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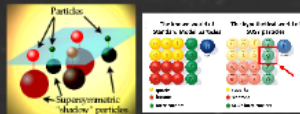
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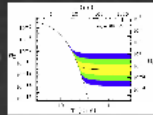
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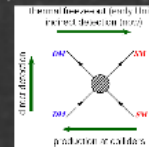
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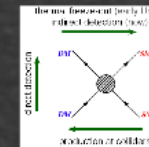
Remember: Any interaction that can happen WILL happen (maybe rarely)



We should be able to look for these interactions today

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It's called the weak force for a reason!



Early Universe



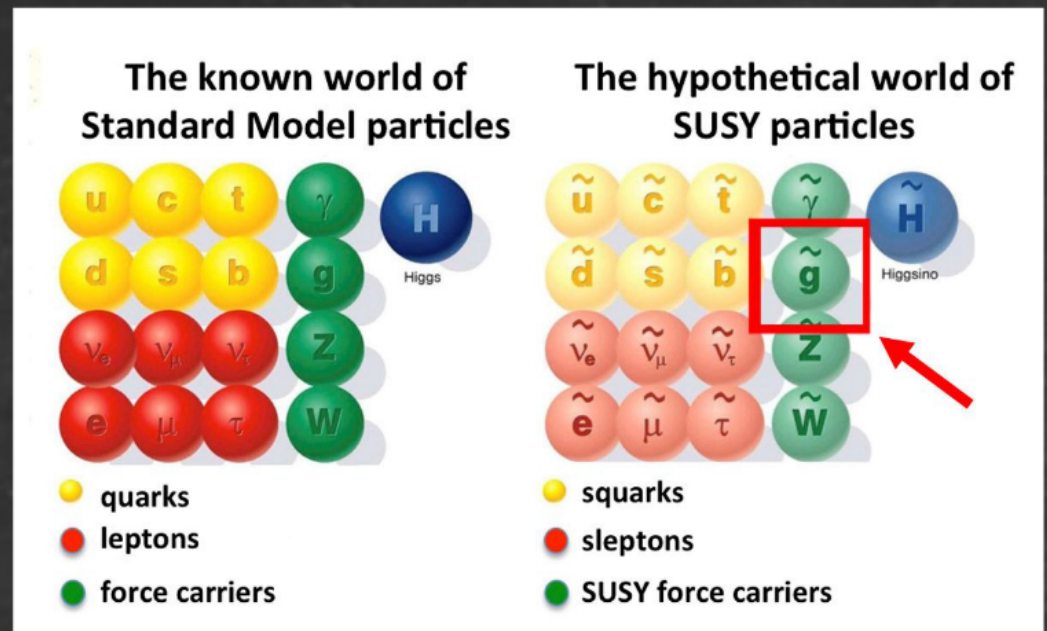
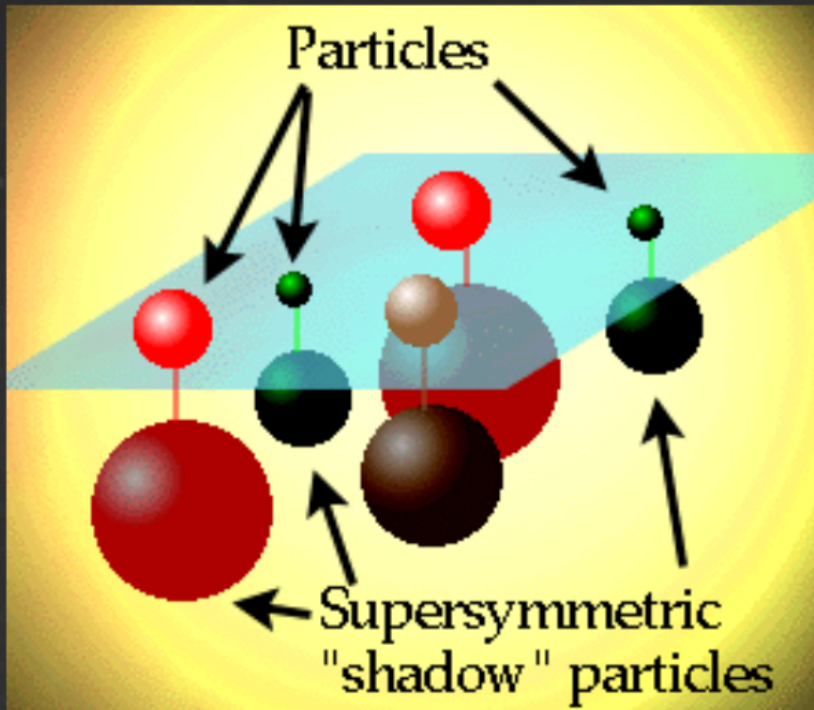
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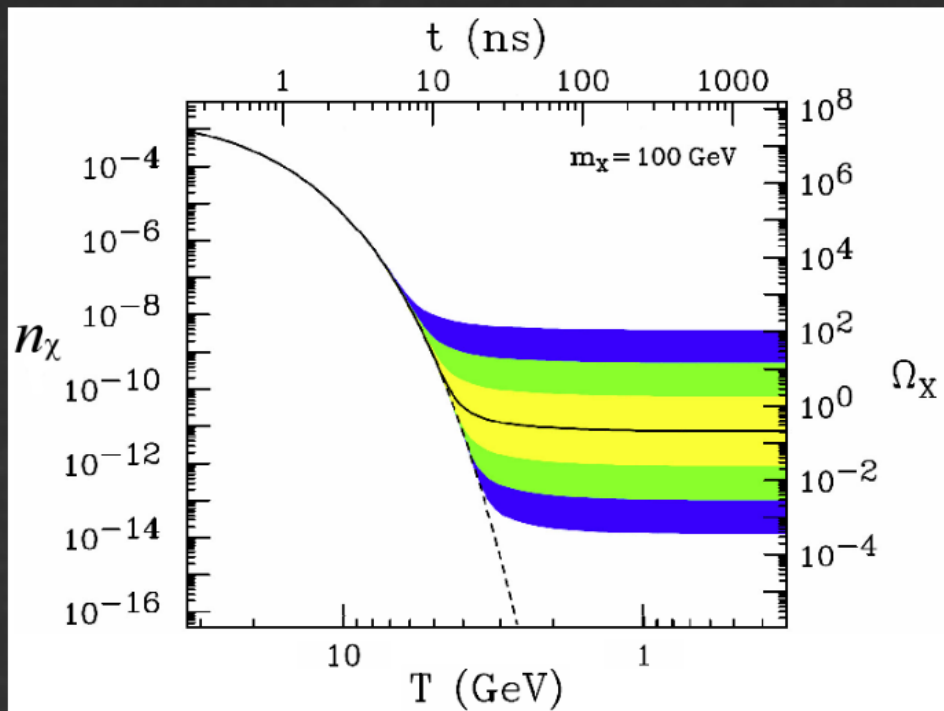
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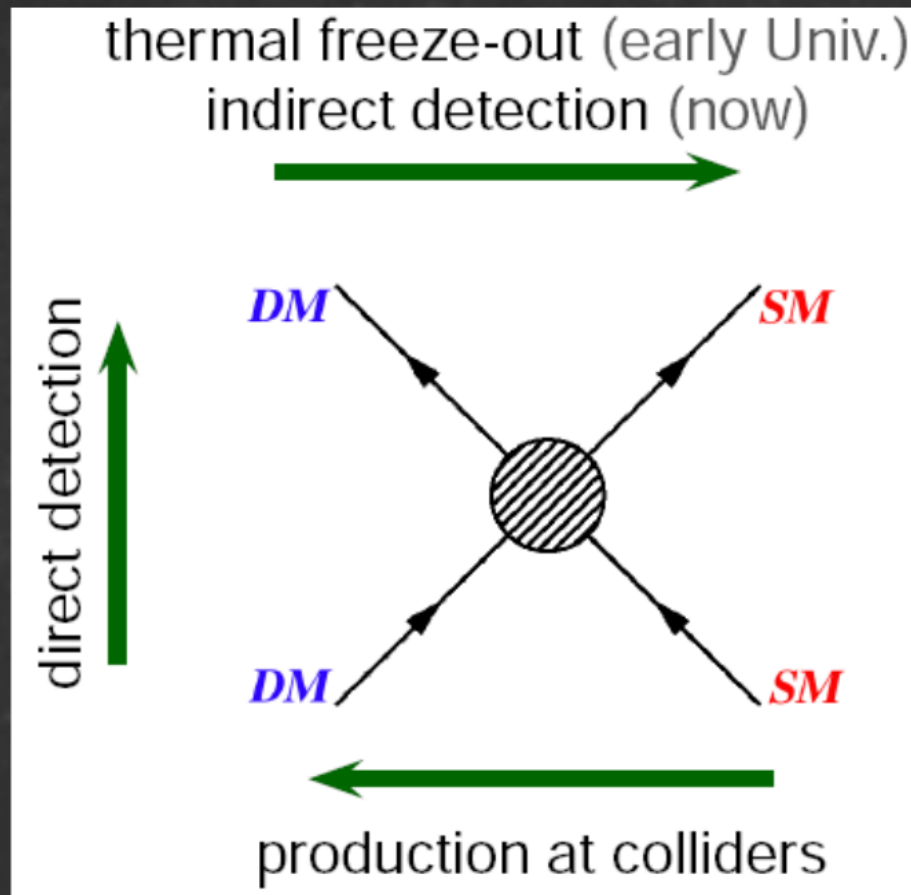
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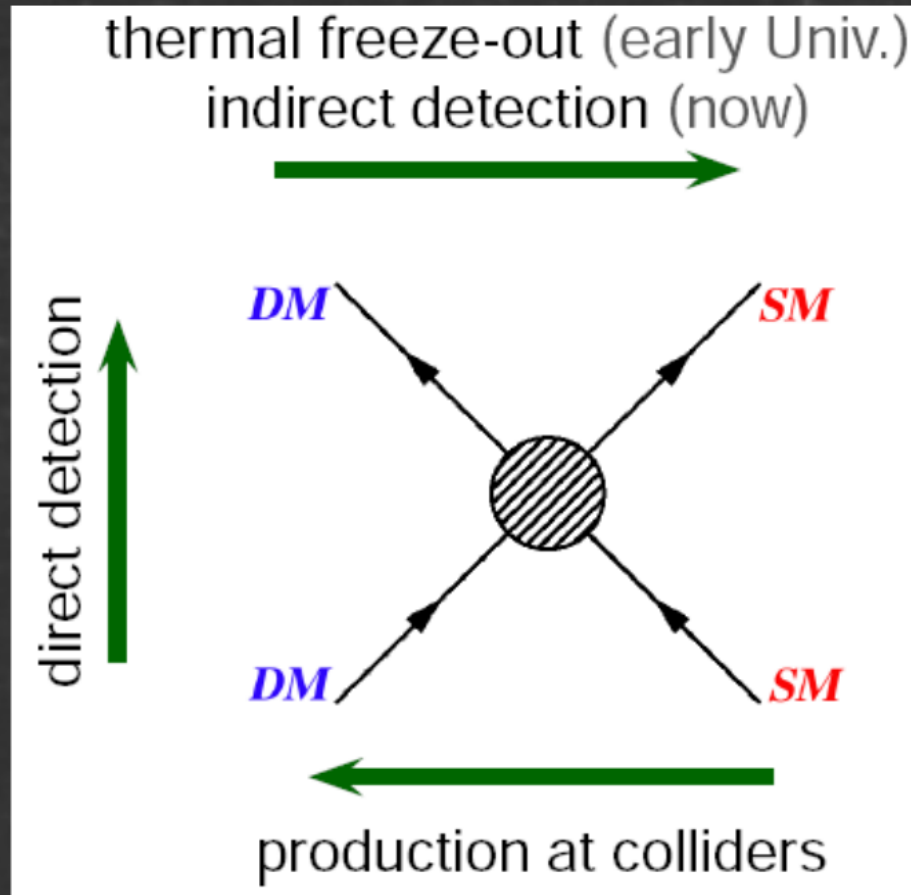
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gluon

91.2 GeV/c²
0
1
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Z boson

80.4 GeV/c²
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W[±]
W boson

Gauge Bosons



Early Universe



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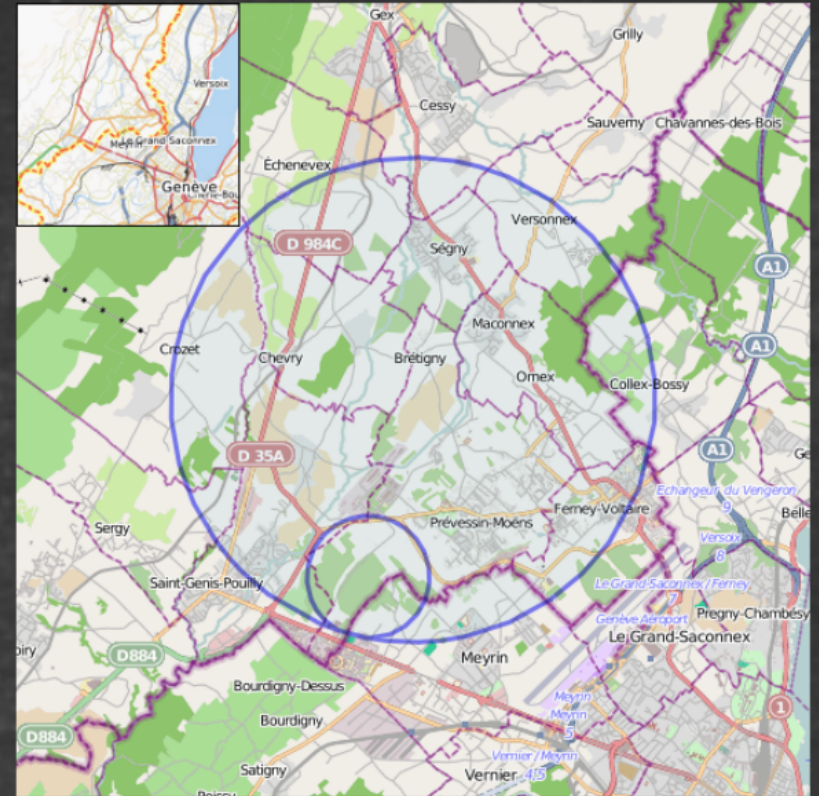
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The Large Hadron Collider



Tevatron - 4.26 Mile Ring
Batavia, Illinois



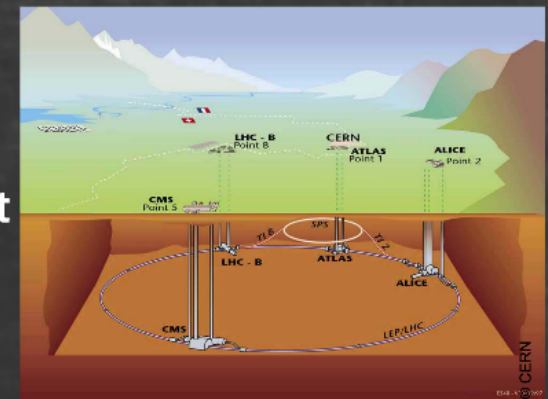
Large Hadron Collider
17 mile ring

LHC:

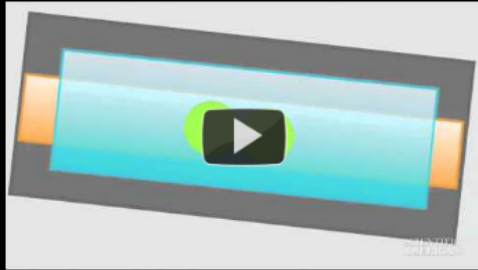
Maximum particle collision energy (8 TeV (original), 14 TeV (upgrade))

- Particles collide at $0.999999991c$ (3 m/s slower than c , or about 299792455 m/s)

Proton-Proton collider (as opposed to Proton/Antiproton at Tevatron)



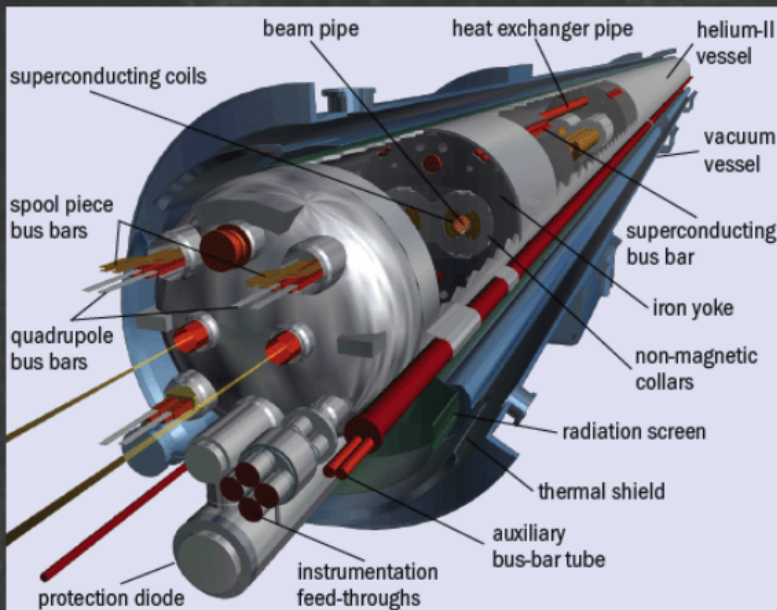
How Do You Accelerate Protons?



YouTube



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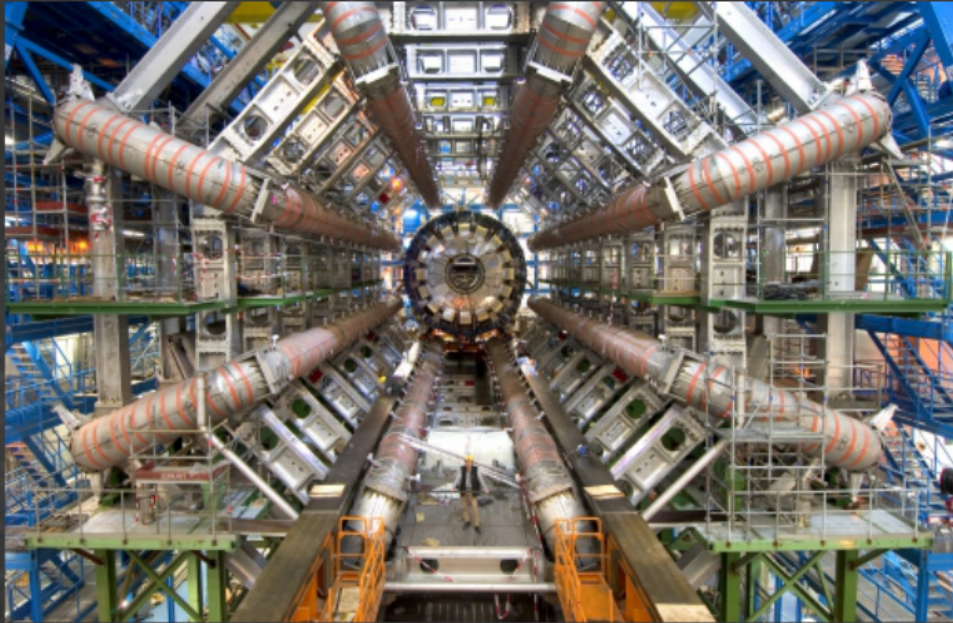


1600 superconducting magnets are used (27 tonnes a piece)

These magnets need to be kept cool (superconducting) 100 Tonnes of Liquid Helium keeps them at (-271.5 C)

Largest superconducting structure in the world

Large (and sensitive) Detectors!!!



ATLAS Detector

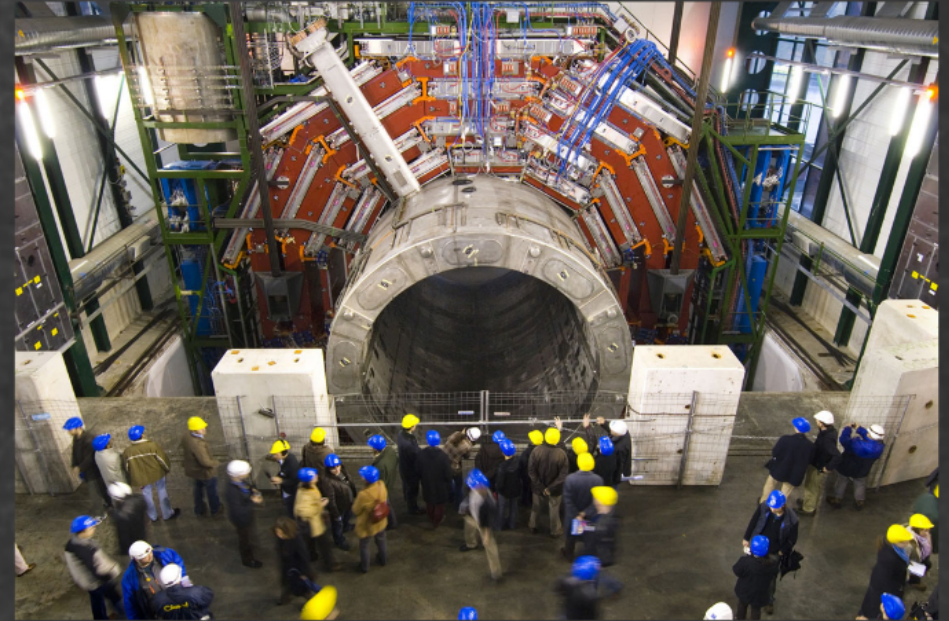
"A Toroidal Lhc AparatuS" Really?

46 meters long, 25 meters in diameter

7,000 tonnes

3000 km of cable

Floats in water!



CMS Detector

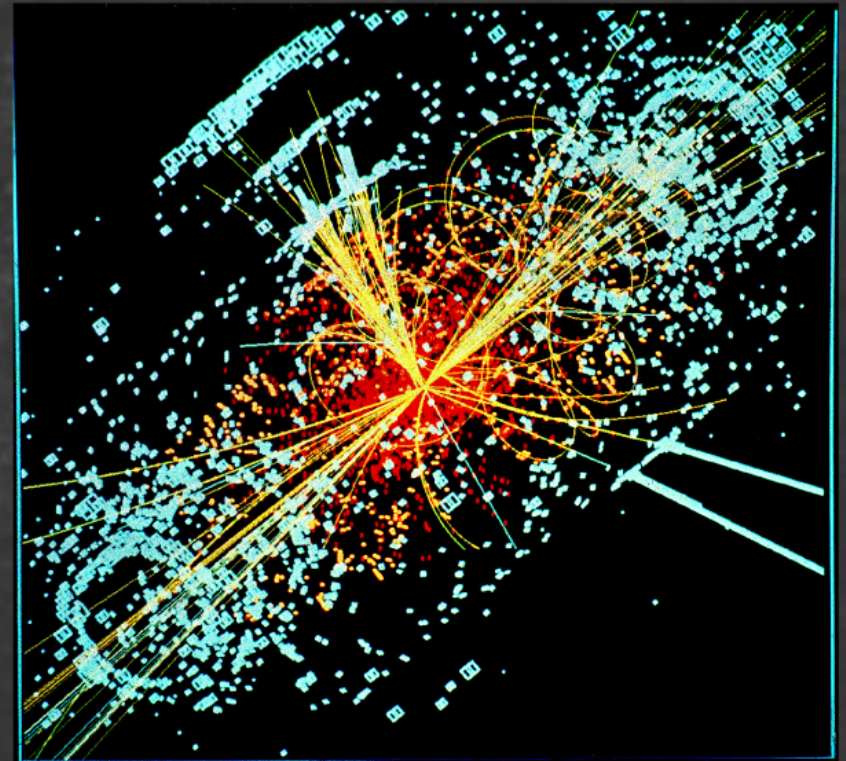
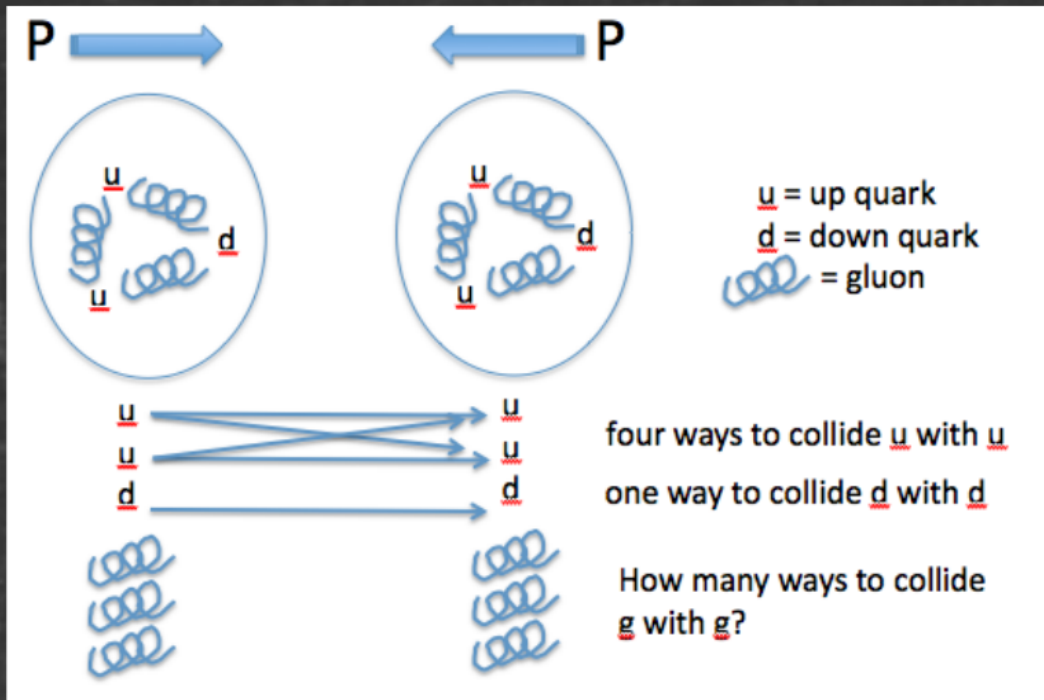
Compact Muon Solenoid

21.6 meters long, 15 meters in diameter

14,000 tonnes

Sinks like a rock!

What do these detectors see?



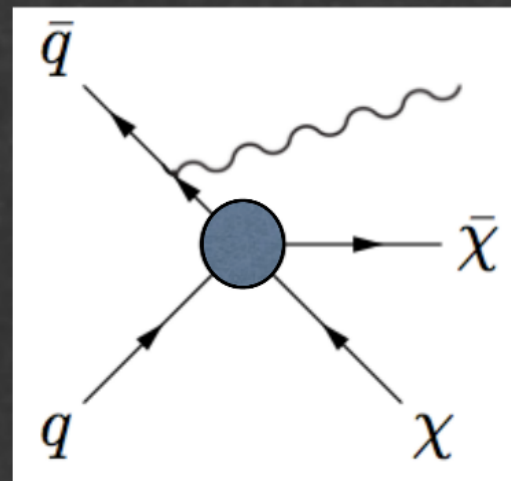
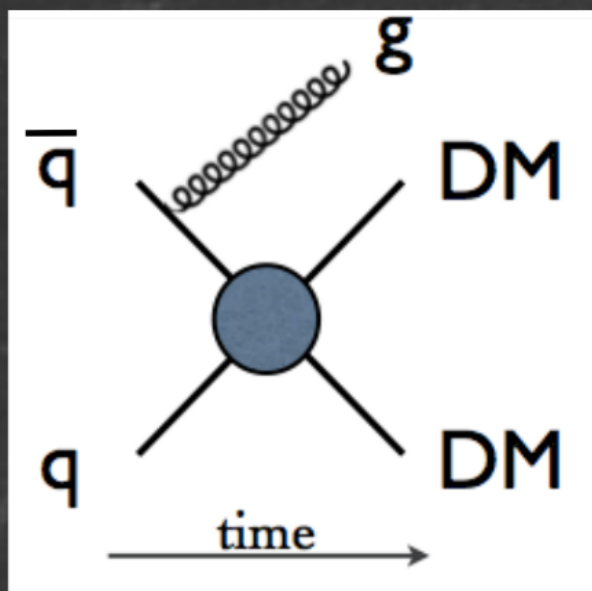
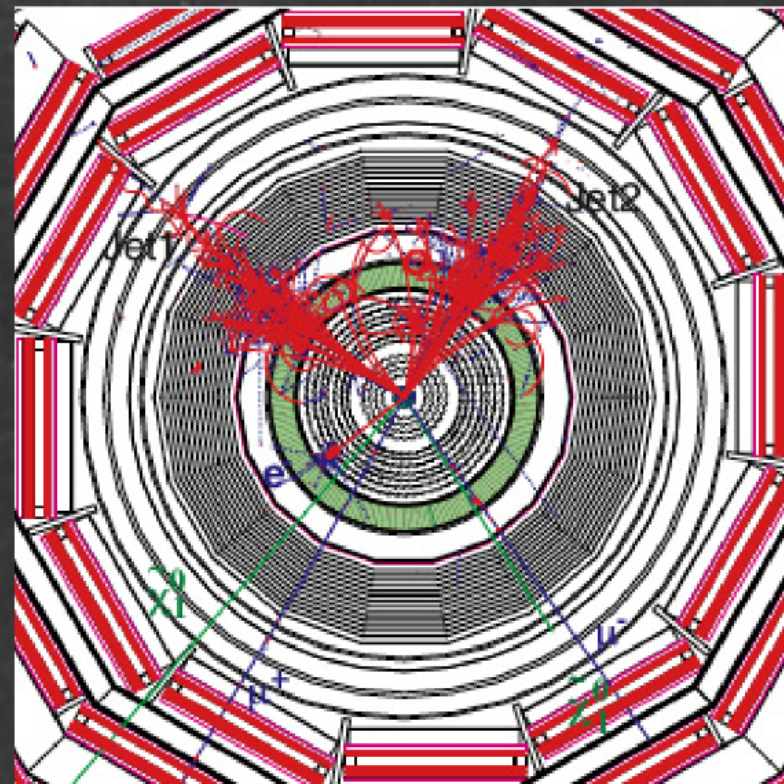
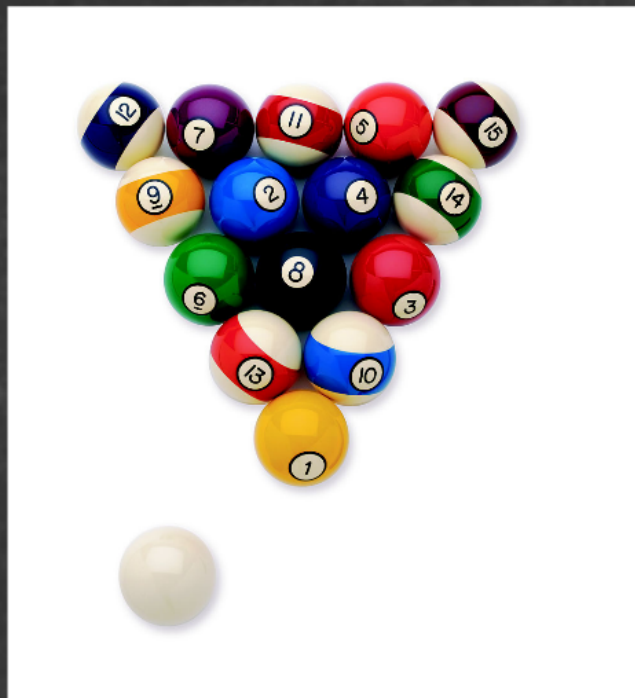
At these energies, you are not colliding a proton with a proton. The interior structure of the protons matter.

Sometimes you collide two up-quarks, or two down quarks, or an up quark and a down quark.

Most of the times you are colliding two gluons.

Effect - If you have a 14 TeV collider (proton to proton), you don't actually know how energetic any given collision was

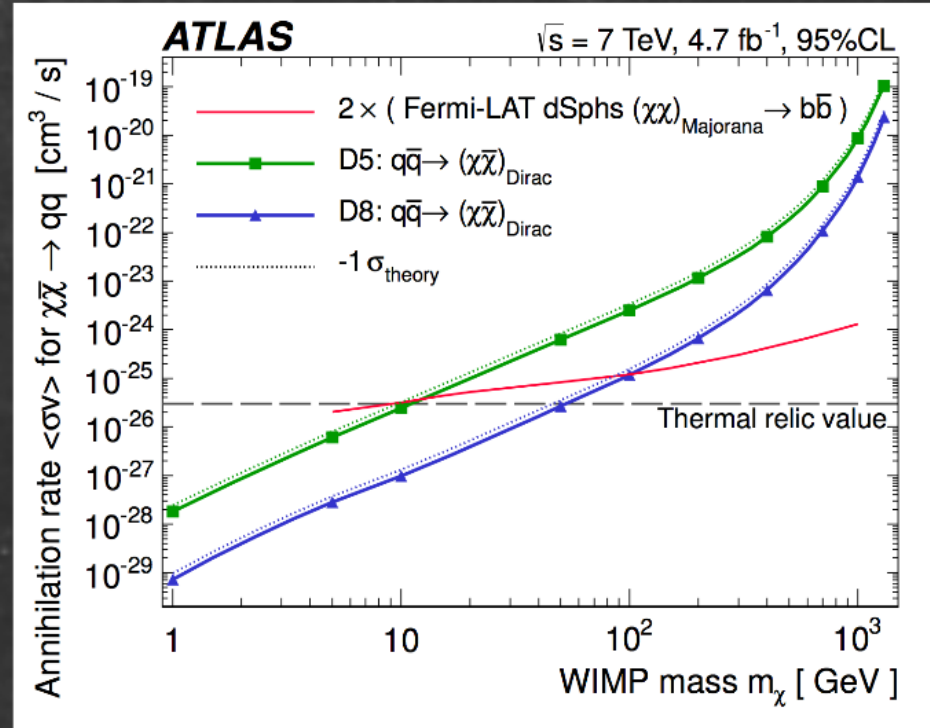
Searching for Dark Matter with Missing p_T



No Evidence at Present

Searches for Single Jets with Missing p_T

Background process	Events
$Z \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}$	900 ± 94
W+jets	312 ± 35
$t\bar{t}$	8 ± 8
$Z(\ell\ell)$ +jets	2 ± 2
QCD multijet	1 ± 1
Single t	1 ± 1
Total background	1224 ± 101
Observed in data	1142



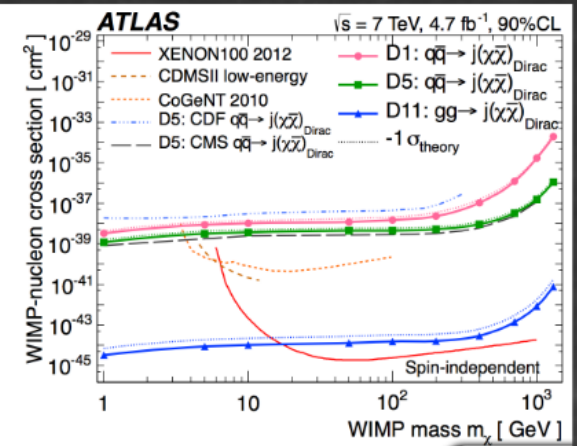
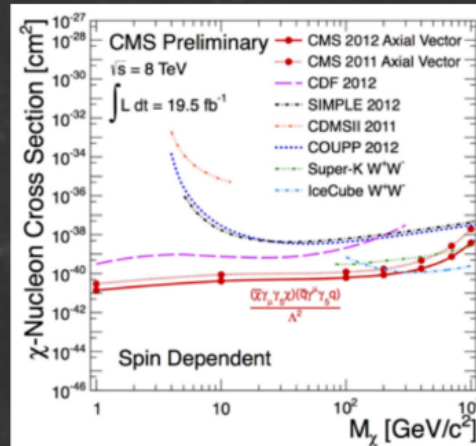
At the moment, we have not seen any excess events with a single jet, and missing p_T , this sets constraints on the dark matter annihilation cross-section !

Lots of Different Channels to Test

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D1	$\bar{\chi}\chi\bar{q}q$	m_q/M_*^3
D2	$\bar{\chi}\gamma^5\chi\bar{q}q$	im_q/M_*^3
D3	$\bar{\chi}\chi\bar{q}\gamma^5q$	im_q/M_*^3
D4	$\bar{\chi}\gamma^5\chi\bar{q}\gamma^5q$	m_q/M_*^3
D5	$\bar{\chi}\gamma^\mu\chi\bar{q}\gamma_\mu q$	$1/M_*^2$
D6	$\bar{\chi}\gamma^\mu\gamma^5\chi\bar{q}\gamma_\mu q$	$1/M_*^2$
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D8	$\bar{\chi}\gamma^\mu\gamma^5\chi\bar{q}\gamma_\mu\gamma^5q$	$1/M_*^2$
D9	$\bar{\chi}\sigma^{\mu\nu}\chi\bar{q}\sigma_{\mu\nu}q$	$1/M_*^2$
D10	$\bar{\chi}\sigma_{\mu\nu}\gamma^5\chi\bar{q}\sigma_{\alpha\beta}q$	i/M_*^2
D11	$\bar{\chi}\chi G_{\mu\nu}G^{\mu\nu}$	$\alpha_s/4M_*^3$
D12	$\bar{\chi}\gamma^5\chi G_{\mu\nu}G^{\mu\nu}$	$i\alpha_s/4M_*^3$
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C4	$\chi^\dagger\partial_\mu\chi\bar{q}\gamma^\mu\gamma^5q$	$1/M_*^2$
C5	$\chi^\dagger\chi G_{\mu\nu}G^{\mu\nu}$	$\alpha_s/4M_*^2$
C6	$\chi^\dagger\chi G_{\mu\nu}\tilde{G}^{\mu\nu}$	$i\alpha_s/4M_*^2$
R1	$\chi^2\bar{q}q$	$m_q/2M_*^2$
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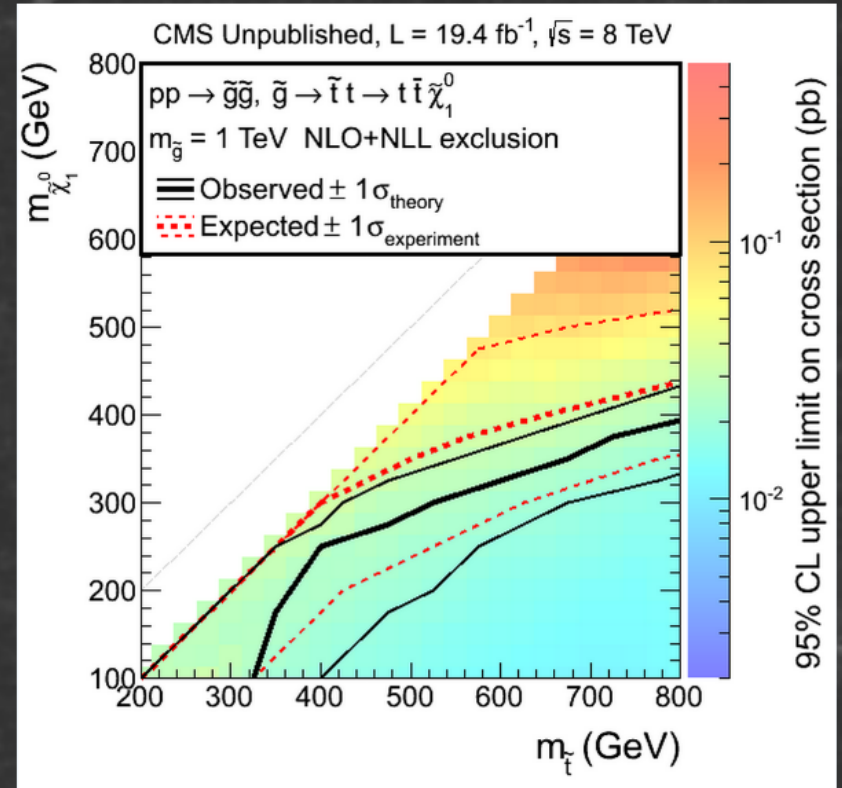
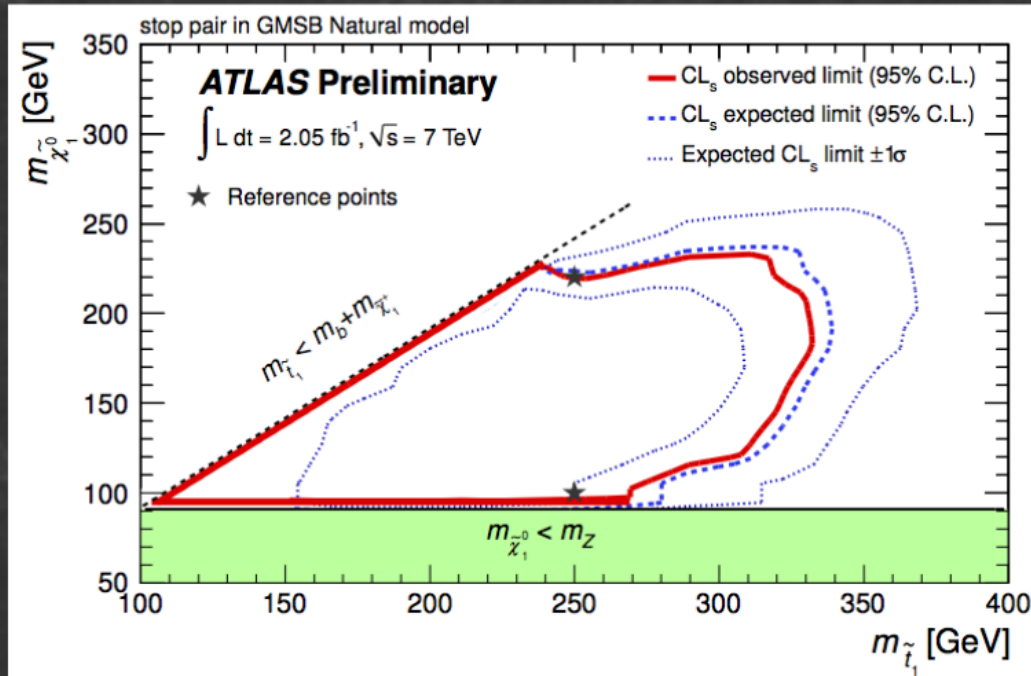


Can write down lots of different models which allow dark matter to interact with the standard model. Need to rule out all of them at colliders to get constraints.

OTOH - a detection of dark matter at colliders tells us something about how the interaction of dark matter and normal matter behaves

Looking for Superpartners

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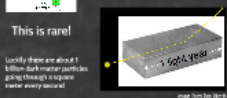


Since WIMPs are usually motivated by supersymmetry, strong constraints (or a detection) of supersymmetry at the LHC would greatly enhance our knowledge of the dark sector

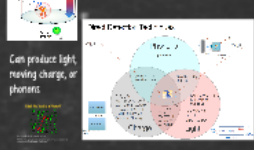
Direct Detection

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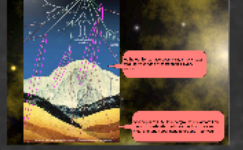
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The Importance of Depth



Need to Get Rid of All Sources of Radiation



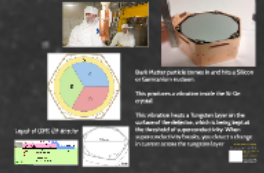
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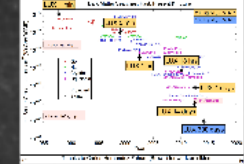


Complementary Methods

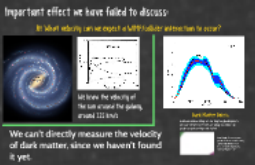
Liquid Xenon - Able to scale up easily, bigger and bigger detectors use very similar technologies. Interior of detector continues to obtain lower backgrounds.

Silicon-Germanium Crystals - Can reach lower dark matter masses (lighter nuclei, less energy required in collision). Proven technology.

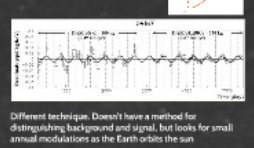
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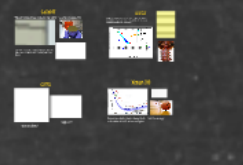
The WIMP Wind



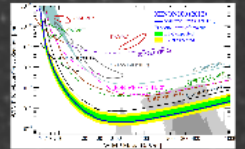
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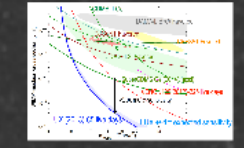
Other Signals! - But Also Constraints



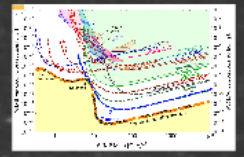
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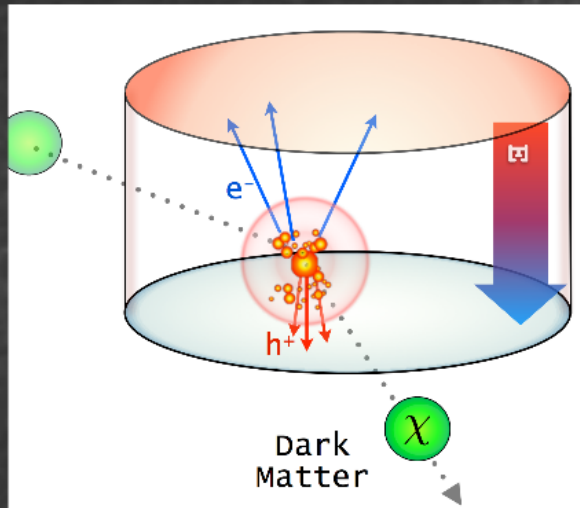
LUX



Future



What are we looking for?



Dark Matter particle bumping off of standard model particles.

This is rare!

Luckily there are about 1 billion dark matter particles going through a square meter every second

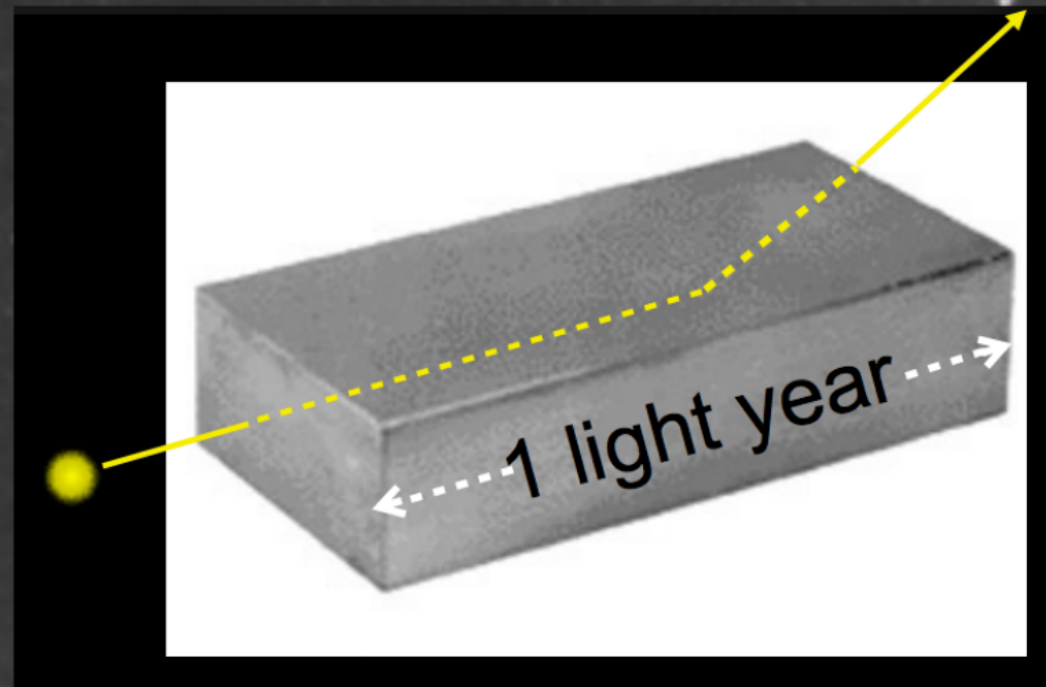
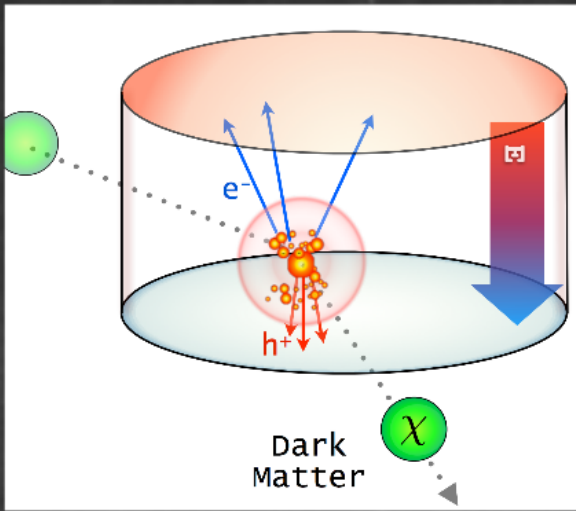


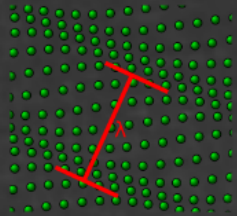
image from Dan Akerib

What are we looking for?



Can produce light, moving charge, or phonons

What the Heck is a Phonon?

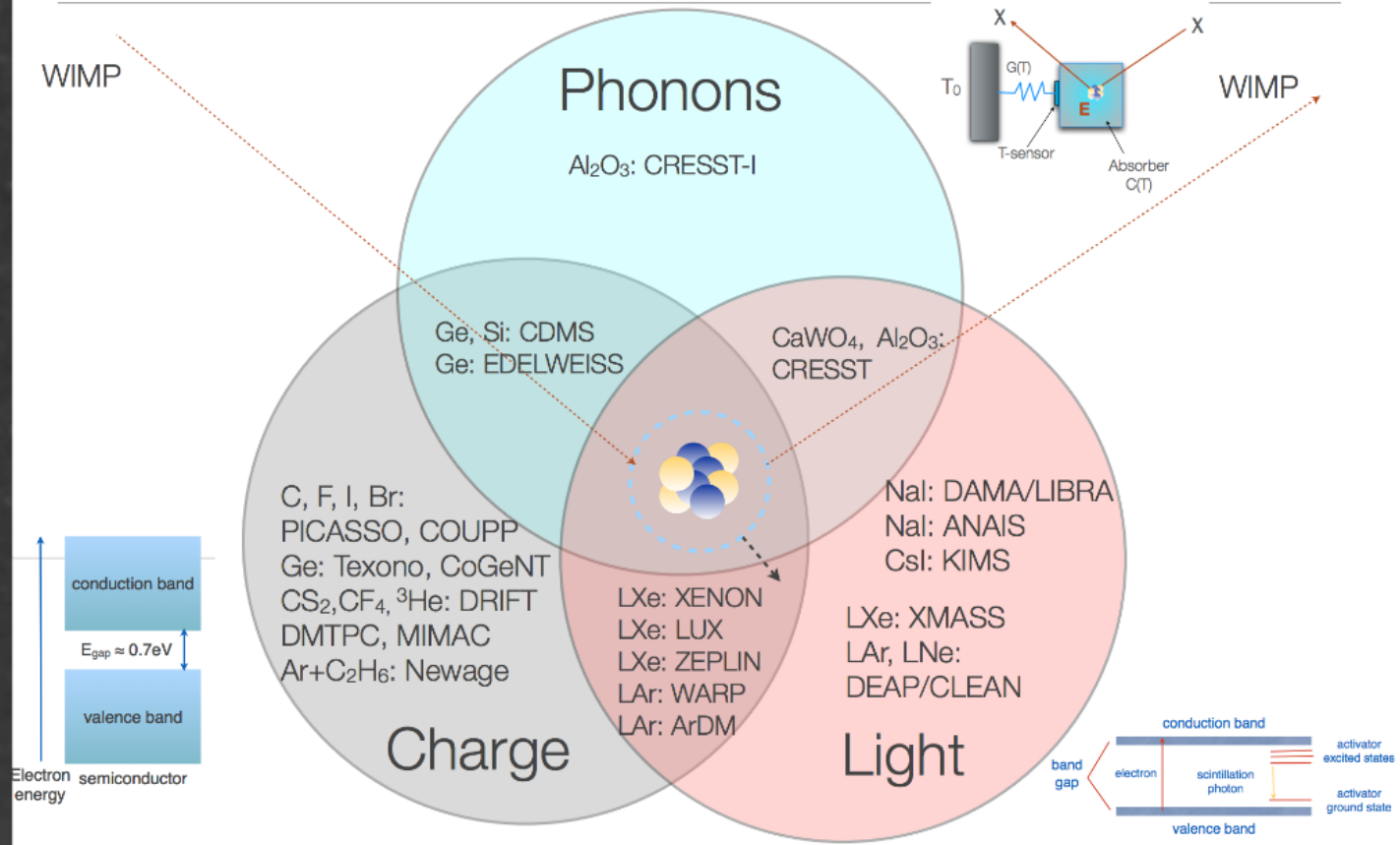


A packet of vibrational energy in a medium.

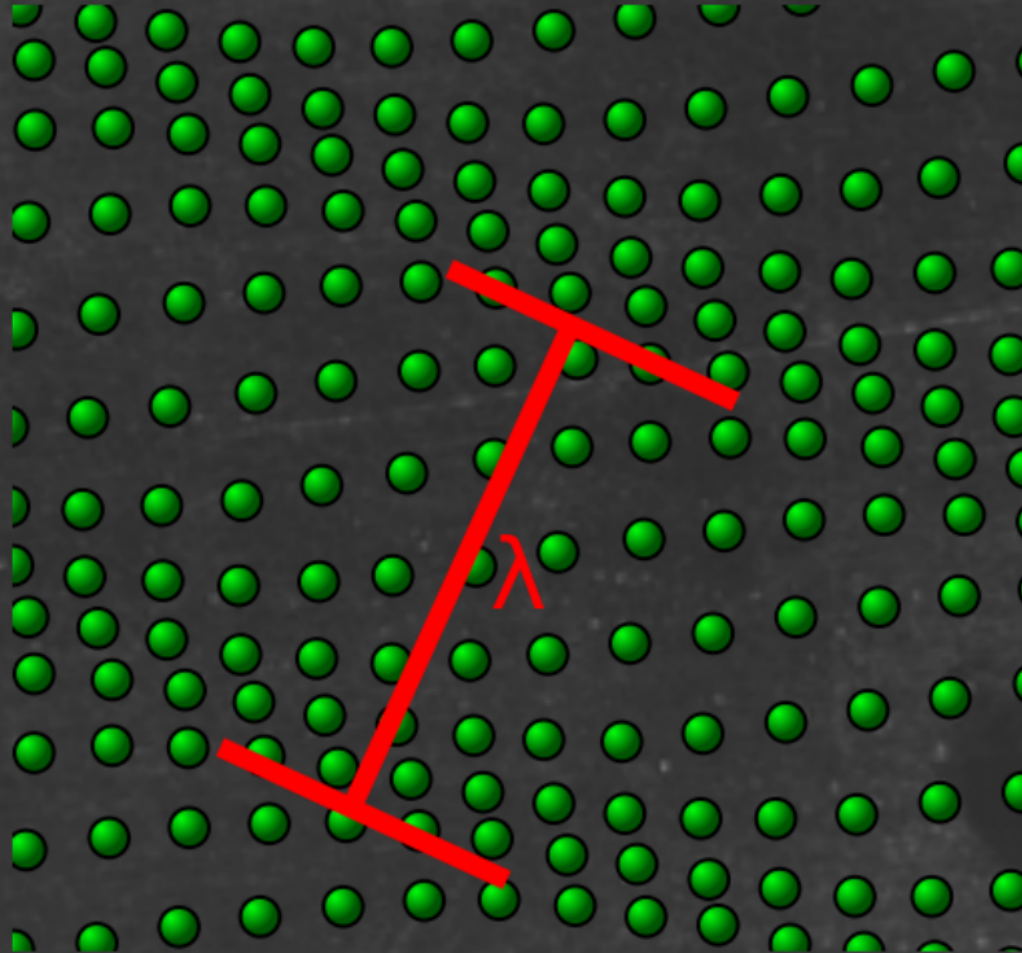
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Direct Detection Techniques

WIMP



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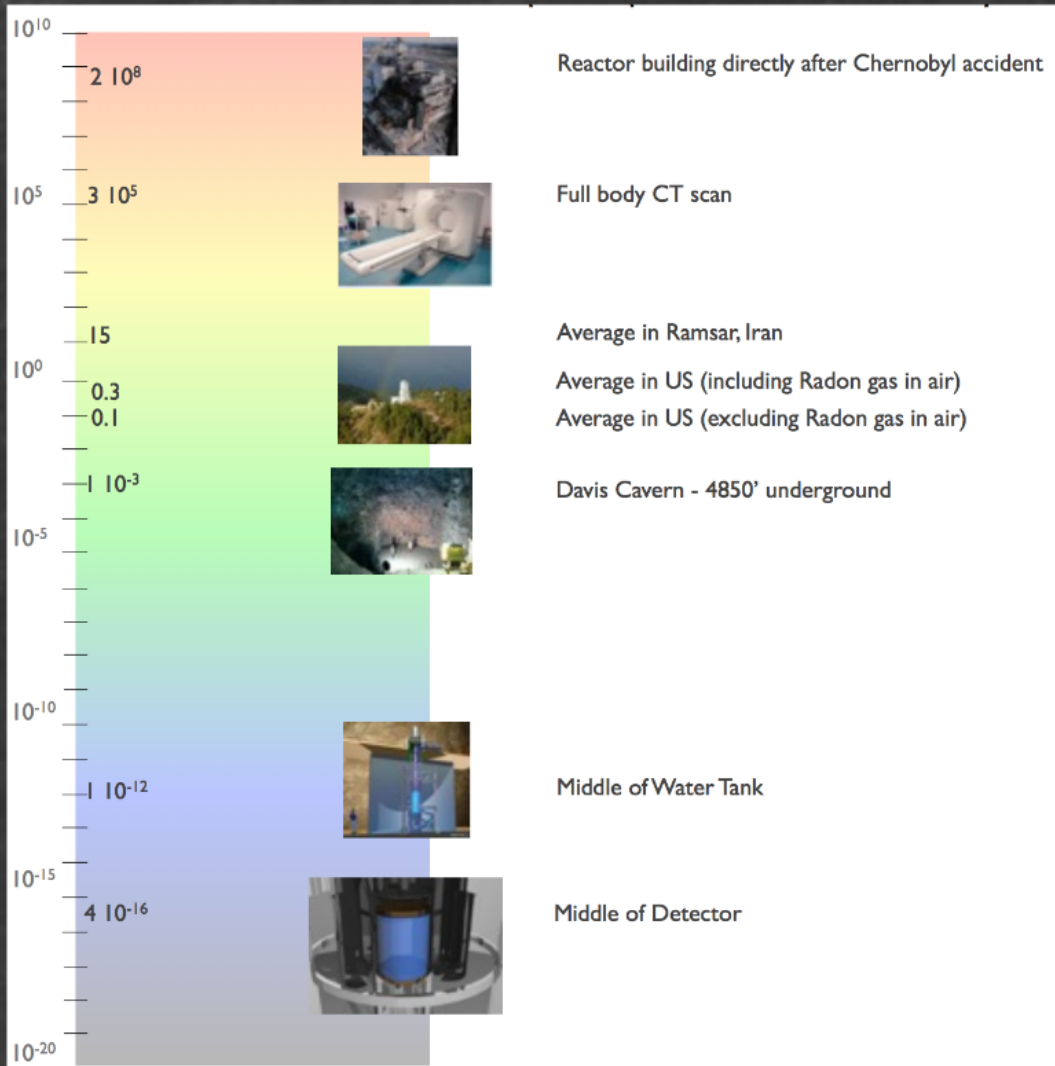
The Importance of Depth



At the earth's surface cosmic ray muons pass through your hand at more than 1 every second

At a depth of 4850 ft underground in Sanford Lab, the rock overburden reduces the flux of cosmic muons through your hand to around 1 per year

Need to Get Rid of All Sources of Radiation



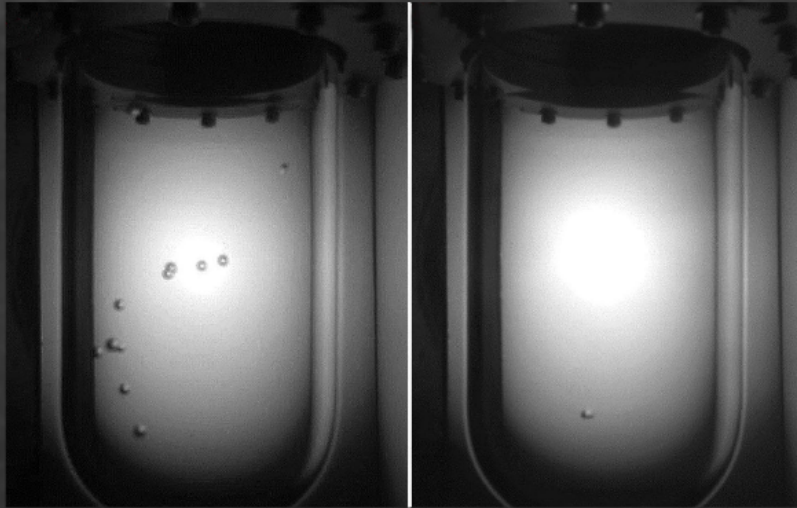
emits 1000 gamma-rays per second



Archaeological Lead

slide pilfered from Rick Gaitskell

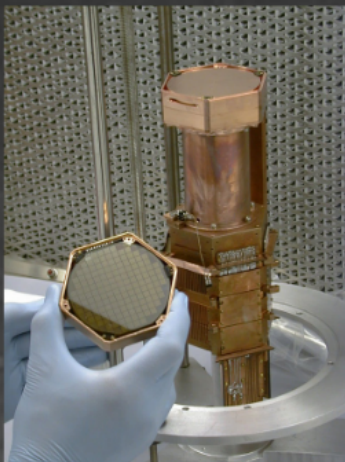
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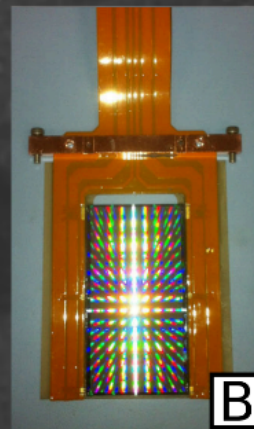
Bubble Chamber:
COUPP
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Liquid Xenon:
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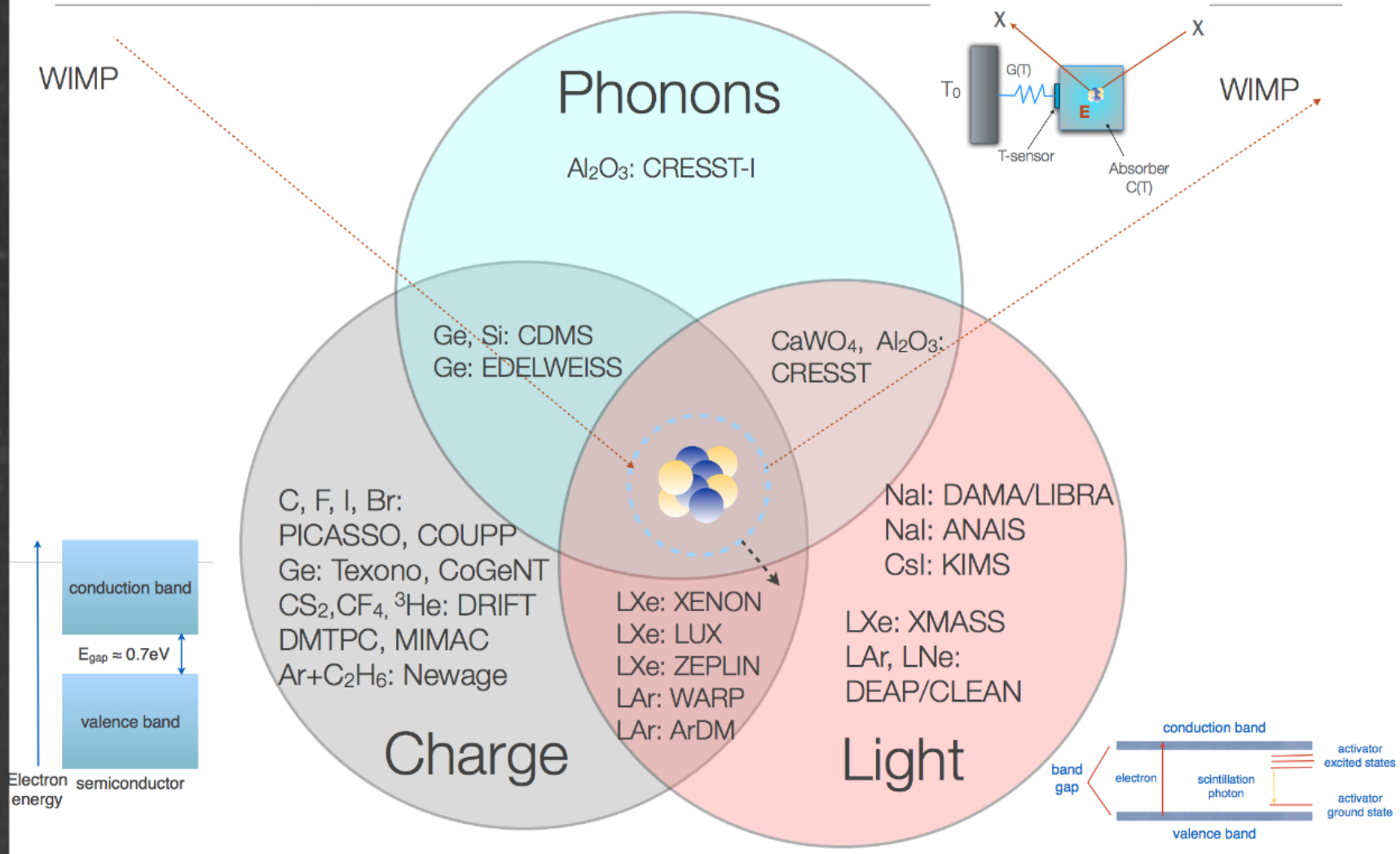
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DAMIC



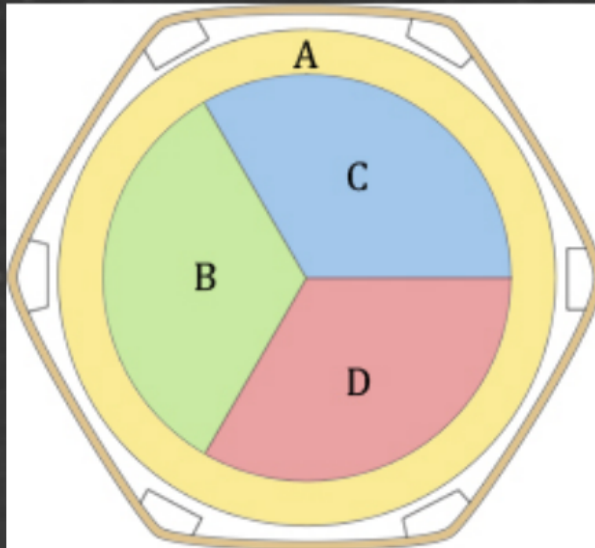
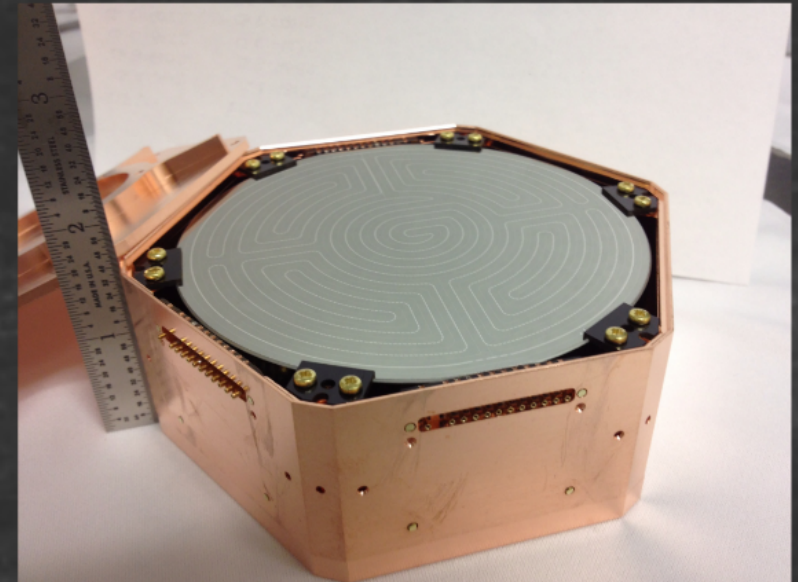
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Direct Detection Techniques



What Does a Silicon - Germanium Detector See?

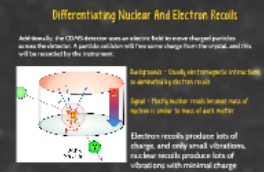
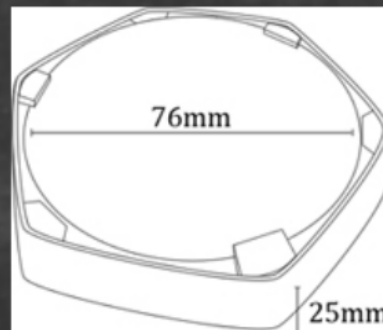
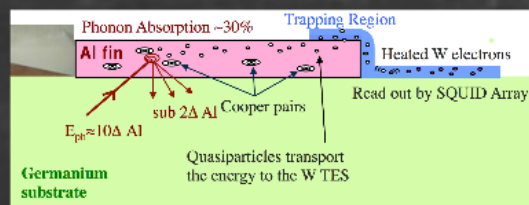


Dark Matter particle comes in and hits a Silicon or Germanium nucleon.

This produces a vibration inside the Si-Ge crystal

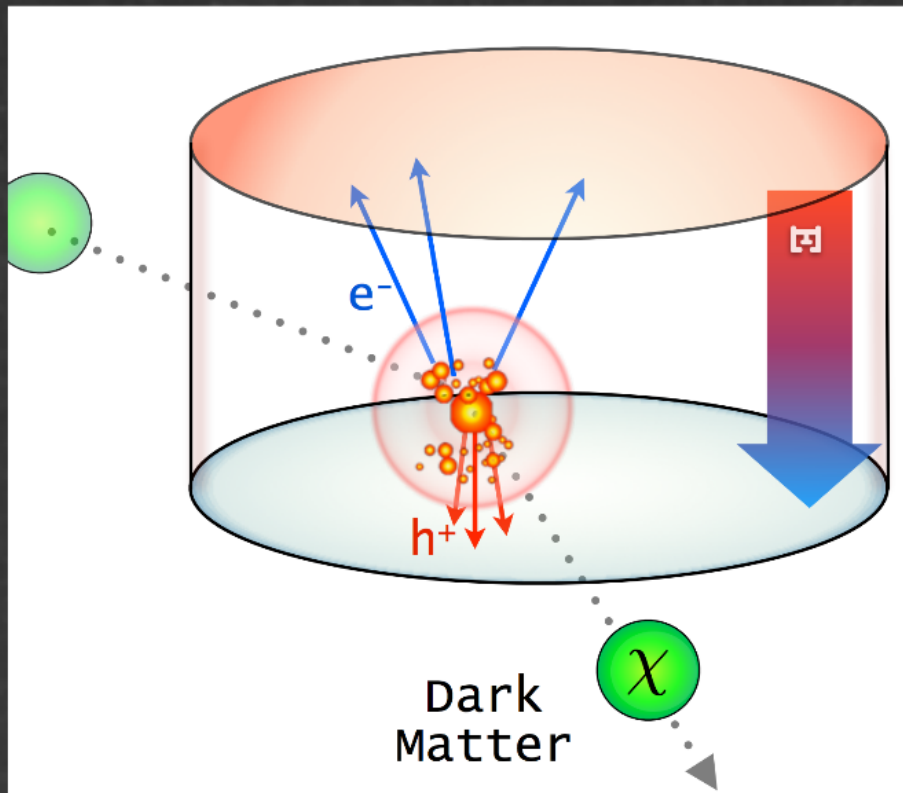
This vibration heats a Tungsten layer on the surface of the detector, which is being kept at the threshold of superconductivity. When superconductivity breaks, you detect a change in current across the tungsten layer

Layout of CDMS iZIP detector



Differentiating Nuclear And Electron Recoils

Additionally, the CDMS detector uses an electric field to move charged particles across the detector. A particle collision will free some charge from the crystal, and this will be recorded by the instrument.

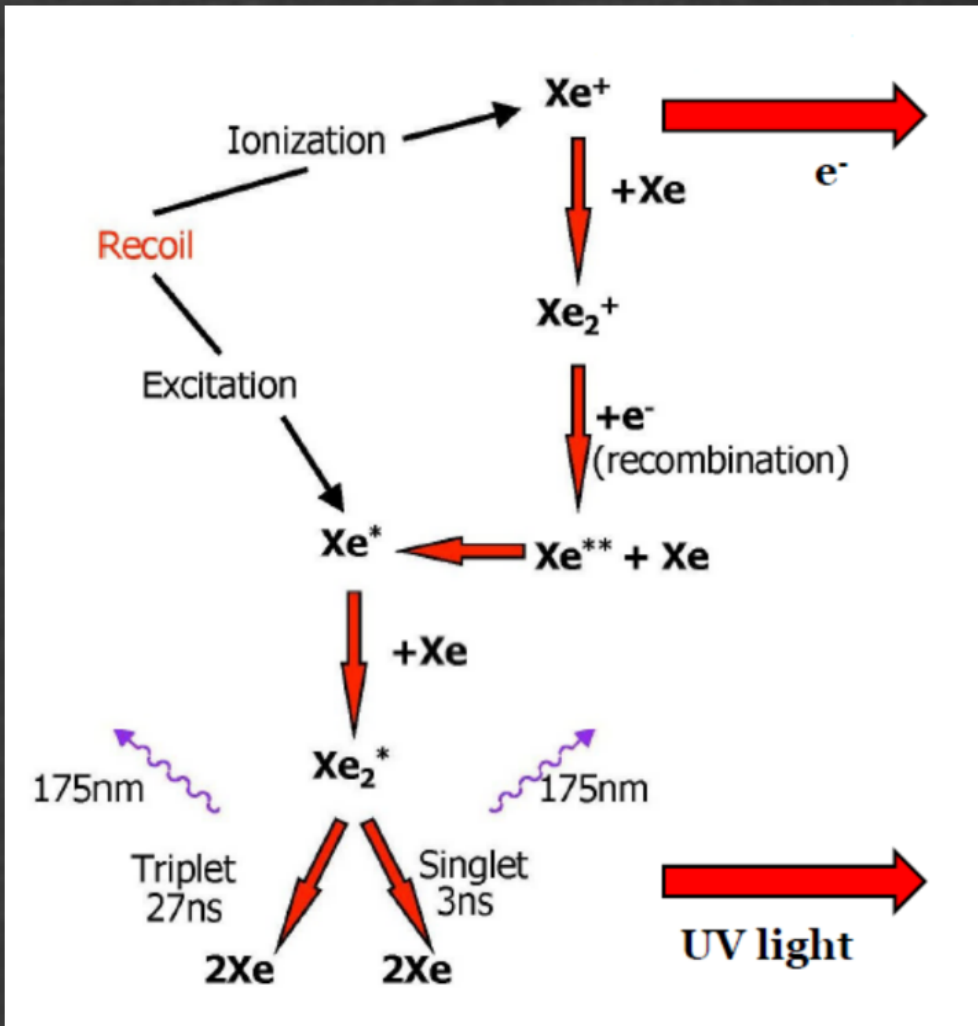


Backgrounds - Usually electromagnetic interactions, so dominated by electron recoils

Signal - Mostly nuclear recoils because mass of nucleon is similar to mass of dark matter

Electron recoils produce lots of charge, and only small vibrations, nuclear recoils produce lots of vibrations with minimal charge

What Does a Liquid Xenon Detector See?



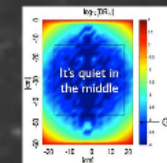
Interaction excites the Xenon nucleus, which moves through the detector, producing scintillation light (175 nm)

Also, can ionize (knock the outer electron) off the Xenon atom.

Voltage across the detector pushes electrons up to the top.

Differentiating Nuclear and Electron Recoils

Electron recoils produce a large fraction of the total energy in the total energy in the ionization channel, while nuclear recoils produce more energy in scintillation



Additionally, use only the center of the detector

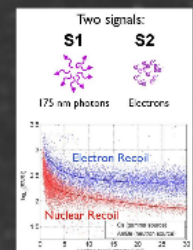


Image from S. Fiorucci

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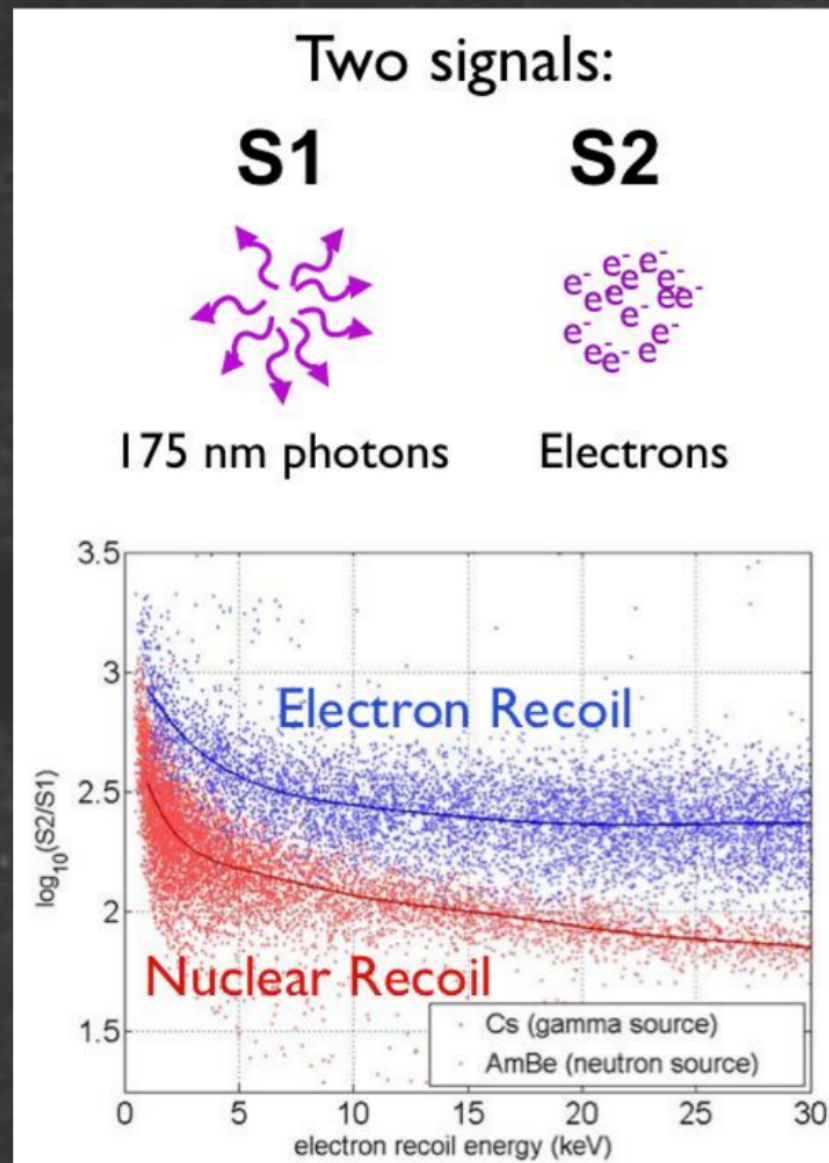
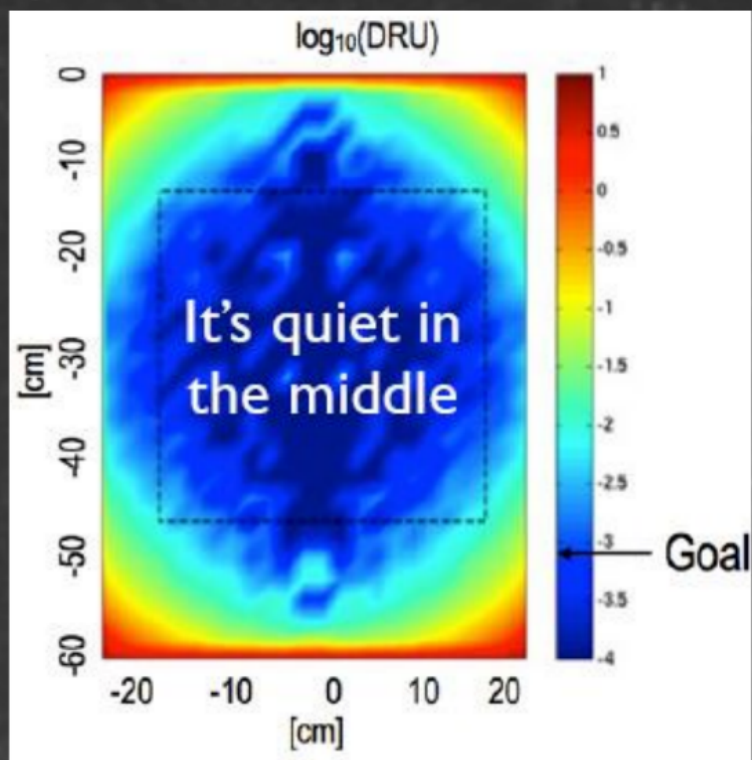


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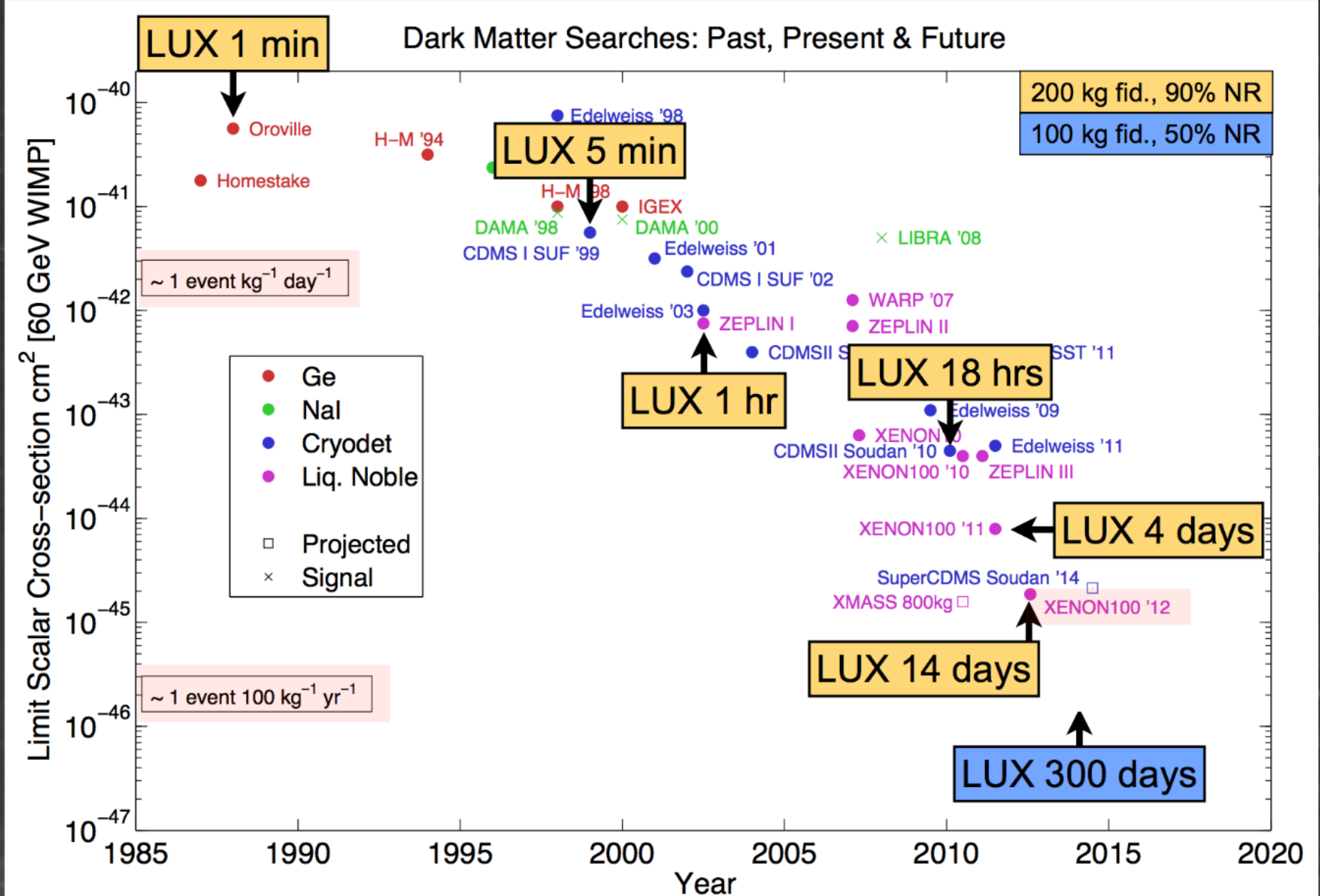
Additionally, use only the center of the detector

Complementary Methods

Liquid Xenon - Able to scale up easily, bigger and bigger detectors use very similar technologies. Interior of detector continues to obtain lower backgrounds

Silicon-Germanium Crystals - Can reach lower dark matter masses (lighter nuclei, less energy required in collision). Proven technology.

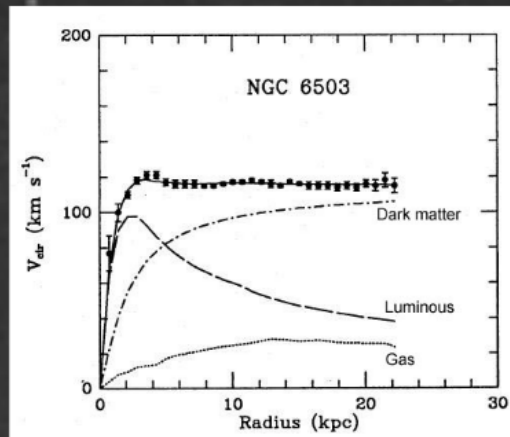
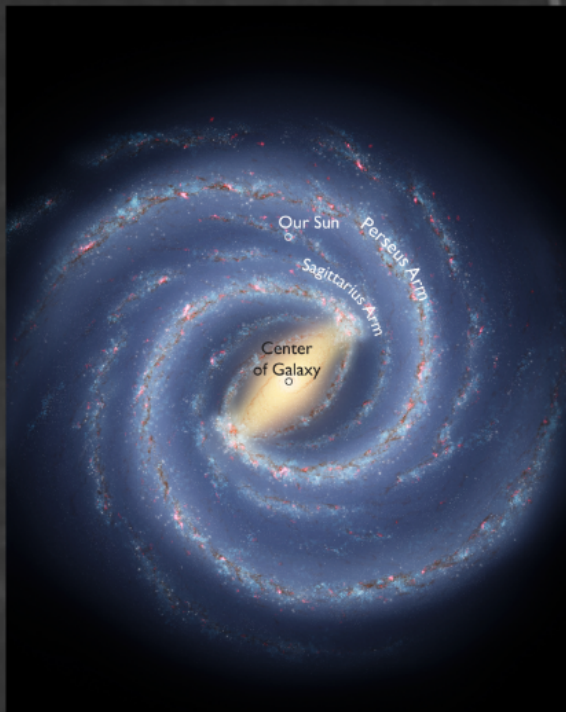
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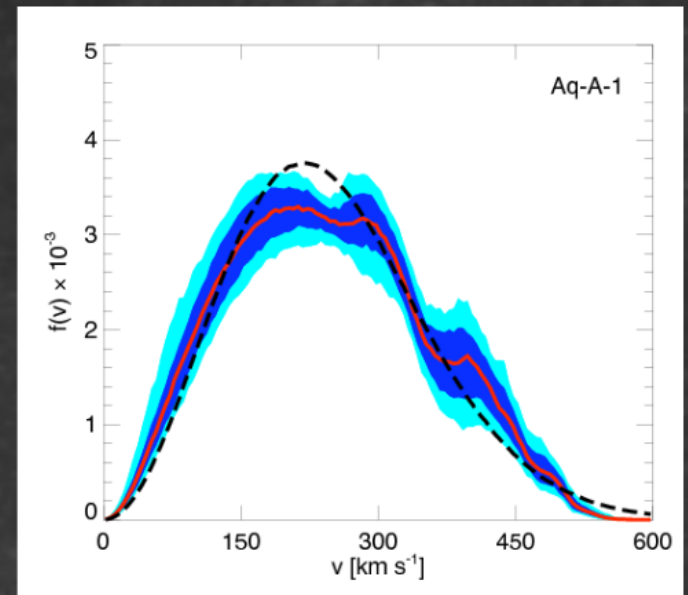
The WIMP Wind

Important effect we have failed to discuss:

At What velocity can we expect a WIMP/collider interaction to occur?

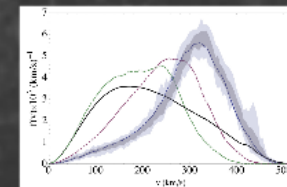


We know the velocity of the sun around the galaxy, around 225 km/s



Dark Matter Debris

Additional subhalos falling into the Milky Way (possibly due to previous interactions between our galaxy and others) can produce a significant high velocity tail.

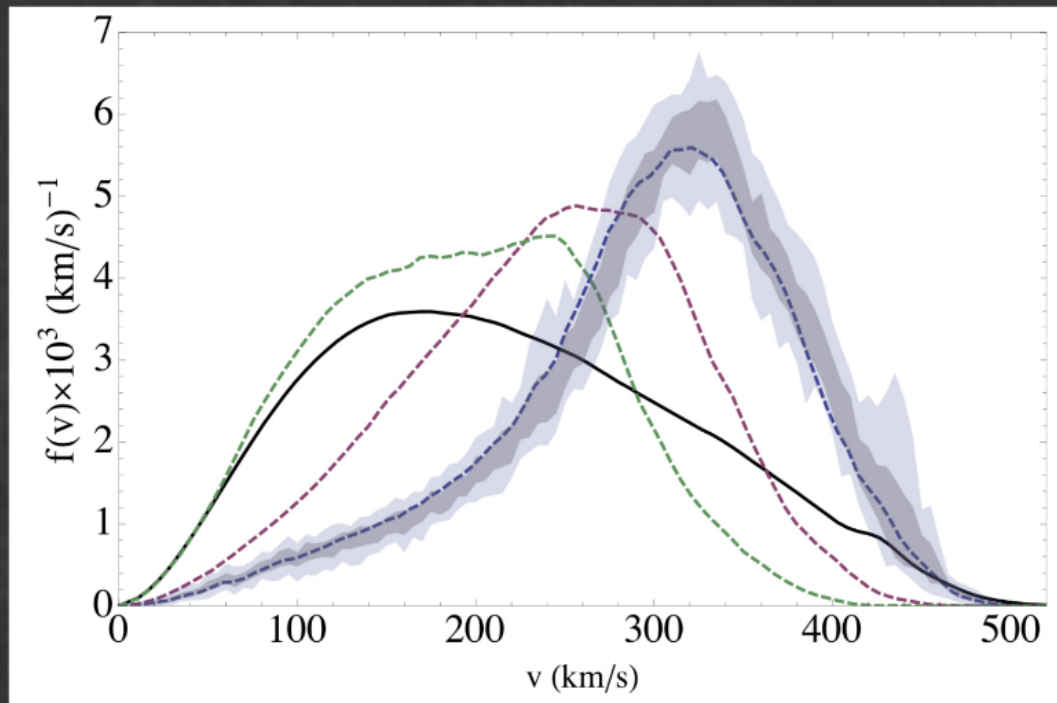


Even though this is a very small portion of the dark matter, it may significantly enhance direct detection signals by producing more high impact events.

We can't directly measure the velocity of dark matter, since we haven't found it yet.

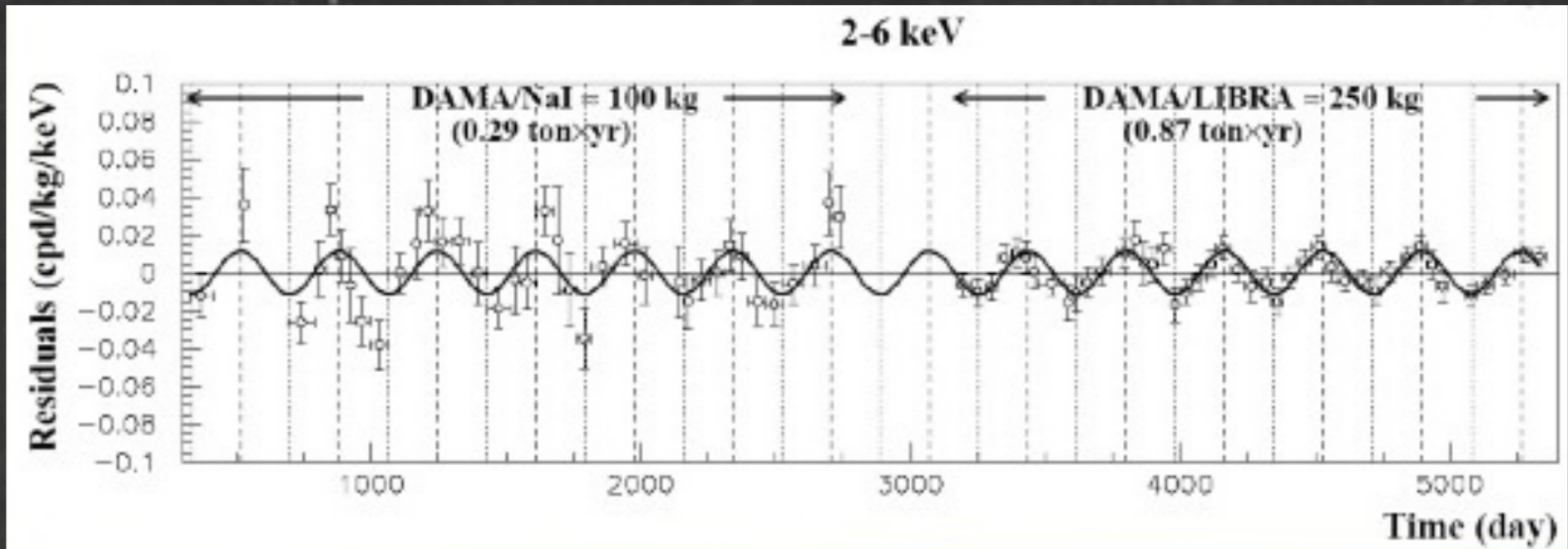
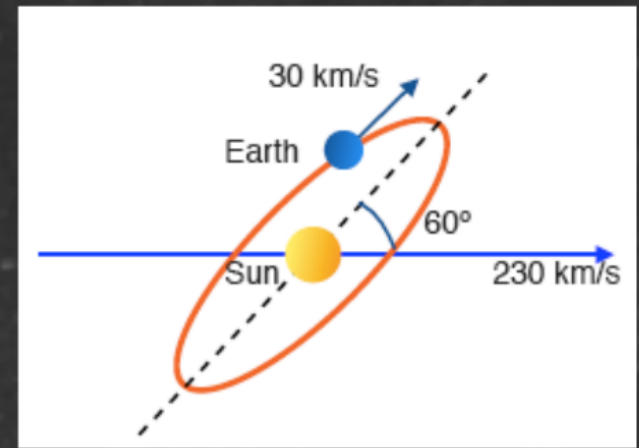
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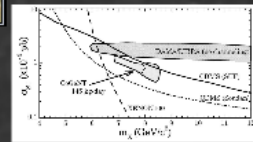
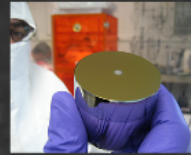
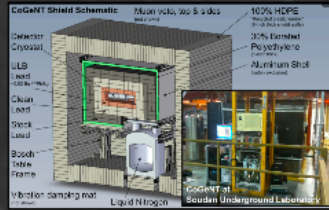


Different technique. Doesn't have a method for distinguishing background and signal, but looks for small annual modulations as the Earth orbits the sun

Other Signals! - But Also Constraints

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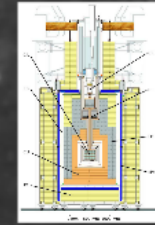
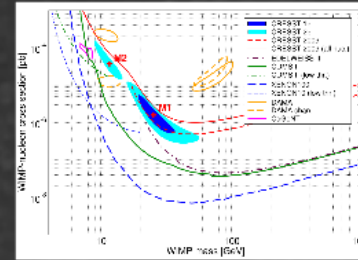
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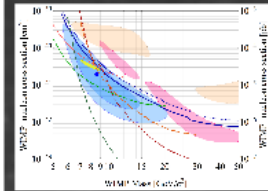
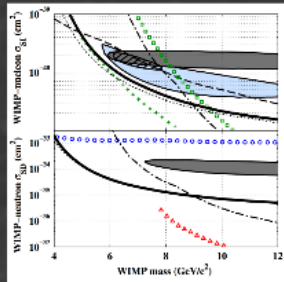
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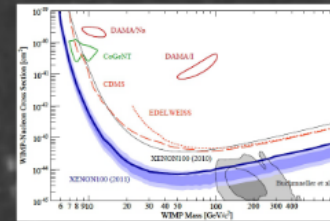
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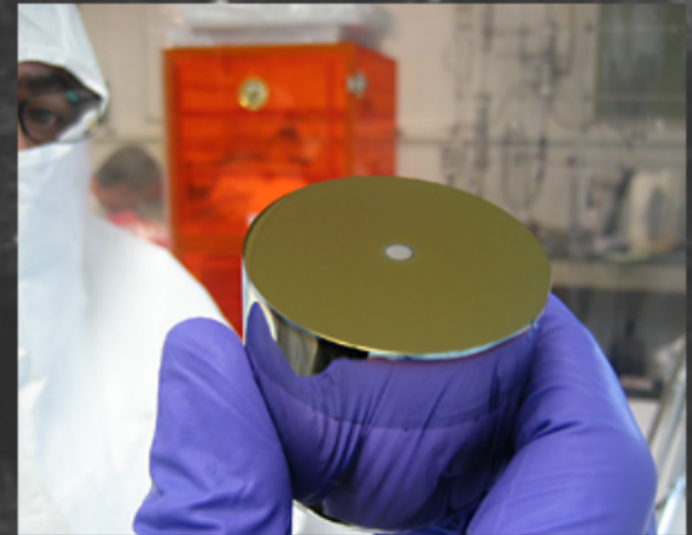
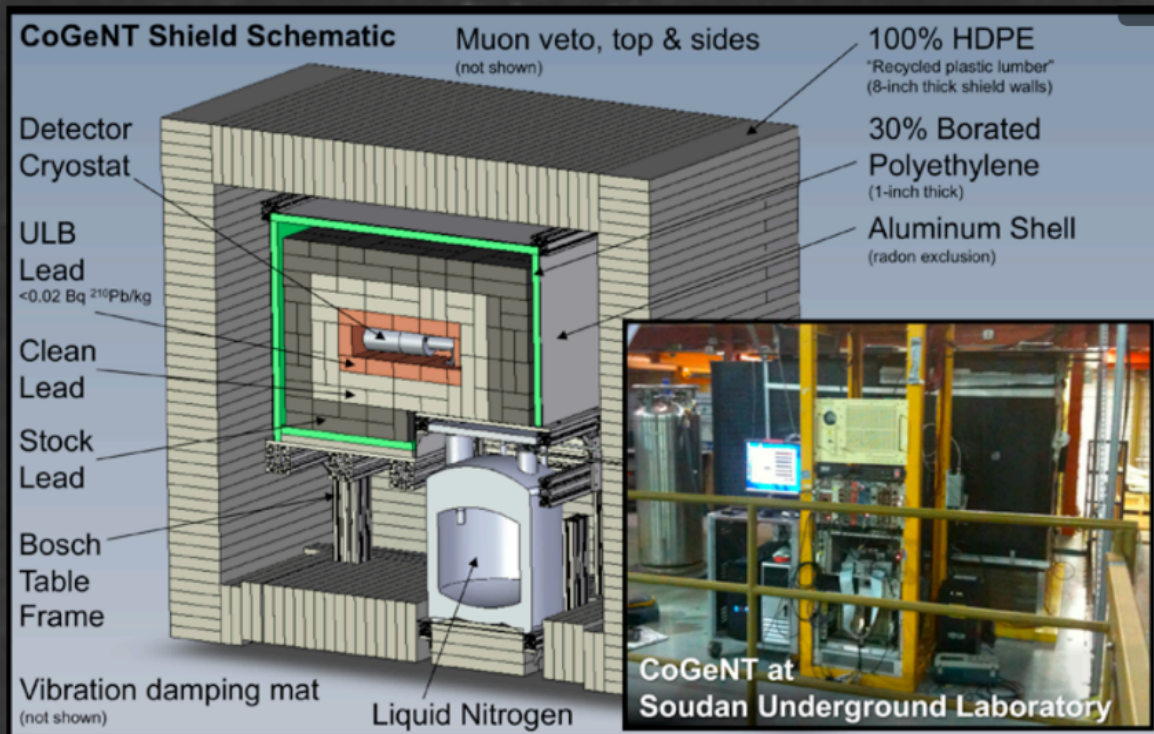
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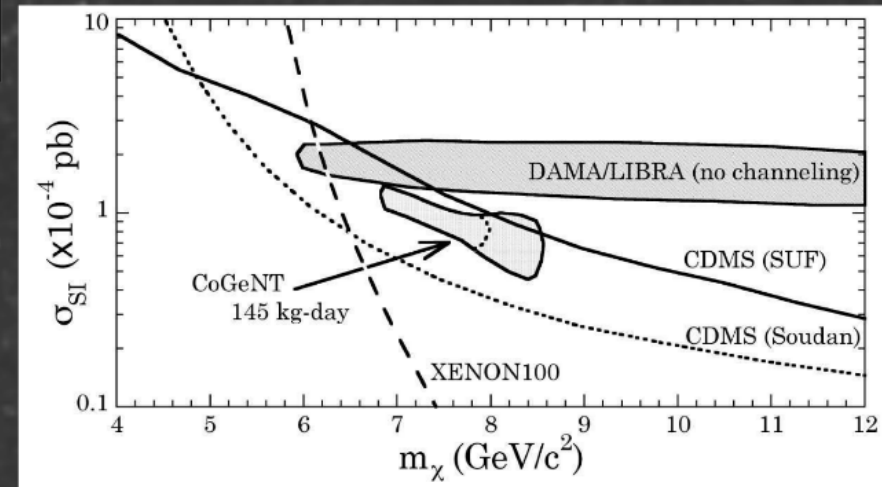
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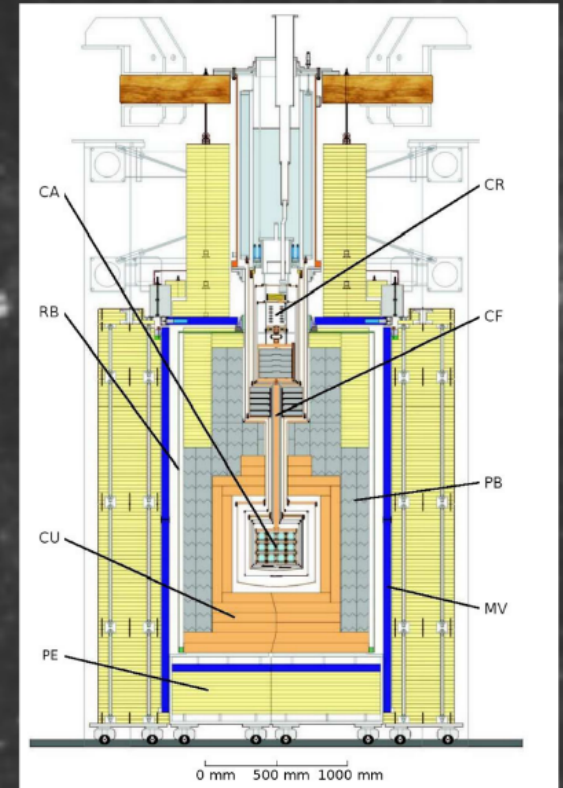
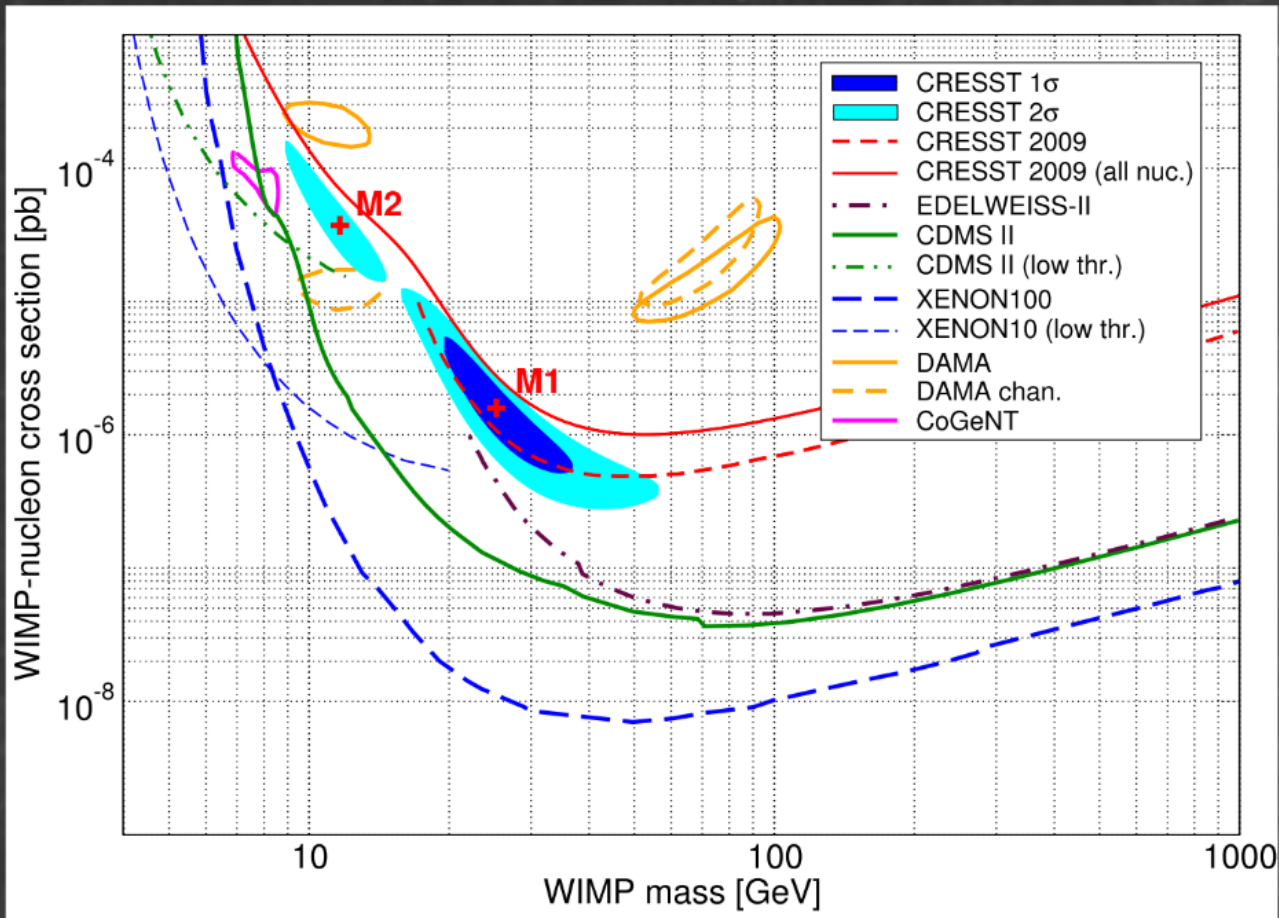


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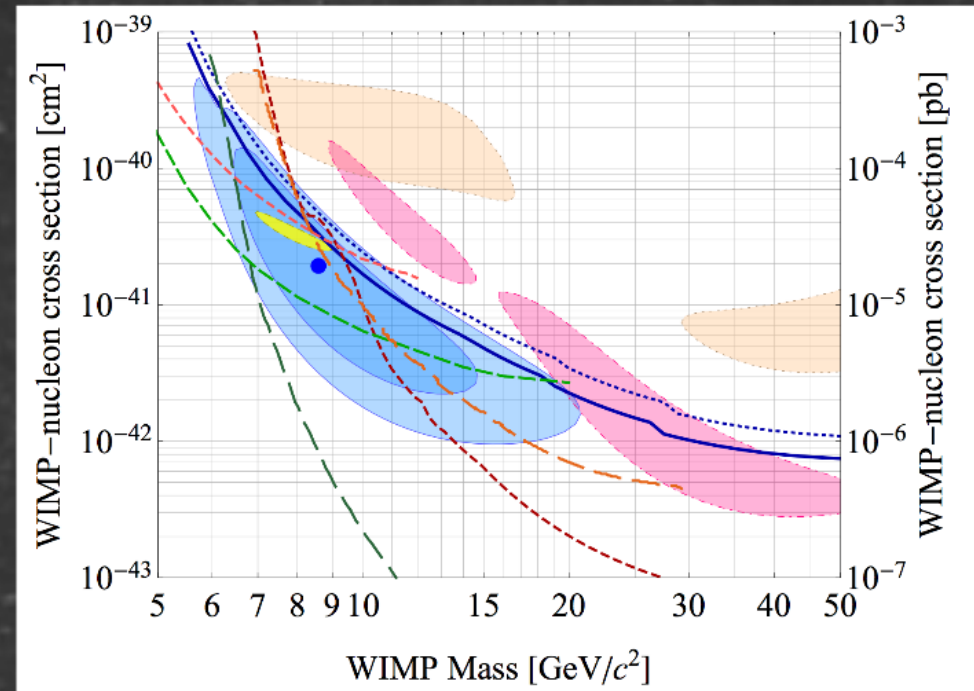
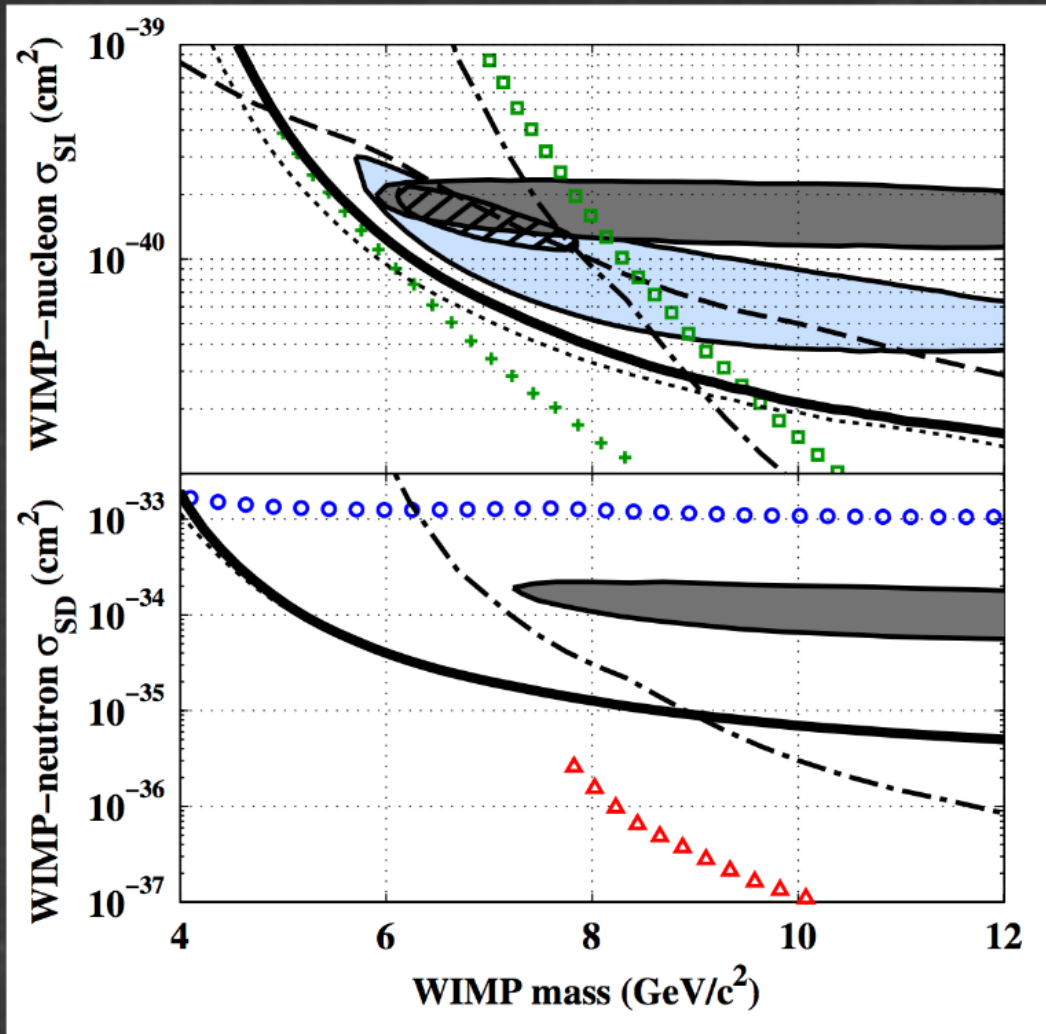


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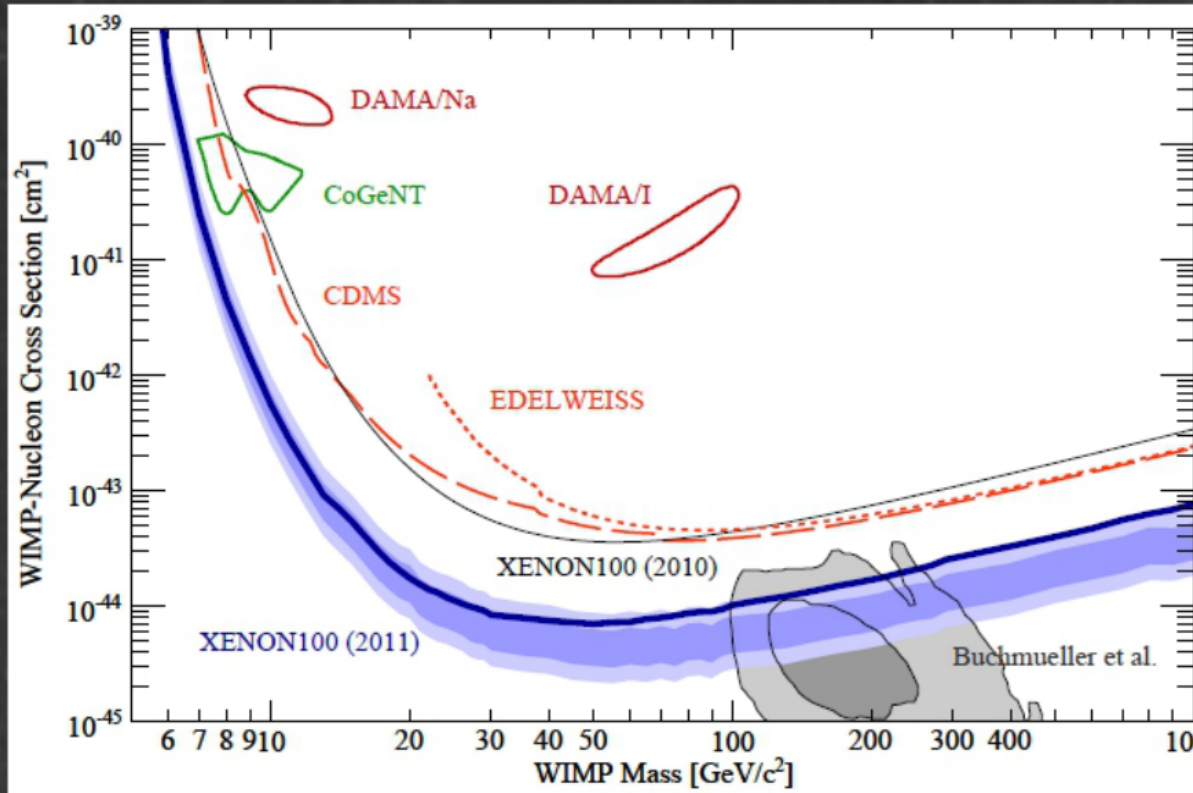
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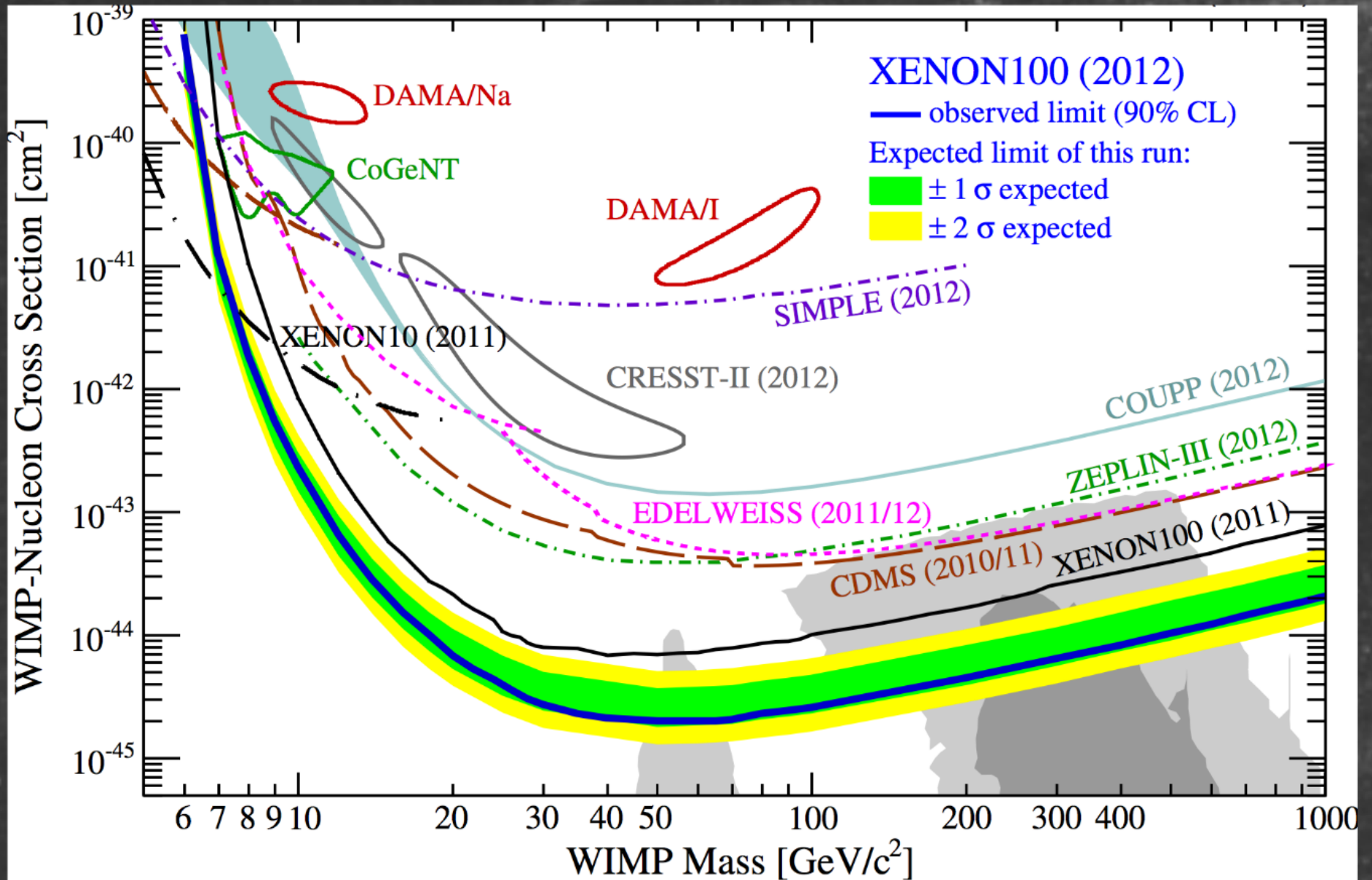
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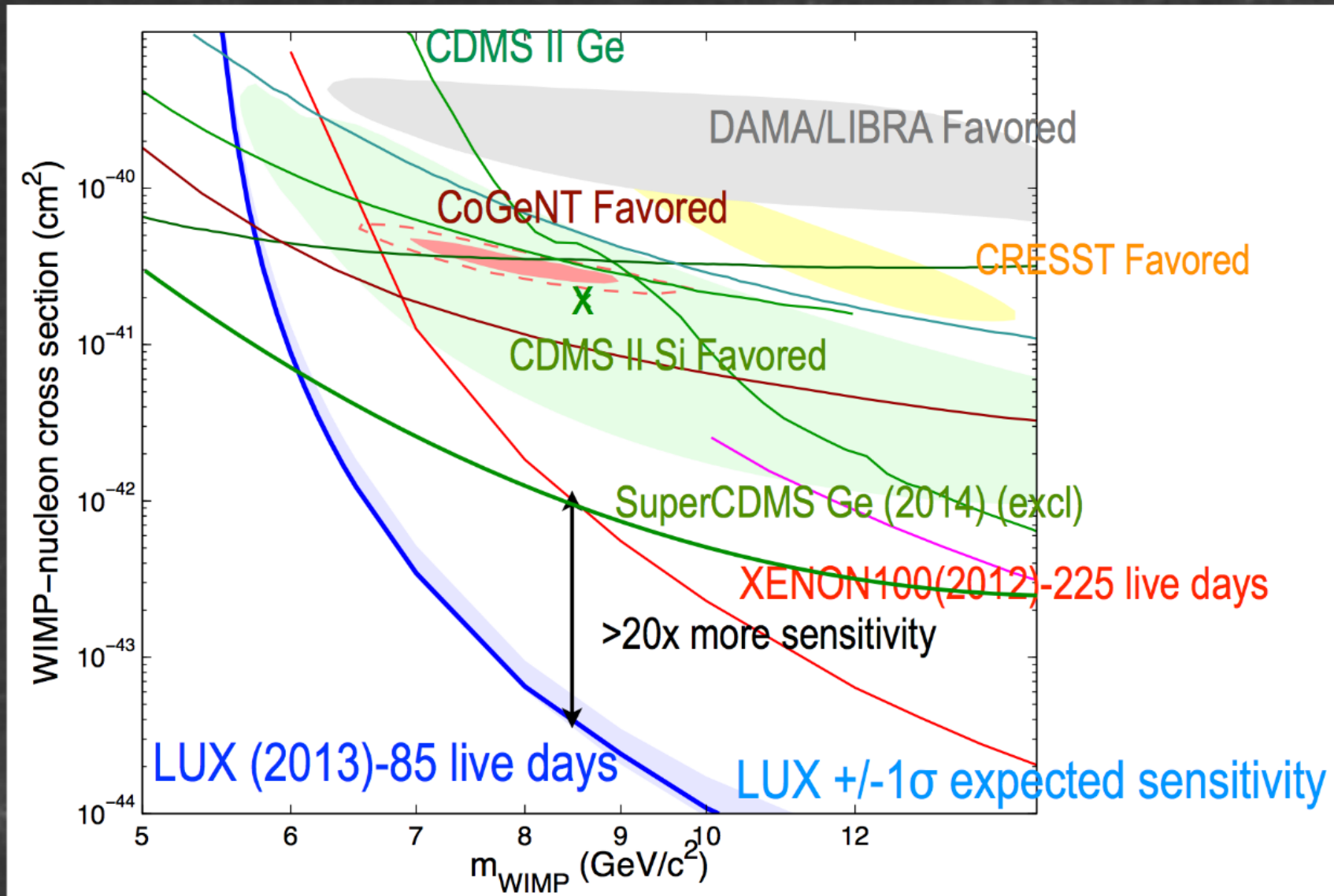


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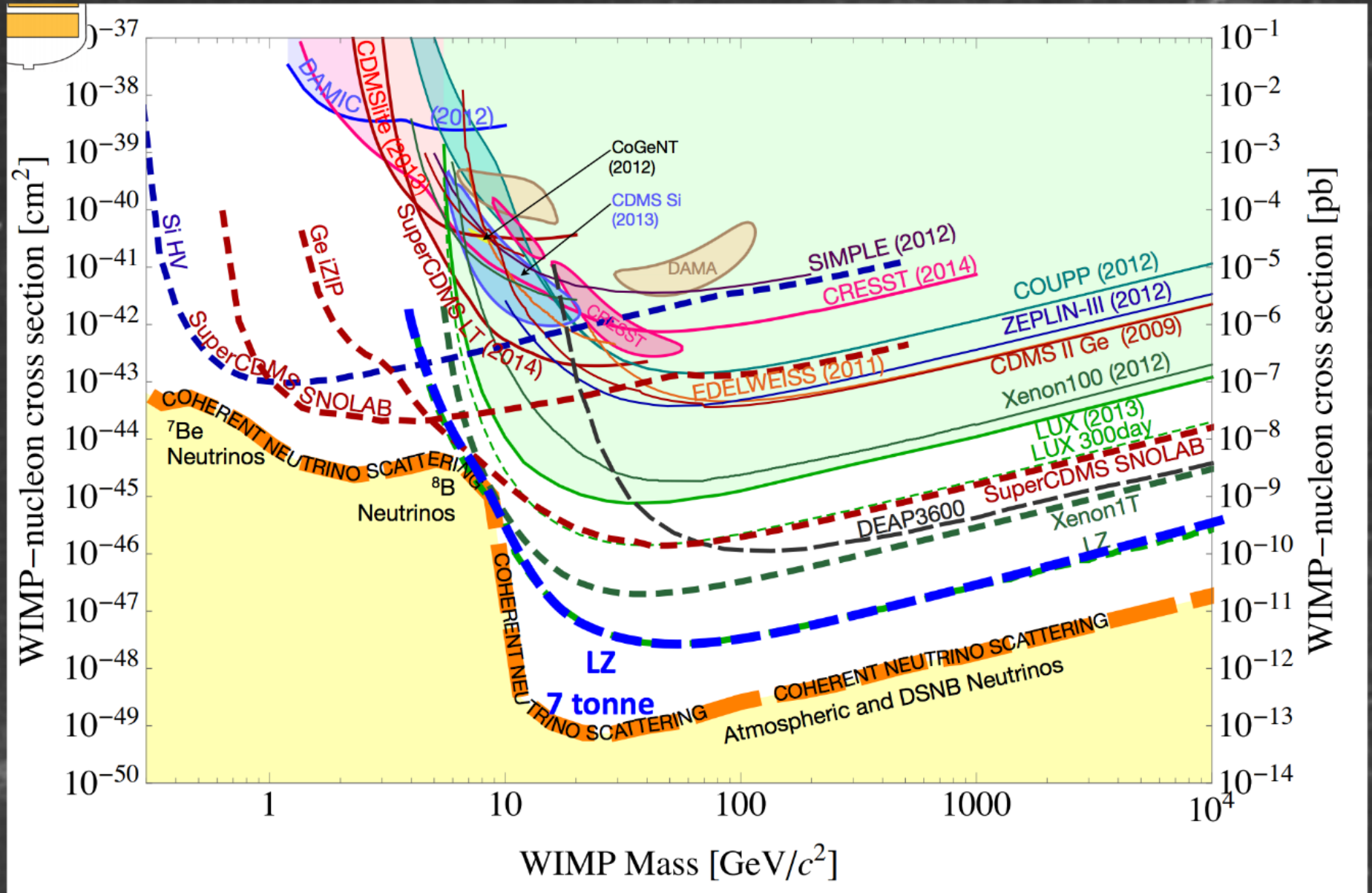


LUX



Results from LUX appear to have really cleaned out the low-mass WIMP window

Future



Finding Weakly Interacting Dark Matter: Particle Accelerators and Direct Detection



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