

Direct Detection of Dark Matter

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The Particle Dark Matter Zoo

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Neutrinos

only massive (sterile) neutrinos
can be cold or warm. Low-mass
neutrinos make hot dark matter.

Axions

Form as Bose condensate in early
universe: cold in spite of low mass

Weakly Interacting

Massive Particles (WIMPs)

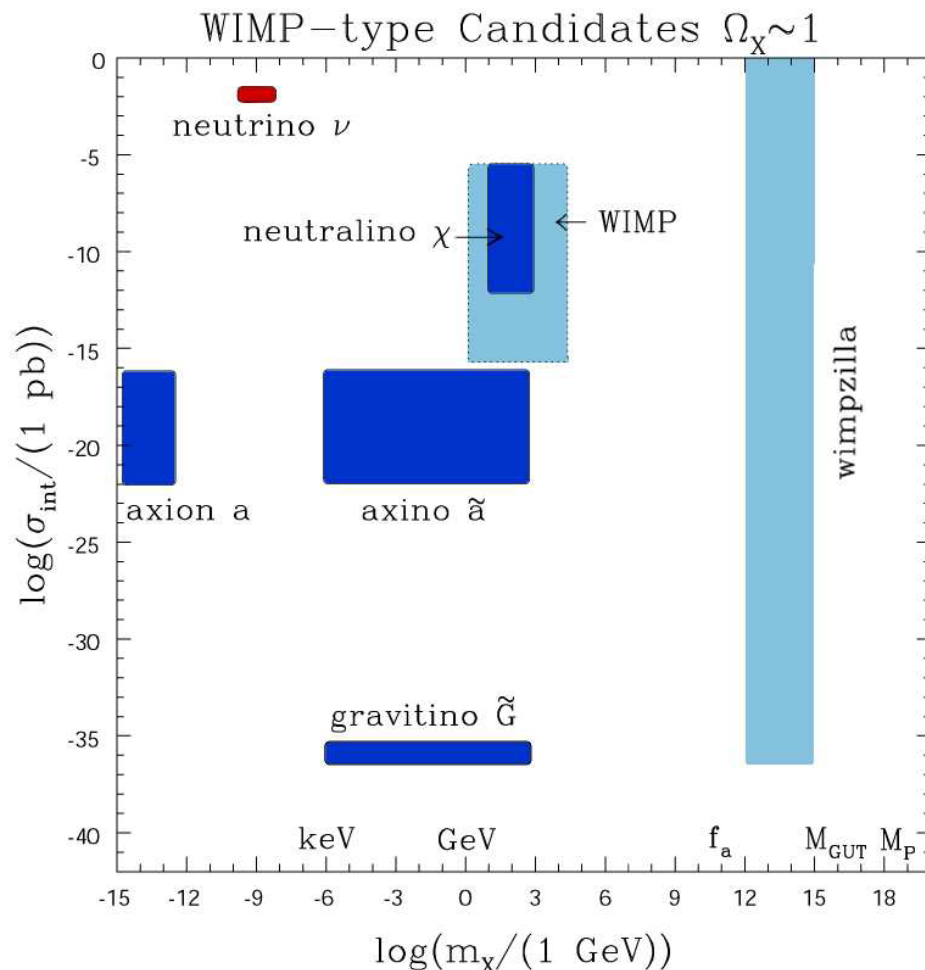
new massive (~ 100 GeV) particle
with electroweak scale interactions
with normal matter

SUSY neutralino

Lightest Kaluza-Klein particle in
universal extra dimensions

Less compelling candidates:

SUSY gravitinos (SuperWIMPs) and axinos WIMPzillas, SIMPzillas, primordial black holes, Q-balls, strange quark nuggets, mirror particles, CHARGED Massive Particles (CHAMPs), self interacting dark matter, D-matter, cryptons, brane world dark matter...



Massive Sterile Neutrinos

keV sterile neutrino

acts as warm dark matter:
 cold enough to form structure correctly, hot enough to fix some cosmological quandaries

Produced in early universe by oscillations of active neutrinos (Dodelson-Widrow (DW) mechanism)

Decays to $(M/2)$ photons via SM penguin diagrams

Limits

overclosure

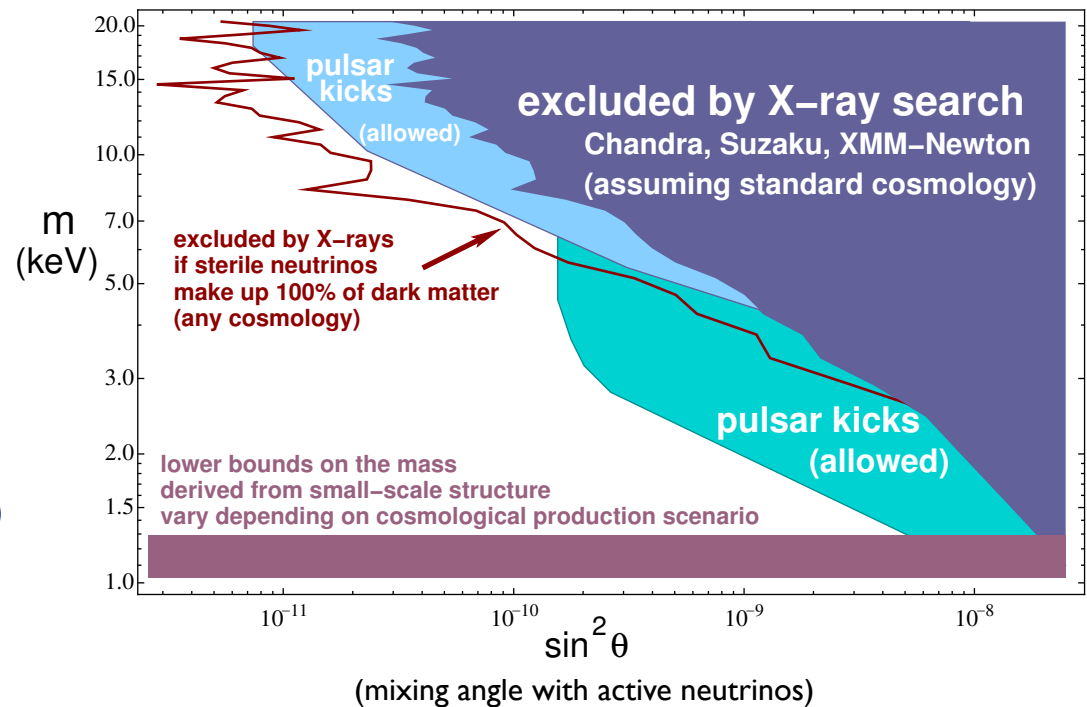
x-ray emission from decays

sensitivity will improve with future X-ray satellites (Astro-H and Athena): limited by energy resolution

Lyman- α forest: too light a neutrino is too hot, washing out small-scale structure

Bounds may improve with better understanding of systematics in measurements and simulations

pulsar kicks: asymmetry in scattering of neutrinos off magnetic-field-polarized e and N yields asymmetric neutrino emission; improved modeling may reduced allowed regions



Axions

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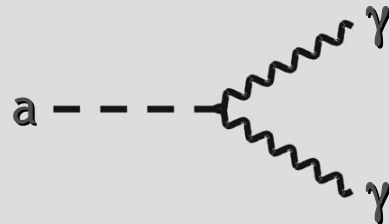
Particle-Physics Motivation

CP conservation in QCD by Peccei-Quinn mechanism

→ Axions $a \sim \pi^0$

$$m_\pi f_\pi \equiv m_a f_a$$

For $f_a \gg f_\pi$ axions are “invisible” and very light



Solar and Stellar Axions

Axions thermally produced in stars, e.g. by Primakoff production

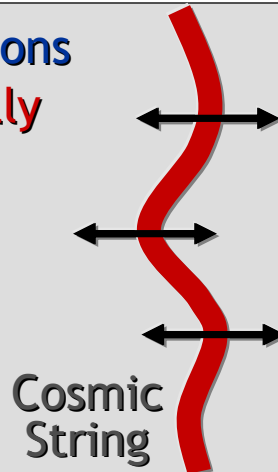


- Limits from avoiding excessive energy drain
- Search for solar axions (CAST)

Cosmology

In spite of small mass, axions are born **non-relativistically** (“non-thermal relics”)

→ Cold dark matter candidate
 $m_a \sim 1\text{-}1000 \mu\text{eV}$



Search for Axion Dark Matter

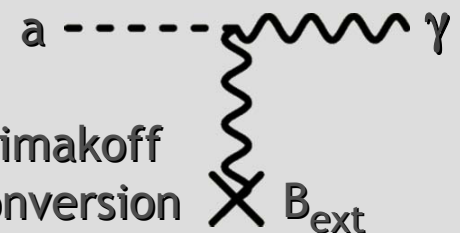
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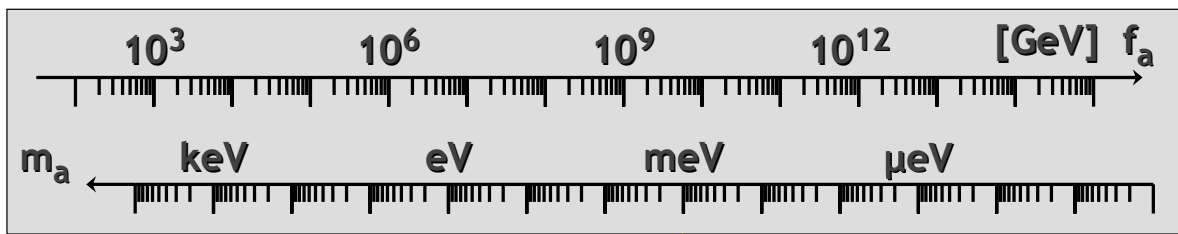
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Microwave resonator
(1 GHz = 4 μeV)

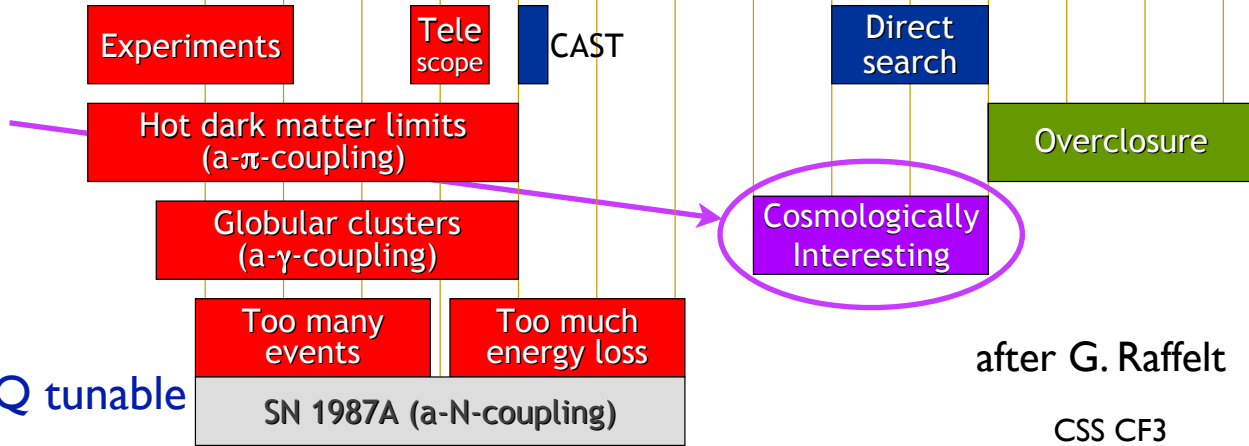
Primakoff conversion



Axion Direct Search Techniques



Cosmologically interesting: provides appropriate Ω_{DM} , $m_a = 1 \mu\text{eV}$ to 1meV



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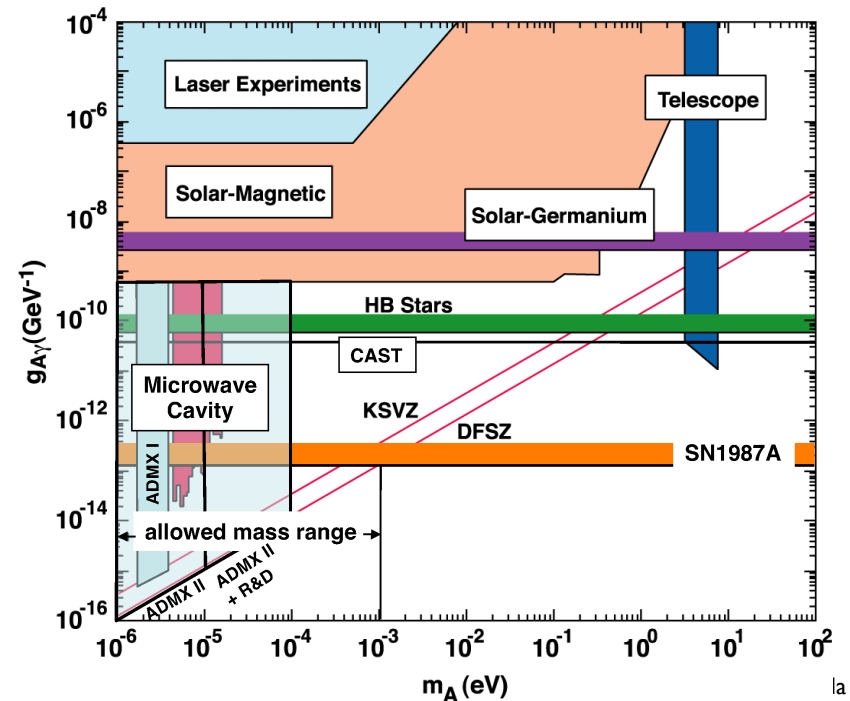
Microwave cavity conversion

1 GHz = 4 μeV : use high-Q tunable cavity in high B field; when $f_0 = m_a$, excess power

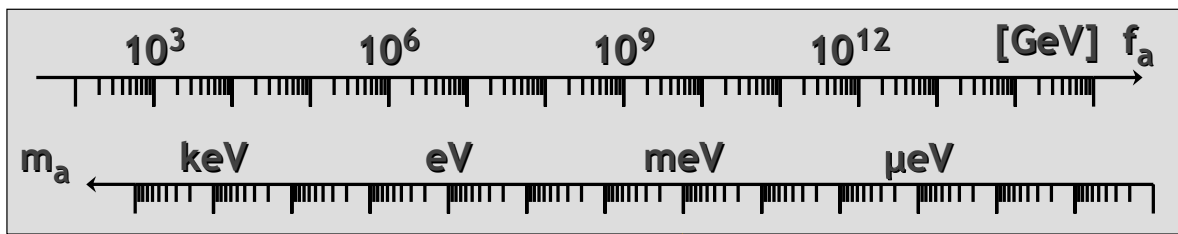
Detection: RF amplifier + Fourier transform power spectrum, excited Rydberg atom photodetection

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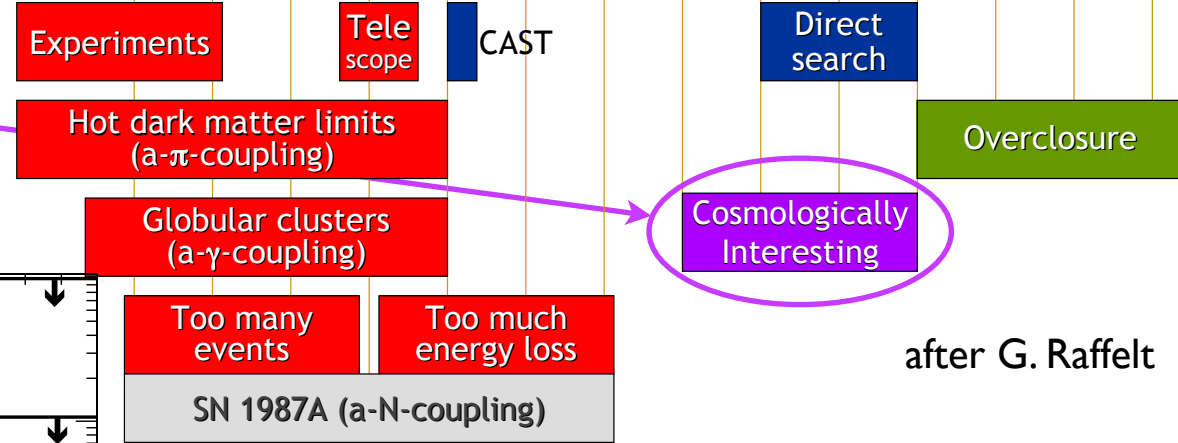
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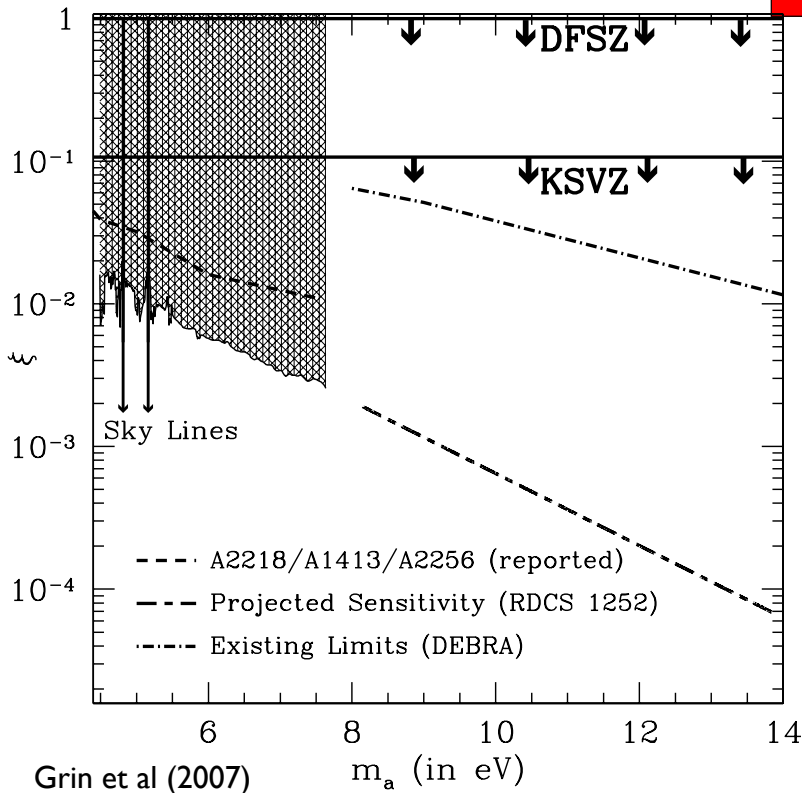
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Grin et al (2007)

Decays

$a \rightarrow 2\gamma, E_\gamma = m_a/2$ spectral line

Old and more recent searches done at optical wavelengths, excluded DFSZ and KSVZ axion models

Improvements in radio receivers may enable searches in mm/cm-wave regime where cavity expts are more difficult (100 μeV - 1 meV), but not easy w/o enhancement by B!

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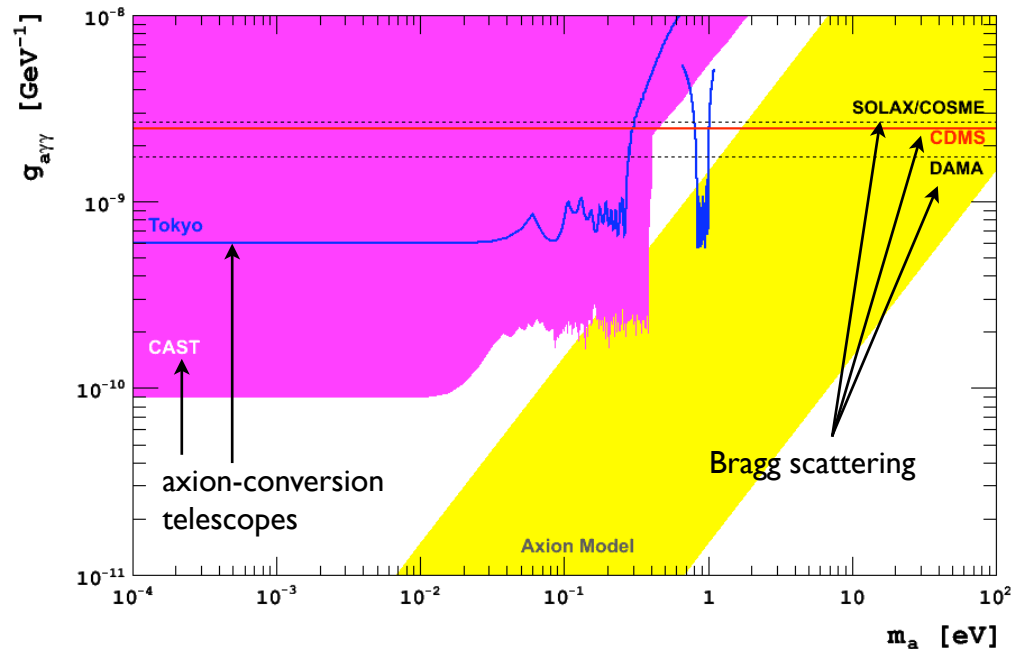
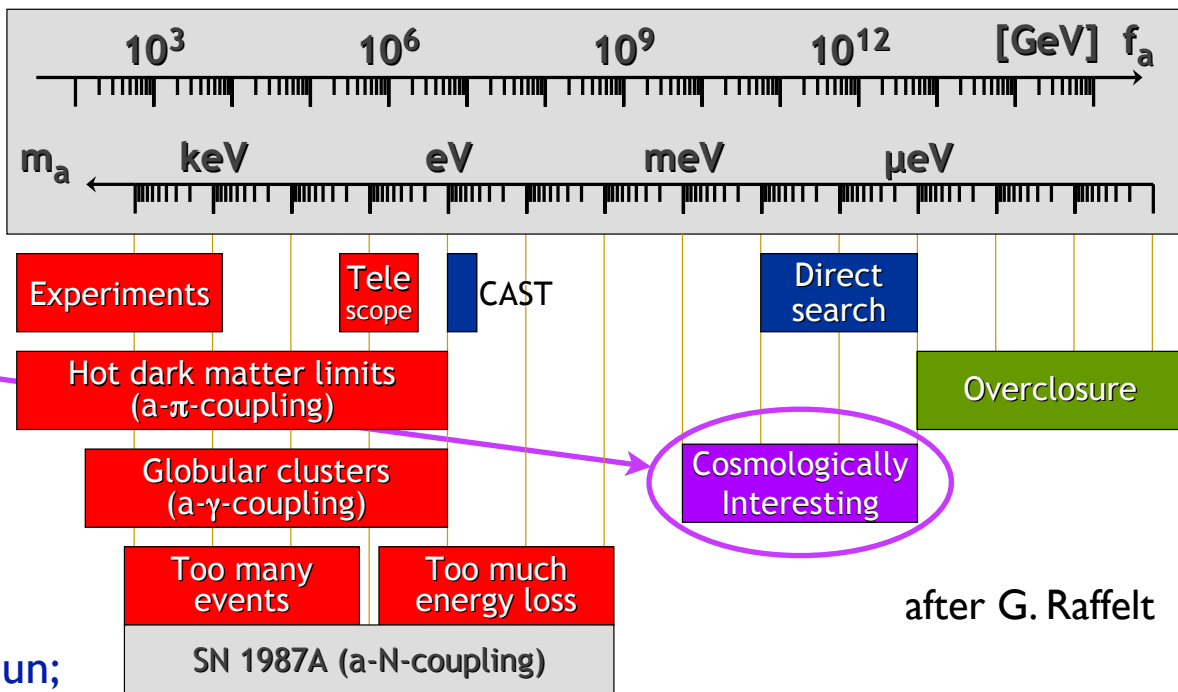
Solar axions

Photons convert to axions via Primakoff process in sun; $\sim \text{keV}$ thermal kinetic energy

Axion-conversion telescopes sensitive to $\sim 1 \text{ eV}$ axions; too massive to be CDM, could be HDM (though $\ll \Omega_{\text{DM}}$)

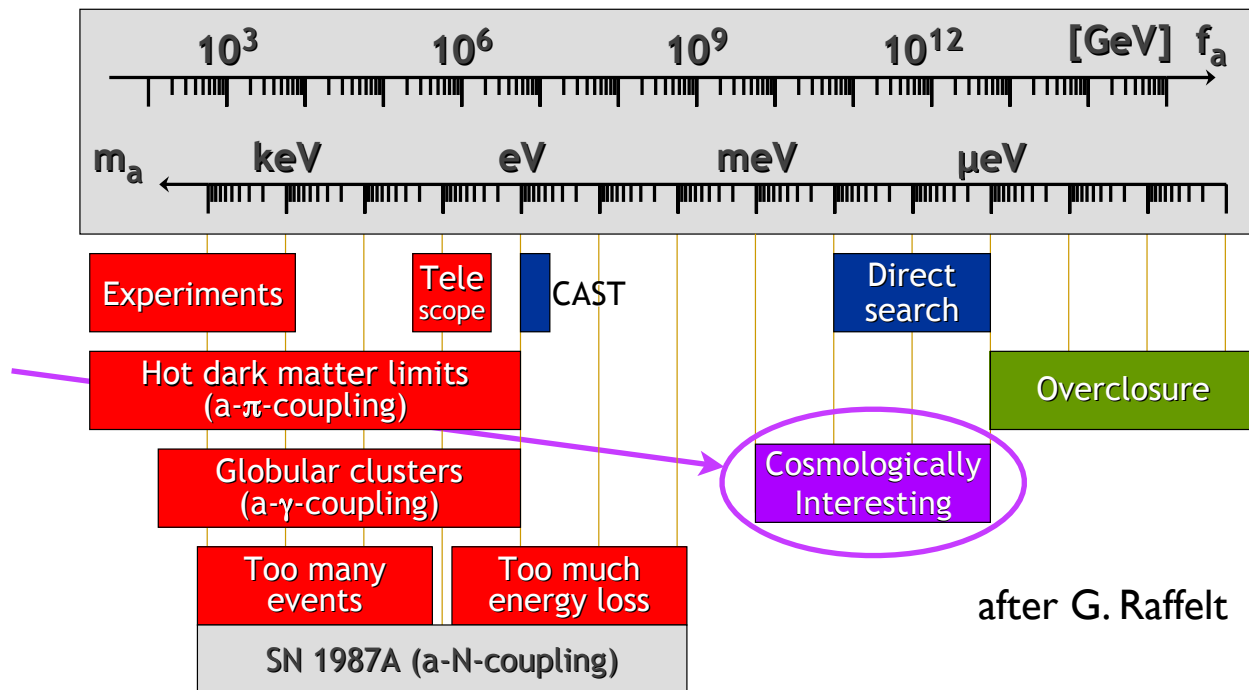
Higher masses probed by Bragg scattering searches

Beginning to probe DFSZ and KSVZ models



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Other laboratory searches

$\gamma \rightarrow a \rightarrow \gamma$ in B field; relatively poor sensitivity bec. two vertices; very far away from plausible models

Shining light thru walls. Will be more sensitive w/high Q optical cavities in future.

B-induced polarization rotation

B-induced birefringence

Torsion pendulum (Eot-Wash group)

Axions mediate a P and T violating force between electrons and nucleons

Look for violations of $1/r^2$

Axions: Definitely Testable

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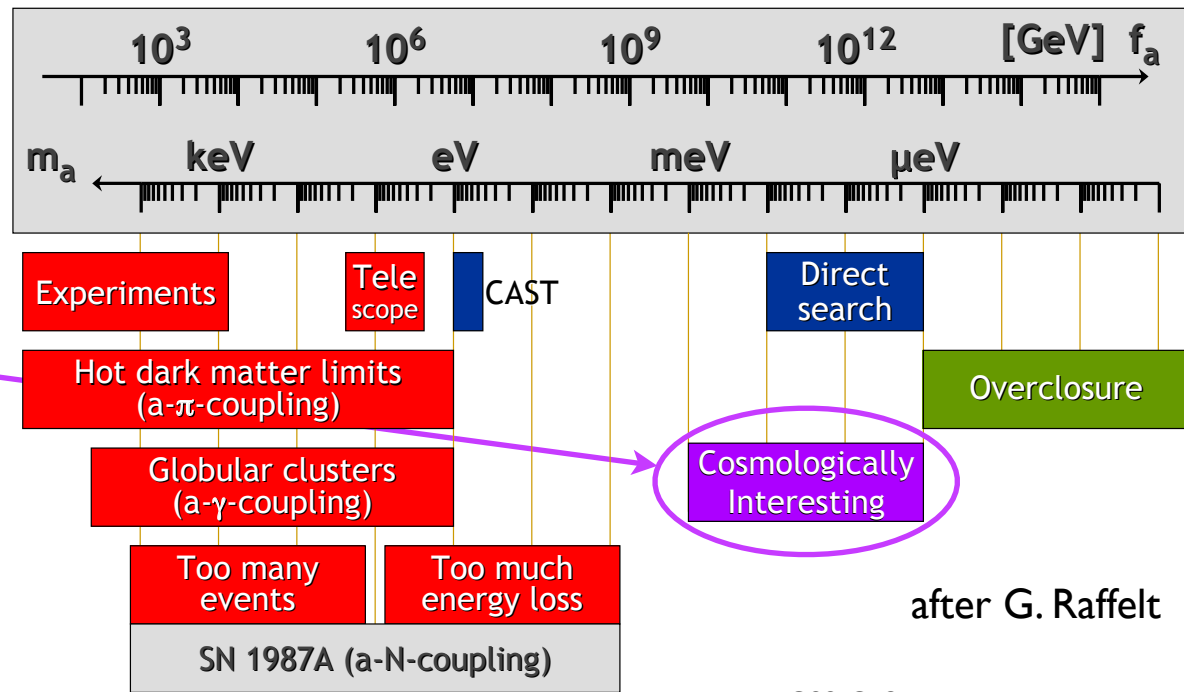
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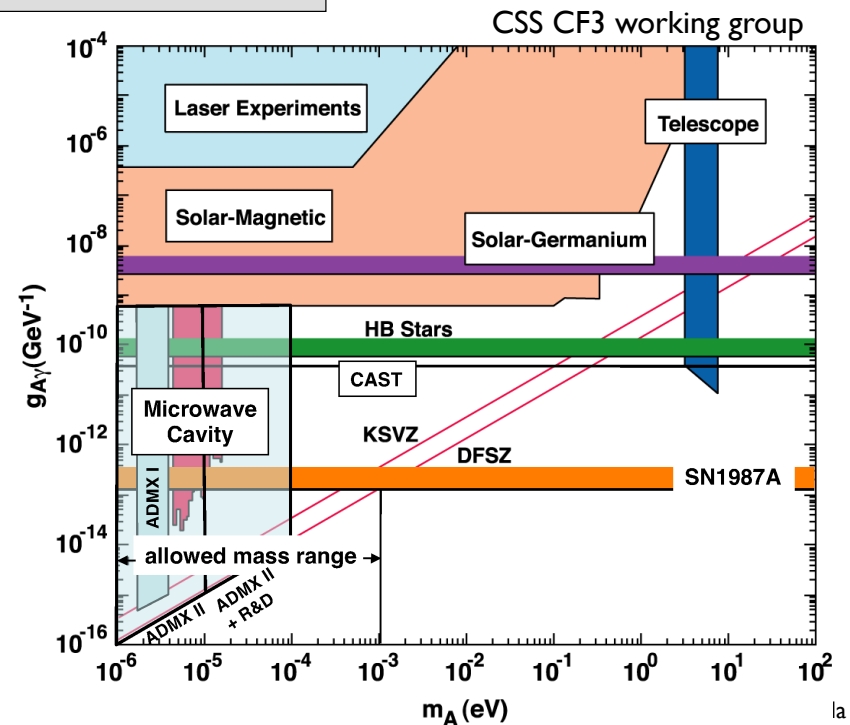
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The Classic WIMP Scenario

A WIMP χ is like a massive neutrino: produced when $T \gg m_\chi$ via pair annihilation/creation. Reaction maintains thermal equilibrium.

If interaction rates high enough, comoving density drops as $\exp(-m_\chi/T)$ as T drops below m_χ : annihilation continues, production becomes suppressed.

But, weakly interacting \rightarrow will “freeze out” before total annihilation if

$$H > \Gamma_{ann} \sim \frac{n_\chi}{\langle \sigma_{ann} v \rangle}$$

i.e., if annihilation too slow to keep up with Hubble expansion

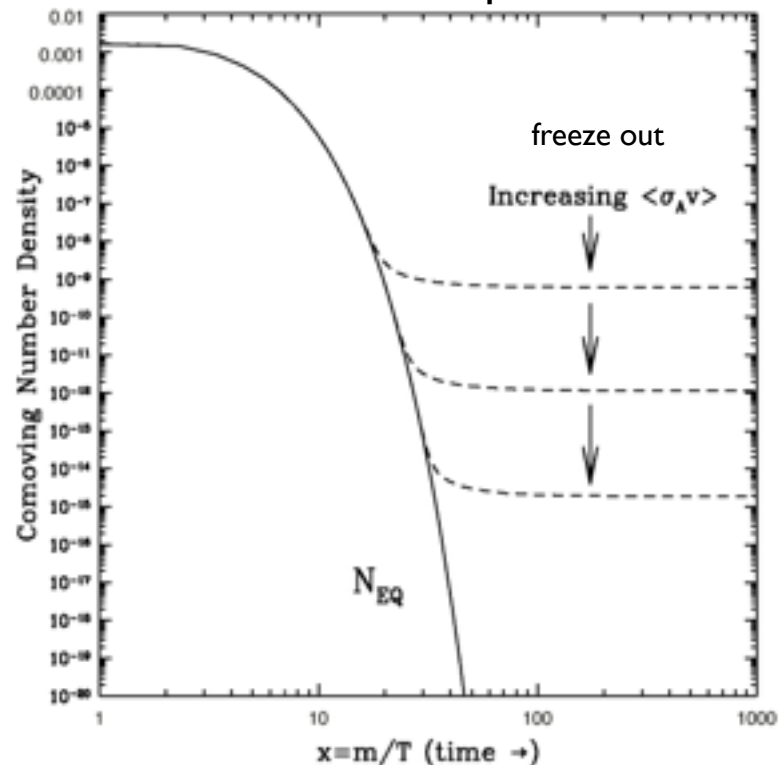
Leaves a relic abundance:

$$\Omega_\chi \left(\frac{H_0}{100 \text{ km/s/Mpc}} \right) \approx \frac{10^{-27}}{\langle \sigma_{ann} v \rangle_{fr}} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

for $m_\chi = \mathcal{O}(100 \text{ GeV})$

\rightarrow if m_χ and σ_{ann} determined by new weak-scale physics, then Ω_χ is $\mathcal{O}(1)$

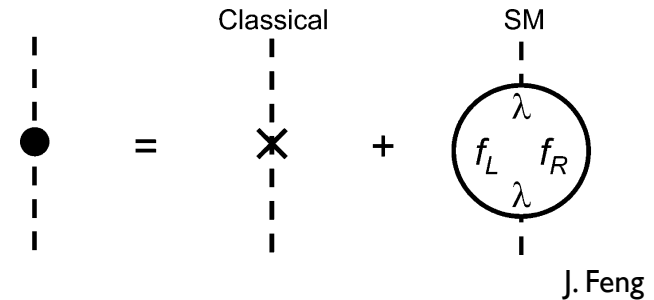
canonical Kolb and Turner freeze-out plot



Supersymmetry and WIMPs

The Gauge Hierarchy problem: Why is $M_{Pl} \gg M_{EW}$?

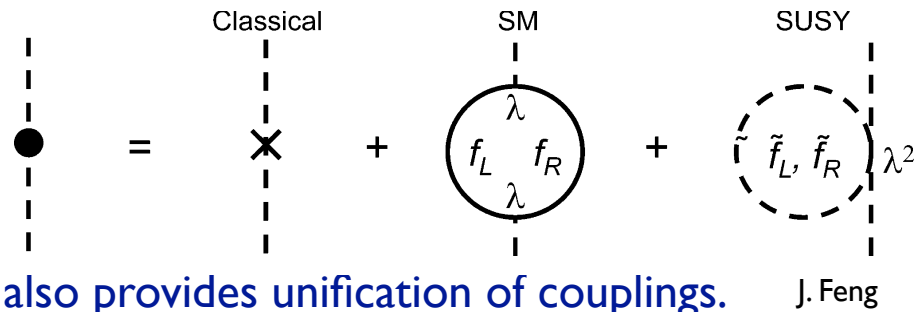
Alternatively: why are Standard Model particle masses so small compared to M_{Pl} ?
 Radiative corrections destabilize Higgs boson mass: $\Delta m_H^2 = \mathcal{O}(\alpha/\pi) \Lambda^2$ $\Lambda \sim M_{Pl}$



Supersymmetry provides a solution

Standard Model particles in supermultiplets combining particles of different spin stabilizes radiative corrections: every bosonic loop has a corresponding fermionic loop carrying opposite sign

SUSY-breaking splits masses so superpartners not yet visible
 Λ given by SUSY-breaking scale: loop cancellation works above Λ .



Need $\Lambda \sim 1 \text{ TeV}$ to keep Higgs light; also provides unification of couplings.

Lightest superpartner is a good WIMP candidate

stable, $m = \mathcal{O}(100 \text{ GeV})$, undetected bec. neutral & interacts only via heavy mediators (EW gauge bosons, Higgs, superpartners of quarks)

SUSY Particle Content and Parameters

Every SM fermion (spin-1/2) gets spin-0 “scalar fermion (sfermion)” partner

Every SM gauge boson (spin-1) gets spin-1/2 “gaugino” partner

Higgs (spin-0) acquires spin-1/2 “higgsino” partner

Need a second Higgs to preserve SUSY

Graviton (spin-2) gets spin-3/2 “gravitino”

Parameters

In unbroken SUSY, all params fixed by SM
 SUSY breaking results in $O(100)$ params

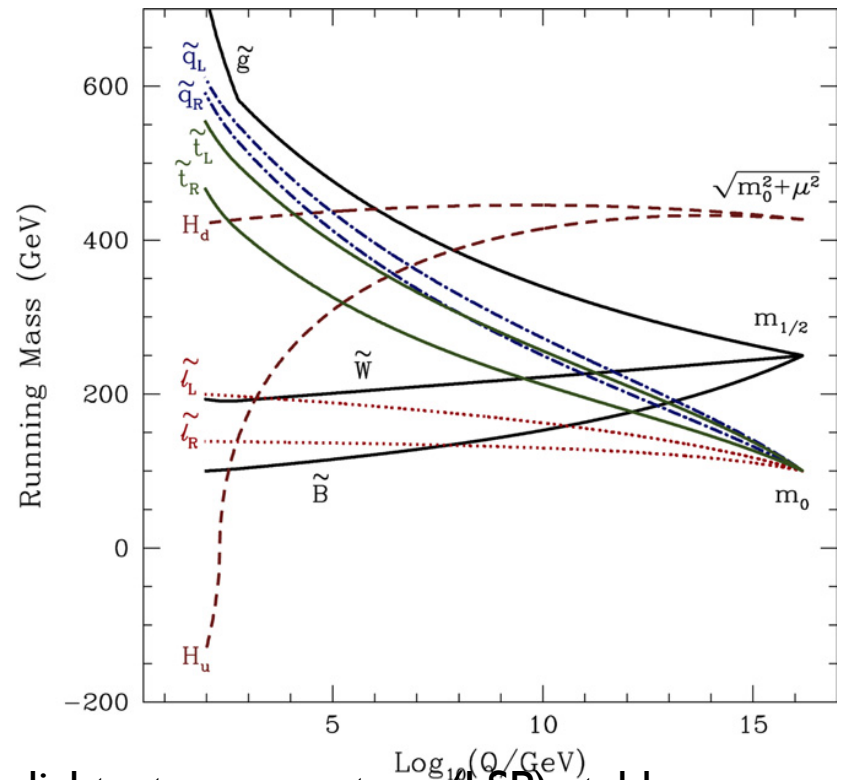
mSUGRA assumption: Masses assumed
 to be universal at GUT scale:
 m_0 scalar mass, $m_{1/2}$ “ino” mass

$\tan \beta$ = ratio of two Higgs
 vacuum expectation values

μ = Higgs mass parameter

Trilinear couplings A_0 (analogue of
 Yukawa couplings in SM)

R-parity prevents proton decay and makes lightest superpartner (LSP) stable



LHC Tests of Constrained Minimal Supersymmetry

Assume CMSSM:

Constrained Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model

Very narrow blue strips:

LSP relic density matches DM density

Green: $BR(b \rightarrow s \gamma)$ too large

Pink: $g_\mu - 2$ deviation from SM explained by SUSY

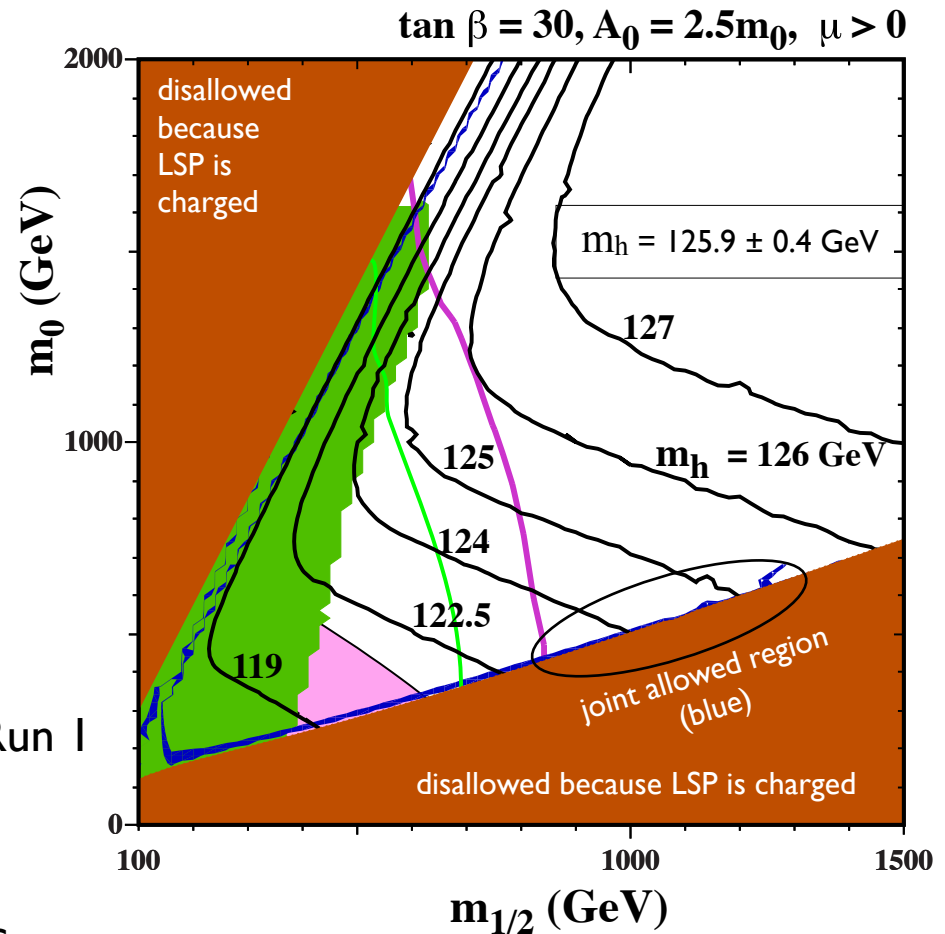
Purple line: lower limit on parameter space due to absence of missing transverse energy events at LHC Run I

Green line: $BR(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$ provides lower limit on parameters space

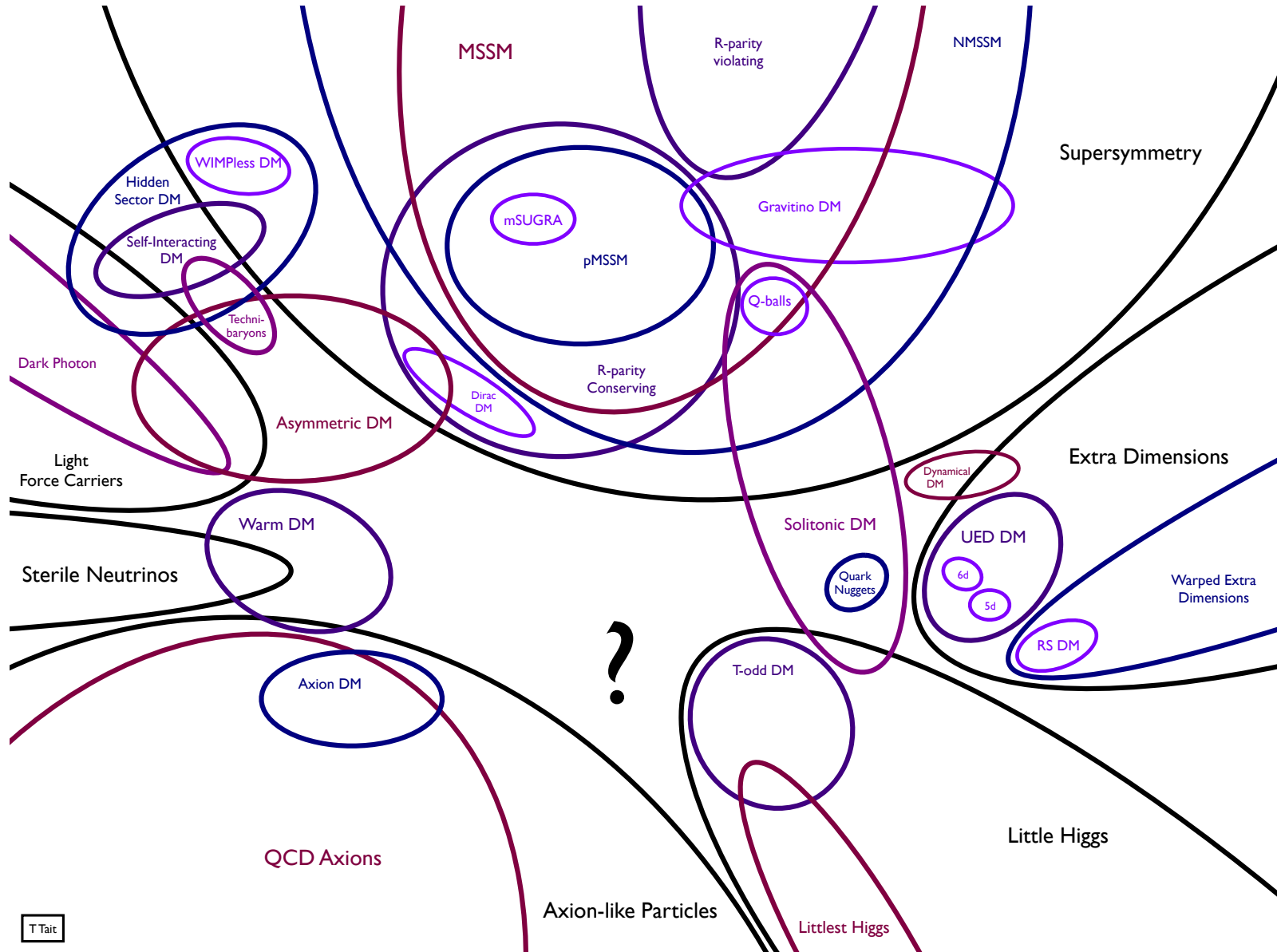
Black lines: Various Higgs mass values

Changes in $\tan \beta$ and A_0 affect $m_h \Rightarrow$ reduced compatibility with relic density

Very limited parameter space where LSP relic density can match DM density, complies with excluded regions, and provides acceptable Higgs mass. Cannot explain $g_\mu - 2$.
Can release assumptions about SUSY (e.g. non-universal Higgs mass) at cost in elegance.

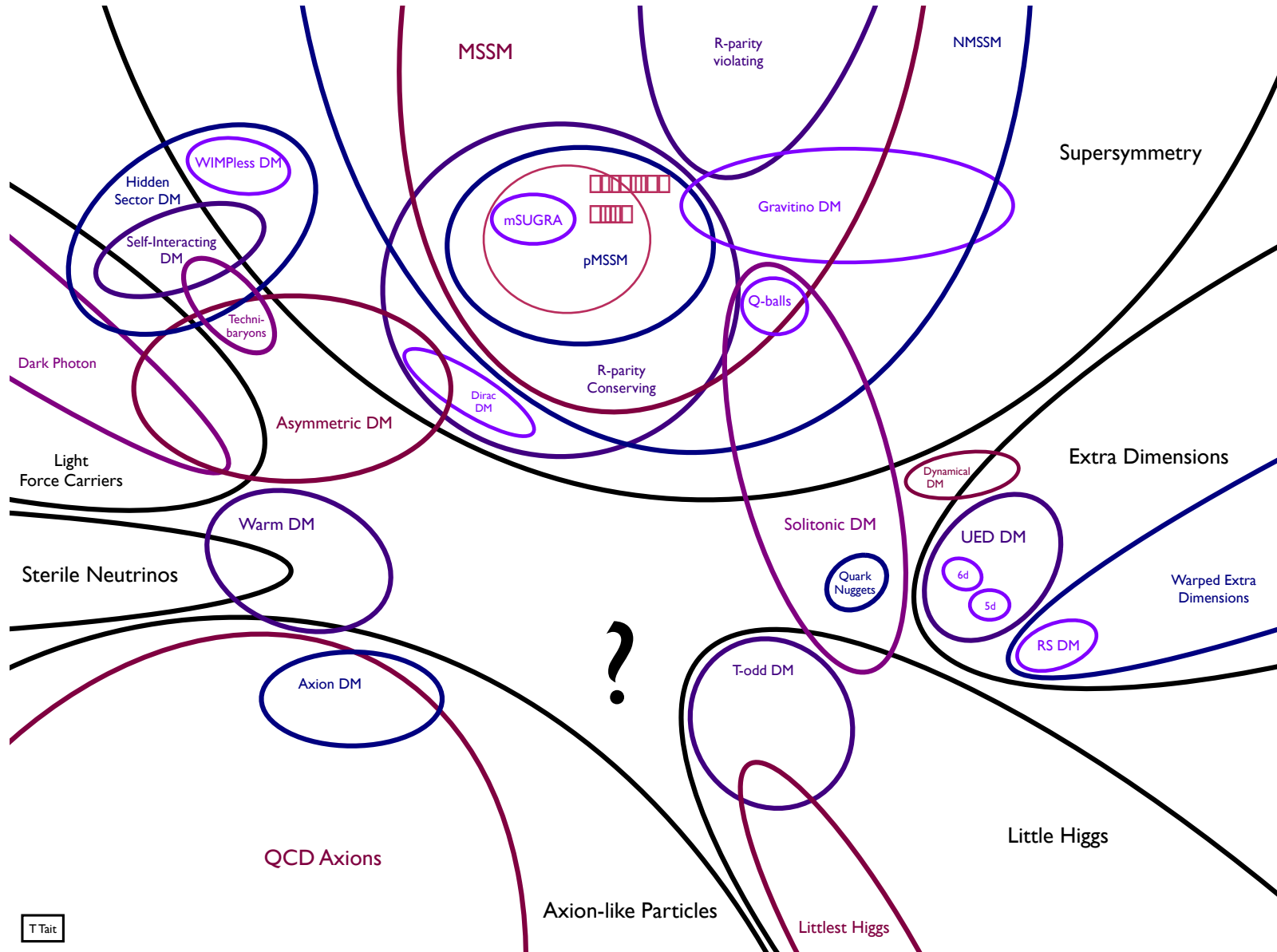


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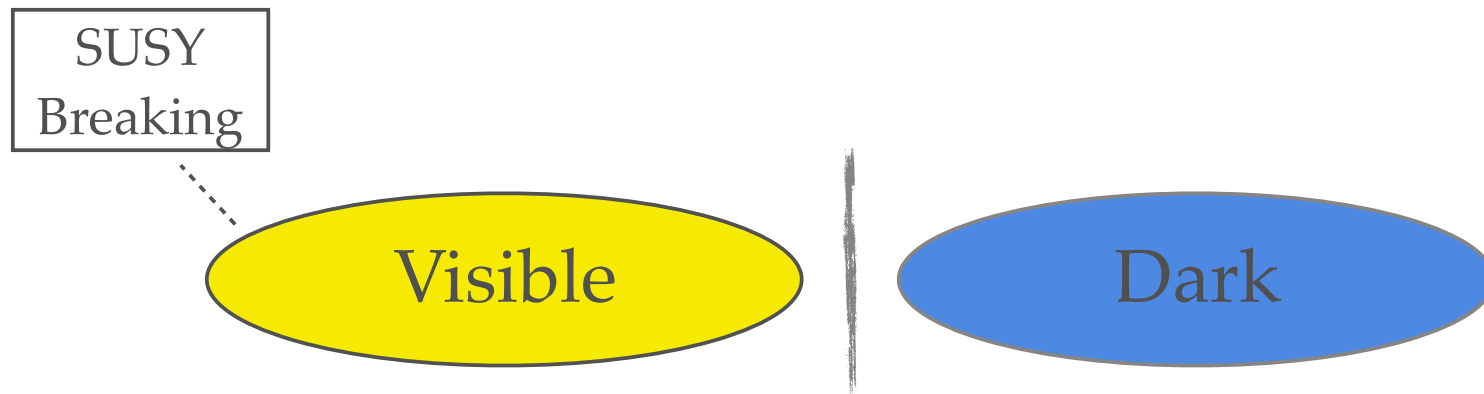


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Hidden Sectors

Low-mass WIMPs (\ll EW scale = 100 GeV) historically disfavored theoretically because of mismatch with scale of new physics (SUSY)

Can adjust DM mass scale via weak coupling between dark and visible sectors, with SUSY preserved in visible sector



Amount of SUSY breaking transmitted sets DM mass scale
Small coupling between sectors = small mass

100 GeV \longrightarrow 1 GeV

Hooper, Zurek

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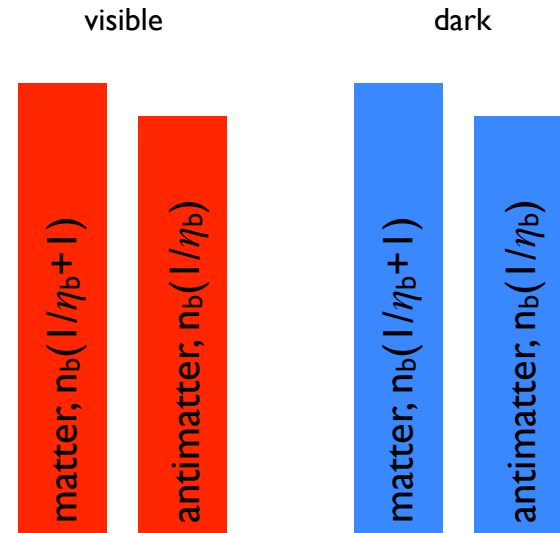
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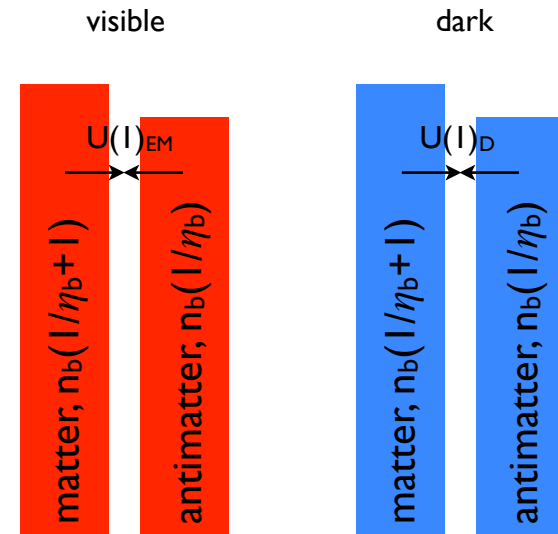
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A new look at DM:

Totally plausible non-SUSY theory; not subject to SUSY minimum mass bounds

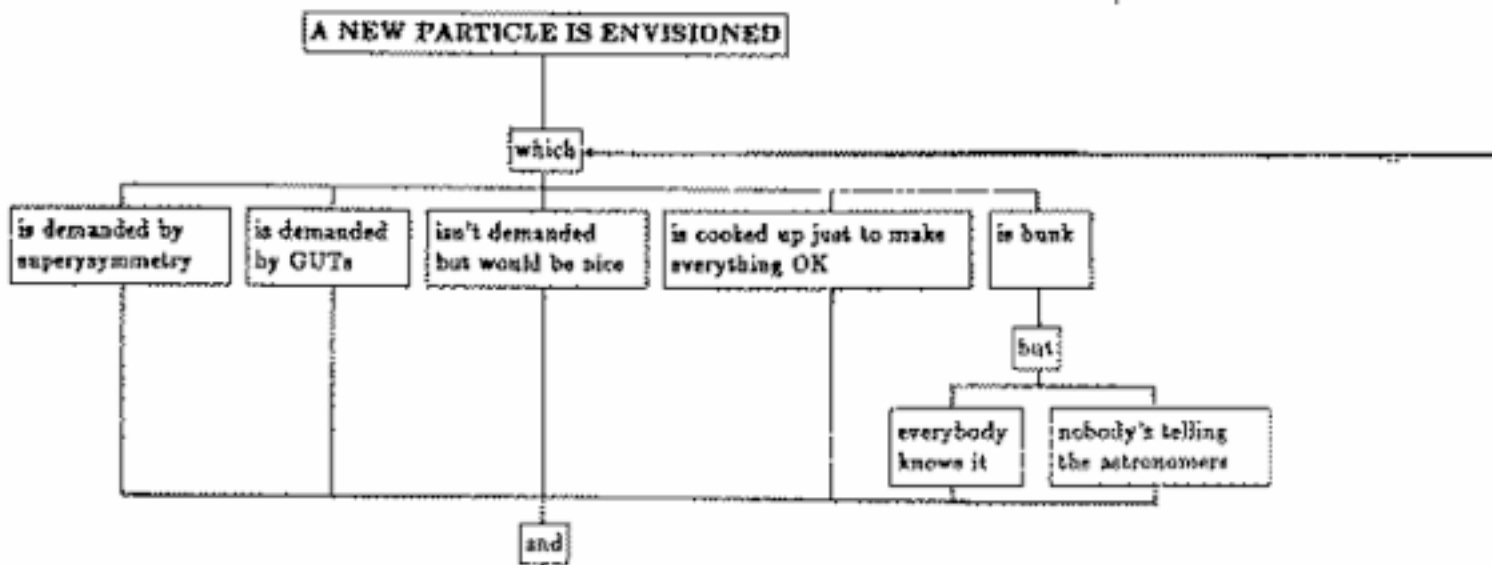
New “dark force” opens up possibilities: heavy photons, velocity-dependent self-interaction, scattering via light mediators, dark atoms, etc.

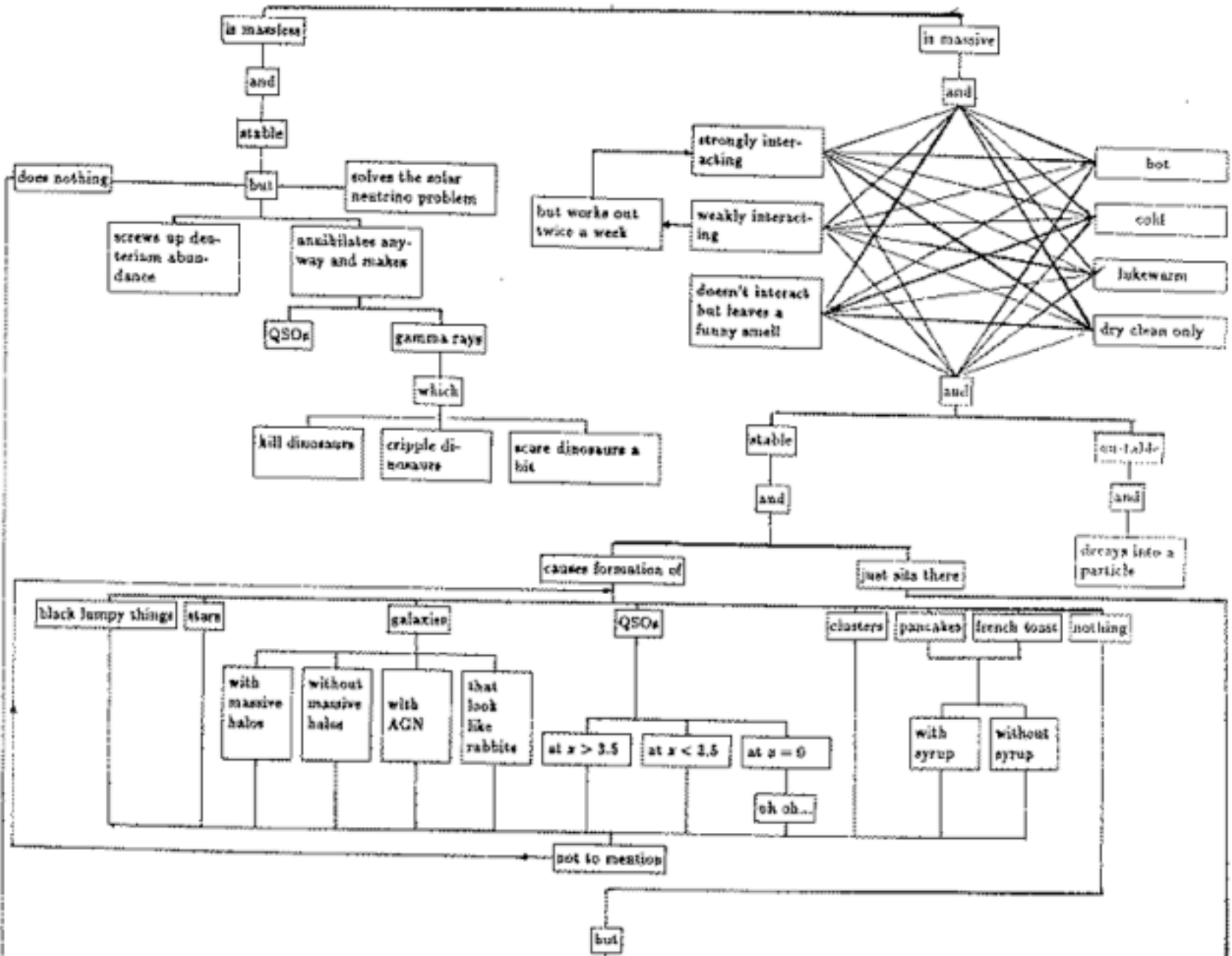
Momentum-transfer-dependent cross section can reconcile results of different direct detection experiments that use different targets or cover different energy ranges

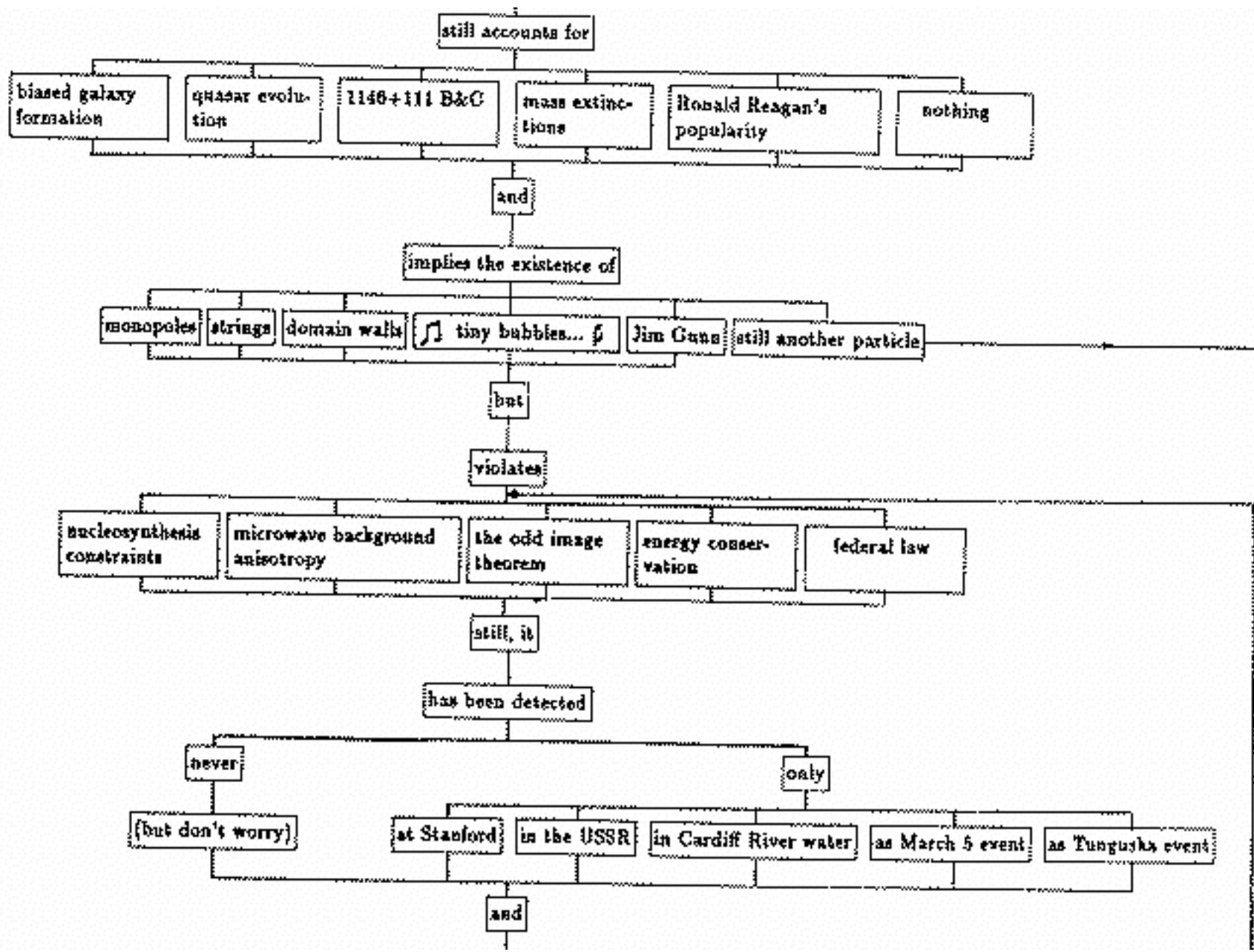
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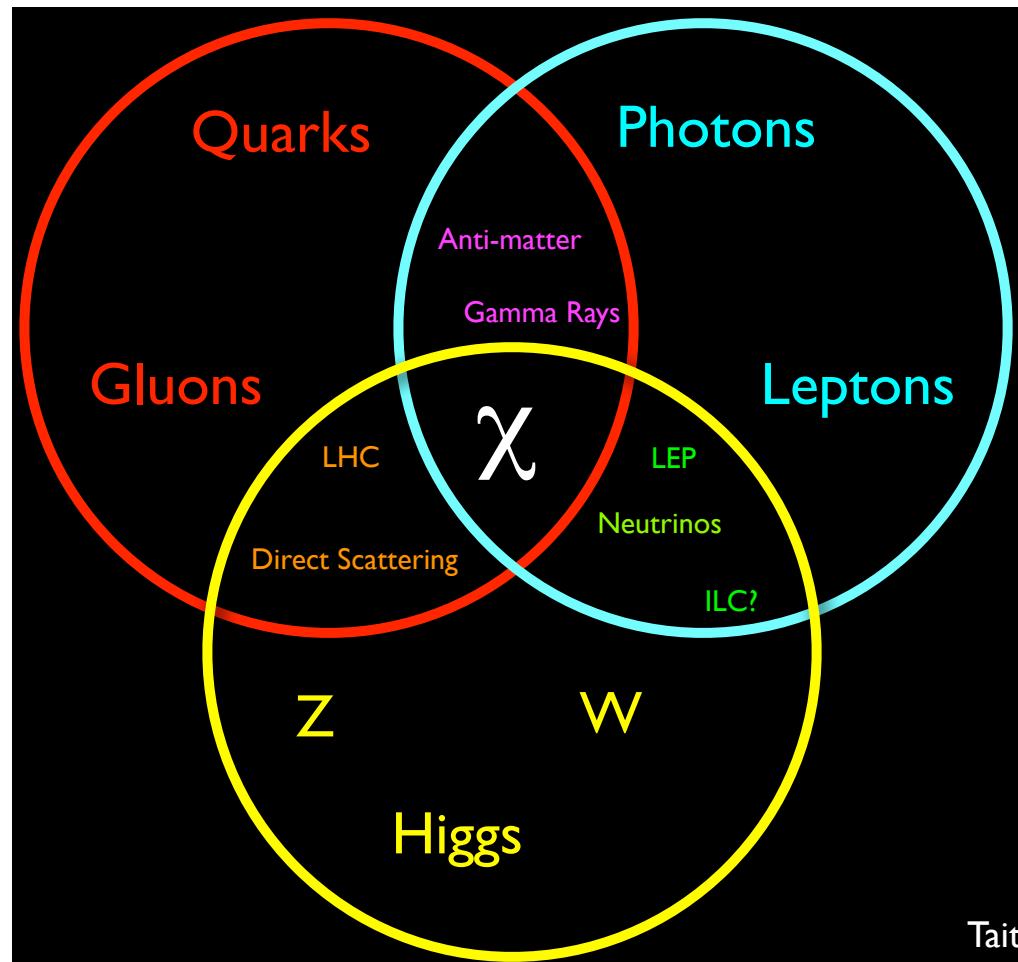






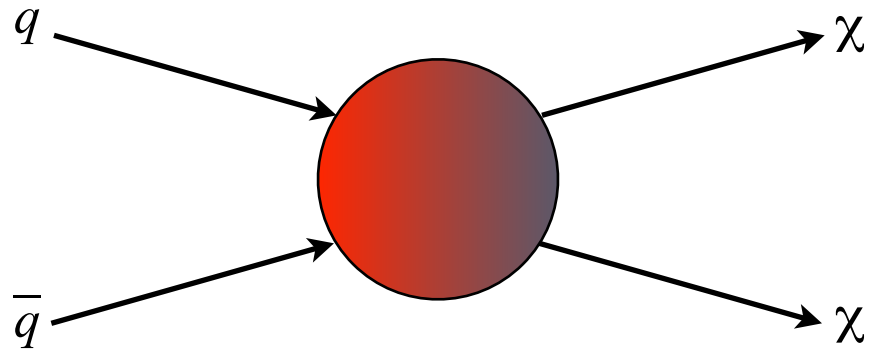
Purely Phenomenological Approach?

Since we don't know the theory that explains the DM, all possible interactions with χ need to be mapped out experimentally using all the tools we have available...



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Accelerator Production: make DM in lab w/quark-antiquark (p-anti-p) collisions



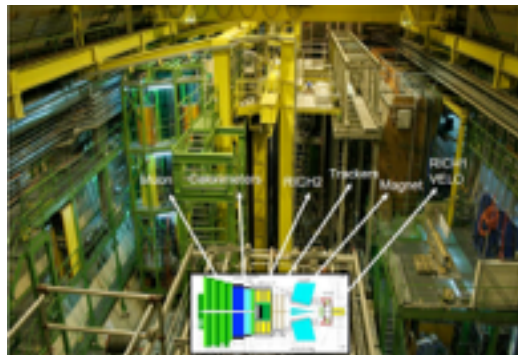
CMS, ATLAS,
and LHCb
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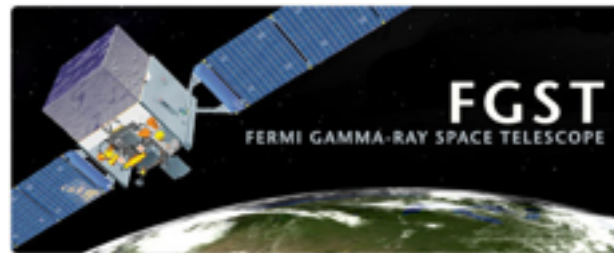
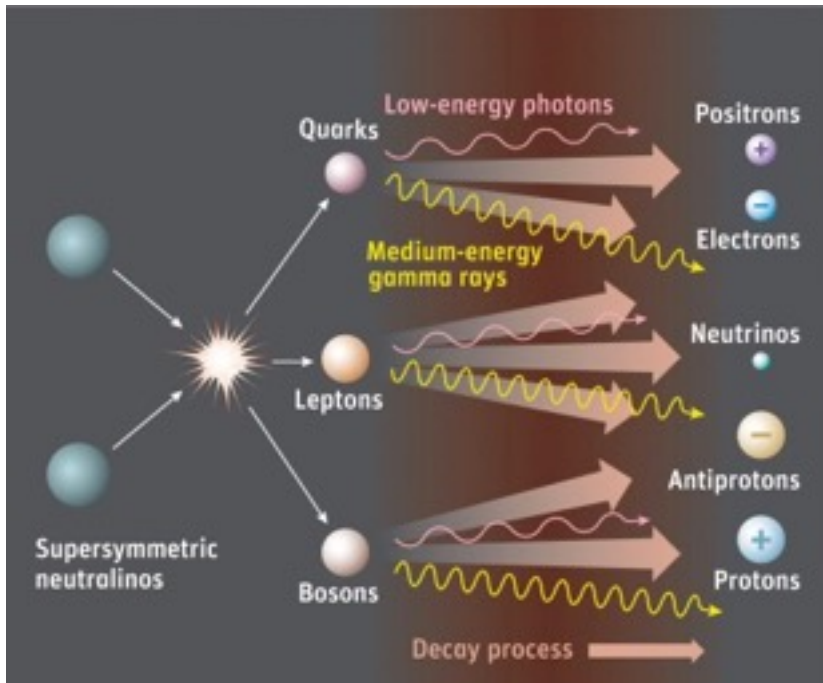
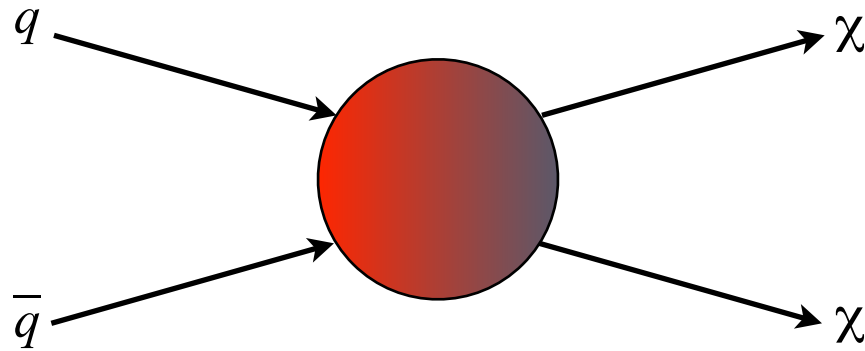
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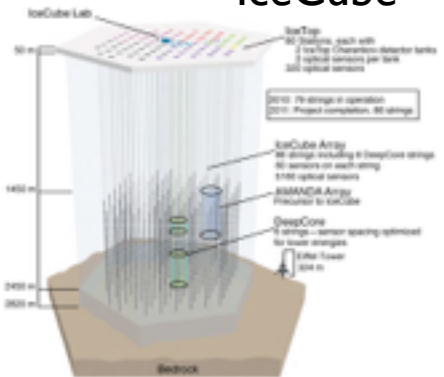
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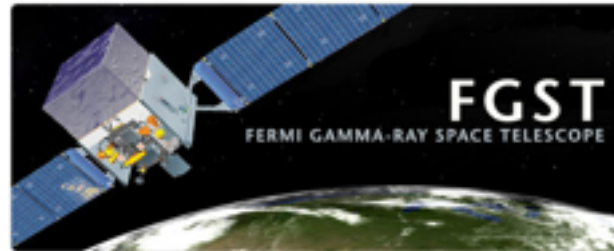
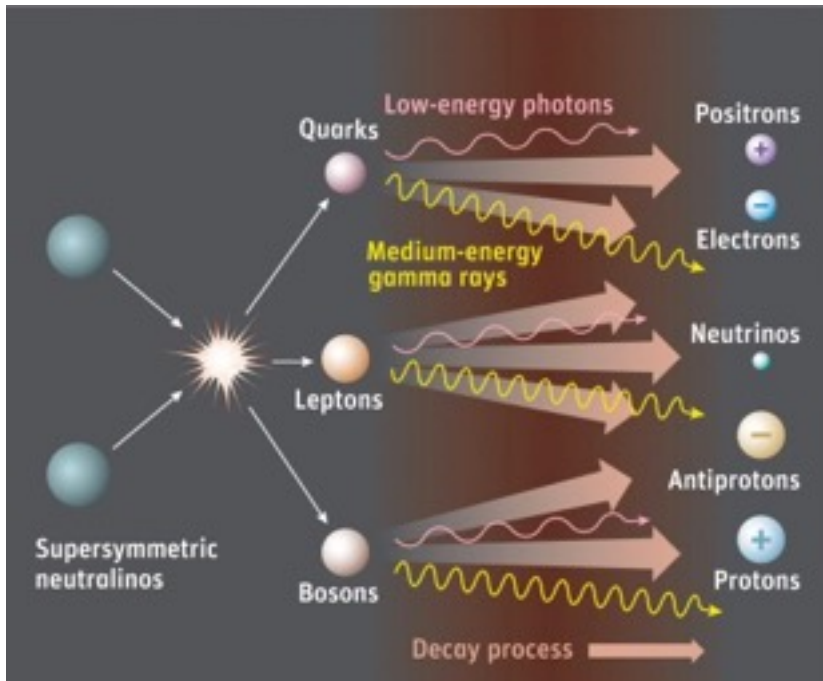
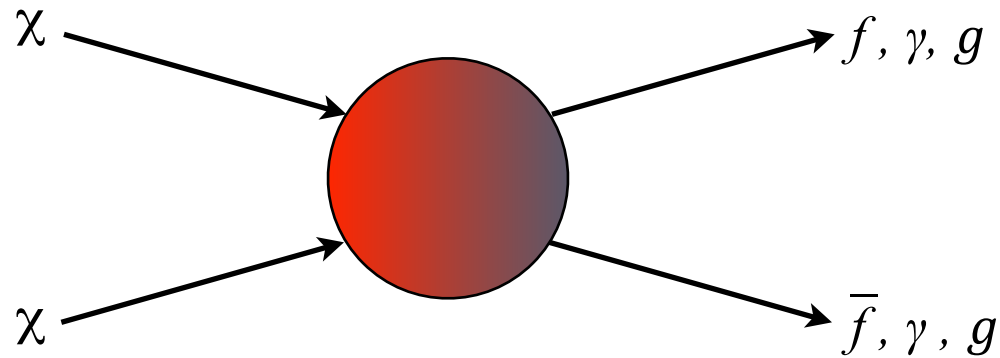


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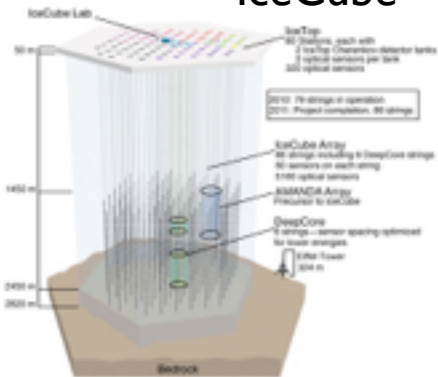
Indirect Detection: DM self-annihilates to other particles



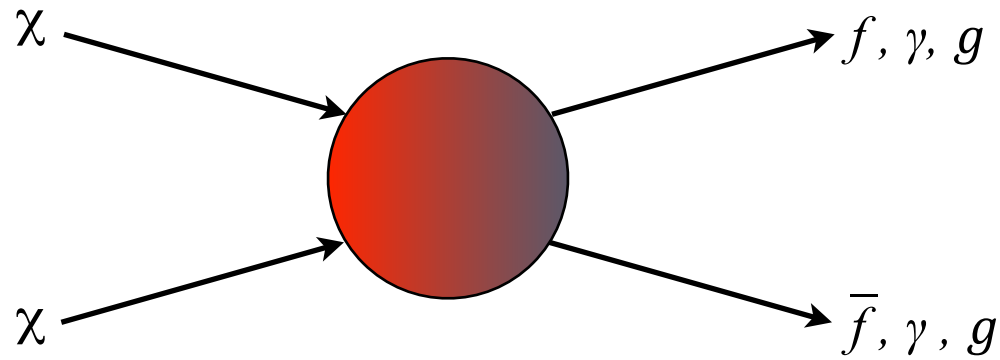
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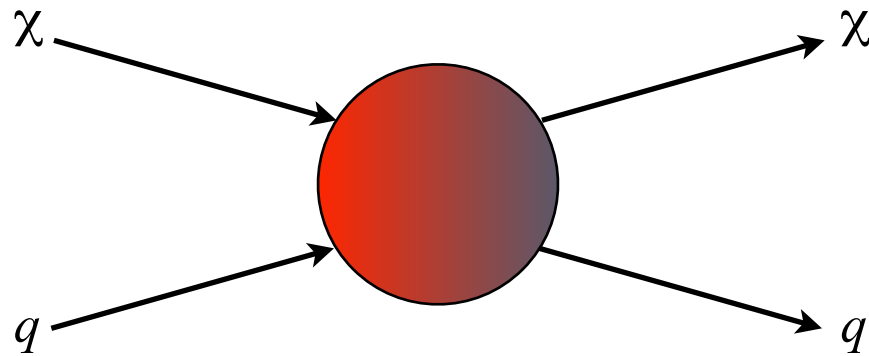


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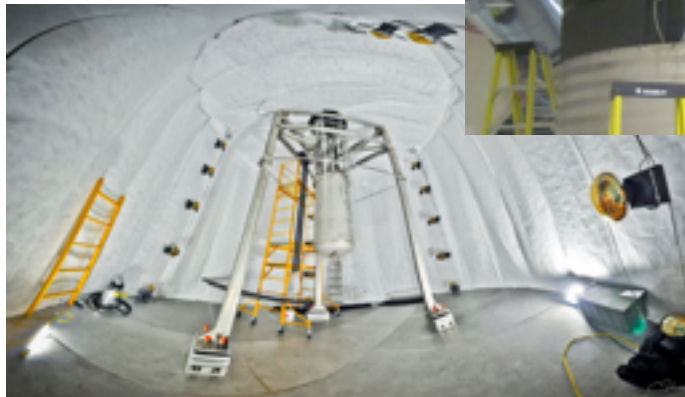
Direct Detection: DM scatters with normal matter



SuperCDMS



LUX



COUPP

XENON100



Direct Detection of WIMPs

WIMPs expect to dominate halo of our galaxy with following characteristics:

mass ~ 100 proton masses

speed ~ 300 km/s $\sim 0.001c$

With these characteristics, they scatter off of nuclei like billiard balls.

typical energy deposited:

tens of keV (like a medical X-ray; not very energetic!)

typical rate: < 0.01 /kg/day

Electron scatters not energetic enough

Like a tennis ball against a wall

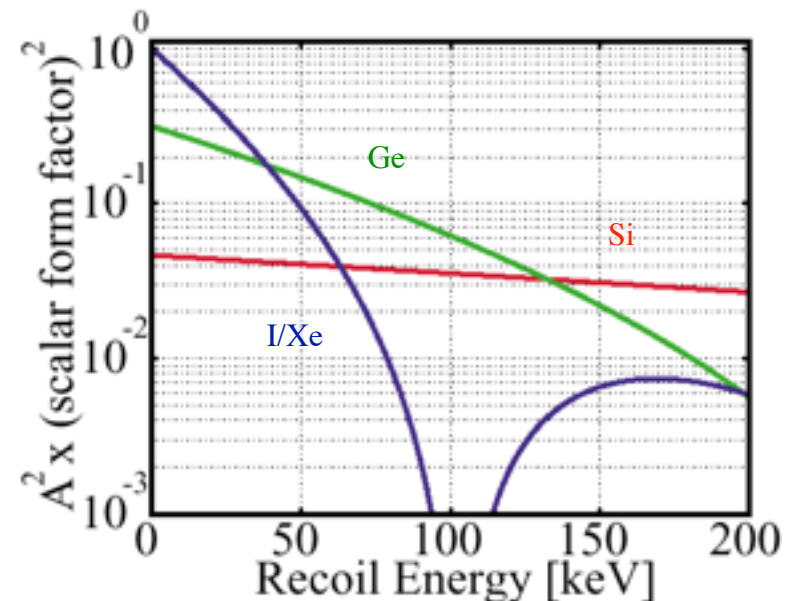
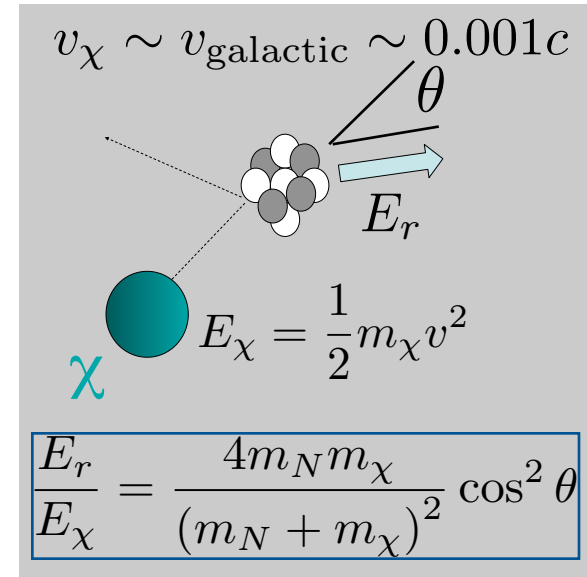
So only look for nuclear recoils

Though searches for sub-eV ERs growing

Expected nucleus and energy dependence:

A^2 scaling at zero momentum transfer

Form factor for breakdown of coherence



Interaction of Dark Matter with Normal Matter

Beyond simple A^2 scaling:

NR limit valid for WIMP but not for nucleons!

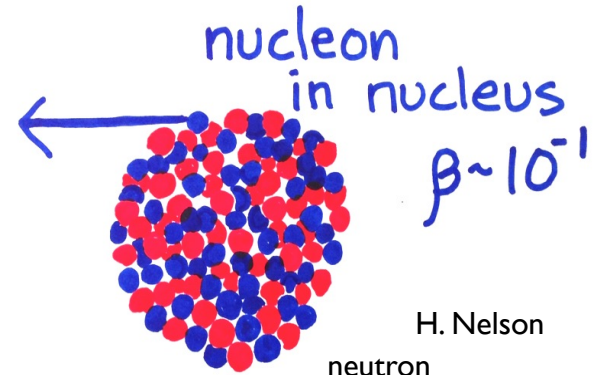
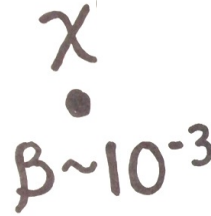
Fitzpatrick, Haxton, Katz, Lubbers, Xu 2013:

Need to consider much larger set of couplings to nucleons (8)

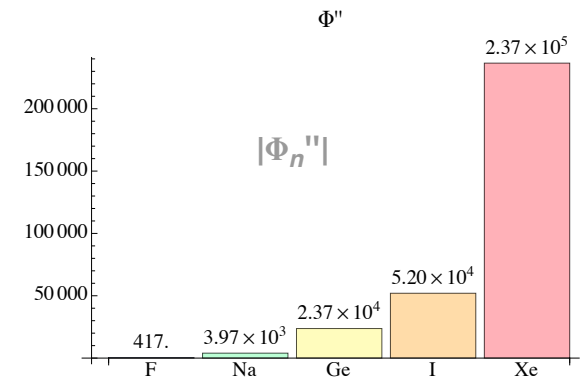
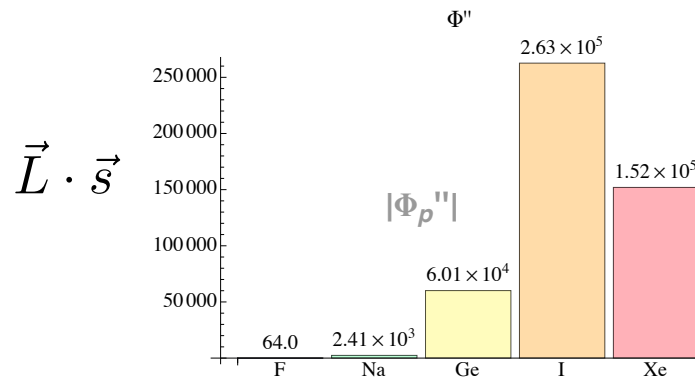
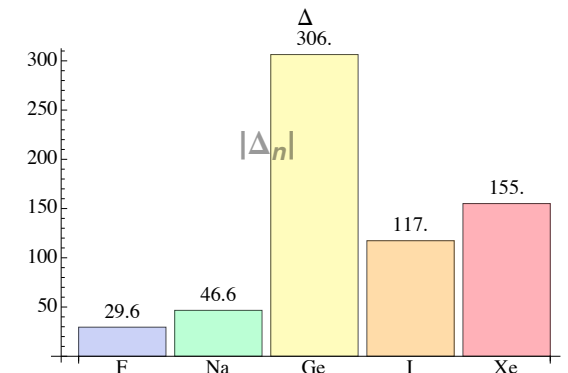
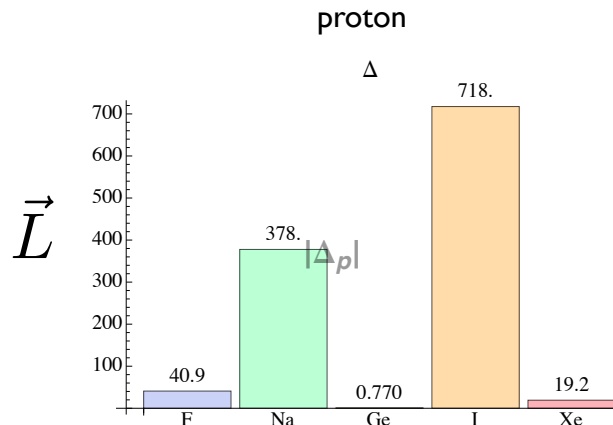
Orbital angular momentum of nucleons can play important role

Changes nature of coherence
Surprising patterns

Why not violate isospin?



H. Nelson



Why is this difficult?

Very low rates

For comparison, there are natural radioactive decays in your body of comparable energy happening much more frequently (10 million/day):

potassium-40: about 4000 decays/second with energies around 500 keV

carbon-14: similar rate, energy around 100 keV

Earth itself is radioactive due to uranium, thorium, radon

Particles from outer space hit the top of the atmosphere and create showers of particles that reach us all the time (cosmic rays)

Need lots of target mass!

Low energy depositions

Because of low rate, need big detectors (> 10-100 kg these days)

But also need to detect very small amounts of energy!

Need to separate nuclear recoils due to WIMPs from electron recoils due to radioactive backgrounds

Backgrounds

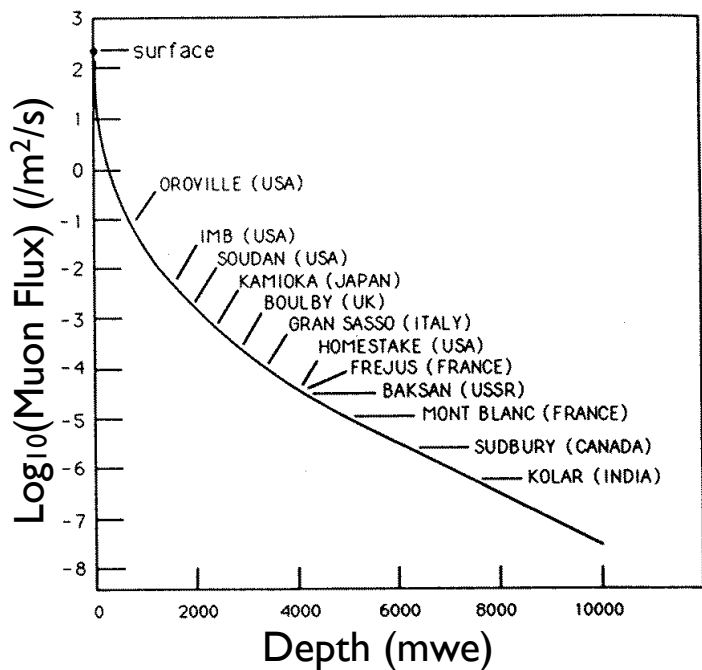
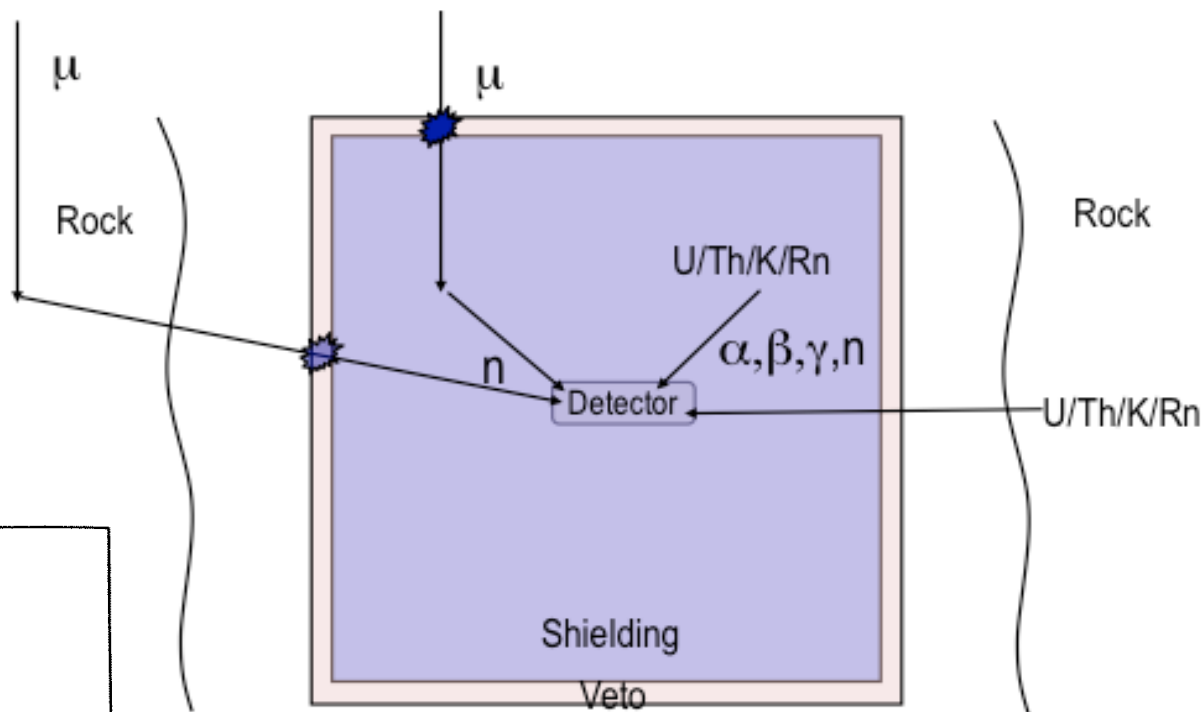
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on the surface

on nearby surfaces

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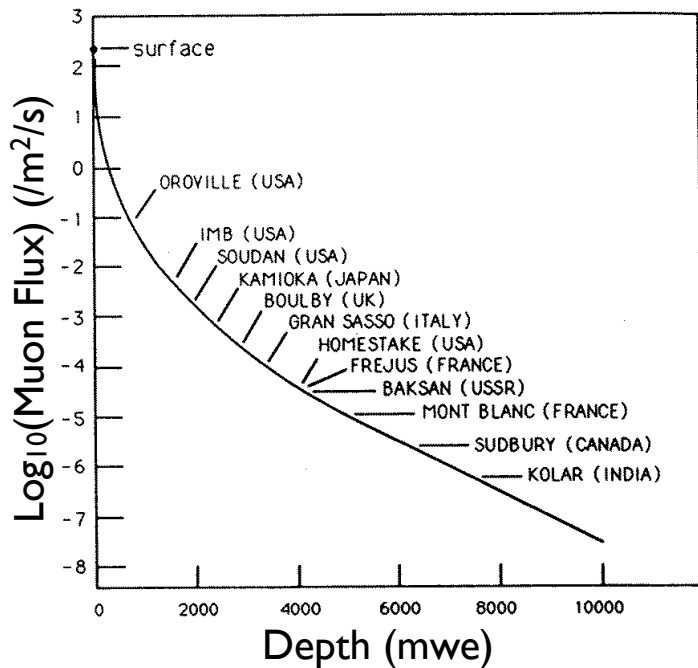
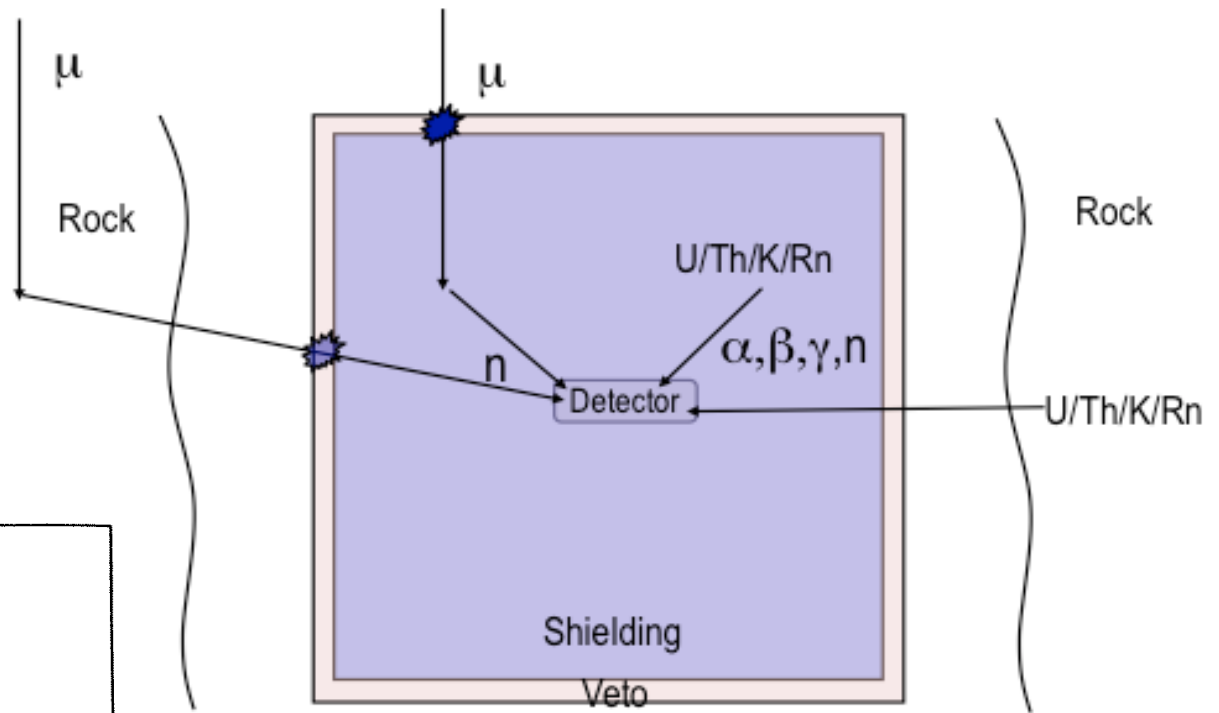
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coherent nuclear
scattering of
solar, atmospheric,
and diffuse supernova
bgnd neutrinos.
Irreducible!

What are good materials to use?

Semiconductors (silicon, germanium)

Liquified noble gases (neon, argon, xenon)

Copper

OFHC is pure, electroformed even purer

Lead

Except ^{210}Pb (22 year half-life)

Plastics

Water

Strategies and Signatures

Challenges

Very low energy thresholds (~ 10 keV)

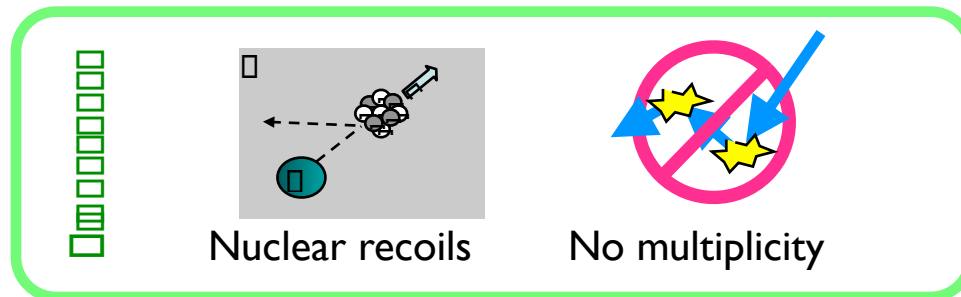
Large exposures (large active mass, long-term stability)

Stringent background control (cosmogenic, radioactive)

Cleanliness

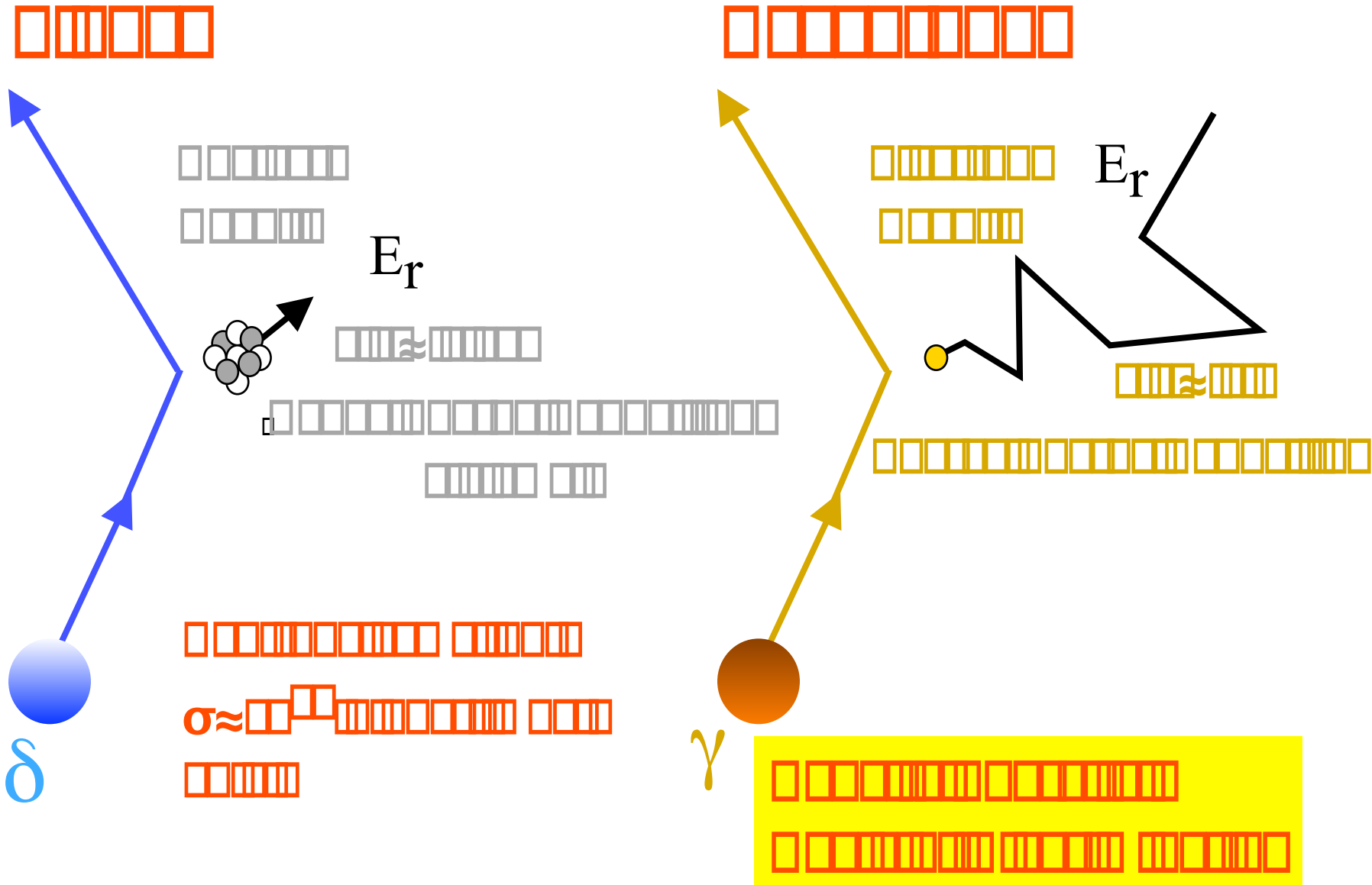
Shielding (passive, active, deep site)

Discrimination power



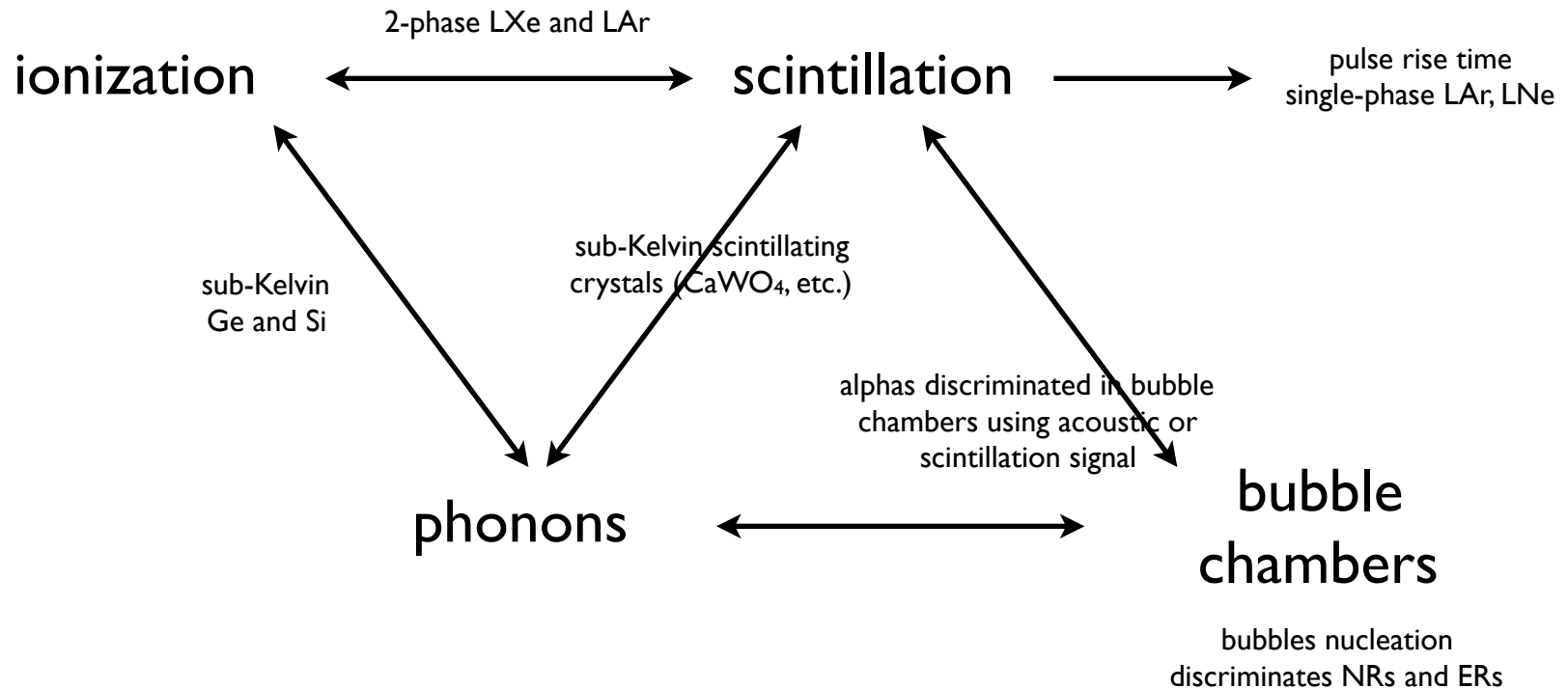
→ Enormous range of techniques!

Nuclear Recoil Discrimination



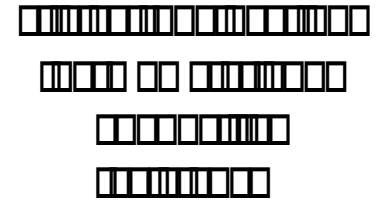
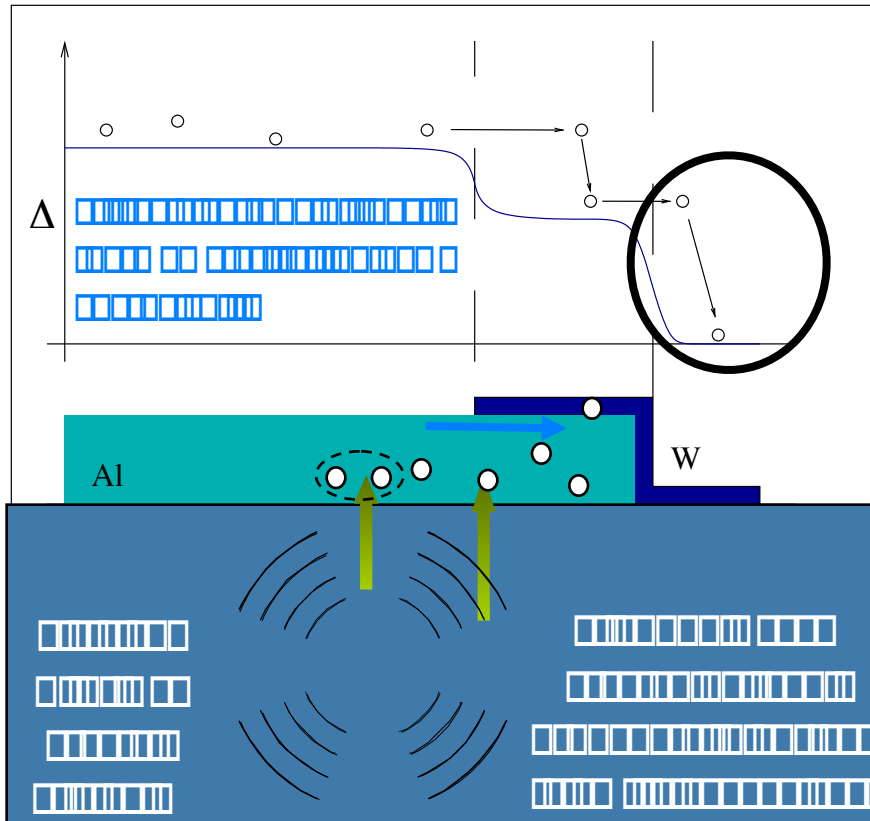
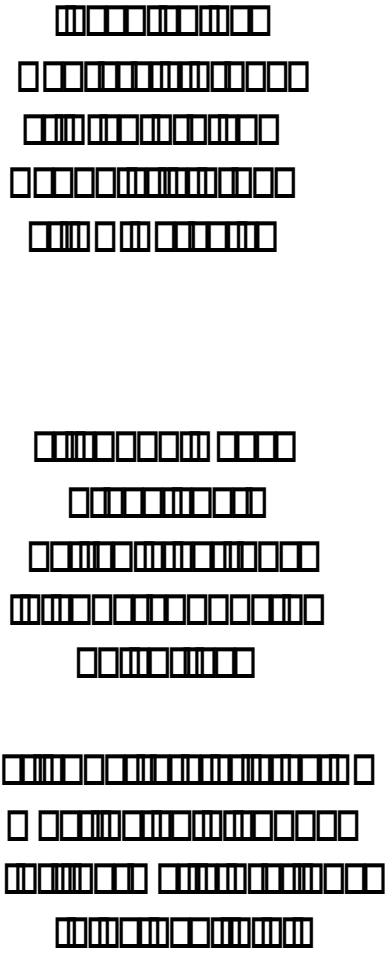
Discrimination Techniques

Need sensitivity to energy deposition characteristics (density, energy) to discriminate nuclear recoils (NRs), electron recoils (ERs), and alphas:
Enormous innovation in discrimination techniques in the last 20 years.

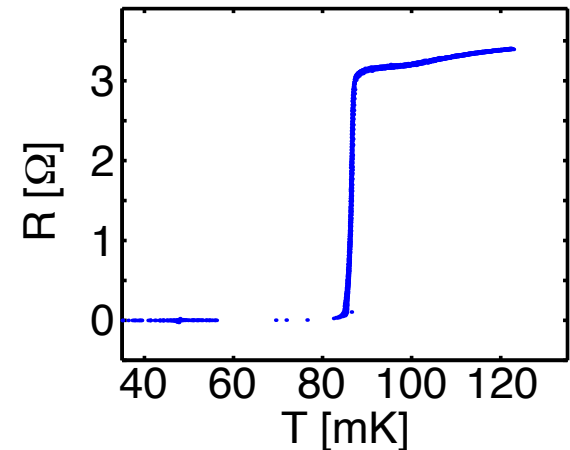


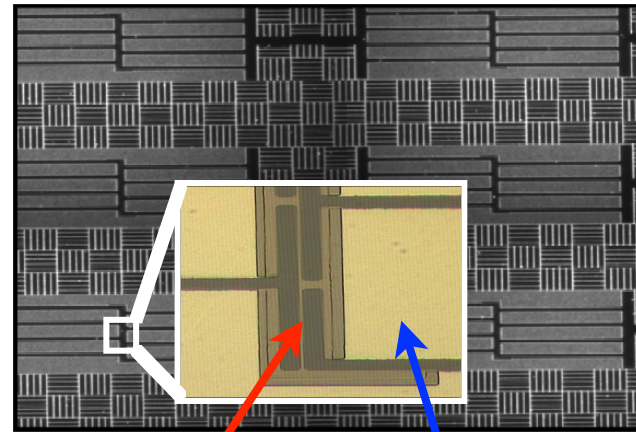
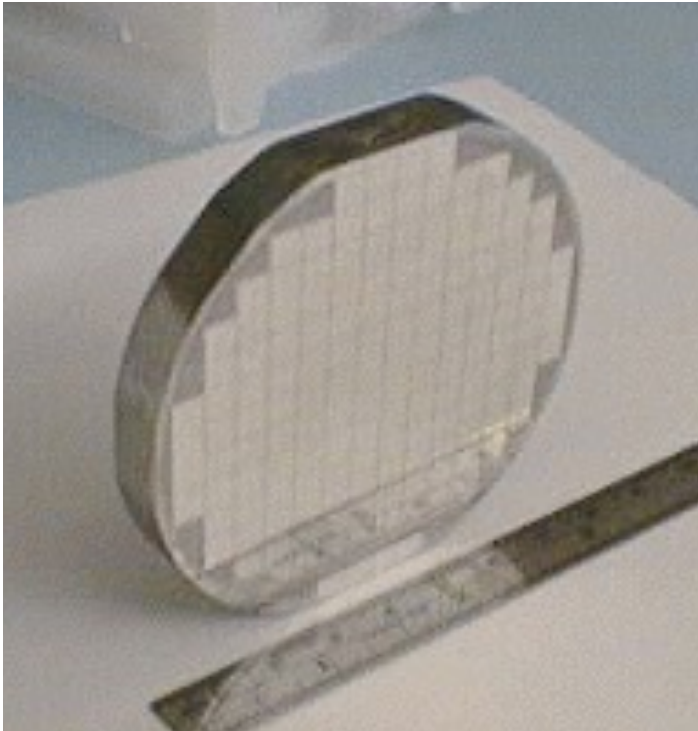
Using Sound to Detect Dark Matter

Interactions of any particle in a target cause acoustic vibrations: sound!
 In fact, most of the energy goes into sound. If we can detect this sound, we can measure very small energy depositions, and we can measure total energy irrespective of the type of particle.

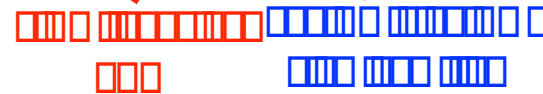


TES = transition edge sensor



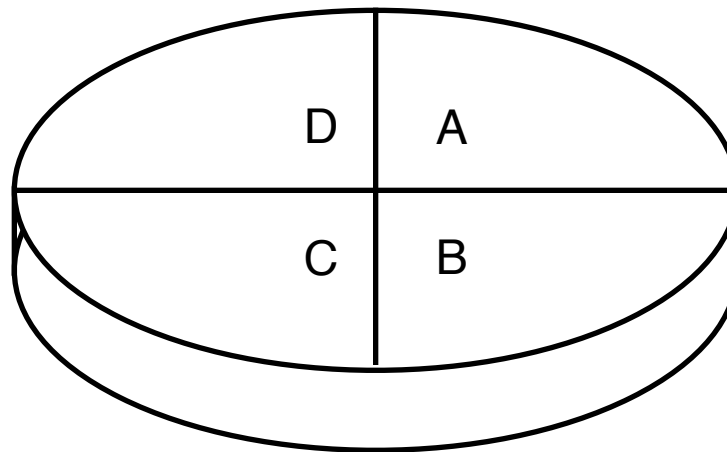


closeup
on
acoustic
sensor



7.5 cm x 1 cm germanium
or silicon crystal w/sensor
patterned on surface

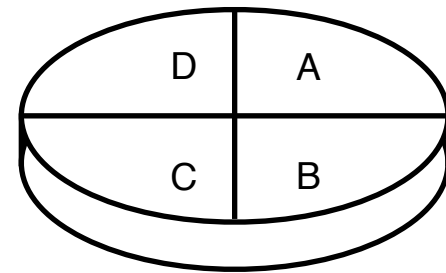
sensor segmented
into four quadrants to
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Position Reconstruction

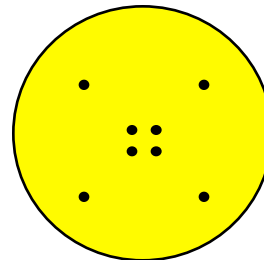
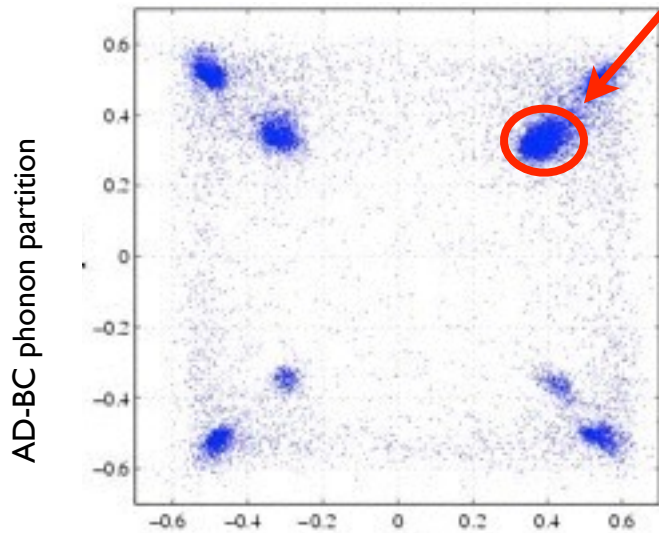


Sound speed $\sim 1 \text{ cm}/0.000001 \text{ s}$
Sensors measure position and energy.

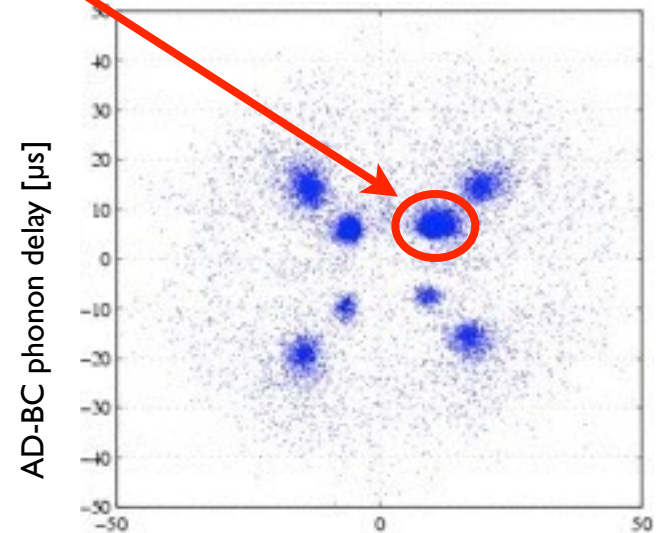


Collimated particle sources

Phonon Energy Partition



Phonon Timing



CD-AB phonon partition

CD-AB phonon delay [μs]

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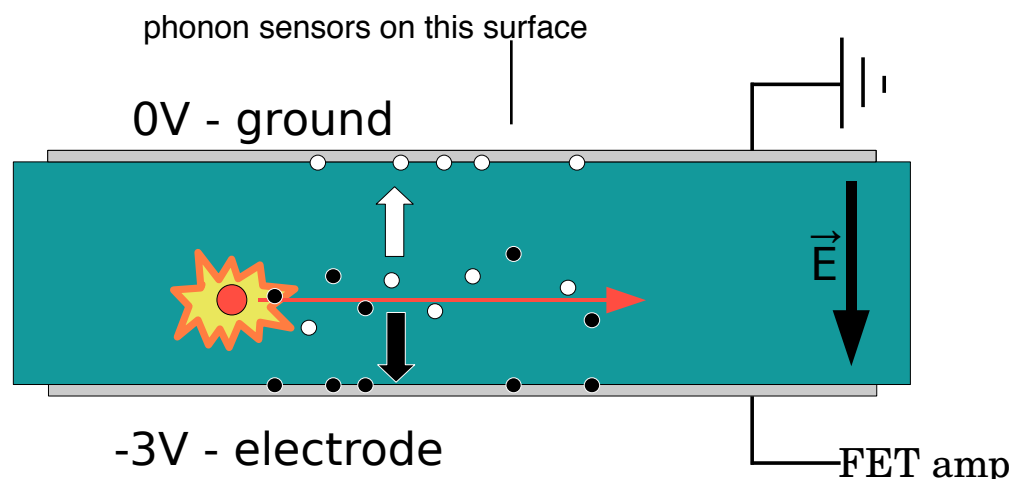
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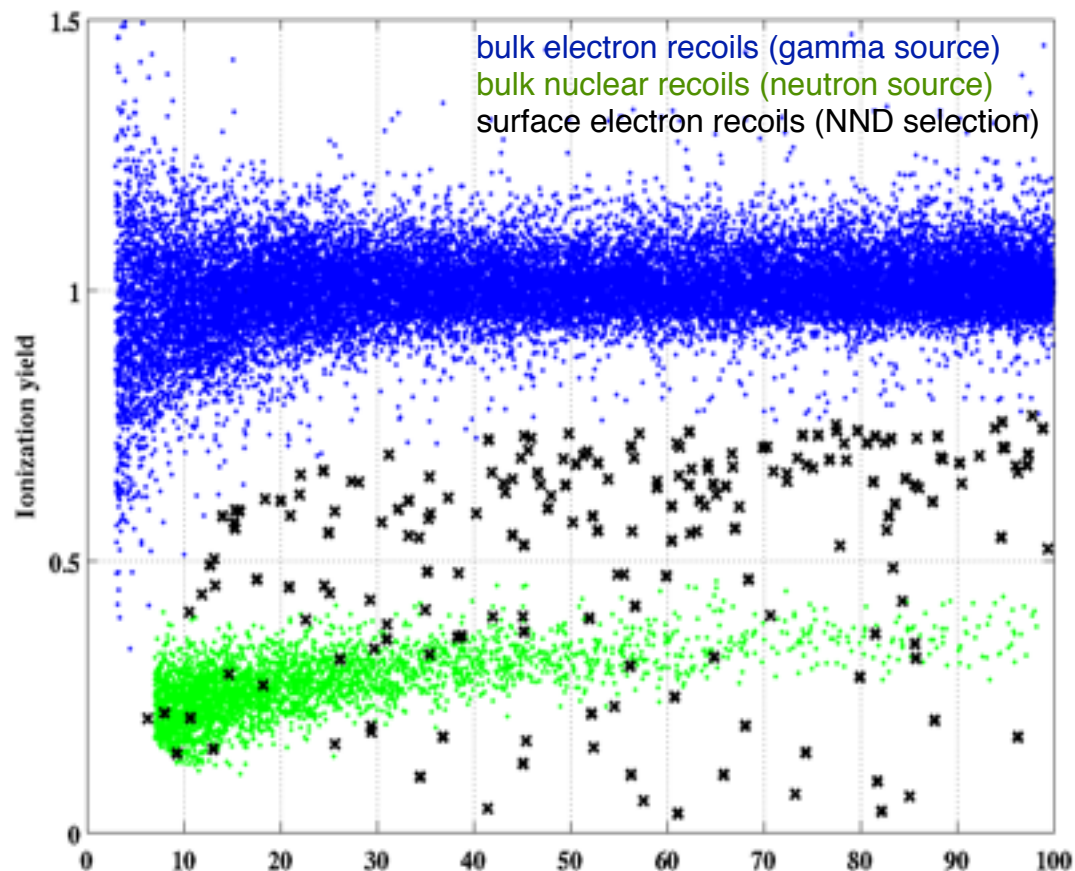
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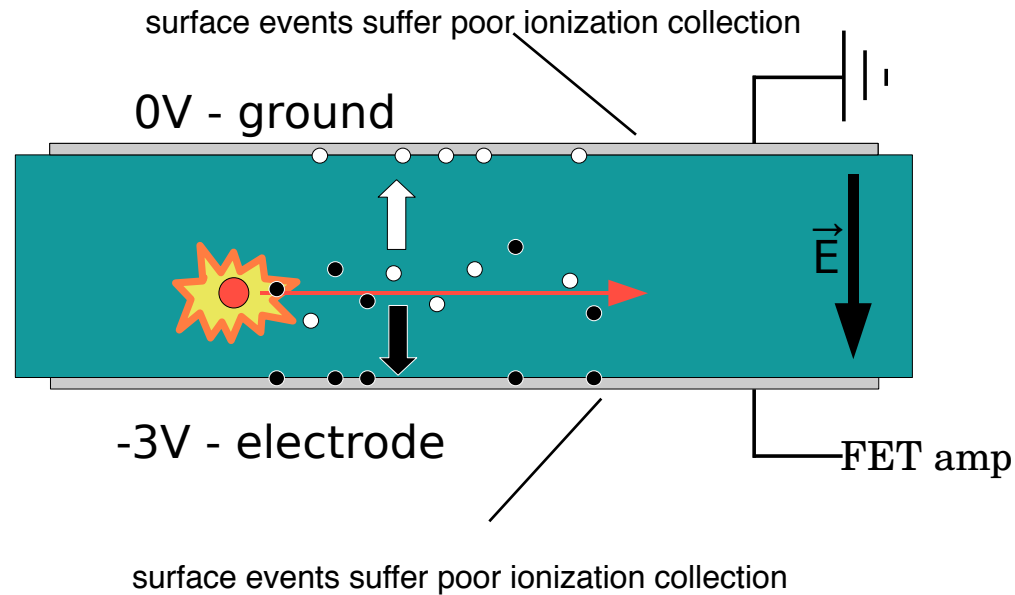
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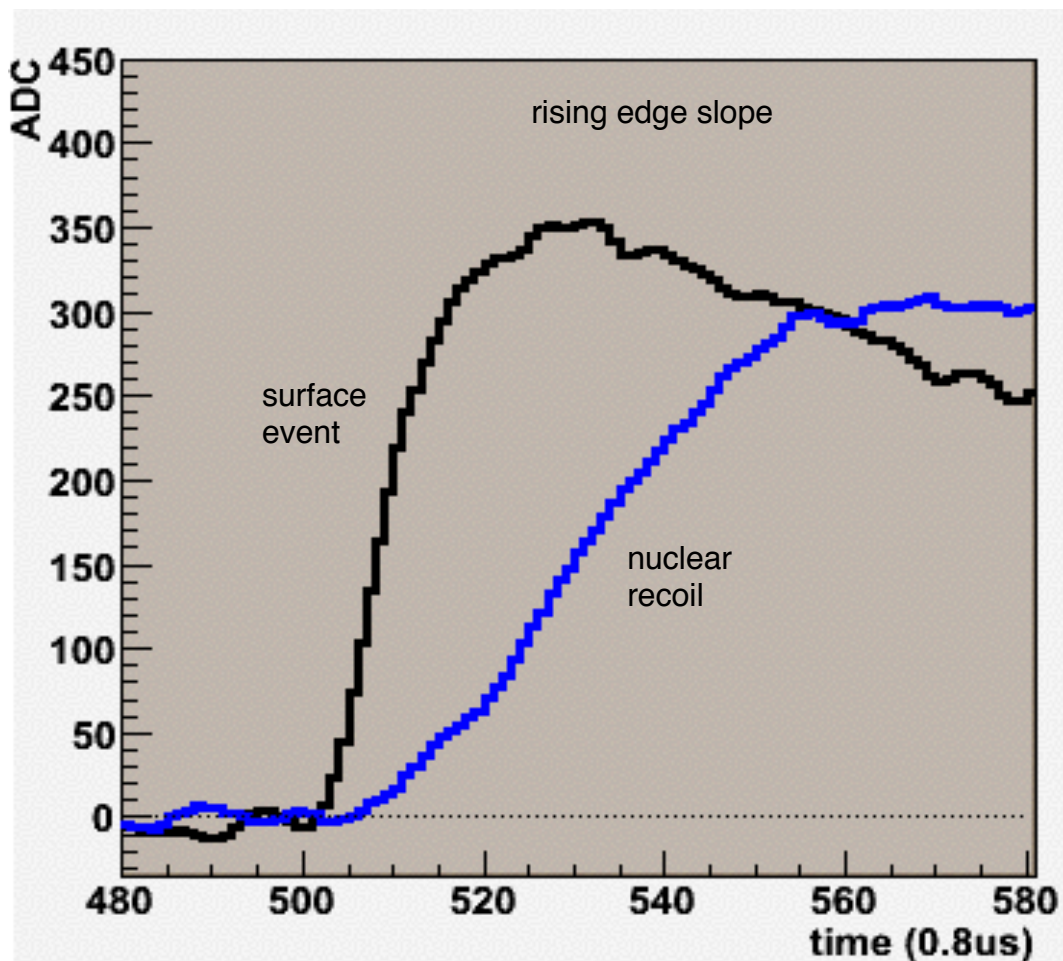
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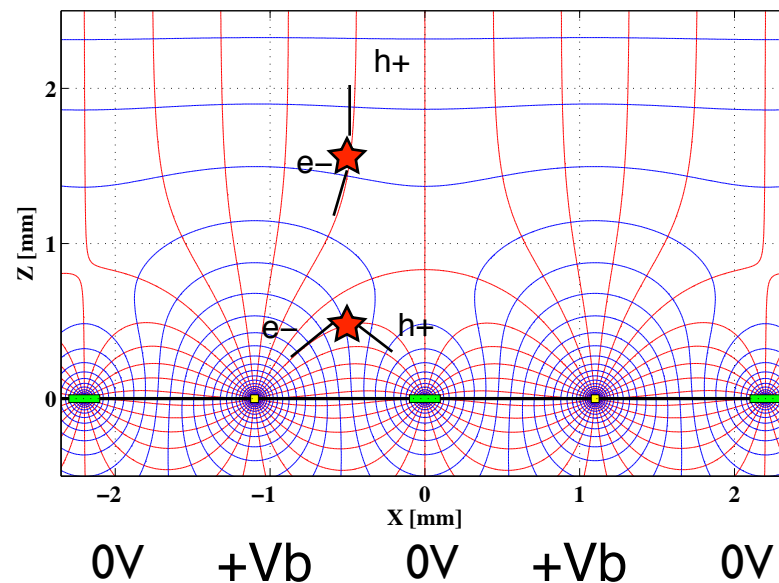
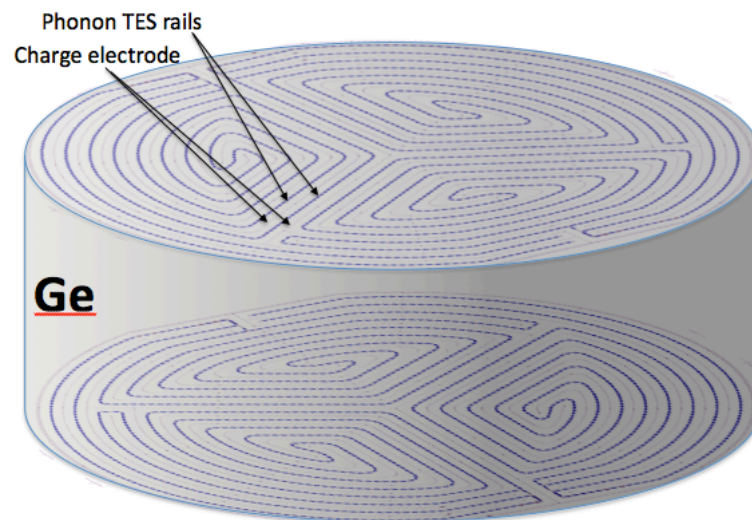
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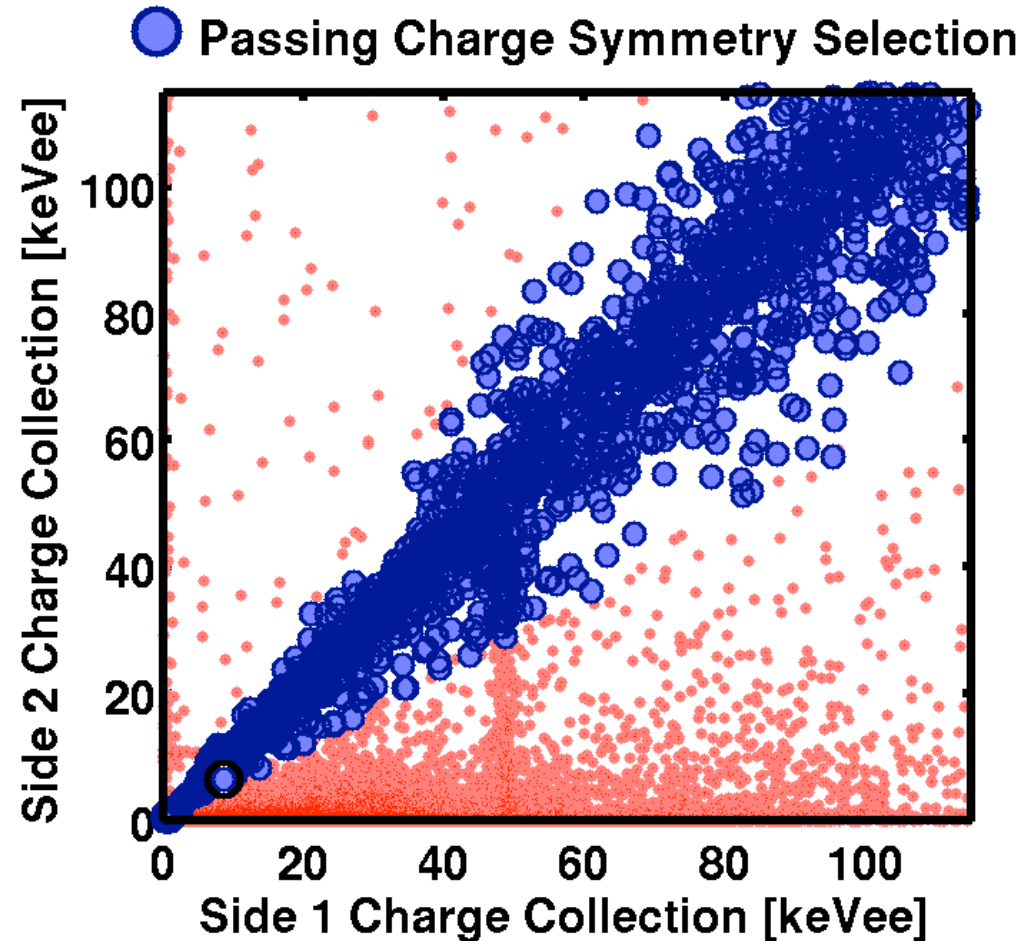
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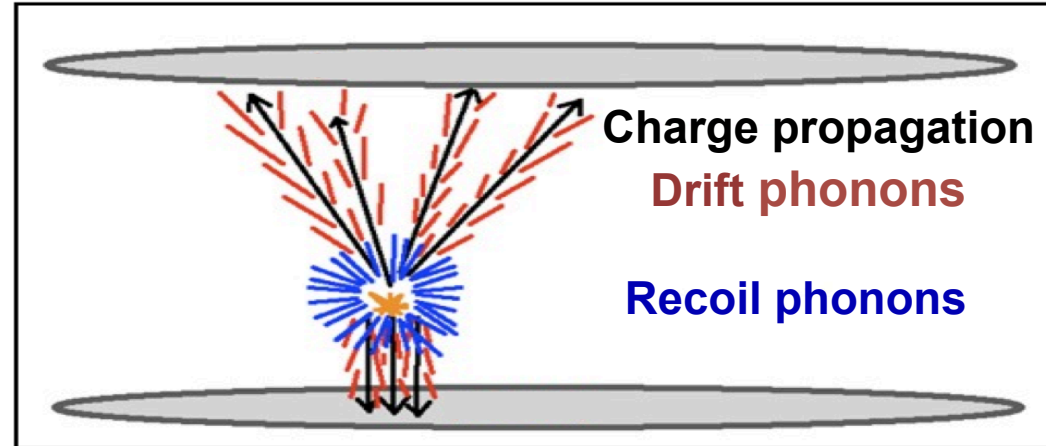
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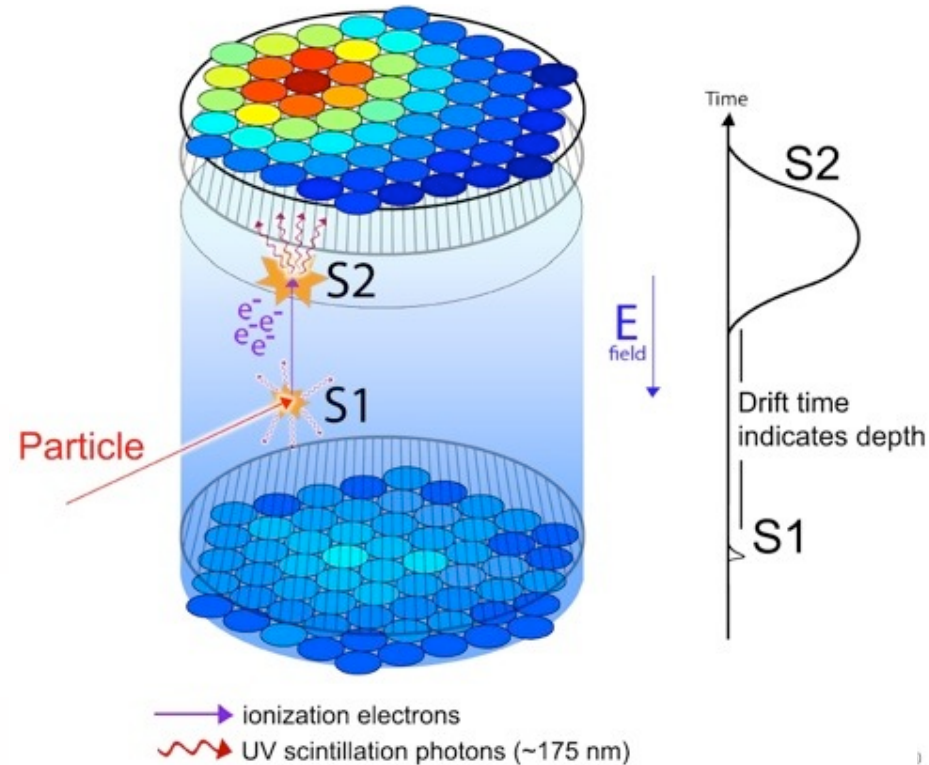
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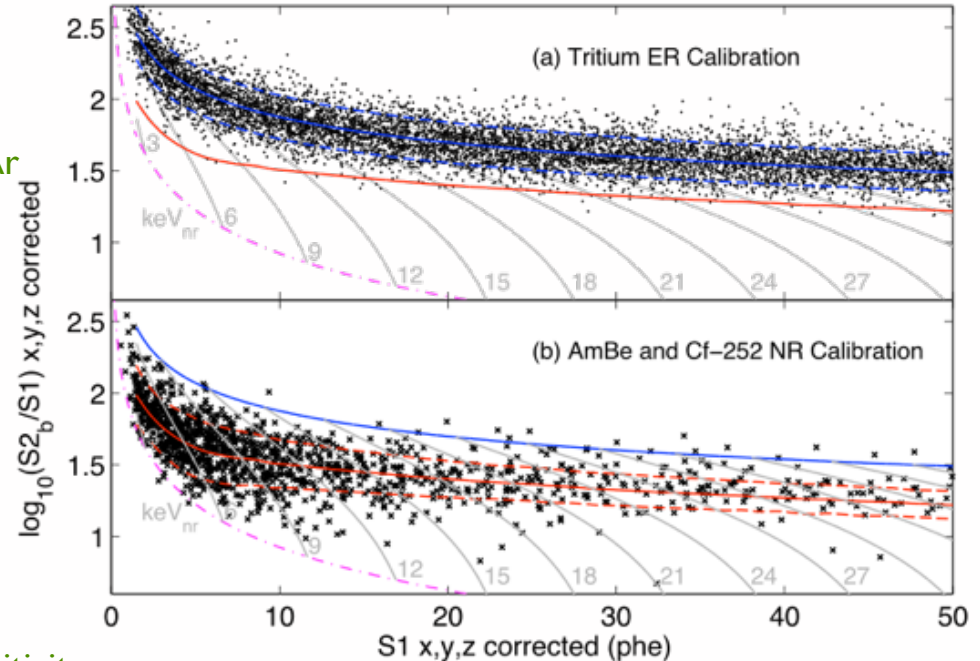
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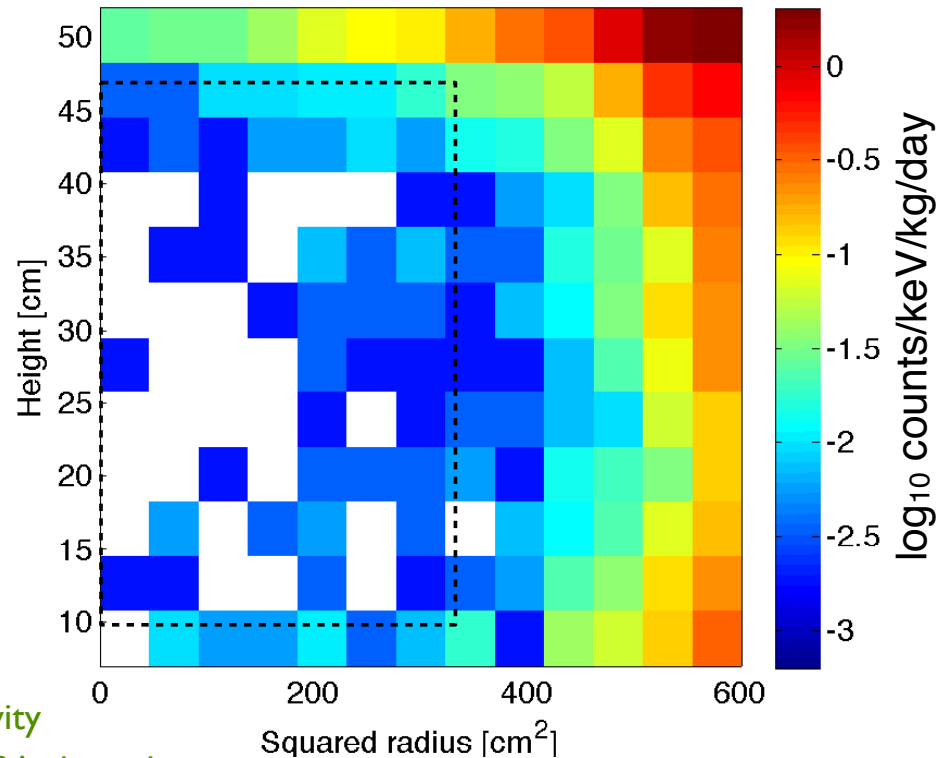
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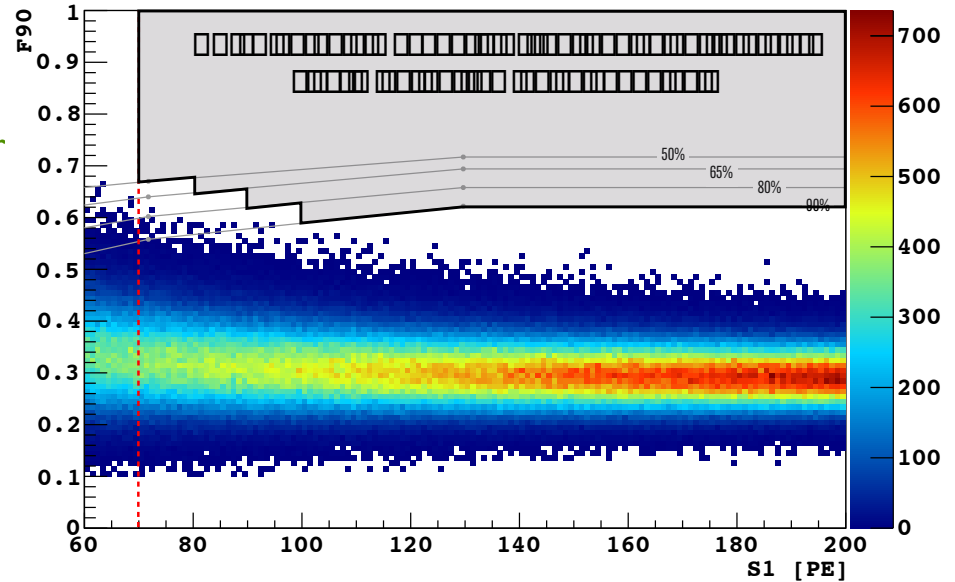
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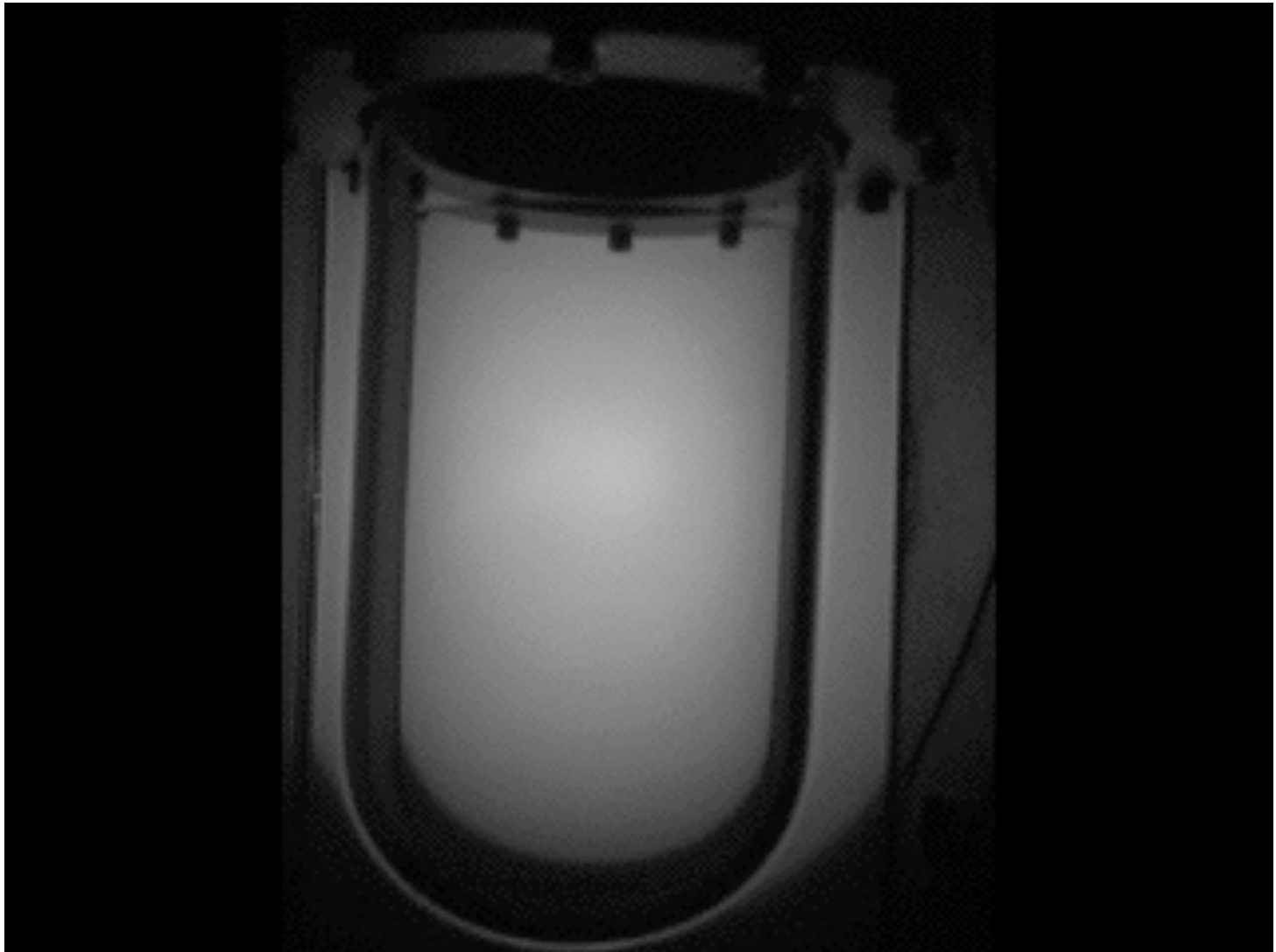
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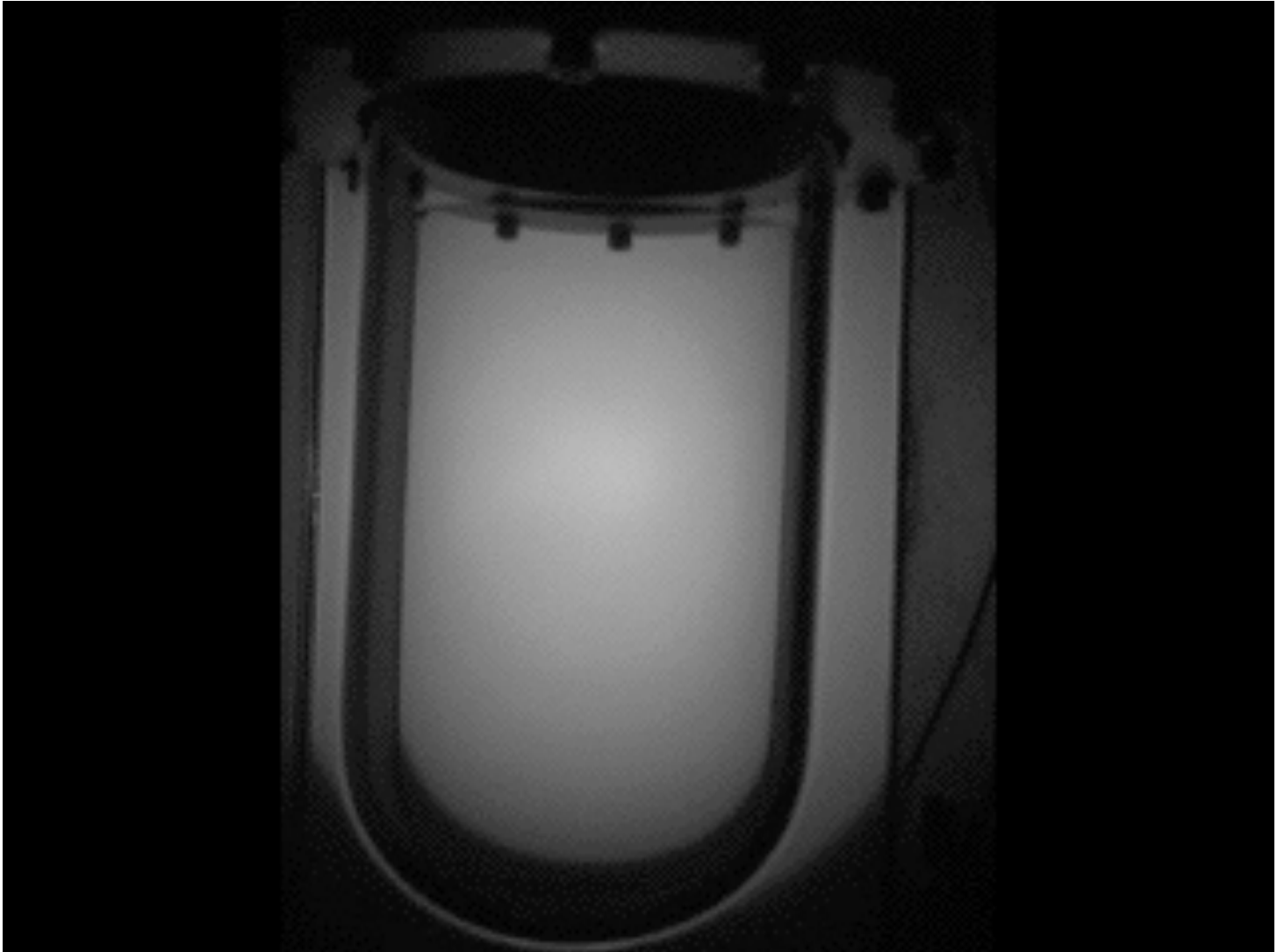
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In action: triple neutron scatter



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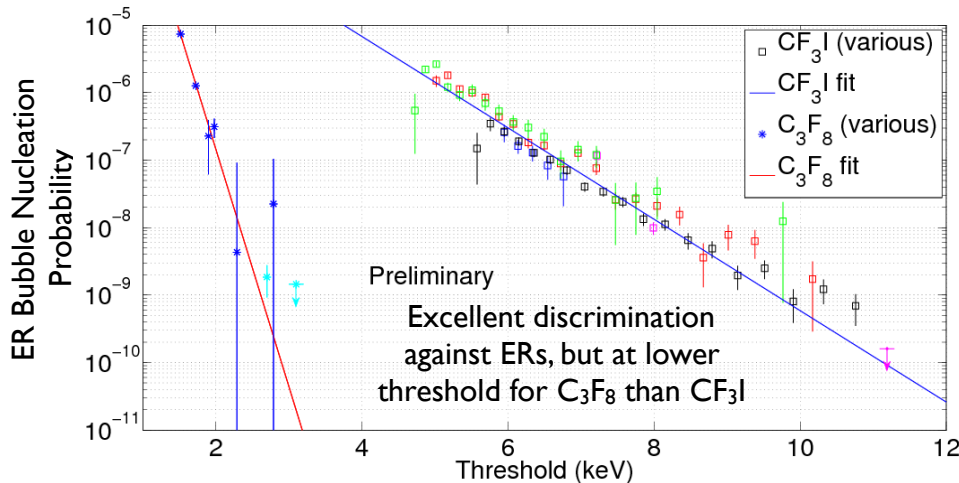
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Bubble Chambers

Classic Seitz bubble theory gave incredible discrimination against ERs



But: alphas from Rn contamination

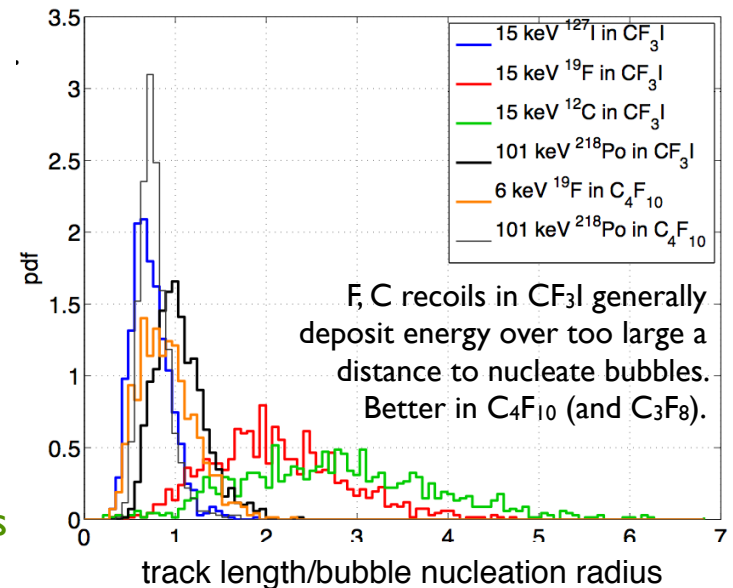
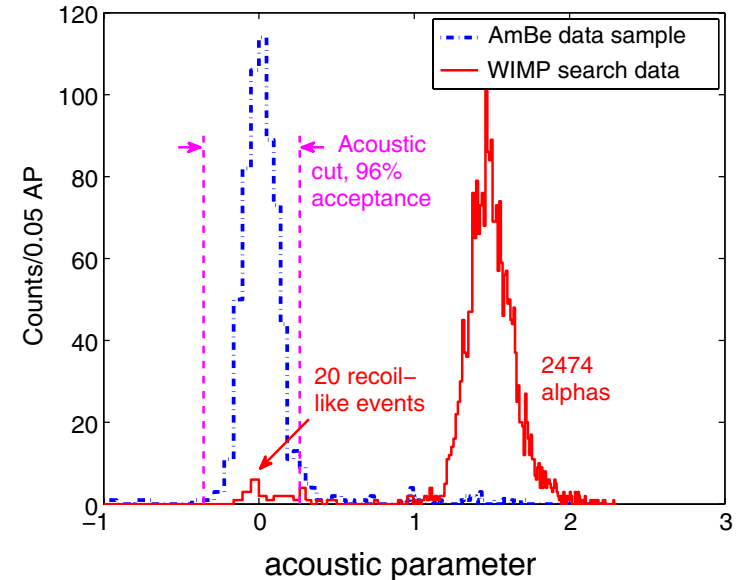
→ acoustic measurements discriminate alphas

Higher threshold, poorer F (and C) recoil efficiency than desired in CF_3I

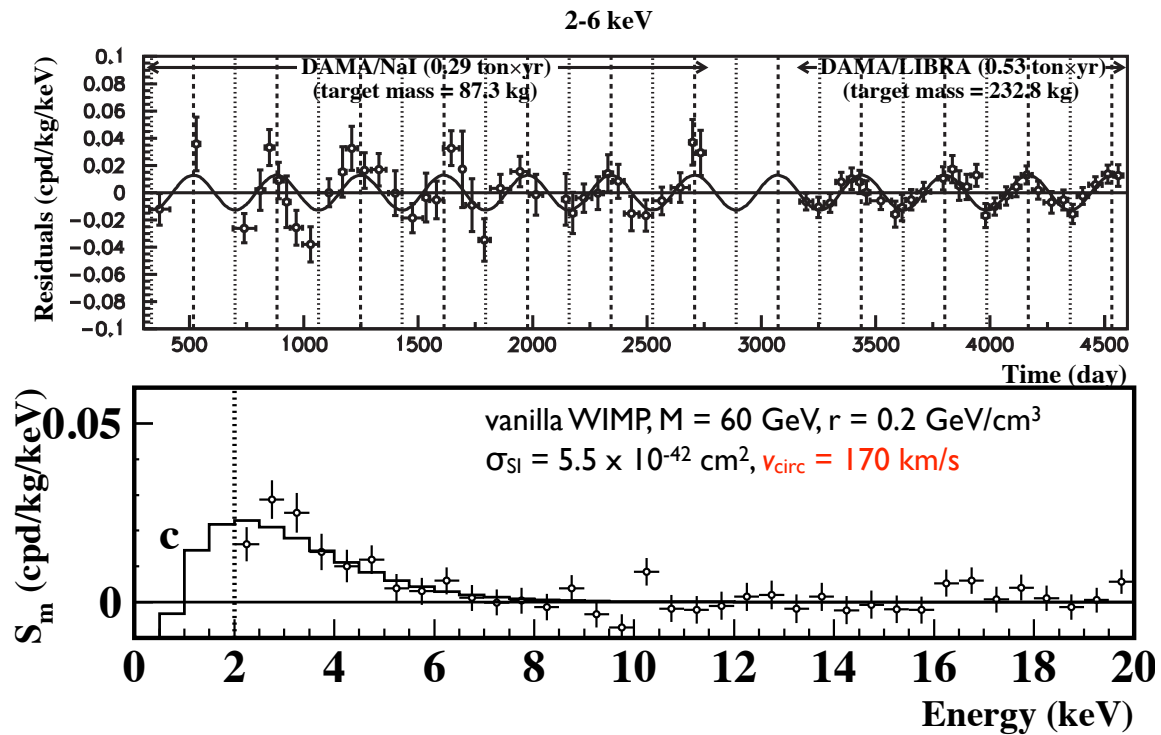
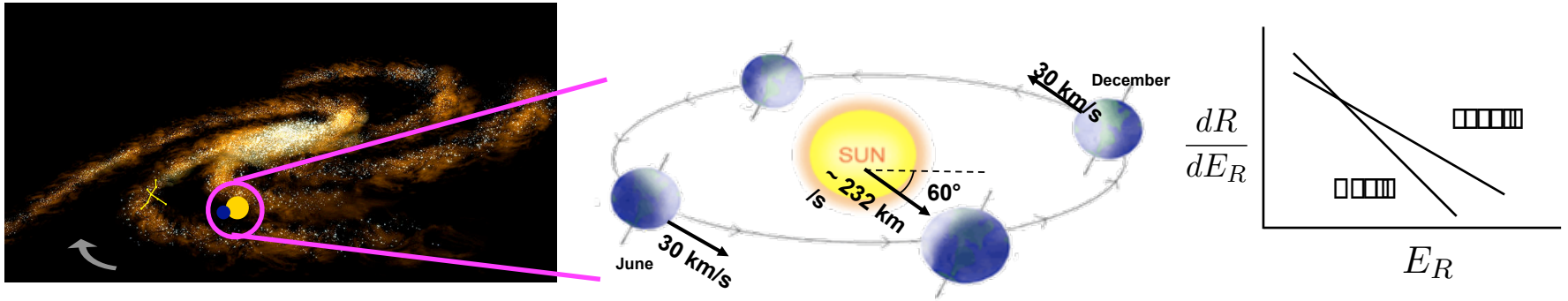
→ develop C_3F_8

No energy information

Develop bubble chambers with scintillating materials



Annual Modulation



Innovation in Techniques: Addressing DAMA

DAMA annual modulation a sore point for community

Huge statistical significance

No other existing expt uses

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New efforts to test underway!

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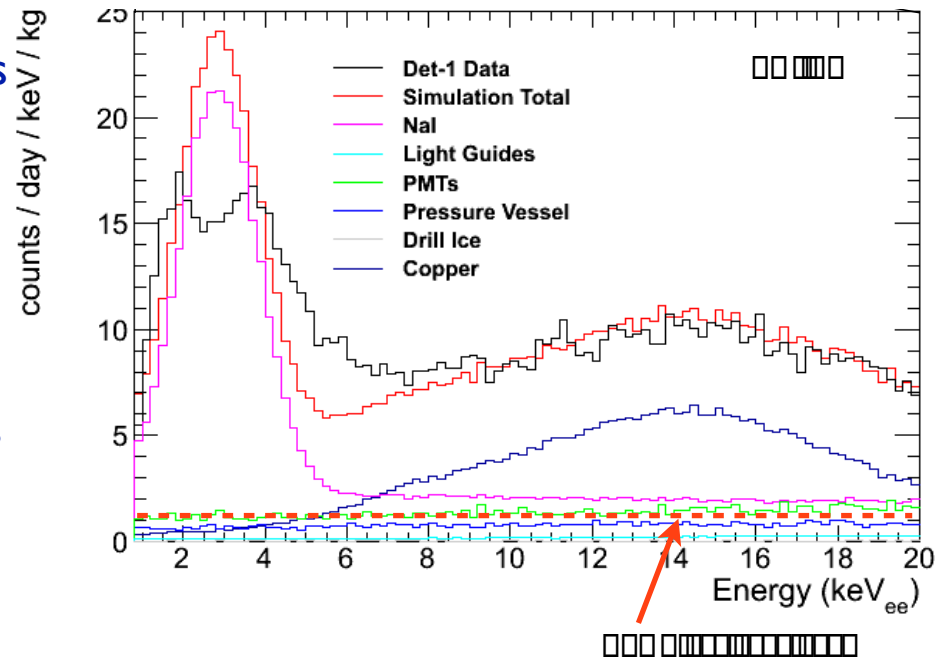
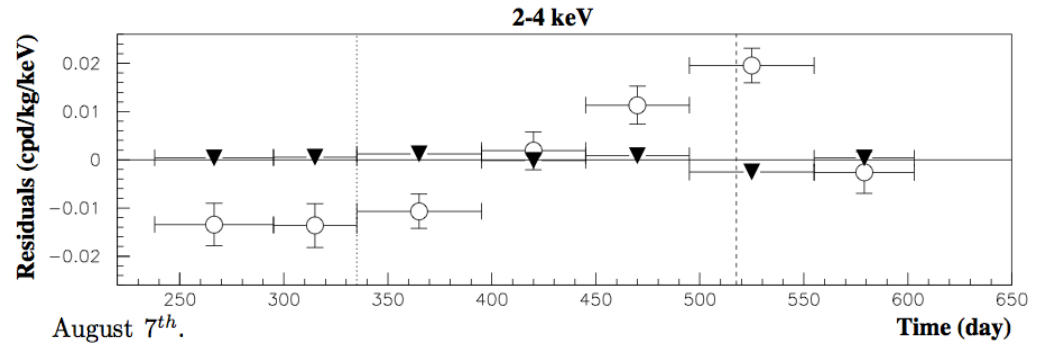
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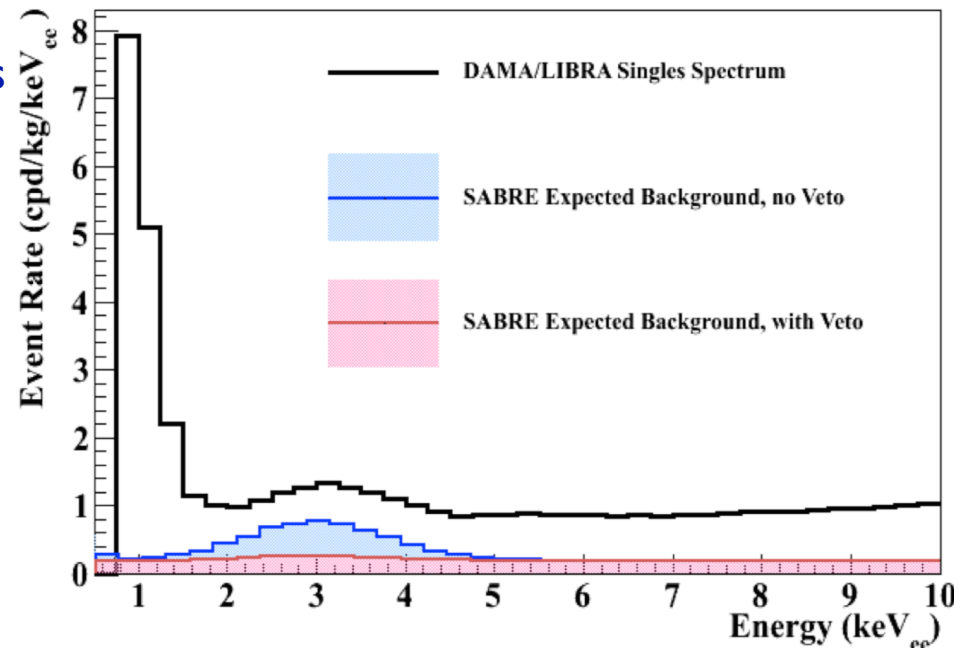
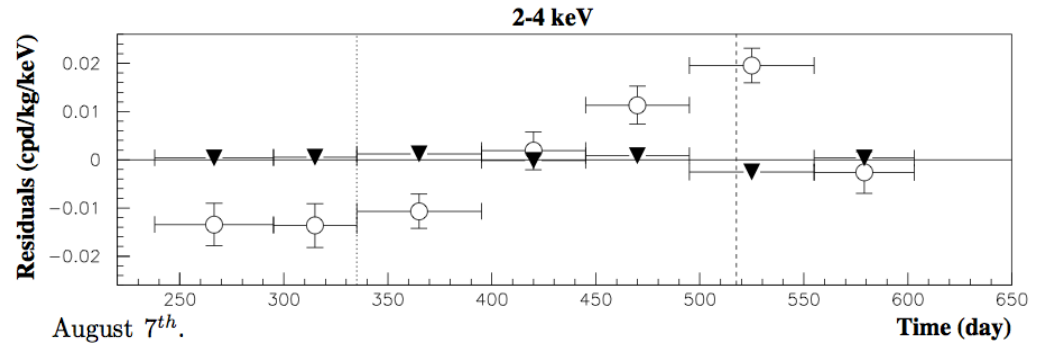
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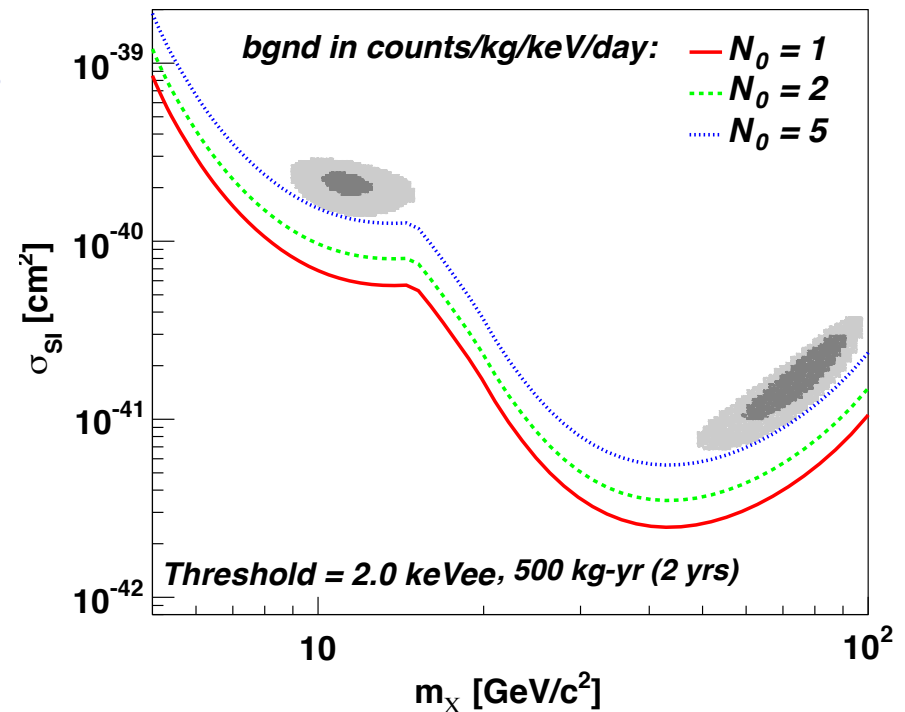
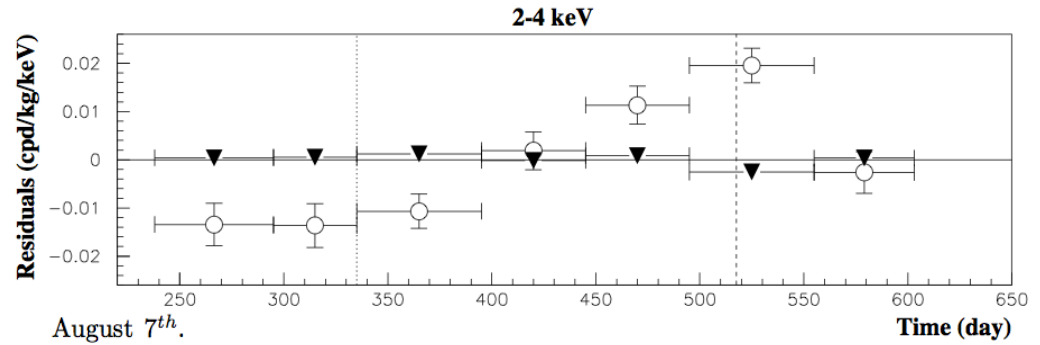
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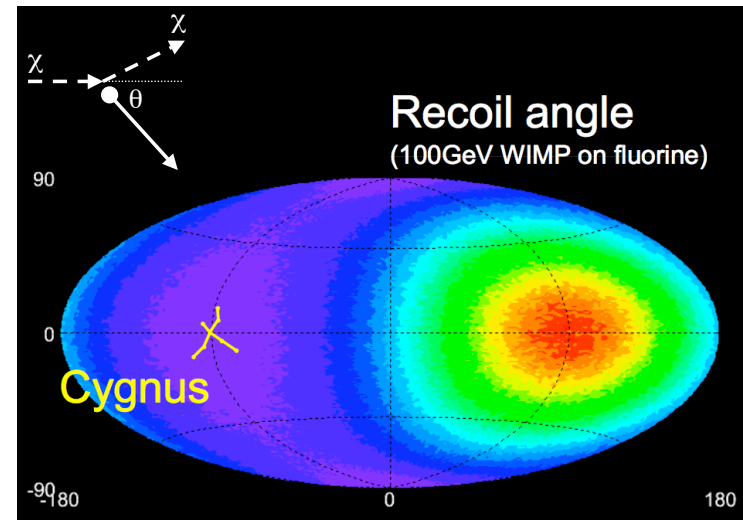
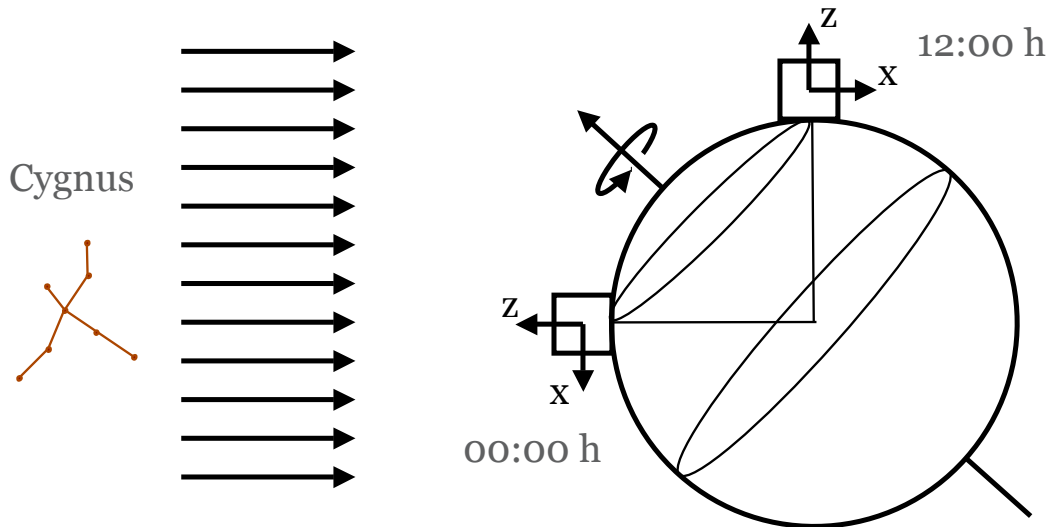
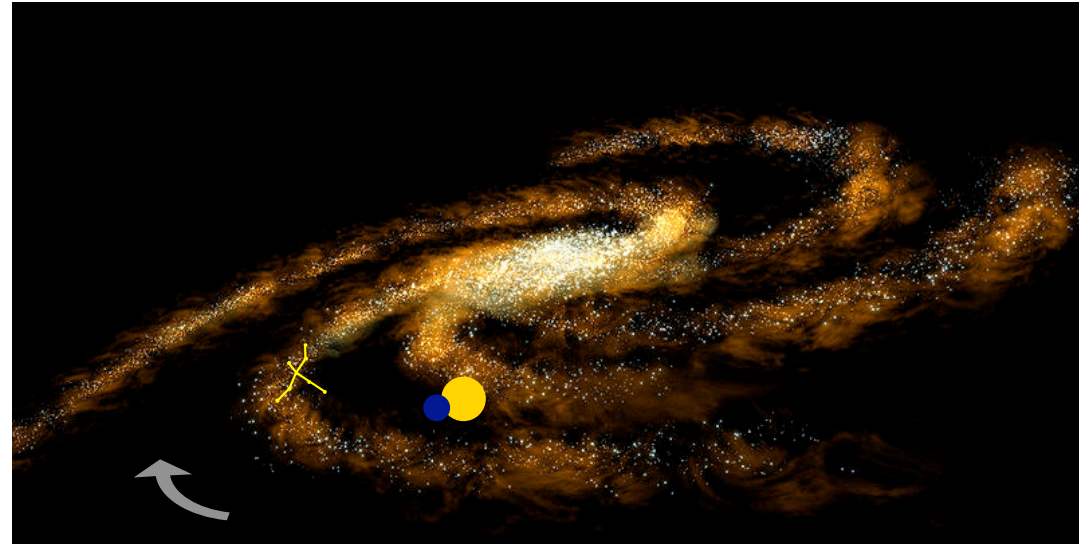
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Diurnal Modulation

- WIMPs directional in terrestrial frame
- Direction of WIMP wind varies diurnally due to Earth's rotation
- Recoiling nucleus will preserve some directionality
- Large modulation (\sim DC signal) possible in theory
- Backgrounds will be unmodulated



Figures courtesy of J. Battat

Time Projection Chambers

Goal: reconstruct the direction of the recoiling particle to obtain information about direction of incoming WIMP and thereby make use of diurnal modulation

Time Projection Chamber method:

recoiling particle creates ionization track in gas

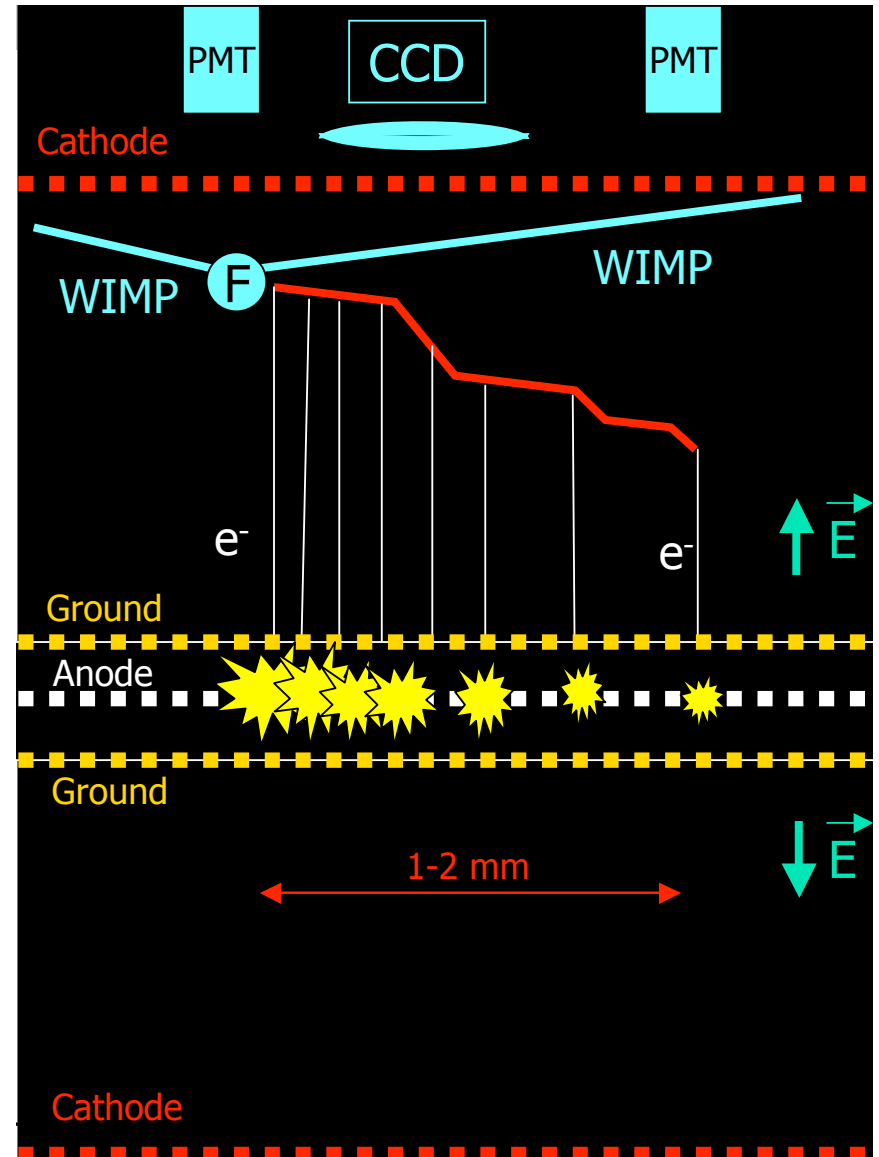
apply E field to drift track to amplification region

take picture of scintillation light created as track creates avalanche

reconstruct x, y, z image of track

energy and dE/dx from scintillation light intensity

Very promising, but difficult to get lots of target mass (~100s of grams per m³ chamber)



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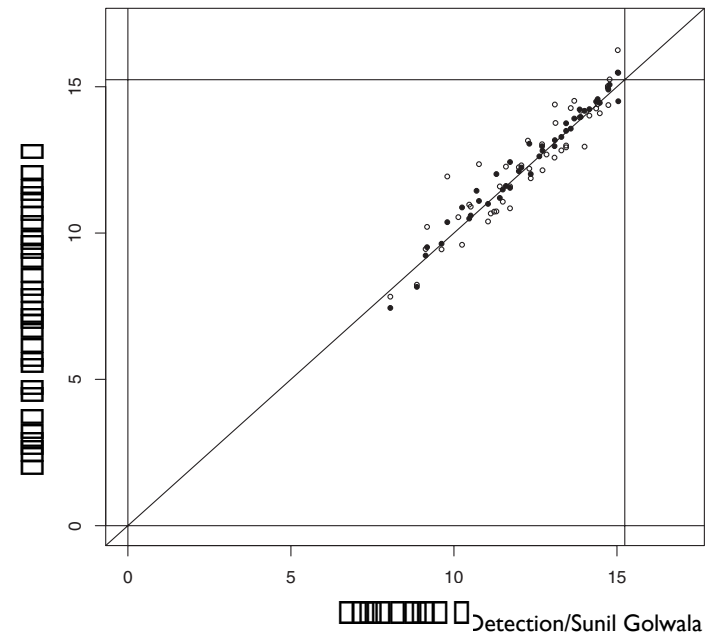
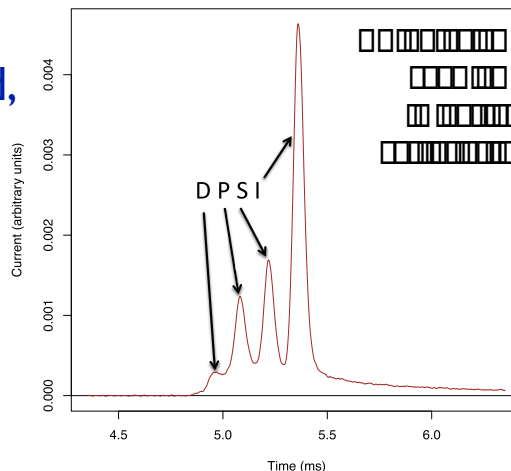
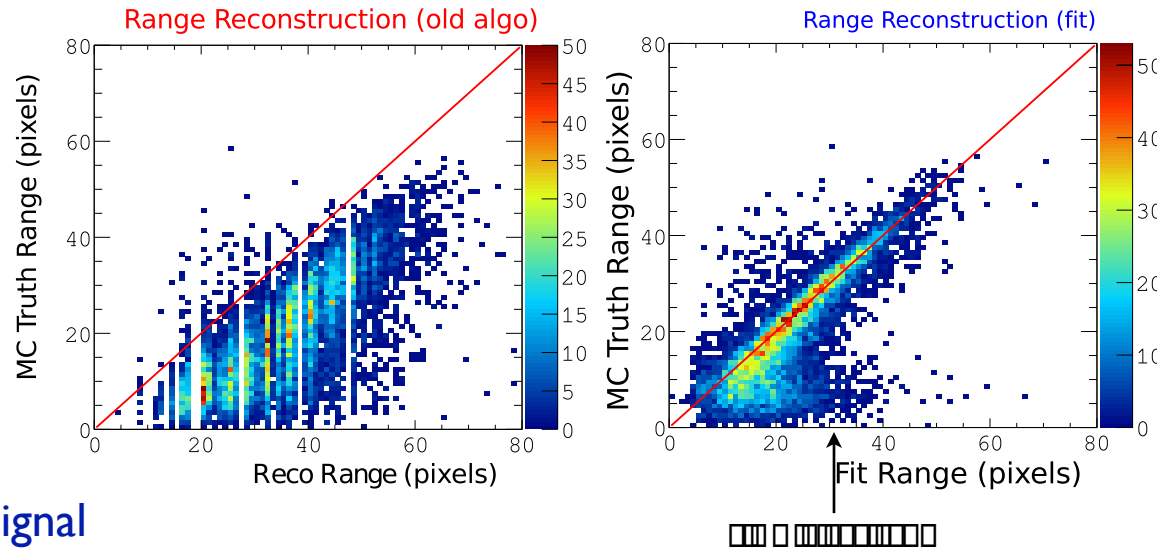
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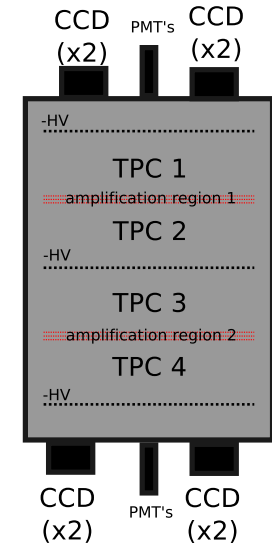
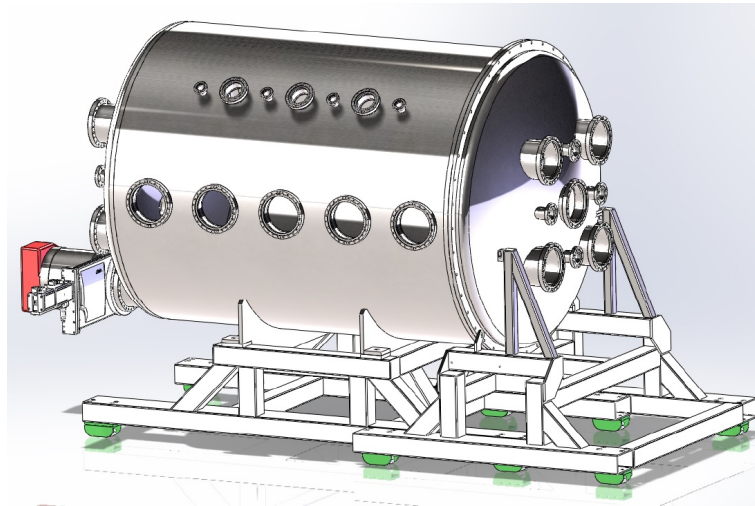


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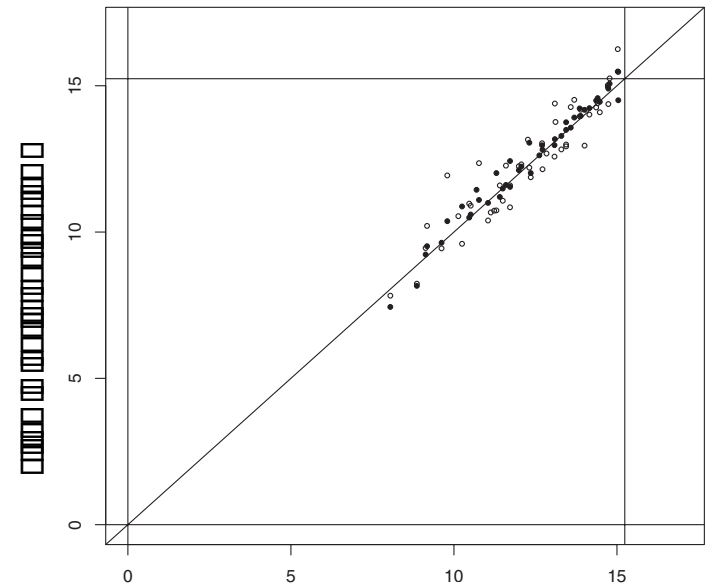
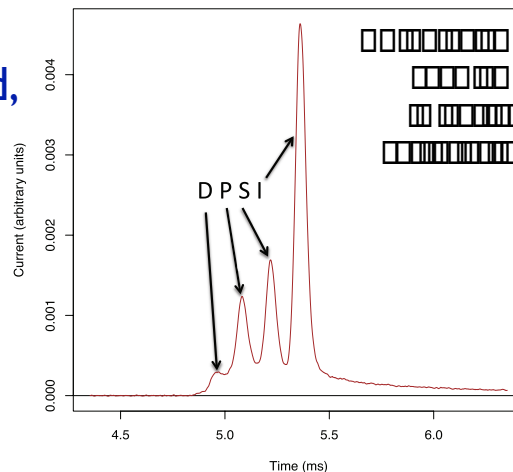


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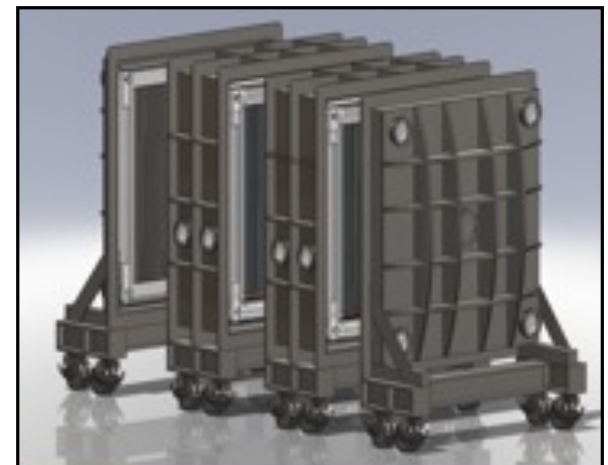
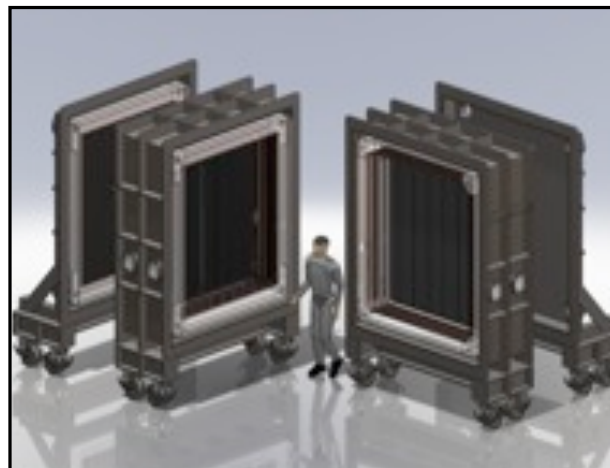
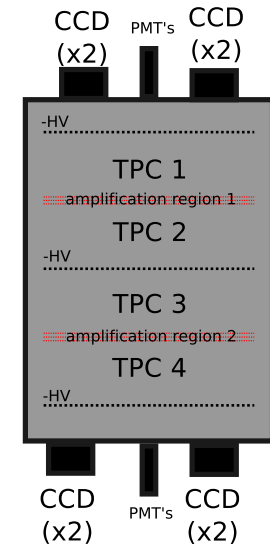
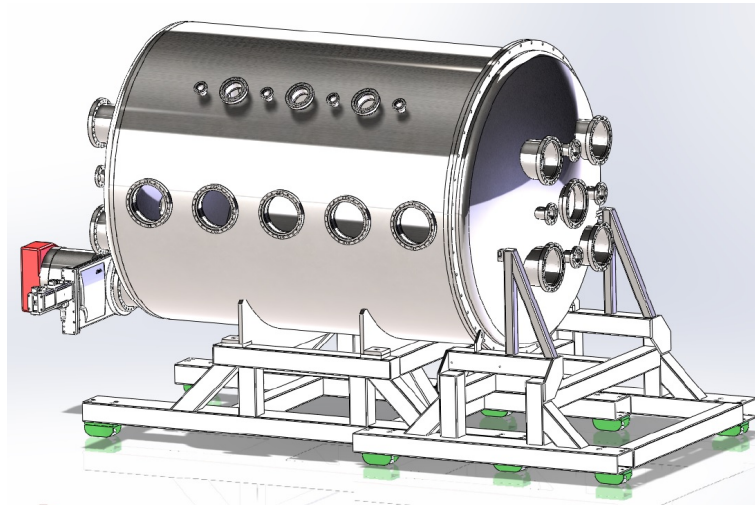
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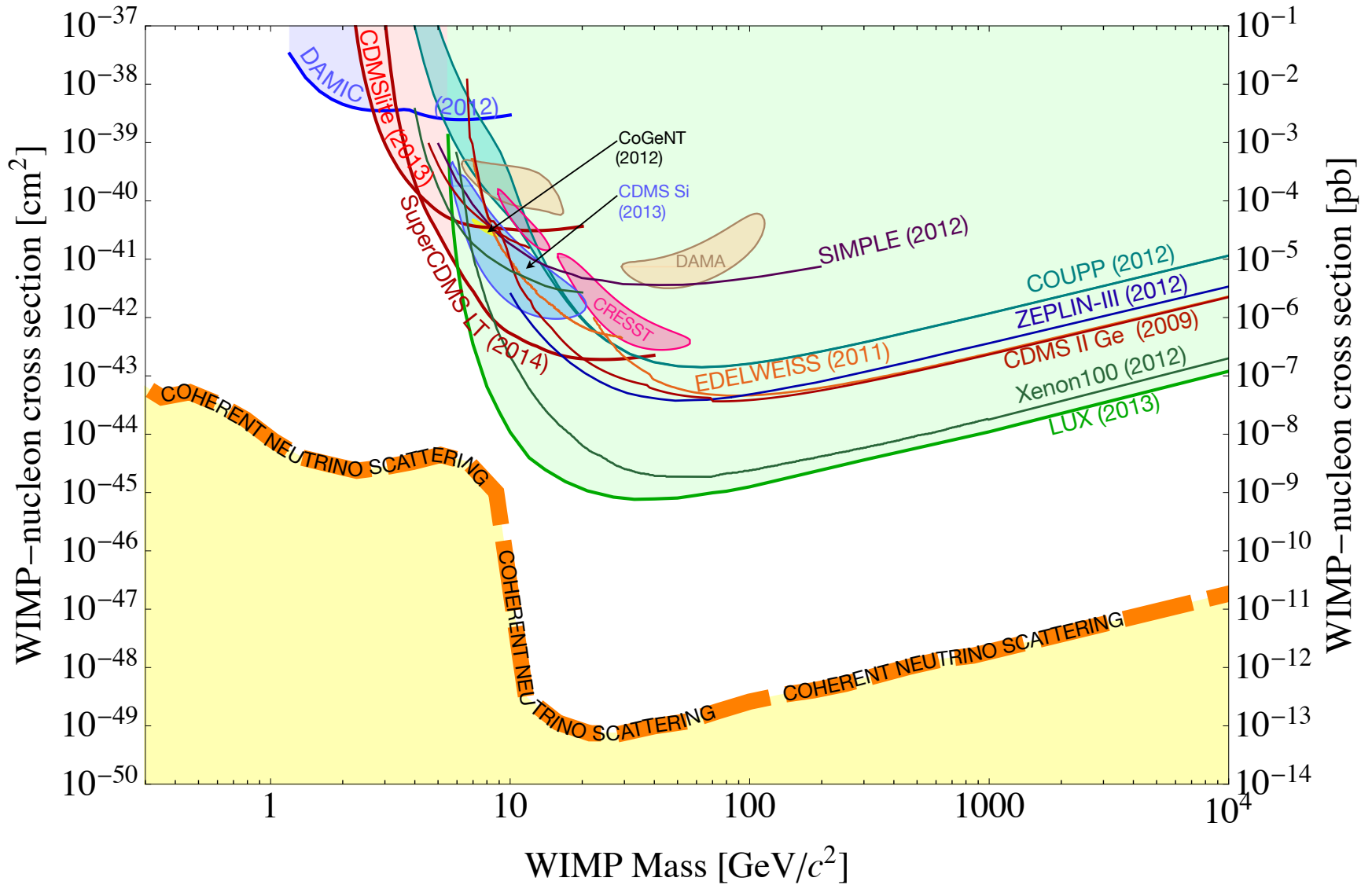
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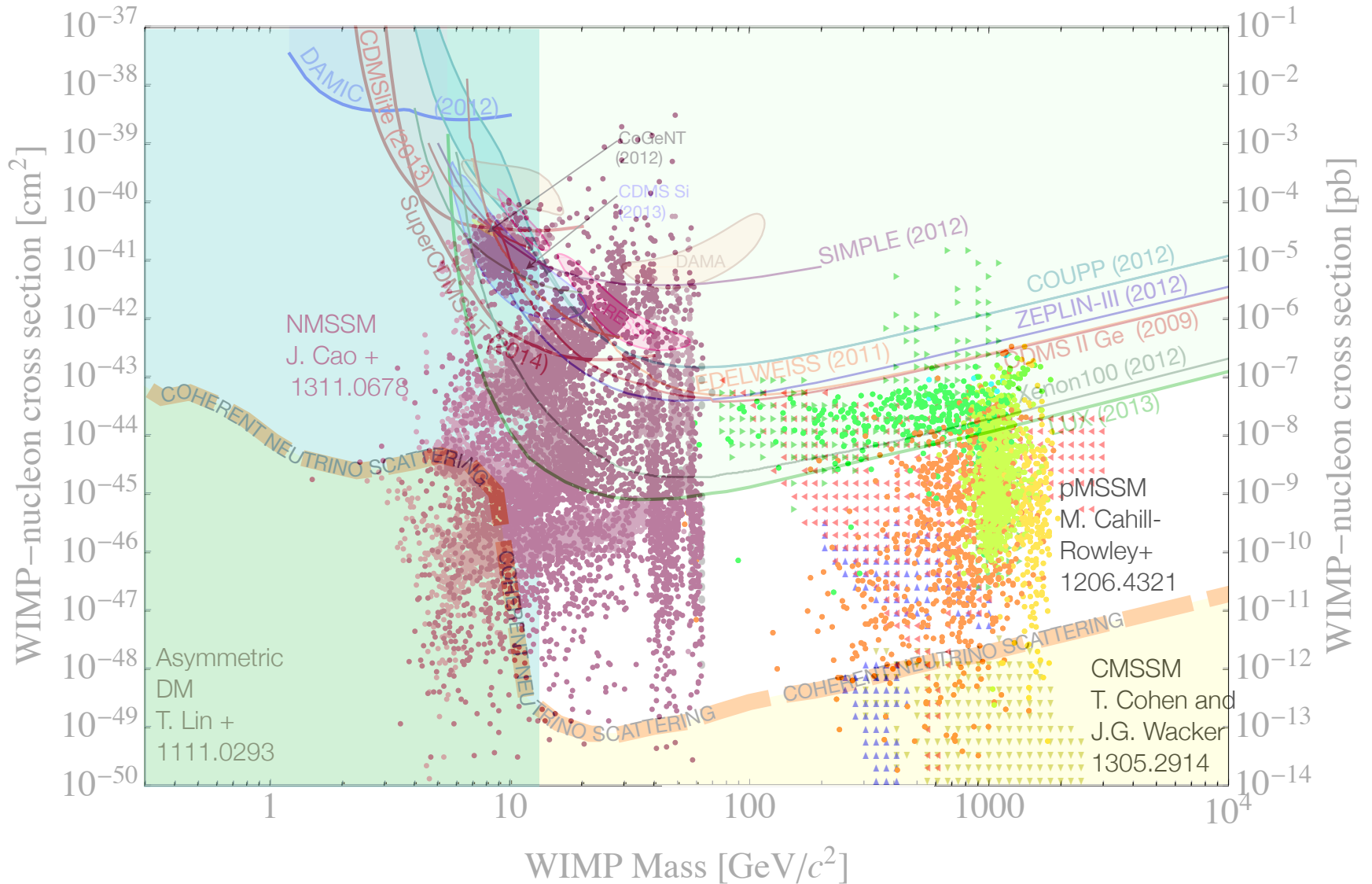
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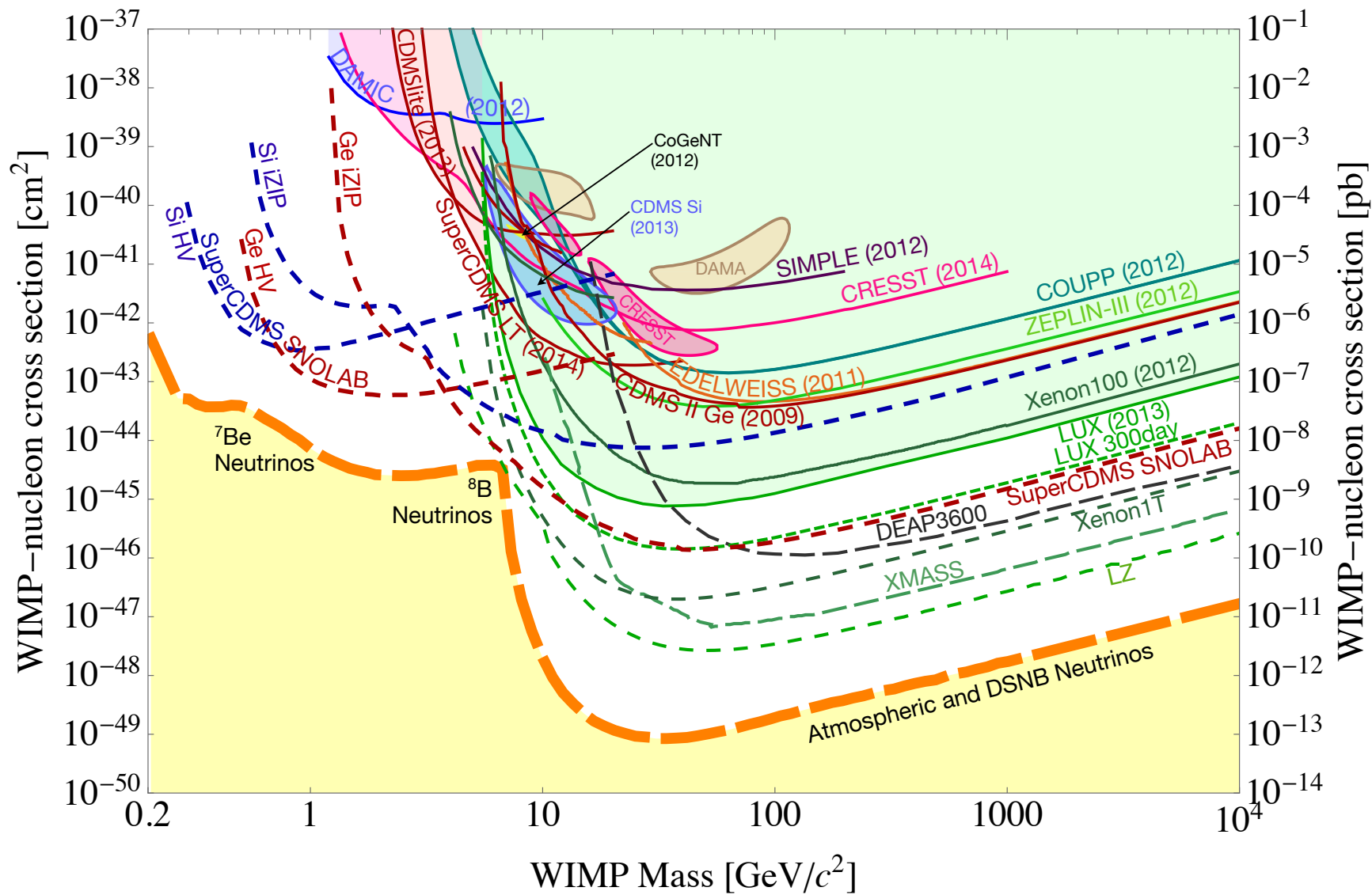
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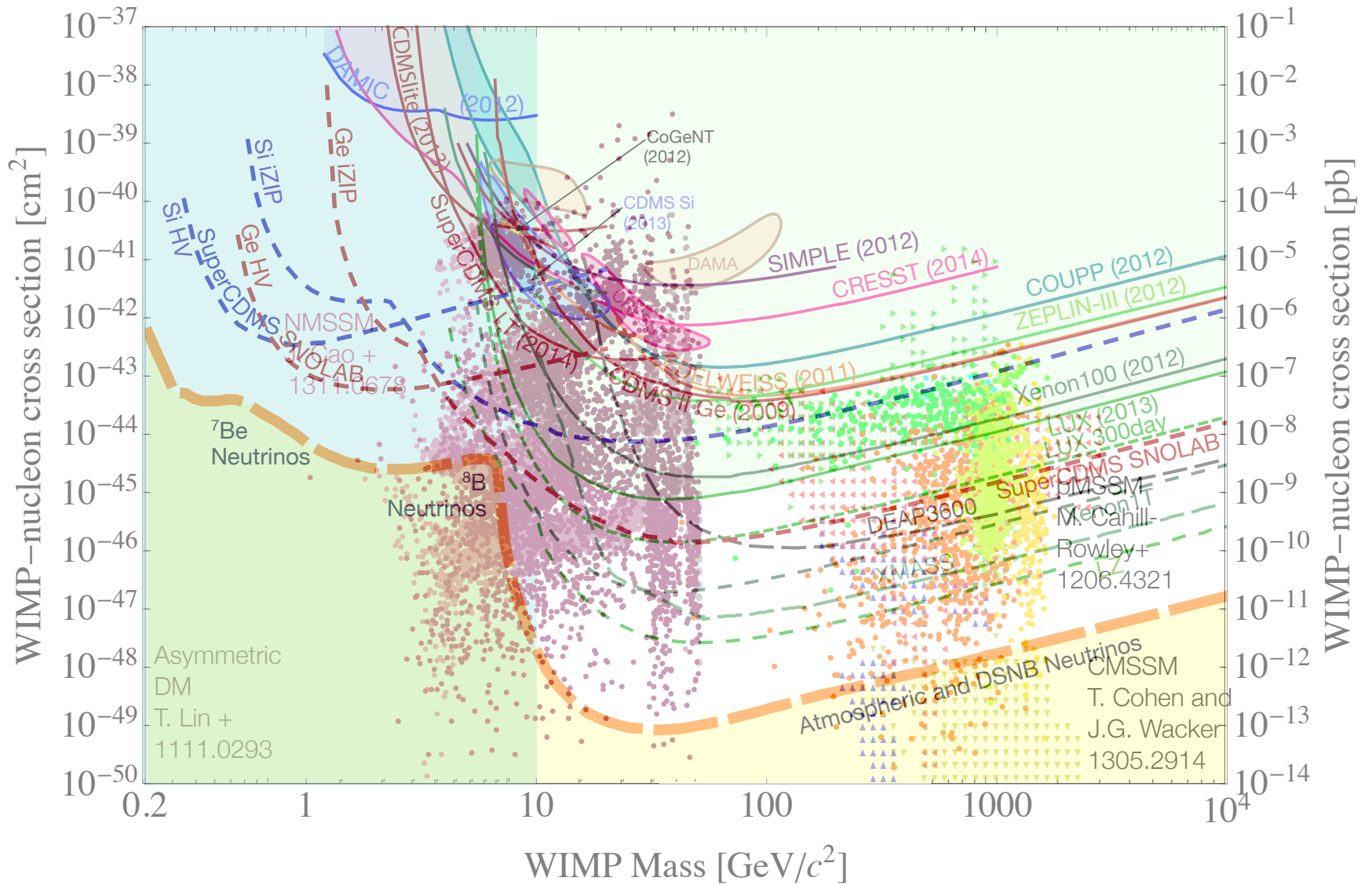
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Future of the Field



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A View to the Future

We would like to see:

Accelerator production via multiple consistent channels

Indirect detection in multiple channels with consistent parameters

Direct detection in multiple targets

Eventually, direct detection with recoiling particle directionality

These will tell us:

The couplings of dark matter to a variety of normal matter particles

The local density and velocity structure of the dark matter halo

The dark matter abundance globally in the halo of our galaxy and in nearby galaxies

Is what we detect enough?

A lot of work to do!