

The Dark Universe

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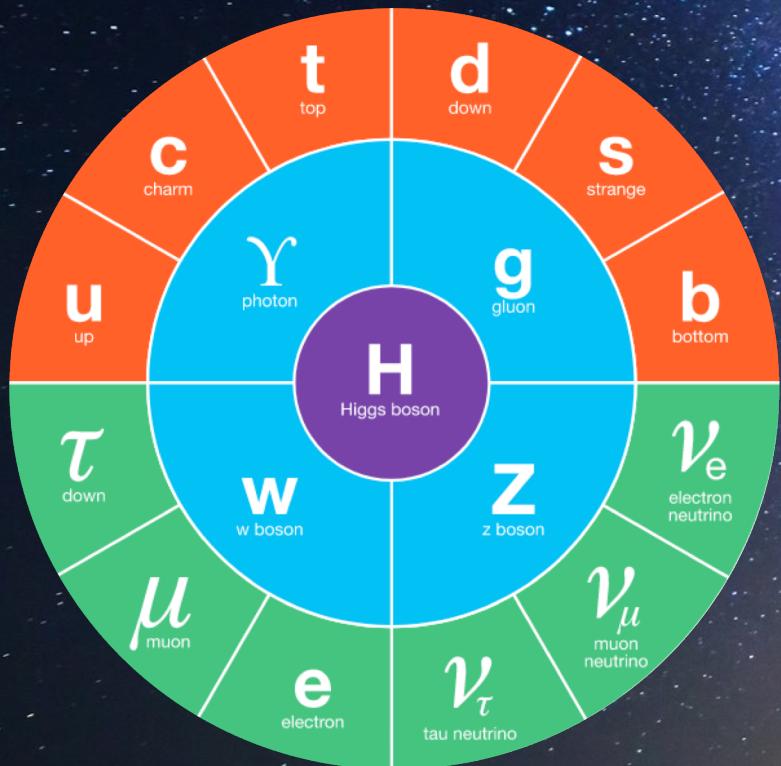
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Nov, 25 2021
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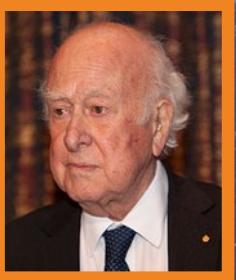
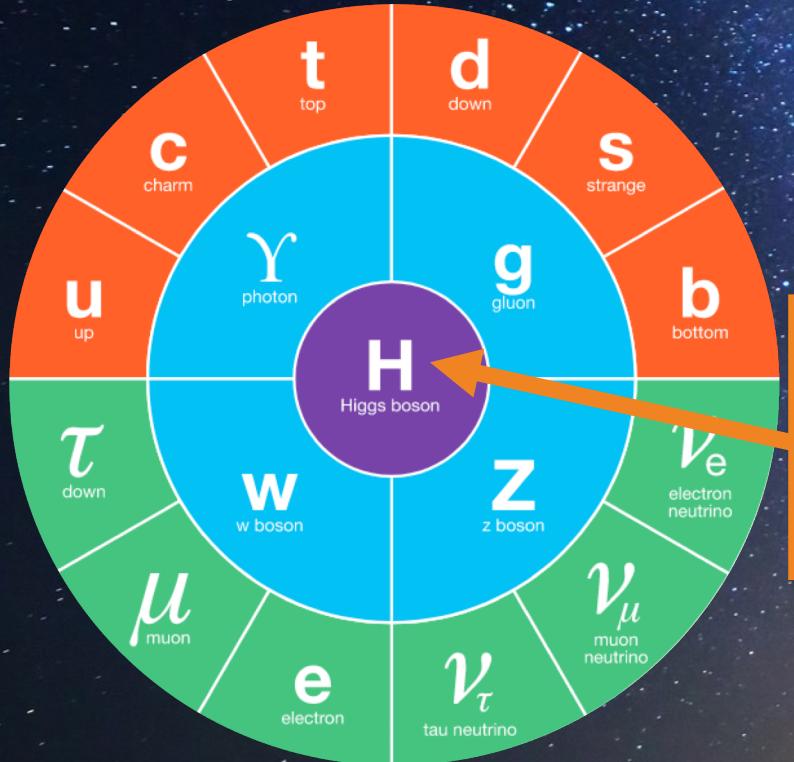
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Ordinary Matter

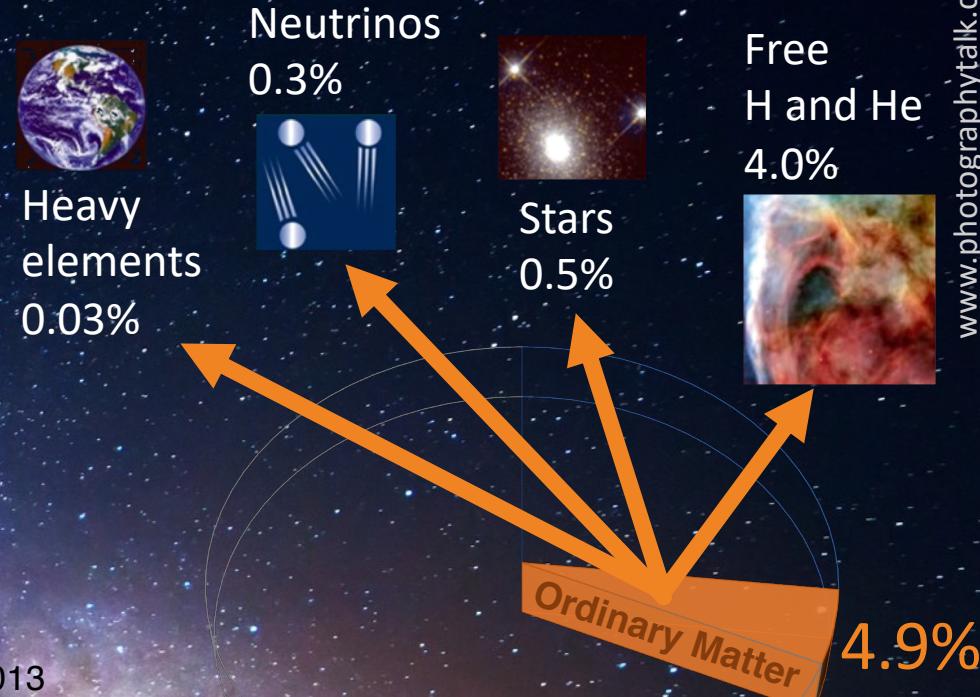


Ordinary Matter



Prof. Peter Higgs
Nobel prize winner, 2013

First observations was made by ATLAS and CMS at LHC at CERN and announced on 4.7.2012

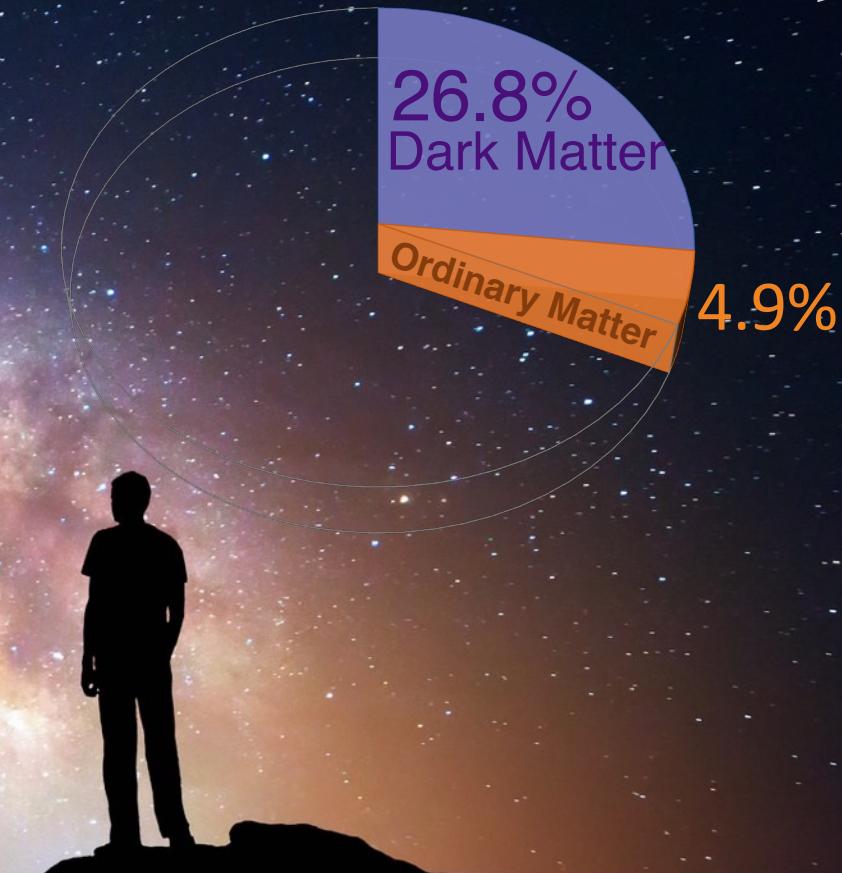


Dark Matter



+ add extra and
new ingredient

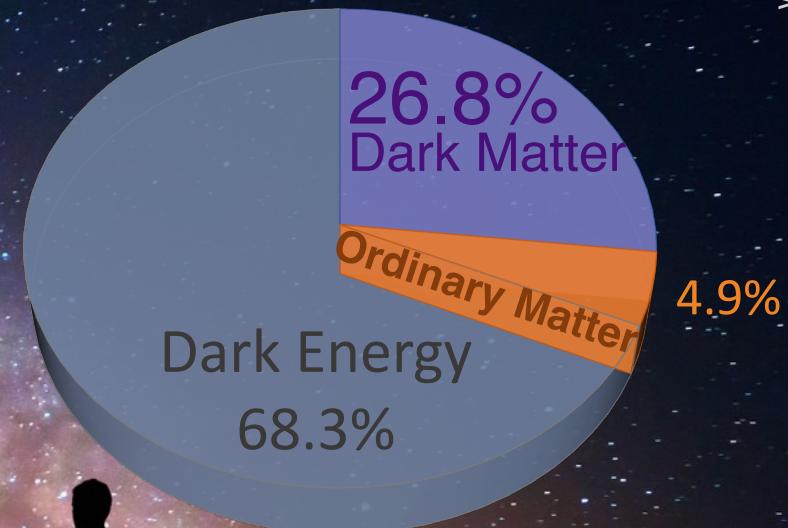
→ Physics beyond the Standard Model



Dark Energy

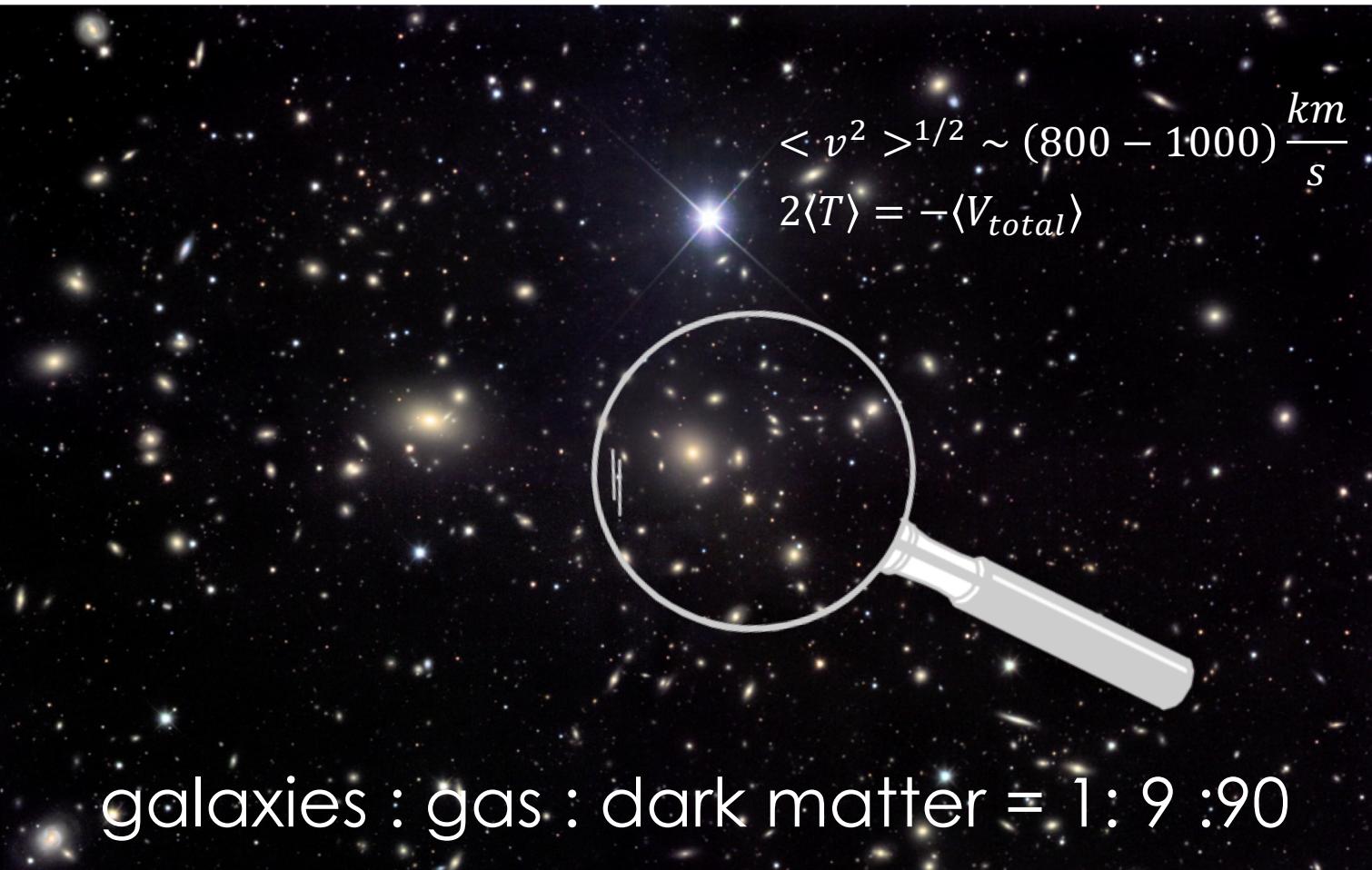


Taken from Dragone



Galaxy clusters

Zwicky 1933

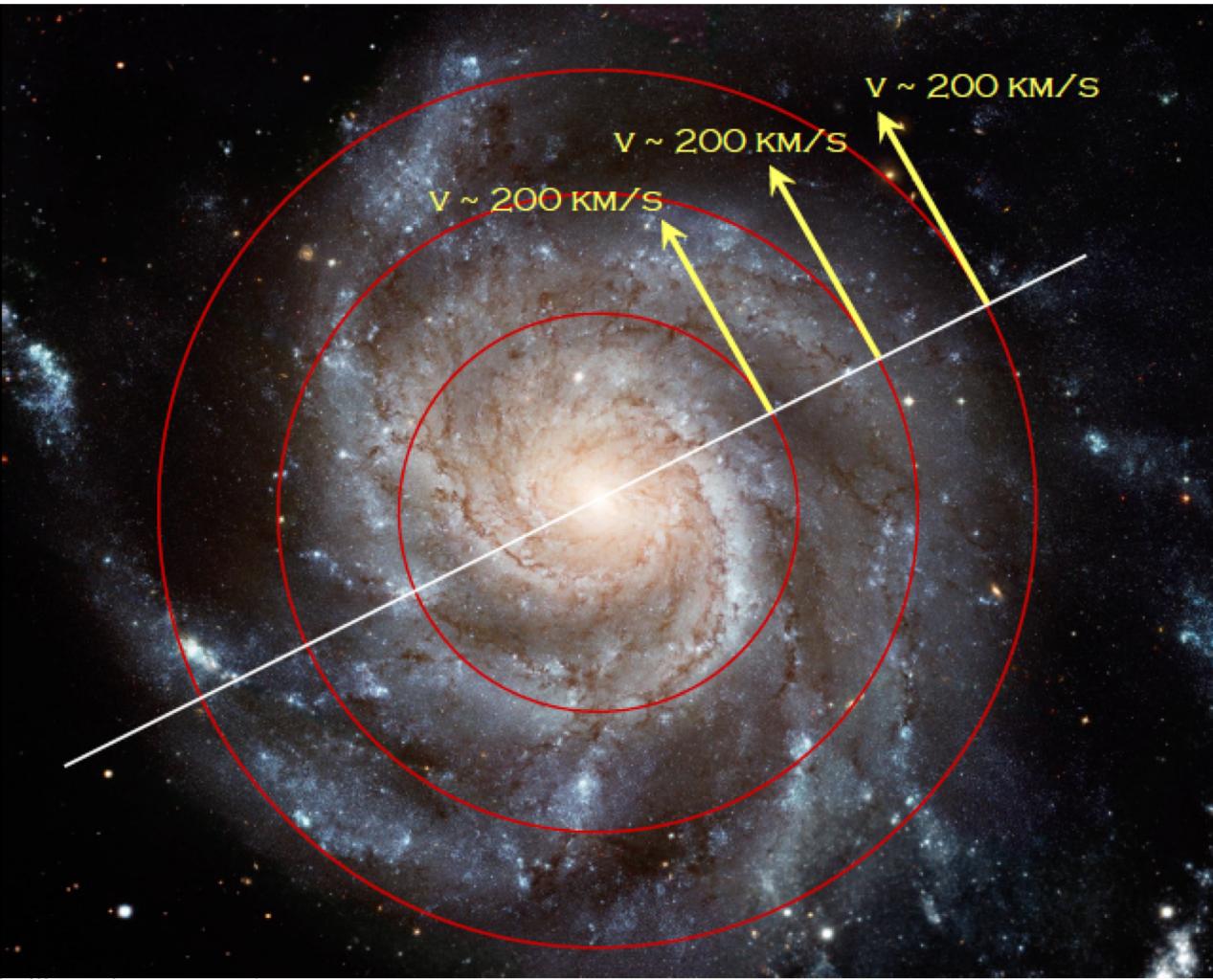


Velocity dispersion of galaxies in the cluster is too large:

→ cluster would not be gravitally bound system and “evaporate”

Rotational curves of galaxies

Rubin 1970

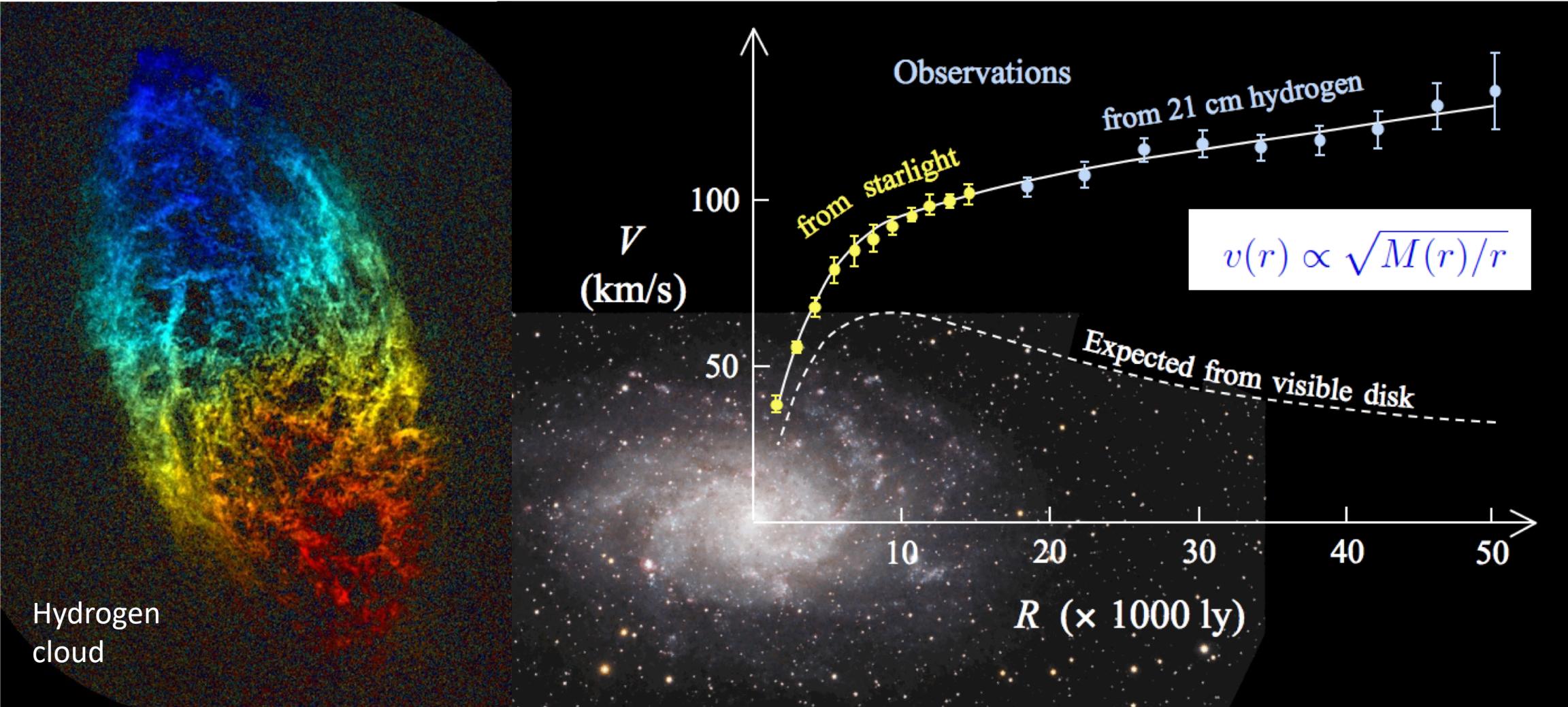


Credits N. Fornengo

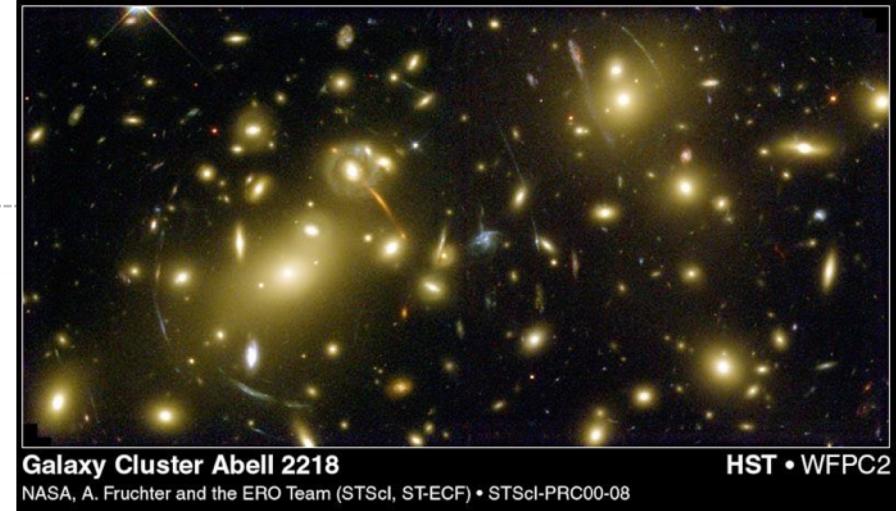
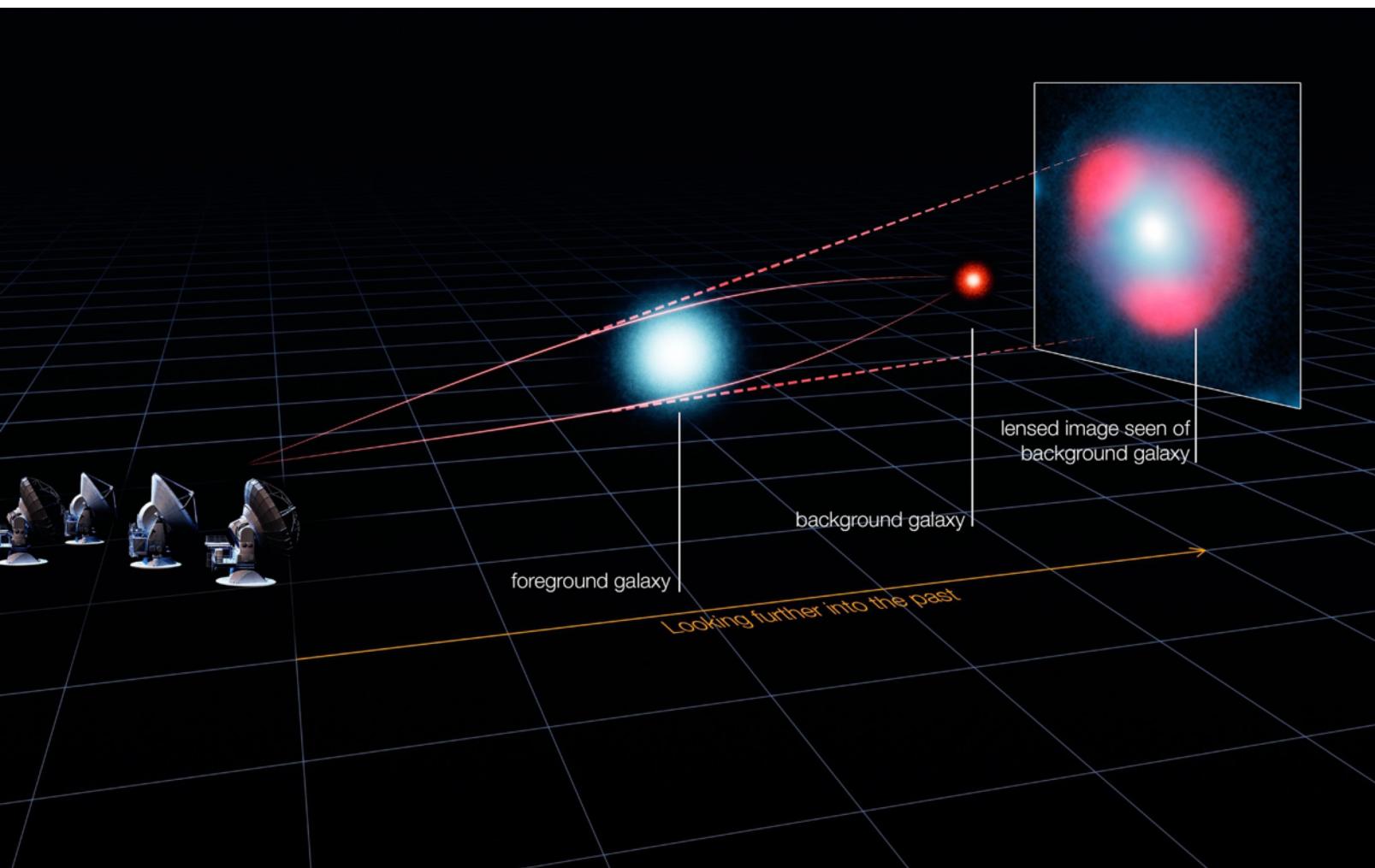
Stars in the outer arms are faster than expected

→ much more mass present than luminous mass only

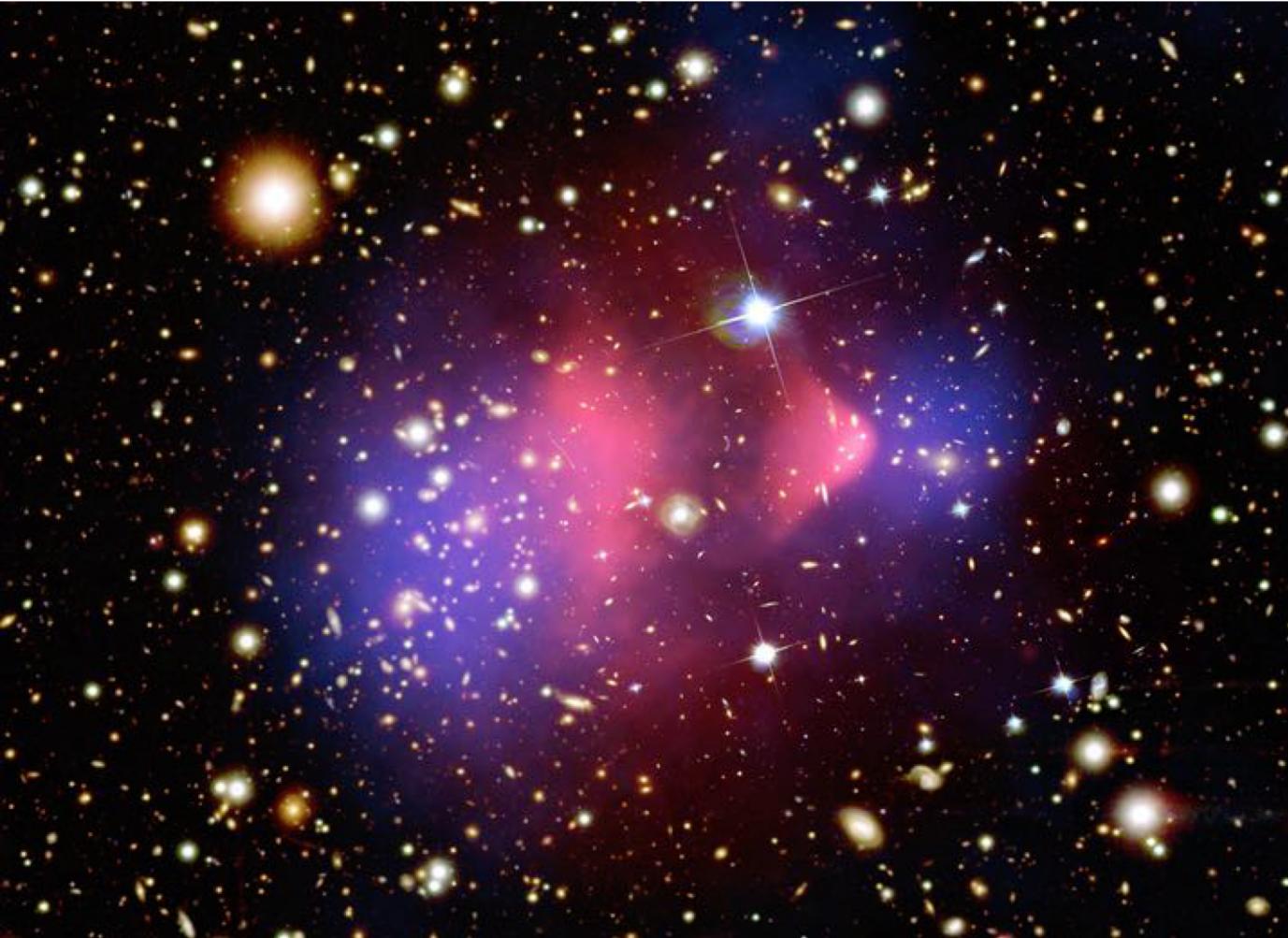
Rotational curves of galaxies of M33



Gravitational lensing effect

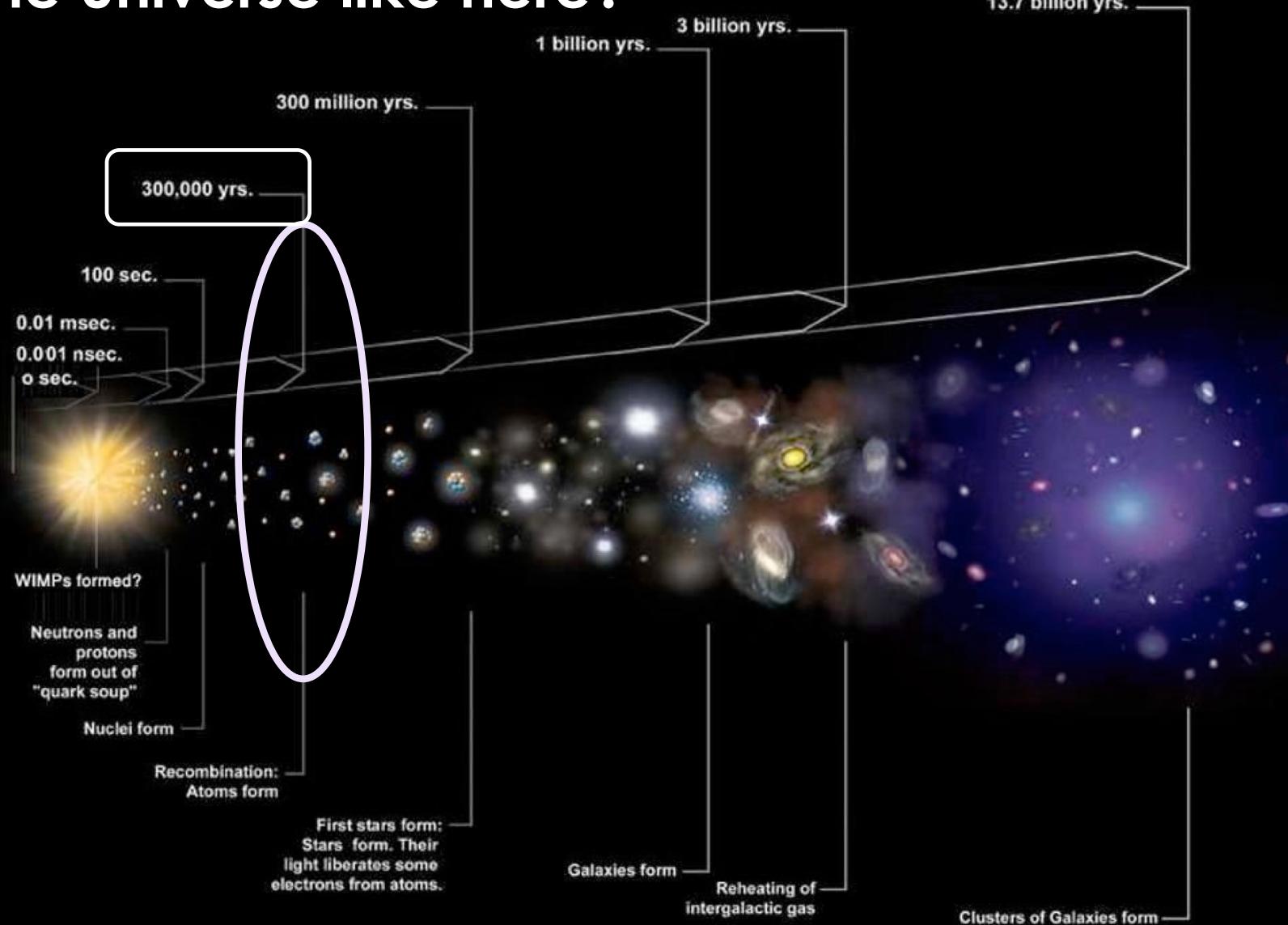


Bullet Cluster – collision of two galaxy clusters

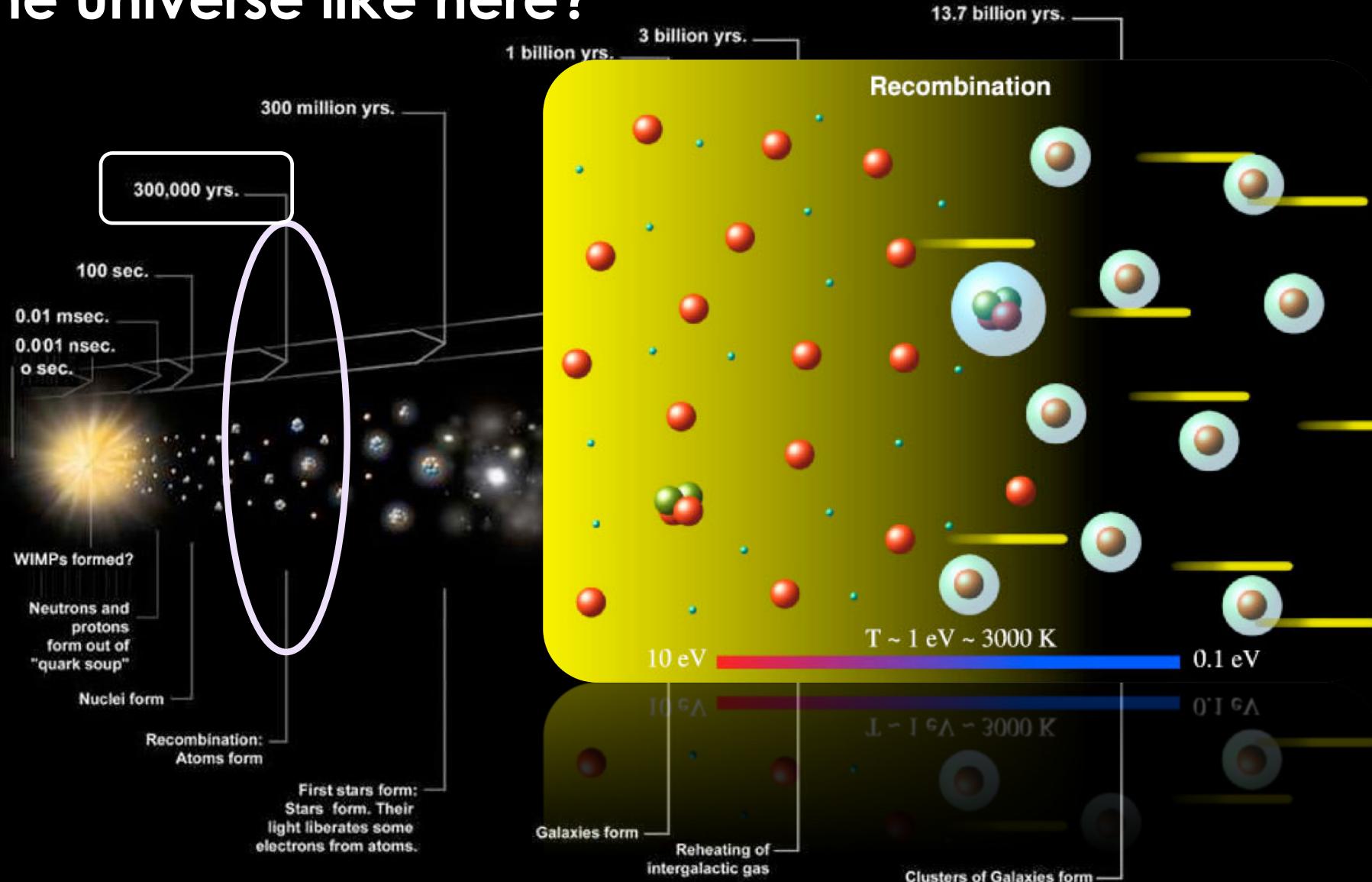


- best current evidence for the nature of dark matter
- spatial offset of the center of the total mass from the center of the baryonic mass peaks cannot be explained with an alteration of the gravitational force law alone

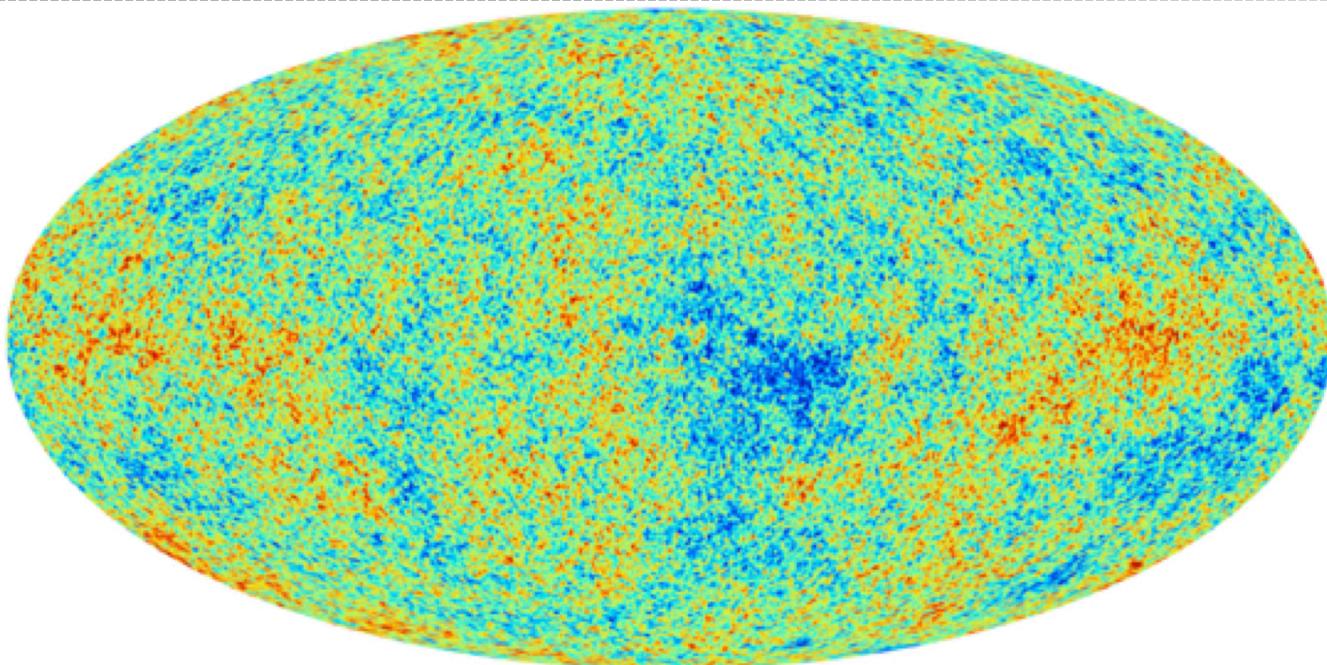
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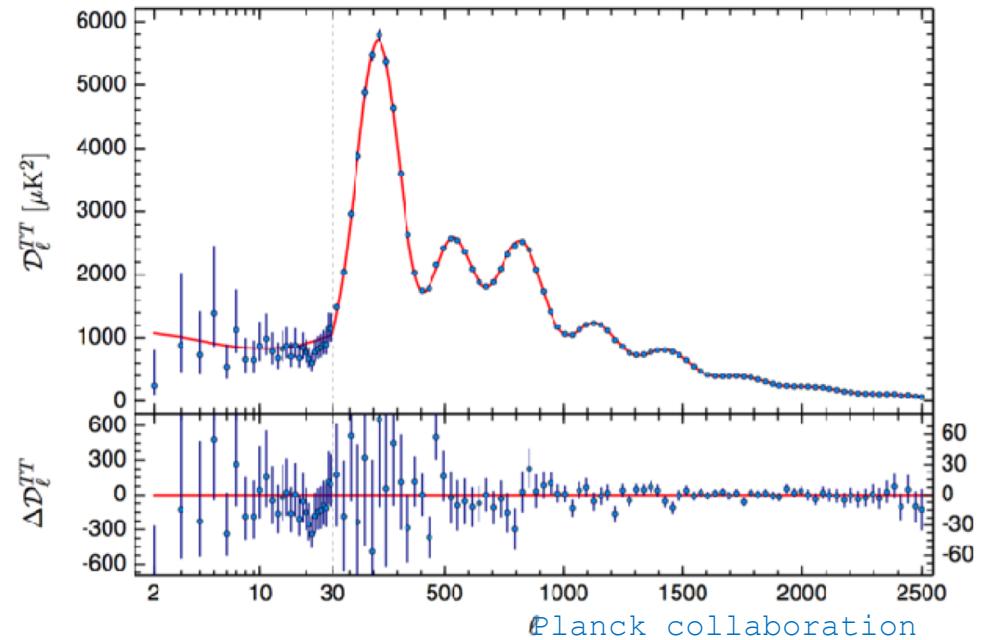
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PRECISION COSMOLOGY: Cosmic Microwave Background



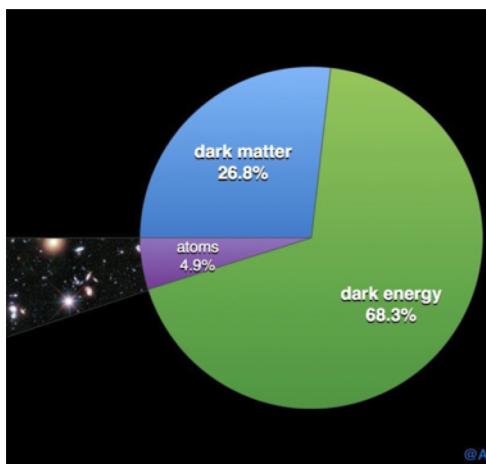
Planck, but also ACT, SPT, and in the near future S4 and SO



Planck collaboration

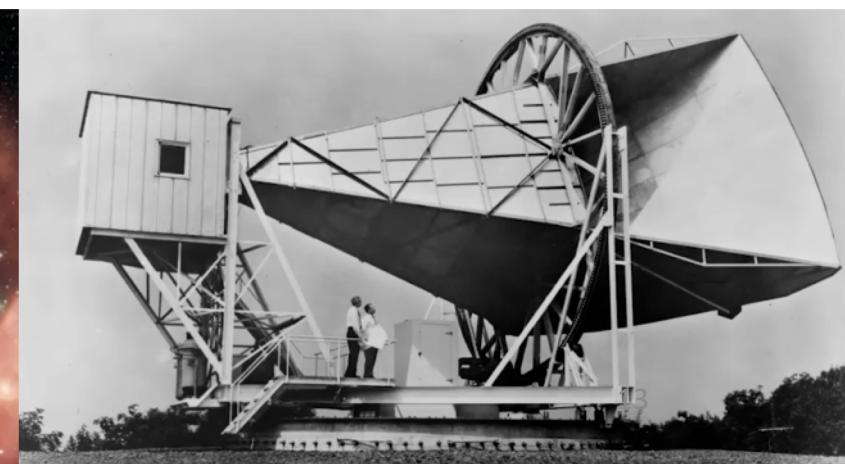
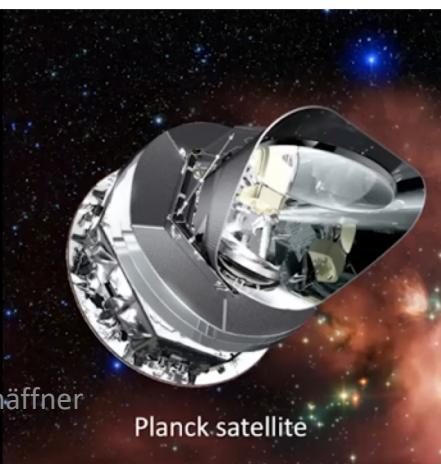
Temperature and polarization anisotropies allow to extract energy/matter content of the Universe

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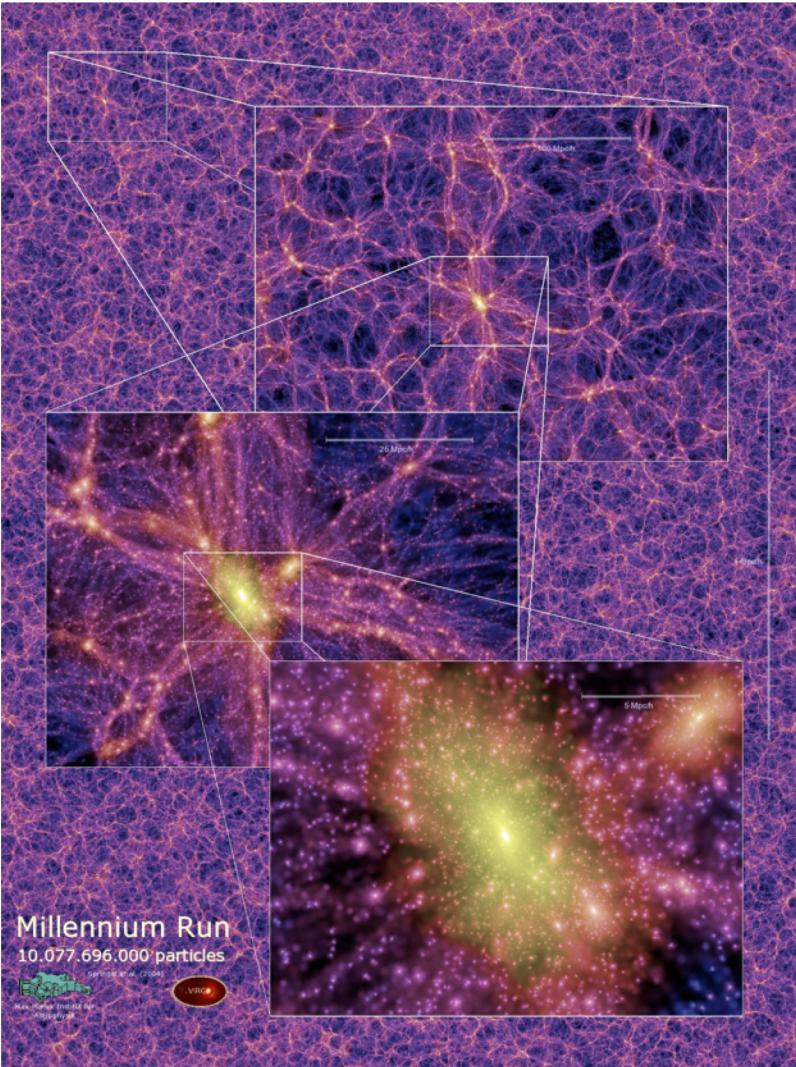


@AstroKatie/Planck13

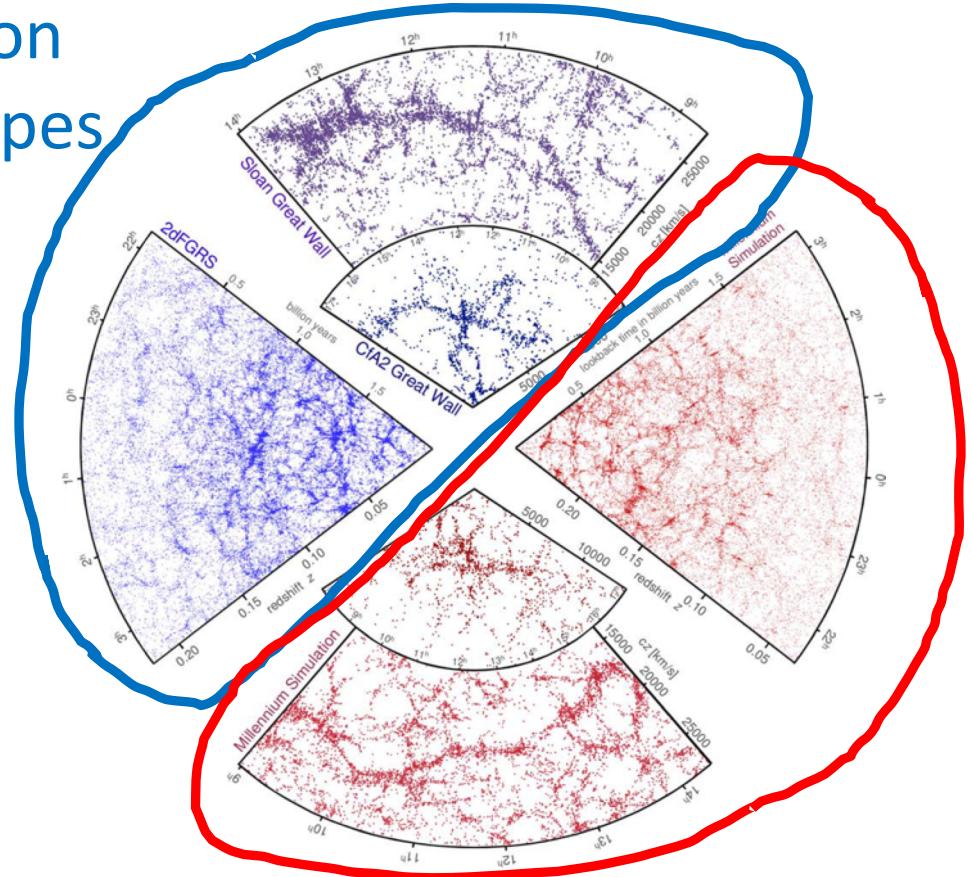
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Large Scale Structure formation



Dark matter seeded galaxy formation
Observation by telescopes



Prediction by simulation

TAKE HOME MESSAGE

Our **cosmological observations** are based on **gravitational interaction only** and only make sense if the largest fraction of matter is **non-baryonic** (cold-ish)

- + add (≥ 1) extra and new ingredient (=Dark Matter)
 - **new fundamental physics beyond SM**
 - **explains huge interest in community**
- + add general relativity

MODIFIED GRAVITY

- Is dark matter just a relic from the early Universe?
→ new elementary particle, beyond SM
- Do we need to modify General Relativity?
→ MOND, higher-derivative gravity, TeVeS, ...

**Any extension can provide a new puzzle to the dark matter mystery
BUT:**

- General relativity acts at any scale (solar system to cosmological length scales)
- General relativity predicts a large number of phenomena (Expansion, structure formation, black holes, gravitational lensing, gravitational waves, ...)
 - → to date not a unique consistent extension on the market that explains dark matter and works at any scale

CHALLENGE FOR DM DETECTION

Gravity is universal:

no chance for particle identification

Particle physics framework:

evidence via other channels is mandatory
e.g. weak interaction or beyond

BUT:

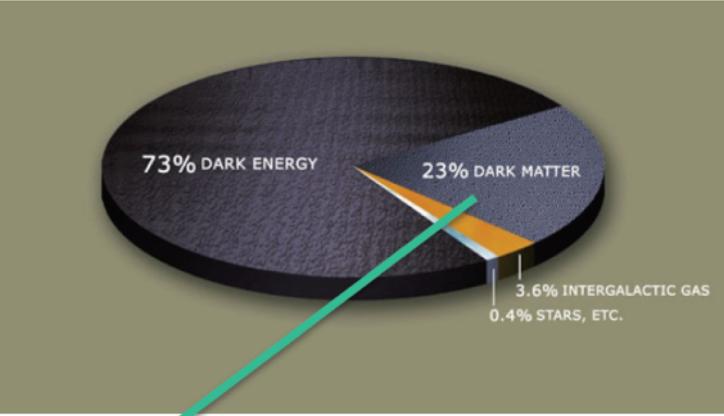
→ What you search for is **model-dependent!**

→ (hardest part: other channel is **not** guaranteed, DM could also be only gravitationally coupled to Standard Model particles)



Why identifying dark matter is difficult

Av. Density ~
0.3 GeV/cc – not a lot



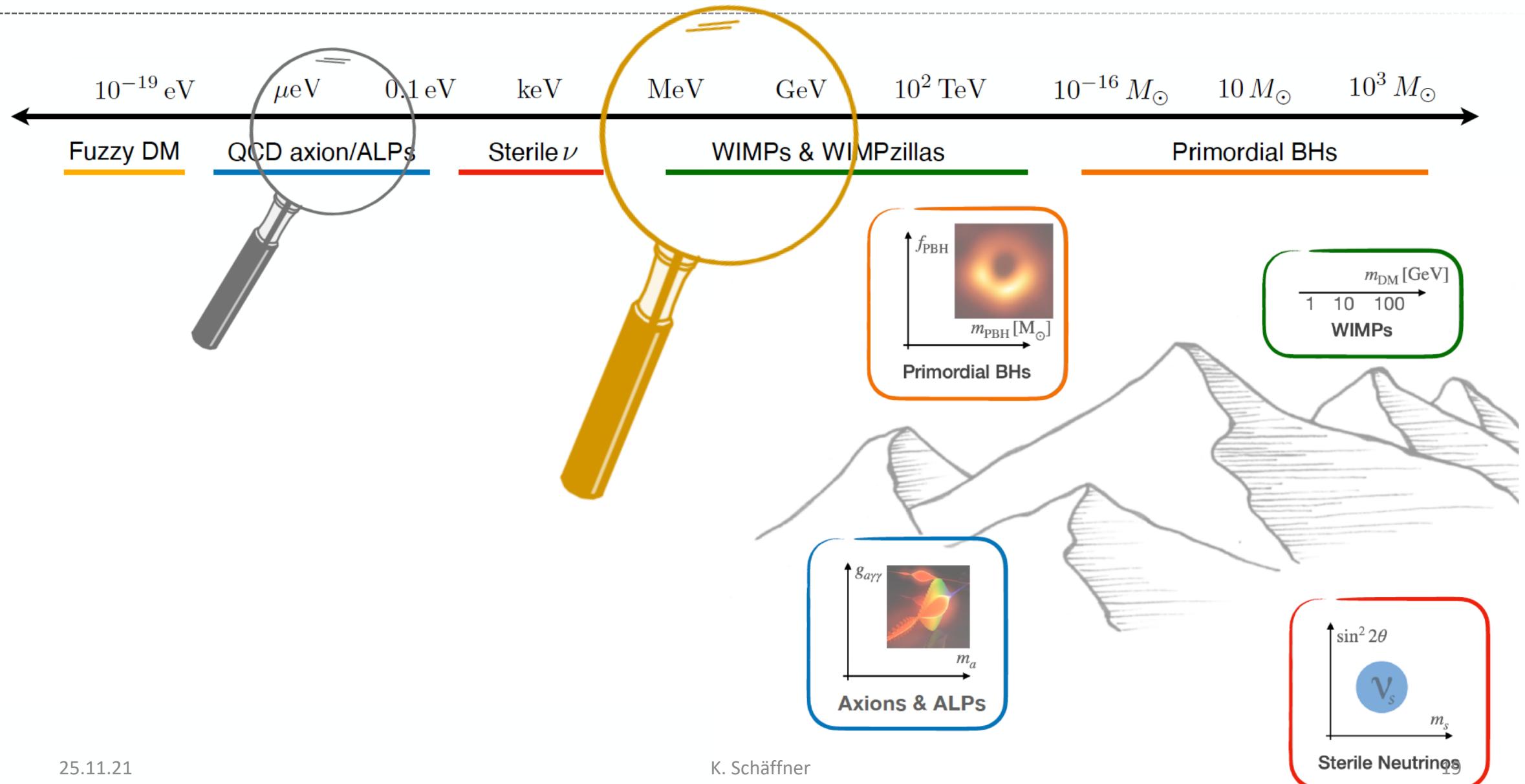
$L_{\min} \sim 10^{21} \text{ cm}$



$L_{\exp} \sim \text{few} * 10^2 \text{ cm}$

We need to extrapolate
19 orders of magnitude!
Theory is the first step!

Dark matter candidates



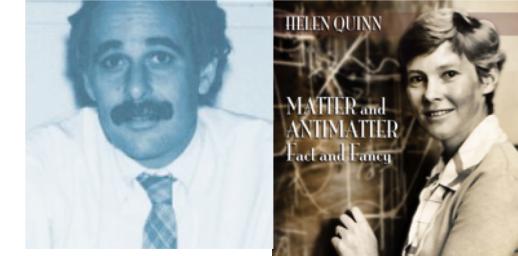
AXION as dark matter candidate

MOTIVATION: “Strong CP problem”

- No reason for QCD to conserve P and CP
- Measurement of neutron electric dipole moment
→ very small P and CP
- 1977: postulation of a new symmetry by Peccei & Quinn
→ axion when symmetry is spontaneously broken

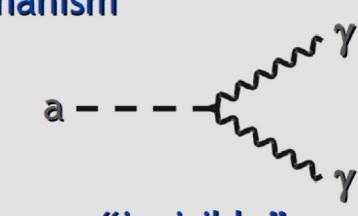
Production in the early Universe:

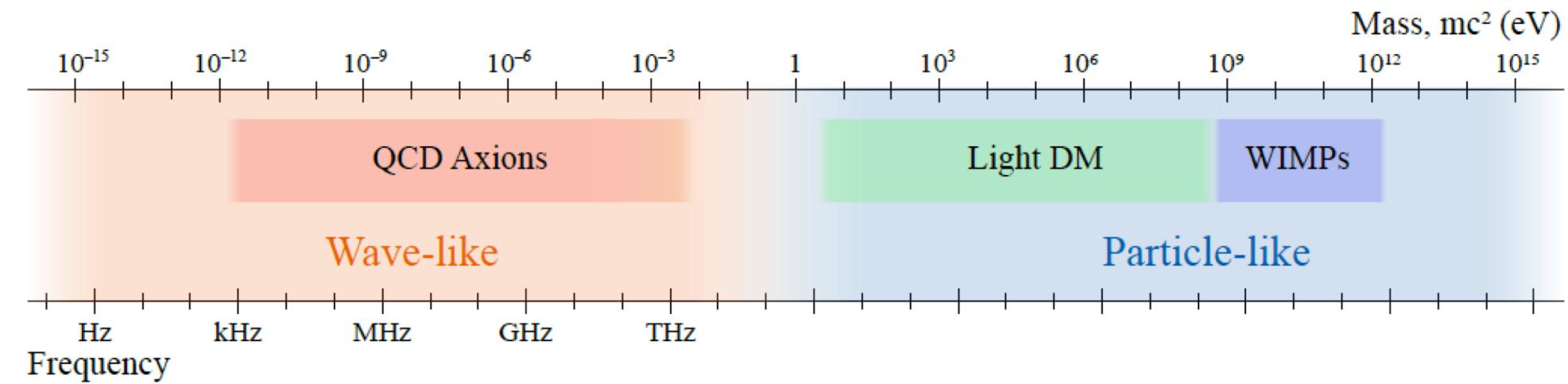
Axions are born non-relativistically, are non-thermal relics
→ cold dark matter candidate $m_a \sim 1 - 1000 \mu eV$



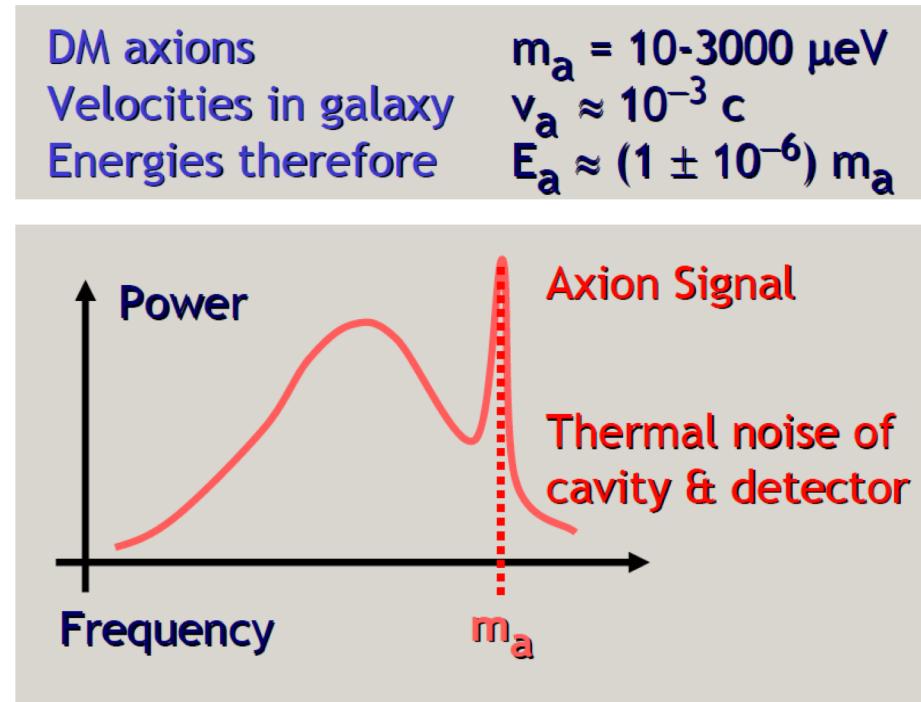
PRL 38, 1440 (1977)

CP conservation in QCD by Peccei-Quinn mechanism
→ Axions $a \sim \pi^0$
 $m_{\pi} f_{\pi} \approx m_a f_a$
For $f_a \gg f_{\pi}$ axions are “invisible” and very light

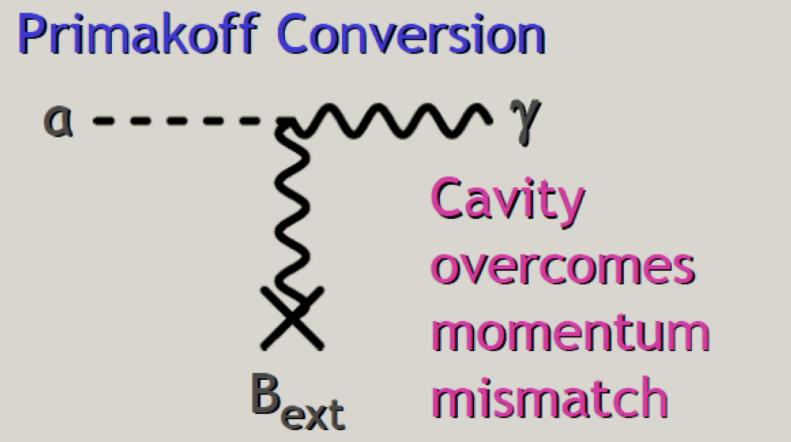




SEARCH FOR AXION DARK MATTER



Microwave energies
 $1 \text{ GHz} \sim 4 \mu\text{eV}$

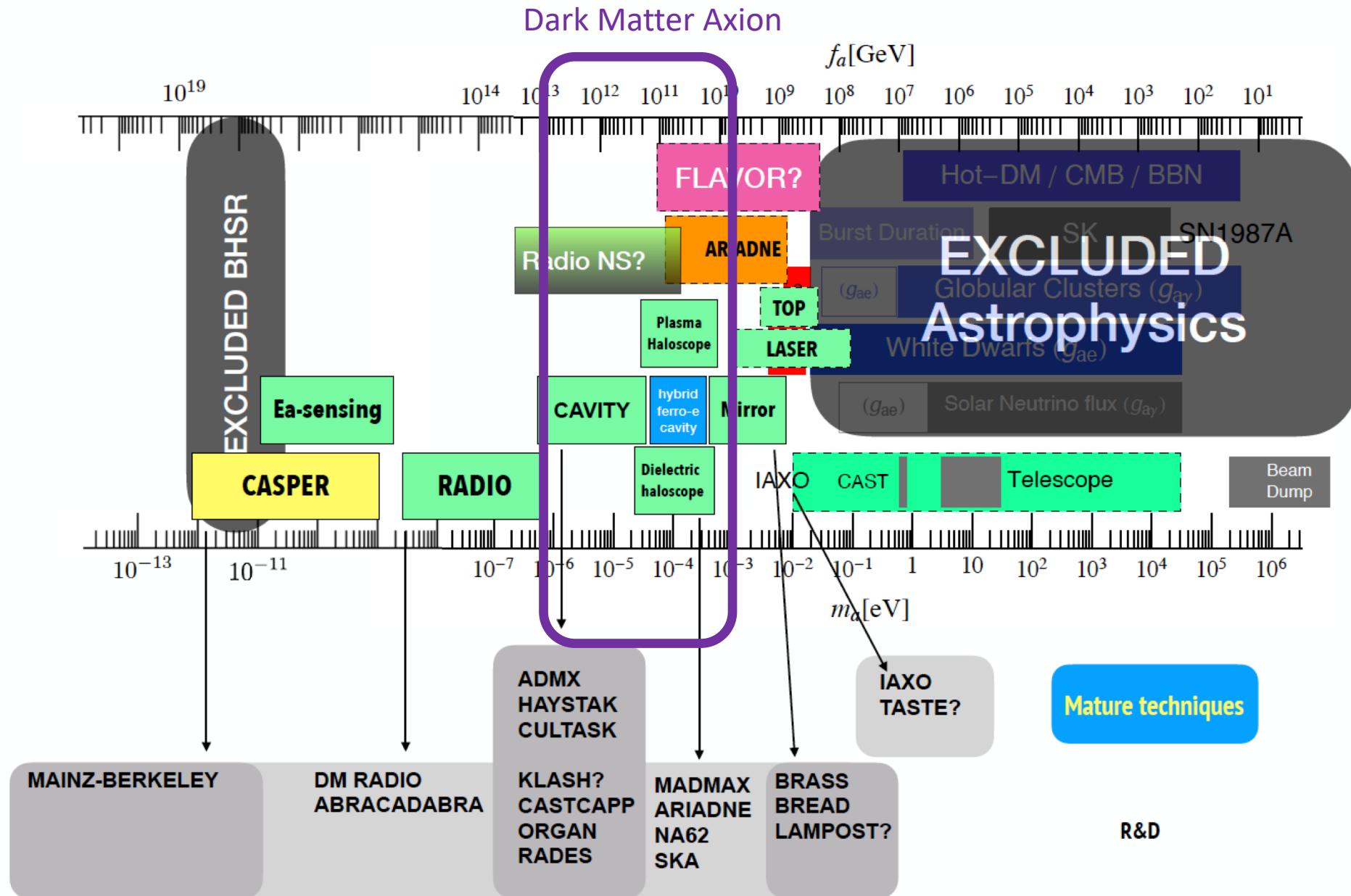


Credits to G. Raffelt

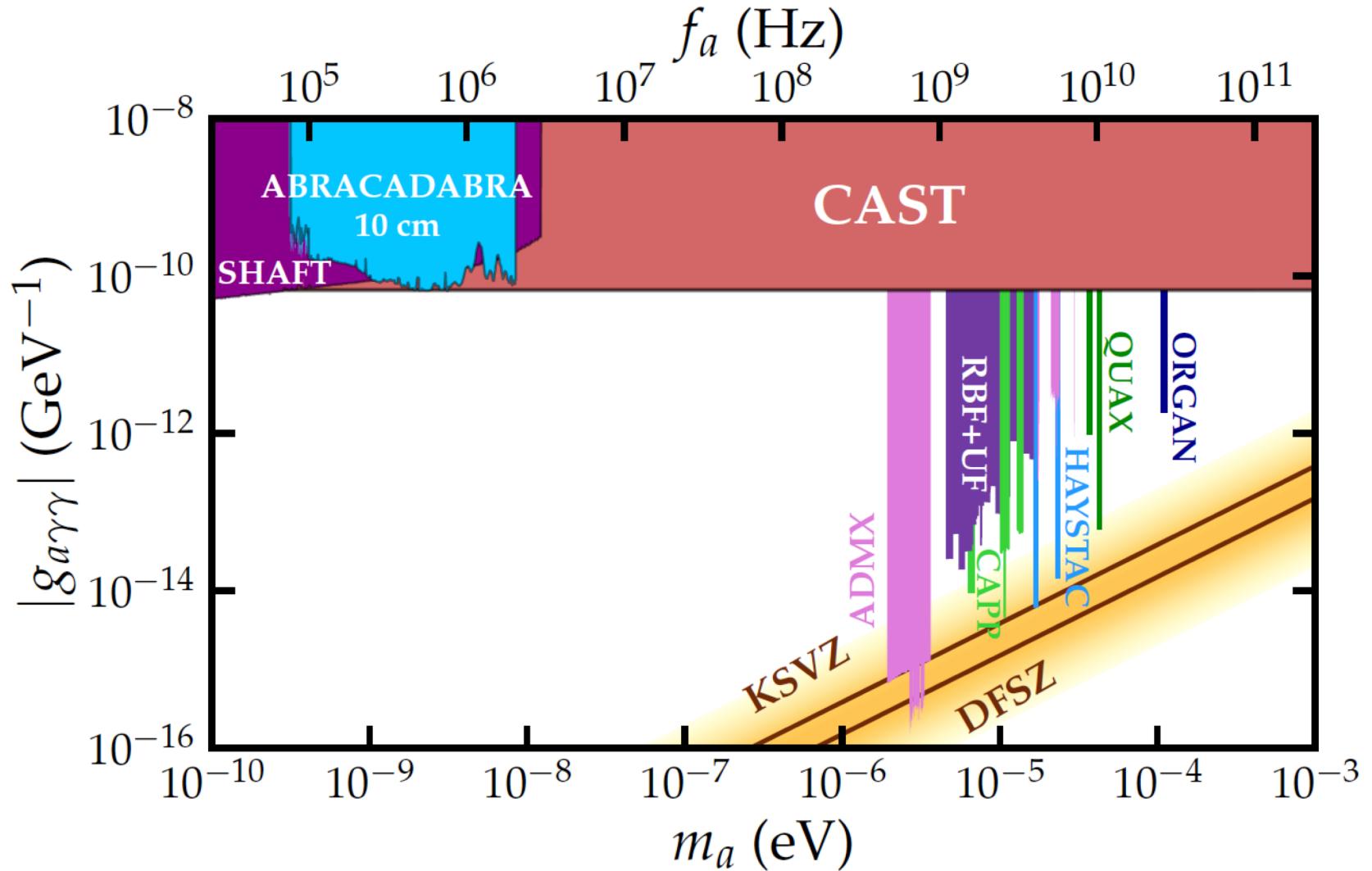
Experimental Landscape

DM

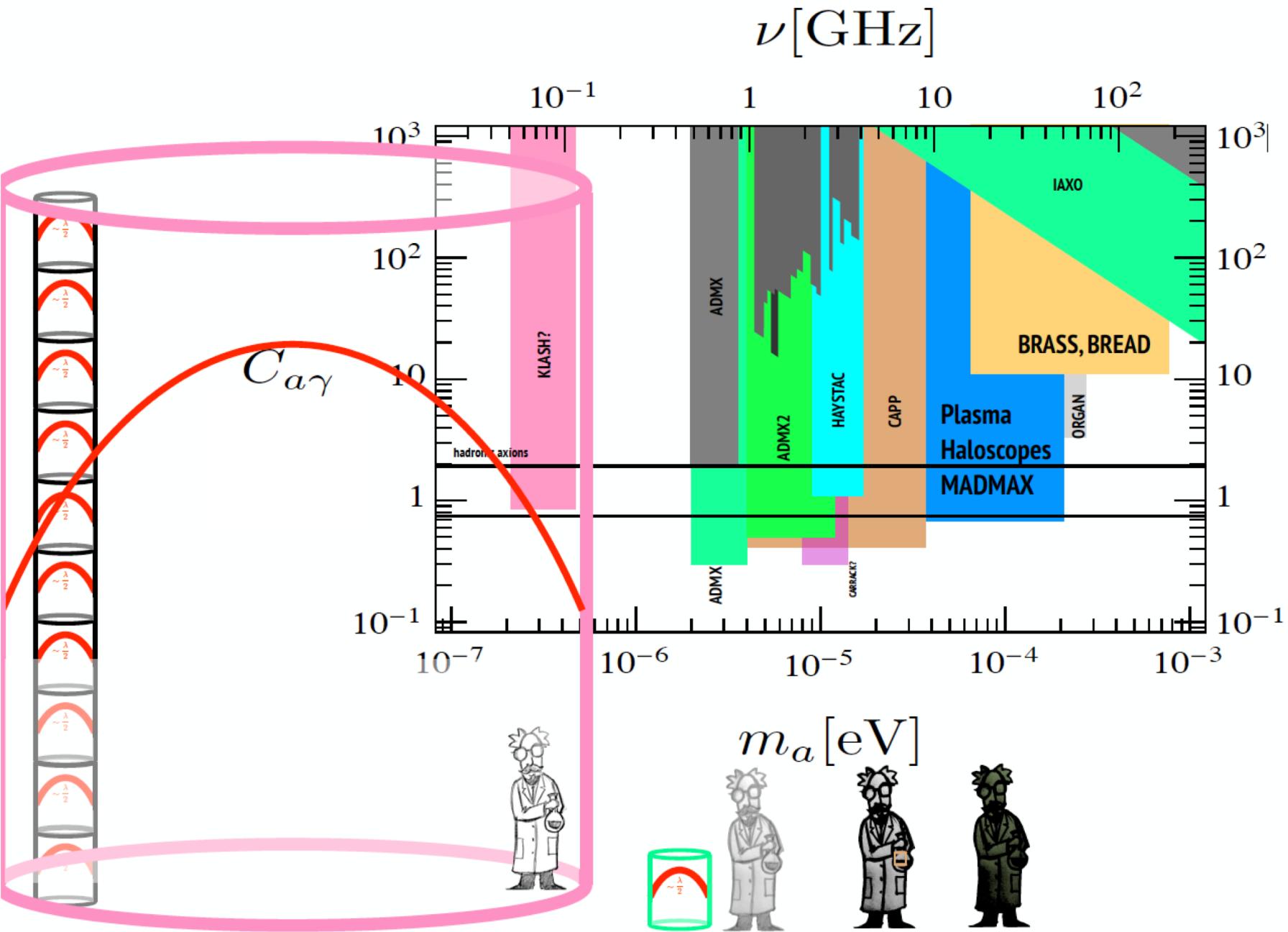
nonDM



AXION LANDESCAPE



Prospects, issues, solutions



- Use HE particle physics tech
 - B-fields and cavities



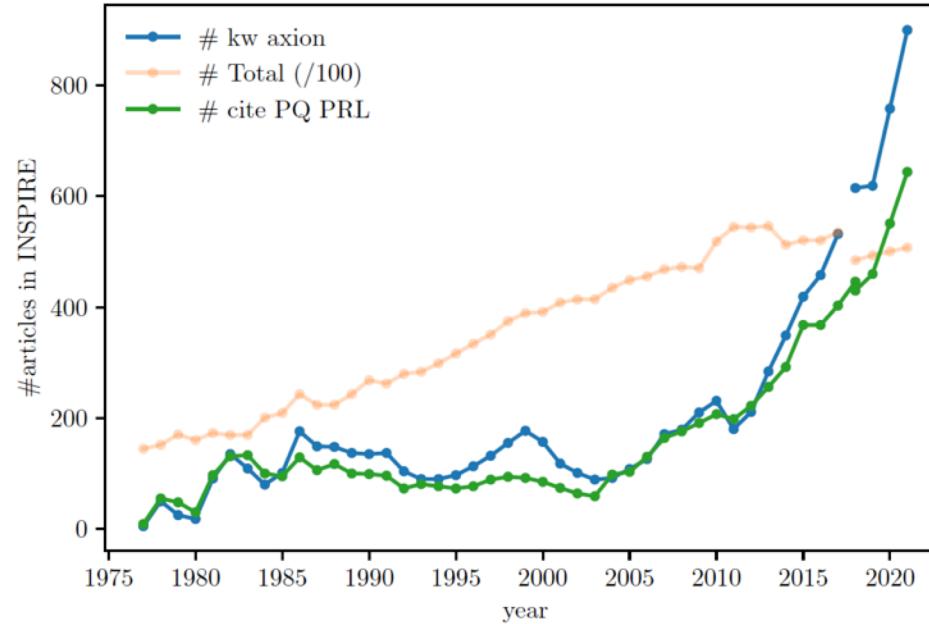
- 20-30 T fields with HTC superconductors
 - QL detectors, mK Temperatures
 - SC cavities to reach $Q \sim 10^6$
 - new photon counters
 - add up signal from many cavities



- Huge volume experiments
 - Photonic band gap
 - Brain cavities
 - new photon counters?
 - ALTERNATIVES
 - Dielectric haloscopes (res. + large Area)
 - Dish antenna (BRASS, BREAD)
 - Plasma Haloscopes (enhace E_a)



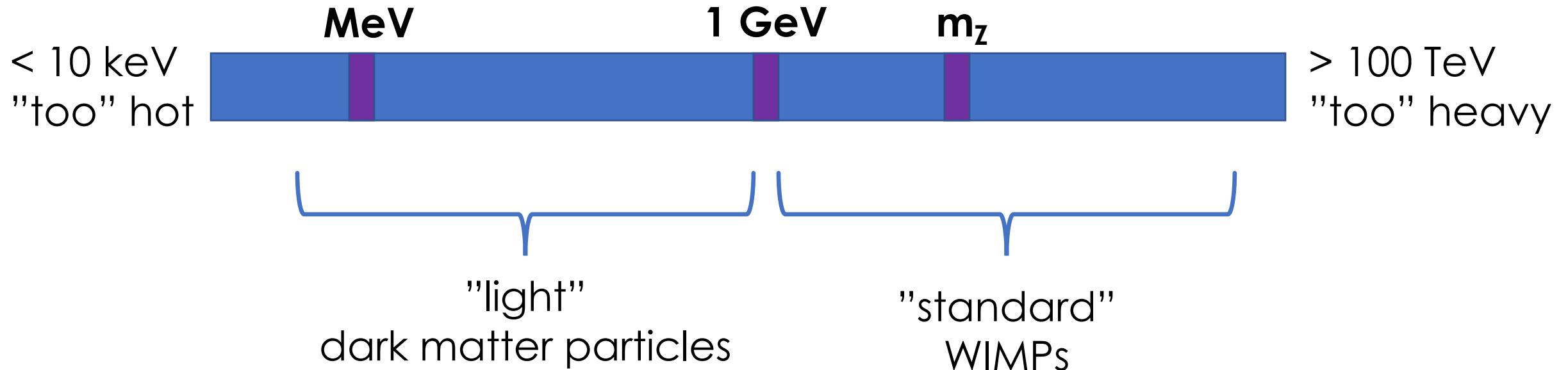
AXION CONCLUSION



Credits to J. Redondo

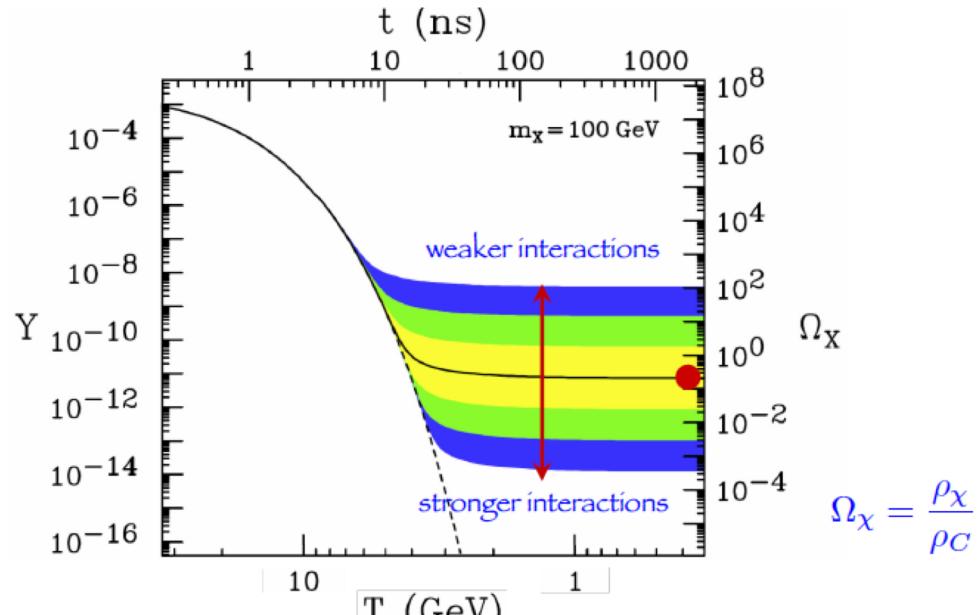
- The axion would solve the strong CP problem and would be an cold dark matter candidate
- Motivation comes from physics beyond the SM and simplicity
- A prediction of the axion DM mass is possible in the post-inflationary scenario
→ guide for experimentalists
- Detection is challenging but experiments underway in all the mass range

DARK MATTER AS A THERMAL RELIC



Weakly Interacting Massive Particles

Credits N. Fornengo



$$m_\chi \sim (\text{GeV} \div \text{TeV})$$

$$\langle \sigma_{\text{ann}} v \rangle \sim (\xi G_F)^2 m_{\text{DM}}^2 \quad \sim 10^{-10} \xi^2 \left(\frac{m}{\text{GeV}} \right)^2 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

weak type

$$\langle \sigma_{\text{ann}} v \rangle \sim \frac{10^{-10}}{(\Omega h^2)_{\text{CDM}}} \sim 10^{-9} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

naturally

$$\Omega_\chi h^2 \sim 0.1$$

$$x_f \sim (10 \div 30)$$

WIMP → dark matter particle with mass in the sub-GeV to few TeV and weak scale interaction

- consistent with observed abundance and structure of the Universe
- WIMP “**miracle**” (Lee and Weinberg)

- SUSY neutralino long time favored WIMP candidate
- absence of hints at LHC now lead to shift to other “minimalistic” options

HUNT FOR DARK MATTER

INDIRECT

Annihilation

$$\chi\bar{\chi} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, q\bar{q}, \dots$$

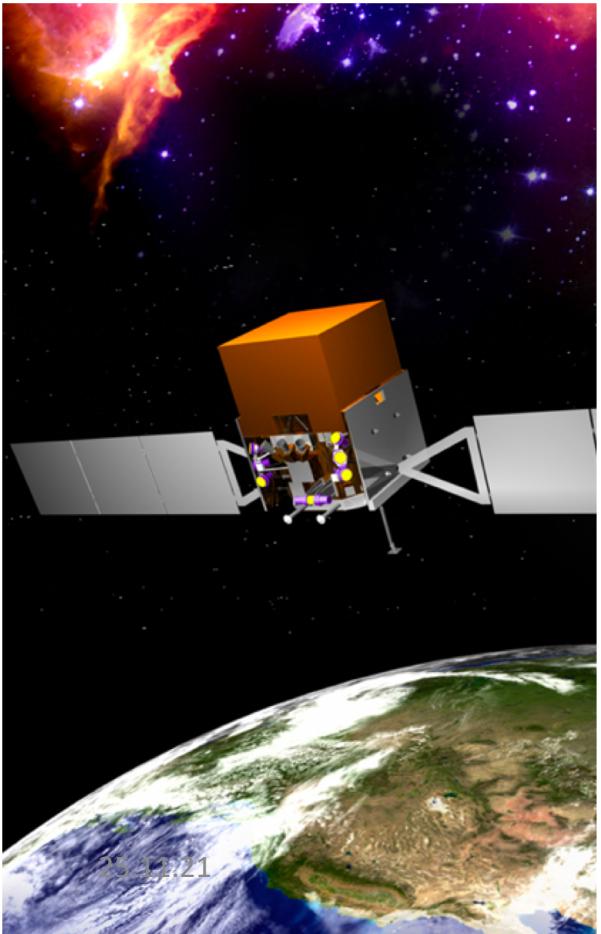


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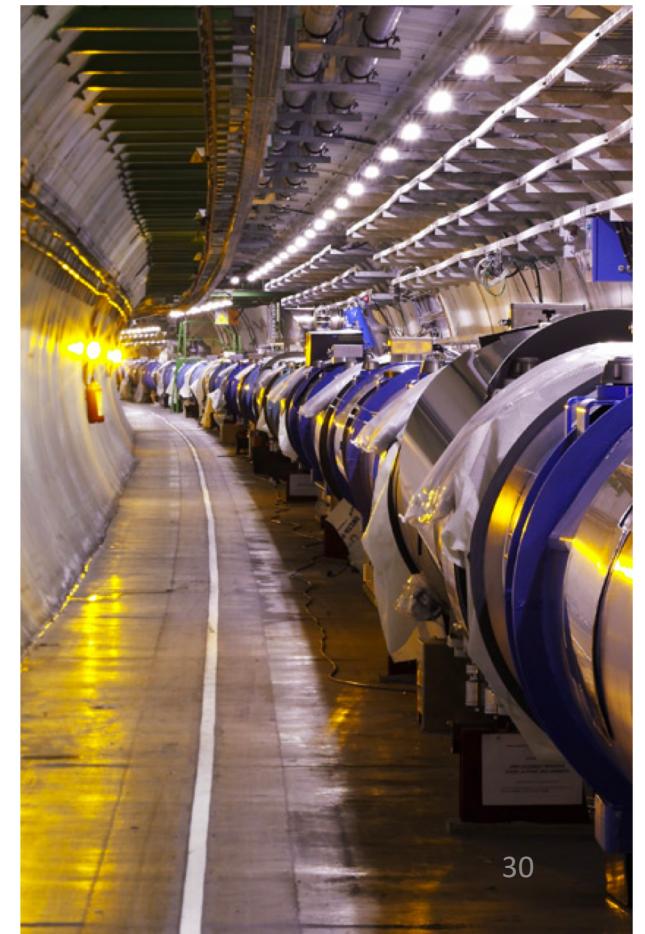
$$\chi\bar{\chi} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, q\bar{q}, \dots$$



COLLIDERS

production

$$\text{e.g. } p + p \rightarrow \chi\bar{\chi} + x$$

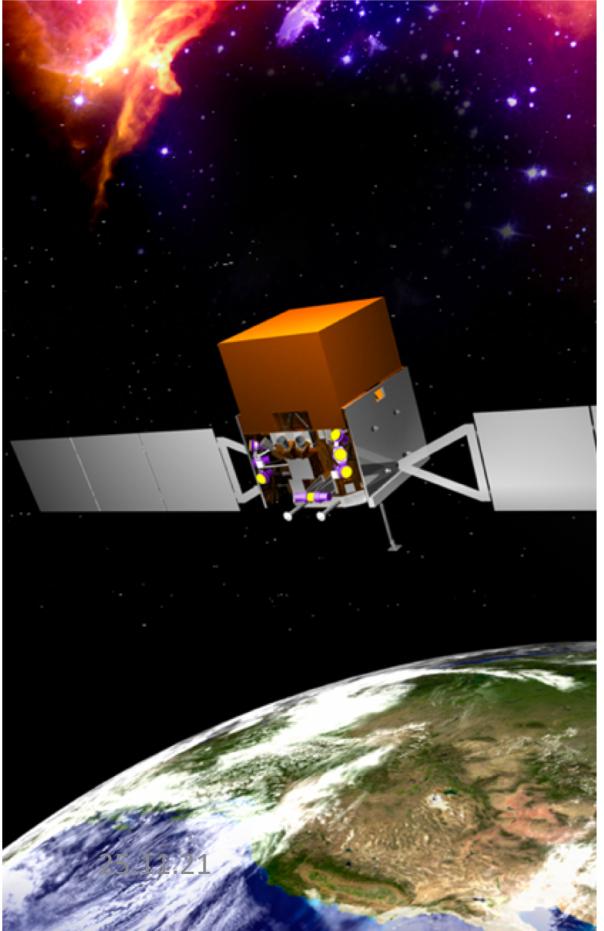


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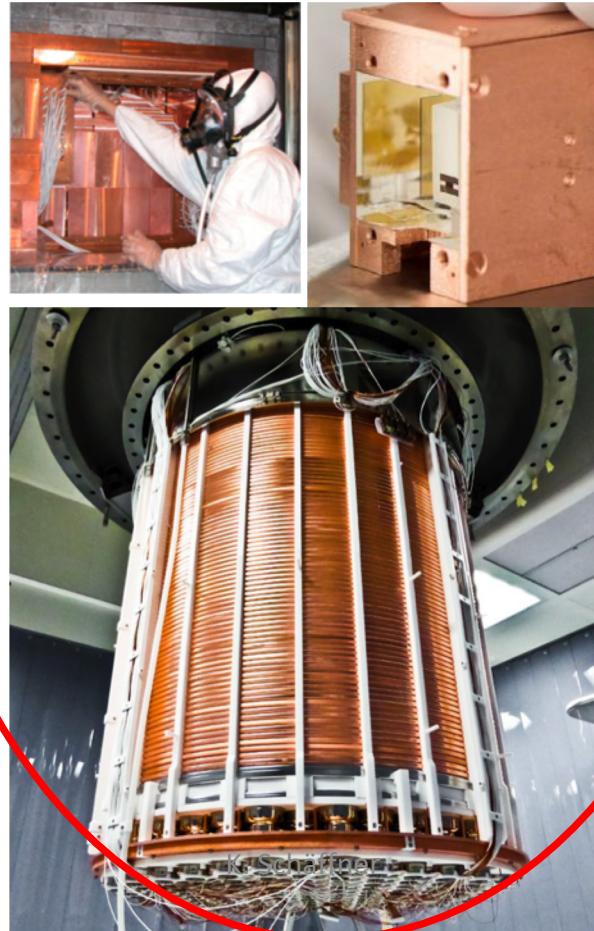


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DIRECT

scattering

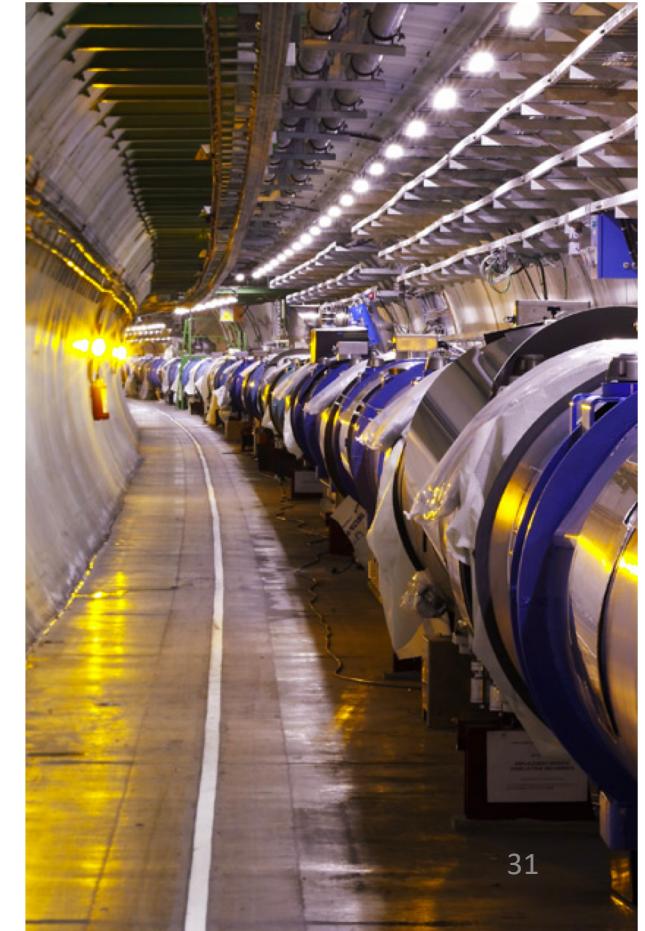
$$\chi N \rightarrow \chi N$$



COLLIDERS

production

e.g. $p + p \rightarrow \chi\bar{\chi} + \text{products}$



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DIRECT DARK MATTER INTERACTION

Assumption

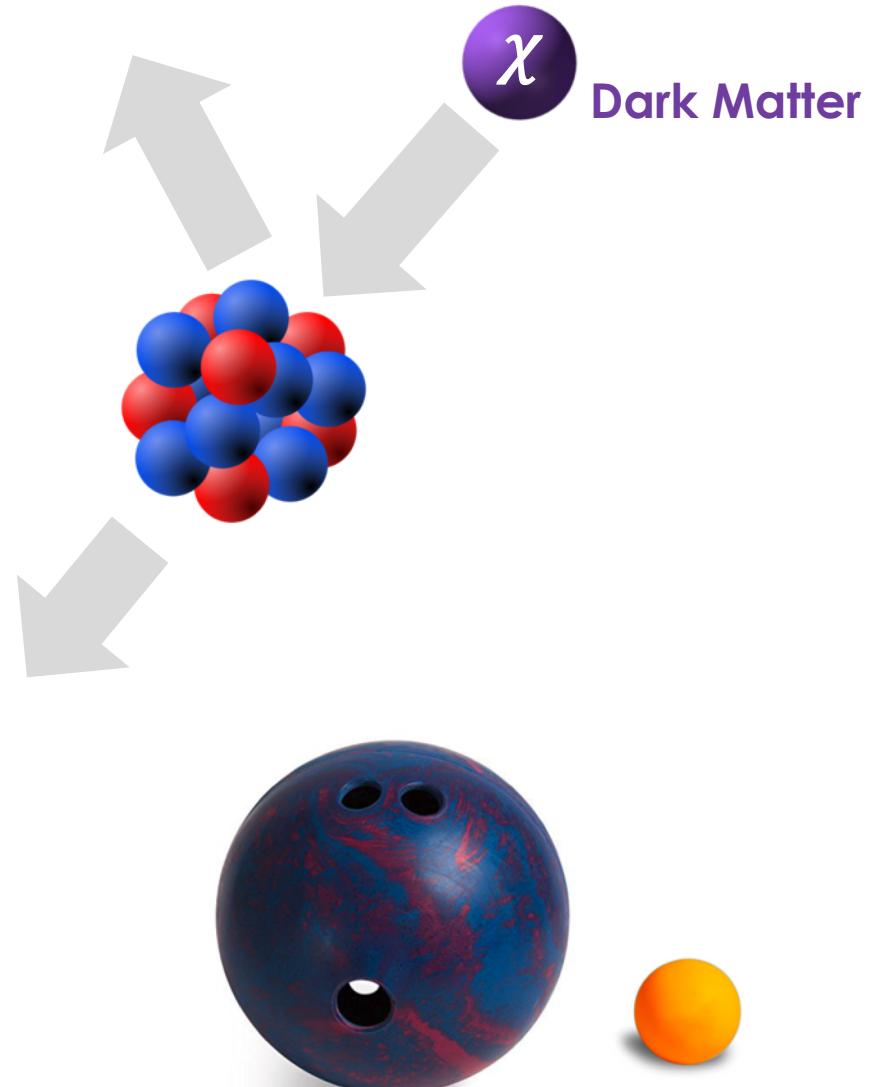
Particle-like dark matter which interacts with Standard Model particles

Most common

Dark matter particle scatters off the nucleus and induces a nuclear recoil

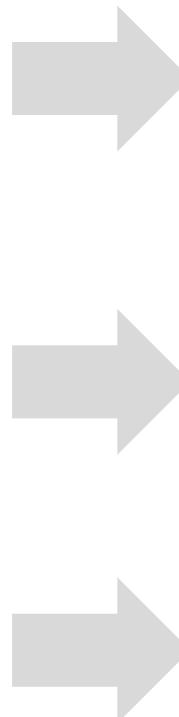
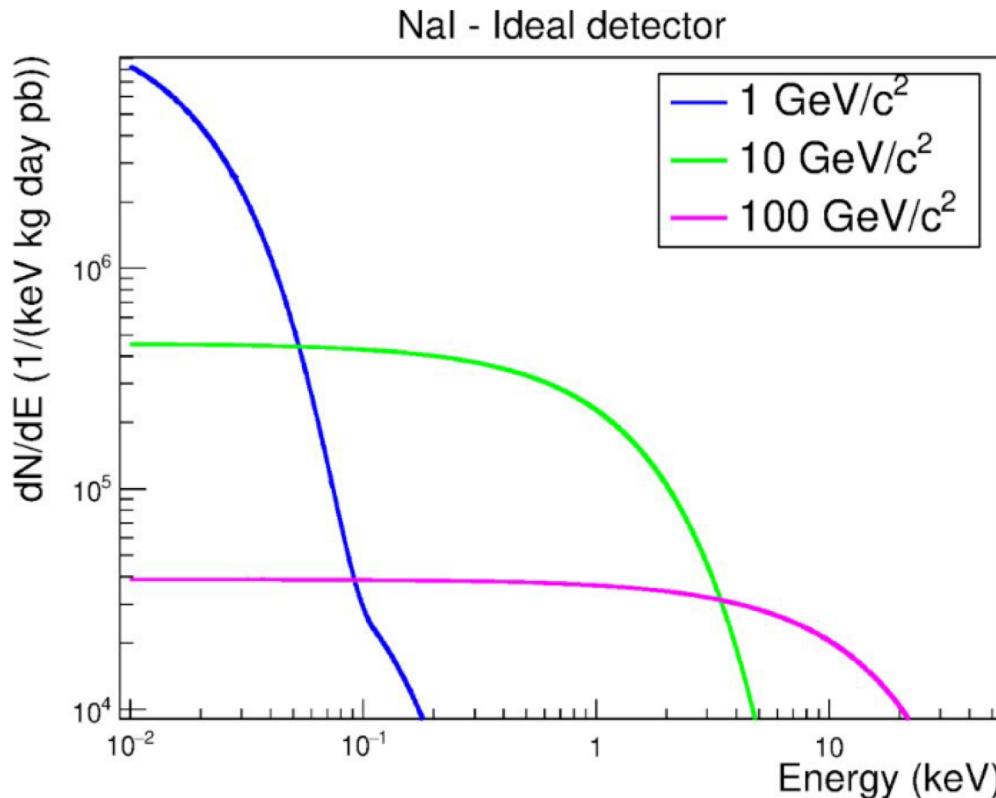
also:

Electron recoils ? !



EXPECTED NUCLEAR RECOIL SPECTRUM

rate and shape of recoil spectrum depend on target material



extremely rare interaction rate

current limit: $\mathcal{O}(0.01)$ counts/(keV tonne year) *

small recoil energies of few \sim keV range

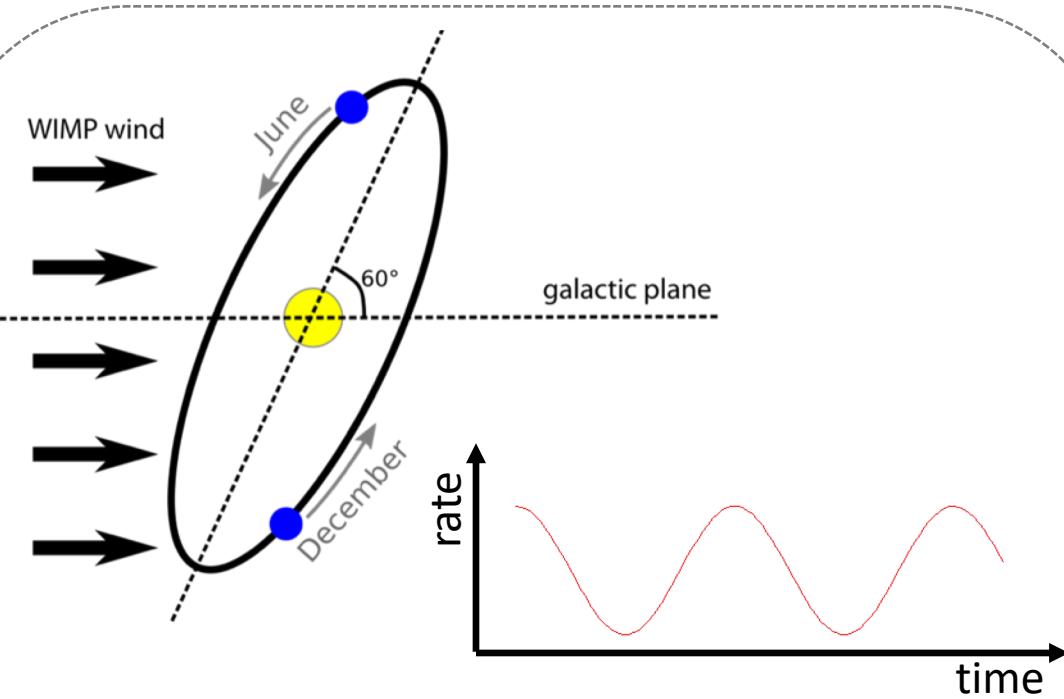
flat and **featureless** spectrum !!

* Xenon1t: Phys. Rev. Lett. 121, 111302

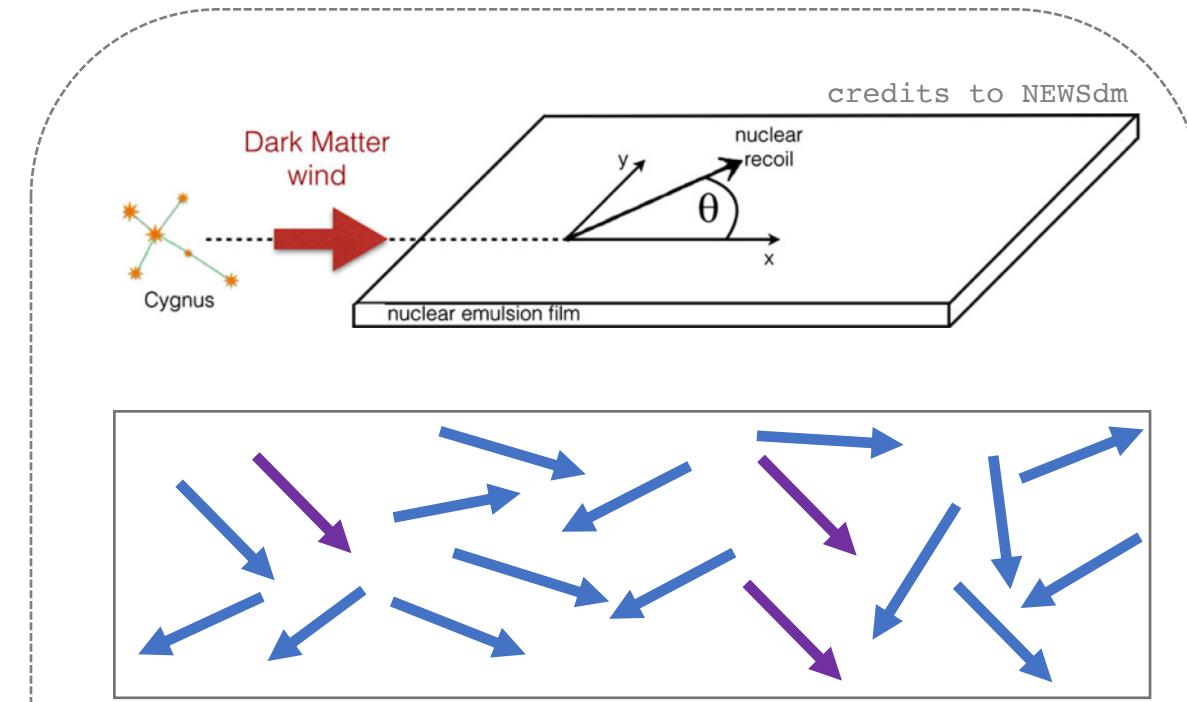
Is there a
smoking gun signature
in direct dark matter
searches ?



MODULATION



DIRECTIONALITY

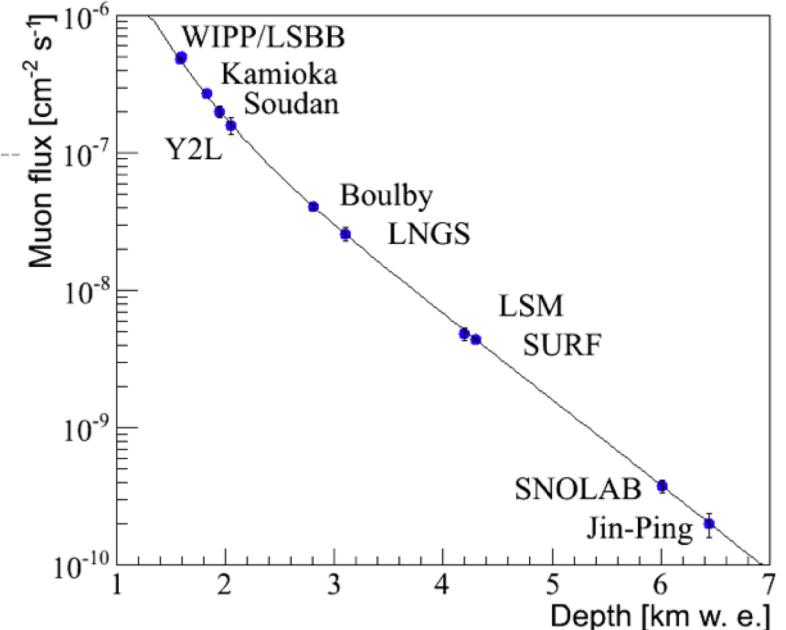


motion of the Earth causes
relative modulation of velocity
→ annual variation in the rate

→ directional dependence of
nuclear recoils

BACKGROUNDs

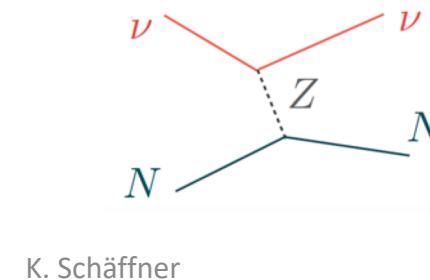
- **External neutrons:**
muon-induced,
 (α, n) and from fission reactions → **underground sites!**
- **External γ 's:** from natural radioactivity
- **Internal backgrounds:**
Liquid targets: ^{85}Kr and Rn-emanation from surrounding materials
Solid targets: activation / surface events from α - or β -decays
- **Neutrinos:** neutrino coherent nucleus scattering
from the Sun, atmospheric and from supernovae



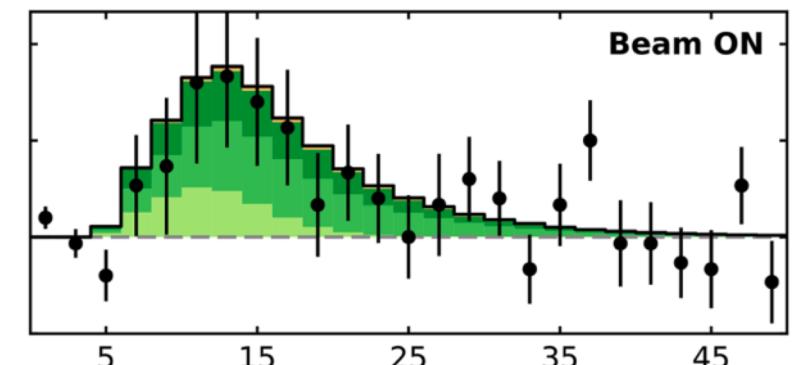
COHERENT, Science, 2017

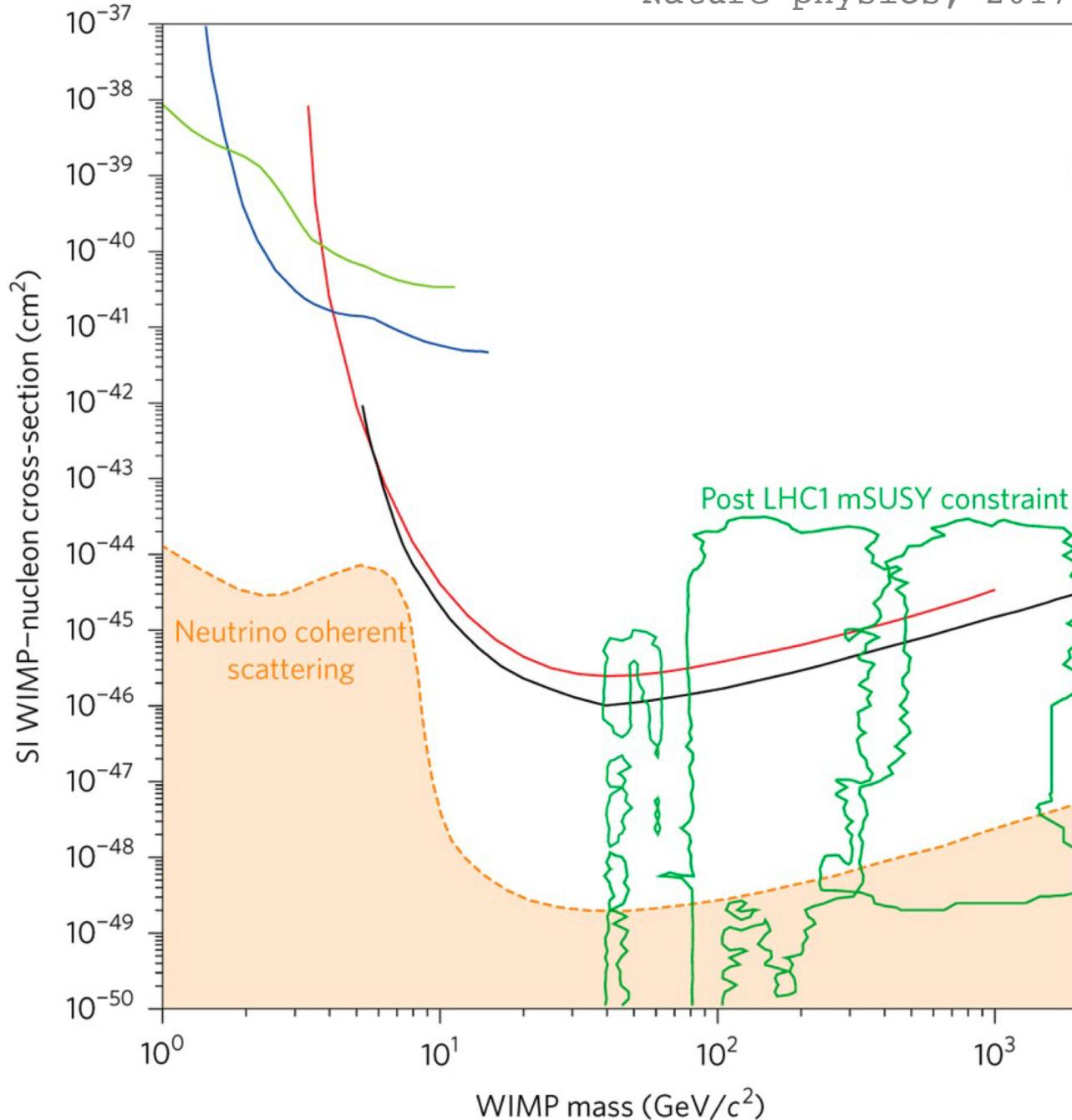


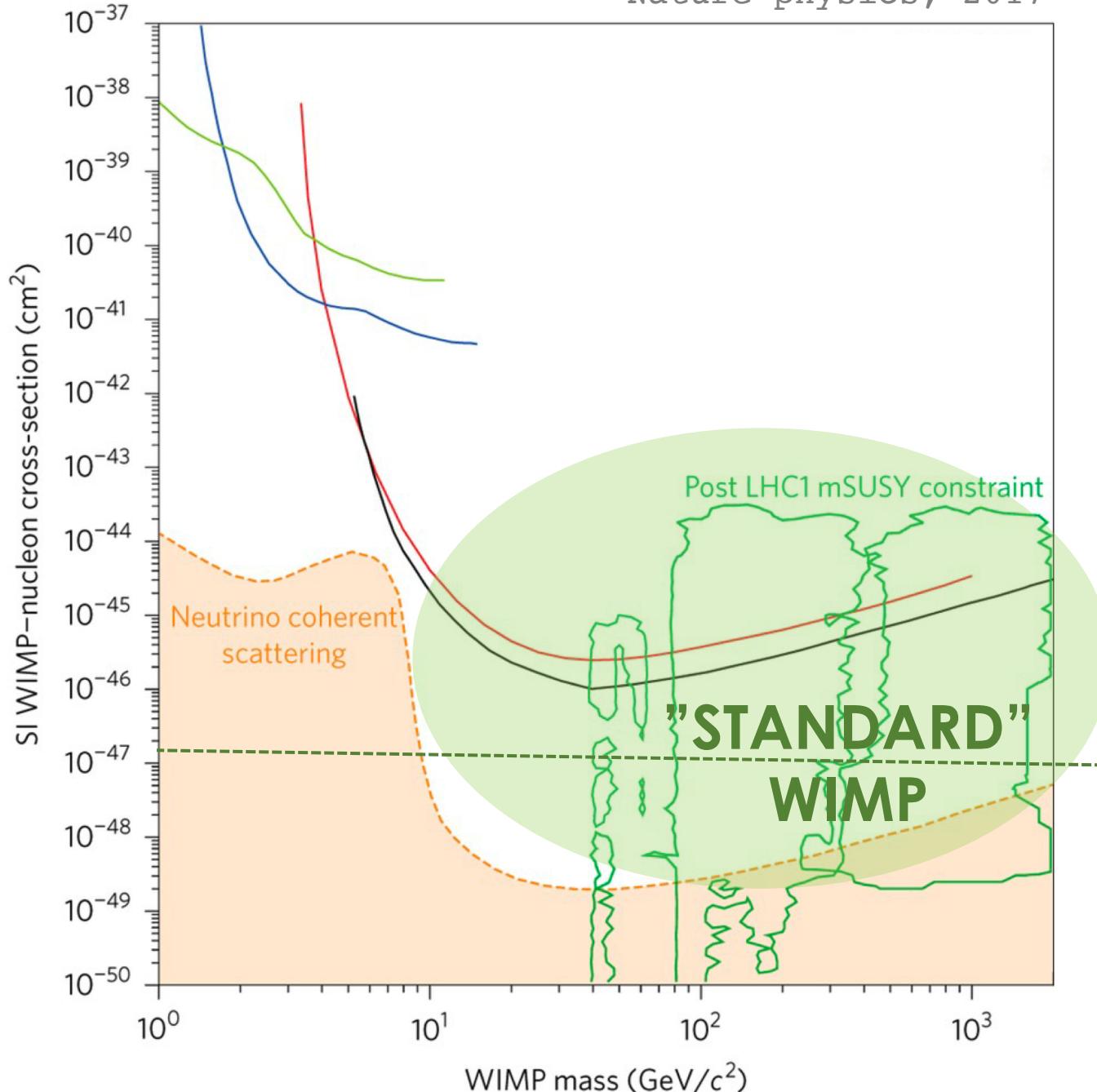
**Background of today
can be the signal
of tomorrow !**



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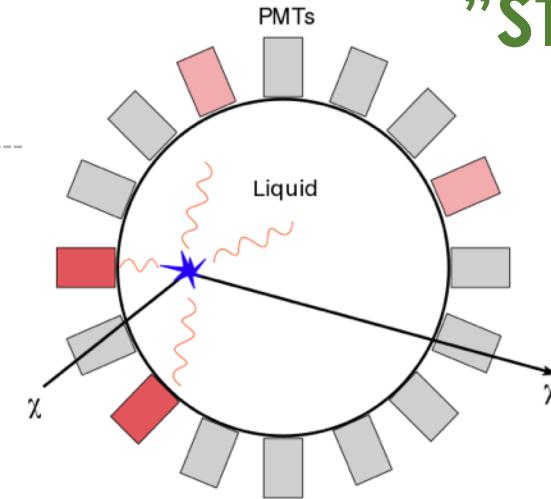


→ exposure
mainly liquid noble gases
 ~ 1 event/ tonne-year

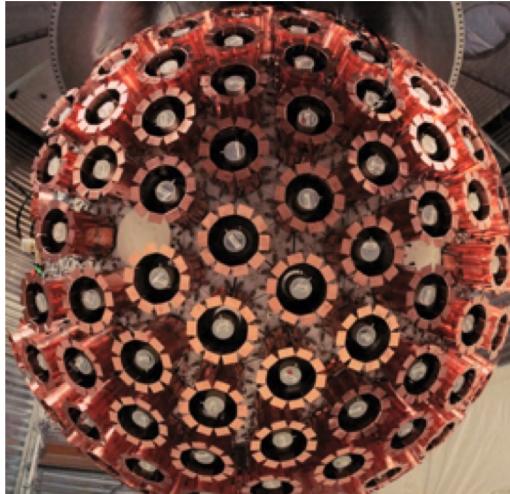
SINGLE PHASE LIQUID NOBELS

"STANDARD"
WIMP

- high light yield using 4π PMT coverage
- pulse shape discrimination from scintillation



DEAP-3600 @ SNOLAB, Canada



PRD 100, 022004 (2019)

- LAr detector
- 3600 kg total mass
→ new results
- 1 ton FV
- 10^{-8} discrimination
above 25 keV_{ee}

XMASS @ Kamioka, Japan



PLB 789, 45 (2019)

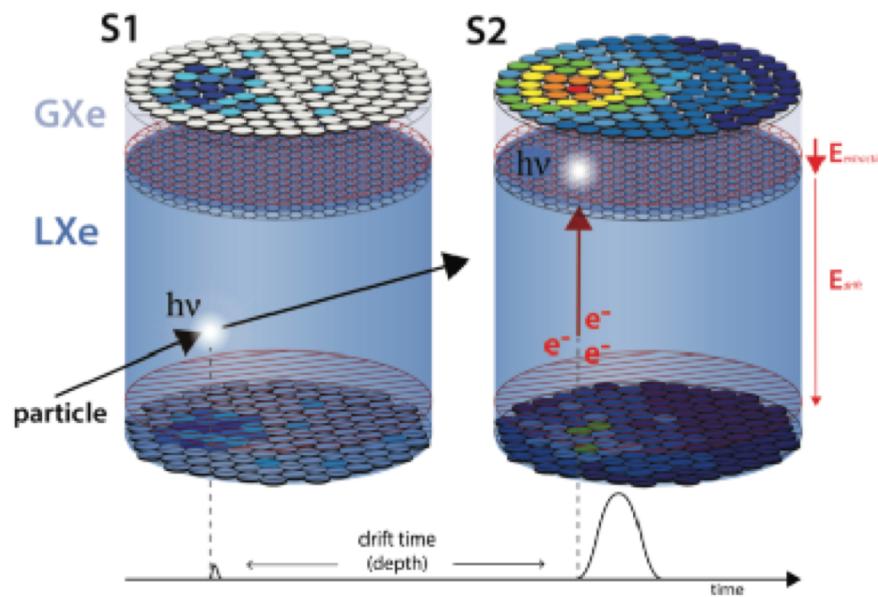
- LXe detector
- 1000 kg total mass
- 832 kg FV
- high light yield:
 14.7 PE/keV_{ee}

DUAL PHASE LIQUID NOBELS

"STANDARD"
WIMP

Time projection chambers:

- 3D position resolution via light (S1) & charge (S2) → fiducialization
- electron/ nuclear recoil discrimination



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LAr EXPERIMENT

DarkSide-50
@ LNGS, Italy



46 kg depleted
argon

ALSO:
sensitivity for low
mass dark matter

→ threshold: 100eV_{ee}

PRL, 121, 081307 (2018)
PRD 98, 102006 (2018)

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LXe EXPERIMENTS

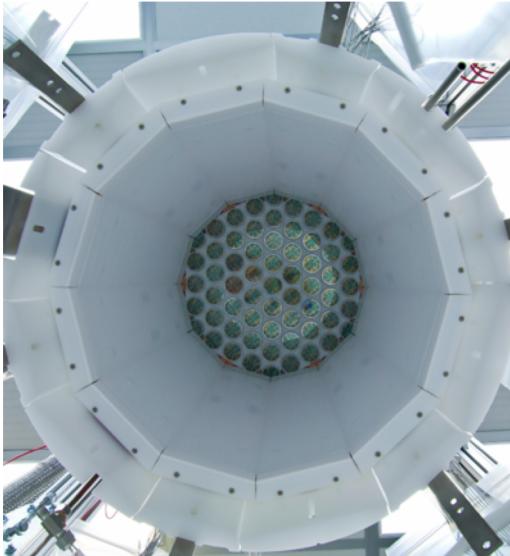
"STANDARD"
WIMP

LUX @ SURF

250 kg fiducial mass
(370 kg total)

- exposure: 33.5 tonne days
- decommissioned

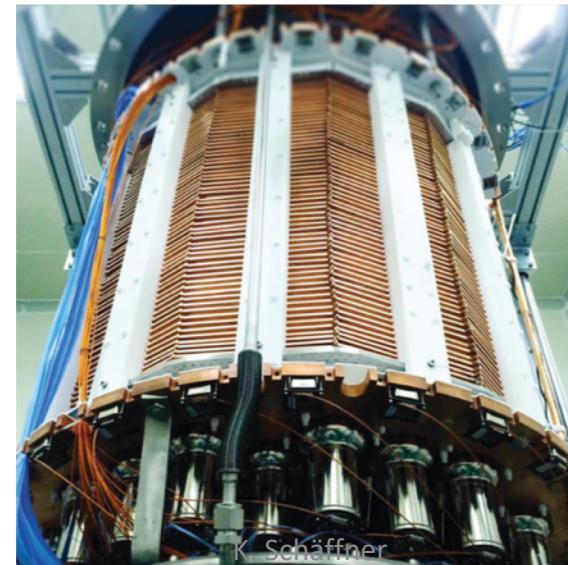
PRL 118, 021303 (2017)
PRL 122, 131301 (2019)



PANDAX-4T @ CJPL

- 3.7t active target
- exposure: 0.63 ton year
- running

PRL 119, 181302 (2017)
arXiv:2107.13438

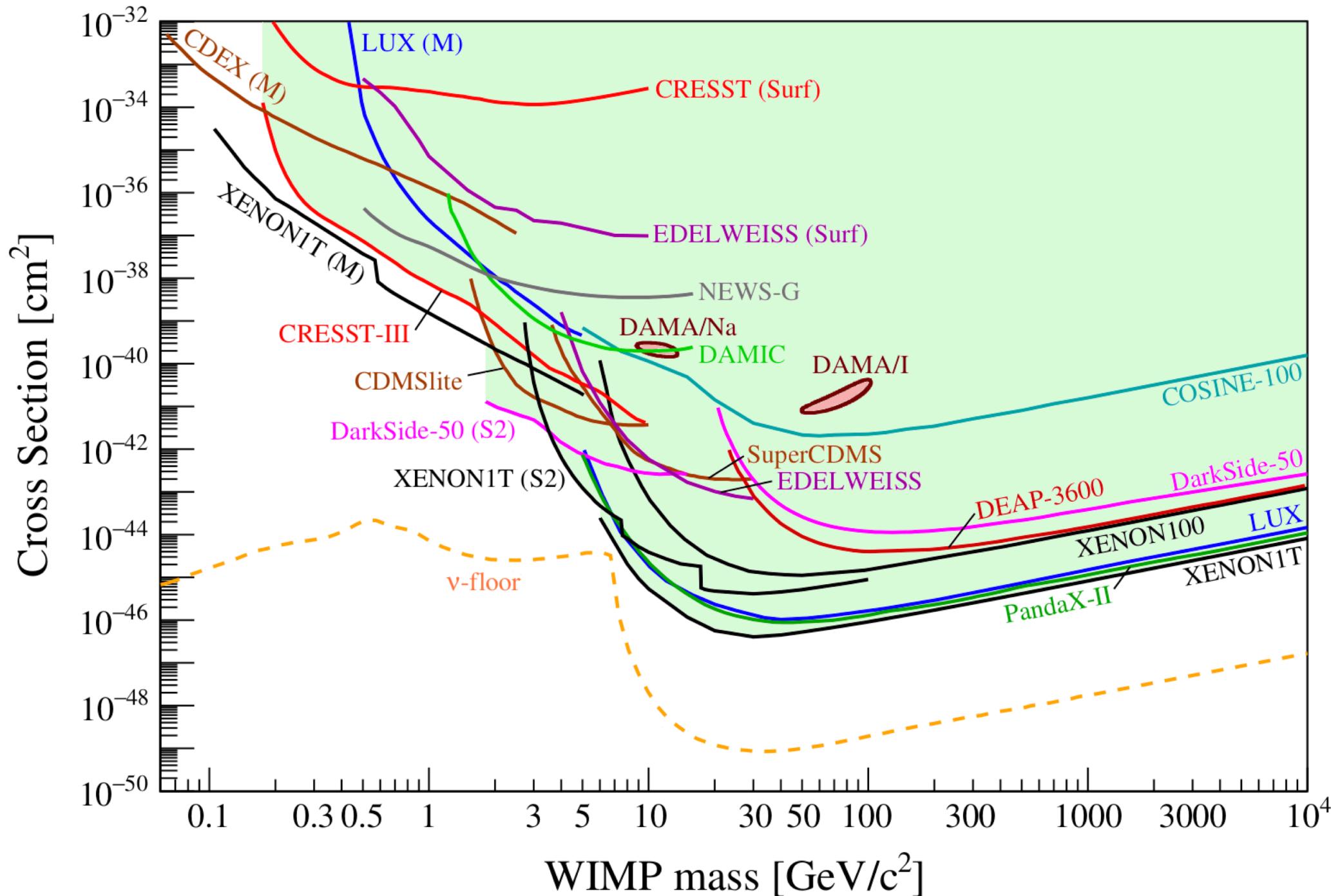


XENON1T @ LNGS

- 2000 kg fiducial mass
- (3.2 t total)
- exposure: 0.6 ton year
- upgrade to XENONnT

PRL 121, 111302 (2018)
PRL 123, 241803 (2019)
PRL 123, 251801, (2019)
PRL 126, 091301 (2021)



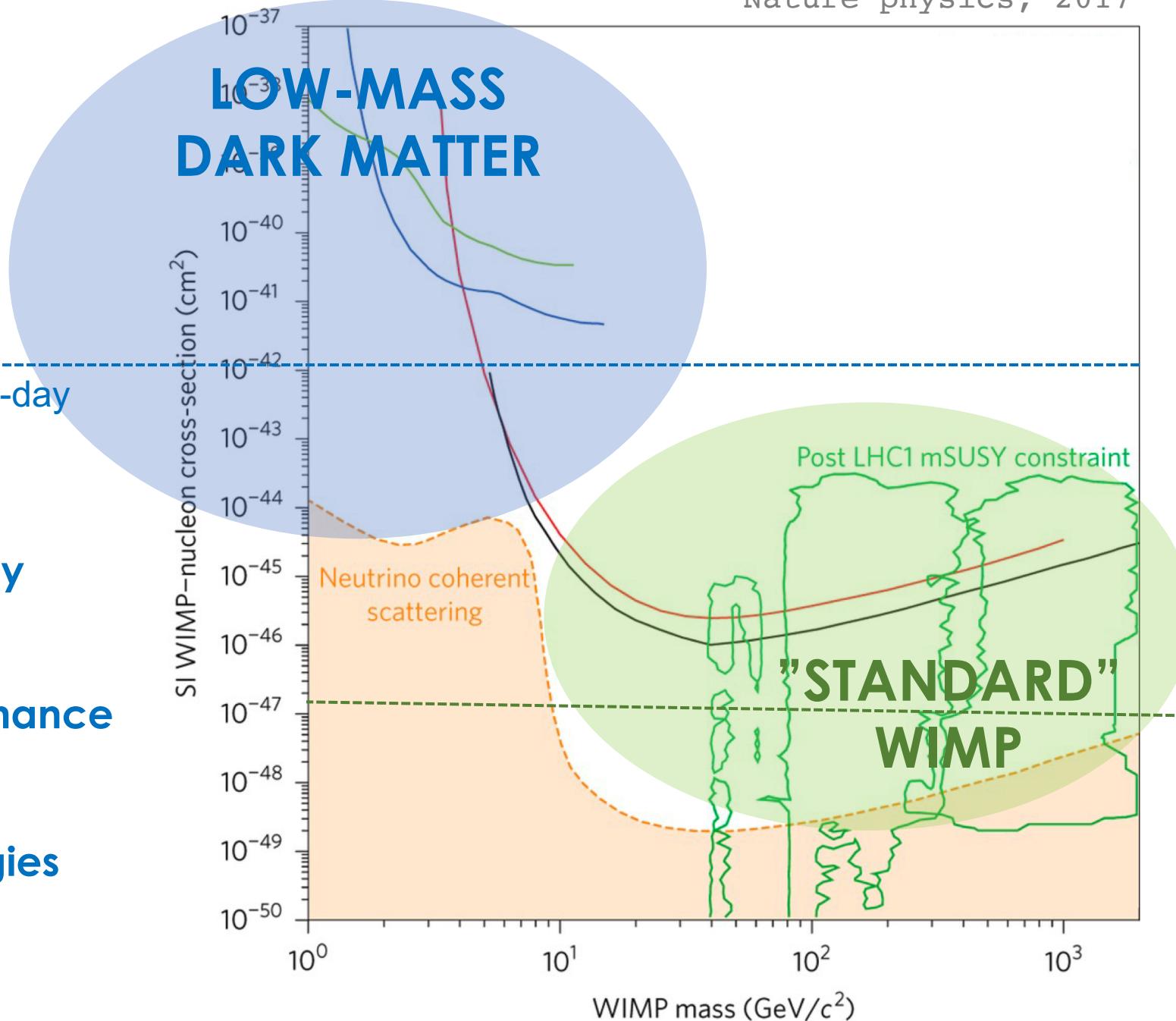


~ 1 event/ kg-day

low energy
threshold

→ performance

diverse
technologies



large target

→ exposure

mainly liquid noble
gases

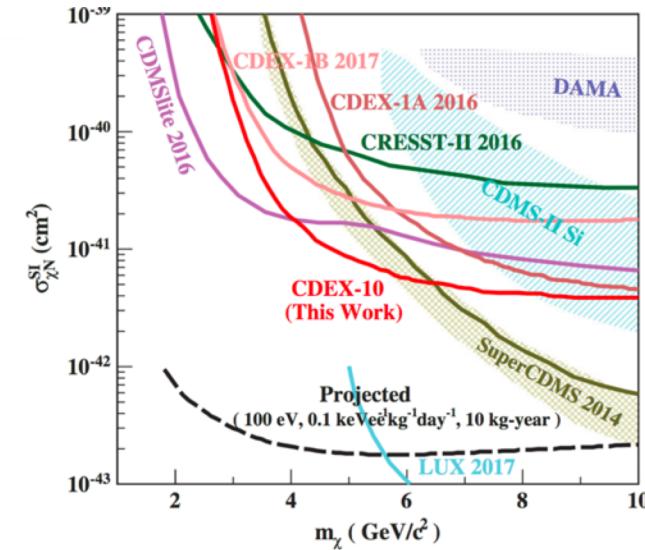
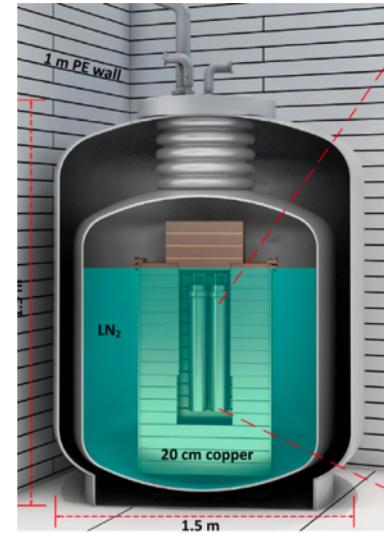
LOW MASS DM - TECHNOLOGIES

LOW MASS DARK MATTER

Ge-DETECTORS: CDEX-10 @ CJPL

- 10 kg p-type point contact Ge
- exposure: 102.8 kg-days
- analysis threshold: 160 eV_{ee}

PRL 123, 161301 (2019)



improved limit on
WIMP mass of
5 GeV/c^2

lower mass reach
extended to
2 GeV/c^2 .

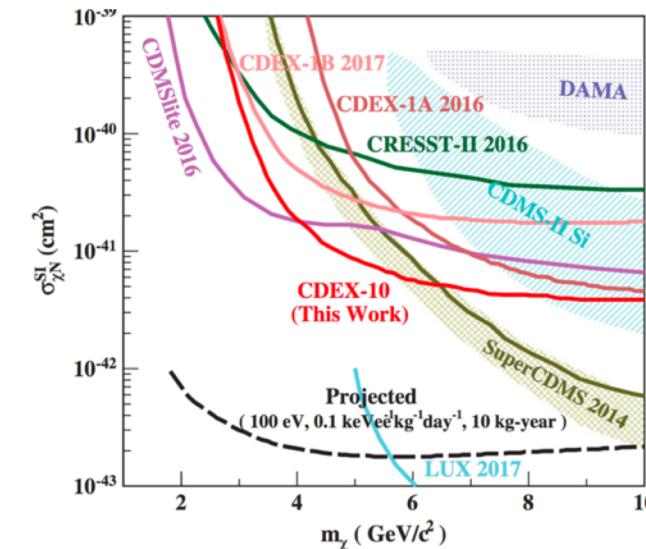
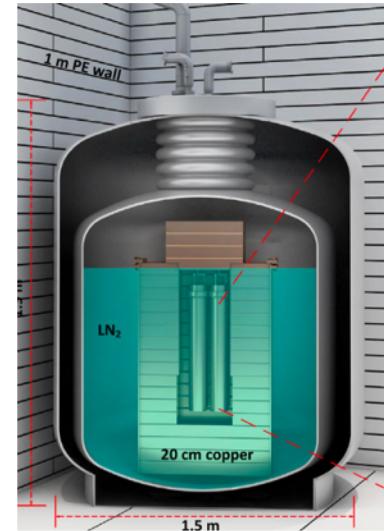
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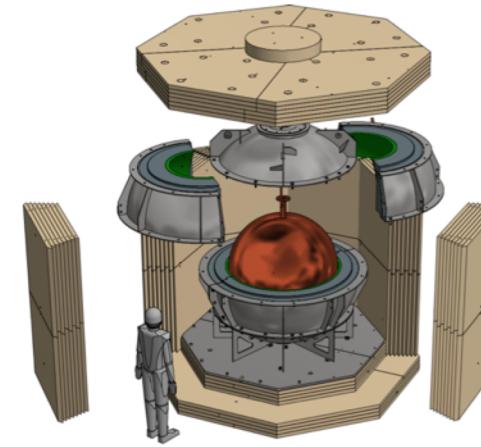


improved limit on
WIMP mass of
5 GeV/c²

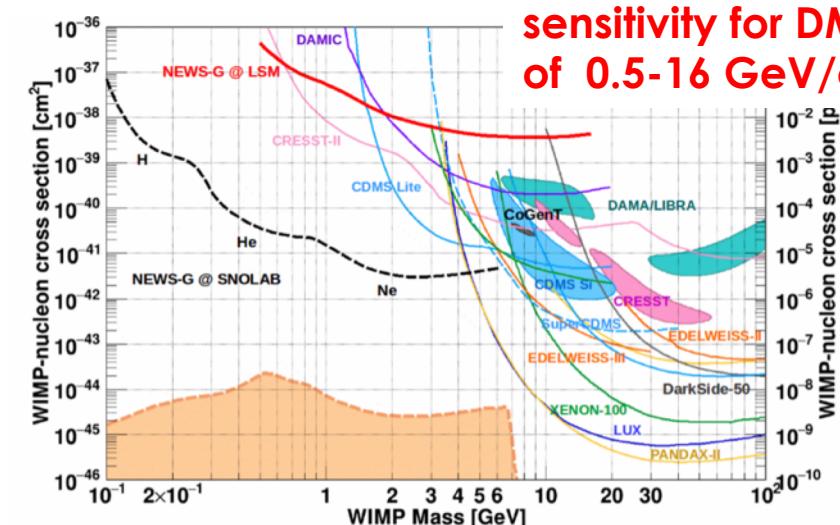
lower mass reach
extended to
2 GeV/c².

SPHERE GAS DETECTOR NEWS-G @ LSM/SNOLAB

- light target: Ne, (He, H)
- sensitivity for single electrons
- energy threshold: 36 eV_{ee}



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sensitivity for DM mass
of 0.5-16 GeV/c²

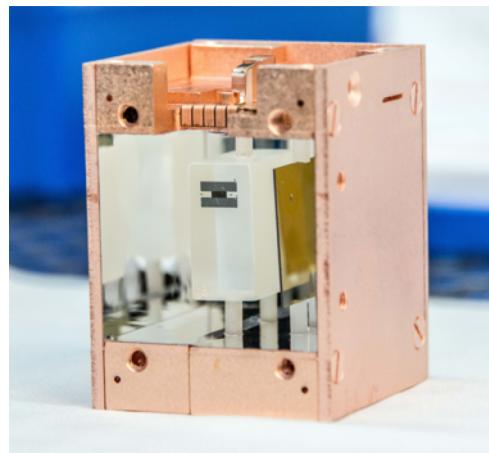
CRYOGENIC DETECTORS

LOW MASS
DARK MATTER

CRESST @ LNGS

- 24g CaWO₄ crystals
 - nuclear recoil
- threshold: 30.1 eV_{nr}

PRD 100, 102002 (2019)



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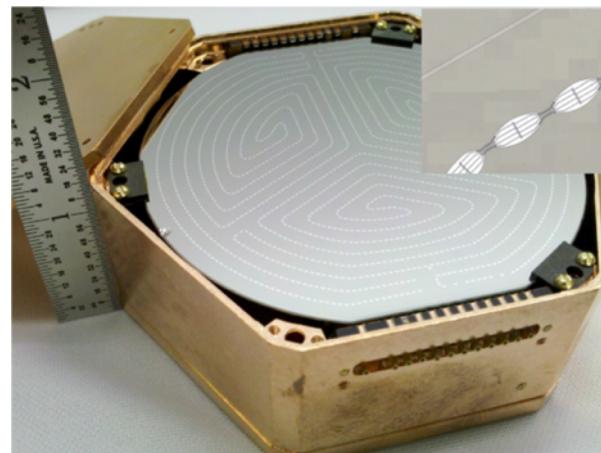
SuperCDMS @ SNOLAB

CDMSlite: 600g Ge
energy threshold = 70 eV

→ moving to SNOLAB
future detectors: Ge: 25 kg
Si: 3.6 kg

PRD 97, 022002 (2018)

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EDELWEISS @ LSM

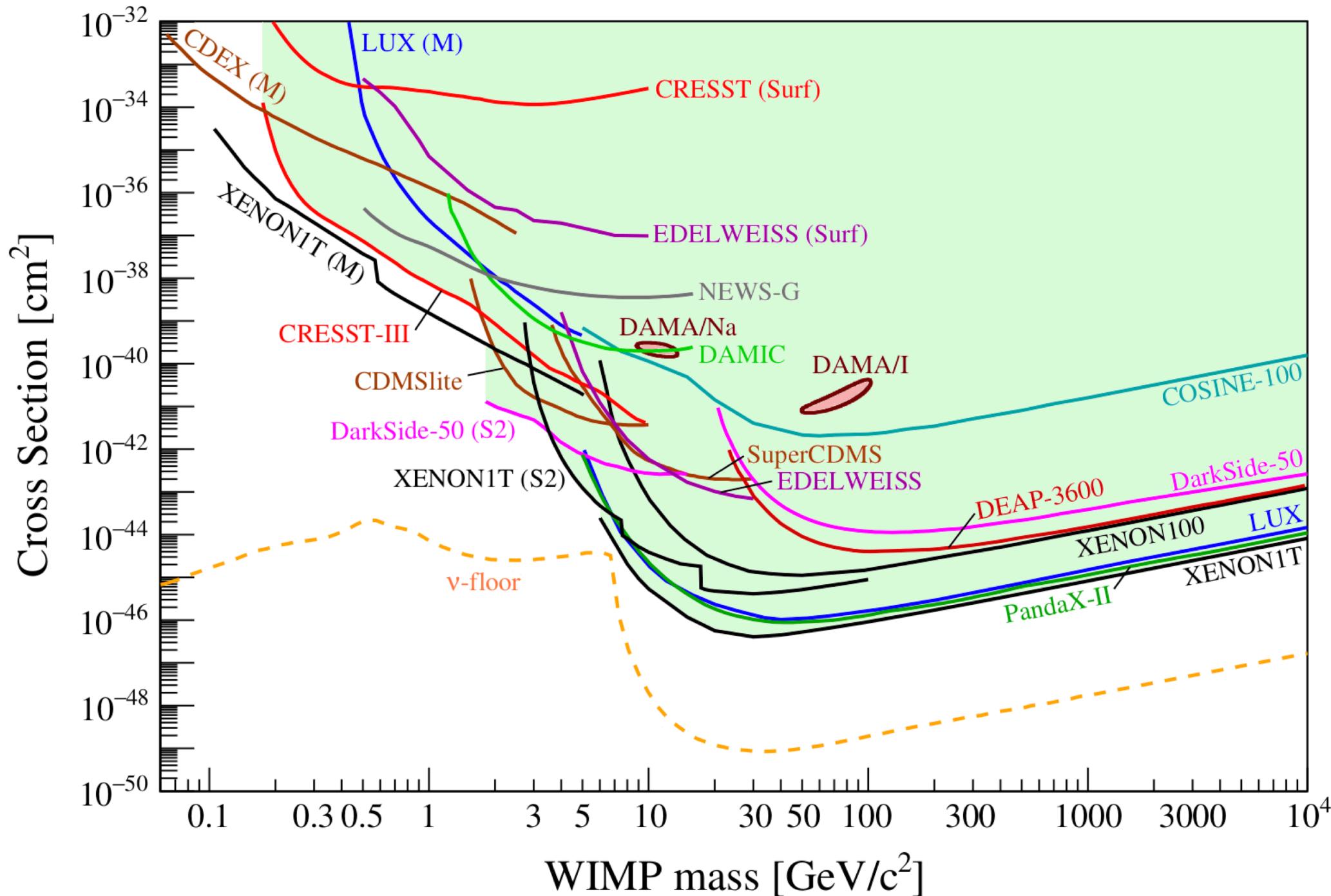
20 kg Ge mass

+ improved low
threshold detectors
of 50 eV_{ee}

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"STANDARD" WIMP

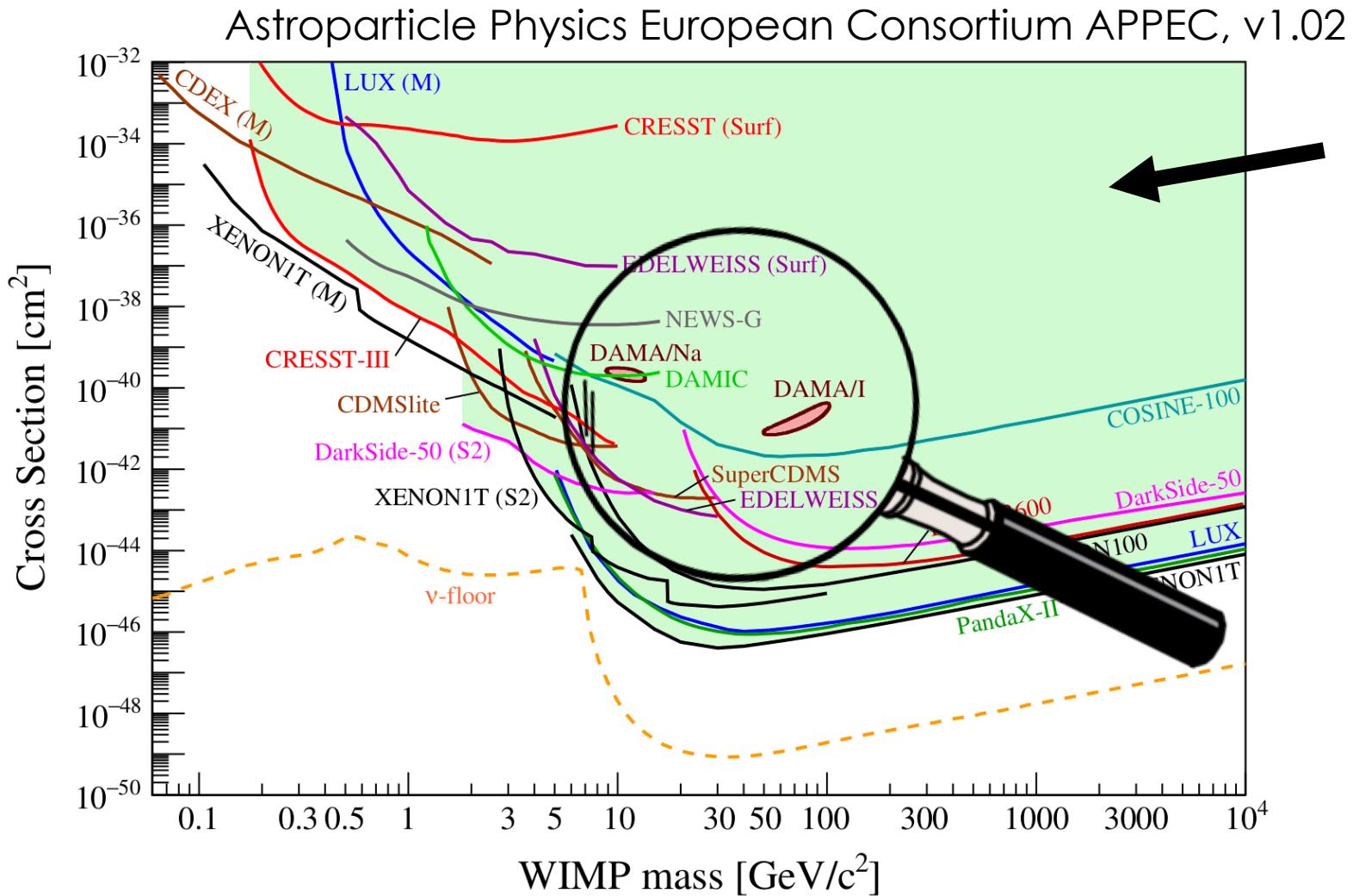


There is one
exception ...

NO SIGNAL



DIRECT DARK MATTER DETECTION LANDSCAPE



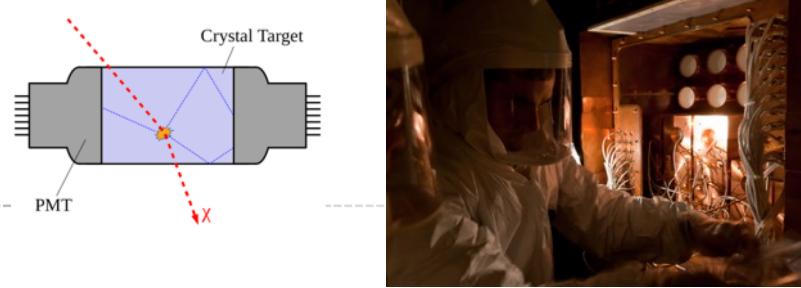
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area



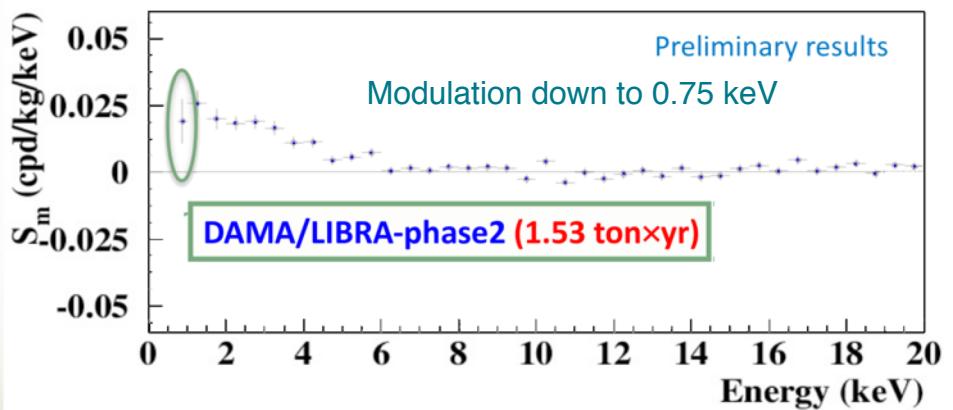
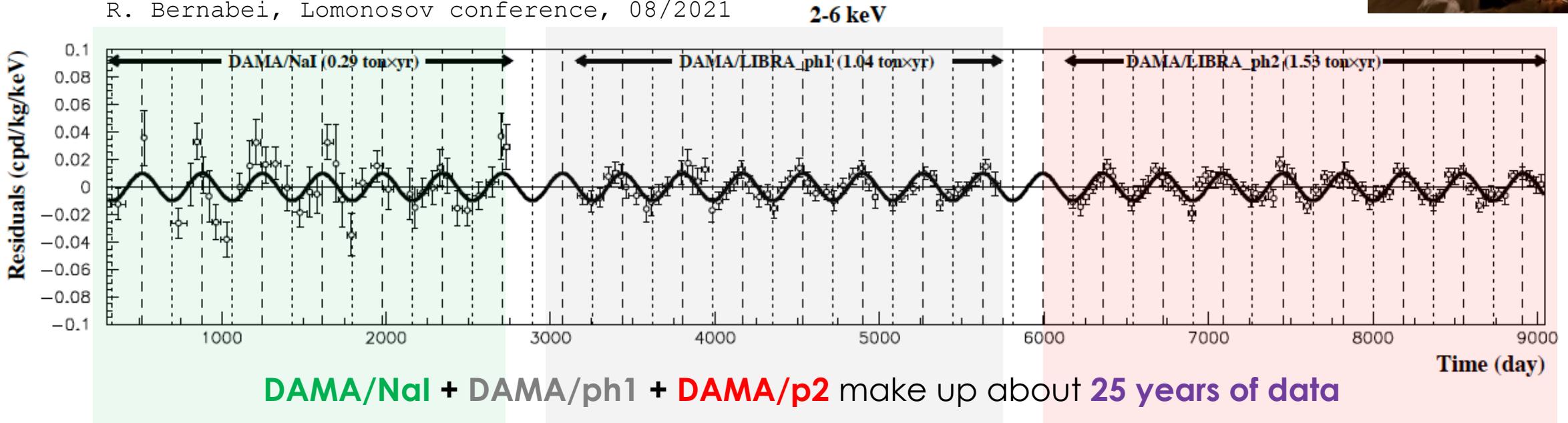
Positive evidence
reported by DAMA



DAMA/LIBRA: TIME DISTRIBUTION



R. Bernabei, Lomonosov conference, 08/2021



Total exposure: 2.86 tonne years
Statistical significance: 13.7 σ

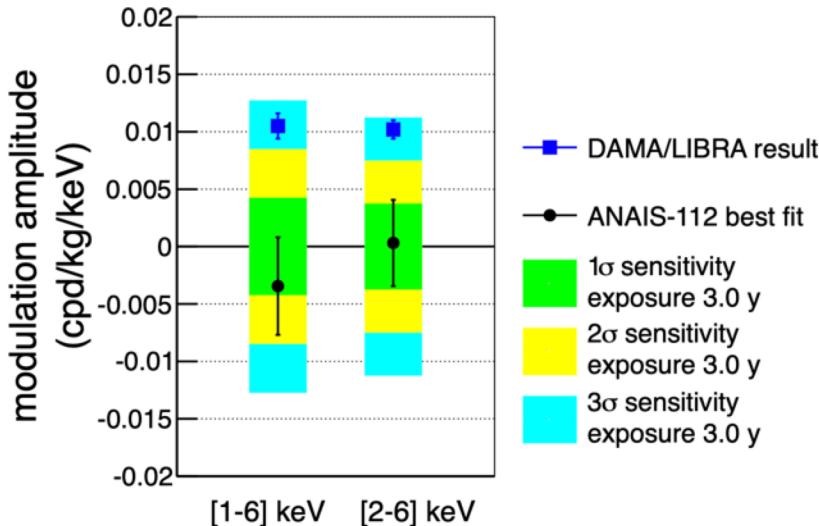
Claim: positive evidence for the presence of DM particles in the galactic halo

ANALIS-112

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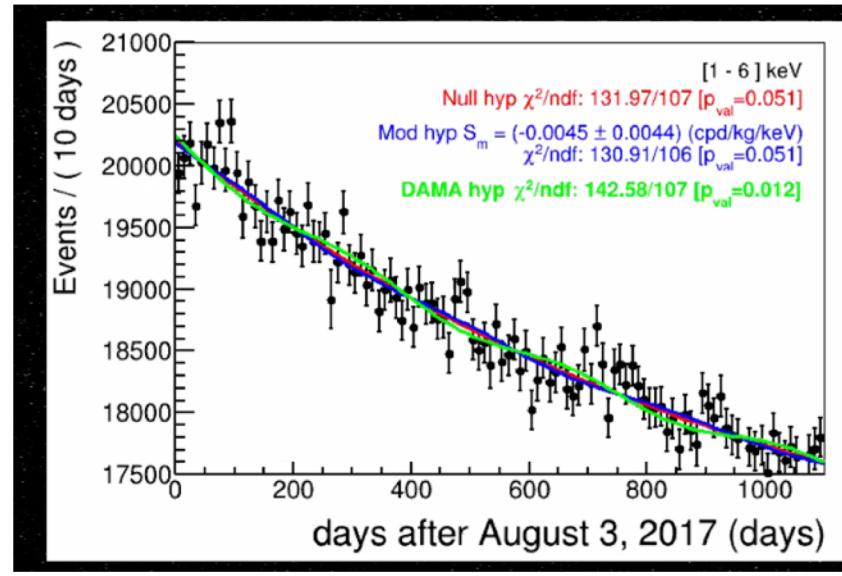
No modulation observed

incompatible with DAMA at 3σ [1-6 keV]



3 years of data = 314 kg year

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COSINE-100

- excludes DAMA interpreted as SI interaction with standard halo model
- Modulation analysis of 3 years of data (173 kg year) is consistent both with and without modulation

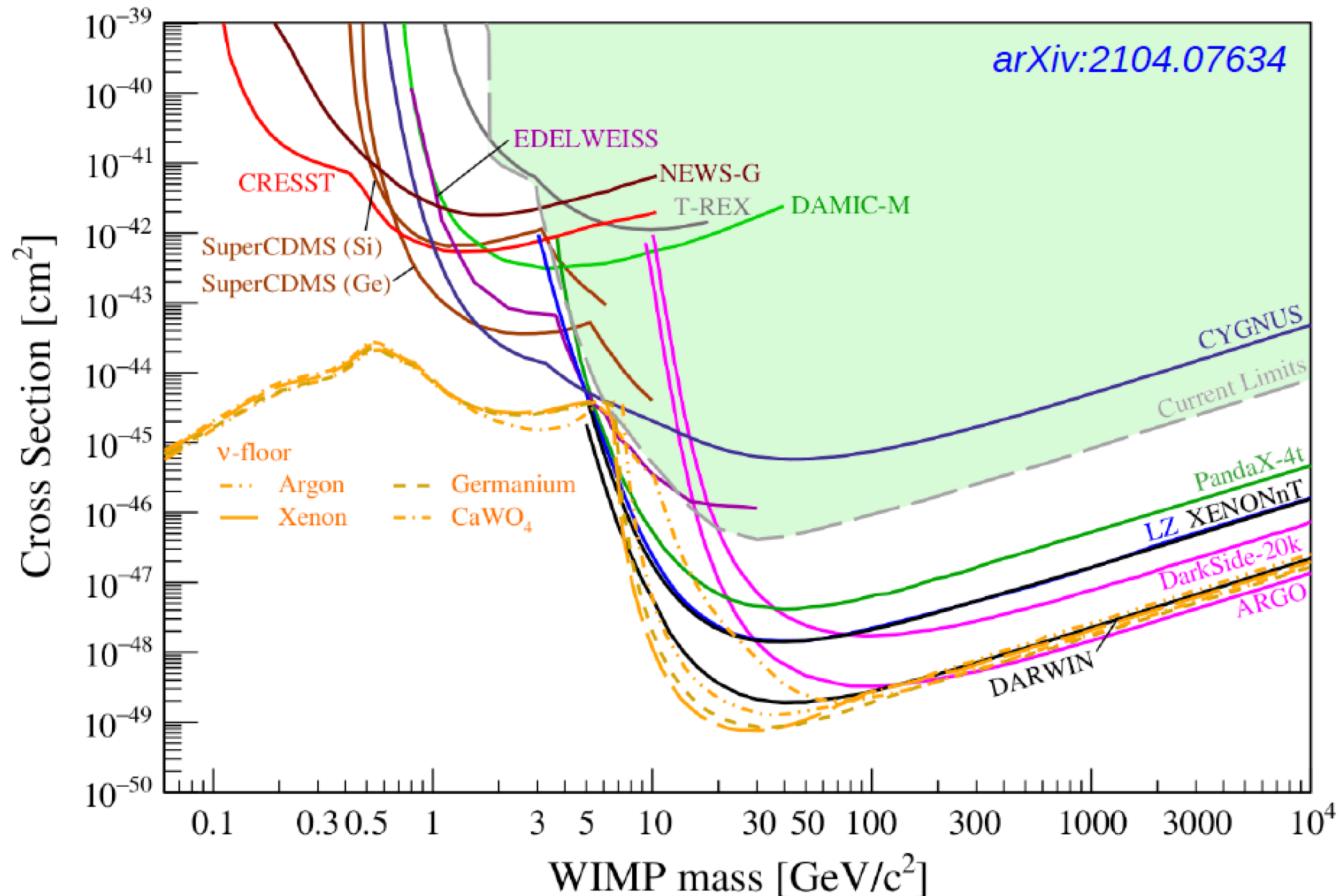
Nature 564, 83 (2018)
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Whats next in direct detection?



- Very rich and diverse experimental landscape
- Different technologies allow to probe a very wide parameter space
- Next generation of experiments aim for closing the parameter space in the next decade(s)

SUMMARY

- We are just at the beginning of having an understanding of our Universe and the nature of dark matter is still an open and pressing mystery
- Dark matter searches employ a huge variety of detection technologies
- Sensitivity of direct detection experiments improved tremendously in the last decades
→ next generation detectors will cover full parameter space down to the neutrino-floor and clarify the DAMA/LIBRA claim
- Recent strategy given null-results for WIMPs: “**probe what we can probe**”
→ low mass (sub-GeV) DM searches, DM-electron scattering and new ideas (+exotics)
- Rich non-WIMP physics program: Axion dark matter searches are on the way

Thank you for your attention