

# Fast Moving Dark Matter at Direct Detection Experiments

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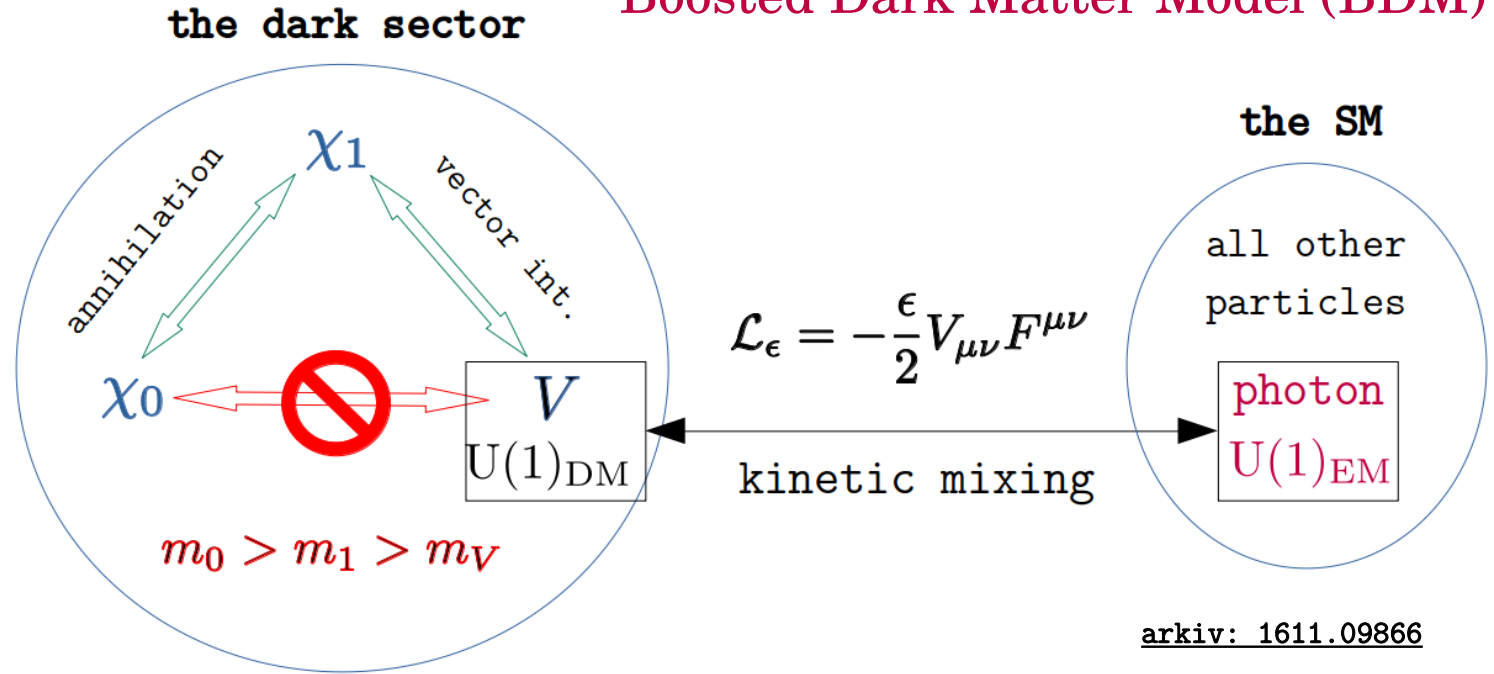
## Dark Interactions

New Perspectives from Theory and Experiment

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# Boosted Dark Matter Model (BDM)

- Multi-component
- Interactions
- Mass splitting
- Stability
- Self Interaction
- Abundances

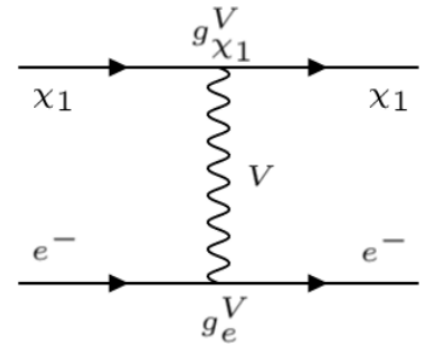
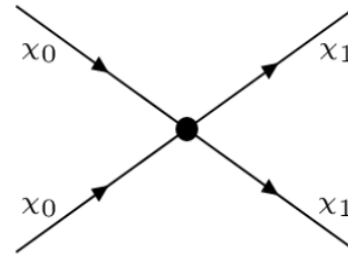
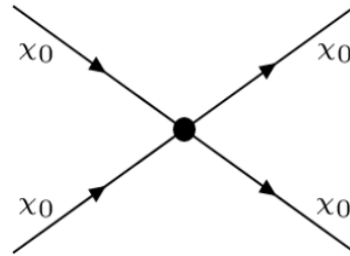


assisted freeze  
out mechanism

$$\sigma_{11 \rightarrow XX} \gg \sigma_{00 \rightarrow 11}$$

$$\Omega_{\chi_1} / \Omega_{\chi_0} \ll 1$$

[arXiv:1112.4491](https://arxiv.org/abs/1112.4491)



model parameters:  $\{\sigma_{00}^{\text{self}}, g_e^V, g_{\chi_1}^V, m_0, m_1, m_V\}$

## Summary of Boosted Dark Matter Studies

Ref. (ArXiv)	Boost Mechanism			Source			Interaction		Phenomenology at				
	A	D	semi-A	GC	Sun	dSps	$e^-$	$N$	SK/HK	DUNE	IceCube	Sur.	DD
1405.7370 [1]	✓			✓			E		✓		✓		
1407.3280 [2]		✓		✓				E			✓		
1410.2246 [3]	✓		✓		✓			E	✓				
1411.6632 [4]	✓				✓		E		✓		✓		
1501.03166 [5]	✓			✓				E					✓
1610.03486 [6]	✓			✓		✓	E		✓	✓			
1611.09866 [7]	✓			✓	✓		E		✓	✓			
1612.06867 [8]							IE		✓	✓			
1712.07126 [9]	✓			✓			IE						✓
1803.03264 [10]	✓			✓			IE					✓	
1804.07302 [11]	✓	✓		✓	✓		E					✓	
1806.09154 [12]	✓			✓			IE		✓				
1903.05087 [13]	✓			✓			IE			✓			

### Abbreviations

A: annihilation [14, 15], D: decay [16, 17], semi-A: semi-annihilation [18-22].

dSps: dwarf spheroidal galaxies,  $e^-$ : electron,  $N$ : nucleon.

E: elastic, IE: inelastic, SK: Super-Kamiokande, HK: Hyper-Kamiokande, DUNE: Deep Underground Neutrino Experiments.

Sur.: surface neutrino detectors, DD: direct detection experiments.

# Large Volume Neutrino Experiments

	Volume (kTon)	$E_{\text{th}}$ (MeV)	$\theta_{\text{res}}$	Running Time (years)
SK [109]	22.5	100	3°	~ 18
HK [110]	560	100	3°	
DUNE [111]	40 – 50	30	1°	

$\frac{N_{\text{bkg}}}{\text{year}}$

	DUNE20	DUNE40	SK	HK
GC	2 with 10°	4 with 10°	7.01 with 10°	174 with 10°
Sun	0.02 with 1°	0.04 with 1°	0.632 with 3°	15.7 with 3°

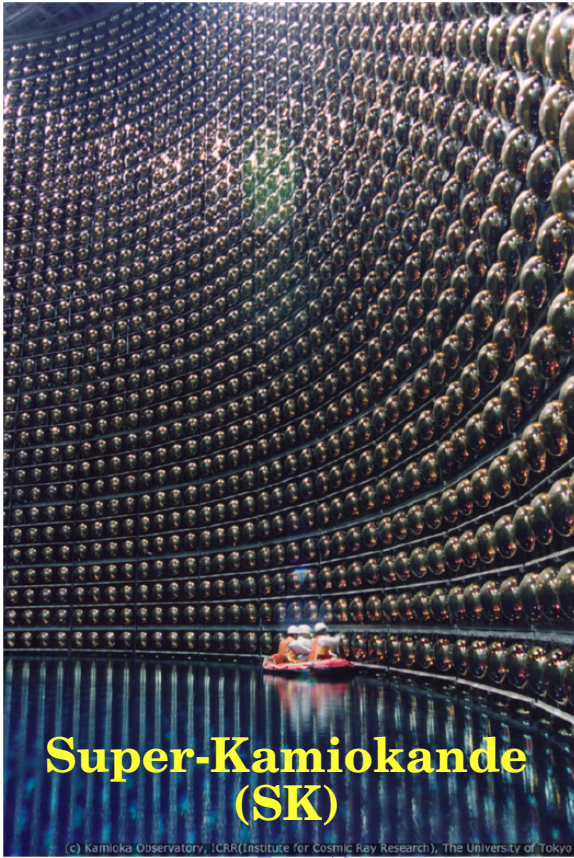
BDM signal sources:

$$N_{\text{sig}} = \Delta T \times N_{\text{target}} \times \Phi \times \sigma_{1e}$$

$E_{\text{th}}$  requires sufficiently high electron recoil energies.

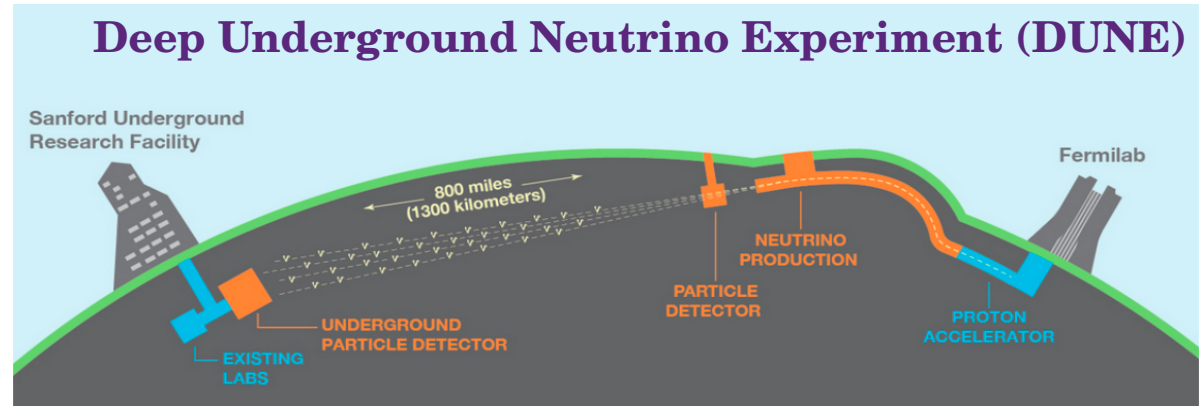


$m_0/m_1 \gtrsim \mathcal{O}(10)$   
electrons: free-at-rest



**Super-Kamiokande (SK)**

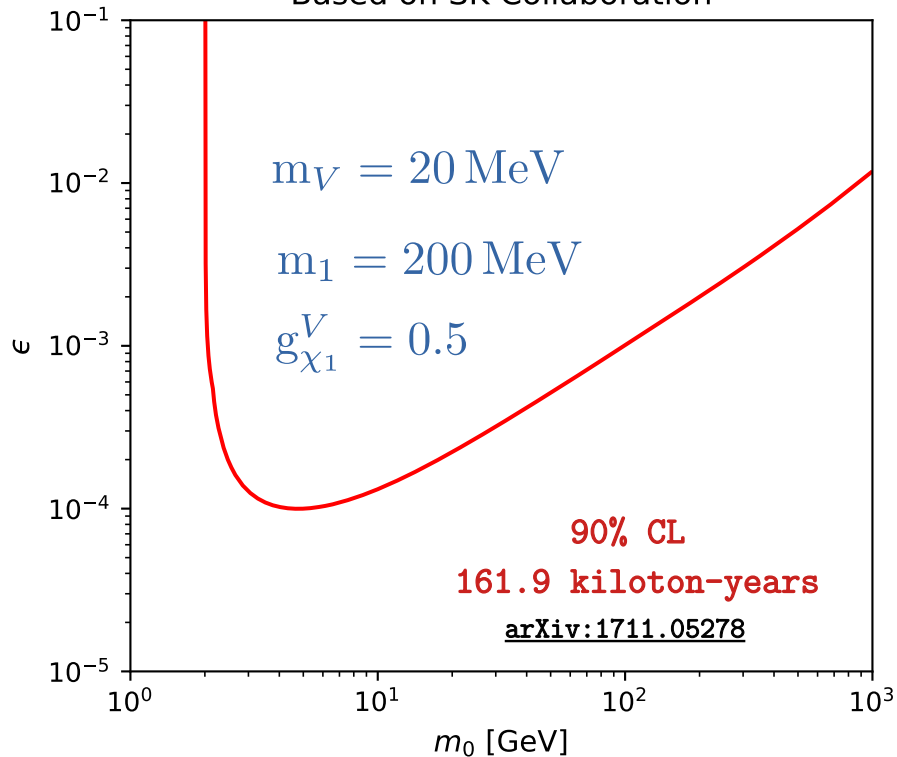
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## Experimental Study

Based on SK Collaboration



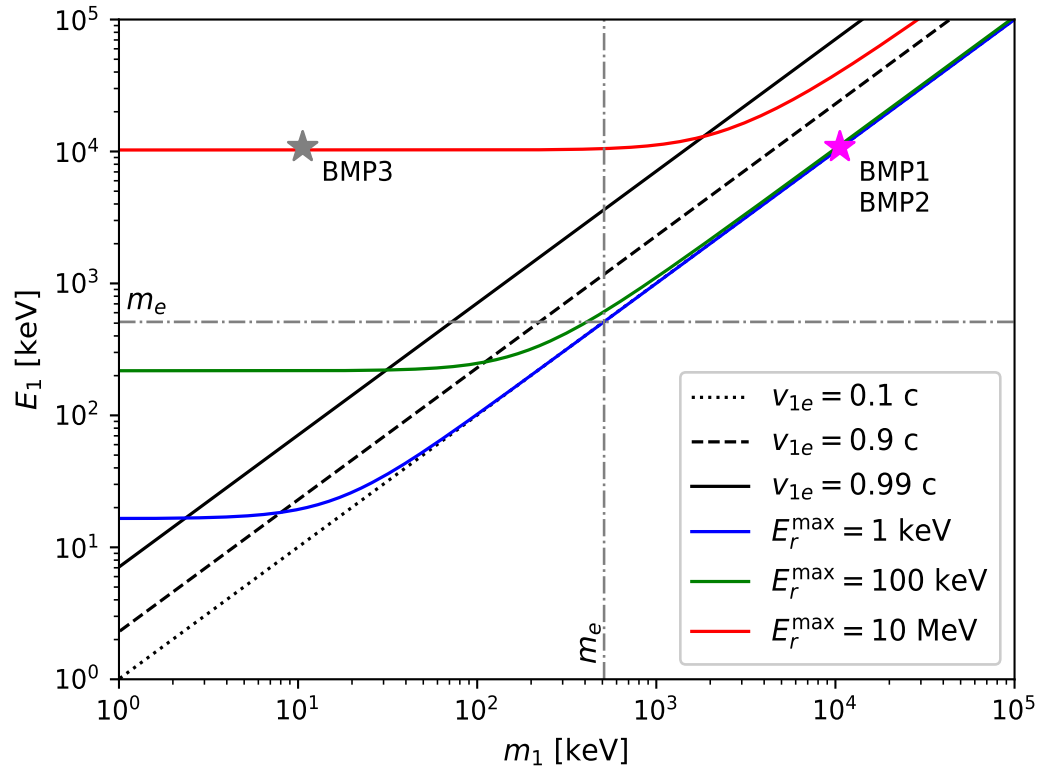
After proving the principle,  
how can we generalize?

- High recoil vs low recoil: necessity to exploit the full parameter space.
- Revisiting the free-at-rest electron assumption.
- Exploring different models of BDM.
- Generalization to boost mechanism independent framework.

We can discuss all the above at once by considering BDM or fast moving dark matter at low energy electron recoil such as DD experiments.

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anatomy of the mass-energy space



spin classification

Mediators: V, A, P and S.

DM particles: F and S.



7 different combinations

# Atomic Physics Effects

$$\text{DM}(p) + e^-(k) \rightarrow \text{DM}(p') + e^-(k')$$

- **Electrons are bound to the target atoms, treating them as free is effectively valid only at high  $E_r$ .**
- **At low  $E_r$ , atomic effects become very important.**
- **We shall re-derive the scattering cross section to accommodate such effects.**
- **Start with free scattering, replace:  $\delta^3(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{k} - \mathbf{p}' - \mathbf{k}')$  with  $|f_{e_i \rightarrow e_f}|^2$ .**

different considerations for the transition factor,  $|f_{e_i \rightarrow e_f}|$ .

method	regiem	$ e_i\rangle$ wave functions		mediator
		initial $e^-$	final $e^-$	
1 (PW)	non-relativistic	RHF	PW	S, V
2 (SCE)		RHF	Schrodinger	S, V
3 (DCE)	relativistic	Dirac (DHFS)		S, V P, A
4 (DCE)		Dirac (erf)		S, V P, A
5 (DCE)		Dirac (exp)		S, V P, A

*transition factor*

$$|f_{e_i \rightarrow e_f}(\mathbf{q})| = \langle e_f | e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}} | e_i \rangle$$

*ionization form factor*

$$|f_{ion}(E_r, |\mathbf{q}|)|^2 = \frac{2|\mathbf{k}'|^3}{(2\pi)^3} \int d\Omega_{\hat{\mathbf{k}}'} |f_{e_i \rightarrow e_f}(\mathbf{q})|^2$$

*binding energy*

*non-rel. (nl)*

*rel. (nκ)*

$$\frac{d\sigma_{1e}^{nl}}{dE_r} = \frac{1}{64\pi v_{1e}} \frac{1}{E_1 E_r (2m_e + E_r) (m_e - |E_{nl}^B|) \sqrt{E_1^2 - m_1^2}} \int_{|\mathbf{q}|^{\min}}^{|\mathbf{q}|^{\max}} d|\mathbf{q}| |\mathbf{q}| |\mathcal{M}|^2 |f_{ion}(E_r, |\mathbf{q}|)|^2$$

$$|f_{e_i \rightarrow e_f}|^2 \rightarrow \delta^3(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{k} - \mathbf{p}' - \mathbf{k}') \text{ and } |E_{nl}^B| = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{d\sigma_{1e}}{dE_r} = \frac{m_e |\mathcal{M}|^2}{8\pi \lambda (s, m_e^2, m_1^2)}$$

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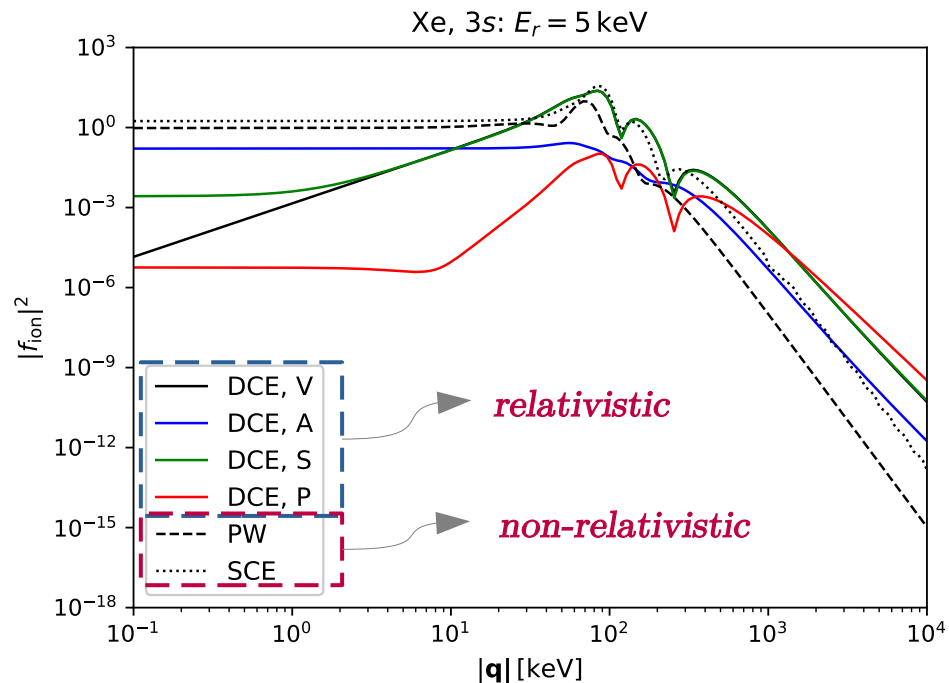
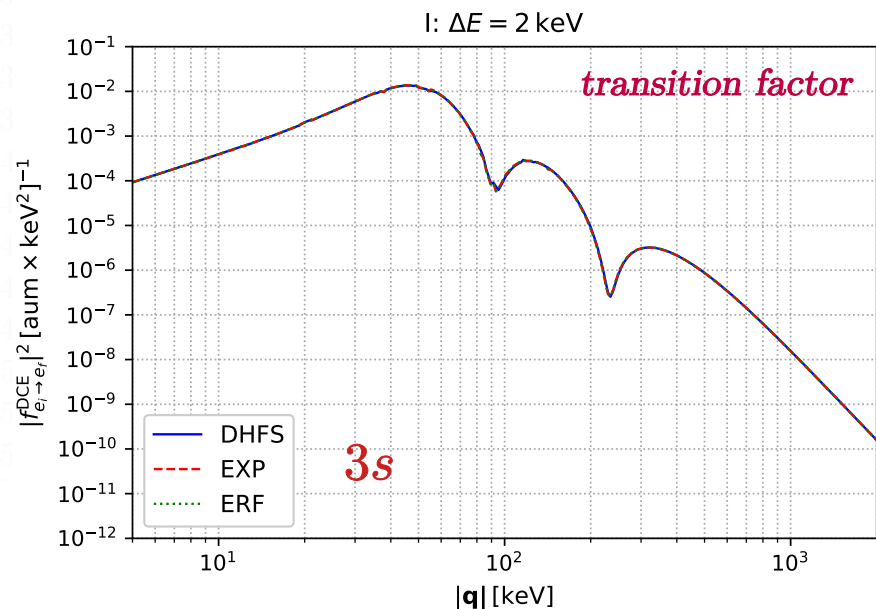
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*ionization form factor  
relativistic vs non-relativistic*





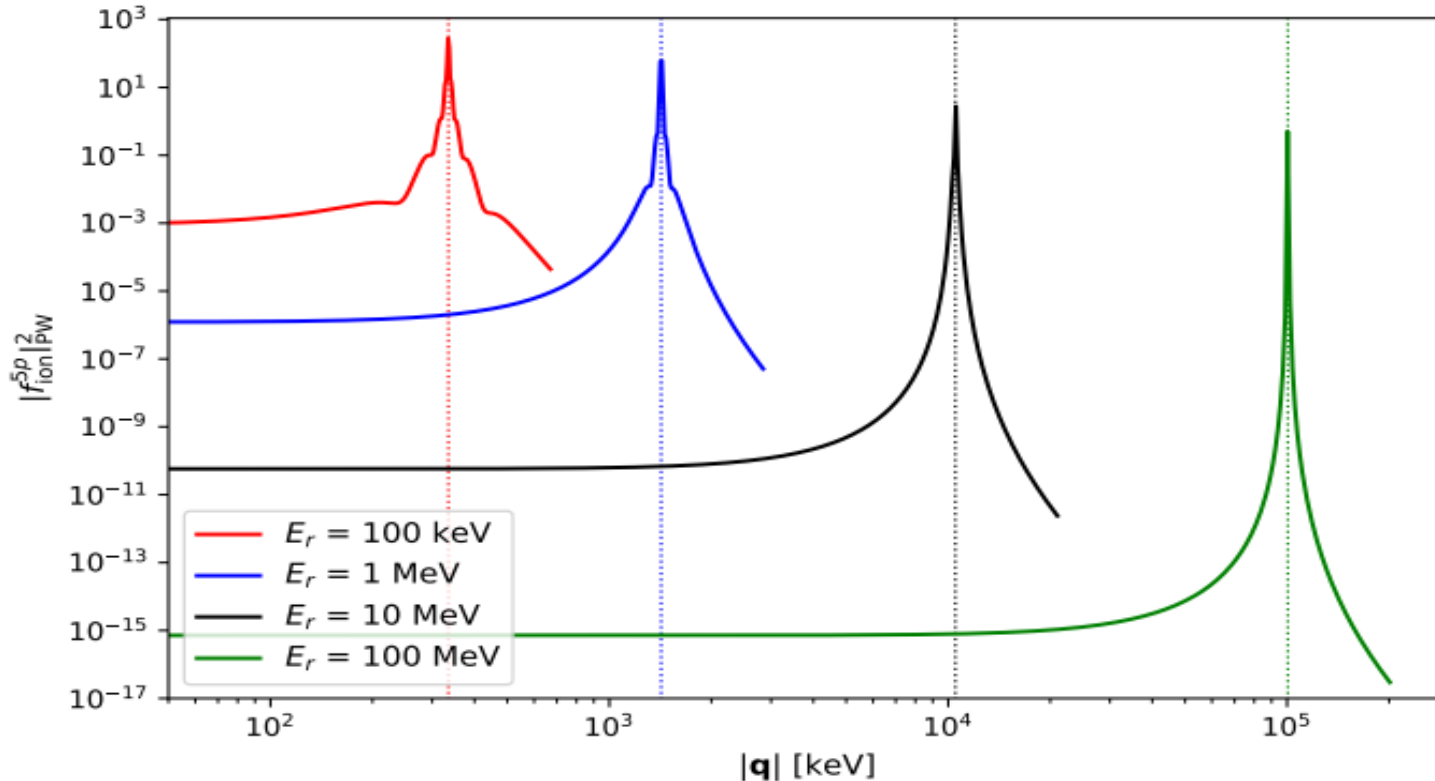
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Does the ionization form factor restore the asymptotic freedom of electrons at high recoil energies?

as  $E_r$  increases:  $|f_{ion}(E_r, |\mathbf{q}|)|^2 \rightarrow \delta(|\mathbf{q}| - |\mathbf{k}'|)$

DD Exps.  $\leftarrow$   $\rightarrow$   $\leftarrow$   $\rightarrow$

$\leftarrow$   $\rightarrow$   $\leftarrow$   $\rightarrow$  LVnu Exps.



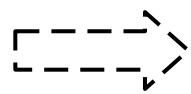
*This behavior of the ionization form factor at high electron recoils justifies an earlier assumption “free-at-rest” electrons when considering experiments with energy threshold above  $\sim 10$  MeV.*

*dotted lines*

$$|\mathbf{k}'| = \sqrt{2m_e E_r + E_r^2}$$

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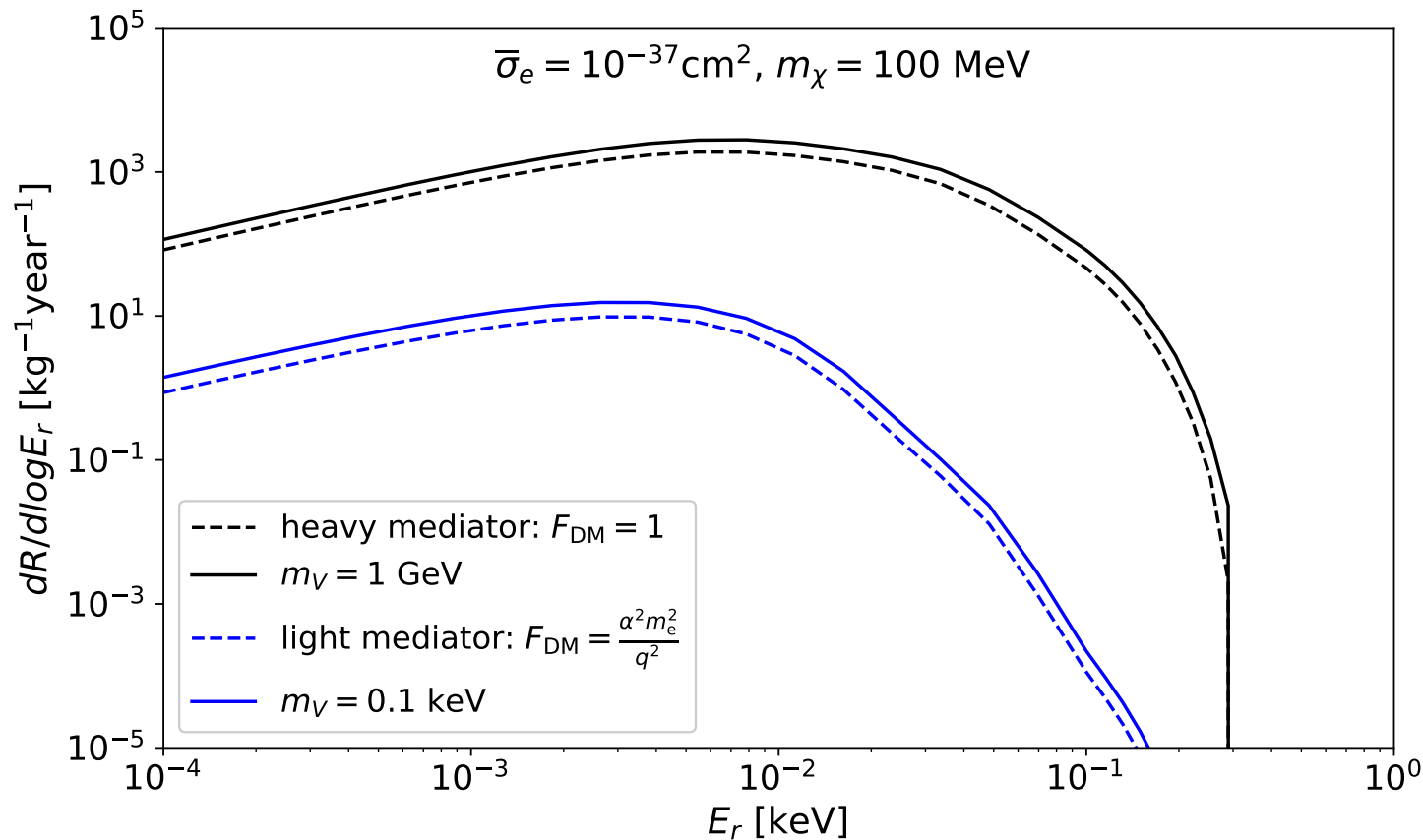
$$\frac{d\sigma}{dE_r} = \frac{1}{64\pi} \int_{q^-}^{q^+} \frac{qdq}{pk'^2 EE_e} |f_{ion}|^2 |\mathcal{M}|^2$$



$$\frac{d\langle\sigma v\rangle}{d\log E_r} = \frac{\bar{\sigma}_B}{8\mu^2} \int_{q^-}^{q^+} qdq |f_{ion}|^2 |F_{DM}|^2(q) \eta(v_{\min})$$

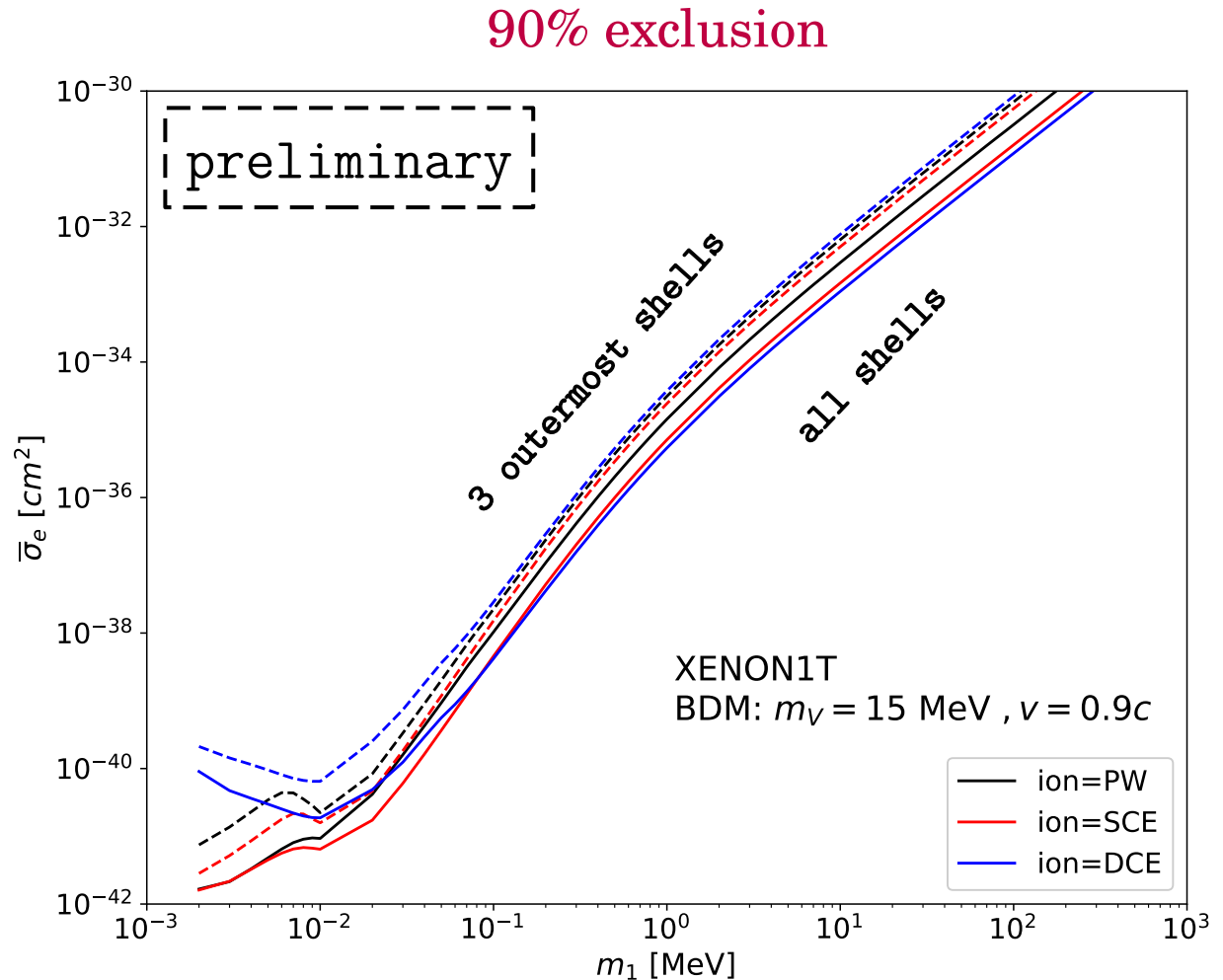
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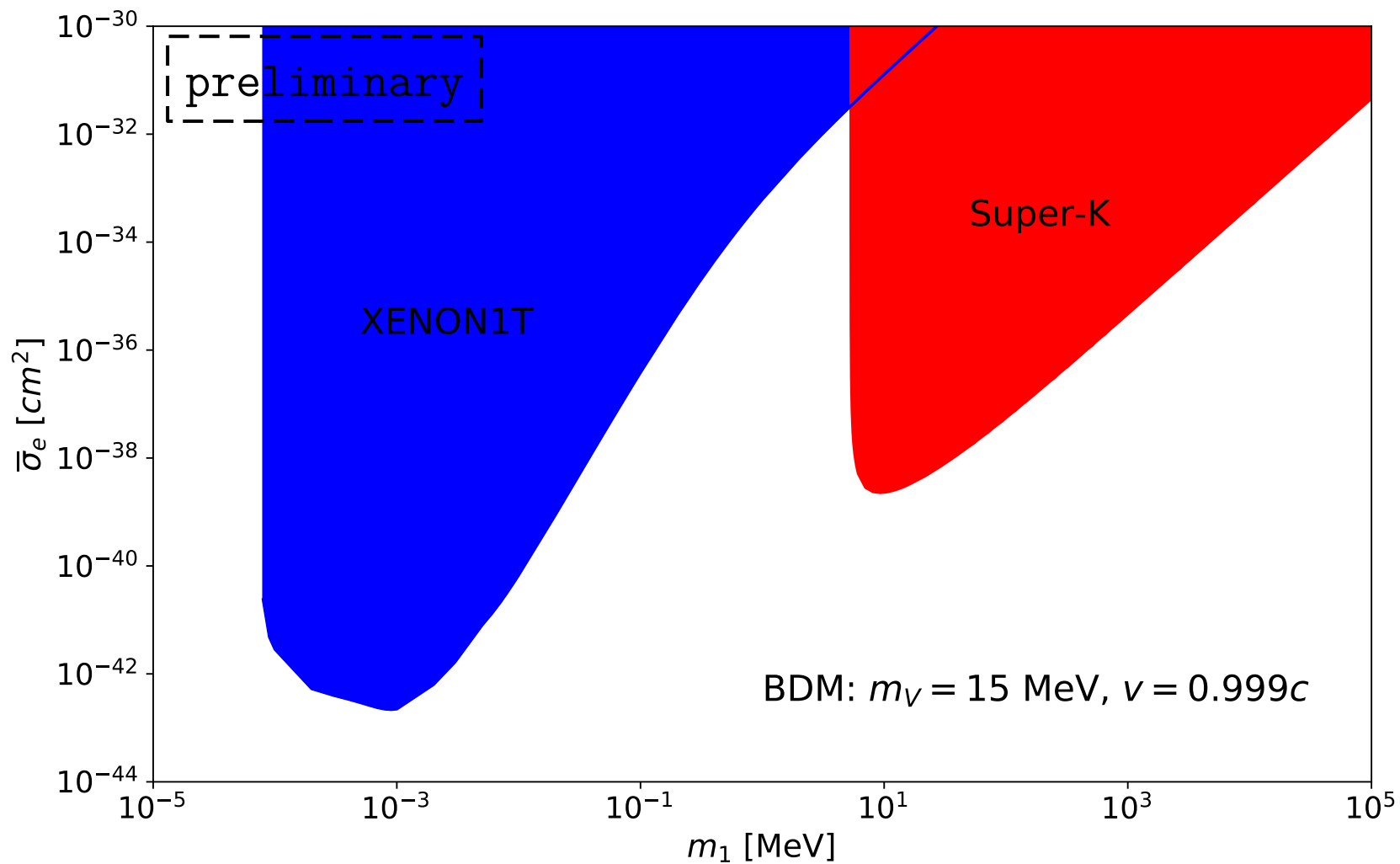


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- Taking the XENON1T experiment as an example.
- Uses the reported number of events between 1.5 keV and 30 keV electron recoil as a background. [arXiv:2006.09721](https://arxiv.org/abs/2006.09721)
- The analysis could be improved by studying the number of Photo-electrons instead of the recoil energy.



# 90% exclusion at two example experiments



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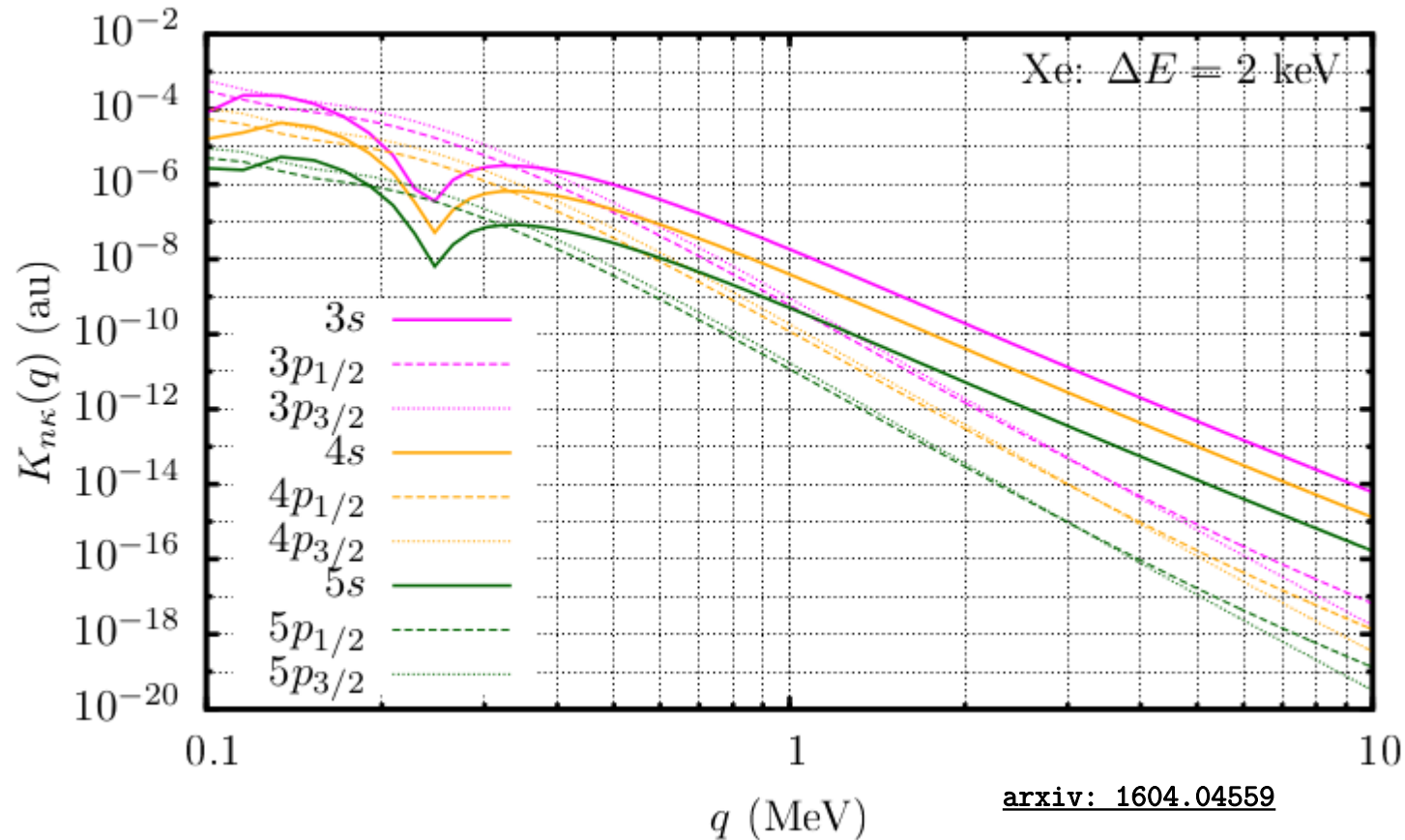
Questions

Thank you

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transition factor:  $|f_{e_i \rightarrow e_f}| \propto \int_0^\infty R_{nl} R_{E_r l'} j_L(qr) r^2 dr.$

Schrodinger:

$$R^S \propto r^\ell (1 - \frac{Z}{\ell+1} r + \dots) \begin{cases} \text{LO} \propto \frac{1}{q^{\ell+\ell'+3}} \int_0^\infty x^{\ell+\ell'+2} j_L(x) dx. \\ \text{NLO} \propto \frac{1}{q^{\ell+\ell'+4}} \int_0^\infty x^{\ell+\ell'+3} j_L(x) dx. \end{cases} = 0$$

Dirac:

NR:  $Z\alpha \rightarrow 0, \gamma \simeq |\kappa| (1 - \frac{1}{2} Z^2 \alpha^2)$

$$R_{NR}^D \propto r^{1-\gamma} (\gamma - \kappa + Cr + \dots)$$

$$\text{LO} \propto \frac{1}{q^{\gamma+\gamma'+1}} \int_0^\infty x^{\gamma+\gamma'} j_L(x) dx.$$

for example:  $\ell = \ell' = s = 0.$   $|f_{ion}^S|^2 \propto \frac{1}{q^8}$  vs  $|f_{ion}^D|^2 \propto \frac{1}{q^{(6-2Z^2\alpha^2)}}$

In non rel. approx., Dirac large component is dominant since the small component is linearly proportional to  $Z\alpha$ .

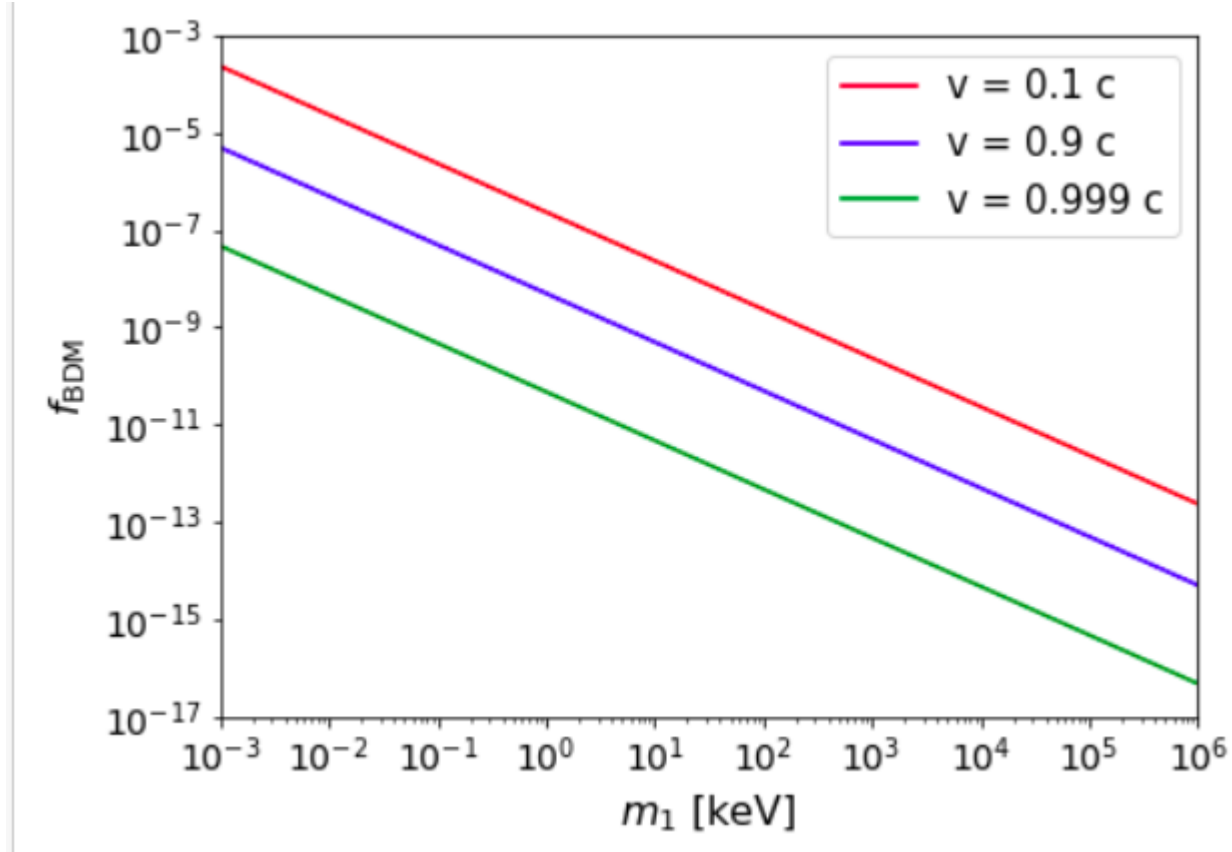
$$\kappa = \mp(j + \frac{1}{2}) \text{ for } j = \ell \pm \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\gamma = \sqrt{\kappa^2 - Z^2 \alpha^2}$$



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$$f = \frac{m\Phi}{v\rho_{\text{DM}}}$$



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4 <sub>s<sub>1/2</sub></sub>	4	-1	94.21	8.430	7.401	7.445	7.662
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4 <sub>d<sub>5/2</sub></sub>	4	-3	91.65	2.634	2.296	2.353	2.488
5 <sub>s<sub>1/2</sub></sub>	5	-1	59.97	1.010	0.851	0.869	0.869
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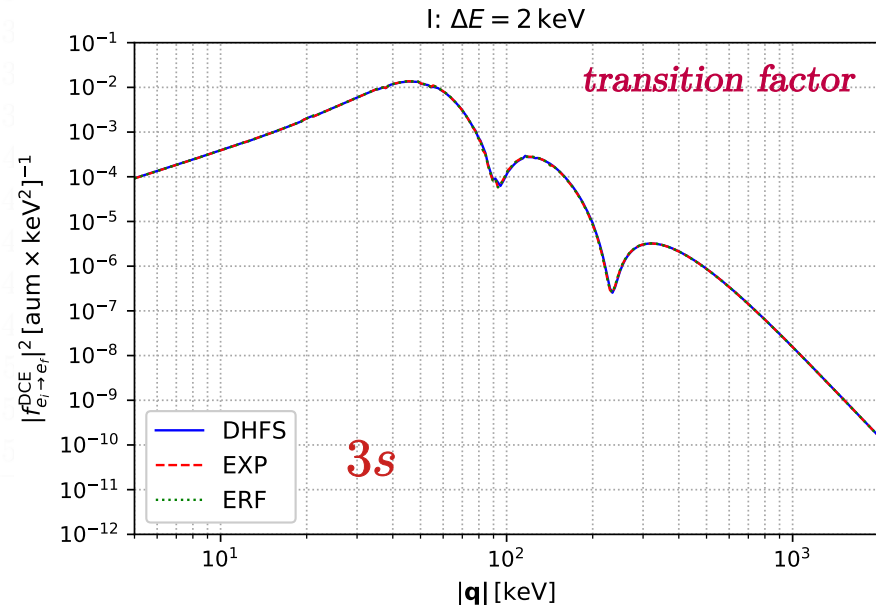
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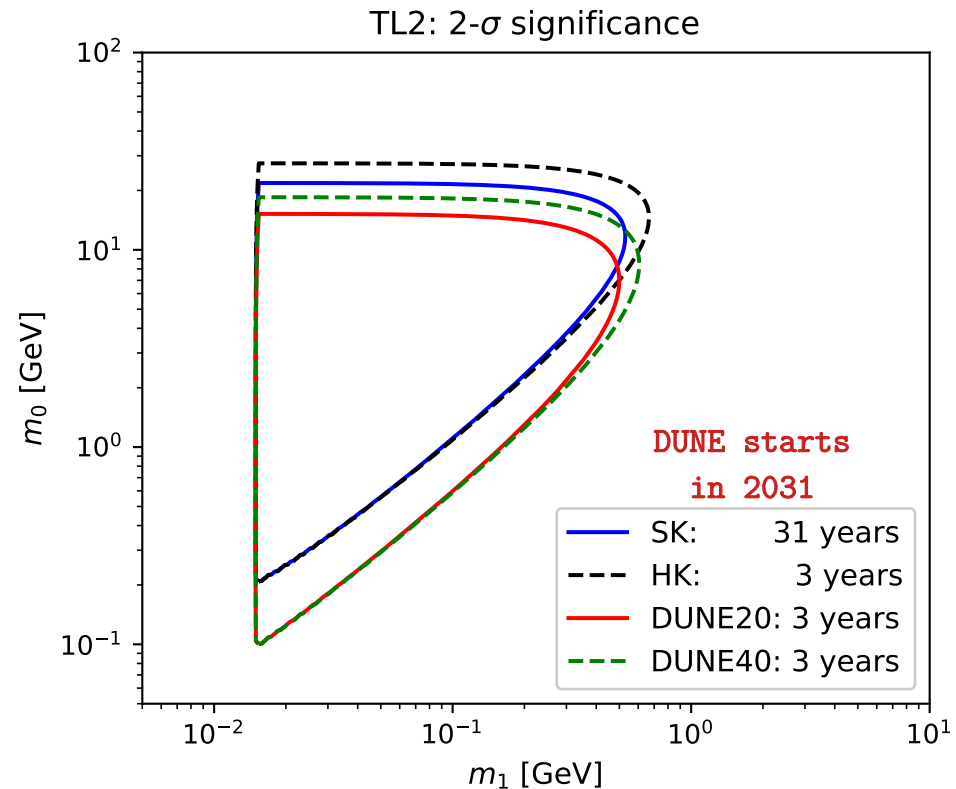
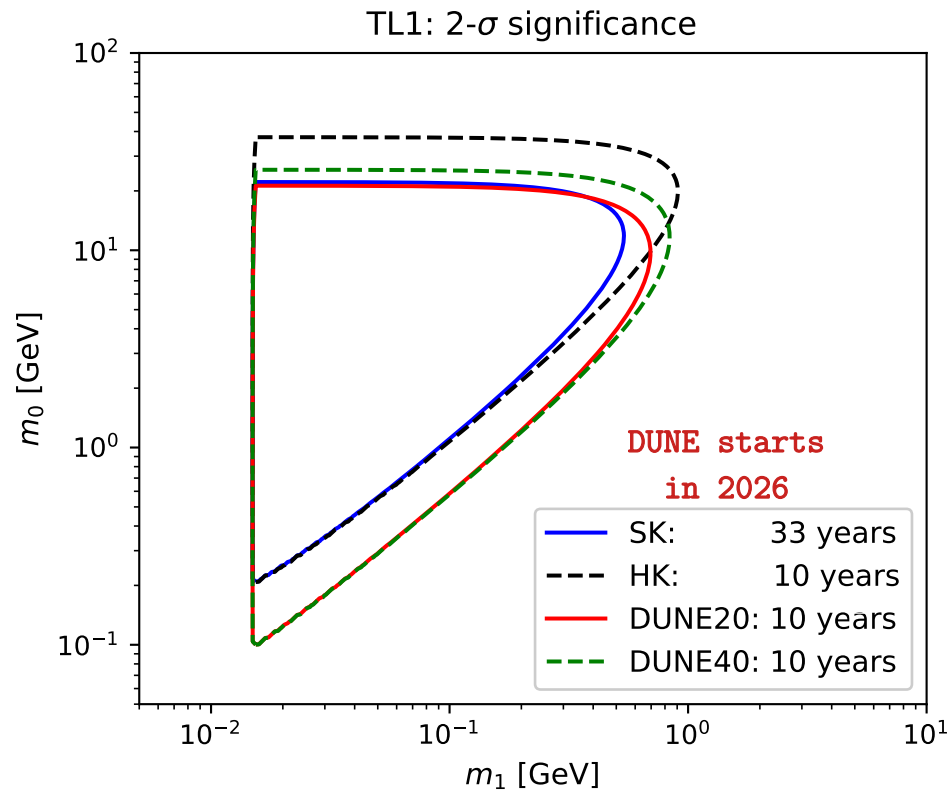


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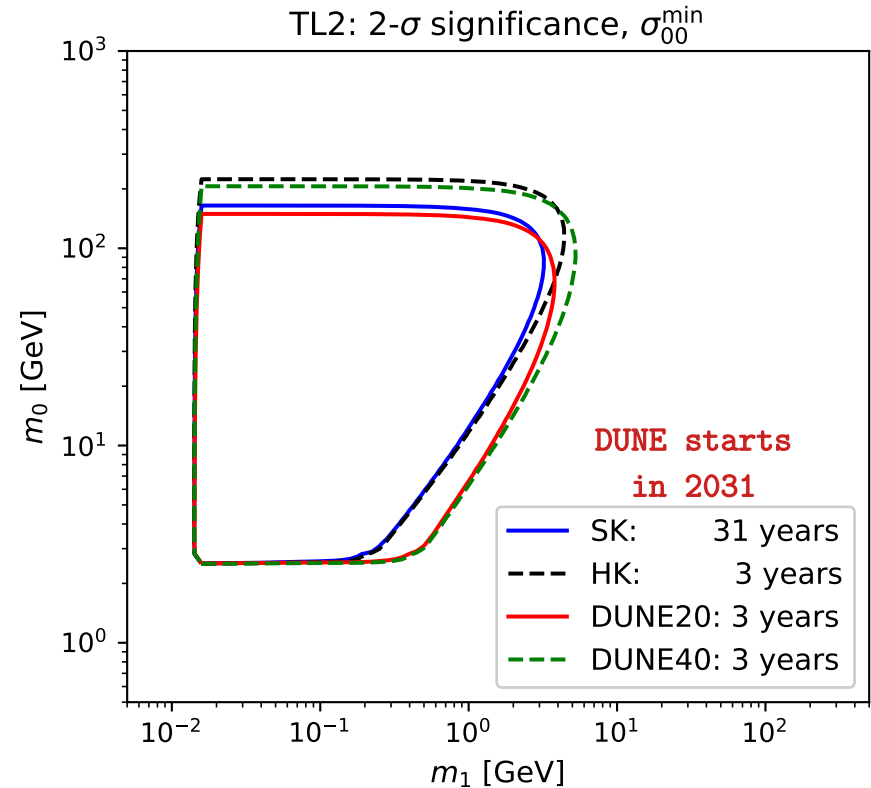
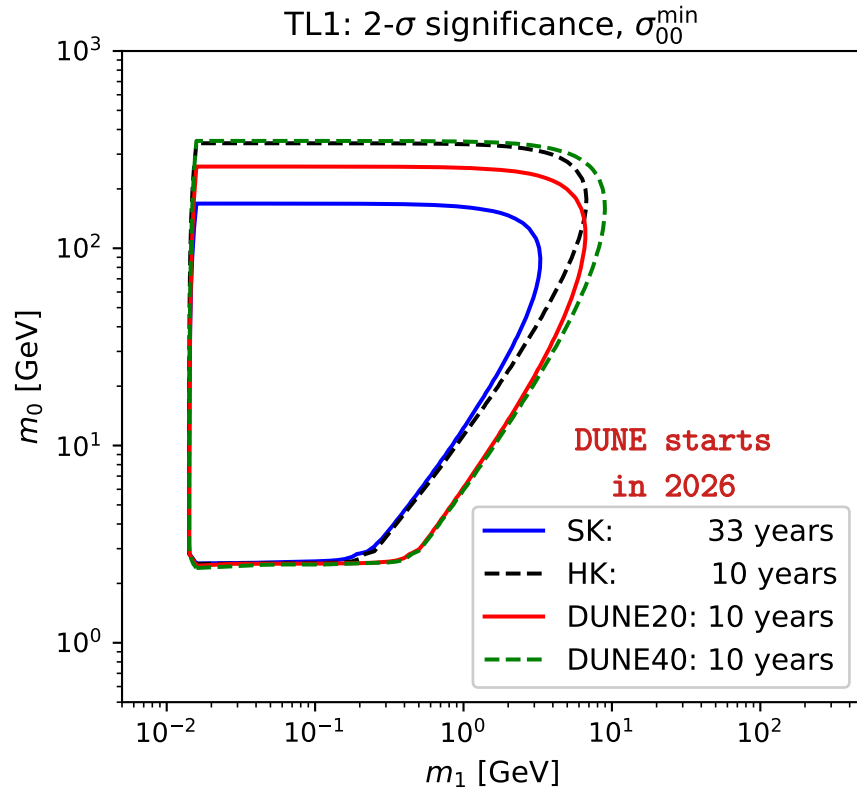
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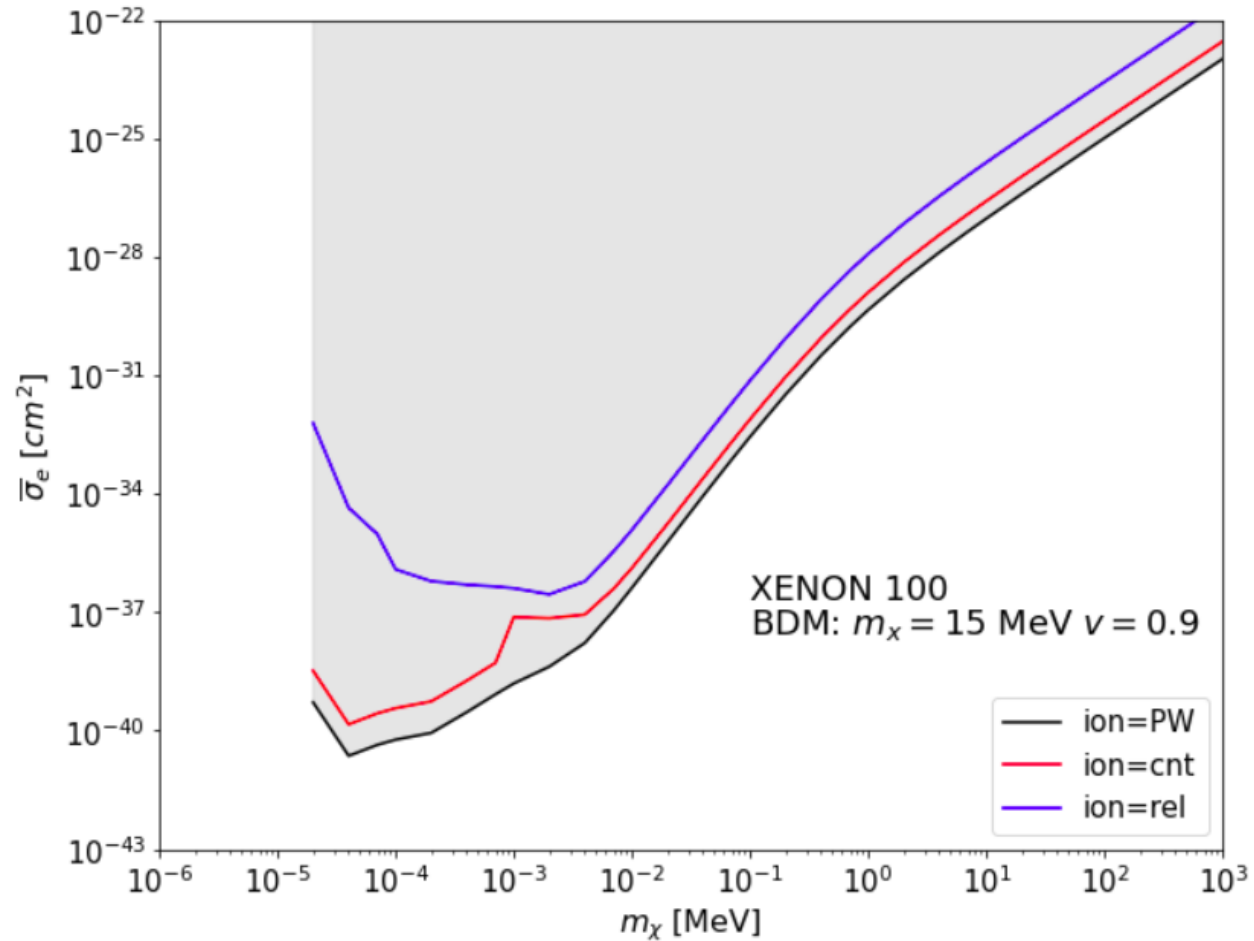
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## Signal Significance of BDM from the Sun



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ArXiv:1405.7370

1. Limits on the dark photon.
2. Direct detection of non-relativistic  $\Psi_0$ .
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4. Indirect detection of non-relativistic  $\Psi_1$ .
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