

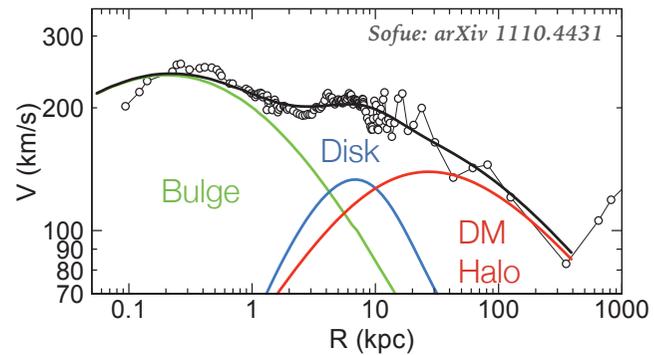
DARK MATTER DIRECT DETECTION OF CLASSICAL WIMPS

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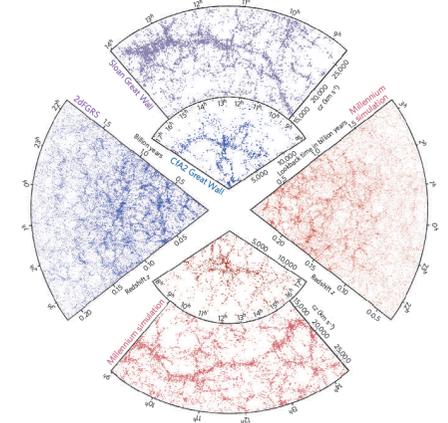
ABUNDANCE OF EVIDENCE FOR PARTICLE DARK MATTER

- ▶ The Missing Mass Problem:
 - ▶ Dynamics of stars, galaxies, and clusters
 - ▶ Rotation curves, gravitational lensing
 - ▶ Large Scale Structure formation
- ▶ Wealth of evidence for a particle solution
 - ▶ Microlensing (MACHOs) mostly ruled out
 - ▶ MOND has problems with Bullet Cluster
- ▶ Non-baryonic
 - ▶ Height of acoustic peaks in the CMB (Ω_b, Ω_m)
 - ▶ Power spectrum of density fluctuations (Ω_m)
 - ▶ Primordial Nucleosynthesis (Ω_b)
- ▶ And STILL HERE!
 - ▶ Stable, neutral, non-relativistic
 - ▶ Interacts via gravity and (maybe) a weak force

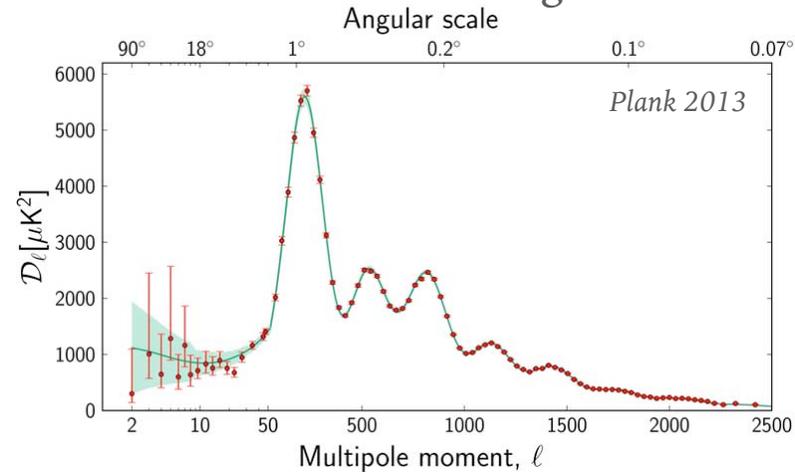
Rotation Curve of Milky Way

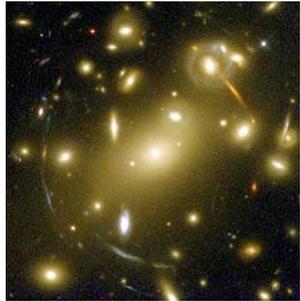


Structure Formation

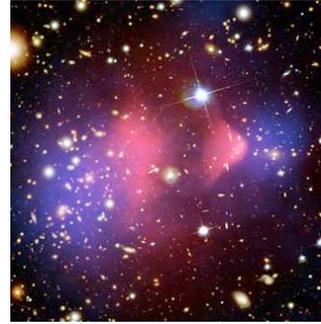


Cosmic Microwave Background

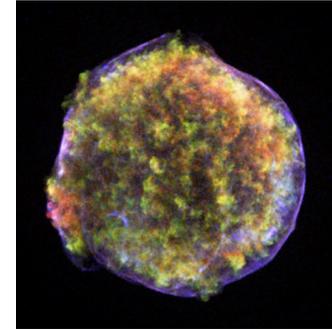




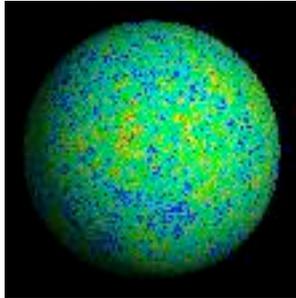
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lensing



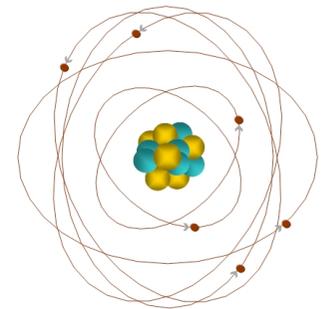
Galaxy clusters



Supernovae Ia



Microwave
background



Big Bang
nucleosynthesis

Ordinary Matter
4.9%

Dark Matter
26.8%

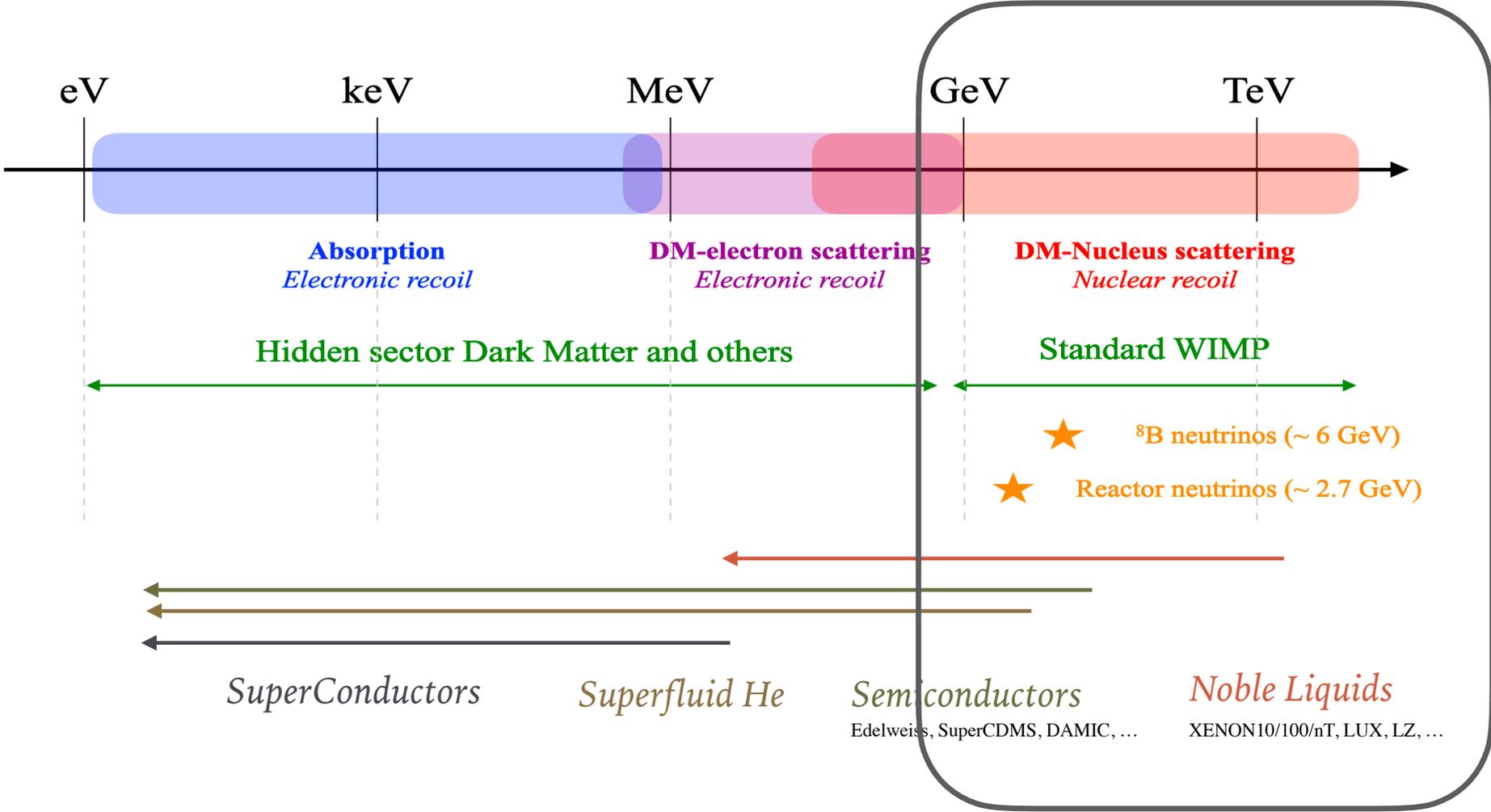
Dark Energy
68.3%



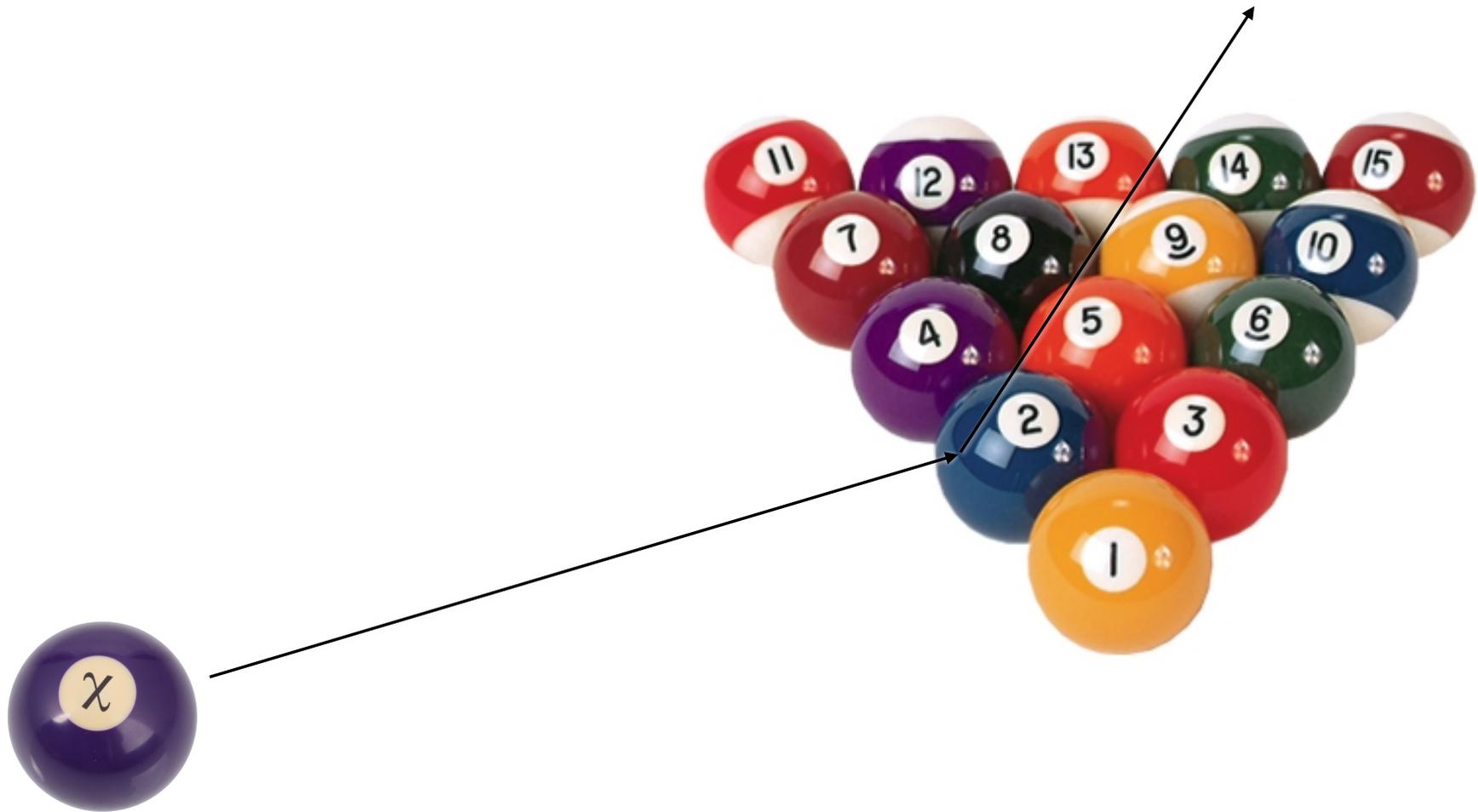
CONTENT

- ▶ How to Design a Dark Matter Detector
 - ▶ Expected rates
 - ▶ Background considerations
 - ▶ Experimental signatures
- ▶ Direct Detection Searches
 - ▶ Have we already seen a signal?
 - ▶ Detecting scattering from the nucleus with existing experiments
 - ▶ Reaching lower masses by detecting single electron-hole pairs with current experiments
 - ▶ Ideas for extending sensitivity to sub-eV dark matter signatures (will be completely covered by Tongyan later this week).

DIRECT DETECTION ENERGY RANGES

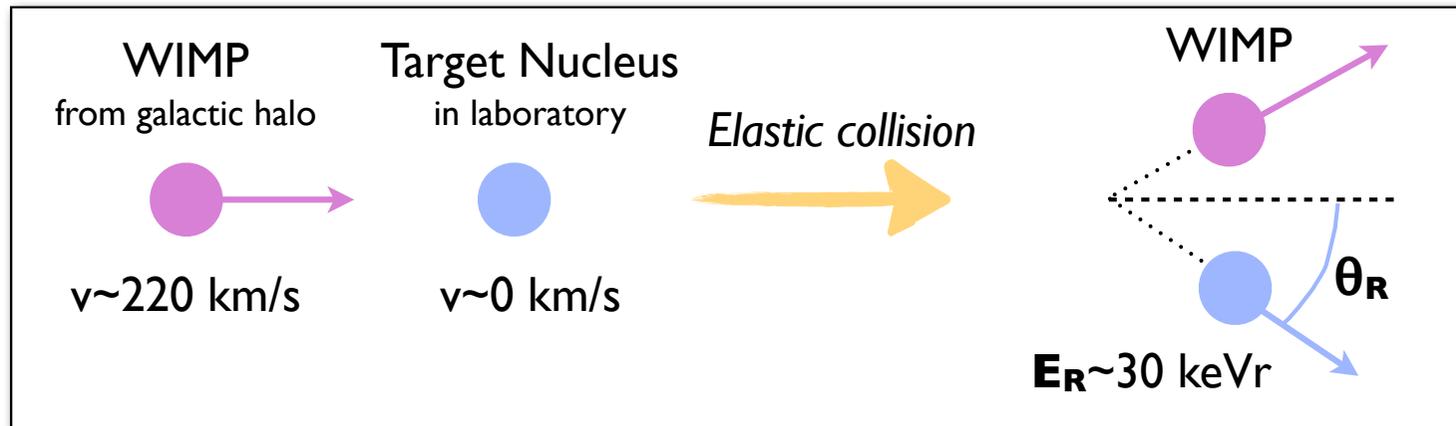


CONSIDERATIONS – DETECTING DARK MATTER VIA NUCLEAR SCATTERING



DIRECT DETECTION EVENT RATES

Assume that the dark matter is not only gravitationally interacting (WIMP).



- Elastic scatter of a WIMP off a nucleus
 - Imparts a small amount of energy in a recoiling nucleus
 - Can occur via spin-dependent or spin-independent channels
 - Need to distinguish this event from the overwhelming number of background events

DIVE-IN: KINEMATICS

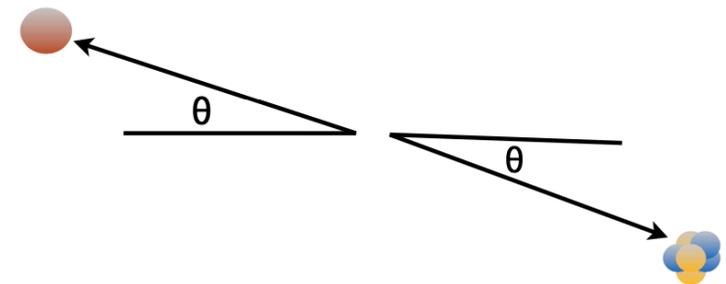
- Calculate the recoil energy of a nucleus in the center of mass frame.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{initial momentum: } \vec{p} &= -\vec{E}_k \\ \text{final momentum: } \vec{p}' &= -\vec{E}_k' = \vec{q} + \mu \vec{v}_\chi \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\text{WIMP-nucleus reduced mass: } \mu = \frac{m_\chi m_N}{m_\chi + m_N}$$

q = momentum transfer



- For elastic scattering in the COM frame: $|\vec{p}| = |\vec{p}'|$

$$\frac{q^2}{2} = \frac{1}{2}(\vec{p} - \vec{p}')^2 = p^2 - \vec{p} \cdot \vec{p}' = p^2(1 - \cos \theta) = \mu^2 v^2 (1 - \cos \theta_R)$$

v = mean WIMP-velocity relative to the target

- The NR energy can then be calculated as

$$E_r = \frac{|\vec{q}|^2}{2m_N} = \frac{\mu^2 v^2}{m_N} (1 - \cos \theta_R)$$

- ▶ We can calculate the minimum DM particle velocity for which we can expect a recoil. This corresponds to the case of backscattering ($\cos \theta = -1$).

$$E_R = \frac{\mu^2 v^2}{m_N} (1 - \cos \theta_R)$$

$$E_r = \frac{|\vec{q}|^2}{2m_N}$$

$$E_R = \frac{\mu^2 v^2}{m_N} (1 - (-1)) \Rightarrow v_{min} = \sqrt{\frac{m_N E_R}{2\mu^2}} = \frac{q}{2\mu}$$

- ▶ Implications:

- ▶ Lighter dark matter particles ($m_\chi \ll m_N$) must have larger threshold velocities.
- ▶ Inelastic scattering can further increase the minimal velocity needed.

- ▶ Consider the average momentum transfer in an elastic scattering between a WIMP-nucleus. Consider the case of a $10 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ WIMP whose speed is $\sim 100 \text{ km s}^{-1}$.

$$p = m_\chi v = (10 \times 10^8 \text{ eV } c^{-2})(100 \times 10^3 \text{ m s}^{-1}) \frac{c}{3 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}} \sim 3 \text{ MeV}/c$$

If the DM were $100 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ then our momentum transfer would be $\sim 30 \text{ MeV}/c$

- What is the de Broglie wavelength that corresponds to a momentum transfer of $\sim 10 \text{ MeV}/c$?

$$\lambda = \frac{hc}{pc} = \frac{1.239 \times 10^{-6} \text{ eV} \cdot \text{m}}{10 \times 10^6 \text{ eV}} \sim 12 \text{ pm} > R_0 A^{1/3} \text{ fm}$$

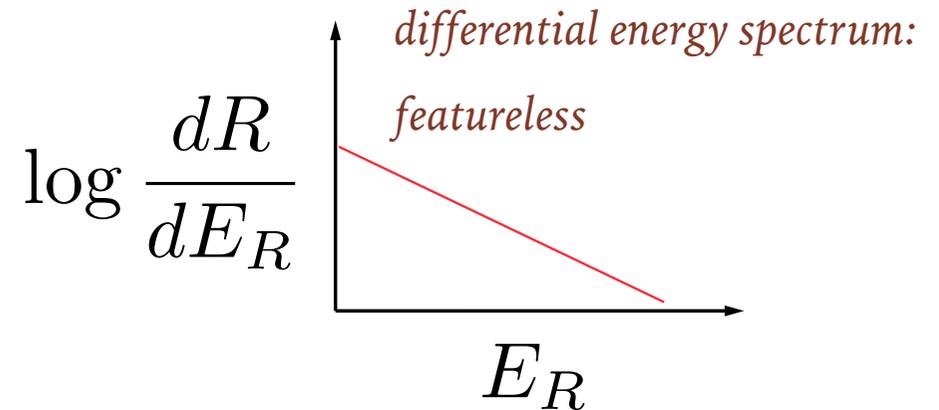
*This is larger than the size of most nuclei.
Thus, scattering amplitudes on individual nucleons will add coherently.*

EXPECTED RATES IN A DETECTOR – SIMPLIFIED.

- The differential event rate for simplified WIMP interaction (a detector stationary in the galaxy) is given by:

$$\frac{dR}{dE_R} = \frac{R_0}{E_0 r} e^{-E_R/E_0 r}$$

event rate \downarrow $\frac{dR}{dE_R}$ \uparrow recoil energy
 total event rate \downarrow R_0
 $E_0 r$ \leftarrow kinematic factor $r = \frac{4M_\chi M_N}{(M_\chi + M_N)^2}$
 most probable incident energy (Maxwell-Boltzman distribution) \uparrow



- The total event rate is given by

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{dR}{dE_R} dE_R = R_0$$

and the mean recoiling energy

$$\langle E_R \rangle = \int_0^\infty E_R \frac{dR}{dE_R} dE_R = E_0 r$$

EXAMPLE: CALCULATE THE MEAN NR DEPOSITED IN A DETECTOR

- ▶ Assume that the DM mass and the nucleus mass are identical:

$$m_\chi = m_N = 100 \text{ GeV}/c^2$$

- ▶ Our formula is

$$\langle E_R \rangle = E_0 r = \left(\frac{1}{2} m_\chi v^2 \right) \left(\frac{4 m_\chi m_N}{(m_\chi + m_N)^2} \right) \quad \text{For our case:}$$
$$\implies r = 1$$

- ▶ Assuming the halo is stationary, the mean WIMP velocity relative to the target is

$$v \approx 220 \text{ km s}^{-1} = 0.75 \times 10^{-3} c$$

- ▶ Substituting into our equation for $\langle E_R \rangle$

$$\langle E_R \rangle = \frac{100 \text{ GeV } c^{-2} (0.75 \times 10^{-3} c)^2}{2} \sim 30 \text{ keV}$$

EXPECTED DETECTOR RATES: THE DETAILS

- ▶ We need to take into account the following
 - ▶ DM will have a certain velocity distribution $f(v)$.
 - ▶ The detector is on Earth, Earth moves around the Sun, and the Sun moves around the Galactic Center.
 - ▶ The cross-section depends upon the spin interaction. In the simplest cases, this is either spin-independent (SI) or spin-dependent (SD)
 - ▶ DM scatters on nuclei. Nuclei have finite size. As such, we have to consider form-factor corrections which are different for SI and SD interactions.
 - ▶ The recoil energy is not necessarily the observed energy. The detection efficiency in real life is not 100%.
 - ▶ Detectors have certain energy resolution and energy thresholds.

DARK MATTER DETECTION MASTER FORMULA

- ▶ The total number of particles detected (N) is the dark matter flux times the effective area of the target multiplied by the observation time (t)

$$N = \underbrace{tnv}_{\text{DM number density} \times \text{DM speed}} \overbrace{N_T \sigma}^{\text{number of target} \times \text{scattering cross section}}$$

- ▶ We will need to determine the spectrum of DM recoils \rightarrow the energy dependence of the number of detected DM particles

$$\frac{dN}{dE_R} = tnvN_T \frac{d\sigma}{dE_R}$$

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- We need to consider the DM particles are described by their local velocity distribution, $f(\vec{v})$, where \vec{v} is the DM velocity in the reference frame of the detector.

$$\frac{dN}{dE_R} = tnN_T \int_{v_{min}} v f(\vec{v}) \frac{d\sigma}{dE_R} d\vec{v}$$

We need to integrate all possible DM velocities with their corresponding probability density and

$$v_{min} = \sqrt{\frac{m_\chi E_R}{2\mu^2}} = \begin{array}{l} \text{min speed required} \\ \text{to produce a recoil} \\ \text{of energy } E_R. \end{array}$$

- Noting the following:

$$n = \frac{\rho}{m_\chi} \quad \text{and} \quad N_T = \frac{M_T}{m_N} \quad \text{and} \quad \epsilon = tM_T$$

where M_T is the total mass of the target and m_N is the mass of an individual nucleus

- We can write

$$\frac{dN}{dE_R} = \epsilon \frac{\rho}{m_\chi m_N} \int_{v_{min}} v f(\vec{v}) \frac{d\sigma}{dE_R} d\vec{v}$$

ELEMENTS OF IDEAL EVENT RATE IN DIRECT DETECTION:

Differential Event Rate:
[events/keV/kg/day]

$$\frac{dR}{dE_R} = \frac{\rho_0}{m_N m_\chi} \int_{v_{min}}^{\infty} v f(v) \frac{d\sigma_{\chi N}}{dE_R} dv$$

local WIMP density
WIMP-nucleon scattering cross section

nucleus mass
WIMP mass
WIMP speed distribution in detector frame

need input from astrophysics, particle physics and nuclear physics

Minimum WIMP velocity which can cause a recoil of energy E_R .

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 WIMP mass m_χ
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THE SCATTERING CROSS SECTION

- Event rate is found by integrating over all recoils:

$$R = \int_{E_T}^{\infty} dE_R \frac{\rho_0}{m_N m_\chi} \int_{v_{min}}^{\infty} v f(v) \frac{d\sigma_{\chi N}}{dE_R}(v, E_R) dv$$

threshold energy

Minimum WIMP velocity which can cause a recoil of energy E_R .

$$v_{min} = \sqrt{\frac{m_N E_R}{2\mu^2}}$$

- The scattering cross section takes place in the non-relativistic limit. Thus, it can be approximated as isotropic.

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta} = \text{constant} = \frac{\sigma}{2}$$

- Recall, $E_R^{max} = 2\mu^2 v^2 / m_N$. That means we can write ...

$$E_R = E_R^{max} \frac{1 + \cos \theta}{2} \quad \longrightarrow \quad \frac{dE_R}{d \cos \theta} = \frac{E_R^{max}}{2}$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d \cos \theta} = \frac{\sigma}{2}$$

- From this we can write

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dE_R} = \frac{d\sigma}{d \cos \theta} \frac{d \cos \theta}{dE_R} = \frac{\sigma}{2} \frac{2}{E_R^{max}} = \frac{\sigma}{E_R^{max}} = \frac{m_N \sigma}{2\mu v^2}$$

- Recall that the momentum transfer for non-relativistic processes can neglect the kinetic energy of the nucleus. So,...

$$q = \sqrt{2m_N E_R} \sim MeV \quad \longrightarrow \quad \text{the de Broglie length is on the order of fm.}$$

- So, light nuclei, the DM particle sees the nucleus as a whole, w/o substructure.

➤ Heavier nuclei require inclusion of the nuclear form factor to account for the loss of coherence.

➤ The WIMP-nucleon cross section can be separated:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dE_R} = \left[\left(\frac{d\sigma}{dE_R} \right)_{SI} + \left(\frac{d\sigma}{dE_R} \right)_{SD} \right]$$

Spin-Independent + Spin-Dependent

SI arise from scalar or vector couplings to quarks.

SD arise from axial-vector couplings to quarks.

➤ To calculate, add coherently the spin and scalar components

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dE_R} = \frac{m_N}{2\mu_N^2 v^2} \left[\sigma_0^{SI} F_{SI}^2 + \sigma_0^{SD} F_{SD}^2 \right]$$

Particle Theory
Nuclear Structure

F(E_R) = Form factor encodes the dependence on the momentum transfer.

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\chi N}}{dE_R} = \frac{m_N}{2\mu_N^2 v^2} \left[\sigma_0^{SI} F_{SI}^2 + \sigma_0^{SD} F_{SD}^2 \right]$$

- Spin Independent: Woods-Saxon Form Factor

$$F(q) = \left(\frac{3j_1(qR_1)}{qR_1} \right)^2 e^{-q^2 s^2/2}$$

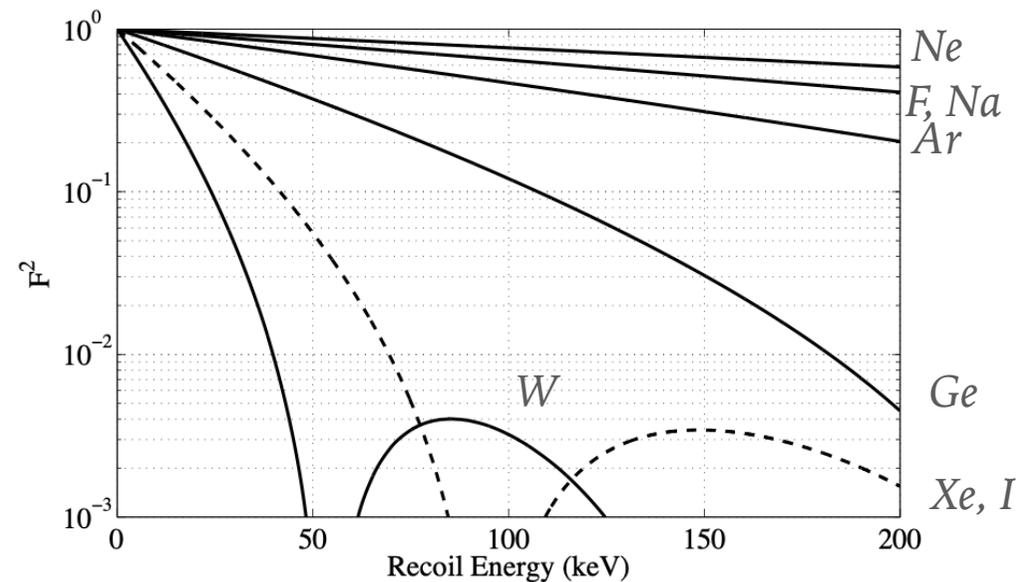
$$j_1 = \text{spherical Bessel Function} = \frac{\sin(x)}{x^2} - \frac{\cos(x)}{x}$$

q = momentum transfer

s = nuclear skin thickness ($\simeq 1$ fm)

R_1 = effective nucleus radius

NUCLEAR FORM FACTOR - QUANTUM MECHANICS OF INTERACTION WITH NUCLEUS



$$\frac{d\sigma_{WN}}{dE_R} = \frac{m_N}{2\mu_N^2 v^2} \left[\sigma_0^{SI} F_{SI}^2 + \sigma_0^{SD} F_{SD}^2 \right]$$

NUCLEAR FORM FACTOR – QUANTUM MECHANICS OF INTERACTION WITH NUCLEUS

► Spin Dependent Interactions

$$F^2(E_R) = \frac{S(E_R)}{S(0)}$$

$$S(E_R) = a_0^2 S_{00}(E_R) + a_1^2 S_{11}(E_R) + a_0 a_1 2S_{01}(E_R)$$

$$a_0 = a_p + a_n \text{ and } a_1 = a_p - a_n$$

S_{ij} → isoscalar, isovector and interference form factors

$a_{i,j}$ → isoscalar, isovector coupling

WIMP-NUCLEUS INTERACTIONS

$$\frac{d\sigma_{WN}}{dE_R} = \frac{m_N}{2\mu_N^2 v^2} \left[\sigma_0^{SI} F_{SI}^2 + \sigma_0^{SD} F_{SD}^2 \right]$$

► Spin-Independent

$$\sigma_0^{SI} = \frac{4\mu^2}{\pi} \left[\underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{coupling to} \\ \text{proton}}}{Zf_p} + (A - Z) \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{coupling to} \\ \text{neutron}}}{f_n} \right]^2 \propto A^2$$

Assume low momentum transfer:

- In most models $f_n \sim f_p$ (scalar four-fermion coupling constants)
- Scattering adds coherently with A^2 enhancement ↙

► Spin-Dependent

$$\sigma_0^{SD} = \frac{\overset{\substack{\text{Fermi} \\ \text{constant}}}{32G_F^2\mu^2}}{\pi} \frac{\underset{\substack{\text{nuclear} \\ \text{angular} \\ \text{momentum}}}{J+1}}{J} \left[\overset{\substack{\text{expectation value of} \\ \text{proton/neutron spin}}}{a_p \langle S_p \rangle + a_n \langle S_n \rangle} \right]^2$$

↙ ↘ ↙ ↘
coupling constant to proton/neutron

- Scales with spin of the nucleus
- No coherent effect!

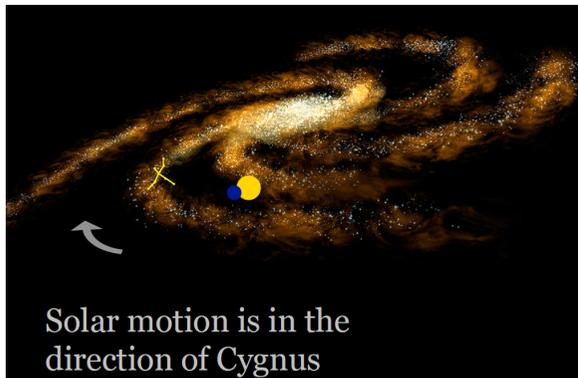
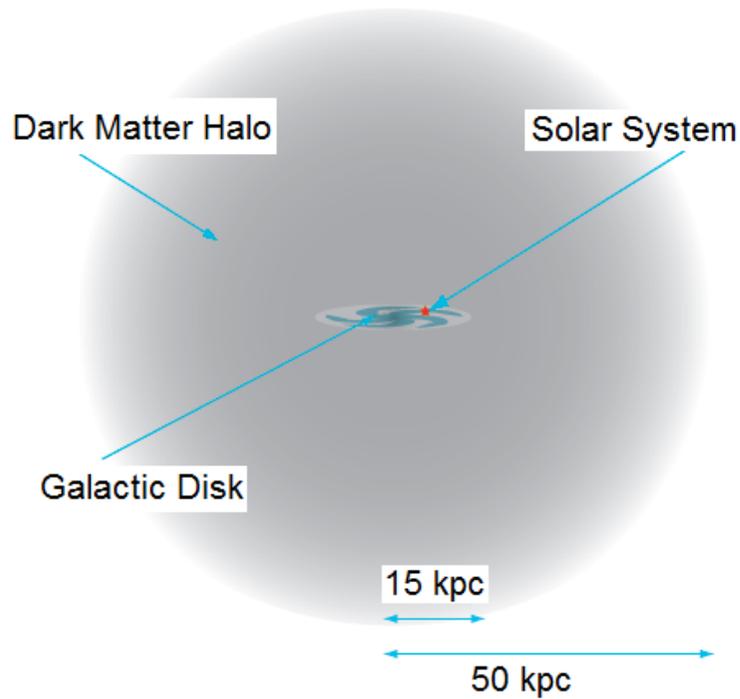
$$\sigma_0^{SD} = \frac{32G_F^2 \mu^2}{\pi} \frac{J+1}{J} \left[a_p \langle S_p \rangle + a_n \langle S_n \rangle \right]^2$$

CHOOSING A TARGET MATERIAL: SPIN DEPENDENT CASE

Nucleus	Z	Odd Nucleon	J	$\langle S_p \rangle$	$\langle S_n \rangle$	$\frac{4\langle S_p \rangle^2(J+1)}{3J}$	$\frac{4\langle S_n \rangle^2(J+1)}{3J}$
						"Scaling Factors"	
^{19}F	9	p	1/2	0.477	-0.004	9.10×10^{-1}	6.40×10^{-5}
^{23}Na	11	p	3/2	0.248	0.020	1.37×10^{-1}	8.89×10^{-4}
^{27}Al	13	p	5/2	-0.343	0.030	2.20×10^{-1}	1.68×10^{-3}
^{29}Si	14	n	1/2	-0.002	0.130	1.60×10^{-5}	6.76×10^{-2}
^{35}Cl	17	p	3/2	-0.083	0.004	1.53×10^{-2}	3.56×10^{-5}
^{39}K	19	p	3/2	-0.180	0.050	7.20×10^{-2}	5.56×10^{-3}
^{73}Ge	32	n	9/2	0.030	0.378	1.47×10^{-3}	2.33×10^{-1}
^{93}Nb	41	p	9/2	0.460	0.080	3.45×10^{-1}	1.04×10^{-2}
^{125}Te	52	n	1/2	0.001	0.287	4.00×10^{-6}	3.29×10^{-1}
^{127}I	53	p	5/2	0.309	0.075	1.78×10^{-1}	1.05×10^{-2}
^{129}Xe	54	n	1/2	0.028	0.359	3.14×10^{-3}	5.16×10^{-1}
^{131}Xe	54	n	3/2	-0.009	-0.227	1.80×10^{-4}	1.15×10^{-1}

Tovey et al., PLB 488 17(2000)

RELIC WIMP DISTRIBUTION: SIMPLIFIED MODEL



- ▶ WIMPs are distributed in isothermal spherical halos with Gaussian velocity distribution (Maxwellian)

$$f(\vec{v}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{|\vec{v}|^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

- ▶ The speed dispersion is related to the local circular speed by

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}v_c \quad \text{where} \quad v_c = 220 \text{ km/s}$$

- ▶ The density profile of the sphere is

$$\rho(r) \propto r^{-2} \quad \text{and} \quad \rho_0 = 0.3 \text{ GeV}/c^2$$

- ▶ Particles with speeds greater than v_{esc} are not gravitationally bound. Hence, the speed distribution needs to be truncated.

$$v_{esc} = 650 \text{ km/s}$$



- How many dark matter particles in a 2 liter bottle?

recall that 1 liter = 0.001 m³

120 particles → for 5 GeV/c²

10 particles → for 60 GeV/c²

DENSITY OF WIMPS IN YOUR WORK AREA

- The local dark matter density is

$$\rho_0 = 0.3 \text{ GeV/cm}^3$$

- Pick your favored mass for the dark matter particle

$$m = 5 \text{ GeV/c}^2$$

$$m = 60 \text{ GeV/c}^2$$

- What is the number density?

$$60,000 \text{ particles/m}^3 \quad \longrightarrow \text{for } 5 \text{ GeV/c}^2$$

$$5,000 \text{ particles/m}^3 \quad \longrightarrow \text{for } 60 \text{ GeV/c}^2$$

MAYBE NOT THAT SIMPLE?

- ▶ Effective Field Theory considers leading order and NLO operators that can occur in the effective Lagrangian that describes the WIMP-nucleon interactions.
- ▶ Contains 14 operators, that rely on a range of nuclear properties in addition to the SI and SD cases. They combine such that the WIMP-nucleon cross section depends on six independent nuclear response functions:
 - ▶ One “Spin independent”
 - ▶ Two “Spin Dependent”
 - ▶ Three “Velocity-Dependent”
- ▶ Two pairs of these interfere, resulting in eight independent parameters that can be probed

The effective field theory of dark matter direct detection

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<http://arxiv.org/abs/1211.2818>

<http://arxiv.org/abs/1308.6288>

<http://arxiv.org/abs/1405.6690>

<http://arxiv.org/abs/1503.03379>

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{O}_1 &= 1_\chi 1_N \\
\mathcal{O}_3 &= i \vec{S}_N \cdot \left[\frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \times \vec{v}^\perp \right] \\
\mathcal{O}_4 &= \vec{S}_\chi \cdot \vec{S}_N \\
\mathcal{O}_5 &= i \vec{S}_\chi \cdot \left[\frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \times \vec{v}^\perp \right] \\
\mathcal{O}_6 &= \left[\vec{S}_\chi \cdot \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \right] \left[\vec{S}_N \cdot \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \right] \\
\mathcal{O}_7 &= \vec{S}_N \cdot \vec{v}^\perp \\
\mathcal{O}_8 &= \vec{S}_\chi \cdot \vec{v}^\perp \\
\mathcal{O}_9 &= i \vec{S}_\chi \cdot \left[\vec{S}_N \times \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \right] \\
\mathcal{O}_{10} &= i \vec{S}_N \cdot \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \\
\mathcal{O}_{11} &= i \vec{S}_\chi \cdot \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \\
\mathcal{O}_{12} &= \vec{S}_\chi \cdot \left[\vec{S}_N \times \vec{v}^\perp \right] \\
\mathcal{O}_{13} &= i \left[\vec{S}_\chi \cdot \vec{v}^\perp \right] \left[\vec{S}_N \cdot \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \right] \\
\mathcal{O}_{14} &= i \left[\vec{S}_\chi \cdot \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \right] \left[\vec{S}_N \cdot \vec{v}^\perp \right] \\
\mathcal{O}_{15} &= - \left[\vec{S}_\chi \cdot \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \right] \left[\left(\vec{S}_N \times \vec{v}^\perp \right) \cdot \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \right]
\end{aligned}$$

- The EFT framework parameterizes the WIMP-nucleus interaction in terms of the 14 operators listed to the left.

\vec{v}^\perp = relative velocity between incoming WIMP and nucleon

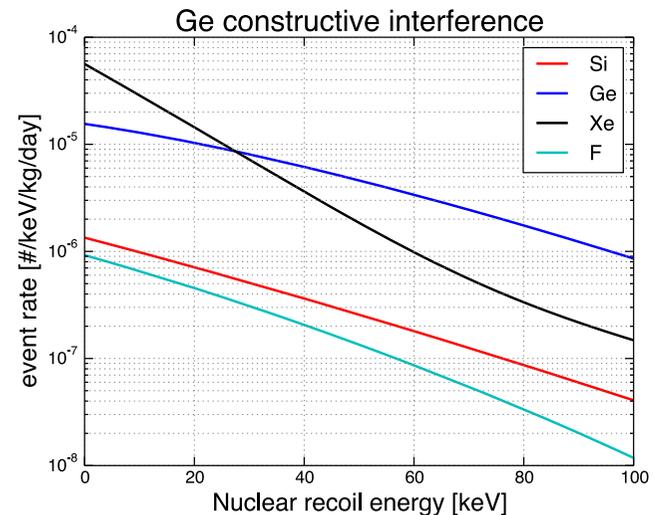
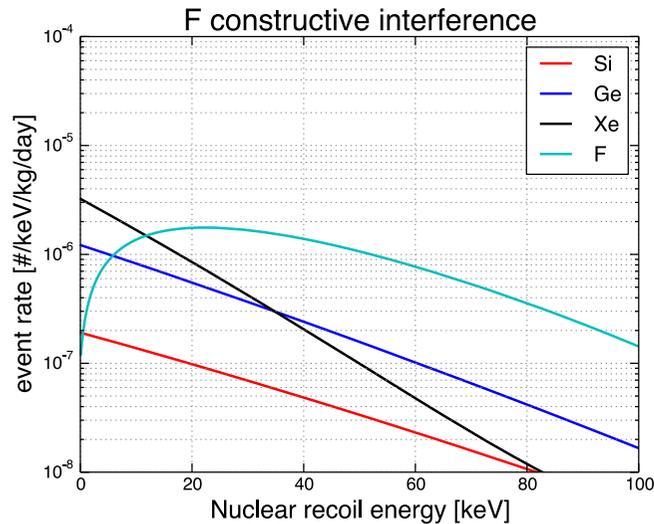
q = momentum transfer

\vec{S}_χ = WIMP spin

\vec{S}_N = nucleon spin

- In addition, each operator can independently couple to protons or neutrons.

Note \mathcal{O}_2 is not considered as it cannot arise from the non-relativistic limit.



[arxiv: 1503.03379](https://arxiv.org/abs/1503.03379)

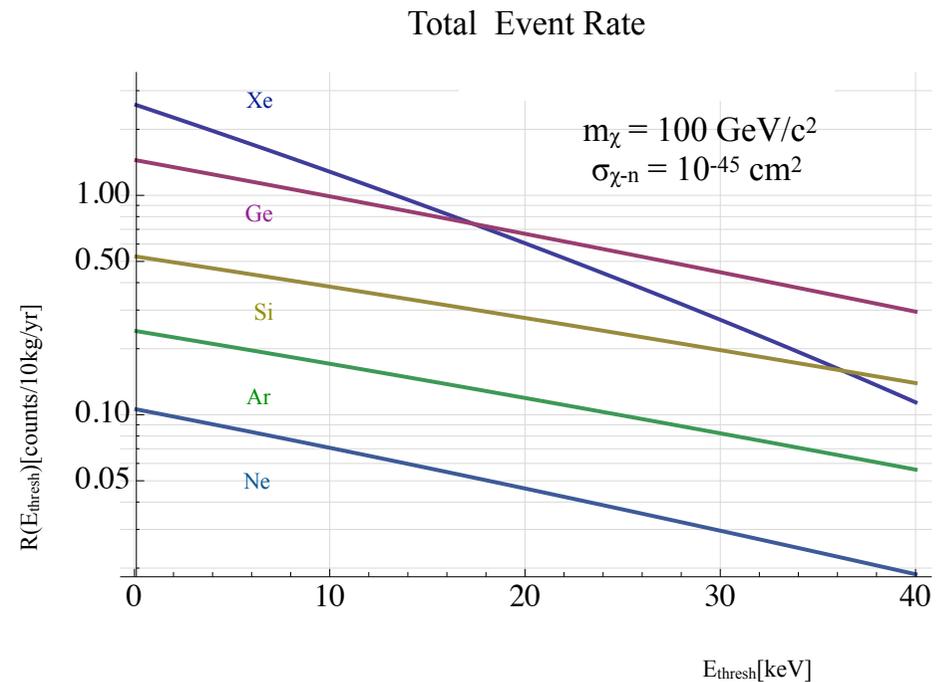
DARK MATTER COULD LOOK DIFFERENT IN DIFFERENT TARGETS

- Nuclear responses for different target elements vary. Some EFT operations have momentum dependence. EFT Operators can interfere.
- Example illustrates differences evaluating at the \mathcal{O}_8 and \mathcal{O}_9 constructive interference vector.
- Results in different rates between targets AND different spectral shapes.
- A robust dark matter direct detection program with different target materials will be needed to nail down which operators are contributing to any detected signal
- Take home message: We will need multiple targets to map out the physics of WIMP-nucleon interactions!

More on this from Joachim Brod during Week 4!

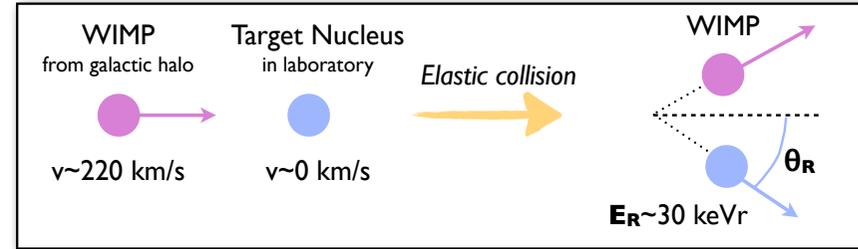
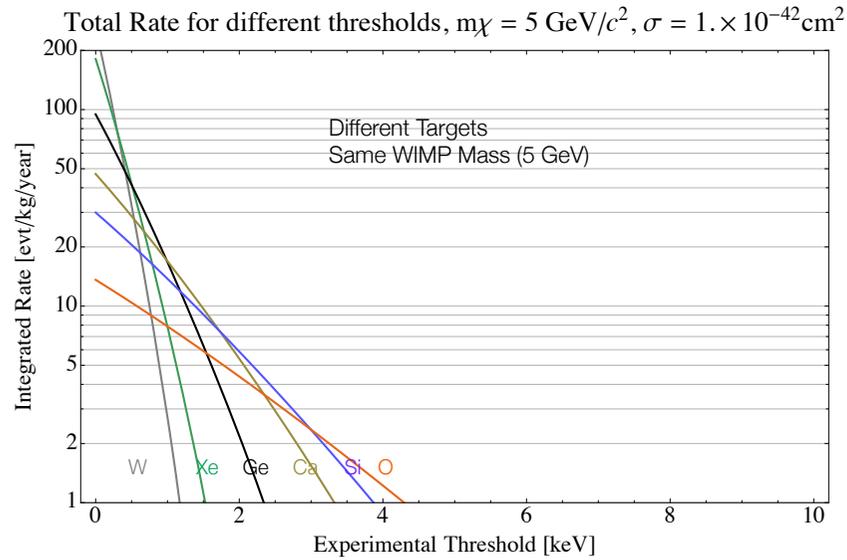
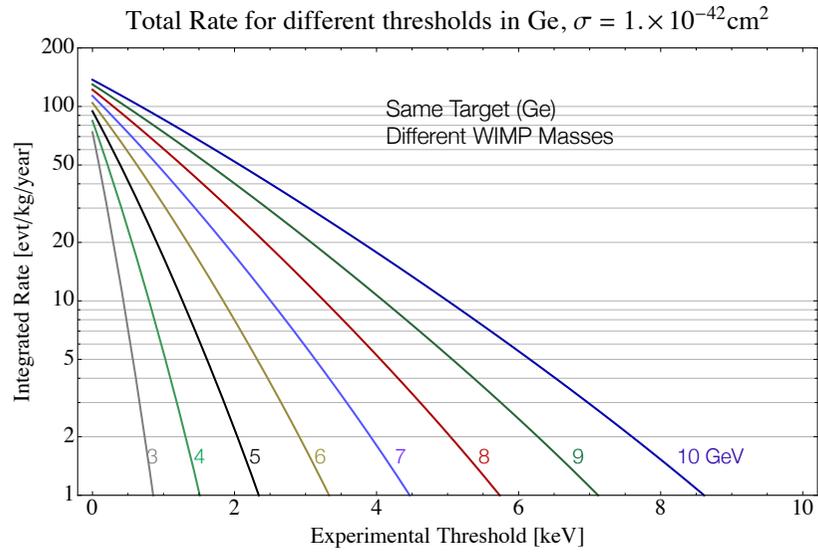
EVENT RATES ARE EXTREMELY LOW!

- ▶ Elastic scattering of WIMP deposits small amounts of energy into a recoiling nucleus (\sim few 10s of keV)
- ▶ Featureless exponential spectrum with no obvious peak, knee, break ...
- ▶ Event rate is very, very low.
- ▶ Radioactive background of most materials is higher than the event rate.



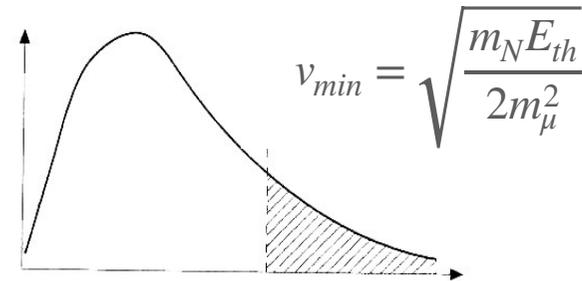
Need large exposures (mass x time)!

THE LOW-MASS WIMP CHALLENGE



$$E_R = \frac{p^2}{2m_N} = \frac{m_\mu^2 v^2}{m_N} (1 - \cos \theta_R)$$

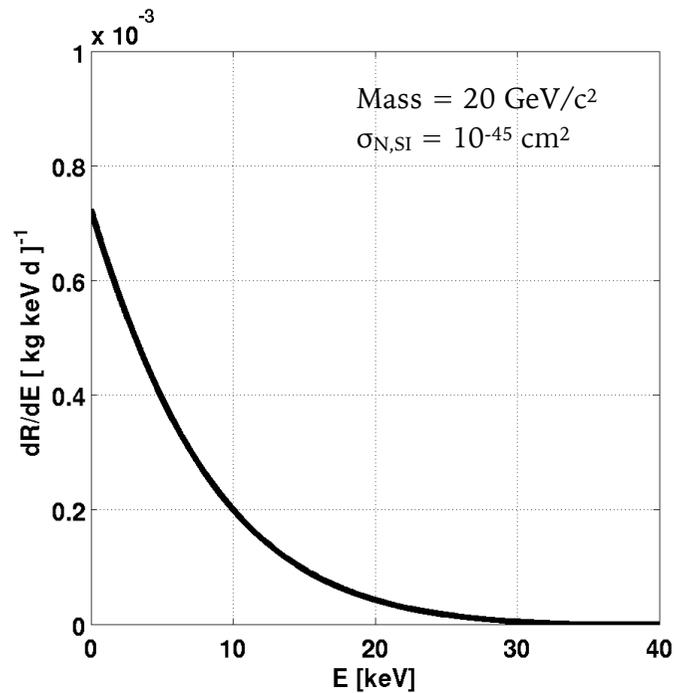
A WIMP must have a minimum velocity to produce a recoil.



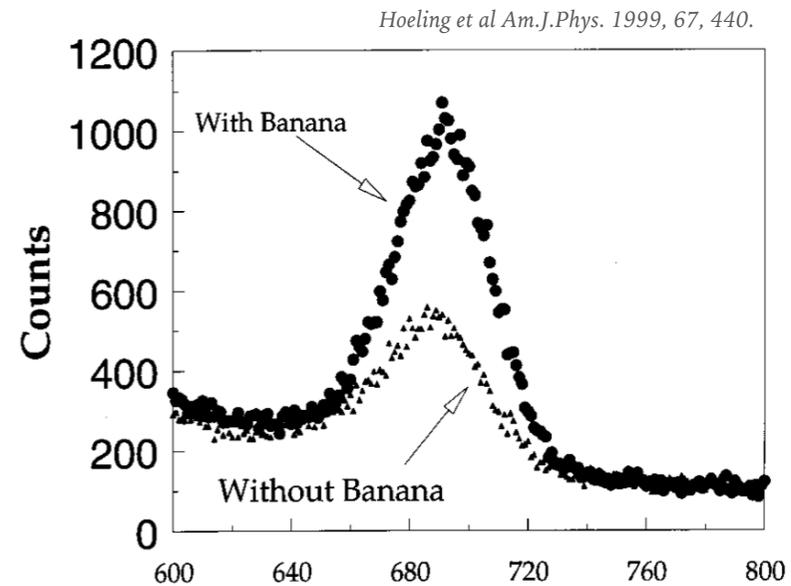
Need Low Energy Threshold!

THE EVENT RATES ARE EXTREMELY LOW!

► Expected WIMP Spectrum



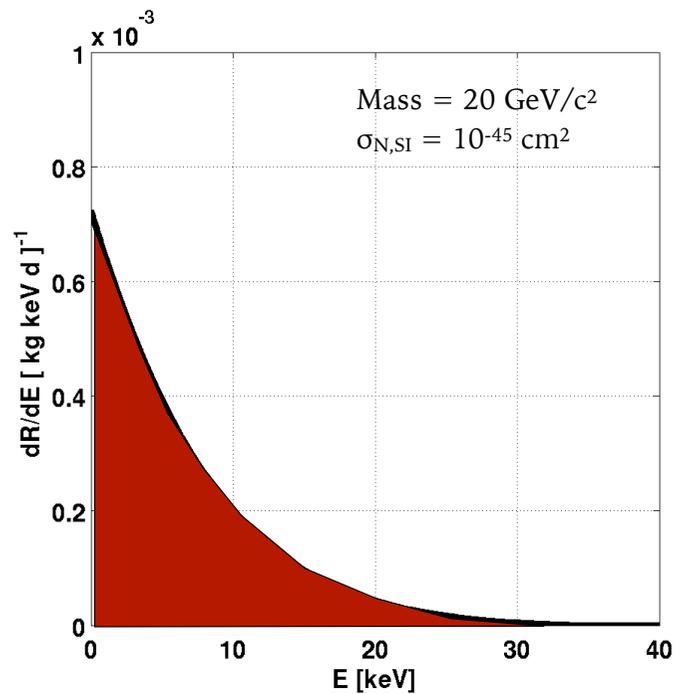
► Measured Banana Spectrum



Gamma measurements with a 3-inch NaI detector

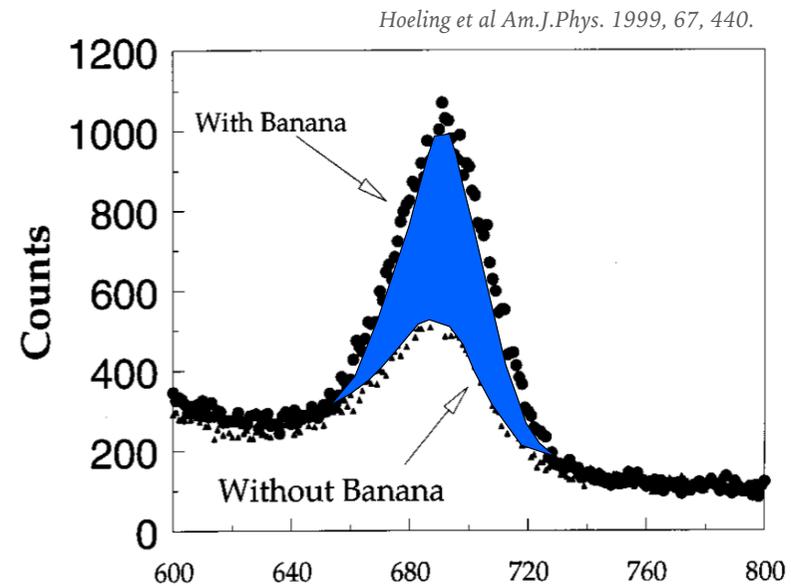
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► Expected WIMP Spectrum



~ 1 event per kg per year
(*nuclear recoils*)

► Measured Banana Spectrum



~ 100 events per kg per year
(*electron recoils*)