



# DARK MATTER

IN THE UNIVERSE

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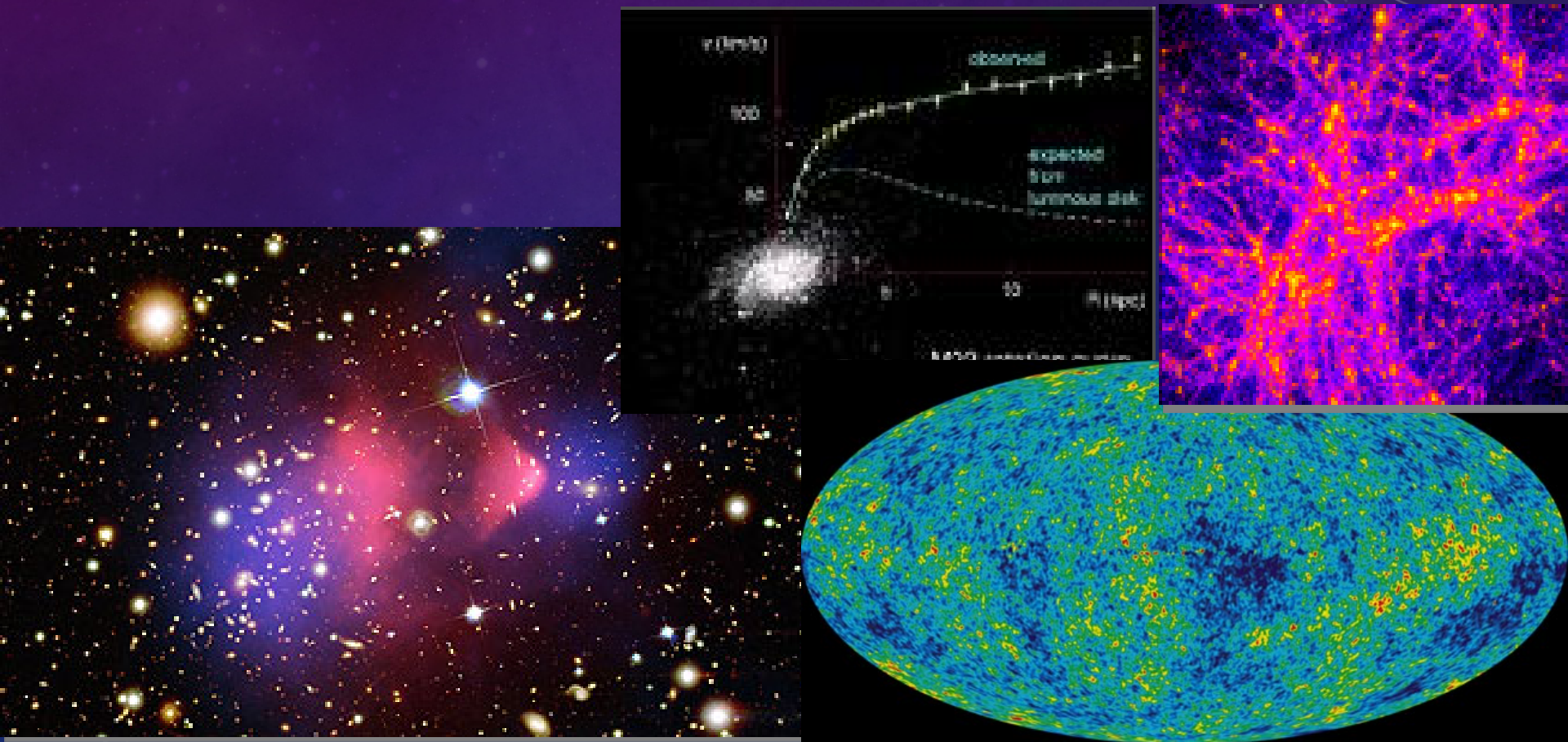
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# Outline

- Introduction
- WIMPs
- Indirect Detection
- Direct Detection
- Beyond WIMPs



# Dark matter: compelling evidence there are new particles to be discovered



# No shortage of DM candidates

Axions, WIMPS, Neutralinos, Gravitinos, Axinos, Sneutrinos, Kaluza-Klein particles, Heavy Fourth Generation Neutrinos, Mirror particles, superWIMPs, WIMPzillas, Sterile Neutrinos, Light Scalars, Q-Balls, Brane World Dark Matter, Primordial Black Holes, Asymmetric Dark Matter....

....or, perhaps most likely, something we haven't thought of yet....

# Well-motivated DM candidates

- Thermal WIMPs (e.g. SUSY neutralinos)  
→ well motivated theoretically & good detection prospects
- Axions  
→ motivated by QCD strong CP
- Asymmetric Dark Matter  
→ motivated by  $\Omega_{\text{DM}} \approx 5\Omega_{\text{b}}$
- Sterile neutrinos  
→ new physics already required in neutrino sector
- DM with only gravitational interactions  
→ Nightmare scenario!

# Thermal Relic Dark Matter

- (1) Dark matter initially in thermal equilib:

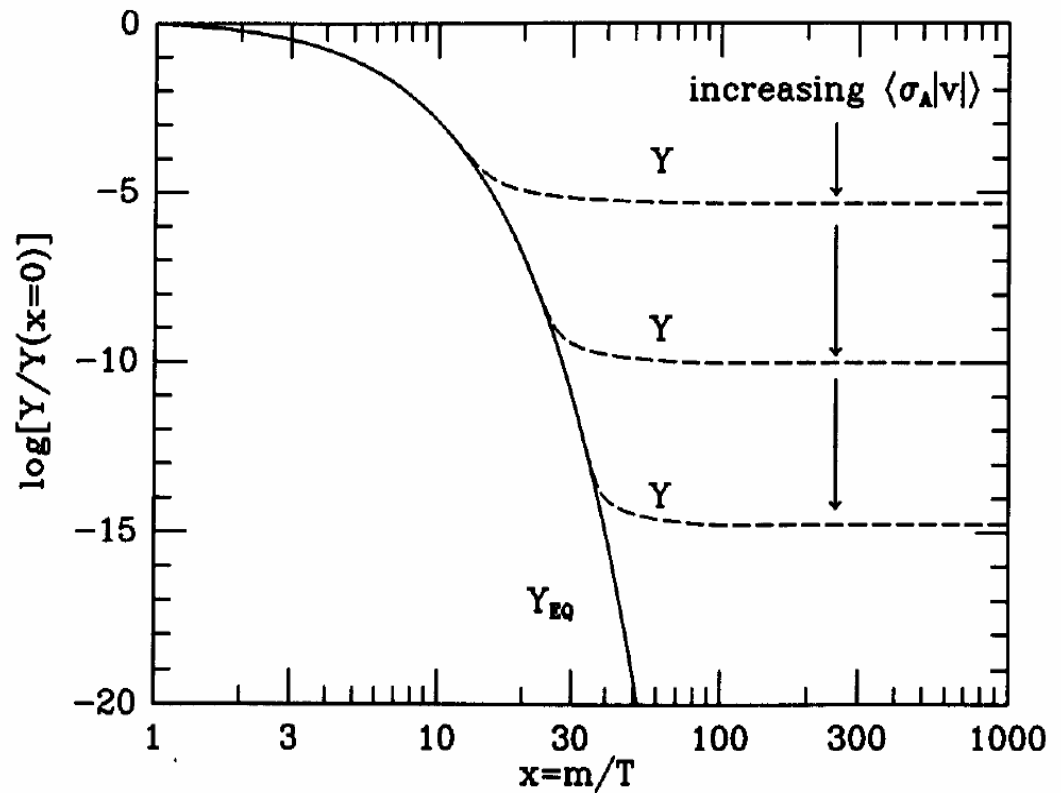
$$\chi\chi \leftrightarrow \bar{f}f$$

- (2) Universe cools and the non-relativistic DM is Boltzmann suppressed:

$$N \sim (mT)^{3/2} e^{-m/T}$$

- (3) “Freeze out” at  $m/T \approx 20$ .

$$N = \text{constant} \propto \frac{1}{\langle \sigma v \rangle}$$



→ Final dark matter abundance proportional to inverse of the annihilation cross section.



# “WIMP Miracle”

- ❖ The thermal relic picture sets the “natural scale” for the dark matter annihilation cross section:

$$\Omega_{DM} \sim 0.2 \text{ implies } \langle \sigma v \rangle \sim 2 \times 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

- ❖ Suggests electroweak-scale parameters since:

$$\langle \sigma v \rangle \sim \frac{\alpha^2}{(100 \text{ GeV})^2} \sim 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

- 1) A compelling argument, given we have other reason to expect new physics at the GeV-TeV scale.
- 2) Realistic prospects of detection:
  - annihilation signals (indirect detection)
  - nuclear recoils (direct detection)
  - monojets+missing ET (colliders)

# “WIMPless” Miracle?

Actually, thermal freezeout does not single out the electroweak scale. The relic density simply sets

$$\Omega_X \propto \frac{1}{\langle \sigma v \rangle} \sim \frac{m_X^2}{g_X^4}$$

Feng &  
Kumar

→ we can choose any  $m$  or  $g$ , provided we fix the ratio

Note: Partial wave unitarity bounds the cross section

$$(\sigma_J)_{\max} v_{\text{rel}} \approx \frac{4\pi(2J+1)}{m_X^2 v_{\text{rel}}}$$

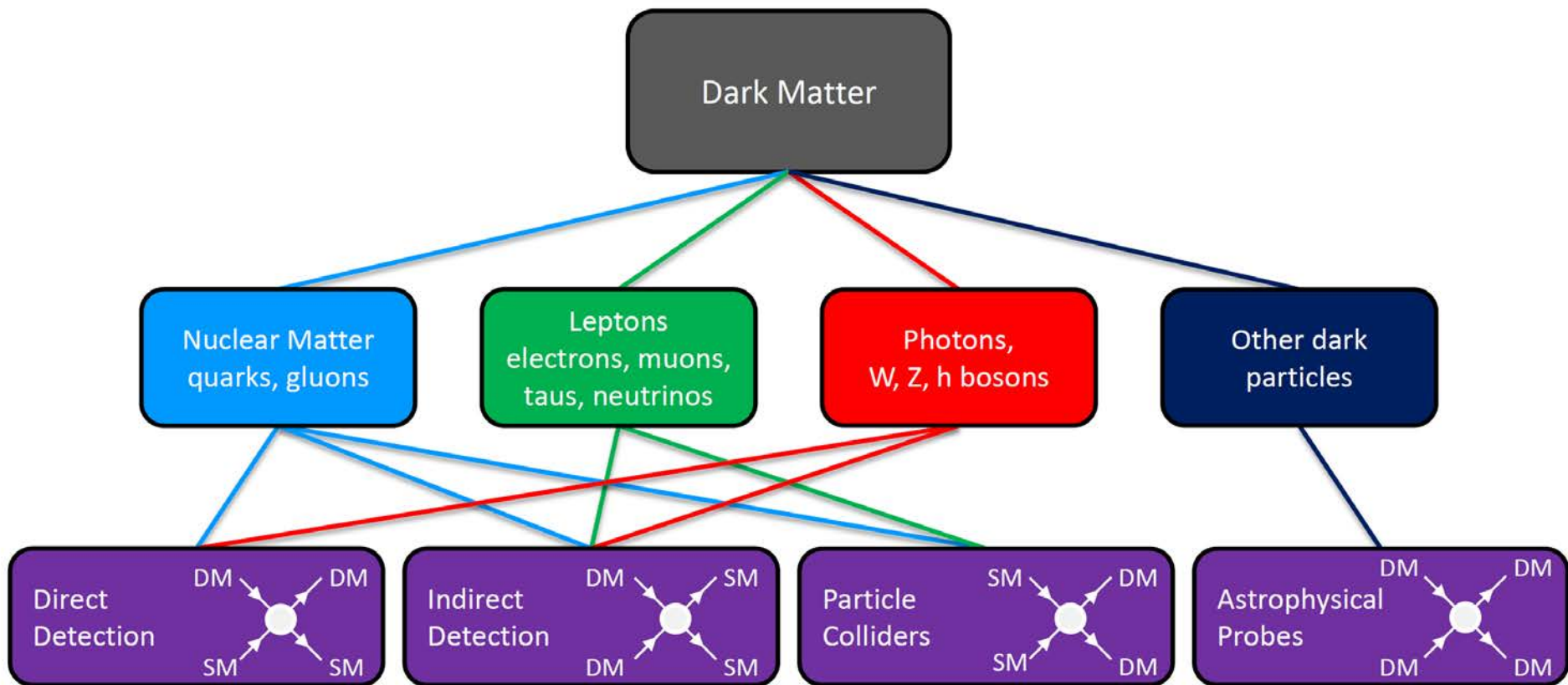
Griest &  
Kamionkowski

→ rules out thermal relic DM for very large masses.

$$\langle \sigma v \rangle = \langle \sigma v \rangle_{\text{thermal}} \Rightarrow m_\chi < 300 \text{ TeV}$$

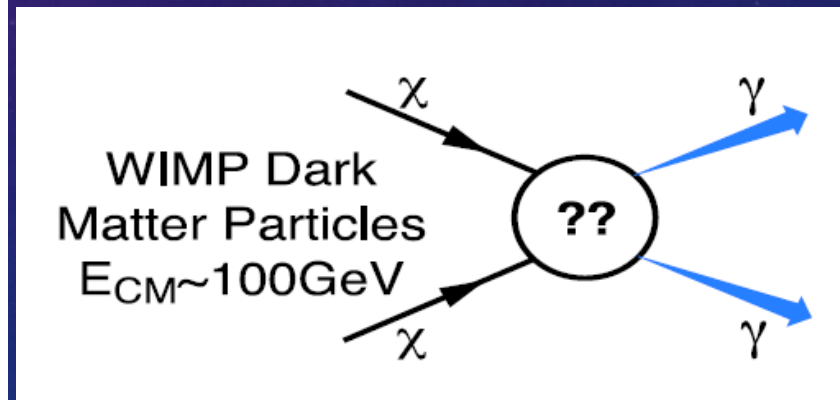
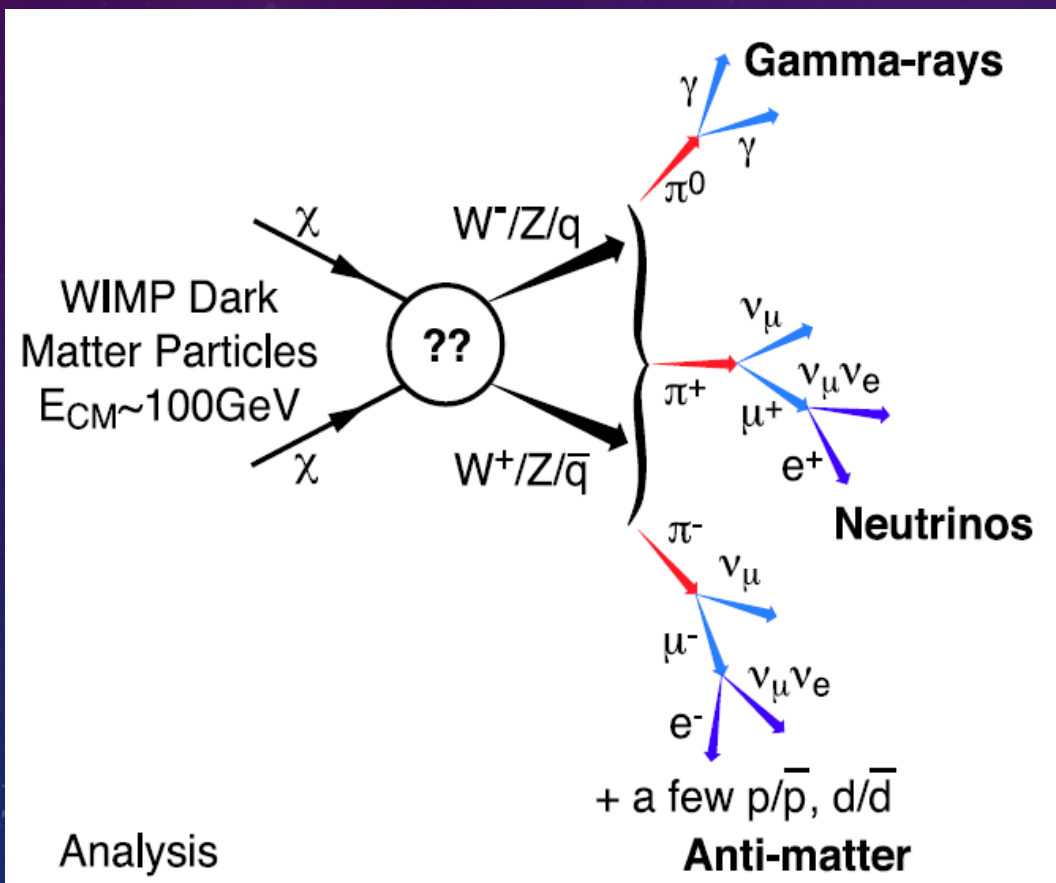


# Complementary ways to probe (non-gravitational) DM interactions



# Indirect detection

Search for DM annihilation (or decay) products from regions where DM density is high and (ideally) backgrounds are low:



# Indirect detection with MW dwarfs

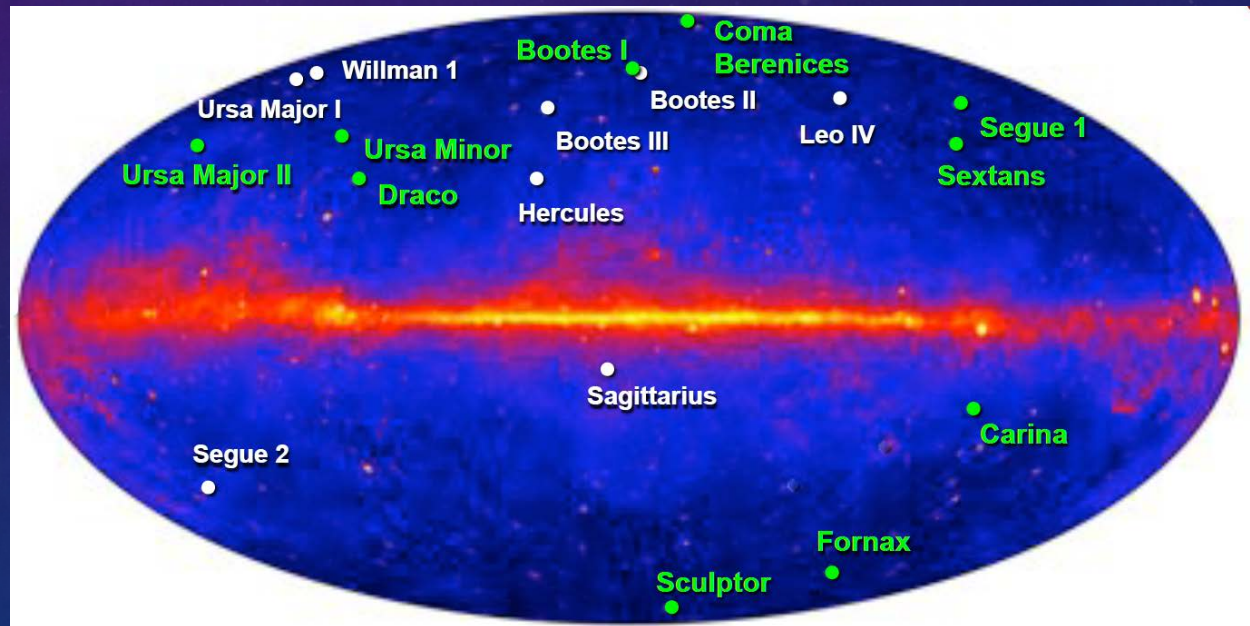


## Dwarf spheroidal galaxies



- ✓ dSphs are DM dominated systems (they have very high M/L ratios).
- ✓ Many dSphs are closer than 100 kpc to the Galactic Centre.
- ✓ Low background

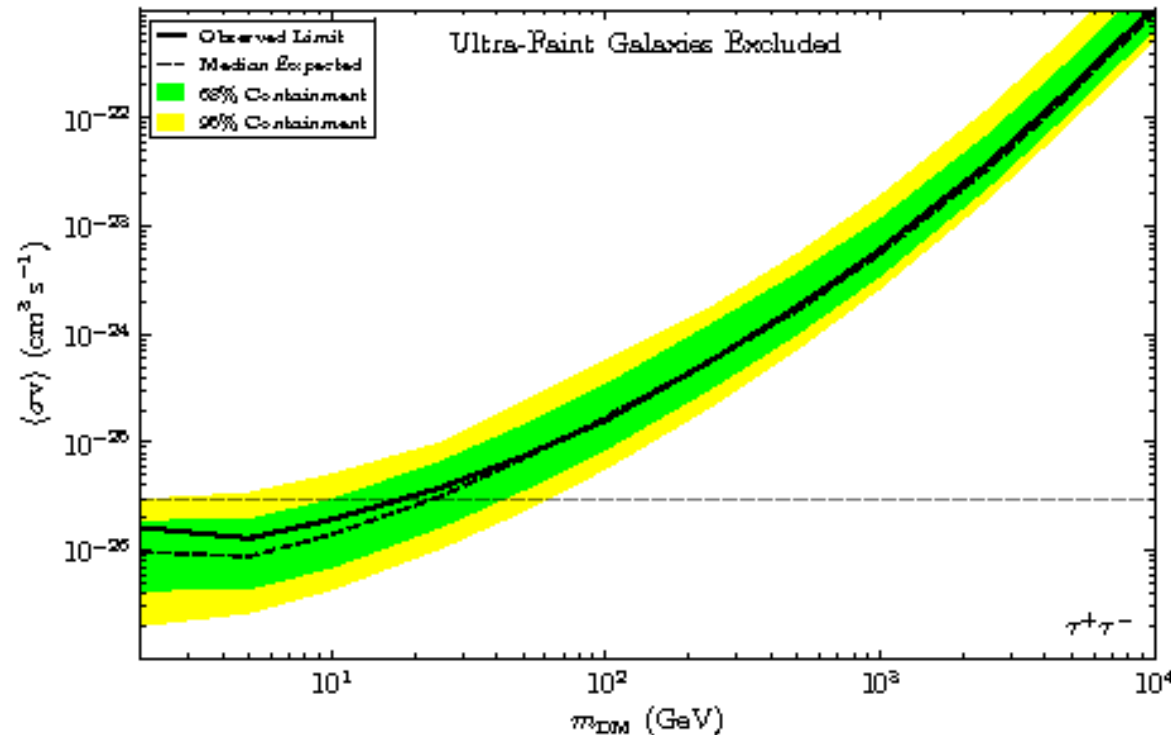
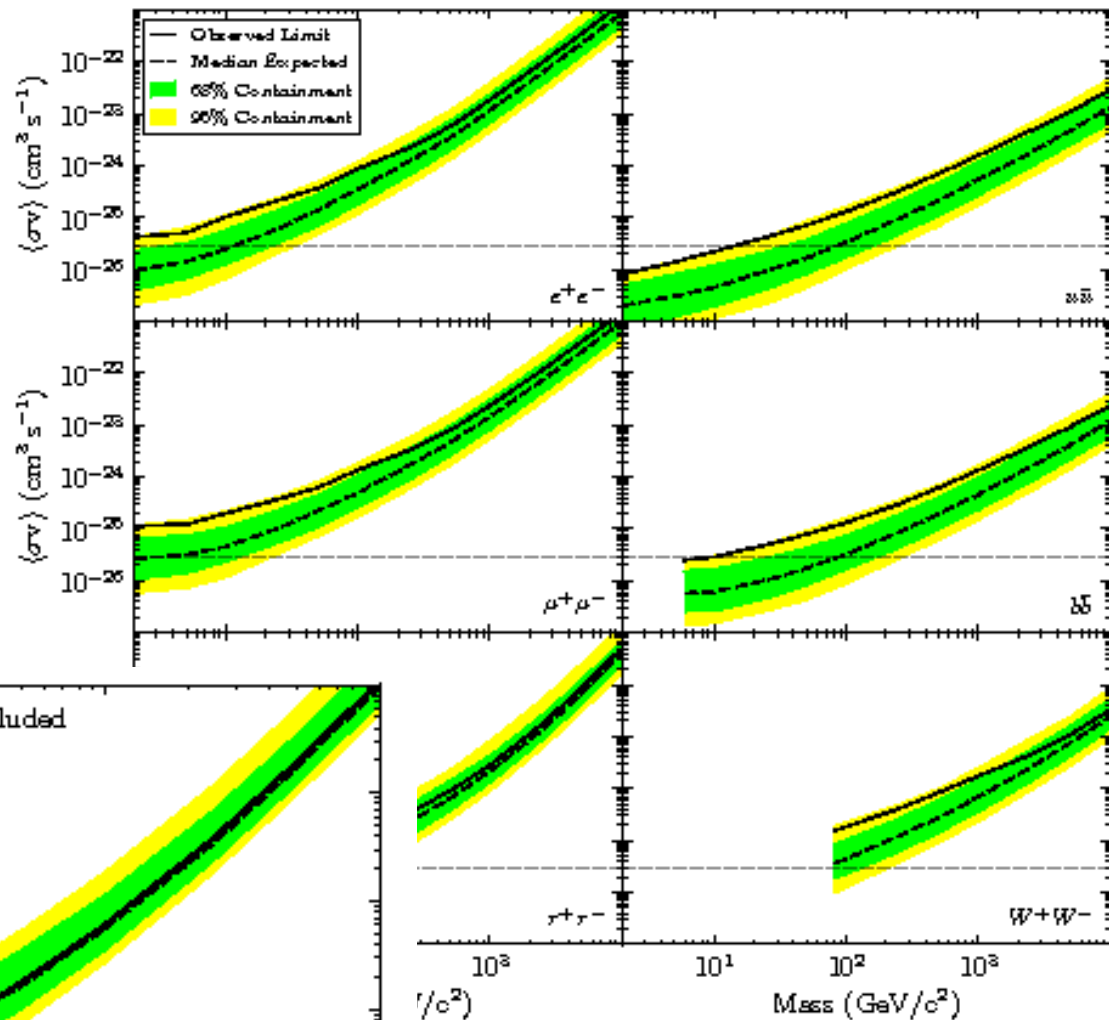
Negligible  
astrophysical  
backgrounds  
→ robust limits





# Fermi dwarf results

Fermi-LAT,  
Ackermann et al,  
arXiv:1310.0828,





# Cluster limits

Galaxy clusters have large DM density and low background

➤ Good for indirect detection

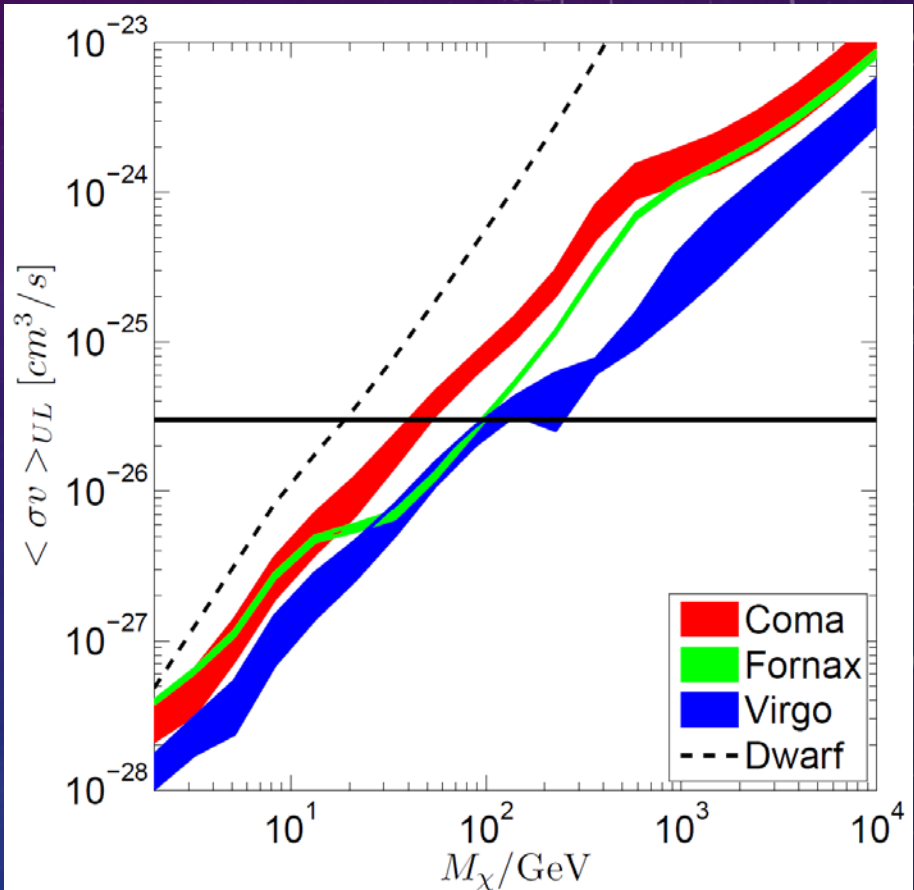
Uncertainties:

➤ DM density profile

➤ Existence of sub-halos  
(clumpiness boost factor)

➤ Gamma emission induced by  
cosmic rays

**Very strong limits! Rule out  
some proposed signals!**



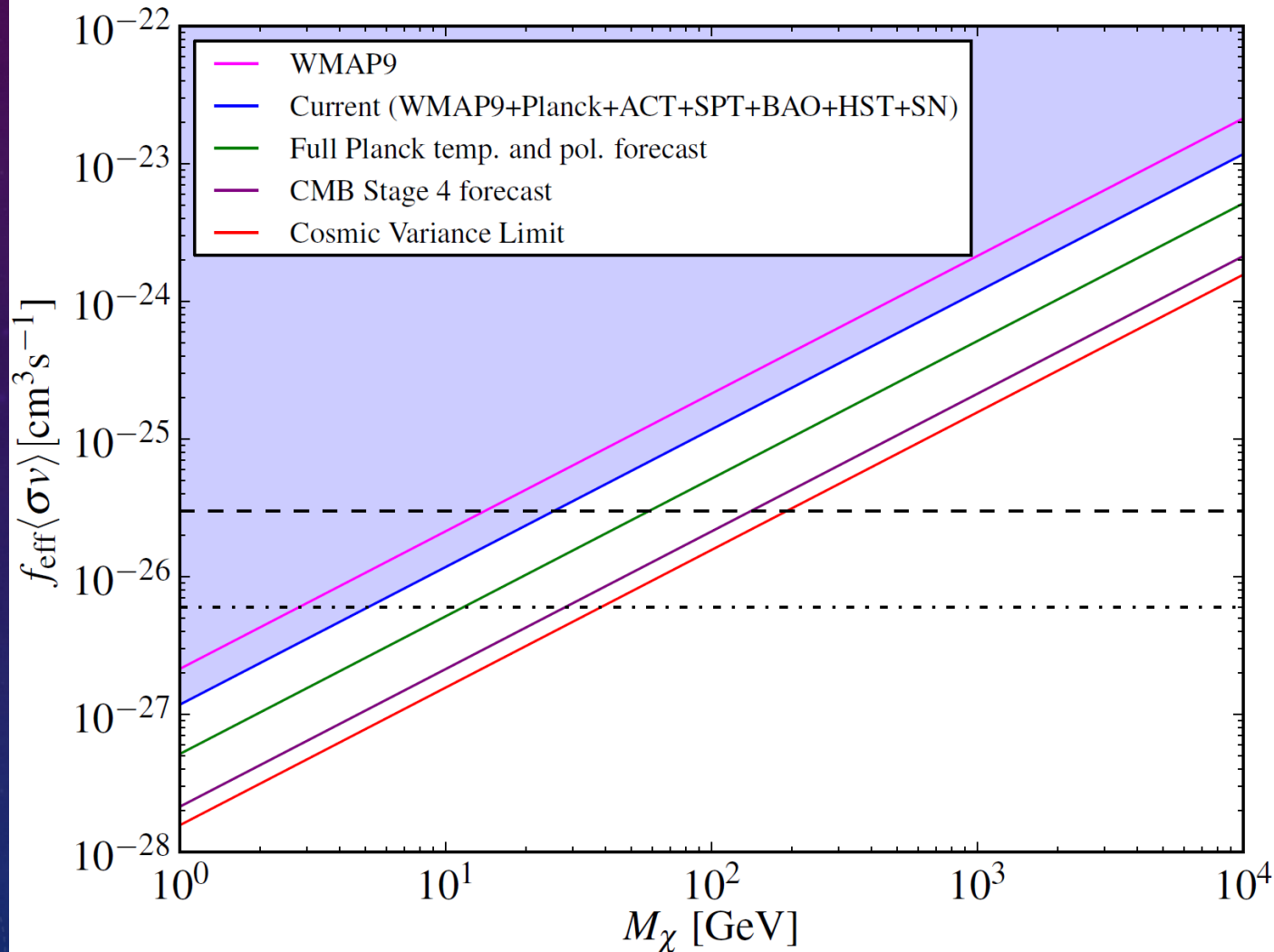
**Figure 9.** Upper limits for the DM annihilation cross-section in the  $\tau^+\tau^-$  channel. Line styles are as in Fig. 6, but only the EXT results are shown. The black dashed line is the dwarf galaxy constraint. (Geringer-Sameth & Koushiappas 2011)

# CMB limits on DM annihilation

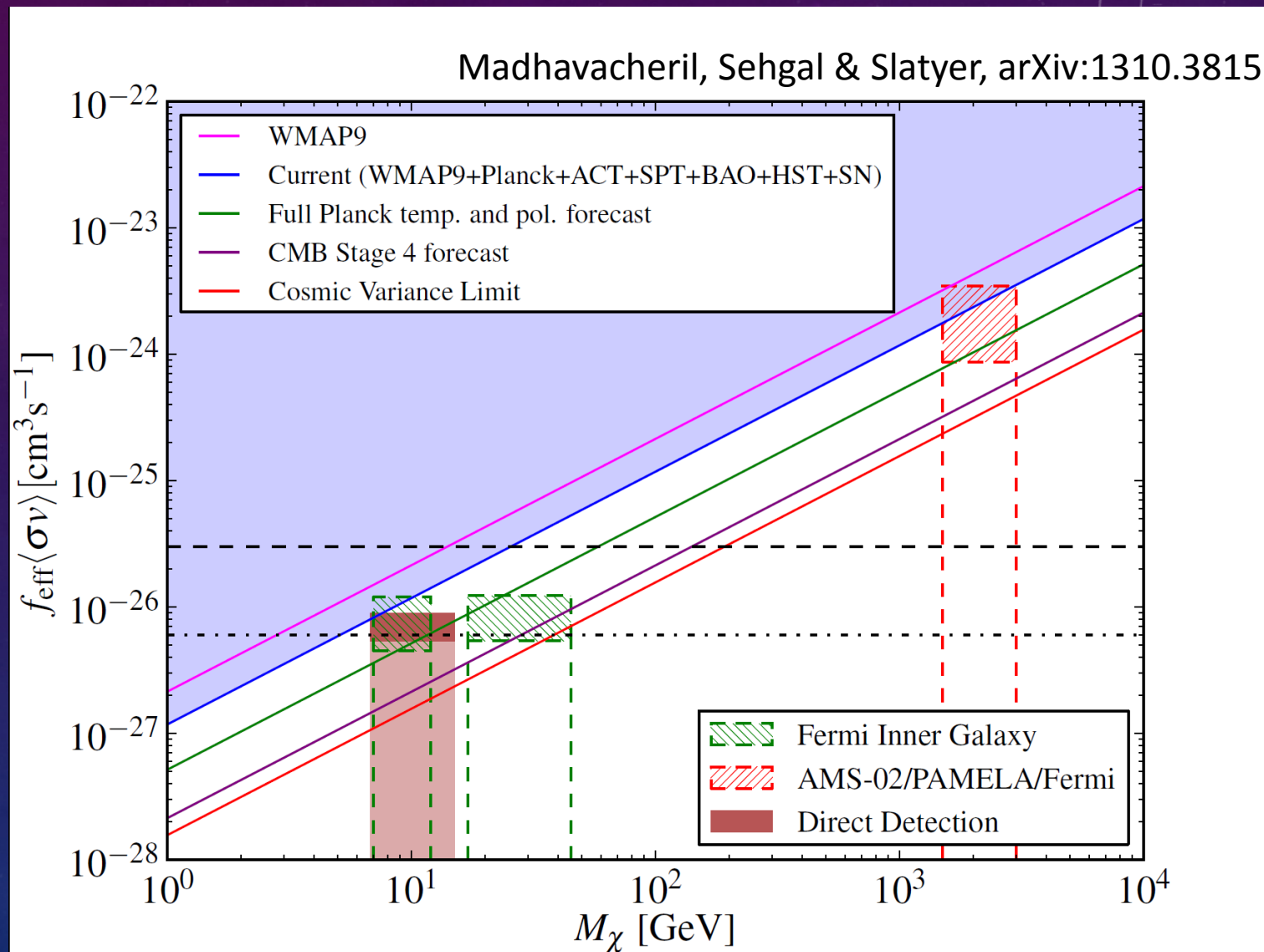
- Recombination history of the universe could be modified if DM annihilations inject energy into the photon-baryon plasma.
- Limits depend on:
  - the fraction of the DM energy absorbed by the plasma
    - typical value  $f=0.2$  (larger for annihilation to electrons)
  - Velocity dependence of the cross section
    - If p-wave suppressed, annihilation rate is very small
- Currently exclude thermal relics with  $m < 5$  GeV

# CMB limits on DM annihilation

Madhavacheril, Sehgal & Slatyer, arXiv:1310.3815



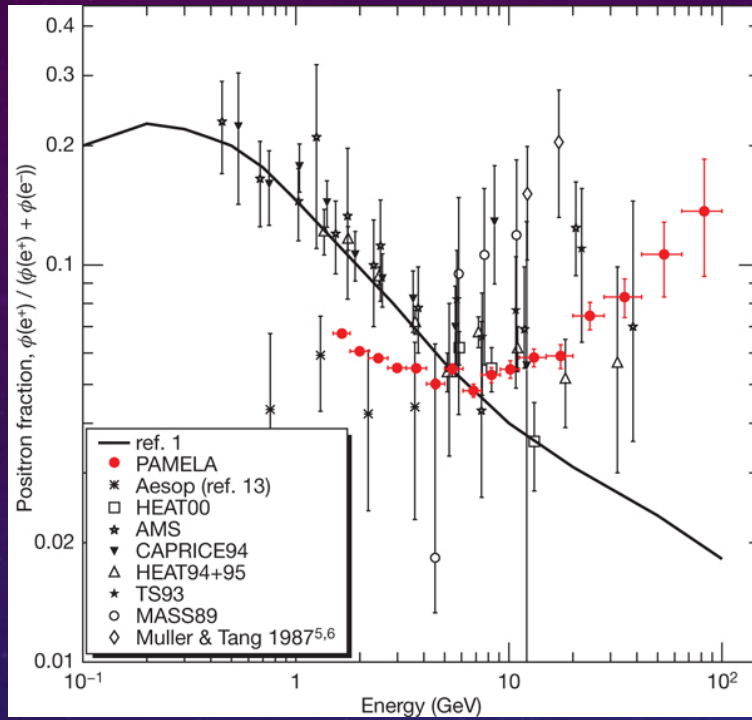
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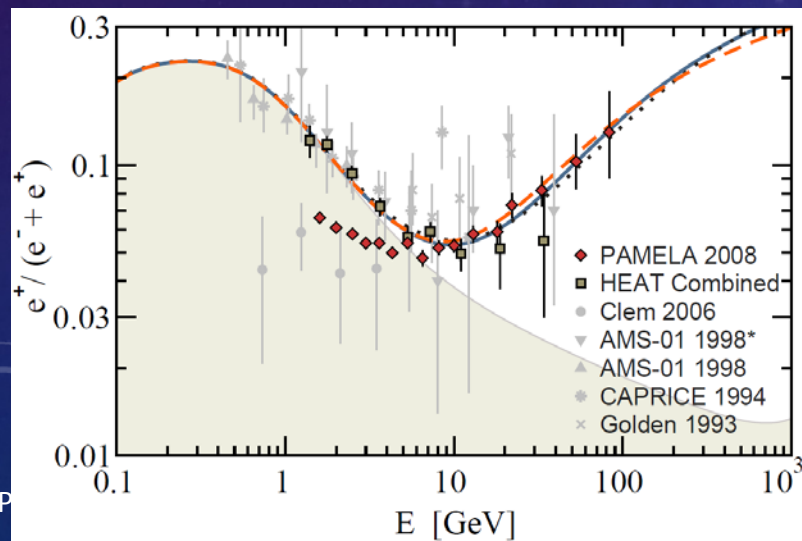


# Indirect detection: positrons?

PAMELA  $e^+$  excess,  
Nature 458, 607-609



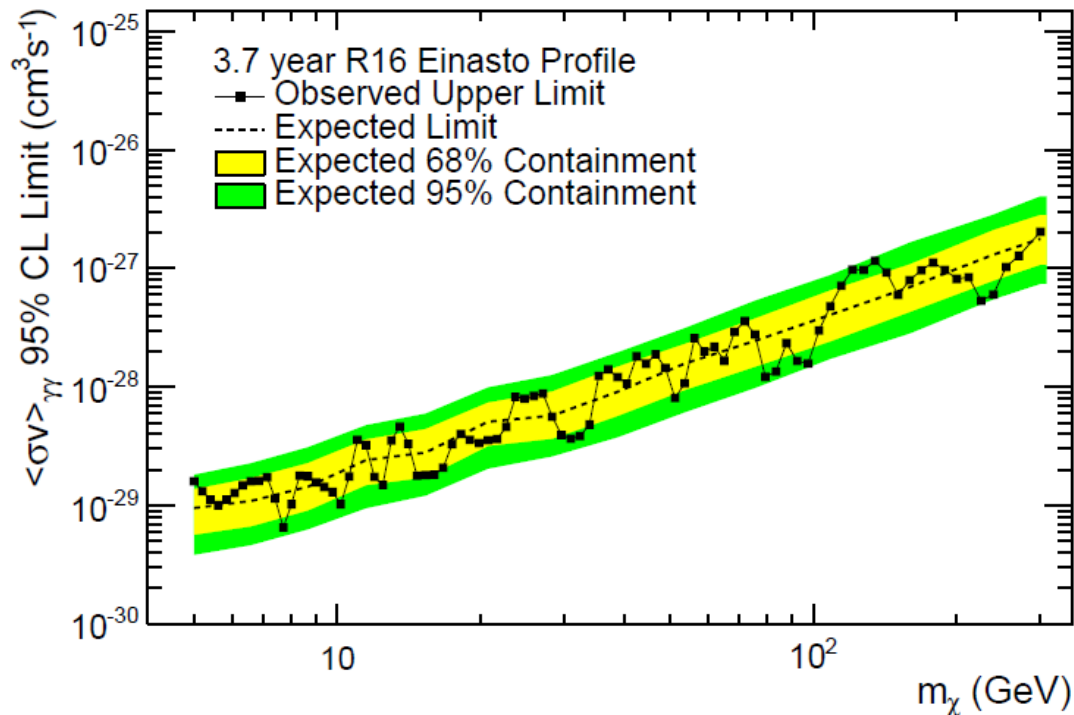
DM annihilation signal?  
Or maybe pulsars?



Possible contribution from  
Geminga pulsar.  
Yuksel, Kistler and Stanev, PRL  
2009

# Gamma ray lines – the smoking gun...

Fermi Gamma ray line search from 5 – 300 GeV

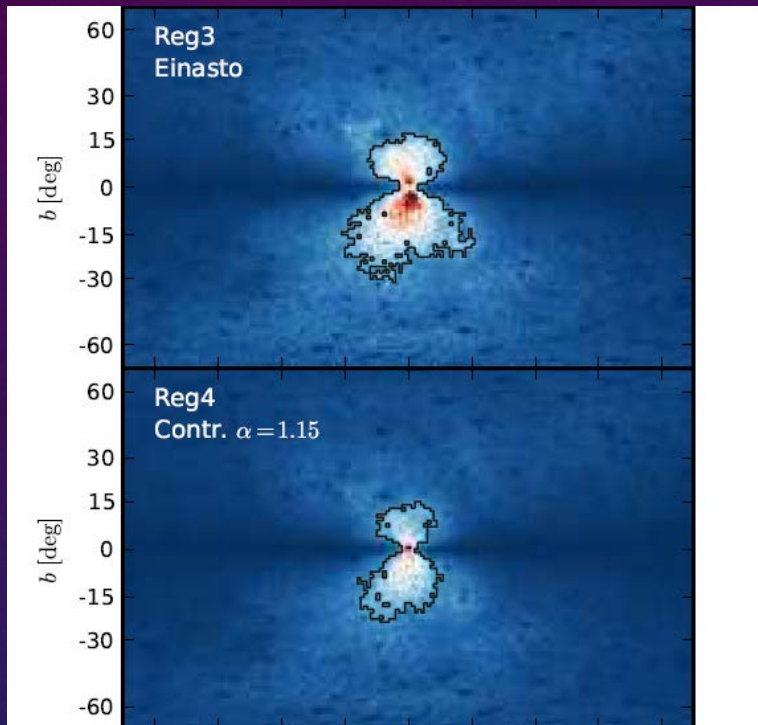


Fermi 1305.5597

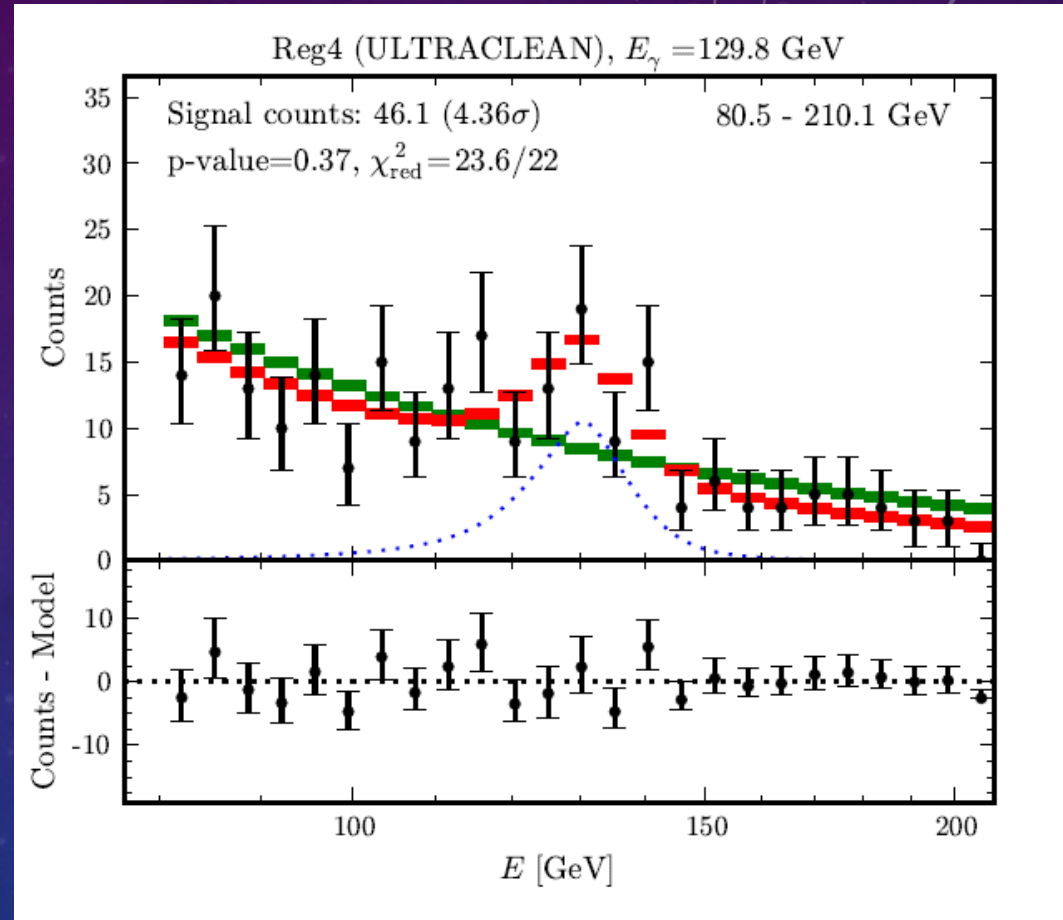
No globally significant line signal

Note: gamma ray lines should be loop suppressed, thus subdominant to continuum gammas.

# Fermi gamma ray line at $\sim 130$ GeV?



Weniger 1204.2797, and several other groups.



A surprise! Remember, gamma ray lines are loop suppressed.  
Official Fermi-LAT analysis with more data found a lower significance.

# Galactic center emission – dark matter?

Extended source of 1-3 GeV gamma ray emission at the Galactic centre is seen in Fermi-LAT data. (Hooper et al. + other groups.)

Spatial distribution consistent with DM distribution

Can be fit by annihilation to

- $b\bar{b}$  with 40 GeV DM mass
- $\tau^+\tau^-$  with 10 GeV DM mass

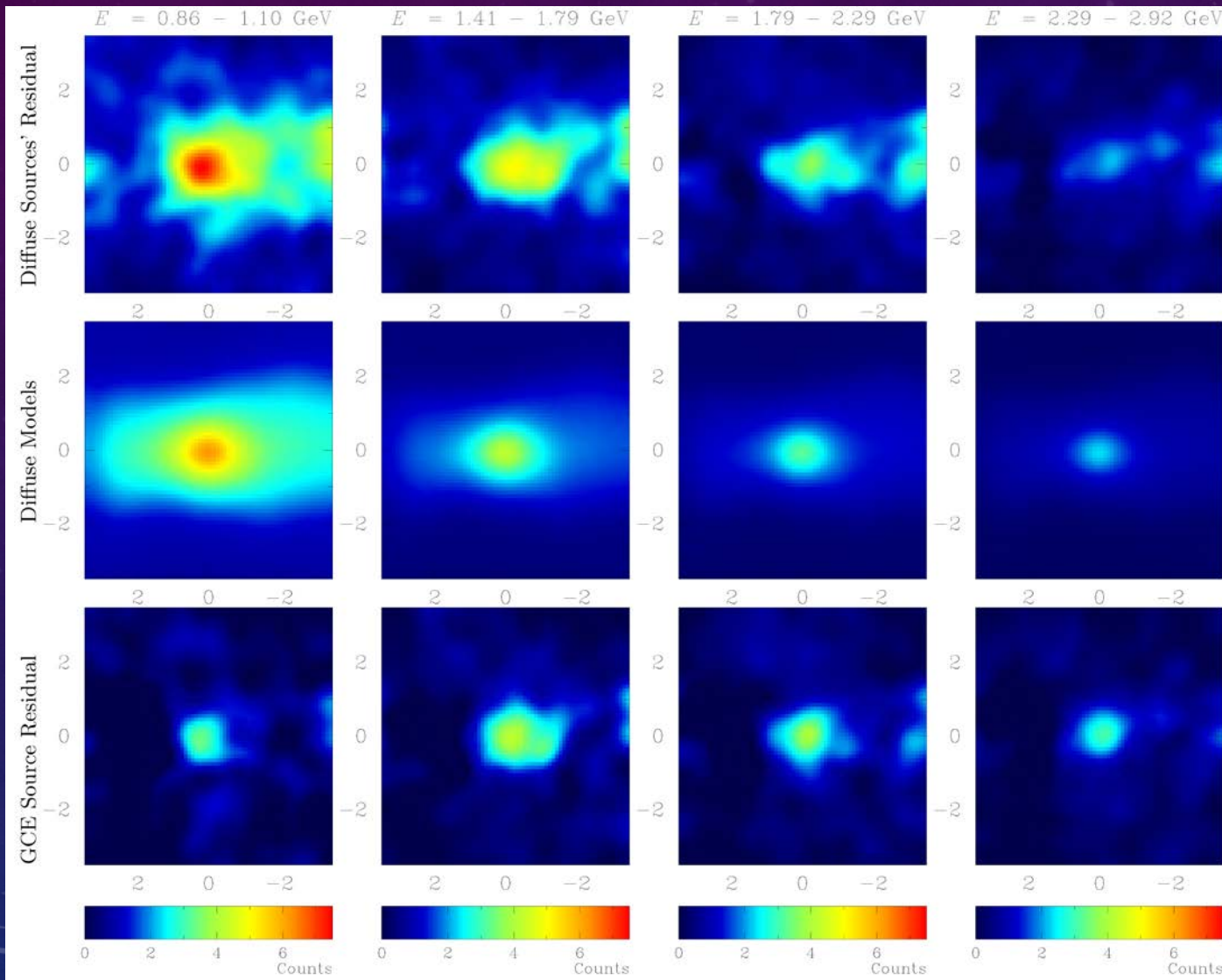
with a cross section roughly consistent with a thermal relic.

BUT, unresolved point sources (e.g. millisecond pulsars) can mimic this signal.

And, at these low DM masses, in tension with indirect detection limits from clusters.

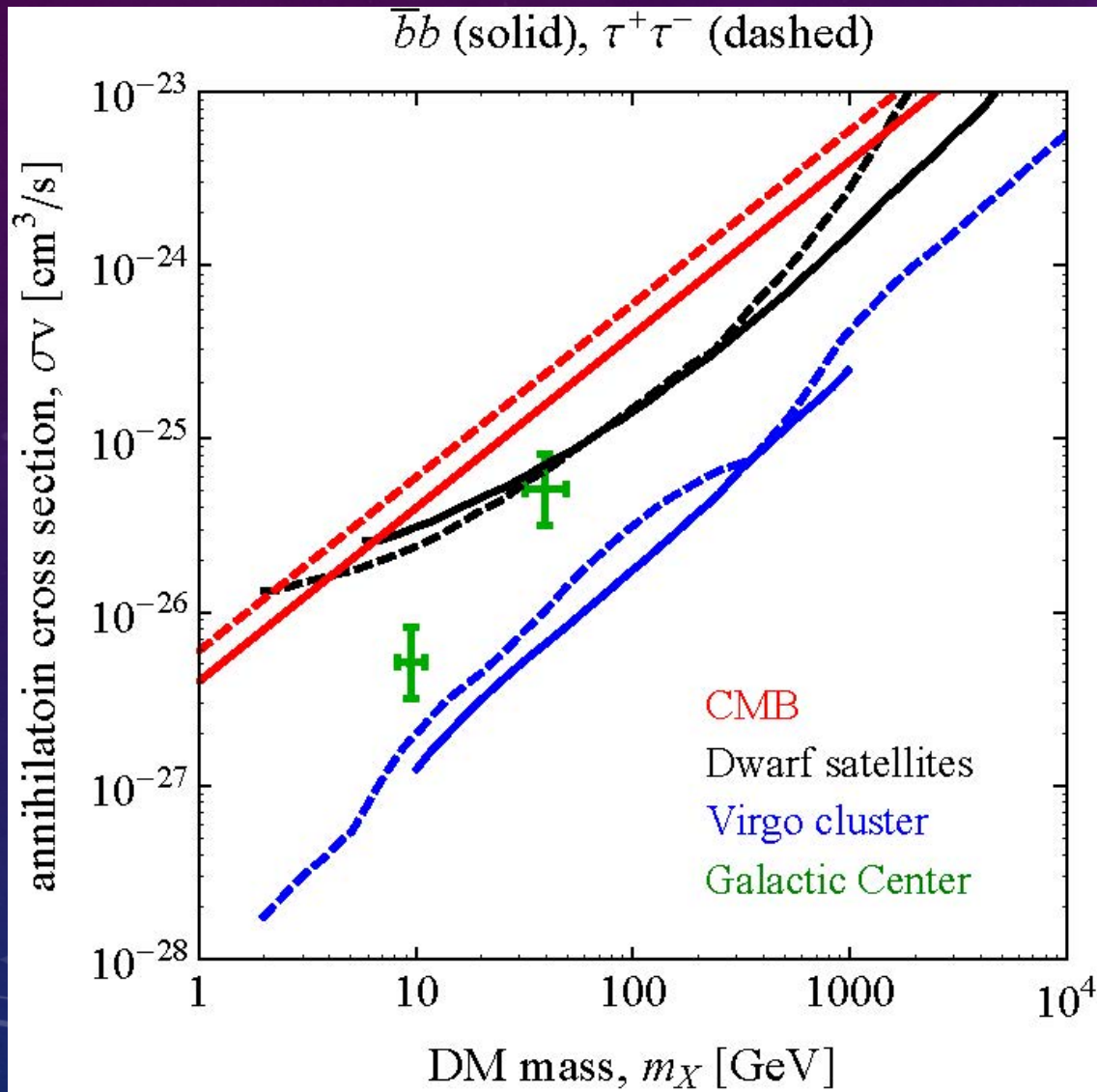


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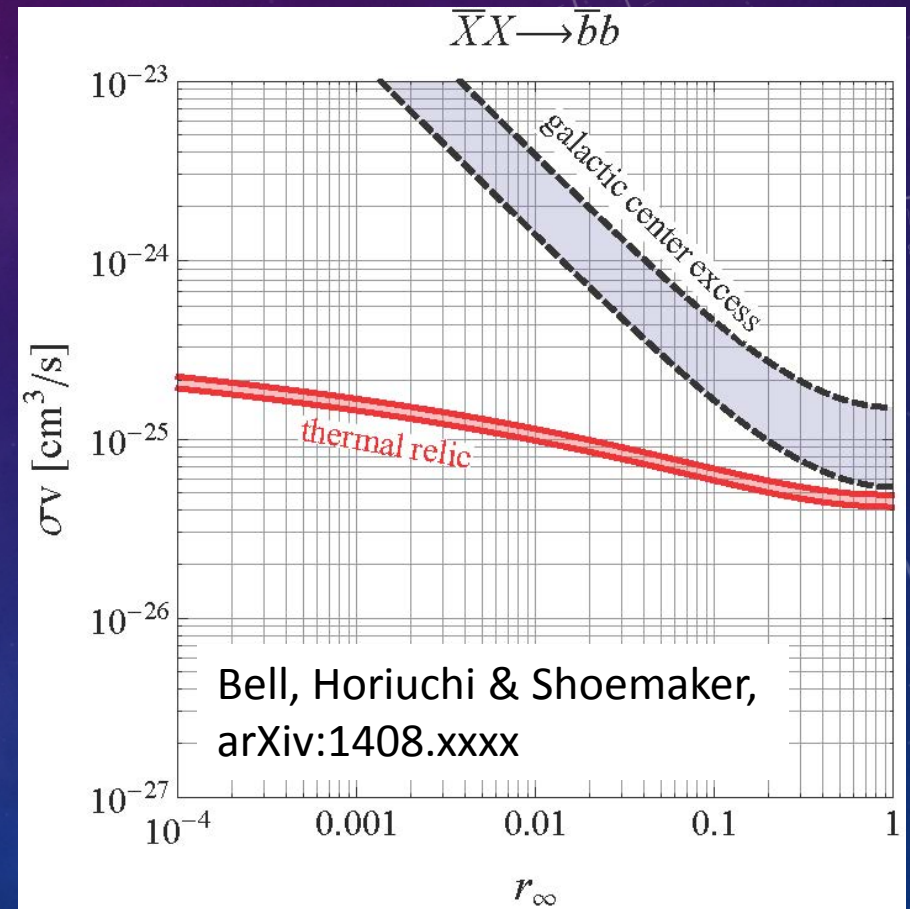
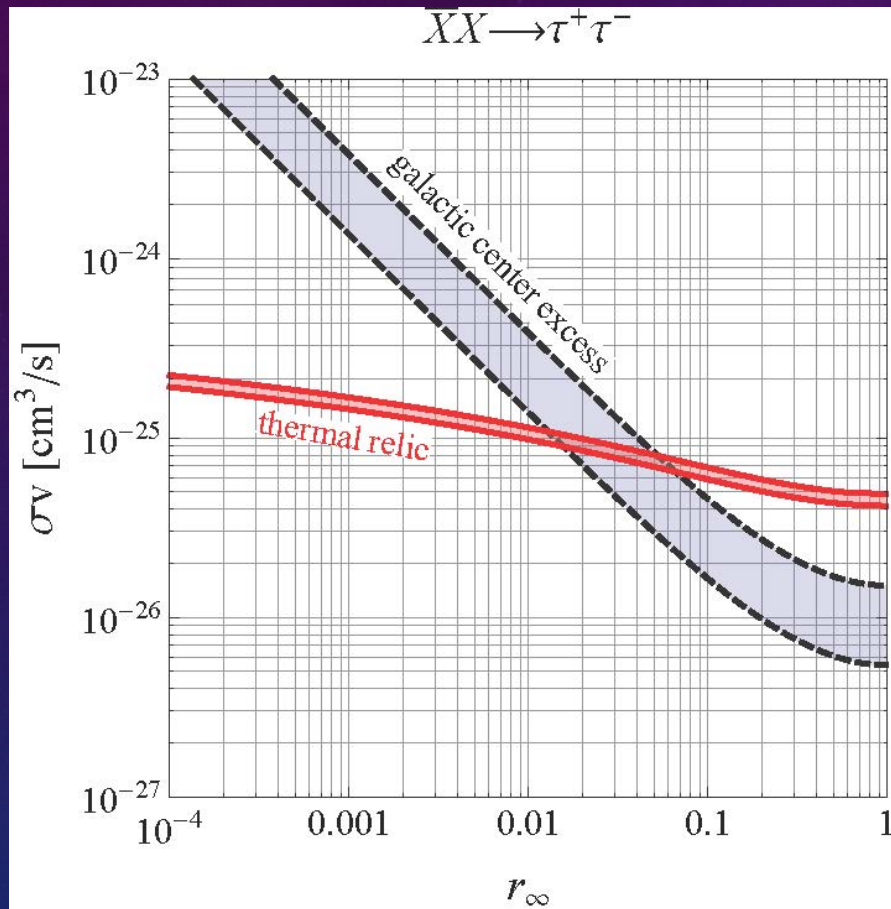
Abazajian et al,  
arXiv:1402.4090

# Comparing limits



Bell, Horiuchi & Shoemaker,  
arXiv:1408.xxxx

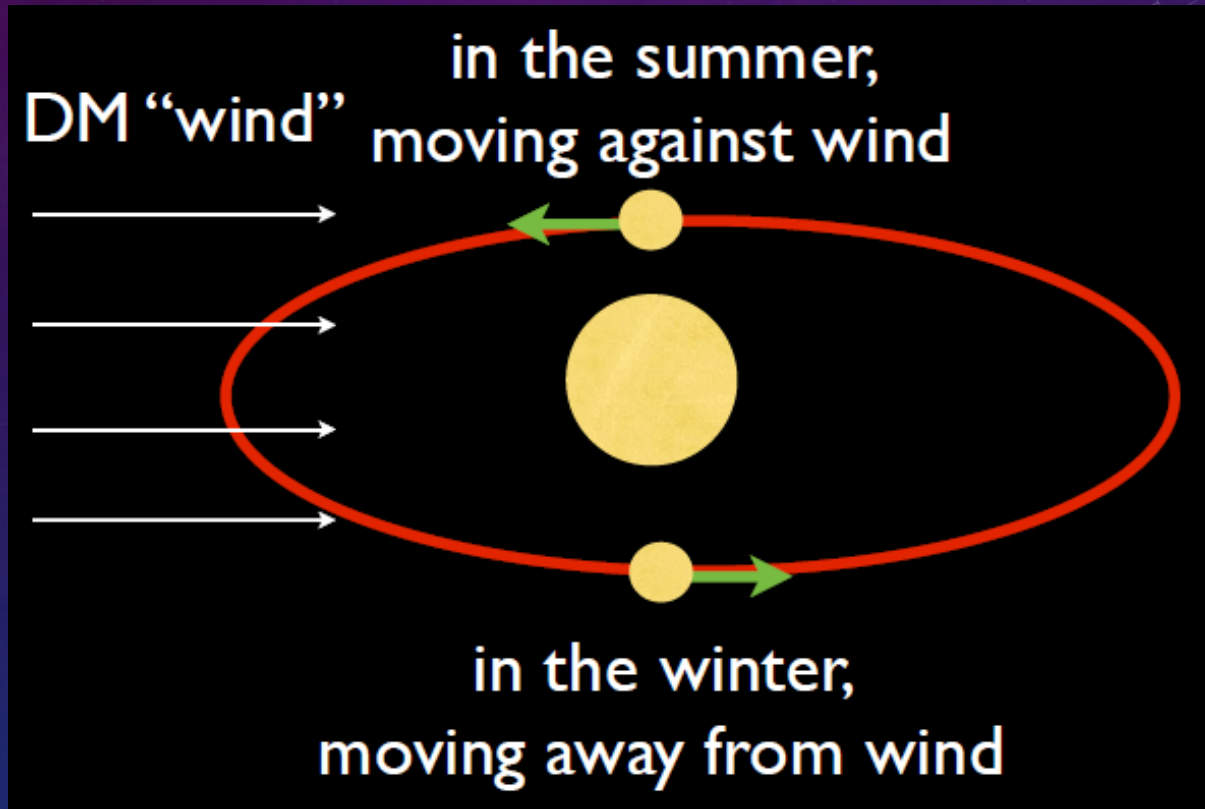
# Interpreting the GC emission in an asymmetric DM model



ADM  $\rightarrow$  tau+tau- channel consistent with thermal freezeout



# Direct Detection





# Spin-independent vs Spin-dependent

Spin independent - DM interacts coherently with whole nucleus  
 -  $A^2$  enhancement of cross section

Spin dependent - DM couples to spin of nucleus

(a) Operators for Dirac fermion DM

Name	Operator	Dimension	SI/SD
D1	$\frac{m_q}{\Lambda^3} \bar{\chi} \chi \bar{q} q$	7	SI
D5	$\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \chi \bar{q} \gamma_\mu q$	6	SI
D8	$\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 \chi \bar{q} \gamma_\mu \gamma^5 q$	6	SD
D9	$\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \bar{\chi} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \chi \bar{q} \sigma_{\mu\nu} q$	6	SD
D11	$\frac{\alpha_s}{\Lambda^3} \bar{\chi} \chi G^{\mu\nu} G_{\mu\nu}$	7	SI

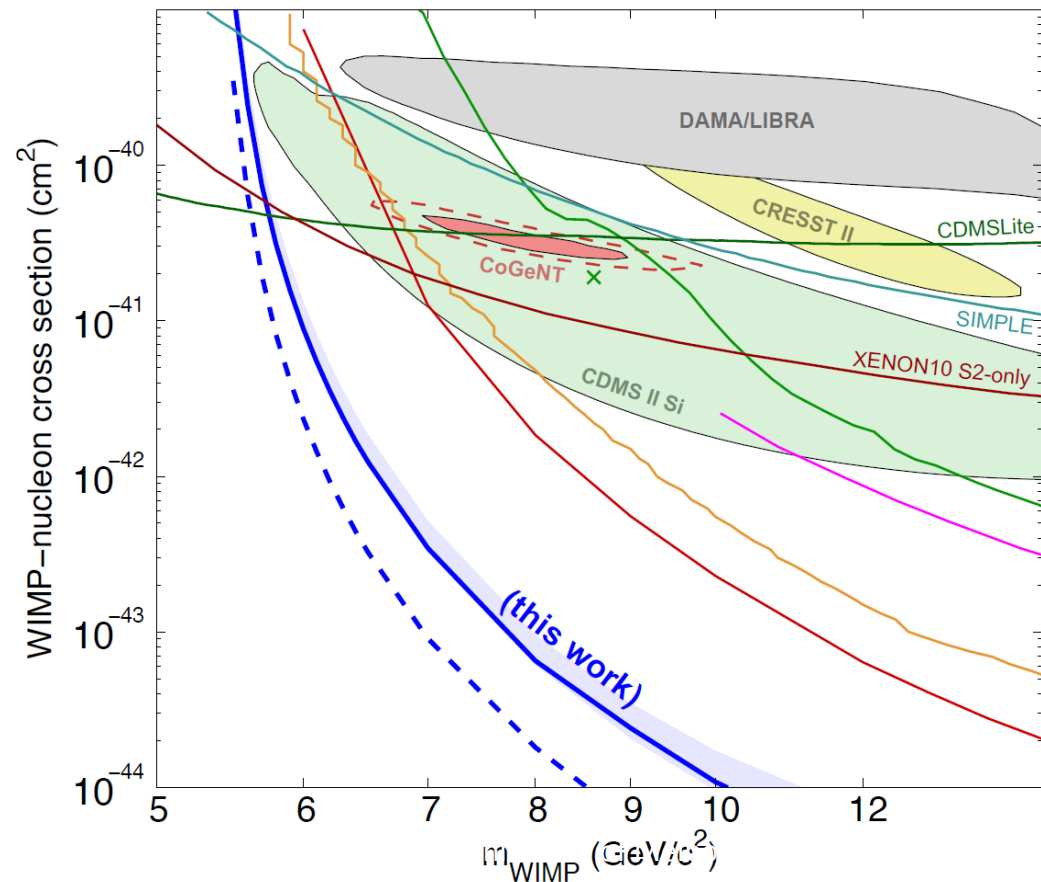
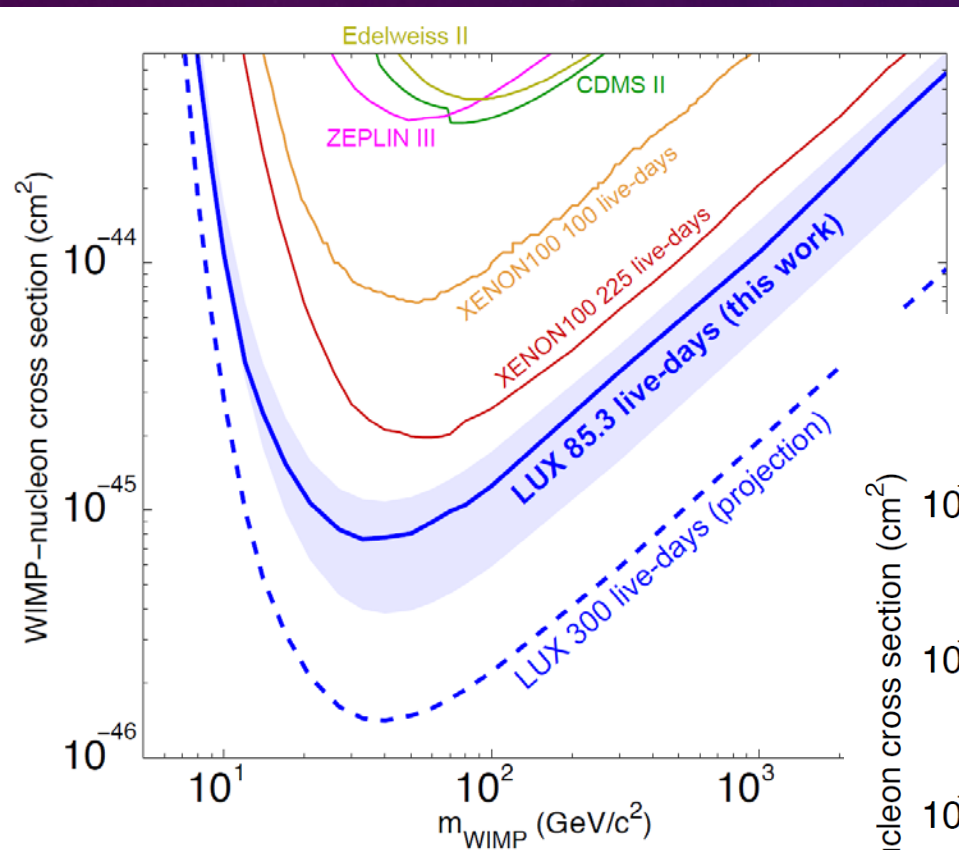
(b) Operators for Complex scalar DM

Name	Operator	Dimension	SI/SD
C1	$\frac{m_q}{\Lambda^2} \phi^\dagger \phi \bar{q} q$	6	SI
C3	$\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \phi^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{\partial}_\mu \phi \bar{q} \gamma^\mu q$	6	SI
C5	$\frac{\alpha_s}{\Lambda^2} \phi^\dagger \phi G^{\mu\nu} G_{\mu\nu}$	6	SI

Further operators, not shown, have a velocity suppressed WIMP-nucleon cross section

# Direct Detection Results

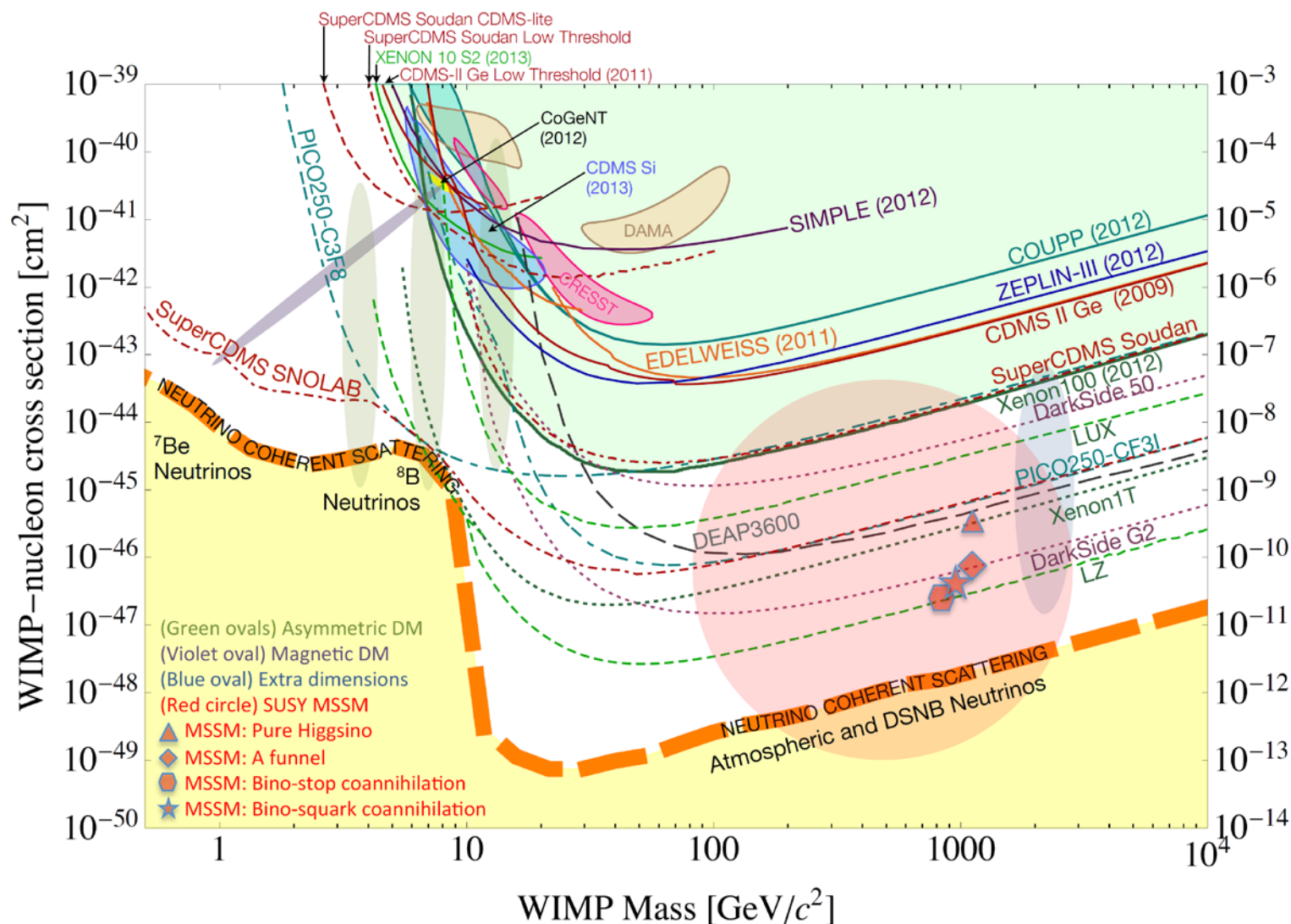
## Spin-independent WIMP-nucleon scattering



LUX, arXiv:1405.5906

# Future: “neutrino floor” is irreducible background

Coherent neutrino-nucleus scattering of solar/atmospheric neutrinos!

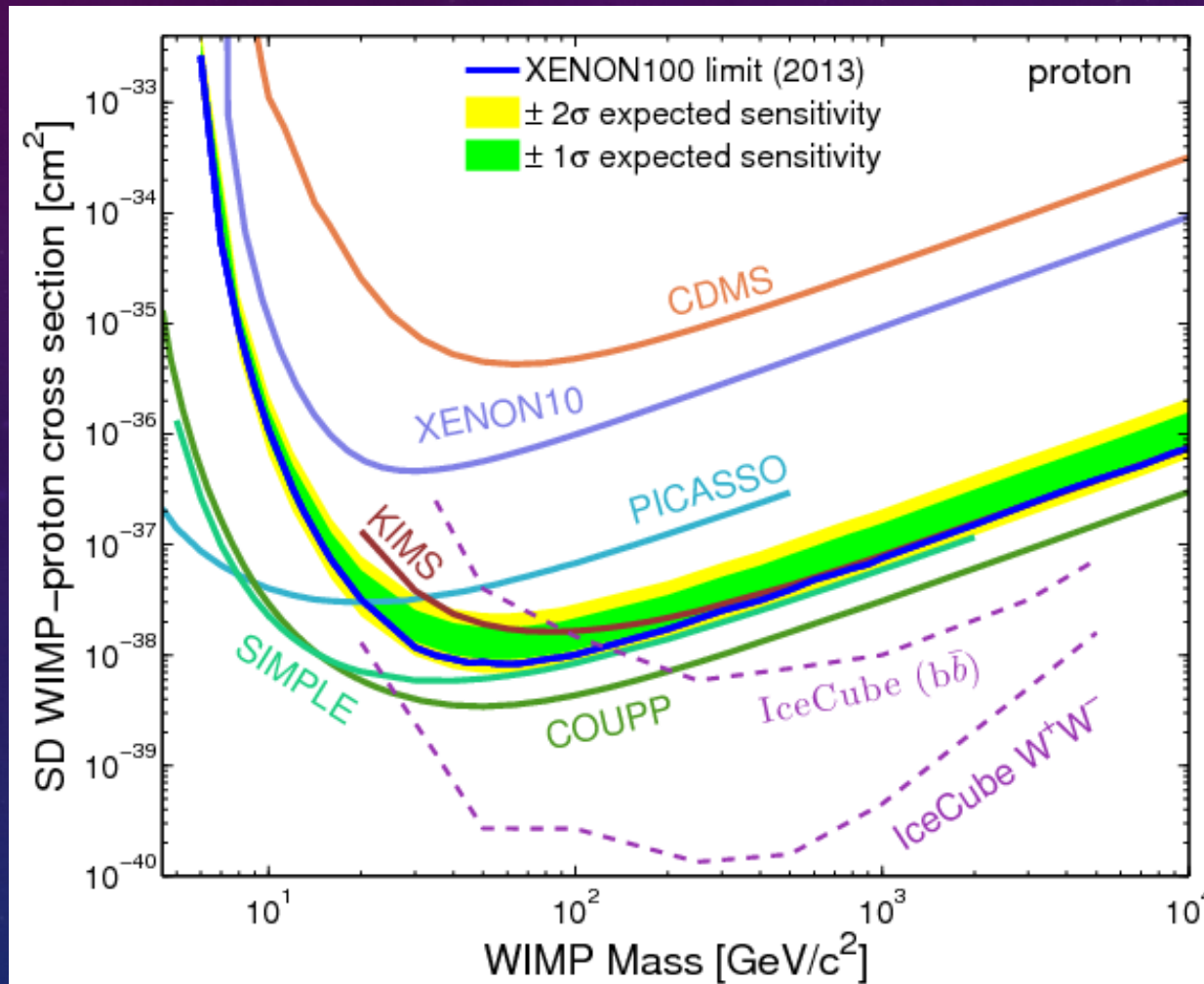


Billard et al  
1307.5458

Cushman et al  
1310.8327



# Spin-dependent WIMP-nucleon scattering

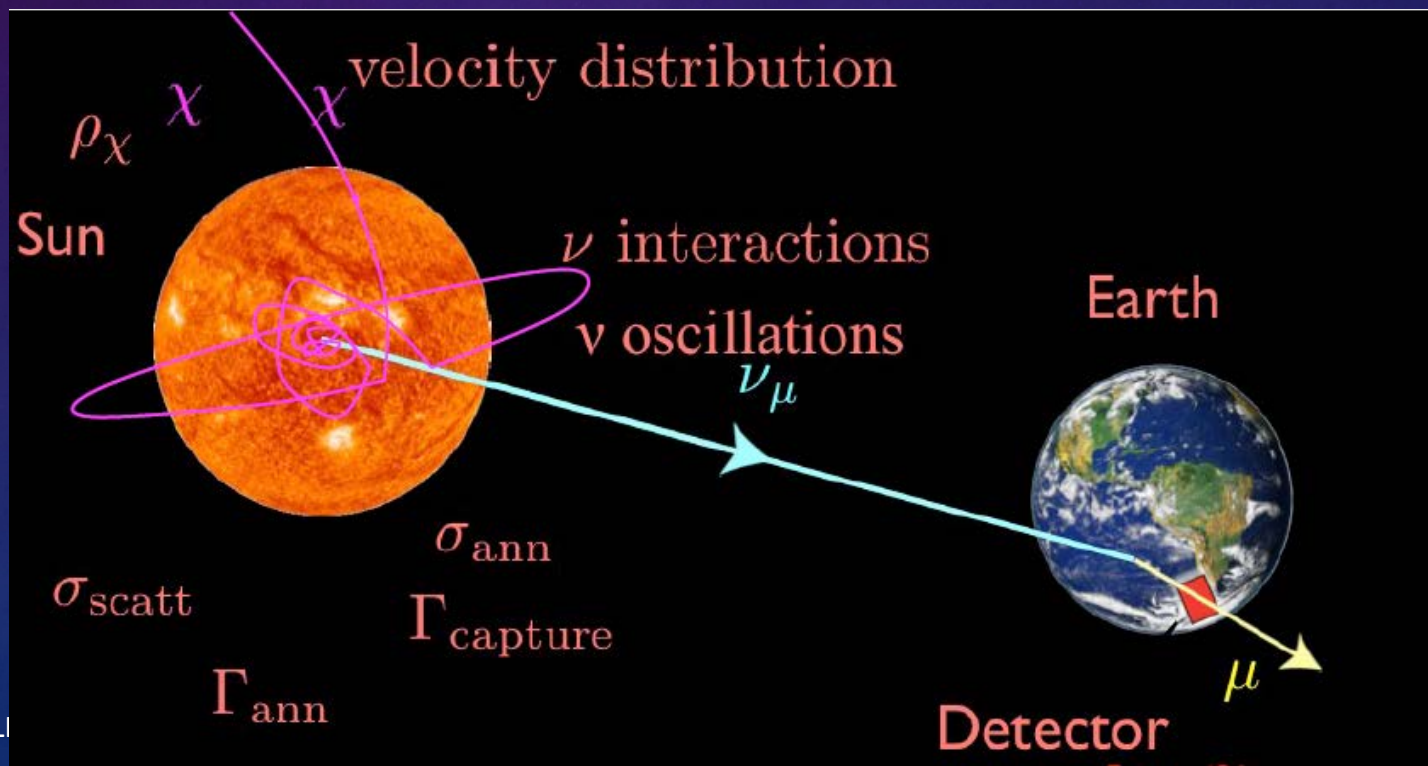


Xenon100  
1301.6620



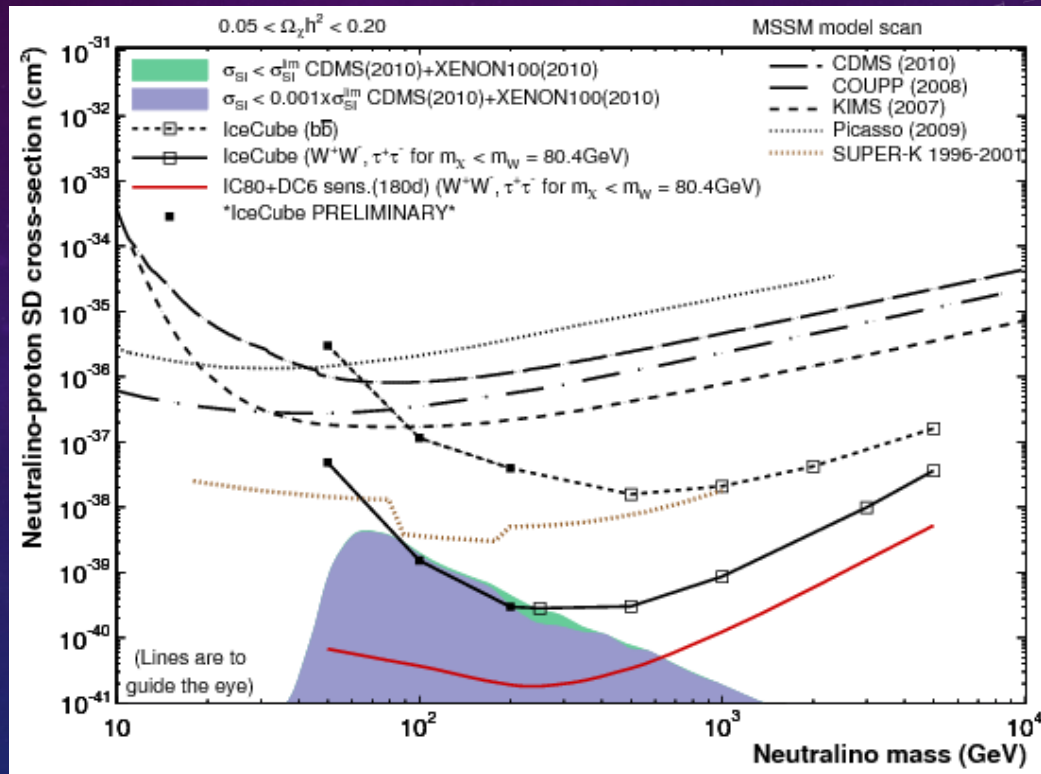
# Solar WIMPS

- Dark matter accumulates and annihilates in the centre of Sun
- Only neutrinos escape the Sun  $\rightarrow$  IceCube, SuperK
- Capture determined by WIMP-nucleon scattering cross section.
  - $\rightarrow$  capture rate = annihilation rate (in equilibrium)
- Hence probes the same quantity as direct detection experiments
  - $\rightarrow$  Competitive limits for spin-dependent cross sections



# Spin-dependent WIMP-nucleon scattering

IceCube solar WIMP limits more sensitive than nuclear recoil experiments.

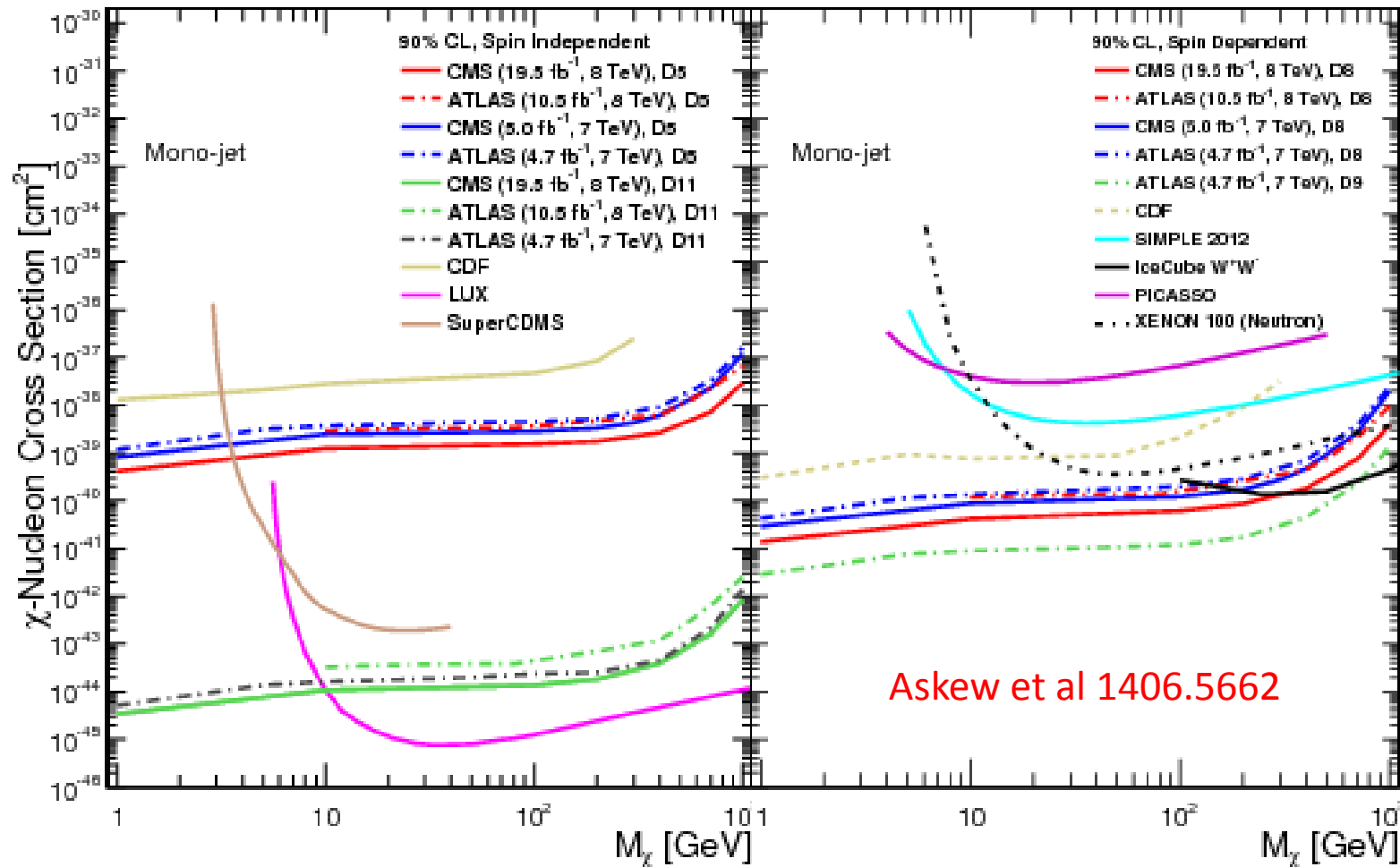


Complementary: Collider, nuclear recoil, and solar wimp searches rely on very different assumptions.

# LHC vs direct detection

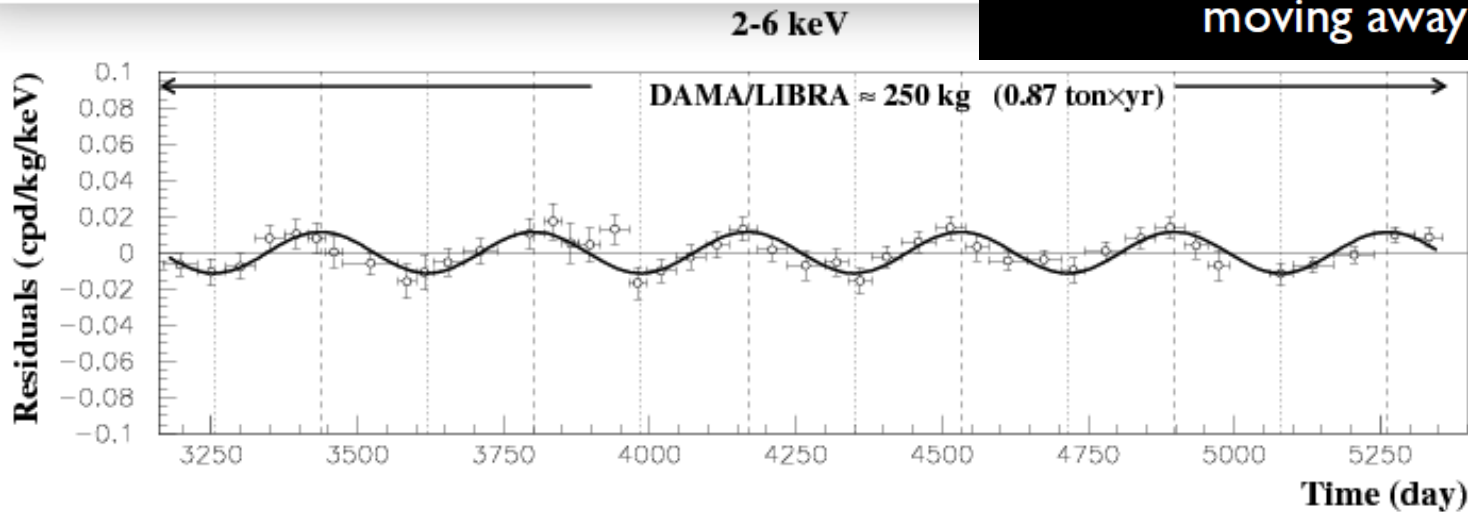
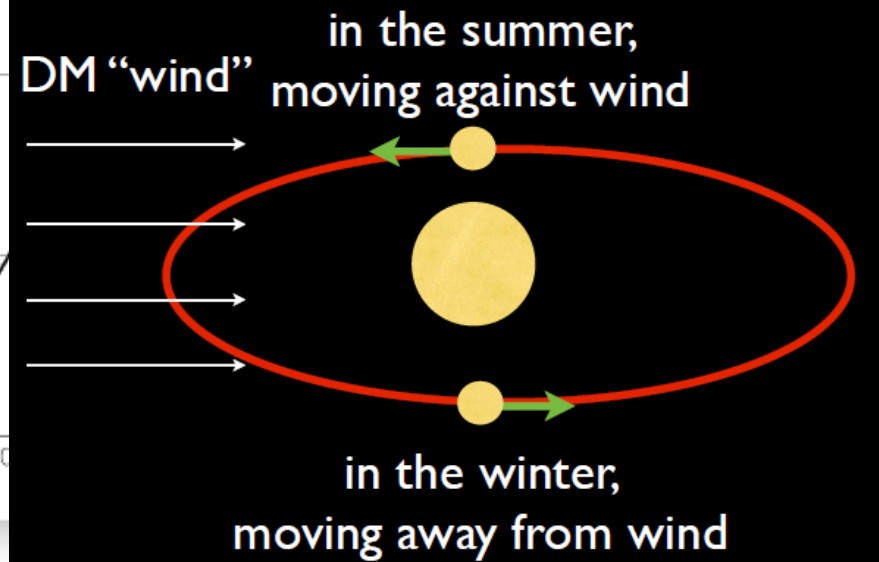
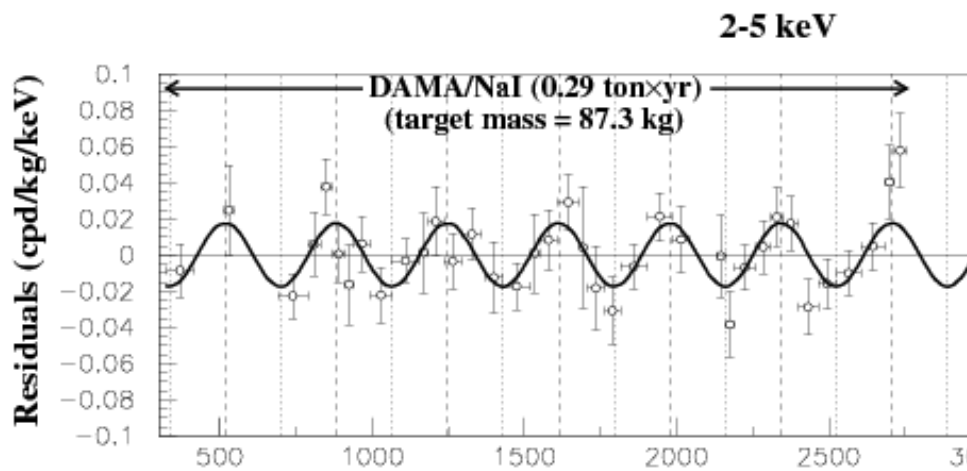
Spin-independent

Spin-dependent





# DAMA/LIBRA annual modulation



Now  $8.9 \sigma$  confidence level



# Is the DAMA signal really DM ?

*Something is modulated*

There is strong motivation to check the systematics with an experiment in the southern hemisphere.

- True DM signal should have the same modulation phase.
- The phase of a background modulation could be expected to change with location (seasonal variation of atmosphere, etc).
- Various proposed southern hemisphere experiments :
  - South pole (DMIce)
  - Chile-Argentina (ANDES)
  - Australia



# DM in Australia!

Mine identified in Stawell  
(near Melbourne)

Studies to assess suitability  
of the site are underway.  
(E. Barberio et al.)

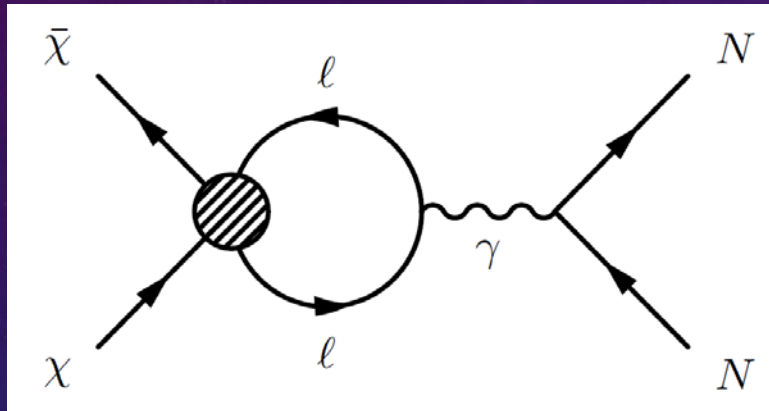




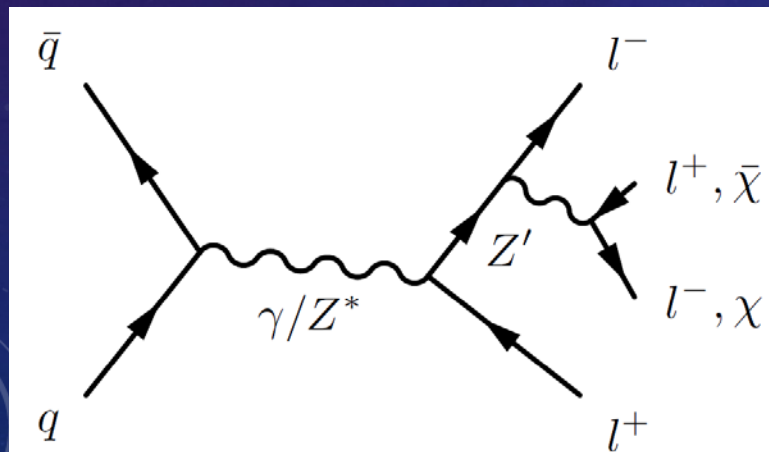
# Beyond WIMPs

# Leptophilic WIMP?

- Suppose DM couples only to leptons (at tree level)
- Usual direct detection and mono-jet bounds not applicable.
- Even so, this scenario is strongly constrained



Direct detection loop-suppressed,  
yet still yields strong limits



Collider production via Drell-Yan  
process

Bell et al 1407.4566.  
See also: Kopp 0907.3159  
Altmannshofer 1406.1269

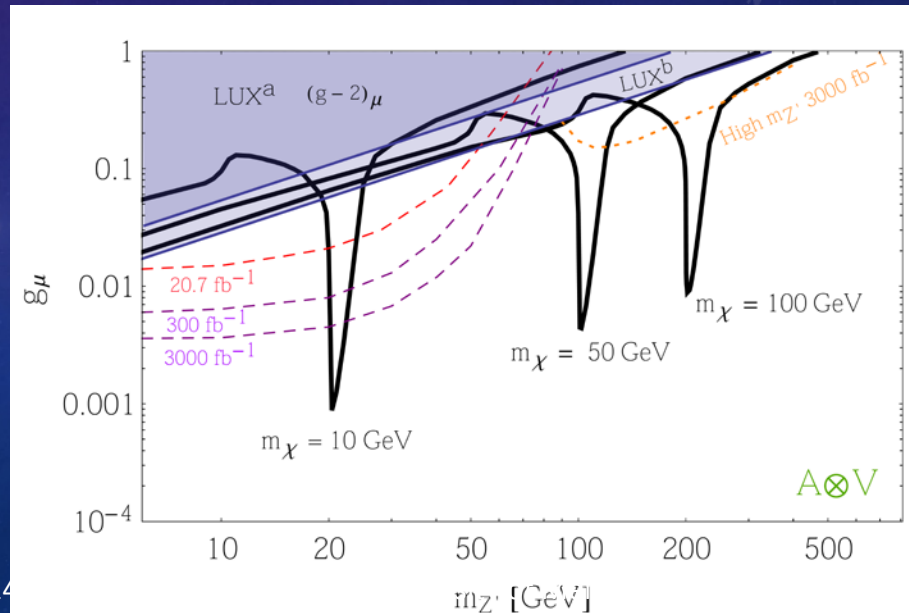
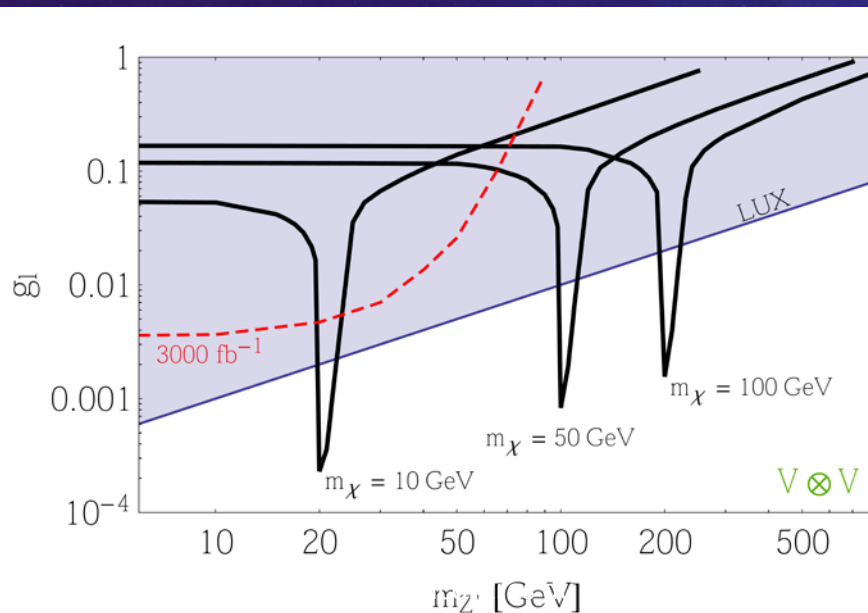
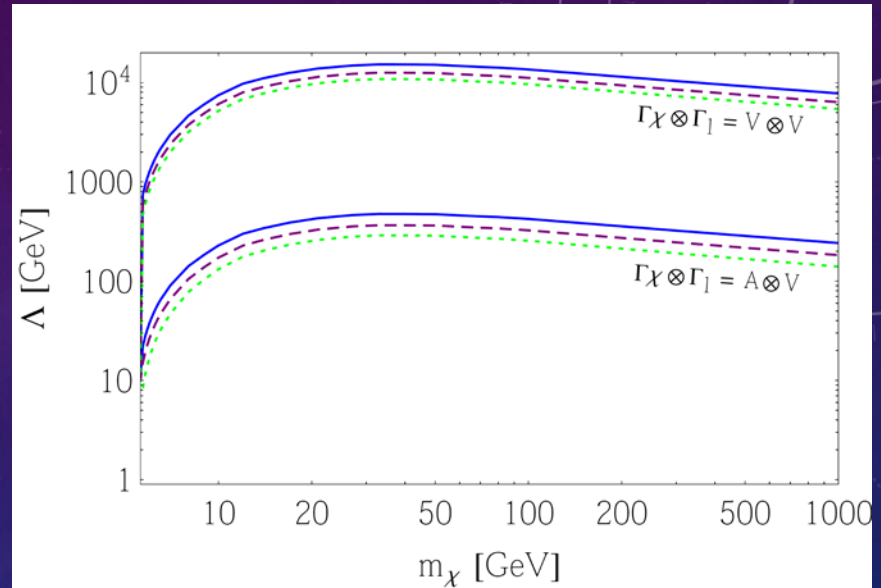


# Leptophilic WIMP

Direct detection still requires  
the new-physics scale to be high

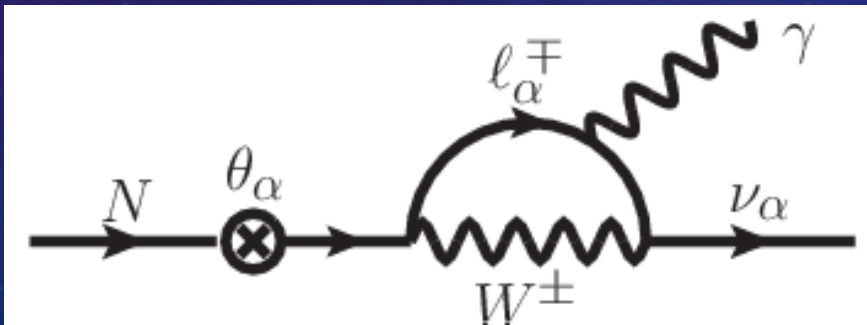
→ some tension with relic  
density requirement

Bell et al 1407.4566.



# Sterile neutrino dark matter

- keV sterile neutrinos  $\rightarrow$  good candidate for warm DM
- Produced in early universe via active-sterile oscillations
- Exclusion principle prevents arbitrary high density  
 $\rightarrow$  dense galaxies set lower limit on mass (Tremaine–Gunn bound)
- Unstable. Decays produce x-ray line.

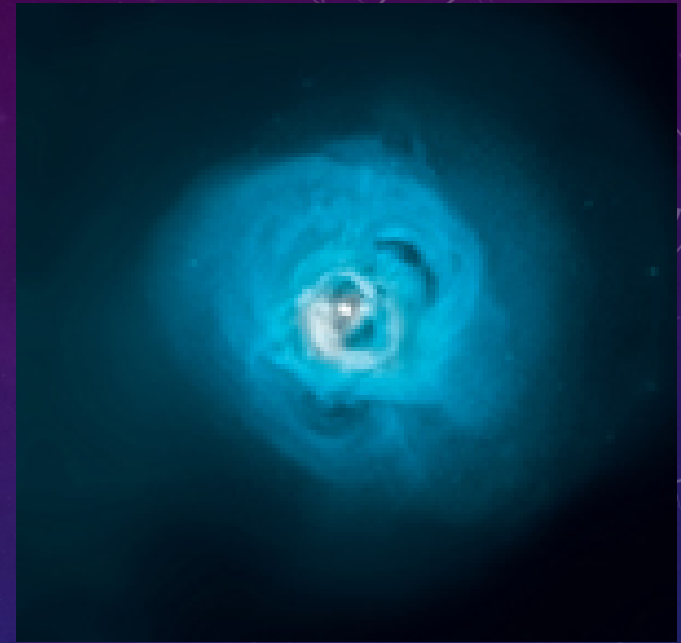
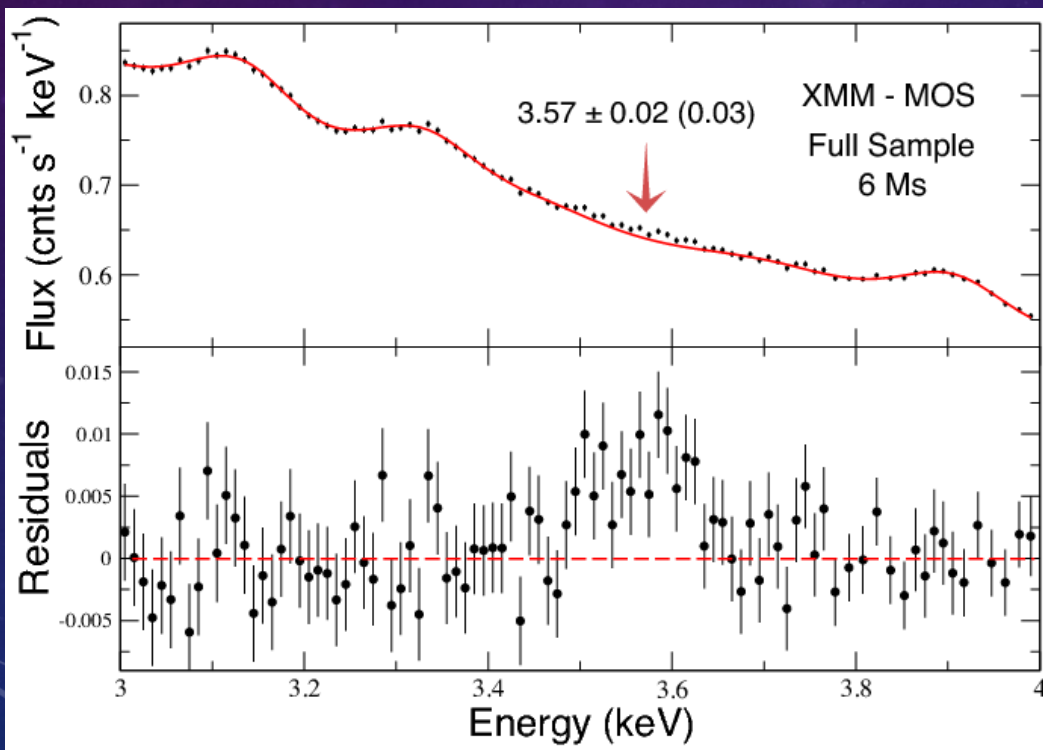


Possible signal in Perseus and other galaxy clusters.

$$E = 3.57 \pm 0.02 \text{ keV}$$

$$\Rightarrow m = 7.1 \text{ keV}$$

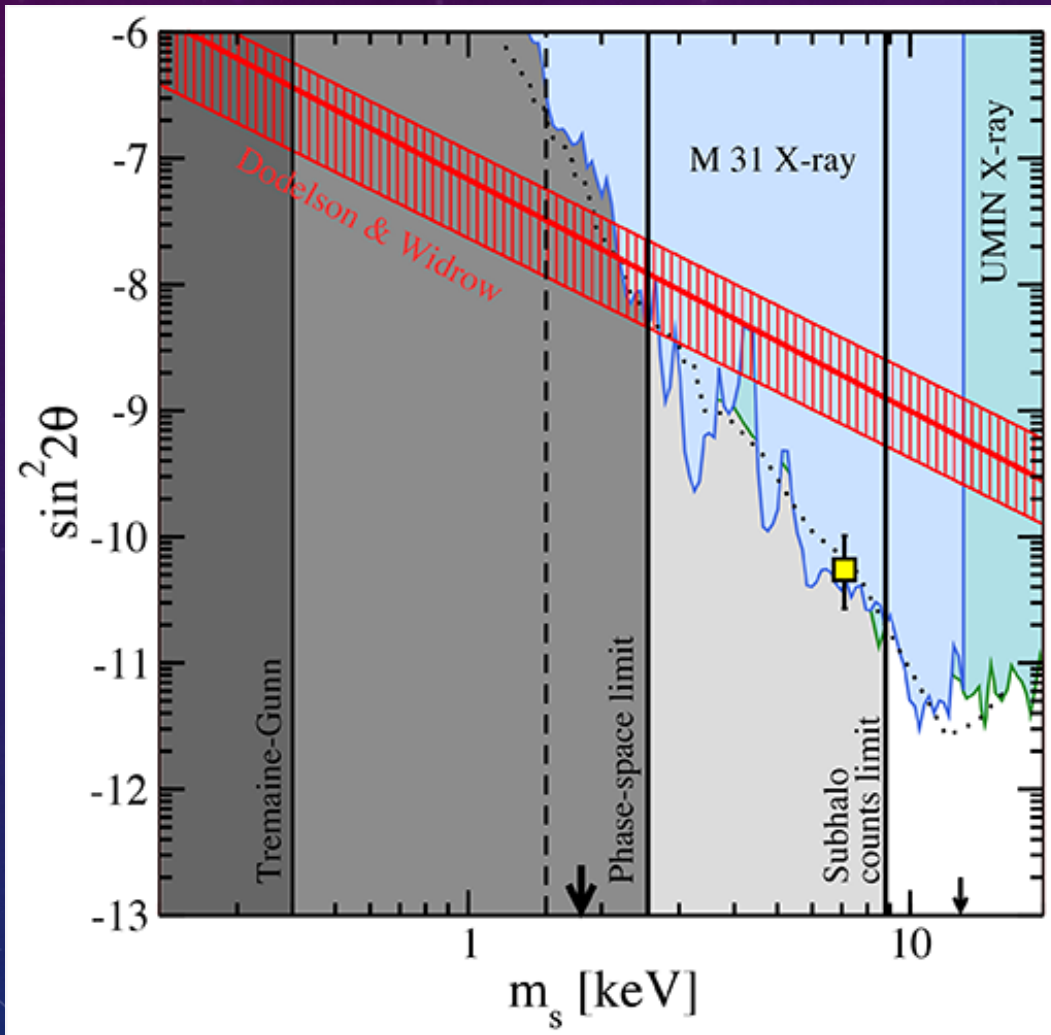
Bulbul et al 1402.2301, ApJ



Caution:  
many nearby  
atomic transition  
lines



# Sterile neutrino DM parameter space



Horiuchi et al  
1311.0282

# Asymmetric dark matter

Two birds with one stone: (i) Relic DM abundance  
(ii) baryon-antibaryon asymmetry

❖ Motivation:  $\Omega_{\text{DM}} \approx 5\Omega_{\text{b}}$

Assume DM density set by a matter anti-matter asymmetry of the same size as the baryon asymmetry.

then  $n_{\text{DM}} \approx n_{\text{b}}$  (assuming complete asymmetry)

and  $m_{\text{DM}} \approx 5m_{\text{b}} \approx 5 \text{ GeV}$  (prediction for DM mass)

❖ ADM replaces  $\Omega_{\text{DM}} \approx \Omega_{\text{b}}$  puzzle, with a  $m_{\text{DM}} \approx m_{\text{b}}$  puzzle

# Asymmetric dark matter

## Requirements:

- Mechanism to simultaneously create  $B(\text{visible})$  and  $B(\text{dark})$  asymmetries, or create an asymmetry in one sector and communicate it to the other.
- Sufficiently large DM annihilation cross section to annihilate the symmetric part (to leave only particles and no antiparticles).

## Implications:

- Light DM.
- Suppressed indirect detection (nothing to annihilate with)
- Large annihilation cross section means either sizeable couplings with SM particles, or else new light degrees of freedom.



# ADM annihilation cross section

**WIMPs** – relic density set by annihilation cross section

**ADM** – relic density set by asymmetry, *provided annihilation cross section is big enough to remove the symmetric part*  
→ still need a WIMP-like cross section!

Fractional asymmetry:  $r \equiv \frac{n(\bar{\chi})}{n(\chi)}$

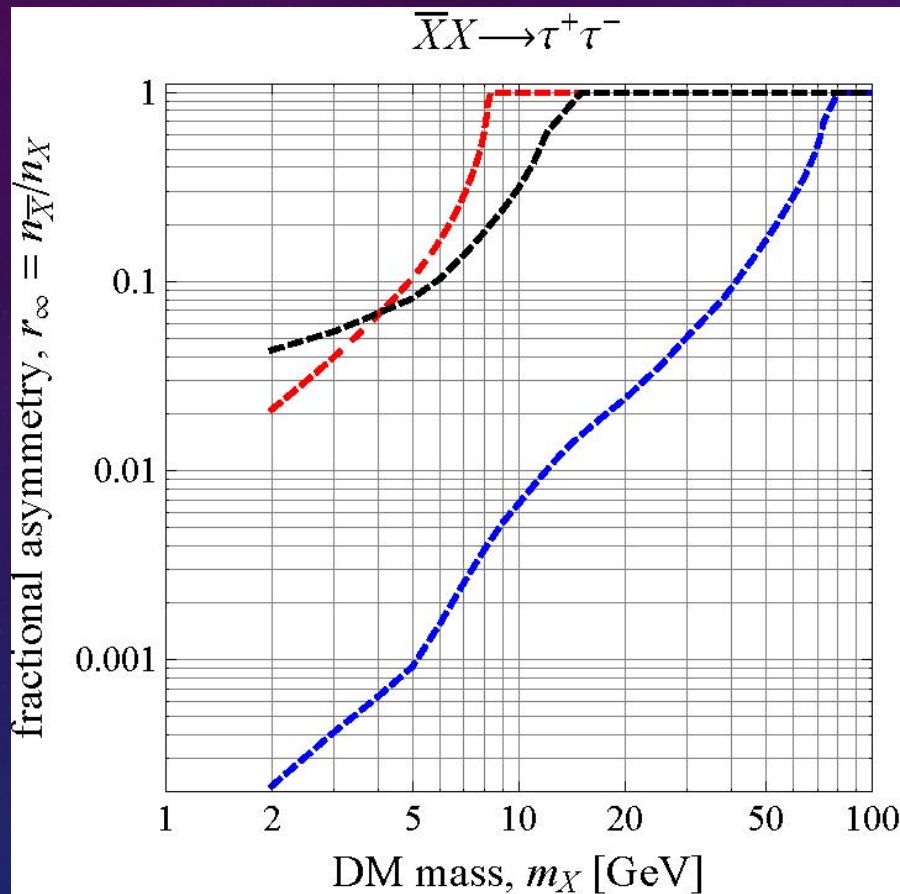
$$r_{\infty} \approx \exp \left[ -2 \left( \frac{\sigma_0}{\sigma_{0,\text{WIMP}}} \right) \left( \frac{1 - r_{\infty}}{1 + r_{\infty}} \right) \right] \xrightarrow{r_{\infty} \ll 1} \exp \left[ -2\sigma_0 / \sigma_{0,\text{WIMP}} \right]$$

For  $r_{\infty} < 0.1$ , require:  $\sigma_0 \gtrsim 1.4 \sigma_{0,\text{WIMP}}$

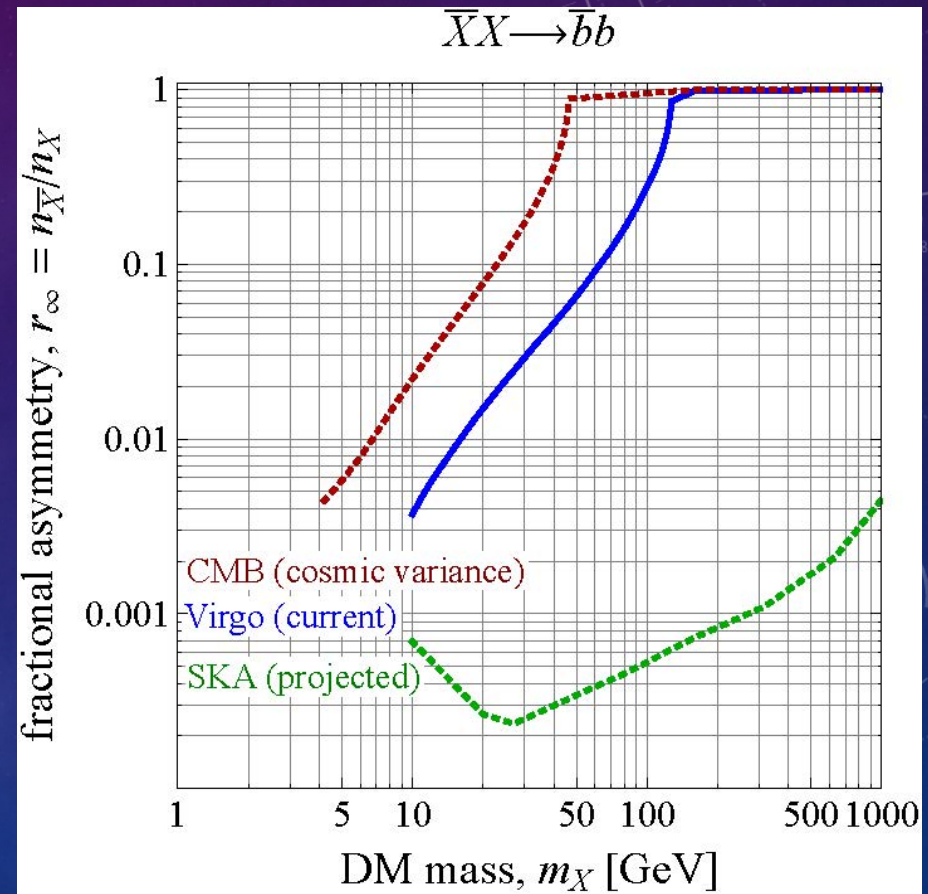
Graesser et al., arXiv:1103.2771

# ADM – indirect detection limits

Bell, Horiuchi & Shoemaker, arXiv:1408.xxxx,



Current limits



Future limits

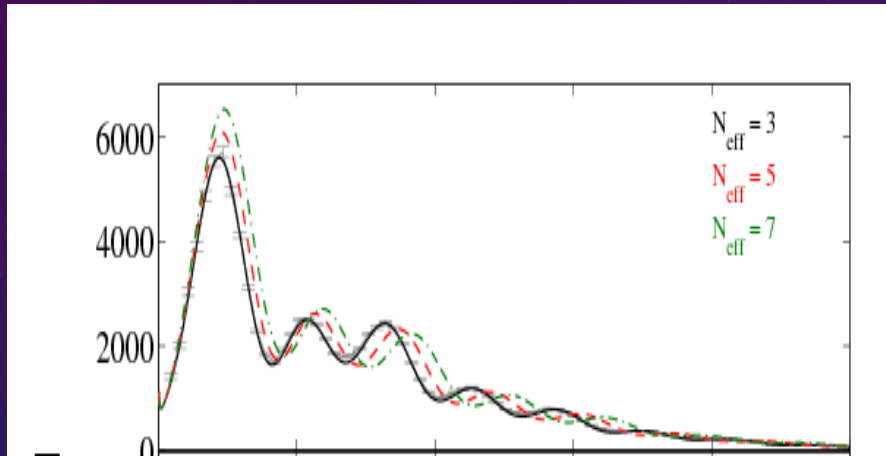
# Dark Radiation

- Dark radiation = relativistic dark particles. E.g. dark photons, dark neutrinos, or similar.
- Needed in some models (e.g. many asymmetric DM models)
- This radiation need not have the same temperature as ordinary radiation.
- e.g. models with “dark atoms” have hydrogen-like states formed from two oppositely charged particles interacting via a massless  $U(1)_D$  gauge boson.

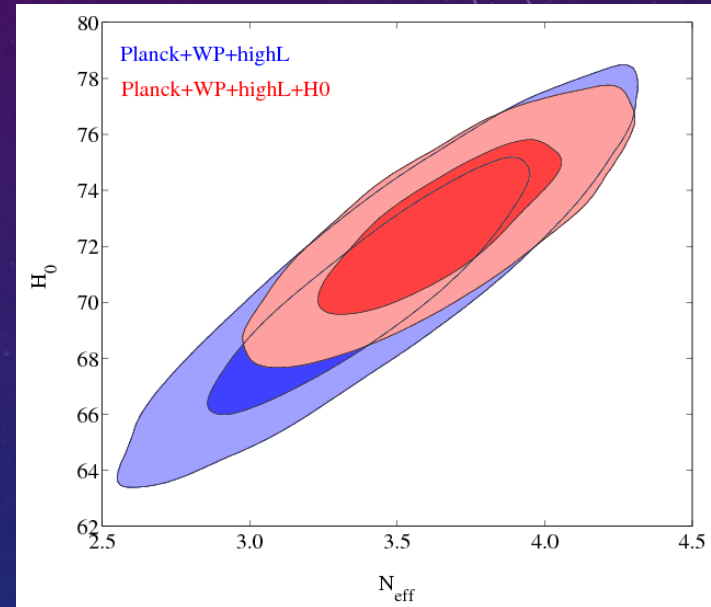
The dark sector may have a particle spectrum as rich as the visible sector



- Dark Radiation leaves imprint in CMB (usually discussed in term of “effective number of neutrinos”)
- CMB accommodates extra radiation:



Archidiacono et al, 1307.0637



- Can be more complicated: dark matter-dark radiation coupling leads to “dark acoustic oscillations”

Cyr-Rancine and Sigurdson

# Dark Matter Self Interactions

❖ Dark matter should not strongly self interact.

- The Bullet Cluster
- Halo shapes (self interactions make galaxies too spherical)

❖ But some amount of self interaction is usually expected.

This is ok, and maybe even be desired:

→ helps to alleviate the CDM problem of too much structure on small scales. However, there are other solutions to this problem, including warm dark matter, decaying dark matter, ...

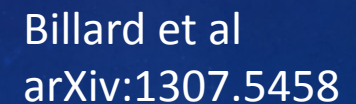
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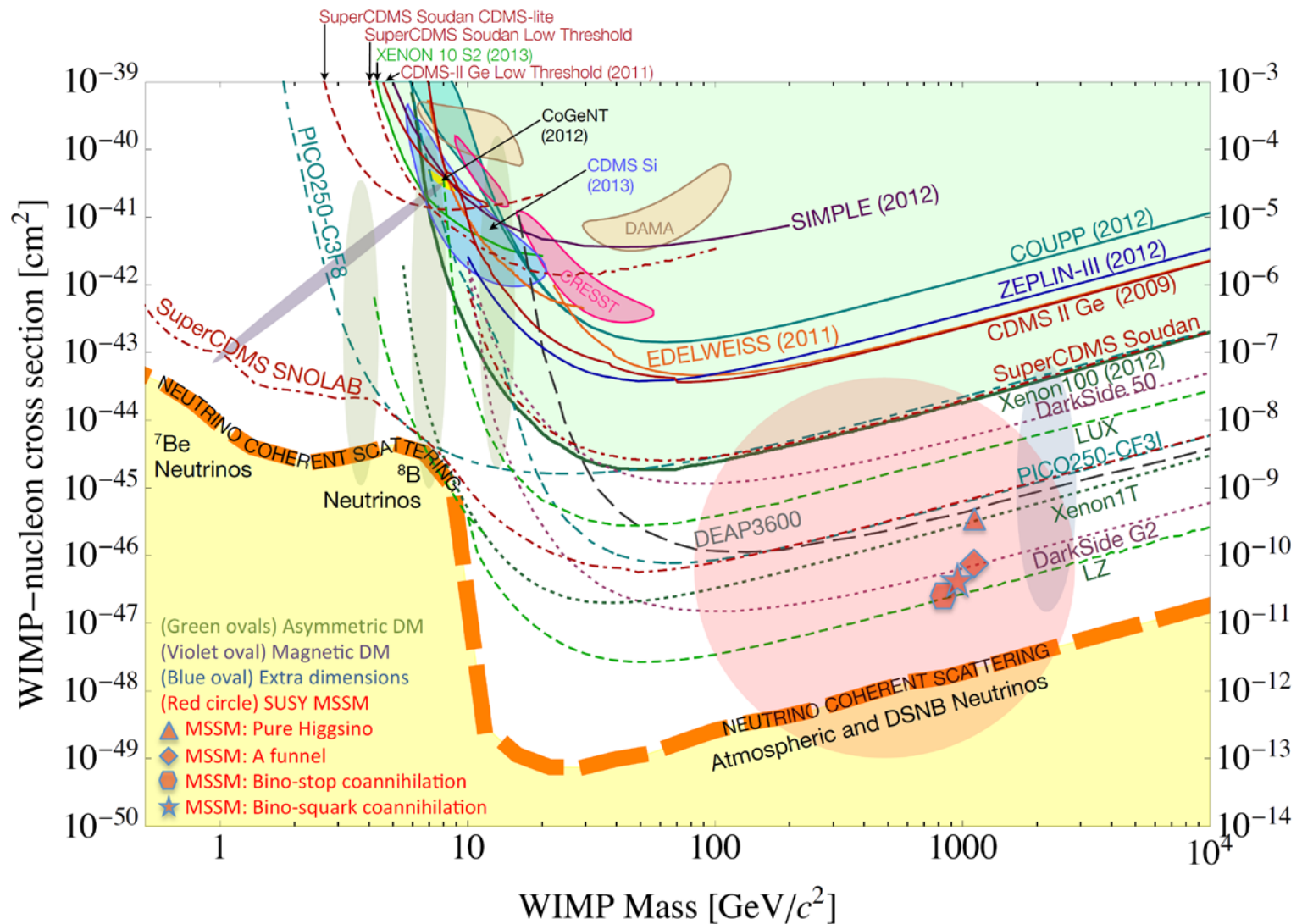
- WIMP...is this idea compelling, or are we searching under the lamp post?
- If DM is a conventional WIMP, discovery should be close!
- ADM...is the similarity of the dark and visible matter densities an important clue, or just a red herring?
- Direct detection, indirect detection, colliders, solar WIMP searches, cosmological probe...all have good sensitivity and provide complementary information.
- We should remember that many dark-sector models have a rich spectrum of new particles. Indeed, DM may be multi-component.



# Extra slides

# Coherent neutrino-nucleus scattering of solar/atmospheric neutrinos!





Cushman et al arXiv:1310.8327



# Linking dark matter and baryogenesis

Connect (i) Relic DM abundance  
(ii) baryon-antibaryon asymmetry

Various ideas: Asymmetric dark matter, WIMPy baryogenesis, Baryomorphosis, DM assimilation, .....

	Asymmetric dark matter	WIMPy baryogenesis
WIMP miracle	✗	✓
Explain $\Omega_{\text{DM}} \approx \Omega_b$	✓	✗

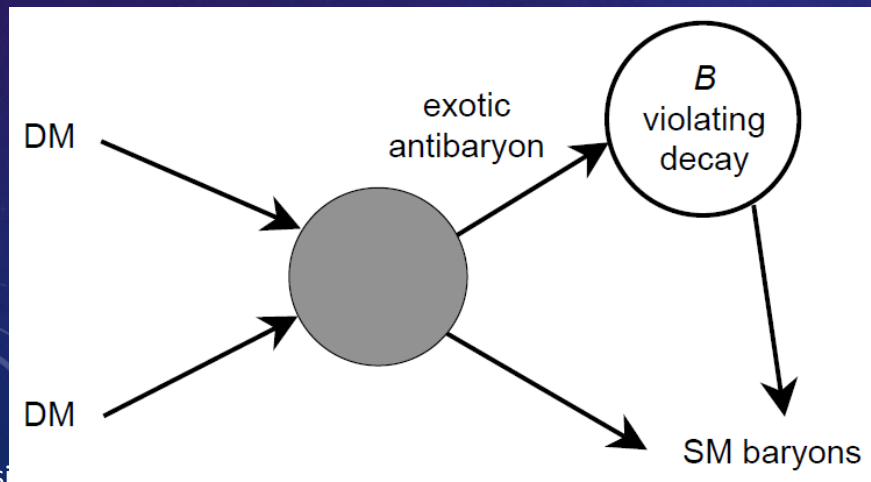
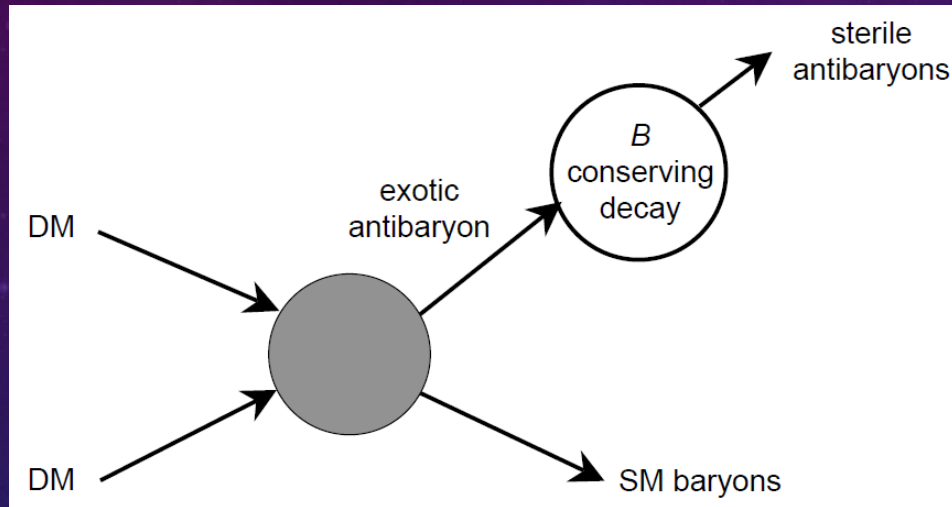
ADM: Many papers! See reviews by Petraki and Volkas 1305.4939 and Zurek 1308.0388.

WIMPy baryogenesis: Cui, Randall and Shuve, 1112.2704; Bernal et al., 1210.0094, Bernal et al., 1307.6878; Kumar & Stengel, 1309.1145

Baryomorphosis: McDonald 1009.3227 Dark matter assimilation: D'Eramo et al., 1111.5615

# WIMPy baryogenesis

Require WIMP annihilation satisfy the Sakharov conditions  
→ a baryon asymmetry can be generated from DM annihilations



DM annihilation creates asymmetry in exotic antibaryons, then sequestered in sterile sector

Asymmetry in exotic antibaryons, which decay to SM baryons

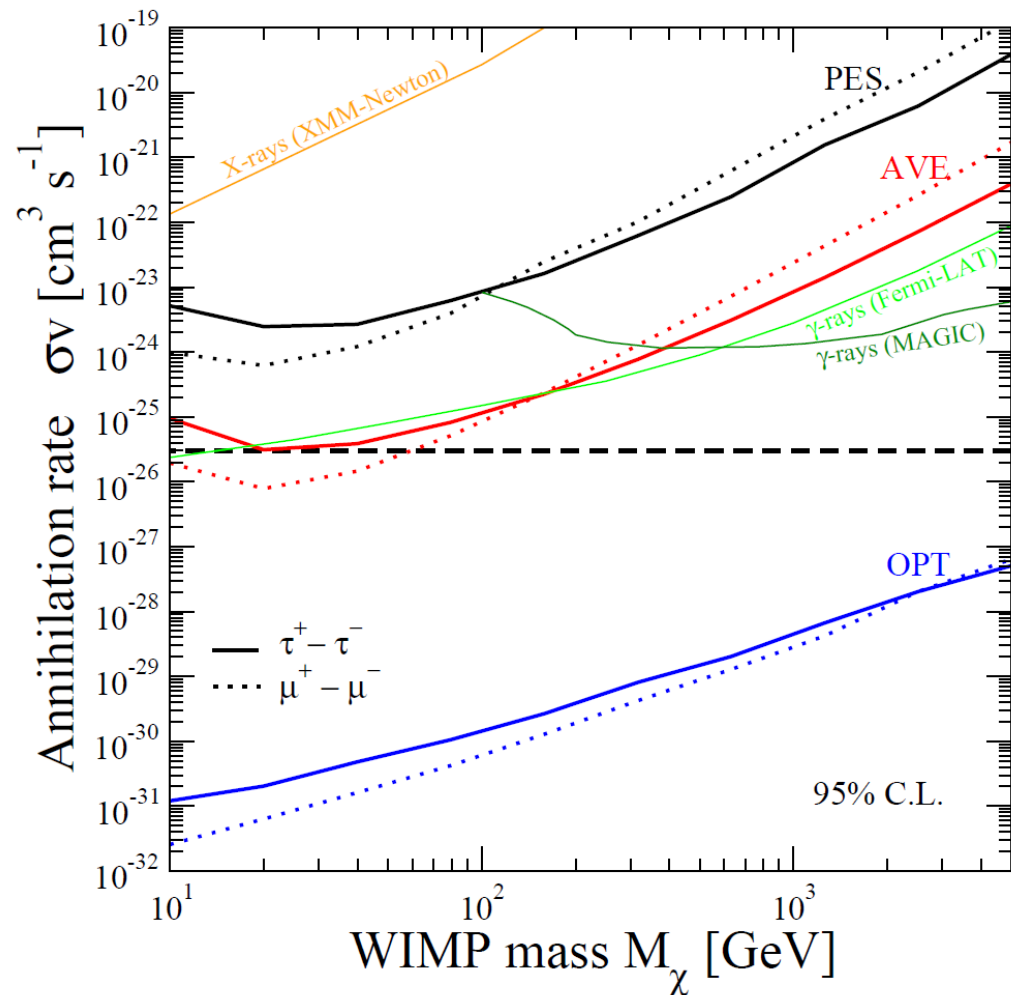
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# dSph radio limits

Most annihilation channels produce  $e^-$  and  $e^+$

$e^+$ ,  $e^-$  lose energy (multiple processes) as they propagate

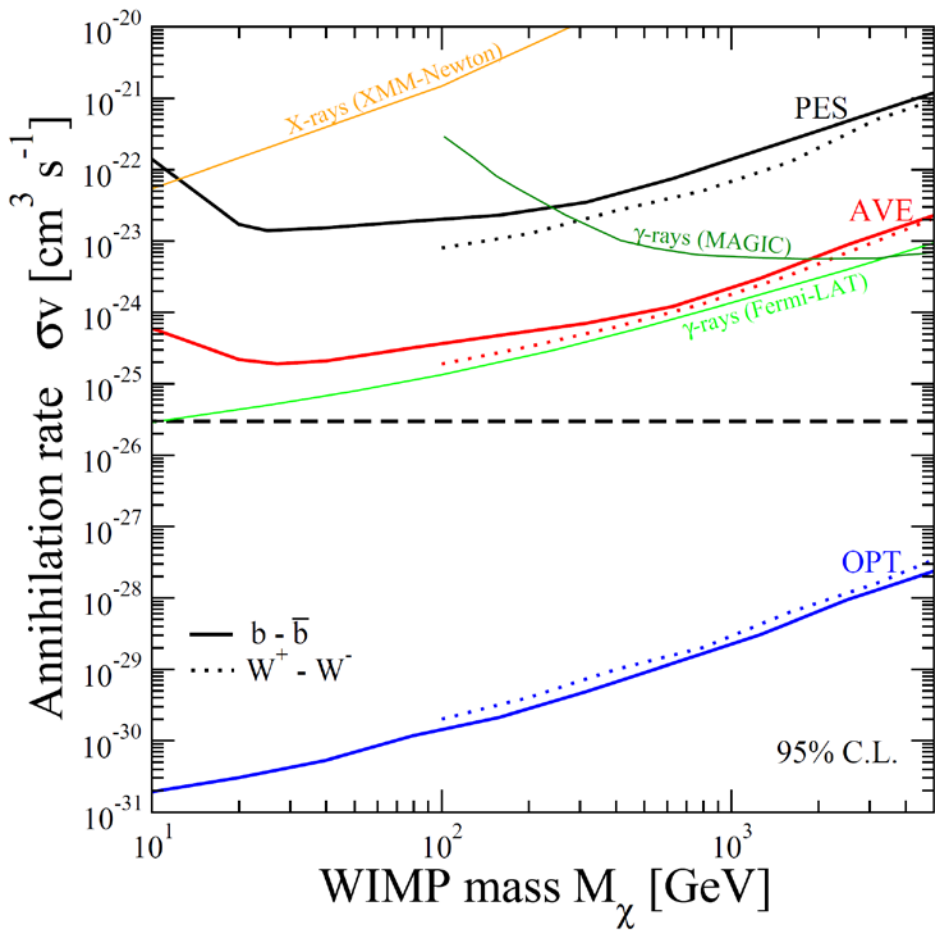
- Includes synchrotron radiation, at radio wavelengths
- Rates depend upon diffusion assumptions, especially magnetic field strengths



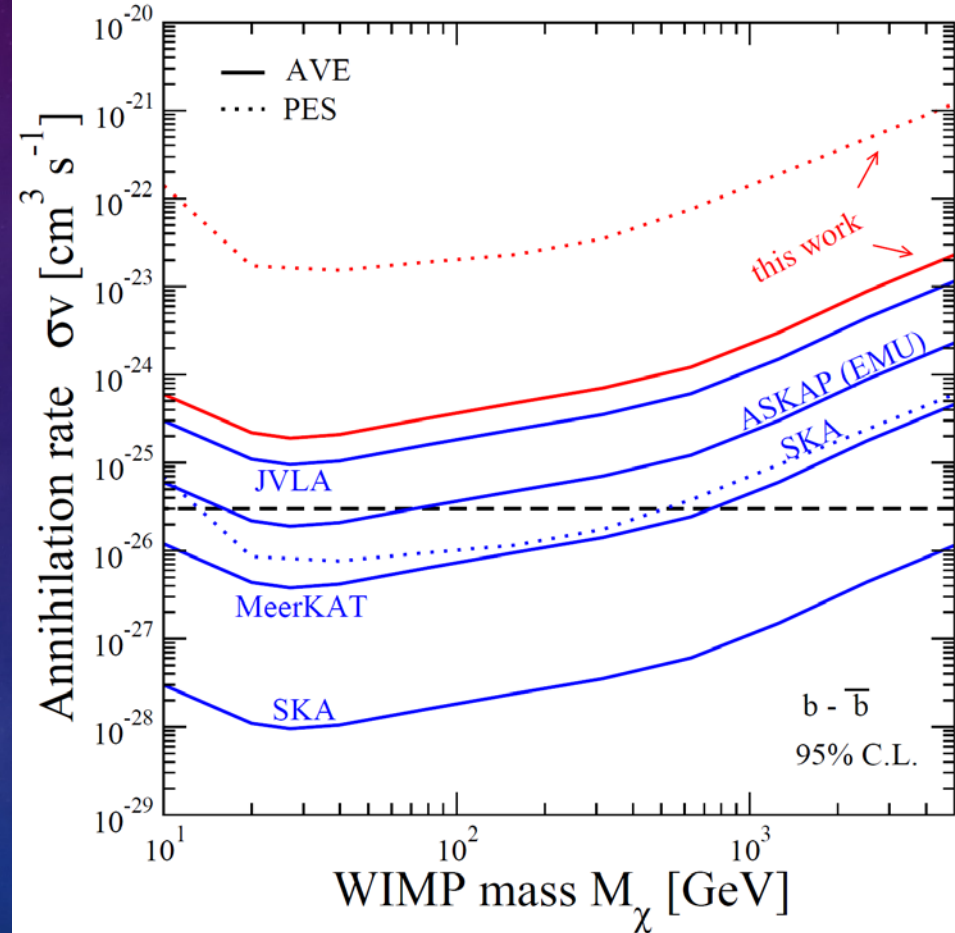
Regis et al, arXiv:1407.4948



current



future



Regis et al, arXiv:1407.4948

# Effective operators for DM interactions

Model-independent description of DM interactions with SM particles:

$$L_{Eff} = \frac{1}{\Lambda_{eff}^2} \bar{\chi} \Gamma_{\chi} \chi \bar{q} \Gamma_q q$$

$$\Gamma_{\chi,q} \in \{1, \gamma^5, \gamma^{\mu}, \gamma^{\mu} \gamma^5, \sigma^{\mu\nu}\}.$$

**Advantages:**

- model-independent description

**Disadvantages:**

- breaks down if  $q^2$  is large or mediators light

Name	Operator	Coefficient	DD
D1	$[\bar{\chi}\chi][\bar{f}f]$	$m_f \Lambda^{-3}$	SI
D2	$[\bar{\chi}\gamma^5\chi][\bar{f}f]$	$im_f \Lambda^{-3}$	—
D3	$[\bar{\chi}\chi][\bar{f}\gamma^5 f]$	$im_f \Lambda^{-3}$	—
D4	$[\bar{\chi}\gamma^5\chi][\bar{f}\gamma^5 f]$	$m_f \Lambda^{-3}$	—
D5	$[\bar{\chi}\gamma^{\mu}\chi][\bar{f}\gamma_{\mu}f]$	$\Lambda^{-2}$	SI
D6	$[\bar{\chi}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^5\chi][\bar{f}\gamma_{\mu}f]$	$\Lambda^{-2}$	—
D7	$[\bar{\chi}\gamma^{\mu}\chi][\bar{f}\gamma_{\mu}\gamma^5 f]$	$\Lambda^{-2}$	—
D8	$[\bar{\chi}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^5\chi][\bar{f}\gamma_{\mu}\gamma^5 f]$	$\Lambda^{-2}$	SD
D9	$[\bar{\chi}\sigma^{\mu\nu}\chi][\bar{f}\sigma_{\mu\nu}f]$	$\Lambda^{-2}$	SD
D10	$[\bar{\chi}\sigma^{\mu\nu}\gamma^5\chi][\bar{f}\sigma_{\mu\nu}f]$	$i\Lambda^{-2}$	—
D11	$[\bar{\chi}\chi][G_{\mu\nu}G^{\mu\nu}]$	$\alpha_S \Lambda^{-3}$	SI
D12	$[\bar{\chi}\gamma^5\chi][G_{\mu\nu}G^{\mu\nu}]$	$i\alpha_S \Lambda^{-3}$	—
D13	$[\bar{\chi}\chi][G_{\mu\nu}\tilde{G}^{\mu\nu}]$	$i\alpha_S \Lambda^{-3}$	—
D14	$[\bar{\chi}\gamma^5\chi][G_{\mu\nu}\tilde{G}^{\mu\nu}]$	$\alpha_S \Lambda^{-3}$	—

# Strong bounds on EFT operators!

Bounds on EFT operators are becoming quite constraining!

- ❖ **Relic density**

- upper limit on  $\Lambda_{\text{eff}}$  (to prevent over-closure)

- ❖ **Direct detection, collider, and indirect detection**

- lower limits on  $\Lambda_{\text{eff}}$  (no signals)

For many operators, these limits are approaching!

If the EFT description is relevant for DM, we should see a signal soon!



# Dark Matter at the LHC

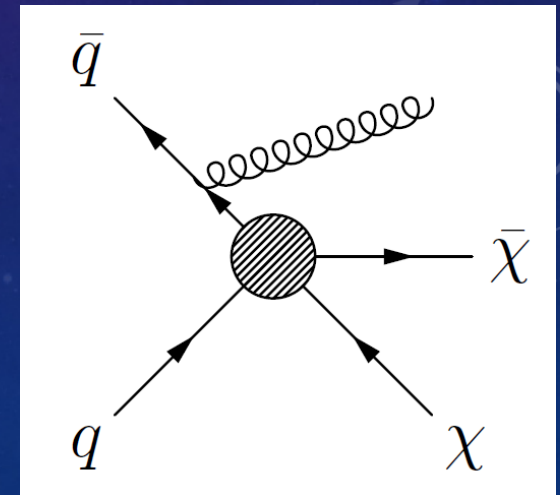
❑ The dominant DM production process is invisible (DM stable, weakly interacting) :  $\bar{q}q \rightarrow \chi\chi$

❑ Need visible particles in the final state, to recoil against missing transverse energy

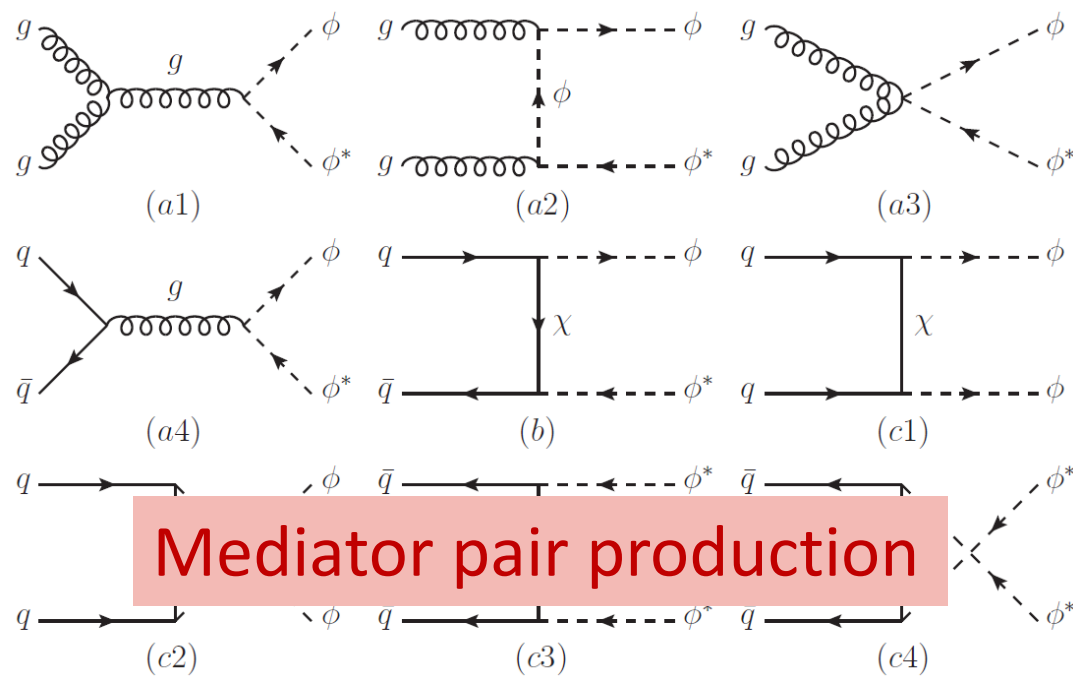
$$\bar{q}q \rightarrow \chi\chi + \text{single SM particle}$$

Mono-X process in which DM is visible as a high  $p_T$  state + missing ET

→ Mono-jet, mono-photon, mono-Z, mono-W, mono-Higgs



## t-channel scalar mediator



DiFranzo et al., 1308.2679