

Mass **or Model:**

Signal Diversity in Dark Matter Searches

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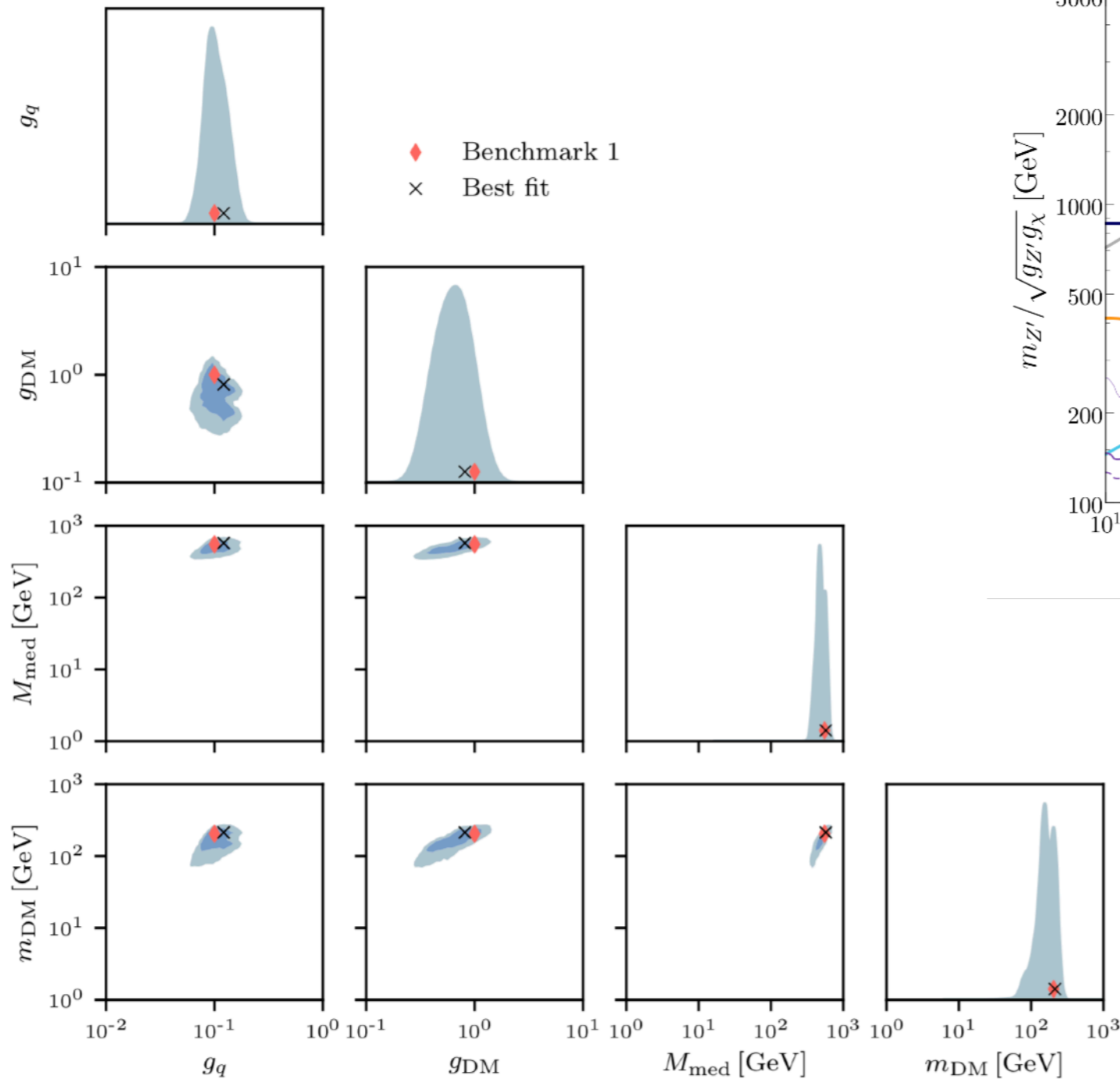
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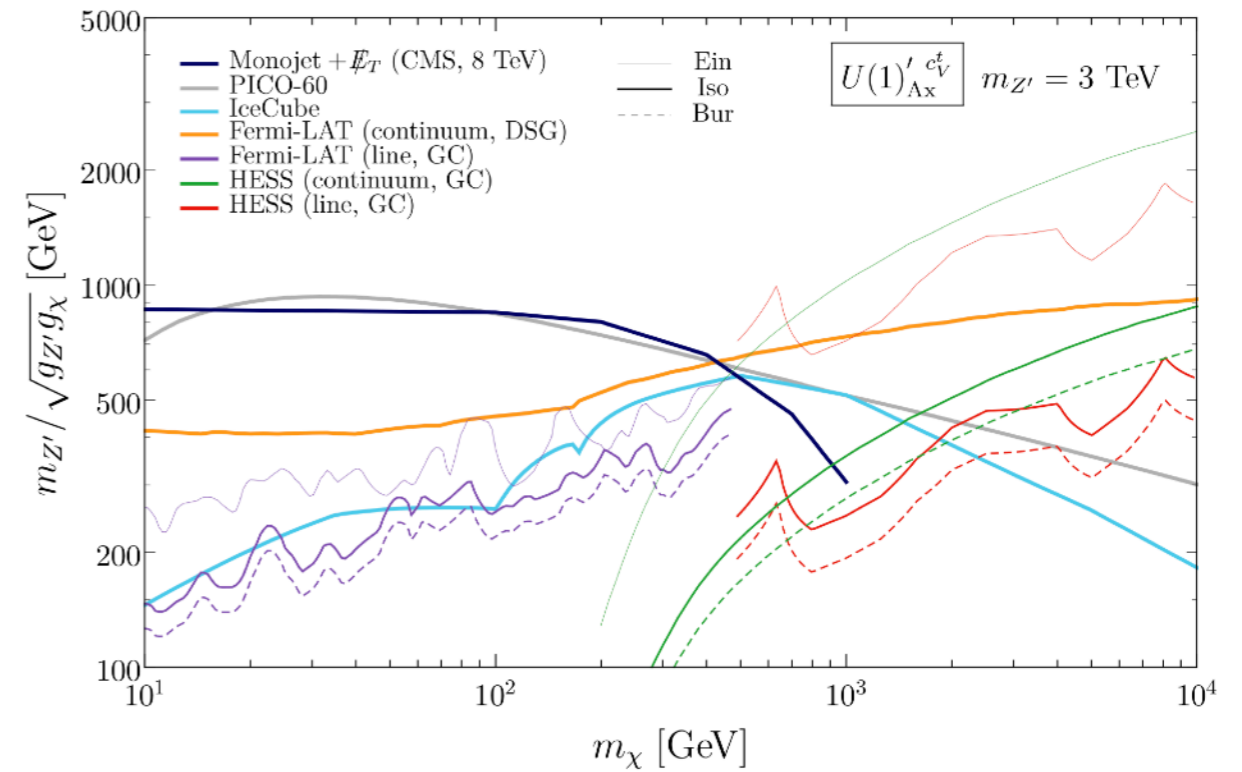
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Experimentally constraining Dark Matter (DM) can be difficult

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- No non-gravitational signal of DM present
- Many experiments producing data
- Huge landscape of acceptable models
- Not easy to currently accept or rule out particular models (maybe some MOND models with GWs)

Benchmark-free forecasting provides a global view of the parameter space

What do we want to **know**?

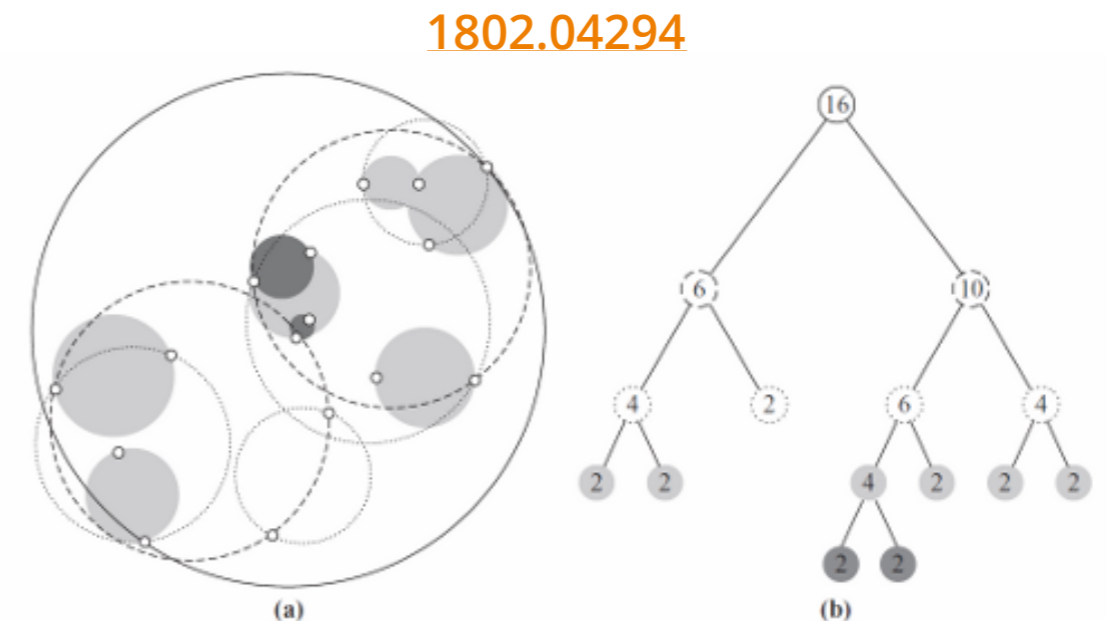
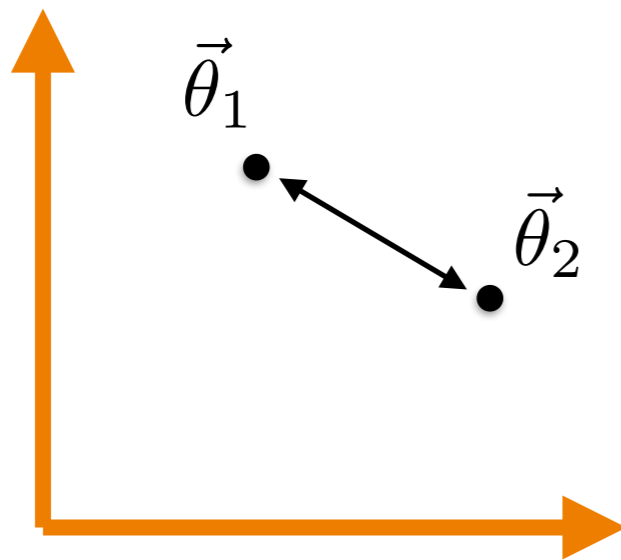
1. What are the optimal set of experiments to maximise the possibility of a DM discovery?
2. Once a discovery is made, what is the most constraining set of experiments i.e. how can we best test its particle nature?

Traditional Methods: We are limited to testing a number of “benchmark” scenarios

- Limitation is in computational time to compare points in the parameter space
- Distance between two points described by some form of **Test Statistic (TS)**
- Typically choose set of **well motivated** points

TABLE II: Discrimination power (in %) of a XENONnT-like experiment after 30 ton years of exposure.

m_χ σ_0 [cm ²]	100 GeV			1 TeV		
	10 ⁻⁴⁶	10 ⁻⁴⁷	10 ⁻⁴⁸	10 ⁻⁴⁵	10 ⁻⁴⁶	10 ⁻⁴⁷
$ \mathcal{F}_-^M ^2$	37	13	10	21	15	11
$q^2/4m_\chi^2 \mathcal{F}_+^M ^2$	100	59	14	100	71	15
$q^2/4m_\chi^2 \mathcal{F}_-^M ^2$	100	39	13	100	53	13
$q^4/m_N^4 \mathcal{F}_+^M ^2$	100	90	16	100	95	17
$q^4/m_N^4 \mathcal{F}_-^M ^2$	100	81	15	100	87	16
$ \mathcal{F}_\pi ^2$	89	23	12	98	28	12
$q^4/4m_N^4 \mathcal{F}_+^{\Phi''} ^2$	100	93	17	100	98	19
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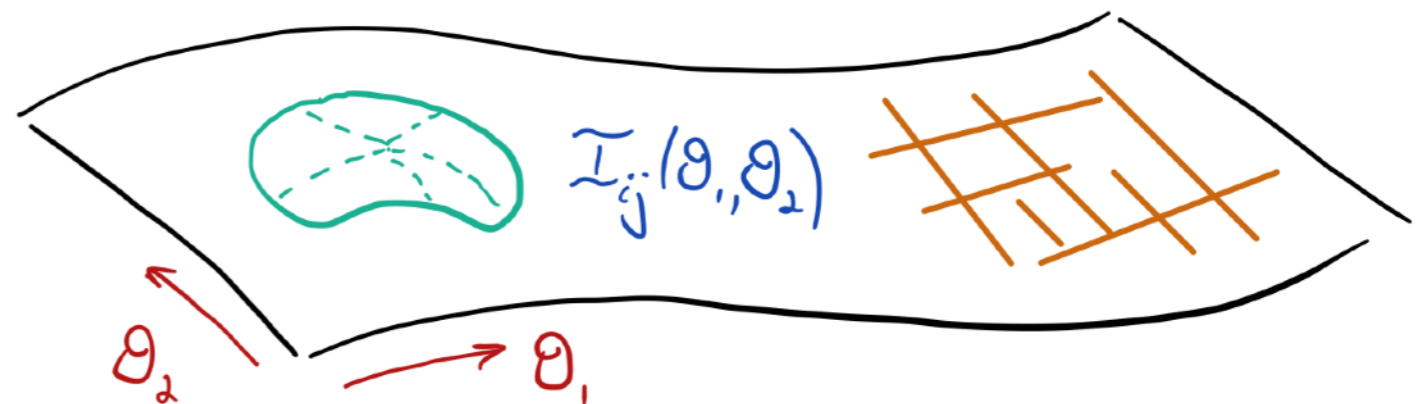
Difficulty comes from computing the likelihood ratio via Monte-Carlo

$$\text{TS}(\theta')_{\mathcal{D}(\theta)} \equiv -2 \ln \frac{\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}(\theta)|\theta')}{\max_{\theta''} \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}(\theta)|\theta'')} \simeq \left(\vec{\theta}_2 - \vec{\theta}_1 \right)^T \mathcal{I} \left(\vec{\theta}_2 - \vec{\theta}_1 \right) \simeq \|x(\theta) - x(\theta')\|^2$$

- The **Fisher Information** then acts a metric on the space of model parameters
- Only **locally true**, higher order corrections become important for larger distances
- Euclideanized signal translates distance metric in model **parameter** space to the **signal** space

Parameter Space

Signal Space



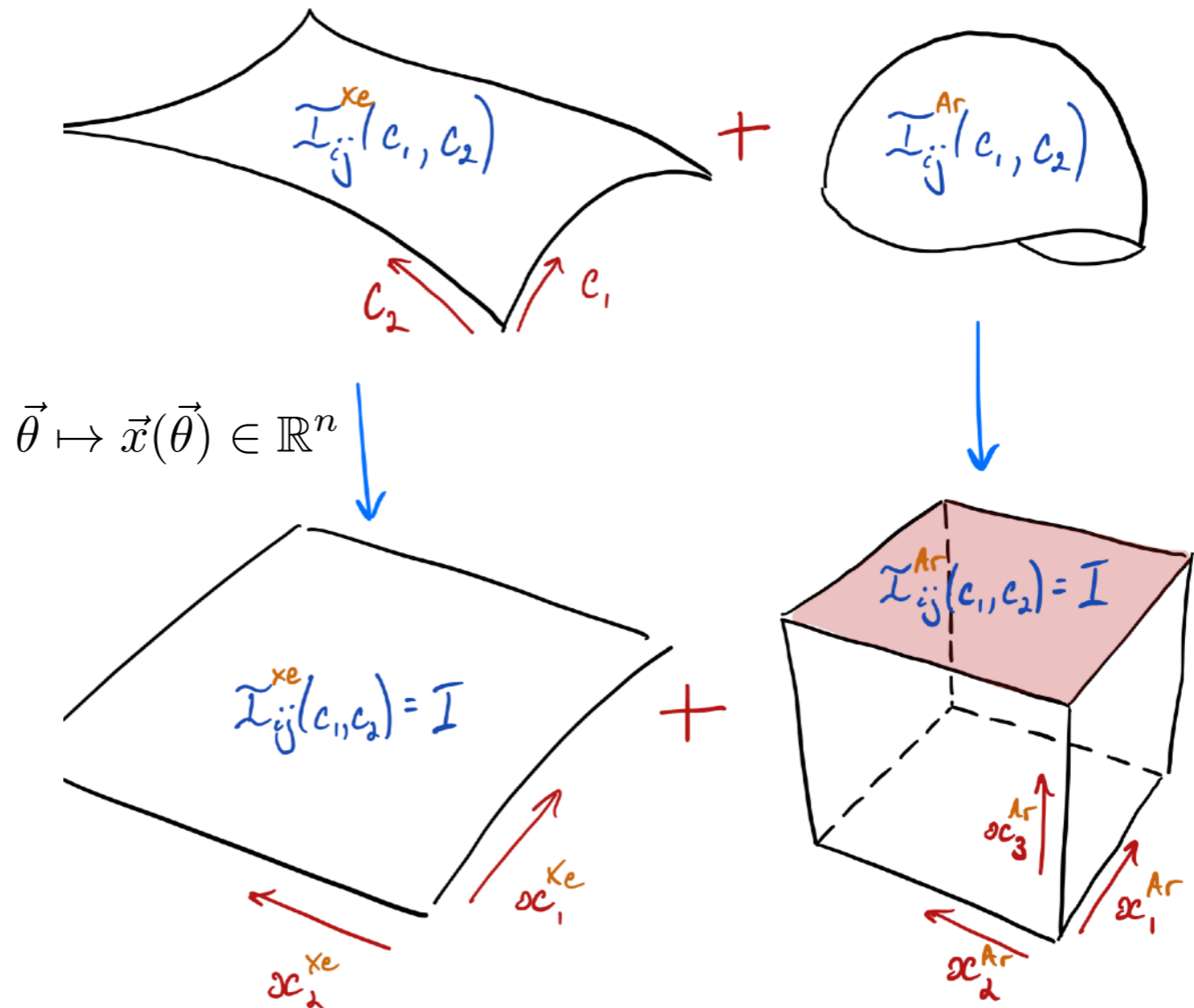
Fast computation can be achieved through Euclideanized Signals

D_{ij} - Signal and background covariance matrix (plus poisson noise)

S_i - Signal in the i th bin

E_i - Exposure in the i th bin

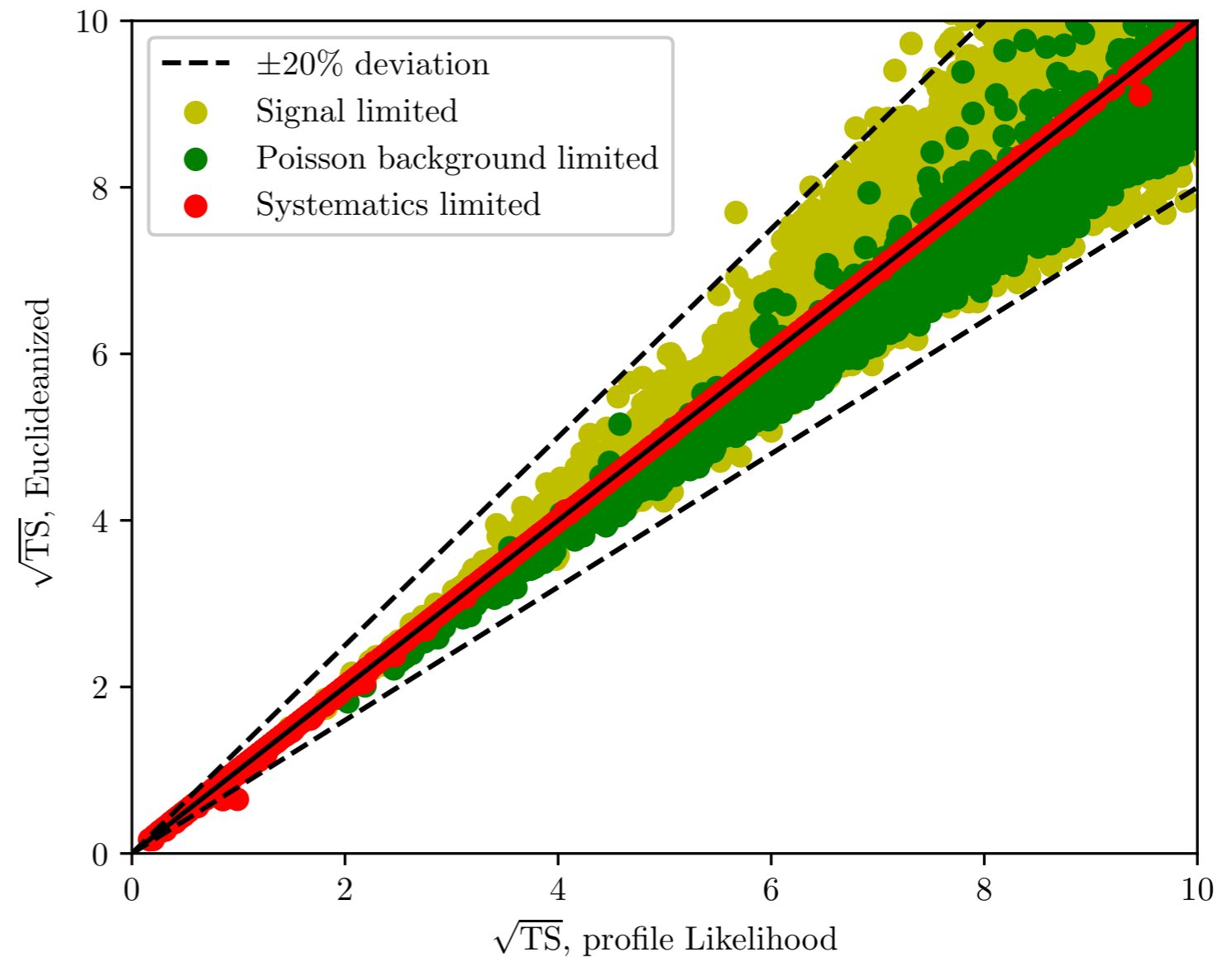
$R = 0.1$ - Fudge factor to deal with both signal dominated + signal limited regimes



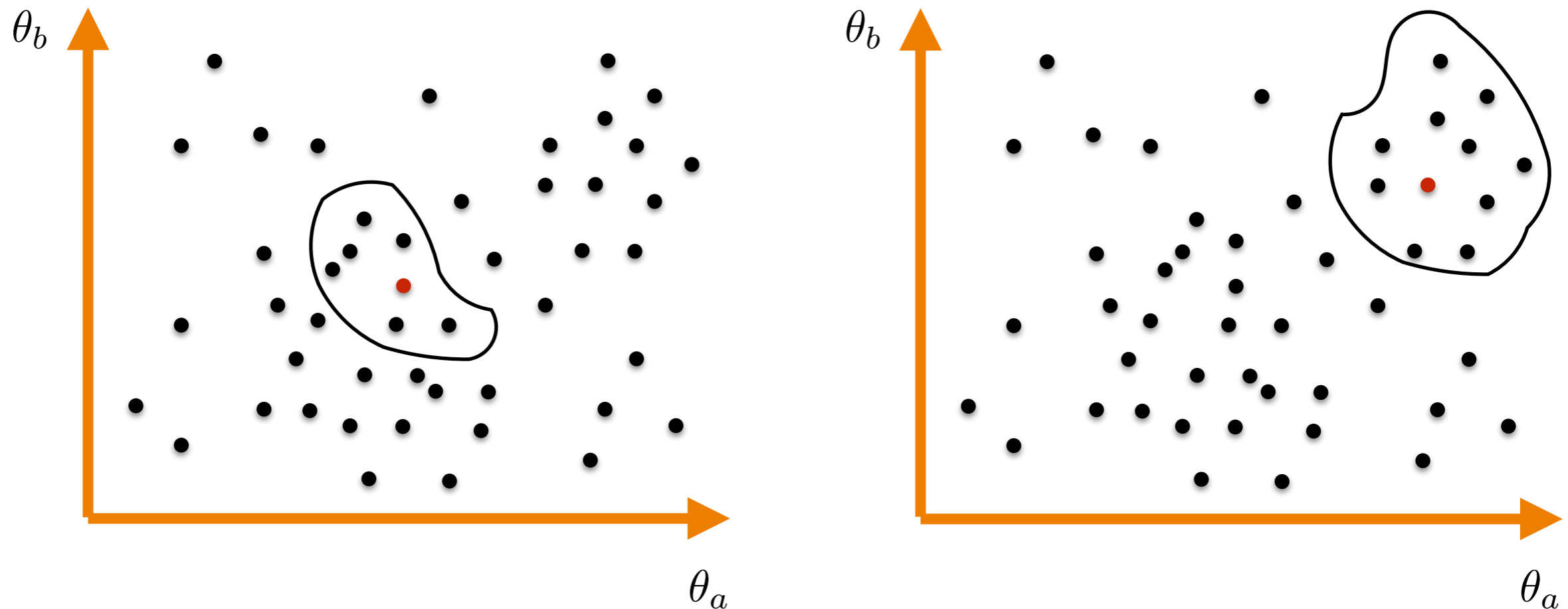
$$x_i \equiv \left(\sum_j (D^{-1/2})_{ij} S_j E_j \right) \left(1 + \frac{R \cdot S_i}{R \cdot S_i + B_i + K_{ii} E_i} \right)$$

Euclideanized signals approximately match the standard log-likelihood ratio test statistic

- Approximation tested by considering a large number of **random** models (illustrated with 3 bins)
- Background kept constant whilst covariance function and signal randomly generated
- Flat exposure used:
 - *Signal limited*: No covariance and high signal to noise
 - *Systematics limited*: Low signal to noise with high covariance
 - *Poisson limited*: Low signal to noise with no covariance

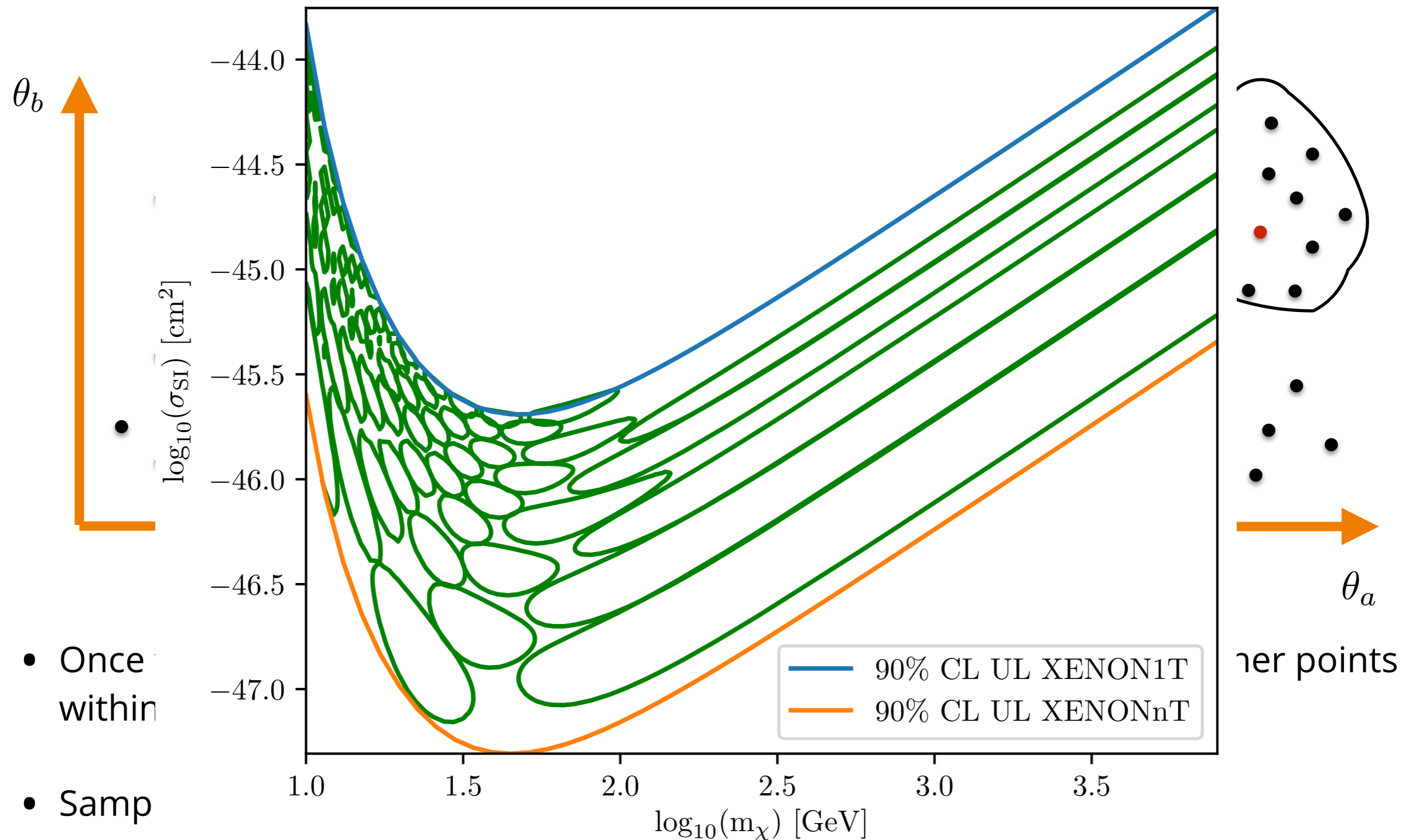


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- Once the BallTree is constructed, simply select a point and call for all other points within the required distance
- Sampling must be high - approximately 10 points per 1-sigma region

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We can now perform the pairwise comparison of many points. What questions can we answer?

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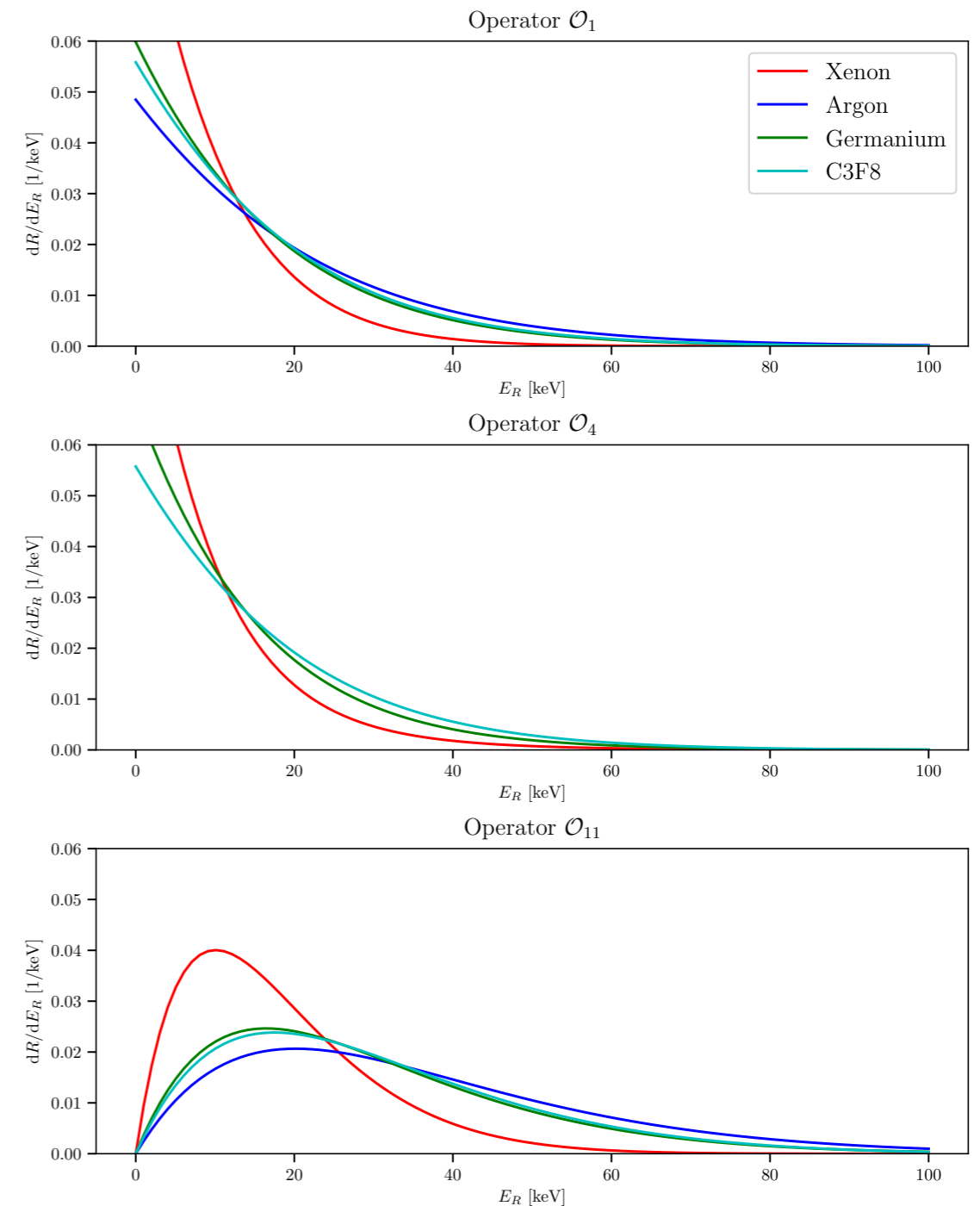
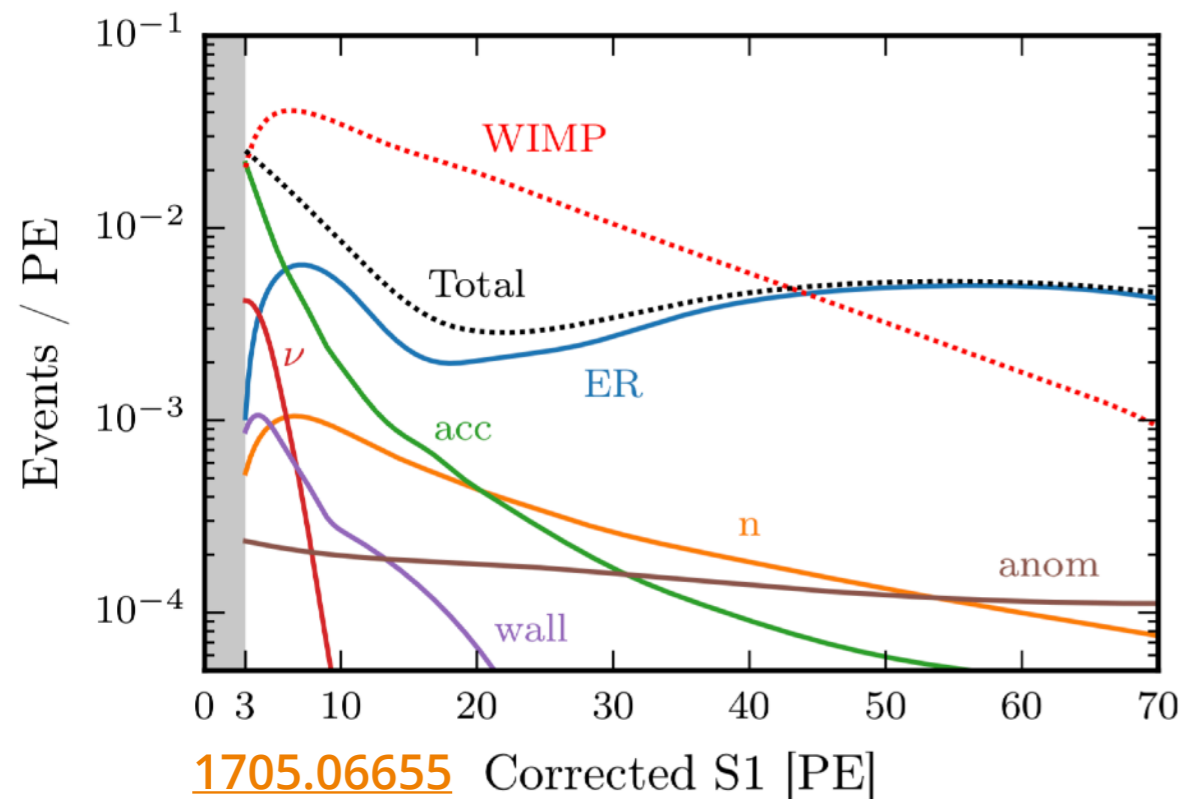
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Case Study: Non-Relativistic Effective Field Theory for Direct Detection Experiments

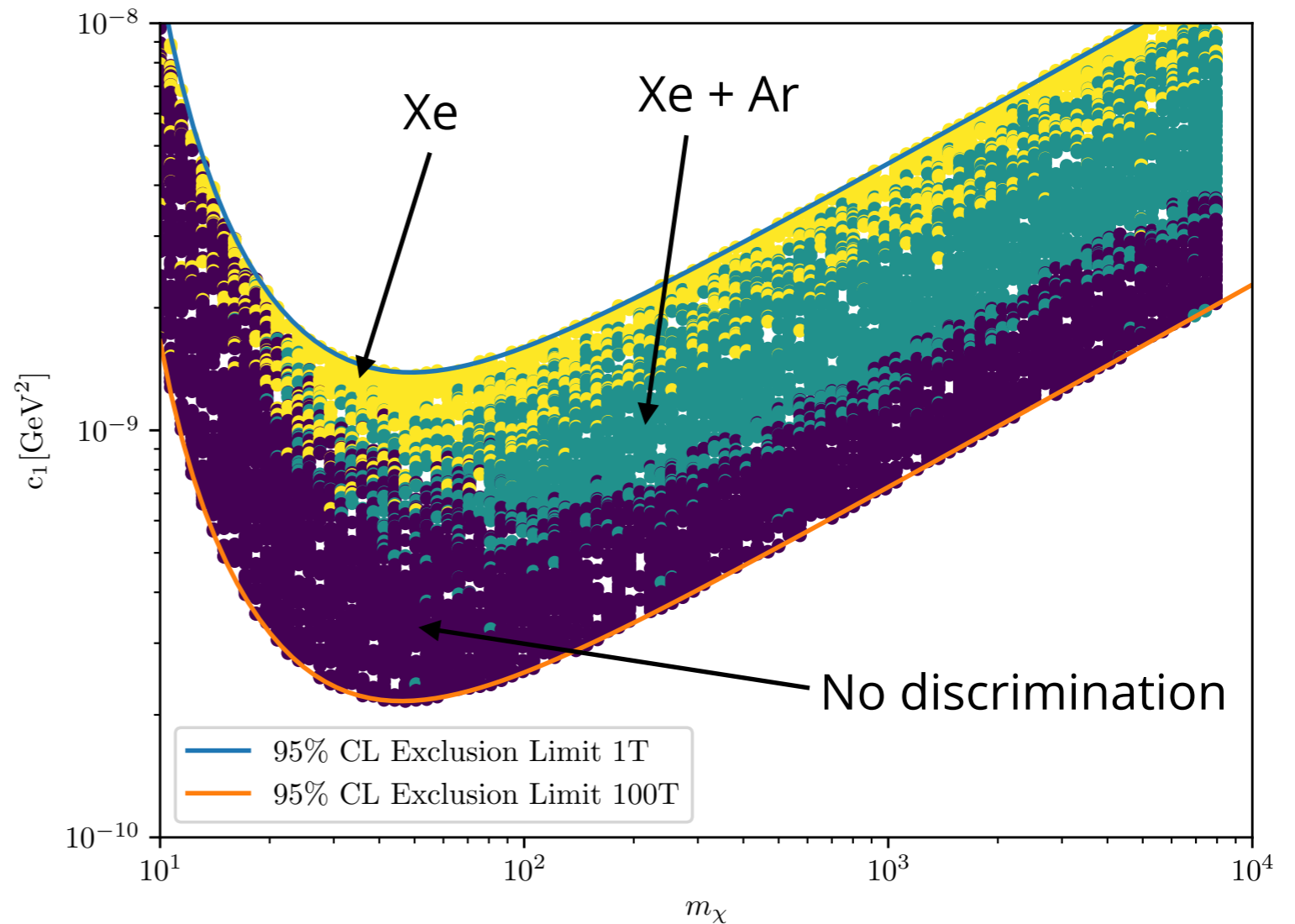
Experimental Setup: We use **XENON-nT** and *DarkSide20k* like detector setup

Considered interactions: We consider operators 1 (spin-independent), 4 (spin-dependent), and 11 as well as magnetic dipole and millicharge DM models



Benchmark-free statements can be made performing a series of simple look ups

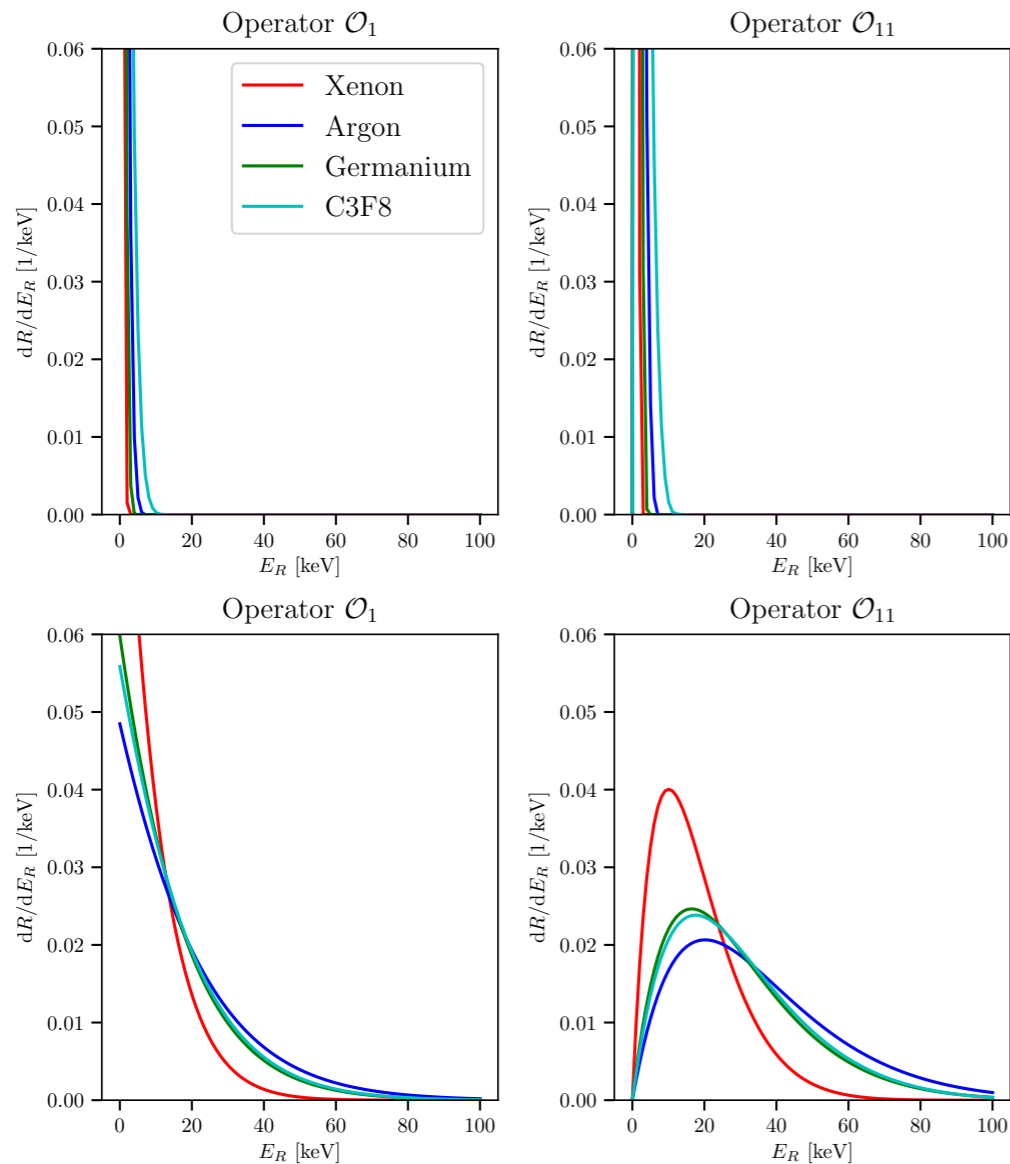
1. Sample a large number of points
2. Euclideanize the signals according to the **detector specifications**
3. Construct BallTree to perform fast distance calculations
4. For each point of model M, check if there is a point in model S within the **specified significance**



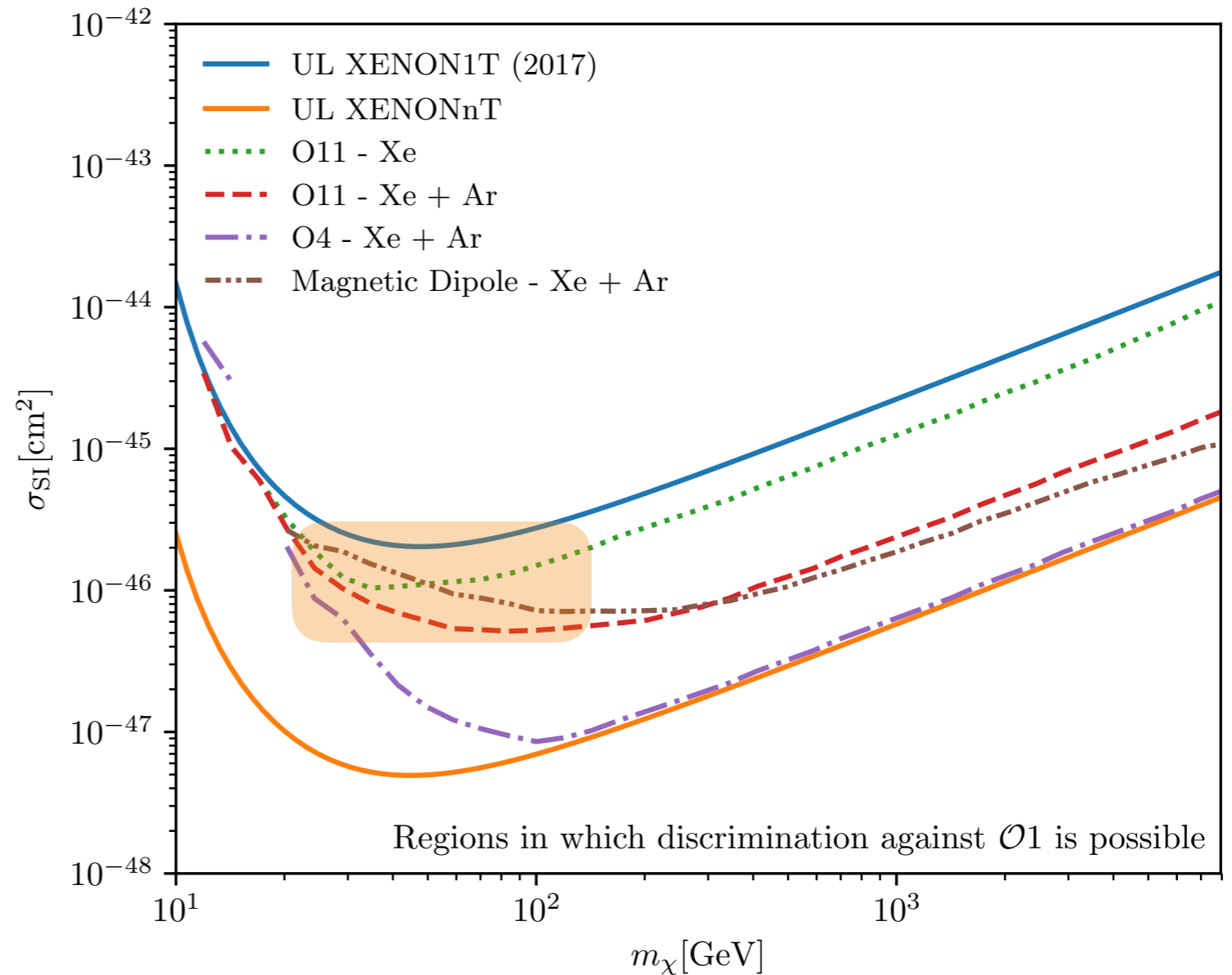
$$-2 \ln \max_{\vec{\theta}' \in \Omega_S} \frac{\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}(\vec{\theta}) | \vec{\theta}')}{\max_{\vec{\theta}} \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}(\vec{\theta}) | \vec{\theta}')} \simeq \min_{\vec{\theta}' \in \Omega_S} \|\vec{x}(\vec{\theta}) - \vec{x}(\vec{\theta}')\|^2$$

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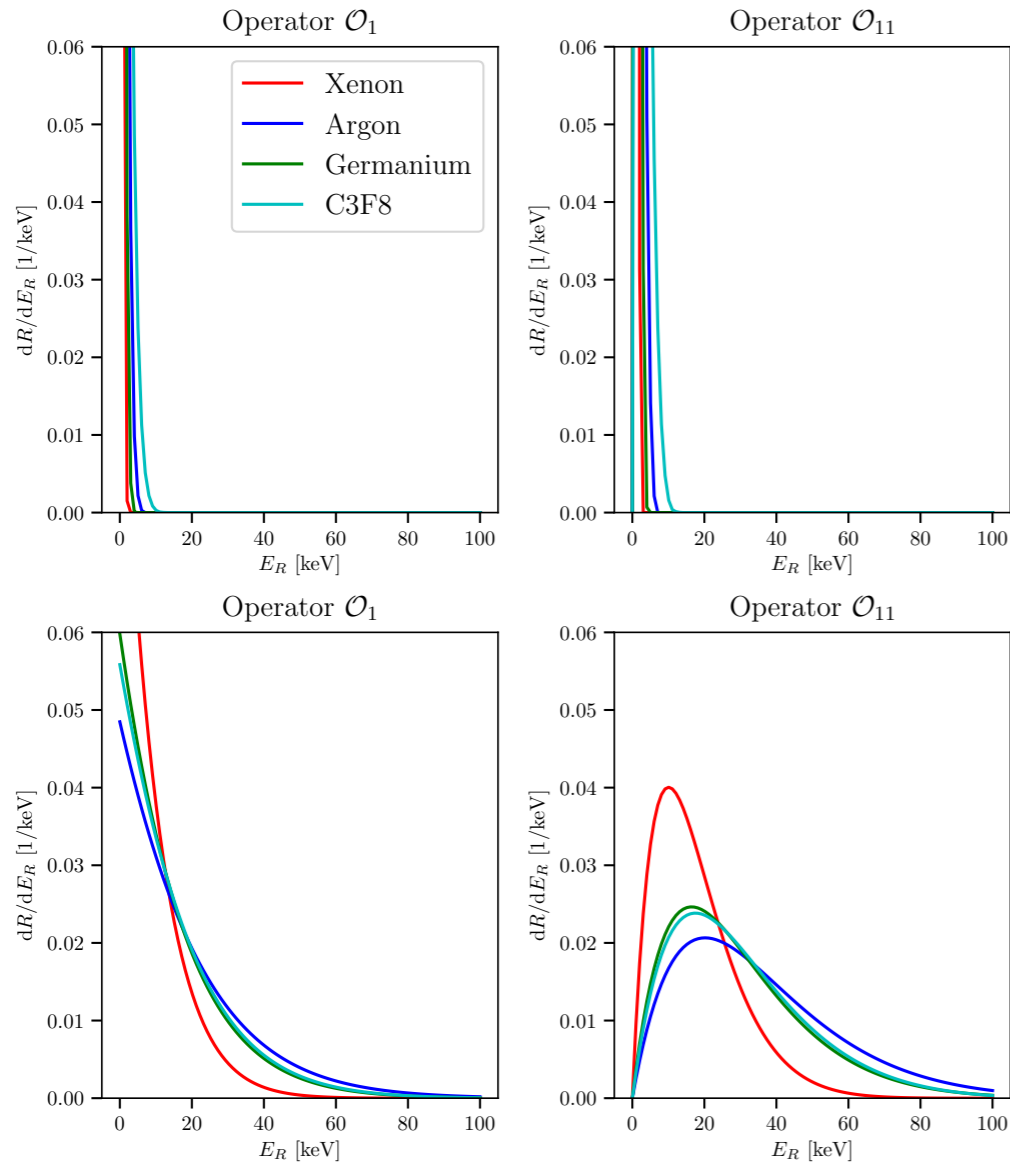
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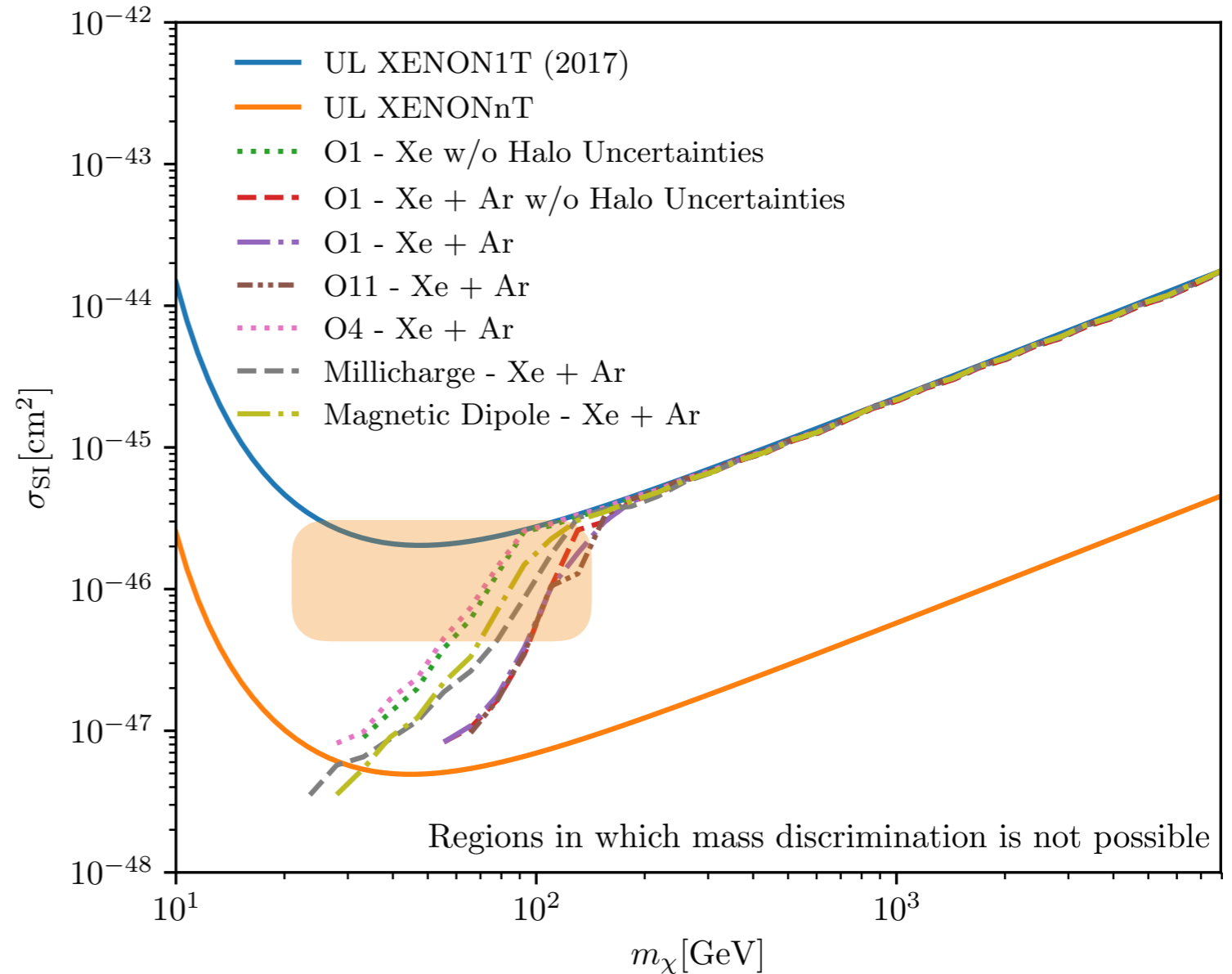
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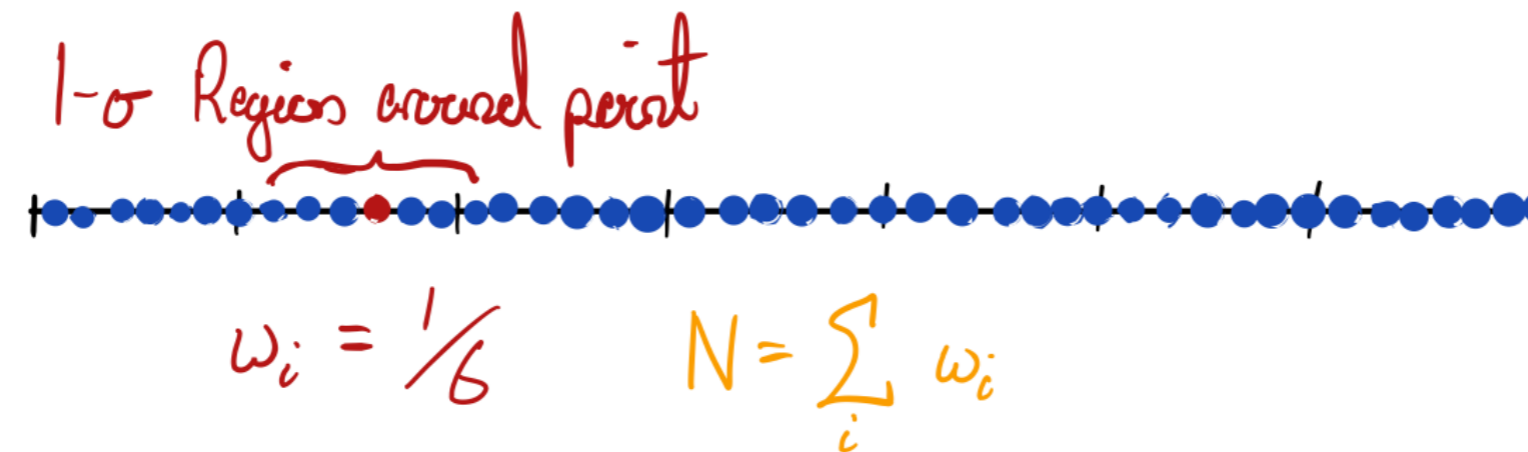


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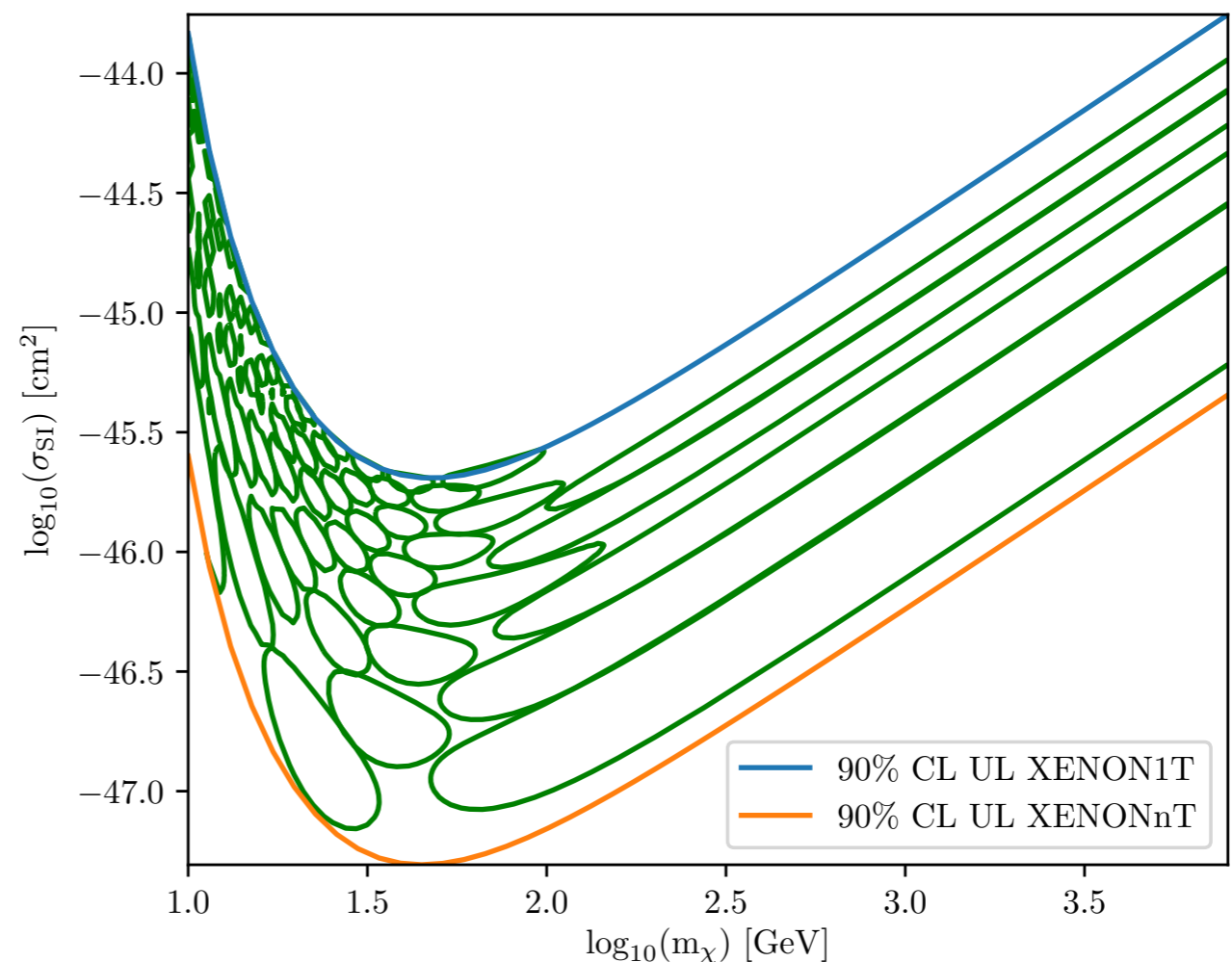
- In one dimension it is simple to estimate the number of one sigma regions
- Simply count the number of points within each one sigma of each point and sum over the inverse of this number, w_i

Quantifying Signal Diversity using approximate “tiling” of 2-sigma discriminable regions

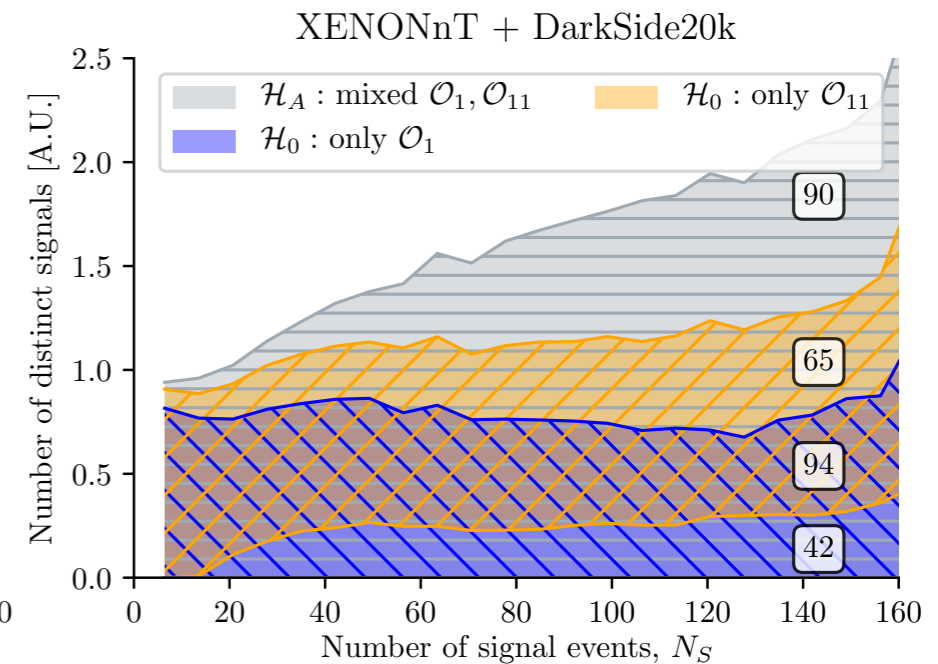
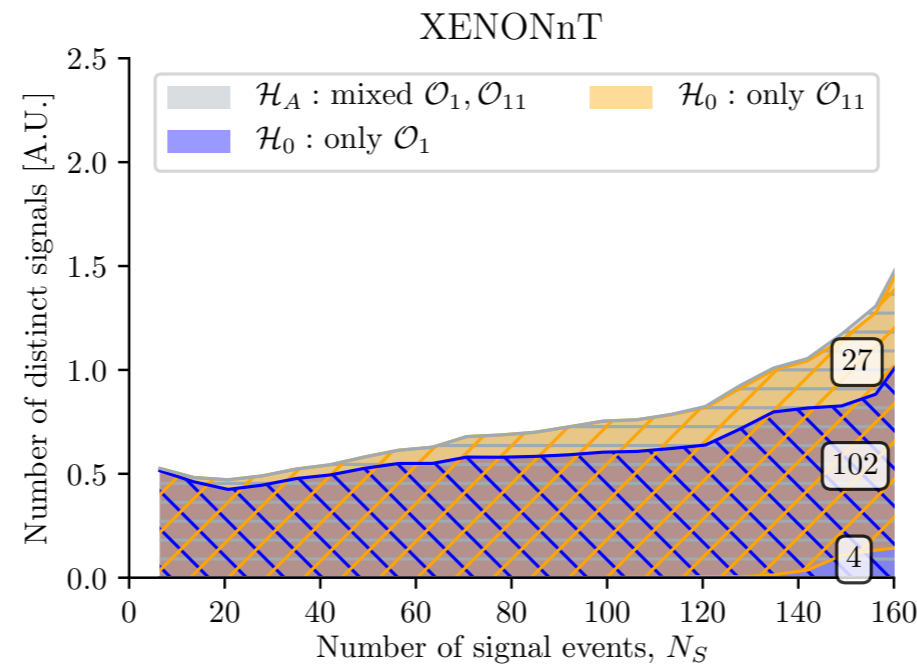
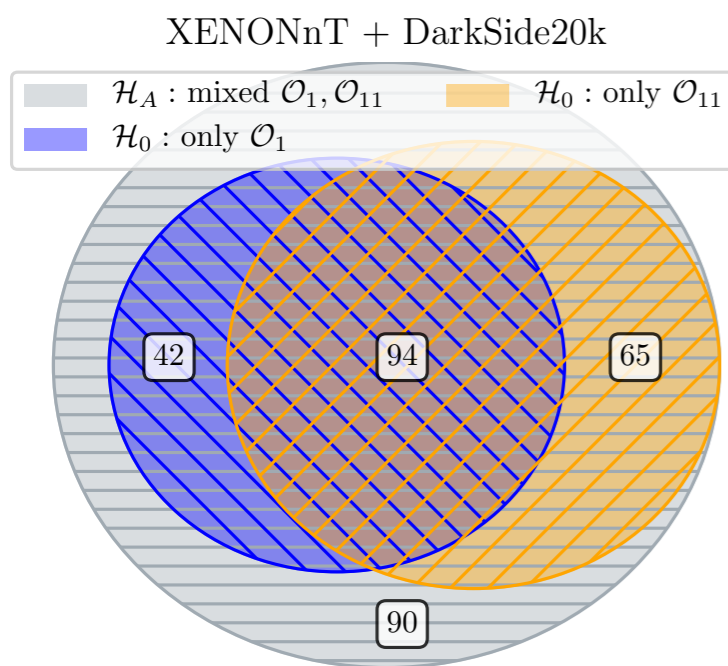
1. Sample the model parameter space. The sampling must be fine enough such that there are more than **10 points within every confidence contour**
2. **Euclideanize** the signals using experimental parameters such that each parameter point has an associated new vector x .
3. The radius of any confidence contour is defined by r . Calculate the number of points within r to give w_i
4. The **volume** is then approximated by v . c_{ff} is the filling factor of hypersphere

$$r_\alpha(\mathcal{M}) = \sqrt{\chi_{k=d, \text{ISF}}^2(1 - \alpha)}$$

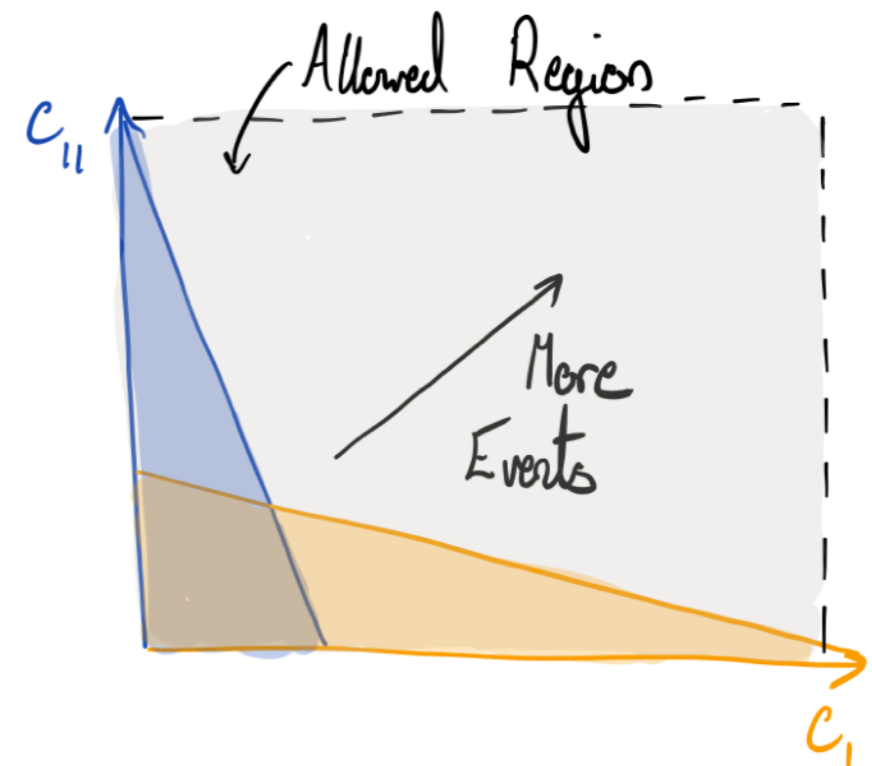
$$v_{\mathcal{M}, X}^\alpha(\Omega_{\mathcal{M}}) = c_{ff} \sum_i w_i$$



Infometric Venn Diagrams: Visualisation of the degeneracy breaking abilities of future experiments



- An argon detector adds **significant** degeneracy breaking abilities
- Venn diagrams present an easy way to see the number of **2-sigma discriminable areas**



Conclusion

- The **pairwise comparison** of points in can be made highly efficient using modern clustering algorithms
- **Euclideanized signals** are a good approximation to the TS allowing for **benchmark-free forecasting** statements
- Both **mass reconstruction** and **operator discrimination** is only possible in a small part of the parameter space for near future Xenon and Argon Direct Detection Experiments
- **Venn diagrams** provide an extremely useful and general visualisation of the degeneracy breaking abilities of experiments