

Bosonic Super-WIMPs

In XENON100



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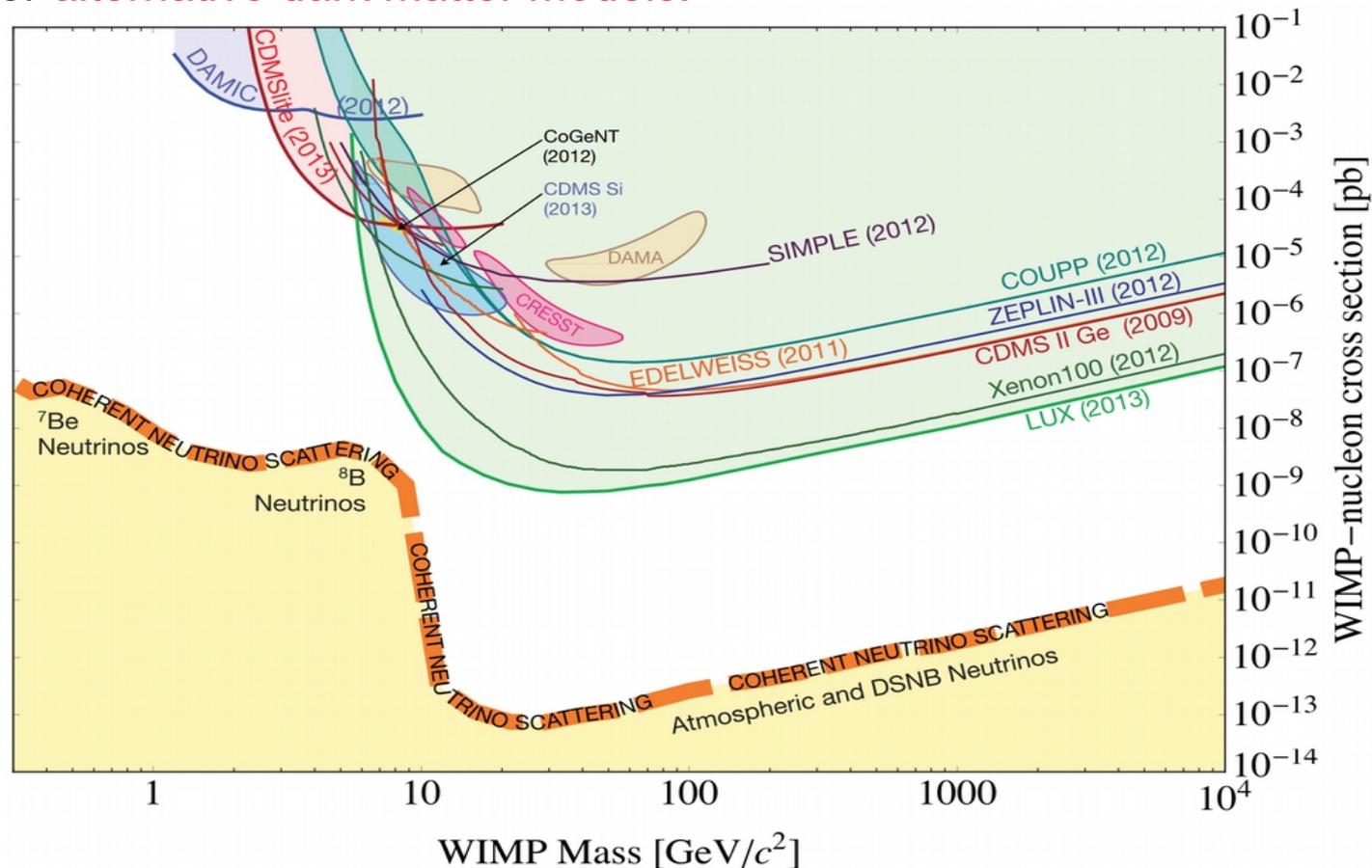


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Status for WIMPs

- Several claimed observations, **none have been confirmed** as dark matter.
- New experiments such as **LUX and XENON1T** to probe new parameter space for WIMPs
- Becomes important to use the current generation of dark matter detectors to look for **alternative dark matter models**.

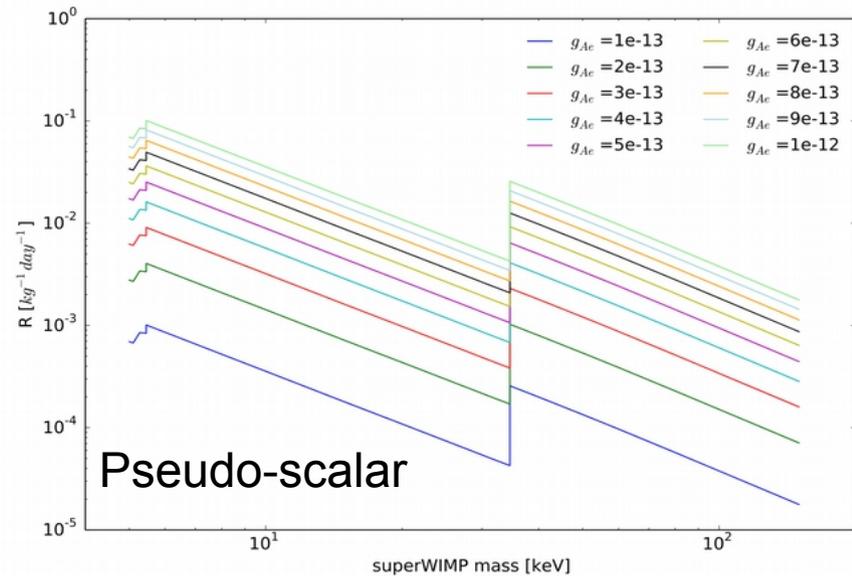
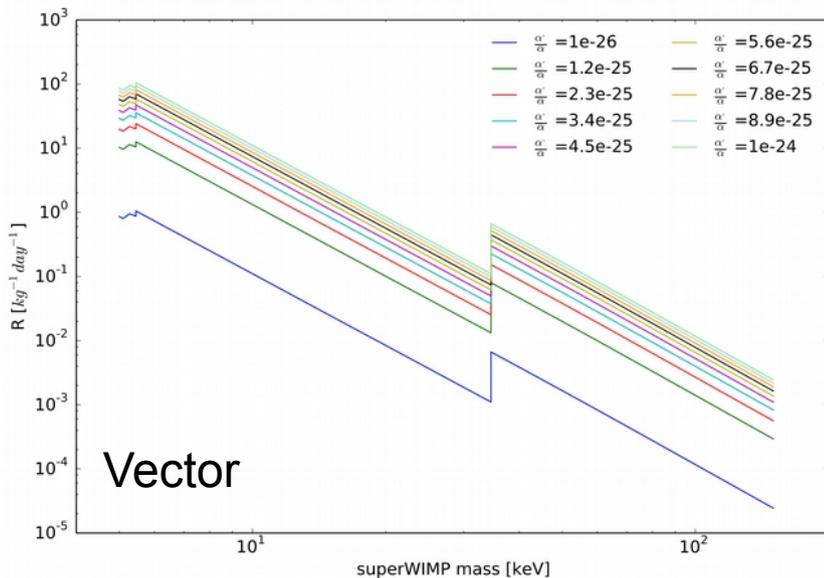


Bosonic Super-WIMPs

- Absorbed completely into a xenon atom via the **axio-electric effect**.
- Enables XENON100 to detect a new type of dark matter in the **keV scale**.
- **Vector and Pseudo-scalar** super-WIMP models are probed.

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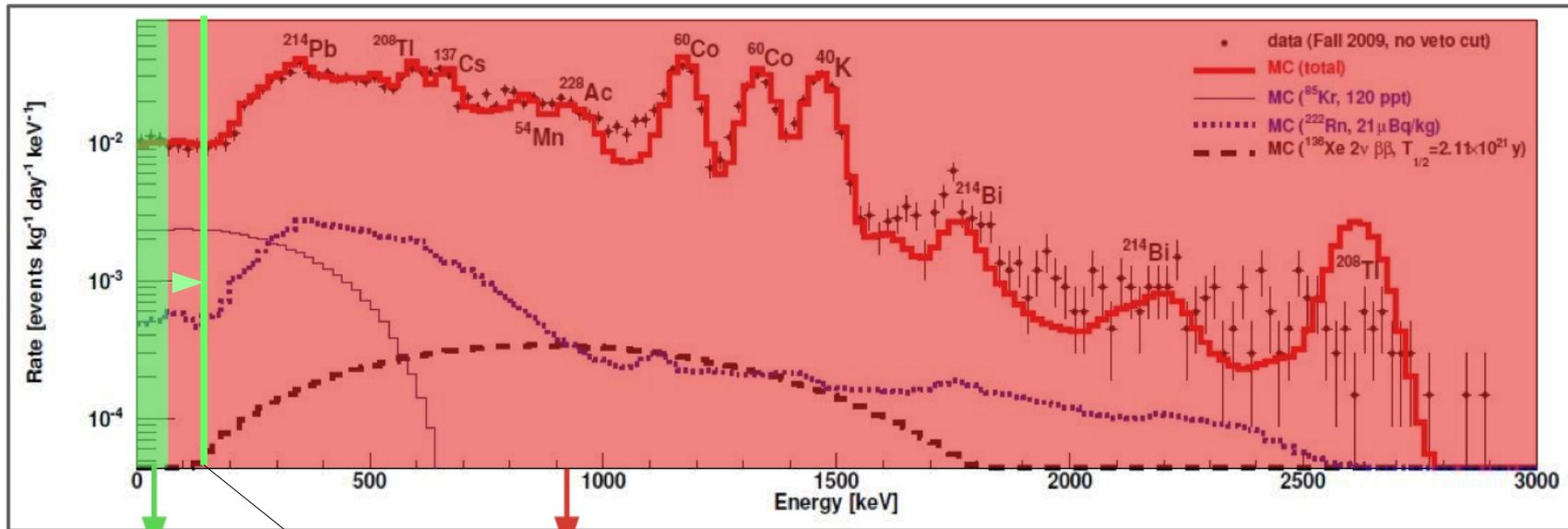
$$R = \frac{1.29 \times 10^{19}}{A} g_{Ae}^2 m_A \sigma_{pe} \left[\frac{1}{\text{kg day}} \right]$$



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Detection in XENON100

Background spectrum from XENON100

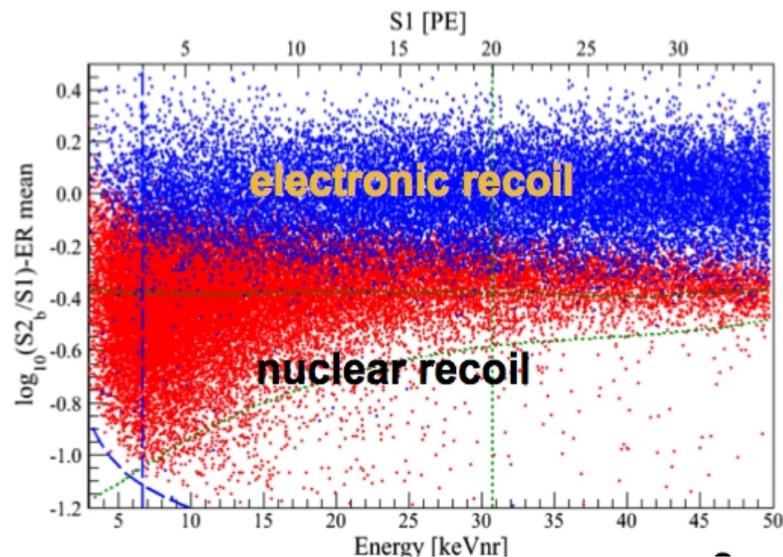


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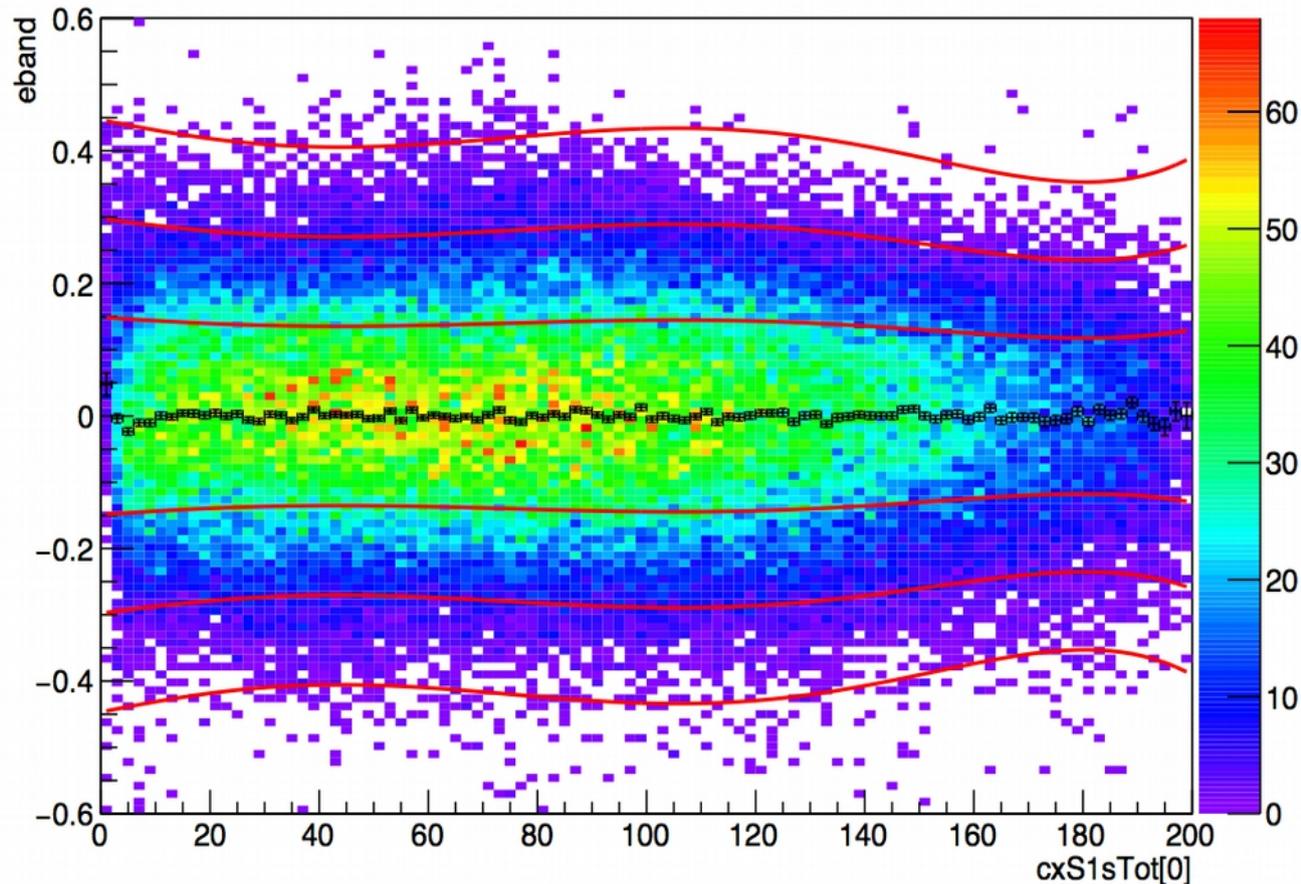
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- Bosonic superWIMPs can be found in range up to **~150 keV** in **XENON100**.
- Higher Energies more difficult due to **higher background**.



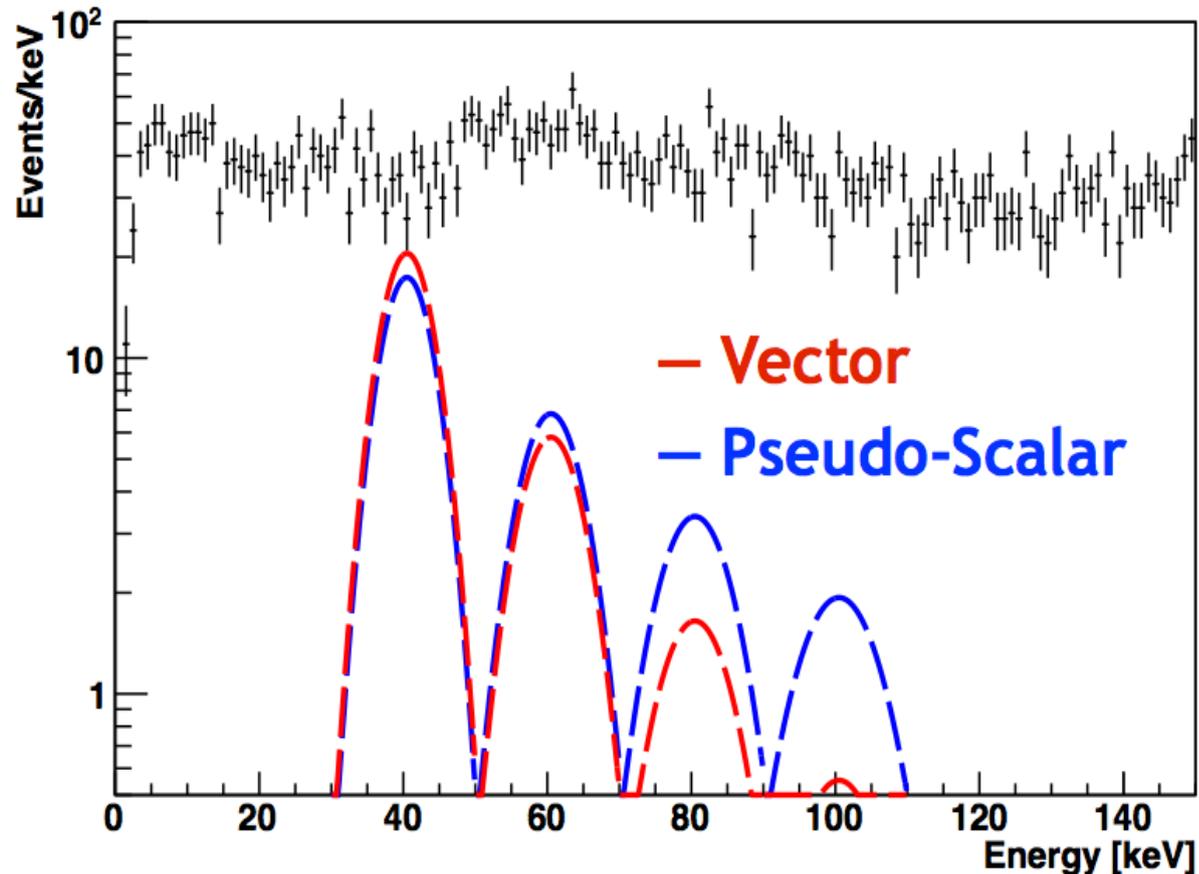
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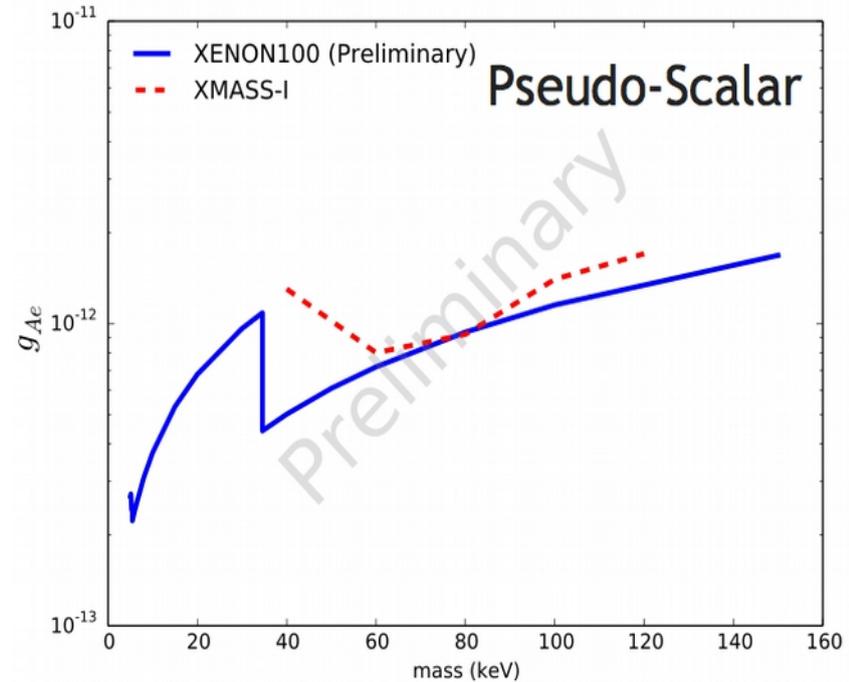
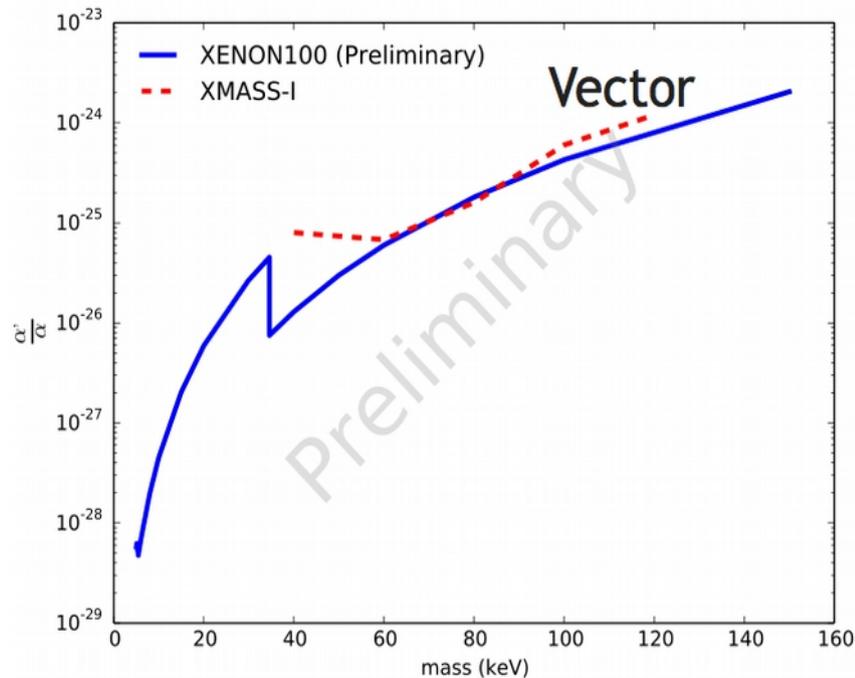
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Setting a Limit

- Will be able to improve our sensitivity via **PL analysis** and data from the most recent run.
- Potential to **improve sensitivity** by factor of 4 at low energies, and probe higher energies not attainable by XMASS.
- Preliminary results may be improved via optimisation of the electronic recoil band definition.



XMASS Limit: Phys. Rev. Lett. 113, 121301

Thank You!