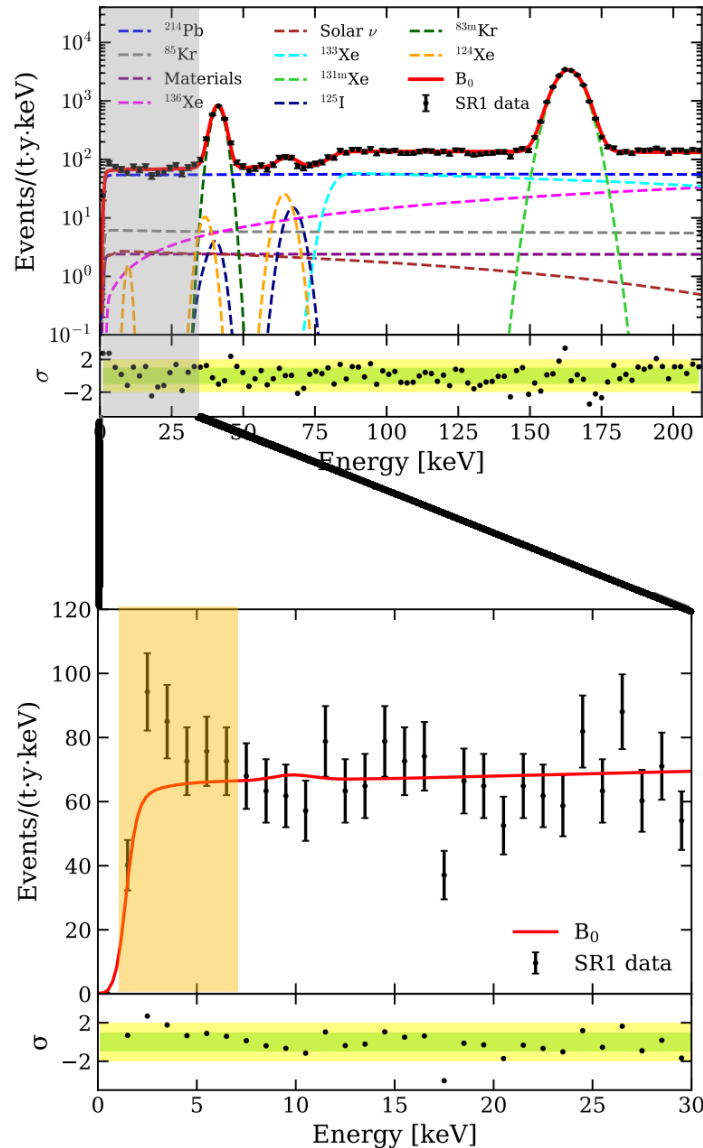
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# Xenon1T **electronic** excess

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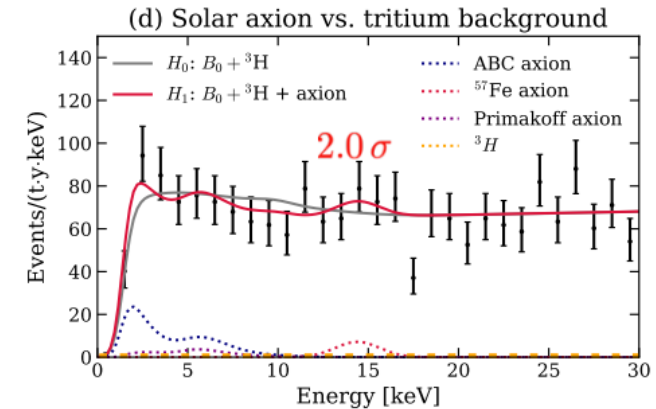
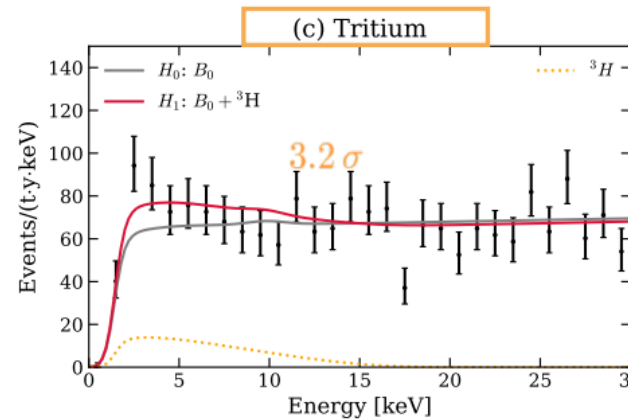
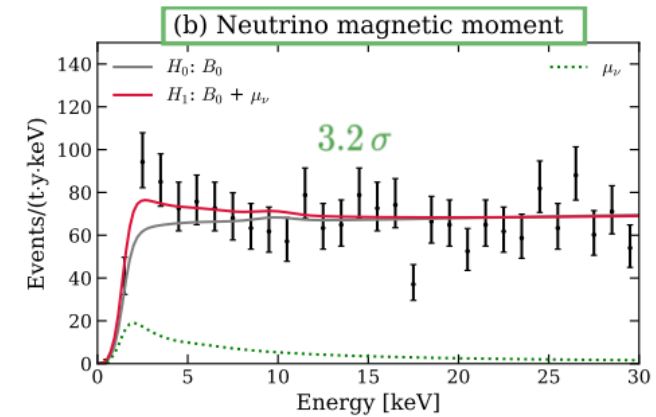
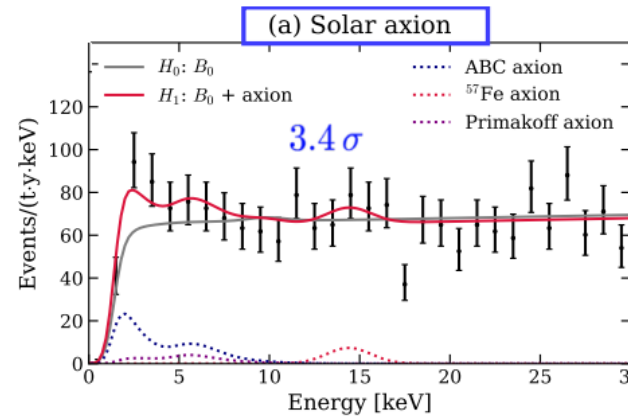


No electron recoil discrimination

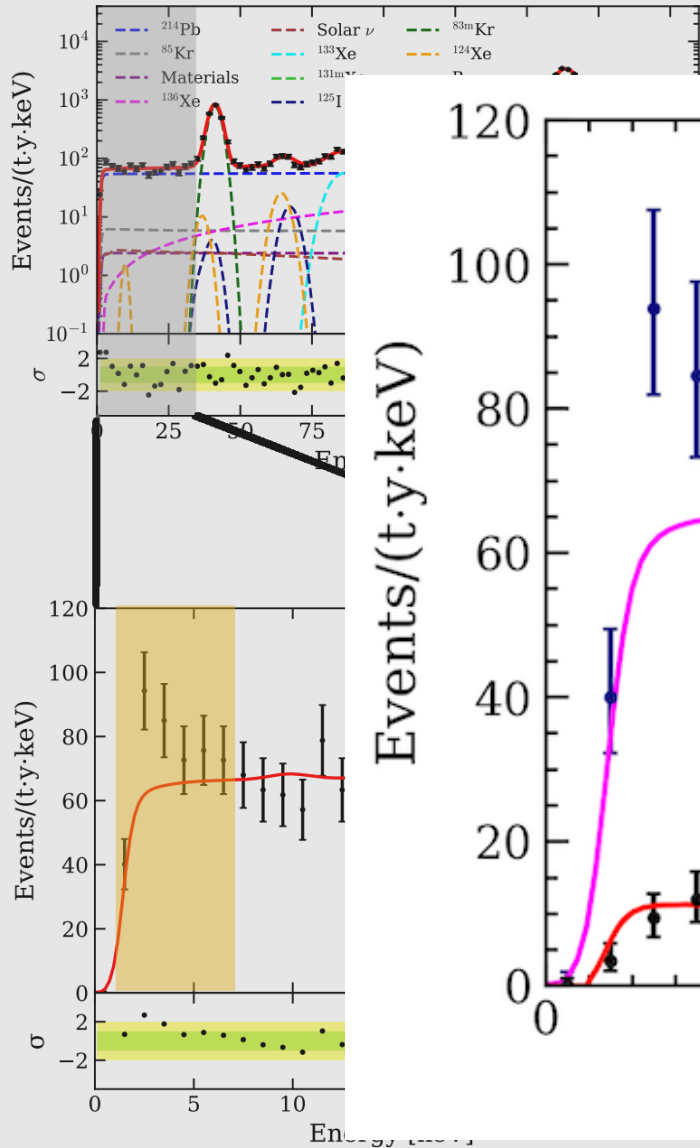
Background-only Fit

From 1-7keV:  
 expected: 232  
 Observed: 285

Possible explanations:

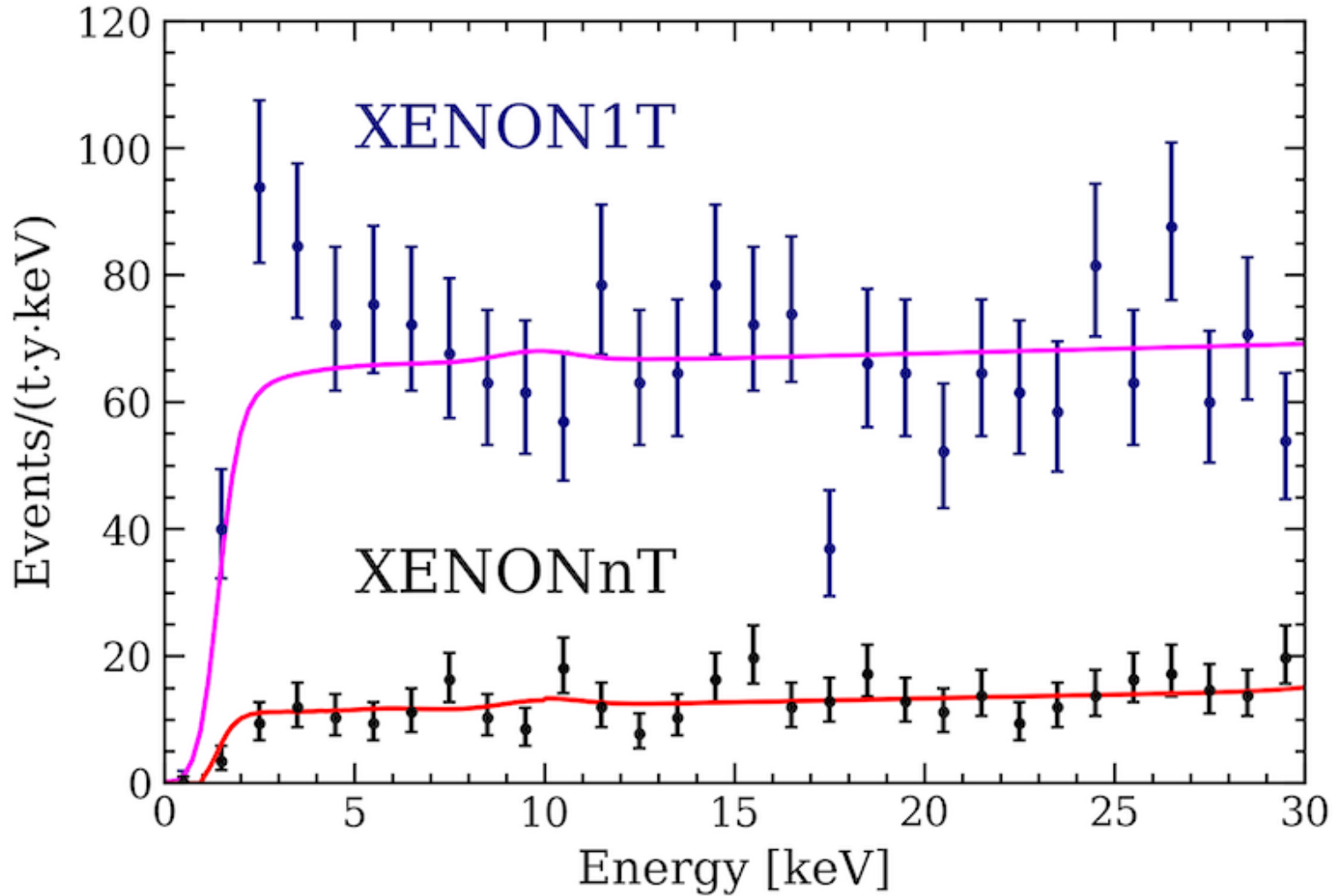


# Xenon1T electronic excess not confirmed by XENONnT



No electron

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