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XENON IT INTERPRETATION

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Outline

- Boost Interpretation of XENONIT anomaly。

B. Fornal, P. Sandick, J. Shu, M. Su, Y. Zhao, [arxiv: 2006.11264 [hep-ph.CO]].

- Boost from the scattering in the Sun the
“reflection”。

Y. Chen, J. Shu, X. Xue, G. Yuan, Q. Yuan, [arxiv: 2006.12447 [hep-ph.CO]].

- Some comments

A decorative graphic on a blue background. It features a central white rounded rectangle containing the text 'Boosted DM Interpretation'. Surrounding this rectangle are several circles of different colors (orange, green, blue) and sizes, some of which are connected by thin white lines, creating a network-like structure.

Boosted DM Interpretation

Boosted DM

Semi-annihilation (Z_3)

F. D'Eramo, J. Thaler, JHEP 06, 109 (2010)

$$\chi + \chi \rightarrow \bar{\chi} + X. \quad \gamma_{\chi} = (5m_{\chi}^2 - m_X^2)/4m_{\chi}^2.$$

Two component

K. Agashe, Y.Cui, L. Necib, J. Thaler, JCAP, 10 062 (2014)

$$\psi_A + \bar{\psi}_A \rightarrow \psi_B + \bar{\psi}_B. \quad \gamma_B = m_A/m_B.$$

Boosted DM flux

Thermal annihilation at the Galactic Center (GC)

$$\Phi_{\text{gal}}^{\text{BDM}} = 1.6 \times 10^{-6} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \times \left(\frac{\langle \sigma_{\text{ann}} v \rangle}{5 \times 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}} \right) \left(\frac{10 \text{ GeV}}{m_{\text{DM}}} \right)^2,$$

Solar capture rate at the Sun

$$C(m_{\text{DM}}, \sigma_{\text{nucl}}) \simeq 2 \times 10^{22} \text{ s}^{-1} \times \left(\frac{\sigma_{\text{nucl}}}{10^{-42} \text{ cm}^2} \right) \left(\frac{10 \text{ GeV}}{m_{\text{DM}}} \right)^2.$$

$$\Phi_{\text{Sun}}^{\text{BDM}} = \frac{C(m_{\text{DM}}, \sigma_{\text{nucl}})}{4\pi \text{ AU}^2} \quad \text{BDM flux} \quad (5)$$

$$= 7.2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \left(\frac{\sigma_{\text{nucl}}}{10^{-42} \text{ cm}^2} \right) \left(\frac{10 \text{ GeV}}{m_{\text{DM}}} \right)^2,$$

Signal Rate and Recoil Spectrum

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BDM-electron cross section versus event number

$$\sigma_{\text{elec}} = 3 \times 10^{-29} \text{ cm}^2 \left(\frac{10^{-6} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}}{\Phi^{\text{BDM}}} \right) \left(\frac{N_{\text{sig}}}{100} \right) .$$

Benchmark

$$\sigma_{\text{elec}} = \frac{g_{\text{BDM}}^2 g_e^2 m_e^2}{\pi m_{\text{med}}^4} ,$$

mark, consider $g_{\text{BDM}} = 1.1$, $g_e = 10^{-5}$, $m_{\text{BDM}} = 10$ GeV, and $m_{\text{med}} = 0.1$ MeV, which results in $\sigma_{\text{elec}} = 4 \times 10^{-29} \text{ cm}^2$. Thus, for reasonable parameter values, a cross section as large as $\sigma_{\text{elec}} = \mathcal{O}(10^{-29} - 10^{-28}) \text{ cm}^2$ is

Penetration Length

Sun core: 150g/cm^3

$$L_{fs,S} \simeq 1\text{ m} \times \left(\frac{10^{-28}\text{ cm}^2}{\sigma_{\text{elec}}} \right),$$

can not coming
from the sun

Similarly for BDM captured through
DM-electron (not nucleus) interactions

Earth core: 5.5g/cm^3

XENONIT: 1600m

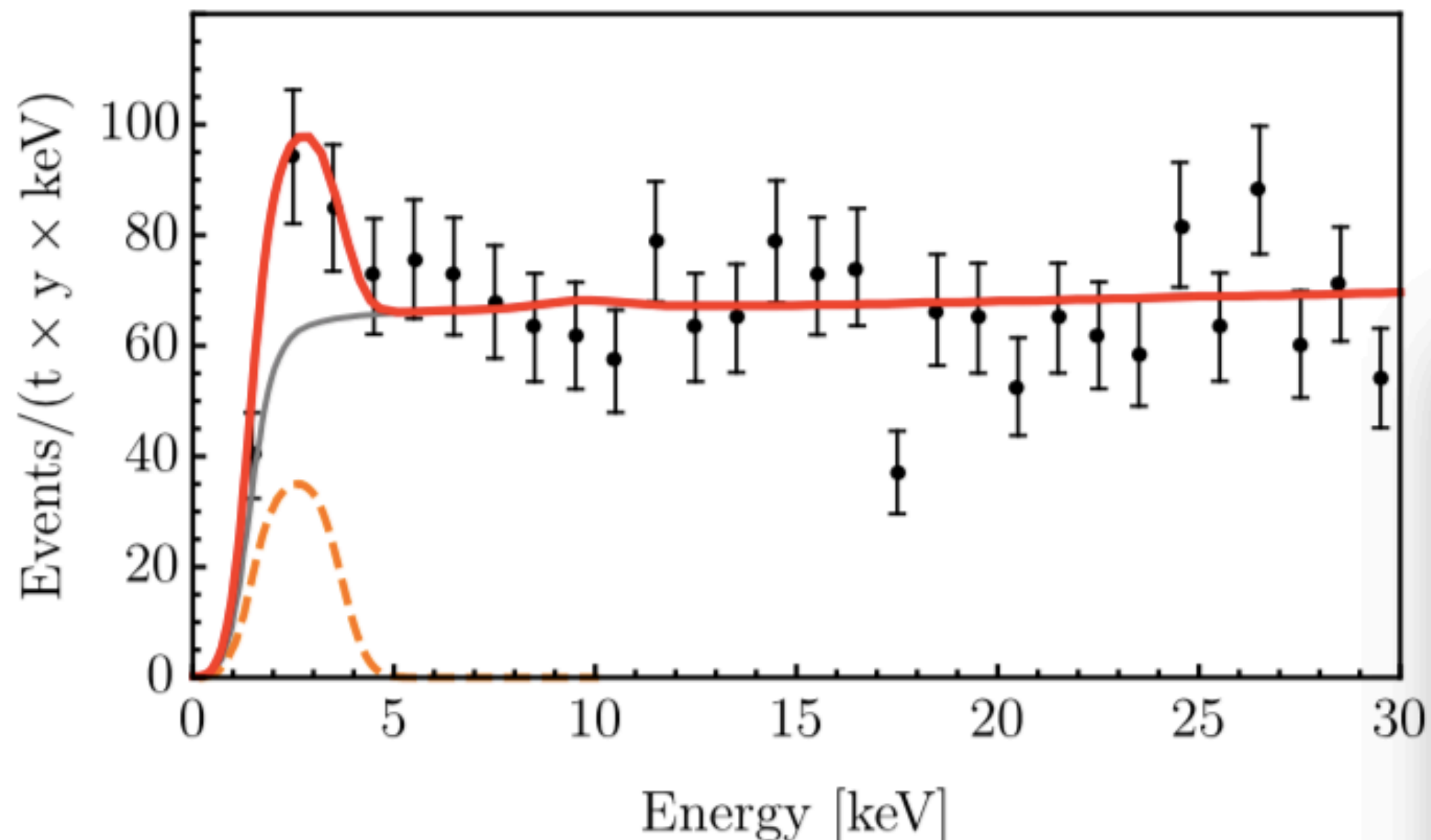
$$L_{fs,E} \simeq 60\text{ m} \times \left(\frac{10^{-28}\text{ cm}^2}{\sigma_{\text{elec}}} \right).$$

Earth is semi-opaque: **daily modulation.**

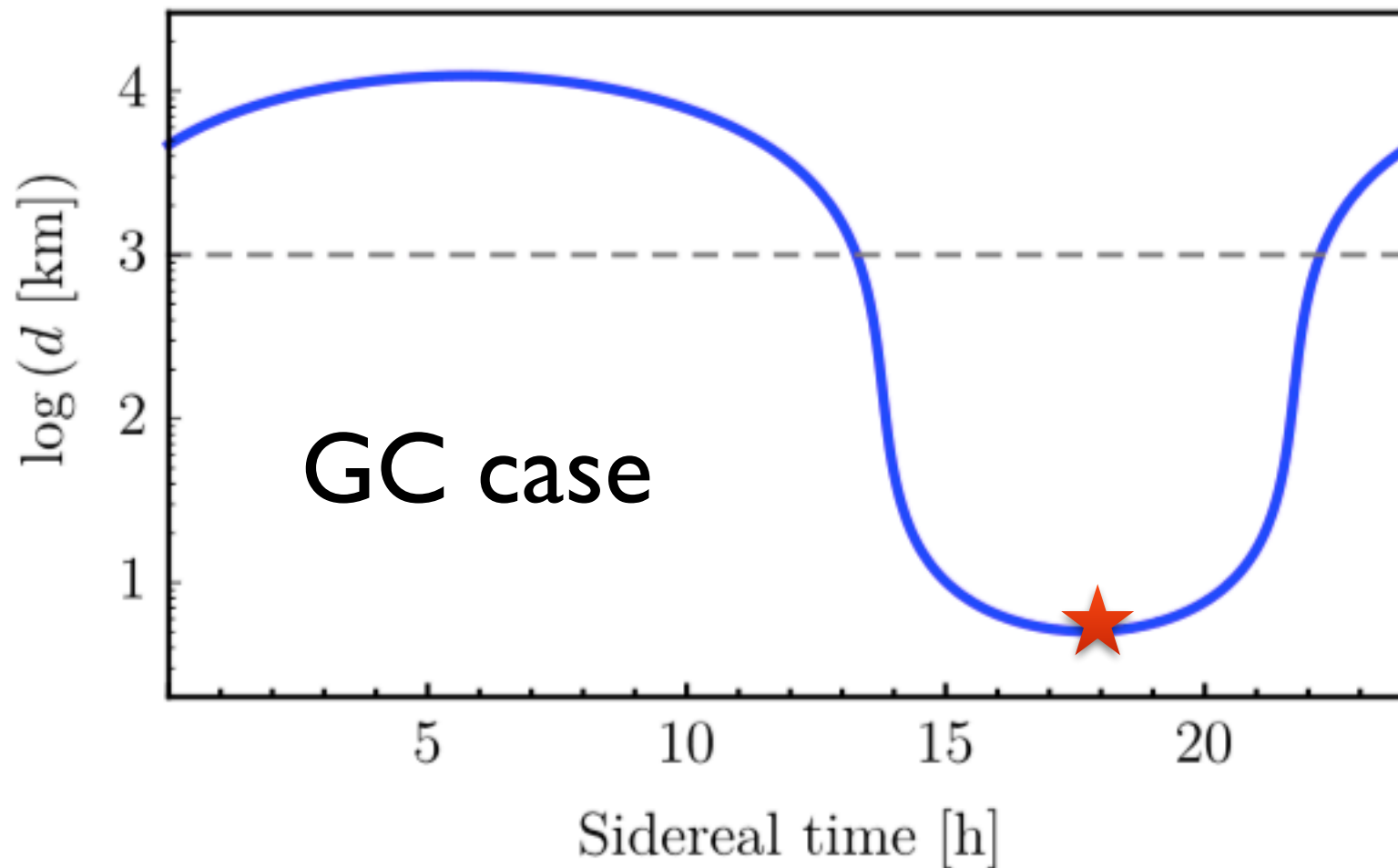
Recoil energy spectrum

In the limit $m_{\text{BDM}} \gg m_e$ $E_e \leq 2m_e v_{\text{BDM}}^2$

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{elec}}}{dE_e} = \text{const} \times \Theta(2m_e v_{\text{DM}}^2 - E_e) ,$$



Daily modulation



Must use
sidereal time

$$d_e \gtrsim 1000 \text{ km} \left(\frac{10^{-28} \text{ cm}^2}{\sigma_{\text{elec}}} \right) \left(\frac{m_{\text{BDM}}}{10 \text{ GeV}} \right) \left(\frac{v_{\text{BDM}}}{0.1 c} \right)^2.$$

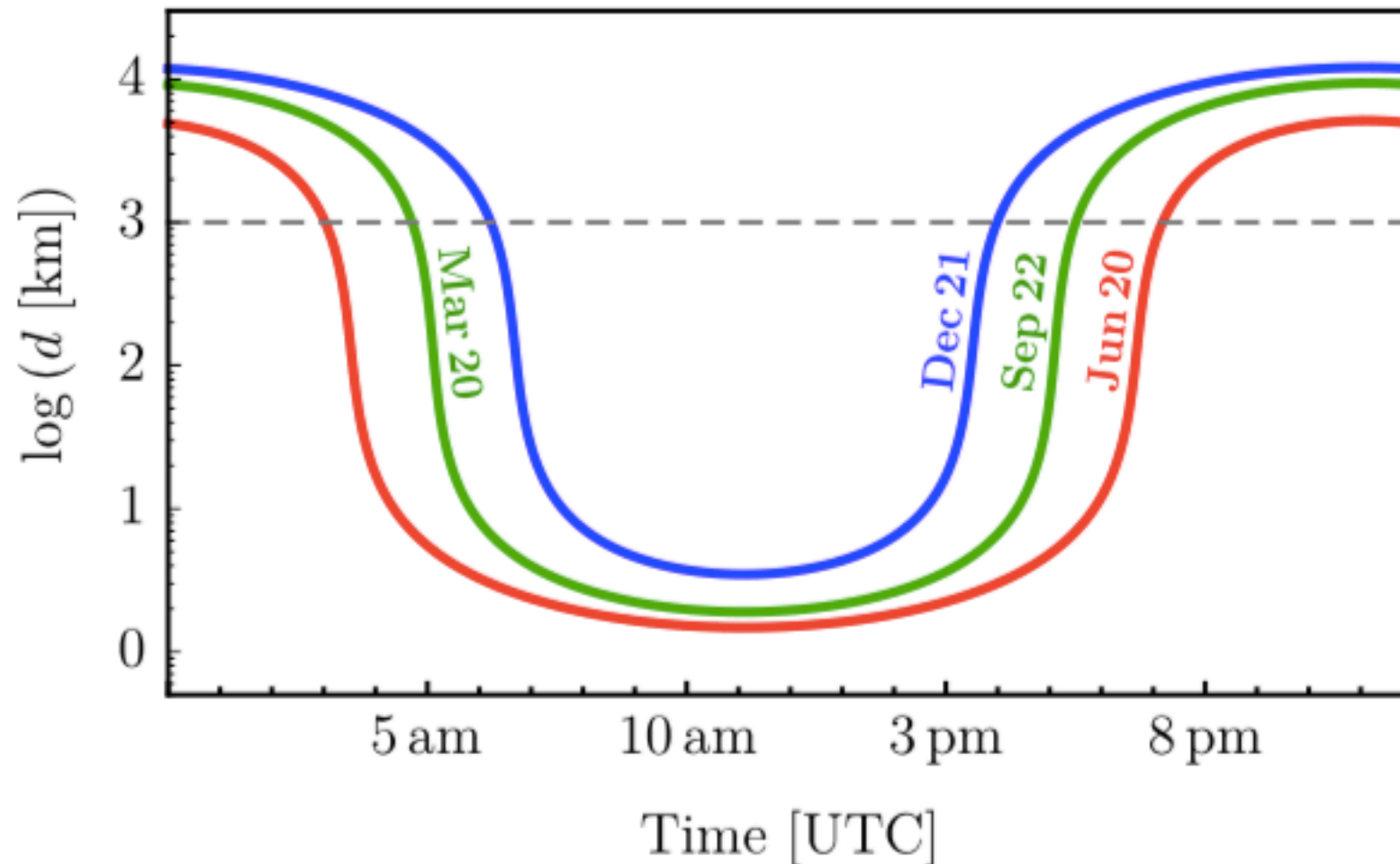
Stopped distance

- The minimal d (star position) tells you the **direction** of the BDM

Non-directional XENON
experiment tells you the **direction**
of BDM flux, **is it COOL?**

If not GC direction,
maybe from nearby DM
sub-halo or mini-cluster

Daily modulation



Sun modulation
changes
seasonally

summer/winter: longest/
shortest daily exposures

Imagine intermediate ψ help escape from the Sun

$$\psi_A + \bar{\psi}_A \rightarrow \phi + \phi^* \rightarrow 2\psi_B + 2\bar{\psi}_B,$$

Needs more analysis for the real modulation

More details in the future

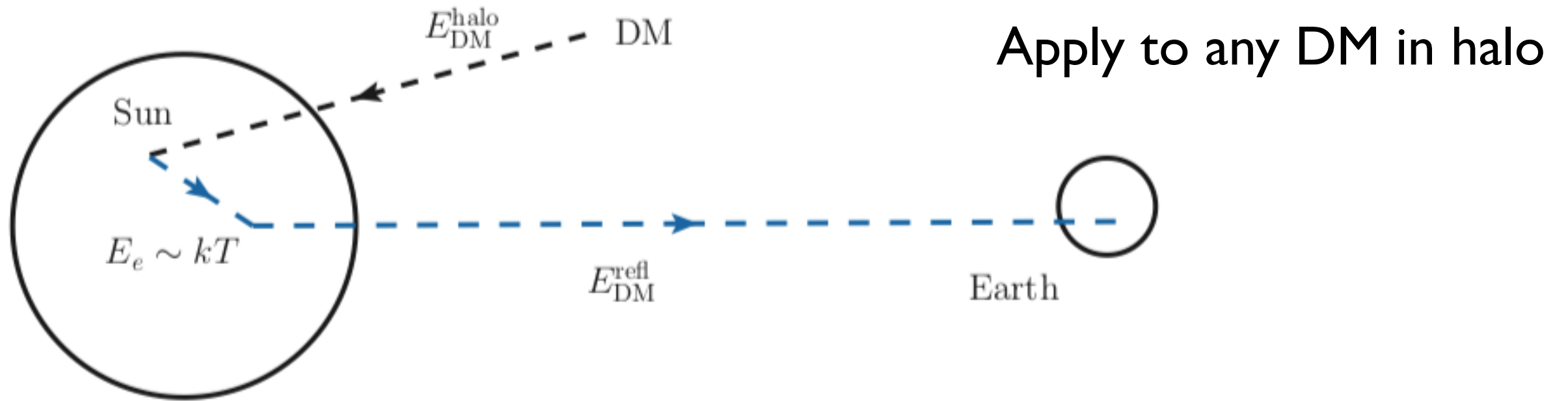
We have considered the **full possibilities** for daily modulation: GC, Sun, nearby sub-halo/mini-cluster

- The rock density above Gran Sasso < average of earth
- The electron energy loss spectrum inside Earth。
Workout the real survival probability.
- Other experiments like LZ, PandaX, etc.

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Sun-heated DM Interpretation

Sun reflected/heated DM

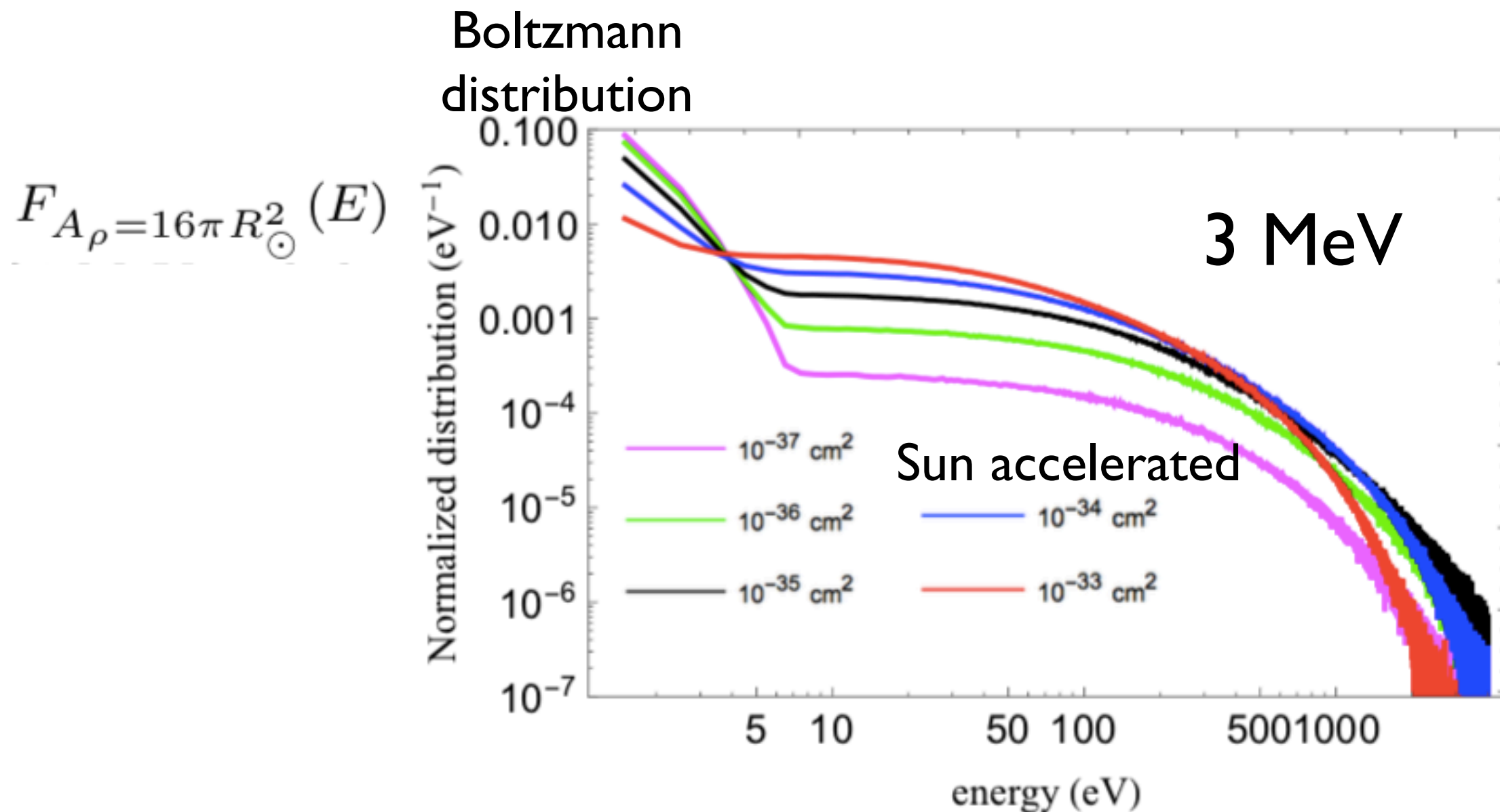


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“heated”: the halo DM $v <$ reflected v , not really symmetrically reflect.

Benchmark: maximal momentum transfer. $m_{\text{DM}} = m_e = 0.5 \text{ MeV}$

How we rescale the distribution?



smaller DM-e cross section, E increase as reflection in the Sun core (higher T)

$$\Phi_{\text{refl}} \sim \frac{\Phi^{\text{halo}}}{4} \times \begin{cases} \frac{4S_g}{3} \left(\frac{R_{\text{core}}}{1 \text{ A.U.}} \right)^2 \sigma_e n_e^{\text{core}} R_{\text{core}}, & \sigma_e \ll 1 \text{ pb}, \\ S_g \left(\frac{R_{\text{scatt}}}{1 \text{ A.U.}} \right)^2, & \sigma_e \gg 1 \text{ pb}. \end{cases}$$

The energy spectrum is almost the same, change the normalization

How we rescale the distribution?

● The normalization

$$\frac{d\Phi_{\text{refl}}}{dE} = \Phi_{\text{halo}} \times \frac{A_{\rho} F_{A_{\rho}}(E)}{4\pi(1 \text{ A.U.})^2}.$$

● 3 MeV \longrightarrow 0.5 MeV

Use the “endpoint” as a handle

the dark matter mass and scattering cross section the average energy of the reflected DM, the endpoint of the reflected DM spectrum (defined as the upper limit of the energy interval containing 95% of the reflected flux), and the total

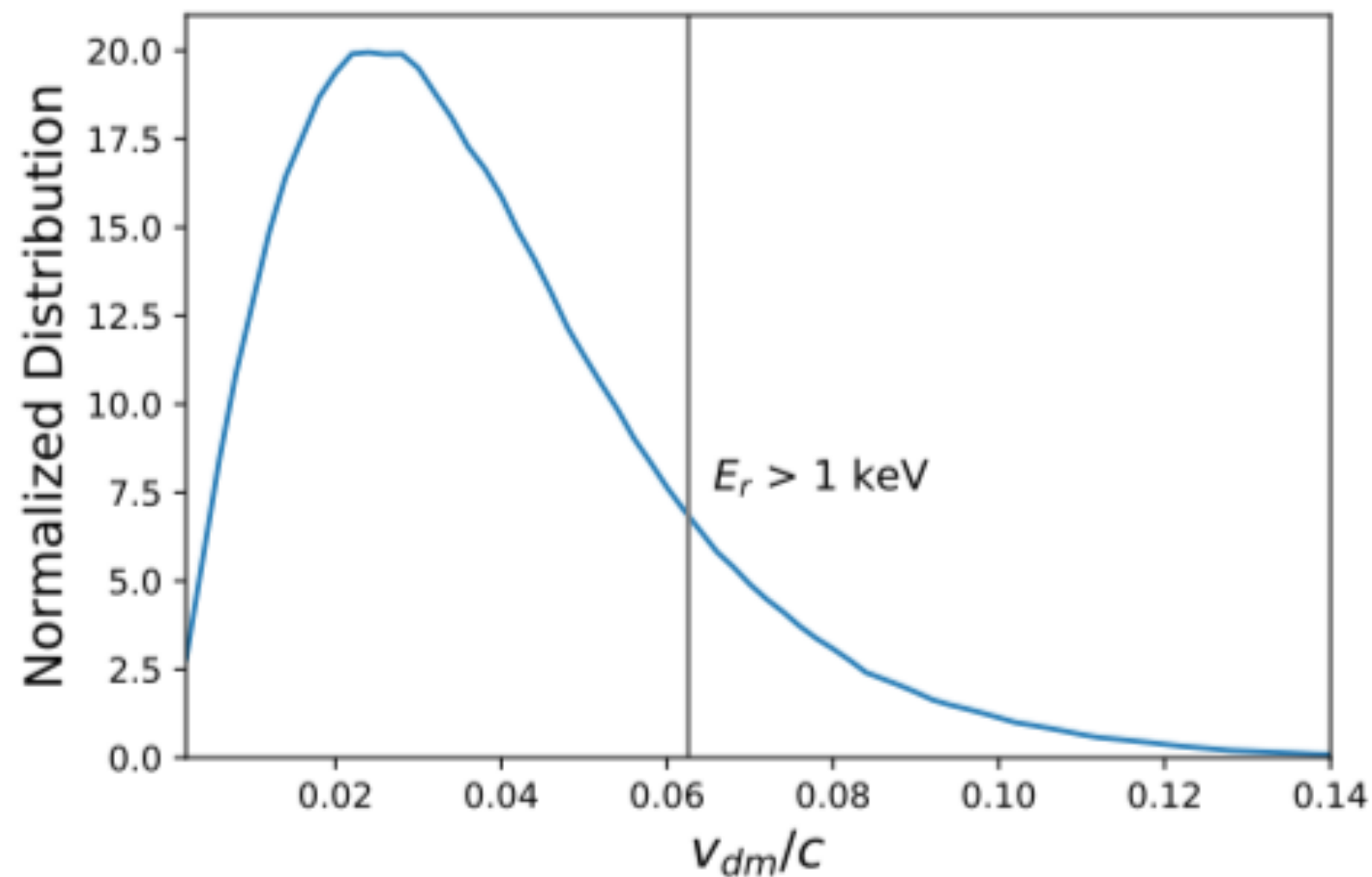
Endpoint: 95% (not the cutoff), it is actually these 5% that gives u the signal.

0.5 MeV	527 eV	510 eV	437 eV	339 eV	236 eV
	1796 eV	1725 eV	1466 eV	1165 eV	819 eV
	12 cm ⁻² sec ⁻¹	84 cm ⁻² sec ⁻¹	256 cm ⁻² sec ⁻¹	472 cm ⁻² sec ⁻¹	645 cm ⁻² sec ⁻¹
2 MeV	364 eV	373 eV	370 eV	319 eV	243 eV
	1223 eV	1245 eV	1271 eV	16071152 eV	871 eV
	2.9 cm ⁻² sec ⁻¹	21 cm ⁻² sec ⁻¹	63 cm ⁻² sec ⁻¹	116 cm ⁻² sec ⁻¹	157 cm ⁻² sec ⁻¹
4 MeV	248 eV	270 eV	314 eV	306 eV	255 eV
	810 eV	883 eV	1108 eV	1158 eV	934 eV
	1.3 cm ⁻² sec ⁻¹	9.6 cm ⁻² sec ⁻¹	30 cm ⁻² sec ⁻¹	55 cm ⁻² sec ⁻¹	74 cm ⁻² sec ⁻¹

Unfortunately we have to average the 2MeV and 4MeV to get the 3MeV.....

Spectrum

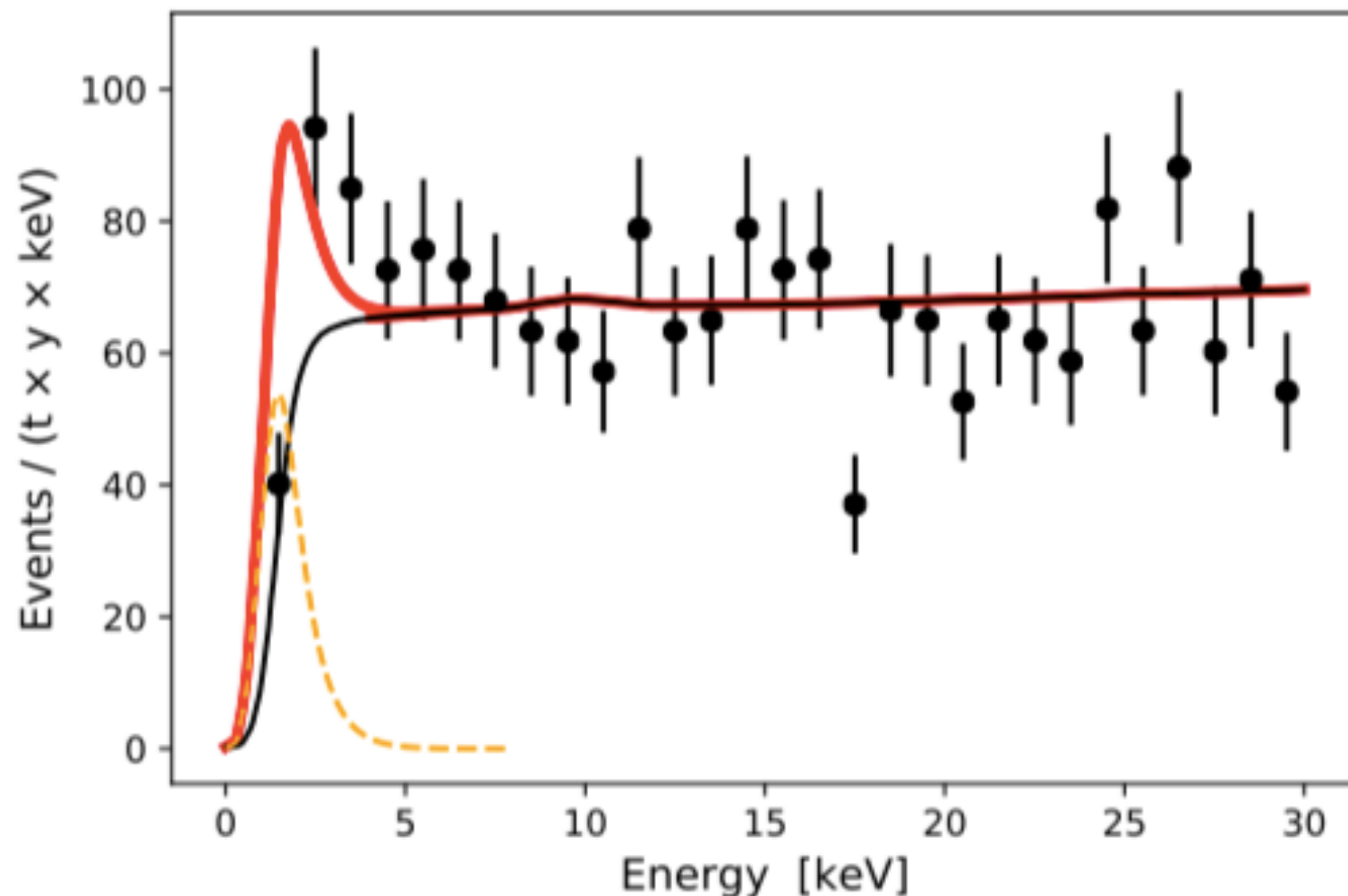
- Final distribution (not logplot)



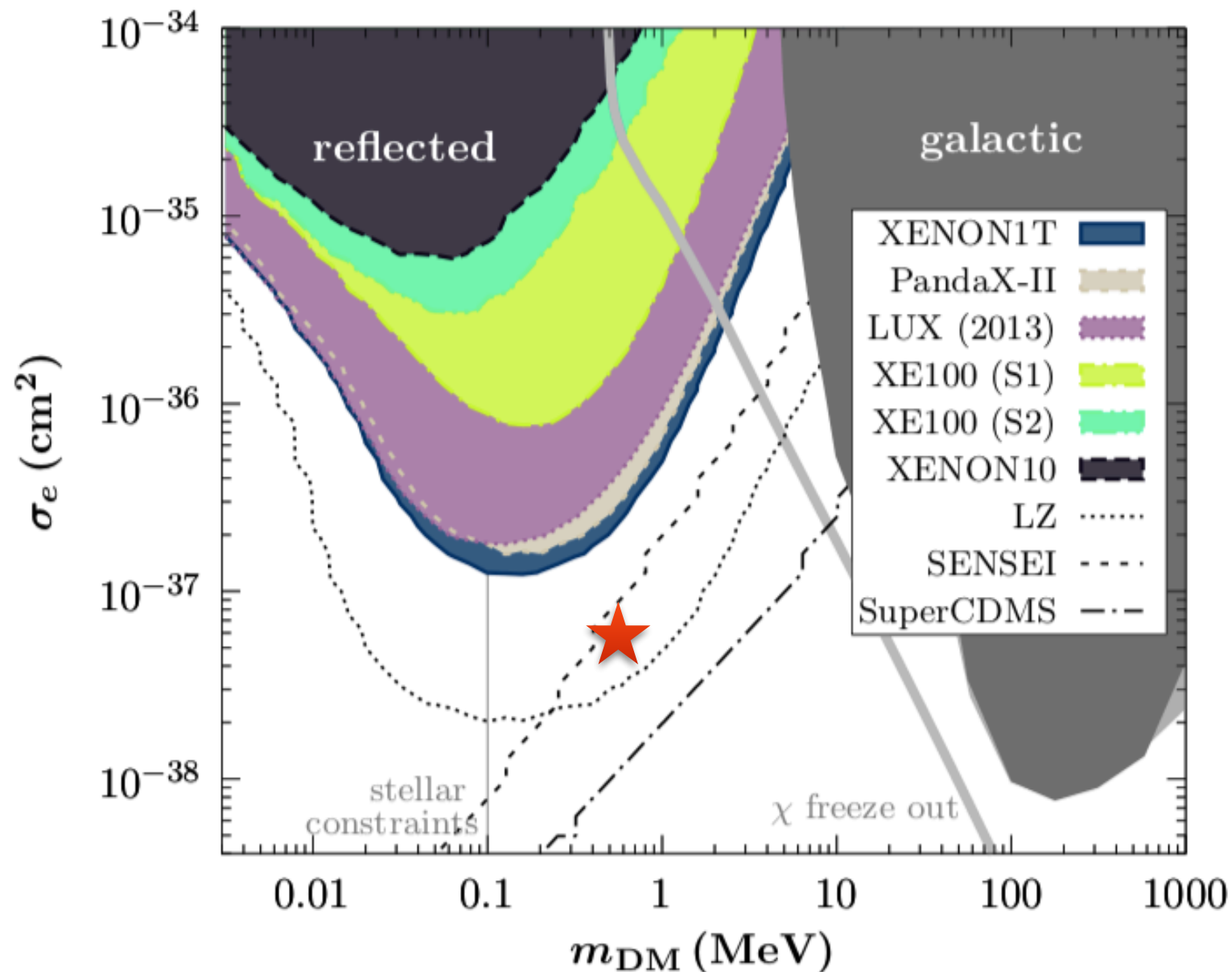
The event spectrum

$$\frac{dN}{dE_r} = N_d \times \int \frac{d\sigma}{dE_r}(v_{\text{dm}}, E_r) \frac{d\Phi_{\text{heat}}}{dv_{\text{dm}}} dv_{\text{dm}},$$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dE_r}(v_{\text{dm}}, E_r) = \frac{\sigma_e}{2m_e v_{\text{dm}}^2} \int_{q_-}^{q_+} a_0^2 q dq |F(q)|^2 K(E_r, q),$$



Low threshold DM experiment



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First pointed out in

R. Essig, A. Manalaysay, J. Mardon,
P. Sorensen and T. Volansky,
Phy.Rev.Lett. 109 021301 (2012)

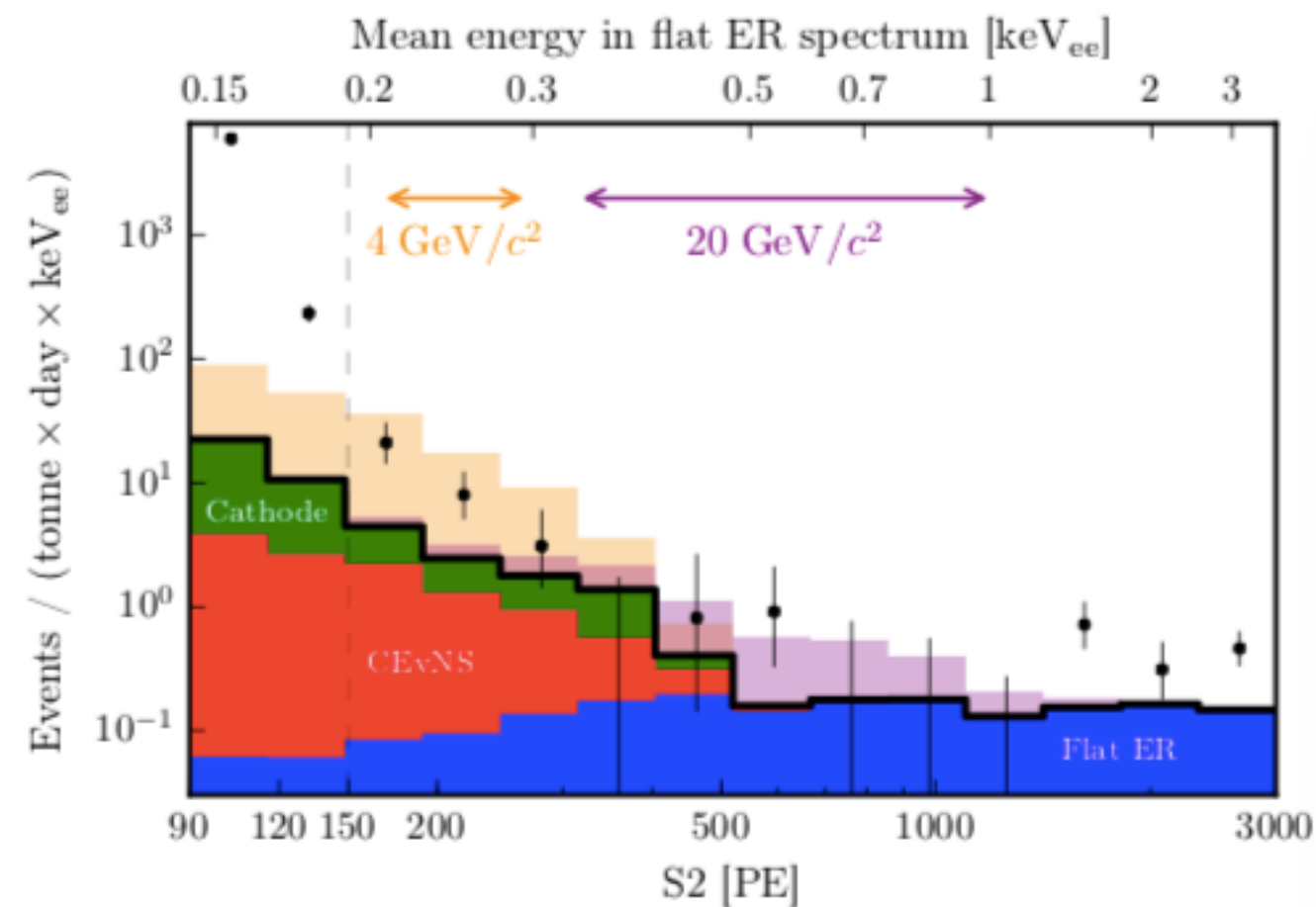
Cosmology bounds (BBN, N_{eff} , etc) prefer relative light mediators

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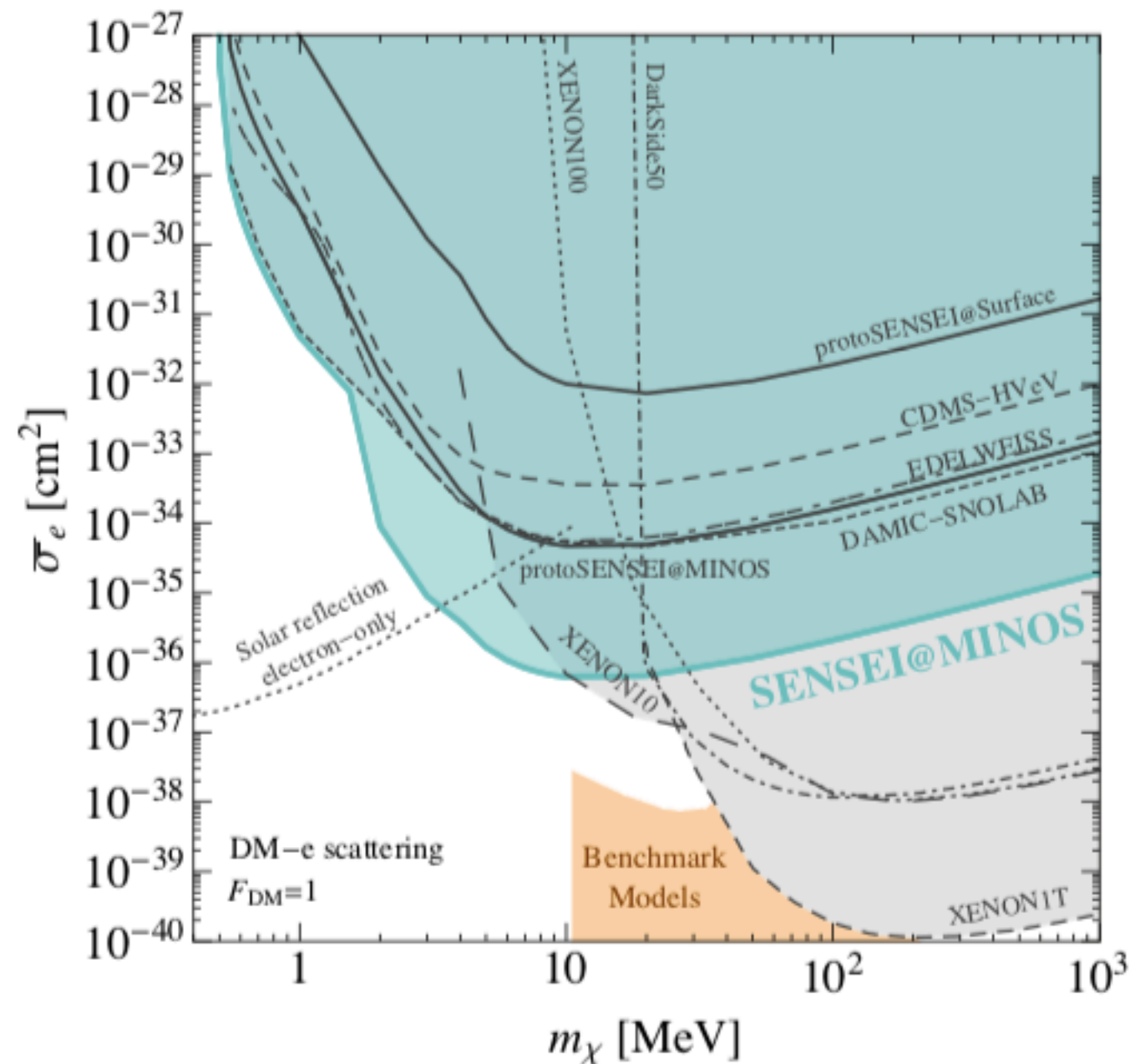
SENSEI

XENONIT SR2 only

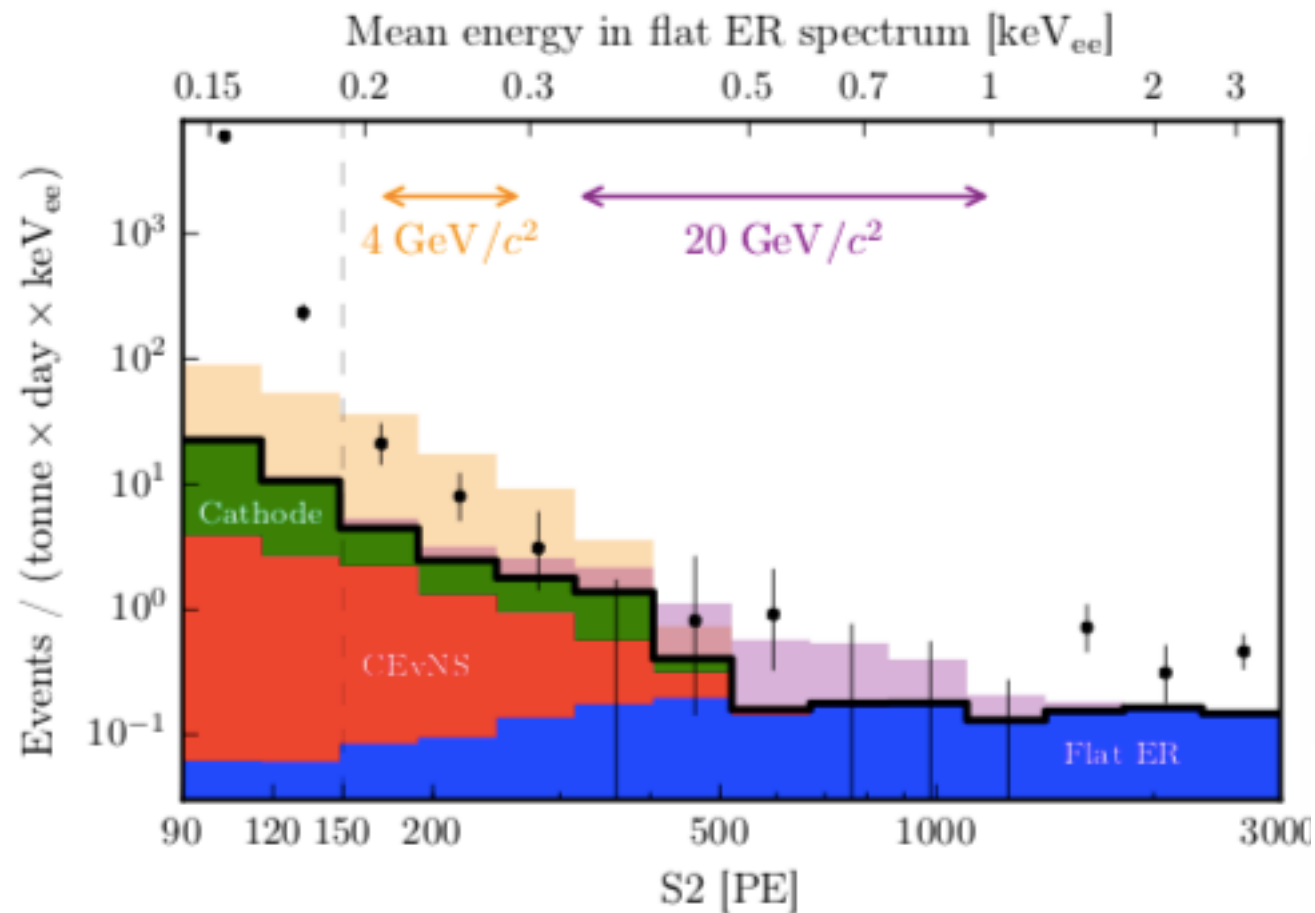
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E. Aprile et al. [XENON], Phys.Rev.Lett. 123 25
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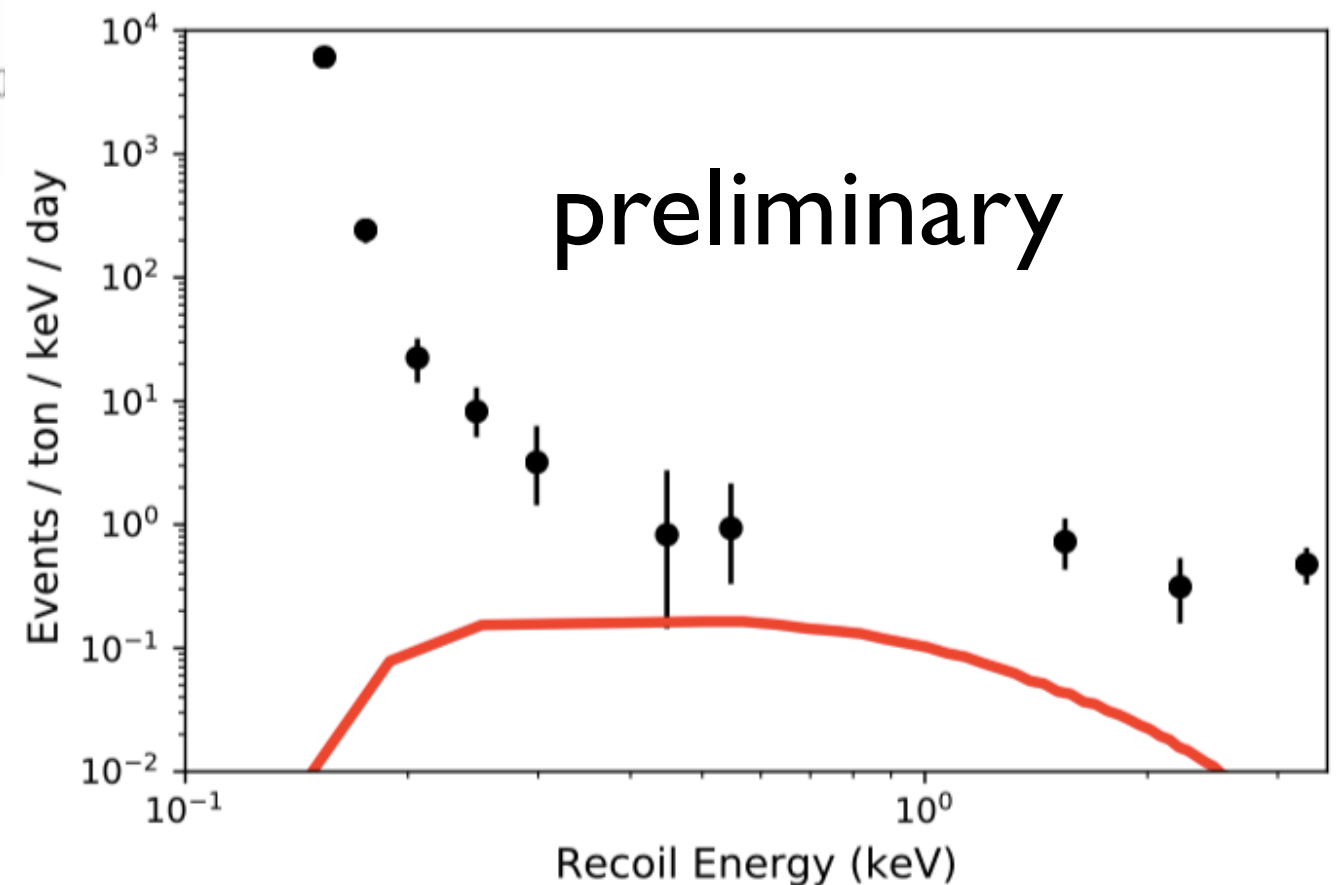


Low threshold DM experiment



Sun reflection
heated benchmark

The current SENSEI is not
expected to be as strong
as XENONIT SR2 only



Summary and comments

- Boost Interpretation (works fine)。
- BDM flux naturally from GC. The flux from the Sun is not realized in the simplest scenario.
- Striking **daily modulation** signals. Can even know the **direction** of the signal source. Expected to check that in the future.

Better theorists guide experimentalists what to look next.

- Clean model, no specific assumption on DM models.
- Can help the fit for the spectrum。
- Consistent with the current low threshold experiment. (**future results probe the explanation.**)

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Back up slices

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Z' is the effective number of electrons in xenon that undergo recoils. ~ 40

N, O, M can be kicked out to free electrons