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# On **Taxonomy**, **Taxidermy**, and Dark Matter

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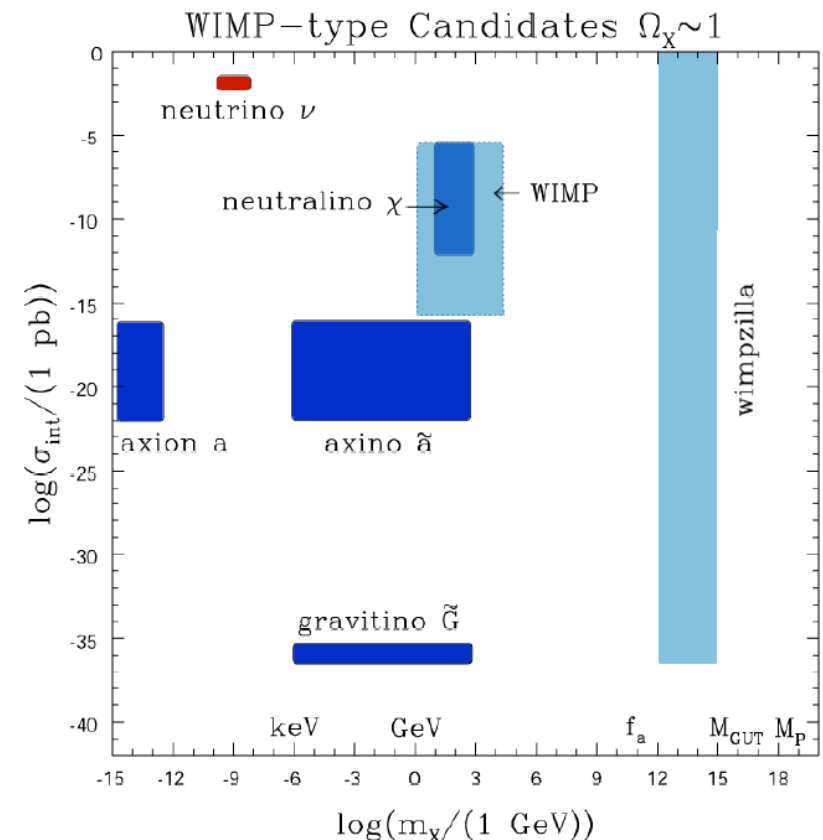
# We don't know yet what DM is... but we do know many of its **properties**

Good candidates for Dark Matter have to fulfil the following conditions

- Neutral (\*)
- Stable on cosmological scales (\*)
- Reproduce the correct relic abundance (\*)
- Not excluded by current searches
- No conflicts with BBN or stellar evolution

Many candidates in Particle Physics

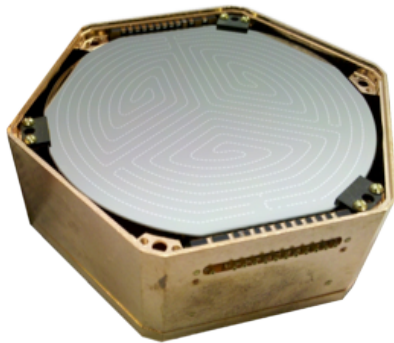
- Axions and ALPs
- **Weakly Interacting Massive Particles (WIMPs)**
- Sterile Neutrinos
- SuperWIMPs and Decaying DM
- WIMPzillas
- Asymmetric DM
- SIMPs, CHAMPs, SIDMs
- Bose Einstein Condensate ...



... they have very different properties

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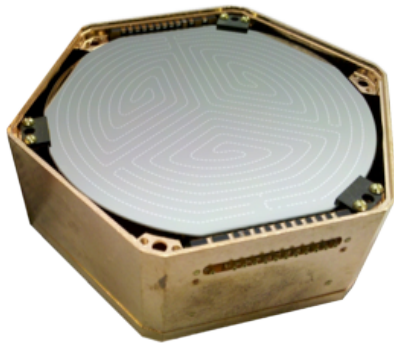
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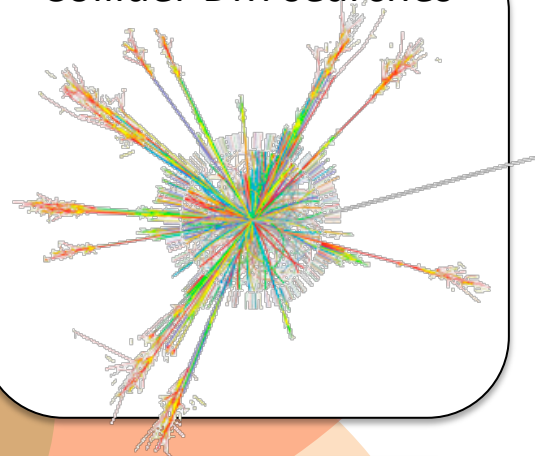
Weakly-Interacting Massive Particles  
Inelastic DM  
Axion-like particles  
Millicharged particles

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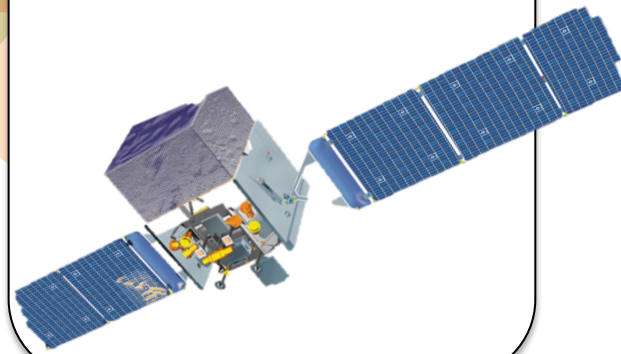
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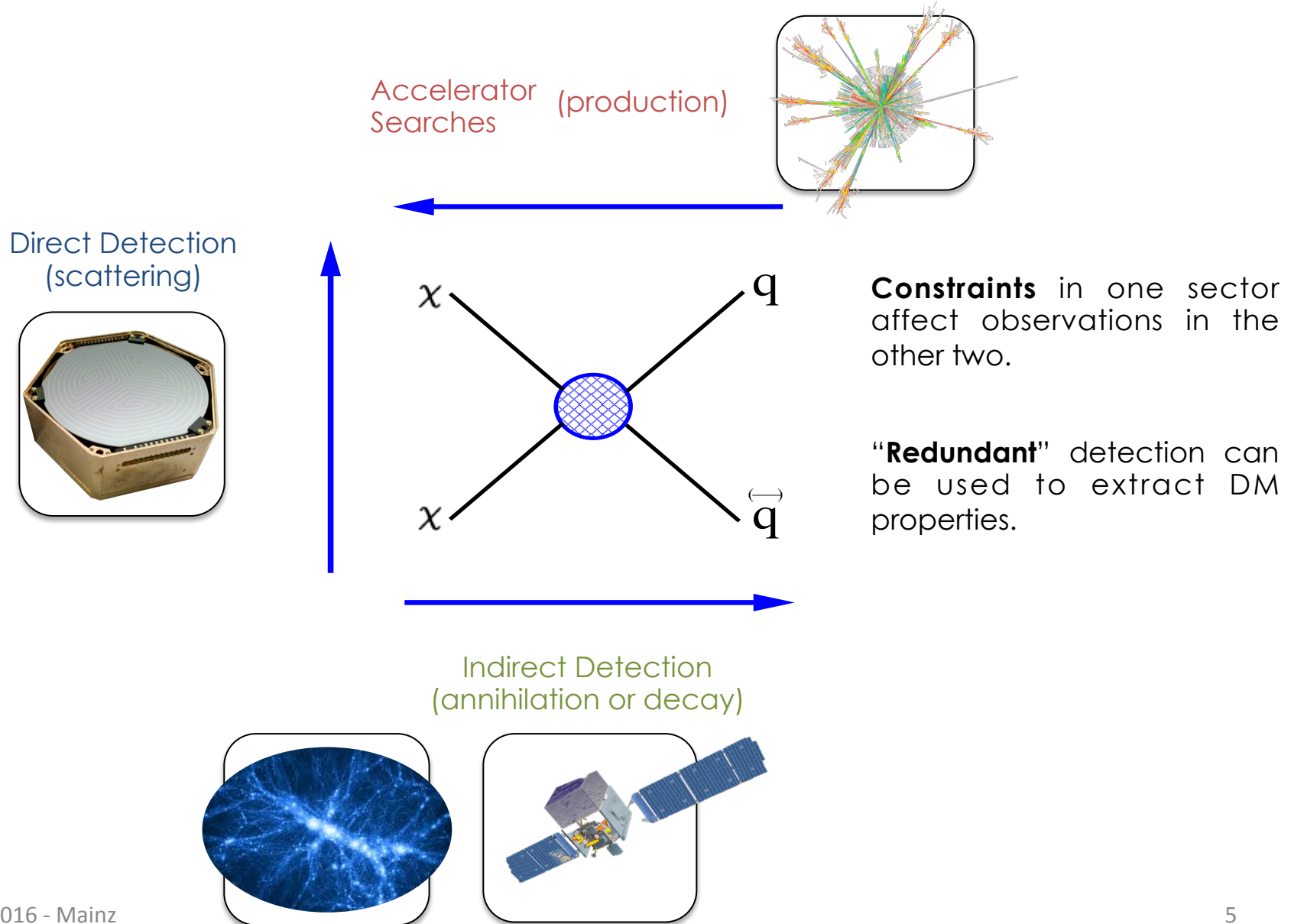
Astro/Cosmo probes



Indirect DM detection



... probing **DIFFERENT** aspects of their interactions with ordinary matter

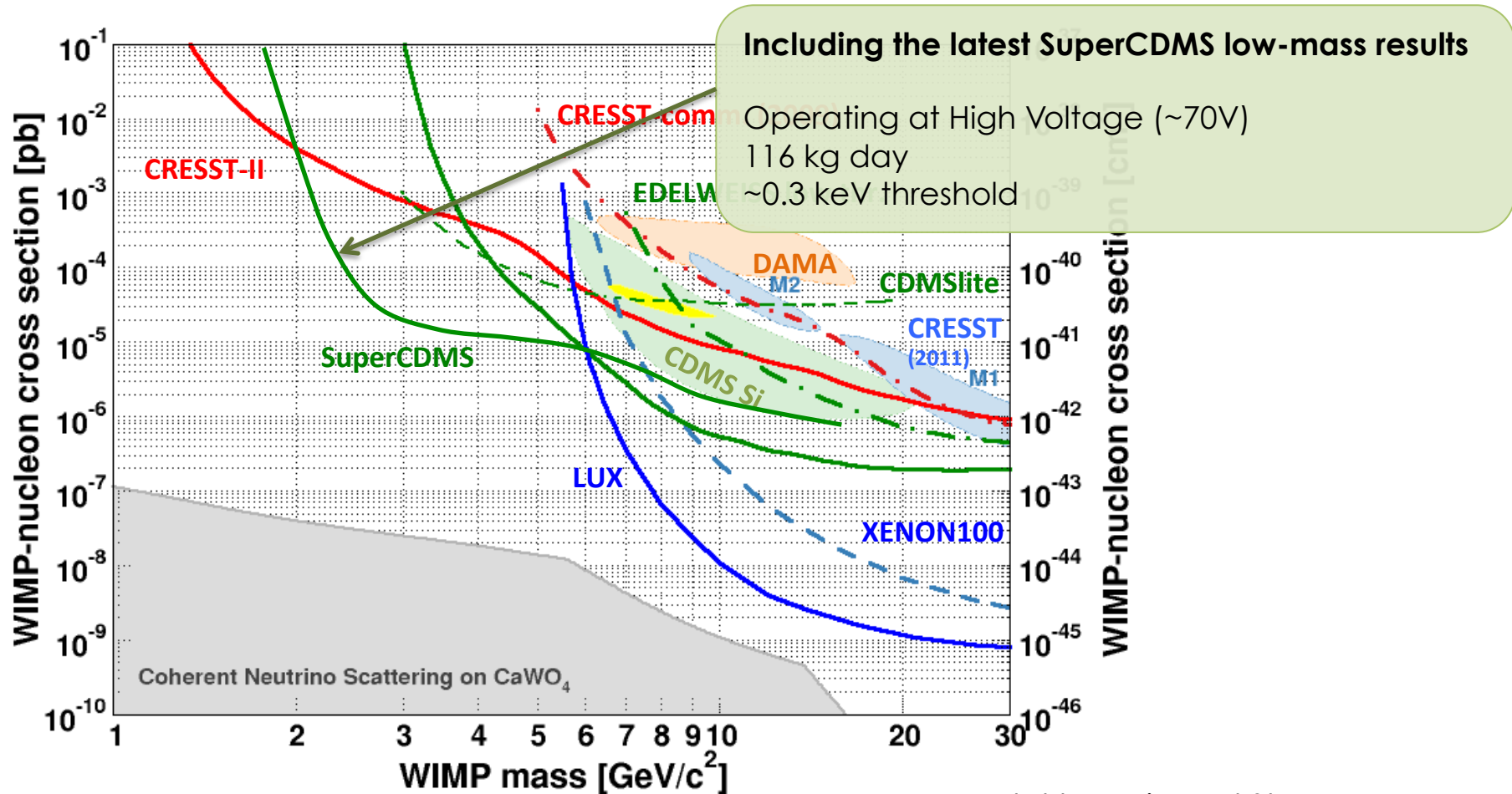


## Current challenges for **DARK MATTER**

- **Experimental detection:**  
Does DM feel other interactions apart from Gravity?  
Is the Electro-Weak scale related somehow related to DM?  
How is DM distributed?
- **Determination of the DM particle parameters:**  
Mass, interaction cross section, etc...
- **What is the theory for Physics beyond the SM:**  
DM as a window for new Physics  
Can we identify the DM candidate?

# Upper bounds on the SI cross section

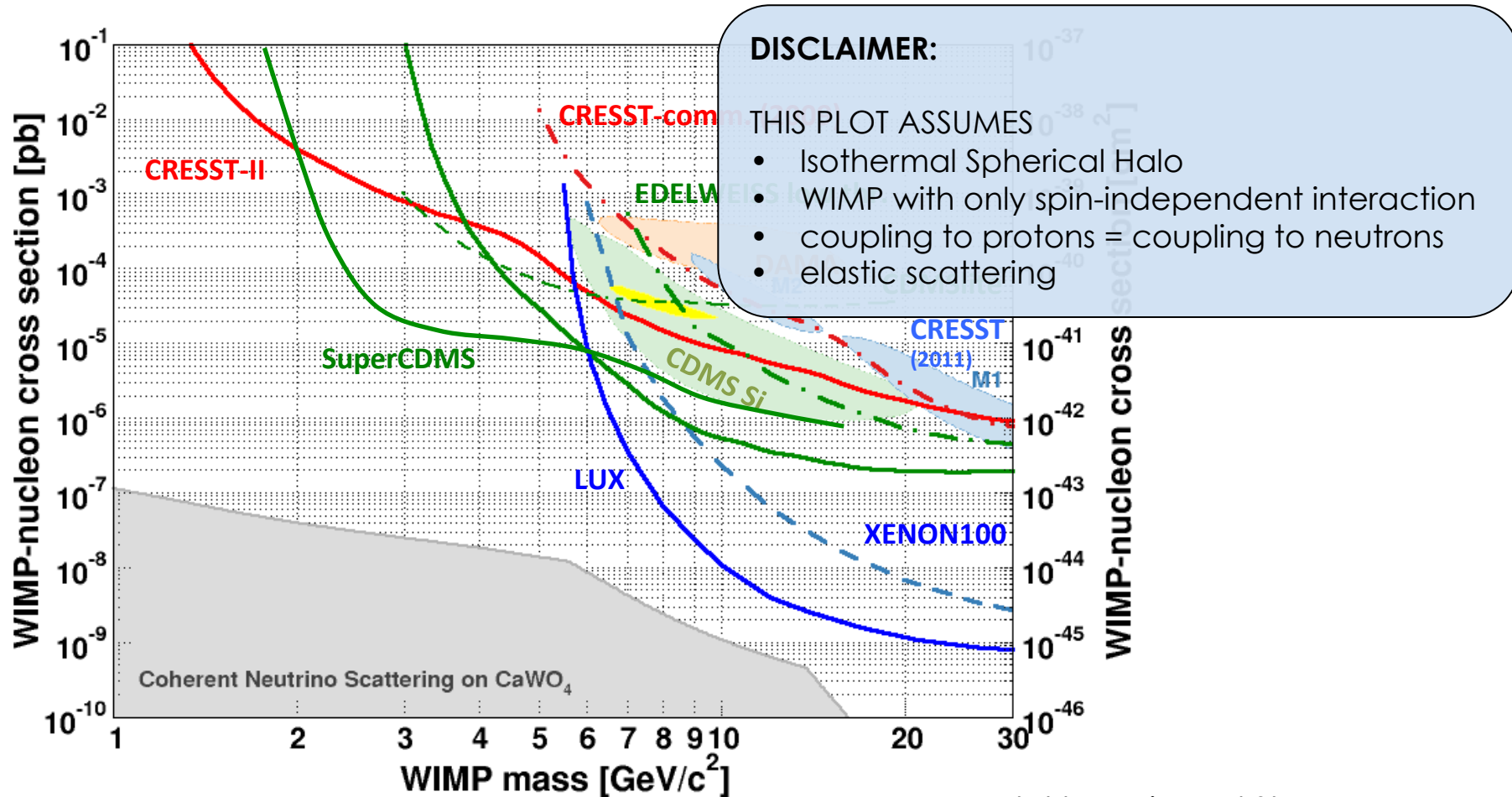
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# Isospin-Violating Dark Matter can ease this discrepancy

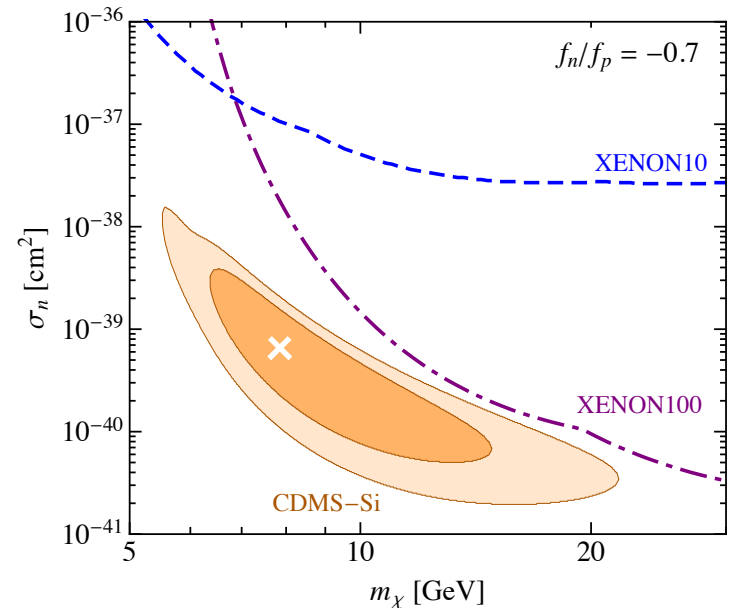
$$R = \sigma_p \sum_i \eta_i \frac{\mu_{A_i}^2}{\mu_p^2} I_{A_i} [Z + (A_i - Z)f_n/f_p]^2$$

The scattering amplitudes for proton and neutrons may interfere destructively

$$f_n/f_p = -Z/(A - Z)$$

The interference depends on the target nucleus

$$\text{For Xe (Z=54, A~132)} \rightarrow f_n/f_p = -0.7$$



XENON100 (Xe) and CDMS II (Si)  
results can be “reconciled”

Frandsen et al. 2013

The effective interaction of DM particles with nuclei can be more diverse than previously considered

Fitzpatrick, Wick et al. 2012-2014

# On Taxonomy and Taxidermy

# Taxonomy (Theory-biased)

Construct a bestiary of “well motivated models”

Predictions are tested with experimental results



- “STANDARD” WIMPS
  - SUPERSYMMETRY (NEUTRALINOS, SNEUTRINOS)
  - KALUZA-KLEIN DM
  - INERT DOUBLET MODEL
  - ...

- ASYMMETRIC DM
- INELASTIC DM
- DECAYING DM (E.G., GRAVITINOS)
- AXIONS
- SELF-INTERACTING DM
- ...



# Particle Physics models for dark matter

Well motivated DM models in theories beyond the Standard Model (e.g., Supersymmetry)

## Minimal SUSY extension

Squarks	$\tilde{u}_{R,L}$ , $\tilde{d}_{R,L}$ $\tilde{c}_{R,L}$ , $\tilde{s}_{R,L}$ $\tilde{t}_{R,L}$ , $\tilde{b}_{R,L}$
Sleptons	$\tilde{e}_{R,L}$ , $\tilde{\nu}_e$ $\tilde{\mu}_{R,L}$ , $\tilde{\nu}_\mu$ $\tilde{\tau}_{R,L}$ , $\tilde{\nu}_\tau$
Neutralinos	$\tilde{B}^0$ , $\tilde{W}^0$ , $\tilde{H}_{1,2}^0$
Charginos	$\tilde{W}^\pm$ , $\tilde{H}_{1,2}^\pm$
Gluino	$\tilde{g}$

## Neutralino

Good annihilation cross section. it is a WIMP  
Goldberg '83  
Ellis, Hagelin, Nanopoulos, Olive, Srednicki '83  
Krauss '83

## Sneutrino

Viable candidates in scenarios with Right-Handed sneutrinos  
DGC, Muñoz, Seto 08  
Arina, Fornengo 08

Gravitino (Superpartner of the graviton)

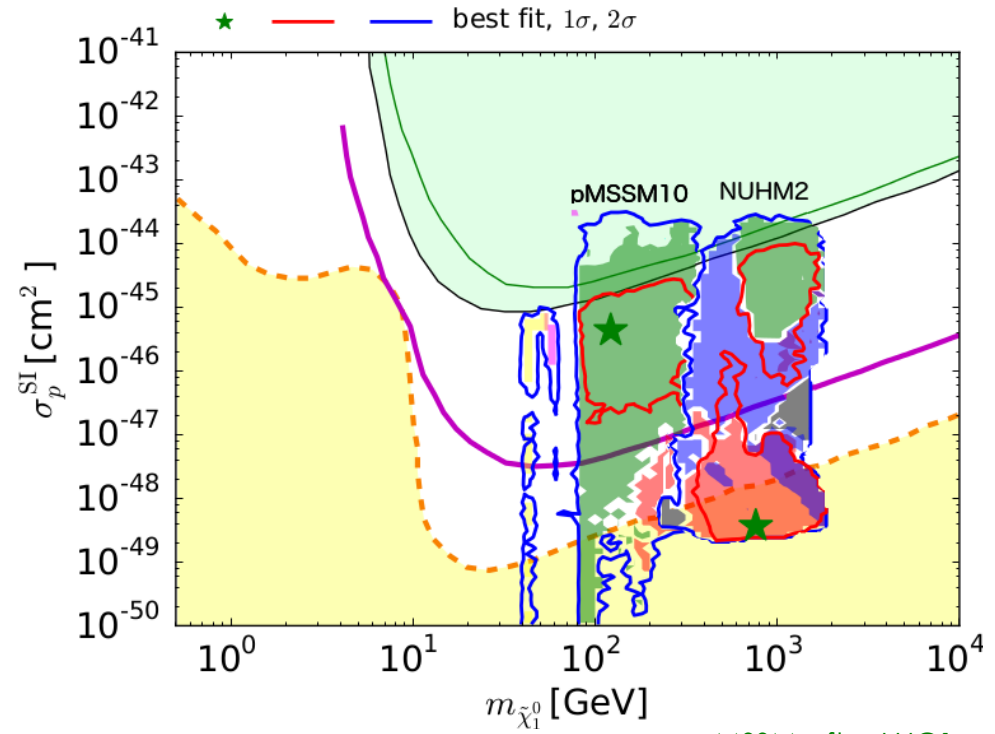
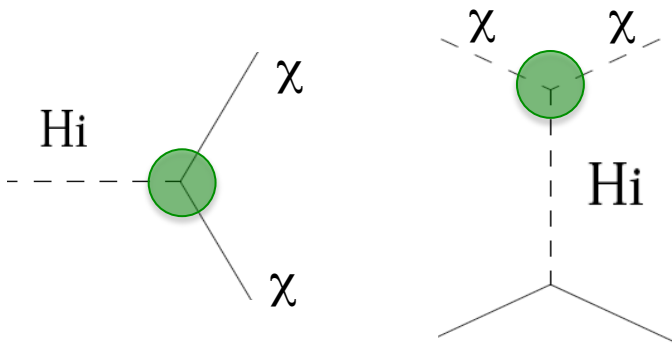
Axino (Superpartner of the axion)

Extra-weakly interacting massive particles

## Neutralino in the **MSSM**

Impose LHC1 bounds and explore the predictions of MSSM parameter space

- Bounds on SUSY masses
- Low-energy observables
- Invisible Higgs decay



MSSM after LHC1  
Bagnaschi et al. 2015

The current bound on  $\text{BR}(H \rightarrow \text{inv})$  sets constraints on the DM-Higgs coupling

This also translates into (upper) bounds for the scattering cross section of low-mass WIMPs

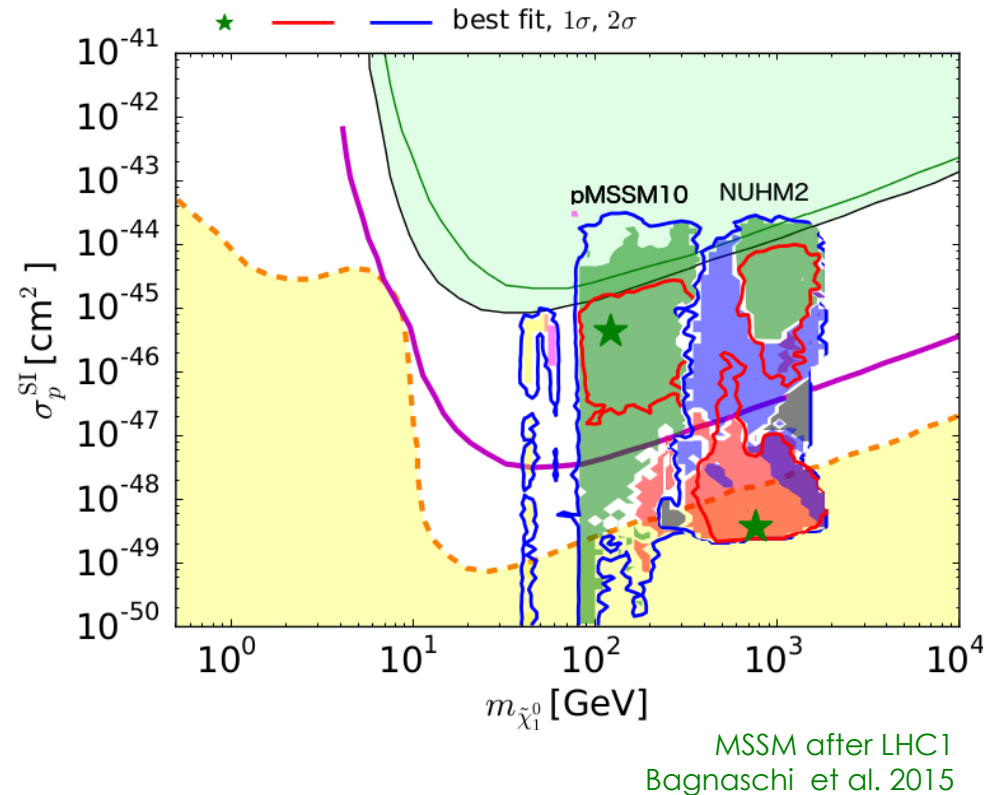
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- Low-energy observables
- Invisible Higgs decay
- Correct DM relic density

The predictions for the scattering cross section still span many orders of magnitude

(excellent motivation for more sensitive detectors)



Combined with LHC + Indirect searches → excellent coverage of SUSY parameter space

# Right-handed sneutrino in the NMSSM

DGC, Muñoz, Seto 2007 , DGC, Seto 2009

- Addition of TWO new superfields, **S**, **N**, singlets under the SM gauge group

$$\text{NMSSM} = \text{MSSM} + \hat{S} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 2 \text{ extra Higgs (CP - even, CP - odd)} \\ 1 \text{ additional Neutralino} \end{array} \right. \\ + \mathbf{N} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 \text{ additional (right-handed) Neutrino} \\ \text{and sneutrino} \end{array} \right.$$

- New terms in the superpotential

$$W = Y_u H_2 Q u + Y_d H_1 Q d + Y_e H_1 L e - \lambda S H_1 H_2 + \frac{1}{3} \kappa S^3$$

$$W = W_{\text{NMSSM}} + \lambda_N S N N + y_N L \cdot H_2 N$$

- After Radiative Electroweak Symmetry-Breaking

$$\langle H_1^0 \rangle = v_1 \quad ; \quad \langle H_2^0 \rangle = v_2 \quad ; \quad \langle S \rangle = s$$

$$\mu H_1 H_2$$

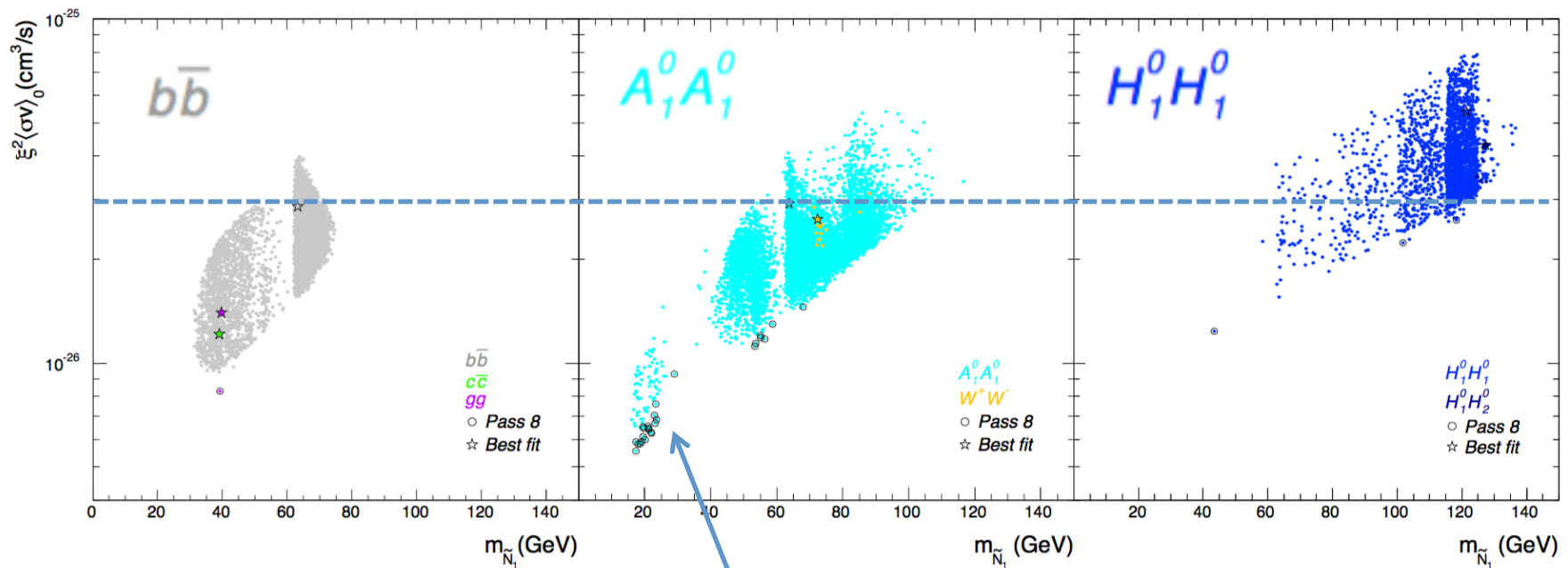
$$m_N N N$$

EW-scale  
Higgsino-mass  
parameter  
&  
Majorana  
neutrino mass

# Right-handed sneutrino in the NMSSM and the GCE

- Scan in the parameter space imposing all constraints (direct, indirect and colliders)
- The full final state is studied  
Do not restrict the analysis to pure annihilation channels.

Points fitting the GCE at 90% CL

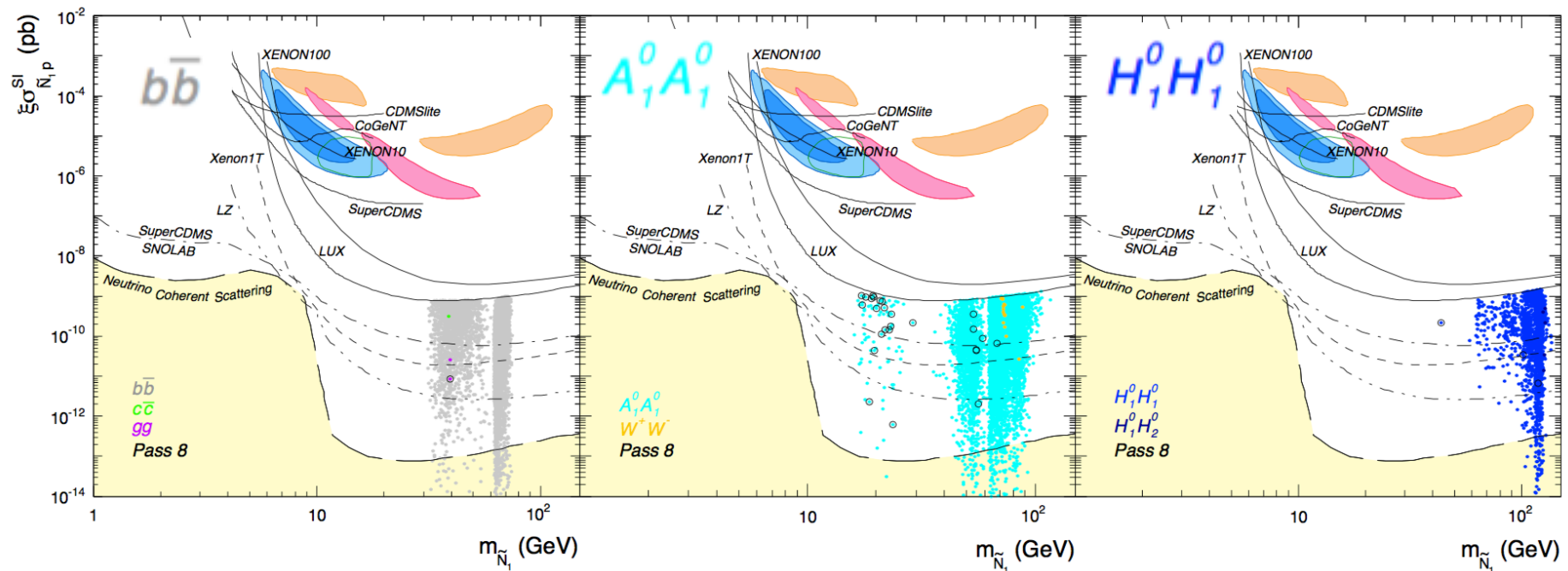


$$\tilde{N}_1 \tilde{N}_1 \rightarrow 2A_1^0 \rightarrow 4\tau$$

DGC, Peiró, Robles JCAP 08 (2014) 005

# Right-handed sneutrino in the NMSSM and the **GCE**

- Many of these points can be checked by G2 direct detection experiments



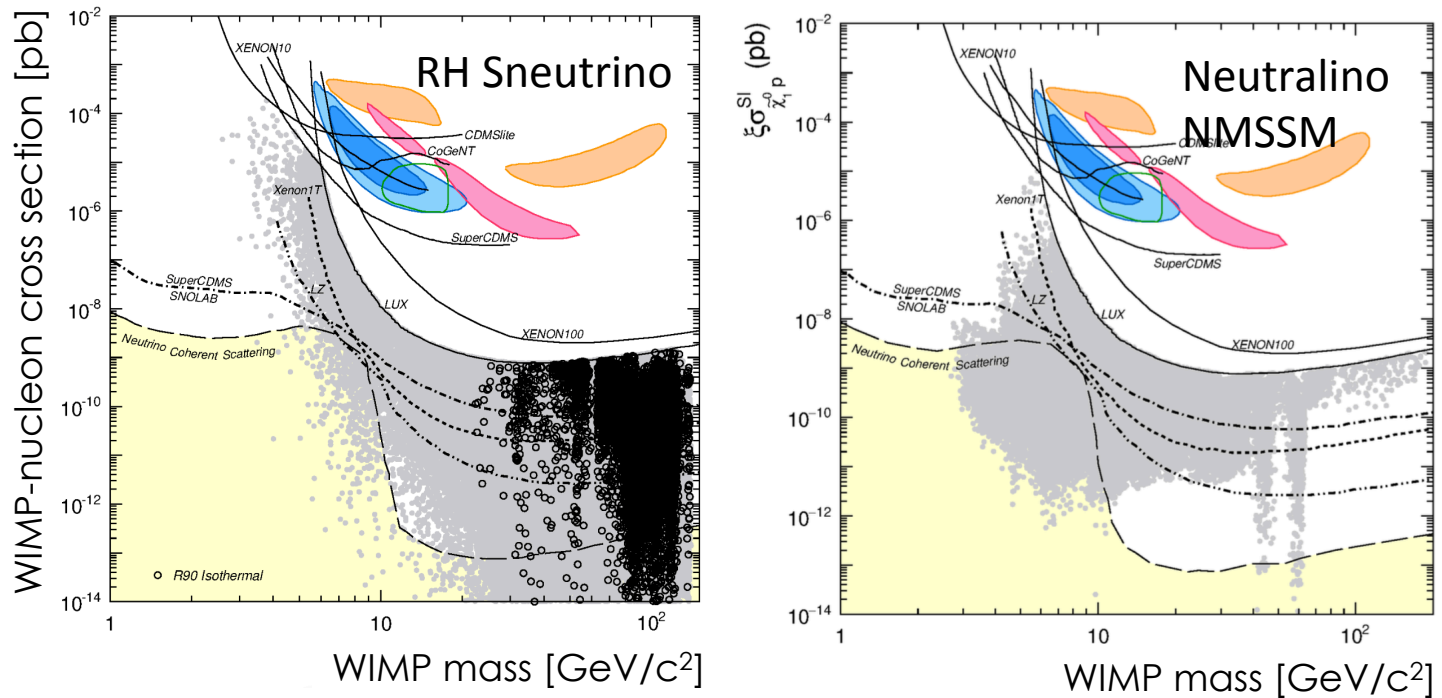
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Once more: Complementarity of DM searches

# Neutralino and Right-handed sneutrino in the NMSSM

Extensions of the MSSM can be more flexible (new light mediators)

Low-mass SUSY WIMPs are still viable (1-100 GeV)



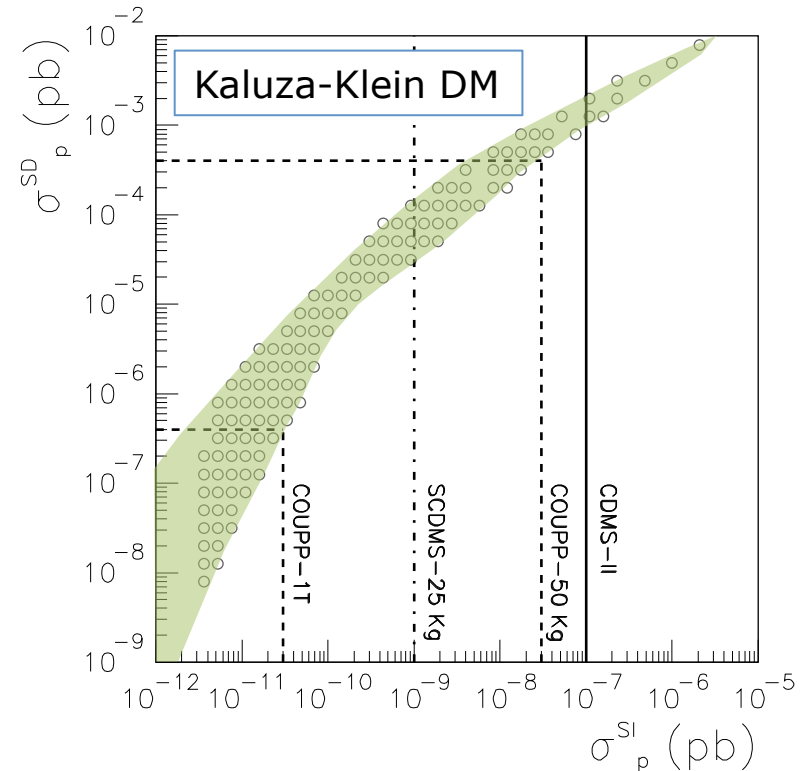
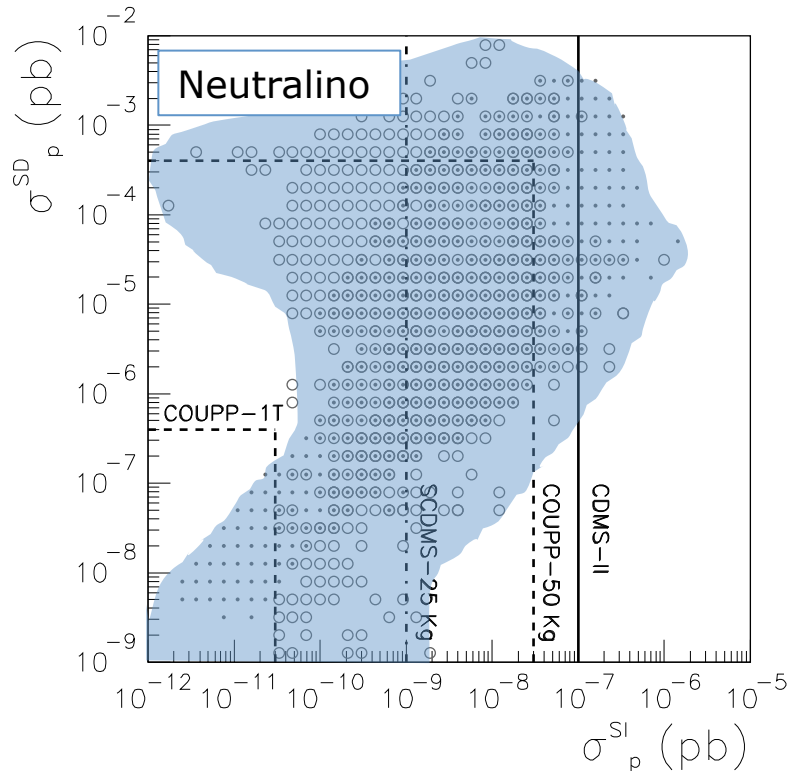
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DGC, Peiró Robles, 2015

Excellent motivation for direct searches at low masses

## WIMPs behave very similarly (not surprisingly)

There can be **correlations** in the “phenomenological parameters”

Information on spin-dependent WIMP couplings can prove important to distinguish models



Bertone, DGC, Collar, Odom '07

“Advance in both fronts” (spin-dependent and -independent) to gain discriminating power

## If there is a positive detection of DM, can we identify the underlying model?

### Problem:

- Experimental data allow us to reconstruct “**phenomenological parameters**”.

$$m_\chi, \sigma^I, \sigma^{SD}, \langle\sigma v\rangle_{ij}$$

- Theoretical models tend to produce similar results (e.g., most WIMPs are alike)

### Solution:

- Data from different experiments has to be combined in order to remove degenerate solutions (and reduce the effect of uncertainties)

Strategies that allow the identification of DM from future data

# On Taxidermy

# Taxidermy (Phenomenology-driven)

Interpret experimental results in terms of simplified models or effective Lagrangians

Identify some basic  
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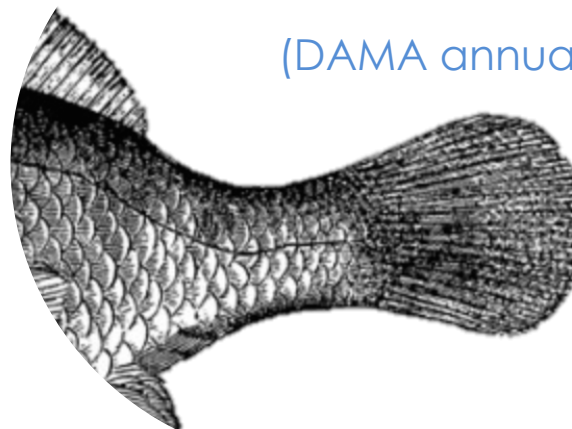
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(DAMA annual modulation)



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This motivates working with general frameworks, where little or nothing is assumed for the DM particle

# Identification of Dark Matter

Given a DM direct detection, the DM mass and couplings can be determined from the observed number of events and energy spectrum.

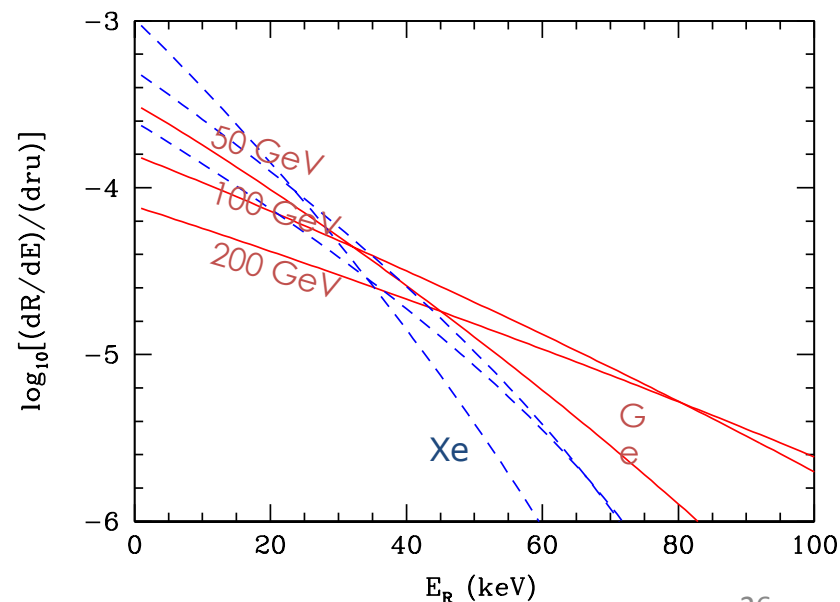
$$R = \int_{E_T}^{\infty} dE_R \frac{\rho_0}{m_N m_\chi} \int_{v_{min}}^{\infty} v f(v) \frac{d\sigma_{WN}}{dE_R}(v, E_R) dv$$

Theoretical input

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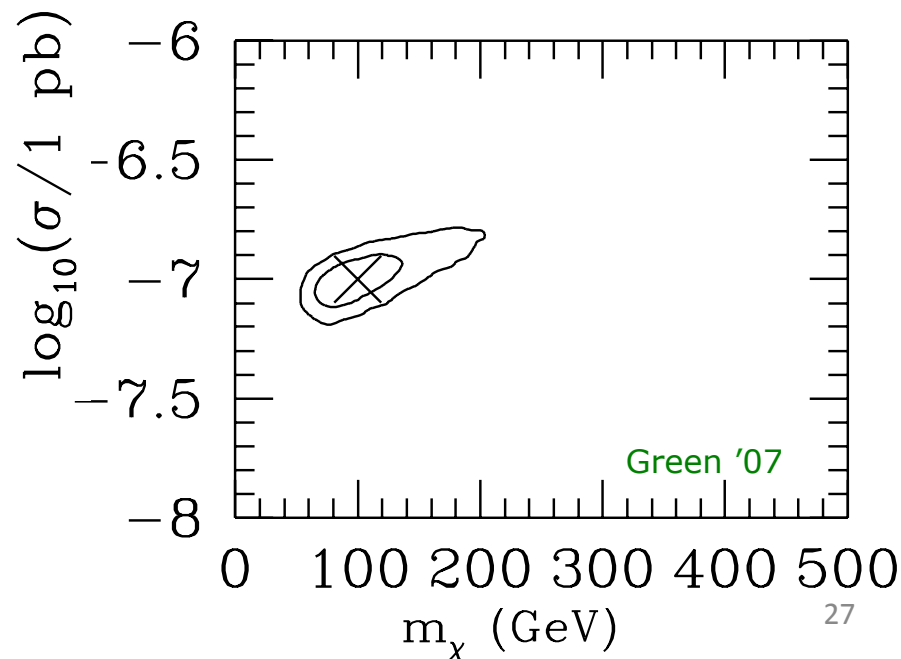
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There are degenerate solutions

Example:  $m_\chi = 100$  GeV  
Exposure: 3000 kg day (Ge target)



# Astrophysical uncertainties in direct DM searches

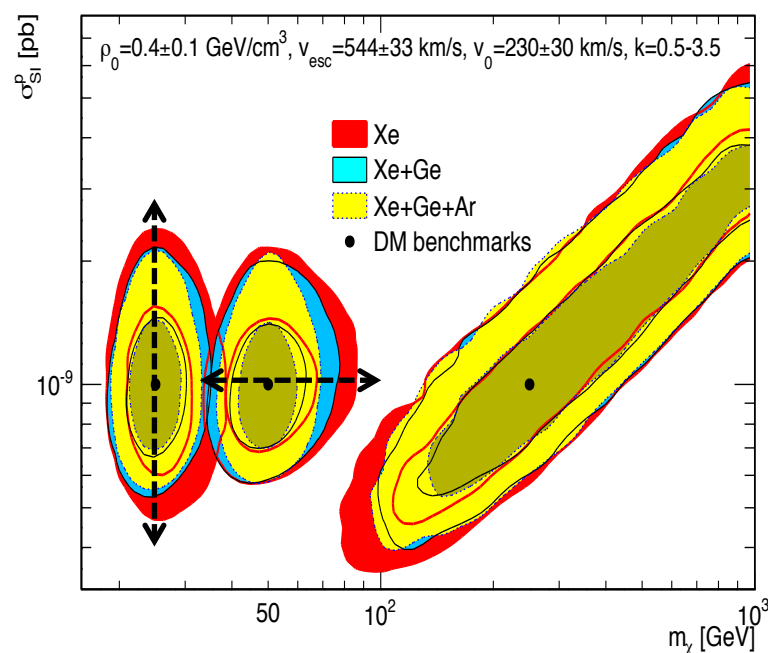
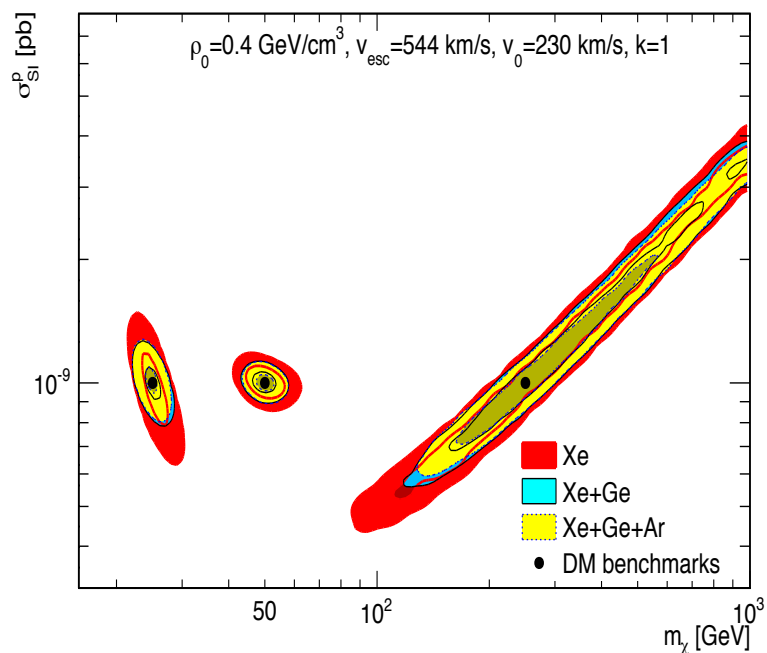
There are uncertainties in the parameters describing the Standard Halo Model

$$f(w) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{N_f} \left[ \exp \left( \frac{v_{esc}^2 - w^2}{k v_0^2} \right) - 1 \right]^k & \text{if } w \leq v_{esc} \\ 0 & \text{if } w > v_{esc} \end{cases}$$

Binney, Tremaine '08

Nuisance parameter	Range
$\rho_{\text{WIMP},\odot}$	$[0.2, 0.6] \text{ GeV cm}^{-3}$
$v_{\text{esc}}$	$[478, 610] \text{ km s}^{-1}$
$v_\odot$	$[170, 290] \text{ km s}^{-1}$
$k$	$[0.5, 3.5]$

Lisanti et al. '10



Pato, Baudis et al. '11

# Uncertainties in the spin-dependent form factors

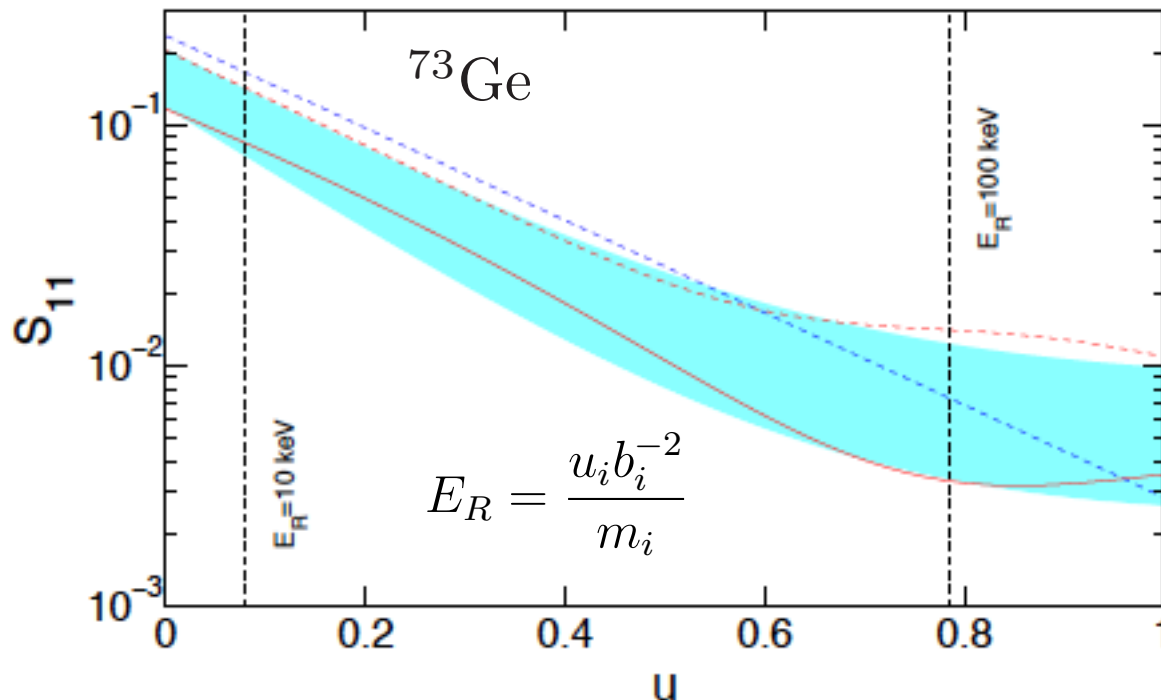
$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{dE_R}\right)_{SD} = \frac{16 G_F^2 m_N}{\pi v^2} \frac{(J+1)}{J} (a_p \langle S_p \rangle + a_n \langle S_n \rangle)^2 F_{SD}^2(E_R)$$

Spin-dependent structure functions:

$$S(q) = a_0^2 S_{00}(q) + a_0 a_1 S_{01}(q) + a_1^2 S_{11}(q)$$

$$a_0 = a_p + a_n$$

$$a_1 = a_p - a_n$$



ShM COMPUTATIONS:

Ressel, et al. '93

Dimitrov, et al. '94

Variations in


- Zero-momentum value
- Slope
- Plateau

## Degeneracies in reconstructing the phenomenological parameters.

The same detected rate can be due to different combinations of SI-SD interactions

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 Nuclear form factors

Integrating in energies and velocities

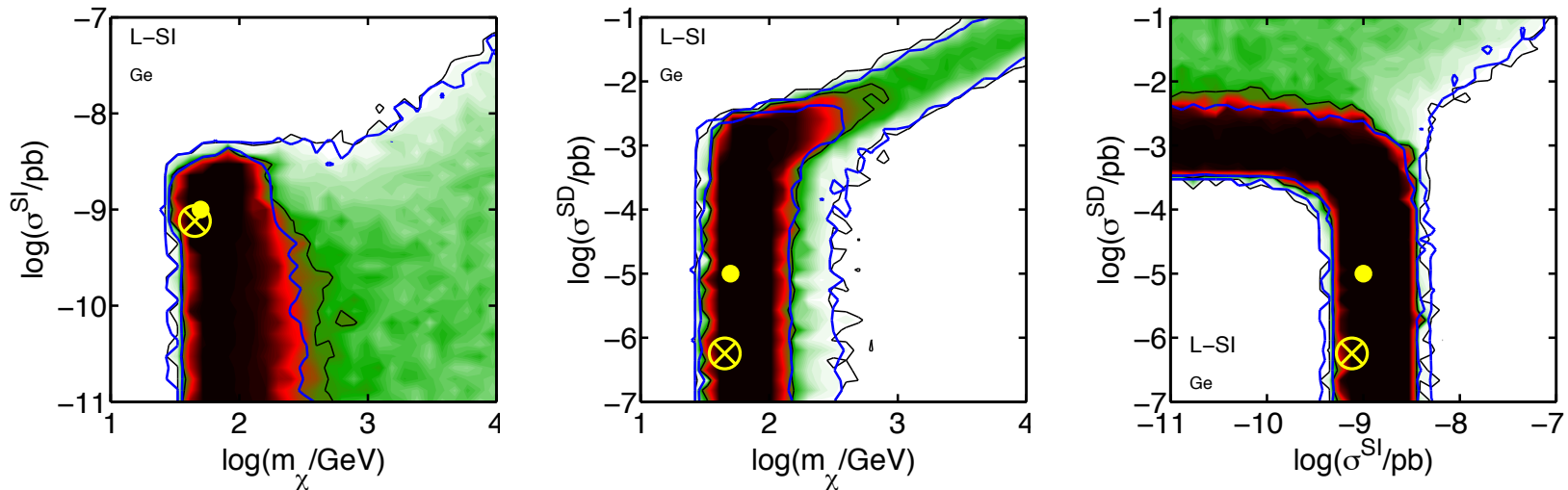
$$R_1 = A_1 \sigma_0^{SI} + \left( B_1^p \sqrt{\sigma_0^{SD,p}} + B_1^n \sqrt{\sigma_0^{SD,n}} \right)^2$$

Target-dependent

A single experiment cannot determine the three WIMP couplings (the shape of the differential rate allows a determination of the WIMP mass)

## We need multiple experiments (with various targets)

A single experiment cannot determine all the WIMP couplings, a combination of various targets is necessary.



$$\sigma_0^{\text{SI}} = 10^{-9} \text{ pb}$$

$$\sigma_0^{\text{SD}} = 10^{-5} \text{ pb}$$

$$m_W = 50 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\epsilon = 300 \text{ kg yr}$$

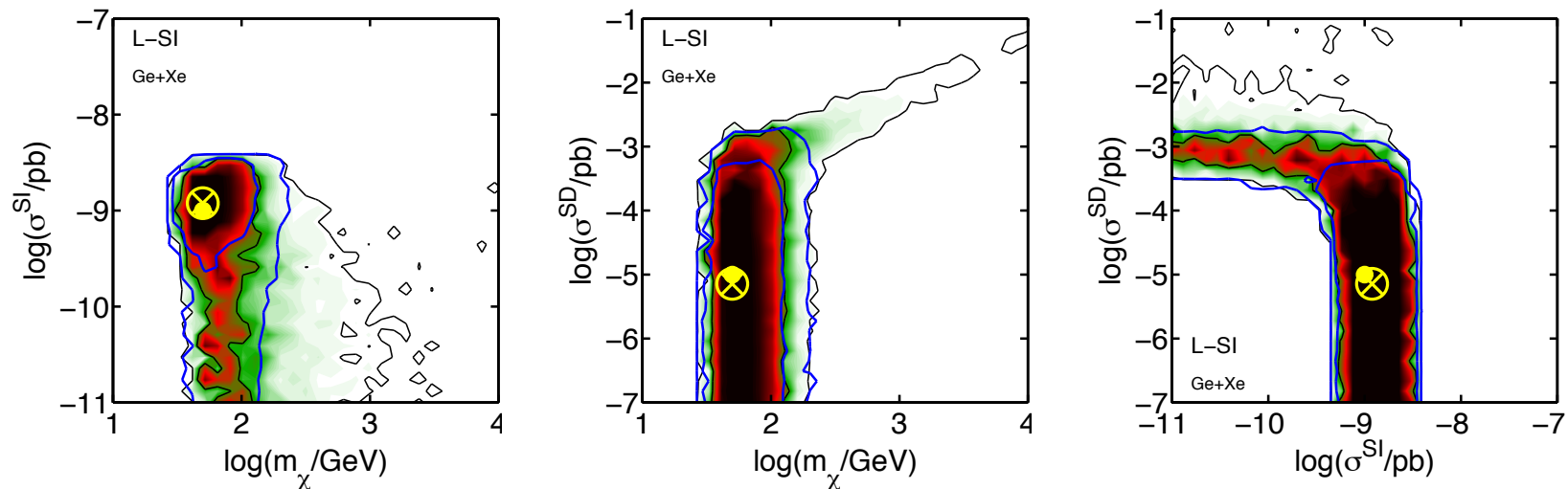
We use simulated data to assess the reconstruction of DM parameters

Astrophysical and nuclear uncertainties included

Prospects for SuperCDMS (Ge)

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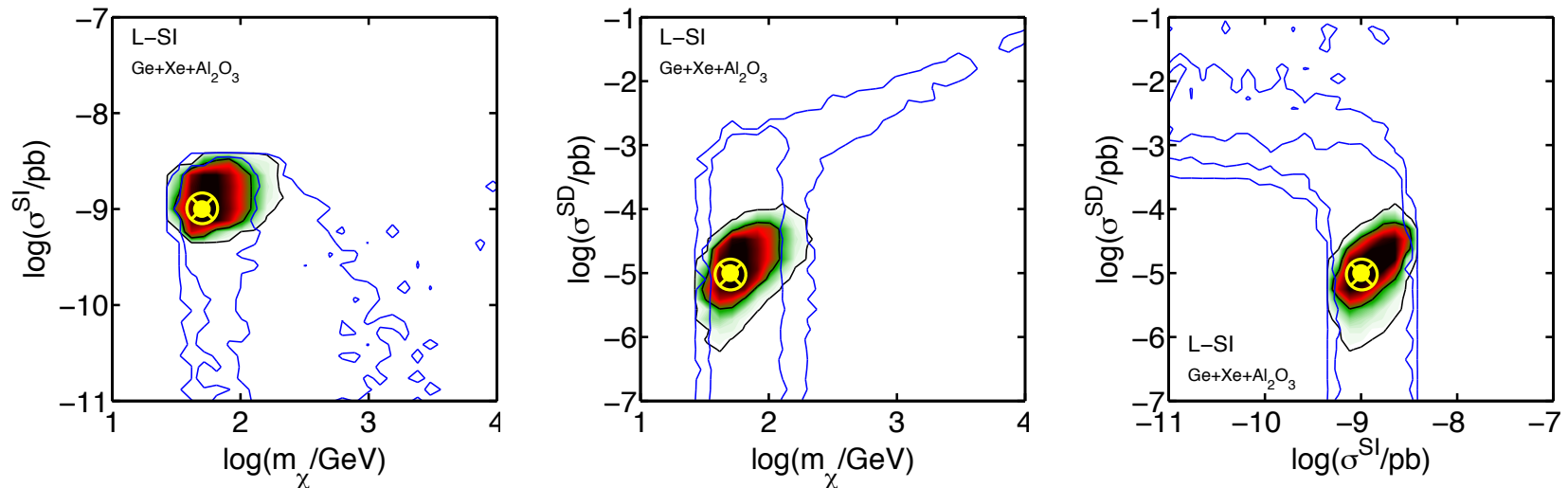


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This is an excellent tool to help design future experiments.

## Are we being too conservative in describing DM-nucleus interactions?

The most general effective Lagrangian contains up to 14 (x2) different operators that induce six types of response functions and two new interference terms

Haxton, Fitzpatrick 2012-2014

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

Spin-Indep.

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

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

Spin-Dep.

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

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

Angular  
momentum  
of unpaired  
nucleon

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

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

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

Angular  
momentum  
and spin

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

These operators can be obtained as the non-relativistic limit of relativistic operators (e.g., starting from UV complete models)

E.g., For a spin 1/2 particle

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Scalar Mediator

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{\chi}\chi\bar{q}q &\longrightarrow \left(\frac{h_1^N\lambda_1}{m_\phi^2}\right) \mathcal{O}_1 \\
 \bar{\chi}\chi\bar{q}\gamma^5 q &\longrightarrow \left(\frac{h_2^N\lambda_1}{m_\phi^2}\right) \mathcal{O}_{10} \\
 \bar{\chi}\gamma^5\chi\bar{q}q &\longrightarrow \left(-\frac{h_1^N\lambda_2 m_N}{m_\phi^2 m_\chi}\right) \mathcal{O}_{11} \\
 \bar{\chi}\gamma^5\chi\bar{q}\gamma^5 q &\longrightarrow \left(\frac{h_2^N\lambda_2 m_N}{m_\phi^2 m_\chi}\right) \mathcal{O}_6
 \end{aligned}$$


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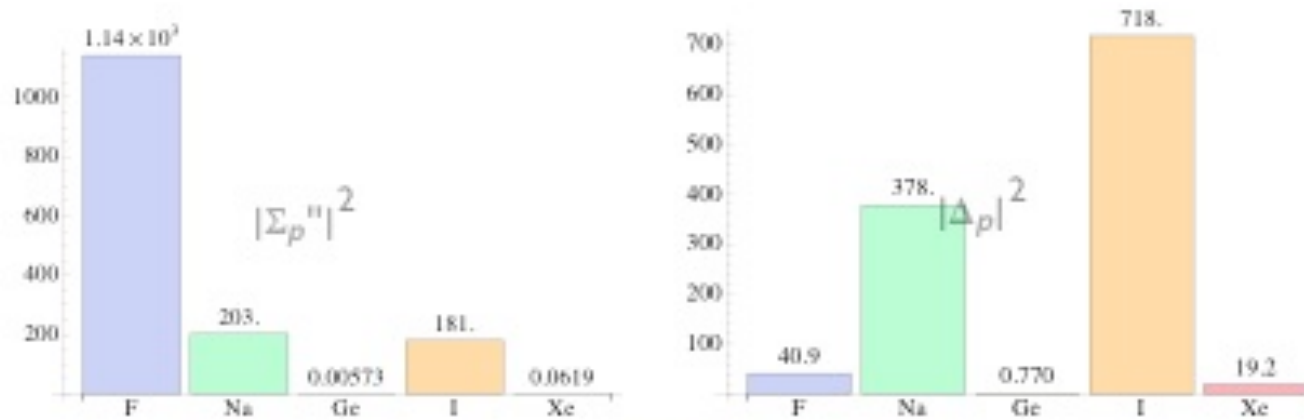
Vector Mediator

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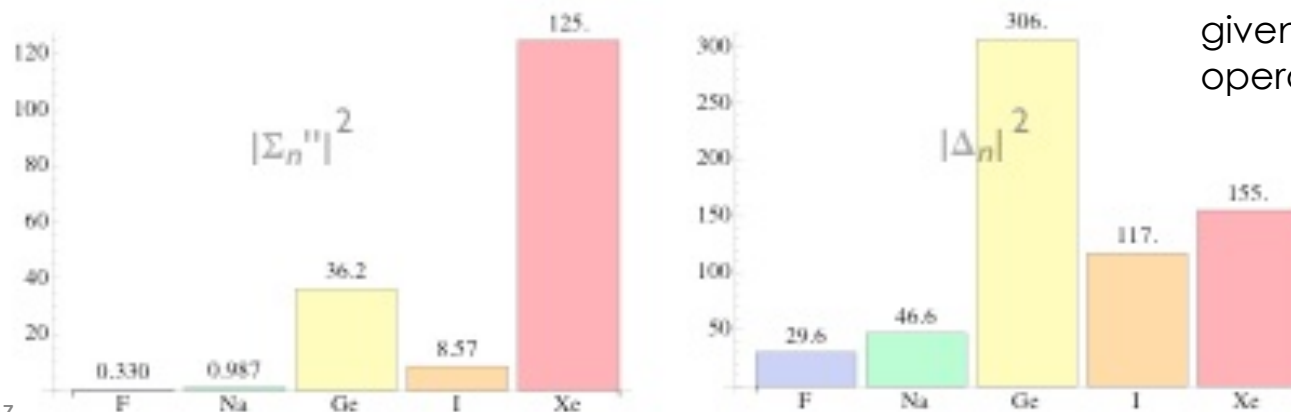
$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{\chi}\gamma^\mu\chi\bar{q}\gamma_\mu q &\longrightarrow \left(-\frac{h_3^N\lambda_3}{m_G^2}\right) \mathcal{O}_1 \\
 \bar{\chi}\gamma^\mu\chi\bar{q}\gamma_\mu\gamma^5 q &\longrightarrow \left(-\frac{2h_4^N\lambda_3}{m_G^2}\right) \left(-\mathcal{O}_7 + \frac{m_N}{m_\chi}\mathcal{O}_9\right) \\
 \bar{\chi}\gamma^\mu\gamma^5\chi\bar{q}\gamma_\mu q &\longrightarrow \left(-\frac{2h_3^N\lambda_4}{m_G^2}\right) (\mathcal{O}_8 + \mathcal{O}_9) \\
 \bar{\chi}\gamma^\mu\gamma^5\chi\bar{q}\gamma_\mu\gamma^5 q &\longrightarrow \left(\frac{4h_4^N\lambda_4}{m_G^2}\right) \mathcal{O}_4
 \end{aligned}$$

These are extremely sensitive to the choice of target material, being crucial in the design phase of new experiments.

Vector, proton coupled:  $\vec{\sigma}(i)$  vs.  $\vec{\ell}(i)$



Vector, neutron coupled:  $\vec{\sigma}(i)$  vs.  $\vec{\ell}(i)$

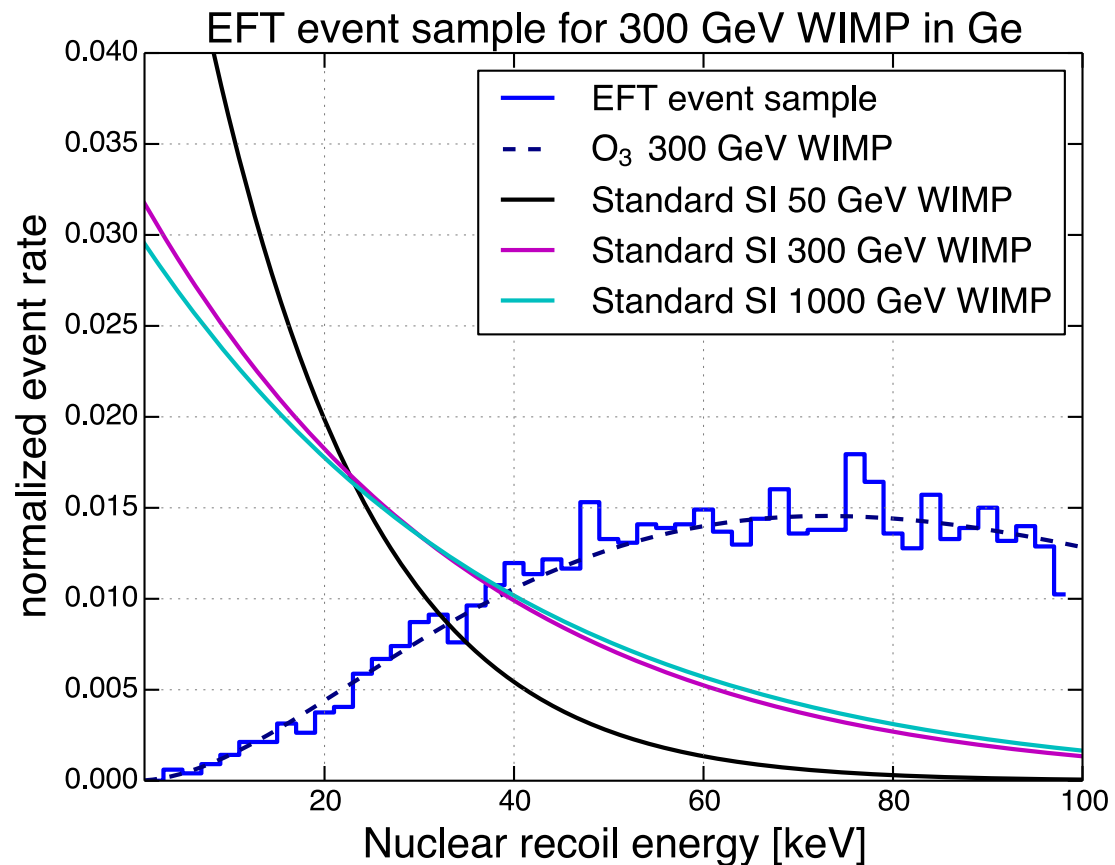


Some targets have enhanced sensitivities for a given set of operators

# Limits on EFT operators (SuperCDMS)

K. Schneck et al. PRD 2015

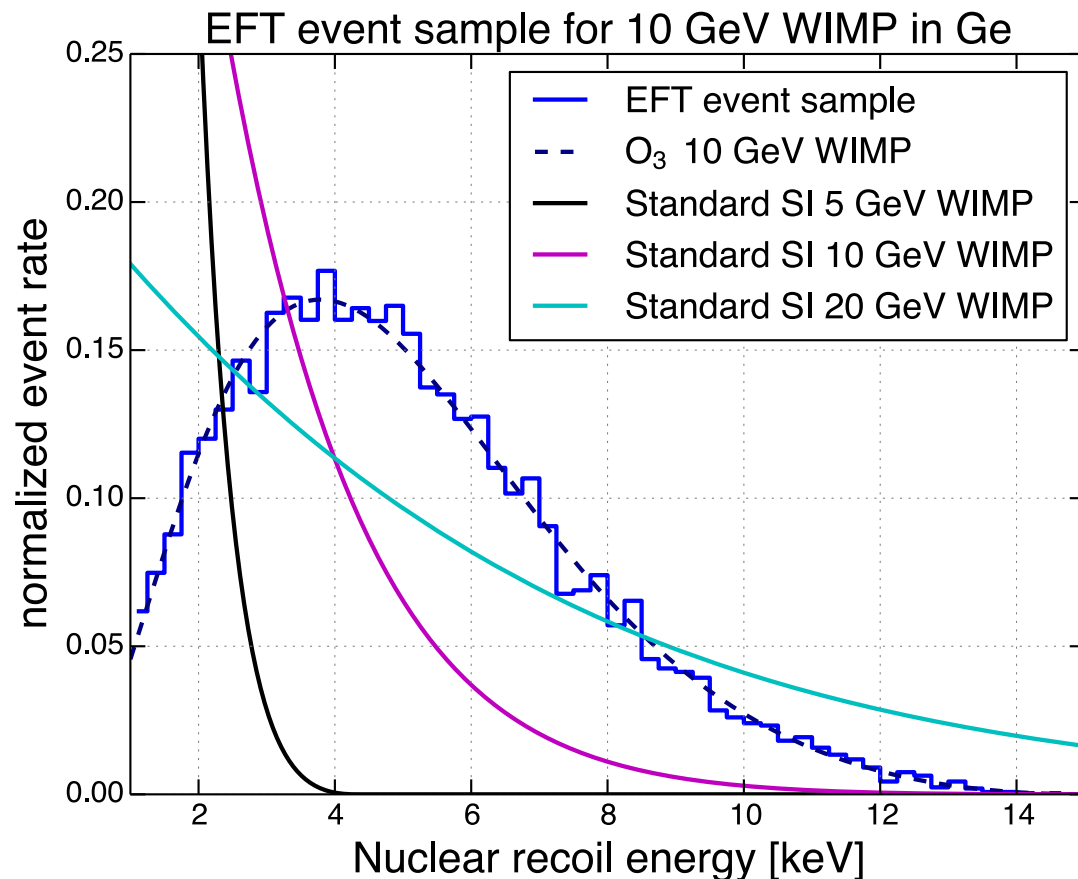
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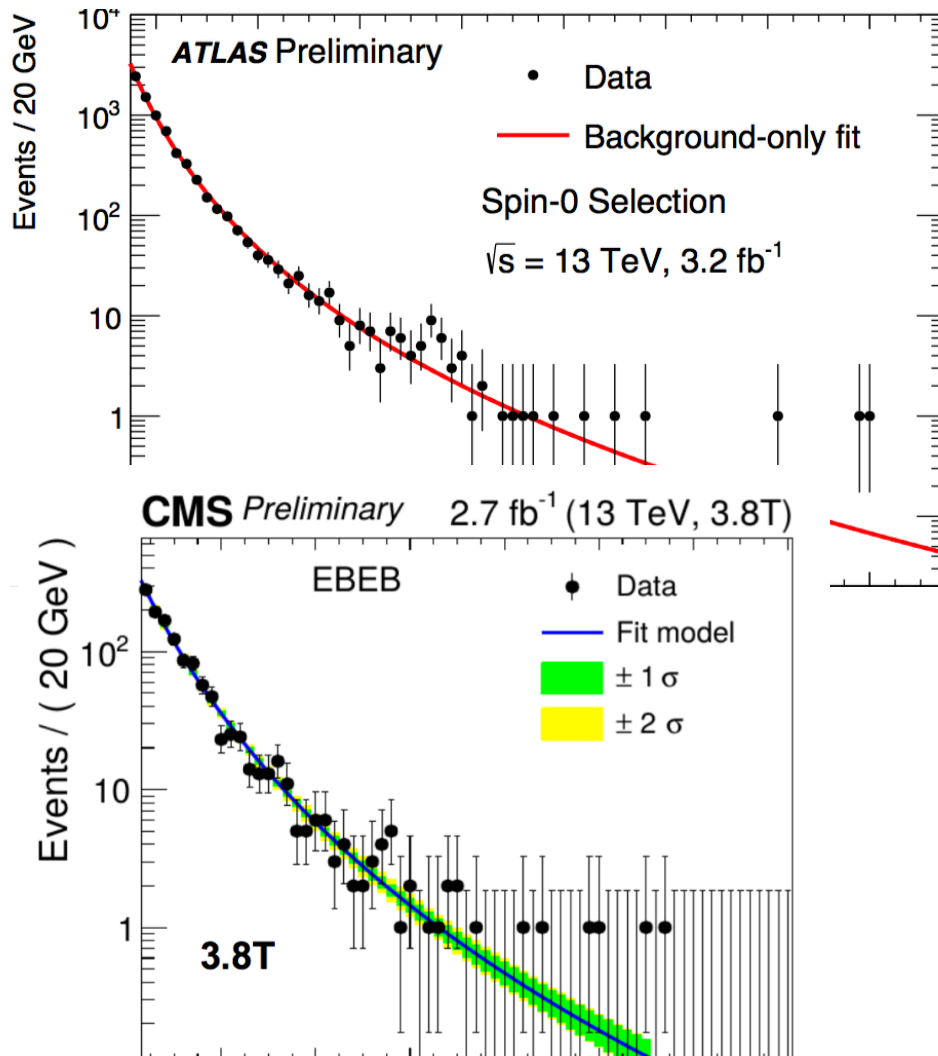
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- The reconstruction of a signal would point towards the wrong mass and couplings



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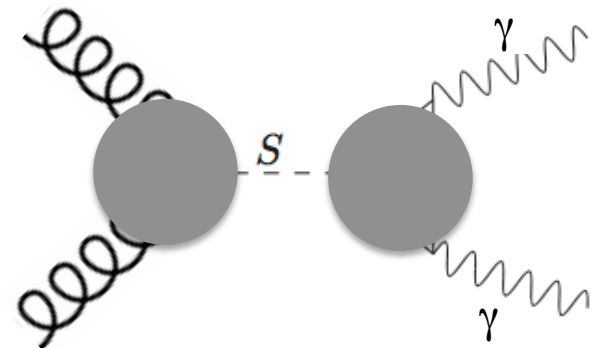
Both ATLAS and CMS have observed a potential feature at 750 GeV



- Not observed in any other channel
- Could correspond to the resonance of a spin-0 or spin-2 particle
- Large Width preferred by ATLAS (not necessarily CMS)

$$\Gamma/M \sim 0.06$$

- Large production cross section  $O(10 \text{ fb})$ , presumably produced through its coupling to gluons

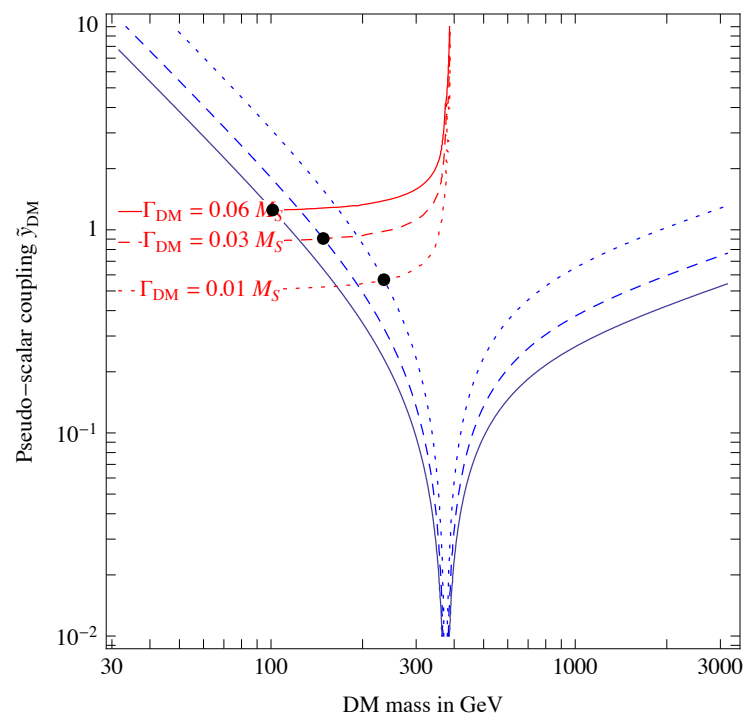
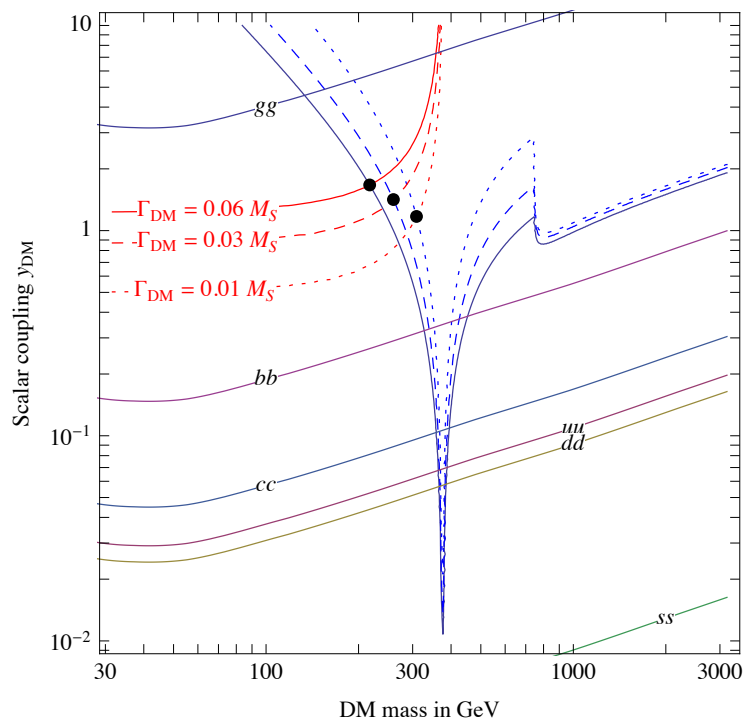


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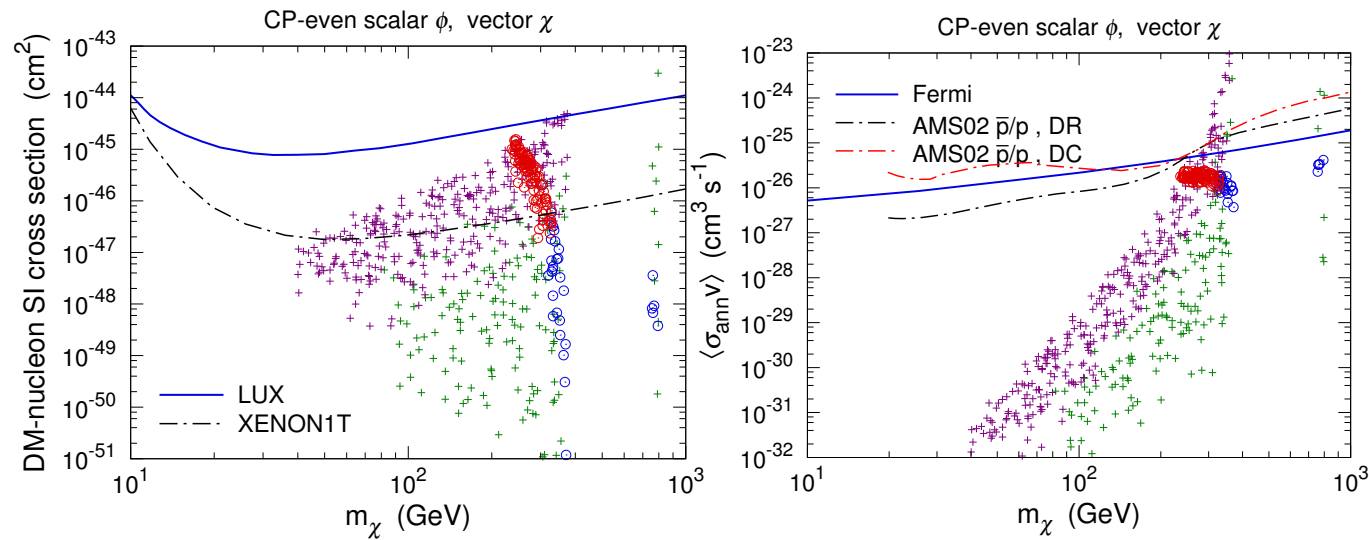
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If this observation is confirmed, the correlation with direct and indirect detection is crucial to determine the DM properties



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# Conclusions

- **Is the WIMP paradigm in good health?**

Certainly not dead yet, although it is becoming more constrained.

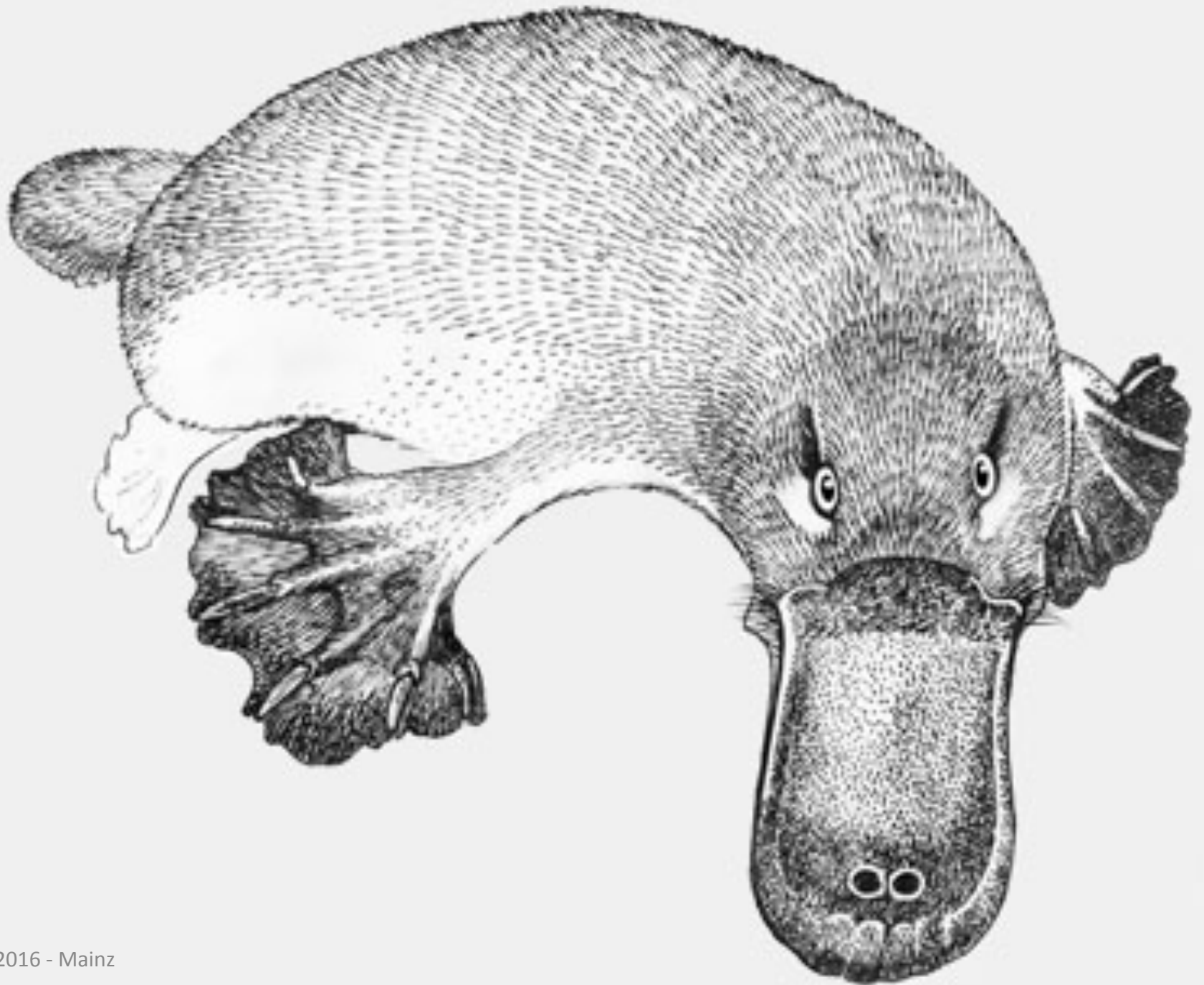
- **Will we ever detect WIMPs?**

Exciting times ahead: G2 experiments → good coverage for WIMP models  
... if DM is not a WIMP? (sensitivity to axion-like particles and other exotics)

- **If so, can we reconstruct their properties?**

Only through the combination of different experimental searches  
E.g., Direct detection and the Galactic Centre Excess  
Need to consider more general DM interactions and/or simplified models

- **How natural is the resulting Dark Matter model?**





## Background

- Bulk electron recoils

Compton background  
1.3 keV activation line



## Rejection

Yield = Ionization/phonon helps  
discriminating NR from ER

- Sidewall & surface events

betas and x-rays from  $^{210}\text{Pb}$ ,  $^{210}\text{Bi}$ ,  
recoils from  $^{206}\text{Pb}$ , outer radial  
Comptons, ejected electrons from  
Compton scattering



Z-Partition and Radial partition  
define a fiducial volume

- Neutrons

(cosmogenic & radiogenic)



Use active and passive shielding.  
Cut on multiple hits.  
Simulation determines remaining  
irreducible rate

# Analysis: Selection criteria and efficiencies

We carry out a blind analysis, with all singles in energy range removed from study, except data following  $^{252}\text{Cf}$  calibration due to activation

## Data Quality:

- Reject periods with poor detector performance
- Remove misreconstructed and noisy pulses
- Measure efficiency with pulse MC

## Trigger and analysis threshold:

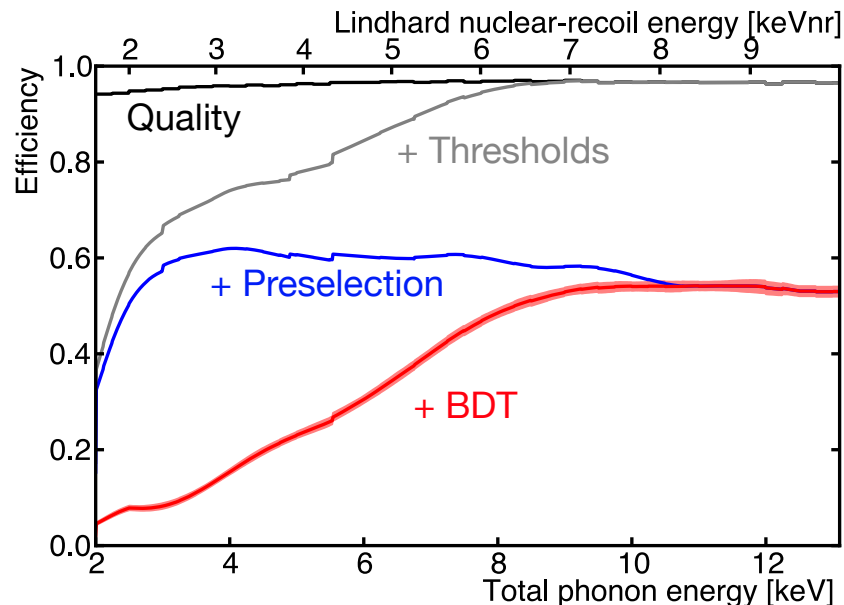
- Select periods with stable well-defined trigger threshold
- Measure efficiency from  $^{133}\text{Ba}$  calibration data

## Preselection:

- Single-detector scatter
- Remove events coincident with muon veto
- Ionization fiducial volume
- Ionization and phonon partitions consistent with NR

## Boosted Decision Tree:

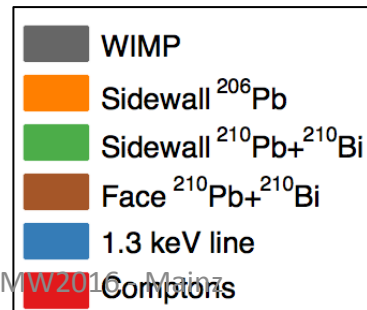
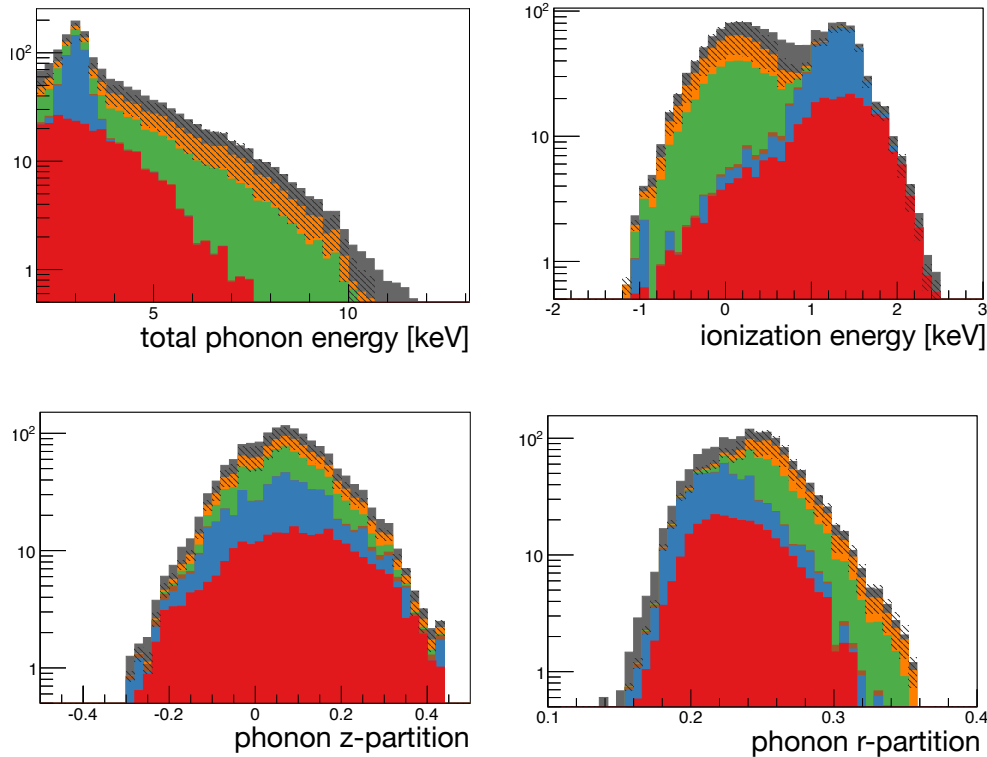
- Optimised cut on the phonon fiducial volume and ionization yield at low energy
- Efficiency estimated from fraction of  $^{252}\text{Cf}$  passing



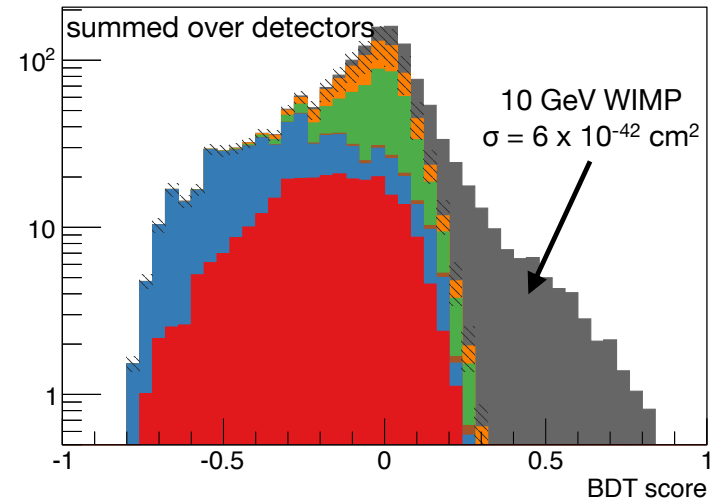
**Efficiencies:** measured for neutrons from  $^{252}\text{Cf}$ . Corrected for multiple scattering with Geant4

# Boosted Decision Tree (BDT)

Inputs (per detector)



Output

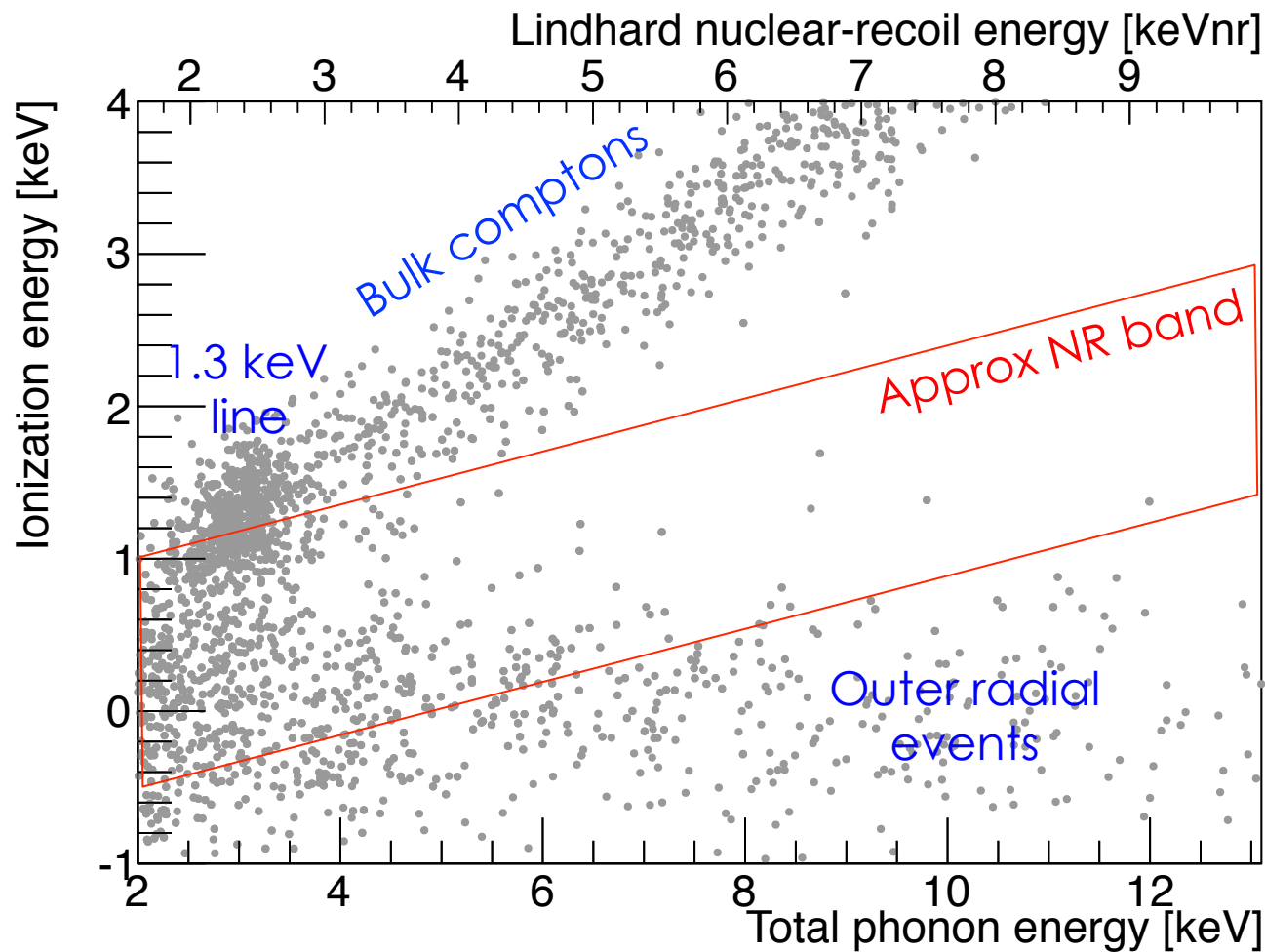


**Background:** Modelled with simulated data on sidebands and calibration.

**WIMP Signal:** Modelled with NR data from  $^{252}\text{Cf}$ , then rescaled for WIMPs with mass 5, 7, 10, 15 GeV

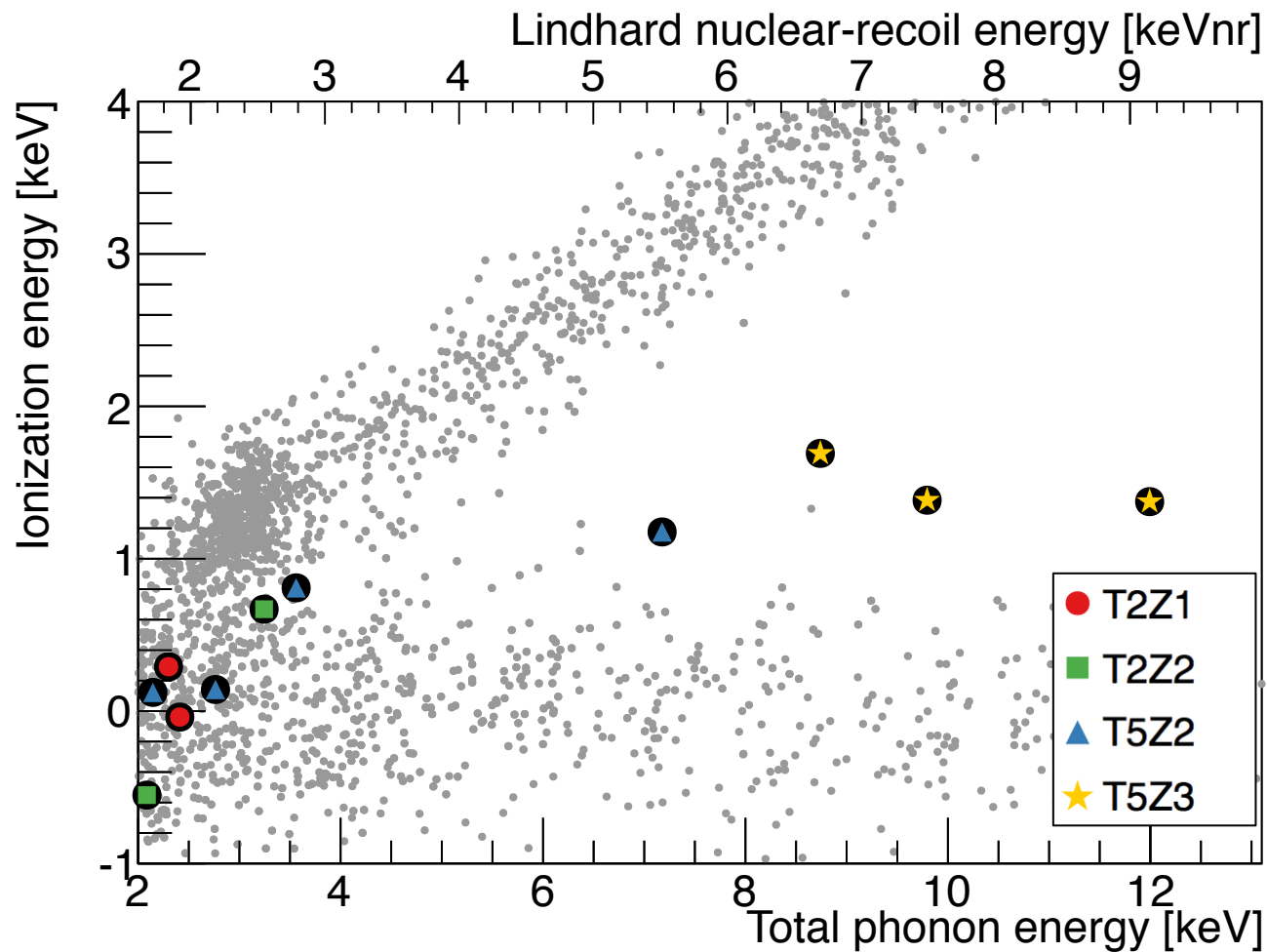
Unblinding: Before BDT cut

Events passing all the cuts prior to applying BDT



Unblinding: After BDT cut

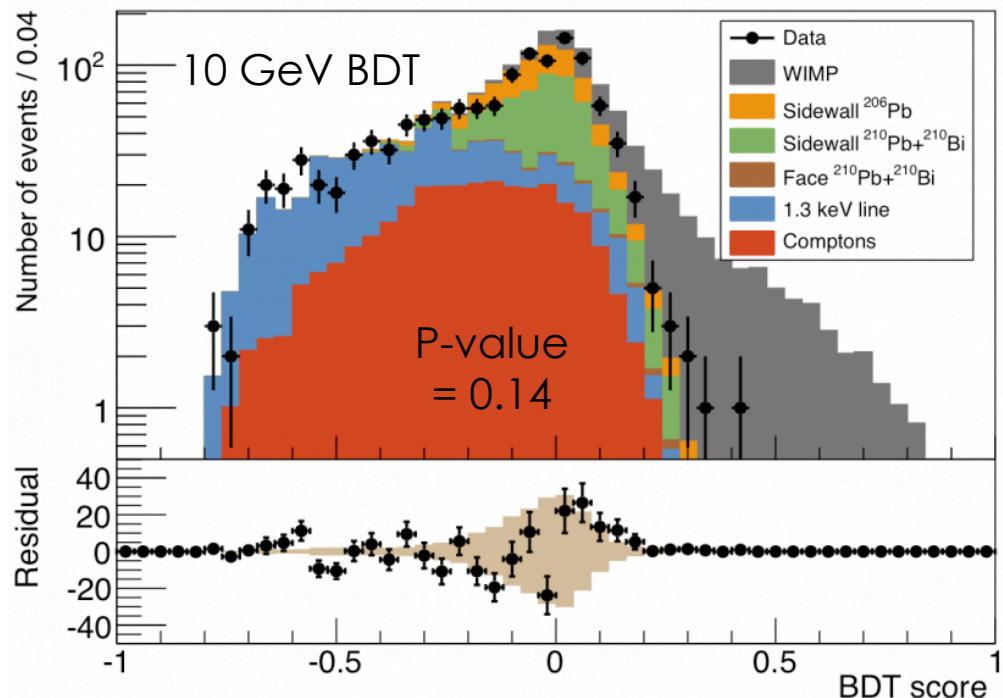
11 candidates ( $6.2 + 1.1 - 0.8$  expected)



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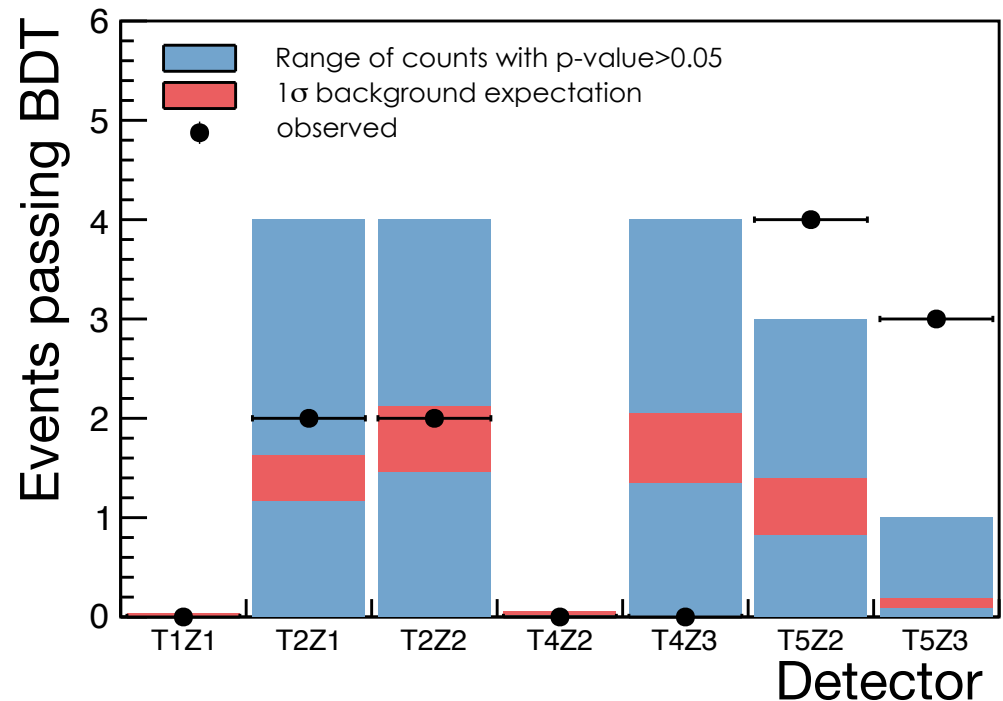
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- However, T5Z3 observes the 3 highest-energy events

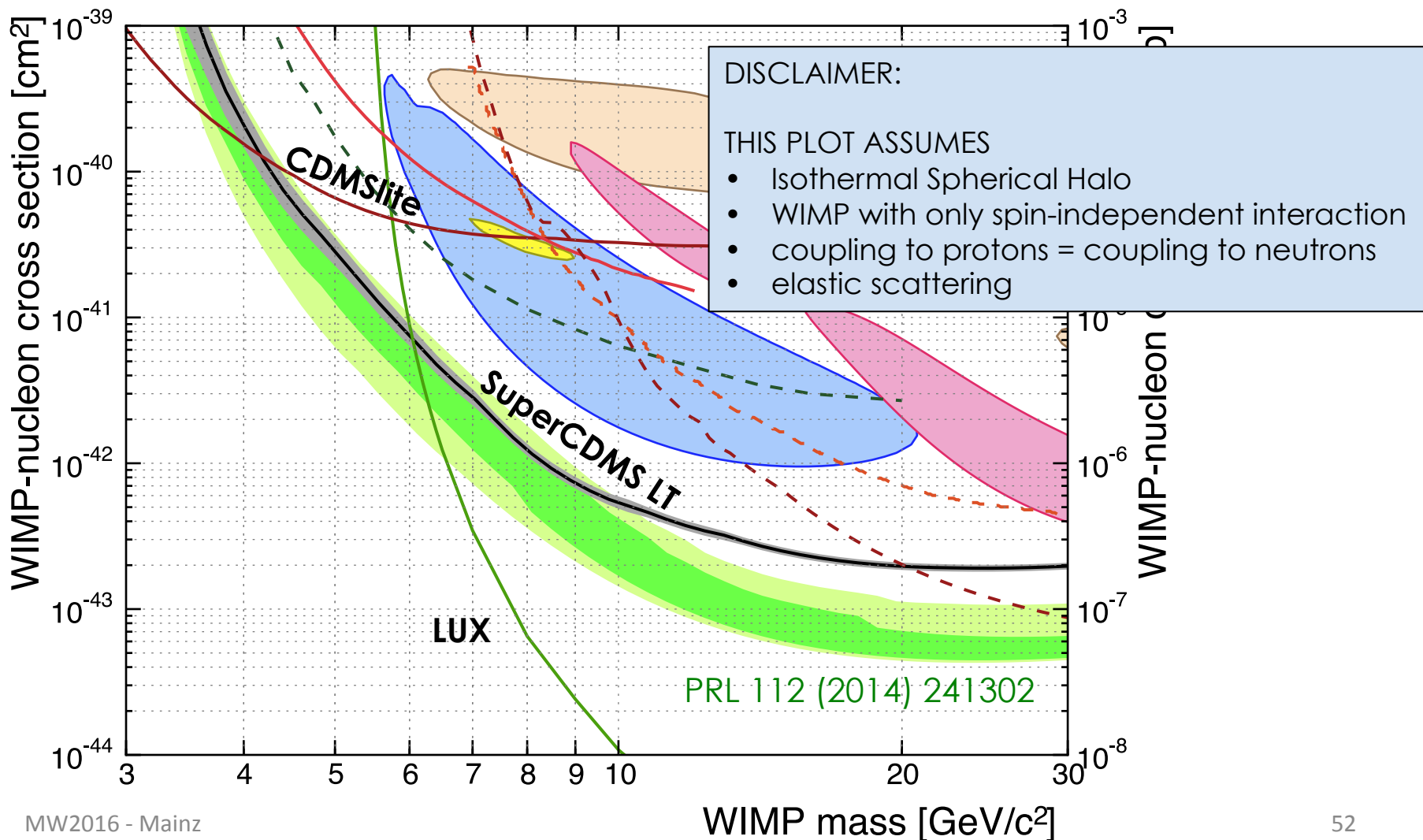
(Poisson p-value is 0.04%)



T5Z3 has a shorted ionization guard. This may have affected the background model performance. Additional studies are ongoing.

## Non-observation in other experiments set upper bounds on the cross section

XENON10, XENON100, LUX (Xe), CDMSlite, SuperCDMS, Edelweiss (Ge), COUPP ( $\text{CF}_3\text{I}$ )  
have not observed any DM signal, which constrains the scattering cross section



# iZIP discrimination of surface events

Ionization lines ( $\pm 2V$ ) interleaved with phonon sensors (0V) on a  $\sim 1\text{mm}$  pitch

## Bulk events:

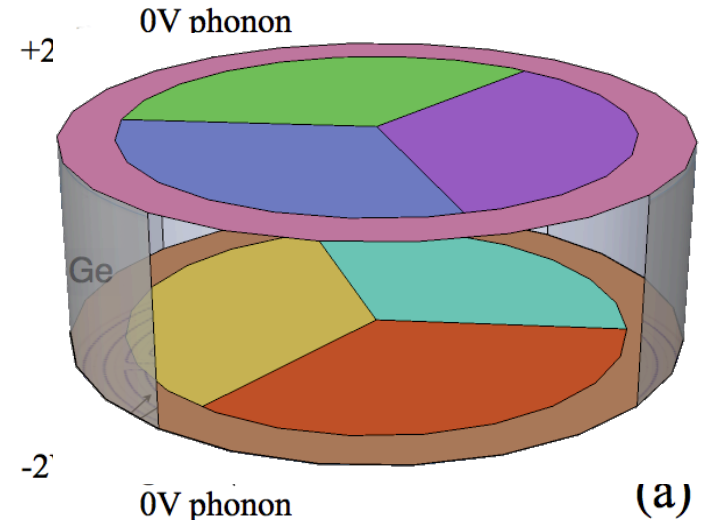
charges (e,h) drift to **both sides** of the crystal

## Surface events:

charges (e,h) drift to **only one side** of the crystal

## Z-PARTITION:

The resulting **symmetry/asymmetry** in charge collection in sides 1 and 2



## Sidewalls

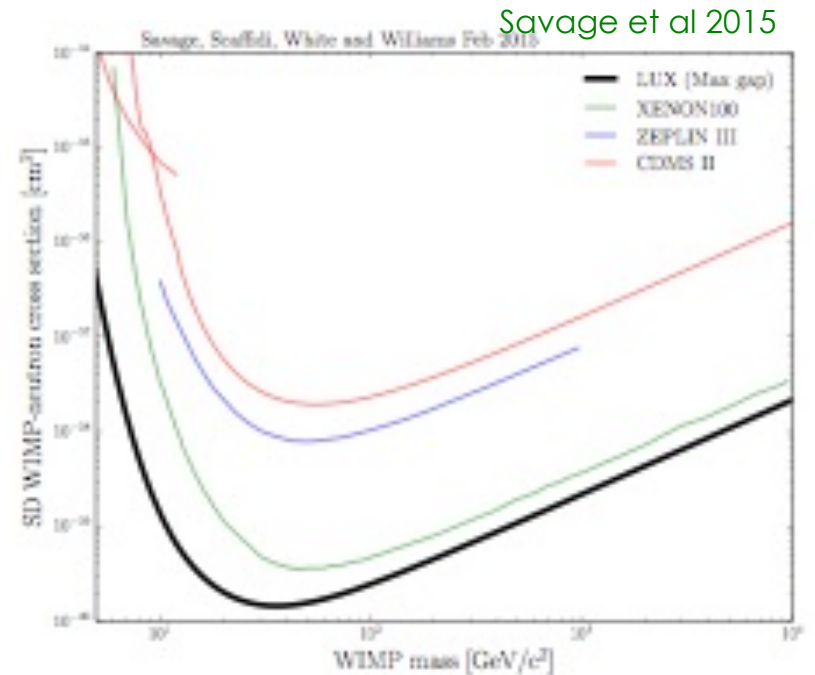
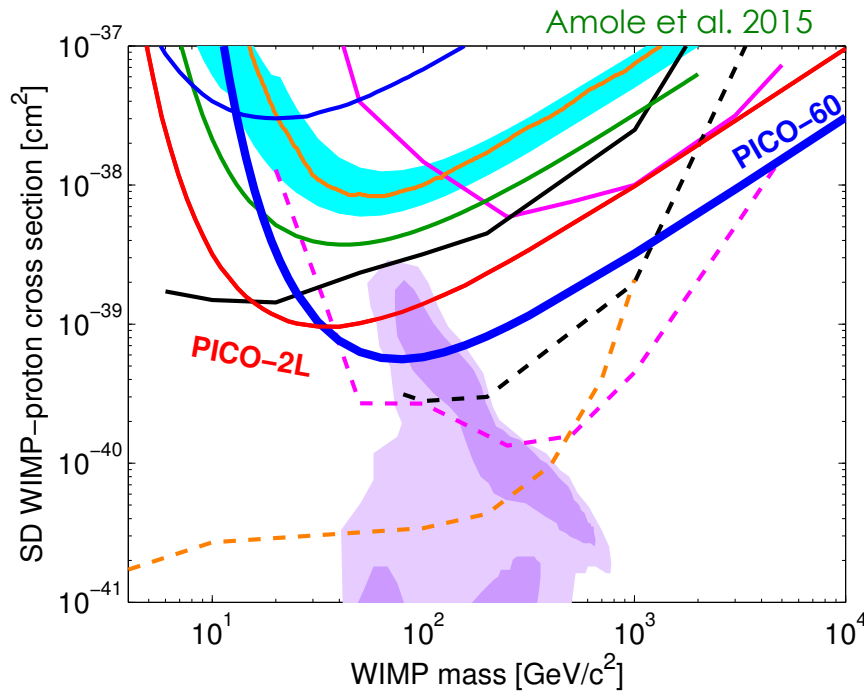
Surface events on the sides of the detector leave more energy in the outer sensors.

## RADIAL PARTITION:

division of energy between inner and outer sensors

# Upper bounds on the SD cross section

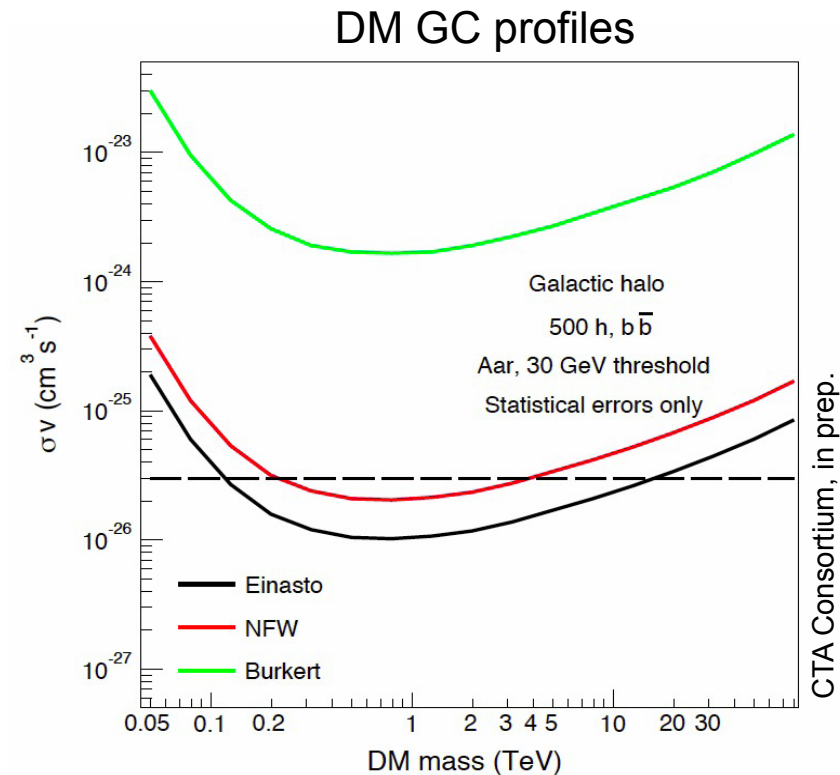
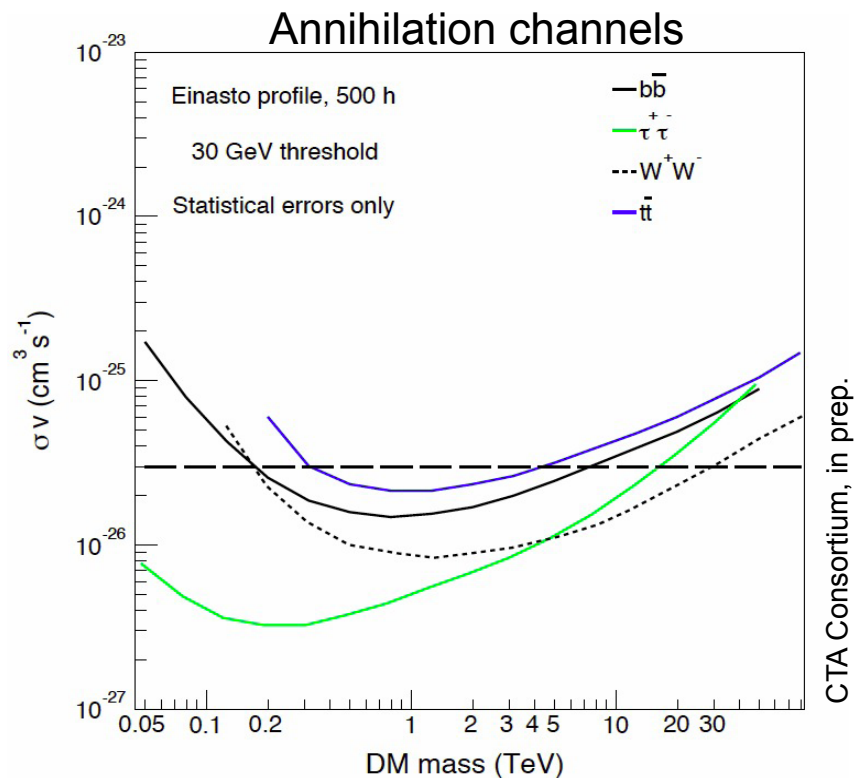
XENON100, LUX (Xe) for SD with neutron, PICO 60L (CF<sub>3</sub>I) for SD proton



IceCube, Baksan and Antares also sensitive to DM capture rate in the Sun (mainly SD cross section with protons) and its subsequent annihilation in neutrinos.

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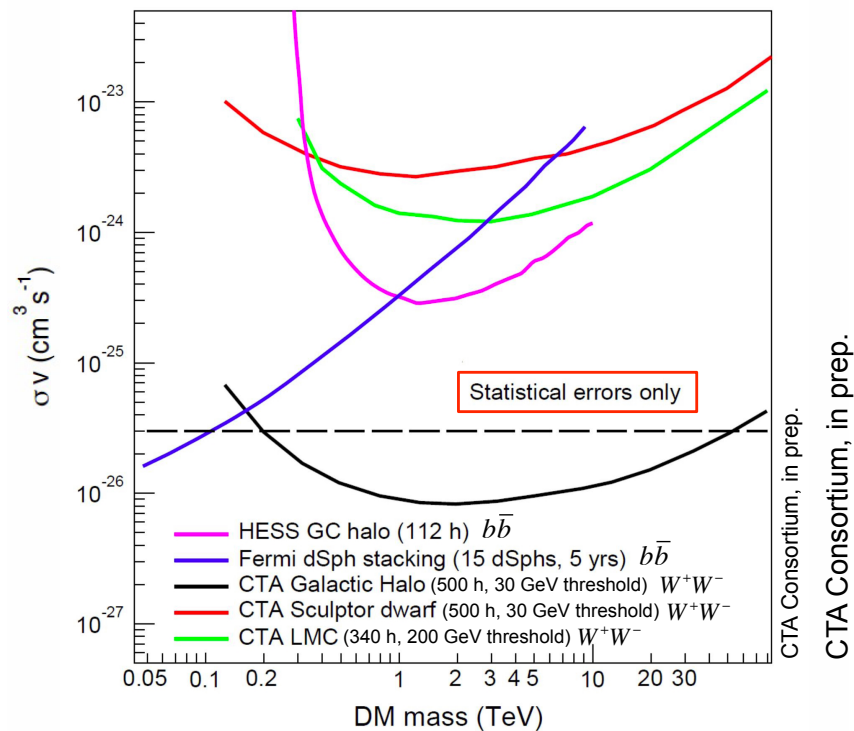
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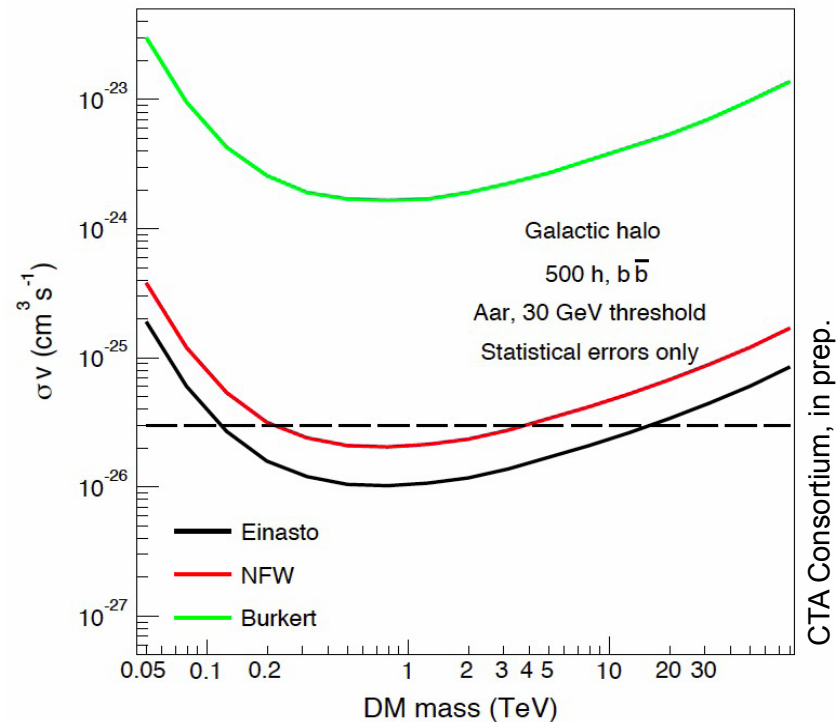
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