

Is the WIMP Paradigm going strong?

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New Scientist, 16 August 2014: *Hinchliffe has asserted that whenever the **title of a paper is a question** with a yes/no answer, **the answer is always no**. This paper demonstrates that Hinchliffe's assertion is false, but only if it is true.*

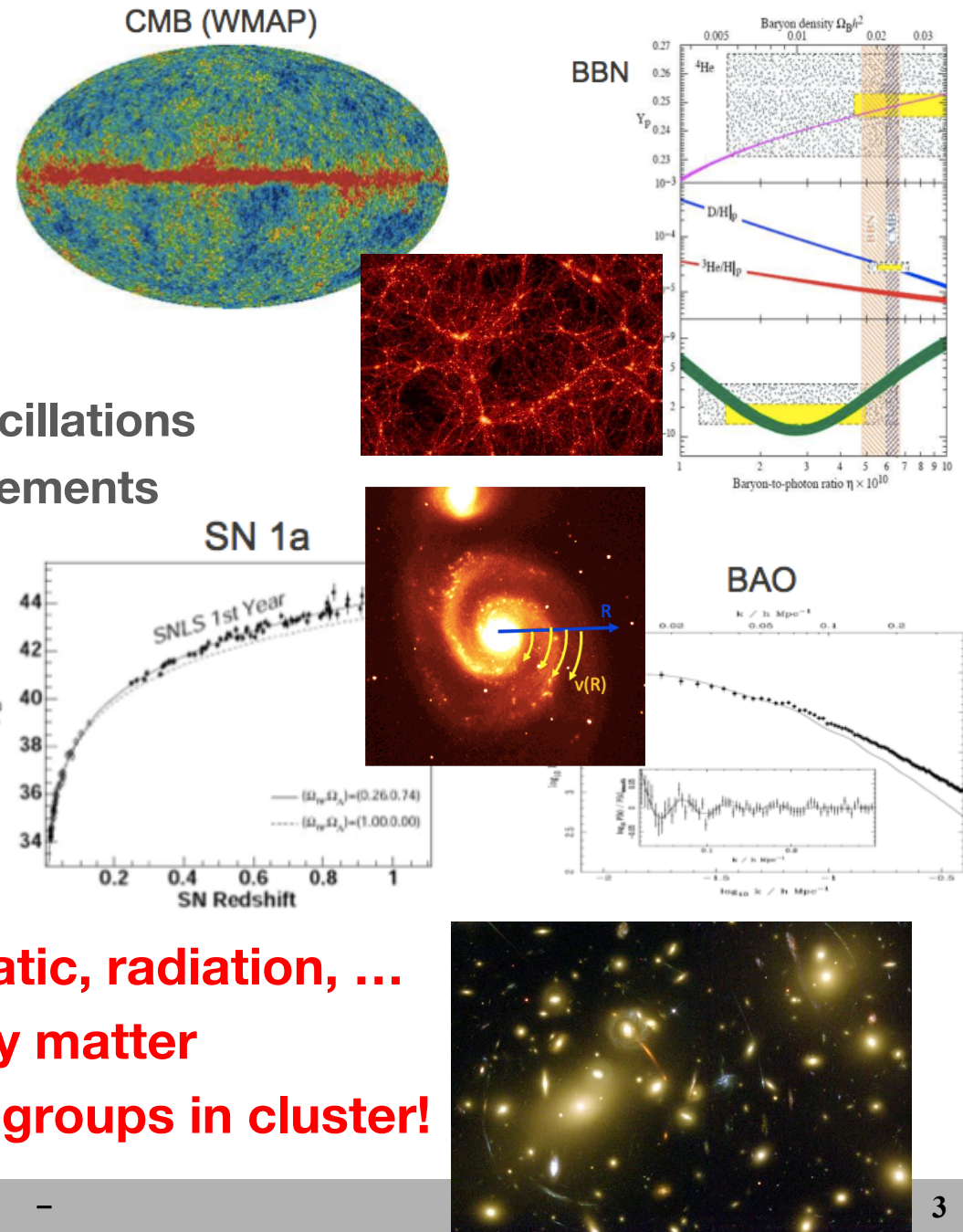


...but we have many ideas
and Nature does not always
realize them.
BSM, ν 's, DM, DE,...

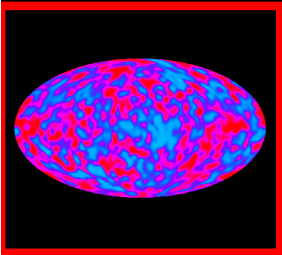
A long List of Evidences for Dark Matter...

- + Galactic rotation curves
- + Galaxy clusters & GR lensing
- + Bullet Cluster
- + Velocity dispersions of galaxies
- + Cosmic microwave background
- + Sky Surveys and Baryon Acoustic Oscillations
- + Type Ia supernovae distance measurements
- + Big Bang Nucleosynthesis (BBN)
- + Lyman-alpha forest
- + Structure formation
- + ...

- strong evidence for a large dark sector
- evidences: GR-dynamic, GR-static, radiation, ...
- cannot be explained by ordinary matter
- strong astronomy / cosmology groups in cluster!



The cosmic Matter Balance



radiation:
0.005%



chemical elements:
(not H & He) **0.025%**



neutrinos = CvB:
0.17%



stars:
0.8%

Important questions:
→ only one component?
→ new particles or gravity?
→ which new particles?
→ connections to other topics?
→ ...



H & He:
gas 4%



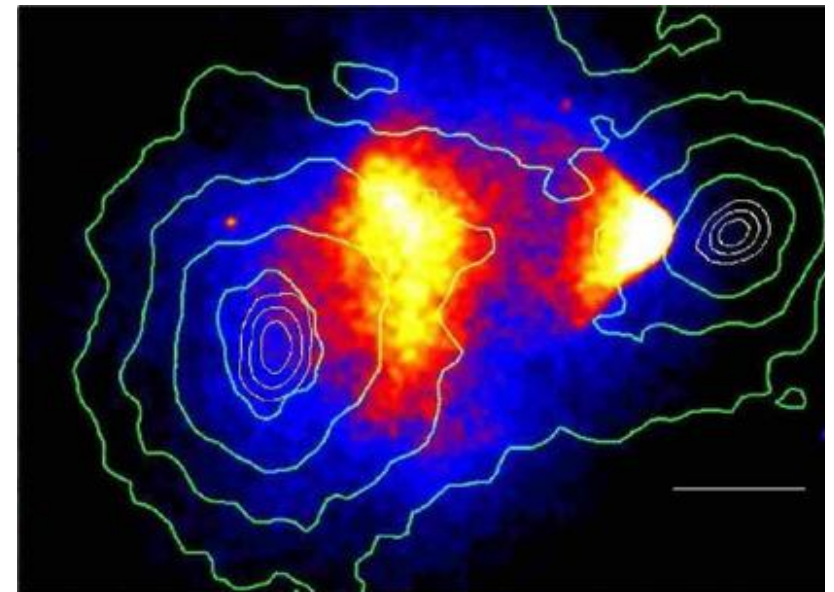
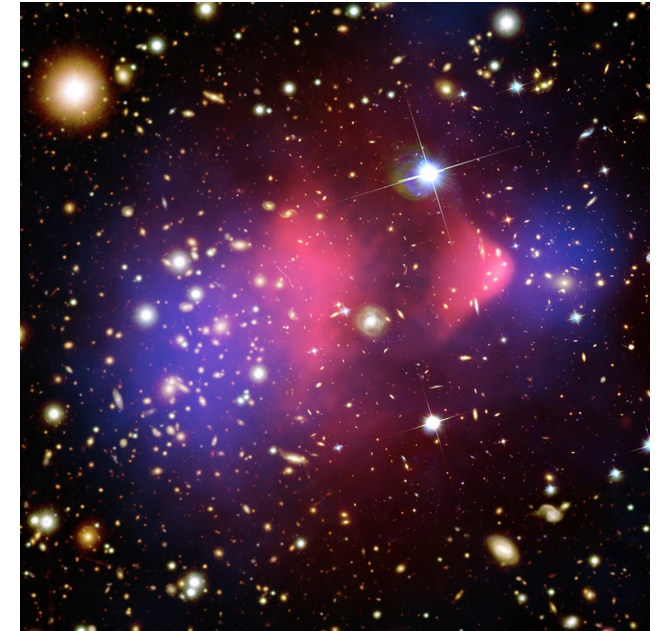
dark matter: 26.8%
→ **something invisible**
in addition to CvB



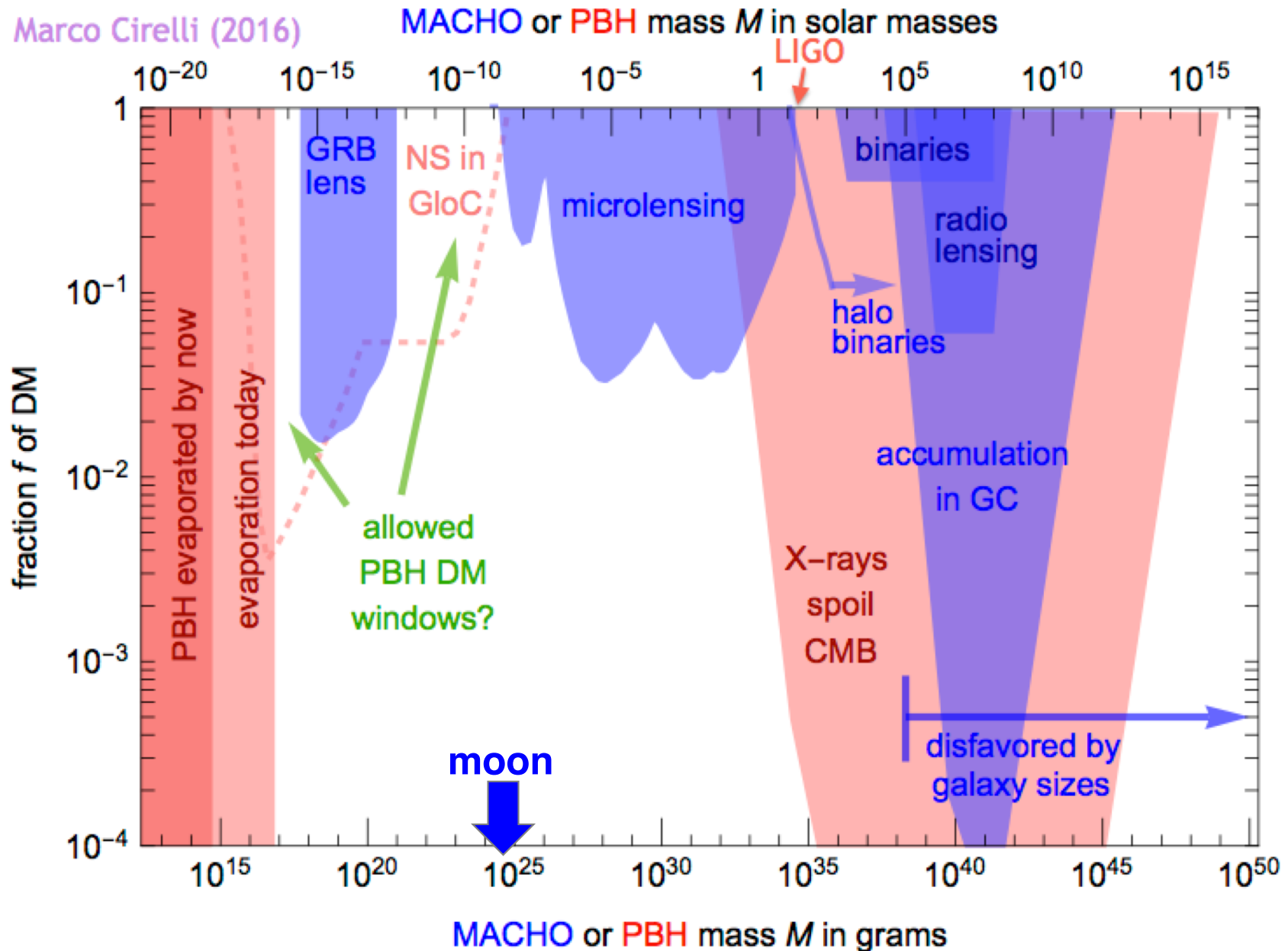
dark energy: 68.3%

Is it Particles?

- **bullet cluster (1E 0657-56)**
 - colliding galaxy clusters
 - = stars, gas, DM ; up to 10^6 km/h
 - x-rays from charged particle interactions
 - Dark Matter just traverses w/o scattering
 - displacement of visible matter and GR potential = all matter ($\sim 8\sigma$)
- **Shows that normal particles scatter, but NOT that DM is particles**
- **What is needed:**
 - gravitates \leftrightarrow mass
 - non-baryonic
 - SM neutral
 - no or very limited self-interaction
 - no coupling to massive particle
 - stable or long lived



Black Holes as Dark Matter



Competing Dark Matter Directions

Gravity

MOND

a simple one
scale
modification
→ fails badly

Other

new GR
modifications

or

a suitable
population
(mass,
number) of
black holes

Particles

BSM physics motivated by SM problems

- WIMPs
(neutralinos)
- axions
- sterile ν 's
- ...

Models with correct abundance

- WIMPs
- dark photons
- ALPs
- other new
particles

WIMPs combine both
aspects in an attractive
way: **BSM + abundance**

WIMPs seem best motivated: WIMP Miracle

- WIMPs with masses $O(100 \text{ GeV}) \leftrightarrow$ many BSM models \leftrightarrow HP

- miracle: \simeq correct abundance:

- 1) Assume a new (heavy) particle χ is initially in thermal equilibrium:



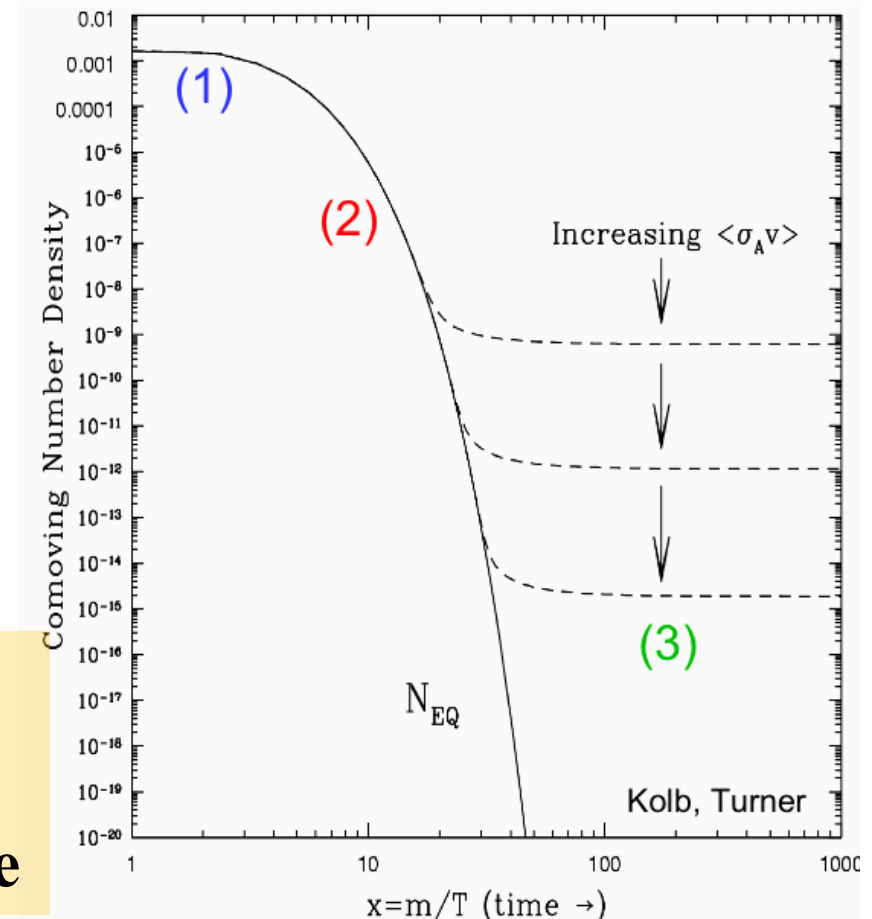
- 2) Universe cools:



- 1) “freeze out”



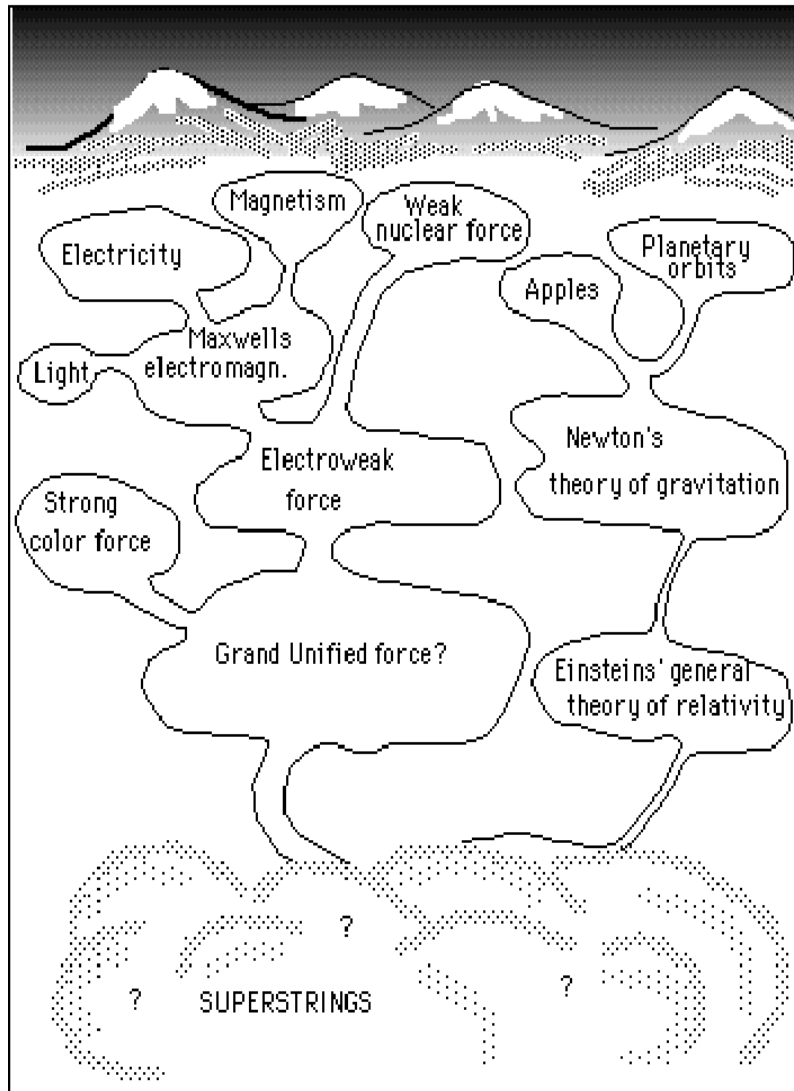
- amount of DM $\sim (\text{x-section})^{-1}$
- natural x-section $\sim 1/\text{m}^2$
 \rightarrow correct abundance from EW scale



\rightarrow remarkable coincidence: $\Omega_{\text{DM}} \sim 0.2$ for $m_{\text{WIMP}} \sim 500\text{-}1000 \text{ GeV}$

\rightarrow BSM AND abundance point in the same direction

Reasons to go Beyond the Standard Model



Theoretical:

SM does not exist without cutoff
(triviality, vacuum stability)

Gauge hierarchy problem

Gauge unification, charge quantization

Strong CP problem

Unification with gravity

Global symmetries & GR anomalies

**Why: 3 generations, representations, $d=4$,
many parameters (flavour problem)**

Experimental facts:

- **Electro-weak scale \ll Planck scale**
- **Gauge couplings almost unify**
- **Neutrino masses & large mixings**
- **Flavour: Patterns of masses & mixings**
- **Baryon asymmetry of the Universe**
- **Dark Matter**
- **Inflation**
- **Dark Energy**

Back to the Roots: The Standard Model

→ success of renormalizable local quantum field theories in $d=4$

QED → QCD → SM
 $U(1)_{em}$ $SU(3)_C$ $SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$

Symmetry, renormalizability, no anomalies

→ particle content (representations)

gauge sector – fixed by gauge group

scalar sector – must break EW symmetry, $\sim 2_L$

fermions – anomaly free combinations

- various conceptual ingredients = questions:

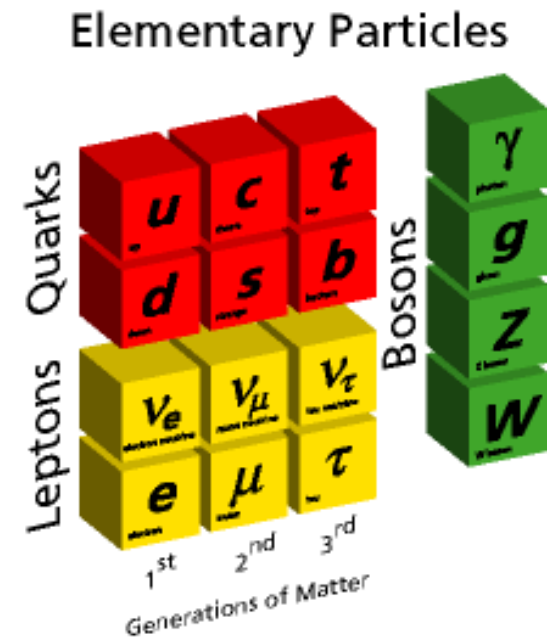
quantum fields

chiral fermions, anomaly free combinations

gauge group, $d=4$, three generations = copies

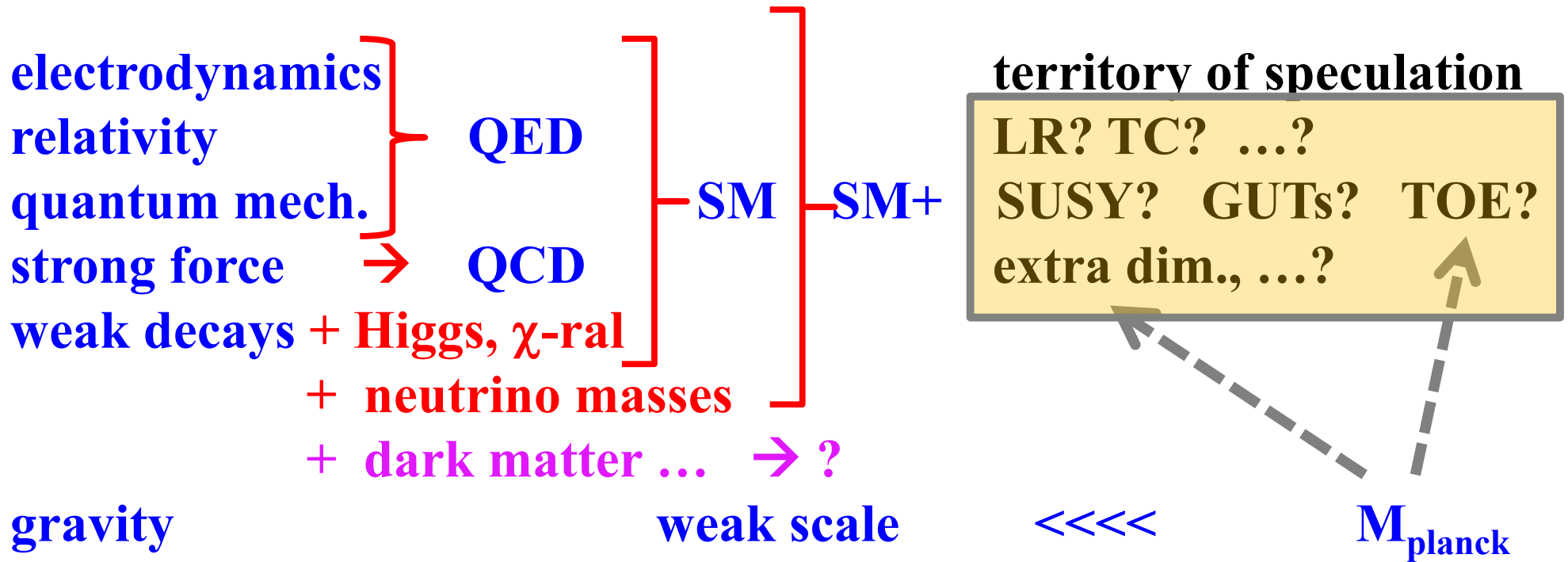
- many unexplained parameters...

... but it works extremely well and avoids per se many problems...



Extending the SM

ways to extend: more fields, new gauge groups, SUSY, $d > 4$, ...

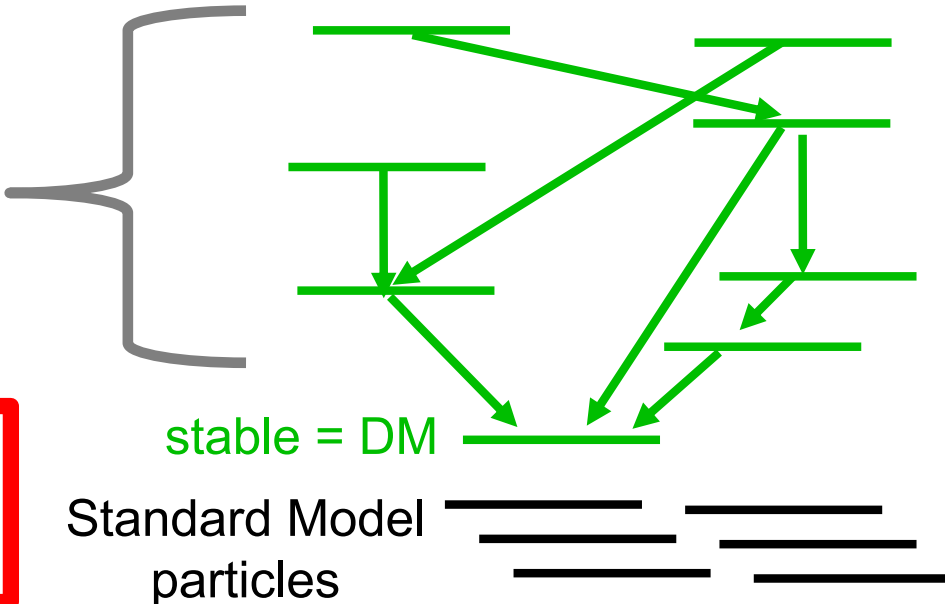
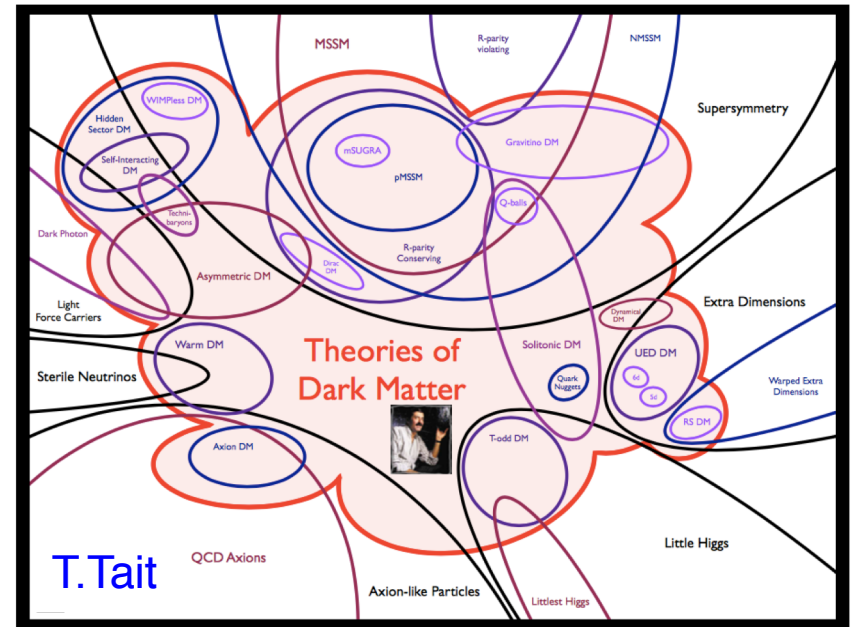


Nevertheless very important lessons:

- SM (+neutrino masses) works perfectly
- triumph of concepts (QFT, symmetries, precision)
- ☺ Higgs discovered \leftrightarrow particle masses
- ☹ nothing else (so far...) \leftrightarrow ☺ quantum structure of SM
- things may be different than expected: ν ' DM, ...
- experimental facts trigger (enforce!) new ideas

DM motivated Extensions have other Consequences

- More particles...
- All existing particles **produced in Big Bang** and later (decays, ...)
- Some particles may be stable
- Very long-lived due to **small parameters** → natural?
- Effects of unstable states +/-
 - on the early Universe
 - on collider physics

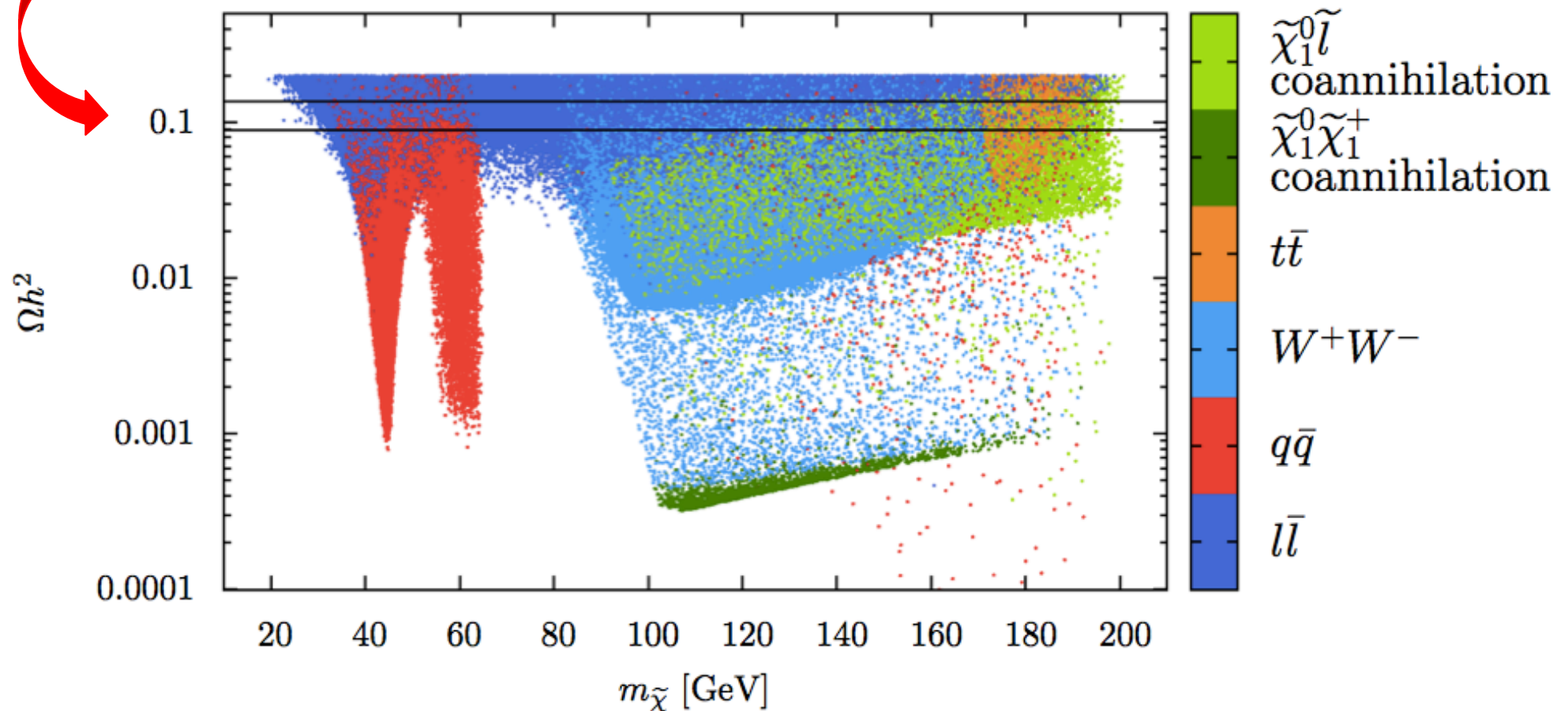


Warning: Your DM model may affect many other known things!

Hierarchy Problem \rightarrow MSSM \rightarrow Vanilla WIMP

- LSP=Neutralino \rightarrow WIMP miracle \rightarrow correct abundance

Scan parameter space for different annihilation channels $\rightarrow \Omega h^2$
Note: we will not argue for equal probability in parameter space!

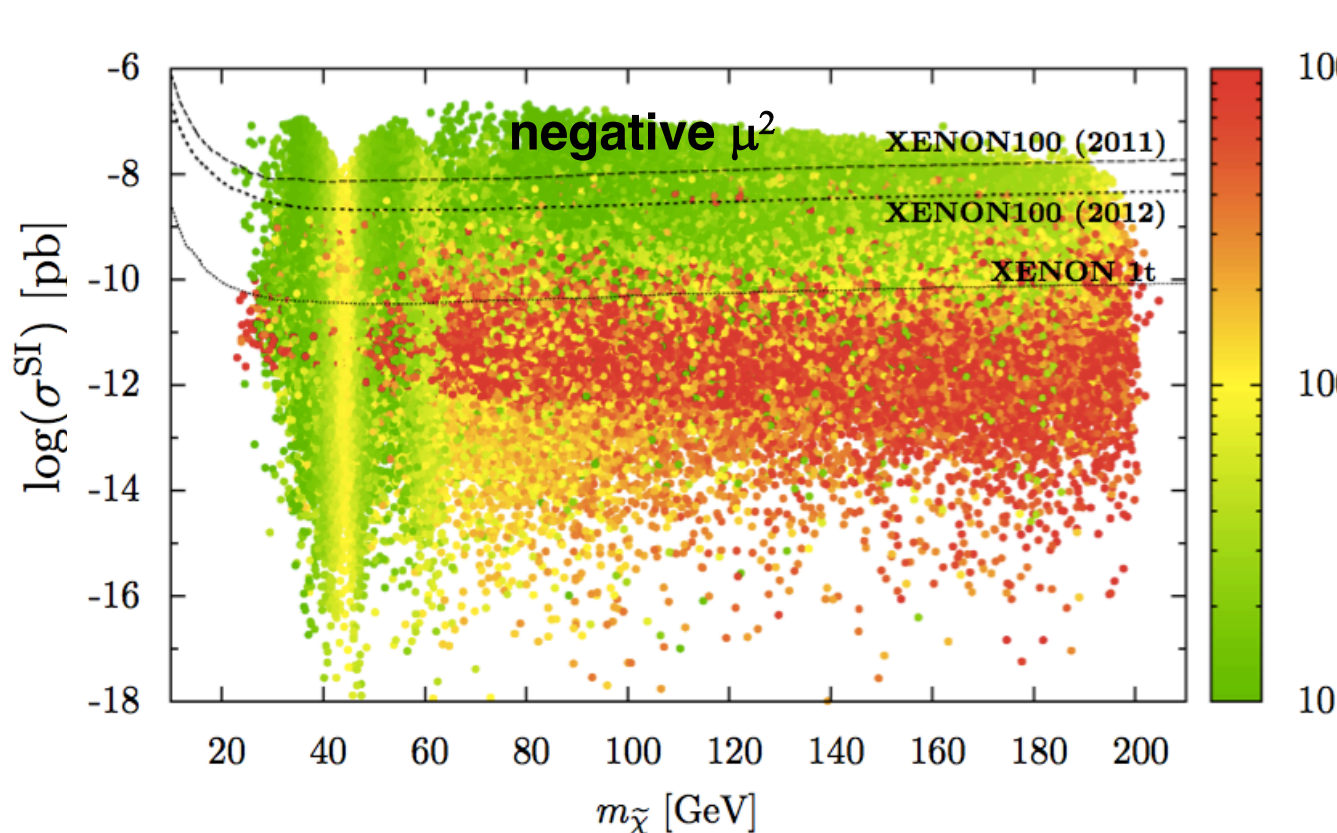


\rightarrow Select correct range of $\Omega h^2 \rightarrow$ constrains parameter ranges

How fine-tuned are the parameters?

- MSSM neutralino: Level of fine-tuning $\rightarrow \Delta_{\text{tot}}$**

$$\Delta p_i \equiv \left| \frac{p_i}{M_Z^2} \frac{\partial M_Z^2(p_i)}{\partial p_i} \right| = \left| \frac{\partial \ln M_Z^2(p_i)}{\partial \ln p_i} \right| \quad \Delta_{\text{tot}} \equiv \sqrt{\sum_{p_i=\mu^2, b, m_{H_u}^2, m_{H_d}^2} \{\Delta p_i\}^2}$$



- \rightarrow XENON100-2010
- \rightarrow XENON100-2012
- \rightarrow XENON1T

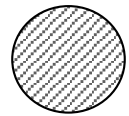
- XENON100 cuts already into expected space**
- XENON1T covers a much larger part**
- * XENONnT covers most**
 - \rightarrow high potential
 - \rightarrow be first!

LMSSM: x-section down

Grothaus, ML, Takanishi: full MSSM, not CMSSM, pMSSM, NMSSM... \leftrightarrow WIMP miracle?

Generic WIMP Cross Section

- **Quantum mechanics: wavelength $\lambda \sim 1/\text{mass}$**



“size = area” of a particle: $\pi\lambda^2 = \pi/m^2$

→ **cross section: area \times coupling strength**

$$\sigma \sim \underbrace{\mathbf{O(0.001-1.0)^2}}_{\text{model parameters}} \underbrace{\mathbf{g_2^2}}_{\text{some weak coupling}} \underbrace{\mathbf{\pi/m^2}}_{\text{area}}$$

or tuning, symmetry, ...

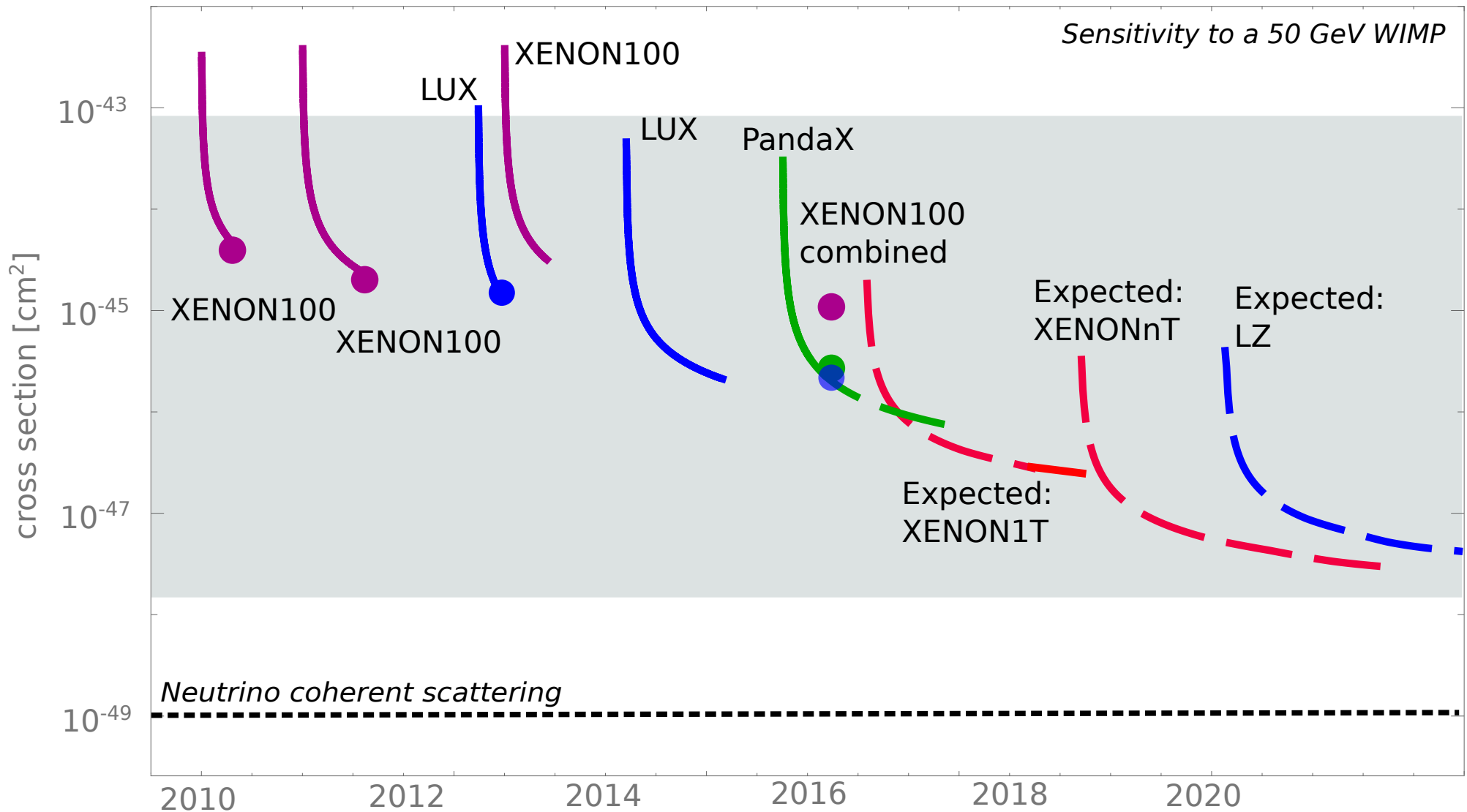
\leftrightarrow abundance

→ natural range for a 50GeV WIMP: $\sigma \sim 10^{-42} - 10^{-48} \text{ cm}^2$

known amount of DM → ~WIMP flux → rate@direct.det.

→ **we know size/sensitivity of a detector which can cover the most interesting natural WIMP space**

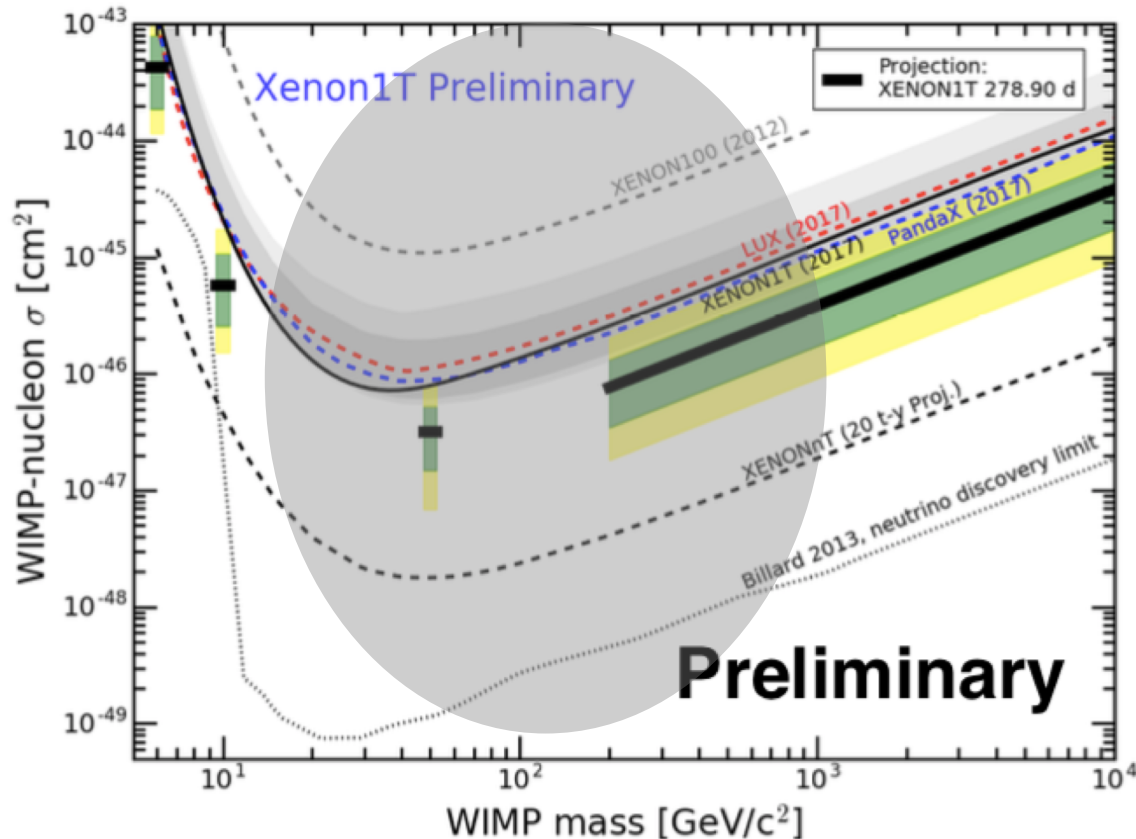
Compared to Direct WIMP Search Timeline



Most of the generic WIMP parameter space will be covered in the next years
 Systematically lowering the x-section (symmetry, tuning,...)? \leftrightarrow WIMP miracle?

Spin Independent (SI) WIMP Limits

New XENON1T results will come soon...



- Expected sensitivity generated from toy MC at 4 typical WIMPs masses: 6, 10, 50, 200 GeV
- For a 50 GeV WIMP a factor of 3 sensitivity increase compared to SR0
- If WIMP cross-section close to our SR0 limit we expect a signal with 3-sigma significance

Covers more and more of the generic WIMP space...

... but don't forget: it is a log scale → lot's of parameter space left!

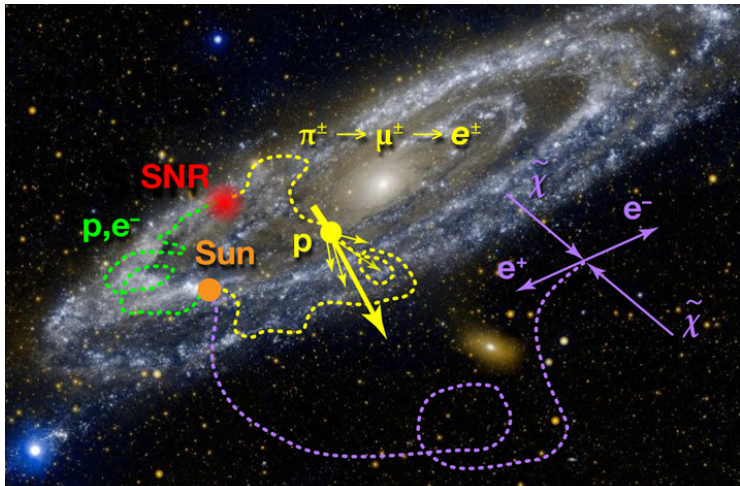
Generic Expectations/Messages

- **WIMPs coupling by weak interactions (g_2 fixed)**
→ x-section systematically (too) high
- **Mixtures of 2_L , 1_L help (MSSM) → $\sim(1/2)^2$ or $(1/3)^2$ etc.**
- **Gauge and Higgs portal couplings (g, λ) expected to be $O(1)$ → natural x-section range $\sigma \sim 10^{-42} - 10^{-48} \text{ cm}^2$**
- **Smaller x-sections possible:**
 - **parameter tuning? tiny Yukawa's? symmetries?**
 - **AND: how to avoid abundance problems?**
- **Models with systematically lower x-section AND correct abundance save the attractiveness of WIMPs**
- **Additional physics case for bigger and more costly experiments helps – just in case!**

Hunting WIMPS in different Ways

known Standard Model (SM) particles interact with WIMPs: **assumptions...**

indirect detection



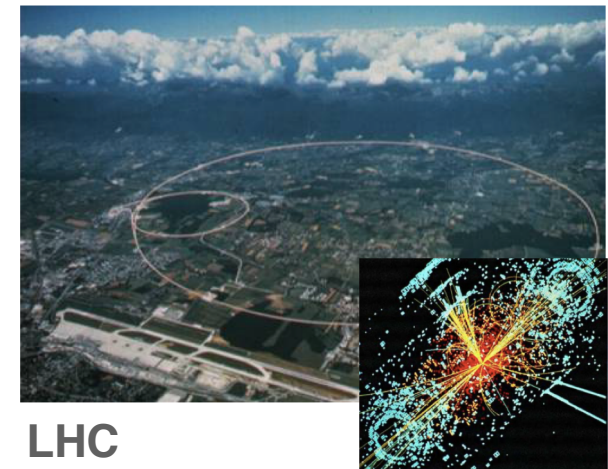
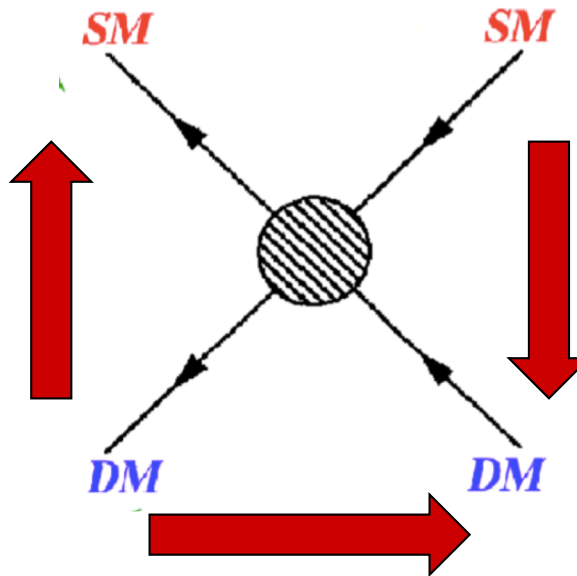
FERMI, PAMELA, AMS, HESS, IceCube, CTA, HAWC...

astronomical uncertainties...

→ is the signal without doubt from DM?

keV lines ↔ atomic physics

colliders



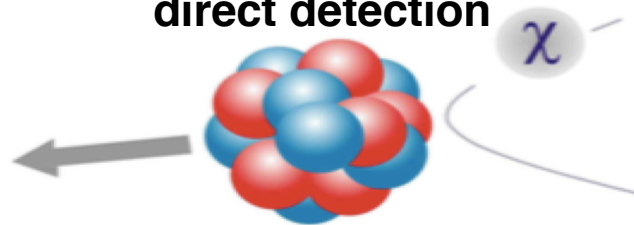
LHC

may detect new particles, but is it DM (lifetime, abundance)?

So far nothing seen...

- impact on theory...
- SUSY → higher scale
- other SB motivated WIMPs
- new ideas/candidates

direct detection



WIMP wind : 220km/s from Cygnus

- modelling
- rare event backgrounds

Dark Matter Production at Colliders

DM particles do not interact via electromagnetic interaction

→ no DM tracks in a detector

DM particles carry energy & momentum

→ missing energy

two approaches at colliders for DM search:

- **direct production of DM particles**

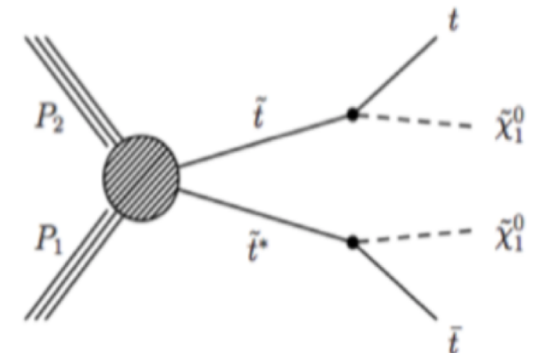
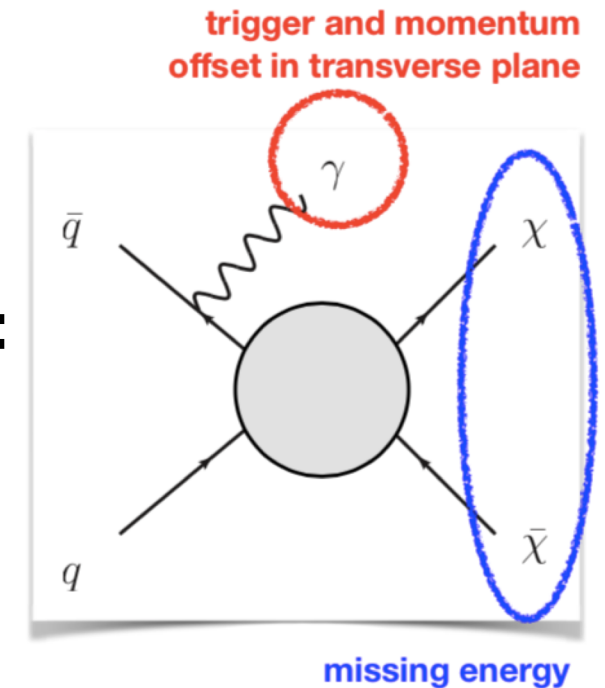
annihilation of standard model particles into a pair of DM particles

- **indirect production of DM particles**

search for dedicated decay chains with DM-like particles using a dedicated model (e.g. SUSY)

Drawbacks:

- a signal does not guarantee a long life-time
- unrelated to DM density in the Universe



EFT Interpretation

For energy transfer q smaller than the mediator mass

→ Interaction described by M^* and m_{DM}

type of interaction → different operators

most common:

Name	Initial state	Type	Operator
D1	qq	scalar	$\frac{m_q}{M_*^3} \bar{\chi} \chi \bar{q} q$
D5	qq	vector	$\frac{1}{M_*^2} \bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \chi \bar{q} \gamma_\mu q$
D8	qq	axial-vector	$\frac{1}{M_*^2} \bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 \chi \bar{q} \gamma_\mu \gamma^5 q$
D9	qq	tensor	$\frac{1}{M_*^2} \bar{\chi} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \chi \bar{q} \sigma_{\mu\nu} q$
D11	gg	scalar	$\frac{1}{4M_*^3} \bar{\chi} \chi \alpha_s (G_{\mu\nu}^s)^2$

D1, D5, D11 spin independent

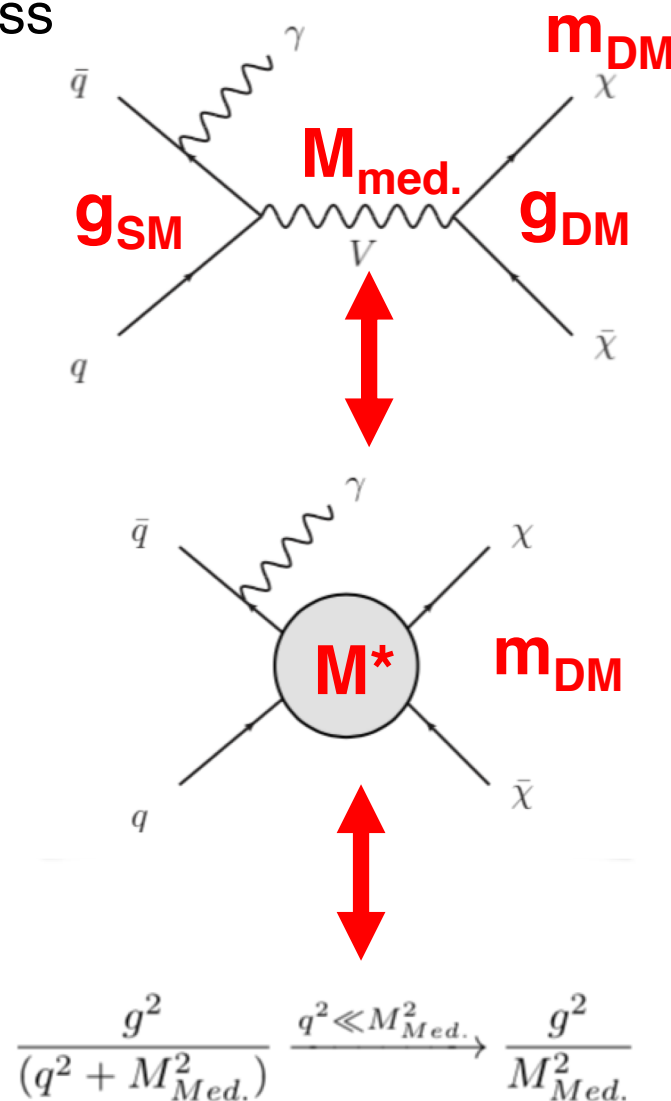
D8, D9 spin dependent

Mediator induces also SM → SM processes

→ LHC sets limits on g_{SM}^2/M_{med}^2 (mod. m_{DM})

→ Unless g_{SM} is tiny TeV-ish limits on $M_{med.}$

g_{DM} is a free parameter → could be tiny → weaker DM limits *or* full model

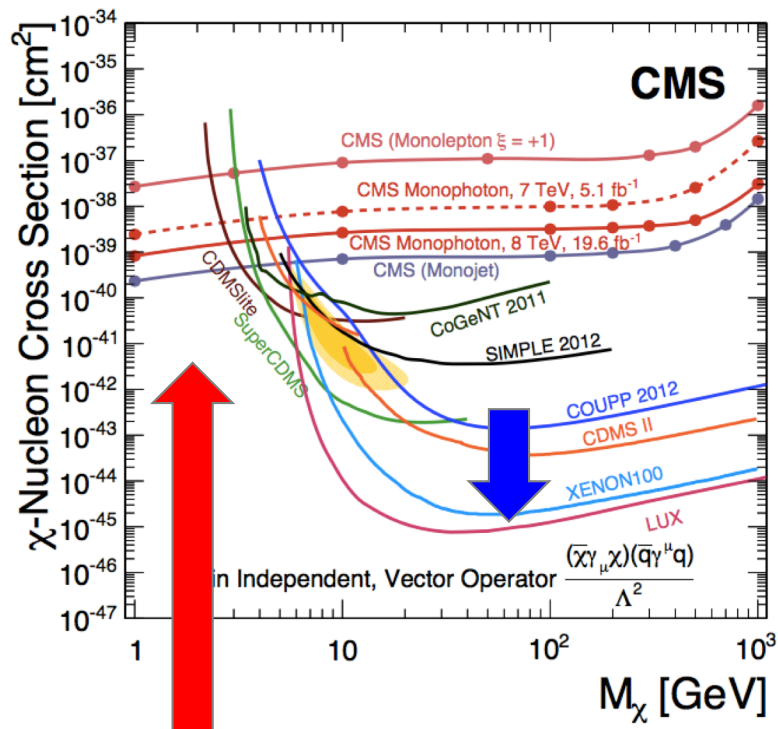
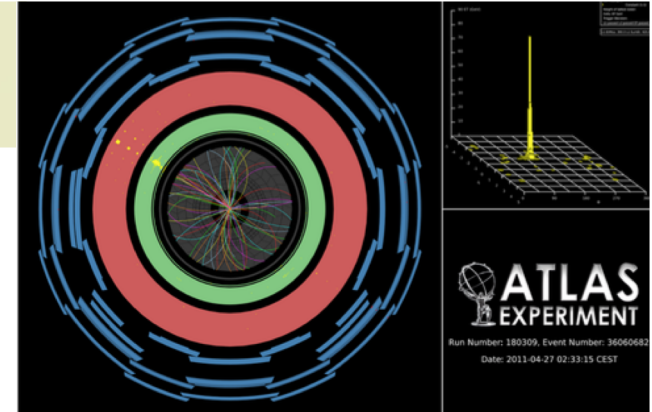


Dark Matter at the LHC

- Generic signature

$$pp \rightarrow \cancel{E}_T + X$$

- Generic kinematics: weak dependence on WIMP mass for $m_{\text{DM}} \ll \text{beam energy}$



light WIMPs

$\mathcal{L} \rightarrow$ timing

\leftrightarrow CRESST-III, SuperCDMS \rightarrow GeMMC

heavy WIMPs

\rightarrow direct searches

- Life is more complex...
 - many conceivable candidates
 - detection efficiencies, ...
 - \rightarrow EFT or simplified models
 - = parametrization – not always appropriate
 - g_{DM} = assumptions *or* full model +...
- LHC:
 - can exclude a DM candidate
 - can establish a candidate
 - does not test if it is DM in Univ.:
 - long lived? abundance?

Results modify Expectations: New Routes...?

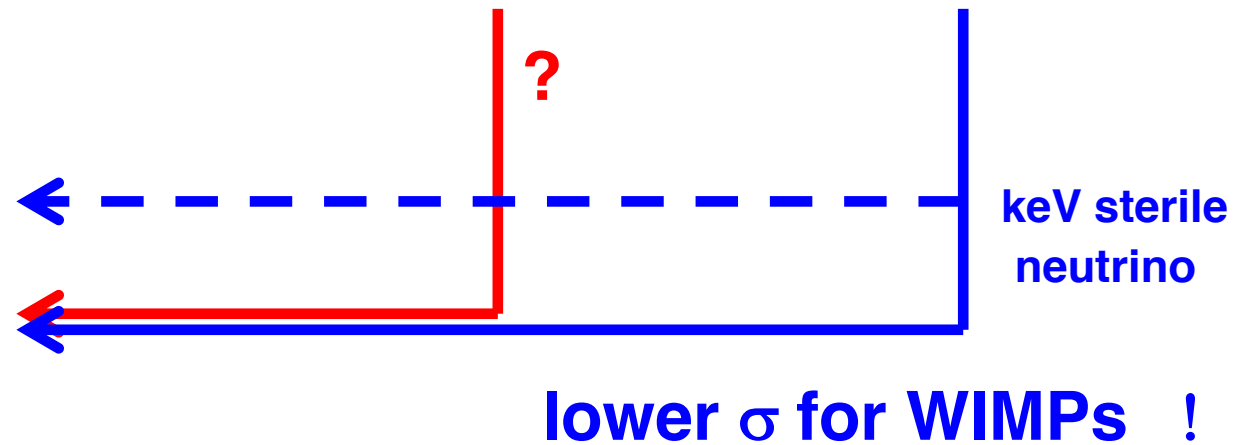
Gauge hierarchy problem

... → SUSY → ? → conformal

Origin of Flavour

Neutrino masses

Dark Matter: 1) WIMP
2) other
3) ...



...

Hierarchy Problem \leftrightarrow new Physics @ Λ

The SM has no hierarchy problem: 4d QFT... \rightarrow new scales

- Renormalizable QFT with two scalars φ , Φ with masses m , M and a hierarchy $m \ll M$
- These scalars must interact since $\varphi^+\varphi$ and $\Phi^+\Phi$ are singlets
 $\rightarrow \lambda_{\text{mix}}(\varphi^+\varphi)(\Phi^+\Phi)$ must exist in addition to φ^4 and Φ^4 (= portal)
- Quantum corrections $\sim M^2$ drive both masses to the (heavy) scale
 \rightarrow vastly different scalar scales are generically unstable

- Since SM Higgs exists \rightarrow problem: embedding with a 2nd scalar
 - gauge extensions \rightarrow must be broken...
 - GUTs \rightarrow must be broken
 - even for SUSY GUTS \rightarrow doublet-triplet splitting...
 - also for fashinable Higgs-portal scenarios...

Options: no 2nd Higgs –or- some symmetry
SUSY, ... \rightarrow conformal symmetry

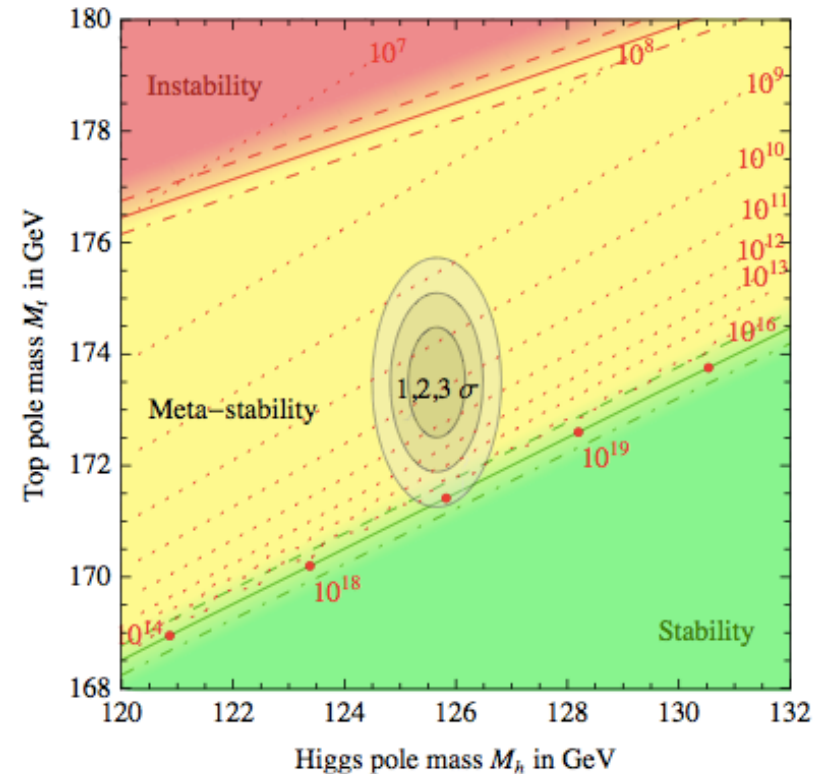
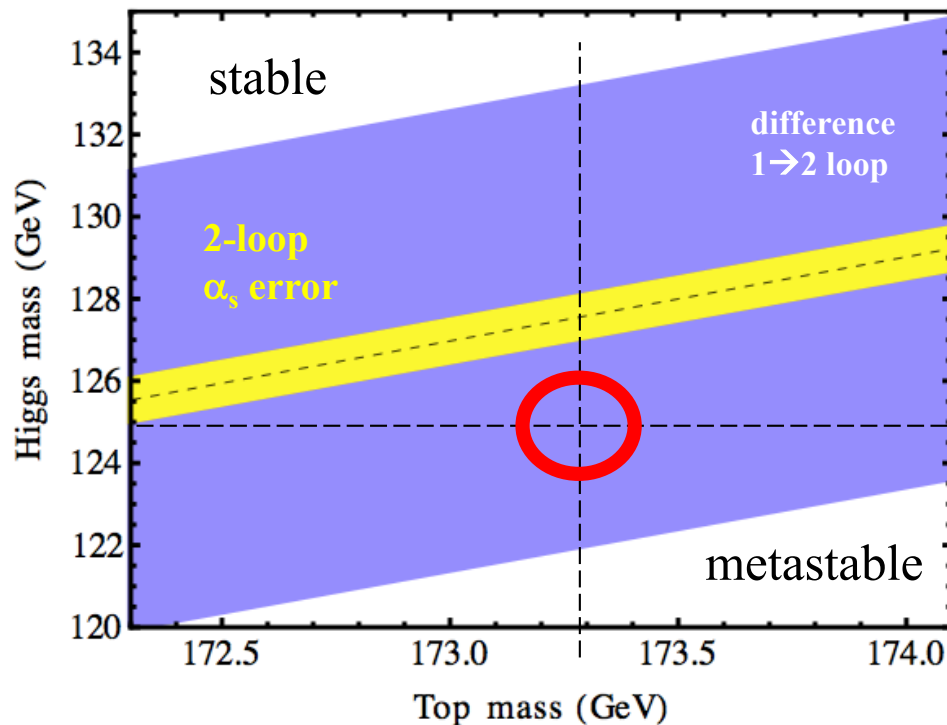
The main Idea

- **Do not introduce two or more fundamental scales**
- **Instead: No fundamental scale**
 - ➔ **theories with conformal or shift symmetry**
- **Dynamical breaking of CS ➔ scale(s)**
- **Non-linear realization of CS:**
 - ➔ **naïve power counting ($\sim\Lambda^2$) misleading**
 - ➔ **similar to gauge symmetry and vector boson masses**

Is anything pointing in that direction?

Is the Higgs Potential at M_{Planck} flat?

Holthausen, ML, Lim (2011) Buttazzo, Degrassi, Giardino, Giudice, Sala, Salvio, Strumia



Experimental values point to metastability. Is it fully established?

→ we need to include DM, neutrino masses, ...? are all errors (EX+TH) fully included?

→ be cautious about claiming that metastability is established

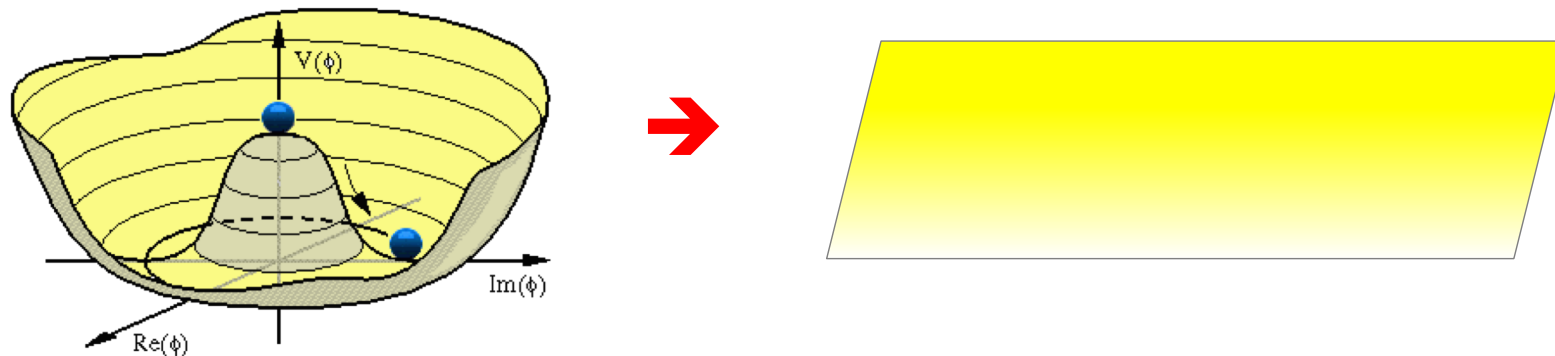
→ **May be a very important observation:**

- remarkable relation between weak scale, m_t , couplings and M_{Planck} \leftrightarrow precision

- remarkable interplay between gauge, Higgs and top loops (log divergences – not Λ^2)

Is there a Message?

- $\lambda(M_{\text{Planck}}) \simeq 0$? \rightarrow remarkable log cancellations
 M_{planck} , M_{weak} , gauge, Higgs & Yukawa couplings are unrelated
- remember: μ is the only single scale of the SM \rightarrow special role
 \rightarrow if in addition $\mu^2 = 0 \rightarrow V(M_{\text{Planck}}) \simeq 0$
 \rightarrow flat Mexican hat (<1%) at the Planck scale!



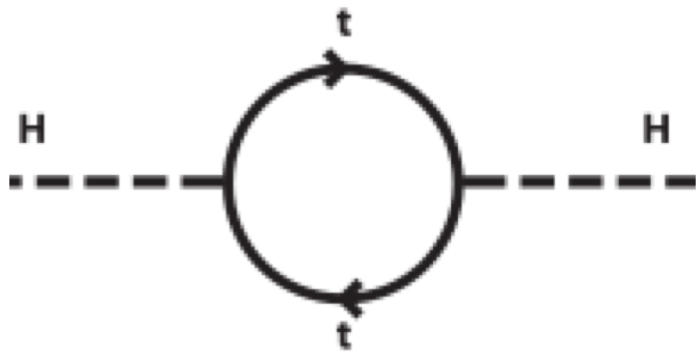
- \rightarrow conformal (or shift) symmetry as solution to the HP
- \rightarrow combined conformal & EW symmetry breaking
 - conceptual issues
 - realizations

Generic Questions

- **Isn't the Planck-scale spoiling things (explicit scale, cut-off, ...)?**
 - renormalizable QFTs (SM) don't have cut-offs
 - **explicit scales in embeddings act like a cut-off**
 - **important: no cutoff if the embedding has no explicit scale**
 - non-linear realization of conformal symmetry... → **~conformal gravity...**
 - protected by conformal symmetry up to conformal anomaly
 - some mechanism that generates M_{Planck} by dimensional transmutation
 - working assumption: M_{Planck} somehow generated in a conformal setting
- **Are M_{planck} and M_{weak} connected?**
 - maybe ...
 - here assumed to be an independently generated scales
- **UV: ultimate solution should be asymptotically safe → UV-FPs...**
- **Conceptual change for scale setting:**
 - So far a rollover of scale generation: SM → BSM → GUT → gravity (M_{Planck})
 - here: only relative scales – **absolute scale is meaningless**

Non-linear Realization of Conformal Symmetry

Non-linear realization of conformal symmetry:



- protection by conformal symmetry
- naïve power counting invalid
- similar to vector boson masses
- only log sensitivity
 - ↔ conformal anomaly
 - ↔ β -functions

- **Avoids hierarchy problem, even though there is the conformal anomaly - only logs ↔ β -functions**
- **Dimensional transmutation of conformal theories by log running like in QCD**
 - scalar QCD: scalars can condense and set scales like fermions
 - also for massless scalar QCD: **scale generation; no hierarchy**

Why the minimalistic SM does not work

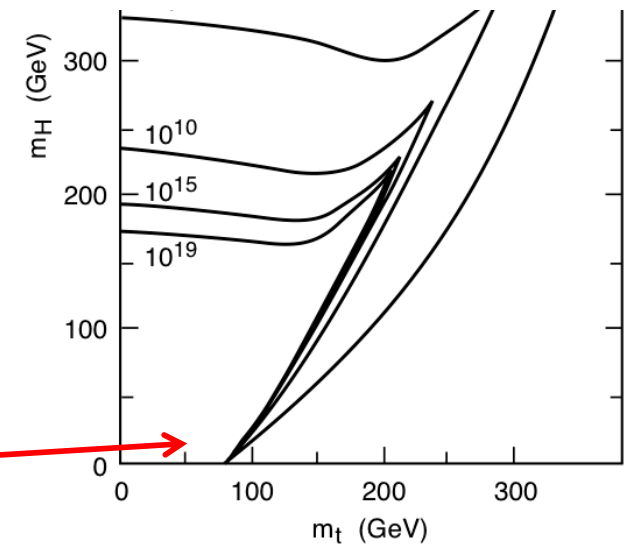
Minimalistic version: \rightarrow “SM-”

SM + with $\mu=0 \leftrightarrow$ CS

Coleman Weinberg: effective potential

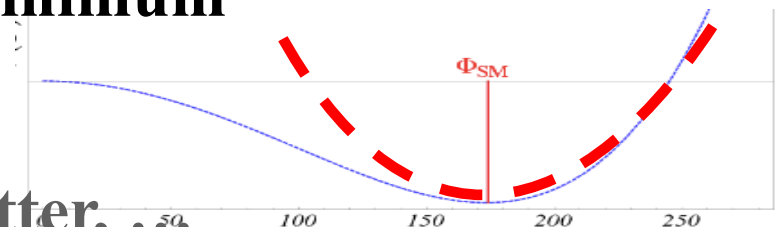
\rightarrow CS breaking (dimensional transmutation)

**\rightarrow induces for $m_t < 79$ GeV
a Higgs mass $m_H = 8.9$ GeV**



- **This would conceptually realize the idea, but:**
Higgs too light and the idea does not work for $m_t > 79$ GeV
- **DSB for weak coupling \leftrightarrow CS = phase boundary**
- **Reason for $m_H \ll v$: V_{eff} flat around minimum**
 $\leftrightarrow m_H \sim$ loop factor $\sim 1/16\pi^2$

AND: We need neutrino masses, dark matter, ...



Realizing the Idea via Higgs Portals

- SM scalar Φ plus some new scalar φ (or more scalars)
- CS \rightarrow no scalar mass terms
- the scalar portal $\lambda_{\text{mix}}(\varphi^+\varphi)(\Phi^+\Phi)$ must exist

\rightarrow a condensate of $\langle\varphi^+\varphi\rangle$ produces $\lambda_{\text{mix}}\langle\varphi^+\varphi\rangle(\Phi^+\Phi) = \mu^2(\Phi^+\Phi)$
 \rightarrow effective mass term for Φ

- CS anomalous ... \rightarrow breaking \rightarrow only $\ln(\Lambda)$
 \rightarrow implies a TeV-ish condensate for φ to obtain $\langle\Phi\rangle = 246$ GeV
- **Model building possibilities / phenomenological aspects:**
 - φ could be an effective field of some hidden sector DSB
 - further particles could exist in hidden sector; e.g. confining...
 - extra hidden U(1) potentially problematic \leftrightarrow U(1) mixing
 - avoid Yukawas which couple visible and hidden sector \rightarrow phenomenology safe due to Higgs portal, but there is TeV-ish new physics!

Realizing the Idea: Specific Realizations

SM + extra singlet: Φ, φ

Nicolai, Meissner, Farzinnia, He, Ren, Foot, Kobakhidze, Volkas, ...

SM \otimes SU(N)_H with new N-plet in a hidden sector

Ko, Carone, Ramos, Holthausen, Kubo, Lim, ML, Hambye, Strumia, ...

SM embedded into larger symmetry (CW-type LR)

Holthausen, ML, M. Schmidt

SM + QCD colored scalar which condenses at TeV scale

Kubo, Lim, ML

SM \otimes [SU(2)_X \otimes U(1)_X]

Altmannshofer, Bardeen, Bauer, Carena, Lykken

Since the SM-only version does not work \rightarrow observable effects:

- Higgs coupling to other scalars (singlet, hidden sector, ...)
- dark matter candidates \leftrightarrow hidden sectors & Higgs portals
- consequences for neutrino masses

SM \otimes hidden $SU(3)_H$ Gauge Sector

Holthausen, Kubo, Lim, ML

- hidden $SU(3)_H$:

$$\mathcal{L}_H = -\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} F^2 + \text{Tr} \bar{\psi} (i\gamma^\mu D_\mu - yS) \psi$$

gauge fields ; $\psi = 3_H$ with $SU(3)_F$; **S = real singlet scalar**

- SM coupled by S via a Higgs portal:

$$V_{SM+S} = \lambda_H (H^\dagger H)^2 + \frac{1}{4} \lambda_S S^4 - \frac{1}{2} \lambda_{HS} S^2 (H^\dagger H)$$

- no scalar mass terms
- use similarity to QCD, use NJL approximation, ...
- χ -ral symmetry breaking in hidden sector:
 $SU(3)_L \times SU(3)_R \rightarrow SU(3)_V \rightarrow$ **generation of TeV scale**
 \rightarrow transferred into the SM sector through the singlet S
 \rightarrow dark pions are PGBs: naturally stable \rightarrow DM

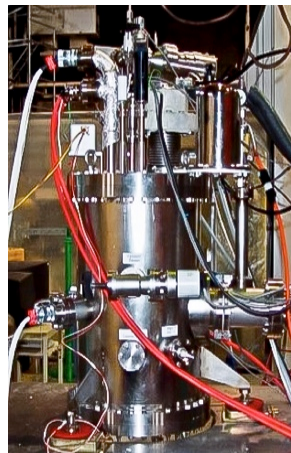
DARWIN: Towards the ultimate Dark Matter Detector

The current XENON Dark Matter Program

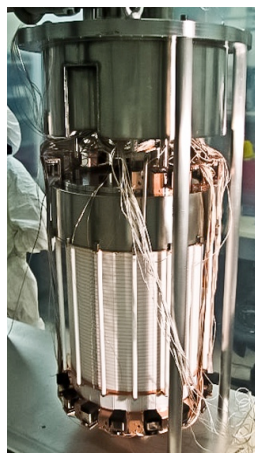
The XENON program at Gran Sasso, Italy (3600 mwe)



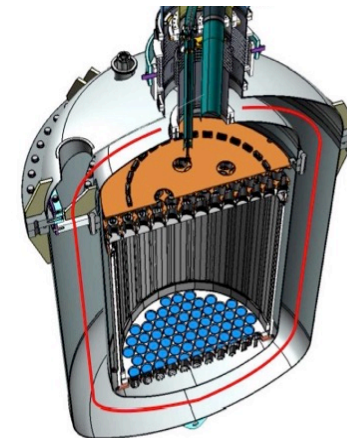
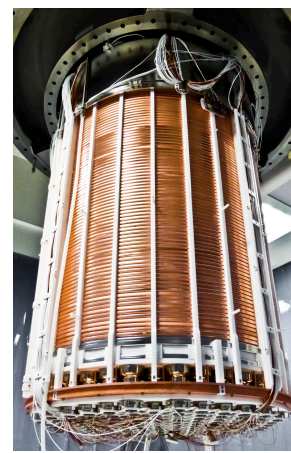
XENON10



XENON100



XENON1T & XENONnT



Period

2005-2007

2008-2016

2012-2018

→ 2019-2023

Total mass

25 kg

161 kg

3200 kg

~8000 kg

Drift length

15 cm

30 cm

100 cm

150 cm

Status

Completed (2007)

Completed (2016)

Running

Construction

**σ_{SI} limit
(@50 GeV/c²)**

$8.8 \times 10^{-44} \text{ cm}^2$

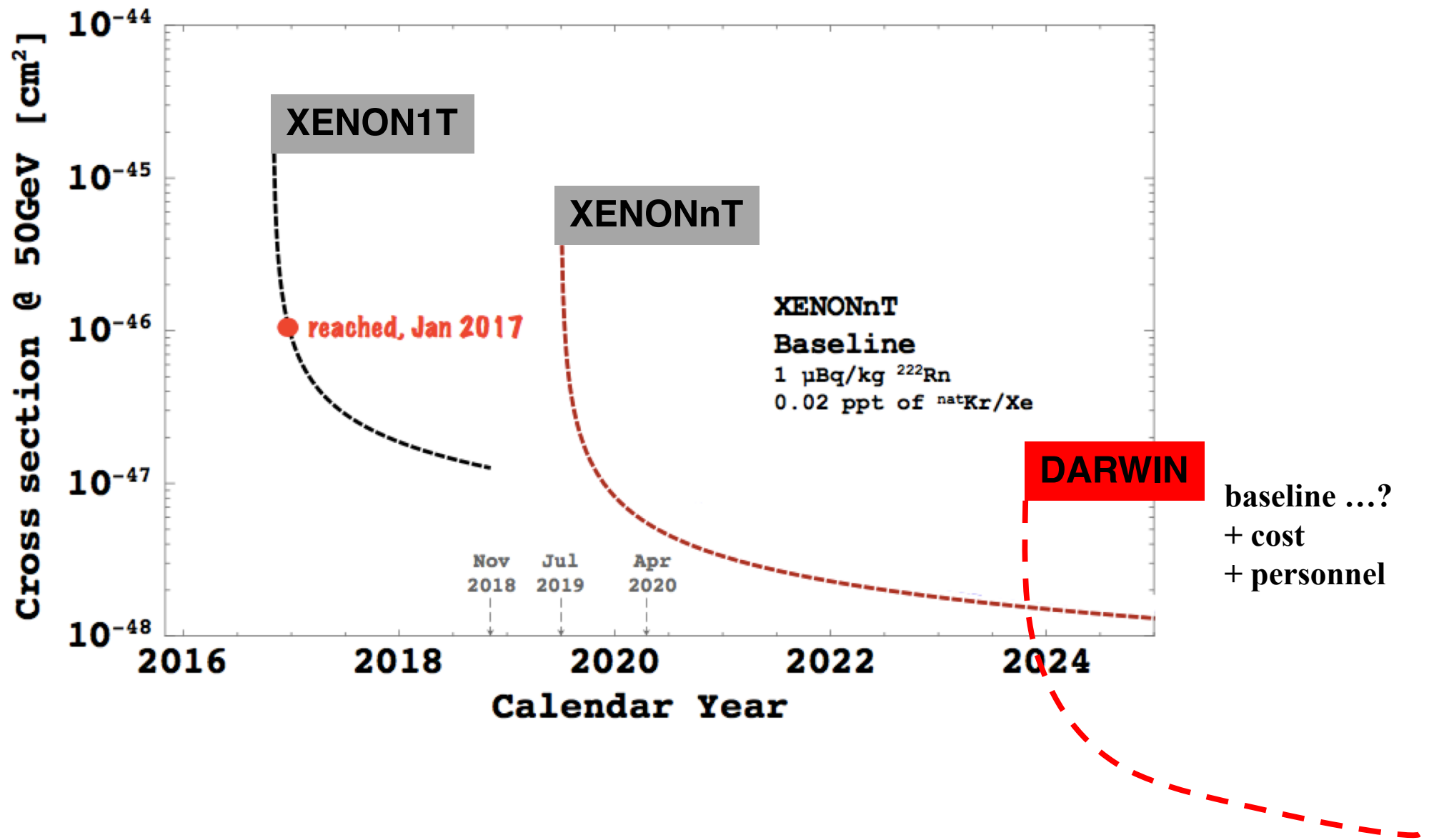
$1.1 \times 10^{-45} \text{ cm}^2$

$1.6 \times 10^{-47} \text{ cm}^2$
(2018)

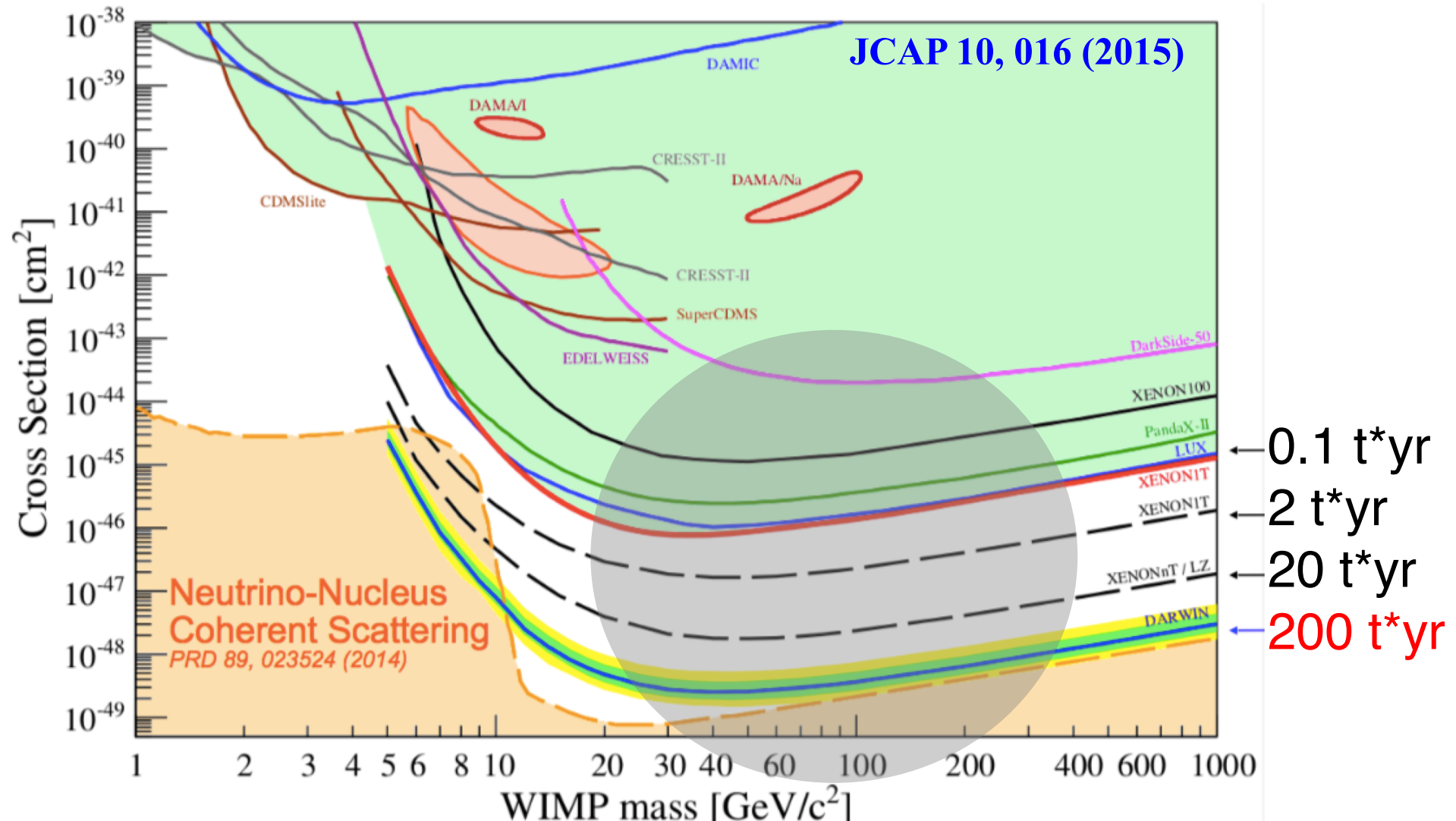
$1.6 \times 10^{-48} \text{ cm}^2$
(2023)

XENONnT being prepared while
XENON1T runs → **switching gears**

Pushing Direct Detection Sensitivity



Spin Independent (SI) WIMP Interaction



tests much of the generic WIMP space of models

- a declining WIMP case w/o discovery?
- solar neutrino signal & CNNS: 200 t*yr

$0\nu\beta\beta$ with ^{136}Xe

8.9% natural abundance

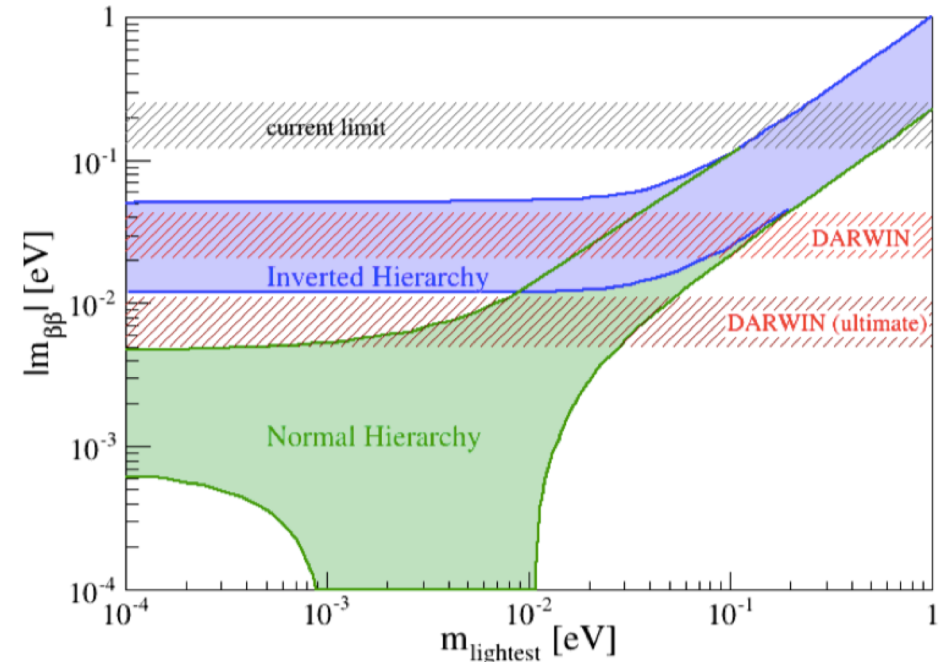
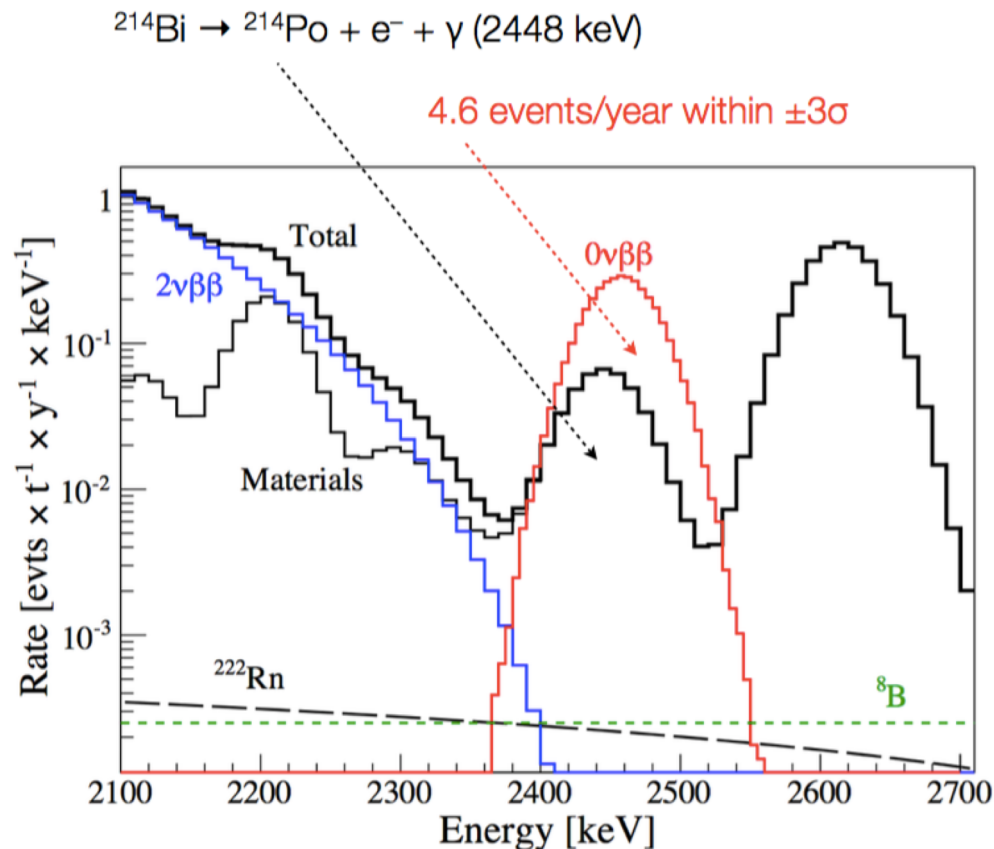
→ 3.5 t ^{136}Xe in 40t without enrichment!

$Q_{\beta\beta} = (2458.7 \pm 0.6)$ keV

Assume:

- 6t fiducial
- energy resolution at $Q_{\beta\beta} \simeq 1\%$

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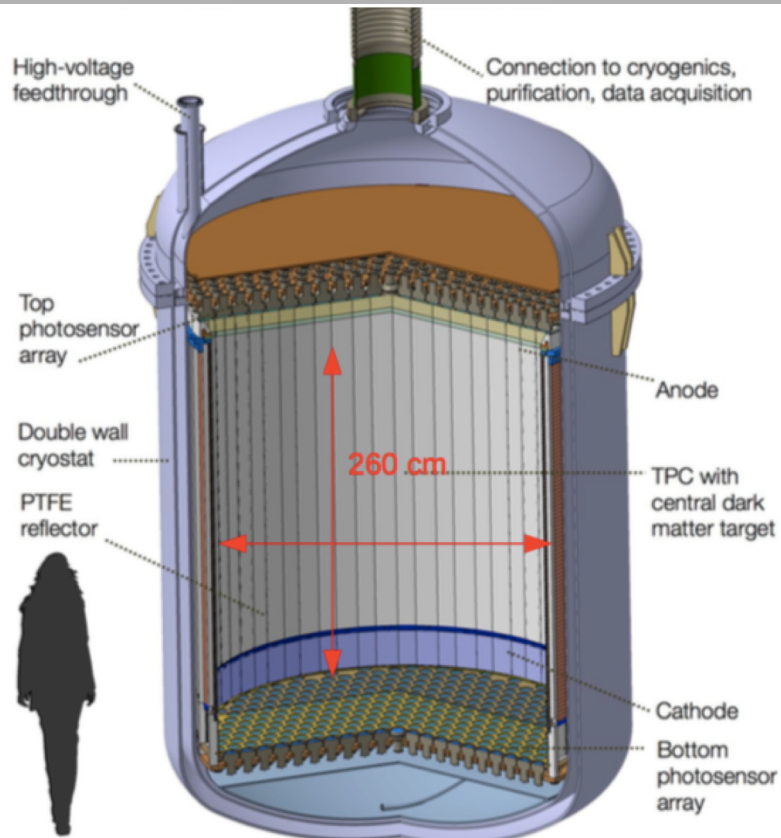


Sensitivity @ 95% CL:

- 30 t*yr → $T_{1/2} > 5.6 \times 10^{26}$ yr
- 140 t*yr → $T_{1/2} > 8.5 \times 10^{27}$ yr

IMPORTANT: DARWIN might become a powerful, cost effective and time-wise competitive $0\nu\beta\beta$ experiment (no enrichment!)

DARWIN Conceptual Design



- **Baseline: 50t LXE**
- **40t LXe TPC, aim at 200 t*yr**
- **TPC dimension 2.6m x 2.6m**
- ~1800 * 3" PMTs (or ~1000 4" PMTs)
- Low-background cryostat
- PTFE reflector panels
- Copper E-field shaping rings
- Water Cherenkov shield (~14m diameter)
- Liquid scintillator neutron veto under study
- Possible location LNGS
- **aim at sensitivity of a few 10^{-49} cm², limited by irreducible ν -backgrounds**
- R&D and initial design now
- **Timescale: after XENONnT**
- **Cost effective:**
 - use existing Xe gas; buy more & re-sell
 - no enrichment (also faster)

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The DARWIN Collaboration

France:

- Subatech
- LAL
- LPNHE

Germany:

- University of Münster
- **MPIK, Heidelberg**
- **University of Freiburg**
- **KIT, Karlsruhe**
- University of Mainz
- TU Dresden
- **Heidelberg University**

Great Britain:

- Imperial College London

Italy:

- INFN, Sezione LNGS
- INFN, Sezione di Bologna

- **seed funding**
- **2 approved ERC grants**
- **ExIn application**

Israel:

- Weizmann Institute of Science

The Netherlands:

- Nikhef, Amsterdam

Portugal:

- University of Coimbra

Sweden:

- Stockholm University

Switzerland:

- **University of Zürich**

USA:

- Columbia University
- UCLA
- Arizona State University
- Purdue University
- Rice University
- UCSD
- University of Chicago
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Abu Dhabi:

- New York University Abu Dhabi



Conclusions

- **The WIMP case is still strong**
 - but probably less simple than initially expected
MSSM neutralino, interaction weaker/different than expected,...
 - may be connected to new ideas in BSM physics
- **Good discovery potential for on-going experiments:**
 - direct detection experiments → new XENON1T results soon...
 - LHC
 - indirect detection
- **Next-to-next generation direct detection experiments**
 - bigger, higher costs, larger collaborations, time, ...
 - other science topics: $0\nu\beta\beta$, solar n 's, SN, coherent scattering,...
- **Change of strategy once DM is observed...**