



Dark Matter and Axion Searches

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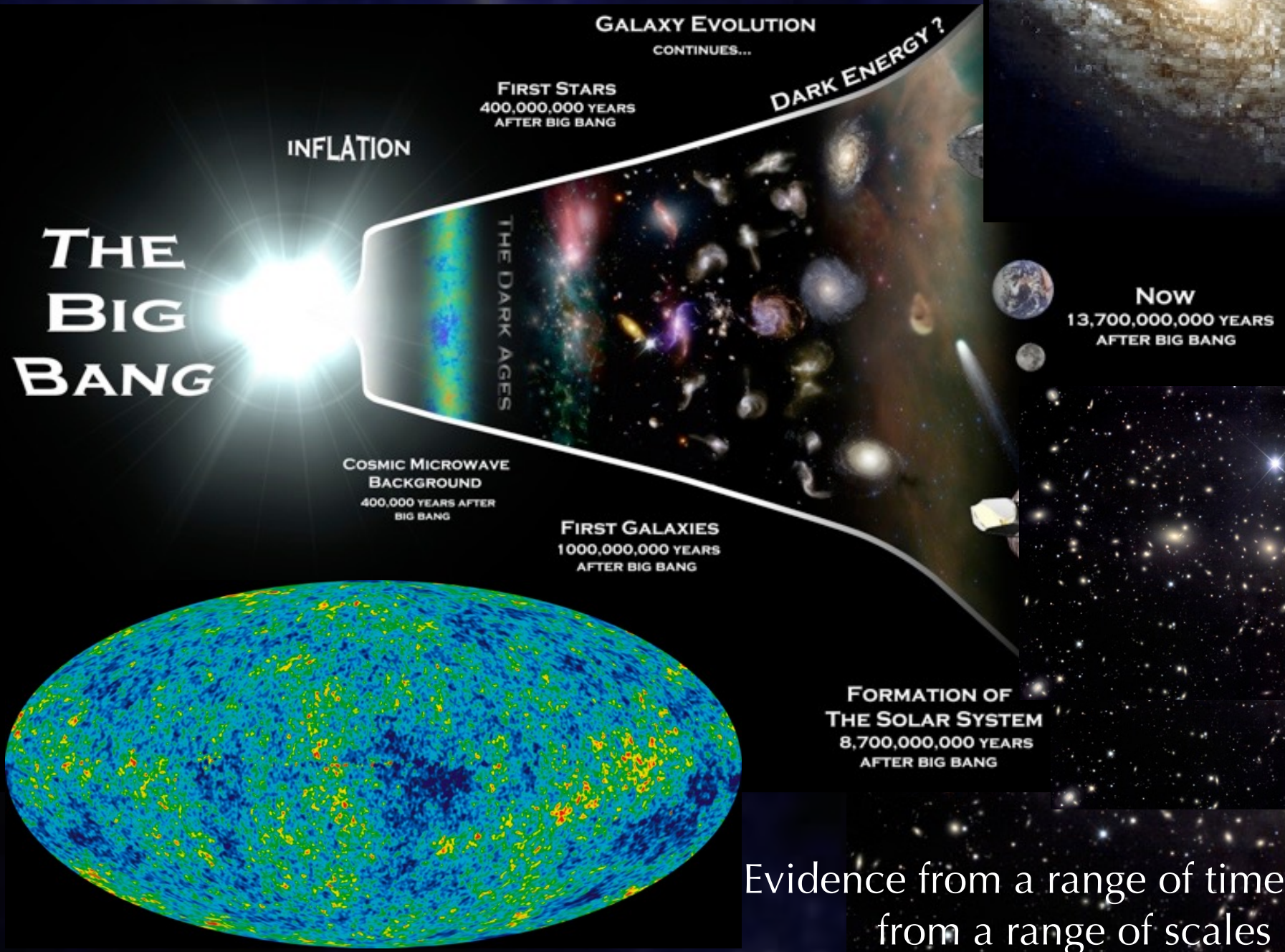


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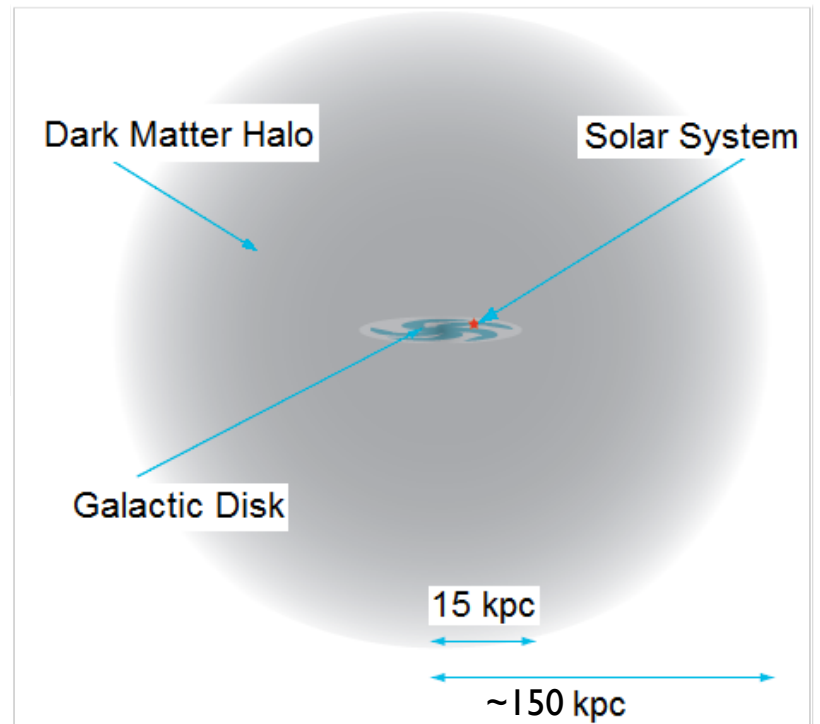
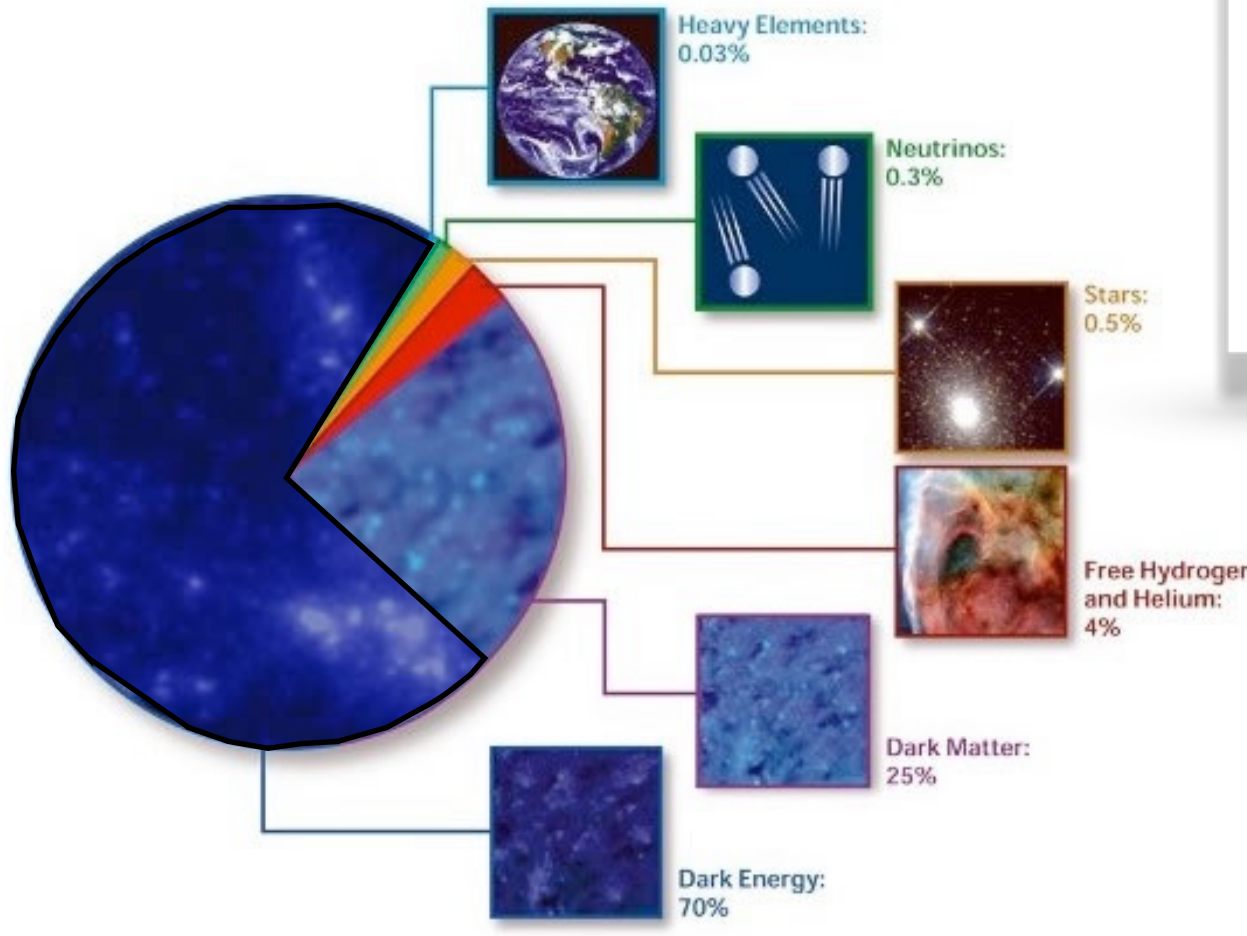
Evidence for Dark Matter



Evidence from a range of times,
from a range of scales

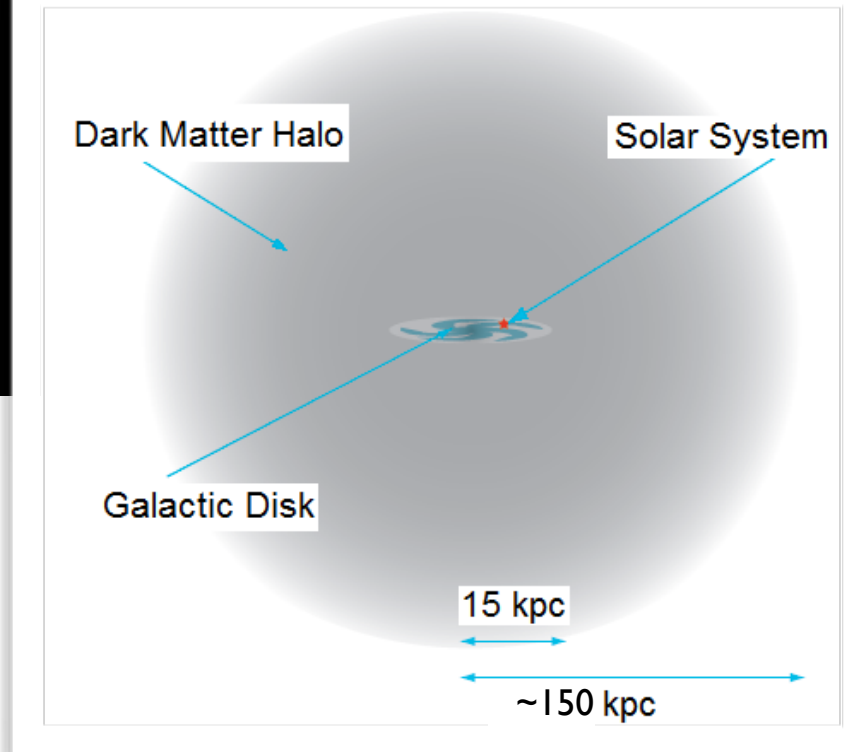
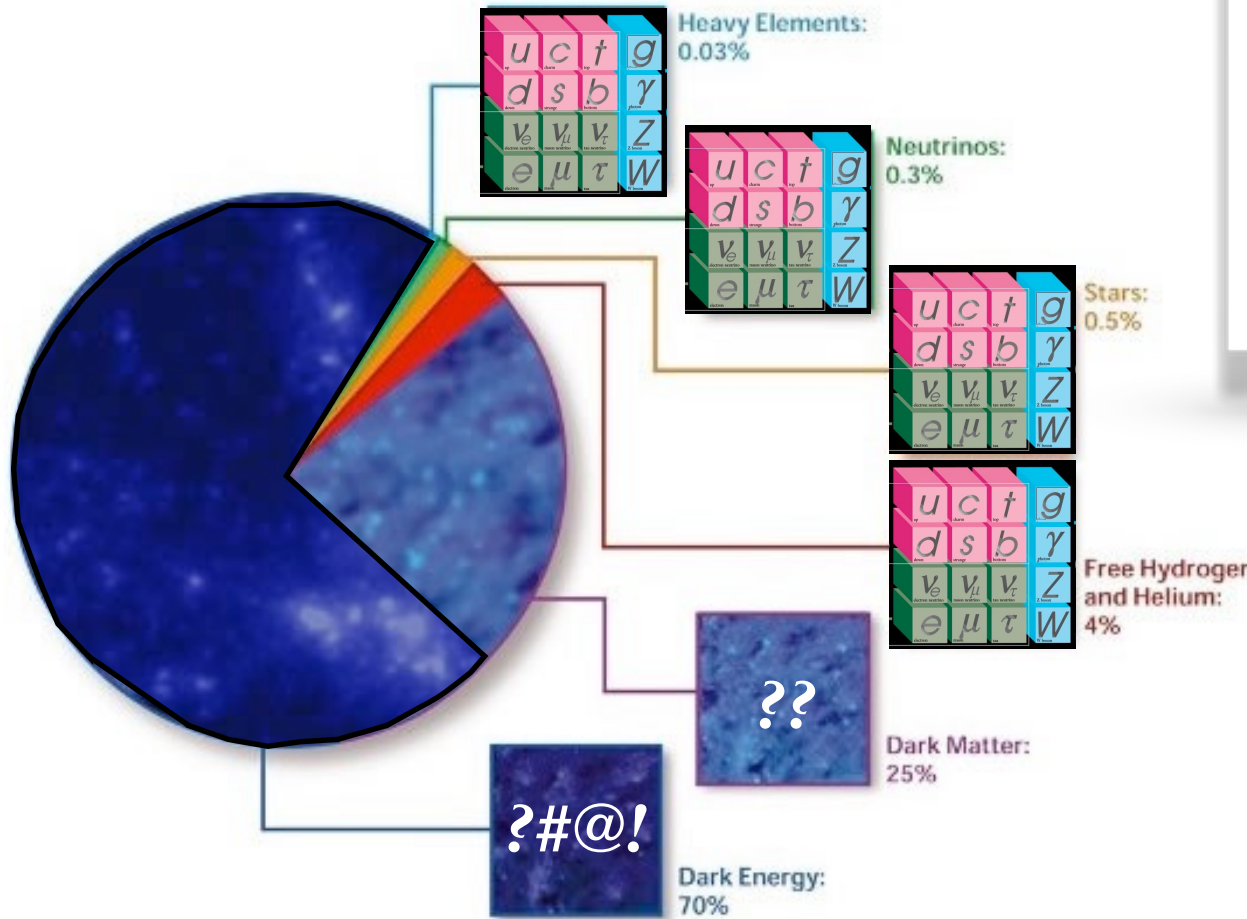


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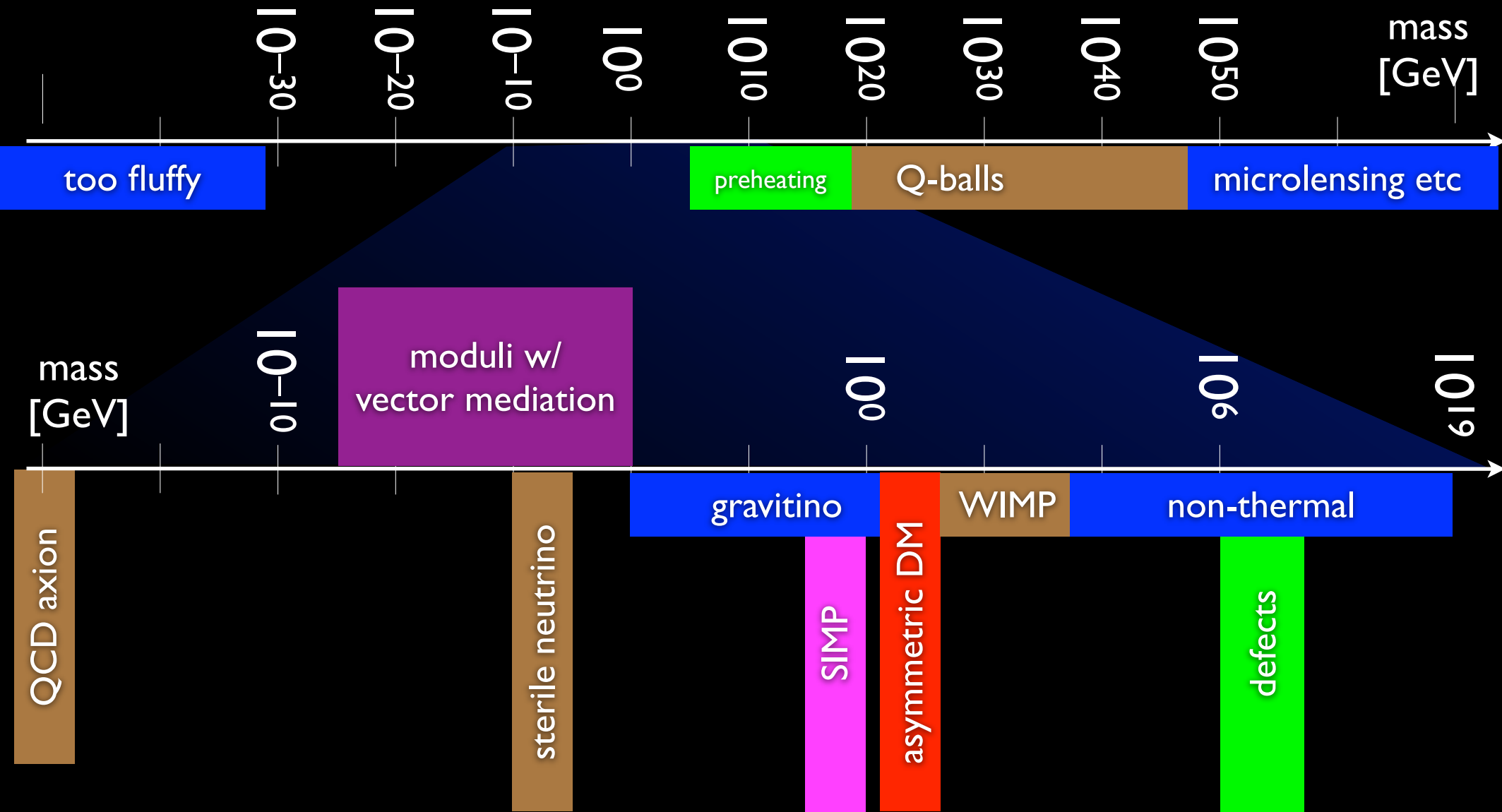


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The Standard Model of Particle Physics describes <5% of the universe!

Theorist's View

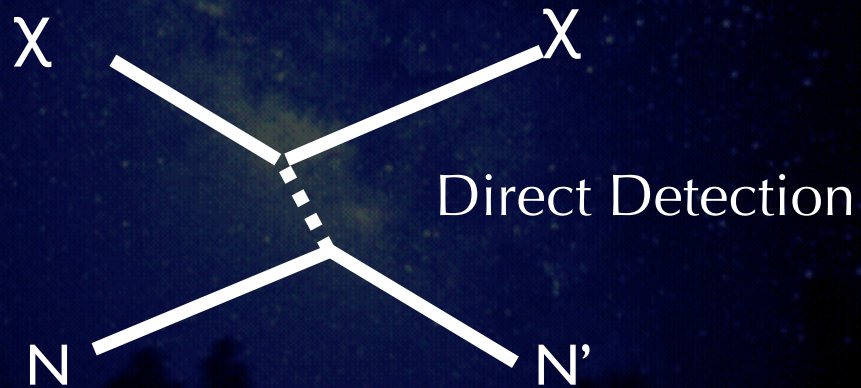
(thanks to H. Murayama)



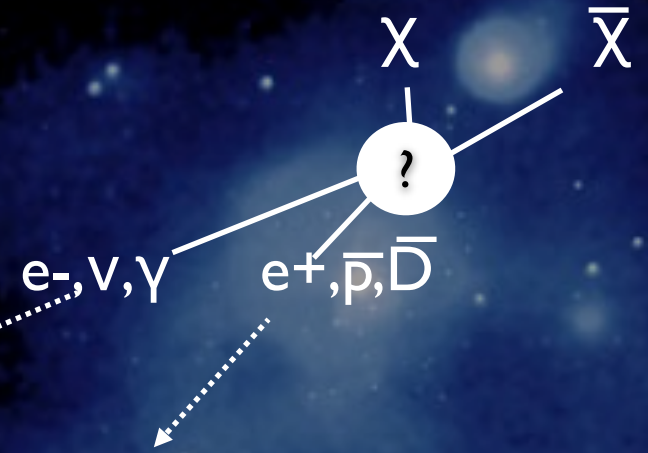
New sociology: dark matter definitely exists, naturalness problem may be optional? Need to explain dark matter on its own.



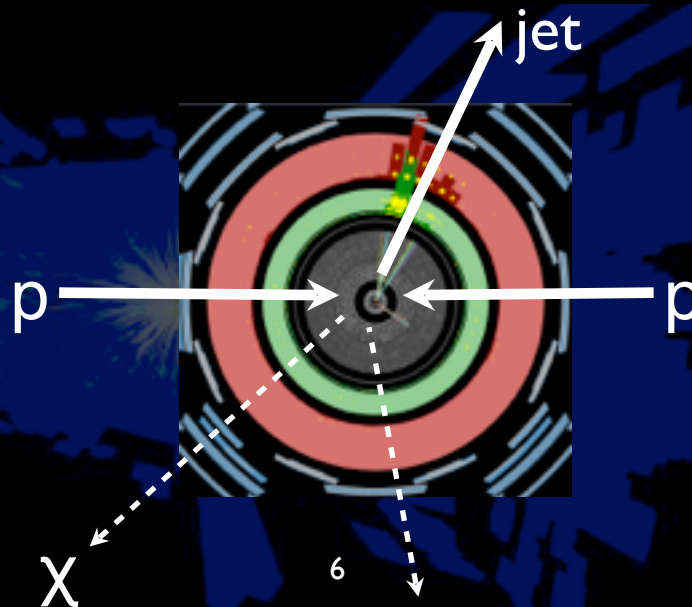
Experimentalist's View



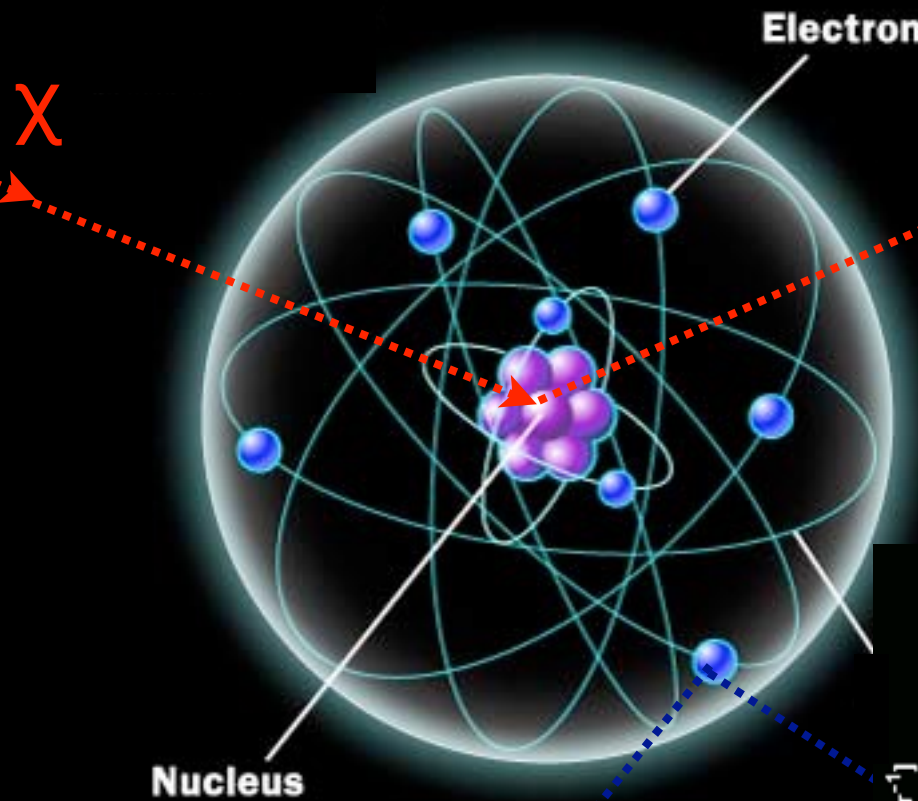
Indirect Detection



Collider Production



Direct Detection Scattering Signal



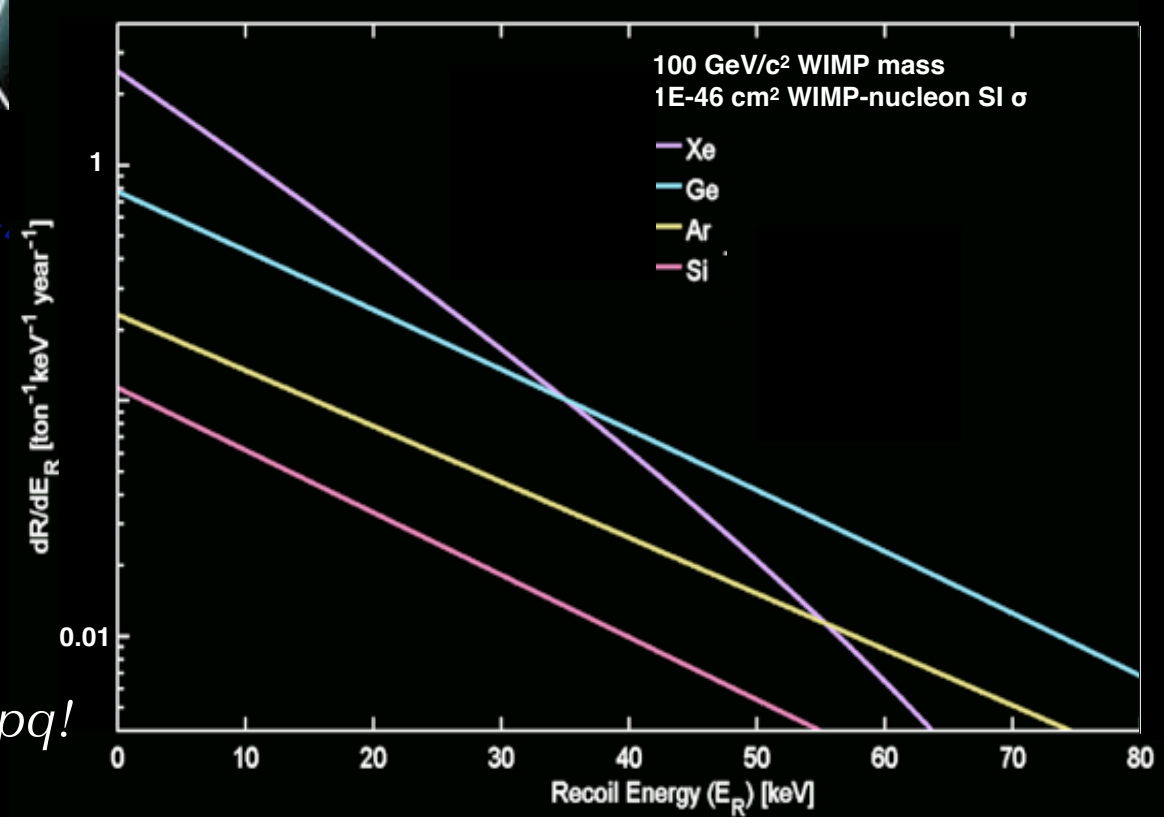
Signal: $\chi N \rightarrow \chi N$
(or $\chi e^- \rightarrow \chi e^-$)

χ scatters coherently: $\sigma \sim A^2$
D. Z. Freedman, PRD 9, 1389 (1974)

scattering kinematics: $v/c \sim 8E^{-4}$!

experimental challenges:

1. keV-scale energy threshold +
2. $< 1/t/y$ event rate
3. need particle ID at ppm-ppb-ppt-ppq!



Direct Detection Scattering Signal

Coherent effects of a weak neutral current

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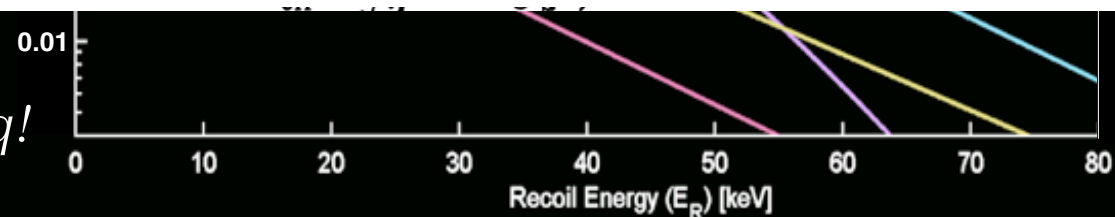
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If there is a weak neutral current, then the elastic scattering process $\nu + A \rightarrow \nu + A$ should have a sharp coherent forward peak just as $e + A \rightarrow e + A$ does. Experiments to observe this peak can give important information on the isospin structure of the neutral current. The experiments are very difficult, although the estimated cross sections (about 10^{-38} cm² on carbon) are favorable. The coherent cross sections (in contrast to incoherent) are almost energy-independent. Therefore, energies as low as 100 MeV may be suitable. Quasi-coherent nuclear excitation processes $\nu + A \rightarrow \nu + A^*$ provide possible tests of the conservation of the weak neutral current. Because of strong coherent effects at very low energies, the nuclear elastic scattering process may be important in inhibiting cooling by neutrino emission in stellar collapse and neutron stars.

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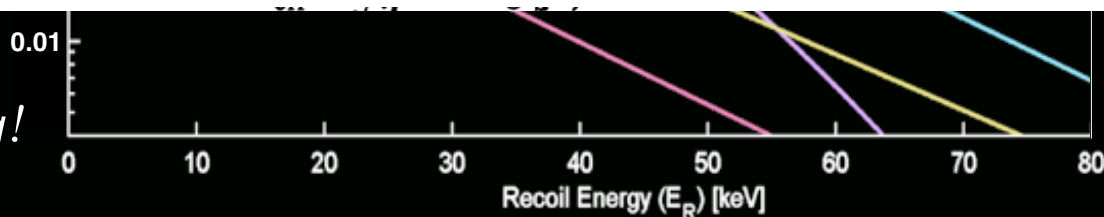
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CEvNS: ~50 years from prediction to discovery

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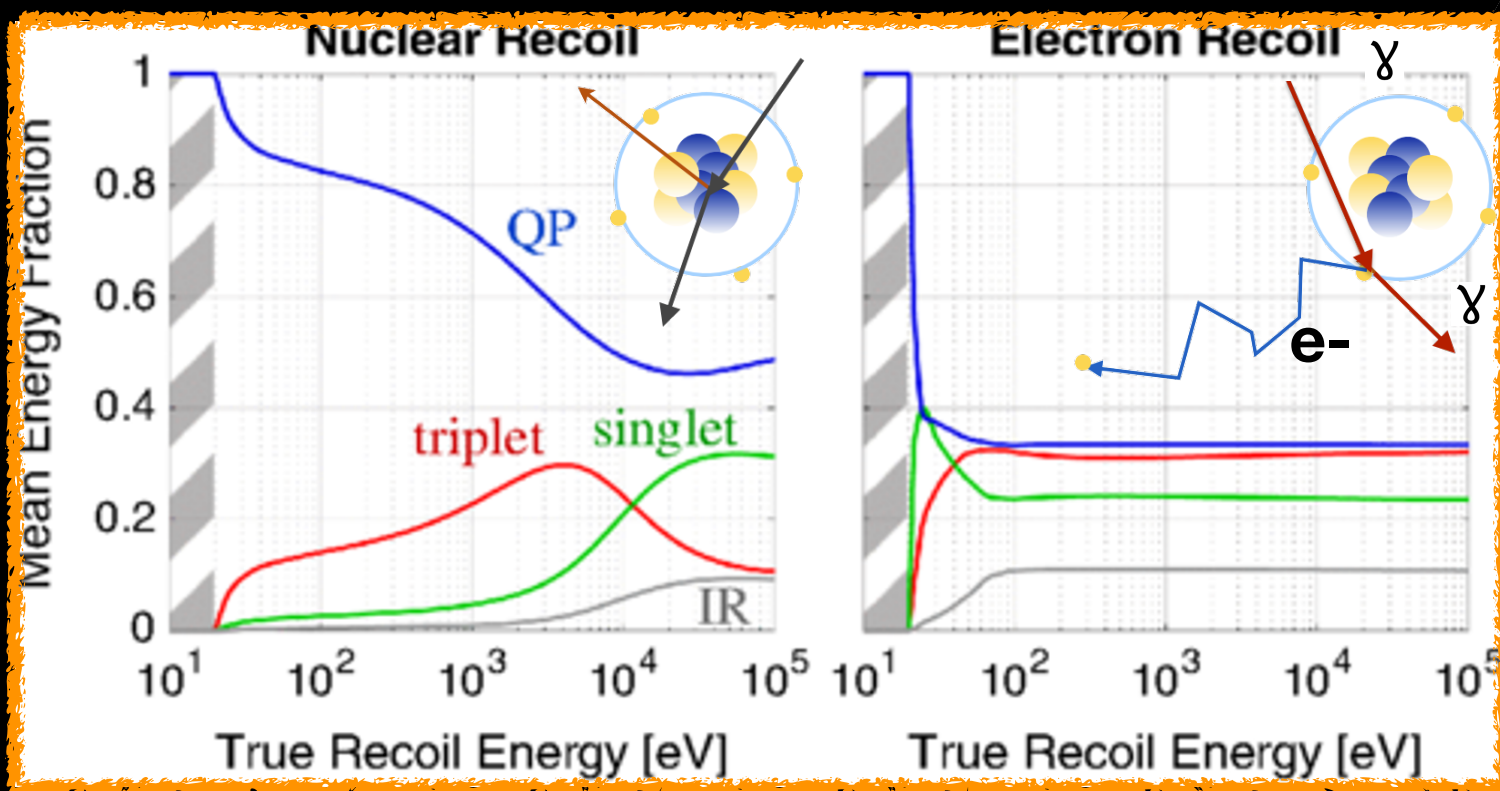
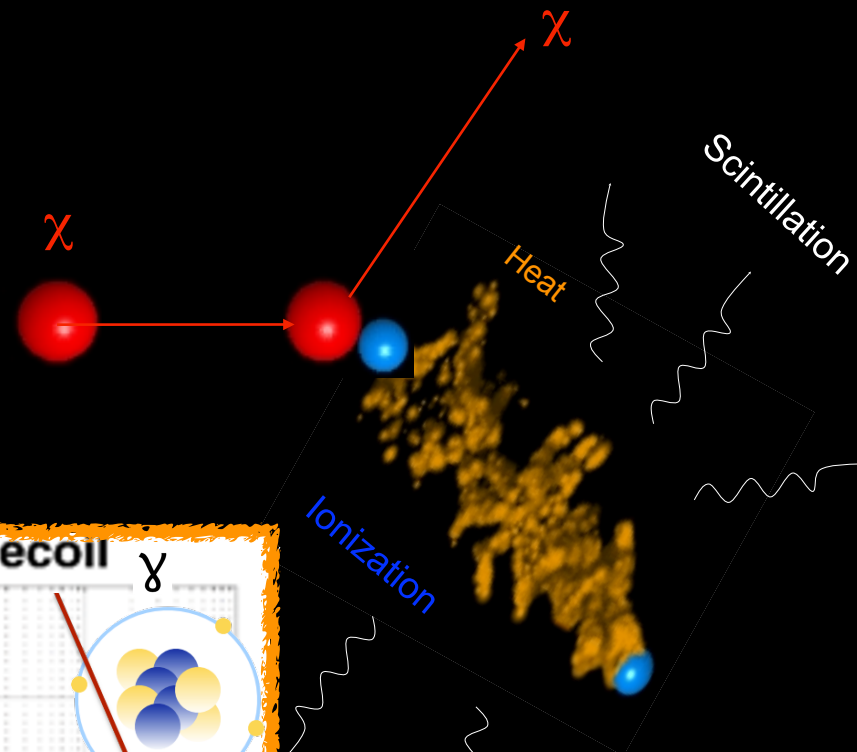
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Challenge 1: Low Energies!

Recoil energy $\sim 0.000001 \times m_{DM}$

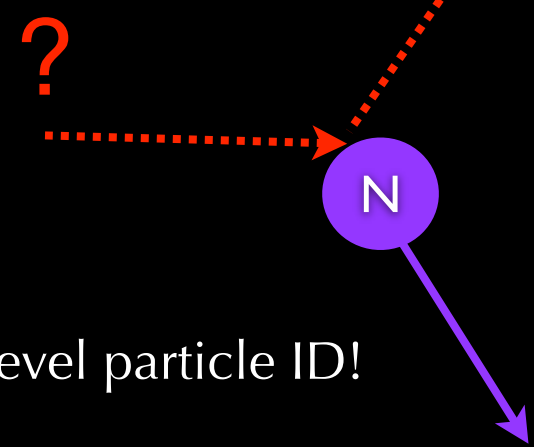
Ionization energy per quanta:
 $\sim eV$ in Si, $\sim 10 eV$ in Xe, $\sim 20 eV$ in Ar, He



Energy partition depends on particle energy, and interaction with target microphysics

opportunity for particle ID: identify backgrounds via partition, light vs. time

Challenge 2: Low Rates!



Reducible Backgrounds:

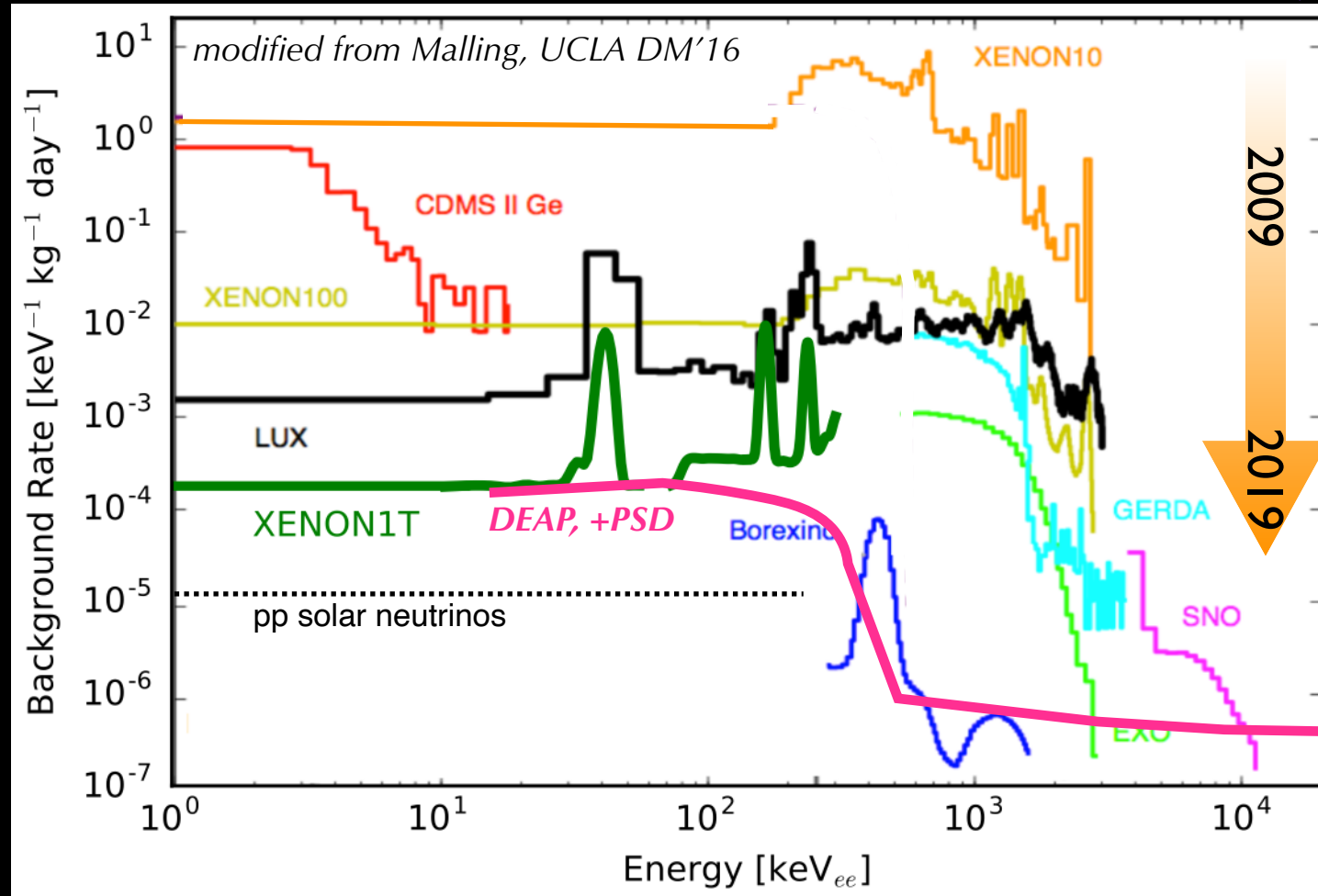
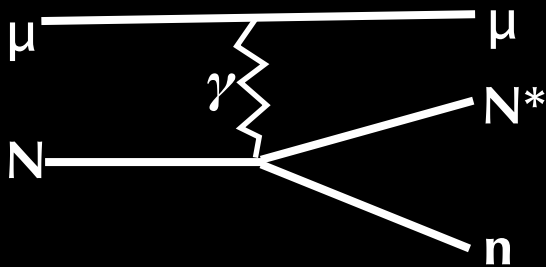
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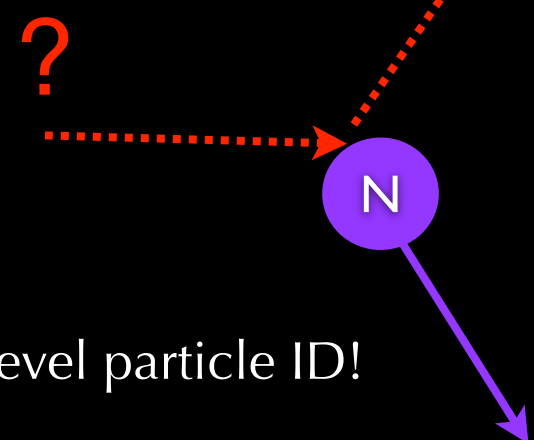
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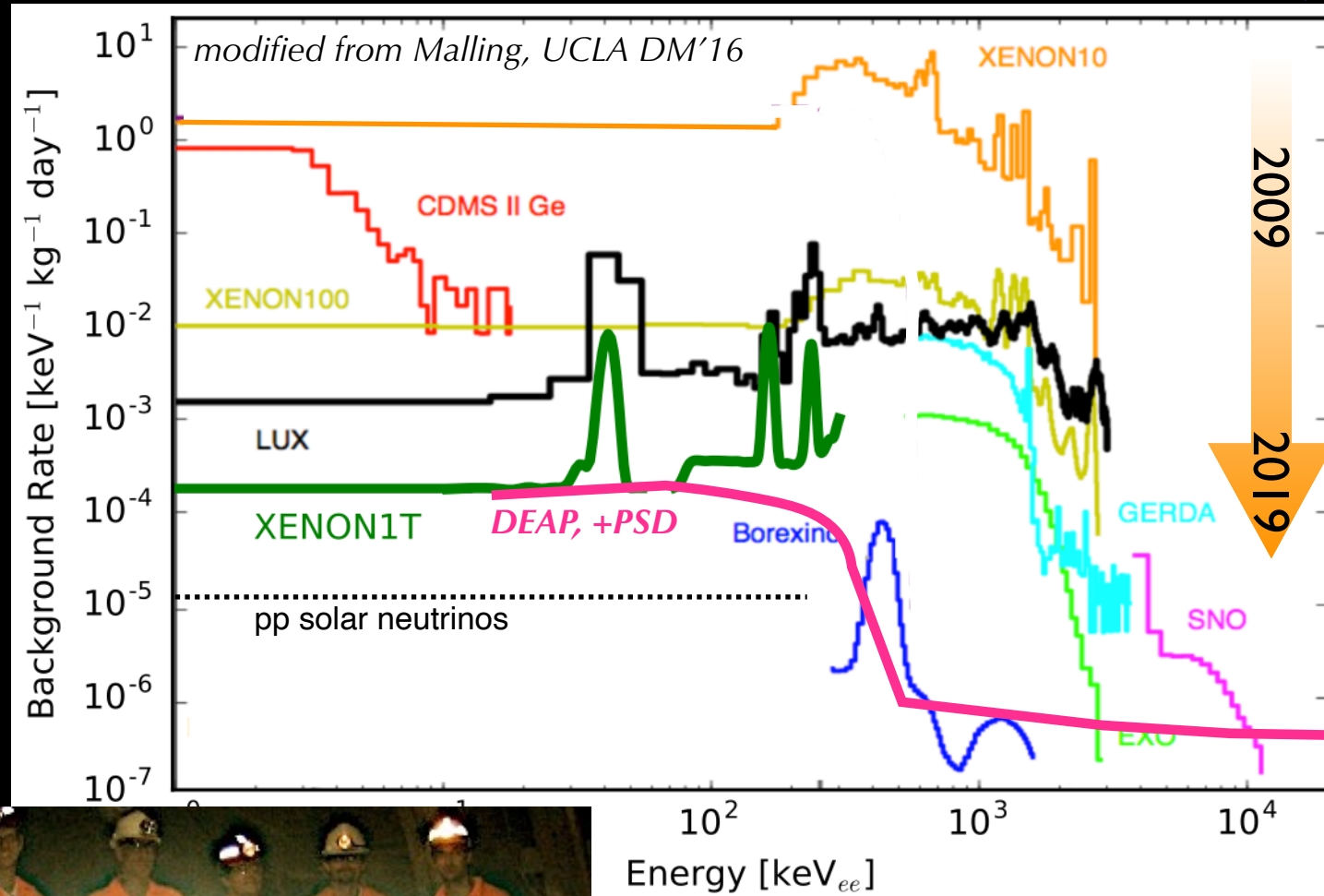
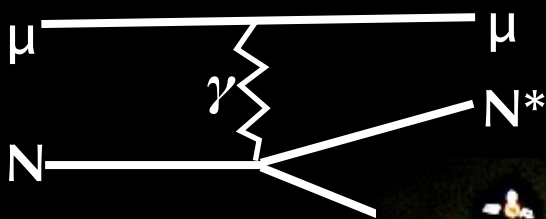
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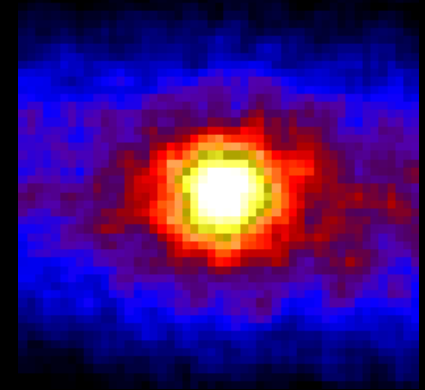
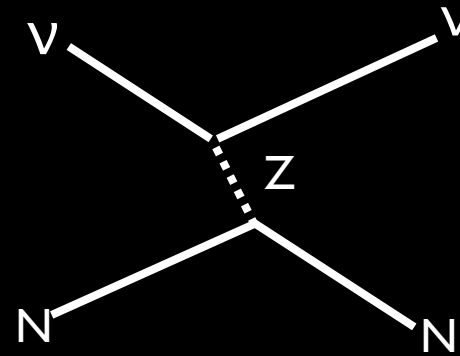


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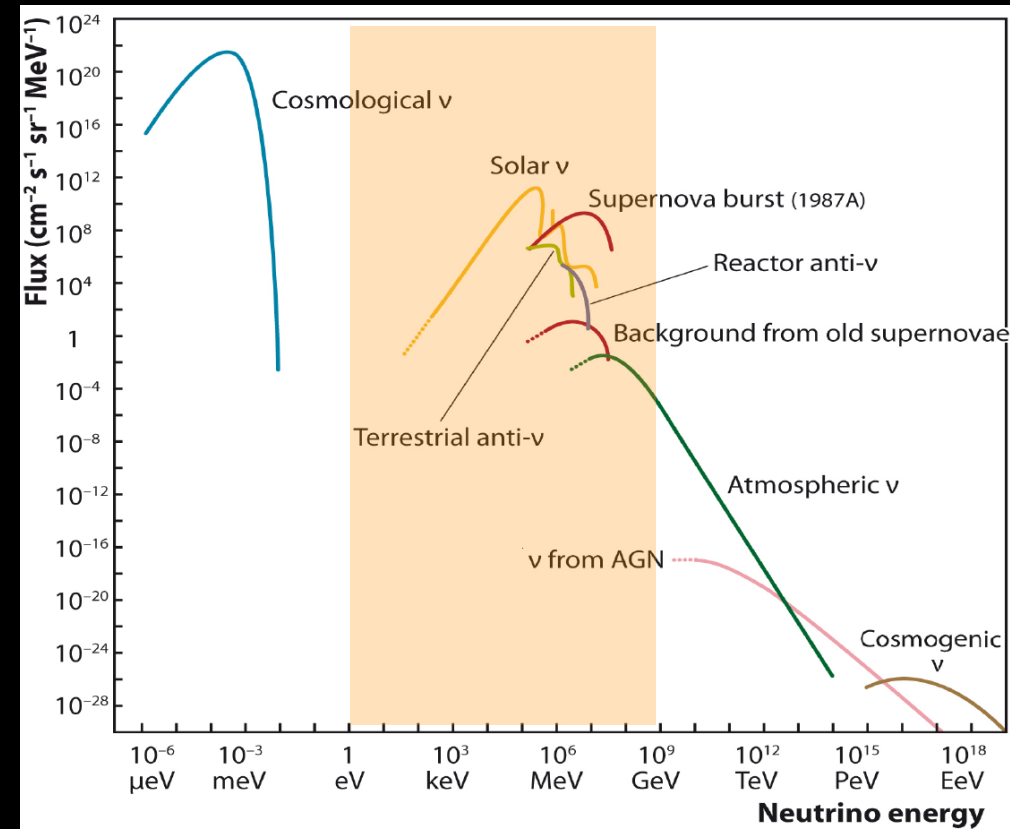
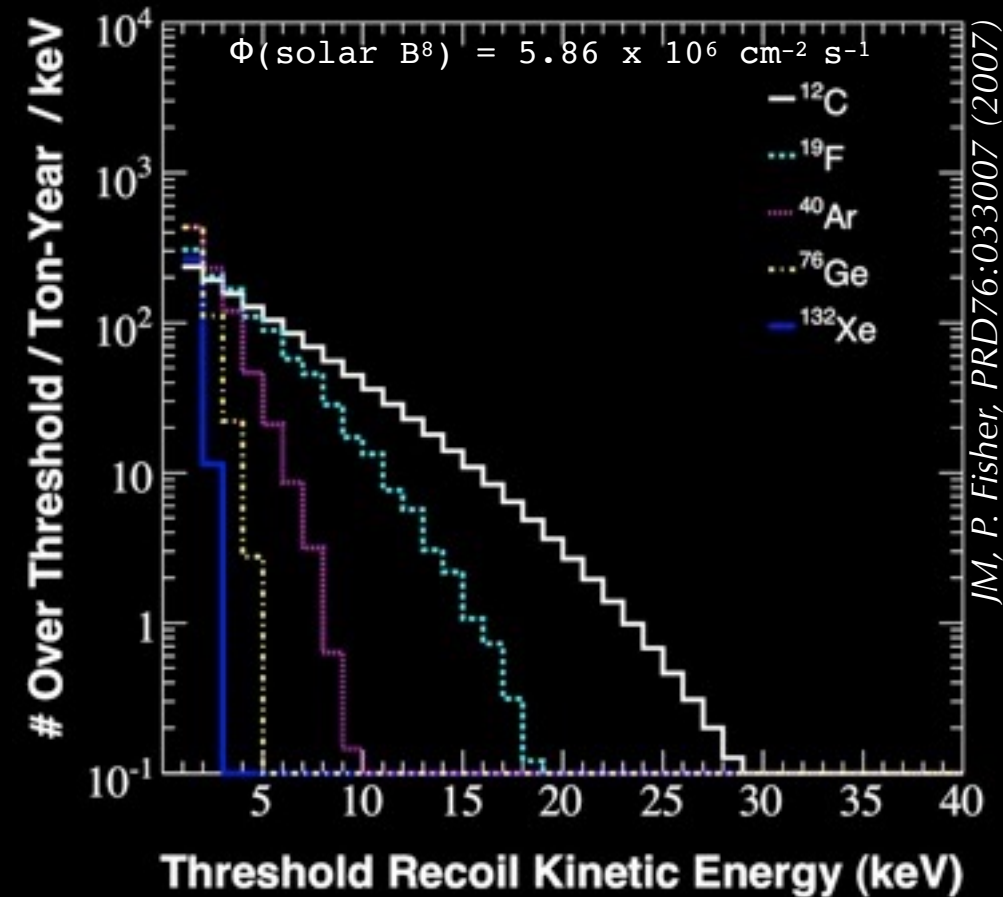
Irreducible Backgrounds:

impossible to shield a detector from coherent neutrino scattering!

A limiting background: neutrino floor/fog



...but also an *opportunity*.



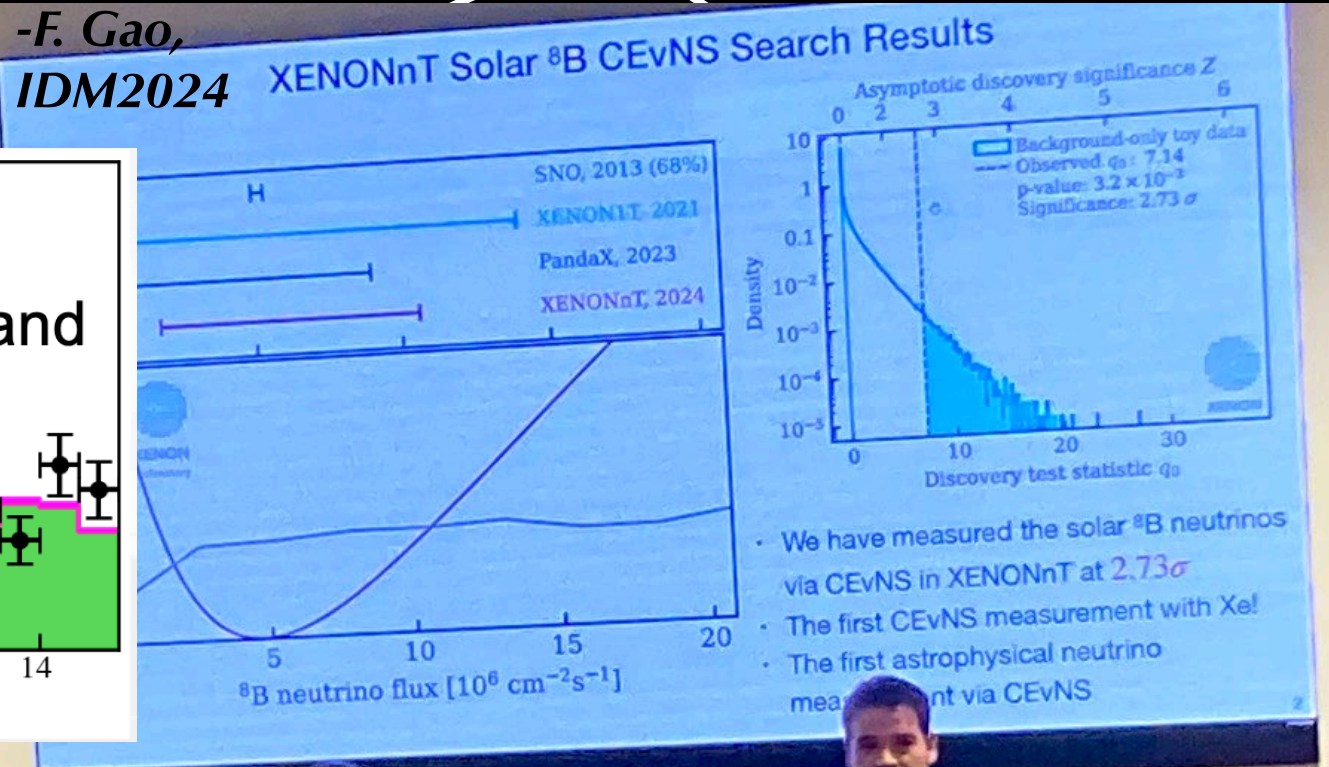
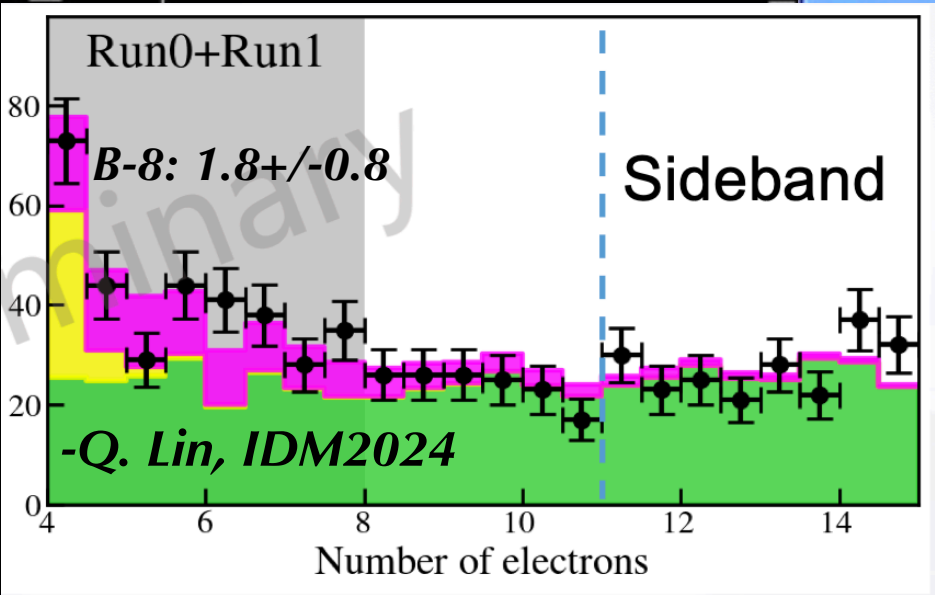
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Yesterday's background is today's signal!

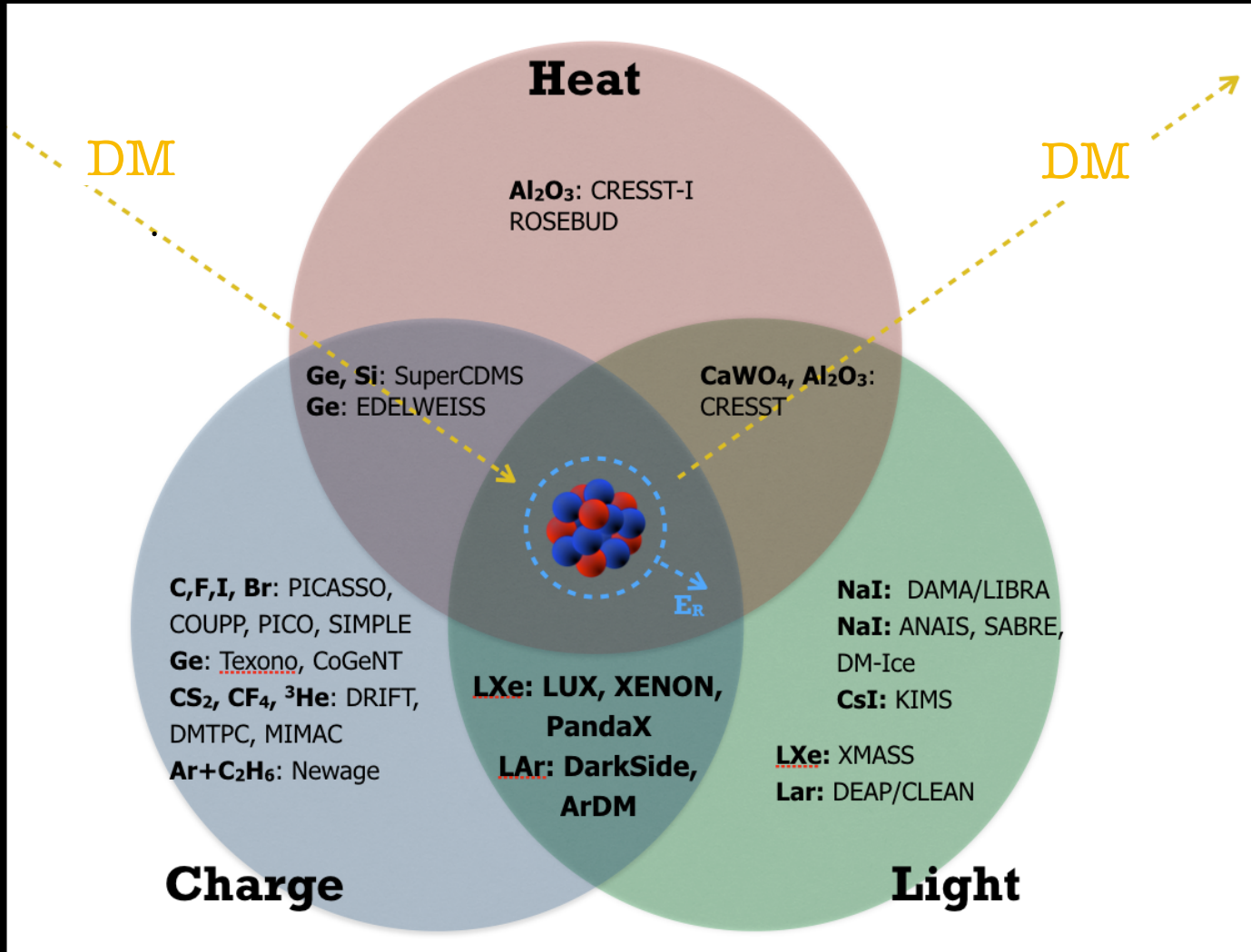
$$\Phi(\text{solar } B^8) = 5.86 \times 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$



Challenge 3: Particle Identification

many experiments, many targets, many strategies:
 (Xe, Ge, Ar, NaI, CsI, CaWO₄, CF₃I, C₃F₈, F ...)

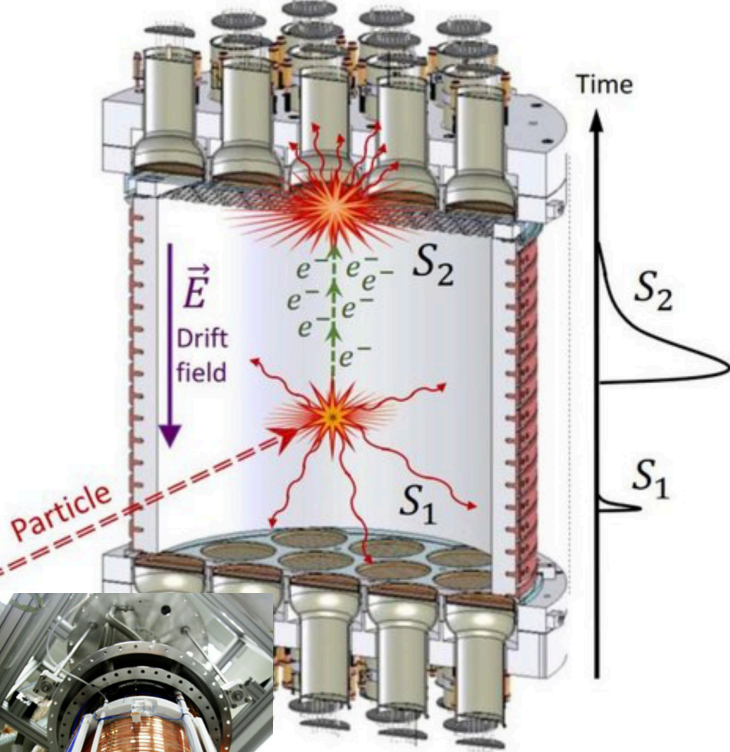
E_R threshold now $O(10s\ eV)$,
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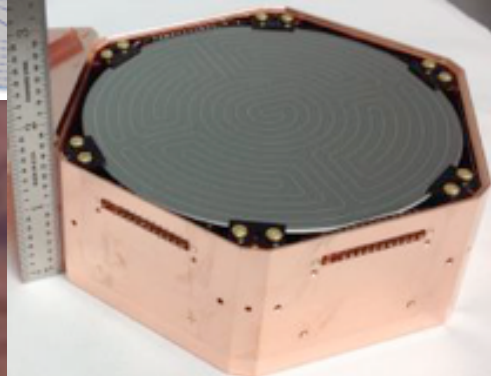
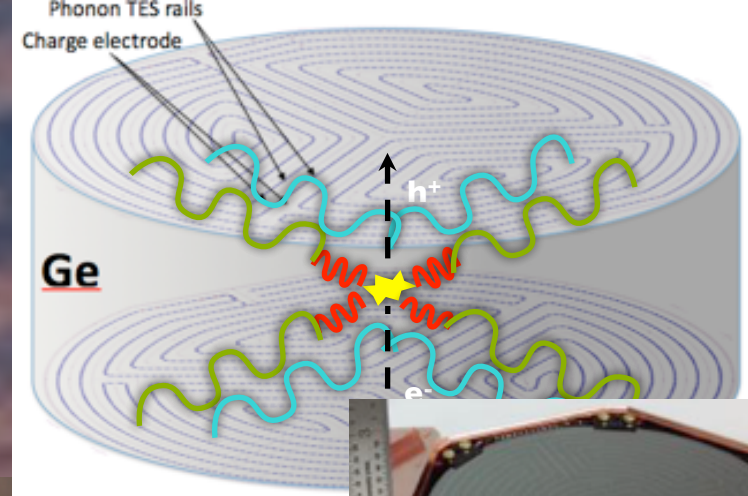
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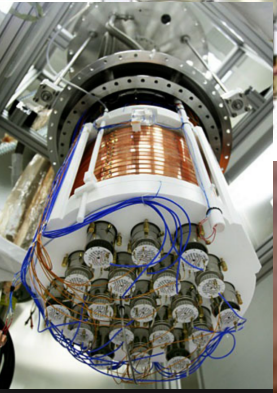
Detector Technologies (not exhaustive!)



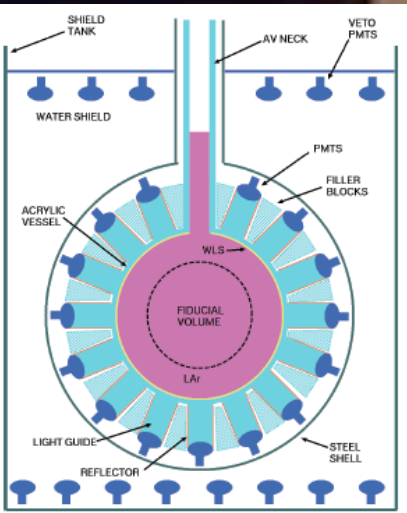
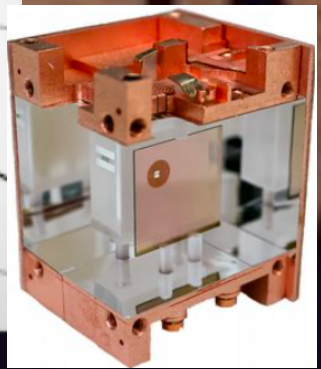
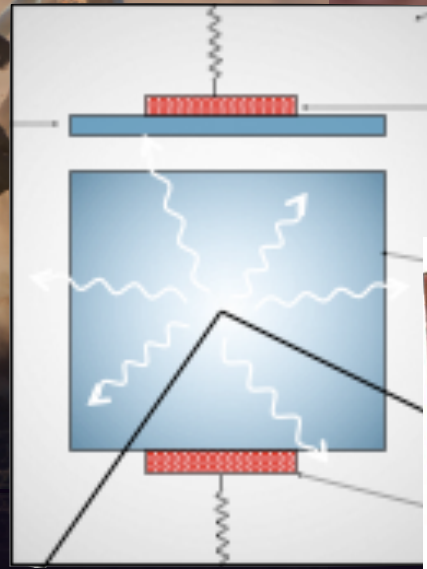
Ionization!



Heat!

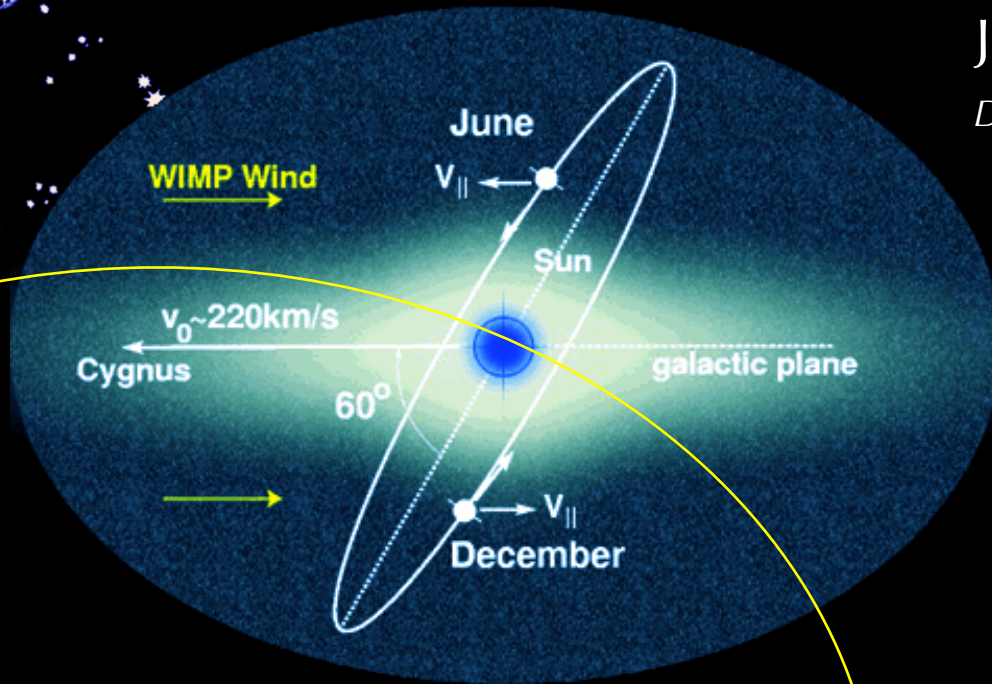


Scintillation

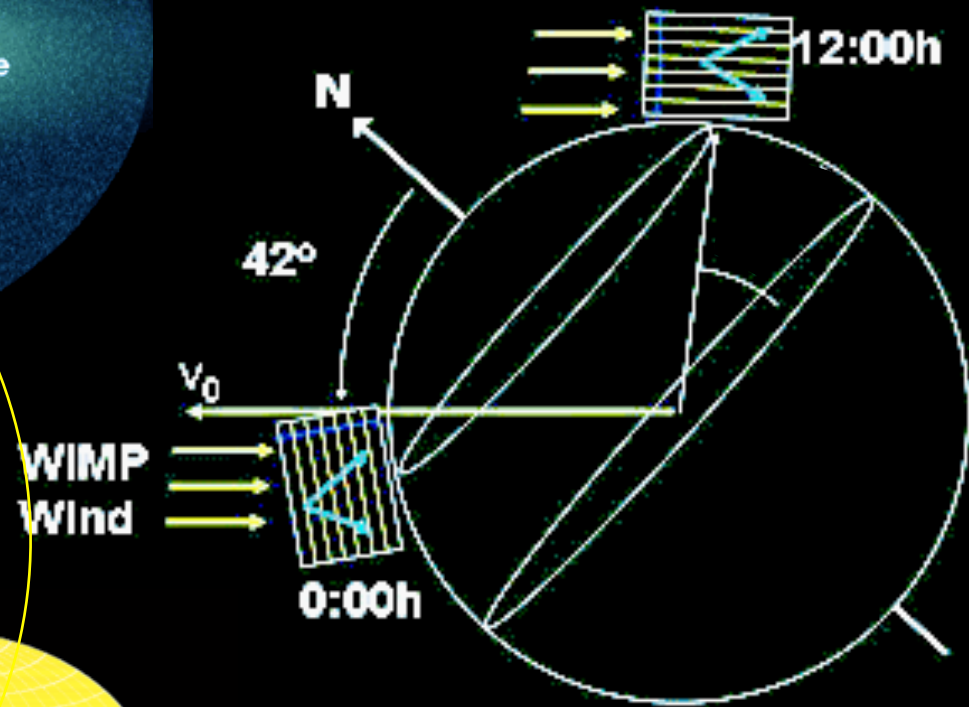
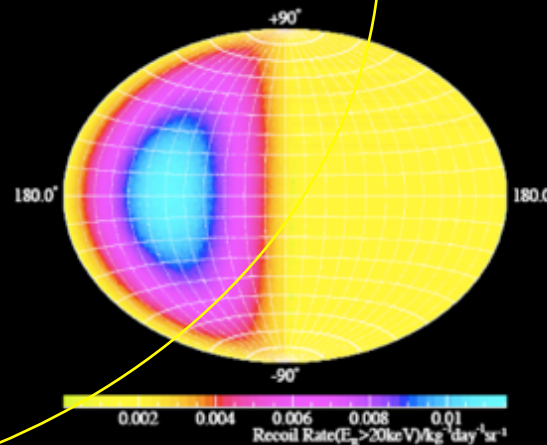


Modulation Signatures

Annual event rate modulation:
June-December asymmetry $\sim 2\%$.
Drukier, Freese, Spergel, Phys. Rev. D33:3495 (1986)



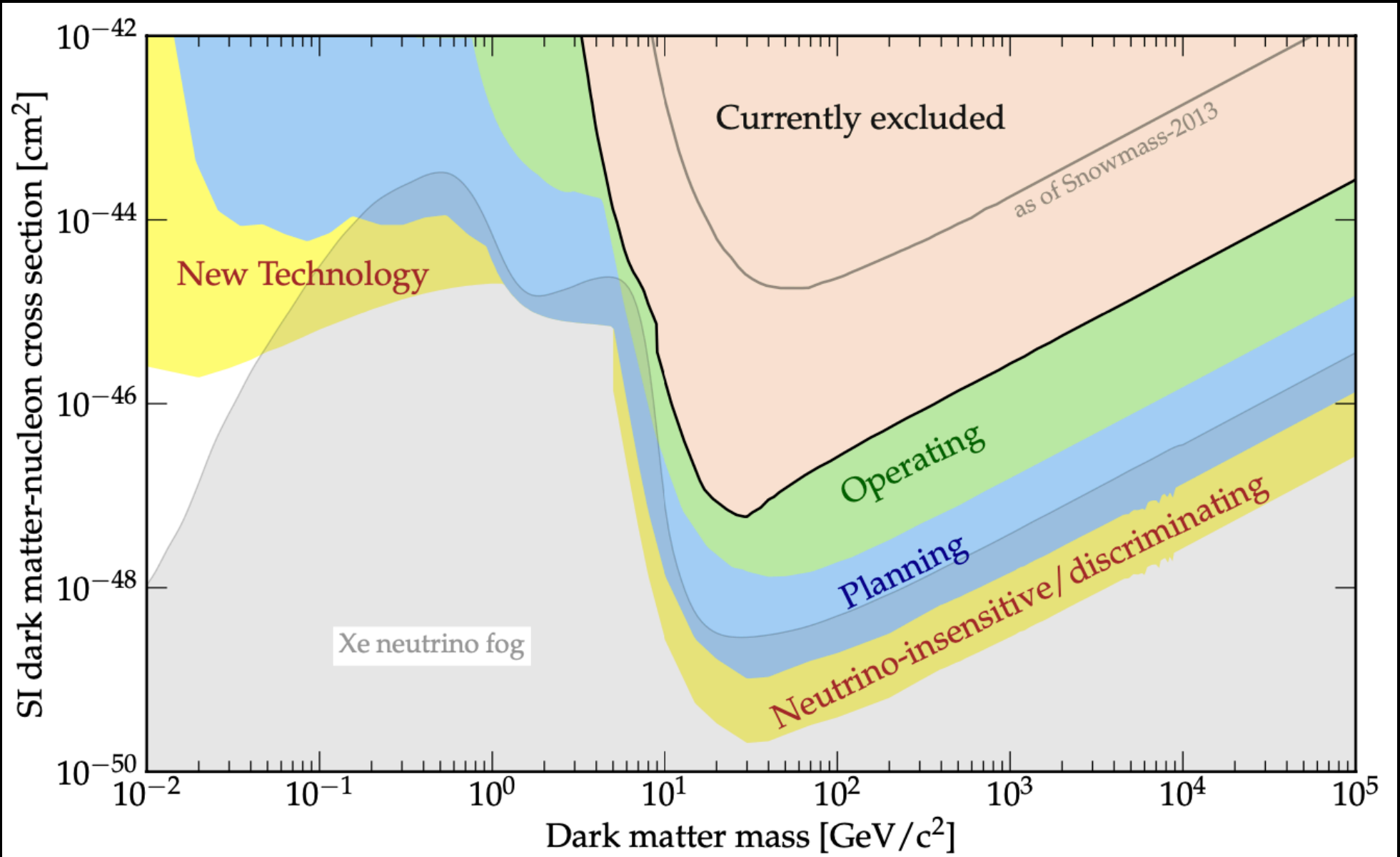
Sidereal direction modulation:
asymmetry $\sim 20\text{-}100\%$ in
forward-backward event rate
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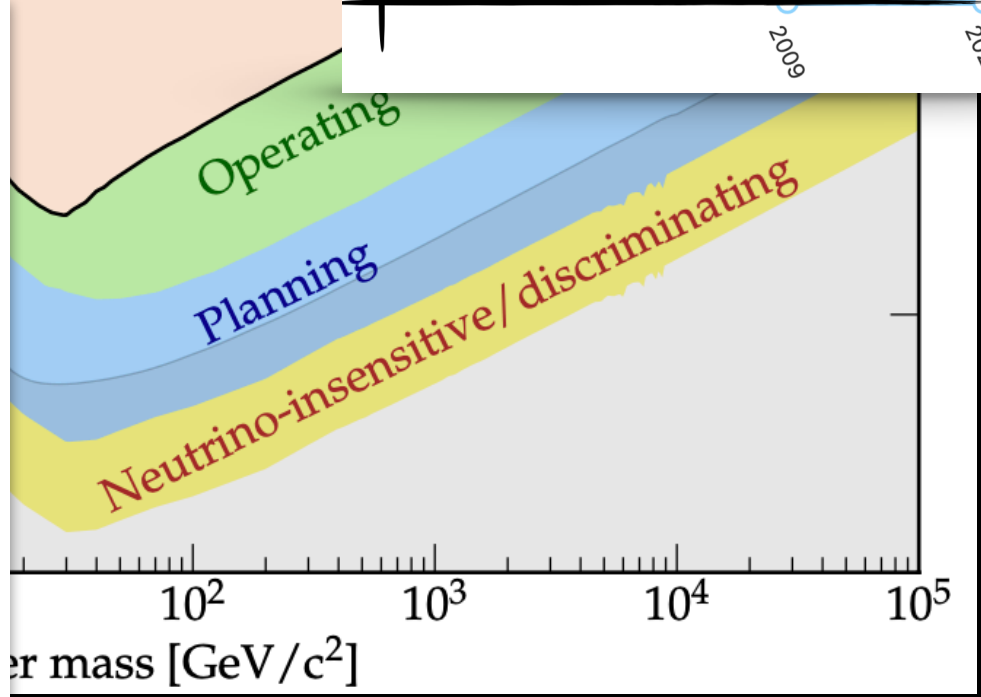
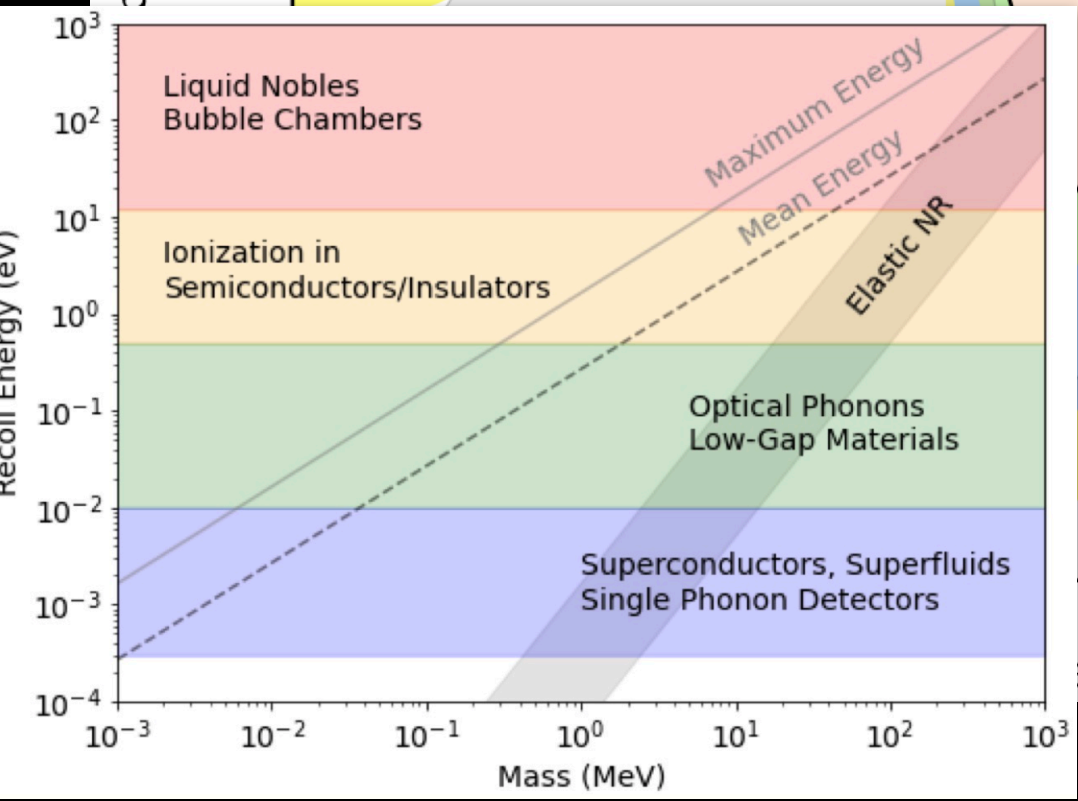
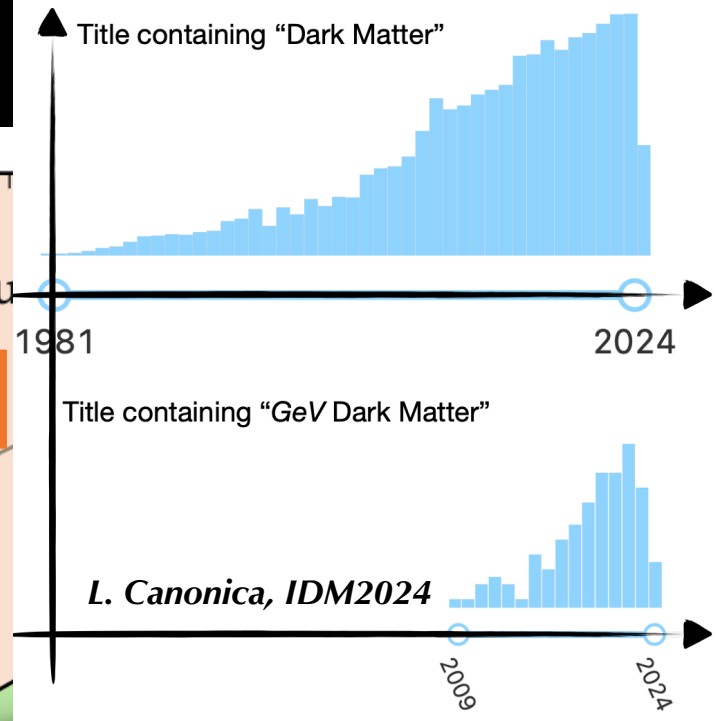
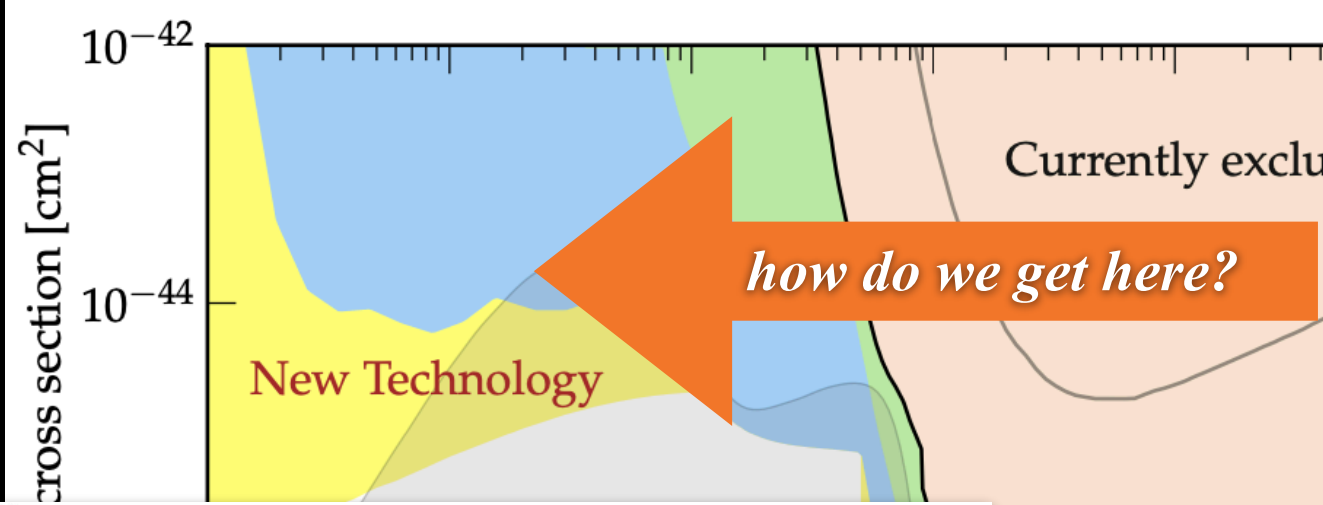
Ultimate goal:
dark matter skymap
with $\sim 100\text{s}$ of events



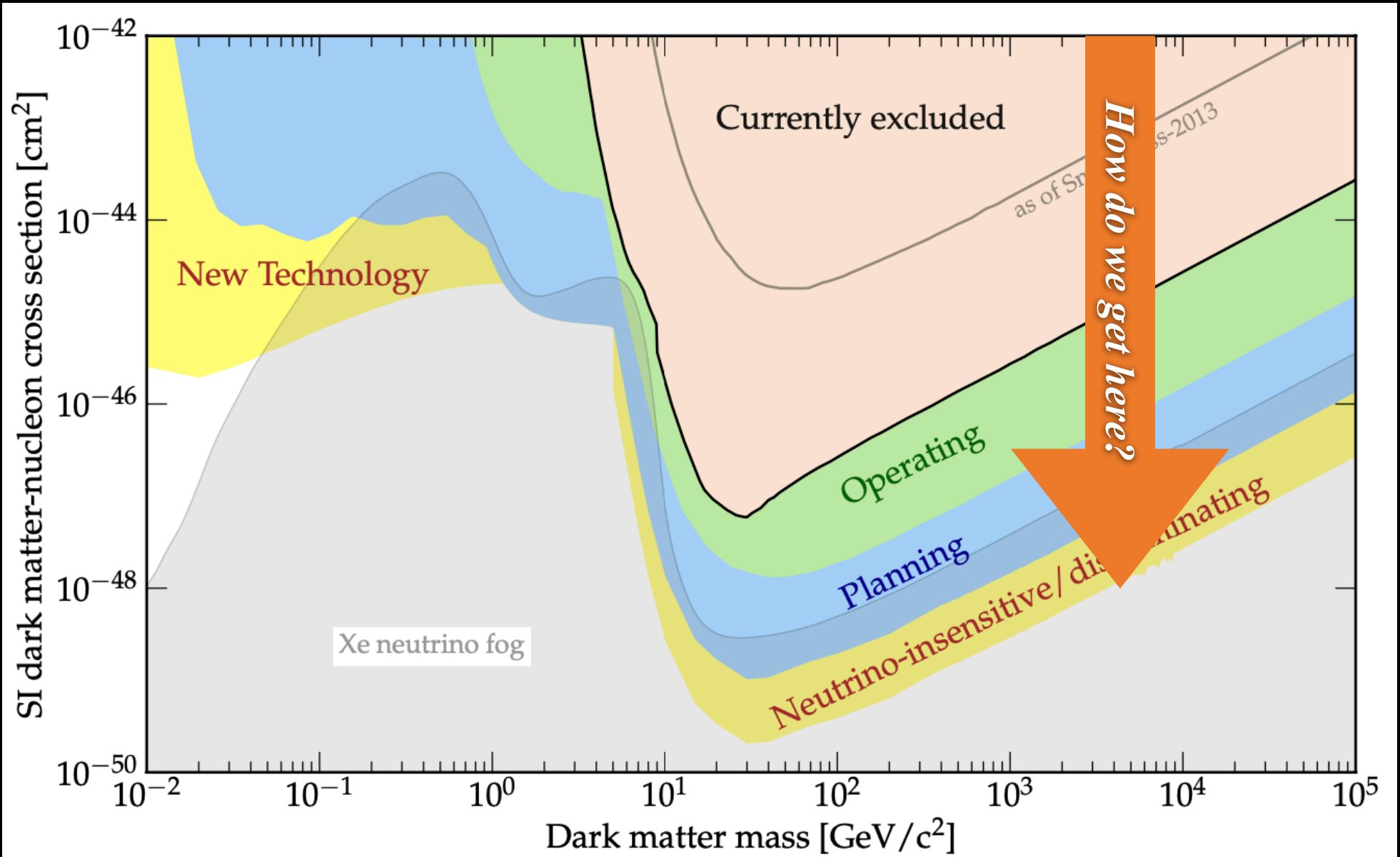
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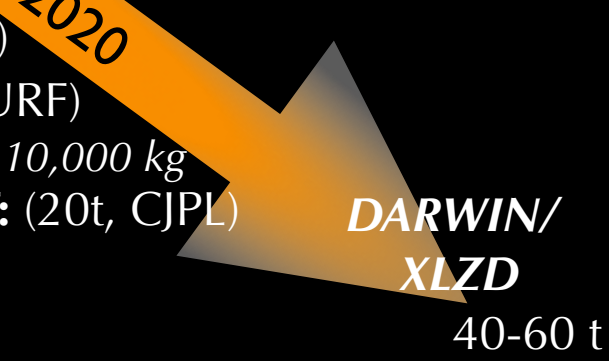
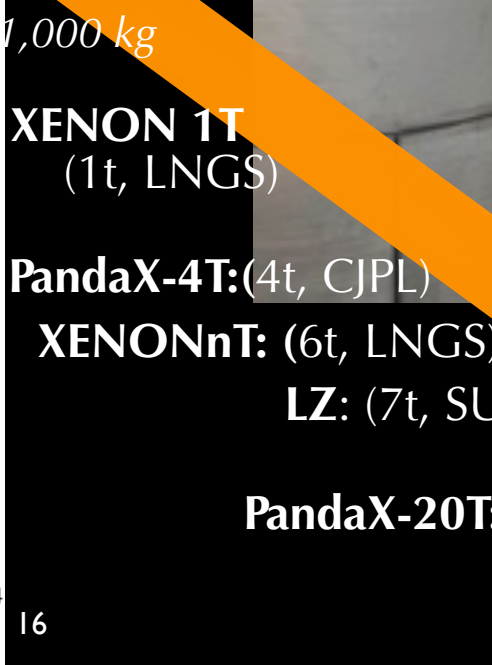
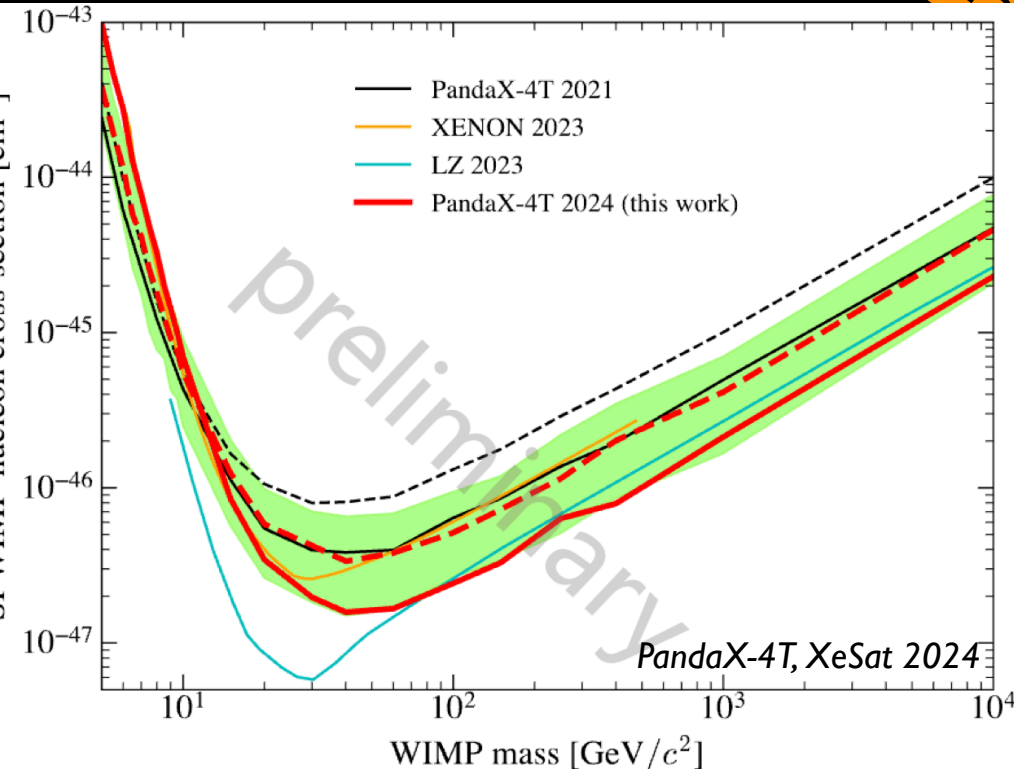


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Xenon Detectors

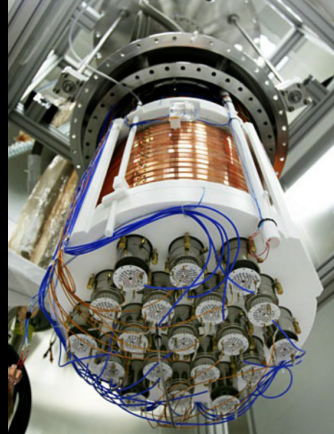
Aprile E., et al. SPIE, Vol. No. 4140 (2000) **LXeGRIT**



**DARWIN/
XLZD**
40-60 t

Argon Detectors

DarkSide-20k: observatory for dark matter and ν .



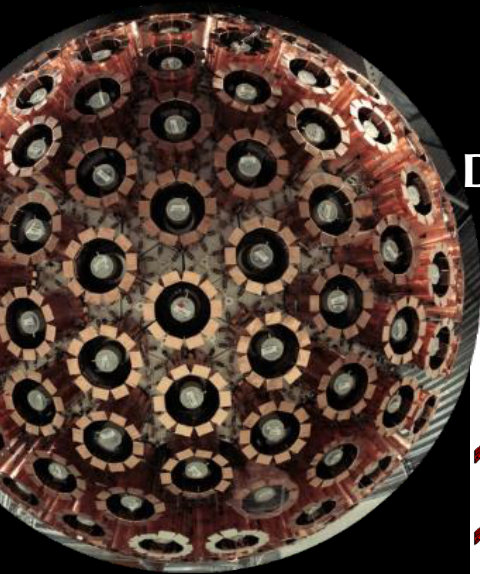
DarkSide-50
(50 kg, LNGS)

10 kg

2010

100 kg

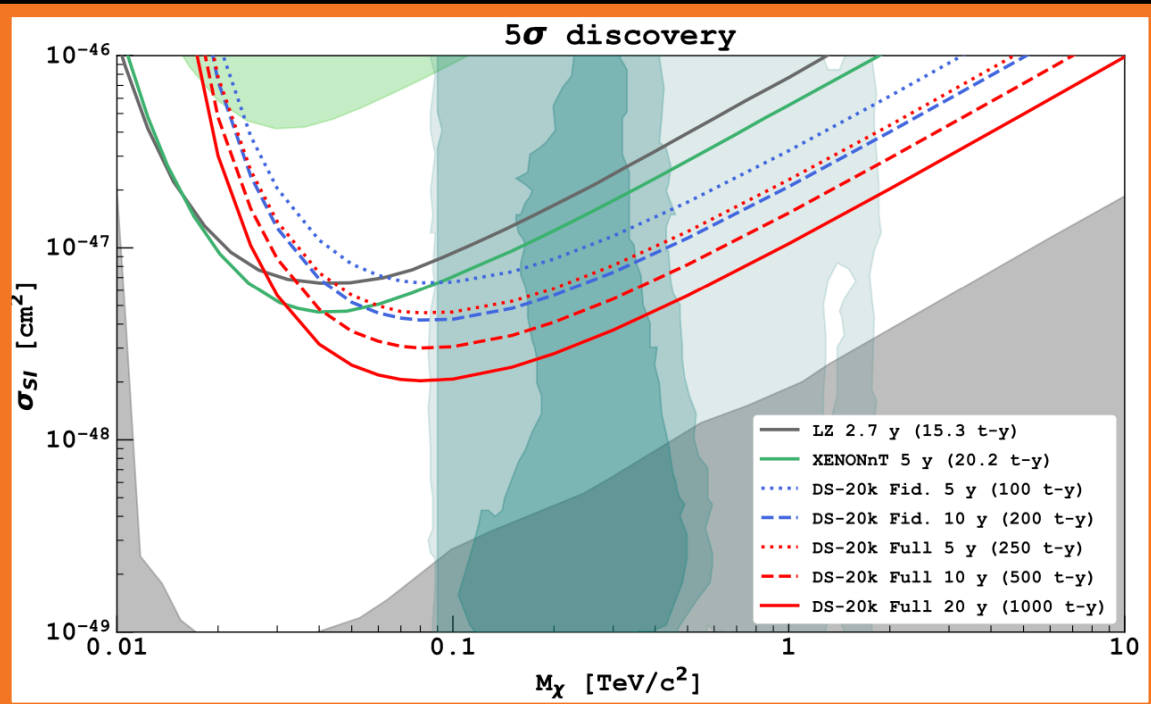
ArDM
(1t, LSC)



DEAP-3600 (3.6t, SNOLAB)

1,000 kg

2015



**Global Argon Dark Matter
Collaboration formed**

10,000 kg

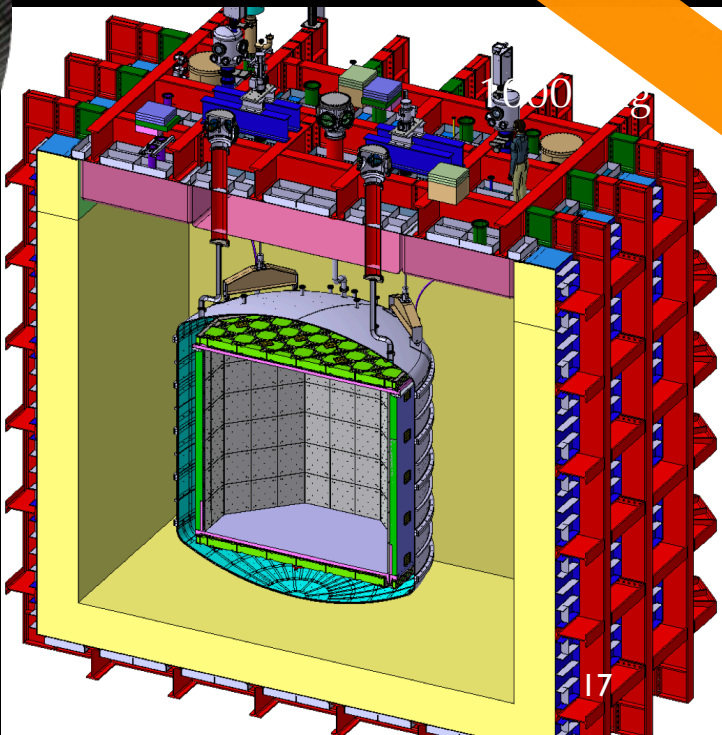


2020

100,000 kg

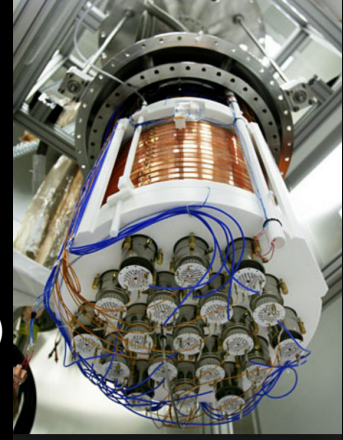
DarkSide-20k
(50t, LNGS)

**Future:
ARGO
kt-scale**



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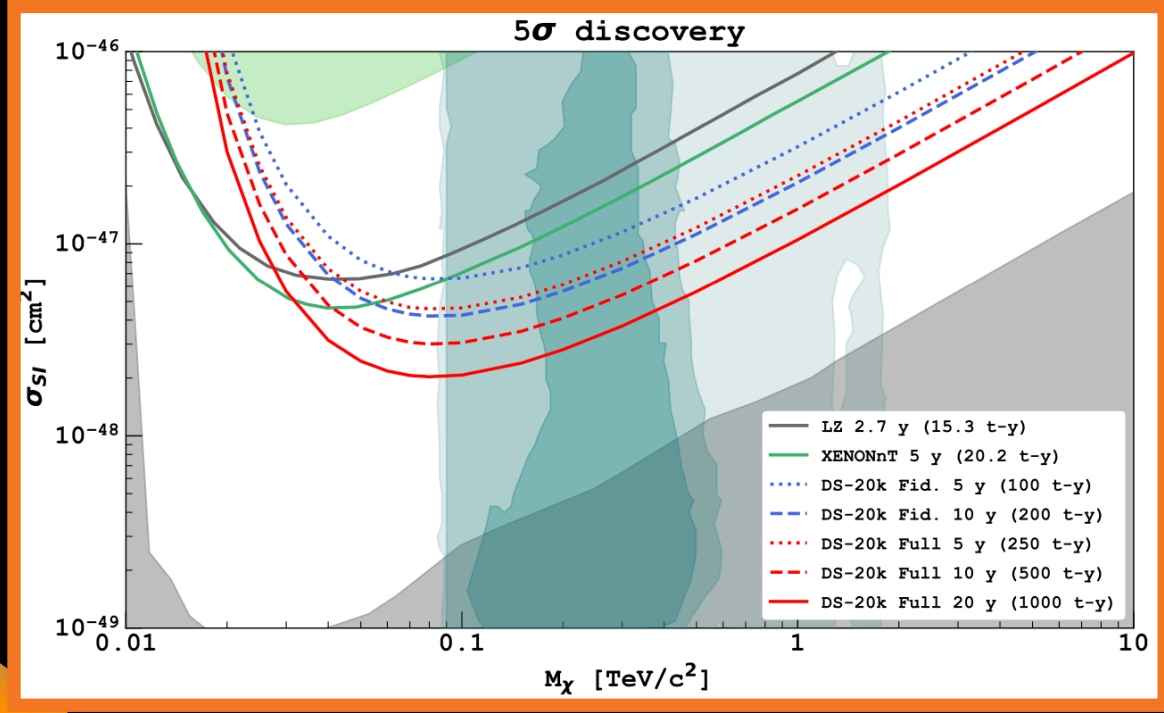
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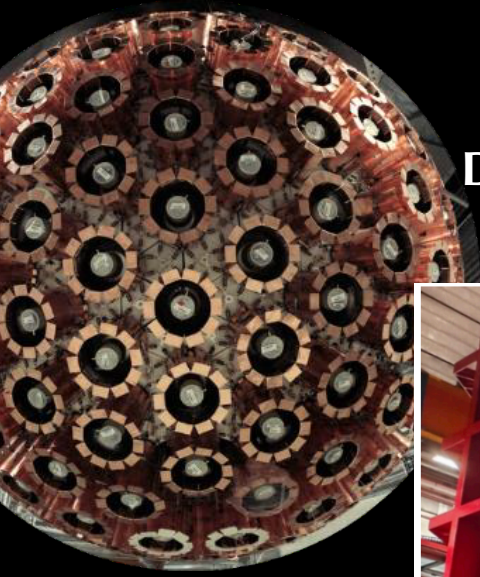
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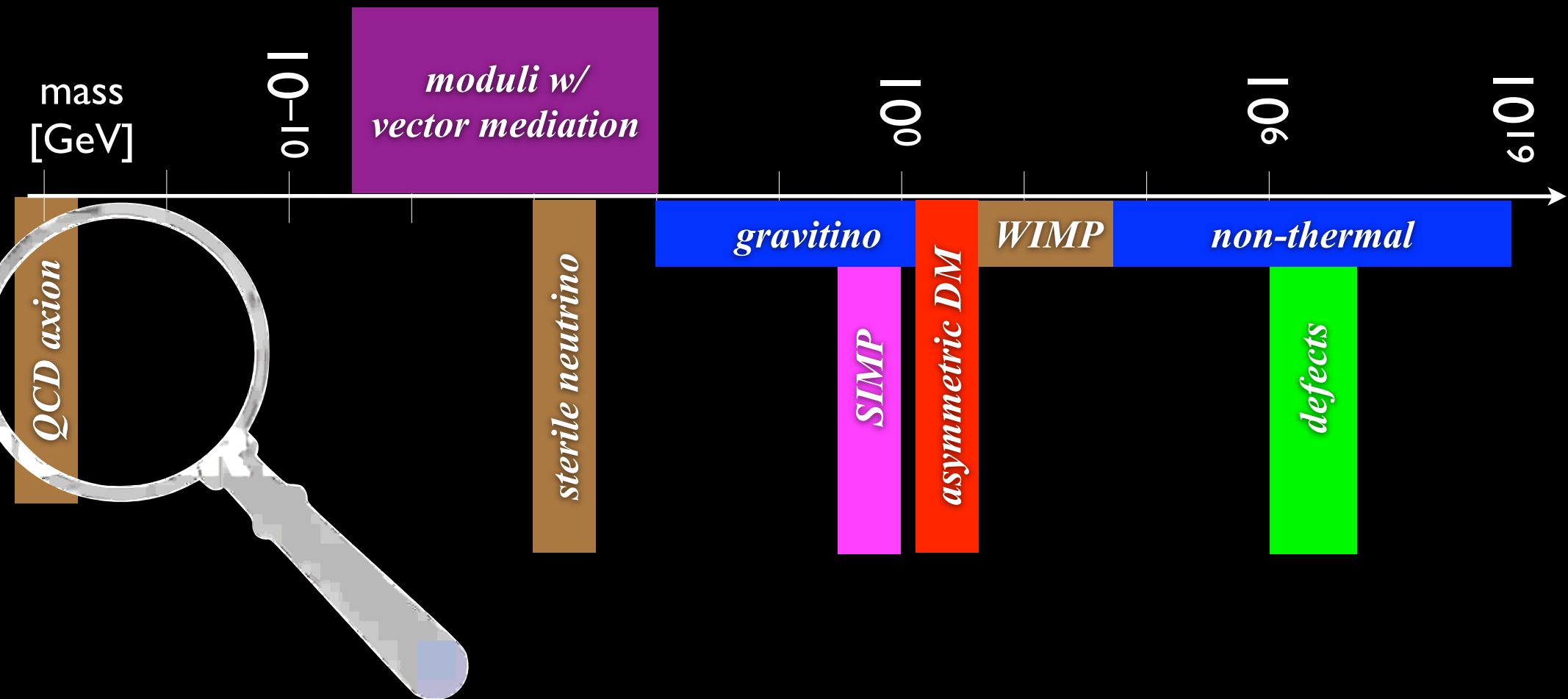


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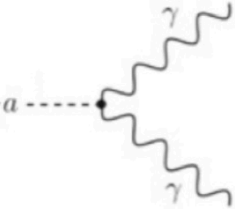
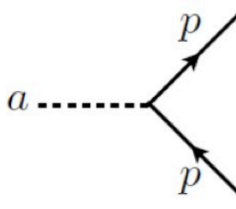
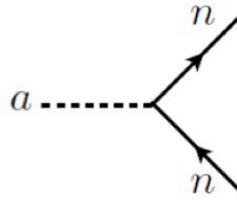
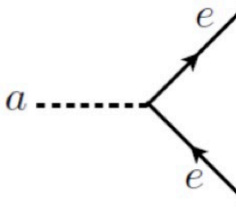


Axions

Motivated to solve strong CP Problem (KSVZ/DFSZ)

Detection Channels:

Detection Strategies:

2 photon	proton	neutron	electron
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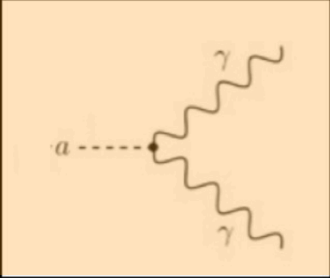
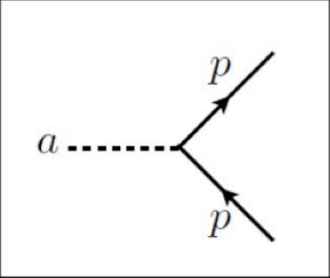
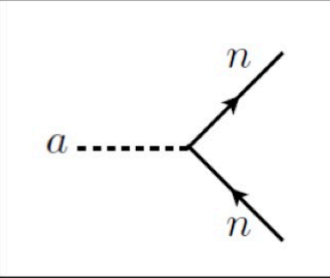
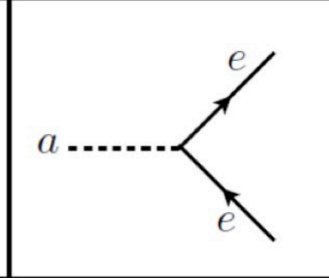
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Motivated to solve strong CP Problem (KSVZ/DFSZ)

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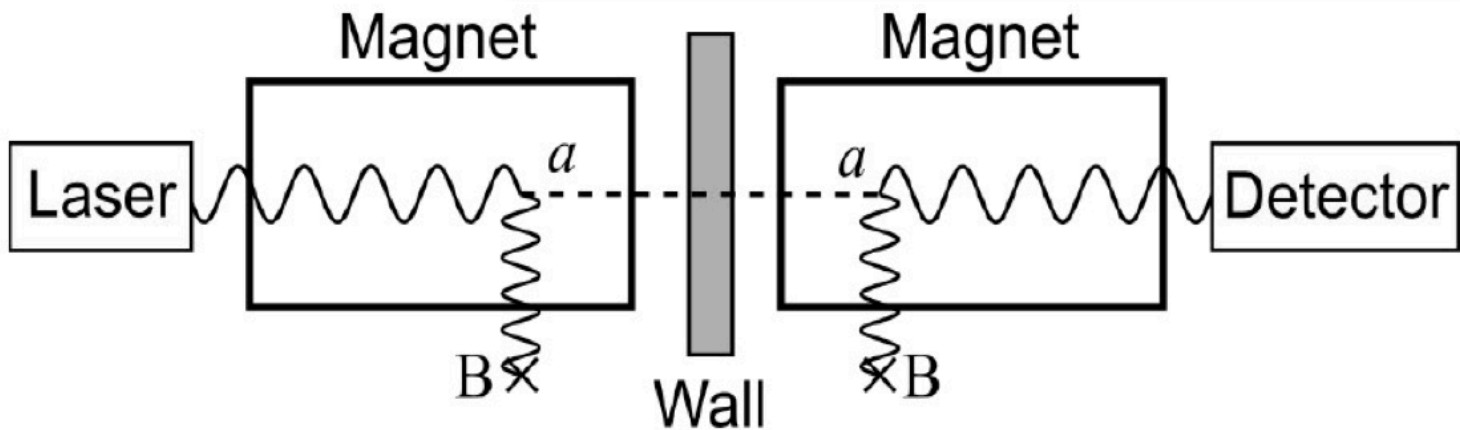
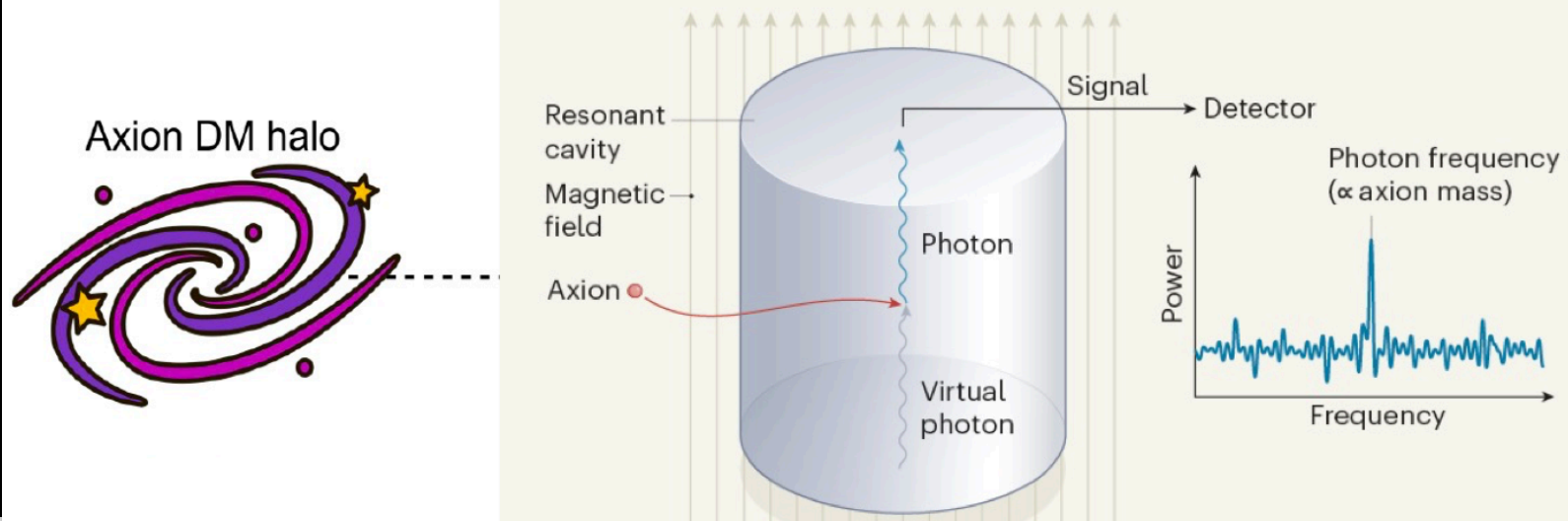
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Haloscopes:

ADMX, HAYSTAC,
QUAX, CAST-CAPP,
RADES+ many more

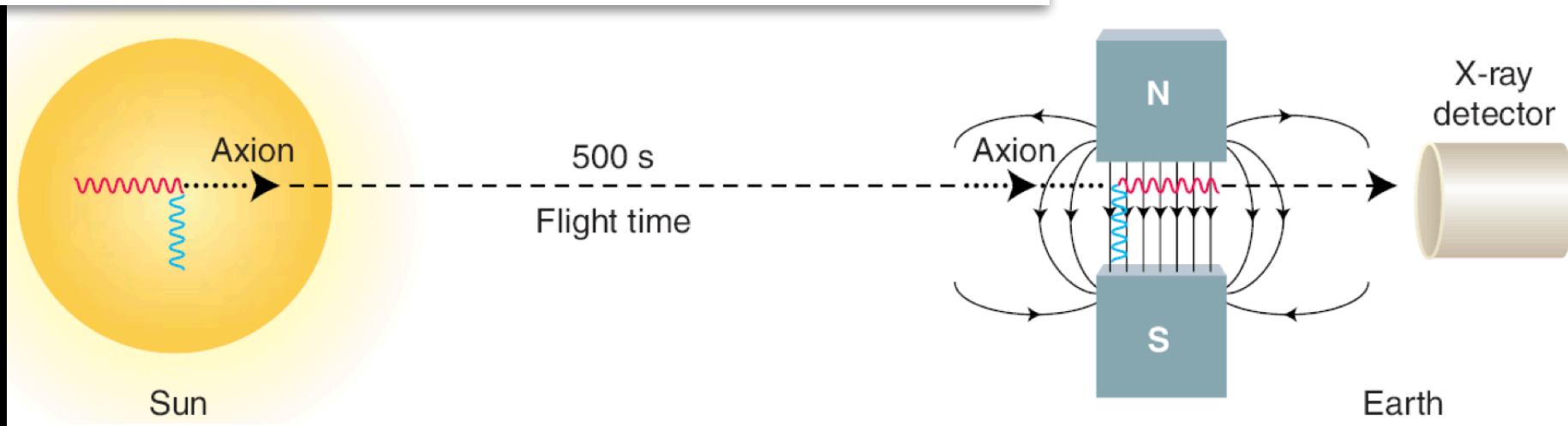
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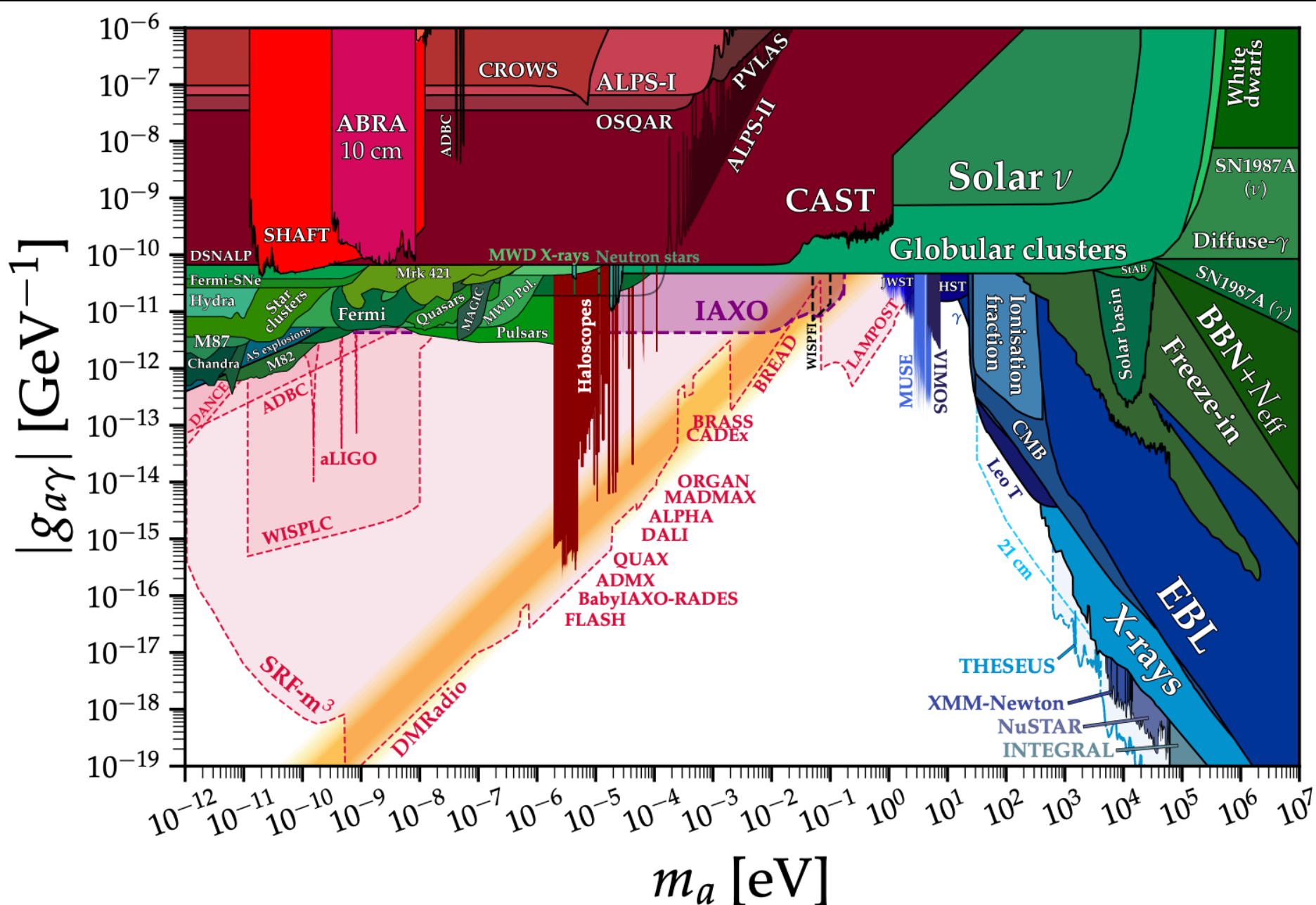
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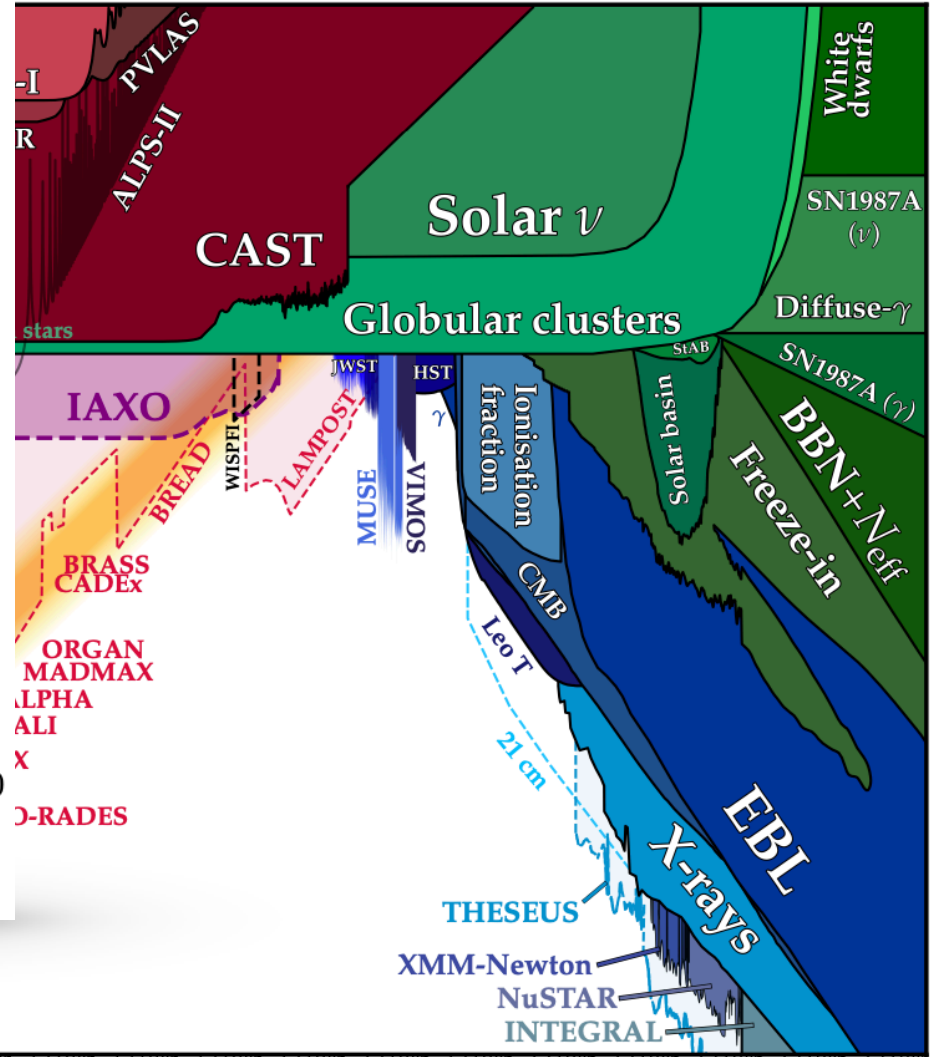
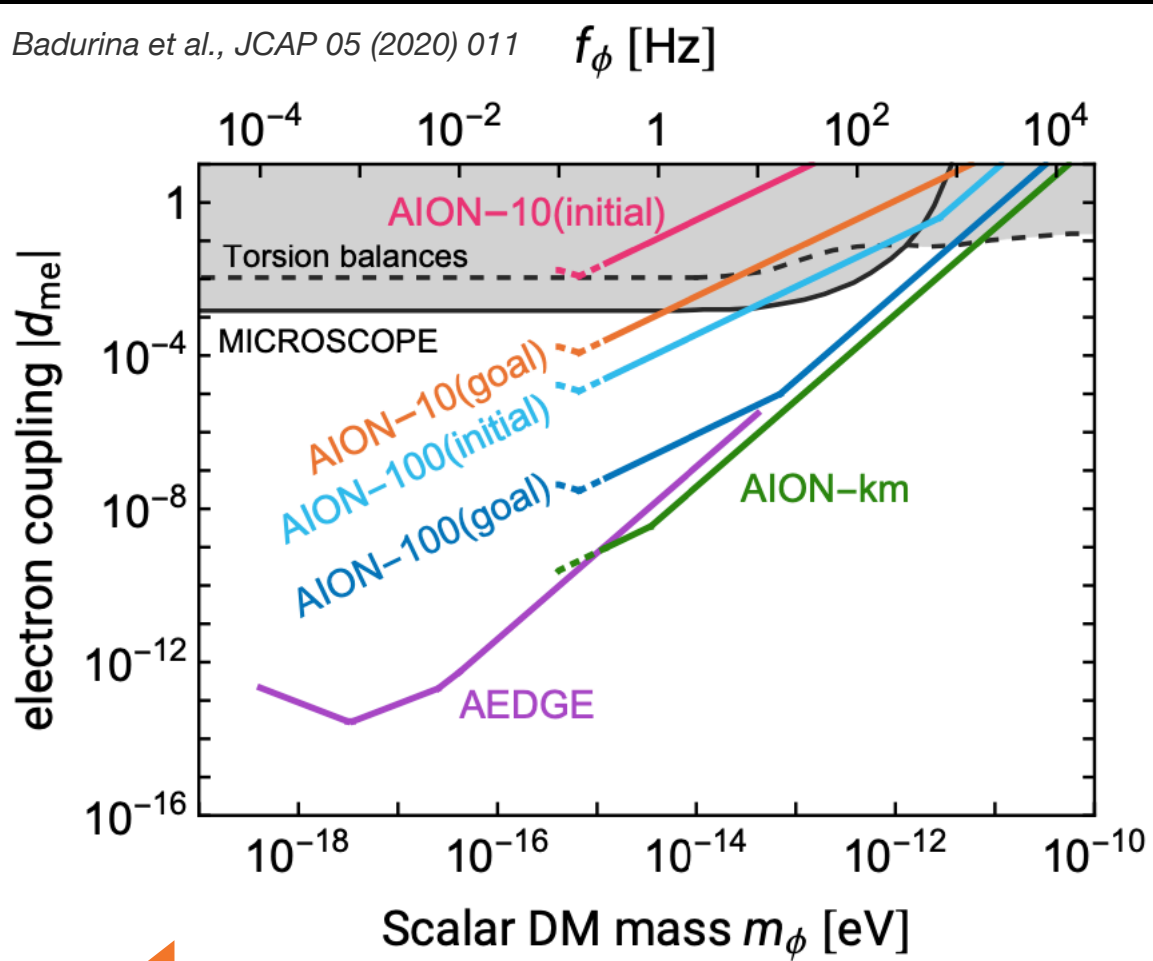
mass [GeV]

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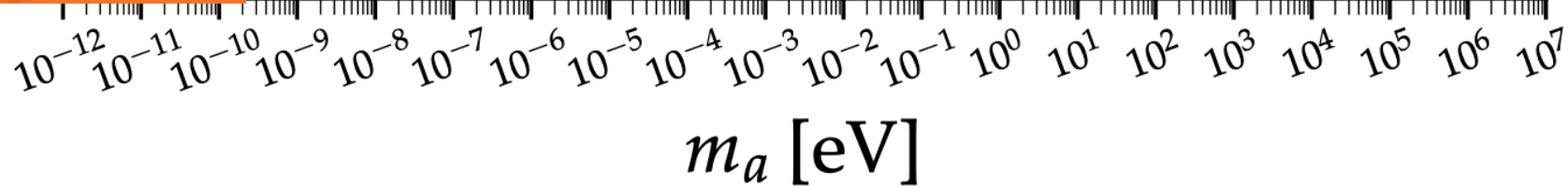


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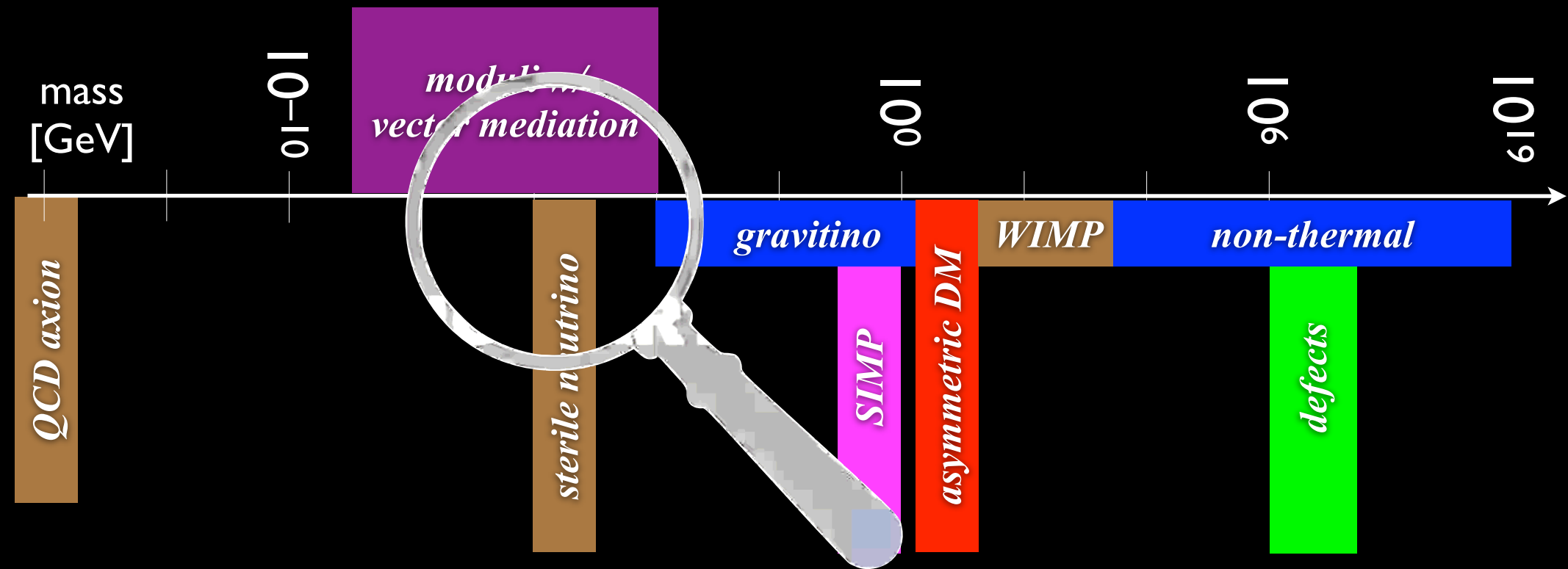
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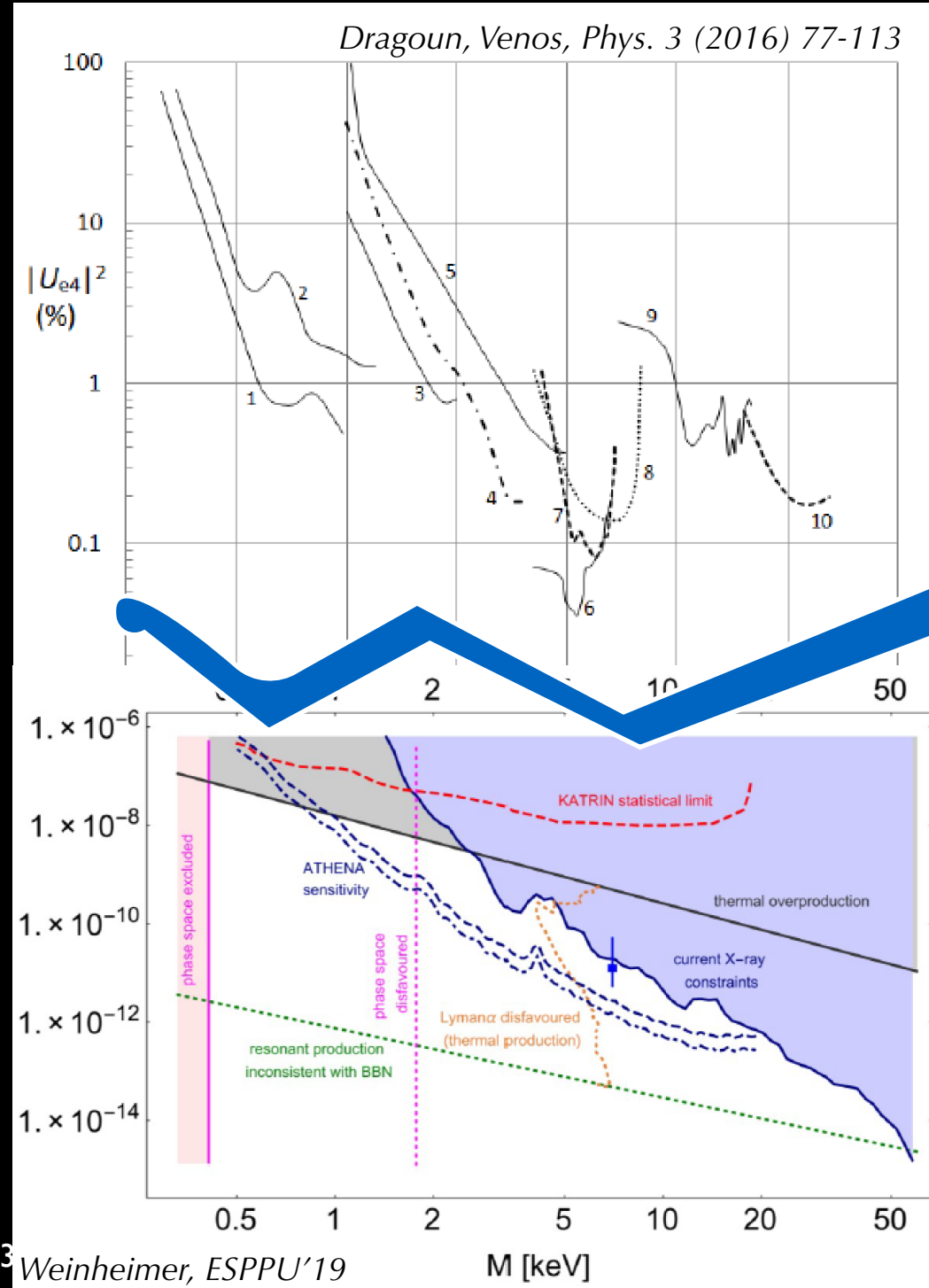
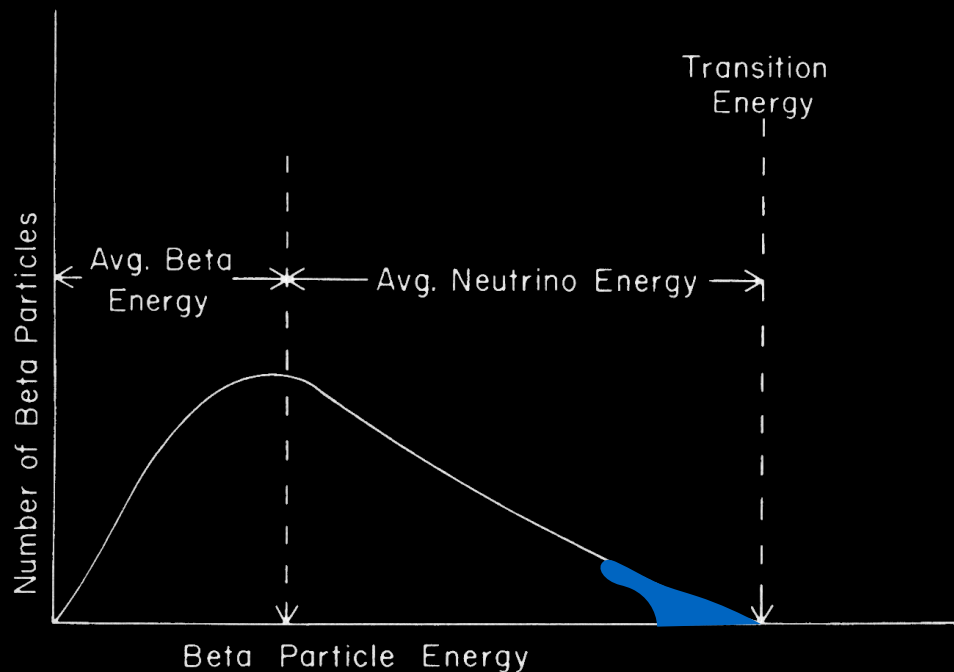


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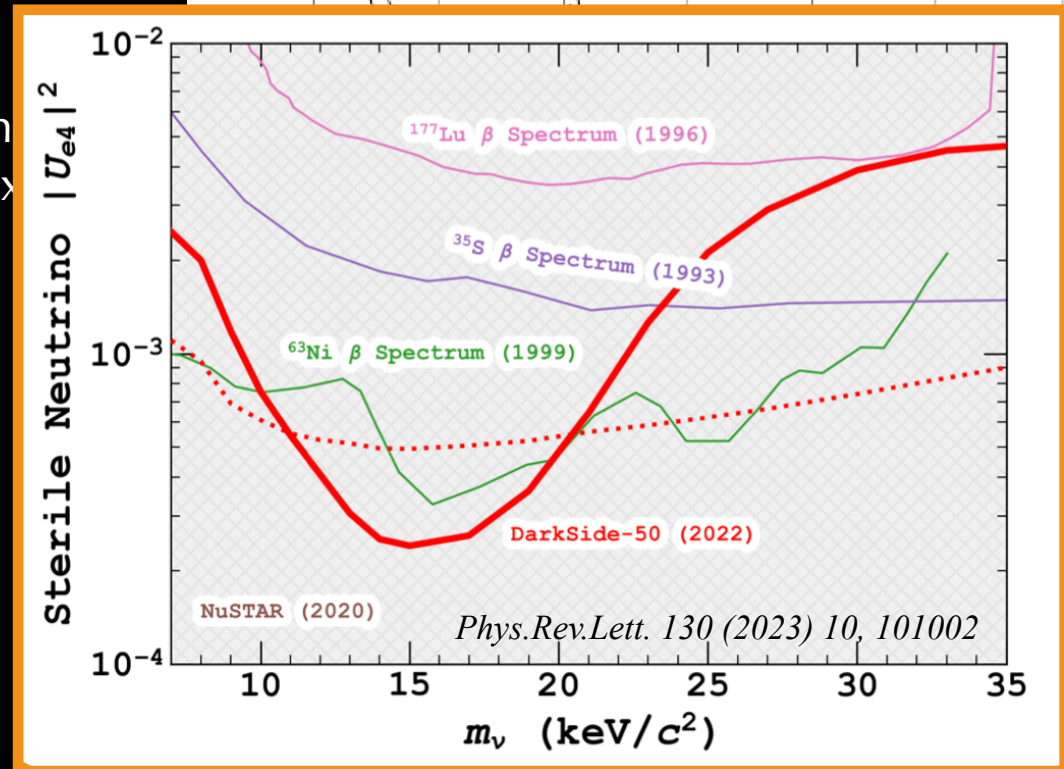
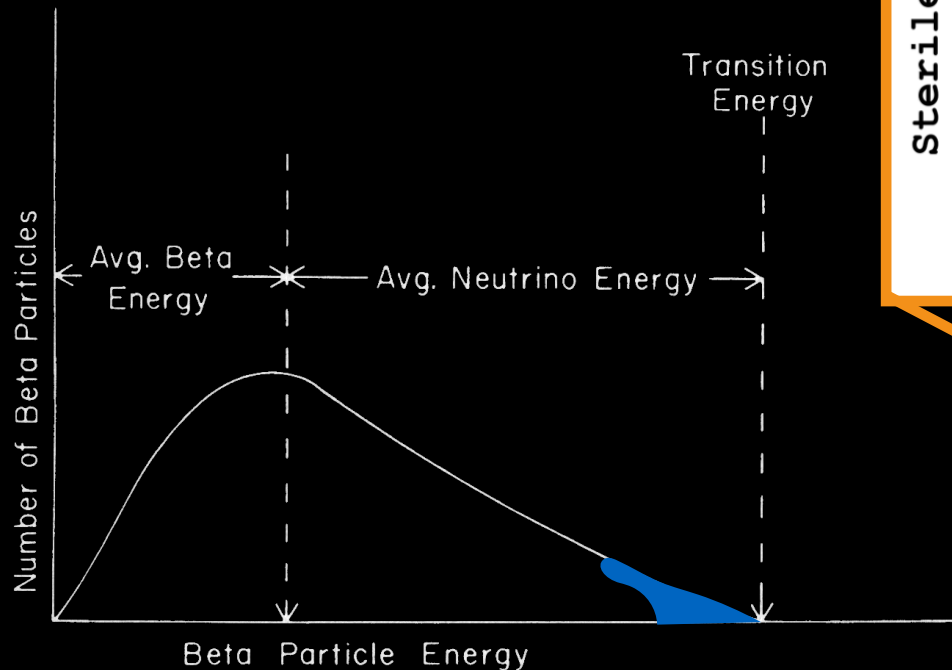


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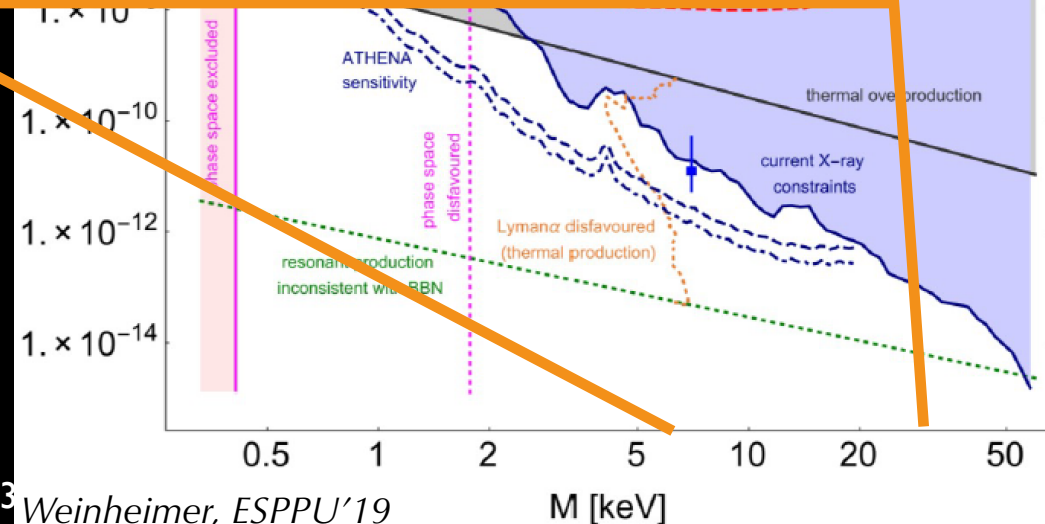
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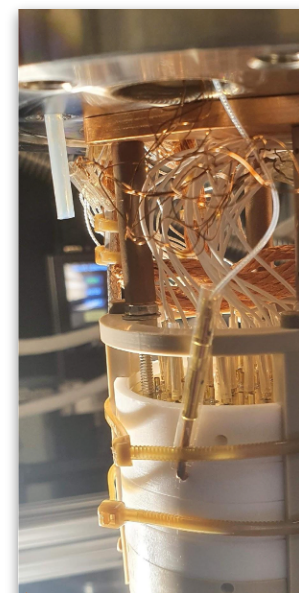
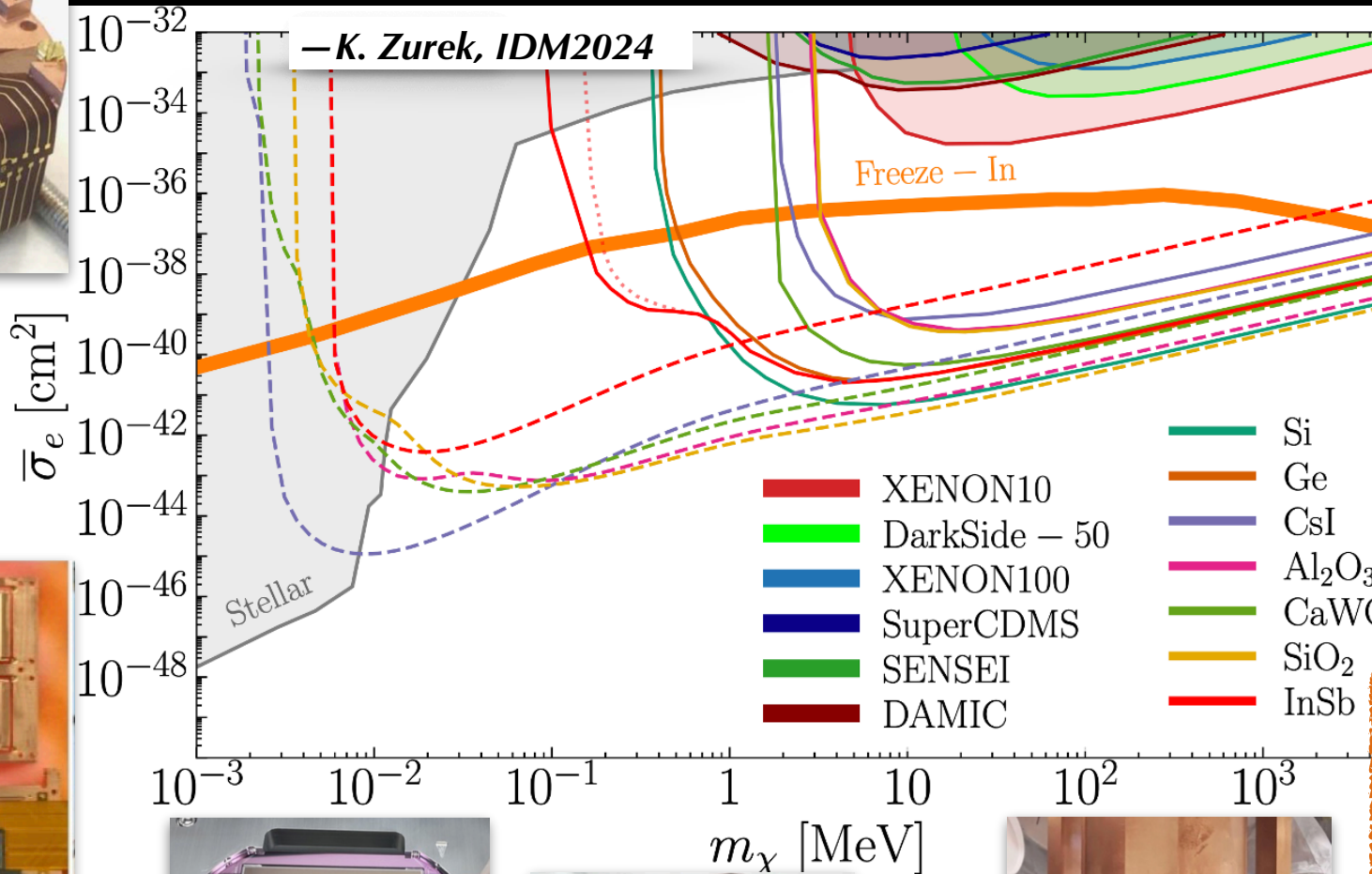
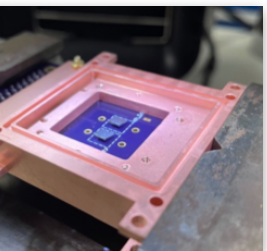
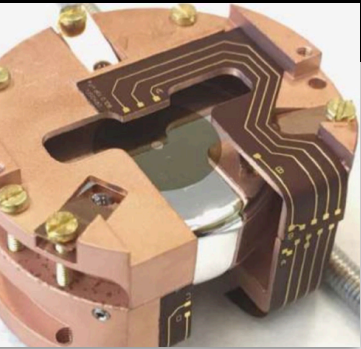
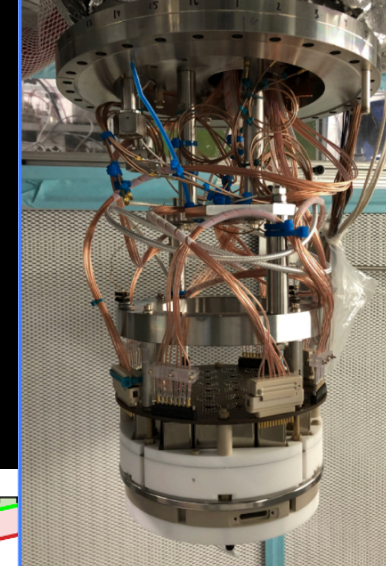
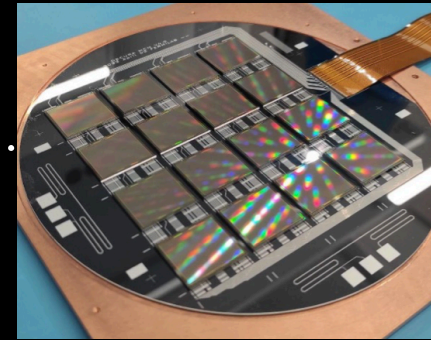


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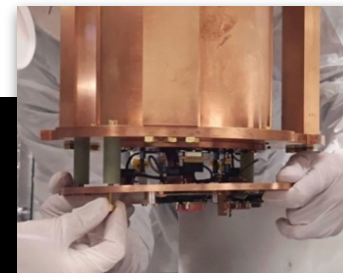
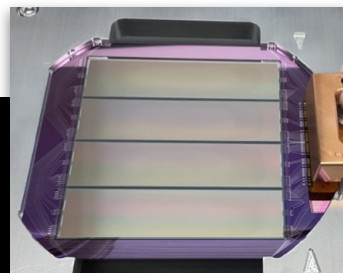


Explosion of Creativity in Detectors

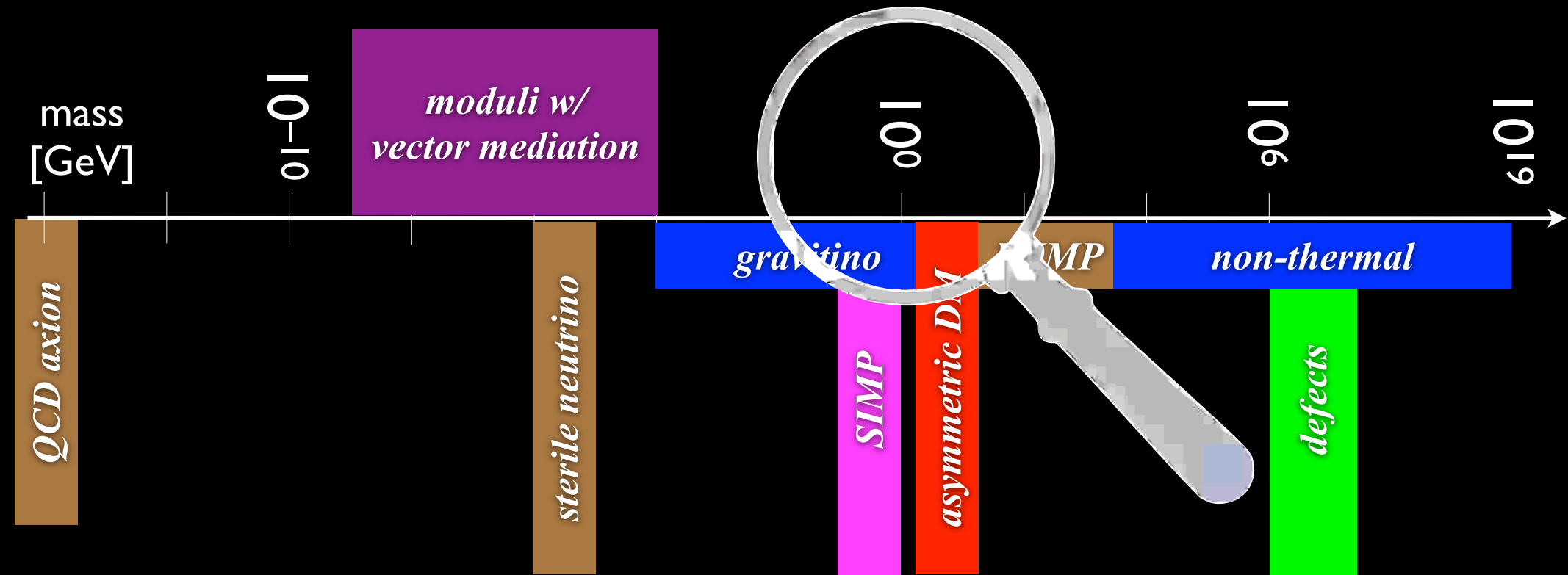
Hidden sector dark matter: huge range of techniques...
 Strong incentive for experimentalists — well-motivated
 models can be tested with **1 kg-yr** exposures!



Your
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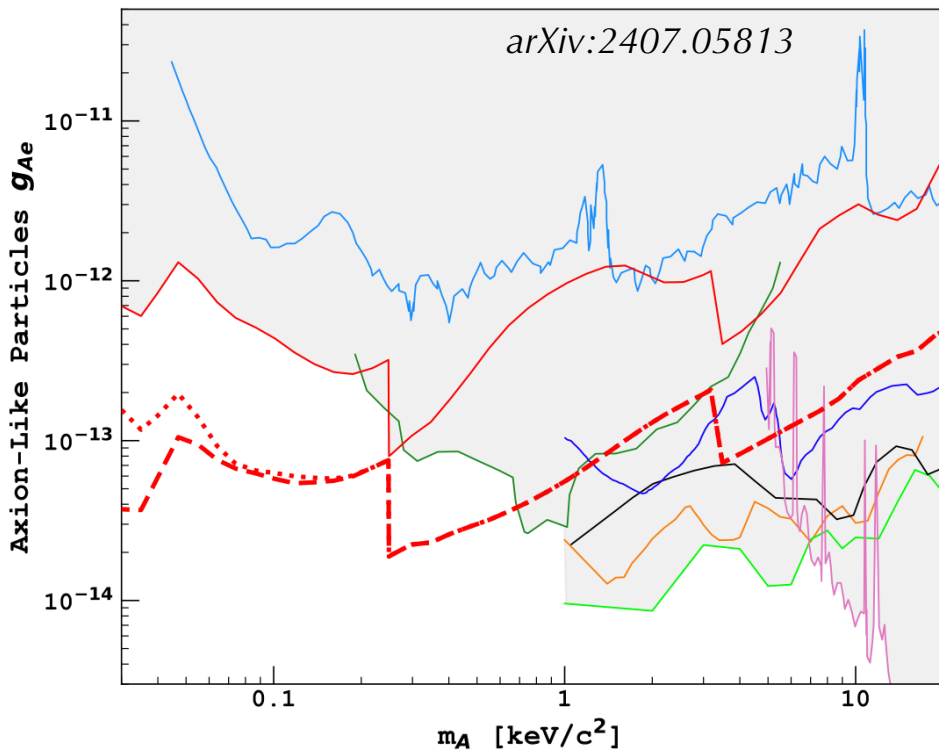
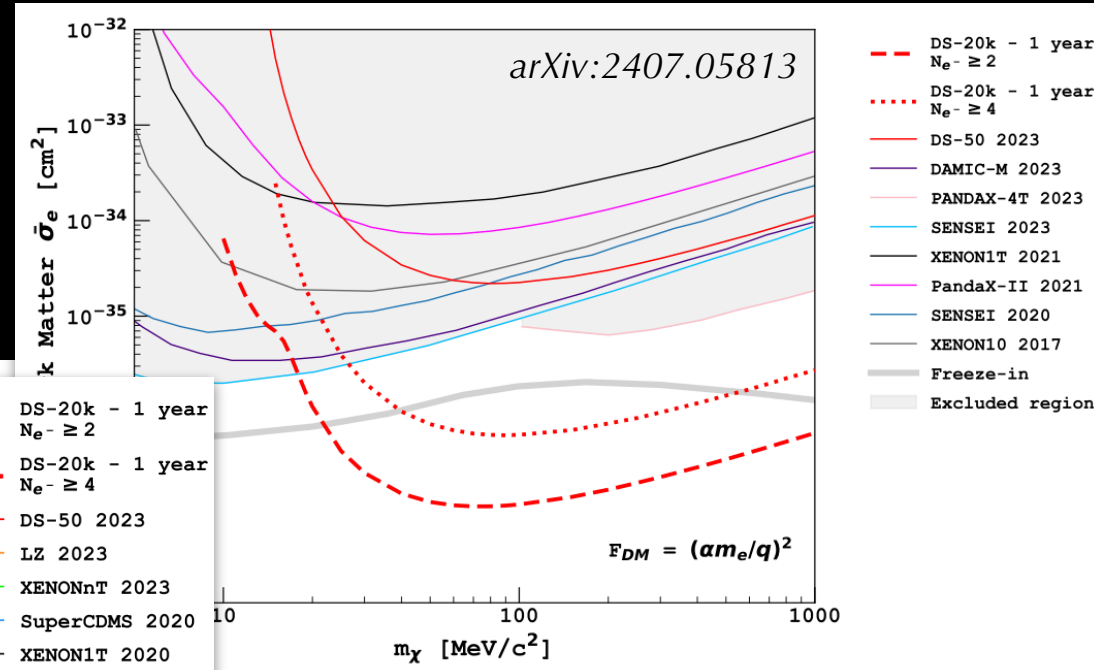
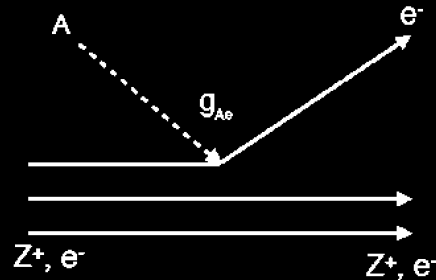


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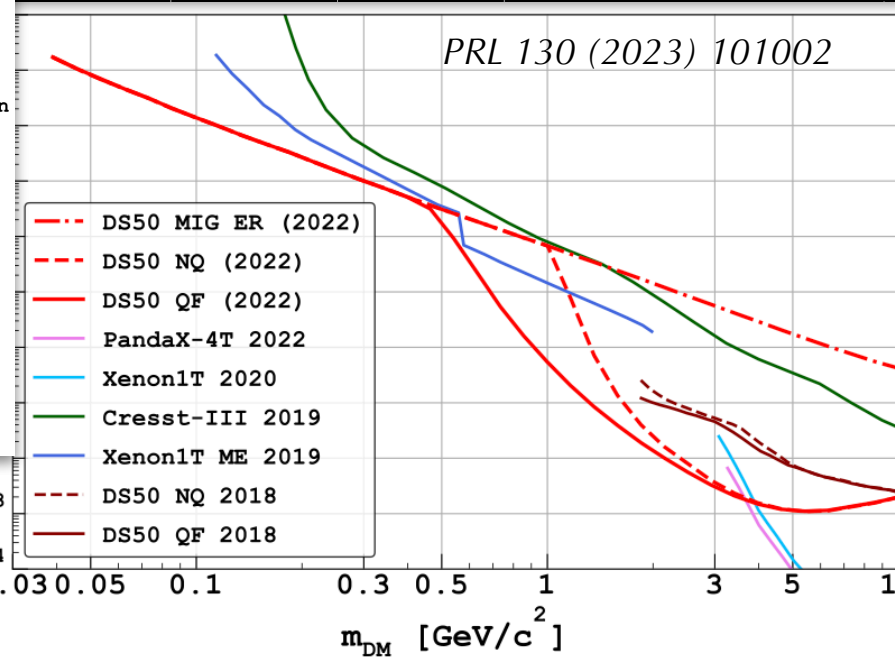
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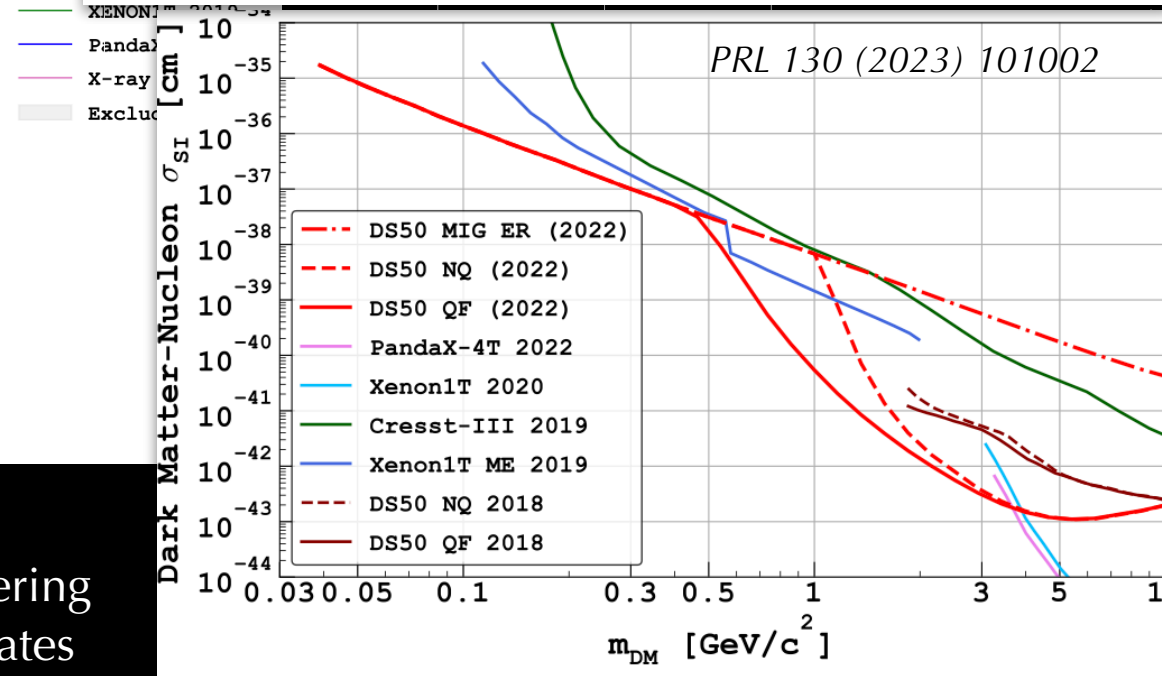
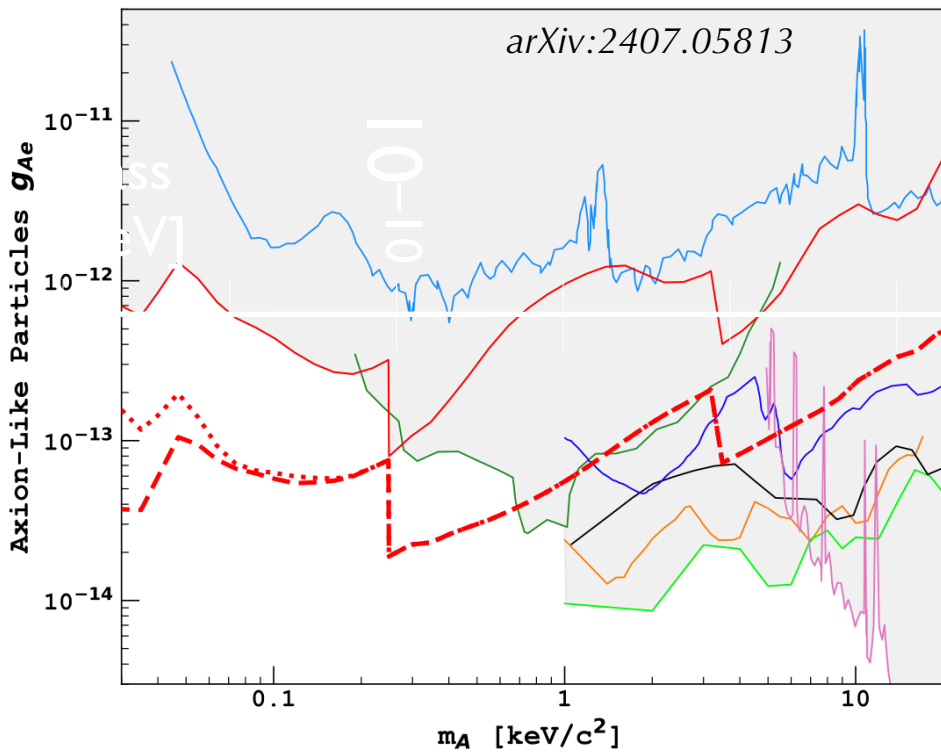
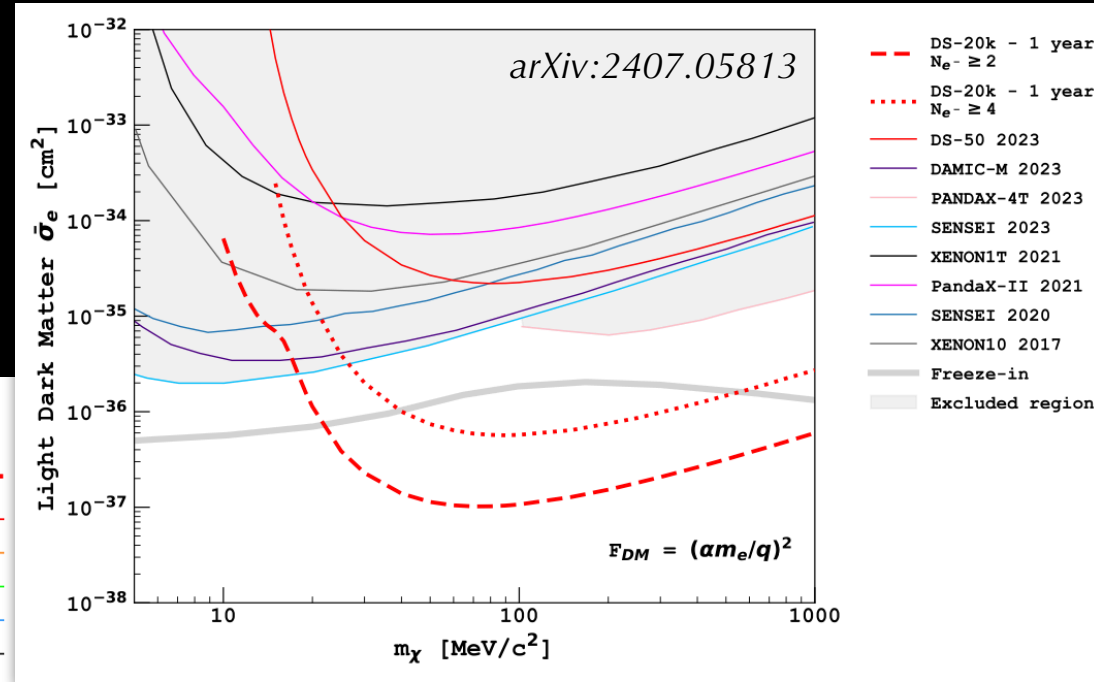
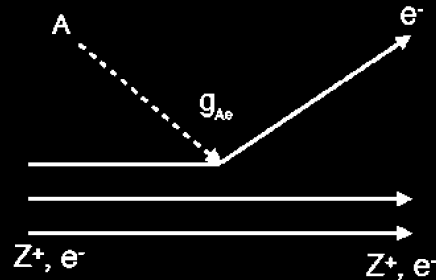


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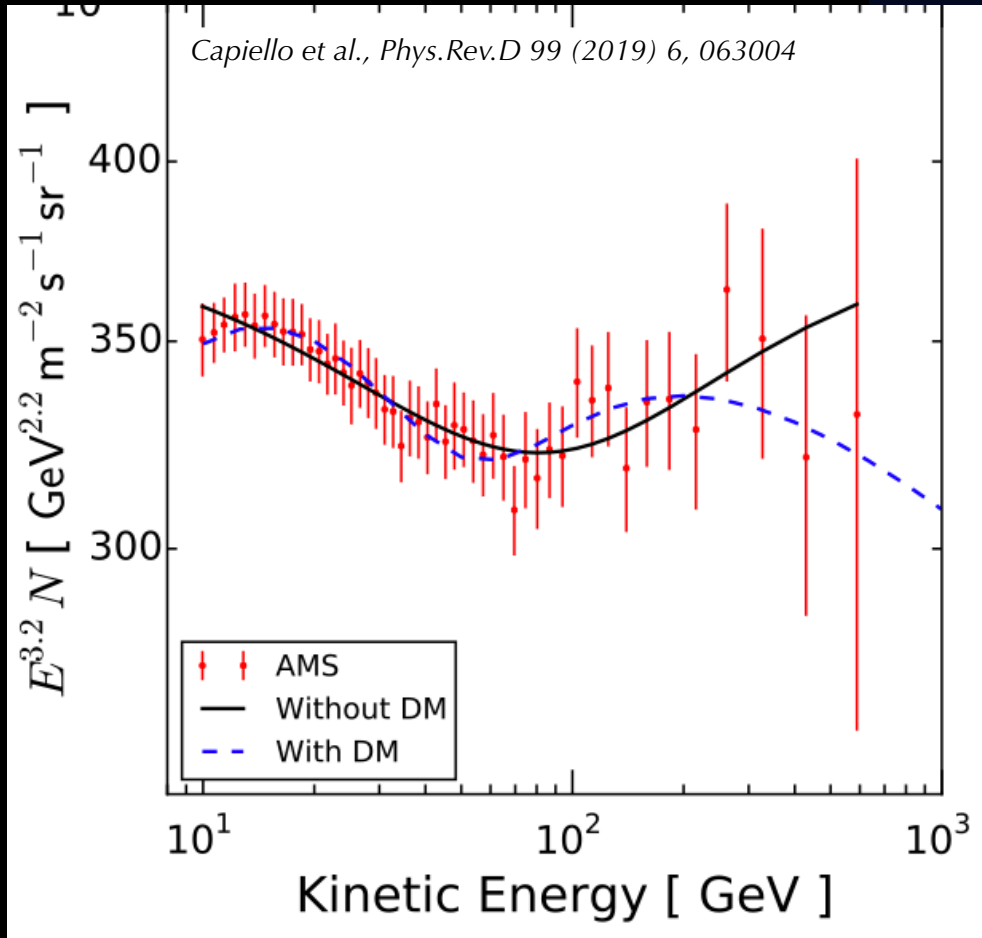
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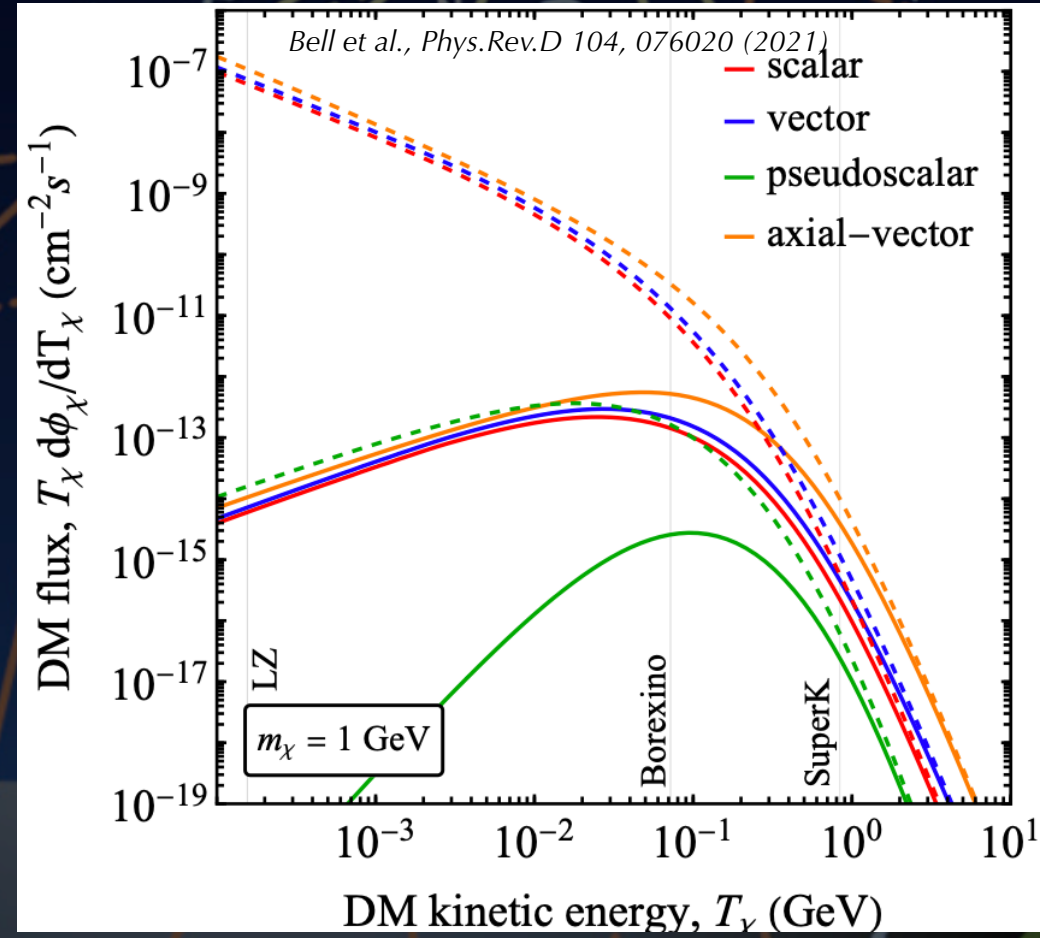
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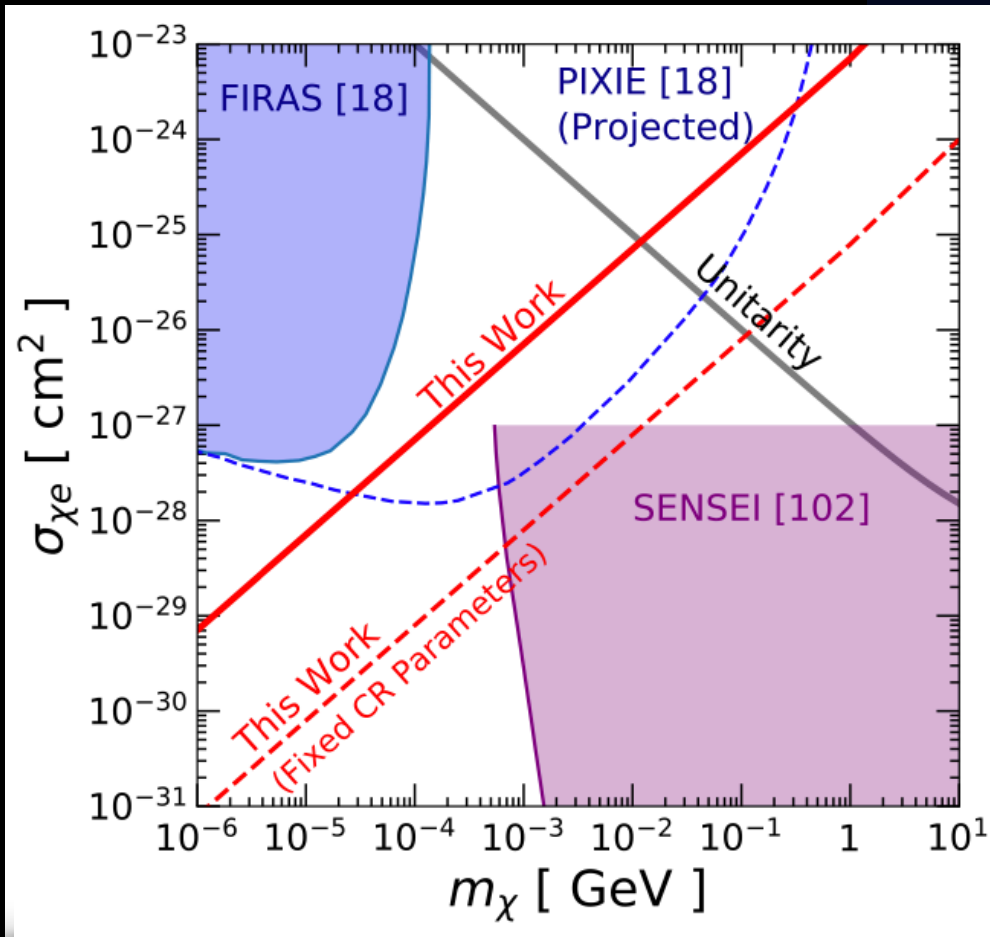
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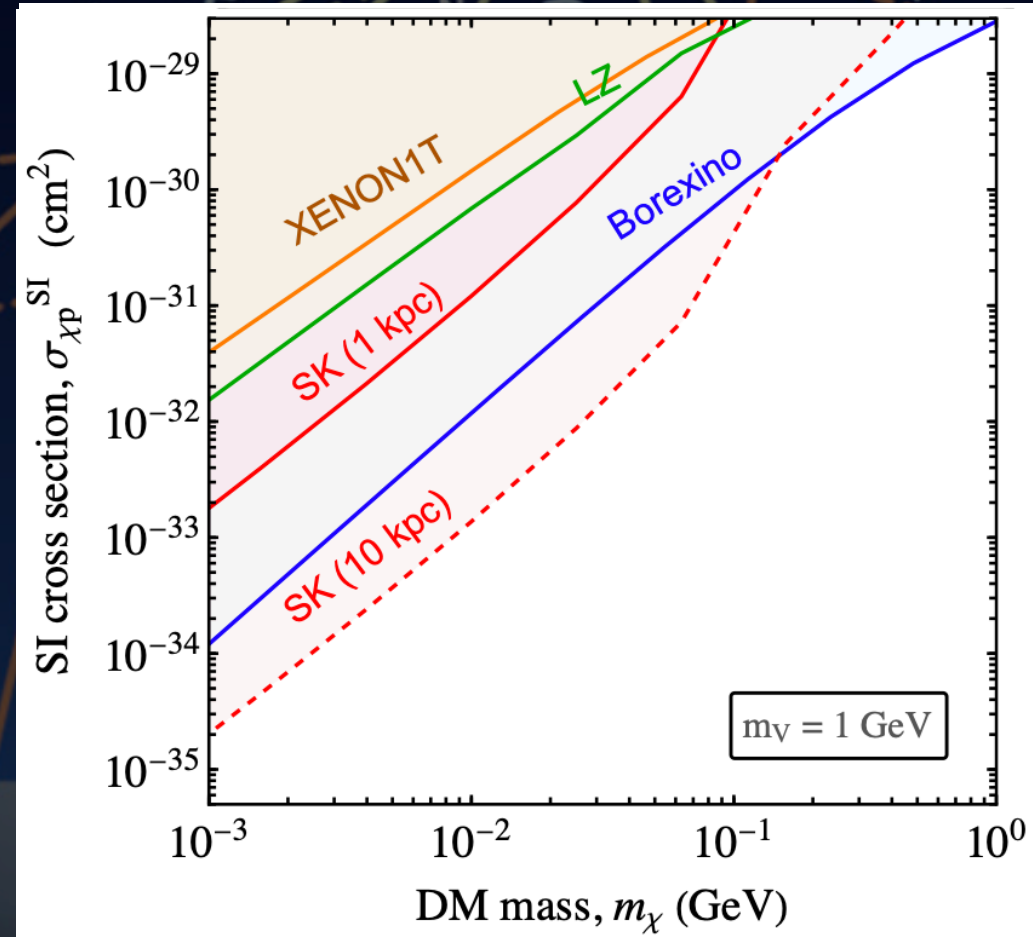
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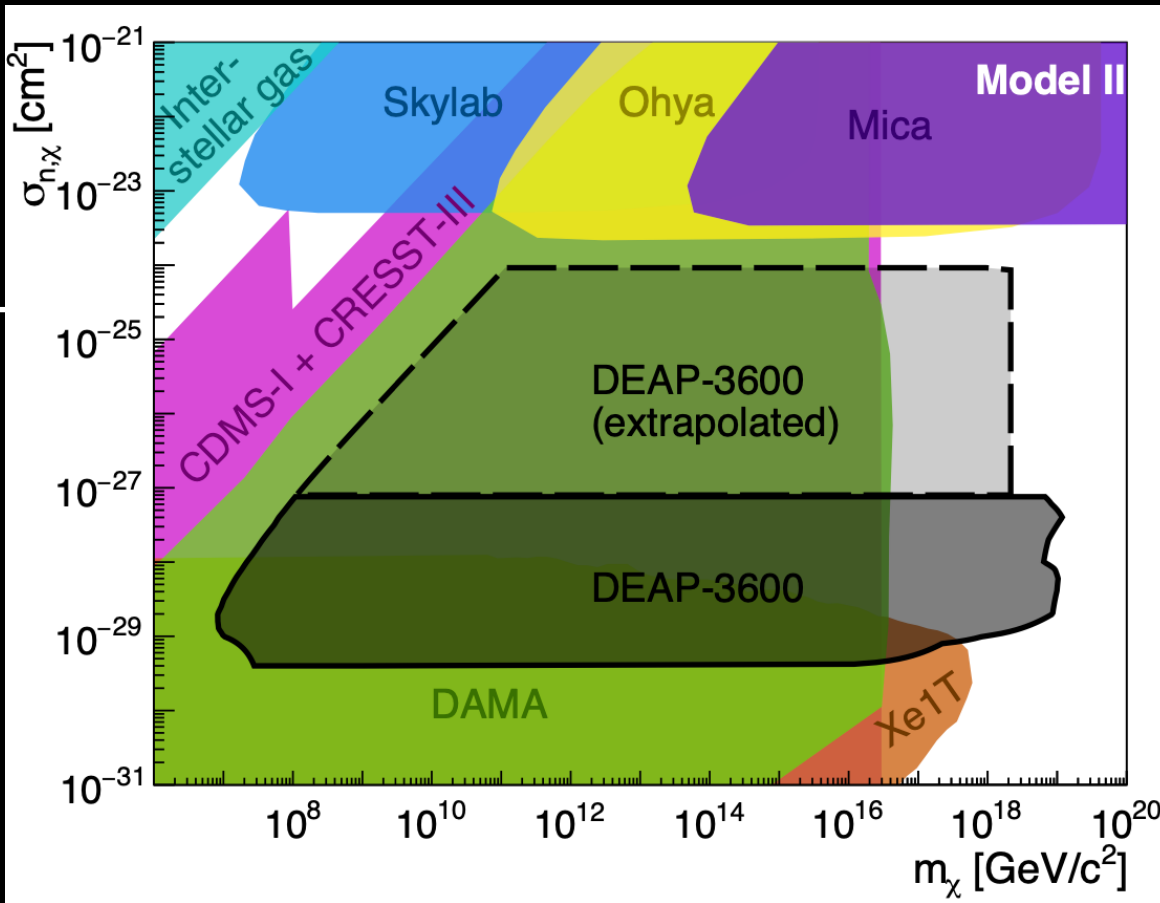
“Reverse Direct Detection”



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[GeV]

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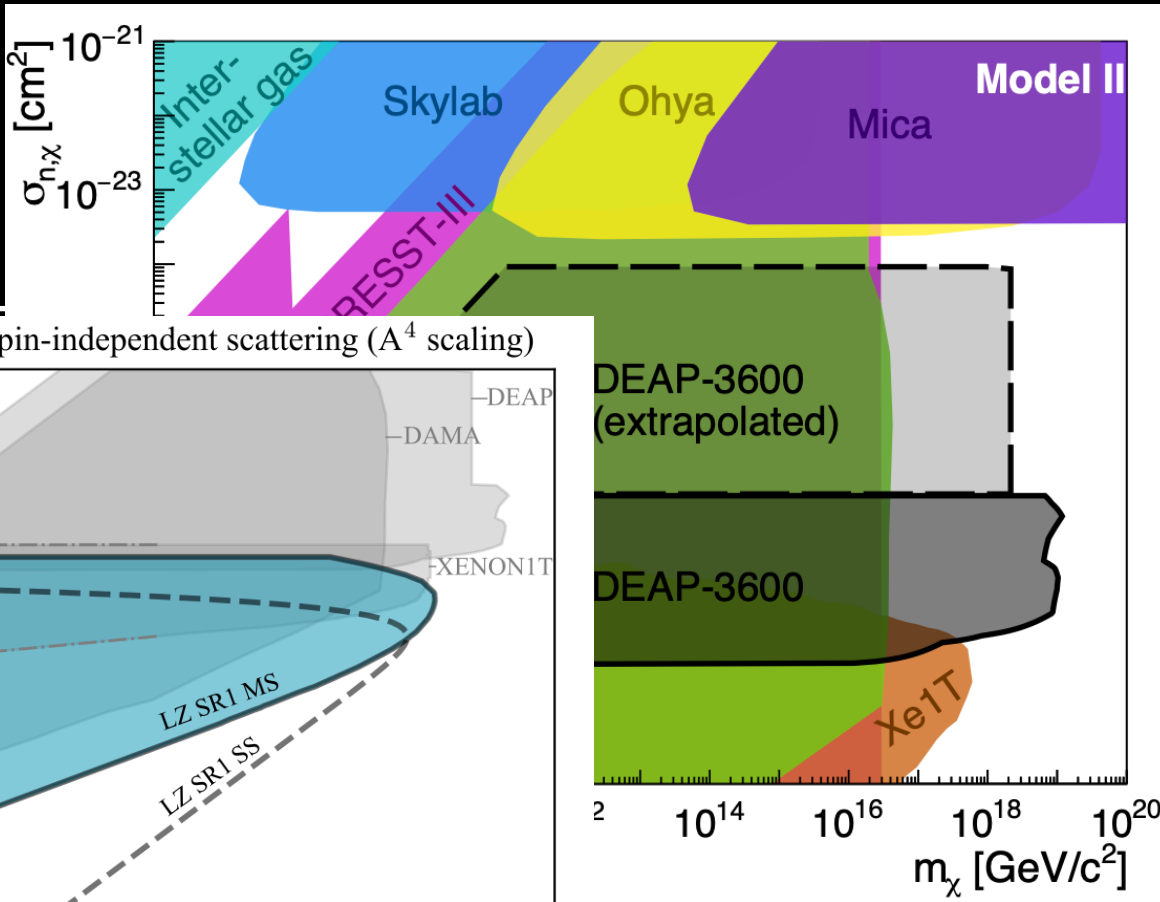
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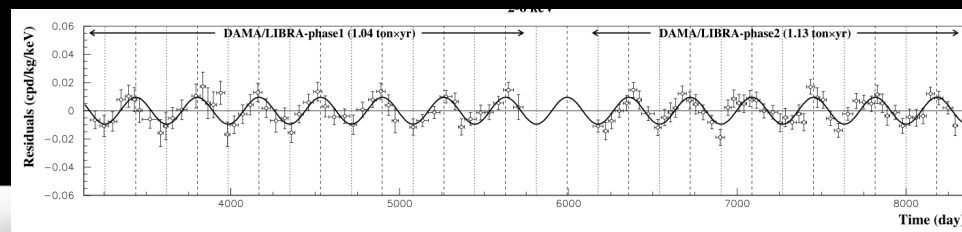


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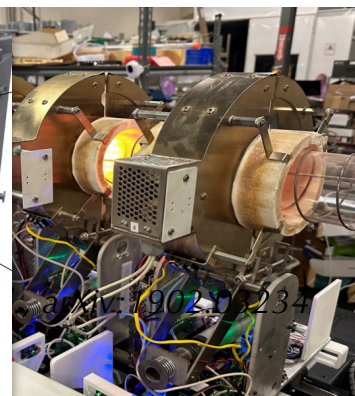
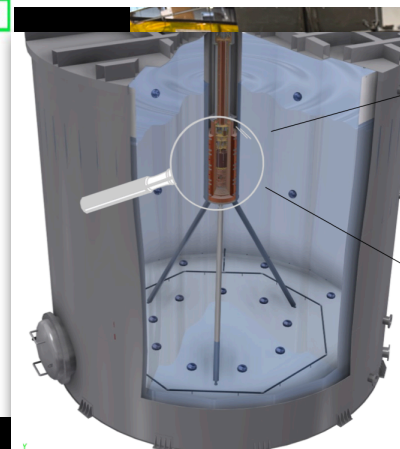
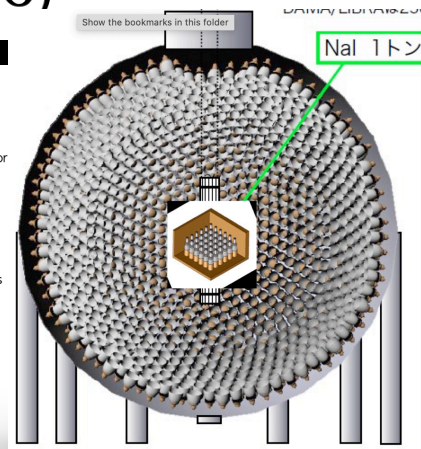
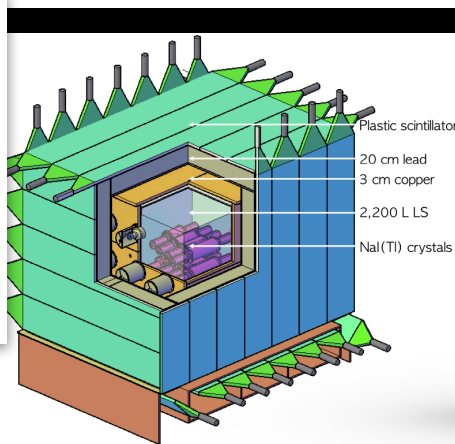
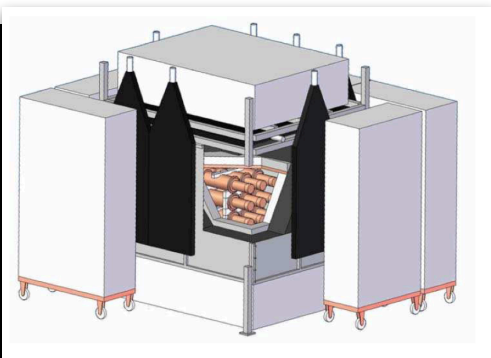
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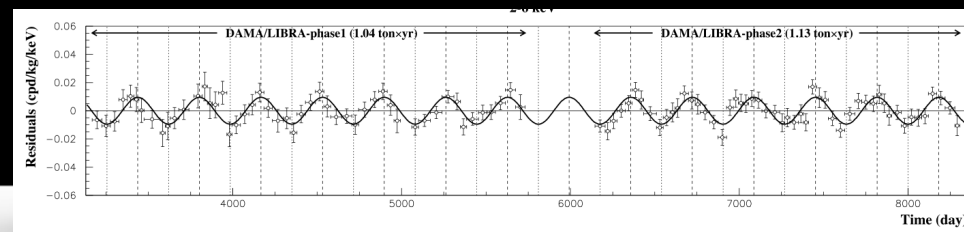


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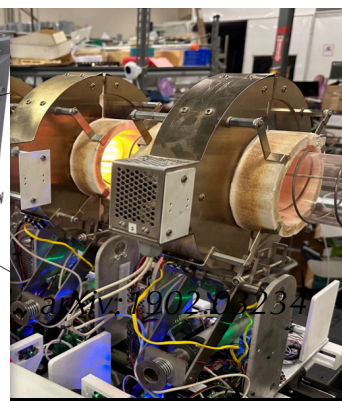
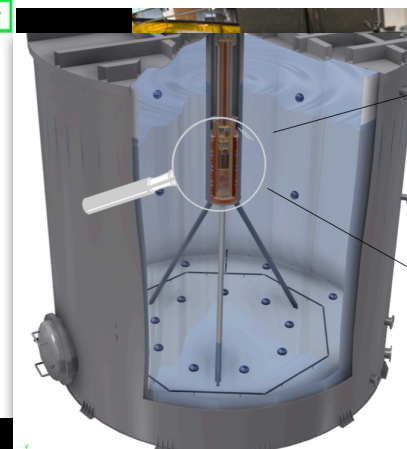
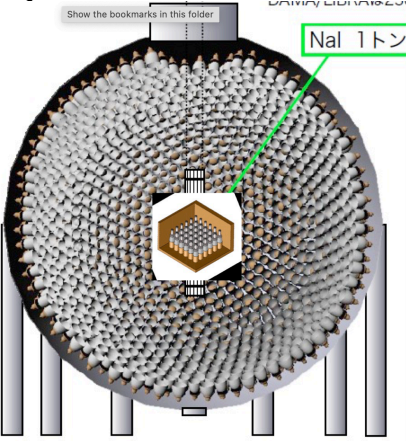
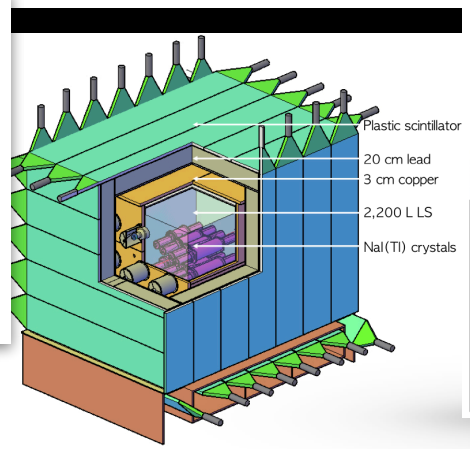
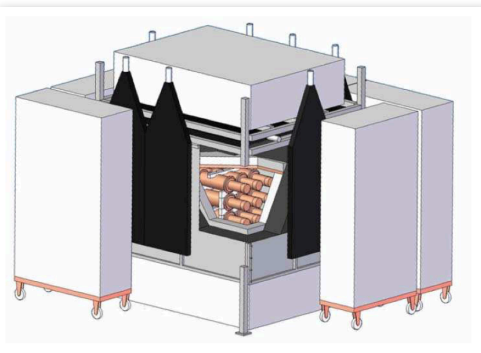


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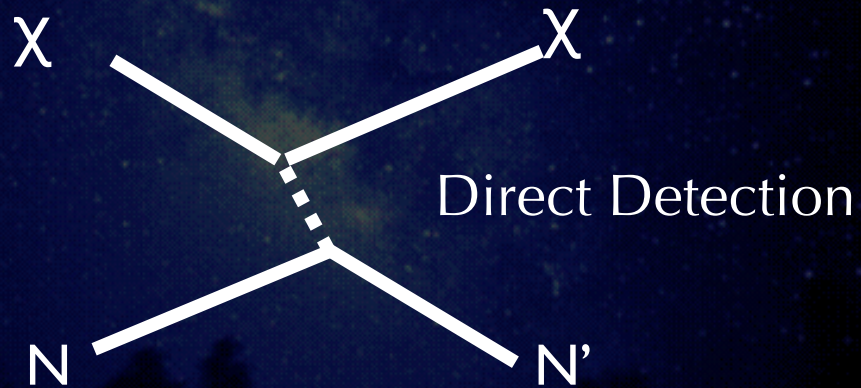
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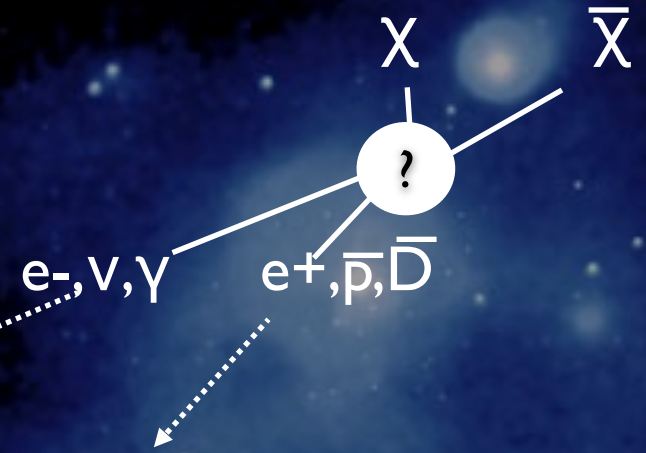
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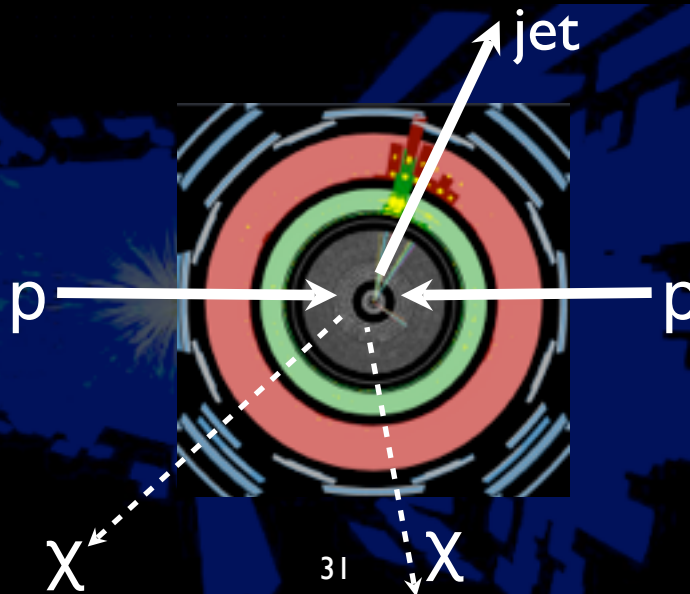
Experimentalist's View: Complementarity



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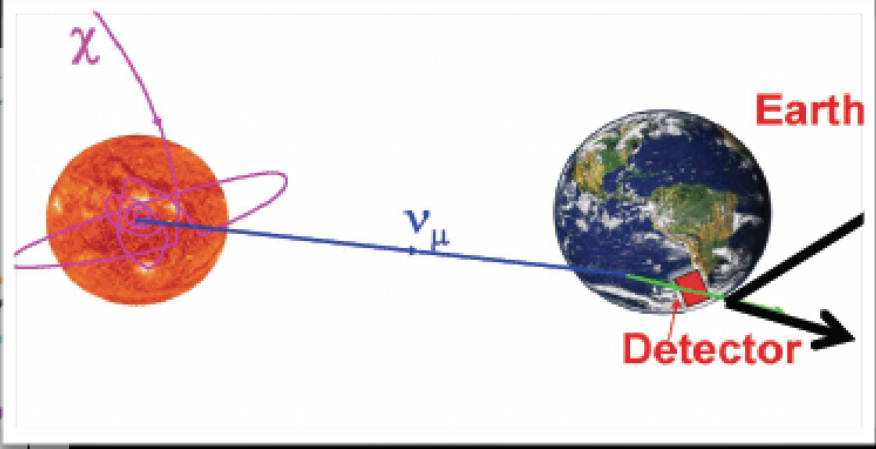
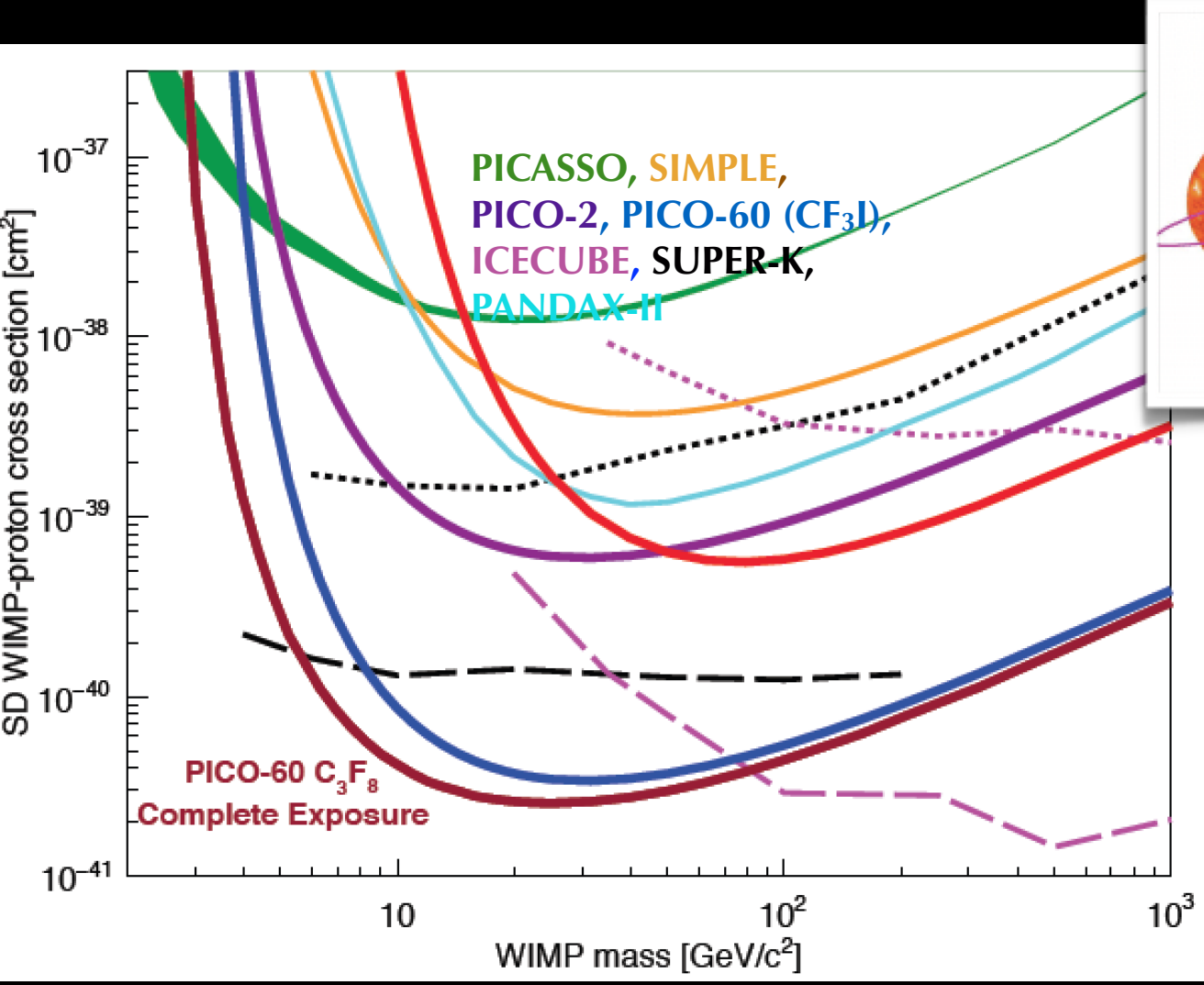


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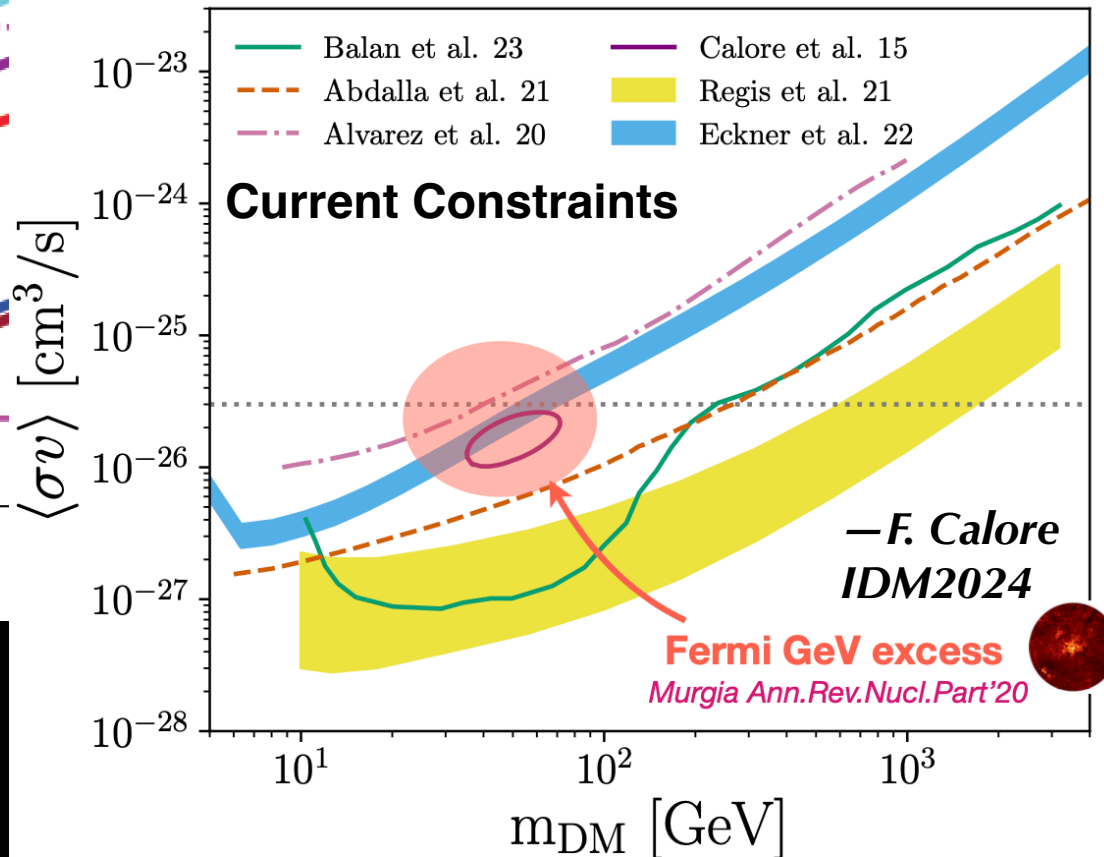
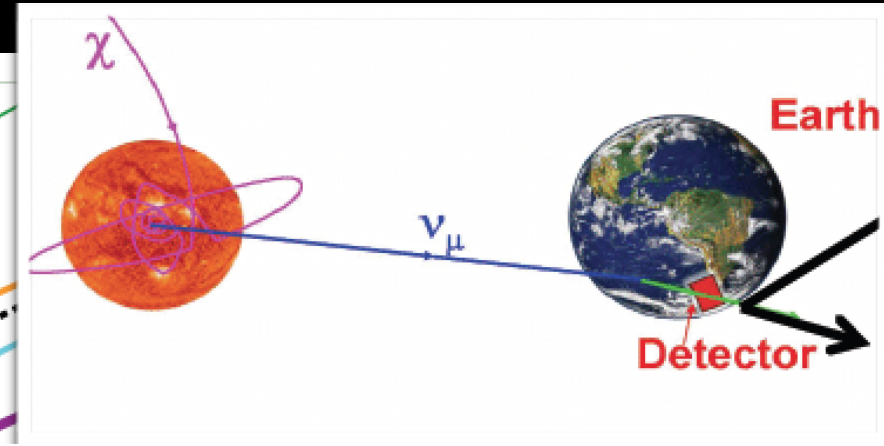
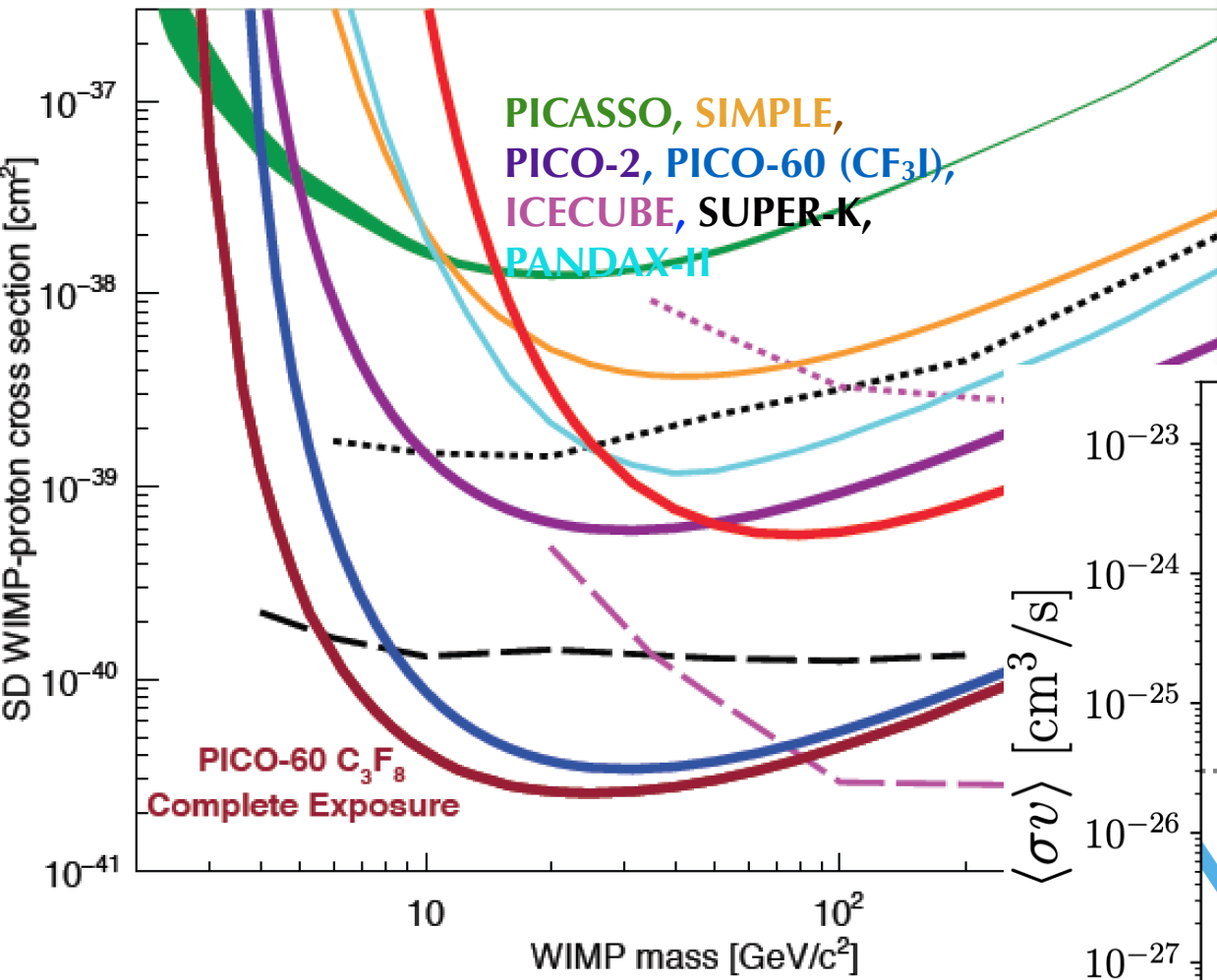
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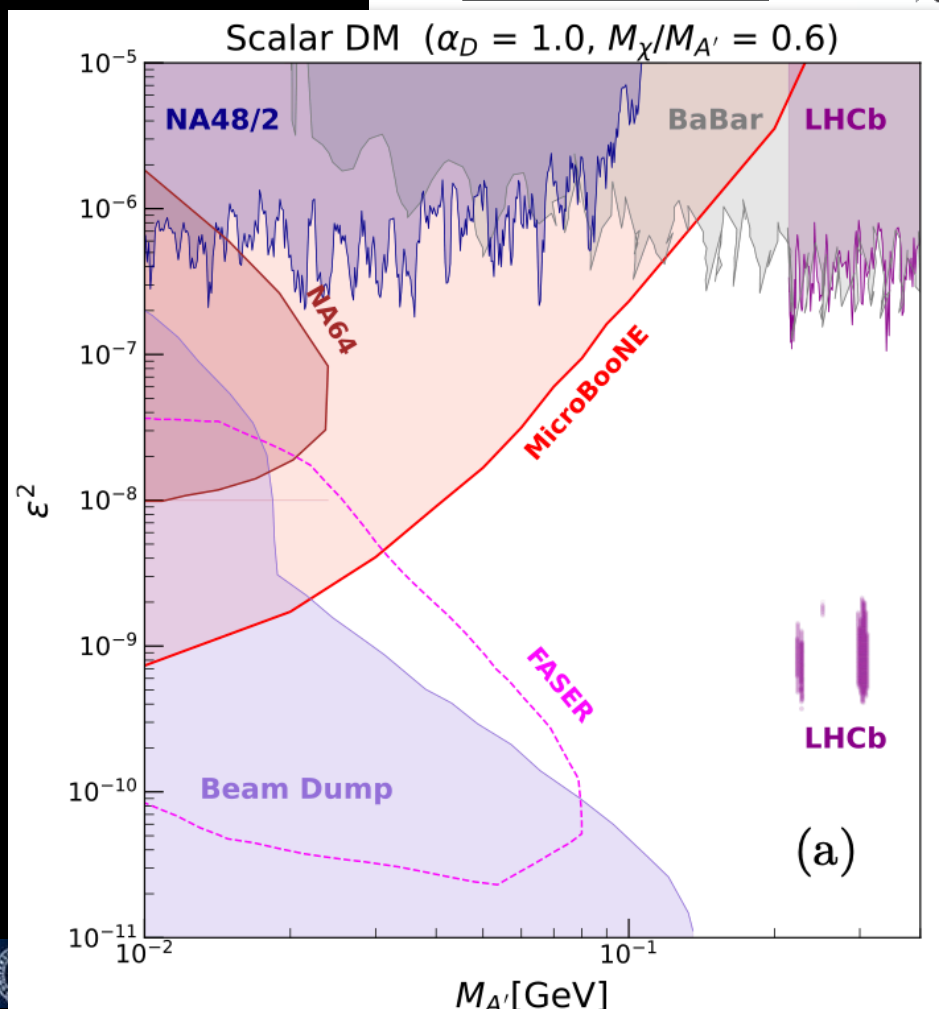
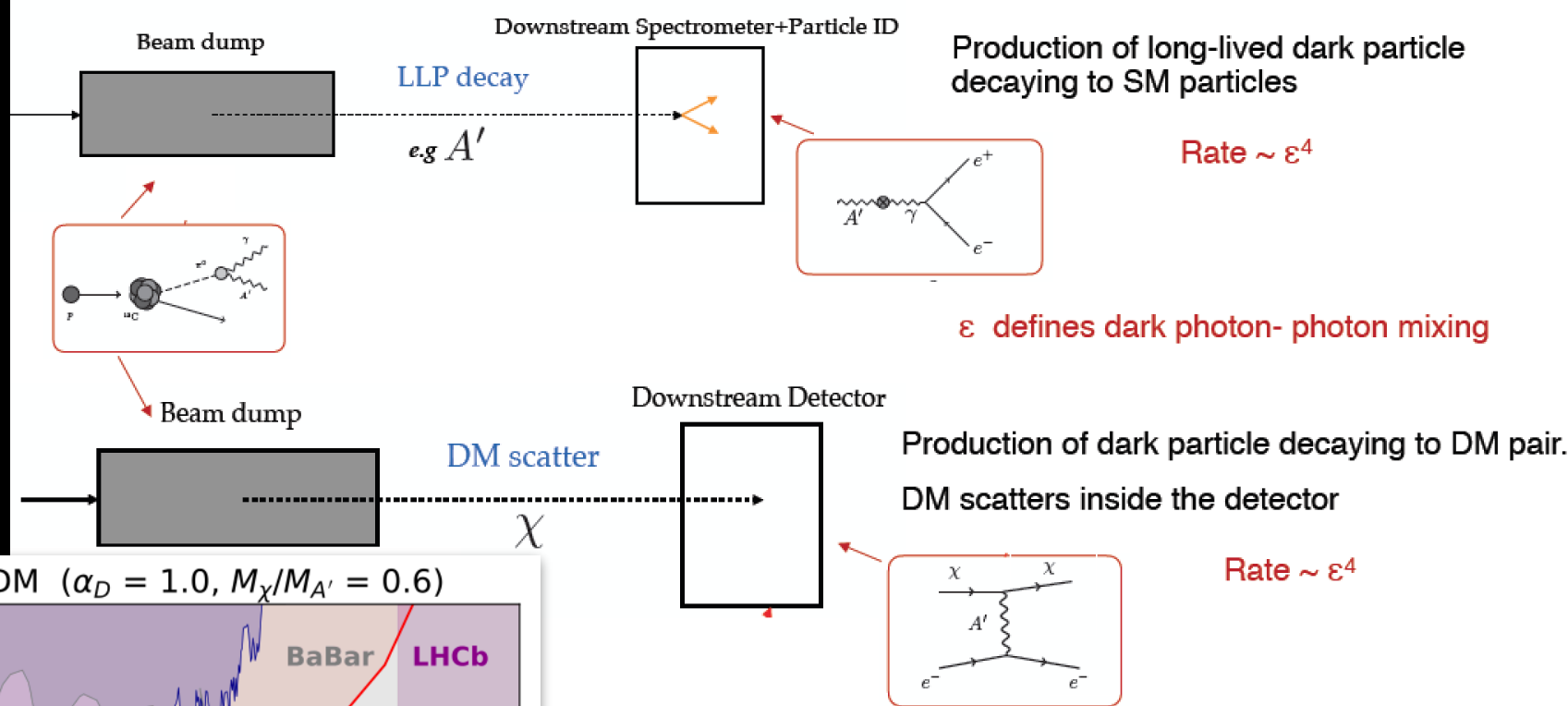


Indirect Detection ... any signals?
Fermi GeV excess at galactic center...



Fixed-Target Strategies

Renaissance of the fixed-target!



Many new experiments planned, proposed, and going beyond original scope for hidden sector searches.

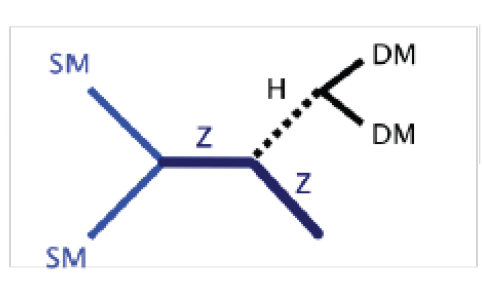
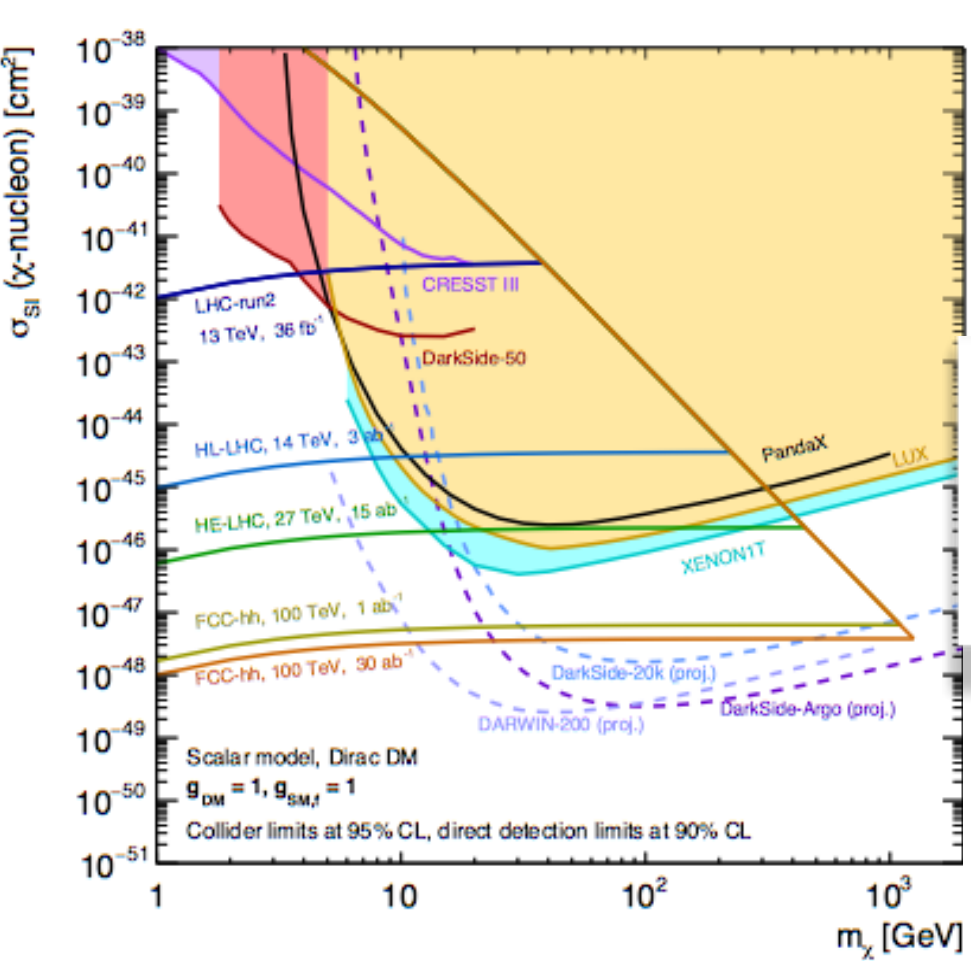
Major synergistic topic of Dark Sectors work at CERN

Ellis et al., ESPPU Physics Briefing Book, CERN-ESU-004 (2019)

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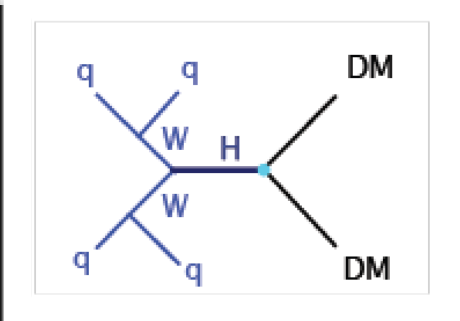
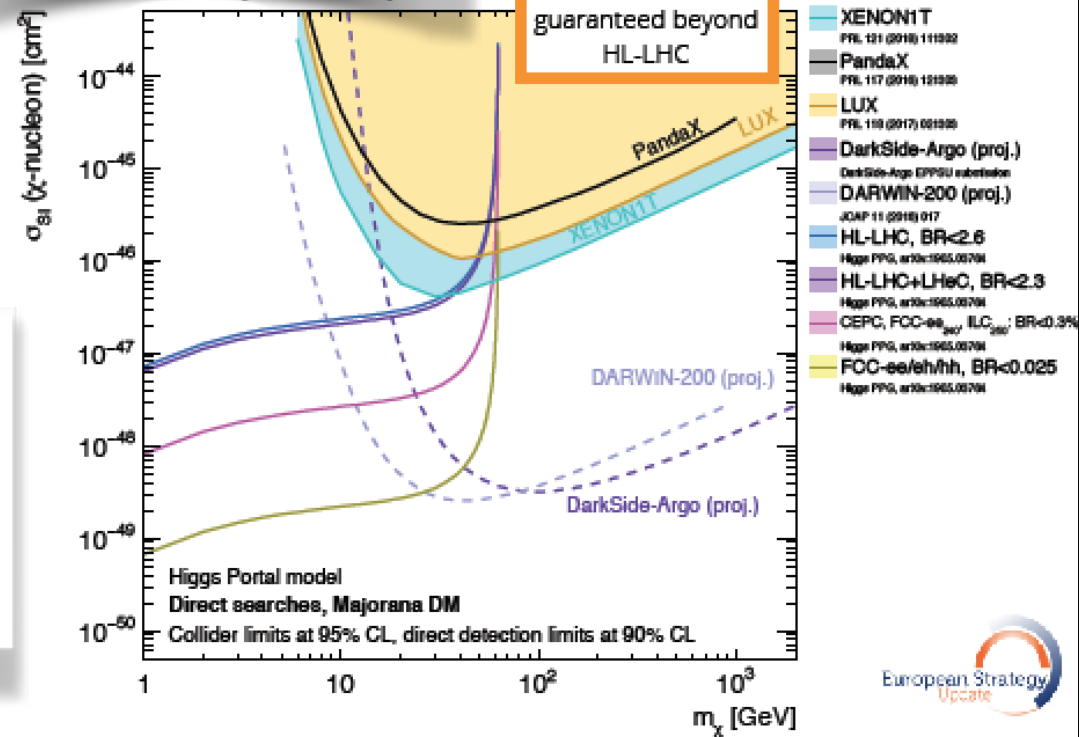
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Accelerator Production



limits on branching ratio translated to limits on cross section vs. mass

Caveat: EFT validity in Higgs-DM interaction not guaranteed beyond HL-LHC



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Conclusions & Outlook

Exciting prospects at the low background frontier are driving technology development in inspiring directions.

Direct detection searches are rapidly expanding physics reach:
to lower cross sections, probing new parameter space,
to lower masses, testing new models and interaction types,
to higher masses, complementary with the energy frontier!

Experiments running now or under construction aim to continue to beat Moore's Law by 2x....

... and today's background may be tomorrow's signal. *(T. Kajita, 2015)*

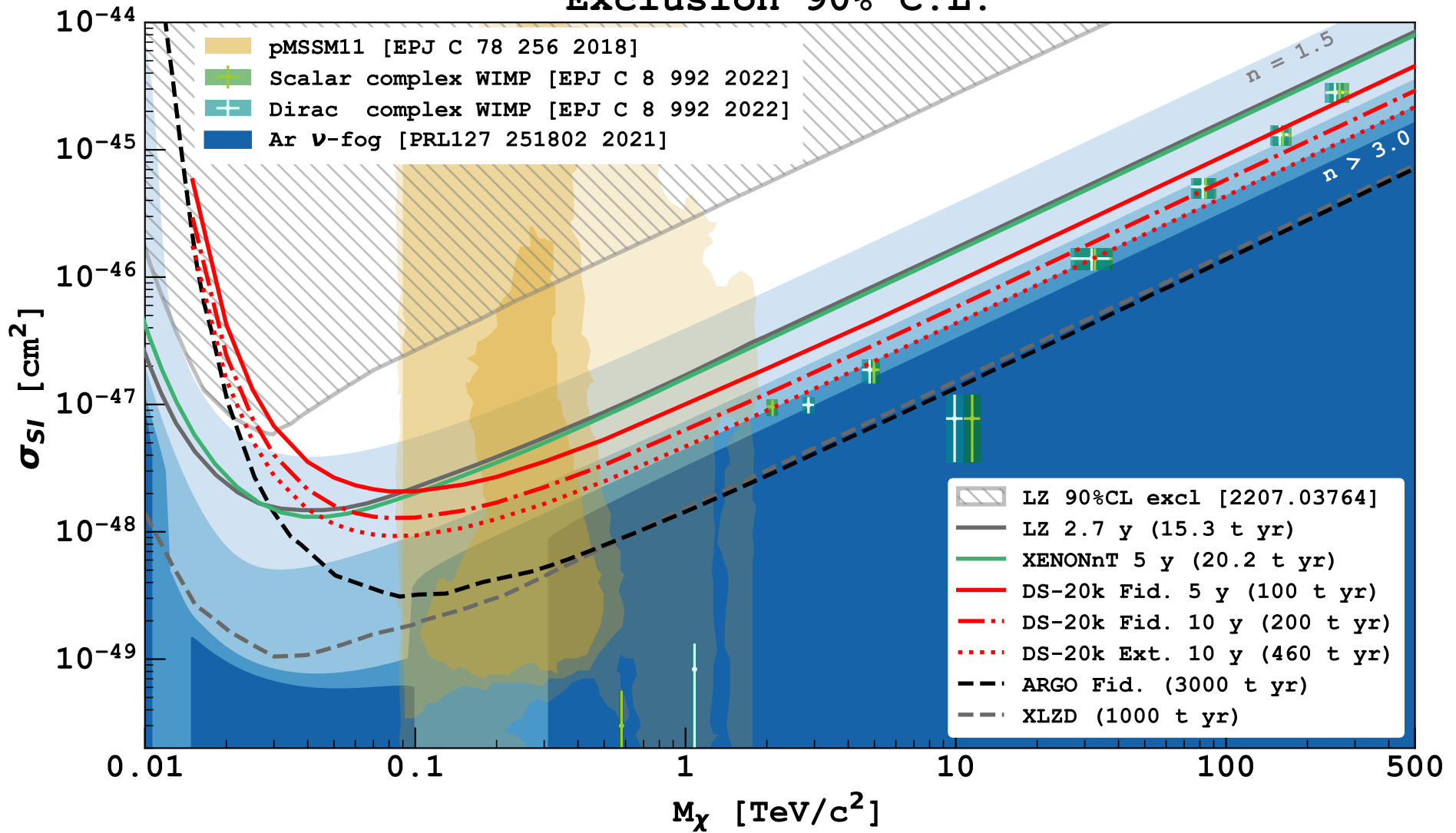




Extra Slides

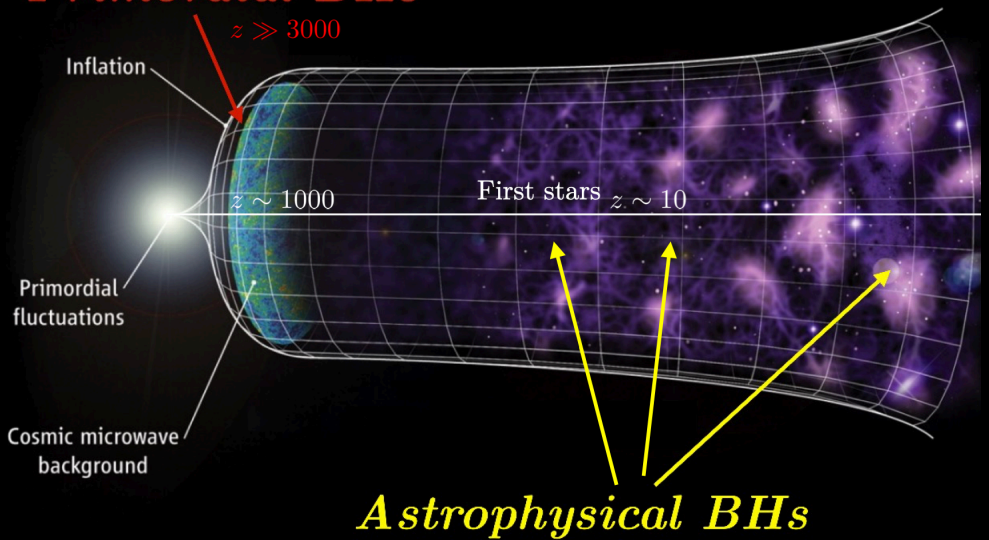
Heavy WIMP Prospects

Exclusion 90% C.L.

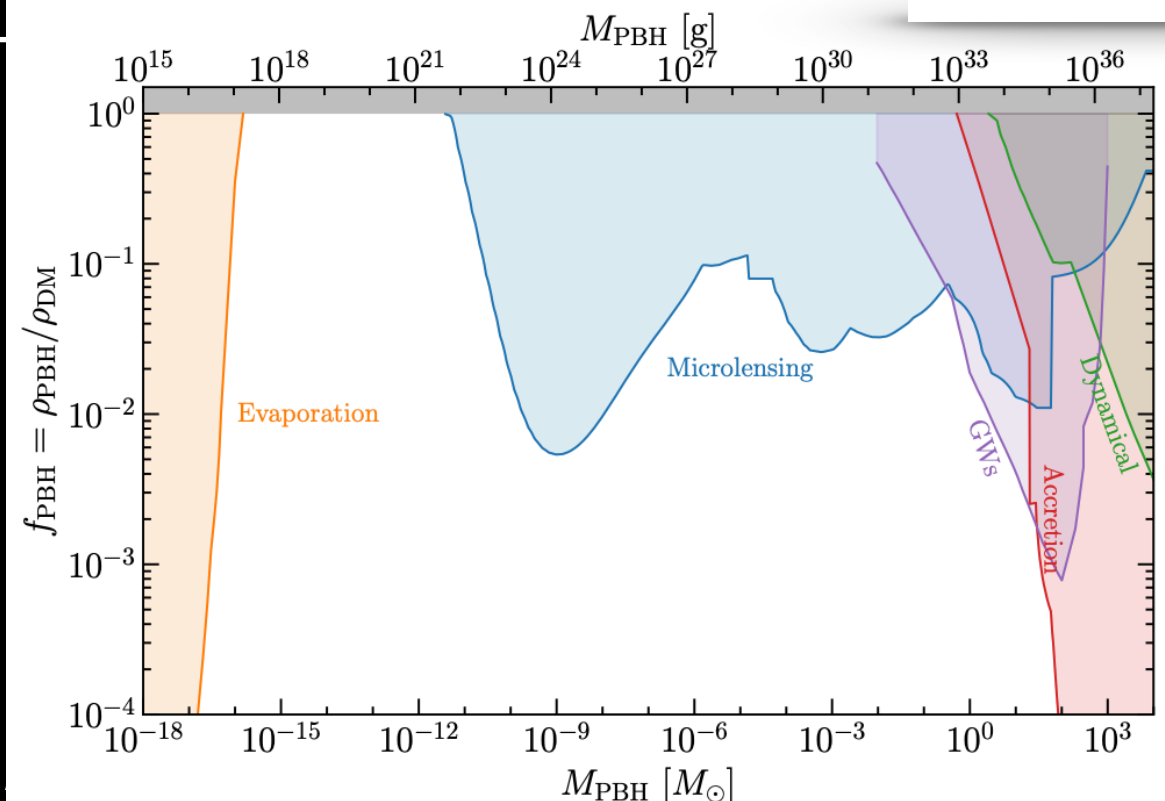
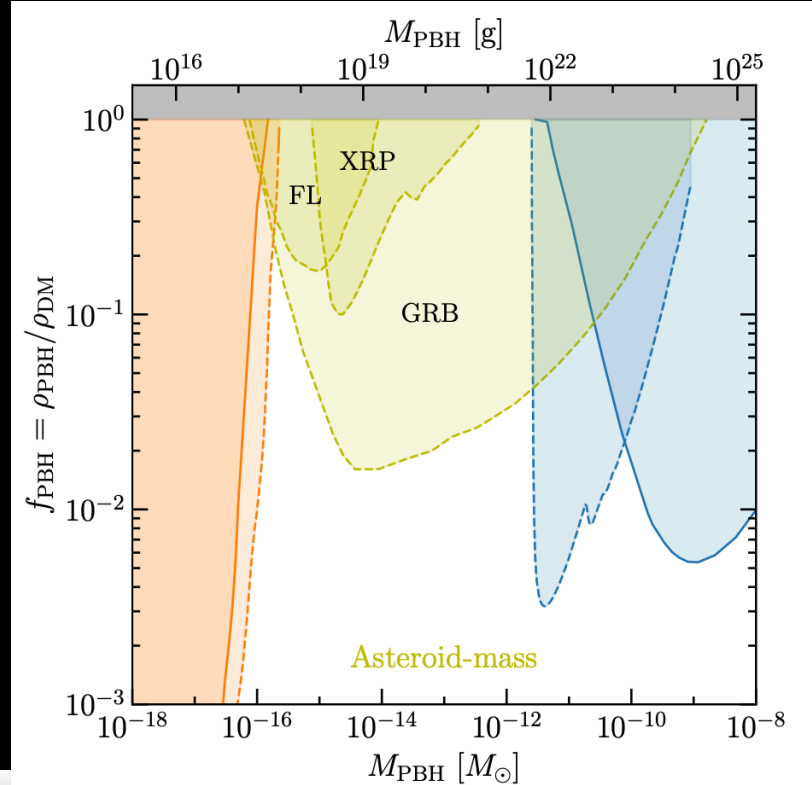


Very, Very Heavy Dark Matter

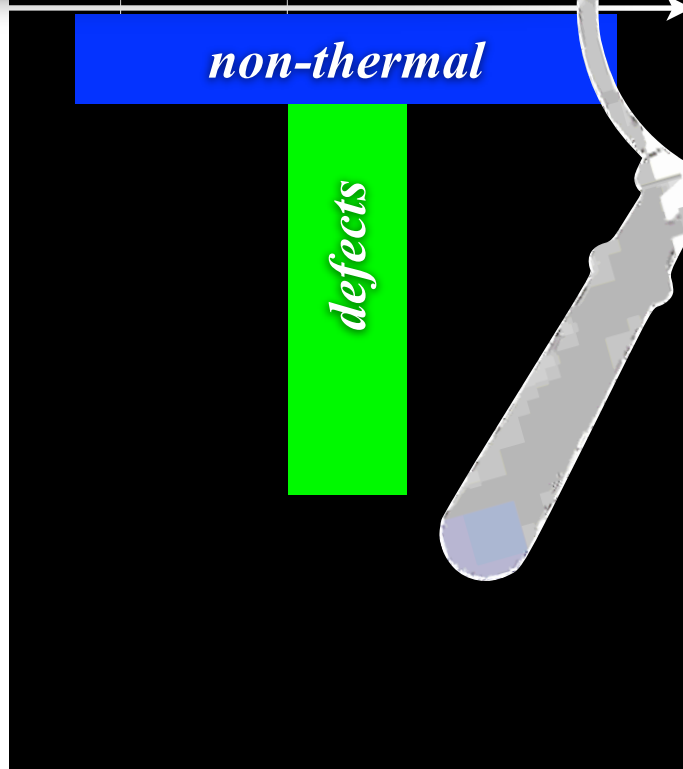
Primordial BHs



mass
[GeV]



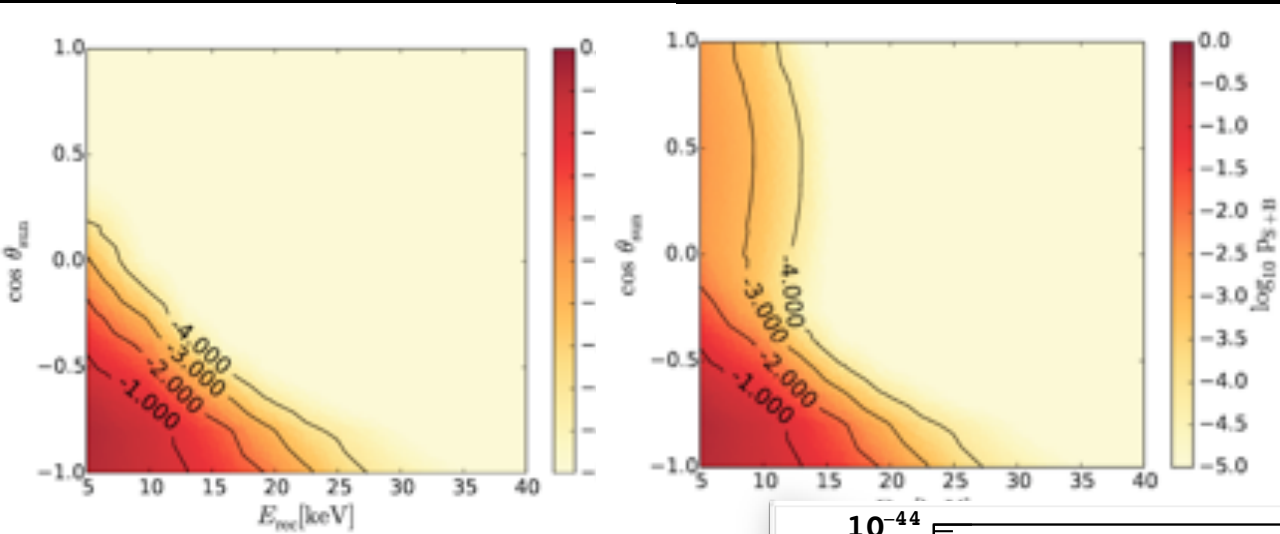
Green et al, 2402.15211



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Direct Detection: Is the Neutrino Bound the End? No.

- sensitivity scales with $\sqrt{\text{time}}$ instead of linearly in time (with zero background)

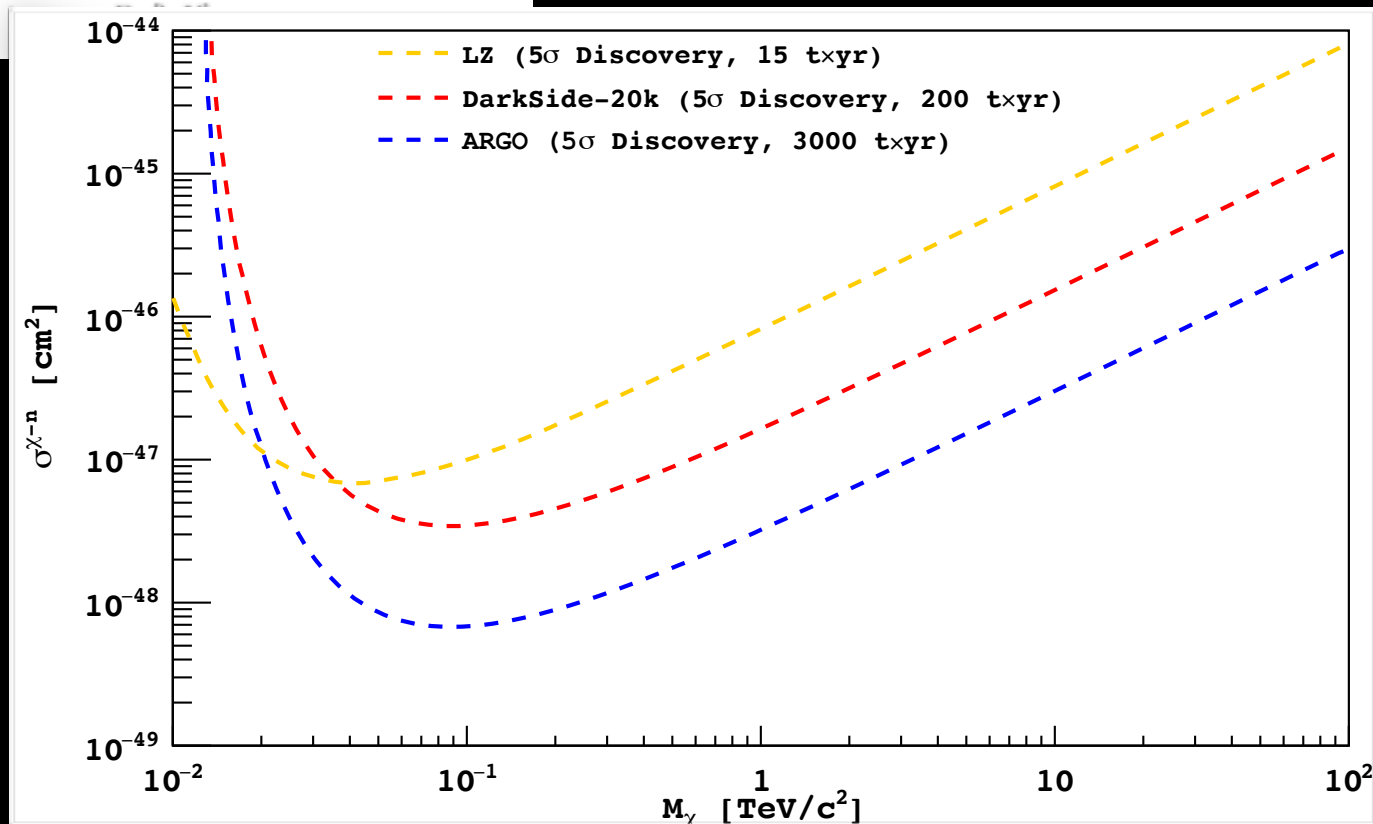


(energy, angle, time) of neutrino background vs. DM signal differ.

- no ν bound for directional detectors
Grothaus, Fairbairn, JM, Phys.Rev.D90 (2014)

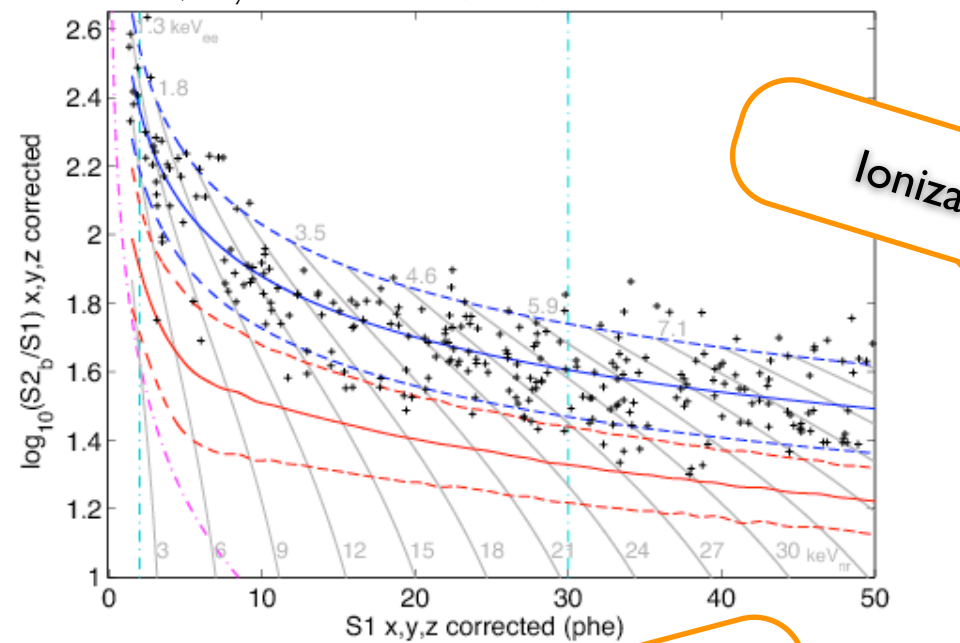
A ν background paradigm...
for non-directional detectors

the discovery reach
depends on ν flux errors
and on ν -e discrimination.

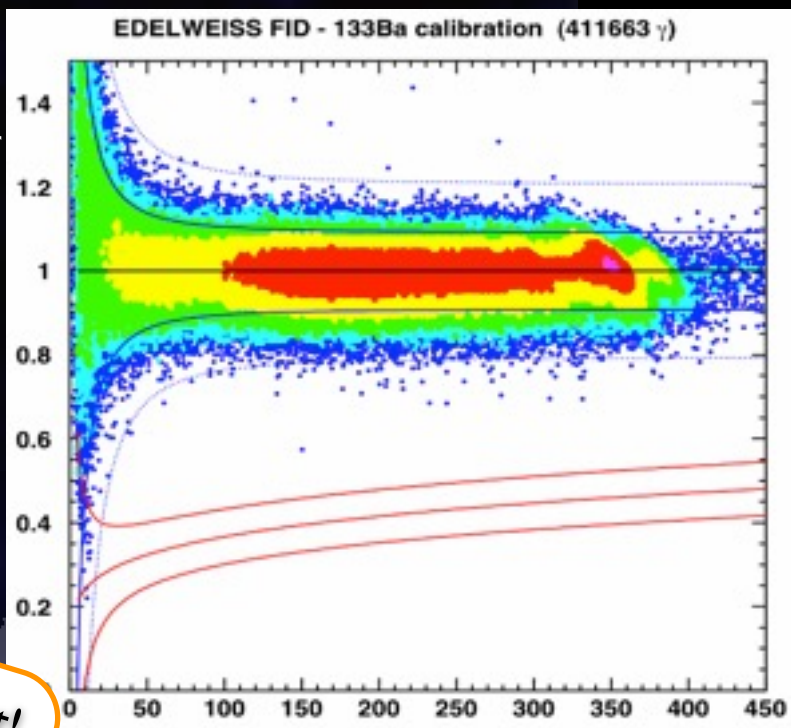


Background Discrimination Strategies

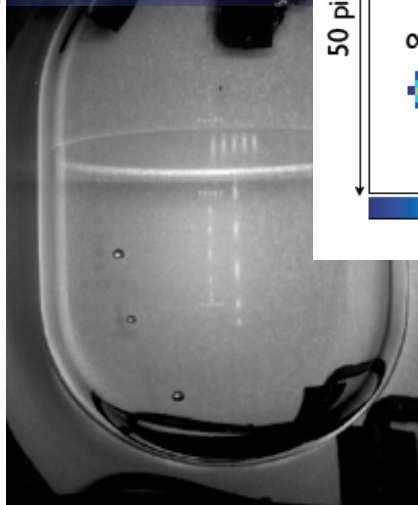
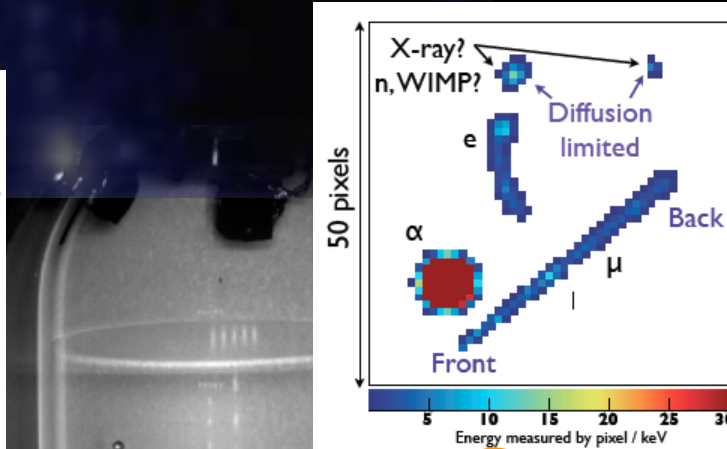
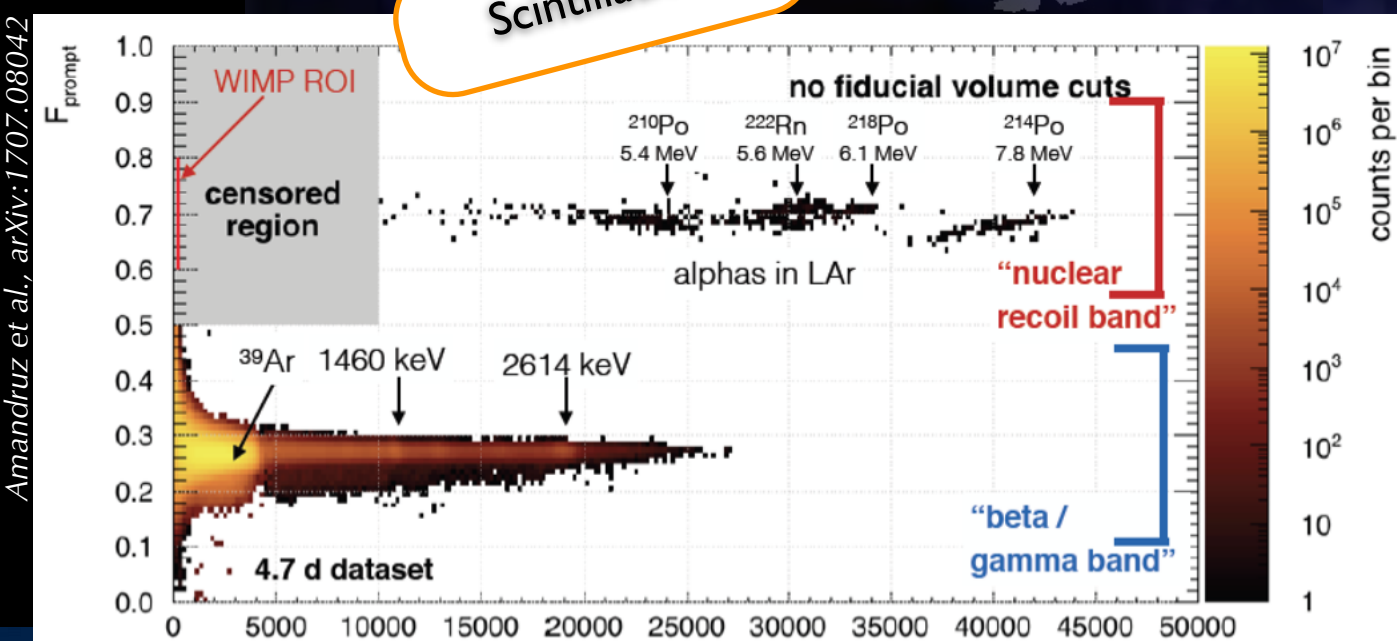
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Ionization/Phonon yield



Scintillation!



Topology

Amandruz et al., arXiv:1707.08042

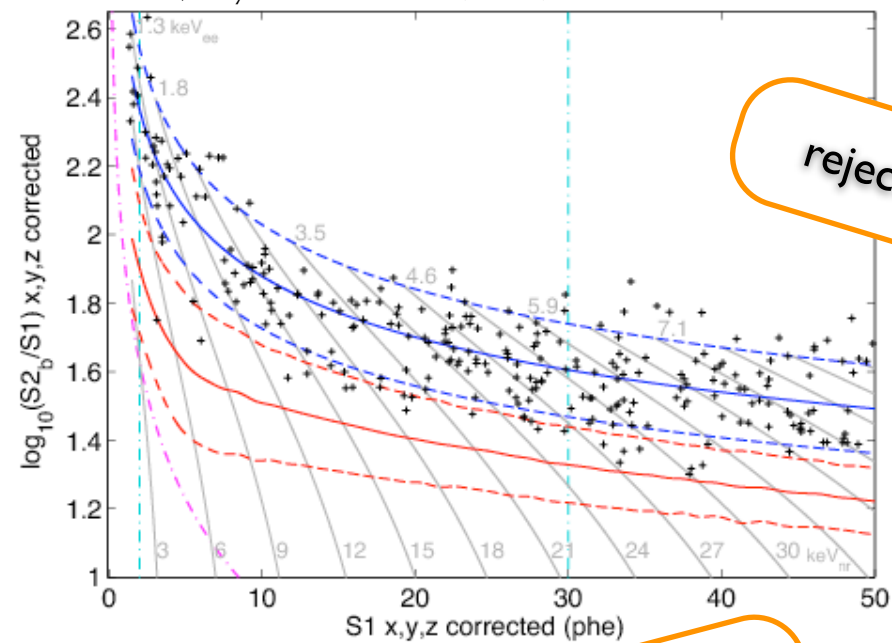


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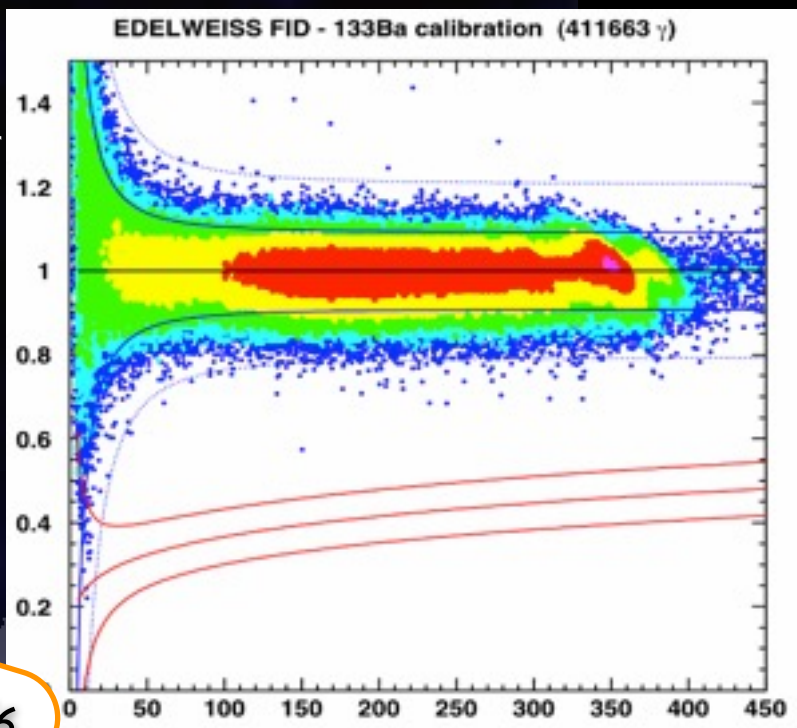
$E_{\text{recoil}} \text{ (qPE)}$

Background Discrimination Strategies

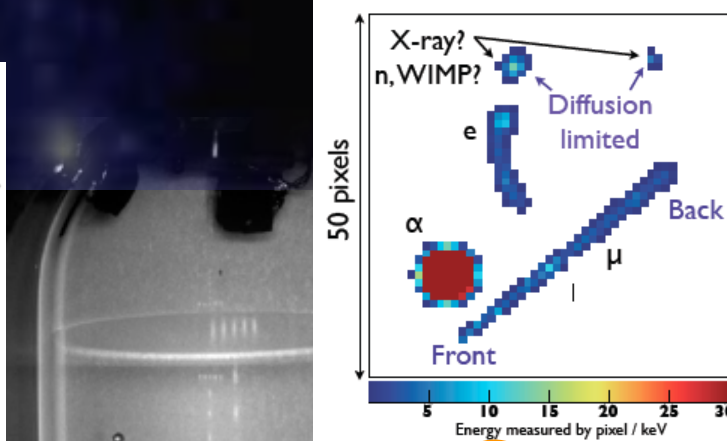
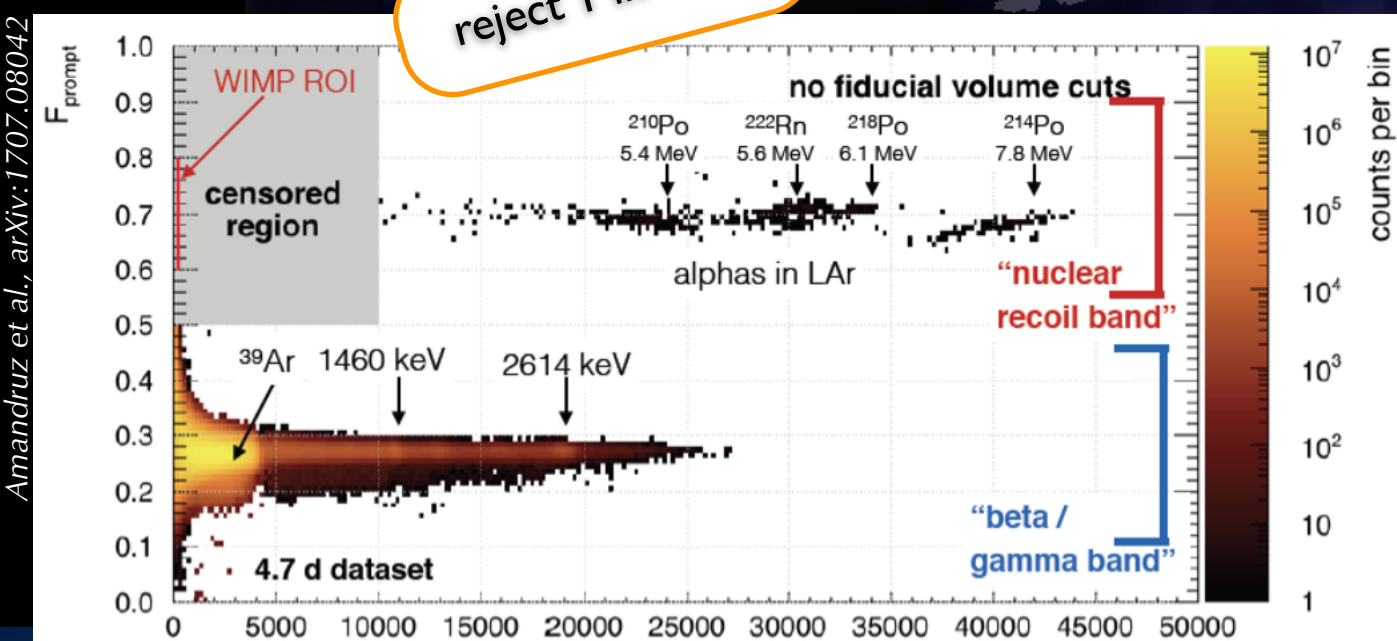
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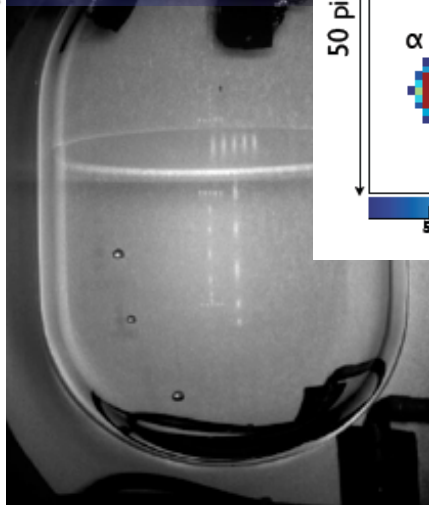
Ionization/Phonon yield



reject I in >IE9



Amandruz et al., arXiv:1707.08042



>IE2

