



# Nuclear Physics of Direct Dark Matter Detection

□ *WIMP Dark Matter Detection*

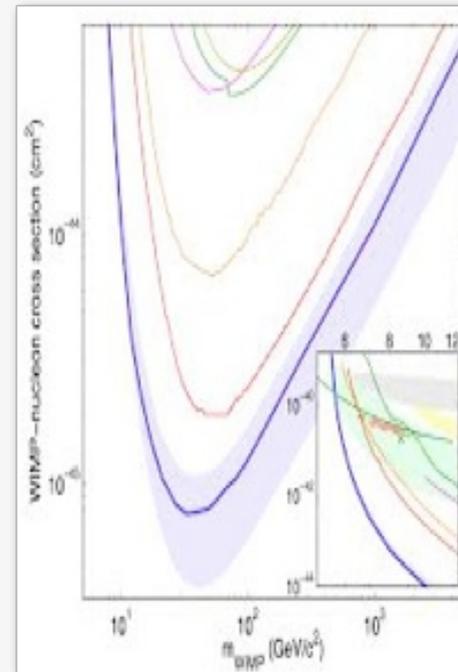
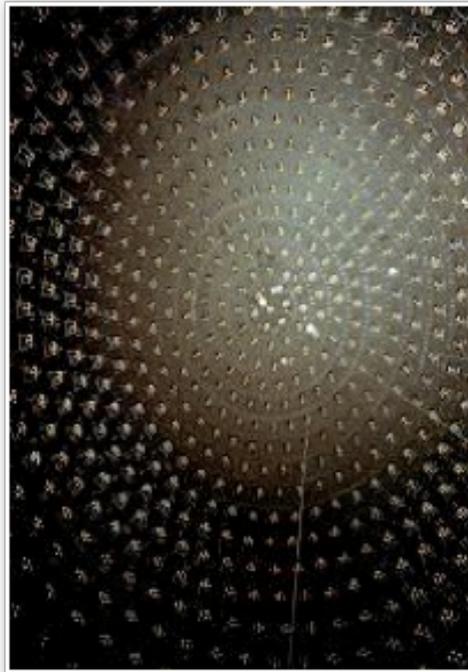
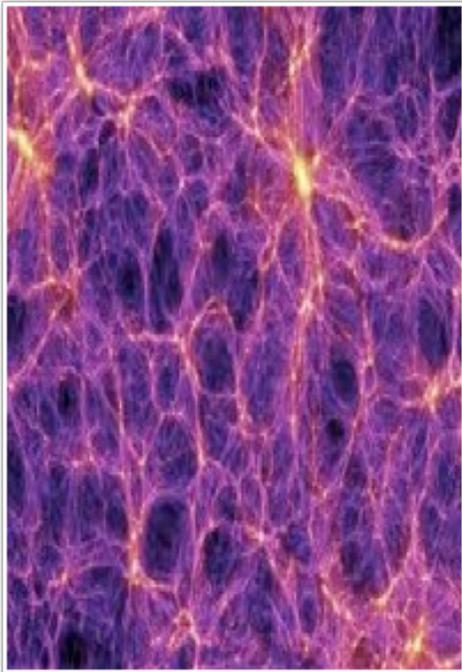
*Nonrelativistic Effective Theory Description*

□ *The nuclear effective interaction*

# New Perspectives on Dark Matter

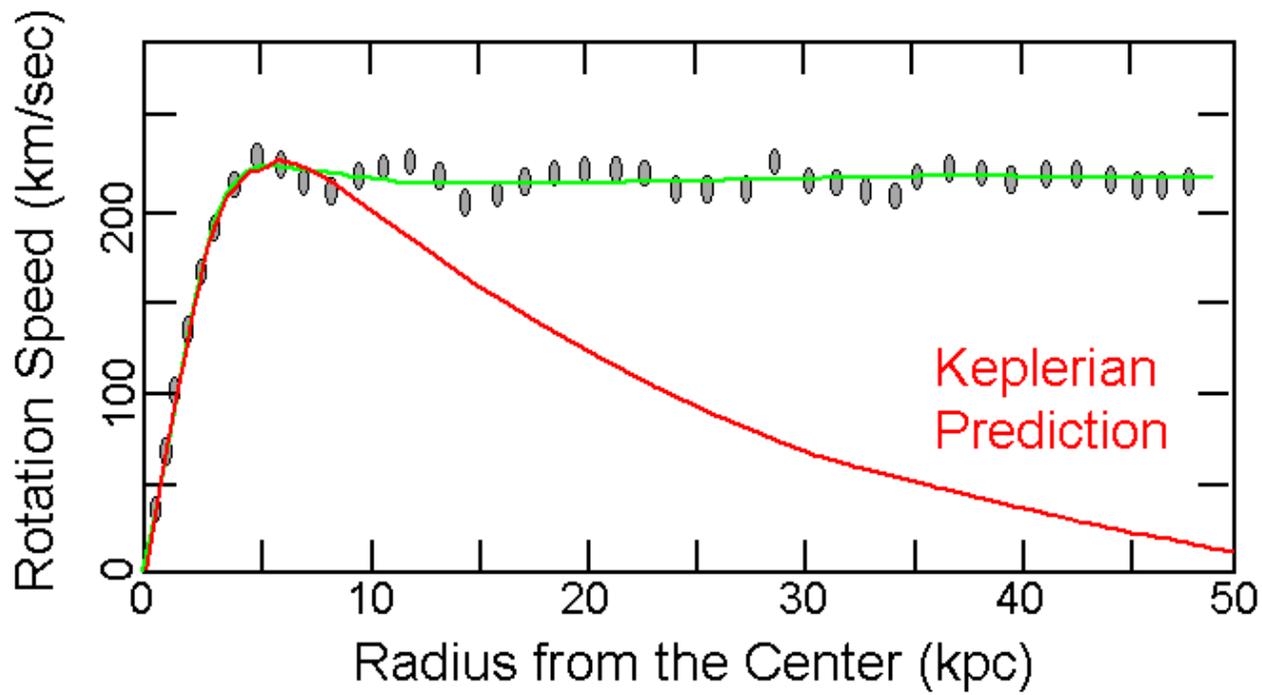
Fermilab

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DM gravitational signatures are by now quite varied...

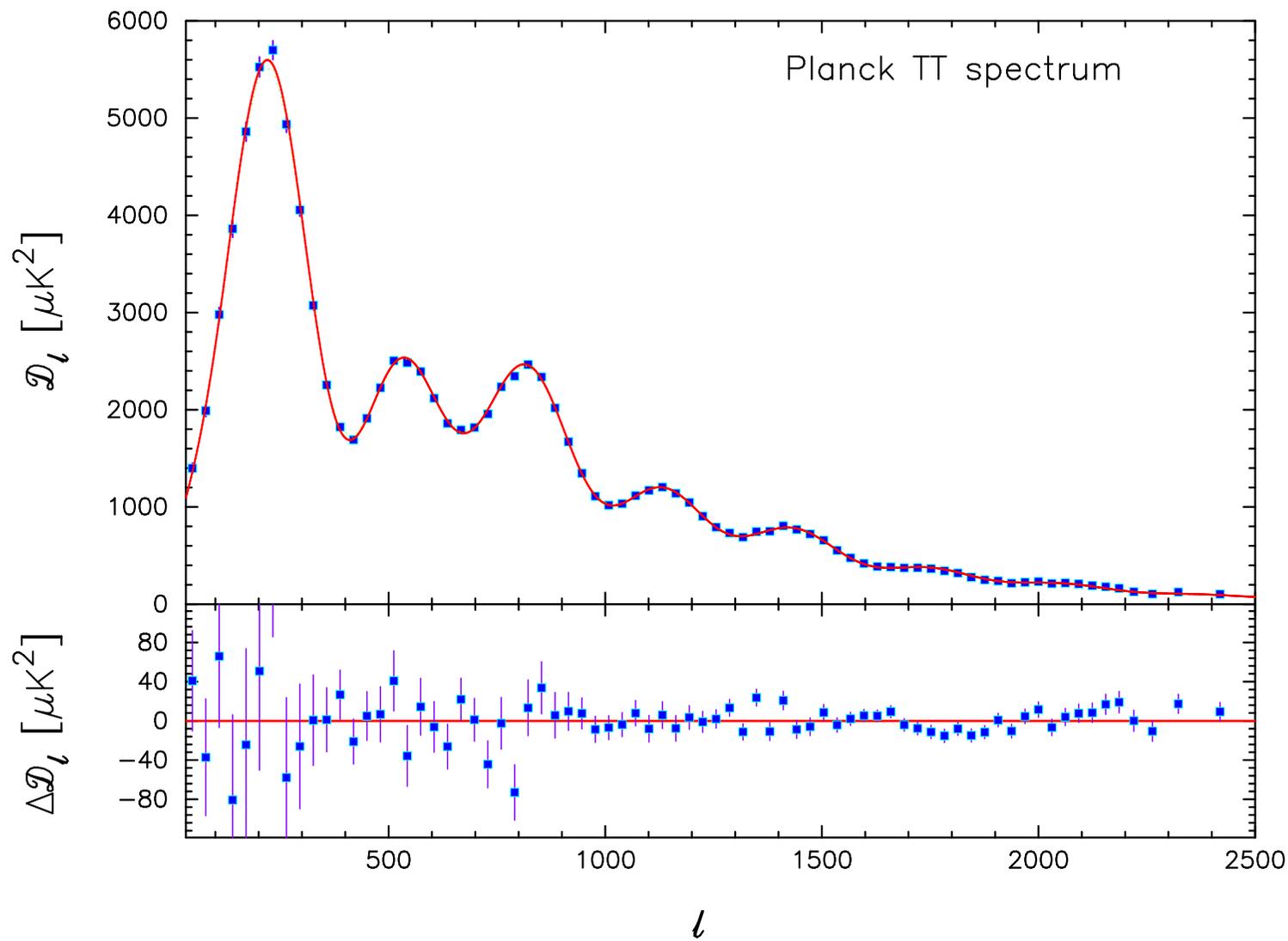


$v \propto \text{constant}$   
 $\leftarrow m(r) \propto r$   
 $\rho(r) \propto 1/r^2$   
 (flat rotation curve)

$\leftarrow v \propto 1/\sqrt{r}$   
 (gravitating central mass)



NGC-6384  
 (from HST)



$\Lambda$ CDM  
comparison

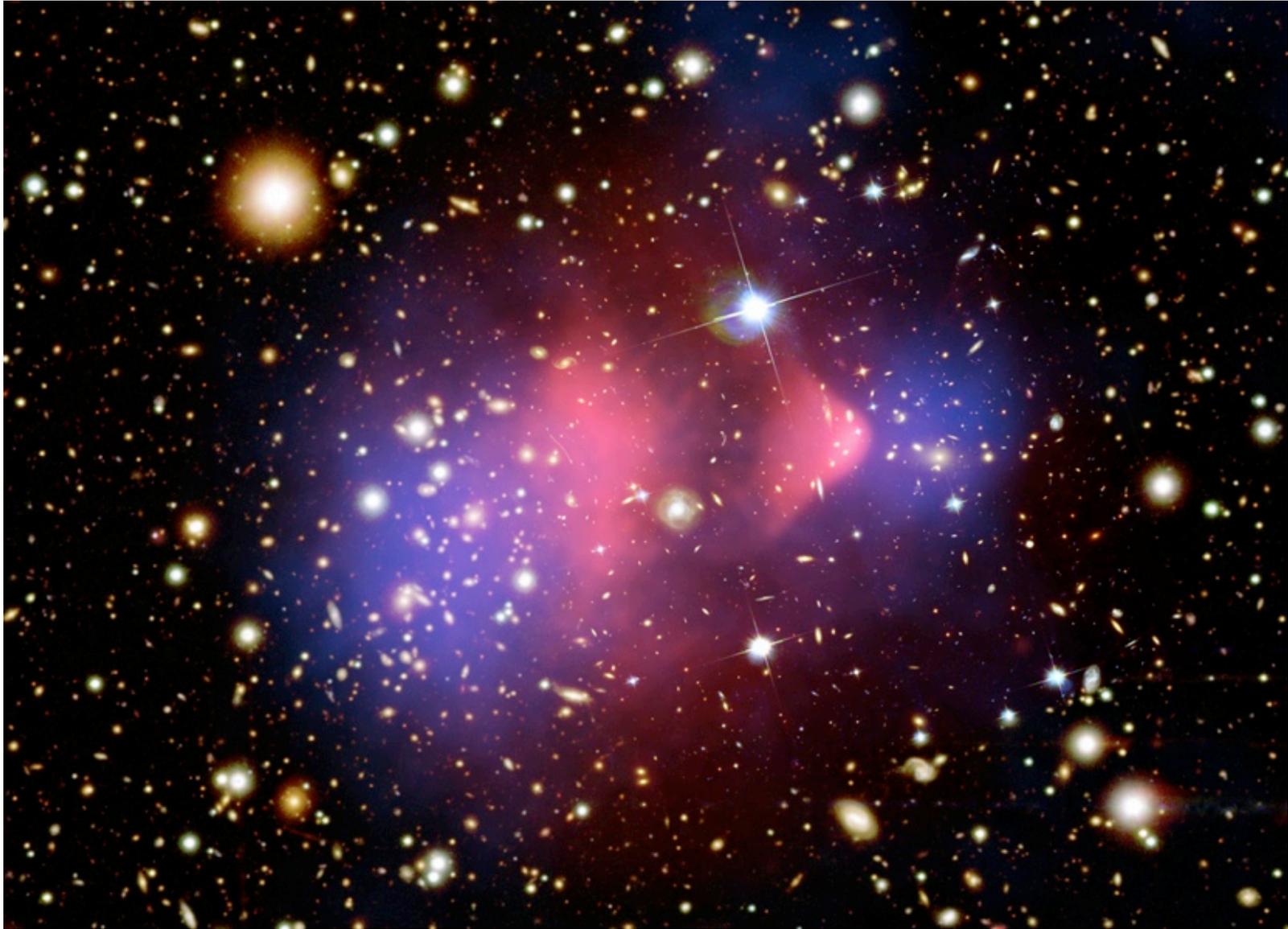
Planck XVI  $\Omega_m \sim 0.315 \pm 0.017$

Required in simulations such as this (Bolshoi Collaboration)  
to reproduce observed cluster-cluster correlations\*

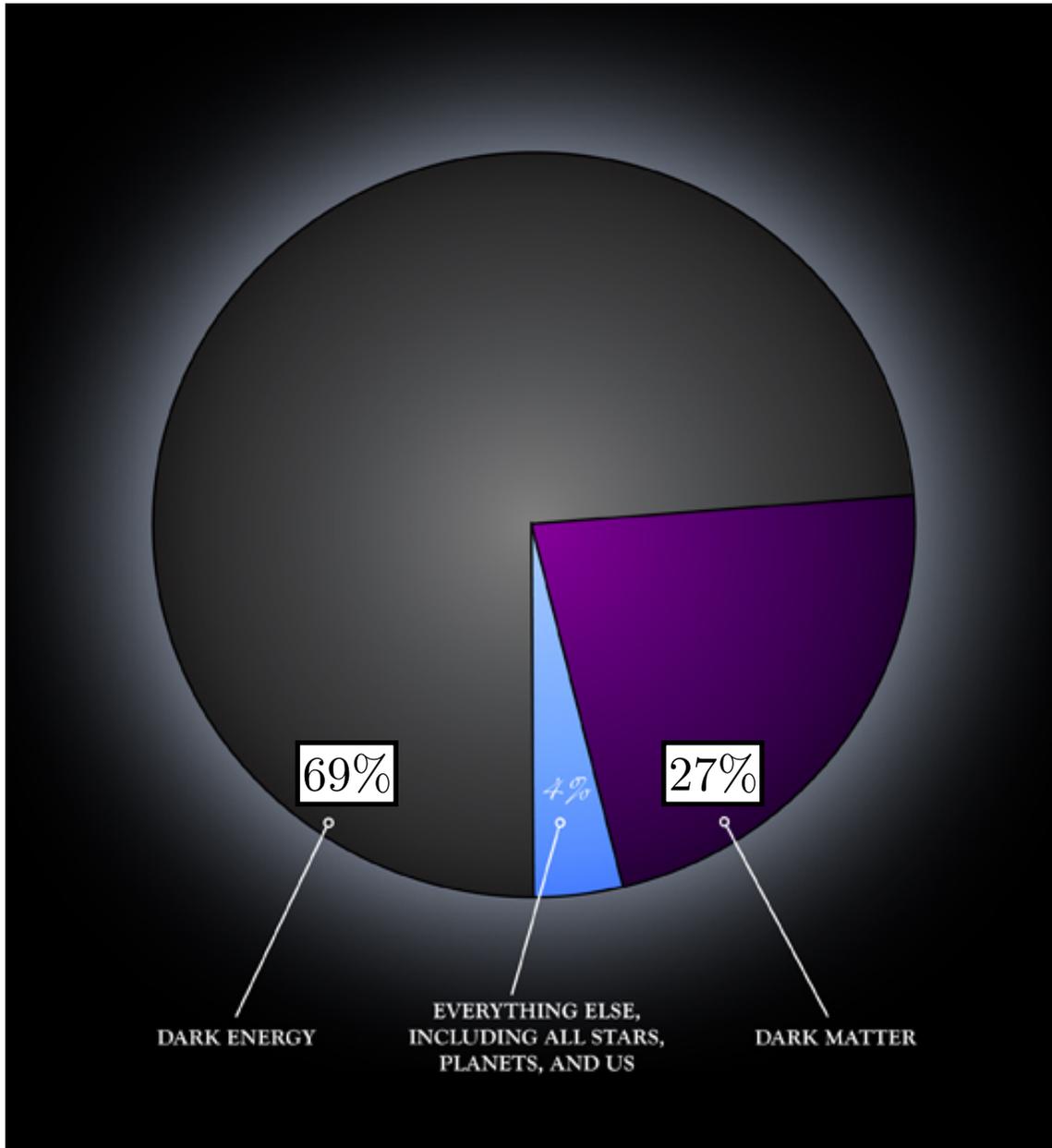
Calculated with  $\Omega_m = \Omega_{DM} + \Omega_b = 0.27 \sim \Omega_m^{\text{WMAP9}} \sim 0.2865 \pm 0.0088$

\*Primack, Klypin, et al.

## Bullet Cluster



A collision between two clusters of galaxies, imaged by gravitational lensing, showing a separation of visible (pink) and dark (blue) matter



## The inventory

There is a small, identified component from the standard model, massive neutrinos

But the bulk of the DM must reside beyond the standard model

## Properties

- long-lived or stable
- cold or warm (slow enough to seed structure formation)
- gravitationally active
- lacks strong couplings to itself or to baryons

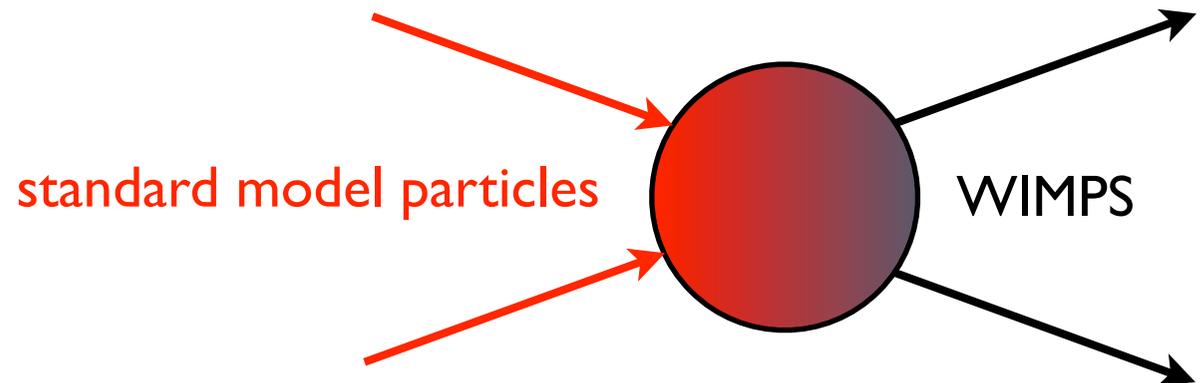
Leading candidates are weakly interacting massive particles (WIMPs) and axions

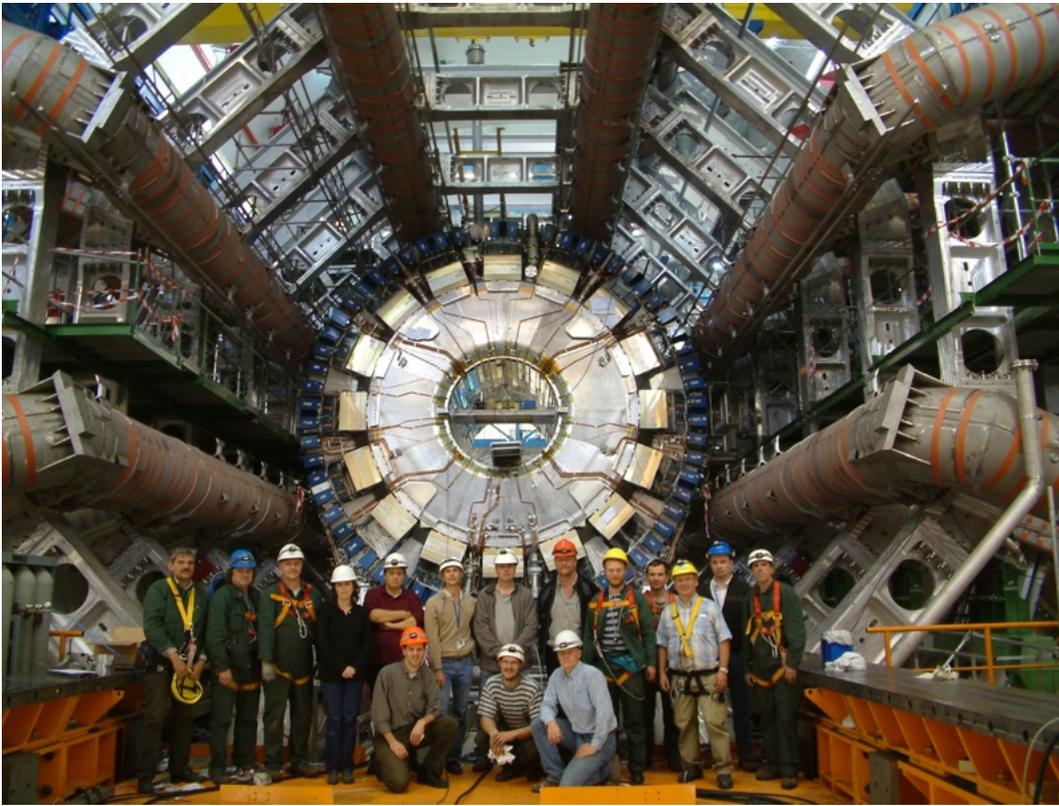
**WIMPs** motivated by the expectation that new physics might be found at the mass generation scale of the SM model:  $M_{\text{WIMP}} \sim 10 \text{ GeV} - 10 \text{ TeV}$

- “WIMP miracle:”  $G_F^2$  annihilation cross sections imply  $\Omega_{\text{WIMP}} \sim 0.1$

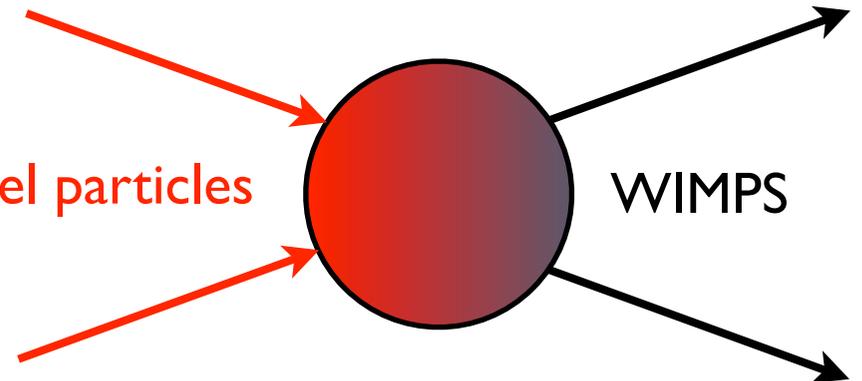
**WIMP detection:** the detection channels include  
(other than large scale structure)

- **collider searches**

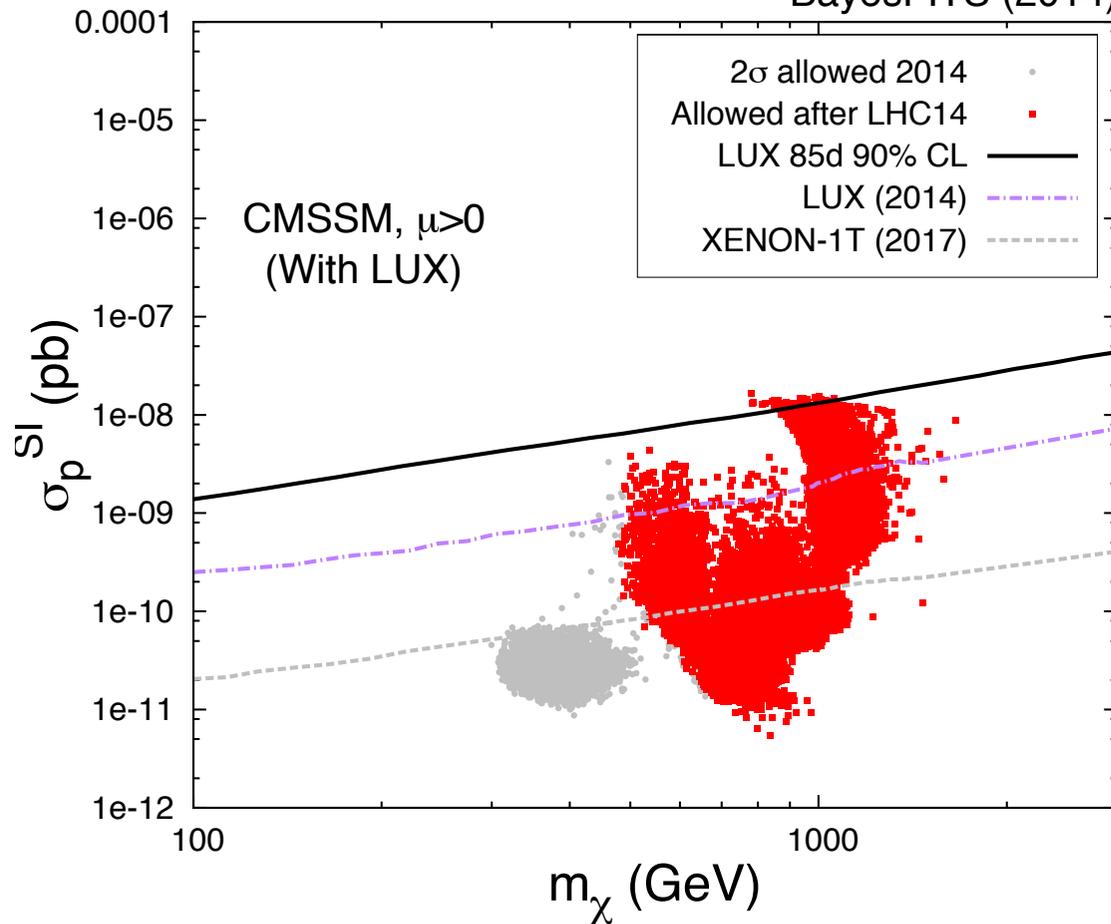




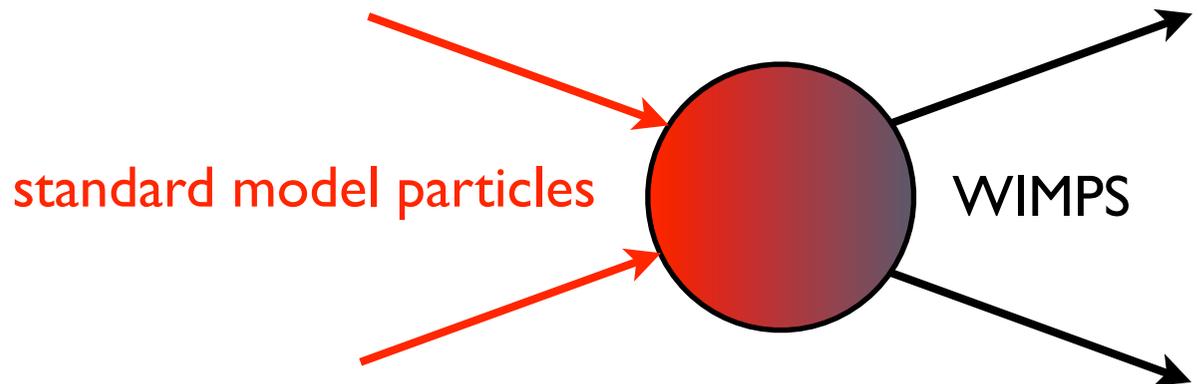
standard model particles



# BayesFITS (2014)



LHC second run starting in 2015 will extend collision energies to 14 TeV and probe WIMP masses up to about 600 GeV



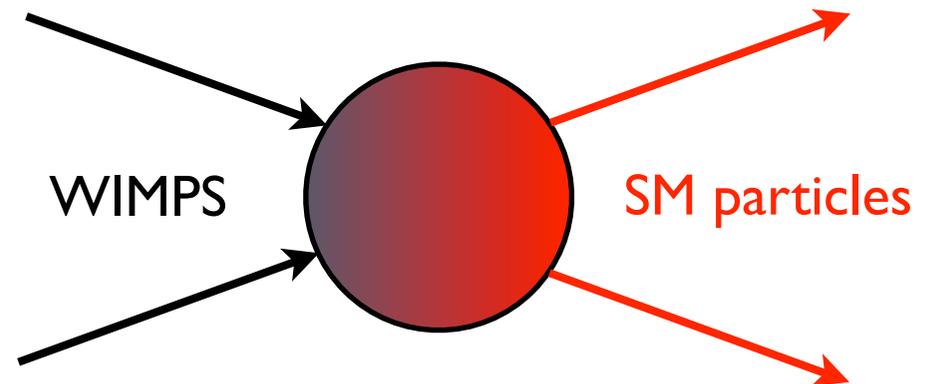
**Detection:** their detection channels include  
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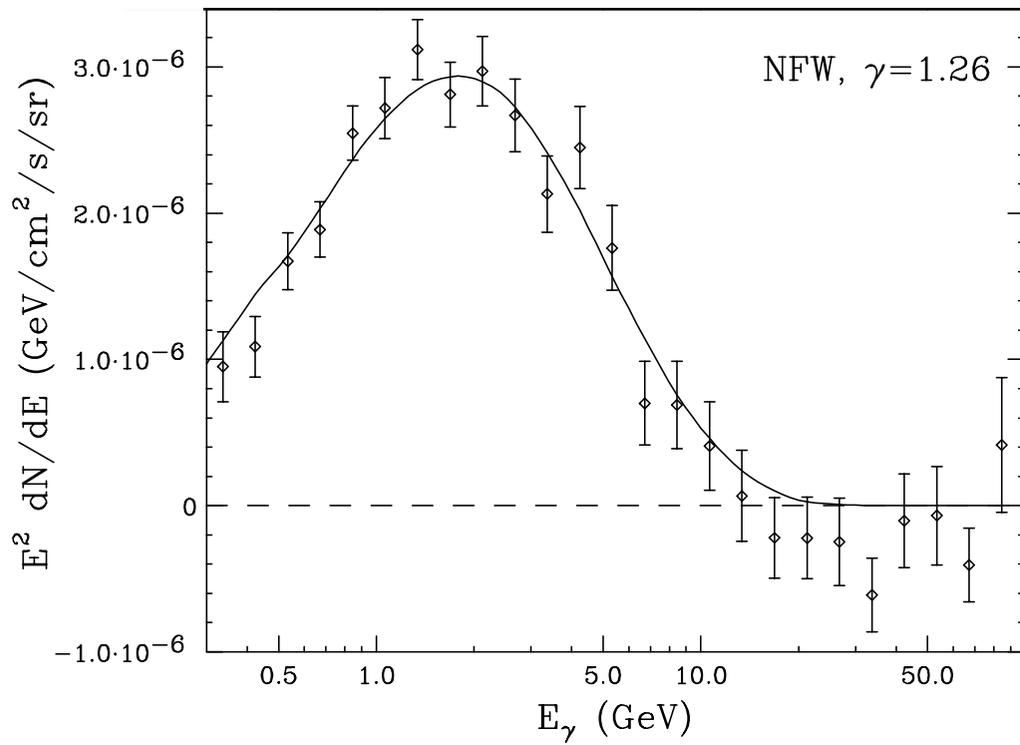
- collider searches
- **indirect detection: astrophysical signals**

Current focus is a possible  
dark-matter annihilation signal  
at the galactic center, consistent  
with a DM signal with

$$\rho_{DM} \sim 1/r^{1.2}$$

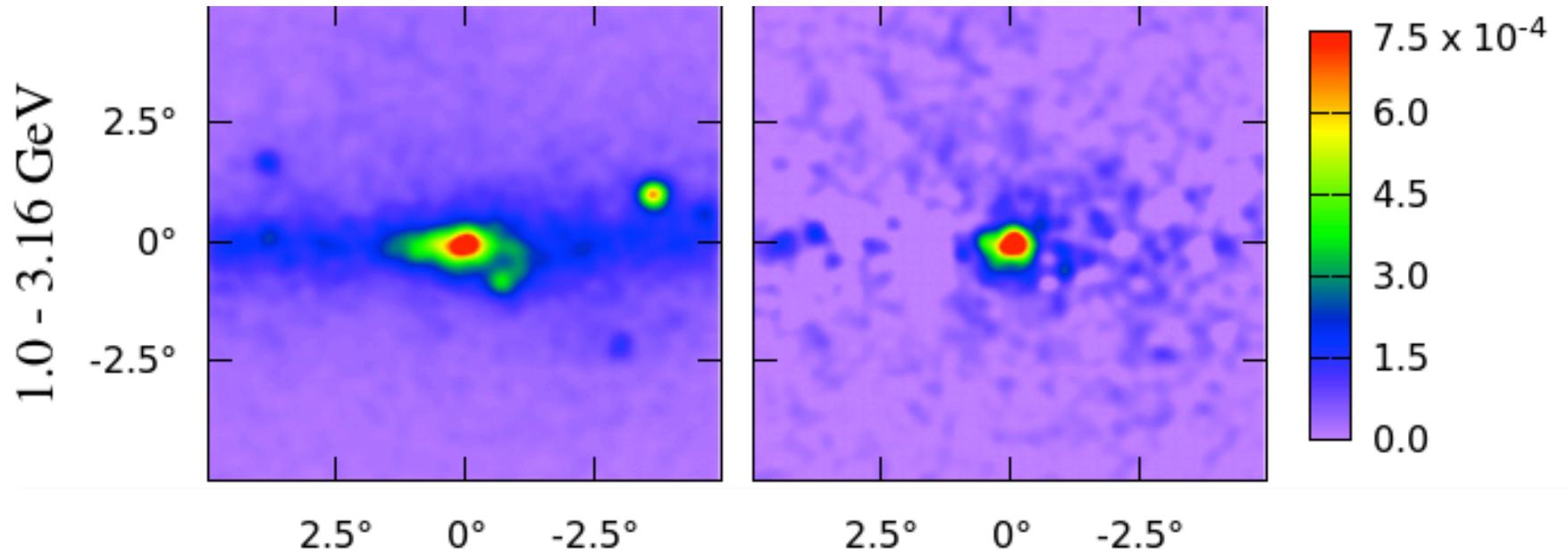
and consistent with a  $\sim 30\text{-}40$  GeV  
WIMP annihilating to b quarks,  
producing  $\sim 5$  GeV gammas





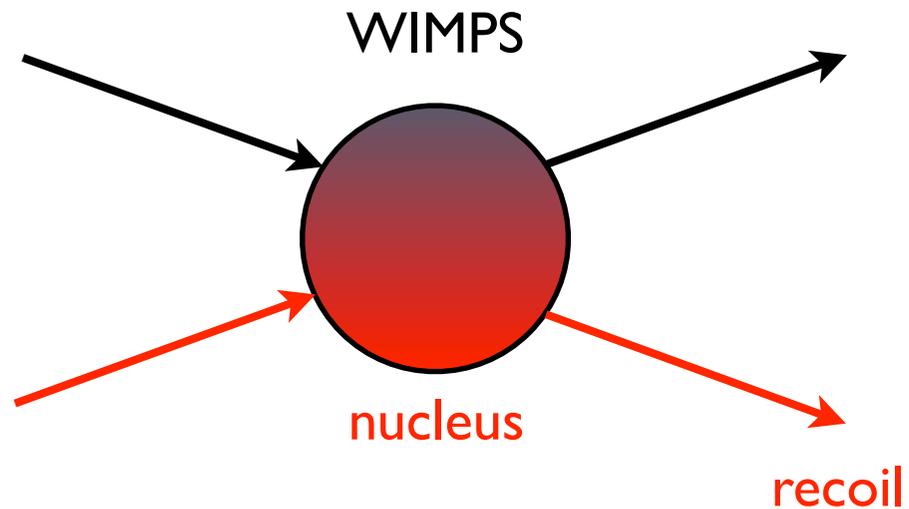
From D. Hooper,  
UCLA DM Workshop

(Fermi collaboration has not yet  
made a claim)



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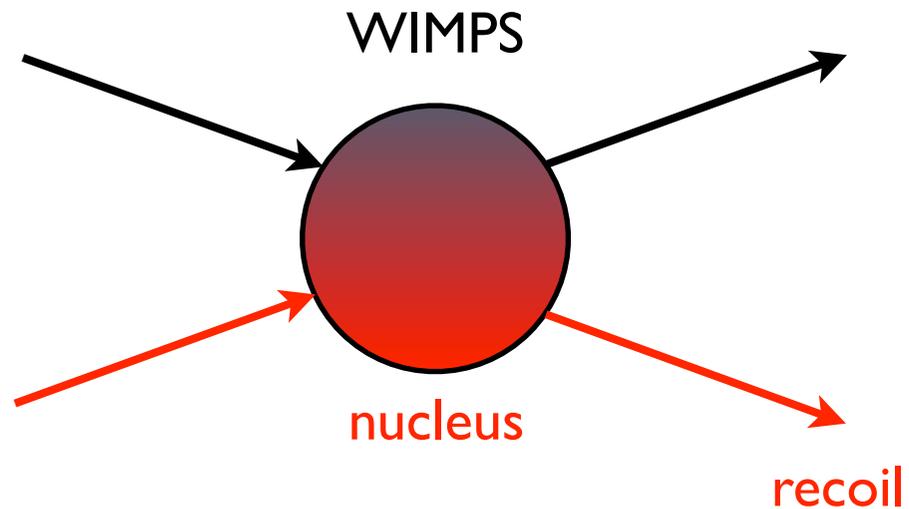
- collider searches
- indirect detection: astrophysical signals
- **direct detection**



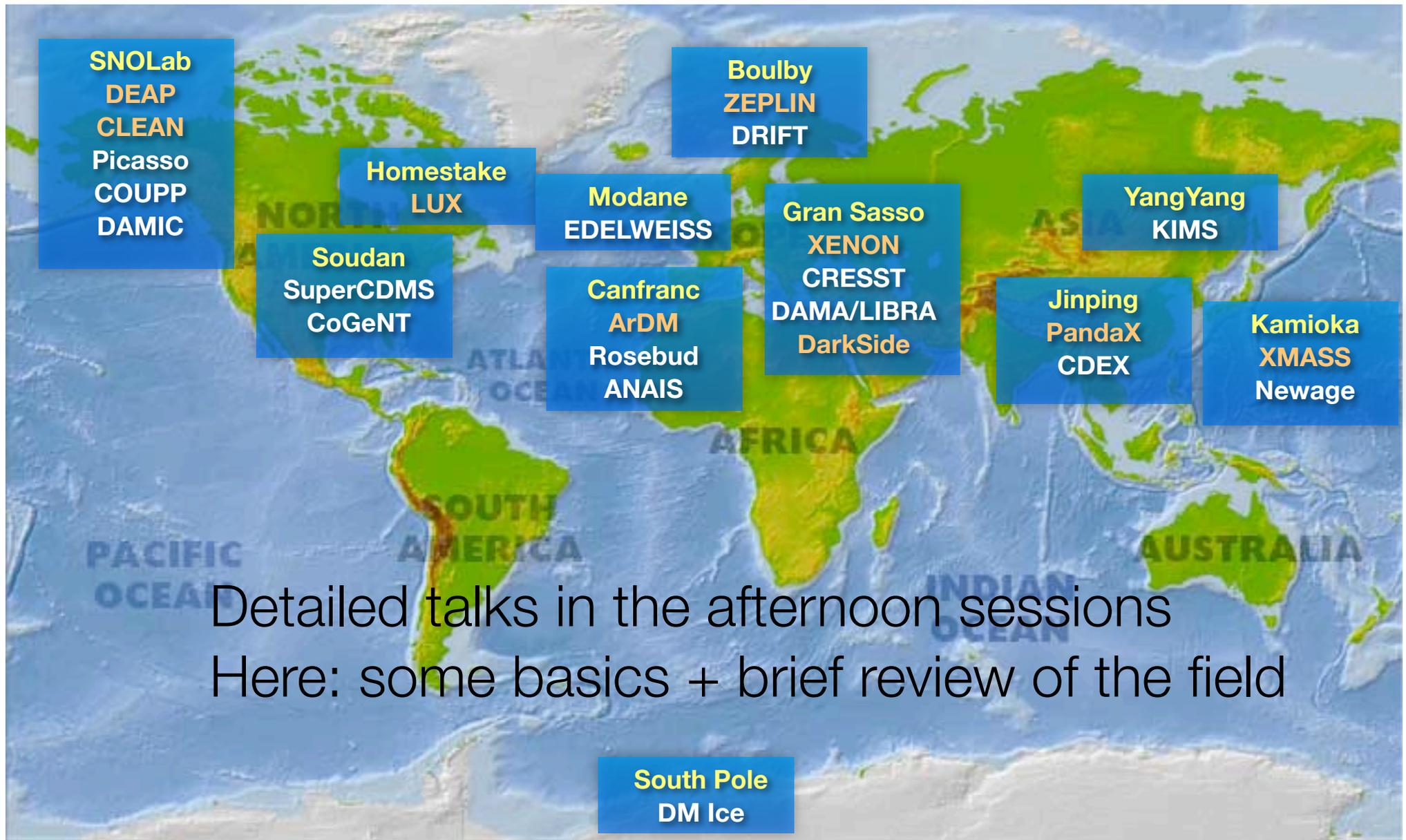
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- **direct detection**

Today's main topic



# A world-wide effort to search for WIMPs



Detailed talks in the afternoon sessions  
Here: some basics + brief review of the field

Xe:	Xenon 100/IT; LUX/LZ; XMASS; Zeplin; NEXT
Si:	CDMS; DAMIC
Ge:	COGENT; Edelweiss; SuperCDMS; TEXONO; CDEX; GERDA; Majorana
NaI:	DAMA/LIBRA; ANAIS; DM-ice; SABRE; KamLAND-PICO
CsI:	KIMS
Ar:	DEAP/CLEAN; ArDM; Darkside
Ne:	CLEAN
C/F-based:	PICO; DRIFT; DM-TPC
CF <sub>3</sub> I:	COUP
Cs <sub>2</sub> :	DRIFT
TeO <sub>2</sub> :	CUORE
CaWO <sub>4</sub> :	CRESST

*A large variety of nuclei with different spins, isospin, masses*

# NOBLE GASSES

## Single-phase detectors (SCINTILLATION LIGHT)

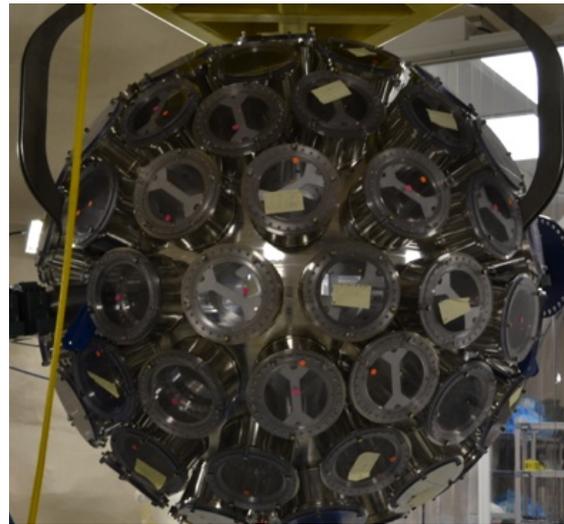
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- Challenge: ultra-low absolute backgrounds
- LAr: pulse shape discrimination, factor  $10^9$ - $10^{10}$  for gammas/betas



XMASS-RFB at Kamioka:

835 kg LXe (100 kg fiducial),  
single-phase, 642 PMTs  
unexpected background found  
detector refurbished (RFB)  
new run this fall -> 2013



CLEAN at SNOLab:

500 kg LAr (150 kg fiducial)  
single-phase open volume  
under construction  
to run in 2014



DEAP at SNOLab:

3600 kg LAr (1t fiducial)  
single-phase detector  
under construction  
to run in 2014

# Time projection chambers

## (SCINTILLATION & IONIZATION)



XENON100 at LNGS:

161 kg LXe  
(~50 kg fiducial)

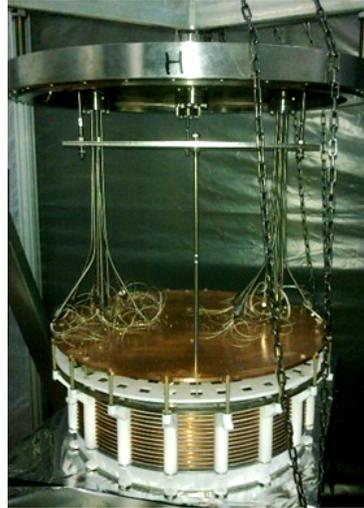
242 1-inch PMTs  
taking new science data



LUX at SURF:

350 kg LXe  
(100 kg fiducial)

122 2-inch PMTs  
physics run since  
spring 2013



PandaX at CJPL:

125 kg LXe  
(25 kg fiducial)

143 1-inch PMTs  
37 3-inch PMTs  
started in 2013



ArDM at Canfranc:

850 kg LAr  
(100 kg fiducial)

28 3-inch PMTs  
in commissioning  
to run 2014



DarkSide at LNGS

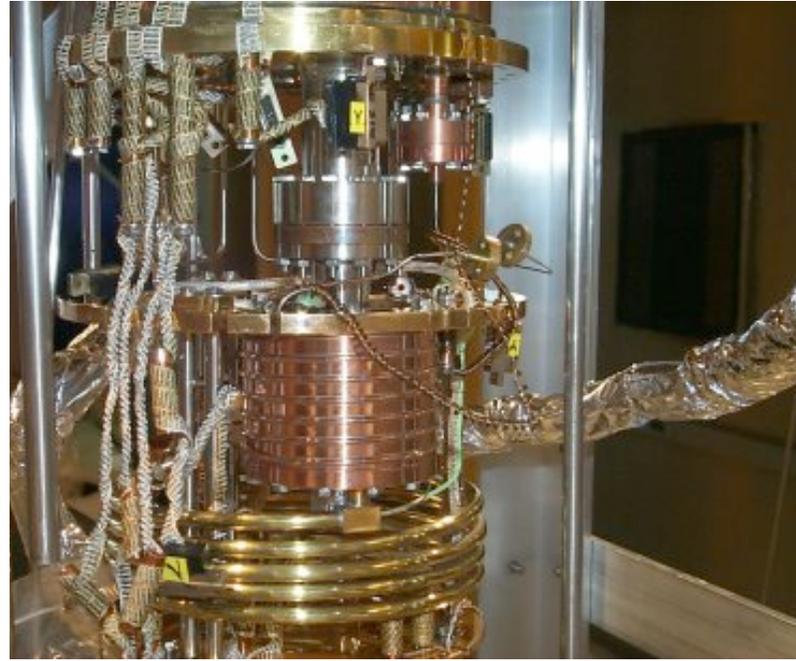
50 kg LAr (dep in  $^{39}\text{Ar}$ )  
(33 kg fiducial)

38 3-inch PMTs  
in commissioning  
since May 2013  
to run in fall 2013

# CRYSTALS, BUBBLE CHAMBERS, ...



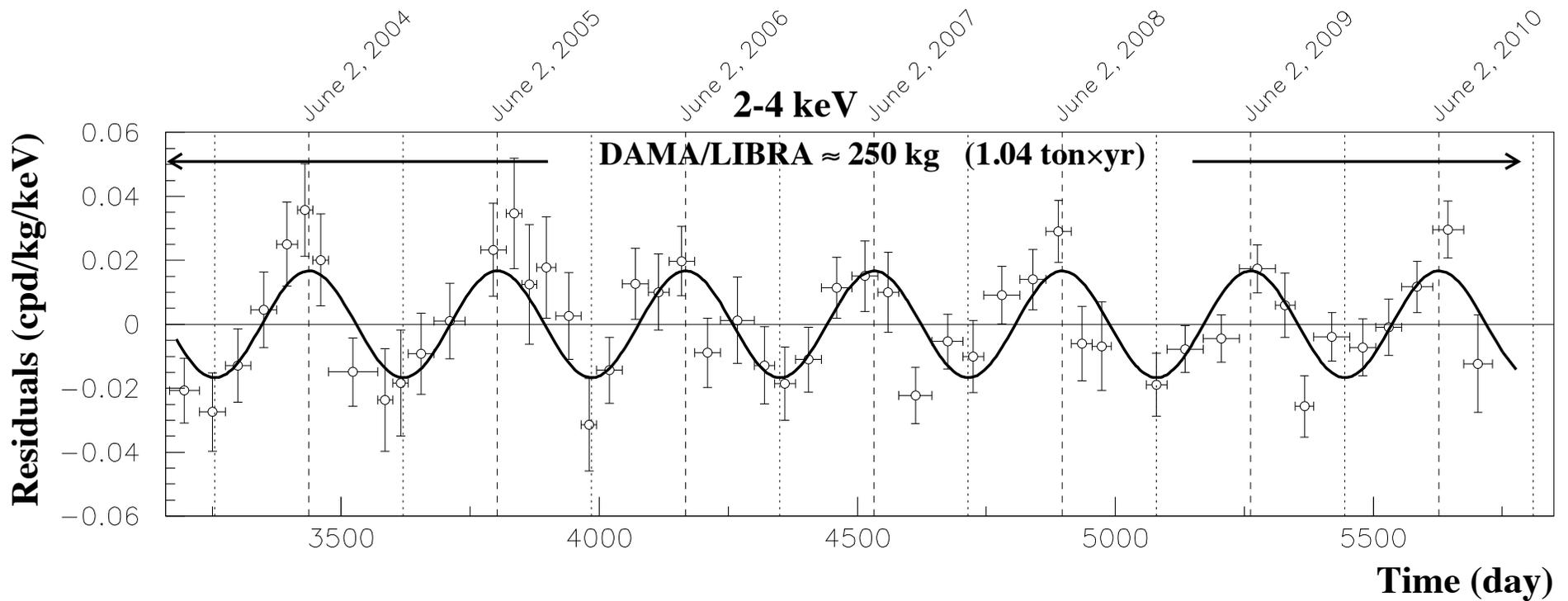
DAMA/LIBRA NAI



CDMS Si, GE  
CoGENT GE



COUP CF<sub>3</sub>I

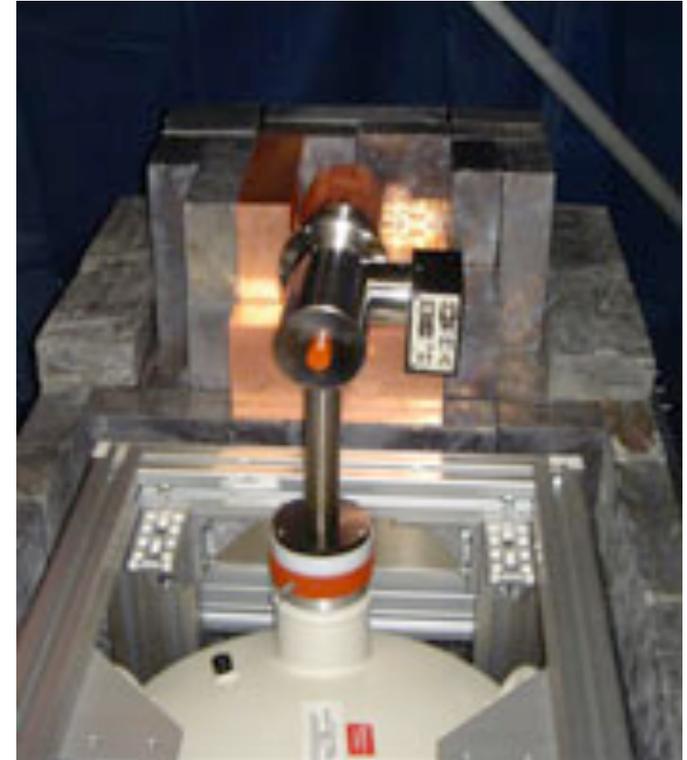


**DAMA/LIBRA:  $9.3\sigma$  variation of the signal over the year, attributed to the expected variation of a DM signal on the Earth's velocity due to rotation around the Sun**

**note  $10 M_{\text{WIMP}} \sim 10 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow E_{\text{R}}^{\text{max}} \sim 10 \text{ keV}$**

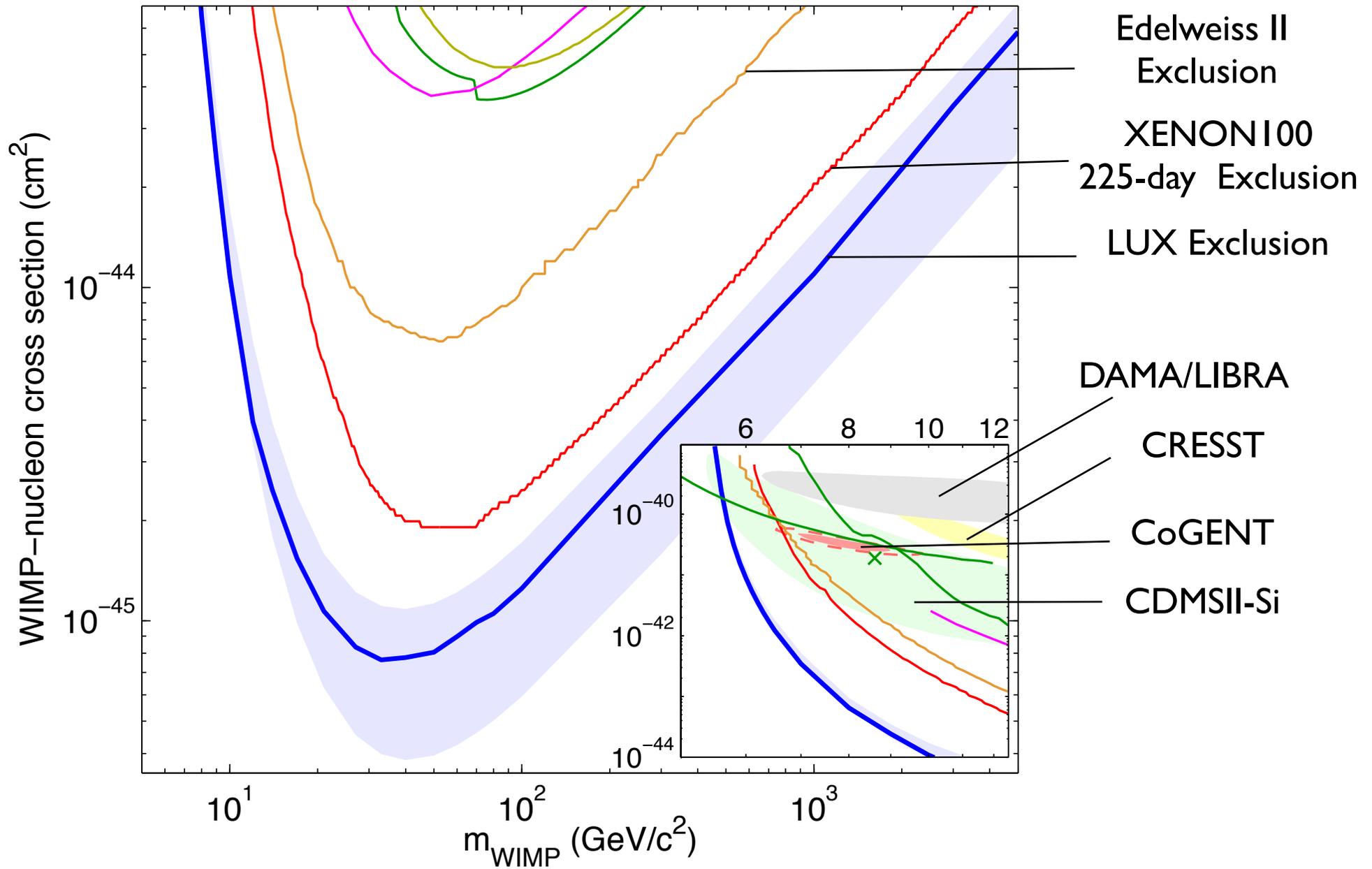
CoGENT: Ge detector in which a similar seasonal variation was seen at  $2.8\sigma$ , consistent with a light **7 GeV** WIMP

No such signal found by the MALBEK Ge detector group



CDSM II-Si: upper bound established, but found three low-mass events vs. an expected background signal of  $\sim 0.41$  events. If interpreted as DM, implies  $M_{\text{WIMP}} \sim$  **10 GeV**





LUX (Xe): arXiv:1310.8214

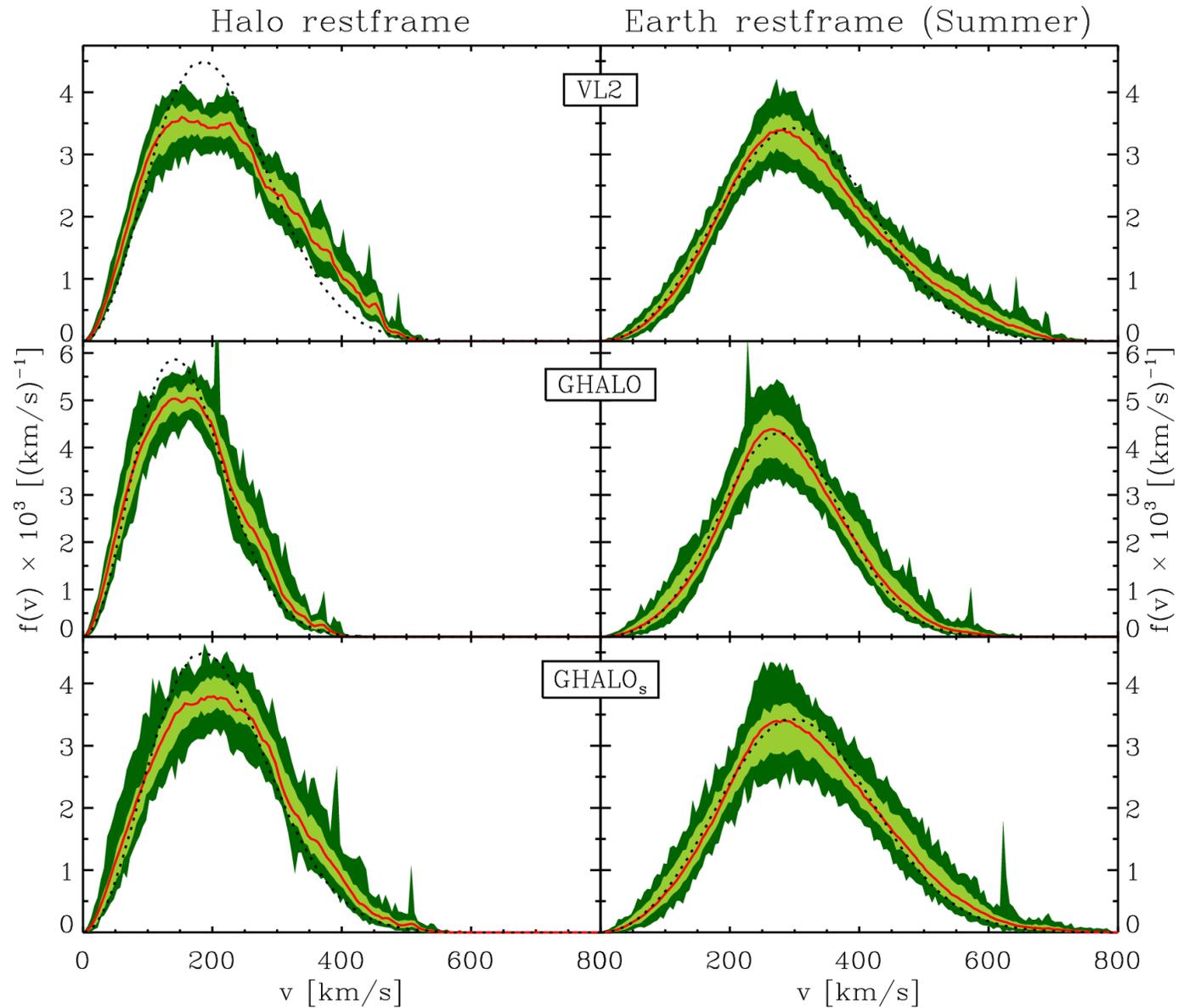
## How are these comparisons among experiments done?

We know some basic parameters

- WIMP velocity relative to our rest frame  $\sim 10^{-3}$
- if mass is on the weak scale, WIMP momentum transfers in elastic scattering can range to  $q_{\max} \sim 2v_{\text{WIMP}}\mu_T \sim 200 \text{ MeV}/c$
- WIMP kinetic energy  $\sim 30 \text{ keV}$ : nuclear excitation (in most cases) not possible
- $R_{\text{NUC}} \sim 1.2 A^{1/3} \text{ f} \Rightarrow q_{\max} R \sim 3.2 \Leftrightarrow 6.0$  for F  $\Leftrightarrow$  Xe: the WIMP can “see” the structure of the nucleus

Our motion through the WIMP “wind” can be modeled

$$\rho_{\text{local}} \sim 0.3 \text{ GeV/cm}^3 \Rightarrow \phi_{\text{WIMP}} \sim 10^5 / \text{cm}^2\text{s}$$



M. Kuhlen et al, JCAP02 (2010) 030

An expression can be written for the rate as a function of nuclear recoil energy  $E_R$

$$\frac{dR}{dE_R} = N_N \frac{\rho_0}{m_W} \int_{v_{min}} d\mathbf{v} f(\mathbf{v}) v \frac{d\sigma}{dE_R}$$

The diagram shows the equation above with two orange dashed boxes. 'Astrophysics' is at the top, with two arrows pointing down to the  $\rho_0$  and  $\int_{v_{min}}$  terms. 'Particle+nuclear physics' is at the bottom, with two arrows pointing up to the  $m_W$  and  $\frac{d\sigma}{dE_R}$  terms.

Particle+nuclear physics

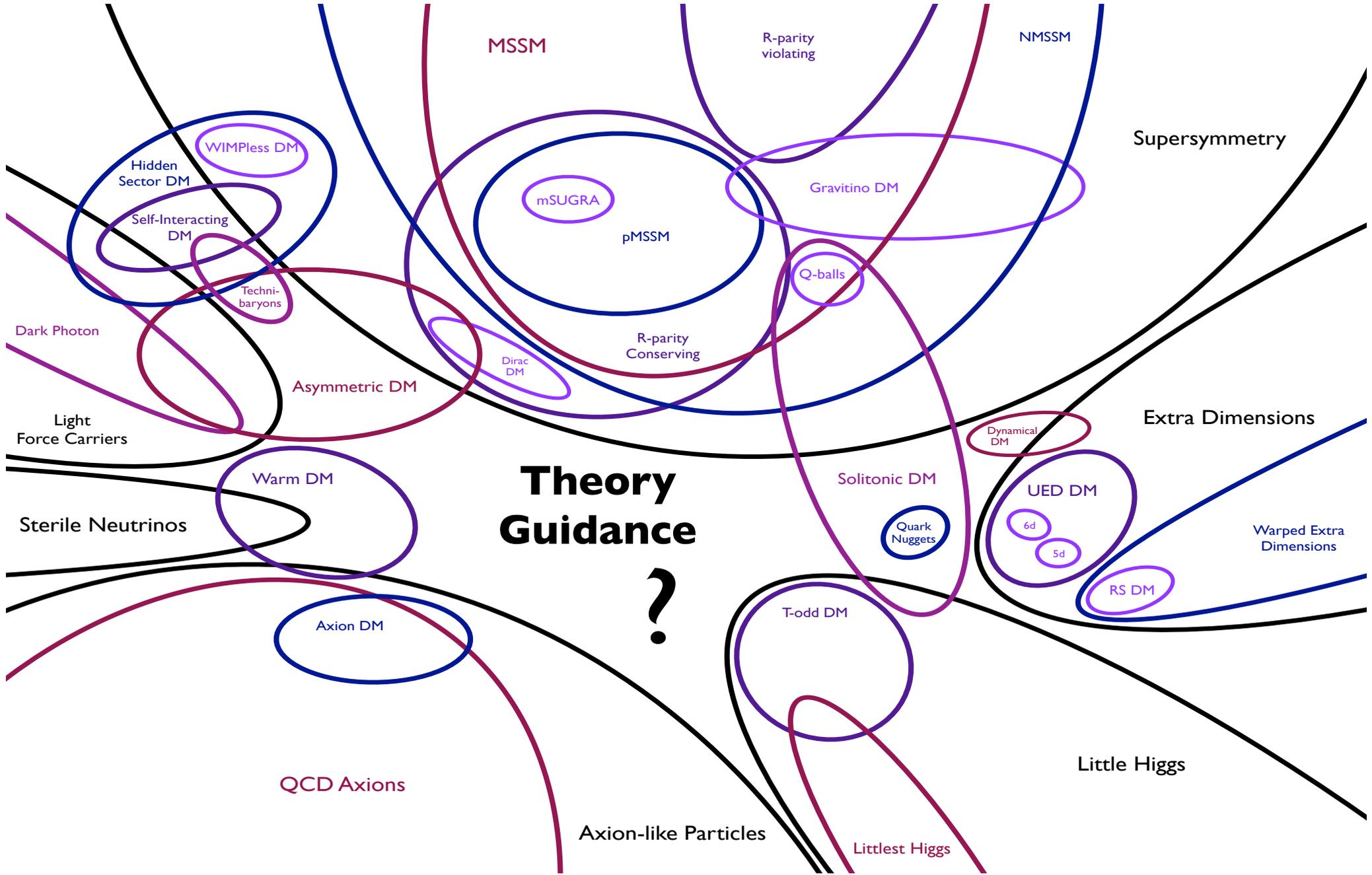
- $N_N =$  number of target nuclei in detector
- $\rho_0 =$  Milky Way dark matter density
- $f(\mathbf{v}) =$  WIMP velocity distribution, Earth frame
- $m_W =$  WIMP mass
- $\sigma =$  WIMP – nucleus elastic scattering cross section

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

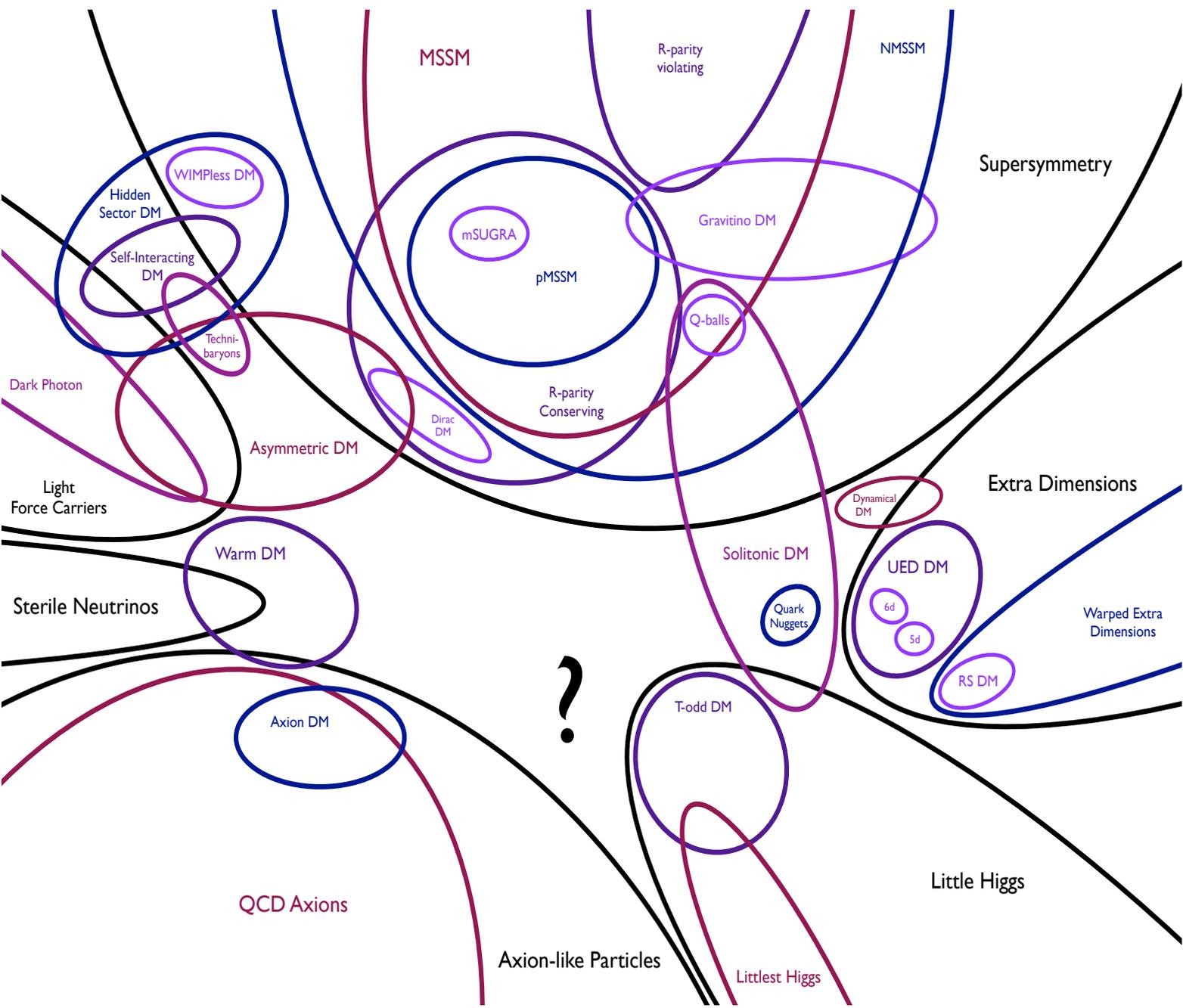
But where do we get the cross section -- the WIMP-nucleus interaction?

In fact, what can and cannot be learned about the WIMP-matter interaction from these low-energy elastic scattering experiments?

so just ask a particle theorist (or several)...



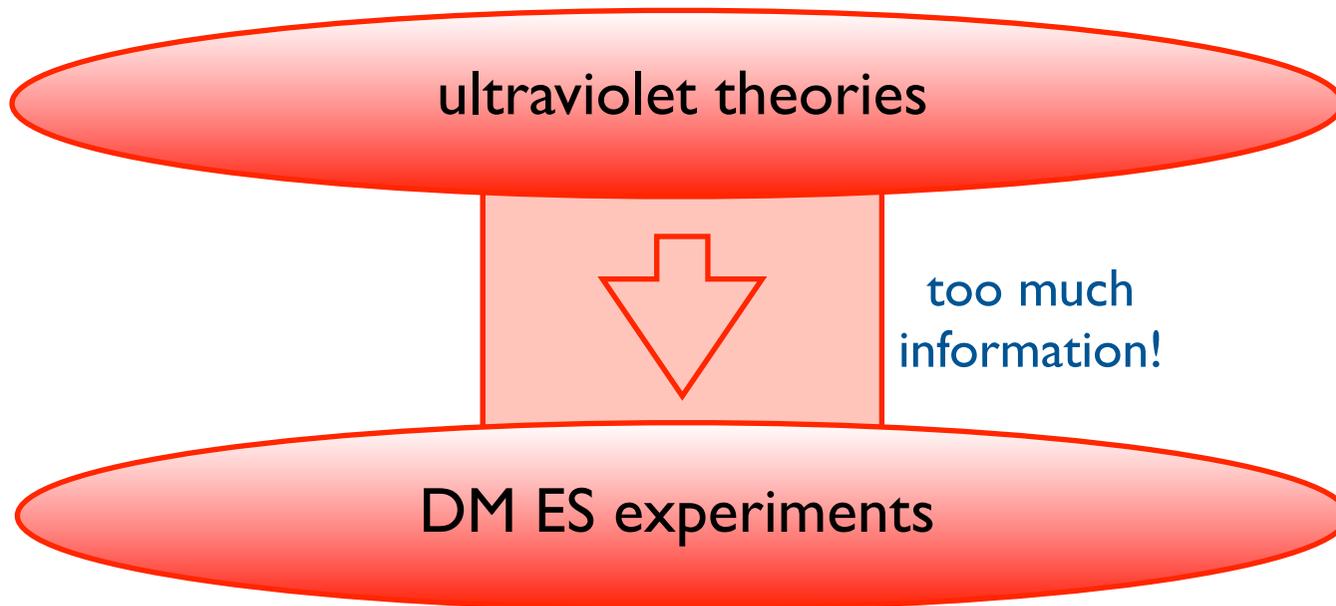
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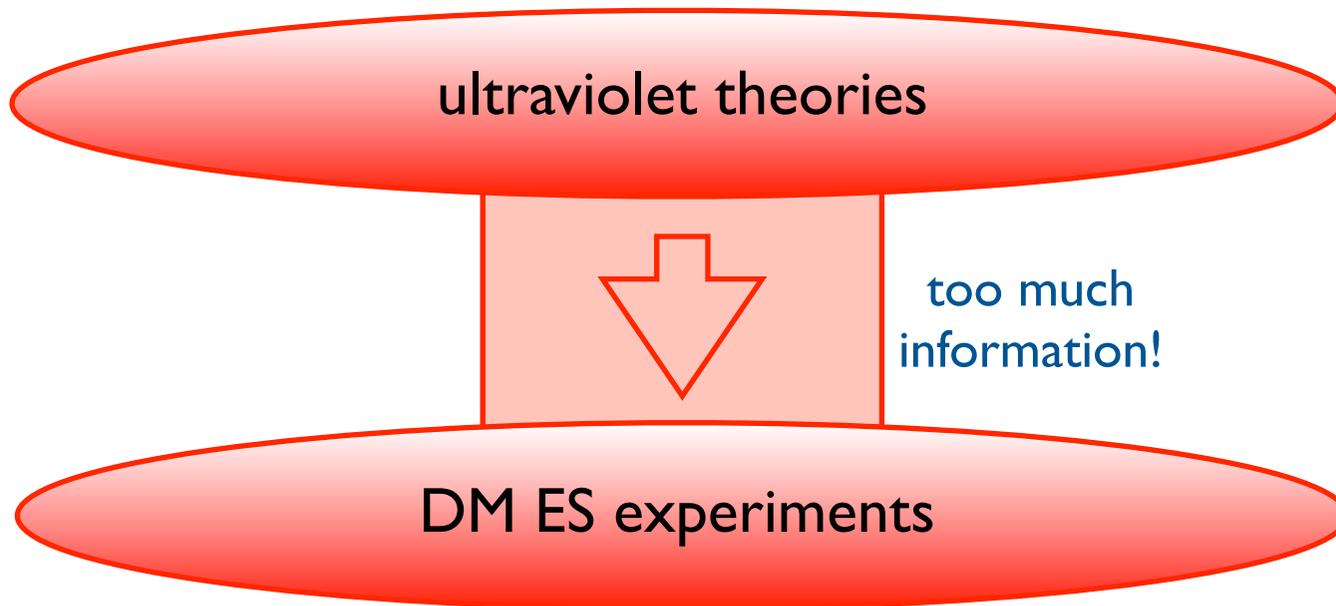
Nuclear theorist



DM experimentalist

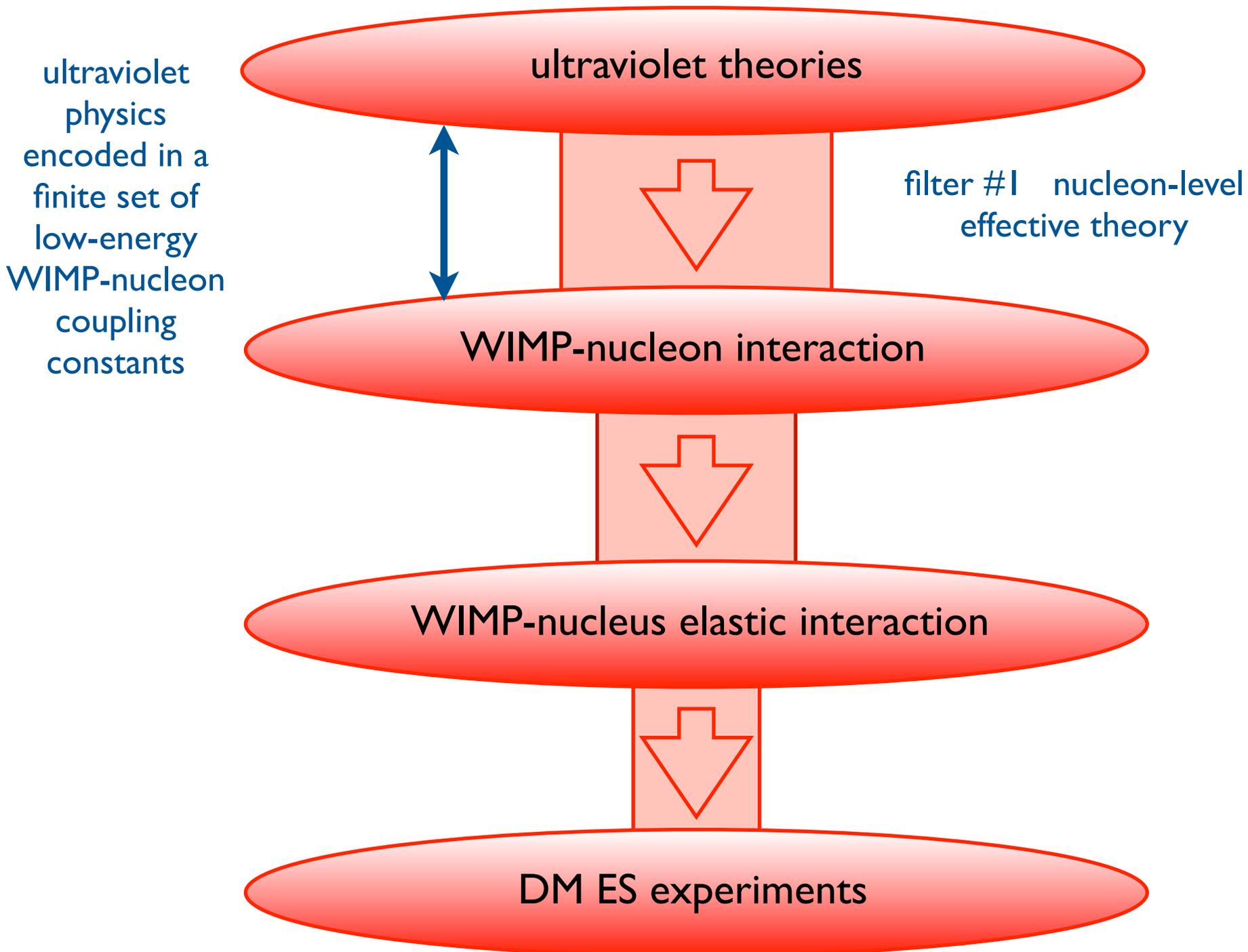


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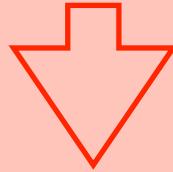


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An alternative is provided by effective field theory



ultraviolet theories

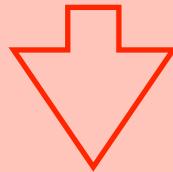


WIMP-nucleon interaction

nuclear-level  
effective  
theory for ES:  
smaller set of  
constants  
emerge  
because of P,T  
filters

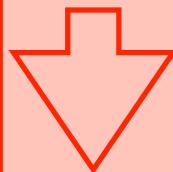


filter #2 nuclear level  
effective theory

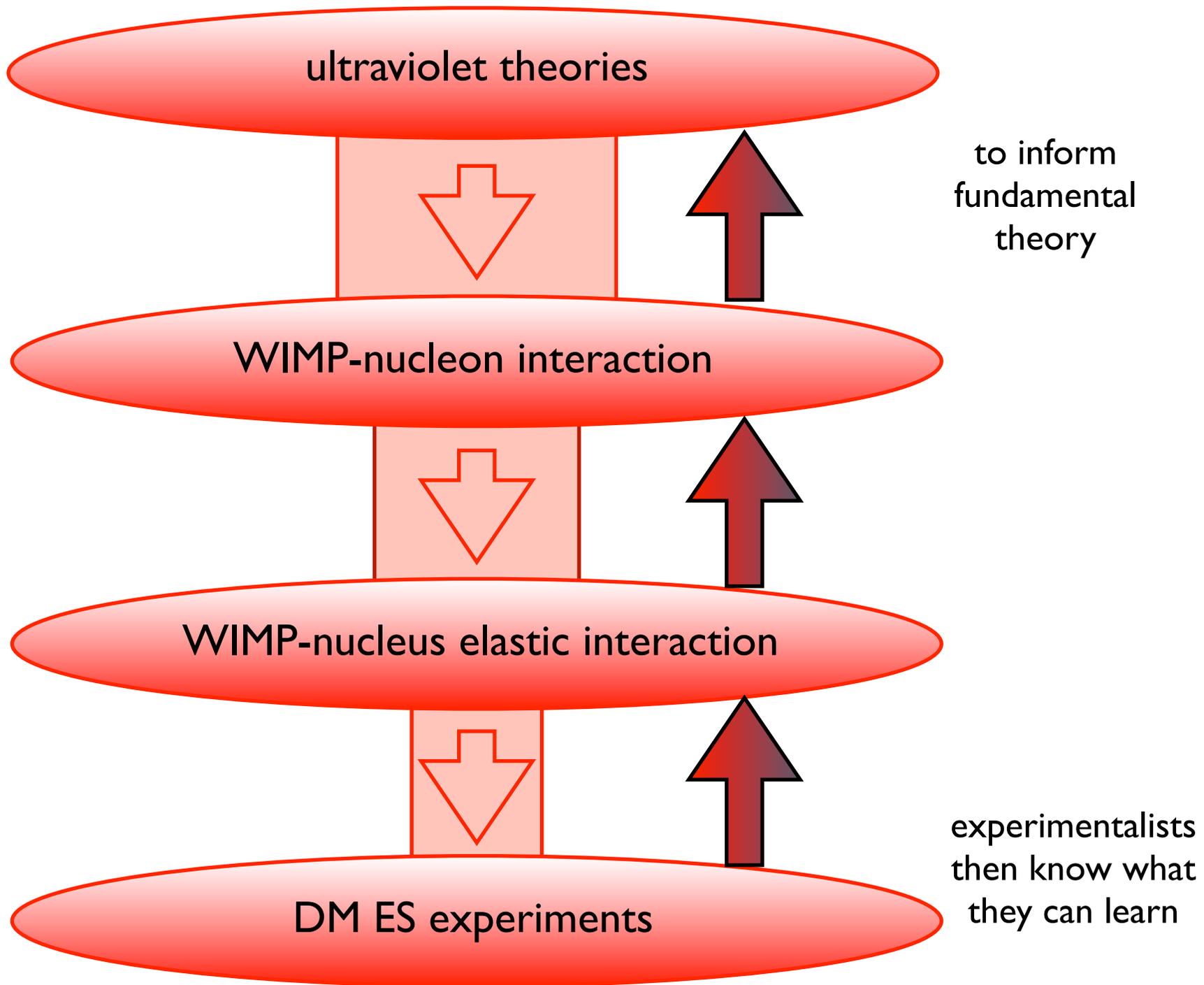


WIMP-nucleus elastic interaction

all relevant information survives



DM ES experiments



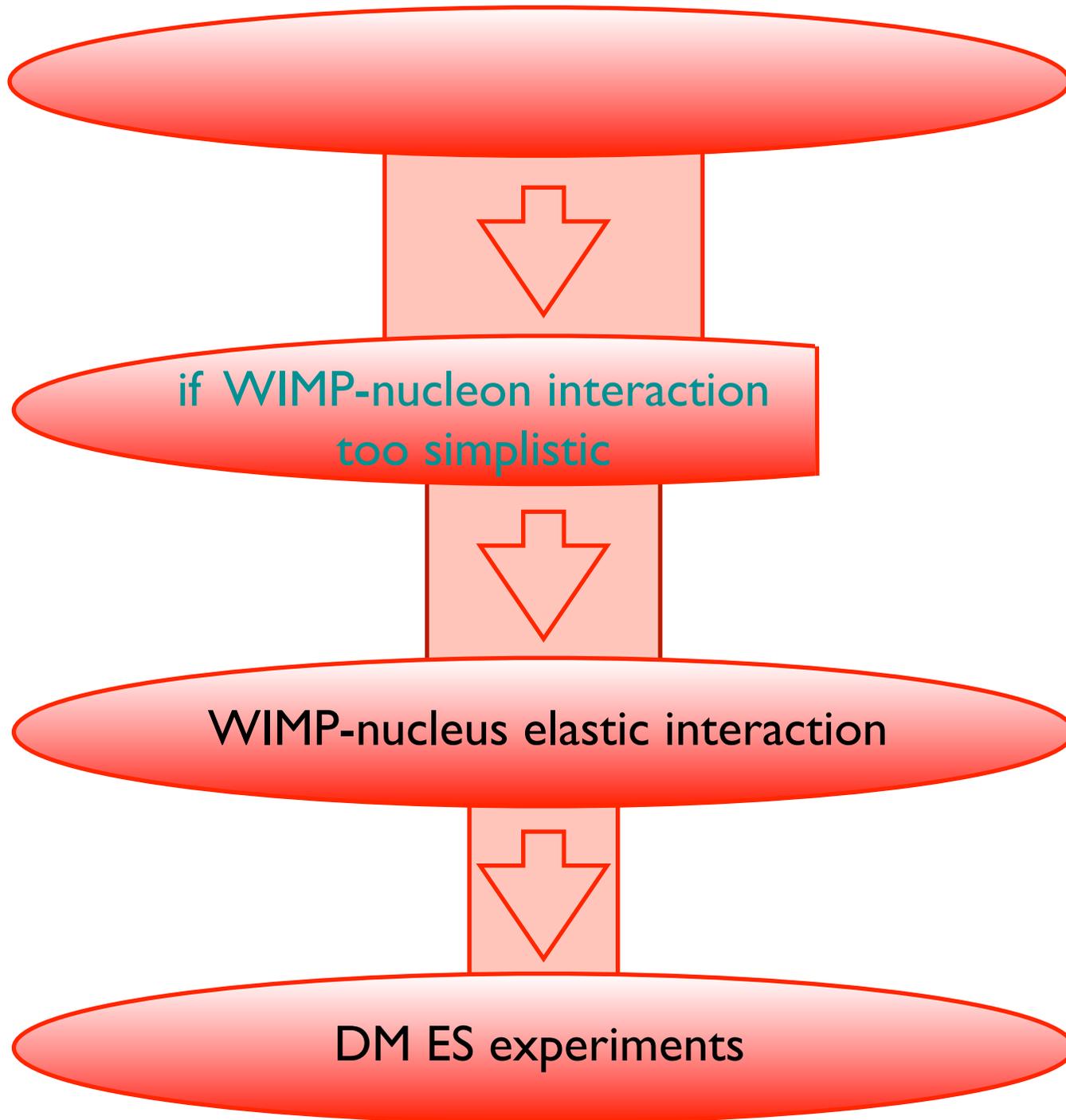
the effective theory process works only if each step is executed properly



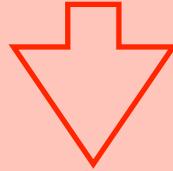
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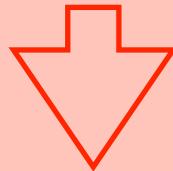
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candidate ultraviolet theories  
are left out



if WIMP-nucleon interaction  
too simplistic

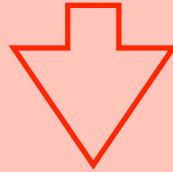


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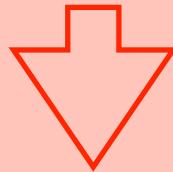


DM ES experiments

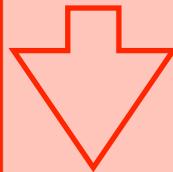
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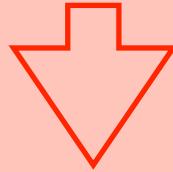
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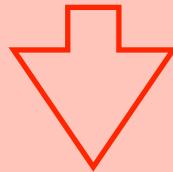
WIMP-nucleus elastic  
interaction too simple



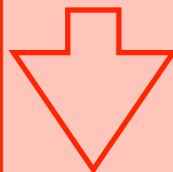
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WIMP-nucleon interaction



WIMP-nucleus elastic  
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Too few experiments done,  
too little learned

- Experiments are frequently analyzed and compared in a formalism in which the nucleus is treated as a point particle

$$\text{S.I.} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \langle g.s. | \sum_{i=1}^A (a_0^F + a_1^F \tau_3(i)) | g.s. \rangle$$

$$\text{S.D.} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \langle g.s. | \sum_{i=1}^A \vec{\sigma}(i) (a_0^{GT} + a_1^{GT} \tau_3(i)) | g.s. \rangle$$

- Is this treatment sufficiently general, to ensure a discovery strategy that will lead to the right result?

(SI/SD is in fact the starting point of Fermi and Gamow&Teller...)

- A familiar electroweak interactions problem: What is the form of the elastic response for a nonrelativistic theory with vector and axial-vector interactions?

		even	odd
charges:	vector	$C_0$	$C_1$
	axial	$C_0^5$	$C_1^5$

currents:	even	odd	even	odd	even	odd
axial spin	$L_0^5$	$L_1^5$	$T_2^{5el}$	$T_1^{5el}$	$T_2^{5mag}$	$T_1^{5mag}$
vector velocity	$L_0$	$L_1$	$T_2^{el}$	$T_1^{el}$	$T_2^{mag}$	$T_1^{mag}$
vector spin – velocity	$L_0$	$L_1$	$T_2^{el}$	$T_1^{el}$	$T_2^{mag}$	$T_1^{mag}$

(where we list only the leading multipoles in J above)

Response constrained by good **parity** and time reversal of nuclear g.s.

	even	odd
vector	$C_0$	
axial		$C_1^5$

	even	odd	even	odd	even	odd
axial spin		$L_1^5$		$T_1^{5el}$	$T_2^{5mag}$	-
vector velocity	$L_0$		$T_2^{el}$			$T_1^{mag}$
vector spin – velocity	$L_0$		$T_2^{el}$			$T_1^{mag}$

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vector velocity						$T_1^{mag}$
vector spin – velocity	$L_0$		$T_2^{el}$			

The resulting table of allowed responses has **six** entries (not two)

**One of the union rules for theorists:**

Interactions allowed by symmetries must be (and will be) included in a proper effective theory

- This suggests more can be learned about ultraviolet theories from ES than is generally assumed - that's good
- But what quantum mechanics are we missing? What are these additional responses?

They are the responses connected with velocity-dependent interactions - that is, with theories that have derivative couplings

Let's take an example: consider 
$$\sum_{i=1}^A \vec{S}_\chi \cdot \vec{v}^\perp(i)$$

the velocity is defined by Galilean invariance 
$$\vec{v}^\perp(i) = \vec{v}_\chi - \vec{v}_N(i)$$

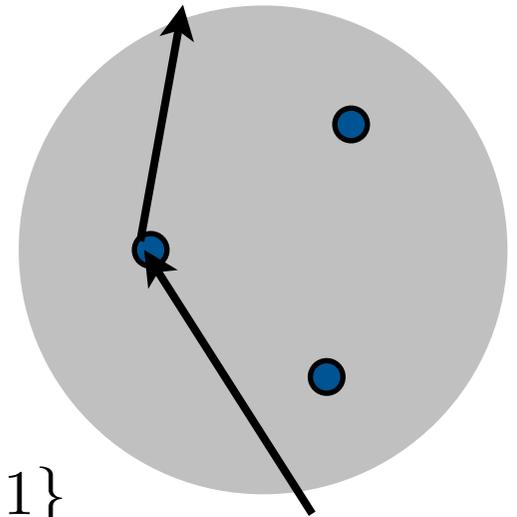
□ In the point-nucleus limit 
$$\vec{S}_\chi \cdot \vec{v}_{\text{WIMP}} \sum_{i=1}^A 1(i)$$

where  $\vec{v}_{\text{WIMP}} \sim 10^{-3}$ .

□ But in reality

$\{\vec{v}^\perp(i), i = 1, \dots, A\} \rightarrow \{\vec{v}_{\text{WIMP}}; \vec{v}(i), i = 1, \dots, A - 1\}$

and  $\vec{v}(i) \sim 10^{-1}$ : SI/SD retains the least important term



## Parameter counting in the effective theory

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- These velocities hide: the  $\vec{v}(i)$  carry odd parity and cannot contribute by themselves to elastic nuclear matrix elements.
- But in elastic scattering, momentum transfers are significant. The full velocity operator is

$$e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{r}(i)}\vec{v}(i) \quad \text{where} \quad \vec{q}\cdot\vec{r}(i) \sim 1$$

- We can combine the two vector nuclear operators  $\vec{r}(i)$ ,  $\vec{v}$  to form a scalar, vector, and tensor. To first order in  $\vec{q}$  for the new “SD” case

$$-\frac{1}{i}q\vec{r} \times \vec{v} = -\frac{1}{i}\frac{q}{m_N}\vec{r} \times \vec{p} = -\frac{q}{m_N}\vec{\ell}(i)$$

$\vec{\ell}(i)$  is a new dimensionless operator. And we deduce an instruction for the ET that is not obvious. Internal nucleon velocities are encoded

$$\dot{v} \sim 10^{-1} \sim \frac{q}{m_N}$$

## Galilean invariant effective theory

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- The most general Hermitian WIMP-nucleon interaction can be constructed from the for variables

$$\vec{S}_\chi \quad \vec{S}_N \quad \vec{v}^\perp \quad \frac{q}{m_N}$$

- This interaction (filter #1) can be constructed to 2nd in velocities

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_{ET} = & \left[ a_1 + a_2 \vec{v}^\perp \cdot \vec{v}^\perp + a_5 i \vec{S}_\chi \cdot \left( \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \times \vec{v}^\perp \right) \right] + \vec{S}_N \cdot \left[ a_3 i \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \times \vec{v}^\perp + a_4 \vec{S}_\chi + a_6 \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \vec{S}_\chi \cdot \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \right] \\
 + & \left[ a_8 \vec{S}_\chi \cdot \vec{v}^\perp \right] + \vec{S}_N \cdot \left[ a_7 \vec{v}^\perp + a_9 i \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \times \vec{S}_\chi \right] \quad (\text{parity odd}) \\
 + & \left[ a_{11} i \vec{S}_\chi \cdot \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \right] + \vec{S}_N \cdot \left[ a_{10} i \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} + a_{12} \vec{v}^\perp \times \vec{S}_\chi \right] \quad (\text{time and parity odd}) \\
 + & \vec{S}_N \cdot \left[ a_{13} i \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \vec{S}_\chi \cdot \vec{v}^\perp + a_{14} i \vec{v}^\perp \vec{S}_\chi \cdot \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \right] \quad (\text{time odd})
 \end{aligned}$$

The coefficients represent the information that survive at low energy from a semi-infinite set of high-energy theories

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WIMP tensor:  
contains all of the DM particle physics

depends on two “velocities”

$$\vec{v}^{\perp 2} \sim 10^{-6} \quad \frac{\vec{q}^2}{m_N^2} \sim \langle v_{\text{internucleon}} \rangle^2 \sim 10^{-2}$$

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Nuclear tensor:

“nuclear knob” that can be turned  
by the experimentalists to deconstruct  
dark matter

Game - vary the  $W_i$  to determine the  $R_i$ :  
change the nuclear charge, spin, isospin,  
and any other relevant nuclear  
properties that can help

- What does the effective theory say about these responses?

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$$W_1 \sim \langle J | \sum_{i=1}^A 1(i) | J \rangle^2$$

take  $q \rightarrow 0$   
 suppress isospin

the S.I. response

contributes for  $J=0$  nuclear targets

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$$W_2 \sim \langle J | \sum_{i=1}^A \hat{q} \cdot \vec{\sigma}(i) | J \rangle^2$$

$$W_3 \sim \langle J | \sum_{i=1}^A \hat{q} \times \vec{\sigma}(i) | J \rangle^2$$

the S.D. response ( $J>0$ ) ...

but split into two components, as the longitudinal and transverse responses are independent, coupled to different particle physics

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take  $q \rightarrow 0$   
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$$W_4 \sim \langle J | \sum_{i=1}^A \vec{\ell}(i) | J \rangle^2$$

A second type of vector (requires  $J > 0$ ) response, with selection rules very different from the spin response

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$$\frac{d\sigma}{dE_R} \sim G_F^2 \sum_i R_i(\vec{v}^{\perp 2}, \frac{\vec{q}^2}{m_N^2}) W_i(q^2 b^2)$$



$$W_5 \sim \langle J | \sum_{i=1}^A \vec{\sigma}(i) \cdot \vec{\ell}(i) | J \rangle^2$$

take  $q \rightarrow 0$   
 suppress isospin

A second type of scalar response, with coherence properties very different from the simple charge operator

- What does the effective theory say about these responses?

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dE_R} \sim G_F^2 \sum_i R_i(\vec{v}^{\perp 2}, \frac{\vec{q}^2}{m_N^2}) W_i(q^2 b^2)$$



take  $q \rightarrow 0$   
 suppress isospin

$$W_6 \sim \langle J | \sum_{i=1}^A \left[ \vec{r}(i) \otimes \left( \vec{\sigma}(i) \times \frac{1}{i} \vec{\nabla}(i) \right) \right]_1 \rangle_2 |J\rangle^2$$

A exotic tensor response: in principle interactions can be constructed where no elastic scattering occurs unless  $J$  is at least 1

The coefficients are what one “measures.” They define the particle physics that can be mapped back to high energies, to constrain models

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_M^{\tau\tau'}(\vec{v}_T^{\perp 2}, \frac{\vec{q}^2}{m_N^2}) &= c_1^\tau c_1^{\tau'} + \frac{j_\chi(j_\chi + 1)}{3} \left[ \frac{\vec{q}^2}{m_N^2} \vec{v}_T^{\perp 2} c_5^\tau c_5^{\tau'} + \vec{v}_T^{\perp 2} c_8^\tau c_8^{\tau'} + \frac{\vec{q}^2}{m_N^2} c_{11}^\tau c_{11}^{\tau'} \right] \\
 R_{\Phi''}^{\tau\tau'}(\vec{v}_T^{\perp 2}, \frac{\vec{q}^2}{m_N^2}) &= \frac{\vec{q}^2}{4m_N^2} c_3^\tau c_3^{\tau'} + \frac{j_\chi(j_\chi + 1)}{12} \left( c_{12}^\tau - \frac{\vec{q}^2}{m_N^2} c_{15}^\tau \right) \left( c_{12}^{\tau'} - \frac{\vec{q}^2}{m_N^2} c_{15}^{\tau'} \right) \\
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 R_{\tilde{\Phi}'}^{\tau\tau'}(\vec{v}_T^{\perp 2}, \frac{\vec{q}^2}{m_N^2}) &= \frac{j_\chi(j_\chi + 1)}{12} \left[ c_{12}^\tau c_{12}^{\tau'} + \frac{\vec{q}^2}{m_N^2} c_{13}^\tau c_{13}^{\tau'} \right] \\
 R_{\Sigma''}^{\tau\tau'}(\vec{v}_T^{\perp 2}, \frac{\vec{q}^2}{m_N^2}) &= \frac{\vec{q}^2}{4m_N^2} c_{10}^\tau c_{10}^{\tau'} + \frac{j_\chi(j_\chi + 1)}{12} \left[ c_4^\tau c_4^{\tau'} + \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \frac{\vec{q}^2}{m_N^2} (c_4^\tau c_6^{\tau'} + c_6^\tau c_4^{\tau'}) + \frac{\vec{q}^4}{m_N^4} c_6^\tau c_6^{\tau'} + \vec{v}_T^{\perp 2} c_{12}^\tau c_{12}^{\tau'} + \frac{\vec{q}^2}{m_N^2} \vec{v}_T^{\perp 2} c_{13}^\tau c_{13}^{\tau'} \right] \\
 R_{\Sigma'}^{\tau\tau'}(\vec{v}_T^{\perp 2}, \frac{\vec{q}^2}{m_N^2}) &= \frac{1}{8} \left[ \frac{\vec{q}^2}{m_N^2} \vec{v}_T^{\perp 2} c_3^\tau c_3^{\tau'} + \vec{v}_T^{\perp 2} c_7^\tau c_7^{\tau'} \right] + \frac{j_\chi(j_\chi + 1)}{12} \left[ c_4^\tau c_4^{\tau'} + \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \frac{\vec{q}^2}{m_N^2} c_9^\tau c_9^{\tau'} + \frac{\vec{v}_T^{\perp 2}}{2} \left( c_{12}^\tau - \frac{\vec{q}^2}{m_N^2} c_{15}^\tau \right) \left( c_{12}^{\tau'} - \frac{\vec{q}^2}{m_N^2} c_{15}^{\tau'} \right) + \frac{\vec{q}^2}{2m_N^2} \vec{v}_T^{\perp 2} c_{14}^\tau c_{14}^{\tau'} \right] \\
 R_{\Delta}^{\tau\tau'}(\vec{v}_T^{\perp 2}, \frac{\vec{q}^2}{m_N^2}) &= \frac{j_\chi(j_\chi + 1)}{3} \left[ \frac{\vec{q}^2}{m_N^2} c_5^\tau c_5^{\tau'} + c_8^\tau c_8^{\tau'} \right] \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

The **point-nucleus world** is a very simple one

Generally **any derivative coupling** is seen most easily in the new responses

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 R_M^{\tau\tau'}(\vec{v}_T^{\perp 2}, \frac{\vec{q}^2}{m_N^2}) &= c_1^\tau c_1^{\tau'} + \frac{j_\chi(j_\chi + 1)}{3} \left[ \frac{\vec{q}^2}{m_N^2} \vec{v}_T^{\perp 2} c_5^\tau c_5^{\tau'} + \vec{v}_T^{\perp 2} c_8^\tau c_8^{\tau'} + \frac{\vec{q}^2}{m_N^2} c_{11}^\tau c_{11}^{\tau'} \right] \\
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## Observations:

- The set of operators found here map on to the ones necessary in describing *known* SM electroweak interactions
- ES can in principle give us 8 constraints on DM interactions
- This argues for a variety of detectors - or at least, continued development of a variety of detector technologies
- There are a significant number of relativistic operators that reduce in leading order to the new operators
- Power counting -- e.g.,  $1$  vs  $q/m_N$  -- does not always work as the associated dimensionless operator matrix elements differ widely
  - ▶ examples can be given

- As noted before **velocity-dependent** interactions will generate a SI or SD coupling, but proportional to  $\vec{v}^{\perp 2}$  and misleading
    - ▶ the predicted strength is  $10^{-4}$  the actual strength
    - ▶ the associated SI/SD operator will have the wrong rank, e.g., predicted small SI when the dominant contribution is “spin”-dependent (e.g., governed by  $\vec{\ell}(i)$ )
- Could be really confusing!

For another day but interesting: excited nuclear states

- ES almost blind to certain familiar interactions: axial charge  $\vec{\sigma}(i) \cdot \vec{p}(i)$ 
  - ▶ signature would be a anomalous cross section for excited-state transitions, when compared to the elastic cross section
- gives one strategies for measuring the mass of a very heavy WIMP (hard to do with ES alone because  $\mu(M_T, M_\chi) \rightarrow \mu(M_T)$ )

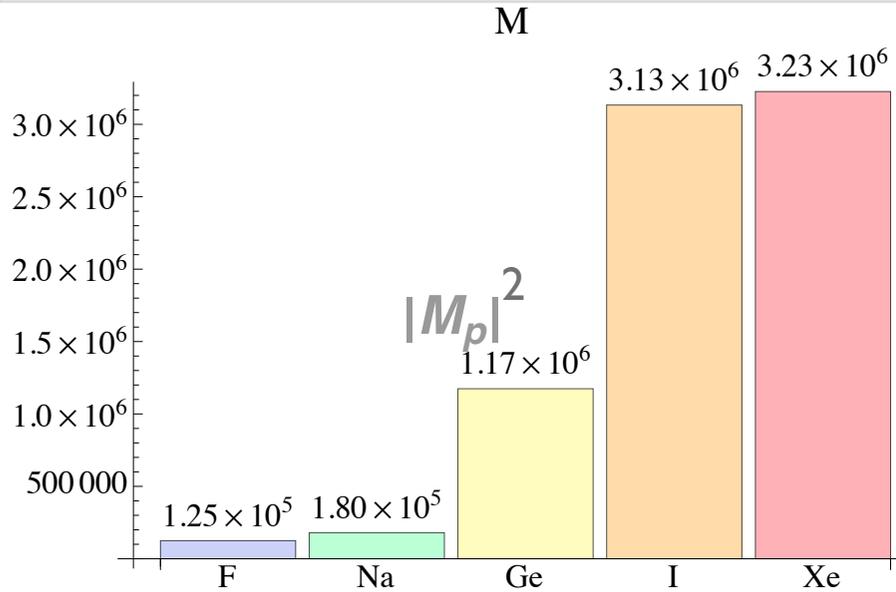
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DAMA/LIBRA: NaI

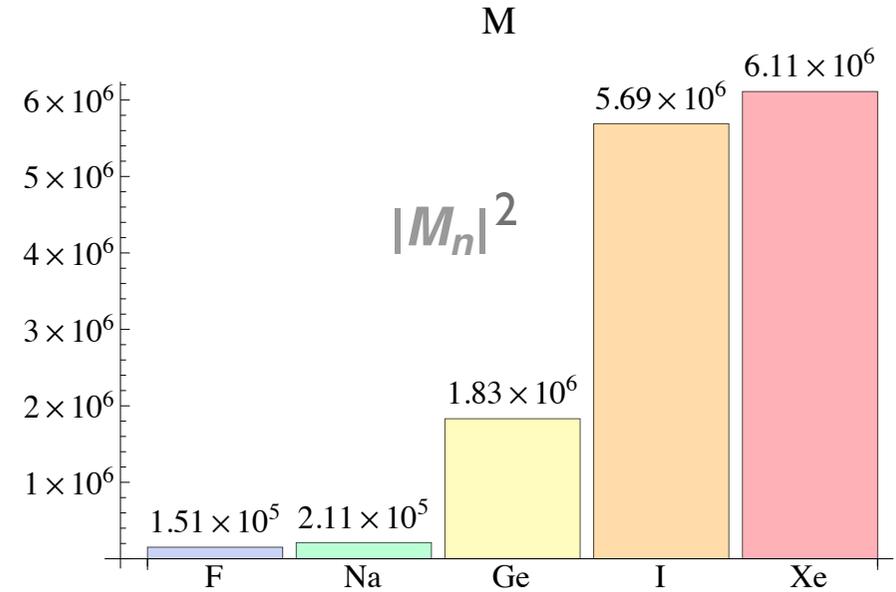
CoGENT: Ge

LUX: Xe

# scalar charge responses: p vs. n S.I.



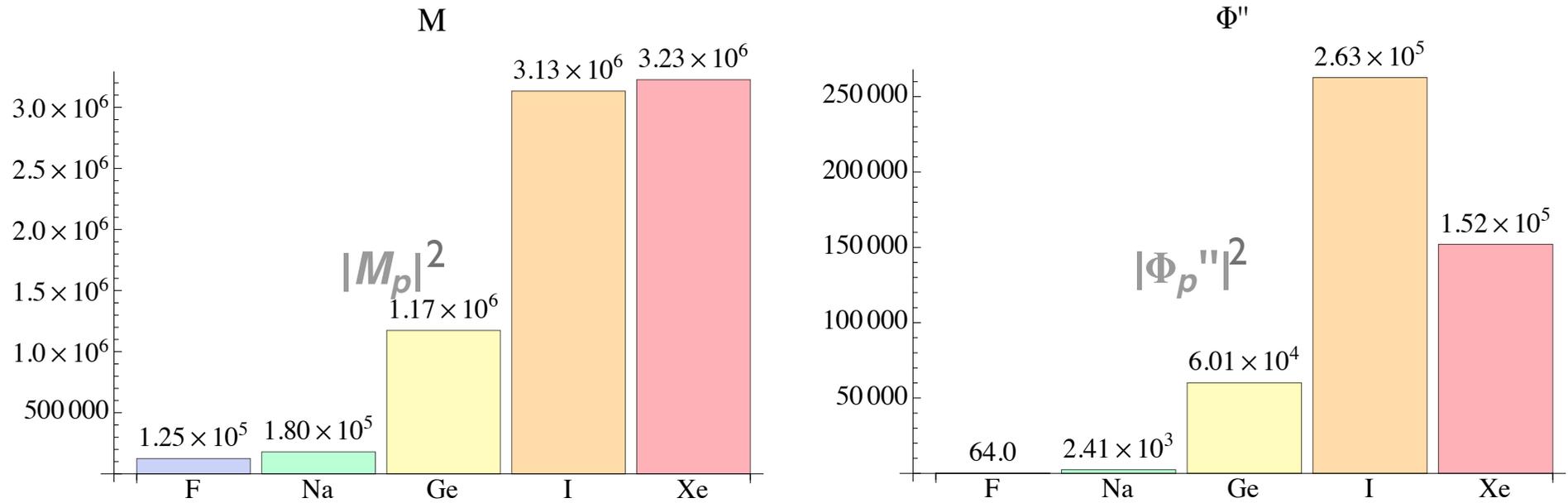
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Standard SI sensitivities: LUX (Xe) > DAMA (NaI) > CDMS-Ge

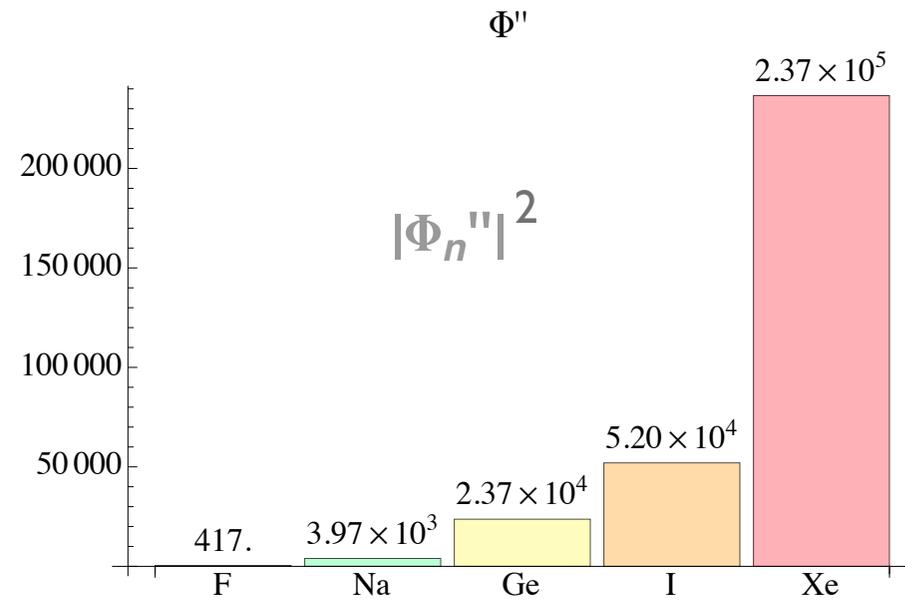
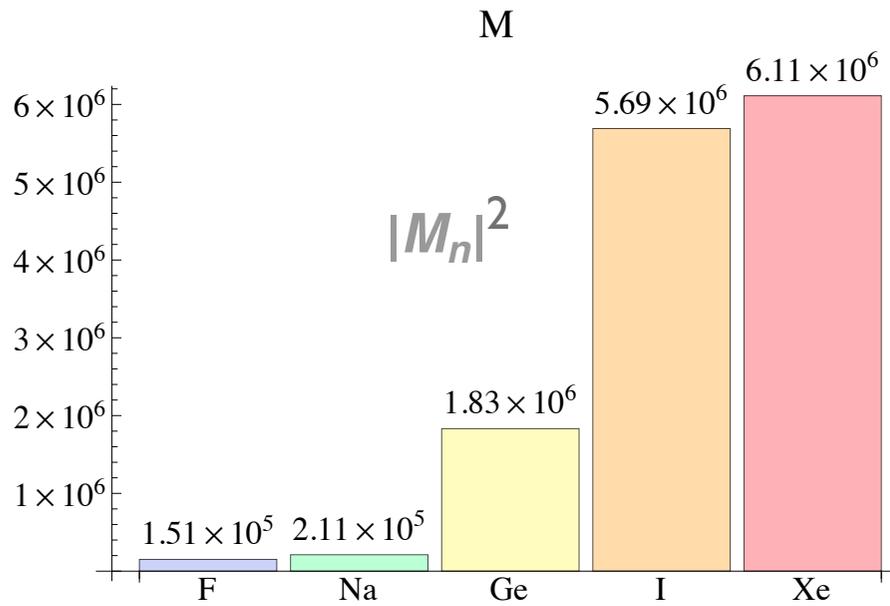
Little sensitivity to isospin (unless tuned)

# Scalar operators, $\rho$ : $1(i)$ vs $\vec{\sigma}(i) \cdot \vec{\ell}(i)$



LUX (Xe)  $\sim$  DAMA (NaI)  $\Rightarrow$  DAMA  $>$  LUX

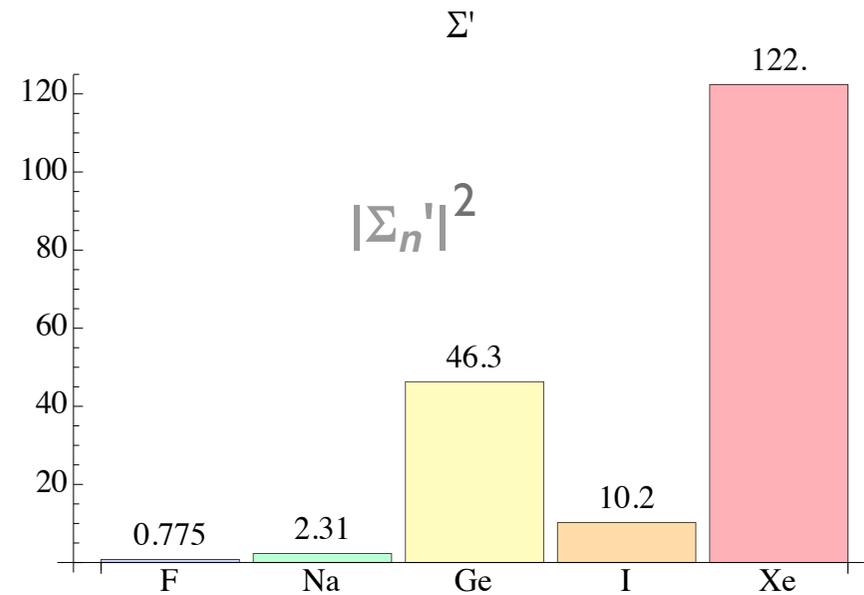
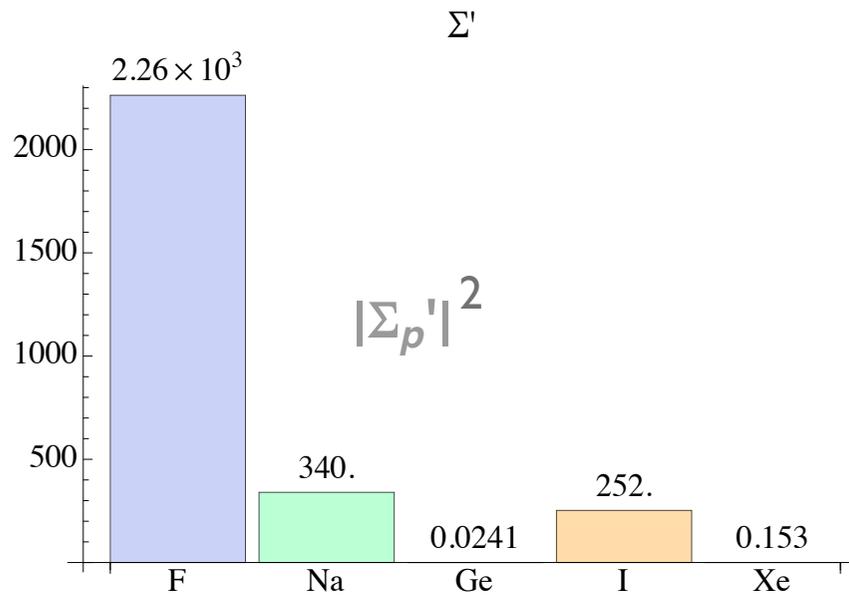
# Scalar operators, n: $1(i)$ vs $\vec{\sigma}(i) \cdot \vec{\ell}(i)$



LUX (Xe)  $\sim$  DAMA (NaI)  $\Rightarrow$  DAMA  $<$  LUX

# vector (transverse) spin response

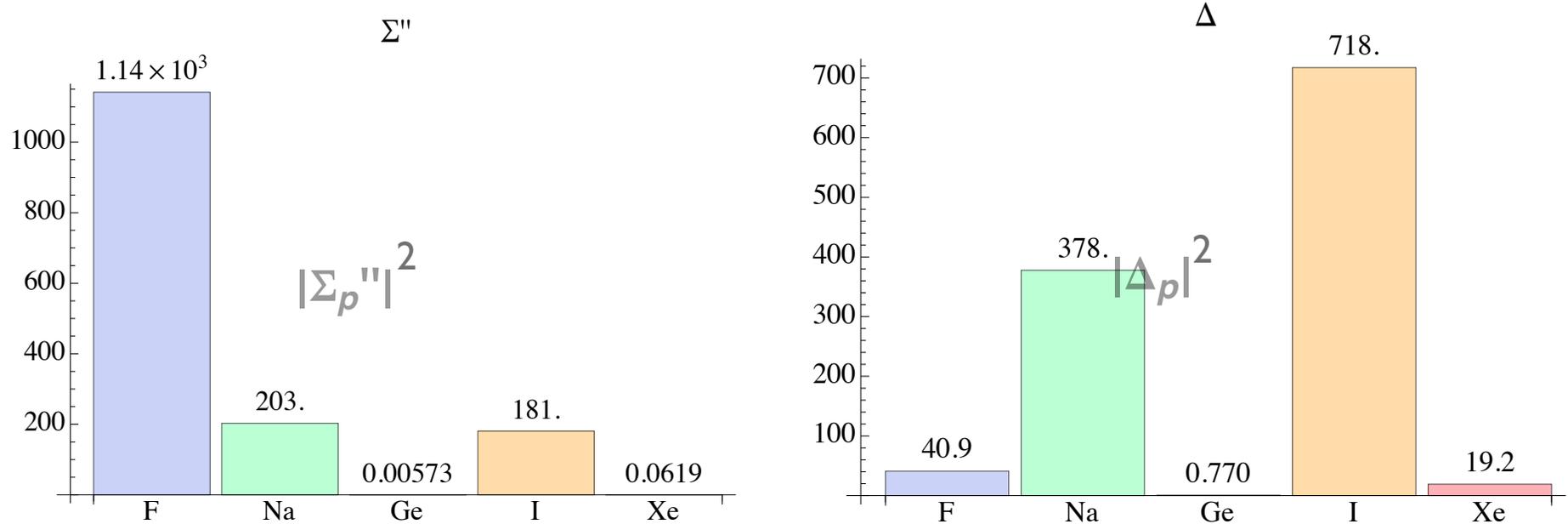
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proton coupled: Picasso (F) > DAMA (NaI)  $\gg$  CDMS-Ge & LUX  
 neutron coupled: LUX & CDMS-Ge  $\gg$  DAMA  $\gg$  Picasso

isospin

# Vector, proton coupled: $\vec{\sigma}(i)$ vs. $\vec{\ell}(i)$



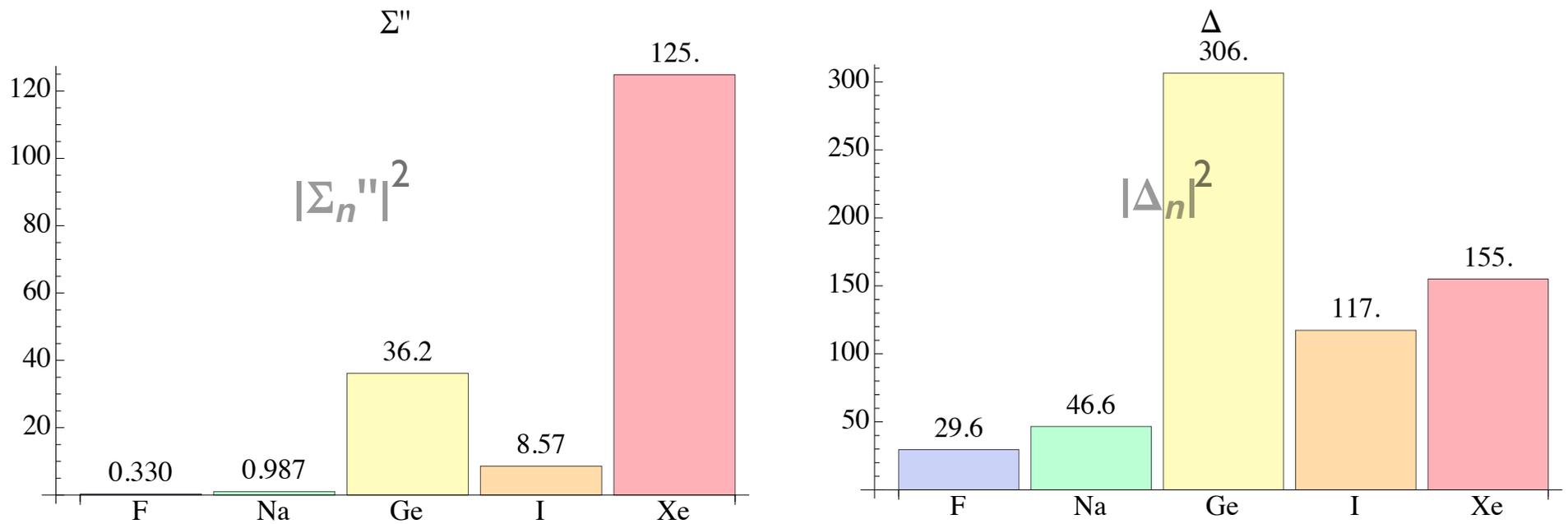
spin coupled: Picasso (F) > DAMA (NaI)

l-coupled coupled: DAMA (NaI)  $\gg$  Picasso (F)

F:  $2s_{1/2}$

orbital vs. spin ambiguity

Vector, neutron coupled:  $\vec{\sigma}(i)$  vs.  $\vec{\ell}(i)$



spin coupled: LUX > CDMS-Ge  $\gg$  DAMA

l-coupled coupled: CDMS-Ge > LUX  $\sim$  DAMA

orbital vs. spin ambiguity

## Summary

- There is a lot of variability that can be introduced between detector responses by altering operators (and their isospins)
- Pairwise exclusion of experiments in general difficult
- But the bottom line is a favorable one: there is a lot more that can be learned from elastic scattering experiments than is apparent in conventional analysis
- This suggests we should do more experiments, not fewer
- When the first signals are seen, things will get very interesting: those nuclei that do not show a signal may be as important as those that do

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