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Uncertainties in Direct Dark Matter Detection

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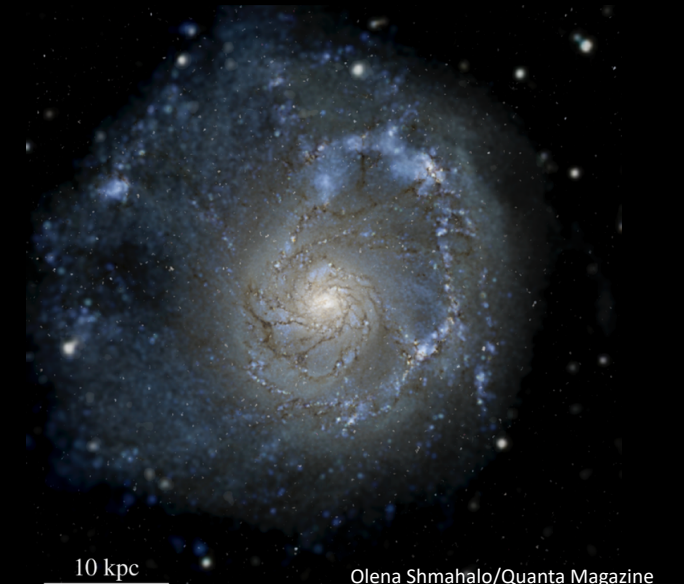
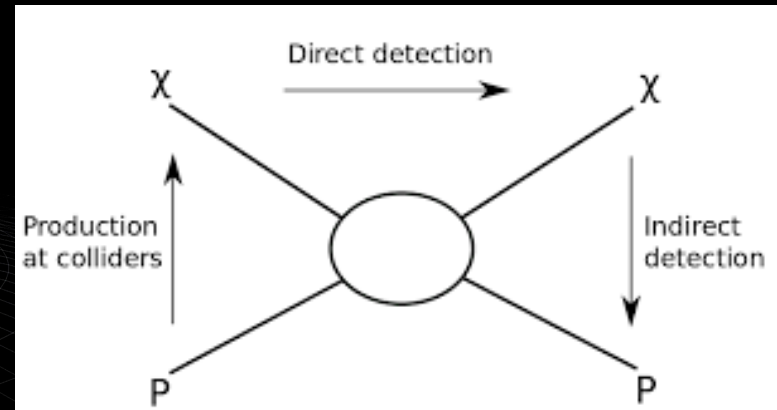
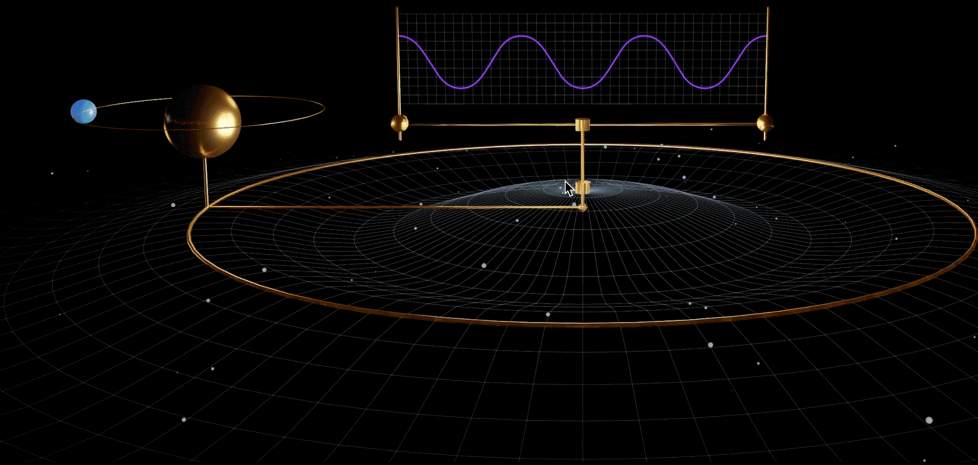
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Assumptions of Direct Dark Matter Detection



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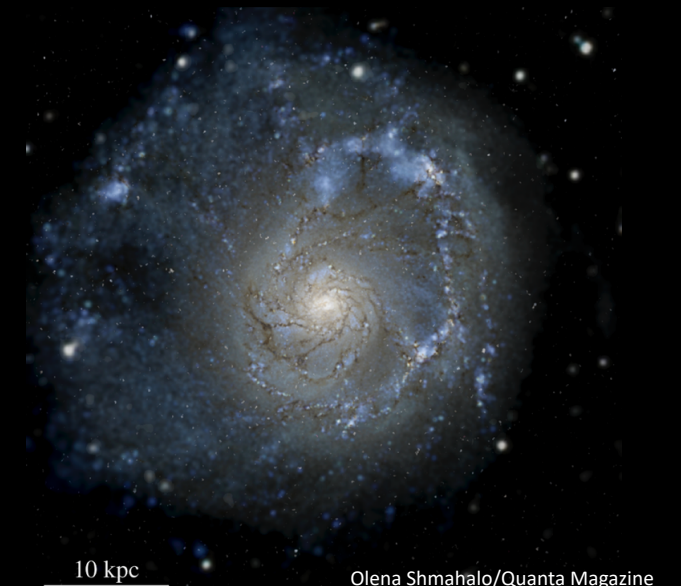
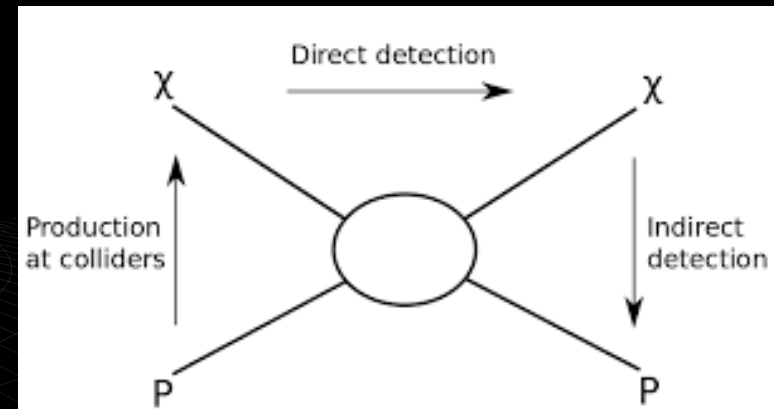
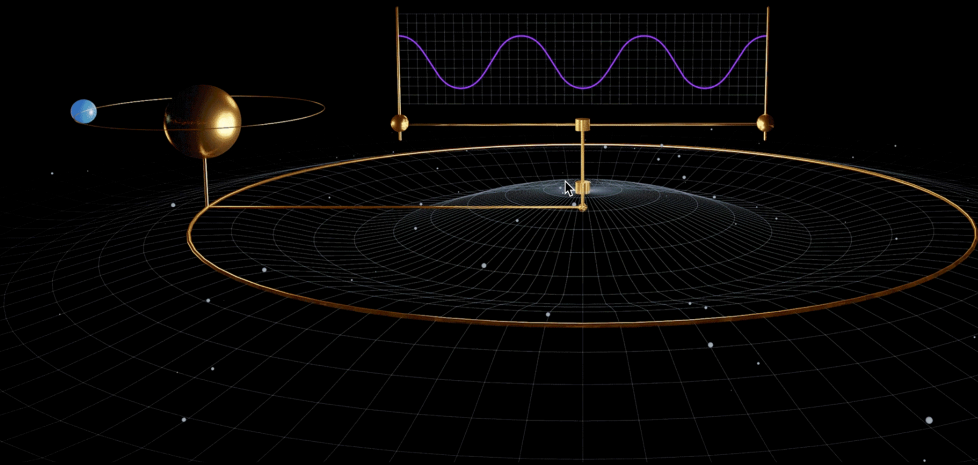
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Goals of Research

- Use hydrodynamic simulations of Milky Way analogues to inform realistic velocity distributions of dark matter in the solar neighborhood
- Generate bespoke predictions for dark matter direct detectors



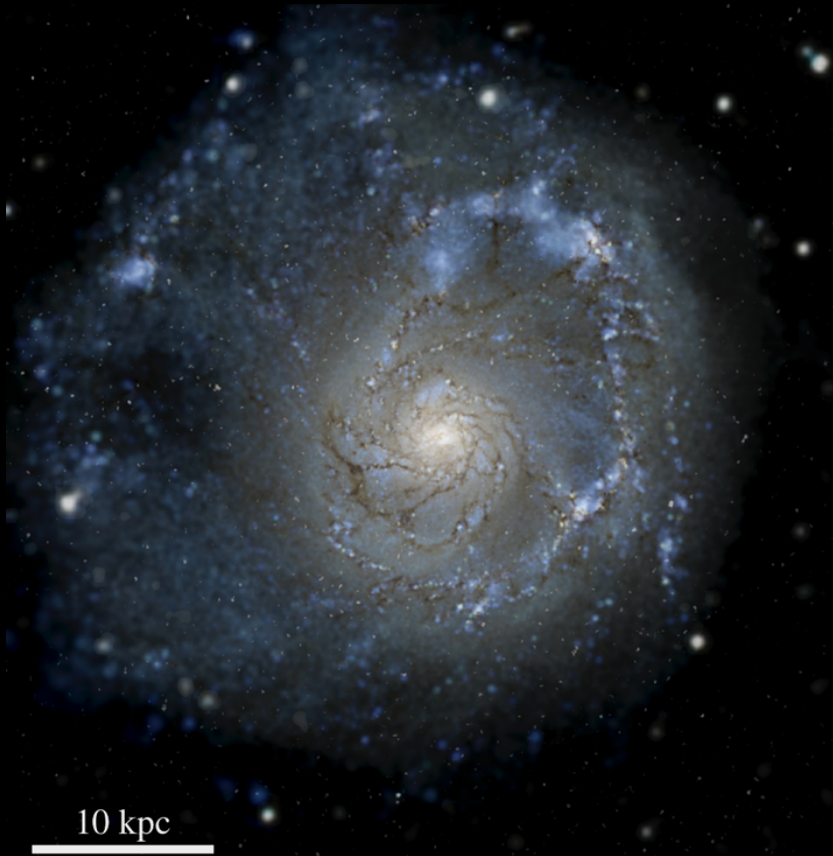
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Latte Simulations – m12f



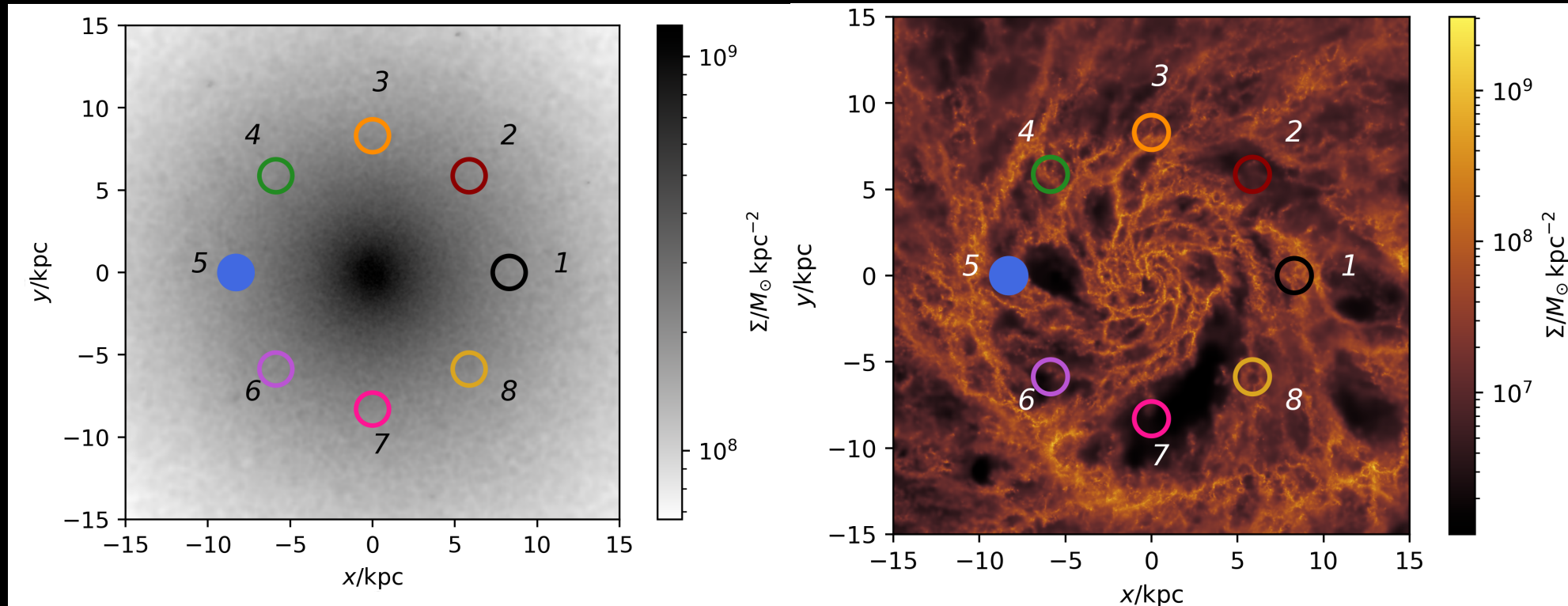
Dark Matter: 40 pc
Stars: 4pc
Gas : 1pc

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Simulation Realization

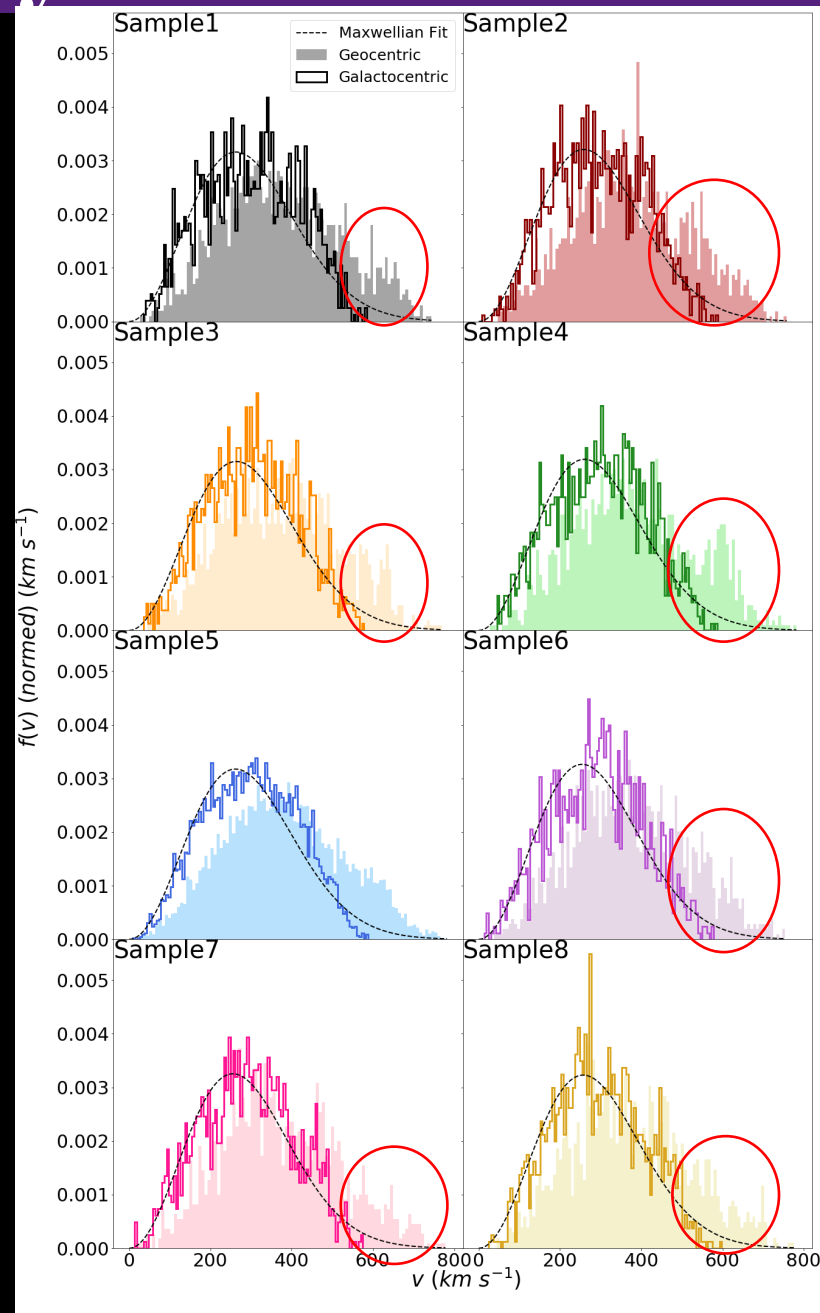


Galactocentric \rightarrow *Geocentric*

$$f_{geo}(\vec{v}, t) = f_{gal}(\vec{v} + \vec{v}_{Earth}(t))$$

Geocentric Velocity Distributions

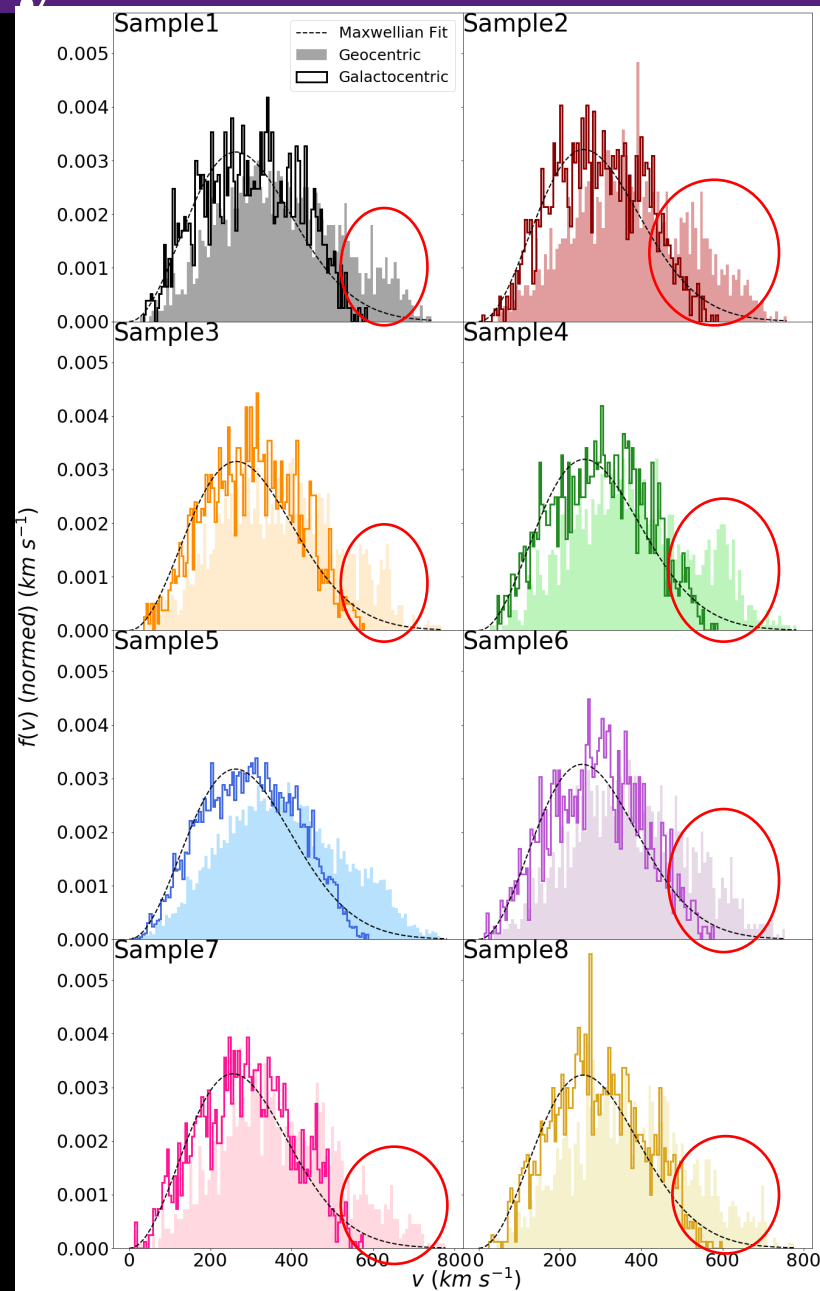
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$$\frac{dR}{dE_{observed}} = R_0 S(E) F^2(E) I$$



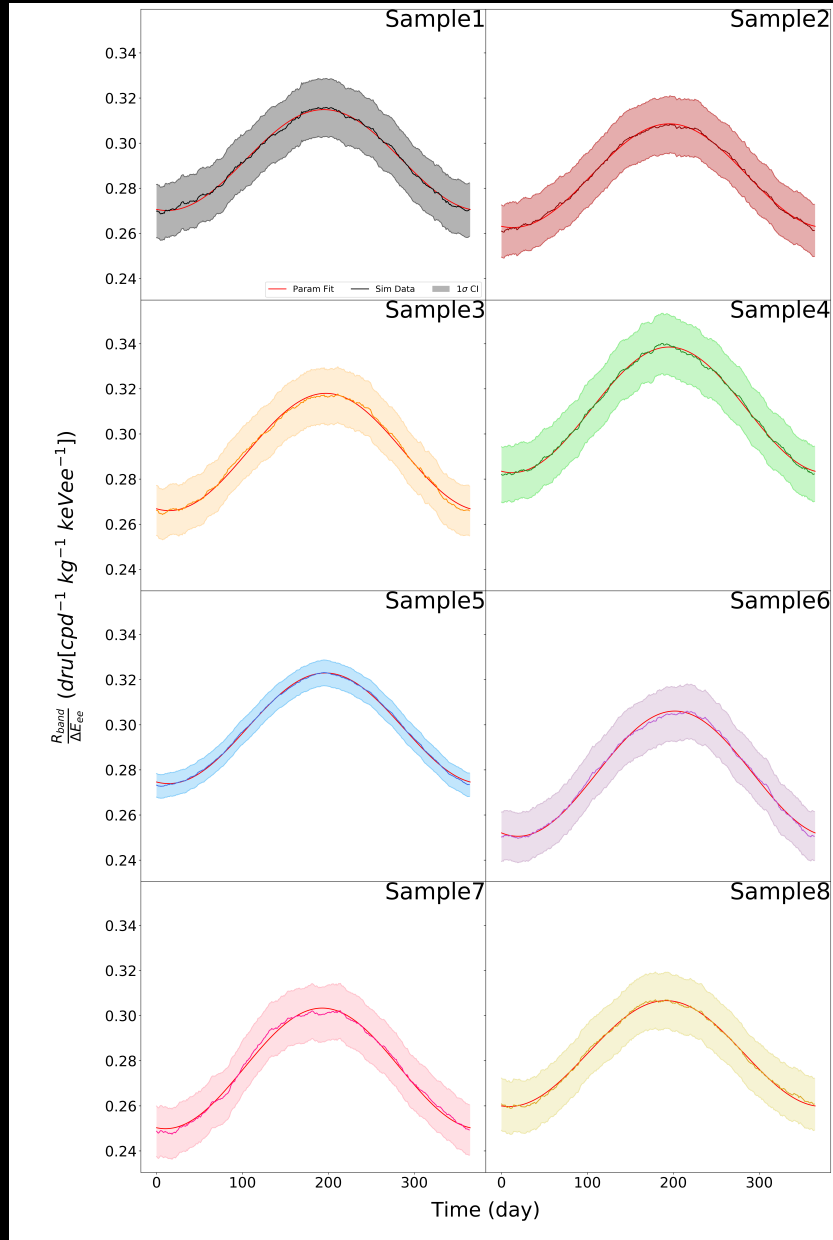
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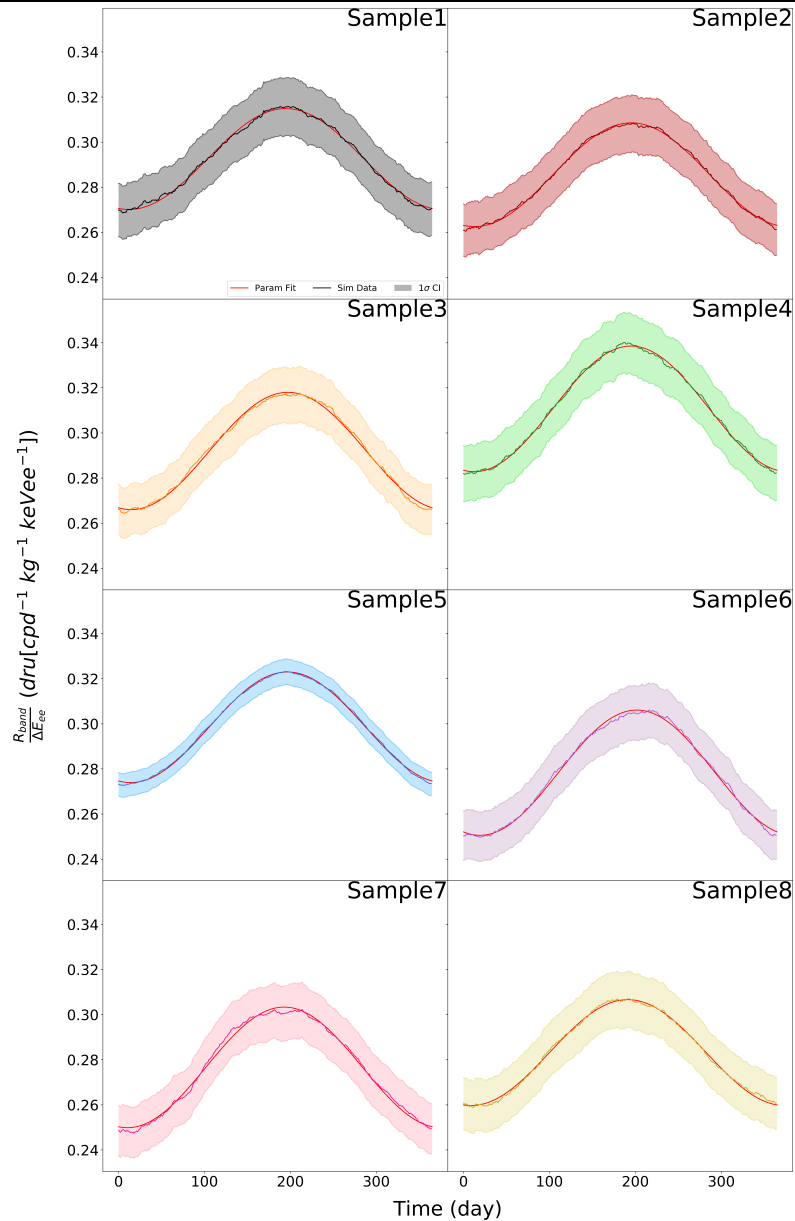
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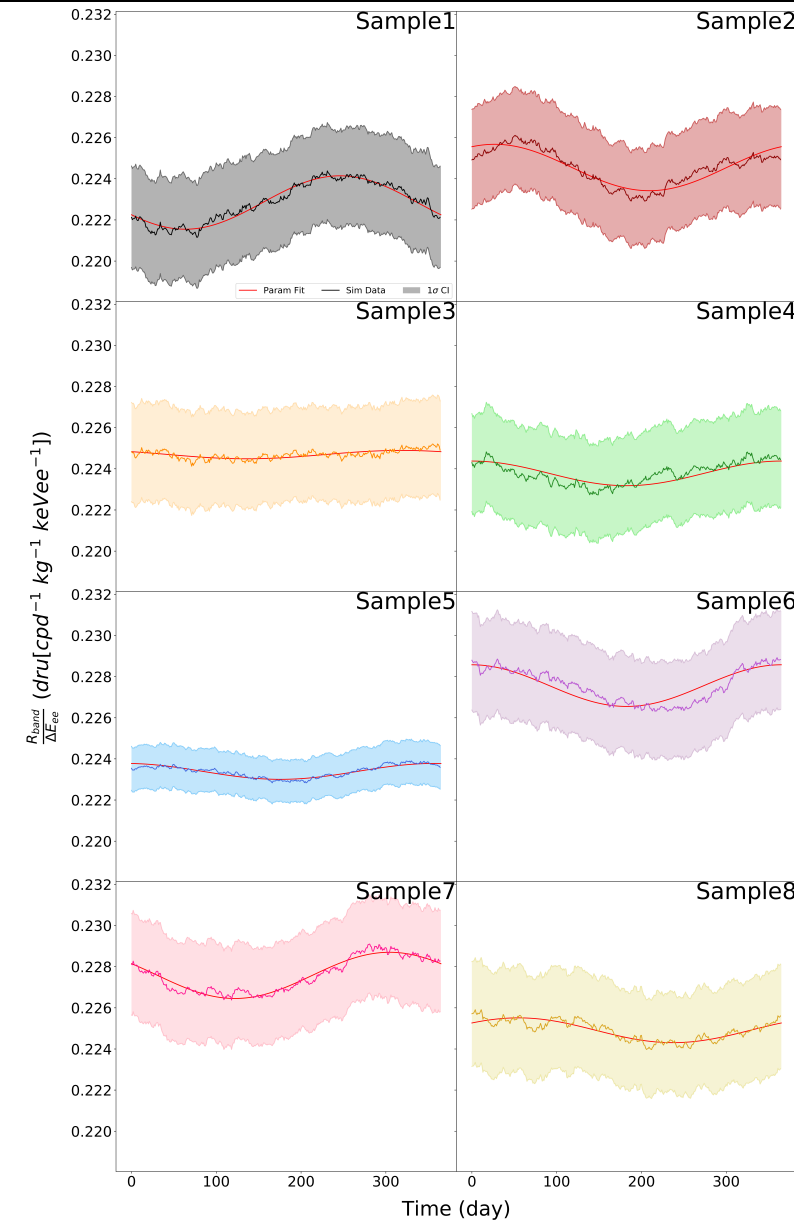


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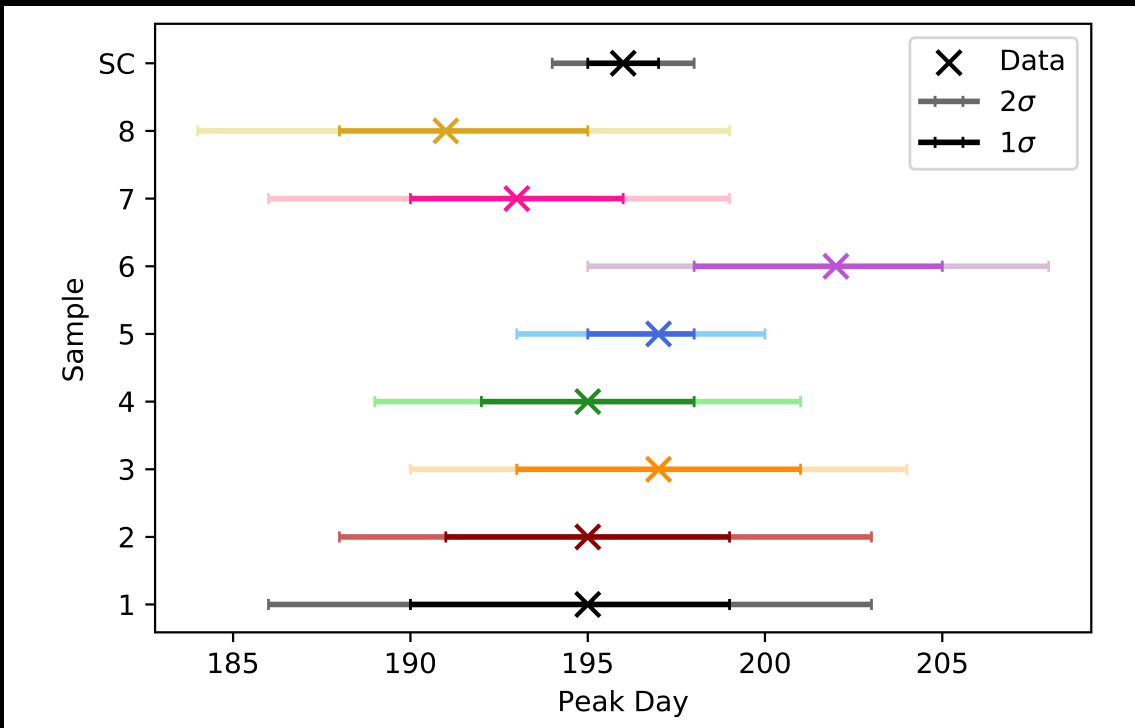
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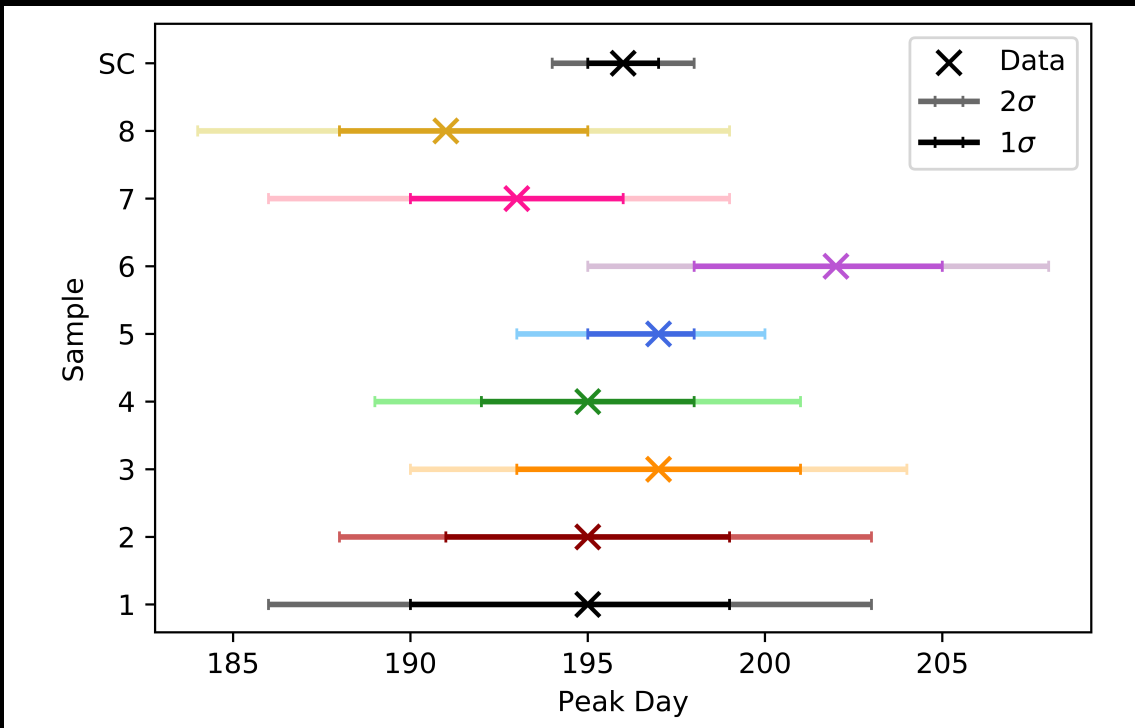
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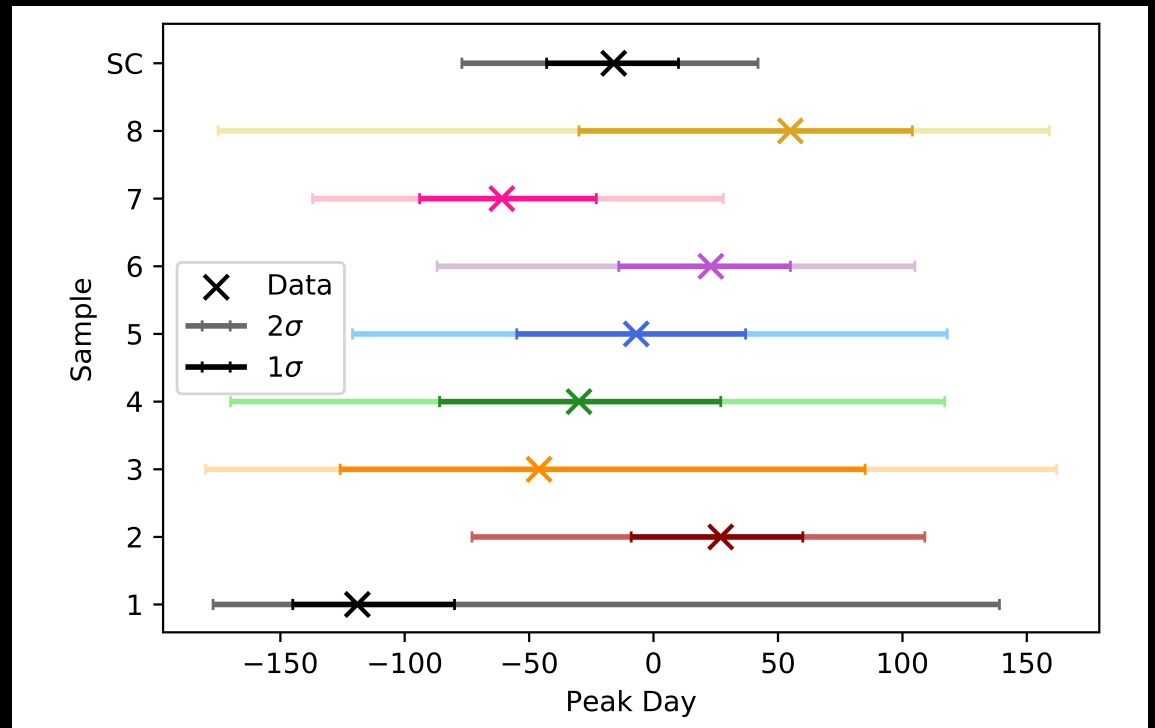


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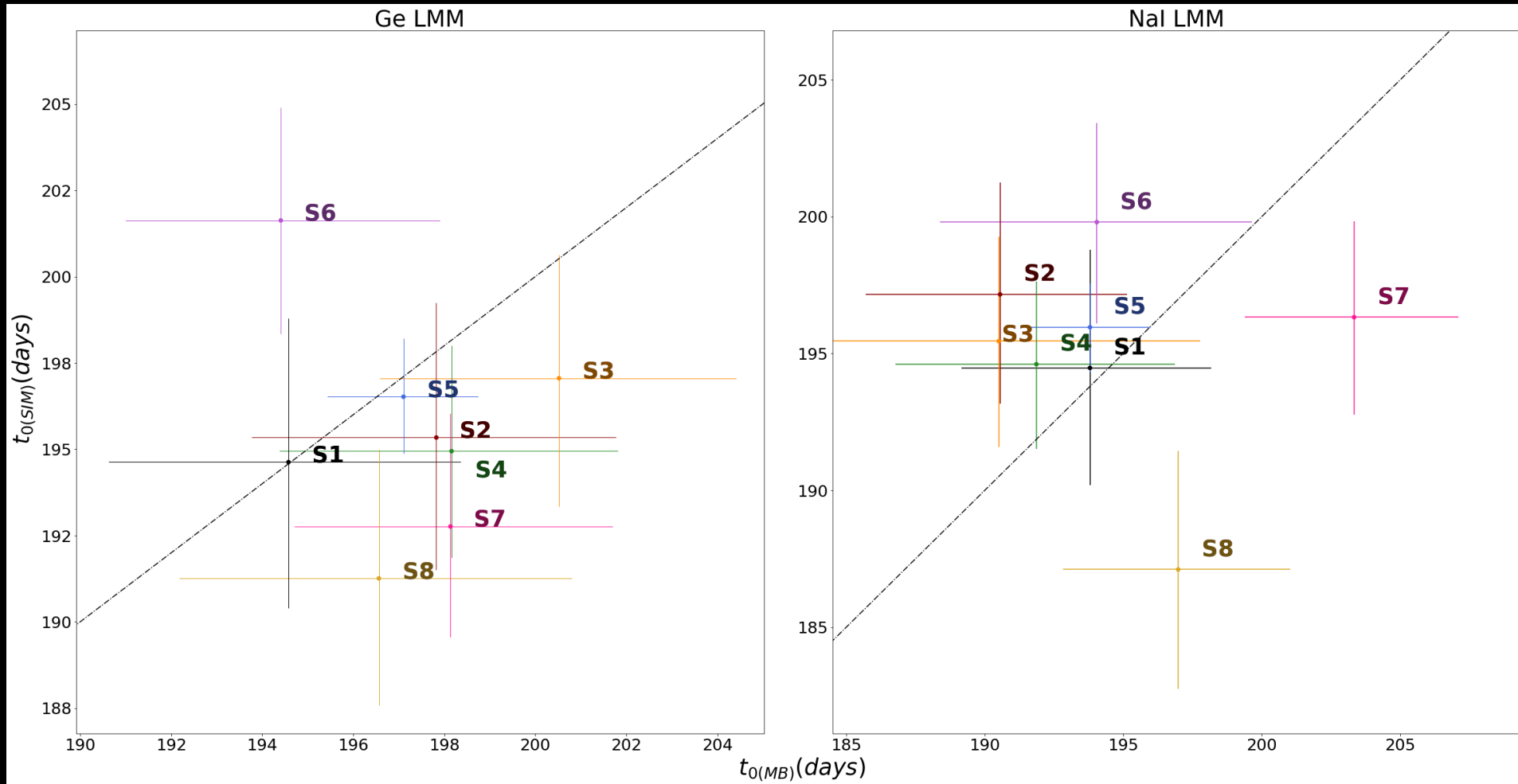
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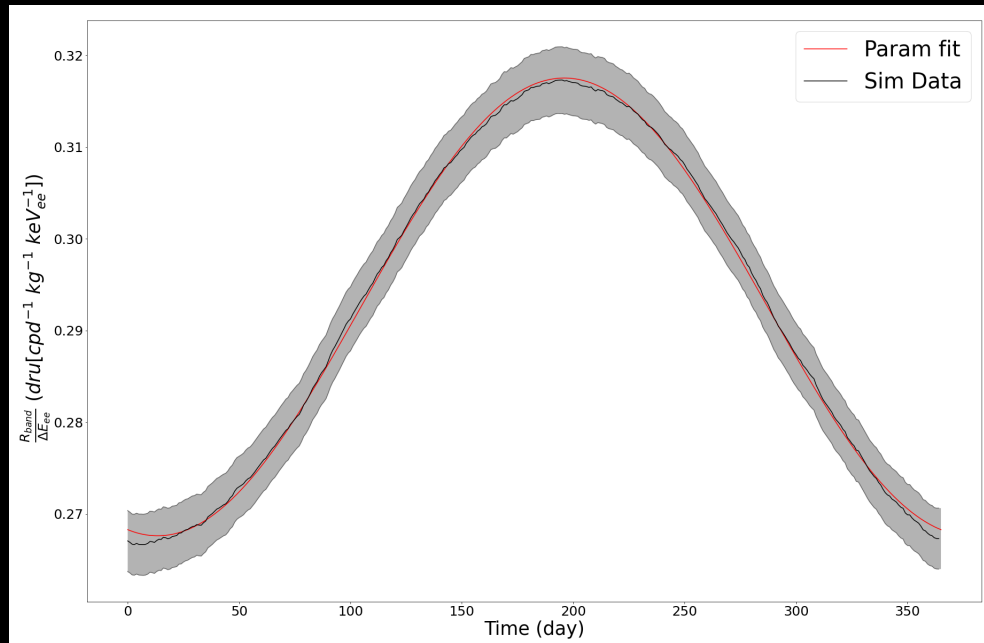
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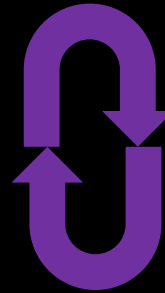


Turn Over Energy - Q_c

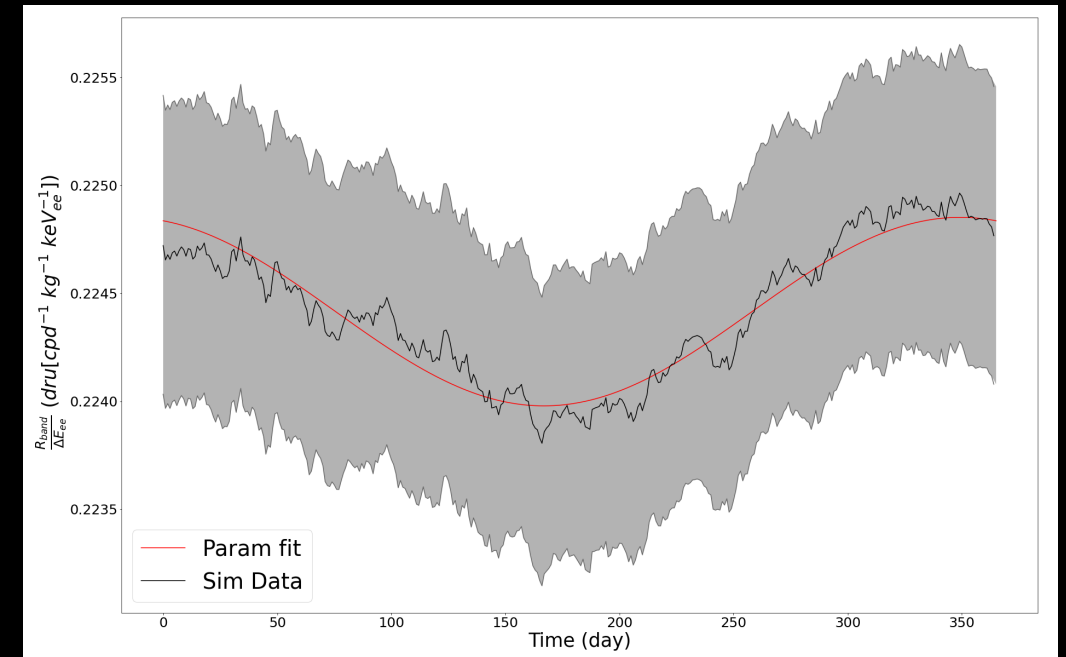
Low Mass



180°



High Mass



The modulation is fixed for a given minimum velocity, regardless of M_{DM} , but it's not fixed for a given recoil energy

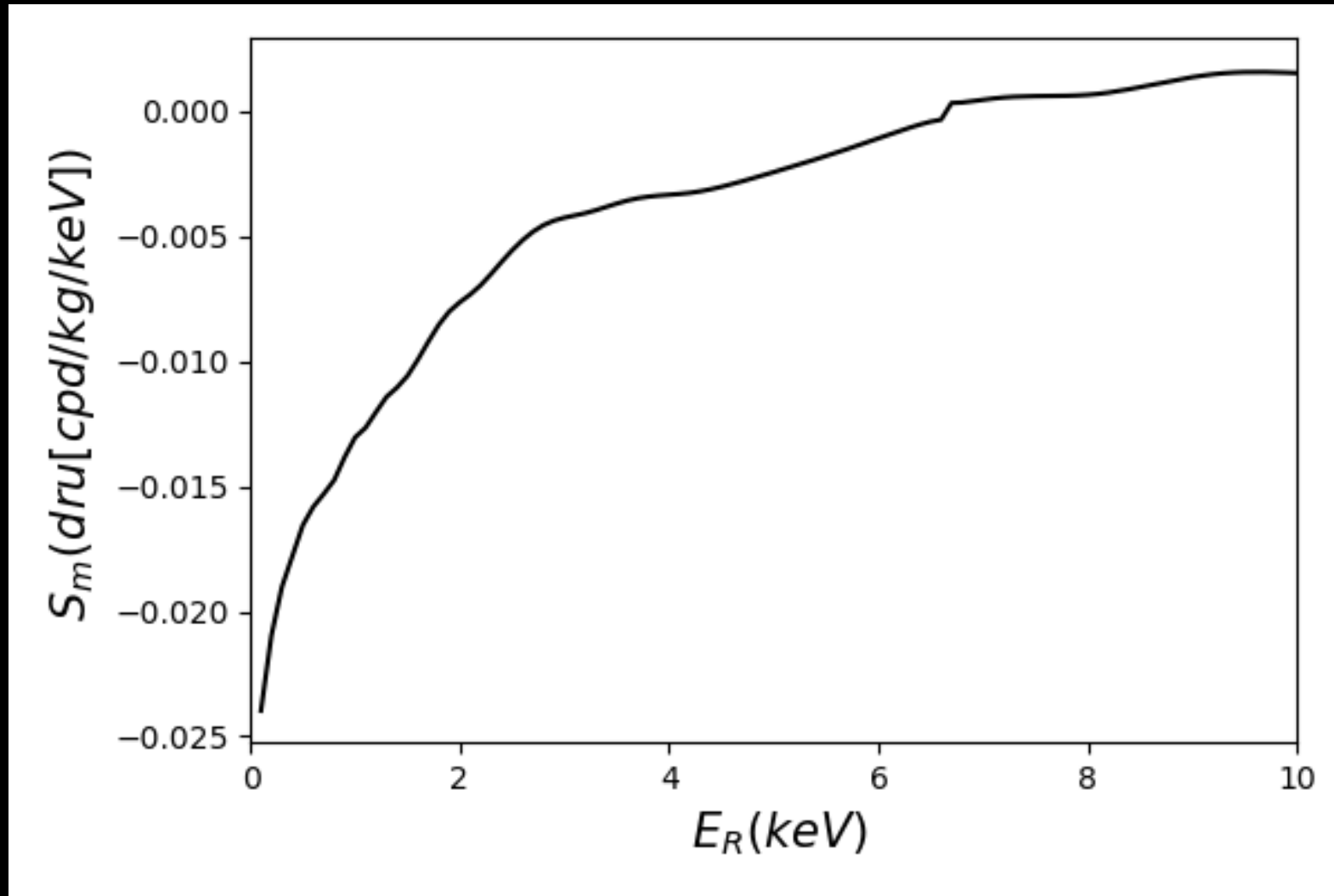
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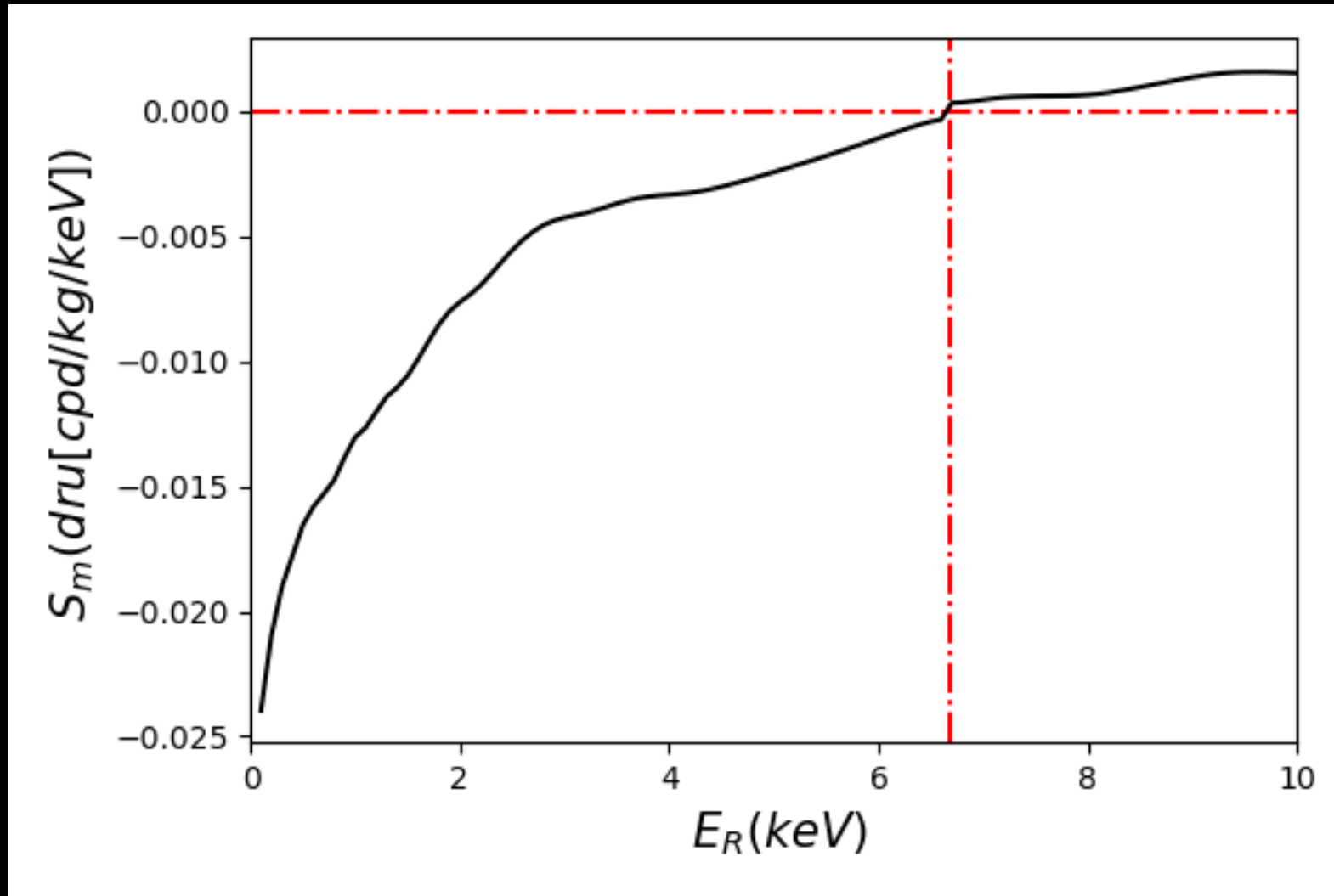
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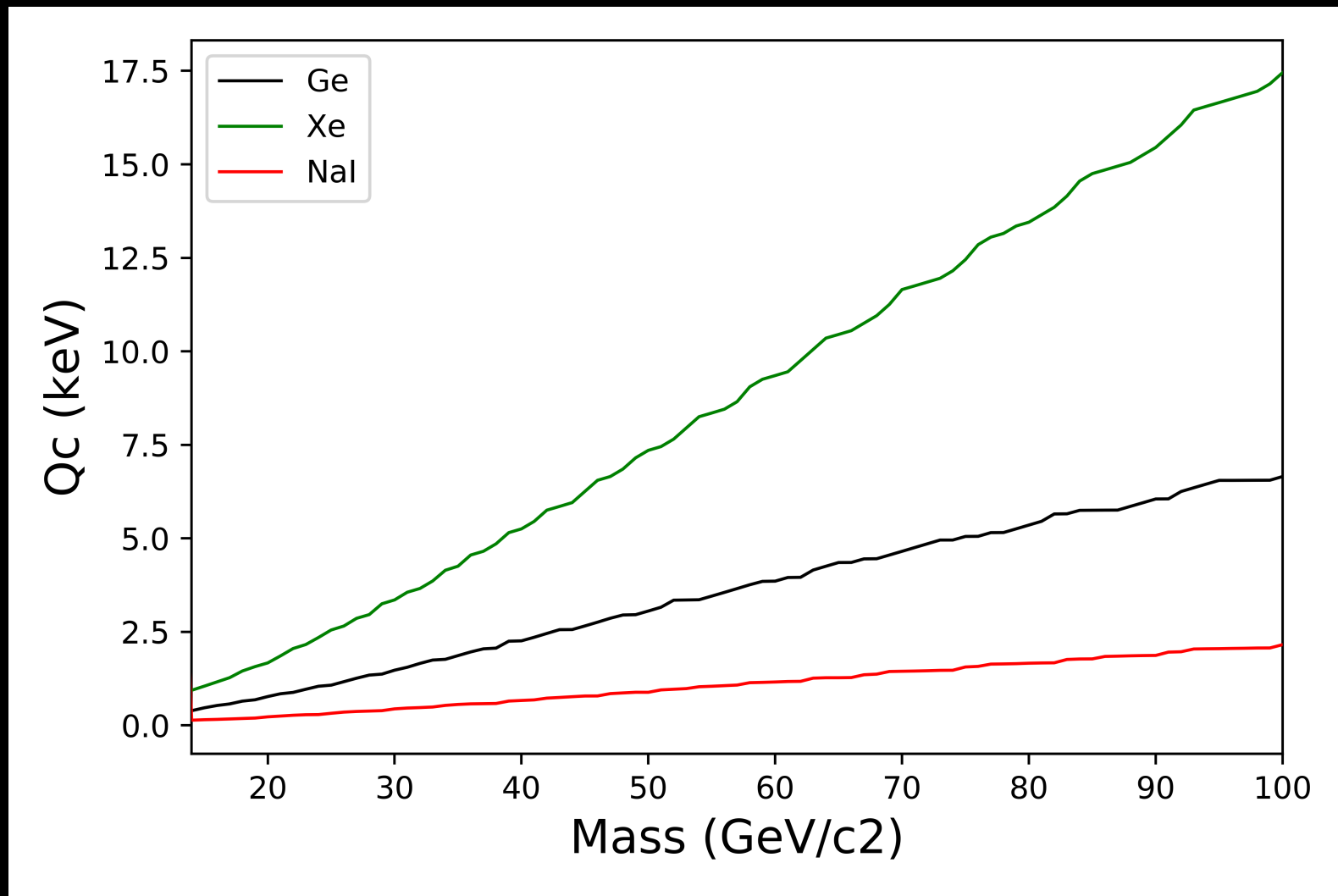
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Q_c vs M_{DM}



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












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README.rst

Dark-MaRK is an open source Python 3 package designed to generate bespoke predictions for dark matter direct detectors. *Dark-MaRK* allows users to vary three key aspects of dark matter direct detection - the detector model, the dark matter model, and the halo model of the galaxy.

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ABSTRACT

We use high-resolution, hydrodynamic, galaxy simulations from the Latte suite of FIRE-2 simulations to investigate the inherent variation of dark matter in sub-sampled regions around the Solar Circle of a Milky Way-type analogue galaxy and its impact on direct dark matter detection. These simulations show that the baryonic backreaction, as well as the assembly history of substructures, has lasting impacts on the dark matter’s spatial and velocity distributions. These are experienced as ‘gusts’ of dark matter wind around the Solar Circle, potentially complicating interpretations of direct detection experiments on Earth. We find that the velocity distribution function in the galactocentric frame shows strong deviations from the Maxwell Boltzmann form typically assumed in the fiducial Standard Halo Model, indicating the presence of high-velocity substructures. By introducing a new numerical integration technique which removes any dependencies on the Standard Halo Model, we generate event-rate predictions for both single-element Germanium and compound Sodium Iodide detectors, and explore how the variability of dark matter around the Solar Circle influences annual modulation signal predictions. We find that these velocity substructures contribute additional astrophysical uncertainty to the interpretation of event rates, although their impact on summary statistics such as the peak day of annual modulation is generally low.

Key words: (cosmology:) dark matter – astroparticle physics – hydrodynamics – scattering – Galaxy:general – software: simulations



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Conclusions

- All VDFs demonstrate significant deviations from the fiducial Maxwell Boltzmann fit, demonstrating the inherent fluctuations in the dark matter field.
- Consequent annual modulation signals demonstrate that high energy structure effects from VDFs do not persist.
- Model tests imply the Standard Halo Model is an appropriate approximation.
- The critical turnover energy can be used by direct detection experiments as a tool for constraining WIMP mass

